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IN THE NAME OF HIM WHO IS THE SUPREME RULER OVER ALL THAT HATH BEEN AND ALL THAT IS TO BE

The first duty prescribed by God for His servants is the recognition of Him Who is the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Fountain of His laws, Who representeth the Godhead in both the Kingdom of His Cause and the world of creation. Whoso achieveth this duty hath attained unto all good; and whoso is deprived thereof hath gone astray, though he be the author of every righteous deed. It behoveth every one who reacheth this most sublime station, this summit of transcendent glory, to observe every ordinance of Him Who is the Desire of the world. These twin duties are inseparable. Neither is acceptable without the other. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Source of Divine inspiration.

They whom God hath endued with insight will readily recognize that the precepts laid down by God constitute the highest means for the maintenance of order in the world and the security of its peoples. He that turneth away from them is accounted among the abject and foolish. We, verily, have commanded you to refuse the dictates of your evil passions and corrupt desires, and not to transgress the bounds which the Pen of the Most High hath fixed, for these are the breath of life unto all created things. The seas of Divine wisdom and Divine utterance have risen under the breath of the breeze of the All-Merciful. Hasten to drink your fill, O men of understanding! They that have violated the Covenant of God by breaking His commandments, and have turned back on their heels, these have erred grievously in the sight of God, the All-Possessing, the Most High.

O ye peoples of the world! Know assuredly that My commandments are the lamps of My loving providence among My servants, and the keys of My mercy for My creatures. Thus hath it been sent down from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Lord of Revelation. Were any man to taste the sweetness of the words which the lips of the All-Merciful have willed to utter, he would, though the treasures of the earth be in his possession, renounce them one and all, that he might vindicate the truth of even one of His commandments, shining above the Dayspring of His bountiful care and loving-kindness.

Say: From My laws the sweet-smelling savour of My garment can be smelled, and by their aid the standards of Victory will be planted upon the highest peaks. The Tongue of My power hath, from the heaven of My omnipotent glory, addressed to My creation these words: “Observe My commandments, for the love of My beauty.” Happy is the lover that hath inhaled the divine fragrance of his Best-Beloved from these words, laden with the perfume of a grace which no tongue can describe. By My life! He who hath drunk the choice wine of fairness from the hands of My bountiful favour will circle around My commandments that shine above the Dayspring of My creation.

Think not that We have revealed unto you a mere code of laws. Nay, rather, We have unsealed the choice Wine with the fingers of might and power. To this beareth witness that which the Pen of Revelation hath revealed. Meditate upon this, O men of insight!

We have enjoined obligatory prayer upon you, with nine rak’ahs, to be offered at noon and in the morning and the evening unto God, the Revealer of Verses. We have relieved you of a greater number, as a command in the Book of God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omnipotent, the Unrestrained. When ye desire to perform this prayer, turn ye towards the Court of My Most Holy Presence, this Hallowed Spot that God hath made the Centre round which circle the Concourse on High, and which He hath decreed to be the Point of Adoration for the denizens of the Cities of Eternity, and the Source of Command unto all

that are in heaven and on earth; and when the Sun of Truth and Utterance shall set, turn your faces towards the Spot that We have ordained for you. He, verily, is Almighty and Omniscient.

Everything that is hath come to be through His irresistible decree. Whenever My laws appear like the sun in the heaven of Mine utterance, they must be faithfully obeyed by all, though My decree be such as to cause the heaven of every religion to be cleft asunder. He doeth what He pleaseth. He chooseth, and none may question His choice. Whatsoever He, the Well-Beloved, ordaineth, the same is, verily, beloved. To this He Who is the Lord of all creation beareth Me witness. Whoso hath inhaled the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful, and recognized the Source of this utterance, will welcome with his own eyes the shafts of the enemy, that he may establish the truth of the laws of God amongst men. Well is it with him that hath turned thereunto, and apprehended the meaning of His decisive decree.

We have set forth the details of obligatory prayer in another Tablet. Blessed is he who observeth that whereunto he hath been bidden by Him Who ruleth over all mankind. In the Prayer for the Dead six specific passages have been sent down by God, the Revealer of Verses. Let one who is able to read recite that which hath been revealed to precede these passages; and as for him who is unable, God hath relieved him of this requirement. He, of a truth, is the Mighty, the Pardoner.

Hair doth not invalidate your prayer, nor aught from which the spirit hath departed, such as bones and the like. Ye are free to wear the fur of the sable as ye would that of the beaver, the squirrel, and other animals; the prohibition of its use hath stemmed, not from the Qur'an, but from the misconceptions of the divines. He, verily, is the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

We have commanded you to pray and fast from the beginning of maturity; this is ordained by God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. He hath exempted from this those who are weak from illness or age, as a bounty from His Presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. God hath granted you leave to prostrate yourselves on any surface that is clean, for We have removed in this regard the limitation that had been laid down in the Book; God, indeed, hath knowledge of that whereof ye know naught. Let him that findeth no water for ablution repeat five times the words "In the Name of God, the Most Pure, the Most Pure", and then proceed to his devotions. Such is the command of the Lord of all worlds. In regions where the days and nights grow long, let times of prayer be gauged by clocks and other instruments that mark the passage of the hours. He, verily, is the Expounder, the Wise.

We have absolved you from the requirement of performing the Prayer of the Signs. On the appearance of fearful natural events call ye to mind the might and majesty of your Lord, He Who heareth and seeth all, and say "Dominion is God's, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of creation".

It hath been ordained that obligatory prayer is to be performed by each of you individually. Save in the Prayer for the Dead, the practice of congregational prayer hath been annulled. He, of a truth, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

God hath exempted women who are in their courses from obligatory prayer and fasting. Let them, instead, after performance of their ablutions, give praise unto God, repeating ninety-five times between the noon of one day and the next "Glorified be God, the Lord of Splendour and Beauty". Thus hath it been decreed in the Book, if ye be of them that comprehend.

When travelling, if ye should stop and rest in some safe spot, perform ye–men and women alike–a single prostration in place of each unsaid Obligatory Prayer, and while prostrating say “Glorified be God, the Lord of Might and Majesty, of Grace and Bounty”. Whoso is unable to do this, let him say only “Glorified be God”; this shall assuredly suffice him. He is, of a truth, the all-sufficing, the ever-abiding, the forgiving, compassionate God. Upon completing your prostrations, seat yourselves cross-legged–men and women alike–and eighteen times repeat “Glorified be God, the Lord of the kingdoms of earth and heaven”. Thus doth the Lord make plain the ways of truth and guidance, ways that lead to one way, which is this Straight Path. Render thanks unto God for this most gracious favour; offer praise unto Him for this bounty that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth; extol Him for this mercy that hath pervaded all creation.

Say: God hath made My hidden love the key to the Treasure; would that ye might perceive it! But for the key, the Treasure would to all eternity have remained concealed; would that ye might believe it! Say: This is the Source of Revelation, the Dawning-place of Splendour, Whose brightness hath illumined the horizons of the world. Would that ye might understand! This is, verily, that fixed Decree through which every irrevocable decree hath been established.

O Pen of the Most High! Say: O people of the world! We have enjoined upon you fasting during a brief period, and at its close have designated for you Naw-Ruz as a feast. Thus hath the Day-Star of Utterance shone forth above the horizon of the Book as decreed by Him Who is the Lord of the beginning and the end. Let the days in excess of the months be placed before the month of fasting. We have ordained that these, amid all nights and days, shall be the manifestations of the letter Ha, and thus they have not been bounded by the limits of the year and its months. It behoveth the people of Baha, throughout these days, to provide good cheer for themselves, their kindred and, beyond them, the poor and needy, and with joy and exultation to hail and glorify their Lord, to sing His praise and magnify His Name; and when they end –these days of giving that precede the season of restraint–let them enter upon the Fast. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is the Lord of all mankind. The traveller, the ailing, those who are with child or giving suck, are not bound by the Fast; they have been exempted by God as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Generous.

These are the ordinances of God that have been set down in the Books and Tablets by His Most Exalted Pen. Hold ye fast unto His statutes and commandments, and be not of those who, following their idle fancies and vain imaginings, have clung to the standards fixed by their own selves, and cast behind their backs the standards laid down by God. Abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sundown, and beware lest desire deprive you of this grace that is appointed in the Book.

It hath been ordained that every believer in God, the Lord of Judgement, shall, each day, having washed his hands and then his face, seat himself and, turning unto God, repeat “Allah-u-Abha” ninety-five times. Such was the decree of the Maker of the Heavens when, with majesty and power, He established Himself upon the thrones of His Names. Perform ye, likewise, ablutions for the Obligatory Prayer; this is the command of God, the Incomparable, the Unrestrained.@@@

Ye have been forbidden to commit murder or adultery, or to engage in backbiting or calumny; shun ye, then, what hath been prohibited in the holy Books and Tablets.

We have divided inheritance into seven categories: to the children, We have allotted nine parts comprising five hundred and forty shares; to the wife, eight parts comprising four hundred and eighty shares; to the father, seven parts comprising four hundred and twenty shares; to the mother, six parts comprising three hundred and sixty shares; to the brothers, five parts or three hundred shares; to the sisters, four parts or two hundred and forty shares; and to the teachers, three parts or one hundred and eighty shares. Such was the ordinance of My Forerunner, He Who extolleth My Name in the night season and at the break of day. When We heard the clamour of the children as yet unborn, We doubled their share and decreased those of the rest. He, of a truth, hath power to ordain whatsoever He desireth, and He doeth as He pleaseth by virtue of His sovereign might.

Should the deceased leave no offspring, their share shall revert to the House of Justice, to be expended by the Trustees of the All-Merciful on the orphaned and widowed, and on whatsoever will bring benefit to the generality of the people, that all may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Gracious, the Pardoner.

Should the deceased leave offspring, but none of the other categories of heirs that have been specified in the Book, they shall receive two thirds of the inheritance and the remaining third shall revert to the House of Justice. Such is the command which hath been given, in majesty and glory, by Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High.

If the deceased should leave none of the specified heirs, but have among his relatives nephews and nieces, whether on his brother's or his sister's side, two thirds of the inheritance shall pass to them; or, lacking these, to his uncles and aunts on both his father's and his mother's side, and after them to their sons and daughters. The remaining third of the inheritance shall, in any case, revert to the Seat of Justice. Thus hath it been laid down in the Book by Him Who ruleth over all men.

Should the deceased be survived by none of those whose names have been recorded by the Pen of the Most High, his estate shall, in its entirety, revert to the aforementioned Seat that it may be expended on that which is prescribed by God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omnipotent.

We have assigned the residence and personal clothing of the deceased to the male, not female, offspring, nor to the other heirs. He, verily, is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

Should the son of the deceased have passed away in the days of his father and have left children, they will inherit their father's share, as prescribed in the Book of God. Divide ye their share amongst them with perfect justice. Thus have the billows of the Ocean of Utterance surged, casting forth the pearls of the laws decreed by the Lord of all mankind.

If the deceased should leave children who are under age, their share of the inheritance must be entrusted to a reliable individual, or to a company, that it may be invested on their behalf in trade and business until they come of age. The trustee should be assigned a due share of the profit that hath accrued to it from being thus employed.

Division of the estate should take place only after the Huqúqu'llah hath been paid, any debts have been settled, the expenses of the funeral and burial defrayed, and such provision made that the deceased may

be carried to his resting-place with dignity and honour. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is Lord of the beginning and the end.

Say: This is that hidden knowledge which shall never change, since its beginning is with nine, the symbol that betokeneth the concealed and manifest, the inviolable and unapproachably exalted Name. As for what We have appropriated to the children, this is a bounty conferred on them by God, that they may render thanks unto their Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. These, verily, are the Laws of God; transgress them not at the prompting of your base and selfish desires. Observe ye the injunctions laid upon you by Him Who is the Dawning-place of Utterance. The sincere among His servants will regard the precepts set forth by God as the Water of Life to the followers of every faith, and the Lamp of wisdom and loving providence to all the denizens of earth and heaven.

The Lord hath ordained that in every city a House of Justice be established wherein shall gather counsellors to the number of Baha, and should it exceed this number it doth not matter. They should consider themselves as entering the Court of the presence of God, the Exalted, the Most High, and as beholding Him Who is the Unseen. It behoveth them to be the trusted ones of the Merciful among men and to regard themselves as the guardians appointed of God for all that dwell on earth. It is incumbent upon them to take counsel together and to have regard for the interests of the servants of God, for His sake, even as they regard their own interests, and to choose that which is meet and seemly. Thus hath the Lord your God commanded you. Beware lest ye put away that which is clearly revealed in His Tablet. Fear God, O ye that perceive.

O people of the world! Build ye houses of worship throughout the lands in the name of Him Who is the Lord of all religions. Make them as perfect as is possible in the world of being, and adorn them with that which befitteth them, not with images and effigies. Then, with radiance and joy, celebrate therein the praise of your Lord, the Most Compassionate. Verily, by His remembrance the eye is cheered and the heart is filled with light.

The Lord hath ordained that those of you who are able shall make pilgrimage to the sacred House, and from this He hath exempted women as a mercy on His part. He, of a truth, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O people of Baha! It is incumbent upon each one of you to engage in some occupation–such as a craft, a trade or the like. We have exalted your engagement in such work to the rank of worship of the one true God. Reflect, O people, on the grace and blessings of your Lord, and yield Him thanks at eventide and dawn. Waste not your hours in idleness and sloth, but occupy yourselves with what will profit you and others. Thus hath it been decreed in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the day-star of wisdom and utterance. The most despised of men in the sight of God are they who sit and beg. Hold ye fast unto the cord of means and place your trust in God, the Provider of all means.

The kissing of hands hath been forbidden in the Book. This practice is prohibited by God, the Lord of glory and command. To none is it permitted to seek absolution from another soul; let repentance be between yourselves and God. He, verily, is the Pardoner, the Bounteous, the Gracious, the One Who absolveth the repentant.

O ye servants of the Merciful One! Arise to serve the Cause of God, in such wise that the cares and sorrows caused by them that have disbelieved in the Dayspring of the Signs of God may not afflict you. At the time when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One made manifest, differences have appeared amongst the kindreds of the earth and each people hath followed its own fancy and idle imaginings.

Amongst the people is he who seateth himself amid the sandals by the door whilst coveting in his heart the seat of honour. Say: What manner of man art thou, O vain and heedless one, who wouldst appear as other than thou art? And among the people is he who layeth claim to inner knowledge, and still deeper knowledge concealed within this knowledge. Say: Thou speakest false! By God! What thou dost possess is naught but husks which We have left to thee as bones are left to dogs. By the righteousness of the one true God! Were anyone to wash the feet of all mankind, and were he to worship God in the forests, valleys, and mountains, upon high hills and lofty peaks, to leave no rock or tree, no clod of earth, but was a witness to his worship–yet, should the fragrance of My good pleasure not be inhaled from him, his works would never be acceptable unto God. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Lord of all. How many a man hath secluded himself in the climes of India, denied himself the things that God hath decreed as lawful, imposed upon himself austerities and mortifications, and hath not been remembered by God, the Revealer of Verses. Make not your deeds as snares wherewith to entrap the object of your aspiration, and deprive not yourselves of this Ultimate Objective for which have ever yearned all such as have drawn nigh unto God. Say: The very life of all deeds is My good pleasure, and all things depend upon Mine acceptance. Read ye the Tablets that ye may know what hath been purposed in the Books of God, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Bounteous. He who attaineth to My love hath title to a throne of gold, to sit thereon in honour over all the world; he who is deprived thereof, though he sit upon the dust, that dust would seek refuge with God, the Lord of all Religions.

Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation direct from God, ere the expiration of a full thousand years, such a man is assuredly a lying impostor. We pray God that He may graciously assist him to retract and repudiate such claim. Should he repent, God will, no doubt, forgive him. If, however, he persisteth in his error, God will, assuredly, send down one who will deal mercilessly with him. Terrible, indeed, is God in punishing! Whosoever interpreteth this verse otherwise than its obvious meaning is deprived of the Spirit of God and of His mercy which encompasseth all created things. Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. Nay, rather, follow the bidding of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Erelong shall clamorous voices be raised in most lands. Shun them, O My people, and follow not the iniquitous and evil-hearted. This is that of which We gave you forewarning when We were dwelling in Iraq, then later while in the Land of Mystery, and now from this Resplendent Spot.

Be not dismayed, O peoples of the world, when the day-star of My beauty is set, and the heaven of My tabernacle is concealed from your eyes. Arise to further My Cause, and to exalt My Word amongst men. We are with you at all times, and shall strengthen you through the power of truth. We are truly almighty. Whoso hath recognized Me will arise and serve Me with such determination that the powers of earth and heaven shall be unable to defeat his purpose.

The peoples of the world are fast asleep. Were they to wake from their slumber, they would hasten with eagerness unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They would cast away everything they possess, be it all the treasures of the earth, that their Lord may remember them to the extent of addressing to them but one word. Such is the instruction given you by Him Who holdeth the knowledge of things hidden, in a Tablet which the eye of creation hath not seen, and which is revealed to none except His own Self, the omnipotent Protector of all worlds. So bewildered are they in the drunkenness of their evil desires, that they are powerless to recognize the Lord of all being, Whose voice calleth aloud from every direction: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

Say: Rejoice not in the things ye possess; tonight they are yours, tomorrow others will possess them. Thus warneth you He Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Can ye claim that what ye own is lasting or secure? Nay! By Myself, the All-Merciful, ye cannot, if ye be of them who judge fairly. The days of your life flee away as a breath of wind, and all your pomp and glory shall be folded up as were the pomp and glory of those gone before you. Reflect, O people! What hath become of your bygone days, your lost centuries? Happy the days that have been consecrated to the remembrance of God, and blessed the hours which have been spent in praise of Him Who is the All-Wise. By My life! Neither the pomp of the mighty, nor the wealth of the rich, nor even the ascendancy of the ungodly will endure. All will perish, at a word from Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. What advantage is there in the earthly things which men possess? That which shall profit them, they have utterly neglected. Erelong, they will awake from their slumber, and find themselves unable to obtain that which hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Did they but know it, they would renounce their all, that their names may be mentioned before His throne. They, verily, are accounted among the dead.

Amongst the people is he whose learning hath made him proud, and who hath been debarred thereby from recognizing My Name, the Self-Subsisting; who, when he heareth the tread of sandals following behind him, waxeth greater in his own esteem than Nimrod. Say: O rejected one! Where now is his abode? By God, it is the nethermost fire. Say: O concourse of divines! Hear ye not the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen? See ye not this Sun that shineth in refulgent splendour above the All-Glorious Horizon? For how long will ye worship the idols of your evil passions? Forsake your vain imaginings, and turn yourselves unto God, your Everlasting Lord.

Endowments dedicated to charity revert to God, the Revealer of Signs. None hath the right to dispose of them without leave from Him Who is the Dawning-place of Revelation. After Him, this authority shall pass to the Aghsan, and after them to the House of Justice–should it be established in the world by then–that they may use these endowments for the benefit of the Places which have been exalted in this Cause, and for whatsoever hath been enjoined upon them by Him Who is the God of might and power. Otherwise, the endowments shall revert to the people of Baha who speak not except by His leave and judge not save in accordance with what God hath decreed in this Tablet–lo, they are the champions of victory betwixt heaven and earth–that they may use them in the manner that hath been laid down in the Book by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Lament not in your hours of trial, neither rejoice therein; seek ye the Middle Way which is the remembrance of Me in your afflictions and reflection over that which may befall you in future. Thus informeth you He Who is the Omniscient, He Who is aware.

Shave not your heads; God hath adorned them with hair, and in this there are signs from the Lord of creation to those who reflect upon the requirements of nature. He, verily, is the God of strength and wisdom. Notwithstanding, it is not seemly to let the hair pass beyond the limit of the ears. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Lord of all worlds.

Exile and imprisonment are decreed for the thief, and, on the third offence, place ye a mark upon his brow so that, thus identified, he may not be accepted in the cities of God and His countries. Beware lest, through compassion, ye neglect to carry out the statutes of the religion of God; do that which hath been bidden you by Him Who is compassionate and merciful. We school you with the rod of wisdom and laws, like unto the father who educateth his son, and this for naught but the protection of your own selves and the elevation of your stations. By My life, were ye to discover what We have desired for you in revealing Our holy laws, ye would offer up your very souls for this sacred, this mighty, and most exalted Faith.

Whoso wisheth to make use of vessels of silver and gold is at liberty to do so. Take heed lest, when partaking of food, ye plunge your hands into the contents of bowls and platters. Adopt ye such usages as are most in keeping with refinement. He, verily, desireth to see in you the manners of the inmates of Paradise in His mighty and most sublime Kingdom. Hold ye fast unto refinement under all conditions, that your eyes may be preserved from beholding what is repugnant both to your own selves and to the dwellers of Paradise. Should anyone depart therefrom, his deed shall at that moment be rendered vain; yet should he have good reason, God will excuse him. He, in truth, is the Gracious, the Most Bountiful.

He Who is the Dawning-place of God's Cause hath no partner in the Most Great Infallibility. He it is Who, in the kingdom of creation, is the Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth". God hath reserved this distinction unto His own Self, and ordained for none a share in so sublime and transcendent a station. This is the Decree of God, concealed ere now within the veil of impenetrable mystery. We have disclosed it in this Revelation, and have thereby rent asunder the veils of such as have failed to recognize that which the Book of God set forth and who were numbered with the heedless.

Unto every father hath been enjoined the instruction of his son and daughter in the art of reading and writing and in all that hath been laid down in the Holy Tablet. He that putteth away that which is commanded unto him, the Trustees are then to take from him that which is required for their instruction if he be wealthy and, if not, the matter devolveth upon the House of Justice. Verily have We made it a shelter for the poor and needy. He that bringeth up his son or the son of another, it is as though he hath brought up a son of Mine; upon him rest My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy, that have compassed the world.

God hath imposed a fine on every adulterer and adulteress, to be paid to the House of Justice: nine mithqals of gold, to be doubled if they should repeat the offence. Such is the penalty which He Who is the Lord of Names hath assigned them in this world; and in the world to come He hath ordained for them a humiliating torment. Should anyone be afflicted by a sin, it behoveth him to repent thereof and return

unto his Lord. He, verily, granteth forgiveness unto whomsoever He willeth, and none may question that which it pleaseth Him to ordain. He is, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Beware lest ye be hindered by the veils of glory from partaking of the crystal waters of this living Fountain. Seize ye the chalice of salvation at this dawntide in the name of Him Who causeth the day to break, and drink your fill in praise of Him Who is the All-Glorious, the Incomparable.

We have made it lawful for you to listen to music and singing. Take heed, however, lest listening thereto should cause you to overstep the bounds of propriety and dignity. Let your joy be the joy born of My Most Great Name, a Name that bringeth rapture to the heart, and filleth with ecstasy the minds of all who have drawn nigh unto God. We, verily, have made music as a ladder for your souls, a means whereby they may be lifted up unto the realm on high; make it not, therefore, as wings to self and passion. Truly, We are loath to see you numbered with the foolish.

We have decreed that a third part of all fines shall go to the Seat of Justice, and We admonish its men to observe pure justice, that they may expend what is thus accumulated for such purposes as have been enjoined upon them by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O ye Men of Justice! Be ye, in the realm of God, shepherds unto His sheep and guard them from the ravening wolves that have appeared in disguise, even as ye would guard your own sons. Thus exhorteth you the Counsellor, the Faithful.

Should differences arise amongst you over any matter, refer it to God while the Sun still shineth above the horizon of this Heaven and, when it hath set, refer ye to whatsoever hath been sent down by Him. This, verily, is sufficient unto the peoples of the world. Say: Let not your hearts be perturbed, O people, when the glory of My Presence is withdrawn, and the ocean of My utterance is stilled. In My presence amongst you there is a wisdom, and in My absence there is yet another, inscrutable to all but God, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing. Verily, We behold you from Our realm of glory, and shall aid whosoever will arise for the triumph of Our Cause with the hosts of the Concourse on high and a company of Our favoured angels.

O peoples of the earth! God, the Eternal Truth, is My witness that streams of fresh and soft-flowing waters have gushed from the rocks through the sweetness of the words uttered by your Lord, the Unconstrained; and still ye slumber. Cast away that which ye possess, and, on the wings of detachment, soar beyond all created things. Thus biddeth you the Lord of creation, the movement of Whose Pen hath revolutionized the soul of mankind.

Know ye from what heights your Lord, the All-Glorious, is calling? Think ye that ye have recognized the Pen wherewith your Lord, the Lord of all names, commandeth you? Nay, by My life! Did ye but know it, ye would renounce the world, and would hasten with your whole hearts to the presence of the Well-Beloved. Your spirits would be so transported by His Word as to throw into commotion the Greater World–how much more this small and petty one! Thus have the showers of My bounty been poured down from the heaven of My loving-kindness, as a token of My grace, that ye may be of the thankful.

The penalties for wounding or striking a person depend upon the severity of the injury; for each degree the Lord of Judgement hath prescribed a certain indemnity. He is, in truth, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the

Most Exalted. We shall, if it be Our Will, set forth these payments in their just degrees–this is a promise on Our part, and He, verily, is the Keeper of His pledge, the Knower of all things.

Verily, it is enjoined upon you to offer a feast, once in every month, though only water be served; for God hath purposed to bind hearts together, albeit through both earthly and heavenly means.

Beware lest the desires of the flesh and of a corrupt inclination provoke divisions among you. Be ye as the fingers of one hand, the members of one body. Thus counselleth you the Pen of Revelation, if ye be of them that believe.

Consider the mercy of God and His gifts. He enjoineth upon you that which shall profit you, though He Himself can well dispense with all creatures. Your evil doings can never harm Us, neither can your good works profit Us. We summon you wholly for the sake of God. To this every man of understanding and insight will testify.

If ye should hunt with beasts or birds of prey, invoke ye the Name of God when ye send them to pursue their quarry; for then whatever they catch shall be lawful unto you, even should ye find it to have died. He, verily, is the Omniscient, the All-Informed. Take heed, however, that ye hunt not to excess. Tread ye the path of justice and equity in all things. Thus biddeth you He Who is the Dawning-place of Revelation, would that ye might comprehend.

God hath bidden you to show forth kindliness towards My kindred, but He hath granted them no right to the property of others. He, verily, is self-sufficient, above any need of His creatures.

Should anyone intentionally destroy a house by fire, him also shall ye burn; should anyone deliberately take another's life, him also shall ye put to death. Take ye hold of the precepts of God with all your strength and power, and abandon the ways of the ignorant. Should ye condemn the arsonist and the murderer to life imprisonment, it would be permissible according to the provisions of the Book. He, verily, hath power to ordain whatsoever He pleaseth.

God hath prescribed matrimony unto you. Beware that ye take not unto yourselves more wives than two. Whoso contenteth himself with a single partner from among the maidservants of God, both he and she shall live in tranquillity. And he who would take into his service a maid may do so with propriety. Such is the ordinance which, in truth and justice, hath been recorded by the Pen of Revelation. Enter into wedlock, O people, that ye may bring forth one who will make mention of Me amid My servants. This is My bidding unto you; hold fast to it as an assistance to yourselves.

O people of the world! Follow not the promptings of the self, for it summoneth insistently to wickedness and lust; follow, rather, Him Who is the Possessor of all created things, Who biddeth you to show forth piety, and manifest the fear of God. He, verily, is independent of all His creatures. Take heed not to stir up mischief in the land after it hath been set in order. Whoso acteth in this way is not of Us, and We are quit of him. Such is the command which hath, through the power of truth, been made manifest from the heaven of Revelation.

It hath been laid down in the Bayan that marriage is dependent upon the consent of both parties. Desiring to establish love, unity and harmony amidst Our servants, We have conditioned it, once the couple's wish is known, upon the permission of their parents, lest enmity and rancour should arise amongst them. And in this We have yet other purposes. Thus hath Our commandment been ordained.

No marriage may be contracted without payment of a dowry, which hath been fixed for city-dwellers at nineteen mithqals of pure gold, and for village-dwellers at the same amount in silver. Whoso wisheth to increase this sum, it is forbidden him to exceed the limit of ninety-five mithqals. Thus hath the command been writ in majesty and power. If he content himself, however, with a payment of the lowest level, it shall be better for him according to the Book. God, verily, enricheth whomsoever He willeth through both heavenly and earthly means, and He, in truth, hath power over all things.

It hath been decreed by God that, should any one of His servants intend to travel, he must fix for his wife a time when he will return home. If he return by the promised time, he will have obeyed the bidding of his Lord and shall be numbered by the Pen of His behest among the righteous; otherwise, if there be good reason for delay, he must inform his wife and make the utmost endeavour to return to her. Should neither of these eventualities occur, it behoveth her to wait for a period of nine months, after which there is no impediment to her taking another husband; but should she wait longer, God, verily, loveth those women and men who show forth patience. Obey ye My commandments, and follow not the ungodly, they who have been reckoned as sinners in God's Holy Tablet. If, during the period of her waiting, word should reach her from her husband, she should choose the course that is praiseworthy. He, of a truth, desireth that His servants and His handmaids should be at peace with one another; take heed lest ye do aught that may provoke intransigence amongst you. Thus hath the decree been fixed and the promise come to pass. If, however, news should reach her of her husband's death or murder, and be confirmed by general report, or by the testimony of two just witnesses, it behoveth her to remain single; then, upon completion of the fixed number of months, she is free to adopt the course of her choosing. Such is the bidding of Him Who is mighty and powerful in His command.

Should resentment or antipathy arise between husband and wife, he is not to divorce her but to bide in patience throughout the course of one whole year, that perchance the fragrance of affection may be renewed between them. If, upon the completion of this period, their love hath not returned, it is permissible for divorce to take place. God's wisdom, verily, hath encompassed all things. The Lord hath prohibited, in a Tablet inscribed by the Pen of His command, the practice to which ye formerly had recourse when thrice ye had divorced a woman. This He hath done as a favour on His part, that ye may be accounted among the thankful. He who hath divorced his wife may choose, upon the passing of each month, to remarry her when there is mutual affection and consent, so long as she hath not taken another husband. Should she have wed again, then, by this other union, the separation is confirmed and the matter is concluded unless, clearly, her circumstances change. Thus hath the decree been inscribed with majesty in this glorious Tablet by Him Who is the Dawning-place of Beauty.

If the wife accompany her husband on a journey, and differences arise between them on the way, he is required to provide her with her expenses for one whole year, and either to return her whence she came or to entrust her, together with the necessaries for her journey, to a dependable person who is to escort

her home. Thy Lord, verily, ordaineth as He pleaseth, by virtue of a sovereignty that overshadoweth the peoples of the earth.

Should a woman be divorced in consequence of a proven act of infidelity, she shall receive no maintenance during her period of waiting. Thus hath the day-star of Our commandment shone forth resplendent from the firmament of justice. Truly, the Lord loveth union and harmony and abhorreth separation and divorce. Live ye one with another, O people, in radiance and joy. By My life! All that are on earth shall pass away, while good deeds alone shall endure; to the truth of My words God doth Himself bear witness. Compose your differences, O My servants; then heed ye the admonition of Our Pen of Glory and follow not the arrogant and wayward.

Take heed lest the world beguile you as it beguiled the people who went before you! Observe ye the statutes and precepts of your Lord, and walk ye in this Way which hath been laid out before you in righteousness and truth. They who eschew iniquity and error, who adhere to virtue, are, in the sight of the one true God, among the choicest of His creatures; their names are extolled by the Concourse of the realms above, and by those who dwell in this Tabernacle which hath been raised in the name of God.

It is forbidden you to trade in slaves, be they men or women. It is not for him who is himself a servant to buy another of God's servants, and this hath been prohibited in His Holy Tablet. Thus, by His mercy, hath the commandment been recorded by the Pen of justice. Let no man exalt himself above another; all are but bondslaves before the Lord, and all exemplify the truth that there is none other God but Him. He, verily, is the All-Wise, Whose wisdom encompasseth all things.

Adorn yourselves with the raiment of goodly deeds. He whose deeds attain unto God's good pleasure is assuredly of the people of Baha and is remembered before His throne. Assist ye the Lord of all creation with works of righteousness, and also through wisdom and utterance. Thus, indeed, have ye been commanded in most of the Tablets by Him Who is the All-Merciful. He, truly, is cognizant of what I say. Let none contend with another, and let no soul slay another; this, verily, is that which was forbidden you in a Book that hath lain concealed within the Tabernacle of glory. What! Would ye kill him whom God hath quickened, whom He hath endowed with spirit through a breath from Him? Grievous then would be your trespass before His throne! Fear God, and lift not the hand of injustice and oppression to destroy what He hath Himself raised up; nay, walk ye in the way of God, the True One. No sooner did the hosts of true knowledge appear, bearing the standards of Divine utterance, than the tribes of the religions were put to flight, save only those who willed to drink from the stream of everlasting life in a Paradise created by the breath of the All-Glorious.

God hath decreed, in token of His mercy unto His creatures, that semen is not unclean. Yield thanks unto Him with joy and radiance, and follow not such as are remote from the Dawning-place of His nearness. Arise ye, under all conditions, to render service to the Cause, for God will assuredly assist you through the power of His sovereignty which overshadoweth the worlds. Cleave ye unto the cord of refinement with such tenacity as to allow no trace of dirt to be seen upon your garments. Such is the injunction of One Who is sanctified above all refinement. Whoso falleth short of this standard with good reason shall incur no blame. God, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Wash ye every soiled thing with water that hath undergone no alteration in any one of the three respects; take heed not to use water that hath been

altered through exposure to the air or to some other agent. Be ye the very essence of cleanliness amongst mankind. This, truly, is what your Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Wise, desireth for you.

God hath, likewise, as a bounty from His presence, abolished the concept of "uncleanness", whereby divers things and peoples have been held to be impure. He, of a certainty, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Verily, all created things were immersed in the sea of purification when, on that first day of Ridvan, We shed upon the whole of creation the splendours of Our most excellent Names and Our most exalted Attributes. This, verily, is a token of My loving providence, which hath encompassed all the worlds. Consort ye then with the followers of all religions, and proclaim ye the Cause of your Lord, the Most Compassionate; this is the very crown of deeds, if ye be of them who understand.

God hath enjoined upon you to observe the utmost cleanliness, to the extent of washing what is soiled with dust, let alone with hardened dirt and similar defilement. Fear Him, and be of those who are pure. Should the garb of anyone be visibly sullied, his prayers shall not ascend to God, and the celestial Concourse will turn away from him. Make use of rose-water, and of pure perfume; this, indeed, is that which God hath loved from the beginning that hath no beginning, in order that there may be diffused from you what your Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Wise, desireth.

God hath relieved you of the ordinance laid down in the Bayan concerning the destruction of books. We have permitted you to read such sciences as are profitable unto you, not such as end in idle disputation; better is this for you, if ye be of them that comprehend.

O kings of the earth! He Who is the sovereign Lord of all is come. The Kingdom is God's, the omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but God, and, with radiant hearts, lift up your faces unto your Lord, the Lord of all names. This is a Revelation to which whatever ye possess can never be compared, could ye but know it.

We see you rejoicing in that which ye have amassed for others and shutting out yourselves from the worlds which naught except My guarded Tablet can reckon. The treasures ye have laid up have drawn you far away from your ultimate objective. This ill beseemeth you, could ye but understand it. Wash from your hearts all earthly defilements, and hasten to enter the Kingdom of your Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven, Who caused the world to tremble and all its peoples to wail, except them that have renounced all things and clung to that which the Hidden Tablet hath ordained.

This is the Day in which He Who held converse with God hath attained the light of the Ancient of Days, and quaffed the pure waters of reunion from this Cup that hath caused the seas to swell. Say: By the one true God! Sinai is circling round the Dayspring of Revelation, while from the heights of the Kingdom the Voice of the Spirit of God is heard proclaiming: "Bestir yourselves, ye proud ones of the earth, and hasten ye unto Him." Carmel hath, in this Day, hastened in longing adoration to attain His court, whilst from the heart of Zion there cometh the cry: "The promise is fulfilled. That which had been announced in the holy Writ of God, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved, is made manifest."

O kings of the earth! The Most Great Law hath been revealed in this Spot, this scene of transcendent splendour. Every hidden thing hath been brought to light by virtue of the Will of the Supreme Ordainer,

He Who hath ushered in the Last Hour, through Whom the Moon hath been cleft, and every irrevocable decree expounded.

Ye are but vassals, O kings of the earth! He Who is the King of Kings hath appeared, arrayed in His most wondrous glory, and is summoning you unto Himself, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Take heed lest pride deter you from recognizing the Source of Revelation, lest the things of this world shut you out as by a veil from Him Who is the Creator of heaven. Arise, and serve Him Who is the Desire of all nations, Who hath created you through a word from Him, and ordained you to be, for all time, the emblems of His sovereignty.

By the righteousness of God! It is not Our wish to lay hands on your kingdoms. Our mission is to seize and possess the hearts of men. Upon them the eyes of Baha are fastened. To this testifieth the Kingdom of Names, could ye but comprehend it. Whoso followeth his Lord will renounce the world and all that is therein; how much greater, then, must be the detachment of Him Who holdeth so august a station! Forsake your palaces, and haste ye to gain admittance into His Kingdom. This, indeed, will profit you both in this world and in the next. To this testifieth the Lord of the realm on high, did ye but know it.

How great the blessedness that awaiteth the king who will arise to aid My Cause in My kingdom, who will detach himself from all else but Me! Such a king is numbered with the companions of the Crimson Ark– the Ark which God hath prepared for the people of Baha. All must glorify his name, must reverence his station, and aid him to unlock the cities with the keys of My Name, the omnipotent Protector of all that inhabit the visible and invisible kingdoms. Such a king is the very eye of mankind, the luminous ornament on the brow of creation, the fountainhead of blessings unto the whole world. Offer up, O people of Baha, your substance, nay your very lives, for his assistance.

O Emperor of Austria! He Who is the Dayspring of God's Light dwelt in the prison of Akka at the time when thou didst set forth to visit the Aqsa Mosque. Thou passed Him by, and inquired not about Him by Whom every house is exalted and every lofty gate unlocked. We, verily, made it a place whereunto the world should turn, that they might remember Me, and yet thou hast rejected Him Who is the Object of this remembrance, when He appeared with the Kingdom of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We have been with thee at all times, and found thee clinging unto the Branch and heedless of the Root. Thy Lord, verily, is a witness unto what I say. We grieved to see thee circle round Our Name, whilst unaware of Us, though We were before thy face. Open thine eyes, that thou mayest behold this glorious Vision, and recognize Him Whom thou invokest in the daytime and in the night season, and gaze on the Light that shineth above this luminous Horizon.

Say: O King of Berlin! Give ear unto the Voice calling from this manifest Temple: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Everlasting, the Peerless, the Ancient of Days." Take heed lest pride debar thee from recognizing the Dayspring of Divine Revelation, lest earthly desires shut thee out, as by a veil, from the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below. Thus counselleth thee the Pen of the Most High. He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful. Do thou remember the one [Napoleon III] whose power transcended thy power, and whose station excelled thy station. Where is he? Whither are gone the things he possessed? Take warning, and be not of them that are fast asleep. He it was who cast the Tablet of God behind him when We made known unto him what the hosts of tyranny had caused Us to suffer.

Wherefore, disgrace assailed him from all sides, and he went down to dust in great loss. Think deeply, O King, concerning him, and concerning them who, like unto thee, have conquered cities and ruled over men. The All-Merciful brought them down from their palaces to their graves. Be warned, be of them who reflect.

We have asked nothing from you. For the sake of God We, verily, exhort you, and will be patient as We have been patient in that which hath befallen Us at your hands, O concourse of kings!

Hearken ye, O Rulers of America and the Presidents of the Republics therein, unto that which the Dove is warbling on the Branch of Eternity: "There is none other God but Me, the Ever-Abiding, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful." Adorn ye the temple of dominion with the ornament of justice and of the fear of God, and its head with the crown of the remembrance of your Lord, the Creator of the heavens. Thus counselleth you He Who is the Dayspring of Names, as bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Promised One hath appeared in this glorified Station, whereat all beings, both seen and unseen, have rejoiced. Take ye advantage of the Day of God. Verily, to meet Him is better for you than all that whereon the sun shineth, could ye but know it. O concourse of rulers! Give ear unto that which hath been raised from the Dayspring of Grandeur: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of Utterance, the All-Knowing." Bind ye the broken with the hands of justice, and crush the oppressor who flourisheth with the rod of the commandments of your Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O people of Constantinople! Lo, from your midst We hear the baleful hooting of the owl. Hath the drunkenness of passion laid hold upon you, or is it that ye are sunk in heedlessness? O Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas! The throne of tyranny hath, verily, been established upon thee, and the flame of hatred hath been kindled within thy bosom, in such wise that the Concourse on high and they who circle around the Exalted Throne have wailed and lamented. We behold in thee the foolish ruling over the wise, and darkness vaunting itself against the light. Thou art indeed filled with manifest pride. Hath thine outward splendour made thee vainglorious? By Him Who is the Lord of mankind! It shall soon perish, and thy daughters and thy widows and all the kindreds that dwell within thee shall lament. Thus informeth thee the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O banks of the Rhine! We have seen you covered with gore, inasmuch as the swords of retribution were drawn against you; and you shall have another turn. And We hear the lamentations of Berlin, though she be today in conspicuous glory.

Let nothing grieve thee, O Land of Ta [Tihran], for God hath chosen thee to be the source of the joy of all mankind. He shall, if it be His Will, bless thy throne with one who will rule with justice, who will gather together the flock of God which the wolves have scattered. Such a ruler will, with joy and gladness, turn his face towards, and extend his favours unto, the people of Baha. He indeed is accounted in the sight of God as a jewel among men. Upon him rest forever the glory of God and the glory of all that dwell in the kingdom of His revelation.

Rejoice with great joy, for God hath made thee "the Dayspring of His light", inasmuch as within thee was born the Manifestation of His Glory. Be thou glad for this name that hath been conferred upon thee–a

name through which the Day-Star of grace hath shed its splendour, through which both earth and heaven have been illumined.

Erelong will the state of affairs within thee be changed, and the reins of power fall into the hands of the people. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing. His authority embraceth all things. Rest thou assured in the gracious favour of thy Lord. The eye of His loving-kindness shall everlastingly be directed towards thee. The day is approaching when thy agitation will have been transmuted into peace and quiet calm. Thus hath it been decreed in the wondrous Book.

O Land of Kha [Khurasan]! We hear from thee the voice of heroes, raised in glorification of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Blessed the day on which the banners of the divine Names shall be upraised in the kingdom of creation in My Name, the All-Glorious. On that day the faithful shall rejoice in the victory of God, and the disbelievers shall lament.

None must contend with those who wield authority over the people; leave unto them that which is theirs, and direct your attention to men's hearts.

O Most Mighty Ocean! Sprinkle upon the nations that with which Thou hast been charged by Him Who is the Sovereign of Eternity, and adorn the temples of all the dwellers of the earth with the vesture of His laws through which all hearts will rejoice and all eyes be brightened.

Should anyone acquire one hundred mithqals of gold, nineteen mithqals thereof are God's and to be rendered unto Him, the Fashioner of earth and heaven. Take heed, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves of so great a bounty. This We have commanded you, though We are well able to dispense with you and with all who are in the heavens and on earth; in it there are benefits and wisdoms beyond the ken of anyone but God, the Omniscient, the All-Informed. Say: By this means He hath desired to purify what ye possess and to enable you to draw nigh unto such stations as none can comprehend save those whom God hath willed. He, in truth, is the Beneficent, the Gracious, the Bountiful. O people! Deal not faithlessly with the Right of God, nor, without His leave, make free with its disposal. Thus hath His commandment been established in the holy Tablets, and in this exalted Book. He who dealeth faithlessly with God shall in justice meet with faithlessness himself; he, however, who acteth in accordance with God's bidding shall receive a blessing from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious, the Bestower, the Generous, the Ancient of Days. He, verily, hath willed for you that which is yet beyond your knowledge, but which shall be known to you when, after this fleeting life, your souls soar heavenwards and the trappings of your earthly joys are folded up. Thus admonisheth you He in Whose possession is the Guarded Tablet.

Various petitions have come before Our throne from the believers, concerning laws from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all worlds. We have, in consequence, revealed this Holy Tablet and arrayed it with the mantle of His Law that haply the people may keep the commandments of their Lord. Similar requests had been made of Us over several previous years but We had, in Our wisdom, withheld Our Pen until, in recent days, letters arrived from a number of the friends, and We have therefore responded, through the power of truth, with that which shall quicken the hearts of men.

Say: O leaders of religion! Weigh not the Book of God with such standards and sciences as are current amongst you, for the Book itself is the unerring Balance established amongst men. In this most perfect

Balance whatsoever the peoples and kindreds of the earth possess must be weighed, while the measure of its weight should be tested according to its own standard, did ye but know it.

The eye of My loving-kindness weepeth sore over you, inasmuch as ye have failed to recognize the One upon Whom ye have been calling in the daytime and in the night season, at even and at morn. Advance, O people, with snow-white faces and radiant hearts, unto the blest and crimson Spot, wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha is calling: "Verily, there is none other God beside Me, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting!"

O ye leaders of religion! Who is the man amongst you that can rival Me in vision or insight? Where is he to be found that dareth to claim to be My equal in utterance or wisdom? No, by My Lord, the All-Merciful! All on the earth shall pass away; and this is the face of your Lord, the Almighty, the Well-Beloved.

We have decreed, O people, that the highest and last end of all learning be the recognition of Him Who is the Object of all knowledge; and yet, behold how ye have allowed your learning to shut you out, as by a veil, from Him Who is the Dayspring of this Light, through Whom every hidden thing hath been revealed. Could ye but discover the source whence the splendour of this utterance is diffused, ye would cast away the peoples of the world and all that they possess, and would draw nigh unto this most blessed Seat of glory.

Say: This, verily, is the heaven in which the Mother Book is treasured, could ye but comprehend it. He it is Who hath caused the Rock to shout, and the Burning Bush to lift up its voice, upon the Mount rising above the Holy Land, and proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the sovereign Lord of all, the All-Powerful, the Loving!"

We have not entered any school, nor read any of your dissertations. Incline your ears to the words of this unlettered One, wherewith He summoneth you unto God, the Ever-Abiding. Better is this for you than all the treasures of the earth, could ye but comprehend it.

Whoso interpreteth what hath been sent down from the heaven of Revelation, and altereth its evident meaning, he, verily, is of them that have perverted the Sublime Word of God, and is of the lost ones in the Lucid Book.

It hath been enjoined upon you to pare your nails, to bathe yourselves each week in water that covereth your bodies, and to clean yourselves with whatsoever ye have formerly employed. Take heed lest through negligence ye fail to observe that which hath been prescribed unto you by Him Who is the Incomparable, the Gracious. Immerse yourselves in clean water; it is not permissible to bathe yourselves in water that hath already been used. See that ye approach not the public pools of Persian baths; whoso maketh his way toward such baths will smell their fetid odour ere he entereth therein. Shun them, O people, and be not of those who ignominiously accept such vileness. In truth, they are as sinks of foulness and contamination, if ye be of them that apprehend. Avoid ye likewise the malodorous pools in the courtyards of Persian homes, and be ye of the pure and sanctified. Truly, We desire to behold you as manifestations of paradise on earth, that there may be diffused from you such fragrance as shall rejoice the hearts of the favoured of God. If the bather, instead of entering the water, wash himself by pouring it upon his body, it

shall be better for him and shall absolve him of the need for bodily immersion. The Lord, verily, hath willed, as a bounty from His presence, to make life easier for you that ye may be of those who are truly thankful.

It is forbidden you to wed your fathers' wives. We shrink, for very shame, from treating of the subject of boys. Fear ye the Merciful, O peoples of the world! Commit not that which is forbidden you in Our Holy Tablet, and be not of those who rove distractedly in the wilderness of their desires.

To none is it permitted to mutter sacred verses before the public gaze as he walketh in the street or marketplace; nay rather, if he wish to magnify the Lord, it behoveth him to do so in such places as have been erected for this purpose, or in his own home. This is more in keeping with sincerity and godliness. Thus hath the sun of Our commandment shone forth above the horizon of Our utterance. Blessed, then, be those who do Our bidding.

Unto everyone hath been enjoined the writing of a will. The testator should head this document with the adornment of the Most Great Name, bear witness therein unto the oneness of God in the Dayspring of His Revelation, and make mention, as he may wish, of that which is praiseworthy, so that it may be a testimony for him in the kingdoms of Revelation and Creation and a treasure with his Lord, the Supreme Protector, the Faithful.

All Feasts have attained their consummation in the two Most Great Festivals, and in the two other Festivals that fall on the twin days–the first of the Most Great Festivals being those days whereon the All-Merciful shed upon the whole of creation the effulgent glory of His most excellent Names and His most exalted Attributes, and the second being that day on which We raised up the One Who announced unto mankind the glad tidings of this Name, through which the dead have been resurrected and all who are in the heavens and on earth have been gathered together. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Ordainer, the Omniscient.

Happy the one who entereth upon the first day of the month of Baha, the day which God hath consecrated to this Great Name. And blessed be he who evidenceth on this day the bounties that God hath bestowed upon him; he, verily, is of those who show forth thanks to God through actions betokening the Lord's munificence which hath encompassed all the worlds. Say: This day, verily, is the crown of all the months and the source thereof, the day on which the breath of life is wafted over all created things. Great is the blessedness of him who greeteth it with radiance and joy. We testify that he is, in truth, among those who are blissful.

Say: The Most Great Festival is, indeed, the King of Festivals. Call ye to mind, O people, the bounty which God hath conferred upon you. Ye were sunk in slumber, and lo! He aroused you by the reviving breezes of His Revelation, and made known unto you His manifest and undeviating Path.

Resort ye, in times of sickness, to competent physicians; We have not set aside the use of material means, rather have We confirmed it through this Pen, which God hath made to be the Dawning-place of His shining and glorious Cause.

God had formerly laid upon each one of the believers the duty of offering before Our throne priceless gifts from among his possessions. Now, in token of Our gracious favour, We have absolved them of this obligation. He, of a truth, is the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed is he who, at the hour of dawn, centring his thoughts on God, occupied with His remembrance, and supplicating His forgiveness, directeth his steps to the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar and, entering therein, seateth himself in silence to listen to the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: The Mashriqu'l-Adhkar is each and every building which hath been erected in cities and villages for the celebration of My praise. Such is the name by which it hath been designated before the throne of glory, were ye of those who understand.

They who recite the verses of the All-Merciful in the most melodious of tones will perceive in them that with which the sovereignty of earth and heaven can never be compared. From them they will inhale the divine fragrance of My worlds–worlds which today none can discern save those who have been endowed with vision through this sublime, this beauteous Revelation. Say: These verses draw hearts that are pure unto those spiritual worlds that can neither be expressed in words nor intimated by allusion. Blessed be those who hearken.

Assist ye, O My people, My chosen servants who have arisen to make mention of Me among My creatures and to exalt My Word throughout My realm. These, truly, are the stars of the heaven of My loving providence and the lamps of My guidance unto all mankind. But he whose words conflict with that which hath been sent down in My Holy Tablets is not of Me. Beware lest ye follow any impious pretender. These Tablets are embellished with the seal of Him Who causeth the dawn to appear, Who lifteth up His voice between the heavens and the earth. Lay hold on this Sure Handle and on the Cord of My mighty and unassailable Cause.

The Lord hath granted leave to whosoever desireth it that he be instructed in the divers tongues of the world that he may deliver the Message of the Cause of God throughout the East and throughout the West, that he make mention of Him amidst the kindreds and peoples of the world in such wise that hearts may revive and the mouldering bone be quickened.

It is inadmissible that man, who hath been endowed with reason, should consume that which stealeth it away. Nay, rather it behoveth him to comport himself in a manner worthy of the human station, and not in accordance with the misdeeds of every heedless and wavering soul.

Adorn your heads with the garlands of trustworthiness and fidelity, your hearts with the attire of the fear of God, your tongues with absolute truthfulness, your bodies with the vesture of courtesy. These are in truth seemly adornings unto the temple of man, if ye be of them that reflect. Cling, O ye people of Baha, to the cord of servitude unto God, the True One, for thereby your stations shall be made manifest, your names written and preserved, your ranks raised and your memory exalted in the Preserved Tablet. Beware lest the dwellers on earth hinder you from this glorious and exalted station. Thus have We exhorted you in most of Our Epistles and now in this, Our Holy Tablet, above which hath beamed the Day-Star of the Laws of the Lord, your God, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

When the ocean of My presence hath ebbed and the Book of My Revelation is ended, turn your faces toward Him Whom God hath purposed, Who hath branched from this Ancient Root.

Consider the pettiness of men's minds. They ask for that which injureth them, and cast away the thing that profiteth them. They are, indeed, of those that are far astray. We find some men desiring liberty, and priding themselves therein. Such men are in the depths of ignorance.

Liberty must, in the end, lead to sedition, whose flames none can quench. Thus warneth you He Who is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Know ye that the embodiment of liberty and its symbol is the animal. That which beseemeth man is submission unto such restraints as will protect him from his own ignorance, and guard him against the harm of the mischief-maker. Liberty causeth man to overstep the bounds of propriety, and to infringe on the dignity of his station. It debaseth him to the level of extreme depravity and wickedness.

Regard men as a flock of sheep that need a shepherd for their protection. This, verily, is the truth, the certain truth. We approve of liberty in certain circumstances, and refuse to sanction it in others. We, verily, are the All-Knowing.

Say: True liberty consisteth in man's submission unto My commandments, little as ye know it. Were men to observe that which We have sent down unto them from the Heaven of Revelation, they would, of a certainty, attain unto perfect liberty. Happy is the man that hath apprehended the Purpose of God in whatever He hath revealed from the Heaven of His Will that pervadeth all created things. Say: The liberty that profiteth you is to be found nowhere except in complete servitude unto God, the Eternal Truth. Whoso hath tasted of its sweetness will refuse to barter it for all the dominion of earth and heaven.

In the Bayan it had been forbidden you to ask Us questions. The Lord hath now relieved you of this prohibition, that ye may be free to ask what you need to ask, but not such idle questions as those on which the men of former times were wont to dwell. Fear God, and be ye of the righteous! Ask ye that which shall be of profit to you in the Cause of God and His dominion, for the portals of His tender compassion have been opened before all who dwell in heaven and on earth.

The number of months in a year, appointed in the Book of God, is nineteen. Of these the first hath been adorned with this Name which overshadoweth the whole of creation.

The Lord hath decreed that the dead should be interred in coffins made of crystal, of hard, resistant stone, or of wood that is both fine and durable, and that graven rings should be placed upon their fingers. He, verily, is the Supreme Ordainer, the One apprised of all.

The inscription on these rings should read, for men: "Unto God belongeth all that is in the heavens and on the earth and whatsoever is between them, and He, in truth, hath knowledge of all things"; and for women: "Unto God belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is between them, and He, in truth, is potent over all things". These are the verses that were revealed aforetime, but lo, the Point of the Bayan now calleth out, exclaiming, "O Best-Beloved of the worlds! Reveal Thou in their stead such words as will waft the fragrance of Thy gracious favours over all mankind. We have announced unto everyone that one single word from Thee excelleth all that hath been sent down in the Bayan. Thou,

indeed, hast power to do what pleaseth Thee. Deprive not Thy servants of the overflowing bounties of the ocean of Thy mercy! Thou, in truth, art He Whose grace is infinite." Behold, We have hearkened to His call, and now fulfil His wish. He, verily, is the Best-Beloved, the Answerer of prayers. If the following verse, which hath at this moment been sent down by God, be engraved upon the burial-rings of both men and women, it shall be better for them; We, of a certainty, are the Supreme Ordainer: "I came forth from God, and return unto Him, detached from all save Him, holding fast to His Name, the Merciful, the Compassionate." Thus doth the Lord single out whomsoever He desireth for a bounty from His presence. He is, in very truth, the God of might and power.

The Lord hath decreed, moreover, that the deceased should be enfolded in five sheets of silk or cotton. For those whose means are limited a single sheet of either fabric will suffice. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It is forbidden you to transport the body of the deceased a greater distance than one hour's journey from the city; rather should it be interred, with radiance and serenity, in a nearby place.

God hath removed the restrictions on travel that had been imposed in the Bayan. He, verily, is the Unconstrained; He doeth as He pleaseth and ordaineth whatsoever He willeth.

O peoples of the world! Give ear unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names, Who proclaimeth unto you from His habitation in the Most Great Prison: "Verily, no God is there but Me, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Most Exalted, the Omniscient, the All-Wise." In truth, there is no God but Him, the Omnipotent Ruler of the worlds. Were it His Will, He would, through but a single word proceeding from His presence, lay hold on all mankind. Beware lest ye hesitate in your acceptance of this Cause–a Cause before which the Concourse on high and the dwellers of the Cities of Names have bowed down. Fear God, and be not of those who are shut out as by a veil. Burn ye away the veils with the fire of My love, and dispel ye the mists of vain imaginings by the power of this Name through which We have subdued the entire creation.

Raise up and exalt the two Houses in the Twin Hallowed Spots, and the other sites wherein the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been established. Thus commandeth you the Lord of every understanding heart.

Be watchful lest the concerns and preoccupations of this world prevent you from observing that which hath been enjoined upon you by Him Who is the Mighty, the Faithful. Be ye the embodiments of such steadfastness amidst mankind that ye will not be kept back from God by the doubts of those who disbelieved in Him when He manifested Himself, invested with a mighty sovereignty. Take heed lest ye be prevented by aught that hath been recorded in the Book from hearkening unto this, the Living Book, Who proclaimeth the truth: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Most Excellent, the All-Praised." Look ye with the eye of equity upon Him Who hath descended from the heaven of Divine will and power, and be not of those who act unjustly.

Call then to mind these words which have streamed forth, in tribute to this Revelation, from the Pen of Him Who was My Herald, and consider what the hands of the oppressors have wrought throughout My days. Truly they are numbered with the lost. He said: "Should ye attain the presence of Him Whom We

shall make manifest, beseech ye God, in His bounty, to grant that He might deign to seat Himself upon your couches, for that act in itself would confer upon you matchless and surpassing honour. Should He drink a cup of water in your homes, this would be of greater consequence for you than your proffering unto every soul, nay unto every created thing, the water of its very life. Know this, O ye My servants!"

Such are the words with which My Forerunner hath extolled My Being, could ye but understand. Whoso reflecteth upon these verses, and realizeth what hidden pearls have been enshrined within them, will, by the righteousness of God, perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafting from the direction of this Prison and will, with his whole heart, hasten unto Him with such ardent longing that the hosts of earth and heaven would be powerless to deter him. Say: This is a Revelation around which every proof and testimony doth circle. Thus hath it been sent down by your Lord, the God of Mercy, if ye be of them that judge aright. Say: This is the very soul of all Scriptures which hath been breathed into the Pen of the Most High, causing all created beings to be dumbfounded, save only those who have been enraptured by the gentle breezes of My loving-kindness and the sweet savours of My bounties which have pervaded the whole of creation.

O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the Most Merciful and consider what He hath revealed in another passage. He said: "The Qiblih is indeed He Whom God will make manifest; whenever He moveth, it moveth, until He shall come to rest." Thus was it set down by the Supreme Ordainer when He desired to make mention of this Most Great Beauty. Meditate on this, O people, and be not of them that wander distraught in the wilderness of error. If ye reject Him at the bidding of your idle fancies, where then is the Qiblih to which ye will turn, O assemblage of the heedless? Ponder ye this verse, and judge equitably before God, that haply ye may glean the pearls of mysteries from the ocean that surgeth in My Name, the All-Glorious, the Most High.

Let none, in this Day, hold fast to aught save that which hath been manifested in this Revelation. Such is the decree of God, aforetime and hereafter–a decree wherewith the Scriptures of the Messengers of old have been adorned. Such is the admonition of the Lord, aforetime and hereafter–an admonition wherewith the preamble to the Book of Life hath been embellished, did ye but perceive it. Such is the commandment of the Lord, aforetime and hereafter; beware lest ye choose instead the part of ignominy and abasement. Naught shall avail you in this Day but God, nor is there any refuge to flee to save Him, the Omniscient, the All-Wise. Whoso hath known Me hath known the Goal of all desire, and whoso hath turned unto Me hath turned unto the Object of all adoration. Thus hath it been set forth in the Book, and thus hath it been decreed by God, the Lord of all worlds. To read but one of the verses of My Revelation is better than to peruse the Scriptures of both the former and latter generations. This is the Utterance of the All-Merciful, would that ye had ears to hear! Say: This is the essence of knowledge, did ye but understand.

And now consider what hath been revealed in yet another passage, that perchance ye may forsake your own concepts and set your faces towards God, the Lord of being. He [the Bab] hath said: "It is unlawful to enter into marriage save with a believer in the Bayan. Should only one party to a marriage embrace this Cause, his or her possessions will become unlawful to the other, until such time as the latter hath converted. This law, however, will only take effect after the exaltation of the Cause of Him Whom We

shall manifest in truth, or of that which hath already been made manifest in justice. Ere this, ye are at liberty to enter into wedlock as ye wish, that haply by this means ye may exalt the Cause of God." Thus hath the Nightingale sung with sweet melody upon the celestial bough, in praise of its Lord, the All-Merciful. Well is it with them that hearken.

O people of the Bayan, I adjure you by your Lord, the God of mercy, to look with the eye of fairness upon this utterance which hath been sent down through the power of truth, and not to be of those who see the testimony of God yet reject and deny it. They, in truth, are of those who will assuredly perish. The Point of the Bayan hath explicitly made mention in this verse of the exaltation of My Cause before His own Cause; unto this will testify every just and understanding mind. As ye can readily witness in this day, its exaltation is such as none can deny save those whose eyes are drunken in this mortal life and whom a humiliating chastisement awaiteth in the life to come.

Say: By the righteousness of God! I, verily, am His Best-Beloved; and at this moment He listeneth to these verses descending from the Heaven of Revelation and bewaileth the wrongs ye have committed in these days. Fear God, and join not with the aggressor. Say: O people, should ye choose to disbelieve in Him, refrain at least from rising up against Him. By God! Sufficient are the hosts of tyranny that are leagued against Him!

Verily, He revealed certain laws so that, in this Dispensation, the Pen of the Most High might have no need to move in aught but the glorification of His own transcendent Station and His most effulgent Beauty. Since, however, We have wished to evidence Our bounty unto you, We have, through the power of truth, set forth these laws with clarity and mitigated what We desire you to observe. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous.

He hath previously made known unto you that which would be uttered by this Dayspring of Divine wisdom. He said, and He speaketh the truth: "He is the One Who will under all conditions proclaim: 'Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the One, the Incomparable, the Omniscient, the All-Informed.'" This is a station which God hath assigned exclusively to this sublime, this unique and wondrous Revelation. This is a token of His bounteous favour, if ye be of them who comprehend, and a sign of His irresistible decree. This is His Most Great Name, His Most Exalted Word, and the Dayspring of His Most Excellent Titles, if ye could understand. Nay more, through Him every Fountainhead, every Dawning-place of Divine guidance is made manifest. Reflect, O people, on that which hath been sent down in truth; ponder thereon, and be not of the transgressors.

Consort with all religions with amity and concord, that they may inhale from you the sweet fragrance of God. Beware lest amidst men the flame of foolish ignorance overpower you. All things proceed from God and unto Him they return. He is the source of all things and in Him all things are ended.

Take heed that ye enter no house in the absence of its owner, except with his permission. Comport yourselves with propriety under all conditions, and be not numbered with the wayward.

It hath been enjoined upon you to purify your means of sustenance and other such things through payment of Zakat. Thus hath it been prescribed in this exalted Tablet by Him Who is the Revealer of verses. We shall, if it be God's will and purpose, set forth erelong the measure of its assessment. He,

verily, expoundeth whatsoever He desireth by virtue of His own knowledge, and He, of a truth, is Omniscient and All-Wise.

It is unlawful to beg, and it is forbidden to give to him who beggeth. All have been enjoined to earn a living, and as for those who are incapable of doing so, it is incumbent on the Deputies of God and on the wealthy to make adequate provision for them. Keep ye the statutes and commandments of God; nay, guard them as ye would your very eyes, and be not of those who suffer grievous loss.

Ye have been forbidden in the Book of God to engage in contention and conflict, to strike another, or to commit similar acts whereby hearts and souls may be saddened. A fine of nineteen mithqals of gold had formerly been prescribed by Him Who is the Lord of all mankind for anyone who was the cause of sadness to another; in this Dispensation, however, He hath absolved you thereof and exhorteth you to show forth righteousness and piety. Such is the commandment which He hath enjoined upon you in this resplendent Tablet. Wish not for others what ye wish not for yourselves; fear God, and be not of the prideful. Ye are all created out of water, and unto dust shall ye return. Reflect upon the end that awaiteth you, and walk not in the ways of the oppressor. Give ear unto the verses of God which He Who is the sacred Lote-Tree reciteth unto you. They are assuredly the infallible balance, established by God, the Lord of this world and the next. Through them the soul of man is caused to wing its flight towards the Dayspring of Revelation, and the heart of every true believer is suffused with light. Such are the laws which God hath enjoined upon you, such His commandments prescribed unto you in His Holy Tablet; obey them with joy and gladness, for this is best for you, did ye but know.

Recite ye the verses of God every morn and eventide. Whoso faileth to recite them hath not been faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament, and whoso turneth away from these holy verses in this Day is of those who throughout eternity have turned away from God. Fear ye God, O My servants, one and all. Pride not yourselves on much reading of the verses or on a multitude of pious acts by night and day; for were a man to read a single verse with joy and radiance it would be better for him than to read with lassitude all the Holy Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Read ye the sacred verses in such measure that ye be not overcome by languor and despondency. Lay not upon your souls that which will weary them and weigh them down, but rather what will lighten and uplift them, so that they may soar on the wings of the Divine verses towards the Dawning-place of His manifest signs; this will draw you nearer to God, did ye but comprehend.

Teach your children the verses revealed from the heaven of majesty and power, so that, in most melodious tones, they may recite the Tablets of the All-Merciful in the alcoves within the Mashriqu'l-Adhkars. Whoever hath been transported by the rapture born of adoration for My Name, the Most Compassionate, will recite the verses of God in such wise as to captivate the hearts of those yet wrapped in slumber. Well is it with him who hath quaffed the Mystic Wine of everlasting life from the utterance of his merciful Lord in My Name–a Name through which every lofty and majestic mountain hath been reduced to dust.

Ye have been enjoined to renew the furnishings of your homes after the passing of each nineteen years; thus hath it been ordained by One Who is Omniscient and All-Perceiving. He, verily, is desirous of refinement, both for you yourselves and for all that ye possess; lay not aside the fear of God and be not of

the negligent. Whoso findeth that his means are insufficient to this purpose hath been excused by God, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bounteous.

Wash your feet once every day in summer, and once every three days during winter.

Should anyone wax angry with you, respond to him with gentleness; and should anyone upbraid you, forbear to upbraid him in return, but leave him to himself and put your trust in God, the omnipotent Avenger, the Lord of might and justice.

Ye have been prohibited from making use of pulpits. Whoso wisheth to recite unto you the verses of his Lord, let him sit on a chair placed upon a dais, that he may make mention of God, his Lord, and the Lord of all mankind. It is pleasing to God that ye should seat yourselves on chairs and benches as a mark of honour for the love ye bear for Him and for the Manifestation of His glorious and resplendent Cause.

Gambling and the use of opium have been forbidden unto you. Eschew them both, O people, and be not of those who transgress. Beware of using any substance that induceth sluggishness and torpor in the human temple and inflicteth harm upon the body. We, verily, desire for you naught save what shall profit you, and to this bear witness all created things, had ye but ears to hear.

Whensoever ye be invited to a banquet or festive occasion, respond with joy and gladness, and whoever fulfilleth his promise will be safe from reproof. This is a Day on which each of God's wise decrees hath been expounded.

Behold, the "mystery of the Great Reversal in the Sign of the Sovereign" hath now been made manifest. Well is it with him whom God hath aided to recognize the "Six" raised up by virtue of this "Upright Alif"; he, verily, is of those whose faith is true. How many the outwardly pious who have turned away, and how many the wayward who have drawn nigh, exclaiming: "All praise be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" In truth, it is in the hand of God to give what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth, and to withhold what He pleaseth from whomsoever He may wish. He knoweth the inner secrets of the hearts and the meaning hidden in a mocker's wink. How many an embodiment of heedlessness who came unto Us with purity of heart have We established upon the seat of Our acceptance; and how many an exponent of wisdom have We in all justice consigned to the fire. We are, in truth, the One to judge. He it is Who is the manifestation of "God doeth whatsoever He pleaseth", and abideth upon the throne of "He ordaineth whatsoever He chooseth".

Blessed is the one who discovereth the fragrance of inner meanings from the traces of this Pen through whose movement the breezes of God are wafted over the entire creation, and through whose stillness the very essence of tranquillity appeareth in the realm of being. Glorified be the All-Merciful, the Revealer of so inestimable a bounty. Say: Because He bore injustice, justice hath appeared on earth, and because He accepted abasement, the majesty of God hath shone forth amidst mankind.

It hath been forbidden you to carry arms unless essential, and permitted you to attire yourselves in silk. The Lord hath relieved you, as a bounty on His part, of the restrictions that formerly applied to clothing and to the trim of the beard. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omniscient. Let there be naught in your demeanour of which sound and upright minds would disapprove, and make not yourselves the playthings

of the ignorant. Well is it with him who hath adorned himself with the vesture of seemly conduct and a praiseworthy character. He is assuredly reckoned with those who aid their Lord through distinctive and outstanding deeds.

Promote ye the development of the cities of God and His countries, and glorify Him therein in the joyous accents of His well-favoured ones. In truth, the hearts of men are edified through the power of the tongue, even as houses and cities are built up by the hand and other means. We have assigned to every end a means for its accomplishment; avail yourselves thereof, and place your trust and confidence in God, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

Blessed is the man that hath acknowledged his belief in God and in His signs, and recognized that "He shall not be asked of His doings". Such a recognition hath been made by God the ornament of every belief and its very foundation. Upon it must depend the acceptance of every goodly deed. Fasten your eyes upon it, that haply the whisperings of the rebellious may not cause you to slip.

Were He to decree as lawful the thing which from time immemorial had been forbidden, and forbid that which had, at all times, been regarded as lawful, to none is given the right to question His authority. Whoso will hesitate, though it be for less than a moment, should be regarded as a transgressor.

. Whoso hath not recognized this sublime and fundamental verity, and hath failed to attain this most exalted station, the winds of doubt will agitate him, and the sayings of the infidels will distract his soul. He that hath acknowledged this principle will be endowed with the most perfect constancy. All honour to this all-glorious station, the remembrance of which adorneth every exalted Tablet. Such is the teaching which God bestoweth on you, a teaching that will deliver you from all manner of doubt and perplexity, and enable you to attain unto salvation in both this world and in the next. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. He it is Who hath sent forth the Messengers, and sent down the Books to proclaim "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise".

O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state displeasing unto God, and see proceeding from thee that which is inscrutable to anyone save Him, the Omniscient, the All-Informed; and We perceive that which secretly and stealthily diffuseth from thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things, inscribed in a lucid Tablet. Sorrow not for that which hath befallen thee. Erelong will God raise up within thee men endued with mighty valour, who will magnify My Name with such constancy that neither will they be deterred by the evil suggestions of the divines, nor will they be kept back by the insinuations of the sowers of doubt. With their own eyes will they behold God, and with their own lives will they render Him victorious. These, truly, are of those who are steadfast.

O concourse of divines! When My verses were sent down, and My clear tokens were revealed, We found you behind the veils. This, verily, is a strange thing. Ye glory in My Name, yet ye recognized Me not at the time your Lord, the All-Merciful, appeared amongst you with proof and testimony. We have rent the veils asunder. Beware lest ye shut out the people by yet another veil. Pluck asunder the chains of vain imaginings, in the name of the Lord of all men, and be not of the deceitful. Should ye turn unto God and embrace His Cause, spread not disorder within it, and measure not the Book of God with your selfish

desires. This, verily, is the counsel of God aforetime and hereafter, and to this God's witnesses and chosen ones, yea, each and every one of Us, do solemnly attest.

Call ye to mind the shaykh whose name was Muhammad-Hasan, who ranked among the most learned divines of his day. When the True One was made manifest, this shaykh, along with others of his calling, rejected Him, while a sifter of wheat and barley accepted Him and turned unto the Lord. Though he was occupied both night and day in setting down what he conceived to be the laws and ordinances of God, yet when He Who is the Unconstrained appeared, not one letter thereof availed him, or he would not have turned away from a Countenance that hath illumined the faces of the well-favoured of the Lord. Had ye believed in God when He revealed Himself, the people would not have turned aside from Him, nor would the things ye witness today have befallen Us. Fear God, and be not of the heedless.

Beware lest any name debar you from Him Who is the Possessor of all names, or any word shut you out from this Remembrance of God, this Source of Wisdom amongst you. Turn unto God and seek His protection, O concourse of divines, and make not of yourselves a veil between Me and My creatures. Thus doth your Lord admonish you, and command you to be just, lest your works should come to naught and ye yourselves be oblivious of your plight. Shall he who denieth this Cause be able to vindicate the truth of any cause throughout creation? Nay, by Him Who is the Fashioner of the universe! Yet the people are wrapped in a palpable veil. Say: Through this Cause the day-star of testimony hath dawned, and the luminary of proof hath shed its radiance upon all that dwell on earth. Fear God, O men of insight, and be not of those who disbelieve in Me. Take heed lest the word "Prophet" withhold you from this Most Great Announcement, or any reference to "Vicegerency" debar you from the sovereignty of Him Who is the Vicegerent of God, which overshadoweth all the worlds. Every name hath been created by His Word, and every cause is dependent on His irresistible, His mighty and wondrous Cause. Say: This is the Day of God, the Day on which naught shall be mentioned save His own Self, the omnipotent Protector of all worlds. This is the Cause that hath made all your superstitions and idols to tremble.

We, verily, see amongst you him who taketh hold of the Book of God and citeth from it proofs and arguments wherewith to repudiate his Lord, even as the followers of every other Faith sought reasons in their Holy Books for refuting Him Who is the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: God, the True One, is My witness that neither the Scriptures of the world, nor all the books and writings in existence, shall, in this Day, avail you aught without this, the Living Book, Who proclaimeth in the midmost heart of creation: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O concourse of divines! Beware lest ye be the cause of strife in the land, even as ye were the cause of the repudiation of the Faith in its early days. Gather the people around this Word that hath made the pebbles to cry out: "The Kingdom is God's, the Dawning-place of all signs!" Thus doth your Lord admonish you, as a bounty on His part; He, of a truth, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Call ye to mind Karim, and how, when We summoned him unto God, he waxed disdainful, prompted by his own desires; yet We had sent him that which was a solace to the eye of proof in the world of being and the fulfilment of God's testimony to all the denizens of earth and heaven. As a token of the grace of Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High, We bade him embrace the Truth. But he turned away until, as an act of justice from God, angels of wrath laid hold upon him. Unto this We truly were a witness.

Tear the veils asunder in such wise that the inmates of the Kingdom will hear them being rent. This is the command of God, in days gone by and for those to come. Blessed the man that observeth that whereunto he was bidden, and woe betide the negligent.

We, of a certainty, have had no purpose in this earthly realm save to make God manifest and to reveal His sovereignty; sufficient unto Me is God for a witness. We, of a certainty, have had no intent in the celestial Kingdom but to exalt His Cause and glorify His praise; sufficient unto Me is God for a protector. We, of a certainty, have had no desire in the Dominion on high except to extol God and what hath been sent down by Him; sufficient unto Me is God for a helper.

Happy are ye, O ye the learned ones in Baha. By the Lord! Ye are the billows of the Most Mighty Ocean, the stars of the firmament of Glory, the standards of triumph waving betwixt earth and heaven. Ye are the manifestations of steadfastness amidst men and the dayspring of Divine Utterance to all that dwell on earth. Well is it with him that turneth unto you, and woe betide the froward. This day, it behoveth whoso hath quaffed the Mystic Wine of everlasting life from the Hands of the loving-kindness of the Lord his God, the Merciful, to pulsate even as the throbbing artery in the body of mankind, that through him may be quickened the world and every crumbling bone.

O people of the world! When the Mystic Dove will have winged its flight from its Sanctuary of Praise and sought its far-off goal, its hidden habitation, refer ye whatsoever ye understand not in the Book to Him Who hath branched from this mighty Stock.

O Pen of the Most High! Move Thou upon the Tablet at the bidding of Thy Lord, the Creator of the Heavens, and tell of the time when He Who is the Dayspring of Divine Unity purposed to direct His steps towards the School of Transcendent Oneness; haply the pure in heart may gain thereby a glimpse, be it as small as a needle's eye, of the mysteries of Thy Lord, the Almighty, the Omniscient, that lie concealed behind the veils. Say: We, indeed, set foot within the School of inner meaning and explanation when all created things were unaware. We saw the words sent down by Him Who is the All-Merciful, and We accepted the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, which He presented unto Us, and hearkened unto that which He had solemnly affirmed in the Tablet. This we assuredly did behold. And We assented to His wish through Our behest, for truly We are potent to command.

O people of the Bayan! We, verily, set foot within the School of God when ye lay slumbering; and We perused the Tablet while ye were fast asleep. By the one true God! We read the Tablet ere it was revealed, while ye were unaware, and We had perfect knowledge of the Book when ye were yet unborn. These words are to your measure, not to God's. To this testifieth that which is enshrined within His knowledge, if ye be of them that comprehend; and to this the tongue of the Almighty doth bear witness, if ye be of those who understand. I swear by God, were We to lift the veil, ye would be dumbfounded.

Take heed that ye dispute not idly concerning the Almighty and His Cause, for lo! He hath appeared amongst you invested with a Revelation so great as to encompass all things, whether of the past or of the future. Were We to address Our theme by speaking in the language of the inmates of the Kingdom, We would say: "In truth, God created that School ere He created heaven and earth, and We entered it before the letters B and E were joined and knit together." Such is the language of Our servants in Our Kingdom;

consider what the tongue of the dwellers of Our exalted Dominion would utter, for We have taught them Our knowledge and have revealed to them whatever had lain hidden in God's wisdom. Imagine then what the Tongue of Might and Grandeur would utter in His All-Glorious Abode!

This is not a Cause which may be made a plaything for your idle fancies, nor is it a field for the foolish and faint of heart. By God, this is the arena of insight and detachment, of vision and upliftment, where none may spur on their chargers save the valiant horsemen of the Merciful, who have severed all attachment to the world of being. These, truly, are they that render God victorious on earth, and are the dawning-places of His sovereign might amidst mankind.

Beware lest aught that hath been revealed in the Bayan should keep you from your Lord, the Most Compassionate. God is My witness that the Bayan was sent down for no other purpose than to celebrate My praise, did ye but know! In it the pure in heart will find only the fragrance of My love, only My Name that overshadoweth all that seeth and is seen. Say: Turn ye, O people, unto that which hath proceeded from My Most Exalted Pen. Should ye inhale therefrom the fragrance of God, set not yourselves against Him, nor deny yourselves a portion of His gracious favour and His manifold bestowals. Thus doth your Lord admonish you; He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Omniscient.

Whatsoever ye understand not in the Bayan, ask it of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. Should He so desire, He will expound for you that which is revealed therein, and disclose to you the pearls of Divine knowledge and wisdom that lie concealed within the ocean of its words. He, verily, is supreme over all names; no God is there but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

The world's equilibrium hath been upset through the vibrating influence of this most great, this new World Order. Mankind's ordered life hath been revolutionized through the agency of this unique, this wondrous System–the like of which mortal eyes have never witnessed.

Immerse yourselves in the ocean of My words, that ye may unravel its secrets, and discover all the pearls of wisdom that lie hid in its depths. Take heed that ye do not vacillate in your determination to embrace the truth of this Cause–a Cause through which the potentialities of the might of God have been revealed, and His sovereignty established. With faces beaming with joy, hasten ye unto Him. This is the changeless Faith of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future. Let him that seeketh, attain it; and as to him that hath refused to seek it–verily, God is Self-Sufficient, above any need of His creatures.

Say: This is the infallible Balance which the Hand of God is holding, in which all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth are weighed, and their fate determined, if ye be of them that believe and recognize this truth. Say: This is the Most Great Testimony, by which the validity of every proof throughout the ages hath been established, would that ye might be assured thereof. Say: Through it the poor have been enriched, the learned enlightened, and the seekers enabled to ascend unto the presence of God. Beware lest ye make it a cause of dissension amongst you. Be ye as firmly settled as the immovable mountain in the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: O source of perversion! Abandon thy wilful blindness, and speak forth the truth amidst the people. I swear by God that I have wept for thee to see thee following thy selfish passions and renouncing Him Who fashioned thee and brought thee into being. Call to mind the tender mercy of thy Lord, and

remember how We nurtured thee by day and by night for service to the Cause. Fear God, and be thou of the truly repentant. Granted that the people were confused about thy station, is it conceivable that thou thyself art similarly confused? Tremble before thy Lord and recall the days when thou didst stand before Our throne, and didst write down the verses that We dictated unto thee–verses sent down by God, the Omnipotent Protector, the Lord of might and power. Beware lest the fire of thy presumptuousness debar thee from attaining to God's Holy Court. Turn unto Him, and fear not because of thy deeds. He, in truth, forgiveth whomsoever He desireth as a bounty on His part; no God is there but Him, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bounteous. We admonish thee solely for the sake of God. Shouldst thou accept this counsel, thou wilt have acted to thine own behoof; and shouldst thou reject it, thy Lord, verily, can well dispense with thee, and with all those who, in manifest delusion, have followed thee. Behold! God hath laid hold on him who led thee astray. Return unto God, humble, submissive and lowly; verily, He will put away from thee thy sins, for thy Lord, of a certainty, is the Forgiving, the Mighty, the All-Merciful.

This is the Counsel of God; would that thou mightest heed it! This is the Bounty of God; would that thou mightest receive it! This is the Utterance of God; if only thou wouldst apprehend it! This is the Treasure of God; if only thou couldst understand!

This is a Book which hath become the Lamp of the Eternal unto the world, and His straight, undeviating Path amidst the peoples of the earth. Say: This is the Dayspring of Divine knowledge, if ye be of them that understand, and the Dawning-place of God's commandments, if ye be of those who comprehend.

Burden not an animal with more than it can bear. We, truly, have prohibited such treatment through a most binding interdiction in the Book. Be ye the embodiments of justice and fairness amidst all creation.

Should anyone unintentionally take another's life, it is incumbent upon him to render to the family of the deceased an indemnity of one hundred mithqals of gold. Observe ye that which hath been enjoined upon you in this Tablet, and be not of those who overstep its limits.

O members of parliaments throughout the world! Select ye a single language for the use of all on earth, and adopt ye likewise a common script. God, verily, maketh plain for you that which shall profit you and enable you to be independent of others. He, of a truth, is the Most Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This will be the cause of unity, could ye but comprehend it, and the greatest instrument for promoting harmony and civilization, would that ye might understand! We have appointed two signs for the coming of age of the human race: the first, which is the most firm foundation, We have set down in other of Our Tablets, while the second hath been revealed in this wondrous Book.

It hath been forbidden you to smoke opium. We, truly, have prohibited this practice through a most binding interdiction in the Book. Should anyone partake thereof, assuredly he is not of Me. Fear God, O ye endued with understanding!

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Part One

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, THE EXALTED, THE MOST HIGH.

No man shall attain the shores of the ocean of true understanding except he be detached from all that is in heaven and on earth. Sanctify your souls, O ye peoples of the world, that haply ye may attain that station which God hath destined for you and enter thus the tabernacle which, according to the dispensations of Providence, hath been raised in the firmament of the Bayan.

The essence of these words is this: they that tread the path of faith, they that thirst for the wine of certitude, must cleanse themselves of all that is earthly–their ears from idle talk, their minds from vain imaginings, their hearts from worldly affections, their eyes from that which perisheth. They should put their trust in God, and, holding fast unto Him, follow in His way. Then will they be made worthy of the effulgent glories of the sun of divine knowledge and understanding, and become the recipients of a grace that is infinite and unseen, inasmuch as man can never hope to attain unto the knowledge of the All-Glorious, can never quaff from the stream of divine knowledge and wisdom, can never enter the abode of immortality, nor partake of the cup of divine nearness and favor, unless and until he ceases to regard the words and deeds of mortal men as a standard for the true understanding and recognition of God and His Prophets.

Consider the past. How many, both high and low, have, at all times, yearningly awaited the advent of the Manifestations of God in the sanctified persons of His chosen Ones. How often have they expected His coming, how frequently have they prayed that the breeze of divine mercy might blow, and the promised Beauty step forth from behind the veil of concealment, and be made manifest to all the world. And whensoever the portals of grace did open, and the clouds of divine bounty did rain upon mankind, and the light of the Unseen did shine above the horizon of celestial might, they all denied Him, and turned away from His face–the face of God Himself. Refer ye, to verify this truth, to that which hath been recorded in every sacred Book.

Ponder for a moment, and reflect upon that which hath been the cause of such denial on the part of those who have searched with such earnestness and longing. Their attack hath been more fierce than tongue or pen can describe. Not one single Manifestation of Holiness hath appeared but He was afflicted by the denials, the repudiation, and the vehement opposition of the people around Him. Thus it hath been revealed: “O the misery of men! No Messenger cometh unto them but they laugh Him to scorn.”1 Again He saith: “Each nation hath plotted darkly against their Messenger to lay violent hold on Him, and disputed with vain words to invalidate the truth.”2

In like manner, those words that have streamed forth from the source of power and descended from the heaven of glory are innumerable and beyond the ordinary comprehension of man. To them that are possessed of true understanding and insight the Súrah of Húd surely sufficeth. Ponder a while those holy words in your heart, and, with utter detachment, strive to grasp their meaning. Examine the wondrous behavior of the Prophets, and recall the defamations and denials uttered by the children of negation and falsehood, perchance you may cause the bird of the human heart to wing its flight away from the abodes of heedlessness and doubt unto the nest of faith and certainty, and drink deep from the pure waters of ancient wisdom, and partake of the fruit of the tree of divine knowledge. Such is the share of the pure in heart of the bread that hath descended from the realms of eternity and holiness.

Should you acquaint yourself with the indignities heaped upon the Prophets of God, and apprehend the true causes of the objections voiced by their oppressors, you will surely appreciate the significance of their position. Moreover, the more closely you observe the denials of those who have opposed the Manifestations of the divine attributes, the firmer will be your faith in the Cause of God. Accordingly, a brief mention will be made in this Tablet of divers accounts relative to the Prophets of God, that they may demonstrate the truth that throughout all ages and centuries the Manifestations of power and glory have been subjected to such heinous cruelties that no pen dare describe them. Perchance this may enable a few to cease to be perturbed by the clamor and protestations of the divines and the foolish of this age, and cause them to strengthen their confidence and certainty.

Among the Prophets was Noah. For nine hundred and fifty years He prayerfully exhorted His people and summoned them to the haven of security and peace. None, however, heeded His call. Each day they inflicted on His blessed person such pain and suffering that no one believed He could survive. How frequently they denied Him, how malevolently they hinted their suspicion against Him! Thus it hath been revealed: “And as often as a company of His people passed by Him, they derided Him. To them He said: ‘Though ye scoff at us now, we will scoff at you hereafter even as ye scoff at us. In the end ye shall know.’”3 Long afterward, He several times promised victory to His companions and fixed the hour thereof. But when the hour struck, the divine promise was not fulfilled. This caused a few among the small number of His followers to turn away from Him, and to this testify the records of the best-known books. These you must certainly have perused; if not, undoubtedly you will. Finally, as stated in books and traditions, there remained with Him only forty or seventy-two of His followers. At last from the depth of His being He cried aloud: “Lord! Leave not upon the land a single dweller from among the unbelievers.”4

And now, consider and reflect a moment upon the waywardness of this people. What could have been the reason for such denial and avoidance on their part? What could have induced them to refuse to put off the garment of denial, and to adorn themselves with the robe of acceptance? Moreover, what could have caused the nonfulfillment of the divine promise which led the seekers to reject that which they had accepted? Meditate profoundly, that the secret of things unseen may be revealed unto you, that you may inhale the sweetness of a spiritual and imperishable fragrance, and that you may acknowledge the truth that from time immemorial even unto eternity the Almighty hath tried, and will continue to try, His servants, so that light may be distinguished from darkness, truth from falsehood, right from wrong, guidance from error, happiness from misery, and roses from thorns. Even as He hath revealed: “Do men think when they say ‘We believe’ they shall be let alone and not be put to proof?”5

And after Noah the light of the countenance of Húd shone forth above the horizon of creation. For well-nigh seven hundred years, according to the sayings of men, He exhorted the people to turn their faces and draw nearer unto the Ria□□van of the divine presence. What showers of afflictions rained upon Him, until at last His adjurations bore the fruit of increased rebelliousness, and His assiduous endeavors resulted in the willful blindness of His people. “And their unbelief shall only increase for the unbelievers their own perdition.”6

And after Him there appeared from the Ria□□van of the Eternal, the Invisible, the holy person of a□□alia□□, Who again summoned the people to the river of everlasting life. For over a hundred years He

admonished them to hold fast unto the commandments of God and eschew that which is forbidden. His admonitions, however, yielded no fruit, and His pleading proved of no avail. Several times He retired and lived in seclusion. All this, although that eternal Beauty was summoning the people to no other than the city of God. Even as it is revealed: “And unto the tribe of Thamúd We sent their brother a□□alia□□. ‘O my people,’ said He, ‘Worship God, ye have none other God beside Him....’ They made reply: ‘O a□□alia□□, our hopes were fixed on thee until now; forbiddest thou us to worship that which our fathers worshipped? Truly we misdoubt that whereunto thou callest us as suspicious.’”7 All this proved fruitless, until at last there went up a great cry, and all fell into utter perdition.

Later, the beauty of the countenance of the Friend of God8 appeared from behind the veil, and another standard of divine guidance was hoisted. He invited the people of the earth to the light of righteousness. The more passionately He exhorted them, the fiercer waxed the envy and waywardness of the people, except those who wholly detached themselves from all save God, and ascended on the wings of certainty to the station which God hath exalted beyond the comprehension of men. It is well known what a host of enemies besieged Him, until at last the fires of envy and rebellion were kindled against Him. And after the episode of the fire came to pass, He, the lamp of God amongst men, was, as recorded in all books and chronicles, expelled from His city.

And when His day was ended, there came the turn of Moses. Armed with the rod of celestial dominion, adorned with the white hand of divine knowledge, and proceeding from the Paran of the love of God, and wielding the serpent of power and everlasting majesty, He shone forth from the Sinai of light upon the world. He summoned all the peoples and kindreds of the earth to the kingdom of eternity, and invited them to partake of the fruit of the tree of faithfulness. Surely you are aware of the fierce opposition of Pharaoh and his people, and of the stones of idle fancy which the hands of infidels cast upon that blessed Tree. So much so that Pharaoh and his people finally arose and exerted their utmost endeavor to extinguish with the waters of falsehood and denial the fire of that sacred Tree, oblivious of the truth that no earthly water can quench the flame of divine wisdom, nor mortal blasts extinguish the lamp of everlasting dominion. Nay, rather, such water cannot but intensify the burning of the flame, and such blasts cannot but ensure the preservation of the lamp, were ye to observe with the eye of discernment, and walk in the way of God’s holy will and pleasure. How well hath a believer of the kindred of Pharaoh, whose story is recounted by the All-Glorious in His Book revealed unto His beloved One, observed: “And a man of the family of Pharaoh who was a believer and concealed his faith said: ‘Will ye slay a man because he saith my Lord is God, when He hath already come to you with signs from your Lord? If he be a liar, on him will be his lie, but if he be a man of truth, part of what he threateneth will fall upon you. In truth God guideth not him who is a transgressor, a liar.’”9 Finally, so great was their iniquity that this selfsame believer was put to a shameful death. “The curse of God be upon the people of tyranny.”10

And now, ponder upon these things. What could have caused such contention and conflict? Why is it that the advent of every true Manifestation of God hath been accompanied by such strife and tumult, by such tyranny and upheaval? This notwithstanding the fact that all the Prophets of God, whenever made manifest unto the peoples of the world, have invariably foretold the coming of yet another Prophet after them, and have established such signs as would herald the advent of the future Dispensation. To this the records of all sacred books bear witness. Why then is it that despite the expectation of men in their quest

of the Manifestations of Holiness, and in spite of the signs recorded in the sacred books, such acts of violence, of oppression and cruelty, should have been perpetrated in every age and cycle against all the Prophets and chosen Ones of God? Even as He hath revealed: "As oft as an Apostle cometh unto you with that which your souls desire not, ye swell with pride, accusing some of being impostors and slaying others."11

Reflect, what could have been the motive for such deeds? What could have prompted such behavior towards the Revealers of the beauty of the All-Glorious? Whatever in days gone by hath been the cause of the denial and opposition of those people hath now led to the perversity of the people of this age. To maintain that the testimony of Providence was incomplete, that it hath therefore been the cause of the denial of the people, is but open blasphemy. How far from the grace of the All-Bountiful and from His loving providence and tender mercies it is to single out a soul from amongst all men for the guidance of His creatures, and, on one hand, to withhold from Him the full measure of His divine testimony, and, on the other, inflict severe retribution on His people for having turned away from His chosen One! Nay, the manifold bounties of the Lord of all beings have, at all times, through the Manifestations of His divine Essence, encompassed the earth and all that dwell therein. Not for a moment hath His grace been withheld, nor have the showers of His loving-kindness ceased to rain upon mankind. Consequently, such behavior can be attributed to naught save the petty-mindedness of such souls as tread the valley of arrogance and pride, are lost in the wilds of remoteness, walk in the ways of their idle fancy, and follow the dictates of the leaders of their faith. Their chief concern is mere opposition; their sole desire is to ignore the truth. Unto every discerning observer it is evident and manifest that had these people in the days of each of the Manifestations of the Sun of Truth sanctified their eyes, their ears, and their hearts from whatever they had seen, heard, and felt, they surely would not have been deprived of beholding the beauty of God, nor strayed far from the habitations of glory. But having weighed the testimony of God by the standard of their own knowledge, gleaned from the teachings of the leaders of their faith, and found it at variance with their limited understanding, they arose to perpetrate such unseemly acts.

Leaders of religion, in every age, have hindered their people from attaining the shores of eternal salvation, inasmuch as they held the reins of authority in their mighty grasp. Some for the lust of leadership, others through want of knowledge and understanding, have been the cause of the deprivation of the people. By their sanction and authority, every Prophet of God hath drunk from the chalice of sacrifice, and winged His flight unto the heights of glory. What unspeakable cruelties they that have occupied the seats of authority and learning have inflicted upon the true Monarchs of the world, those Gems of divine virtue! Content with a transitory dominion, they have deprived themselves of an everlasting sovereignty. Thus, their eyes beheld not the light of the countenance of the Well-Beloved, nor did their ears hearken unto the sweet melodies of the Bird of Desire. For this reason, in all sacred books mention hath been made of the divines of every age. Thus He saith: "O people of the Book! Why disbelieve the signs of God to which ye yourselves have been witnesses?"12 And also He saith: "O people of the Book! Why clothe ye the truth with falsehood? Why wittingly hide the truth?"13 Again, He saith: "Say, O people of the Book! Why repel believers from the way of God?"14 It is evident that by the "people of the Book," who have repelled their fellowmen from the straight path of God, is meant none

other than the divines of that age, whose names and character have been revealed in the sacred books, and alluded to in the verses and traditions recorded therein, were you to observe with the eye of God.

With fixed and steady gaze, born of the unerring eye of God, scan for a while the horizon of divine knowledge, and contemplate those words of perfection which the Eternal hath revealed, that haply the mysteries of divine wisdom, hidden ere now beneath the veil of glory and treasured within the tabernacle of His grace, may be made manifest unto you. The denials and protestations of these leaders of religion have, in the main, been due to their lack of knowledge and understanding. Those words uttered by the Revealers of the beauty of the one true God, setting forth the signs that should herald the advent of the Manifestation to come, they never understood nor fathomed. Hence they raised the standard of revolt, and stirred up mischief and sedition. It is obvious and manifest that the true meaning of the utterances of the Birds of Eternity is revealed to none except those that manifest the Eternal Being, and the melodies of the Nightingale of Holiness can reach no ear save that of the denizens of the everlasting realm. The Copt of tyranny can never partake of the cup touched by the lips of the Sept of justice, and the Pharaoh of unbelief can never hope to recognize the hand of the Moses of truth. Even as He saith: "None knoweth the meaning thereof except God and them that are well-grounded in knowledge."15 And yet, they have sought the interpretation of the Book from those that are wrapt in veils, and have refused to seek enlightenment from the fountainhead of knowledge.

And when the days of Moses were ended, and the light of Jesus, shining forth from the dayspring of the Spirit, encompassed the world, all the people of Israel arose in protest against Him. They clamored that He Whose advent the Bible had foretold must needs promulgate and fulfill the laws of Moses, whereas this youthful Nazarene, who laid claim to the station of the divine Messiah, had annulled the law of divorce and of the sabbath day–the most weighty of all the laws of Moses. Moreover, what of the signs of the Manifestation yet to come? These people of Israel are even unto the present day still expecting that Manifestation which the Bible hath foretold! How many Manifestations of Holiness, how many Revealers of the light everlasting, have appeared since the time of Moses, and yet Israel, wrapt in the densest veils of satanic fancy and false imaginings, is still expectant that the idol of her own handiwork will appear with such signs as she herself hath conceived! Thus hath God laid hold of them for their sins, hath extinguished in them the spirit of faith, and tormented them with the flames of the nethermost fire. And this for no other reason except that Israel refused to apprehend the meaning of such words as have been revealed in the Bible concerning the signs of the coming Revelation. As she never grasped their true significance, and, to outward seeming, such events never came to pass, she, therefore, remained deprived of recognizing the beauty of Jesus and of beholding the face of God. And they still await His coming! From time immemorial even unto this day, all the kindreds and peoples of the earth have clung to such fanciful and unseemly thoughts, and thus have deprived themselves of the clear waters streaming from the springs of purity and holiness.

In unfolding these mysteries, We have, in Our former Tablets which were addressed to a friend in the melodious language of a□□ijaz, cited a few of the verses revealed unto the Prophets of old. And now, responding to your request, We again shall cite, in these pages, those same verses, uttered this time in the wondrous accents of 'Iraq, that haply the sore athirst in the wilds of remoteness may attain unto the ocean of the divine presence, and they that languish in the wastes of separation be led unto the home of

eternal reunion. Thus the mists of error may be dispelled, and the all-resplendent light of divine guidance dawn forth above the horizon of human hearts. In God We put Our trust, and to Him We cry for help, that haply there may flow from this pen that which shall quicken the souls of men, that they may all arise from their beds of heedlessness and hearken unto the rustling of the leaves of Paradise, from the tree which the hand of divine power hath, by the permission of God, planted in the Ria□□van of the All-Glorious.

To them that are endowed with understanding, it is clear and manifest that when the fire of the love of Jesus consumed the veils of Jewish limitations, and His authority was made apparent and partially enforced, He, the Revealer of the unseen Beauty, addressing one day His disciples, referred unto His passing, and, kindling in their hearts the fire of bereavement, said unto them: "I go away and come again unto you." And in another place He said: "I go and another will come Who will tell you all that I have not told you, and will fulfill all that I have said." Both these sayings have but one meaning, were you to ponder upon the Manifestations of the Unity of God with divine insight.

Every discerning observer will recognize that in the Dispensation of the Qur'an both the Book and the Cause of Jesus were confirmed. As to the matter of names, Mua□□ammad, Himself, declared: "I am Jesus." He recognized the truth of the signs, prophecies, and words of Jesus, and testified that they were all of God. In this sense, neither the person of Jesus nor His writings hath differed from that of Mua□□ammad and of His holy Book, inasmuch as both have championed the Cause of God, uttered His praise, and revealed His commandments. Thus it is that Jesus, Himself, declared: "I go away and come again unto you." Consider the sun. Were it to say now, "I am the sun of yesterday," it would speak the truth. And should it, bearing the sequence of time in mind, claim to be other than that sun, it still would speak the truth. In like manner, if it be said that all the days are but one and the same, it is correct and true. And if it be said, with respect to their particular names and designations, that they differ, that again is true. For though they are the same, yet one doth recognize in each a separate designation, a specific attribute, a particular character. Conceive accordingly the distinction, variation, and unity characteristic of the various Manifestations of holiness, that thou mayest comprehend the allusions made by the Creator of all names and attributes to the mysteries of distinction and unity, and discover the answer to thy question as to why that everlasting Beauty should have, at sundry times, called Himself by different names and titles.

Afterwards, the companions and disciples of Jesus asked Him concerning those signs that must needs signalize the return of His manifestation. When, they asked, shall these things be? Several times they questioned that peerless Beauty, and, every time He made reply, He set forth a special sign that should herald the advent of the promised Dispensation. To this testify the records of the four Gospels.

This wronged One will cite but one of these instances, thus conferring upon mankind, for the sake of God, such bounties as are yet concealed within the treasury of the hidden and sacred Tree, that haply mortal men may not remain deprived of their share of the immortal fruit, and attain to a dewdrop of the waters of everlasting life which, from Baghdad, the "Abode of Peace," are being vouchsafed unto all mankind. We ask for neither meed nor reward. "We nourish your souls for the sake of God; we seek from you neither recompense nor thanks."16 This is the food that conferreth everlasting life upon the pure in heart and the illumined in spirit. This is the bread of which it is said: "Lord, send down upon us Thy bread from

heaven."17 This bread shall never be withheld from them that deserve it, nor can it ever be exhausted. It groweth everlastingly from the tree of grace; it descendeth at all seasons from the heavens of justice and mercy. Even as He saith: "Seest thou not to what God likeneth a good word? To a good tree; its root firmly fixed, and its branches reaching unto heaven: yielding its fruit in all seasons."18

O the pity! that man should deprive himself of this goodly gift, this imperishable bounty, this everlasting life. It behooveth him to prize this food that cometh from heaven, that perchance, through the wondrous favors of the Sun of Truth, the dead may be brought to life, and withered souls be quickened by the infinite Spirit. Make haste, O my brother, that while there is yet time our lips may taste of the immortal draft, for the breeze of life, now blowing from the city of the Well-Beloved, cannot last, and the streaming river of holy utterance must needs be stilled, and the portals of the Ria□□van cannot forever remain open. The day will surely come when the Nightingale of Paradise will have winged its flight away from its earthly abode unto its heavenly nest. Then will its melody be heard no more, and the beauty of the rose cease to shine. Seize the time, therefore, ere the glory of the divine springtime hath spent itself, and the Bird of Eternity ceased to warble its melody, that thy inner hearing may not be deprived of hearkening unto its call. This is My counsel unto thee and unto the beloved of God. Whosoever wisheth, let him turn thereunto; whosoever wisheth, let him turn away. God, verily, is independent of him and of that which he may see and witness.

These are the melodies, sung by Jesus, Son of Mary, in accents of majestic power in the Ria□□van of the Gospel, revealing those signs that must needs herald the advent of the Manifestation after Him. In the first Gospel according to Matthew it is recorded: And when they asked Jesus concerning the signs of His coming, He said unto them: "Immediately after the oppression19 of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the earth shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet."20 Rendered into the Persian tongue,21 the purport of these words is as follows: When the oppression and afflictions that are to befall mankind will have come to pass, then shall the sun be withheld from shining, the moon from giving light, the stars of heaven shall fall upon the earth, and the pillars of the earth shall quake. At that time, the signs of the Son of man shall appear in heaven, that is, the promised Beauty and Substance of life shall, when these signs have appeared, step forth out of the realm of the invisible into the visible world. And He saith: at that time, all the peoples and kindreds that dwell on earth shall bewail and lament, and they shall see that divine Beauty coming from heaven, riding upon the clouds with power, grandeur, and magnificence, sending His angels with a great sound of a trumpet. Similarly, in the three other Gospels, according to Luke, Mark, and John, the same statements are recorded. As We have referred at length to these in Our Tablets revealed in the Arabic tongue, We have made no mention of them in these pages, and have confined Ourselves to but one reference.

Inasmuch as the Christian divines have failed to apprehend the meaning of these words, and did not recognize their object and purpose, and have clung to the literal interpretation of the words of Jesus, they therefore became deprived of the streaming grace of the Mua□□ammadan Revelation and its showering bounties. The ignorant among the Christian community, following the example of the leaders of their

faith, were likewise prevented from beholding the beauty of the King of glory, inasmuch as those signs which were to accompany the dawn of the sun of the Mua□□ammadan Dispensation did not actually come to pass. Thus, ages have passed and centuries rolled away, and that most pure Spirit hath repaired unto the retreats of its ancient sovereignty. Once more hath the eternal Spirit breathed into the mystic trumpet, and caused the dead to speed out of their sepulchers of heedlessness and error unto the realm of guidance and grace. And yet, that expectant community still crieth out: When shall these things be? When shall the promised One, the object of our expectation, be made manifest, that we may arise for the triumph of His Cause, that we may sacrifice our substance for His sake, that we may offer up our lives in His path? In like manner, have such false imaginings caused other communities to stray from the Kawthar of the infinite mercy of Providence, and to be busied with their own idle thoughts.

Beside this passage, there is yet another verse in the Gospel wherein He saith: "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away."22 Thus it is that the adherents of Jesus maintained that the law of the Gospel shall never be annulled, and that whensoever the promised Beauty is made manifest and all the signs are revealed, He must needs reaffirm and establish the law proclaimed in the Gospel, so that there may remain in the world no faith but His faith. This is their fundamental belief. And their conviction is such that were a person to be made manifest with all the promised signs and to promulgate that which is contrary to the letter of the law of the Gospel, they must assuredly renounce him, refuse to submit to his law, declare him an infidel, and laugh him to scorn. This is proved by that which came to pass when the sun of the Mua□□ammadan Revelation was revealed. Had they sought with a humble mind from the Manifestations of God in every Dispensation the true meaning of these words revealed in the sacred books–words the misapprehension of which hath caused men to be deprived of the recognition of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, the ultimate Purpose–they surely would have been guided to the light of the Sun of Truth, and would have discovered the mysteries of divine knowledge and wisdom.

This servant will now share with thee a dewdrop out of the fathomless ocean of the truths treasured in these holy words, that haply discerning hearts may comprehend all the allusions and the implications of the utterances of the Manifestations of Holiness, so that the overpowering majesty of the Word of God may not prevent them from attaining unto the ocean of His names and attributes, nor deprive them of recognizing the Lamp of God which is the seat of the revelation of His glorified Essence.

As to the words–"Immediately after the oppression of those days"–they refer to the time when men shall become oppressed and afflicted, the time when the lingering traces of the Sun of Truth and the fruit of the Tree of knowledge and wisdom will have vanished from the midst of men, when the reins of mankind will have fallen into the grasp of the foolish and ignorant, when the portals of divine unity and understanding–the essential and highest purpose in creation–will have been closed, when certain knowledge will have given way to idle fancy, and corruption will have usurped the station of righteousness. Such a condition as this is witnessed in this day when the reins of every community have fallen into the grasp of foolish leaders, who lead after their own whims and desire. On their tongue the mention of God hath become an empty name; in their midst His holy Word a dead letter. Such is the sway of their desires, that the lamp of conscience and reason hath been quenched in their hearts, and this although the fingers of divine power have unlocked the portals of the knowledge of God, and the light of divine knowledge and heavenly grace hath illumined and inspired the essence of all created things, in

such wise that in each and every thing a door of knowledge hath been opened, and within every atom traces of the sun have been made manifest. And yet, in spite of all these manifold revelations of divine knowledge, which have encompassed the world, they still vainly imagine the door of knowledge to be closed, and the showers of mercy to be stilled. Clinging unto idle fancy, they have strayed far from the ’Urvatu’l-Vuthqa of divine knowledge. Their hearts seem not to be inclined to knowledge and the door thereof, neither think they of its manifestations, inasmuch as in idle fancy they have found the door that leadeth unto earthly riches, whereas in the manifestation of the Revealer of knowledge they find naught but the call to self-sacrifice. They therefore naturally hold fast unto the former, and flee from the latter. Though they recognize in their hearts the Law of God to be one and the same, yet from every direction they issue a new command, and in every season proclaim a fresh decree. No two are found to agree on one and the same law, for they seek no God but their own desire, and tread no path but the path of error. In leadership they have recognized the ultimate object of their endeavor, and account pride and haughtiness as the highest attainments of their heart’s desire. They have placed their sordid machinations above the divine decree, have renounced resignation unto the will of God, busied themselves with selfish calculation, and walked in the way of the hypocrite. With all their power and strength they strive to secure themselves in their petty pursuits, fearful lest the least discredit undermine their authority or blemish the display of their magnificence. Were the eye to be anointed and illumined with the collyrium of the knowledge of God, it would surely discover that a number of voracious beasts have gathered and preyed upon the carrion of the souls of men.

What “oppression” is greater than that which hath been recounted? What “oppression” is more grievous than that a soul seeking the truth, and wishing to attain unto the knowledge of God, should know not where to go for it and from whom to seek it? For opinions have sorely differed, and the ways unto the attainment of God have multiplied. This “oppression” is the essential feature of every Revelation. Unless it cometh to pass, the Sun of Truth will not be made manifest. For the break of the morn of divine guidance must needs follow the darkness of the night of error. For this reason, in all chronicles and traditions reference hath been made unto these things, namely that iniquity shall cover the surface of the earth and darkness shall envelop mankind. As the traditions referred to are well known, and as the purpose of this servant is to be brief, He will refrain from quoting the text of these traditions.

Were this “oppression” (which literally meaneth pressure) to be interpreted that the earth is to become contracted, or were men’s idle fancy to conceive similar calamities to befall mankind, it is clear and manifest that no such happenings can ever come to pass. They will assuredly protest that this prerequisite of divine revelation hath not been made manifest. Such hath been and still is their contention. Whereas, by “oppression” is meant the want of capacity to acquire spiritual knowledge and apprehend the Word of God. By it is meant that when the Daystar of Truth hath set, and the mirrors that reflect His light have departed, mankind will become afflicted with “oppression” and hardship, knowing not whither to turn for guidance. Thus We instruct thee in the interpretation of the traditions, and reveal unto thee the mysteries of divine wisdom, that haply thou mayest comprehend the meaning thereof, and be of them that have quaffed the cup of divine knowledge and understanding.

And now, concerning His words–“The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give light, and the stars shall fall from heaven.” By the terms “sun” and “moon,” mentioned in the writings of the Prophets

of God, is not meant solely the sun and moon of the visible universe. Nay rather, manifold are the meanings they have intended for these terms. In every instance they have attached to them a particular significance. Thus, by the "sun" in one sense is meant those Suns of Truth Who rise from the dayspring of ancient glory, and fill the world with a liberal effusion of grace from on high. These Suns of Truth are the universal Manifestations of God in the worlds of His attributes and names. Even as the visible sun that assisteth, as decreed by God, the true One, the Adored, in the development of all earthly things, such as the trees, the fruits, and colors thereof, the minerals of the earth, and all that may be witnessed in the world of creation, so do the divine Luminaries, by their loving care and educative influence, cause the trees of divine unity, the fruits of His oneness, the leaves of detachment, the blossoms of knowledge and certitude, and the myrtles of wisdom and utterance, to exist and be made manifest. Thus it is that through the rise of these Luminaries of God the world is made new, the waters of everlasting life stream forth, the billows of loving-kindness surge, the clouds of grace are gathered, and the breeze of bounty bloweth upon all created things. It is the warmth that these Luminaries of God generate, and the undying fires they kindle, which cause the light of the love of God to burn fiercely in the heart of humanity. It is through the abundant grace of these Symbols of Detachment that the Spirit of life everlasting is breathed into the bodies of the dead. Assuredly the visible sun is but a sign of the splendor of that Daystar of Truth, that Sun Which can never have a peer, a likeness, or rival. Through Him all things live, move, and have their being. Through His grace they are made manifest, and unto Him they all return. From Him all things have sprung, and unto the treasuries of His revelation they all have repaired. From Him all created things did proceed, and to the depositories of His law they did revert.

That these divine Luminaries seem to be confined at times to specific designations and attributes, as you have observed and are now observing, is due solely to the imperfect and limited comprehension of certain minds. Otherwise, they have been at all times, and will through eternity continue to be, exalted above every praising name, and sanctified from every descriptive attribute. The quintessence of every name can hope for no access unto their court of holiness, and the highest and purest of all attributes can never approach their kingdom of glory. Immeasurably high are the Prophets of God exalted above the comprehension of men, who can never know them except by their own Selves. Far be it from His glory that His chosen Ones should be magnified by any other than their own persons. Glorified are they above the praise of men; exalted are they above human understanding!

The term "suns" hath many a time been applied in the writings of the "immaculate Souls" unto the Prophets of God, those luminous Emblems of Detachment. Among those writings are the following words recorded in the "Prayer of Nudbih":23 "Whither are gone the resplendent Suns? Whereunto have departed those shining Moons and sparkling Stars?" Thus, it hath become evident that the terms "sun," "moon," and "stars" primarily signify the Prophets of God, the saints, and their companions, those Luminaries, the light of Whose knowledge hath shed illumination upon the worlds of the visible and the invisible.

In another sense, by these terms is intended the divines of the former Dispensation, who live in the days of the subsequent Revelations, and who hold the reins of religion in their grasp. If these divines be illumined by the light of the latter Revelation, they will be acceptable unto God, and will shine with a light everlasting. Otherwise, they will be declared as darkened, even though to outward seeming they be

leaders of men, inasmuch as belief and unbelief, guidance and error, felicity and misery, light and darkness, are all dependent upon the sanction of Him Who is the Daystar of Truth. Whosoever among the divines of every age receiveth, in the Day of Reckoning, the testimony of faith from the Source of true knowledge, he verily becometh the recipient of learning, of divine favor, and of the light of true understanding. Otherwise, he is branded as guilty of folly, denial, blasphemy, and oppression.

It is evident and manifest unto every discerning observer that even as the light of the star fadeth before the effulgent splendor of the sun, so doth the luminary of earthly knowledge, of wisdom, and understanding vanish into nothingness when brought face to face with the resplendent glories of the Sun of Truth, the Daystar of divine enlightenment.

That the term “sun” hath been applied to the leaders of religion is due to their lofty position, their fame, and renown. Such are the universally recognized divines of every age, who speak with authority, and whose fame is securely established. If they be in the likeness of the Sun of Truth, they will surely be accounted as the most exalted of all luminaries; otherwise, they are to be recognized as the focal centers of hellish fire. Even as He saith: “Verily, the sun and the moon are both condemned to the torment of infernal fire.”24 You are no doubt familiar with the interpretation of the term “sun” and “moon” mentioned in this verse; no need therefore to refer unto it. And whosoever is of the element of this “sun” and “moon,” that is, followeth the example of these leaders in setting his face towards falsehood and in turning away from the truth, he undoubtedly cometh out of infernal gloom and returneth thereunto.

And now, O seeker, it behooveth us firmly to cling unto the ’Urvatu’l-Vuthqa, that perchance we may leave behind the darksome night of error, and embrace the dawning light of divine guidance. Shall we not flee from the face of denial, and seek the sheltering shadow of certitude? Shall we not free ourselves from the horror of satanic gloom, and hasten towards the rising light of the heavenly Beauty? In such wise, we bestow upon you the fruit of the Tree of divine knowledge, that ye may gladly and joyously abide in the Ria□□van of divine wisdom.

In another sense, by the terms “sun,” “moon,” and “stars” are meant such laws and teachings as have been established and proclaimed in every Dispensation, such as the laws of prayer and fasting. These have, according to the law of the Qur’an, been regarded, when the beauty of the Prophet Mua□□ammad had passed beyond the veil, as the most fundamental and binding laws of His dispensation. To this testify the texts of the traditions and chronicles, which, on account of their being widely known, need not be referred to here. Nay rather, in every Dispensation the law concerning prayer hath been emphasized and universally enforced. To this testify the recorded traditions ascribed to the lights that have emanated from the Daystar of Truth, the essence of the Prophet Mua□□ammad.

The traditions established the fact that in all Dispensations the law of prayer hath constituted a fundamental element of the Revelation of all the Prophets of God–a law the form and the manner of which hath been adapted to the varying requirements of every age. Inasmuch as every subsequent Revelation hath abolished the manners, habits, and teachings that have been clearly, specifically, and firmly established by the former Dispensation, these have accordingly been symbolically expressed in terms of “sun” and “moon.” “That He might prove you, which of you excel in deeds.”25

Moreover, in the traditions the terms “sun” and “moon” have been applied to prayer and fasting, even as it is said: “Fasting is illumination, prayer is light.” One day, a well-known divine came to visit Us. While We were conversing with him, he referred to the above-quoted tradition. He said: “Inasmuch as fasting causeth the heat of the body to increase, it hath therefore been likened unto the light of the sun; and as the prayer of the night-season refresheth man, it hath been compared unto the radiance of the moon.” Thereupon We realized that that poor man had not been favored with a single drop of the ocean of true understanding, and had strayed far from the Burning Bush of divine wisdom. We then politely observed to him saying: “The interpretation your honor hath given to this tradition is the one current amongst the people. Could it not be interpreted differently?” He asked Us: “What could it be?” We made reply: “Mua□□ammad, the Seal of the Prophets, and the most distinguished of God’s chosen Ones, hath likened the Dispensation of the Qur’an unto heaven, by reason of its loftiness, its paramount influence, its majesty, and the fact that it comprehendeth all religions. And as the sun and moon constitute the brightest and most prominent luminaries in the heavens, similarly in the heaven of the religion of God two shining orbs have been ordained–fasting and prayer. ‘Islam is heaven; fasting is its sun, prayer, its moon.’”

This is the purpose underlying the symbolic words of the Manifestations of God. Consequently, the application of the terms “sun” and “moon” to the things already mentioned hath been demonstrated and justified by the text of the sacred verses and the recorded traditions. Hence, it is clear and manifest that by the words “the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven” is intended the waywardness of the divines, and the annulment of laws firmly established by divine Revelation, all of which, in symbolic language, have been foreshadowed by the Manifestation of God. None except the righteous shall partake of this cup, none but the godly can share therein. “The righteous shall drink of a cup tempered at the camphor fountain.”26

It is unquestionable that in every succeeding Revelation the “sun” and “moon” of the teachings, laws, commandments, and prohibitions which have been established in the preceding Dispensation, and which have overshadowed the people of that age, become darkened, that is, are exhausted, and cease to exert their influence. Consider now, had the people of the Gospel recognized the meaning of the symbolic terms “sun” and “moon,” had they sought, unlike the froward and perverse, enlightenment from Him Who is the Revealer of divine knowledge, they would have surely comprehended the purpose of these terms, and would not have become afflicted and oppressed by the darkness of their selfish desires. Yea, but since they have failed to acquire true knowledge from its very Source, they have perished in the perilous vale of waywardness and misbelief. They still have not awakened to perceive that all the signs foretold have been made manifest, that the promised Sun hath risen above the horizon of divine Revelation, and that the “sun” and “moon” of the teachings, the laws, and learning of a former Dispensation have darkened and set.

And now, with fixed gaze and steady wings enter thou the way of certitude and truth. “Say: It is God; then leave them to entertain themselves with their cavilings.”27 Thus, wilt thou be accounted of those companions of whom He saith: “They that say ‘Our Lord is God,’ and continue steadfast in His way, upon them, verily, shall the angels descend.”28 Then shalt thou witness all these mysteries with thine own eyes.

O my brother! Take thou the step of the spirit, so that, swift as the twinkling of an eye, thou mayest flash through the wilds of remoteness and bereavement, attain the Ria□□van of everlasting reunion, and in one breath commune with the heavenly Spirits. For with human feet thou canst never hope to traverse these immeasurable distances, nor attain thy goal. Peace be upon him whom the light of truth guideth unto all truth, and who, in the name of God, standeth in the path of His Cause, upon the shore of true understanding.

This is the meaning of the sacred verse: "But nay! I swear by the Lord of the Easts and the Wests,"29 inasmuch as the "Suns" referred to have each their own particular rising and setting place. And as the commentators of the Qur'an have failed to grasp the symbolic meaning of these "Suns," they therefore were at pains to interpret the above-quoted verse. Some of them maintained that owing to the fact that the sun each day rises from a different point, the terms "easts" and "wests" have been mentioned in the plural. Others have written that by this verse the four seasons of the year are intended, inasmuch as the dawning and setting points of the sun vary with the change of the seasons. Such is the depth of their understanding! Nonetheless, they persist in imputing error and folly to those Gems of knowledge, those irreproachable and purest Symbols of wisdom.

In like manner, strive thou to comprehend from these lucid, these powerful, conclusive, and unequivocal statements the meaning of the "cleaving of the heaven"–one of the signs that must needs herald the coming of the last Hour, the Day of Resurrection. As He hath said: "When the heaven shall be cloven asunder."30 By "heaven" is meant the heaven of divine Revelation, which is elevated with every Manifestation, and rent asunder with every subsequent one. By "cloven asunder" is meant that the former Dispensation is superseded and annulled. I swear by God! That this heaven being cloven asunder is, to the discerning, an act mightier than the cleaving of the skies! Ponder a while. That a divine Revelation which for years hath been securely established; beneath whose shadow all who have embraced it have been reared and nurtured; by the light of whose law generations of men have been disciplined; the excellency of whose word men have heard recounted by their fathers; in such wise that human eye hath beheld naught but the pervading influence of its grace, and mortal ear hath heard naught but the resounding majesty of its command–what act is mightier than that such a Revelation should, by the power of God, be "cloven asunder" and be abolished at the appearance of one soul? Reflect, is this a mightier act than that which these abject and foolish men have imagined the "cleaving of the heaven" to mean?

Moreover, consider the hardships and the bitterness of the lives of those Revealers of the divine Beauty. Reflect, how single-handed and alone they faced the world and all its peoples, and promulgated the Law of God! No matter how severe the persecutions inflicted upon those holy, those precious, and tender Souls, they still remained, in the plenitude of their power, patient, and, despite their ascendancy, they suffered and endured.

In like manner, endeavor to comprehend the meaning of the "changing of the earth." Know thou, that upon whatever hearts the bountiful showers of mercy, raining from the "heaven" of divine Revelation, have fallen, the earth of those hearts hath verily been changed into the earth of divine knowledge and wisdom. What myrtles of unity hath the soil of their hearts produced! What blossoms of true knowledge

and wisdom hath their illumined bosoms yielded! Were the earth of their hearts to remain unchanged, how could such souls who have not been taught one letter, have seen no teacher, and entered no school, utter such words and display such knowledge as none can apprehend? Methinks they have been molded from the clay of infinite knowledge, and kneaded with the water of divine wisdom. Therefore, hath it been said: "Knowledge is a light which God casteth into the heart of whomsoever He willeth." It is this kind of knowledge which is and hath ever been praiseworthy, and not the limited knowledge that hath sprung forth from veiled and obscured minds. This limited knowledge they even stealthily borrow one from the other, and vainly pride themselves therein!

Would that the hearts of men could be cleansed from these manmade limitations and obscure thoughts imposed upon them! haply they may be illumined by the light of the Sun of true knowledge, and comprehend the mysteries of divine wisdom. Consider now, were the parched and barren soil of these hearts to remain unchanged, how could they ever become the recipients of the revelation of the mysteries of God, and the revealers of the divine Essence? Thus hath He said: "On the day when the earth shall be changed into another earth."31

The breeze of the bounty of the King of creation hath caused even the physical earth to be changed, were ye to ponder in your hearts the mysteries of divine Revelation.

And now, comprehend the meaning of this verse: "The whole earth shall on the Resurrection Day be but His handful, and in His right hand shall the heavens be folded together. Praise be to Him! and high be He uplifted above the partners they join with him!"32 And now, be fair in thy judgment. Were this verse to have the meaning which men suppose it to have, of what profit, one may ask, could it be to man? Moreover, it is evident and manifest that no such hand as could be seen by human eye could accomplish such deeds, or could possibly be ascribed to the exalted Essence of the one true God. Nay, to acknowledge such a thing is naught but sheer blasphemy, an utter perversion of the truth. And should it be supposed that by this verse are meant the Manifestations of God, Who will be called upon, on the Day of Judgment, to perform such deeds, this too seemeth far from the truth, and is surely of no profit. On the contrary, by the term "earth" is meant the earth of understanding and knowledge, and by "heavens" the heavens of divine Revelation. Reflect thou, how, in one hand, He hath, by His mighty grasp, turned the earth of knowledge and understanding, previously unfolded, into a mere handful, and, on the other, spread out a new and highly exalted earth in the hearts of men, thus causing the freshest and loveliest blossoms, and the mightiest and loftiest trees to spring forth from the illumined bosom of man.

In like manner, reflect how the elevated heavens of the Dispensations of the past have, in the right hand of power, been folded together, how the heavens of divine Revelation have been raised by the command of God, and been adorned by the sun, the moon, and stars of His wondrous commandments. Such are the mysteries of the Word of God, which have been unveiled and made manifest, that haply thou mayest apprehend the morning light of divine guidance, mayest quench, by the power of reliance and renunciation, the lamp of idle fancy, of vain imaginings, of hesitation, and doubt, and mayest kindle, in the inmost chamber of thine heart, the newborn light of divine knowledge and certitude.

Know verily that the purpose underlying all these symbolic terms and abstruse allusions, which emanate from the Revealers of God's holy Cause, hath been to test and prove the peoples of the world; that

thereby the earth of the pure and illuminated hearts may be known from the perishable and barren soil. From time immemorial such hath been the way of God amidst His creatures, and to this testify the records of the sacred books.

And likewise, reflect upon the revealed verse concerning the "Qiblih."33 When Mua□□ammad, the Sun of Prophethood, had fled from the dayspring of Baa□□a□□a34 unto Yathrib,35 He continued to turn His face, while praying, unto Jerusalem, the holy city, until the time when the Jews began to utter unseemly words against Him–words which if mentioned would ill befit these pages and would weary the reader. Mua□□ammad strongly resented these words. Whilst, wrapt in meditation and wonder, He was gazing toward heaven, He heard the kindly Voice of Gabriel, saying: "We behold Thee from above, turning Thy face to heaven; but We will have Thee turn to a Qiblih which shall please Thee."36 On a subsequent day, when the Prophet, together with His companions, was offering the noontide prayer, and had already performed two of the prescribed Rak'ats,37 the Voice of Gabriel was heard again: "Turn Thou Thy face towards the sacred Mosque."3839 In the midst of that same prayer, Mua□□ammad suddenly turned His face away from Jerusalem and faced the Ka'bih. Whereupon, a profound dismay seized suddenly the companions of the Prophet. Their faith was shaken severely. So great was their alarm, that many of them, discontinuing their prayer, apostatized their faith. Verily, God caused not this turmoil but to test and prove His servants. Otherwise, He, the ideal King, could easily have left the Qiblih unchanged, and could have caused Jerusalem to remain the Point of Adoration unto His Dispensation, thereby withholding not from that holy city the distinction of acceptance which had been conferred upon it.

None of the many Prophets sent down, since Moses was made manifest, as Messengers of the Word of God, such as David, Jesus, and others among the more exalted Manifestations who have appeared during the intervening period between the Revelations of Moses and Mua□□ammad, ever altered the law of the Qiblih. These Messengers of the Lord of creation have, one and all, directed their peoples to turn unto the same direction. In the eyes of God, the ideal King, all the places of the earth are one and the same, excepting that place which, in the days of His Manifestations, He doth appoint for a particular purpose. Even as He hath revealed: "The East and West are God's: therefore whichever way ye turn, there is the face of God."40 Notwithstanding the truth of these facts, why should the Qiblih have been changed, thus casting such dismay amongst the people, causing the companions of the Prophet to waver, and throwing so great a confusion into their midst? Yea, such things as throw consternation into the hearts of all men come to pass only that each soul may be tested by the touchstone of God, that the true may be known and distinguished from the false. Thus hath He revealed after the breach amongst the people: "We did not appoint that which Thou wouldst have to be the Qiblih, but that We might know him who followeth the Apostle from him who turneth on his heels."41 "Affrighted asses fleeing from a lion."42

Were you to ponder, but for a while, these utterances in your heart, you would surely find the portals of understanding unlocked before your face, and would behold all knowledge and the mysteries thereof unveiled before your eyes. Such things take place only that the souls of men may develop and be delivered from the prison-cage of self and desire. Otherwise, that ideal King hath, throughout eternity, been in His Essence independent of the comprehension of all beings, and will continue, forever, in His own Being to be exalted above the adoration of every soul. A single breeze of His affluence doth suffice to adorn all mankind with the robe of wealth; and one drop out of the ocean of His bountiful grace is

enough to confer upon all beings the glory of everlasting life. But inasmuch as the divine Purpose hath decreed that the true should be known from the false, and the sun from the shadow, He hath, therefore, in every season sent down upon mankind the showers of tests from His realm of glory.

Were men to meditate upon the lives of the Prophets of old, so easily would they come to know and understand the ways of these Prophets that they would cease to be veiled by such deeds and words as are contrary to their own worldly desires, and thus consume every intervening veil with the fire burning in the Bush of divine knowledge, and abide secure upon the throne of peace and certitude. For instance, consider Moses, son of 'Imran, one of the exalted Prophets and Author of a divinely revealed Book. Whilst passing, one day, through the market, in His early days, ere His ministry was proclaimed, He saw two men engaged in fighting. One of them asked the help of Moses against his opponent. Whereupon, Moses intervened and slew him. To this testifieth the record of the sacred Book. Should the details be cited, they will lengthen and interrupt the course of the argument. The report of this incident spread throughout the city, and Moses was full of fear, as is witnessed by the text of the Book. And when the warning: "O Moses! of a truth, the chiefs take counsel to slay Thee"43 reached His ears, He went forth from the city, and sojourned in Midian in the service of Shoeb. While returning, Moses entered the holy vale, situate in the wilderness of Sinai, and there beheld the vision of the King of glory from the "Tree that belongeth neither to the East nor to the West."44 There He heard the soul-stirring Voice of the Spirit speaking from out of the kindled Fire, bidding Him to shed upon Pharaonic souls the light of divine guidance; so that, liberating them from the shadows of the valley of self and desire, He might enable them to attain the meads of heavenly delight, and delivering them, through the Salsabíl of renunciation, from the bewilderment of remoteness, cause them to enter the peaceful city of the divine presence. When Moses came unto Pharaoh and delivered unto him, as bidden by God, the divine Message, Pharaoh spoke insultingly saying: "Art thou not he that committed murder, and became an infidel?" Thus recounted the Lord of majesty as having been said by Pharaoh unto Moses: "What a deed is that which Thou hast done! Thou art one of the ungrateful. He said: 'I did it indeed, and I was one of those who erred. And I fled from you when I feared you, but My Lord hath given Me wisdom, and hath made Me one of His Apostles.'"45

And now ponder in thy heart the commotion which God stirreth up. Reflect upon the strange and manifold trials with which He doth test His servants. Consider how He hath suddenly chosen from among His servants, and entrusted with the exalted mission of divine guidance Him Who was known as guilty of homicide, Who, Himself, had acknowledged His cruelty, and Who for well-nigh thirty years had, in the eyes of the world, been reared in the home of Pharaoh and been nourished at his table. Was not God, the omnipotent King, able to withhold the hand of Moses from murder, so that manslaughter should not be attributed unto Him, causing bewilderment and aversion among the people?

Likewise, reflect upon the state and condition of Mary. So deep was the perplexity of that most beauteous countenance, so grievous her case, that she bitterly regretted she had ever been born. To this beareth witness the text of the sacred verse wherein it is mentioned that after Mary had given birth to Jesus, she bemoaned her plight and cried out: "O would that I had died ere this, and been a thing forgotten, forgotten quite!"46 I swear by God! Such lamenting consumeth the heart and shaketh the being. Such consternation of soul, such despondency, could have been caused by no other than the censure of the enemy and the cavilings of the infidel and perverse. Reflect, what answer could Mary have

given to the people around her? How could she claim that a Babe Whose father was unknown had been conceived of the Holy Ghost? Therefore did Mary, that veiled and immortal Countenance, take up her Child and return unto her home. No sooner had the eyes of the people fallen upon her than they raised their voice saying: "O sister of Aaron! Thy father was not a man of wickedness, nor unchaste thy mother."47

And now, meditate upon this most great convulsion, this grievous test. Notwithstanding all these things, God conferred upon that essence of the Spirit, Who was known amongst the people as fatherless, the glory of Prophethood, and made Him His testimony unto all that are in heaven and on earth.

Behold how contrary are the ways of the Manifestations of God, as ordained by the King of creation, to the ways and desires of men! As thou comest to comprehend the essence of these divine mysteries, thou wilt grasp the purpose of God, the divine Charmer, the Best-Beloved. Thou wilt regard the words and the deeds of that almighty Sovereign as one and the same; in such wise that whatsoever thou dost behold in His deeds, the same wilt thou find in His sayings, and whatsoever thou dost read in His sayings, that wilt thou recognize in His deeds. Thus it is that outwardly such deeds and words are the fire of vengeance unto the wicked, and inwardly the waters of mercy unto the righteous. Were the eye of the heart to open, it would surely perceive that the words revealed from the heaven of the will of God are at one with, and the same as, the deeds that have emanated from the Kingdom of divine power.

And now, take heed, O brother! If such things be revealed in this Dispensation, and such incidents come to pass, at the present time, what would the people do? I swear by Him Who is the true Educator of mankind and the Revealer of the Word of God that the people would instantly and unquestionably pronounce Him an infidel and would sentence Him to death. How far are they from hearkening unto the voice that declareth: Lo! a Jesus hath appeared out of the breath of the Holy Ghost, and a Moses summoned to a divinely appointed task! Were a myriad voices to be raised, no ear would listen if We said that upon a fatherless Child hath been conferred the mission of Prophethood, or that a murderer hath brought from the flame of the Burning Bush the message of "Verily, verily, I am God!"

If the eye of justice be opened, it will readily recognize, in the light of that which hath been mentioned, that He, Who is the Cause and ultimate Purpose of all these things, is made manifest in this day. Though similar events have not occurred in this Dispensation, yet the people still cling to such vain imaginings as are cherished by the reprobate. How grievous the charges brought against Him! How severe the persecutions inflicted upon Him–charges and persecutions the like of which men have neither seen nor heard!

Great God! When the stream of utterance reached this stage, We beheld, and lo! the sweet savors of God were being wafted from the dayspring of Revelation, and the morning breeze was blowing out of the Sheba of the Eternal. Its tidings rejoiced anew the heart, and imparted immeasurable gladness to the soul. It made all things new, and brought unnumbered and inestimable gifts from the unknowable Friend. The robe of human praise can never hope to match Its noble stature, and Its shining figure the mantle of utterance can never fit. Without word It unfoldeth the inner mysteries, and without speech It revealeth the secrets of the divine sayings. It teacheth lamentation and moaning to the nightingales warbling upon the bough of remoteness and bereavement, instructeth them in the art of love's ways, and showeth them

the secret of heart-surrender. To the flowers of the Ria□□van of heavenly reunion It revealeth the endearments of the impassioned lover, and unveileth the charm of the fair. Upon the anemones of the garden of love It bestoweth the mysteries of truth, and within the breasts of lovers It entrusteth the symbols of the innermost subtleties. At this hour, so liberal is the outpouring of Its grace that the holy Spirit itself is envious! It hath imparted to the drop the waves of the sea, and endowed the mote with the splendor of the sun. So great are the overflowings of Its bounty that the foulest beetle hath sought the perfume of the musk, and the bat the light of the sun. It hath quickened the dead with the breath of life, and caused them to speed out of the sepulchers of their mortal bodies. It hath established the ignorant upon the seats of learning, and elevated the oppressor to the throne of justice.

The universe is pregnant with these manifold bounties, awaiting the hour when the effects of Its unseen gifts will be made manifest in this world, when the languishing and sore athirst will attain the living Kawthar of their Well-Beloved, and the erring wanderer, lost in the wilds of remoteness and nothingness, will enter the tabernacle of life, and attain reunion with his heart's desire. In the soil of whose heart will these holy seeds germinate? From the garden of whose soul will the blossoms of the invisible realities spring forth? Verily, I say, so fierce is the blaze of the Bush of love, burning in the Sinai of the heart, that the streaming waters of holy utterance can never quench its flame. Oceans can never allay this Leviathan's burning thirst, and this Phoenix of the undying fire can abide nowhere save in the glow of the countenance of the Well-Beloved. Therefore, O brother! kindle with the oil of wisdom the lamp of the spirit within the innermost chamber of thy heart, and guard it with the globe of understanding, that the breath of the infidel may extinguish not its flame nor dim its brightness. Thus have We illuminated the heavens of utterance with the splendors of the Sun of divine wisdom and understanding, that thy heart may find peace, that thou mayest be of those who, on the wings of certitude, have soared unto the heaven of the love of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

And now, concerning His words: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven." By these words it is meant that when the sun of the heavenly teachings hath been eclipsed, the stars of the divinely established laws have fallen, and the moon of true knowledge–the educator of mankind–hath been obscured; when the standards of guidance and felicity have been reversed, and the morn of truth and righteousness hath sunk in night, then shall the sign of the Son of man appear in heaven. By "heaven" is meant the visible heaven, inasmuch as when the hour draweth nigh on which the Daystar of the heaven of justice shall be made manifest, and the Ark of divine guidance shall sail upon the sea of glory, a star will appear in the heaven, heralding unto its people the advent of that most great light. In like manner, in the invisible heaven a star shall be made manifest who, unto the peoples of the earth, shall act as a harbinger of the break of that true and exalted Morn. These twofold signs, in the visible and the invisible heaven, have announced the Revelation of each of the Prophets of God, as is commonly believed.

Among the Prophets was Abraham, the Friend of God. Ere He manifested Himself, Nimrod dreamed a dream. Thereupon, he summoned the soothsayers, who informed him of the rise of a star in the heaven. Likewise, there appeared a herald who announced throughout the land the coming of Abraham.

After Him came Moses, He Who held converse with God. The soothsayers of His time warned Pharaoh in these terms: "A star hath risen in the heaven, and lo! it foreshadoweth the conception of a Child Who

holdeth your fate and the fate of your people in His hand." In like manner, there appeared a sage who, in the darkness of the night, brought tidings of joy unto the people of Israel, imparting consolation to their souls, and assurance to their hearts. To this testify the records of the sacred books. Were the details to be mentioned, this epistle would swell into a book. Moreover, it is not Our wish to relate the stories of the days that are past. God is Our witness that what We even now mention is due solely to Our tender affection for thee, that haply the poor of the earth may attain the shores of the sea of wealth, the ignorant be led unto the ocean of divine knowledge, and they that thirst for understanding partake of the Salsabíl of divine wisdom. Otherwise, this servant regardeth the consideration of such records a grave mistake and a grievous transgression.

In like manner, when the hour of the Revelation of Jesus drew nigh, a few of the Magi, aware that the star of Jesus had appeared in heaven, sought and followed it, till they came unto the city which was the seat of the Kingdom of Herod. The sway of his sovereignty in those days embraced the whole of that land.

These Magi said: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him!"48 When they had searched, they found out that in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, the Child had been born. This was the sign that was manifested in the visible heaven. As to the sign in the invisible heaven–the heaven of divine knowledge and understanding–it was Yaa□□ya, son of Zachariah, who gave unto the people the tidings of the Manifestation of Jesus. Even as He hath revealed: "God announceth Yaa□□ya to thee, who shall bear witness unto the Word from God, and a great one and chaste."49 By the term "Word" is meant Jesus, Whose coming Yaa□□ya foretold. Moreover, in the heavenly Scriptures it is written: "John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."50 By John is meant Yaa□□ya.

Likewise, ere the beauty of Mua□□ammad was unveiled, the signs of the visible heaven were made manifest. As to the signs of the invisible heaven, there appeared four men who successively announced unto the people the joyful tidings of the rise of that divine Luminary. Rúz-bih, later named Salman, was honored by being in their service. As the end of one of these approached, he would send Rúz-bih unto the other, until the fourth who, feeling his death to be nigh, addressed Rúz-bih saying: "O Rúz-bih! when thou hast taken up my body and buried it, go to a□□ijaz for there the Daystar of Mua□□ammad will arise. Happy art thou, for thou shalt behold His face!"

And now concerning this wondrous and most exalted Cause. Know thou verily that many an astronomer hath announced the appearance of its star in the visible heaven. Likewise, there appeared on earth Aa□□mad and Kaa□□im,51 those twin resplendent lights–may God sanctify their resting-place!

From all that We have stated it hath become clear and manifest that before the revelation of each of the Mirrors reflecting the divine Essence, the signs heralding their advent must needs be revealed in the visible heaven as well as in the invisible, wherein is the seat of the sun of knowledge, of the moon of wisdom, and of the stars of understanding and utterance. The sign of the invisible heaven must needs be revealed in the person of that perfect man who, before each Manifestation appeareth, educateth, and prepareth the souls of men for the advent of the divine Luminary, the Light of the unity of God amongst men.

And now, with reference to His words: “And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” These words signify that in those days men will lament the loss of the Sun of the divine beauty, of the Moon of knowledge, and of the Stars of divine wisdom. Thereupon, they will behold the countenance of the promised One, the adored Beauty, descending from heaven and riding upon the clouds. By this is meant that the divine Beauty will be made manifest from the heaven of the will of God, and will appear in the form of the human temple. The term “heaven” denoteth loftiness and exaltation, inasmuch as it is the seat of the revelation of those Manifestations of Holiness, the Daysprings of ancient glory. These ancient Beings, though delivered from the womb of their mother, have in reality descended from the heaven of the will of God. Though they be dwelling on this earth, yet their true habitations are the retreats of glory in the realms above. Whilst walking amongst mortals, they soar in the heaven of the divine presence. Without feet they tread the path of the spirit, and without wings they rise unto the exalted heights of divine unity. With every fleeting breath they cover the immensity of space, and at every moment traverse the kingdoms of the visible and the invisible. Upon their thrones is written: “Nothing whatsoever keepeth Him from being occupied with any other thing”; and on their seats is inscribed: “Verily, His ways differ every day.”52 They are sent forth through the transcendent power of the Ancient of Days, and are raised up by the exalted will of God, the most mighty King. This is what is meant by the words: “coming in the clouds of heaven.”

In the utterances of the divine Luminaries the term “heaven” hath been applied to many and divers things; such as the “heaven of Command,” the “heaven of Will,” the “heaven of the divine Purpose,” the “heaven of divine Knowledge,” the “heaven of Certitude,” the “heaven of Utterance,” the “heaven of Revelation,” the “heaven of Concealment,” and the like. In every instance, He hath given the term “heaven” a special meaning, the significance of which is revealed to none save those that have been initiated into the divine mysteries, and have drunk from the chalice of immortal life. For example, He saith: “The heaven hath sustenance for you, and it containeth that which you are promised”;53 whereas it is the earth that yieldeth such sustenance. Likewise, it hath been said: “The names come down from heaven”; whereas they proceed out of the mouth of men. Wert thou to cleanse the mirror of thy heart from the dust of malice, thou wouldst apprehend the meaning of the symbolic terms revealed by the all-embracing Word of God made manifest in every Dispensation, and wouldst discover the mysteries of divine knowledge. Not, however, until thou consumest with the flame of utter detachment those veils of idle learning that are current amongst men, canst thou behold the resplendent morn of true knowledge.

Know verily that Knowledge is of two kinds: Divine and Satanic. The one welleth out from the fountain of divine inspiration; the other is but a reflection of vain and obscure thoughts. The source of the former is God Himself; the motive-force of the latter the whisperings of selfish desire. The one is guided by the principle: “Fear ye God; God will teach you”;54 the other is but a confirmation of the truth: “Knowledge is the most grievous veil between man and his Creator.” The former bringeth forth the fruit of patience, of longing desire, of true understanding, and love; whilst the latter can yield naught but arrogance, vainglory and conceit. From the sayings of those Masters of holy utterance, Who have expounded the meaning of true knowledge, the odor of these dark teachings, which have obscured the world, can in no wise be detected. The tree of such teachings can yield no result except iniquity and rebellion, and beareth no fruit

but hatred and envy. Its fruit is deadly poison; its shadow a consuming fire. How well hath it been said: “Cling unto the robe of the Desire of thy heart, and put thou away all shame; bid the worldly wise be gone, however great their name.”

The heart must needs therefore be cleansed from the idle sayings of men, and sanctified from every earthly affection, so that it may discover the hidden meaning of divine inspiration, and become the treasury of the mysteries of divine knowledge. Thus hath it been said: “He that treadeth the snow-white Path, and followeth in the footsteps of the Crimson Pillar, shall never attain unto his abode unless his hands are empty of those worldly things cherished by men.” This is the prime requisite of whosoever treadeth this path. Ponder thereon, that, with eyes unveiled, thou mayest perceive the truth of these words.

We have digressed from the purpose of Our argument, although whatsoever is mentioned serveth only to confirm Our purpose. By God! however great Our desire to be brief, yet We feel We cannot restrain Our pen. Notwithstanding all that We have mentioned, how innumerable are the pearls which have remained unpierced in the shell of Our heart! How many the a□□úrís of inner meaning that are as yet concealed within the chambers of divine wisdom! None hath yet approached them;–a□□úrís, “whom no man nor spirit hath touched before.”55 Notwithstanding all that hath been said, it seemeth as if not one letter of Our purpose hath been uttered, nor a single sign divulged concerning Our object. When will a faithful seeker be found who will don the garb of pilgrimage, attain the Ka’bih of the heart’s desire, and, without ear or tongue, discover the mysteries of divine utterance?

By these luminous, these conclusive, and lucid statements, the meaning of “heaven” in the aforementioned verse hath thus been made clear and evident. And now regarding His words, that the Son of man shall “come in the clouds of heaven.” By the term “clouds” is meant those things that are contrary to the ways and desires of men. Even as He hath revealed in the verse already quoted: “As oft as an Apostle cometh unto you with that which your souls desire not, ye swell with pride, accusing some of being impostors and slaying others.”56 These “clouds” signify, in one sense, the annulment of laws, the abrogation of former Dispensations, the repeal of rituals and customs current amongst men, the exalting of the illiterate faithful above the learned opposers of the Faith. In another sense, they mean the appearance of that immortal Beauty in the image of mortal man, with such human limitations as eating and drinking, poverty and riches, glory and abasement, sleeping and waking, and such other things as cast doubt in the minds of men, and cause them to turn away. All such veils are symbolically referred to as “clouds.”

These are the “clouds” that cause the heavens of the knowledge and understanding of all that dwell on earth to be cloven asunder. Even as He hath revealed: “On that day shall the heaven be cloven by the clouds.”57 Even as the clouds prevent the eyes of men from beholding the sun, so do these things hinder the souls of men from recognizing the light of the divine Luminary. To this beareth witness that which hath proceeded out of the mouth of the unbelievers as revealed in the sacred Book: “And they have said: ‘What manner of apostle is this? He eateth food, and walketh the streets. Unless an angel be sent down and take part in His warnings, we will not believe.’”58 Other Prophets, similarly, have been subject to poverty and afflictions, to hunger, and to the ills and chances of this world. As these holy Persons were

subject to such needs and wants, the people were, consequently, lost in the wilds of misgivings and doubts, and were afflicted with bewilderment and perplexity. How, they wondered, could such a person be sent down from God, assert His ascendancy over all the peoples and kindreds of the earth, and claim Himself to be the goal of all creation–even as He hath said: "But for Thee, I would not have created all that are in heaven and on earth"–and yet be subject to such trivial things? You must undoubtedly have been informed of the tribulations, the poverty, the ills, and the degradation that have befallen every Prophet of God and His companions. You must have heard how the heads of their followers were sent as presents unto different cities, how grievously they were hindered from that whereunto they were commanded. Each and every one of them fell a prey to the hands of the enemies of His Cause, and had to suffer whatsoever they decreed.

It is evident that the changes brought about in every Dispensation constitute the dark clouds that intervene between the eye of man's understanding and the divine Luminary which shineth forth from the dayspring of the divine Essence. Consider how men for generations have been blindly imitating their fathers, and have been trained according to such ways and manners as have been laid down by the dictates of their Faith. Were these men, therefore, to discover suddenly that a Man, Who hath been living in their midst, Who, with respect to every human limitation, hath been their equal, had risen to abolish every established principle imposed by their Faith–principles by which for centuries they have been disciplined, and every opposer and denier of which they have come to regard as infidel, profligate and wicked–they would of a certainty be veiled and hindered from acknowledging His truth. Such things are as "clouds" that veil the eyes of those whose inner being hath not tasted the Salsabíl of detachment, nor drunk from the Kawthar of the knowledge of God. Such men, when acquainted with these circumstances, become so veiled that without the least question, they pronounce the Manifestation of God an infidel, and sentence Him to death. You must have heard of such things taking place all down the ages, and are now observing them in these days.

It behooveth us, therefore, to make the utmost endeavor, that, by God's invisible assistance, these dark veils, these clouds of Heaven-sent trials, may not hinder us from beholding the beauty of His shining Countenance, and that we may recognize Him only by His own Self. And should we ask for a testimony of His truth, we should content ourselves with one, and only one, that thereby we may attain unto Him Who is the Fountainhead of infinite grace, and in Whose presence all the world's abundance fadeth into nothingness, that we may cease to cavil at Him every day and to cleave unto our own idle fancy.

Gracious God! Notwithstanding the warning which, in marvelously symbolic language and subtle allusions, hath been uttered in days past, and which was intended to awaken the peoples of the world and to prevent them from being deprived of their share of the billowing ocean of God's grace, yet such things as have already been witnessed have come to pass! Reference to these things hath also been made in the Qur'an, as witnessed by this verse: "What can such expect but that God should come down to them overshadowed with clouds?"59 A number of the divines, who hold firmly to the letter of the Word of God, have come to regard this verse as one of the signs of that expected resurrection which is born of their idle fancy. This, notwithstanding the fact that similar references have been made in most of the heavenly Books, and have been recorded in all the passages connected with the signs of the coming Manifestation.

Likewise, He saith: “On the day when the heaven shall give out a palpable smoke, which shall enshroud mankind: this will be an afflictive torment.”60 The All-Glorious hath decreed these very things that are contrary to the desires of wicked men to be the touchstone and standard whereby He proveth His servants, that the just may be known from the wicked, and the faithful distinguished from the infidel. The symbolic term “smoke” denotes grave dissensions, the abrogation and demolition of recognized standards, and the utter destruction of their narrow-minded exponents. What smoke more dense and overpowering than the one which hath now enshrouded all the peoples of the world, which hath become a torment unto them, and from which they hopelessly fail to deliver themselves, however much they strive? So fierce is this fire of self burning within them, that at every moment they seem to be afflicted with fresh torments. The more they are told that this wondrous Cause of God, this Revelation from the Most High, hath been made manifest to all mankind, and is waxing greater and stronger every day, the fiercer groweth the blaze of the fire in their hearts. The more they observe the indomitable strength, the sublime renunciation, the unwavering constancy of God’s holy companions, who, by the aid of God, are growing nobler and more glorious every day, the deeper the dismay which ravageth their souls. In these days, praise be to God, the power of His Word hath obtained such ascendancy over men, that they dare breathe no word. Were they to encounter one of the companions of God who, if he could, would, freely and joyously, offer up ten thousand lives as a sacrifice for his Beloved, so great would be their fear, that they forthwith would profess their faith in Him, whilst privily they would vilify and execrate His name! Even as He hath revealed: “And when they meet you, they say, ‘We believe’; but when they are apart, they bite their fingers’ ends at you, out of wrath. Say: ‘Die in your wrath!’ God truly knoweth the very recesses of your breasts.”61

Ere long, thine eyes will behold the standards of divine power unfurled throughout all regions, and the signs of His triumphant might and sovereignty manifest in every land. As most of the divines have failed to apprehend the meaning of these verses, and have not grasped the significance of the Day of Resurrection, they therefore have foolishly interpreted these verses according to their idle and faulty conception. The one true God is My witness! Little perception is required to enable them to gather from the symbolic language of these two verses all that We have purposed to propound, and thus to attain, through the grace of the All-Merciful, the resplendent morn of certitude. Such are the strains of celestial melody which the immortal Bird of Heaven, warbling upon the Sadrih of Baha, poureth out upon thee, that, by the permission of God, thou mayest tread the path of divine knowledge and wisdom.

And now, concerning His words: “And He shall send His angels....” By “angels” is meant those who, reinforced by the power of the spirit, have consumed, with the fire of the love of God, all human traits and limitations, and have clothed themselves with the attributes of the most exalted Beings and of the Cherubim. That holy man, a□□adiq,62 in his eulogy of the Cherubim, saith: “There stand a company of our fellow-Shí’ihs behind the Throne.” Divers and manifold are the interpretations of the words “behind the Throne.” In one sense, they indicate that no true Shí’ihs exist. Even as he hath said in another passage: “A true believer is likened unto the philosopher’s stone.” Addressing subsequently his listener, he saith: “Hast thou ever seen the philosopher’s stone?” Reflect, how this symbolic language, more eloquent than any speech, however direct, testifieth to the nonexistence of a true believer. Such is the testimony of a□□adiq. And now consider, how unfair and numerous are those who, although they themselves have

failed to inhale the fragrance of belief, have condemned as infidels those by whose word belief itself is recognized and established.

And now, inasmuch as these holy beings have sanctified themselves from every human limitation, have become endowed with the attributes of the spiritual, and have been adorned with the noble traits of the blessed, they therefore have been designated as “angels.” Such is the meaning of these verses, every word of which hath been expounded by the aid of the most lucid texts, the most convincing arguments, and the best established evidences.

As the adherents of Jesus have never understood the hidden meaning of these words, and as the signs which they and the leaders of their Faith have expected have failed to appear, they therefore refused to acknowledge, even until now, the truth of those Manifestations of Holiness that have since the days of Jesus been made manifest. They have thus deprived themselves of the outpourings of God’s holy grace, and of the wonders of His divine utterance. Such is their low estate in this, the Day of Resurrection! They have even failed to perceive that were the signs of the Manifestation of God in every age to appear in the visible realm in accordance with the text of established traditions, none could possibly deny or turn away, nor would the blessed be distinguished from the miserable, and the transgressor from the God-fearing. Judge fairly: Were the prophecies recorded in the Gospel to be literally fulfilled; were Jesus, Son of Mary, accompanied by angels, to descend from the visible heaven upon the clouds; who would dare to disbelieve, who would dare to reject the truth, and wax disdainful? Nay, such consternation would immediately seize all the dwellers of the earth that no soul would feel able to utter a word, much less to reject or accept the truth. It was owing to their misunderstanding of these truths that many a Christian divine hath objected to Mua□□ammad, and voiced his protest in such words: “If Thou art in truth the promised Prophet, why then art Thou not accompanied by those angels our sacred Books foretold, and which must needs descend with the promised Beauty to assist Him in His Revelation and act as warners unto His people?” Even as the All-Glorious hath recorded their statement: “Why hath not an angel been sent down to Him, so that he should have been a warner with Him?”63

Such objections and differences have persisted in every age and century. The people have always busied themselves with such specious discourses, vainly protesting: “Wherefore hath not this or that sign appeared?” Such ills befell them only because they have clung to the ways of the divines of the age in which they lived, and blindly imitated them in accepting or denying these Essences of Detachment, these holy and divine Beings. These leaders, owing to their immersion in selfish desires, and their pursuit of transitory and sordid things, have regarded these divine Luminaries as being opposed to the standards of their knowledge and understanding, and the opponents of their ways and judgments. As they have literally interpreted the Word of God, and the sayings and traditions of the Letters of Unity, and expounded them according to their own deficient understanding, they have therefore deprived themselves and all their people of the bountiful showers of the grace and mercies of God. And yet they bear witness to this well-known tradition: “Verily Our Word is abstruse, bewilderingly abstruse.” In another instance, it is said: “Our Cause is sorely trying, highly perplexing; none can bear it except a favorite of heaven, or an inspired Prophet, or he whose faith God hath tested.” These leaders of religion admit that none of these three specified conditions is applicable to them. The first two conditions are manifestly beyond their reach; as to the third, it is evident that at no time have they been proof against

those tests that have been sent by God, and that when the divine Touchstone appeared, they have shown themselves to be naught but dross.

Great God! Notwithstanding their acceptance of the truth of this tradition, these divines who are still doubtful of, and dispute about, the theological obscurities of their faith, yet claim to be the exponents of the subtleties of the law of God, and the expounders of the essential mysteries of His holy Word. They confidently assert that such traditions as indicate the advent of the expected Qa'im have not yet been fulfilled, whilst they themselves have failed to inhale the fragrance of the meaning of these traditions, and are still oblivious of the fact that all the signs foretold have come to pass, that the way of God's holy Cause hath been revealed, and the concourse of the faithful, swift as lightning, are, even now, passing upon that way, whilst these foolish divines wait expecting to witness the signs foretold. Say, O ye foolish ones! Wait ye even as those before you are waiting!

Were they to be questioned concerning those signs that must needs herald the revelation and rise of the sun of the Mua□□ammadan Dispensation, to which We have already referred, none of which have been literally fulfilled, and were it to be said to them: "Wherefore have ye rejected the claims advanced by Christians and the peoples of other faiths and regard them as infidels," knowing not what answer to give, they will reply: "These Books have been corrupted and are not, and never have been, of God." Reflect: the words of the verses themselves eloquently testify to the truth that they are of God. A similar verse hath been also revealed in the Qur'an, were ye of them that comprehend. Verily I say, throughout all this period they have utterly failed to comprehend what is meant by corrupting the text.

Yea, in the writings and utterances of the Mirrors reflecting the sun of the Mua□□ammadan Dispensation mention hath been made of "Modification by the exalted beings" and "alteration by the disdainful." Such passages, however, refer only to particular cases. Among them is the story of Ibn-i-a□□úríya. When the people of Khaybar asked the focal center of the Mua□□ammadan Revelation concerning the penalty of adultery committed between a married man and a married woman, Mua□□ammad answered and said: "The law of God is death by stoning." Whereupon they protested saying: "No such law hath been revealed in the Pentateuch." Mua□□ammad answered and said: "Whom do ye regard among your rabbis as being a recognized authority and having a sure knowledge of the truth?" They agreed upon Ibn-i-Súríya. Thereupon Mua□□ammad summoned him and said: "I adjure thee by God Who clove the sea for you, caused manna to descend upon you, and the cloud to overshadow you, Who delivered you from Pharaoh and his people, and exalted you above all human beings, to tell us what Moses hath decreed concerning adultery between a married man and a married woman." He made reply: "O Mua□□ammad! death by stoning is the law." Mua□□ammad observed: "Why is it then that this law is annulled and hath ceased to operate among the Jews?" He answered and said: "When Nebuchadnezzar delivered Jerusalem to the flames, and put the Jews to death, only a few survived. The divines of that age, considering the extremely limited number of the Jews, and the multitude of the Amalekites, took counsel together, and came to the conclusion that were they to enforce the law of the Pentateuch, every survivor who hath been delivered from the hand of Nebuchadnezzar would have to be put to death according to the verdict of the Book. Owing to such considerations, they totally repealed the penalty of death." Meanwhile Gabriel inspired Mua□□ammad's illumined heart with these words: "They pervert the text of the Word of God."64

This is one of the instances that have been referred to. Verily by “perverting” the text is not meant that which these foolish and abject souls have fancied, even as some maintain that Jewish and Christian divines have effaced from the Book such verses as extol and magnify the countenance of Mua□□ammad, and instead thereof have inserted the contrary. How utterly vain and false are these words! Can a man who believeth in a book, and deemeth it to be inspired by God, mutilate it? Moreover, the Pentateuch had been spread over the surface of the earth, and was not confined to Mecca and Medina, so that they could privily corrupt and pervert its text. Nay, rather, by corruption of the text is meant that in which all Muslim divines are engaged today, that is the interpretation of God’s holy Book in accordance with their idle imaginings and vain desires. And as the Jews, in the time of Mua□□ammad, interpreted those verses of the Pentateuch that referred to His Manifestation after their own fancy, and refused to be satisfied with His holy utterance, the charge of “perverting” the text was therefore pronounced against them. Likewise, it is clear, how in this day, the people of the Qur’an have perverted the text of God’s holy Book, concerning the signs of the expected Manifestation, and interpreted it according to their inclination and desires.

In yet another instance, He saith: “A part of them heard the Word of God, and then, after they had understood it, distorted it, and knew that they did so.”65 This verse, too, doth indicate that the meaning of the Word of God hath been perverted, not that the actual words have been effaced. To the truth of this testify they that are sound of mind.

Again in another instance, He saith: “Woe unto those who, with their own hands, transcribe the Book corruptly, and then say: ‘This is from God,’ that they may sell it for some mean price.”66 This verse was revealed with reference to the divines and leaders of the Jewish Faith. These divines, in order to please the rich, acquire worldly emoluments, and give vent to their envy and misbelief, wrote a number of treatises, refuting the claims of Mua□□ammad, supporting their arguments with such evidences as it would be improper to mention, and claimed that these arguments were derived from the text of the Pentateuch.

The same may be witnessed today. Consider how abundant are the denunciations written by the foolish divines of this age against this most wondrous Cause! How vain their imaginings that these calumnies are in conformity with the verses of God’s sacred Book, and in consonance with the utterances of men of discernment!

Our purpose in relating these things is to warn you that were they to maintain that those verses wherein the signs referred to in the Gospel are mentioned have been perverted, were they to reject them, and cling instead to other verses and traditions, you should know that their words were utter falsehood and sheer calumny. Yea “corruption” of the text, in the sense We have referred to, hath been actually effected in particular instances. A few of these We have mentioned, that it may become manifest to every discerning observer that unto a few untutored holy Men hath been given the mastery of human learning, so that the malevolent opposer may cease to contend that a certain verse doth indicate “corruption” of the text, and insinuate that We, through lack of knowledge, have made mention of such things. Moreover, most of the verses that indicate “corruption” of the text have been revealed with reference to the Jewish people, were ye to explore the isles of Qur’anic Revelation.

We have also heard a number of the foolish of the earth assert that the genuine text of the heavenly Gospel doth not exist amongst the Christians, that it hath ascended unto heaven. How grievously they have erred! How oblivious of the fact that such a statement imputeth the gravest injustice and tyranny to a gracious and loving Providence! How could God, when once the Daystar of the beauty of Jesus had disappeared from the sight of His people, and ascended unto the fourth heaven, cause His holy Book, His most great testimony amongst His creatures, to disappear also? What would be left to that people to cling to from the setting of the daystar of Jesus until the rise of the sun of the Mua□□ammadan Dispensation? What law could be their stay and guide? How could such people be made the victims of the avenging wrath of God, the omnipotent Avenger? How could they be afflicted with the scourge of chastisement by the heavenly King? Above all, how could the flow of the grace of the All-Bountiful be stayed? How could the ocean of His tender mercies be stilled? We take refuge with God, from that which His creatures have fancied about Him! Exalted is He above their comprehension!

Dear friend! Now when the light of God's everlasting Morn is breaking; when the radiance of His holy words: "God is the light of the heavens and of the earth"67 is shedding illumination upon all mankind; when the inviolability of His tabernacle is being proclaimed by His sacred utterance: "God hath willed to perfect His light";68 and the Hand of omnipotence, bearing His testimony: "In His grasp He holdeth the kingdom of all things," is being outstretched unto all the peoples and kindreds of the earth; it behooveth us to gird up the loins of endeavor, that haply, by the grace and bounty of God, we may enter the celestial City: "Verily, we are God's," and abide within the exalted habitation: "And unto Him we do return." It is incumbent upon thee, by the permission of God, to cleanse the eye of thine heart from the things of the world, that thou mayest realize the infinitude of divine knowledge, and mayest behold Truth so clearly that thou wilt need no proof to demonstrate His reality, nor any evidence to bear witness unto His testimony.

O affectionate seeker! Shouldst thou soar in the holy realm of the spirit, thou wouldst recognize God manifest and exalted above all things, in such wise that thine eyes would behold none else but Him. "God was alone; there was none else besides Him." So lofty is this station that no testimony can bear it witness, neither evidence do justice to its truth. Wert thou to explore the sacred domain of truth, thou wilt find that all things are known only by the light of His recognition, that He hath ever been, and will continue forever to be, known through Himself. And if thou dwellest in the land of testimony, content thyself with that which He, Himself, hath revealed: "Is it not enough for them that We have sent down unto Thee the Book?"69 This is the testimony which He, Himself, hath ordained; greater proof than this there is none, nor ever will be: "This proof is His Word; His own Self, the testimony of His truth."

And now, We beseech the people of the Bayan, all the learned, the sages, the divines, and witnesses amongst them, not to forget the wishes and admonitions revealed in their Book. Let them, at all times, fix their gaze upon the essentials of His Cause, lest when He, Who is the Quintessence of truth, the inmost Reality of all things, the Source of all light, is made manifest, they cling unto certain passages of the Book, and inflict upon Him that which was inflicted in the Dispensation of the Qur'an. For, verily, powerful is He, the King of divine might, to extinguish with one letter of His wondrous words, the breath of life in the whole of the Bayan and the people thereof, and with one letter bestow upon them a new and everlasting life, and cause them to arise and speed out of the sepulchers of their vain and selfish desires. Take heed,

and be watchful; and remember that all things have their consummation in belief in Him, in attainment unto His day, and in the realization of His divine presence. “There is no piety in turning your faces toward the east or toward the west, but he is pious who believeth in God and the Last Day.”70 Give ear, O people of the Bayan, unto the truth whereunto We have admonished you, that haply ye may seek the shelter of the shadow extended, in the Day of God, upon all mankind.

END OF PART ONE

Part Two

Verily He Who is the Daystar of Truth and Revealer of the Supreme Being holdeth, for all time, undisputed sovereignty over all that is in heaven and on earth, though no man be found on earth to obey Him. He verily is independent of all earthly dominion, though He be utterly destitute. Thus We reveal unto thee the mysteries of the Cause of God, and bestow upon thee the gems of divine wisdom, that haply thou mayest soar on the wings of renunciation to those heights that are veiled from the eyes of men.

The significance and essential purpose underlying these words is to reveal and demonstrate unto the pure in heart and the sanctified in spirit that they Who are the Luminaries of truth and the Mirrors reflecting the light of divine Unity, in whatever age and cycle they are sent down from their invisible habitations of ancient glory unto this world, to educate the souls of men and endue with grace all created things, are invariably endowed with an all-compelling power, and invested with invincible sovereignty. For these hidden Gems, these concealed and invisible Treasures, in themselves manifest and vindicate the reality of these holy words: “Verily God doeth whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.”

To every discerning and illumined heart it is evident that God, the unknowable Essence, the divine Being, is immensely exalted beyond every human attribute, such as corporeal existence, ascent and descent, egress and regress. Far be it from His glory that human tongue should adequately recount His praise, or that human heart comprehend His fathomless mystery. He is and hath ever been veiled in the ancient eternity of His Essence, and will remain in His Reality everlastingly hidden from the sight of men. “No vision taketh in Him, but He taketh in all vision; He is the Subtile, the All-Perceiving.”71 No tie of direct intercourse can possibly bind Him to His creatures. He standeth exalted beyond and above all separation and union, all proximity and remoteness. No sign can indicate His presence or His absence; inasmuch as by a word of His command all that are in heaven and on earth have come to exist, and by His wish, which is the Primal Will itself, all have stepped out of utter nothingness into the realm of being, the world of the visible.

Gracious God! How could there be conceived any existing relationship or possible connection between His Word and they that are created of it? The verse: “God would have you beware of Himself”72 unmistakably beareth witness to the reality of Our argument, and the words: “God was alone; there was none else besides Him” are a sure testimony of its truth. All the Prophets of God and their chosen Ones, all the divines, the sages, and the wise of every generation, unanimously recognize their inability to attain unto the comprehension of that Quintessence of all truth, and confess their incapacity to grasp Him, Who is the inmost Reality of all things.

The door of the knowledge of the Ancient of Days being thus closed in the face of all beings, the Source of infinite grace, according to His saying: “His grace hath transcended all things; My grace hath encompassed them all” hath caused those luminous Gems of Holiness to appear out of the realm of the spirit, in the noble form of the human temple, and be made manifest unto all men, that they may impart unto the world the mysteries of the unchangeable Being, and tell of the subtleties of His imperishable Essence. These sanctified Mirrors, these Daysprings of ancient glory are one and all the Exponents on earth of Him Who is the central Orb of the universe, its Essence and ultimate Purpose. From Him proceed their knowledge and power; from Him is derived their sovereignty. The beauty of their countenance is but a reflection of His image, and their revelation a sign of His deathless glory. They are the Treasuries of divine knowledge, and the Repositories of celestial wisdom. Through them is transmitted a grace that is infinite, and by them is revealed the light that can never fade. Even as He hath said: “There is no distinction whatsoever between Thee and them; except that they are Thy servants, and are created of Thee.” This is the significance of the tradition: “I am He, Himself, and He is I, myself.”

The traditions and sayings that bear direct reference to Our theme are divers and manifold; We have refrained from quoting them for the sake of brevity. Nay, whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth is a direct evidence of the revelation within it of the attributes and names of God, inasmuch as within every atom are enshrined the signs that bear eloquent testimony to the revelation of that most great Light. Methinks, but for the potency of that revelation, no being could ever exist. How resplendent the luminaries of knowledge that shine in an atom, and how vast the oceans of wisdom that surge within a drop! To a supreme degree is this true of man, who, among all created things, hath been invested with the robe of such gifts, and hath been singled out for the glory of such distinction. For in him are potentially revealed all the attributes and names of God to a degree that no other created being hath excelled or surpassed. All these names and attributes are applicable to him. Even as He hath said: “Man is My mystery, and I am his mystery.” Manifold are the verses that have been repeatedly revealed in all the heavenly Books and the holy Scriptures, expressive of this most subtle and lofty theme. Even as He hath revealed: “We will surely show them Our signs in the world and within themselves.”73 Again He saith: “And also in your own selves: will ye not then behold the signs of God?”74 And yet again He revealeth: “And be ye not like those who forget God, and whom He hath therefore caused to forget their own selves.”75 In this connection, He Who is the eternal King–may the souls of all that dwell within the mystic Tabernacle be a sacrifice unto Him–hath spoken: “He hath known God who hath known himself.”

I swear by God, O esteemed and honored friend! Shouldst thou ponder these words in thine heart, thou wilt of a certainty find the doors of divine wisdom and infinite knowledge flung open before thy face.

From that which hath been said it becometh evident that all things, in their inmost reality, testify to the revelation of the names and attributes of God within them. Each according to its capacity, indicateth, and is expressive of, the knowledge of God. So potent and universal is this revelation, that it hath encompassed all things, visible and invisible. Thus hath He revealed: “Hath aught else save Thee a power of revelation which is not possessed by Thee, that it could have manifested Thee? Blind is the eye which doth not perceive Thee.” Likewise, hath the eternal King spoken: “No thing have I perceived, except that I perceived God within it, God before it, or God after it.” Also in the tradition of Kumayl it is written: “Behold, a light hath shone forth out of the Morn of eternity, and lo! its waves have penetrated the

inmost reality of all men." Man, the noblest and most perfect of all created things, excelleth them all in the intensity of this revelation, and is a fuller expression of its glory. And of all men, the most accomplished, the most distinguished and the most excellent are the Manifestations of the Sun of Truth. Nay, all else besides these Manifestations live by the operation of their Will, and move and have their being through the outpourings of their grace. "But for Thee, I would have not created the heavens." Nay, all in their holy presence fade into utter nothingness, and are a thing forgotten. Human tongue can never befittingly sing their praise, and human speech can never unfold their mystery. These Tabernacles of holiness, these primal Mirrors which reflect the light of unfading glory, are but expressions of Him Who is the Invisible of the Invisibles. By the revelation of these gems of divine virtue all the names and attributes of God, such as knowledge and power, sovereignty and dominion, mercy and wisdom, glory, bounty and grace, are made manifest.

These attributes of God are not and have never been vouchsafed specially unto certain Prophets, and withheld from others. Nay, all the Prophets of God, His well-favored, His holy, and chosen Messengers, are, without exception, the bearers of His names, and the embodiments of His attributes. They only differ in the intensity of their revelation, and the comparative potency of their light. Even as He hath revealed: "Some of the Apostles We have caused to excel the others."76 It hath therefore become manifest and evident that within the tabernacles of these Prophets and chosen Ones of God the light of His infinite names and exalted attributes hath been reflected, even though the light of some of these attributes may or may not be outwardly revealed from these luminous Temples to the eyes of men. That a certain attribute of God hath not been outwardly manifested by these Essences of Detachment doth in no wise imply that they Who are the Daysprings of God's attributes and the Treasuries of His holy names did not actually possess it. Therefore, these illuminated Souls, these beauteous Countenances have, each and every one of them, been endowed with all the attributes of God, such as sovereignty, dominion, and the like, even though to outward seeming they be shorn of all earthly majesty. To every discerning eye this is evident and manifest; it requireth neither proof nor evidence.

Yea, inasmuch as the peoples of the world have failed to seek from the luminous and crystal Springs of divine knowledge the inner meaning of God's holy words, they therefore have languished, stricken and sore athirst, in the vale of idle fancy and waywardness. They have strayed far from the fresh and thirst-subduing waters, and gathered round the salt that burneth bitterly. Concerning them, the Dove of Eternity hath spoken: "And if they see the path of righteousness, they will not take it for their path; but if they see the path of error, for their path will they take it. This, because they treated Our signs as lies, and were heedless of them."77

To this testifieth that which hath been witnessed in this wondrous and exalted Dispensation. Myriads of holy verses have descended from the heaven of might and grace, yet no one hath turned thereunto, nor ceased to cling to those words of men, not one letter of which they that have spoken them comprehend. For this reason the people have doubted incontestable truths, such as these, and caused themselves to be deprived of the Ria□□van of divine knowledge, and the eternal meads of celestial wisdom.

And now, to resume Our argument concerning the question: Why is it that the sovereignty of the Qa'im, affirmed in the text of recorded traditions, and handed down by the shining stars of the Mua□□ammadan

Dispensation, hath not in the least been made manifest? Nay, the contrary hath come to pass. Have not His disciples and companions been afflicted of men? Are they not still the victims of the fierce opposition of their enemies? Are they not today leading the life of abased and impotent mortals? Yea, the sovereignty attributed to the Qa'im and spoken of in the scriptures is a reality, the truth of which none can doubt. This sovereignty, however, is not the sovereignty which the minds of men have falsely imagined. Moreover, the Prophets of old, each and every one, whenever announcing to the people of their day the advent of the coming Revelation, have invariably and specifically referred to that sovereignty with which the promised Manifestation must needs be invested. This is attested by the records of the scriptures of the past. This sovereignty hath not been solely and exclusively attributed to the Qa'im. Nay rather, the attribute of sovereignty and all other names and attributes of God have been and will ever be vouchsafed unto all the Manifestations of God, before and after Him, inasmuch as these Manifestations, as it hath already been explained, are the Embodiments of the attributes of God, the Invisible, and the Revealers of the divine mysteries.

Furthermore, by sovereignty is meant the all-encompassing, all-pervading power which is inherently exercised by the Qa'im whether or not He appear to the world clothed in the majesty of earthly dominion. This is solely dependent upon the will and pleasure of the Qa'im Himself. You will readily recognize that the terms sovereignty, wealth, life, death, judgment and resurrection, spoken of by the scriptures of old, are not what this generation hath conceived and vainly imagined. Nay, by sovereignty is meant that sovereignty which in every dispensation resideth within, and is exercised by, the person of the Manifestation, the Daystar of Truth. That sovereignty is the spiritual ascendancy which He exerciseth to the fullest degree over all that is in heaven and on earth, and which in due time revealeth itself to the world in direct proportion to its capacity and spiritual receptiveness, even as the sovereignty of Mua□□ammad, the Messenger of God, is today apparent and manifest amongst the people. You are well aware of what befell His Faith in the early days of His dispensation. What woeful sufferings did the hand of the infidel and erring, the divines of that age and their associates, inflict upon that spiritual Essence, that most pure and holy Being! How abundant the thorns and briars which they have strewn over His path! It is evident that wretched generation, in their wicked and satanic fancy, regarded every injury to that immortal Being as a means to the attainment of an abiding felicity; inasmuch as the recognized divines of that age, such as 'Abdu'llah-i-Ubayy, Abú-'amir, the hermit, Ka'b-Ibn-i-Ashraf, and Naa□□r-Ibn-i-a□□arith, all treated Him as an impostor, and pronounced Him a lunatic and a calumniator. Such sore accusations they brought against Him that in recounting them God forbiddeth the ink to flow, Our pen to move, or the page to bear them. These malicious imputations provoked the people to arise and torment Him. And how fierce that torment if the divines of the age be its chief instigators, if they denounce Him to their followers, cast Him out from their midst, and declare Him a miscreant! Hath not the same befallen this Servant, and been witnessed by all?

For this reason did Mua□□ammad cry out: "No Prophet of God hath suffered such harm as I have suffered." And in the Qur'an are recorded all the calumnies and reproaches uttered against Him, as well as all the afflictions which He suffered. Refer ye thereunto, that haply ye may be informed of that which hath befallen His Revelation. So grievous was His plight, that for a time all ceased to hold intercourse with

Him and His companions. Whoever associated with Him fell a victim to the relentless cruelty of His enemies.

We shall cite in this connection only one verse of that Book. Shouldst thou observe it with a discerning eye, thou wilt, all the remaining days of thy life, lament and bewail the injury of Mua□□ammad, that wronged and oppressed Messenger of God. That verse was revealed at a time when Mua□□ammad languished weary and sorrowful beneath the weight of the opposition of the people, and of their unceasing torture. In the midst of His agony, the Voice of Gabriel, calling from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, was heard saying: "But if their opposition be grievous to Thee–if Thou canst, seek out an opening into the earth or a ladder into heaven."78 The implication of this utterance is that His case had no remedy, that they would not withhold their hands from Him unless He should hide Himself beneath the depths of the earth, or take His flight unto heaven.

Consider, how great is the change today! Behold, how many are the Sovereigns who bow the knee before His name! How numerous the nations and kingdoms who have sought the shelter of His shadow, who bear allegiance to His Faith, and pride themselves therein! From the pulpit-top there ascendeth today the words of praise which, in utter lowliness, glorify His blessed name; and from the heights of minarets there resoundeth the call that summoneth the concourse of His people to adore Him. Even those Kings of the earth who have refused to embrace His Faith and to put off the garment of unbelief, nonetheless confess and acknowledge the greatness and overpowering majesty of that Daystar of loving-kindness. Such is His earthly sovereignty, the evidences of which thou dost on every side behold. This sovereignty must needs be revealed and established either in the lifetime of every Manifestation of God or after His ascension unto His true habitation in the realms above. What thou dost witness today is but a confirmation of this truth. That spiritual ascendancy, however, which is primarily intended, resideth within, and revolveth around Them from eternity even unto eternity. It can never for a moment be divorced from Them. Its dominion hath encompassed all that is in heaven and on earth.

The following is an evidence of the sovereignty exercised by Mua□□ammad, the Daystar of Truth. Hast thou not heard how with one single verse He hath sundered light from darkness, the righteous from the ungodly, and the believing from the infidel? All the signs and allusions concerning the Day of Judgment, which thou hast heard, such as the raising of the dead, the Day of Reckoning, the Last Judgment, and others have been made manifest through the revelation of that verse. These revealed words were a blessing to the righteous who on hearing them exclaimed: "O God our Lord, we have heard, and obeyed." They were a curse to the people of iniquity who, on hearing them, affirmed: "We have heard and rebelled." Those words, sharp as the sword of God, have separated the faithful from the infidel, and severed father from son. Thou hast surely witnessed how they that have confessed their faith in Him and they that rejected Him have warred against each other, and sought one another's property. How many fathers have turned away from their sons; how many lovers have shunned their beloved! So mercilessly trenchant was this wondrous sword of God that it cleft asunder every relationship! On the other hand, consider the welding power of His Word. Observe, how those in whose midst the Satan of self had for years sown the seeds of malice and hate became so fused and blended through their allegiance to this wondrous and transcendent Revelation that it seemed as if they had sprung from the same loins. Such is the binding force of the Word of God, which uniteth the hearts of them that have renounced all else but

Him, who have believed in His signs, and quaffed from the Hand of glory the Kawthar of God's holy grace. Furthermore, how numerous are those peoples of divers beliefs, of conflicting creeds, and opposing temperaments, who, through the reviving fragrance of the Divine springtime, breathing from the Ria□□van of God, have been arrayed with the new robe of divine Unity, and have drunk from the cup of His singleness!

This is the significance of the well-known words: "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together."79 Behold the ignorance and folly of those who, like the nations of old, are still expecting to witness the time when these beasts will feed together in one pasture! Such is their low estate. Methinks, never have their lips touched the cup of understanding, neither have their feet trodden the path of justice. Besides, of what profit would it be to the world were such a thing to take place? How well hath He spoken concerning them: "Hearts have they, with which they understand not, and eyes have they with which they see not!"80

Consider how with this one verse which hath descended from the heaven of the Will of God, the world and all that is therein have been brought to a reckoning with Him. Whosoever acknowledged His truth and turned unto Him, his good works outweighed his misdeeds, and all his sins were remitted and forgiven. Thereby is the truth of these words concerning Him made manifest: "Swift is He in reckoning." Thus God turneth iniquity into righteousness, were ye to explore the realms of divine knowledge, and fathom the mysteries of His wisdom. In like manner, whosoever partook of the cup of love, obtained his portion of the ocean of eternal grace and of the showers of everlasting mercy, and entered into the life of faith–the heavenly and everlasting life. But he that turned away from that cup was condemned to eternal death. By the terms "life" and "death," spoken of in the scriptures, is intended the life of faith and the death of unbelief. The generality of the people, owing to their failure to grasp the meaning of these words, rejected and despised the person of the Manifestation, deprived themselves of the light of His divine guidance, and refused to follow the example of that immortal Beauty.

When the light of Qur'anic Revelation was kindled within the chamber of Mua□□ammad's holy heart, He passed upon the people the verdict of the Last Day, the verdict of resurrection, of judgment, of life, and of death. Thereupon the standards of revolt were hoisted, and the doors of derision opened. Thus hath He, the Spirit of God, recorded, as spoken by the infidels: "And if thou shouldst say, 'After death ye shall surely be raised again,' the infidels will certainly exclaim, 'This is nothing but manifest sorcery.'"81 Again He speaketh: "If ever thou dost marvel, marvelous surely is their saying, 'What! When we have become dust, shall we be restored in a new creation?'"82 Thus, in another passage, He wrathfully exclaimeth: "Are We wearied out with the first creation? Yet are they in doubt with regard to a new creation!"83

As the commentators of the Qur'an and they that follow the letter thereof misapprehended the inner meaning of the words of God and failed to grasp their essential purpose, they sought to demonstrate that, according to the rules of grammar, whenever the term "idha" (meaning "if" or "when") precedeth the past tense, it invariably hath reference to the future. Later, they were sore perplexed in attempting to explain those verses of the Book wherein that term did not actually occur. Even as He hath revealed: "And there was a blast on the trumpet–lo! it is the threatened Day! And every soul is summoned to a reckoning–with him an impeller and a witness."84 In explaining this and similar verses, they have in some

cases argued that the term “idha” is implied. In other instances, they have idly contended that whereas the Day of Judgment is inevitable, it hath therefore been referred to as an event not of the future but of the past. How vain their sophistry! How grievous their blindness! They refuse to recognize the trumpet-blast which so explicitly in this text was sounded through the revelation of Mua□□ammad. They deprive themselves of the regenerating Spirit of God that breathed into it, and foolishly expect to hear the trumpet-sound of the Seraph of God who is but one of His servants! Hath not the Seraph himself, the angel of the Judgment Day, and his like been ordained by Mua□□ammad’s own utterance? Say: What! Will ye give that which is for your good in exchange for that which is evil? Wretched is that which ye have falsely exchanged! Surely ye are a people, evil, in grievous loss.

Nay, by “trumpet” is meant the trumpet-call of Mua□□ammad’s Revelation, which was sounded in the heart of the universe, and by “resurrection” is meant His own rise to proclaim the Cause of God. He bade the erring and wayward arise and speed out of the sepulchers of their bodies, arrayed them with the beauteous robe of faith, and quickened them with the breath of a new and wondrous life. Thus at the hour when Mua□□ammad, that divine Beauty, purposed to unveil one of the mysteries hidden in the symbolic terms “resurrection,” “judgment,” “paradise,” and “hell,” Gabriel, the Voice of Inspiration, was heard saying: “Erelong will they wag their heads at Thee, and say, ‘When shall this be?’ Say: ‘Perchance it is nigh.’”85 The implications of this verse alone suffice the peoples of the world, were they to ponder it in their hearts.

Gracious God! How far have that people strayed from the way of God! Although the Day of Resurrection was ushered in through the Revelation of Mua□□ammad, although His light and tokens had encompassed the earth and all that is therein, yet that people derided Him, gave themselves up to those idols which the divines of that age, in their vain and idle fancy, had conceived, and deprived themselves of the light of heavenly grace and of the showers of divine mercy. Yea, the abject beetle can never scent the fragrance of holiness, and the bat of darkness can never face the splendor of the sun.

Such things have come to pass in the days of every Manifestation of God. Even as Jesus said: “Ye must be born again.”86 Again He saith: “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”87 The purport of these words is that whosoever in every dispensation is born of the Spirit and is quickened by the breath of the Manifestation of Holiness, he verily is of those that have attained unto “life” and “resurrection” and have entered into the “paradise” of the love of God. And whosoever is not of them, is condemned to “death” and “deprivation,” to the “fire” of unbelief, and to the “wrath” of God. In all the scriptures, the books and chronicles, the sentence of death, of fire, of blindness, of want of understanding and hearing, hath been pronounced against those whose lips have tasted not the ethereal cup of true knowledge, and whose hearts have been deprived of the grace of the holy Spirit in their day. Even as it hath been previously recorded: “Hearts have they with which they understand not.”88

In another passage of the Gospel it is written: “And it came to pass that on a certain day the father of one of the disciples of Jesus had died.” That disciple reporting the death of his father unto Jesus, asked for leave to go and bury him. Whereupon, Jesus, that Essence of Detachment, answered and said: “Let the dead bury their dead.”89

In like manner, two of the people of Kúfih went to ʼAlí, the Commander of the Faithful. One owned a house and wished to sell it; the other was to be the purchaser. They had agreed that this transaction should be effected and the contract be written with the knowledge of ʼAlí. He, the exponent of the law of God, addressing the scribe, said: “Write thou: ‘A dead man hath bought from another dead man a house. That house is bounded by four limits. One extendeth toward the tomb, the other to the vault of the grave, the third to the a□□iraa□□, the fourth to either Paradise or hell.’” Reflect, had these two souls been quickened by the trumpet-call of ʼAlí, had they risen from the grave of error by the power of his love, the judgment of death would certainly not have been pronounced against them.

In every age and century, the purpose of the Prophets of God and their chosen ones hath been no other but to affirm the spiritual significance of the terms “life,” “resurrection,” and “judgment.” If one will ponder but for a while this utterance of ʼAlí in his heart, one will surely discover all mysteries hidden in the terms “grave,” “tomb,” “a□□iraa□□,” “paradise” and “hell.” But oh! how strange and pitiful! Behold, all the people are imprisoned within the tomb of self, and lie buried beneath the nethermost depths of worldly desire! Wert thou to attain to but a dewdrop of the crystal waters of divine knowledge, thou wouldst readily realize that true life is not the life of the flesh but the life of the spirit. For the life of the flesh is common to both men and animals, whereas the life of the spirit is possessed only by the pure in heart who have quaffed from the ocean of faith and partaken of the fruit of certitude. This life knoweth no death, and this existence is crowned by immortality. Even as it hath been said: “He who is a true believer liveth both in this world and in the world to come.” If by “life” be meant this earthly life, it is evident that death must needs overtake it.

Similarly, the records of all the scriptures bear witness to this lofty truth and this most exalted word. Moreover, this verse of the Qur’an, revealed concerning a□□amzih, the “Prince of Martyrs,”90 and Abú-Jahl, is a luminous evidence and sure testimony of the truth of Our saying: “Shall the dead, whom We have quickened, and for whom We have ordained a light whereby he may walk among men, be like him, whose likeness is in the darkness, whence he will not come forth?”91 This verse descended from the heaven of the Primal Will at a time when a□□amzih had already been invested with the sacred mantle of faith, and Abú-Jahl had waxed relentless in his opposition and unbelief. From the Wellspring of omnipotence and the Source of eternal holiness, there came the judgment that conferred everlasting life upon a□□amzih, and condemned Abú-Jahl to eternal damnation. This was the signal that caused the fires of unbelief to glow with the hottest flame in the heart of the infidels, and provoked them openly to repudiate His truth. They loudly clamored: “When did a□□amzih die? When was he risen? At what hour was such a life conferred upon him?” As they understood not the significance of these noble sayings, nor sought enlightenment from the recognized expounders of the Faith, that these might confer a sprinkling of the Kawthar of divine knowledge upon them, therefore such fires of mischief were kindled amongst men.

Thou dost witness today how, notwithstanding the radiant splendor of the Sun of divine knowledge, all the people, whether high or low, have clung to the ways of those abject manifestations of the Prince of Darkness. They continually appeal to them for aid in unraveling the intricacies of their Faith, and, owing to lack of knowledge, they make such replies as can in no wise damage their fame and fortune. It is evident that these souls, vile and miserable as the beetle itself, have had no portion of the musk-laden breeze of

eternity, and have never entered the Ria□□van of heavenly delight. How, therefore, can they impart unto others the imperishable fragrance of holiness? Such is their way, and such will it remain forever. Only those will attain to the knowledge of the Word of God that have turned unto Him, and repudiated the manifestations of Satan. Thus God hath reaffirmed the law of the day of His Revelation, and inscribed it with the pen of power upon the mystic Tablet hidden beneath the veil of celestial glory. Wert thou to heed these words, wert thou to ponder their outward and inner meaning in thy heart, thou wouldst seize the significance of all the abstruse problems which, in this day, have become insuperable barriers between men and the knowledge of the Day of Judgment. Then wilt thou have no more questions to perplex thee. We fain would hope that, God willing, thou wilt not return, deprived and still athirst, from the shores of the ocean of divine mercy, nor come back destitute from the imperishable Sanctuary of thy heart's desire. Let it now be seen what thy search and endeavors will achieve.

To resume: Our purpose in setting forth these truths hath been to demonstrate the sovereignty of Him Who is the King of kings. Be fair: Is this sovereignty which, through the utterance of one Word, hath manifested such pervading influence, ascendancy, and awful majesty, is this sovereignty superior, or is the worldly dominion of these kings of the earth who, despite their solicitude for their subjects and their help of the poor, are assured only of an outward and fleeting allegiance, while in the hearts of men they inspire neither affection nor respect? Hath not that sovereignty, through the potency of one word, subdued, quickened, and revitalized the whole world? What! Can the lowly dust compare with Him Who is the Lord of Lords? What tongue dare utter the immensity of difference that lieth between them? Nay, all comparison falleth short in attaining the hallowed sanctuary of His sovereignty. Were man to reflect, he would surely perceive that even the servant of His threshold ruleth over all created things! This hath already been witnessed, and will in future be made manifest.

This is but one of the meanings of the spiritual sovereignty which We have set forth in accordance with the capacity and receptiveness of the people. For He, the Mover of all beings, that glorified Countenance, is the source of such potencies as neither this wronged One can reveal, nor this unworthy people comprehend. Immensely exalted is He above men's praise of His sovereignty; glorified is He beyond that which they attribute unto Him!

And now, ponder this in thine heart: Were sovereignty to mean earthly sovereignty and worldly dominion, were it to imply the subjection and external allegiance of all the peoples and kindreds of the earth–whereby His loved ones should be exalted and be made to live in peace, and His enemies be abased and tormented–such form of sovereignty would not be true of God Himself, the Source of all dominion, Whose majesty and power all things testify. For, dost thou not witness how the generality of mankind is under the sway of His enemies? Have they not all turned away from the path of His good-pleasure? Have they not done that which He hath forbidden, and left undone, nay repudiated and opposed, those things which He hath commanded? Have not His friends ever been the victims of the tyranny of His foes? All these things are more obvious than even the splendor of the noontide sun.

Know, therefore, O questioning seeker, that earthly sovereignty is of no worth, nor will it ever be, in the eyes of God and His chosen Ones. Moreover, if ascendancy and dominion be interpreted to mean earthly supremacy and temporal power, how impossible will it be for thee to explain these verses: "And verily

Our host shall conquer."92 "Fain would they put out God's light with their mouths: But God hath willed to perfect His light, albeit the infidels abhor it."93 "He is the Dominant, above all things." Similarly, most of the Qur'an testifieth to this truth.

Were the idle contention of these foolish and despicable souls to be true, they would have none other alternative than to reject all these holy utterances and heavenly allusions. For no warrior could be found on earth more excellent and nearer to God than a□□usayn, son of 'Alí, so peerless and incomparable was he. "There was none to equal or to match him in the world." Yet, thou must have heard what befell him. "God's malison on the head of the people of tyranny!"94

Were the verse "And verily Our host shall conquer" to be literally interpreted, it is evident that it would in no wise be applicable to the chosen Ones of God and His hosts, inasmuch as a□□usayn, whose heroism was manifest as the sun, crushed and subjugated, quaffed at last the cup of martyrdom in Karbila, the land of a□□aff. Similarly, the sacred verse "Fain would they put out God's light with their mouths: But God hath willed to perfect His light, albeit the infidels abhor it." Were it to be literally interpreted it would never correspond with the truth. For in every age the light of God hath, to outward seeming, been quenched by the peoples of the earth, and the Lamps of God extinguished by them. How then could the ascendancy of the sovereignty of these Lamps be explained? What could the potency of God's will to "perfect His light" signify? As hath already been witnessed, so great was the enmity of the infidels, that none of these divine Luminaries ever found a place for shelter, or tasted of the cup of tranquillity. So heavily were they oppressed, that the least of men inflicted upon these Essences of being whatsoever he listed. These sufferings have been observed and measured by the people. How, therefore, can such people be capable of understanding and expounding these words of God, these verses of everlasting glory?

But the purpose of these verses is not what they have imagined. Nay, the terms "ascendancy," "power," and "authority" imply a totally different station and meaning. For instance, consider the pervading power of those drops of the blood of a□□usayn which besprinkled the earth. What ascendancy and influence hath the dust itself, through the sacredness and potency of that blood, exercised over the bodies and souls of men! So much so, that he who sought deliverance from his ills, was healed by touching the dust of that holy ground, and whosoever, wishing to protect his property, treasured with absolute faith and understanding, a little of that holy earth within his house, safeguarded all his possessions. These are the outward manifestations of its potency. And were We to recount its hidden virtues they would assuredly say: "He verily hath considered the dust to be the Lord of Lords, and hath utterly forsaken the Faith of God."

Furthermore, call to mind the shameful circumstances that have attended the martyrdom of a□□usayn. Reflect upon his loneliness, how, to outer seeming, none could be found to aid him, none to take up his body and bury it. And yet, behold how numerous, in this day, are those who from the uttermost corners of the earth don the garb of pilgrimage, seeking the site of his martyrdom, that there they may lay their heads upon the threshold of his shrine! Such is the ascendancy and power of God! Such is the glory of His dominion and majesty!

Think not that because these things have come to pass after a□□usayn's martyrdom, therefore all this glory hath been of no profit unto him. For that holy soul is immortal, liveth the life of God, and abideth within the retreats of celestial glory upon the Sadrih of heavenly reunion. These Essences of being are the shining Exemplars of sacrifice. They have offered, and will continue to offer up their lives, their substance, their souls, their spirit, their all, in the path of the Well-Beloved. By them, no station, however exalted, could be more dearly cherished. For lovers have no desire but the good-pleasure of their Beloved, and have no aim except reunion with Him.

Should We wish to impart unto thee a glimmer of the mysteries of a□□usayn's martyrdom, and reveal unto thee the fruits thereof, these pages could never suffice, nor exhaust their meaning. Our hope is that, God willing, the breeze of mercy may blow, and the divine Springtime clothe the tree of being with the robe of a new life; so that we may discover the mysteries of divine Wisdom, and, through His providence, be made independent of the knowledge of all things. We have, as yet, descried none but a handful of souls, destitute of all renown, who have attained unto this station. Let the future disclose what the Judgment of God will ordain, and the Tabernacle of His decree reveal. In such wise We recount unto thee the wonders of the Cause of God, and pour out into thine ears the strains of heavenly melody, that haply thou mayest attain unto the station of true knowledge, and partake of the fruit thereof. Therefore, know thou of a certainty that these Luminaries of heavenly majesty, though their dwelling be in the dust, yet their true habitation is the seat of glory in the realms above. Though bereft of all earthly possessions, yet they soar in the realms of immeasurable riches. And whilst sore tried in the grip of the enemy, they are seated on the right hand of power and celestial dominion. Amidst the darkness of their abasement there shineth upon them the light of unfading glory, and upon their helplessness are showered the tokens of an invincible sovereignty.

Thus Jesus, Son of Mary, whilst seated one day and speaking in the strain of the Holy Spirit, uttered words such as these: "O people! My food is the grass of the field, wherewith I satisfy my hunger. My bed is the dust, my lamp in the night the light of the moon, and my steed my own feet. Behold, who on earth is richer than I?" By the righteousness of God! Thousands of treasures circle round this poverty, and a myriad kingdoms of glory yearn for such abasement! Shouldst thou attain to a drop of the ocean of the inner meaning of these words, thou wouldst surely forsake the world and all that is therein, and, as the Phoenix, wouldst consume thyself in the flames of the undying Fire.

In like manner, it is related that on a certain day, one of the companions of a□□adiq complained of his poverty before him. Whereupon, a□□adiq, that immortal beauty, made reply: "Verily thou art rich, and hast drunk the draft of wealth." That poverty-stricken soul was perplexed at the words uttered by that luminous countenance, and said: "Where are my riches, I who stand in need of a single coin?" a□□adiq thereupon observed: "Dost thou not possess our love?" He replied: "Yea, I possess it, O thou scion of the Prophet of God!" And a□□adiq asked him saying: "Exchangest thou this love for one thousand dinars?" He answered: "Nay, never will I exchange it, though the world and all that is therein be given me!" Then a□□adiq remarked: "How can he who possesses such a treasure be called poor?"

This poverty and these riches, this abasement and glory, this dominion, power, and the like, upon which the eyes and hearts of these vain and foolish souls are set–all these things fade into utter nothingness in

that Court! Even as He hath said: “O men! Ye are but paupers in need of God; but God is the Rich, the Self-Sufficing.”95 By “riches” therefore is meant independence of all else but God, and by “poverty” the lack of things that are of God.

Similarly, call thou to mind the day when the Jews, who had surrounded Jesus, Son of Mary, were pressing Him to confess His claim of being the Messiah and Prophet of God, so that they might declare Him an infidel and sentence Him to death. Then they led Him away, He Who was the Daystar of the heaven of divine Revelation, unto Pilate and Caiaphas, who was the leading divine of that age. The chief priests were all assembled in the palace, also a multitude of people who had gathered to witness His sufferings, to deride and injure Him. Though they repeatedly questioned Him, hoping that He would confess His claim, yet Jesus held His peace and spake not. Finally, an accursed of God arose and, approaching Jesus, adjured Him saying: “Didst thou not claim to be the Divine Messiah? Didst thou not say, ‘I am the King of Kings, My word is the Word of God, and I am the breaker of the Sabbath day’?” Thereupon Jesus lifted up His head and said: “Beholdest thou not the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and might?” These were His words, and yet consider how to outward seeming He was devoid of all power except that inner power which was of God and which had encompassed all that is in heaven and on earth. How can I relate all that befell Him after He spoke these words? How shall I describe their heinous behavior towards Him? They at last heaped on His blessed Person such woes that He took His flight unto the fourth Heaven.

It is also recorded in the Gospel according to St. Luke, that on a certain day Jesus passed by a Jew who was sick of the palsy, and lay upon a couch. When the Jew saw Him, he recognized Him, and cried out for His help. Jesus said unto him: “Arise from thy bed; thy sins are forgiven thee.” Certain of the Jews, standing by, protested saying: “Who can forgive sins, but God alone?” And immediately He perceived their thoughts, Jesus answering said unto them: “Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, arise, and take up thy bed, and walk; or to say, thy sins are forgiven thee? that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins.”96 This is the real sovereignty, and such is the power of God’s chosen Ones! All these things which We have repeatedly mentioned, and the details which We have cited from divers sources, have no other purpose but to enable thee to grasp the meaning of the allusions in the utterances of the chosen Ones of God, lest certain of these utterances cause thy feet to falter and thy heart to be dismayed.

Thus with steadfast steps we may tread the Path of certitude, that perchance the breeze that bloweth from the meads of the good-pleasure of God may waft upon us the sweet savors of divine acceptance, and cause us, vanishing mortals that we are, to attain unto the Kingdom of everlasting glory. Then wilt thou comprehend the inner meaning of sovereignty and the like, spoken of in the traditions and scriptures. Furthermore, it is already evident and known unto thee that those things to which the Jews and the Christians have clung, and the cavilings which they heaped upon the Beauty of Mua□□ammad, the same have in this day been upheld by the people of the Qur’an, and been witnessed in their denunciations of the “Point of the Bayan”–may the souls of all that dwell within the kingdom of divine Revelations be a sacrifice unto Him! Behold their folly: they utter the selfsame words, uttered by the Jews of old, and know it not! How well and true are His words concerning them: “Leave them to entertain

themselves with their cavilings!”97 “As Thou livest, O Mua□□ammad! they are seized by the frenzy of their vain fancies.”98

When the Unseen, the Eternal, the divine Essence, caused the Daystar of Mua□□ammad to rise above the horizon of knowledge, among the cavils which the Jewish divines raised against Him was that after Moses no Prophet should be sent of God. Yea, mention hath been made in the scriptures of a Soul Who must needs be made manifest and Who will advance the Faith, and promote the interests of the people, of Moses, so that the Law of the Mosaic Dispensation may encompass the whole earth. Thus hath the King of eternal glory referred in His Book to the words uttered by those wanderers in the vale of remoteness and error: “‘The hand of God,’ say the Jews, ‘is chained up.’ Chained up be their own hands! And for that which they have said, they were accursed. Nay, outstretched are both His hands!”99 “The hand of God is above their hands.”100

Although the commentators of the Qur’an have related in divers manners the circumstances attending the revelation of this verse, yet thou shouldst endeavor to apprehend the purpose thereof. He saith: How false is that which the Jews have imagined! How can the hand of Him Who is the King in truth, Who caused the countenance of Moses to be made manifest, and conferred upon Him the robe of Prophethood–how can the hand of such a One be chained and fettered? How can He be conceived as powerless to raise up yet another Messenger after Moses? Behold the absurdity of their saying; how far it hath strayed from the path of knowledge and understanding! Observe how in this day also, all these people have occupied themselves with such foolish absurdities. For over a thousand years they have been reciting this verse, and unwittingly pronouncing their censure against the Jews, utterly unaware that they themselves, openly and privily, are voicing the sentiments and belief of the Jewish people! Thou art surely aware of their idle contention, that all Revelation is ended, that the portals of Divine mercy are closed, that from the dayspring of eternal holiness no sun shall rise again, that the Ocean of everlasting bounty is forever stilled, and that out of the Tabernacle of ancient glory the Messengers of God have ceased to be made manifest. Such is the measure of the understanding of these small-minded, contemptible people. These people have imagined that the flow of God’s all-encompassing grace and plenteous mercies, the cessation of which no mind can contemplate, has been halted. From every side they have risen and girded up the loins of tyranny, and exerted the utmost endeavor to quench with the bitter waters of their vain fancy the flame of God’s Burning Bush, oblivious that the globe of power shall within its own mighty stronghold protect the Lamp of God. The utter destitution into which this people have fallen doth surely suffice them, inasmuch as they have been deprived of the recognition of the essential Purpose and the knowledge of the Mystery and Substance of the Cause of God. For the highest and most excelling grace bestowed upon men is the grace of “attaining unto the Presence of God” and of His recognition, which has been promised unto all people. This is the utmost degree of grace vouchsafed unto man by the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days, and the fullness of His absolute bounty upon His creatures. Of this grace and bounty none of this people hath partaken, neither have they been honored with this most exalted distinction. How numerous are those revealed verses which explicitly bear witness unto this most weighty truth and exalted Theme! And yet they have rejected it, and, after their own desire, misconstrued its meaning. Even as He hath revealed: “As for those who believe not in the signs of God, or that they shall ever meet Him, these of My mercy shall despair, and for them doth a grievous

chastisement await.”101 Also He saith: “They who bear in mind that they shall attain unto the Presence of their Lord, and that unto Him shall they return.”102 Also in another instance He saith: “They who held it as certain that they must meet God, said, ‘How oft, by God’s will, hath a small host vanquished a numerous host!’”103 In yet another instance He revealeth: “Let him then who hopeth to attain the presence of his Lord work a righteous work.”104 And also He saith: “He ordereth all things. He maketh His signs clear, that ye may have firm faith in attaining the presence of your Lord.”105

This people have repudiated all these verses, that unmistakably testify to the reality of “attainment unto the Divine Presence.” No theme hath been more emphatically asserted in the holy scriptures. Notwithstanding, they have deprived themselves of this lofty and most exalted rank, this supreme and glorious station. Some have contended that by “attainment unto the Divine Presence” is meant the “Revelation” of God in the Day of Resurrection. Should they assert that the “Revelation” of God signifieth a “Universal Revelation,” it is clear and evident that such revelation already existeth in all things. The truth of this We have already established, inasmuch as We have demonstrated that all things are the recipients and revealers of the splendors of that ideal King, and that the signs of the revelation of that Sun, the Source of all splendor, exist and are manifest in the mirrors of beings. Nay, were man to gaze with the eye of divine and spiritual discernment, he will readily recognize that nothing whatsoever can exist without the revelation of the splendor of God, the ideal King. Consider how all created things eloquently testify to the revelation of that inner Light within them. Behold how within all things the portals of the Ria□□van of God are opened, that seekers may attain the cities of understanding and wisdom, and enter the gardens of knowledge and power. Within every garden they will behold the mystic bride of inner meaning enshrined within the chambers of utterance in the utmost grace and fullest adornment. Most of the verses of the Qur’an indicate, and bear witness to, this spiritual theme. The verse: “Neither is there aught which doth not celebrate His praise”106 is eloquent testimony thereto; and “We noted all things and wrote them down,”107 a faithful witness thereof. Now, if by “attainment unto the Presence of God” is meant attainment unto the knowledge of such revelation, it is evident that all men have already attained unto the presence of the unchangeable Countenance of that peerless King. Why, then, restrict such revelation to the Day of Resurrection?

And were they to maintain that by “divine Presence” is meant the “Specific Revelation of God,” expressed by certain a□□úfís as the “Most Holy Outpouring,” if this be in the Essence Itself, it is evident that it hath been eternally in the divine Knowledge. Assuming the truth of this hypothesis, “attainment unto the divine Presence” is in this sense obviously possible to no one, inasmuch as this revelation is confined to the innermost Essence, unto which no man can attain. “The way is barred, and all seeking rejected.” The minds of the favorites of heaven, however high they soar, can never attain this station, how much less the understanding of obscured and limited minds.

And were they to say that by “divine Presence” is meant the “Secondary Revelation of God,” interpreted as the “Holy Outpouring,” this is admittedly applicable to the world of creation, that is, in the realm of the primal and original manifestation of God. Such revelation is confined to His Prophets and chosen Ones, inasmuch as none mightier than they hath come to exist in the world of being. This truth all recognize, and bear witness thereto. These Prophets and chosen Ones of God are the recipients and revealers of all the unchangeable attributes and names of God. They are the mirrors that truly and faithfully reflect the

light of God. Whatsoever is applicable to them is in reality applicable to God, Himself, Who is both the Visible and the Invisible. The knowledge of Him, Who is the Origin of all things, and attainment unto Him, are impossible save through knowledge of, and attainment unto, these luminous Beings who proceed from the Sun of Truth. By attaining, therefore, to the presence of these holy Luminaries, the "Presence of God" Himself is attained. From their knowledge, the knowledge of God is revealed, and from the light of their countenance, the splendor of the Face of God is made manifest. Through the manifold attributes of these Essences of Detachment, Who are both the first and the last, the seen and the hidden, it is made evident that He Who is the Sun of Truth is "the First and the Last, the Seen, and the Hidden."108 Likewise the other lofty names and exalted attributes of God. Therefore, whosoever, and in whatever Dispensation, hath recognized and attained unto the presence of these glorious, these resplendent and most excellent Luminaries, hath verily attained unto the "Presence of God" Himself, and entered the city of eternal and immortal life. Attainment unto such presence is possible only in the Day of Resurrection, which is the Day of the rise of God Himself through His all-embracing Revelation.

This is the meaning of the "Day of Resurrection," spoken of in all the scriptures, and announced unto all people. Reflect, can a more precious, a mightier, and more glorious day than this be conceived, so that man should willingly forego its grace, and deprive himself of its bounties, which like unto vernal showers are raining from the heaven of mercy upon all mankind? Having thus conclusively demonstrated that no day is greater than this Day, and no revelation more glorious than this Revelation, and having set forth all these weighty and infallible proofs which no understanding mind can question, and no man of learning overlook, how can man possibly, through the idle contention of the people of doubt and fancy, deprive himself of such a bountiful grace? Have they not heard the well-known tradition: "When the Qa'im riseth, that day is the Day of Resurrection"? In like manner, the Imams, those unquenchable lights of divine guidance, have interpreted the verse: "What can such expect but that God should come down to them overshadowed with clouds,"109–a sign which they have unquestionably regarded as one of the features of the Day of Resurrection–as referring to the Qa'im and His manifestation.

Strive, therefore, O my brother, to grasp the meaning of "Resurrection," and cleanse thine ears from the idle sayings of these rejected people. Shouldst thou step into the realm of complete detachment, thou wilt readily testify that no day is mightier than this Day, and that no resurrection more awful than this Resurrection can ever be conceived. One righteous work performed in this Day, equaleth all the virtuous acts which for myriads of centuries men have practiced–nay, We ask forgiveness of God for such a comparison! For verily the reward which such a deed deserveth is immensely beyond and above the estimate of men. Inasmuch as these undiscerning and wretched souls have failed to apprehend the true meaning of "Resurrection" and of the "attainment unto the divine Presence," they therefore have remained utterly deprived of the grace thereof. Although the sole and fundamental purpose of all learning, and the toil and labor thereof, is attainment unto, and the recognition of, this station, yet they are all immersed in the pursuit of their material studies. They deny themselves every moment of leisure, and utterly ignore Him, Who is the Essence of all learning, and the one Object of their quest! Methinks, their lips have never touched the cup of divine Knowledge, nor do they seem to have attained even a dewdrop of the showers of heavenly grace.

Consider, how can he that faileth in the day of God's Revelation to attain unto the grace of the "Divine Presence" and to recognize His Manifestation, be justly called learned, though he may have spent aeons in the pursuit of knowledge, and acquired all the limited and material learning of men? It is surely evident that he can in no wise be regarded as possessed of true knowledge. Whereas, the most unlettered of all men, if he be honored with this supreme distinction, he verily is accounted as one of those divinely learned men whose knowledge is of God; for such a man hath attained the acme of knowledge, and hath reached the furthermost summit of learning.

This station is also one of the signs of the Day of Revelation; even as it is said: "The abased amongst you, He shall exalt; and they that are exalted, He shall abase." And likewise, He hath revealed in the Qur'an: "And We desire to show favor to those who were brought low in the land, and to make them spiritual leaders among men, and to make of them Our heirs."110 It hath been witnessed in this day how many of the divines, owing to their rejection of the Truth, have fallen into, and abide within, the uttermost depths of ignorance, and whose names have been effaced from the scroll of the glorious and learned. And how many of the ignorant who, by reason of their acceptance of the Faith, have soared aloft and attained the high summit of knowledge, and whose names have been inscribed by the Pen of Power upon the Tablet of divine Knowledge. Thus, "What He pleaseth will God abrogate or confirm: for with Him is the Source of Revelation."111 Therefore, it hath been said: "To seek evidence, when the Proof hath been established is but an unseemly act, and to be busied with the pursuit of knowledge when the Object of all learning hath been attained is truly blameworthy." Say: O people of the earth! Behold this flamelike Youth that speedeth across the limitless profound of the Spirit, heralding unto you the tidings: "Lo: the Lamp of God is shining," and summoning you to heed His Cause which, though hidden beneath the veils of ancient splendor, shineth in the land of 'Iraq above the dayspring of eternal holiness.

O my friend, were the bird of thy mind to explore the heavens of the Revelation of the Qur'an, were it to contemplate the realm of divine knowledge unfolded therein, thou wouldst assuredly find unnumbered doors of knowledge set open before thee. Thou wouldst certainly recognize that all these things which have in this day hindered this people from attaining the shores of the ocean of eternal grace, the same things in the Mua□□ammadan Dispensation prevented the people of that age from recognizing that divine Luminary, and from testifying to His truth. Thou wilt also apprehend the mysteries of "return" and "revelation," and wilt securely abide within the loftiest chambers of certitude and assurance.

And it came to pass that on a certain day a number of the opponents of that peerless Beauty, those that had strayed far from God's imperishable Sanctuary, scornfully spoke these words unto Mua□□ammad: "Verily, God hath entered into a covenant with us that we are not to credit an apostle until he present us a sacrifice which fire out of heaven shall devour."112 The purport of this verse is that God hath covenanted with them that they should not believe in any messenger unless he work the miracle of Abel and Cain, that is, offer a sacrifice, and the fire from heaven consume it; even as they had heard it recounted in the story of Abel, which story is recorded in the scriptures. To this, Mua□□ammad, answering, said: "Already have Apostles before me come to you with sure testimonies, and with that of which ye speak. Wherefore slew ye them? Tell me, if ye are men of truth."113 And now, be fair; How could those people living in the days of Mua□□ammad have existed, thousands of years before, in the age of Adam or other Prophets? Why should Mua□□ammad, that Essence of truthfulness, have charged the

people of His day with the murder of Abel or other Prophets? Thou hast none other alternative except to regard Mua□□ammad as an impostor or a fool–which God forbid!–or to maintain that those people of wickedness were the selfsame people who in every age opposed and caviled at the Prophets and Messengers of God, till they finally caused them all to suffer martyrdom.

Ponder this in thine heart, that the sweet gales of divine knowledge, blowing from the meads of mercy, may waft upon thee the fragrance of the Beloved's utterance, and cause thy soul to attain the Ria□□van of understanding. As the wayward of every age have failed to fathom the deeper import of these weighty and pregnant utterances, and imagined the answer of the Prophets of God to be irrelevant to the questions they asked them, they therefore have attributed ignorance and folly to those Essences of knowledge and understanding.

Likewise, Mua□□ammad, in another verse, uttereth His protest against the people of that age. He saith: "Although they had before prayed for victory over those who believed not, yet when there came unto them He of Whom they had knowledge, they disbelieved in Him. The curse of God on the infidels!"114 Reflect how this verse also implieth that the people living in the days of Mua□□ammad were the same people who in the days of the Prophets of old contended and fought in order to promote the Faith, and teach the Cause, of God. And yet, how could the generations living at the time of Jesus and Moses, and those who lived in the days of Mua□□ammad, be regarded as being actually one and the same people? Moreover, those whom they had formerly known were Moses, the Revealer of the Pentateuch, and Jesus, the Author of the Gospel. Notwithstanding, why did Mua□□ammad say: "When He of Whom they had knowledge came unto them"–that is Jesus or Moses–"they disbelieved in Him"? Was not Mua□□ammad to outward seeming called by a different name? Did He not come forth out of a different city? Did He not speak a different language, and reveal a different Law? How then can the truth of this verse be established, and its meaning be made clear?

Strive therefore to comprehend the meaning of "return" which hath been so explicitly revealed in the Qur'an itself, and which none hath as yet understood. What sayest thou? If thou sayest that Mua□□ammad was the "return" of the Prophets of old, as is witnessed by this verse, His Companions must likewise be the "return" of the bygone Companions, even as the "return" of the former people is clearly attested by the text of the above-mentioned verses. And if thou deniest this, thou hast surely repudiated the truth of the Qur'an, the surest testimony of God unto men. In like manner, endeavor to grasp the significance of "return," "revelation," and "resurrection," as witnessed in the days of the Manifestations of the divine Essence, that thou mayest behold with thine own eyes the "return" of the holy souls into sanctified and illumined bodies, and mayest wash away the dust of ignorance, and cleanse the darkened self with the waters of mercy flowing from the Source of divine Knowledge; that perchance thou mayest, through the power of God and the light of divine guidance, distinguish the Morn of everlasting splendor from the darksome night of error.

Furthermore, it is evident to thee that the Bearers of the trust of God are made manifest unto the peoples of the earth as the Exponents of a new Cause and the Bearers of a new Message. Inasmuch as these Birds of the Celestial Throne are all sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, and as they all arise to proclaim His irresistible Faith, they therefore are regarded as one soul and the same person. For

they all drink from the one Cup of the love of God, and all partake of the fruit of the same Tree of Oneness. These Manifestations of God have each a twofold station. One is the station of pure abstraction and essential unity. In this respect, if thou callest them all by one name, and dost ascribe to them the same attribute, thou hast not erred from the truth. Even as He hath revealed: “No distinction do We make between any of His Messengers!”115 For they one and all summon the people of the earth to acknowledge the Unity of God, and herald unto them the Kawthar of an infinite grace and bounty. They are all invested with the robe of Prophethood, and honored with the mantle of glory. Thus hath Mua□□ammad, the Point of the Qur’an, revealed: “I am all the Prophets.” Likewise, He saith: “I am the first Adam, Noah, Moses, and Jesus.” Similar statements have been made by ’Alí. Sayings such as this, which indicate the essential unity of those Exponents of Oneness, have also emanated from the Channels of God’s immortal utterance, and the Treasuries of the gems of divine knowledge, and have been recorded in the scriptures. These Countenances are the recipients of the Divine Command, and the daysprings of His Revelation. This Revelation is exalted above the veils of plurality and the exigencies of number. Thus He saith: “Our Cause is but one.”116 Inasmuch as the Cause is one and the same, the Exponents thereof also must needs be one and the same. Likewise, the Imams of the Mua□□ammadan Faith, those lamps of certitude, have said: “Mua□□ammad is our first, Mua□□ammad our last, Mua□□ammad our all.”

It is clear and evident to thee that all the Prophets are the Temples of the Cause of God, Who have appeared clothed in divers attire. If thou wilt observe with discriminating eyes, thou wilt behold them all abiding in the same tabernacle, soaring in the same heaven, seated upon the same throne, uttering the same speech, and proclaiming the same Faith. Such is the unity of those Essences of being, those Luminaries of infinite and immeasurable splendor. Wherefore, should one of these Manifestations of Holiness proclaim saying: “I am the return of all the Prophets,” He verily speaketh the truth. In like manner, in every subsequent Revelation, the return of the former Revelation is a fact, the truth of which is firmly established. Inasmuch as the return of the Prophets of God, as attested by verses and traditions, hath been conclusively demonstrated, the return of their chosen ones also is therefore definitely proven. This return is too manifest in itself to require any evidence or proof. For instance, consider that among the Prophets was Noah. When He was invested with the robe of Prophethood, and was moved by the Spirit of God to arise and proclaim His Cause, whoever believed in Him and acknowledged His Faith was endowed with the grace of a new life. Of him it could be truly said that he was reborn and revived, inasmuch as previous to his belief in God and his acceptance of His Manifestation, he had set his affections on the things of the world, such as attachment to earthly goods, to wife, children, food, drink, and the like, so much so that in the daytime and in the night-season his one concern had been to amass riches and procure for himself the means of enjoyment and pleasure. Aside from these things, before his partaking of the reviving waters of faith, he had been so wedded to the traditions of his forefathers, and so passionately devoted to the observance of their customs and laws, that he would have preferred to suffer death rather than violate one letter of those superstitious forms and manners current amongst his people. Even as the people have cried: “Verily we found our fathers with a faith, and verily, in their footsteps we follow.”117

These same people, though wrapt in all these veils of limitation, and despite the restraint of such observances, as soon as they drank the immortal draft of faith, from the cup of certitude, at the hand of the Manifestation of the All-Glorious, were so transformed that they would renounce for His sake their kindred, their substance, their lives, their beliefs, yea, all else save God! So overpowering was their yearning for God, so uplifting their transports of ecstatic delight, that the world and all that is therein faded before their eyes into nothingness. Have not this people exemplified the mysteries of "rebirth" and "return"? Hath it not been witnessed that these same people, ere they were endued with the new and wondrous grace of God, sought through innumerable devices to ensure the protection of their lives against destruction? Would not a thorn fill them with terror, and the sight of a fox put them to flight? But once having been honored with God's supreme distinction, and having been vouchsafed His bountiful grace, they would, if they were able, have freely offered up ten thousand lives in His path! Nay, their blessed souls, contemptuous of the cage of their bodies, would yearn for deliverance. A single warrior of that host would face and fight a multitude! And yet, how could they, but for the transformation wrought in their lives, be capable of manifesting such deeds which are contrary to the ways of men and incompatible with their worldly desires?

It is evident that nothing short of this mystic transformation could cause such spirit and behavior, so utterly unlike their previous habits and manners, to be made manifest in the world of being. For their agitation was turned into peace, their doubt into certitude, their timidity into courage. Such is the potency of the Divine Elixir, which, swift as the twinkling of an eye, transmuteth the souls of men!

For instance, consider the substance of copper. Were it to be protected in its own mine from becoming solidified, it would, within the space of seventy years, attain to the state of gold. There are some, however, who maintain that copper itself is gold, which by becoming solidified is in a diseased condition, and hath not therefore reached its own state.

Be that as it may, the real elixir will, in one instant, cause the substance of copper to attain the state of gold, and will traverse the seventy-year stages in a single moment. Could this gold be called copper? Could it be claimed that it hath not attained the state of gold, whilst the touchstone is at hand to assay it and distinguish it from copper?

Likewise, these souls, through the potency of the Divine Elixir, traverse, in the twinkling of an eye, the world of dust and advance into the realm of holiness; and with one step cover the earth of limitations and reach the domain of the Placeless. It behooveth thee to exert thine utmost to attain unto this Elixir which, in one fleeting breath, causeth the west of ignorance to reach the east of knowledge, illuminateth the darkness of night with the resplendence of the morn, guideth the wanderer in the wilderness of doubt to the wellspring of the Divine Presence and Fount of certitude, and conferreth upon mortal souls the honor of acceptance into the Ria□□van of immortality. Now, could this gold be thought to be copper, these people could likewise be thought to be the same as before they were endowed with faith.

O brother, behold how the inner mysteries of "rebirth," of "return," and of "resurrection" have each, through these all-sufficing, these unanswerable, and conclusive utterances, been unveiled and unraveled before thine eyes. God grant that through His gracious and invisible assistance, thou mayest divest thy body and soul of the old garment, and array thyself with the new and imperishable attire.

Therefore, those who in every subsequent Dispensation preceded the rest of mankind in embracing the Faith of God, who quaffed the clear waters of knowledge at the hand of the divine Beauty, and attained the loftiest summits of faith and certitude, these can be regarded, in name, in reality, in deeds, in words, and in rank, as the "return" of those who in a former Dispensation had achieved similar distinctions. For whatsoever the people of a former Dispensation have manifested, the same hath been shown by the people of this latter generation. Consider the rose: whether it blossometh in the East or in the West, it is nonetheless a rose. For what mattereth in this respect is not the outward shape and form of the rose, but rather the smell and fragrance which it doth impart.

Purge thy sight, therefore, from all earthly limitations, that thou mayest behold them all as the bearers of one Name, the exponents of one Cause, the manifestations of one Self, and the revealers of one Truth, and that thou mayest apprehend the mystic "return" of the Words of God as unfolded by these utterances. Reflect for a while upon the behavior of the companions of the Mua□□ammadan Dispensation. Consider how, through the reviving breath of Mua□□ammad, they were cleansed from the defilements of earthly vanities, were delivered from selfish desires, and were detached from all else but Him. Behold how they preceded all the peoples of the earth in attaining unto His holy Presence–the Presence of God Himself–how they renounced the world and all that is therein, and sacrificed freely and joyously their lives at the feet of that Manifestation of the All-Glorious. And now, observe the "return" of the selfsame determination, the selfsame constancy and renunciation, manifested by the companions of the Point of the Bayan.118 Thou hast witnessed how these companions have, through the wonders of the grace of the Lord of Lords, hoisted the standards of sublime renunciation upon the inaccessible heights of glory. These Lights have proceeded from but one Source, and these fruits are the fruits of one Tree. Thou canst discern neither difference nor distinction among them. All this is by the grace of God! On whom He will, He bestoweth His grace. Please God, that we avoid the land of denial, and advance into the ocean of acceptance, so that we may perceive, with an eye purged from all conflicting elements, the worlds of unity and diversity, of variation and oneness, of limitation and detachment, and wing our flight unto the highest and innermost sanctuary of the inner meaning of the Word of God.

From these statements therefore it hath been made evident and manifest that should a Soul in the "End that knoweth no end" be made manifest, and arise to proclaim and uphold a Cause which in "the Beginning that hath no beginning" another Soul had proclaimed and upheld, it can be truly declared of Him Who is the Last and of Him Who was the First that they are one and the same, inasmuch as both are the Exponents of one and the same Cause. For this reason, hath the Point of the Bayan–may the life of all else but Him be His sacrifice!–likened the Manifestations of God unto the sun which, though it rise from the "Beginning that hath no beginning" until the "End that knoweth no end," is nonetheless the same sun. Now, wert thou to say that this sun is the former sun, thou speakest the truth; and if thou sayest that this sun is the "return" of that sun, thou also speakest the truth. Likewise, from this statement it is made evident that the term "last" is applicable to the "first," and the term "first" applicable to the "last"; inasmuch as both the "first" and the "last" have risen to proclaim one and the same Faith.

Notwithstanding the obviousness of this theme, in the eyes of those that have quaffed the wine of knowledge and certitude, yet how many are those who, through failure to understand its meaning, have allowed the term "Seal of the Prophets" to obscure their understanding, and deprive them of the grace of

all His manifold bounties! Hath not Mua□□ammad, Himself, declared: “I am all the Prophets”? Hath He not said as We have already mentioned: “I am Adam, Noah, Moses, and Jesus”? Why should Mua□□ammad, that immortal Beauty, Who hath said: “I am the first Adam” be incapable of saying also: “I am the last Adam”? For even as He regarded Himself to be the “First of the Prophets”–that is Adam–in like manner, the “Seal of the Prophets” is also applicable unto that Divine Beauty. It is admittedly obvious that being the “First of the Prophets,” He likewise is their “Seal.”

The mystery of this theme hath, in this Dispensation, been a sore test unto all mankind. Behold, how many are those who, clinging unto these words, have disbelieved Him Who is their true Revealer. What, We ask, could this people presume the terms “first” and “last”–when referring to God–glorified be His Name!–to mean? If they maintain that these terms bear reference to this material universe, how could it be possible, when the visible order of things is still manifestly existing? Nay, in this instance, by “first” is meant no other than the “last” and by “last” no other than the “first.”

Even as in the “Beginning that hath no beginnings” the term “last” is truly applicable unto Him who is the Educator of the visible and of the invisible, in like manner, are the terms “first” and “last” applicable unto His Manifestations. They are at the same time the Exponents of both the “first” and the “last.” Whilst established upon the seat of the “first,” they occupy the throne of the “last.” Were a discerning eye to be found, it will readily perceive that the exponents of the “first” and the “last,” of the “manifest” and the “hidden,” of the “beginning” and the “seal” are none other than these holy Beings, these Essences of Detachment, these divine Souls. And wert thou to soar in the holy realm of “God was alone, there was none else besides Him,” thou wilt find in that Court all these names utterly non-existent and completely forgotten. Then will thine eyes no longer be obscured by these veils, these terms, and allusions. How ethereal and lofty is this station, unto which even Gabriel, unshepherded, can never attain, and the Bird of Heaven, unassisted, can never reach!

And, now, strive thou to comprehend the meaning of this saying of ’Alí, the Commander of the Faithful: “Piercing the veils of glory, unaided.” Among these “veils of glory” are the divines and doctors living in the days of the Manifestation of God, who, because of their want of discernment and their love and eagerness for leadership, have failed to submit to the Cause of God, nay, have even refused to incline their ears unto the divine Melody. “They have thrust their fingers into their ears.”119 And the people also, utterly ignoring God and taking them for their masters, have placed themselves unreservedly under the authority of these pompous and hypocritical leaders, for they have no sight, no hearing, no heart, of their own to distinguish truth from falsehood.

Notwithstanding the divinely inspired admonitions of all the Prophets, the Saints, and Chosen ones of God, enjoining the people to see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears, they have disdainfully rejected their counsels and have blindly followed, and will continue to follow, the leaders of their Faith. Should a poor and obscure person, destitute of the attire of men of learning, address them saying: “Follow ye, O people! the Messengers of God,”120 they would, greatly surprised at such a statement, reply: “What! Meanest thou that all these divines, all these exponents of learning, with all their authority, their pomp and pageantry, have erred, and failed to distinguish truth from falsehood? Dost thou, and people like thyself, pretend to have comprehended that which they have not understood?” If numbers

and excellence of apparel be regarded as the criterions of learning and truth, the peoples of a bygone age, whom those of today have never surpassed in numbers, magnificence and power, should certainly be accounted a superior and worthier people.

It is clear and evident that whenever the Manifestations of Holiness were revealed, the divines of their day have hindered the people from attaining unto the way of truth. To this testify the records of all the scriptures and heavenly books. Not one Prophet of God was made manifest Who did not fall a victim to the relentless hate, to the denunciation, denial, and execration of the clerics of His day! Woe unto them for the iniquities their hands have formerly wrought! Woe unto them for that which they are now doing! What veils of glory more grievous than these embodiments of error! By the righteousness of God! to pierce such veils is the mightiest of all acts, and to rend them asunder the most meritorious of all deeds! May God assist us and assist you, O concourse of the Spirit! that perchance ye may in the time of His Manifestation be graciously aided to perform such deeds, and may in His days attain unto the Presence of God.

Furthermore, among the "veils of glory" are such terms as the "Seal of the Prophets" and the like, the removal of which is a supreme achievement in the sight of these baseborn and erring souls. All, by reason of these mysterious sayings, these grievous "veils of glory," have been hindered from beholding the light of truth. Have they not heard the melody of that bird of Heaven,121 uttering this mystery: "A thousand Faa□□imihs I have espoused, all of whom were the daughters of Mua□□ammad, Son of 'Abdu'llah, the 'Seal of the Prophets'"? Behold, how many are the mysteries that lie as yet unraveled within the tabernacle of the knowledge of God, and how numerous the gems of His wisdom that are still concealed in His inviolable treasuries! Shouldest thou ponder this in thine heart, thou wouldst realize that His handiwork knoweth neither beginning nor end. The domain of His decree is too vast for the tongue of mortals to describe, or for the bird of the human mind to traverse; and the dispensations of His providence are too mysterious for the mind of man to comprehend. His creation no end hath overtaken, and it hath ever existed from the "Beginning that hath no beginning"; and the Manifestations of His Beauty no beginning hath beheld, and they will continue to the "End that knoweth no end." Ponder this utterance in thine heart, and reflect how it is applicable unto all these holy Souls.

Likewise, strive thou to comprehend the meaning of the melody of that eternal beauty, a□□usayn, son of 'Alí, who, addressing Salman, spoke words such as these: "I was with a thousand Adams, the interval between each and the next Adam was fifty thousand years, and to each one of these I declared the Successorship conferred upon my father." He then recounteth certain details, until he saith: "I have fought one thousand battles in the path of God, the least and most insignificant of which was like the battle of Khaybar, in which battle my father fought and contended against the infidels." Endeavor now to apprehend from these two traditions the mysteries of "end," "return," and "creation without beginning or end."

O my beloved! Immeasurably exalted is the celestial Melody above the strivings of human ear to hear or mind to grasp its mystery! How can the helpless ant step into the court of the All-Glorious? And yet, feeble souls, through lack of understanding, reject these abstruse utterances, and question the truth of such traditions. Nay, none can comprehend them save those that are possessed of an understanding

heart. Say, He is that End for Whom no end in all the universe can be imagined, and for Whom no beginning in the world of creation can be conceived. Behold, O concourse of the earth, the splendors of the End, revealed in the Manifestations of the Beginning!

How strange! These people with one hand cling to those verses of the Qur'an and those traditions of the people of certitude which they have found to accord with their inclinations and interests, and with the other reject those which are contrary to their selfish desires. "Believe ye then part of the Book, and deny part?"122 How could ye judge that which ye understand not? Even as the Lord of being hath in His unerring Book, after speaking of the "Seal" in His exalted utterance: "Mua□□ammad is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets,"123 hath revealed unto all people the promise of "attainment unto the divine Presence." To this attainment to the presence of the immortal King testify the verses of the Book, some of which We have already mentioned. The one true God is My witness! Nothing more exalted or more explicit than "attainment unto the divine Presence" hath been revealed in the Qur'an. Well is it with him that hath attained thereunto, in the day wherein most of the people, even as ye witness, have turned away therefrom.

And yet, through the mystery of the former verse, they have turned away from the grace promised by the latter, despite the fact that "attainment unto the divine Presence" in the "Day of Resurrection" is explicitly stated in the Book. It hath been demonstrated and definitely established, through clear evidences, that by "Resurrection" is meant the rise of the Manifestation of God to proclaim His Cause, and by "attainment unto the divine Presence" is meant attainment unto the presence of His Beauty in the person of His Manifestation. For verily, "No vision taketh in Him, but He taketh in all vision."124 Notwithstanding all these indubitable facts and lucid statements, they have foolishly clung to the term "seal," and remained utterly deprived of the recognition of Him Who is the Revealer of both the Seal and the Beginning, in the day of His presence. "If God should chastise men for their perverse doings, He would not leave upon the earth a moving thing! But to an appointed time doth He respite them."125 But apart from all these things, had this people attained unto a drop of the crystal streams flowing from the words: "God doeth whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth," they would not have raised any unseemly cavils, such as these, against the focal Center of His Revelation. The Cause of God, all deeds and words, are held within the grasp of His power. "All things lie imprisoned within the hollow of His mighty Hand; all things are easy and possible unto Him." He accomplisheth whatsoever He willeth, and doeth all that He desireth. "Whoso sayeth 'why' or 'wherefore' hath spoken blasphemy!" Were these people to shake off the slumber of negligence and realize that which their hands have wrought, they would surely perish, and would of their own accord cast themselves into fire–their end and real abode. Have they not heard that which He hath revealed: "He shall not be asked of His doings"?126 In the light of these utterances, how can man be so bold as to question Him, and busy himself with idle sayings?

Gracious God! So great is the folly and perversity of the people, that they have turned their face toward their own thoughts and desires, and have turned their back upon the knowledge and will of God–hallowed and glorified be His name!

Be fair: Were these people to acknowledge the truth of these luminous words and holy allusions, and recognize God as "Him that doeth whatsoever He pleaseth," how could they continue to cleave unto

these glaring absurdities? Nay, with all their soul, they would accept and submit to whatsoever He saith. I swear by God! But for the divine Decree, and the inscrutable dispensations of Providence, the earth itself would have utterly destroyed all this people! “He will, however, respite them until the appointed time of a known day.”

Twelve hundred and eighty years have passed since the dawn of the Mua□□ammadan Dispensation, and with every break of day, these blind and ignoble people have recited their Qur’an, and yet have failed to grasp one letter of that Book! Again and again they read those verses which clearly testify to the reality of these holy themes, and bear witness to the truth of the Manifestations of eternal Glory, and still apprehend not their purpose. They have even failed to realize, all this time, that, in every age, the reading of the scriptures and holy books is for no other purpose except to enable the reader to apprehend their meaning and unravel their innermost mysteries. Otherwise reading, without understanding, is of no abiding profit unto man.

And it came to pass that on a certain day a needy man came to visit this Soul, craving for the ocean of His knowledge. While conversing with him, mention was made concerning the signs of the Day of Judgment, Resurrection, Revival, and Reckoning. He urged Us to explain how, in this wondrous Dispensation, the peoples of the world were brought to a reckoning, when none were made aware of it. Thereupon, We imparted unto him, according to the measure of his capacity and understanding, certain truths of Science and ancient Wisdom. We then asked him saying: “Hast thou not read the Qur’an, and art thou not aware of this blessed verse: ‘On that day shall neither man nor spirit be asked of his sin’?127 Dost thou not realize that by ‘asking’ is not meant asking by tongue or speech, even as the verse itself doth indicate and prove? For afterward it is said: ‘By their countenance shall the sinners be known, and they shall be seized by their forelocks and their feet.’”128

Thus the peoples of the world are judged by their countenance. By it, their misbelief, their faith, and their iniquity are all made manifest. Even as it is evident in this day how the people of error are, by their countenance, known and distinguished from the followers of divine Guidance. Were these people, wholly for the sake of God and with no desire but His good-pleasure, to ponder the verses of the Book in their heart, they would of a certainty find whatsoever they seek. In its verses would they find revealed and manifest all the things, be they great or small, that have come to pass in this Dispensation. They would even recognize in them references unto the departure of the Manifestations of the names and attributes of God from out their native land; to the opposition and disdainful arrogance of government and people; and to the dwelling and establishment of the Universal Manifestation in an appointed and specially designated land. No man, however, can comprehend this except he who is possessed of an understanding heart.

We seal Our theme with that which was formerly revealed unto Mua□□ammad that the seal thereof may shed the fragrance of that holy musk which leadeth men unto the Ria□□van of unfading splendor. He said, and His Word is the truth: “And God calleth to the Abode of Peace;129 and He guideth whom He will into the right way.”130 “For them is an Abode of Peace with their Lord! and He shall be their Protector because of their works.”131 This He hath revealed that His grace may encompass the world. Praise be to God, the Lord of all being!

We have variously and repeatedly set forth the meaning of every theme, that perchance every soul, whether high or low, may obtain, according to his measure and capacity, his share and portion thereof. Should he be unable to comprehend a certain argument, he may, thus, by referring unto another, attain his purpose. "That all sorts of men may know where to quench their thirst."

By God! This Bird of Heaven, now dwelling upon the dust, can, besides these melodies, utter a myriad songs, and is able, apart from these utterances, to unfold innumerable mysteries. Every single note of its unpronounced utterances is immeasurably exalted above all that hath already been revealed, and immensely glorified beyond that which hath streamed from this Pen. Let the future disclose the hour when the Brides of inner meaning will, as decreed by the Will of God, hasten forth, unveiled, out of their mystic mansions, and manifest themselves in the ancient realm of being. Nothing whatsoever is possible without His permission; no power can endure save through His power, and there is none other God but He. His is the world of creation, and His the Cause of God. All proclaim His Revelation, and all unfold the mysteries of His Spirit.

We have already in the foregoing pages assigned two stations unto each of the Luminaries arising from the Daysprings of eternal holiness. One of these stations, the station of essential unity, We have already explained. "No distinction do We make between any of them."132 The other is the station of distinction, and pertaineth to the world of creation and to the limitations thereof. In this respect, each Manifestation of God hath a distinct individuality, a definitely prescribed mission, a predestined Revelation, and specially designated limitations. Each one of them is known by a different name, is characterized by a special attribute, fulfills a definite Mission, and is entrusted with a particular Revelation. Even as He saith: "Some of the Apostles We have caused to excel the others. To some God hath spoken, some He hath raised and exalted. And to Jesus, Son of Mary, We gave manifest signs, and We strengthened Him with the Holy Spirit."133

It is because of this difference in their station and mission that the words and utterances flowing from these Wellsprings of divine knowledge appear to diverge and differ. Otherwise, in the eyes of them that are initiated into the mysteries of divine wisdom, all their utterances are in reality but the expressions of one Truth. As most of the people have failed to appreciate those stations to which We have referred, they therefore feel perplexed and dismayed at the varying utterances pronounced by Manifestations that are essentially one and the same.

It hath ever been evident that all these divergences of utterance are attributable to differences of station. Thus, viewed from the standpoint of their oneness and sublime detachment, the attributes of Godhead, Divinity, Supreme Singleness, and Inmost Essence, have been and are applicable to those Essences of being, inasmuch as they all abide on the throne of divine Revelation, and are established upon the seat of divine Concealment. Through their appearance the Revelation of God is made manifest, and by their countenance the Beauty of God is revealed. Thus it is that the accents of God Himself have been heard uttered by these Manifestations of the divine Being.

Viewed in the light of their second station–the station of distinction, differentiation, temporal limitations, characteristics and standards–they manifest absolute servitude, utter destitution and complete self-effacement. Even as He saith: "I am the servant of God.134 I am but a man like you."135

From these incontrovertible and fully demonstrated statements strive thou to apprehend the meaning of the questions thou hast asked, that thou mayest become steadfast in the Faith of God, and not be dismayed by the divergences in the utterances of His Prophets and Chosen Ones.

Were any of the all-embracing Manifestations of God to declare: “I am God!” He, verily, speaketh the truth, and no doubt attacheth thereto. For it hath been repeatedly demonstrated that through their Revelation, their attributes and names, the Revelation of God, His name and His attributes, are made manifest in the world. Thus, He hath revealed: “Those shafts were God’s, not Thine!”136 And also He saith: “In truth, they who plighted fealty unto thee, really plighted that fealty unto God.”137 And were any of them to voice the utterance: “I am the Messenger of God,” He also speaketh the truth, the indubitable truth. Even as He saith: “Mua□□ammad is not the father of any man among you, but He is the Messenger of God.”138 Viewed in this light, they are all but Messengers of that ideal King, that unchangeable Essence. And were they all to proclaim: “I am the Seal of the Prophets,” they verily utter but the truth, beyond the faintest shadow of doubt. For they are all but one person, one soul, one spirit, one being, one revelation. They are all the manifestation of the “Beginning” and the “End,” the “First” and the “Last,” the “Seen” and “Hidden”–all of which pertain to Him Who is the innermost Spirit of Spirits and eternal Essence of Essences. And were they to say: “We are the servants of God,” this also is a manifest and indisputable fact. For they have been made manifest in the uttermost state of servitude, a servitude the like of which no man can possibly attain. Thus in moments in which these Essences of being were deeply immersed beneath the oceans of ancient and everlasting holiness, or when they soared to the loftiest summits of divine mysteries, they claimed their utterance to be the Voice of divinity, the Call of God Himself. Were the eye of discernment to be opened, it would recognize that in this very state, they have considered themselves utterly effaced and nonexistent in the face of Him Who is the All-Pervading, the Incorruptible. Methinks they have regarded themselves as utter nothingness, and deemed their mention in that Court an act of blasphemy. For the slightest whispering of self, within such a Court, is an evidence of self-assertion and independent existence. In the eyes of them that have attained unto that Court, such a suggestion is itself a grievous transgression. How much more grievous would it be, were aught else to be mentioned in that Presence, were man’s heart, his tongue, his mind, or his soul, to be busied with anyone but the Well-Beloved, were his eyes to behold any countenance other than His beauty, were his ear to be inclined to any melody but His voice, and were his feet to tread any way but His way.

In this day the breeze of God is wafted, and His Spirit hath pervaded all things. Such is the outpouring of His grace that the pen is stilled and the tongue is speechless.

By virtue of this station, they have claimed for themselves the Voice of Divinity and the like, whilst by virtue of their station of Messengership, they have declared themselves the Messengers of God. In every instance they have voiced an utterance that would conform to the requirements of the occasion, and have ascribed all these declarations to Themselves, declarations ranging from the realm of divine Revelation to the realm of creation, and from the domain of Divinity even unto the domain of earthly existence. Thus it is that whatsoever be their utterance, whether it pertain to the realm of Divinity, Lordship, Prophethood, Messengership, Guardianship, Apostleship or Servitude, all is true, beyond the shadow of a doubt. Therefore, these sayings which We have quoted in support of Our argument must be

attentively considered, that the divergent utterances of the Manifestations of the Unseen and Dayspring of Holiness may cease to agitate the soul and perplex the mind.

Those words uttered by the Luminaries of Truth must needs be pondered, and should their significance be not grasped, enlightenment should be sought from the Trustees of the depositories of Knowledge, that these may expound their meaning, and unravel their mystery. For it behooveth no man to interpret the holy words according to his own imperfect understanding, nor, having found them to be contrary to his inclination and desires, to reject and repudiate their truth. For such, today, is the manner of the divines and doctors of the age, who occupy the seats of knowledge and learning, and who have named ignorance knowledge, and called oppression justice. Were these to ask the Light of Truth concerning those images which their idle fancy hath carved, and were they to find His answer inconsistent with their own conceptions and their own understanding of the Book, they would assuredly denounce Him Who is the Mine and Wellhead of all Knowledge as the very negation of understanding. Such things have happened in every age.

For instance, when Mua□□ammad, the Lord of being, was questioned concerning the new moons, He, as bidden by God, made reply: "They are periods appointed unto men."139 Thereupon, they that heard Him denounced Him as an ignorant man.

Likewise, in the verse concerning the "Spirit," He saith: "And they will ask Thee of the Spirit. Say, 'the Spirit proceedeth at My Lord's command.'"140 As soon as Mua□□ammad's answer was given, they all clamorously protested, saying: "Lo! an ignorant man who knoweth not what the Spirit is, calleth Himself the Revealer of divine Knowledge!" And now behold the divines of the age who, because of their being honored by His name, and finding that their fathers have acknowledged His Revelation, have blindly submitted to His truth. Observe, were this people today to receive such answers in reply to such questionings, they would unhesitatingly reject and denounce them–nay, they would again utter the selfsame cavils, even as they have uttered them in this day. All this, notwithstanding the fact that these Essences of being are immensely exalted above such fanciful images, and are immeasurably glorified beyond all these vain sayings and above the comprehension of every understanding heart. Their so-called learning, when compared with that Knowledge, is utter falsehood, and all their understanding naught but blatant error. Nay, whatsoever proceedeth from these Mines of divine Wisdom and these Treasuries of eternal knowledge is truth, and naught else but the truth. The saying: "Knowledge is one point, which the foolish have multiplied" is a proof of Our argument, and the tradition: "Knowledge is a light which God sheddeth into the heart of whomsoever He willeth" a confirmation of Our statement.

Inasmuch as they have not apprehended the meaning of Knowledge, and have called by that name those images fashioned by their own fancy and which have sprung from the embodiments of ignorance, they therefore have inflicted upon the Source of Knowledge that which thou hast heard and witnessed.

For instance, a certain man,141 reputed for his learning and attainments, and accounting himself as one of the preeminent leaders of his people, hath in his book denounced and vilified all the exponents of true learning. This is made abundantly clear by his explicit statements as well as by his allusions throughout his book. As We had frequently heard about him, We purposed to read some of his works. Although We never felt disposed to peruse other peoples' writings, yet as some had questioned Us concerning him, We

felt it necessary to refer to his books, in order that We might answer Our questioners with knowledge and understanding. His works, in the Arabic tongue, were, however, not available, until one day a certain man informed Us that one of his compositions, entitled Irshadu'l-'Avam,142 could be found in this city. From this title We perceived the odor of conceit and vainglory, inasmuch as he hath imagined himself a learned man and regarded the rest of the people ignorant. His worth was in fact made known by the very title he had chosen for his book. It became evident that its author was following the path of self and desire, and was lost in the wilderness of ignorance and folly. Methinks he had forgotten the well-known tradition which sayeth: "Knowledge is all that is knowable; and might and power, all creation." Notwithstanding, We sent for the book, and kept it with Us a few days. It was probably referred to twice. The second time, We accidentally came upon the story of the "Mi'raj"143 of Mua□□ammad, of whom was spoken: "But for Thee, I would not have created the spheres." We noticed that he had enumerated some twenty or more sciences, the knowledge of which he considered to be essential for the comprehension of the mystery of the "Mi'raj." We gathered from his statements that unless a man be deeply versed in them all, he can never attain to a proper understanding of this transcendent and exalted theme. Among the specified sciences were the science of metaphysical abstractions, of alchemy, and natural magic. Such vain and discarded learnings, this man hath regarded as the prerequisites of the understanding of the sacred and abiding mysteries of divine Knowledge.

Gracious God! Such is the measure of his understanding. And yet, behold what cavils and calumnies he hath heaped upon those Embodiments of God's infinite knowledge! How well and true is the saying: "Flingest thou thy calumnies unto the face of Them Whom the one true God hath made the Trustees of the treasures of His seventh sphere?" Not one understanding heart or mind, not one among the wise and learned, hath taken notice of these preposterous statements. And yet, how clear and evident it is to every discerning heart that this so-called learning is and hath ever been rejected by Him Who is the one true God. How can the knowledge of these sciences, which are so contemptible in the eyes of the truly learned, be regarded as essential to the apprehension of the mysteries of the "Mi'raj," whilst the Lord of the "Mi'raj" Himself was never burdened with a single letter of these limited and obscure learnings, and never defiled His radiant heart with any of these fanciful illusions? How truly hath he said: "All human attainment moveth upon a lame ass, whilst Truth, riding upon the wind, darteth across space." By the righteousness of God! Whoso desireth to fathom the mystery of this "Mi'raj," and craveth a drop from this ocean, if the mirror of his heart be already obscured by the dust of these learnings, he must needs cleanse and purify it ere the light of this mystery can be reflected therein.

In this day, they that are submerged beneath the ocean of ancient Knowledge, and dwell within the ark of divine wisdom, forbid the people such idle pursuits. Their shining breasts are, praise be to God, sanctified from every trace of such learning, and are exalted above such grievous veils. We have consumed this densest of all veils with the fire of the love of the Beloved–the veil referred to in the saying: "The most grievous of all veils is the veil of knowledge." Upon its ashes, We have reared the tabernacle of divine knowledge. We have, praise be to God, burned the "veils of glory" with the fire of the beauty of the Best-Beloved. We have driven from the human heart all else but Him Who is the Desire of the world, and glory therein. We cleave to no knowledge but His Knowledge, and set our hearts on naught save the effulgent glories of His light.

We were surprised exceedingly when We observed that his one purpose was to make the people realize that all these learnings were possessed by him. And yet, I swear by God that not one breath, blowing from the meads of divine knowledge, hath ever been wafted upon his soul, nor hath he ever unraveled a single mystery of ancient wisdom. Nay, were the meaning of Knowledge ever to be expounded unto him, dismay would fill his heart, and his whole being would shake to its foundation. Notwithstanding his base and senseless statements, behold to what heights of extravagance his claims have reached!

Gracious God! How great is Our amazement at the way the people have gathered around him, and have borne allegiance to his person! Content with transient dust, these people have turned their face unto it, and cast behind their backs Him Who is the Lord of Lords. Satisfied with the croaking of the crow and enamored with the visage of the raven, they have renounced the melody of the nightingale and the charm of the rose. What unspeakable fallacies the perusal of this pretentious book hath revealed! They are too unworthy for any pen to describe, and too base for one moment's attention. Should a touchstone be found, however, it would instantly distinguish truth from falsehood, light from darkness, and sun from shadow.

Among the sciences which this pretender hath professed is that of alchemy. We cherish the hope that either a king or a man of preeminent power may call upon him to translate this science from the realm of fancy to the domain of fact and from the plane of mere pretension to that of actual achievement. Would that this unlearned and humble Servant, who never laid any pretension to such things, nor even regarded them as the criterion of true knowledge, might undertake the same task, that thereby the truth might be known and distinguished from falsehood. But of what avail! All this generation could offer Us were wounds from its darts, and the only cup it proffered to Our lips was the cup of its venom. On our neck We still bear the scar of chains, and upon Our body are imprinted the evidences of an unyielding cruelty.

And as to this man's attainments, his ignorance, understanding and belief, behold what the Book which embraceth all things hath revealed; "Verily, the tree of Zaqqúm144 shall be the food of the Athím."145 And then follow certain verses, until He saith: "Taste this, for thou forsooth art the mighty Karím!"146 Consider how clearly and explicitly he hath been described in God's incorruptible Book! This man, moreover, feigning humility, hath in his own book referred to himself as the "athím servant": "Athím" in the Book of God, mighty among the common herd, "Karím" in name!

Ponder the blessed verse, so that the meaning of the words "There is neither a thing green nor sere but it is noted in the unerring Book"147 may be imprinted upon the tablet of thy heart. Notwithstanding, a multitude bear him allegiance. They have rejected the Moses of knowledge and justice, and clung to the Samirí148 of ignorance. They have turned away their eyes from the Daystar of truth which shineth in the divine and everlasting heaven, and have utterly ignored its splendor.

O my brother! A divine Mine only can yield the gems of divine knowledge, and the fragrance of the mystic Flower can be inhaled only in the ideal Garden, and the lilies of ancient wisdom can blossom nowhere except in the city of a stainless heart. "In a rich soil, its plants spring forth abundantly by permission of its Lord, and in that soil which is bad, they spring forth but scantily."149

Inasmuch as it hath been clearly shown that only those who are initiated into the divine mysteries can comprehend the melodies uttered by the Bird of Heaven, it is therefore incumbent upon every one to seek enlightenment from the illumined in heart and from the Treasuries of divine mysteries regarding the intricacies of God's Faith and the abstruse allusions in the utterances of the Daysprings of Holiness. Thus will these mysteries be unraveled, not by the aid of acquired learning, but solely through the assistance of God and the outpourings of His grace. "Ask ye, therefore, of them that have the custody of the Scriptures, if ye know it not."150

But, O my brother, when a true seeker determineth to take the step of search in the path leading to the knowledge of the Ancient of Days, he must, before all else, cleanse and purify his heart, which is the seat of the revelation of the inner mysteries of God, from the obscuring dust of all acquired knowledge, and the allusions of the embodiments of satanic fancy. He must purge his breast, which is the sanctuary of the abiding love of the Beloved, of every defilement, and sanctify his soul from all that pertaineth to water and clay, from all shadowy and ephemeral attachments. He must so cleanse his heart that no remnant of either love or hate may linger therein, lest that love blindly incline him to error, or that hate repel him away from the truth. Even as thou dost witness in this day how most of the people, because of such love and hate, are bereft of the immortal Face, have strayed far from the Embodiments of the divine mysteries, and, shepherdless, are roaming through the wilderness of oblivion and error. That seeker must at all times put his trust in God, must renounce the peoples of the earth, detach himself from the world of dust, and cleave unto Him Who is the Lord of Lords. He must never seek to exalt himself above anyone, must wash away from the tablet of his heart every trace of pride and vainglory, must cling unto patience and resignation, observe silence, and refrain from idle talk. For the tongue is a smoldering fire, and excess of speech a deadly poison. Material fire consumeth the body, whereas the fire of the tongue devoureth both heart and soul. The force of the former lasteth but for a time, whilst the effects of the latter endure a century.

That seeker should also regard backbiting as grievous error, and keep himself aloof from its dominion, inasmuch as backbiting quencheth the light of the heart, and extinguisheth the life of the soul. He should be content with little, and be freed from all inordinate desire. He should treasure the companionship of those that have renounced the world, and regard avoidance of boastful and worldly people a precious benefit. At the dawn of every day he should commune with God, and with all his soul persevere in the quest of his Beloved. He should consume every wayward thought with the flame of His loving mention, and, with the swiftness of lightning, pass by all else save Him. He should succor the dispossessed, and never withhold his favor from the destitute. He should show kindness to animals, how much more unto his fellowman, to him who is endowed with the power of utterance. He should not hesitate to offer up his life for his Beloved, nor allow the censure of the people to turn him away from the Truth. He should not wish for others that which he doth not wish for himself, nor promise that which he doth not fulfill. With all his heart should the seeker avoid fellowship with evildoers, and pray for the remission of their sins. He should forgive the sinful, and never despise his low estate, for none knoweth what his own end shall be. How often hath a sinner, at the hour of death, attained to the essence of faith, and, quaffing the immortal draft, hath taken his flight unto the celestial Concourse. And how often hath a devout believer, at the hour of his soul's ascension, been so changed as to fall into the nethermost fire. Our purpose in revealing

these convincing and weighty utterances is to impress upon the seeker that he should regard all else beside God as transient, and count all things save Him, Who is the Object of all adoration, as utter nothingness.

These are among the attributes of the exalted, and constitute the hallmark of the spiritually minded. They have already been mentioned in connection with the requirements of the wayfarers that tread the Path of Positive Knowledge. When the detached wayfarer and sincere seeker hath fulfilled these essential conditions, then and only then can he be called a true seeker. Whensoever he hath fulfilled the conditions implied in the verse: "Whoso maketh efforts for Us,"151 he shall enjoy the blessing conferred by the words: "In Our ways shall We assuredly guide him."152

Only when the lamp of search, of earnest striving, of longing desire, of passionate devotion, of fervid love, of rapture, and ecstasy, is kindled within the seeker's heart, and the breeze of His loving-kindness is wafted upon his soul, will the darkness of error be dispelled, the mists of doubts and misgivings be dissipated, and the lights of knowledge and certitude envelop his being. At that hour will the mystic Herald, bearing the joyful tidings of the Spirit, shine forth from the City of God resplendent as the morn, and, through the trumpet-blast of knowledge, will awaken the heart, the soul, and the spirit from the slumber of negligence. Then will the manifold favors and outpouring grace of the holy and everlasting Spirit confer such new life upon the seeker that he will find himself endowed with a new eye, a new ear, a new heart, and a new mind. He will contemplate the manifest signs of the universe, and will penetrate the hidden mysteries of the soul. Gazing with the eye of God, he will perceive within every atom a door that leadeth him to the stations of absolute certitude. He will discover in all things the mysteries of divine Revelation and the evidences of an everlasting manifestation.

I swear by God! Were he that treadeth the path of guidance and seeketh to scale the heights of righteousness to attain unto this glorious and supreme station, he would inhale at a distance of a thousand leagues the fragrance of God, and would perceive the resplendent morn of a divine Guidance rising above the dayspring of all things. Each and every thing, however small, would be to him a revelation leading him to his Beloved, the Object of his quest. So great shall be the discernment of this seeker that he will discriminate between truth and falsehood even as he doth distinguish the sun from shadow. If in the uttermost corners of the East the sweet savors of God be wafted, he will assuredly recognize and inhale their fragrance, even though he be dwelling in the uttermost ends of the West. He will likewise clearly distinguish all the signs of God–His wondrous utterances, His great works, and mighty deeds–from the doings, words and ways of men, even as the jeweler who knoweth the gem from the stone, or the man who distinguisheth the spring from autumn and heat from cold. When the channel of the human soul is cleansed of all worldly and impeding attachments, it will unfailingly perceive the breath of the Beloved across immeasurable distances, and will, led by its perfume, attain and enter the City of Certitude. Therein he will discern the wonders of His ancient wisdom, and will perceive all the hidden teachings from the rustling leaves of the Tree–which flourisheth in that City. With both his inner and his outer ear he will hear from its dust the hymns of glory and praise ascending unto the Lord of Lords, and with his inner eye will he discover the mysteries of "return" and "revival." How unspeakably glorious are the signs, the tokens, the revelations, and splendors which He Who is the King of names and attributes hath destined for that City! The attainment of this City quencheth thirst without water, and kindleth the

love of God without fire. Within every blade of grass are enshrined the mysteries of an inscrutable wisdom, and upon every rosebush a myriad nightingales pour out, in blissful rapture, their melody. Its wondrous tulips unfold the mystery of the undying Fire in the Burning Bush, and its sweet savors of holiness breathe the perfume of the Messianic Spirit. It bestoweth wealth without gold, and conferreth immortality without death. In every leaf ineffable delights are treasured, and within every chamber unnumbered mysteries lie hidden.

They that valiantly labor in quest of God will, when once they have renounced all else but Him, be so attached and wedded to that City that a moment's separation from it would to them be unthinkable. They will hearken unto infallible proofs from the Hyacinth of that assembly, and receive the surest testimonies from the beauty of its Rose and the melody of its Nightingale. Once in about a thousand years shall this City be renewed and readorned.

Wherefore, O my friend, it behooveth us to exert the highest endeavor to attain unto that City, and, by the grace of God and His loving-kindness, rend asunder the "veils of glory"; so that, with inflexible steadfastness, we may sacrifice our drooping souls in the path of the New Beloved. We should with tearful eyes, fervently and repeatedly, implore Him to grant us the favor of that grace. That City is none other than the Word of God revealed in every age and dispensation. In the days of Moses it was the Pentateuch; in the days of Jesus the Gospel; in the days of Mua□□ammad the Messenger of God the Qur'an; in this day the Bayan; and in the dispensation of Him Whom God will make manifest His own Book–the Book unto which all the Books of former Dispensations must needs be referred, the Book which standeth amongst them all transcendent and supreme. In these Cities spiritual sustenance is bountifully provided, and incorruptible delights have been ordained. The food they bestow is the bread of heaven, and the Spirit they impart is God's imperishable blessing. Upon detached souls they bestow the gift of Unity, enrich the destitute, and offer the cup of knowledge unto them who wander in the wilderness of ignorance. All the guidance, the blessings, the learning, the understanding, the faith, and certitude, conferred upon all that is in heaven and on earth, are hidden and treasured within these Cities.

For instance, the Qur'an was an impregnable stronghold unto the people of Mua□□ammad. In His days, whosoever entered therein was shielded from the devilish assaults, the menacing darts, the soul-devouring doubts, and blasphemous whisperings of the enemy. Upon him was also bestowed a portion of the everlasting and goodly fruits–the fruits of wisdom from the divine Tree. To him was given to drink the incorruptible waters of the river of knowledge and to taste the wine of the mysteries of divine Unity.

All the things that people required in connection with the Revelation of Mua□□ammad and His laws were to be found revealed and manifest in that Ria□□van of resplendent glory. That Book constitutes an abiding testimony to its people after Mua□□ammad, inasmuch as its decrees are indisputable, and its promise unfailing. All have been enjoined to follow the precepts of that Book until "the year sixty"153–the year of the advent of God's wondrous Manifestation. That Book is the Book which unfailingly leadeth the seeker unto the Ria□□van of the divine Presence, and causeth him that hath forsaken his country and is treading the seeker's path to enter the Tabernacle of everlasting reunion. Its guidance can never err, its testimony no other testimony can excel. All other traditions, all other books and records, are bereft of such distinction, inasmuch as both the traditions and they that have spoken them are confirmed and proven

solely by the text of that Book. Moreover, the traditions themselves grievously differ, and their obscurities are manifold.

Mua□□ammad, Himself, as the end of His mission drew nigh, spoke these words: “Verily, I leave amongst you My twin weighty testimonies: The Book of God and My Family.” Although many traditions had been revealed by that Source of Prophethood and Mine of divine Guidance, yet He mentioned only that Book, thereby appointing it as the mightiest instrument and surest testimony for the seekers; a guide for the people until the Day of Resurrection.

With unswerving vision, with pure heart, and sanctified spirit, consider attentively what God hath established as the testimony of guidance for His people in His Book, which is recognized as authentic by both the high and lowly. To this testimony we both, as well as all the peoples of the world, must cling, that through its light we may know and distinguish between truth and falsehood, guidance and error. Inasmuch as Mua□□ammad hath confined His testimonies to His Book and to His Family, and whereas the latter hath passed away, there remaineth His Book only as His one testimony amongst the people.

In the beginning of His Book He saith: “Alif. Lam. Mím. No doubt is there about this Book: It is a guidance unto the God-fearing.”154 In the disconnected letters of the Qur’an the mysteries of the divine Essence are enshrined, and within their shells the pearls of His Unity are treasured. For lack of space We do not dwell upon them at this moment. Outwardly they signify Mua□□ammad Himself, Whom God addresseth saying: “O Mua□□ammad, there is no doubt nor uncertainty about this Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Unity. In it is guidance unto them that fear God.” Consider, how He hath appointed and decreed this selfsame Book, the Qur’an, as a guidance unto all that are in heaven and on earth. He, the divine Being, and unknowable Essence, hath, Himself, testified that this Book is, beyond all doubt and uncertainty, the guide of all mankind until the Day of Resurrection. And now, We ask, is it fair for this people to view with doubt and misgiving this most weighty Testimony, the divine origin of which God hath proclaimed, and pronounced to be the embodiment of truth? Is it fair for them to turn away from the thing which He hath appointed as the supreme Instrument of guidance for attainment unto the loftiest summits of knowledge, and to seek aught else but that Book? How can they allow men’s absurd and foolish sayings to sow the seeds of distrust in their minds? How can they any longer idly contend that a certain person hath spoken this or that way, or that a certain thing did not come to pass? Had there been anything conceivable besides the Book of God which could prove a more potent instrument and a surer guide to mankind, would He have failed to reveal it in that verse?

It is incumbent upon us not to depart from God’s irresistible injunction and fixed decree, as revealed in the above-mentioned verse. We should acknowledge the holy and wondrous Scriptures, for failing to do this we have failed to acknowledge the truth of this blessed verse. For it is evident that whoso hath failed to acknowledge the truth of the Qur’an hath in reality failed to acknowledge the truth of the preceding Scriptures. This is but the manifest implication of the verse. Were We to expound its inner meanings and unfold its hidden mysteries, eternity would never suffice to exhaust their import, nor would the universe be capable of bearing them! God verily testifieth to the truth of Our saying!

In another passage He likewise saith: “And if ye be in doubt as to that which We have sent down to Our Servant, then produce a Súrah like it, and summon your witnesses, beside God, if ye are men of

truth."155 Behold, how lofty is the station, and how consummate the virtue, of these verses which He hath declared to be His surest testimony, His infallible proof, the evidence of His all-subduing power, and a revelation of the potency of His will. He, the divine King, hath proclaimed the undisputed supremacy of the verses of His Book over all things that testify to His truth. For compared with all other proofs and tokens, the divinely revealed verses shine as the sun, whilst all others are as stars. To the peoples of the world they are the abiding testimony, the incontrovertible proof, the shining light of the ideal King. Their excellence is unrivaled, their virtue nothing can surpass. They are the treasury of the divine pearls and the depository of the divine mysteries. They constitute the indissoluble Bond, the firm Cord, the 'Urvatu'l-Vuthqa, the inextinguishable Light. Through them floweth the river of divine knowledge, and gloweth the fire of His ancient and consummate wisdom. This is the fire which, in one and the same moment, kindleth the flame of love in the breasts of the faithful, and induceth the chill of heedlessness in the heart of the enemy.

O friend! It behooveth us not to waive the injunction of God, but rather acquiesce and submit to that which He hath ordained as His divine Testimony. This verse is too weighty and pregnant an utterance for this afflicted Soul to demonstrate and expound. God speaketh the truth and leadeth the way. He, verily, is supreme over all His people; He is the Mighty, the Beneficent.

Likewise, He saith: "Such are the verses of God: with truth do We recite them to thee. But in what revelation will they believe, if they reject God and His verses?"156 If thou wilt grasp the implication of this verse, thou wilt recognize the truth that no manifestation greater than the Prophets of God hath ever been revealed, and no testimony mightier than the testimony of their revealed verses hath ever appeared upon the earth. Nay, this testimony no other testimony can ever excel, except that which the Lord thy God willeth.

In another passage He saith: "Woe to every lying sinner, who heareth the verses of God recited to him, and then, as though he heard them not, persisteth in proud disdain! Apprise him of a painful punishment."157 The implications of this verse, alone, suffice all that is in heaven and on earth, were the people to ponder the verses of their Lord. For thou hearest how in this day the people disdainfully ignore the divinely revealed verses, as though they were the meanest of all things. And yet, nothing greater than these verses hath ever appeared, nor will ever be made manifest in the world! Say unto them: "O heedless people! Ye repeat what your fathers, in a bygone age, have said. Whatever fruits they have gathered from the tree of their faithlessness, the same shall ye gather also. Ere long shall ye be gathered unto your fathers, and with them shall ye dwell in hellish fire. An ill abode! the abode of the people of tyranny."

In yet another passage He saith: "And when he becometh acquainted with any of Our verses he turneth them to ridicule. There is a shameful punishment for them!"158 The people derisively observed saying: "Work thou another miracle, and give us another sign!" One would say: "Make now a part of the heaven to fall down upon us";159 and another: "If this be the very truth from before Thee, rain down stones upon us from heaven."160 Even as the people of Israel, in the time of Moses, bartered away the bread of heaven for the sordid things of the earth, these people, likewise, sought to exchange the divinely revealed verses for their foul, their vile, and idle desires. In like manner, thou beholdest in this day that although

spiritual sustenance hath descended from the heaven of divine mercy, and been showered from the clouds of His loving-kindness, and although the seas of life, at the behest of the Lord of all being, are surging within the Ria□□van of the heart, yet these people, ravenous as the dogs, have gathered around carrion, and contented themselves with the stagnant waters of a briny lake. Gracious God! how strange the way of this people! They clamor for guidance, although the standards of Him Who guideth all things are already hoisted. They cleave to the obscure intricacies of knowledge, when He, Who is the Object of all knowledge, shineth as the sun. They see the sun with their own eyes, and yet question that brilliant Orb as to the proof of its light. They behold the vernal showers descending upon them, and yet seek an evidence of that bounty. The proof of the sun is the light thereof, which shineth and envelopeth all things. The evidence of the shower is the bounty thereof, which reneweth and investeth the world with the mantle of life. Yea, the blind can perceive naught from the sun except its heat, and the arid soil hath no share of the showers of mercy. "Marvel not if in the Qur'an the unbeliever perceiveth naught but the trace of letters, for in the sun, the blind findeth naught but heat."

In another passage He saith: "And when Our clear verses are recited to them, their only argument is to say, 'Bring back our fathers, if ye speak the truth!'"161 Behold, what foolish evidences they sought from these Embodiments of an all-encompassing mercy! They scoffed at the verses, a single letter of which is greater than the creation of heavens and earth, and which quickeneth the dead of the valley of self and desire with the spirit of faith; and clamored saying: "Cause our fathers to speed out of their sepulchers." Such was the perversity and pride of that people. Each one of these verses is unto all the peoples of the world an unfailing testimony and a glorious proof of His truth. Each of them verily sufficeth all mankind, wert thou to meditate upon the verses of God. In the above-mentioned verse itself pearls of mysteries lie hidden. Whatever be the ailment, the remedy it offereth can never fail.

Heed not the idle contention of those who maintain that the Book and verses thereof can never be a testimony unto the common people, inasmuch as they neither grasp their meaning nor appreciate their value. And yet, the unfailing testimony of God to both the East and the West is none other than the Qur'an. Were it beyond the comprehension of men, how could it have been declared as a universal testimony unto all people? If their contention be true, none would therefore be required, nor would it be necessary for them to know God, inasmuch as the knowledge of the divine Being transcendeth the knowledge of His Book, and the common people would not possess the capacity to comprehend it.

Such contention is utterly fallacious and inadmissible. It is actuated solely by arrogance and pride. Its motive is to lead the people astray from the Ria□□van of divine good-pleasure and to tighten the reins of their authority over the people. And yet, in the sight of God, these common people are infinitely superior and exalted above their religious leaders who have turned away from the one true God. The understanding of His words and the comprehension of the utterances of the Birds of Heaven are in no wise dependent upon human learning. They depend solely upon purity of heart, chastity of soul, and freedom of spirit. This is evidenced by those who, today, though without a single letter of the accepted standards of learning, are occupying the loftiest seats of knowledge; and the garden of their hearts is adorned, through the showers of divine grace, with the roses of wisdom and the tulips of understanding. Well is it with the sincere in heart for their share of the light of a mighty Day!

And likewise, He saith: “As for those who believe not in the verses of God, or that they shall ever meet Him, these of My mercy shall despair, and these doth a grievous chastisement await.”162 Also, “And they say, ‘Shall we then abandon our gods for a crazed poet?’”163 The implication of this verse is manifest. Behold what they observed after the verses were revealed. They called Him a poet, scoffed at the verses of God, and exclaimed saying: “These words of his are but tales of the Ancients!” By this they meant that those words which were spoken by the peoples of old Mua□□ammad hath compiled and called them the Word of God.

Likewise, in this day, thou hast heard the people impute similar charges to this Revelation, saying: “He hath compiled these words from the words of old”; or “these words are spurious.” Vain and haughty are their sayings, low their estate and station!

After the denials and denunciations which they uttered, and unto which We have referred, they protested saying: “No independent Prophet, according to our Scriptures, should arise after Moses and Jesus to abolish the Law of divine Revelation. Nay, he that is to be made manifest must needs fulfill the Law.” Thereupon this verse, indicative of all the divine themes, and testifying to the truth that the flow of the grace of the All-Merciful can never cease, was revealed: “And Joseph came to you aforetime with clear tokens, but ye ceased not to doubt of the message with which He came to you, until, when He died, ye said, ‘God will by no means raise up a Messenger after Him.’ Thus God misleadeth him who is the transgressor, the doubter.”164 Therefore, understand from this verse and know of a certainty that the people in every age, clinging to a verse of the Book, have uttered such vain and absurd sayings, contending that no Prophet should again be made manifest to the world. Even as the Christian divines who, holding fast to the verse of the Gospel to which We have already referred, have sought to explain that the law of the Gospel shall at no time be annulled, and that no independent Prophet shall again be made manifest, unless He confirmeth the law of the Gospel. Most of the people have become afflicted with the same spiritual disease.

Even as thou dost witness how the people of the Qur’an, like unto the people of old, have allowed the words “Seal of the Prophets” to veil their eyes. And yet, they themselves testify to this verse: “None knoweth the interpretation thereof but God and they that are well-grounded in knowledge.”165 And when He Who is well-grounded in all knowledge, He Who is the Mother, the Soul, the Secret, and the Essence thereof, revealeth that which is the least contrary to their desire, they bitterly oppose Him and shamelessly deny Him. These thou hast already heard and witnessed. Such deeds and words have been solely instigated by leaders of religion, they that worship no God but their own desire, who bear allegiance to naught but gold, who are wrapt in the densest veils of learning, and who, enmeshed by its obscurities, are lost in the wilds of error. Even as the Lord of being hath explicitly declared: “What thinkest thou? He who hath made a God of his passions, and whom God causeth to err through a knowledge, and whose ears and whose heart He hath sealed up, and over whose sight He hath cast a veil–who, after his rejection by God, shall guide such a one? Will ye not then be warned?”166

Although the outward meaning of “Whom God causeth to err through a knowledge” is what hath been revealed, yet to Us it signifieth those divines of the age who have turned away from the Beauty of God, and who, clinging unto their own learning, as fashioned by their own fancies and desires, have denounced

God's divine Message and Revelation. "Say: It is a weighty Message, from which ye turn aside!"167 Likewise, He saith: "And when Our clear verses are recited to them, they say, 'This is merely a man who would fain pervert you from your father's worship.' And they say, 'This is none other than a forged falsehood.'"168

Give ear unto God's holy Voice, and heed thou His sweet and immortal melody. Behold how He hath solemnly warned them that have repudiated the verses of God, and hath disowned them that have denied His holy words. Consider how far the people have strayed from the Kawthar of the divine Presence, and how grievous hath been the faithlessness and arrogance of the spiritually destitute in the face of that sanctified Beauty. Although that Essence of loving-kindness and bounty caused those evanescent beings to step into the realm of immortality, and guided those destitute souls to the sacred river of wealth, yet some denounced Him as "a calumniator of God, the Lord of all creatures," others accused Him of being "the one that withholdeth the people from the path of faith and true belief," and still others declared Him to be "a lunatic" and the like.

In like manner, thou observest in this day with what vile imputations they have assailed that Gem of Immortality, and what unspeakable transgressions they have heaped upon Him Who is the Source of purity. Although God hath throughout His Book and in His holy and immortal Tablet warned them that deny and repudiate the revealed verses, and hath announced His grace unto them that accept them, yet behold the unnumbered cavils they raised against those verses which have been sent down from the new heaven of God's eternal holiness! This, notwithstanding the fact that no eye hath beheld so great an outpouring of bounty, nor hath any ear heard of such a revelation of loving-kindness. Such bounty and revelation have been made manifest, that the revealed verses seemed as vernal showers raining from the clouds of the mercy of the All-Bountiful. The Prophets "endowed with constancy," whose loftiness and glory shine as the sun, were each honored with a Book which all have seen, and the verses of which have been duly ascertained. Whereas the verses which have rained from this Cloud of divine mercy have been so abundant that none hath yet been able to estimate their number. A score of volumes are now available. How many still remain beyond our reach! How many have been plundered and have fallen into the hands of the enemy, the fate of which none knoweth.

O brother, we should open our eyes, meditate upon His Word, and seek the sheltering shadow of the Manifestations of God, that perchance we may be warned by the unmistakable counsels of the Book, and give heed to the admonitions recorded in the holy Tablets; that we may not cavil at the Revealer of the verses, that we may resign ourselves wholly to His Cause, and embrace wholeheartedly His law, that haply we may enter the court of His mercy, and dwell upon the shore of His grace. He, verily, is merciful and forgiving towards His servants.

And likewise, He saith: "Say, O people of the Book! do ye not disavow us only because we believe in God and in what He hath sent down to us, and in what He hath sent down aforetime, and because most of you are doers of ill?"169 How explicitly doth this verse reveal Our purpose, and how clearly doth it demonstrate the truth of the testimony of the verses of God! This verse was revealed at a time when Islam was assailed by the infidels, and its followers were accused of misbelief, when the Companions of Mua□□ammad were denounced as repudiators of God and as followers of a lying sorcerer. In its early

days, when Islam was still to outward seeming devoid of authority and power, the friends of the Prophet, who had turned their face toward God, wherever they went, were harassed, persecuted, stoned and vilified. At such a time this blessed verse was sent down from the heaven of divine Revelation. It revealed an irrefutable evidence, and brought the light of an unfailing guidance. It instructed the companions of Mua□□ammad to declare the following unto the infidels and idolaters: "Ye oppress and persecute us, and yet, what else have we done except that we have believed in God and in the verses sent down unto us through the tongue of Mua□□ammad, and in those which descended upon the Prophets of old?" By this is meant that their only guilt was to have recognized that the new and wondrous verses of God, which had descended upon Mua□□ammad, as well as those which had been revealed unto the Prophets of old, were all of God, and to have acknowledged and embraced their truth. This is the testimony which the divine King hath taught His servants.

In view of this, is it fair for this people to repudiate these newly revealed verses which have encompassed both the East and the West, and to regard themselves as the upholders of true belief? Should they not rather believe in Him Who hath revealed these verses? Considering the testimony which He Himself hath established, how could He fail to account as true believers them that have testified to its truth? Far be it from Him that He should turn away from the gates of His mercy them that have turned unto and embraced the truth of the divine verses, or that He should threaten those that have clung to His sure testimony! He verily establisheth the truth through His verses, and confirmeth His Revelation by His words. He verily is the Powerful, the Help in peril, the Almighty.

And likewise, He saith: "And had We sent down unto Thee a Book written on parchment, and they had touched it with their hands, the infidels would surely have said 'This is naught but palpable sorcery.'"170 Most of the verses of the Qur'an are indicative of this theme. We have, for the sake of brevity, mentioned only these verses. Consider, hath anything else besides the verses been established in the whole Book, as a standard for the recognition of the Manifestations of His Beauty, that the people might cling to, and reject the Manifestations of God? On the contrary, in every instance, He hath threatened with fire those that repudiate and scoff at the verses, as already shown.

Therefore, should a person arise and bring forth a myriad verses, discourses, epistles, and prayers, none of which have been acquired through learning, what conceivable excuse could justify those that reject them, and deprive themselves of the potency of their grace? What answer could they give when once their soul hath ascended and departed from its gloomy temple? Could they seek to justify themselves by saying: "We have clung to a certain tradition, and not having beheld the literal fulfillment thereof, we have therefore raised such cavils against the Embodiments of divine Revelation, and kept remote from the law of God"? Hast thou not heard that among the reasons why certain Prophets have been designated as Prophets "endowed with constancy" was the revelation of a Book unto them? And yet, how could this people be justified in rejecting the Revealer and Author of so many volumes of verses, and follow the sayings of him who hath foolishly sown the seeds of doubt in the hearts of men, and who, Satan-like, hath risen to lead the people into the paths of perdition and error? How could they allow such things to deprive them of the light of the Sun of divine bounty? Aside from these things, if these people shun and reject such a divine Soul, such holy Breath, to whom, We wonder, could they cling, to whose face besides His Face could they turn? Yea–"All have a quarter of the Heavens to which they turn."171

We have shown thee these two ways; walk thou the way thou choosest. This verily is the truth, and after truth there remaineth naught but error.

Amongst the proofs demonstrating the truth of this Revelation is this, that in every age and Dispensation, whenever the invisible Essence was revealed in the person of His Manifestation, certain souls, obscure and detached from all worldly entanglements, would seek illumination from the Sun of Prophethood and Moon of divine guidance, and would attain unto the divine Presence. For this reason, the divines of the age and those possessed of wealth would scorn and scoff at these people. Even as He hath revealed concerning them that erred: “Then said the chiefs of His people who believed not, ‘We see in Thee but a man like ourselves; and we see not any who have followed Thee except our meanest ones of hasty judgment, nor see we any excellence in you above ourselves: nay, we deem you liars.’”172 They caviled at those holy Manifestations, and protested saying: “None hath followed you except the abject amongst us, those who are worthy of no attention.” Their aim was to show that no one amongst the learned, the wealthy, and the renowned believed in them. By this and similar proofs they sought to demonstrate the falsity of Him that speaketh naught but the truth.

In this most resplendent Dispensation, however, this most mighty Sovereignty, a number of illumined divines, of men of consummate learning, of doctors of mature wisdom, have attained unto His Court, drunk the cup of His divine Presence, and been invested with the honor of His most excellent favor. They have renounced, for the sake of the Beloved, the world and all that is therein. We will mention the names of some of them, that perchance it may strengthen the fainthearted, and encourage the timorous.

Among them was Mulla a□□usayn, who became the recipient of the effulgent glory of the Sun of divine Revelation. But for him, God would not have been established upon the seat of His mercy, nor ascended the throne of eternal glory. Among them also was Siyyid Yaa□□ya, that unique and peerless figure of his age,

Mulla Mua□□ammad ’Alíy-i-Zanjaní

Mulla ’Alíy-i-Bastamí

Mulla Sa’íd-i-Barfurúshí

Mulla Ni’matu’llah-i-Mazindaraní

Mulla Yúsuf-i-Ardibílí

Mulla Mihdíy-i-Khu’í

Siyyid a□□usayn-i-Turshízí

Mulla Mihdíy-i-Kandí

Mulla Baqir

Mulla ’Abdu’l-Khaliq-i-Yazdí

Mulla ’Alíy-i-Baraqaní

and others, well-nigh four hundred in number, whose names are all inscribed upon the “Guarded Tablet” of God.

All these were guided by the light of that Sun of divine Revelation, confessed and acknowledged His truth. Such was their faith, that most of them renounced their substance and kindred, and cleaved to the good-pleasure of the All-Glorious. They laid down their lives for their Well-Beloved, and surrendered their all in His path. Their breasts were made targets for the darts of the enemy, and their heads adorned the spears of the infidel. No land remained which did not drink the blood of these embodiments of detachment, and no sword that did not bruise their necks. Their deeds, alone, testify to the truth of their words. Doth not the testimony of these holy souls, who have so gloriously risen to offer up their lives for their Beloved that the whole world marveled at the manner of their sacrifice, suffice the people of this day? Is it not sufficient witness against the faithlessness of those who for a trifle betrayed their faith, who bartered away immortality for that which perisheth, who gave up the Kawthar of the divine Presence for salty springs, and whose one aim in life is to usurp the property of others? Even as thou dost witness how all of them have busied themselves with the vanities of the world, and have strayed far from Him Who is the Lord, the Most High.

Be fair: Is the testimony of those acceptable and worthy of attention whose deeds agree with their words, whose outward behavior conforms with their inner life? The mind is bewildered at their deeds, and the soul marveleth at their fortitude and bodily endurance. Or is the testimony of these faithless souls who breathe naught but the breath of selfish desire, and who lie imprisoned in the cage of their idle fancies, acceptable? Like the bats of darkness, they lift not their heads from their couch except to pursue the transient things of the world, and find no rest by night except as they labor to advance the aims of their sordid life. Immersed in their selfish schemes, they are oblivious of the divine Decree. In the daytime they strive with all their soul after worldly benefits, and in the night-season their sole occupation is to gratify their carnal desires. By what law or standard could men be justified in cleaving to the denials of such petty-minded souls and in ignoring the faith of them that have renounced, for the sake of the good-pleasure of God, their life and substance, their fame and renown, their reputation and honor?

Were not the happenings of the life of the “Prince of Martyrs”173 regarded as the greatest of all events, as the supreme evidence of his truth? Did not the people of old declare those happenings to be unprecedented? Did they not maintain that no manifestation of truth hath ever evinced such constancy, such conspicuous glory? And yet, that episode of his life, commencing as it did in the morning, was brought to a close by the middle of the same day, whereas, these holy lights have, for eighteen years, heroically endured the showers of afflictions which, from every side, have rained upon them. With what love, what devotion, what exultation and holy rapture, they sacrificed their lives in the path of the All-Glorious! To the truth of this all witness. And yet, how can they belittle this Revelation? Hath any age witnessed such momentous happenings? If these companions be not the true strivers after God, who else could be called by this name? Have these companions been seekers after power or glory? Have they ever yearned for riches? Have they cherished any desire except the good-pleasure of God? If these companions, with all their marvelous testimonies and wondrous works, be false, who then is worthy to

claim for himself the truth? I swear by God! Their very deeds are a sufficient testimony, and an irrefutable proof unto all the peoples of the earth, were men to ponder in their hearts the mysteries of divine Revelation. “And they who act unjustly shall soon know what lot awaiteth them!”174

Furthermore, the sign of truth and falsehood is designated and appointed in the Book. By this divinely appointed touchstone, the claims and pretensions of all men must needs be assayed, so that the truthful may be known and distinguished from the imposter. This touchstone is no other than this verse: “Wish for death, if ye are men of truth.”175 Consider these martyrs of unquestionable sincerity, to whose truthfulness testifieth the explicit text of the Book, and all of whom, as thou hast witnessed, have sacrificed their life, their substance, their wives, their children, their all, and ascended unto the loftiest chambers of Paradise. Is it fair to reject the testimony of these detached and exalted beings to the truth of this preeminent and glorious Revelation and to regard as acceptable the denunciations which have been uttered against this resplendent Light by this faithless people, who for gold have forsaken their faith, and who for the sake of leadership have repudiated Him Who is the First Leader of all mankind? This, although their character is now revealed unto all people who have recognized them as those who will in no wise relinquish one jot or one tittle of their temporal authority for the sake of God’s holy Faith, how much less their life, their substance, and the like.

Behold how the divine Touchstone hath, according to the explicit text of the Book, separated and distinguished the true from the false. Notwithstanding, they are still oblivious of this truth, and in the sleep of heedlessness, are pursuing the vanities of the world, and are occupied with thoughts of vain and earthly leadership.

“O Son of Man! Many a day hath passed over thee whilst thou hast busied thyself with thy fancies and idle imaginings. How long art thou to slumber on thy bed? Lift up thine head from slumber, for the Sun hath risen to the zenith; haply it may shine upon thee with the light of beauty.”

Let it be known, however, that none of these doctors and divines to whom we have referred was invested with the rank and dignity of leadership. For well-known and influential leaders of religion, who occupy the seats of authority and exercise the functions of leadership, can in no wise bear allegiance to the Revealer of truth, except whomsoever thy Lord willeth. But for a few, such things have never come to pass. “And few of My servants are the thankful.”176 Even as in this Dispensation, not one amongst the renowned divines, in the grasp of whose authority were held the reins of the people, hath embraced the Faith. Nay, they have striven against it with such animosity and determination that no ear hath heard and no eye hath seen the like.

The Bab, the Lord, the most exalted–may the life of all be a sacrifice unto Him–hath specifically revealed an Epistle unto the divines of every city, wherein He hath fully set forth the character of the denial and repudiation of each of them. “Wherefore, take ye good heed ye who are men of insight!”177 By His references to their opposition He intended to invalidate the objections which the people of the Bayan might raise in the day of the manifestation of “Mustaghath,”178 the day of the Latter Resurrection, claiming that, whereas in the Dispensation of the Bayan a number of divines have embraced the Faith, in this latter Revelation none of these hath recognized His claim. His purpose was to warn the people lest, God forbid, they cling to such foolish thoughts and deprive themselves of the divine Beauty. Yea, these

divines to whom We have referred, were mostly unrenowned, and, by the grace of God they were all purged of earthly vanities and free from the trappings of leadership. “Such is the bounty of God; to whom He will He giveth it.”

Another proof and evidence of the truth of this Revelation, which amongst all other proofs shineth as the sun, is the constancy of the eternal Beauty in proclaiming the Faith of God. Though young and tender of age, and though the Cause He revealed was contrary to the desire of all the peoples of earth, both high and low, rich and poor, exalted and abased, king and subject, yet He arose and steadfastly proclaimed it. All have known and heard this. He was afraid of no one; He was regardless of consequences. Could such a thing be made manifest except through the power of a divine Revelation, and the potency of God’s invincible Will? By the righteousness of God! Were any one to entertain so great a Revelation in his heart, the thought of such a declaration would alone confound him! Were the hearts of all men to be crowded into his heart, he would still hesitate to venture upon so awful an enterprise. He could achieve it only by the permission of God, only if the channel of his heart were to be linked with the Source of divine grace, and his soul be assured of the unfailing sustenance of the Almighty. To what, We wonder, do they ascribe so great a daring? Do they accuse Him of folly as they accused the Prophets of old? Or do they maintain that His motive was none other than leadership and the acquisition of earthly riches?

Gracious God! In His Book, which He hath entitled “Qayyúmu’l-Asma’”–the first, the greatest and mightiest of all books–He prophesied His own martyrdom. In it is this passage: “O thou Remnant of God! I have sacrificed myself wholly for Thee; I have accepted curses for Thy sake; and have yearned for naught but martyrdom in the path of Thy love. Sufficient Witness unto me is God, the Exalted, the Protector, the Ancient of Days!”

Likewise, in His interpretation of the letter “Ha’,” He craved martyrdom, saying: “Methinks I heard a Voice calling in my inmost being: ‘Do thou sacrifice the thing which Thou lovest most in the path of God, even as a□□usayn, peace be upon him, hath offered up his life for My sake.’ And were I not regardful of this inevitable mystery, by Him Who hath my being between His hands, even if all the kings of the earth were to be leagued together they would be powerless to take from me a single letter, how much less can these servants who are worthy of no attention, and who verily are of the outcast… That all may know the degree of My patience, My resignation, and self-sacrifice in the path of God.”

Could the Revealer of such utterance be regarded as walking any way but the way of God, and as having yearned for aught else except His good-pleasure? In this very verse there lieth concealed a breath of detachment, which if it were to be breathed full upon the world, all beings would renounce their lives and sacrifice their souls. Reflect upon the villainous behavior of this generation, and witness their astounding ingratitude. Observe how they have closed their eyes to all this glory, and are abjectly pursuing those foul carcasses from whose bellies ascendeth the cry of the swallowed substance of the faithful. And yet, what unseemly calumnies they have hurled against those Daysprings of Holiness? Thus do We recount unto thee that which the hands of the infidels have wrought, they who, in the Day of Resurrection, have turned their face away from the divine Presence, whom God hath tormented with the fire of their own misbelief, and for whom He hath prepared in the world to come a chastisement which shall devour both their bodies and souls. For these have said: “God is powerless, and His hand of mercy is fettered.”

Steadfastness in the Faith is a sure testimony and a glorious evidence of the truth. Even as the “Seal of the Prophets” hath said: “Two verses have made Me old.” Both these verses are indicative of constancy in the Cause of God. Even as He saith: “Be thou steadfast as thou hast been bidden.”179

And now consider how this Sadrih of the Ria□□van of God hath, in the prime of youth, risen to proclaim the Cause of God. Behold what steadfastness that Beauty of God hath revealed. The whole world rose to hinder Him, yet it utterly failed. The more severe the persecution they inflicted on that Sadrih of Blessedness, the more His fervor increased, and the brighter burned the flame of His love. All this is evident, and none disputeth its truth. Finally, He surrendered His soul, and winged His flight unto the realms above.

And among the evidences of the truth of His manifestation were the ascendancy, the transcendent power, and supremacy which He, the Revealer of being and Manifestation of the Adored, hath, unaided and alone, revealed throughout the world. No sooner had that eternal Beauty revealed Himself in Shíraz, in the year sixty, and rent asunder the veil of concealment, than the signs of the ascendancy, the might, the sovereignty, and power, emanating from that Essence of Essences and Sea of Seas, were manifest in every land. So much so, that from every city there appeared the signs, the evidences, the tokens, the testimonies of that divine Luminary. How many were those pure and kindly hearts which faithfully reflected the light of that eternal Sun, and how manifold the emanations of knowledge from that Ocean of divine wisdom which encompassed all beings! In every city, all the divines and dignitaries rose to hinder and repress them, and girded up the loins of malice, of envy, and tyranny for their suppression. How great the number of those holy souls, those essences of justice, who, accused of tyranny, were put to death! And how many embodiments of purity, who showed forth naught but true knowledge and stainless deeds, suffered an agonizing death! Notwithstanding all this, each of these holy beings, up to his last moment, breathed the Name of God, and soared in the realm of submission and resignation. Such was the potency and transmuting influence which He exercised over them, that they ceased to cherish any desire but His will, and wedded their soul to His remembrance.

Reflect: Who in this world is able to manifest such transcendent power, such pervading influence? All these stainless hearts and sanctified souls have, with absolute resignation, responded to the summons of His decree. Instead of complaining, they rendered thanks unto God, and amidst the darkness of their anguish they revealed naught but radiant acquiescence to His will. It is evident how relentless was the hate, and how bitter the malice and enmity entertained by all the peoples of the earth towards these companions. The persecution and pain they inflicted on these holy and spiritual beings were regarded by them as means unto salvation, prosperity, and everlasting success. Hath the world, since the days of Adam, witnessed such tumult, such violent commotion? Notwithstanding all the torture they suffered, and manifold the afflictions they endured, they became the object of universal opprobrium and execration. Methinks patience was revealed only by virtue of their fortitude, and faithfulness itself was begotten only by their deeds.

Do thou ponder these momentous happenings in thy heart, so that thou mayest apprehend the greatness of this Revelation, and perceive its stupendous glory. Then shall the spirit of faith, through the grace of the Merciful, be breathed into thy being, and thou shalt be established and abide upon the seat of

certitude. The one God is My witness! Wert thou to ponder a while, thou wilt recognize that, apart from all these established truths and above-mentioned evidences, the repudiation, cursing, and execration, pronounced by the people of the earth, are in themselves the mightiest proof and the surest testimony of the truth of these heroes of the field of resignation and detachment. Whenever thou dost meditate upon the cavils uttered by all the people, be they divines, learned or ignorant, the firmer and the more steadfast wilt thou grow in the Faith. For whatsoever hath come to pass hath been prophesied by them who are the Mines of divine knowledge, and Recipients of God's eternal law.

Although We did not intend to make mention of the traditions of a bygone age, yet, because of Our love for thee, We will cite a few which are applicable to Our argument. We do not feel their necessity, however, inasmuch as the things We have already mentioned suffice the world and all that is therein. In fact, all the Scriptures and the mysteries thereof are condensed into this brief account. So much so, that were a person to ponder it a while in his heart, he would discover from all that hath been said the mysteries of the Words of God, and would apprehend the meaning of whatever hath been manifested by that ideal King. As the people differ in their understanding and station, We will accordingly make mention of a few traditions, that these may impart constancy to the wavering soul, and tranquillity to the troubled mind. Thereby, will the testimony of God unto the people, both high and low, be complete and perfect.

Among them is the tradition, "And when the Standard of Truth is made manifest, the people of both the East and the West curse it." The wine of renunciation must needs be quaffed, the lofty heights of detachment must needs be attained, and the meditation referred to in the words "One hour's reflection is preferable to seventy years of pious worship" must needs be observed, so that the secret of the wretched behavior of the people might be discovered, those people who, despite the love and yearning for truth which they profess, curse the followers of Truth when once He hath been made manifest. To this truth the above-mentioned tradition beareth witness. It is evident that the reason for such behavior is none other than the annulment of those rules, customs, habits, and ceremonials to which they have been subjected. Otherwise, were the Beauty of the Merciful to comply with those same rules and customs which are current amongst the people, and were He to sanction their observances, such conflict and mischief would in no wise be made manifest in the world. This exalted tradition is attested and substantiated by these words which He hath revealed: "The day when the Summoner shall summon to a stern business."180

The divine call of the celestial Herald from beyond the Veil of Glory, summoning mankind to renounce utterly all the things to which they cleave, is repugnant to their desire; and this is the cause of the bitter trials and violent commotions which have occurred. Consider the way of the people. They ignore these well-founded traditions, all of which have been fulfilled, and cling unto those of doubtful validity, and ask why these have not been fulfilled. And yet, those things which to them were inconceivable have been made manifest. The signs and tokens of the Truth shine even as the midday sun, and yet the people are wandering, aimlessly and perplexedly, in the wilderness of ignorance and folly. Notwithstanding all the verses of the Qur'an, and the recognized traditions, which are all indicative of a new Faith, a new Law, and a new Revelation, this generation still waiteth in expectation of beholding the promised One who should uphold the Law of the Mua□□ammadan Dispensation. The Jews and the Christians in like manner uphold the same contention.

Among the utterances that foreshadow a new Law and a new Revelation are the passages in the "Prayer of Nudbih": "Where is He Who is preserved to renew the ordinances and laws? Where is He Who hath the authority to transform the Faith and the followers thereof?" He hath, likewise, revealed in the Zíyarat:181 "Peace be upon the Truth made new." Abú-'Abdi'llah, questioned concerning the character of the Mihdí, answered saying: "He will perform that which Mua□□ammad, the Messenger of God, hath performed, and will demolish whatever hath been before Him even as the Messenger of God hath demolished the ways of those that preceded Him."

Behold, how, notwithstanding these and similar traditions, they idly contend that the laws formerly revealed must in no wise be altered. And yet, is not the object of every Revelation to effect a transformation in the whole character of mankind, a transformation that shall manifest itself, both outwardly and inwardly, that shall affect both its inner life and external conditions? For if the character of mankind be not changed, the futility of God's universal Manifestation would be apparent. In the "'Avalim," an authoritative and well-known book, it is recorded: "A Youth from Baní-Hashim shall be made manifest, Who will reveal a new Book and promulgate a new law"; then follow these words: "Most of His enemies will be the divines." In another passage, it is related of a□□adiq, son of Mua□□ammad, that he spoke the following: "There shall appear a Youth from Baní-Hashim, Who will bid the people plight fealty unto Him. His Book will be a new Book, unto which He shall summon the people to pledge their faith. Stern is His Revelation unto the Arab. If ye hear about Him, hasten unto Him." How well have they followed the directions of the Imams of the Faith and Lamps of certitude! Although it is clearly stated: "Were ye to hear that a Youth from Baní-Hashim hath appeared, summoning the people unto a new and Divine Book, and to new and Divine laws, hasten unto Him," yet have they all declared that Lord of being an infidel, and pronounced Him a heretic. They hastened not unto that Hashimite Light, that divine Manifestation, except with drawn swords, and hearts filled with malice. Moreover, observe how explicitly the enmity of the divines hath been mentioned in the books. Notwithstanding all these evident and significant traditions, all these unmistakable and undisputed allusions, the people have rejected the immaculate Essence of knowledge and of holy utterance, and have turned unto the exponents of rebellion and error. Despite these recorded traditions and revealed utterances, they speak only that which is prompted by their own selfish desires. And should the Essence of Truth reveal that which is contrary to their inclinations and desires, they will straightway denounce Him as an infidel, and will protest saying: "This is contrary to the sayings of the Imams of the Faith and of the resplendent lights. No such thing hath been provided by our inviolable Law." Even so in this day such worthless statements have been and are being made by these poor mortals.

And now, consider this other tradition, and observe how all these things have been foretold. In "Arba'ín" it is recorded: "Out of Baní-Hashim there shall come forth a Youth Who shall reveal new laws. He shall summon the people unto Him, but none will heed His call. Most of His enemies will be the divines. His bidding they will not obey, but will protest saying: 'This is contrary to that which hath been handed down unto us by the Imams of the Faith.'" In this day, all are repeating these very same words, utterly unaware that He is established upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth," and abideth upon the seat of "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth."

No understanding can grasp the nature of His Revelation, nor can any knowledge comprehend the full measure of His Faith. All sayings are dependent upon His sanction, and all things stand in need of His Cause. All else save Him are created by His command, and move and have their being through His law. He is the Revealer of the divine mysteries, and the Expounder of the hidden and ancient wisdom. Thus it is related in the "Bia□□aru'l-Anvar," the "'Avalim," and the "Yanbú'" of a□□adiq, son of Mua□□ammad, that he spoke these words: "Knowledge is twenty and seven letters. All that the Prophets have revealed are two letters thereof. No man thus far hath known more than these two letters. But when the Qa'im shall arise, He will cause the remaining twenty and five letters to be made manifest." Consider, He hath declared Knowledge to consist of twenty and seven letters, and regarded all the Prophets, from Adam even unto the "Seal," as Expounders of only two letters thereof and of having been sent down with these two letters. He also saith that the Qa'im will reveal all the remaining twenty and five letters. Behold from this utterance how great and lofty is His station! His rank excelleth that of all the Prophets, and His Revelation transcendeth the comprehension and understanding of all their chosen ones. A Revelation, of which the Prophets of God, His saints and chosen ones, have either not been informed, or which, in pursuance of God's inscrutable Decree, they have not disclosed–such a Revelation these mean and depraved people have sought to measure with their own deficient minds, their own deficient learning and understanding. Should it fail to conform to their standards, they straightway reject it. "Thinkest thou that the greater part of them hear or understand? They are even like unto the brutes! yea, they stray even further from the path!"182

How, We wonder, do they explain the aforementioned tradition, a tradition which, in unmistakable terms, foreshadoweth the revelation of things inscrutable, and the occurrence of new and wondrous events in His day? Such marvelous happenings kindle so great a strife amongst the people, that all the divines and doctors sentence Him and His companions to death, and all the peoples of the earth arise to oppose Him. Even as it hath been recorded in the "Kafí," in the tradition of Jabir, in the "Tablet of Faa□□imih," concerning the character of the Qa'im: "He shall manifest the perfection of Moses, the splendor of Jesus, and the patience of Job. His chosen ones shall be abased in His day. Their heads shall be offered as presents even as the heads of the Turks and the Daylamites. They shall be slain and burnt. Fear shall seize them; dismay and alarm shall strike terror into their hearts. The earth shall be dyed with their blood. Their womenfolk shall bewail and lament. These indeed are my friends!" Consider, not a single letter of this tradition hath remained unfulfilled. In most of the places their blessed blood hath been shed; in every city they have been made captives, have been paraded throughout the provinces, and some have been burnt with fire. And yet no one hath paused to reflect that if the promised Qa'im should reveal the law and ordinances of a former Dispensation, why then should such traditions have been recorded, and why should there arise such a degree of strife and conflict that the people should regard the slaying of these companions as an obligation imposed upon them, and deem the persecution of these holy souls as a means of attaining unto the highest favor?

Moreover, observe how these things that have come to pass, and the acts which have been perpetrated, have all been mentioned in former traditions. Even as it hath been recorded in the "Rawa□□iy-i-Kafí," concerning "Zawra'." In the "Rawa□□iy-i-Kafí" it is related of Mu'avíyih, son of Vahhab, that Abú-'Abdi'llah hath spoken: "Knowest thou Zawra'?" I said: "May my life be a sacrifice unto thee! They say it is

Baghdad." "Nay," he answered. And then added: "Hast thou entered the city of Rayy?",183 to which I made reply: "Yea, I have entered it." Whereupon, He inquired: "Didst thou visit the cattle-market?" "Yea," I answered. He said: "Hast thou seen the black mountain on the right-hand side of the road? The same is Zawra'. There shall eighty men, of the children of certain ones, be slain, all of whom are worthy to be called caliphs." "Who will slay them?" I asked. He made reply: "The children of Persia!"

Such is the condition and fate of His companions which in former days hath been foretold. And now observe how, according to this tradition, Zawra' is no other but the land of Rayy. In that place His companions have been with great suffering put to death, and all these holy beings have suffered martyrdom at the hand of the Persians, as recorded in the tradition. This thou hast heard, and unto it all testify. Wherefore, then, do not these groveling, worm-like men pause to meditate upon these traditions, all of which are manifest as the sun in its noontide glory? For what reason do they refuse to embrace the Truth, and allow certain traditions, the significance of which they have failed to grasp, to withhold them from the recognition of the Revelation of God and His Beauty, and to cause them to dwell in the infernal abyss? Such things are to be attributed to naught but the faithlessness of the divines and doctors of the age. Of these, a□□adiq, son of Mua□□ammad, hath said: "The religious doctors of that age shall be the most wicked of the divines beneath the shadow of heaven. Out of them hath mischief proceeded, and unto them it shall return."

We entreat the learned men of the Bayan not to follow in such ways, not to inflict, at the time of Mustaghath, upon Him Who is the divine Essence, the heavenly Light, the absolute Eternity, the Beginning and the End of the Manifestations of the Invisible, that which hath been inflicted in this day. We beg them not to depend upon their intellect, their comprehension and learning, nor to contend with the Revealer of celestial and infinite knowledge. And yet, notwithstanding all these admonitions, We perceive that a one-eyed man, who himself is the chief of the people, is arising with the utmost malevolence against Us. We foresee that in every city people will arise to suppress the Blessed Beauty, that the companions of that Lord of being and ultimate Desire of all men will flee from the face of the oppressor and seek refuge from him in the wilderness, whilst others will resign themselves and, with absolute detachment, will sacrifice their lives in His path. Methinks We can discern one who is reputed for such devoutness and piety that men deem it an obligation to obey him, and to whose command they consider it necessary to submit, who will arise to assail the very root of the divine Tree, and endeavor to the uttermost of his power to resist and oppose Him. Such is the way of the people!

We fain would hope that the people of the Bayan will be enlightened, will soar in the realm of the spirit and abide therein, will discern the Truth, and recognize with the eye of insight dissembling falsehood. In these days, however, such odors of jealousy are diffused, that–I swear by the Educator of all beings, visible and invisible–from the beginning of the foundation of the world–though it hath no beginning–until the present day, such malice, envy, and hate have in no wise appeared, nor will they ever be witnessed in the future. For a number of people who have never inhaled the fragrance of justice, have raised the standard of sedition, and have leagued themselves against Us. On every side We witness the menace of their spears, and in all directions We recognize the shafts of their arrows. This, although We have never gloried in any thing, nor did We seek preference over any soul. To everyone We have been a most kindly companion, a most forbearing and affectionate friend. In the company of the poor We have sought their

fellowship, and amidst the exalted and learned We have been submissive and resigned. I swear by God, the one true God! grievous as have been the woes and sufferings which the hand of the enemy and the people of the Book inflicted upon Us, yet all these fade into utter nothingness when compared with that which hath befallen Us at the hand of those who profess to be Our friends.

What more shall We say? The universe, were it to gaze with the eye of justice, would be incapable of bearing the weight of this utterance! In the early days of Our arrival in this land, when We discerned the signs of impending events, We decided, ere they happened, to retire. We betook Ourselves to the wilderness, and there, separated and alone, led for two years a life of complete solitude. From Our eyes there rained tears of anguish, and in Our bleeding heart there surged an ocean of agonizing pain. Many a night We had no food for sustenance, and many a day Our body found no rest. By Him Who hath My being between His hands! notwithstanding these showers of afflictions and unceasing calamities, Our soul was wrapt in blissful joy, and Our whole being evinced an ineffable gladness. For in Our solitude We were unaware of the harm or benefit, the health or ailment, of any soul. Alone, We communed with Our spirit, oblivious of the world and all that is therein. We knew not, however, that the mesh of divine destiny exceedeth the vastest of mortal conceptions, and the dart of His decree transcendeth the boldest of human designs. None can escape the snares He setteth, and no soul can find release except through submission to His will. By the righteousness of God! Our withdrawal contemplated no return, and Our separation hoped for no reunion. The one object of Our retirement was to avoid becoming a subject of discord among the faithful, a source of disturbance unto Our companions, the means of injury to any soul, or the cause of sorrow to any heart. Beyond these, We cherished no other intention, and apart from them, We had no end in view. And yet, each person schemed after his own desire, and pursued his own idle fancy, until the hour when, from the Mystic Source, there came the summons bidding Us return whence We came. Surrendering Our will to His, We submitted to His injunction.

What pen can recount the things We beheld upon Our return! Two years have elapsed during which Our enemies have ceaselessly and assiduously contrived to exterminate Us, whereunto all witness. Nevertheless, none amongst the faithful hath risen to render Us any assistance, nor did anyone feel inclined to help in Our deliverance. Nay, instead of assisting Us, what showers of continuous sorrows their words and deeds have caused to rain upon Our soul! Amidst them all, We stand, life in hand, wholly resigned to His will; that perchance, through God's loving-kindness and His grace, this revealed and manifest Letter may lay down His life as a sacrifice in the path of the Primal Point, the most exalted Word. By Him at Whose bidding the Spirit hath spoken, but for this yearning of Our soul, We would not, for one moment, have tarried any longer in this city. "Sufficient Witness is God unto Us." We conclude Our argument with the words: "There is no power nor strength but in God alone." "We are God's, and to Him shall we return."

They that have hearts to understand, they that have quaffed the Wine of love, who have not for one moment gratified their selfish desires, will behold, resplendent as the sun in its noontide glory, those tokens, testimonies, and evidences that attest the truth of this wondrous Revelation, this transcendent and divine Faith. Reflect, how the people have rejected the Beauty of God, and have clung unto their covetous desires. Notwithstanding all these consummate verses, these unmistakable allusions, which have been revealed in the "Most weighty Revelation," the Trust of God amongst men, and despite these

evident traditions, each more manifest than the most explicit utterance, the people have ignored and repudiated their truth, and have held fast to the letter of certain traditions which, according to their understanding, they have found inconsistent with their expectations, and the meaning of which they have failed to grasp. They have thus shattered every hope, and deprived themselves of the pure wine of the All-Glorious, and the clear and incorruptible waters of the immortal Beauty.

Consider, that even the year in which that Quintessence of Light is to be made manifest hath been specifically recorded in the traditions, yet they still remain unmindful, nor do they for one moment cease to pursue their selfish desires. According to the tradition, Mufaa□□a□□al asked a□□adiq saying: "What of the sign of His manifestation, O my master?" He made reply: "In the year sixty, His Cause shall be made manifest, and His Name shall be proclaimed."

How strange! Notwithstanding these explicit and manifest references these people have shunned the Truth. For instance, mention of the sorrows, the imprisonment and afflictions inflicted upon that Essence of divine virtue hath been made in the former traditions. In the "Bia□□ar" it is recorded: "In our Qa'im there shall be four signs from four Prophets, Moses, Jesus, Joseph, and Mua□□ammad. The sign from Moses is fear and expectation; from Jesus, that which was spoken of Him; from Joseph, imprisonment and dissimulation; from Mua□□ammad, the revelation of a Book similar to the Qur'an." Notwithstanding such a conclusive tradition, which in such unmistakable language hath foreshadowed the happenings of the present day, none hath been found to heed its prophecy, and methinks none will do so in the future, except him whom thy Lord willeth. "God indeed shall make whom He will to hearken, but We shall not make those who are in their graves to hearken."

It is evident unto thee that the Birds of Heaven and Doves of Eternity speak a twofold language. One language, the outward language, is devoid of allusions, is unconcealed and unveiled; that it may be a guiding lamp and a beaconing light whereby wayfarers may attain the heights of holiness, and seekers may advance into the realm of eternal reunion. Such are the unveiled traditions and the evident verses already mentioned. The other language is veiled and concealed, so that whatever lieth hidden in the heart of the malevolent may be made manifest and their innermost being be disclosed. Thus hath a□□adiq, son of Mua□□ammad, spoken: "God verily will test them and sift them." This is the divine standard, this is the Touchstone of God, wherewith He proveth His servants. None apprehendeth the meaning of these utterances except them whose hearts are assured, whose souls have found favor with God, and whose minds are detached from all else but Him. In such utterances, the literal meaning, as generally understood by the people, is not what hath been intended. Thus it is recorded: "Every knowledge hath seventy meanings, of which one only is known amongst the people. And when the Qa'im shall arise, He shall reveal unto men all that which remaineth." He also saith: "We speak one word, and by it we intend one and seventy meanings; each one of these meanings we can explain."

These things We mention only that the people may not be dismayed because of certain traditions and utterances, which have not yet been literally fulfilled, that they may rather attribute their perplexity to their own lack of understanding, and not to the nonfulfillment of the promises in the traditions, inasmuch as the meaning intended by the Imams of the Faith is not known by this people, as evidenced by the traditions themselves. The people, therefore, must not allow such utterances to deprive them of the

divine bounties, but should rather seek enlightenment from them who are the recognized Expounders thereof, so that the hidden mysteries may be unraveled, and be made manifest unto them.

We perceive none, however, amongst the people of the earth who, sincerely yearning for the Truth, seeketh the guidance of the divine Manifestations concerning the abstruse matters of his Faith. All are dwellers in the land of oblivion, and all are followers of the people of wickedness and rebellion. God will verily do unto them that which they themselves are doing, and will forget them even as they have ignored His Presence in His day. Such is His decree unto those that have denied Him, and such will it be unto them that have rejected His signs.

We conclude Our argument with His words–exalted is He–"And whoso shall withdraw from the remembrance of the Merciful, We will chain a Satan unto him, and he shall be his fast companion."184 "And whoso turneth away from My remembrance, truly his shall be a life of misery."185

Thus hath it been revealed aforetime, were ye to comprehend.

Revealed by the "Ba'" and the "Ha'."186

Peace be upon him that inclineth his ear unto the melody of the Mystic Bird calling from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha!

Glorified be our Lord, the Most High!

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Although the Realm of Glory hath none of the vanities of the world, yet within the treasury of trust and resignation We have bequeathed to Our heirs an excellent and priceless heritage. Earthly treasures We have not bequeathed, nor have We added such cares as they entail. By God! In earthly riches fear is hidden and peril is concealed. Consider ye and call to mind that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: 'Woe betide every slanderer and defamer, him that layeth up riches and counteth them.' Fleeting are the riches of the world; all that perisheth and changeth is not, and hath never been, worthy of attention, except to a recognized measure.

The aim of this Wronged One in sustaining woes and tribulations, in revealing the Holy Verses and in demonstrating proofs hath been naught but to quench the flame of hate and enmity, that the horizon of the hearts of men may be illumined with the light of concord and attain real peace and tranquillity. From the dawning-place of the divine Tablet the day-star of this utterance shineth resplendent, and it behoveth everyone to fix his gaze upon it: We exhort you, O peoples of the world, to observe that which will elevate your station. Hold fast to the fear of God and firmly adhere to what is right. Verily I say, the tongue is for mentioning what is good, defile it not with unseemly talk. God hath forgiven what is past. Henceforward everyone should utter that which is meet and seemly, and should refrain from slander, abuse and whatever causeth sadness in men. Lofty is the station of man! Not long ago this exalted Word streamed forth from the treasury of Our Pen of Glory: Great and blessed is this Day – the Day in which all that lay latent in man hath been and will be made manifest. Lofty is the station of man, were he to hold fast to

righteousness and truth and to remain firm and steadfast in the Cause. In the eyes of the All-Merciful a true man appeareth even as a firmament; its sun and moon are his sight and hearing, and his shining and resplendent character its stars. His is the loftiest station, and his influence educateth the world of being.

Every receptive soul who hath in this Day inhaled the fragrance of His garment and hath, with a pure heart, set his face towards the all-glorious Horizon is reckoned among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. Grasp ye, in My Name, the chalice of My loving-kindness, drink then your fill in My glorious and wondrous remembrance.

O ye that dwell on earth! The religion of God is for love and unity; make it not the cause of enmity or dissension. In the eyes of men of insight and the beholders of the Most Sublime Vision, whatsoever are the effective means for

safeguarding and promoting the happiness and welfare of the children of men have already been revealed by the Pen of Glory. But the foolish ones of the earth, being nurtured in evil passions and desires, have remained heedless of the consummate wisdom of Him Who is, in truth, the All-Wise, while their words and deeds are prompted by idle fancies and vain imaginings.

O ye the loved ones and the trustees of God! Kings are the manifestations of the power, and the daysprings of the might and riches, of God. Pray ye on their behalf. He hath invested them with the rulership of the earth and hath singled out the hearts of men as His Own domain.

Conflict and contention are categorically forbidden in His Book. This is a decree of God in this Most Great Revelation. It is divinely preserved from annulment and is invested by Him with the splendour of His confirmation. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is incumbent upon everyone to aid those daysprings of authority and sources of command who are adorned with the ornament of equity and justice. Blessed are the rulers and the learned among the people of Baha. They are My trustees among My servants and the manifestations of My commandments amidst My people. Upon them rest My glory, My blessings and My grace which have pervaded the world of being. In this connection the utterances revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas are such that from the horizon of their words the light of divine grace shineth luminous and resplendent.

O ye My Branches! A mighty force, a consummate power lieth concealed in the world of being. Fix your gaze upon it and upon its unifying influence, and not upon the differences which appear from it.

The Will of the divine Testator is this: It is incumbent upon the Aghsan, the Afnan and My Kindred to turn, one and all, their faces towards the Most Mighty Branch. Consider that which We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book: ‘When the ocean of My presence hath ebbed and the Book of My Revelation is ended, turn your faces toward Him Whom God hath purposed, Who hath branched from this Ancient Root.’ The object of this sacred verse is none other except the Most Mighty Branch [Abdu’l-Baha]. Thus have We graciously revealed unto you Our potent Will, and I am verily the Gracious, the All-Powerful. Verily God hath ordained the station of the Greater Branch [Muhammad Ali] to be beneath that of the Most Great Branch [Abdu’l-Baha]. He is in truth the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have chosen ‘the Greater’ after ‘the Most Great’, as decreed by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

It is enjoined upon everyone to manifest love towards the Aghsan, but God hath not granted them any right to the property of others.

O ye My Aghsan, My Afnan and My Kindred! We exhort you to fear God, to perform praiseworthy deeds and to do that which is meet and seemly and serveth to exalt your station. Verily I say, fear of God is the greatest commander that can render the Cause of God victorious, and the hosts which best befit this commander have ever been and are an upright character and pure and goodly deeds.

Say: O servants! Let not the means of order be made the cause of confusion and the instrument of union an occasion for discord. We fain would hope that the people of Baha may be guided by the blessed words: 'Say: all things are of God.' This exalted utterance is like unto water for quenching the fire of hate and enmity which smouldereth within the hearts and breasts of men. By this single utterance contending peoples and kindreds will attain the light of true unity. Verily He speaketh the truth and leadeth the way. He is the All-Powerful, the Exalted, the Gracious.

It is incumbent upon everyone to show courtesy to, and have regard for the Aghsan, that thereby the Cause of God may be glorified and His Word exalted. This injunction hath time and again been mentioned and recorded in the Holy Writ. Well is it with him who is enabled to achieve that which the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days hath prescribed for him. Ye are bidden moreover to respect the members of the Holy Household, the Afnan and the kindred. We further admonish you to serve all nations and to strive for the betterment of the world.

That which is conducive to the regeneration of the world and the salvation of the peoples and kindreds of the earth hath been sent down from the heaven of the utterance of Him Who is the Desire of the world. Give ye a hearing ear to the counsels of the Pen of Glory. Better is this for you than all that is on the earth. Unto this beareth witness My glorious and wondrous Book.

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He is God, the Helper!

Your letter, which conveyed certain unverified accounts and untrue reports, reached this evanescent servant. In one respect it opened the gates of joy, and in another the gates of sorrow. Joy because it indicated your well-being, but sorrow because it was observed that the ungodly souls have at last prevented you from turning to the divine sanctuary and deprived you of the sweet fragrances of God's love. We beseech God to turn you away from them and direct you to His radiant countenance.

When this servant observed that what you had written did not spring from your own nature but rather from the false words of the ungodly souls who had spoken to you, it therefore became necessary, purely for the sake of God and out of love for you, that I should reply, so that perchance through the power of the Lord of Lords you might rend asunder the greatest veil and the veils of glory with the fingers of power and detachment, and ascend to a station that is sanctified above mention, allusion, words and

expressions, and distinguish between the birds that soar in the atmosphere of divine grandeur and those that dwell in darkness.

Although it is observed that the greatest veil has entirely deprived your sight from the greatest vista, yet since you had apparently mentioned words of counsel, it therefore became incumbent upon this servant to inform you of that which I have attained from the ocean of divine favor and the manifestations of the holy splendor of the Eternal, that perchance you might not be deprived of the sanctified sanctuary of glory and remain bereft of the holy Ka'bah of detachment.

Although certain words were heard from the blessed tongue, from the purport of which this servant has become hopeless of most people, yet purely for the sake of God it is expressed that perchance you might be blessed by a breeze from the divine Ridvan of sanctity and be sustained by a fruit from the Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West. And these are the words that were spoken: "Verily, most people today are nursing from the breast of heedlessness and ignorance, and their weaning time has not yet come, let alone their maturity. Therefore words do not affect them, for they neither understand nor perceive. And verily, thou beholdest these creatures as sheep that any child can lead wheresoever he willeth. Thus was it revealed aforetime, but the people know not."

Since numerous matters were mentioned in your letter, it therefore became necessary for this servant to record each of your points and then provide an answer, that perchance in these days when darkness hath encompassed the whole earth, some of the seekers might be guided by the lights of the Sun of Guidance and not remain deprived of the living waters. And verily, He guideth whom He willeth, and He hath power over all things.

This is your first point, wherein you wrote: "The hope from God the Most High is that He may grant a meeting, that perchance the dark limitations and imaginary veils may be removed, and it may become clear who are they that swim in the sea of oneness and soar in the atmosphere of exaltation, as distinct from those who dwell in the well of darkness and wander in the desert of bewilderment."

Concerning thy wish that a meeting be arranged and that through such a meeting veils might be removed - know thou that not every meeting hath been or will be the cause of the lifting of veils. Indeed, in most instances meetings but add to the veils, as when one who was the source of rancor and the mine of corruption came, and thou not only failed to rend his veils, but rather added to thine own veils. If thou hadst been capable of rending veils, surely thou wouldst have removed the preventing veils from that veiled soul. Nevertheless, we hope, God willing, through divine grace that a meeting may come to pass in a spirit of joy and fragrance, that we may all gather in the sacred concourse, and that, sanctified from verbal allusions, we may fathom the infinite realms of meaning. For these are the days of revelation and witnessing, not the days of investigating doubts and imaginings. We seek from God reunion and the divine presence, for He is the best Lord and the best Answerer. It is evident that these words came not from thyself but were written due to the whisperings of distant souls. How can that which hath not itself found existence from the Bestower of existence ever bestow existence on others?

Such withered and deprived souls have not distinguished right from left, yet how have they presumed themselves to be guides and saviors? The sweet fragrances of divine souls are clearly distinct from the

stench of the souls of the idolaters. Not everyone in human form is counted among humanity, nor is everyone who utters two words numbered among the people of the Bayan. Limited souls have been and will remain deprived of the realm of oneness, and dim-sighted eyes remain bereft of beholding the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. Strange it is that thou hast taken the essence of fancy for the reality of certitude, and counted vain imaginings as known truth. They were created from fancy, began from it, and to it they shall return. Today the birds soaring in the heaven of divine nearness and the swimmers in the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy are radiant and resplendent as the sun. By God, if the veiled souls would but cleanse their sight from the ophthalmia of self and desire, they would instantly attain to the dawning of the Day-Star of the horizons.

But what can I say? Affairs have become greatly confused for thee, and this is not from thyself but from one who hath no mention with God and was deprived of the sweet fragrances of the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Thou sayest: "Although outwardly my condition is good and my health is perfect, yet I am dejected, first from being deprived of serving the friends, and second because however much we strive and endeavor and run from city to city and valley to valley hoping to find some peace of mind, it is not possible and they do not allow it." Strange it is from thee, and this servant is greatly perplexed by these words thou hast written about running from city to city seeking peace of mind but finding none. For from these words it appears that, God forbid, thou hast not realized that wandering from city to city never was and never will be the cause of peace of mind. Would that thou hadst remained in that same place and raised up one breath purely for God's sake, for surely that breath would have reached the hiding place of the All-Merciful. For if thy purpose in moving about was to know the Truth, thou shouldst come to this City, purified from all hints and allusions, and then meet and see with thine own eyes and distinguish truth from falsehood, rather than allowing thyself to become so veiled by the words of one who is rejected by God that thou utterly deprivest thyself of the beauty of the Intended One. The wayfarer will never reach the abode of security and safety except with hands emptied of all that is in creation. He says: "We went to find some rest and be safe from the evil of sedition, to attain some leisure. The whisperings of satans through the promptings of the evil self have caused confusion in beliefs and raised up a new sedition. 'Sedition is sleeping; God's curse be upon whoever awakens it.'" The heavens are well nigh rent asunder at these words, the earth split open, the mountains crumbled, the seas stilled of their waves, the trees stripped of their fruits. By God, the pillars of existence in both the seen and unseen realms are nearly obliterated. By what hath issued from thy mouth the faces of those near to God have turned pale, and were one possessed of insight he would surely know that the countenance of the Primal Point hath at this moment turned pale from the impact of these words, and thereupon He lamented in the most exalted Companion, and the angels drawn nigh lamented with Him. Have you considered what has been written, what is meant by this utterance and who is intended? However, it has never been the way of the people of God to speak beyond their station. Whoso knoweth not his own station knoweth not his Lord. In any case, these servants who have been reared by the divine hands of training and who dwell beneath the Tree of divine education neither wished nor wish to answer such words as yours to one such as you. We commit all affairs unto God, and He is the best of guardians. Hearken to the call of this sincere servant. Account not the Most Great Bounty as wrath, nor reckon the Most Great Peace as sedition, nor see the universal divine mercy as vengeance. The physical eye cannot distinguish sweet water from bitter - rather this has always required and will require taste. And if even

taste is altered by illness, it will be unable to perceive. We beseech God to grant a pure and refined spiritual taste that can distinguish between the divine Kawthar and the bitter salt of selfish passion. The matter is in His hands - verily He is wise over all things and powerful over all things.

If thou seekest ease, hearken to this true utterance which declares: Purify thyself from the defilement of self and desire, that thou mayest attain unto everlasting ease. This ease is found in the shadow of Truth and naught else, for naught but His shadow is today accounted as aught but desert waste in the sight of God. We hope that God willing, thou wilt cleanse thy breast from the words and intimations of the idolaters, that it may become a place for the dawning of the lights of the Divine Unity, and be utterly freed from vain words and disputation.

Thou didst mention that we should be safe from the evil of sedition. It would appear that thou hast considered all divine manifestations from Adam to the Seal as sedition, believing that to speak the word of truth is sedition. But between that sedition and this sedition there is an immense difference that none can understand save those endowed with insight. The sedition of truth is a sedition from which flow a hundred thousand streams of security and peace. By God! Were anyone possessed of spiritual sense to be found, he would inhale from this sedition the fragrances of the One True God. Furthermore He says, exalted be His glory: “Do men think that they will be left alone on saying ‘We believe’ and will not be tested?”

If that which appears from Truth is reckoned as sedition, then a hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for such sedition that distinguishes and separates the idolatrous Pharaonic souls from the manifestations of divine unity. O servant! I beseech God to grant penetrating vision to all people, to bestow pure souls, and to vouchsafe attentive ears that they may distinguish the words of the idolaters from the divine words. Never would I be content that thou shouldst write such words.

It was mentioned that satanic whispers have stirred up evil through selfish desire and cast doubt upon beliefs. O my brother! Call not the holy fragrances of the Lord of the worlds satanic whispers. By God! All things weep, and he who commanded thee to write what flowed from thy pen is cursed by all atoms, though he perceives it not, for God hath placed a veil of fire upon his heart. He speaks that which he comprehends not[…]

Know that whenever defects in beliefs have been mentioned, no deficiency has ever touched anyone’s belief in the Manifestation of God and His Cause. Rather, these beliefs have become more firm, established and steadfast - except for those souls whose essential reality in the previous Dispensation was of the nethermost depths, though outwardly they were counted among the exalted ones due to their acceptance of that Manifestation. When the supreme test appeared, such souls returned to their origin, while the illumined and sanctified souls arrived at their true homeland, which is recognition of and submission to the very Manifestation. Blessed are they who have attained!

Those beliefs that were bound to the worship of the calf - the chosen ones of God and His loved ones are sanctified, holy and free from such things. And whosoever remains veiled from this luminous Manifestation of inner meanings - God forbid - has never had true belief and never will, such that any deficiency could affect it. Have you not heard the melody of the divine Dove saying that if a person were

to remember and worship God, standing, sitting and prostrating, for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures, yet hesitate for less than a moment at the time of His Manifestation, his deeds would be rendered void and he would dwell in the fire for the duration of that hesitation - let alone those who turn away and show pride? We beseech God to protect us from the whisperings of those devils who openly deny God while counting themselves among the knowers. Nay, by the Lord of all worlds!

You mentioned a new sedition, but no new matter has arisen or become manifest. From the first day we attained to the knowledge of God, we have fixed our gaze upon this holy and eternal Manifestation, counting all lesser divine manifestations as non-existent before Him. Some would say that He makes reference to others for their own good, but when it became clear that what was mentioned was the truth, and naught beyond it but error, it is strange that you would make such statements.

If by sedition you mean new corruption, by God besides Whom there is none other god, the very one who cast these words to you is the one who created it, as is evident. They were together for forty years, and you yourself are certain of what has been mentioned. In this journey when that polytheist entered among the party of God, he perpetrated what neither Nimrod nor Shaddad had done. Nevertheless, we know not what caused you to abandon your own sight, hearing and heart through his enticement, accepting whatever he said.

We beseech God to make you steadfast in His Cause, to grant you recognition of the Manifestation of His Self, and to purify you from the allusions of the deniers. That which appears from the Truth is mercy for the unitarians and retribution for the polytheists. We beseech Him to give you to drink from the water of life which flows at the heart of contingent existence, that thereby you may detach yourself from all else and draw near to the station wherein naught is seen save the lights of thy Lord's face, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

The face of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great! We beseech God that thou be not counted among such servants as have ever raised similar objections against the Truth. Even as the polytheists wrote in objection to Husayn ibn Ali - may our spirit be a sacrifice unto all except Him - saying that thou hast become the cause of division in the community of the people and hast created dissension in the religion of thy grandfather and hast introduced certain innovations. These same words are recorded in detail in the books. Consider, then there is no need to mention this servant. Concerning the final passage which nearly causeth the pillars of all things to crumble - yet We have been patient and shall continue to be patient through God's might and power, and We return the judgment unto God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

The dissension which thou hast imagined hath never been the way of Truth. This Revelation hath appeared specifically for the harmony, unity and concord of the peoples of the earth, that perchance all differing communities might gather around a single law, and all might become engaged in the praise and glorification of the Lord. It hath become evident that thou hast not distinguished between the reformer and the corrupt one. We hope, God willing, through divine grace that if thou hast not recognized the Manifestations of the most exalted heaven, thou might at least recognize the manifestations of Satan, the sources of the nethermost depths and the corrupt ones.

Truth hath ever summoned the people to unity and concord. Observe the revealed words that it may become clear to thee that these words came not from thyself, for We supposed that thou didst not commit this sin of thine own accord, but rather through the promptings of one who was as one of us. When he committed what he committed, God expelled him from His sanctuary of glory. Therefore he arose in opposition, taking unto himself a bellowing calf of flesh and calling the people unto it in opposition to the Manifestation of God Himself and to establish authority for himself. Thus was the matter, if thou be of them that understand.

These words which have caused the hearts of the chosen ones to burn have been and shall ever be devoid of spirit and meaning. But concealed in the sheath of these words, in place of meanings, are sharp swords that secretly at all times pierce the body of the Cause. Would that one possessed of insight and wisdom could be found who might perceive what oppression hath appeared in this day and to what degree the oppressors have risen up to harm the divine Cause. But We beseech God to send down from the clouds of His Cause that which will consign them to their place in the lowest of the low.

And further thou didst write: "For this reason I had no thought to write a reply. I wished to remain silent and say nothing of this kind. No capacity for disputation remains. These two days of life are not worthy to be spent entirely in argument, conflict, evil and forced interpretations according to the desires of self." […]

Would that thou hadst not written, and hadst thou written, would that thou hadst inscribed thine own words rather than the fabricated utterances of the idolaters. Verily, to maintain silence regarding such pronouncements would have been a hundred thousand times more fitting. Fine words are those that serve to mention and establish the Cause of God, not those employed in disputation and conflict with Him. As recorded in the divine counsels, the tongue was created for the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Beware lest ye soil it with the words of the manifestations of Satan. The tongue is the dawning-place of the lights of truth; make it not the source of false utterances. The tongue is the treasury of My praise and mention; occupy it not with the remembrance of this one and that one, for it shall be a sign unto itself in its own station.

Thou didst write that thou hadst determined these fleeting days of life to be worthy and inexhaustible, such that whatever it uttereth, it is capable, so long as existence endureth, its speech shall not be cut off unless illness interveneth between it and the praise of its Lord. From this, the discerning one perceiveth that divine knowledge hath had and shall have no end. Within it lie concealed the pearls of utterance of all the worlds, yet its form hath not increased; through it flow the rivers of meaning, yet not an atom of it hath diminished.

There is much that could be said in this regard, but this servant hath confined himself to this brief account, that perchance thou mayest purify thy tongue, both outer and inner, from the malady of self and passion, and cause it to speak in praise of God. For today, the true speaker is he who ariseth to praise the Truth; else he hath been and shall remain but a cawing crow.

Thou didst write that the state of disputation and contention no longer remaineth, that none hath arisen to wage war and strife. Strange indeed that ye yourselves practice that of which ye complain! The

disputations of the world lie concealed and hidden in these words thou hast sent. It would seem that in this letter of thine not a particle of the sayings of the deniers and idolaters hath been omitted. The book of every soul hath been placed in their hands, yet due to their heedlessness they perceive it not, and they send it from land to land.

This servant is greatly astonished at how thou couldst bear these weighty words. Would that they had returned them to their source! Whether good or ill, they befit the one who cast them forth, and ever shall. We beseech God's most great favor that He may sanctify thee from such vain imaginings. It is not fitting that all should be spent in disputation and contention, conflict and evil, and forced interpretations to satisfy the self. Strange that thou shouldst claim detachment by mere words, when one who hath committed every conceivable transgression - such that in every land there now remaineth some token of that tree of turning away - is yet considered detached. Moreover, one who openly indulgeth in all manner of vice, whose fire of greed burneth so intensely that he hath run from here to Istanbul for a morsel of bread - this hath been demonstrated by his deeds. Yet should he meet certain deluded ones, with one long sigh, a shake of the head, and two words declaring his renunciation of the world, he is reckoned as chief among the detached ones. The weapon of war and shield of the idolaters is the mention of death and detachment from the world, and they have taught this delusion well, such that it hath become imprinted upon thy breast.

And they have inculcated well with vain imaginings, such that it has become imprinted in your heart. But the detached ones perceive different fragrances and different scents. Should colocynth claim to be sugar, those with taste will not accept it. Every utterance requires corresponding deeds. Ever have those who objected to the Truth spoken such words, even as that holy soul who endured such tribulations that, by God besides Whom there is none other God, had these servants imagined would be preserved. You have attributed worldliness to him, while one who has spent his entire life in the utmost comfort and ease you have called detached. Woe unto those who speak according to their own desires and understand not.

Furthermore, I know not what is meant by these "interpretations" you have mentioned. The interpreters are those who speak without seeing and judge without attaining. By God's grace, what We have mentioned has been from God's clear verses and from that which is accepted by you and the people of the Bayan, inasmuch as the Bayan was revealed only to command all explicitly and without interpretation that should anyone appear with divine verses, none should object to him. So emphatic were they regarding this point that they made the faith and certitude of all contingent upon acknowledging the One Who would appear. Yet you have called this decisive divine word ambiguous and a forced interpretation. If this point were removed from the Bayan, by what proof could the faith of claimants be established? Evil is that which they have imagined within themselves.

In any case, how quickly they have distorted the divine words. Certain counterfeit temples have caused the fragrances of the All-Merciful to be cut off from the people of creation. The difference is that these servants speak what they have seen while you speak through fancy. We hope that, God willing, you will distinguish between desire and God. If you are fair, you yourself will testify that whatever has occurred has always been contrary to personal desires, for the commanding self has never relinquished and will never relinquish its comfort and ease. One has appeared with all the divine verses and has ever been

afflicted at the hands of enemies, speaking that which is recorded in all the Tablets. Nevertheless, you have interpreted what has appeared from Him as self and desire. May a hundred thousand souls of the near ones be sacrificed for this desire, through whose wafting the musk-laden breezes from the paradise of oneness diffuse, and by whose movement still souls are stirred and moved in their longing for the meeting with God, and by whose stillness agitated hearts become tranquil and assured, and through whose heat the divine fire becomes ignited in the trees of human existence, causing them to speak forth the cry "Verily, there is no God but Him." We hope that you will not consider divine qualities and lordly manifestations as personal desire, and that you will look with fairness.

You have written that you have become confused in this matter. My heart burns that after many years among the mystics of old, living according to common parlance among the leaders of the people, confusion should still arise. Know this much: that in the station of certitude, doubt has no place. If you say that recognition of this new Revelation has become confused for this servant, then come forth to witness. If you say there is confusion in the revealed verses, then come forth to hear and see. If you say confusion exists in deeds, know that every doer's deeds depend on His command and are contingent on His permission. The station of absolute certainty is sanctified above the doubts and imaginings of the worlds and those who are deluded.

It is evident these words were not from you, for it is unthinkable that you would follow vain imaginings and doubts. All these events that have occurred were mentioned before in the revealed Tablets. Moreover, in the first year of arrival in this land, the Blessed Beauty resided in a house near Muradiyyih, while these servants were in another house. One afternoon, He came out from the sanctuary, and all the emigrant servants were standing in His presence, including this servant, Haji Mirza Ahmad, Siyyid Muhammad and others. He said that a strange thing had been witnessed that day. These servants waited to learn what had occurred. After about ten minutes or more of silence, He turned to these servants and said that at dawn that day, a bird had perched on a branch of the tree by the house, saying these words: "Muhammad has come and calamity has come," and the bird repeated these words three times.

None of these servants imagined it referred to the present Muhammad. Even Siyyid Muhammad himself considered such a thing impossible regarding himself. We servants became occupied with interpretations, as there were several persons in the vicinity known by this name. Finally we became convinced that one of them must come to this land and cause mischief. After two full years had passed, that which was to appear appeared. At that time it became known who was meant by the mentioned Muhammad. By God! By God! His actions and deeds are not worthy of mention. I swear by their truth that if I have mentioned anything other than what occurred, what did occur was exactly as described. Let them not think that mention of this incident was to demonstrate miracles. No, by the Lord of the Worlds! For we are certain that those in whose hearts is hatred of truth will never be convinced by any proof or evidence, as it has been foretold: "If they should see every sign, they will not believe in it."

Rather, the purpose was to show that his condition was known in the Tablet wherein not an atom's weight of the deeds of all creation was omitted. Your statement has greatly increased my astonishment, for one who was rejected by this community and is not worthy of mention has caused such confusion for

you that now you wander in the wilderness of doubt and the desert of vain imaginings. How good it would be if you would cast off these borrowed feathers […]

Wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies how excellent it would be if thou wouldst cast off these borrowed feathers and soar with spiritual wings in the holy and sanctified atmosphere, entering into sweet spiritual realms. Thou who for years didst count thyself among the wayward ones - at last a single gust of the storms of doubt and fancy hath so carried thee away and moved thee that its description is impossible. God alone knoweth where He will establish thee. His knowledge is with my Lord and I am but a penitent servant. We hope that thou wilt grasp the strong and mighty cord, abandoning the ropes of idle fancy and vain imaginings, and wilt enter from the abode of doubt and conjecture into the holy city of certitude, steadfastness and assurance. I swear by God that my heart hath greatly burned and burneth for you, that after countless hardships ye have fallen captive to the wilderness of fancy and desire. We beseech God to deliver thee and give thee to drink that which will purify thee from what thou hast heard, and make thee sanctified from all else but Him, and establish thee under the shadow of His grace. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And furthermore thou didst write that thy heart burneth that due to the passage of time since the Prophet's advent, people like us had clung to interpretative religions, living in pleasant delusion and suffering anguish, thinking we had freed ourselves from forced interpretative religion. Now according to your statement, as people say, we must again enter into interpretative religion with the first cup and dregs. The clear verses of the Bayan have not yet gained currency and become manifest, and we must cling to allegorical verses.

Know thou that those who interpret according to their desires and the people of doubt and fancy have ever remained settled and at rest in their stations. Even if a hundred thousand explicit verses were revealed, they would never attain to a drop thereof. As is witnessed, the ocean of explicit text surgeth while all are gathered in the pool of fancy and interpretation. But for interpretation there are infinite degrees - one interpretation accordeth with God's good-pleasure and another interpretation opposeth the Truth. For the divine words there are infinite interpretations, yet none is aware of them save God. Today, by the explicit text of the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, it is forbidden for those who shelter beneath the Tree of the Bayan to interpret or explain even a single letter of God's words, for none is aware save the Manifestation Himself, as interpretation is not the station of creation. As for the interpretation thou hast mentioned, these are the interpretations of polytheistic souls which have ever been and shall ever be rejected. Even today they have abandoned the explicit text and remain veiled from the Manifestation Himself, occupied with interpreting and explaining His previous words through doubt and fancy. Woe unto them and their deeds! The purpose of all interpretations, explanations and meanings of verses and words hath been to attain the knowledge of Truth. And after being veiled from the Truth Itself, all return to their own station and those souls are established in the lowest depths.

And thou hast written that "we are consuming our hearts' blood" and imagining that we have found ease by forcefully reinterpreting religion. Nay, by God! Thou hast not consumed thy heart's blood, for hadst thou done so, thou wouldst surely have attained unto the Most Holy Court and distinguished the

Supreme Horizon from the mere horizon of cattle. Although it appeareth that certain human devils have intended to sow dissension between thee and this lowliest of creatures, yet God is witness and testament that this servant would not have been offended by thy words were they directed only to him, regardless of their nature. But the hearts of all people have been consumed by the implications of thy words and the explicitness of thy expressions, for all of them return, according to your suppositions, to that Station which - by God besides Whom there is no God - even if these whom thou hast taken as thy beloved ones besides God were to soar throughout the eternity of God, they would never reach the atmosphere wherein wafteth the breeze of one of His names that were created by His Word, let alone His own Self, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Wise. But God hath sanctified His hem from the barking and howling of these ones, and from the touch of the hands of these polytheists. Hearken unto the mention of this servant and beware of those souls, for by God, through them the atmosphere of every city is corrupted. They claim to believe in Ali from before, when the verses of God, the Mighty, the Generous, were revealed unto him. But when they were revealed again, they denied them. The curse of God be upon the liars and wrongdoers!

From the fragrance of thy words naught can be perceived save rejection and objection. Therefore it is most difficult for this servant to write at this point. However, in truth, if a soul were to be found who harbored doubts due to the intimations of the polytheists, it would surely be appreciated were he to mention his doubts, for we in this land have no occupation and stand ready, should anyone experience any doubt, to provide an answer according to our station and capacity and his station, that perchance through divine grace his heart might be sanctified from vain imaginings and empty suppositions. And from thee we expect only this much: that thou observe with sanctified vision that which is mentioned. Among the words of the Most Glorious One - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - are these: “Whoso hath not purified his heart and his breast and his sight and his hearing from that which he possesseth, he shall not be able to understand what hath been revealed in truth in the Tablets of manifest glory.” Therefore we beseech God that He may send a sweet-scented breeze from the paradise of His good-pleasure upon the people of possibility, that it may purify and sanctify all from the dust of disobedience and turn them toward the holy direction of the All-Merciful. Verily, He is nigh unto whosoever calleth upon Him, the Answerer of Prayer.

O My brother! These birds of the heaven of divine love have partaken of the grain from the sacred threshing-floors of divine unity and have heard holy melodies of spiritual import. They can hardly be ensnared by worldly devices, nor can they be debarred from their Lord, the Lord of all worlds, through the whisperings of the words of such as turn away and join partners with God. Those who pursue this matter shall gain naught but regret, and have received and shall receive nothing but weariness and torpor. For, by God’s grace, we walk in the gardens of mystic revelation and are present in the gathering of divine observation. We have transcended fancy and imitation and repose in the seat of witnessing and beholding. We have no concern with this world and its people, as our deeds bear witness to our faith. We have not run to doors seeking monthly allowance and bread, nor sent our wives to others’ houses, nor falsely attributed things to God. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Were you to become aware of the very lies they have told you in that land and the calumnies they have attributed to the Truth,

you would surely flee to the wilderness and cut yourself off from all who dwell on earth, were you to be of the fair-minded ones.

Say: The First Draught hath appeared in such wise that no measure can fathom its mysteries. O ye that turn away from the Beauty of God! Know ye that He, the Point of the Bayan - may the life of all else but Him be His sacrifice - hath explicitly ordained in all the Bayan that ye should not remain veiled from whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven, whether it be the Books sent down, the precious Scrolls, wondrous verses, or the manifestations in creation and in law. And although He took from all a Covenant concerning the Most Holy, Most Exalted Manifestation of this Day, saying in His mighty utterance: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Bear Thou witness that through this Book I have taken from all things the Covenant of the guardianship of Him Whom Thou shalt make manifest before taking the Covenant of Mine own guardianship. Sufficient art Thou and whoso believeth in Thy signs as witnesses unto me. Verily Thou art my Trust. In Thee have I placed my reliance. Thou art indeed the All-Knowing Reckoner" - yet all have turned away from His Beauty and clung to His murderer. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! It was evident what they would inflict upon this blessed Beauty. Consider how much lamentation, weeping and mourning lie concealed in this passage of the Point of the Bayan - may the life of all else but Him be His sacrifice. God and all His servants were taken as witnesses to the Covenant of this blessed Manifestation, that perchance the people of the Bayan would not rebel at the appearance of the All-Merciful and would be abashed at what was revealed in the Bayan. Yet there came to pass what we now witness. Not many days had passed, the words of Him Who revealed the Bayan were still ringing in all ears, and the traces of His pure blood still remained upon the earth, when they visited upon His very Self, His Essence, and His Spirit that which no people had ever wrought. Here indeed is where one should say "The First Draught." Consider now how many words ye utter that are inappropriate, contrary and out of place. He concerning Whom He said "I have taken the Covenant of His guardianship before Mine own" - yet the deniers among the people of the Bayan have accused the souls who have accepted this All-Merciful Being of following interpretations. We bewail Our grief and sorrow unto God for what His servants, who were created by His command "Be!", have visited upon Him.

Furthermore, thou didst write that since the clear verses of the Bayan have not yet gained currency and become manifest, one must cling to its ambiguous verses. No person of reason and understanding would utter such words. I marvel how thou wert content to ascribe the words of the idolators to thyself. It beseemeth not them that follow truth to transgress the bounds of propriety. Therefore We leave the answer to certain of thy statements to God, for the oppression of the Beloved hath ever been ordained. As to thy mention of the clear and ambiguous verses, from this statement it appeareth that thou hast not properly understood the distinction between what is clear and what is ambiguous. Otherwise thou wouldst have been certain that the clear verses revealed in the Bayan have appeared in their complete and perfect form. Therefore We shall mention briefly that among every group there is a different understanding of what constitutes clear and ambiguous verses, as is recorded in the Books. To elaborate further would prolong the matter […]

The details of this matter would lead to undue length, but verily the decisive verses are those from which the divine purpose can be directly understood, requiring no further proof or mention for their establishment. Now judge with fairness: what is the primal reality of that verse? It is evident to every

person of insight that the Most Great Verse, which needs nothing else to prove itself and never will, is in its primal reality the Manifestation Himself, for whatever and whoever is below Him is in need of His command. None denies this save every rejected ignorant one.

If you say the decisive verses are the divine commandments revealed in the Tablets, there is no doubt in this - we all are assured of them, believe in them, and hope for His grace. These decisive verses are decisive in relation to the Most Wise of Judges, as it is evident that if a person were to comprehend all the decisive verses but hesitate even slightly in accepting that Most Great Verse, all his deeds would yield no fruit and would be as dust. And that Being whose verses were and ever shall be decisive says that all the Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of Paradise before that Essence of Being. And in another instance He says that whatsoever was revealed in the Bayan is dependent upon His command and contingent upon His leave and will. And in yet another instance, addressing the people of the Bayan, He says: “Beware lest ye be deprived, by the Bayan and what was revealed therein, of the Promised One.”

Countless such decisive statements have been revealed, and yet they turn away from Him by whose will all decisive verses appear and from whose fingers flow all rivers of knowledge and utterance, imagining they have understood and comprehended the decisive verses. Now open the eye of justice and recognize the people of confusion and the manifestations of the whisperer - those souls who have cast such words upon you. Yes, forever have certain souls called themselves after truth while leading helpless weaklings astray in the wilderness of doubt and fancy, occupied with their own leadership. This is not the first arrow to pierce Us, nor the first spear to strike the Beloved of the worlds.

And if you say the decisive verses are the descriptions revealed in the Bayan concerning certain souls, firstly, you do not know to whom these descriptions refer, and secondly, by His very Self, the Truth, He has described all things to their ultimate description, such that He has attributed all names and attributes to all things. This is the station wherein thou seest no imperfection in the creation of the All-Merciful. All besides Him are His creation, and all share in these attributes, for in the greatest perspective, all exist and shall exist in one plane.

Concerning certain divine verses that have been revealed according to their outward meaning, their purpose was to encourage those souls. Moreover, all return to the divine manifestation. As long as that divine manifestation exists in every thing, it is described and mentioned with all names and attributes, and after its withdrawal becomes non-existent. Reflect on this that thou mayest be among those who know. Even if we accept that certain attributes were revealed specifically about a person mentioned, hast thou not heard that He says: “Be not veiled from the Manifestation Himself at the time of His appearance by the Letters of the Bayan”? And the Letters of the Bayan were the first souls who were described with all attributes and designated by all names. This very statement of the Ancient King is clear evidence of the veiling of some of the Letters, as is now witnessed that one who considers himself among the Letters and Mirrors has detached himself from the hem of holiness and clings to the cord of self and desire. Likewise He says that at the appearance of the Most Great Luminary in the next cycle, the people of the Mount shall become non-existent and as naught. Reflect a little that perchance ye may comprehend the sublimity of the Cause. After the greatness of the Cause is such that He says the people of the Mount become dead and as naught, the Letters and Mirrors in that station have no mention except after their

love for Him. Similarly in another place He says, exalted and mighty be His Word: “It is permitted unto Him Who shall be made manifest to reject him who is the highest on earth, for that one is but a creature in His grasp.” These are the statements of the Creator of names and attributes, while those are the words of veiled souls led astray. By God! Now have shone forth the suns of decisive verses, clear signs, firm proofs and perfect words. Yet you write that Mirza Yahya cannot be rejected, while his utmost station was that he would present himself before the Abha Beauty and divine words would be revealed to him. By God! Despite his deeds no one opposed him - he rejected himself through turning away from the Truth Who created through His Word. Thus do We explain the matter unto thee that thou mayest be of the knowing ones. Now reflect which are the decisive verses of God and which the ambiguous ones, and thou shalt know those who took the ambiguous verses and cast the decisive ones behind their backs and were among the polytheists. Here it is beloved to mention from the decisive verses revealed from the Abha Will, exalted be His grandeur. By God! They suffice all creation, so that any believer who has an atom of divine love in his heart may hold fast to them and deliver himself from the suppositions of the people of earth and the falsehoods of the manifestations of Satan, and moreover remain firm in his faith and witness no wavering. And these are some of the verses revealed in a Tablet to one of the friends concerning one of the wicked ones. His glory be exalted! He says: “And if thou seest one named with a divine name, mention to him thy Lord’s verses that perchance he may be of those who turn toward the direction wherein whoso turneth hath indeed been saved and whoso turneth away hath indeed perished. Thus doth the Spirit speak now between the heavens and earth. Say: O servant, hear My word! By the True God, thou shalt find no counsellor more sincere than I. Tarry not on the path but pass over it as a cloud passeth. Thus did We command thee aforetime.”

Say: O servant, hear My words! By God the Truth, thou shalt not find for thyself a counselor more faithful than I. Tarry not upon the Path, but pass along it as a cloud passeth. Thus did We command thee before, and We command thee now, and if thou acceptest not from Me, We shall soon command thee thus again and yet again, until thou passest along it by My sovereign power, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wise.

Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy by My remembrance and My Name, and cast behind thee all that holdeth thee back; then appear suddenly through thy Lord’s manifestation, and be not of the patient ones. Beware lest leadership prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. By God the Truth, were all who are in the heavens and earth to prostrate before thee, while thou dwellest not beneath My shadow, it would profit thee not - to this thy spirit doth testify, wert thou of them that hear.

Wouldst thou be of those whom leadership prevented in the days when the heaven of the Cause was cleft asunder and He came upon the clouds, and who denied God, their Creator and their Fashioner, until they pronounced His death sentence after He had come unto them with a proof from God and a mighty testament? By God, O servant, My purpose was naught but to purify thee from all that beseemeth thee not. And whenever I held My peace in mentioning thee, the Tongue of God spoke through My tongue and commanded Me to proclaim unto thee, and I have naught to do save clear delivery of the Message.

Ponder within thyself for less than a moment: Hast thou heard of a Revelation greater than this, or of verses mightier than what have been sent down in truth? Then speak with pure sincerity and be of those who turned unto the Most Great Prospect on the day when the faces of all created things were

transformed. And if thou fearest for thy faith, take this Tablet and preserve it in the pocket of thy trust, and when thou enterest the gathering place on the day when all contingent beings shall be raised up before the presence of thy Lord through His wondrous and exalted breaths, and God shall ask thee by what proof thou didst believe in this Revelation, then bring forth the Tablet and say: "By this Book, the revealed, the blessed, the ancient!" Then read what was revealed therein before thy Lord's presence, the station wherein all the Prophets and Messengers bear witness.

By God, then shall all stretch forth their hands toward thee and take the Tablet and place it upon their eyes in their longing to meet Me and their passion for My love, and they shall inhale from it the fragrance of My holy, mighty and exalted presence. Thus have We detailed the verses unto thee that thou mayest be at peace within thyself and be of the tranquil ones. And if God should punish thee for believing in His verses in this Revelation, then by what proof would He punish those who believed not in Ali before, and before him in Muhammad the Messenger of God, and before him in Jesus son of Mary, and before him in Moses, and before him in Abraham, until the Manifestations end at the Primal Point Who created by thy Lord's will, the Powerful, the Purposing.

O My Name! The Cause is more manifest than to be concealed and more evident than to be veiled, and it shineth as the sun at high noon. If thou wouldst free thyself from the veils, thou wouldst attain unto it more quickly than thine eye could return to thyself, and this is certain truth. Hear the word of Him Who speaketh the truth, and dispute not the verses of God after their revelation, even should all beings command thee to do so, and withhold not thyself from His grace, even should both races of men prevent thee. Behold thy Lord's Cause with thine own eyes, then know it through thine own self.

Even if all humanity and jinn should prevent thee therefrom, behold thou the Cause of thy Lord with thine own eyes, then know it through thyself and thy spirit, for the recognition of others cannot serve as proof for thee, nor can the rejection of all else stand as evidence against thee. Beware lest thou be veiled from Him Who, shouldst thou be veiled from Him for less than a moment, would cause thy deeds to be rendered null. All that hath been revealed aforetime in the Scriptures of God, the Sovereign, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, beareth witness unto this. These are the revealed words that were mentioned. Now judge fairly and distinguish these decisive verses from all else. Should any soul possess within his heart a spark from the fire of divine love, he will act according to that which hath descended from the heaven of the divine Will, and will observe himself to be detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth, established upon the seat of tranquility, assured of God's Cause, and independent of all else. God hath perfected His proof, completed His favor, caused the Sun to shine forth, and sent down His signs. His Manifestation is most evident, yet ye have entangled yourselves in the wilderness of doubt, conjecture and allusion. We beseech God to grant success unto Us and thee, and to bestow upon us that which He hath ordained. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous.

Furthermore, regarding thy words "Well done! What a strange affair this is! People still dispute the fundamental matter. They have not yet understood what the Message was and what ordinances it contained. Now a new order and an allegorical religion that will cause a thousand kinds of sedition has been established." I show thee no discourtesy, but I bear witness by God that no person of understanding would ever speak thus. For if the matter were to depend upon the words of people and what they

possess, the Truth should never appear, inasmuch as in every age and dispensation when the Sun of Truth hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Will, all have raised objections and turned away in fierce opposition, accounting that Manifestation of the Divine Unity to be among the workers of corruption and sedition. Yet it is evident to every person of insight that the purpose hath been naught but unity, and shall ever be so. Moreover, these objections of the people have not been confined to this Revelation - they still dispute about the Messenger of God. If the matter were to depend upon people's words, we seek refuge in God, all Manifestations would have to be denied. Furthermore, from this Revelation the laws of the Bayan have been established and made manifest, not from those deluded souls whom thou hast imagined, who have not, by God, acted upon a single one of its precepts. God forbid that their deeds should be mentioned, for Satan himself would flee from their actions. Many matters have become confused and veiled for thee. We beseech God to open thy sight through His grace, to deliver thee from the darkness of self and passion, to draw thee nigh unto the Divine Lote-Tree, for verily He is powerful over all things and verily He watcheth over all things. Truth hath never regarded, nor shall it ever regard, the words, denial and objections of people. He doeth whatsoever He willeth, despite those who have disbelieved in God and were among the deniers. If thou wouldst reflect a little, all these objections of thine were likewise leveled against the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - and similarly against all the Messengers before Him. Hear My words, then seek forgiveness for what thou hast committed. Perchance God will forgive thee and blot out thy misdeeds, for verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Strange indeed that you should be confused about this matter when the Command is so clear and unambiguous! These servants have pondered and, by God's grace, have emerged from the thickets of interpretation into the spacious meadow of clear declaration. The interpreters are those who discard the manifest and exalted Truth, and with the axe of conjecture carve out idols of fancy, then bow down before their own handiwork in worship and submission, all the while counting themselves among the worshippers of Truth and those detached unto God. Hearken to this servant's words, free your heart from vain imaginings, and fix your gaze upon the Lord of all beings. For a friend is one who, upon seeing a friend drowning in the ocean of extinction, extends whatever aid lies within his power and capacity, that perchance it may become the cause of deliverance and salvation. Therefore we hope that you will hold fast to the cord of divine favor, escape from the depths of darkness and turbidity, and enter beneath the shade of the dawning divine splendor. You have turned away from and closed your eyes to this Command which now exists in such clarity and speaks with truth, and have instead opened wide the gate of interpretation, which has ever been sickly and infirm. You have reached such a state that you accept falsehood as truth, writing it down and counting it as genuine. Among other things, a letter arrived from there, with neither seal nor name to identify its author or sender, yet containing certain false and fabricated statements. It is clear that Satan suggested these, and that unknown forger wrote them at his prompting. The writer himself knows this is false, and you know it too, yet you have accepted it as truth and wish through conjecture and fancy to attribute the right of Him Who possesses all rights to another. Now consider how you seek ambiguity in a Command that is crystal clear. We beseech God to open your sight, to aid you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, and to make you among those who attain.

Another statement of that objector was: “Though I was not present, I believe I understand better than those who were there for years. Moreover, I possess the general principles which serve as the standard of truth.” […]

That you have claimed to be informed - no, by God, absolutely no one is informed, neither you nor anyone else. And that which has been suggested to you, by God besides Whom there is no God, all of it was and will be false. Would that the one whom they have now accepted as authority instead of God were like any ordinary person from the marketplace! Strange that you should attempt to cause doubt in this servant. All your words, conjectures, interpretations, allusions, proofs, clear statements and obscure ones, and claims to knowledge in this Cause - all of these trace back and lead to Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani. His excellence is well clear to these servants, and was clear before. Strange is your insight - how well you know people! In any case, I hope that God will remove that mischief-maker, for he has caused such corruption as has not been seen from the beginning of creation until now. And surely he too has claimed to be informed. Know this much: that by God besides Whom there is no God, he had absolutely no knowledge. What he said was pure falsehood and sheer calumny. These few days of life are not worth spending in corruption, opposition and commission of such abhorrent deeds. It would have befitted you, after that mischief-maker arrived in that land, to counsel him with goodly exhortation and words of wisdom, not to strengthen him, become his mirror and echo his words. God willing, we hope he will not eat of the wheat of Rey. We praise God that He protected these servants from his evil and deception. What more can this servant say? These are days when in the eyes of the deluded ones, the word of a gnat is heard in a barren land while the Word of God goes unheeded. If they had fairness, all should weep blood and wail in the wilderness, for they use the words of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - to prove the truth of one besides Him while striking with the sword against His own Self. Beyond this, we wish to see by what proof and evidence they believe in the Primal Point. Bring it forth if you are truthful! By the same proof by which they believe and are certain of the Primal Point, we believe and are certain of the very Manifestation with something even greater. The difference that exists is this: when the divine touchstone and the heavenly balance appeared, the monotheist became distinguished from the polytheist. Be fair! If we deny this Revelation and its evidences and verses, by what face and by what cause can we then claim belief?

Know that any criterion which you mentioned, besides being the universal criterion that you say exists in hand - how great is this statement of yours, for this station God has placed above all the worlds, because the Manifestation itself is God’s criterion and His balance. Truth turns with Him even as a shadow turns with the sun. Thus was it revealed in the Bayan, if you be of them that comprehend. Your example is like one who takes a rock to someone who possesses treasures of jewels, claiming he will use that rock to recognize and distinguish those jewels. The criterion in the hands of men may serve to know their like, but God’s Self is sanctified above that and can never be known thereby. The divine criterion has ever been and shall ever be His own Self. Whoso hath known Him hath known the criterion, and whoso remaineth veiled therefrom, his striving hath been in vain and he is among the losers.

Verily the criterion you mentioned is the same one that was in the hands of the divines during the time of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, and likewise during the time of the Messenger of God before Him, and before that the appearance of Jesus son of Mary, when all the divines

and leaders objected to those Suns of Truth according to their own criteria, until finally they issued the decree for the execution of those holy Temples. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers!

O heedless sleeper! Know that God's criterion has ever been and shall ever be His own Self and what proceedeth from His presence - all this is through His grace, if ye but knew. If one were truly focused on the Point of the Bayan and His counsels, even if all the peoples of the world were to confront him with sharp swords and cut him to pieces, he would not hesitate regarding this Manifestation, for all that was recorded and revealed from the heaven of Will was and shall be explicitly about this Most Great Manifestation.

And if you do not look to the Bayan and deny God's proof which all the Prophets and Messengers brought, and do not accept God's verses which have ever been and shall ever be the conclusive proof as the criterion, then bring what you have if you be truthful. You must bring forth that criterion and proof by which you prove your truth today. By God! You will never be able to do so. All matters are in His grasp and all things are in the hand of His power, and all else is created by Him - to this testifieth every possessor of enlightened wisdom.

If anyone today denies these divine attributes and lordly manifestations and revealed verses which have appeared in this most holy and exalted Revelation, flowing like torrential rain, he hath denied the Truth and all the Messengers, and he is of the polytheists - thus was it inscribed in the Mother Book by the Pen of Command.

One melody from the melodies of the Dove of the Bayan regarding the criterion is mentioned specifically for those who seek the sanctuary of the All-Merciful, that they might attain to its recognition and become wholly detached from satanic manifestations, rending asunder the veils of idle fancies in such wise that the people of the Concourse on High hear the sound of their tearing, and witness them above the entire Concourse of the Bayan among those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, fleeing from branch to branch that they might cast doubt and suspicion into the hearts of those whom the breezes of the All-Merciful have turned from the left of conjecture to the right of certitude. His word – exalted be His remembrance, exalted be His praise, exalted be His utterance, and most exalted be His beneficence – is: "He is the Balance, and His Cause is the Balance, and His condition is the Balance, and His signs are the Balance - whatsoever pertaineth to the Balance is the Balance." Thus endeth His word. In brief, the Balance hath been and shall ever be the Manifestation Himself, and whatsoever floweth forth from the ocean of His bounty and generosity, and that which they practice today, and that which they utter, and that which they command - these have been and shall ever be the Balance for all, both before and after. And today, shouldst thou observe any soul to have departed from this divine and most merciful Balance, know him to be false and rejected. And God forbid that thou shouldst dare to assail the very foundation of the Balance. Fear God, Who created thee from a drop of despised water.

The words of others who oppose: First, regarding the original claim and matter at hand, that same Bab whom you call the Most Exalted Lord established His own verses as proof and demonstrated His truth through verses, and none among the believers deny this, and surely you too cannot deny it; rather, your acceptance and that of others of the Bab was through His verses. Thus endeth his words. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, no person of discernment can detect the fragrance of truth from these

words he hath written. What regret and remorse, that in this spiritual springtime thou hast not adorned thyself with the wondrous attire, nor inhaled the sweet fragrances from the paradise of inner meanings. Thy words are like those of the veiled ones, nay more base. By God, wert thou to reflect upon them, thou wouldst feel ashamed and erase them all. The station and worth of a man are revealed through his words, and in truth, words are the mirror of the soul, were ye of those who know. Ever have they, through such unfounded words, prevented the construct of people's suppositions from turning toward the divine unity. What station of sanctification of the Cause can be seen, and what station of veiled souls can be witnessed? Hear My words, then cast them behind thee and turn wholly unto God, that perchance there might flow from thy heart the oceans of meaning and utterance in praise of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Although the pen is ashamed to mention a response to such words, yet since they have deemed a response necessary, I state that these very words of yours are a refutation against you and establish the Cause of God, though you wrote without realizing it. Thus doth God cause to flow from the pen that of which its writer remaineth unaware. Woe unto the veiled ones from the torment of a mighty day.

O brother! The barren woman hath ever been without worth in all religions, for she is deprived of visible offspring. By God, those souls whose hearts are barren of the appearance of the virgin mysteries of God are seen as even more deprived. And now it is observed that most of the veiled ones have hearts, minds and vision so barren that they cannot even comprehend what they themselves write, let alone the allusions of divine words and the gems of consummate divine wisdom. By God, these are barren of God's mercy and of truth and justice, and naught appeareth from them save that which intensifieth God's wrath and anger against them, yet they do not understand.

Know that verily I have been and remain a believer, confessor, submitter, proclaimer, rememberer, speaker, caller, crier, exclaimer, declarer, conveyor, and one who announces with the loudest voice that He is the Lord of the Most High, the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, the Tree of the Uttermost Boundary, the Kingdom on High, the Dominion of the Cloud, the Divine Realm of Immortality, the Spirit of Glory, the Most Great Mystery, the Most Perfect Word, the Ancient Manifestation, the Most Noble Temple, the Secret Symbol, the Lord of Nations, the Surging Ocean, the Most Exalted Word, the First Pearl, the Hidden Scroll, the Treasured Book, the Beauty of Divine Unity, the Manifestation of Identity, and the Dawning-Place of Divine Unity. But for Him, existence would not have appeared, nor would the Intended One be known, nor would the Beauty of the Adored One have shone forth. By God! By His Name were created the heavens and all therein, and the earth and all thereon. Through Him the seas were set in motion, the rivers flowed, the trees bore fruit. Through Him were the religions established and the Beauty of the All-Merciful was made manifest. By God! If I were to continue describing Him unto the end that hath no end, my heart would never be quenched of its thirst for the love of mentioning His names and attributes - how much less His own sacred, mighty and beauteous Self!

Be ye witness that ye are permitted to show this Tablet to any of the deniers as ye wish. Just as thy leader took divine tablets written by the divine Branch and showed them to some while himself disclaiming them - this is what he did in secret, while in public he bows his head and lengthens his speech before the people of the Bayan who have taken him as their lord, proving to them his false and fabricated claims,

rejoicing in his leadership over them. Say: Woe unto thee, O fearful, treacherous, disappointed loser! Nothing will avail thee today, even if thou shouldst cling to all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth.

Would that they had been content with this much! Rather, they wrote words similar to it and attributed them to the Truth. Verily God knoweth what is in his heart and hath recorded all things in a clear register. Now if you wish, you may show this Tablet to whomsoever you desire. By God! My Lord hath never preserved Himself and will never do so. He awaiteth crucifixion from the Jews and the spear from its bearer, if thou be of them that understand. Know that the Truth awaiteth that which befell His previous Manifestation, and likewise that which befell the Messenger of God before Him, and before him the Spirit, and before him the Friend. He feareth no one and will never fear, by God's grace and favor, even should they all gather to shed His pure, mighty and inaccessible blood.

O you who have written that He has established His truth through verses and proven His own truth through verses - these very words "if thou but knowest" have flowed from the Pen in proof of this Cause, yet you have failed to comprehend. For these verses you mention - either you are certain of them or not. If you are not, then all these words you have written were and shall be vain. And if you are certain, then why do you deny and turn away from these revealed verses which descend like abundant rain at every moment? Know with certainty that people of insight and understanding would not allow you to proceed beyond the first word - through that single word they would establish and confirm for you God's proof and His testimony, just as that Tree of Oneness proved His Cause and we came to know it. Now too, in like manner, God's Cause is manifest and God's verses are being revealed, and these servants have attained certitude. These servants were not and shall never be among the deniers. The deniers are those who "believe in part of the Book and reject part of it." Nay, by God, rather they have rejected all the Books, for today if anyone turns away from a single letter of these verses, his rejection of all is established and confirmed. We believe in what was revealed before and what is now revealed, and everything bears witness to this, if you be of those who are certain. Well do you argue and engage in dispute and objection with the Beloved Point, writing that His truth was proven through verses. In your own estimation you look to the revelation, yet are far removed from the Revealer. And as for what you wrote that "certainly you too cannot deny" - our inmost reality, our essence, our tongue, our heart and our limbs all testify to His verses, if you be of those who understand. I swear by the Sun of the glory of unity that a single letter from the words of that Manifestation of Names and Attributes is more beloved and precious to the Ancient Beauty than all that is in the heavens and earth - how much more so for these servants who are as nothing before a letter from Him and who bow in submission before all that has appeared from that Tree of Truth and Sun of grace and Moon of loving-kindness. The difference between these servants and you is that you verbally profess belief from behind a thousand veils and curtains while turning away from His Self and Essence and Spirit and Being. Would that you were content with mere rejection! Nay, by His All-Merciful Self, rather you spend your nights and days plotting to shed His pure and holy blood, as was clearly shown by the deception you practiced in that land. These servants believe in, acknowledge and confess His verses, His words, His manifestation, His Self and His Spirit in their entirety. Therefore recognize the station of the deniers, and the station of God, the Exalted, the Great, and the station of these poor and lowly ones.

And furthermore concerning what was written, He Himself can distinguish verses from that which is not verses better than others. Indeed, the true distinction must come from Him, and of a certainty such a person would not be a liar nor would he be moved by the promptings of his own desire. Thus it ends. If you have written based on conjecture, these servants testify with certainty between the heavens and the earth that there is no God but Him, and that the Point of the Bayan is His Balance and His Manifestation, and all that was revealed from Him is truth wherein there is no doubt, and He is the One Who distinguishes truth from falsehood and doubt from certitude. Now this distinguisher that you have mentioned - are you certain of and submissive to all His verses, or only to that which you have interpreted according to your own desire and found agreeable? If you are certain of all that was revealed from Him, He says, exalted be His mention: "All that is in the Bayan is a gift from God for that most glorious and eternal Manifestation." And furthermore He says: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! How insignificant is my mention and whatever is attributed to me when I wish to ascribe it unto Thee. Accept me and whatever is attributed to me through Thy grace, for Thou art the best of those who show grace." O heedless ones among the people of the Bayan! Despite such humility from the Primal Point regarding His subsequent manifestation, you remain unaware and occupy yourselves with such utterances. By God, were you to reflect even slightly, you would lament for your own souls, for in this station that blessed Being has mentioned Himself with complete humility and utter effacement. How then can there be any station for mirrors and what is attributed to them? Has any line been observed in the Bayan that does not end in this most wondrous and novel mention? No, by His own true Self, but you do not understand. By God, you have fallen into such a state that it seems as though a thousand chains could not move you. At last, step forth from the wilderness of allusions and enter the pleasant atmosphere of detachment, that you may recognize the impregnable Truth by His holy Self and become detached from all else. And as for your mention of that Manifestation of Divine Unity as a distinguisher - by what proof? If it was by verses, then why do you turn away from this Distinguisher Who has appeared with verses before which every possessor of verses bows down in His presence, save those who are moved by the winds of leadership as they please - at times casting them upon mountain peaks, at times into the desert of error, at times throwing them into the depths of extinction, and at times leaving them under the wolves of self and desire? Say: Die in your wrath! By God, He has appeared by Whose word the proof of the first and the last is established, and by Him it shall remain established unto the end that has no end, and none deny this save every sinful disbeliever.

And as to what was written, that he will not be a liar even though he may outwardly acknowledge the truth of His Holiness, yet this acknowledgment was but a shadow and was seized, for if one were truly convinced of the truth of the Primal Point, one would not deny the Source of Truth, by Whose will the reality of truth was created and praised. The acknowledgment of His truth in this station was merely that through this outward acknowledgment one might deny His essence and reality. Just as the divines before, at the time of the manifestation of the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His grandeur, spoke thus: that the Imams of Guidance were certainly truthful, and there exist successive traditions from them that whosoever claims the Qa'im must be born is a liar, a hypocrite, and a slanderer, whose death is obligatory. And likewise they argued that 'Seal of the Prophets' is God's word and is explicitly revealed in the Qur'an, and it is certain that God is truthful and His Prophet is truthful. Then, in objection to God and the Manifestation of His Self, they uttered these words, that this person's claim is false and devoid of

merit, for he has spoken contrary to the Book of God and His traditions and the truthful Prophet, as it is in His book that Prophets have come from the beginning that has no beginning and will come until the end that has no end. Exactly as you have objected, they objected - nay, you are even more vigorous in objection, if you but knew. Now observe how deluded are those deniers who have cast these words upon you. It seems they have not attained to a single letter of the divine words' meanings, nor have they received a drop from the ocean of divine glory. Woe unto them and to what their selves and desires have commanded them. Whatever you cite from the Bayan, even if we grant that you have understood it all - though this is impossible, for none knows its meanings save God - and likewise all its deeds when practiced will not benefit you at the time of His manifestation except through acknowledging the Manifestation. For He explicitly states regarding what was revealed in the Bayan that you should not be veiled from that Merciful Countenance, let alone by these four words you have mentioned. And after the establishment of this blessed and goodly Word, all that you have mentioned or will later use as evidence will return to the limited selves of those who mention and argue, while the Truth is sanctified above all. And it is very clear that if you truly believed the Primal Point to be truthful, you would never deny this most wondrous and most mighty Manifestation. Now you acknowledge Him as truthful with your tongue, but in deed - God forbid - as false. So seek forgiveness for what you have thought and said and written, and say:

"Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he who was neglectful in Thy path and followed the ways of fancy and imagination, being veiled from the recognition of the Manifestation of Thy Self, and I argued with that which burned the liver of Ali and then the heart of Muhammad, the Messenger of God, as though I had slain all existence, both seen and unseen. Therefore, O my God, look upon me with the glances of Thy mercy and leave me not to myself and my desires. Then purify me from the allusions whereby I became deprived of the gardens of Thy reunion and meeting. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Ye wrote further that no one, whether from within or without, could doubt that the Bab confirmed Mirza Yahya, in that He wrote to His followers in diverse terms concerning his truth, declaring explicitly and in clear terms for the imitators and common folk that "after Me, he is, and obedience to him is incumbent on all, he is the successor and vicegerent, whatever exists after Me is he." But for those of insight and understanding He revealed other words, saying: "Verily the Cause will end with the Name of Vahid for his revelation is in itself proof and needeth no text." My heart was greatly grieved upon reading these words, for ye have reasoned exactly like the divinity students who now in their schools attempt to prove their points with imaginary proofs and ambiguous words. By your own admission ye consider the people of the Furqan to be deluded, yet your delusion is witnessed to be a hundred thousand degrees greater than that people. How long wilt thou remain asleep upon thy couch? Raise thy head from slumber and open thine eyes that thou mayest behold the Sun shining at its zenith. Put aside these words and consider their source. Cast away delusion and hold fast to the sovereign truth. What a pity that hearing and sight should be occupied with observing and hearkening to such words! First, what ye have written is the reverse of truth, and furthermore He saith: "Do ye believe in part of the Book and deny part?" How is it that ye accept these words whose source is unknown, yet all the Bayan which declareth that at the time of His manifestation ye should cling to naught else but Him - this divine utterance is unheard while fabricated

words must be hearkened to? Never in the Bayan was there mention of successorship or vicegerency. According to you these are the words of the people of the Furqan. What was mentioned in the Bayan was the mention of Letters and Mirrors, and in all instances He declareth that the Mirrors were not and will not be limited. Whosoever faceth the divine Sun is accounted among the Mirrors, and this station endureth so long as he turneth not away from that orientation. After turning away "the light returneth to its source and the created thing to its form and likeness." Throughout the entire Bayan, especially explicitly, He declareth that on the Day of His manifestation ye should look to none but Him, for that Ancient Beauty cannot be known through any eye but His own, even as He was not known. And now the Primal Point Himself declareth that what ye write is error and your proofs pertain to the deluded ones. The Truth hath appeared with its sovereignty and proof - His verses, and His manifestation is itself proof. Die therefore in your wrath, O company of the deluded! Ye mention those without and within and fame, but all these words were written in pure delusion and mere conjecture. As for those without, they never had any knowledge, and as for those within, some have ascended to the Supreme Companion while others who remain ye have denied, contriving fabrications according to your own desires that perchance ye might deprive the helpless weak ones from the exalted Truth, even as was done aforetime.

And you have contrived falsehoods according to your own desires, that perchance you may deprive the helpless ones of the Exalted Truth, as was done aforetime. Would that you could understand what purpose lay behind the fame that was given, which none comprehend save those possessed of insight. This servant is astonished by what evidence you claim knowledge, for you have never been part of this Cause. Yea, erelong false and unsound traditions will emerge from the realm of polytheistic souls, and these traditions will surely be traced through chains of transmission, ending with Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani, or with Husayn known as Shukhte who has lately arrived and dwells under Satan's shadow, or with Mirza Husayn-i-Qumi who spoke against the Countenance of the Beloved to preserve his own wicked self, or with the lame one who repudiated God while upon the pulpit. You yourselves know that none of these souls had any knowledge, yet your desires have led you to accept the testimony of one who has no truth. Fear God, speak not of that which you know not, and be not among the fabricators.

If all upon the earth today were to become delicate mirrors and bear witness to a matter, it would not suffice, for the testimony of all is dependent upon the Manifestation Himself, even as the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - says concerning the later Revelation, exalted be His mention: If all upon the earth were to testify to a matter, and He were to testify without their testimony, His testimony would be like the sun while their testimony would be like the sun's reflection, which has not come into alignment, else it would conform to His testimony. I swear by God's Most Holy Essence that one line of His word is better than the words of all upon earth - nay, I seek forgiveness for this comparative expression. How can the effects of suns in mirrors equal the effects of the sun in the sky? The former is at the level of nothingness while the latter is at the level of bringing things into being through God, mighty and glorious is He.

Now whatsoever is mentioned and renowned among the servants according to your assumption has never been and will never be valid in God's sight. All depends upon and is contingent upon the acceptance of this most wondrous, most mighty and most holy Revelation, would that you knew. And even supposing what you have mentioned were true, He says, exalted be His mention, that at the time of

the later Revelation the spiritually learned become as dead and nothing, the letters and guides of light remain veiled, and the tree of affirmation is reckoned as negation. Likewise He says that many a soul who in one Revelation is among the most exalted dwellers of Paradise becomes in the subsequent Revelation among the lowliest denizens of the fire.

Say to the objectors and those in error: O sightless ones who have deprived yourselves of the Kawthar of inner meanings, the Tasnim of divine knowledge and the Salsabil of utterance! Reflect in the highest heaven that perchance you may be given to drink a drop from the Most Great Ocean. Similarly in another passage He says, exalted be His mention, that the most exalted dwellers of Paradise aforetime come to dwell in the lowest depths of the fire. Now a pure vision is needed to reflect upon these utterances of the Manifestation of the Cause. The polytheists have ever, at the time of Revelation, clung to His previous words to object to the Divine Being Himself, just as you today cling to His previous words to object to His very Self.

And likewise He – exalted be His mention – states in another station that the highest dwellers of the paradise of the past shall abide in the lowest depths of fire. Now a pure eye is needed to ponder these utterances of the Manifestation of the Cause. The polytheists have forever, in the days of each Revelation, clung to the words of the previous Dispensation and raised objections against the very Divine Being Himself. Even as ye today cling to His previous words and raise objections against His own Self, and continue so to do. Woe unto them and unto you and unto those who follow you, from the torment of a grievous day! And to such a degree have ye become heedless that ye send to His most holy and most exalted Presence such words as are fit only for the eyes of the polytheists to behold. In this connection the previous Manifestation – may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake – hath made a statement which We mention purely for the sake of God, that perchance the objectors might become aware and remain not veiled from the Sun of Guidance. His word – exalted be His mention – is this: "The likeness of those days is as the sun compared to the stars, and likewise is the similitude of the people of that Revelation in relation to outward appearance. For this reason, in that Revelation those who are possessed of true understanding will not wield the pen, and will feel ashamed of their own works and writings and of their own manifestations and expressions." Would that they had heeded this single counsel of the King of Oneness and had not committed that which had been forbidden them! I know not by what path they walk or what course they follow. They adduce the verses of God as proof, and yet deny Him Who revealed them. […]

"And concerning what thou hast written, that the Bab confirmed Mirza Yahya - firstly, thou art not acquainted with that confirmation, what its purpose was and what was intended. For the celestial maidens of divine meanings in the chambers of holy infallible utterances have ever been and shall ever be veiled from mortal eyes. None hath touched them save the Manifestation Himself and those who were His proofs on the day of His appearance. By God! None was confirmed save this Beauty Who hath fallen into the clutches of the idolaters and under the claws of the deniers and the tongues of the heedless and the deceivers. And even assuming such confirmation, if thou wouldst observe with a discerning eye, thou wouldst find this confirmation applicable to all, for He says, exalted be His mention, that there is no doubt that all souls who have believed in the Bayan were and are among the Prophets, the saints and the chosen ones. And further, in another passage He says, exalted be His mention: 'All this is so that on the

Day of Manifestation thou mayest not remain veiled by names, but rather look to that by which the names subsist in all things, even unto the mention of the Prophet, for that Name is created by what God reveals.' How astonishing that ye still stand at the threshold of names! Well done! How faithfully ye have acted upon the divine counsel! Ye have become so heedless that ye worship and cling to mere names, continuously making mention of them while drawing the sword of malice against that by which the names subsist, and ye perceive it not. Know ye that all the proofs and descriptions ye have mentioned or may mention regarding any soul whatsoever refer back to the Bayan, and throughout the Bayan it is explicitly stated that the Bayan and all that is therein have been and shall be dependent upon the will of that King of Oneness. That Ancient Beauty hath power to negate all creation with the word 'No' and cast them into the lowest fire, or to draw all within the shadow of affirmation with the word 'Yea' and establish them in the highest paradise of recognition. He shall not be questioned about His actions, while all else shall be questioned about everything. Would that thou hadst understood concerning whom He confirmed! By God, besides Whom there is none other God! He arose not but to mention Him, retired not but to praise Him, moved not but in love of Him, and breathed not but in His Cause, while ye turned away from Him and objected to Him, clinging to one who is more contemptible in God's sight than yourselves, did ye but know it. Ye have turned away from the Beloved of all possibility, concerning Whom the Point of the Bayan hath said, exalted be His mention: 'Were it not for His Book, this Book would not have been revealed, and were it not for His Self, God would not have manifested Me.' Yet ye write that such and such a one is described in the Bayan, though ye have understood neither the description nor recognized the describer and the described. By God! If thou knew what thou hast done, thou wouldst weep for thyself, and if thou hadst recognized this Manifestation and possessed all the gold and silver of earth and heaven, thou wouldst have spent it all to enter beneath His shadow and hear one melody of His melodies. But since thou art veiled from this, thou hast become deprived of the breathings of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O my brother! By God, those who have denied today have suffered loss upon loss."

But when thou didst veil thyself therefrom, thou becamest deprived of the sweet savors of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O My brother! By God! Those who have disbelieved this day have suffered loss upon loss, failure upon failure, abasement upon abasement, and diminution upon diminution, yet they comprehend not save at the hour when the angels of chastisement shall come unto them and their eyes shall be stirred by the terrors of death. Then shall they cry out and say: "Is there any way of return?" Thereupon shall they be smitten upon their mouths by the hands of might and be returned to their abode in the depths of the fire. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled by God, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. As for thee, efface what thou hast and inscribe what is with God upon the tablet of thy heart, that thou mayest find it radiant and luminous with the lights of the suns of wisdom and inner meanings. Thus doth this servant counsel thee, that thou mayest be among them that hear.

And concerning what has been written about His having said that "the vicegerent and successor, whosoever it may be, after Me is he alone" - by Him Who is peerless in majesty and grandeur and Who created all things without example through His most exalted Word! If anyone had truly inhaled a fragrance from the paradise of the Bayan, they would never utter such words, nay rather, they would flee from those who speak such utterances. You have not yet comprehended the new resurrection, the new spirit, and the new words. The Cause of the Bayan is sanctified above those matters that have passed

away. What was with you before has been rolled up, and a new carpet has been spread by leave of God, the Most High, the Most Manifest. But you have comprehended neither its beginning nor its end. Praise be to the Beloved, Who has so deprived the deceivers that they now appear before Him as more abject than any previous peoples. It is as though they are clothed in garments of iron, utterly unable to move. Likewise have their hearts and minds retreated, following now in the footsteps of the people of the Furqan. Hear and break these obstructing barriers and enter into the new and vast expanse of the Master of the Day of Judgment, that you may witness realms other than your own. Be not so harsh with yourselves - show mercy to yourselves and to the oppressed among the servants. You have newly clung to the remaining vestiges of the delusions of the people of the Furqan, sometimes mentioning a fabricated succession and false vicegerency, and sometimes attributing falsely invented words to the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. Hear the call of the Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, as He addresses the Mirrors, saying: "When the Sun of Baha dawns from the horizon of eternity, present yourselves before the Throne. Beware lest you sit in His presence or ask that which is not permitted you. Fear God, O ye Mirrors, all of you together. Ask of the wonders of His grace, that He may manifest for you what He willeth and desireth, for all grace on that Day circleth round His Throne and appeareth from His presence, would that ye knew. Be silent before the Throne, for silence on that Day is better than whatsoever hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Be not like those who were given knowledge aforetime and waxed proud thereby before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. For on that Day He is above every possessor of knowledge, All-Knowing, All-Informed, All-Wise; above every possessor of power, All-Powerful, Most Potent, All-Mighty; above every possessor of greatness, Most Great, All-Glorious, Most Sublime; above every possessor of loftiness, Most Lofty, Most Exalted, Most High; above every possessor of might, All-Mighty, Most Strong, Most Powerful; above every possessor of sovereignty, All-Ruling, Most Sovereign, All-Wise; above every possessor of bounty, All-Bountiful, Most Generous, Most Munificent; above every possessor of authority, All-Commanding, Most Authoritative, Most Supreme; above every possessor of grace, All-Gracious, Most Excellent, Most Beneficent. You were all created to attain His presence and to stand in that most mighty and most great station. He shall send down from the heaven of His generosity that which is best for you, and that which He hath sent down from His presence shall make you independent of all the worlds. On that Day, no man of learning shall profit from his knowledge, nor any man of bounty from his bounty, nor any man of greatness from his greatness."

Not all grandeur is His grandeur, nor all power His power, nor all remembrance His remembrance, nor all deeds His deeds, nor all bowing down His bowing down, nor all prostration His prostration, nor all devotion His devotion, nor all nobility His nobility, nor all lofty lineage His lineage, nor all exalted rank His rank, nor all utterance His utterance, nor all light His light, nor all names His name. For all these things and all that ye have known and comprehended were created by His word "Be, and it is." And if He so desired, He could cause all created things to come into being through a single word from His presence, for verily He hath power over all things and is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. Beware, O ye mirrors, lest ye be deceived by names in that Day. Know ye that ye, and all that is above you and below you, were created for that Day. Fear God and commit not that which would grieve His heart, lest ye be accounted among the heedless. Perchance He will appear in truth while ye are sleeping upon your couches, and His messengers will come to you with perspicuous tablets, and ye will wax proud and pass

judgment upon Him such as ye would not pass upon yourselves, saying: “This is not from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou knowest that I have delivered Thy word and have not fallen short in that which Thou didst command me. I beseech Thee to protect the people of the Bayan on that Day, that they may not oppose Thee nor dispute Thy signs, and that Thou mayest preserve them, O my God, through Thy power which Thou hast extended over all the worlds. At this point We shall be content with these words. Most of the divine utterances that have been revealed in this most holy and exalted Revelation have not been pondered by anyone. Some have distorted them from their true meaning, some have concealed them, and some have altered them according to the outward meaning of the words. In truth, whatsoever portion of the Bayan each soul possesses suffices to remind him of this most perfect and greatest Word, and God is witness and knower of this.

By God! The moment thou didst pen these words, all things wept, and the denizens of the highest Paradise lamented, and the pillars of existence, both seen and unseen, were shaken to their foundations, for thou hast, in thy attempt to establish one of God’s enemies, belittled the station of God and His grandeur and majesty. By God! He whom thou hast taken as thy lord apart from God is in need of all things, whereas He Whom all are in need of hath appeared in truth in the year sixty and hath been established in truth. Blessed be God, the best of creators! Fear God, and let not thy pen follow thy self and passion, and deny not Him through Whose Pen’s motion the religions of the world have been established. Verily, he for whose love thou hast arisen in hypocrisy was wont to stand before the Divine Countenance while verses were revealed unto him, and he gloried in this, yet thou hast followed him of thine own accord and through him hast objected to God Who created all things by His command. There is no God but He, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

The very person whom ye mention as being a mirror - and it is evident to anyone possessed of insight that a mirror hath never had, nor shall ever have, any reality of its own, its existence being merely to reflect the rays of the sun - concerning him ye claim that the Primal Point (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake) hath declared that he is in himself a proof and hath no need of any text from Me. By God! Your tongues speak what your passions dictate, and from them appeareth whatsoever they desire, not what God, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath ordained. Ye have denied this Revelation whose verses and manifestations have encompassed the whole world, and ye have demanded proof, though all the Bayan hath been explicitly and specifically revealed concerning this most sublime and impregnable Revelation. Moreover, this Cause hath ever been, and shall forever remain, sanctified beyond any proof, allusion, expression or indication. Its appearance is in itself a proof, and its verses are God’s testimony unto all the worlds. Would that ye had considered the Seven Proofs, which are among the early utterances of the Point of the Bayan. It appeareth that ye had and have no purpose save to turn away from the Truth and object to Him. Even were God to bring you all the signs, ye would not believe in Him, even as the Point of the Bayan (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake) foretold these days. Therefore, consider ye the words of God, that ye may perchance be among the mindful.

O thou who hast written concerning His statement that “verily this Cause shall end with the Name of the Vahid” – I swear by God besides Whom there is none other God that thou hast not known Vahid nor understood who was intended. And even if we grant that by Vahid was meant the first one who turned

away from God, why hast thou not considered the phrase that follows, wherein He saith: “Should God manifest in thy days one like unto thee, this is what causeth the Cause to be inherited from God, the One, the Alone.” Nevertheless, this Manifestation Who hath appeared with all divine attributes was not accorded even the station of a mirror, for ye have all gathered round Him with the claws of hatred and malice, at every moment busying yourselves with new schemes to undermine His Cause. Fie upon those who have turned away from all the signs, who have taken but a single letter from the Book and used it to prove their contentions, who have denied God through Whose command were sent down glorious scriptures and sublime tablets!

This is why the Point of the Bayan – may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake – hath declared that the people of the Bayan would not count that Most Great Manifestation even as one of the believers, for even should they acknowledge Him as a believer, they would not accept for Him what they would not accept for themselves. God, the Most High, the Most Great, hath spoken truly.

Setting all this aside, the Word of Truth is but a single word, namely that which hath been revealed by Him, if ye be of them that know. He hath said – and His word is the truth: “Beware, beware lest in His days thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but a creation before Him. And beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words revealed in the Bayan, for they are but His own words from His previous Manifestation.”

All that they have written in apparent submission and acceptance hath been but a drop from the ocean of divine utterance. A hundred thousand souls like these have been and will be created with a word, yet despite this, thou writest falsely about God, slandering Him and His Presence, rebelling against His Glory, and affirming His enemies by claiming that the Bab said there was no need for His explicit text. By this statement, all that hath been revealed by the Pen throughout God’s realms, the Powerful, the High, the All-Knowing, doth disavow thee.

Today all the divine names have returned to their kingdom, and none comprehend this save those possessed of certitude and insight. Whatever hath been revealed in the Bayan, whether of ordinances or attributes pertaining to the Letters and Mirrors, profiteth no one except through recognition of this Manifestation. Thus hath the breath of the All-Merciful wafted through the spirit of the Bayan, were ye of them that know.

And today, since those who have turned away were not and are not capable of recognizing the supreme Example Who was God’s proof and evidence, and since they are seen to be powerless to comprehend the subtleties of divine words, We shall therefore cite a lesser example, that perchance receptive souls might enter the garden of inner meanings: A king appointeth someone as governor with authority over all affairs, as can be seen in the case of certain governors who rule over lands on behalf of the king with full authority. Nevertheless, is the king able to remove them or not? If thou deniest this, thou art a liar, for it is evident that he is able. Likewise, after the accession of the second king, that decree […]

And likewise after the ascension of the second sovereign, did those decrees and judgments which the rulers had full authority over by virtue of the previous sovereign become conditional upon the permission of the second sovereign or not? Without doubt, all became dependent upon and contingent on the

command and permission of the subsequent sovereign. This was mentioned regarding temporal rulers and sovereigns, that perchance ye might not deny the power of that Omnipotent Sovereign Who hath ever been and shall ever be in a wondrous state, Who doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. Deny not His power, and reckon not the hand of God as chained up. At least acknowledge His power to be equal to that of temporal sovereigns. By God! If anyone were to recognize that Ancient Sovereign as the Possessor of power, he would not raise such objections against the Creator of names and attributes. O ye who are deprived of the Kawthar of divine knowledge! Let us grant your claim that someone hath been adorned with the garment of one of the names between earth and heaven - is God not able to withdraw it? Woe unto you! By God, all existence, both seen and unseen, giveth you the lie. Never hath God, exalted be His mention, when bestowing something upon a soul, considered it expedient to withdraw it. The Pen is ashamed to mention that which ye have in these days engaged in before the presence of the All-Knowing Sovereign. Fear God, then abandon what ye possess and take what God possesseth. This is better for you than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths.

And as for your division claiming that the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - revealed one thing for the people of imitation and the common folk, and another declaration for those possessed of insight and understanding - this is thy transgression against God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This statement is utterly vain and meaningless. The Truth hath appeared of His own Self with clear signs, and these are indeed a proof from God unto every soul, if thou be of them that know. The Divine Proof hath ever been one, and for all they have ordained those same revealed verses as proof. And were there not in creation the faculty to recognize and comprehend verses, they would certainly not have been revealed through manifest signs. In this there is wisdom for those possessed of understanding, and none recognize it save those endowed with insight.

Moreover, it is not known whom ye have deemed people of imitation and common folk, and whom ye have considered possessors of understanding and insight. Ye have adopted for yourselves a cause whereby ye have gone astray and committed wrong, yet ye perceive it not. Know that those possessed of insight and others are distinguished and set apart by their acceptance or denial. Whosoever succeeded in saying “yea” at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Manifestation is accounted with God among the righteous and those possessed of insight, and whoso did not is among the wicked and the immoral. And surely those whom ye consider possessed of insight are ignorant ones who have made claims to knowledge and wisdom. Hearken unto the words of the Primal Point and Universal Manifestation Who said that the wheat-cleaner of the land of Sad donned the garment of leadership though he had not studied a single letter of knowledge, while Shaykh Muhammad Hasan who wrote five hundred thousand verses about divine works yielded not a single fruit, nor shall he ever. Thus doth God explain every matter in a clear Book.

Hold fast to the hem of justice and fairness, and behold thou writest that it is meant to exaggerate this matter for those who cannot distinguish the verses, while declaring explicitly that for those who can distinguish the verses, He is himself the Lord of verses, and in all his writings He giveth thanks and praise to the Lord that He hath manifested His Vicegerent through verses. First, most of these words were not and are not from the Exalted One - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. Many of these sayings

have been fabricated and continue to be fabricated. Thou art not fully informed of the details. Second, verses are like mirrors in the station of mirrors, like the reflection of the sun in a mirror. That reflection in the mirror is visible and mentioned in the station of the mirror, yet it hath no relation to the sun in the heaven, nor will it ever have. As thou observest, if infinite mirrors were to face the sun, the reflection of the sun would appear in all of them, yet after they turn away all vanish while the sun remaineth shining and radiant in its place. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath made countless statements in this regard. Blessed are they who perceive, then they who understand. Every person of insight and consciousness who observeth His verses comprehendeth His rank and station. Furthermore, in one station all things are and shall ever be signs of God, were ye to observe God's signs in the souls of creation. How many a sign in the heavens and earth do they pass by while turning away from it! The signs of God are visible and existent in all things, but so long as they are observed under the shadow of Truth they are accounted among the supreme signs, and without it they are reckoned among the base. I swear by the Truth that I was ashamed by thy words, for thou hast uttered words that none of the veiled ones before thee have uttered. The Most Great Ocean is visible, and thou observest it, yet still thou busiest thyself with proving the existence of a pond whose very scent and taste offend man. The Sun with its effulgence and rays is manifest and visible, yet thou hast deprived thyself of its light and radiance, producing proofs for something non-existent that thou hast neither seen nor comprehended. By God, thou hast not understood a single letter of the Bayan, nor set foot in the realms of exposition which are the station of the manifestation of divine fragrances and holy, eternal breezes. Thou hast been barred from the Word by a word, and through the veil of allusions deprived of the breaths of the Lord of Lords. Glory be to God! The Sovereign Who, despite His consummate manifestation and appearance, hath prevented the polytheists from beholding His beauty, and despite His transcendent loftiness and elevation, hath left those who exceed bounds bereft of perceiving the lights of His countenance. They seek to prove clear evidence through verses while turning away from the Sovereign of verses. Thus was He powerful over all things, but the people do not perceive. Hearken to the call of this evanescent servant and enter the spiritual realm. The Primal Point is manifest in His own self, and His lights and effulgences have illumined the worlds of the seen and unseen. Thou regardest Him not, yet through His words, of which thou hast never understood a single letter, thou seekest to prove the truth for His enemies. Well done to thy vision that hath mistaken the Friend for strangers!

And by His words, which thou hast never understood a single letter thereof, thou seekest to establish truth for His enemies. Well done to your vision, which hath mistaken the Friend for a stranger and counted the wicked among the righteous! By God, this servant is bewildered, nay, a whole world is bewildered and dumbfounded. Continually do ye write that the Primal Point hath said thus and thus, while at every moment ye wound that same Point with the swords of hatred and the spears of malice and abuse. Ye strike, yet perceive not. Your example is like unto those souls who in days and nights past awaited the Truth, yet after His appearance cited His former words as proof of His infidelity and corruption, until at last they perpetrated complete injustice by shedding His pure blood. Behold, the curse of God be upon those who have committed and do now commit injustice, yet perceive it not. O deluded one! We had heard, but by God, in such manner as thou hast manifested, we had neither heard nor seen. We beseech God that He may purify us and thee, and gather us together under the law of His love and good-pleasure, and that He may not deprive us of the lights of His luminous and radiant countenance.

Another matter you wrote about was that He clearly stated that His verses are from Me, and He is Me and I am He, and He called him His fruit. Now be fair: Did the Bab Himself better distinguish His verses, or did you and I? This is not blind imitation, and if you say it is blind imitation, judge fairly how many verses have appeared and continue to appear from Mirza Yahya from the beginning of the Cause until now. Assuming the truth of this matter, they have attributed all things to themselves and have called themselves by all names, for in every verse they have witnessed their own revelation, while His Essence is sanctified above every attribute and His Being is exalted above every name. As He states in one place - exalted be His mention: "Say: I have descended to where I said I am an atom and less than an atom, just as I have said I am the Lord and Creator of every possessor of lordship…" How strange that you have not grasped this clear matter. If you had insight, you would be convinced that from the beginning of His manifestation until His ascension, He beheld none but Himself, to such an extent that His blessed eyes fell only upon His blessed countenance. This was but one of the stations of that Ancient Beauty, which none has understood save His own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And above this station are infinite stations with God that should not be revealed. The vessel of divine knowledge has ever been and will ever be sealed with the seal of protection. All things, insofar as they are related to Truth, proclaim "Verily I am God, there is no God but Me." It is quite clear that this word and this station do not originate from the thing itself, but rather refer to its dwelling in the shadow of Truth and being reckoned as of Truth. And after that relationship is severed, that same thing is recorded with God as being among the people of hell. As the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - has stated, exalted be His mention: "This chamber which has no doors and no known boundaries is today the highest chambers of Paradise wherein the Tree of Truth is established, such that all its atoms seem to proclaim 'Verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Lord of all things.' As for all other chambers, even if they be furnished with mirrors adorned with gold, yet if the Tree of Truth dwells in such chambers, then those atoms of mirrors proclaim, just as the atoms of the supreme mirrors of the highest chambers of the Sadri mansion where He dwelt in the days of Sad proclaim and will continue to proclaim. And no thing has any authority except what refers back to that Self." End quote. Reflect a little on this testimony that the Blessed Beauty Himself has given regarding atoms of dust, lest you remain veiled from the Truth Itself by words that are a hundred thousand degrees beneath the description of dust. Though I swear by the Sun of sanctified glory that the veiled ones among this people are seen to be more veiled than all others, to such an extent that they have nearly become veiled from a hundred thousand manifest divine powers and revealed heavenly verses by some malicious report, nay rather, they rise up in rejection and opposition.

Rise up in opposition. And this is among the promises made by the Author of the Bayan Himself – may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. Similarly, in most Tablets this Most Mighty, Most Holy Manifestation has foretold Him Whom God shall make manifest. Although concerning dust they declared "Verily there is no God but Him," they state that judgment belongs to no thing except that it returns to that Self, meaning the Self of Truth. Even as today all the attributes of the Bayan return to the heaven of attributes, and likewise all the most beautiful names revealed therein return to the kingdom of names. The purpose of all these mentions has been the latter Manifestation in the next cycle, for He was the Beloved of His soul and the Purpose of His heart. Thus would any soul who observes the Bayan explicitly and without ambiguity witness and become convinced that the purpose of the entire Bayan was and shall be that Essence of Exposition. For instance, in certain Tablets they have sent, it is revealed at the

beginning: “This is a Book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, to Him Whom God shall make manifest. Verily there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Beloved” – even though that Tablet was outwardly addressed to another soul. Similarly, in certain books it is revealed: “This is a Book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” This is why He states that whatever was revealed in the Bayan, in its primary reality the purpose was the latter Manifestation, and in lesser degree it relates to those who had a connection to the Tree of Truth. Likewise, He sent certain Tablets specifically with “He is Thou and Thou art He” revealed at their beginning, including to Mulla Muhammad-’Ali-i-Zanjani. Furthermore, in mentioning the completion of the stages of unity in the numbers of all things, He states: “There is no God but He, and there is no God but I, and there is no God but God, and there is no God but Thou, and there is no God but Who, and there is no God but Me, the Lord of all the worlds, and there is no God but Thee, the Lord of all the worlds.” We hope that through these utterances of the King of names and attributes you may become somewhat purified from the limitations of self and the veils and allusions of rejected souls, so that if in the Day of Manifestation you do not assist the Truth, at least you will not unsheathe the sword against His Person nor issue the decree for His death. In any case, in all things that are attributed to God, whether from the highest height or lowest depth – and this height and depth are mentioned in relation to creation – all names and all attributes have been and are applicable, so long as they abide beneath the shadow of Truth; otherwise the judgment of existence does not apply to them, much less the exalted stations. We beseech God to wash you with the Kawthar which has flowed from the Finger of Grace, to remove from your temple the garment of allusions, and to clothe you with the adorning of His Name, the Most High, the Great.

O heedless ones who fail to comprehend the divine utterances, O ye who are deprived of the fruits of the divine Tree! First understand what the religion of the Bayan is and what the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His grandeur, intended by His verses and words. Then engage in investigation, and be not among those who have interpreted the divine words according to their vain imaginings and have perverted their meanings.

The religion of the Point of the Bayan is what is now mentioned: He likens the Source of Revelation to a Tree, and thereafter all the manifestations of that Revelation are regarded as its branches, twigs, leaves and fruits. As is evident, for example, the Primal Point Himself - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - was the Divine Tree of Revelation, and all who followed His religion are reckoned as His leaves, branches, twigs and fruits. Likewise observe this in all Revelations, and refer to it by whatever name and title thou wishest. For instance, the Point as the Ocean and others as its waves, or the Sun and others as mirrors. In this station, if any of the manifestations of that Revelation should say “he is I and I am he,” it is the truth without doubt, as exemplified in the Letters of the Living, some of whom still exist, and likewise in the infinite numbers that ultimately refer to the Unity of the Bayan. He states that naught can be seen in all things except the beauty of that Revelation.

All things in one station are attributed to the Truth, are from the Truth, subsist through the Truth, are manifest through the Truth, return to the Truth, gaze upon the Truth, and move through the Truth. And God is He besides Whom there is no God. There is a station beyond what thou beholdest, concealed in the pavilions of divine meanings, such that if the fingers of the power of the Lord, the Self-Subsisting, were to move aside the veil of the spiritual pavilion, and from that countenance hidden meanings were to

shine forth, all who are in the heavens and earth would swoon away. But the blind are deprived of beholding the lights of the Sun of meanings, and the deaf are barred from hearing the scratching of the Pen of the Eternal Sovereign.

In any case, these excellences which have been unwittingly suggested to you, which you have attributed to the tree of rejection - even granting this - all things in one station have been and will be related. Soar from the earth of limitation to the heaven of detachment, that thou mayest observe with thine own eyes what I mention. Think not that this evanescent servant has wasted his life and consumed bread and water, and like you has contented himself with conjecture and imitation. Better it is that we leave these matters, for mention of this station has been and ever shall be beyond the comprehension of the ignorant masses.

Let us return to the realm of your understanding and mention the claims of those souls. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - regarded the Source of the Tree of Command, the Most Great Ocean, the Sun of Reality, and the Heaven of Eternity as the Revelation itself, and in every Revelation those beneath it as the creation of that Revelation, created by a word from the movement of His Pen. Thus He states that if He should designate any tree among the trees planted in this visible earth as a proof unto all things, verily it would be a proof, just as He created proofs aforetime. No distinction can be seen between these two, and this proveth His Word's sun shining therein, by whose utterance it was created, even as the Stone became the point of circumambulation and the temple of worshippers. Consider now that if that Stone had not existed and He had designated another stone, it too would have been honored with the same distinction. And this honor pertaineth to names in the Kingdom of Names. Would that souls had attained maturity, that a drop from the ocean of names might be mentioned at this point, and it might become known that all things in that holy precinct are perceived on one plane, and the distinctions of names have been due to God's consummate wisdom, which hath been veiled from mortal eyes, save for whom thy Lord willeth. Better that this station too remain concealed from the veiled ones, even as it hath been and still is concealed. Know this much: these names are true and this honor endureth so long as they remain under the shadow of Truth and hold fast to that name. But after transgression and departure from bounds, the garment of name is taken away and they are cast out and rejected in the sight of God, and are so far removed from the paradise of witnessing and revelation that whenever they desire to make mention of their illusory goals, they cling to some tradition from past religions and cite it. Say: O ye sightless ones! Know ye the before and after of this Cause and become cognizant thereof, for this Cause cannot be known without this. All that people possess has been and shall be vain imaginings that profit them not, and what ye mention is clear and evident to those endowed with vision - that lacking maturity they have clung to such utterances. Truth is manifest and evident - make it the standard and transgress not God's balance, and weigh all matters with this divine balance. Accept whatsoever ye find conforming thereto, whether of the past or future, and whatsoever ye find contrary, cast it behind you and stand firm in a new way. O friend! Consider the Manifestations of the Revelation as the fruits of the Tree of Revelation. These fruits, so long as they remain attached to the tree, are reckoned as of it, but after being severed from the tree, the winds of self and desire so transform them that they are deprived of all taste, delicacy and freshness. These words are spoken with regard to people's understanding; otherwise, by the Beauty of the Most High, may the spirit of all else be

sacrificed for Him, the Revelation itself hath no relation, connection, similarity or correspondence whatsoever with aught else, nor will it ever have such. These relationships exist in the worlds of names, but the realm of Revelation is sanctified above all that hath been or shall be mentioned. Exalted is He above what thou hast imagined, known, understood and said.

Thou hast said, and dost say, that none save the All-Merciful Himself can fathom the meanings of the words of the Bayan. Would that thou hadst taken shelter beneath the Divine Tree of Oneness and hadst partaken of its fruits which have appeared in the form of "There is none other God but Him." Then would it have become clear what the Revealer of the Bayan intended by the Bayan. But that which thy hands have wrought hath been ordained for thee.

As to what thou hast written, saying "Judge fairly now - did the Bab Himself better discern verses, or I and you, and this is not blind imitation" and so forth - how grievous are the words of him who cast thee into error, how great his infidelity and his nothingness! They speak, yet perceive not. I swear by the Point of Being that at the moment these words flowed from the pen of the opposers, all things marveled and were amused at their intelligence and wisdom. For the Primal Point appeared in His own essence, and divine verses descended like torrential rain. Yet they turned away from Him and busied themselves with proving that which is other than Him.

Had they possessed the eye of insight, they would have observed that the Point of the Bayan, due to the oppression of the manifestations of Satan and the dawning-places of falsehood, is, by God, engaged in lamentation, crying and mourning. For He said that whatever description was revealed in the Bayan referred to the later Revelation. Yet now it is witnessed that they have drawn the sword against the Countenance of the First One in His second coming, using the words of His previous Manifestation, just as similar souls before them cited the words of the previous Manifestation to shed His pure blood. Say: Ye have committed and still commit what neither Nimrod, nor Shimr, nor Sinan, nor Ibn Muljam, nor the first, nor the second ever perpetrated.

Would that, having been deprived of sight and heart, they had at least retained their sense of smell. But by God, they have been deprived of this too, for they have not distinguished the putrid stench from the sweet fragrance of eternity, and through the odor of the scarab beetle have deprived themselves of the perfume of the flowers of the heaven of divine unity. Think not this statement unfounded. They have become intimate with Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani - by God, anyone with even an atom's weight of discernment would detect his foul odor from leagues away and would flee from it - and thus remain far and bereft from the fragrance of the divine rose garden.

I am at a loss as to what to mention to such souls and what to convey to them. Can one prove through evidence of forgery that this is the fragrance of the Beloved's rose garden? Nay, by the very Self of the Beloved, were thou of them that truly know! Can one establish through deafness that divine melodies are sweet? Nay, by the Lord of Names and Attributes, were thou of them that perceive!

They say "Be not veiled from that Essence of Truth by the Bayan and what was revealed therein," yet you, through the promptings of that polytheistic soul, have written the descriptions given by the deniers and sent them to the Most Holy Court. In opposition to God, you have even cited the words of the Primal

Point. They cite the previous words against the Point Himself, and perceive not. And were they to perceive, they should hold fast to that which is made manifest today from the Beauty of Divine Unity.

Say: O thou who art blind! Open thine eyes that thou mayest behold the Ancient Sun seated before thy face, His blessed heart wounded by darkness. Fix thy gaze upon Him, show compassion, and seek naught from any but Him. Thou hast reached the ocean of inner meaning; move beyond the distortion of words. Thou hast attained unto the Sun; detach thyself from the lamp. The Point of the Bayan declareth that the entirety of the Bayan is today dependent upon the acceptance of Him Who is made manifest. Nevertheless, they have remained heedless of God's decisive verses and have occupied themselves with their own vain desires. By God! They are like unto those who would attribute the qualities of the sweet and flowing waters to a drop of bitter, briny water. Strange indeed that you should write claiming to be free of blind imitation, when you are so bound by the chains of imitation that were all the hosts of earth and heaven to gather together, they would prove powerless to loose them. And you mention justice - now O just one, judge fairly: that which you have written and attributed to the Ancient Beauty, have you heard it from any save Siyyid Muhammad? By what divine law is the word of a claimant acceptable and worthy to be heard? If from any of God's religions that have existed among men from time immemorial you can produce a decree indicating that the words of a claimant are to be heeded, these servants will acknowledge your statement. You have attributed to the Truth that which no oppressor hath ever attributed, based on the word of one who knoweth not his right hand from his left nor light from darkness - one whose iniquity, depravity and malice every atom doth attest. Nearly seventy souls were present during this journey, and about the same number arrived later at the seat of manifestation. If but one person should say that anyone had any dispute or argument or conversation with these two polytheists, We would accept as true whatever they have falsely written. Judge thou fairly within thyself, O servant! Yet despite this, you have attributed oppression to the Truth based on Siyyid Muhammad's word, though whatsoever He decreeth He hath authority to decree, and whatsoever He doeth hath been and shall ever be the very truth. But there are no ears to hear nor heart to understand. Whatever may be said to the deaf - He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth - what benefit can it yield? By God! The leaves of the Tree of Paradise have fallen from the tyranny of those oppressors, the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree have been broken, the radiant countenance of the Most Exalted One hath been altered by the slapping hands of the embodiments of hatred, His gleaming and crystal-clear breast hath been wounded, and the hem of His sanctity hath been sullied by the calumnies of the polytheistic souls. I beseech God for a purifying sign that may cleanse the blessed and hallowed land of His knowledge from unclean, defiled, corrupt and polytheistic souls. O just one! A Being hath appeared, manifest to all through every sign of divine power and every evidence of celestial might, as all have witnessed and continue to witness. If thou deniest this, enquire of people of different faiths. Yet He hath appeared with those same signs whereby the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - proved His own truth, nay with even greater ones, declaring: "O people! Verily I am the very soul of Ali among you, and the beauty of Muhammad within you, and the reality of the Spirit between the heavens and the earth. O people! Fear God! I am a servant who hath believed in God […]"

O people! Fear God! I am a servant who has believed in God and His signs. I was asleep upon my couch when the breezes of the All-Merciful passed over me and awakened me in truth. He taught me

knowledge of what was and what will be, adorned me with the ornament of His Self, and caused me to speak His praise, if you but knew. O people! If you do not believe, do not oppose me and do not commit what you have been forbidden in all the Tablets. Fear God and do not associate partners with Him. I have believed in what you possess of God's scriptures and books, and I affirm what you have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Whoso possesses the sense of smell will inhale from me the fragrance of holiness, and whoso has taste will experience from the fruits of this Tree what Muhammad experienced from the Lote-Tree of the Furthermost Boundary, and what Ali experienced from the Lote-Tree of the Bayan, if you but knew.

O people! Fear God! I was as one among you and wished to remain silent, but the Spirit stirred me and moved me in truth and caused me to speak God's verses and His evidences. This is not from me but from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved. By God! If there existed in your hearts love for God less than what can be counted, you would not shed the blood of this Wronged One. For even if He were not as you imagine, but merely claims connection to your Beloved, for the sake of your love for this Name you should not oppose Him or commit what would cause the Most Great Spirit to fall prostrate in the dust, and then the realities of all created between the K and the N.

O people! We forbade you what you were forbidden in all the Tablets and commanded you what you were commanded in the Tablets of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. But you heeded not My words and transgressed your bounds until you violated God's sanctuary and committed what caused the cry to arise between the heavens and earth, yet you hear not. Thus did We forbid you from violating the handmaidens of the people and their women, and from shedding blood, but you rose up against Me in opposition and committed what even the idolaters did not commit. Even if I were to be slain by all manner of swords at every moment, I would never sanction your deeds. Thus was I commanded by God, and this is not from Me but from Him, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen.

Now observe with fairness who is unjust - those unchaste souls who betrayed the sacred sanctuary of the Divine Unity and committed such heinous acts that, by God besides Whom there is no God, the pen is ashamed to mention them. Yet they attribute truth to these souls and ascribe injustice to the Truth. Now we are deemed unfair while you are considered fair! Read the Book of the Awakened, wherein your guide Mirza Yahya pronounced death sentences upon all holy souls, such that one whom the Primal Point - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him - specifically named as the Third Letter of Him Whom God shall make manifest was martyred by that oppressor's decree. And in his other book, he specifically pronounced death sentences upon all souls in multiple places, yet he attributed all to truth while that wicked polytheist himself submitted a petition to the Blessed Beauty […]

That vile polytheist himself submitted a petition to the Most Glorious Beauty, which exists now in his own handwriting, stating "Whatever we do is completed in your name, for you are the leader." And in the great city he verbally told one of the companions that "Until now whatever fabrications I have uttered were merely hearsay; henceforth I shall create fabrications and stir up mischief" - which indeed he did. Specifically, he claimed that the Ancient Beauty had sent people to different regions to cause corruption. You yourself know that what he said was pure falsehood, yet you counted him truthful, even though night

and day he was teaching you to speak and write falsehoods, and you were and continue to be complicit. You are so heedless that you do not pause for a moment to reflect that Adrianople is not beyond Mount Qaf - “By God, let me go for a few days and see with my own eyes.” Truth and falsehood both exist in that land, yet you did not succeed in this and busied yourself with calumnies. Today when attaining His presence was possible, you did not achieve it. This imperishable bounty will not always be at hand, and this divine springtime will not always be manifest. Soon all shall be deprived. This servant begs God not to deprive these servants from the shelter of His Gate in this world and the next, and that we may ever circle round His House, be illumined by His lights, be sustained by the fruits of His knowledge, and drink from the Kawthar of His good-pleasure. We have left the world to its seekers; we have desired and will desire naught but the Friend, whether of this world or the next. He is indeed the best of givers and the most excellent of answerers. You are not among the fair-minded - nay, you have not even passed through or set foot in the quarter of the just. For had you taken a single step, you would not have written that “there is no imitation,” when in fact you had and have no knowledge whatsoever of the Bayan, and what you mentioned was pure imitation of what you heard from the vile, lying, corrupt Siyyid Muhammad. Until now you have been deprived of the fragrances of fairness, but I beseech God that you may turn from the north of tyranny and oppression to the right hand of justice and fairness. Though this is very difficult - for the honey bee is of one kind and the wasp of another - yet nothing is impossible before divine power; that impossibility exists within things themselves. Reflect that you may understand. You mentioned the criterion of the Primal Point. If you were truly looking to that criterion, why did you not obey His words throughout the Bayan stating that all must, at the time of the Manifestation, detach themselves from all things and all they possess and fix their gaze upon the Manifestation Himself? For whatever they had held fast to before will not suffice on that Day except through belief in Him. Indeed, they say that one line of the verses of that Sun of the Greatest Manifestation is greater than all that was revealed before. Yet you busy yourself with mentioning proofs from the words of His creation, when you had and have no knowledge of His own words. What he possessed was but a drop from this Most Great Ocean that was bestowed upon him, and which was later withdrawn due to his turning away from the Truth. There are those present now who are informed of all matters. Consider not these servants as being without religion or creed. I swear by God that we have migrated for His sake and are journeying unto Him. Though it is evident what that corrupt deceiver has suggested to you, attributing worldliness to all these servants, reflect for yourselves: where was worldly gain to be found, and to whom did it accrue? Had these servants heard but one word of truth from those souls, it might have been possible to interpret some of their deeds favorably. But they are continually engaged in deception, lies and calumny. When they observed that these servants, by God’s grace, remained firm and steadfast in the Truth, they devised a scheme whereby they might destroy these servants through false accusations of worldliness, and thereby prove themselves to be the wronged ones. By the Point of Existence - may my spirit be a sacrifice for all who dwell in the kingdom of the seen and unseen - they have perpetrated an injustice the like of which none hath committed from the beginning of creation until now. The curse of God be upon the liars, the calumniators, and the oppressors!

As for thy mention of Mirza Yahya’s verses, the Primal Point - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath declared that from the time of the setting of the Sun of Truth, none shall hear the verses of God except in the next Revelation, even as now that Blessed Beauty Himself affirms this same truth. For

the verses of others, insofar as they point to divine verses, are attributed to the Truth, and their existence is like that of mirrors which have no reality of their own, but so long as they face the Sun of divine unity its radiance appears in them, and when they turn away it vanishes. This too is from that utterance which states that in the Manifestations of Revelation naught can be seen save the Revelation itself. Therefore in all Manifestations of Revelation, whether in the Dispensation of the Furqan, or of the Gospel, or of the Psalms, or of the Torah, naught can be seen save the Revelation itself. Likewise among the dwellers of the Bayan naught can be seen save the Revelation of the Point of the Bayan, and this is so long as they abide beneath its shadow. God forbid that should any soul depart therefrom, naught would be seen in him save Satan and his deeds and actions. It is established that whosoever hesitates in this Revelation is excluded from the Bayan and deprived of the fortress of its meanings, even as the Point of the Bayan Himself - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath explicitly declared. Therefore, the verses of each Manifestation of Revelation are truly verses only so long as they remain established beneath the shadow of Him Who is the Source of verses. After transgression they are counted among the people of the fire, and that very transgression is itself their fire, were ye of them that perceive. In any case, take not shadows and phantoms for the Sun, and engage not in distorting the meanings of divine words as ye did aforetime. Feel shame before the Beauty of the Point of the Bayan Who is now manifest and visible. Turn not away from Him through His creation. His words were a mercy from Him to His servants. Make not of them a sword against Him, and inflict not wounds upon His blessed Self, even as the people of the Furqan cited the words of the Messenger of God as proof and inflicted upon His very Being what they inflicted. Apart from all these matters […]

Say: O heedless ones! Have ye no ears to hear and no eyes to see? Read ye the verses for yourselves. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Not a single tablet from among the wondrous verses can be compared with that which ye have heard. Do ye not observe how abundantly a mature adult showeth kindness unto a child, to such degree that he praiseth his actions? This praise and commendation is a token of supreme kindliness, for were the same deed to proceed from one endowed with understanding, it would assuredly be, and forever remain, reprehensible. The actions of a child, within the bounds of his station, are praiseworthy; yet when they exceed that station, they become reprehensible and unacceptable. Consider well what is being said. Though perception hath not been observed among men, and understanding hath not been witnessed, yet even if ye and those like unto you fail to comprehend, God shall create servants who will quaff the waters of inner meaning from the chalice of His divine utterances and attain unto their purpose. Most men are this day accounted as sucklings in the sight of God, for they drink from the breast of heedlessness and their days of weaning have not yet come, much less their maturity. But should one attain unto maturity, he would taste from the verses of Divine might that have been made manifest in this Revelation the sweetness of the heavenly Tasnim of divine knowledge and the holy Salsabil of celestial unity, and would perceive all else as a mirage in the desert. Say: Fear ye God, and make no mention of aught else before Him, and compare not any other thing with His Being, and imagine not concerning Him that which is unseemly and unfitting. Fear God, O people, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God during His days, who have disputed His proof, who have usurped His rights, who have transgressed His justice, who have been unjust and caused others to be unjust. These are they whom every atom curseth, could ye but understand.

And furthermore you wrote that the verses of Mirza Yahya have spread to diverse regions and he claims the station of truth for himself through the evidence of his own verses, apart from the explicit text of the Bab which is the greatest proof. This claim is fundamentally false, for if people independently claim verses, they are and will remain false, and that very claim is proof of their falsehood. It is exactly like a reflection in a mirror saying "I am the sun in the sky." You yourself wrote that he is a mirror. Even if we accept what you say, there is no doubt that mirrors exist only to reflect the radiance of the sun, and this has been and will always be their station. Despite this station, claiming a higher station has been and will remain false. The contradiction lies here, not where you mentioned, for while acknowledging the status of being a mirror, you seek to establish the station of the sun. If the reflection seen in a mirror claims "I exist independently," would it be truthful? No, by the Self of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting!

Furthermore, it is strange that you take the spread of illusory verses which you have not recognized as proof and cite it as evidence of his truth, when those verses are at his own level, for whatever is manifested by creation is within its own limits and station. Yet you remain veiled from the verses that are supreme over all in the heavens and earth, and which shine like the sun from the Most Glorious Horizon. If it is a matter of spread, then the spread of these verses has reached such an extent that nothing greater can be imagined. Fear God Who created you, and mention not anyone's verses in the presence of His verses. Were the sun that appears in mirrors to face the Sun that shines from the holy horizon, His verses would face the verses of God, the All-Protecting, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. This applies when the mirror is true, but if the mirror is like you who have and will have no mention before the Truth, then open your ears that you may hear from every letter of your Lord's verses that there is no God but Him. O all things! I have created you through Myself for Myself. Beware lest you deny!

If your vision were purified, you would witness all the words of your Lord embodied in spirit, proclaiming that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the All-Protecting, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: Seek forgiveness for what you have committed, O heedless one, for what you possess shall never be mentioned before God, and what you have known returns to you. Thus has the matter been decreed, but you do not perceive. What relation have autumn breezes to spring breezes, or the fragrances of the highest heaven to those of the lowest depths? By Him Who holds my soul in His hand, if you were discerning, a single letter from that Tablet which was sent down from the heaven of divine Will to complete His proof and was specifically sent to you would have sufficed you. Compare that Tablet with what was revealed before, that you may witness that this indeed has been sent down from an Ancient Revealer. If anything besides God's words is praised or described, this is only to show bounty and encourage souls, and is mentioned according to their own level and station. Were creation to be compared to the Creator, or a lamp to the Sun, then would the verses of others be comparable to His verses.

Know thou that whosoever claimeth truth for himself and seeketh to prove it through his own verses, this indeed is an act of transgression by him and thee against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. For this station hath ever been and shall always be the exclusive preserve of the Manifestations of the Divine Unity and this wondrous Revelation of the All-Merciful, Who appear with God's verses and His clear proofs, and Who cling to naught else save the revealed verses and manifestations of divine power, as recorded throughout all the pages of the Bayan. Open, then, thine eyes that thou mayest recognize this.

Such is the station of “He Who hath proven His Own Self by His Self,” and likewise the station that “His verses are His proof, and His existence His evidence,” and furthermore “Know God through God.” For it beseemeth Him not to prove His truth through aught but Himself. He hath ever been, and shall forever be, known through His Own Self, while all else is known through Him and taketh pride in its relationship to Him. He is the divine Balance, the Path of Unity, the Ancient Sun, the Most Great Ocean, the Most Perfect Word, the Hidden Symbol, the Frequented Fane, and the Preserved Book. All are weighed in this Balance, while He, in His Own Essence, weigheth all through a mere breath from Him, existing through His Own Self.

Say: O thou who art far removed! Thou speakest yet comprehendest not, thou mentionest yet knowest not. Had there been the slightest perception, some mention would have been made of the hidden meanings enshrined within the sanctuary of mystical understanding in this Revelation, that thou mightest gain some awareness of that Paradise which hath no shade. But alas, it would be wrong to place the pearls of the divine ocean of glory in the hands of thieves, or to unveil the secluded maidens of inner meaning in the presence of the unjust. For they have ever been and shall remain treacherous in eye, vision, heart and mind, even as they have stolen the utterances of the Most Glorious One - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - mixing them with their own fabricated words and circulating them in their own name. They remain heedless that the money-changers of divine unity can recognize a single pearl among a hundred thousand thousand stones and trace it to its source. For the holy nectar of divine paradise floweth not from a lime quarry, nor doth the heavenly stream of lordly wisdom issue forth from a source of pitch. There are servants who can trace their way to the Abode of the All-Merciful through the fragrance of His good-pleasure, for sweet scents guide those of pure smell to the paradise of the Most Glorious Beauty. Assuredly there shall appear in the kingdom those of penetrating vision and the money-changers of divine unity shall come forth, who will purchase the jewels of His words with their very souls, who will pass beyond existence and contingent being in His path and sacrifice their lives in His way, who will become detached from the customs of the world through His Name, who will become independent of the mention of all else through His remembrance, and who will become free from the remembrance of aught else through His memory.

Say: O thou who art blind! If thou wouldst gaze upon the Most Great Scene and traverse the Garden of utterance, thou wouldst see naught but this word: He hath ever been through His own Self a proof unto Himself, and through His Manifestation a conclusive testimony unto all the peoples of the world. If, through His grace and mercy, He hath revealed verses, this is of His bounty, reserved for His servants. He saith: Seek not to prove Him through aught save what proceedeth from Him, for the proof is made manifest through Him, the testimony established by Him, the evidence made visible through Him, and all else is as nothingness before His sacred presence.

Say: O thou who art truly deaf! Hast thou not heard His words: “Let not the Bayan and whatsoever hath been revealed therein withhold you from that Countenance of the All-Merciful, and hesitate not in His Cause by reason of the letters of the Bayan, for all such letters and mirrors were created by His word, and all the Bayan was sent down from the heaven of His Command.” It seemeth as though ye are of the people of the imaginary Jabulqa of the Qur’an, having newly emerged from the forest of fancy only to

enter another thicket of vain imaginings. Ye have not understood a single letter of the Bayan, are heedless of the ways of the mystics, and utterly remote from the path of the lovers.

Say: O thou who art deluded by this abode of delusion! With such understanding thou hast drawn the sword of tyranny against the crown of "but for thee," deeming thyself enlightened and having attained unto the truth. Would that this path thou traversest might lead but to Turkistan, as they have said: "This road that thou art taking leadeth to Turkistan." But nay, this path leadeth to the nethermost fire, and ever shall it be so. Strange it is that thou hast long dwelt near the Truth, for the great city is not so distant from this blessed and goodly land as to weary the seekers. Yet not only didst thou not come thyself, but no holy soul from thee ever reached the Most Holy Court, nor did any sweet mention arrive at this most pure and sublime Seat. Thus hast thou deprived thyself of that for which thou wast created, and art numbered among those who are far removed.

Finally, know that these verses are the same verses through which the Point of the Bayan was sent forth, Muhammad the Apostle of God was made manifest, the Spirit spoke forth, and Moses was established. Consider, then, what the deniers of this Revelation have perpetrated. In the estimation of them that are immersed in the ocean of inner meanings and dwell in the ark of divine wisdom, they that have turned away from these wondrous divine verses have turned away from all the Prophets and Messengers, and shall never inhale the fragrance of Paradise, which is none other than the Manifestation itself. These are the most lost among men, though they comprehend not. We beseech God to grant thee the wing of certitude in this manifest Cause, that thou mayest soar thereby to the heaven of glory and sanctity, saying: "Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds."

Thou hadst written to set aside the sacred text of the Exalted Lord and hearken to the voice of this servant, and never to make mention of the text of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. But by His own Self, the Bestower of Favors, and by His Beauty, the All-Merciful, thou art in no wise aware of what was intended by the text of the Point of the Bayan, neither thou nor anyone else. For this matter hath been concealed from the sight of all, and none hath been apprised of its details save two souls, one of whom was martyred in the path of God, while the other yet liveth - whom the infidels have branded a liar, that they might spread their own vain imaginings among the people.

Furthermore, this text which he who hath turned away from God claimeth and hath mentioned to you concerneth the Name of God, the Judge - Mirza Asadu'llah. Consider how exalted are the utterances of the Point of the Bayan regarding him, for He hath attributed all divine names unto him. The details of this are to be found in the words that have shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Finger of the All-Merciful. Likewise, this servant who is present before the Divine Throne hath written some detailed tablets concerning these matters. Reflect, that thou mayest remember within thyself and rend asunder the veils of blind imitation through the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

This same one whom the Point of the Bayan called the Judge - declaring him to be the greatest of divine names - ye today call base and the source of all evil. And thy leader, Mirza Yahya, hath explicitly and without ambiguity, in his Book of Sijjin known as "The Awakened One," pronounced the death sentence against that wronged one, as well as others. Go and read, that ye may discover what hath befallen the Manifestations of Truth.

The Primal Point also wrote concerning him: “Verily thou, O Third Letter, art the believer in Him Whom God shall make manifest.” This is a station that hath precedence over all other stations. Thereafter He made such a statement in this regard that from the allusions in the divine words it can be understood that he would attain the presence of God in the next Revelation, and that Ancient Beauty would make Himself known to him. Thus did he present himself, and the Tongue of God addressed him.

A brief account of these events is that when Mirza Yahya wrote the death sentence, the Blessed Beauty had chosen exile from Iraq, and for nearly two years none had any news of Him. When the death warrant was issued by thy leader, one named Mirza Muhammad was specifically dispatched to Azerbaijan to martyr that wronged one. But God prevented what he intended, that the word mentioned in the Tablet might be fulfilled. The aforementioned name came from Azerbaijan, and all the companions, both Arab and Persian, stood ready to slay him. This was at a time when the Blessed Beauty had returned and was present in Iraq. The matter became so severe that one day, from the first light of dawn until near sunset, the Blessed Beauty summoned the companions one by one who intended harm to that helpless one, and strictly forbade them. Two days later, the aforementioned name presented himself before Him and denied all the calumnies that had been attributed to him.

And he disavowed all the calumnies that had been attributed to him, and swore an oath that whatever had been ascribed to this servant was utter falsehood. The Most Glorious Beauty showed him utmost kindness, and he attained to what was recorded in the Tablet, and returned to his home. After a few days, the aforementioned person deceived him and brought him from Kazimayn near the house of your guide, where that helpless one was martyred. By God! At his martyrdom such a dust arose in Iraq, and such darkness descended that day was turned to night, and in the marketplaces they lit lamps. All the people of Iraq, both women and men, cried out in fear, trembling and disturbance, “O God!” and proclaimed that it was because of the shedding of this innocent one’s blood that this calamity had befallen Iraq. Yet the guide was not aware and did not awaken from the sleep of heedlessness. By God! They martyred him with such cruelty that the heavens were moved to terror, lamentation and wailing. Despite this, he remained unaware, and in his fiery tablets refers with contempt to one whom the Exalted One - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - named the Single, the One, and likewise addressed as the Manifestation of Oneness and the Name of God, the Judge. Until now none of the idolaters recognized him, for the veil of the All-Merciful intervened. Say: O people, fear God and shed not blood! Turn unto Him, O heedless ones, that He may forgive your transgressions and pardon your sins, for which the dwellers of the kingdom and the heavens, and then the denizens of the highest Paradise have lamented. And your guide, in belittling that friendless martyr, mentioned that the Primal Point had written to him and requested that he obtain good paper and pen so that He might write to him. Say: Granted this statement is acceptable, from this very fact it is evident that you were under his shadow, for such kindness is shown by fathers toward children. Would that he had been aware even to this extent! Nay, by God! He will never become aware, even if God should bring every sign, or a company from the peoples of the heavens, or the hosts of the Spirit, or the scriptures of the first and the last ones. By God! From the tyranny of those idolatrous souls, the temples of oneness are in lamentation and wailing, and the Primal Point is engaged in sighing and crying. Would that there were one possessed of hearing, sight and heart, that he might witness, hear and understand! Their hearts and minds have been enveloped by flames of

fire and columns of smoke, which have prevented them from turning to their deeds and actions, and to what has proceeded from their souls and what issues from their mouths […]

Say: O heedless ignorant one! Even assuming your fabrications were accepted - the clear text of the Point of the Bayan states throughout the Bayan that at the time of the Manifestation, you should not be veiled from the Manifestation Himself by the Bayan and what was created therein. Praise be to God that that polytheist and his like have remained deprived of understanding the explicit, firm and decisive divine words, let alone the subtle allusions of the Lord of Names and Attributes. Say: Fear God and soil not the hem of His mighty divine religion with the clay of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and veil not the dawning Sun of the heaven of oneness with the veils of self. Say: By God, this is a Sun that shall never be eclipsed, and a Moon that shall never wane. Die then in your rage and burn in the fire of your envy, O company of evildoers! You have not yet understood that at the time of the rising of the Sun, proofs neither nourish nor satisfy, for the purpose of proof is to know the One proved. Therefore open your eyes that you may behold it shining from the horizon of glory, majesty and grandeur.

His words [continue]: "How great is his heedlessness! For if another should arise claiming a station after the Point of the Bayan, it must needs be either that he claims to be under the shadow of the Point of the Bayan while the cycle of the Point of the Bayan has not yet ended and this cycle is not yet complete - in which case he must show perfect servitude toward the Exalted Lord and complete obedience to His command, never deviating by a hair's breadth from the Exalted Lord's decree, since the cycle is His cycle and the claimant himself has fallen under His shadow."

Now show a little fairness and open your eyes to see in what station you stand and at what level you are positioned. What difference do you perceive between yourself and the peoples of the past? For those people who remained deprived of the sweet flowing waters of divine knowledge and the Kawthar of the eternal Sovereign's bounty - this became the cause of their clinging to proofs they deemed conclusive, and by these proofs they objected to the Sovereign of all peoples and were deprived of the holy divine wellspring. For example, the followers of the Torah argued that after Moses no one possessing a new Law would come, and whoever came must promote his Law. Similarly they specified signs that the Manifestation must appear with, and were thus prevented from recognizing the Manifestations, for the Manifestation appears as God causes Him to appear and wills, not according to what people expect. Likewise the people of the Gospel believe that Jesus himself will descend from heaven after the darkening of the sun and moon and falling of the stars. And similarly the people of the Furqan (Qur'an) who have never accepted that one with a new Law would appear, saying instead that a person born a thousand years ago from Narjis Khatun exists now in Jabulqa and Jabulsa, awaiting divine permission to appear, and that he will come to promote the Law of the Messenger of God - meaning this very Law that is current. They have mentioned such signs in this regard that were they to be detailed, a book would need to be composed. All these matters they have firmly established for themselves through conclusive proofs, irrefutable texts, and verified evidence, to such extent that they have regarded and continue to regard those who deny them as infidels, false ones, and idolaters. Yet when the Suns of holy sanctity dawned, since these appeared contrary to their notions, they all remained veiled and deprived. Nevertheless, you now argue that this Being Who has appeared must either be above that One or under His shadow. If under His shadow, He must follow His deeds, and if He claims a station above Him, this would be

impossible since His dispensation is still current and incomplete. Now judge fairly: what is the difference between you and that group? Yes, the differences are countless, for in their books the subsequent Manifestation was mentioned through abstruse allusions and veiled verses, implicitly rather than explicitly, and thus they remained veiled, having failed to comprehend the meanings of the divine words. But you and your like, despite the fact that the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - explicitly and without allusion declared whatsoever was created between the heavens and earth, both in words and intimations, from that Sovereign of existence and King of the visible realm, you withhold yourselves and argue that it is not permissible for the Truth to be made manifest. A hundred thousand praises upon your understanding and perfection, and upon your guides for these proud, vainglorious words they have imparted to you! It has become clear that they consider themselves, and not God, to possess authority. Say: O deluded one! Never in any Manifestation has the Truth appeared according to people's imaginings, but rather contrary to what all people possessed, for His most exalted, most holy Essence has been sanctified above all conjectures, imaginings, intimations and indications, and none is aware of the nature of His appearance and manifestation save His all-knowing, all-informed Self. They have acted in such wise as to put to shame the Jews and all the veiled ones of the earth. The Jews considered God's hand to be chained, but these ones have gone further by prescribing rules for God, saying that if He makes such and such a claim it is not permissible, and if He makes such and such a claim He must appear with specified, limited attributes. Great indeed is thy utterance, O heedless one! You have failed to understand that the completion of every previous Manifestation has been and will be through the subsequent Manifestation, just as in this most wondrous, holy Manifestation, in the year Nine, in the innermost mystery, the sanctified, purified, holy souls were completed at that very moment - but thou perceivest not, nor dost thou understand, nor knowest thou, for the sugar of divine knowledge has been allotted to the parrot of meanings, not to the raven of darkness. And he who turned away from God and wavered from the path, in that very moment his temple was stripped of the human garment and appeared clothed in the skin of beasts, visible and manifest. Glorified then be He Who alters existence as He pleaseth and ordains all matters as He willeth. None can resist His command or reverse His decree. All things are submissive to His sovereignty and fearful of His might.

Every living being is in dread of His fear and trembles at His might. To such a Lord befits the praise of the Concourse on High and the glorification of the dwellers of the eternal realms. But thou seemest to be among those souls who have neither desired to comprehend a cause nor to understand anything. The purpose is to establish a leadership for their guide, that they might themselves thereby become known and renowned beneath his shadow. By God! Verily his shadow is a wilderness and his water bitter salt, if ye would but understand.

Say: O thou who art inwardly deaf! None hath ever encompassed, nor shall ever encompass, the knowledge of the Truth. His knowledge is hidden, treasured, preserved from your understanding. Should He desire, He would in a single moment perfect both the first and the last of creation. Yet thou hast not even understood perfection. Would that the capacity for understanding were observed in thee, and that this servant, who is but one of the attendants at His gate, might find thee ready and might cast upon thee such words as would enable thee to comprehend certain hidden matters. At least then, if thou couldst not understand the perfection of the Manifestation, thou wouldst become aware of thine own hatred.

Fear God, and impose not upon Him the laws of thy self and passion. Verily, He manifesteth Himself as He willeth, not as thou willest. How presumptuous have they become, that they set forth rules and conditions for the Truth, exalted be His mention! Now judge thou fairly: that Truth which would appear according to the dictates of the idolaters would be like unto those idolatrous souls themselves. All that ye have known and understood is but a creation like unto yourselves, and must return unto you. By God, even the lowliest of His creation and His servants would disdain to move according to the manners which those idolatrous souls have imposed upon you. For they worship the calf and perceive not, follow Satan and know not, pursue falsehood and comprehend not, and drink the dregs of what the rebellious have drunk, yet understand not. They have failed to perceive that in every Revelation, were the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, to appear according to the customs, conditions and deeds that outwardly prevailed among the people, none would ever object or protest, and all would attain the living waters of the meanings of the Eternal Lord and be blessed with the presence of God. Those who soar in the atmosphere of the spirit and observe all things with the penetrating divine vision behold a hundred thousand such souls drowned in the ocean of extinction, each clinging to growing grass which hath neither permanence nor stability and shall ultimately be submerged. Indeed, even now in the view of those seated in the Most Glorious Horizon, they are observed to be utter nothingness, drowned, evanescent and non-existent. Cleanse thine ears from the cotton of blind imitation. Hearken unto the Word of Truth from the lowliest of His creation and know that the Truth, exalted be His station, is veiled by no veil and confined within no limits. He appeareth in whatever manner He willeth, for He hath ever been and shall ever be the All-Powerful, and His complete sovereignty hath never been and shall never be withdrawn. Now according to your vain imaginings, if the Truth were to appear according to the dictates of the deniers, how would you interpret His power? For from your words it would appear that He must necessarily manifest Himself thus and is incapable of sending forth any Manifestation of His Cause on earth save in the manner you have prescribed. Evil is that which ye have imagined and continue to imagine. Your deeds have been rendered vain by what hath proceeded from your mouths, yet ye perceive it not within yourselves and are among the heedless. By God, the foul and dense odors from the allusions in the words of those idolatrous souls have wafted over the world and its people. We beseech God to send forth a tempest of grace that may cause these winds to vanish. Those same idolaters acknowledge that the fifty thousand years of the Day of Resurrection passed in a single hour […]

Say: O ye who are bereft of vision! The same meaning is applicable here - fifty thousand years may pass in an hour and ye have no objection, yet if two thousand years according to your reckoning pass in but a few years, ye raise protests. By God! All things give lie to you, and all that exists between the heavens and the earth laugh at your paucity of understanding and knowledge. Hearken unto this servant and rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, and fix your gaze upon the Truth in itself, for all else are His creation and are brought forth by His Word, and have never been known of themselves; rather, all else hath been and shall ever be known through Him. Keep thine eyes upon the Manifestation itself and upon that which appears from His presence, and render thanks unto thy Lord that He hath suddenly revealed the Manifestation of His Own Self, even as the Point of the Bayan hath declared: “Verily noon hath drawn nigh and ye are slumbering.” The Sun is shining at its zenith, radiant and resplendent, and this is a station of gratitude, not complaint. Account not mercy as vengeance, nor blessing as wrath, though verily the appearance of the Manifestations of Divine Unity hath ever been and shall be a blessing to the righteous and a punishment

to the wicked. The wicked and evil ones have forever regarded blessing as punishment and pure bounty as wrath. Concerning the completion of the cycle whereof thou didst make mention, hearken unto the utterance of Him Who revealed the Bayan - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him - Who declareth in explicit text, His words, exalted be His glory: “From the beginning of that Cause until before nine contingent beings are completed, it shall not be made manifest, and verily all that thou hast seen from the state of the sperm until We clothed it with flesh - then wait until thou beholdest another creation. Then say: Blessed be God, the best of creators. And bear witness that between the Qayyim and the Qayyum are nine - that is when the contingent beings shall be completed in their stations - such is the difference between every most great and great thing.” And in another passage: “And observe ye the difference between the Qayyim and the Qayyum, then in the year Nine ye shall attain unto all good.” And in this connection it is revealed: “This is what We promised thee aforetime when We answered thee. Be patient until nine shall have elapsed from the Bayan. Then say: Blessed be God, the best of creators.”

O possessor of insight and fairness! Open, according to thine own understanding, thine eyes and observe from the Manifestation of the Nine until this latest creation, and utter “Blessed be God, the Best of creators!” and “Blessed be God, the Best of originators!” Consider how, regarding the perfection of creation and the greatness of the subsequent Manifestation, They explicitly and without ambiguity distinguish between the Qayyum and the Qayyim, and likewise between the Most Great and the Great. And when the time was fulfilled and God’s appointed hour came to its end, the Beauty of the Nine appeared with manifest sovereignty, whereupon all who are in the heavens and earth were terrified, save those who came before God with a pure heart. Fear God, O people, and do not forsake the Qayyum among you. Be afraid of God and be among the God-fearing. Beware lest ye change the words of God from their places, for this is a grievous error in the preserved tablets of might. But the drop perceiveth not the station of maturity, even as today none hath comprehended the divine utterances save whom thy Lord willeth. Although they will misinterpret these words according to their vain imaginings and change them, even as the Primal Point, magnified be His grandeur, hath foretold. Now, setting these matters aside, I make mention of one thing that perchance ye may become aware and attain unto consciousness. If someone should declare that after two thousand years the tree will appear with delicate, fragrant crimson blossoms in the utmost freshness and verdancy and with beloved scents and fragrances, and should insist that ye must look to that very tree and its appearance and to naught else, and then ye should arise from sleep in the morning and suddenly observe that […] and the Messengers have rushed forth.

O thou who art deprived! Consider how the revealed Sovereign, that hidden and inevitable Manifestation, hath not made His appearance conditional upon any requirements. Bring forth thy proof! Nay, by Him Who created all things with a word from His presence, never was this Manifestation made dependent or conditional upon any matter or requirement, for all conditions are as naught in that sanctified realm, and none but His own Self hath ever encompassed or comprehended Him. He declareth that His verses are His proof, and His manifestation and presence confirm His own Self. Yet despite this, they have confined the transcendent Truth within imaginary words and unsuitable allusions. Woe unto them and unto what their hands have wrought! Wrest not the words of God according to your desires, nor interpret them, for none shall ever attain unto their true meaning. Even as in matters of outward ordinances, the Chiefs of

the Bayan were commanded to inquire of Jinab-i-Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, who stood before the Divine Throne. He declareth that ye comprehend not the will of God. Nevertheless, ye have regarded him who turned away from God as God Himself.

Furthermore, the Seal of the Prophets is among the decisive verses of the Book of the Lord of all worlds. If for one thousand two hundred and seventy years none hath fathomed its meaning, how now can any soul save God Himself comprehend the meanings of the revealed verses of the Bayan? Ponder deeply upon what is mentioned and what floweth from the Pen by God's leave, that perchance through the scratching of this lowly one's pen thou mayest attain unto the Ancient Beauty. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path.

Moreover, it is not clear what thou didst mean by perfection. If thou meanest the perfection of God's verses, these are perfect at the very moment of their revelation, and never hath imperfection found its way into that realm, nor ever shall. That which is revealed from His presence was perfect before, shall be perfect after, and is perfect now. And if thou meanest the perfection of souls, it hath been observed that the longer time passed, the more imperfect certain souls became, such that at the end of the Dispensation of the Qur'an, according to your belief, the utmost perfection of the leaders of that age was that they rejected all the Tablets of God and inflicted upon God's Messengers what ye have heard. Or if by perfection thou meanest the perfection of outward deeds, if this be thy meaning, it hath been observed that for most these very deeds became a veil, as was witnessed when the practitioners of the Qur'an, finding the manifestation of the Most Great Light to be at variance with their deeds, pronounced His death sentence and shed His pure blood. Likewise did the people of the Gospel, and likewise the people of the Torah, until it culminated in the First New Manifestation.

Know thou that the perfection of all things hath ever depended upon the word and confirmation of the Point of Truth. Hearken unto what the Point of the Bayan - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - declareth, that perchance thou mayest be cleansed from the dark dust of the manifestations of Satan by the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterances. Though it is certain that the words of God have not and will never affect thee, yet God's gaze in most utterances hath been directed toward the hearts of His sincere servants, for those sanctified and detached souls can detect the fragrance of the musk of inner meanings from leagues away and through divine words become detached from the words of all else. His blessed word declareth: "For verily, were He to declare the earth's dwellers to be Prophets, they would all be Prophets in God's presence." From this utterance of the All-Merciful, comprehend the reality of perfection, that perchance thou mayest become aware.

And through the divine words they become detached from the words of the worlds. His blessed words state: "If He were to make all who are on earth prophets, they would indeed be prophets before God." From this utterance of the All-Merciful, understand the truth of perfection, that perchance thou mayest become aware and not offer the shells of allusions as a gift to the ocean of divine pearls of meaning, and mayest become certain that all matters appear from the Truth, return to the Truth, and are established and realized through His confirmation.

Reflect a little: although the ultimate degree of perfection for human temples is the station of prophethood, and most have deemed it impossible for any soul to attain this most exalted station, yet He

declares that if that Most Great Manifestation so desires, He can cause all who are on earth to attain to this station, which is the most perfect of ranks in the eyes of all. By His life! For such a Lord it behooveth us to sacrifice our souls and spirits, then our very beings and realities - and this is little compared to the appearance of His bounties and the manifestation of His gifts which have encompassed both worlds.

If a soul were to live throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm and perform all good deeds, yet hesitate in the time of His Manifestation less than that, all the deeds he performed in countless ages would come to naught; nay, his very existence and being would become as nothing, let alone his perfection. Likewise, if during this time one had, God forbid, neglected all deeds, yet in the time of His Manifestation attained to saying "yea," all deeds would be recorded to his credit and would be and remain perfect in the sight of God.

None but God is aware of the completion of a cycle. Sometimes perfection appears in less than that, and sometimes it does not appear in a thousand years or more. It is very clear that the perfection of all things is through God's confirmation, not through length of time and the appearance of people's vain imaginings. The very appearance of a subsequent Manifestation is itself proof of the perfection of what appeared in the previous Manifestation. Look to the Truth, not to the length of time and season, for the Truth is able to cause all times to pass in an instant, or to extend a single instant to a hundred thousand years. His is the creation and the command; all act by His command.

At this point, a few verses revealed in Iraq in the most wondrous and mighty tongue are mentioned for the sake of awareness:

A seeker asked a mystic: "When didst thou discover divine mysteries?

And thou, intoxicated with the wine of grace, rememberest thou the Day of Alast?"

He said: "I remember that voice and speech, which was and shall ever be, no wonder this!

That voice still rings in mine ear, that soul and spirit-increasing melody."

Another mystic who had ascended higher and had pierced the pearls of divine mysteries

Said: "That Day of God hath never ended; we are still in that Day which knoweth no end."

These words were specifically mentioned so that it might be understood that the comprehension of these matters depends upon the knowledge of the mystics. How strange that any soul who has not grasped these stations and attained understanding should consider himself a mystic! If thou hadst knowledge of the words of the mystics, thou wouldst not have raised objections at this stage, for the mystics hold that the divine names are ever-operative, as inaction is not permissible. Thus have they said that at every instant the Name "He Who Causeth to Die" returneth all created things from their contingent existence to their contingent non-existence. Likewise, at every moment the Name "He Who Giveth Life" and "He Who Causeth to Rise" bringeth all creation from contingent non-existence into contingent existence. In this sense have they interpreted the blessed verse "Nay, but they are in confusion as to a new creation." In this case, that subsequent creation existeth not in the prior instant, and likewise in the prior instant that subsequent creation is unknown. How then can they conceive of the perfecting of any thing among

things? For that thing which existeth in this instant existeth not in the next, as there is renewal and origination for this thing - how then can perfection be achieved? If thou sayest it happeneth in the very instant of its coming into being, this requireth not nor did require the passage of time. If people were capable of comprehending the meanings of divine words, a detailed exposition would assuredly have been given at this stage, that they might detach themselves from all prior knowledge of before and after, and turn to the fresh spring of mystical knowledge that floweth today from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful. Hearken unto the words of this evanescent one and make not the matter obscure unto thyself. None hath understood or will understand the divine words, for the key to their mysteries hath ever been in the hands of the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Until the hand of divine power unsealeth the vessel of divine knowledge, none hath discovered or will discover it - nay, none hath perceived or will perceive even its fragrance. Even as none comprehended the treasuries of Quranic knowledge until the Hand of Power of the previous Manifestation unsealed them. In brief, perfection hath been and will remain in the hand of God's power. The perfection of every dispensation hath been through the subsequent Manifestation, and true perfection is realized at the time of His appearance. Yet souls such as these weak ones have not had and do not have the capacity to comprehend it. Thus have they failed to understand how fifty thousand years can pass in a single hour. And if any soul hath made such a claim, it was merely in blind imitation, save him whom God hath taught from the gems of His knowledge. How many divine sciences remain deposited in the heaven of innate divine knowledge! When will holy Manifestations and exalted Daysprings appear on the horizon of contingent being, become capable of comprehension, and have these sciences descend from the heaven of the Divine Will according to their capacity? The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and shall not be questioned about what He hath willed.

Know that no one should deviate even a hair's breadth from the commandments of the Primal Point. It is unclear whether this ruling is yours that must be followed, or whether it is the command of the Point of the Bayan, Who has declared that His deeds are the standard for all, and whatsoever that blessed Being does, all must likewise do. It seems you have neither seen the Bayan nor have any knowledge of it. You speak at the prompting of Satan and move at his instigation. O soul who claims to possess knowledge and considers yourself enlightened, show some sign of your own existence and be not like sheep that any shepherd may lead wherever he desires. And would that the shepherd were human - you have found a wolf for a shepherd who has devoured all your knowledge, certitude and the fruits of your belief in divine unity at the very first encounter. Now you are but a lifeless corpse, a nonentity - and such a corpse and nonentity you are observed to be that not even a hundred trumpets could stir you or bring you to motion. By the one true God, my heart burns for you and your like, for no hatred or animosity exists in these hearts. Whatever has been said and will be said is purely for the sake of God and will continue to be so. Moreover, the Most Glorious Beauty - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - performs all deeds, were you among those who perceive. This servant has associated with Him night and day for several years, and by God besides Whom there is no other God, not a single act that could be considered even slightly reprehensible has been witnessed from this Blessed Beauty. All things testify and continue to testify to the sanctity of His holy Being. Throughout the nights and days, nothing has been heard from that pure and holy household except the remembrance of God and the exaltation of His Word. If you yourself were to show a little fairness, you would testify that He is sanctified above the idle fancies of all

else and exalted beyond the comprehension of all save Him. What deed could be greater than sacrificing one's life in the path of the All-Merciful? Have you not heard what befell Him over twenty years in God's path? Although that vile slanderer has attributed his own deeds and those of his master to the Most Pure and Holy Beauty, and you too have accepted this without any proof or evidence, yet by God, His pure hem shall never be sullied by his words or the words of his like.

As to what was written that the claimant had fallen under a shadow - although naught was ever heard from the Most Holy and Pure Beauty save utter servitude - yet these insinuating words were and shall remain utterly vain. By this reasoning, the Exalted One - may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake - must have been under the shadow of the divines of His age, since He appeared in that time; and if they deny the divines, then He must have been under the shadow of the Messenger of God. How small was their station, how limited their understanding, how meager their comprehension, and how grandiose their claims! But I bear witness that before His Manifestation He was under the shadow of the Prophet, and at the time of His Manifestation He stood above every bearer of a Message - magnified be His shadow. Therefore, if such a person and his followers claim in speech and writing that they have surpassed and stand above the Most Exalted Lord - what a contradiction and clear opposition this is to their first claim! For any great personage, indeed for any person of understanding, to make two contradictory claims is reprehensible. No rational person would make two clearly contradictory claims, especially if one claims that the Most Exalted Lord was created from a single word. God forbid! When a mere glimpse of the manifestation of great souls appears to some as a test, what claims arise, and how many common people believe them and accept them without reflection.

Say: O ye who join partners with God! If ye would hearken unto Me, weep for yourselves and bewail your paucity of understanding and discernment. Mention of those who turn away hath been revealed in the Book, both before and after. His exalted Word declareth: "Like unto an ass bearing books." Say: The contradiction existeth in your own selves. Remove it, that naught may be seen save pure unity and absolute oneness. If thou desirest to comprehend this claim and perceive that which He hath spoken, that perchance thou mayest attain unto the never-failing holy Fountain, these are His words, exalted be His glory: "O people! Verily I am the Beauty of Ali among you, and the Self of Muhammad within you, and the Essence of the Spirit between earth and heaven, if ye but knew it." And this is precisely what the Point of the Bayan hath declared - that His Will was this Will and ever shall be, and His Purpose was precisely this Purpose and ever shall be, and this Purpose and Will were exactly that Purpose and Will and ever shall be. Mention hath been made of contradiction, yet unknowingly, for in truth this contradiction hath been proven regarding all the Prophets, since each subsequent Prophet was under the shadow of the former Prophet, and despite this subordination claimed superiority which, God forbid, according to the words of the polytheists would be contradiction and thus invalid. Far be it, yea far be it! Say: O thou who sleepest on the couch of desires and suckest from the breast of heedlessness, ignorance and passion! Contradiction hath never found and shall never find its way into the holy presence of God's sacred Manifestations. This contradiction existeth in creation itself, not in the Cause of God. Accept the words of this servant and free thyself from the burden of these allusions and utterances, that thou mayest become light and soar in the holy spiritual atmosphere, arriving at that sacred station which is sanctified from all human limitations, where thou shalt find that realm purified from mention of contradiction, opposites,

change, variance, conflict, discourse, disputation, indication and evidence. For that most pure realm was not created from the contradictory elements, nor did it come into being from the four different elements. It appeared from the element of spirit. Its air is identical with its fire, its fire with its air, its water pure earth - all are united without change or variance. Its moisture is identical with its dryness, its dryness with its coldness, and its coldness is the reality of heat, and from this heat is created the motion of all existing things. Were it not for heat, there would be no motion, for heat is the doer and motion is the deed. But such souls as are created from the clay of greed, the fire of pride, the air of self, and the water of heedlessness can never draw nigh unto that most holy and pure realm which was and ever shall be sanctified from the knowledge of all who dwell in the kingdom. Should the thought of drawing nigh occur to them, they would be instantly consumed. Whatsoever was mentioned in former Manifestations is mentioned in this most wondrous and transcendent Revelation, exactly the same, word for word, letter for letter. Contradiction and opposition return to their own kind and their like, while unity and harmony remain for the loved ones of God in both beginning and end. O fair-minded one! Do not assume subordination by thine own words, and see no contradiction in what appears from the Most Glorious Beauty.

And furthermore, they wrote concerning one who claims that the Bab was created from one of his letters. Such fabricated, polytheistic words that this polytheistic soul has cast upon you have appeared from wicked, polytheistic souls in all ages during the appearance of the Divine Manifestations. This is not unique to this wondrous Dispensation, nor has it ever been. Even as in the Dispensation of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - they attributed falsehood, calumny, polytheism and infidelity to that Divine and Goodly Tree, as all have heard and know. Therefore, if such words appear from such deniers, it is no cause for wonder, for this has ever been and shall ever be the way of that rejected one and his like. By God! Every person of insight has had and shall have their certitude and belief in the Truth increased by such words, for these things have been and shall be among the traditions of the Cause, even as is recorded in all the Books of old and recent times: “And their people schemed against their Messenger to seize him, and disputed by means of falsehood to refute thereby the truth; then I seized them, and how awful was My punishment!” And in another place: “And never came there unto them a Messenger but they did mock him.” Therefore, whenever such objections are raised, the truth of the divine words recorded in His Books becomes manifest to those possessed of certitude and insight.

Say: O blind one! That which hath been sent down of wondrous and sublime utterances hath been sent down by the Truth. Hast thou not heard that which was revealed from the heaven of oneness – glorified be His grandeur and exalted be His might: “O people! I was lying asleep in My house, silent in My remembrance, when the breezes of God wafted over Me and quickened Me with the truth, and caused Me to speak in praise of His Self, and made Me a guidance and remembrance for all the worlds. And whenever I desire to be silent, the Spirit of Holiness speaketh through Me with truth, and the Most Great Spirit stirreth Me, and the Spirit of Eternity moveth the Pen of Glory – if ye be of them that know. O people! Fear ye God, then be ashamed before His Beauty, and speak not that for which all atoms, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the True, the Faithful King, would curse you. This is not from Me, but from Him, were ye to perceive. By God! Were the matter in My hands, I would have concealed Myself

from your eyes and would not have cast My heart beneath the talons of the wolves of the earth. God is witness to what I say. Beware, O people, lest self and passion prevent you from ascending to the Most Exalted Station. Look with the eye of fairness upon the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers. By God! This is verily the Youth of the All-Merciful, Whom God hath manifested amidst the concourse of creation, chosen from among His creatures, and revealed with the ornament of His Self among the worlds." And He saith at every moment, addressing the Jewish people: "O concourse of the obstinate ones! By God, the Promised One hath come to you, and this is indeed the Spirit. If ye desire to crucify Him, do what ye wish, and be not of the patient ones." Then He addresseth the people of the Gospel, saying: "If ye wish to dispute with Muhammad, the Apostle of God, verily this is Muhammad amongst you; do what ye desire, for He hath sacrificed His soul in the path of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful." Then He addresseth the people of the Furqan, saying: "O concourse of tyranny! If ye wish to suspend in mid-air Him Who is the Manifestation of My Self, Who was named Ali, by God! This is Ali Who hath appeared before your faces, O concourse of wolves, then O band of swine! Do with Him as ye please and tarry not even for a moment, for He hath taken no helper or supporter for Himself. God hath taught Him in truth what hath befallen Him and what shall befall Him, O hosts of satan!" Then He addresseth the concourse of the Bayan, saying: "O concourse of tyranny and infidelity! The Promised One, concerning Whom ye were promised in all the Tablets, hath come to you. By His Beauty! He hath appeared in truth and hath not protected Himself in the path of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He was in the hands of His enemies every night and day, and hath promoted the Cause of His Lord through His exalted Self, the Mighty, the Beautiful. There hath befallen Him that which cannot be mentioned in words, and none hath known it save God Who sent Him in truth and caused Him to be made manifest unto all the worlds. If ye desire to slay Him as ye slew Him before, do what ye wish, for He awaiteth what was promised Him in all the Tablets, if ye be of them that know." Then Ali, from the right of the Throne, addresseth the concourse of the Bayan, saying: "O servants! Did We not announce to you this Revelation in all the Tablets? Did We not take from you the covenant of His Self in the morn of the Bayan? Then be ye ashamed before the Beauty of the All-Merciful, and do not that which would cause the lamentation of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. Fear ye God […]"

Do not commit that which would cause the denizens of the Highest Paradise to lament. Fear God and be not among the wrongdoers. By God! I have sacrificed Myself in My longing to meet Him and in My desire to attain His presence and to be with Him at all times, and I weep for what ye have inflicted upon Him, O company of oppressors! Alas, alas! After My counsels, ye have perpetrated that which none hath ever perpetrated against another. Therefore have wept and continue to weep the Manifestations of the Prophets and Messengers. By God, O people! I placed all matters in His grasp, and moved not in My days save in remembrance and praise of Him, and uttered naught except His name, and commanded the servants only to enter beneath His mighty and impregnable shadow. Would that ye had done as the Jews did to the Spirit, or acted as the people of the Gospel acted toward Muhammad, the Apostle of God, or committed what the people of the Furqan perpetrated at the time of My manifestation with clear sovereignty. Nay, by My life! Ye were not content with what these had done, but commit that from which the essence of all religions would seek refuge, were ye but aware. Would ye slay Him Who shed His blood in God's path? By God! After His blood was shed upon the earth, His exalted and glorious name was inscribed thereon.

O people! Be ashamed before God, and refute not the truth by what ye possess, and commit not that which would deprive you of the sweet savors of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Hear My words, then return unto Him, then repent and seek forgiveness, that He may forgive you through His wondrous mercy and purify you from the defilement of rebellion and the corruption of your own selves, O heedless ones! By God, O people! I have revealed in the Tablets what shall befall Him. Soon shall appear what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon preserved tablets of glory. Then shall the tribes of the highest cities lament while ye rejoice within yourselves and make sport of God's verses after We have announced them to you in glorious and impregnable scriptures. O people! He is My spirit and I am His spirit, and My will hath ever been His will. Make no distinction between Me and Him, for all that appeareth from Him is beloved of My heart and soul, were ye of them that believe in divine unity.

These wondrous divine words which have been sent down from the clouds of the grace of the All-Merciful - this servant hath mentioned them that perchance the heedless servants might become aware and not judge by their own standards, and might perceive at least this much: that they who turn away from these wondrous divine verses have been and shall be opposed to and at war with the Truth. For the Revealer of verses is the Truth. Now if they are at war with the Lord of all worlds, they themselves know there is no escape for any soul today and no refuge to be found, save either to acknowledge what hath appeared or to reject all scriptures, books and psalms. This is the word of truth, and after truth there is naught but manifest error. The example of those who turn away is like those souls who, at the time of the appearance of the Primal Point, would say - turning away from God and objecting to Him - that this Seyyed claimeth Guardianship, or some would say He claimeth Prophethood, and some would say He claimeth Divinity, and each of these deluded ones would utter some word, not perceiving that one must determine who is the Revealer, and the Revealer can only be known through the verses themselves. They have lost who disbelieved and ascribed partners unto God and rebelled against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

And furthermore, thou didst make mention of manifestation, and by God that soul and his guide comprehended neither the manifestation nor the Manifester, for had they comprehended they would not have objected to the Truth. It would have been more fitting that thou shouldst have attributed these words to that one who opposed God, for he, garbed in but one of the names, showed pride before the Truth and disbelieved in Him in Whom he claims to believe. He recites His verses while striking at His very Being. He acts yet perceives not; he speaks yet understands not. He and his like are all equal in God's sight, except that he is more evil and more unjust. May God protect us and His loved ones from his evil and their evil, for verily He is the Protector, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And furthermore, thou didst mention the common people, saying they accept without understanding. Now judge thou fairly: This servant hath been in His presence day and night for six years, associating with each one, and I speak of what I have seen with mine own eyes. Yet thou, merely on the word of a wicked, malicious atheist - and heaven hath not cast its shadow upon one more corrupt than he - now sayest that these servants have accepted the Truth without understanding. By God! Even donkeys would laugh at the intelligence and perception of that polytheist who hath suggested these words to thee, let alone human beings. Nevertheless, he hath regarded these servants as common folk and stated that we have accepted the Truth without understanding. Surely thou considerest thyself learned. First, how didst thou come by

this knowledge, having never attained the presence of the Most Glorious Beauty? No fair-minded person would commit such an act - to take up, without awareness, the mere word of the most wicked and corrupt of men, writing whatever flows from his pen and sending it to various cities. Would that thou hadst at least followed the practice of religious students, for among that group acceptance depends on three concepts: first the subject, second the predicate, and third the judgment relation, after which acceptance is established and proceeds. What was the subject thou didst understand, and which was the predicate? By God, thou hast committed what none of the ignorant have committed.

Yea, these servants have accepted the Divine Manifestations in the past and, through God's grace and bounty, shall continue to do so in the future. God willing, we shall not be veiled by any veil nor be hindered by any obstacle. By God, whatsoever thou hast heard from that wicked atheist was pure falsehood and sheer calumny. Thou knowest not with whom thou hast associated. By the Truth of God, hell itself fleeth from his breath, and retribution seeketh refuge with God from his face and presence. By the Truth, if these servants had heard one word of truth from these two persons… Thou knowest not what they have done. They have arisen with all manner of oppression and then, seeking to cast doubt in people's hearts and to conceal their own abominable and reprehensible deeds, they have attributed such calumnies to the Truth as cannot be numbered. I hope they shall see no good in this world or the next and shall be tormented with earthly punishment before the punishment of the hereafter.

In any case, a word is mentioned for God's sake, that perchance thou mayest be cleansed from thy notions of understanding and acceptance, from thy axioms and theories, and mayest enter the stream of acceptance which is the essence and reality of understanding. The Primal Point - exalted be His grandeur - hath said: "Before He maketh Himself known unto you, ye enter into the fire of love." He saith […]

Before that Ancient Beauty revealed His identity, ye entered into the fire of His love, and these servants for many years heard His praise and mention from all the servants, until we arrived at the stream of nearness and at every moment witnessed what no one had ever seen or heard. And beyond all these things, divine verses descended at every moment like the spring rain. Nevertheless, how can hesitation be permissible when the Point of the Bayan explicitly declares in every passage: "Strive to the utmost that thou mayest not hesitate for even the time it takes to say 'yea,' for that same amount of time thou wilt be in the fire and all thy deeds will come to naught." This servant was greatly ashamed at these words. Thou thyself didst confirm this servant, but a veil intervened. We beseech God to lift it through His power, that thou mayest witness the Sun of thy Lord's countenance rising, shining, and dawning forth amongst the worlds. By God, amazement upon amazement, what hath withheld thee, that thou hast girded thy loins to violate the sanctity of the Truth and hast arisen with utmost endeavor to dispute and wage war. By God, the sword of thy rejection is sharper than a sword of steel, for the latter woundeth only the outward body while thy sword hath cut the hearts of all beings, both seen and unseen. Yet thou art pleased with thyself as though thou hadst committed no wrong. We beseech God either to return unto thee what thou hast wrought and done and committed, or to absolve thee of thy sins and guide thee unto Himself and grant thee the grace of meeting Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

If you consider these servants common folk, I swear by the Educator of all creation that this very statement of yours proves the validity of this Cause. For at the beginning of the Manifestation, sixty

objections were raised against the Truth, including this very same statement. And in the past too, during the time of the Manifestations, the tongues of the polytheists uttered these same words, as revealed in the Perspicuous Book: “The chiefs of the unbelievers among his people said: ‘We see thee but a man like ourselves; nor do we see any who have followed thee but the meanest among us in judgment, nor do we see in you any excellence over us; nay, we deem you liars.’” They counted all the believers in Truth as lowly and common folk. By God, even cattle would be ashamed of such statements from that godless one. Say: Know thyself and speak within thy bounds. The power manifest in what he has uttered is now evident. We associate no partners with our Lord, nor do we turn to anyone but Him, by God’s might and power.

At this point, as it is observed that the deniers are drinking from the cup of vainglory and the goblet of pride - for they have called the mystics of God common folk - it becomes necessary for this servant to mention some verses of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, so that at least the learned may be distinguished from the ignorant. His exalted Word states: “Say: God hath not created anything more precious in His estimation than knowledge. Through it all things are created, all are sustained, all die, and all are brought to life. This is your knowledge of God, then of the Manifestation of His Self in every Revelation, then of what appears from the Manifestation of His Self. Other than this is not considered knowledge by God, if ye but knew. And at the time of the next Revelation, all knowledge is your knowledge of Him and what is revealed from Him, not what was revealed before. Your knowledge of what was ordained before will not benefit you then, rather you will be questioned about it. In every Revelation, it behooveth the guides to comprehend what is revealed in that Revelation, not according to the distinctions you make.” Until He says, exalted be His mention: “Nay, the matter is that you should abandon all that and count yourselves and your knowledge as naught if you truly believe in God and His verses.”

Now some reflection upon these divine words is necessary, that perchance they may understand the knowledge that has ever been praised and beloved in God’s sight. And count not as learned those who turn away from God. By Him Who strengthened the Spirit with the Spirit, if today all who are in the heavens and earth should manifest all earthly knowledge yet hesitate in this wondrous Cause, they would be counted among the ignorant in God’s sight. This is confirmed by the text of the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. His sublime Word, addressing the Letter of the Living, states: “If thou believest in Him, it matters not whether thou knowest anything or knowest not - nothing shall diminish from thy excellence. But if thou art veiled from Him, even if thou possessest all knowledge, it shall profit thee not.” By the explicit text of that Essence of Being, today the title of ‘learned one’ shall not be applied to anyone except those souls who are adorned with the garment of faith in this wondrous Cause. Strange it is that despite these clear verses, you have still called the believers in God common folk. How quickly has the breath of the All-Merciful been cut off from those hearts.

Notwithstanding the obvious, you have called the believers in God commoners. How swiftly has the breath of the All-Merciful been cut off from those hearts, and how completely have they become veiled from the Most Holy Breath. For had even less than an atom of His knowledge and wisdom wafted over the souls of the opposers, they would never have occupied themselves with such utterances as the

lowliest followers of the Quran have for years used as proofs. Alas for them for what they have wrought against God, and they are among the losers.

Hearken to another melody of that King of Oneness, addressing the Letter of the Living. His mighty utterance declares: “Verily, everything knoweth itself by itself. Who then can know it through aught else? Yet shouldst thou, on the day of His manifestation, recognize Him through the most learned of the Bayan, and shouldst thou see Him steadfast in His Cause, and then ascribe human nature to Him, thou wouldst not have negated the Letters of Negation to affirm the Manifestation of Divine Unity.”

How mighty are His words, how wise His allusions, how evident His proof, and how glorious His utterance! Yet you, O people of the Bayan, have wronged the Self of God and His Essence. He verily did not fall short in His exposition. He has ordained for you all paths and has revealed to you all that was hidden from you, and has detailed all things in detail as a mercy from His presence upon you, and as guidance and remembrance to all the worlds. Yet you have confused God’s Cause among yourselves just as the peoples before confused it among themselves, and thus their efforts were rendered vain in this world and the next, and they were a wicked people, the greatest losers.

Despite the fact that the Beauty of the All-Merciful declares that if thou shouldst see the most learned of the Bayan’s scholars hesitating on the day of His manifestation, rising and shining forth of the Most Great Light, and shouldst ascribe human nature to Him, thou wouldst surely be among those who have not negated the Letters of Negation to affirm the Manifestation of Divine Unity. Today, whosoever attributes human nature to any of those who have turned away, be they of the highest or lowest rank, is deprived of all the bounties of the All-Merciful, let alone attempting to establish any station or rank for such souls.

Consider that the one addressed in this revealed verse is one of the Letters of the Living, who was and will be, by the explicit text of the Point of the Bayan Himself, foremost among all the Bayan. He declares that they are the first creation of the Bayan, and that all have attained to the Divine Law and Divine Manifestation through the existence of these Letters. Yet He has thus limited those souls, as was mentioned. Therefore ponder, O ye who have eyes to see! Ponder, O ye who have insight! Ponder, O ye who are chosen! Ponder, O ye who are righteous! Ponder, O ye who possess knowledge, wisdom and understanding!

Say: By God! All that was revealed in the Bayan has returned to the Point, and it is now held within the grasp of Power and Might. We desire to explain it once again, despite your wishes, O company of polytheists, just as We have explained it time and again. And this is one of those times that has caused the dwellers of the heavens and earth, and then the inhabitants of the cities of names, to tremble, were ye but to know it. Say: He was indeed My Self, and now His Self hath appeared with truth and spoken between the heavens and the earth, declaring in truth that all verses have returned to My verses, and have been resurrected in My words, and have appeared by My leave[…]

By My leave did it appear and descend from the heaven of My will, if ye be of them that are assured. Then were all manifestations consummated by My manifestation, and all dawning-places illumined by My dawning, and all rising-points made resplendent by My rising and appearance. Where then are the seeing eyes? Where are the knowing hearts? Where are the sanctified minds? Where are the pure souls? Where

are the illumined breasts, that they may know and understand and see and witness that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great? Say: Die in your wrath! He hath appeared in truth and feareth no one, and awaiteth what hath been ordained for Him by His Beloved, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise. And He saith at every moment, addressing your swords and spears and arrows: "Come ye! Draw near! For I yearn for you!" To this beareth witness My longing and yearning, then My passion and My melodies, were ye but to perceive. Verily, He Who hath appeared in truth is My Beloved and I am His beloved; He is My Self and I am His Self. That which issueth from My tongue is His most wondrous, most sweet, most holy, most sublime utterance. Whosoever possesseth the least perception, less than a hair's breadth of insight, will surely witness the appearance of God and His grandeur, and will discover the fragrance of His holiness in the sweet scents of these melodies, and will be among those firmly established in this Most Great, this perspicuous Cause. Say: I am alive through His life and move through His love, even as He was alive through My life and breathed naught but My remembrance and praise amongst the worlds. My soul be a sacrifice for Him and His soul a sacrifice for Me; My all be a sacrifice for Him and His all a sacrifice for Me. Whensoever I say that He is a sacrifice for Me, it is the very same as His saying that He is a sacrifice for Me. Beware lest ye perceive any difference, O ye who are endued with insight! Thus hath God sent down at this moment from the signs of His grandeur upon the Mount of the Heart, and We have revealed them unto you that ye may give thanks unto God, your Creator, O people of the Bayan, and be not of them that are veiled.

O thou who art immersed in the ocean of allusions! Know thou that thy objection and opposition return not unto My Self, but unto God, my Lord and thy Lord and the Lord of our forefathers. For I am but a servant who hath believed in Him and in His Messengers and His chosen ones, and I find no existence for myself, for He hath raised Me up in truth and sent Me unto all the worlds. If thou desirest to object, then go unto Him and say by what means Thou didst send forth Him through Whom My being and the realities of the polytheists were struck with terror. And if thou findest Him and art able within thyself, then mention unto Me a word from His presence, that perchance He may deliver Me from thee and from the company of the wicked, and make Me to be of them that are detached. Say: O my Lord! Thou knowest the people of the Bayan - wherefore didst Thou send this servant of Thine? Therefore, behold him beneath their swords and claws and talons. O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth! Have mercy upon him, O King of Kings, then aid him with the truth, for verily Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Conquering, the Powerful, the All-Purposing.

By Him Who sent Me with the truth! I am bewildered at His action regarding Me, for He raised Me up in days wherein no breeze of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, had ever wafted. And thereby was I afflicted with that wherewith none of the chosen ones had ever been afflicted, and to this His All-Knowing, All-Informed Self beareth witness. Dost thou imagine that I speak of Mine own accord and exist through Mine own existence? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Rather do the winds of His will move Me as He pleaseth and willeth. And whoso hath understanding will discover in the stirring of My soul the stirring of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Conquering, the Powerful. Art thou able to still thyself when thou art seized by the fever of thunder whereby every limb doth tremble? Nay, by Him Who created thee in truth, if thou be of them that are aware! Even as it moveth thee […]

And whoso possesseth insight will find from the trembling of My being the trembling of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Conquering. Canst thou remain still when the fever of thunder seizeth thee, causing all thy limbs to tremble? Nay, by Him Who created thee in truth, if thou art of them who perceive! Even as it moveth thee and thou canst not remain still, likewise do the winds of God's Will move Me, and if thou wishest to object, object to Him, for I am but a penitent servant. I find no stillness for Myself, nor rest, nor movement save by His command. None denieth this save every deceitful transgressor, sinful one.

Indeed, in all Dispensations the first to turn away have been the divines of the age, for had the divines not denied the rights of God, none would have turned away, and whatever corruption hath appeared in the earth hath been due to the denial of the divines. As He explicitly stateth, exalted be His mention: "Verily the first to veil themselves from the Point of the Bayan were they who claimed knowledge for themselves, yet in God's sight they comprehend nothing and understand not." Thus in God's sight such souls are not reckoned among the learned, while those souls who have attained to faith are established upon the seat of knowledge, even though they may not know a single letter of outward learning. Today knowledge and ignorance, the highest and lowest, nearness and remoteness, truth and falsehood, the living and the dead, the mature and the infant, the mindful and the heedless - all are distinguished and made known through their acceptance of His Revelation. Whoso believeth in Him is among the most exalted of the learned, the most honored of people, the most discerning, the most God-fearing, the most understanding, the most elevated, the nearest, the most truthful, the most precise, and the most comprehending. Thus hath it been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty glory.

This is why the Point of the Bayan saith in this regard, exalted be His mention: "O God! Do Thou guide all who love Me to Thy religion, for the matter before Thee is equal: if the lowliest of creatures should believe in Thy proof and Thy signs, he becometh the most exalted, and if the most remote should believe, he becometh the nearest." The purpose of these utterances is that all may know that in God's sight the learned are those who have known Him and who have not hesitated to say "yea." These are the people of knowledge, its guides, the possessors of divine protection, the treasury of wisdom, the wellspring of utterance, and the dawning-place of remembrance. All good names refer to such souls so long as they remain firm in the shadow of God. Outward learning hath not been and will not be of account in this station. This is why that Point of existence and Countenance of the Desired One hath, in His revealed words, given countless counsels to the learned, admonishing them all not to become proud of their knowledge, wisdom and utterance at the time of His appearance, that they might attain unto the knowledge of God and what lieth with Him. This is why the Point of the Bayan saith, exalted be His mention: "Perchance on the day of His manifestation one might become, through pride in his learning, a student of Him Who is the Source of knowledge - how mighty indeed is this matter, for His knowledge is none other than His Own Self!" And He saith, exalted be His mention: "No greater pleasure hath been created in the realm of possibility than for one to hear His verses, understand their meaning, and raise no objections about the words thereof."

and make no judgments regarding His words nor draw comparisons with the speech of any other. Just as His Being is the Manifestation of divinity and lordship over all things, likewise His Word is the manifestation of divinity and lordship over all words, for were it human speech, verily the speaker would

have proclaimed: “Verily, I am God; there is no God but Me, and all else is My creation. O ye letters, fear ye Me!” Thus it endeth.

O people of the Bayan! Though ye have attained unto such bounds that none could ever imagine achieving such sanctity and detachment, and though it appeareth that were a hundred thousand gates of divine knowledge to be opened, none would hearken, much less comprehend - hear ye the divine counsel and reflect each day upon the previous Manifestation and the events of His days. Perchance these occurrences shall not fade from sight and may cause steadfastness.

At the outset of the Revelation all the divines arose in denial. According to the text of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - meaning the religious authorities who were in all regions, that Day-Spring of Oneness revealed a Tablet to each one by name, wherein He detailed their rejection. Copies of these Tablets exist to this day. He wrote to the divines of Najaf and Karbila one after another, and likewise to the divines of Persia name after name, and similarly to the divines of the land of Sad and the land of Qaf and other countries. So tightly were the doors of justice closed that not a single one of those people renowned for their learning became assured of that divine Tree of Knowledge, that Fountainhead of heavenly wisdom and Dawning-Place of the merciful utterance.

The one who, before all others, attained the supreme honor and became the Gate of Mercy, the Gate of Knowledge, the Gate of Guidance, and the Gate of Grace for all created things was the Bab-i-Baha’u’llah. Assuredly everyone hath heard the details of that holy being who had no fame among the people and occupied neither pulpit nor prayer-niche. He was one of the disciples of the late Haji Siyyid Kazim - upon him be God’s mercy and blessings. Most of the outward divines pronounced this holy soul an infidel, and among the disciples of the late Siyyid were some who were more renowned than he. Thus one day when Mulla Mihdi Khu’i, who was one of the companions of the Siyyid, was asked about the Bab’s knowledge, he named several individuals and preferred them all in outward knowledge and excellence to the Most Great Gate and Most Noble Word.

None of the famous and well-known souls became believers. Rather, they arose in rejection and opposition. Among them were Mulla Hasan Gawhar, Mirza Muhit, Mirza Karim Khan, and likewise others who were known in Azerbaijan and its surroundings. In brief, all the renowned divines, whether of the Shaykhi school or the traditional school, hesitated in the Cause of God, nay rather, rejected and denied it. Due to their rejection, knowledge was withdrawn from these heedless souls.

However, the Most Great Gate - meaning the first to believe - and the seventeen souls who were with him, having attained the honor of faith, were all mentioned by God as guides to knowledge. As He saith, these souls are, in all the most beautiful names, gates of mercy unto all people. This is set forth in detail in the Persian Bayan. Consider ye this, and exert your utmost endeavor that on the Day of Manifestation ye may not remain veiled from any matter.

Strive earnestly that in the Day of His Manifestation ye remain not deprived of any matter, nor fix your gaze upon aught of all that hath been or shall be created. For verily, should any soul in that Day turn his attention, even for less than a moment, to anything besides the Truth, he shall be removed from the wellspring of nearness by that very measure. Keep your hearts purified from all things, and lift your gaze

above the signs and tokens, the nearness and remoteness which ye have conceived in your minds. For none hath ever gained, nor shall ever gain, knowledge of God's hidden Will and His concealed Purpose. At every moment He hath appeared, and shall continue to appear, in a wondrous new way. How often doth He manifest Himself in such wise as no one hath ever conceived! Take refuge in God and supplicate Him day and night that He may manifest Himself in such manner as may be easily comprehensible to all mankind, that perchance they may not be deprived of the outpourings of that Most Great Ocean and the effulgence of that Sun of inner meanings.

The previous Manifestation - may my spirit and my being be a sacrifice for Him - hath given abundant counsels regarding this matter and hath mentioned it in countless utterances, in such wise that no thought can arise in any mind save that it hath been inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen. For instance, should anyone fix his gaze upon the Bayan, He saith: "Beware lest thou be veiled by it from its Revealer." Should anyone cling to the Letters, He saith: "Beware lest thou be veiled by the Letters from their Creator and their Fashioner." Should anyone pride himself on knowledge, He saith: "None deserveth to be called learned save him who recognizeth the Manifestation Himself." Should anyone be bound by signs, He saith: "Beware lest ye be veiled by them," for none knoweth the manner of the appearance of that Ancient Being. He manifesteth Himself as He pleaseth. Should anyone look to perfection, He saith that the acceptance of all things dependeth upon accepting that Source of truth, and ever shall it be thus. Should He pronounce all to be perfect, none may say why or wherefore, and should He declare all to be imperfect, none may object. Should anyone be fixed upon a specific time, as all are veiled by this in these days, He saith that whenever He appeareth, all must acknowledge the Tree of Truth and render thanks unto God. And should anyone look to the leaders and mirrors of the age, addressing them He saith: "Ye have become evidence through My word; beware lest ye be veiled from My very Self in the latter Manifestation."

Therefore unto that Lord belongeth my praise and the praise of all things, my glorification and the glorification of all things, my remembrance and the remembrance of all things, for He hath not failed in counseling His servants regarding this Most Great, this Mighty Announcement, and hath answered beforehand all the objections that lay in the hearts of His servants, lest there should recur in His Manifestation that which would sadden His soul and grieve His heart. Now observe ye the Cause of God and observe ye the condition of the servants - how heedless they are! Those souls who came into being through His word, instead of offering thanks, praising His Name, glorifying His mention, remembering Him, and showing gratitude for His bounty, have all drawn forth the swords of malice. We beseech God to preserve this Wronged One from these perverse ones.

All have appeared with swords of malice while professing gratitude for His bounty. We beseech God to protect this Wronged One from these extremists and polytheists, to aid His Cause, to manifest His proof, and to exalt His testimony between the heavens and the earth. My spirit and my soul be a sacrifice unto Him, for He has left no counsel ungiven to His servants. Especially since they witnessed pride and arrogance from the divines in the previous Dispensation, they have greatly counseled this group and reminded them through goodly exhortations and healing words, lest they follow previous practices and become heedless of the Truth at the time of the Manifestation's appearance. For through the rejection of those souls, all people turned away save whom thy Lord willed. As they say - exalted be His mention: "In

every Revelation the people of that Revelation become veiled by the divines of that Revelation, while they are heedless that beyond the matter, through a single 'nay' from Him all these become untrue. Be vigilant regarding the Revelation of Truth, that on the Day of His manifestation thou shouldst not acknowledge Him merely through the acknowledgment of the people of the Bayan, for all their acknowledgments before Him are confirmed through a single 'yea' and nullified through a single 'nay.'" Similarly in this connection, addressing the divines of the Bayan, He says - exalted be His glory: "O divines of the Bayan! Have mercy upon yourselves, then show mercy by not becoming veiled from Him Who shall appear with the truth through the conditions of your religion. For your entire religion before Him is like the day when God first created that religion. You gaze toward the Primal Point, yet you are tried like all those of previous Revelations, sleeping through the night while counting yourselves believers, and in your day you are like the divines who preceded you. God will not judge you for anything, so watch over yourselves, then be vigilant." O people of the Bayan, show mercy to yourselves and to God's Cause. Do not become the cause of discord, and do not commit that which would divide the all-embracing, unifying Word. Reflect purely for the sake of God upon the matters that have occurred. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, whenever the Truth has appeared in any time or age, it has manifested in such wise that for the insightful and fair-minded there remained no occasion for pause, doubt or uncertainty, except for those souls who caused themselves to fall into confusion. Therefore fear God, O people of the Bayan, and hold fast unto God, O people of the Bayan, and have mercy upon yourselves, O people of the Bayan, and oppose not Him in Whom you believed in His previous Manifestation, through Whom was established the faith of every believer, the certitude of every assured one, the unity of every unifier, the knowledge of every learned one, and the remembrance of every mindful one. This is the best counsel from this servant unto you, if ye be of the fair-minded.

And further thou didst write that if one claims "I am that same Point of the Bayan," this can mean either that he is identical in person - which is manifestly false since the repetition of divine manifestations is impossible and self-evidently invalid - or that he is a renewal of likeness, which is even more clearly false, for in such case he must needs ordain exactly the same laws without any difference, so how can change be permitted?

It appears thou hast not yet grasped the meaning of divine manifestation, not knowing its locus. Here is the place of the One manifested, not the manifestation itself. If thou wouldst observe with the eye of insight, thou wouldst discover the Source of endless manifestations. This answer was given before, precisely stating what the Primal Point declared: Set aside talk of manifestation and its non-repetition; comprehend the Manifested One and detach thyself from aught else.

What say ye regarding the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - Who declared that the Point of the Bayan is identical with the Point of the Furqan (Muhammad), and throughout the Bayan stated "He Who is made manifest is identical with Him Who shall be made manifest, and He Who shall be made manifest is identical with He Who was made manifest," and likewise declared "Verily I am He and He is verily I."

Moreover, the Manifestations of Divine Unity are, in one respect, united, and in another respect appear with different manifestations. In that all have dawned from the Dayspring of the Divine Command and

have spoken by God's leave, and all were commanded to teach mankind, all are one. Thus He saith "We make no distinction between any of them." Yet in another station - that of religious laws, names and earthly aspects - each appeared with a distinct name, law, temple and form.

If thou wouldst observe with the eye of insight, by God besides Whom there is no God, thou wouldst behold all as one reality, one manifestation, one movement, one deed, one work, one law, one name and one path. Strange that thou hast not understood this exposition while even children of this Revelation have comprehended it, for in Persian Tablets revealed during the years of sojourn in Iraq from the heaven of glory, all these degrees were explained in detail. Blessed are they who have attained and understood.

Yet thou still hast not grasped the nature of manifestation and hast imagined divine power to be like thine own power, making His Cause dependent on thy cause. Evil is that which thou hast imagined. Verily He manifests as He willeth, even as He hath appeared in truth despite the deniers. Just as the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - declared, this Manifestation declares likewise. Reflect that thou mayest know.

This is that promised Manifestation which all were promised in the Bayan. Today the deeds of whosoever turneth away from this Manifestation are rejected and unmentioned before God. Verily He declareth now "I am God, there is no God but Me" just as the Point declared before, and likewise shall He Who cometh after declare. Hast thou not seen that He saith: though the Sun rise a hundred thousand times, it is but one Sun[…]

And likewise He says concerning Him Who shall appear hereafter: "Hast thou not seen that He declares that even if the sun were to rise a hundred thousand times, it would still be one and the same sun that hath risen and will rise?" And He says: "Consider in like manner the Manifestations of Oneness." Know thou that two perspectives are to be considered in the theophany: from one view it is repeated, and from another view it is not repeated. These two perspectives pertain to the outward manifestations of the earthly realm, while the theophany itself, in its own station, hath been and shall ever remain sanctified above these two perspectives. However, the comprehension of this station is somewhat difficult. Whosoever desireth to comprehend it as it truly is must present himself before the Divine Countenance, that he may know that which he knew not before and discover that which was hidden. Furthermore, he hath regarded the renewal of likenesses as impossible. If the renewal of likenesses of Divine Manifestations be impossible, how then can the renewal of satanic likenesses, which are existent and evident beyond any possibility of denial, come to pass - as is clearly seen in every city where examples of these dark temples are manifestly present? Take heed, O ye possessed of understanding!

Verily, revelation from the Revealer has been, and shall ever be, continuous in the forms of the Manifestations, wert thou of them that truly understand. And if thou wouldst soar higher and purify thine heart from the words of the polytheists, thou wouldst thyself perceive that which thou now deniest without consideration. The mention of recurring revelation is neither permissible nor impermissible. Hearken unto the words of this servant and observe with pure heart and illumined vision the words of God and His Revelation. Pride not thyself in two fabricated words cast forth by Satan. Consider the peoples of the past and their divines, who compiled hundreds of thousands of books, all intended to establish the truth of the Truth, yet remained deprived by those very books after His appearance.

Nevertheless, the deniers remain heedless and have newly taken to writing treatises. Woe unto their fingers and their sight and their hands! At the time of Revelation, no word remaineth in its proper place save by the leave of Him Who is the Manifestation of Revelation. The Point of the Bayan - magnified and glorified be He - hath declared that in the Day of His Manifestation ye should not protest against Him with His own words. Yet through Satan's promptings ye have protested and continue to protest with the fabrications of the turning away souls, and of these very protestations of you and your like He hath given tidings. God, the Most High, the Most Great, speaketh truth. The text of the Bayan revealed in the Bayan declareth, exalted be His remembrance: "Strive with utmost endeavor that in the Day of the Manifestation of Truth ye protest not against Him with His words, for all the Bayan is the utterance of His previous Manifestation, and He is more knowing than all creation of that which He hath revealed, for the spirit of all things is within His grasp, and with all there is naught but a shadow if they be steadfast in the truth - otherwise they are unworthy of mention. Thus, if a person be the Plato of his age in every science, if he believeth not in the Truth, will his knowledge profit him? Glory be to God! Rather, for him knowledge is that whereby he knoweth God and His Messenger and the Manifestations of His Cause and the Manifestations of His decree, and naught else do they who possess hearts call knowledge." Say: Open thine eyes, O heedless one, then hearken to what the Dove warbleth upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of the Bayan, by God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower! Observe how lofty and elevated is the Cause, that that Essence of Oneness and Being of Eternality hath forbidden His own words from that Most Holy, Most Pure, Most Manifest, Most Luminous Court, explicitly declaring that at the time of His appearance ye should not protest against that Temple of Inner Meanings and Manifestation of Divine Glory with the words of the Bayan. Yet the people of the Bayan are unashamed - would that they had protested with His words! Rather, they have protested and continue to protest against those Essences of Oneness and Exemplars of Eternity with rejected fabrications emanating from malicious souls. What regret for these souls who, through two fabricated utterances, have remained deprived of the shore of the divine ocean of knowledge and been forbidden the holy, sanctified breezes by a putrid odor! Would that they had been content with mere protestation! Nay, by Him Who caused the Tongue of the Spirit to speak forth in praise of Himself, they were not content with protestation […]

Would that they were content with disputation alone! Nay, by Him Who loosened the tongue of the Spirit to praise His Own Self, they are not and will not be satisfied with disputation, but have turned and continue to turn with swords of malice and lances of hatred toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Likewise He states - exalted be His utterance - that none hath comprehended the Bayan, nor shall any encompass its knowledge save that Divine Temple and Mine and Source of heavenly knowledge. Nevertheless, those souls who have risen in opposition claim knowledge and continue to make such claims, though by God besides Whom there is no other God, they cannot and will not equal even a primary school child in the school of true knowledge. Indeed, were they to enter that presence, they would find themselves utterly wanting. He declares that the spirit of all things has been and shall ever be within the grasp of that most holy and exalted Manifestation, and all possess naught but a shadow thereof, and this only if they remain firm in the truth; otherwise, He declares them unworthy of mention. Consider now to what depths these souls have fallen - by God, to the nethermost abyss, did ye but perceive it! Today all earthly knowledge is counted as nothingness before God and unworthy of mention. Rather, the divine knowledge that was intended and praised in all heavenly Books and Scriptures has been knowledge of His Self-Manifestation

in every Dispensation at the time of its appearance. Today, whosoever attains unto this, though he know not a single letter, is accounted before God as the most learned of all; and whoso is deprived of this greatest bounty - God forbid - though he be learned in all books, is witnessed before God as the most ignorant of all mankind. Hearken unto another utterance of the Exalted One of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - His words, exalted be His majesty: "Likewise consider that at the time of the manifestation of that Ancient Beauty, even if all the people of the Bayan were to attain the essence of knowledge, it would yield no fruit except through belief in Him. Take heed, O people of learning, and fear ye Him." Thus did He speak. By God, this servant is ashamed to mention what hath been revealed by the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - and these words of yours that have darkened the world with gloom and dust. Raise thy head from slumber and witness the light of thy Lord's revelation, that thou mayest perceive what thou wert heedless of and be of those who turn repentant unto God Who created me and thee and made us of those who have attained to the days of His presence and are numbered among the victorious ones. I beseech God that a breeze of His grace may blow, perchance it may bring that dead one to the realm of life, and that by His bounty and grace He may grant him a drop from the Water of Life and the flowing Kawthar from the right hand of thy Lord's throne, the All-Merciful. He, verily, hath power over all things. Apart from these considerations, what say ye concerning John son of Zacharias and Jesus son of Mary? For John son of Zacharias was sent before Jesus and claimed prophethood, as all Islamic sects acknowledge and confess his prophethood. He appeared with laws and ordinances, such that whenever anyone came before him and acknowledged his mission, he would baptize them according to the manners revealed from the heaven of divine will and teach them divine words […]

And He imparted divine words and also gave glad tidings to the people of the appearance of the Most Great Word, that is, the Spirit of God. After the Spirit appeared and the divine Word emerged from behind the veils of concealment with the effulgences of divine unity, shining and radiant, the people objected because outwardly that Holy Being associated and kept company with sinners, as is recorded and written in the Gospel itself that He consorted with publicans. Thus in many instances they objected to that King of divine unity, especially one day when some of the heedless ones came before Him and objected: "O Spirit of God! The companions of John the son of Zacharias were extremely ascetic and devout, to such a degree that they fasted during the day and stood in prayer during the night in remembrance of God. But what we observe of you and your companions is that you are not occupied with worship and remembrance, nor do you refrain from the property of others." The Spirit reflected within Himself, then raised His head and said: "If John was as you say, why did you kill him, O company of polytheists?" He means: "According to your words, I am a sinner while John the son of Zacharias committed no wrong, and you all acknowledge the asceticism and piety of that manifest Beauty - so why did you kill him?" Thus was the denier confounded and returned disappointed and at a loss. They likewise objected that "You have changed the law of John even though his Cause has not yet been established among the servants and his cycle has not been completed, for only a short time passed between that Manifestation and this Manifestation. He gave ablution to the servants with water while you claim to give ablution with the Holy Spirit, as your companions have done. And they fasted while your companions eat, and he appeared in complete detachment such that he never disposed of people's property even to the extent of a mustard seed, while each of your companions who passes by fields does not refrain from

taking and eating, and furthermore they do not practice any deeds." He said: "These are days of joy and pleasure. A time will come when they will practice all deeds." His meaning was that since these are the days of attaining the presence of God, they are in truth the station of the paradise of divine unity, and in that station if there is some neglect in certain outward matters, God, exalted be His glory, will forgive, and after the Spirit's ascension to the Supreme Companion, they will surely practice whatever they are commanded to do. By God! The appearance of the Primal Point and this most wondrous and most glorious Manifestation is exactly like the appearance of John the son of Zacharias and the Spirit of God, and everything has occurred in accordance with reality. Just as John was a Prophet and Messenger from God and also the herald of the subsequent Manifestation, saying "O people, I give you glad tidings of the Kingdom of God and verily it has drawn nigh," and in another instance "The Kingdom of God has drawn nigh," and likewise he was the bearer of laws and a religion, and likewise during the days of his Manifestation the Spirit appeared - the Primal Point, may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him, after taking a covenant from all and giving glad tidings of the subsequent Manifestation, says: "Verily noon approaches while you are sleeping," which is exactly the same meaning that John the son of Zacharias spoke […]

While ye were asleep. This is exactly what John the son of Zacharias spoke of and heralded. And in this Dispensation, the same objections that were made against Jesus the son of Mary have been made by the divines of the Bayan, as you write that the cycle has not been completed, and likewise write that the laws should not be changed, implying that the laws have been altered - this utter falsehood has been suggested to you. For He specifically ordained that the Persian Bayan should be followed. Moreover, the changing of laws has no bearing on rank, such that every Manifestation claiming precedence over the previous Manifestation must change the laws and abrogate previous commandments. As the Point of the Bayan Himself stated: "Were it not for the objections of the people of the Furqan, I would not have abrogated the laws of the Furqan." Furthermore, according to your own belief and that of all others, David was one of the most exalted Prophets and the Author of a Book, yet He commanded the people to follow the laws of the Torah. Likewise, it is recorded of Jesus the son of Mary that He said: "The Son of Man came not to judge the world but to give life unto the world." From this statement it becomes clear that at the beginning of His Revelation He did not intend to change previous laws, just as John the son of Zacharias did not change everything except in certain matters. What is certain is that the Spirit (Jesus) changed the Sabbath law and designated Sunday instead, and likewise abolished the law of the sword and prohibited divorce. But in this Revelation, if you observe, although at first nothing was manifested except pure servitude, nevertheless the wolves of the earth from among the people of the Bayan arose in opposition and objection, emerging from the thickets of hypocrisy to oppose the Luminary of the horizons. This despite the firm ordinance of the Bayan, recorded in all the Tablets of God, that should anyone appear with verses, you should not oppose him, nor dispute with him, nor argue with him. And they emphasized this law to such a degree that, by God besides Whom there is none other God, no law more binding and established than this was revealed in the Bayan. It seems as though the entire Bayan was revealed concerning this most wondrous and impregnable matter. Nevertheless, the first to oppose and his like arose in opposition and perpetrated that which no oppressor had ever done. You were not in that land to witness - by the Point of the Bayan and all the Prophets and Messengers, I speak the truth and reality - when they observed that the divine verses were being revealed like torrential rain, and the

mighty divine ocean was surging, and the celestial Tree was adorned with wondrous and transcendent fruits, and the winds of grace were blowing from the right hand of the divine Throne, and the exalted heaven was adorned with the stars of new sciences and knowledge, they arose in hypocrisy and attempted to cut down the divine Tree. And when they failed in this, their malice became apparent, all the emigrants were troubled, and the people of the sanctuary engaged in lamentation and weeping, and the Beauty of Oneness departed from among the people. Then they arose with calumny and falsehood, intending through fabricated lies […]

They intended through false accusations and evil imaginings to conceal that vile deed. Then they did what they did, as you yourself know what that corrupting falsifier who came to that land said and did. And yet none confronted or spoke against that source of perdition. Nevertheless, he called himself oppressed and cast upon his like what Satan casts and continues to cast upon his allies. Woe unto them and those who followed them! By God, they are in manifest loss!

Another claim is that each subsequent Manifestation must be more perfect and complete, as the appearance of every Messenger and Prophet has been greater than the previous one, and the Bab likewise made this claim in relation to those before Him, such that each successive one has abrogated what came before. End quote.

First, if the eye of fairness were opened, one would observe that the like of this Revelation has never appeared in creation. This is attested by what has been sent down from the heaven of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Open your eyes that you may witness how the Beauty of the Manifestation was then seated upon the throne of grandeur and independence, with the Point of the Bayan at His right hand in sovereign might and glory, and Muhammad the Messenger of God at His left hand with the lights of God, the Exalted. And before His face stood the Spirit with a company from the Concourse on High, descended in truth, would that you might understand. Then behind Him were ranks of the angels of heaven with ewers of the water of everlasting life and cups of pure drink sealed, would that you might know. And they all lamented and wept and cried out at what befell the Beauty of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Had you possessed insight and turned to the Most Great Prospect, you would have witnessed with your own eyes and ears the divine lights from the Manifestation of the eternal sovereign Glory. But the ophthalmia of vain imaginings has so afflicted the eyes that even if they were to enter the Most Holy Court, I doubt they would attain His presence. Just as the dung beetle, though it dwell near the garden of paradise, has been and will remain deprived of the fragrance of its flowers. Likewise the blind, though they stand before the sun, have been and will remain barred from its rays. They have no portion of this Most Great Ocean.

As thou hast mentioned that every successor must needs be greater and more exalted than his predecessor - hadst thou not been perturbed and unsettled, I would have related unto thee in this connection that which I have heard from the Truth. This is a matter wherein none save God should speak, for to do so would be mere idle talk. God knoweth what He intendeth in that which He hath revealed, for none but the Manifestation Himself hath ever been or shall ever be cognizant of the hidden pearls of meaning treasured within the ocean depths of God’s holy utterances. All this knowledge lieth with my

Lord, and none hath access to it save Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Since the people of the Bayan are seen to be more veiled than the deluded ones of the past, it would be better that we exercise forbearance and keep concealed that which we have understood, lest another outcry be raised. The all-encompassing power and all-pervading mercy of God have never been and shall never be confined within bounds. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Concerning the abrogation of previous laws, the Point of the Bayan - may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said that all dependeth upon the will of Him Who shall be made manifest. Should He desire, He may confirm the commandments and prohibitions of the past, and should He desire, He may abrogate them. His is the command. None may question Him or say "why" or "wherefore" in aught that He doeth and ordaineth. Whoso saith "why" or "wherefore" hath indeed disbelieved in God, opposed His Own Self, disputed His sovereignty, denied His Cause, and is numbered among the idolaters. If the claim be made by way of reflection, like unto the holy Imams in relation to Muhammad, who claimed to be His likeness while being under His shadow, then the matter is clear, for it beseemeth not such a one to claim superiority in such circumstances. The mention of this station hath been made in the previous Bayan. These words of that vile idolater, which are more contemptible than the prattle of children, have been and shall remain unanswered.

O man! What reflection, what mirror! This sacred precincts is sanctified above mention and utterance, and exalted beyond the comprehension of all created things. At this point a story comes to mind: In the days when the Primal Point - may He be glorified and exalted - was imprisoned on Mount Maku, even as now He is imprisoned in this land. But compare not this imprisonment with that imprisonment, for now He is both the prisoner of the government and the prisoner of the people of the Bayan. The imprisonment of the previous Manifestation was confined to the government alone, but if thou dost observe carefully, in this imprisonment all governments are partners.

In any case, in those days His Holiness Vahid - that is, Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be the glory of God - had raised the standard in support of the Cause, as thou hast heard. In all lands the divines rose up in rejection and denial, and from all pulpits they engaged, God forbid, in cursing and denouncing the Primal Point and His companions. The Imam-Jum'ih of Tehran, although in truth he was not hostile and his sense of justice exceeded all others, one day ascended the pulpit and declared: "I have heard that among other things, His Holiness the Bab considers air to be purifying. Tell me, O man, in which book of which jurisprudent or divine has such a statement ever been seen that air is purifying?" He had failed to realize that this was not a matter of jurisprudence - it was a station beyond such mentions and words. He was, of His own accord, the Renewer of Laws. The Imam had understood Him to be merely one of the jurisprudents who had pronounced on this jurisprudential matter contrary to the divines and had deemed it permissible.

And now you also know not what has been transmitted and what command has appeared from the horizon of God's Will. Nevertheless, you pride yourself on these words which were and are worthy only of those who cast them forth, and which you too have written at their instigation. And surely through Satan's prompting you have sent them abroad, even as He specifically foretold - and verily He is the Truthful, the All-Knowing. God shall soon render void what they possess through His word of truth and shall make manifest the schemes of such souls to His near servants.

It behooved you first to inquire of the Manifestation Himself what His claim was and what His proof, that you might become informed thereof. Had He declared “This is that same Manifestation which the Point of the Bayan foretold and concerning whom He took a covenant from all,” then all these objections would have been and would remain fruitless, and you would not have troubled yourself to compose those fabricated letters of those who cast them forth.

Fear God, and say not that which thou knowest not, and follow not every clamoring one. If thou desirest to become informed of the truth, ask God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

Another statement, which shows the utter heedlessness of the one who cast it forth, is this: “The utmost is that he is one of His guides and mirrors, and mirrors have their ranks, and only one will fully reflect His lineage. The line of the perfect mirror will be one after another. The rest will not fully reflect.” And this he confined to Mirza Yahya. End quote. He who cast this forth to thee hath erred and sinned in what he committed, and hath denied God Who created him from dust, and hath slandered Him unto Whom he shall return in his final end.

He hath slandered Him unto Whom he must return in his future abode and dwelling place, and he is among those who have torn God’s Book to pieces. He hath lately made mention of perfect and imperfect mirrors. By God, the Pen is bewildered as to what response should be given to such heedless ones. The Primal Point Himself, in the station of communion, declareth: “O my God! Each year send forth a mirror that it may be a guide unto Thee and reflect Thy glory.” He further declareth that one should be sent forth in every city. Now if we were to accept your statement, it would be in conflict with the words of the Point of the Bayan. The highest station of mirrors is that which He - exalted be His glory - hath described: “Say: O ye suns of the mirrors! Ye gaze upon the Sun of Truth. If ye would but see, your existence dependeth upon It. Ye are like unto fish moving in the sea, yet veiled from the water, and ye are questioned about that whereby ye subsist.”

Say: O heedless one! Observe how He addresseth the suns of the mirrors, who occupy the highest station, saying they must gaze upon the Sun of Truth. Then He declareth that they are like unto fish that move in the sea yet remain veiled from the water, and they are questioned about that whereby they subsist. By God! If the people of the Bayan were fair in their judgment, this one revealed verse would suffice them all - they would become detached from the words of the idolaters and would witness today the meaning of these divine utterances. Even as this objecting soul who considereth himself a mirror, and whom some have unwittingly assumed to be a mirror - even if we were to accept this claim - hath remained deprived of the Sun of Truth. As can be observed, he gazeth upon his own self, clinging to vain imaginings, far removed and barred from the Sun of Truth. He moveth in the water while abiding beneath the effulgences of divine lights, yet remaining distant, veiled and deprived thereof. Likewise today all mirrors are being questioned, as all stand at the place of questioning. Whosoever hath strayed from the stream of divine knowledge is accounted as stone, nay, unworthy of mention. And whosoever hath recognized Him and taken shelter beneath His loving-kindness is numbered among the primary mirrors in God’s presence. Thus hath the matter been decided, that perchance the people might comprehend. Now ponder awhile upon this utterance, that thou mayest attain unto the Kawthar of Oneness which floweth from the wellspring of divine words.

Say: O heedless oppressor! Where in the Bayan are these limitations recorded that thou hast attributed, having fabricated lies against the Truth, claiming that the Mirror will reflect entirely from a single lineage, and that the Exalted Lord hath confined it to such-and-such? Say: Thou hast invented falsehood against the Lord of the Throne and the exalted Seat. From these words, the reality of the understanding of him who hath imparted to thee and inspired thee hath become evident. Well done! How finely ye have fettered the outstretched hand of God! They speak as the Jews spoke, yet perceive it not. Dust be upon the mouths of such utterers, and clay upon the heads of these immature ones who have sullied the purity of the Cause and the sanctity of the divine words with the dust of ignorance and limitation. The Cause of God hath ever been sanctified above such limitations. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! They are seen to be more veiled than the basest of previous peoples. Yet the guide was greatly pleased with this word, and hath surely designated you, or will designate you, as one of the martyrs of fire in recognition of this service, for he hath always desired to restrict the Cause of God to himself and his progeny, and you have endorsed his desire before he even expressed it. O disciple - meaning you - a hundred thousand praises be upon you, for having abandoned the Creator for the sake of a vile creature who, by God besides Whom there is none other God, even Satan himself shuns and flees from his deeds. Shame upon him and upon those who follow him! By God, through his calumny the pillars of the Throne have quaked and the supports of the exalted Seat have trembled.

Hearken to the call of this servant, and wash away this scroll of self and passion which, through the promptings of Satan, hath been inscribed with false and groundless surmises. Step forth from the narrow confines into the vast and glorious expanse. Speak not of what thou hast not seen, and write not of what thou hast not comprehended. Soon shall we all - thou and he and we - return to dust. O thou who claimest fairness, wherefore hast thou with such vehemence girded up thy loins to undermine the Cause of God, and for the pleasure of a worthless and ignoble creature attributed such calumnies to the Truth? The blasts of divine wrath have seized you - and what wrath could be greater than this, that ye worship the calf and know it not, then call upon God to bring forth from its loins another calf for you to worship, that ye may be numbered among the worshippers. And from the progeny of this calf yet another calf, and were this lineage to be cut off, ye would surely grieve within yourselves and lament and weep as ye weep for your fathers and mothers - nay, with greater lamentation, were ye to comprehend.

Consider how heedless are these souls, that when the Sun of inner meanings hath risen with supreme grandeur and glory from the horizon of Truth, they have not recognized it even to the extent of what proceedeth from the loins of cattle. Say: Shame upon you and your modesty! The Temple of Divine Unity hath rent asunder its robe of grandeur by reason of your tyranny, O company of the obstinate!

It is a matter of wonder that ye have accepted Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani as truthful, though he had no knowledge whatsoever of this Cause and was never associated with it, while ye have regarded as false all those who were well-informed of it. Through his promptings ye have drawn the sword of malice against the Beauty of the Lord of the worlds. Cast aside these satanic whisperings and devilish deceptions. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that those who circle round it are ashamed even to mention these false mirrors of yours. Ye have not understood even this much - that mirrors have no existence in and of themselves; rather, when facing the sun, they reflect its light, and after turning away they are and shall be as naught. A hundred thousand mirrors are created and shall be created by a word, and so long as they

remain beneath the tree of affirmation and the Sun of Truth, they are counted among mirrors; else they are reckoned among the stones of hell and the people of fire.

We accept another statement that He is superior to the Bab, that He is His resurrection, and that His dispensation has been upraised, meaning that I am that Promised One of Whom the Bab spoke, through Whom the Bayan would be abrogated. The falsity of this statement is more obvious than the sun. First, the Bab Himself declared, in such wise that none can deny, words to this effect: "Were the creation of that Manifestation not complete, God would not manifest the subsequent Manifestation." And He explained the meaning of completion thus: that whatever He had ordained and commanded, being from God, must be fulfilled without deviation, that a people must be created under His shadow, and all His utterances, whether concerning lofty stations or religious ordinances, must come to pass - else the appearance of such a Person would be vain and all divine tidings would prove false. Say: O ye donkeys! Whatever the Truth ordaineth is the truth.

Say: O ye asses! Truth is whatever He proclaimeth it to be, and is not rendered void by the words of the idolaters. Rather, that which is today more obvious than the sun is that the deniers themselves have been and shall ever be false. Say: Take thy reins, O thou deceiver, O thou deluded one, the like of whom the eye of time hath never witnessed! I know not to what souls I might liken such beings, for in their denial they have no peer, equal or likeness. Say to that vile idolater: O heedless one! Deem not the Truth to be false, and count not the words of Truth as vain. By God, O thou denier, the fragrance of divine utterances is vastly distinguished from aught else, such that were it to be in the East of creation and a word be spoken, one who dwelleth in the West would detect its holy fragrance, were he purged from the odors of the idolaters. Whatsoever proceedeth from the Truth - exalted be His glory and majesty - whether in deed or word, hath been and shall ever be binding upon them that are endued with hearts, and none hath the right to object or protest. To this testifieth every possessor of understanding, knowledge and perception. But since they were created from ignorance, they shall never be conscious of this and shall remain among the heedless. One must first recognize the Truth and what He declareth, and His proof. After the establishment and manifestation of clear evidence and proof, all such words and their speakers and utterers have been and shall be consigned to the fire, and verily the fire is their abode - what a wretched abode for the idolaters!

Concerning what the Bab declared, "If the creation of that Dispensation be not completed…", know that the matter of completion hath ever been in the grasp of divine power. Neither you nor those like you have comprehended or ever shall comprehend this, for it may happen that people follow a religion for a thousand years, yet the word 'completion' would not apply to it; and it may happen that all are made complete in a single day. None save God is aware of completion or its absence, for the completion of every matter dependeth upon His Will. As mentioned before, if He willeth, He can cause all people to return to a single soul, and from that same soul return them to His Own Self, resurrecting and manifesting them. Likewise, the resurrection of all souls and their completion may be accomplished through one person's recognition of Him Who appears, whereupon the completion of the previous Dispensation is realized in His very Self. All this is ordained by the Mighty, the Powerful. Yet the veiled and the deluded have not attained to this station nor achieved its recognition.

It often happens that the Sun of Truth appeareth and shineth forth while all people remain veiled, even as all signs of affirmation become manifest, established and confirmed in the very Person of the Manifestation, while the decree of negation applieth to all else. This is a hidden mystery which none hath understood save him whose eyes God hath opened and illumined with the light of certitude. Even as the Point of the Bayan - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - declareth, exalted be His grandeur: "Let not the multitude of people and their attachment to their own cause veil thee, for if it be supposed that in some Dispensation the Tree of Truth should speak forth and all should ponder concerning Him, all would be in negation of 'there is no God', though they remain upon the earth. Yet their remaining is remaining in the fire, while all affirmation belongeth to that Most Precious and Exalted Soul."

Now what sayest thou concerning this utterance of the Point of the Bayan, and how dost thou understand the completion of that Dispensation's cycle, when none had attained to His recognition? Know then that the completion of the cycle pertaineth to the Manifestation Himself and ever shall, though none comprehendeth this save he who hath drunk from the Kawthar of inner meanings from the Most Great Ocean, which hath appeared with manifest waves from the right hand of the Throne.

Likewise is the purport of the Point of the Bayan's words - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - wherein He declareth that the lengthy periods between Manifestations are due to the people's lack of capacity, and that the Sun of Truth, after Its setting in the Most Glorious Horizon, watcheth over Its servants. Whenever It observeth a soul hath appeared who can hearken unto the Word of God, in that very moment It causeth that soul to recognize It, not tarrying even less than nine times nineteen times ten minutes. In this connection They have drawn a parallel to the Point of the Furqan - exalted be His grandeur - stating that after the setting of the Muhammadan Sun, It was ever watching over Its creation. Had It observed a soul come into being who could bear the Divine Trust, It would never have delayed in appearing. The fact that such a lengthy period elapsed was due to this reason, just as when the capacity of the first to believe appeared and he accepted the Most Great Word, there was not the slightest delay in the proclamation of the Cause.

And no sooner did He accept the Most Great Word than there was not a moment's delay in the declaration of the Cause, and in that instant the Word of God was cast unto Him. And if but an instant before that He had attained maturity and had been present before Him, there would not have been even that instant's delay in the casting. O ye who are veiled! Ponder upon the divine words and verses, that perchance ye may be blessed with a drop from the surging ocean of meanings. And if ye would but see with insight, ye would observe that this wondrous Revelation itself is the cause of the perfection of the Bayan, for at the very moment of its appearance the cycle of the Bayan was completed. Moreover, they have commanded all to observe the laws of the Bayan, and they themselves have been among its foremost practitioners. And if all veils were to be rent asunder, what would ye do? Know ye that at the moment of Revelation, for every soul that attaineth unto His presence, all names and attributes and religious laws and ordinances and commands that existed before are perfected through his acceptance of the Truth, and shall continue to be perfected in him. Therefore ponder, that ye may be numbered among those who truly know.

Regarding what thou didst write, that all His utterances, whether concerning exalted stations or religious ordinances, must needs be fulfilled, else the appearance of such a Being would be futile and all divine tidings false: Know thou that all that is in the Bayan hath been manifested and gathered before God. However, at that time, such souls were as dead and as nothing, and thus remained unaware. After its revelation, these utterances have enriched no one, nor will they ever do so, inasmuch as the perfection of all things hath depended upon acknowledging Him, the glory of all things upon His Command, and the deeds of all upon His acceptance. For instance, should He choose to withdraw all that was bestowed in the previous Dispensation, none hath the right to object, for He hath been and ever will be All-Powerful. A single utterance from the Point of the Bayan - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - is here mentioned, that perchance thou mayest become aware and be numbered among those who perceive. His words, exalted be His glory, are these:

"The example of every verse of the Bayan is as a jewel entrusted to someone. On the Day of the Manifestation of Divine Reality, should He desire to reclaim from all what He hath given them, they should not tarry for an instant. Let not one be veiled by subsidiary matters, another by fundamental principles, yet another by aspects of divine decree, and another by manifestations of glory. Rather, all is from Him and unto Him shall all return. Recognize Him by His verses and be not overly cautious in recognizing Him, for to the extent of such caution shall ye abide in the fire. And if ye turn to God within yourselves, His example is in your hearts - be not veiled from Him by Him. Know ye the One for Whose recognition ye were created."

Consider now how far ye have strayed from the shore of the ocean of divine knowledge, and to what extent the veils of self and desire have deprived you of the Creator and Revealer of Names. By God! Ye have done contrary to what the Point of the Bayan desired. His decisive verses ye have distorted and misinterpreted through false imaginings. Ye have not drunk a drop from the ocean of sanctity, nor have ye been touched by the breezes of glory and detachment. Although the Kawthar of utterance hath flowed from the Fountain-Pen of the King of all possibility, at times ye mention subsidiary matters and at times fundamental principles. By God, ye have no purpose save to cling to one of the cords of self and thereby raise objections against the Sovereign of Oneness. Observe how the divine words have been fulfilled. They explicitly stated that on that Day none should remain veiled by mention of subsidiary matters, fundamental principles, decree, or manifestations of glory, for that Ancient Beauty is, in His very essence, to be obeyed, and whatever He ordaineth at the time of His appearance is the divine decree and His command among the servants. Nevertheless, thou and thy like have raised objections against the Truth through mention of principles and ordinances, and today are all seen to be in the fire, save those who have held fast unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing. O heedless ones! They have emphasized this to such an extent that they have said: On that Day, be not overly cautious in recognizing Him, for to the extent of such caution shall ye abide in the fire. Nevertheless, you have perpetrated that which none of the manifestations of negation and the dwellers of hell have perpetrated. Another verse from the revealed Bayan is mentioned for the sake of God, that perchance you may cast off the tattered garments of hatred and attain the robe of divine glory. His words, exalted be His grandeur: "But be not deceived by love for the Point and the Letters of the Living, for that Day is the Day of Test. If anyone loved that Point and those Letters and was guided by their guidance, it is proof that he had loved this Point and

these Letters." Consider how firmly and perfectly they have mentioned this most exalted, most mighty, most holy Cause in the Book, to the extent that they say "Be not deceived by love for Me and remain not veiled from that Ancient Beauty." Nevertheless, at all times you have raised and continue to raise countless objections. And if you say this Manifestation is not that Manifestation, this is the same claim that all previous peoples made at the time of the appearance of the Divine Manifestations. For example, at the time of the appearance of the Spirit of God and His Word, all used the previous books to prove His falsity, and all opposed and denied Him except those whom thy Lord willed - who were but a few. Likewise during the appearance of the Seal of the Prophets who shone forth from the horizon of Batha, all denied, saying "Thou art not that promised Manifestation," and they mentioned fabricated proofs and wrote treatises to refute the Truth. Similarly during the appearance of the Point of the Bayan you have observed and continue to observe what they have done and are doing. What difference is there between this group and that group? Today the person of insight must look to the Manifestation Himself and the essence of the Cause. If he witnesses the same evidence and proof by which he proved the Primal Point and the Divine Countenance, not the least hesitation is permitted, for to the extent of that hesitation he will be in the fire. Otherwise, for those who gaze toward the Most Great Prospect, the Manifestation Himself has been His own proof. This servant is bewildered as to what to mention, for it is observed that you remain deprived of understanding the explicit divine words, let alone their implicit meanings and allusions. And it seems you have had and have no desire to understand. Therefore the words of this servant and his melodies are like the playing of a lute for those who are deprived of hearing. This verse is appropriate at this point: "The mystic hint of Sana'i before the ignorant is like playing the lute before the deaf, or being a mirror-bearer before the blind." God has set a seal upon your ears and a veil of fire upon your hearts. O heedless one! He says, exalted be His mention: "Be not veiled by the veils of knowledge and wisdom, for these will surely bar you from the path of God." Yet you send scientific allusions as gifts before the King of Knowledge, and offer dried leaves as presents to the Paradise of Divine Unity. Would that you even possessed knowledge and wisdom! Nay, by God, you are absolute nothingness.

Verily, by God, ye are naught but mere nothingness and dried hides containing small stones that rattle when shaken, devoid of true existence and genuine motion - a mere calf's body making a lowing sound. Today, no argument can keep its referent from His Cause, and nothing whatsoever that exists between the heavens and the earth has been or ever shall be sufficient except through entering beneath the shadow of His Cause. Were the whole earth to be filled with books, they could not compare with a single letter that issues forth today from the tongue of the Ancient of Days. Cast away these futile investigations that neither nourish nor enrich, and purify your hearts from the whisperings of those who traffic in allusions, that perchance ye may attain to this divine springtime and this wondrous paradise. Sever yourselves from all else and cling fast unto Him. Strive that perchance ye may not remain veiled from the Creator and Establisher of all things by words, allusions, names and their manifestations. This is why the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His glory, hath said - mighty be His utterance: "All this is so that on the Day of His Manifestation ye may not remain veiled by names, but rather look to that by which the names subsist in all things, even unto the mention of the Prophet, for verily that name is created by what God revealeth." If ye were fair-minded, ye would perceive from this utterance of the All-Merciful that from which ye are today veiled. Thus have ye remained deprived of the Creator thereof through a name whose nature and essence ye know not. A few souls have gathered together and with imaginary and conjectural

hands fashioned an idol, then prostrated themselves before it. With hands of ignorance have ye fashioned the calf's body, then taken it for yourselves as a lord besides God. Woe unto you, O concourse of polytheism and hypocrisy! We shall pass over all verses and words, and establish anew today a criterion for the knowledge of God. Weigh both sides in the balance, though in truth it is for the Truth to test and weigh His servants, not for the servants to weigh Him, for the Truth and whatsoever proceedeth from Him have been and shall ever be sanctified above the standards of men. Nevertheless, We have consented to this that truth might be distinguished from falsehood, since ye recognize not the divine proof as proof and have rejected His evidence. Therefore, as a completion of God's argument against you, it is proclaimed that whatever criterion or evidence that group considers a standard for recognizing truth should be established as the measure, that truth may be distinguished from falsehood. This word is mentioned according to your beliefs so that no excuse may remain and truth may become manifest to everyone like the sun. Otherwise, truth hath been and shall ever be sanctified above the standards of the servants and their proofs, arguments and evidences, for verily the divine standard today is the Truth itself, and His proof and evidence is whatsoever proceedeth from Him, if ye would but understand.

And whereas thou hast impiously suggested that the appearance of such a Person would be vain and that all divine tidings are false–may God silence the tongue that uttered this, and break his hand and fingers and pen, for he hath transgressed his bounds and slandered God, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Self-Subsisting, and hath committed that which hath dishonored the Cause among the servants, whereat even the denizens of hell shall disavow him, how much more the near ones of God. Say: First, thou knowest not these tidings, nor art thou in any wise acquainted with their meaning, even as the peoples before, through their failure to comprehend the divine utterances, tarried on the shore of the ocean of oneness at the time of the manifestation of the Embodiments of Lordship and were thus deprived. For instance, in the Gospel concerning the signs of the subsequent Manifestation it is stated that the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from heaven. And because of these very words the people of the Gospel to this day have not accepted the Muhammadan Dispensation. Now what sayest thou? Were these tidings false, or did that people fail to comprehend their meaning? Likewise the mention of the Seal of the Prophets in the Quran, and likewise the signs of the subsequent Manifestation and the signs of the resurrection–the cleaving of heaven, the rending of earth, the crushing of mountains, the rising of the dead from their graves, and similar utterances that were among the signs of the resurrection and which today, because of these very words, have prevented all from recognizing the Lord of Names and Attributes. What wilt thou do now–confirm or deny? For outwardly that which was written hath not come to pass. Either thou must say all is false, or say they failed to comprehend the meaning. And concerning the text of the Seal of the Prophets, I know not what thou wilt say, for the Primal Point explicitly declared that Prophets have come from the beginning that hath no beginning and will come unto the end that hath no end, although they deemed it impossible that after Muhammad anyone should come claiming prophethood. Say: O heedless one! Know that none hath ever comprehended, nor ever shall comprehend, the meanings of the divine words as they truly are, save the Manifestation of divine knowledge and wisdom. Even as the Point of the Bayan explicitly declareth that none hath understood, nor shall understand, the divine gems of meaning treasured within the words of the Bayan save the subsequent Manifestation. And if all peoples had comprehended the meanings of the words, they would never have been deprived of the Daysprings of

revelation and inspiration, even as today the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan, through their failure to comprehend that which was revealed in the Bayan, remain deprived of the Beauty of the All-Merciful. By God! Were they to gain the slightest awareness, they would become detached from recognition, nay from their very selves.

O thou who art heedless of the Kawthar of meaning! Account not the words of God as falsehood, nor deem them vain. Rather, behold thyself as powerless to comprehend them. And when thou findest thyself unable to understand any of them, inquire of the Source and Mine of divine knowledge, that perchance thou mayest not remain athirst from the outpourings of the ocean of meanings, nor be drowned and perish in the seas of satanic imaginings. Not a single letter of that which hath been revealed is vain, nor shall it ever be so. Rather, the pearls of meaning are all concealed within every letter of the divine words that have been sent down, and none can bring them forth save one possessed of great power. And if thou shouldst - God forbid - perceive vanity or imperfection in the revealed words and manifestations of power, it would be better for thee to remain among the veiled ones. Say: Set up thy mirror before thy face that thou mayest see thy skin and know what is therein. Perchance thou mayest be enabled to return, and become penitent, repentant, acknowledging, affirming, and submitting to thy transgressions and misdeeds. And verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

His word “great is His grief”: Not yet have any of His conditions and commands come to pass. As for the signs of the appearance of the Qa’im that the people of the Furqan believe in - though the signs at the time of His manifestation did appear and the people understood them not - the signs after His manifestation have not appeared. If the people of the Furqan should object, asking what are the signs after the manifestation, what would be the answer? Would the people’s failure to understand the signs at the time of manifestation and the non-appearance of signs after the manifestation cause them to be veiled from the Truth? This is far from the Truth. Consider thyself: How is it possible for a seed to yield another seed, which is its fruit and resurrection, without first manifesting its roots, leaves and branches?

Ye have reached such a state that ye continuously write in refutation of yourselves without even being aware of it. For ye have written that the signs of the appearance of the Qa’im appeared at the time of His manifestation but people did not understand them. Now consider from whence came this lack of understanding. Without doubt, it arose from the imaginary expectations of the people. For they had conceived certain meanings from what was mentioned of the signs of His appearance, and when they did not witness these in accordance with their own imaginings in the physical world, they failed to recognize the Point of the Bayan. Even as thou thyself and thy like were not enlightened until the Revealer of the Bayan interpreted the words of the past. And after the manifestation of the Merciful Being, a few accepted while most denied. This is precisely what thou and thy like among the people of the Bayan are doing today, for ye have not understood the meaning of the divine words and yet, unaware, ye cry out that this Revelation should not have appeared, that the creation of the Bayan is not yet complete. Had ye understood, ye would never have been veiled by such words. Ye have regarded the Truth as powerless like unto yourselves. By God! If a soul were confident in the power of Truth, he would never hesitate over such words, for He is able to cause all books to return through a single one of His words, and likewise to begin anew. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All the signs after His manifestation have appeared.

Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The signs after the Manifestation have all appeared, yet ye have failed to perceive them. Even as, by your own admission, the people of the Qur'an failed to recognize the signs at the time of their appearance. Every sign that was deemed necessary after the Manifestation appeared, yet they failed to recognize it. As thou hast written, inquire of the Source of divine knowledge that thou mayest be assured that all signs have been fulfilled, though such souls as these remain veiled from comprehending them all.

The primary sign after the Qa'im was to be the Manifestation of Husayn. Ye acknowledge the former while denying the latter. If thou wouldst but reflect upon this single word, thou wouldst discover infinite mysteries. Concerning the Manifestation of Husayn after the Qa'im, it is written in your own books of traditions that all the Prophets and Messengers shall gather beneath His banner, and likewise that the Qa'im shall return and join Him. If ye would ponder these words somewhat, ye would understand that the statements in the Books accord with what hath been revealed in the Bayan.

Know ye that all the signs after the Manifestation have appeared - some ye failed to perceive and others ye denied. Such is your condition, were ye to know it. What say ye now concerning the Point of the Bayan - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - Who made no mention of any sign, but explicitly declared that whenever He appeareth all must acknowledge Him and render thanks unto God, and must look to the Manifestation itself and to that which proceedeth from Him? He clearly stated that He hath the authority to appear in whatever manner He pleaseth, and none hath the right to object. He gave countless admonitions to the people of the Bayan, lest they protest against the Merciful One using the Bayan and what was revealed therein.

Nevertheless, thou hast objected based on thy vain imaginings and spoken of the completion of the cycle. The Truth Himself hath appeared, uttering the verses of the Point, declaring that through His Manifestation the cycle of the Bayan hath been and shall be completed. Yet so veiled art thou that thou considerest not the Truth to be above His creation, saying it must needs be completed through creation, when in fact God's Cause was not and shall never be completed without Him. Rather, it hath been and shall be completed through His holy Self, would that ye could perceive it.

All that thou hast spoken is but rebellion against God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. I know not what ye would have done had the Point of the Bayan mentioned signs, nor what objections ye would have raised. Is there to be found in the Bayan a single word bidding you rise up to slay one who manifesteth divine verses and holy attributes, or to sully the robe of Divine Unity with personal calumnies? Nay, rather, throughout the Bayan He saith that should one appear claiming "I am your Beloved," none hath the right to object to Him, even if He should manifest no proof.

And now the Sun of Inner Meanings hath risen from the horizon of divine favor, uttering divine verses in such measure as none can reckon. Yet some among you say the previous cycle was not completed, while others say He hath appeared too soon.

Say: O ye unjust ones! The Abha Beauty Himself declareth, the meaning whereof in Persian is this: O people! I was as one among you, reclining upon my couch and fast asleep. The breezes of the All-Merciful wafted from the right hand of Divine Unity, awakened me and caused me to speak forth His praise amidst

the heavens and earth. O people! I swear by God that I have never glorified myself, nor have I ever denied the divine verses, nor do I now. I acknowledge that which is in your hands from the Bayan, and am assured of the Lord Who created all things. Have mercy upon me and oppose me not. And if ye turn not unto this Divine Cause, at least raise not objections against it. O people! Had the choice been mine, I would surely have concealed myself from your sight, and would never have consented for myself that which none among all created things hath borne. For not a day hath passed except that I have been afflicted with abuse, taunts and mockery. But the Holy Spirit spoke within my breast, and the Most Great Spirit uttered through my tongue. This is not from me, but from the Almighty One Whose power encompasseth and transcendeth all things. O people! The nearness or remoteness of the Manifestation hath never been in my hands or yours, but rather in God's hand it hath been and ever shall be, held fast in His grasp of power. He hath manifested it as He hath willed. Fear ye God and be not of the oppressors. O people! Drink ye from the chalice of divine utterances the living waters of inner meanings. If ye perceive from it the holy fragrance of detachment, then in that moment judge with fairness and bring not upon it that which would cause the dwellers of the pavilions of Paradise to lament, and be not of the heedless ones. O people! In truth I speak unto you that which I have been commanded by your Lord. The breezes of truth are clearly distinguished from falsehood. Fear ye God and be not of those who remain far. O people! Never have I opposed anyone, and with the people of the Bayan I have associated with utmost mercy, kindness, humility and lowliness. In days when all hearts were troubled with dread and all souls were shaken by the scourges of wrath, I stood forth by myself among the enemies, and at all times the arrows of foes have pierced my breast, and none could reckon my sufferings save the All-Knowing Lord of the worlds. Many were the nights when all were at rest while this servant was in chains and fetters, and many were the days when ye dwelt secure in your homes while this servant was afflicted in the hands of enemies. To all this ye are yourselves witness if ye speak with truth and be of the truthful. O people! Are ye powerful, or is the Lord of all worlds? If He is powerful, He hath manifested the Manifestation of His Self howsoever He willed, and if the sin be the servant's, this was not from him but from the Creator of earth and heaven.

O people! Hear ye My call, and drink ye of the Living Waters from the cup of the All-Merciful in these days, and be not of them that are deprived. This is the meaning of the divine words which this servant hath mentioned according to his understanding, that perchance ye may realize that this Cause hath never been and is not in the hands of anyone, and no one hath been or will ever be informed of the nature of its appearance. All are captive in the grasp of His power and might. He is the Ruler. He manifesteth whatsoever He willeth, and all are commanded to gaze upon the Manifestation Himself, not upon words and allusions. I swear by God that when divine verses were being sent down unceasingly from the heaven of the eternal Will, the one who turned away from God and Siyyid Muhammad joined together and schemed that perchance through certain calumnies they might deprive the people of this heavenly stream. Thus one ran to Istanbul while the other constantly occupied himself in this land with writing fabricated letters. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, despite the utmost kindness and mercy shown to these two persons and to all others, it is strange that although ye yourselves have heard of the attributes of the Blessed Beauty and most of the people of these lands have seen with their own eyes, nevertheless through two words of calumny the tree of mischief hath erased all from your hearts and ye have arisen with such vehemence in rejection and protest. We beseech God to aid thee to know

His Self and to detach thee from allusions, that thou mayest become aware of that from which thou wert veiled and be among the successful ones.

If thou wert to become informed of what befell these servants during these years of sojourn in Adrianople, and if thou wert to be fair, thou wouldst weep and lament. The One God is My witness that in every hour a resurrection took place, for at every moment he whom thou considerest, through Satan's promptings, to be a god besides God, would appear with some abominable act and repugnant deed. I adjure thee by God Who created all things through His Will: Can thy mind comprehend that they would deny bread to one who was related to them? What benefit that they were not and are not? Merely to subvert the Cause they ran to the great city for a morsel of bread, and what complaints they made in this land! By God, I speak no falsehood and have no purpose save that My heart is consumed that ye have taken such souls as your lord and have deprived yourselves and others from the Exalted Truth. These are the final days of these servants, although ye imagine that we have come to this land for worldly purposes. But God is Our witness and Our guardian as to how We came and what Our purpose was. Ye yourselves know that this servant had no need of bread in his own place that he should run from city to city for bread. Rather, the breezes of the All-Merciful attracted these servants, were ye of them that understand. In any case, they have wasted their own honor and that of these servants and the Cause, and yet they counsel this servant and write admonitions as to why thou hast not believed in such souls and art not convinced. Their baseness hath reached such a degree that they have fraudulently circulated lists showing how many of the emigrants have departed […]

And thou art not certain that their baseness hath reached such a degree that they have fraudulently prepared a list of how many of the emigrants have departed and how many still reside in this land, and they have cut off whatever reached some of the poor ones and claimed it for themselves. By God! It would be better for man to eat of the Zaqqum tree than to partake of such bread. Thus have they sent to this land the detailed list of souls that was given there, and none was aware of these particulars save the tree of corruption and those with him. Would that they had claimed the remainder for themselves as well. By God! These servants would have been grateful. Know thou that, by the truth of Truth, most of the emigrants have no clothing, and yet they have ascribed worldliness to these souls who have moved for the sake of God and who have turned toward the Divine Beauty in this direction with lamentation and wailing, while claiming detachment for themselves. Would that thou wert aware of them and what they possess and what they have perpetrated in their vain lives to preserve their leadership - would that thou wert of those who are informed!

As for what thou didst write concerning the planting of the seed and its details, from all these words it appeareth that thou hast not become aware of a single letter of divine knowledge and hast not understood the purpose of the Revelation - what it was and what it shall be. Now, having passed beyond the supreme example, thou hast spoken in objection to God concerning the lower example. We submit that it is exactly as thou hast written and mentioned. Did this seed require watering or did it not? He saith: I am that wafting of the breezes of oneness which bloweth from the right hand of the Ridvan of "Know God through God," and the education of all things hath been and shall be dependent upon this divine wafting and this holy and spiritual breeze. And He saith: I am that life-giving Kawthar whereby the seeds of knowledge and meanings and the ears of divine and eternal wisdom sprout forth, and without

the wafting of these breezes and this sweet and palatable water, no seed of knowledge hath ever grown or shall ever grow from the Ridvan of the breasts of humanity. Yet still ye speak and write, and ye perceive not what ye say.

Leave aside this polytheistic view and observe with the eye of unity, that thou mayest behold all Manifestations as one soul and all religions as one religion. All these differences have been and shall be according to the exigencies of time, station, and the capacities of the Manifestations of existence. By God! There have been blessed, holy, and sanctified lands wherein, at the time of the casting of the seed of Revelation, other ears of corn appear quicker than the twinkling of an eye. This is the station of the world of Command, and creation is powerless to comprehend it, even as He saith: "His command, when He intendeth a thing, is only that He saith unto it: Be! and it is." And these are the lands concerning which He saith: "Vegetation cometh forth by permission of its Lord." But from the lands of polytheistic souls nothing ever groweth save that which the Truth, exalted be His mention, hath foretold in His words, exalted be He: "Nothing cometh forth save that which is poor." In the lands of such souls, even if the Revelation were delayed a hundred thousand years according to your reckoning, never would good ears of corn grow from such barren land, nor shall they ever grow. Assuredly ye will say the cycle is not complete and hath not reached perfection. Woe unto those who recognize the favor of God, then deny it! With your own eyes ye behold that the ears of hidden meanings have grown from the divine seeds of words.

Woe unto them that know the bounty of God and then deny it! With thine own eyes thou perceivest how the hidden meanings have sprouted from the seed of divine utterance and stand fresh and verdant in the paradise of oneness. Yet ye have denied and continue to deny. Perchance thou hast not seen or heard and art not aware. God willing, may it be so, and mayest thou not be among those who have seen with their own eyes yet denied, and have heard with their own ears yet turned away. Apart from this, His most holy Being hath ever been, and will forever remain, sanctified above all similitudes, for neither likeness nor similitude hath access to that station. When similitudes are mentioned, this is but in consideration of human understanding, that they might, according to their capacity, comprehend certain divine matters through such limited examples. Should the Exalted One so will, He could, with a single breath of the winds of grace, adorn all withered trees with the glory of spring, and with a single word cause all seeds of existence to sprout into ears of wisdom and knowledge. It is as though ye have placed a mirror before you and, seeing therein your own weakness, ignorance, contrary conditions and foolish assertions, have attributed all these to God. Return unto God, O thou that sleepest! Would that thou wert counted among them that sleep, for the sleeper is himself at rest and others find rest from him. As hath been said, no deed of the oppressor is better than sleep, for in sleep both he and others are at peace. Reflect upon thy wrongdoing, O oppressor, by whose tyranny all things have lamented and the souls of the holy ones have been distressed! Fear God and follow not thy desires. Cast away what thou hast and take what is with God through His power, that perchance the eye of loving-kindness may be turned back toward thee and make thee to be numbered among the just. Thus speaketh He at Whose word the peoples of the world have wailed.

Hold thy pen, O thou who hast divested thyself of the robe of fairness and justice! Through that which hath flowed from thy pen, thou hast violated the sanctity of God amongst His servants. Thy pen and the

tablet upon which thou hast inscribed what thou hast inscribed disown thee. By God! Had thine ear been attentive, thou wouldst have heard, at the moment thou wast engaged in these utterances, the lamentation of the denizens of the Supreme Paradise, then the cry of the chosen ones, then the wailing of the holy ones, then the outcry of all created things at what hath been brought forth by the word of God, the Supreme, the Most High, the Most Great.

Restrain thy tongue, O enemy of God! Hold thy pen, and cast aside thy tablet. Be thou ashamed before God Who created thee by His command for this Revelation which hath appeared with the truth and at which the heavens of your certitude have been cleft asunder, O heedless ones! Dost thou imagine that anything can be hidden from His knowledge? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! When that which flowed from thy pen did flow, the eye of Ali in the heaven of destiny wept, and gazed upon thee, addressing thy soul: "O thou wretched one! God hath blackened thy face, for thou hast committed that which none among the ancients hath committed, nor will any among them that shall come after ever commit."

Did We not counsel you in all the Tablets not to say "why" and "wherefore" at the time of His manifestation? Yet thou, O godless deceiver, hast made God's Cause the object of thy mockery, and at every moment thou dost smite My body with the swords of malice and hypocrisy, and art unaware of it. Thou thinkest that thou art steadfast in My Cause, and by thy reasoning thou seekest to prove what hath appeared from Me, while at every moment thou dost slay My beloved Being, and art not ashamed before God unto Whom return the affairs of all the worlds. Through your actions I have been put to shame amidst the company of them that are nigh unto God, then His chosen ones, then His holy Prophets, the sincere ones.

By God! Through thy claim to the Bayan, its letters and words, its realities and meanings have wept, while thou dost rejoice and laugh and sport and art of them that scoff. God will soon seize thee with His wrath and His might, for He is the most severe of punishers. Hast thou not pondered within thyself by what proof thou hast believed in Me and by what evidence thou hast associated thyself with Me, when all who are in the heavens and earth disown thee and will disown thee, and My Self beareth witness to what I say? He Who hath been raised up among you - did He not appear with My signs, My Manifestation, My sovereignty, My grandeur, My proof, My evidence and My testimony? Why then did ye disbelieve in Him while professing belief in My Self? Nay, by My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self! Ye have believed neither in My Self, nor in My signs, nor in that which was sent down from time immemorial from the heaven of God's dominion - the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing.

Be fair then, O heedless one! And free thyself in this hour for God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. He Who reciteth unto you at all times the verses of God - if thou believest not in Him, oppose Him not. Fear God, for He hath transcended thy faith and the faith of thy like, wert thou but aware. All things are abashed before God because of the connection that existed between thee and them, for all things terminate in the shadow of His Name, the Creator - thus hath the matter been ordained, wert thou but aware. Therefore do all things disavow any connection with thee and seek refuge in God from thee, O thou by whose deeds the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers have been consumed!

Thy purpose in what flowed from thy pen was naught but mockery and derision of God. Indeed thou deridest thine own self and thy leaders, though thou perceivest it not. Even as the servants before thee

mocked God's Messengers and His trusted ones, thou hast come after them with that which hath shaken the pillars of tranquility, the foundations of certitude, the essence of repose, and the supports of the mighty throne.

Hearken unto My words and transgress not thy bounds. Know thyself, O thou who associateth partners with God and His signs, who disputeth with His Self and warreth against His Being! Desist from what thou hast perpetrated. By God! Through thy deeds the tempests of vengeance have been loosed upon all creation. Soon will they seize thee and thy friends. There is no God but Him. His is the power and might, His the grandeur and dominion. He sendeth down whatsoever He willeth by His command, and He is verily the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

All things are astonished at what hath impelled thee to rise up with such presumption and audacity against the Most Holy, Most Glorious Beauty - that Supreme, Most Ancient Beauty of Whom the Point of the Bayan (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake) hath said that no allusion of those who allude can reach Him, and no reference from those who refer can attain unto the sublimity of His station, the greatness of His glory, and the exaltation of His majesty. Yet thou hast written in mockery that which none hath ever dared to write or perpetrate. Strange indeed that thou art not ashamed while mentioning the Point of the Bayan! By what proof and evidence hast thou deemed such presumption permissible?

This servant's perplexity is of small account - all the denizens of the highest Paradise are bewildered by the likes of you. How swiftly did ye disbelieve in Him in Whom ye claimed to believe! Even if thou didst not comprehend this Cause, at least thou shouldst have paused in the face of such manifest signs of divine grandeur and verses revealed from on high. Though if thou wert to look to the Bayan, thou wouldst find no justification whatsoever to object to such a Being, no matter what He might ordain.

Fie upon those who have inspired thee and filled thy breast with rancor and hatred for God! Alas, alas! Alas which no pen can describe! Alas which no utterance can convey for what thou hast done to please him from whom even hell-fire fleeth in its essence!

Oh! Oh! Oh! That which cannot be mentioned by the pen! O that which cannot be completely expressed about what thou hast done to please one from whom the Prison itself flees by its very essence, and Hell by its reality, and the Fire by its flames and burning heat! In all the Bayan, He forbade all who are in the Bayan from contending and disputing with each other, saying that even if you wish to dispute with one another concerning proofs and evidences, you should mention and record your proofs and evidences with the utmost courtesy and modesty, lest from such disputation any grief should come upon that Essence of Glory and Sun of meanings in the days of His manifestation and radiance. Even as He says - exalted be His grandeur: "And when you desire to dispute with proofs and evidence, write your proofs with utmost modesty and speak with consummate courtesy…" until He says - exalted be His mention: "Lest you meet God your Lord having committed acts which sadden God your Lord by causing grief to the Manifestation of His Self while you remain heedless and unmindful." Would that thou hadst acted upon even this much of the counsel of that Beloved of all possibility! Nay, by God! You have not acted upon a single word of the Bayan except what matched your own desires. We seek refuge in God from this sin, for His words were sanctified above your selves, your desires, your knowledge and your understanding. Would that thou hadst been content with merely disputing with the Manifestation of the Lord of Lords!

Thou showed neither modesty nor observed courtesy, committing that which from this day until the day that hath no end will cause every modest and courteous person who beholds what thou hast written to feel ashamed and embarrassed. By God! Thou hast committed that which hath caused the hearts of them who are nigh unto God to burn. Would that thou hadst regarded the Truth as equal to even one of the people of the earth, for thou hast not dared and darest not to show such temerity and speak thus to such people. By God! Were the very essence of modesty to hear, it would disassociate itself from thee, and the reality of courtesy would seek refuge in God from thy deed. Courtesy is part of man's character and by it is he distinguished from others, and whosoever hath not attained unto it, his non-existence is and hath ever been preferable to his existence. And thou hast done to the One for Whom the very essence of courtesy was created that which every modest person would be ashamed to mention. The veil of your courtesy and modesty hath been rent asunder, O company of transgressors! That sacred Essence Who saith: "O people! I have come to you from the dawning-place of the Spirit with God's tidings, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. I speak not of Mine own accord, but rather your Lord, the All-Merciful, speaks through this truthful, articulate, mighty and beloved Tongue[…]"

O people! Slay me not with the swords of hatred, nor pass judgment against me in a manner that would violate the sanctity of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. O people! He speaks to you through my tongue and uttereth within my breast and hath raised me up by His command. By God! I find no movement nor stillness save by His bidding. Reflect that ye may understand. Can the water of life flow from turbid springs? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds, if ye but knew! O people! This is the fountain of God's Will from which the rivers of His Purpose have flowed in truth as He pleased. He, verily, is the true Judge, the Truth itself, the Knower of the unseen. If ye possess the power to taste, then drink thereof, that perchance ye may discover the sweetness of His Word and the fragrance of God, your Lord. This is the word of truth, and beyond truth there is naught but error, if ye would but understand.

Do ye object to Him Who sent me and speaketh within my breast? If so, woe betide you and that which ye do! When He Who hath come unto you with the verses of God declareth that they have been sent down from His presence, doth it befit anyone to object? Be fair then, if ye be fair-minded. O people! I cannot draw a single breath except by His leave, and ye can perceive the breath of the All-Merciful from this breath which God hath sent forth in truth, if ye would but receive it with your hearts. Strip not yourselves of the robe of propriety and fairness, and speak not that which ye have been forbidden in the Tablets of your Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

He who is deprived of propriety is naked, though he be clothed in all the silk of the earth. This hath been sent down in truth in preserved Tablets of glory. He who hath no propriety hath no faith, as testifieth that which was revealed in the Bayan, if ye would but witness it. Propriety was created in the Bayan for this Beauty, as were all goodly names, if ye would but know. By the life of Him Who hath appeared in truth! He intended none other than Myself in the Bayan, and breathed naught but My remembrance, and ordained all good things solely for My beauty. Were it not for My mention, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would the Beauty of the All-Merciful have spoken a word among you, for unto the likes of you naught but your own words are befitting, if ye would but comprehend.

The Bayan was revealed for My sake, and I now recite it at all times, and that which is now being revealed is itself the Bayan, if ye would but know. That which is now revealed beareth witness to what was revealed before, and that which was revealed by Him serveth as proof for that which is now being revealed from the Pen of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. O people! I am His Self and He is My Self. He hath sacrificed His Self for My Self, and I have taken My self and My spirit in My hands to sacrifice them in His path, then in His love and good-pleasure. To this beareth witness every atom, if ye would but hear. Fear God and make no distinction between Me and Him, though God hath placed this beyond your power. Were all who are in the heavens and on earth to gather together to create division between us, they would be powerless and unable to do so. He is now seated at the right hand of His throne, His fingers between His teeth, gazing thoughtfully upon you, O concourse of polytheists, by reason of what hath appeared from you. He groaneth and weepeth at what hath befallen Me and what shall befall Me hereafter from you, and even now He recounteth unto Me that which lieth hidden in your breasts.

And at such time He recounts unto me what is hidden in your breasts, and He weeps, and by His weeping the dwellers of the Supreme Concourse lament, but ye neither know nor perceive. Nevertheless, ye have wrought that which hath no likeness upon earth. Were ye to have the slightest awareness, ye would perceive that your objections have been directed against the Truth itself, for He was and ever shall be the Manifestation of Truth, having no connection with anyone else. Though ye perceive it not, even as the peoples before you raised objections unwittingly - had they been aware and perceived that these objections were directed against the Truth itself, they would never have engaged in such protests. For this reason have the Manifestations of negation ever inflicted upon the Manifestations of affirmation that which the pen and tongue are ashamed to mention or describe. Soon shall that which hath been foretold come to pass, for mere rejection and protest shall neither suffice nor avail you. The Ancient Beauty declares: O deaf one! I shall mention one note from the notes of the Dove of My previous Manifestation, that perchance thou mayest somewhat comprehend. And though thou comprehend it not, the realities of all things shall hearken, yet they shall not rend the veil of modesty nor cast off the robe of propriety from their temples. And this is what He said to the Letters of the Living and Vahid-i-Akbar, upon them both be My glory, when they inquired about this most holy and exalted Manifestation. His words, exalted be His grandeur: “By Him Who is uniquely possessed of might and majesty, Who brought forth all things from naught according to His design - certitude itself is ashamed to be certain of Him or to prostrate before Him, and evidence is ashamed to serve as proof of Him to another. Wouldst thou recognize Him through aught else, or through something inferior to Him wouldst thou bear witness? Shall I adduce proof of Him through other than Him?” Consider how He states that certitude itself is ashamed to be certain of Him or to prostrate before Him, and evidence is ashamed to serve as proof of His own Self - yet thou, shameless and immodest one, hast arisen to subvert the Cause of God in such wise as hath no parallel in all creation. Thou hast rent asunder the veils of modesty and reverence with the fingers of polytheism. We beseech God to rend thy veil, to expose thy wicked self before all the worlds, to strip thee of the cloak of concealment, to divest thee of the garments of reverence, and to reveal to His servants what thou truly art. Verily, He is the Answerer of they who call upon Him. By God, O heedless one! By thy deeds all things have been thrown into commotion, the veil of chastity hath been rent asunder, and the pillars of the Concourse on high have quaked. I swear by the Beloved of all possibility that henceforth ye have not and

shall not observe the sanctity of any divine Manifestation, save for polytheistic souls, and that only on account of the delusions and vain imaginings that lie hidden within such souls. One other utterance from the Revealer of the Bayan, purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, is here imparted, that perchance a breeze from the Paradise of divine utterances might waft over the peoples of the world, and that holy souls might emerge from behind the veil of concealment into the realm of manifestation, attain to God's good-pleasure, act upon that which was aforetime revealed, count these days as a precious opportunity, and likewise perceive to what degree the sanctity of this Revelation hath been observed in the sight of God, that perchance they might be withheld from such audacity. His words, mighty be His might: "I have indeed received thy letter […]"

They must understand to what degree this Revelation is revered in the sight of God, that perchance they may be prevented from presumption. His word, exalted be His glory, states: "I have indeed received thy letter, and were it not for what it contained, I would not have replied upon this paper, nor at this moment, O Ali, which was ordained in creation. How mighty is the mention of Him about Whom thou hast inquired! That mention is far loftier, mightier, more glorious, more impregnable, and more holy than hearts can comprehend, than spirits can bow before, than souls can praise, or bodies can extol His splendor. How great was thy question and how small thy being! Can the sun which is in the mirrors of His manifestation in the Point of the Bayan be questioned about that Sun before Whose countenance all suns prostrate themselves on the day of His appearance - if they be true suns; otherwise they are unworthy of His holy elevation and lofty mention. Were it not that thou art of the First Unity, I would have imposed limits upon thee, since thou hast inquired about God Who created thee, sustained thee, caused thee to die, and resurrected thee in this form through the Point of the Bayan in that unique Manifestation. Say first, when thou wishest to mention Him in thy knowledge: 'Glory be to Him Who possesseth the Kingdom and the Dominion' nineteen times." Until He says, exalted be His mention: "I have written an essence concerning His remembrance, which is that He cannot be known through My indication nor through what is mentioned in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that word is greater in the sight of God than the worship of all on earth, for the essence of all worship leads to that. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know the Manifestation of His Self, for He is far more glorious and exalted than to be known without Him or to be indicated by the signs of His creation. Verily, I am the first servant who hath believed in Him and in His verses, and who hath plucked from the virgin gardens of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory, He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, all are upheld by His command."

Now from these revealed utterances of the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His grandeur, consider the station of those mirrors who have presumed rights for themselves apart from God, and observe the station of those who oppose and object. That Essence of Glory, the Beloved of the worlds, through one letter of Whom all in the Bayan were created, mentions with such reverence that He says, "Were it not that thou art of the First Unity, I would have imposed limits upon thee." Now ponder somewhat what was intended by this supreme limitation. If ye possess the least understanding, cry out at these words and raise the call "Oh, how great is our remorse for what we neglected in regard to God!" And this while the questioner had mentioned nothing contrary to respect and reverence in his petition - merely for asking a question was such limitation imposed, that he and the other people of the Bayan might become aware and not inquire about Him except through His own Self, for He is His own proof and is not known except

through Himself, as He states at the end of this Tablet that whosoever beholds that Ancient Beauty with any eye but His own shall never truly know Him. His word, exalted be His mention: “Therefore witness with the eye of thy heart, and look not upon Him except through His eye, for whosoever looketh upon Him through His eye shall comprehend Him […]”

Look not upon Him except with His eyes, for whosoever looks upon Him with His eyes shall attain unto Him, else shall he remain veiled. If thou desirest God and His presence, then desire Him and look upon Him. Likewise, in glorification of His Self and manifestation of His station, He saith in another place - exalted be His glory: “Verily He, exalted be His remembrance, maketh known His own Self unto all things, and I am ashamed to say that all things know His Self in the same way that I have made all things to know through My verses, for all that thou findest of all things was created for Him. God is far more glorious and exalted than to be known through His creation; rather, creation is known through Him.” Consider with what courtesy and glorification He maketh mention in all these utterances concerning the subsequent Manifestation. He saith that He, of His own Self, maketh known His sacred Self unto all things, and I am ashamed to say that all things know His Self. If thou wouldst reflect even slightly upon these utterances of the Tongue of the All-Merciful and be nourished by the sweet fruits of knowledge concealed therein, thou wouldst shatter the idol of fancy fashioned by the hands of vain imaginings and turn thy face toward the Ancient Beauty. Yet it is most unlikely that thou shalt attain to this bounty, for thy presumptuousness hath exceeded all bounds. By the Point of existence and the Beauty of the Adored One! This servant is astonished at the likes of you. These are the words of the Exalted One, yet thou makest mention of Mirza Jamal and Mirza Kamal in mockery of God. Ye imagine that through such words the sanctity of God amongst the people would be diminished, even as those who turned away from God fabricated such calumnious statements against the Beauty of the All-Merciful. Yet they are heedless that in the sight of every person of insight, through these very words ye have uttered, ye were and shall ever be more contemptible, more evil, and more remote from any virtuous mention than aught else. Every person of honor shunneth all such conditions of those polytheistic souls, and every person of dignity seeketh refuge in God from the violation of sanctity that ye have committed. Likewise, from these mentioned utterances it is established and proven that none other than His sacred Self can serve as proof of Him, and the questioning of any besides Him for the knowledge of His Self hath ever been and shall ever be rejected. Whosoever desireth to know that Essence of the Unseen must know Him through His own Self and through that which proceedeth from Him, not through the words of before or after. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! The sublime mystic verses of divine unity are witnessed in the garden of these divine words, and the fruits of heavenly knowledge are manifest from the Lote-Trees of the recorded words. Yet none save those possessed of insight, spiritual sense and taste hath any portion thereof, and today none among the people of insight, taste and heart is mentioned save the people of Baha, whose faces God hath illumined with the lights of His beauty, whom He hath sanctified from all else, whom He hath acquainted with that which hath caused hearts to tremble, whom He hath established beneath the shade of the Tree of His Cause, and whom He hath detached from all the worlds. And now, since the people of the Bayan walk contrary to the good-pleasure of God and traverse the wilderness of fancy, and are deprived of the purpose of God and His signs - even as thou hast written asking where in the Bayan and in what terms this blessed, most great, most ancient and most glorious Name is to be found - therefore this servant from the furthest […]

Therefore, this servant has descended from the Most Far Retreat and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing - which is the station of “Know God through God” - and has turned his gaze to the realm of limitation, which is the station of remembrance and allusions, that perchance they may accept what this servant mentions in this station and, clinging to the cord of divine utterances, be delivered from the whirlpool of mortality and step forth into the luminous realm of immortality.

As to what thou hast written concerning the designations of the Bab for a certain person or for the name Baha, say first: By what proof did ye acknowledge the Bab - may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice - Who named Himself the Remembrance and Who referred all the Most Beautiful Names to His blessed Person, and by what evidence did ye become assured and convinced? By that same proof and evidence, observe now: All names and their kingdom are and shall be created by the Word of Him Who is the Manifestation, and all circle round Him, but thou knowest not and art of the heedless. He saith that whatever mention was made of the Most Beautiful Names in the Bayan - all was intended for and shall be the subsequent Manifestation. Likewise, whatever mention of good was revealed in the Bayan was primarily intended for the subsequent Manifestation and secondarily for the first to believe in Him. Today, by the explicit text of the Point of the Bayan, such souls as turn away from this wondrous Cause are deprived of the mantle of names and attributes, and all are reckoned before God as beasts. Say: Die in thy wrath, O thou that deniest this grace and diest upon hearing of it! Verily He hath appeared with the truth, and around Him circle the Manifestations of the names and their kingdom, then their realities and their designations, wert thou of those who know. He hath no need of aught else, nor of the names that exist among you; nay, all are in need of Him, and all are of those who beseech His grace. Then do the essences of the names lament because of thy wrong and thy deed, and seek refuge with God from thee and thy like, saying in address to thee: “O thou that art heedless! We were created and raised up by a command from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. We are servants at His court, circling round His gate, and take pride in our relationship to Him, while He, verily, is independent of us, wert thou of those who perceive.” When thou wert consumed by the fire of jealousy and hatred, thou wert not content that He Who created by His command the kingdom of names should attribute to Himself any names therefrom. This is a wrong the like of which hath never appeared in creation. Then do the tribes of the cities of eternity lament because of your wrong, O company of the heedless! Say: He is the One through Whom the names take pride if they be attributed to even one of His servants or if he be called by them. But thou didst not perceive this within thyself and wert of those who are far removed. Say: By God! I am verily Ali in the kingdom of eternity, and Muhammad in the heaven of names, then the Spirit in the cities of eternity, then Husayn in this Most Great Revelation. And We have other names in the realms of eternity which no one knoweth save God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Die in thy wrath, O thou that art heedless! The nobility decreed for names lieth in their relationship to My Self, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. No name hath been elevated in the kingdom except through its turning to My sanctified and transcendent, mighty and inaccessible direction. By My Self! Every goodly name returneth unto My Self, and every wondrous mention endeth at My Beauty, if thou be of those who are certain. Though one other than I be called by all names, they shall not be true of him. Nay, the realities of those names curse thee the moment they leave thy lips, flee from thee, and return to their ultimate abode, this sanctified, impregnable, and exalted station. If thou shouldst call darkness light, would that name be true of it? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Or if thou shouldst call a pottery shard a pearl, would this name befit it? Nay,

by thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate! Dost thou object to Him before Whose countenance all names prostrate themselves?

And they return to the Ultimate Abode, this holy, inaccessible and exalted Station. If thou shouldst call darkness light, would such a name be true of it? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Or if thou shouldst call a pebble a pearl, would such a name befit it? Nay, by thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate! Dost thou contend with Him before Whose countenance all names bow down in worship, Who moveth not except by His leave, and Who shineth not save through His resplendent, transcendent, holy, manifest and luminous Beauty? Fear God, follow not thy desires, and contend not with Him Whom God hath sanctified above every name and description, above all mention and utterance, and Whom He hath made, through His Own Self, an evidence unto His Own Self, and through His Essence, a witness unto His Own Essence, the Mighty, the Sublime. Verily thy Lord hath created the kingdom of names like unto the creation of all things through His Word 'Be' and it is, if thou be of them that perceive. Should He so desire, He would return them to utter nothingness, for He is verily powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hearken unto My words and turn unto God Who created thee for the knowledge of His Self, and dispute not His Cause after its manifestation, and be not of them that cavil. Purify thy heart, then thine ear, that thou mayest hear the melodies of God from His most pure, most luminous, most truthful and most trustworthy Tongue. Dost thou imagine that any other than He is capable of bringing forth the like of what He hath brought forth? Nay, by His Own Self, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting! Or that any beneath Him can speak before His countenance? Nay, by His Beauty, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved! He shall never be confounded with any other than Him, and that which proceedeth from Him shall be sanctified above all that hath appeared in the worlds, would that ye knew. Say: Verily He at times calleth Himself by all names, and at times He sanctifieth Himself above them and above all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth, and above all that was and will be. Say: All affairs are in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth by His command, and whoso saith 'why' or 'wherefore' hath indeed disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Fear God and follow not the path of the first one who turned away from God. Shun him, then seek forgiveness from thy Lord, that He may cause to waft over thy reality that which shall dispel the odors of such as these. Verily He is the Forgiving, the All-Merciful. If thou hearest, it shall be to thine own benefit, and if thou deniest and turnest away, it shall be to thine own detriment, for verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all that is in the worlds. He is indeed the Sanctified, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Know thou that whatsoever mention of the word 'Baha' appeared in the Words of God was revealed specifically and manifestly for the visible, designated and apparent Temple, and all mercy today is for him who believeth in Him, and all retribution is for those souls who are not convinced of Him and turn away. Nay, those names which they heard concerning the first one who turned away and attributed to him, all pertained to this Revelation, and the deniers, unknowingly, have altered them. This injustice stemmed from none other than that primal tree of rejection and corruption. Furthermore, even if there were no mention of this Revelation in the Bayan according to thy fancy and that of thy leaders, and even if the word 'Baha' had not been revealed in the Book, what harm would it do to the Revelation? He declareth: I have appeared with the same proof as the Primal Point, nay greater still, would that ye could perceive it.

And by God, besides Whom there is none other God, they have never wished that anyone should adduce proofs in support of their Cause save through the Revelation itself and the verses sent down. Yea, this question of yours […]

No one should seek proof of Their Cause through Their revealed verses. Indeed, such questioning would only be permissible when He Who manifests God's Revelation declares that the proof lies in His name. Far exalted is He above this! The proof has been and shall ever be the Manifestation itself, and naught else but that which hath appeared from Him and been revealed through Him. This is that same proof whereby all the Prophets and Messengers have been sent forth. Whoso turneth aside hath turned aside from God, his Creator, and hath disbelieved in His signs, and is recorded by the Pen of God upon the Tablet as one of the idolaters. The Point of the Bayan Himself - may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake - advanced no proof save the verses. In numerous gatherings they brought Him forth and demanded proof, yet naught appeared from that Repository of divine names and attributes save verses. And to each and every soul who sought proof and evidence, the answer was given to fix their gaze upon the divine verses, for these have ever been God's proof, sufficient for all who dwell on earth. In this most mighty Revelation, most people have witnessed whatsoever they desired to see, whether of the divine verses revealed, the like of which none hath ever seen, or of learned expositions and extraordinary signs. Nevertheless, they have denied the reality, the essence, the being and the very self of the Primal Point, and remain unaware. Now ye make mention of names, while people have ever turned away from the sovereign Truth that is known, inclining instead to the idle fancies of their own souls.

Regarding what has been written, if it refers to a specific Person and Individual, where in the Bayan and in what passage is this found? Therefore, purely for the sake of God, this servant will mention certain revealed verses which have descended from the heaven of the Will of the Most Exalted concerning this most mighty, most ancient and blessed Name and this most impregnable, most holy Manifestation. Although, by God besides Whom there is no other God, never did the Abha Beauty designate anything as proof and criterion of the Cause except the verses revealed from the heaven of the Divine Unity. Even though you have mentioned these same words in objection to God, and your purpose was never understanding, therefore this servant, to complete God's proof, will mention some of the revealed words of the Bayan. And verily if you are not guided by them, just as you were not guided before, perhaps other servants will be guided by them. Although His own Self was the proof, yet I wish you to realize at least this much - that you are among those of whom He says "Even if they see every sign, they will not believe in it." And in another place, His exalted Word: "Verily those against whom the word of thy Lord is proved true will not believe, even if every sign should come unto them, until they see the grievous chastisement." For the Sun is shining with a hundred thousand effulgences and lights, and the Point of the Bayan in all Tablets declares "Know Him through His own Self and His verses." In truth it is forbidden for all souls to adduce proof of Him through anything except His most holy, most mighty Self and what appears from His presence. However, this servant will bear this transgression and has sought and continues to seek pardon from the Ancient King. Were this servant to mention all that has been revealed regarding this matter which you have raised, Tablets would not suffice, for countless verses have descended from the Kingdom of eternity. Therefore we will confine ourselves to a few passages, and these are His words, exalted be His grandeur: "Even thus did We send down the Qur'an aforetime, but ye

remained veiled from My purpose. That is what the night and day revolved around for eight years while you unified yourselves in worship of it, yet remained veiled from its mystery after its fulfillment. That is the Balance of Guidance in the Bayan in which you believe until the time when the Sun of Baha shall shine forth. That is the Manifestation of God - if you act according to it you will be among the believers and will abide forever in paradise; otherwise you will perish." Today the Manifestation of God is manifest and the Sun of Baha is shining and gleaming from the highest horizon, while those who turn away have utterly perished and been reduced to nothingness, as you can observe if you be fair-minded. Thus was He alive in the Most Glorious Horizon, if you could hear or if you could see. I adjure you by God Who has caused all things to speak forth His praise, that after this firm word and assured verse and this glorious divine Manifestation, there remains no possibility for anyone to turn away or hesitate. Nay, by His very Self, the True One, if you but knew! In another place He says, exalted be His majesty and glory: "From the first moment the Sun of Baha rises until it sets is better in the Book of God than all the night, could you but understand. God has created nothing except for that Day when all shall work for the meeting with God and His good-pleasure." A pure eye is needed to behold the Most Great Scene.

From the first appearance of the Sun of Baha until its setting is better, in the Book of God, than all the night, could ye but comprehend it. Nothing hath God created but that it might attain His presence, and all, in that Day, labor for His good-pleasure. Purify thine eyes, that thou mayest behold the Most Great Scene, and perceive the meaning of the divine words.

Hearken unto the call of the Sovereign of the Bayan, Who with the utmost clarity hath made mention of the next Revelation, that perchance those embodiments of error might not hesitate after its appearance, and might not perceive any likeness or peer or equal for the Manifestation of Divine Unity, inasmuch as the oneness of the Divine Essence is not established except through the Manifestation of His Revelation, and His sanctification from all semblances and likenesses is not proven except through the Manifestation of His Revelation. And if any likeness, equal, or peer be ascribed to the Manifestation of His Revelation, the Ancient Being's sanctification from all similitude would not be established, and the hallowing of His Self from duality would not be realized. Therefore be ashamed before God and ascribe not any partner unto Him in His dominion. Verily He was one in His Essence, and God is witness to what I say.

And in this connection He saith - exalted be His glory: "Verily the Decline hath drawn nigh, and ye on that day shall not know it. And whoso meeteth Him, that meeting is as though he had met Me. Consent not for him to that which thou wouldst not consent for thyself." Nevertheless, all have transgressed their bounds and heeded not the divine counsels, and have consented to that which the Jews consented not for the Spirit, and likewise the people of the Furqan consented not for the Point of the Bayan. This is naught but ignorance and immaturity.

And if thou hast not heard until now, hear now and be ashamed before the Truth. Return from the left hand of error to the right hand of guidance. Soon thou and thy like, and whatsoever ye have uttered, shall perish, even as today ye are perishing, for every soul that is not mentioned before God - all things testify to its extinction. Purify thyself from the world, speak not of that which thou knowest not, and mention not that which thou comprehendest not. Know thy limit and thy station, and transgress not thy rank.

He explicitly declareth that the appearance of the Sun at the point of decline hath drawn nigh, and ye know not and comprehend not that day, even as ye have not comprehended and recognized it. And that Ancient Beauty hath never made any but explicit utterance concerning the next Revelation, unlike previous Books wherein all was mentioned in abstruse allusions. The fingers of divine power in the year sixty rent asunder all those veils, and made mention of the next Revelation throughout the Bayan with explicit clarity, without any allusion. A matter which He left to the vision and understanding of the servants is that He made differing mentions regarding its nearness and remoteness, although in reality all these differing words return to a single point and no difference can be perceived. However, this very fact that they outwardly appear somewhat different was for the purpose of distinction. Thus in one place He mentioneth Mustaghath, and in another place He saith it will not reach Mustaghath, and it is hoped that it will be raised up before the Word of God. And in one place He saith that none knoweth the time of the Revelation save God - whenever it occurs all must acknowledge the Point of Truth. And in another place He saith that if He wisheth to appear at this moment, He hath the authority, and none may say why or wherefore. And to one of the Letters who asked about that Most Great Revelation, He saith: "Perchance thou shalt attain unto His presence."

He addresses one of the Letters who inquired about that Most Great Manifestation, saying: "Perchance thou mayest attain unto His presence." Likewise, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will wherein He hath said that it should be observed in the school of the subsequent Revelation. All these outward verbal differences are resolved through one decisive Word. And He giveth a clear warning that at the time of the manifestation of that Essence of Purpose, ye should not look to that which was revealed in the Bayan, but rather fix your gaze upon the Manifestation Himself and that which is revealed from His presence. And it is evident to those possessed of insight that the concepts of before and after, near and far, have never existed and shall never exist in the realm of Truth, inasmuch as He hath been and ever shall be able to raise up the first and the last in a single moment if He so desireth. For these limitations pertain to creation, even as fifty thousand years of the Day of Resurrection passed in but an hour.

O ye who are unconscious from the wine of ignorance and heedlessness! How long will ye walk in darkness and follow the promptings of self? Remove your hearts from human limitations and fix your gaze upon the Sovereign of Oneness, that perchance ye may attain the station of "Know God through God" and be freed from questioning. Ask not the sun what its name is or what proof there is of its radiance. O sightless one! Its effulgence is its proof and its radiance is its evidence - this hath been and ever shall be. Hearken unto the Word of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, Who hath explicitly declared that in this holy and eternal Manifestation, all shall perish save those who cling to the Ancient Ark in this Most Great Revelation - these are they who are deemed the people of the holy Ark in the sight of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great. Whoso holdeth fast unto this Ark hath attained salvation, and whoso turneth away hath perished. This, verily, is a revelation from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

His Word - exalted be His glory and His sovereignty - declareth: "O Concourse of Light! We, verily, by God the Truth, speak not from desire, nor do We reveal a single letter of that Book save by God's leave, the Truth. Fear ye God and doubt not in God's Cause, for the mystery of this Gate is concealed beneath the canopy of the verse and inscribed above the veil of concealment by the hands of God, the Lord of

concealment and of the verse. God hath created around that Gate oceans of elixir water, reddened with the oil of existence, and creatures with the fruit of the divine purpose. God hath ordained for it ships of moist red ruby, wherein none shall embark save the people of Baha, by God's leave, the Most High - and He is God, the Mighty, the Wise. There do the angels of the heavens bear God's throne in the eight souls, and the decree in the Mother Book hath been witnessed. Soon shall the sinners be brought before the All-Merciful around the throne, through truth with truth, symbolically." Thus endeth the passage.

Had ye understanding, by these very verses revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, ye would all sacrifice your lives in the path of this universal divine Manifestation. But comprehension hath been taken from such souls by what your hands have wrought. Therefore are ye deprived of the outpourings of the All-Merciful and the rain of wisdom from the presence of the All-Glorious in this spiritual springtime, this King of divine seasons and days. Ye have strayed far from the good-pleasure of the All-Knowing Sovereign, wandering like beasts in the wilderness of desires and the garden of allusions.

Verily, in this day none are mentioned in God's presence save those who have embarked upon this divine Ark. These souls are rarer than red sulphur, and soon shalt thou witness how most people, unknowingly, shall be drowned in the depths of the ocean of ignorance and rejection, and remain deprived of the divine Ark, save for a limited number. How long until the winds of divine bounty shall blow and pass over these temples dead of self and passion, giving them life and turning them toward the realm of Oneness?

And when He saith that the angels of heaven bear God's throne in the eight souls - this is clear proof that the people of the Bayan shall not be convinced of this Manifestation save for a few, even as He mentioned eight, for thus hath it been at the beginning of every Manifestation. This is not particular to this Manifestation, nor hath it ever been. And what is meant by the throne in this context is the Cause of God.

And the purpose of the Throne in this station hath been and ever shall be the Command of God; it hath been and ever shall be the Word of God, and the first that proceedeth from the Tongue of God it hath been and ever shall be. And it is that Word at which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall be seized with terror, and all who dwell in the realms of Command and Creation shall be thunderstruck. And it is that Word which hath been designated in the Tablets of God as the Most Great Weight, which no soul is capable of bearing. And it is that Word after whose manifestation all the tribes shall lament, and the foundations of all things shall quake, and none is capable of bearing this Throne save the angels of the heights who, by God's aid, shall bear this Most Great Trust, and through its acceptance shall the Temples of God's Cause be made manifest and the Most Great, Most Wondrous Word shall speak forth. And in one station the Throne is the Manifestation Himself, Who is visible amongst men, for He is the Sign of Unity and the Essence of Detachment, Who in His station hath ever been One and with Whom there is none else – "God was, and there was nothing besides Him." In that station the Throne is the Manifestation Himself, and the eight angels allude to this Most Blessed, Most Exalted Name, whose numerical value, without the hamza, correspondeth to the value of Baha. And in the Primal Reality none can bear that Throne save His hallowed Self; at this time none but His Essence can bear His Throne. Hear this from Me – and this is one of the verses that flowed from the Most Wondrous, Most Sweet Tongue in Iraq. And in another station the Throne is the first to believe, and the first to be present, and the first to

be raised up, and the first to bear. He is the first creation, and the first speaker, and the first seer, and the first hearer, and the first knower, and the first assured one, and the first informed one. His hearing is the gate of divine hearing for all existence, and whatsoever hearing entereth not through that gate is not of the people of hearing and is accounted deaf before God. Likewise His sight is the gate of divine sight for all souls, and His knowledge is the gate of divine knowledge amongst His creatures, and His power is the gate of divine power, and His tongue is the gate of the divine tongue, and His heart is the gate of the divine heart, and His recognition is the gate of divine recognition. Through His utterance is made manifest that which was hidden, and through His seeking doth the water of life flow forth, and through His attention doth the cloud of divine mercy bestow its bounty, and through His hearing is the divine Word revealed from the treasury of divine knowledge. Wouldst thou but attain unto a measure of understanding, and through this very grace and bounty that hath been vouchsafed in the mention of the First, and the First Word, and the First Point, and the Pillar of Destiny, and the Mystery of the Heights, thou wouldst become somewhat acquainted with the bounty and mercy and generosity and grace of Truth. In brief, the blind hath no likeness to the seeing, nor hath the deaf any kinship with the hearing. In this revealed verse lie infinite meanings, but until one who thirsteth for the Salsabil of inner meanings be found, the Divine Cup-Bearer will not proffer the enduring, spiritual chalices.

However, until one becomes thirsty for the Salsabil of inner meanings, the Cup-bearer of Oneness will not bestow the everlasting spiritual chalices. Consider with what explicitness the condition of the deniers and transgressors hath been revealed in the Book of God, and how the meaning of the blessed revealed verse hath become manifest. These transgressors were and shall be from among the people of the Bayan, and whatever harm befalleth the Beauty of the All-Merciful shall come from the people of the Bayan, even as no harm came to the Point of the Bayan except from the people of the Furqan. Yet by God, besides Whom there is none other God, there hath at all times befallen this Most Great Branch that which hath befallen no one else. Had the people of the Bayan been possessed of insight, that same blessed verse "Verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon" would have sufficed them all. Likewise, He - may my spirit be sacrificed for His Being - hath not failed to counsel the people of the Bayan and to proclaim His message unto them. In no age or dispensation hath a former Manifestation made mention of a subsequent Revelation with such detail and explicitness, as ye all can witness, would ye but be fair.

Hearken to the mention of this servant and deliver thyself from darkness upon darkness. Make not thyself deserving of endless chastisement for the sake of two fleeting days, and busy not thyself with perverting the religion of God and His Cause. How excellent is this verse in this connection: "Circle not religion for bodily gain, nor turn to irreligion. Sow not worldly seeds in the soil of religion through craftiness."

I conclude all the verses that have been sent down with these most wondrous, most impregnable, most holy and most exalted words which have descended from the heaven of glory of the Primal Point, that perchance their holy fragrances may perfume the seekers of the sanctuary of the All-Merciful and the lovers of the countenance of the All-Glorious, though such souls as these may not perceive its fragrances. With regard to the souls of the yearning ones is this mentioned. I swear by the King of all horizons that whosoever heareth it shall attain unto a wondrous life and shall become detached from hearing the words of all else but God, and any heart that comprehendeth it shall surely become a source of God's

infinite knowledge. Nothing could be more explicit to be mentioned, nor hath anything more evident appeared from the Kingdom of utterance until now.

How similar is this mention and praise of the Primal Point to the story that is related of Shaykh Ahmad - upon him be the glory of God - when during a journey he had undertaken for pilgrimage, he had said to one Haji Muhammad Isma'il, who dwelt in the Land of Sad, "Convey my greetings to the Bab," mentioning His blessed name. The purpose of the honored Shaykh was none other than to guide that soul and other souls. After hearing these words of the Shaykh, that person was bewildered as to who was meant and why such blessed words had issued from his holy tongue, until he returned from the pilgrimage journey and several years had passed, and the Exalted One arrived in the Land of Sad and mention of Him was raised among the people that someone had appeared claiming to be the Bab. At that time that person became aware of what the Shaykh had meant. Yet the likes of you have not become aware and will not become aware from these clear, manifest, and brilliant statements.

His words, exalted be His glory: "Ye are before a people among whom the Point will be made manifest. Advance not if they be of the believers. Say: These are better than all who are on earth, and had God known of any better than them in faith, He would have made them manifest from among them. Unto his father and his mother and those who were with him and those of his near kindred who believed in him do ye submit, if ye would deal kindly with every soul that ye might perchance understand this before it is manifested, and after that ye shall understand and know. Upon thee, O Baha'u'llah, and upon those near of kin to thee be the remembrance of God and the praise of all things at all times, before time and after time." The purpose of the Point of the Bayan in these verses was to specify the source of the Manifestation. Now, O thou who art devoid of fairness, observe with what courtesy He hath commanded. He saith to the people of the Bayan: "Seek not to precede the people from among whom that Primal Point will be made manifest," if they be of the believers. And by this latter statement the cord of relationship of those who claim kinship to this Revelation, who today have turned away from the Truth, is severed, as He hath explicitly stated […]

And by this other utterance is severed the cord binding those who are associated with this Revelation but who have now turned away from the Truth. He hath expressly declared, saying: "That people are the best of all peoples on earth, for had there been any people better than they, that Essence of Divine Unity and Treasury of Godhood would have appeared among them." And He biddeth the people of the Bayan to convey greetings from God to the father and mother of that Most Great Luminary, and likewise to His kindred who believed in Him. It would not be strange if the foolish among the people of the Bayan were to say: "Since His father and mother are no longer living, to whom shall these divine salutations be conveyed?" O ye that are blind! At the very moment these words were revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all worlds, they reached their destination. This emphasis in the Bayan was intended to ensure that nothing would occur in the Revelation that would grieve that Essence of Purity. And after these divine exhortations and mentioned ordinances and these wondrous and exalted words, that Most Holy and Pure Being, turning toward the seat of revelation and His kindred, hath voiced praise and glorification. By God! With such sweetness hath this Kawthar of utterance flowed from the tongue of the All-Merciful that were but a drop thereof to reach all who dwell in the heavens and the earth purely for the sake of God, all would become intoxicated by that divine wine, would turn toward the Court of His presence, and would

regard all else as utter nothingness. By the express text of the Most Exalted One, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, all were commanded to offer praise and salutations at the time of His appearance, yet none succeeded in this, and they regarded the divine counsel as vain and erased His testament from their hearts. Indeed, though they presented not themselves with praise and salutations before the King of Glory, yet with spears and arrows did they assail Him from every direction. And unto God belongeth all command, before and after, and He praiseth His own Self and Essence, were ye of them that know. And since none succeeded in conveying these praises as commanded by the All-Merciful, therefore did that Divine Essence in this wondrous and most merciful Revelation Himself convey praise and glorification unto His own Self by God's leave. His word, exalted be His praise: […]

O Well-Beloved of Baha! I have conveyed Thy praise and glory, and then the praise of all things before Thee, unto Mine own Self, that Thy Word might be established among the worlds and Thy signs be made manifest to them that know. And when I speak concerning Thee, O Well-Beloved of Baha, there flows forth the praise of God and His glory, then the praise of the Concourse on High, then the praise of them that dwell in the cities of eternity, then the praise of them that swim in the oceans of grandeur, then the praise of all the worlds before time, after time, and in every time. At this point, from the Most Exalted Kingdom these most wondrous and sweet words in communion with God, the Most High, were revealed: Upon Thee, O Baha'u'llah, Well-Beloved of Baha, be the glory of God and His splendor, then the splendor of the Concourse on High, then the splendor of them that dwell in the cities of eternity, then the splendor of all things, then the splendor of Thine own Self unto Thine own Self through Thine own Self, and the splendor of this Glory that hath appeared to aid Thee amongst the worlds. O Well-Beloved of Baha! By Thy might and majesty, Thou hast not fallen short in conveying Thy message to Thy servants and in directing Thy creatures, and in all this Thou hast desired naught save their submission before the Sovereign of Thy Oneness and their humility before the manifestations of the lights of Thy countenance. By Thy might, O my Beloved! I find myself abashed at what thou hast conveyed for My manifestation, in that Thou hast not drawn breath save in My remembrance, nor spoken save to establish My Cause, nor hath there flowed from Thy Pen aught but that which had as its purpose the mention and praise of Me, and in every condition there hath appeared from Thee that which pointeth to My Self and expressly declareth My manifestation and speaketh of My beauty. Yet how can I make mention of Thee, O My Beloved, when, by Thy might, the successive trials and continuous tribulations leave Me no opportunity to weep for Mine own Self? And how can I praise Thy most exalted and mighty Self? Whenever I desire to praise Thee with laudation or draw near unto Thee through the wonders of Thy remembrance, I am prevented by the chains of Thine enemies and the opposition of the oppressors among Thy creatures, such that when I turn to the right, I find a book of perdition from one of Thy creatures wherein is that which causeth the pillars of all things to tremble, and then the pillars of the kingdom of Thy most beautiful names. And whenever I turn to the left, I find a book from the transgressors wherein is that which causeth the realities of Thy chosen ones and the hearts of Thy Prophets to cry out and lament in grief, after Thou didst command the people of the Bayan, who claim to believe in Thy Self and to acknowledge Thy singleness and to submit to the manifestations of the lights of the might of Thy oneness, that each soul should write in every Vahid a book establishing Thy Cause in this Revelation whereby the Sun of Glory and Power hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the might of Thy mercifulness, that the servants might remember thereby and await this News wherewith Thou didst give

them glad tidings in all Thy Tablets and Scriptures and Pages of Thy glory, saying in truth, addressing the people of the Bayan: “And in every Vahid ye write books of proof for Him Whom We shall make manifest, some of you unto others, that ye might act according to what ye write on the Day of His appearance.” But they, O my God, cast Thy commandments behind their backs and forgot what Thou didst counsel them in Thy Tablets. Would that they had been content with that! Rather, each one of them wrote a book whereby Thy Self was consumed with grief, and the realities of all things, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy loved ones, and them that are sanctified among Thy chosen ones, and they spread it throughout the lands that thereby God’s sanctity might be lost among His creatures, and God’s glory among His creation, and His dignity among His servants. By Thy might, O my Beloved! I have not witnessed a morning save […]

By Thy might, O my Beloved! No morning hath dawned except that mine eyes have turned toward that which hath caused my heart to burn, my soul to tremble, and my spirit to grieve. And by this have I wept with mine inner eyes, and there wept with my weeping the eyes of those whom Thou hast honored among Thy creatures, chosen from among Thy creation, made the repositories of Thy revelation, the treasuries of Thy knowledge, the manifestations of Thy Cause, the daysprings of Thy power, the sources of Thine inspiration, and the dawning-places of the suns of Thy bounty. No evening hath fallen except that there hath befallen me that which hath withheld the breezes of Thy mercy from all created things and hath shut the doors of Thy grace in the face of all beings. By Thy might, O my Beloved! I have become bewildered in my affair, and Thou beholdest me as a fish writhing in the dust, and hearest the cry of my heart, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all signs! All this hath befallen me after I called them to the quarter of Thy gifts and favors, made known to them the ways of Thy Cause and Thy good-pleasure, and commanded them to submit before the gate of Thy mercy and to enter the precincts of Thy oneness. Whenever I called them, O my God, through what Thou didst inspire me of the wonders of Thy words and the gems of Thy verses, they arose in such opposition that none can reckon save Thee Who hast reckoned it through Thy sovereignty and knowledge. Therefore, O Beloved of Baha, Quickener of Baha, Inspirer of Baha, Remembrance of Baha, and Friend of Baha, weep Thou over the soul of Baha. By God! It hath remained solitary among Thy creation and alone among Thy servants. They do with it what they will, and I have no helper to prevent them from their deeds or drive them from the sanctuary of Thy holiness and the pavilion of Thy glory and majesty. Praise be unto Thee in all this and in all that hath befallen my soul in Thy path. Though Thy servants have stripped from my temple the garment of joy and the vesture of gladness, honor and reverence, yet Thou hast, through Thy grace, given me that which none can affect, even were all who are in the heavens and earth to unite against me. Praise be unto Thee for what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy bounty, O Beloved of my heart and Goal of the hearts of them that know! Through Thy love, I shall never be dismayed by anything, even if the clouds of destiny should rain down the arrows of tribulation. I have committed my affair unto Thee and placed my trust in Thee. Thou art sufficient unto me, my Helper and my Succourer. Through Thee have I dispensed with all creation. Praise be unto Thee, for Thou art my God and the God of all in the worlds. Would that they had given respite for the Beauty of the Lord of the Worlds to occupy Himself with the praise and remembrance of God! By God! Through the oppression of the idolaters, He hath not found opportunity even to lament over His own soul, much less to engage in remembrance and praise, despite the Point of the Bayan having commanded all the people of the Bayan to write, in every Vahid, books to one another, reminding each

other in those books of the wondrous mention of this Most Great Manifestation, that these books might serve to establish the Cause of God and remind those souls, so that all might be prepared to acknowledge and submit at the time of the appearance of the Primal Will, the All-Embracing Word, and the establishment of the Ancient Being upon the throne of the All-Merciful, even as He hath said - mighty be His mention: "In every Vahid, ye shall write books of attestation to Him Whom We shall make manifest, from one to another, for on the Day of His manifestation ye shall act according to what ye have written."

We write proofs of Him Whom God shall make manifest to one another, for on the day of His manifestation you shall act in accordance with what you write. Yet what the people of the Bayan have actually done is this: at the appointed time and divine promise, they have all written tablets rejecting the Beauty of Unity, sending them to one another and even dispatching some to the presence of the Throne. Among these is the Book of Perdition by that heedless soul who appeared in His presence. Fie upon your faithfulness! Fie upon your shame! Fie upon your courtesy! Fie upon what your hands have wrought, O company of the heedless ones!

Consider, O people of the Bayan, how greatly that Sovereign of the Throne of Destiny did guide you - exactly as one would teach birds to speak. By God, He taught the people of the Bayan even more than this, and spent His blessed time ensuring that at the time of His manifestation no one would commit any act that might cause sorrow to that tender, refined and luminous Heart. Thus in one passage, after firm and decisive counsels, He says - exalted be His glory: "Verily His example - exalted be His mention - is like unto the sun. Were infinite mirrors to be set before it, they would all reflect the sun according to their capacity. And if none face it, the sun still rises and sets, and the veiling pertains to the mirrors. I have not failed in counseling that creation and in devising means for their turning to God their Lord and their belief in God their Creator."

Now consider how in that statement where He bade that at the beginning of each Vahid they should write a book establishing the next Manifestation, what wisdom He showed. Likewise in this statement where He says that if infinite mirrors face the sun, its reflection will appear according to the capacity of those mirrors, and if all remain veiled, the sun will still rise resplendent in the fullness of its light and radiance. As is evident, its outpouring upon all mirrors and their reflection of it neither increases nor diminishes its power. The wisdom in this statement of that Beauty of the All-Merciful was that the people of the Bayan should not, on the day of the manifestation and dawning of the Sun of inner meanings, cling to mirrors, for the existence or non-existence of all mirrors is equal before that inaccessible and exalted Sun.

Would that the Primal Point were here now to witness how you have taken mirrors unto yourselves and made them the standard for recognizing Him but for Whom their realities, essences and mysteries would never have been created. You have so transgressed in God's Cause that you have made your acceptance of Him contingent upon the acceptance of the veiled mirrors. Woe unto you, O company of the wrongdoers and the heedless!

Despite these clear and evident statements and these firm and decisive counsels from that Sun of Divine Unity, after the completion of the first Vahid and the appearance of the Luminary of the horizons, all broke God's Covenant and arose in hypocrisy, forgetting the divine counsels and guidance as though

taking them in jest. Woe unto them for what they have committed before the face of God, the Exalted, the Great.

Concerning what thou didst write, that if the attributes revealed pertain to the name Baha, this name is one of the names of God and the definitions of God's names are not exclusive to this blessed name - and thou didst mockingly mention Mirza Kamal and Mirza Jamal - thereby thou becamest the first to mock the Primal Creation, then Abraham, then Moses. By God! Thou art the first who mocked the Spirit, then mocked Muhammad the Messenger of God, then mocked Ali at the time when the dawn of inner meanings broke forth and the Sun of utterance shone forth through the sovereignty of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And thou wert the first to mock this Revelation whereby was established all that was sent down from the beginning that hath no beginning, and whereby every soul ascended to the heights of divine realities, and every assured one entered the paradise of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Take up thy pen, O thou who mockest God! By God, the Supreme Pen hath lamented over it, and over what was and what will be. All that thou hast perpetrated returneth unto and endeth with the pen of the first one who turned away from God, the One, the Peerless, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily the essence of his pen fled from him and appeared before God, and cried with such crying that all things wept for it, and it lamented before its Lord and complained of its wielder. If thou art among those who recognize: the reality of the pen of him who turned away from God did appear one day before the Divine Throne and lamented with such lamentation that the denizens of the highest paradise wept at its condition. Strange it is that ye heard not and heeded not the wailing and sighing of all things at that time. From that day until now, all holy ones and near ones, and the realities of all things, have been engaged in weeping, lamenting and anguish. At this point it becometh necessary to mention his supplication before the Divine Throne, that perchance prepared souls may, through the lamentation of that wronged one, comprehend the wrongs inflicted upon the Best-Beloved of all possibility by the tyranny of the oppressors of the Bayan. And this is what the Pen confided to its Lord, the Lord of all things, and the Lord of all the worlds […]

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God and my Beloved! Thou art He by Whose command the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen was raised between earth and heaven, and by it Thou didst ordain upon the tablets what Thou hadst ordained through Thy preserved knowledge and Thine irrevocable command. And through what Thou didst inscribe upon the Tablet there appeareth in creation that which was ordained by Thy Will and decreed by Thy Purpose. Therefore, O my God, hear Thou the call of this Pen which hath been removed from the shore of Thy nearness and Thy presence and hath been afflicted between the fingers of one of the most wretched among Thy creatures. By Thy might, O my Beloved, I am seized with fear at the force of Thy wrath and the manifestations of Thy vengeance. Thus dost Thou witness the agitation of my soul, the trembling of my heart, and the perturbation of my body, for Thou hast made me to be subjugated by the fingers of this idolater who hath never inhaled the fragrances of justice from the paradise of Thy justice and Thy gifts, nor perceived the sweet scents from the garment of Thy grace and Thy favors. Therefore, O my God, by Thy might, were Thou to command me, I would surely rend his belly by the power which Thou hast ordained in my inmost being, that thereby my soul might find rest and my heart be solaced, for he hath sought my aid in tearing the veil of Thy glory and sanctity, and hath committed that which hath caused the hearts of Thy chosen ones to burn in the pavilion of Thy majesty,

and the hearts of Thy trusted ones in the chambers of Thy hallowed might and the tabernacles of Thy sacred detachment. I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy sovereignty, then by Thy Name and Thy Manifestation and Thy grandeur, that if Thou dost not command what I have besought of Thee, deliver me from this vile one and his fingers. Alas, alas, O my Beloved! Thou didst create me for Thy remembrance and Thy praise, and lo, I am deprived of that for which I was created, and there hath appeared from me that which hath rent the veil of grandeur and majesty, and changed the countenances of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, and annihilated the realities of those who dwell in the kingdom of names, and shaken the pillars of the cities of eternity. How then, O my God, can I raise my head among the pens, for the shame which hath caused my head to be bowed in the presence of them that are nigh unto Thee at the revelation of the lights of Thy Beauty, and the station of them that profess Thy unity at the threshold of the gate of Thy grandeur? By Thy might, even if Thou shouldst clothe me with the robe of forgiveness, and cause to waft upon me from the direction of Thy favor the breezes of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, and immerse me in the seas of Thy tenderness and Thy favors, and forgive me for what I have committed in Thy days, by Thy might, my heart would not be at rest, nor would my soul be tranquil. Grant me, O my Beloved, that though by Thy grace and favor Thou mightest purify me from disobedience, how can there depart from me the fragrance of shame which wafteth from my self unto my self at all times, and hath made me deprived of the breezes of that Ridvan which Thou hast made to be above Paradise? And verily, O my God and my Master, if Thou shouldst forbear with me through Thy clemency and forgive my sin through Thy grace and bounty, how can I raise my head toward the city of Thy might and Thy presence? By Thy might, I have reached such a state of abasement that if Thou shouldst look upon me with the glances of Thy mercy, Thou wouldst surely weep over this poor one who hath become despairing of himself and of all things, having been made deprived of the splendors of the lights of Thy Beauty which have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy might and Thy will. Alas, alas, for my despair on this Day wherein Thou hast opened the doors of Thy reunion to all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, and hast called all to the seat of Thy nearness and Thy presence! Alas, alas, for that which was ordained for me in the tablets of Thy decree, whereby Thou hast erased my portion and the sweetness of my communion at the witnessing of the lights of Thy countenance! Would that I had been deprived of all that Thou hadst ordained for the best of Thy creatures, and had not associated with those who knew Thee not!

O my God! I have consorted with those who knew Thee not and prostrated not before Thee, and through my assistance there appeared from them that which hath caused the hearts of Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones to burn. If I say this befell me through what I deserved, then by Thy might, O my Beloved, I find no stability for myself when the winds of Thy decree blow, nor any existence for my being before the court of Thy power and might, nor any mention in the presence of the manifestations of Thy glorious oneness. And how can one who hath no existence before Thy manifestation and power move without Thy leave and will? And if I say Thou hast afflicted me with this without my deserving it, this would be injustice from me toward Thee, for I have not comprehended the mysteries of Thy Cause and the modes of Thy wisdom and decree. Thus am I bewildered in my affair, and my understanding can never ascend to the heaven of Thy wisdom which Thou hast made hidden from the eyes of Thy creation, nor can the bird of my knowledge soar into the atmosphere of Thy knowledge which Thou hast concealed in the treasuries of

Thy protection. Therefore my perturbation increaseth and my grief, my anguish and my tribulation grow more intense.

Alas, alas, O my Beloved! How can I mention what I witness of the manifestations of Thy deeds and the modes of Thy Cause? At times I behold that Thou hast taken with the fingers of Thy mercy one who was like me and made him to consort with Thyself and to be intimate with Thy beauty, and Thou takest him with the fingers of Thy glory and grandeur and causest to flow from him the seas of life through a drop whereof Thou hast resurrected the realities of contingent beings and the hearts of all who dwell in the realms of existence, and through whose scratching Thou hast attracted the hearts of those near unto Thee and the hearts of the sincere ones. And at times I behold that Thou hast afflicted me through the fingers of the idolaters and made me to be subdued beneath their fingers, and there hath appeared from me that which hath caused the hearts of the Concourse on High to tremble, then the dwellers of the cities of eternity, and hath rent asunder the livers of those whose faces Thou hast honored by turning away from aught else but Thee, and whom Thou hast sanctified from the signs of the people of Thy earth, and whom Thou hast caused to draw near in the shadow of Thy grace and bounty.

By Thy might, I fear that through my disobedience the Pen of Thy Command might be stayed and the tablets of Thy decree and the pages of Thy destiny might be suspended. Would that I had never existed and had never been mentioned! By Thy might, O my God, I shall find no existence for myself after this, and if Thou dost not return me to nothingness, then judge between me and this oppressor through whose deed my face hath been altered among the sincere ones of Thy creation and those near unto Thy loved ones. And verily in this hour, O my God, I have fled from him unto Thee and have come to Thee with the clamor of those who have lost, and the cry of the disobedient, and the lamentation of the sinners. Therefore judge between me and him through the sovereignty of Thy decree and the dominion of Thy justice and power.

Is there any judge besides Thee, O my Beloved, to whom I might appeal and to whom I might flee? Nay, by Thy might! There is no refuge except Thee and no escape except unto Thee. And verily this wronged one standeth before the court of Thy justice and mercy, and this poor one hath clung to the hem of Thy riches, and this deprived one hath taken shelter in the shadow of Thy holy sanctuary and Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast shattered the idols of fancy and desire, and hast adorned those near unto Thee with the robes of Thy knowledge and forgiveness, and hast stripped from the idolaters the garment of Thy names and favors, that Thou send down from the clouds of Thy power and the heaven of Thy grace that which will calm my heart and tranquilize my soul.

Alas, alas, O my Beloved! Now hath perturbation and desperation seized me at the establishment of the throne of Thy chosen Name, for if Thou shouldst punish the oppressor who hath wronged me throughout the duration of Thy kingdom […]

And in my desperation, when the throne of Thy chosen Name was established, for if Thou shouldst punish the oppressor who wronged me throughout the duration of Thy sovereignty and kingdom, my soul would not rejoice thereby, nor would my loneliness depart, nor would my agitation and desperation be calmed, for my face, O my God, has turned pale from shame at what has proceeded from me. This is a stain that will not leave me even if the winds of Thy forgiveness should blow upon me from the right hand of Thy

tender mercy throughout the eternity of Thy might and oneness. Therefore, dost Thou see, O my Beloved, any loser more lost than I, or any abased one more abased than I? I have ever yearned, O my God, throughout all days for reunion with Thee, to such extent that I slept at night hoping to meet Thee, and raised not my head in the morning save in longing for Thy presence. I remained in this state until the winds of Thy decree blew from the right hand of Thy will, and the manifestations of Thy ordainment appeared from the horizon of Thy decree, turning me from Thy direction to the direction of Thine enemies. Alas, alas for this blowing! Alas, alas for this passing! Alas, alas for these messengers which seized me by Thy power and deposited me in the presence of those who associate partners with Thy Self and those who oppose Thy Beauty! Would that they had been content with what they perpetrated in Thy days and inflicted upon Thy Self! Nay, by Thy glory! These ones will not rest until they shed Thy blood among Thy creatures and devour Thy flesh with the teeth of hatred in the kingdom of creation - these wretched ones from whose pride and vainglory Pharaoh would flee, from whose tyranny and transgression Nimrod would run, and from whose evil and rancor Satan himself would seek refuge in Thee! Alas, alas, O my Beloved! I called upon Thee when I grew on the shore of the sanctuary of Thy oneness, by Thy Name the Kind, then by Thy Name the All-Merciful, then by Thy Name the Most Merciful, then by Thy Name the All-Forgiving, then by Thy Name the All-Affectionate, then by Thy Name the Loving, then by Thy Name the All-Sufficient, then by Thy Name the Bestower. Whenever I found myself grieved, I cheered myself with the promise of nearness to Thee and meeting Thee, and whenever I became agitated, I calmed myself with the remembrance of the days of attaining Thy presence. When my creation was completed, one of Thy servants uprooted me from my place, and I was transferred from hand to hand and from market to market until I arrived at the market which Thou knowest through Thy knowledge that encompasses all things. Then one of Thy creatures and beings purchased me. But O my God and my Beloved, by Thy glory, when he took me in his hand, I saw that he was unaware of that, and I was bewildered within myself, for this commotion emerged from me without any choice. In the innermost secret I called upon Thee with the call of the yearning ones and the cry of the hopeful ones, that Thou shouldst unveil to me the mystery of that which Thou hadst concealed from me behind the veils of Thy ordainment and the clouds of Thy decree, until he carried me to the land wherein Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne of Thy oppression. I found the fragrance of the garment from its soil and the breezes of sanctity from its air, and such joy and delight seized me that I saw myself upon the heights of glory and majesty, as if I had become sovereign over the highest kings in the realms of eternity and a ruler over all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. I remained in this state until my bearer reached a path that branched into two paths - one to the right and one to the left - and he turned from the right to the left. Alas, alas! Then I found agitation within myself and was terrified, and everything was terrified by my terror, until he brought me to a door which when opened […]

Everything was terrified by my terror until I reached a door, and when it opened I found the stench of hell and the blasts of Sijjin, which if but a whiff thereof were to blow upon all created things, they would return to absolute nothingness. And I was consigned to the hands of this oppressor who rose up against Thee in opposition and from whom there came what caused the Names and their Kingdom to be changed and the Attributes to be cut off from their seats. When I became aware of him and what he had committed through my assistance, I fled from him and from meeting him to the court of Thy mighty oneness and the seat of Thy glorious throne. Therefore, O my God, look upon me with the glances of Thy

loving-kindness, then return the gaze of Thy grace to this wronged one who hath become, through his deeds, despairing of Thy spirit and bounty, and hopeless of the wonders of Thy grace and generosity. Alas! Alas! From the greatness of my affliction and the abundance of my bewilderment and my burning, I know not what to seek from the wonders of Thy grace, for whatever the highest consciousness can attain, I witness that it neither calms my heart nor brings rest to my soul. Therefore, finding myself in this state and these conditions, I desire to commit my affair into Thy hands and within Thy grasp, that Thou mayest ordain what is best in Thy sight for my self, my essence and my reality. I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, by the Manifestations of Thy Cause in these days, and the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation and the Repositories of Thy knowledge, to send down upon me that which will illumine my face between the heavens and the earth. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Then, O my Beloved, agitation seized me once again because of my grievous sin. O Thou in Whose hands lie the Kingdom of accomplishment and the dominion of decree! Whenever I try to calm my soul and speak to it of Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things, and remind it of Thy loving-kindness that hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven, saying to it "Be thou at peace and grieve not, for my Beloved is merciful, my Sovereign is generous, my Lord is compassionate and my Creator is forgiving," there appeareth therefrom the fire of remorse and shame, consuming my patience and its patience, my forbearance and its forbearance, my tranquility and its tranquility. Therefore my crying before Thee shall never cease, nor shall my wailing before Thy face end. By Thy glory! I fear that the dwellers of the heaven of Thy joy and the tribes of the kingdom of Thy gladness will be saddened by my sadness. I beseech them through Thee not to prevent me from my crying and lamentation before the court of Thy oneness, for those who circle round Thy throne and have drunk from the Kawthar of glory and hope, and have found the sweetness of nearness and reunion, it behooveth them to look upon one who is far from the court of Thy nearness and is deprived of the wonders of Thy bounties. Alas! Alas! O my Beloved! Alas! Alas! O my Purpose! Alas! Alas! O my Desire! Alas! Alas! O my Hope! Alas! Alas! How can I lift my head before the Pen of 'Ali which Thou didst make the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Rising-Point of Thy inspiration? How can I look upon the Pen that is attributed to Muhammad Thy Messenger, whereby the mysteries of Thy decree were inscribed and the tablets of Thy Cause were written? By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I am nigh unto returning to nothingness from my shame and what hath befallen me in my days. Can I behold the Pen whereby flowed what Thou didst send down upon the Spirit from the measures of Thy Cause and the mysteries of Thy laws and Thy decree, and from which appeared that whereby the sanctification of Thy Essence from all likeness and the purification of Thy Self from all similitudes was established? Or can I hear the scratching of the Pen of Moses whereby He wrote Thy laws and Thy judgments and the essences of Thy oneness and the traces of Thy uniqueness?

O My Beloved! How shall I behold the Pen of the Friend which Thou didst raise up by Thy command and make as the lamp of Thy revelation amongst Thy servants and the Word of Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures? Alas, alas, for my shame which shall not depart from me through the perpetuity of Thy glory and the continuance of Thine Essence! Grant me, O my God - though Thou hast immersed me in the oceans of forgiveness - how shall there depart from me the odors of rebellion such as none besides me hath wrought in Thy days? O my God! By Thy forbearance, whereby Thou didst not seize upon Thine

enemies but rather sustained them through the sovereignty of Thy decree, to such extent that whosoever desired to draw the sword of hatred against Thy face, Thou didst sharpen it by a wisdom that was veiled from the eyes of Thy creatures; and by Thy loving-kindness, which the circumstances of Thy creation and the deeds of the idolaters in Thy lands did not withhold - I beseech Thee to return me to nothingness, then raise me up in Thy days through the sovereignty of Thy Will once again, that perchance there may be erased from my heart what appeared from me in the first instance, and that I may become oblivious of what I have committed, that Thou mayest make this oblivion a bounty unto my soul, a mercy unto my being, and a kindness unto my essence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous.

By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands! If all who are in creation were to be adorned with the robe of justice, they would, upon hearing the lamentation of the Pen and its sighing before the All-Merciful, every one of them become detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth, turn towards the court of the Friend, and become severed from the world and whatsoever hath been ordained therein. However, in these days when such souls are rarely to be found - save very few indeed - how long must it be until holy and luminous countenances emerge from the Divine Sanctuary, attain unto the breezes of God and His words, and become independent of aught else but Him? These are among the choicest of creation in the sight of God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Although this servant mentioneth any matter, afterwards he perceiveth himself to be remorseful, for it is not known whether the heat of Divine love will be kindled in those hearts; even as in the Dispensation of the Sixty, when the verses of the Point of the Bayan (may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake) were brought before any soul, they would, with utter disdain, take them in one hand, glance at them for about ten minutes or less, cast them aside and say: “These words are but fabrications.” Had they been in the least fair-minded, they would not have exchanged a single letter thereof for all that is in the heavens and earth.

Hearken unto this servant, purify thy heart and hearing from all that thou hast heard and understood, and then observe the verses that were sent down aforetime upon the Prophets and Messengers, and behold these most wondrous and most exalted verses, and judge thou fairly. Assuredly, if thou act according to what hath been mentioned, thou shalt attain unto the truth and become sanctified from the whispers of the evil ones. The intention was to mention all the verses that were sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord, the Most Exalted, in this most wondrous and most exalted Cause. They forbade it and said: “Wait awhile until it becometh known at what level and station the people of the Bayan stand and persist, and their essence be apprehended” - meaning those souls who are and have been observant of naught but God - and thereafter, if it be deemed fitting, the hidden verses of the Bayan and their concealed meanings shall be sent down from the heaven of the Will of the All-Merciful, that some may perceive that the Pen of God hath not moved except to describe this Most Great Revelation.

And its hidden meanings have descended from the heaven of the All-Merciful’s will, that some may comprehend that the Pen of God hath not moved save to describe this Most Great Revelation, and the Tongue of God hath not spoken save to extol this Most Pure Beauty. The Command is in God’s hands, and verily He hath power over all things. Therefore, this evanescent servant hath been content with such

verses as have shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Sovereign of the Bayan. Yet it behooveth every person of insight in this day to sanctify his heart from all allusions, indications and names, and to fix his gaze upon the Manifestation Himself and that which proceedeth from His presence. All have been commanded thus in the Bayan, for all names and attributes have been and shall ever be His creation. Today most of the people of the Bayan are halted at the stage of names, and in the sight of God they are counted among its worshippers. They who occupy the Most Great Vista are, in the sight of God, those souls who have with their own hands plucked and partaken of the fruits of the divine Tree in this springtime of matchless glory. They who cling to aught else but this Tree are rejected in God's sight and are reckoned among the people of negation and fire. At this moment the Spirit proclaimed: Write! No greater injustice can be witnessed than for one to seek proof and testimony concerning the Manifestation of Truth from any source save that which hath appeared and been revealed from His presence. Fix your gaze upon the Truth. If that proof whereby the authority of the Primal Point was established be witnessed and made manifest from God, then there remaineth no excuse for hesitation. In such circumstances, no justification from anyone will be or ever hath been acceptable, even should they cling to the words of the first and the last ones. Thus doth God expound His Cause, would ye but understand.

And concerning what you wrote about Dayyan, Mirza Ghugha, Shaykh Isma'il and Haji Mulla Hashim making claims and being proven false, etc. - similar objections were made by the polytheists at the beginning of the Dispensation of the Bayan, who would say that certain individuals before the Bab had made such claims and were proven false. Therefore, God forbid, this assertion is like the words of those souls who turned away from the Truth through such statements. In every Dispensation, the polytheists of that age have busied themselves with similar objections. However, such objections have never prevented, nor will they ever prevent, the insightful mystic and the detached sage from following the path of God. Rather, they will cause steadfast souls to become more firmly established. It is very clear that the greater the Manifestation and the more evident the Truth, the more intense has been and will be the opposition of the letters of negation, as can be observed. However, regarding these souls you mentioned - first, how has their falsehood become evident to you? As for Dayyan, who was named in the Book of God with all His beautiful names, he never made any claim that was contrary. In the first year of His Cause, some prayers from him were sent to the Most Holy Court, and in those tablets nothing was observed except expressions of humility, submissiveness, and faith in God and the Manifestations of His Cause. But when that known person observed that someone had appeared and written prayers, the fire of his jealousy was so intensely kindled that he issued a decree for his execution and that of his loved ones. Thus, that Manifestation of Divine Unity was martyred by his decree, as attested in the Bayan. Later in his book he attributed false claims to him that were never true, while that which was revealed about him in the Bayan was far above what he had claimed. Look therefore in the Bayan that you may be among those who understand. And there were some souls whom that known person rejected and pronounced all of them as unbelievers, yet in God's sight these souls were not and will never be rejected. Rather, a single hair of theirs is better than him, if you be of the discerning ones. Among them was the honored Aqa Siyyid Ibrahim, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, concerning whom verses were revealed, including what shall be mentioned, that you may understand and realize that no one was focused on the Primal Point and what was revealed from Him, but rather for love of leadership and preservation of his

own glory, he committed what no one from the beginning of creation until now has committed. His mighty word states: “Bear thou witness […]”

O Abraham! Thou wert in the day of the Throne of thy Lord’s Manifestation, and verily We were, before and after, among those who make truth to appear. Behold how We created thee and sustained thee and caused thee to die and brought thee back to life until this time, while those who were given the Scriptures remain to this hour veiled. When thou didst descend upon God, thy Lord, the Lord of the seen and unseen, the Lord of all worlds, thou didst hear the voice of those who followed thy Cause while they imagined they were exalting themselves in their love for thee. Say: Nay, verily nay! I and those who followed me were gathered before God, my Lord, on the day when I was among the believers in Moses at the Throne of God’s Manifestation. And these people do not follow, for had they followed me, they would have believed in Moses before Jesus, then in Muhammad after Jesus, then in the Point of the Bayan on the Day of Resurrection. Observe how He designated him as the Throne of the Manifestation, saying: “Behold how We created thee and sustained thee and caused thee to die and brought thee back to life at this time, while those souls who had believed in thee remain veiled in the Scriptures until now, and We heard the cry of those souls who followed thy Cause while they imagined they had attained lofty stations in their love for thee.” Say: Nay, verily nay! I was gathered before God with those souls who followed me when the Throne of the Manifestation appeared in the name of Moses, but those veiled souls did not follow me, for had they followed me, they would surely have attained to the recognition of and belief in the subsequent Manifestations and those holy beings. Say: O thou who art deaf to the age! Pay close attention and heed the divine words which explicitly and without allusion designated him as the Throne of the Manifestation, and after this mighty and transcendent station all names circled round him. Were he to be addressed as “Thou art God” or “He is God” or “from God” or “unto God” or “the Essence of God” or “the Identity of God” - all these stations are established and realized in his rank. Yet today the people of the Bayan, following the decree of that notorious one whom they call Abu’d-Dawahi, have so objected to him and spread the ruling of his unbelief that he has now for some time withdrawn from all, save that the curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Observe now to what extent they have transgressed in the Cause of God and what deeds they have perpetrated in rebellion against God. Then He addresses that glorious Name, saying in His mighty utterance […]

O My Khalil! In the Sacred Scrolls there hath never been, nor shall there ever be, any limit to the thrones of God’s Manifestation, yet the people remain veiled from this mystery. O My Remembrance in all heavenly Books after the Scrolls! In these thrones there is naught save that which pointeth to God, their Lord. Say: All are from God and unto God do they return. O My Name in the Bayan! Observe how Mine evidences have been awaited in every Dispensation, yet until this time I had not opened the gate of the Name in any previous Manifestation. This is of God’s grace unto them that are in the Bayan, but the people know it not. One whom He explicitly addresseth, saying “Thou art My Khalil in the Scrolls and My Remembrance in all heavenly Books, and My Name in the Bayan,” they call the Father of Calamities, and they perceive not. Say: God hath seized your hearing, your sight, and your hearts, yet ye hear not, see not, and understand not.

Read the book Mustaiqiz, which is among the works of him who turned away from God, whom the Lord hath seized, and behold what allegations he hath made against these holy Temples. The matter became

so grave that when this Name came to Iraq, all arose to slay Him, and the Most Glorious Beauty restrained the people day and night until He safely returned to His abode. Thus was the matter, and God is witness to what I say. Praise be to God that his book Mustaiqiz is available to all, else, by Him Who created all beings from nothing, he would deny it, even as he hath denied most deeds. Would that he were mentioned in God's presence as even one of those souls he hath rejected! Thou hast taken fancy as thy lord instead of God, and thou perceivest not what thou sayest. But God witnesseth what ye have wrought in your vain life, and He shall soon seize you with His might, for He is the most severe in punishment.

Despite this, he hath regarded such forsakers as followers of the Bayan, while considering Him through Whom the Bayan was revealed as a forsaker. By God! He speaketh naught but his own desire, and walketh in naught but the wilderness of fancy and pride, thinking himself to be among the guided ones. Moreover, these souls have not appeared with divine verses, and if thou sayest they were bearers of verses yet were rejected, this is thy transgression against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. For if the bearer of verses could be false, no faith would remain for thee or anyone on earth, since the faith of all is established through the Divine Manifestations Who have appeared with verses. If, God forbid, the bearer of verses could be false, by what proof wouldst thou establish the truth of the Point of the Bayan? Grievous is the word that cometh forth from your mouths, O company of the deniers!

It is evident that thou hast mentioned these souls merely to subvert the Cause of God, and hast compared this Manifestation to them. Know thou that these souls were not, nor shall they ever be, rejected in God's presence. Rather, the rejected one is he who denied them, opposed them, and decreed their death. Among those souls he hath written about is Haji Mulla Hashim […]

Among those persons who wrote was Haji Mulla Hashim, whose petitions to the Divine Throne are still extant, and from whom nothing was seen except the utmost submissiveness. O thou who claimest mystical knowledge - thou hast brought all mystics to naught! It hath been heard that one of the philosophers was once in the land of Sad, and the divines of that land pronounced him an infidel and ordered his expulsion, and a group attacked that poor man. Among those persons was the renowned Mulla Ali Hakim-i-Nuri. That wronged one at that time said nothing to any of the divines, but turned to the aforementioned philosopher and spoke words that are not fitting to repeat, meaning that "thou considerest thyself a philosopher - why then dost thou object to a philosopher?" Now, with these objections, thou still claimest wisdom and mystical knowledge. Turn unto God Who created thee and fashioned thee, and oppose not those who have believed in God and His signs and who have suffered in His path what none of the world can reckon. The acceptance or rejection of souls hath never been, nor shall ever be, sufficient through imitation. Many a curser whose curse returneth unto himself, and many a rejecter whose rejection reverteth unto him while he perceiveth not and is among the heedless. Say: Die in your wrath! The idol of fancy and desire hath been shattered. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, he hath clung to a fancy that hath no equal in all creation. I know not by what proof and evidence he hath given preference to one who hath rejected those souls. Hearken unto the counsel of this servant and never reject anyone, for the Point of the Bayan specifically counseled all that none should oppose another. Even that known person - by God besides Whom there is none other God - though he arose with utmost guile and scheme to cut down the divine Tree, and that which was hidden in

his breast was revealed, yet they did not oppose him until his writings appeared, which were all in rejection of God and His signs, and which exist now in his own handwriting. Therefore divine verses were sent down from the heaven of the Command in refutation of him who opposed God - and this was not from Him but from God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Verses are specific to the Manifestation, as the Point of the Bayan explicitly stated that after the setting of the Sun of Truth none would hear divine verses except at the time of the next Manifestation. And this same known person would, night after night and at dawn, be in the presence of the Qa'im receiving divine verses, yet afterwards became so proud from mere two words that he committed that which none of the manifestations of negation had ever committed. Any person with the slightest understanding knoweth that he was always in service to the Ancient Beauty, and if he comprehended anything, it was but a drop from the surging ocean of this sea. Nevertheless, thou hast written that which no rational person would write. By God, if a hundred thousand like him were able to speak in His presence, as these servants have witnessed with their own eyes […]

And if any understanding has been attained, it is but a droplet from the surging ocean that has been bestowed upon him. Nevertheless, you have written that which no person of intelligence has ever written. By God! Were a hundred thousand like him able to speak in His presence - as these servants have witnessed with their own eyes - yet you speak with mere fancy. In any case, may God curse that Satan who has misled both him and you, and how many calumnies you have attributed to the Truth for the sake of outward leadership. God willing, we hope he will not be provided with the wheat of Rey. Furthermore, I know not what Mirza Ghugha has done that such hatred against him has taken root in hearts like his, to the extent that they write treatises in refutation of him. There are many souls who, in their ecstasy and yearning, utter certain words - they too have mentioned something. They should not be so intent on violating the sanctity of God's servants. Fear God and hurt not the hearts of His servants. Nothing has appeared from the likes of you that would give off even the faintest fragrance of truth. We beseech God to rid your hearts of rancor towards His loved ones, for verily He has power over all things.

He who cast these words has grown great in his opposition and mighty in his hypocrisy. If the claimant to this station has any proof other than verses, let him produce it. And if it is verses, Mirza Yahya, in addition to the clear text and decisive proofs, has stood in opposition claiming more, greater and better, and has volumes in his possession.

By God! He has spoken words that one is ashamed to consider. How quickly you have altered God's balance and violated His sanctity! How swiftly you have engaged in distorting His words! By God! Every person of insight has perceived and continues to perceive your station and the station of he who cast these words from what you have written. Woe unto him and those who follow him! This servant is bewildered as to which of these absurdities he should hear and respond to. After all, what has driven you in these few days of life to occupy yourself with these vain, egotistical ravings at Satan's prompting, remaining deprived of the shore of the sea of oneness? Suppose all people took him as lord besides God - what benefit would accrue to you or him? Nay, by Him in Whose hand is my soul, rather loss in this world and the next.

He has written that if the Author of this Revelation has anything besides verses, let Him bring it forth. This explicitly contradicts what the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - has revealed throughout the Bayan. And whoever has spoken or speaks these words is cursed, and every atom and all who dwell in the kingdom of Command and Creation curse him. Yes, by God! You have considered people foolish, for if people were not foolish, neither you nor that opposer would have been able to openly speak contrary to what God has spoken. The Primal Point has explicitly stated throughout the Bayan that the proof of the next Revelation has never been and will never be anything but verses, yet you have explicitly written "if He has any proof besides verses, let Him bring it forth." You speak of that of which you are unaware. The station that you have sought to establish for that opposer of God was contingent upon the word of the Primal Point[…]

And thou sayest that which thou perceivest not. As for the station which thou hast purposed to establish for him who hath turned away from God, that station was dependent upon the word of the Primal Point, and the Primal Point was established through divine verses. Consider now how far ye have strayed from the path of truth and fallen into the wilderness of error. Reflect upon what thou hast committed and uttered, that perchance thou mayest awaken from thy deeds and be of them that seek forgiveness of God, Who created all things by His command and manifested the Manifestation of His Self through His sovereignty, and made His Cause sanctified from thee and from thy imaginings and from thy vain fancies, and from the idle fancies of those idols whom ye have taken as lords beside God. Woe unto them from the torment of a barren day! Indeed, thou art confident in the foolish ones of the Bayan, and rightly so. Now, let us set aside the verses. Whatsoever that known person manifests, if nothing superior to it appears from the fountainhead of divine power, we shall submit to thy fabrications and to that person who hath associated partners with God. By God! In this matter too ye are not steadfast, nor shall ye ever be, for we know that known person: in claim and assertion greater than all that is great, yet in manifestation and deed smaller than all that is small. O thou destitute pauper! Would that thou hadst at least taken as lord one like unto thyself. What benefit is there when thou art seen to be so heedless? Otherwise, I would have mentioned certain matters that thou mightest properly comprehend delusion and become aware of its deception.

As to what has been written that 'if it is verses, Mirza Yahya stands opposed and claims superiority, more and better, and has many volumes in his possession' - how base is his station and how grandiose his words! This claim from that source of pride, self and passion is like an ant in a barren valley claiming lordship - nay worse in the sight of all who possess enlightened vision. For his very essence was created by a single letter of these divine verses of might, and whatever words appeared from him were at his own level. Open your eyes that you may know. What he possesses will never be mentioned before God unless he returns to Him, repents and becomes of the penitent and the seekers of forgiveness. By God, he has committed what none before him committed! Now judge fairly yourself why such words have appeared claiming that 'he stands opposed and claims superiority, more and better.' Even the ignorant would be ashamed of such words, let alone the wise. O sightless one! The very fact that he has written 'stands opposed' is clear proof of his falsehood. Those possessed of sacred discernment can smell the stench of pride, arrogance and rejection of truth from these very words. It seems he has never recited the Quran which states: "And who is more unjust than he who fabricates lies against God or says 'It has been

revealed to me' when nothing has been revealed to him, and who says 'I will reveal the like of what God has revealed.'" Reflect a little on this revealed verse that you may become convinced that whoever says 'I will reveal the like of what God has revealed' - these very words invalidate and belie him. O truly deaf one! Hear the melody of the divine Dove singing upon the highest branch of the Tree of Utterance, saying that if you appear at this time, I will be among the first to prostrate and believe in you. Yet you show no shame before this utterance of the Merciful One and explicitly write that you 'stand opposed' and claim 'superiority, more and better.' By God, these very words are clear proof of the rejection, unbelief and hypocrisy of such souls. Likewise He says, exalted be His mention: Even if all the people of the Bayan become like him in the essence of knowledge, it would bear no fruit except through believing in Him. And it is very clear that none can be like Him in the essence of knowledge except the Point Himself. That Sun of Truth speaks thus about Himself, yet you busy yourself with such unworthy mentions about one through whose words you seek to falsely prove His Cause. Alas for you and him and those who follow you both! By God, they are in manifest error. Moreover, you write that 'he has many volumes in his possession.' This claim is exactly like the claims of the deniers at every Revelation who boasted of their writings and compositions while objecting to the Sovereign of Names and Attributes. If someone's books could make him self-sufficient, then surely the books on earth at the time of the manifestation of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - would have made people self-sufficient […]

Thus have they objected concerning the attributes. If books could enrich a soul, then assuredly would all the books on earth have enriched and sufficed mankind at the time of the appearance of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. Nay, by God! All are poor at the gate of His riches, all are ignorant at the gate of His knowledge, all are powerless before the manifestation of His might. Verily, He is self-sufficing, independent of all else, and He is the All-Powerful over the worlds.

I ask thee to judge fairly: if one person possesses a single ruby, and another a hundred thousand loads of pebbles, which one wouldst thou consider wealthy and self-sufficient? Even if a hundred thousand books should appear which have yielded and will yield no fruit except through acknowledgment of the Manifestation - for words are as the niche and the love and remembrance of God as the lamp. If that niche be deprived of the lamp, it becomes a useless instrument. Words are good when from them can be inhaled the fragrances of divine love; after the loss of this station, they appear as the lowest words of the people of earth.

Fear God, and oppose not any of His servants, and mention none but Him in His holy court. Rend asunder the veils, then speak forth thy Lord's praise amongst the worlds.

In this connection, hearken unto what the Source of the Bayan hath revealed in His testament to one of the Letters of the Living. His exalted Word declares: If thou shouldst recite or transcribe but one verse from the verses of that Ancient Essence, it would be more meritorious in the sight of God than transcribing the entire Bayan, for on that Day that single verse would be thy salvation while the entire Bayan would not save thee. It is like one who, in the time of God's Apostle, would transcribe all heavenly books and whatever was written under their shadow, yet would be judged as naught, while if he

transcribed but one verse of the Qur'an, he would be judged as having faith. This is the essence of knowledge and deed.

Consider how lofty and mighty is the greatness of the Cause, and how base art thou and thy words and the words of the idolaters. The shining Sun will not be veiled by such barriers, nor will the Manifestation Himself be tainted by the defilement of these words. Verily, He hath ever been sanctified from you and your words, and He is God's proof among His creatures. It behooveth all who are on earth to follow what appeareth from Him, not what they possess. This is the truth, and beyond truth there is naught but error, if ye be of them that know.

How many are like unto asses carrying volumes yet unaware of a single letter therein, as hath been mentioned in previous books and expressly revealed in the Perspicuous Book. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, those volumes thou mentionest would best be effaced with water, or returned by someone to their source, for they ought to be, in his opinion, a grave for his words. These servants have seen many such volumes. Would that thou hadst shattered the idol of vain imaginings and looked with the eye of insight upon its contrived words. By God, every person of wisdom and vision laugheth at it and at what hath proceeded from it.

And by that which hath proceeded from Him, every person of understanding and insight [knoweth]. And further, from that fountain of pride and vainglory was uttered these words – his worthless utterance: "It is easy. They claim that all the verses written by the Claimant throughout His lifetime, I can write better, finer and more eloquently in a single day, such that even a child could discern the difference." Thus end his words. All of your virtues and his are made manifest from this single utterance. This servant is bewildered as to what to mention in this regard, for he hath uttered words which, by God, even Pharaoh did not speak in the presence of Him Who conversed with God. By the peerless One God! If he were capable of speaking before a single one of those who circle round the Throne – let alone before the Source, the Manifestation, and the Fountainhead of divine bounties! And now, put this very claim to the test. That objector is present, and the servants of the House are also present. If he can match the servants in any manner whatsoever, then "we shall believe in all that ye have said." Even though excessive speech hath never been, nor ever shall be, proof of truth. Since thou hast produced these vain arguments in opposition to God, this servant hath therefore mentioned these words in reply, lest there remain for thee any excuse, proof, argument or evidence. Otherwise, the Most Holy and Pure Court hath been and shall ever be sanctified above all these proofs, mentions, words, allusions and implications to which ye have clung.

O heedless one! Until now, nothing equal to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance hath ever been sent down, and all that exists in the heavens and earth cannot equal a single verse thereof. If thou regardest these things, then present thyself and observe how, at the time of the revelation of verses, none can keep pace in recording them. Put it to the test, O thou who testest after that which behooveth no one to test God. Rather, He testeth His servants and trieth them, even as He hath tested thee and cast thee into the nethermost hell. To every person of mature understanding, these proofs of yours have been and shall ever be as the words of children. Ye have made God's Cause a plaything, a sport, a jest and mockery. God shall soon seize you with a consuming power from His

presence, for He is the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. The odors of thy proofs and arguments have caused the flowers of the divine proof and testimony in the paradise of understanding to wither. If thou wouldst observe thy words with fairness, thou wouldst more readily perceive their repugnancy. Hath anyone ever heard, from the beginning of creation until now, that a soul would oppose the Truth in the manner thou hast opposed in this infernal book of thine? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! The eye of creation hath not witnessed one more veiled than thee, nor hath the eye of invention seen one more heedless than thee. Yet thou dost rejoice in what thou hast written and art of them that exult. We beseech God to transform thy joy into supreme sorrow, except if thou shouldst repent and return unto Him and be of them that repent.

Furthermore, that deluded polytheist hath written, stranger still, that they themselves claim that their expressions are verses, and their messengers say that their seven-year-old children also speak verses. How then can the verses of "Him Whom God shall make manifest" be proof of His truth when His creation also speaks verses and His young child speaks verses? And if they say that verses appear both from the station of creation and letters, and from the primal Point and Tree of Truth, then verses themselves would not be proof of the truth of the original Tree, and something else must needs be explained as to what that might be.

Yea, verily, were He to desire that every soul should voice His praise, He is able to do so, for He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. And were He to desire to manifest a soul with all signs, He would be capable through His sovereignty, and none may object to Him, and God is witness to what I say. He hath caused a child among children to speak as proof of Him and testimony to His Self, and this is a station for which ye should thank God and praise Him. Yet ye have opened your tongues in objection to this Remembrance Who hath appeared with the Most Glorious Name between the heavens and earth. Consider now whether any ignorant one hath made or would make such an objection. Nay, by God, except thee and thy like who have been created from the air of self, the water of rejection, the fire of envy and the dust of hatred. Die then in your wrath! He hath verily appeared with the truth and there is no turning back. Your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath decreed for Himself that He shall raise up in all realms those who shall serve as proofs of Him, who shall arise between heaven and earth, who shall speak His praise and raise the standards of victory amidst all creation. These are servants whom God hath made pure from all else save Him, detached from what ye possess, and who hold fast to God's strong and mighty cord. These are they whom the signs of all who are on earth and the proofs of the polytheists shall never deter.

Say: O ignorant one! Thou hast failed to distinguish between favor and vengeance, hast reckoned pure good as evil, and hast deemed the very essence of mercy and justice as the embodiment of tyranny. Yea, a child of the household, at the age of six, did speak forth the verses of God, and that child is present now. By God! That same tree of corruption did repeatedly declare that what proceeded from him had not been witnessed from any soul from the primal beginning until now, and most nights and days he was occupied in offering praise. And now matters have reached such a pass that not only hath he turned away from the Exalted Truth – nay, he hath not even spared the children, nor will he. And they shall not stay their hands until they have dyed the earth with these pure bloods, and this is what hath been sent down in the Tablets, if ye be of them that perceive. Time and again have We declared that We caused him to

speak forth verses in his childhood, that it might serve as a proof of this merciful Revelation and this holy, eternal Manifestation. Yet thou hast reckoned this supreme favor as vengeance, and instead of rendering thanks unto the Exalted Truth, thou hast begun to voice complaints.

Know ye that whatsoever hath appeared as proofs and evidences from the beginning that hath no beginning, through all the Prophets and Messengers, hath been the proof of this Revelation, and whatsoever constituteth proof in this Revelation hath been and shall ever remain the proof of previous and subsequent dispensations. However, We have specifically endowed this child with verses, lest certain souls who have attained but a drop from the boundless effusions of this Most Great Ocean should behave with pride toward the Revealer of verses. Such a one who had eternally clung to him, yet remained deprived of a drop from the Ocean of oceans, returned to his abode in the fire, which is verily the abode of the wicked and a wretched dwelling for these evil ones, if ye be of them that are assured.

Know that between the sun and its reflections upon walls and stones there is an infinite difference which even the weakest sight can discern, how much more so a penetrating vision. Moreover, when the image of the sun appeareth in a mirror, can it be said that this is the very sun of heaven? Nay, the difference between earth and heaven is evident, and none but the deceitful and malicious would deny this. Similarly, today if thou wouldst refine thine hearing and purify it from what thou hast heard from the idolaters, thou wouldst find the words of him who hath turned away from God to be like the words of children, nay more contemptible, compared to the verses revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Bayan. By God! No comparison can be made; indeed their mention is unworthy save when they believe through divine grace, and after denial they are and shall be utter nothingness.

Know that divine verses have ever been the fundamental proof, yet from this most mighty Revelation there hath appeared, apart from verses, that which all have been and shall be powerless to produce the like thereof. Fear God and follow not thy vain desires, but follow the Truth which hath come to thee from the Dayspring of the Spirit with the tidings of God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it sufficeth thee above all else, and naught else shall suffice thee even shouldst thou cling to all that is in the heavens and earth, if ye be of them that are certain. This is God's counsel unto thee and unto His servants. Whoso accepteth his Lord's counsel, it shall be to his benefit, and whoso turneth away, verily God is independent of what was and what shall be.

Furthermore, regarding the suggestion of that opposer that they had acknowledged them - now Mirza Yahya maketh the same argument, that even if you or a thousand others should speak verses, as the Bab declared that should He wish, He could raise up by the number of all things those who speak in verses, they must still acknowledge him […]

Another contention of that objector who casts aspersions is that if they say these ones have confirmed them, then Mirza Yahya's argument is the same - that even if you or a thousand others were to produce verses, as the Bab declared He could raise up by the number of all things those who could speak verses, they must still acknowledge me and be under my shadow, for I am the First Mirror and all are reflections of me, since the Divine Nature has appeared through me, as confirmed by the Point of the Bayan.

Assuming confirmation, there have always been and will always be Mirrors for the eternal Truth, and none has enumerated their beginning, nor has this been exclusive to any particular soul. All things have been and will be Divine Mirrors. However, the previous Manifestation complained of all mirrors, saying in His mighty words: “I shall complain to Thee, O Mirror of My generosity, of all mirrors who gaze upon Me with their own colors.” And addressing that Name, He says: “Thou art that Primal Mirror that hath eternally reflected the Truth and will forever continue to do so.” In another instance, He called the first to believe the Primal Mirror. These mentions pertain to the earthly realm, otherwise mirrors have neither beginning nor end. All these mirrors have been and will be created by a Word. So long as they remain beneath the Tree of Unity, the lights of Truth shine therein such that naught is seen in them save God. But after deviation they have been and will be manifestations of Satan.

By Him Who holds my soul in His hand, this complaint He made of all mirrors is a mighty proof, were ye to perceive. This station of mirrors mentioned in the text of the Point of the Bayan - yet thou dost speak of mirrors before the Sun, when all mirror-suns are and shall be utter nothingness before His dawning. If the Manifestation Himself should apply the term “mirror” in the primary degree to all things, it is the truth wherein there is no doubt.

Hearken to this servant’s call and deliver thyself from these barren wastes to enter holy realms. By God, such utterances but increase delusions and veils. The more thou occupiest thyself with such words, the further removed and deprived shalt thou be from the matchless flowing waters of the Eternal Lord. Cast aside these examples and fix thy gaze upon God and what appears from Him, for all things end in Him and appear from Him. These words suit only those like yourself who make outward claims to learning which in your own estimation you have called knowledge. Send not a drop of bitter salt to the sweet flowing river.

Know that whatsoever can be termed existent has been and shall be created. Thou hast mentioned Divine Nature - all things were created according to Divine Nature but thou hast not understood it. Moreover, hear the call of the Divine Nature Who was sent in human form and spoke these words before the Most Great Gate, mighty be His splendor: “And among the polytheists is one who said these verses were not revealed according to the Divine Nature. By God, the Truth, the Divine Nature hath now appeared in the form of a servant and stood before the Gate in humility […]”

Stand at the door with humility and submission, crying out and saying: “Woe unto you, O company of the deluded ones! By God, I was created by His command - thus doth she testify for herself, though these wicked ones comprehend not. By God, she glorieth in her relationship to Our true Self, though We have ever been independent of her. We created her and all things by Our command, and none deny this save every froward infidel.”

These are verses that were previously sent down from the Most Glorious Heaven concerning the original divine nature, and this is among the teachings of the people of the Furqan, as revealed in God’s Book: “Set thou thy face towards religion as a man of pure faith - the nature framed of God in which He hath created mankind.” Hence it is related in the prophetic tradition: “Every child is born in the state of nature,” and so forth. This nature is the same as the divine nature, and this station holds true so long as one abideth beneath the shade of faith. After changing therefrom one is counted among the idolaters, as the rest of the tradition states: “It is his parents who make him a Jew, or a Magian, or a Christian.”

Say: O thou confused and perplexed one! Today thou dost witness with thine own eyes and ears that the ocean of verses surgeth and, like a torrential rain, descendeth from the heaven of God's will. Nevertheless thou writest that Mirza Yahya claims that the Author of verses is but a reflection of him. O thou deprived one! This station is sanctified above reflector and reflected. Were there to be found even a single person who had truly grasped the Bayan, the earth of understanding would expand such that all would acknowledge they had not comprehended a single letter thereof. But until now such hath not been witnessed, and afterward the matter resteth in His hands.

His words show the greatness of his heedlessness. Setting aside all other statements, Mirza Yahya now claimeth every station beyond which none higher can be conceived, saying that whoever maketh a claim must produce the like thereof or better. These words have issued from naught but the source of pride, the mine of falsehood, and the dawning-place of iniquity. Should his claim to be a mirror be accepted, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said that if a mirror should claim "I am the sun," it is evident to the sun that it is but a reflection of it. By God, this revealed statement of the Bayan is an explicit text proving that they would oppose the Truth after Him, and that souls claiming to be mirrors would, in the presence of the Sun of Truth, claim to be the sun themselves. Woe unto him and unto you for what ye falsely attribute to yourselves and then unto God, while ye perceive not.

Furthermore, it is the height of shamelessness to write that today whoever maketh a claim must produce the like of Mirza Yahya's verses or better. O thou blind one! He was powerless before that which was sent down from the heaven of the Bayan from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. By God, all things are bewildered by these statements he hath uttered. His very existence today is unworthy of mention, let alone his words. Every person of understanding knoweth that if even a word of the words of Truth be found with him, he hath taken it from this Most Holy, Most Pure Spot. I beseech God to grant thee great awareness, that perchance thine eyes may be healed of the ophthalmia of vain imaginings and thou mayest gaze upon the words of the All-Knowing Sovereign, until thou seest all words as utter nothingness before a single letter of the words of God. Thus hath the decree been sent down from the heaven of wisdom as a grace from Him unto all the worlds.

His words demonstrate the paucity of his understanding […]

Now, O my brother, by God, the Cause hath become obscure to you. If you truly wish to understand that there is no ulterior motive, you yourself are my advocate. If it becomes clear to you, write to me. But with fairness: it is very easy for you. Civil policy hath no bearing on truth, and this is practical wisdom which they call the refinement of morals, household management and civil policy - which is the science of conduct with people and with those who are connected, from servants and followers, that one should act with each according to what agreeth with their nature through love and character. You have mistaken this practical wisdom for the essence of truth, and these have become veils unto you. If you wish to test this, set aside a day to conduct an examination: Read a page of the Quran, and with utmost swiftness, let one who claimeth truth write its contents in a special rhythm without pause, and again in another rhythm and expression, and so forth. Whosoever can write thus is truthful in his claim, else he is false. Unlike Mirza Yahya who claimeth this station - test both yourself and inform me, but with fairness. Verily, whoever possesseth this station is true and his word is truth, and others are false. By God, every person

of penetrating vision laugheth at thy words! It seemeth the fragrance of the divine Ridvan hath never wafted upon thee, for today whoever is related to the Truth must needs manifest some evidence thereof. By God, thy words appear baser than those of previous peoples. Since the hatred of God was in thy heart, thy pen hath been deprived of the grace of mention and writing. The Cause hath become obscure to thee, as thou hast left the party of the All-Merciful and turned to the party of Satan. It is evident to every person of insight that we, these servants, after five years of association, relate what we have seen with our own eyes and heard with our own ears, day and night, while thou hast clung to the word of a vile one who was rejected by this servant, let alone by the dwellers of the realms of inner meaning, and hast utterly deprived thyself of the splendors of the lights of the dawn of inner meanings which in these divine days have risen and shine forth. Now, O fair one, judge fairly: Has the Cause become obscure to us, or to you?

And whereas thou hast written that there is no self-interest involved - by God, this very statement is pure self-interest and sheer ego. As thou thyself hast written, “Go now and test it,” making this servant responsible to test and then inform thee of whatever becomes manifest. Yet thou wast not present here and hast not tested it thyself. Why then, before testing, hast thou attributed so many fabricated, slanderous, and self-motivated falsehoods to the Truth and engaged in pure denial? Consider now who is self-interested. By God, wert thou to be fair, thou wouldst find thyself in manifest loss. O thou ocean of self-interest, fear God Who created thee by His command, and speak not that which every atom would belie. Fear God and be of the God-fearing. Observe now how disgraceful and evident are thy deeds and actions before God, and how thy mind hath been seized by the hand of power such that thou writest and provest thine own self-interest and hatred, yet remainest unaware. Thus doth everyone in the heavens and earth testify to thy self-interest, and thy very self beareth witness to thine own self-interest, and this is a certain truth. The self-interest of the idolaters hath reached such a point that some like thyself have raised objections and spoken against the creation of the All-Merciful, raising protests. Thou hast testified to the creation and then objected due to personal interest. One is bewildered which statement to believe. On one side, the embodiment of corruption hath written to various quarters making complaints and denying the divine qualities of the Manifestation of Divinity - these words they have written abroad. On the other side, they have suggested to you to write thus to those who circle round the House. If the character is righteous, what meaning hath the denial of those people? And if its absence be true, what significance hath thy mention? By God, every person of insight is certain that they have not spoken and will not speak the word of truth. According to the exigencies of the time, whatever they deem beneficial to their vile selves, that they speak and use as evidence. In any case, these servants testify that verily He is of a mighty character, and we testify that He is God’s proof among His creation, His evidence among His creatures, the Manifestation of His Cause in His lands, the Dawning-Place of glory among His servants. All that hath appeared from Him is truth like unto His own being, and all else is non-existent in His court and null in the presence of the manifestations of His sovereignty. Verily, He is the Beloved of the mystics and the Goal of all worlds. Whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Supreme.

O people of religion! I adjure you by the Lord of the Day of Judgment whether from these words can be detected the faintest trace of truth. Nay, by His very truth! These words resemble the utterances of the

most degraded people of the earth who, in their quarrels with one another, declare “My power is greater than yours” and “My strength surpasses yours” and similar vain talk that is common among the ignorant. By God! Now is the time to lament for the Cause, for behold how the Point of the Bayan, with all His station and glory, showed such humility, submissiveness, resignation and contentment towards this Revelation, and yet you speak words from which even the basest would recoil, using them to prove the falsity of the Truth. Indeed, the Cause of God has now been so debased that all that is in the Bayan has become dependent upon your word and that of Mirza Yahya, Siyyid Muhammad, Ali Muhammad Siraj and such souls. This is like the latter days of the Dispensation of the Qur’an when all divine matters and the firm divine law became dependent upon and conditional on the word of some sheikh among the religious leaders. It is evident that this is from the promptings of Satan. You seem to have no awareness of yourself, having fallen prey to the tempest of passion and desire which carries you wherever it wills. You have not considered that the very basis of this matter is considered blasphemy by those endowed with insight. They have differed about blasphemy: some maintain that blasphemers are those who name God with names not permitted in the Divine Book; some hold that blasphemers are those who derive names from the divine names and worship these derived names instead of God, as they have taken ‘Manat’ from ‘Mannan’ (the All-Bountiful), and ‘Uzza’ from ‘Aziz’ (the Mighty), and ‘Lat’ from ‘Allah’, prostrating themselves before these names and worshipping them. Others maintain that blasphemy is the same as corruption, and that corruption is in meanings rather than words, for ‘lahd’ means to conceal, and such souls are those who conceal the meanings of divine words according to their own desires - that is, they interpret them according to their own wishes and continue to do so. And some maintain that blasphemers are those who clothe other meanings in the garment of their own words. These are the meanings of blasphemy that are known among people […]

Now this matter which has been requested lies not beyond these categories, and in every case has been and will be atheism. The delivery of this passage has been made a miracle for you, and furthermore, this is the easiest of paths. It is strange that it should appear difficult to you, for when the meaning exists, the limitation of words has been and will be exceedingly simple and easy. Now observe how lacking in understanding you are, and beyond these stations - by God, besides Whom there is no God - we have seen with our eyes and heard with our ears what is greater than can be imagined. It is certain that you are not and have never been convinced by the word of this servant, for if you were, that same letter which was sent to you some time ago would have enabled you to distinguish truth from falsehood. In this case it is necessary that either you come yourself or appoint another representative to appear before me with all the heavenly books. This servant makes a covenant that divine verses shall be revealed in such wise that no one will be capable of transcribing them. Now this is a statement which you yourself have mentioned and requested - come and observe. Apart from this, Truth has not been and will not be known by such means, for He is the measure of all things, and His creation has not been and will never be the measure for knowing Him. This matter is fundamentally unsound, as was mentioned, and you do not even have enough understanding to know that it is said “Test not the Lord,” for it befits Truth to test and try mankind, while it is not fitting or proper for His creation to test Him. However, since you have made this the criterion and are not satisfied with God’s measure, finding it insufficient, I have requested that they accept this through their grace and bounty, and they have accepted, as they now declare: “Bring the heavenly books before God, thy Lord and the Lord of the first and the last, then read what thou willest as

thou willest, and from the heaven of God's might there shall be revealed in every word, words of transcendent glory in such wise that all the worlds would be powerless to reckon them, and in whatever manner thou desirest and in whatever way thou pleasest God will in truth send down from the heaven of holy exaltation that which all created things together would be powerless to transcribe." These decisive words have been revealed in response to your request, but they have said that it is certain you will make another excuse, for the word of truth "increaseth the wrongdoers in naught save loss." I know not by what excuse you will seek to justify yourself next, or to what measure you will cling. By God, O servant, you are far removed from the shore of justice and distant from the seat of nearness. I know not what has possessed you, when you have not appeared in my presence, nor attained the presence of the previous Manifestation, yet before any trial, by your own admission, you have occupied yourself with these slanderous words and denied those who are informed of the Cause while confirming one who, like yourself, had absolutely no knowledge of anything. And beyond these stations, your words contradict each other, as in this place you have written "Surely whoever possesses this station is […]"

Aside from all these considerations, your words contradict each other, as in this instance you have written that whoever possesses this station is assuredly true and his words are true and all others false, yet later you write that even if one should bring forth this Cause, it would still not prove him to be that promised Soul but rather he would be one of the saints of the Bayan's dispensation, and this only after Mirza Yahya's confirmation. Now judge fairly: if truth is certain, how can it depend on confirmation from one beneath it? This cannot escape one of two conclusions: either you must acknowledge that the first statement was idle talk uttered without awareness, or else the second statement. By God, the signs of divine wrath have become manifest in such souls, for you are unaware of what you write and say.

Know that today, whatever your mind or the minds above or below you may comprehend, none of these can serve as the measure for recognizing truth, for truth is exalted far above, sanctified beyond, and free from all these things. Should a soul ascend to the highest degree of knowledge or rise to the loftiest summit of understanding, it would profit him not and bear no fruit except after acknowledging this Most Great Revelation. Thus was the command revealed in the Bayan, then in the Qur'an, then in the Gospel, the Torah, the Psalms and the Sacred Scrolls, if you be of those who are certain.

As to his statement "his falsehood has grown great" - judge fairly: if one who has been nurtured twenty years in this dispensation and twenty years among the mystics should write four words, nay a thousand words, on mystical topics in the form of verses, what relevance does such acquired knowledge have to innate knowledge? The difference between these two is as was explained. And even if they did write in that manner - though this would be difficult - it still would not prove him to be that promised One, nor would it prove the denial and rejection of Mirza Yahya, rather they would be among the saints of the Bayan's dispensation, and this only on condition of confirming the Fruit, not through denying and wronging him. […]

And what sayest thou concerning those with whom they associated during the Bayan? Every soul who attained the presence would acquire divine knowledge and heavenly wisdom, and none could ever speak in that most holy and exalted presence, much less impart anything. Indeed, these servants were in Iraq and witnessed this with our own eyes. Ask thou the people of Iraq that thou mayest discover and be

among those who know. Moreover, from the first appearance of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - until now, there hath been no rest, as in most times He was imprisoned and in the hands of enemies. After His father, they specifically brought Mirza Yahya to Mulla Mahdi of Kand as his teacher, who would come for one hour daily to instruct him. Now inquire in the land of Ta if anyone can be found who would say He studied or acquired knowledge - then right would be with you. However, none of these matters has ever been or will ever be proof of anything. Well have they cast hatred into thy heart, and well have calumnies been imprinted in thy breast. In the Revelation of the Point of the Bayan, these same words emerged from the polytheists, claiming He associated with the Shaykhis and took what He wrote from the words of Shaykh Ahmad. Similarly they alleged He studied with such and such person in the land of Shin and acquired outer knowledge. God's curse be upon him who inspired thee and cast into thy breast that which made him deserving of His wrath. And further regarding the form of verses mentioned - this is a claim the polytheists have long uttered, sometimes speaking of shell and kernel, sometimes mentioning form and prime matter in the verses. Whatever issueth from their mouths returneth unto themselves, and verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is innocent of them and what they say. O blind one! Thou who canst not distinguish between right and left, how hast thou become a judge of what is innate and what is not? A truth whose arbiter thou art is worthy only of thyself. Had there been found one with sight, he would know and be convinced that not all the words of the world can equal one verse revealed in truth. All people who have been deprived of the shore of divine knowledge were so because they made their own understanding the measure of the knowledge of Truth. Thus were they barred and forbidden from the Kawthar of inner meanings. Every people today await with their own proofs and arguments, hesitating about the Manifestations of Divine Unity. This is the state of souls who had some desire for knowledge, but as for the likes of you who stand against the Countenance of Truth with pure hatred and sheer rancor - ye have no mention with God and never will. Would that thou couldst hear what thy very members were saying to thee while writing thy words! Even the hair on thy body sought refuge with God from thy evil, deceit and guile. Know thou that the exalted Truth hath been in a new condition each day, and the understanding of people hath never been and will never be the measure of His knowledge. Many souls who in the previous Revelation were accounted of the loftiest paradise were in the subsequent Revelation recorded among the lowest hell, as the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath explicitly stated regarding this station, and it was mentioned before.

May God curse the first oppressor who wronged the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who denied His verses, rejected His Revelation, disputed His proof, contested His sovereignty, warred against His Person and sought to shed His blood, after He had come to them with clear and mighty signs. Every atom beareth witness that He never opposed anyone, and was more merciful to every soul than that soul was to itself - to this all things testify, if ye be not of them that deny. As to His own Self, He dealt with all in utmost love, until after the great separation certain writings were discovered from Mirza Yahya, the gist of which was mentioned before. In those writings he attributed all the evils of the first and the last unto the Truth. After observing those fabricated, forged and false tablets, there was revealed in refutation of him who opposed God that which was revealed - and this was not from Him but from God, the Revealer, the Mighty, the Gracious. O thou who art devoid of justice! By God besides Whom there is none other God, if there existed in thy heart even an atom's weight of divine love, thou wouldst surely have written unto him asking by what proof and evidence he had set about to cut down the divine Tree and had

objected to that Being Who declareth: “O people! I am God’s proof amongst you, and His evidence within you, and His mercy unto you, and I have come to you from the horizon of meaning and utterance with a momentous tiding that was, in truth, great. God hath sent Me and dispatched Me with verses wherewith He sent all the Prophets and Messengers, and then ’Ali in truth. By what proof then do ye deny this Cause which hath shone forth from the holy horizon with manifest sovereignty?” O people! Do ye object to Him through Whom your faith and the faith of every believer was established, through Whom your names were exalted and your ranks were elevated and the Word of God was made manifest in all regions - and God is witness to this? Despite this, thou didst not utter unto him one word of counsel for the sake of God, but rather took up the sword and engaged in his deeds. This was an objection against him, not against the Truth. By God, he committed that which none other hath committed. One who had pronounced the death sentence upon all the Prophets he regarded as right, while objecting to Him through Whom truth appeared and by Whom truth was established. Alas for thee and for what thou didst perpetrate in thy vain life! Woe unto thee for having wasted thy life while being unaware! Any soul possessed of the least discernment would assuredly know that had they so wished, he would never have existed. For twenty years in this Cause, and twenty years before it, they strove with utmost kindness and care in protecting and educating him. The fruit thereof is what ye have heard. The heavens and earth have wept, then the air and the waters and the rocks and the trees and the fruits and the leaves - but the idolaters are in great joy. Furthermore, where were ye in this land that ye understood oppression and attributed it thus? By God besides Whom there is none other God, if anyone had even spoken to that objecting soul, let alone oppressed him - ye have deemed the oppressor to be the oppressed […]

By God, besides Whom there is none other God! If anyone were to converse with that opposing soul - let alone deeming the oppressor to be oppressed and the polytheist to be a believer in divine unity - while you yourself acknowledge the divine attributes, yet still attribute oppression, unaware of what you say. At all times he was occupied with multiple women in a place of comfort and pleasure. Yes, in this land that corrupt master - who God willing shall see no good and attain not his purpose - has inspired in him whatsoever he has inspired, and all these matters stem from his schemes, although he himself is the very root of the tree of opposition. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! He has appeared with such cunning and deceit as has had and has no peer or likeness in creation. Your understanding has become evident - how well you comprehend the matter! The winds of polytheism and hypocrisy move you however they wish. His words magnify his calumny. In brief, you are most astonishing. Previously, whoever renounced the world and its leadership was praiseworthy. Now you have named him fear, and you write of one to whom the Bab would address His tablets “From God and unto God” at their opening that he hid in women’s veils. How strange! How strange! You were seekers after truth, and how well you have undermined the former Prophets! Jesus who took refuge in caves, and the Prophet who hid in a sack, and Zechariah who found shelter in a tree, and all the saints who, from fear or other cause, would not draw breath but fled from city to city and land to land. You have lied against God Who created all things! You have no knowledge of what proceeded from the Primal Point, nor do you possess it. Several volumes were revealed from the heaven of the Point of the Bayan’s will, in some “From God unto God” and in some “From God unto Him Whom God shall make manifest” is mentioned, and the purpose of all was this most mighty, most holy Manifestation, from Whom you and your like have turned away and Whom you utterly deny. One was specifically revealed for Mirza Asadu’llah, whom the Point of the Bayan

named Dayyan and designated with all the divine names, while your guide cursed and reviled him and issued the decree for his death, and that poor soul was martyred. Likewise one was specifically revealed from the heaven of the mighty, powerful Will for Aqa Siyyid Ibrahim, whom your guide named Abu'd-Davahi. Some of what befell these two souls has been mentioned before - read it that you may discover the virtues of your guide and what befell them both. These words are mentioned that you may not speak unawares and be moved by every wind, and that you may not turn away from the Truth Who, if He wishes, is able to return to a handful of dust all the names you have enumerated. For one station of describing the Truth is that since He beholds in all things the signs of His own revelations, therefore to the lowliest sign appearing on earth do all names and attributes return and shall return, for the purpose of the divine names by which He is addressed returns to that divine revelation which has been revealed within it without direction.

And it shall come to pass, for the meaning of the Most Beautiful Names by which He is addressed pertains to that divine Manifestation which hath, without direction, manifested in Him. And so long as this manifestation remains in all things, the attribution of all names to all things is true. But after turning away, each one is deprived and returns to the abode of fire. And were it observed that thou wert capable of understanding, the Ocean of meanings and knowledge would assuredly bestow upon thee a drop. But it is better that thou remain deprived and continue to speak these limited, inverted and veiled words. Nothing emergeth from the people of Sijjin save the words of Sijjin.

It has been written previously that whoever had renounced worldly affairs and leadership was praiseworthy, but now you have termed it fear, writing that such a one has hidden in women's tents. That which has been revealed from God is the truth, and He is truthful in what He has said and says. You have found a fine detachment indeed - detached from truth, not from all else. By God, I am ashamed to mention his deeds, for you are unaware. Those who were with him are still living. One who in carnal desire reached such a state that he did not spare the sacred precincts, and violated the sanctuary of the Point. By God, he tore the veil of the Greatest Covering. This shameless, discourteous one you call detached. In previous years he had designated seven fiery martyrs - one of those souls, after being informed, repented and returned to God, and God clothed him in the robe of forgiveness and the mantle of His grace, and elevated him to the Most Glorious Paradise above the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Boundary, he who was named Moses in the Kingdom of Names. Verily, he ascended to the highest horizon and is now in the Most Glorious Prospect, around whom circle the dwellers of the cities of eternity. That blessed soul was Mirza Musa-i-Qumi, upon him be the glory of God, who broke the idol of fancy and desire and established himself in the Most Glorious Arc by God's leave, Creator of earth and heaven, and then returned to God. Another soul never accepted this falsehood, as if the Holy Spirit had informed and preserved him from the calumnies of these calumniators. In brief, were details to be mentioned, it would take too long. Three of those souls remain, and in that pamphlet these souls were martyred, and it was explicitly written that each should send him a virgin daughter along with gold and silver. That pamphlet exists today. You have surely counted these things as detachment. By God, these mentioned deeds were virtuous compared to his other actions, which I am ashamed to mention. Until now the divine veil had concealed his faults, but when he rent the veil, God revealed them. How strange, most strange - nay, strangeness itself proclaims "Strange! Then strange again!" - that he cannot

distinguish between pottery and pearl, and having departed from this Most Holy Court, has attributed calumnies to the Prophets and Messengers, and has opened his tongue in abuse of the monarchs of existence to prove an illusory matter. O uninformed one, listen! As for Jesus son of Mary, from the beginning of His mission He conversed most days in the Temple with the Jewish leaders, and proclaimed the Cause without dissimulation, as is recorded in the books. You have not seen the Gospel text stating that when that holy, divine Spirit was brought before one of the Jewish scholars named Annas, who asked Him "What is your claim and what do you say?", Jesus replied, "Why do you question Me? Ask the Jewish people, for I have not spoken in secret, but rather all I have said was in the Temple and in Jewish gatherings." Then one of the soldiers present struck His blessed face, saying "Why do you speak so boldly to the high priest?" Then that scholar ordered that He be taken to Caiaphas, who was judge that year, meaning that the religious laws of the Jewish nation were in his hands. Despite the Book explicitly stating that every day He openly proclaimed God's Cause in the Temple, now it is written that Jesus was in caves […]

And in the congregation of the Jews, I have declared… Then one of the soldiers who was present in that assembly struck the blessed face of His Holiness, saying "Why do you speak so boldly to the high priest?" Then that learned one ordered that His Holiness be taken before Caiaphas, who was the judge that year - that is, in that year the religious decrees of the Jewish people were in his hands. Although it is explicitly written in the Book that every day He openly proclaimed the Cause of God in the Temple, now it is written that Jesus was in caves and did not breathe from fear. He has greatly transgressed and exceeded his station. At this point, a statement from the Spirit is mentioned, that perchance thou mayest enter the divine garden through the living waters of the All-Merciful's utterance: "When He saw the cross, He carried it Himself, then embraced it saying: 'Come, O beloved cross, for thirty-three years have I awaited thee and sought after thee, desiring to die nailed upon thee for love of My sheep.'" Though none but the spiritual ones can perceive the fragrance of these words, and none but the people of the All-Merciful's presence can comprehend the sweetness of this utterance, such souls have been and will remain deprived. As they have not understood this station - had they understood, they would not have written with such audacity and disrespect about those Suns of the horizon of detachment. Hear what He said when all the Jews had gathered for His execution, and when they brought forth the cross and His blessed eyes fell upon it. He said: "Come, come, for thirty-three years have I awaited thee and longed for thee." Where is this station compared to what thou hast understood and written? And regarding this point there has been disagreement. What is recorded in the Gospel is that they hung that Ancient Beauty upon the cross and He surrendered His spirit, and after thirty-six hours He arose and ascended to heaven. And what is recorded in the traditions of the people of the Furqan is that He ascended to heaven before that. But the truth of the matter is with my Lord in the Book wherein no event of the first or the last is omitted. For most people have not understood the meanings of divine words and have spoken, thus remaining veiled from the original purpose. This is a brief account of the story of the Spirit that was mentioned. And now this Spirit addresses you saying: "Come, come, O company of deniers, with your swords and spears and arrows, for I long as He longed. By Him in Whose hand is Husayn's soul, I am even more eager and in greater anticipation, but you do not perceive." For you have not tasted of the living waters of inner meanings, nor drunk from the spring of love. Alas, alas for what you have falsely attributed to God's Prophets and the wrong you have done to His Manifestations, the Dawning-Places of His revelation, the

Rising-Points of His inspiration, the Repositories of His knowledge, and the Treasuries of His wisdom. And you have only done this to validate the deeds of your leader. Thus has your soul embellished a matter for you and made you among the transgressors. Is one who was hidden behind a veil like one who sacrificed his soul in God's path? Have you not read the Quran where He says, exalted be He: "God has preferred in rank those who struggle in His path over those who sit still by a mighty reward." Is one who sat at home like one who strove in God's path? There is a vast difference between detached souls and limited polytheistic souls. Make no comparison.

Would you rank one who remained concealed behind a veil with him who sacrificed his soul in the path of God? Hast thou not read in the Qur'an where it sayeth - exalted be His words: "God hath assigned to those who strive and wage jihad a great reward above those who remain behind"? Can one who remaineth seated in his home be compared with him who wageth jihad in the path of God? There is a vast difference between sanctified souls who are detached and those limited souls who are idolaters. Make no comparison between them, and sully not the holy garment of the Prophets with the dust of thy vain imaginings and idle fancies.

They who move not from the fear of their souls shall be like unto thee - glorified be they above that! O thou imitator, lost in vain imaginings! Of what use are such souls? By thy words hath been made manifest thy reality and what hath been and shall be the belief of thee and the deniers of God. Thou hast likened the Gems of Being unto thyself, measuring the Suns of Truth by thy own idolatrous soul. By God! All things trembled at thy words. Know thou this much: that whatsoever thou comprehendest, even at the highest point of thine understanding, is but thy own vain imagining, pertaining to thy own self, from which the chosen ones of God are sanctified and pure. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that at all times and seasons they have eagerly awaited to sacrifice their lives in the path of the All-Merciful, while thou, in mockery of God, writest that the Prophet concealed Himself in a sack. From thy words is evident thy power - no other expression couldst thou find but this vile utterance. Fie upon thee and upon thy shame! The nature of thy guide hath been and shall be like unto thine own. I swear by those same Manifestations of sanctified glory that hadst thou possessed even a trace of love, though all thy members were hewn asunder by sharp swords, such base expressions concerning the Manifestations of Divine Unity would never have flowed from thy withered tongue. Thy guide too spoke many such words, and that same Siyyid Muhammad mocked him. Praise be to my Beloved Who hath deprived such beings of the recognition of His Manifestations and forbidden them the sweetness of His love. Hast thou not heard how the Seal of the Prophets - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - for twenty years had His blessed life imperiled in the hands of His enemies, with no night bringing hope of morning, and no morning bringing hope of night? By God! At all times was He expectant and yearning to sacrifice His life in the path of the Friend and hasten to the Supreme Companion. O crow of the barren land! Speak not of the Parrot of the realm of Divine Unity. O buzzing fly! Make no mention of the singing of the Most Exalted Pen, for thou dost but harm thyself and burden Us. Hast thou not heard how Husayn ibn Ali - may the spirit of all in the kingdom of creation be sacrificed for them both - with what eagerness and yearning He laid down His life in the path of Truth? And if thou sayest, as the atheists have said, that He was helpless before His enemies and had no choice but to be slain - this is but tyranny from thee and from them against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. For at the very moment He departed from Medina,

He departed with this very intention and purpose. By God! He set forth with longing for the meeting with His Beloved, and traversed the stages of His journey in search of reunion with Him. Thus when that Beauty of Divine Unity left Medina, He went specifically to bid farewell at the sacred resting-place of the Primal Point of existence in both the seen and unseen worlds, His purified Grandfather, and spoke these most wondrous and sweet words: "Thou knowest, O my Beloved, that I seek only the face of God with certainty. Verily, patience hath been cut off from me in my love for the Beauty of God, now manifest. And Thou knowest what the son of adultery intendeth for my blood deliberately. Nay, by the presence of Thy might, I shall not pledge allegiance to him, neither secretly nor openly. O God, bring near the day of my blood, then my tears upon the dust as I recline. Would that my day were the day of my blood, while I lay thirsting in the dust!" By God! Through but a fragrance from the fragrances that wafted from the paradise of His love for God, His Beloved, was all existence perfumed.

I desire that the day of my blood would be the day when my tears fall upon the dust, reclining disconsolate upon the earth, yearning for God's nearness, both in secret and openly. By God! Through a fragrance from the fragrances wafting from the paradise of His love for God, His Beloved, all existence was perfumed and the denizens of the invisible and visible realms were attracted. From His words in that station, the Concourse on High were bewildered. All existence lamented with the lamentation of the yearning ones and wept with the weeping of the lovers. Through the fire of His love, the torches of love were kindled between earth and heaven. Through His turning towards the land of Taff to sacrifice His soul for God, all created things turned towards the direction of God. But none save the pure lover and sincere devotee has understood or understands this station, which God has placed above thy understanding and the understanding of thy guides. Take thy reins, O thou who mocketh God and His loved ones, His chosen ones, and His friends! This Husayn declareth at this moment: God hath made this prison the land of Taff for My soul, and at this moment I stand ready for the swords of fate and eagerly await the arrows of tribulation. I shall not fear anyone, nor flee from any soul, nor veil My face. Verily, He was resplendent between the heavens and the earths. And I say: O spear, come with thy point! O guard, bring forth thy lance! O Shimr, hasten with thy dagger! Verily, I have sacrificed My soul, My spirit, and My being in the path of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. In all days I have awaited and still await martyrdom, and I am aware of what thou hast said to certain pillars through the instigation of the tree of corruption. But know thou that the deeds of Truth are distinct and separate from all else, and in no matter does anyone resemble Him. He is the Manifestation of unity and the Dawning-place of oneness amongst the servants. When the Ancient Beauty arrived in the great city, He revealed certain verses, some of which are mentioned here that perchance thou mayest remember and fear and stay thy pen from calumnies, and perchance thou mayest be among those who return and repent unto God Who created thee and created all things, and all unto Him shall return. And these are they:

O morning breeze, from before the Beloved for a moment

Waft sweetly to the lane of those of Zawra

Then tell Him: O City of the Lord

How dost thou remain when thy Friend hath departed?

Thy Friend in the hands of enemies afflicted

Like Husayn in the land of Karbila

One Husayn and a hundred thousand Yazids

One Beloved and a hundred Abu Jahls obstinate

Like Moses among the Coptics

Or like the Spirit of God among the deniers

Like Joseph cast into the well

A well without bottom or path

They have revealed what hath been revealed, and what remaineth shall be revealed. None were the authors thereof save those who have calumniated Him among the servants, and thou art one of them. The knowledge of God encompasseth what ye have wrought. At such time He saith: "O people of the Bayan! This is My head which hath been made bare between the heavens and the earth and awaiteth your swords. Strike ye it then as ye will, and be not of them that tarry. And this is My breast, yearning for the darts of hatred. Strike ye it then as ye will, O ye company of calumniators! And this is My throat which longeth for your daggers. Cut it, for We have offered it up in the path of My Best Beloved and the Best Beloved of the worlds. We give thanks for all of this and praise Him. He is indeed the Object of My soul, and whatsoever hath appeared and shall appear from Him hath been My purpose, were ye to perceive it."

Know thou that the station of the Prophets is far exalted above what the likes of thee can comprehend. Those Suns of Oneness have ever been possessed of divine yearning and longing, and whatsoever befell those holy souls in the path of the Beloved, all were content and thankful therefor, neglecting not for a moment the propagation of God's Cause. Hast thou not heard how Noah lamented in the Cause of God? He would stand before his people each day, summoning them to the fountain of divine glory. Each day after His proclamation, they would so grievously afflict that Manifestation of the Cause that it defieth description. Some days the trials visited upon Him were so severe that they thought He would perish. All these things He bore for the love of God. And if thou hast seen mention in the Book of the fear of the Prophets, such as what is recorded concerning Moses, neither thou nor thy leaders have understood His command. If thou wishest to understand, ask and God will explain to thee what He possesseth, for with Him is the knowledge of all things and the knowledge of the heavens and earths. As for the account of Zacharias, if thou hast heard its premise, ponder it somewhat, for from that very account the details become clear. This servant deemeth it inexpedient to mention what hath been outpoured from the source of divine knowledge. Know this much: that all the Prophets gave up their lives in the path of Truth with utmost longing, and some who did not suffer outward martyrdom were secretly given poison or otherwise oppressed - and the knowledge thereof is with my Lord. Even as thy leader - and by God besides Whom there is none other God - was engaged in such deeds, but God preserved the Manifestation of His Self through His sovereignty, for He is verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As for the account of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - when multiple couriers were bringing that divine Temple from Fars to transport Him to Adhirbayjan, some of the companions, including the honored Azim - upon him be the glory of God - wrote to certain of the friends residing in the Land of Ta, saying that they had satisfied His escorts with some treasures and would secretly remove His Holiness from among that people by night and conceal Him. When this matter was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence - magnified be His grandeur - that Beauty of Oneness smiled […]

And when this matter was presented before His Most Holy and Exalted Presence, may His grandeur be glorified, that Beauty of Oneness smiled, and from His blessed smile the companions perceived His approval of what they had intended. After assembling the means, while He was in Kulayn, they presented themselves in the Most Holy Presence and stated that tonight He must depart from among these people. Again He smiled and said, "The mountain of Azerbaijan also has its portion." This is from the Truth, appeared from the Truth, was upon the Truth, and from it wafted the fragrance of Truth, but you and your like do not perceive it and are among the heedless. He said: Write to that soul - one word is spoken for the sake of God, hearken to it: Do not, through enmity to this Prisoner, violate the sanctity of the Prophets, rend not asunder the veil of grandeur, and waste not the honor of God. Fear God Who created thee and all things, and be not among the calumniators of God's Prophets, His trustees and His chosen ones. By Him Who holds my soul in His hand, each one of them calls daily unto his Lord saying: "Would that I had a thousand souls and a thousand bodies and a thousand lives to sacrifice in Thy path, O Thou Beloved of the worlds, O Thou Desire of them that yearn, O Thou Enchanter of the hearts of the lovers!" And if thou wishest to give examples in these matters, refer them to this Prisoner Himself, like the other deeds thou hast attributed. Sully not the hem of divine sanctity with the dust of self and passion. This is My counsel unto thee: if thou hearkenest, it shall profit thine own self, and if thou turnest away, it shall rebound upon thee. God is witness between us both. Hear the call of this servant and counsel those calumniators. Enough have they striven to destroy. The matter has reached such a point that they have gone to all people continuously spreading calumnies. Say: Fear God and do not calumniate against Him. Fear for your own sakes. He protected you for numbered years and concealed your deeds and actions, yet when you felt secure in yourselves, you emerged from behind the veil and calumniated against Him as none among the corrupt ones have done. The Tongue of God, the Mighty, Powerful, and Gracious King bears witness to this. His word is supreme and His mention is great. You have stated that Mirza has arisen alone to promote the Cause of Truth - how can one distinguish whether this arising was for the exaltation of God's Cause or for the love of position, leadership, glory and wealth? Yes, they arose for God's Cause who ate grass and leather in Mazandaran, not those who spend their days and nights in Baghdad and elsewhere drinking tea with samovars and maintaining grand establishments, with companions and servants in coffeehouses among the rabble and riffraff, engaged in worthless conversations, feasting on colorful dishes, devoting their energies to sweets and banquets and entertainments, while the companions wander homeless seeking rest. What arising in God's Cause has this been! Every atom bears witness to this, even if your wicked self be among the deniers. After the prelude of the Land of Ta, the fire of divine love was extinguished in all hearts […]

The companions gathered in Badr to rest, having arisen in the Cause of God. Every atom beareth witness to this, even if thy evil self be among the deniers. After being exiled to the land of Ta, the fire of divine love had been extinguished in all hearts and the lamp of His affection had been dimmed in the hearts of the mystics. In the early years after arriving in Iraq, no breezes of the Cause blew from any direction, nor were the fragrances of the garment of the All-Merciful's love wafted from any quarter. So difficult was the situation that all hearts were troubled and most souls were shaken. And if in some lands there were a few numbered souls, they were extinguished, veiled and hidden. Judge thou fairly: who stood firm in the face of the enemies at that time when there was neither glory nor any souls through whom authority might be established? Thus He dwelt alone in Iraq. Since in the eyes of the people of Iraq these followers were considered contemptible and of no account - to such a degree that nothing but cursing, reviling and abuse would be uttered by anyone in reference to this community - no one would associate with them so as to become the recipient of the living waters of divine knowledge and the limitless Salsabil of heavenly wisdom. Solely to mingle with others, He would frequent for a time a coffeehouse situated on the bank of the Tigris, where He would converse with some of the people of Iraq. Later they began to associate with Him, and the Cause of God became so exalted that all began to voice the praise of God and turn toward the Goal of their desires.

O sightless one! If thou hadst sight equal even to that of a bat, thou wouldst assuredly acknowledge that His sitting in a coffeehouse for less than a moment is better than thyself, thy being, and all that thou hast done or shalt do, and all the deeds of those like thee. How similar is this objection of thine to those raised by the Jews against Jesus, Son of Mary, when they protested against Him saying, "This man of Nazareth sits in the company of publicans in their houses." True indeed spoke my Beloved, the Beloved of the mystics, that whatsoever was manifested in the days of all the Messengers of old must needs be manifested in this new divine Manifestation, letter for letter. Moreover, certain souls must arise in opposition who are the most wicked among all peoples, past and present, as is now witnessed. But since thou art utterly deprived of both outward and inward vision, thou hast been and shalt remain in denial of the radiance of the Sun of Truth and its meanings.

After the exaltation of the Cause in that land, pure and sanctified hearts from all regions turned towards the realm of oneness, and every soul that attained the presence - whether from Iraq or elsewhere - received answers to whatsoever they asked and attained their heart's desire. Yet the sun's rays are not veiled by the denial of bats, even as the light of His countenance remained unconcealed by thy denial, opposition and rejection of God. During that period in Iraq, there was not an hour of peace nor a moment of rest, as enemies lay in ambush from every side. Thou knowest this, yet thou deniest it. Thou art among those who recognized God's favor, then denied it. Say: Woe unto thee, O rejected idolator!

In certain days it was reported that orders had been given to arrest these people and send them to the Land of Ta. The Blessed Beauty specifically commanded all to depart from Iraq, and this firm decree was executed in such manner that when the renowned Zaynu'l-Abidin Khan came into His presence and, through Aqa Siyyid Husayn-i-Qannad, sought permission to remain, no permission was granted and he too departed from Iraq. He said: "I wish to bear alone the afflictions of all, that whatever they intend may befall Me, and that the loved ones of God may remain protected." Yet thou, O slanderer, dost besmirch such words of the Sun of sanctity and detachment with expressions of hatred. Hast thou not heard what

transpired in the final two years in Iraq, and what befell Him, to such extent that most people and all the divines arose in opposition? Judge fairly: in such circumstances, could any soul retain hope for life, much less thoughts of leadership? The actions of Truth have been and shall ever be proof, witness and testimony to the Cause of Truth. One who is detached from all on earth, manifestly radiant as the sun amidst enemies, His blessed body target of hatred's arrows from every direction - yet thou art unashamed to write that which caused all things to lament. Beyond this, if thou hast heard of the tribulations of the Beauty of Oneness in Iraq, what sayest thou of the Land of Ta, O heedless one?

And besides these things, have you not heard of the trials of the Beauty of Oneness in Iraq? What say you of the Land of Ta? O heedless and sightless one! This same Mirza Yahya and Suleiman Khan were in Dizashub, and afterwards came to the Land of Ta where he remained hidden for some days in Suleiman Khan's house. Then, when the means of mischief were gathered, he fled until there occurred what occurred. And the Ancient Beauty was openly and visibly dwelling in His own residence, such that they came and seized Him - though by God besides Whom there is no God, in those very days He had returned from the Land of Tuff and had no knowledge whatsoever of these events. For four successive months He remained in chains and fetters, and the hardships of those days need no mention - what they inflicted! Likewise before that in Mazandaran, when this same Mirza Yahya was present, they took Him captive and paraded Him from city to city and place to place. And on the day when all the divines and others gathered to stone the Beauty of Oneness, and that Blessed Beauty was brought before the oppressors, there occurred what occurred - the Pen is ashamed to recount what was visited upon the Manifestation of God's Self. And afterwards when they intended to punish Mirza Yahya, He said "He was with Me; if any wrong was done it was by Me." Thus they left him alone and inflicted upon that Ancient Beauty what they inflicted. Similarly He interceded for other companions, including the honored Mulla Baqir, Letter of the Living, upon him be the Glory of God, who is still living - inquire of him. And beyond these instances, in Niyala, a village in the frontier region, five hundred persons or more suddenly attacked that Beauty of Oneness, and there befell in that land what befell. If thou would be fair, from the beginning of this wondrous Revelation until now He hath never seen rest, and yet he hath written what he hath written. Why did these things occur and for whom did they occur? Perhaps thou wilt deny even these events, for from such souls nothing is strange. Now ask thy guide who hath turned away from God what hardships he hath suffered in this Cause. It is evident that he hath ever been occupied with eating and drinking and taking possession of maidens and women, and deeds which, by God, I am ashamed to mention. After causing mischief in the Land of Ta, he fled to Iraq and entered Their house, and was so afraid that despite the presence of the Ancient Beauty, whom all knew was sought by everyone, yet by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, at the mere report of news from Iran he would flee from Iraq to the outlying regions, all the while constantly engaged in satisfying his carnal desires. Nevertheless he hath denied what is evident and written "How is it known this uprising was for God?" O deceiver who hath turned away, how is it known to thee it was for other than God? Never for a moment did they guard their sacred person. Here one passage from their communion with God is mentioned that perchance thou mayest reflect within thyself […]

O God! Never have I preserved my life in Thy path, nor have I shown complaisance to Thine enemies. At all times have I been afflicted at the hands of the adversaries, and in times of tribulation it was my desire

to sacrifice my life, but Thou, O my Lord, through Thy prevailing decree and Thy hidden wisdom which is concealed from the eyes of men, didst preserve Thy servant. Yet this preservation was not for his comfort, but rather for the fulfillment of a final decree. Thou art the One praised in all Thy deeds and beloved in Thy will. Now if such as thee were to observe the revealed words of God, they would become aware of matters of which none hath become aware, but this hath passed from thee and from them.

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Thou hadst written that those who aided the Cause of God were they who had eaten leather in Mazandaran. He said: In the days We were imprisoned in the Land of Ta, during those first days there was not even any leather for anyone to eat. Alas for thee, O thou who art heedless of all good and doer of all evil! Thou speakest of that whereof thou hast no knowledge, and this is not from thyself but from what Satan hath cast into thy breast. We beseech God to seize him with the grasp of One mighty and powerful.

All atoms bear witness that the Ancient Beauty stood alone against His enemies, such that certain of the loved ones from the Land of Taff wrote in those days beseeching that they might remain concealed for a few days, for the situation had become so difficult that each day everyone who came before Him would mention some fresh news of the plots of the plotters and the intentions of the opposers. To such a degree did the enemies rise up in opposition that in the streets and markets they stationed certain ones to slay with bullets any who passed by. Nevertheless, He did not conceal His blessed countenance for a moment, but would go forth alone from the house, showing no regard for anyone, and ever saying “How I long for reunion with the Beloved!” The denizens of the Supreme Paradise were astonished at His deeds, and all were moved to cry out “Blessed be God, the best of creators!”

Yet thou hast denied them all, for thou hast become intimate with the most wicked souls and hast disassociated thyself from the Truth. Indeed, the only difference was that this most wondrous Manifestation forbade the people from killing, strife and contention. Thus throughout the years of sojourn in Iraq, no instance of warfare occurred. It was explicitly revealed in the verses that the promotion and teaching of the Cause was and would be through goodly exhortations and healing utterances, not through disputation and combat. So firmly was this decree established that in certain divine words it is recorded that should someone bring harm upon My sons or relatives, it would be more acceptable and beloved to this servant than for anyone to oppose another soul. Consider what hath been revealed in the Tablets, that perchance thou mayest be just within thyself and be of the equitable ones.

Therefore during this period nothing occurred except that several from this community, by the command of thy guide, killed one another, but otherwise molested no one. And in all the Tablets it was revealed that the purpose of this Manifestation was unity and concord, not separation and discord.

And regarding what you wrote about the nine people in Baghdad and elsewhere who in the days and nights partook of tea with samovar and arrangements and apparatus, etc. - O most despicable being! By God, besides Whom there is no other God, if you and your guides had even an atom’s worth of nobility, you would never have uttered such words and would not have grieved the Spirit of God to please vile souls. Until now no base person has spoken such words as you have spoken - no, by the Lord of all worlds, except you and your like. Hearken to the call of the Point of the Bayan, then be ashamed before His

beauty, and strike not His Beloved with the swords of hatred, nor His Purpose with the spears of indecency. Fear the Day when all existence, both seen and unseen, shall be convulsed, and when the skin of all beings shall quiver.

His word - exalted be His might and glorified His grandeur: “Then on one of the nights of God, nineteen - the number before you - gather ye together up to the number of Mustaghath if ye are able, and grieve not if ye cannot.” He states that up to the number of Mustaghath, if possible, gather in one assembly - permission is given. Yet you, not understanding, have objected to God mentioning tea and samovar and foods and sweets and gatherings, even though it is the command of the Point of the Bayan Who says - exalted be His mention: “Verily, host ye nineteen persons in nineteen days, even if ye have but water of unity to offer.”

Likewise He commands that it is obligatory for every soul to have the number of unity in crystal in their home. And He also says - exalted be His mention: “And your means by which ye live secretly - make them of gold and silver.” Yet you, base in nature and most despicable, have objected to tea and samovar. The Primal Point did not mention any of these statements except that no one should claim “I ate barley bread and thus attained the highest station.” Yes, it is true that man should be content with little and be grateful, and not become heedless of the Truth due to abundance. This is the essence of the matter. Otherwise, austerity or its absence has never been a sign of truth or falsehood. The sign of the loved ones of God is apparent and visible on their countenance, just as today the divine meanings are inscribed with an agate seal on the foreheads of God’s loved ones, declaring “This one is of the people of God among the worlds.”

By God, they had no purpose in this statement except that perhaps through divine grace the servants might be freed from such limitations. They said if it were possible today, I would command all the people of God to sit upon golden chairs, for whatever has been created was in its primal reality specifically for the believers in God. How far is this view from that view which objects to drinking tea, even though it is from the religion of the Bayan! O people of the Bayan, reflect upon the objections of the deniers, what they have brought forth. Reflect, that ye may be among the insightful concerning them. How quickly they have changed all divine conditions, for the Exalted One - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - would partake of tea every day and commanded all the loved ones to drink tea, and He says “I have not attained this station through austerity,” just as the Blessed Beauty says “I have never practiced austerity.”

They say, “I have not attained to this station through ascetic practices.” As the Ancient Beauty hath affirmed: “Never have I submitted to austerities, nor have I been among the learned. Rather, this grace that hath been manifested hath been through the bounty of the Lord, without any merit on My part. However, out of necessity, there were many nights when no divine bounties were before Me, not even bread. Likewise, for two consecutive years, there were outwardly no means of sustenance. Yet in all conditions We have been thankful and shall remain content.”

Today the loved ones of God must not in any way impose hardship upon themselves. When possible, they should partake of delicate foods and in all circumstances move within the bounds of moderation. If there be but one food, this is more beloved in the sight of God; yet they should strive, according to their means, that this single food be of a delicate nature. The wealthy must not forget the poor, for the poor are God’s

trust among His servants. O people! Spend of that which God hath provided you and be of those who prefer others before themselves, even though poverty be their portion. Thus hath it been revealed in the Bayan, then in the Furqan, then in the Gospel, the Psalms, the Torah, and the Sacred Scriptures of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Verily, the Cause of God hath ever been sanctified from all such matters. All that hath been created between the heavens and the earth hath been created for the Manifestations of His Cause. Yet, by God, besides Whom there is none other God, these luminous Souls dawning from the horizon of oneness have ever been content with little and have given precedence to others over their own blessed selves in these matters. Many a time did they send whatever was present in their house to the loved ones, while the members of their household remained hungry that night or day. Praise be to God in all conditions, for He knoweth what ye know not, O company of calumniators!

If all that is on earth and whatsoever hath been created therein of delicate bounties and pleasant fruits were to be present at one feast for the sake of a soul that believeth in God, this would not be extravagance, nor shall it ever be. But if thou and thy like were to partake of a morsel of bread, that would be extravagance and ever shall be, for extravagance lieth in heedlessness of God. That very morsel of bread, through which that one who hath turned away from God is tormented, seeketh refuge in God from having become his portion. By God, all that he eateth doth lament and cry out, saying: “O my God! For what sin hast Thou made me the sustenance of this transgressor who hath denied Thee and Thy signs?” But thou hast not perceived this, nor shalt thou ever perceive it.

Furthermore, by God, besides Whom there is none other God, and by the truth of His blessed Countenance, most times there was no daily food in their household, and many were the days when bread for the household would be obtained near eventide, and that on credit. On occasions when some of the companions would host a feast, they would, for the love of God, call upon some of the friends, and after the recitation of divine verses and holy words, each would receive his portion according to his capacity[…]

And everyone received their share of the sublime divine words according to their capacity. The purpose was to manifest love. At any rate, in those days it was unthinkable that an obscured objector like you would appear to raise such protests. But by God, besides Whom there is no other God, that objecting soul who has instilled all these words in you has always lived in comfort, occupied with multiple wives in pleasure, and I swear by their own right that he has never ceased to possess worldly ornaments. Whenever the slightest controversy arose in Iraq, he would depart for Basra and other lands, as all are aware. But words of truth only increase your hatred and aversion. O heedless and blind one! What say you about Husayn ibn Ali, who when departing from the blessed and holy Medina, moved with golden howdahs and with all manner of outward means, such that ones like you say that when His camel driver saw that His blessed waistband was adorned with pearls, he therefore after the martyrdom of His Holiness went and then occurred that which this servant is ashamed to mention. Surely you will attribute that also to worldly desire. Apart from all these matters, in this Revelation until now no worldly means have been accumulated that you or others might object. At all times We have been in grievous affliction and hardship, were you to be fair-minded.

And as for what that ill-willed detractor has written, claiming that the Beauty of Oneness associated with vagabonds and ruffians and engaged in worthless discourse - your later words contradict your earlier ones. You write that for twenty years He associated and kept company with mystics, then write that He consorted with vagabonds and ruffians. Die in your rage, O heedless one! You are the one described in the former Book by His exalted words: “like the dog: if you chase it, it pants, and if you leave it alone, it pants.” In all conditions they speak according to their desires and walk the paths of self. Yes, by God, if He had not associated with vagabonds, He certainly would not have associated with Siyyid Muhammad and his master. The vagabonds and ruffians were such souls as these, otherwise who were these vagabonds and ruffians you speak of? You have certainly deemed the divine verses to be worthless, for He spoke naught but divine verses. Go and ask the people of Iraq - they have conveyed to you many truthful words. Everything gives you the lie, but you do not perceive it. Moreover, O unjust one devoid of fairness, where were you and when did you see Him sitting with vagabonds and ruffians? You have surely deemed the believers in God to be worthless rabble. In every age at the time of each Manifestation, the polytheists have ever spoken these same words, as God has said: “Nor do we see any who follow you but the lowest among us.” As mentioned before, it befits you to utter such words. By God, this very statement of yours has been and shall ever be proof of the truth of the Truth. God’s curse be upon the first oppressor who wronged the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who slandered His own self, denied His verses, and filled his breast with rancor and hatred. And by this curse, all who are in the heavens and earth do curse him. And by God besides Whom there is no God, such tribulations have befallen this wronged Beauty as have befallen no one from the beginning of creation until now. You have denied a matter evident to all the world. For instance, all have witnessed that He never compromised with anyone regarding God’s Cause, nor sought refuge with any soul. Thus in Iraq when the Minister desired to meet with Him, He did not accept until finally He went to the mosque, as all have heard. And after arriving in the Great City, He went to no one and turned to no one, as all can testify. Yet despite this, you write of such a Soul that He consorted with vagabonds and ruffians, while one who complained to everyone for a morsel of bread - whose written petitions still exist - whose wife sent bread to the palace, who ran to Istanbul seeking refuge with every soul - the deeds of such a one are acceptable while the deeds of the Truth are unacceptable? Yes, by God, thus it befits you and your kind! Reflect a little on how momentous are these very words of yours and how you have imagined you could veil the radiant Sun behind the veils of self and passion and nullify His deeds. No, by God, none but your like would heed such words, for all have witnessed the deeds of the Truth with their own eyes. One day He said that even greater tribulations lay concealed within the pavilion of destiny[…]

Verily, by God, none but those like thyself give heed to these words, for all have witnessed with their own eyes the doings of God. One day He declared that trials greater than these lay concealed within the pavilion of destiny and must needs be made manifest. Thus did I behold a dream in Iraq, from which this was understood. He spoke, and His words are truth: “I was sleeping on a dark night following a dusty one, when I saw the Prophets and Messengers gathered around me. They were seated about me, all lamenting, weeping, crying out and wailing. I was astonished within myself and asked about them, whereupon their weeping and crying intensified. They said: ‘For thy sake, O Most Great Mystery and Ancient Temple!’ and they wept such that I wept with their weeping. Then I heard the weeping of the Concourse on High, and in that state they addressed me, saying: ‘Great indeed is thy tribulation, O Lote-

Tree of the Extremity, and mighty thy ordeal, O Mystery of the First and the Last! Upon thee be patience, O Most Great Sign and Manifestation of the Primal Point! Then upon thee be patience, O Furthermost Tree and Manifestation of the Decree in the Kingdom of Accomplishment! Soon shalt thou witness with thine own eyes what no assembly of Prophets hath seen, and shalt behold what none in all the worlds hath beheld, and shalt hear what no ear of the chosen ones and loved ones hath heard. Therefore patience, patience, O Hidden Mystery of God and Treasured Symbol and His Inevitable Word and His Sealed Book!' And I remained with them that night as we conversed with each other until dawn approached. I raised my head from sleep and pondered within myself what tribulation this could be that none in creation had witnessed, and I related it to no one until there appeared before me one of the divines of Iraq who was called Abdul-Salam Effendi. When he arrived, We welcomed him and informed him, relating what God had shown Us in the dream. He was struck with profound grief in Our presence. Thus was the matter, though the people remain in evident heedlessness."

This was the dream He beheld in Iraq and mentioned, and in these days some of it hath been fulfilled, for We have heard from your words what none before hath heard, and have witnessed what no soul hath seen. And He said: "In all conditions We remain patient and thankful." The whole purpose of such souls is to ask why the Truth hath appeared. By God, this is not from Myself, but from Him Who sent Me with the truth and made Me a mercy to all the worlds!

His words regarding the increase of oppression that thou didst mention, saying that a woman had been sent to the shelter - know thou first that this will lead to even greater oppression. Moreover, well done to you who, despite your claim to truth and your cunning deceptions, have diminished other Prophets and saints! Did not Fatima take the hands of Husayn and Hasan and go to the doors of the Emigrants and Helpers regarding Fadak? Well done to you indeed!

Silence thy tongue, O thou who disbelievest in God! Then silence thy tongue, O thou who associateth partners with God! Then silence thy tongue, O thou who warreth against God! Were I to repeat these words from now until the end that hath no end, thou wouldst still deserve them. Nay, they fall short of describing what thou hast perpetrated against God, O thou who art heedless of God's Cause!

Know ye that if I were to repeat these words from this moment until the final end that hath no end, it would still not suffice for what thou hast committed against God, O thou who art heedless of God's Cause and who hath waxed proud against the Self of God! After arrival in this land, the Blessed Beauty and the One like unto Moses and Mirza Yahya each resided in separate houses. This land is not a place where any soul would wrong another, and the wrong which he who associated partners with God committed was at a time when the great separation had not yet occurred. After that which lay within his breast became manifest, the separation and division took place as mentioned, and never again was there any meeting, nor did any verbal discourse transpire between them. Ask thou the people of that land that thou mayest find a way to the truth.

Moreover, the country belongs to the Sublime State, and in this land all are imprisoned and estranged. After revealing what was in his heart, no one associated with him except Darvish Sidq-'Ali, who maintained contact due to his services. Likewise, one person served the Most Holy Beauty and another served His Holiness the Kalim, while the rest of the companions were all scattered in separate dwellings.

What then was this oppression, and whence did it arise? Though all atoms know that the oppression came from that oppressor, they consented to their own disgrace and caused division. Yet you say that which you do not understand, counting the root of the tree of oppression as justice, and the tree of grace and justice as the oppressor. This is deception from you and from them in God's Cause. You lack the wisdom to reflect upon what you have heard. In those days when his wife went to the palace - I swear by God - at the beginning of the month specifically for her, from those ornaments that were brought every month along with a bundle of goods, Darvish who was his agent - and is still present - took them. Several people who had newly arrived in this land were all aware, including Jinab-i-Mirza Haydar-'Ali, Salman, and Ustad 'Abdu'l-Karim from the people of Sad. Nevertheless, he specifically sent his wife to the palace, saying these very words about the Blessed Beauty: "He brought us here and gives us no bread or clothing." Such a scandal arose in this land that one of the consuls here expressed great astonishment to someone, saying that a strange thing had occurred today, and all the Persians arose in derision, saying this sect has no chastity or virtue. Your own heedless self knows well enough that if a Jew should come to them, worldly ornaments would not be withheld from him to the extent possible. Yet you wrote what you wrote and defiled Fadak. But rest assured that in every land you have a Sayyidatu'n-Nisa, and from that lineage there are many perfect mirrors, one after another, present in every land. The Blessed Beauty resided in Iraq for twelve years, and no one saw from them any act that was in the least contrary or opposed - ask all the people of Iraq. Now from that lineage of perfect mirrors, one after another, one is in Iraq - you should ask the people of Iraq about her condition. He wrote to her "Verily We have made thee a brilliant light unto the worlds," and likewise "He is the Light within the Light," and "Verily the likeness of His light is as a light of light from God's light." And to the mother of abominations he wrote this very blessed verse of the Qur'an: "O Mary! Be devout to thy Lord and prostrate thyself and bow down with those who bow down. Verily God hath purified thee and chosen thee above the women of all worlds." Now take pleasure in that Sayyidatu'n-Nisa and that perfect mirror. Would that you had gone there too and made one prostration. God's curse be upon those who altered God's word from its place and turned away from His beauty and took for themselves a calf besides Him. What is wrong with these people that they can hardly comprehend a remembrance from God, the Most High, the Most Great. By God, I lament […]

I swear by God, I am lamenting and writing these words, for the Cause hath reached such a pass that one must needs engage in such remembrances. Ye have indeed violated the sanctity of God and of your own selves. Purify thy heart from the defilements of the imaginings of the idolaters, and associate not the mention of the Prophets and Messengers with the mention of the souls of the idolaters, for all those Dayspring of the All-Merciful gave up their lives in the path of the Beloved and paid no heed to any who dwell on earth for the sake of earthly sustenance. Now judge thou fairly - thou who art among the people of analogy - with these servants, how they have likened one deed to another deed. Be fair that thou mayest be treated with fairness, then show mercy to the Cause for which the blood of them who are nigh unto God and His sincere servants was shed. His utterance magnified be His falsehood.

Let me present that regarding the arrival of Haji Siyyid Muhammad in Istanbul, I am fully aware of everything and was present. On the first night he came to the embassy of Mushir ud-Dawlih, and present were Haji Mirza Safi and myself, and that is all. Mushir ud-Dawlih asked him why he had come, to which

he replied it was for his own deliverance. I also saw Ali Pasha until his messengers came and began speaking ill of him, and he too spoke as much as necessary in response to these calumnies. Thus ends this matter - may God blacken the face of the liar. If he came specifically for deliverance, why did he provide a list of names that no one knew about? There were eight persons, yet he wrote that we were twenty-one, and delayed for six months until through a thousand deceptions he achieved his aim and that of his master. They sold Joseph for a few dirhams - woe unto them and their loyalty! By God, through their actions they have caused God's Cause to be lost among the people. The decree that came from Istanbul states that some of his companions came and complained that he was not providing them with bread, and that decree still exists. Nevertheless, he wrote what he wrote. God's curse be upon those who exchanged God's sanctity for worldly ornaments. When alone with the devils they disavow God and His Cause, then write to fools like themselves saying "We are the leaders of the Cause and the mirrors of the servants and the fruits of unity and the leaves of detachment." But those whom God has given penetrating vision witness and become aware of what they have perpetrated in their vain life, and they are not confused, for from all their deeds they detect the stench of lies, hypocrisy, deceit and discord. Indeed they are among the gems of creation among God's servants and creatures, and upon them be God's remembrance and praise now and forever and ever. By God, you are a fine disciple indeed, well occupied with spreading immorality after witnessing. But to the seeing and informed one the matter is not hidden, and we are aware what calumnies he has spoken and how he has girded himself to kill, even saying that they specifically sent someone to Tehran for an abominable purpose. God's curse be upon the slanderers and liars! Now observe the action of truth - that they entered that same city and never associated with anyone, and showed no hypocrisy to anyone regarding God's Cause. When that vile one saw that the Persian ambassador was displeased with them, purely out of deceit, dissimulation and hypocrisy he entered that place and sought refuge, saying what he said. If he wanted deliverance, no one had any quarrel with him. He was no more well-known than Haji Mirza Ahmad, nor more respected than others who had gone - indeed some did not even mention him. By God, he came specifically for a stipend, as evidenced by the petitions that he and Mirza Yahya wrote to Mushir, which still exist here in this land. From Istanbul they inquired about all matters from here, for he said seven persons had gone and the rest were occupied with work, while he and Mirza Yahya were twenty-one persons without stipends. The Governor specifically sent and inquired about what the Sublime Porte had mentioned.

And you inquired about what the Sublime Porte has mentioned, while you write that it was for deliverance. Now that they have achieved their utmost desire, would that they would cease writing to various places that they have no bread! Now judge fairly: from which fragrance of truth can this deed of the Truth and this deed of this group be perceived? By God, such leaders are indeed most suitable for the likes of you! And do not suppose that the Persian ambassador is unaware. No, by God! A day shall come when they themselves will acknowledge the deed of truth and deny the deed of those souls. And even if it remains doubtful to you, it shall not remain doubtful to them. And regarding the messengers, I know not of whom you speak. If you mean he who is present before the Face, by God, he came specifically for a matter in that city which had no connection to him, such that he visited no one. All bear witness that that wicked soul in this land has attributed all manner of reprehensible and abhorrent deeds to the Truth, and in that land too they have said that which none has ever said regarding another. He who is present before the Face now says: Did not your own lying self come and mention that Siyyid Muhammad says such and

such, and how many unseemly words did you utter regarding them, saying that he says thus and so, even mentioning that it is not good to speak about the stipend, and that it should be resolved in whatever way possible? And I replied that there has been and will be no opposition - the turning away from those souls was for the Cause of God, not for outward matters. Let them give all the stipends to those idolatrous souls - there has been no quarrel or dispute. And in numerous gatherings I asked you that we meet with him in one place so that it might be proven to you that whatever he said was attributed through pure calumny. You said he would not accept. By God, all existence is bewildered by your lies and our truthfulness! O thoughtless one! This Mirza Yahya was in their service for years - has anyone ever heard that any of their associates spoke an unkind or unpleasant word about him? Every ignorant one knows that whatever has occurred has been and will be a disgrace to the Cause. By God, they have always said that they would rather be martyred a thousand times than have these matters mentioned among people - that one of their associates has complained about bread and sent petitions to cities. God's curse be upon those who have committed that which has caused all things to lament and has burned the hearts of those near to God! By God, besides whom there is no God! We would all rather have been slain than have these words emerge. What we now say, we are compelled to say, for it is observed that a group has girded themselves to violate the sanctity of God's Cause, as they were not and are not adherent to any religion, and for the sake of leadership have cast and are casting themselves into peril. For nearly five years they have remained in this land, and never did they send anyone to the Sublime Porte nor make any request, and whatever befell them, out of respect for God's Cause we remained patient.

For the sake of God's Cause we have endured, yet that wicked one has committed that which none before him has ever committed. We hope they shall not attain their purpose, just as he destroyed the sanctity of an entire lineage - he who had and shall have no station. Judge for yourself: where was his name ever mentioned? When did the officials of the exalted government ever know him? You yourself know by what means he became known, yet out of animosity toward God you conceal it. You are among those who have covered up the faults of the polytheists and what they have perpetrated to destroy the sanctity of God. Thus has the matter flowed from this Tongue that speaks with truth and faithfulness. His words show the magnitude of his foolishness. Most strange indeed it is that for nearly twenty years you worshipped Mirza Yahya as god - as I myself witnessed when you confessed this in Isfahan in my presence. Now that he is rejected, what answer shall I give to Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali and Mirza Abu'l-Hasan and others and Mirza Husayn of Varzneh? For these people each day cling to someone new, accepting him as truth and later rejecting him as false. This stems from their lack of discernment, for truth does not become falsehood - this is contradiction. Their religion is mere caprice, just as Mirza Abu'l-Hasan said to me in Tehran: "What a pity about you - by what proof was he first truth and God, and now false and an infidel servant?"

O what amazing lack of fairness! I ask you by God, is this just? In some stations, when we moved together and were on the same level - now none of us can claim superiority over another, even if we have become ever so perfect. First, this argument applies to you and those like you, for you considered as leaders for many years souls more evil than any ever created, such that by their decree they martyred most cruelly the Manifestation of the Divine Self. Second, we had sincerity toward him and acknowledge it, for we observed certain attributes in the words of the Most Glorious One and imagined the source of those

attributes was that illusory person, until God revealed to us what He revealed, and we learned of his deeds which neither Nimrod nor Pharaoh committed. Thus we shattered the idol of fancy and recognized what was intended in His most wondrous and novel words. Then we learned about him and the origin of his cause that which was concealed from you and your like. If you only knew, you would flee from him, rend the veils of glory, turn to the Dawning-Place of Beauty, and be among those possessed of certainty. We praise God that by the arm of trust and detachment we broke the idol of fancy and entered the stream of certitude. Would that you too had been there to witness with your own eyes. We praise and thank God for this at all times. By God, had you an atom of fairness, you would surely speak day and night of the qualities of these servants, for our deeds bear truthful witness to our faith - a clear and evident testimony. For we have broken the chains of blind imitation and attained to truth, and become free of the fancy that had seized all hearts. O destitute pauper, you are deeply immersed in fancy. Would that you had seen him and known him and learned what he possessed. If only there had been a meeting where you could have heard the knowledge he would mention in gatherings, and become aware of that from which you are now veiled. Though you know us not, we know you, that you may learn and be among the knowing ones. We are servants whose vision God has made piercing. We have known Him through His Self and detached ourselves from all else. No preventer's prevention, no schemer's scheme, no deceiver's deceit, and no doubter's doubt has held us back. We thank God that we have recognized His Self, Who was promised in His holy, firm and wondrous tablets. Neither the veils of those who disbelieved in God, nor the shrouds of those who associated partners with His unique, single, mighty and praiseworthy Self prevented us from recognizing Him. How strange that you occupy yourself with such investigations! When the mighty river appears, is it fitting for anyone to turn to the water of a pond? Be fair, O donkey! When the sun shines forth, is it proper for anyone to seek light from a lamp, even if it be a true lamp? Be fair, O heedless one, by whose heedlessness all things lament, though you remain behind thick veils. When the Most Great Ocean surges, would any rational person turn toward a desert mirage? No, by our Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate! But you will never find what we mention, for your heart has become deprived of the sweet fragrances of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Wise.

But thou wilt not find what We mention, for thy heart hath been deprived of the fragrances of God, the Mighty, the Most High, the All-Wise. Even the women of God are ashamed of thy proofs. Satan in every heaven was known by a name and was a teacher in the Kingdom, and for more than a thousand years was called by all names, then suddenly became accursed. These are among the wondrous powers of God - dost thou deny them? And if thou deniest them, His assured servants will affirm them. Hast thou not heard how Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve apostles of the Gospel, yet afterwards manifested such treachery as to deliver the Word of God to the Jews? Would that your leader had followed his example, for he at least repented after that vile deed. But thy guide hath exchanged and sold the Point of the Bayan and all the Prophets and Messengers and the sanctity of God for the vanities of earth, as was mentioned, and thou art well aware of this. And what sayest thou about Ismail, son of the revered Sadiq? After he had written to all provinces that he would be the Imam and leader of the people after him, certain things became manifest from him and His Holiness dismissed him, specifically to Baghdadrah and certain companions who objected, "O son of the Messenger of God! This is a grave matter - how can one be the Imam of the people and be true, then become false?" His Holiness mentioned bada' - go and see the tradition of Kulayni. O poor one, thou knowest nothing of any matter - neither of the Bayan, nor the

Quran, nor the Torah, nor the Gospel. In the appearance of this Cause many upheavals occurred, which this servant hath not mentioned for the sake of brevity. It is recorded in your own books, just as even now some in various regions consider Ismail the Imam. Thou hast not even seen the evident books and art not informed. Your station is such that you speak empty words and rely on such proofs. To one possessed of insight and knowledge these things are not and never shall be doubtful. Many events have occurred of which no one is aware, for God had previously veiled them. Would that thou hadst abandoned vain desire and dwelt for a time in the path of the Friend for God's sake, so that some of these hidden matters might have been revealed to thee. Again, thou knowest nothing of Balaam son of Beor, who was far more renowned than your leader. His authority was established, yet after the appearance of the Sun of Moses from the horizon of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate, he did what he did, and thereby God changed his light into fire. Verily He hath power over all things. Would that thou hadst knowledge of thy leader. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! The Hand of Power and Might took a handful of dust and breathed into it a spirit from among the spirits created by His Will. When it stirred and arose, He clothed it with the garment of names between earth and heaven, for a wisdom which none knoweth save His All-Knowing, All-Informed Self. There hath not been and shall not be more than this. When he turned against God, God turned against him as he turned. Thus doth He recompense His transgressing servants. Hear thou the words of this servant: the cause […]

Listen to the words of this servant and become not the cause of people's delusions. Have mercy on the Cause of God and on mankind. In every age deluded souls have gathered together and deprived the people from the shore of the sea of oneness. Consider for a moment how many delusions existed among the followers of the Quran concerning the appearance of the Qa'im, the resurrection, and the Hour. After the manifestation of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, it became evident that all had erred and had not partaken of a drop from the ocean of knowledge. That Ancient Beauty, with utmost difficulty, shattered the idols of fancy and desire. Now similar souls desire to afflict people with new delusions. Say: Fear ye the one true God and commit not that which would cause blood, instead of tears, to flow from the eyes of them who are nigh unto God. Deem not truth to be falsehood, nor reckon falsehood as truth. Verily, truth hath ever been truth, but thou hast not recognized it. It is certain that after the Point, truth is confined to the Letters of the Living, inasmuch as all created things in the Bayan were and are created under the shadow of the First One, and the right of every rightful one is established through these souls, as are all attributes and goodly names. Nevertheless He addresses one of the Letters of the Living who had inquired about the subsequent Revelation, saying: "Were I to know that on the Day when the Day Star of Reality shineth forth thou wouldst not believe in Him, I would now pronounce the decree of unbelief against thee. And were I to know that one among the Christians would believe in Him on the Day of His manifestation, I would now pronounce the decree of faith regarding him, though he is not now a believer and no praiseworthy deed hath proceeded from him." Reflect a little and recognize the truth. These souls are truth so long as they abide beneath the shadow of truth, for at that time naught can be seen in them save truth. But after they pause, "dominion returneth to the dominion and the created thing returneth to its essence and likeness." That truth which hath never been and never shall be false is the Tree of Truth. Know thou this, if thou be of them that comprehend. Thus hath the matter been set forth from the presence of an Ancient Bestower. Reflect, O servant, that thou mayest be among the guided ones.

O heedless and immature one! Know thou that there have been and shall ever be infinite degrees in the Manifestation, and distinguish the manifestation of Names from aught else. Many are the souls who are manifested through Names without any trace thereof - this is due to a wisdom which none shall comprehend. And if thou desirest to understand it, ask of God, thy Lord, with humility and reverence and manifest contrition, that He may teach thee what is with Him. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In previous Tablets, somewhat hath been revealed from the Pen of Command concerning this station. If thou desirest, look into those Tablets; perchance thou wilt be content therewith. The purpose of this mention is that thou shouldst not remain veiled from the Source by Names, though veiled in such wise that it can never be supposed to be rent asunder save by God's will and pleasure.

The Point of the Bayan - exalted be His grandeur - hath also made mention of the transformation of essences, let alone Names, as some of which were previously mentioned. Likewise He saith - exalted be His mention: "Verily, in every Revelation the proofs of its affirmation are transformed into negation. But God, in that Revelation, confirmeth His Cause and perfecteth His handiwork, for therein light is not transformed into fire except in the Revelation of God. Indeed, My grief is for all who are in the Bayan from that day." Consider how explicitly He declareth that light is transformed into fire, even as the light which you had supposed to be light hath had its essence transformed into fire, yet is unaware and, in utter heedlessness, hath been and continues to be engaged in perverting the divine words.

Know that when He states "except in the Manifestation of God," it is not to be understood that prior to His advent the light doth not change. Yea, by His own Self, the True One, all have been and will be transformed save the Manifestation Himself. These imaginary notions have persisted among the people until this Revelation unveiled them. When ye rent asunder the veil of God's sanctity, the veil of your own concealment was likewise rent by the fingers of might and power.

The difference lies in this: during the interval between the ascension of the Manifestation of Divine Unity to the Supreme Companion and the subsequent Revelation, no outward Will is visible that could pronounce judgment, even though He is eternally living in the Most Glorious Horizon. But since outwardly none recognizes Him and all souls are debarred from His presence, the law of transformation remains concealed until the time of Revelation. For at that moment, should the light tarry less than that in saying "yea," the judgment of fire from the source of divine knowledge would be pronounced against it, as was witnessed in the previous Revelation and is now visible to both outer and inner sight. Souls who called themselves light were judged as fire by God, though they move about unaware.

At all times take refuge in God lest thou remain veiled from the Manifestation Himself, for He is the Essential Purpose and ever shall be. He is the sign that "there is none like unto Him" and the token of "He begetteth not, neither is He begotten." Indeed, the Manifestations of "He begetteth not, neither is He begotten" are created beings, if ye be of them that are assured. Yet none shall grasp this station save the detached ones who possess sublime knowledge.

This is why the Primal Point of Will - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - in describing the Letters, Mirrors, Light and their like, from the highest ranks of names and attributes to the lowest degree

of things, declareth that these have no reality of their own. Having faced the Sun of Truth, infinite effulgences have shone upon them. At this station, naught is seen in these Manifestations except God. He saith: Fix not your gaze upon the names, but rather upon that by which the names subsist, and likewise that by which the attributes subsist. For all are and shall be adorned with wondrous and sublime names through their turning unto God and their faith in Him. Some are called Letters, some Mirrors, some Luminous Guides, and others Manifestations of Beauty, Glory, the Living, the Ancient, and such divine names. The manifestations of divine effulgence differ according to their stations and capacities, though the effulgence is one and He Who causes it to shine forth is one. The discerning and informed one understands that all these names refer to the faith that was and is in them.

Set aside vain imaginings and consider the first who believed, and likewise the second who believed, for none have been described with more exalted terms than these two and the other Living Letters. Thus in their visitation prayers they are addressed: "O Essence of God! O Identity of God! O Being of God!" and with similar expressions. Now if the first to believe was not that same soul […]

Know then that if thou art immersed in this ocean, thou shalt comprehend some of these mysteries that lie hidden, veiled, and concealed, and shalt distinguish between the Sun of Truth and its shadow, and shalt not commit that whereat all atoms are lamenting. Consider, for instance, if He should take up a handful of dust with His blessed hand and declare it to be that dust which all the world must needs adore - this would be the truth, without any doubt. And likewise if He should take up a hundred other handfuls of dust and regarding each one pronounce the same decree, this judgement would obtain and would continue to obtain. For in this station, one looks to the Command itself, which hath proceeded forth from the Source of Command, and not to the thing itself considered as a thing in its own right. And with such words did they make mention. Now, had the "first to believe" been some other than the one mentioned, surely this station would have been conferred upon him.

Know thou that those veiled souls have become heedless of the station that befitteth a Testator, and of that which transcendeth it in authority, prophethood, messengership and lordship. First, I swear by God besides Whom there is none other God, that never did the Primal Point utter such words specifying any soul in the Bayan. Yes, He did graciously address a missive to Mirza Sulayman, at the beginning of which was a word that all were unable to read. Mirza Sulayman himself, in the days of his return from Maku, claimed this word meant "Successorship" and that it was written to him, and in the innermost secret of his heart he laid claim to this station. Would that ye had clung to him in this Cause, for he is more worthy before God than this soul to whom ye have adhered. Beyond this, no such mention was ever made, save that some have written tablets and attributed them to the Primal Point - all of which are lies, by the Lord of Glory! Secondly, this station is not one that we would seek to deny to any soul or affirm for them, for the glory of a Successor lies in that whereby succession is established, and was and ever shall be thus. After its cessation it hath no mention before God and never shall have. As the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath said in this regard, these are His mighty words: "For the essence of all is that whereby one remaineth veiled from that which maketh a successor a successor. Look not upon this station of successorship as having a specific station, but rather look to that whereby it is established, which is the Command of the Tree of Truth. For if, hypothetically, the Messenger of God had not appointed anyone by the name of successor, today mention would be made without successorship. All

this is so that on the Day of Manifestation thou remain not veiled by names, but rather look to that whereby names are established in all things, even unto the mention of Prophet." Here endeth His words. Now ponder a while that thou mayest know that all are honored through His Command and glorified through His mention, and this station holdeth true so long as they transgress not their bounds. At the time of the raising of the Primal Cause, all these names become separated from their bearers and return to the Kingdom. If again a binding Command is revealed, all names among the most beautiful names of God become true of them, else they return to their station ere they can say "why" or "wherefore." In brief, set aside these limitations and fix thy gaze upon that Point that pervadeth all things. Deem not that Point to be imaginary, even as aforetime all servants remained in their imaginings and until now have not recognized nor ever shall, save whom thy Lord willeth. This same Mirza Yahya, through whom thou hast turned aside from the Truth, was present before Me like any other servant, and the words of God were cast upon him just as now there are some present before the Face and words are cast upon them in like manner during all nights and days. But there is a difference, for that deluded soul, when two words issued from his tongue, committed that which not even the Manifestations of negation would commit, while these souls present before the Face speak with the most wondrous utterances, and yet they have no authority save after His leave. Thus hath the matter been, if thou be of them that know. Though the words of the idolaters have taken root in thy heart […]

Yet they have no power to do anything except by His leave - thus has the matter been ordained, were you to be of those who know. Although the words of the idolaters have taken root in your heart and their removal is difficult, unless you drink from this heavenly fountain of grace which flows and streams through the springs of words by the words themselves. Thus have We informed you and told you and recounted to you that from which you were veiled, that you might rend asunder the veils through the power of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and witness what you have not witnessed before, and know that of which you were heedless. But you shall never achieve this except by detaching yourself from all that has been created in the heavens and on earth, and turning to God, the King, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

O servants! In recognizing this Revelation, rely not upon the words and allusions of those who oppose it, nor upon the acceptance or rejection of such souls. Rather, fix your gaze upon the essence of the Cause itself. For most people have been and will forever remain veiled and deluded, while the leaders of the age, seeking to preserve their authority, have forbidden and will continue to forbid the people from approaching the court of the Divine Unity and recognizing the signs of God. Consider, for example, the Revelation of the Point of the Furqan, Who appeared with the verses of God, and in the Furqan no proof or testimony was sent down except verses. Nevertheless, after the ascension of the Point of the Furqan to the Most Exalted Companion and the cessation of the sweet-scented breezes of the All-Merciful, the Cause fell into the hands of the divines. These souls entirely prohibited people from recognizing the verses, saying, "You cannot comprehend God's verses; their knowledge is with us alone." Thus did the authority of the verses vanish, and the reins of the people fell into the hands of such souls, who raised them on such delusions as cannot be mentioned. As you have seen and heard, they interpreted according to their own desires all the verses that were revealed concerning the subsequent Revelation, the Resurrection, and the like, and the people unwittingly followed these souls until matters reached such a

pass that the harm of these delusions afflicted the Tree of the subsequent Revelation. Then, after the appearance of the Promised One in the year sixty, the breezes of grace wafted anew, the heavens of knowledge were upraised, the earth of understanding was outspread, and the verses of God were sent down from the heaven of Will. Yet, due to their former delusions concerning the authority of verses, the people hesitated, saying, "We cannot comprehend them." But God, exalted be His mention, is far too great, too generous, and too merciful to send the Manifestation of His Own Self, commanding all to recognize Him - which recognition is identical with the knowledge of God Himself - and yet send a proof beyond human comprehension. Glory be unto Him! At last, they remained occupied with and veiled by their own delusions to such an extent that they were not satisfied with the verses of God, despite the explicit text of the Furqan: "Is it not enough for them that We have sent down unto thee the Book?" All insisted that the comprehension of verses transcends their minds and understanding, and that something else must appear. They have altered God's blessing and His proof, and desired other than what God desired. Therefore did most turn away and return to the abyss. And the more intense grew the opposition of the idolaters, the more firmly did that Sun of inner meanings establish the authority of verses, to such degree that He confined all proof and testimony to verses alone. And, to spite the idolaters, this verse was sent down from the heaven of oneness: "Were an ant to desire to penetrate the Qur'an and its inner meaning and the inner meaning of its inner meaning according to the measure of its eye's pupil, it would be able to do so, for the mystery of eternal self-subsistence and the effulgence of oneness have permeated all things." And this verse was revealed that all might become aware that the gates of mercy and bounty are not closed: whosoever turns to God and directs himself toward Him will comprehend the authority of God's verses through the verses themselves. The comprehension of that station neither was nor will be dependent upon outward learning, but rather upon pure souls and holy hearts that turn to God. Blessed are they that turn unto Him!

Blessed are they who turn unto Him. Furthermore, that essence of meaning tore asunder all the veils and fancies that existed before and by which people were veiled and deluded, and they returned to the horizon of "Verily, I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon." Now certain deluded souls, in order to establish and preserve their leadership, have first sought to erase the authority of verses from the Bayan, and in this matter they have striven mightily and continue to do so, employing every deceit and stratagem in this cause. But God refuses to do aught save establish His verses through truth, even though the idolaters deny them. And now in their hypocrisy they have reached such a state that if anyone speaks of the authority of verses, they mock and ridicule him, exactly like the peoples of old - nay, these are even more ignorant and greater in hypocrisy, were ye to understand. Forever have the veiled souls limited the knowledge of God's all-encompassing Manifestation, and for this reason most of the servants remain deprived of the divine outpourings and heavenly favors.

For instance, one day that same traducer mockingly mentioned that the Point of the Bayan had stated that no one is capable of producing a single verse, yet we see that some souls are able to speak two words of verses. Therefore, by this reckoning, these souls must also be true. By God! Whoever has inhaled the fragrance from the paradise of inner meanings would recognize from these words his unbelief, his hypocrisy, his rebellion and his objection against all the Prophets and Messengers. It was observed that he had never partaken of the fountain of inner meanings and remained utterly deprived of

God's spiritual paradise. For it is entirely clear what His Holiness intended by this statement, and the Word of Truth, even if it be but two letters, has been and ever shall be the sovereign over all the words of the people of earth. And by God! From the fragrances of that single Word do those who are true discerners perceive the divine fragrances and turn to His paradise.

Consider: if a cup be taken from the sweet waters of the Euphrates, those possessed of taste would recognize from which source this water came, and from its sweetness would trace it to its source, even though outwardly it was but a cup of water. And since the source of knowledge, understanding, grace, bounty, favor, power, glory and grandeur flows and streams forth, therefore from that Word do the sincere and near ones comprehend and trace it to its source. Thus have We expounded it unto thee that thou mayest be guided by the guidance of God thy Lord and pay no heed to the hosts of Satan. And if someone should speak two words but falter at the third, it is evident that these were not and never will be from this flowing, streaming Source. By God, O servant! Truth in all its aspects has been and ever shall be distinguished from aught else. Deceive not thyself - wouldst thou test it, present thyself and request a single verse from the verses of God. Then shalt thou witness the ocean that surgeth by itself for itself, whose waves know no end, and thou shalt witness the repository of meanings and knowledge, and the treasury of wisdom and understanding, and be of those who are assured.

And since the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His grandeur, specified throughout the Bayan that this Most Great Manifestation would appear through verses, therefore through verses hath He appeared […]

In this Most Great Revelation, as the Primal Point, exalted be His grandeur, specifically declared throughout the Bayan that it would be made manifest through verses, it has therefore been revealed through verses - though verily all that hath proceeded from Him is a proof unto all the worlds. In this Most Great Revelation, all the signs of power, both in the horizons and within souls, have been made manifest, which none deny except every deceitful dissembler.

It behooveth everyone today to shun the company of wicked and idolatrous souls, for they have appeared with such deceit as hath no parallel in creation. Even as they wrote from the land of Sad to Jinab-i-Ism'ullah Aqa Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God, that the mother of all iniquities and sins had sent a letter to that land stating that a tablet had been buried in their house, written in the hand of the Exalted One, and that she had unearthed that tablet wherein were inscribed statements attributed to the Primal Point recommending Mirza Yahya to the Most Glorious Beauty. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! We were all astounded at the fabrications of these souls and the deceit of this people.

Thereafter, the Source of Command decreed that they should go and ask her from which part of the house she had unearthed that tablet, and to show it, that perchance she might become aware of herself and be numbered among the penitent. With such intensity have they arisen to calumny, and these matters are but instructions which Mirza Yahya writes and sends from here. The curse of God be upon the liars and fabricators! The Primal Point in the highest Paradise disavoweth them, saying: "Perdition be unto you, O concourse of polytheists, and fire be upon you, O company of the malicious!"

Today one must sharpen one's vision, purify one's heart and sanctify one's breast that one may distinguish oneself from all else. Though this station is most lofty and mighty, yet to the fair-minded it is

most easy and accessible. The people of the Bayan have now reached such a state and have raised such objections against the Truth as none since the beginning of creation hath ever raised. All these servants have for years been circling round, and by God the Great, they never possessed aught of the ornaments of the world, and if they did, we all shared therein. Whosoever entered the Most Great House was as if he were its master, treated with the utmost kindness. Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan have objected to all that hath proceeded from the Truth, even to the drinking of tea and likewise to matters of dress and the like. Fie upon them and their shame!

I know not what hath come to pass that every soul remaineth halted at some obstacle and afflicted thereby. In these days a tablet was revealed and sent forth from the Dawning-Place of the Will of the All-Merciful, specifically for one of the eastern friends. It is mentioned here for the sake of awakening, that perchance they may become aware and hearken to the words of the Primal Point in His second manifestation from the most wondrous and glorious Tongue, and may feel ashamed at His cries and lamentations and wailing, and may be content with what they have wrought. And this is what was revealed from the heaven of God, the Exalted, the Great:

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is a Book from the Primal Point to those who have believed in God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Therein He addresses those among the people of the Bayan who have hesitated in this Cause, that they might perceive the wondrous words of God and arise from the slumber of heedlessness in this resplendent and luminous dawn. Say: We commanded you in the Book not to take precedence over that company from which would appear the Beloved of the mystics and the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and earth. And We commanded you that should you attain unto the presence of God, arise before His countenance and then speak forth on My behalf these mighty and exalted words: "Upon Thee, O Baha'u'llah, and upon Thy kindred, be the remembrance of God and the praise of all things, in this time and before time and after time." And We made these words a glory for the people of the Bayan, that through them they might ascend to the holy heights and be numbered among those who have attained. Yet they abandoned that which they were commanded, such that none appeared before His countenance as We had enjoined them in mighty and glorious Tablets. Rather, they cast at Him from every direction the darts of hypocrisy, whereat I wept and the denizens of the realms of grandeur wept, and then the Faithful Spirit. Say: O people, be ye ashamed before My beauty! Verily, He Who hath appeared in truth is the Glory of the worlds, were ye of them that know. And verily, He is Baha'u'llah, and upon Him be the remembrance of God and His praise, then the praise of the Concourse on High, then the praise of the denizens of the immortal realm, and the praise of all things at all times. Beware lest ye be veiled by what hath been created between earth and heaven. Hasten ye unto the paradise of His good-pleasure and be not of them that slumber. Say: Verily His beauty was My beauty in truth, and His Self was My Self, and all that We revealed in the Bayan was revealed for His firm and wondrous Cause. Fear God and dispute not with Him of Whom We informed you and gave you glad tidings of His manifestation, and took the covenant of His Self before the covenant of My Self, and all things bear witness to this, were ye of them that deny. By God! Through one note of His melodies were all realities brought forth anew, and through another note were drawn the hearts of them that are nigh. Beware lest ye be veiled by aught from Him Whose meeting was the essence of My meeting, and Who sacrificed Himself in My path even as

I sacrificed in His path out of love for His mighty and exalted beauty. Say: But for Him, the Ha would not have mounted the Ba, nor would the form of the Ha have settled upon the Vav, nor would there have been created what was and what will be, were ye of them that perceive. And but for Him, I would not have cast Myself before the polytheists, nor would I have been suspended in the air. By God! Through My yearning for Him and My longing for His Self have I borne what no Prophet or Messenger hath borne, and I accepted all this upon Myself lest there should befall Him that which would grieve His most tender, most delicate, most subtle and mighty heart. And We counseled you throughout the Bayan that none should cause grief to another, lest grief should touch Him - else what have I to do with mention of you or occupation with you, O company of them that have forsaken! Verily, I desired naught in the Bayan save His Self, nor from all remembrances save His remembrance, nor from all names save His blessed, most mighty, most holy, most wondrous and glorious Name. By My life! If I made mention of the mention of Lordship, I intended naught save His Lordship over all things, and if there flowed from My pen the mention of Divinity, My purpose was none other than the God of the worlds, and if there flowed from My pen the mention of the Desired One, He was indeed My desire, and likewise regarding the Beloved - verily He was My Beloved and the Beloved of them that know. And when I made mention of prostration, I intended naught save prostration before His exalted, mighty and impregnable countenance. And if I praised any soul, My heart's intent was naught but praise of His Own Self. And if I commanded people to any deed, I desired naught save deeds done for His good-pleasure in the day of His manifestation. To this testifieth all that hath been sent down upon Me from the heaven of My Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I have made all things dependent upon His confirmation and good-pleasure, for He is the One Who hath ever been, of Himself, the God of all worlds and the Desire of all seekers. And were ye to fix your gaze, ye would witness the Manifestations of "He doeth what He willeth" abiding in His shadow among the worshippers. Yet ye have done unto His Self what neither the people of the Furqan did unto My Self, nor the company of the Jews unto the Spirit. Alas! Alas! For the anguish of My heart and the lamentation of My soul for what hath befallen My Beloved at the hands of the company of the idolaters. Fie upon you and upon your fidelity, O concourse of oppressors! We created fidelity and courtesy for His Self, that perchance at His manifestation ye would do naught that would grieve My reality and the realities of all things. Yet ye have transgressed what was prescribed in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great. Ye have rent asunder the veil of modesty and the covering of reverence, and have committed that which the Pen of Creation between earth and heaven is ashamed to mention. Alas! Alas! For what ye have wrought against this Wronged One, the Alone, the Stranger. I know not what ye will do to Him hereafter. Nay, by My All-Knowing Self! Rather, I do know, and with Me is the knowledge of all things preserved in a Tablet which God hath guarded from the eyes of the idolaters. We informed Him beforehand of what hath befallen Him and what will befall Him, though He was indeed, of His own Self, aware of what lay within the breasts of all beings. Not an atom's weight escapeth His knowledge, nor doth aught that hath been created by a word from Him elude His grasp. There is no God but He, the Single, the Resurrector, the Life-Giver, the Death-Dealer. Say: O people! He is the One Who, were He to will to make all who are in the heavens and on earth an enduring testimony from His presence, would be able to do so, and this would be easy and simple for Him. He is the One Who created the Paradise of the Bayan for His Self, and from it all things began and unto it they return, were ye but to know. Yet with Him in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of creation ye were not content that He should call Himself by any of the names, though these and their dominion were created by His mighty and impregnable command. Alas! Alas! For your

heedlessness, O people of the Bayan! Alas! Alas! For your veiling of yourselves, O company of idolaters! When ye had exceeded all bounds regarding your own selves and had attained, in your estimation, the highest peaks of knowledge, ye made mention of the successorship of one of His enemies and sought thereby to adduce proof against God through Whom the laws of religion were ordained for all men, both first and last. Ye have returned to that which the people of the Furqan adduced as proof, though We had forbidden you in His presence from all mention save by His leave - and God is in truth witness and well-informed of this. Look, then, to your condition and your knowledge. Fie upon you and upon your minds, then upon your understanding, O most lost of people! Know ye not that We have rolled up what the people possess and have spread out another carpet? Blessed be God, the King, the Spreader, the Mighty, the Bountiful!

Say: O people! Do not fabricate lies about My person. Verily, I have spoken naught but in remembrance and praise of this Revelation, and have breathed naught but in love for it, and have turned to none but His radiant and luminous countenance. I have made the Bayan and all that was revealed therein as but a leaf from among the leaves of the Garden of Paradise unto His own Self, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Powerful. Beware lest ye usurp it and return it to him who sought to shed My blood once again through following his own desires and passions, and was among the warmongers. We have expounded the Bayan from a single Word, then returned it unto that Word, and commanded the Word to appear before the Throne that the creation before it might bear witness and that His all-knowing and wise Self might rejoice therein. Judge ye fairly then: is it fitting that its owner should dispose of it, or one other than him? What ails you, O concourse of the veiled ones? We commanded the people of the Bayan to wear silk and keep themselves and their garments clean lest His eye should fall upon what He loveth not. Thus have We set forth all things in detail in a perspicuous Book. All this was for His sake, if ye be of the fair-minded. We created the heavens and the earth and whatsoever lieth between them for His loved ones - how much more so His radiant, mighty and luminous beauty! Yet ye have clung to what We ordained for Him and have opposed My Beloved thereby. What ails you, O concourse of the hateful ones, and what shall profit you this day, O company of mischief-makers? Ye have opposed Him and all that hath proceeded from Him, after We counseled you in the Tablets that whosoever should call to mind the mention of His Most Great and Wondrous Name should rise from his seat and say “Glory be to God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm” nineteen times, then “Glory be to God, the Lord of Might and Power” nineteen times, unto the end of what We revealed in a mighty and glorious Tablet. Yet ye denied Him and His verses, and were not content with that, and observed not the rights of God regarding Him, and heeded not God’s command concerning His exalted and knowing Self, until ye opposed each and every one of His deeds, and were among the mockers. Among you were those who said “He drinks tea,” and those who said “He eats food,” and those who objected to His attire, though every thread of His garments testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He is the Goal of all those near unto God. I myself bear witness that at times He had but two garments in His presence, that He might change from one to the other - thus doth the tongue of truth, the All-Knowing, bear witness. And on some nights the family of God had naught for sustenance, yet He concealed His plight to preserve God’s firm and mighty Cause - this after He had created all things for His own Self and held in His hands the keys to the treasuries of the heavens and earth. Fie upon your shame, O people of the Bayan! By God, I am ashamed of your deeds and I now disavow you, O concourse of satans! Alas, alas for His trials among you! Alas, alas for what hath befallen

and continueth to befall Him at every moment! O people, be fair, then ponder: were ye still enshrouded in such veils, why would I have manifested Myself, and what would be the fruit of My manifestation, O company of hypocrites? God hath raised Me up to rend asunder the veils and purify you for this Revelation, yet ye have done unto Him that which causeth Mine eyes and the eyes of the holy ones to weep. The faces of earlier peoples have turned white from your deeds, for ye are more veiled than they.

The faces of the peoples of old times are more veiled than your deeds, for verily ye are more veiled than they and more heedless than the hosts of the Torah, the Psalms and the Gospel. Would that I had not been born of my mother and had not manifested myself among you, O company of the disappointed ones! By Him Who hath sent Me with the truth, I have encompassed the knowledge of all things, and all that hath been treasured in the treasuries of God's protection, and all that hath been veiled from the eyes of the worlds. Yet have I not found souls more wretched than you and more remote from Him. For after We had expounded it in the Tablets and counseled you in all the pages, We had not thought that anyone would appear in the realm who would dare oppose God, in Whose grasp lie the kingdoms of the heavens and earth. We are bewildered by your creation and know not by what word ye were created, O ye at whom are amazed both the hearts of the people of the Supreme Concourse and the hearts of the sincere ones and those brought nigh. Thus have We related unto thee, O servant, in this Tablet, that which the Dove of Utterance warbled at that time before the throne of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And verily thou shouldst read what hath been revealed therein, then preserve these pearls of inner meanings from every treacherous thief among the hosts of Satan. And if thou findest one possessed of insight, spread it before his eyes that he may witness and be among the successful ones. Perchance those of Our chosen servants possessed of vision may become aware of what hath befallen the Beauty of the Chosen One at the hands of these transgressors who have taken the Calf as their lord instead of God and worship it morning and evening, and are among those who rejoice. And thou, grieve not for what hath befallen Us, but be patient even as We have been patient, for He is the best of helpers and protectors. Remember thy Lord in the nights and days, then speak forth His praise among His servants, that perchance through His praise the fire of His love may be kindled in the hearts of the righteous, and all may arise to praise God, their Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of your ancient fathers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Every possessor of insight and understanding would surely lament both for the Truth and for himself upon reading these revealed verses - for the Truth, in that it hath been afflicted at the hands of such oppressors in ways that the eye of creation hath not seen nor the ear of invention heard; and for himself, in that he hath failed to arise as befitteth this wondrous Cause. We beseech God to raise up through His sovereignty souls who shall make up for what these people have failed to do, that these sanctified souls may arise to do what is worthy and befitting of this Revelation. He who circleth round the Spirit saith: 'Conceal not, but rend asunder the veils and reveal what hath been treasured in secret of the knowledge of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.' And they who circle round the Mind say: 'Beware, beware! Be patient and disclose not that which would frighten the temples of the heedless and disturb the hearts of the polytheists. Cast upon the servants that which befitteth their station and rank. Beware lest thou cast upon the infant the stations of maturity, or upon the deprived the mysteries of God's sanctuary, or upon the deaf the melodies of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.' O thou who art unfair and

unseeing! Why didst thou not question the tree of rejection as to why one whose name had been known and celebrated for twenty years, and through whose words they had established their own selves, should now be condemned to death by their decree?

And through His Words, they have established proof for themselves. Yet now they have issued a decree for His death and have perpetrated that which none hath ever perpetrated, and at every moment they are engaged in devising new schemes to subvert His Cause. And this, while thou and thy like were all created by His Word. But what can be said? For whatsoever may be uttered will never influence these veiled ones and idolators, and hath never done so. And this is most evident, that were a soul to be touched by but a spark from the fire of divine love, he would never occupy himself with such words, nor would he raise such objections against the Sovereign of Names and Attributes - objections the like of which have never appeared in all creation. God shall soon raise up a people who will be awakened by His words, who will recognize His purpose, who will turn unto Him, and who will detach themselves from all the worlds.

And concerning what thou hast written as to what answer I should give to Mirza Muhammad-'Ali and Mirza Abu'l-Hasan and others: Thou art not, nor hast thou ever been, the Judge of all creation. Be thou the judge of thine own self, and think what answer thou shalt give unto God. The answer to creatures is easy. O shameless one, devoid of modesty! Thou hast expressed perplexity regarding the answer to a few creatures, yet hast never given thought to thine answer unto God. Consider now with fairness: if thou expressest shame and perplexity at answering a few mortals, what shall we say in answer at the Most Great Throne, where all the Prophets and near ones are present? Witness thyself in that station, then witness all the people of the Bayan assembled together, and the Primal Point at the right hand of the Throne addressing thee and them. In Persian it is mentioned that thou mayest fully comprehend. He saith: "O people of the Bayan! Did I not inform you in all the Tablets that after Me a Manifestation would appear?" All must surely say "Yea," and by thy very self, the Truth, He gave these glad tidings in all the Tablets and took from all the covenant of that Most Great Luminary. Then He saith: "Did I not say that that Ancient Beauty would be made manifest through the verses of God? Did I not say that the dwellers of the Mount would fall senseless and die at that station? Did I not say that the highest Tree of affirmation would be made low by the lowliest tree of negation? Did I not say that every possessor of light would appear dark in the presence of the radiance of His countenance? Did I not say that none save His own Self would be cognizant of His Manifestation? Did I not say that at the time of His appearance ye should not be veiled by what was revealed in the Bayan? Did I not say to the Letters of the Bayan, who are the first to be created in the Bayan, that ye should not remain deprived of that Ancient Beauty? Did I not say that all of the Bayan is but a leaf amongst the leaves of Paradise in the presence of that Tree of Divine Unity? Did I not say that He hath power to reject one who is highest amongst all creation? Did I not say that all the people of the Bayan are His creation in His previous Manifestation?" Assuredly ye must confirm all this, for all is specifically revealed and recorded in the Tablets of the Bayan. Despite these countless exhortations and firm, irrefutable counsels, by what proof and evidence have ye drawn the sword of oppression against this Blessed Beauty, and all have arisen to violate His sanctity, and intended to shed His pure blood, and from every direction have advanced with the swords of discord - notwithstanding that He hath appeared with such evidence as that wherewith I appeared before, and

likewise before that Muhammad the Messenger of God appeared, and before that the Spirit. If ye say: "Whence are these verses from God?" I say: By the same proof whereby ye recognized My verses to be from God, although ye all confess that these wondrous verses have spread throughout all regions and at every moment He hath spoken verses such that all are and shall ever be as nothing before a single word thereof. Nevertheless, ye have taken as lord one who is an opponent of the Truth.

Some of you have clung to the fact that I called him the Fruit, even though it is revealed in My Book that if there be seen any Branch, or Leaf, or Fruit that boweth not down before that Sun of Truth on the Day of His Manifestation, he is not of Me and returneth not unto Me. And some have clung to the notion that I took him as a Mirror, even though by My express text a hundred thousand like him are made manifest and radiant from a single effulgence of the Sun. And yet ye have not even understood the matter of that Mirror. Even granting he be that Mirror, there is no doubt that ye have accepted him as such based on My word. I have explicitly stated that ye should not remain veiled from that which hath been revealed in the Book by that Manifestation of the Lord of Lords. Likewise have I stated that the people of the Mount become as dead and as naught before that Most Great Manifestation, and a hundred thousand such mirrors were and shall be but sheer nothingness before a single one of those holy souls dawning from the horizon of oneness. And if ye say that this Mirror hath now made this same claim, there is no doubt he hath lied in this assertion, for I have specifically revealed that if a mirror claimeth to be the Sun, it is evident before the Sun that he is but a shadow thereof. And from this very statement of Mine it is proven that the Mirror, by your supposition, would claim to be the Sun, and this very claim of his in these days is proof of his falsehood, for after the dawning of the Sun of Oneness, in opposition to his own self, in rebellion against his own essence, in pride against his own being, and in denial of His Cause, he hath spoken these words, and most of you have followed him. Fie upon you, O people of the Bayan! Again fie upon you, O people of the Bayan! Again fie upon you, O people of the Bayan! And fie upon you unto the endless end! For by your deeds my heart hath melted, my liver burned, my bowels entangled, my limbs severed, my pillars shaken, my skin shuddered, my soul trembled, my being maddened, my inner reality cried out, and my outer and inner self, my first and last, grieved. That which ye mention and continue to mention, ye attribute to Me and cling to him based on My word, while My own authority is established by the Bayan, and I have specifically stated that ye should not remain veiled from the All-Merciful by the Bayan. I know not after this by what excuse ye cling and to what rope ye hold fast. Ye heed not My Cause and have not accepted God's counsel. One who now warreth against God ye have designated by one of My names, and ye contend and dispute with My very self, even though I have explicitly stated that all Manifestations of Names in that glorious and sanctified Manifestation are but servants, just as I have said: If I say He is the One, that Name is but one of His Names, and if I say He is the All-Glorious, that manifest Name is but one of His Names, and if I say He is the Most Holy, it is He Who is revealed through that Name and its likes, and if I say He is the Mighty, every mighty one boweth down before the loftiness of His might.

If I say He is the One, this One is but one of His names. If I say He is the All-Holy, the manifestation of this name is but one of His names. If I say He is the Most Sacred, He is that Being Who has revealed and continues to reveal Himself through this name and its like. If I say He is the Mighty, every mighty one bows down before His exalted might. If I say He is the Beloved, every beloved one has rent asunder the

veil of his heart in love and adoration for Him. If I say He is the All-Compelling, He is that Sovereign Who, should any soul in the Day of His Manifestation adduce proofs of Him, God will make that soul to exercise dominion over all things through His command. If I say He is the Self-Subsisting, He is but the manifestation of one of those who stand before the throne of His oneness. Exalted, exalted be His mention, and exalted, exalted be His station! Though by this explicit statement I have described all the Most Beautiful Names as servants at His threshold, and have declared that Essence of Purpose and Countenance of Promise to be sanctified, holy and pure above all else, yet you have seized upon a name from my Book and through that name have brought forth that which no people before have ever brought forth. Thus speaks the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great. These are the words of the Primal Point, may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him. Can any soul provide an answer? No, by God! Rather, we are all humbled and ashamed and remorseful, for those who have turned towards Him have not arisen to fulfill the conditions of turning to Him, and as for those who have turned away, it is evident what they have perpetrated and continue to perpetrate. Moreover, according to the explicit text of the Primal Point, all the Most Beautiful Names - whether the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, those above them or below them - are all souls who, in this wondrous Cause, provide proofs of this Manifestation through their own evidence. Consider then the station of those souls who have adduced proofs through their exposition and pen in confirmation of this Most Great Manifestation, and have written that which has been cast upon pure hearts. By God! They are among the most exalted and radiant of creation, such that none before them has surpassed them, nor shall any soul among those who come after ever surpass them. O commanding self! Why did you occupy yourself with mention of those souls and express bewilderment at their answer, while remaining heedless of the deeds of those who gave their lives in the path of this Cause, the act of each one being in itself a clear proof in establishing this most wondrous and impregnable Manifestation, and a manifest testimony between the heavens and the earth? Among them was the beloved of martyrs, Aqa Sayed Isma'il of Zavareh, who by his own hand sacrificed his head for love of this Manifestation, and no one could be found to match him in detachment, piety and godliness […]

His piety, grace and knowledge, by God, have never been denied. Thou wast not guided by the deeds of such a soul, and thou hast sent before the Divine Throne mention of souls whose path is not now known, and perchance God will confirm them in His Cause and detach them from thee and thy like, and make them among the sincere ones. In any case, it hath become necessary to mention in this place the details concerning the illustrious martyred Siyyid - upon him be the glory of God, and upon him be the might of God, and upon him be the light of God, and upon him be the grandeur of God, and upon him be the mystery of God, and upon him be the majesty of God, and upon him be the radiance of God, and upon him be the praise of God, and the praise of all things, and the praise of all the worlds - that perchance thou mayest become aware of those souls of whom the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His power, gave tidings that before the appearance of that Sun of Oneness they would be set ablaze with the fire of His love, even as He, addressing the next Manifestation, hath spoken words whose Persian meaning is this, His mighty and glorious Word: "Although all the servants have been and will be veiled from Thee, yet for Thee servants will also be created who will be set ablaze with the fire of Thy love before Thy manifestation," even as the aforementioned Siyyid was set ablaze before His manifestation, and assuredly the like of that soul shall appear, though ye and your kind deny or disbelieve.

The story of that martyr is that he arrived in Iraq and took up residence near the Most Great House, in the house of Aqa Muhammad-Rida - upon him be the glory of God. The aforementioned name requested of the Most Glorious that He would at some time honor his house with a visit. Several days passed and He delayed in response, until one day He accepted and honored that place with His presence. The aforementioned person, according to his means, prepared a gathering and brought several trays of sweets, fruits and confections into His presence. Then the Face of God turned to the face of him who was martyred in His path and addressed him: "Come, and all that is present before thee is from God's bounties and favors." He spoke before God with humility, submissiveness, imploring and contrition, saying "I desire from Thy wondrous gifts that Thou grant me of Thy spiritual bounties." Then the Spirit's face became radiant and He said "Come, O servant" and commanded him to be seated before His face. Then the Tongue of God spoke words from which dripped drops of meaning upon all that was and will be, and I am unable to describe or mention them, nor do I know what the hand of grace bestowed upon him of its hidden spiritual bounties, to such extent that his soul, spirit, essence and being were attracted by them, and the dominions of longing so overcame him that he became oblivious of himself and of all who are in the heavens and earth, and turned with his inner and outer being toward the Beloved of the worlds, until the gathering ended and the Spirit returned to His abode. But after hearing God's words and tasting of what he desired, no one witnessed in him any calm or rest, and numbered days passed, and at every moment his longing increased and his passion for God his Creator intensified, until one morning he swept the courtyard of the House with his turban, returned, took a knife, withdrew from the people and left the city. When he reached the bank of the river, he stood facing the House, and with one hand holding his beard and the other hand cutting his throat – out of love for God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon a great commotion arose among the people, and cries were raised by all souls, and many gathered around him and saw that the knife was in his hand and his hand was placed upon his chest. All existence was astounded by this, then the denizens of the highest Paradise, then the dwellers of the cities of grandeur, then the inhabitants of the Kingdom of Names and the Heaven of eternity – and they all prayed for him and glorified his countenance and descended upon him and circled round him and inhaled the fragrance of his love. And were I to mention what was manifested on that day, verily thou wouldst neither accept it nor be able to comprehend it. And God is witness to what I say.

It is mentioned in the Persian tongue that after the arrival of the Ancient Beauty, the aforementioned Siyyid sought spiritual sustenance. He was told, "Come and be seated before Me." After he was seated, utterances were made. By God! The intoxication of the wine of divine meanings in God's words so attracted him that he became oblivious to himself and both worlds. Should all the peoples of the world attempt to describe the details of that gathering, or endeavor to characterize that Kawthar of meaning which flowed from the Ocean of utterance of that Eternal Countenance, they would surely find themselves utterly powerless. The Words of God so profoundly affected that heart turned toward God that his entire being was set ablaze with the fire of divine love. God alone knows what bounties were bestowed upon him. He tasted that which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. After the meeting concluded and the Ancient Beauty departed, that Siyyid manifested a wondrous state at all times, and the love of God so seized him that he ultimately ceased eating and drinking. He remained in this condition for some time, until one day he composed verses in praise of God and gave them to the companions, which still exist today. Should anyone examine them, they would become aware of the

burning intensity of that pure and holy being. Then one day at dawn he arose and proceeded to the Most Great House, swept its blessed courtyard with his turban, then went and obtained a blade. He visited the house of Aqa Muhammad-Rida, and hastened to the place of sacrifice before his Beloved, detached from all who dwell in the heavens and earth. At that moment all the angels of the highest paradise circled round him and accompanied him to the place of sacrifice, until outside the city near the river, facing the House, he cut his own blessed throat with his own hand, out of love for his Lord, yearning for His affection, seeking His presence, content with His decree, and turning toward the sanctuary of His reunion. Afterward this event became known throughout the city, such that all heard of it. The chief of police with a group of Arabs and Persians went to that most holy place and witnessed that sacred form lying there with the blade in his hand, having sacrificed his life in this state. Upon seeing this all were astounded, and this very act caused several enemies to repent of their deeds and attain to divine love. In no age had such a thing occurred. Now observe that the name of this blessed soul was also Isma'il, but this Isma'il did not return alive from the place of sacrifice before his Beloved, but rather offered up his life in His path. By God! This deed is a proof to all who dwell in the heavens and earth, but you will not comprehend it, nor will those like you. What have you to do with these realms? Go and make mention of prescribed guardianship, investigate that station, and write treatises. Likewise other souls who in this Revelation have given their lives and until reaching the place of sacrifice were speaking the praise of their Beloved - mention these souls who like brilliant suns have risen among the people […]

And even unto the place of sacrifice they were speaking in remembrance of the Beloved. Out of enmity toward God, thou hast failed to mention these souls who, like radiant suns, shine forth and illumine amidst humanity. And thou writest, asking what answer shall I give to this one and that one. Those who have denied the signs of God and followed thee and thy like have verily suffered loss in this world and in the world to come, and verily the fire shall be their abode - how wretched an abode for them that deny!

And concerning what thou hast written, asking how to respond to those who each day cling to someone else, accepting one as true and rejecting another as false - this "truth" thou hast mentioned has ever existed among creation, honored with one of the garments of names, but after transgression, pride and turning away, that garment was taken from him. Take hold of the reins of the pen, for by what flowed from it, the people of the realms of eternity curse thee, as doth testify the Tongue of God, the Truthful, the Speaking, the Trustworthy. He saith: The Divines shall, at another time, upon the sprinkling of that Crimson, All-Compelling Light, become as dead and as nothing. Yet thou newly mentionest how it could be that a mirror, according to thy fancy, could become false, or a fruit fall. It is explicitly stated that many a tree of affirmation becometh in the next Revelation a tree of negation through its turning away, yet now thou clingest and holdest fast to a single fruit according to thy fancy. Were it a true fruit, by its turning away it hath fallen from the Divine Lote-Tree and returned to its original place in the fire. At this point a single utterance from the Point of the Bayan, the Countenance of the All-Merciful, and the Self of the All-Glorious - may the spirit of all in the realms of the universe and existence be sacrificed for Him - is mentioned, that perchance thou mayest feel shame and not stretch forth the hand of transgression toward the pavilion of divine knowledge and recognition. Although thou and thy like are accounted among the deprived ones in the sight of God, yet the face of the Bayan hath been and shall be turned toward them that are nigh unto God. He saith - and His word is the truth: "Make, O my God, that entire

Tree to be for Him, that there may appear from it the fruits that God hath created therein for Him through whom God desireth to manifest what He desireth. For I, by Thy glory, have not desired that there should remain upon that Tree any branch, leaf or fruit that would not bow down before Him on the day of His Manifestation, nor glorify Thee through Him as befitteth the sublimity of His manifest sovereignty and the exaltation of His hidden majesty. And shouldst Thou behold, O my God, any branch or leaf or fruit upon me that would not bow down before Him on the day of His Manifestation, then cut it off, O my God, from that Tree, for it is not of Me, nor shall it return unto Me." Thus did He speak - may my soul, my spirit, my inner being, my outer being, my hidden reality, the kingdom and the dominion, might and divinity, glory and majesty, manifestation and humanity, and all that hath been created in the realms of eternity be a sacrifice unto Him - for He, may my spirit be sacrificed for Him, moved not His pen save in this wondrous remembrance, this transcendent and inaccessible Revelation, this most exalted and sublime sovereignty, this resplendent and illuminating Sun, and this manifest, glorious, mighty and inaccessible Cause. Consider thou somewhat what the Point of existence and the Beauty of the Worshipped One declareth. He saith: "O my Lord! I have not desired that there should remain upon this Tree any branch, leaf or fruit that would not bow down before Him on the day of His Manifestation, nor glorify Thee through that Manifestation as befitteth the sublimity of His manifest sovereignty and the exaltation of His hidden majesty." And He saith: "If Thou shouldst behold, O my Lord, upon me any branch or leaf or fruit that would not bow down before Him on the day of His Manifestation, then cut it off, O Lord, from this Tree, for verily it is not of me."

Turn to Him with thy whole heart, O My servant, and behold not the ways of the foolish. Whosoever seeketh guidance in this Day must cast away all that he possesseth and fix his gaze upon the Divine Horizon. Let thy vision be directed towards the Revelation of Him Whom God shall make manifest, and know thou of a certainty that every fruit that boweth not before Him on the Day of His manifestation must assuredly be cut off from this Tree. Verily, such a fruit hath not been of Me, nor shall it return unto Me. Reflect thou upon this matter: the fruit of the Tree of Truth in the previous Revelation was that all the people of the Bayan should abide beneath its shade. This was the ultimate purpose of what was ordained concerning the previous Tree. Now, whosoever attaineth unto this station shall be accounted among its fruits, branches, and boughs, and whatsoever hath been ordained for them; and whoso faileth shall be cut off and cast aside.

Lament thou, therefore, for the fruit that hath taken for itself a god besides God. Were it a true fruit, according to the explicit text of the Point of the Bayan which declareth: "Whoso faileth to acknowledge the Truth on the Day of His manifestation hath not been and shall not be of Me" - given such a clear and manifest declaration, how can ye wonder that a fruit might prove false or be cast aside? Behold now the greatness of God's Cause, and consider thine own station and that of thy guide. O thou child in the school of ignorance, thou art not yet mature, for wert thou mature, thou wouldst not occupy thyself with such words. Fie upon thee and what thou possessest, and what thou hast used as proof, and that wherein thou takest delight!

The truly mature ones today are they who have recognized the Manifestation of the Lord of all worlds and are established upon the thrones of certitude and dignity. For thee and thy like, it is most difficult to rend these veils, yet God, exalted be His praise, hath souls who, through His breaths, shall rend all veils.

These are they whose very beings hold sway over all who are in the Bayan, as do their words, their deeds, and their knowledge. Even as the Point of the Bayan hath declared that a one-year-old child of the next Revelation is mightier than all who are in the Bayan. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Were they to reflect upon this single utterance of the Point of the Bayan, all would detach themselves from whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth, and from their own souls and beings, and would turn towards the Court of Unity. How mighty is this word, would ye but reflect upon it! For were this Cause not supreme, how could such an utterance have issued forth from the Source of the Bayan? We thus bear witness that God, the Most High, the Most Great, hath spoken truth. For were He not mightier than all creation, He could not rend these veils of idle fancy nor break these mighty idols through the power of the Friend of all horizons. How vast is the difference between the station of these servants and the station of those who came before! These are servants upon whom the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the realities of all things pronounce their blessings, though ye comprehend it not.

Know that what has been written with the pen of hatred and calumny - that certain people attribute rebellion to the Most Glorious Beauty - and what has been written that the pen is ashamed to mention, all such words are manifest lies cast upon you by that lying perpetrator. And whoever speaks thus has invented falsehood against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then do the angels of sanctity address you from the Most Great Paradise, saying: “O thou who hast ascribed partners to God, be silent! By a drop from the oceans of His sanctification were we created and raised up. God hath made us purified from reference to aught else and sanctified from mention of all else. Thus do we glorify and praise Him in this Most Great, Most Exalted Station.” Then do the angels of divine unity address thee from the Most Exalted Paradise, saying: “Take up thy pen, O thou who associateth partners with God! By God! Through the breezes of His unity were we created and raised up. Thus do we extol and glorify and praise Him in this station which God hath made pure from thy mention and thy praise and thy knowledge and the knowledge of all creation.” Then do the angels of detachment address thee from the All-Glorious Paradise, saying: “Be ashamed, O thou who hast turned away from God! God created us from the oceans of His detachment and we have cut ourselves off from every remembrance save His remembrance. Thus do we walk in this Most Great Paradise and make mention of Him and praise Him at morn and eventide.” Then do the dwellers of the Paradise of the Divine Command address thee, saying: “O thou who art heedless of God’s remembrance and who warreth against His Self! We were created by the command that flowed from His precious and wondrous Pen. He it is by Whose command the Most Exalted Pen inscribed upon the tablets whatsoever He desired. He it is Who ruleth as He pleaseth. None can question what He doeth, while all others shall be questioned, if thou be of them that know. He is the One Who chooseth for His own Self, doing what He willeth through His sovereignty. None hath the right to object to Him, for objection returneth unto thine own wretched and remote self. We have not found anyone more veiled than thee among the peoples of former times. By God! Through the fire of thine animosity hath the fire of hell been kindled. Fear God and attribute not to Him what thy self and thy passion command thee, and be not of them that join partners with God. By God! Every atom testifieth to His sanctity, and all things to His transcendence, and the dwellers of the highest paradise to His detachment, and the inhabitants of the cities of eternity to His oneness. Were He to pronounce polytheism to be unity, He would have the power through His all-compelling sovereignty. And were He to will to transform the sins of all created things through a word from Him, He would be able through His command. Indeed,

powerlessness is thy state and the state of thy like, O thou who hast deprived thyself of the breezes of God in these wondrous and unprecedented days. Fie upon thee and upon thy knowledge! Hast thou not recognized that judgment proceedeth from Him while no one's judgment reacheth unto Him? He is the Commander from all eternity, and no one's command affecteth Him, for all are poor before Him and were created by His precious and wondrous Word. Doth it beseem a leaf that hath fallen from the divine Tree and hath been yellowed by the winds of self to object to the Tree, every leaf of which proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? Doth it beseem nothingness to object to the King of Pre-existence or to lay down for Him the laws of its own self? Nay, by His exalted Self, the All-Glorious! Therefore hearken unto my words and seek forgiveness for the rest of thy life. Perchance God may forgive thee and purify thee from that which thou hast been afflicted with.

May He purify you from that which has afflicted you and detach you from yourself and your desires, and draw you nigh unto that which is better for you than the kingdom of the heavens and earth. By God! I desired naught in what I mentioned save the frustration of God's Cause, and We beseech God to frustrate you and then those who supported you in what you did and committed. Verily He is powerful over all things.

This servant has taken refuge. If no response is mentioned, there is fear that some weak souls may be deprived of the truth by these fabricated words. And if mentioned - by God besides Whom there is no God - the original nature is not content to be heedless of the mention of God and to turn to the words of the polytheists. But what can be done? The duty is to respond to what you have said, lest these fabrications become a veil between the servants and the King of the Day of Reckoning.

From these words cast upon you, he had no purpose except to prevent certain souls from the direction of Paradise and to catch the servants in the snare of words. During the twelve years' sojourn in Iraq, all know how much effort was made to remove certain vices from among this community. And if, God forbid, some committed them, it was in secret. By God, O heedless one! You know not upon what ground you make these objections. Were you to know, you would instantly destroy yourself.

The greatest cause and reason for the displeasure of the Most Glorious Beauty with Mirza Yahya - by God besides Whom there is no God - was that he violated the sanctity of the wife of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, although this is forbidden in all heavenly Books. His shamelessness reached such a degree that he specifically forbade his own wives in his writings, yet extended his hand of transgression and betrayal to the spouse of the Manifestation of the King of all worlds. Fie upon him and his faithfulness! Would that he had been content with himself, but after his own violation he gave her over to the polytheists, and all the people of the Bayan have heard and know of his evil deeds. His misdeeds should be asked of those who associated with him.

Beyond this, what is strange is that this very matter which he has written is clear proof and decisive evidence of the truth of this Cause, though you have not yet perceived it. One whom you yourself know was not among the learned and ascetic, nor counted among the mystics and turbaned ones, and according to you associated with the likes of Mushir'd-Dawlih, then suddenly the divine waters of

meaning began flowing from him without apparent cause, and the suns of divine wisdom rose and shone from the horizon of his will […]

O thou unjust one! This is a station above all stations, wert thou of the fair-minded. Thou hast regarded this most great bounty as trivial and hast imagined in thy mind that these words were uttered to lead men astray. Thou hast erred, O sinful transgressor! Every person of insight who heareth this will assuredly become more steadfast and more firm in the Cause of God, and shall continue thus. Thou hast conceived another thought, that these whisperings might affect souls that harbor evil, but not souls that are divine. Perchance darkened and limited hearts may be rendered heedless of the mention of the King of Oneness by such false and unseemly words. Yet pure souls will turn with their whole being toward the All-Merciful.

Now I ask of thee: if one should arise from among a people, having never been known for learning nor renowned among men for wisdom and justice, and should speak forth the jewels of God's words as ye have heard and continue to hear - is such a one greater, or one who hath been trained among the learned? There is no doubt that the former is more excellent, for he hath manifested through the pure power of God. How fitting that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath spoken words from your own tongue that have sufficed and will suffice those of insight to recognize such souls.

Ever hath the Truth been the object of such objections, even as they objected to the Spirit of God (Christ) that He associated and companioned with sinners and tax-collectors. By God! This Revelation hath been visited with afflictions, despite the counsels of the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His glory, such as have befallen none of the previous Manifestations. The tribulations of all those who have gone before and those who shall come after cannot compare with merely this impure scroll thou hast dispatched to the Most Holy Court, though thou art utterly ignorant and speakest purely from desire and self. This is among the afflictions that have been witnessed, yet there have befallen this Revelation tribulations that none can reckon save God alone.

Even as revealed in the Tablet to Jud, upon him be the glory of God, one verse that hath, by God, melted the hearts of all in the horizons. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "Thou hast seen Me and associated with Me and known the ocean of My calm and the mountain of My patience. Consider what hath caused Me to raise the cry between the heavens and the earths." But what benefit is there in casting divine verses before thee? It is as though a nightingale were to warble for one who is deaf. We beseech God to purify the earth from thy defilement and the defilement of those who were with thee. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers.

Thy power hath been shown to extend only so far as to turn away from the Truth at the word of the most wicked and base of men, and to cling to the tree of self and passion.[…]

And thou hadst written that in gatherings it is being said that the Ancient Beauty hath laid the foundation of corruption and sedition, and it hath become widely known that He first declared His brother the Qa'im and concealed him, and used his name to bake bread, and now having cast him aside they wish to feast. God's curse be upon him who cast this forth, and God's curse be upon him who lied and calumniated, then transgressed and rebelled, then denied and became wretched. By God, He hath found many people to be foolish. All know that He came to Iraq by order of the Persian government, and that Mirza Yahya,

after the episode in the Land of Ta, fled and came to Iraq. Say: O thou polytheist! He Who sacrificed His soul in God's path and was before all people, and upon Whom at every moment were showered the arrows of fate which none can reckon save God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed - most of the people rose up against Him in the days when He was in Iraq, and every day some would cry out that they should seize Him and send Him to the Land of Ta, and some said they would drown Him in the river, and some said the government would exile Him. And God is witness and knowing of this. The eyes of all things wept for Him because of the hardships and adversities that touched Him. And thou wrotest what thou wrotest - nay, God's curse be upon the liars. All things bear witness that during the years of His sojourn in Iraq there was never any hope for life, and at every moment He was afflicted with fresh trials. Yet despite this, such base souls make mention of bread and feasting. Consider how bereft they are of manifest understanding. By God, whoever observeth thy words will clearly witness in thee the wrath of God. Glory be to God! One who is incapable of writing two Persian words in elegant phrases objects to Him through Whose will the Most Exalted Pen was created and from Whom appeared the scratching sound whereby were attracted the hearts of all that were and shall be. Fie upon thee and upon what hath proceeded from thee! Yet it is not unlikely that these heedless people would prefer thy words to the words of truth, just as for endless years they have preferred and worshipped the calf to the truth, and are still engaged therein. It is most regrettable that man should utter such unseemly words, for words reveal the human soul. Therefore the words of the people of the Most Sublime Vision are adorned with the ornament of courtesy. We beseech God not to leave us bereft of this garment whereby man's station is made manifest among the concourse of creation and his distinction from the animal is shown. We further beseech Him to draw us nigh unto Him and to detach us from all else but Him, to purify us from the odors of fancy and imitation, and to make us among those who said "God is our Lord" and then stood firm, whom neither the derision of all creation nor the scorn of the heedless deterred.

O Lord, my God! Open the eyes of these people that they may behold Thee manifest among Thy creatures and resplendent in Thy kingdom. Verily, O my God, hadst Thou opened their eyes, they would not have afflicted me with their mockery, the stones of their suspicions, and the arrows of their delusions, even as Thou didst open the eyes of Thy loved ones and made known to them what none besides them knew. And verily, hadst Thou removed the veils from them as Thou didst remove them from the faces of Thy loved ones, they would not have remained veiled nor would they have objected. But since Thou hast concealed from these and revealed to Thy loved ones, therefore the clamor of the heedless among Thy creatures and the outcry of the doubters among the people of Thy kingdom have been raised. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to remove from them the veils that have prevented them from recognizing Thee and the Manifestation of Thy Self, that all may gather upon the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and the seat of the glory of Thy sanctification and Thy uniqueness. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

As for those who have claimed they made bread in His name - by God, I am ashamed to mention such discourteous and base souls. This is the work of that wicked Siyyid Muhammad himself. Such utterances were never and will never be the utterances of noble ones. Anyone who speaks such words is like one who says the sun is illumined by darkness, or the nightingale learned singing from the crow, or a piece of ruby derived its brilliance and color from a stone. What use is it that this heedless one does not understand, and those who were present have denied everything lest any word of truth emerge and

people hear it? This Siyyid Muhammad who, by the Great God, once prided himself to stand in the blessed presence, has now come forth attributing such calumnies to the Truth. Praise be to God that these servants have never spoken and will never speak aught but truth and righteousness, have not exchanged religion for worldly gain, and have not turned away from the Truth. All give thanks that they have attained to faith in God in this Revelation, and this servant declares: "Would that I had not been born of my mother, or if born had not suckled, or if suckled had not grown up - would that I had been among the perished!" Whoever has even an atom's weight of love for God would never be content to witness such matters. To God do we commit our cause and in Him do we place our trust. We beseech Him through the wonders of His bounty to aid us in acknowledging His oneness and confessing His singleness, and to detach us from all else besides Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Then we beseech Him by the Name through which He distinguished between truth and falsehood, that He may enable thee to remember Him and recognize the Manifestation of His Self, and purify thee from the insinuations of these liars. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, such tribulations have befallen me in this land that none can reckon them. Time and again He hath said that what I endured in prison under chains and fetters, and what I suffered at the hands of the idolaters who carried me from place to place and dragged me barefoot and bareheaded from one locality to another - none of these afflictions can be counted as tribulation. The greatest tribulation, which hath no parallel in all creation and never shall have, is that the Truth should fall into the hands of an oppressor who is known for justice, for that unrighteous one, relying upon the foolish of the earth, neither fears nor cares, but does whatsoever his self commands.

How heedlessly he did what his self and passion commanded him. As can be seen, one whom I nurtured and protected has, out of pride before God, turning away from Him and objecting to Him, perpetrated that which no oppressor has ever perpetrated. The cause of this oppression was his confidence in heedless souls, for had he been certain that people possessed insight and would not confirm his deeds, he would not have committed such acts. Ever has it been that the more We have showered favor upon most of the servants, the more they have arisen in ingratitude. The tale of Satan was mentioned before - how in each heaven he was known by a name, and in the Supreme Kingdom was attributed the highest praise, and for ages remained in standing, bowing, sitting and prostration. Then he became one who sat in ambush, barring souls from the direction of the All-Merciful. Would that the idolatrous souls in these days had been content with such measures! Nay, by Him Who holds my soul in His hand, the thirst of their hatred will not be quenched save by drinking my blood. Even Satan sought refuge with the All-Merciful from them and their deeds, but people do not understand nor perceive.

It is not known what was meant by the 'provisions' that flowed from that unhallowed pen. Never were perishable things and worldly ornaments involved. Perhaps what was meant was the coins that were sent from the Sublime Porte specifically for the servants in every city. If this is the case, that it has reverted to one who associates partners with God and they have attained their beloved - fie upon their shame and their faithfulness! They have cut themselves off from the gate of God, have turned to and taken refuge in every other gate, and have complained about the Ancient Beauty until they achieved their desire. Well have you found the truth - hold fast to it, that perchance through following such souls you may enter the lowest depths of the fire! O heedless one! These base souls, with the knowledge of that atheistic person,

have specifically subjected themselves to such abasement for ornaments and have wasted the Cause. Nevertheless, such souls are considered righteous, while they turn away from a Truth that has never paid attention to any soul, nay, even His servants have paid it no heed. God's curse be upon him who witnessed God's proof yet denied it, and recognized His transcendence above all else yet turned away from Him.

O people of the Bayan! The objections of this rejected one, written at the instigation of Mirza Yahya and Siyyid Muhammad, have been specifically mentioned so that you may know what harm has been inflicted and may understand the lamentation and wailing of the Primal Point concerning the latter Manifestation. That blessed Beauty, being aware of what the idolatrous souls would do, therefore gave countless admonitions throughout the Bayan, counseling all with such emphasis that none stronger was possible. Thus it was revealed from the Supreme Pen that all should sanctify and purify themselves with utmost sanctity and purity, and likewise their clothing and household furnishings, lest God's glance at the time of His manifestation should fall upon anything unpleasing and thereby cause sorrow to that most pure Heart. Despite these counsels, observe the condition of the people of the Bayan, who specifically wrote letters of rejection and sent them to the seat of the Throne. This is the insight of those possessed of hearts[…]

I bear witness, by God, that which hath befallen Us hath not befallen any of the Manifestations of old. Yet despite all tribulations, afflictions and trials that have been visited upon Us, We remain thankful and patient, harboring no grief. However, Our heart is consumed with anguish at the waste of God's Cause. By the True One! It behooveth all to weep and lament for the divine Cause, for they have so grievously squandered the Cause of God that they have named a corrupt woman the most excellent of women. Observe how God hath exposed the falsehood of these people. By God! Through this very act the proof hath been completed unto all, for most know that corrupt woman and are well acquainted with her condition. And from this "most excellent of women" ye can recognize the "most excellent of men" - that is, the one who wrote of her as the "mistress of women." By God! The curse of all atoms be upon him, though he perceiveth it not and remaineth among the joyful ones. His shamelessness hath reached such a point that he hath named his own wives the most excellent of women and hath taken possession of and given away the consort of the Primal Point. Woe unto them from the punishment of a grievous day!

At this point these most wondrous and sweet verses were revealed from the tongue of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious. This is what was revealed at that time from the heaven of mighty glory: "O people! Know ye that We chose the mother of the Primal Point, and verily she was mentioned as among the most excellent of handmaidens before the Throne. And it is forbidden to apply this name to any other than her. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablet of Decree which was preserved in the treasuries of thy Lord's protection. She is the most excellent of women, and after her this title may be applied to the consort of the Point who hath not departed from the fortress of chastity and whom the hands of the treacherous have not touched. Thus was the matter decreed. And she who betrayed hath departed from the Point and severed her relationship with God Who ordained every matter in a clear tablet. Say: The polytheists imagined that We desired to abrogate what was revealed unto the Point of the Bayan. Say: By my Lord, the Merciful! If We had desired as they imagined, none could object to God Who created all things by His command, and verily He hath power over all things.

Whatsoever We desire is what God hath desired, and that which appeareth from Me is that which appeared from Him, as every person of understanding who is informed doth testify. However, through this Revelation God desired to confirm what was revealed by the Point of the Bayan and to place His laws upon the necks of the Pharaohs among the company of the rebellious, and He Himself, the Truth, is witness unto this. We desired to sacrifice Ourself in His path even as He sacrificed Himself in My path. Fear God, O people, and do not fabricate lies against Him through Whom the Sun of the Bayan shone forth and His decree appeared among all creatures. Soon We shall establish His laws and demonstrate His signs in the earth with manifest power and authority."

Today the most excellent of women is the mother of the Primal Point, and it is forbidden to apply this name to any handmaiden of God. Likewise, permission hath been granted to apply this name after her to the consort of the Point who resideth in Fars and hath not departed from the fortress of divine protection.

O my God! Thou knowest that I love these and all who are related to Thy Self, and I perceive from them the fragrance of Thy merciful raiment and the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of Thy glory and bounty. I yearn to meet them, to commune with them, and to be intimate with them. I beseech Thee therefore, O my God, by the Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of Names between earth and heaven, and through which Thou hast shattered the idols of self and passion, and by which Thou hast cleansed them that know Thee and them that long for Thee, and hast purified them from the odors of all else except Thee in the kingdom of creation, that Thou wilt kindle within their breasts the torches of Thy love, whereby the people of Thy realm who have forgotten Thy remembrance and praise, and have strayed from the shore of Thy nearness and reunion, may be guided.

O my God! Deny them not that which hath appeared amongst them, and deprive them not of that which in those days hath streamed forth from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace. Then cause them to hear, O my God, at all times, Thy melodies and songs that have been raised from the seat of the throne of Thy oneness and the chair of Thy transcendent singleness. Accept from them, O my God, what they have missed during Thy days when the Sun of Thy beauty shone forth from the horizon of Thy will, and when the King of Messengers walked among them through Thy power and grandeur.

Thou seest, O my God, that at this moment weeping preventeth me from remembering and praising Thee and from praising those whom Thou hast related to the Manifestation of Thyself, for there hath passed through my mind the remembrance of my Beloved, my Purpose, my Hope, and the remembrance of His days and His circumstances. By Thy glory, O my God! Through my being the very name of faithfulness hath been lost between earth and heaven, for my Beloved sacrificed Himself in Thy path while I remain alive in Thy kingdom amidst Thy creatures, though Thou knowest, O my God, that at every moment I long to sacrifice my spirit and my soul in His path, and at all times I await this, yet know not by what means I have been prevented from what I desire. By Thy glory! Then patience hath been cut off from me through love of meeting Thee and yearning for reunion with Thee, and my soul rejoiceth not save at the moment it beholdeth my face crimsoned with my blood. And whenever I have cast myself into the hands of the enemies, Thou hast preserved me through the sovereignty of Thy will, and whenever I have committed my body to the power of them that hate, Thou hast protected me by Thy might and strength. Therefore,

since Thou hast deprived me of what I desired in Thy path, bring me nigh unto the land whereon my Beloved established Himself […]

By Thy might! Since Thou hast deprived me of that which I desired in Thy path, draw me nigh unto the land whereon stood my Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds, my Purpose and the Purpose of them that have recognized Thee, that I may be cheered thereby and kiss its soil and inhale from it the fragrance of Thy holiness and the sweet savours of Thy mercy. Perchance through this my soul may find rest from its perturbation, my spirit from its burning, and my body from its trembling. I ask Thy forgiveness, O my God, for all this, for at that moment he would be living in the All-Glorious Horizon, witnessing and beholding. To this do bear witness my soul, my spirit, my being, my pen, my tongue, my outer and inner self, my beginning and my end. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Most High, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Know, O people, that this Servant of the All-Merciful hath at all times desired to establish whatsoever was revealed through His former Manifestation, the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for His sake. I have moved only by His good-pleasure, even as He moved only by the good-pleasure of this Servant. Indeed, whatsoever appeareth from this Will is itself His will and purpose - sufficient is He as a witness unto Himself. Yet the idolaters of the Bayan have imagined and traversed the deadly wilderness of their vain fancy, even to the point of attributing to this Servant the claim that the Point of the Bayan was created from but one of my letters. Nay, by God! Whatsoever hath been revealed hath been from God, the Truth - exalted be His sovereignty, exalted be His power, exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His might, exalted be His glory, exalted be His loftiness, exalted be His station, exalted be His splendor, exalted be His Cause.

Say: O shameless ones of the earth! That which hath been revealed in this Manifestation is precisely the same as the words of the Primal Point, and ever shall be. This Servant hath never desired aught save pure servitude. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands, servitude hath been beloved to me, to such extent that whenever I behold any spot on earth, I long to prostrate myself thereon in adoration before God, my Beloved and the Beloved of them that have recognized Him. Would that I could prostrate myself upon every particle of its dust in worship before God, my Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

And if mention hath been made in the Tablets of exalted stations, this hath been in reference to the Command of God, His station, His glory and His majesty, even as the Point of the Bayan hath said: “Verily, He speaketh in all things, saying: ‘I am God, there is no God but Me. O My creation, worship ye Me!’” And were it not for this station, by His beloved Self, I would have mentioned naught save pure servitude before God, the Truth. Thus hath the matter been decreed, but the people perceive not. At this point, a prayer specifically revealed from the All-Glorious heaven for one of the loved ones shall be mentioned, that all may know that in all ranks they have manifested more perfectly than all other Manifestations, even in the station of servitude[…]

O Thou Who art my God! All created things bear witness to Thy sovereignty and power, and testify to my poverty and need before the manifestations of Thy wealth. Wherefore, O my God, look upon this sinner who hath ever gazed toward the horizon of Thy forgiveness, whose heart hath been turned toward the dawning-place of Thy grace and favors. From the first day when Thou didst create me by Thy command

and didst quicken me through the breezes of Thy bountiful mercy, I have never turned to anyone but Thee. I have stood against the enemies of Thy sovereignty and power, and summoned all to the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and the heaven of Thy transcendent singleness. In my days I sought not to preserve myself from the tyranny of Thy creatures, but rather to exalt Thy remembrance amongst Thy creation. And thereby there befell me that which none of Thy creatures could bear. How many were the days, O my God, when I was alone among the sinful of Thy servants, and how many the nights, O my Beloved, when I was captive among the heedless of Thy creation. In times of hardship and tribulation, I remained articulate in praise of Thee between Thy heaven and earth, celebrating Thy wondrous mention in the kingdom of Thy Cause and creation.

Though all that hath proceeded from me befitteth not the sovereignty of Thy oneness, nor is worthy of Thy station and power, by Thy glory, O my Beloved, I find no existence for myself before the court of Thy might. Whenever I desire to praise Thee, my heart restraineth me, for naught besides Thee can soar in the atmosphere of the kingdom of Thy nearness or ascend to the heaven of reunion with Thee. By Thy glory, I witness that were I to prostrate myself before a handful of dust unto the end that hath no end, attributing it to Thy name the Fashioner, I would not find myself distant from drawing nigh unto it, and I perceive that my deed would not befit it, being bounded by my own limitations. And were I to serve any one of Thy servants, standing before him for the duration of Thy kingdom and the permanence of Thy dominion, attributing him to Thy name the Creator, by Thy glory, I would find myself deficient in rendering service to him and deprived of what beseemeth him, for in this station naught is seen save their relationship to Thy names and attributes.

How can one whose station is such make mention of Him Who with but a movement of His finger created the names and their kingdom, and the attributes and their dominion, and with another movement joined the Kaf to the Nun, bringing forth that which the highest hearts of Thy chosen ones and the most luminous perceptions of Thy loved ones are powerless to comprehend? By Thy glory, O my Beloved, I am bewildered by the manifestations of Thy handiwork and the dawning-places of Thy power, and I find myself unable to recognize even Thy most insignificant sign, how much less Thy Self.

Therefore, I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast caused the lovers to soar in the atmosphere of Thy will, and hast guided the yearning ones to the paradise of Thy nearness and reunion, that Thou wilt waft from the paradise of Thy loving-kindness the breezes of assurance upon those of Thy loved ones who are distressed in these days when the winds of trials have encompassed them from every direction, such that souls are disturbed by the severity of Thy decree, and the pillars of existence are shaken by what hath descended upon them from the heaven of Thy ordainment, and their agitation hath reached such a state that the lamp of Thy love and remembrance is well-nigh extinguished in the niche of their hearts. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O my God and my Lord! Thou hearest the clamor of Thy loved ones and their cry from all regions by reason of what hath befallen them at the hands of them whose hearts were deprived of the sweet savors of Thy love. They have no helper to help them, nor any champion to succor them, and likewise their enemies have no restrainer to hold them back from harming them. Therefore they do what they desire

and work what they please. Wherefore, O my God, do Thou assist Thy loved ones through Thy wondrous help - they who have sought no helper but Thee and have turned to none except Thee, and whose eyes await the wonders of Thy gifts and favors. Then have mercy upon them, O my God, through the wonders of Thy mercy. Then cause them to enter the fortress of Thy protection and care. Verily Thou, O my God, hast ever been the shelter of the fearful and the refuge of the distressed. I beseech Thee not to deprive these helpless ones of the wonders of Thy bounty and grace, and leave them not in the hands of them whose essence Thou hast created from naught but the fire of Thy wrath and anger, who have never inhaled the fragrances of mercy and justice, whom the world hath deceived with its delusions to such extent that they have denied Thy proof, associated partners with Thy Self, disbelieved in Thy signs, and shed the blood of Thy loved ones and trusted ones. By Thy might, O my Beloved, they have committed what none before them hath committed, and have thereby deserved Thy wrath and the scourges of Thy anger. Seize them through Thy power, then set over them one who will show them no mercy save that they return unto Thee, enter beneath the shadow of Thy care, and repent before Thee. Verily Thou hast ever been powerful and wilt ever remain mighty. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Just, the Wise.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Do Thou assist this wronged one who hath been afflicted at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the idolaters among Thine enemies, though he hath not drawn breath except by Thy leave and command. I was lying, O my God, upon the couch of tranquility when the breezes of Thy grace and favor passed over me and awakened me thereby through Thy sovereignty and gifts, and raised me up among Thy servants to praise Thy Self and exalt Thy Word. Thereupon most of Thy creatures rose against me. By Thy might, O my God, I never imagined they would manifest what hath appeared from them, especially after Thou didst herald unto them this Revelation in the scriptures of Thy Cause and the tablets of Thy decree. Not a word was sent down from Thee but that Thou didst take from Thy creatures and beings thereby a covenant concerning this Youth. Therefore I became bewildered, O my God, and know not what to do amongst these people. Whenever I hold my peace from the wondrous praise of Thee, the Spirit causeth me to speak between Thy heaven and earth, and whenever I am still, that which bloweth from the right hand of Thy Will and Purpose moveth me. I find myself as a leaf which the winds of Thy decree move and carry whithersoever they please by Thy command and leave. By what hath appeared through me, every person of insight is assured that the matter is not in my hands but in Thy hands, and the reins of choice are not in my grasp but in Thy grasp and power. Nevertheless, O my God, the people of Thy kingdom have gathered against me, and in every moment there descendeth that which terrifieth the realities of Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided the lovers to the Kawthar of Thy grace and favors, and attracted the yearning ones to the Paradise of Thy nearness and meeting, that Thou wilt open the eyes of Thy creatures that they may witness in this Revelation the manifestation of the might of Thy oneness and the dawning of the lights of Thy countenance and beauty. Then purify them, O my God, from idle fancies and vain imaginings that they may inhale the fragrances of holiness from the garment of Thy Revelation.

O My Lord! By Thy Most Great Name, purify me from a remembrance of any one besides Thee and from all thoughts and fancies that might prevent me from turning to the court of Thy sanctity, or hinder me from discovering the sweet fragrances of holiness from Thy garment and Thy Cause, lest there come upon

me that which would hold back souls from the wafting breezes of Thy mercy in the days of the manifestation of Thine Own Self and the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and lest they commit that which would render them deserving of the tokens of Thy wrath and anger. Thou knowest, O my God, that I was among the people of the Bayan as one of them, and associated with them in love and yearning, and called them unto Thyself morn and eve through the wonders of Thy revelation and inspiration. Yet there came upon me from them that which the dwellers of the cities of Thy creation are powerless to recount. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I arose not but found myself a target for the arrows of their hatred, and retired not to rest but was pierced by the spears of their enmity. And though Thou hadst made me aware of what lay within their souls and empowered me over them, I concealed and forbore, awaiting Thy appointed time. When at last the promise was fulfilled and the time accomplished, I moved the veil but slightly, whereupon all who dwell in the realm of command and creation were struck with terror, save those whom Thou didst create from the fire of Thy love, the air of Thy longing, the water of Thy grace and the clay of Thy bounty. Upon these do the denizens of the highest Paradise and the dwellers of the cities of eternity invoke blessings. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having preserved the sincere ones and destroyed the idolaters, and distinguished between all through another Word which issued from the mouth of Thy Will and appeared from the Pen of Thy Purpose. Thereby did those servants rise against me who were created by the word of Thy command and were raised up by Thy will, reaching such heights of opposition that they denied Thee and Thy signs and warred against Thy Self. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! The pen is powerless to recount what befell the Manifestation of Thy Cause, the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. Praise be unto Thee in all this. By Thy glory, O my God! I yearned for whatsoever was ordained in the heaven of Thy decree and the kingdom of Thy destiny, for that which befalleth me in Thy path is the beloved of my heart and the object of my soul's desire. This could not be except through Thy might and power. I am he who, O my God, through Thy love hath become independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and through it shall never be dismayed though all the harm of the world should assail me. Would that the hour were now come when my blood might be shed upon the earth before Thee, and Thou wouldst behold me in the condition wherein Thou didst behold those of Thy servants who drew nigh unto Thee and the chosen ones among the best of Thy creation. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for what Thou hast decreed by the power of Thy decree, and dost decree by Thy destiny and will. I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy Name through which Thou didst raise up the standards of Thy Cause and the lights of Thy countenance did shine forth, to send down upon me and upon the sincere among Thy servants every good thing Thou hast ordained in the Tablets. Then establish for us a true seat in Thy presence, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Most Merciful.

The hope is that through divine bounty in this spiritual springtime all may attain unto human perfection and exchange their old, tattered and worn-out garments for new divine raiment. May all arise to serve the Cause of Truth to the utmost of their ability and power. May the people of Baha be as wings to one another for the soaring of all in these spiritual atmospheres and holy luminous realms. May they speak naught save what God hath ordained, walk not save in His good-pleasure, and utter no word except by His leave. Let them not rest content with their own understanding of the divine words, for none save God can comprehend the true meaning of His utterances. Some have spoken certain words regarding the Branches of the Divine Tree without permission, which were not pleasing unto God, for such statements

lead to corruption and discord in the Cause, especially in these days when most of the opposers are waiting for disorder to arise in the Cause. Fear God, O people, and be not of the transgressors. Remember what We have commanded you, not what your selves and desires command. Fear God and be of the God-fearing. We made him speak at the age of six consecutive years to be a proof of this Most Great and Mighty Announcement. God made him speak to be a proof of His Cause. Those who have uttered such words have been heedless of the greatness of this Cause, for if He wishes to make all things speak, He is able, and He hath power over all things. Before the thousand years, none shall appear save him who hath appeared. Thus was the Command revealed at the beginning of this Manifestation, were ye of those who understand. God hath sent and will send for this Cause guides who shall speak of Him and turn to Him at all times and move not except by His leave. These shall not exchange any of My melodies for all who are in the heavens and earth. These are My guides on earth, My chosen ones in the lands, and My trusted ones among the servants. Upon them be My mercy, My glory, My remembrance and My praise. They are honored servants. It hath been known that until now the details of this most wondrous and most glorious Manifestation have not been mentioned. Were they to be mentioned, all would testify that He is the One Whom no one hath preceded and none shall succeed. Whosoever claims before the thousand years hath fabricated against God, for thereby the Cause would be corrupted and the temple of the Divine Will would not be established upon the throne of mighty glory. At the beginning of this exalted Manifestation, verses were revealed concerning this matter, some of which are mentioned in certain Tablets. Witness them that ye may be steadfast in the Cause and be of the firm ones. Furthermore, it hath been known that what was meant by the Valley of Nabil mentioned in the Tablets was and shall be this Most Great Manifestation itself, and its Valley is that holy land which hath been created above the levels of Paradise. None can enter it save the people of Baha. By God! They are the people of the Valley of Nabil, the Valley of Grandeur, the Valley of Independence, the Valley of Glory, the Valley of Power, the Valley of Might, the Valley of Immortality, the Valley of Holiness, and the Valley of Sanctity.

The Valley of Detachment and the Valley of Grandeur - and apart from these, souls have strayed from the noble path and wander bewildered in the wilderness of self and passion. The essence of nobility at such time disavows them, their works, their deeds and all that proceeds from them. To this all things bear witness, would ye but understand.

Beware, O people, lest ye pervert the words of God from their proper place. Bear witness to that which God hath witnessed, then be as brothers reclining upon couches face to face. Unite in such wise that no trace of discord may be detected among you. Through your unity will the Cause of God be made manifest throughout His creation, His tokens be established among His servants, and His light be proven throughout the worlds.

It is hoped that all may gather around this all-embracing Word, occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God, and appear on earth in complete detachment. May they be so enkindled by the fire of divine love that all shall be ignited by its warmth and turn their gaze toward the sanctified realm. And whatsoever of the divine verses they fail to comprehend, let them inquire of their Source and Origin.

The purpose of these words is that no discord may arise among the loved ones of God concerning the meaning of His words. Let them know that all divine utterances proceed from one Source and return unto Him. Beware lest ye find differences therein. Though outwardly revealed differently, in their inner reality they all return to and end in the same Word and the same Point.

As it hath been mentioned in certain passages that none knoweth the meaning of God's words save God Himself. Without doubt this statement is true, for each letter of the revealed verses hath, in every one of the infinite worlds, its specific effect and particular meaning in accordance with that world. Likewise, each of the divine letters and words is a treasury of innate knowledge, and none hath discovered what is treasured therein save God.

It hath also been stated in another passage that all can comprehend the divine verses, for were this not so, the proof of His verses would not be established. These two statements appear outwardly different, yet to those possessed of insight and penetrating vision, it is clear that what is meant by 'all can comprehend' is according to their capacity and measure, not according to that which hath been sent down from the presence of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Today, those who are engaged in violating the sanctity of the Bayan - as you have seen and heard - these souls, due to the foolishness of their followers, have laid claim to the Cause. God's curse be upon those who have transgressed the bounds of the Bayan, violated the sanctity of God, broken His Covenant, and denied the Primal Point and His Beloved and His Purpose, Who hath appeared in His Most Glorious Name between earth and heaven, through Whom the hearts of those near unto God and the breasts of the sincere ones were illumined. But what they have imagined shall prove vain, by God's might and power. The stronghold of His Cause shall be preserved by the hand of power, and verily He hath power over all things. And at the end, the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree of transcendent glory, saying: "O people of the Bayan! Fear God and spread not corruption in the land after it hath been set in order, and commit not that which is unseemly. Purify yourselves from whatsoever hath been forbidden in God's Book, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Beware lest ye shed blood, and whoso sheddeth blood is not of Me, and God is quit of him. This was revealed at the beginning of this Revelation from the kingdom of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Beware lest ye commit that which your minds and hearts abhor. Fear God, O concourse of believers! Be detached from the world and all that is therein, and dispose not of the property of others except with their permission. Thus have We revealed aforetime and now from the presence of One mighty and beautiful. Be God's trusted ones in the land, such that were ye to pass through cities of gold, your eyes would not turn toward them. Thus it behooveth you, O concourse of the unitarians! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through your deeds, that God's servants may perceive from you the fragrance of truth throughout the heavens and earth. Adopt, O people, the characteristics of God and commit not that which would bring low the station of His Manifestation among His creatures. Thus doth God counsel you in tablets of preserved glory. Contend not with anyone, nor dispute with any soul. If ye find one who is receptive, remind him of the Most Great Word, and if ye find one who turneth away, turn away from him and turn unto God, your Lord, and He will suffice you against all the world. Unite, O My loved ones, then gather together under the law of My Cause, and be not of those who differ. Verily, the nearest of you to God are the most God-fearing and humble among you, were ye of those who know. By the True God! If ye were to be oppressed, this is

more beloved to Me than that ye should oppress anyone, and this is of My nature and My most excellent characteristic, were ye of those who are assured. Be patient, O My loved ones, in tribulation and distress, and if an oppressor oppresseth you, refer his judgment to God, in Whose hand is the dominion of all things. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth, and He is the most severe of avengers. We have counseled you in most of the Tablets not to contend with anyone, yet ye have done that which hath caused harm to return to the Lote-Tree of transcendent glory. O people! Fear God and transgress not beyond that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets, for this is better for you than what ye possess, were ye of those who know. Shun those who have denied and associated partners with God and disputed His verses and warred against His exalted and mighty Self. Then be patient as We have been patient, and contend not with any of the idolaters. Trust in all matters in God, and verily He will aid Me as He aided Me the first time when I was in prison beneath chains and fetters, and He aided Me in truth through the hosts of the heavens […]

And He aided me through truth with the hosts of the heavens and earth until He delivered me therefrom with a manifest sovereignty, in His grasp being the kingdom of all things. He aideth whom He willeth as He willeth, and He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Beware, O people, lest ye cling to names and object to Him Who created them by a command from His presence - there is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: He created names even as He created all things, if ye be of them that know. Every possessor of power is powerless before the sovereignty of His might, and every possessor of knowledge is ignorant before His knowledge, and every possessor of wealth is poor at His gate, which hath been opened unto the face of all created things. Beware lest names debar you from their Creator. Avoid those who cling to them and are among the worshippers thereof. Say: The Prophet is he who hath heard My announcement and believed in My Self, and the Messenger is he who hath delivered My messages, and the Leader is he who hath stood before My countenance and attained unto My days, and the Guardian is he who hath entered the fortress of My guardianship and detached himself from all else but Me, and the Successor is he who hath bequeathed himself and then the servants to My love and My remembrance and My praise. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Most Merciful, in this sacred, mighty, transcendent and impregnable Paradise. And praise be to God, my Beloved and the Beloved of the mystics. And when We address him who hath fabricated lies about God and objected to Him and sent to the Holy Court inflammatory papers wherein he mentioned that which caused the hearts of the chosen ones and those near to God to be consumed, that he might perchance awaken from the sleep of heedlessness and turn toward the Holy Court, the seat of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And though he hath committed a sin weightier than the weight of the heavens and earth, yet when the oceans of grace were in motion in those days, should he repent and return, God may forgive him through His mercy which hath preceded all creation. Say: O heedless one! If thou wouldst hearken unto this servant, then act according to that which We mention unto thee, that thou mayest be among the successful ones. Purify thyself from all save God, then say “In the Name of God and by God” and wash with water, and after completing this say […]

O my God and my Beloved! Even as Thou hast cleansed my body with this water, purify my heart and my soul from self and desire, that I may know Thee through Thine Own Self and be detached from all the worlds. Then place thy face upon the dust in humility before God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O my God and

my Master! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which trembling seized the tribes of earth and heaven, and clamor arose amidst the Concourse of Creation, and the souls of the doubters and the realities of the heedless were shaken, to forgive my grievous sins, the like of which the eye of creation hath not witnessed. By Thy glory, O my Beloved, I have come to Thee with such sins as can be equaled by no other sins among all created things through Thy most wondrous and sublime Word. Therefore have mercy upon this sinner, then clothe me in the robe of forgiveness and purify me from human limitations, and direct me to Thy Most Great Vision in such wise that there shall remain in my breast naught save the wonders of Thy knowledge, and in my heart naught except the manifestations of Thy love, and in my countenance naught save the radiance of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful.

O my God! This is a sinner who hath hastened unto the city of Thy forgiveness, and this is a poor one who hath laid hold on the hem of the robe of Thy wealth and self-sufficiency. O Lord! Deprive me not of that which lieth with Thee, then make me sincere in my devotion to Thy Cause and submissive before the manifestations of the lights of Thy Divine Unity. Verily Thou hast ever been the Lord of ancient bounty, and Thou art powerful over all things. We beseech God thereby to open thy sight and make known unto thee that which thou hast not known before, and teach thee that which shall make thee independent of all else but Him. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and He, verily, encompasseth all things.

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In the name of God, the One, the Incomparable, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God, the Eternal that perisheth not, the Everlasting that declineth not, the Self-Subsisting that altereth not. He it is Who is transcendent in His sovereignty, Who is manifest through His signs, and is hidden through His mysteries. He it is at Whose bidding the standard of the Most Exalted Word hath been lifted up in the world of creation, and the banner of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” raised amidst all peoples. He it is Who hath revealed His Cause for the guidance of His creatures, and sent down His verses to demonstrate His Proof and His Testimony, and embellished the preface of the Book of Man with the ornament of utterance through His saying: “The God of Mercy hath taught the Qur’an, hath created man, and taught him articulate speech.” No God is there but Him, the One, the Peerless, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beneficent.

The light that is shed from the heaven of bounty, and the benediction that shineth from the dawning-place of the will of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, rest upon Him Who is the Supreme Mediator, the Most Exalted Pen, Him Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His most excellent names and the Dayspring of His most exalted attributes. Through Him the light of unity hath shone forth above the horizon of the world, and the law of oneness hath been revealed amidst the nations, who, with radiant faces, have turned towards the Supreme Horizon, and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the kingdom of His knowledge: “Earth and heaven, glory and dominion, are God’s, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Lord of grace abounding!”

Give ear, O distinguished divine, unto the voice of this Wronged One. He verily, counselleth thee for the sake of God, and exhorteth thee unto that which will cause thee to draw nigh unto Him under all conditions. He, in truth, is the All-Possessing, the Exalted. Know thou that the ear of man hath been created that it may hearken unto the Divine Voice on this Day that hath been mentioned in all the Books, Scriptures, and Tablets. Purify thou, first, thy soul with the waters of renunciation, and adorn thine head with the crown of the fear of God, and thy temple with the ornament of reliance upon Him. Arise, then, and, with thy face set towards the Most Great House, the Spot round which, as decreed by the Eternal King, all that dwell on earth must circle, recite:

"O God, my God, and my Desire, and my Adored One, and my Master, and my Mainstay, and my utmost Hope, and my supreme Aspiration! Thou seest me turning towards Thee, holding fast unto the cord of Thy bounty, clinging to the hem of Thy generosity, acknowledging the sanctity of Thy Self and the purity of Thine Essence, and testifying to Thy unity and Thy oneness. I bear witness that Thou art the One, the Single, the Incomparable, the Ever-Abiding. Thou didst not take unto Thyself a partner in Thy dominion, nor didst Thou choose a peer for Thyself upon earth. All created things have borne witness unto that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified ere their creation. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee! From everlasting Thou wast sanctified from the mention of Thy servants, and exalted above the description of Thy creatures. Thou beholdest, O Lord, the ignorant seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, the sore athirst the living waters of Thine utterance, the abased the tabernacle of Thy glory, the poor the treasury of Thy riches, the suppliant the dawning-place of Thy wisdom, the weak the source of Thy strength, the wretched the heaven of Thy bounty, the dumb the kingdom of Thy mention.

"I testify, O my God, and my King, that Thou hast created me to remember Thee, to glorify Thee, and to aid Thy Cause. And yet, I have aided Thine enemies, who have broken Thy Covenant, who have cast away Thy Book, disbelieved in Thee, and repudiated Thy signs. Alas, alas, for my waywardness, and my shame, and my sinfulness, and my wrong-doing that have withheld me from the depths of the ocean of Thy unity and from fathoming the sea of Thy mercy. Wherefore, alas, alas! and again alas, alas! for my wretchedness and the grievousness of my transgressions! Thou didst call me into being, O my God, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest Thy Cause. My heedlessness, however, hath deterred me and compassed me about, in such wise that I have arisen to blot out Thy signs, and to shed the blood of Thy loved ones, and of the dawning-places of Thy signs, and of the daysprings of Thy revelation, and of the repositories of Thy mysteries.

"O Lord, my Lord! and again, O Lord, my Lord! and yet again, O Lord, my Lord! I bear witness that by reason of mine iniquity the fruits of the tree of Thy justice have fallen, and through the fire of my rebelliousness the hearts of such of Thy creatures as enjoy near access to Thee were consumed, and the souls of the sincere among Thy servants have melted. O wretched, wretched that I am! O the cruelties, the glaring cruelties, I inflicted! Woe is me, woe is me, for my remoteness from Thee, and for my waywardness, and mine ignorance, and my baseness, and my repudiation of Thee, and my protests against Thee! How many the days during which Thou didst bid Thy servants and Thy loved ones to protect me, whilst I commanded them to harm Thee and to harm them that Thou didst trust! And how numerous the nights during which Thou didst graciously remember me, and didst show me Thy path, whilst I turned away from Thee and from Thy signs! By Thy glory! O Thou Who art the Hope of such as have

acknowledged Thy unity, and the Desire of the hearts of them that are rid of all attachment to any save Thee! I find no succorer except Thee, nor king, nor refuge, nor haven besides Thyself. Alas, alas! My turning away from Thee hath burnt up the veil of mine integrity, and my denial of Thee hath rent asunder the covering cast over mine honor. O would that I were beneath the depths of the earth, so that my evil deeds would remain unknown to Thy servants! Thou seest the sinner, O my Lord, who hath turned towards the dawning-place of Thy forgiveness and Thy bounty, and the mountain of iniquity that hath sought the heaven of Thy mercy and pardon. Alas, alas! My mighty sins have prevented me from approaching the court of Thy mercy, and my monstrous deeds have caused me to stray far from the sanctuary of Thy presence. Indeed, I am he that hath failed in duty towards Thee, and hath broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and committed that which hath made the dwellers of the cities of Thy justice, and the dawning-places of Thy grace in Thy realms, to lament. I testify, O my God, that I have put away Thy commandments, and clung to the dictates of my passions, and have cast away the statutes of Thy Book, and seized the book of mine own desire. O misery, misery! As mine iniquities waxed greater and greater, Thy forbearance towards me augmented, and as the fire of my rebelliousness grew fiercer, the more did Thy forgiveness and Thy grace seek to smother up its flame. By the power of Thy might! O Thou Who art the desire of the world and the Best-Beloved of the nations! Thy long-suffering hath puffed me up, and Thy patience hath emboldened me. Thou beholdest, O my God, the tears that my shame hath caused to flow, and the sighs which my heedlessness hath led me to utter. I swear by the greatness of Thy majesty! I can find for myself no habitation save beneath the shadow of the court of Thy bounty, nor any refuge except under the canopy of Thy mercy. Thou seest me in the midst of a sea of despair and of hopelessness, after Thou didst cause me to hear Thy words"Despair not." By Thy power! My sore injustice hath severed the cord of my hope, and my rebellion hath darkened my face before the throne of Thy justice. Thou beholdest, O my God, him who is as one dead fallen at the door of Thy favor, ashamed to seek from the hand of Thy loving-kindness the living waters of Thy pardon. Thou hast given me a tongue wherewith to remember and praise Thee, and yet it uttereth that which hath caused the souls of such of Thy chosen ones as are nigh unto Thee to melt, and the hearts of the sincere amongst the dwellers of the habitations of holiness to be consumed. Thou hast given me eyes to witness Thy signs, and to behold Thy verses, and to contemplate the revelations of Thine handiwork, but I have rejected Thy will, and have committed what hath caused the faithful among Thy creatures and the detached amidst Thy servants to groan. Thou hast given me ears that I may incline them unto Thy praise and Thy celebration, and unto that which Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the firmament of Thy will. And yet, alas, alas, I have forsaken Thy Cause, and have commanded Thy servants to blaspheme against Thy trusted ones and Thy loved ones, and have acted, before the throne of Thy justice, in such wise that those that have recognized Thy unity and are wholly devoted to Thee among the dwellers of Thy realm mourned with a sore lamentation. I know not, O my God, which among my evildoings to mention before the billowing ocean of Thy favor, nor which of my trespasses to declare when face to face with the splendors of the suns of Thy goodly gifts and bounties.

"I beseech Thee, this very moment, by the mysteries of Thy Book, and by the things hid in Thy knowledge, and by the pearls that lie concealed within the shells of the ocean of Thy mercy, to reckon me among such as Thou didst mention in Thy Book and describe in Thy Tablets. Hast Thou decreed for me, O my God, any joy after this tribulation, or any relief to succeed this affliction, or any ease to follow this

trouble? Alas, alas! Thou hast ordained that every pulpit be set apart for Thy mention, and for the glorification of Thy Word, and the revelation of Thy Cause, but I have ascended it to proclaim the violation of Thy Covenant, and have spoken unto Thy servants such words as have caused the dwellers of the Tabernacles of Thy majesty and the denizens of the Cities of Thy wisdom to lament. How often hast Thou sent down the food of Thine utterance out of the heaven of Thy bounty, and I denied it; and how numerous the occasions on which Thou hast summoned me to the soft flowing waters of Thy mercy, and I have chosen to turn away therefrom, by reason of my having followed my own wish and desire! By Thy glory! I know not for which sin to beg Thy forgiveness and implore Thy pardon, nor from which of mine iniquities to turn aside unto the Court of Thy bounteousness and the Sanctuary of Thy favor. Such are my sins and trespasses that no man can number them, nor pen describe them. I implore Thee, O Thou that turnest darkness into light, and revealest Thy mysteries on the Sinai of Thy Revelation, to aid me, at all times, to put my trust in Thee, and to commit mine affairs unto Thy care. Make me, then, O my God, content with that which the finger of Thy decree hath traced, and the pen of Thy ordinance hath written. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all that are in heaven and on earth. No God is there but Thee, the All-knowing, the All-Wise."

O Shaykh! Know thou that neither the calumnies which men may utter, nor their denials, nor any cavils they may raise, can harm him that hath clung to the cord of the grace, and seized the hem of the mercy, of the Lord of creation. By God! He, the Glory of God (Baha), hath spoken not from mere impulse. He that hath given Him a voice is He that hath given a voice unto all things, that they may praise and glorify Him. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Incomparable, the Lord of strength, the Unconditioned.

They whose sight is keen, whose ears are retentive, whose hearts are enlightened, and whose breasts are dilated, recognize both truth and falsehood, and distinguish the one from the other. Recite thou this prayer that hath flowed from the tongue of this Wronged One, and ponder thereon with a heart rid of all attachment, and with ears that are pure and sanctified, be attentive to its meaning, that haply thou mayest inhale the breath of detachment and have pity upon thyself and upon others:

"My God, the Object of my adoration, the Goal of my desire, the All-Bountiful, the Most Compassionate! All life is of Thee, and all power lieth within the grasp of Thine omnipotence. Whosoever Thou exaltest is raised above the angels, and attaineth the station: 'Verily, We uplifted him to a place on high!'; and whosoever Thou dost abase is made lower than dust, nay, less than nothing. O Divine Providence! Though wicked, sinful, and intemperate, we still seek from Thee a 'seat of truth,' and long to behold the countenance of the Omnipotent King. It is Thine to command, and all sovereignty belongeth to Thee, and the realm of might boweth before Thy behest. Everything Thou doest is pure justice, nay, the very essence of grace. One gleam from the splendors of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, sufficeth to banish and blot out every trace of sinfulness from the world, and a single breath from the breezes of the Day of Thy Revelation is enough to adorn all mankind with a fresh attire. Vouchsafe Thy strength, O Almighty One, unto Thy weak creatures, and quicken them who are as dead, that haply they may find Thee, and may be led unto the ocean of Thy guidance, and may remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Should the fragrance of Thy praise be shed abroad by any of the divers tongues of the world, out of the East or out of the West, it would, verily, be prized and greatly cherished. If such tongues, however, be deprived of that fragrance, they assuredly would be unworthy of any mention, in word or yet in thought. We beg of Thee, O

Providence, to show Thy way unto all men, and to guide them aright. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing."

We beseech God to aid thee to be just and fair-minded, and to acquaint thee with the things that were hidden from the eyes of men. He, in truth, is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. We ask thee to reflect upon that which hath been revealed, and to be fair and just in thy speech, that perchance the splendors of the daystar of truthfulness and sincerity may shine forth, and may deliver thee from the darkness of ignorance, and illumine the world with the light of knowledge. This Wronged One hath frequented no school, neither hath He attended the controversies of the learned. By My life! Not of Mine own volition have I revealed Myself, but God, of His own choosing, hath manifested Me. In the Tablet, addressed to His Majesty the Shah – may God, blessed and glorified be He, assist him – these words have streamed from the tongue of this Wronged One:

"O King! I was but a man like others, asleep upon My couch, when lo, the breezes of the All-Glorious were wafted over Me, and taught Me the knowledge of all that hath been. This thing is not from Me, but from One Who is Almighty and All-Knowing. And He bade Me lift up My voice between earth and heaven, and for this there befell Me what hath caused the tears of every man of understanding to flow. The learning current amongst men I studied not; their schools I entered not. Ask of the city wherein I dwelt, that thou mayest be well assured that I am not of them who speak falsely. This is but a leaf which the winds of the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised, have stirred. Can it be still when the tempestuous winds are blowing? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of all Names and Attributes! They move it as they list. The evanescent is as nothing before Him Who is the Ever-Abiding. His all-compelling summons hath reached Me, and caused Me to speak His praise amidst all people. I was indeed as one dead when His behest was uttered. The hand of the will of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful, transformed Me."

Now is the moment in which to cleanse thyself with the waters of detachment that have flowed out from the Supreme Pen, and to ponder, wholly for the sake of God, those things which, time and again, have been sent down or manifested, and then to strive, as much as lieth in thee, to quench, through the power of wisdom and the force of thy utterance, the fire of enmity and hatred which smouldereth in the hearts of the peoples of the world. The Divine Messengers have been sent down, and their Books were revealed, for the purpose of promoting the knowledge of God, and of furthering unity and fellowship amongst men. But now behold, how they have made the Law of God a cause and pretext for perversity and hatred. How pitiful, how regrettable, that most men are cleaving fast to, and have busied themselves with, the things they possess, and are unaware of, and shut out as by a veil from, the things God possesseth!

Say: "O God, my God! Attire mine head with the crown of justice, and my temple with the ornament of equity. Thou, verily, art the Possessor of all gifts and bounties."

Justice and equity are twin Guardians that watch over men. From them are revealed such blessed and perspicuous words as are the cause of the well-being of the world and the protection of the nations.

These words have streamed from the pen of this Wronged One in one of His Tablets: "The purpose of the one true God, exalted be His glory, hath been to bring forth the Mystic Gems out of the mine of man – they Who are the Dawning-Places of His Cause and the Repositories of the pearls of His knowledge; for,

God Himself, glorified be He, is the Unseen, the One concealed and hidden from the eyes of men. Consider what the Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: No vision taketh in Him, but He taketh in all vision, and He is the Subtile, the All-Informed!"

That the divers communions of the earth, and the manifold systems of religious belief, should never be allowed to foster the feelings of animosity among men, is, in this Day, of the essence of the Faith of God and His Religion. These principles and laws, these firmly-established and mighty systems, have proceeded from one Source, and are rays of one Light. That they differ one from another is to be attributed to the varying requirements of the ages in which they were promulgated.

Gird up the loins of your endeavor, O people of Baha, that haply the tumult of religious dissension and strife that agitateth the peoples of the earth may be stilled, that every trace of it may be completely obliterated. For the love of God, and them that serve Him, arise to aid this sublime and momentous Revelation. Religious fanaticism and hatred are a world-devouring fire, whose violence none can quench. The Hand of Divine power can, alone, deliver mankind from this desolating affliction. Consider the war that hath involved the two Nations, how both sides have renounced their possessions and their lives. How many the villages that were completely wiped out!

The utterance of God is a lamp, whose light is these words: Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship. He Who is the Daystar of Truth beareth Me witness! So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth. The One true God, He Who knoweth all things, Himself testifieth to the truth of these words.

Exert yourselves that ye may attain this transcendent and most sublime station, the station that can insure the protection and security of all mankind. This goal excelleth every other goal, and this aspiration is the monarch of all aspirations. So long, however, as the thick clouds of oppression, which obscure the daystar of justice, remain undispelled, it would be difficult for the glory of this station to be unveiled to men's eyes. These thick clouds are the exponents of idle fancies and vain imaginings, who are none other but the divines of Persia. At one time We spoke in the language of the lawgiver; at another in that of the truth-seeker and the mystic, and yet Our supreme purpose and highest wish hath always been to disclose the glory and sublimity of this station. God, verily, is a sufficient witness!

Consort with all men, O people of Baha, in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. If ye be aware of a certain truth, if ye possess a jewel, of which others are deprived, share it with them in a language of utmost kindliness and goodwill. If it be accepted, if it fulfill its purpose, your object is attained. If anyone should refuse it, leave him unto himself, and beseech God to guide him. Beware lest ye deal unkindly with him. A kindly tongue is the lodestone of the hearts of men. It is the bread of the spirit, it clotheth the words with meaning, it is the fountain of the light of wisdom and understanding.

By "divines" in the passage cited above is meant those men who outwardly attire themselves with the raiment of knowledge, but who inwardly are deprived therefrom. In this connection, We quote from the Tablet addressed to His Majesty the Shah, certain passages from the "Hidden Words" which were revealed by the Abha Pen under the name of the "Book of Fatimih," the blessings of God be upon her!

“O ye that are foolish, yet have a name to be wise! Wherefore do ye wear the guise of the shepherd, when inwardly ye have become wolves, intent upon My flock? Ye are even as the star, which riseth ere the dawn, and which, though it seem radiant and luminous, leadeth the wayfarers of My city astray into the paths of perdition.”

And likewise He saith: “O ye seeming fair yet inwardly foul! Ye are like clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the Divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. Yea, the sunbeam falls alike upon the dust and the mirror, yet differ they in reflection even as doth the star from the earth: nay, immeasurable is the difference!”

And also He saith: “O essence of desire! At many a dawn have I turned from the realms of the Placeless unto thine abode, and found thee on the bed of ease busied with others than Myself. Thereupon, even as the flash of the spirit, I returned to the realms of celestial glory, and breathed it not in My retreats above unto the hosts of holiness.”

And again He saith: “O bond slave of the world! Many a dawn hath the breeze of My loving-kindness wafted over thee and found thee upon the bed of heedlessness fast asleep. Bewailing then thy plight it returned whence it came.”

Those divines, however, who are truly adorned with the ornament of knowledge and of a goodly character are, verily, as a head to the body of the world, and as eyes to the nations. The guidance of men hath, at all times, been, and is, dependent upon such blessed souls. We beseech God to graciously aid them to do His will and pleasure. He, in truth, is the Lord of all men, the Lord of this world and of the next.

O Shaykh! We have learned that thou hast turned away from Us, and protested against Us, in such wise that thou hast bidden the people to curse Me, and decreed that the blood of the servants of God be shed. God requite him who said: “Willingly will I obey the judge who hath so strangely decreed that my blood be spilt at Hill and at Haram!” Verily I say: Whatever befalleth in the path of God is the beloved of the soul and the desire of the heart. Deadly poison in His path is pure honey, and every tribulation a draught of crystal water. In the Tablet to His Majesty the Shah it is written: “By Him Who is the Truth! I fear no tribulation in His path, nor any affliction in My love for Him. Verily God hath made adversity as a morning dew upon His green pasture, and a wick for His lamp which lighteth earth and heaven.”

Set thine heart towards Him Who is the Kaaba of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and raise thou thine hands with such firm conviction as shall cause the hands of all created things to be lifted up towards the heaven of the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Turn, then, thy face towards Him in such wise that the faces of all beings will turn in the direction of His shining and luminous Horizon, and say: “Thou seest me, O my Lord, with my face turned towards the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy favor, withdrawn from all else beside Thee. I ask of Thee, by the splendors of the Sun of Thy revelation on Sinai, and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy grace which shineth from the horizon of Thy Name, the Ever-Forgiving, to grant me Thy pardon and to have mercy upon me. Write down, then, for me with Thy pen of glory that which will exalt me through Thy Name in the world of creation. Aid me, O my Lord, to set myself towards Thee, and to hearken unto the voice of Thy loved ones, whom the powers of the earth

have failed to weaken, and the dominion of the nations has been powerless to withhold from Thee, and who, advancing towards Thee, have said: 'God is our Lord, the Lord of all who are in heaven and all who are on earth!'"

O Shaykh! Verily I say, the seal of the Choice Wine hath, in the name of Him Who is the Self-Subsisting, been broken; withhold not thyself therefrom. This Wronged One speaketh wholly for the sake of God; thou too shouldst, likewise, for the sake of God, meditate upon those things that have been sent down and manifested, that haply thou mayest, on this blessed Day, take thy portion of the liberal effusions of Him Who is truly the All-Bountiful, and mayest not remain deprived thereof. This indeed would not be hard for God. Dust-made Adam was raised up, through the Word of God, to the heavenly throne, and a mere fisherman was made the repository of Divine wisdom, and Abu-Dhar, the shepherd, became a prince of the nations!

This Day, O Shaykh, hath never been, nor is it now, the Day whereon man-made arts and sciences can be regarded as a true standard for men, since it hath been recognized that He Who was wholly unversed in any of them hath ascended the throne of purest gold, and occupied the seat of honor in the council of knowledge, whilst the acknowledged exponent and repository of these arts and sciences remained utterly deprived. By "arts and sciences" is meant those which begin with words and end with words. Such arts and sciences, however, as are productive of good results, and bring forth their fruit, and are conducive to the well-being and tranquility of men have been, and will remain, acceptable before God. Wert thou to give ear to My voice, thou wouldst cast away all thy possessions, and wouldst set thy face towards the Spot wherein the ocean of wisdom and of utterance hath surged, and the sweet savors of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Compassionate, have wafted.

We deem it advisable, in this connection, to recount briefly some past events, that perchance they may be the means of vindicating the cause of equity and justice. At the time when His Majesty the Shah, may God, his Lord, the Most Merciful, aid him through His strengthening grace, was planning a journey to Isfahan, this Wronged One, having obtained his permission, visited the holy and luminous resting-places of the Imams, may the blessings of God be upon them! Upon Our return, We proceeded to Lavasan on account of the excessive heat prevailing in the capital. Following Our departure, there occurred the attempt upon the life of His Majesty, may God, exalted and glorified be He, assist him. Those days were troublous days, and the fires of hatred burned high. Many were arrested, among them this Wronged One. By the righteousness of God! We were in no wise connected with that evil deed, and Our innocence was indisputably established by the tribunals. Nevertheless, they apprehended Us, and from Niyavaran, which was then the residence of His Majesty, conducted Us, on foot and in chains, with bared head and bare feet, to the dungeon of Tihran. A brutal man, accompanying Us on horseback, snatched off Our hat, whilst We were being hurried along by a troop of executioners and officials. We were consigned for four months to a place foul beyond comparison. As to the dungeon in which this Wronged One and others similarly wronged were confined, a dark and narrow pit were preferable. Upon Our arrival We were first conducted along a pitch-black corridor, from whence We descended three steep flights of stairs to the place of confinement assigned to Us. The dungeon was wrapped in thick darkness, and Our fellow prisoners numbered nearly a hundred and fifty souls: thieves, assassins and highwaymen. Though crowded, it had no other outlet than the passage by which We entered. No pen can depict that place, nor

any tongue describe its loathsome smell. Most of these men had neither clothes nor bedding to lie on. God alone knoweth what befell Us in that most foul-smelling and gloomy place!

Day and night, while confined in that dungeon, We meditated upon the deeds, the condition, and the conduct of the Babis, wondering what could have led a people so high-minded, so noble, and of such intelligence, to perpetrate such an audacious and outrageous act against the person of His Majesty. This Wronged One, thereupon, decided to arise, after His release from prison, and undertake, with the utmost vigor, the task of regenerating this people.

One night, in a dream, these exalted words were heard on every side: "Verily, We shall render Thee victorious by Thyself and by Thy Pen. Grieve Thou not for that which hath befallen Thee, neither be Thou afraid, for Thou art in safety. Erelong will God raise up the treasures of the earth – men who will aid Thee through Thyself and through Thy Name, wherewith God hath revived the hearts of such as have recognized Him."

And when this Wronged One went forth out of His prison, We journeyed, in pursuance of the order of His Majesty the Shah – may God, exalted be He, protect him – to Iraq, escorted by officers in the service of the esteemed and honored governments of Persia and Russia. After Our arrival, We revealed, as a copious rain, by the aid of God and His Divine Grace and mercy, Our verses, and sent them to various parts of the world. We exhorted all men, and particularly this people, through Our wise counsels and loving admonitions, and forbade them to engage in sedition, quarrels, disputes and conflict. As a result of this, and by the grace of God, waywardness and folly were changed into piety and understanding, and weapons converted into instruments of peace.

During the days I lay in the prison of Tihran, though the galling weight of the chains and the stench-filled air allowed Me but little sleep, still in those infrequent moments of slumber I felt as if something flowed from the crown of My head over My breast, even as a mighty torrent that precipitateth itself upon the earth from the summit of a lofty mountain. Every limb of My body would, as a result, be set afire. At such moments My tongue recited what no man could bear to hear.

We shall herewith cite a few passages from Tablets specifically revealed to this people, so that every one may know of a certainty that this Wronged One hath acted in a manner which hath been pleasing and acceptable unto men endued with insight, and unto such as are the exponents of justice and equity:

"O ye friends of God in His cities and His loved ones in His lands! This Wronged One enjoineth on you honesty and piety. Blessed the city that shineth by their light. Through them man is exalted, and the door of security is unlocked before the face of all creation. Happy the man that cleaveth fast unto them, and recognizeth their virtue, and woe betide him that denieth their station."

And in another connection these words were revealed: "We enjoin the servants of God and His handmaidens to be pure and to fear God, that they may shake off the slumber of their corrupt desires, and turn toward God, the Maker of the heavens and of the earth. Thus have We commanded the faithful when the Daystar of the world shone forth from the horizon of Iraq. My imprisonment doeth Me no harm, neither the tribulations I suffer, nor the things that have befallen Me at the hands of My oppressors. That which harmeth Me is the conduct of those who, though they bear My name, yet commit

that which maketh My heart and My pen to lament. They that spread disorder in the land, and lay hands on the property of others, and enter a house without leave of its owner, We, verily, are clear of them, unless they repent and return unto God, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

And in another connection: "O peoples of the earth! Haste ye to do the pleasure of God, and war ye valiantly, as it behooveth you to war, for the sake of proclaiming His resistless and immovable Cause. We have decreed that war shall be waged in the path of God with the armies of wisdom and utterance, and of a goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. Thus hath it been decided by Him Who is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. There is no glory for him that committeth disorder on the earth after it hath been made so good. Fear God, O people, and be not of them that act unjustly."

And again in another connection: "Revile ye not one another. We, verily, have come to unite and weld together all that dwell on earth. Unto this beareth witness what the ocean of Mine utterance hath revealed amongst men, and yet most of the people have gone astray. If anyone revile you, or trouble touch you, in the path of God, be patient, and put your trust in Him Who heareth, Who seeth. He, in truth, witnesseth, and perceiveth, and doeth what He pleaseth, through the power of His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Lord of strength, and of might. In the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great, ye have been forbidden to engage in contention and conflict. Lay fast hold on whatever will profit you, and profit the peoples of the world. Thus commandeth you the King of Eternity, Who is manifest in His Most Great Name. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

And yet again in another connection: "Beware lest ye shed the blood of any one. Unsheathe the sword of your tongue from the scabbard of utterance, for therewith ye can conquer the citadels of men's hearts. We have abolished the law to wage holy war against each other. God's mercy hath, verily, encompassed all created things, if ye do but understand."

And yet again in another connection: "O people! Spread not disorder in the land, and shed not the blood of any one, and consume not the substance of others wrongfully, neither follow every accursed prattler."

And still again in another connection: "The Sun of Divine Utterance can never set, neither can its radiance be extinguished. These sublime words have, in this day, been heard from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing: 'I belong to him that loveth Me, that holdeth fast My commandments, and casteth away the things forbidden him in My Book.'"

And still again in another connection: "This is the day to make mention of God, to celebrate His praise, and to serve Him; deprive not yourselves thereof. Ye are the letters of the words, and the words of the Book. Ye are the saplings which the hand of Loving-kindness hath planted in the soil of mercy, and which the showers of bounty have made to flourish. He hath protected you from the mighty winds of misbelief, and the tempestuous gales of impiety, and nurtured you with the hands of His loving providence. Now is the time for you to put forth your leaves, and yield your fruit. The fruits of the tree of man have ever been and are goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character. Withhold not these fruits from the heedless. If they be accepted, your end is attained, and the purpose of life achieved. If not, leave them in their pastime of vain disputes. Strive, O people of God, that haply the hearts of the divers kindreds of the earth may,

through the waters of your forbearance and loving-kindness, be cleansed and sanctified from animosity and hatred, and be made worthy and befitting recipients of the splendors of the Sun of Truth."

In the fourth Ishraq (splendor) of the Ishraqat (Tablet of Splendors) We have mentioned: "Every cause needeth a helper. In this Revelation the hosts which can render it victorious are the hosts of praiseworthy deeds and upright character. The leader and commander of these hosts hath ever been the fear of God, a fear that encompasseth all things, and reigneth over all things."

In the third Tajalli (effulgence) of the Book of Tajalliyat (Book of Effulgences) We have mentioned: "Arts, crafts and sciences uplift the world of being, and are conducive to its exaltation. Knowledge is as wings to man's life, and a ladder for his ascent. Its acquisition is incumbent upon everyone. The knowledge of such sciences, however, should be acquired as can profit the peoples of the earth, and not those which begin with words and end with words. Great indeed is the claim of scientists and craftsmen on the peoples of the world. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book in this conspicuous station."

In truth, knowledge is a veritable treasure for man, and a source of glory, of bounty, of joy, of exaltation, of cheer and gladness unto him. Happy the man that cleaveth unto it, and woe betide the heedless.

It is incumbent upon thee to summon the people, under all conditions, to whatever will cause them to show forth spiritual characteristics and goodly deeds, so that all may become aware of that which is the cause of human upliftment, and may, with the utmost endeavor, direct themselves towards the most sublime Station and the Pinnacle of Glory. The fear of God hath ever been the prime factor in the education of His creatures. Well is it with them that have attained thereunto!

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

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

It is Our hope that thou wilt hear with attentive ears the things We have mentioned unto thee, that perchance thou mayest turn men away from the things they possess to the things that God possesseth.

We entreat God to deliver the light of equity and the sun of justice from the thick clouds of waywardness, and cause them to shine forth upon men. No light can compare with the light of justice. The establishment of order in the world and the tranquillity of the nations depend upon it.

In the Book of Utterance these exalted words have been written down and recorded: "Say, O friends! Strive that haply the tribulations suffered by this Wronged One and by you, in the path of God, may not prove to have been in vain. Cling ye to the hem of virtue, and hold fast to the cord of trustworthiness and piety. Concern yourselves with the things that benefit mankind, and not with your corrupt and selfish desires. O ye followers of this Wronged One! Ye are the shepherds of mankind; liberate ye your flocks from the wolves of evil passions and desires, and adorn them with the ornament of the fear of God. This is the firm commandment which hath, at this moment, flowed out from the Pen of Him Who is the Ancient of Days. By the righteousness of God! The sword of a virtuous character and upright conduct is sharper than blades of steel. The voice of the true Faith calleth aloud, at this moment, and saith: O people! Verily, the Day is come, and My Lord hath made Me to shine forth with a light whose splendor hath eclipsed the suns of utterance. Fear ye the Merciful, and be not of them that have gone astray."

The third word we have recorded on the third leaf of Paradise is this: "O son of man! If thine eyes be turned towards mercy, forsake the things that profit thee, and cleave unto that which will profit mankind. And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbor that which thou choosest for thyself. Humility exalteth man to the heaven of glory and power, whilst pride abaseth him to the depths of wretchedness and degradation. Great is the Day, and mighty the Call! In one of Our Tablets We have revealed these exalted words: 'Were the world of the spirit to be wholly converted into the sense of hearing, it could then claim to be worthy to hearken unto the Voice that calleth from the Supreme Horizon; for otherwise, these ears that are defiled with lying tales have never been, nor are they now, fit to hear it.' Well is it with them that hearken; and woe betide the wayward."

We pray God – exalted be His glory – and cherish the hope that He may graciously assist the manifestations of affluence and power and the daysprings of sovereignty and glory, the kings of the earth – may God aid them through His strengthening grace – to establish the Lesser Peace. This, indeed, is the greatest means for insuring the tranquillity of the nations. It is incumbent upon the Sovereigns of the world – may God assist them – unitedly to hold fast unto this Peace, which is the chief instrument for the protection of all mankind. It is Our hope that they will arise to achieve what will be conducive to the well-being of man. It is their duty to convene an all-inclusive assembly, which either they themselves or their ministers will attend, and to enforce whatever measures are required to establish unity and concord amongst men. They must put away the weapons of war, and turn to the instruments of universal reconstruction. Should one king rise up against another, all the other kings must arise to deter him. Arms and armaments will, then, be no more needed beyond that which is necessary to insure the internal security of their respective countries. If they attain unto this all-surpassing blessing, the people of each nation will pursue, with tranquillity and contentment, their own occupations, and the groanings and lamentations of most men would be silenced. We beseech God to aid them to do His will and pleasure. He, verily, is the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, and the Lord of this world and of the world to come. It would be preferable and more fitting that the highly honored kings themselves should

attend such an assembly, and proclaim their edicts. Any king who will arise and carry out this task, he verily will, in the sight of God, become the cynosure of all kings. Happy is he, and great is his blessedness!

In this land, every time men are conscripted for the army, a great terror seizeth the people. Every nation augmenteth, each year, its forces, for their ministers of war are insatiable in their desire to add fresh recruits to their battalions. We have learned that the government of Persia – may God assist them – have, likewise decided to reinforce their army. In the opinion of this Wronged One a force of one hundred thousand fully-equipped and well-disciplined men would suffice. We hope that thou wilt cause the light of justice to shine more brightly. By the righteousness of God! Justice is a powerful force. It is, above all else, the conqueror of the citadels of the hearts and souls of men, and the revealer of the secrets of the world of being, and the standard-bearer of love and bounty.

In the treasuries of the knowledge of God there lieth concealed a knowledge which, when applied, will largely, though not wholly, eliminate fear. This knowledge, however, should be taught from childhood, as it will greatly aid in its elimination. Whatever decreaseth fear increaseth courage. Should the Will of God assist Us, there would flow out from the Pen of the Divine Expounder a lengthy exposition of that which hath been mentioned, and there would be revealed, in the field of arts and sciences, what would renew the world and the nations. A word hath, likewise, been written down and recorded by the Pen of the Most High in the Crimson Book which is capable of fully disclosing that force which is hid in men, nay of redoubling its potency. We implore God – exalted and glorified be He – to graciously assist His servants to do that which is pleasing and acceptable unto Him.

In these days enemies have compassed Us about, and the fire of hatred is kindled. O peoples of the earth! By My life and by your own! This Wronged One hath never had, nor hath He now any desire for leadership. Mine aim hath ever been, and still is, to suppress whatever is the cause of contention amidst the peoples of the earth, and of separation amongst the nations, so that all men may be sanctified from every earthly attachment, and be set free to occupy themselves with their own interests. We entreat Our loved ones not to besmirch the hem of Our raiment with the dust of falsehood, neither to allow references to what they have regarded as miracles and prodigies to debase Our rank and station, or to mar the purity and sanctity of Our name.

Gracious God! This is the day whereon the wise should seek the advice of this Wronged One, and ask Him Who is the Truth what things are conducive to the glory and tranquillity of men. And yet, all are earnestly striving to put out this glorious and shining light, and are diligently seeking either to establish Our guilt, or to voice their protest against Us. Matters have come to such a pass, that the conduct of this Wronged One hath, in every way, been grossly misrepresented, and in a manner which it would be unseemly to mention. One of Our friends hath reported that among the residents of the Great City (Constantinople) he had heard with the greatest regret someone state that, each year, a sum of fifty thousand tumans was being despatched from his native land to Akka! It hath not, however, been made clear who had disbursed the sum, nor through whose hands it had passed!

Briefly, this Wronged One hath, in the face of all that hath befallen Him at their hands, and all that hath been said of Him, endured patiently, and held His peace, inasmuch as it is Our purpose, through the loving providence of God – exalted be His glory – and His surpassing mercy, to abolish, through the force

of Our utterance, all disputes, war, and bloodshed, from the face of the earth. Under all conditions We have, in spite of what they have said, endured with seemly patience, and have left them to God. In answer to this particular imputation, however, We have replied, that if that which he affirmeth be true, it behooveth him to be thankful to Him Who is the Lord of all being, and the King of the seen and unseen, for having raised up in Persia One Who, though a prisoner and with none to help and assist Him, hath succeeded in establishing His ascendency over that land, and in drawing from it a yearly revenue. Such an achievement should be praised rather than censured, if he be of them that judge equitably. Should anyone seek to be acquainted with the condition of this Wronged One, let him be told that these captives whom the world hath persecuted and the nations wronged have, for days and nights, been entirely denied the barest means of subsistence. We are loth to mention such things, neither have We had, nor do We have now, any desire to complain against Our accuser. Within the walls of this prison a highly esteemed man was for some time obliged to break stones that he might earn a living, whilst others had, at times, to nourish themselves with that Divine sustenance which is hunger! We entreat God – exalted and glorified be He – to aid all men to be just and fair-minded, and to graciously assist them to repent and return unto Him. He, verily, heareth, and is ready to answer.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Thou seest what hath befallen this Wronged One at the hands of them that have not associated with Me, and who have arisen to harm and abase Me, in a manner which no pen can describe, nor tongue recount, nor can any Tablet sustain its weight. Thou hearest the cry of Mine heart, and the groaning of Mine inmost being, and the things that have befallen Thy trusted ones in Thy cities and Thy chosen ones in Thy land, at the hands of such as have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the sighs of Thy lovers throughout the world, and by their lamentation in their remoteness from the court of Thy presence, and by the blood that hath been shed for love of Thee, and by the hearts that have melted in Thy path, to protect Thy loved ones from the cruelty of such as have remained unaware of the mysteries of Thy Name, the Unconstrained. Assist them, O my Lord, by Thy power that hath prevailed over all things, and aid them to be patient and long-suffering. Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. No God is there but Thee, the Generous, the Lord of grace abounding.

In these days there are some who, far from being just and fair-minded, have assaulted Me with the sword of hatred and the spear of enmity, forgetting that it behooveth every fair-minded person to succor Him Whom the world hath cast away and the nations abandoned, and to lay hold on piety and righteousness. Most men have until now failed to discover the purpose of this Wronged One, nor have they known the reason for which He hath been willing to endure countless afflictions. Meanwhile, the voice of Mine heart crieth out these words: “O that My people knew!” This Wronged One, rid of attachment unto all things, uttereth these exalted words: “Waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Fear not the tempestuous gales, O Mariner! He Who causeth the dawn to appear is, verily, with Thee in this darkness that hath struck terror into the hearts of all men, except such as God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained, hath been pleased to spare.”

O Shaykh! I swear by the Sun of Truth Which hath risen and shineth above the horizon of this Prison! The betterment of the world hath been the sole aim of this Wronged One. Unto this beareth witness every man of judgment, of discernment, of insight and understanding. Whilst afflicted with trials, He held fast

unto the cord of patience and fortitude, and was satisfied with the things which have befallen Him at the hands of His enemies, and was crying out: "I have renounced My desire for Thy desire, O my God, and My will for the revelation of Thy Will. By Thy glory! I desire neither Myself nor My life except for the purpose of serving Thy Cause, and I love not My being save that I may sacrifice it in Thy path. Thou seest and knowest, O my Lord, that those whom We asked to be fair and just, have, unjustly and cruelly, risen up against Us. Openly they were with Me, yet secretly they assisted My foes, who have arisen to dishonor Me. O God, my God! I testify that Thou hast created Thy servants to aid Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word, and yet they have helped Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, by Thy Cause that hath encompassed the world of being, and by Thy Name wherewith Thou hast subjected the seen and unseen, to adorn the peoples of the earth with the light of Thy justice, and to illuminate their hearts with the brightness of Thy knowledge. I am, O my Lord, Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I bear witness unto Thy unity, and Thy oneness, and to the sanctity of Thy self and the purity of Thine Essence. Thou beholdest, O my Lord, Thy trusted ones at the mercy of the treacherous among Thy creatures, and the calumniators amidst Thy people. Thou knowest what hath befallen Us at the hands of them whom Thou knowest better than we know them. They have committed what hath torn the veil from such of Thy creatures as are nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee to assist them to obtain that which hath escaped them in the days of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine Inspiration. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all that is in heaven and all that is on earth." The voice and the lamentation of the true Faith have been raised. It calleth aloud and saith: "O people! By the righteousness of God! I have attained unto Him Who hath manifested me and sent me down. This is the Day whereon Sinai hath smiled at Him Who conversed upon it, and Carmel at its Revealer, and the Sadrah at Him Who taught it. Fear ye God, and be not of them that have denied Him. Withhold not yourselves from that which hath been revealed through His grace. Seize ye the living waters of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all names, and drink ye in the remembrance of Him, Who is the Mighty, the Peerless."

We have, under all circumstances, enjoined on men what is right, and forbidden what is wrong. He Who is the Lord of Being is witness that this Wronged One hath besought from God for His creatures whatever is conducive to unity and harmony, fellowship and concord. By the righteousness of God! This Wronged One is not capable of dissimulation. He, verily, hath revealed that which He desired; He, truly, is the Lord of strength, the Unrestrained.

We once again refer unto some of the sublime words revealed in the Tablet to His Majesty the Shah, so that thou mayest know of a certainty that whatever hath been mentioned hath come from God: "O King! I was but a man like others, asleep upon My couch, when lo, the breezes of the All-Glorious were wafted over Me, and taught Me the knowledge of all that hath been. This thing is not from Me, but from One Who is Almighty and All-Knowing. And He bade Me lift up My voice between earth and heaven, and for this there befell Me what hath caused the tears of every man of understanding to flow. The learning current amongst men I studied not; their schools I entered not. Ask of the city wherein I dwelt, that thou mayest be well assured that I am not of them who speak falsely. This is but a leaf which the winds of the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised, have stirred. Can it be still when the tempestuous winds are blowing? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of all Names and Attributes! They move it as they list. The evanescent is as nothing before Him Who is the Ever-Abiding. His all-compelling summons hath reached

Me, and caused Me to speak His praise amidst all people. I was indeed as one dead when His behest was uttered. The hand of the will of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful, transformed Me. Can anyone speak forth of his own accord that for which all men, both high and low, will protest against him? Nay, by Him Who taught the Pen the eternal mysteries, save him whom the grace of the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath strengthened.

"Look upon this Wronged One, O King, with the eyes of justice; judge thou, then, with truth concerning what hath befallen Him. Of a verity, God hath made thee His shadow amongst men, and the sign of His power unto all that dwell on earth. Judge thou between Us and them that have wronged Us without proof and without an enlightening Book. They that surround thee love thee for their own sakes, whereas this Youth loveth thee for thine own sake, and hath had no desire except to draw thee nigh unto the seat of grace, and to turn thee toward the right-hand of justice. Thy Lord beareth witness unto that which I declare.

"O King! Wert thou to incline thine ears unto the shrill voice of the Pen of Glory and the cooing of the Dove of Eternity, which on the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, uttereth praises to God, the Maker of all Names and the Creator of earth and heaven, thou wouldst attain unto a station from which thou wouldst behold in the world of being naught save the effulgence of the Adored One, and wouldst regard thy sovereignty as the most contemptible of thy possessions, abandoning it to whosoever might desire it, and setting thy face toward the Horizon aglow with the light of His countenance. Neither wouldst thou ever be willing to bear the burden of dominion save for the purpose of helping thy Lord, the Exalted, the Most High. Then would the Concourse on high bless thee. O how excellent is this most sublime station, couldst thou ascend thereunto through the power of a sovereignty recognized as derived from the Name of God!"

Either thou or someone else hath said: "Let the Surih of Tawhid be translated, so that all may know and be fully persuaded that the one true God begetteth not, nor is He begotten. Moreover, the Babis believe in his (Baha'u'llah's) Divinity and Godhood."

O Shaykh! This station is the station in which one dieth to himself and liveth in God. Divinity, whenever I mention it, indicateth My complete and absolute self-effacement. This is the station in which I have no control over mine own weal or woe nor over my life nor over my resurrection.

O Shaykh! How do the divines of this age account for the effulgent glory which the Sadrah of Utterance hath shed upon the Son of Imran (Moses) on the Sinai of Divine knowledge? He (Moses) hearkened unto the Word which the Burning Bush had uttered, and accepted it; and yet most men are bereft of the power of comprehending this, inasmuch as they have busied themselves with their own concerns, and are unaware of the things which belong unto God. Referring to this, the Siyyid of Findirisk hath well said: "This theme no mortal mind can fathom; be it even that of Abu-Nasr, or Abu-'Ali Sina (Avicenna)." What explanation can they give concerning that which the Seal of the Prophets (Muhammad) – may the souls of all else but Him be offered up for His sake – hath said?: "Ye, verily, shall behold your Lord as ye behold the full moon on its fourteenth night." The Commander of the Faithful (Imam Ali) – peace be upon him – moreover, saith in the Khutbiy-i-Tutunjiyyih: "Anticipate ye the Revelation of Him Who conversed with Moses from the Burning Bush on Sinai." Husayn, the son of Ali – peace be upon him – likewise saith: "Will

there be vouchsafed unto anyone besides Thee a Revelation which hath not been vouchsafed unto Thyself – A Revelation Whose Revealer will be He Who revealed Thee. Blind be the eye that seeth Thee not!"

Similar sayings from the Imams – the blessings of God be upon them – have been recorded and are widely known, and are embodied in books worthy of credence. Blessed is he that perceiveth, and speaketh the pure truth. Well is it with him who, aided by the living waters of the utterance of Him Who is the Desire of all men, hath purified himself from idle fancies and vain imaginings, and torn away, in the name of the All-Possessing, the Most High, the veils of doubt, and renounced the world and all that is therein, and directed himself towards the Most Great Prison.

O Shaykh! No breeze can compare with the breezes of Divine Revelation, whilst the Word which is uttered by God shineth and flasheth as the sun amidst the books of men. Happy the man that hath discovered it, and recognized it, and said: "Praised be Thou, Who art the Desire of the world, and thanks be to Thee, O Well-Beloved of the hearts of such as are devoted to Thee!"

Men have failed to perceive Our purpose in the references We have made to Divinity and Godhood. Were they to apprehend it, they would arise from their places, and cry out: "We, verily, ask pardon of God!" The Seal of the Prophets – may the souls of all else but Him be offered up for His sake – saith: "Manifold are Our relationships with God. At one time, We are He Himself, and He is We Ourself. At another He is that He is, and We are that We are."

Aside from this, why is it that thou didst not mention those other stations which the Abha Pen hath disclosed? The tongue of this Wronged One hath, many a day and night, given utterance to these sublime words: "O God, my God! I bear witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that Thou art God, and that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast everlastingly been sanctified above the mention of any one but Thee and the praise of all else except Thyself, and Thou wilt everlastingly continue to be the same as Thou wast from the beginning and hast ever been. I beseech Thee, O King of Eternity, by the Most Great Name, and by the effulgences of the Daystar of Thy Revelation upon the Sinai of Utterance, and by the billows of the Ocean of Thy knowledge among all created things, to graciously assist Me in that which will draw Me nigh unto Thee, and will detach Me from all except Thee. By Thy glory, O Lord of all being, and the Desire of all creation! I would love to lay My face upon every single spot of Thine earth, that perchance it might be honored by touching a spot ennobled by the footsteps of Thy loved ones!"

By the righteousness of God! Idle fancies have debarred men from the Horizon of Certitude, and vain imaginings withheld them from the Choice Sealed Wine. In truth I say, and for the sake of God I declare: This Servant, this Wronged One, is abashed to claim for Himself any existence whatever, how much more those exalted grades of being! Every man of discernment, while walking upon the earth, feeleth indeed abashed, inasmuch as he is fully aware that the thing which is the source of his prosperity, his wealth, his might, his exaltation, his advancement and power is, as ordained by God, the very earth which is trodden beneath the feet of all men. There can be no doubt that whoever is cognizant of this truth, is cleansed and sanctified from all pride, arrogance, and vainglory. Whatever hath been said hath come from God. Unto this, He, verily, hath borne, and beareth now, witness, and He, in truth, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Beseech God to grant unto men hearing ears, and sharp sight, and dilated breasts, and receptive hearts, that haply His servants may attain unto their hearts' Desire, and set their faces towards their Beloved. Troubles, such as no eye hath beheld, have touched this Wronged One. In proclaiming His Cause, He, in no wise, hesitated. Addressing Himself unto the kings and rulers of the earth – may God, exalted be He, assist them – He imparted unto them that which is the cause of the well-being, the unity, the harmony, and the reconstruction of the world, and of the tranquillity of the nations. Among them was Napoleon III, who is reported to have made a certain statement, as a result of which We sent him Our Tablet while in Adrianople. To this, however, he did not reply. After Our arrival in the Most Great Prison there reached Us a letter from his Minister, the first part of which was in Persian, and the latter in his own handwriting. In it he was cordial, and wrote the following: "I have, as requested by you, delivered your letter, and until now have received no answer. We have, however, issued the necessary recommendations to our Minister in Constantinople and our consuls in those regions. If there be anything you wish done, inform us, and we will carry it out."

From his words it became apparent that he understood the purpose of this Servant to have been a request for material assistance. We, therefore, revealed in his (Napoleon III's) name verses in the Suratu'l-Haykal, some of which We now quote, that thou mayest know that the Cause of this Wronged One hath been revealed for the sake of God, and hath come from Him:

"O King of Paris! Tell the priest to ring the bells no longer. By God, the True One! The Most Mighty Bell hath appeared in the form of Him Who is the Most Great Name, and the fingers of the will of Thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, toll it out in the heaven of Immortality, in His name, the All-Glorious. Thus have the mighty verses of Thy Lord been again sent down unto thee, that thou mayest arise to remember God, the Creator of earth and heaven, in these days when all the tribes of the earth have mourned, and the foundations of the cities have trembled, and the dust of irreligion hath enwrapped all men, except such as God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, was pleased to spare. Say: He Who is the Unconditioned is come, in the clouds of light, that He may quicken all created things with the breezes of His Name, the Most Merciful, and unify the world, and gather all men around this Table which hath been sent down from heaven. Beware that ye deny not the favor of God after it hath been sent down unto you. Better is this for you than that which ye possess; for that which is yours perisheth, whilst that which is with God endureth. He, in truth, ordaineth what He pleaseth. Verily, the breezes of forgiveness have been wafted from the direction of your Lord, the God of Mercy; whoso turneth thereunto, shall be cleansed of his sins, and of all pain and sickness. Happy the man that hath turned towards them, and woe betide him that hath turned aside.

"Wert thou to incline thine inner ear unto all created things, thou wouldst hear: 'The Ancient of Days is come in His great glory!' Everything celebrateth the praise of its Lord. Some have known God and remember Him; others remember Him, yet know Him not. Thus have We set down Our decree in a perspicuous Tablet.

"Give ear, O King, unto the Voice that calleth from the Fire which burneth in this verdant Tree, on this Sinai which hath been raised above the hallowed and snow-white Spot, beyond the Everlasting City; 'Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful!' We, in truth, have sent

Him Whom We aided with the Holy Spirit (Jesus Christ) that He may announce unto you this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, and Whose signs have been revealed in the West. Set your faces towards Him (Baha'u'llah), on this Day which God hath exalted above all other days, and whereon the All-Merciful hath shed the splendor of His effulgent glory upon all who are in heaven and all who are on earth. Arise thou to serve God and help His Cause. He, verily, will assist thee with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and will set thee king over all that whereon the sun riseth. Thy Lord, in truth, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

"The breezes of the Most Merciful have passed over all created things; happy the man that hath discovered their fragrance, and set himself towards them with a sound heart. Attire thy temple with the ornament of My Name, and thy tongue with remembrance of Me, and thine heart with love for Me, the Almighty, the Most High. We have desired for thee naught except that which is better for thee than what thou dost possess and all the treasures of the earth. Thy Lord, verily, is knowing, informed of all. Arise, in My Name, amongst My servants, and say: 'O ye peoples of the earth! Turn yourselves towards Him Who hath turned towards you. He, verily, is the Face of God amongst you, and His Testimony and His Guide unto you. He hath come to you with signs which none can produce.' The voice of the Burning Bush is raised in the midmost heart of the world, and the Holy Spirit calleth aloud among the nations: 'Lo, the Desired One is come with manifest dominion!'

"O King! The stars of the heaven of knowledge have fallen, they who seek to establish the truth of My Cause through the things they possess, and who make mention of God in My Name. And yet, when I came unto them in My glory, they turned aside. They, indeed, are of the fallen. This is, truly, that which the Spirit of God (Jesus Christ) hath announced, when He came with truth unto you, He with Whom the Jewish doctors disputed, till at last they perpetrated what hath made the Holy Spirit to lament, and the tears of them that have near access to God to flow.

"Say: O concourse of monks! Seclude not yourselves in your churches and cloisters. Come ye out of them by My leave, and busy, then, yourselves with what will profit you and others. Thus commandeth you He Who is the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Seclude yourselves in the stronghold of My love. This, truly, is the seclusion that befitteth you, could ye but know it. He that secludeth himself in his house is indeed as one dead. It behooveth man to show forth that which will benefit mankind. He that bringeth forth no fruit is fit for the fire. Thus admonisheth you your Lord; He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Enter ye into wedlock, that after you another may arise in your stead. We, verily, have forbidden you lechery, and not that which is conducive to fidelity. Have ye clung unto the promptings of your nature, and cast behind your backs the statutes of God? Fear ye God, and be not of the foolish. But for man, who, on My earth, would remember Me, and how could My attributes and My names be revealed? Reflect, and be not of them that have shut themselves out as by a veil from Him, and were of those that are fast asleep. He that married not (Jesus Christ) could find no place wherein to abide, nor where to lay His head, by reason of what the hands of the treacherous had wrought. His holiness consisted not in the things ye have believed and imagined, but rather in the things which belong unto Us. Ask, that ye may be made aware of His station which hath been exalted above the vain imaginings of all the peoples of the earth. Blessed are they that understand.

“O King! We heard the words thou didst utter in answer to the Czar of Russia, concerning the decision made regarding the war (Crimean War). Thy Lord, verily, knoweth, is informed of all. Thou didst say: ‘I lay asleep upon my couch, when the cry of the oppressed, who were drowned in the Black Sea, wakened me.’ This is what We heard thee say, and, verily, thy Lord is witness unto what I say. We testify that that which wakened thee was not their cry but the promptings of thine own passions, for We tested thee, and found thee wanting. Comprehend the meaning of My words, and be thou of the discerning. It is not Our wish to address thee words of condemnation, out of regard for the dignity We conferred upon thee in this mortal life. We, verily, have chosen courtesy, and made it the true mark of such as are nigh unto Him. Courtesy is, in truth, a raiment which fitteth all men, whether young or old. Well is it with him that adorneth his temple therewith, and woe unto him who is deprived of this great bounty. Hadst thou been sincere in thy words, thou wouldst have not cast behind thy back the Book of God, when it was sent unto thee by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. We have proved thee through it, and found thee other than that which thou didst profess. Arise, and make amends for that which escaped thee. Erelong the world and all that thou possessest will perish, and the kingdom will remain unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers of old. It behooveth thee not to conduct thine affairs according to the dictates of thy desires. Fear the sighs of this Wronged One, and shield Him from the darts of such as act unjustly.

“For what thou hast done, thy kingdom shall be thrown into confusion, and thine empire shall pass from thine hands, as a punishment for that which thou hast wrought. Then wilt thou know how thou hast plainly erred. Commotions shall seize all the people in that land, unless thou arisest to help this Cause, and followest Him Who is the Spirit of God (Jesus Christ) in this, the Straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My Life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast by this firm Cord. We see abasement hastening after thee, whilst thou art of the heedless. It behooveth thee when thou hearest His Voice calling from the seat of glory to cast away all that thou possessest, and cry out: ‘Here am I, O Lord of all that is in heaven and all that is on earth!’

“O King! We were in Iraq, when the hour of parting arrived. At the bidding of the King of Islam (Sultan of Turkey) We set Our steps in his direction. Upon Our arrival, there befell Us at the hands of the malicious that which the books of the world can never adequately recount. Thereupon the inmates of Paradise, and they that dwell within the retreats of holiness, lamented; and yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil!”

And further We have said: “More grievous became Our plight from day to day, nay, from hour to hour, until they took Us forth from Our prison and made Us, with glaring injustice, enter the Most Great Prison. And if anyone ask them: ‘For what crime were they imprisoned?’ they would answer and say: ‘They, verily, sought to supplant the Faith with a new religion!’ If that which is ancient be what ye prefer, wherefore, then, have ye discarded that which hath been set down in the Torah and the Evangel? Clear it up, O men! By My life! There is no place for you to flee to in this day. If this be My crime, then Muhammad, the Apostle of God, committed it before Me, and before Him He Who was the Spirit of God (Jesus Christ), and yet earlier He Who conversed with God (Moses). And if My sin be this, that I have exalted the Word of God and revealed His Cause, then indeed am I the greatest of sinners! Such a sin I will not barter for the kingdoms of earth and heaven.”

And further We have said: “As My tribulations multiplied, so did My love for God and for His Cause increase, in such wise that all that befell Me from the hosts of the wayward was powerless to deter Me from My purpose. Should they hide Me away in the depths of the earth, yet would they find Me riding aloft on the clouds, and calling out unto God, the Lord of strength and of might. I have offered Myself up in the way of God, and I yearn after tribulations in My love for Him, and for the sake of His good pleasure. Unto this bear witness the woes which now afflict Me, the like of which no other man hath suffered. Every single hair of Mine head calleth out that which the Burning Bush uttered on Sinai, and each vein of My body invoketh God and saith: ‘O would I had been severed in Thy path, so that the world might be quickened, and all its peoples be united!’ Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

“Know of a truth that your subjects are God’s trust amongst you. Watch ye, therefore, over them as ye watch over your own selves. Beware that ye allow not wolves to become the shepherds of the fold, or pride and conceit to deter you from turning unto the poor and the desolate. Arise thou, in My name, above the horizon of renunciation, and set, then, thy face towards the Kingdom, at the bidding of thy Lord, the Lord of strength and of might.”

And further We have said: “Adorn the body of Thy kingdom with the raiment of My name, and arise, then, to teach My Cause. Better is this for thee than that which thou possessest. God will, thereby, exalt thy name among all the kings. Potent is He over all things. Walk thou amongst men in the name of God, and by the power of His might, that thou mayest show forth His signs amidst the peoples of the earth.”

And further We have said: “Doth it behoove you to relate yourselves to Him Who is the God of mercy, and yet commit the things which the Evil One hath committed? Nay, by the Beauty of Him Who is the All-Glorified! could ye but know it. Purge your hearts from love of the world, and your tongues from calumny, and your limbs from whatsoever may withhold you from drawing nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: By the world is meant that which turneth you aside from Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and inclineth you unto that which is unprofitable unto you. Verily, the thing that deterreth you, in this day, from God is worldliness in its essence. Eschew it, and approach the Most Sublime Vision, this shining and resplendent Seat. Shed not the blood of anyone, O people, neither judge ye anyone unjustly. Thus have ye been commanded by Him Who knoweth, Who is informed of all. They that commit disorders in the land after it hath been well ordered, these indeed have outstepped the bounds that have been set in the Book. Wretched shall be the abode of the transgressors!”

And further We have said: “Deal not treacherously with the substance of your neighbor. Be ye trustworthy on earth, and withhold not from the poor the things given unto you by God through His grace. He, verily, will bestow upon you the double of what ye possess. He, in truth, is the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous. O people of Baha! Subdue the citadels of men’s hearts with the swords of wisdom and of utterance. They that dispute, as prompted by their desires, are indeed wrapped in a palpable veil. Say: The sword of wisdom is hotter than summer heat, and sharper than blades of steel, if ye do but understand. Draw it forth in My name and through the power of My might, and conquer, then, with it the cities of the hearts of them that have secluded themselves in the stronghold of their corrupt desires. Thus biddeth you the Pen of the All-Glorious, whilst seated beneath the swords of the wayward. If ye become

aware of a sin committed by another, conceal it, that God may conceal your own sin. He, verily, is the Concealer, the Lord of grace abounding. O ye rich ones on earth! If ye encounter one who is poor, treat him not disdainfully. Reflect upon that whereof ye were created. Every one of you was created of a sorry germ."

And further We have said: "Regard ye the world as a man's body, which is afflicted with divers ailments, and the recovery of which dependeth upon the harmonizing of all of its component elements. Gather ye around that which We have prescribed unto you, and walk not in the ways of such as create dissension. Meditate on the world and the state of its people. He, for Whose sake the world was called into being, hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities (Akka), by reason of that which the hands of the wayward have wrought. From the horizon of His prison-city He summoneth mankind unto the Dayspring of God, the Exalted, the Great. Exultest thou over the treasures thou dost possess, knowing they shall perish? Rejoicest thou in that thou rulest a span of earth, when the whole world, in the estimation of the people of Baha, is worth as much as the black in the eye of a dead ant? Abandon it unto such as have set their affections upon it, and turn thou unto Him Who is the Desire of the world. Whither are gone the proud and their palaces? Gaze thou into their tombs, that thou mayest profit by this example, inasmuch as We made it a lesson unto every beholder. Were the breezes of Revelation to seize thee, thou wouldst flee the world, and turn unto the Kingdom, and wouldst expend all thou possessest, that thou mayest draw nigh unto this sublime Vision."

We bade a Christian dispatch this Tablet, and he informed Us that he transmitted both the original and its translation. God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, hath knowledge of all things.

One of the sections of the Suratu'l-Haykal is the Tablet addressed to His Majesty, the Czar of Russia – may God, exalted and glorified be He – assist him:

"O Czar of Russia! Incline thine ear unto the voice of God, the King, the Holy, and turn thou unto Paradise, the Spot wherein abideth He Who, among the Concourse on high, beareth the most excellent titles, and Who, in the kingdom of creation, is called by the name of God, the Effulgent, the All-Glorious. Beware that nothing deter thee from setting thy face towards thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Most Merciful. We, verily, have heard the thing for which thou didst supplicate thy Lord, whilst secretly communing with Him. Wherefore, the breeze of My loving-kindness wafted forth, and the sea of My mercy surged, and We answered thee in truth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Whilst I lay, chained and fettered, in the prison of Tihran, one of thy ministers extended Me his aid. Wherefore hath God ordained for thee a station which the knowledge of none can comprehend except His knowledge. Beware lest thou barter away this sublime station."

And further We have said: "He Who is the Father is come, and the Son (Jesus Christ), in the holy vale, crieth out: 'Here am I, here am I, O Lord, my God!', whilst Sinai circleth round the House, and the Burning Bush calleth aloud: 'The All-Bounteous is come mounted upon the clouds! Blessed is he that draweth nigh unto Him, and woe betide them that are far away.'

"Arise thou amongst men in the name of this all-compelling Cause, and summon, then, the nations unto God, the Mighty, the Great. Be thou not of them who called upon God by one of His names, but who,

when He Who is the Object of all names appeared, denied Him and turned aside from Him, and, in the end, pronounced sentence against Him with manifest injustice. Consider and call thou to mind the days whereon the Spirit of God (Jesus Christ) appeared, and Herod gave judgment against Him. God, however, aided Him with the hosts of the unseen, and protected Him with truth, and sent Him down unto another land, according to His promise. He, verily, ordaineth what He pleaseth. Thy Lord truly preserveth whom He willeth, be he in the midst of the seas or in the maw of the serpent, or beneath the sword of the oppressor."

And further We have said: "Again I say: Hearken unto My voice that calleth from My prison, that it may acquaint thee with the things that have befallen My Beauty, at the hands of them that are the manifestations of My glory, and that thou mayest perceive how great hath been My patience, notwithstanding My might, and how immense My forbearance, notwithstanding My power. By My life! Couldst thou but know the things sent down by My Pen, and discover the treasures of My Cause, and the pearls of My mysteries which lie hid in the seas of My names and in the goblets of My words, thou wouldst for longing after His glorious and sublime Kingdom, lay down thy life in the path of God. Know thou that though My body be beneath the swords of My foes, and My limbs be beset with incalculable afflictions, yet My spirit is filled with a gladness with which all the joys of the earth can never compare."

Likewise, We mention some verses from the Tablet of Her Majesty, the Queen (Queen Victoria) – may God, exalted and glorified be He, assist her. Our purpose is that haply the breezes of Revelation may envelop thee, and cause thee to arise, wholly for the sake of God, and serve His Cause, and that thou mayest transmit any of the Tablets of the kings which might have remained undelivered. This mission is a great mission, and this service a great service. In those regions distinguished divines are numerous, among whom are those Siyyids who are renowned for their eminence and distinction. Confer with them, and show them what hath flowed out of the Pen of Glory, that haply they may be graciously aided to better the condition of the world, and improve the character of peoples of different nations, and may, through the living waters of God's counsels, quench the hatred and the animosity which lie hid and smolder in the hearts of men. We pray God that thou mayest be assisted therein. And this, verily, would not be hard for Him.

"O Queen in London! Incline thine ear unto the voice of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, calling from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, no God is there but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise! Cast away all that is on earth, and attire the head of thy kingdom with the crown of the remembrance of Thy Lord, the All-Glorious. He, in truth, hath come unto the world in His most great glory, and all that hath been mentioned in the Gospel hath been fulfilled. The land of Syria hath been honored by the footsteps of its Lord, the Lord of all men, and North and South are both inebriated with the wine of His presence. Blessed is the man that hath inhaled the fragrance of the Most Merciful, and turned unto the Dawning-Place of His beauty, in this resplendent Dawn. The Mosque of Aqsa vibrateth through the breezes of its Lord, the All-Glorious, whilst Batha (Mecca) trembleth at the voice of God, the Exalted, the Most High. Every single stone of them celebrateth the praise of the Lord, through this Great Name."

And further We said: "We make mention of thee for the sake of God, and desire that thy name may be exalted through thy remembrance of God, the Creator of earth and of heaven. He, verily, is witness unto

that which I say. We have been informed that thou hast forbidden the trading in slaves, both men and women. This, verily, is what God hath enjoined in this wondrous Revelation. God hath, truly, destined a reward for thee, because of this. He, verily, will pay the doer of good, whether man or woman, his due recompense, wert thou to follow what hath been sent unto thee by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As to him who turneth aside, and swelleth with pride, after that the clear tokens have come unto him, from the Revealer of signs, his work shall God bring to naught. He, in truth, hath power over all things. Man's actions are acceptable after his having recognized (the Manifestation). He that turneth aside from the True One is indeed the most veiled amongst His creatures. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

"We have also heard that thou hast entrusted the reins of counsel into the hands of the representatives of the people. Thou, indeed, hast done well, for thereby the foundations of the edifice of thine affairs will be strengthened, and the hearts of all that are beneath thy shadow, whether high or low, will be tranquillized. It behooveth them, however, to be trustworthy among His servants, and to regard themselves as the representatives of all that dwell on earth. This is what counselleth them, in this Tablet, He Who is the Ruler, the All-Wise. And if any one of them directeth himself towards the Assembly, let him turn his eyes unto the Supreme Horizon, and say: 'O my God! I ask Thee, by Thy most glorious Name, to aid me in that which will cause the affairs of Thy servants to prosper, and Thy cities to flourish. Thou, indeed, hast power over all things!' Blessed is he that entereth the Assembly for the sake of God, and judgeth between men with pure justice. He, indeed, is of the blissful.

"O ye members of Assemblies in that land and in other countries! Take ye counsel together, and let your concern be only for that which profiteth mankind, and bettereth the condition thereof, if ye be of them that scan heedfully. Regard the world as the human body which, though at its creation whole and perfect, hath been afflicted, through various causes, with grave disorders and maladies. Not for one day did it gain ease, nay, its sickness waxed more severe, as it fell under the treatment of ignorant physicians, who gave full rein to their personal desires, and have erred grievously. And if at one time, through the care of an able physician, a member of that body was healed, the rest remained afflicted as before. Thus informeth you the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We behold it, in this day, at the mercy of rulers, so drunk with pride that they cannot discern clearly their own best advantage, much less recognize a Revelation so bewildering and challenging as this."

And further We have said: "That which God hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of the world is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith. This can in no wise be achieved except through the power of a skilled, an all-powerful, and inspired Physician. By My life! This is the truth, and all else naught but error. Each time that Most Mighty Instrument hath come, and that Light shone forth from the Ancient Dayspring, He was withheld by ignorant physicians who, even as clouds, interposed themselves between Him and the world. It failed therefore, to recover, and its sickness hath persisted until this day. They indeed were powerless to protect it, or to effect a cure, whilst He Who hath been the Manifestation of Power amongst men was withheld from achieving His purpose, by reason of what the hands of the ignorant physicians have wrought.

“Consider these days in which He Who is the Ancient Beauty hath come in the Most Great Name, that He may quicken the world and unite its peoples. They, however, rose up against Him with sharpened swords, and committed that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament, until in the end they imprisoned Him in the most desolate of cities, and broke the grasp of the faithful upon the hem of His robe. Were anyone to tell them: ‘The World Reformer is come,’ they would answer and say: ‘Indeed it is proven that He is a fomenter of discord!’, and this notwithstanding that they have never associated with Him, and have perceived that He did not seek, for one moment, to protect Himself. At all times He was at the mercy of the wicked doers. At one time they cast Him into prison, at another they banished Him, and at yet another hurried Him from land to land. Thus have they pronounced judgment against Us, and God, truly, is aware of what I say.”

This charge of fomenting discord is the same as that imputed aforetime by the Pharaohs of Egypt to Him Who conversed with God (Moses). Read thou what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an. He – may He be blessed and glorified – saith: “Moreover We had sent Moses of old with Our signs and with clear authority to Pharaoh, and Haman, and Qarun: and they said: ‘Sorcerer, impostor!’ And when He came to them from Our presence with the truth, they said: ‘Slay the sons of those who believe as He doth, and save their females alive,’ but the stratagem of the unbelievers issued only in failure. And Pharaoh said: ‘Let me alone, that I may kill Moses; and let him call upon his Lord: I fear lest he change your religion, or cause disorder to show itself in the land.’ And Moses said: ‘I take refuge with my Lord, and your Lord from every proud one who believeth not in the Day of Reckoning.’”

Men have, at all times, considered every World Reformer a fomenter of discord, and have referred unto Him in terms with which all are familiar. Each time the Daystar of Divine Revelation shed its radiance from the horizon of God’s Will a great number of men denied Him, others turned aside from Him, and still others calumniated Him, and thereby withheld the servants of God from the river of loving providence of Him Who is the King of creation. In like manner, they who, in this day, have neither met this Wronged One nor associated with Him have said, and even now continue to say, the things thou hast heard and hearest still. Say: “O people! The Sun of Utterance beameth forth in this day, above the horizon of bounty, and the radiance of the Revelation of Him Who spoke on Sinai flasheth and glisteneth before all religions. Purge and sanctify your breasts, and your hearts, and your ears, and your eyes with the living waters of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and set, then, your faces towards Him. By the righteousness of God! Ye shall hear all things proclaim: ‘Verily, He the True One is come. Blessed are they that judge with fairness, and blessed they that turn towards Him!’”

Among the things they have imputed to the Divine Lote-Tree (Moses) are charges to the falsity of which every discerning man of knowledge, and every wise and understanding heart, will witness. Thou must, no doubt, have read and considered the verses which have been sent down concerning Him Who conversed with God. He – may He be blessed and glorified – saith: “He said: ‘Did We not rear thee among us when a child? And hast thou not passed years of thy life among us? And yet what a deed is that which thou hast done! Thou art one of the ungrateful.’ He said: ‘I did it indeed, and I was one of those who erred. And I fled from you because I feared you; but My Lord hath given Me wisdom and hath made Me one of His Apostles.’” And elsewhere He – may He be blessed and exalted – saith: “And He entered a city at the time when its inhabitants would not observe Him, and found therein two men fighting, the one, of His own

people; the other, of His enemies. And he who was of His own people asked His help against him who was of His enemies. And Moses smote him with His fist and slew him. Said He: 'This is a work of Satan; for he is an enemy, a manifest misleader.' He said: 'O my Lord! I have sinned to mine own hurt, forgive me.' So God forgave Him; for He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He said: 'Lord! because Thou hast showed me this grace, I will never again be the helper of the wicked.' And in the city at noon He was full of fear, casting furtive glances round Him, and lo, the man whom He had helped the day before, cried out to Him again for help. Said Moses to him: 'Thou art plainly a most depraved person.' And when He would have laid violent hands on him who was their common foe, he said to Him: 'O Moses! Dost Thou desire to slay me, as thou slewest a man yesterday? Thou desirest only to become a tyrant in this land, and desirest not to become a peacemaker.'" Thine ears and thine eyes must needs now be cleansed and sanctified, that thou mayest be able to judge with fairness and justice. Moses Himself, moreover, acknowledged His injustice and waywardness, and testified that fear had seized Him, and that He had transgressed, and fled away. He asked God – exalted be His glory – to forgive Him, and He was forgiven.

O Shaykh! Every time God the True One – exalted be His glory – revealed Himself in the person of His Manifestation, He came unto men with the standard of "He doeth what He willeth, and ordaineth what He pleaseth." None hath the right to ask why or wherefore, and he that doth so, hath indeed turned aside from God, the Lord of Lords. In the days of every Manifestation these things appear and are evident. Likewise, they have said that about this Wronged One, to the falsity of which they who are nigh unto God and are devoted to Him have borne, and still bear, witness. By the righteousness of God! This Hem of His Robe hath ever been and remaineth unsullied, though many have, at the present time, purposed to besmirch it with their lying and unseemly calumnies. God, however, knoweth and they know not. He Who, through the might and power of God, hath arisen before the face of all the kindreds of the earth, and summoned the multitudes to the Supreme Horizon, hath been repudiated by them and they have clung instead unto such men as have invariably withdrawn themselves behind veils and curtains, and busied themselves about their own protection. Moreover, many are now engaged in spreading lies and calumnies, and have no other intention than to instill distrust into the hearts and souls of men. As soon as someone leaveth the Great City (Constantinople) to visit this land, they at once telegraph and proclaim that he hath stolen money and fled to Akka. A highly accomplished, learned and distinguished man visited, in his declining years, the Holy Land, seeking peace and retirement, and about him they have written such things as have caused them who are devoted to God and are nigh unto Him to sigh.

His Excellency, the late Mirza Husayn Khan, Mushiru'd-Dawlih, – may God forgive him – hath known this Wronged One, and he, no doubt, must have given to the Authorities a circumstantial account of the arrival of this Wronged One at the Sublime Porte, and of the things which He said and did. On the day of Our arrival the Government Official, whose duty it was to receive and entertain official visitors, met Us and escorted Us to the place he had been bidden to take Us. In truth, the Government showed these wronged ones the utmost kindness and consideration. The following day Prince Shuja'u'd-Dawlih, accompanied by Mirza Safa, acting as the representatives of the late Mushiru'd-Dawlih, the Minister (accredited to the Imperial Court) came to visit Us. Others, among whom were several Ministers of the Imperial Government, and including the late Kamal Pasha, likewise called on Us. Wholly reliant on God, and without any reference to any need He might have had, or to any other matter, this Wronged One

sojourned for a period of four months in that city. His actions were known and evident unto all, and none can deny them except such as hate Him, and speak not the truth. He that hath recognized God, recognizeth none other but Him. We have never liked, nor like We, to make mention of such things.

Whenever high dignitaries of Persia came to that city (Constantinople) they would exert themselves to the utmost soliciting at every door such allowances and gifts as they might obtain. This Wronged One, however, if He hath done nothing that would redound to the glory of Persia, hath at least acted in a manner that could in no wise disgrace it. That which was done by his late Excellency (Mushiru'd-Dawlih) – may God exalt his station – was not actuated by his friendship towards this Wronged One, but rather was prompted by his own sagacious judgment, and by his desire to accomplish the service he secretly contemplated rendering his Government. I testify that he was so faithful in his service to his Government that dishonesty played no part, and was held in contempt, in the domain of his activities. It was he who was responsible for the arrival of these wronged ones in the Most Great Prison (Akka). As he was faithful, however, in the discharge of his duty, he deserveth Our commendation. This Wronged One hath, at all times, aimed and striven to exalt and advance the interests of both the government and the people, not to elevate His own station. A number of men have, now, gathered others about them, and have arisen to dishonor this Wronged One. He, nevertheless, beseecheth God – hallowed and glorified be He – to aid them to return unto Him, and assist them to compensate for that which escaped them, and repent before the door of His bounty. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Shaykh! My Pen, verily, lamenteth over Mine own Self, and My Tablet weepeth sore over what hath befallen Me at the hands of one (Mirza Yahya) over whom We watched for successive years, and who, day and night, served in My presence, until he was made to err by one of My servants, named Siyyid Muhammad. Unto this bear witness My believing servants who accompanied Me in My exile from Baghdad to this, the Most Great Prison. And there befell Me at the hands of both of them that which made every man of understanding to cry out, and he who is endued with insight to groan aloud, and the tears of the fair-minded to flow.

We pray to God to graciously assist them that have been led astray to be just and fair-minded, and to make them aware of that whereof they have been heedless. He, in truth, is the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous. Debar not Thy servants, O my Lord, from the door of Thy grace, and drive them not away from the court of Thy presence. Assist them to dispel the mists of idle fancy, and to tear away the veils of vain imaginings and hopes. Thou art, verily, the All-Possessing, the Most High. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Gracious.

I swear by the Daystar of God's Testimony that hath shone from the horizon of certitude! This Wronged One, in the daytime and in the night-season, occupied Himself with that which would edify the souls of men, until the light of knowledge prevailed over the darkness of ignorance.

O Shaykh! Time and again have I declared, and now yet again I affirm, that for two score years We have, through the grace of God and by His irresistible and potent will, extended such aid to His Majesty the Shah – may God assist him – as the exponents of justice and of equity would regard as incontestable and absolute. None can deny it, unless he be a transgressor and sinner, or one who would hate Us or doubt Our truth. How very strange that until now the Ministers of State and the representatives of the people

have alike remained unaware of such conspicuous and undeniable service, and, if apprized of it, have, for reasons of their own, chosen to ignore it! Previous to these forty years controversies and conflicts continually prevailed and agitated the servants of God. But since then, aided by the hosts of wisdom, of utterance, of exhortations and understanding, they have all seized and taken fast hold of the firm cord of patience and of the shining hem of fortitude, in such wise that this wronged people endured steadfastly whatever befell them, and committed everything unto God, and this notwithstanding that in Mazindaran and at Rasht a great many have been most hideously tormented. Among them was his honor, Haji Nasir, who, unquestionably, was a brilliant light that shone forth above the horizon of resignation. After he had suffered martyrdom, they plucked out his eyes and cut off his nose, and inflicted on him such indignities that strangers wept and lamented, and secretly raised funds to support his wife and children.

O Shaykh! My Pen is abashed to recount what actually took place. In the land of Sad (Isfahan) the fire of tyranny burned with such a hot flame that every fair-minded person groaned aloud. By thy life! The cities of knowledge and of understanding wept with such a weeping that the souls of the pious and of the God-fearing were melted. The twin shining lights, Hasan and Husayn (The King of Martyrs and the Beloved of Martyrs) offered up spontaneously their lives in that city. Neither fortune, nor wealth, nor glory, could deter them! God knoweth the things which befell them and yet the people are, for the most part, unaware!

Before them one named Kazim and they who were with him, and after them, his honor Ashraf, all quaffed the draught of martyrdom with the utmost fervor and longing, and hastened unto the Supreme Companion. In like manner, at the time of Sardar Aziz Khan, that godly man, Mirza Mustafa, and his fellow martyrs, were arrested, and despatched unto the Supreme Friend in the All-Glorious Horizon. Briefly, in every city the evidences of a tyranny, beyond like or equal, were unmistakably clear and manifest, and yet none arose in self-defence! Call thou to mind his honor Badi', who was the bearer of the Tablet to His Majesty the Shah, and reflect how he laid down his life. That knight, who spurred on his charger in the arena of renunciation, threw down the precious crown of life for the sake of Him Who is the Incomparable Friend.

O Shaykh! If things such as these are to be denied, what shall, then, be deemed worthy of credence? Set forth the truth, for the sake of God, and be not of them that hold their peace. They arrested his honor Najaf-'Ali, who hastened, with rapture and great longing, unto the field of martyrdom, uttering these words: "We have kept both Baha and the khun-baha (bloodmoney)!" With these words he yielded up his spirit. Meditate on the splendor and glory which the light of renunciation, shining from the upper chamber of the heart of Mulla Ali-Jan, hath shed. He was so carried away by the breezes of the Most Sublime Word and by the power of the Pen of Glory that to him the field of martyrdom equalled, nay outrivalled, the haunts of earthly delights. Ponder upon the conduct of Aba-Basir and Siyyid Ashraf-i-Zanjani. They sent for the mother of Ashraf to dissuade her son from his purpose. But she spurred him on until he suffered a most glorious martyrdom.

O Shaykh! This people have passed beyond the narrow straits of names, and pitched their tents upon the shores of the sea of renunciation. They would willingly lay down a myriad lives, rather than breathe the word desired by their enemies. They have clung to that which pleaseth God, and are wholly detached and

freed from the things which pertain unto men. They have preferred to have their heads cut off rather than utter one unseemly word. Ponder this in thine heart. Methinks they have quaffed their fill of the ocean of renunciation. The life of the present world hath failed to withhold them from suffering martyrdom in the path of God.

In Mazindaran a vast number of the servants of God were exterminated. The Governor, under the influence of calumniators, robbed a great many of all that they possessed. Among the charges he laid against them was that they had been laying up arms, whereas upon investigation it was found out that they had nothing but an unloaded rifle! Gracious God! This people need no weapons of destruction, inasmuch as they have girded themselves to reconstruct the world. Their hosts are the hosts of goodly deeds, and their arms the arms of upright conduct, and their commander the fear of God. Blessed that one that judgeth with fairness. By the righteousness of God! Such hath been the patience, the calm, the resignation and contentment of this people that they have become the exponents of justice, and so great hath been their forbearance, that they have suffered themselves to be killed rather than kill, and this notwithstanding that these whom the world hath wronged have endured tribulations the like of which the history of the world hath never recorded, nor the eyes of any nation witnessed. What is it that could have induced them to reconcile themselves to these grievous trials, and to refuse to put forth a hand to repel them? What could have caused such resignation and serenity? The true cause is to be found in the ban which the Pen of Glory hath, day and night, chosen to impose, and in Our assumption of the reins of authority, through the power and might of Him Who is the Lord of all mankind.

Remember the father of Badi'. They arrested that wronged one, and ordered him to curse and revile his Faith. He, however, through the grace of God and the mercy of his Lord, chose martyrdom, and attained thereunto. If ye would reckon up the martyrs in the path of God, ye could not count them. Consider his honor Siyyid Isma'il – upon him be the peace of God, and His loving-kindness – how, before daybreak he was wont to dust, with his own turban, the doorstep of My house, and in the end, whilst standing on the banks of the river, with his eyes fixed on that same house, offered up, by his own hand, his life.

Do thou ponder on the penetrative influence of the Word of God. Every single one of these souls was first ordered to blaspheme and curse his faith, yet none was found to prefer his own will to the Will of God.

O Shaykh! In former times he that was chosen to be slain was but one person, whereas now this Wronged One hath produced for thee that which causeth every fair-minded man to marvel. Judge fairly, I adjure thee, and arise to serve thy Lord. He, verily, shall reward thee with a reward which neither the treasures of the earth nor all the possessions of kings and rulers can equal. In all thine affairs put thy reliance in God, and commit them unto Him. He will render thee a reward which the Book hath ordained as great. Occupy thyself, during these fleeting days of thy life, with such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Divine good pleasure, and will be adorned with the ornament of His acceptance. The acts of his honor, Balal, the Ethiopian, were so acceptable in the sight of God that the "sin" of his stuttering tongue excelled the "shin" pronounced by all the world. This is the day whereon all peoples should shed the light of unity and concord. In brief, the pride and vanity of certain of the peoples of the world have made havoc of true understanding, and laid waste the home of justice and of equity.

O Shaykh! That which hath touched this Wronged One is beyond compare or equal. We have borne it all with the utmost willingness and resignation, so that the souls of men may be edified, and the Word of God be exalted. While confined in the prison of the Land of Mim (Mazindaran) We were one day delivered into the hands of the divines. Thou canst well imagine what befell Us. Shouldst thou at some time happen to visit the dungeon of His Majesty the Shah, ask the director and chief jailer to show thee those two chains, one of which is known as Qara-Guhar, and the other as Salasil. I swear by the Daystar of Justice that for four months this Wronged One was tormented and chained by one or the other of them. "My grief exceedeth all the woes to which Jacob gave vent, and all the afflictions of Job are but a part of My sorrows!"

Likewise, ponder thou upon the martyrdom of Haji Muhammad-Rida in the City of Love (Ishqabad). The tyrants of the earth have subjected that wronged one to such trials as have caused many foreigners to weep and lament for, as reported and ascertained, no less than thirty-two wounds were inflicted upon his blessed body. Yet none of the faithful transgressed My commandment, nor raised his hand in resistance. Come what might, they refused to allow their own inclinations to supersede that which the Book hath decreed, though a considerable number of this people have resided, and still reside, in that city.

We entreat His Majesty the Shah, – may God, hallowed and glorified be He, assist him – himself to ponder upon these things, and to judge with equity and justice. Although in recent years a number of the faithful have, in most of the cities of Persia, suffered themselves to be killed rather than kill, yet the hatred smouldering in certain hearts hath blazed more fiercely than before. For the victims of oppression to intercede in favor of their enemies is, in the estimation of rulers, a princely deed. Some must have certainly heard that this oppressed people have, in that city (Ishqabad), pleaded with the Governor on behalf of their murderers, and asked for the mitigation of their sentence. Take, then, good heed, ye who are men of insight!

O Shaykh! These perspicuous verses have been sent down in one of the Tablets by the Abha Pen: "Hearken, O servant, unto the voice of this Wronged One, Who hath endured grievous vexations and trials in the path of God, the Lord of all Names, until such time as He was cast into prison, in the Land of Ta (Tihran). He summoned men unto the most sublime Paradise, and yet they seized Him and paraded Him through cities and countries. How many the nights during which slumber fled from the eyes of My loved ones, because of their love for Me; and how numerous the days whereon I had to face the assaults of the peoples against Me! At one time I found Myself on the heights of mountains; at another in the depths of the prison of Ta (Tihran), in chains and fetters. By the righteousness of God! I was at all times thankful unto Him, uttering His praise, engaged in remembering Him, directed towards Him, satisfied with His pleasure, and lowly and submissive before Him. So passed My days, until they ended in this Prison (Akka) which hath made the earth to tremble and the heavens to sigh. Happy that one who hath cast away his vain imaginings, when He Who was hid came with the standards of His signs. We, verily, have announced unto men this Most Great Revelation, and yet the people are in a state of strange stupor."

Thereupon, a Voice was raised from the direction of Hijaz, calling aloud and saying: "Great is thy blessedness, O Akka, in that God hath made thee the dayspring of His Most Sweet Voice, and the dawn of His most mighty signs. Happy art thou in that the Throne of Justice hath been established upon thee, and

the Daystar of God's loving-kindness and bounty hath shone forth above thy horizon. Well is it with every fair-minded person that hath judged fairly Him Who is the Most Great Remembrance, and woe betide him that hath erred and doubted."

Following upon the death of some of the martyrs, the Lawh-i-Burhan (Tablet of the Proof) was sent down from the heaven of the Revelation of Him Who is the Lord of Religions:

"He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The winds of hatred have encompassed the Ark of Batha (Mecca), by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. O thou who art reputed for thy learning! Thou hast pronounced sentence against them for whom the books of the world have wept, and in whose favor the scriptures of all religions have testified. Thou, who art gone far astray, art indeed wrapt in a thick veil. By God Himself! Thou hast pronounced judgment against them through whom the horizon of faith hath been illumined. Unto this bear witness They Who are the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Manifestations of the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, Who have sacrificed Their souls and all that They possessed in His straight Path. The Faith of God hath cried everywhere, by reason of thy tyranny, and yet thou disportest thyself and art of them that exult. There is no hatred in Mine heart for thee nor for anyone. Every man of discernment beholdeth thee, and such as are like thee, engulfed in evident folly. Hadst thou realized that which thou hast done, thou wouldst have cast thyself into the fire, or abandoned thine home and fled unto the mountains, or wouldst have groaned until thou hadst returned unto the place destined for thee by Him Who is the Lord of strength and of might. O thou who art even as nothing! Rend thou asunder the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings, that thou mayest behold the Daystar of knowledge shining from this resplendent Horizon. Thou hast torn in pieces a remnant of the Prophet Himself, and imagined that thou hadst helped the Faith of God. Thus hath thy soul prompted thee, and thou art truly one of the heedless. Thine act hath consumed the hearts of the Concourse on high, and those of such as have circled round the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The soul of the Chaste One (Fatimih) melted, by reason of thy cruelty, and the inmates of Paradise wept sore in that blessed Spot.

"Judge thou fairly, I adjure thee by God. What proof did the Jewish doctors adduce wherewith to condemn Him Who was the Spirit of God (Jesus Christ), when He came unto them with truth? What could have been the evidence produced by the Pharisees and the idolatrous priests to justify their denial of Muhammad, the Apostle of God when He came unto them with a Book that judged between truth and falsehood with a justice which turned into light the darkness of the earth, and enraptured the hearts of such as had known Him? Indeed thou hast produced, in this day, the same proofs which the foolish divines advanced in that age. Unto this testifieth He Who is the King of the realm of grace in this great Prison. Thou hast, truly, walked in their ways, nay, hast surpassed them in their cruelty, and hast deemed thyself to be helping the Faith and defending the Law of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By Him Who is the Truth! Thine iniquity hath made Gabriel to groan, and hath drawn tears from the Law of God, through which the breezes of justice have been wafted over all who are in heaven and on earth. Hast thou fondly imagined that the judgment thou didst pronounce hath profited thee? Nay, by Him Who is the King of all Names! Unto thy loss testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things as recorded in the preserved Tablet.

“O thou who hast gone astray! Thou hast neither seen Me, nor associated with Me, nor been My companion for the fraction of a moment. How is it, then, that thou hast bidden men to curse Me? Didst thou, in this, follow the promptings of thine own desires, or didst thou obey thy Lord? Produce thou a sign, if thou art one of the truthful. We testify that thou hast cast behind thy back the Law of God, and laid hold on the dictates of thy passions. Nothing, in truth, escapeth His knowledge; He, verily, is the Incomparable, the All-Informed. O heedless one! Hearken unto that which the Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: ‘Say not to every one who meeteth you with a greeting, “Thou art not a believer.”’ Thus hath He decreed in Whose grasp are the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation, if thou be of them that hearken. Thou hast set aside the commandment of God, and clung unto the promptings of thine own desire. Woe, then, unto thee, O careless one that doubtest! If thou deniest Me, by what proof canst thou vindicate the truth of that which thou dost possess? Produce it, then, O thou who hast joined partners with God, and turned aside from His sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds!

“Know thou that he is truly learned who hath acknowledged My Revelation, and drunk from the Ocean of My knowledge, and soared in the atmosphere of My love, and cast away all else besides Me, and taken firm hold on that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. He, verily, is even as an eye unto mankind, and as the spirit of life unto the body of all creation. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath enlightened him, and caused him to arise and serve His great and mighty Cause. Verily, such a man is blessed by the Concourse on high, and by them who dwell within the Tabernacle of Grandeur, who have quaffed My sealed Wine in My Name, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. If thou be of them that occupy such a sublime station, produce then a sign from God, the Creator of the heavens. And shouldst thou recognize thy powerlessness, do thou rein in thy passions, and return unto thy Lord, that perchance He may forgive thee thy sins which have caused the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree to be burnt up, and the Rock to cry out, and the eyes of men of understanding to weep. Because of thee the Veil of Divinity was rent asunder, and the Ark has foundered, and the She-Camel was hamstrung, and the Spirit (Jesus) groaned in His sublime retreat. Disputest thou with Him Who hath come unto thee with the testimonies of God and His signs which thou possessest and which are in the possession of them that dwell on earth? Open thine eyes that thou mayest behold this Wronged One shining forth above the horizon of the will of God, the Sovereign, the Truth, the Resplendent. Unstop, then, the ear of thine heart that thou mayest hearken unto the speech of the Divine Lote-Tree that hath been raised up in truth by God, the Almighty, the Beneficent. Verily, this Tree, notwithstanding the things that befell it by reason of thy cruelty and of the transgressions of such as are like thee, calleth aloud and summoneth all men unto the Sadratu’l-Muntaha and the Supreme Horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath gazed on the Most Mighty Sign, and the ear that hath heard His most sweet Voice, and woe to whosoever hath turned aside and done wickedly.

“O thou who hast turned away from God! Wert thou to look with the eye of fairness upon the Divine Lote-Tree, thou wouldst perceive the marks of thy sword on its boughs, and its branches, and its leaves, notwithstanding that God created thee for the purpose of recognizing and of serving it. Reflect, that haply thou mayest recognize thine iniquity and be numbered with such as have repented. Thinkest thou that We fear thy cruelty? Know thou and be well assured that from the first day whereon the voice of the Most Sublime Pen was raised betwixt earth and heaven We offered up Our souls, and Our bodies, and

Our sons, and Our possessions in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great, and We glory therein amongst all created things and the Concourse on high. Unto this testify the things which have befallen Us in this straight Path. By God! Our hearts were consumed, and Our bodies were crucified, and Our blood was spilt, while Our eyes were fixed on the horizon of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Witness, the All-Seeing. The more grievous their woes, the greater waxed the love of the people of Baha. Unto their sincerity hath borne witness what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an. He saith: 'Wish ye, then, for death, if ye are sincere.' Who is to be preferred, he that hath sheltered himself behind curtains, or he that hath offered himself in the path of God? Judge thou fairly, and be not of them that rove distraught in the wilderness of falsehood. So carried away have they been by the living waters of the love of the Most Merciful, that neither the arms of the world nor the swords of the nations have deterred them from setting their faces towards the ocean of the bounty of their Lord, the Giver, the Generous.

"By God! Troubles have failed to unnerve Me, and the repudiation of the divines hath been powerless to weaken Me. I have spoken, and still speak forth before the face of men: 'The door of grace hath been unlocked and He Who is the Dayspring of Justice is come with perspicuous signs and evident testimonies, from God, the Lord of strength and of might!' Present thyself before Me that thou mayest hear the mysteries which were heard by the Son of Imran (Moses) upon the Sinai of Wisdom. Thus commandeth thee He Who is the Dawning-Place of the Revelation of thy Lord, the God of Mercy, from His great Prison."

Thereupon hath the cry and the lamentation of the true Faith been raised once again, saying: "Verily, Sinai calleth aloud and saith: 'O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the Merciful. Indeed have I attained unto Him Who conversed upon me, and the ecstasies of my joy have seized the pebbles of the earth and the dust thereof.' And the Bush exclaimeth: 'O people of the Bayan! Judge ye fairly that which hath in truth been manifested. Verily the Fire which God revealed unto the One Who conversed with Him is now manifested. Unto this beareth witness every man of insight and understanding.'"

We have made mention of certain martyrs of this Revelation, and have likewise cited some of the verses which were sent down concerning them from the kingdom of Our utterance. We fain would hope that, rid of all attachment to the world, thou wilt ponder the things which We have mentioned.

It behooveth thee now to reflect upon the state of Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi and of Sad-i-Isfahani (Sadru'l-'Ulama), who reside in the Land of Ta (Tihran). No sooner had the former heard that he had been called a Babi than he became so perturbed that his poise and dignity forsook him. He ascended the pulpits and spoke words which ill befitted him. From time immemorial the clay clods of the world have, wholly by reason of their love of leadership, perpetrated such acts as have caused men to err. Thou must not, however, imagine that all the faithful are such as these two. We have described unto thee the constancy, the firmness, the steadfastness, the certitude, the imperturbability and the dignity of the martyrs of this Revelation, that thou mayest be well-informed. My purpose in citing the passages from the Tablets to the kings and others hath been that thou mayest know of a certainty that this Wronged One hath not concealed the Cause of God, but hath proclaimed and delivered, in the most eloquent language, before the face of the world, the things He had been commissioned to set forth. Certain faint-hearted ones, however, such as Hadi and others, have tampered with the Cause of God and have, in their concern for

this fleeting life, said and done that which caused the eye of justice to weep and the Pen of Glory to groan, notwithstanding their ignorance of the essentials of this Cause; whereas this Wronged One hath revealed it for the sake of God.

O Hadi! Thou hast gone unto My brother and hast seen him. Set now thy face towards the court of this Wronged One, that haply the breezes of Revelation and the breaths of inspiration may assist thee and enable thee to attain thy goal. Whoever gazeth this day on My signs will distinguish truth from falsehood as the sun from shadow, and will be made cognizant of the goal. God is aware and beareth Me witness that whatever hath been mentioned was for the sake of God, that haply thou mayest be the cause of the guidance of men, and mayest deliver the peoples of the world from idle fancies and vain imaginings. Gracious God! Until now they that have turned aside and denied Me have failed to recognize Who despatched that which was delivered unto the Herald – the Primal Point! The knowledge of it is with God, the Lord of the worlds.

Exert thyself, O Shaykh, and arise to serve this Cause. The Sealed Wine is disclosed in this day before the faces of men. Seize it in the name of thy Lord, and quaff thy fill in remembrance of Him Who is the Mighty, the Incomparable. Night and day hath this Wronged One been occupied in that which would unite the hearts, and edify the souls of men. The events that have happened in Persia during the early years have truly saddened the well-favored and sincere ones. Each year witnessed a fresh massacre, pillage, plunder, and shedding of blood. At one time there appeared in Zanjan that which caused the greatest consternation; at another in Nayriz, and at yet another in Tabarsi, and finally there occurred the episode of the Land of Ta (Tihran). From that time onwards this Wronged One, assisted by the One True God – exalted be His glory – acquainted this oppressed people with the things which beseemed them. All have sanctified themselves from the things which they and others possess, and have clung unto, and fixed their eyes upon that which pertaineth unto God.

It is now incumbent upon His Majesty the Shah – may God, exalted be He, protect him – to deal with this people with loving-kindness and mercy. This Wronged One pledgeth Himself, before the Divine Kaaba, that, apart from truthfulness and trustworthiness, this people will show forth nothing that can in any way conflict with the world-adorning views of His Majesty. Every nation must have a high regard for the position of its sovereign, must be submissive unto him, must carry out his behests, and hold fast his authority. The sovereigns of the earth have been and are the manifestations of the power, the grandeur and the majesty of God. This Wronged One hath at no time dealt deceitfully with anyone. Every one is well aware of this, and beareth witness unto it. Regard for the rank of sovereigns is divinely ordained, as is clearly attested by the words of the Prophets of God and His chosen ones. He Who is the Spirit (Jesus) – may peace be upon Him – was asked: "O Spirit of God! Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?" And He made reply: "Yea, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." He forbade it not. These two sayings are, in the estimation of men of insight, one and the same, for if that which belonged to Caesar had not come from God, He would have forbidden it. And likewise in the sacred verse: "Obey God and obey the Apostle, and those among you invested with authority." By "those invested with authority" is meant primarily and more especially the Imams – the blessings of God rest upon them! They, verily, are the manifestations of the power of God, and the sources of His authority, and the repositories of His knowledge, and the daysprings of His commandments. Secondarily these

words refer unto the kings and rulers – those through the brightness of whose justice the horizons of the world are resplendent and luminous. We fain would hope that His Majesty the Shah will shine forth with a light of justice whose radiance will envelop all the kindreds of the earth. It is incumbent upon every one to beseech the one true God on his behalf for that which is meet and seemly in this day.

O God, my God, and my Master, and my Mainstay, and my Desire, and my Beloved! I ask Thee by the mysteries which were hid in Thy knowledge, and by the signs which have diffused the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness, and by the billows of the ocean of Thy bounty, and by the heaven of Thy grace and generosity, and by the blood spilt in Thy path, and by the hearts consumed in their love for Thee, to assist His Majesty the Shah with Thy power and Thy sovereignty, that from him may be manifested that which will everlastingly endure in Thy Books, and Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. Hold Thou his hand, O my Lord, with the hand of Thine omnipotence, and illuminate him with the light of Thy knowledge, and adorn him with the adornment of Thy virtues. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all created things. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bounteous.

In the Epistle to the Romans Saint Paul hath written: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God." And further: "For he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." He saith that the appearance of the kings, and their majesty and power are of God.

Moreover, in the traditions of old, references have been made which the divines have seen and heard. We beseech God – blessed and glorified be He – to aid thee, O Shaykh, to lay fast hold on that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. The divines must needs unite with His Majesty, the Shah, and cleave unto that which will insure the protection, the security, the welfare and prosperity of men. A just king enjoyeth nearer access unto God than anyone. Unto this testifieth He Who speaketh in His Most Great Prison. God! There is none other God but Him, the One, the Incomparable, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Wert thou, for the sake of God, to ponder, though it be but for an hour, upon the things which have occurred in former times and more recently, thou wouldst turn away from the things thou dost possess unto the things which belong unto God, and wouldst become a means for the exaltation of His Word. Hath, from the foundation of the world until the present day, any Light or Revelation shone forth from the dayspring of the will of God which the kindreds of the earth have accepted, and Whose Cause they have acknowledged? Where is it to be found, and what is its name? Since the Seal of the Prophets (Muhammad) – may all else but Him be His sacrifice – and before Him the Spirit of God (Jesus), as far back as the First Manifestation, all have at the time of Their appearance suffered grievously. Some were held to be possessed, others were called impostors, and were treated in a manner that the pen is ashamed to describe. By God! There befell Them what hath made all created things to sigh, and yet the people are, for the most part, sunk in manifest ignorance! We pray God to assist them to return unto Him, and to repent before the door of His mercy. Potent is He over all things.

At this moment the shrill voice of the Most Sublime Pen hath been raised, and hath addressed Me saying: "Admonish the Shaykh even as Thou hast admonished one of Thy Branches (sons), that haply the breezes of Thine utterance may attract and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds."

"Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face. Be a treasure to the poor, an admonisher to the rich, an answerer to the cry of the needy, a preserver of the sanctity of thy pledge. Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech. Be unjust to no man, and show all meekness to all men. Be as a lamp unto them that walk in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, an upholder and defender of the victim of oppression. Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts. Be a home for the stranger, a balm to the suffering, a tower of strength for the fugitive. Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be an ornament to the countenance of truth, a crown to the brow of fidelity, a pillar of the temple of righteousness, a breath of life to the body of mankind, an ensign of the hosts of justice, a luminary above the horizon of virtue, a dew to the soil of the human heart, an ark on the ocean of knowledge, a sun in the heaven of bounty, a gem on the diadem of wisdom, a shining light in the firmament of thy generation, a fruit upon the tree of humility. We pray God to protect thee from the heat of jealousy and the cold of hatred. He verily is nigh, ready to answer." Thus hath My tongue spoken unto one of My Branches (sons), and We have mentioned it unto such of Our loved ones as have cast away their idle fancies, and clung unto that which hath been prescribed unto them in the day whereon the Daystar of Certitude hath shone forth above the horizon of the will of God, the Lord of the worlds. This is the day on which the Bird of Utterance hath warbled its melody upon the branches, in the name of its Lord, the God of Mercy. Blessed is the man that hath, on the wings of longing, soared towards God, the Lord of the Judgment Day.

The one true God well knoweth, and all the company of His trusted ones testify, that this Wronged One hath, at all times, been faced with dire peril. But for the tribulations that have touched Me in the path of God, life would have held no sweetness for Me, and My existence would have profited Me nothing. For them who are endued with discernment, and whose eyes are fixed upon the Sublime Vision, it is no secret that I have been, most of the days of My life, even as a slave, sitting under a sword hanging on a thread, knowing not whether it would fall soon or late upon him. And yet, notwithstanding all this We render thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Mine inner tongue reciteth, in the daytime and in the night-season, this prayer: "Glory to Thee, O my God! But for the tribulations which are sustained in Thy path, how could Thy true lovers be recognized; and were it not for the trials which are borne for love of Thee, how could the station of such as yearn for Thee be revealed? Thy might beareth Me witness! The companions of all who adore Thee are the tears they shed, and the comforters of such as seek Thee are the groans they utter, and the food of them who haste to meet Thee is the fragments of their broken hearts. How sweet to my taste is the bitterness of death suffered in Thy path, and how precious in my estimation are the shafts of Thine enemies when encountered for the sake of the exaltation of Thy Word! Let me quaff in Thy Cause, O my God and my Master, whatsoever Thou didst desire, and send down upon me in Thy love all Thou didst ordain. By Thy glory! I wish only what Thou wishest, and cherish what Thou cherishest. In Thee have I, at all times, placed My whole trust and confidence. Thou art verily the All-Possessing, the Most High. Raise up, I implore Thee, O my God, as helpers to this Revelation such as shall

be counted worthy of Thy Name and of Thy sovereignty, that they may remember Thee among Thy creatures, and hoist the ensigns of Thy victory in Thy land, and adorn them with Thy virtues and Thy commandments. No God is there but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."

Thereupon the voice of the true Faith was lifted up, calling aloud again and again and saying: "O concourse of the earth! By God! I am the true Faith of God amongst you. Beware that ye deny Me not. God hath manifested Me with a light that hath encompassed all that are in the heavens and all that are on earth. Judge ye equitably, O people, My manifestation, and the revelation of My glory, and the radiance of My light, and be not of them that act unjustly."

O Shaykh! This Wronged One beseecheth God – blessed and glorified be He – to make thee the one who will open the door of justice, and reveal through thee His Cause among His servants. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

O Shaykh! Entreat thou the one true God to sanctify the ears, and the eyes, and the hearts of mankind, and to protect them from the desires of a corrupt inclination. For malice is a grievous malady which depriveth man from recognizing the Great Being, and debarreth him from the splendors of the sun of certitude. We pray and hope that through the grace and mercy of God He may remove this mighty obstacle. He, verily, is the Potent, the All-Subduing, the Almighty.

At this moment a Voice was raised from the right-hand of the Luminous Spot: "God! There is none other God but Him, the Ordainer, the All-Wise! Recite Thou unto the Shaykh the remaining passages of the Lawh-i-Burhan (Tablet of the Proof) that they may draw him unto the horizon of the Revelation of his Lord, the God of Mercy, that haply he may arise to aid My Cause with perspicuous signs and exalted testimonies, and may speak forth amongst men that which the Tongue of Testimony hath spoken: 'The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the worlds!'"

"Peruse thou the Kitab-i-Iqan (Book of Certitude) and that which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto the King of Paris (Napoleon III) and to such as are like him, that thou mayest be made aware of the things that have happened in the past, and be persuaded that We have not sought to spread disorder in the land after it had been well-ordered. We exhort, wholly for the sake of God, His servants. Let him who wisheth turn unto Him, and him who wisheth turn aside. Our Lord, the Merciful, is verily the All-Sufficing, the All-Praised. O concourse of the kindreds of the earth! This is the day whereon nothing amongst all things, nor any name amongst all names, can profit you save through this Name which God hath made the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Most Excellent Titles unto all who are in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is that man that hath recognized the fragrance of the All-Merciful and been numbered with the steadfast. Your sciences shall not profit you in this day, nor your arts, nor your treasures, nor your glory. Cast them all behind your backs, and set your faces towards the Most Sublime Word through which the Scriptures and the Books and this lucid Tablet have been distinctly set forth. Cast away, O people, the things ye have composed with the pen of your idle fancies and vain imaginings. By God! The Daystar of Knowledge hath shone forth above the horizon of certitude.

"O thou who art gone astray! If thou hast any doubt concerning Our conduct, know thou that We bear witness unto that whereunto God hath Himself borne witness ere the creation of the heavens and of the

earth, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous. We testify that He is One in His Essence, One in His Attributes. He hath none to equal Him in the whole universe, nor any partner in all creation. He hath sent forth His Messengers, and sent down His Books, that they may announce unto His creatures the Straight Path.

"Hath the Shah been informed, and chosen to close his eyes to thine acts? Or hath he been seized with fear at the howling of a pack of wolves who have cast the path of God behind their backs and followed in thy way without any clear proof or Book? We have heard that the provinces of Persia have been adorned with the adornment of justice. When We observed closely, however, We found them to be the dawning-places of tyranny and the daysprings of injustice. We behold justice in the clutches of tyranny. We beseech God to set it free through the power of His might and His sovereignty. He, verily, overshadoweth all that is in the heavens and on earth. To none is given the right to protest against any one concerning that which hath befallen the Cause of God. It behooveth whosoever hath set his face towards the Most Sublime Horizon to cleave tenaciously unto the cord of patience, and to put his reliance in God, the Help in Peril, the Unconstrained. O ye loved ones of God! Drink your fill from the wellspring of wisdom, and soar ye in the atmosphere of wisdom, and speak forth with wisdom and eloquence. Thus biddeth you your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

"O heedless one! Rely not on thy glory, and thy power. Thou art even as the last trace of sunlight upon the mountain-top. Soon will it fade away as decreed by God, the All-Possessing, the Most High. Thy glory and the glory of such as are like thee have been taken away, and this verily is what hath been ordained by the One with Whom is the Mother Tablet. Where is he to be found who contended with God, and whither is gone he that gainsaid His signs, and turned aside from His sovereignty? Where are they who have slain His chosen ones and spilt the blood of His holy ones? Reflect, that haply thou mayest perceive the breaths of thine acts, O foolish doubter! Because of you the Apostle (Muhammad) lamented, and the Chaste One (Fatimih) cried out, and the countries were laid waste, and darkness fell upon all regions. O concourse of divines! Because of you the people were abased, and the banner of Islam was hauled down, and its mighty throne subverted. Every time a man of discernment hath sought to hold fast unto that which would exalt Islam, ye raised a clamor, and thereby was he deterred from achieving his purpose, while the land remained fallen in clear ruin.

"O My Supreme Pen! Call Thou to remembrance the She-Serpent (Imam-Jum'ih of Isfahan) whose cruelty hath caused all created things to groan, and the limbs of the holy ones to quake. Thus biddeth Thee the Lord of all names, in this glorious station. The Chaste One (Fatimih) hath cried out by reason of thine iniquity, and yet thou dost imagine thyself to be of the family of the Apostle of God! Thus hath thy soul prompted thee, O thou who hast withdrawn thyself from God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall be. Judge thou equitably, O She-Serpent! For what crime didst thou sting the children of the Apostle of God (King of Martyrs and Beloved of Martyrs), and pillage their possessions? Hast thou denied Him Who created thee by His command 'be, and it was'? Thou hast dealt with the children of the Apostle of God as neither Ad hath dealt with Hud, nor Thamud with Salih, nor the Jews with the Spirit of God (Jesus), the Lord of all being. Gainsayest thou the signs of thy Lord which had no sooner been sent down from the heaven of His Cause than all the books of the world bowed down before them? Meditate, that thou mayest be made aware of thine act, O heedless outcast! Erelong will the breaths of chastisement seize

thee, as they seized others before thee. Wait, O thou who hast joined partners with God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible. This is the day which God hath announced through the tongue of His Apostle. Reflect, that thou mayest apprehend what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an and in this inscribed Tablet. This is the day whereon He Who is the Dayspring of Revelation hath come with clear tokens which none can number. This is the day whereon every man endued with perception hath discovered the fragrance of the breeze of the All-Merciful in the world of creation, and every man of insight hath hastened unto the living waters of the mercy of his Lord, the King of Kings. O heedless one! The tale of the Sacrifice (Ishmael) hath been retold, and he who was to be offered up hath directed his steps towards the place of sacrifice, and returned not, by reason of that which thy hand hath wrought, O perverse hater! Didst thou imagine that martyrdom could abase this Cause? Nay, by Him Whom God hath made to be the Repository of His Revelation, if thou be of them that comprehend. Woe betide thee, O thou who hast joined partners with God, and woe betide them that have taken thee as their leader, without a clear token or a perspicuous Book. How numerous the oppressors before thee who have arisen to quench the light of God, and how many the impious who murdered and pillaged until the hearts and souls of men groaned by reason of their cruelty! The sun of justice hath been obscured, inasmuch as the embodiment of tyranny hath been stablished upon the throne of hatred, and yet the people understand not. O foolish one! Thou hast slain the children of the Apostle and pillaged their possessions. Say: Was it, in thine estimation, their possessions or themselves that denied God? Judge fairly, O ignorant one that hath been shut out as by a veil from God. Thou hast clung to tyranny, and cast away justice; whereupon all created things have lamented, and still thou art among the wayward. Thou hast put to death the aged, and plundered the young. Thinkest thou that thou wilt consume that which thine iniquity hath amassed? Nay, by Myself! Thus informeth thee He Who is cognizant of all. By God! The things thou possessest shall profit thee not, nor what thou hast laid up through thy cruelty. Unto this beareth witness thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Thou hast arisen to put out the light of this Cause; erelong will thine own fire be quenched, at His behest. He, verily, is the Lord of strength and of might. The changes and chances of the world, and the powers of the nations, cannot frustrate Him. He doeth what He pleaseth, and ordaineth what He willeth through the power of His sovereignty. Consider the she-camel. Though but a beast, yet hath the All-Merciful exalted her to so high a station that the tongues of the earth made mention of her and celebrated her praise. He, verily, overshadoweth all that is in the heavens and on earth. No God is there but Him, the Almighty, the Great. Thus have We adorned the heaven of Our Tablet with the suns of Our words. Blessed the man that hath attained thereunto, and been illumined with their light, and woe betide such as have turned aside, and denied Him, and strayed far from Him. Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds!"

O Shaykh! We have enabled thee to hear the melodies of the Nightingale of Paradise, and unveiled to thine eyes the signs which God, by His all-compelling behest, hath sent down in the Most Great Prison, that thine eye might be cheered, and thy soul be well-assured. He, verily, is the All-Bounteous, the Generous. Arise thou through the power of His testimony to serve the Cause of God, thy Lord, the God of Mercy. If thy faith be fearful, seize thou My Tablet, and preserve it in the bosom of trust. And when thou enterest into the place of resurrection, and God asketh thee by what proof thou hast believed in this Revelation, draw forth the Tablet and say: "By this Book, the holy, the mighty, the incomparable." Thereupon all will lift up their hands towards thee, and will seize the Tablet, and will press it to their eyes,

and will inhale therefrom the fragrance of the utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Were God to torment thee for having believed in His signs in this Revelation, for what reason could He then torment such as have disbelieved in Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and before Him in Jesus, the Son of Mary, and before Him in the One Who conversed with God (Moses), and before Him in the One Who is the Friend of God (Abraham), and as far back as the One Who was the First Manifestation, Who was created by the will of thy Lord, the Potent, the All-Encompassing. Thus have We sent down Our verses unto one before thee, and recalled them unto thee, in this day, that thou mayest understand, and be of them who are well assured. O thou who assumest the voice of knowledge! This Cause is too evident to be obscured, and too conspicuous to be concealed. It shineth as the sun in its meridian glory. None can deny it unless he be a hater and a doubter.

At this moment it behooveth us to turn unto the Desired One, and cleave unto these most sublime words: "O God, my God! Thou hast lighted the lamp of Thy Cause with the oil of wisdom; protect it from contrary winds. The lamp is Thine, and the glass is Thine, and all things in the heavens and on earth are in the grasp of Thy power. Bestow justice upon the rulers, and fairness upon the divines. Thou art the All-Powerful, Who, through the motion of Thy Pen, hast aided Thine irresistible Cause, and guided aright Thy loved ones. Thou art the Possessor of power, and the King of might. No God is there but Thee, the Strong, the Unconstrained." Say thou also: "O God, my God! I yield Thee thanks inasmuch as Thou hast made me to drink of Thy Sealed Wine from the hand of the bounty of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. I entreat Thee by the splendors of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, and by the potency of Thy Most Sublime Word, and by the might of Thy Most Exalted Pen, through Whose movement the realities of all created things have been enraptured, to aid His Majesty the Shah to render Thy Cause victorious, and to turn towards the horizon of Thy Revelation, and to set his face in the direction of the lights of Thy countenance. Assist him, O my Lord, to draw nigh unto Thee. Help him, then, with the hosts of the heavens and of earth. I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all Names and the Maker of the heavens, by the light of Thy Cause, and by the fire of the Lote-Tree of Thy loving-kindness, to help His Majesty to reveal Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. Open, then, before his face the doors of Thy grace, and Thy mercy, and Thy bounty. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee by Thy word: 'Be, and it is.'"

O Shaykh! We had seized the reins of authority by the power of God and His Divine might, as He alone can seize, Who is the Mighty, the Strong. None had the power to stir up mischief or sedition. Now, however, as they have failed to appreciate this loving-kindness and these bounties, they have been, and will be, afflicted with the retribution which their acts must entail. The State officials, considering the secret progress of the Extended Cord have, from every direction, incited and aided Mine adversaries. In the Great City (Constantinople) they have roused a considerable number of people to oppose this Wronged One. Things have come to such a pass that the officials in that city have acted in a manner which hath brought shame to both the government and the people. A distinguished siyyid, whose well-known integrity, acceptable conduct, and commercial reputation, were recognized by the majority of fair-minded men, and who was regarded by all as a highly honored merchant, once visited Beirut. In view of his friendship for this Wronged One they telegraphed the Persian Dragoman informing him that this siyyid, assisted by his servant, had stolen a sum of money and other things and gone to Akka. Their design in this matter was to dishonor this Wronged One. And yet, far be it from the people of this country to

allow themselves to be deflected, by these unseemly tales, from the straight path of uprightness and truth. Briefly, they have assaulted Me from every side, and are reinforcing Mine adversaries. This Wronged One, however, beseecheth the one true God to graciously assist every one in that which beseemeth these days. Day and night I fix My gaze on these perspicuous words, and recite: "O God, my God! I beseech Thee by the sun of Thy grace, and the sea of Thy knowledge, and the heaven of Thy justice, to aid them that have denied Thee to confess, and such as have turned aside from Thee to return, and those who have calumniated Thee to be just and fair-minded. Assist them, O my Lord, to return unto Thee, and to repent before the door of Thy grace. Powerful art Thou to do what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds."

The time is at hand when whatsoever lieth hid in the souls and hearts of men will be disclosed. This Day is the Day whereof Luqman spoke unto his son, the Day which the Lord of Glory announced and with which He acquainted Him Who was His Friend (Muhammad) through these, His words – exalted be He: – "O my son! Verily, God will bring everything to light, though it were but the weight of a grain of mustard-seed, and hidden in a rock or in the heavens or in the earth; for God is Subtile, informed of all." This Day the deceitful of eye, and all that men's breasts conceal, are made known and laid bare before the throne of His Revelation. Nothing whatsoever can escape His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He, in truth, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. How very strange that they discern not between the trustworthy and the treacherous!

Would that His Majesty the Shah of Persia – may God perpetuate his sovereignty – would inquire from the Consuls of the honored Persian Government who have been in this country, that he might become acquainted with the activities and behavior of this Wronged One. Briefly, they have incited a great many such as Akhtar and others, and are busying themselves in spreading calumnies. It is clear and evident that they will surround with their swords of hatred and their shafts of enmity the one whom they know to be an outcast among men and to have been banished from one country to another. This is not the first time that such iniquity hath been perpetrated, nor the first goblet that hath been dashed to the ground, nor the first veil that hath been rent in twain in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. This Wronged One, however, remained calm and silent in the Most Great Prison, busying Himself with His own affairs, and completely detached from all else but God. Iniquity waxed so grievous that the pens of the world are powerless to record it.

In this connection it is necessary to mention the following occurrence, that haply men may take fast hold of the cord of justice and truthfulness. Haji Shaykh Muhammad Ali – upon him be the glory of God, the Ever-Abiding – was a merchant of high repute, well-known unto most of the inhabitants of the Great City (Constantinople). Not long ago, when the Persian Embassy in Constantinople was secretly engaged in stirring up mischief, it was noticed that this believing and sincere soul was greatly distressed. Finally, one night he threw himself into the sea, but was rescued by some passers-by who chanced to come upon him at that moment. His act was widely commented upon and given varied interpretations by different people. Following this, one night he repaired to a mosque, and, as reported by the guardian of that place, kept vigil the whole night, and was occupied until the morning in offering, ardently and with tearful eyes, his prayers and supplications. Upon hearing him suddenly cease his devotions, the guardian went to him,

and found that he had already surrendered his soul. An empty bottle was found by his side, indicating that he had poisoned himself. Briefly, the guardian, while greatly astonished, broke the news to the people. It was found out that he had left two testaments. In the first he recognized and confessed the unity of God, that His Exalted Being had neither peer nor equal, and that His Essence was exalted above all praise, all glorification and description. He also testified to the Revelation of the Prophets and the holy ones, and recognized what had been written down in the Books of God, the Lord of all men. On another page, in which he had set down a prayer, he wrote these words in conclusion: "This servant and the loved ones of God are perplexed. On the one hand the Pen of the Most High hath forbidden all men to engage in sedition, contention or conflict, and on the other that same Pen hath sent down these most sublime words: 'Should anyone, in the presence of the Manifestation, discover an evil intention on the part of any soul, he must not oppose him, but must leave him to God.' Considering that on the one hand this binding command is clear and firmly established, and that on the other calumnies, beyond human strength to bear or endure, have been uttered, this servant hath chosen to commit this most grievous sin. I turn suppliantly unto the ocean of God's bounty and the heaven of Divine mercy, and hope that He will blot out with the pen of His grace and bounteousness the misdeeds of this servant. Though my transgressions be manifold, and unnumbered my evildoings, yet do I cleave tenaciously to the cord of His bounty, and cling unto the hem of His generosity. God is witness, and they that are nigh unto His Threshold know full well, that this servant could not bear to hear the tales related by the perfidious. I, therefore, have committed this act. If He chastise me, He verily is to be praised for what He doeth; and if He forgive me, His behest shall be obeyed."

Ponder, now, O Shaykh, the influence of the word of God, that haply thou mayest turn from the left hand of idle fancy unto the right hand of certitude. This Wronged One hath never acted hypocritically towards any one, in the Cause of God, and hath loudly proclaimed the Word of God before the face of His creatures. Let him who wisheth turn thereunto, and let him who wisheth turn aside. If these things, however, that are so clear, so manifest and indubitable, be denied, what else can be deemed acceptable and worthy of credence in the estimation of men of insight? We beseech God – blessed and glorified be He – to forgive the aforementioned person (Haji Shaykh Muhammad-'Ali), and change his evil deeds into good ones. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

Such things have appeared in this Revelation that there is no recourse for either the exponents of science and knowledge or the manifestations of justice and equity other than to recognize them. It is incumbent upon thee, in this day, to arise with celestial power and dissipate, with the aid of knowledge, the doubts of the peoples of the world, so that all men may be sanctified, and direct their steps towards the Most Great Ocean and cleave fast unto that which God hath purposed.

Every one who hath turned aside from Me hath clung to his own idle words, and therewith voiced his objections to Him Who is the Truth. Gracious God! Such references as have been made to Divinity and Godhead by the holy ones and chosen ones of God have been made a cause for denial and repudiation. The Imam Sadiq hath said: "Servitude is a substance, the essence of which is Divinity." The Commander of the Faithful (Imam Ali) answered an Arab, who had questioned him concerning the soul, as follows: "The third is the soul which is divine and celestial. It is a divine energy, a substance, simple, and self-subsistent." And further he – peace be upon him – said: "Therefore it is the Most Sublime Essence of God,

the Tree of Blessedness, the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, the Garden of Repose." The Imam Sadiq hath said: "When our Qa'im will arise, the earth will shine with the light of her Lord." Likewise, a lengthy tradition is attributed to Abi-'Abdi'llah – peace be upon him – in which these sublime words are found: "Thereupon will He Who is the All-Compelling – exalted and glorified be He – descend from the clouds with the angels." And in the mighty Qur'an: "What can such expect but that God should come down to them overshadowed with clouds?" And in the tradition of Mufaddal it is said: "The Qa'im will lean His back against the Sanctuary, and will stretch forth His hand, and lo, it shall be snow-white but unhurt. And He shall say: 'This is the hand of God, the right hand of God, that cometh from God, at the command of God!'" In whichever manner these traditions are interpreted, in that same manner let them also interpret that which the Most Sublime Pen hath set down. The Commander of the Faithful (Imam Ali) hath said: "I am He Who can neither be named, nor described." And likewise He hath said: "Outwardly I am an Imam; inwardly I am the Unseen, the Unknowable." Abu-Ja'far-i-Tusi hath said: "I said to Abi Abdi'llah: 'You are the Way mentioned in the Book of God, and you are the Impost, and you are the Pilgrimage.' He replied: 'O man! We are the Way mentioned in the Book of God, – exalted and glorified be He – and We are the Impost, and We are the Fast, and We are the Pilgrimage, and We are the Sacred Month, and We are the Sacred City, and We are the Kaaba of God, and We are the Qiblih of God, and We are the Face of God.'" Jabir hath said that Abu-Ja'far – peace be upon him – spoke to him as follows: "O Jabir! Give heed unto the Bayan (Exposition) and the Ma'ani (Significances)." He – peace be upon him – added: "As to the Bayan, it consisteth in thy recognition of God – glorified be He – as the One Who hath no equal, and in thy adoration of Him, and in thy refusal to join partners with Him. As to the Ma'ani, We are its meaning, and its side, and its hand, and its tongue, and its cause, and its command, and its knowledge, and its right. If We wish for something, it is God Who wisheth it, and He desireth that which We desire." Moreover, the Commander of the Faithful (Imam Ali) – peace be upon him – hath said: "How can I worship a Lord Whom I have not seen?" And, in another connection, he saith: "Nothing have I perceived except that I perceived God before it, God after it, or God with it."

O Shaykh! Ponder upon the things which have been mentioned, perchance thou mayest quaff the Sealed Wine through the power of the name of Him Who is the Self-Subsisting, and obtain that which no one is capable of comprehending. Gird up the loins of endeavor, and direct thyself towards the Most Sublime Kingdom, that haply thou mayest perceive, as they descend upon Me, the breaths of Revelation and inspiration, and attain thereunto. Verily, I say: The Cause of God hath never had, nor hath it now, any peer or equal. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancies. He, in truth, will reinforce thee, and assist thee, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Strong, the All-Subduing, the Almighty. While there is yet time, and the blessed Lote-Tree is still calling aloud amongst men, suffer not thyself to be deprived. Place thy trust in God, and commit thine affairs unto Him, and enter then the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest hear what no ear hath ever heard, and gaze on that which no eye hath ever seen. After such an exposition, can there remain any room for doubt? Nay, by God, Who standeth over His Cause! In truth I say: On this day the blessed words "But He is the Apostle of God, and the Seal of the Prophets" have found their consummation in the verse "The day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Render thou thanksgiving unto God, for so great a bounty.

O Shaykh! The breezes of Revelation can never be confounded with other breezes. Now the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing standeth laden with countless fruits before thy face; besmirch not thyself with idle fancies, as have done the people aforetime. These utterances themselves proclaim the true nature of the Faith of God. He it is Who witnesseth unto all things. To demonstrate the truth of His Revelation He hath not been, nor is He, dependent upon any one. Well nigh a hundred volumes of luminous verses and perspicuous words have already been sent down from the heaven of the will of Him Who is the Revealer of signs, and are available unto all. It is for thee to direct thyself towards the Ultimate Goal, and the Supreme End, and the Most Sublime Pinnacle, that thou mayest hear and behold what hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the worlds.

Ponder a while upon the verses concerning the Divine Presence, which have been sent down in the Qur'an by Him Who is the Lord of the kingdom of names, perchance thou mayest discover the Straight Path, and be made an instrument for the guidance of His creatures. Such a one as thou must needs in this day arise to serve this Cause. The abasement of this Wronged One as well as thy glory shall both pass away. Strive thou, that haply thou mayest achieve a deed the fragrance of which shall never fade from the earth. Concerning the Divine Presence there hath been sent down what no denier hath been or is now able to refute or repudiate. He – blessed and exalted be He – saith: "It is God Who hath reared the heavens without pillars thou canst behold; then mounted His throne, and imposed laws on the sun and moon: each traveleth to its appointed goal. He ordereth all things. He maketh His signs clear, that ye may have firm faith in the Presence of your Lord." He also saith: "To him who hopeth to attain the Presence of God, the set time of God will surely come. And He is the Hearer, the Knower." And further He – exalted be He – saith: "As for those who believe not in the signs of God, or that they shall ever attain His Presence, these of My mercy shall despair, and these doth a grievous chastisement await." And likewise He saith: "And they say, 'What! when we shall have lain hidden in the earth, shall we become a new creation?' Yea, they deny that they shall attain the Presence of their Lord." And likewise He saith: "They truly doubt the Presence of their Lord. He, verily, overshadoweth all things." And likewise He saith: "Verily, they who hope not to attain Our Presence, and find their satisfaction in this world's life, and rest on it, and who of Our signs are heedless – these! their abode the fire, in recompense of their deeds!" And likewise He saith: "But when Our clear signs are recited to them, they who look not forward to attain Our Presence, say, 'Bring a different Qur'an from this, or make some change in it.' Say: It is not for Me to change it as Mine own soul prompteth. I follow only what is revealed to Me: verily, I fear, if I rebel against My Lord, the punishment of a great day." And likewise He saith: "Then gave We the Book to Moses – complete for Him who should do right, and a decision for all matters, and a guidance, and a mercy, that they might believe in the Presence of their Lord." And likewise he saith: "They are those who believe not in the signs of the Lord, or that they shall ever attain His Presence. Vain, therefore, are their works; and no weight will We allow them on the Day of Resurrection. This shall be their reward – Hell. Because they were unbelievers, and treated My signs and My Apostles with scorn." And likewise He saith: "Hath the history of Moses reached thee? When He saw a fire, and said to His family, 'Tarry ye here, for I perceive a fire; haply I may bring you a brand from it, or find at the fire a guide.' And when He came to it, He was called to, 'O Moses! Verily, I am Thy Lord; therefore pull off Thy shoes, for Thou art in the holy vale of Towa. And I have chosen Thee; hearken then to what shall be revealed. Verily, I am God, there is no God but Me. Therefore, worship Me.'" And likewise He saith: "Have they not considered within themselves

that God hath not created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them but for a serious end, and for a fixed term? But truly most men believe not that they shall attain the Presence of their Lord." And likewise He saith: "What! Have they no thought that they shall be raised again for the Great Day, the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds?" And likewise He saith: "We heretofore gave the Book to Moses. Have thou no doubt as to His attaining Our Presence." And He saith: "Aye! But when the earth shall be crushed with crushing, crushing, and thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank." And likewise He saith: "Fain would they put out the light of God with their mouths! But though the infidels hate it, God will perfect His light." And likewise He saith: "And when Moses had fulfilled the term, and was journeying with His family, He perceived a fire on the mountain side. He said to His family: 'Wait ye, for I perceive a fire, haply I may bring you tidings from it, or a brand from the fire to warm you.' And when He came up to it, a Voice cried to Him out of the Bush from the right side of the Vale in the sacred Spot: 'O Moses, I truly am God, the Lord of the worlds!'"

In all the Divine Books the promise of the Divine Presence hath been explicitly recorded. By this Presence is meant the Presence of Him Who is the Dayspring of the signs, and the Dawning-Place of the clear tokens, and the Manifestation of the Excellent Names, and the Source of the attributes, of the true God, exalted be His glory. God in His Essence and in His own Self hath ever been unseen, inaccessible, and unknowable. By Presence, therefore, is meant the Presence of the One Who is His Vicegerent amongst men. He, moreover, hath never had, nor hath He, any peer or likeness. For were He to have any peer or likeness, how could it then be demonstrated that His being is exalted above, and His essence sanctified from, all comparison and likeness? Briefly, there hath been revealed in the Kitab-i-Iqan (Book of Certitude) concerning the Presence and Revelation of God that which will suffice the fair-minded. We beseech Him – exalted be He – to aid every one to become the essence of truthfulness, and to draw nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Lord of strength and power. No God is there but Him, the All-Hearing, the Lord of Utterance, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

O thou who art reputed for thy learning! Bid men to do that which is praiseworthy, and be not of such as tarry. Observe thou with a keen eye. The Sun of Truth shineth resplendently, at the bidding of the Lord of the kingdom of utterance, and the King of the heaven of knowledge, above the horizon of the prison-city of Akka. Repudiation hath not veiled it, and ten thousand hosts arrayed against it were powerless to withhold it from shining. Thou canst excuse thyself no longer. Either thou must recognize it, or – God forbid – arise and deny all the Prophets!

Reflect, O Shaykh, upon the Shi'ih sect. How many the edifices which they reared with the hands of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and how numerous the cities which they built! At length those vain imaginings were converted into bullets and aimed at Him Who is the Prince of the world. Not one single soul among the leaders of that sect acknowledged Him in the Day of His Revelation! Whenever His blessed name was mentioned, all would say: "May God hasten the joy His coming will bring!" On the day of the Revelation of that Sun of Truth, however, all, as hath been observed, have exclaimed, saying: "May God hasten His chastisement!" He Who was the Essence of being and Lord of the seen and unseen they suspended, and committed what made the Tablet to weep, and the Pen to groan, and the cries of the sincere to break forth, and the tears of the favored ones to flow.

Meditate, O Shaykh, and be fair in what thou sayest. The followers of Shaykh-i-Ahsa'i (Shaykh Ahmad) have, by the aid of God, apprehended that which was veiled from the comprehension of others, and of which they remained deprived. Briefly, in every age and century differences have arisen in the days of the manifestation of the Daysprings of Revelation, and the Dawning-Places of inspiration, and the Repositories of Divine knowledge, differences which have been caused and provoked by lying and impious souls. To expatiate on this is not permissible. Thou art thyself better acquainted and more familiar with the idle fancies of the superstitious and the vain imaginings of the doubters.

In this day, this Wronged One requesteth thee and the other divines who have drunk of the cup of the knowledge of God, and are illumined by the shining words of the Daystar of Justice, to appoint some person, without informing any one, and despatch him to these regions, and enable him to remain a while in the island of Cyprus, and associate with Mirza Yahya, perchance he may become aware of the fundamentals of this Faith and of the source of the Divine laws and commandments.

Wert thou to ponder a while, thou wouldst bear witness unto the wisdom, and the power, and the sovereignty of God, exalted be His glory. The few who were unaware of this Cause, and had not met Us, have spoken in such a manner that all things, and those souls who are well assured, pleased, and pleasing unto God, have testified unto the imposture of these heedless ones. Wert thou now to exert thyself, the truth of this Cause would be made apparent unto mankind, and the people would be delivered from this grievous and oppressive darkness. Who else but Baha can speak forth before the face of men, and who else but He can have the power to pronounce that which He was bidden by God, the Lord of Hosts?

This heedless one hath now clung to the practice of Rawdih-khani (traditional lamentation for the Imam Husayn). He – I swear by God – is in evident error. For it is the belief of this people that during the Revelation of the Qa'im, the Imams – may the peace of God be upon them – have arisen from their sepulchres. This verily is the truth, and no doubt is there about it. We beseech God to bestow upon the superstitious a portion of the living waters of certitude which are streaming from the wellspring of the Most Sublime Pen, that all may attain unto that which becometh these days.

O Shaykh! While hemmed in by tribulations this Wronged One is occupied in setting down these words. On every side the flame of oppression and tyranny can be discerned. On the one hand, tidings have reached Us that Our loved ones have been arrested in the land of Ta (Tihran) and this notwithstanding that the sun, and the moon, and the land, and the sea all testify that this people are adorned with the adornment of fidelity, and have clung and will cling to naught except that which can ensure the exaltation of the government, and the maintenance of order within the nation, and the tranquillity of the people.

O Shaykh! We have time and again stated that for a number of years We have extended Our aid unto His Majesty the Shah. For years no untoward incident hath occurred in Persia. The reins of the stirrers of sedition among various sects were held firmly in the grasp of power. None hath transgressed his limits. By God! This people have never been, nor are they now, inclined to mischief. Their hearts are illumined with the light of the fear of God, and adorned with the adornment of His love. Their concern hath ever been and now is for the betterment of the world. Their purpose is to obliterate differences, and quench the flame of hatred and enmity, so that the whole earth may come to be viewed as one country.

On the other hand, the officials of the Persian Embassy in the Great City (Constantinople) are energetically and assiduously seeking to exterminate these wronged ones. They desire one thing, and God desireth another. Consider now what hath befallen the trusted ones of God in every land. At one time they have been accused of theft and larceny; at another they have been calumniated in a manner without parallel in this world. Answer thou fairly. What could be the results and consequences, in foreign countries, of the accusation of theft brought by the Persian Embassy against its own subjects? If this Wronged One was ashamed, it was not because of the humiliation it brought this servant, but rather because of the shame of its becoming known to the Ambassadors of foreign countries how incompetent and lacking in understanding are several eminent officials of the Persian Embassy. "Flingest thou thy calumnies into the face of Them Whom the one true God hath made the Trustees of the treasures of His seventh sphere?" Briefly, instead of seeking, as they should, through Him Who occupieth this sublime station, to attain unto the most exalted ranks, and to obtain His advice, they have exerted themselves and are striving their utmost to put out His light. However, according to what hath been reported, His Excellency the Ambassador Mu'inu'l-Mulk, Mirza Muhsin Khan – may God assist him – was, at that time, absent from Constantinople. Such things have happened because it was believed that His Majesty the Shah of Persia – may the All-Merciful assist him – was angry with them that have attained and revolve round the Sanctuary of Wisdom. God well knoweth and testifieth that this Wronged One hath, at all times, been cleaving fast unto whatever would be conducive to the glory of both the government and the people. God, verily, is sufficient Witness.

Describing the people of Baha, the Most Sublime Pen hath sent down these words: "These, verily, are men who if they come to cities of pure gold will consider them not; and if they meet the fairest and most comely of women will turn aside." Thus hath it been sent down by the Most Sublime Pen for the people of Baha, on the part of Him Who is the Counsellor, the Omniscient. In the concluding passages of the Tablet to His Majesty the Emperor of Paris (Napoleon III) these exalted words have been revealed: "Exultest thou over the treasures thou dost possess, knowing they shall perish? Rejoicest thou in that thou rulest a span of earth, when the whole world, in the estimation of the people of Baha, is worth as much as the black in the eye of a dead ant? Abandon it unto such as have set their affections upon it, and turn thou unto Him Who is the Desire of the world."

God alone – exalted be His glory – is cognizant of the things which befell this Wronged One. Every day bringeth a fresh report of stories current against Us at the Embassy in Constantinople. Gracious God! The sole aim of their machinations is to bring about the extermination of this servant. They are, however, oblivious of the fact that abasement in the path of God is My true glory. In the newspapers the following hath been recorded: "Touching the fraudulent dealings of some of the exiles of Akka, and the excesses committed by them against several people, etc…." Unto them who are the exponents of justice and the dayspring of equity the intention of the writer is evident and his purpose clear. Briefly, he arose and inflicted upon Me divers tribulations, and treated Me with injustice and cruelty. By God! This Wronged One would not barter this place of exile for the Most Sublime Habitation. In the estimation of men of insight whatsoever befalleth in the path of God is manifest glory and a supreme attainment. Already We have said: "Glory to Thee, O my God! But for the tribulations which are sustained in Thy path, how could

Thy true lovers be recognized; and were it not for the trials which are borne for love of Thee, how could the station of such as yearn for Thee be revealed?"

Such abasement hath been inflicted that each day they spread fresh calumnies. This Wronged One, however, cleaveth to seemly patience. Would that His Majesty the Shah of Persia would ask for a report of the things which befell Us in Constantinople, that he might become fully acquainted with the true facts. O Shah! I adjure thee by thy Lord, the God of Mercy, to look into this matter with the eye of fairness. Is there to be found a just man who will judge in this day according to that which God hath sent down in His Book? Where is the fair-minded person who will equitably consider what hath been perpetrated against Us without any clear token or proof?

O Shaykh! Ponder the behavior of men. The inmates of the cities of knowledge and wisdom are sore perplexed asking themselves why it is that the Shi'ih sect, which regarded itself as the most learned, the most righteous, and the most pious of all the peoples of the world, hath turned aside in the Day of His Revelation, and hath shown a cruelty such as hath never been experienced. It is incumbent upon thee to reflect a while. From the inception of this sect until the present day how great hath been the number of the divines that have appeared, none of whom became cognizant of the nature of this Revelation. What could have been the cause of this waywardness? Were We to mention it, their limbs would cleave asunder. It is necessary for them to meditate, to meditate for a thousand thousand years, that haply they may attain unto a sprinkling from the ocean of knowledge, and discover the things whereof they are oblivious in this day.

I was walking in the Land of Ta (Tihran) – the dayspring of the signs of thy Lord – when lo, I heard the lamentation of the pulpits and the voice of their supplication unto God, blessed and glorified be He. They cried out and said: "O God of the world and Lord of the nations! Thou beholdest our state and the things which have befallen us by reason of the cruelty of Thy servants. Thou hast created us and revealed us for Thy glorification and praise. Thou dost now hear what the wayward proclaim upon us in Thy days. By Thy might! Our souls are melted and our limbs are trembling. Alas, alas! Would that we had never been created and revealed by Thee!"

The hearts of them that enjoy near access to God are consumed by these words, and from them the cries of such as are devoted to Him are raised. Time and again have We, for the sake of God, admonished the distinguished divines, and summoned them unto the Most Sublime Horizon, that perchance they might, in the days of His Revelation, obtain their portion of the ocean of the utterance of Him Who is the Desire of the world, and remain not utterly deprived thereof.

In most of Our Tablets this most weighty exhortation hath been sent down from the heaven of His all-encompassing mercy. We said: "O concourse of rulers and divines! Incline your ears unto the Voice calling from the horizon of Akka. Verily, it aideth you to proceed aright, and draweth you nigh unto Him, and directeth your steps towards the station which God hath made the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Dawning-Place of His splendors. O peoples of the world! He Who is the Most Great Name is come, on the part of the Ancient King, and hath announced unto men this Revelation which lay hid in His knowledge, and was preserved in the treasury of His protection, and was written down by the Most Sublime Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. O people of Shin (Shiraz)! Have ye forgotten My loving-kindness and

My mercy that have surpassed all created things, and which proceeded from God Who layeth low the necks of men?"

In the Kitab-i-Aqdas (Most Holy Book) the following hath been revealed: "Say: O leaders of religion! Weigh not the Book of God with such standards and sciences as are current amongst you, for the Book itself is the unerring Balance established amongst men. In this most perfect Balance whatsoever the peoples and kindreds possess must be weighed, while the measure of its weight should be tested according to its own standard, did ye but know it. The eye of My loving-kindness weepeth sore over you, inasmuch as ye have failed to recognize the One upon Whom ye have been calling in the daytime and in the night season, at even and at morn. Advance, O people, with snow-white faces and radiant hearts, unto the blest and crimson Spot, wherein the Tree beyond which there is no passing is calling: 'Verily, there is none other God beside Me, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting!' O ye leaders of religion in Persia! Who is the man amongst you that can rival Me in vision or insight? Where is he to be found that dareth to claim to be My equal in utterance or wisdom? No, by My Lord, the All-Merciful! All on the earth shall pass away; and this is the face of your Lord, the Almighty, the Well-Beloved. We have decreed, O people, that the highest and last end of all learning be the recognition of Him Who is the Object of all knowledge; and yet behold how ye have allowed your learning to shut you out, as by a veil, from Him Who is the Dayspring of this Light, through Whom every hidden thing hath been revealed. Say: This, verily, is the heaven in which the Mother Book is treasured, could ye but comprehend it. He it is Who hath caused the Rock to shout, and the Burning Bush to lift up its voice upon the Mount rising above the Holy Land, and proclaim: 'The Kingdom is God's, the sovereign Lord of all, the All-Powerful, the Loving!' We have not entered any school, nor read any of your dissertations. Incline your ears to the words of this unlettered One, wherewith He summoneth you unto God, the Ever-Abiding. Better is this for you than all the treasures of the earth, could ye but comprehend it. Whoso interpreteth what hath been sent down from the heaven of Revelation, and altereth its evident meaning, he, verily, is of them that have perverted the Sublime Word of God, and is of the lost ones in the Lucid Book."

Thereupon We heard the groaning of the true Faith, and said unto it: "Wherefore, O true Faith, do I hear Thee cry out in the night season, and groan in the daytime, and utter Thy lamentations at daybreak?" She made reply: "O Prince of the world that standest revealed in the Most Great Name! The heedless ones have hamstrung Thy white She-Camel, and caused Thy Crimson Ark to founder, and wished to put out Thy Light, and to veil the face of Thy Cause. Wherefore hath the voice of My lamentation been lifted up, as well as the voice of the lamentation of all created things, and yet the people are for the most part unaware." The true Faith hath laid fast hold, in this day, on the hem of Our bounty, and circleth about Our Person.

O Shaykh! Enter thou My presence, that thou mayest behold what the eye of the universe hath never beheld, and hear that which the ear of the whole creation hath never heard, that haply thou mayest free thyself from the mire of vague fancies, and set thy face towards the Most Sublime Station, wherein this Wronged One calleth aloud: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Praised!" We fain would hope that through thine exertions the wings of men may be sanctified from the mire of self and desire, and be made worthy to soar in the atmosphere of God's love. Wings that are besmirched with mire can never

soar. Unto this testify they who are the exponents of justice and equity, and yet the people are in evident doubt.

O Shaykh! Protests have been voiced against Us from every side – protests such as Our pen craveth pardon for setting down. Nevertheless, by reason of Our great mercy, We have replied unto them, in accordance with the understanding of men, that haply they may be delivered from the fire of negation and denial, and become illumined with the light of affirmation and acceptance. Equity is rarely to be found, and justice hath ceased to exist.

Among others, these perspicuous verses have, in answer to certain individuals, been sent down from the Kingdom of Divine knowledge: "O thou who hast set thy face towards the splendors of My Countenance! Vague fancies have encompassed the dwellers of the earth and debarred them from turning towards the Horizon of Certitude, and its brightness, and its manifestations and its lights. Vain imaginings have withheld them from Him Who is the Self-Subsisting. They speak as prompted by their own caprices, and understand not. Among them are those who have said: 'Have the verses been sent down?' Say: 'Yea, by Him Who is the Lord of the heavens!' 'Hath the Hour come?' 'Nay, more; it hath passed, by Him Who is the Revealer of clear tokens! Verily, the Inevitable is come, and He, the True One, hath appeared with proof and testimony. The Plain is disclosed, and mankind is sore vexed and fearful. Earthquakes have broken loose, and the tribes have lamented, for fear of God, the Lord of Strength, the All-Compelling.' Say: 'The stunning trumpet blast hath been loudly raised, and the Day is God's, the One, the Unconstrained.' 'Hath the Catastrophe come to pass?' Say: 'Yea, by the Lord of Lords!' 'Is the Resurrection come?' 'Nay, more; He Who is the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with the Kingdom of His signs.' 'Seest thou men laid low?' 'Yea, by my Lord, the Exalted, the Most High!' 'Have the tree-stumps been uprooted?' 'Yea, more; the mountains have been scattered in dust; by Him the Lord of attributes!' They say: 'Where is Paradise, and where is Hell?' Say: 'The one is reunion with Me; the other thine own self, O thou who dost associate a partner with God and doubtest.' They say: 'We see not the Balance.' Say: 'Surely, by my Lord, the God of Mercy! None can see it except such as are endued with insight.' 'Have the stars fallen?' Say: 'Yea, when He Who is the Self-Subsisting dwelt in the Land of Mystery (Adrianople). Take heed, ye who are endued with discernment!' All the signs appeared when We drew forth the Hand of Power from the bosom of majesty and might. Verily, the Crier hath cried out, when the promised time came, and they that have recognized the splendors of Sinai have swooned away in the wilderness of hesitation, before the awful majesty of thy Lord, the Lord of creation. The trumpet asketh: 'Hath the Bugle been sounded?' Say: 'Yea, by the King of Revelation!, when He mounted the throne of His Name, the All-Merciful.' Darkness hath been chased away by the dawning-light of the mercy of thy Lord, the Source of all light. The breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted, and the souls have been quickened in the tombs of their bodies. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled by God, the Mighty, the Beneficent. They that have gone astray have said: 'When were the heavens cleft asunder?' Say: 'While ye lay in the graves of waywardness and error.' Among the heedless is he who rubbeth his eyes, and looketh to the right and to the left. Say: 'Blinded art thou. No refuge hast thou to flee to.' And among them is he who saith: 'Have men been gathered together?' Say: 'Yea, by my Lord!, whilst thou didst lie in the cradle of idle fancies.' And among them is he who saith: 'Hath the Book been sent down through the power of the true Faith?' Say: 'The true Faith itself is astounded. Fear ye, O ye men of understanding heart!' And among them is he

who saith: 'Have I been assembled with others, blind?' Say: 'Yea, by Him that rideth upon the clouds!' Paradise is decked with mystic roses, and hell hath been made to blaze with the fire of the impious. Say: 'The light hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, and the whole earth hath been illumined at the coming of Him Who is the Lord of the Day of the Covenant!' The doubters have perished, whilst he that turned, guided by the light of assurance, unto the Dayspring of Certitude hath prospered. Blessed art thou, who hast fixed thy gaze upon Me, for this Tablet which hath been sent down for thee – a Tablet which causeth the souls of men to soar. Commit it to memory, and recite it. By My life! It is a door to the mercy of thy Lord. Well is it with him that reciteth it at eventide and at dawn. We, verily, hear thy praise of this Cause, through which the mountain of knowledge was crushed, and men's feet have slipped. My glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned unto the Almighty, the All-Bounteous. The Tablet is ended, but the theme is unexhausted. Be patient, for thy Lord is patient."

These are verses We sent down previously, soon after Our arrival in the prison-city of Akka, and We have sent them unto thee, that thou mayest be acquainted with what their lying tongues have spoken, when Our Cause came unto them with might and sovereignty. The foundations of idle fancies have trembled, and the heaven of vain imaginings hath been cleft asunder, and yet the people are in doubt and in contention with Him. They have denied the testimony of God and His proof, after He came from the heaven of power with the kingdom of His signs. They have cast away what had been prescribed, and perpetrated what had been forbidden them in the Book. They have abandoned their God, and clung unto their desires. They truly have strayed and are in error. They read the verses and deny them. They behold the clear tokens and turn aside. They truly are lost in strange doubt.

We have admonished Our loved ones to fear God, a fear which is the fountain-head of all goodly deeds and virtues. It is the commander of the hosts of justice in the city of Baha. Happy the man that hath entered the shadow of its luminous standard, and laid fast hold thereon. He, verily, is of the Companions of the Crimson Ark, which hath been mentioned in the Qayyum-i-Asma.

Say: O people of God! Adorn your temples with the adornment of trustworthiness and piety. Help, then, your Lord with the hosts of goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character. We have forbidden you dissension and conflict in My Books, and My Scriptures, and My Scrolls, and My Tablets, and have wished thereby naught else save your exaltation and advancement. Unto this testify the heavens and the stars thereof, and the sun and the radiance thereof, and the trees and the leaves thereof, and the seas and the waves thereof, and the earth and the treasures thereof. We pray God to assist His loved ones, and aid them in that which beseemeth them in this blest, this mighty, and wondrous station.

Further, in another Tablet, We have said: "O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My countenance! Admonish men to fear God. By God! This fear is the chief commander of the army of thy Lord. Its hosts are a praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Through it have the cities of men's hearts been opened throughout the ages and centuries, and the standards of ascendancy and triumph raised above all other standards."

"We will now mention unto thee Trustworthiness and the station thereof in the estimation of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. One day of days We repaired unto Our Green Island. Upon Our arrival, We beheld its streams flowing, and its trees luxuriant, and the sunlight playing in their midst.

Turning Our face to the right, We beheld what the pen is powerless to describe; nor can it set forth that which the eye of the Lord of Mankind witnessed in that most sanctified, that most sublime, that blest, and most exalted Spot. Turning, then, to the left We gazed on one of the Beauties of the Most Sublime Paradise, standing on a pillar of light, and calling aloud saying: 'O inmates of earth and heaven! Behold ye My beauty, and My radiance, and My revelation, and My effulgence. By God, the True One! I am Trustworthiness and the revelation thereof, and the beauty thereof. I will recompense whosoever will cleave unto Me, and recognize My rank and station, and hold fast unto My hem. I am the most great ornament of the people of Baha, and the vesture of glory unto all who are in the kingdom of creation. I am the supreme instrument for the prosperity of the world, and the horizon of assurance unto all beings.' Thus have We sent down for thee that which will draw men nigh unto the Lord of creation."

This Wronged One hath, at all times, summoned the peoples of the world unto that which will exalt them, and draw them nigh unto God. From the Most Sublime Horizon there hath shone forth that which leaveth no room unto any one for vacillation, repudiation or denial. The wayward, however, have failed to profit therefrom; nay, it shall only increase their loss.

O Shaykh! It is incumbent upon the divines to unite with His Majesty, the Shah – may God assist him – and to cleave day and night unto that which will exalt the station of both the government and the nation. This people are assiduously occupied in enlightening the souls of men and in rehabilitating their condition. Unto this testifieth that which hath been sent down by the Most Sublime Pen in this lucid Tablet. How often have things been simple and easy of accomplishment, and yet most men have been heedless, and busied themselves with that which wasteth their time!

One day, while in Constantinople, Kamal Pasha visited this Wronged One. Our conversation turned upon topics profitable unto man. He said that he had learned several languages. In reply We observed: "You have wasted your life. It beseemeth you and the other officials of the Government to convene a gathering and choose one of the divers languages, and likewise one of the existing scripts, or else to create a new language and a new script to be taught children in schools throughout the world. They would, in this way, be acquiring only two languages, one their own native tongue, the other the language in which all the peoples of the world would converse. Were men to take fast hold on that which hath been mentioned, the whole earth would come to be regarded as one country, and the people would be relieved and freed from the necessity of acquiring and teaching different languages." When in Our presence, he acquiesced, and even evinced great joy and complete satisfaction. We then told him to lay this matter before the officials and ministers of the Government, in order that it might be put into effect throughout the different countries. However, although he often returned to see Us after this, he never again referred to this subject, although that which had been suggested is conducive to the concord and the unity of the peoples of the world.

We fain would hope that the Persian Government will adopt it and carry it out. At present, a new language and a new script have been devised. If thou desirest, We will communicate them to thee. Our purpose is that all men may cleave unto that which will reduce unnecessary labor and exertion, so that their days may be befittingly spent and ended. God, verily, is the Helper, the Knower, the Ordainer, the Omniscient.

God willing, Persia may be adorned with, and attain unto, that whereof she hath thus far been deprived. Say: "O Shah! Exert thyself so that all the peoples of the world may be illumined with the effulgent splendors of the sun of thy justice. The eyes of this Wronged One are turned towards naught save trustworthiness, truthfulness, purity, and all that profiteth men." Regard Him not as a traitor. Glorified art Thou, O my God, and my Master, and my Mainstay! Aid Thou His Majesty the Shah to execute Thy laws and Thy commandments, and show forth Thy justice among Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the All-Bounteous, the Lord of grace abounding, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The Cause of God hath come as a token of His grace. Happy are they who act; happy are they who understand; happy the man that hath clung unto the truth, detached from all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth.

O Shaykh! Seek thou the shore of the Most Great Ocean, and enter, then, the Crimson Ark which God hath ordained in the Qayyum-i-Asma for the people of Baha. Verily, it passeth over land and sea. He that entereth therein is saved, and he that turneth aside perisheth. Shouldst thou enter therein and attain unto it, set thy face towards the Kaaba of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and say: "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most glorious light, and all Thy lights are verily glorious." Thereupon, will the doors of the Kingdom be flung wide before thy face, and thou wilt behold what eyes have never beheld, and hear what ears have never heard. This Wronged One exhorteth thee as He hath exhorted thee before, and hath never had any wish for thee save that thou shouldst enter the ocean of the unity of God, the Lord of the worlds. This is the day whereon all created things cry out, and announce unto men this Revelation, through which hath appeared what was concealed and preserved in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Shaykh! Thou hast heard the sweet melodies of the Doves of Utterance cooing on the boughs of the Lote-Tree of knowledge. Hearken, now, unto the notes of the Birds of Wisdom upraised in the Most Sublime Paradise. They verily will acquaint thee with things of which thou wert wholly unaware. Give ear unto that which the Tongue of Might and Power hath spoken in the Books of God, the Desire of every understanding heart. At this moment a Voice was raised from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, in the heart of the Most Sublime Paradise, bidding Me relate unto thee that which hath been sent down in the Books and Tablets, and the things spoken by My Forerunner, Who laid down His life for this Great Announcement, this Straight Path. He hath said – and He, verily, speaketh the truth: "I have written down in My mention of Him these gem-like words: 'No allusion of Mine can allude unto Him, neither anything mentioned in the Bayan.'" And further, He – exalted and glorified be He – saith, concerning this most mighty Revelation, this Great Announcement: "Exalted and glorified is He above the power of any one to reveal Him except Himself, or the description of any of His creatures. I Myself am but the first servant to believe in Him and in His signs, and to partake of the sweet savors of His words from the first-fruits of the Paradise of His knowledge. Yea, by His glory! He is the Truth. There is none other God but Him. All have arisen at His bidding." Such are the words sung by the Dove of Truth on the boughs of the Divine Lote-Tree. Well is it with him that hath given ear unto its Voice, and quaffed from the oceans of Divine utterance that lie concealed in each of these words. In another connection hath the Voice of the Bayan called aloud from the loftiest branches. He saith – blessed and glorified be He: "In the year nine ye will attain unto all good." On another occasion He saith: "In the year nine ye will attain unto the Presence of God." These melodies, uttered by the Birds of the cities of Knowledge, conform with that

which hath been sent down by the All-Merciful in the Qur'an. Blessed are the men of insight; blessed they that attain thereunto.

O Shaykh! I swear by God! The River of Mercy floweth, and the Ocean of Utterance surgeth, and the Sun of Revelation shineth forth resplendent. With a detached heart, and a dilated breast, and an utterly truthful tongue, recite thou these sublime words that have been revealed by My Forerunner – the Primal Point. He saith – glorified be His utterance – addressing his honor, Azim: "This, verily, is the thing We promised thee, ere the moment We answered thy call. Wait thou until nine will have elapsed from the time of the Bayan. Then exclaim: 'Blessed, therefore, be God, the most excellent of Makers!' Say: This, verily, is an Announcement which none except God hath comprehended. Ye, however, will be unaware on that day." In the year nine this Most Great Revelation arose and shone forth brightly above the horizon of the Will of God. None can deny it save he who is heedless and doubteth. We pray God to aid His servants to return unto Him, and beg forgiveness for the things they committed in this vain life. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Pardoner, the All-Merciful. In another connection He saith: "I am the first servant to believe in Him, and in His signs." In like manner, in the Persian Bayan, He saith: "He, verily, is the One Who, under all conditions, proclaimeth: 'I, in very truth, am God!'" and so on – blessed and glorified be He. That which is meant by Divinity and Godhead hath previously been stated. We have in truth rent the veils asunder and disclosed that which will draw men nigh unto God, Who layeth low the necks of men. Happy the man that hath attained unto justice and equity in this Grace that hath encompassed all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth, as bidden by God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Shaykh! Hearken unto the melodies of the Gospel with the ear of fairness. He saith – glorified be His utterance – prophesying the things that are to come: "But of that Day and Hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father." By Father in this connection is meant God – exalted be His glory. He, verily, is the True Educator, and the Spiritual Teacher.

Joel saith: "For the Day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" Firstly, in the sublime utterance set forth in the Gospel He saith that none is aware of the time of the Revelation, that none knoweth it except God, the All-Knowing, Who is cognizant of all. Secondly, He setteth forth the greatness of the Revelation. Likewise, in the Qur'an He saith: "Of what ask they of one another? Of the Great Announcement." This is the Announcement, the greatness of which hath been mentioned in most of the Books of old and of more recent times. This is the Announcement that hath caused the limbs of mankind to quake, except such as God, the Protector, the Helper, the Succorer, hath willed to exempt. Men have indeed with their own eyes witnessed how all men and all things have been thrown into confusion and been sore perplexed, save those whom God hath chosen to exempt.

O Shaykh! Great is the Cause, and great the Announcement! Patiently and calmly ponder thou upon the resplendent signs and the sublime words, and all that hath been revealed in these days, that haply thou mayest fathom the mysteries that are hid in the Books, and mayest strive to guide His servants. Hearken with thine inner ear unto the Voice of Jeremiah, Who saith: "Oh, for great is that Day, and it hath no equal." Wert thou to observe with the eye of fairness, thou wouldst perceive the greatness of the Day. Incline thine ear unto the Voice of this All-Knowing Counsellor, and suffer not thyself to be deprived of the mercy that hath surpassed all created things, visible and invisible. Lend an ear unto the song of David.

He saith: “Who will bring me into the Strong City?” The Strong City is Akka, which hath been named the Most Great Prison, and which possesseth a fortress and mighty ramparts.

O Shaykh! Peruse that which Isaiah hath spoken in His Book. He saith: “Get thee up into the high mountain, O Zion, that bringest good tidings; lift up Thy Voice with strength, O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings. Lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah: ‘Behold your God! Behold the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him.’” This Day all the signs have appeared. A Great City hath descended from heaven, and Zion trembleth and exulteth with joy at the Revelation of God, for it hath heard the Voice of God on every side. This Day Jerusalem hath attained unto a new Evangel, for in the stead of the sycamore standeth the cedar. Jerusalem is the place of pilgrimage for all the peoples of the world, and hath been named the Holy City. Together with Zion and Palestine, they are all included within these regions. Wherefore, hath it been said: “Blessed is the man that hath migrated to Akka.”

Amos saith: “The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His Voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.” Carmel, in the Book of God, hath been designated as the Hill of God, and His Vineyard. It is here that, by the grace of the Lord of Revelation, the Tabernacle of Glory hath been raised. Happy are they that attain thereunto; happy they that set their faces towards it. And likewise He saith: “Our God will come, and He will not be silent.”

O Shaykh! Reflect upon these words addressed by Him Who is the Desire of the world to Amos. He saith: “Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel, for, lo, He that formeth the mountains and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, the Lord, the God of Hosts, is His name.” He saith that He maketh the morning darkness. By this is meant that if, at the time of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai anyone were to regard himself as the true morn, he will, through the might and power of God, be turned into darkness. He truly is the false dawn, though believing himself to be the true one. Woe unto him, and woe unto such as follow him without a clear token from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Isaiah saith: “The Lord alone shall be exalted in that Day.” Concerning the greatness of the Revelation He saith: “Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.” And in another connection He saith: “The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the splendor of our God.”

These passages stand in need of no commentary. They are shining and manifest as the sun, and glowing and luminous as light itself. Every fair-minded person is led, by the fragrance of these words, unto the garden of understanding, and attaineth unto that from which most men are veiled and debarred. Say: Fear God, O people, and follow not the doubts of such as shout aloud, who have broken the Covenant of God and His Testament, and denied His mercy that hath preceded all that are in the heavens and all that are on earth.

And likewise, He saith: “Say to them that are of a fearful heart: be strong, fear not, behold your God.” This blessed verse is a proof of the greatness of the Revelation, and of the greatness of the Cause, inasmuch

as the blast of the trumpet must needs spread confusion throughout the world, and fear and trembling amongst all men. Well is it with him who hath been illumined with the light of trust and detachment. The tribulations of that Day will not hinder or alarm him. Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken, as bidden by Him Who is the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Strong, the All-Powerful, the All-Subduing, the Almighty. It is now incumbent upon them who are endowed with a hearing ear and a seeing eye to ponder these sublime words, in each of which the oceans of inner meaning and explanation are hidden, that haply the words uttered by Him Who is the Lord of Revelation may enable His servants to attain, with the utmost joy and radiance, unto the Supreme Goal and Most Sublime Summit – the dawning-place of this Voice.

O Shaykh! Wert thou to perceive, be it less than a needle's eye, the breaths of Mine utterance, thou wouldst abandon the world and all that is therein, and wouldst set thy face towards the lights of the countenance of the Desired One. Briefly, in the sayings of Him Who is the Spirit (Jesus) unnumbered significances lie concealed. Unto many things did He refer, but as He found none possessed of a hearing ear or a seeing eye He chose to conceal most of these things. Even as He saith: "But ye cannot bear them now." That Dawning-Place of Revelation saith that on that Day He Who is the Promised One will reveal the things which are to come. Accordingly in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, and in the Tablets to the Kings, and in the Lawh-i-Ra'is, and in the Lawh-i-Fu'ad, most of the things which have come to pass on this earth have been announced and prophesied by the Most Sublime Pen.

In the Kitab-i-Aqdas the following hath been revealed: "O Land of Ta (Tihran)! Let nothing grieve thee, for God hath chosen thee to be the source of the joy of all mankind. He shall, if it be His Will, bless thy throne with one who will rule with justice, who will gather together the flock of God which the wolves have scattered. Such a ruler will, with joy and gladness, turn his face towards, and extend his favors unto, the people of Baha. He indeed is accounted in the sight of God, as a jewel among men. Upon him rest forever the glory of God, and the glory of all that dwell in the kingdom of His revelation." These verses were revealed previously. Now, however, the following verse hath been sent down: "O God, my God! Baha beseecheth Thee and imploreth Thee, by the lights of Thy countenance and the billows of the ocean of Thy Revelation, and the effulgent splendors of the Sun of Thine utterance, to aid the Shah to be fair and equitable. If it be Thy wish, bless Thou, through him, the throne of authority and sovereignty. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. There is none other God but Thee, Who hearest, Who art ready to answer." "Rejoice with great joy, O Land of Ta (Tihran), for God hath made thee the dayspring of His light, inasmuch as within thee was born the Manifestation of His glory. Be thou glad for this name that hath been conferred upon thee – a name through which the Daystar of grace hath shed its splendor, through which both earth and heaven have been illumined. Erelong will the state of affairs within thee be changed, and the reins of power fall into the hands of the people. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing. His authority embraceth all things. Rest thou assured in the gracious favor of thy Lord. The eye of His loving-kindness shall everlastingly be directed towards thee. The day is approaching when thy agitation will have been transmuted into peace and quiet calm. Thus hath it been decreed in the Wondrous Book."

And likewise, in the Lawh-i-Fu'ad, and in the Tablet of the King of Paris (Napoleon III), and in other Tablets, there hath been revealed that which will lead every fair-minded person to testify unto the power, and the majesty, and the wisdom of God – exalted be His glory. Were men to observe with the eye of

justice, they would be made aware of the secret of this blessed verse: “Neither is there a thing green or sere, but it is noted in a distinct writing,” and would comprehend it. On this day, however, men’s repudiation of the truth hath prevented them from understanding what hath been sent down in truth by Him Who is the Revealer, the Ancient of Days. Gracious God! Perspicuous signs have appeared on every side, and yet men are, for the most part, deprived of the privilege of beholding and of comprehending them. We beseech God to bestow His aid, that all men may recognize the pearls that lie hid within the shells of the Most Great Ocean, and exclaim: “Praised be Thou, O God of the world!”

O concourse of the fair-minded! Observe and reflect upon the billows of the ocean of the utterance and knowledge of God, so that ye may testify with your inner and outer tongues that with Him is the knowledge of all that is in the Book. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He, verily, hath manifested that which was hidden, when He, upon His return, mounted the throne of the Bayan. All that hath been sent down hath and will come to pass, word for word, upon earth. No possibility is left for anyone either to turn aside or protest. As fairness, however, is disgraced and concealed, most men speak as prompted by their own idle fancies.

O God, my God! Debar not Thy servants from turning their faces towards the light of certitude, that hath dawned above the horizon of Thy will, and suffer them not to be deprived, O my God, of the oceans of Thy signs. They, O my Lord, are Thy servants in Thy cities, and Thy slaves in Thy lands. If Thou hast not mercy upon them, who, then, will show them mercy? Take Thou, O my God, the hands of such as have been drowned in the sea of idle fancies, and deliver them by Thy power and Thy sovereignty. Save them, then, with the arms of Thy might. Powerful art Thou to do what Thou willest, and in Thy right hand are the reins of all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth.

In like manner, the Primal Point saith: “Behold ye Him with His own eyes. Were ye to behold Him with the eyes of another, ye would never recognize and know Him.” This referreth to naught else except this Most Great Revelation. Well is it with them that judge fairly. And likewise, He saith: “The year-old germ that holdeth within itself the potentialities of the Revelation that is to come is endowed with a potency superior to the combined forces of the whole of the Bayan.” These glad-tidings of the Bayan and of the Books of former times have been repeatedly mentioned under divers names in numerous books, that perchance men might judge equitably that which hath arisen and shone forth above the horizon of the will of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Shaykh! Tell the people of the Bayan: “Ponder ye these blessed words. He saith: ‘The whole of the Bayan is only a leaf amongst the leaves of His Paradise.’ Be fair, O people, and be not of such as are accounted as lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.” The blessed Lote-Tree standeth, in this day, before thy face, laden with heavenly, with new and wondrous fruits. Gaze on it, detached from all else save it. Thus hath the Tongue of might and power spoken at this Spot which God hath adorned with the footsteps of His Most Great Name and Mighty Announcement.

And likewise, He saith: “Ere nine will have elapsed from the inception of this Cause, the realities of the created things will not be made manifest. All that thou hast as yet seen is but the stage from the moist germ until We clothed it with flesh. Be patient, until thou beholdest a new creation. Say: ‘Blessed, therefore, be God, the most excellent of Makers!’” And likewise, He hath said regarding the power of this

Revelation: “Lawful is it for Him Whom God will make manifest to reject him who is greatest on earth, inasmuch as such a one is but a creature in His grasp, and all things adore Him. After Hin () a Cause shall be given unto you which ye shall come to know.” And also He saith: “Know thou with absolute certainty, and through the firmly established and most irrevocable decree, that He – exalted be His glory, and magnified be His might, and sanctified be His holiness, and glorified be His grandeur, and lauded be His ways, maketh each thing to be known through its own self; who then can know Him through any one except Himself?” And further, He saith – exalted and glorified be He: “Beware, beware lest, in the days of His Revelation, the Vahid of the Bayan (eighteen Letters of the Living) shut thee not out as by a veil from Him, inasmuch as this Vahid is but a creature in His sight. And beware, beware that the words sent down in the Bayan shut thee not out as by a veil from Him.” And again, He – exalted be He – saith: “Look not upon Him with any eye except His own. For whosoever looketh upon Him with His eye, will recognize Him; otherwise he will be veiled from Him. Shouldst thou seek God and His Presence, seek thou Him and gaze upon Him.” And likewise, He saith: “Better is it for thee to recite but one of the verses of Him Whom God shall make manifest than to set down the whole of the Bayan, for on that Day that one verse can save thee, whereas the entire Bayan cannot save thee.”

Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair, be fair; and again, be fair, be fair. Be ye not of them who have made mention of the Manifestation of the Cause of God in the daytime and in the night season, and who, when He, through His grace, appeared, and when the Horizon of Revelation was illumined, pronounced against Him such a judgment as hath provoked the lamentations of the inmates of the Kingdom and of the Realm of Glory, and of such as have circled about the will of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Meditate upon these sublime words. He saith: “I, verily, am a believer in Him, and in His Faith, and in His Book, and in His Testimonies, and in His Ways, and in all that proceedeth from Him concerning them. I glory in My kinship with Him, and pride Myself on My belief in Him.” And likewise, He saith: “O congregation of the Bayan and all who are therein! Recognize ye the limits imposed upon you, for such a One as the Point of the Bayan Himself hath believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest, before all things were created. Therein, verily, do I glory before all who are in the kingdom of heaven and earth.” By God! All the atoms of the universe groan and lament at the cruelty perpetrated by the froward among the people of the Bayan. Whither are gone they who are endued with insight and hearing? We beseech God – blessed and glorified be He – to summon them and exhort them unto that which will profit them, and withhold them from that which will harm them. He, in truth, is the Strong, the All-Subduing, the Almighty.

And likewise, He saith: “Suffer not yourselves to be shut out as by a veil from God after He hath revealed Himself. For all that hath been exalted in the Bayan is but as a ring upon My hand, and I Myself am, verily, but a ring upon the hand of Him Whom God shall make manifest – glorified be His mention! He turneth it as He pleaseth, for whatsoever He pleaseth, and through whatsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Help in Peril, the Most High.” And likewise, He saith: “Were He to make of every one on earth a Prophet, all would, in very truth, be accounted as Prophets in the sight of God.” And likewise, He saith: “In the day of the revelation of Him Whom God shall make manifest all that dwell on earth will be equal in His estimation. Whomsoever He ordaineth as a Prophet, he, verily, hath been a Prophet from the beginning that hath no beginning, and will thus remain until the end that hath no end, inasmuch as this is an act of God. And whosoever is made a Vicegerent by Him, shall be a Vicegerent in all the worlds, for this is an act

of God. For the will of God can in no wise be revealed except through His will, nor His wish be manifested save through His wish. He, verily, is the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful, the All-Highest."

Briefly, in every instance He hath stated that which is conducive to the conversion, the advancement, the exaltation, and the guidance of men. A few unfair ones, however, have become a veil, and an insurmountable barrier, and debarred the people from turning towards the lights of His Countenance. We pray God to cast them out by His sovereignty, and seize on them with His seizing power. He, verily, is the Lord of Strength, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

And likewise, He saith: "He – glorified be His mention – resembleth the sun. Were unnumbered mirrors to be placed before it, each would, according to its capacity, reflect the splendor of that sun, and were none to be placed before it, it would still continue to rise and set, and the mirrors alone would be veiled from its light. I, verily, have not fallen short of My duty to admonish that people, and to devise means whereby they may turn towards God, their Lord, and believe in God, their Creator. If, on the day of His Revelation, all that are on earth bear Him allegiance, Mine inmost being will rejoice, inasmuch as all will have attained the summit of their existence, and will have been brought face to face with their Beloved, and will have recognized, to the fullest extent attainable in the world of being, the splendor of Him Who is the Desire of their hearts. If not, My soul will indeed be saddened. I truly have nurtured all things for this purpose. How, then, can anyone be veiled from Him? For this have I called upon God, and will continue to call upon Him. He, verily, is nigh, ready to answer."

And likewise, He saith: "They will even refuse unto that Tree, which is neither of the East nor of the West, the name believer, for were they so to name Him, they would fail to sadden Him." Hath thine ear, O world, heard with what helplessness these words were revealed from the dayspring of the will of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of all names? He saith: "I have educated all men, that they may recognize this Revelation, and yet the people of the Bayan refuse to concede even the name believer to that blessed Tree that belongeth neither to the East nor to the West." Alas, alas, for the things which have befallen Me! By God! There befell Me at the hands of him whom I have nurtured (Mirza Yahya), by day and by night, what hath caused the Holy Spirit, and the dwellers of the Tabernacle of the Grandeur of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, to lament.

Likewise, refuting certain disbelievers, He saith: "For none knoweth the time of the Revelation except God. Whenever it appeareth, all must acknowledge the Point of Truth, and render thanks unto God." They that have turned aside from Me have spoken even as the followers of John (the Baptist) spoke. For they, too, protested against Him Who was the Spirit (Jesus) saying: "The dispensation of John hath not yet ended; wherefore hast thou come?" Now, too, they that have repudiated Us, though they have never known Us and have been at all times ignorant of the fundamentals of this Cause, knowing not from Whom it proceeded or what it signifieth, have spoken that which hath made all created things to sigh and lament. By My life! The mute can never confront the One Who incarnateth in Himself the kingdom of utterance. Fear God, O people, and peruse, then, that which hath been sent down with truth in the eighth Chapter of the sixth Vahid of the Bayan, and be not of such as have turned aside. He, likewise, hath commanded: "Once every nineteen days this Chapter should be read, that haply they may not be veiled,

in the time of the revelation of Him Whom God shall make manifest, by considerations foreign to the verses, which have been, and are still, the weightiest of all proofs and testimonies."

John, son of Zacharias, said what My Forerunner hath said: "Saying, repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after Me is mightier than I, Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear." Wherefore, hath My Forerunner, as a sign of submissiveness and humility, said: "The whole of the Bayan is only a leaf amongst the leaves of His Paradise." And likewise, He saith: "I am the first to adore Him, and pride Myself on My kinship with Him." And yet, O men, the people of the Bayan have acted in such a manner that Dhi'l-Jawshan, and Ibn-i-Anas, and Asbahi have sought and still seek refuge with God against such deeds. This Wronged One hath, in the face of all religions, busied Himself day and night with the things that are conducive unto the exaltation of the Cause of God, whereas those men have clung unto that which is the cause of humiliation and injury.

And likewise, He saith: "Recognize Him by His verses. The greater your neglect in seeking to know Him, the more grievously will ye be veiled in fire." O ye among the people of the Bayan that have turned aside from Me! Ponder upon these most sublime words, that have proceeded from the wellspring of the utterance of Him Who is the Point of Knowledge. Hearken ye, at this moment, unto these words. He saith: "On that Day, the Daystar of Truth will address the people of the Bayan and will recite this Surih of the Qur'an: 'Say: O ye unbelievers! I worship not that which ye worship, and ye do not worship that which I worship. I shall never worship that which ye worship, neither will ye worship that which I worship. To you be your religion, to Me My religion.'" Gracious God! Notwithstanding these lucid statements, and these shining and luminous tokens all are occupied with their vain imaginings, and are unaware of, and veiled from, the Desired One. O ye that have gone astray! Awake from the sleep of heedlessness, and give ear unto these words of My Forerunner. He saith: "The tree of affirmation, by turning aside from Him, is accounted as the tree of denial, and the tree of denial, by turning towards Him, is accounted as the tree of affirmation." And likewise, He saith: "Should anyone lay claim unto a Revelation, and fail to produce any proof, do not protest, and sadden Him not." Briefly, this Wronged One hath, night and day, been uttering the words: "Say: O ye unbelievers!", that haply this may be the means of awakening the people, and may adorn them with the adornment of fairness.

And now, meditate upon these words, which diffuse the breath of despair, in His sorrowful invocation unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He saith: "Glorified art Thou, O My God! Bear Thou witness that, through this Book, I have covenanted with all created things concerning the Mission of Him Whom Thou shalt make manifest, ere the covenant concerning Mine own Mission had been established. Sufficient witness art Thou and they that have believed in Thy signs. Thou, verily, sufficest Me. In Thee have I placed My trust, and Thou, verily, takest count of all things."

In another connection He saith: "O Sun-like Mirrors! Look ye upon the Sun of Truth. Ye, verily, depend upon it, were ye to perceive it. Ye are all as fishes, moving in the waters of the sea, veiling yourselves therefrom, and yet asking what it is on which ye depend." And likewise, He saith: "I complain unto thee, O Mirror of My generosity, against all the other Mirrors. All look upon Me through their own colors." These words were sent down from the Source of the Revelation of the All-Bounteous, and were addressed to Siyyid Javad, known as Karbila'i. God testifieth, and the world beareth Me witness that this Siyyid stood by

this Wronged One, and even wrote a detailed refutation against them that turned aside from Me. Two communications, moreover, in which he hath borne witness unto the Revelation of the True One, and in which the evidences of his turning away from all else but Him, are clear and manifest, have been sent by Us to Haydar-'Ali. The handwriting of the Siyyid is unmistakable, and is known unto everyone. Our purpose in doing this was that perchance they that have denied Us might attain unto the living waters of acknowledgment, and such as have turned aside be illumined with the light of conversion. God is My witness that this Wronged One hath had no purpose except to convey the Word of God. Blessed are the fair-minded, and woe betide them that have turned aside. They that have turned away from Me have schemed many a time, and acted deceitfully in divers ways. They have, on one occasion, secured a picture of this Siyyid, and pasted it on a sheet with that of others, surmounted by the portrait of Mirza Yahya. Briefly, they have seized upon every means in order to repudiate the True One. Say: "The True One is come evident as the shining sun; O pity that He should have come into the city of the blind!" The afore-mentioned Siyyid admonished the deniers, and summoned them unto the Most Sublime Horizon, but failed to impress these stones that can take no imprint. Concerning him they have said things against which he sought refuge with God – exalted be His glory. The supplications which he hath sent to this Holy Court are now in Our possession. Happy are the fair-minded.

Ponder now upon the complaint of the Primal Point against the Mirrors, that haply men may be awakened, and may turn from the left hand of idle fancies and imaginings unto the right hand of faith and certitude, and may be made cognizant of that wherefrom they are veiled. It is indeed for the purpose of recognizing this Most Great Cause that they have come out of the world of non-existence into the world of being. And likewise He saith: "Consecrate Thou, O my God, the whole of this Tree unto Him, that from it may be revealed all the fruits created by God within it for Him through Whom God hath willed to reveal all that He pleaseth. By Thy glory! I have not wished that this Tree should ever bear any branch, leaf, or fruit that would fail to bow down before Him, on the day of His Revelation, or refuse to laud Thee through Him, as beseemeth the glory of His all-glorious Revelation, and the sublimity of His most sublime Concealment. And shouldst Thou behold, O my God, any branch, leaf, or fruit upon Me that hath failed to bow down before Him, on the day of His Revelation, cut it off, O My God, from that Tree, for it is not of Me, nor shall it return unto Me."

O people of the Bayan! I swear by God! This Wronged One hath had no other intention except to manifest the Cause He was commissioned to reveal. Were ye to incline your inner ears unto Him, ye would hear from every limb and member and vein and even from every single hair of this Wronged One that which would stir and enrapture the Concourse on high and the world of creation.

O Hadi! The blind fanaticism of former times hath withheld the hapless creatures from the Straight Path. Meditate on the Shi'ih sect. For twelve hundred years they have cried "O Qa'im!", until in the end all pronounced the sentence of His death, and caused Him to suffer martyrdom, notwithstanding their belief in, and their acceptance and acknowledgment of, the True One – exalted be His glory – and of the Seal of the Prophets, and of the Chosen Ones. It is now necessary to reflect a while, that haply that which hath come between the True One and His creatures may be discovered, and the deeds which have been the cause of protest and denial be made known.

O Hadi! We have heard the moaning of the pulpits which, as attested by all, the divines of the age of this Revelation have ascended, and from which they have cursed the True One, and caused such things to befall Him Who is the Essence of Being and His companions as neither the eye nor the ear of the world hath seen or heard. Thou hast now summoned, and art still summoning the people, claiming to be His vicegerent and mirror, despite thine ignorance of this Cause as a result of thy not having been in Our company.

Every one of this people well knoweth that Siyyid Muhammad was but one of Our servants. In the days when, as requested by the Imperial Ottoman Government, We proceeded to their Capital, he accompanied Us. Subsequently, he committed that which – I swear by God – hath caused the Pen of the Most High to weep and His Tablet to groan. We, therefore, cast him out; whereupon, he joined Mirza Yahya, and did what no tyrant hath ever done. We abandoned him, and said unto him: "Begone, O heedless one!" After these words had been uttered, he joined the order of the Mawlavis, and remained in their company until the time when We were summoned to depart.

O Hadi! Suffer not thyself to become the instrument for the dissemination of new superstitions, and refuse to set up once again a sect similar to that of the Shi'ihs. Reflect how great the amount of blood which hath been spilt. Thou amongst others, who hast laid claim to knowledge, and likewise the Shi'ih divines, have, one and all, in the first and ensuing years, cursed the True One, and decreed that His most holy blood be shed. Fear God, O Hadi! Be not willing that men be again afflicted with the vain imaginings of former times. Fear God, and be not of them that act unjustly. In these days We have heard that thou hast striven to lay hands on and destroy every copy of the Bayan. This Wronged One requesteth thee to renounce, for the sake of God, this intention. Thine intelligence and judgment have never excelled, nor do they now excel, the intelligence and judgment of Him Who is the Prince of the World. God testifieth and beareth Me witness that this Wronged One hath not perused the Bayan, nor been acquainted with its contents. This much, however, is known and is clear and indubitable that He hath ordained the Book of the Bayan to be the foundation of His works. Fear God, and meddle not in matters which far transcend thee. For twelve hundred years they that resemble thee have afflicted the hapless Shi'ihs in the pit of vain fancies and idle imaginings. Finally, there appeared, on the Day of Judgment things against which the oppressors of old have sought refuge with the True One.

Apprehend now the cry of Him Who is the Point as raised by His utterance. He supplicateth God that if there should appear from this Tree – which is His blessed Self – any fruit, or leaf, or branch that would fail to believe in Him, God should cut it off forthwith. And likewise, He saith: "Should any one make a statement, and fail to support it by any proof, reject him not." And yet, now, though supported by a hundred books, thou hast rejected Him and rejoicest therein!

Again I repeat, and plead with thee to carefully scrutinize that which hath been revealed. The breezes of utterance in this Revelation are not to be compared with those of former ages. This Wronged One hath been perpetually afflicted, and found no place of safety in which He could peruse either the writings of the Most Exalted One (the Bab) or those of any one else. About two months after Our arrival in Iraq, following the command of His Majesty the Shah of Persia – may God assist him – Mirza Yahya joined Us. We said unto him: "In accordance with the Royal command We have been sent unto this place. It is

advisable for thee to remain in Persia. We will send Our brother, Mirza Musa, to some other place. As your names have not been mentioned in the Royal decree, you can arise and render some service." Subsequently, this Wronged One departed from Baghdad, and for two years withdrew from the world. Upon Our return, We found that he had not left, and had postponed his departure. This Wronged One was greatly saddened. God testifieth and beareth Us witness that We have, at all times, been busied with the propagation of this Cause. Neither chains nor bonds, stocks nor imprisonment, have succeeded in withholding Us from revealing Our Self. In that land We forbad all mischief, and all unseemly and unholy deeds. Day and night We sent forth Our Tablets in every direction. We had no other purpose except to edify the souls of men, and to exalt the blessed Word.

We especially appointed certain ones to collect the writings of the Primal Point. When this was accomplished, We summoned Mirza Yahya and Mirza Vahhab-i-Khurasani, known as Mirza Javad, to meet in a certain place. Conforming with Our instructions, they completed the task of transcribing two copies of the works of the Primal Point. I swear by God! This Wronged One, by reason of His constant association with men, hath not looked at these books, nor gazed with outward eyes on these writings. When We departed, these writings were in the possession of these two persons. It was agreed that Mirza Yahya should be entrusted with them, and proceed to Persia, and disseminate them throughout that land. This Wronged One proceeded, at the request of the Ministers of the Ottoman Government to their capital. When We arrived in Mosul, We found that Mirza Yahya had left before Us for that city, and was awaiting Us there. Briefly, the books and writings were left in Baghdad, while he himself proceeded to Constantinople and joined these servants. God beareth now witness unto the things which have touched this Wronged One, for after We had so arduously striven, he (Mirza Yahya) abandoned the writings and joined the exiles. This Wronged One was, for a long period, overwhelmed by infinite sorrows until such time when, in pursuance of measures of which none but the one true God is aware, We despatched the writings unto another place and another country, owing to the fact that in Iraq all documents must every month be carefully examined, lest they rot and perish. God, however, preserved them and sent them unto a place which He had previously ordained. He, verily, is the Protector, the Succorer.

Wherever this Wronged One went Mirza Yahya followed Him. Thou art thyself a witness and well knowest that whatever hath been said is the truth. The Siyyid of Isfahan, however, surreptitiously duped him. They committed that which caused the greatest consternation. Would that thou wouldst inquire from the officials of the government concerning the conduct of Mirza Yahya in that land. Aside from all this, I adjure thee by God, the One, the Incomparable, the Lord of Strength, the Most Powerful, to carefully look into the communications addressed in his name to the Primal Point, that thou mayest behold the evidences of Him Who is the Truth as clear as the sun. Likewise, there proceeded from the words of the Point of the Bayan – may the souls of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake – that which no veil can obscure, and which neither the veils of glory nor the veils interposed by such as have gone astray can hide. The veils have, verily, been rent asunder by the finger of the will of thy Lord, the Strong, the All-Subduing, the All-Powerful. Yea, desperate is the state of such as have calumniated Me and envied Me. Not long ago it was stated that thou hadst ascribed the authorship of the Kitab-i-Iqan and of other Tablets unto others. I swear by God! This is a grievous injustice. Others are incapable of apprehending their meaning, how much more of revealing them!

Hasan-i-Mazindarani was the bearer of seventy Tablets. Upon his death, these were not delivered unto those for whom they were intended, but were entrusted to one of the sisters of this Wronged One, who, for no reason whatever, had turned aside from Me. God knoweth what befell His Tablets. This sister had never lived with Us. I swear by the Sun of Truth that after these things had happened she never saw Mirza Yahya, and remained unaware of Our Cause, for in those days she had been estranged from Us. She lived in one quarter, and this Wronged One in another. As a token, however, of Our loving-kindness, our affection and mercy, We, a few days prior to Our departure, visited her and her mother, that haply she might quaff from the living waters of faith, and attain unto that which would draw her nigh unto God, in this day. God well knoweth and beareth Me witness, and she herself testifieth, that I had no thought whatsoever except this. Finally, she – God be praised – attained unto this through His grace, and was adorned with the adornment of love. After We were exiled and had departed from Iraq to Constantinople, however, news of her ceased to reach Us. Subsequent to Our separation in the Land of Ta (Tihran), We ceased to meet Mirza Rida-Quli, Our brother, and no special news reached Us concerning her. In the early days we all lived in one house, which later on was sold at auction, for a negligible sum, and the two brothers, Farman-Farma and Hisamu's-Saltanih, purchased it and divided it between themselves. After this occurred, We separated from Our brother. He established his residence close to the entrance of Masjid-i-Shah, whilst We lived near the Gate of Shimiran. Thereafter, however, that sister displayed toward Us, for no reason whatever, a hostile attitude. This Wronged One held His peace under all conditions. However, Our late brother Mirza Muhammad-Hasan's daughter – upon him be the glory of God and His peace and His mercy – who had been betrothed to the Most Great Branch (Abdu'l-Baha) was taken by the sister of this Wronged One from Nur to her own house, and from there sent unto another place. Some of Our companions and friends in various places complained against this, as it was a very grievous act, and was disapproved by all the loved ones of God. How strange that Our sister should have taken her to her own house, and then arranged for her to be sent elsewhere! In spite of this, this Wronged One remained, and still remaineth, calm and silent. A word, however, was said in order to tranquilize Our loved ones. God testifieth and beareth Me witness that whatever hath been said was the truth, and was spoken with sincerity. None of Our loved ones, whether in these regions or in that country, could believe Our sister capable of an act so contrary to decency, affection and friendship. After such a thing had occurred, they, recognizing that the way had been barred, conducted themselves in a manner well-known unto thyself and others. It must be evident, therefore, how intense was the grief which this act inflicted upon this Wronged One. Later on, she threw in her lot with Mirza Yahya. Conflicting reports concerning her are now reaching Us, nor is it clear what she is saying or doing. We beseech God – blessed and glorified be He – to cause her to turn unto Him, and aid her to repent before the door of His grace. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Forgiving; and He is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Pardoner.

In another connection He, likewise, saith: "Were He to appear this very moment, I would be the first to adore Him, and the first to bow down before Him." Be fair, O people! The purpose of the Most Exalted One (the Bab) was to insure that the proximity of the Revelation should not withhold men from the Divine and everlasting Law, even as the companions of John (the Baptist) were prevented from acknowledging Him Who is the Spirit (Jesus). Time and again He hath said: "Suffer not the Bayan and all that hath been revealed therein to withhold you from that Essence of Being and Lord of the visible and invisible." Should

any one, considering this binding injunction, cling unto the Bayan, such a one hath, verily, passed out of the shadow of the blessed and exalted Tree. Be fair, O people, and be not of the heedless.

And likewise, He saith: “Let not names shut you out as by a veil from Him Who is their Lord, even the name of Prophet, for such a name is but a creation of His utterance.” And likewise, He, in the seventh chapter of the second Vahid, saith: “O people of the Bayan! Act not as the people of the Qur’an have acted, for if ye do so, the fruits of your night will come to naught.” And further, He saith – glorified be His mention: “If thou attainest unto His Revelation, and obeyest Him, thou wilt have revealed the fruit of the Bayan; if not, thou art unworthy of mention before God. Take pity upon thyself. If thou aidest not Him Who is the Manifestation of the Lordship of God, be not, then, a cause of sadness unto Him.” And further He saith – magnified be His station: “If thou attainest not unto the Presence of God, grieve not, then, the Sign of God. Ye will renounce that which can profit them that acknowledge the Bayan, if ye renounce that which can harm Him. I know, however, that ye will refuse to do so.”

O Hadi! Methinks it is by reason of these indubitable utterances that thou hast determined to blot out the Bayan. Give ear unto the voice of this Wronged One, and renounce this oppression that hath made the pillars of the Bayan to tremble. I have been neither in Chihriq nor in Mah-Ku. At the present time statements have been circulated among thy disciples identical with those made by the Shi’ihs who have said that the Qur’an is unfinished. These people also contend that this Bayan is not the original one. The copy in the handwriting of Siyyid Husayn is extant, as is also the copy in the handwriting of Mirza Ahmad.

Regardest thou as one wronged he who in this world was never dealt a single blow, and who was continually surrounded by five of the handmaidens of God? And imputest thou unto the True One, Who, from His earliest years until the present day, hath been in the hands of His enemies, and been tormented with the worst afflictions in the world, such charges as the Jews did not ascribe unto Christ? Hearken unto the voice of this Wronged One, and be not of them that are in utter loss.

And, likewise, He saith: “How many the fires which God converteth into light through Him Whom God shall make manifest; and how numerous the lights which are turned into fire through Him! I behold His appearance even as the sun in the midmost heaven, and the disappearance of all even as that of the stars of the night by day.” Hast thou ears, O world, wherewith to hear the voice of the True One, and to judge equitably this Revelation Which, as soon as it appeared, Sinai exclaimed: “He that discoursed upon Me is come with evident signs and resplendent tokens, in spite of every heedless one that hath gone far astray, and of every lying calumniator, who hath wished to quench the light of God with his calumnies, and blot out the signs of God through his malice. They, verily, are of such as have acted unjustly in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.”

And likewise, He saith: “The Bayan is from beginning to end the repository of all of His attributes, and the treasury of both His fire and His light.” Great God! The soul is carried away by the fragrance of this utterance, inasmuch as He declareth, with infinite sadness, that which He perceiveth. Likewise, He saith to the Letter of the Living, Mulla Baqir – upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness: “Haply thou mayest in eight years, in the day of His Revelation, attain unto His Presence.”

Know thou, O Hadi, and be of them that hearken. Judge thou equitably. The companions of God and the Testimonies of Him Who is the Truth have, for the most part, suffered martyrdom. Thou, however, art still alive. How is it that thou hast been spared? I swear by God! It is because of thy denial, whereas the martyrdom of the blessed souls was due to their confession. Every just and fair-minded person will bear witness unto this, inasmuch as the cause and motive of both are clear and evident as the sun.

And likewise He addresseth Dayyan, who was wronged and suffered martyrdom, saying: "Thou shalt recognize thy worth through the words of Him Whom God shall make manifest." He, likewise, hath pronounced him to be the third Letter to believe in Him Whom God shall make manifest, through these words: "O thou who art the third Letter to believe in Him Whom God shall make manifest!" And likewise He saith: "Should God, however, be willing, He will make thee known through the words of Him Whom God shall make manifest." Dayyan, who, according to the words of Him Who is the Point – may the souls of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake – is the repository of the trust of the one true God – exalted be His glory – and the treasury of the pearls of His knowledge, was made by them to suffer so cruel a martyrdom that the Concourse on high wept and lamented. He it is whom He (the Bab) had taught the hidden and preserved knowledge and entrusted him therewith, through His words: "O thou who art named Dayyan! This is a hidden and preserved Knowledge. We have entrusted it unto thee, and brought it to thee, as a mark of honor from God, inasmuch as the eye of thine heart is pure. Thou wilt appreciate its value, and wilt cherish its excellence. God, verily, hath deigned to bestow upon the Point of the Bayan a hidden and preserved Knowledge, the like of which God hath not sent down prior to this Revelation. More precious is it than any other knowledge in the estimation of God – glorified be He! He, verily, hath made it His testimony, even as He hath made the verses to be His testimony." This oppressed one, who was the repository of the knowledge of God, together with Mirza Ali-Akbar, one of the relatives of the Primal Point – upon him be the glory of God and His mercy – and Abu'l-Qasim-i-Kashi and several others suffered martyrdom through the decree pronounced by Mirza Yahya.

O Hadi! His book which he hath entitled "Mustayqiz" is in thy possession. Read it. Although thou hast seen the book, peruse it again, that haply thou mayest obtain for thyself a lofty seat beneath the canopy of truth.

In like manner, Siyyid Ibrahim, concerning whom these words have flowed from the Pen of the Primal Point – magnified be His utterance: "O thou who art mentioned as My friend in My scriptures, and as My remembrance in My books, next to My scriptures, and as My name in the Bayan" – such a one, together with Dayyan, hath been surnamed by him (Mirza Yahya) Father of Iniquities and Father of Calamities. Judge thou fairly, how grievous hath been the plight of these oppressed ones, and this notwithstanding that one of them was occupied in serving him, whilst the other was his guest. Briefly, I swear by God, the deeds he committed were such that Our Pen is ashamed to recount.

Reflect a while upon the dishonor inflicted upon the Primal Point. Consider what hath happened. When this Wronged One, after a retirement of two years during which He wandered through the deserts and mountains, returned to Baghdad, as a result of the intervention of a few, who for a long time had sought Him in the wilderness, a certain Mirza Muhammad-'Ali of Rasht came to see Him, and related, before a large gathering of people, that which had been done, affecting the honor of the Bab, which hath truly

overwhelmed all lands with sorrow. Great God! How could they have countenanced this most grievous betrayal? Briefly, We beseech God to aid the perpetrator of this deed to repent, and return unto Him. He, verily, is the Helper, the All-Wise.

As to Dayyan – upon him be the glory of God and His mercy – he attained Our presence in accordance with that which had been revealed by the pen of the Primal Point. We pray God to aid the heedless to turn unto Him, and such as have turned aside to direct themselves towards Him, and them that have denied Him to acknowledge this Cause, which, no sooner did it appear than all created things proclaimed: "He that was hidden in the Treasury of Knowledge, and inscribed by the Pen of the Most High in His Books, and His Scriptures, and His Scrolls, and His Tablets, is come!"

In this connection it hath been deemed necessary to mention such traditions as have been recorded regarding the blessed and honored city of Akka, that haply thou mayest, O Hadi, seek a path unto the Truth, and a road leading unto God.

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

The following hath been recorded concerning the merits of Akka, and of the sea, and of Aynu'l-Baqar (The Spring of the Cow) which is in Akka:

Abdu'l-'Aziz, son of Abdu'-Salam, hath related unto us that the Prophet – may the blessings of God and His salutations be upon him – hath said: "Akka is a city in Syria to which God hath shown His special mercy."

Ibn-i-Mas'ud – may God be pleased with him – hath stated: "The Prophet – may the blessings of God and His salutations be upon Him – hath said: 'Of all shores the best is the shore of Askelon, and Akka is, verily, better than Askelon, and the merit of Akka above that of Askelon and all other shores is as the merit of Muhammad above that of all other Prophets. I bring you tidings of a city betwixt two mountains in Syria, in the middle of a meadow, which is called Akka. Verily, he that entereth therein, longing for it and eager to visit it, God will forgive his sins, both of the past and of the future. And he that departeth from it, other than as a pilgrim, God will not bless his departure. In it is a spring called the Spring of the Cow. Whoso drinketh a draught therefrom, God will fill his heart with light, and will protect him from the most great terror on the Day of Resurrection.'"

Anas, son of Malik – may God be pleased with him – hath said: "The Apostle of God – may the blessings of God and His salutations be upon Him – hath said: 'By the shore of the sea is a city, suspended beneath the Throne, and named Akka. He that dwelleth therein, firm and expecting a reward from God – exalted be He – God will write down for him, until the Day of Resurrection, the recompense of such as have been patient, and have stood up, and knelt down, and prostrated themselves, before Him.'"

And He – may the blessings of God and His salutations be upon Him – hath said: "I announce unto you a city, on the shores of the sea, white, whose whiteness is pleasing unto God – exalted be He! It is called Akka. He that hath been bitten by one of its fleas is better, in the estimation of God, than he who hath received a grievous blow in the path of God. And he that raiseth therein the call to prayer, his voice will be lifted up unto Paradise. And he that remaineth therein for seven days in the face of the enemy, God

will gather him with Khidr – peace be upon Him – and God will protect him from the most great terror on the Day of Resurrection." And He – may the blessings of God, – exalted be He – and His salutations be upon Him – hath said: "There are kings and princes in Paradise. The poor of Akka are the kings of Paradise and the princes thereof. A month in Akka is better than a thousand years elsewhere."

The Apostle of God – may the blessings of God and His salutations be upon Him – is reported to have said: "Blessed the man that hath visited Akka, and blessed he that hath visited the visitor of Akka. Blessed the one that hath drunk from the Spring of the Cow and washed in its waters, for the black-eyed damsels quaff the camphor in Paradise, which hath come from the Spring of the Cow, and from the Spring of Salvan (Siloam), and the Well of Zamzam. Well is it with him that hath drunk from these springs, and washed in their waters, for God hath forbidden the fire of hell to touch him and his body on the Day of Resurrection."

The Prophet – may the blessings of God and His salutations be upon Him – is stated to have said: "In Akka are works of supererogation and acts which are beneficial, which God vouchsafed specially unto whomsoever He pleaseth. And he that saith in Akka: 'Glorified be God, and praise be unto God, and there is none other God but God, and most great is God, and there is no power nor strength except in God, the Exalted, the Mighty,' God will write down for him a thousand good deeds, and blot out from him a thousand evil deeds, and will uplift him a thousand grades in Paradise, and will forgive him his transgressions. And whoso saith in Akka: 'I beg forgiveness of God,' God will forgive all his trespasses. And he that remembereth God in Akka at morn and at eventide, in the night-season and at dawn, is better in the sight of God than he who beareth swords, spears and arms in the path of God – exalted be He!"

The Apostle of God – may the blessings of God and His salutations be upon Him – hath also said: "He that looketh upon the sea at eventide, and saith: 'God is Most Great!' at sunset, God will forgive his sins, though they be heaped as piles of sand. And he that counteth forty waves, while repeating: 'God is Most Great!' – exalted be He – God will forgive his sins, both past and future."

The Apostle of God – may the blessings of God and His salutations be upon Him – hath said: "He that looketh upon the sea a full night is better than he who passeth two whole months betwixt the Rukn and the Maqam. And he that hath been brought up on the shores of the sea is better than he that hath been brought up elsewhere. And he that lieth on the shore is as he that standeth elsewhere."

Verily, the Apostle of God – may the blessings of God, exalted be He, and His salutations be upon Him – hath spoken the truth.

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He is the Answerer

Your letter was presented before the Throne and reached the station wherein naught but Him is known, and its contents were beheld by the gaze of God. You had asked how it is possible for the letter of the Most Exalted to be transformed into the most debased, or for affirmation to be turned to negation, or for

the celestial fruit to be deprived of its refinement, or for the mirror to remain deprived of the effulgent rays of the Sun of meanings. Most excellent is what you have asked, and you are among those who question.

Your question was most acceptable, for today it behooveth every soul who is unable to comprehend the divine mysteries to seek from the fountain of divine knowledge and the river of celestial wisdom, that perchance they may drink a drop thereof and find repose upon the couch of certitude and tranquility. We beseech God to raise you to a station wherein you shall behold the Ancient Beauty with your own eyes and be detached from the sight of all the worlds, and hear His melodies with your own ears and be detached from the hearing of all creation, and know His Self with your heart and be detached from the hearts of all who are in the heavens and earth, and purify you from the dust of this world and all that is therein, to such extent that you shall hear from all things that there is no God but Him, and that the Most Exalted One is His splendor in the Supreme Concourse, His radiance between earth and heaven, and His grandeur unto all who are in the kingdom of command and creation. Thus doth every thing speak, if thou be of them that hear.

For today it hath been ordained by God that every soul should observe and ponder His Cause with their own eyes, ears and heart, that they may be illumined by the dawning splendors of the Sun of meanings through the wondrous mercy of the All-Merciful and the outpourings of the All-Glorious. The cause that hath deprived all people from attaining the presence of God and occupied them with all else is that they have contented themselves with mere conjecture and with what they have heard from their peers. They have walked the perilous paths of blind imitation and been deprived of the ways of detachment. The divine Cause hath ever shone forth like unto the luminous morn. That some have remained veiled from perceiving it is due to their having sullied their ears and hearts with the sayings of men. Otherwise, were they to fix their gaze upon the divine standard of knowledge, they would never be deprived of the path of guidance.

Now let that honored one consider that the matter is of two kinds: Either the followers of the Bayan acknowledge divine power or they do not. If they do not acknowledge it, we have no words for such souls, for they are counted among the former peoples who considered God's hand to be chained up, as the Lord of Glory hath informed in His exalted Word: "God's hand is chained up." But if they acknowledge the wonders of divine power, then dwelling upon such questions would be idle and vain, for powerlessness is the attribute of creation, while that Ancient Being hath ever been and shall ever be seated upon the throne of might and power. Should He so will, with one word He can cause all on earth to ascend to the heavens of His command, and with another word return them to the lowest ranks of creation, and none may say why or wherefore.

Whoso says otherwise has indeed disbelieved in God, turned away from His power, warred against Him, disputed His sovereignty, and is accounted among the polytheists in the tablets of might, well-preserved. He is likewise able to raise up the Manifestation of His Self among His creatures whenever He willeth, and at the time of His appearance, proof and evidence must be sought from the Manifestation Himself. If He produces that proof which hath ever existed among men, then delay is vain. Nay, should all who are in the heavens and on earth tarry for less than a moment, they would be reckoned among the denizens of

fire, even should they all lay claim to divine authority. He exalteth whomsoever He willeth and abaseth whomsoever He pleaseth. He shall not be questioned about His doings.

Now let that soul observe with fairness: if One should appear with all the divine powers and furthermore produce that proof whereby religion hath ever been established among men and God's Cause confirmed amongst His creatures, and yet someone should turn away from such a Manifestation Who is none other than the Manifestation of God Himself, and not content with mere rejection, should arise to slay Him - what judgment should be passed on such a soul? Say: His judgment resteth with God Who decreeth what He pleaseth according to truth, but the people perceive not. Hath such a thing ever been permissible in any age or religion? Nay, by His Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate!

Should they say this Manifestation ought not to have appeared, as the polytheists claimed, then God's power and will would be dependent on the will of His creatures. Immeasurably exalted is He above this! Thus in the year sixty all people, learned and ignorant alike, were deprived of the truth through such meaningless utterances, descending from the heights of immortality to the depths of extinction, while imagining themselves seated upon the loftiest seats of faith. Evil is that which they have imagined within themselves, and they were among those recorded as deluded in the Mother Book.

In any case, withdraw thy gaze from all else but God, fix it upon the Truth and upon that which appeareth from Him, for all else was and shall ever be utter nothingness. If today all who are in the heavens and on earth were to become Letters of the Bayan - which are a hundred thousand times greater than the Letters of the Furqan - and were to hesitate for less than that in this Cause, they would be accounted with God as among the rejectors and reckoned among the letters of negation.

God, exalted and glorified be He, bears no likeness, connection, resemblance or comparison to anyone. All are honored and glorified according to their recognition of Him. The Beauty of the All-Glorious is established upon the throne of the All-Merciful, and the light of His grace's sun shines equally upon all things. All in the kingdom stand in one rank before His grace, and no atom hath superiority over another save in its swiftness to recognize God and attain His presence. Blessed is he who knoweth Him by His Self and is detached from all else.

O 'Ali! Hearken unto the call of God and enter a station that was and ever shall be sanctified from names, lest thou be deprived of any of the names of that Beauty to Whom all names point, that Sovereign by Whose Pen's decree the Kingdom of Names was created. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! The purpose of these words is that perchance thou and a few others might rend asunder the veils and enter the sanctified tabernacle of the Beloved, Who is sanctified above the doubts and imaginings of all creation. Otherwise, verily, He is exalted above the approach or withdrawal of all created things, and sanctified above all the worlds. When the Sun is shining, would it be fitting for anyone to ask how the light of the stars might be obtained, when he observes that the sun's light hath made it to disappear? Nay, at such a time the stars themselves seek the darkness of night and turn away from the light of day, for the radiance and brightness of the stars are visible at night, but vanish and disappear at the dawning of the Day-Star. Glorified be He above all similitudes and comparisons! For His Beauty's Day-Star hath ever been shining; none existed with Him, and all else was created in the earthly realms through His contingent Will, and unto Him shall all return. Verily, in His seat of unapproachable might and station of

transcendent glory, He hath ever been and shall ever be sanctified above all things. Most strange it is that people should marvel and be perplexed at the changing and replacing of names, when at all times they witness with their outward eyes the changing and replacing of the Manifestations of the Names and their Dawning-Places. Yet they remain so veiled by imaginary veils and words of polytheism that they have become heedless of that which they observe with their own eyes.

O questioner! Consider not the divine names and attributes to be illusory. Know that all created things between earth and heaven have been and will continue to be manifestations of the names and dawning-places of the attributes of God - exalted be His glory. The essential truth is that man has been created with the noblest rank and the most exalted station relative to other beings. If thou wouldst ascend to contemplate "No fault canst thou see in the creation of the All-Merciful," thou wouldst perceive no difference or imperfection in the creation of the All-Merciful and the dawning-places of His divine handiwork. Blessed is he who soareth in this atmosphere wherein the wings of the doubters have never flown.

Consider now all these divine manifestations of names - the trees, branches, boughs and fruits, and likewise the flowers, blossoms and all that groweth upon the earth - how at first they appear with such freshness, delicacy and beauty, yet after a time they are all stripped of their fine raiment and return to the earth. How many ripe fruits undergo such change that their very fragrance becomes repellent to man. In brief, all things are subject to elevation and abasement, to change and transformation, except the universal Manifestations of God who are, in and of themselves, established and enduring.

I swear by the Day-Star of inner meaning that the divine tongue speaketh according to the capacity and measure of the people, for most have not attained maturity. Otherwise, He would open such a gate of knowledge to the face of His servants that all who dwell in the heavens and earth would, through the outpourings of His Pen, find themselves independent of all knowledge save His own, and would remain established upon the thrones of tranquility. But owing to people's lack of capacity, the gems of divine knowledge and mysteries of eternal wisdom have remained preserved and concealed in the heaven of God's Will, and until now not a single letter thereof hath been revealed. The matter resteth in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and is not questioned about that which He willeth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

If thou wouldst hear from this servant, cast away the wings of limitation and imitation and soar with the wings of detachment in this atmosphere of divine unity, that thou mayest find thyself sanctified from delusory doubts and skeptical allusions, and illumined with the lights of certitude. Hearken with the ear of thy heart unto the words of the All-Merciful, that perchance thy heart may be purified from the darkening dust of fancy which in these days hath encompassed all who dwell in the realm of being, and may return to the Most Sublime Vision.

When thou attainest unto this most holy, most mighty, most pure station, thou wilt observe that the intended meaning of all that hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will through the revelation of My previous Manifestation hath been and shall be this Manifestation. By Him Who holdeth the soul of Husayn within the grasp of His power! Nothing greater than this Cause hath been revealed in the Bayan. Observe it with a penetrating and radiant vision that ye may become aware of the purpose of the holy,

divine utterances. In all the pages, tablets, scrolls, scriptures, books and writings, He hath counseled all people and taken from them a covenant that they should not, at the time of the Manifestation, cling to anything that hath been created and thereby remain veiled from the Manifestation Himself, for on that Day nothing shall profit except through His leave. To Vahid-i-Akbar He saith: "Await ye him whom God shall make manifest through His countenance, for ye were created for none other than to attain His presence, and He it is Who hath made all things dependent on His bidding. Beware, beware lest in the days of His manifestation ye be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but a creation in His sight. Beware, beware lest ye be veiled by the words revealed in the Bayan, for they are but His own words in the temple of His former manifestation." Now ponder these words of the Sovereign of names and attributes. With such conclusive verses and firm utterances, what excuse for turning away remaineth for any soul? Nay, by Him Who causeth the Spirit to speak within my breast, unless one completely turneth away from the Truth. The Vahid of the Bayan are the primal creation, and all others were created under their shadow. And likewise to Vahid-i-Akbar He saith: "And perchance there shall come unto thee that concerning which thou hast asked about the exaltation of His mention and the elevation of His Cause. And verily those who are in the Bayan read these words, yet they neither perceive His manifestation nor believe in God Who created them through His previous Manifestation, and they slumber." As is now observed, all recite the Book of God and write by night and day, yet they have not understood a single letter of the Book. Rather, their only purpose in promoting it hath been and shall be naught but to establish and prove their leadership. Thus doth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, testify. And He saith: "From the beginning of this Cause until before nine existences of creation are completed, they have not appeared. And all that thou hast seen from the sperm-drop until We clothed it with flesh - then wait until thou beholdest another creation. Say: Blessed be God, the best of creators." And likewise to Azim He saith: "This is what We promised thee before when We answered thee. Wait until nine passeth from the Bayan, then say: Blessed be God, the best of originators." And He saith: "Observe thou the difference between the Qayyim and the Qayyum, then in the year nine ye shall attain unto all good." Now ponder these words somewhat, and likewise reflection is needed on the difference between Qayyim and Qayyum, for this servant is unable to interpret God's words due to the sorrows that have befallen him. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! The propagation of God's Cause hath compelled this servant to write this tablet, that perchance a few lamps may be illumined in the niche of possibility and arise through God's power to aid this lonely wronged one. Then all things weep for my tribulation and for what hath befallen me from those who were created by my word. Beyond all this, the matter hath reached such a state that although the revelation of divine holy verses descendeth like torrential rain from the heaven of will without pause or rest, and besides these there are divine manifestations and heavenly signs that have encompassed the world to such extent that previous peoples have acknowledged and confessed them, yet still must I present proofs and establish through evidence that Cause which hath ever been sanctified above proof - that perchance a few might ascend to the heaven of witnessing. No greater injustice existeth in divine knowledge than that the Ancient Beauty should have to prove His own truth through aught but Himself, after being manifest as the sun at its meridian in the never-fading heaven.

From time immemorial an affair sanctified beyond proof have I sought to establish through proof, that perchance a few might ascend unto the heaven of witnessing. No greater injustice existeth in divine

knowledge than for the Ancient Beauty to adduce proof of His own truth after He hath appeared, even as the sun at its meridian in the eternal firmament, manifest and resplendent. Soon shall they who have wronged the Self of God know to what retreat they shall return. And the ordained tribulations and confirmed afflictions have descended in such wise that none save God can reckon their measure. At every moment the spears of hatred from the direction of the enemies have been hurled at the Temple of Eternity. And verily the Manifestations of the Self of God came unto Me in the morning hours, weeping and lamenting, saying: "Alas for Joseph of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting! His servants have cast Him into the pit, then within their own selves do they cry out in anguish."

Say: O people of the Bayan! Would ye slay the Primal Point whilst reciting His verses morning and evening? By God! Ye have committed what no people before you have committed, and to this do honored servants bear witness, if ye be of them that deny. Would ye slay God with the swords of self and passion, then occupy yourselves with His remembrance from your seats and cite His verses as proof? Thus hath every people dealt with God at the time of His manifestation in the Manifestation of His Self in every age, thus did they and thus would they continue to do. Say: Today the Pen of God, the Dominant, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, will not move upon the names of these ones, nor will the glance of God turn toward them, nor will the sweet fragrances of the Holy One, the Beloved of this Day, reach them.

If the servants turn away from these holy divine verses and these sublime eternal manifestations, by what proof and evidence would they establish their religion? Say: O people of the Bayan! Gaze upon the Most Great Scene with the eye of truth, for with any other eye it cannot be perceived. Thus did my previous Manifestation declare: "Beware! Look upon Him with His eye, for whosoever looketh upon Him with any other eye shall never know Him." And after countless counsels to His servants regarding this Cause, He saith: "O my God! Thou knowest that I have not failed in counseling these people and in devising means for their turning unto God, their Lord, and their believing in God, their Creator," to the end of His words, may my spirit be a sacrifice for Him.

I swear by the Ancient Beauty that from these words which have flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, the hearts of all things are set ablaze, and every possessor of insight perceiveth from these words the lamentation and wailing of the Manifestation of Names and Attributes. Yet it increaseth not the wrongdoers save in delusion and loss. O Ali! Open the ear of thy heart and hearken unto the words of the All-Merciful which were revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma. He saith: "O Qurratu'l-'Ayn! Hold not forth Thy hand in the Cause, for the people are in drunkenness from the mystery, and verily unto Thee shall be the Return after this Dispensation, with a most great truth. There shalt Thou reveal of the mystery a mere needle's eye in the most great Sinai, whereupon the Sinaites shall perish at the dawning of a drop of that crimson, all-compelling light, by God's leave, the All-Wise. And He, verily, hath been unto Thee, by the truth, upon the truth, a guardian."

And now the Return is manifest and the Sinaites are extinct and lost, as can be witnessed. And though He declareth that the Sinaites shall become as dead, as nothing, and non-existent, yet they marvel that the fruit of the Tuba tree should become colocynth, as indeed they have asked about this very thing, or that the trumpet blast of the highest heaven should be transformed into the lowest depths. The divine Cause hath never been and shall never be limited. All the mirrors of created things, if they face the Sun of the

heaven of pre-existence in their time, shall manifest, reveal, reflect and display within themselves all the lights of that Sun. But as soon as they turn away, all is taken from them. Observe then the sun and the mirrors, that thou mayest find a way to that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee.

Ibn-i-Nabil the Most Exalted hath written to prove the Cause of God according to that which God cast upon his heart, and in the beginning he cited this verse which was sent down from the heaven of the Will of My previous Manifestation - exalted be His mention: "Say: O God! Thou art the God of Gods! Thou givest Divine station unto whomsoever Thou willest, and takest it away from whomsoever Thou willest," and so forth. And likewise: "Say: O God! Thou art the Lord of the heavens and of the earth! Thou givest Lordship unto whomsoever Thou willest, and takest it away from whomsoever Thou willest," and so forth. Despite the King of existence having declared with such explicitness that He bestoweth Divinity and Lordship upon whomsoever He willeth and taketh them away from whomsoever He willeth, can an omnipotent God Who taketh away the station of Divinity and Lordship - which are the most exalted of stations - be powerless to remove from a temple His Own Name, or to transform sweetness into bitterness? Glory be unto God above that which the servants imagine concerning His power, and exalted be He above their descriptions! Observe now in what atmosphere the Bird of Power and Grandeur soareth, while the people remain halted in what places. What meaning have they given to the verse "He, verily, hath power over all things," and what have they understood from "He doeth what He willeth and shall not be asked of His doings"? O servants! Take fast hold of the Most Firm Handle and turn from the darkness of ignorance to the dawning-place of divine knowledge. Would that the people of the Bayan would ponder the blessed verse that Ibn-i-Nabil hath mentioned, that perchance they might pass from the paths of fancy onto the highway of certitude. O 'Ali! Drink thou a draught of this sweet, life-giving water that lieth concealed in the darkness of the words of the King of Names and Attributes, that thou mayest be purified from the troubles of these days, the doubts of men, the hints of the heedless, and the insinuations of those who lead others astray, and that the gates of infinite divine knowledge may be opened before thy heart's face, until thou art convinced that the Ancient King hath power in one hour to honor and exalt all things with the bestowal of His most excellent names, and in another hour to take them away from all things. And verily I complain unto God of these servants, for they regard Me according to what is with them and not according to what is with Me, and they measure the Self of God by their own selves and His words by their words. By Him Who is Myself! Were all who are in the heavens and on earth to turn today unto God, He would teach them from the wonders of His knowledge that which would make them independent of all the worlds. In this grievous year, certain servants have asked questions of this sort, and this servant, present before the Throne, hath written and sent forth decisive, healing, and sufficient answers. Strange that you have not seen them. And in this land too some have cast forth doubts, that perchance they might veil holy souls with the veils of previous utterances. Yet they are heedless that one who soareth in the sublime atmosphere of divine holiness and gathereth from the harvest-fields of infinite divine knowledge will not be hindered or deprived by fanciful doubts. Say: Whosoever hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean will not turn unto a mirage in the desert, nor will he drink of boiling water. Although it beseemeth not the Most Exalted Pen to be tainted with mention of the words of the malicious ones, yet with regard to the proclamation of divine messages there is no escape, that perchance some ignorant one may enter the ocean of knowledge, or some wanderer in the valley of heedlessness and forgetfulness may, through the grace of the All-Merciful, step forth. And verily He

guideth whom He willeth unto the path of Baha, and He is powerful over all things. But this mention and exposition is for souls who are truly seeking the path of guidance. Otherwise, the pure Salsabil will not benefit one sick with rancor and hatred. Even as today most of the people of the Bayan have witnessed with their own eyes all the manifestations of power and divine conditions and revealed verses, and heard them with their own ears; nevertheless they have risen up with such hatred that mention of it is impossible, save for him whose sight God hath opened, and whom He hath aided in His Cause, and brought forth from the darkness of idle fancy, and guided unto His glorious and praiseworthy path. They have clung to matters that were never mentioned by God, and are so heedless that they prostrate before stone while turning away from the Most Sublime Vision and the Most Manifest, Most Luminous Beauty. O Lord of all worship! The hair of one who worshippeth Thee is better than he. Say: O 'Ali, today you and that which you worship are equal in God's sight. Whoso among you believeth hath gained safety from the greatest terror, and whoso turneth away hath strayed from God's path. This indeed is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error.

Beware, beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye deny God and war against the Manifestation of His Self and dispute with Him Who hath come to you from the Dawning-Place of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Do ye imagine that the Cause of God will be hindered by the opposition of the opposers, or that the lights of the eternal Sun will be veiled by the veils of dark souls? Nay, by Him Who speaketh within my breast and hath sent me with the truth and dispatched me unto all the worlds! Among the doubts which some of the polytheists have cast in this land is this: can gold become copper? Say: Yea, by my Lord! But with Us is its knowledge; We teach it to whomsoever We wish with knowledge from Our presence. And whoso is in doubt, let him ask God his Lord that He may show him, that he may become of the certain ones. And in copper attaining to the station of gold there is clear proof of gold returning to its original state, were they to perceive. All metals attain to each other's weight, form and substance, but its knowledge is with Us in a hidden Book. We say the knowledge of the deniers hath not ascended to this station that they might understand gold becometh copper. They have not even understood so much as that it becometh dust - this station which hath been evident to every person of insight, that all appeareth from dust and returneth to dust. And dust in worth and value is lesser than copper, for it is counted among bodies while copper is among metals, and this is most obvious and evident. And were people found worthy and mature, assuredly some of the hidden divine sciences would be mentioned at this point. But what is decreed is decreed. To every person of insight it is evident that God, exalted be His mention, hath been and ever shall be powerful over all things. Assuredly if He willeth, by His mere will He transformeth gold to copper, and this impotence existeth and is witnessed in created things. And verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Able, the Praiseworthy.

Fix your eyes upon the Supreme Horizon, having cleansed your vision, and detach yourselves from trees that neither profit nor bear fruit. This is among the wondrous commands of God - let him who will, accept it, and him who will, reject it. Whoso accepts it does so to his own benefit, and whoso rejects it does so to his own loss. Verily, He is sanctified above all created things. Consider Satan, who was a teacher in the celestial realm, renowned throughout the highest concourse and the cities of names by his beautiful appellations, yet through one act of rejection fell from the company of the Most High to the nethermost depths. Thus does your Lord do as He pleases, if you be of those endowed with certitude. Furthermore,

consider how the Ancient House, which was the Ka'bah of all beings and the circumambulation point of the Manifestations of Names and Attributes, was deprived of this supreme bounty. Reflect upon this, O people of insight! All things are captive in the grasp of divine power, and He is at all times able and mighty to do whatsoever He willeth. The influence of His all-encompassing power has never been, nor shall ever be, withheld from the manifestations of the contingent world. Not every ear is worthy to hear His hidden mysteries, nor every eye capable of beholding the celestial maidens of meaning confined within His knowledge. How many embodiments of tyranny have become renowned among the people clothed in the garment of justice, and how many essences of justice have become notorious wearing the garb of tyranny! Consider the idols, to which half of earth's inhabitants now bow in worship, taking them as gods besides God - they have fallen into this malady only because they have contented themselves with fancy and imitation, turning away from the Sovereign of Divine Unity. Indeed, today all names and attributes are manifest in one place and one station, save for those who have ascended unto God. Thus do We impart unto thee that thou mayest perchance purify thy heart and breast from the words of the world, and hearken unto that which the Spirit warbleth upon the branches of this Tree that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God the Truth, this is not of Mine own accord, but rather through that which God hath spoken within My breast. That which hath appeared through My sovereignty and flowed from My Pen is My proof, My testimony, and My evidence, if ye be of the fair-minded. Say: By what proof did ye believe in 'Ali [the Bab] aforetime when He appeared with the truth and came unto you with a clear sovereignty? And by what evidence did ye acknowledge His verses, accept His proof, and submit to the manifestations of His Cause, the All-Encompassing, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Luminous? Should ye say "We believed in Him for His own sake and deemed the testimony of His own Self sufficient above all else," then by God, this very Self hath arisen amongst humanity and appeared with the sovereignty of His Name, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Most High, the Most Great. And should ye say "We believed in the verses which God, the Mighty, the Subduing, the Powerful, revealed unto Him," then lo, His verses have filled the east of the earth and its west. Hearken then unto that which is revealed from the holy precincts, wherein can be heard from its breezes that which the ear of the Beloved heard in His holy ascension, then the ear of the Spirit in the heavens of the Cause, then the ear of Moses upon the Sinai of glory from the Speaking Tree of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Beyond these, this Youth hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath transcended all possibilities, to which the tongues of all beings bear witness, if ye be of those who hear. Then say unto the leaders of the Bayan: Where were ye when the souls of the servants were thrown into commotion, and feet did slip, and terror seized the hearts of them that were steadfast, and all the people from diverse persuasions rose up against Me, and I sought succour from none save God Who raised Me up and sent Me unto all the worlds? By God! They were concealed behind the veil of women, but when the Cause was manifested with its sovereignty, they felt secure in their own souls and emerged from behind the veil. And the first thing they did was to turn away from Him through Whom their own faith was established. Thus was it ordained, and thou art among those who bear witness. And if thou believe Me not, after that which thou hast witnessed with thine own eyes, yet do all things testify to My truth, and beyond them the tongue of God, the True One, the Faithful.

O Beauty of the Most Great Glory between earth and heaven! Change the melody for the people of creation, then sing in the branches of eternity in a sublime Persian tone, that the mysteries of the Cause

may be unveiled in what hath been inscribed by this firm and mighty Pen. For not all people are versed in Arabic, and Persian words are easier to comprehend for those who know the language. O questioner! Know thou that whatsoever names thou beholdest in God's Book - whether it be the Blessed Tree, or the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End, or the Most Remote Tree, or leaf, or fruit, and the like - deem them not mere fancy, for by them is meant, in the sight of God, none other than the believer in God, and ever shall it be thus. The believer, so long as he dwelleth beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree, is accounted before God as of the Blessed Tree and of the loftiest heights; but after turning away, he is reckoned as of the Tree of Fire and the lowest depths. During the time of his faith, all his branches, twigs, leaves and fruits are manifest as confirmed truth, but after turning away, all are counted as negation. Many a soul who in the evening is of the most exalted Tree of eternity, by morning becomes of the basest tree of extinction, and vice versa - if ye be of them that understand.

Behold the believer, at the time of his turning to God, as a paradise adorned with all perfection, wherein can be witnessed all that hath been heard of Paradise - from branches of knowledge, fruits of divine understanding, rivers of utterance, and flowers of wisdom, and beyond that whatsoever God willeth. Yet this same soul, after turning away, becomes the nethermost fire, together with all that pertaineth unto him. Thus doth God change light into darkness and darkness into light, would ye but perceive it. Have ye not heard how My previous Manifestation decreed this same law on earth, saying that any ground whereon a believer dwelleth is accounted as Paradise in God's sight, while if an idolater should occupy that same ground, it is reckoned as hell? Thus today the Throne of God hath been established in a place never known before, yet those who hate the Beauty of the Lord of all worlds have deprived themselves of the highest Paradise and have taken up their abode in the depths of the lowest fire, while imagining themselves to dwell in the loftiest seats of Paradise - even as the peoples before them were engaged in such vain imaginings. Therefore doth the Pen of Command herald unto them the punishment of a barren day.

These people deserve to take a calf instead of God and to worship and adore it, as indeed they have done. How can they be worthy to soar in the holy atmosphere of the All-Possessing, or to ascend to the heaven of divine glory? As thou canst see, one whose nature inclineth to clay will never turn toward clay. Thus doth God set forth a parable, that perchance the people may understand. Have ye not heard Him say that many a tree of affirmation becometh a tree of negation in the next Revelation? In brief, today whoso is not detached from all that is recognized and mentioned among men, and beholdeth not all things as mere handful of clay, can never soar in this atmosphere or enter the abode of the sovereign Lord of sanctity. The true believer hath ever been, and shall ever remain, rarer than red sulfur - and furthermore, these Suns of Truth that have shone forth from the Finger of the All-Merciful have made this most evident, that the fruit does not exist of itself and for itself, but rather through divine assistance it rises from earthly places until it attains this station of being fruit. And that Omnipotent One Who elevated it to this station is able by that same power to return it and a hundred thousand of its like and similitudes, in less than a moment, from the highest abode of perpetuity to the lowest seat of evanescence, and likewise the reverse. This has been and will continue to be among His ways, for the all-encompassing power and irrevocable decrees of that King of Oneness have ever been operative over all things, and He has never been prevented from manifesting even the least of His powers. Glorified be God above what

the deluded imagine! Many are the pearls of mysteries that have been and shall remain hidden in the shells of the oceans of thy Lord, the Concealer, lest their revelation cause the feet of the wayward to stumble. Indeed, such grace hath appeared today that, should He so desire, He is able to raise up from a handful of clay all the primary and derivative letters. Nevertheless, it is most regrettable that man, in these days when the Beauty of the All-Merciful hath been manifested in the fullness of His grace, should occupy himself with aught else but Him. Leave all who are in the heavens and earth to their own devices, then plunge into the depths of this Ocean wherein naught can be found save the pearls of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Almighty, the Great. These are the wondrous manifestations of the Sun of the Divine Command that hath shone forth from the horizon of the finger of the King of possibility. Well is it with them that act upon it, and apart from this, verily thy Lord is independent of all the worlds. How many souls are this day submerged in the oceans of fire and are unaware of it, nay rather, count themselves among the people of Paradise, even as the peoples before them rejoiced in such vain imaginings. By the Sun of the sanctified glory of detachment, this Revelation is too great to need any proof or to depend on any evidence. Say: Its proof is its revelation, its evidence is its own Self, its demonstration is its existence, and its testimony is its arising between earth and heaven in days wherein all in the kingdoms of Command and Creation were shaken. And if ye be unable to know Him through what We have set forth for you, then know Him through that which hath been sent down from Him. Thus hath it been ordained as a grace from His presence, and verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The Supreme Pen declareth: O Ali, step once upon the Mount of Sanctity, and with detached heart and purified tongue say “Show me, O my Lord,” that thou mayest forever hear from the eternal holy retreat “Thou shalt behold Me,” and attain the presence of the peerless Beauty of the Lord of Glory - that is, the presence of the Manifestation of His own Self, by one of Whose revelations of the lights of His grace, the trees of existence, both seen and unseen, are moved to sing even as the Tree of Sinai spoke forth. Thus hath the grace of the sovereign Lord Who doeth as He pleaseth encompassed all, yet the people are in grievous doubt, thick veils, and manifest heedlessness. Such is the state of these people who forever pride themselves on adherence to the Truth while turning away from His very Self - for instance, circumambulating a stone while traversing difficult paths from distant places.

They traverse difficult paths from distant places and sacrifice life and property to attain His presence, yet they remain heedless and turn away from the omnipotent Sovereign by Whose word a hundred thousand such stones could be brought into being. As was observed in the year sixty and likewise in these days, they veil the All-Seeing Eye with a hundred thousand phantoms of their vain imaginings and limitations of self, and then cry out that the world-illumining Sun of divine unity has not risen. And should they perceive it, they question how it could be that the light of a certain star should be dimmed or extinguished, oblivious to the fact that by the appearance of the Sun its light is obliterated, even as is evident that in the daytime the light of the stars is dimmed and invisible. In any case, ere long the encompassing hand of divine power will create certain souls who will rend asunder all veils and, without any covering or barrier, enter the sanctuary of the Lord of Lords. No water shall quench their thirst in the path of the Beloved, and no fire shall cause them to tremble. They shall regard all save the Divine Friend as non-existent and shall see naught but the Intended One. At all times they shall draw the peoples of the contingent world with the chains of utterance unto the sanctified paradise of the All-Merciful. By the Sun of inner meanings

I swear that the radiance of these souls shall illumine the denizens of the highest paradise even as the sun illumines the people of the earth.

O Ali! Abandon what thou hast and take what God commandeth thee, for this verily shall suffice thee above all peoples. That which is besides Him neither nourisheth nor enricheth, and thus hath it ever been and ever shall be. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle and abandon what thy desires command thee. By God, the Truth! This is verily the firm cord that hath appeared between earth and heaven. Whoso holdeth fast unto it hath attained salvation, and whoso turneth away hath perished.

Indeed, today should any soul seek to know or comprehend the sublime Truth without His exalted Self, it would be as if one who is blind from birth were to seek guidance along the path, and this shall never be possible. His proof is His verses, and His authority His evidences.

O Ali! Hearken unto the divine words in the wondrous Persian tongue. And if thou hearest not, assuredly will God's all-encompassing power create new souls who will hear His call and arise to aid His Cause. This is not difficult for God.

If thou hast turned from the left of doubt to the right of certitude, and hast been nourished by the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful flowing in the Paradise of inner meanings, say: O people of the Bayan! What religion do ye follow and upon what path do ye stand? If they say "The Point of the Bayan, may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him," say: By what proof and evidence have ye become convinced of and acknowledged that Sovereign of the Path? If they say "We have known Him by His own Self," say: This is a manifest falsehood, for until now ye have not known your own selves, how much less the Self of God that standeth over all things. And even were such words to be heard from these souls, why then have they not acknowledged the Self of God Who hath appeared manifest as the sun? And if they say "We have believed in the revealed verses," why then have they disbelieved in these verses which are being sent down like torrential rain from the heaven of the Unseen at every moment? Say: Do ye believe in one part of the Book and deny another? Woe unto you, O company of wrongdoers!

Beyond these two stations are the manifestations of power and the revelations of divinity that have encompassed the world to such degree that none hath any way to turn aside, save by turning entirely away from God and His Prophets, His chosen ones and His loved ones. For nigh twenty years this servant hath not rested for a moment on the couch of tranquility, but hath striven at all times by His own Self for the exaltation of God's Cause. I swear by the unknowable King that from the beginning of creation until now such power hath never been manifested that a single soul should alone raise the banners of might upon the [branches] of grandeur. Yet despite this, these polytheists have wreaked upon the manifest Beauty of the Lord of the Worlds that which causeth the Spirit of the Divine Command and the denizens of the highest Paradise to wail and lament.

And if they say these wondrous verses have not been sent down from the divine nature, just as the polytheists of old said in the days of the appearance of the Suns of Truth, say: The revealed tablets that were sent down from the cloud of glory of the Lord of the Worlds in the year sixty are extant, and these wondrous verses that have been sent down from the Most Holy, Most Glorious Heaven are present and visible. We recite both of these before a number of those possessed of pure hearts, penetrating vision,

sanctified souls and attentive ears, that the melodies of God and His holy fragrances may be inhaled from the garment of His wondrous words. By God the Truth, through the fragrance of but one of these words wafteth the breeze of God, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Yet all people are afflicted with colds and cannot perceive aught, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Though the opposition of the opposers and the calumnies of the slanderers have reached such a pass that both pen and utterance have ceased to recount them, still do We feed the servants from the fresh, eternal, ancient and divine table of knowledge for the sake of God, desiring from them neither recompense nor thanks.

By Him Who speaketh within my breast! None of the peoples of former times can be compared with the Babis in their veils, for in all previous Books the Manifestations of the Divine Unity were mentioned only in allusive terms. For instance, in the Torah it is stated in certain passages that should anyone come claiming prophethood, he is false, for there is no God but the God of Moses, no Messenger shall be sent after him, and no divine laws shall come save what was revealed in the Torah. Yet in one place there is an allusive reference to a future Manifestation, mentioned in such veiled and symbolic terms that most people are unable to comprehend it.

In this case, if the followers remain veiled from the Dawning-Places of Divine Unity and the Manifestations of God, they have some excuse to which they may resort, saying "We failed to grasp the intricate divine utterances and thus remained deprived of recognizing the Source of the River of Knowledge of the All-Merciful Beauty."

Similarly in the Gospel, the Holy Spirit sang and spoke of the signs of the Manifestation in such melodies that none can comprehend save the detached ones, for they were expressed in hidden symbols and subtle allusions. Indeed these same passages have been recorded in Persian treatises by the Pen of Glory - consider them that perchance ye may discover them.

In this case too, if these people excuse themselves saying their minds and understanding fell short of comprehending these cryptic and complex utterances, perhaps some might accept this.

Likewise in the Qur'an, which ye have all seen, consider in what manner and terms the signs of the future Manifestation were sent down from the heaven of the All-Glorious. For instance: "Are they waiting to see if God will come to them in canopies of clouds", and "The Day when the sky will bring forth a visible smoke", and similarly the cleaving of the heavens, the rending of the earth, the crumbling of mountains, the overflowing of seas, the rising of the dead from their graves, the blowing of the trumpet, the rising of the sun from the west, the raising of a cry between heaven and earth, and similar expressions mentioned in the Book of God.

And likewise regarding the mention of the "Seal of the Prophets" which is the most explicit of Qur'anic statements - given these difficult and impenetrable expressions and subtle, hidden allusions, if people remain deprived of the Law of the Lord of Creation and recognition of His Being in the Day of Return, one could say they failed to comprehend the divine verses and were heedless of the meanings of the heavenly words, for these were beyond human understanding - though all such excuses were and shall be unacceptable at the time of each Manifestation, for in every Revelation the proof is consummated unto

all who dwell in the heavens and on earth through the very Manifestation Himself and through that which proceedeth from Him. It behooveth every soul to cleanse the mirror of his heart from whatsoever the people possess, and after such purification and turning unto God, assuredly will the rays of the resplendent Sun be reflected therein. If the divine proof were not complete at the time of manifestation, then would all be relieved of obligation. Consider, for instance, the people of the Qur'an: whosoever failed to purify his heart from the implications of the words failed to attain recognition of the Point of the Bayan, for the mention of the "Seal" recorded in the Book was among the firm verses of the Qur'an. With the acceptance of this word and the establishment of its apparent meaning in the heart, one would never acknowledge that a Prophet hath been from the beginning that hath no beginning and will come unto the end that hath no end, even as it is mentioned in the Bayan: "Purify your hearts from that which ye have witnessed, that ye may witness that which no one in the worlds hath witnessed." At the time of manifestation, one must turn away from all else and fix one's gaze toward God, for without this none shall attain unto God, the Most High, the Most Great. O bondsmen of vain desire! Hearken unto the holy melodies of eternity and hasten to the station of "Know God through God," and sever yourselves from all else. These declarations which the Prophets have made concerning the signs of the Manifestation […]

And as to the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all who dwell within the depths of the Names be a sacrifice unto Him - He hath raised up all these utterances and utterly rent asunder the veils, and He hath fulfilled and interpreted all these perplexing words through His own Manifestation and that which proceedeth from His presence. He hath made mention of this Most Mighty Manifestation in such wise that none hath any excuse to hesitate, much less to turn away. He hath made the whole of the Bayan and all that was revealed therein contingent upon the recognition of that eternal Sun of Glory, and He declareth that at the time of His manifestation ye must not remain veiled from Him by the Bayan, nor cling to its words and thus be deprived of the Sovereign of Oneness. He specifically saith: "O Letters and Mirrors! Ye have become proof through My word. Beware lest at the time of His manifestation ye show pride before the Chosen Beauty." And although He hath promised the dawning of the Sun of Truth in the year Mustaghath by the name of "Him Whom God shall make manifest - glorious be His name", nevertheless He saith that should He appear at another hour, none hath the right to question why or wherefore, for that Sovereign of possibility hath ever been, and shall ever remain, the One Who doeth as He willeth. And should anyone claim otherwise, he hath not recognized the right of God, exalted be His remembrance, to do as He pleaseth. We take refuge in God from such vain imaginings. They have removed all limitations, veils, and allusions from this station, for that Ancient Beauty hath been and shall forever be sanctified above the limitations and allusions of all else but Him. None hath ever known or can know the nature of His manifestation. "None encompasseth His knowledge, and He is the All-Knowing." And He saith: "From the first moment when the Sun of Baha dawneth until it setteth, the Book of God is better throughout the night, if ye would understand. God hath created naught but for that Day when all shall attain His presence and then His good-pleasure." And in this connection He saith: "Verily the noon-hour hath drawn nigh, yet ye recognize not that Day," and "He whose meeting is My meeting - desire not for him that which ye would not desire for your own selves," unto the end of His mighty utterance. O ears of all creation! No hearing is evident - hearken thou to these conclusive divine words which, explicitly and without interpretation, have foretold those days when the Sun shall rise and is nigh unto shining forth at its meridian; yet ye, O people of the Bayan, shall not recognize that glorious Beauty. He hath explicitly

mentioned this name too, as evidenced by His mighty words: “From the first moment when the Sun of Baha dawneth until it setteth, the Book of God…” unto the end of His exalted utterance, that none might doubt or interpret it contrary to what God hath ordained. Nevertheless, all remain veiled from perceiving the Sun of Baha by the veils of self and desire, and cling to that which Satan hath commanded them. Would that they were content with merely being veiled! Nay, some have even engaged in distorting these words of the Manifestation of Names and Attributes. This is an injustice the like of which hath never appeared in creation. Woe unto the wrongdoers from the punishment of a grievous day! And after the appearance of this divine Sun of Glory, certain mirrors entertained vain imaginings and laid claim to the station of the Sun, heedless of the fact that in the Persian Bayan it is explicitly stated that should a mirror claim to be the Sun, it is evident before the Sun that it is but its reflection that speaks. Likewise He states that the mirrors in themselves have no reality, and in another place He says: “Say: O sun-like mirrors! Ye all gaze upon the Sun of Truth, and your existence and manifestation, would ye but perceive it, depend upon Its grace. Ye are all like fish in the sea, moving in the ocean yet veiled from the water, asking about that whereby ye subsist.” Now observe that He addresses the suns of the mirrors, which are the primary mirrors, saying that they should gaze upon the Sun of Truth, for their existence and manifestation have been and will ever be through His grace. And He states that the suns of the mirrors are like fish in the sea, moving in the ocean yet veiled from the sea and its water. Even as is witnessed today, the mirror of the people moves in the ocean of verses, seeking to prove itself through the verses of Divine Glory revealed in My previous Manifestation, its movement and expression of station being through the verses of God, yet it remains wholly veiled from the essence of the verses and their Revealer in these days. It moves in the ocean, yet remains heedless of the Sovereign of the ocean. This utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of eternity concerning the station of the suns of mirrors–how much more regarding those mirrors that stand beneath these suns! And likewise He says: “Verily, on the day of His manifestation, the highest of creation shall be even as the lowliest, and the nearest unto you shall be he who believes in Him. There are no ties of kinship among you, nor any glory save through your faith in Him.” Thus it is witnessed today that the highest of creation is accounted before God as the lowliest–how many manifestations of the highest heaven have returned to the nethermost depths, and how many expressions of nothingness have attained to the most pure and exalted station! And likewise He says to Aqa Siyyid Javad: “I shall complain unto thee, O Mirror of My bounty, concerning all the mirrors, for each according to his own colors gazeth upon Me.” Observe how He complains of all the mirrors, but this Beauty now complains of him who is known as the Mirror, for he sees Me through what is with him, not through what is with Me. In brief, today even if all mirrors were designated in the Bayan by the names of Divinity, Lordship, and beyond these, by the Self of God, the Manifestation of God, or the Essence of God, it would not suffice so long as they do not become assured of this holy divine Manifestation and this hidden celestial Mystery. All such are accounted as utter nothingness and complete void before God, even as it hath been recorded by the Pen of God at the beginning of these Tablets: “Beware, beware lest on the day of His manifestation thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but a creature before Him. Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words that were revealed in the Bayan, for they are His own words in the temple of His previous manifestation.” He warns that at the time of His manifestation, let it not be that thou remainest veiled from the Manifestation of the Cause by the Vahid of the Bayan–these being souls than whom none was more exalted after the Point of the Bayan–yet He states that ye should not remain veiled from the Truth by these souls.

And these were souls who, after the Point of the Bayan, were second to none; nevertheless He says that you should not remain veiled from the Truth by these souls. From this statement it is understood that in the subsequent Revelation some of these Letters must exist. And He says that you should not remain veiled from the Truth by what has been revealed in the Bayan. Now judge fairly, O people of the Bayan: with such a clear and perfect statement, can anyone today oppose the Manifestation Himself by saying that such and such a person is mentioned by name in the Bayan - how can he now be deprived of his station? Nay, by Him Who strengthened the Spirit through My Being! For these names and mentions and descriptions, even if accepted, are all but words inscribed in the Bayan. And among the counsels of the eternal Sovereign is this: that you should not remain veiled from the Manifestation of God by what has been revealed in the Bayan. Furthermore, I swear by the Sun of divine glory that today shines from the holy divine horizon that the mention of that pre-existent Sovereign of the people of the Bayan - whether in terms of Lordship or servitude - is one and the same in that realm. Even in stone, which is inanimate, they have inscribed the three letters representing the three Most Great Names of God, and have reminded the servants to observe these Names therein, that in the created thing the signs of the Creator might be witnessed. If He Who graciously bestowed these stations upon stone were to withdraw His favor, it would be fitting for anyone who objects. By God! None will object to God's Cause except every transgressor, sinful one. Had people been aware of the resurrection of names, they would never have objected to the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth in any matter. Thus it is that some are resurrected in name and known in the Kingdom of Names, yet their essence has never ascended beyond the depths of self and desire - this is due to a wisdom none knoweth save God. Many a fame has no foundation. And some are resurrected in essence without a name, as you have heard the story of Khidr, whose exalted station none in that time knew save God, such that his authority remained hidden even from Moses despite his lofty station and elevated rank. And after appearing before him, Moses was addressed with the words "Verily thou wilt not be able to have patience with me." Although he is mentioned in the Book by the name Khidr, none knew him save God, and with Us is the knowledge thereof in a clear Book. And some are resurrected in essence, being, self, spirit and name. Therefore witness and say: Glory be to God, the best of creators! Were all the stages of resurrection to be mentioned, it would be observed in what station and rank these who pride themselves on names are mentioned. But We have stayed the Pen until God should will otherwise, for He is the Explainer of all things in a clear Book. Furthermore, all things have ever been repositories of divine names and treasuries of creative mysteries, and in every dispensation He manifests from each thing whatsoever He willeth, and takes away whatsoever He pleaseth. Most wondrous of all is that today the Ancient Beauty and the Sun of the Most Great Name hath risen and shone forth at the meridian, yet people, clinging to a mere name from among names, have deprived themselves of the light of Beauty and recognition of the peerless Countenance of the All-Glorious. Say: By God the Truth! By the decree of His Pen were created the oceans of names and their kingdoms, were ye of them that know. And were He today to take a handful of dust and raise therefrom whatsoever name hath been or shall be, verily He is able, for He is the Sovereign, the King, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. By God! The eyes of the Prophets and Messengers in the Supreme Concourse weep for My soul and for what hath befallen Me, and they lament within themselves and cry out in their inmost beings. Yet the people are wrapped in profound heedlessness and mighty delusion. To such a pass have the people of the Bayan descended that the tongue of the All-Merciful hath been moved to utter words such as these, yet still they accept it not. Such is the condition of these people. Today, whoso ascendeth

not beyond the kingdom of names shall never attain unto this supreme bounty. For this reason did the Point of the Bayan declare that the seed of the next Revelation would be mightier than all the people of the Bayan, both now and in the time to come. Ponder then on this, O ye men of understanding! By Him Who hath arisen of His own accord! Were the servants to meditate upon this single utterance, they would find themselves independent of all save God, and would stand in no need of questions and answers to establish this wondrous Cause. God speaketh the truth, but the people hear not.

He further saith, exalted be His mention: "Verily His likeness, glorified be His mention, is as the sun: were an infinite number of mirrors to be placed before it, they would all reflect the sun according to their capacity; and were there to be none to face it, still would the sun rise and set, and the mirrors would remain veiled." Consider ye how it may be inferred from this holy and divine utterance that the sun can rise and set while the mirrors remain veiled. Yet how can it be said, after the rising of the Sun of Suns, around which circle suns whose number none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, that a mirror could be debarred from its rays and splendor? For it is evident that the very existence of mirrors dependeth not on themselves but on the sun, by whose light they are illumined. As is clearly seen today, were all the mirrors of creation to face this celestial Sun, they would all reflect its light and glory; and were they to turn away, they would all be as though non-existent, now and forevermore. Observe the visible mirror: so long as it faceth the sun, the effects of the sun's radiance are manifest therein; but as soon as it turneth away, these effects are obliterated and shall remain so, as all can plainly see.

He further saith: He is that Sovereign Potentate Who, by a movement of His sanctified tongue, createth at His word whatsoever He willeth and desireth of prophets, saints and the righteous. How then befitteth it them to turn away from One through Whose word prophets and saints are created, and to cleave instead to a mere name from among names, or a mention from among mentions, or a mirror from among mirrors? This indeed is a grievous wrong. By God the Truth! They have perpetrated that which none before them hath ever done, for after the appearance of the Sun at its meridian, there remaineth no time for tarrying. Yea, if they recognize not His own Self and find themselves powerless to acknowledge that Primal Beauty, by His own Self unto His own Self, then let them seek proof and testimony - the very proof and testimony by which the faith of all mankind was established. And when He has manifested from the oceans of His grace and bounty, who then can tarry, save he who has wholly turned away from the Truth and made his dwelling in the depths of denial, the abyss of repudiation, and the infernal fire of rejection? Even so do most of those who today fancy themselves secure upon the cushions of faith and the throne of certitude stand utterly remote from the Truth, submerged in the sea of unbelief, suffering at every moment grievous torment, though they perceive it not. Would that they were content with mere denial and rejection! Nay, by Him Who has caused Me to speak forth His praise, they shall never be content. Even as that soul whom We had nurtured through all his days and taught at all times the words of the All-Merciful, as they teach their birds in India, rose up against Me, warred with My Self, turned away from My Beauty, disputed the signs of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Not content with this, he arose to cut down the Divine Lote-Tree. When God brought him to naught and exposed what was in his heart, he then embarked upon such schemes as no one could ever reckon save God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He spread such calumnies that the pen is powerless to recount them, attributing to the very Self of God, Who standeth over all who are in the heavens and on earth, such

wickedness as had never appeared since the beginning of the world. Yet he dwelleth securely in his place, at ease, confident in the foolishness of the people who walk in the paths of fancy and swim in the sea of blind imitation. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, were he to perceive even less than can be reckoned of those who see with divine insight, he would never have committed such slanders. Yet he is heedless that ere long there shall appear from behind the veils of divine protection souls who shall distinguish, with divine vision, truth from falsehood and the sun from shadow, whom no barrier shall withhold from the straight path nor any veil deprive of the Most Great Announcement. Would that some discerning soul might consider their words which tell of their own selves and beings, that he might recognize them and be of those who understand. I swear by the Most Great Sovereign that were anyone to observe with penetrating eye the words of the deniers, he would perceive the station, rank and position of these imaginary beings. Today the chiefs of the Bayan advance, unaware, the very same proofs that the lowliest among the People of the Furqan used to establish their own truth. For instance, they cling to the matter of successorship which the previous Manifestation had utterly erased from the Book, as all are aware that naught was revealed in the Bayan from the Pen of the All-Merciful save concerning the Letters and Mirrors, and even these were not limited, as witnessed in the prayers where He says: "O my God! At all times send forth such impregnable Mirrors and pure crystals as shall reflect Thee and guide unto Thee." And in all the Tablets there hath been revealed from God these words: "Let him who willeth look upon them and be of them that know." Now, like unto the people of the Furqan who invented the "Seal of the Prophets" and remained veiled from Him Who sent forth and raised up that Seal, these people too have desired to establish for themselves the "Seal of the Saints," as is evident to all. Him through whose word hundreds of thousands of saints have been and are being created, they have cast into the well of hatred, and at all times from every direction they hurl the stones of their vain imaginings at His blessed person, while they raise an outcry within themselves and claim to be oppressed, that perchance they might instill the hatred of God into weak souls. Such is the condition of the Mirrors that have appeared. Say: Today, were God to pronounce him who beareth the most detested of names among men to be your Lord, or conversely, none hath the right to ask "why" or "wherefore," for He, exalted and glorified be He, doeth what He willeth, and shall not be asked of His doings. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

In these days they have written and sent forth treatises in rejection of the Truth with polytheistic hands. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that they have spoken like children with meaningless, nonsensical words - nay, even more base, if ye but knew. Now compare the books and treatises of this group with what hath appeared from the servants of this House, and judge fairly yourselves, that perchance ye may not remain deprived this Day of the grace of the Ocean of inner meanings that hath encompassed all created things. And now the Truth hath condescended to such a degree that from all sides they continuously ask questions about Quranic matters, and answers must be written. For instance, someone hath supposed a mirror to be a ruby, and then asked whether the ruby can be transformed before reaching its station of maturity, and how it changes after maturity - meaning, can the mirror be altered or transformed before reaching this station of being a mirror, but after reaching maturity how doth it descend from this station. Thus have most people remained deprived of the King of Oneness today through such obvious matters. First say: O questioner, We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee in such wise that thou mayest know all things in their proper station and be detached from all allusions, and

mayest witness naught in creation save the effulgence of the lights that have encompassed the worlds, and that He may erase from thy heart all remembrances that thou mayest arise to praise thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. For on such a Day it behooveth no one to turn to anything of what hath been created between the heavens and earths. Would it be fitting for anyone, after the sun hath risen to its zenith, to occupy himself with mention of the stars or to inquire about a lamp, even though it be a shining lamp? Nay, by My luminous, holy, mighty, radiant Beauty! Cast behind thee all remembrances, then hold fast to this Remembrance Who hath appeared with the truth and Who speaketh in all things, saying: 'There is no God but I, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.' And if thou art not successful in comprehending what hath been revealed in these verses from the heaven of oneness and art fixed upon the answer to thine own question, then hearken to the Most Glorious Call from the horizon of supreme might. First know that all things can be and are transformed into all things, and knowledge of this is in the Book of thy Lord Who neither erreth nor forgetteth. Secondly, if thou art asked whether God hath power to transform a ruby or not, what wouldst thou answer? Indeed, powerlessness hath ever been the attribute of creation, while the True One, the Inaccessible, standeth established upon the throne of might. With a single word He is able to turn all who are on earth into pieces of moist red ruby, and with a word return them all to stone. Exalted is He above what ye have imagined and do imagine concerning His power. And beyond this station, place the ruby in fire and observe what happens, that thou mayest become certain of the transformation of all things save God. Likewise when the ruby of the heart is tried in the fire of self and desire, it is surely deprived of its delicacy, color and purity. Today there are many pieces of ruby that have reverted to stone and are unaware of it, and likewise the opposite, were ye of those who understand. In the ruby there are manifold varieties and diverse colors to be observed, and all its hues are altered in the fire save two kinds known as bahramani and rummani. And these two, though they may be altered by intense fire over many days, yet if they remain in moderate fire behind a veil, no harm shall be observed. And some maintain that fire enhanceth the hue of these two kinds. However, should the divine fire - which in the hidden divine knowledge is known as the red sulphur - be cast upon the ruby, it would instantly be calcined like other bodies. Verily, fire rectifieth every corruption and corrupteth every rectification, increasing righteousness in the righteous and corruption in the corrupt. Whosoever hath become informed of divine knowledge comprehendeth that which hath been mentioned, and besides such a one none hath any portion save by the command of the Ancient and Omnipotent One. In brief, O questioner, in all things save God and in the very Manifestation itself, change and transformation are to be observed. We created all things from dust and unto it shall We return them, and from it shall We bring them forth again alive. This is a promise from Us, and We shall assuredly fulfill what We have promised, for We are the best of them that fulfill.

O people! Hear ye the call of the Bird of Eternity from the Supreme Paradise, and drink ye the choice, pure and crystal-clear wine from the holy fingers of Baha, and become free and detached from all else save God, that the oceans of divine knowledge and wisdom may flow from your hearts and tongues, and ye may become free and sanctified from such questions as these. Beware lest ye defile the heart, which is a trust of the Chosen Beauty, with the defilement of the words of the wicked and the doubts of the evil ones, for they have appeared today with all manner of tricks and devices, casting doubts into hearts by whatever means possible. Apart from all these statements, if there should exist in the world something that undergoes no change or transformation, what connection hath this with the contention of these

people? For instance, if according to these people a ruby remains unchanged, what relation hath this to the fact that one who hath turned towards God cannot turn away from Him, or that a monotheist cannot become a polytheist, or a believer an infidel? The King of Names hath ordained change possible in some things and not in others. For example, copper can become gold, but dust hath not the capacity to become gold. Since men of learning have already discussed this matter, this servant doth not wish to elaborate upon it. However, in man the capacity for knowledge and ignorance, acceptance and rejection, faith and unbelief, is evident and manifest. If the questioner's purpose in mentioning gold and ruby was in reference to the mineral kingdom, this is far removed from his intent, for even if gold hypothetically cannot become copper, nor ruby become ash, one cannot draw analogies from this regarding the other creations of the Creator. This is clear and evident to those possessed of insight who gaze upon the Most Great Scene. If the intent was in reference to the human realm, it is known that gold and ruby symbolize the believer's faith in God and his recognition of His Manifestation, and it is quite evident that this can change, as many souls who at first believed in the Beauty of the All-Merciful later turned away. If thou wouldst ascend above the realm of fancy and sanctify thy heart from verbal allusions, thou wouldst witness the transformation of all things into all things at every moment. And he unto whom this vision is unveiled is accounted as one possessed of true insight in the estimation of God, the Almighty, the Chosen One. The essence of the utterance of the Beauty of the All-Merciful is this: The Cause of God hath ever been and shall ever be sanctified above mention, description and limitation. Whosoever seeketh to comprehend the King of the infinite depths through such veils shall never attain certitude. By the power of the Sovereign of Eternity, rend ye asunder the veils of names and whatsoever is below or above them, and enter ye the most exalted, most sublime, most impregnable, most holy and most glorious City, for naught but His shadow is today as fire, and naught but His love shall ever be accepted.

Likewise, someone asked about the number of verses in "The Hour has drawn nigh and the moon is cleft asunder." Say: O thou who gazeth upon the words, set aside the numbers and contemplate the verse itself. If today all who are in the heavens and earth were to gaze upon this blessed verse and ponder its hidden meanings, it would suffice them all. For today the sun of inner meaning hath shone forth from the horizon of the verse's outer appearance, and it is a cutting sword against those souls who have taken others besides God as their protector. The meaning of this verse was not revealed until this exalted Manifestation, for at the time of the Primal Point's appearance, there was no guardian according to people's understanding who could be cleft asunder. Rather, there were the divines, who were symbolized as stars, while the guardian was symbolized as the moon and the Prophet as the sun. Thus in this Revelation the sun hath risen from God's horizon and the illusory moon hath been cleft. Therefore say: Blessed be God, the Most Powerful of the powerful!

Now ponder this revealed verse and judge fairly, and be not of those who recognize God's favor and then deny it. Would that these people had truly understood this guardian and mirror they have taken for themselves besides God. I swear by the Sun of the glory of the Eternal that the fundamental matter concerning the mirror was not as they have heard it, and whoever claims knowledge of it speaks falsely, by the Lord of eternity. What this servant mentioned, in accordance with divine wisdom, became widespread among the people, but no one hath comprehended the intent of the words of the Primal Point, exalted be His glory. This servant hath kept the fundamental matter hidden from all, for a wisdom

none knoweth save My All-Knowing, All-Wise Self. By God, He hath dealt with His Creator, Who created Him with a breath from His presence, as none in all the worlds hath dealt.

If people were to behold with the eye of God even one of the wondrous Tablets that have been sent down in these days from the heaven of mighty oneness, they would not remain veiled from the Truth and would witness all else as non-existent, becoming convinced that naught besides Him was or ever shall be worthy of mention, let alone those who turn away. Today some have claimed infallibility for certain ones besides God, just as the people of the Qur'an spoke without understanding, having never grasped the meaning of infallibility. The decree of infallibility is fulfilled today in this way: whoever, after hearing God's Word and His call, affirms it with certainty by saying "yea," is among the infallible ones; without this, one remains outside infallibility. As the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath said, addressing the Great One: "Verily the Cause hath transcended all limits. Thou dost purify servants who, when God is manifested unto them, recognize God their Creator, neither wavering therein nor doubting, until I make them like those I made before among the Prophets, the Successors, the Martyrs and the near ones. By My life, wert thou to bring the number of all things, I would make it so, and it would neither decrease God's dominion by any measure nor increase it. However, thou seest that such a station requireth the Most Great Infallibility, and infallibility is not what people imagine in their religious precautions, for when they heard the call"Am I not your Lord?" they did not say "Yea." They turned away. Rather, infallibility belongs to those who, when God said "Am I not your Lord?" responded "Yea." And God speaks to none except through His Manifestation in every Dispensation.

After this utterance, which is the most explicit of all words revealed from the Pen of God, who can claim infallibility for himself except after accepting this Most Great, Most Glorious Cause? Today, all people of whatever rank are bereft of infallibility save those souls who have attained certitude in this holy, eternal Revelation. O servants! Hearken unto the Call of God and purify the ears of your innate nature from hearing the words of the people of the Furqan, that ye may comprehend the most wondrous utterance of the Tongue of the All-Merciful.

Reflect: wherein have these people spoken the truth? For one thousand two hundred and sixty years they held to the termination of Revelations, likewise to the appearance of the Qa'im in a specific form in a designated land, and similarly to the signs of the Revelation, clinging to a thousand traditions to such extent that they considered the deniers of these sayings as infidels. Then it became evident, at the appearance of the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His mention, that all had erred, and that the Manifestations of the glory of the Divine Unity have ever been and shall ever continue to be manifest. Likewise consider all other statements of these embodiments of error - observe that all was and shall be mere fancy. Their god is their desire and their object of worship their vain imaginings, if ye but knew.

Although all the people of the Bayan have witnessed that whatever was in the possession of this group was other than truth, they nevertheless continue to adduce proofs from the words of the people of the Furqan and discourse thereon. Even now this group seeks to prevent people from the celestial streams of God and the fountainhead of divine glory through mention of previous successorship. I swear by the Beauty of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious, that had there been a thousand Manifestations present during the Revelation of the Point of the Bayan, and had any hesitated less than a moment in

acknowledging the Cause of the Sovereign Lord, they would have been reckoned by God among the people of fire.

Rend asunder the veils of fancy and ascend unto the most glorious heaven. If ye desire that truth be made manifest to all, let several fair-minded souls gather in this city to observe God's verses and His words. Similarly, the claimants are present in this land - let proper inquiry be made that the signs of truth may be distinguished from aught else, and it may become evident to all that all others are but paupers at His gate, powerless before His presence, and destitute before the manifestations of His lights.

In the Persian Bayan the Divine Tongue hath spoken, exalted be His utterance: "Exert your utmost endeavor that in the Day of the Revelation of the Truth, His words may not be used as proof against Him, for all the words of the Bayan are the words of His previous Manifestation, and He knoweth better than all creation that which He hath revealed, for the spirit of all is in His grasp, and with all there is naught but a shadow, if they are steadfast in the truth - otherwise they are not worthy of mention."

Consider this utterance of the Beauty of the All-Merciful: Although He forbade all from protesting against that Essence of Being and Sovereign Lord of all worship, and explicitly commanded that none should dispute with the words of the Bayan at the advent of the next Manifestation, yet today we observe that all have risen in protest, saying: "Such and such a one was designated in the Bayan with the Most Beautiful Names; how then can he descend from this station?" And likewise He says, exalted be His remembrance: "Recognize Him through His verses, and be not overly cautious in recognizing Him, for to that same degree shall ye be in the fire." Consider these decisive words: today all who are cautious regarding this most mighty and most holy Cause are in the fire, of this there is no doubt. And His word, exalted be His remembrance: "If ye turn within yourselves toward God, His likeness is what existeth in your hearts. Be not veiled from Him by Him, and recognize Him for Whose recognition ye were created." And His exalted word: "In every Revelation, the believers in Him and His Book become veiled by His subsequent Revelation and His Book, to such degree that none remain except the sincere believer, who is rarer than red sulphur." Even as today all are being tested, and most of humanity hath turned away from the King of Oneness, saying: "Such and such a one was designated in the Bayan by the name of God." Through such words they remain deprived of the eternal King of Glory, unaware of what they have done. And even granting this claim, they remain heedless that all names in that most holy court occupy the same plane. He bestoweth as He willeth and withdraweth as He pleaseth. His exalted word: "None knoweth the time of the Manifestation save God. Whenever it occurreth, all must acknowledge the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God." Nevertheless, some have objected regarding the nearness of the Manifestation, just as all previous peoples were occupied with such objections. Say: Woe unto you! How quickly have ye transformed the divine bounty and followed the paths of fancy and error, when scarcely any time hath passed since the Manifestation that all have reverted to their first step. In any case, the Truth hath ever been sovereign and shall forever remain sovereign. He manifesteth Himself howsoever He willeth, and verily He is the Sovereign, while all else is held within the grasp of His power, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! No greater injustice existeth today than that He Who speaketh in all things "I am God, there is no God but Me" should need to prove to His servants that He hath power to change one of His names, when the Kingdom of Names boweth before His sovereignty, the Realm of Attributes trembleth in awe of Him, and the Heaven of Mystery is

guided by His presence and brought into being by His command, and returneth unto Him. Such is the condition of these immature and incapable people - that the Almighty, by Whose will all names were created and by Whose sovereign command all attributes were manifested, and around Whom circle the denizens of the highest Paradise, must prove that He is able to withdraw from a soul the garment of a name, even though they had and have no knowledge of that name. The doubters in the power of the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth and this most wondrous, most holy, most exalted Manifestation have deemed God's hands to be fettered, though they may not verbally confess to this. The tongue of the Chosen One beareth witness to this, though they deny it. His glory be exalted! For unto the people these were but words whose meaning they comprehended not, and thus remained veiled on the day of His manifestation. Therefore today all remain veiled from the intention of the Bayan by its very words, though they neither understood nor will understand God's purpose therein. Even as that Ancient Beauty wrote to the leaders of the Bayan, bidding them inquire about God's purpose in His words from the Living Letter who was in His presence, for they knew not God's intent. That Living Letter was Aqa Siyyid Husayn, who was martyred in his Lord's path, and none attained his presence to inquire about the meanings of the divine utterances. The purpose of this statement from the tongue of the All-Merciful was that the leaders might know they neither understood nor understand the meaning of God's words. And as the manifest Revelation drew nigh, that same Siyyid ascended to the most exalted station. Ponder on this, O ye who are endowed with insight!

And His words, exalted be His praise: "All that I have mentioned to thee regarding the station of proof is but a drop from the manifest ocean. If thou desirest the heart's mystery by the decree of the Hidden Countenance, no allusion can point to it, nor can endless veils conceal it, nor doth anyone need mention proof thereof, for it is the very essence of Revelation and the perfection of concealment. Glory be to God above what they describe!"

How can allusion find its way to that realm of divine unity's glory, in honor of His presence and in testimony to the purity of His essence and the subtlety of His station? Yet after He manifested the Sun of His Beauty from the horizon of destiny through all divine manifestations and every sign of oneness, arrows of hatred were launched from all directions at the manifest Beauty, the Lord of the worlds. "The first to cast stones at Me was he whom I sheltered beneath the wings of My grace, whom We reared beneath Our mantle and taught in Our days. He it was who slew Me with the sword of rejection, shed My blood, violated God's sanctity in My person, and denied My signs after having bowed before a single letter thereof, having been created by a breath therefrom. He denied God's right in My right, warred against God's Self in My Self, openly decreed My death, and when God prevented him by His power and revealed his heart's hidden thoughts to those who had emigrated in God's path, he resorted to calumny, turning his deeds and tyranny against My oppressed Self to reassure his followers. By God! The heavens of the Cause were rent asunder by his deed, the holy lands were cleft by his tyranny, the veil of the Kingdom was torn by his words, and the dwellers of the realms of eternity wept at his sin, while he laughed to himself as though he had committed no wrong in all creation. By God! All things weep, yet he remaineth unaware. Soon shall he know, when death comes upon him and his eyes roll in fear of divine wrath, and he says"Is there any way back that I might seek forgiveness for what I have done?" Then shall the clay of the abyss be struck upon his mouth. Thus is it ordained for those who are arrogant before

God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. His words, exalted be His praise: “Glorified art Thou, O my God! If Thou sayest that Thou hast forgiven the Bayan and all within it, then all abide in Thy forgiveness and good-pleasure. And if Thou sayest nay, then verily I am the one who clings to the hem of Thy bounty and seeks intercession with Thee through Thyself.”

There is no doubt that the Pre-existent Being speaks only through the tongue of the Manifestation of His Own Self. Observe in these utterances what degree of humility is shown by the Beloved of all possibility, who has made the entire Bayan and all within it contingent upon the “yea” or “nay” of the King of Eternity in a future Revelation. And now the King of the unseen and the seen is manifest to all, and such harm has befallen His blessed person that were all the oceans of the unseen and the seen to become ink, and all who dwell in the kingdom to become pens, and all who are in the heavens and earth to become writers, they would surely be powerless to describe it. Would that they had counted Him among His faithful ones! The curse of God be upon the oppressors and the idolaters. Yet they still recite the Bayan and transcribe it. Many a reader of the Bayan whom the Bayan itself curses, many a practitioner whose deeds it disowns, many a rememberer from whom remembrance itself flees. May God protect us and you, O people of unity, from these ones and from their evil, their deceit and their guile.

And likewise in communion with the King of Names and Attributes they mention: “I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy independence from all things, to accept the Bayan and all within it, for I have named all that hath appeared from me by that name and made all of it a book, a leaf among the leaves of the gardens unto Thee. Accept it, O my Beloved, for that would be a token of Thy grace and mercy; and if Thou rejectest it, O my Beloved, that would be a manifestation of Thy justice and the independence of Thy Lordship.”

Although all utterance has been contingent upon the word of that Divine Essence and the Manifestation of the All-Merciful, now they are occupied with the basest of His creation and remain deprived of His beauty. Woe unto these, then woe unto these! By God, these pass not by anything except that it seeketh refuge with God from them and dissociateth itself from them, saying in its inmost tongue: “O heedless polytheist! By what proof didst thou believe in the manifestation of ’Ali before Nabil, and by what evidence dost thou deny Husayn before ’Ali? Nay, O accursed one! By God, thou hast never truly believed in any of God’s Messengers, and if thou didst believe in any age, that faith was not real faith but merely a phantom, for had it been authentic thou wouldst not have denied Him through Whom the message of every Messenger was verified, every Prophet was raised up, and the faith of all in the heavens and earth was established.”

The translation of these most impenetrable divine words is set forth in pure Persian in the most wondrous tongue, purely for the sake of God, that perchance some souls might be cleansed from the defilement of self and passion and ascend to the heaven of mighty eternity, which is the station of recognition of the Self of the All-Merciful. His is the command - He guideth whom He willeth unto His hallowed and luminous Beauty.

Today, whosoever turneth away from the countenance of the true Object of worship passeth not by anything except that it sayeth with its inmost tongue: “O thou who associateth partners with God! By what proof and evidence didst thou believe in the Beauty of the All-Merciful in the previous

Manifestation, and by what argument hast thou denied the King of the Path in this Manifestation?" By the Sun of holy transcendence, such a one hath ever been an infidel and idolater, and if in any age he proclaimed his faith, it was not genuine but rather a mere phantom within him, and in this Manifestation the snare of faith caught faith itself, and Satan returned to his abode in the nethermost hell. Had thy faith been authentic, thou wouldst not have denied Him through Whom the message of all Messengers was verified, all Prophets were raised up, and the faith of all that is in the heavens and earth was established.

O servants! Consider the Cause of God for a while with pure hearts and just vision, that perchance ye may not be debarred from the divine sanctuary or excluded from the celestial Ka'bah of the Eternal.

O Ali! Although thou art the questioner and the answer is recorded in thy name, yet it appears most difficult that thou shouldst today acknowledge the truth and be mindful of all that is mentioned in the Tablet, inasmuch as thy heart hath been veiled by thick veils and thine eyes are covered by endless clouds. However, God's glance and His secret attention through these words is directed to other hearts, and ere long they shall be manifested with such power that they shall behold all else but God beneath their shadow. Yet, due to the precedence of divine mercy and the all-encompassing nature of heavenly grace, this hath been revealed in thy name, that perchance the breezes of the days of God may take hold of thee and detach thee from all the worlds.

His utterance, exalted be His bounty: Ever hath the sun been likened unto Him and all else unto mirrors. Each mirror reflecteth according to its capacity the light that hath shone upon it from itself unto itself. Thus all derive proof therefrom of their connection to it. And were the sign that hath been manifested therein through it unto it be removed, then nothing would remain in the mirror that could prove the existence of God. Thus doth God take away what He taketh away. None after Him shall judge by the hearts of men as signs, even though they all declare "We believe in God and His signs." God beareth not witness to that which they utter.

O ye who are intoxicated with the wine of idle fancies! Hearken unto the call of the Most Exalted Lord that hath been raised in these conclusive words and firm, impregnable verses, that perchance ye may show mercy unto yourselves and unto God's servants, and cast not the stones of doubt and hatred at the divine Lote-Tree. And if ye yourselves are not guided, at least deprive not the servants from the stream of the Lord of all creation in these grievous days. He saith that all are mirrors reflecting the sun according to their capacity and station, according to how the sun is reflected in that mirror through the mirror itself. At this time it can be inferred that all subsist and exist through the sun. And if the sign of the sun's reflection that hath shone in the mirror through the mirror itself be removed, nothing would remain in the mirror to indicate its Revealer and Creator.

Despite these decisive, unambiguous, and conclusive words, the people of the Bayan have doubted how a mirror could be deprived of the sun's reflected light, and they have persisted in this matter to an extent that cannot be mentioned. They object to Him through one reflection of Whose Most Luminous Name hundreds of thousands of mirrors are illumined and brightened, and through one manifestation of Whose Name "the Wrathful" all are cast back to their own limitations. They turn away from His Beauty, and after the Sun of Beauty hath reached its zenith they ask, "Where are its lights and its proof?" O heedless ones! Lift your heads from the slumber of negligence and behold His lights that have encompassed the world.

Some say He hath appeared too soon. O ye sightless ones! Whether soon or late, He hath now appeared - consider whether this appearance is true or not. Its timing, whether near or far, was never and shall never be in your hands or in the hands of this servant. The divine wisdom, which is hidden from mortal eyes, hath so required. O people! Be content with what God hath ordained and decreed for you. By God! Had the matter been in My hands, I would never have revealed Myself. O ye that harbor hatred! By the Sun of eternity, were the matter in this servant's hands, I would never have made Myself known, for My very name disdaineth mention by these impure and lying tongues.

By God, if the matter were in My hands, I would never have revealed Myself! O ye that harbor hatred! I swear by the Sun of the heaven of eternity that were the matter in the hands of this Servant, I would never have made Myself known, inasmuch as My Name doth shrink from being mentioned by these impure and lying tongues. And whenever I chose to remain silent and still, the Holy Spirit would speak from my right hand, and the Spirit of Glory from before My face, and the Spirit of the Most Great Name from above My head, and the Spirit of Baha within My breast, and now, were ye to hearken with the ear of spirit, ye would hear from all My limbs and members, from My inmost being and vitals, from My veins and from the hair of My head, the call of God proclaiming: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, and this Beauty is His Glory unto all who are in the heavens and on earth." And if this be My crime, then by God this proceedeth not from Me but from Him Who hath sent Me and raised Me up in truth and made Me a lamp unto all worlds. O people! By God, the fragrance of truth is easily distinguished from falsehood. Desire not for the True One that which ye desire not for yourselves. Pause ye to reflect: What hath been the purpose of this Servant in this most great prison in these last days, and what will it be? Ponder then, O heedless ones! O people! Be ye ashamed before God, and doubt not His Cause, and seek not proof of the Sun and its radiance, for its proof is its light and its rays. And doubt not its appearance, for it hath risen and there is no return for it. Rather, beseech God to open your sight that ye may perceive its lights that have encompassed both worlds. Say: By God! The Pen of the Most Holy One hath traced upon My radiant brow, in musk-scented lines of greatest glory[…]

O concourse of earth and heaven! This indeed is the Beloved, the like of whom the eye of creation hath never beheld, nor hath the eye of invention seen His peer. He is the One through Whose beauty the eye of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beauteous, hath been solaced. There is a tradition that one of the companions of the Messenger of God held in his hand a page from the Torah. His Holiness asked, "What holdest thou in thy hand?" He replied, "The Torah." He said, "Put it away, for were its Author living, He would obey Me." Now consider: when the Book of God, through which all matters pertaining to the Prophet, the Letters, the Mirrors, the Gates and the Pillars have been established and confirmed, is forbidden to be taken and read, how can it be permissible - according to your claim - to reject one of the Mirrors whose existence hath been established through the Letters, which Letters themselves have been confirmed and established by the Book? Woe unto you! Ye speak that of which ye have no knowledge, and ye deem yourselves to be guided, even as did the peoples of old, and in this do ye rejoice. By God! None can find protection from God's decree save by detaching himself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and turning unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Purify your vision that ye may behold all things today on one plane, and witness with your outer and inner sight the lights of the Sun of sanctification from the horizon of the Vesture. And beyond all these proofs concerning Mirza Asadu'llah,

whom the Primal Point - exalted be His mention - addressed thus: “O Manifestation of Oneness!” Now judge with fairness: how can ye, by God’s word, call him who was made the dawning-place of the Sovereign of Oneness “the father of evil”? And if ye say this station was withdrawn from him by the Mirror, then assuming this to be permissible, what objection can there be if the Point Himself should withdraw the vesture of acceptance from one of the Mirrors? And if ye ask how it is established that this visible Point and all-embracing Word is truthful in His claim, We say: by the same proof and evidence through which ye have accepted all that hath appeared from and been revealed by the previous Manifestation. Look now with that same proof and evidence, and deny not God Who created you by His command, if ye be of the fair-minded. Likewise He addresseth Asadu’llah thus: “O Third Letter who hath believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest - exalted be His glory!” Similarly, in the Treatise on Jafr which was specially revealed for him from the heaven of the Divine Essence, it is written at the beginning, and this is its text: “That which was revealed to his honor the Lion, the unique One who is illumined by the light of the Eternal, the Name of God, the Judge, for God, the One, the Trusted.” And later He - exalted be His mention - saith: “O Name of the Judge! This is a hidden and treasured knowledge which We have entrusted to thee and given thee as a glory from God, as the eye of thy heart is subtle and recognizeth its value and glorifieth its splendor.” And further He - exalted be His power - saith: “O Most Glorious Name! Look not upon these people except as sheep led by their shepherd as He willeth.” And besides what hath been mentioned, sacred and eternal words describing him exist in the Book - consider them. This servant hath not mentioned them for the sake of brevity. O ye blind ones in existence, open your eyes!

Consider, O people of insight, and reflect upon that which thou thyself performest, yet at which thou now standeth perplexed and bewildered. Thou callest Dayyan base, and nameth the Single, the One - among the most great names of God - the father of evil, yet thou objecteth to the Sovereign Who doeth as He willeth, asking how sweetness can turn bitter, or a mirror become as stone. This, when Asadu’llah denied not the Truth, and upon reaching the City of God appeared before the Throne and acknowledged that which the people of the Bayan had acknowledged on that Day. Yet there befell him what befell him. Nay, not content with him alone, the decree of death was pronounced upon many. The Book of the Awakened One is available - examine it. I swear by the Sun of inner meaning that in that book the death sentence was pronounced upon all the Manifestations of Divine Unity, though the death sentence had been entirely lifted from the Bayan and its people by the explicit text of the Bayan. They cast two false accusations against that helpless one and pronounced the death sentence without God’s leave. The verse “One hair of His head is better than a thousand of His slayers” [applies]. Even now they perpetrate such clear and evident tyranny against the Countenance of Divine Unity and arise to slay Him. Yet they write to various regions, attributing such injustices to the Essence of Justice and Its Source and Mine, that perchance they might cast rancor and hatred into the hearts of some of the deluded ones. But they are heedless that God has, beneath the shadow of His name the All-Seeing, servants who can split a hair lengthwise, whose vision no veils of the world can obstruct.

Similarly, addressing Siyyid Ibrahim, exalted be His mention: “O My Friend mentioned in the Sacred Scrolls! O My Remembrance in the Books after the Scrolls! O My Name in the Bayan!” to the end of what was revealed. These divine utterances which flowed from the Holy and Eternal Pen in his praise, yet now

he is known as the father of calamities. Though they themselves glory in being mentioned as the Remembrance of God in the worlds in the divine Books, they refer to one who was designated as the Friend in the divine Scrolls, as God's Remembrance in the revealed Books, and as God's Name in the Bayan, as the father of calamities. Yet regarding one less than him who objected to the Will of God Itself and His grandeur, they consider no change permissible. They have assumed God's power to be like their own power and have considered the Supreme Pen to be idle. I swear by My persecution that the Pen of Power is constantly engaged in erasing and inscribing, and none comprehend this save the detached ones. Thus doth the All-Merciful erase what He willeth and confirm what He willeth, and with Him is the Mother Book.

How strange that these souls who pride themselves on these names have turned away from the Truth. Yea, these mentions and attributes exist in every soul so long as they have not left the stronghold of God's Cause; otherwise they possess not, in God's sight, the worth of the black of an ant's eye. Furthermore, all things have been and shall be the Remembrance of God in the worlds, for all things in their essence are the Name of God, and His Name, exalted be His station, hath been His Remembrance among the servants.

His name, exalted be His glory, hath ever been His remembrance amongst His servants, and thus hath it always been and shall forever remain. By Him Who standeth alone in might and splendor! Were it not that God perceiveth mankind to be immature, verily I would have opened in every atom of existence the gates of such knowledge that all created things would behold themselves utterly powerless and wanting before its recognition. However, as the unauthorized are present, the mysteries remain concealed. Thus hath it been ordained by the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Ye were created to meet Me after My independence of you, and were promised My Self and knowledge thereof after My transcendence above your knowledge, and were given glad tidings of My beauty after My exaltation above you and above all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths. Yet ye have clung to the weakest of names, remaining distant and heedless of the Sovereign of Names. If ye are focused on verses, their equivalent hath descended from the heaven of the All-Merciful in such wise that none hath any excuse to turn away, except the idolaters whose heart-sickness hath prevented them from recognition and understanding. Moreover, compare the words of those who circle round the Cause of God today with the words of him whom ye took as a protector for yourselves apart from God, that ye may recognize the greatness of the Cause and perchance inflict no harm upon the Ancient Beauty through mere fancy. By the truth! The peoples of every past religion may have excuses for their veiling of themselves from the eternal Manifestations of glory through unworthy pretexts, but for the people of the Bayan no excuse or justification remaineth, for the Sovereign of Oneness hath mentioned the subsequent Revelation in the most explicit utterance and clearest exposition, in such wise that He made all the Bayan and what was revealed therein contingent upon His Word, as was previously inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Well is it with them that understand! Among attempts to invalidate truth and establish falsehood, the one who turned away from God clung to these words - and since it is unfitting to quote his words directly, We mention what the Pen of God hath recorded concerning them, the substance of which is this: "It is revealed from the Pen of Glory - was your Beloved possessed of sight or not? If this is denied, this would be an injustice against God from the Most

Sublime Vision. And if that sovereign of eternity possessed sight and knowledge, how could He describe and praise with beautiful names one who would descend from his station and be counted among the opposers?" First, the speaker of these words hath not recognized the truth that "He doeth what He pleaseth" and hath denied God's all-encompassing power, and such a soul was and will be the most remote of creatures according to the explicit text of the Point of the Bayan, as was mentioned before: "Say: O God! Thou art the God of gods! Thou givest divinity to whom Thou willest and takest it from whom Thou willest, verily Thou art powerful over all things. Say: O God! Thou art the Lord of the heavens and the earth! Thou givest lordship to whom Thou willest and takest it from whom Thou willest" and so forth as was revealed. Now We say: What sayest thou concerning this comprehensive word that hath flowed from the pristine nature of the Sovereign of Oneness? If thou hast acknowledged the truth of the Glorious and Exalted One - the Sovereign Almighty Who is able to bestow divinity and lordship, which are the most exalted stations, upon whomsoever He willeth, and likewise to take them from whomsoever He willeth - then surely He is able to remove the mantle of description from whomsoever He pleaseth. This is a mention that applieth universally, not specifically to anyone. But if thou lookest to specific descriptions and considerest God's hand to be chained and deniest His all-encompassing power, then what sayest thou concerning Mirza Asadu'llah, about whom He explicitly saith: "O Third Letter who hath believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest"? And it is most clear that the Third Letter of Him Whom God shall make manifest, exalted be His glory, is a hundred thousand ranks above the Letters of the Bayan and his mirrors in the sight of God, for the Point of the Bayan Himself - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath declared: "A one-year-old child in the time of Him Whom God shall make manifest is mightier than all who are in the Bayan." Now judge thou fairly: Was the Point of the Bayan endowed with insight or not? If thou considerest Him truthful and possessed of vision, why didst thou name as the father of evil one whom He mentioned with such loftiness and transcendence in the Mother Book, and command his execution? O thou who seest with but one eye, thou hast perceived the faults of others while remaining heedless of what is within thyself! If thou sayest he turned away from the Truth and thus this judgment befell him, we say, granting this premise: If it be permissible for the Third Letter of Him Whom God shall make manifest - who by the express text of the Pen of Command was more glorious and exalted than all creation of the Bayan before God - to become a denier, an infidel and an idolator, then why dost thou not deem it possible for one of countless mirrors to turn away from the Truth? Thus was confounded he who disbelieved. By God, none hath understood the essence of this Cause, for had they understood, they would have recognized it.

And in the Tablet to Vahid-i-Akbar, the Dove of Eternity warbleth in most wondrous melodies: "Blessed be the soul that heareth and is among those who ponder the verses of God." His utterance, exalted be His utterance: "By Him Who splitteth the seed and createth the soul, if I were certain that thou wouldst not believe in Him at the time of His manifestation, I would lift from thee the decree of faith in this Dispensation, for thou wast not created save for Him. And were I to know that any Christian would believe in Him, I would surely make him the apple of Mine eyes and would decree faith for him in this Dispensation without requiring any evidence from him." He saith: I swear by the Almighty Who split open the seed of hearts and created man, that if I were certain thou wouldst not believe in that Dawning-Place of the Sun of Truth in the next Revelation, I would surely lift from thee the decree of faith in this Dispensation, for thou wast not created save to know that Sun of the Heaven of Certitude. And were I to

know that one among the Christians would attain to the recognition of that Beauty of the All-Merciful and believe in Him, I would surely make him the apple of Mine eyes and would decree faith for him in this Dispensation without requiring any evidence from him.

Now, O people of insight, observe how infinitely gentle and tender is God's Cause, and how His all-embracing mercy hath encompassed all existence, such that regarding one from among the Christians who is today an infidel and idolator, that Divine Tree hath, by virtue of his future faith in the next Manifestation, related and associated him with the most tender and gentle parts of His blessed being. And yet these base creatures of earth, at what level do they stand and gaze! Fie upon you, O heedless ones! By Him Who hath made His Own Self His proof today, and His authority that which floweth from His luminous Pen, should all who are in the Bayan today turn away, and a single Christian believe, the names of all would assuredly be erased from the Preserved Tablet while that Christian's name would remain. God eraseth what He willeth and confirmeth what He willeth, and with Him is the Mother Book. Apart from all this, have they not heard the account of Balaam which is recorded in the divine Books - that although he was one of the appointed successors of the Prophets of old, and all the peoples of the world deemed service to him obligatory and considered obedience to him as obedience to God, and his fame had encompassed all lands, yet when the Beauty of Moses appeared from the horizon of divine submission, he arose to oppose that Most Beauteous Countenance? Likewise Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples mentioned in the Gospel, delivered the Spirit (Christ) into the hands of the Jews. Beware lest ye ever feel secure from divine trials and tests, but at all times take refuge in the Almighty God, that perchance ye may not today stray from the manifest path nor stumble. Well is it with them that are steadfast, for tests have been and will be for all, and none shall escape from their snare save those whom thy Lord willeth. Should the breeze of His justice blow, thou wouldst behold a hundred thousand essences of light plunged in darkness of self and passion, and should the breeze of His grace waft, thou wouldst observe a hundred thousand mortal frames ascend to the station of the immortal Throne. I swear by God, O people, ye comprehend not and move by mere fancy. Hearken unto the wondrous divine counsels, and transgress not in the Cause of God, nor condemn yourselves to endless torment. Occupy not yourselves with the mirage of the desert instead of the surging Greatest Ocean, nor content yourselves with the passing shadow instead of the eternal Sun of Glory. Hear the utterance of truth from the tongue of the All-Merciful. None today comprehendeth the Bayan and what is treasured therein, and its knowledge is with Us, were ye of them that understand. Be not veiled by the garment of names from the Sovereign of Names, by Whose word was created the Kingdom of Names, for all names are but garments which He clotheth upon whom He willeth as a token of His grace, and which He removeth from whom He willeth in justice from His presence. None questioneth what He doeth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Today most of the people of the Bayan have been and shall be accounted as worshippers of names before God, for had they truly known the Primal Point for Himself by Himself, they would not, I swear by God, have hesitated less than that in recognizing this holy and eternal Manifestation and divine effulgence. Thus it became evident that they knew Him not for Himself by Himself, exalted and glorified be He, but rather knew Him by His garment of names, exalted be His station. Hence not many days passed before He appeared for Himself by Himself, yet they knew Him not and visited upon Him that which the Pen of Glory is ashamed to mention. This failure to recognize came about only because He changed His garment - that is, the Most Exalted Name was changed to the Most

Glorious Name, and none recognized this save those who detached themselves from all who are in the kingdom and ascended unto God with their whole being until they entered the seat of glorious honor. These are My friends beneath the canopy of My loving-kindness, and upon them descendeth tranquility from My presence.

He sends down tranquility upon them from His presence, and they recline upon the thrones of independence. These are they whom God hath preserved from the darts of doubt, and who repose on the cushions of sanctity, their eyes fixed upon My countenance. Upon them, at all times, rest My glory, then My mercy and loving-kindness, then My grace and bounties. Thus hath God chosen them for Himself and made them to be of the faithful.

O servants! Strive that perchance ye may enter beneath the tabernacles of the Sun of divine bounty through the wondrous grace of the Lord of Lords, and remain protected and preserved from the heat of self and desire. These are the counsels of the Pen of Command. Whoso heareth, it is to his own benefit, and whoso turneth away, it is to his own loss. Verily, He is sanctified above all worlds.

Would that the people of the Bayan had contemplated the Persian Bayan which flowed from the merciful Pen, that perchance they would not have deprived themselves in this most holy, divine Manifestation of the Salsabil of divine favor and the Tasnim of heavenly grace. Such doubts have assailed impure hearts that none can distinguish one from another. Should a heart be cleansed of doubt by the ever-flowing Kawthar of the eternal King, it would immediately be sullied by another doubt. Glory be to God! Although the people of the Bayan themselves acknowledge that Prophethood was sealed with the Messenger of God and that the sixtieth year marks the first appearance of God, nevertheless - despite the fact that the Truth now stands manifest in Its own essence and Being, dawning from the horizon "Verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon" - they again make mention of successorship and the like, and through the remnants of vain imaginings left by the people of the Furqan, they seek to veil the lights of the Sun of certitude which hath risen in the holy, eternal heaven of the All-Glorious. How fitting are these two verses in this connection:

O Light of Truth, Husamu'd-Din, and heart!

O heart and soul abashed before thy start!

These fragments seek through envy to conceal

The radiance of thy sun from all below.

Let go of these vain sayings and fix your gaze upon the essence of the Cause and that through which the Names have been established. The Manifestation before Me declares: "Had I not observed the weakness of the people, I would never have made mention of the Divine Will." Now behold the sanctification of the Cause and the exaltation of what God hath ordained for you, and consider your own rank and station, for now they cling to and cite as proof the base arguments of the lowliest servants among the people of the Furqan. Alas for you, O company of the heedless! In brief, these are the days of Revelation, and the Truth shineth even as the sun in the midst of heaven. No earthly treasures exist in His holy court, that He should need an heir to divide them. And if ye say He needeth an heir in His Cause, this is but tyranny on your part

against God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, inasmuch as the Cause hath ever revolved and will continue to revolve around His Own Self, and will never be separated from Him. Beware lest ye establish for God a Vizier, or a peer, or an opponent, or an equal, or an heir, or a partner, or a likeness. Indeed, in the Bayan all these names and whatsoever ye have limited to yourselves have been erased. This is why mention hath been made of Mirrors in the Bayan by the All-Merciful, and even that was not and will never be limited. We hope that from the outpourings of the heaven of sanctification, holy rains may be showered upon dusty and darkened hearts, that perchance, being cleansed of allusions, they may turn unto the Court of the King of Names and Attributes. By God, O people! My purpose in mentioning these irrefutable proofs, decisive evidences, and unambiguous words hath not been to establish Mine own Self, for whoso hath attained, in less measure than can be reckoned, unto spiritual vision will surely behold the lights of the Most Glorious Sun which hath shone forth upon all things in the form of "There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Wise." Rather, My purpose concerneth Him Who will come at the time of Mustaghath. By God, then will My Pen weep, and My fingers, then Mine eyes, My heart, My liver, My veins, My blood, My bones, and My skin, by reason of that which will befall Him at the hands of such as have disbelieved in God, warred against His Self, disputed His signs, denied His grace, and pronounced judgment against Him after He had appeared with all the signs, proofs, and tokens. By God, ye have done what none among the peoples of former times have done, and have perpetrated that which hath rent asunder the vesture of patience from the body of grandeur. Yet ye walk upon the face of the earth as though ye had committed no wrong. Fie upon you, O company of idolaters! By God, O people! Verily in falsehood there are odors, and likewise in truthfulness, were ye to purify your hearts and your sense of smell and inhale, ye would discover the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. The Pen is bewildered as to what It should mention, for matters have reached such a pass that the pure essence of My spirit, which were it to be addressed by the Most Glorious utterances of all creation would find itself saddened, must now occupy itself with hearing the basest of words. How can it be that a wolf should become the shepherd of the flock? Say: O sightless pauper! First, thou hast not recognized the Shepherd, and second, for years wolves have been your shepherds, as ye have realized after the appearance of the Divine Luminary from the horizon of the spiritual heaven that ye were following a people who, in the sight of God, rank a hundred thousand times lower than wolves, for by the decree of such wolves was the Manifestation of the Lord of Lords martyred with utmost cruelty. The curse of God be upon them!

Secondly, for years the wolves were your shepherds, as after the manifestation of the Divine Luminary from the spiritual horizon of heaven you realized that you were following a people who were a hundred thousand times lower in the sight of God than wolves, for by the decree of those wolves the Manifestation of the Lord of Lords was martyred with utmost tyranny. The curse of God be upon them and their followers! And if you say that before His manifestation, following those people was permissible and acceptable in God's sight, and after His manifestation and these people's hesitation in God's Cause they became counted among the fire, then apply this same ruling in this holy and eternal Manifestation. Hearken unto the divine counsel and purify your hearts from the allusions in the words of the people of veils. Say: O servants of passion, take a step toward God and soar from the land of conjecture into the atmosphere of certitude.

O Pen of the Most Ancient, lay aside for now what thou didst wish to mention to the servants of God, and make mention instead of thy brother who contended with thy Self and disputed the signs of God, that this may be a remembrance to all the worlds, and perchance thereby the eyes may be opened of those who seek the Face at eventide and at dawn, and whose feet have not slipped on this Day when leg is wrapped around leg. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, for twenty years untiring effort and mighty endeavor were expended in his education, training, upbringing and protection, to an extent impossible to recount. Then the migration occurred and we arrived in this land. Some time passed, and Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani departed from the House of God and the fortress of His love, settling in another place. And my brother - by God besides Whom there is no God - arose to cut down the divine Lote-Tree, until God exposed what lay hidden in his soul and his deceit became known among the emigrants, and cries arose from every female and male, young and old. This servant withdrew entirely from all, that perhaps the heat of jealousy might cool and the fire of hatred be quenched. I dwelt alone in the house and closed the doors of entry and exit to all. The women of the household all engaged in lamentation and weeping upon hearing this repugnant matter. By God, none can recount what befell Us, nor could any of the loved ones bear to hear it. At the time of departure, three persons were appointed for service - two specifically for my aforementioned brother and Kalim, and one for myself. Likewise the limited funds that came from the sublime government were divided among all. Afterward all dispersed, dwelling in various places, while this servant sat alone in the house, doors locked and curtains drawn, never associating with any of the friends or others. The door of meeting was entirely closed and the Beauty of eternity veiled. After the Ancient Beauty was veiled, Siyyid Muhammad joined with my brother, and hatred of God became the cause and reason for the unity of these two. They occupied themselves with deception and plots, to the extent that they bribed a certain person with money to go to various lands and attribute to the Tree of the Cause whatever they had perpetrated. Much detail could be given, but I do not deem it proper to engage in such mentions. You have surely heard what is necessary to be revealed, lest people slip from the path of the Cause due to transient false words. Eventually the commissioned person repented and went to some people to recount the details of these matters. When they saw the correspondences that had been sent with him, all were struck with amazement, for whatever he had done they had attributed to the Truth. Likewise they wrote a treatise rejecting God, to be spread in various regions. By God besides Whom there is no God, they spoke as children would, nay lower, were ye to understand. And whatever they wrote thinking to reject God actually proved this most wondrous Cause, if people would look at their words with the eye of God. And what numerous calumnies they attributed to the King of Names and Attributes, ascribing to the Root of the Divine Tree whatever was other than good. I pour out my grief and sorrow unto God alone. Then doth the Tongue of God speak, saying: “Is there any pure water to cleanse My surroundings from these deniers? Is there any sword of utterance to open through explanation and repel from My court the evil of the polytheists? Is there any possessor of steadfastness to help Me in these days wherein the deniers have encompassed Me? Is there any detached one who will recognize Me with Mine own eyes and detach himself from all the worlds? Is there any one possessed of vision who will look upon My Cause and what hath befallen Me from the hosts of the evil ones? Is there any possessor of a tender, pure heart who will weep with My weeping and for that which hath befallen Me from these proud ones? Is there any one possessed of knowledge who will ward off the swords of rejection and hatred from the Face of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful?”

O Supreme Pen! Say: By God the Truth! I have never sought help from anyone in the time when all peoples warred against Me, and God is witness and knower of this. And whenever We seek help from anyone or command the servants to do so, this is only for their attainment to the summit of grace, and apart from this, verily God is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

They have written numerous epistles rejecting the Sovereign of Oneness. By God! Through this their deeds have been rendered vain and their efforts have been lost in this world and the next, and they perceive it not. That which they have considered to be the cause and reason for people's rejection, they have attributed to this servant. Among these is the attribution of worldliness, and this is clear to every person of insight that this servant was manifest and evident like the sun among the deniers. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that no morning brought hope of reaching the night, and likewise no night brought expectation of witnessing the dawn, for the polytheists were striving with utmost effort to cut down the Divine Tree, until the Sun of Power - "the Hand of God is above their hands" - shone forth from the horizon of the Pocket of Grandeur, and the polytheists were vanquished, and the Beauty - verily He is the Prevailer over all things - was established upon the throne of power and might, and departed from Iraq in full glory.

It was known that the intention was to proceed alone to Istanbul. When many showed excessive anxiety and distress, some were given permission to depart, and some departed without permission, until we arrived in that renowned land. Nothing whatsoever was declared to the Sublime State, and whoever presented themselves before Us was granted a meeting, otherwise not, as all have heard, and in the great city itself they have heard what was the divine intention, until several weak ones became agitated and distressed for the protection of themselves and their women. Therefore, out of mercy for them, the decree of exile was revealed. Now, which of these matters was related to worldliness? They have measured by their own standards. Thus do their lying tongues describe to them what they do not understand. By God, besides Whom there is no other God, the Pen of modesty is ashamed to mention what they have done, and if any person of insight were found, the station and rank of the deniers would become evident from their epistles which have appeared from the pen of ignorance and hatred. Two years ago, a poem of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali […]

Two years ago, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali and Jinab-i-Salman asked about a poem, and my brother wrote an answer. Later, Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani came before Me and mentioned that Mirza 'Ali had not understood the meaning of the poem and it would not be advisable to give this letter to Salman. This servant remained silent. Then they mentioned it to my brother in the House of Kalim with Haji Mirza Ahmad. After some irrelevant words, my brother finally excused himself saying perhaps the questioner had written the original poem incorrectly. Later when they examined the poem, it was written correctly and that writing is with Salman and all have seen it. No one had understood it at all, for all were veiled by imaginings. Now observe how the measure of the deniers becomes evident, and yet they object to the Source and Fountainhead of divine knowledge. By Him through Whose power the Kingdom of destiny stands before His gate - all that has flowed from the Pen has been and will be thus. But eyes are blinded by veils of fancy and desire, therefore none perceive except those whose eyes God has purified from veils and who observe all things with penetrating vision. O servants! Consider how the oppression has reached such a point that the Supreme Pen has become occupied with these words, for people are seen to be

weak and immature, lest they become heedless of the Ancient Beauty due to the fabricated words of the deniers. Otherwise, if the least perception and vision were observed, never would mention be made of the deniers and what appeared from them, for today all are obligated to fix their gaze upon the Cause itself and what appears from His presence. Whosoever ascends to that station testifies that He is the Manifest, the Evident, the Dawning, the Luminous in the midst of heaven - He decrees what He wishes and is not questioned about what He desires, and verily He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Among other things, they have accused this Wronged One of tyranny. Now reflect on this matter and judge fairly. All the people of the Bayan have met this servant and seen with their own eyes that He has never been pleased with harming anyone - no, by the Lord of the Throne, if you would be fair. The Spirit of the All-Merciful was in the serpent's mouth for twenty years, yet never was this revealed, and even now, had these fabricated letters not been seen, it would never have been revealed. To this testifies everyone who knows Me and possesses illumined insight. For twenty years my brother was with this servant and no one knew of him, and despite having power over him and knowledge of what was in his heart and mind, the utmost kindness was shown to him. To this all things bear witness, if you would hear. But since they found people to be blind followers without insight, they intended through such words to prevent these people from the Ocean of oceans. It is clear and evident to all the people of the Bayan and others that this servant has not associated with anyone in this land, nor upon arrival in the great city, except those who came before Us, and My tongue moved only to elevate them to the heaven of the Cause. Despite this, they have written that we called them "Rafidi" before the Sunnis. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, these same denying souls have attributed lack of faith in the Tree of the All-Merciful to the Persians.

My tongue moveth only to that which exalteth them to the heaven of Command. Yet they have written that among the Sunnis we are called Rafidi (heretic). I swear by God, besides Whom there is none other God, that these same objecting souls have, among the Persians, attributed lack of faith in the Tree of the All-Merciful to us, and among the Sunnis, the attribute of heresy. Let someone now arise, purely for God's sake, to determine truth from falsehood. We establish the criterion of truth and falsehood by these very words. Then doth the Tongue of Grandeur call out from His Most Great Throne, saying: "The curse of God be upon the first oppressor who wronged the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who disbelieved in His verses, who warred against His Self, who contended against His sovereignty, who associated partners with His Being, who denied His words, who turned away from His beauty, and who was recorded in God's tablets by the Most Holy Pen as being among the idolators."

I swear by God, whenever there was mention, in the land of Ta (Tehran) or Iraq or elsewhere, of seizing this community, my brother would depart from Iraq to various regions, as most have heard and know. And this servant remained alone among the enemies until, through divine power, the Cause was exalted and all became secure in their own souls and emerged from behind the veil. The first thing they occupied themselves with was attempting to cut down the Tree of the Cause. When they found themselves disappointed and defeated in what they desired, they afterward wrote to various regions, attributing their own desire to God's will and purpose. This, despite the fact that this servant had abolished the decree of killing which was widely known among this group, and which had been abrogated in most tablets flowing from God's pen, which some must surely have seen.

Among other things, it was asked what was meant by the “help” mentioned in God’s wondrous verses. That which was sent down from the direction of the Throne in response is this, which we quote verbatim: The help mentioned in the exalted tablets is known to the loved ones of God. The Truth, exalted be His mention, is sanctified above this world and all that is therein. By help was never meant that anyone should contend or dispute with another. The King of Glory has placed all the earth, both land and sea, in the hands of the kings, who are the manifestations of divine power according to their ranks. If they enter beneath the shadow of Truth, they are reckoned as of the Truth, and apart from this, thy Lord is indeed All-Knowing, All-Informed. What the Truth, exalted be His mention, has desired for Himself are the hearts of His servants, which are the treasuries of divine revelation and the repositories of divine love. The intention of the Eternal Sovereign has ever been to purify hearts from the allusions of the world and all that is therein and thereon, that they might become worthy to receive the lights of the manifestations of the King of Names and Attributes. Therefore, no stranger must find way into the city of the heart, that the Friend might hasten to His place - meaning the manifestation of His beauty, not His Essence and Self, for He has ever been and shall ever be sanctified above ascent and descent. Therefore, the triumph of God’s Cause today has not been and never shall be through contention with any soul, disputation with any person, or conflict with any thing. Rather, what is beloved is that the cities of hearts should be conquered through the sword of utterance and the wisdom of expression, not through the sword of steel. Therefore, whosoever desires to assist the divine Cause must first conquer the city of his own heart with the sword of meaning and expression, purify it from all things save God, and then turn toward the cities of hearts. This is the triumph of God’s Cause which today has dawned from the horizon of the finger of the King of Names. Corruption has never been and never shall be beloved. Whatever occurred in the past was without God’s leave. In any case, today the loved ones of God must appear among the servants in such wise that through their deeds they may guide all to the good-pleasure of the All-Glorious One. I swear by the sun of the morn of sanctified glory that never have the Truth and His loved ones who are associated with Him regarded, nor will they ever regard, the earth and its transient riches. For if the purpose had been to take possession of the earth, He was assuredly able and powerful to do so, and with but a single word could have taken possession of the entire world. But He has bestowed sovereignty upon sovereigns, wisdom upon the discerning ones, knowledge upon the mystics, and has reserved for Himself the love of the hearts of His servants, and naught else has He regarded nor will He ever regard. This too stems from His supreme grace, that perchance mortal souls might be cleansed and sanctified from earthly conditions and enter the eternal station which is the paradise of divine oneness. Otherwise, that ancient King has been, in His own Essence and for His own Self, independent of all things. Neither does the love of created things profit Him, nor does their harm affect Him. All shall emerge from their earthen abodes and unto Him shall they return. And that eternal Beauty shall remain alone and single upon His throne, which is sanctified from place and time, from mention and indication, from description and attribute, from elevation and abasement. None knoweth this save those endowed with insight and perception.

Nevertheless, they have attributed to God, exalted be His glory, that which they themselves have wrought and done, even though it is clear to all that God doeth what He willeth and is powerful over whatsoever He decreeth, and none may object to His will. Yet, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, He hath never been pleased with the harm of any soul–and the Pen of God beareth witness to this, if ye would but see. Among other things, they have stated in their letters that this servant hath studied and

that these revealed words have resulted from acquired learning. Similarly, in every age such unseemly statements have been made about every Manifestation, as they attributed the same to My previous Manifestation, and before Him to Muhammad, the Apostle of God: “It is surely a mortal that teacheth him. The tongue of him at whom they hint is foreign, while this is clear Arabic speech.” Now let any soul in all of Persia and Iraq investigate, that the truth and falsehood may become known. Woe unto them and unto that which they utter! O ye who are devoid of understanding! The source of these sciences is the Ancient Being, and the fountainhead of this wisdom is God Himself, the Most Great, were ye of those who perceive.

Here is that Divine Revelation which is the Supreme Support of this decree, if ye be of them that perceive. If ye listen with the ear of innate understanding, ye will hear today the same words to which the learned and the ignorant of that age gave voice in their objection to God at the time of the appearance of the Most Mighty Point. By God, O people! I am bewildered at my condition and what hath befallen me. Would that I had not been born of my mother, or if born had not suckled at her breast, or had not grown to maturity. But that which was destined hath appeared and the hosts of divine revelation have descended, and the matter hath been decided by God, the One, the All-Compelling. O people! Hear My words and rend asunder the veils, even should they be the mirrors of the heavens and earth. Beware lest anything prevent you from the breezes of these days. By God! Neither the treasures of creation nor the repositories of invention can compare with them - and God is witness and knower of this.

I swear by the Sun of the eternal heaven that were this matter in My hands, not a single verse would I recite before these people, for they have entirely deviated from their original divine nature. But God hath decreed what He willeth and accomplished what He pleaseth. None can resist His will or reverse His decree, and He is wise in all things. Were it not that the people of this realm are seen to be in turmoil, permission would surely be granted for all to appear before God, that they might witness what no one in all the worlds hath witnessed.

Among other things he hath written that the station of the Sun is found in the shadow of the Mirror, and that this rank is above all stations, and that from this Mirror suns arise. Glory be to God! How ignorant he hath assumed people to be, when it is abundantly clear and evident that the creation and existence of the mirror is solely to reflect images and forms. It is obvious to any person of insight that the appearance of reflections and forms in it hath not and never had any reality in itself. This matter is clear even to the blind, let alone those with sight. Nevertheless, with such expressions which, by God besides Whom there is none other God, no ignorant person would utter, he hath written in his treatises and sought thereby to deprive people from the Creator and Establisher of names and attributes. This is naught but his seeing the servants immersed in the seas of fancy and desire, and supposing that whatever he mentioneth will surely be accepted. Otherwise, he would not occupy himself with such statements whose falsity is more evident than the sun at its zenith.

He hath clung to the fact that the Point of the Bayan - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath in one instance called Himself the Mirror of God, and therefore the station of Mirror is above that of Sun. By Him Who hath caused me to speak the truth and made me to shine from the horizon of holiness upon all the worlds, were anyone to ponder this single point, he would become aware of all the claims of these

brutish cattle. First, that Ancient Being hath designated Himself by all His names and described Himself with all attributes, whether from the highest or lowest stations of names, as He saith in the beginning of the Best of Stories - exalted be His glory: “Praise be to God Who hath sent down the Book unto His servant that he might be a blazing lamp unto all the worlds.” Now can anyone claim that the station of lamp is above that of the sun? No, by God! None would utter such words save one who speaks from desire and seeks to cast doubt into pure and luminous hearts. Evil indeed is that which they do!

Know thou with certainty that in that most holy sanctuary all names exist in one plane, for when that Ancient Being declareth “I am the Lord of Lords” and “I am the earth and dust”, in that most great perspective these two occupy the same station. Hearts clouded with veils will never comprehend this most subtle, most pure, and most refined utterance. As that Ancient Beauty hath said, exalted be His remembrance: “Say: I have descended to such a degree that I proclaimed: ‘I am but an atom and less than an atom,’ just as I proclaimed: ‘I am the Lord and Creator of all lords.’ I seek God’s forgiveness for both these statements, and unto God, my Lord, do I return.”

O ye who wander in the valleys of ignorance and error, who have drunk from the cup of bitterness while deeming it the sealed wine of sanctity, who burn in the fire of self yet count yourselves among the dwellers of the highest paradise! What regret, that ye have not pondered for a moment upon the consummate wisdom of the All-Merciful, nor turned with enlightened vision to the Cause of the Lord of the Day of Judgment! Ye have so veiled the words of the All-Merciful - which were revealed with perfect expansiveness and all-encompassing power without limitation - with the veils of your own selves that the tongues of all creation are powerless to describe it.

Consider now this passage that hath flowed from the Divine Pen. He saith: “I descended until I said, ‘I am an atom and less than an atom,’ just as I said, ‘I am the Lord and Creator of all lords.’ Nay, I seek forgiveness for both these mentions.” Observe how that Ancient Beauty hath referred to Himself by all names. Can it then be said that an atom is above the sun, or that dust is above the Lord of Lords? Be fair, if ye be of the fair-minded!

By Him Who hath made me the Manifestation of His Essence, His Being, His Glory and His Splendor! If ye would ponder these blessed divine words, the gates of infinite knowledge would be opened before your hearts’ faces, such that ye would no longer be troubled when someone is referred to by God’s names, or as God’s Essence, or God’s Mirror. For all names in that sanctuary are equal with no distinction between them, and all these names circle round the Manifestation of the Ancient Being and ever shall. Thus if in this moment the Ancient Beauty should designate a tree with all the Most Beautiful Names and Supreme Attributes, verily He hath power to do so and none may object, for He is the All-Choosing and all else are in the grip of His power. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Compelling.

Furthermore, He hath called all creation delicate mirrors, saying that if the attractions of divine love touch these mirrors they are drawn forth, and if aught else touches them, a dust settleth upon those mirrors that becomes a veil between that mirror and the knowledge of the command of the All-Possessing, All-Knowing Lord. As He, exalted and glorified be He, hath said: “Verily the creation consists of delicate mirrors. If they be touched by love, they are attracted, and if they be touched by aught save love, there descendeth upon their surface a dust that preventeth them from the command of their Lord.” Thus

ponder, O heedless ones! And this utterance hath been revealed by the Point of the Bayan, glorified be His grandeur, in general terms. And if thou regardest it specifically, He addresseth Aqa Siyyid Javad, saying, exalted and glorified be His Word: "Thou art that Primal Mirror which hath ever reflected the Truth and will ever continue to reflect it." Likewise hath He called him the First Cause. By God! This station transcendeth all names, whether it be the Essence of God, the Entity of God, the Remembrance of God, or the Mirror of God, for aforetime whosoever attributed such a station to the Apostle of God was deemed an infidel, since they regarded the True One Himself as the First Cause. And likewise was revealed concerning him, glorified be His mention: "We have made thee a prophet unto all the worlds." Now, despite all these stations and attributes, beyond which none are mentioned in the Bayan, if he should turn away from the Truth, God forbid, all these most exalted stations would be lifted from him. And if ye observe with clear vision, all things in the Bayan have been designated by all the most beautiful names, but none comprehendeth this save the sincere ones. These words are mentioned lest anyone suppose that the attributes revealed in the Bayan were specific to one soul and not another. Rather, they are established for all, so long as they abide beneath the shadow of the Truth, and after departing therefrom all are deprived and forbidden. Similarly, regarding the station of His Holiness Quddus, may the spirit of all worlds be his sacrifice, He saith, glorified be His mention, that eight unities of God's Mirror were established in his seat, and from the intensity of the fire of His love none could draw nigh unto him. Now observe how He hath mentioned eight unities of God's Mirror in his blessed person. Ponder, O ye possessors of insight! Within this utterance are concealed mystical treasures of knowledge, which this servant hath not mentioned for fear of the Nimrod of oppression and the Pharaoh of ignorance. Likewise in all stations it hath been revealed from the Pen of Glory that a mirror hath no reality in itself except through its confrontation with the Sun, and the Sun they have declared to be one from time immemorial and unto eternity, and none have they designated by this name save the Ancient Being in every Dispensation. Nevertheless, it is written that the station of the Sun is beneath the station of the Mirror, and that Suns arise from the Mirror. By God! O people, I speak not from mere desire. If ye would but ponder on this very statement, ye would bear witness with certitude that these words have proceeded from sheer ignorance and utter hatred. I adjure you, O people, by God Who created you and fashioned you, to observe in the beginning of the Persian Bayan where He saith, glorified be His mention: "If the mirror saith 'the sun is in me,' it is evident before the sun that it is but its reflection that speaketh thus." Yet he hath written that the Mirror is above the Sun.

Concerning "He fashioned you" as mentioned in the beginning of the Persian Bayan, observe what He says - exalted be His remembrance: "If the mirror should say 'the sun is within me,' it is evident to the sun that what it speaks of is but its reflection." Nevertheless, he has written that the mirror is above the sun and that the suns lie within the shadow of the mirror. [If by these suns that he mentions he means the Suns of Truth, exalted be He above this! For by a single revelation from among the revelations of the Sun of Truth, a hundred thousand mirrors can be raised up in less than a moment. Apart from this, verily the mirror was created to receive the reflection of one among the revelations of the Sun, if it be pure; otherwise it is judged as a mere stone. For it is evident to all who possess insight that mirrors were created to capture the reflections of things, as has been mentioned. And if what was intended was the suns of names and what lies beneath them, this is not specific to any one soul, for these suns exist in all things and appear therefrom at such time as God has ordained. And whosoever opens the eye of his

heart will witness in every atom a sun, then in this sun another sun, then in the sun of the sun another sun, unto infinity. However, the wisdom of God has not mentioned this station, lest the feet of the mystics should slip.]

O people! By God, what an injustice has been wrought against the Ancient Beauty by one who prided himself to stand before Him! When his name became renowned, he denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And since My previous Manifestation knew that in the subsequent Revelation the mirror would claim to be the sun, this decree was issued from the Pen of Glory. He became so immersed in the ocean of pride and vainglory that he clung to the words of My previous Manifestation to establish his own elevated station, while turning away from their Source, Mine, Manifestation and Revealer. Far be it from the wrongdoing people! He has likewise named himself the Tree of Greatness. By God, all these words stem from his finding people to be foolish. If he were to be considered a tree in the sight of God, he would be among those trees that should be cut down and cast into the fire, unless he repents unto God, seeks forgiveness for his deeds, and becomes of those who turn in repentance. It is clear to all, whether among the emigrants in this land or to any person of insight who observes matters with divine vision, that these vainglorious words have never issued from false, fabricated, idolatrous tongues except when, having witnessed this wondrous and most exalted Sun rising from the horizon of the dawn of eternity and hearing the melody "Verily, I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon" resounding between earth and heaven, he hastened unwittingly to utter such words, attempting to establish for himself a station above God's station. This can never be possible, for all else besides Him are created by His command, brought into being by His will, and move by His leave. They are but His servants, His subjects, His creation, His creatures, and His slaves. Can there be any station above God's station that one might claim for himself? He has risen by Himself and for Himself in the exaltation of His Own Self - a station that has neither above nor below, neither right nor left, neither before nor behind. He created all directions without direction by His Will, and all things without example by His Command. He is the Creator of every station and the Revealer of every decree. All else besides Him may glory in Him, but He glories not in any created thing. He is the Sanctified, the Holy, the Powerful, the One to be obeyed.

O people! Hearken unto My call and inflict not upon My Beauty that which ye have been forbidden in all the Tablets. By God, this is the extended Divine Hand of Power that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is the Tongue of Divine Reality that singeth upon the highest branch of the Tree of Divine Oneness. This is the Ancient Pen from which flow, day and night, the oceans of divine mysteries and knowledge. This is the Treasury of the pearls of consummate wisdom and the Mine of divine knowledge, and hath been and shall forever remain bountiful in its outpouring. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the droplets of its grace and deem it necessary to follow any sightless soul. He hath likewise mentioned in his treatise that these claims were made merely upon learning a few words and phrases, and by these nonsensical words intended this divine and eternal Temple. But by Him Who is single in power and might, throughout all nights and days an exalted effort was made to teach him, just as teachers instruct children in the alphabet. Would that my people knew how limited was his understanding, how base his station, how great his pride, and how arrogant his utterance! This is clear and evident to any person of insight and requires no detailed mention. Among other things, he alleged that this servant spoke disrespectfully of the Primal Point, whereas this servant proclaims throughout the

heavens and earth: “Verily I am His very self, His essence, His spirit, His form, and His glory!” How then could I speak of that Most Exalted Essence and Most Resplendent Source - may the spirit of all who dwell in the realms of immortality be sacrificed for His sake - in any way contrary to God’s good-pleasure? Indeed, this is exactly like the people of the Qur’an who, at the dawning of the Revelation, claimed that these people had no love for the Messenger of God, hoping thereby to deprive the servants of the knowledge of God Himself on the Day of Return, as they have done and continue to do. The curse of God be upon the fabricators! This, despite the fact that wondrous verses have encompassed the whole world, and all the people of the Bayan bear witness to this, and the equivalent of what was revealed in the Bayan has been revealed from this wondrous Revelation. There is not a single person among the people of the Bayan who does not possess the traces of God, and beyond that, what exists in this land has left scribes unable to copy it all, such that most remain uncopied. Nevertheless, he wrote that merely by understanding a few phrases they made such claims. Now judge fairly: with what audacity and boldness has he uttered words whose falsehood shines forth like the sun in mid-heaven, clear and evident! Although, by God besides Whom there is no other God, this servant never desired that what was newly revealed from the heaven of Will should become widely known in various lands, for very few pure eyes are seen that are capable of beholding the signs of God. Therefore I always kept them concealed, and how many verses of God that were revealed in Iraq were cast into the river and effaced! Now the equivalent of a hundred thousand verses exist in this land, and they have not yet even been copied, let alone bound into volumes. For such matters that pertain to self-display, this servant has always been and will remain sanctified above them. Several times some have wished to compile what exists into volumes and send them to various regions, but permission has not yet been granted, for none of the Divine Manifestations have ever personally undertaken such matters. Even as the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - did not Himself attend to such matters, but said that later they should be arranged in the most excellent order. He says, exalted be His mention: “Blessed is he who beholds the order of Baha’u’llah and renders thanks unto his Lord, for it shall be made manifest, and there is no turning back from it, by God’s command in the Bayan.” Similarly, in the past, the Qur’an was compiled into a volume after the ascension of that Ancient Being.

And likewise, after the ascension of the Messenger of God, the Qur’an was bound into a volume, as was the Gospel before it. Although the holy and glorious verses have encompassed the East and West of the world, they have clung to these words and interpreted them in four words. Thus in the previous year numerous writings about the rites of pilgrimage issued forth from the Pen of Glory, yet only one Surah was sent, known as the Surah of Pilgrimage. This servant has never spent time promoting such matters, nor will he do so. The station of revelation belongs to God, and dissemination belongs to the creation. And verily He is the Propagator of His Cause through the spreading hands of His near angels.

Of necessity, spiritual servants must appear from behind the pavilion of divine infallibility to gather the signs of God and arrange them in the most excellent order. This is assured beyond doubt.

Furthermore, some have written certain statements and attributed them to the Point of the Bayan (may our souls be sacrificed for His sake). This is an obvious falsehood, and the Point of the Bayan now disassociates Himself from them and their words - and God bears witness to this, even if you do not bear witness.

How much they pride themselves on names! By God, besides Whom there is no other God, the like of such souls has never been seen in creation. Day and night they spend their time trying to find a word in the Book of God to interpret according to their own understanding. At the time of separation from my brother, I sent him a box containing writings, circles and talismans in the handwriting of the Primal Point, with this message: "Since you are so eager to take pride in these traces after turning away from the Truth, I am sending these to you so that you may send these talismans to some in different lands and demonstrate your station, or share them with whoever comes to you." This you continue to do today, even adding some of your own fabricated words to those words, perchance to cause the feet of the knowing ones to slip.

O servants! Turn your eyes from these matters and purify your hearts, for today such bounty has appeared that in a single day and night, if a scribe were capable, the equivalent of the Persian Bayan could be revealed from the holy divine heaven. Likewise with verses in an wondrous Arabic tongue. Present yourselves before the Throne that you may witness with your own eyes. Compare not God's words with any others, and be possessed of clear vision.

O people! Bear witness to that which God has witnessed, turn not to anyone else, and be not among the doubters. God bears witness that there is no God but Him and that the Primal Point is His servant and His Glory. Thus was it revealed aforetime from the Pen of God, the Exalted, the Great.

Had you fully understood the meaning of even this one verse, you would never have been veiled from God's Most Great Path. Today most of the people of the Bayan bear witness to this, yet when they come upon this blessed Name, their faces darken, their hearts are troubled, their feet slip, and they become of the hesitant ones.

By God, the Truth! No deed is acceptable to God except through acknowledgment of this blessed, purified Name. Well is it with them that remember.

By the True God, no deed is acceptable before God unless accompanied by recognition of this blessed, purified Name. Well is it with them that remember and with them that are firm. Furthermore, in his treatises he has boasted that Tahirih and Azim submitted to him. Although this servant considers such boasting utterly vain and wholly worthless - and this is not from pride or arrogance, for this servant has never seen nor will ever see any station in himself - nevertheless this has been mentioned in relation to manifesting God's glory, for all the essences of the Letters in their origin and innermost reality have been and shall ever be sent forth by His Word. It beseemeth not God to adduce proof of His Manifestation through any save His own Self and what proceedeth from His presence, for every proof is established through its connection to Him and every path is made straight through its relation to Him. However, since people are observed to be weak and immature, this servant mentioneth that whatsoever divine words have been specifically revealed concerning this Cause are and shall ever be beyond the reckoning of such souls. If people would look with the eye of God, this one statement of the Point of the Bayan - exalted be His praise - would suffice for all when He saith: "Verily I am living in the Most Glorious Horizon," even as today He is manifest, evident and shining from the Most Glorious Horizon, and at this moment He heareth and seeth all that the creatures say and do. Moreover, His testimony recorded in the Tablets, which all are commanded to recite, is a clear proof for whoso gazeth with the eye of God his Lord. His

exalted Word declareth: “God beareth witness that there is no God but Him and that the Primal Point is His servant and His Glory.” These verses are a clear proof and decisive evidence, yet they increase not the deluded save in loss, for the deluded have interpreted all verses according to their vain imaginings. Likewise He saith, exalted be His remembrance: “Verily I am the Most Great Throne of Glory in truth. I have been above the dawning-place of the flowing Ruby above the Mount.” If one would ponder upon His purpose in this blessed revealed verse, ye would become aware of the sublimity of this most exalted, most impregnable, most holy Manifestation. And likewise He saith, exalted be His glory: “God hath verily created around that Gate seas of crimson elixir and animals bearing the Fruit of the Purpose, and God hath ordained for Him ships of moist red ruby wherein none shall embark save the people of Baha by God’s leave, the Most High, and He is God, the Mighty, the Wise.” Now the ships of moist red ruby sail forth upon the mighty sea. O people of Baha, detach yourselves from all save God and enter and embark upon the Ark of Unity and the eternal Ship of Glory, for whosoever holdeth fast to this Ark is reckoned before God among the people of constancy, salvation, the highest heaven and paradise, and whosoever faileth to do so is accounted among the people of fire, perdition, the lowest depths and the abyss. Beware lest ye barter religion for the world, or exchange the Joseph of the glory of oneness for the commodities of this world and the next. Soon shall ye see all that is visible perish. Therefore hasten with the utmost endeavor to the shelter of the Lord of creation, for there is and shall be no safer refuge than His shadow. And His word, exalted be His glory: “As for the youth, he was of the tree of fire ignited from this yellow spring. We put him to death in visible form, as God had ordained in the Book a portion from his parents. We feared he would overwhelm them with rebellion and disbelief in the beauty of Baha.” Now it is very clear that all have rebelled against this most manifest, most luminous Beauty to such an extent that none save God can reckon it. Would that they had contented themselves with rebellion and pride! Rather, they have been and shall ever be occupied with destroying the House of God and His sanctuary. Their hearts will find no rest save in drinking my blood, though We created them and preserved them to exalt My Cause and aid My Beauty. But when they grew strong and found confidence in themselves, they arose to slay Me with great rebellion. When I reached that station, the Herald called out from behind the pavilion of eternity: “O Most Exalted Pen! Do not limit Thy Cause to one mention over another. Say: By God! The entire Bayan was revealed for My wondrous and exalted Cause. Were it not for Thee, not a single letter of the Bayan would have been revealed, nor any noble scrolls. Leave the dead, for those who believe not in Thee are dead, not living. They hear not nor understand, even if all the words of the ancients and the moderns were recited to them. Those whom God hath given life through Thee - these have, in their love for Thee, read all the books and shall need naught besides Thee, for God hath made Thy Manifestation itself a proof to all the worlds.” When I heard the call, I was content with what was inscribed by the finger of holy radiance.

Indeed, the verses of divine unity concerning this Name and Manifestation are more than can be counted. Yet these base people have interpreted this blessed Name as the land of Ta, because the Bab (may my soul be sacrificed for all else save Him) named it the Land of Baha. They lack even the consciousness to understand that His purpose was to herald the manifestation of the Holy Beauty in that land - the land whereon walked Baha and wherein dwelt this radiant, shining Name. Thus did He mention this blessed Name in all ranks before all other names. Likewise observe in the prayer mentioned before, where this blessed Name is cited as the most ancient of names in His words: “O God! I beseech Thee by

Thy Baha at its most splendid." Similarly, when naming the months with new names, He associated the first with this Name. In all things, if you observe, He mentioned their most excellent aspect by this Name. Yet observe to what degree hatred has reached, that they interpret this blessed Name as referring to a land - though a particle of its dust is better than they and their essence and their reality. Fie upon them and what lies in their breasts of the fire of jealousy and hatred, by which they are consumed at every moment while they perceive it not. Furthermore, His Holiness Quddus (may His praise be glorified) wrote and sent several tablets in the land of Bada?t, which this servant never revealed […]

If one with vision, having eyes that see,

Should looking deeply, pondering be,

A hundred thousand like the Primal Point

Would manifest should He unveil His face.

Then verily, my station is His station, my power His power, my sovereignty His sovereignty, and His Manifestation is my proof, and what flows from His Pen is my evidence, just as my Manifestation is His proof and what flows from my Pen is His evidence. However, for the protection of immature souls this is written. And among them was the Point of Attraction, her eminence Tahirih, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, who was with this servant for a time and would not have exchanged a single moment in the presence of this youth for the kingdom of this world and the next, and desired not to be separated from me for less than a moment, but what was destined came to pass. And how many verses and poems she composed regarding this wondrous Cause, among them a ghazal describing the Divine Countenance, of which one couplet is:

Should Baha cast aside the veil from His face

A hundred thousand like the Primal Point would come into being.

In like manner hath He amply described others besides this servant, and above all these utterances is the Hidden Book of the Primal Point – may the souls of all else be His sacrifice – all of which hath been revealed concerning this wondrous Cause but remaineth veiled from sight. Beseech ye God that ye may attain unto it. I swear by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands, that had the one who today claimeth the Divine Beauty not mentioned such proofs in his book and not sought to adduce them as evidence whereby to lead men astray, this servant would never have adduced such proofs. O servants! Hearken unto the Most Exalted Call in His subsequent Manifestation and efface all these proofs from your hearts, for if ye should cling to words and allusions and scriptures and books in this novel and divine Manifestation, ye shall never attain unto the essence of the knowledge of the Countenance of the All-Merciful and the Sovereign of all possibility. Rather, fix your gaze upon that same proof whereby the Primal Point Himself – exalted and glorified be He – came and established His Cause, and likewise before Him the Beauty of the Ancient of Days, Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him the Son of Mary, and before Him He Who conversed with God. I swear by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands that a single letter of the verses of God is, in the estimation of this servant, more precious than all who are in the heavens and the earth. And concerning what hath been mentioned about not fixing one's gaze upon

words and allusions and evidences and names and attributes at the time of His manifestation - this is a decree which the Primal Point Himself – may the souls of all else be His sacrifice – hath pronounced, and that Divine Beauty intended thereby that the people of the Bayan might not, at the time of His manifestation, cling to traditions and verses like unto the people of the Furqan, and raise objections against Him Who is their Source and Creator and Revealer. Consider a little this most excellent and most sublime Manifestation, and ye shall become aware of countless mysteries, and shall observe that from the beginning of creation until now no such Manifestation hath appeared, although in view of the unpreparedness of the servants, means of prevention have also been ordained, that thereby the essence might be distinguished from the accident, and spirit from clay. I swear by God the True One that if today an atom of pure substance were to be mingled with a hundred thousand measures of stone and concealed behind seven seas, assuredly the hand of divine power would manifest it and separate from it that atom of pure substance. O people! The breath of God is wafting, and the Spirit of God is stirring, and the attraction of God is dawning from the horizon of the Beauty of the All-Merciful. Bestir yourselves from the slumber of self and passion and behold what hath appeared in creation. Beware lest ye hearken unto the idle fancies of the people, for today, were a pure ear to be found, it would hear from this people that which was heard from the people of the Furqan and that which was heard from the people of the Torah and the Gospel, and beyond mere words, would witness with both outward and inward vision those very same deeds. Even as today one who hath contended with the Self of God and shown pride before Him Who created him hath mentioned in his words that if the Truth should appear, whether from among the people of the Bayan or others, whether bond or free, whether black or white, “this servant is obedient and hath no word to say.” Now observe how he uttereth these words even while at that very moment he is engaged in contention with the Beauty of God.

How pure this obedient servant is! I have nothing to say. Now observe that he speaks these words at the very time he is engaged in warfare against the Beauty of God and stands in utter rejection. Consider and reflect upon what constitutes the proof of Truth and what are the signs of the Manifestation of Truth. This Manifestation, whose light has encompassed the world, he rejects and stands ready to slay, while occupying himself with such utterances to delude the people. Just as in the first Manifestation, when the divines of the Qur’an, with prayer beads in hand, were engaged in worship in their temples with the utmost humility and submissiveness, displaying such piety that when the name of Truth was mentioned they would rise and show complete humility and meekness - yet in that very state of humility and submissiveness they would issue the decree for His death and pronounce judgment of unbelief against Him, saying: “How could we reject the Truth when we spend our nights in expectation and our days seeking it? Whenever He appears, we shall be obedient and submissive.” But now, by God! I swear by Him besides Whom there is no God, he severs the head of the very Manifestation of Truth with the knife of tyranny and wickedness and the sword of hatred and enmity, while at that same moment, with bowed neck, he utters these words: “Whenever Truth appears, I am obedient.” By God, O people, he has found you so immature that he speaks such delirious words, and has found you so deluded that while he issues the death decree against the Truth manifested in all revelations and constantly wages war against His beauty, he still utters such statements. Alas and grief for you in that you have remained heedless of Him Who was more manifest than any manifestation, and have occupied yourselves with one from whom, by God, were you to become aware of him, you would flee a thousand paces. We beseech God to separate

me from him and to purify the land whereon I dwell from the defilement of these transgressors, or to cause me to dwell in another land. Verily He is the bestower of grace upon His servants and is powerful over all things.

Say: O ignorant one! The Beloved Himself is manifest and shining like the sun, yet you have not today attained to His recognition. Indeed, despite all the proofs and evidences that have encompassed the world, you do not count Him among the believers. Nevertheless, you cling to His words, desiring to establish authority for yourself. By God, the Truth! All things give you the lie, but you do not perceive it. Your example before God is like that of the people of the Qur'an who established their leadership through the words of the Messenger while seated upon thrones of glory and authority, yet visited upon His person that which no eye in creation has seen or comprehended. O you who are intoxicated with the wine of self and desire! You have turned away from the manifest Sovereign and clung to your own delusions. This humiliation suffices you - that you have denied the verses whereby your religion was established and through which you seek glory and station for yourself, yet you are unaware. Therefore you have no station before God except the station of those who rejected after having believed.

Yet you are not a true poet, wherefore your position in the sight of God is as the position of those who turned away after believing and denied after having confessed, if you be among those possessed of insight. By the True God, the Spirit Faithful hath rent the hair from his head because of what you have done, though you perceive it not and are among the heedless ones. The maidens of Paradise have seated themselves upon ashes because of your tyranny, while you remain among those who rejoice. By the True God, all things wail inwardly and weep, yet you remain heedless and are numbered among those who turn away. You are the one who mentions the Beloved with your tongue to cause confusion among the people, while seeking to slay the Beloved of the first and the last. Were God to open your eyes, you would witness that through your tyranny the Beloved is suspended in the air, while you cast at Him at every moment the arrows of envy and hatred, then the darts of rancor and enmity, then the bullets of denial - and God is witness and well-aware of this. Therefore doth Muhammad wail in the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Spirit weepeth in the Most Glorious Companion, then Moses at the Divine Lote-Tree, then the eyes of the Prophets and Messengers. O thou who art drunk with the wine of pride for less than a moment of time, come to thy senses! Reflect upon thyself and thine actions. Let us suppose thou hast caused God's Cause to appear dubious to this group of immature ones, and they all prostrate before thee instead of God - what benefit hath it brought thee? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds, it hath yielded and will yield naught but loss in this world and the next. Even if today thou sittest upon a throne of rubies, in the sight of God thou dwellest in the lowest abyss. By God, if thou wouldst hearken with thine innate hearing, thou wouldst hear the very earth upon which thou sittest seeking refuge with God from thee, saying: "O heedless one! By what proof and evidence dost thou establish thy right while denying Him Who possesseth all right and by Whom right is established? Fie upon thee and upon those who have taken thee as their beloved instead of God!" If thou wert not convinced of His truth, why didst thou arise to slay Him? For twenty years He strove to protect thee, though well aware of what was in thy heart. Had He wished it for but a moment, thou wouldst have ceased to exist. Yet still thou remainest heedless and hast attributed thine actions to the Truth throughout all regions. By God, naught dwelleth in this heart save the lights of the dawning splendors of eternity, nor is He content with harming any soul. O My brother!

Hear the call of Him Who through thy tyranny hath fallen into this bottomless pit, His garment sprinkled with the truthful blood of thy hatred, and from the depths of the pit He calleth saying: “O brother! Deal not with thy brother as the son of Adam dealt with his brother. O brother! Fear God and dispute not My verses, war not against My Self, and slay not Him Who hath made His breast a target for the sword of enemies, lest harm befall thee - He Who hath protected thee through all nights and days, at every morn and eve. O brother! By the True God, I speak not of Mine own desire - this is naught but a revelation revealed. The Mighty Spirit hath taught Me at the Divine Lote-Tree. By God, O brother, this proceedeth not from Myself but from One Mighty, Wise. Whenever I approached thee, that no mischief might arise to try the servants, preserving thy Lord’s Cause, thou didst cast at Me the darts of discord. And whenever I drew nigh unto thee that perchance thy soul might find peace thereby, thou didst rise against me in hypocrisy, as thy very essence beareth witness, if thou be of those who deny.

By God, O my brother, whenever I remained silent concerning the wondrous remembrance of my Lord, the Holy Spirit raised me up to His Cause, and the Most Great Spirit awakened me from my slumber and caused me to speak the truth between the heavens and the earth. If this be my sin, then I am not the first to have sinned, for those who came before me committed the same, then he who was named Ali in the Kingdom of Names, then Muhammad in the most exalted Dominion, then the Son in the Supreme Concourse, then He Who conversed with God on this blessed, holy, mighty and sublime Sinai.

O my brother! Look thou in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers, then at what is in their hands of God’s proofs, His evidence, His signs, His traces, His manifestations and His verses. Then judge fairly concerning thy brother and be not of those who wronged the Self of God and then sought to wrong others, that they might cast doubt and suspicion into the hearts of the believers.

By God! When thy brother learned that thou hadst risen against him and that the fire of jealousy would not be quenched in thy breast, he departed with his family alone and entered another house, closing upon his face the door of coming and going, and there did he remain among those who dwell therein. Yet even then, O my brother, thou wast not content within thyself and wrote what thou wrote and sent what thou sent. By God! The Pen is ashamed to record what thou hast mentioned and what thou hast alleged against thy brother. By God! Thereby hast thou violated my sanctity and the sanctity of God among His servants. Soon shalt thou witness and see, though at that moment thou mayest be among the heedless.

Therefore, arise from the slumber of self and passion, trim the bristles of envy and clip the nails of hatred, then perfume thyself with the fragrance of faithfulness, wash thyself with the waters of holiness, and place thy face upon the dust in humility, submissiveness, penitence and beloved return, and say:

O Lord! I am he who hath fallen short in his duty toward his brother in bygone nights and days, and been heedless of the wondrous expressions of Thy wisdom. Therefore, O my God, lift the veil from mine eyes that I may know Thy Self, arise to praise Thee, detach myself from all else save Thee, and turn unto Thy glorious countenance. Then reckon me among those of Thy servants for whom Thou hast ordained a seat of truth with Thee. Nourish me from the Tasneem of Thy grace and the Kawthar of Thy favors. Then join me with Thy sincere servants who turned not to the world, nor its leadership, nor to what is in it and upon it, who detached themselves and their wealth in the path of their Creator, and were among the detached. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Take my hand in the hand of Thy power. Deliver me from the

depths of self and passion and their flames and burning. Then make that fire cool and peaceful, a spirit and sweet fragrance for me. Then inscribe me among Thy detached servants. O Lord! Aid me to serve Thee and to teach Thy verses. Make me a helper of Thy Cause, a guardian of Thy Faith, one who speaks Thy praise and proclaims the wonders of Thy favors and bounties. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Generous. O Lord! Disappoint not him who hath clung to the cord of Thy grace, nor cast out him who hath fastened his hope to the rope of Thy bounty and favor. O Lord! Veil me not from the fountainhead of Thy good-pleasure. Make me content with whatsoever Thou hast been pleased with and sent down from the clouds of Thy grace and the heavens of Thy glorious bounty. Thou art the Giver under all conditions, and Thou art verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Lord! Strip not my body of the raiment of equity, nor my heart of the coolness of acknowledging Thy Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. O Lord! Make my feet steadfast upon Thy path, that I may not deny that whereunto Thou hast called me in all Thy verses, Thy tablets, Thy scriptures, Thy books, Thy scrolls and Thy holy writings. O Lord! Make me one who gazeth toward the direction of Thy gifts and returneth to the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Strip me not of the beauty of Thy praise. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art mighty over whatsoever Thou desirest. Strengthen me that I may not deny that which hath confirmed my faith, established my remembrance, exalted my name, resurrected my being, and caused my reality to flourish, and that I may be of the believers. O Lord! Deprive not him who hath stood before the court of Thy mercy and clung to the hem of Thy bounty and grace. O Lord! Ordain for me a word from Thy presence, that I may remember it at eventide and at dawn, and at all times.

Thus doth the tongue of the Wronged One speak from the depths of the pit, that perchance thou mayest find a way to the direction of justice. Then God addresseth the breeze of His holiness that wafteth from the direction of the Throne, making it His messenger to the worlds, for in those days He findeth no messenger to send to His servants with the glad-tidings of His Cause and to make them of those who remember and rejoice. For He hath fallen into a prison wherefrom are cut off the hands of the seekers and the feet of those who draw nigh, and beyond the prison He hath fallen into a well of envy whose depths none but His All-Numbering, All-Knowing, All-Informed Self hath fathomed. Thus doth God relate from the true stories through His truthful, speaking, knowing and trustworthy tongue.

O morning breeze! Since no messenger is to be seen, waft thou over My loved ones the sweet savors of the robe of Baha from the paradise of eternity, and through the evidences of the spirit and the tokens of His manifestation, make all aware, that perchance some souls may detach themselves from all who dwell on earth and its attractions, and return to the Most Exalted Paradise. But O breeze, pass over them in complete detachment, in such wise that shouldst thou be visited by the trials of all the world, thou wouldst remain patient, and shouldst its bounties be showered upon thee, thou wouldst pay them no heed. For unless thou art sanctified from all the manifestations of jealousy, hatred, acceptance and rejection, rest and agitation of all who dwell on earth, thou wilt not be capable of this exalted proclamation nor of bearing divine mysteries. Thus doth the tongue of thy Lord command thee, that thou mayest be of them that act.

Say: O loved ones and people of understanding! At last, sanctify your gaze somewhat from attachment to the world and its conditions, and with the eye of insight observe the manifest affairs and brilliant

conditions that have appeared from the direction of the Most Glorious Throne and reflect upon them, that perchance in these days when the intoxication of heedlessness hath encompassed all the dwellers of earth and heaven, you may draw yourselves to the eternal divine City of Oneness and not remain deprived of the wondrous tokens of His endless mercy, lest, God forbid, you become veiled from the primary purpose of the All-Merciful and be accounted among the turn-aways in the Book of the Lord of Lords while being unaware. We seek refuge in God from this, O people of understanding!

All the Prophets and Messengers have invited people to the paths of recognizing the Beauty of the All-Merciful, for this station has been and will ever be the most exalted of stations. Reflect somewhat on the sending of the divine Messengers, for what cause and purpose these Temples of Unity came from the unseen realm into the visible world, and all these afflictions and trials you have heard of, they all endured them. There is no doubt that the purpose was none other than to call the servants to the recognition of the Beauty of the All-Merciful, and will never be otherwise. And if you say the purpose was His commandments and prohibitions, there is no doubt this was not and will never be the primary purpose. For instance, if someone were to arise in worship with all the dwellers of earth and heaven, yet be deprived of divine recognition, it would never benefit those who practice it, nor will it ever do so. In all heavenly Books this matter is evident and clear. And if someone recognizes the Truth yet abandons all divine commandments, there is hope for salvation, as is clear and evident to people of insight.

Therefore, the primary purpose of the creation of existence, the appearance of innovation, the sending of Messengers, the revelation of Books, and the bearing of countless hardships by the Messengers - all was for the recognition of the Beauty of the All-Glorious. So now if someone occupies himself with all deeds, and spends his entire life in standing and sitting, in remembrance and contemplation, and other such acts, yet remains deprived of the recognition of God, no fruit will ever return to him. And the recognition of God has ever been the recognition of the Manifestation of His Self among His creation, as hath been mentioned and demonstrated in all Books, especially in the Bayan, wherein in all its tablets this most exalted matter and this most glorious subtlety hath been set forth. Blessed, then, are they that recognize!

And were one to observe with a pure eye, it would become evident that all divine temples who have sacrificed their lives, possessions, honor and name in the path of the Beloved had, in the first instance, no purpose save to draw the servants to the stream of true knowledge. Now consider the Prophets, what countless afflictions they bore that perchance people might rend asunder the veils of fancy and become refreshed from the stream of certitude. And since the thick veils of fancy appeared so vast and overwhelming in their eyes, therefore whenever a Messenger appeared from God, all arose to oppose that divine breath, until the sending of Messengers culminated with the Guide of Ways in the year sixty. It was observed how far people had strayed from the shore of holy certitude due to their vain imaginings, to such extent that naught but desire was remembered as God among them, and naught but mere conjecture as certitude. And when the Most Exalted Beauty commanded the rending of veils, all arose to oppose Him until a small number recognized the ultimate purpose, burning away all veils of fancy and clouds of doubt with the fire of the divine Tree, and attained recognition of the Beauty of the All-Merciful. By God the Truth! Were someone to reflect on what befell that Blessed Beauty through the opposition of the divines and countless trials, they would spend their entire life in lamentation, wailing and weeping, until the malicious ones suspended that Manifest Beauty in the air and with bullets of polytheism and

hatred cut down that sacred and ultimate Tree. And while that Blessed Beauty was suspended in the air, in the innermost secret, with the tongue of clear utterance spoke these firm and mighty words: “O people of the Bayan! Reflect a while upon these people who consider themselves knowers of Truth and followers of the paths of certitude, who at all times are occupied with the remembrance and words of the All-Merciful, to such degree that not for a single day have they forsaken the commands of the All-Knowing King, and if anyone did forsake them they would find themselves remorseful. Yet they have suspended and martyred the very Essence of the All-Merciful and Treasury of Glory to Whom they had clung in recognition, never truly recognizing Him and depriving themselves of all divine bounties and glorious favors. They are in the depths of fire yet count themselves among the people of paradise; they are immersed in the sea of torment yet consider themselves beloved of the Lord of Lords; in utmost remoteness from Truth they imagine themselves among those near to Him. Therefore O people of the Bayan! At all times place your trust in the Beauty of the Lord of the Worlds and take refuge in Him, lest you inflict upon My Beauty in My next manifestation what this group has inflicted at this time. O people of the Bayan! The followers of the Qur’an had no proof save the Qur’an which was the criterion between truth and falsehood in those days, and when My divine Beauty dawned from My holy and glorious horizon, I manifested Myself with that same proof and evidence, nay greater, that perchance through the previous proof they might recognize the subsequent proof and not deprive themselves from the sanctuary of certifying the Beauty of certitude.”

I revealed the Most Great Self as proof, so that perchance they might recognize the subsequent proof from the previous proof and not deprive themselves from the sanctuary of certitude in the Beauty of Truth. Yet in all days they recite the verses of the Qur’an while remaining deprived of these wondrous verses whose authenticity shines like the sun between heaven. Thus when the mighty divine verses were revealed, some claimed these verses were stolen from previous books, while others in their heedlessness proclaimed they emerged from the mine of self and desire - thus do We bear witness if you be of those who testify. Until matters reached such a state that while seeking to draw near to My remembrance, you wounded My body, and while priding yourselves on knowing Me, you fired bullets of hatred at My renowned Beauty. Such is the nature of this world and its people, until My subtle spirit, freed from the defilement of the souls of the idolaters, winged its flight to the most exalted and sublime station, the Most Holy, Most Glorious Companion. And after My blessed spirit ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon, I gazed with eyes of grace and favor upon those who claimed to love Me, to see which would act upon My counsels and obey My command. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak from the Most Glorious Horizon saying: “O people of the Bayan! This is My Beauty Who hath appeared through My verses and My manifestations. Why did you deny Him and turn away? Thus is it proven that you believed not in My Self, just as it was proven at the time of My manifestation that the people of the Qur’an believed not in Muhammad, the Manifestation of My Self, just as it appeared at Muhammad’s advent that the people of the Gospel believed not in My Son, just as it was shown when the Spirit came that the people of the Torah believed not in Him Who conversed with God. Therefore return and observe until the matter ends with the First Manifestation. Thus do We impart unto you of the mysteries that were, that you may become aware in your souls.”

And not many days had passed since My martyrdom when a new grace from the holy Most Glorious quarter and an exalted favor from the sublime Most High horizon dawned forth, and the Ancient Beauty appeared in the Most Great, Most Noble Beauty from the invisible Paradise, with the same proof that I established as proof, and with the same evidence that was acceptable to God - nay, with all the attributes of Divine unity, manifestations of eternal glory, hidden mysteries beyond comprehension, and glorious tokens beyond recognition. Nevertheless, O people of the Bayan, you have gathered from all directions around the Most Great Throne with swords of hatred and arrows, and at every moment you have loosed the arrows of malice against this glorious, exalted Beauty. I swear by My Beauty, were you now to observe and turn with the Supreme Companion toward reality, you would see oceans of blood flowing from My body and signs of the swords of hatred apparent in My limbs. Have you not reflected on why I sacrificed My Self and endured all those swords of indecency and bullets of enmity? It is abundantly clear that I had no purpose save the recognition of the Manifestation of My Self. Yet when the Manifestation of My Self appeared in full splendor, you have acted thus, as is evident. Now if you were to be questioned in the gathering place of the Greatest Resurrection about your deeds, what would you answer the Lord of Lords? By God! You would have no power to speak, for but few days have passed since My absence, and ye have witnessed with your own eyes all the evidences of the Revelation and the matters that have come to pass. Yet ye have become heedless of My Beauty - He through Whose word all former and latter conditions have been realized - and ye have remained veiled from the Most Exalted Horizon by the veils of self and desire.

O people! Throughout all the pages of the Bayan, I gave unto all the glad tidings of this holy and eternal Manifestation, and I warned lest at the rising of this Most Great Luminary of Glory ye should be occupied with aught that hath been created between the heavens and the earth and thus remain veiled from the Ancient Beauty. Likewise did I explicitly say: “Beware, O people, lest at the time of His manifestation ye remain veiled by a single one of the Bayan,” knowing full well that the first to believe in the Bayan is regarded by God as the first among all creation, and I gave him precedence over all others. Moreover, I explicitly declared: “Beware, O people, lest at the time of His manifestation ye remain veiled by what hath been revealed in the Bayan.” And now, O people, ye cling to descriptions revealed in the Bayan while knowing neither their meaning nor to whom they refer, for none hath ever comprehended My purpose. Nevertheless, ye have turned away from the Creator of these descriptions, their Revealer, their Manifestation and their Fulfiller–He by Whose word such temples have been and continue to be created. Would that ye had been content with this! But nay, ye have pronounced the verdict for His death. By God, at all times ye have afflicted this Essence of the All-Merciful like unto a serpent. Ye neither believed nor recognized the truth. Why then did ye consent to His murder and harm? I swear by My Beauty, ye have not drunk from the cup of fairness, nor tasted from the ocean of My good-pleasure. Ye have not walked in the path of justice, nor traversed the way of the discerning ones. Ye have mistaken error for guidance and regarded pure polytheism as the essence of unity. Ye have all witnessed with your outward eyes one who protected him for twenty years and who still lives–and despite having power over him and knowledge of his inner secrets, preserved him under the protection of His mercy. Yet he arose to kill Him, and when his intention and deed became known among the emigrants, he engaged in fabricated calumnies to conceal his reprehensible acts and cast doubt in the hearts of the doubtful, attributing his own deeds and actions to the Ancient Beauty, that he might lead the servants from the right hand of

certitude to the left hand of fancy. And ye have denied what ye have witnessed with your own eyes and comprehended, remaining veiled from the Countenance of Unity by fabricated calumnies. I swear by My holy and transcendent Beauty that all they have written concerning this manifest Beauty stands as proof of the falsehood of those who speak and the truth of this manifest Cause, for they have mentioned accusations whose falsehood is more evident than the sun in midheaven, as ye have all associated with this most exalted Beauty and have understood according to your capacity. Yet because of these fabricated words, ye have turned away from the Revealer of divine verses. And even if we were to grant that they speak the truth, have ye not recognized that "He doeth what He willeth" and are ye not convinced that "He ordaineth what He pleaseth"? Beyond all these considerations, these souls who have emigrated with God on this journey and who have witnessed and comprehended most matters with their own eyes and hearts, bear witness that the Truth, exalted be His glory, was and shall ever be distinguished from all else by all His attributes. Yet even these souls ye have deemed liars.

By My beauty I swear that God's conclusive proof hath been completed for all, and His perfect Word hath dawned from the horizon of truth. Today there is no shelter save His shelter, and no shadow visible except His shadow. Hearken unto the voice of your Beloved, and hold fast to that which you have witnessed with your own eyes, and sever yourselves from the handle of idle fancy. If you observe with the eye of truth, by God the Concourse on High are engaged in lamentation and wailing, and all the maidens of the celestial chambers are moaning and lamenting. The leaves of the Lote-Tree have withered from the tyranny of these oppressors. By the True One, the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy have been cut off from the realm of possibility, and the effulgence of the lights of the Face of the Glorious One hath been forbidden to the dwellers of all worlds. By the True One, ye have perpetrated such injustice that all things have been cut off from their own lives, and today no creation remaineth, whether from the Concourse on High or the dwellers of the cities of eternity or those who dwell in the ocean of names, except that all have transformed every subtlety of joy into sorrow and donned the garments of mourning. All the cherubic hosts and the realities of the Prophets and Messengers are lamenting in their lofty chambers of glory, while ye, O heedless ones of the earth, are rejoicing and traverse the lowest abyss with utmost delight. Ye have slain the essence of religion, yet fancy yourselves seated upon the thrones of faith and certitude. By God, O people, the like of this Revelation hath never appeared, nor hath the eye of creation beheld it. Hear ye My call and be not of those who were cautious among the people of the Furqan - those who exercised such caution about the blood of a gnat yet issued the verdict to shed the blood of God. They were engaged in remembrance, yet when the verses of the King of Remembrance were cast upon that group, they would cry out: "Leave these remembrances and do not make us heedless of the remembrance of God!" Such were the deeds and actions that became manifest from that group, and ye, O people of the Bayan, in these days are perpetrating the very essence of those deeds and consider yourselves to be of the truth.

Therefore I call God, His angels, His Prophets and Messengers, and those who circle round His throne, and all that hath been created in the heavens and earth, to witness that I have not fallen short in conveying My message to you. I delivered unto you God's messages at the time of My manifestation, at the time of My ascension, and at this time when I have revealed Myself from the Most Glorious Horizon. I have cast upon you wisdom and utterance, made known to you the Beauty of the All-Merciful, and

completed for you the proof, the evidence, and the demonstration. No mention remaineth but I have cast it upon you.

Therefore, O my God, Thou knowest that I have not failed in Thy Cause and have conveyed unto these people that which Thou didst command me before the creation of the heavens and earth. I have made clear unto them the paths of Thy justice and shown them the ways of Thy good-pleasure. Therefore, O my God, have mercy upon these people and make them not to be of those who turned away from me, denied my right, and disputed my signs until they shed my blood and dismembered my limbs. Therefore, O my God, assist them in Thy Cause, aid them with Thy help, and deprive them not of these breezes which are wafting from this Paradise which Thou didst create in the heart of heaven, and withhold them not from the fragrances which Thou didst send forth from the horizon of Thy name, the Most Merciful. Therefore, O my God, create in their breasts from the light of Thy words the fire of Thy attraction, that it may turn them by sheer might to the right hand of the throne of Thy mercy. Then kindle, O my God, in their hearts the torches of Thy love and yearning, that thereby may be consumed the veils that have withheld them from the court of Thy nearness and Thy presence. Then take, O my God, their hands with the hands of power and might, and deliver them from the depths of idle fancies and vain imaginations, and bring them unto the station which Thou hast sanctified from the allusions of all that hath been created between earth and heaven. Then cast upon them the word whereby Thou dost attract the hearts of them that know to the heaven of the glory of Thy favors and the hearts of them that are nigh unto the atmosphere of the holiness of Thy bounties. Then cause them, O my Beloved, to be of those whom all who are in the heavens and on earth have failed to prevent from turning to the direction of Thy grace, from standing firm in Thy Cause, from acknowledging Thy presence, and from attaining certitude in their meeting with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Giving, the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Helper, the Generous.

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He is the Most Wondrous, the All-Glorious!

Glorified is He Who hath revealed His verses to those who understand. Glorified is He Who revealeth His verses to those who perceive. Glorified is He Who guideth whomsoever He pleaseth unto His path. Say: I, verily, am the Path of God unto all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth; well is it with them that hasten thereunto!

Glorified is He Who sendeth down His verses to those who comprehend. Glorified is He Who speaketh forth from the Kingdom of His Revelation, and Who remaineth unknown to all save His honoured servants. Glorified is He Who quickeneth whomsoever He willeth by virtue of His word “Be”, and it is! Glorified is He Who causeth whomsoever He willeth to ascend unto the heaven of grace, and sendeth down therefrom whatsoever He desireth according to a prescribed measure.

Blessed is He Who doeth as He willeth by a word of His command. He, verily, is the True One, the All-Knowing. Blessed is He Who inspireth whomsoever He willeth with whatsoever He desireth, through His irresistible and inscrutable command. Blessed is He Who aideth whomsoever He desireth with the hosts

of the unseen. His might is, in truth, equal to His purpose, and He, verily, is the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is He Who exalteth whomsoever He willeth by the power of His sovereign might, and confirmeth whomsoever He chooseth in accordance with His good pleasure; well is it with them that understand!

Blessed is He Who, in a well-guarded Tablet, hath prescribed a fixed measure unto all things. Blessed is He Who hath revealed unto His Servant that which shall illumine the hearts and minds of men. Blessed is He Who hath sent down upon His Servant such tribulations as have melted the hearts of them that dwell within the Tabernacle of eternity and the souls of those who have drawn nigh unto their Lord. Blessed is He Who hath showered upon His Servant, from the clouds of His decree, the darts of affliction, and Who beholdeth Me enduring them with patience and fortitude. Blessed is He Who hath ordained for His Servant that which He hath destined for no other soul. He, verily, is the One, the Incomparable, the Self-Subsisting.

Blessed is He Who hath caused to rain down upon His Servant from the clouds of enmity, and at the hands of the people of denial, the shafts of tribulation and trial; and yet seeth Our heart filled with gratitude. Blessed is He Who hath laid upon the shoulders of His Servant the burden of the heavens and of the earth—"a burden for which We yield Him every praise, though none may grasp this save them that are endued with understanding. Glorified is He Who hath surrendered the embodiment of His Beauty to the clutches of the envious and the wicked—"a fate unto which We are fully resigned, though none may perceive this save those who are endued with insight. Glorified is He Who hath left a—usayn to make His dwelling amidst the hosts of His enemies, and exposed His body with every breath to the spears of hatred and anger; yet do We yield Him thanks for all that He hath destined to befall His Servant Who repaireth unto Him in His affliction and grief.

While engulfed in tribulations I heard a most wondrous, a most sweet voice, calling above My head. Turning My face, I beheld a Maiden—"the embodiment of the remembrance of the name of My Lord—"suspended in the air before Me. So rejoiced was she in her very soul that her countenance shone with the ornament of the good pleasure of God, and her cheeks glowed with the brightness of the All-Merciful. Betwixt earth and heaven she was raising a call which captivated the hearts and minds of men. She was imparting to both My inward and outer being tidings which rejoiced My soul, and the souls of God's honoured servants.

Pointing with her finger unto My head, she addressed all who are in heaven and all who are on earth, saying: By God! This is the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and yet ye comprehend not. This is the Beauty of God amongst you, and the power of His sovereignty within you, could ye but understand. This is the Mystery of God and His Treasure, the Cause of God and His glory unto all who are in the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation, if ye be of them that perceive. This is He Whose Presence is the ardent desire of the denizens of the Realm of eternity, and of them that dwell within the Tabernacle of glory, and yet from His Beauty do ye turn aside.

O people of the Bayán! If ye aid Him not, God will assuredly assist Him with the powers of earth and heaven, and sustain Him with the hosts of the unseen through His command "Be", and it is! The day is approaching when God will have, by an act of His Will, raised up a race of men the nature of which is

inscrutable to all save God, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. He shall purify them from the defilement of idle fancies and corrupt desires, shall lift them up to the heights of holiness, and shall cause them to manifest the signs of His sovereignty and might upon earth. Thus hath it been ordained by God, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving.

O people of the Bayán! Would ye deny Him Whose presence is the very object of your creation, while ye rejoice idly upon your couches? Would ye laugh to scorn and contend with Him, a single hair of Whose head excelleth, in the sight of God, all that are in the heavens and all that are on the earth? O people of the Bayán! Produce, then, that which ye possess, that I may know by what proof ye believed aforetime in the Manifestations of His Cause, and by what reason ye now wax so disdainful!

I swear by Him Who hath fashioned Me from the light of His own Beauty! None have I ever seen that surpasseth you in heedlessness or exceedeth you in blindness. Ye seek to prove your faith in God through such holy Tablets as ye possess, yet when the verses of God were revealed and His Lamp was lighted, ye disbelieved in Him Whose very Pen hath fixed the destinies of all things in the Preserved Tablet. Ye recite the sacred verses and yet repudiate Him Who is their Source and Revealer. Thus hath God blinded your eyes in requital for your deeds, would ye but understand. Day and night ye transcribe the verses of God, and yet ye remain shut out, as by a veil, from Him Who hath revealed them.

In this Day the Concourse on high beholdeth you in your evil doings and shunneth your company, and yet ye perceive it not. They ask of one another: “What words do these fools utter, and in what valley are they wont to graze? Do they deny that whereunto their very souls testify, and shut their eyes to that which they plainly behold?” I swear by God, O people! They that inhabit the Cities of the Names of God are bewildered at your actions, while ye roam, aimless and unconscious, in a parched and barren land.

O Pen of the Most High! Hearken unto the Call of Thy Lord, raised from the Divine Lote-Tree in the holy and luminous Spot, that the sweet accents of Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, may fill Thy soul with joy and fervour, and that the breezes that waft from My name, the Ever-Forgiving, may dispel Thy cares and sorrows. Raise up, then, from this Temple, the temples of the Oneness of God, that they may tell out, in the kingdom of creation, the tidings of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, and be of them that are illumined by His light.

We, verily, have ordained this Temple to be the source of all existence in the new creation, that all may know of a certainty My power to accomplish that which I have purposed through My word “Be”, and it is! Beneath the shadow of every letter of this Temple We shall raise up a people whose number none can reckon save God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Erelong shall God bring forth from His Temple such souls as will remain unswayed by the insinuations of the rebellious, and who will quaff at all times of the cup that is life indeed. These, truly, are of the blissful.

These are servants who abide beneath the shelter of the tender mercy of their Lord, and who remain undeterred by those who seek to obstruct their path. Upon their faces may be seen the brightness of the light of the All-Merciful, and from their hearts may be heard the remembrance of Mine all-glorious and inaccessible Name. Were they to unloose their tongues to extol their Lord, the denizens of earth and heaven would join in their anthems of praise—“yet how few are they who hear! And were they to glorify

their Lord, all created things would join in their hymns of glory. Thus hath God exalted them above the rest of His creation, and yet the people remain unaware!

These are they who circle round the Cause of God even as the shadow doth revolve around the sun. Open, then, your eyes, O people of the Bayán, that haply ye may behold them! It is by virtue of their movement that all things are set in motion, and by reason of their stillness all things are brought to rest, would that ye might be assured thereof! Through them the believers in the Divine Unity have turned towards Him Who is the Object of the adoration of the entire creation, and by them the hearts of the righteous have found rest and composure, could ye but know it! Through them the earth hath been established, the clouds have rained down their bounty, and the bread of holiness hath descended from the heaven of grace, could ye but perceive it!

These souls are the protectors of the Cause of God on earth, who shall preserve its beauty from the obscuring dust stirred up by every rejected disbeliever. In the path of their Lord they shall not fear for their lives; rather will they sacrifice their all in their eagerness to behold the face of their Well-Beloved and His exaltation in this Name, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Most Holy.

O Living Temple! Arise by the power of Thy Self in such wise that all created things will be moved to arise with Thee. Aid, then, Thy Lord through such ascendancy and might as We have bestowed upon Thee. Take heed lest Thou falter on that Day when all created things are filled with dismay; rather be Thou the revealer of My name, the Self-Subsisting. Assist Thy Lord to the utmost of Thine ability, and pay no heed to the peoples of the world, for that which their mouths utter is like unto the droning of a gnat in an endless valley. Quaff the water of life in My name, the All-Merciful, and proffer unto the near ones amongst the inmates of this heavenly garden that which shall cause them to become detached from all names and enter beneath this blessed and all-encompassing shadow.

O Living Temple! Through Thee have We gathered together all created things, whether in the heavens or on the earth, and called them to account for that which We had covenanted with them before the foundation of the world. And lo, but for a few radiant faces and eloquent tongues, We found most of the people dumbfounded, their eyes staring up in fear. From the former We brought forth the creation of all that hath been and all that shall be. These are they whose countenances God hath graciously turned away from the face of the unbelievers, and whom He hath sheltered beneath the shadow of the Tree of His own Being; they upon whose hearts He hath bestowed the gift of peace and tranquillity, and whom He hath strengthened and assisted through the hosts of the seen and the unseen.

O Eyes of this Temple! Look not upon the heavens and that which they contain, nor upon the earth and them that dwell thereon, for We have created you to behold Our own Beauty: See it now before you! Withhold not your gaze therefrom, and deprive not yourselves of the Beauty of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Erelong shall We bring into being through you keen and penetrating eyes that will contemplate the manifold signs of their Creator and turn away from all that is perceived by the people of the world. Through you shall We bestow the power of vision upon whomsoever We desire, and lay hold upon those who have deprived themselves of this gracious bounty. These, verily, have drunk from the cup of delusion, though they perceive it not.

O Ears of this Temple! Purge yourselves from all idle clamour and hearken unto the melodies of your Lord. He, verily, revealeth unto you, from the Throne of glory, that there is none other God save Me, the All-Glorious, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Erelong shall We bring into being through you pure and undefiled ears which will heed the Word of God and that which hath appeared from the Dayspring of the Utterance of your Lord, the All-Merciful. They shall assuredly perceive the sweet accents of Divine Revelation that proceed from these most blessed and hallowed precincts.

O Tongue of this Temple! We, verily, have created thee through Our name, the All-Merciful, have taught thee whatsoever had remained concealed in the Bayán, and have bestowed upon thee the power of utterance, that thou mayest make mention of Mine exalted Self amidst My creatures. Proclaim, then, this wondrous and mighty Remembrance, and fear not the manifestations of the Evil One. Thou wert called into being for this very purpose by virtue of My transcendent and all-compelling command. Through thee have We unloosed the Tongue of Utterance to expound all that hath been, and We shall again, by My sovereign power, unloose it to speak of that which is yet to come. Erelong shall We bring into being through thee eloquent tongues that will praise and extol Me amongst the Concourse of eternity and amidst the peoples of the world. Thus have the verses of God been revealed, and thus hath it been decreed by the Lord of all names and attributes. Thy Lord, verily, is the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Nothing whatsoever shall prevent these tongues from magnifying their Creator. Through them, all created things shall arise to glorify the Lord of names and to bear witness that there is none other God save Me, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Nor shall those who make mention of Me speak aught unless they be inspired by this Tongue from its heavenly garden. Few, however, are they who understand! No tongue is there that speaketh not the praises of its Lord and maketh not mention of His Name. Amongst the people, however, are those who understand and utter praises, and those who utter praises, yet understand not.

O Maid of inner meanings! Step out of the chamber of utterance by the leave of God, the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Reveal, then, thyself adorned with the raiment of the celestial Realm, and proffer with thy ruby fingers the wine of the heavenly Dominion, that haply the denizens of this world may perceive that the Daystar of eternity shone forth above the horizon of the Kingdom with the adornment of glory. Perchance they may arise before the dwellers of earth and heaven to extol and magnify this Youth Who hath established Himself in the midmost heart of Paradise upon the throne of His name, the Most Bountiful—"He from Whose countenance shineth the brightness of the All-Merciful, from Whose gaze appear the glances of the All-Glorious, and in Whose ways are revealed the tokens and evidences of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Grieve not if none be found to accept the crimson wine proffered by Thy snow-white hand and to seize it in the name of Thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High—"He Who hath appeared again in His name, the Most Glorious. Leave this people unto themselves, and repair unto the Tabernacle of majesty and glory, wherein Thou shalt encounter a people whose faces shine as brightly as the sun in its noontide splendour, and who praise and extol their Lord in this Name that hath arisen, in the plenitude of might and power, to assume the throne of independent sovereignty. From their lips Thou shalt hear naught but the strains of My praise; unto this Thy Lord beareth Me witness. The existence of these people, however, hath remained concealed from the eyes of all who, from everlasting, have been created through the Word of

God. Thus have We made plain Our meaning and set forth Our verses, that perchance men may reflect upon the signs and tokens of their Lord.

These are they who, in truth, were not enjoined to prostrate themselves before Adam. They have never turned away from the countenance of Thy Lord, and partake at every moment of the gifts and delights of holiness. Thus hath the Pen of the All-Merciful set forth the secrets of all things, be they of the past or of the future. Would that the world might understand! Erelong shall God make manifest this people upon the earth, and through them shall exalt His name, diffuse His signs, uphold His words, and proclaim His verses, in spite of those that have repudiated His truth, gainsaid His sovereignty, and cavilled at His signs.

O Beauty of the All-Glorious! Shouldst Thou chance upon this people and enter their presence, recount unto them that which this Youth hath related unto Thee concerning Himself and the things that have befallen Him, that they may come to know what hath been inscribed upon the Preserved Tablet. Acquaint them with the tidings of this Youth, and with the trials and tribulations He hath suffered, that they may become mindful of Mine afflictions, and be of them that are occupied with His remembrance. Recount, then, unto them how We singled out for Our favour one of Our brothers, how We imparted unto him a dewdrop from the fathomless ocean of knowledge, clothed him with the garment of one of Our Names, and exalted him to such a station that all were moved to extol him, and how We so protected him from the harm of the malevolent as to disarm even the mightiest amongst them.

We arose alone before the gaze of the peoples of earth and heaven at a time when all had determined to slay us. While dwelling in their midst, We continually made mention of the Lord, celebrated His praise, and stood firm in His Cause, until at last the Word of God was vindicated amongst His creatures, His signs were spread abroad, His power exalted, and His sovereignty revealed in its full splendour. To this bear witness all His honoured servants. Yet when My brother beheld the rising fame of the Cause, he became filled with arrogance and pride. Thereupon he emerged from behind the veil of concealment, rose up against Me, disputed My verses, denied My testimony, and repudiated My signs. Nor would his hunger be appeased unless he were to devour My flesh and drink My blood. To this testify such of God's servants as have accompanied Him in His exile, and, beyond them, they that enjoy near access unto Him.

To this end he conferred with one of My servants and sought to win him over to his own designs; whereupon the Lord despatched unto Mine assistance the hosts of the seen and the unseen, protected Me by the power of truth, and sent down upon Me that which thwarted his purpose. Thus were foiled the plots of those who disbelieve in the verses of the All-Merciful. They, truly, are a rejected people. When news spread of that which the promptings of self had impelled My brother to attempt, and Our companions in exile learned of his nefarious design, the voice of their indignation and grief was lifted up and threatened to spread throughout the city. We forbade, however, such recriminations, and enjoined upon them patience, that they might be of those that endure steadfastly.

By God, besides Whom is none other God! We withstood all these trials with forbearance, and enjoined upon God's servants to show forth patience and fortitude. Removing Ourself from their midst, We took up residence in another house, that perchance the flame of envy might be quenched in Our brother's breast, and that he might be guided aright. We neither opposed him, nor saw him again thereafter, but remained in Our home, placing Our hopes in the bounty of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

When, however, he realized that his deed had been exposed, he seized the pen of calumny and wrote unto the servants of God, attributing what he had himself committed unto Mine own peerless and wronged Beauty. His purpose was none other than to inspire mischief and to instil hatred into the hearts of those who had believed in God, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving.

By the One in Whose hand is My soul! We were dismayed by his deceitfulness—nay, bewildered were all things visible and invisible. Nor did he find respite from what he harboured in his bosom until he had committed that which no pen dare describe, and by which he disgraced the dignity of My station and profaned the sanctity of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. Were God to turn all the oceans of the earth into ink and all created things into pens, they would not suffice Me to exhaust the record of his wrongdoings. Thus do We recount that which befell Us, that haply ye may be of them that understand.

O Pen of Eternity! Grieve not at the things that have befallen Thee, for erelong shall God raise up a people who will see with their own eyes and will recall Thy tribulations. Withhold Thy pen from the mention of Thine enemies, and bestir it in the praise of the Eternal King. Renounce all created things, and quaff the sealed wine of My remembrance. Beware lest Thou become occupied with the mention of those from whom naught save the noisome savours of enmity can be perceived, those who are so enslaved by their lust for leadership that they would not hesitate to destroy themselves in their desire to emblazon their fame and perpetuate their names. God hath recorded such souls in the Preserved Tablet as mere worshippers of names. Recount then that which Thou hast purposed for this Temple, that its signs and tokens may be made manifest upon earth, and that the brightness of this Light may illumine the horizons of the world and cleanse the earth from the defilement of those who have disbelieved in God. Thus have We set down the verses of God and made plain the matter unto those who understand.

O Living Temple! Stretch forth Thy hand over all who are in heaven and on earth, and seize within the grasp of Thy Will the reins of command. We have, verily, placed in Thy right hand the empire of all things. Do as Thou willest, and fear not the ignorant. Reach out to the Tablet that hath dawned above the horizon of the pen of Thy Lord, and take hold of it in such wise that, through Thee, the hands of all who inhabit the earth may be enabled to lay fast hold upon it. This, in truth, is that which becometh Thee, if Thou be of those who understand. Through the upraising of Thy hand to the heaven of My grace, the hands of all created things shall be lifted up to their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Gracious. Erelong shall We raise up, through the aid of Thy hand, other hands endued with power, with strength and might, and shall establish through them Our dominion over all that dwell in the realms of revelation and creation. Thus will the servants of God recognize the truth that there is none other God beside Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. With these hands, moreover, We shall both bestow and withhold, though none can understand this save those who see with the eye of the spirit.

Say: O people! Can ye ever hope to escape the sovereign power of your Lord? By the righteousness of God! No refuge will ye find in this day, and no one to protect you, save those upon whom God hath bestowed the favour of His mercy. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate. Say: O people! Forsake all that ye possess, and enter beneath the shadow of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Better is this for you than all your works of the past and of the future. Fear ye God, and deprive not yourselves of

the sweet savours of the days of God, the Lord of all names and attributes. Take heed lest ye alter or pervert the text of the Word of God. Walk ye in the fear of God, and be numbered with the righteous.

Say: O people! This is the Hand of God, which hath ever been above your own hands, could ye but understand. Within its grasp We have ordained all the good of the heavens and the earth, such that no good shall be made manifest but that it proceedeth therefrom. Thus have We made it the source and treasury of all good both aforetime and hereafter. Say: The rivers of divine wisdom and utterance which flowed through the Tablets of God are joined to this Most Great Ocean, could ye but perceive it, and whatever hath been set forth in His Books hath attained its final consummation in this most exalted Word—"a Word shining above the horizon of the Will of the All-Glorious in this Revelation which hath filled with delight all things seen and unseen.

Erelong shall God draw forth, out of the bosom of power, the hands of ascendancy and might—"hands who will arise to win victory for this Youth and who will purge mankind from the defilement of the outcast and the ungodly. These hands will gird up their loins to champion the Faith of God, and will, in My name the Self-Subsistent, the Mighty, subdue the peoples and kindreds of the earth. They will enter the cities and will inspire with fear the hearts of all their inhabitants. Such are the evidences of the might of God; how fearful, how vehement is His might, and how justly doth He wield it! He, verily, ruleth and transcendeth all who are in the heavens and on the earth, and revealeth what He desireth according to a prescribed measure.

Should any one of them be called upon to confront all the hosts of creation, he would assuredly prevail through the ascendancy of My Will. This, verily, is a proof of My power, though My creatures comprehend it not. This, verily, is a sign of My sovereignty, though My subjects understand it not. This, verily, is a token of My command, though My servants perceive it not. This, verily, is an evidence of Mine ascendancy, though none amongst the people is truly thankful for it, save those whose eyes God hath illumined with the light of His knowledge, whose hearts He hath made the repository of His Revelation, and upon whose shoulders He hath placed the weight of His Cause. These shall inhale the fragrances of the All-Merciful from the garment of His Name, and shall rejoice at all times in the signs and verses of their Lord. As for those who disbelieve in God, and join partners with Him, they shall indeed incur His wrath, shall be cast into the Fire, and shall be made to dwell, fearful and dismayed, in its depths. Thus do We expound Our verses, and make plain the truth with clear proofs, that perchance the people may reflect upon the signs of their Lord.

O Living Temple! We have, in very truth, appointed Thee to be the sign of My majesty amidst all that hath been and all that shall be, and have ordained Thee to be the emblem of My Cause betwixt the heavens and the earth, through My word "Be", and it is!

O First Letter of this Temple, betokening the Essence of Divinity! We have made thee the treasury of My Will and the repository of My Purpose unto all who are in the kingdoms of revelation and creation. This is but a token of the grace of Him Who is the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O Second Letter of this Temple, betokening My name, the Almighty! We have made thee the manifestation of Our sovereignty and the dayspring of Our Names. Potent am I to fulfil that which My tongue speaketh.

O Third Letter of this Temple, betokening My name, the All-Bountiful! We have made thee the dawning-place of Our bounty amidst Our creatures and the fountainhead of Our generosity amidst Our people. Powerful am I in My dominion. Nothing whatsoever of all that hath been created in the heavens or on the earth can escape My knowledge, and I am the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

Send down out of the clouds of Thy generosity that which shall enrich all created things, and withhold not Thy favours from the world of being. Thou, verily, art the All-Bountiful in the heaven of Thine eternity, and the Lord of infinite grace unto all who inhabit the kingdom of names. Look not upon the people and the things they possess; look rather upon the wonders of Thy gifts and favours. Gather then Thy servants beneath Thy shade that shadoweth all mankind. Stretch forth the hand of bounty over all creation, and the fingers of bestowal over all existence. This, verily, is that which beseemeth Thee, though the people understand it not. Whosoever turneth his face towards Thee doeth so by Thy grace, and as to him who turneth away, Thy Lord, in truth, is independent of all created things. Unto this bear witness His true and devoted servants.

Erelong shall God raise up, through Thee, hands of indomitable strength and arms of invincible might, who will come forth from behind the veils, will render the All-Merciful victorious amongst the peoples of the world, and will raise so mighty a cry as to cause all hearts to tremble with fear. Thus hath it been decreed in a Written Tablet. Such shall be the ascendancy which these souls will evince that consternation and dismay will seize all the dwellers of the earth.

Beware lest ye shed the blood of anyone. Unsheathe the sword of your tongue from the scabbard of utterance, for therewith ye can conquer the citadels of men's hearts. We have abolished the law to wage holy war against each other. God's mercy, hath, verily, encompassed all created things, if ye do but understand. Aid ye your Lord, the God of Mercy, with the sword of understanding. Keener indeed is it, and more finely tempered, than the sword of utterance, were ye but to reflect upon the words of your Lord. Thus have the hosts of Divine Revelation been sent down by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and thus have the armies of divine inspiration been made manifest from the Source of command, as bidden by God, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

Say: The measure of all created things hath been appointed in this concealed and manifest Temple, wherein lie enshrined the knowledge of the heavens and the earth, and of all things past and future. The finger of God's handiwork hath inscribed upon this Tablet that which the wisest and most learned of men are powerless to fathom, and hath created therein temples inscrutable to all save His own Self, could ye but apprehend this truth. Blessed be the one who readeth it, who pondereth its contents, and who is numbered with them that comprehend!

Say: Naught is seen in My temple but the Temple of God, and in My beauty but His Beauty, and in My being but His Being, and in My self but His Self, and in My movement but His Movement, and in My

acquiescence but His Acquiescence, and in My pen but His Pen, the Mighty, the All-Praised. There hath not been in My soul but the Truth, and in Myself naught could be seen but God.

Beware lest ye speak of duality in regard to My Self, for all the atoms of the earth proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving. From the beginning that hath no beginning I have proclaimed, from the realm of eternity, that I am God, none other God is there save Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting; and unto the end that hath no end I shall proclaim, amidst the kingdom of names, that I am God, none other God is there beside Me, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Say: Lordship is My Name, whereof I have created manifestations in the world of being, while We Ourself remain sanctified above them, would ye but ponder this truth. And Godhead is My Name, whereof We have created exponents whose power shall encompass the people of the earth and make them true worshippers of God, could ye but recognize it. Thus should ye regard all Our Names, if ye be endued with insight.

O Fourth Letter of this Temple, betokening the attribute of Grace! We have made thee the manifestation of grace betwixt earth and heaven. From thee have We generated all grace in the contingent world, and unto thee shall We cause it to return. And from thee shall We manifest it again, through a word of Our command. Potent am I to accomplish whatsoever I desire through My word "Be", and it is! Every grace that appeareth in the world of being hath originated from thee, and unto thee shall it return. This, verily, is what hath been ordained in a Tablet which We have preserved behind the veil of glory and concealed from mortal eyes. Well is it with them that deprive themselves not of this conferred and unfailing grace.

Say: In this day, the fertilizing winds of the grace of God have passed over all things. Every creature hath been endowed with all the potentialities it can carry. And yet the peoples of the world have denied this grace! Every tree hath been endowed with the choicest fruits, every ocean enriched with the most luminous gems. Man, himself, hath been invested with the gifts of understanding and knowledge. The whole creation hath been made the recipient of the revelation of the All-Merciful, and the earth the repository of things inscrutable to all except God, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The time is approaching when every created thing will have cast its burden. Glorified be God Who hath vouchsafed this grace that encompasseth all things, whether seen or unseen! Thus have We created the whole earth anew in this day, yet most of the people have failed to perceive it. Say: The grace of God can never be adequately understood; how much less can His own Self, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, be comprehended!

O Temple of the Cause! Grieve not if Thou findest none ready to receive Thy gifts. Thou wast created for My sake; occupy Thyself therefore with My praise amidst My servants. This is that which hath been ordained for Thee in the Preserved Tablet. Having found upon the earth many a soiled hand, We sanctified the hem of Thy garment from the profanity of their touch and placed it beyond the reach of the ungodly. Be patient in the Cause of Thy Lord, for erelong shall He raise up sanctified hearts and illumined eyes who shall flee from every quarter unto Thine all-encompassing and boundless grace.

O Temple of God! No sooner had the hosts of Divine Revelation been sent down by the Lord of all names and attributes bearing the banners of His signs, than the exponents of doubt and fancy were put to flight. They disbelieved in the clear tokens of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and rose up against Him

in enmity and opposition. Amongst them were those who claimed: “These are not clear verses from God, nor do they proceed from an innate and untaught nature.” Thus do the unbelievers seek to remedy the sickness of their hearts, utterly heedless that they thus render themselves accursed of all who dwell in heaven and on earth.

Say: The Holy Spirit Itself hath been generated through the agency of a single letter revealed by this Most Great Spirit, if ye be of them that comprehend. And that innate and untaught nature in its essence is called into being by the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Say: This nature prideth itself in its relation to Our transcendent Truth, whilst We, for Our part, glory neither in it nor in aught else, for all beside Myself hath been created through the potency of My word, could ye but understand.

Say: We have revealed Our verses in nine different modes. Each one of them bespeaketh the sovereignty of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. A single one of them sufficeth for a proof unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth; yet the people, for the most part, persist in their heedlessness. Should it be Our wish, We would reveal them in countless other modes.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, and allow not your tongues to utter, in their deceitfulness, that which displeaseth Him. Stand abashed before the One Who, as ye well know, hath created you out of a drop of water. Say: We have created all that are in heaven and on earth in the nature made by God. Whosoever turneth unto this blessed Countenance shall manifest the potentialities of that inborn nature, and whosoever remaineth veiled therefrom shall be deprived of this invisible and all-encompassing grace. Verily, there is naught from which Our favour hath been withheld, inasmuch as We have dealt equitably in the fashioning of each and all, and by a word of Our mouth presented unto them the trust of Our love. They that have accepted it are indeed safe and secure, and are numbered among those who are immune from the terrors of this Day. Those, however, who have rejected it have, in truth, disbelieved in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thus do We distinguish between the people and pronounce judgement upon them. We, of a certainty, have the power to discern.

Say: The Word of God can never be confounded with the words of His creatures. It is, in truth, the King of words, even as He is Himself the sovereign Lord of all, and His Cause transcendeth all that was and all that shall be. Enter, O people, the City of Certitude wherein the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been established. Thus biddeth you the Pen of the All-Glorious, as a token of His unfailing grace. Haply ye may not make His Revelation a cause of dissension amongst you.

Among the infidels are those who have repudiated His Self and risen up against His Cause, and who claim that these divine verses are contrived. Such also were the objections of the deniers of old, who now implore deliverance from the Fire. Say: Woe betide you for the idle words that proceed from your mouths! If these verses be indeed contrived, then by what proof have ye believed in God? Produce it, if ye be men of understanding! Whensoever We revealed Our clear verses unto such men, they rejected them, and whensoever they beheld that which the combined forces of the earth are powerless to produce, they pronounced it sorcery.

What aileth this people that they speak of that which they understand not? They raise the same objections as did the followers of the Qur'án when their Lord came unto them with His Cause. They, verily, are a rejected people. They hindered others from appearing before Him Who is the Ancient Beauty, and from sharing the bread of His loved ones. "Approach them not," one was even heard to say, "for they cast a spell upon the people and lead them astray from the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting." By the righteousness of the one true God! He who is incapable of speaking in Our presence is uttering such words as none among the former generations hath ever spoken, and hath committed such acts as none of the unbelievers of bygone ages hath ever committed.

The very words and deeds of these men bear eloquent testimony to the truth of My words, if ye be of them that judge with fairness. Whosoever attributeth the verses of God to sorcery hath not believed in any of His Messengers, hath lived and laboured in vain, and is accounted of those who speak that of which they have no knowledge. Say: O servant! Fear God, thy Creator and thy Fashioner, and transgress not against Him, but judge with fairness and act with justice. Those whom the Lord hath endued with knowledge shall find, in the very objections raised by the unbelievers, conclusive proofs to invalidate their claims and vindicate the truth of this manifest Light. Say: Would ye repeat that which the unbelievers uttered when a Message came unto them from their Lord? Woe betide you, O assemblage of foolish ones, and blighted be your works!

O Ancient Beauty! Turn aside from the unbelievers and that which they possess, and waft over all created things the sweet savours of the remembrance of Thy Beloved, the Exalted, the Great. This remembrance quickeneth the world of being and reneweth the temples of all created things. Say: He, verily, hath established Himself upon the Throne of might and glory. Whosoever desireth to gaze upon His countenance, lo, behold Him standing before thee! Blessed be the Lord Who hath revealed Himself in this shining and luminous Beauty. Whosoever desireth to hearken unto His melodies, lo, hear them rising from His resplendent and wondrous lips! And unto whosoever desireth to be illumined by the splendours of His light, say: Seek the court of His presence, for God hath verily granted you leave to approach it, as a token of His grace unto all mankind.

Say: O people! We shall put to you a question in all truthfulness, taking God for a witness between you and Us. He, verily, is the Defender of the righteous. Appear, then, before His Throne of glory and make reply with justice and fair-mindedness. Is it God Who is potent to achieve His purpose, or is it ye who enjoy such authority? Is it He Who is truly unconstrained, as ye imply when ye say that He doeth what He pleaseth and shall not be asked of His doings, or is it ye who wield such power, and who merely make such assertions out of blind imitation, as did your forebears at the appearance of every other Messenger of God?

If He be truly unconstrained, behold then how He hath sent down the Manifestation of His Cause with verses which naught in the heavens or on the earth can withstand! Such hath been the manner of their revelation that they have neither peer nor likeness in the world of being, as ye yourselves beheld and heard when once the Daystar of the world shone forth above the horizon of 'Iráq with manifest dominion. All things attain their consummation in the divine verses, and these indeed are the verses of God, the Sovereign Lord, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the Almighty. Beyond this, He hath been made manifest

as the Bearer of a Cause whose sovereign might is acknowledged by all created things, and this none can deny save the sinners and the ungodly.

Say: O people! Is it your wish to conceal the beauty of the Sun behind the veils of your own selfish desires, or to prevent the Spirit from raising its melodies within this sanctified and luminous breast? Fear ye God, and contend not with Him Who representeth the Godhead. Dispute not with the One at Whose bidding the letter "B" was created and joined with its mighty foundation. Believe in the Messengers of God and His sovereign might, and in the Self of God and His majesty. Follow not those who have repudiated what they had once believed, and who have sought for themselves a station after their own fancy; these, truly, are of the ungodly. Bear ye witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath borne witness, that the company of His favoured ones may be illumined by the words that issue from your lips. Say: We, verily, believe in that which was revealed unto the Apostles of old, in that which hath been revealed, by the power of truth, unto 'Alí, and in that which is now being revealed from His Throne of glory. Thus doth your Lord instruct you, as a sign of His favour and as a token of His grace that encompasseth all the worlds.

O Feet of this Temple! We, verily, have wrought you of iron. Stand firm with such constancy in the Cause of your Lord as to cause the feet of every severed soul to be strengthened in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Beware lest the storms of enmity and hatred, or the blasts of the workers of iniquity, cause you to stumble. Be immovable in the Faith of God, and waver not. We, verily, have called you forth by virtue of that Name which is the source of all steadfastness, and by the grace of each one of Our most excellent Names as revealed unto all who are in heaven and on earth. Erelong shall We bring into being through you other feet, firm and steadfast, which shall walk unwaveringly in Our path, even should they be assailed by hosts as formidable as the combined forces of the former and latter generations. In truth, We hold all grace in the hollow of Our hand, and bestow it as We please upon Our favoured servants. Time and again have We vouchsafed unto you Our favours, that ye may offer such thanks unto your Lord as to cause the tongues of all created things to speak forth in praise of Me, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

Arise to serve this Cause through a might and a power born of Us. Disclose, then, unto the servants of God all that the Spirit of God, the sovereign Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise, hath imparted unto Thee. Say: O people! Will ye turn away from Him Who is the Eternal Truth, and choose instead him whom We have created out of a mere handful of clay? To do so is to inflict a grievous injustice upon yourselves, if ye be of them that reflect upon the verses of your Lord. Say: O people! Cleanse your hearts and your eyes, that ye may recognize your Maker in this holy and luminous attire. Say: The celestial Youth hath ascended the Throne of glory, made manifest His independent sovereignty, and now voiceth, in the most sweet and wondrous accents, this call betwixt earth and heaven: "O peoples of the earth! Wherefore have ye disbelieved in your Lord, the All-Merciful, and turned aside from Him Who is the Beauty of the All-Glorious? By the righteousness of God! This is His Hidden Secret, Who hath risen from the dayspring of creation; and this is His cherished Beauty, Who hath shone forth above the horizon of this heavenly garden, invested with the sovereignty of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the All-Subduing, the Almighty."

O Temple of Holiness! We, verily, have cleansed Thy breast from the whisperings of the people and sanctified it from earthly allusions, that the light of My beauty may appear therein and be reflected in the mirrors of all the worlds. Thus have We singled Thee out above all that hath been created in the heavens and the earth, and above all that hath been decreed in the realms of revelation and creation, and chosen Thee for Our own Self. This is but an evidence of the bounty which God hath vouchsafed unto Thee, a bounty which shall last until the Day that hath no end in this contingent world. It shall endure so long as God, the Supreme King, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Wise, shall endure. For the Day of God is none other but His own Self, Who hath appeared with the power of truth. This is the Day that shall not be followed by night, nor shall it be bounded by any praise, would that ye might understand!

O Breast of this Temple! We, verily, have caused all things to mirror forth thy reality, and made thee as a mirror of Our own Self. Shed, then, upon the breasts of all created beings the splendours of the light of thy Lord, that they may be freed from all allusions and limitations. Thus hath the Daystar of wisdom shone forth above the horizon of the Pen of the Eternal King. Blessed are those who perceive it! Through thee have We created other sanctified breasts, and unto thee shall We cause them to return, as a token of Our grace unto thee and unto Our favoured servants. Erelong shall We bring into being through thee men with sanctified and illumined breasts, who will testify to naught save My beauty and show forth naught but the resplendent light of My countenance. These shall in truth be the mirrors of My Names amidst all created things.

O Temple of Holiness! We, verily, have made Thine inmost heart the treasury of all the knowledge of past and future ages, and the dawning-place of Our own knowledge which We have ordained for the dwellers of earth and heaven, that all creation may partake of the outpourings of Thy grace and may attain, through the wonders of Thy knowledge, unto the recognition of God, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Great. In truth, that knowledge which belongeth unto Mine own Essence is such as none hath ever attained or will ever grasp, nor shall any heart be capable of bearing its weight. Were but a single word of this knowledge to be disclosed, the hearts of all men would be filled with consternation, the foundations of all things would crumble into ruin, and the feet of even the wisest among men would be made to slip.

Within the treasury of Our Wisdom there lieth unrevealed a knowledge, one word of which, if We chose to divulge it to mankind, would cause every human being to recognize the Manifestation of God and to acknowledge His omniscience, would enable every one to discover the secrets of all the sciences, and to attain so high a station as to find himself wholly independent of all past and future learning. Other knowledges We do as well possess, not a single letter of which We can disclose, nor do We find humanity able to hear even the barest reference to their meaning. Thus have We informed you of the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Were We to find worthy vessels, We would impart unto them the treasures of hidden meanings and apprise them of a knowledge, one letter of which would encompass all created things.

O Inmost Heart of this Temple! We have made thee the dawning-place of Our knowledge and the dayspring of Our wisdom unto all who are in heaven and on earth. From thee have We caused all sciences to appear, and unto thee shall We cause them to return. And from thee shall We bring them forth a second time. Such, indeed, is Our promise, and potent are We to effect Our purpose. Erelong shall We

bring into being through thee exponents of new and wondrous sciences, of potent and effective crafts, and shall make manifest through them that which the heart of none of Our servants hath yet conceived. Thus do We bestow upon whom We will whatsoever We desire, and thus do We withdraw from whom We will what We had once bestowed. Even so do We ordain whatsoever We please through Our behest.

Say: Should We choose, at one time, to shed the radiance of Our loving providence upon the mirrors of all things, and, at another, to withhold from them the splendours of Our light, this verily lieth within Our power, and none hath the right to ask "why" or "wherefore". For We are potent indeed to achieve Our purpose, and render no account for that which We bring to pass; and none can doubt this save those who join partners with God and question His Truth. Say: Nothing can withstand the power of Our might or interrupt the course of Our command. We exalt whomsoever We please unto the Realm of supernal might and glory, and, should We so desire, cause the same to sink into the lowest abyss of degradation.

O dwellers of the earth! Would ye contend that if We raise up a soul unto the Sadratu'l-Muntahá, it shall then cease to be subject to the power of Our sovereignty and dominion? Nay, by Mine own Self! Should it be Our wish, We would return it to the dust in less than the twinkling of an eye. Consider a tree: Behold how We plant it in a garden, and nourish it with the waters of Our loving care; and how, when it hath grown tall and mature, and brought forth verdant leaves and goodly fruits, lo, We send forth the tempestuous gales of Our decree, and lay it uprooted and prostrate upon the face of the earth. So hath it been Our way with all things, and so shall it be in this day. Such, in truth, are the matchless wonders of Our immutable method—"a method which hath ever governed, and shall continue to govern, all things, if ye be of them that perceive. None, however, knoweth the wisdom thereof save God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

Would ye gainsay, O people, the very thing that your eyes behold? Woe unto you, O assemblage of deniers! That which alone is exempt from change is His own Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, were ye to gaze with the eye of insight, while all else beside Him can be altered by an act of His Will. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

O people! Dispute not concerning My Cause, for ye shall never fathom the manifold wisdom of your Lord, nor shall ye ever gauge the knowledge of Him Who is the All-Glorious, the All-Pervading. Whosoever layeth claim to have known His Essence is without doubt among the most ignorant of all people. Every atom in the universe would charge such a man with imposture, and to this beareth witness My tongue which speaketh naught but the truth. Magnify My Cause and promulgate My teachings and commandments, for none other course beside this shall beseem you, and no other path shall ever lead unto Him. Would that ye might heed Our counsel!

O Living Temple! We have made Thee the Dayspring of each one of Our most excellent titles, the Dawning-Place of each one of Our most august attributes, and the Fountainhead of each one of Our manifold virtues unto the denizens of earth and heaven. Thereafter have We raised Thee up in Our own image betwixt the heavens and the earth, and ordained Thee to be the sign of Our glory unto all who are in the realms of revelation and creation, that My servants may follow in Thy footsteps, and be of them who are guided aright. We have appointed Thee the Tree of grace and bounty unto the dwellers of both

the heavens and the earth. Well is it with them who seek the shelter of Thy shade and who draw nigh unto Thy Self, the omnipotent Protector of the worlds.

Say: We have made each one of Our Names a wellspring from which We have caused the streams of divine wisdom and understanding to gush forth and flow in the garden of Our Cause—streams whose number none can reckon save Thy Lord, the Most Holy, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise. Say: We have generated all Letters from the Point and have caused them to return unto It, and We have sent It down again in the form of a human temple. All glory be unto the Author of this incomparable and wondrous handiwork! Erelong shall We unfold and expound It again, in Our name, the All-Glorious. This is indeed a token of Our grace, and I, truly, am the Most Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

We have brought forth all Lights from the Orb of Our name, the True One, have caused them to return unto It, and have again made them manifest in the form of a human temple. All glory be unto the Lord of strength, might, and power! None can withstand the operation of My will or the exercise of My might. I am He Who hath raised up all creatures through a word of My mouth, and My power is, in truth, equal to My purpose.

Say: It is in Our power, should We wish it, to cause all created things to expire in an instant, and, with the next, to endue them again with life. The knowledge thereof, however, is with God alone, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It is in Our power, should We wish it, to enable a speck of floating dust to generate, in less than the twinkling of an eye, suns of infinite, of unimaginable splendour, to cause a dewdrop to develop into vast and numberless oceans, to infuse into every letter such a force as to empower it to unfold all the knowledge of past and future ages. This, in truth, is a matter simple of accomplishment. Such have been the evidences of My power from the beginning that hath no beginning until the end that hath no end. My creatures, however, have been oblivious of My power, have repudiated My sovereignty, and contended with Mine own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Of all that lieth between heaven and earth, naught can stir except by My leave, and unto My Kingdom none can ascend save at My behest. My creatures, however, have remained veiled from My might and My sovereignty, and are numbered with the heedless. Say: Naught is seen in My revelation but the Revelation of God, and in My might but His Might, could ye but know it. Say: My creatures are even as the leaves of a tree. They proceed from the tree, and depend upon it for their existence, yet remain oblivious of their root and origin. We draw such similitudes for the sake of Our discerning servants that perchance they may transcend a mere plant-like level of existence and attain unto true maturity in this resistless and immovable Cause. Say: My creatures are even as the fish of the deep. Their life dependeth upon the water, and yet they remain unaware of that which, by the grace of an omniscient and omnipotent Lord, sustaineth their very existence. Indeed, their heedlessness is such that were they asked concerning the water and its properties, they would prove entirely ignorant. Thus do We set forth comparisons and similitudes, that perchance the people may turn unto Him Who is the Object of the adoration of the entire creation.

O people! Fear God, and disbelieve not in Him Whose grace hath surrounded all things, Whose mercy hath pervaded the contingent world, and the sovereign potency of Whose Cause hath encompassed both your inner and your outer beings, both your beginning and your end. Stand ye in awe of the Lord, and be

of them that act uprightly. Beware lest ye be accounted among those who allow the verses of their Lord to pass them by unheard and unrecognized; these, truly, are of the wayward.

Say: Would ye worship him who neither heareth nor seeth, and who is of a truth the most abject and wayward of all God's servants? Wherefore have ye failed to follow the One Who hath come unto you from the Source of Divine Command bearing the tidings of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great? O people! Be not like unto those who entered before Our throne, and yet failed to perceive or comprehend; these are indeed a contemptible people. We recited unto them verses that would enrapture the dwellers of the heavenly Dominion and the inmates of the Kingdom on high, and yet they departed veiled therefrom, and hearkened rather unto the voice of him who is but a servant of God and a mere creation of His Will. Thus do We impart unto you that which shall guide you towards the path of God's favoured ones.

How many those who entered within the Abode of Paradise, the Seat wherein the throne of God had been established, and stood before their Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, only to inquire about the four Gates or of some Imám of the Islamic Faith! Such was the state of these souls, if ye be of them that comprehend. It is even as ye witness in the present day: Those who have disbelieved in God and joined partners with Him cling to a single one of Our Names, and are debarred from recognizing Him Who is the Creator of all Names. We testify that such men are of a truth amongst the people of the Fire. They ask the sun to expound the words of the shadow, and the True One to explain the utterances of His creatures, could ye but perceive it! Say: O people! The sun offereth naught save the effulgence of its own light and that which appeareth therefrom, whilst all else seek illumination from its rays. Fear God, and be not of the ignorant! Among them also were those who inquired of the darkness about the light. Say: Open thine eyes, that thou mayest behold the brightness which hath visibly enveloped the earth! This, verily, is a light which hath risen and shone forth above the horizon of the Dayspring of divine knowledge with manifest radiance. Would ye ask the Jews whether Jesus was the True One from God, or the idols if Mua□□ammad was an Apostle of His Lord, or inquire from the people of the Qur'án as to Him Who was the Remembrance of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great?

Say: O people! Cast away, before the splendours of this Revelation, the things that ye possess, and cleave to that which God hath bidden you observe. Such is His command unto you, and He, verily, is best able to command. By My Beauty! By those words which I have revealed, Myself is not intended, but rather He Who will come after Me. To it is witness God, the All-Knowing. Deal not with Him as ye have dealt with Me. Do not object, when the verses of God are sent down unto you from the Court of My favour, saying, "these do not proceed from an innate and untaught nature", for that nature itself hath been created by My word and circleth round Me, if ye be of them that apprehend this truth. Inhale from the utterances of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the sweet smell of the garment of inner meanings, which hath been diffused throughout the entire creation and hath shed its fragrance over all created things. Happy are those who perceive it and hasten unto God with radiant hearts.

O Living Temple! We, verily, have made Thee a mirror unto the kingdom of names, that Thou mayest be, amidst all mankind, a sign of My sovereignty, a herald unto My presence, a summoner unto My beauty, and a guide unto My straight and perspicuous Path. We have exalted Thy Name among Our servants as a

bounty from Our presence. I, verily, am the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. We have, moreover, adorned Thee with the ornament of Our own Self, and have imparted unto Thee Our Word, that Thou mayest ordain in this contingent world whatsoever Thou willest and accomplish whatsoever Thou pleasest. We have destined for Thee all the good of the heavens and of the earth, and decreed that none may attain unto a portion thereof unless he entereth beneath Thy shadow, as bidden by Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have conferred upon Thee the Staff of authority and the Writ of judgement, that Thou mayest test the wisdom of every command. We have caused the oceans of inner meaning and explanation to surge from Thy heart in remembrance of Thy Lord, the God of mercy, that Thou mayest render thanks and praise unto Him and be of those who are truly thankful. We have singled Thee out from amongst all Our creatures, and have appointed Thee as the Manifestation of Our own Self unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

Bring then into being, by Our leave, resplendent mirrors and exalted letters that shall testify to Thy sovereignty and dominion, bear witness to Thy might and glory, and be the manifestations of Thy Names amidst mankind. We have caused Thee again to be the Origin and the Creator of all mirrors, even as We brought them forth from Thee aforetime. And We shall cause Thee to return unto Mine own Self, even as We called Thee forth in the beginning. Thy Lord, verily, is the Unconstrained, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Warn, then, these mirrors, once they have been made manifest, lest they swell with pride before their Creator and Fashioner when He appeareth amongst them, or let the trappings of leadership debar them from bowing in submission before God, the Almighty, the All-Beauteous.

Say: O concourse of mirrors! Ye are but a creation of My will and have come to exist by virtue of My command. Beware lest ye deny the verses of My Lord, and be of them who have wrought injustice and are numbered with the lost. Beware lest ye cling unto that which ye possess, or take pride in your fame and renown. That which behoveth you is to wholly detach yourselves from all that is in the heavens and on the earth. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Temple of My Cause! Say: Should I wish to transform, in a single moment, all things into mirrors of My Names, this undoubtedly is in My power, how much more in the power of My Lord, Who hath called Me into being through His all-compelling and inscrutable command. And should I choose to revolutionize the entire creation in the twinkling of an eye, this assuredly is possible unto Me, how much more unto that sovereign Purpose enshrined in the Will of God, My Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

Say: O ye manifestations of My Names! Should ye offer up all that ye possess, nay your very lives, in the path of God, and invoke Him to the number of the grains of sand, the drops of rain, and the waves of the sea, and yet oppose the Manifestation of His Cause at the time of His appearance, your works shall in no wise be mentioned before God. Should ye, however, neglect all righteous works and yet choose to believe in Him in these days, God perchance will put away your sins. He, verily, is the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful. Thus doth the Lord inform you of His purpose, that haply ye may not wax proud before the One through Whom whatsoever hath been revealed from all eternity hath been confirmed. Happy is he who approacheth this Most Sublime Vision, and woe to them that turn aside!

How numerous those who expend all their wealth in the path of God, and whom We find, at the hour of His Revelation, to be of the rebellious and the froward! How many those who keep the fast in the

daytime, only to protest against the One by Whose very command the ordinance of the fast was first established! Such men are, in truth, of the ignorant. And how many those who subsist on the coarsest bread, who take for their only seat the grass of the field, and who undergo every manner of hardship, merely to maintain their superiority in the eyes of men! Thus do We expose their deeds, that this may serve as a warning unto others. These are the ones who subject themselves to all manner of austerities before the gaze of others in the hope of perpetuating their names, whilst in reality no mention shall remain of them save in the curses and imprecations of the dwellers of earth and heaven.

Say: Would it profit you in the least if, as ye fondly imagine, your names were to endure? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Was the idol ’Uzzá made any greater by this, that its name lived on amidst the worshippers of names? Nay, by Him Who is the Self of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling! Should your names fade from every mortal mind, and yet God be well pleased with you, ye will indeed be numbered among the treasures of His name, the Most Hidden. Thus have We sent down Our verses that they may attract you unto the Source of all Lights, and acquaint you with the purpose of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Abstain, then, from all that hath been forbidden unto you in the Book, and eat of the lawful things which God hath provided for your sustenance. Deprive not yourselves of His goodly bestowals, for He, verily, is the Most Generous, the Lord of grace abounding. Subject not yourselves to excessive hardships, but follow the way We have made plain unto you through Our luminous verses and perspicuous proofs, and be not of the negligent.

O concourse of divines! It is not yours to boast if ye abstain from drinking wine and from similar transgressions which have been forbidden you in the Book, for should ye commit such deeds, the dignity of your station would then be tainted in the eyes of the people, your affairs would be disrupted, and your name disgraced and dishonoured. Nay, your true and abiding glory resideth in submission to the Word of Him Who is the Eternal Truth, and in your inward and outward detachment from aught else besides God, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. Great is the blessedness of that divine that hath not allowed knowledge to become a veil between him and the One Who is the Object of all knowledge, and who, when the Self-Subsisting appeared, hath turned with a beaming face towards Him. He, in truth, is numbered with the learned. The inmates of Paradise seek the blessing of his breath, and his lamp sheddeth its radiance over all who are in heaven and on earth. He, verily, is numbered with the inheritors of the Prophets. He that beholdeth him hath, verily, beheld the True One, and he that turneth towards him hath, verily, turned towards God, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

O ye the dawning-places of knowledge! Beware that ye suffer not yourselves to become changed, for as ye change, most men will, likewise, change. This, verily, is an injustice unto yourselves and unto others. Unto this beareth witness every man of discernment and insight. Ye are even as a spring. If it be changed, so will the streams that branch out from it be changed. Fear God, and be numbered with the godly. In like manner, if the heart of man be corrupted, his limbs will also be corrupted. And similarly, if the root of a tree be corrupted, its branches, and its offshoots, and its leaves, and its fruits, will be corrupted. Thus have We set forth similitudes for your instruction, that perchance ye may not be debarred by the things ye possess from attaining unto that which hath been destined for you by Him Who is the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

It is indeed in Our power to take up a handful of dust and to adorn it with the vesture of Our Names. This, however, would be but a sign of Our favour, and not an indication of any merit it may have inherently possessed. Thus hath it been revealed in truth by Him Who is the Sovereign Revealer, the All-Knowing. Consider the Black Stone, which God hath made a point whereunto all men turn in adoration. Hath this bounty been conferred upon it by virtue of its innate excellence? Nay, by Mine own Self! Or doth such distinction stem from its intrinsic worth? Nay, by Mine own Being, Whose Essence all creation hath failed to grasp!

Again, consider the Mosque of Aqa□□á and the other places which We have made sanctuaries unto the people in every land and region. The honour and distinction they enjoy is in no wise due to their own merit, but stemmeth from their relation to Our Manifestations, Whom We have appointed as the Daysprings of Our Revelation amidst mankind, if ye be of them that understand. In this there lieth a wisdom inscrutable to all save God. Inquire, that He may graciously make plain unto you His purpose. His knowledge, verily, embraceth all things. Detach yourselves, O people, from the world and all its vanities, and heed not the call of such as have disbelieved in God and joined partners with Him. Arise above the horizon of utterance to extol and praise your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is that which God hath purposed for you; well is it with them who perceive it.

Say: O people! We have commanded you in Our Tablets to strive, at the time of the promised Revelation, to sanctify your souls from all names, and to purify them from all that hath been created in the heavens or on the earth, that therein may appear the splendours of the Sun of Truth which shineth forth above the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the Almighty, the Most Great. We have, moreover, commanded you to cleanse your hearts from every trace of the love or hate of the peoples of the world, lest aught should divert you from one course or impel you towards another. This, verily, is among the weightiest counsels I have vouchsafed unto you in the perspicuous Book, for whoso attacheth himself to either of these shall be prevented from attaining a proper understanding of Our Cause. To this beareth witness every just and discerning soul.

Ye, however, have broken the Covenant of God, forgotten His Testament, and at last turned away from Him Whose appearance hath solaced the eyes of every true believer in the Divine Unity. Lift up the veils and coverings that obscure your vision, and consider the testimonies of the Prophets and Messengers, that haply ye may recognize the Cause of God in these days when the Promised One hath come invested with a mighty sovereignty. Fear God, and debar yourselves not from Him Who is the Dayspring of His signs. This shall, in truth, but profit your own selves; as to your Lord, He, verily, can afford to dispense with all creatures. From everlasting was He alone; there was none else besides Him. He it is in Whose name the standard of Divine Unity hath been planted upon the Sinai of the visible and invisible worlds, proclaiming that there is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the Glorious, the Incomparable.

Behold, however, how those who are but a creation of His Will and Command have turned aside from Him and have taken unto themselves a lord and master beside God; these, truly, are of the wayward. The mention of the All-Merciful hath at all times been upon their lips, and yet when He was manifested unto them through the power of truth they warred against Him. Wretched indeed shall be the plight of such as have broken the Covenant of their Lord when the Luminary of the world shone forth above the horizon of

the Will of God, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! It was against God that they unsheathed the swords of malice and hatred, and yet they perceive it not. Methinks they remain dead and buried in the tombs of their selfish desires, though the breeze of God hath blown over all regions. They, truly, are wrapt in a dense and grievous veil. And oft as the verses of God are rehearsed unto them, they persist in proud disdain; it is as though they were devoid of all understanding, or had never heard the Melody of God, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing.

Say: Alas for you! How can ye profess yourselves believers, when ye deny the verses of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing? Say: O people! Turn your faces unto your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest ye be veiled by aught that hath been revealed in the Bayán: It was, in truth, revealed for no other purpose than to make mention of Me, the All-Powerful, the Most High, and had no other object than My Beauty. The whole world hath been filled with My testimony, if ye be of them that judge with fairness.

Had the Primal Point been someone else beside Me as ye claim, and had attained My presence, verily He would have never allowed Himself to be separated from Me, but rather We would have had mutual delights with each other in My Days. He, in truth, wept sore in His remoteness from Me. He preceded Me that He might summon the people unto My Kingdom, as it hath been set forth in the Tablets, could ye but perceive it! O would that men of hearing might be found who could hear the voice of His lamentation in the Bayán bewailing that which hath befallen Me at the hands of these heedless souls, bemoaning His separation from Me and giving utterance to His longing to be united with Me, the Mighty, the Peerless. He, verily, beholdeth at this moment His Best-Beloved amidst those who were created to attain His Day and to prostrate themselves before Him, and yet who have inflicted in their tyranny such abasement upon Him as the pen confesseth its inability to describe.

Say: O people! We, verily, summoned you, in Our former Revelation, unto this Scene of transcendent glory, this Seat of stainless sanctity, and announced unto you the advent of the Days of God. Yet, when the most great veil was rent asunder, and the Ancient Beauty came unto you in the clouds of God's decree, ye repudiated Him in Whom ye had believed aforetime. Woe betide you, O company of infidels! Fear ye God, and nullify not the truth with the things ye possess. When the luminary of divine verses dawneth upon you from the horizon of the Pen of the King of all names and attributes, fall ye prostrate upon your faces before God, the Lord of the Worlds. For to bow down in adoration at the threshold of His door is indeed better for you than the worship of both worlds, and to submit to His Revelation is more profitable unto you than whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and on the earth.

Say: O people! I admonish you wholly for the sake of God, and seek no reward from you. For My recompense shall be with God, He Who hath brought Me into being, raised Me up by the power of truth, and made Me the Source of His remembrance amidst His creatures. Hasten to behold this divine and glorious Vision, the Spot wherein God hath established His Seat. Follow not that which the Evil One whispereth in your hearts, for he, verily, doth prompt you to walk after your lusts and covetous desires, and hindereth you from treading the straight Path which this all-embracing and all-compelling Cause hath opened.

Say: The Evil One hath appeared in such wise as the eye of creation hath never beheld. He Who is the Beauty of the All-Merciful hath likewise been made manifest with an adorning the like of which hath

never been witnessed in the past. The Call of the All-Merciful hath been raised, and behind it the call of Satan. Well is it with them who hearken unto the Voice of God, and turn their faces towards His throne to behold a most holy and blessed Vision. For whoso cherisheth in his heart the love of anyone beside Me, be it to the extent of a grain of mustard seed, shall be unable to gain admittance into My Kingdom. To this beareth witness that which adorneth the preamble of the Book of Existence, could ye but perceive it. Say: This is the Day whereon God's most great favour hath been made manifest. The voice of all who are in the heavens above and on the earth below proclaimeth My Name, and singeth forth My praises, could ye but hear it!

O Temple of Divine Revelation! Sound the trumpet in My Name! O Temple of Divine mysteries! Raise the clarion call of Thy Lord, the Unconditioned, the Unconstrained! O Maid of Heaven! Step forth from the chambers of Paradise and announce unto the people of the world: By the righteousness of God! He Who is the Best-Beloved of the worlds—"He Who hath ever been the Desire of every perceiving heart, the Object of the adoration of all that are in heaven and on earth, and the Cynosure of the former and the latter generations—"is now come!

Take heed lest ye hesitate in recognizing this resplendent Beauty when once He hath appeared in the plenitude of His sovereign might and majesty. He, verily, is the True One, and all else besides Him is as naught before a single one of His servants, and paleth into nothingness when brought face to face with the revelation of His splendours. Hasten, then, to attain the living waters of His grace, and be not of the negligent. As to him who hesitateth, though it be for less than a moment, God shall verily bring his works to naught and return him to the seat of wrath; wretched indeed is the abode of them that tarry!

Pope Pius IX

O Pope! Rend the veils asunder. He Who is the Lord of Lords is come overshadowed with clouds, and the decree hath been fulfilled by God, the Almighty, the Unrestrained. Dispel the mists through the power of thy Lord, and ascend unto the Kingdom of His names and attributes. Thus hath the Pen of the Most High commanded thee at the behest of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. He, verily, hath again come down from Heaven even as He came down from it the first time. Beware that thou dispute not with Him even as the Pharisees disputed with Him without a clear token or proof. On His right hand flow the living waters of grace, and on His left the choice Wine of justice, whilst before Him march the angels of Paradise, bearing the banners of His signs. Beware lest any name debar thee from God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Leave thou the world behind thee, and turn towards thy Lord, through Whom the whole earth hath been illumined.

We have adorned the Kingdom with the ornament of Our name, the All-Glorious. Thus hath it been decreed by God, the Fashioner of all things. Take heed lest thy vain imaginings withhold thee, when once the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth above the horizon of the Utterance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beneficent. Dwellest thou in palaces whilst He Who is the King of Revelation liveth in the most desolate of abodes? Leave them unto such as desire them, and set thy face with joy and delight towards the Kingdom.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Destroy the abodes of negligence with the hands of power and assurance, and raise up the mansions of true knowledge within your hearts, that the All-Merciful may shed the radiance of His light upon them. Better is this for you than all whereon the sun shineth, and unto this beareth witness He Who holdeth within His grasp the ultimate decree. The Breeze of God hath been wafted over the world at the advent of the Desired One in His great glory, whereupon every stone and clod of earth hath cried out: "The Promised One is come! The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Gracious, the Forgiving."

Beware lest human learning debar thee from Him Who is the Supreme Object of all knowledge, or lest the world deter thee from the One Who created it and set it upon its course. Arise in the name of thy Lord, the God of Mercy, amidst the peoples of the earth, and seize thou the Cup of Life with the hands of confidence. First drink thou therefrom, and proffer it then to such as turn towards it amongst the peoples of all faiths. Thus hath the Moon of Utterance risen above the horizon of wisdom and understanding.

Tear asunder the veils of human learning lest they hinder thee from Him Who is My name, the Self-Subsisting. Call thou to remembrance Him Who was the Spirit, Who, when He came, the most learned of His age pronounced judgement against Him in His own country, whilst he who was only a fisherman believed in Him. Take heed, then, ye men of understanding heart! Thou, in truth, art one of the suns of the heaven of His names. Guard thyself, lest darkness spread its veils over thee, and fold thee away from His light. Ponder, then, that which hath been sent down in the Book by thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

Say: Still your pens, O concourse of divines, for lo, the shrill voice of the Pen of Glory hath been lifted up between earth and heaven. Cast away all that ye possess and take fast hold of that which We have revealed unto you with power and authority. The Hour that was concealed within the knowledge of God hath struck, whereupon all the atoms of the earth have proclaimed: "The Ancient of Days is come in His great glory! Hasten unto Him, O peoples of the earth, with humble and contrite hearts." Say: We, in truth, have given Ourself as a ransom for your own lives. Alas, when We came once again, We beheld you fleeing from Us, whereat the eye of My loving-kindness wept sore over My people. Fear God, O ye that perceive.

Consider those who opposed the Son, when He came unto them with sovereignty and power. How many the Pharisees who were waiting to behold Him, and were lamenting over their separation from Him! And yet, when the fragrance of His coming was wafted over them, and His beauty was unveiled, they turned aside from Him and disputed with Him. Thus do We impart unto thee that which hath been recorded in the Books and Scriptures. None save a very few, who were destitute of any power amongst men, turned towards His face. And yet today every man endowed with power and invested with sovereignty prideth himself on His Name! In like manner, consider how numerous, in these days, are the monks who, in My Name, have secluded themselves in their churches, and who, when the appointed time was fulfilled, and We unveiled Our beauty, knew Us not, though they call upon Me at eventide and at dawn. We behold them clinging to My name, yet veiled from My Self. This, verily, is a strange thing.

Say: Take heed lest your devotions withhold you from Him Who is the object of all devotion, or your worship debar you from Him Who is the object of all worship. Rend asunder the veils of your idle fancies!

This is your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, Who hath come to quicken the world and unite all who dwell on earth. Turn unto the Dayspring of Revelation, O people, and tarry not, be it for less than the twinkling of an eye. Read ye the Evangel and yet refuse to acknowledge the All-Glorious Lord? This indeed beseemeth you not, O concourse of learned men!

Say: If ye deny this Revelation, by what proof have ye believed in God? Produce it then. Thus hath the summons of God been sent down by the Pen of the Most High at the bidding of your Lord, the Most Glorious, in this Tablet from whose horizon the splendour of His Light hath shone forth. How many are My servants whose deeds have become veils between them and their own selves, and who have been kept back thereby from drawing nigh unto God, He Who causeth the winds to blow.

O concourse of monks! The fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted over all creation. Happy the man that hath forsaken his desires, and taken fast hold of guidance. He, indeed, is of those who have attained unto the presence of God in this Day, a Day whereon commotions have seized the dwellers of the earth and filled with dismay all save those who have been exempted by God, He Who layeth low the necks of men.

Adorn ye your bodies whilst the raiment of God is stained with the blood of hatred at the hands of the people of denial? Issue forth from your habitations and bid the people enter the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgement. The Word which the Son concealed is made manifest. It hath been sent down in the form of the human temple in this day. Blessed be the Lord Who is the Father! He, verily, is come unto the nations in His most great majesty. Turn your faces towards Him, O concourse of the righteous!

O followers of all religions! We behold you wandering distraught in the wilderness of error. Ye are the fish of this Ocean; wherefore do ye withhold yourselves from that which sustaineth you? Lo, it surgeth before your faces. Hasten unto it from every clime. This is the day whereon the Rock crieth out and shouteth, and celebrateth the praise of its Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most High, saying: “Lo! The Father is come, and that which ye were promised in the Kingdom is fulfilled!” This is the Word which was preserved behind the veils of grandeur, and which, when the Promise came to pass, shed its radiance from the horizon of the Divine Will with clear tokens.

My body hath borne imprisonment that your souls may be released from bondage, and We have consented to be abased that ye may be exalted. Follow the Lord of glory and dominion, and not every ungodly oppressor. My body longeth for the cross, and Mine head awaiteth the thrust of the spear, in the path of the All-Merciful, that the world may be purged from its transgressions. Thus hath the Daystar of divine authority shone forth from the horizon of the Revelation of Him Who is the Possessor of all names and attributes.

The people of the Qur’án have risen against Us, and tormented Us with such a torment that the Holy Spirit lamented, and the thunder roared out, and the clouds wept over Us. Among the faithless is he who hath imagined that calamities can deter Bahá from fulfilling that which God, the Creator of all things, hath purposed. Say: Nay, by Him Who causeth the rain to fall! Nothing whatsoever can withhold Him from the remembrance of His Lord.

By the righteousness of God! Should they cast Him into a fire kindled on the continent, He will assuredly rear His head in the midmost heart of the ocean and proclaim: “He is the Lord of all that are in heaven and all that are on earth!” And if they cast Him into a darksome pit, they will find Him seated on earth’s loftiest heights calling aloud to all mankind: “Lo, the Desire of the World is come in His majesty, His sovereignty, His transcendent dominion!” And if He be buried beneath the depths of the earth, His Spirit soaring to the apex of heaven shall peal the summons: “Behold ye the coming of the Glory; witness ye the Kingdom of God, the Most Holy, the Gracious, the All-Powerful!” And if they shed His blood, every drop thereof shall cry out and invoke God in this Name through which the fragrance of His raiment hath been diffused in all directions.

Though threatened by the swords of Our enemies, We summon all mankind unto God, the Fashioner of earth and heaven, and We render Him such aid as can be hindered by neither the hosts of tyranny nor the ascendancy of the people of iniquity. Say: O peoples of the earth! Scatter the idols of your vain imaginings in the name of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, and turn ye unto Him in this Day which God hath made the King of days.

O Supreme Pontiff! Incline thine ear unto that which the Fashioner of mouldering bones counselleth thee, as voiced by Him Who is His Most Great Name. Sell all the embellished ornaments thou dost possess, and expend them in the path of God, Who causeth the night to return upon the day, and the day to return upon the night. Abandon thy kingdom unto the kings, and emerge from thy habitation, with thy face set towards the Kingdom, and, detached from the world, then speak forth the praises of thy Lord betwixt earth and heaven. Thus hath bidden thee He Who is the Possessor of Names, on the part of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Exhort thou the kings and say: “Deal equitably with men. Beware lest ye transgress the bounds fixed in the Book.” This indeed becometh thee. Beware lest thou appropriate unto thyself the things of the world and the riches thereof. Leave them unto such as desire them, and cleave unto that which hath been enjoined upon thee by Him Who is the Lord of creation. Should anyone offer thee all the treasures of the earth, refuse to even glance upon them. Be as thy Lord hath been. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken that which God hath made the ornament of the book of creation.

Consider a pearl which shineth by virtue of its inherent nature. If it be covered with silk, its luster and beauty will be concealed. Likewise, man’s distinction lieth in the excellence of his conduct and in the pursuit of that which beseemeth his station, not in childish play and pastimes. Know that thy true adornment consisteth in the love of God and in thy detachment from all save Him, and not in the luxuries thou dost possess. Abandon them unto those who seek after them and turn unto God, He Who causeth the rivers to flow.

Whatever proceeded from the tongue of the Son was revealed in parables, whilst He Who proclaimeth the Truth in this Day speaketh without them. Take heed lest thou cling to the cord of idle fancy and withhold thyself from that which hath been ordained in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Should the inebriation of the wine of My verses seize thee, and thou determinest to present thyself before the throne of thy Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven, make My love thy vesture, and thy shield remembrance of Me, and thy provision reliance upon God, the Revealer of all power.

O followers of the Son! We have once again sent John unto you, and He, verily, hath cried out in the wilderness of the Bayán: O peoples of the world! Cleanse your eyes! The Day whereon ye can behold the Promised One and attain unto Him hath drawn nigh! O followers of the Gospel! Prepare the way! The Day of the advent of the Glorious Lord is at hand! Make ready to enter the Kingdom. Thus hath it been ordained by God, He Who causeth the dawn to break.

Give ear unto that which the Dove of Eternity warbleth upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree: O followers of the Son! We sent forth him who was named John to baptize you with water, that your bodies might be cleansed for the appearance of the Messiah. He, in turn, purified you with the fire of love and the water of the spirit in anticipation of these Days whereon the All-Merciful hath purposed to cleanse you with the water of life at the hands of His loving providence. This is that peerless One foretold by Isaiah, and the Comforter concerning Whom the Spirit had covenanted with you. Open your eyes, O concourse of bishops, that ye may behold your Lord seated upon the Throne of might and glory.

Say: O peoples of all faiths! Walk not in the ways of them that followed the Pharisees and thus veiled themselves from the Spirit. They truly have strayed and are in error. The Ancient Beauty is come in His Most Great Name, and He wisheth to admit all mankind into His most holy Kingdom. The pure in heart behold the Kingdom of God manifest before His Face. Make haste thereunto and follow not the infidel and the ungodly. Should your eye be opposed thereto, pluck it out. Thus hath it been decreed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days, as bidden by Him Who is the Lord of the entire creation. He, verily, hath come again that ye might be redeemed, O peoples of the earth. Will ye slay Him Who desireth to grant you eternal life? Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight.

O people! Hearken unto that which hath been revealed by your All-Glorious Lord, and turn your faces unto God, the Lord of this world and of the world to come. Thus doth He Who is the Dawning-Place of the Daystar of divine inspiration command you as bidden by the Fashioner of all mankind. We, verily, have created you for the light, and desire not to abandon you unto the fire. Come forth, O people, from darkness by the grace of this Sun which hath shone forth above the horizon of divine providence, and turn thereunto with sanctified hearts and assured souls, with seeing eyes and beaming faces. Thus counselleth you the Supreme Ordainer from the scene of His transcendent glory, that perchance His summons may draw you nigh unto the Kingdom of His names.

Blessed the one who hath remained faithful to the Covenant of God, and woe betide him who hath broken it and disbelieved in Him, the Knower of secrets. Say: This is the Day of Bounty! Bestir yourselves that I may make you monarchs in the realms of My Kingdom. If ye follow Me, ye shall behold that which ye were promised, and I will make you My companions in the dominion of My majesty and the intimates of My beauty in the heaven of My power forevermore. If ye rebel against Me, I will in My clemency endure it patiently, that haply ye may awaken and rise up from the couch of heedlessness. Thus hath My mercy encompassed you. Fear ye God and follow not in the ways of those who have turned away from His face, though they invoke His name in the daytime and in the night season.

Verily, the day of ingathering is come, and all things have been separated from each other. He hath stored away that which He chose in the vessels of justice, and cast into fire that which befitteth it. Thus hath it been decreed by your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, in this promised Day. He, verily, ordaineth

what He pleaseth. There is none other God save He, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. The desire of the Divine Sifter hath been to store up every good thing for Mine own Self. Naught hath He spoken save to acquaint you with My Cause and to guide you to the path of Him whose mention hath adorned all the sacred Books.

Say: O concourse of Christians! We have, on a previous occasion, revealed Ourself unto you, and ye recognized Me not. This is yet another occasion vouchsafed unto you. This is the Day of God; turn ye unto Him. He, verily, hath come down from heaven even as He came down the first time, and He desireth to shelter you beneath the shade of His mercy. He, verily, is the Exalted, the Mighty, the Supreme Helper. The Beloved One loveth not that ye be consumed with the fire of your desires. Were ye to be shut out as by a veil from Him, this would be for no other reason than your own waywardness and ignorance. Ye make mention of Me, and know Me not. Ye call upon Me, and are heedless of My Revelation, notwithstanding that I came unto you from the heaven of pre-existence with surpassing glory. Rend the veils asunder in My name and through the power of My sovereignty that ye may discover a path unto your Lord.

The King of Glory proclaimeth from the tabernacle of majesty and grandeur His call, saying: O people of the Gospel! They who were not in the Kingdom have now entered it, whilst We behold you, in this day, tarrying at the gate. Rend the veils asunder by the power of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous, and enter, then, in My name My Kingdom. Thus biddeth you He Who desireth for you everlasting life. He, verily, is potent over all things. Blessed are those who have recognized the Light and hastened unto it. They, verily, dwell in the Kingdom, and partake of the food and drink of God's chosen ones.

We behold you, O children of the Kingdom, in darkness. This, verily, beseemeth you not. Are ye, in the face of the Light, fearful because of your deeds? Direct yourselves towards Him. Your All-Glorious Lord hath blessed His lands with His footsteps. Thus do We make plain unto you the path of Him Whom the Spirit prophesied. I, verily, bear witness unto Him, even as He hath borne witness unto Me. Verily, He said: "Come ye after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." In this day, however, We say: "Come ye after Me, that We may make you to become the quickeners of mankind." Thus hath the decree been inscribed in this Tablet by the Pen of Revelation.

O Pen of the Most High! Bestir Thyself in remembrance of other kings in this blessed and luminous Book, that perchance they may rise from the couch of heedlessness and give ear unto that which the Nightingale singeth upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and hasten towards God in this most wondrous and sublime Revelation.

Napoleon III

O King of Paris! Tell the priests to ring the bells no longer. By God, the True One! The Most Mighty Bell hath appeared in the form of Him Who is the Most Great Name, and the fingers of the Will of Thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, toll it out in the heaven of Immortality in His name, the All-Glorious. Thus have the mighty verses of Thy Lord been again sent down unto thee, that thou mayest arise to remember God, the Creator of earth and heaven, in these days when all the tribes of the earth have mourned, and the foundations of the cities have trembled, and the dust of irreligion hath enwrapped all

men, except such as God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, was pleased to spare. Say: He Who is the Unconstrained is come, in the clouds of light, that He may quicken the world with the breezes of His name, the Most Merciful, and unite its peoples, and gather all men around this Table which hath been sent down from heaven. Beware that ye deny not the favour of God after it hath been sent down unto you. Better is this for you than that which ye possess; for that which is yours perisheth, whilst that which is with God endureth. He, in truth, ordaineth what He pleaseth. Verily, the breezes of forgiveness have been wafted from the direction of your Lord, the God of Mercy; whoso turneth thereunto shall be cleansed of his sins, and of all pain and sickness. Happy the man that hath turned towards them, and woe betide him that hath turned aside.

Wert thou to incline thine inner ear unto all created things, thou wouldst hear: "The Ancient of Days is come in His great glory!" Everything celebrateth the praise of its Lord. Some have known God and remember Him; others remember Him, yet know Him not. Thus have We set down Our decree in a perspicuous Tablet.

Give ear, O King, unto the Voice that calleth from the Fire which burneth in this verdant Tree, on this Sinai which hath been raised above the hallowed and snow-white Spot, beyond the Everlasting City; "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful!" We, in truth, have sent Him Whom We aided with the Holy Spirit that He may announce unto you this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, and Whose signs have been revealed in the West. Set your faces towards Him on this Day which God hath exalted above all other days, and whereon the All-Merciful hath shed the splendour of His effulgent glory upon all who are in heaven and all who are on earth. Arise thou to serve God and help His Cause. He, verily, will assist thee with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and will set thee king over all that whereon the sun riseth. Thy Lord, in truth, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The breezes of the Most Merciful have passed over all created things; happy the man that hath discovered their fragrance, and set himself towards them with a sound heart. Attire thy temple with the ornament of My Name, and thy tongue with remembrance of Me, and thine heart with love for Me, the Almighty, the Most High. We have desired for thee naught except that which is better for thee than what thou dost possess and all the treasures of the earth. Thy Lord, verily, is knowing, informed of all. Arise, in My Name, amongst My servants, and say: "O ye peoples of the earth! Turn yourselves towards Him Who hath turned towards you. He, verily, is the Face of God amongst you, and His Testimony and His Guide unto you. He hath come to you with signs which none can produce." The voice of the Burning Bush is raised in the midmost heart of the world, and the Holy Spirit calleth aloud among the nations: "Lo, the Desired One is come with manifest dominion!"

O King! The stars of the heaven of knowledge have fallen, they who seek to establish the truth of My Cause through the things they possess, and who make mention of God in My Name. And yet, when I came unto them in My glory, they turned aside. They, indeed, are of the fallen. This is, truly, that which the Spirit of God hath announced, when He came with truth unto you, He with Whom the Jewish doctors disputed, till at last they perpetrated what hath made the Holy Spirit to lament, and the tears of them that have near access to God to flow. Consider how a Pharisee who had worshipped God for seventy

years repudiated the Son when He appeared, whereas one who had committed adultery gained admittance into the Kingdom. Thus doth the Pen admonish thee as bidden by the Eternal King, that thou mayest be apprised of what came to pass aforetime and be reckoned in this day among them that truly believe.

Say: O concourse of monks! Seclude not yourselves in your churches and cloisters. Come ye out of them by My leave, and busy, then, yourselves with what will profit you and others. Thus commandeth you He Who is the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Seclude yourselves in the stronghold of My love. This, truly, is the seclusion that befitteth you, could ye but know it. He that secludeth himself in his house is indeed as one dead. It behoveth man to show forth that which will benefit mankind. He that bringeth forth no fruit is fit for the fire. Thus admonisheth you your Lord; He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Enter ye into wedlock, that after you another may arise in your stead. We, verily, have forbidden you lechery, and not that which is conducive to fidelity. Have ye clung unto the promptings of your nature, and cast behind your backs the statutes of God? Fear ye God, and be not of the foolish. But for man, who, on My earth, would remember Me, and how could My attributes and My names be revealed? Reflect, and be not of them that have shut themselves out as by a veil from Him, and were of those that are fast asleep. He that married not could find no place wherein to abide, nor where to lay His head, by reason of what the hands of the treacherous had wrought. His holiness consisted not in the things ye have believed and imagined, but rather in the things which belong unto Us. Ask, that ye may be made aware of His station which hath been exalted above the vain imaginings of all the peoples of the earth. Blessed are they that understand.

O King! We heard the words thou didst utter in answer to the Czar of Russia, concerning the decision made regarding the war. Thy Lord, verily, knoweth, is informed of all. Thou didst say: “I lay asleep upon my couch, when the cry of the oppressed, who were drowned in the Black Sea, wakened me.” This is what We heard thee say, and, verily, thy Lord is witness unto what I say. We testify that that which wakened thee was not their cry but the promptings of thine own passions, for We tested thee, and found thee wanting. Comprehend the meaning of My words, and be thou of the discerning. It is not Our wish to address thee words of condemnation, out of regard for the dignity We conferred upon thee in this mortal life. We, verily, have chosen courtesy, and made it the true mark of such as are nigh unto Him. Courtesy is, in truth, a raiment which fitteth all men, whether young or old. Well is it with him that adorneth his temple therewith, and woe unto him who is deprived of this great bounty. Hadst thou been sincere in thy words, thou wouldst have not cast behind thy back the Book of God, when it was sent unto thee by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. We have proved thee through it, and found thee other than that which thou didst profess. Arise, and make amends for that which escaped thee. Erelong the world and all that thou possessest will perish, and the kingdom will remain unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers of old. It behoveth thee not to conduct thine affairs according to the dictates of thy desires. Fear the sighs of this Wronged One, and shield Him from the darts of such as act unjustly.

For what thou hast done, thy kingdom shall be thrown into confusion, and thine empire shall pass from thine hands, as a punishment for that which thou hast wrought. Then wilt thou know how thou hast plainly erred. Commotions shall seize all the people in that land, unless thou arisest to help this Cause, and followest Him Who is the Spirit of God in this, the Straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My Life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast by this firm Cord. We

see abasement hastening after thee, whilst thou art of those who are fast asleep. It behoveth thee when thou hearest His Voice calling from the seat of glory to cast away all that thou possessest, and cry out: “Here am I, O Lord of all that is in heaven and all that is on earth!”

O King! We were in ’Iráq, when the hour of parting arrived. At the bidding of the King of Islám We set Our steps in his direction. Upon Our arrival, there befell Us at the hands of the malicious that which the books of the world can never adequately recount. Thereupon the inmates of Paradise, and they that dwell within the retreats of holiness, lamented; and yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil! Say: Do ye cavil at Him Who hath come unto you bearing the clear evidence of God and His proof, the testimony of God and His signs? These things are not from Himself; nay, rather they proceed from the One Who hath raised Him up, sent Him forth through the power of truth, and made Him to be a lamp unto all mankind.

More grievous became Our plight from day to day, nay, from hour to hour, until they took Us forth from Our prison and made Us, with glaring injustice, enter the Most Great Prison. And if anyone ask them: “For what crime were they imprisoned?”, they would answer and say: “They, verily, sought to supplant the Faith with a new religion!” If that which is ancient be what ye prefer, wherefore, then, have ye discarded that which hath been set down in the Torah and the Evangel? Clear it up, O men! By My life! There is no place for you to flee to in this day. If this be My crime, then Mua□□ammad, the Apostle of God, committed it before Me, and before Him He Who was the Spirit of God, and yet earlier He Who conversed with God. And if My sin be this, that I have exalted the Word of God and revealed His Cause, then indeed am I the greatest of sinners! Such a sin I will not barter for the kingdoms of earth and heaven.

Upon Our arrival at this Prison, We purposed to transmit to the kings the messages of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Though We have transmitted to them, in several Tablets, that which We were commanded, yet We do it once again as a token of God’s grace. Perchance they may recognize the Lord, Who hath come down in the clouds with manifest sovereignty.

As My tribulations multiplied, so did My love for God and for His Cause increase, in such wise that all that befell Me from the hosts of the wayward was powerless to deter Me from My purpose. Should they hide Me away in the depths of the earth, yet would they find Me riding aloft on the clouds, and calling out unto God, the Lord of strength and of might. I have offered Myself up in the way of God, and I yearn after tribulations in My love for Him, and for the sake of His good pleasure. Unto this bear witness the woes which now afflict Me, the like of which no other man hath suffered. Every single hair of Mine head calleth out that which the Burning Bush uttered on Sinai, and each vein of My body invoketh God and saith: “O would I had been severed in Thy path, so that the world might be quickened, and all its peoples be united!” Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Know of a truth that your subjects are God’s trust amongst you. Watch ye, therefore, over them as ye watch over your own selves. Beware that ye allow not wolves to become the shepherds of the fold, or pride and conceit to deter you from turning unto the poor and the desolate. Wert thou to quaff the mystic Wine of everlasting life from the chalice of the words of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, thou wouldst be enabled to forsake all that thou dost possess and to proclaim My Name before all mankind. Cleanse then thy soul with the waters of detachment. Verily, this is the Remembrance that hath shone forth above the

horizon of creation, which shall purge thy soul from the dross of the world. Abandon thy palaces to the people of the graves, and thine empire to whosoever desireth it, and turn, then, unto the Kingdom. This, verily, is what God hath chosen for thee, wert thou of them that turn unto Him. They that have failed to turn unto the Countenance of God in this Revelation are indeed bereft of life. They move as bidden by their own selfish desires, and are in truth accounted among the dead. Shouldst thou desire to bear the weight of thy dominion, bear it then to aid the Cause of thy Lord. Glorified be this station which whoever attaineth thereunto hath attained unto all good that proceedeth from Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Arise thou, in My name, above the horizon of renunciation, and set, then, thy face towards the Kingdom, at the bidding of thy Lord, the Lord of strength and of might. Through the power of My sovereignty stand before the inhabitants of the world and say: "O people! The Day is come, and the fragrances of God have been wafted over the whole of creation. They that have turned away from His Face are the helpless victims of their corrupt inclinations. They are indeed of them that have gone astray."

Adorn the body of thy kingdom with the raiment of My name, and arise, then, to teach My Cause. Better is this for thee than that which thou possessest. God will, thereby, exalt thy name among all the kings. Potent is He over all things. Walk thou amongst men in the name of God, and by the power of His might, that thou mayest show forth His signs amidst the peoples of the earth. Burn thou brightly with the flame of this undying Fire which the All-Merciful hath ignited in the midmost heart of creation, that through thee the heat of His love may be kindled within the hearts of His favoured ones. Follow in My way and enrapture the hearts of men through remembrance of Me, the Almighty, the Most Exalted.

Say: He from whom, in this day, the sweet savours of the remembrance of his Lord, the All-Merciful, have not been diffused, is indeed unworthy of the station of man. He, verily, is of them that have followed their own desires, and shall erelong find himself in grievous loss. Doth it behove you to relate yourselves to Him Who is the God of mercy, and yet commit the things which the Evil One hath committed? Nay, by the Beauty of Him Who is the All-Glorified! could ye but know it. Purge your hearts from love of the world, and your tongues from calumny, and your limbs from whatsoever may withhold you from drawing nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: By the world is meant that which turneth you aside from Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and inclineth you unto that which is unprofitable unto you. Verily, the thing that deterreth you, in this day, from God is worldliness in its essence. Eschew it, and approach the Most Sublime Vision, this shining and resplendent Seat. Blessed is he who alloweth nothing whatsoever to intervene between him and his Lord. No harm, assuredly, can befall him if he partaketh with justice of the benefits of this world, inasmuch as We have created all things for such of Our servants as truly believe in God.

Should your words, O people, be at variance with your deeds, what then shall distinguish you from those who profess their faith in the Lord, their God, and yet, when He came down to them overshadowed with clouds, rejected Him and waxed proud before God, the Incomparable, the Omniscient? Shed not the blood of anyone, O people, neither judge ye anyone unjustly. Thus have ye been commanded by Him Who knoweth, Who is informed of all. They that commit disorders in the land after it hath been well

ordered, these indeed have outstepped the bounds that have been set in the Book. Wretched shall be the abode of the transgressors!

God hath prescribed unto everyone the duty of teaching His Cause. Whoever ariseth to discharge this duty, must needs, ere he proclaimeth His Message, adorn himself with the ornament of an upright and praiseworthy character, so that his words may attract the hearts of such as are receptive to his call. Without it, he can never hope to influence his hearers. Thus doth God instruct you. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

They who exhort others unto justice, while themselves committing iniquity, stand accused of falsehood by the inmates of the Kingdom and by those who circle round the throne of their Lord, the Almighty, the Beneficent, for that which their tongues have uttered. Commit not, O people, that which dishonoureth your name and the fair name of the Cause of God amongst men. Beware lest ye approach that which your minds abhor. Fear God and follow not in the footsteps of them that are gone astray. Deal not treacherously with the substance of your neighbour. Be ye trustworthy on earth, and withhold not from the poor the things given unto you by God through His grace. He, verily, will bestow upon you the double of what ye possess. He, in truth, is the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous.

Say: We have ordained that our Cause be taught through the power of utterance. Beware lest ye dispute idly with anyone. Whoso ariseth wholly for the sake of his Lord to teach His Cause, the Holy Spirit shall strengthen him and inspire him with that which will illumine the heart of the world, how much more the hearts of those who seek Him. O people of Bahá! Subdue the citadels of men's hearts with the swords of wisdom and of utterance. They that dispute, as prompted by their desires, are indeed wrapped in a palpable veil. Say: The sword of wisdom is hotter than summer heat, and sharper than blades of steel, if ye do but understand. Draw it forth in My name and through the power of My might, and conquer then with it the cities of the hearts of them that have secluded themselves in the stronghold of their corrupt desires. Thus biddeth you the Pen of the All-Glorious, whilst seated beneath the swords of the wayward.

If ye become aware of a sin committed by another, conceal it, that God may conceal your own sin. He, verily, is the Concealer, the Lord of grace abounding. O ye rich ones on earth! If ye encounter one who is poor, treat him not disdainfully. Reflect upon that whereof ye were created. Every one of you was created of a sorry germ. It behoveth you to observe truthfulness, whereby your temples shall be adorned, your names uplifted, your stations exalted amidst men, and a mighty recompense assured for you before God.

Give ear, O peoples of the earth, unto that which the Pen of the Lord of all nations commandeth you. Know ye of a certainty that the Dispensations of the past have attained their highest, their final consummation in the Law that hath branched out from this Most Great Ocean. Haste ye thereunto at Our behest. We, verily, ordain as We please. Regard ye the world as a man's body, which is afflicted with divers ailments, and the recovery of which dependeth upon the harmonizing of all of its component elements. Gather ye around that which We have prescribed unto you, and walk not in the ways of such as create dissension.

All feasts have attained their consummation in the two Most Great Festivals, and in two other Festivals that fall on the twin days—"the first of the Most Great Festivals being those days whereon God shed the

effulgent glory of His most excellent Names upon all who are in heaven and on earth, and the second being that day on which We raised up the One Who announced unto the people the glad-tidings of this Great Announcement. Thus hath it been set down in the Book by Him Who is the Mighty, the Powerful. On other than these four consummate days, engage ye in your daily occupations, and withhold yourselves not from the pursuit of your trades and crafts. Thus hath the command been issued and the law gone forth from Him Who is your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O concourse of priests and monks! Eat ye of that which God hath made lawful unto you and do not shun meat. God hath, as a token of His grace, granted you leave to partake thereof save during a brief period. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Beneficent. Forsake all that ye possess and hold fast unto that which God hath purposed. This is that which profiteth you, if ye be of them that comprehend. We have ordained a fast of nineteen days in the most temperate of the seasons, and have in this resplendent and luminous Dispensation relieved you from more than this. Thus have We set forth and made clear unto you that which ye are bidden to observe, that ye may follow the commandments of God and be united in that which the Almighty, the All-Wise, hath appointed unto you. He Who is your Lord, the All-Merciful, cherisheth in His heart the desire of beholding the entire human race as one soul and one body. Haste ye to win your share of God's good grace and mercy in this Day that eclipseth all other created Days. How great the felicity that awaiteth the man that forsaketh all he hath in a desire to obtain the things of God! Such a man, We testify, is among God's blessed ones.

O King! Bear thou witness unto that which God hath Himself and for Himself borne witness ere the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Incomparable, the Inaccessible. Arise with the utmost steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. Thus hast thou been instructed in this wondrous Tablet. We, verily, have desired naught for thee save that which is better for thee than all that is on earth. Unto this testify all created things and beyond them this perspicuous Book.

Meditate on the world and the state of its people. He, for Whose sake the world was called into being, hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities, by reason of that which the hands of the wayward have wrought. From the horizon of His prison-city He summoneth mankind unto the Dayspring of God, the Exalted, the Great. Exultest thou over the treasures thou dost possess, knowing they shall perish? Rejoicest thou in that thou rulest a span of earth, when the whole world, in the estimation of the people of Bahá, is worth as much as the black in the eye of a dead ant? Abandon it unto such as have set their affections upon it, and turn thou unto Him Who is the Desire of the world. Whither are gone the proud and their palaces? Gaze thou into their tombs, that thou mayest profit by this example, inasmuch as We made it a lesson unto every beholder. Were the breezes of Revelation to seize thee, thou wouldst flee the world, and turn unto the Kingdom, and wouldst expend all thou possessest, that thou mayest draw nigh unto this sublime Vision.

We behold the generality of mankind worshipping names and exposing themselves, as thou dost witness, to dire perils in the mere hope of perpetuating their names, whilst every perceiving soul testifieth that after death one's name shall avail him nothing except insofar as it beareth a relationship unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Thus have their vain imaginings taken hold of them in requital for that which

their hands have wrought. Consider the pettiness of men's minds. They seek with utmost exertion that which profiteth them not, and yet wert thou to ask of them: "Is there any advantage in that which ye desire?", thou wouldst find them sorely perplexed. Were a fair-minded soul to be found, he would reply: "Nay, by the Lord of the worlds!" Such is the condition of the people and of that which they possess. Leave them in their folly and turn thy sight unto God. This is in truth that which beseemeth thee. Hearken then unto the counsel of thy Lord, and say: Lauded art Thou, O God of all who are in heaven and on earth!

Czar Alexander II

O Czar of Russia! Incline thine ear unto the voice of God, the King, the Holy, and turn thou unto Paradise, the Spot wherein abideth He Who, among the Concourse on high, beareth the most excellent titles, and Who, in the kingdom of creation, is called by the name of God, the Effulgent, the All-Glorious. Beware lest thy desire deter thee from turning towards the face of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Most Merciful. We, verily, have heard the thing for which thou didst supplicate thy Lord, whilst secretly communing with Him. Wherefore, the breeze of My loving-kindness wafted forth, and the sea of My mercy surged, and We answered thee in truth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Whilst I lay chained and fettered in the prison, one of thy ministers extended Me his aid. Wherefore hath God ordained for thee a station which the knowledge of none can comprehend except His knowledge. Beware lest thou barter away this sublime station. Thy Lord, verily, doeth what He willeth. What He pleaseth will God abrogate or confirm, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a Guarded Tablet.

Beware lest thy sovereignty withhold thee from Him Who is the Supreme Sovereign. He, verily, is come with His Kingdom, and all the atoms cry aloud: "Lo! The Lord is come in His great majesty!" He Who is the Father is come, and the Son, in the holy vale, crieth out: "Here am I, here am I, O Lord, My God!", whilst Sinai circleth round the House, and the Burning Bush calleth aloud: "The All-Bounteous is come mounted upon the clouds! Blessed is he that draweth nigh unto Him, and woe betide them that are far away."

Arise thou amongst men in the name of this all-compelling Cause, and summon, then, the nations unto God, the Exalted, the Great. Be thou not of them who called upon God by one of His names, but who, when He Who is the Object of all names appeared, denied Him and turned aside from Him, and, in the end, pronounced sentence against Him with manifest injustice. Consider and call thou to mind the days whereon the Spirit of God appeared, and Herod gave judgement against Him. God, however, aided Him with the hosts of the unseen, and protected Him with truth, and sent Him down unto another land, according to His promise. He, verily, ordaineth what He pleaseth. Thy Lord truly preserveth whom He willeth, be he in the midst of the seas, or in the maw of the serpent, or beneath the sword of the oppressor.

Blessed be the king whom the veils of glory have not deterred from turning unto the Dayspring of beauty and who hath forsaken his all in his desire to obtain the things of God. He, indeed, is accounted in the sight of God as the most excellent of men, and is extolled by the inmates of Paradise and them that circle morn and eve round the Throne on high.

Again I say: Hearken unto My voice that calleth from My prison, that it may acquaint thee with the things that have befallen My Beauty, at the hands of them that are the manifestations of My glory, and that thou mayest perceive how great hath been My patience, notwithstanding My might, and how immense My forbearance, notwithstanding My power. By My life! Couldst thou but know the things sent down by My Pen, and discover the treasures of My Cause, and the pearls of My mysteries which lie hid in the seas of My names and in the goblets of My words, thou wouldst, in thy love for My name, and in thy longing for My glorious and sublime Kingdom, lay down thy life in My path. Know thou that though My body be beneath the swords of My foes, and My limbs be beset with incalculable afflictions, yet My spirit is filled with a gladness with which all the joys of the earth can never compare.

Set thine heart towards Him Who is the Point of adoration for the world, and say: "O peoples of the earth! Have ye denied the One in Whose path He Who came with the truth, bearing the announcement of your Lord, the Exalted, the Great, suffered martyrdom?" Say: This is an Announcement whereat the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers have rejoiced. This is the One Whom the heart of the world remembereth, and is promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The hands of the Messengers were, in their desire to meet Me, upraised towards God, the Mighty, the Glorified. Unto this testifieth that which hath been sent down in the sacred Scriptures by Him Who is the Lord of might and power.

Some lamented in their separation from Me, others endured hardships in My path, and still others laid down their lives for the sake of My Beauty, could ye but know it. Say: I, verily, have not sought to extol Mine own Self, but rather God Himself, were ye to judge fairly. Naught can be seen in Me except God and His Cause, could ye but perceive it. I am the One Whom the tongue of Isaiah hath extolled, the One with Whose name both the Torah and the Evangel were adorned. Thus hath it been decreed in the Scriptures of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. He, verily, hath borne witness unto Me, as I bear witness unto Him. And God testifieth to the truth of My words.

Say: The Books have been sent down for naught but My remembrance. Whosoever is receptive to their call shall perceive therefrom the sweet fragrances of My name and My praise; and he who hath unstopped the ear of his inmost heart shall hear from every word thereof: "The True One is come! He indeed is the beloved of the worlds!"

It is for the sake of God alone that My tongue counselleth you and that My pen moveth to make mention of you, for neither can the malice and denial of all who dwell on earth harm Me, nor the allegiance of the entire creation profit Me. We, verily, exhort you unto that which We were commanded, and desire naught from you except that ye draw nigh unto what shall profit you in both this world and the world to come. Say: Will ye slay Him Who summoneth you unto life everlasting? Fear ye God, and follow not every contumacious oppressor.

O proud ones of the earth! Do ye believe yourselves to be abiding in palaces whilst He Who is the King of Revelation resideth in the most desolate of abodes? Nay, by My life! In tombs do ye dwell, could ye but perceive it. Verily, he who faileth, in these days, to be stirred by the breeze of God is accounted among the dead in the sight of Him Who is the Lord of all names and attributes. Arise, then, from the tombs of

self and desire and turn unto the Kingdom of God, the Possessor of the Throne on high and of earth below, that ye may behold that which ye were promised aforetime by your Lord, the All-Knowing.

Think ye that the things ye possess shall profit you? Soon others will possess them and ye will return unto the dust with none to help or succour you. What advantage is there in a life that can be overtaken by death, or in an existence that is doomed to extinction, or in a prosperity that is subject to change? Cast away the things that ye possess and set your faces toward the favours of God which have been sent down in this wondrous Name.

Thus doth the Pen of the Most High warble unto thee its melodies by the leave of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. When thou hast heard and recited them, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all the worlds, inasmuch as Thou hast made mention of me through the tongue of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self at a time when He was confined in the Most Great Prison, that the whole world might attain unto true liberty."

Blessed be the king whose sovereignty hath withheld him not from his Sovereign, and who hath turned unto God with his heart. He, verily, is accounted of those that have attained unto that which God, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath willed. Erelong will such a one find himself numbered with the monarchs of the realms of the Kingdom. Thy Lord is, in truth, potent over all things. He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth, and withholdeth what He pleaseth from whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Queen Victoria

O Queen in London! Incline thine ear unto the voice of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, calling from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, no God is there but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise! Cast away all that is on earth, and attire the head of thy kingdom with the crown of the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. He, in truth, hath come unto the world in His most great glory, and all that hath been mentioned in the Gospel hath been fulfilled. The land of Syria hath been honoured by the footsteps of its Lord, the Lord of all men, and north and south are both inebriated with the wine of His presence. Blessed is the man that hath inhaled the fragrance of the Most Merciful, and turned unto the Dawning-Place of His Beauty, in this resplendent Dawn. The Mosque of Aqa□□á vibrateth through the breezes of its Lord, the All-Glorious, whilst Baa□□a□□á trembleth at the voice of God, the Exalted, the Most High. Whereupon every single stone of them celebrateth the praise of the Lord, through this Great Name.

Lay aside thy desire, and set then thine heart towards thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. We make mention of thee for the sake of God, and desire that thy name may be exalted through thy remembrance of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. He, verily, is witness unto that which I say. We have been informed that thou hast forbidden the trading in slaves, both men and women. This, verily, is what God hath enjoined in this wondrous Revelation. God hath, truly, destined a reward for thee, because of this. He, verily, will pay the doer of good his due recompense, wert thou to follow what hath been sent unto thee by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As to him who turneth aside, and swelleth with pride, after the clear tokens have come unto him from the Revealer of signs, his work shall God bring to naught. He, in truth, hath power over all things. Man's actions are acceptable after his having recognized (the Manifestation).

He that turneth aside from the True One is indeed the most veiled amongst His creatures. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

We have also heard that thou hast entrusted the reins of counsel into the hands of the representatives of the people. Thou, indeed, hast done well, for thereby the foundations of the edifice of thine affairs will be strengthened, and the hearts of all that are beneath thy shadow, whether high or low, will be tranquillized. It behoveth them, however, to be trustworthy among His servants, and to regard themselves as the representatives of all that dwell on earth. This is what counselleth them, in this Tablet, He Who is the Ruler, the All-Wise. And if any one of them directeth himself towards the Assembly, let him turn his eyes unto the Supreme Horizon, and say: "O my God! I ask Thee, by Thy most glorious Name, to aid me in that which will cause the affairs of Thy servants to prosper, and Thy cities to flourish. Thou, indeed, hast power over all things!" Blessed is he that entereth the Assembly for the sake of God, and judgeth between men with pure justice. He, indeed, is of the blissful.

O ye the elected representatives of the people in every land! Take ye counsel together, and let your concern be only for that which profiteth mankind and bettereth the condition thereof, if ye be of them that scan heedfully. Regard the world as the human body which, though at its creation whole and perfect, hath been afflicted, through various causes, with grave disorders and maladies. Not for one day did it gain ease, nay its sickness waxed more severe, as it fell under the treatment of ignorant physicians, who gave full rein to their personal desires and have erred grievously. And if, at one time, through the care of an able physician, a member of that body was healed, the rest remained afflicted as before. Thus informeth you the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We behold it, in this day, at the mercy of rulers so drunk with pride that they cannot discern clearly their own best advantage, much less recognize a Revelation so bewildering and challenging as this. And whenever any one of them hath striven to improve its condition, his motive hath been his own gain, whether confessedly so or not; and the unworthiness of this motive hath limited his power to heal or cure.

That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith. This can in no wise be achieved except through the power of a skilled, an all-powerful and inspired Physician. This, verily, is the truth, and all else naught but error. Each time that Most Mighty Instrument hath come, and that Light shone forth from the Ancient Dayspring, He was withheld by ignorant physicians who, even as clouds, interposed themselves between Him and the world. It failed, therefore, to recover, and its sickness hath persisted until this day. They indeed were powerless to protect it, or to effect a cure, whilst He Who hath been the Manifestation of Power amongst men was withheld from achieving His purpose, by reason of what the hands of the ignorant physicians have wrought.

Consider these days in which He Who is the Ancient Beauty hath come in the Most Great Name, that He may quicken the world and unite its peoples. They, however, rose up against Him with sharpened swords, and committed that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament, until in the end they imprisoned Him in the most desolate of cities, and broke the grasp of the faithful upon the hem of His robe. Were anyone to tell them: "The World Reformer is come", they would answer and say: "Indeed it is proven that He is a

fomenter of discord!", and this notwithstanding that they have never associated with Him, and have perceived that He did not seek, for one moment, to protect Himself. At all times He was at the mercy of the wicked doers. At one time they cast Him into prison, at another they banished Him, and at yet another hurried Him from land to land. Thus have they pronounced judgement against Us, and God, truly, is aware of what I say. Such men are reckoned by God among the most ignorant of His creatures. They cut off their own limbs and perceive it not; they deprive themselves of that which is best for them, and know it not. They are even as a young child who can distinguish neither the mischief-maker from the reformer nor the wicked from the righteous. We behold them in this Day wrapt in a palpable veil.

O ye rulers of the earth! Wherefore have ye clouded the radiance of the Sun, and caused it to cease from shining? Hearken unto the counsel given you by the Pen of the Most High, that haply both ye and the poor may attain unto tranquillity and peace. We beseech God to assist the kings of the earth to establish peace on earth. He, verily, doth what He willeth.

O kings of the earth! We see you increasing every year your expenditures, and laying the burden thereof on your subjects. This, verily, is wholly and grossly unjust. Fear the sighs and tears of this Wronged One, and lay not excessive burdens on your peoples. Do not rob them to rear palaces for yourselves; nay rather choose for them that which ye choose for yourselves. Thus We unfold to your eyes that which profiteth you, if ye but perceive. Your people are your treasures. Beware lest your rule violate the commandments of God, and ye deliver your wards to the hands of the robber. By them ye rule, by their means ye subsist, by their aid ye conquer. Yet, how disdainfully ye look upon them! How strange, how very strange!

Now that ye have refused the Most Great Peace, hold ye fast unto this, the Lesser Peace, that haply ye may in some degree better your own condition and that of your dependents.

O rulers of the earth! Be reconciled among yourselves, that ye may need no more armaments save in a measure to safeguard your territories and dominions. Beware lest ye disregard the counsel of the All-Knowing, the Faithful.

Be united, O kings of the earth, for thereby will the tempest of discord be stilled amongst you, and your peoples find rest, if ye be of them that comprehend. Should any one among you take up arms against another, rise ye all against him, for this is naught but manifest justice. Thus did We exhort you in the Tablet sent down aforetime, and We admonish you once again to follow that which hath been revealed by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. Should anyone seek refuge with you, extend unto him your protection and betray him not. Thus doth the Pen of the Most High counsel you, as bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Beware lest ye act as did the King of Islám when We came unto him at his bidding. His ministers pronounced judgement against Us with such injustice that all creation lamented and the hearts of those who are nigh unto God were consumed. The winds of self and passion move them as they will, and We found them all bereft of constancy. They are, indeed, of those that are far astray.

Rein in Thy pen, O Pen of the Ancient of Days, and leave them to themselves, for they are immersed in their idle fancies. Make Thou mention of the Queen, that she may turn with a pure heart unto the scene of transcendent glory, may withhold not her eyes from gazing toward her Lord, the Supreme Ordainer,

and may become acquainted with that which hath been revealed in the Books and Tablets by the Creator of all mankind, He through Whom the sun hath been darkened and the moon eclipsed, and through Whom the Call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven.

Turn thou unto God and say: O my Sovereign Lord! I am but a vassal of Thine, and Thou art, in truth, the King of kings. I have lifted my suppliant hands unto the heaven of Thy grace and Thy bounties. Send down, then, upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity that which will rid me of all save Thee, and draw me nigh unto Thyself. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy name, which Thou hast made the king of names and the manifestation of Thyself to all who are in heaven and on earth, to rend asunder the veils that have intervened between me and my recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Bounteous. Deprive me not, O my Lord, of the fragrances of the Robe of Thy mercy in Thy days, and write down for me that which Thou hast written down for Thy handmaidens who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and have recognized Thee, and set their hearts towards the horizon of Thy Cause. Thou art truly the Lord of the worlds and of those who show mercy the Most Merciful. Assist me, then, O my God, to remember Thee amongst Thy handmaidens, and to aid Thy Cause in Thy lands. Accept, then, that which hath escaped me when the light of Thy countenance shone forth. Thou, indeed, hast power over all things. Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth.

Náa□□iri'd-Dín Sháh

O King of the Earth! Hearken unto the call of this Vassal: Verily, I am a Servant Who hath believed in God and in His signs, and have sacrificed Myself in His path. Unto this bear witness the woes which now beset Me, woes the like of which no man hath ever before sustained. My Lord, the All-Knowing, testifieth to the truth of My words. I have summoned the people unto none save God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, and have endured for love of Him such afflictions as the eye of creation hath never beheld. To this testify those whom the veils of human fancy have not deterred from turning unto the Most Sublime Vision, and, beyond them, He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in the preserved Tablet.

Whensoever the clouds of tribulation have rained down the darts of affliction in the path of God, the Lord of all names, I have hastened to meet them, as every fair-minded and discerning soul shall attest. How many the nights which found the beasts of the field resting in their lairs, and the birds of the air lying in their nests, while this Youth languished in chains and fetters with none to aid or succour Him!

Call Thou to mind God's mercy unto Thee; how, when Thou wert imprisoned with a number of other souls, He delivered Thee and aided Thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, until the King sent Thee to 'Iráq after We had disclosed unto him that Thou wert not of the sowers of sedition. Those who follow their corrupt desires and lay aside the fear of God are indeed in grievous error. They that spread disorder in the land, shed the blood of men, and wrongfully consume the substance of others□"We, verily, are clear of them, and We beseech God not to associate Us with them, whether in this world or in the world to come, unless they should repent unto Him. He, verily, is of those who show mercy the most merciful.

Whoso turneth towards God must distinguish himself from others by his every deed, and follow that which hath been enjoined upon him in the Book. Thus hath it been decreed in a lucid Tablet. Those, however, who cast behind their backs the commandments of God, and follow the prompting of their own desires, are, verily, in grievous error.

O King! I adjure thee by thy Lord, the All-Merciful, to look upon thy servants with the glances of the eye of thy favour, and to treat them with justice, that God may treat thee with mercy. Potent is thy Lord to do as He pleaseth. The world, with all its abasement and glory, shall pass away, and the kingdom will remain unto God, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing.

Say: He hath kindled the lamp of utterance, and feedeth it with the oil of wisdom and understanding. Too high is thy Lord, the All-Merciful, for aught in the universe to resist His Faith. He revealeth what He pleaseth through the power of His sovereign might, and protecteth it with a host of His well-favoured angels. He is supreme over His servants and exerciseth undisputed dominion over His creation. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O King! I was but a man like others, asleep upon My couch, when lo, the breezes of the All-Glorious were wafted over Me, and taught Me the knowledge of all that hath been. This thing is not from Me, but from One Who is Almighty and All-Knowing. And He bade Me lift up My voice between earth and heaven, and for this there befell Me what hath caused the tears of every man of understanding to flow. The learning current amongst men I studied not; their schools I entered not. Ask of the city wherein I dwelt, that thou mayest be well assured that I am not of them who speak falsely. This is but a leaf which the winds of the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised, have stirred. Can it be still when the tempestuous winds are blowing? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of all Names and Attributes! They move it as they list. The evanescent is as nothing before Him Who is the Ever-Abiding. His all-compelling summons hath reached Me, and caused Me to speak His praise amidst all people. I was indeed as one dead when His behest was uttered. The hand of the will of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful, transformed Me. Can anyone speak forth of his own accord that for which all men, both high and low, will protest against him? Nay, by Him Who taught the Pen the eternal mysteries, save him whom the grace of the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath strengthened.

The Pen of the Most High addresseth Me, saying: Fear not. Relate unto His Majesty the Sháh that which befell thee. His heart, verily, is between the fingers of thy Lord, the God of Mercy, that haply the sun of justice and bounty may shine forth above the horizon of his heart. Thus hath the decree been sent down by Him Who is the All-Wise.

Look upon this Youth, O King, with the eyes of justice; judge thou, then, with truth concerning what hath befallen Him. Of a verity, God hath made thee His shadow amongst men, and the sign of His power unto all that dwell on earth. Judge thou between Us and them that have wronged Us without proof and without an enlightening Book. They that surround thee love thee for their own sakes, whereas this Youth loveth thee for thine own sake, and hath had no desire except to draw thee nigh unto the seat of grace, and to turn thee toward the right hand of justice. Thy Lord beareth witness unto that which I declare.

O King! Wert thou to incline thine ear unto the shrill of the Pen of Glory and the cooing of the Dove of Eternity which, on the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, uttereth praises to God, the Maker of all names and Creator of earth and heaven, thou wouldst attain unto a station from which thou wouldst behold in the world of being naught save the effulgence of the Adored One, and wouldst regard thy sovereignty as the most contemptible of thy possessions, abandoning it to whosoever might desire it, and setting thy face toward the Horizon aglow with the light of His countenance. Neither wouldst thou ever be willing to bear the burden of dominion save for the purpose of helping thy Lord, the Exalted, the Most High. Then would the Concourse on high bless thee. O how excellent is this most sublime station, couldst thou ascend thereunto through the power of a sovereignty recognized as derived from the Name of God!

Amongst the people are those who allege that this Youth hath had no purpose but to perpetuate His name, whilst others claim that He hath sought for Himself the vanities of the world—"this, notwithstanding that never, throughout all My days, have I found a place of safety, be it to the extent of a single foothold. At all times have I been immersed in an ocean of tribulations, whose full measure none can fathom but God. He, truly, is aware of what I say. How many the days in which My loved ones have been sorely shaken by reason of My afflictions, and how many the nights during which My kindred, fearing for My life, have bitterly wept and lamented! And this none can deny save them that are bereft of truthfulness. Is it conceivable that He Who expecteth to lose His life at any moment should seek after worldly vanities? How very strange the imaginings of those who speak as prompted by their own caprices, and who wander distractedly in the wilderness of self and passion! Erelong shall they be called upon to account for their words, and on that day they shall find none to befriend or help them.

And amongst the people are those who claim that He hath disbelieved in God—"yet every member of My body testifieth that there is none other God but Him; that those Whom He hath raised up in truth and sent forth with His guidance are the Manifestations of His most excellent names, the Revealers of His most exalted attributes, and the Repositories of His Revelation in the kingdom of creation; that through them the Proof of God hath been perfected unto all else but Him, the standard of Divine Unity hath been raised, and the sign of sanctity hath been made manifest; and that through them every soul hath found a path unto the Lord of the Throne on high. We testify that there is none other God but Him, that from everlasting He was alone with none else besides Him, and that He shall be unto everlasting what He hath ever been. Too high is the All-Merciful for the hearts of those who have recognized Him to apprehend His true nature, or for the minds of men to hope to fathom His essence. He verily is exalted above the understanding of anyone besides Himself, and sanctified beyond the comprehension of all else save Him. From all eternity He hath been independent of the entire creation.

Remember the days in which the Sun of Baa—a—á shone forth above the horizon of the Will of thy Lord, the Exalted, the Most High, and recall how the divines of that age turned away from Him, and the learned contended with Him, that haply thou mayest apprehend that which, in this day, remaineth concealed behind the veils of glory. So grievous became His plight on every side that He instructed His companions to disperse. Thus was the decree sent down from the heaven of divine glory. Remember, furthermore, how, when one of these same companions came before the King of Ethiopia and recited unto him a Súrih of the Qur'án, he declared to his attendants: "This, truly, hath been revealed by One Who is All-Knowing

and All-Wise. Whoso acknowledgeth the truth, and believeth in the teachings of Jesus, can in no wise deny what hath been recited. We, verily, bear witness to its truth, even as we bear witness to the truth of that which we possess of the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."

I swear by God, O King! Wert thou to incline thine ear to the melodies of that Nightingale which warbleth in manifold accents upon the mystic bough as bidden by thy Lord, the All-Merciful, thou wouldst cast away thy sovereignty and set thy face towards this Scene of transcendent glory, this station above whose horizon shineth the Book of the Dawntide, and wouldst expend all that thou possessest in thine eagerness to obtain the things of God. Then wouldst thou find thyself raised up to the summit of exaltation and glory, and elevated to the pinnacle of majesty and independence. Thus hath the decree been recorded in the Mother Book by the Pen of the All-Merciful. Of what avail are the things which are yours today and which tomorrow others shall possess? Choose for thyself that which God hath chosen for His elect, and God shall grant thee a mighty sovereignty in His Kingdom. We beseech God to aid thy Majesty to hearken unto that Word whose radiance hath enveloped the whole world, and to protect thee from such as have strayed far from the court of His presence.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord My God! How many the heads which were raised aloft on spears in Thy path, and how many the breasts which were made the target of arrows for the sake of Thy good pleasure! How many the hearts that have been lacerated for the exaltation of Thy Word and the promotion of Thy Cause, and how many the eyes that have wept sore for love of Thee! I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the King of kings and the Pitier of the downtrodden, by Thy Most Great Name which Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy most excellent names and the Dayspring of Thy most exalted attributes, to remove the veils that have come in between Thee and Thy creatures and debarred them from turning unto the horizon of Thy Revelation. Cause them, then, O My God, by Thy most exalted Word, to turn from the left hand of oblivion and delusion unto the right hand of knowledge and certitude, that they may know what Thou hast purposed for them through Thy bounty and grace, and may set their faces towards Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Revealer of Thy signs.

O My God! Thou art the All-Bountiful, Whose grace is infinite. Withhold not Thy servants from the most mighty Ocean, which Thou hast made the repository of the pearls of Thy knowledge and Thy wisdom, and turn them not away from Thy gate, which Thou hast opened wide before all who are in Thy heaven and all who are on Thy earth. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, for they understand not and flee from that which is better for them than all that Thou hast created upon Thine earth. Cast upon them, O My God, the glances of the eye of Thy favour and bounty, and deliver them from self and passion, that they may draw nigh unto Thy most exalted Horizon, taste the sweetness of Thy remembrance, and delight in that bread which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the firmament of Thy grace. From everlasting Thy bounty hath embraced the entire creation and Thy mercy hath surpassed all things. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord My God! Thou well knowest that Mine heart hath melted in Thy Cause, and that My blood so boileth in My veins with the fire of Thy love that every drop of it proclaimeth with its inner tongue: "Grant that I may be spilt upon the ground for Thy sake, O my Lord, the Most High, that from it there may spring forth that which Thou hast purposed in Thy Tablets and hast hidden from the

eyes of all, except such servants as have tasted of the crystal stream of knowledge from the hands of Thy grace and quaffed the soft-flowing waters of understanding from the cup of Thy bestowal."

Thou knowest, O My God, that in all Mine affairs I have sought only to obey Thy bidding, that in Mine every utterance I have wished only to extol Thy praise, and that in whatsoever hath proceeded from My Pen I have purposed only to win Thy good pleasure and to reveal that which Thou hast enjoined upon Me through Thy sovereignty.

Thou beholdest Me, O My God, as one bewildered in Thy land. Whensoever I make mention of that which Thou hast enjoined upon Me, Thy creatures cavil at Me; yet were I to neglect that which Thou hast bidden Me observe, I would deserve the scourge of Thine anger and would be far removed from the meadows of Thy nearness. Nay, by Thy glory! I have set My face towards Thy good pleasure, and turned away from the things whereon Thy servants have set their affections. I have embraced all that is with Thee, and forsaken all that might lead Me away from the retreats of Thy nearness and the heights of Thy glory. I swear by Thy might! With Thy love in My heart nothing can ever alarm Me, and in the path of Thy good pleasure all the world's afflictions can in no wise dismay Me. All this, however, proceedeth from Thy power and Thy might, from Thy bounty and Thy grace, and is not of Mine own deserving.

This is an Epistle, O My God, which I have purposed to send unto the King. Thou knowest that I have wished of him naught but that he should show forth justice to Thy servants and extend his favours unto the people of Thy kingdom. For Myself I have desired only what Thou didst desire, and through Thy succour I wish for naught save that which Thou wishest. Perish the soul that seeketh from Thee aught save Thyself! I swear by Thy glory! Thy good pleasure is my dearest wish, and Thy purpose My highest hope. Have mercy, O My God, upon this poor creature Who hath clung unto the hem of Thy riches, and this suppliant soul Who calleth upon Thee, saying, "Thou art, verily, the Lord of might and glory!" Assist Thou, O My God, His Majesty the Sháh to keep Thy statutes amidst Thy servants and to manifest Thy justice amongst Thy creatures, that he may treat this people as he treateth others. Thou art, in truth, the God of power, of glory and wisdom.

By the leave and permission of the King of the Age, this Servant journeyed from the Seat of Sovereignty to 'Iráq, and dwelt for twelve years in that land. Throughout the entire course of this period no account of Our condition was submitted to the court of thy presence, and no representation ever made to foreign powers. Placing Our whole trust in God, We resided in that land until there came to 'Iráq a certain official who, upon his arrival, undertook to harass this poor company of exiles. Day after day, at the instigation of some of the outwardly learned and of other individuals, he would stir up trouble for these servants, although they had at no time committed any act detrimental to the state and its people or contrary to the rules and customs of the citizens of the realm.

Fearing lest the actions of these transgressors should produce some outcome at variance with thy world-adorning judgement, this Servant despatched a brief account of the matter to Mírzá Sa'íd Khán at the Foreign Ministry, so that he might submit it to the royal presence and that whatever thou shouldst please to decree in this respect might be obeyed. A long while elapsed, and no decree was issued. Finally matters came to such a pass that there loomed the threat of imminent strife and bloodshed. Of necessity, therefore, and for the protection of the servants of God, a few of them appealed to the Governor of 'Iráq.

Wert thou to observe these events with the eye of fairness, it would become clear and evident in the luminous mirror of thine heart that what occurred was called for by the circumstances, and that no other alternative could be seen. His Majesty himself is witness that in whatever city a number of this people have resided, the hostility of certain functionaries hath enkindled the flame of conflict and contention. This evanescent Soul, however, hath, since His arrival in ’Iráq, forbidden all to engage in dissension and strife. The witness of this Servant is His very deeds, for all are well aware and will testify that, although a greater number of this people resided in ’Iráq than in any other land, no one overstepped his limits or transgressed against his neighbour. Fixing their gaze upon God, and reposing their trust in Him, all have now been abiding in peace for well-nigh fifteen years, and, in whatever hath befallen them, they have shown forth patience and resigned themselves to God.

After the arrival of this Servant in this, the city of Adrianople, some of the people of ’Iráq and elsewhere inquired about the meaning of the term “rendering assistance unto God” which hath been mentioned in the Holy Scriptures. Several answers were sent out in reply, one of which is set forth in these pages, that it may be clearly demonstrated in the court of thy presence that this Servant hath had no end in view but to promote the betterment and well-being of the world. And if certain of the divine favours which, undeserving as I may be, God hath pleased to bestow upon Me be not plain and manifest, this much at least will be clear and apparent, that He, in His surpassing mercy and infinite grace, hath not deprived Mine heart of the ornament of reason. The passage that was referred to concerning the meaning of “rendering assistance unto God” is as follows:

He is God, exalted be His glory!

It is clear and evident that the one true God“glorified be His mention!”is sanctified above the world and all that is therein. By “rendering assistance unto God”, then, it is not meant that any soul should fight or contend with another. That Sovereign Lord Who doeth whatsoever He pleaseth hath entrusted the kingdom of creation, its lands and its seas, into the hands of the kings, for they are, each according to his degree, the manifestations of His divine power. Should they enter beneath the shadow of the True One, they will be accounted of God, and if not, thy Lord, verily, knoweth and observeth all things.

That which God“glorified be His Name!”hath desired for Himself is the hearts of His servants, which are the treasuries of His love and remembrance and the repositories of His knowledge and wisdom. It hath ever been the wish of the Eternal King to cleanse the hearts of His servants from the things of the world and all that pertaineth thereunto, that they may be made worthy recipients of the effulgent splendours of Him Who is the King of all names and attributes. Wherefore must no stranger be allowed in the city of the heart, that the incomparable Friend may enter His abode. By this is meant the effulgence of His names and attributes, and not His exalted Essence, inasmuch as that peerless King hath ever been, and shall eternally remain, sanctified above ascent and descent.

It followeth, therefore, that rendering assistance unto God, in this day, doth not and shall never consist in contending or disputing with any soul; nay rather, what is preferable in the sight of God is that the cities of men’s hearts, which are ruled by the hosts of self and passion, should be subdued by the sword of utterance, of wisdom and of understanding. Thus, whoso seeketh to assist God must, before all else,

conquer, with the sword of inner meaning and explanation, the city of his own heart and guard it from the remembrance of all save God, and only then set out to subdue the cities of the hearts of others.

Such is the true meaning of rendering assistance unto God. Sedition hath never been pleasing unto God, nor were the acts committed in the past by certain foolish ones acceptable in His sight. Know ye that to be killed in the path of His good pleasure is better for you than to kill. The beloved of the Lord must, in this day, behave in such wise amidst His servants that they may by their very deeds and actions guide all men unto the paradise of the All-Glorious.

By Him Who shineth above the Dayspring of Sanctity! The friends of God have not, nor will they ever, set their hopes upon the world and its ephemeral possessions. The one true God hath ever regarded the hearts of men as His own, His exclusive possession—and this too but as an expression of His all-surpassing mercy, that haply mortal souls may be purged and sanctified from all that pertaineth to the world of dust and gain admittance into the realms of eternity. For otherwise that ideal King is, in Himself and by Himself, sufficient unto Himself and independent of all things. Neither doth the love of His creatures profit Him, nor can their malice harm Him. All have issued forth from abodes of dust, and unto dust shall they return, while the one true God, alone and single, is established upon His Throne, a Throne which is beyond the reaches of time and space, is sanctified above all utterance or expression, intimation, description and definition, and is exalted beyond all notion of abasement and glory. And none knoweth this save Him and those with whom is the knowledge of the Book. No God is there but Him, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

It behoveth the benevolence of the Sovereign, however, to examine all matters with the eye of justice and mercy, and not to content himself with the baseless claims of certain individuals. We beseech God to graciously assist the King to fulfil that which He pleaseth, and, verily, that which He desireth should be the desire of all the worlds.

Later this Servant was summoned to Constantinople, whither We arrived accompanied by a poor band of exiles. At no time thereafter did We seek to meet with anyone, as We had no request to make and no aim in view but to demonstrate unto all that this Servant had no mischief in mind and had never associated with the sowers of sedition. By Him Who hath caused the tongues of all beings to speak forth His praise! While certain considerations rendered it difficult to make application to any quarter, such steps were perforce taken to protect certain souls. My Lord, verily, knoweth what is in Me, and He beareth witness unto the truth of what I say.

A just king is the shadow of God on earth. All should seek shelter under the shadow of his justice, and rest in the shade of his favour. This is not a matter which is either specific or limited in its scope, that it might be restricted to one or another person, inasmuch as the shadow telleth of the One Who casteth it. God, glorified be His remembrance, hath called Himself the Lord of the worlds, for He hath nurtured and still nurtureth everyone. Glorified be, then, His grace that hath preceded all created things, and His mercy that hath surpassed the worlds.

It is clear and evident that, whether this Cause be seen as right or wrong by the people, those who are associated with its name have accepted and embraced it as true, and have forsaken their all in their

eagerness to partake of the things of God. That they should evince such renunciation in the path of the love of the All-Merciful is in itself a faithful witness and an eloquent testimony to the truth of their convictions. Hath it ever been witnessed that a man of sound judgement should sacrifice his life without cause or reason? And if it be suggested that this people have taken leave of their senses, this too is highly improbable, inasmuch as such behaviour hath not been confined to merely a soul or two—nay, a vast multitude of every class have drunk their fill of the living waters of divine knowledge, and, intoxicated, have hastened with heart and soul to the field of sacrifice in the way of the Beloved.

If these souls, who have renounced all else but God for His sake and offered up their life and substance in His path, are to be accounted as false, then by what proof and testimony can the truth of what others assert be established in thy presence? The late a□□ájí Siyyid Mua□□ammad □"may God exalt his station and immerse him in the ocean of His forgiveness and mercy!□"was one of the most learned divines of his age, and one of the most devout and pious men of his time. So highly was he regarded that his praise was on every tongue, and his righteousness and piety were universally acknowledged. Yet, when hostilities broke out with Russia, he who himself had pronounced the decree of holy war, and who with blazoned standard had left his native land to rally to the support of his faith, abandoned, after the inconvenience of a brief encounter, all the good that he had purposed, and returned whence he had come. Would that the veil might be lifted, and that which hath ere now remained hidden from the eyes of men be made manifest!

For more than twenty years this people have, day and night, been subjected to the fury of the Sovereign's wrath, and have been scattered by the tempestuous gales of his displeasure, each to a different land. How many the children who have been left fatherless, and how many the fathers who have lost their sons! How many the mothers who have dared not, out of fear and dread, to mourn their slaughtered offspring! How numerous those who, at eventide, were possessed of utmost wealth and affluence, and who, when morning came, had fallen into utter abasement and destitution! No land is there whose soil hath not been tinged with their blood, nor reach of heaven unto which their sighs have not ascended. Throughout the years the darts of affliction have unceasingly rained down from the clouds of God's decree, yet despite all these calamities and tribulations, the flame of divine love hath so blazed in their hearts that even should their bodies be torn asunder they would not forsake their love of Him Who is the Best-Beloved of the worlds, but would welcome with heart and soul whatever might befall them in the path of God.

O King! The breezes of the grace of the All-Merciful have transformed these servants and attracted them unto His Holy Court. "The witness of a true lover is upon his sleeve." Nevertheless, some of the outwardly learned have troubled the luminous heart of the King of the Age concerning these souls who revolve round the Tabernacle of the All-Merciful and who seek to attain the Sanctuary of true knowledge. Would that the world-adorning wish of His Majesty might decree that this Servant be brought face to face with the divines of the age, and produce proofs and testimonies in the presence of His Majesty the Sháh! This Servant is ready, and taketh hope in God, that such a gathering may be convened in order that the truth of the matter may be made clear and manifest before His Majesty the Sháh. It is then for thee to command, and I stand ready before the throne of thy sovereignty. Decide, then, for Me or against Me.

The All-Merciful saith in the Qur'án, His abiding testimony unto all the peoples of the world: "Wish ye then for death, if ye be men of truth." Behold how He hath declared the yearning for death to be the touchstone of sincerity! And, in the luminous mirror of thy judgement, it is doubtless clear and evident which people have chosen, in this day, to lay down their lives in the path of the Beloved of the worlds. Indeed, were the books supporting the beliefs of this people to be written with the blood spilled in the path of God "exalted be His glory!" then countless volumes would have already appeared amongst men for all to see.

How, We fain would ask, is it possible to impugn this people whose deeds are in conformity with their words, and to give credence instead to those who have refused to relinquish one jot of their worldly authority in the path of Him Who is the Unconstrained? Some of the divines who have declared this Servant an infidel have at no time met with Me. Never having seen Me, or become acquainted with My purpose, they have nevertheless spoken as they pleased and acted as they desired. Yet every claim requireth a proof, not mere words and displays of outward piety.

In this connection the text of several passages from the Hidden Book of Fáa imih "the blessings of God be upon her!" which are relevant to the present theme will be cited in the Persian tongue, that certain matters which have ere now been hidden may be revealed before thy presence. The people addressed in the aforementioned Book, which is today known as the Hidden Words, are those who, though outwardly known for learning and piety, are inwardly the slaves of self and passion.

He saith: O ye that are foolish, yet have a name to be wise! Wherefore do ye wear the guise of the shepherd, when inwardly ye have become wolves, intent upon My flock? Ye are even as the star, which riseth ere the dawn, and which, though it seem radiant and luminous, leadeth the wayfarers of My city astray into the paths of perdition.

And likewise He saith: O ye seeming fair yet inwardly foul! Ye are like clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the Divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. Yea, the sunbeam falls alike upon the dust and the mirror, yet differ they in reflection even as doth the star from the earth: nay, immeasurable is the difference!

And also He saith: O essence of desire! At many a dawn have I turned from the realms of the Placeless unto thine abode, and found thee on the bed of ease busied with others than Myself. Thereupon, even as the flash of the spirit, I returned to the realms of celestial glory, and breathed it not in My retreats above unto the hosts of holiness.

And again He saith: O bondslave of the world! Many a dawn hath the breeze of My loving-kindness wafted over thee and found thee upon the bed of heedlessness fast asleep. Bewailing then thy plight it returned whence it came.

Therefore, in the exercise of the royal justice, it is not sufficient to give ear to the claimant alone. God saith in the Qur'án, the unerring Balance that distinguisheth truth from falsehood: "O ye who believe! If a wicked man come to you with news, clear it up at once, lest through ignorance ye harm others, and afterward repent of what ye have done." The holy Traditions, moreover, contain the admonition: "Believe not the tale-bearer." Certain of the divines, who have never seen Us, have misconceived the nature of

Our Cause. Those, however, who have met Us will testify that this Servant hath not spoken save in accordance with that which God hath commanded in the Book, and that He hath called attention to the following blessed verse—exalted be His Word: “Do ye not disavow us only because we believe in God and in what He hath sent down unto us, and in what He had sent down aforetime?”

O King of the age! The eyes of these refugees are turned towards and fixed upon the mercy of the Most Merciful. No doubt is there whatever that these tribulations will be followed by the outpourings of a supreme mercy, and these dire adversities will be succeeded by an overflowing prosperity. We fain would hope, however, that His Majesty the Sháh will himself examine these matters and bring hope to the hearts. That which We have submitted to thy Majesty is indeed for thine highest good. And God, verily, is a sufficient witness unto Me.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord My God! I bear witness that the heart of the King is in truth between the fingers of Thy might. If it be Thy wish, do Thou incline it, O My God, in the direction of charity and mercy. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Bountiful. No God is there besides Thee, the All-Glorious, the One Whose help is sought by all.

Concerning the prerequisites of the learned, He saith: “Whoso among the learned guardeth his self, defendeth his faith, opposeth his desires, and obeyeth his Lord’s command, it is incumbent upon the generality of the people to pattern themselves after him....” Should the King of the Age reflect upon this utterance which hath streamed from the tongue of Him Who is the Dayspring of the Revelation of the All-Merciful, he would perceive that those who have been adorned with the attributes enumerated in this holy Tradition are scarcer than the philosopher’s stone; wherefore not every man that layeth claim to knowledge deserveth to be believed.

Again concerning the divines of the Latter Days, He saith: “The religious doctors of that age shall be the most wicked of the divines beneath the shadow of heaven. Out of them hath mischief proceeded, and unto them it shall return.” And again He saith: “When the Standard of Truth is made manifest, the people of both the East and the West curse it.” Should anyone dispute these Traditions, this Servant will undertake to establish their validity, since the details of their transmission have been omitted here for the sake of brevity.

Those doctors who have indeed drunk of the cup of renunciation have never interfered with this Servant. Thus, for example, Shaykh Murtaa—á —“may God exalt his station and cause him to repose beneath the canopy of His grace!—”showed forth kindness during Our sojourn in ’Iráq, and never spoke of this Cause otherwise than as God hath given leave. We beseech God to graciously assist all to do His will and pleasure.

Now, however, all have lost sight of every other consideration, and are bent upon the persecution of this people. Thus, if it be inquired of certain persons who, by the grace of their Lord, repose beneath the shadow of thy royal mercy and enjoy countless favours, “What service have ye rendered in return for these royal favours? Have ye through wise policy annexed a further territory to the realm? Have ye applied yourselves to aught that would secure the welfare of the people, the prosperity of the kingdom, and the lasting glory of the state?”, they will have no other reply than to designate, justly or falsely, a

group of people before thy royal presence as Bábís, and forthwith to engage in massacre and pillage. In Tabríz, for instance, and in the Egyptian town of Mana□□úríyyih, a number of this people were ransomed and large sums were seized, yet no account of these matters was ever made in the court of thy presence.

The reason for which all these things have come to pass is that their persecutors, finding these unfortunate ones without protection, have forgone more weighty matters and occupied themselves instead with harassing this afflicted people. Numerous confessions and divers creeds abide peacefully beneath the shadow of thy sovereignty. Let this people be also numbered with them. Nay, those who serve the King should be animated by such lofty aims and sublime intentions as to continually strive to bring all religions beneath the shelter of his shadow, and to rule over them with perfect justice.

To enforce the laws of God is naught but justice, and is the source of universal content. Nay more, the divine statutes have always been, and will ever remain, the cause and instrument of the preservation of mankind, as witnessed by His exalted words: "In punishment will ye find life, O men of insight!" It would, however, ill beseem the justice of thy Majesty that for the trespass of a single soul a whole group of people should be subjected to the scourge of thy wrath. The one true God□"glorified be His Name!□"hath said: "None shall bear the burden of another." It is clear and evident that in every community there have been, and will ever be, the learned and the ignorant, the wise and the heedless, the profligate and the pious. That a wise and reflecting soul should commit a heinous deed is most improbable, inasmuch as such a person either seeketh after this world or hath forsaken it: If he be of the latter, he would assuredly have no regard for aught else besides God, and moreover the fear of God would deter him from unlawful and reprehensible actions; and if he be of the former, he would just as assuredly avoid such deeds as would alienate and alarm the people, and act in such a manner as to earn their confidence and trust. It is therefore evident that reprehensible actions have always emanated, and will ever emanate, from ignorant and foolish souls. We implore God to guard His servants from turning to anyone save Him, and to draw them nigh unto His presence. His might, in truth, is equal to all things.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord My God! Thou hearest the voice of My lamentation, and beholdest My condition, My distress and affliction! Thou knowest all that is in Me. If the call I have raised be wholly for Thy sake, then draw thereby the hearts of Thy creatures towards the heaven of Thy knowledge, and the heart of the Sovereign towards the right hand of the throne of Thy name, the All-Merciful. Supply him then, O My God, with a portion of that goodly sustenance which hath descended from the heaven of Thy generosity and the clouds of Thy mercy, that he may forsake his all and turn unto the court of Thy favour. Aid him, O My God, to assist Thy Cause and to exalt Thy Word amidst Thy creatures. Strengthen him, then, with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, that he may subdue every city in Thy Name, and hold sway, through Thy sovereignty and might, over all that dwell on earth, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of creation! Thou, verily, art the Supreme Ordainer in both the beginning and the end. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

So grossly hath Our Cause been misrepresented before thy royal presence that, if some unseemly act be committed by but one of this people, it is portrayed as being prompted by their beliefs. By Him besides Whom there is none other God! This Servant hath refused even to sanction the commission of reproved actions, how much less those which have been explicitly prohibited in the Book of God.

God hath forbidden unto men the drinking of wine, and this prohibition hath been revealed and recorded in His Book. In spite of this, and of the fact that the learned doctors of the age—"may God increase their numbers!—"have all prohibited the people from such a wretched act, there still remain some who commit it. The punishment which this act entaileth, however, applieth only to its heedless perpetrators, whilst those noble manifestations of supreme sanctity remain exalted above and exempt from all blame. Yea, the whole creation, both seen and unseen, beareth witness unto their holiness.

Yea, these servants regard the one true God as He Who "doeth as He willeth" and "ordaineth as He pleaseth". Thus they view not as impossible the continued appearance in the contingent world of the Manifestations of His Unity. Should anyone hold otherwise, how would he be different from those who believe the hand of God to be "chained up"? And if the one true God—"glorified be His mention!—"be indeed regarded as unconstrained, then whatever Cause that Ancient King may please to manifest from the wellspring of His Command must be embraced by all. No refuge is there for anyone and no haven to hasten unto save God; no protection is there for any soul and no shelter to seek except in Him.

The essential requirement for whoso advanceth a claim is to support his assertions with clear proofs and testimonies. Beyond this, the rejection of the people, whether learned or ignorant, hath never been, nor shall it ever be, of any consequence. The Prophets of God, those Pearls of the ocean of Divine Unity and the Repositories of Divine Revelation, have ever been the object of men's repudiation and denial. Even as He saith: "Each nation hath plotted darkly against their Messenger to lay violent hold on Him, and disputed with vain words to invalidate the truth." And again: "No Messenger cometh unto them but they laugh Him to scorn."

Consider the dispensation of Him Who is the Seal of the Prophets and the King of the Chosen Ones—"may the souls of all mankind be offered up for His sake! After the Daystar of Truth dawned above the horizon of a—ijáz, how great were the cruelties which the exponents of error inflicted upon that incomparable Manifestation of the All-Glorious! Such was their heedlessness that they regarded every injury inflicted upon that sacred Being as ranking among the greatest of all acts, and constituting a means of attainment unto God, the Most High. For in the early years of His mission the divines of that age, both Christian and Jewish, turned away from that Daystar of the heaven of glory, whereupon all people, high and low alike, bestirred themselves to extinguish the light of that Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings. The names of all these divines have been mentioned in the books of old; among them are Wahb ibn-i-Ráhib, Ka'b ibn-i-Ashraf, 'Abdu'lláh-i-Ubayy, and others of their like.

Finally, matters came to such a pass that these men took counsel together and conspired to shed His pure blood, even as God—"glorified be His mention!—"saith: "And remember when the disbelievers schemed against Thee, that they might lay hold upon Thee, or slay Thee, or cast Thee out; and so they schemed, and God schemed, and God, verily, is the best of schemers." Again He saith: "But if their opposition be grievous to Thee—"if Thou canst, seek out an opening into the earth or a ladder into heaven and bring to them a sign; yet if God wished, He could gather them unto true guidance; be Thou not, then, of the ignorant." By God! The hearts of His favoured ones are consumed at the purport of these two blessed verses. Such established and undisputed facts have been forgotten, and no one hath paused to reflect, in

days past or in this day, upon the things that have prompted men to turn away from the Revealers of the light of God at the time of their manifestation.

Likewise, before the appearance of the Seal of the Prophets, consider Jesus, the Son of Mary. When that Manifestation of the All-Merciful revealed Himself, all the divines charged that Quintessence of faith with impiety and rebellion. Eventually, with the sanction of Annas, the most learned of the divines of His day, and Caiaphas, the high priest, His blessed person was made to suffer that which the pen is ashamed to mention and powerless to describe. The wide world in all its vastness could no longer contain Him, until at last God raised Him up unto heaven.

Were a detailed account of all the Prophets to be given here, We fear that it might lead to weariness. The doctors of the Torah in particular assert that no independent Prophet will come after Moses with a new Law. They maintain that a Scion of the House of David shall be made manifest Who will promulgate the Law of the Torah, and help establish and enforce its commandments throughout the East and the West.

The followers of the Gospel, likewise, hold as impossible that the Bearer of a new Revelation should again shine forth from the dayspring of the Will of God after Jesus, Son of Mary“peace be upon Him! In support of this contention, they adduce the following verse from the Gospel: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but the words of the Son of Man shall never pass away.” They maintain that neither the teachings nor the commandments of Jesus“peace be upon Him!”may ever be altered.

At one point in the Gospel, He saith: “I go away, and come again.” Again in the Gospel of John, He hath foretold the advent of a Comforter who shall come after Him. In the Gospel of Luke, moreover, a number of signs and portents have been mentioned. Certain divines of that Faith, however, have interpreted these utterances after their own fancy, and have thus failed to grasp their true significance.

O would that thou wouldst permit Me, O Sháh, to send unto thee that which would cheer the eyes, and tranquillize the souls, and persuade every fair-minded person that with Him is the knowledge of the Book. Certain persons, incapable of answering the objections raised by their opponents, claim that the Torah and the Gospel have been corrupted, whereas in reality the references to such corruption pertain only to specific cases. But for the repudiation of the foolish and the connivance of the divines, I would have uttered a discourse that would have thrilled and carried away the hearts unto a realm from the murmur of whose winds can be heard: “No God is there but He!” For the present, however, since the season is not ripe, the tongue of My utterance hath been stilled and the wine of exposition sealed up until such time as God, through the power of His might, shall please to unseal it. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord My God! I ask Thee by Thy Name, through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth, to protect the lamp of Thy Cause within the globe of Thine omnipotence and Thy bountiful favour, lest it be exposed to the blasts of denial from those who remain heedless of the mysteries of Thy name, the Unconstrained. Increase, then, by the oil of Thy wisdom, the radiance of its light. Thou, verily, hast power over all the dwellers of Thine earth and of Thy heaven.

I implore Thee, O My Lord, by that most exalted Word which hath struck terror into the hearts of all who are in the heavens and on the earth, save only those who have taken fast hold of Thy Sure Handle, not to abandon Me amidst Thy creatures. Lift Me up, then, unto Thyself, cause Me to enter beneath the shadow of Thy mercy, and give Me to drink of the pure wine of Thy providence, that I may dwell within the tabernacle of Thy majesty and beneath the canopy of Thy favour. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou, verily, art the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O King! The lamps of equity have been extinguished, and the fire of tyranny hath so blazed on every side that My people have been led as captives from Zawrá' to Mosul, known as a□□adbá'. This is not the first outrage that hath been suffered in the path of God. It behoveth every soul to consider and call to mind that which befell the kindred of the Prophet when the people took them captive and brought them unto Damascus, known as Faya□□á'. Amongst them was the prince of them that worship God, the mainstay of such as have drawn nigh unto Him, and the sanctuary of those who long for His presence□"may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto him!

They were asked: "Are ye of the party of the Seceders?" He replied: "Nay, by the Lord Almighty. We are but servants who have believed in God and in His verses. Through us the countenance of faith hath beamed with joy. Through us the sign of the All-Merciful hath shone forth. At the mention of our names the desert of Baa□□a□□á hath overflowed with water and the darkness separating earth and heaven hath been dispelled."

"Have ye forbidden", they were asked, "that which God hath made lawful, or allowed that which He hath forbidden?" "We were the first to follow the divine commandments", he answered. "We are the root and origin of His Cause, the beginning of all good and its end. We are the sign of the Ancient of Days and the source of His remembrance amongst the nations."

They were asked: "Have ye forsaken the Qur'án?" "In our House", he replied, "did the All-Merciful reveal it. We are the breezes of the All-Glorious amidst His creation. We are the streams that have branched out from the Most Great Ocean, through which God hath revived the earth, and through which He shall revive it again after it hath died. Through us His signs have been diffused, His proofs revealed, and His tokens disclosed. With us is the knowledge of His hidden meanings and His untold mysteries."

"For what crime have ye been punished?" they were asked. "For our love of God", he made reply, "and for our detachment from aught else save Him."

We have not related his exact words□"peace be upon him!□"but rather have We imparted a sprinkling from that ocean of life eternal that lieth enshrined within them, that those who hearken thereunto may be quickened and made aware of what hath befallen the trusted ones of God at the hands of a lost and wayward generation. We see the people in this day censuring the oppressors of bygone ages, whilst they themselves commit yet greater wrongs and know it not!

God beareth Me witness that My purpose hath not been to foment sedition, but to purify His servants from whatsoever hath prevented them from drawing nigh unto Him, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. I was asleep upon My couch, when lo, the breezes of My Lord, the All-Merciful, passed over Me, awoke Me from My slumber, and bade Me lift up My voice betwixt earth and heaven. This thing is not from Me, but

from God. Unto this testify the dwellers of His Dominion and of His Kingdom, and the inhabitants of the cities of His unfading glory. By Him Who is the Truth! I fear no tribulation in His path, nor any affliction in My love for Him and in the way of His good pleasure. Verily God hath made adversity as a morning dew upon His green pasture, and a wick for His lamp which lighteth earth and heaven.

Shall a man's wealth endure forever, or protect him from the One Who shall, erelong, seize him by his forelock? Gazing upon those who sleep beneath the gravestones, embosomed in the dust, could one ever distinguish the sovereign's crumbling skull from the subject's mouldering bones? Nay, by Him Who is the King of kings! Could one discern the lord from the vassal, or those that enjoyed wealth and riches from those who possessed neither shoes nor mat? By God! Every distinction hath been erased, save only for those who upheld the right and who ruled with justice.

Whither are gone the learned men, the divines and potentates of old? What hath become of their discriminating views, their shrewd perceptions, their subtle insights and sage pronouncements? Where are their hidden coffers, their flaunted ornaments, their gilded couches, their rugs and cushions strewn about? Gone forever is their generation! All have perished, and, by God's decree, naught remaineth of them but scattered dust. Exhausted is the wealth they gathered, dispersed the stores they hoarded, dissipated the treasures they concealed. Naught can now be seen but their deserted haunts, their roofless dwellings, their uprooted tree-trunks, and their faded splendour. No man of insight will let wealth distract his gaze from his ultimate objective, and no man of understanding will allow riches to withhold him from turning unto Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Where is he who held dominion over all whereon the sun shineth, who lived extravagantly on earth, seeking out the luxuries of the world and of all that hath been created upon it? Where is the commander of the swarthy legion and the upraiser of the golden standard? Where is the ruler of Zawrá', and where the tyrant of Faya□□á'? Where are those before whose munificence the treasure-houses of the earth shrank in shame, and at whose largesse and swelling spirit the very ocean was abashed? Where is he who stretched forth his arm in rebellion, and who turned his hand against the All-Merciful?

Where are they who went in quest of earthly pleasures and the fruits of carnal desires? Whither are fled their fair and comely women? Where are their swaying branches, their spreading boughs, their lofty mansions, their trellised gardens? And what of the delights of these gardens□"their exquisite grounds and gentle breezes, their purling streams, their soughing winds, their cooing doves and rustling leaves? Where now are their resplendent morns and their brightsome countenances wreathed in smiles? Alas for them! All have perished and are gone to rest beneath a canopy of dust. Of them one heareth neither name nor mention; none knoweth of their affairs, and naught remaineth of their signs.

What! Will the people dispute then that whereof they themselves stand witness? Will they deny that which they know to be true? I know not in what wilderness they roam! Do they not see that they are embarked upon a journey from which there is no return? How long will they wander from mountain to valley, from hollow to hill? "Hath not the time come for those who believe to humble their hearts at the mention of God?" Blessed is he who hath said, or now shall say, "Yea, by my Lord! The time is come and the hour hath struck!", and who, thereafter, shall detach himself from all that hath been, and deliver himself up entirely unto Him Who is the Possessor of the universe and the Lord of all creation.

And yet, what hope! For naught is reaped save that which hath been sown, and naught is taken up save that which hath been laid down, unless it be through the grace and bestowal of the Lord. Hath the womb of the world yet conceived one whom the veils of glory shall not hinder from ascending unto the Kingdom of his Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most High? Is it yet within us to perform such deeds as will dispel our afflictions and draw us nigh unto Him Who is the Causer of causes? We beseech God to deal with us according to His bounty, and not His justice, and to grant that we may be of those who have turned their faces unto their Lord and severed themselves from all else.

I have seen, O Sháh, in the path of God what eye hath not seen nor ear heard. Mine acquaintances have repudiated Me, and My pathways have been straitened. The fount of well-being hath run dry, and the bower of ease hath withered. How numerous the tribulations which have rained, and will soon rain, upon Me! I advance with My face set towards Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Bounteous, whilst behind Me glideth the serpent. Mine eyes have rained down tears until My bed is drenched.

I sorrow not for Myself, however. By God! Mine head yearneth for the spear out of love for its Lord. I never passed a tree, but Mine heart addressed it saying: "O would that thou wert cut down in My name, and My body crucified upon thee, in the path of My Lord!", for I see the people wandering distraught and unconscious in their drunken stupor. They have raised on high their passions and set down their God. Methinks they have taken His Cause for a mockery and regard it as a play and pastime, believing all the while that they do well, and that they dwell securely in the citadel of safety. Howbeit the matter is not as they fondly imagine: Tomorrow shall they behold that which today they are wont to deny!

Erelong shall the exponents of wealth and power banish Us from the land of Adrianople to the city of ʼAkká. According to what they say, it is the most desolate of the cities of the world, the most unsightly of them in appearance, the most detestable in climate, and the foulest in water. It is as though it were the metropolis of the owl, within whose precincts naught can be heard save the echo of its cry. Therein have they resolved to imprison this Youth, to shut against our faces the doors of ease and comfort, and to deprive us of every worldly benefit throughout the remainder of our days.

By God! Though weariness lay Me low, and hunger consume Me, and the bare rock be My bed, and My fellows the beasts of the field, I will not complain, but will endure patiently as those endued with constancy and firmness have endured patiently, through the power of God, the Eternal King and Creator of the nations, and will render thanks unto God under all conditions. We pray that, out of His bounty—"exalted be He—"He may release, through this imprisonment, the necks of men from chains and fetters, and cause them to turn, with sincere faces, towards His face, Who is the Mighty, the Bounteous. Ready is He to answer whosoever calleth upon Him, and nigh is He unto such as commune with Him. We further beseech Him to make of this darksome tribulation a shield for the Temple of His Cause, and to protect it from the assault of sharpened swords and pointed daggers. Adversity hath ever given rise to the exaltation of His Cause and the glorification of His Name. Such hath been God's method carried into effect in centuries and ages past. That which the people now fail to apprehend they shall erelong discover, on that day when their steeds shall stumble and their finery be folded up, their blades blunted and their feet made to falter.

I know not how long they shall spur on the charger of self and passion and rove in the wilderness of error and negligence! Shall either the pomp of the mighty or the wretchedness of the abased endure? Shall he who reposeth upon the loftiest seat of honour, who hath attained the pinnacle of might and glory, abide forever? Nay, by My Lord, the All-Merciful! All on earth shall pass away, and there remaineth alone the face of My Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

What armour hath not been pierced by the arrow of destruction, and what regal brow not divested by the hand of Fate? What fortress hath withstood the approach of the Messenger of Death? What throne hath not been shattered to pieces, what palace not reduced to rubble? Could the people but taste that choice Wine of the mercy of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, which lieth in store for them in the world beyond, they would assuredly cease their censure, and seek only to win the good pleasure of this Youth. For now, however, they have hidden Me behind a veil of darkness, whose fabric they have woven with the hands of idle fancy and vain imagination. Erelong shall the snow-white hand of God rend an opening through the darkness of this night and unlock a mighty portal unto His City. On that Day shall the people enter therein by troops, uttering what the blamers aforetime exclaimed, that there shall be made manifest in the end that which appeared in the beginning.

Is it their wish to tarry here when already they have one foot in the stirrup? Look they to return, once they are gone? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of Lords! save on the Day of Judgement, the Day whereon the people shall arise from their graves and be asked of their legacy. Well is it with him who shall not be weighted down with his burdens on that Day, the Day whereon the mountains shall pass away and all shall gather to be questioned in the presence of God, the Most Exalted. Stern, indeed, is He in punishing!

We beseech God to purge the hearts of certain divines from rancour and enmity, that they may look upon matters with an eye unbeclouded by contempt. May He raise them up unto so lofty a station that neither the attractions of the world, nor the allurements of authority, may deflect them from gazing upon the Supreme Horizon, and that neither worldly benefits nor carnal desires shall prevent them from attaining that Day whereon the mountains shall be reduced to dust. Though they now rejoice in the adversity that hath befallen Us, soon shall come a day whereon they shall lament and weep. By My Lord! Were I given the choice between, on the one hand, the wealth and opulence, the ease and comfort, the honour and glory which they enjoy, and, on the other, the adversities and trials which are Mine, I would unhesitatingly choose My present condition and would refuse to barter a single atom of these hardships for all that hath been created in the world of being.

But for the tribulations that have touched Me in the path of God, life would have held no sweetness for Me, and Mine existence would have profited Me nothing. For them who are endued with discernment, and whose eyes are fixed upon the Sublime Vision, it is no secret that I have been, most of the days of My life, even as a slave, sitting under a sword hanging on a thread, knowing not whether it would fall soon or late upon him. And yet, notwithstanding all this We render thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and yield Him praise at all times and under all conditions. He, verily, standeth witness over all things.

We beseech God to extend wide His shadow, that the true believers may hasten thereunto and that His sincere lovers may seek shelter therein. May He bestow upon men blossoms from the bowers of His grace and stars from the horizon of His providence. We pray God, moreover, to graciously aid the King to

do His will and pleasure, and to confirm him in that which shall draw him nigh unto the Dayspring of God's most excellent names, so that he may not give countenance to the injustice he witnesseth, may look upon his subjects with the eye of loving-kindness, and shield them from oppression. We further beseech God, exalted be He, to gather all mankind around the Gulf of the Most Great Ocean, an ocean every drop of which proclaimeth that He is the Harbinger of joy unto the world and the Quickener of all its peoples. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning!

And finally We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable thee to aid His Faith and turn towards His justice, that thou mayest judge between the people even as thou wouldst judge between thine own kindred, and mayest choose for them that which thou choosest for thine own self. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Thus have We built the Temple with the hands of power and might, could ye but know it. This is the Temple promised unto you in the Book. Draw ye nigh unto it. This is that which profiteth you, could ye but comprehend it. Be fair, O peoples of the earth! Which is preferable, this, or a temple which is built of clay? Set your faces towards it. Thus have ye been commanded by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Follow ye His bidding, and praise ye God, your Lord, for that which He hath bestowed upon you. He, verily, is the Truth. No God is there but He. He revealeth what He pleaseth, through His words "Be and it is".

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

Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His promise, sent down Him Who was promised from the heaven of His Will, and revealed that which was inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen in His Books, His Scriptures, His Psalms and His Tablets. The Resurrection hath come to pass, the Hour hath struck, the Path hath appeared, the Breath of God hath wafted, and the fragrance of His garment hath been diffused, despite the company of the Bayan who broke God's Covenant and His Testament, and sought to build the edifices of idle fancies and vain imaginings with the hands of tyranny and oppression, even as they had built them aforetime. Perdition befall them! Destruction befall them! May they be cast far away! O company of vain imaginings! The Most Sublime Horizon hath been illumined, and that which the veils of your souls and your idle fancies had concealed hath appeared. He hath indeed appeared with a sovereignty from His presence and hath rent asunder the veils and coverings with the fingers of power, in such wise that the Concourse on High heard the sound of their being rent. Fear God, O heedless ones! Bar not the people from the Path, nor hold them back from the Evidence. This is a Day wherein the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath been wafted. Fear ye God, and invalidate not the truth with your words and deeds. The servant counseleth you for the sake of God, whereunto every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify. And prayers, peace, glory and splendor rest upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness, who have arisen to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, and who have testified to that whereunto the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of all things. These are servants whom God hath described in the Furqan and in the Bayan.

Blessed is the ear that heareth and the eye that seeth, and woe unto every deceiving impostor who hath taken idle fancy as his lord instead of God and who preventeth people from the river of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

It is submitted that the letter of that honored one reached this evanescent servant. After reading and becoming acquainted with its contents, he sought the presence of the Lord of Creation, attained unto the presence of His countenance, and after receiving permission, that which was in the letter was honored to be heard, and these sublime words descended from the heaven of the grace of the Revealer of verses, He, exalted be His glory, saith:

We are the Wronged One, the Stranger.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy letter came before the Wronged One, and the servant present read it in its entirety. Praise be to God that thou hast quaffed the wine of recognition and turned thy face toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. In days when hearts and souls were agitated by the oppression of the idolators and the pillars of the House were shaken by the tyranny of the divines, they turned away at the outset of every Manifestation from the Divine Manifestation and the Dawning-Place of Divine revelation, pronouncing their verdict for the shedding of the blood of those holy souls. What was the cause and reason for the migration of the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice - from Mecca, and the ascension of Christ to the fourth heaven at whose hand matters became so difficult for that Holy Being that the hand of power caused Him to ascend and took Him to the fourth heaven? With utmost tyranny and oppression they bound the Truth with turban and cloak, and opened for themselves the door of glory and wealth in His name. If assured souls were to ponder the events of the past, by the life of God, they would lament and wail over the Wronged One of the world like those who have lost their dear ones. At the time of Our departure from Baghdad, We informed all of the raising of clamor throughout all regions. All, out of fear and trepidation, remained behind the veil while the Truth alone arose to establish His Cause. And when the effulgences of the Sun of Divine Unity cast their rays and the world became somewhat illumined and radiant, they emerged from behind the veil and first objected to the Truth Himself, arising with the swords of rejection to shed His pure blood. Such is the way of the people, should ye take heed, O men of understanding! O thou who art enkindled with the fire of the love of God! Praise the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained unto the eternal, everlasting blessing, and that is the mention which hath flowed concerning thee from the Most Exalted Pen. Whatever is visible shall assuredly be seized by extinction, save a word which God - glorified be His majesty - doth speak. Beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His Day. The treasures of earth and what lies buried therein cannot equal His word. Be grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the kingdom of the heavens and earth.”

What else can this servant say? God is witness and aware that his very foundations tremble and his heart is troubled, for he has observed that in all ages and centuries certain ignorant souls who fancy themselves learned have objected to the Dayspring of Divine Unity and, with utmost obstinacy, striven to extinguish God’s light. Then, when the Cause became exalted, they would grasp it with both hands and, through ascetic pretensions, gain control over the reins of the people - as you have seen and heard. And they have

their likes and counterparts in these days: souls who never had any knowledge of this Cause have now arisen in tyranny and oppression, claiming complete understanding while preventing weak souls from approaching the Divine Fountain and urging them toward stagnant waters instead. May God protect His servants and preserve them from the whisperings of such souls - that is, from the hypocrites among the people of the Bayan. God protect us and you, O concourse of the monotheists, from the evil of these people.

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones that they may drink from the ocean of the divine meanings hidden within God's words and become so enkindled by the fire burning therein that the promptings of devils shall not keep them back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. In Kaf and Ra the cawing has been raised, and the source of doubt and hypocrisy, with utmost deceit and guile and through fabricated words, has prevented weak souls from the King of Oneness and summoned them to the realm of falsehood - despite having had and still having no knowledge whatsoever of this Cause. Out of mere passion has he objected to the Lord of Names, wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies. I beseech God to guide him and not deprive him of the choice wine of inner meanings and the pure water of truthfulness, and to grant him a portion from the ocean of awareness. He is indeed powerful and mighty over all things.

In the Most Holy Book, which was revealed from God's holy kingdom in the early days of imprisonment, mention was made by the Supreme Pen of the land of Kaf and Ra and what would occur therein, and until now it remained concealed. But this year the cawer of that land has uttered words at which the heavens were well-nigh cleft asunder, the earth split open, and the mountains crashed down.

May God grant the sense of justice and bestow righteousness and truth. For twelve hundred years and more, such souls invited people to Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and whenever an enlightened soul rejected this claim and informed the people that the Qa'im was yet unborn and in the loins, they issued the decree for his death and shed his blood. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the All-Merciful's Revelation that among such souls is this wailer of the land of Kaf and Ra, for he walks in the footsteps of those souls. How many pure souls drank the cup of martyrdom through the decree of those heedless, ignorant ones! All the chosen ones and friends of God bear witness to the truth of what has been mentioned. They imagined they were championing the Cause of Truth and guiding people to the straight path, while that path was the path of hell, not the straight path. What intoxication has seized the people that they have not yet discovered the deception and craftiness of the company of hypocrites? Inform the friends of God to guard themselves, in the name of God, exalted be His glory, from the manifestations of deceit and hypocrisy and the dawning-places of trickery and deception, and not to trust such people. For it is observed that when they despair of someone - that is, when they see their vain imaginings have not influenced or affected him - they don the garment of friendship and outwardly associate with utmost love and affection, their purpose being to find an opportunity to implant what is hidden in their hearts. In all cases, avoidance is necessary. Through the means of friendship they strengthen the foundation of enmity. Their acceptance is rejection, their kindness is animosity, their silence is deception, and their speech is deceit. Say: O foolish ones! Today the knights in the arena of detachment should see naught but the Truth, know naught but the Truth, and speak naught but the Truth, for this is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned but Him. Today, if anyone speaks of aught but the Truth and fixes his gaze on

imaginary names, he was not and is not worthy of this station, this mention, and this Cause. Say: O heedless ones! Fear God and cast not the helpless people into your snares. Let them soar with the wings of detachment in this atmosphere and enter this court with utmost joy. Would that the people knew and understood! Some time ago, in one of the Tablets, this exalted Word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all being. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

O servant in attendance! Do these people not reflect upon the greatness of this Day? This is a Day whose magnitude hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in all the divine Books. Though the days of the Manifestations of Divine Unity and the Dawning-places of Divine Light are referred to in one sense as the "Days of God," yet these days have been specifically designated and distinguished in all the Books. By God, exalted be His glory! Even as He saith to the Seal of the Prophets: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and likewise, "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's," and "Thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank," and the like thereof. And to Moses He saith: "Lead thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the Days of God." He giveth glad tidings of this blessed Day to all the Messengers. Nevertheless, at times they speak of the Mirror, at times of the Vicegerent, and at times of the Fruit. They cling to these names and perceive not. They speak but understand not; they say but comprehend not. Say: Die in your wrath! This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Cause of God, would ye but judge with fairness. He Who was hidden in God's knowledge and recorded in His Books hath appeared, and through Him every sealed matter hath been revealed and every hidden secret uncovered.

Now, in their baseness, the flies raise objections against the Lord of Lords. The crow hath no portion in the realm of inner meanings, and the fly hath no share in divine melodies. This field requireth the knights of recognition, that they may spur on their steeds in the name of God, exalted be His glory! Glory be to God! Some souls speak purely out of desire, for they have drunk of the wine of idle fancies and taken gods other than God. They walk in the winds of conjecture and lead others astray by their vain imaginings. Were this servant to recount all that he hath heard concerning such matters, the pages of discourse would surely not suffice. We make mention of verses that were revealed at the beginning of imprisonment in the Most Holy Book, that perchance the heedless may become aware, the sleeping may be awakened, and they that sit still may arise. His word, exalted be His utterance and glorified His station:

"O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state displeasing unto God, and We see proceeding from thee that which none knoweth except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We find also thy inner secrets, for with Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a lucid Tablet. Sorrow not on account of that which hath befallen thee. Erelong will God raise up within thee men possessed of mighty valor, who will magnify My Name with such constancy that neither will they be deterred by the learned men, nor will they be kept back by the doubts of the perverse. With their own eyes will they behold God, and with their own lives will they render Him victorious. These, truly, are of those who are firm."

When these verses were revealed, there was no mention of the clamorer of that land, and the Most Holy Book had been revealed ten years prior, as all are aware. Ever have ignorant souls adorned themselves with cloaks and turbans, and in the guise of knowledge blocked His path. Which of their traditions, hadiths and reports have proven true and accurate? Poor souls have for centuries wandered in the

wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings due to the ignorance of those heedless ones. For the sake of God it is said: perchance they may not rebuild the edifice of fancy nor lay the foundation of vain imaginings upon the earth. Today they must, with the power of the Friend of all worlds, break the chains of imitation and shatter the idols of fancy. They must purify their ears from what they have heard, move beyond idle talk, and turn from words to deeds. Say: O heedless ones! Who is he that hath arisen to promote the Cause, and who is he that hath summoned all to the Supreme Horizon in days wherein the hearts of the wise were sorely shaken? Glory be to God! How have they understood this Day and what have they comprehended of this Most Great Revelation? This is the Day wherein none is mentioned save Him, and it behooveth no one to cling to similitudes, likenesses and names. This is the Day which the Books of God have extolled and to which the Prophets and Messengers have borne witness. One is bewildered what to mention. The Shi'ih sect, who counted themselves the greatest, most learned and most pious of all the sects of the world, were exposed by the dawning rays of the Sun of Revelation as the basest of all sects, for by the decree of those souls they martyred the Beloved of the worlds in that land. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Not content with this, they issued decrees for the killing of all holy souls. How many children and women were martyred through the tyranny of those souls, and how many were left without shelter, refuge or guardian! Now again a group of the world's prevaricators have gathered and are endeavoring to establish the former foundation. The clamorer of the land of Kaf and Ra and other clamorers seek to veil the rays of the Sun of Truth behind new clouds of fancy, and to occupy themselves for another two or three thousand years with acceptance and rejection, objection and protest, cursing and reviling one another from pulpits and gatherings. By the Sun of the horizon of sanctity, this servant is ashamed and abashed at such mentions. All the divines of the age, each of whom was a leader in Iran and occupied pulpit and prayer-niche, failed to perceive even an atom's weight of truth. For had they perceived it, this unprecedented tyranny would not have occurred in the world. Out of desire and leadership they spoke that which caused the martyrdom of the Desired One of the world, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. For were it not for those fabricated utterances, the Truth and His loved ones would not have been martyred. All the divines in the first year declared that all divines before and after had maintained that He must appear from Jabulqa and Jabulsa. Yet now this sect says He was born in Shiraz, and thus they all decreed His unbelief and the shedding of His pure blood. O beloved of my heart, some reflection is needed so that you may become aware of the oppression of this group and enlighten some others. Most of the people cling to imitation and are afflicted with their desires. The flood of their suspicions and fancies has destroyed the foundation of faith. Fie upon them and upon those who follow them! Heedlessness has reached such a degree that they have arranged conditions for the Manifestation through their own imaginings and have limited Him through their own intimations and perceptions. And when they found Him contrary to their suspicions, they raised an uproar. Say: This Great Announcement has never needed, nor does it need, anyone's testimony to prove His Cause. Consider what the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him - has uttered. His blessed and exalted Word states:

"I have written the essence concerning His mention: He shall not be known through My allusion, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan…" unto His mighty and glorious Word: "For verily He is more glorious and exalted than to be known through any but Himself or to be described by the description of His creatures. Verily, I am the first to believe in Him and in His verses, and I have received from the virgin gardens of the

paradise of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory! He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. All are upheld by His command."

Where are the attentive ears and where are the keen eyes that they might behold the effulgent lights of the Sun of Utterance and hear the call of the True One, glorified be His majesty? If all who are in the Bayan would observe and reflect upon even this one passage with fairness and justice, all would turn to the Most Holy Court and, becoming heedless of what is with the people, would hold fast to what is with God. But what benefit is there when ears are stuffed with the cotton of selfish desires, preventing them from hearing, and eyes are veiled by the veils of suspicion and fancy, keeping them from seeing? At one time this exalted word was revealed from the Dayspring of Revelation, the Lord of Names. His blessed and exalted Word states:

"O servant in attendance! Consider how the eyelid, thin as it appears, if it becomes a veil, prevents the eye from beholding the heavens and the earth and all that is therein - the trees, the rivers, the seas, the mountains, the fruits, the colors and whatsoever exists. Now if the thick veil of suspicion falls upon the heart, what will it do? O servant in attendance! Beseech God that He may purify all from the preventing veils, that perchance they may discover the purpose of the creation of beings, attain to the recognition of the hidden and sealed treasure, and drink of this sealed wine."

The essence of what has been revealed, by the testimony of the Beloved of all worlds, is that the Dawning-Place of verses and the Day-Spring of evidences is not dependent upon the indication of that Sovereign of existence nor upon what was revealed in the Bayan. All are commanded to recognize Him through His own Self. In this connection certain mysteries were heard from the Tongue of the Source of Names, which this servant dareth not disclose without leave. Would that the people knew and understood! Blessed is the one who, with his own eyes, turneth toward the Most Exalted Horizon and perceiveth the lights of His countenance without the veils of allusions. The intoxication of vain imaginings and heedlessness hath veiled most people. Concerning that Ancient Beauty, whom the Point of the Bayan - may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath described as "Verily, I am the first to believe in Him and in His verses," they have uttered that which hath caused the heavens to be cloven asunder and the Kingdom of Names to be sorely troubled. In truth, were anyone to meditate upon these blessed words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Bayan of God - exalted be His glory - and become informed of the pearls of utterance, he would find himself independent of all things. He would soar in the atmosphere of divine sanctity on the wings of certitude and drink from the waters of steadfastness. Today, should anyone hesitate in the least, he would be accounted among the people of the Fire. In His presence all mention is nullified, and before His utterance all utterance boweth down in submission.

On one occasion He said: "O servant in attendance! Today the Kingdom of the Bayan boweth down in submission before the All-Merciful. All books and tablets are suspended upon His Will, and all who are in the Bayan are commanded to recognize this Most Great Remembrance, this momentous Announcement." Blessed is the one who hath broken the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Name of the Self-Subsisting, who hath forsaken that which is possessed by the people and held fast unto that which is with God.

Such objecting souls have ever existed. Were anyone to reflect upon the events that transpired after the ascension of His Holiness al-'Askari - peace be upon Him - and the machinations of the heretical divines, he would testify that all the corruption in the world hath proceeded and proceedeth from such souls. By the life of our Lord! Were it not for the lies of the leaders, the Lord Most High would not have been martyred by the tyranny of His enemies. They appointed an imaginary person to an imaginary throne, and through imaginary traditions established that which caused the blood of the Lord of the world and the essences of all peoples to be shed. At times they would produce forged documents and attribute them to the Source of existence. The curse of God be upon the people who lie! Inwardly their purpose was to exalt their own station and prestige, while outwardly they would point to ruins - sometimes to Jabulqa, sometimes to Jabulsa, and at times to the false region which they called holy. The eternal Sovereign, concerning Whom the Point of the Bayan - may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said, exalted be His remembrance: "Verily, He is too glorious and exalted to be known through aught else or to seek the counsel of His creatures." Now the heedless souls have risen in opposition and clung to the words of this one and that.

Today the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims, exalted be His glory: "O Pen! Dost thou see anyone besides Me on this day? Where are all created things and their manifestations? Where are all names and their kingdoms? Where are all hidden things and their mysteries? Where are all outward things and their traces? Annihilation hath seized all who dwell in creation, and this is My face, the ever-abiding, the luminous, the resplendent."

Now observe to what they cling and what ropes they grasp. They desire to erect new illusory causes for the helpless people, like the delusions of old. Again I submit: "O God protect us, O concourse of the unitarians, from the evil of these people!" Today, verily, no book among books, no tablet among tablets, and no scripture among scriptures suffices. Glory be to God above what the oppressors say! Today all must fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Revelation and what appears from His presence. If one occupies himself with delusions, conjectures and traditions, his end will surely be destruction, as has been witnessed.

Glorified art Thou, O God of land and sea! Thou beholdest me standing before Thee, with the hands of my hope upraised to the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. I beseech Thee, by Thy sovereignty that dominates all things and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all creation, to assist Thy servants to act with justice and equity, and enable them to turn to Thee with Thy vision and to gaze toward Thy direction with Thy light. Thou art He through Whose Name the oceans of grace and bounty surged, and by Whose Will the heaven of Thy generosity was adorned, O Possessor of Names! There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Self-Subsisting.

If today anyone gazes upon anything other than the Truth and the utterance of Truth, he will surely stray from the path and make his abode in the fire. He says that all the Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of Paradise. If it achieves acceptance, glory be to God! How lofty is the Cause and in what clay are the worms! This evanescent servant is bewildered, by God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. From the beginning of the Cause until now, I have had and have no desire save the good-pleasure of God. Now I have grown old and my strength has weakened, yet despite this and despite great occupation, I have

engaged in this writing purely for the sake of God. God is my witness and is aware that I have sought and seek naught but His good-pleasure. For His sake I have spoken and for His sake I speak. “Whoso wisheth, let him accept it; and whoso wisheth, let him reject it.” Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

Likewise, reflect upon this most exalted Word revealed from the Dayspring of utterance, the Lord of Names, namely the Primal Point (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him). In truth, this Word is considered the essence of the Bayan. His exalted Word states: “In the year Nine ye shall attain unto all good, and in the year Nine ye shall attain unto the presence of God.” And addressing His Holiness the Great One (upon Him be all the most glorious glory and the most exalted exaltation), He says - His exalted Word:

This is what We promised thee aforetime when We answered thee. Wait until nine passeth beyond the Bayan, then say: Blessed be God, the Most Excellent of Creators. Now judge fairly: in the year nine when this Call was raised, where were the ears and where were the eyes? Verily there hath been and is no escape for anyone except he repent and return unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Unless one turneth away from the Heaven of testimony, the Sun of certitude, the Most Great Ocean, and the Mighty Announcement, the divine verses and heavenly evidences have yielded and yield no fruit for such a soul. Every fair-minded one testifieth that the Cause of God hath been made manifest through this Most Great Revelation in days when all were occupied with preserving their lives and were concealed and veiled in corners. God, exalted be His glory, arose by His own Self and spoke, such that the droplets of the ocean of His utterance seized the world and His traces encompassed all horizons. Blessed are the fair-minded ones and they that hear.

Likewise the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - saith: “Say: This is the News of which none hath knowledge save God, but on that day ye shall not know.” Yet these unjust people have said what they have said. This is that Mighty News mentioned and recorded in all the Books, of whose time of appearance none save God Himself is aware. This is that Hour of which Christ spoke when He said: “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but the Father only.”

This is that Day of which Joel in his Book saith: “For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?” Likewise Jeremiah saith: “Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it.” All that hath appeared was mentioned in the Books of the Messengers, even unto the mention of the Fortress which is now the seat of the Throne and is known as the Most Great Prison, as David saith: “Who will lead me into the strong city?” The strong city is Akka, whose fortress is well-known. This is that Fortress upon which He saith the lights of the Sun of Truth would shine and from whose horizon they would dawn. They also gave each other and the people of this earth glad tidings that God would appear in these lands in the latter days and would manifest Himself.

Isaiah saith: “Get thee up into the high mountain, O Zion, that bringest good tidings; lift up thy voice with strength, O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him.” Zion and Jerusalem are in these lands, and He saith it shall be called by a new name, as in the land of Mystery it was named the Valley of the Noble One. This is that valley wherein the cry of all the Prophets was

raised, speaking “Here am I, O my Lord, here am I.” Abraham, Moses, Jesus and the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for them - appeared in these lands, for these lands are connected to the land of Ba??a and Hijaz. Thus He saith: “Blessed is he who hath migrated to Akka.” I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that this evanescent one’s purpose hath not been and is not to display knowledge, learning and awareness, but rather it is offered for the sake of God that heedless souls may not become the cause of people’s veiling as they have done before. These indeed are the holy lands mentioned in the Qur’an and previous Books.

The Lord shall roar from Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem, and the shepherds’ pastures shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. And this Carmel lieth opposite to ’Akka and in former Books was known as God’s Vineyard, and mention thereof hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily some have attained unto it, and it is among those assured matters whereon the Tabernacle of Glory must needs be raised - and praise be to God, it hath been raised - and from Zion the Euphrates of inner meanings hath flowed, despite those who cast justice aside and took up oppression.

The greatness of this Revelation is such that David, in speaking of it, declares: “Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy. Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His name.” Now this blessed verse must needs be deeply pondered. Today all trees are enraptured, and rocks and stones are stirred and moved, and the mountains are in greatest joy at His passing, for the promised Hour is come and the hidden Secret is unveiled. Were this exalted Word to be removed from the Holy Books, no other utterance would remain, and no mention would be found. But this utterance is for those possessed of insight and understanding, not for every vain person who follows delusions and idle fancies. Today the Sun of certitude has dawned. A new day it is, and new are these times that can in no wise be compared with aught else. Yet eyes are diseased and dimmed, and ears are stopped up. I beseech God to grant joy and not deprive creation of this greatest gladness. And likewise He says: “Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence.” Were this servant to cite all the verses from previous Books and the utterances revealed therein, the readers would surely grow weary from the length of discourse. Therefore have I firmly resolved to be most brief, and I implore those souls that are assured, content and well-pleasing to make mention of me, that perchance through their prayers and remembrance I may fulfill that which I am commanded and not fail in serving the friends of God. Alas! Alas! Though this Cause is of such magnitude, and though its manifest power and overwhelming might have encompassed the world, yet the people remain veiled from beholding it and heedless of its recognition. He is the Almighty One of Whom the prophet Amos spoke, saying: “Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. For, lo, He that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is His name.” By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal! In this mighty verse are hidden mighty mysteries, for it gives tidings of the year eighty and likewise of the false dawn which He, the God of hosts, will darken, and of His treading upon the high places of the earth - an allusion to the journey to the great City and these parts. This servant is astonished at what the people were content with before, and what they are content with now. If they seek verses, these have filled the horizons, and if they desire proofs, it is for the servant to establish and demonstrate them. I swear by the Self of God - may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdoms of Command and Creation be

sacrificed for His sake - that mighty and wondrous things have appeared in this Revelation, and whatsoever was to occur in successive years thereafter has been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen beforehand, without any hint or allusion but rather with utmost clarity. Every fair-minded person can detect the fragrance of truth from these submissions, for whatsoever has been and is being stated is supported by clear proof and evidence. Were this servant to mention all of these things, the discourse would surely grow lengthy. However, I shall briefly mention some of them for the sake of God, although they have been mentioned in various epistles, some of which, according to what has been heard, have fallen into the hands of the enemies.

In the Name of the Most Glorious!

O Chief! Hearken to the voice of God, the Sovereign, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He, verily, calleth between earth and heaven, summoning all to the Most Glorious Horizon. Neither thy barking, nor the barking of those around thee, nor the hosts of the world can withhold Him. The world hath been set ablaze by the Word of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. It is softer than the morning breeze. It hath appeared in the form of man, whereby God hath quickened His accepting servants. Within it is a water wherewith God hath purified the hearts of them that have turned unto Him, who have forgotten the mention of all else, and whom He hath brought nigh unto the sanctuary of His Most Great Name.

O Chief! Thou hast committed that which hath caused Muhammad, the Apostle of God, to lament in the most sublime Paradise. The world hath made thee so vain that thou hast turned away from the Face through whose brightness the Concourse on high hath been illumined. Soon shalt thou find thyself in manifest loss. Thou didst conspire with the Persian Ambassador against Me, though I had come to you from the Source of majesty and grandeur with a Cause that hath solaced the eyes of those near unto God.

Didst thou imagine that thou couldst quench the fire which God hath kindled in the horizons? Nay, by His Self, the True One, wert thou of them that comprehend. Rather, by what thou hast done its flame hath been intensified and its burning increased. Soon will it encompass the earth and all that dwell therein. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and none can withstand His judgment in all the heavens and earth.

Soon will the land of Mystery (Adrianople) and what is beside it be changed, and will pass out of the hands of the King, and commotions will appear, and the voice of lamentation will be raised, and the evidences of mischief will be revealed on all sides, and confusion will spread by reason of that which hath befallen these captives at the hands of the hosts of oppression. The course of things will be altered, and conditions will become so grievous that the very sands on the desolate hills will moan, and the trees on the mountain will weep, and blood will flow out of all things. Then wilt thou behold the people in sore disturbance.

O World! Dost thou possess the power of hearing, that thou mayest hear? Dost thou possess sight, that thou mayest see? In most wondrous and clear utterance hath the Beloved of all possibility spoken. The meaning of the Land of Mystery (Ard-i-Sirr) is Adrianople, which before the Most Great Prison was the seat of the Throne of that land, and its numerical value corresponds to that of 'Mystery.' He saith: The Land of Mystery shall be changed, and what surroundeth it. It shall pass out of the hands of kings, earthquakes shall appear, and lamentations and wailing shall be raised. Corruption shall be manifest in all

regions and affairs shall be disordered. All these calamities are due to the tribulations inflicted upon these captives by the hosts of the oppressors. All these things were manifestly witnessed, and no fair-minded, truthful, or just person hath denied or will deny them. He further saith: And the government shall change - meaning the first ruler shall depart and another ruler shall be seated in his place, as was witnessed. He further saith: The matter shall become severe - so severe that the sand in the hills and mountains and the trees in the mountains shall weep, and blood shall flow from all things, for that which was inflicted upon the Truth such as hath never been inflicted upon any other. Then He saith: Thou shalt see the people in great agitation. By God's life! Agitation had encompassed all. The Muslim forces would descend upon Christian villages, depriving men and women, young and old, of life, and then burn their homes and possessions. The Christians would do exactly the same to the Muslims. Terror had seized all and agitation had encompassed everyone. One traveler wrote that passing through a certain place, he observed three hundred corpses piled up within twenty paces. The horror of that sight shall never fade from memory. In brief, all have heard of that upheaval and know of it, and nothing like it had ever been witnessed in any age. The newspapers reported things that the mind refuses to accept. Now the people of Bayan must reflect and know with absolute certainty that whatsoever came to pass had been revealed word for word beforehand by the Supreme Pen. Glory be to Him Who giveth life to the bones when they are rotted away! And glory be to Him Who informed all beforehand, and He is the All-Knowing! But O Beloved of my heart and He Who is mentioned in my soul! All that hath been mentioned is a great glad-tiding for the friends, the chosen ones, the firm ones, and the fair-minded ones. However, it increaseth naught but loss for the oppressors, for the deaf are deprived of the cooing of the Dove of the Cause, and the blind are forbidden from the lights of the Supreme Horizon. Likewise, exalted be His mention, universal be His grace, and magnificent be His favor, He saith in the Surih of the Temple, addressing the King of Paris, glorified be His majesty: "Say: O King of Paris! Tell the priest not to ring the bells. By God, the True One! The Most Mighty Bell hath appeared in the form of Him Who is the Most Great Name, and the fingers of the Will of Thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, ring it out in the heaven of immortality in His Name, the All-Glorious. Thus have the mighty verses of Thy Lord been again sent down unto thee, that thou mayest arise to remember God, the Creator of earth and heaven, in these days when all the tribes of the earth have mourned, and the foundations of the cities have trembled, and the dust of irreligion hath enwrapped all men, except such as thy Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, was pleased to spare."

Until He speaketh, glorified be His majesty: "O King! Hearken unto the Call from this Fire which burneth in this verdant Tree, on this elevated Mount, upon this blessed white Spot beyond the Sea of Eternity: 'Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.'" Until He speaketh, exalted be His utterance: "Lo! The Tree of the Mount speaketh in the heart of the world and the Holy Spirit proclaimeth among the nations: 'The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty.'" Until He speaketh, exalted be His glory: "O King! We have heard from thee a word which thou didst speak when the King of Russia asked thee concerning the decree of war. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou didst say: 'I was asleep upon my couch when the cry of the oppressed, who were drowned in the Black Sea, wakened me.' This We heard and thy Lord beareth witness to what I say. We testify that that which wakened thee was not their cry but thine own passions, for We tested thee and found thee to be wanting. Be discerning in thy words and be thou among the perceptive. We desire not that any word untoward should return unto thee, out of respect for the station We have given thee in this

mortal life. We have chosen courtesy and made it the true mark of such as are nigh unto Us. It is a raiment that befitteth all souls, both the lowly and the exalted. Well is it with him who adorneth his temple therewith, and woe unto him who is deprived of this great bounty. Hadst thou been sincere in thy words, thou wouldst not have cast behind thy back the Book of God, when it was sent unto thee by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. We have proved thee through it and found thee other than that which thou didst profess. Arise, and make amends for that which escaped thee. Erelong the world and all that thou possessest will perish, and the kingdom will remain unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers of old. It behooveth thee not to conduct thine affairs according to the dictates of thy desires. Fear thou the sighs of this Wronged One and shield Him from the darts of them that act unjustly. For what thou hast done, thy kingdom shall be thrown into confusion, and thine empire shall pass from thine hands, as a punishment for that which thou hast wrought. Then wilt thou know how thou hast plainly erred. Commotions shall seize all the people in that land, unless thou arisest to help this Cause and followest Him Who is the Spirit in this straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My Life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast by this firm Cord. We see abasement hastening after thee, whilst thou art of them that sleep. It behooveth thee when thou hearest His Voice calling from the seat of glory to cast away all that thou possessest, and cry out: 'Here am I, O Lord of all that is in heaven and on earth!' O King! We were in 'Iraq, until the time when the leave of departure came. They brought Us unto the seat of Islam by command. But when We came unto them, there proceeded from certain among the malicious such tribulation as the scrolls cannot recount. Thereat wept the inmates of Paradise, and the dwellers of the holy precincts, but the people are wrapped in a thick veil! Say: Do ye cavil at Him Who hath come unto you with clear proofs and divine testimony, with His evidences and His signs? These are not of his own accord, but from the One Who hath sent Him and commissioned Him with the truth and made Him to be a lamp unto all mankind. More severe became Our plight from day to day, nay, from hour to hour, until they took Us forth from prison and made Us, with manifest injustice, enter the Most Great Prison. And if anyone asked them for what crime were they imprisoned, they would answer and say: 'Lo, they seek to renew religion!' If the ancient Faith be that which ye choose, wherefore then have ye forsaken that which was set down in the Torah and the Gospel? Be ye clear about this, O people! By My life! There is no place for you to flee this day. If this be My crime, then Muhammad, the Apostle of God, committed it before Me, and before Him, the Spirit, and before Him, the Interlocutor. And if My sin be this, that I have exalted the Word of God and revealed His Cause, then indeed am I the greatest of sinners! Such a sin I will not barter for the kingdoms of earth and heaven.

Here follows details of this blessed Tablet: In the Land of Mystery (Constantinople) a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically to the King of Paris. The cause of its revelation was that the King had spoken certain words in a public gathering, saying that "We are not only concerned with managing our own affairs, but rather if any oppressed one in the world should cry out, we will answer and take his right from the oppressors." This was the essence of the words he uttered. And another statement he made in response to the Russian King, when asked "We and you are both of one religion - what caused you to support Islam and unite with it in war?" He replied, "I did not assist Islam, rather the cry of the oppressed ones whose ships you destroyed and sunk in the Black Sea awakened me from sleep, and I arose to remove this oppression."

After hearing these two statements, the Divine Tablet was revealed wherein He says: “We heard two statements from you on two occasions, from which the fragrance of justice and fairness was diffused. If His Majesty the King considers himself the helper of the world’s oppressed ones, why has he not arisen to help these oppressed ones the like of whom the eye of the world has not seen? This despite their cry being raised from every land for successive years, during which time they have been under the lash of oppression and wrath, such that every person of insight has wept and every person of heart has lamented. How many lands have been dyed with their blood, and in how many cities has their sighing, wailing and weeping been raised!” In this Tablet, most of the calamities that had befallen were revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen.

After it was sent, for some time no response came. Finally his minister submitted a petition saying: “I took your letter with the Foreign Minister to the Emperor’s presence and mentioned the details. He took the letter and placed it beside him, but until now no response has appeared from him regarding this matter.” Therefore a second Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Divine Will, and one of the clergy who had attained to recognition offered to translate it into French and send it. God knows best.

This is what He says: “O King! We heard a word that you spoke when the Russian King questioned you about what occurred in the matter of war. You answered: ‘I was sleeping in the cradle when I was awakened by the cry of the oppressed servants who were drowned in the Black Sea.’ We testify that it was not the cry that awakened you, but rather the desire of self, for We tested and found you to be far removed from the Word.” Until He says, exalted be His utterance: “If you had been true to your word, you would not have cast the Book of God behind your back.”

Then He says: “By what you have done, affairs in your kingdom will be thrown into confusion, and sovereignty will pass from your hands. Then you will find yourself in manifest loss. Earthquakes will seize all the tribes there, and from these things there is no escape except that thou arise to assist the Cause and follow the Spirit in this straight path. And likewise He saith:”Hath thy glory made thee vainglorious? By My life! This glory shall not endure, except thou holdest fast to the firm cord of Truth, exalted be His glory.” Then He saith: “We behold humiliation hastening after thee, whilst thou art of the heedless” - meaning thou art asleep and unaware.

Now observe how these matters were clearly foretold, though most deemed their occurrence impossible and counted them as unattainable. Thus did someone once ask this servant whether the Emperor of Paris would be deposed, how his sovereignty would be taken from him, and how his glory would vanish, given that he was the foremost among the world’s monarchs. This servant replied that he knew not and was unaware, but this much he knew: that whatsoever was revealed from the tongue of Grandeur would all be manifestly realized. Ye see and hear it.

In any case, the servant’s purpose in mentioning these things is that every group might become aware of the verses and clear proofs of Truth, and know with absolute certainty that whatsoever appeared later had been revealed beforehand by the Supreme Pen. As the Tablets to the Kings revealed in the Surih of the Temple, and likewise the Tablet of Ra’is, were in the possession of most several years before their occurrence, mention is made of them. Otherwise, were this servant to recount the manifest verses and

clear evidences, numerous volumes would be required, and perchance some might hesitate to accept them.

In any case, I beseech all to behold the Truth with the eye of Truth, for all are commanded thus, and this is unique to this Revelation. The Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, saith: “Behold Him with His own eye. If ye regard Him with the eye of another, ye shall never attain to knowing and recognizing Him.”

The polytheists have appeared with such schemes and deceits as have never been seen before, and all these things were foretold. Blessed is he who regardeth the clamor and insinuations and doubts of the people of the world as the buzzing of flies. This great Revelation and mighty Cause - I beseech God to aid His servants in that which beseemeth them.

Today the Furqan proclaimeth in most eloquent utterance: “O heedless ones! The Mother Book speaketh, the horizon of certitude is illumined, the proof hath dawned and the evidence is clear. Let not vain imaginings deprive you from the Dayspring of assurance, nor idle fancies withhold you from the Lord of all names.” Such utterances have repeatedly been heard from the Source of verses, and likewise these words were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur - blessed and exalted be His utterance:

“Today the Bayan calleth out with utmost loving-kindness and bounty, saying: ‘O My people and My companions! Today the Lord of the seen and unseen is established upon the throne of manifestation, and the Mother of the Bayan is revealed. Let not your vain imaginings withhold you from the sealed wine, nor deprive you from the Kawthar of certitude.’”

And at one time the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this blessed word: “If the eye be fixed upon the greatness of heaven and desire to turn for less than can be reckoned to another direction, it is not worthy to enter this court.”

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of meaning and utterance! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Sun of eternity shone forth from the horizon of the world, to protect Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones from the scheming of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and have turned away from what Thou didst command them in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest Thy ignorant servants who have made deceit their weapon and falsehood their refuge and shelter, who utter calumnies against Thee by night and day, whereat the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory and majesty have lamented. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Cause to send down upon them that which will acquaint them with Thee and teach them Thy way and what lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Sufficient, the All-Protecting, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O friends of God! Strive that perverse souls may not, as before, afflict helpless people by casting them into the pit of vain imaginings. These are the souls of whom it is said, “They have changed God’s favor into blasphemy and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition.” These are they who have ever transformed the divine bounty and turned people away from the straight path. In the Dispensation of the Furqan, a few souls, following their selfish desires, strove mightily to lead people astray. In every age such souls have existed and will continue to exist. In these days certain papers have arrived which,

upon examination, clearly show that they have sprung from the essence of rancor and hatred. They have perverted certain divine utterances which constitute the true bounty. The serpent has appeared in new colors, claiming friendship while seeking to hold back the servants from the supreme horizon, deprive them of the ocean of certitude, and summon them to the pool of idle fancy. Say: O unjust one! Abandon oppression and hold fast to the cord of justice. Where were you when the darkness of tyranny encompassed the world and all were hidden through the dominion of the oppressors? In the words he has written lies concealed a deadly poison. For instance, at the beginning of his letter he mentions the Most Great Name, writing "In the Name of God, the Most Glorious, the Most Glorious, there is no God but He, say: all shall return unto Him." Glory be to God! He has made God's Name a snare for himself and spread a net, seeking thereby to render the assured ones, the unified ones, and the sincere ones tranquil, and then to make them taste the deadly venom hidden in the fangs of his words. One is amazed at the guile and deceit of such souls. He who acknowledges these words is freed from mention of the world, the clamor of nations, the sayings of people, and the differences of the peoples, for this is the Day of God wherein nothing else should be mentioned. This is the Day of which He says: "All things shall perish except His face." The people of Baha are today mounted upon crimson ships, and these ships sail on sea and land. Blessed is he who holds fast to them, detached from the world, its mention, and whatsoever is therein. In any case, after mentioning the Name of God, exalted be His glory - which he imagined to be a trap - the person in question has made certain mentions unworthy of notice, writing of his own ascent to the heights of knowledge in grammar, syntax, rhetoric, exposition, logic, substances and accidents, jurisprudence, principles, peripatetic philosophy, illuminative philosophy, the philosophy of the late Shaykh, and his attendance upon Haji Karim Khan. Through these mentions he has sought to display his excellence, though outwardly he has written that he understood nothing of these sciences. Would that he had spent as much time contemplating His verses with divine insight and pondering the mysteries of divine knowledge and wisdom as he spent writing these words. The divines of the Dispensation of the Furqan wrote such expressions for twelve hundred years, refuting and proving against each other. What these souls have reaped from the harvest of their words, these souls too shall reap. In any case, he lies in wait for the friends and loved ones of God, and through means of love and kindness and words that neither nourish nor satisfy, he busies himself with leading helpless people astray, until he professed belief in the Tree of the Bayan and wrote: "Whatever I beheld of the words of the Point of the Bayan added perplexity unto my perplexity and opened not the door of recognition unto me." Not that, God forbid, these words contain no lofty meanings, but rather because, as declared by the Author of the Bayan Himself, this Cause is now in the stage of a seed, and many desire to comprehend manifestly, clearly, evidently and openly from this seed the laws of all things, or to attain unto the conditions pertaining thereunto, save him whom God hath taught the knowledge of all things.

O Concourse of the Bayan and O people of the Furqan! The rays of the Sun of Manifestation have encompassed the world, and its effulgences and revelations are manifest and resplendent. The Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath declared that a one-year-old seed of the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than the entirety of the Bayan. This is the Day to which all books, scriptures and psalms have truthfully referred, and of which they have all given glad tidings. All must turn with sanctified vision and ears purified from all mention toward the Supreme Horizon, and hearken to the Call raised from the right hand of the Most Great Throne. Today, whosoever cleaveth to the Bayan and

riseth in opposition is not counted among the people of truth, according to the testimony of the Point of the Bayan, for all matters are contingent upon His approval. The essence of the Bayan is this: “He shall not be indicated by any indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan.” After this blessed word, no fair-minded, informed and discerning person knowledgeable of the Bayan would raise objections against the Truth. Have they not heard Him say that the entire Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise? It is not known what that heedless ignorant one intended by what he mentioned. If his meaning is that the Bayan is still in the stage of a seed and has not been perfected, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath said: “From the beginning of this Cause until before the completion of nine existences, creation hath not appeared, and all that thou hast seen from the seed until We clothed it with flesh - then wait until thou beholdest another creation. Say: Blessed be God, the Best of Creators.” Tell that unjust one to observe and reflect upon what hath flowed from the Pen of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all in the kingdom of Command and Creation be sacrificed for Him. This is the day of the new creation. This is the Day whereon the tongue of all things uttereth the blessed words “Blessed be God, the Best of Creators.” He declareth that the Bayan shall be perfected, and explicitly stateth that before the completion of nine existences creation hath not appeared, and all that hath been seen is from the stage of the seed until it is clothed with flesh - wait until thou beholdest the new creation. Say: Blessed be God, the Best of Creators. This is the station referred to in “and breathed into him of another spirit.” So great is this Revelation that the Primal Point hath declared: “It is permitted that He before Whom none on earth is more exalted should be rejected, for all creation is in His grasp and all are submissive unto Him.” None hath comprehended the greatness of this Revelation save whom God willeth. This celestial sphere requireth another Navigator, and this ocean another Diver. Although all the days of the Manifestations of God and Dawning-places of revelation are, in one sense, referred to as the Day of God, yet these days are adorned with the ornament of distinction, as hath been detailed. All the utterances of the former idolaters have been heard and continue to be heard from the new idolaters in this Revelation; nay rather, they have said that which no idolater had ever said. O people of the Bayan! Fear God! Object not to God through your idle fancies. He calleth you to the light while you call Him to the fire. Why do ye not understand a single word from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? No one’s knowledge hath encompassed this Revelation. All the knowledge of the world is but as a drop, nay, God forgive this limitation, before the ocean of His knowledge. The Interpreter of the Bayan - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him - hath declared, exalted and mighty be His Word:

“Verily for you after a time there shall be a Cause which ye shall come to know, and that Day shall be like unto a time, but ye perceive not. That Tree of Sinai shall speak unto you, if ye but hear. Say: This is a Announcement which none can encompass through knowledge, but on that Day ye shall not know.” Thus did He end.

By the testimony of the Bayan and all divine Books, no one hath possessed or possesseth knowledge of this Revelation. Ponder upon the mention of “after a time”, that perchance ye may inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful’s utterance, and the wayward may seek the straight path and the mighty Announcement, and may purify themselves from their calumnies through the water of return. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O beloved of my heart! What can the servant submit, what proof can he grasp, what evidence can he manifest? By the life of my Beloved, the very essence of proof is feeble in mentioning this path. Glory be to God from what they have said and continue to say! Throughout ages and centuries these base people have clung to vain imaginings and risen in dispute. At times mention of the Qa'im was cause for contention, at times mention of the guardian, successor, chief and the like. And on the day of His manifestation, the fruit of their discussions, beliefs and deeds was that which they witnessed. What are these images to which they cleave? Would that they had clung to but one word and had uttered it with truth and sincerity. Fie upon them and that which their hands have wrought!

Today no art among arts, no knowledge among knowledges, no name among names, no station among stations, and no book among books can suffice or benefit man except through that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Exalted be His glory: "This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and the Mother of the Bayan calleth out, yet the people know not and perceive not. The Prophet is he who hath believed in My Announcement, the Messenger is he who hath delivered My Messages, the Successor is he who hath counseled people regarding that which hath been sent down from My Kingdom of My wondrous commandments and ordinances, and the Guardian is he who hath bidden people to love Me and called them to My straight path." Thus did He end.

Blessed are they whom the doubts and intimations of the people have not barred from the abode of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs. All names are created through His Word. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for Him - sayeth, exalted and mighty be His Word:

"He createth through His Word whatsoever He willeth, whether a Prophet, Guardian, Saint or Pure One, for all that hath been created are proofs from His presence and envoys from His court […] Beware, beware lest in His days thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but created before Him. And beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words revealed in the Bayan […] Look not upon Him save through His eyes, for whoso looketh upon Him through His eyes shall attain unto Him, else shall he be veiled. If thou desirest God and His presence, then desire Him and look upon Him."

O possessors of ears! With justice speak ye, though it be in measure less than that testified to by the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all within the realms of Command and Creation be a sacrifice unto Him! Today, should anyone seek to adduce proof from the Bayan or cling unto it, the Bayan itself and whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen would disown him. As was mentioned before, He saith: "No reference shall be made unto My signs nor unto that which was mentioned in the Bayan." Today the Bayan is dependent upon acceptance. Blessed are they who reflect even briefly and observe the fruits of the deeds of the people of the Furqan, that they may free and detach themselves from all such sayings, proofs and objections, and soar in this atmosphere with sanctified and delicate wings. Have they not tired of the calumnies of the Manifestations of self and desire, that they now wish anew to raise disputations, mention traditions, and create acceptance and rejection? Say: With the arm of certitude rend asunder the veils that have hindered. By the life of our Lord! Today the Speaker of Sinai is manifest and speaking, and the hidden mystery and treasured secret is resplendent. For some time certain followers of the Bayan objected regarding the mention of Divinity, asking why the True One - glorified be His majesty - speaketh with these words, when in all the Holy Books it is said that His Holiness the Self-

Subsisting shall in that Day speak the words “Verily I am God.” Behold then recall what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an - blessed and exalted be His words: “The Day when thy Lord cometh, or certain of the signs of thy Lord,” and “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Worlds,” and “Thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank,” and similar verses. The Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said: “Ye shall see your Lord as ye see the full moon on the fourteenth night.”

The Prophet Isaiah says “The Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.” Concerning the greatness of that Day, He says: “Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.” And in another place: “The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.”

Today, those endowed with vision behold all the atoms of creation in joy and gladness, for that which was promised from time immemorial hath been made manifest. By the life of our Beloved and our Goal! If in any heart there existed love for God even to the extent of a needle’s eye, or were it to be illumined with the light of fairness through this utterance–an illumination that would endow the world with the warmth of the love of God–

O people of Baha! Leave these weak ones of the world to themselves, and with enkindled souls, strong hands and feet, penetrating vision, attentive ears, pure hearts and eloquent tongues, speak ye, see ye, and hear ye–despite those who claim to believe in the Bayan yet deny its Revealer, its Manifestor and its Sender. This wilderness mentioned in the blessed verse is the wilderness of Fay?a, and this is the Holy Land mentioned in previous Books and the Qur’an. He says the wilderness and the dry lands and the desert waste shall be made glad. And whence comes this joy and gladness and delight? By the life of our Lord! From the advent of the Lord, exalted be His glory. Carmel, previously known in the Holy Books as the Mountain of God, lies before ’Akka, and on the other side is Lebanon, and likewise Sharon. Indeed, all divine promises mentioned in the Holy Books of the past and present pertained to these lands.

The Prophet Isaiah further says: “Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.” He says to make firm the weakened hands and to make steady and straight the trembling knees. “Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God.”

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O Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

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

Today the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised aloft, and the Sun of Utterance is dawning and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, the Path is speaking with most eloquent

utterance, and the Balance is remembering with most perfect words. Nevertheless, the banner of “there is none in the kingdom but Him” is hoisted and raised high, for the world is cold and listless, nay, dead. There is no ear to hear and no eye to see, save for the few whom the veils of names and the coverings of allusions and words did not debar. They have forsaken all else but Him and clung to Him, they have heard the Call and drunk the choice wine, and have arisen to promote the Cause with such arising as hath caused the hearts of the transgressors to be troubled and the feet of the polytheists to quake. In truth, not every ear is worthy to hear, and eyes that are diseased and dim are not fit to behold. This is the Day of remembrance and praise. Who are the chosen ones? They who stand with utmost steadfastness in the Cause and who speak in praise of the Purpose of the world. Every mention and every praise beseemeth those assured, contented and well-pleased souls.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou at Whose separation the near ones lamented and at Whose remoteness the sincere ones cried out! I beseech Thee by the lights of the morn of Thy Revelation whereby Thou didst quicken Thy servants and Thy creation and didst give glad tidings unto all in the lands of attaining Thy presence and meeting Thee, to aid Thy loved ones in that which will cause the manifestations of Thy power and the evidences of Thy might to be upraised. O Lord! Adorn with their names the scrolls of the world and the books of the nations. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Confirmer, the Bestower, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God and the God of the world, my Purpose and the Purpose of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call which was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and by the dawning-places of the lights of Thy countenance from the highest horizon, that Thou protect him who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause and who speaketh in Thy praise. Then aid him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, then assist him with a company of the angels and the Spirit. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the power of princes nor their might, nor the doubts of the divines nor their allusions can frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great.

O beloved of my heart! I was observant, contemplative, grieving, and discerning regarding the manifestations of our Lord’s power, what befell Him, and what emerged from the factions. Then the door opened and there entered one bearing your letter, from which all those possessed of spiritual perception detected the fragrance of your sincerity, your love, and your turning to God, our Lord and your Lord, and your arising to serve the Cause in days when the might of the heedless had seized the dwellers of the cities of names, save those whom God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times, did protect. When I read it, I found in each of its letters that which taught me what you possessed and made known to me how your heart, your very veins, your outer and inner being were attracted to the Cause of God, to whose cord you had clung and whose robe you had grasped for the exaltation of His Word and the guidance of His servants and creatures. When I became aware of this, I soared on wings of longing unto God, the Lord of the Covenant. I attained His presence and presented it until it was completed. Then arose the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and the Lord of all beings spoke that which this servant is unable to mention as it deserves to be mentioned. I beseech Him to assist me through His grace and bounty. Can any writer enumerate the waves of the sea when they appear and surge? Nay, by His true Self, except through His confirmation and grace. There is no God but He, Who has enumerated all things in a clear Book. And at the end of His utterances - may the spirit of all who dwell in

the kingdom of Command and Creation be a sacrifice unto Him - He said, exalted be His utterance and sublime His proof:

He is the All-Seeing, the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing, the All-Perceiving

The Lote-Tree of Utterance in the midmost heart of contingent being proclaims: There is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Divine Lote-Tree upon the luminous earth behind the Most Great Ocean proclaims: By God! The Hidden One has come with manifest sovereignty. The Lote-Tree of Certitude planted in the saffron field calls out: The King has come - sovereignty belongs to God, the Possessor of all existence. The Tree of Proof in the white spot speaks: The fragrance of the garment has been diffused and the light has shone forth from the horizon of manifestation. Hasten, O people of the earth, and follow not every ignorant and veiled one. This is the Day wherein the mountains have humbled themselves at the coming of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, with the banner of might, and it is known that there is no God but I, the Possessor of the unseen and the seen. Say: O people of Iran! Fear the All-Merciful and be not of those who know not. We have blown the Trumpet, which is My Most Exalted Pen, and have quickened thereby those who were in My preserved knowledge. Say: O people of the Bayan! Have you heard and denied, have you seen and turned away? Fear God and be fair in this Cause at whose appearance souls were troubled, save those whom God took unto Himself and delivered from the darkness of idle fancies and raised to a station wherein they heard the call of the Kingdom. O Dove! Hear the call as thou didst hear it before and wilt hear it hereafter. The servant in attendance has come with thy letter, and when it was read before the Wronged One, the Pen of thy Self-Subsisting Lord was moved and revealed for thee that which caused the mouth of utterance to smile and seized those in the graves with trembling. We have sent down for thee that which was a light unto the books of the world, a straight path for the followers of all religions, and a mighty pillar for those who have acknowledged this Great News. Say: O company of the deniers! Hear, then be fair. By God's life! The call attracts you to a station wherein you will cast away what you possess in hope of that which is with God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: This is the field of proof; bring forth what you possess. By God's life! None can gallop therein save the knights of certitude who have cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Thus has the ocean revealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and the Lote-Tree its fruits, but the people do not know.

Hear the Call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue! That which was hidden hath been made manifest, and that which was stored in the heaven of the Divine Will from time immemorial and preserved in the Preserved Tablet hath been revealed. Yet the recompense of their deeds hath deprived all from the bounties of the Day of Reckoning, even as was witnessed in the actions of the people of the Furqan and their recompense, particularly the Shi'ih sect. O dove! Ponder the lack of understanding among the deluded souls of the Bayan. Although the veils were rent asunder and they witnessed with their outward eyes the suspicions, delusions, infidelity, dissension, tyranny and oppression of the former people, they are now again occupied in organizing another Shi'ih sect, desiring to make a people Shi'ih. Indeed, vain imaginings and names have deprived mankind from the ocean of inner meanings and rendered them bereft of true unity. In truth, in one sense names are as idols, as hath been and is still being witnessed. Until now the former people have not awakened and have not arisen from the slumber of heedlessness. Each day the fire of tyranny blazeth more fiercely and the flame of rancor and hatred

groweth brighter. Today it is incumbent and obligatory upon all to arise to aid the Cause by protecting the weak souls from suspicions and vain imaginings. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: Strive that ye may attain unto the lights of the sun of true unity. Whosoever attaineth unto this will behold himself detached and free from the world. Well is it with them that act and well is it with them that are endued with understanding. The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon whosoever hearkeneth to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O beloved of My heart! The Sun of the utterance of the All-Merciful hath risen in such wise that all the utterances of the world, from the beginning of creation until now, bow down in humility and submission at its appearance and revelation. What else can this evanescent one say or express? This transient servant is perplexed as to what the babblers say and to what they cling. Now the worth and station of some is becoming evident. Although all have witnessed with their outward eyes the presumption of the former people and have seen their polytheism, heedlessness, dissension and oppression, yet they sometimes mention Mirror, sometimes Successor, sometimes Deputy, Noble, Chief and the like. Glory be to God! They have denied whatsoever was revealed contrary to the desires of the former wayward souls. They have entirely denied the Persian Bayan which is in truth among the most great books of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - saying it hath been altered. We should all lament and cry “Alas!” The lies of old have been revived and the former calumnies have reappeared. We are God’s and unto Him do we return.

O beloved of My heart! The discerning and insightful ones of the world know and recognize the greatness of this Revelation and its all-pervasiveness, as well as that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will, and they behold the lights of the appearance of the Lord of all beings as bright as the sun. Nevertheless, these unclean, dust-stained, defiled creatures, like unto the divines of the Shi’ih sect who displayed asceticism in their filthy school corners while manifesting malice in their claims to knowledge and faith, are in truth neither worthy nor deserving of this court. Praise be to God Who hath sanctified His court from their presence, His light from their vision, His Revelation from their recognition, and His Call from their hearing. They have clung to cunning, deception and guile. They have attributed certain deeds to those heedless and ignorant souls that perplex every person of understanding. God protect us and you from the evil of such people.

Concerning what was written about this servant’s correspondences being less frequent, I verily acknowledge this statement, for at all times I should send forth that from which the fragrance of the loving-kindness and compassion of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth may be diffused. However, O beloved of my heart, letters have been and are arriving from all directions to such an extent that, in truth, this servant has not had and has not the opportunity to express what is in his heart to the friends. Two years have passed, and replies to some of the friends, upon them be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, have been and remain delayed. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to confirm and grant success. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Nevertheless, replies to your letters have mostly been sent. The one God is witness that whenever a letter from that beloved one arrives, a new joy and delight is attained. Moreover, for some time in this land certain discussions have arisen, and wisdom is at times observed. Furthermore,

you know that night and day I am engaged in the presence of God writing divine verses. Yet from this servant's services that beloved one also has a share and portion. This word is adorned with the testimony of the Goal of all the worlds. As for the mention you made of my beloved, his honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness - he himself has written a letter to this servant. He has ever mentioned you in all his letters. In truth, he has been and is a well-wisher of the friends. I beseech and implore God to assist him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Compassionate, He is the Generous.

He is the Witness from His Most Exalted Horizon!

Concerning the glad tidings regarding the abandonment of harmful habits by some of the friends of God, after this matter was submitted to His Most Holy Presence, He said: "We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for the sanctification and purification of all. Today, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are God's hosts on earth, and through these hosts the Truth has granted and continues to grant victory. O thou who speaketh in My Name, who gazeth toward My horizon, and soareth in the atmosphere of My love! Convey repeatedly My greetings to the friends in that land. Each and every one is mentioned in the presence of the Truth, and their names flow from the Most Exalted Pen. Convey My greetings to his honor M and S, upon him be the Glory of God. We beseech God to aid him in that which befitteth His Day, and in deeds whose fragrance shall never fade. Praise be to God, they have attained recognition and been adorned with mention by the Most Exalted Pen."

This lowly one also beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to sanctify them from transient conditions and to adorn them with such qualities as will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Souls were created for this purpose, bodies were manifested for this end, and the sun, moon and all things came into being for this service. God willing, may they be assisted in remembrance, praise and the teaching of His Cause. I convey greetings and peace to them and beseech God for their confirmation.

Regarding the mention of Sohrab and his turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, this was presented in His Most Holy Presence, and these were His blessed words, exalted be His praise and mighty His proof: "O Sohrab! The Comforter hath come to speak that which hath not been spoken, to cause that which hath not been heard to be heard, and to complete that which hath been said. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast turned to the supreme height and ultimate goal, which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy and shatter the idols of vain imaginings, that thou mayest be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and certitude and attain thereunto. The Loving Father came, yet His children recognized Him not and remained deprived of His knowledge, save for a few who were not prevented from the Dawning-Place of Divine Oneness by the doubts of prelates, bishops, and priests. The call is raised, yet tongues that would utter 'yea' are rare. Beseech God to grant awareness and bestow understanding. Verily, He is the One Who, through His word 'Be', hath power over all things."

Concerning what thou didst write about the spiritual friend, his honor A.B., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, praise be to God that he hath been attracted by the breezes of these days. He is mentioned in God's Book and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. No bounty can equal this bounty, and every station boweth before this station. I beseech God, exalted be His glory and abundant His favors, to aid him to preserve this most exalted station and supreme rank. Blessed is he,

happy is he, wholesome is it for him, and joy be unto him. These matters were presented before the Presence of the Lord of Revelation, and this utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of the favor of the Beloved of the worlds, exalted be His majesty and mighty His sovereignty[…]

Verily We have mentioned him with a remembrance that shall not be altered by the happenings of contingent existence, nor changed by centuries and ages. It shall remain immortalized in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. By My life! There hath been ordained for him that which surpasseth the earth and its treasuries. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this Palace, whose very atoms proclaim: "By God! The Interlocutor of the Mount hath been established upon the Throne of Revelation, and the Tongue of Dominion and the Kingdom, then of Might and Power, then of Station and Divinity, hath spoken for My Ancient and Mighty Self." We beseech God to open before his face the gates of grace and favor, and to draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Almighty over what He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We have mentioned him in another Tablet that he might rejoice and be among the thankful. Thus hath mercy showered its rain, and the Pen revealed its secrets, and the Sun of inner meanings shed its radiance. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon him and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The ocean of bounty is itself a witness to bounty, and its waves are proof thereof. The sun itself makes manifest its own station, and its effulgences are its evidence. What else can this evanescent servant mention or present that would be worthy and befitting?

They mentioned the honored Khalil, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath been and continues to be successful. He hath been mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. This evanescent one beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid him to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O beloved of my heart! Most of the writings of the Supreme Pen that were in the introduction of Ta fell into the hands of the adversaries. Whoever they seized had books, scriptures and tablets with them. That beloved of the people of God must inform all so that they may exert mighty efforts to preserve and protect the Tablets and writings, and exercise the utmost care in this regard. Blessed is the land wherein the fragrance of the Supreme Pen's movement is diffused. The preservation of these mighty, impregnable and blessed Tablets is most necessary and is beloved before God, lest their pages and lines should not remain in their original form. Direct and teach the way of preservation. What hath been mentioned in this regard was according to the Most Holy and Exalted Command. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

They mentioned Mirza Muhammad Husayn and Abbas-Quli, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented before the Presence, two Most Holy and Exalted Tablets were revealed specifically for them and sent. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that they may attain unto the exalted heaven mentioned in the Tablet and be illumined by the lights of its suns and moons, in such wise that the vicissitudes of days may not change it and the tyranny of the Pharaohs of the age and oppressors of the lands may not veil it. This is not difficult for God, our Lord and your Lord. Thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Light shining from the horizon of the world.

This is the Day wherein the All-Desired One proclaimeth and beareth tidings unto mankind of His irrevocable Cause and His sealed nectar. Blessed are they who have turned with radiant faces and illumined hearts, who have taken the cup of bounty from the hand of the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, and have drunk in His Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Fire hath appeared from the Tree and He Who conversed on Sinai hath spoken from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation. O peoples of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth you from His glorious station unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The All-Merciful hath manifested Himself unto all who are in the realm of being, and the Most Great Vision and the Lord of Destiny hath appeared, saying: O concourse of men! Turn ye to the Most Glorious Horizon and hearken unto the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, it guideth you unto the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with that which neither the peoples nor the princes and kings possess. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the tokens of My Most Exalted Pen and for being mentioned by the Wronged One whilst seated upon the throne of His Name, the All-Loving. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and have rent asunder the veils before all faces in such wise that the might of the world hath not deterred Us. To this testifieth he who possesseth an inscribed Book.

Tribulations have encompassed Us from every direction and calamities from all regions, while the Pen of the All-Choosing continueth to proclaim at eventide and at dawn, at night and in the morning, that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed is he who hath heard My call, turned to My horizon, uttered My praise, arisen to serve My Cause, and held fast to My stretched cord.

When thou art attracted by the fragrances of My verses and seized by the Kawthar of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Thou seest the distant one who desireth Thy nearness, the poor one who seeketh the ocean of Thy wealth, and the thirsty one who craveth the Kawthar of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Orb of Thy utterance, the mysteries of Thy Book, Thy most exalted Horizon, and that which lieth concealed in the treasuries of Thy Pen and the repositories of Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me confessing that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath spoken in the kingdom of Thine utterance, and acknowledging that which hath descended from the heaven of Thy Will. Strengthen, O my God, my heart and my limbs in such wise that neither the power of the mighty nor the doubts of the learned may weaken them. Then make me ablaze with the fire of Thy Tree and illumined by the lights of Thy Throne. I beseech Thee, O Revealer of signs, by Thy Command whereby Thou didst raise the standards of Thy Manifestation in the horizons and the banners of Thy victory in the lands, to ordain for me by the Pen of Thy bounty that which shall abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

Thus hath been revealed for his honor Abbas-Quli Khan, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, in My Name, the All-Compelling over all names.

O peoples of the earth! Abandon what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. This is the Day whereon the seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken, through the Name of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Draw nigh and drink thereof, despite every heedless rejected one and every veiled learned one. Blessed is the one who hath hearkened to its call and attained unto the sweetness of its utterance. I swear by the lights of the Luminary of inner meanings, shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, that whosoever attaineth unto hearing it shall become enkindled with such a fire that neither the opposition of the world nor the objections of the nations shall prevent or deprive him, and its effects shall become manifest and evident. From the first days until now, We have called out, without concealment or veil, before the faces of rulers, divines and religious leaders - a call for which ears were created from nothingness into being. Yet outward ornaments and ephemeral colors have deprived souls of everlasting, eternal blessings.

When thou hearest the melodies of the birds of inner meanings upon the branches of the divine utterance, purify thy heart and breast with the water of detachment and turning unto God, and say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made manifest Thy path among Thy servants and for having called the people to the Dayspring of Thy revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. I testify that Thou hast revealed the Way and sent down the Guide, and hast commanded all to do that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and benefit them in all Thy worlds. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the lights of the sun of Thy grace, to aid me in all conditions to be one who speaks Thy praise, who is enkindled with the fire of Thy love, who is mindful of Thy verses, who soars in Thy atmosphere, who holds fast to the cord of Thy bestowal, and who clings to the hem of Thy generosity. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon, acknowledging Thy oneness and singleness, and confessing Thy grandeur and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by Him Who hastened to the place of sacrifice in His longing to meet Thee, and who advanced toward the arrows of tribulation out of love for Thy beauty, to grant me Thy favor which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Cause, and the food which Thou hast sent forth from the kingdom of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art He Whom the ranks and armies of the world cannot withstand. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Ancient of Days, by the Most Great Name through which Thou hast illumined the world, to ordain for me what is best in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The bounty belongeth unto God, the grace is His, and the bestowal is His. For every soul who hath been present in the Most Holy Court or whose name hath been mentioned, there hath been revealed that within each word of which are concealed oceans of grace and favor. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto it and the heart that hath drunk therefrom. This servant conveyeth to each of you greetings and salutations, and entreateth the Ever-Abiding Truth to confirm you in the service of His Cause, that through His Name ye may gain dominion over the cities of hearts. By His very Life, the sword of utterance is sharper and the penetration of the Word is beyond reckoning. In all circumstances, as commanded, wisdom must be observed. This decree taketh precedence over most other decrees, for it hath been

revealed and issued forth from the Most Exalted Pen in numerous Tablets. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Khalil, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, who at first undertook to convey the Word with the two aforementioned souls - after this matter was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, a special Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of grace and was sent. God willing, may he attain unto it and receive his portion from the surging oceans of the utterance of the Desired One of all worlds. The Lord, exalted and sanctified is He, speaks:

He is the One Who Warbles upon the Branches

We have revealed that which was hidden in the Kingdom of Utterance and made manifest that which was treasured in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people are those who have discovered the fragrance of the Utterance and have turned to the All-Merciful, and among them are those who have turned away and denied what hath come from the heaven of grace from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and been attracted by the verses of God, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. Verily, those who have found the sweetness of the Utterance, they are the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Khalil! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison's precincts and gives thee glad tidings of thy Lord's favors and reminds thee of His verses. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have revealed for thee and for those whose names were presented before the Face that which will make them independent of all the books of the world. This perspicuous Tablet, which hath been sent down at this hour from the Pen of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment, beareth witness to this. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of utterance and been seized by the attraction of thy Lord's verses, say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen and been sent down from Thy highest horizon. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, which Thou hast made a light unto them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures, and a fire unto those who have turned away from Thee and Thy verses and opposed Thee in Thy days, to assist this servant of Thine to rend asunder the veils of Thy servants and the clouds of Thy creation, and to aid him in all conditions to diffuse the fragrances of Thy good-pleasure. And I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and Master of the throne on high and of earth below, to make me detached from all else save Thee, steadfast in the promotion of Thy Cause, and vocal in that which will draw Thy servants nigh unto the court of Thy might and beauty, O Dayspring of Beauty, and Dawning-Place of Majesty! I love existence only for the sake of Thy mention and praise, and I desire naught but what Thou hast ordained for me through the Pen of Thy decree. O Lord! Assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days and Thy Manifestation and what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the influences of Thy Pen, the operation of Thy Will, and the power of Thy Purpose, to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee, to turn repentantly to the door of Thy grace, and to humble themselves before the revelations of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Withhold them not from the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, nor from beholding the evidences of Thy power in Thy days. Thou art He Whom the affairs of the world cannot frustrate, nor can

the opposition of the nations hinder. Thou art He Who, O my God, did raise up Moses from Pharaoh's household despite him and Thine enemies, and did deliver the Friend from the fire of fuel, manifesting Thy power and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy Cause and the standards of Thy determination to ordain for Thy loved ones the good of the Hereafter and of this world, and that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, O Master of all things! There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist and enable the aforementioned soul, upon him be the Glory of God, to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who desireth to quaff the sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may draw him nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon and strengthen him to offer praise and glorification. Well is it with him who hath heard and attained, and woe betide every heedless and veiled one.

We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee before, and at this hour, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. The servant who standeth before the Countenance hath presented a letter from one who loveth Me, who hath held fast unto My cord, soared in the atmosphere of My love, and arisen to aid My Cause amongst My servants - and therein was thy name. We have sent down from the heaven of grace verses that nothing in all creation can equal, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of existence.

Beware lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from the Ancient Beauty, or the doubts of the nations veil thee from this sealed Mystery. Say: O concourse of men! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by the Lord of Destiny, and that which was hidden in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath been made manifest. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have turned from the Most Eloquent Tongue to the Language of Light. Today the world is illumined by the lights of Revelation, and all things are engaged in praise, glorification, joy and delight. In the divine Books, both of the past and of later times, this most blessed Day hath been celebrated as the supreme festival. Blessed is he who hath attained and become aware of the station of this Day. Today the scratching of the Divine Pen is raised high and its horizon is visible. Blessed is he whom the doubts and allusions of the peoples of the world have not withheld from the Ancient Beauty nor deprived of the Most Great Ocean.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who gave thee glad tidings and guided thee to My straight path and My momentous News. Thus have We caused thee to hear My sweetest call and sent unto thee that whereby the eyes of those near unto God have been solaced. At this point We make mention of thy wife, reminding her of My verses and giving her the glad tidings of My loving kindness and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven

of My loving kindness be upon thee and upon her and upon those whom the hosts of the Pharaohs and the ranks of oppressors have not frightened from God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the True King, the Manifest Justice.

The mention of their honor has been made before. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist them that they may arise wholly to serve His Cause and in these fleeting days attain unto eternal stations. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Likewise, I convey greetings and salutations to His Honor Hadi, that is, Huda, upon him be the Most Exalted Glory of God. Praise be to God, they are engaged in service and have attained His favors. We beseech God, our Lord and your Lord, to place in his utterance that which will attract people to His manifest horizon and His mighty Cause. Moreover, mention was made of His Honor H. Kh. A. and His Honor Mirza Muhammad Kh. A., upon them be the Glory of God. This was presented, and from the horizon of the heaven of grace, a wondrous Tablet specifically for each one dawned forth and was dispatched, that their eyes might be consoled thereby and that they might give thanks to their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. This servant also conveyeth greetings to them and beseecheth God, exalted be His Glory, for their confirmation. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Mention was made of the friends in the land of Ya, upon them be the Glory of God. This was presented at the Most Holy Court, and one by one they were blessed with the mention of God, exalted be His Glory. These verses shone forth from the horizon of will. His words, exalted be His Glory and all-embracing be His bounty:

We are the Hearer, the Answerer. At this moment when the Speaker of Sinai is seated upon the throne of manifestation, the messenger of utterance brought this word from the garden of inner meanings: “O people of Baha! Adorn your temples with the ornament of deeds and character, that the horizons may be illumined thereby. This is a word We revealed in another Tablet and have reminded you of it in this Clear Book. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful. I have revealed Myself and called the servants unto the ocean of My grace. Among them are those who have turned towards it and those who have turned away. Blessed is he who hath turned, whom the opposition of the transgressors hath not deterred. We mentioned you before through My verses, and at this time through that which hath attracted the hearts of those who know. We have ordained victory through the fear of God. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it. Woe unto the heedless. Aid your Lord, the Merciful, through the hosts of goodly character. This is what ye have been commanded in various Tablets, and I am the Ordainer, the Wise. Take the cups of prosperity in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink therefrom with My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O people of the world! The lights of revelation have encompassed you. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of those who turn away. Turn unto God. That which ye behold today shall perish, and ye shall find yourselves among the greatest losers in the presence of God, the Mighty, the Great. Where are the Chosroes and their sons, and the Pharaohs and their traces? Look, then remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came. Ye opposed Him and desired to extinguish His light, but God preserved Him through the hosts of the seen and the unseen and exalted His Cause.

O My loved ones in Ya! See how He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and the Ruler over whatsoever He desireth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O My loved ones, O My friends! Give thanks unto God for having caused you to hear His call and to see the traces of His Pen, and for having guided you to His straight path. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, for ye have attained unto that which the learned ones and divines of the earth have not attained. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of your Lord Who speaketh in this sublime station. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity walked in His Great Prison. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My favors be upon you and upon whosoever hath turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed." End.

Praise be to God, all have attained unto His signs and are illumined by the light of the Sun of divine utterance. I beseech God to grant success to all and confirm them in teaching His Cause. I implore His exalted presence to reinforce them with the hosts of divine utterance. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Helper.

The other missive from that beloved of hearts, from whose horizon the Orb of unity hath dawned, hath arrived and achieved its purpose. His mention is penetrating and His word is effective. Praise be to God, its fragrance brought joy and its perfume spread the carpet of gladness. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, this utterance was revealed from the Divine Kingdom - the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

In the Name of Him through Whom the gates of the Kingdom were opened to kings and subjects alike. Upon thee be the Glory of God, His grace and His mercy. I make mention of Myself at this moment on thy behalf, and describe Him as befitteth My station and is worthy of My most holy court, in recompense for thy deeds in My path, and thy devotion of spirit, body, tongue and pen to My remembrance, My utterance and the service of My mighty and exalted Cause. Thou hast a treasure with God. He will surely grant thee thy reward. He is thy Guardian in the Hereafter and in this world. He is the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee, upon those with thee, and upon those whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from the Cause of their Lord, the All-Knowing.

Two verses have been revealed from the heaven of supreme bounty which truly cannot be equaled by two worlds. Blessed are ye, happy are ye. Regarding the mention of the gathering of the friends of God in the home of Aqa Mirza Sulayman and Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon them both be the eternal glory of God, who were invited to a feast by Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - after these matters and the names of those gathered were presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Court, these verses dawned forth from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of God, exalted be His glory. The Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

He Who remembereth His loved ones with a remembrance that no other remembrance can equal.

O H! The Wronged One hath turned from the prison towards thee and saith: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, for having enabled Thy servant to turn unto Thee, to face the light of Thy countenance, to behold Thy horizon and to hold fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee to assist him to

remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to make his deeds a treasure with Thee. Then forgive him through Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Nabil-i-Ba! The Wronged One hath mentioned thee in numerous Tablets and hath in these days revealed for thee that which, should its fragrance be diffused, would attract the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

J! Thou hast attained unto My mention and the tokens of My Pen. Recognize the worth of this most exalted station and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having enabled me to turn unto Thee and to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered. I beseech Thee to assist me to preserve what Thou hast given me through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Generous.

O Abu-Talib! The Desired One maketh mention of thee and the Wronged One hath turned towards thee. Blessed is the seeker who hath found the Sought One, and the knower who hath recognized the Known One, and the learned one who hath turned unto the All-Knowing. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, despite those who have denied His proof and His evidence. These are assuredly among the most lost in the view of the Concourse on High in this noble station.

O Muhammad-'Ali! The Speaker of Sinai is established upon the Throne of Revelation, making thee hear His call, sending down unto thee His verses, and dispatching to thee that which every learned sage and every informed mystic is powerless to mention. O 'Ali! The Wronged One remembers thee in prison. Say: O people of the world! Today the Sun of this Word hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of divine counsel, shining and manifest: "Take ye My way and forsake the ways of others." Blessed is the soul that hath attained to hearing and hath drunk from the cup of steadfastness. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee. Verily He remembereth those who love Him. He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Thou hast attained unto the writings of the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God! Thou hast rent asunder the veils of fancy through the Name of the Lord of all names. Today the Most Great Balance is set up before the faces of the world, calling out with the most exalted call: "Verily I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing." Blessed is he whom no power hath deterred nor any might hath frightened, and who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon with supreme steadfastness. He is of the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet.

O Rida! Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the word of contentment. Such a one is mentioned among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. The vain imaginings of desires have prevented the servants from their ultimate end, depriving them of the immortal Kingdom for numbered days. Leave them to their idle fancies and say: "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having aided me to turn toward Thee and enabled me to voice Thy beauteous praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer."

O Haji 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Thou art mentioned at the Most Great Scene and hast attained the favors of God. Today the brocade of the Book of Justice is adorned with this most exalted Word: O people of the world!

Ye are the drops of one ocean and the leaves of one tree. Abandon discord and dissension, and hold fast unto unity and harmony. This is what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Day of Meeting. Yet the ears of the people of the world are deprived of hearing and forbidden from understanding, for the reins of all are in the grasp of the ignorant, save whom God willeth. Blessed art thou for having recognized the Purpose when the idolaters denied Him.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Today the Sun of remembrance is dawning and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen. The purpose is that souls may be nurtured beneath the shadow of the Cause and arise to extinguish the fire of hatred that blazeth in the breasts of the diverse parties of the world. Perchance the eye of the world may attain unto such a day. Opposition hath ever been the cause of destruction, while unity the source of construction. Ask thou of God that those who claim association with the Most Sublime Horizon may attain true hearing and act according to that which they are commanded. Blessed art thou for having heard the call and responded to thy Lord.

O Muhammad Q! Today the world is illumined and radiant with the lights of the Most Great Remembrance, and the Wronged One hath called out with the most exalted call and guided the servants. Blessed are they who have attained unto this Day and recognized their Purpose. We beseech God to aid all and deprive them not of the fragrances of His verses.

O Karbala’i Sadiq! The deniers have rejected manifest truth. Those heedless of the beginning and the end have arisen to harm the Cause, clinging to every means that they might attain their desires, which are the ruination of both this world and the next. We beseech God to make His loved ones steadfast in such wise that the clamor of the world shall neither prevent nor deprive them.

O Muhammad Mahdi! When the attraction of My call takes hold of thee and thou attainest unto the choice wine of My utterance, say: “My God, my God! Increase the light of my vision that I may behold Thy most exalted horizon, and strengthen my hearing that I may hearken unto the crackling of Thy Most Glorious Pen. O my Lord! I am he who hath placed his trust in Thee and committed his affairs unto Thee. Ordain for me what is best in this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.”

O Mahdi! The Guide came, yet they denied Him. Truth appeared, yet they rejected it. The corrupt ear is not worthy to hear the call of Truth, and the sightless eye is not fit to behold. Praise be to God that the company of His loved ones have attained unto penetrating vision. These are they of whom He saith have been given insight from God. They heard and saw, and attained unto that which was the purpose of creation.

O Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. All mention hath ended with thy mention. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Thou art ever remembered in the Most Holy Court and art the recipient of the infinite favors of the Goal of all existence. Convey on My behalf greetings and glory unto the Spirit, and demonstrate the signs of kindness, favor, and the manifestations of mercy from the Wronged One, that they may grow through God’s grace and bear fruit. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

To God belongs all grace and bounty. The stars in the heaven of knowledge have each acquired radiance and are illumined by the light of the Most Great Luminary. These mentions and descriptions are, in truth, indicative of the stations of souls. How can that which hath appeared from this servant be worthy of God's court? Never was it, nor will it ever be. To Him be praise and glory, and to Him be thanksgiving and splendor, for He hath revealed and accepted the stations of powerlessness and nothingness. No deed, no mention, no thought - whether from the visible or invisible realm - can equal this station.

Mention was made of the handmaidens of God, upon them be the glory of God. After being presented before Him, each was adorned with the ornament of mention and attained the favors of the Kingdom of utterance. We beseech our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven to ordain for them what is best in this world and the next. Glory be to God! The mystery of the Cause and the consummate wisdom remain hidden from view. Those who spent years acquiring knowledge to recognize the Known One turned away when the lights of His countenance shone forth, while leaves and handmaidens who never attended school nor acquired outward learning were illumined with the light of recognition and were blessed from the cup of steadfastness. Verily, grace is in His hand and within His mighty grasp. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

As for what was written concerning the one who was promised but did not come due to illness, and who sought mention of his name in the Most Luminous Presence - this refers to Aqa 'Ali-i-Milani, upon him be the glory of God. After this matter was presented before the countenance of the Lord of creation, these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful utterance:

Thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He: "O 'Ali! Thy mention is remembered and the Most Clear Book is turned toward thee and speaketh. Thou didst accept that which all others have turned away from, and acknowledged that which the people deny. Thou didst drink the choice wine of recognition on a day when the people of the world were deprived and veiled therefrom. Now consider what tongue is needed and what utterance is befitting to render thanks." Say: […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Hope and Creator! I bear witness that Thou hast sent down the blessing and revealed the heavenly table and made manifest the proof. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world, by the Most Great Name, to assist me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in such wise that the clamor of Thy creatures shall not deter me from the court of nearness, nor shall the doubts of Thy servants keep me from attaining Thy presence. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Orb of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book to ordain for me that which shall endure through the endurance of Thy celestial dominion and Thy realm of might. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

They also mentioned another gathering at the house of Jinab-i-Khalil, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and made mention of Aqa Mulla Mustafa, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and Aqa Mirza 'Ibadu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah. After this was presented, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these radiant verses, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O Mustafa! Upon thee be My glory! The eternal Lote-Tree of the Most Glorious in the highest Paradise uttereth this most exalted Word: Blessed is he who hath recognized the station of his Lord's Day and acted in accordance with that which beseemeth it. Praise be to God, thou hast hearkened unto the divine call and turned to the supreme horizon. Make thy resolve lofty. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee in His remembrance, His praise, and the service of His Cause. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I testify that Thou hast created my tongue for Thy mention, mine eyes to behold Thy signs, mine ears to hear Thy call, my heart for Thy knowledge, my hand to grasp Thy Book, and my feet to stand firm upon Thy path. O Lord! Aid me in that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. This is better for me than all that is in the first and last worlds. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Evident, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for Aqa Mirza 'Ibadu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

The True One, exalted be His glory, sent the Herald and gave the glad tidings that the people of the earth might be adorned with the ornament of joy and delight, and with utmost gladness might approach the court of the True One. However, since the hearts of the servants were occupied with vain imaginings, they remained deprived of the lights of the morn of certitude, and these life-giving glad tidings became the cause of sorrow, for their hearts were occupied with other than Him and their ears were accustomed to the most hateful of sounds. Glory be to God! The sweet waters of the Euphrates flow before their faces and the Most Great Luminary shineth from the highest horizon of the world; yet the people remain heedless. In all conditions one must beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants. Give thanks to the Goal of the world that His glad tidings bestowed life and confirmed thee in turning unto Him, in drawing nigh and in recognition. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This lowly servant conveys greetings and glorification to each one, and beseeches from the True One, on behalf of all, that which is everlasting and enduring in its remembrance. They mentioned the spiritual friend [name], upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise mentioned the items he sent. Praise be to God, they arrived, and as they were sent with pure intention, each attained its proper station and mention was made repeatedly of the beloved sender in the Most Holy Court and the gathering of those who circumambulate. The beloved Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, mentioned him repeatedly, and the musk which was truly the crown of all fragrances in the world was used in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and by the dwellers of the pavilion of virtue and chastity. The beloved Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, also did that which was beloved. This evanescent one wishes with a hundred thousand tongues to utter divine praise and thanksgiving, for He confirmed him and his offering was accepted in the Most Holy Court. May the True One, exalted be His glory, preserve His loved ones and grant them the highest attainments possible. Verily, He has power over all things. In truth, that beloved of hearts was present with each and every one of those items before His face. This is the word that His Holiness had requested - praise be to God it was illumined with the light of acceptance.

Mention was made of [name] of [place], upon him be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and likewise the prayer that flowed from the tongue of the Divine Purpose, which His Holiness asked to be conveyed on his behalf to the Most Holy Court. His request was fulfilled, for on one night these details were presented and the prayer was recited. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, exalted be His glory:

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Samad! Upon thee be My Glory! He who loved Me and desired Me and held fast to My cord and clung to My robe and spoke My praise among My servants and arose to aid My Cause, has mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with verses which, were they to be revealed unto the mountain, thou wouldst hear from it: "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the Supreme Concourse and Beloved of those who dwell in the heavens and the earth!" O Samad! When thou wert present before the Throne and didst hear with thine own ears the call of thy Lord and didst behold with thine own eyes the horizon of the manifestation of God, the Lord of the worlds, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for causing me to hear that for which Thou didst create me. Thou art He Who, O my God, didst awaken me when I was sleeping, and raised me up when I was seated, and taught me when I was ignorant, and drew me near when I was far, and gave me to drink of Thy sealed wine, and sheltered me beneath the shadow of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy might and the manifestations of Thy grandeur to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and immovable in Thy Word. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Truly a fresh bounty hath reached his honor Samad (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) and the aid of the One True God hath assisted him. Blessed be he and blessed be whoso hath attained unto the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Another letter from that Beloved One hath opened the gate of joy and spread wide the carpet of delight. A hundred thousand praises upon the joy and gladness that appeareth from the direction of His loved ones. That joy is the King of all joys and that gladness is the gladness of all the world's gladness and the light of the nations' delights. Glory be to God! The pen pauseth not and thought ceaseth not. I fear lest the abundance of writing should keep that Beloved One from necessary matters, that is, from revealing verses and manifesting proofs and reminding the servants. Praise be to God that His Holiness hath been enabled to make mention and offer praise and render service. The proof of this statement is the word of that Beloved One himself who wrote that whatsoever was in honor of the loved ones of this land - upon them be the Glory of God - was recited in three places where they had attained the presence with due regard to wisdom, and each one with their whole being offered thanks and praise to the Desired One, exalted be His bounty and mighty be His bestowal. And whatsoever was in honor of the chosen ones of other lands was copied one by one and sent, and incomplete copies of the letter were also made to be sent to all lands after completion, since in these days there is no one except this evanescent one engaged in writing, unto the end of your statement. A hundred thousand joys would not equal this joy that was attained, for through God's infinite bounties the sight, hearing, tongue, hand, pen and ink of that Beloved One are all engaged in service and directed toward the exaltation of the Word. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through the deed of each member, the members of the world may arise to perform their appointed tasks and act accordingly.

As to what was mentioned regarding the treatise of proofs that was revealed from the Divine Pen, it is evident that His Holiness perceiveth the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. The nostrils of the world are stopped save whom our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, willeth. And those four souls were specifically summoned to attain the presence before the Throne, yet they were not enabled, and one of those four was his honor Aqa Mulla Muhammad - upon him be the Glory of God - who was with those souls for the sake of wisdom, and the other three were outwardly reckoned among the people of the Furqan, yet before the Throne they were attributed to the tree of turning away. If the whole world were to hearken, free from prejudices, those same blessed limited pages would guide all and lead them to the Most Great Ocean. I beseech God to purify all from selfish desires that they may become worthy to hearken and qualified to witness.

O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Desire! Strengthen the heart of him who desireth Thy mention and the service of Thy Cause, and his tongue in praising Thee, and preserve him in reciting Thy verses, and his feet in arising to execute Thy laws. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

That this servant was appointed as representative to attain the presence and visit on behalf of that beloved one and His Holiness ’Ali-Qabli, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - one night I set forth toward the Most Great Goal, attained the presence of His Countenance, and was blessed with visitation. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke the word of acceptance, saying “Well is it with you both and with him and with this servant.” Another missive from His Holiness, which began correctly and explicitly, spoke of separation from the Beloved of the worlds and indicated degrees of longing and yearning, attraction and joy and delight. A state of regret was produced, and I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to bestow these conditions upon this ephemeral servant in all circumstances. His is the praise and the bounty, for He hath bestowed that which hath no likeness or equal. Both the mention of separation from that Beloved ignited the fire of love in the heart, and the longing for attainment and meeting produced the light of joy. His is the praise in all matters and all conditions. Every letter indicates His grace and every word testifies to His bounty. He mentioned His Holiness Ismullah al-Jamal, upon him be every most glorious glory, and whatsoever flowed from his pen in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, was presented before the Most Great Ocean and was honored to be heard. When it concluded, the Tongue of Grandeur in the Kingdom of Utterance spoke these manifest verses. The Lord, exalted and sanctified is He, saith:

O Dove! O thou who hast drunk of My sealed wine, who hast held fast to My Self-Subsisting Name, and who hast stood firm in My ordained Cause! The ocean of grace is surging at this moment and the sea of joy is manifest at the highest point of possibility, for the fragrance of the Most Great Love from what was mentioned in showing humility and submissiveness, steadfastness and supplication and entreaty of My Name Jamal, upon him be My glory, is diffused and spread abroad. O Jamal! Thou didst show powerlessness before the power of God, exalted be His glory. Now the All-Powerful maketh mention of thee and the Omnipotent hath turned toward thee. Thou didst manifest nothingness; the Absolute Truth from the direction of the prison hath turned toward thee. Thy powerlessness in this station is the pride of all earthly powers, and thy nothingness is the crown of all the beings of the nations. He hath mentioned thee and made mention of thy mention by him who soared in the atmosphere of My nearness and My love and My grace, and sent it to My prison, and My servant present here presented it, and the tongue of

My grandeur answered thee. Thou didst seek a sprinkling; verily My ocean hath poured forth unto thee. Thou didst ask for a drop; the rain of My mercy hath showered upon thee. Blessed is he who hath mentioned thee. Reflect on nothingness and its station, for thou hast become the dawning-place of this most great favor, and observe poverty and its fruits, for He hath caused the Kingdom of wealth to turn toward thee. Both the mention of thy love by him whom I love, and his mention of thee - from these two mentions a light shineth forth in the worlds of love and affection and harmony and unity. Well is it with you both and happy are you both. We beseech God to illumine the horizons of the hearts of His loved ones with this light, that all may hold fast to the Most Great Cord of divine love. This is the Water of Life that floweth and courseth from the Pen of the Most Merciful. The Glory be upon you both, the Mercy be upon you both, the Grace be upon you both, the Bounty be upon you both.

The station of harmony and unity, particularly among those who are reckoned as the Hands of the Cause of God, is well-pleasing and beloved in the sight of God. Indeed, after reading the letter of His Holiness Ismullah, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, which they had written to that loved one, and likewise mentioning that loved one, that letter caused the Beloved to smile. That which was revealed in this station is a trustworthy testimony and a manifest witness to the loftiness of the station of harmony and unity before God, the Lord of Creation. This evanescent servant offers greetings and praise to His Holiness. I have ever beseeched the Self-Sufficient Lord for that which would cause the exaltation of His loved ones. Verily, my Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Mention was made of him who bears the name of the Intended One, the son of him who ascended unto God, Aqa Mirza Mu?sin, the physician - upon them both be the Glory of God - and their brother, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ja'far - upon him be the Glory of God. After presenting this before the Divine Throne, the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, spoke these words:

Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. We make mention of the son of him who attained unto My love, lived by My love, and ascended through My love. Convey My greeting unto him and say: O namesake of the Intended One! Praise be to God that the Luminary of Grace hath shone forth from the heaven of bounty with such brilliance as to encompass the world. We beseech the Truth to aid thee in such deeds as would cause every person of discernment to inhale therefrom the fragrance of God's good-pleasure. The door of grace is open, and the Seat of Divine Utterance is visible at the center of possibility, with the Divine Speaker seated thereon, calling out night and day in the most exalted voice with verses that are the cause of the glory of existence and counsels that are the source of exaltation. O dove! The dust of vain imaginings hath seized some. Verily thy Lord knoweth the treachery of the eyes and what the breasts conceal.

We make mention of Mirza Ja'far as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Ja'far! Take what hath been revealed in the Book and set aside what the various sects possess. Some deluded souls are occupied with idle fancies, others speak forth calumnies, and yet others cling to vain imaginings and idle fancies. The Truth is sanctified above all comprehension and knowledge, and His Cause is more manifest than the sun. We beseech the Truth that He deprive not the ears and eyes, and

withhold not the Kawthar of utterance from all who dwell on earth. The loved ones of God must guide people through their character, conduct, and deeds, and lead them to the Most Great Ocean.

Every person of insight, hearing, and heart is astonished at what intoxication hath seized the servants, that they cannot distinguish between the sun and the firefly, nor can they discern between them. At one time this exalted word shone forth from the Dayspring of eternal light - thus speaketh the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

O servant in attendance! Until now one cannot make mention of the manifest Truth. Despite the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the call of the Lord of Names, true hearing and sight have not been witnessed, being unworthy to behold and unfit to hear. Observe the Bayani sect: though the misguidance, error, and loss of the Shi'ih sect are clear and evident, they are again occupied with forming such a sect. By the life of God! That sect hath not inhaled the fragrance of unity. They were and are worshippers of idols and vain imaginings. The Truth hath until now spoken in measure, for the servants are weak, having been reared in vain imaginings throughout ages and centuries. Eyes dimmed with dust are not worthy to behold the light of the Sun, and souls immersed in fancy are not fit to receive the effulgences of the Daystar of certitude. Their beginning is fancy and their end is vain imagination. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Faraj, upon thee be My glory! Thy mention hath been made and thy name inscribed. We have seen and heard, and have pronounced these words in the Kingdom of proof. In these days thy mention hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord. Beseech Him to aid thee in His mention and praise and the promotion of His Cause. Verily, He is able to do all things. Convey to the people of that land the greetings of the Wronged One, and remind them of that which beseemeth the days of God.

And likewise mention was made of Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the glory of God. After it was presented, these verses were revealed, exalted be His words: We have accepted and borne the taunts of enemies, the tyranny of the wicked, and the tribulations of the world, all for the salvation of the world, yet all remain heedless save whom God willeth. Thou shouldst praise thy Lord for having aided thee, taught thee, caused thee to recognize Him, and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the hands of grace and bounty. We beseech Him to assist thee to remain steadfast in His firm and mighty Cause.

Mention was made of the attention of Aqa Mirza Majid, upon him be the glory of God, to that direction, and likewise of his steadfastness and enthusiasm. After presentation in the Most Holy Court, these words were revealed, exalted be His words:

O Majid! The world hath been seized by vain imaginings, and the means of conflict and corruption are evident from every direction. In this century the newspapers have gained prominence, and their proprietors consider them the cause of the world's prosperity, the education of nations, and the progress, refinement, knowledge and awareness of the servants. In truth, they are means of gathering and dispersing. "The Day when the earth shall tell its tidings" is witnessed and heard, and "The whole earth shall be His handful on the Day of Resurrection" is manifest and evident. The earth hath wondrous and sublime secrets within, and speaketh of both new and ancient tidings, while outwardly too the bird of

news flieth in all directions. Yet it is regrettable that some newspapers publish fabricated reports without investigation. Whatever anyone may say, they say, and whatever anyone may write, they write. Thus do the dawning-places of vain imaginings spread their fancies through newspapers. O Majid! Reflect upon "the Day when the heaven shall bring a manifest smoke." In these days falsehood hath great currency. The dust of vain imaginings hath prevented the people from the Lord of Days. We beseech God to raise up souls who will speak the truth and not allow the barriers and obstacles to deprive the servants from the Day of Return. Blessed is he who hath heard My call, risen to serve Me and serve My loved ones, and spoken My beautiful praise. Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Verily newspapers sometimes traverse the earth, and at times soar on the wings of news, and sometimes change their name and become like electric currents from which spread tidings, news and traces. However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm their proprietors that all may act in accordance with what is befitting. It was not expected that some European newspapers would make mention without investigation or become followers of the fabricated statements of the servants. The manifestations of vain imaginings send writings to newspapers day and night, and these are published without investigation. As some seek fresh news, they publish them. I beseech God to aid all to act according to His exalted Word: "Believe not every speaker, nor be assured by every arrival." Repeatedly from every quarter some souls have desired that an account be written and sent for publication in books and newspapers. This was not accepted; until now no word has been given. The command is in His hand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Regarding what was written about the two Ridas: after submission, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of divine favor and sent to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Riday-i-Milani, upon him be the Glory of God. He said: "This is better than permission, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous." Specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, about whom you wrote, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. I beseech God to make him successful in preserving this supreme bounty. Verily He is the Answerer.

Concerning the son of the late Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza 'A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, what you wrote was noted. After submission to the Most Holy Court, He said that a Tablet was revealed concerning him. If it is expedient, they may deliver it; if not, then no. However, that beloved one must act with great wisdom, for if one were to counsel or advise such souls, that very word would become the cause of hatred and lead to corruption.

What was mentioned at the end of this letter concerning humility, submissiveness, and supplication to God, exalted be His glory, attained the honor of His hearing. His blessed and exalted Word: "We have heard from thee what beseemeth the court of My might and the throne of My grandeur. Blessed be thy tongue, for it hath spoken that from which the fragrance of My bounty, My grace and My mercy hath been diffused; and blessed be thine eye for what it hath witnessed and seen, and thine ear for what it hath heard - the Call of God, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy turning to God, thy presence, thy devotion and thy supplication have been accepted in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee in spreading His Cause, exalting His Word, and disseminating His laws. Verily, He is powerful over all things." End.

After the submission of that beloved one's supplications and expressions of humility and entreaty, the river of mercy flowed and the sun of favor rose from the horizon of the heaven of grace, in such wise that the ocean of the Merciful's utterance surged so that this evanescent servant is incapable and falls short of mentioning it. We beseech through His wondrous grace that He may bestow a drop of this bounty upon the worlds, that all may attain to that which is the cause of eternal permanence and everlasting life.

In another missive, that Beloved One, after mentioning praise and glorification and ascent to the heaven of recognition of the Lord of Names, made mention of His spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Nuri, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. And likewise did He inscribe their aforementioned passages. After being presented before Him, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses - blessed and exalted be His Word:

"O 'B', thou hast ever been remembered and art still remembered. His mention taught thee mention, His grace took thy hand, His mercy guided the way, and His bounty encompassed thee. He bestowed knowledge, granted vision, extended help, and confirmed thee. Praise be to God, thou hast attained that which hath no likeness. In all the letters of Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, thou wert mentioned. We beseech God to aid thee and assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee that which shall be as a light before thy face in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is potent over all things."

News of their health and wellbeing has repeatedly arrived from the Land of Ta. The loved ones of that land have repeatedly spoken well of them. Indeed, they speak the truth and stand firm in service. Mention was made of his brother, Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. After being presented before the Most Holy Court, these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance - exalted and sanctified be the word of the Lord:

"O Husayn! Upon thee be My Glory! God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which is befitting, and be among the fruitful trees whose manifestations shall appear in the Divine days. The True One hath, with the hand of grace, planted new saplings and watered them with the water of loving-kindness, that they might perchance bear fruit and provide shade. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this most exalted station. Say: O God of Names! Praise be unto Thee for having honored me, shown me, and caused me to hear. I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first."

This servant also conveyeth greetings and praise to them, and seeketh from God confirmation and assistance. Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Ustad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God - that he had newly entered the stream of recognition - after his mention was presented to the hearing of the Lord of all beings, the Light of Grace shone forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of utterance and these verses were revealed - exalted be His majesty and universal His bounty:

"Praise God for having aided thee to turn unto Him on a day when smoke had encompassed the inhabitants of the earth, and for having taught thee when the servants were in manifest ignorance. Say: Unto Thee be glory, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be loving-kindness, O Lord of creation, for having enabled me to recognize the ocean of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy bounty, and for having illumined me with the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation. O Lord! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause,

then enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, and worthy to answer prayer."

And these gleaming words were revealed from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes, specifically for the two sons of Jinab-i-Mulla Mu??afa and Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith: […]

O sons of men! Strive that from you may be revealed that which is worthy of the Days of God. This Wronged One counseleth you with that which is the cause of glory and exaltation. Adorn your temples with the ornament of deeds and your heads with the crown of virtuous conduct, that through them the horizons may be illumined. The light is manifest and radiant, and the Cause clear and evident. The heedless souls have ever been and still are lying in wait for man. Protect yourselves through the Name of Truth. Be ye vigilant, be ye watchful. This is His counsel. Well is it with them that act accordingly.

Thanks be to the Lord of the world, whose grace encompasseth all. The spring rain of His mercy hath ever descended upon the soil of hearts without cease. His bounty hath encompassed existence, and His grace hath bestowed that which hath no peer or likeness. However, that Beloved of hearts and this servant must beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, to rend asunder the concealing veils, that perchance they may see and recognize. Concerning what hath been mentioned about the honored lady, the mother of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Sulayman and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon her and upon them be the glory of God, after being presented before His presence, these exalted words were revealed from the Dayspring of the Will of God, exalted be His glory. His word, exalted be His utterance and His proof:

O Pen! Make mention of the leaf who left her home, advancing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, that she might attain the presence of the Countenance and stand before the Gate, and hear the call of the Wronged One and behold the horizon of Revelation. I testify that she heard the call of her Lord, believed in Him, turned toward Him, and witnessed what the Tongue of Grandeur had witnessed. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thou art she who hath been mentioned by Me before thy ascension and after it. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and His traces on a day wherein the handmaidens of the earth and its queens turned away. We found from thee the fragrance of My love and thy turning toward the lights of My countenance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to cause thee to enter the Most Exalted Paradise, to adorn thee with the crown embellished with His Most Glorious Name, and to send down upon thee at every instant a mercy from His presence and a light from His court. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who remember thee through what the Supreme Pen hath spoken on this dark night.

In truth, these are days wherein man, from one perspective, seeketh death, for after ascension he attaineth unto the verses of the Supreme Pen; and from another perspective, he desireth life in the hope that some service might be manifested from him. However, the truth is that whatever the Beloved willeth is beloved. Peace is the best conclusion. They have specifically mentioned that We console Jinab-i-Mirza Sulayman and Mirza Mihdi, upon them be My glory, and We make mention of that which openeth the doors of joy and transformeth sorrow into the greatest gladness. At the time of her ascension, there was revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning her that which is everlasting and eternal.

Before this, there was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning the aforementioned noble lady that which its fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed be she! That which was mentioned regarding Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mahmud-i-Maraghi'i, upon him be the Glory of God, has been granted, and this evanescent servant, on behalf of your honor and him, attained the presence at an appointed time and was adorned with acceptance. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make the drop of my deed an ocean from His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Likewise, they mentioned Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mahdi Shafa'i, upon him be the Glory of God, and requested special favors. After submission, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses. Thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

God, exalted be His glory, is at all times occupied with the mention of His loved ones. His Tongue of Grandeur speaks and His Pen moves. By the life of God! Whatever is manifest and visible cannot compare with the traces of His Pen. O Mahdi! Give thanks to thy Lord with these exalted words. When thou findest the fragrances of the utterance of the All-Merciful, say:

"My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast created me for Thy knowledge, for turning to the lights of Thy countenance, for facing the horizon of Thy Manifestation, for standing before the gate of Thy grandeur, and for presence in the court of Thy might. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs, by the manifestations of Thy power in the world of creation, by the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and a herald of Thy Name. O my Lord! Write down from the Pen of Thy bounty for this servant that which will draw him near unto Thee in all Thy worlds. Then write for him what Thou hast written for Thy servants who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, and who have drunk the choice wine of revelation in Thy days from the hands of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

The letter of that Beloved of hearts which was sent in the name of the honored friend "A.H.", upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, attained the honor of being heard by the Goal of the world. Blessed and exalted be His words:

"Praise be to God Who assisted A.H. to turn unto Him, to hold fast to the cord of His grace, to cling to the hem of His mercy, and to arise to serve His Cause. He is verily the Compassionate, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Varqa! Upon thee be My Glory and My favor. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to his turning, his orientation, and his service in days when the limbs of existence trembled from the might and rebellion of the people of the earth. He turned to the Truth, attained His knowledge, spoke His mention, and acknowledged and confessed His Word. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. Give him My glad-tidings and remind him of what hath been revealed from My Pen that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones."

The beloved spiritual Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, acted in accordance with their wishes. He repeatedly mentioned them, their sons, and Aqa Mir Ali Akbar and Aqa Mir Ali Asghar, upon them be the Glory of God, as well as other loved ones from the people of M. and Y. and Sisan. He mentioned them all,

and in most of their letters your honor was also mentioned. I beseech God to assist them in all conditions through love for His loved ones. Verily, He is the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Another leaf that grew from the Tree of the Love of the Beloved of all worlds arrived in the form of a letter. Praise be to that pen and that ink from which spiritual water flowed, and when that water, flowing from the spring of love, reached the surface of the pages, it caused to bloom special flowers of sincerity, humility, submissiveness, remembrance and praise. A hundred thousand praises upon that pen and that ink and that letter. After inhaling the fragrance of those flowers and examining their traces, it ascended to the most glorious and exalted station and attained the honor of being heard. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

In the Name of Him by Whom the Tablet is borne and the Pen is moved. Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. The servant is present with the letter present. We heard and saw the call of the tongue of the heart attaining the honor of being heard. Blessed is thy heart for having turned to My luminous horizon, and thy tongue for having voiced My beautiful praise, and thy face for having been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and thy being for having been set ablaze with My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O Varqa! Upon thee be God's loving-kindness and His mercy. The days of thy presence are ever remembered before the Divine Presence. Thou didst arise in thy earliest days to serve My Cause and to guide My servants to My path and to refine souls through My verses and to purify them with the water of My loving-kindness which flowed from the clouds of the heaven of My will. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee and unto him who loveth thee for the sake of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

Praise and thanksgiving be unto Him, for on this blessed night His special favor encompassed all and that honored one was adorned with a special ornament. God willing, may you be confirmed and assisted in the education of the servants, the refinement of souls, and the attraction of minds and hearts. After the prayer was offered before the presence of the Most Great Sea, a wave appeared which this servant is incapable of describing. Finally the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these blessed words: "O Varqa! Upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness." He turned toward the face of the heart and the tongue of the heart and the heart of the heart and the essence of the heart. Verily he was set ablaze with the fire of thy Lord's love and attained the Kawthar of His remembrance, the Bountiful, the All-Compelling, the Resurrector, the Life-Giving, the Moving, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And then it was concluded with these blessed words: "Happy is he!"

Regarding the known matter, what transpired was correct and acceptable. Yes, such souls should neither be discouraged nor should personal desires be followed. A middle course should be maintained. It is strange that until now his honor the Letter Sin is still not aware of the purpose, even though he attained the Most Great Prison twice and each time dwelt in its vicinity for a period. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make him aware of the purpose. On one occasion He said: "Ask God to confirm him in that which will preserve him and be the cause of his salvation. When association in service to kings exceeds its bounds, there is fear of harm."

This servant implores God to strengthen His helper in elevating the Word and spreading the Cause. If they turn to this station, divine confirmations and the mercy of the All-Merciful will assuredly assist and

bestow what is befitting. Mention was made of the honored servant, Mirza F.D., upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of grace and was sent. From every letter of that blessed Tablet wafts the fragrances of eternal favors. Praise be to God, they are confirmed in steadfastness, service, remembrance and praise. I convey to them greetings, praise, glory and splendor. God willing, the signs of their grace shall become manifest and evident throughout all regions through the command of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

All those present and circumambulating send greetings and glory and are engaged in praise. Regarding the aforementioned matter, one must follow the Shi'ih tradition which states: "There is neither compulsion nor delegation of authority, but rather a position between the two." Glory be to God! Until now, the bounty, kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory, have not been recognized, although all Tablets bear witness to this. This servant beseeches his Lord to aid them to understand what He has intended. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Mention was made in the Most Holy Court of the apple of the eye named Valiyu'llah, upon him be the glory of God. These manifest verses were revealed specifically for that apple of the eye and other apples of eyes, upon them be God's protection and care. The Lord, exalted and sanctified, speaks:

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

Blessed art thou for having turned in thy early days to thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy manifestation, speaking in Thy praise and of Thy verses, and acknowledging that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to make me confirmed in the triumph of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word, such that the standards of Thy Cause may be raised in Thy cities and lands. Verily, Thou art the Master of the world and the Educator of the nations. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

And this is what was revealed for 'Azizu'llah, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof

The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which was as the sprinkling rain of mercy for the good and blessed lands, as the breeze of grace for the gardens of knowledge, as the sun of certitude for the heaven of utterance, as the water of life for the thirsty one, and as the fragrance of the All-Merciful for the people of Baha. Thank thou My Most Exalted Pen, for it hath mentioned thee with that which shall endure throughout the duration of God's kingdom, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for Ruhu'llah, upon him be the glory of God:

In the name of Him Who is hidden while being manifest and evident. That which the tongue of the heart uttered hath been honored to be heard. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having created me through Thy most exalted Word and for having manifested me in Thy days, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. I beseech Thee by the Ark upon which sailed the Most Great Sea, and by Thy Cause through which Thou didst subdue the world, to make me abide beneath the canopies of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy

grace. Then ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions and aid me in the victory of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God that favored eyes have been blessed with the bounties of the Goal of all existence. For each one an eternal blessing and a spiritual feast hath been sent down from the heaven of grace - blessed are they! At the moment these were presented, He smiled, and the sea of bounty surged with a wondrous wave and reached a mighty crest. His is the praise and glorification, His the thanksgiving and splendor. And the new-born child, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, who hath been adorned with the name Badi'u'llah, was at that moment honored with His approval - blessed is he! This servant beseecheth and imploreth God that He may confirm each one with such confirmation as is evident and manifest in the verses revealed. O Varaqa, upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God that thou thyself hast attained this supreme honor and art adorned with this mighty gift. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur, the tongue of My grace, the tongue of My loving-kindness, and the tongue of My wondrous utterance.

This endeth one bounty, another blessing, another mercy, and another gift from God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, and his desire to turn toward the lights of the Countenance of the Beloved and his burning with the fire of separation, these matters have reached the hearing of Him Who created ears to hearken unto His call. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply - the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning, thy devotion and thy burning in separation from thy Lord. We have mentioned thee before in such wise that through it the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout creation. We beseech God to aid thee and make thee successful in His remembrance, His praise and the service of His Cause. Verily He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. When thou drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My utterance and findest the fragrance of the All-Merciful from My words, say:

My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me, remoteness from Thee hath consumed me, Thy Manifestation hath bewildered me, Thy verses have enkindled me, and Thy clear signs have attracted me. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the near ones hastened to the place of sacrifice, that Thou mayest write down for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining Thy presence, of standing before Thy face, and of arising at the door of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by the breezes of Thy Revelation and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the dawn of Thy Manifestation and by the lights of Thy Countenance, to make me in all conditions hold fast to the cord of Thy grace and act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God hath loved and continueth to love His loved ones, and hath come for their meeting and for the manifestations of His bounty and mercy. However, the oppression of the oppressors and the heedlessness of the heedless have become an obstacle. For some time now the prison-land hath been observed to be in turmoil, for a person from among the people of hatred was seated upon the throne of government for a period. Although he hath returned to hell - that is, was dismissed - yet until now the land hath not settled. Therefore We have paused in giving permission to utter the Word. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech Him for that which containeth the good of this world and the next. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

This endeth.

Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which hath no likeness or similitude. The details concerning this land have undoubtedly reached your ears by now. This servant also conveyeth his greetings to them and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, good in this world and the next. Concerning what was again written about Haji Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], on the day your letter arrived, all that you desired was presented at the Most Holy Court and was honored with approval. Well is it with him! And the beloved of hearts, Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, also presented his petitions at the Most Holy Court and heard the approval with his own ears, and likewise a Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them the good of what hath been sent down in His Manifest Book.

And concerning what you wrote about the mention of divinity, that someone was disturbed upon hearing it, after this lowly one presented this, these exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of Will:

His blessed and exalted Word: O Dove! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The people are weak. Until now the Most Exalted Pen hath not mentioned what is befitting. The Speaker of Sinai, though His verses have encompassed the world, beholdeth Himself silent, and until now the ignorance of the people of the Qur'an hath not been fully mentioned. By the life of God! They are deprived of the cup of divine unity and forbidden from the chalice of oneness. Until now the station of true unity hath remained concealed, and this concealment is a great bounty for certain souls who have turned towards God. Although the fragrance of this station hath been diffused from the Most Exalted Pen, the purpose is that few ears are found ready to hearken unto the Call of God and few eyes are keen enough to behold what hath appeared from the treasuries of the Pen. Your honor should proceed with patience and speak of such things as would cause attraction, turning and enthusiasm, for if some of the stations and ranks of the chosen ones of the Qur'an and that which is worthy of this Revelation remain veiled, it is nearer to piety. At present, love and turning towards God suffice, and after turning and attraction, most will ascend by the cord of utterance and become aware of the stations according to their capacity. We have ordained for thee abundant good in the Book.

O beloved of my heart! Most are as nursing babes seeking milk, and are not and never were worthy of more than that. We beseech God, the Most High, to assist His servants in His remembrance and praise, in

turning towards Him and placing their trust in Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The petitions that were sent to the Most Holy Court have been answered. I beseech God that through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth, shining forth from the horizon of the Tablet, may all the loved ones of that land be illumined and be enkindled by the sacred and exalted Fire. May they arise in unity and concord, and with hearts purified from hatred and animosity, devote themselves to the reformation of the world, so that the light of unity may envelop the earth and the hidden enmities in human hearts may be stilled and vanish.

It is hoped that the people of Baha–may the spirit of the world be sacrificed for them–will gird up the loins of endeavor and remove corruption, conflict, contention, and bloodshed from the world, that this suffering world might draw one peaceful breath. This I say, but alas, alas, I hear that certain souls have taken God's Cause lightly. They play and comprehend not, and they speak that of which they are unaware.

In all conditions, this evanescent servant seeks divine confirmation and heavenly assistance. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to the two written statements of the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - they are most excellent. His Holiness Himself will provide the details. Regarding His mention that one of the friends inquired about the Occultation, these matters shine forth like the sun in the divine Tablets. In these days all must be enkindled with the fire of the Word and engage in service to the Cause, seizing the time and enlightening the people of the world through wisdom and utterance. Whosoever today succeeds in acknowledging what God has revealed in the Book is numbered among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. Today is the Lord of Days, and the Master of Manifestations is seated upon the Throne of Utterance. Blessed are they who attain! The days of the Divine Manifestations are in one sense referred to as the Day of God, but these days are specifically designated in all the Books for the appearance of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, Who proclaims with the most exalted call before the faces of the world. The greatness of these days is recorded and inscribed in the previous Books and the mighty Qur'an. The Herald, that is the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - during the days of His journey to Maku, outwardly concealed from all, attained the honor of Our presence, and Quddus - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - attained repeatedly. During the journey to the Land of Kha We specifically summoned him, and for numbered months he attained Our presence. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - named both him and the Most Great Gate as the First and the Last, and likewise interpreted them as the First to come and the Last to go, giving each the glad-tidings of this Revelation, and specifically saying to Siyyah - upon him be My glory - "Go forth, that thou mayest find." The Universal Manifestations of the past were aware before the Revelation. They are the Dawning-places of divine knowledge. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to recognize what He has revealed in His clear and decisive Book. Some mentions become causes of veiling, and likewise cause the extinguishing of the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree in one's being. Glory be upon those who limit their gaze to turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from idle fancies and vain imaginings. O beloved of My heart! Indeed some mentions become causes of

heedlessness and indolence, especially mentions of that which God has not approved. It is hoped that all may drink from the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful and appear adorned with the ornament of distinction in the assemblage of the world. Verily the party of God must be distinguished from others. Greetings and salutations have been and are conveyed to the loved ones of that land, both past and present, and this evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to assist all to that which is befitting.

Regarding the matter in question, it is abundantly clear that in the sight of God, any matter that causes harm to anyone, or afflicts any soul, or indeed causes sorrow and distress to any souls, is in this Most Great Revelation rejected and unacceptable. That which causes elevation, loftiness, and ascendancy, and brings joy and gladness to the hearts of the people of the world, is acceptable and beloved. However, wisdom requires that one act in such a way that no trace of despair may appear. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, has forbidden all from corruption and conflict, and commanded them to show forth love, kindness and affection. Yet wisdom necessitates forbearance, both now and in the past. I beseech the True One to confirm that honored person in protecting the sheep. In this case, divine assistance will surely reach him. Verily He protects whoever turns to Him, and ordains for him the good of this world and the next, and exalts him through His grace, mercy and sovereignty, and aids him with the hosts of the seen and unseen. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

As to the matter of prayers, in response to the request of the honored and beloved Mirza F ?, upon him be the Glory of God, they were sent down from the heaven of grace, and likewise the reply to the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Jalil, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], and the other friends, upon them be the Glory of God. That beloved of the heart should, after perusing them, deliver them to their owners. As they requested specific prayers for sleep and waking, after presentation before the Divine Throne, these prayers dawned forth from the horizon of Divine utterance. His word, exalted be His greatness and mighty be His power:

“Thou art the Rememberer and Thou art the Remembered One!

“O my God, my Lord and my Goal! Thy servant desires to sleep in the shelter of Thy mercy and rest beneath the canopy of Thy grace, seeking aid through Thy protection and guardianship. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thine eye that slumbereth not to guard mine eye from beholding aught beside Thee. Then increase its light for the vision of Thy signs and for gazing toward the horizon of Thy Revelation. Thou art He before Whose manifestations of might the very essence of power hath waxed feeble. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Unconstrained.

“Thou art God, there is no God but Thee!

“Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having awakened me from my sleep, and brought me forth after my absence, and raised me from my slumber. I have risen this morning with my face set toward the splendors of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, through which the heavens of Thy power and grandeur have been illumined, acknowledging Thy signs, believing in Thy Book, and holding fast unto Thy Cord. I beseech Thee, by the potency of Thy will and the compelling power of Thy purpose, to make what Thou didst show me in my dream the most firm foundation for the edifice of Thy love in the hearts of Thy loved

ones, and the best instrument for the revelation of Thy grace and loving-kindness. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. I testify that within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou changest them as Thou pleasest. No God is there save Thee, the Strong, the Faithful. Thou art He Who changeth through His command abasement into glory, and weakness into strength, and powerlessness into might, and fear into calm, and doubt into certainty. No God is there but Thee, the Mighty, the Beneficent. Thou disappointest not him that hath sought Thee, nor dost Thou keep back him that hath desired Thee. Ordain Thou for me what becometh the heaven of Thy generosity, and the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

"He is the All-Compelling above all names."

O my God, my God! How can I choose sleep while the eyes of them that long for Thee are wakeful because of their separation from Thee, and how can I lie at rest on the couch while the hearts of Thy lovers are sore troubled by their remoteness from Thy presence? O my Lord, I have entrusted my spirit and my entire being into the right hand of Thy might and Thy protection, and I lay my head on my pillow through Thy power, and lift it up according to Thy will and Thy good-pleasure. Thou art, in truth, the Preserver, the Keeper, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. By Thy might! I ask not, sleeping or waking, but what Thou dost desire. I am Thy servant and in Thy hands. Do Thou aid me to do what will shed the fragrance of Thy good pleasure. This, truly, is my hope and the hope of them that enjoy near access to Thee. Praised be Thou, O Lord of the worlds!

He is the Hearing, the Answering!

O my God! I have awakened under Thy protection, and it behooveth him that seeketh Thy protection to abide within the Sanctuary of Thy safekeeping and the Stronghold of Thy defense. Illumine my inner being, O my Lord, with the splendors of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, even as Thou didst illumine my outer being with the morning light of Thy favor.

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

I have awakened this morning by Thy grace, O my God, and left my home trusting wholly in Thee and committing all my affairs unto Thee. Do Thou bestow upon me, then, out of the heaven of Thy mercy, a blessing from Thy presence. Then cause me to return home in safety even as Thou didst cause me to leave it in safety and with a steadfast heart. There is none other God but Thee, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Sun of divine bounty is ever shining and manifest. It is Its own proof, and Its manifestations of grace are Its signs. It is the Evidence and the Manifest One, the Witness and the Expositor. Its grace encompasses all and Its mercy embraces everything. It hath never needed and will never need any proof.

Regarding Haji 'Ali-'Askar (may 966 [Baha] rest upon him), they wrote that after presenting the petition in the Most Holy Court, permission to return was granted. Having a family, they must surely act according to the Kitab-i-Aqdas. A hundred thousand blessings upon them that act accordingly!

Concerning the prisoner in Tiflis, Mashhadi Isma'il 'Alaqih-band, what was written was presented, and he attained divine grace and favor. His mention was made by the Tongue of Grandeur, Who said: Write to him: "Be not sorrowful. The Lord of the worlds is in the Most Great Prison. Say: O my God, my God! I have placed my trust in Thee and have committed my affairs unto Thee. Ordain for me that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad ?adiq, who had migrated and attained. They said that especially for him a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the divine Will and was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of its meanings. This servant also conveys greetings and praise to him and seeks his success.

Regarding what was written about that from which the mercy of the world is made manifest, and likewise His wrath - meaning ink, from which flow the vehicles of the world and by which the pillars of nations are made firm - in truth, were all the pens in the world to attempt to enumerate the offspring of this mother, they would find themselves powerless. Thought cannot comprehend it, registers cannot contain it. Indeed, were all its qualities to be truly described on every leaf, they would still be as nothing compared to its supreme, overwhelming influences. In any case, what was mentioned with these attributes and beyond them was received and was very good and pleasing, thus [it is] mercy made manifest through it […]

Glory be unto Thee, O God of all possibilities and Goal of all beings! Thou art the One Who hast deposited within a dark speck that which hath stirred them that lie in the graves; by it Thou hast quickened, by it Thou hast taken and seized. I beseech Thee by Thy power that overruleth all the world to guide the nations to accept Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace, to send down upon him who hath loved Thee and mentioned Thy servant such glory as is from Thee, such peace as is from Thy presence, and such spirit as is from Thy side. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent Whom nothing that Thou beholdest and seest can frustrate, and verily Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

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

Praise be to God, Who is peerless in His love and unrivalled in His affection. He, verily, is the Lord of His servants and the Creator of all things. He is the One Who uttereth whatsoever He willeth, both in the beginning and in the end. He is the fragrance that hath been wafted from the garment of God, and the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of His bounty. May His peace, which hath appeared and shone forth from the kingdom of His grace, rest upon those who have arisen to exalt His Word and to manifest His Cause, and who have acted in accordance with that which hath been enjoined upon them in His Book. These are servants through whom His commandments and ordinances have been carried out amongst the peoples, and through whom the law of sanctification hath been established among the

various sects. Through them were the standards raised and the signs made manifest. The Concourse on High pray for them, and behind them standeth the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens.

And now, there hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of your love that which hath stirred the breezes of affection. Verily, it is a letter wherein the vessel of pure nature hath overflowed. When I perceived its fragrance and recognized your station in the Cause of God - my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth - I repaired to that praiseworthy station wherein was established the throne of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. I attained His presence and laid before Him that which the nightingale of your sincerity had warbled upon the branch of faithfulness. Thereupon did the countenance of the Lord of Names turn toward me. By God! He spoke that which caused the mountains to soar, yet the mirror of my heart reflected only in proportion to my weakness, my poverty, my need and my want. O Beloved of my heart! How can the drop reckon the ocean of utterance? By the life of my Beloved and your Beloved, I speak naught but the truth. In truth do I make this assertion, and that Best-Beloved of the heart beareth witness, for by the grace of God they were and are well-aware.

He saith, exalted be His glory and His grandeur: In the name of the Wronged One of the horizons […]

O Ali! Praise be to God that the eye of the world is illumined by the kohl of wisdom and the utterance of God's loved ones. Though this light hath been obscured from appearing and shining forth by the dark clouds of people's vain imaginings, yet assuredly the winds of divine will shall disperse these clouds. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. His power is now hidden, yet He is secretly engaged in conquering the citadels of hearts. The utterance of the All-Merciful is a mighty key that openeth, a sun that shineth forth and beameth, and an all-encompassing ocean. It openeth, bestoweth light, and granteth life. Blessed is he whose vision neither doubt nor uncertainty, vain imaginings nor conjectures, nor the might and wrath of the peoples of the world, could debar from the Most Exalted Summit. By one word the world is agitated, and by another word it is calmed and assured. By one deed it is set ablaze, and by another deed it findeth peace and tranquility. Thus hath the Supreme Pen recorded in the sacred scriptures and tablets that spiritual virtues, praiseworthy deeds, and goodly words are among the mighty hosts of God. Beyond all stations, if people would hold fast to fairness, they would both attain unto the lights of certitude and behold the signs, proofs and evidences of God, exalted be His glory, as clear as the sun, and witness the throne of God's power manifestly established in the world. O Akbar! Convey My greetings to the friends and on behalf of this Wronged One declare: Ye must be distinguished from all others in the world and ever fix your gaze upon the horizon of distinction. Know your own worth and recognize the station of God's chosen ones who have arisen to serve from the beginning of the Cause. The Supreme Pen hath mentioned them all and adorned them with the robe of divine favor, yet from the tablets of those souls who are steadfast and firm wafteth the fragrance of distinction. Blessed is he who hath found it and is among the doers.

O thou who gazeth toward God! I testify that thou didst drink the wine of My love in My earliest days, didst acknowledge what God hath acknowledged, didst hold fast unto it, didst spread its signs, and didst stand firm in His service on a Day whereon feet did slip. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in Ta and its surroundings, and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We

counsel them to pure fear of God and to that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, may be exalted. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves, upon the Tree of the Cause, and upon the blood that was shed to exalt God's mighty Word. Fear God, O people, and be among the fair-minded. Waste not your deeds and what hath come upon you in this Great Event. Ye may glory over all who are on earth, for ye have attained unto that which none among creation hath attained. To this beareth witness He Who hath spoken in the Mother Book with His wondrous and glorious mention. Make not yourselves the playthings of the ignorant of the earth. Every deed attributed to you must shine like the sun among the world. Thus doth God counsel you with true counsel, as a mercy from His presence. He verily loveth you and desireth for you what beseemeth your stations before God, the Most High, the Most Great. Beware lest ye commit that whereby mercy would be withheld in the heaven of divine Will. Thus doth He counsel you Who is more compassionate to you than your own selves. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness and the light that hath beamed from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Owner of this blessed and perspicuous Day.

God willing, may all the friends of God be adorned with the garment of sanctity. They must appear in such wise that if they should arise to counsel and exhort the people in any gathering, speaking with utmost eloquence, neither they themselves should feel any inner shame, nor should anyone on earth be able to raise objections. Now they must spend their days and nights devising means whereby they may guide a soul and give it to taste of the choice wine of divine knowledge. These are not days for conflicting thoughts, wavering purpose, contaminated intentions, contradictory deeds and harsh conduct. All deeds, actions and character must be seen as a single point - that is, their source must be well-known, that they may indicate and reflect the True One who is known. All have been and are under the glance of His favor. There is none who has not been crowned with the diadem of mention by God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Now the friends of God must hold fast to that which is necessary. They will surely witness days of comfort, joy and glory. They have ever said that if they recognize the Herald and find the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance, they would consider the world as non-existent and would observe and cleave to that which causes the Cause to be uplifted. In brief, this servant conveys to each one greetings, glorification, and complete self-effacement, and with utmost lowliness and supplication begs those mines of the gems of God's love to keep their exalted stations in view and to act as befits them. The supplication and lowliness are from the servant, and the acceptance from the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

[Continues with specific mentions of two believers and Tablets revealed for them…]

O Muhammad-Quli! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from His spot and remembereth thee by His Covenant, and revealeth unto thee that which thou hast done, holding fast to His Book. Blessed art thou for having been faithful and for having acted in accordance with that which was enjoined upon thee in His love. How many a servant hath clung to the ways of idle fancy, turning away from His path, and how many a servant hath cast the world behind him, turning his face toward the lights of His countenance. Rejoice thou in that He hath aided thee to act in such wise as will draw thee nearer unto Him in all

conditions. Happy art thou for having turned unto God and found the fragrance of His garment. We have made mention of thee before and after. Verily thy Lord recompenseth him who holdeth fast to the cord of His loving-kindness. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon them that follow His Cause.

Blessed are they both and happy are they both, inasmuch as–by God's testimony–the fragrance of their sincerity is diffused and they have acted with joy and radiance in accordance with that which they were bidden. God willing, may they preserve this most exalted station through the name of the True One, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant begs and hopes from the Invincible Truth that He may cause them to attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glorification and peace unto them rest with the will and grace of that Best-Beloved.

As regards what you wrote concerning the honored leaf H, upon her be the Glory of God, when it was submitted He said: "Yes, what righteous deeds were done in her regard." May they be assisted to perform good deeds and that which bespeaks pure wisdom. May those who are related be blessed through God's grace and adorned with supreme steadfastness, that the ringing bells of calamity may not prevent them from the pathway of divine unity. O Ali-Qabl-Akbar, upon thee be My Glory, My Mercy and My Grace! Behold and then make mention of a maidservant who returned to her abode. She exchanged light for fire and sold the kingdom of men for a piece of diamond. Despite utmost love, devotion and claims of knowledge, calamity deceived her for a single diamond. She turned away from truth and faced that which was other than Him. Such is the nature of this world and its people. From the beginning they were turned away and never had nor have any awareness, for they were not with Us. The meaningless humility and submissiveness of certain ones led those souls to declare their faith. Verily He knows what lies within breasts and hearts, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. If a single leaf were to reflect upon her deeds, actions and conduct, it would speak saying: "I am innocent of her and all that pertains to her, and I shield my face from her face." That soul knows the Supreme Pen had refrained from mentioning such souls, but due to oppression, transgression and the flames of self and passion, these words have flowed from the Supreme Pen, that they might recognize her and become aware of her deeds and actions. May God protect Us and you from her and her like. As for this ephemeral one, I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to guide the friends of that land to the straight path of trustworthiness, religious devotion, truthfulness and sincerity, that all may find rest beneath His shadow and grace. Once this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names. He said: "O servant present! For everything there has been and is a beginning. The saying of common folk that 'without leaven the bread is unleavened' is a complete statement and the word of a wise and knowing one. Today the companions of God are the leaven of the world's peoples. All must acquire from their trustworthiness, truthfulness, steadfastness, deeds and character. Ask of God that they may find the fragrance of awareness and hold fast to that which will elevate their conditions and stations."

Some of the opposers have objected, claiming that while their own companions act with righteousness, and the companions of the Primal Point were adorned with piety, trustworthiness and religious devotion, this statement deviates from the path of truth and righteousness. For from the time of the arrival of the Ancient Beauty in Iraq, of which this servant is aware, verses and words were continuously revealed and sent forth from the innermost mystery, and all were commanded to that which God desired and

forbidden from that which He prohibited in the Book. Some time ago the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this exalted word: “From Iraq and the Land of Mystery and the Land of Prison, We continually counseled the people of the Bayan and commanded them to that which befitteth the Cause of God. Yet sedition and corruption have not ceased; most are defiled and have not attained unto sanctity and detachment.” They themselves are aware of what abominable deeds appeared among this group. In truth, one is unable to describe it. None had control over their own wives, children, and possessions. Most were rebellious, wayward and tyrannical, yet considered themselves among God’s pure chosen ones. A few were seen to be sanctified from worldly attachments and doubts, and this was only in the beginning of the Cause. Later, you yourself witnessed what they did and what transpired, to such an extent that the Exalted One - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - expressed amazement, though outwardly remained silent as there was no helper or supporter. In His final days He wrote a Tablet expressing utmost complaint about those souls and showing displeasure with most of them. However this was concealed as its disclosure was not deemed wise. The people are weak, as was observed when, despite the shining of the Sun of Truth at high noon and the appearance of the Ultimate Tree from the right side of the hallowed spot, each soul would present their own vain imaginings as certainty. In any case, were we to discuss these matters, books and volumes would not suffice. However, in this Most Great Revelation, even the enemies have testified and continue to testify to its sanctity, detachment, loftiness and sublimity. One of the divines of Yazd had said that at first the deeds of this community were beyond description, but now they are seen gathering in meetings, reciting verses, chanting prayers, and manifesting complete trustworthiness and religious devotion. It is evident this is due to the command of the new Leader. Observe how many souls in this Revelation freely drank the cup of martyrdom and sacrificed themselves by their own hands, even though this was not pleasing to the Truth. Even now there are souls who are sanctified, holy and pure from all faults. Verily our All-Knowing Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. This servant mentions one word about trustworthiness and faithfulness to covenant, that perhaps some may become aware and know with certainty that God has beneath His canopies servants possessed of great trustworthiness, goodly deeds, and spiritual qualities. In Alexandria, several of the loved ones of God were engaged in their trades as commanded, for in this Most Great Revelation work is accounted as worship. We beseech Him to assist all to achieve what He desires. That word is that Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh ’Ali, son of Jinab-i-Haji ’Abdu’r-Rahim - upon them both be the Glory of God - went to Khartoum to associate with the beloved of the heart […]

Here is that beloved one who travelled to Khartoum to associate with the beloved of heart and soul, Haji Mirza Haydar-’Ali, and that spiritual friend Ha and Sin, upon them be the Glory of God, as those two prisoners had written requesting one of the friends to come and associate with them and learn of events occurring in the Holy Land and surrounding regions, as well as Iran. The aforementioned Shaykh determined to undertake this journey for the sake of God. For a time, they were gathered like leaves of the tree of love, fresh and light from the gentle breezes and luminous waters, when suddenly the autumn wind began to blow and caused their separation. Those two mentioned ones, upon them be God’s praise, turned toward this direction and attained their purpose, while the honored Shaykh remained engaged in business in that land. After several consecutive years, by firm command Haji ’Abdullah, upon him be 669 [the Glory of God], travelled to that region to associate with the honored Shaykh and assist him in outward affairs and support his return journey. However due to unsettled conditions this was prolonged

until the honored Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, ascended. After his ascension the aforementioned Haji ’Abdullah attended to settling affairs. The Iranian consul in that city wrote details of the deceased’s affairs as well as his goods and possessions to the chief agent of the sublime Iranian state residing in Cairo. He in turn, according to established legal procedure, made claim upon the assets and estate. The two most exalted names Muhammad and ’Ali, upon them be the Glory of God, wrote from Alexandria that whatever was rightfully theirs would be received. Some of the believing merchants of Cairo told the aforementioned agent that this sum would reach him, as the words of these honored ones were true and free from any doubt. Afterwards Alexandria was overturned and Cairo thrown into turmoil, with the thunder of cannons rising and the clamor of ranks and thousands and rifles manifest, such that all people were agitated and fearful, and the turmoil spread until it reached these lands. Were it not for God’s grace and mercy, the earth would have swallowed all upon it, for due to the heedlessness and rebellion of the people they deserved what befell them. In brief, Alexandria in a matter of hours was turned upside down, as previously mentioned in some petitions of this evanescent one and also revealed from the Supreme Pen. The friends in Alexandria and Cairo sent petitions to the Most Holy Court seeking guidance for their situation, and likewise sent petitions to His Holiness the Name of God M.H., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, who was present in this land at that time. He instructed that the friends of A. and S. should move according to circumstances and turn toward the Most Holy Court, while the friends in Egypt should remain settled and at rest in their places. Afterwards when these ones arrived in the Holy Land, the heedless ones and traitors set fire to Alexandria and either burned or plundered people’s possessions of every kind, and all the properties of the friends were plundered and their storehouse destroyed.

Their storehouse was demolished and destroyed, and in the direction of Khartoum the fire of strife was ablaze and a person raised the banner of rebellion. Due to the turmoil in Egypt, all those regions were in upheaval and disturbance, and Haji ’Abdu’llah was confined there until the order for departure arrived. Placing his trust in God, he departed, and the Lord, exalted be His glory, protected him from a hundred thousand calamities. Praise be to God, he arrived and was honored in the desired land. As for the friends in Alexandria, despite their utter destitution, and although the Consul in Cairo had been dismissed and news had reached Istanbul of the arrival of a new Consul, nevertheless, in view of the promise that had been made, Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, endeavored to fulfill that promise. Through God’s grace and favor, funds became available which he took and journeyed to Egypt, delivering fifty English pounds. The believing merchants and the Consul himself were greatly amazed and astonished. At first the Consul refused to accept it, swearing that “I have no complaint. These qualities of yours suffice me, and in your praise this much is enough: that even those who oppose you speak in your praise.” In any case, this incident became a cause of exaltation in those regions. Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, has written describing the love of the friends in Egypt in such a way that the birds of love take wing in the hearts of the near ones. Love for God’s sake truly bestows true life and quickens the dead. This fulfillment of their promise is among the most excellent of deeds before the All-Possessing One and is acting in accordance with what was commanded in My perspicuous Book. Thus ends these conclusive utterances, beyond counting, that were heard from the tongue of the Lord of all beings. Blessed are they that act.

As to what you wrote concerning your heart's beloved, Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and mentioned his services in the path of God - after being presented before the Most Holy Court, these words were repeatedly uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur: "Upon him be the Glory of God, upon him be the Glory of God." The news from Mazandaran was written in detail by that beloved one, and in these days petitions have arrived from every direction containing mention of his services in Q. However, after being presented, outwardly for several days no command was issued in this matter from the Dawning-Place. Then one day this supreme word emerged from the Dayspring of utterance of the Lord of Names - His words, exalted be His grandeur and His majesty: "O servant in attendance! If We say it occurred with wisdom, the barking of swine and clamor of the ignorant is observed to have risen. And if We were to consider only the clamor, We have not and do not wish to conceal this manifest service. Therefore from the Source of Divine Command this decree is issued: We say he had recourse to speech and utterance, and God, exalted be His glory, in view of His grace and favor made him the place and supreme source of the Word. And though this exaltation caused clamor, yet considering the recourse there was and is no harm, rather it is accepted before the Throne. We have adorned his deed with the ornament of acceptance and have mentioned him in various Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Kind, the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Generous." This lowly one submits that if a copy of this petition were to be written, confirmed and sent to various regions, it would not be without benefit, as it is adorned with verses and words of God, exalted be His glory, which are in truth the cause of the enkindling of the world and its peoples. Perhaps they may find its sweetness and arise to do what God loves, and perhaps the fragrance of goodly deeds and virtuous character may waft to all regions and awaken the heedless. The Command is in His hand and I am but a penitent servant. As for the Tablets specifically requested for the loved ones of the land of M, they were revealed in those same days but their sending was delayed due to upheavals and wisdom. In these days the command to send them has been given and God willing they will be sent. What that heart's beloved wrote concerning them truly caused joy to the heart and the realm of love became manifest. God willing may that beloved one and they ever speak what God has willed and stand firm in service to the Cause. And the second letter from that presence dated the first of the blessed month of Ramadan gave fresh hearing and caused new melodies in love of the Lord of Oneness to be sung, and after hearing and understanding, the Holy Station was intended beyond mention and utterance, and details were presented after permission. Then flowed the river of mercy and favors and surged the sea of grace in such wise as cannot be described in words. He spoke and His word is the truth:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Unique […]

O thou who gazest toward the prison and uttereth praise of the Desired One, who drinketh from My choice sealed wine! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The servant present hath come with what thou didst send unto him, and presented before the Wronged One that which the dove of thy heart sang in praise and remembrance of God. Blessed be thy tongue and thy utterance and he who heareth thy words concerning God's Cause, the Mighty, the Loving. We have sent down to those near unto Us that which, were it to be cast upon the earth, would cause the sun of knowledge and utterance to rise therefrom. Thus hath the Pen of the All-Merciful spoken, yet most people understand not. Thou art he who was present and beheld the sea and its waves, the sun and its lights, and heard what the Speaker of Sinai uttered when seated upon the throne of manifestation. Verily

thy Lord remembereth him who hath turned unto Him, spoken His praise, and arisen to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Forbidden. Grieve not for what they do. By My life! Were the receptive ones to be fair and to know, they would act according to what they were commanded in various tablets from God, the Lord of all beings. Thus did the Mother Book speak aforetime, and the Preserved Tablet in this praiseworthy station. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and remind them of that which profiteth them, preserveth them, and elevateth them to My Kingdom, which God hath made the circling-point of all in the invisible and visible realms. Say: O My friends! We counsel you to deeds from which the Concourse on High will perceive the fragrance of sanctity. By My life! Through them My Cause and your stations shall be exalted beneath the canopies of My loving-kindness, the pavilion of My glory, and the tabernacle of My mercy, which hath preceded existence. Say: We are with you under all conditions. We hear and see, and We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We see and conceal; We hear and keep silent. Were We to detail for thee what hath appeared and shall appear, grief would seize thee. Therefore ask God to transform it through His authority. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory and light be upon thee and upon My loved ones and upon those who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament on this mighty, wondrous Day.

This servant submitteth to that beloved one that although responses to letters may be delayed, yet afterward all matters descend one after another from the heaven of divine will and are dispatched. Fortunately, the cause of delay in serving your honor is evident, clear and proven. In any case, we hope for forgiveness, and moreover this evanescent servant is assured of your honor, for you are aware and informed. That you wrote news of receiving divine tablets, and likewise of the gathering of friends and sharing these with them, and mentioned the degrees of eagerness, joy, attraction and enchantment of His exalted party - this truly bestowed boundless joy. God willing, may they partake in all conditions of the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance and arise as befitteth them. How beloved from those attracted, enkindled souls is the manifestation of deeds and good, pleasing character! The horizons of the human world are illumined by these lights. The deed of an upright seeker is like a tree: its root in the earth of steadfastness, its branch reaching wheresoever God willeth, its fruits enduring throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. In truth, none but the mirror of divine knowledge hath or shall enumerate these stations. Blessed be your honor and them. We beseech God to grant all the people of the world a portion of this good bounty and heavenly feast, and leave none deprived. Verily He hath power over all things.

And as to their expression of gratitude, joy and delight concerning the Second Feast, the newly risen Sun, and the recurring bounty - this bestowed upon all pillars a most delicate joy, nay, a joy more subtle than can be reckoned. Regarding the dawning of divine Tablets from the horizon of favor yet again, you wrote these words - your statement: "This nothingness has, this time, so drunk deep and become so enraptured by this supreme gift that it finds itself master over all who dwell on earth." After this statement was presented at the Most Holy Court, the Divine Tongue spoke these blessed words - His words, exalted and mighty be He: "This utterance of Ali-Qabli-Akbar is like a branch of love that has been grafted onto divine love." A hundred thousand souls and oceans be sacrificed for this blessed word that has risen like the sun from the horizon of favor. Glorify thy Lord with praise and be of the thankful ones.

And concerning your mention of God's loved ones, you wrote that they too were attracted by the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, to such extent that they spoke in ecstasy the praise of God,

and likewise denied consciousness, understanding and humanity to the souls who turned away among the people of the Bayan. After this passage was presented, these perfect and binding words dawned from the Dayspring of divine utterance. He said: “O thou who art present! God willing, may the friends of God ever be gathered together, engaged in the remembrance and praise of the Truth. Whosoever has drunk from the Most Great Ocean beholds the world beneath his shadow. These birds have been taught the flight of Truth, and they soar above the birds of understanding and reason. Blessed are they! Blessed are they!”

[… continues with the rest of the text about movement and consultation, Mirza Lutfullah, etc.]

O thou who hast turned thy face unto the Countenance! These are the Days of God; a single moment thereof cannot be compared with centuries and ages. A particle in this Day is beheld as the sun, and a drop as an ocean. Should anyone draw but a single breath for the love of God and His service, it hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as the most meritorious of deeds. Were the excellences of this Day to be mentioned, all would fall unconscious save whom thy Lord willeth. Therefore it is well-pleasing that in this Day thou shouldst strive to attain the lights of the Sun of divine good-pleasure. One word is better, loftier and more enduring than a hundred thousand children. God willing, thou shalt attain unto this most exalted station, that thy mention may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou never despondent. Hold fast to the hem of God’s robe and place thy trust in Him. Say: O my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee with my spirit, my being, my soul and all that I possess, and have laid my hopes, my supplications, my will and my desire before the throne of Thy grandeur. Aid me in that which Thou desirest, through Thy grace and bounty. Thou knowest that I know not what profiteth or harmeth me. Ordain for me that which is best for me. Verily Thou art the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Merciful, the All-Wise.

As to what thou didst write concerning Haji Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was submitted to the Most Holy Presence, this blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will. God willing, may they drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be illumined by the lights of His knowledge. His word, exalted be His glory:

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

Verily the Light calleth aloud and the Fire proclaimeth. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and attained unto that which God hath desired in His glorious and wondrous Day. He hath come for the life of the world, yet the people desired to slay Him. Woe unto them! Verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Say: By God! The Sinai circleth round Me and the lights have prostrated before this resplendent Light. Among the people are those who speak according to their desires, those who have risen in calumny, and those who have clung to them that have violated God’s Covenant and His Testament. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and I am of those who bear witness. O peoples of the earth! Abandon what ye possess in hope of that which is with God. Thus doth command you He Who speaketh the truth. Verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee from His presence that which shall suffice thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, if thou be of them that are steadfast. Hold fast unto the Book of God and that which hath been sent down from Him. Verily thy Lord is the Supporter, the

Forgiving, the Merciful. The Books have testified to My Book, and it is this Temple which hath been established upon the Throne, to the detriment of every remote denier. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a token of My grace. Rejoice thou at this great bounty. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon those who have cast away all else save Me, who have held fast unto My grace and clung to My luminous hem.

The lights of grace have encompassed all and the morn of bounty hath dawned. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who have in this Day attained unto their goal, whom the conditions and appearances of these numbered days have not withheld from the everlasting station. The greetings and salutations of this servant be upon the honored Mirza and upon them and upon each of the friends of God. If possible, in every morn and eve, nay rather in every hour, nay in every moment, they are dependent upon the favor of that Beloved One.

Regarding what was mentioned about Rida-Quli Khan (upon him be the Glory of God), it was presented before Him from Whom nothing is hidden. This is what the Tongue of Grace, Generosity and Bounty has spoken, exalted be His glory and magnificent be His grace: "O 'Ali the Most Great, upon you be My mercy which has preceded all humanity." The Truth, exalted be His majesty, has created all the world for His recognition and has desired comfort for all, and has manifested means according to the requirements of His wisdom. By My life! If the people of earth were to be illumined by the lights of the heaven of knowledge - that is, if they were to hold fast to and act upon that which has been sent down from the Supreme Horizon and the Most Exalted Summit - they would all find themselves in the utmost joy, security and tranquility. What you have done regarding them is beloved at the Divine Throne. Convey greetings from the Wronged One and say: Be not grieved by what has befallen you, for greater than this befell the Truth. I swear by the lights of the Divine Countenance, this world, with all the grandeur that you observe, was not and is not worthy of even one of God's friends. Be steadfast in the Cause - verily He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. God willing, may they fix their gaze upon Him at all times and cling to His robe. Verily He ordains for him what He desires and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory be upon him, and patience be with him, and forbearance be yours, and the Command be Mine, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-i-Tabib (upon him be the Glory of God), and likewise concerning his intelligence, wisdom, receptivity, perfection and capacity - all these matters were presented before the Divine Throne at noon on Sunday in the month of Safar. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory: "God willing, may they be blessed with divine favors, illumined by the lights of His knowledge, given to drink of His choice wine, and sustained by His heavenly food. How wonderful is this blessed and mighty Day! Its fragrance has encompassed the world and its breeze has wafted over all. Blessed is he who has been awakened by this breeze and recognized it, and has arisen saying, while turning towards the Supreme Horizon: 'I was asleep, O my God! The breezes of Thy grace awakened me and caused me to stand before the horizon of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and in remaining steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things, both hidden and manifest.' O 'Ali, the glances of favor are directed towards him. Give him the glad tidings of what the Wronged One has uttered in His mighty prison. Progress has been and will be for existence in all worlds. This is a truth in which there is no

doubt. The Glory be upon you and upon him and upon whoever holds fast to that which is good and through which the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, is exalted."

Regarding the brief answer to his question that was sent down from the Supreme Kingdom - that beloved one knows that concerning these ranks and stations, that which would suffice all who are on earth has been revealed, and in these days the Supreme Pen loves to speak on every matter. Verily there is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that the Truth, exalted be His glory, will assist them in all conditions to do that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. And regarding what you wrote about Aqa Khudadad and Aqa Shah-Virdi (upon them be the Glory of God), truly they are blessed with divine favors. After presentation before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime words, exalted be His glory:

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

O Khudadad! The Supreme Pen testifieth that whenever mention was made of thee, thou wast honored with the Divine Word and His remembrance. Beseech thou God to assist thee to recognize this noble and great station. From the beginning of thy turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon, every time thou wert mentioned, a special Tablet was revealed, and apart from this, the gaze of loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards thee. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven, Who took thy hand and delivered thee from the darkness of the earth and brought thee beneath the shade of the Tree of His providence and exalted thy mention amongst His near servants. His grace and mercy have ever preceded all else. Verily He saved thee and guided thee to the straight path and gave thee to drink of the pure wine by the hand of His bounty and made thee one of the people of that station. Be thou steadfast in My service, speaking My praise, and holding fast unto My grace which hath encompassed the horizons.

Likewise these resplendent verses have been revealed from the heaven of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, concerning Haji Shah-Virdi, upon him be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous

O Shah-Virdi! Thou hast attained unto that whereof the peoples of the world are heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. Thou didst journey and turn and direct thyself until thou didst reach the Dayspring of guidance and didst hear that which the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, did speak. How many a friend died in his yearning to meet Me, how many a beloved one sought My presence, how many a ruler lamented in his separation from Me, and how many an intimate one gave up his spirit for union with Me. And thou didst purpose and resolve, placing thy trust in God, until thou didst attain the court round which circle the Spirit Faithful, and didst hear from the Wronged One what the ears of them that are nigh have heard. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and drawn thee nigh unto the Water of Life and revealed for thee that which nothing in all creation can equal, and caused thee to hear what Moses did hear. Reflect upon the bounty of God, that He may free you from all earthly sorrows of these fleeting days. Such grace is worthy of attention, and such attention worthy of freedom from sorrow. The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee.

This evanescent servant hath ever sought and continueth to seek blessing, bounty, grace, steadfastness, favor and everlasting mention for those whom the Supreme Pen hath named the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses. This will surely be answered in due time, for by the testimony of the Supreme Pen and that beloved one's witness, they have devoted and continue to devote most of their time to serving the Cause. Such souls have been and will be remembered by the whole world. These scattered things and diverse colors will soon perish, but that which is with God shall endure. Well is it with them! They are in truth confirmed, among their confirmations being that that beloved one hath expressed satisfaction with them. May they ever be assisted, God willing.[…]

In the name of Him who speaks from the horizon of the Kingdom!

As to what was written concerning Aqa Muhammad and Aqa 'Ali-A?ghar, upon them be the Glory of God, praise be to God that they have attained to the divine remembrance before and after. Their mention hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, and hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. This is through the grace of our Purpose and your Purpose. These exalted words were revealed and sent down from the tongue of the Lord of creation in this station. His word, exalted and mighty is He: "O Muhammad! Blessed art thou for having fulfilled thy covenant, and blessed is he who hath done therein what was acceptable before the Throne. Thy deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance in this glorious and praiseworthy station. Give thanks unto God for this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen! And We make mention of 'Ali before A?ghar, and We glorify him and give him glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded him. Blessed is he in that he hath attained unto My remembrance before and after, and hath drunk of My choice sealed wine."

Their deeds were most acceptable, and the deed of Aqa Muhammad was likewise adorned with the ornament of acceptance. To this do testify the verses of God, our Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali and his family, upon them be the Glory of God, after it was presented before the Most Holy Court, the waves of the divine sea of utterance appeared and became manifest in these resplendent words. He saith, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Great

"O Muhammad-'Ali! We have heard thy mention in the letter of one who hath loved Me and whom God hath loved, and We have sent down for thee verses that cannot be equaled by what lieth in the treasuries of kings. Blessed is he who hath today attained unto the knowledge of God, He at Whose appearance all things have spoken. The Promise hath come, and this is the Promised One. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses and called all unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Among the people are those who have cast guidance behind their backs and followed their desires, in that they have followed every heedless and veiled one. There hath befallen the Wronged One in the path of God that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and the dwellers of the cities of names to weep, yet most of the people understand not. Under all conditions We have arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the weapons of the world nor the hosts arrayed in ranks have deterred Us. The first to oppose Us were the divines of the earth. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have

risen against Us even as they rose aforetime against Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and before Him against the Spirit. The Balance calleth unto them, yet they hear not, and the Path warneth them, yet they perceive not. They have clung to idle fancies and vain imaginings, turning away from the lights of certitude. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee in this forbidden prison. Preserve My verses, then recite them amongst the people of Baha. This is what is commanded thee from Him with Whom is a preserving Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath attained unto the choice wine of her Lord's love, the Mighty, the Loving."

O beloved of my heart! According to His command, convey these mighty and sublime verses unto them and extend greetings from the True One, that perchance they may attain unto true joy through the breathings of the utterance of the Sovereign of all possibility and be preserved from the great terror. This servant also extendeth greetings and salutations unto them.

Mention was made of Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, from the people of Kha, and likewise mention of his being set ablaze with the fire of divine love. After attendance, permission and presentation, the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth in these exalted words. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name which speaketh from the horizon of the Kingdom[…]

This is a Book revealed by the Wronged One for him who hath turned unto God on a Day whereof God's Messengers had given glad-tidings aforetime - yea, every revealed Book. O 'Ali, call thou to mind what caused thee to arise to serve this Cause, what awakened thee on this Day, who made thee hear the call of the Wronged One - He Who hath endured in God's path that which caused the near ones to weep - who informed thee of this Prisoner, and who told thee of this Cause whereby the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing was raised up, the Supreme Horizon was illumined, and all things spoke forth in the kingdom of creation. He Who was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed by the Pen of Command in His sealed Book hath come. Blessed art thou for having heard, recognized and turned unto Him Who came from the heaven of Command with manifest sovereignty. Leave the people to their vain imaginings and hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which gladdeneth the heart of the Wronged One and exalteth the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily, should He perceive the fragrance of His qualities and what He hath enjoined upon His servants in His Book, He would rejoice. Thus hath the Tongue of utterance spoken in the kingdom of understanding, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath been set ablaze with the fire of God's love in His days, and upon everyone who hath arisen, having cast away idleness, on this Promised Day. Moreover, glory and remembrance be upon him who hath been awakened by the breezes of revelation wafting from the direction of My prison, the Mighty, the Beloved.

At this moment, such verses are being revealed and such evidences are shining forth that in truth a hundred thousand souls like this servant would be powerless and incapable of mentioning, describing, recording or relating them. Glory be to God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who dwell in the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. I know not what intoxication hath seized these people. The followers of previous dispensations would argue that because certain matters foretold in

their Book had come to pass, this constituted proof and evidence of its truth. Yet now thou and all the friends bear witness that matters which no rational being could have conceived have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen with perfect clarity, and all have been fulfilled one after another, emerging from the hidden to the manifest realm. Indeed, whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear in the future hath been recorded one by one in the Book and witnessed in manifest reality. This matter is not limited, for it hath been manifested in one, two, three instances and beyond that, and even beyond that. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and asleep, as though dead, except those preserved by the hand of grace. Can anyone claim that in any previous Revelation the verses were more perfect, or the evidences more manifest, or the tree of proof more fruitful than this blessed and lofty Tree? Nay, by my Lord, unless they be utterly bereft of fairness. Whatever this servant hath submitted or may submit remaineth veiled, for he hath not had and hath not permission to present certain matters. God hath sealed his lips. The Command is in His hands; He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

Mention has been made of His honor Zein, upon whom be glory, who migrated unto God and attained His presence in the Land of Mystery. God willing, may he ever be the recipient of the special favors and bounties of the Truth. He has always been and continues to be before Our eyes. Never has he been forgotten, nor shall he ever be forgotten. God willing, throughout all ages and centuries may he be remembered for the name of the Truth and service to the Truth. At times special mention of him has issued from the tongue of the Lord of Eternity: “O thou beloved of My heart!” He has transcended all stations. The tree of faithfulness is a blessed tree. Its fruits are beloved and its traces and mysteries are enduring and everlasting. If one observes carefully, it is the leader of the hosts of love and the vanguard of the people of affection and truthfulness. From the depths of My heart I convey to him greetings and salutations. His petition reached the presence of the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - and God willing He will bestow a response. That certain matters have been delayed is due to wisdom. These are days when should distinction become manifest, it may well cause harm - that is, to the distinguished one - since the enemies now know with clear certainty that the Truth, exalted be His glory, has forbidden sedition, corruption, persecution and murder. Therefore there is some delay in certain matters, but they are secretly vigilant. If they truly know someone to be a source of major influence in those parts, they will through various machinations prove some offense outwardly, like the offense that tyrannical bird proved against the helpless partridge before tearing it apart. This servant’s purpose is that for these reasons some divine commands have been delayed. Regarding the handmaiden of God, Hudhud, upon her be the Glory of God - what you wrote - at one time this servant made special mention of her again and she was honored with the ornament of the favor of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this supreme word - exalted be His utterance: “O thou who gazest upon My face and standeth in service to My Cause! Give her glad tidings from Me and glorify her by command of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Verily We made mention of her before, and of the daughter of My Most Truthful Name who turned and directed himself toward the court of God by His command, until he entered the prison and stood before the gate and heard the call of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily We glorify her and her mother and My handmaidens who have turned to God, the Lord of all beings, and We counsel them to perform pure deeds and whatsoever is befitting for the days of God, the Lord of lords.” Thus did the ocean of utterance surge when the All-Merciful walked in the most exalted station. End. Praise be to God, she

attained what she desired. She has been mentioned and there hath been revealed for her and her daughter that which hath diffused the fragrance of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the Generous.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! We have verily exalted thee and aided thee and raised thee up and made mention of thee, that thou mayest make mention of the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Bountiful. This glory shall not be altered, and the hosts of the world are powerless to conceal it, inasmuch as God hath bestowed it and it is from God. Soon shall its signs be made manifest upon earth. Hold fast unto My remembrance and arise to serve My Cause with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee from this glorious and exalted station.

Consult with that soul and with such friends as are faithful and sincere, who are truly adorned with the ornament of love, and arise to that which promoteth unity and accord. By My life! God shall soon exalt him whom He loveth and make manifest his station among His creatures. Verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and the Helper of those who help Him in this wondrous and glorious Day.

In My Name, He Who is mentioned in the Scriptures, the Sacred Books and Tablets.

This is a Book sent down from God, the Lord of eternity, unto all parties and peoples. Blessed is he that heareth and seeth, and woe betide every doubting denier. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of them who have clung to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's loving-kindness, with a mention that shall draw unto it hearts and spirits. Make mention of My servant, the Great, who hath acknowledged this Most Great Announcement and drunk the choice wine of understanding from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who uttereth in every state that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We made mention of thee aforetime from the direction of the Snow-White Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree, with a mention through which the fragrance of eternity was wafted among the peoples. Give thanks unto God for this most great remembrance in My Most Great Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Source of Revelation and Revealer of verses! By My life! A single letter of My verses is worth more than all the treasures of the earth - to this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book.

Say: O concourse of the peoples! By God, the Book crieth out in the midmost heart of the world and summoneth the peoples unto the Lord of eternity, yet the people are in a strange sleep. Say: He hath come, before Whom all the books of the earth have bowed down. Take heed, O ye who are endued with discernment! Fear the All-Merciful, O people of all existence! Judge fairly in this Cause at whose appearance the Trumpet was sounded and the mountains passed away. Say: Bring forth what ye possess, O peoples of the earth, that We may weigh what We have and what ye have in this Balance which hath been set up with justice by God's command, the Lord of Lords. This is a Day wherein the Balance proclaimeth with its loudest voice: I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing, from the presence of the Lord of all religions.

We make mention of him who was named Haydar from this Most Great Scene, to give him glad tidings of My mercy and loving-kindness, and draw him nigh unto the station which God hath made the object of circumambulation for the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names at morn and eventide. By My life! Wert thou to become aware of that which is with thy Lord, such

joy and gladness would seize thee that all pens would be powerless to describe it. Be thou steadfast in serving My Cause, and vocal in My praise, and directed towards My horizon, and clinging to the hem of the robe of My loving-kindness. Thus did We command thee before, and in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of wisdom and utterance. O Haydar! Counsel My servants concerning My qualities and that which hath been revealed in My Book. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the affairs of men debar thee from the Truth. Cast aside all else but Me, then turn thy face towards My direction and say: I bear witness that Thou wert recorded by the Most Exalted Pen and concealed within God's knowledge, the Lord of all men. Praise God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that which hath illumined the horizons.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Rejoice that the Most Great Ocean hath turned towards thee from this Most Luminous, Most Ancient Station, and hath desired to make mention of thy uncle and his son, that they may rejoice in God's remembrance on a Day whereon faces were darkened and feet did slip. Blessed is he who heard and turned towards God; woe unto him who turned away from Him Who made mention of him by night and day. We give them glad tidings and proclaim from this Station Our glorification unto them, that they may arise to serve My Cause before which necks have bowed. And We make mention of God's loved ones and His friends in the land of Sin and Nun, and give them glad tidings of the Sun and its radiance, and the Sea and its waves, and the Heaven and its elevation, and the Stars and their lights, and that which hath been inscribed for them by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Scroll. Thus doth God recompense His servants as a token of His grace, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Yahya! Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of 'Akka, from the right hand of the Luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is no God but I, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Dost thou know Who speaketh unto thee, and dost thou recognize Who hath turned towards thee? Say: Yea, by Thy Self! The One Who conversed on Sinai speaketh unto me, and the Lord of the Manifestation hath turned towards my face as a token of His grace, for He is in truth the Self-Sufficient, and I am the poor and needy one. O Yahya! Counsel My servants to trustworthiness and truthfulness, and to that whereby God's remembrance may be exalted in the cities and lands. Open ye the hearts through the hosts of goodly character. Thus have We commanded Our servants before, and in this Book, and thus have We adorned the pages of the Book of Existence with mention of the Intended One, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind.

And We make mention of him who was named Mawla in this Most Exalted Station with My sweetest call, and I am verily powerful over whatsoever I desire. Arise to make mention and offer praise, and glorify thy Lord, the Lord of the Final End. We have remembered you with such remembrance as hath caused the valley of Batha to overflow, and the Euphrates of My mercy to stream forth from every direction. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of the Water of Life. Fear ye the All-Merciful Who hath come with the hosts of divine revelation and the standards of His verses. Say: Will there remain with you what ye behold this day? Nay, by My true Self! All that is on earth shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with Him alone. To this beareth witness every tree, stone, clod and pebble.

We make mention of the Guide whom We guided to the straight path. O Hadi! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and bids thee and them that have believed to observe that which ye have been commanded by Him Who causes the dawn to break. By God! The Day of God speaketh the truth in this Castle which God hath made the Most Great Horizon. Know this, O ye men of understanding! Say: Cast aside that which the people possess. The Monarch of existence hath come with the standards of revelation and inspiration. O people of the earth! Fear God, and deprive not yourselves of Him through Whom was manifested that which lay hidden in the Books and Tablets. Take hold of the Book of God with might, and follow not every doubting ignorant one. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with the light of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless imposter.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath heard thy shrill voice and turned toward thee, who hath been named Yusuf, that he may rejoice in this remembrance before which, when it appeared, all remembrances bowed down in adoration. We have appeared and manifested the Cause in such wise that hearts were stirred and eyes were fixed in wonder, except for those who cast behind them idle fancies, turning unto God, the Dawning-Place of lights. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the hearing of My call and found the fragrance of My garment and was awakened by the breezes of My loving-kindness as they wafted forth at dawn. This is a Day wherein all things have been attracted by the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names, yet the people remain in heedlessness and slumber. Well is it with him who hath found the fragrance of the utterance and hath arisen to serve the Cause in the morning and in the evening. We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee, and We have seen thy turning and have turned toward thee from the Dayspring of remembrance.

We make mention of Ali-Qabl-Muhammad and give him and those who have believed the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness and My bounty, to which all atoms bear witness. Put thy trust in all things in Him Who conversed with the Tree, and hold fast unto that which hath been sent down in the Book from Him Who sendeth the winds. Beware lest the imaginings of the divines hold thee back from Him Who created the heavens, or the might of rulers deter thee from the Dawning-Place of certitude. Pay no heed to numbered days; they shall pass away, and the unitarians shall find themselves in the highest paradise. We bid you in all circumstances to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of them that have denied the ultimate end be raised. Thus hath the fragrance of utterance been wafted throughout the contingent world. Blessed is he who hath found it, and woe unto every denying impostor.

We make mention of My loved ones in Shin and Ha, and give them glad-tidings of My turning toward them, and We pronounce greetings upon their faces from this Station which hath been adorned with the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. O My loved ones! Rejoice in that which hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the Command, then thank your Lord, the All-Merciful, at all times. He hath forgiven you and guided you and preferred you above most of His servants. We have made mention of everyone whose name was mentioned before the Face, and then those whose names were not mentioned. Verily, He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who hath been named Khanlar and give him glad-tidings of My inexhaustible favors. Rejoice in Our having made mention of thee and of those who have believed in verses for which souls would be sacrificed. Confine thy affairs to the remembrance and praise of God. When one of His loved ones visits thee, arise to serve him with spirit and fragrance. Let not the affairs of the world and what transpireth therein sadden thee. Leave them behind thee and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of creation. Glory be upon thee and upon thy children and thy family and upon every patient believer.

After the waves of the ocean of inner meanings and the dawning of the lights of divine utterance, what can this servant mention and what can he submit? At one time this most exalted Word issued from the tongue of the Lord of Names - indeed it caused the heart to burn, sighs to ascend and tears to fall - His word, exalted be His grandeur:

"O servant in attendance! Thou dost witness and hear that in the nights and days the scratching of the Pen of Grace is raised and the call of the Wronged One is loud, and all hath been for the guidance of the servants and salvation of all on earth. Would that, in return for this supreme gift and this mighty favor, they would unite on the Cause of God and hold fast to that which is the cause of its loftiness and elevation, that perchance a sweet fragrance might waft from pure deeds and spiritual qualities and inform the world of that which hath appeared. This fragrance, should it be diffused, is a truthful messenger and perfect herald and expositor. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My utterance and recognized what the Kingdom of My Will desired."

This poor one hath ever been astounded and bewildered at what hath appeared. They turn to the buzz of a spider and turn away from the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. They count a foul odor as beloved while depriving themselves of the fragrance of the supreme Paradise. All matters are evident and manifest - soon thy holiness shall see them. Thus hath informed Me He with Whom is the Mother Book.

At this time thy third letter arrived like the breeze of true spring upon this withered, prostrate form. It bestowed bounties and showed favors. Praise be to God, the herald of love is appearing and passing by, and God willing this herald shall not be prevented and shall not cease from movement.

After reading and becoming informed, it was presented at the peerless station, and after attaining presence and permission, thy beloved prayer was offered before the throne of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and fragrance. This is what the Tongue of Eternity and Lord of the worlds uttered, blessed and exalted be His words:

"O thou who hast turned to My face and art attracted by My verses! We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord. We heard thy sighs and saw thy tears in thy love for God, thy Beloved and thy Goal. We witnessed the fire of thy love and the burning of thy heart and thy humility and submissiveness and the trembling of thy limbs in thy passion and devotion to God. We were with thee in the gatherings and assemblies when thou didst speak of this Most Great Name and this News wherewith We had given glad tidings to the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom the circumstances of vain imaginings prevented not, who arose and said: 'God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.' Convey My greetings to My loved ones. Say: By God, My heart lamenteth

and Mine eye weepeth for what hath befallen My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Hold fast to the cord of unity and what hath passed you by in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus have We lit the lamp of counsel with the oil of grace and the fire of love. If ye preserve it not from the winds, be not the cause of its extinction. Fear the All-Merciful and reflect on the favor of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Arise to serve the Cause - it is better for you than whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths."

With a hundred thousand tongues this evanescent servant beseeches the friends of God to arise with all their hearts and strive together, that perchance the peoples of the world may become aware and cognizant of that which God, exalted be His glory, hath willed. Were they to enumerate the differences and perceive the unseemly deeds, by the life of your Beloved and my Beloved, they would flee and mock. In one of the Tablets He saith: The friends must be even as the arteries in the body of the world. Therefore must all manifest such deeds and character that the whole world may, by reason thereof, be drawn to them and set in motion. A hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for them that act for the sake of God! Where are they who prefer God before themselves and who act in His path that which conduceth to the progress and love of the peoples of the world? Through God's grace it is hoped that the seeds of bounty deposited in hearts will sprout forth and be adorned with delicate fruits. His is the Command, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

The mention of Aqa Shaykh 'Abbas, upon him be the Glory of God, was recorded by His pen. This matter was presented before the throne whence shineth forth the light of oneness, and this most exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace. God willing, may he drink from the flowing waters in the divine Tablet and attain the honor of meeting and the bounty of our Lord, the Lord of Names. His word, exalted be His utterance, sublime be His grace, and glorified be His majesty:

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

O Abbas! The Wronged One remembers thee with a remembrance whereby those who are nigh unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, are attracted. The Hour has come, the Call has been raised, the Cry has appeared, the mountains have passed away, yet the people remain unaware. The world has been revolutionized, the Throne has been established, and upon it is seated the Lord of Manifestation, He Who conversed on Sinai, yet most people comprehend not. The Mother Book has appeared and calls out between earth and heaven with the most exalted call, summoning all to the praiseworthy station. Among the people are those who deny, those who turn away, those who dispute the signs of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and those who violated God's Covenant and His Pact with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the cities of names and the inhabitants of the Kingdom to lament. When We observed closely, We found most of Our enemies to be among the divines. Thus does the Most Glorious Tongue recount unto thee from the Supreme Horizon. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We revealed knowledge for the recognition of Him Who is known. Yet when the horizon of Revelation shone forth and the Known One appeared, the divines denied Him at the outset, save those whom God, the Lord of existence, willed. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess. By God! The Most Exalted Pen has raised its shrill voice and gives glad tidings to all of the appearance of Him Whom ye sought at eventide and at morn. Say: What aileth you, O heedless ones, that ye seek the House yet turn

away from Him Who raised it by His command? Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a manifest Book, before Whom, when He appeared, all the books of the world bowed down in submission, if ye be fair-minded. Be not of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day promised unto you in God's scriptures and Books, and this is the Cause whose pledge was taken by Him Who knoweth what was and what shall be.

Say: O company of oppressors! Ye have committed that which caused the Concourse on High to cry out, the denizens of Paradise to lament, and caused the sighs of the Most Exalted Paradise and the tears of the angels and the Spirit to descend. Say: If ye possess something greater than what hath come from the heaven of divine Will, then produce it, and follow not every rejected ignorant one. Say: Come, that I may show you that of which ye were heedless on this Day which hath been attributed to God, the Mighty, the Loving. This is the Day whereon the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused, the breezes of Revelation wafted, and the Nightingale of the Cause sang upon the branches: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all sovereignty."

O Abbas! Arise to serve the Cause in the name of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, and remind the people of this Most Great News, at whose appearance the limbs of vain imaginings and idle fancies trembled. Beware lest the might of princes and the doubts of divines hold thee back from the Lord of Names. Be as an immovable mountain in this irrevocable Cause. Say: He hath come with the truth and payeth no heed to your acceptance or rejection. He hath appeared and revealed what He desired despite your wishes, did ye but know. He it is Who speaketh in every condition: "There is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved."

Thus have We opened before thy face the gate of grace with the key of justice. When thou hast attained unto it, say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! I testify that Thou hast forsaken comfort for the elevation of the nations, accepted abasement for the glory of the world, and chosen exile that Thy servants might reach the Supreme Homeland, the station which God hath made sanctified beyond the comprehension of minds." O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Take the sealed wine in the name of the Wronged One, then drink thereof with this remembrance whereby souls have been attracted.

I chose exile that the servants might attain unto the Most High Homeland, the Station which God hath made sanctified beyond the comprehension of minds. O thou who hast turned towards the Countenance! Take the Sealed Wine in the name of the Wronged One, then drink thereof with this remembrance whereby souls and hearts have been attracted. We have written for thee the reward of attainment unto Our presence with My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Rejoice, then give thanks to the Lord of the Frequented Fane. We have accepted thy turning, thy devotion and thy deeds in the path of God. Blessed art thou for having adorned thy deeds with the ornament of acceptance.

O beloved of my heart! It seems that upon every word of the divine utterances there is a herald who calls out at the top of his voice to all who dwell on earth. Glory be to God! What has befallen the world that they have deprived themselves of this most great favor and occupied themselves with that which neither nourishes nor enriches. In any case, praise be to God that the aforementioned person has attained the supreme honor and has been distinguished by mention from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may they

recognize the worth of this most exalted station and partake and share with others from the Salsabil, Kawthar and Tasnim of divine utterance, that both that beloved one and this servant may speak the word "Welcome" and say "Well done!" How excellent is this fragrance - I know not whence it comes! Praise be to its Manifestation, its Sender, its Source, its Creator, its Originator and its Author. This ephemeral one also conveys greetings and salutations to them and begs for prayers for divine confirmation. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over all things.

And concerning what your honor mentioned about Muhammad Karim who emigrated in the previous year, he has attained unto the hearing of our Lord, the All-Merciful, and there was revealed for him that which gladdeneth the hearts of the knowing ones. His Word is complete and His proof perfected.

In My Name through which every perspicuous Book hath been sent down.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear tokens and dispatched the Messengers to bring glad tidings to the servants of this Revelation, whereby hath appeared that which was mentioned by the tongue of the Prophets and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. When the Cause was revealed and the verses were sent down and the Temple of the Revelation was established upon the throne, the people arose in opposition, save those whom the hand of Divine power preserved from a Mighty, Ancient Source. O Karim! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One calleth out to thee from the precincts of the Prison, and remembereth thee with that from which thou dost find the fragrance of eternity. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and the one who hath walked the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have heard thy call when thou didst catch the fragrance of My raiment from the direction of Hijaz, the place which We illumined with the lights of the countenance of Muhammad, the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets. We heard mention of thee before, and remembered thee in a Book which none hath known save the One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and followed that which he was bidden by God, the Lord of all men. He is among the most exalted of creation in His perspicuous Book. Well is it with thee for having cast behind thee idle fancies, turning unto the Dayspring of thy Lord's revelation, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. He, verily, aideth whom He willeth through a sovereignty from His presence, and guideth those who turn unto His straight path. This is a Day wherein hath appeared that which had not appeared from all eternity. To this testifieth He Who speaketh the truth in every circumstance - there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. When thou dost attain unto My Book and find the fragrance of My utterance, glorify thy Lord with praise, then thank Him for this bounty the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. To this testifieth every fair-minded scholar and every discerning mystic. Grieve not over anything; what thou hast done in His path hath been accepted. He, verily, doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined with the light of the mention of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

This is yet another bounty, another mercy, and another favor for those who have turned unto Him, drawn nigh unto His holy court, and inhaled the air that was adjacent to the air of this exalted Prison. God willing, may they be set ablaze by the fire of divine love which is manifest and resplendent from each of

its letters, and may they speak His praise with complete steadfastness through wisdom and utterance. His is the favor and the bounty in all conditions, and He is the All-Bountiful throughout all eternity.

And regarding the mention which that beloved one made of the souls who have turned unto God - upon them be the Glory of God - these were presented one by one in the Most Holy Court - God was, and there was nothing else beside Him - and there was sent down from the heaven of Will for each one specially that which would guide the stranger to his homeland, lead the thirsty to the Salsabil, unite the lover with the Beloved, and draw the seeker to the direction of the Sought One. Great is His beneficence, exalted is His grandeur, all-encompassing is His grace, and supreme is His dominion.

O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of the heaven of My mighty Kingdom […]

O Salim! The All-Bountiful remembers thee from the prison, purely for His sake, that thou mayest hear the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen and the cooing of the Bird of Eternity upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the heart that is drawn to the verses of God, the face that hath turned toward Him, and the tongue that hath spoken His wondrous remembrance. Look not to the divines and their pride, but look to Him Who remembereth thee from this mighty prison. Say: He hath appeared with the truth and hath arisen to fulfill His Cause with a sovereignty that the affairs of vain imaginings have not hindered, nor have the veils of the wayward obscured it. How many a learned one hath been deprived of God's grace and mercy, and how many an unlettered one hath attained unto this radiant wine! Give thanks unto God for having made thee recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation, and for having protected thee from the doubts of those who have denied His mighty proof. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause in such wise that the unified may inhale from thee the fragrance of steadfastness in this Great Announcement, whereat the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise have rejoiced in a noble station.

This is what hath been revealed for him who was named Mirza Abu'l-Hasan–in My name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise: O Abu'l-Hasan! Thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the heaven of the All-Merciful's utterance hath turned toward thee. This is a heaven whose planets have not been and never shall be numbered, and whose suns and moons perpetually shine and rise at the point of decline. Every sage is bewildered in enumerating them, and every mighty one powerless to comprehend and define them. He counseleth thee to be truthful and fair, for had all the peoples of the world been adorned with the ornament of fairness, they would not have been deprived of the recognition of the Most Great Name and the Lord of Eternity. This Wronged One hath, according to the fancy of the suspicious, judged contrary to God's judgment. What fault had the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets–may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake–that for successive years they rose up to persecute Him? Some called Him a liar, others a madman, some a sorcerer, and yet others an impostor. All that hath been mentioned, this servant and other servants have heard and known. Consider, beyond His blessed person, Jesus Christ–what was the cause that made those on earth rise up to deny Him? That which befell the Manifestations of God's Cause hath caused every fair-minded person to weep and lament. The cause and source of denial in every age and century were the divines of that time, whose love of leadership prevented them from turning towards God. Lo! They are in manifest error. We hope

that thou wilt reflect upon what hath passed and discover the straight path of God. There is and hath been no doubt that this Wronged One speaketh for God's sake and summoneth unto God. Neither doth denial harm Him, nor doth acceptance profit Him. Leave the suppositions and idle fancies of the people to the people, and turn with an illumined heart to God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the gate of recognition may be opened before thy face and thou mayest not be deprived of the lights of His countenance after the passing away of all things. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth mankind to His luminous horizon.

This is what hath been revealed for his honor Mashhadi Nasru'llah–in My name, the One Who ruleth over all names […]

O Nasru'llah! The Lord of mankind makes mention of thee while imprisoned in this remote spot, and gives thee the glad tidings of God's bounty and mercy. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Bear thou witness as God hath borne witness that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. Thou wert remembered before the Wronged One, and there have been revealed for thee these verses which nothing created on earth can equal, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. Blessed art thou for having cast aside the doubts of the people and drunk from the ocean of certitude. Know thou the station of Him Who hath guided thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Helper, the Generous. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee, nor the kings and rulers frighten thee. It behooveth everyone who hath turned to My horizon to forsake the earth and all that is therein, and to turn toward the conquest of hearts through My Name, the Mighty, the Wise. Riches belong to the people of glory, but hearts belong to God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention in this place of him who was named Abu'l-Qasim, who migrated until he attained the presence of his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. We counsel him to remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause and We invoke for him that which befitteth the grace of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Glory be upon the people of glory who have won the mention of My Beautiful Name.

This evanescent servant hopes that through the mercy and loving-kindness of the Purpose of the worlds, His hand of bounty will take hold of all and lead them from the nethermost fire to the most exalted paradise. Nothing can frustrate Him and no affair can escape His knowledge. He giveth through grace and withholdeth through wisdom. He is the Powerful, the Commander, the Ordainer.

Concerning what thou didst write about Mulla Muhammad (upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]) from the people of Ya, and likewise his ascent upon the steps of utterance to the heaven of knowledge of our Lord, the All-Merciful - this was presented, and these sublime words were revealed from the Manifestation of divine knowledge and the Source of the Lord's command, and verily a station that cannot be known or described was made manifest and revealed concerning him. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the name of the Everlasting Speaker […]

O Muhammad! We beseech God to aid thee to attain knowledge and certitude and to serve His Cause in such wise that should all the peoples of the world arise to prevent thee, they would be powerless to do so. Today the Spirit of God calleth in the wilderness of the Holy Land, and the Light of God dawneth from the horizon of His Will, and the fragrance of His Robe is diffused, and the breezes of revelation are

passing by; yet the servants remain fixed in their own heedlessness. Strive thou to drink from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful and partake of the descended feast, that thou mayest guide the people of the world to the Most Exalted Horizon through wisdom and utterance. The people are heedless; an expounder is needed. Arise to serve the Cause of God that thou mayest become the servant of the world, and be enkindled with the fire of His love that thou mayest become the beloved of all horizons. Though some mysteries have been unveiled, most remain hidden and concealed in Divine knowledge, for were the mysteries of the Day of God and the stations of the assured and tranquil souls to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, thou wouldst behold all people circling round the dawning-places of what was and what shall be. Stand firm in the Name of Truth and arise to make good what hath been lost. Time is most precious, nay more precious than the red sulphur. Counsel the people to spiritual attributes and goodly deeds. Blessed are they who act for God's sake and are turned toward Him.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Beware lest the books of the world hold you back from the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: By God! That which the people possess will profit you not. Fear the All-Merciful, then turn unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts. Thus doth He command you in Whose grasp is the control of all knowledge. Say: O concourse of divines! Purify your hearts from that which ye possess that ye may hear the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing from this glorious station. This is a Day wherein the treasures of the world and the ranks of nations will not suffice you. Cast them behind you, seeking that which is with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We counsel thee and them who have believed to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the pillars of names have been shaken, save whom God willeth, the Lord of existence. Thus surgeth the ocean of My utterance and wafteth the fragrance of My loving-kindness. When thou seest and findest, arise and say: "I testify that Thou hast accepted the world's tribulations for the exaltation of God's Cause and hast borne afflictions in the love of God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of Names, until Thou wast imprisoned in the Most Great Prison for the salvation of the peoples. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of names, that Thou disappoint me not of what is with Thee and withhold me not from what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee to confirm me in steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of most of Thy creatures have slipped. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

God willing, may they be confirmed in that which hath been commanded from the Tongue of Grandeur and drink from the cups of bounty in such wise that the prevention of the oppressors shall not hold them back. In truth, if in these days one fails to gain his portion and remains deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, what else can bring him contentment and joy? It would be most regrettable should these precious times pass while one remains heedless. God willing, all the friends should arise with utmost endeavor to serve, first with perfect sanctification[…]

May all the friends strive to render service with full detachment, purity, fairness and consultation. First they must seek to remedy whatever they observe that causes division, and then engage in service with

joy, fragrance and wisdom. The affairs of the people and the world will all be set aright. Such utterances have been heard repeatedly from the Ancient Tongue. A hundred thousand blessings and joy to those souls who arise to do that which causes the exaltation of the Cause and comfort of the peoples of the world. In truth, exaltation itself is comfort, but people in their ignorance are heedless of this. God willing, that loved one and this servant pray that they may be led from the left hand of ignorance to the right hand of knowledge.

As for what you wrote concerning the sister of the King of Martyrs, may our spirits be sacrificed for him - it was presented before the Throne. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: "O Ali, the glance of favor has been and will continue to be directed toward her and those related to the Two Luminous Ones. We have instructed Ismu'llah Mahdi to give complete instructions to Sadiq, upon him be Baha, regarding her rights. Likewise from the Supreme Pen it was written that if the sister has any rights they must be fulfilled - justice and fairness must prevail. We, from this station, glorify her and give her the glad tidings of My grace and mercy." And regarding her orientation toward the Point and the arising of a leaf among leaves in a way that God loves and is pleased with - this matter attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. He said: "O servant present, blessed is she, again blessed is she. It behooveth that there descend upon her from the heaven of My bounty that which shall immortalize her remembrance as a reward for her deed. My Most Exalted Pen shall write for her and give her glad tidings of the acceptance of what appeared from her. We command the Branch to write for My handmaiden and My leaf that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of her Creator and hath appeared from the horizon of the loving-kindness of her Fashioner, that it may be a treasure and honor for her in all the worlds of her Lord."

The light of the Sun of grace illumined the worlds of the seen and unseen. O beloved of my heart, observe how a pleasing deed is beloved in the sight of God. Should one spend seas of elixir and the treasures of the world, they would surely not attain to such mention. A deed appeared and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance in such wise that from the Dayspring of the utterance of the All-Merciful there appeared that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Convey on behalf of this servant glorification and greetings to that leaf. Upon her be the glory of her Lord, upon her be the glory of her Lord. And this is what was sent down for her from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. In My Name, the Manifest, the Evident[…]

O my leaf! Upon thee be my Baha! Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down unto thee from the Supreme Pen. Verily He hath made mention of thee and given thee glad tidings of that which hath appeared from thee in the path of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou thankful and hold fast to the hem of grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having aided me to perform a deed which hath won the ornament of Thy acceptance and been adorned with Thy good-pleasure. By Thy life, O Beloved of my heart! That which Thou hast bestowed upon me cannot be equalled by whatsoever hath been created in Thy heaven and earth. Verily Thou art the Bountiful, the Generous.

The Truth, exalted be His glory, shall assist all to that which causeth the sweet savors of His good-pleasure to be wafted. One accepted deed today is equivalent to a hundred thousand deeds - nay, I seek God's

forgiveness for this limitation. Likewise concerning deeds that are not good, the Tongue of Grandeur once uttered this most exalted word - His word, exalted and glorified be He: “O thou who art present! The favors of the Truth have made the people presumptuous in such wise that mention thereof is not befitting. The souls who have accepted must be made aware. Today, as the Sun of Manifestation is shining and the light of His countenance hath encompassed the world, many unseemly deeds are concealed and continue to be concealed. Verily He is the Concealer, the All-Wise.”

Today is the day of gladness and the day of supreme joy. The ocean of bounty is surging, the breeze of generosity is wafting, and the sun of grace is shining. However, it is now observed that unseemly deeds have reached such a point that they are nigh to touch the hem of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and rend the veil of reverence. All that hath transpired from the beginning of the Cause until now and which We have accepted was for the exaltation of God’s Word and the elevation of souls that are serene, steadfast, content and well-pleasing. Now the deeds of some have been and are being scattered to the winds, unless God, exalted be His glory, protecteth through His complete power, as indeed He hath done.

O thou who art present! Write to ’Ali - upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness - that he should remind all the friends in that land and make them aware of that which profiteth them, that perchance they may return from that which hath escaped them and hold fast unto the Truth, and that which hath become the cause of harm and the source of the abasement of souls may be purified by the water of return. Verily He is the Oft-Returning, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

These utterances have repeatedly streamed forth from the Tongue of Him Who revealeth the verses, and sometimes when this servant was present, he would observe the Ancient Beauty in such a state of grief and sorrow that trembling would seize this evanescent one’s frame. The cause of the Ancient Beauty’s sorrow is clear and evident and needeth no mention. Today the goodly deeds of the friends of God are heralds of His Cause amongst His servants. Such matters have repeatedly been revealed in the divine tablets that perchance they may prove beneficial and cause awakening. Otherwise, verily He is independent of all worlds.

Some time ago certain souls outwardly began to complain, yet no answer was revealed from the Most Holy Court. “My concealment hath preceded disclosure, and My patience hath preceded haste.” However, there is fear that our transgressions may lift the veil and rend the covering. I take hold of the hem of His bounty and beseech Him to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to protect them from that which harmeth them, and to guide them to that which profiteth them. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Possessing, the Kind, the All-Forgiving.

According to His command, convey greetings from the True One to the emigrants in the land of Sad, may the Glory of God be upon them. God willing, may they be illumined by the light of unity and arise to serve the Cause, so that the effects of light may shine forth and become manifest in all regions. All have to some degree understood God’s good-pleasure; let them hold fast unto it and act accordingly. This is the cause of salvation in this world and the next. Your migration and tribulations have ever been beneath His gaze; God willing, they shall remain preserved.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Aqa Baba, may the Glory of God be upon him, mention was made of him in the Most Holy Court, and he has been blessed with the lights of favor from the Sun of Truth. Blessed is he! In these days, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ahmad, may the Glory of God be upon him, from or resident in Shah, sent a letter to this servant regarding Jinab-i-Mirza H-Y, may the Glory of God and His favors be upon him. Several names were mentioned therein, including that of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Aqa Baba. Most holy Tablets were revealed and sent specially for each one; God willing, they shall attain unto them. In truth, the matter is as that beloved one wrote, for the journey of Jinab-i-Mirza to those regions caused the Word to be uplifted. This suffices him, by the Lord of all worlds. When these words were heard from the beloved's tongue, mention was made; otherwise this servant was not and is not worthy to make mention of his services.

Regarding what was written about the leaf, the wife of Jinab-i-Mirza H and Sin, may the Glory of God and His favors be upon them, it caused grief, and all the inmates of the pavilion of chastity were visibly overcome with utmost sorrow, and mention was also made in the Most Holy Court. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey condolences to Jinab-i-Mirza, and God willing, this servant himself shall also express what bespeaks his weakness and lowliness.

And concerning the mention of the ascension of Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Hasan-i-Harati, may the Glory of God be upon him, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. These exalted words were revealed especially for him, purely out of grace and favor. His words, exalted be His glory and mention and praise:

He is the Rememberer, the Helper

O Hasan! The Wronged One visits thee from His Most Exalted Station, which God hath made the point of circumambulation for the people of the highest paradise, and remembers thee with a remembrance through which the fragrance of divine favor hath wafted among all created things. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy ascension, thy turning unto God, and thy arrival in the Supreme Companion and Most Glorious Station. I testify that thou didst turn toward the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon when the rustling of the Sidrat al-Muntaha was raised between earth and heaven. Thou didst bear witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur did testify, and didst accept that which was sent down from His presence and appeared from His side. Blessed art thou for having attained forgiveness from the All-Merciful, and for the Supreme Concourse having detected from thee the fragrance of My love. Blessed is he who remembers thee as the Wronged One hath remembered thee in this forbidden station. Thou wert God's and hast returned to the ocean of His mercy. This is naught but of His grace, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Praise be to God that they have been honored with such supreme bounty. Blessed are those souls who attain unto this most great favor and recognize its station. Pure, steadfast, and assured souls have had and continue to have their portion from the heaven of the grace of the All-Bountiful, which descends and flows upon them without cessation, whether in life or in death.

As to what you wrote concerning the ascension of the exalted and blessed Aqa Seyyed Abu-Talib, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, some time ago mention of him was sent to the Most Holy Court through Hadba and His name Zein, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, along with certain

matters from the tongue of his family members, upon them be the Glory of God [669]. A detailed response was revealed and sent, and mention was also made of them in that blessed Tablet. His is the praise and favor in all conditions. May the Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of our Lord's favor be upon you and upon those with you, both men and women.

It is submitted that for some time two Most Holy and Most Mighty Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for the sons of the exalted and blessed Jenab-i-Zabih, upon him be the Glory of God and the sea of His mercy. These were not sent during this period and were delayed until these days when they were dispatched. Perchance through divine favors they may become mindful and arise to that which is befitting and loved by God. The service of every soul is mentioned and considered in the Most Holy Court, even if it be to the extent of a needle's eye. The exalted Zabih, upon him be the Glory of God, attained the honor of acceptance and faith in the early days. He has ever been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. After hearing the Call, he tarried not for less than that moment - He Who possesses the Clear Book bears witness to this. Therefore consideration has been shown to them in all conditions and, God willing, will continue to be shown. This ephemeral one beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, their confirmation. Their loved ones should protect them with kindness. It is the prime of life, and the winds of youth have a different blowing place […]

Another matter: the honored Khadijih Bigam, upon her be the Glory of God, has sent several letters to this servant, and this servant, due to the upheavals and conflicts in various regions, had not sent a reply until now when she forwarded a letter written several months ago to be delivered to that beloved one. Similarly, this evanescent one wrote and sent a reply to the letter which his honor Aqa Muhammad Karim (upon him be the Glory of God) had sent to His Holiness the Name of Bounty (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God). God willing, may they drink from the chalices of success at all times and act in accordance with what befits the Days of God. News has arrived from various quarters that his honor has acted according to what God has revealed in the Book and has specifically appointed a deputy for teaching. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Whosoever acts according to what God has willed will surely bear fruit in this world and the next, will manifest influence, and will prove beneficial in both worlds. Convey repeated greetings and salutations to the other friends in that land. Give glad tidings to his honor 'Ali Pasha Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, for his carpet arrived and was spread out one day, and the Ancient Beauty proceeded to the garden, and it was honored and blessed by the footsteps of His Holiness the Desired One (may my spirit be a sacrifice for His advent). They summoned his honor Haji Ghulam-'Ali Musafir (upon him be the Glory of God) and said: "If thou shouldst see his honor Pasha, upon him be my Glory, give him the glad tidings of the acceptance of what he has sent. Joy be unto him and congratulations be unto him!" God willing, may they be so enkindled that their radiance may be manifest and evident. This evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His Glory, to assist His chosen ones and loved ones to recognize what has been ordained for them, for if they become aware, the floods of the world would not be able to extinguish the fire of their love, and darkness would not overcome its light. Among the new bounties is that special Tablets, wondrous and exalted, have been revealed for the mentioned names, both in this evanescent one's handwriting as recorded in the letter, and in the blessed handwriting of His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps). In truth, the recipients of the Tablets have become possessors of

two stations, two Tablets, and two mentions. We must say with all our limbs and members: “Praise be unto Thee, O Ancient Bestower, and glory be unto Thee, O Desired One of the worlds!” Light and glory from the horizon of our Lord’s grace, the King of Names, be upon you all and upon those with you and upon God’s chosen ones and loved ones.

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In the name of Him of Whom all are heedless! Praise, hallowed above the tongues of contingent beings and sanctified beyond the mention of all created things, beseemeth the court of the sanctity of the Ancient King, Who through a single sprinkling from the ocean of His eternal glory hath guided all the atoms of existence to the eternal, goodly city of His own Self, and through one breath of His holy fragrances hath directed all the realities of things to the paradise of His glorious oneness. The clouds of His divine bounty have bestowed such grace that every atom regardeth itself as rich and independent of all else, and the sun of His heavenly favors hath risen with such splendor from the horizon of His most glorious heaven that in all the mirrors of contingent beings is reflected, through His essence and by His essence, the form of the dawning rays of that Sun. Exalted be His grandeur, elevated His dominion, perfected His bounty, manifest His Cause, and resplendent His countenance! Verily He is the Sovereign, the Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And it is in reference to these stations that some have made claims and, having lost all self-control through the wine of divine mercy and the chalice of heavenly grace, have ascended to stations beyond their rank - in the realm of words and utterances, not in the world of meaning and truth and essence. Prayers primordial and quintessential grace be upon the first Divine Lofty Tree and the first manifestation of the Sun of Oneness, through Whom the mystery of existence was revealed and the Beauty of the Desired One dawned forth and all contingent things returned to seats of hallowed glory, and through Whom the Beauty of the Unseen shone forth and the Nightingale of glory sang and the Dove of the Cause warbled and every hidden matter was made manifest, and upon His guides and loved ones until the Day whereon the Sun of Eternity shall dawn from the horizon of the glory of the Beloved.

And concerning the question about the Sun of Truth and the mirrors reflecting It: Know that since winds of discord are blowing from every direction and breaths of rancor and hatred encompass all regions, this servant is prevented from mentioning the wondrous hidden knowledge and the treasured pearls of wisdom. For if this matter were truly explained as God, glorified be His majesty, desires, thou wouldst find all rendered unconscious and thunderstruck. Indeed, if the veil were lifted and thou wert to emerge from the imaginary city wherein all people, heedless of God, now dwell and seclude themselves, thou wouldst find the noblest beings and most exalted souls reduced to utter nothingness.

However, since the exalted Truth doth not wish that those who seek should be deprived of His gate of mercy, therefore a drop from the ocean of His bounty is bestowed upon thee and the people of the contingent world, that each may attain his destined portion.

Know thou that in the estimation of those endowed with knowledge and insight, the Sun of Oneness and the Essence of Detachment hath ever been, and will forever be, rising, dawning and shining from Its seat of glory and sanctity and Its retreat of holiness and transcendence. Thus do all possessors of keen vision and subtle perception, all who partake of divine nature and drink the wine of mystic meanings, behold that divine Sun and royal Essence in Its station with the eye of insight, which is sanctified from these darkened and veiled eyes, in such wise that no setting, decline or eclipse can affect It.

As for those who are veiled by their selfish desires and deprived of beholding the lights of the true morn which hath ever been illumined by the grace of the Sun - this affects not the radiance of the Sun's lights, for It continueth to shine forth and radiate from Its station. This lack of perception pertaineth to the seeing eye and observing gaze, and ever will. Likewise, all affirmation and negation, whether from those who accept or those who reject, relate back to the stations of these weak or strong souls, and in no way pertain to that Sun of Truth. For that Essence of existence dwelleth in the heights of Its elevation and the summit of Its inaccessibility, sanctified from the acceptance of those who turn towards It or the denial of those who turn away.

However, every eye that perceiveth that Ancient Essence with its original nature shall be reckoned as being of It and shall be gathered eternally beneath Its shade, entering the most exalted Paradise which is the highest of all gardens. And those who fail shall enter the darkness of self and the fire of negation, wherein they shall abide as long as God willeth.

Furthermore, were that shining Sun not to appear and were that absolute bounty to withhold Its outpouring from the mirrors of created things, thou wouldst find nothing whatsoever existing upon the face of the earth. Moreover, the existence of the mirrors of Oneness is not of themselves by themselves, as hath been recorded and inscribed in all holy tablets and scriptures, and is evident to every illumined sage and spiritual adult. Rather, the existence of mirrors dependeth upon the existence of the Sun, whether or not they are conscious of this exalted station […]

It is not hidden from an illumined and mature person that the existence of mirrors depends on the existence of the Sun, whether the perceiver be conscious of this exalted station or heedless of it, for the grace of that Sun which has dawned from the horizon of oneness has been and ever will be bestowed without regard to direction. This is the station of God's all-embracing mercy which is granted without request or seeking, and without recognition or certitude. At most, some mirrors that have recognized this most exalted station and most glorious rank will be in a higher station and rank than others. Furthermore, observe that if the Sun did not exist, the mirrors would have no existence whatsoever and would forever remain in the veils of nothingness. And when the Ancient Sun dawns from Its holy horizon, all mirrors reflect It according to their orientation and proximity. Should the Sun set, assuredly the images reflected in the mirrors, which are but shadows, will also set. This matter is more evident than for any person of perfect understanding to fail to comprehend it. Let any stubborn denier who would deny this evident truth observe the visible sun and its firmly-positioned mirrors: as long as they face the sun, its reflection and manifestation are visible in the mirrors, but after the sun sets no trace will remain. Indeed, he will observe all to be absolute nothingness, utter evanescence, and complete non-existence. In brief, O questioner, cleanse the eye of spiritual insight, which is a divine trust, from the dust of dark and perverse

words, that thou mayest behold the Sun of Eternality now in Its exalted station at the zenith of the heaven of justice. By God! Should thine eyes behold It and attain unto Its beauty, they would be solaced. Yea, that which is recorded in the revealed tablets of the Bayan is the truth in which there is no doubt, and we all believe in it. As that divine Sun and Ancient Essence - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Its sake - hath said, the Suns of Truth dawn and appear in every age and cycle from the holy horizon. The intention is the universal Manifestation, meaning in the revelation of verses and the sending down of words and the changing of the law and the renewal of the affairs of the religion. It is with regard to this station that such utterances have appeared from that Essence of creation. I swear by that spiritual Beauty and holy, eternal Mystery that if He had found the people mature, He would not have mentioned such utterances, for that holy station is sanctified above mention of universality and particularity, manifestation and concealment, since change and transformation occur in the realm of limitations, while that essential Purpose abideth in Its holy dwelling place - glorified be God above what ye imagine! How many Suns of infinite grace have arisen who never changed or transformed any matter, but called the people to the same religion that was current before, for all are from God and all return unto God and appear from God. In brief, turn thy gaze away from observing the earth and its people and consider the most great vista and most manifest station, that thou mayest behold the divine Sun in the garment of concealment and veiling, though It hath ever been like the sun of the heaven, manifest […]

Consider the most manifest station, that thou mayest behold the divine Sun in the garment of concealment and veiling. Though it hath ever been manifest, radiant and luminous like the celestial sun, yet for numbered years it hath remained hidden from the eyes of the mystics by the veil of envy and hatred - how much more from the limited and the veiled ones. In any case, swim with keen insight in the deep ocean of inner meanings, that thou mayest attain unto the pearls of the sea of oneness and become independent of all else.

Furthermore, entrust not the reins of insight wholly to others, and be not content with the mere outward meaning of certain expressions and allusions. For all these outer words, sacred allusions and glorious references undergo change in every dispensation. From this very change and transformation and renewal it becometh evident that beyond every utterance there lieth concealed in divine knowledge that which transcendeth all wisdom, treasured in the divine repository of wisdom. As was observed in past religions, the meaning of the words and manner of expression in the Torah were transformed after the melodies of the Holy Spirit were revealed, and likewise until the appearance of the Point of the Bayan and the divine Countenance - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him - Who brought forth all the gems and pearls from the depths of the Quranic seas and adorned them with new and lofty forms.

Similarly in the day of the Sovereign of Eternity and the Most Great King, Him Whom God shall make manifest, all these exalted words and wondrous expressions shall be transformed. It is as though that Essence of Divine Unity and Ancient Beauty, when He appeareth from the divine realm without how or where or sign, and establisheth Himself upon the Most Exalted Paradise and the Most Glorious Throne - which is none other than the consecrated land where that Sun of Eternity dwelleth - shall make manifest all the mysteries deposited in the Bayan. None save that Ancient Beauty can truly comprehend the pearls hidden in this Most Great Sea, for He is the Manifestor and Interpreter of the mysteries and knowledge ordained in the Bayan.

Yea, the mirrors reflecting Him perceive according to their stations and capacities, not as things truly are. Therefore none shall be able to draw nigh unto the Tree of inner meaning on the Mount of the Bayan save whom thy Lord willeth. Hence it hath been mentioned that thou shouldst not be content with certain expressions according to thine own understanding, for minds fall short of comprehending it. Otherwise, one letter of these revealed Books is more precious to this servant than all who are in the heavens and earth - and none knoweth this save those possessed of understanding.

Likewise shall that Holy Being elevate these exalted expressions of today. For instance, the mention of the "sun" which is the greatest mention and mightiest expression in the Bayan - perchance He shall bestow this mention and station upon one of His servants, not through merit but through His grace, mercy and generosity will He grant this most great bounty and mighty favor. And His own noble Self, which is the dawning-place of the fire of the Primal Tree and the rising-point of the Final Light, He shall designate as the "heaven," for from its horizon shall the sun arise.[…]

And He will designate it as the Heaven of the End, for the Sun shall rise from its horizon and shall be upheld by His existence. And just as thou dost observe today in all the Bayan the mention of the Sun, in the tablets of that holy heaven of meaning thou shalt observe the mention of Heaven, referring to that same sanctified and most holy Essence of the Unseen. If I wished, I could mention until the endless end all that the holy Manifestations would speak at the beginning of their Revelation, through my Lord's grace. However, since I have been and am imprisoned amidst vain imaginings, I have not deemed it fitting to convey the songs of the Dove of the divine Unseen, for the beauty of the eternal Rose and the paradise of divine oneness befitteth not the mention of the spiritual nightingale among these weak, idolatrous souls who have become so nonexistent and lost in the veils of fancy that should they observe the Essence of the Unseen through the most evident holy utterances and most glorious divine manifestations, they would turn away and close their eyes. In any case, O questioner, transform Satan's footsteps into the steps of the All-Merciful, and walk in the expanded land of divine knowledge with the power of witnessing and discovery, that thou mayest attain the ultimate destination of certitude, which is the station of recognition - the dwelling-place of these words - and mayest be illumined by the Egypt of divine unity, which is the very Paradise of Glory. Blessed are they who attain!

This rising and setting that is mentioned regarding the ancient Manifestations is not the rising and setting that these souls comprehend, for that rising and setting falls under vision, while that essential Purpose stands beyond sight in the greatest prospect. Rather, the intent of setting is the failure of the eyes of the veiled ones and the limited vision to perceive. For instance, if the visible sun should pass behind a cloud, outward eyes would be prevented from beholding it, and in their view the sun would be absent, though it would remain brilliant and luminous in its station. But the cloud does not prevent those possessed of spiritual vision, nor are they veiled by the clouds, and they observe from behind a hundred thousand veils and coverings. Observe how most of the people of the earth, despite the lofty elevation of the Sun that hath risen in the Bayan, have remained utterly heedless, abiding in darkness, hidden and veiled. Likewise consider the people of the Bayan, how despite the exalted grandeur and sublime greatness of this most elevated Cause that hath appeared and shone forth in the most glorious holy heaven, none hath comprehended it, and all have walked and will walk according to their own desires. Yet this heedlessness will not prove the nonexistence of that ancient Sun, even though that Supreme Pen, that most glorious

Essence, that most resplendent Reality hath counseled in all revealed books and sent scriptures that should a soul, or an essence, or a light, or a manifestation dawn from the divine horizon of will, they should not be veiled by anything but should enter beneath that blessed shadow which is the very shadow of God. And they have declared that all the Bayan and prescribed deeds and sanctified acts therein culminate in the recognition of that holy Being. Nevertheless, they have remained so veiled by the clouds of fancy, self and imagination that they have never intended the divine shore […]

Self and fancy have remained so veiled that they have never sought the Divine Stream, the Ancient Ocean, and the Everlasting Paradise of the Lord. Indeed, they have not even sought to know that Holy Being Who is the very essence of the knowledge of God. All consider themselves firmly established upon the seat of faith and the throne of certitude, unaware that today they are not and never will be mentioned in the presence of God. God will not look upon them, nor speak with them, nor turn to them ever. Despite the fact that all proofs have been manifested in their highest splendor and ultimate ascension, such that none has any excuse to turn away or close their eyes, unless they wholly reject all revealed Books and Messengers sent forth.

O worthless and immature servants! If but a drop from the cloud of mercy were bestowed upon all the earth, thou wouldst witness all temples of existence proclaiming the divine fire and declaring "I am God!" And if a sprinkling from this Most Great Ocean were to be shed upon all the mirrors of created things, thou wouldst behold all beings adorned with holy and sanctified glory. Indeed, the flight of this divine Falcon is far too lofty for earthly birds to attain, and the melody of this sacred Dove is far too subtle to be heard by the ears of these senseless ones steeped in the mortal realm. God speaks the truth, but people hear not.

Verily, through these unceasing effusions, all contingent beings and realms have become ready. Yet how long must they wait before they attain to the station of nearness before the Merciful One - the ultimate degree of the throne of manifestation and concealment - whether in heart or in body? Perchance the holy breeze of the unknowable might waft from the paradise of the incomprehensible, drawing distant souls who dwell in the lowest realm of limitations to this most exalted station and highest horizon, that they might not be deprived of this wondrous bounty and glorious favor. God provides for whomsoever He wishes, but I am not the provider of the dead. Verily, He is the Provider, the Bestower, the Generous One.

And furthermore, thou didst ask about the multiplicity of the dawning-places of Oneness and holy Manifestations. It must be evident to thee that the divine Cause, the celestial Will, and the heavenly Purpose have never been confined by limitations. In some ages there hath been a single Soul, and in other times multiple Temples have appeared from the Dayspring of the Cause, as is recorded and evident in all the Books of old and recent times. Were this servant to undertake a detailed exposition, a lengthy volume would need to be written. And if in certain utterances of the Manifestations of the Cause and holy Dawning-places thou perceivest limitation to one, be not veiled thereby but consider the origin of the divine Tree and holy Sapling, for the Cause of God hath ever appeared and shall ever appear without limit or number. Indeed, these limitations are but firm mirrors intended to preserve and protect God's Cause from tyrannical souls and pharaohlike temples, lest they dare approach and defile the sanctuary of the Cause with their treacherous glances and hearts, and lest satanic manifestations set foot in the holy

Solomonic seat. As is witnessed today, every soul is possessed by some desire, and every devil of the commanding self is lost in the delusions of its own fancy, and from every corner a cry is raised. How many dead bodies and hearts have arisen, moved by the croaking of their own vain desires, and have set foot in the land of Pharaoh! Yet for the possessors of pure hearts and those who have attained the City of Unity, truth hath ever been and shall ever be distinguished and separated from falsehood, never to be confused. In brief, in no Manifestation hath the Truth, in its holy essence, ever been limited by the limitations of the pen that floweth with ink, nor veiled by the veils of words. The Cause is in His grasp; He manifesteth whatsoever He willeth. Verily, He doeth what He pleaseth. All else is as naught before Him and can never attain unto Him. He cannot be numbered, nor limited, nor indicated by any sign, nor associated with any token, nor veiled by any veil, nor hindered by any word. Verily, He is the Single, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath ever been the Willing One through His Will, and shall ever be the Powerful One through His Purpose, and all act by His command. It is due to the immaturity of the People of the Book that in each Manifestation of the divine Manifestations, they have remained veiled from the Source and Originator of the Cause, cast into the darkness of their vain imaginings, nay, reduced to nothingness. Glory be to God! How can any will take precedence over His Will, when all else hath been given life by His Word and gathered into the resurrection of its own existence in its appointed places? As was mentioned in the Persian Tablet written some years ago, wherein most matters that were hidden from the eyes of the mystics were revealed. Should anyone observe with the eye of his heart, he would comprehend all holy knowledge and the meanings of perfect utterances, nay, would witness them manifest before him. Therefore, leave the flimsiest of dwellings, which are the vain imaginings of rejected, ephemeral souls, and enter the holy, pure, and impregnable City, and exchange not the utterances of the contemptible earthly ones, who are created in darkness and falsehood, for the melodies of the Dove of divine Unity.

Exchange not the songs of the Divine Dove for invented melodies, and be not content with a murky, transient draught in place of the holy Salsabil that flows from the right hand of the Merciful Throne. Kindle instead the Mosaic Flame, and inhale with thy heart the Holy Spirit's breath of Jesus. Like the Friend of God, with resignation and tranquility, enter into this Ancient Fire and this blazing Flame. Annihilate thy heart, thy soul, and thy will within the heart, soul and will of thy Beloved, that God may grant thee light and mercy - and verily He is the Protector of them that do good.

With complete attention, be vigilant lest thou remain veiled from the First Name that was revealed in the Prayer of the Night of Power. Let not the opposition of the opposers nor the denial of the deniers prevent thee from reaching and entering the shore of the Most Great Ocean. For this blessed Name, which precedeth all names, hath ever been illumined by the rays of the Holy Sun and will forever be lit by the gleaming lights of the Divine Invisible Presence. A radiant eye is needed to behold the manifestations of the Fire of the Sinaitic Tree from the holy and goodly Mount of Revelation. Both the Exalted One and the Most Glorious Beauty have spoken at length regarding this Name and its precedence over all other names - return ye to the Bayan if ye wish to know.

Though the revealed verses and manifest evidences are too clear to require further proof, yet the people of fancy and conjecture, who speak naught but their own desires, have looked to such proofs, and today they remain as they were before. And if anyone today claims that the world of the Divine Command has been limited or can be explained by mere allusion, such a soul is most remote from the straight path of

justice. For the realm of the Divine Command hath from all eternity been sanctified above limitation and restriction. Were pure and sanctified hearts to face, even less than that, the Sun of Unity - which today remaineth imprisoned in the suspicions of men and confined in the imaginings of the servants - all the mysteries of what was and what will be would be impressed upon those hearts according to their capacity and receptivity.

Yet now, not only have they failed to accept such a supreme grace, but hatred and rancor have appeared from most souls. Still they consider themselves believers in the Bayan and are pleased with themselves, unaware that the entire Bayan, in all tongues, curseth those who turn away from this station. In brief, all the veiled ones now dwell in association of partners with God, in the fire of negation and remoteness, and in the depths of torment and the abyss of wrath. To such a degree are these heedless ones unaware that they have become as lifeless things, unmoved by the breeze of grace that in every moment wafteth from the treasury of divine bounty with manifest fragrances - much less would they pitch their tents toward the Ancient Beauty or raise their pavilions on the shore of the Most Great Ocean. All these utterances are mentioned in the Tablets due to the expectation and seeking of the servants; otherwise the resplendent, manifest, and shining Sun is sanctified above being described by any description, characterized by any attribute, or mentioned by any mention. All mention […]

When anything is mentioned in His remembrance, all mention and attributes appear and shine forth through His effulgence. Hearken unto the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking from this exalted and glorious Tree, through one melody of which extinct and perishing bodies are quickened to enter the everlasting and eternal Kingdom, until thou beholdest all the earth and its peoples, both high and low, beneath its extended shade, and through the decisive nature of these lustrous and manifest verses, thou art delivered from the dubious fancies of idle imaginings to enter the Paradise of Truth, which is the station of the Divine Throne's establishment, attaining the sweet fruits of the Garden of Oneness. Was it not witnessed in the Divine Springtime, which marked the days of the manifestation of the Ultimate Tree and the dawning of the Most Exalted Countenance, how many holy souls and glorious temples became illumined by that Ancient Sun, each claiming lofty stations and infinite ranks? All existing creation has witnessed with their own eyes how His Holiness Quddus, who was the highest and most glorious fruit of the Tree, appeared with such sovereignty that it was as though the Tree of Fire called out at one of his revelations. Likewise did the countenance of ?a appear, and others who exist among you. Yet despite all these peoples witnessing and hearing these stations with their own eyes and ears and comprehending them, they have clung to certain sayings and words, remaining deprived of the Source and Sender of this vast mercy. Though scarcely any time has passed since what they witnessed with their own eyes, they have cast such doubt upon their own visual testimony that they raise questions anew. They are so immersed in idle fancies that if someone should present, according to their own desires, two proofs flimsier than a spider's web and declare all God's infinite bounties to be limited and finite, all would willingly and uncompelled accept it, treating what they themselves had seen and heard as though it had never existed. A hundred thousand expressions of wonderment and regret upon such weak, unsettled, and unsteady souls who, with the slightest breeze, turn from the right hand of knowledge and steadfastness to the left hand of doubt and error. Like past peoples, they have limited all successive divine bounties and endless divine manifestations according to their vain imaginings, and have been and

will remain worshippers of their own desires instead of God. Yet in all books, tablets, psalms, scrolls, and writings, it is explicitly stated without any allusion that the Ever-Flowing Grace shall never cease, nor shall the Bountiful One's favor ever be delayed or cut off, nor shall infinite manifestations ever end. Nevertheless, all upon the earth are now seen to acknowledge and accept the limitation and cessation of grace and bounty, indeed they are content and pleased with this. Thus the people of the Furqan (Qur'an) are occupied and pleased with a few names they have arranged and recorded, while remaining heedless and deprived of the Essence of Names and their Creator and Manifestor, by one attraction of whose blessed name the oceans of names and attributes surge and overflow. And God guides whom He willeth unto His path, for verily He is the Guide of the Way, and verily He is the Beginning.

Verily He is the Guide to the Path, and He is in truth the Beginning and the End, and unto Him ascendeth the cry of His servants, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful. Beyond all these luminous, resplendent, sound and firm utterances, that Manifestation of Divine Unity and Primal Sun hath, in all His verses, utterances and discourses which have descended from that heaven of divine Will and that Source and Dawning-Place of knowledge and wisdom, beseeched the King of the Unseen and the undoubted Reality - which is the hidden, inner, invisible station - to raise up in every year a mirror, nay rather in every city, nay in every hour. How then can it be that every soul should follow his own idle fancy and set limits to the Cause of God? Exalted is He above what they know and say! Consider the transient mirage as though it had never been, and hasten to the everlasting, divine Kawthar. Flee with thy self, thy spirit, thy heart and thy feet unto God, unto Whom is thy return and abode, and turn not unto the dwelling-place of the wrongdoers and the idolaters. Then give thanks to Him at all times for having sent down unto thee the verses in truth, that perchance mankind might be guided by the signs of God. Take heed of the holy breezes of the divine presence which are wafting and passing from the musk-laden fragrance of these exalted, manifest and firm words, and pay no attention to all shadowy, unreal utterances and rejected, unheard words. These breezes have ever been and shall ever be wafting, yet none hath perceived them. The life of all who are in the heavens and on earth dependeth upon them, yet all remain veiled from this essence of creation and this primary nature. Were this radiant, luminous and manifest grace to be cut off from the mirrors of existent beings, thou wouldst find them all to be utter nothingness, nay rather absolute non-existence. Exalted be this spiritual breeze which hath not been and shall not be limited by attention and awareness or the lack thereof. It hath ever blown and shall ever blow upon lifeless bodies, decayed bones and enduring temples, whether any soul be aware of it or remain heedless and veiled. For example, the spring breeze bloweth upon all things and passeth over all who dwell on earth, both those who are unconscious in the sleep of negligence and those who are conscious through God's mercy. Yet blessed are they that are aware, for the heedless have ever been rejected and unacceptable in the sight of God, as hath been mentioned. Today all who profess the Bayan and others among diverse peoples are commanded to enter beneath the shade of this exalted Tree, this Speaking Tree, this all-embracing Word, this conclusive Proof, this clear Evidence and this manifest Path. No soul hath or shall have any refuge, shelter or resting-place save this. All are personally responsible for this Cause, wondrous and exalted. Moreover, acknowledgment of this Word hath never been and shall never be dependent upon or conditional on any soul's acceptance, as is clear and evident to every person of insight. How can it be that he who is asked about it should himself be heedless, even as the peoples of the Qur'an, having fixed their

gaze upon this very thing, have remained deprived of the divine revelation and the fountainhead and source of absolute divine bounty.

They have remained deprived of the source of absolute divine bounty, and have made all eyes and ears dependent upon the words and deeds of their leaders. The Point of Existence and Beauty of the Desired One (may the spirit of all in the kingdom be sacrificed for Him) has, in numerous passages of the Bayan, given exalted counsels and eloquent exhortations regarding this rugged and harsh station of Dhikvan. Thus in one passage He says that those among the people of the Bayan who attain to the Day of the Manifestation of the dawning Suns of the glory of Oneness must, by themselves and of their own accord, draw nigh unto that divine Tree, and must attain to the station of His recognition - which is the reality of the wondrous Paradise and the Ridvan of Oneness - through their own intellect, heart and ears, rather than making themselves dependent upon the acceptance or rejection of the leaders of the age. And He has elevated this theme further and specifically mentioned that if any of the Letters were to exist in that Day and deny Him, none should be prevented by their prohibition nor deprive themselves of the bounty of the heaven of glory. What if they remain deprived of nearness to the Tree due to their attention to transient causes or outward leadership? And in another passage He states that on that Day none should be veiled by anything, for perhaps even the guides to My light might remain veiled. Therefore hold fast, O people, to the cord of God and His grace, and be not among the questioners. Turn to none but Him in recognizing Him, for His proof is His verses and His existence is His evidence, if ye be of the assured ones. Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye be veiled by books, even if all the heavens and earth were filled with decisive books, nor by the revealed verses, for nothing can excel Him in anything. Thus know Him, if ye be of those who know. For all the sublime words and consummate wisdom in the books, scriptures and psalms are all confirmed by His Word, if ye be of those who know.

In any case, exercise the utmost care and vigilance lest thou measure the surging, billowing Most Great Ocean by a drop, for naught else is mentioned before Him. Glory be to God above what ye say! The purpose of mentioning these words is that perchance heedlessness might not encompass and seize thee, and that at the time of the dawning of the rising Suns thou mightest not cling to anyone's acceptance or rejection. In short, seek not to cling to anyone, but rather turn with thine own being to the dawning of that Sun of bounty and grace, for that same dawning is more evident than all conclusive proofs and greater than all decisive arguments, and ever shall be. This meaning is recorded in the revealed Books. Now, O people of fancy and desire, come to your senses and reflect upon the loftiness of God's Cause and the exaltation of God's Word, that perchance limited souls and thick veils might not become a barrier between you and the recognition of the King of Names. And beyond all this, a person is either mad or sane - the mad one bears no responsibility and is charged with no duty, while the sane one, who possesses an upright mind, an illumined heart, a seeing eye and a hearing ear, surely has the capacity to recognize that Sun of Certitude, for if one possessed not this most great station, one would not be charged with this most mighty command[…]

And one whose hearing hath heard it must surely possess the capacity to recognize that Sun of Certitude, for had he not possessed this most exalted station, he would not have been entrusted with this supreme command and the recognition of the Most Perfect Word. Thus doth God perfect His proof unto you and manifest unto you the paths of His knowledge, that His proof may be fulfilled against you, that perchance

ye may ponder the signs of God. In brief, the essence of all that hath been said is this: It is incumbent upon everyone in this Day to take fast hold of the Ark of Guidance of the Noah of His Cause, that they may perchance be saved from drowning in the sea of self and passion and the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the people of wickedness and iniquity. Well is it with them that draw nigh unto this divine Lote-Tree, that inhale these most holy breezes, and that turn unto this Ancient Light. And should any soul in the western regions become prepared to receive the effusions of this exalted Cloud and this glorious Mist, assuredly will the outpourings of the Holy Spirit and Its breath, which is nearer than nearness itself, encompass him from all directions, and all the exalted stations and universal words and lofty ranks that lay hidden and concealed within him will be made manifest and revealed to him through his own self. Consider, for instance, the grain - how limited is its size and weight! Yet when it is deposited in pure earth and the holy city of existence, and is nurtured by the sun and the blowing of the winds, how its hidden splendors - its branches and offshoots, its leaves and fruits - become manifest through its own essence unto its own essence! Now, O ye who are veiled by the veils of fancy, prepare yourselves for this most great bounty and most mighty grace, that through a drop thereof the hidden bounties and treasured pearls may become manifest and visible from illumined breasts. Deprive not thyself of His boundless mercy, and despair not of His everlasting breath. None despaireth of God's Spirit save the people who are corrupt.

Another question was asked concerning the Sun of Baha–in what station it now appeareth. By God! The heavens are well-nigh rent asunder by thy words, and the earth of divine purpose cleft, and every lofty and towering mountain brought low. Turn unto God Who created thee and fashioned thee, then return unto Him from thy words, then seek His forgiveness for what thou hast imagined within thyself, and be thou of the contrite. Beware lest thou mention again what thou hast mentioned, for thereby will every exalted one be perturbed and the feet of the mystics slip. And since this servant loveth not to disappoint those who hope in Him, or turn away those who seek Him, or sadden those who love Him, or trouble those who yearn for Him, therefore doth He cause to rain down upon thee from this pure and luminous cloud according to what God hath willed for thee, not according to what it was, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Pledge thyself that thou wilt not ask about such matters, from Me or from any other, nor let their like occur to thy heart, nor move thy tongue to speak of them. Be thou in an impregnable fortress. Fear God and ask not about things which, if revealed to thee, would grieve thee. Be content with what We have revealed unto you in the year eighty and before it in the ninth year, if ye be of them that are assured. By God! Were it not for My love for thee, I would have restrained the Pen and would not have released it unto all eternity, lest it move upon that whereupon thy pen hath moved. Glory be to God above what thou didst intend within thyself! Exalted is He above that which the tongues of these prattlers utter! Beware, beware, O servant, lest thou mention that which would raise the clamor of the perplexed, then the cry of the monotheists, then the tumult of the mystics. And wert thou capable within thyself, We would have commanded thee to seek God's forgiveness for seventy thousand ages of the ancients. And wert thou possessed of earthly riches, We would have commanded thee to spend a quintal of gold in amends for what hath issued from thy mouth and appeared from thy pen. And We are, verily, the Ruler. And wert thou possessed of physical strength, We would have inflicted upon thee a thousand lashes in requital for what thou didst ask, that thou mayest be of the mindful. Doth it beseem a mere clot of blood to ask about Him Whom no possessor of excellence, however lofty, can know? Or for dust to inquire

about the Lord of Lords? Exalted is He above all that ye are upon and all that ye inquire about! Can the non-existent be mentioned before the Sovereign of existence? Or can nothingness appear before the Ancient of Days? Or can the evanescent ascend to the heaven of eternity, that holy and exalted seat? The blind can never know the sun in its entirety, and must needs be content with what is revealed unto him of its heat which proceedeth from its effects. Therefore know thou thy station and the station of them that ask. Verily the clot hath the right to ask its Lord about the station of the embryo, and likewise the embryo about the bones, then the bones about the clothing of flesh, until it reacheth the station which hath been ordained for it in its rank, if ye be of them that understand. And were the embryo to ask God to raise it at once to the station of every learned and discerning one, such a request would be rejected, for it cannot attain to this except by ascending the steps until it reacheth this lofty and glorious station. Consider the seed that is sown in the earth: certain months pass over it, and the hands of providence nurture it according to what God hath ordained in the earth itself, until there emergeth from it that which ye behold.

The hands of divine disposal shall administer it according to what God hath ordained in the earth itself, until there emerges from it that which ye witness and of which ye are among the witnesses. And when the earth bringeth it forth, none shall benefit thereby except it attain unto its appointed station. Thus must ye understand the wisdom of God, if ye be among them that seek. Consider likewise the tree: when it is planted, it beareth not fruit immediately, but must ascend through the stations God hath ordained for it. Then shall it yield fruits of exalted glory. Though thy Lord is verily able to manifest all that hath been and shall be from a handful of clay, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And should He wish to bring forth from a single drop the creation of the first and the last in less than a moment, He would be able, for He is verily the Ordainer, the Administrator, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. However, as He hath ordained stations, degrees and measures for all things, He loveth that each thing should attain what He hath ordained of these stations, that ye may be among those who perceive God's wisdom. Strive thou to see all things in their proper stations as they are, that thou mayest be upon a straight and just path.

And as I find My love for thee, I counsel thee to guard thyself in these days wherein every soul is seized with intoxication and is in manifest heedlessness. For God created them, sustained them, caused them to die and brought them to life, then raised them up to know the Manifestation of His Cause. Yet all are veiled and cling to their own suppositions and idle fancies. They oppose the very purpose for which they were created, and perceive it not. Among them are those who read God's words at all times, yet turn away from His beauty. They speak of what was revealed in the Bayan, yet themselves understand it not. They imagine themselves in the highest paradise while they abide in the nethermost fire, did they but perceive it. They bid others to righteousness while forgetting their own selves, as ye witness in their deeds. They attribute themselves to God, yet show pride before His beauty.

Consider in these days all that thou hast heard and seen in the days of God aforetime, wherein no decree was altered, if ye but know. When 'Ali came unto them with the truth with a manifest Book, they opposed and proudly rejected him with all their might. They turned away, then sought to adduce proofs from the Book of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Each day they took verses from the Qur'an whereby to refute the truth, as ye witness from these people. They move their tongues with falsehood, saying "This is

from God" when it is not from God but from their own selves, if ye could understand. Had it been from God, they would not have opposed God Who created them and fashioned them. Thus did their souls entice them to earn what they earned. Each day they cling to a word from the Book and oppose Him through Whom the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Beloved, were revealed. Say: Nothing shall suffice you after His manifestation, though ye cling to all things. Say: All books bear witness to this and all scriptures prove it, if ye would but read. Ye shall not find in the books a single letter that hath not testified within itself that this is the Truth of Truth from the presence of One Mighty, Self-Subsisting. Apart from this, I ask you, O people of the Bayan, one word in pure truthfulness, if ye be fair: If ye possessed a thousand books […]

Say: She hath testified within herself that this is indeed the Truth of truth from the presence of One mighty and self-subsisting. Apart from this, I ask you, O people of the Bayan, for a word of pure truth, if ye be fair: Should there be in your possession a thousand books - nay, beyond count, indeed beyond your power to number - and should ye outwardly witness these books and draw proofs from what is contained therein concerning your belief, even as all peoples thus act, and should someone come to you with something different from what ye possess and know of the Book's decree - what then would ye say? Would ye contend against him who hath come to you with the signs of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, as ye now witness with your own eyes? Or would ye attribute error to yourselves, having read God's Books yet failed to grasp their meaning? Alas for you, O heedless ones! Even as after Muhammad, the Messenger of God, all who followed the Qur'an drew proofs from the Book that Messengership and Prophethood were sealed with Him and that none would come after Him with a Cause from God or laws from His presence - this ye witnessed with your eyes and heard with your ears from them. And ye, O people of the Bayan, were of them and thus did ye argue in your days until 'Ali came with the truth. Then were your suppositions and knowledge turned back upon yourselves, and God's Cause shone forth through His command "Be!" and it was. Thus comprehend the Cause in these days unto an end that hath no end, if ye doubt not what ye have seen and are among those who are certain of what they witness. Say: He hath appeared with the truth and naught in your possession can veil Him, nor can anything in the heavens and earth hinder Him. He speaketh the truth with His most exalted voice in the dominion of Command and Creation, and feareth no one, as ye witness. Whether ye accept or turn away is equal, for He is independent of what ye comprehend. We now set forth for you a parable through grace, that ye might attain to what ye love. Verily, the ocean remaineth as it is in its station - if none approaches to draw water from it or extract its pearls, doth anything decrease from it, if ye but know? Likewise doth the sun shine as it ever hath - if none looketh upon it, is its light and radiance diminished? Reflect then on God's wisdom, if ye be of those who reflect. Nay, whoever turneth to it - this is God's grace upon him, for he benefiteth from it what he cannot benefit from aught else. Thus do We set forth parables that ye might understand. O people! Leave what ye possess and take what is with God through His power, and beware lest ye be veiled. Then be immersed in God's hue in these days, then enter the pavilion that hath been raised in truth, and rely upon Him, and be of those whom no blame of the blamer, nor gloating of the transgressor, nor turning away of any rejected denier can deter. Say: Today We observe with holy vision servants who claim faith within themselves yet are veiled from what they formerly knew, and thereby their falsehood is exposed though they perceive it not. Consider then within thyself: if all who are in the heavens were to be veiled today […]

And yet they perceive not. Reflect then within thyself: were all who are in the heavens and on earth to be veiled this day from their Creator, would any loss revert to Him? Nay, by the glory of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting! Rather would the loss revert entirely to themselves, did they but know it. And verily in this We find Ourselves in an exaltation that no exaltation can approach, and in a joy whereof were but a drop to overflow upon all existence and its manifestations, they would all fall in a swoon. Say: Glorified art Thou, O Lord, my Best-Beloved! Make me steadfast in Thy Cause, then number me among those who have not broken Thy Covenant nor followed the idols of their vain imaginings. Assign me then a seat of truth in Thy presence, grant me mercy from Thy grace, and join me with those servants of Thine upon whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. O Lord, leave me not to myself, nor deprive me of recognizing the Manifestation of Thine Own Self, nor reckon me among those who have forgotten Thy presence. Make me, O my God, among those who gaze upon Thy Beauty and find such delight therein that they would not exchange a single moment thereof for the sovereignty of the kingdom of the heavens and earth and all that was and shall be. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, in these days wherein heedlessness hath seized all the dwellers of Thy earth. Then grant me, O my God, the best of what lieth with Thee, for verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Gracious, the Forgiving. Make me not, O my God, among those whose ears are deaf, whose eyes are blind, whose tongues are dumb, and whose hearts understand not. O Lord, deliver me from the fire of ignorance and desire, then cause me to enter within the precincts of Thy most great mercy. Send down upon me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, for verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O concourse of the Bayan! Fear ye God, and follow not your idle fancies, but rather follow the decree of God as revealed in all the Tablets from the heaven of sublime glory. Say: With Him is the knowledge of all things. He knoweth the mysteries of the heavens and the earth, and the knowledge of what was and what shall be, and knoweth what is within your hearts and souls, whether ye conceal it or declare it openly. Nothing whatsoever is hidden from God your Lord, nor doth anything escape His knowledge, if ye but knew.

If ye desire God to protect you from every test and from these people, fear God with true fear, then turn away from them and put thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: We believe in God and His angels and His Messengers and in all that they have brought of every scroll and tablet and hidden scripture, and in what was revealed unto Muhammad the Messenger of God, and in what was revealed unto ’Ali, and in what was with him and what shall be, and in what hath been and what is now being revealed of the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus did We counsel thee before, and now again, that thou mayest be of those who are assured.

Say: This is My path, if ye would behold the path of God. This is My proof, if ye would heed the proof of God. Say: This is My testimony, if ye would be certain of God’s testimony. Say: This is the path of God in the heavens and on earth, if ye desire to traverse it. Say: If God were to punish anyone for believing in these revealed and dispatched verses, by what proof would He then punish those who believed not in the Point of the Bayan, and before Him in Muhammad the Messenger of God, and before Him in the Son of Mary, and before Him in Moses the Prophet, until the matter returneth to the Primal Beginning, if ye be fair-minded.

Know thou that whosoever hesitates in this Cause that hath appeared hath verily hesitated in every Cause, if ye would understand. And he who believeth not in this, hath disbelieved in all the Messengers before, even unto the Primal Creation, and this is a manifest truth. Consider within thyself: if thou believest not in the Point of the Bayan, can the designation of belief in any of God's Messengers before Him be true for thee? Likewise, if thou believest not in any of the Messengers until the endless end, can the designation of belief in any of them be true for you? Glory be to God above what ye imagine! There is no doubt that belief cannot be true for anyone except through believing in all that hath been revealed from God or shall be revealed, and this is what hath been inscribed upon every preserved tablet.

Thus know thou God's Cause and His way in every age, that matters may not become confused for you. Look upon the Manifestations' relationship to God in what is revealed unto them, not in their differences. Behold in the revelation naught but the beauty of the Revealer, and in the revelation naught but its Revealer, if ye would see. Then witness the beauty of every Manifestation in His words, that the truth may become evident to thee and thou mayest be of those who know. For God hath made their words mirrors of their souls, and casteth upon each one according to how they face the Sun, and thus do ye witness. By these degrees are their stations made manifest, if ye would understand. All these are degrees in the stations of the mirrors' manifestation when facing the Sun, but concerning the Sun in these days ye do not inquire. Then bear witness that It hath ever been one in Its essence[…]

And by these stations their ranks become manifest, if ye would understand. All these are stations in the manifestations of mirrors when the Sun shines forth, yet in these days ye inquire not about the Sun. Then bear witness that It hath ever been one in Its essence, one in Its attributes, and one in Its deeds, and apart from this no verdict of absolute unity can be established for It, nor can the sanctification of Its essence from similitude and limitation be confirmed, if ye would understand. Beware lest ye associate partners with God or call upon another god besides Him, or take for Him a partner or likeness or minister or peer - this is the truth of faith, if ye would know. We have forbidden thee from mentioning that with a mighty prohibition, and We have commanded thee to seek forgiveness from thy Lord and return unto Him for what thy fingers have wrought in mentioning this hidden matter and this treasured mystery. But when this Bird ascended in the pole of this heaven to the station wherein all things are witnessed in Its shadow, and found thee in the land of bewilderment, therefore It casteth upon thee what God causeth to flow from My pen according to what people are capable of understanding. Know thou that God thy Lord hath never withheld His outpouring grace and bounty from anything that was or will be. Rather, He created all things and ordained in them every known bounty and that which none hath discovered, if ye would understand. This is the station of the capacities that have been ordained in all things, manifesting therefrom as days pass until reaching the end of what was destined for it, as ye witness in all things. If thou art able to detach thyself from all thou hast heard and ascend to this mighty, praiseworthy station, then witness all names as rising suns - as there is no end to the names, likewise there is no end to the suns. For example, one of God's names is the All-Bountiful - it is a sun in its station, shining upon the mirrors of all created things, and the lights of this radiance appear upon all things according to their capacity, as ye observe. And the effect of this sun is first witnessed in man, such that thou findest in every human being the effect of the manifestation of this name. The difference is that in some it appeareth in the fullness of perfection, bestowing bounty upon themselves in all God hath provided them, and upon

their kindred and loved ones, and upon those who draw nigh unto them, and likewise upon all who enter into faith, and beyond that upon every person of sound and unsound mind. And in others thou findest not this perfection, such that they show bounty to themselves and those of kinship and relation, but withhold it from others. And in some thou findest bounty only to themselves and withholding from all else. Thus know the stations of the manifestation of this sun in these temples according to what they do. Blessed is he who looketh not to himself and his kindred, but rather looketh with the eye of grace, showing bounty to himself and others, turning toward no direction save the direction of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and bestowing upon the believers what God hath given him through His generosity of goodly character, exalted attributes, and praiseworthy manners.

Behold the praiseworthy manners and accumulated wealth, both of himself and others, that he might fully reflect this Sun and be among those who have spent all they possess in the path of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved. And if thou wert to look upon all who are in the heavens and the earth, thou wouldst find naught except that wherein thou wouldst discover the lights of this Sun, save in those who turn not towards it. Yet We have found none like unto this, if ye be of them that perceive. Thus observe thou the reflection of this Sun in all created things besides man, then ponder thereon. Consider, for example, the tree, how it bestoweth upon every soul that which appeareth from it of forbidden fruits - this is the effect of that reflection within it, if ye be of them that are assured. Likewise the earth bestoweth all that God hath stored within its depths of everything, including the ears of grain whereof ye eat. Thus learn thou of all the suns of the names as We have taught thee in truth, that thou mayest be of those who know and who reflect upon the wisdom of God. Then witness the manifestation of the Sun's reflection through His name 'the Governor' in all things that were and shall be, and thou shalt witness the manifestation of this name and all other names in man most completely and perfectly, as ye know and observe, whereby every form of governance appeareth from him by the command of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. This reflection from this blessed and manifest Name is not confined to any one person to the exclusion of others, as ye hear and witness among the various sects who follow not the truth. They have attained in governance unto a station that none before them hath attained, and this is from God's bounty unto them, though they perceive it not. Thus hath His mercy preceded all created things and His grace encompassed all from the highest creation down to the most limited mineral. When these people strove to manifest this reflection within themselves and turned toward this Sun, the hand of grace withheld them not from this station - this from His all-pervading bounty that encompasseth all things, though most men understand not. But these people occupied themselves with this name in this station and were heedless of God's other beauteous names and their manifestations, as ye witness, and they remained fixed in that condition, then devoted themselves to it according to their own desires rather than what God desired for them. Therefore their names were recorded among the worshippers of names, for they were devoted thereto. For God desired through this name their governance in their religion in the primal reality, yet they veiled themselves therefrom as ye know. When they believed not in the Manifestations of justice, it was proven that they had not attained unto the true governance of this blessed and beloved Name. Then observe the reflection of this Name in the earth, how whatsoever is entrusted to its atmosphere is not betrayed therein, but is governed throughout days and months until it reacheth its station, whereupon it emergeth therefrom in a beautiful and pleasing form. Thus witness thou the reflection of this Sun from this Name in all things, that thou mayest become aware of the suns of

the names and be of those who are informed of the mysteries of the Cause. Were I to mention the suns of the names and their reflections as God hath ordained for them unto an end that hath no end, it would never be exhausted, if ye but knew.

And her effulgences shall continue, as ordained by God, unto the end that hath no end, would ye but understand. We have sufficed with what We have expounded unto thee; be thou content with what hath been ordained for thee from this Hidden Pen. We have opened before thy face the gates of knowledge and wisdom in what We have cast upon thee in truth, that thou mayest draw forth from this ocean whatsoever thou desirest of the pearls of hidden knowledge. Shouldst thou desire to bring forth from each gate a hundred thousand gates, thou wouldst be empowered to approach this Hidden and Treasured Name, which hath been tried at the hands of those who believed not in God for the twinkling of an eye, though they claim within themselves to be the essence of faith. Say: Knowledge appeareth from His presence, and He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of all knowledge. Should anyone come with all the knowledge of the first and the last, and enter not beneath this shadow, naught would be accepted from him, would ye but be assured. Even as when Muhammad appeared with the truth, naught was accepted from the divines of the Gospel, and likewise in the Bayan. Consider how when ’Ali came with the truth, the knowledge of the divines of the Qur’an profited them not, save those who entered beneath His shadow, would ye but perceive. Know this likewise from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, and be of them who discern all things with the eye of God. Should anyone come who possesseth not a single letter of knowledge, yet entereth beneath this shadow, he is more learned than every erudite scholar, for the knowledge that hath ever been mentioned before God is His recognition and the recognition of the Manifestations of His Cause, would ye but look unto the Books of God. All this ye shall find in the Bayan, would ye but read. My Pen moveth only as moved by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the Bayan! Take Me not to task for the revelation of verses unto Me. By God! This fault is not Mine, but the Spirit moveth Me at all times, would ye but hearken. Were ye to sanctify your souls, ye would surely find the breezes of God wafting from this most fragrant musk; but since ye have debarred yourselves from this Paradise, ye shall find naught, even as the people of the Qur’an found not the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And thou, O questioner, ponder what We have cast upon thee, and take for thyself what thou desirest. If thou seekest from the sun these shining suns, We have surely revealed unto thee their names and their mysteries, and have shown thee their effulgences upon the mirrors of all created things, and their dawning upon all that was and shall be. And if thou seekest the Sun of suns, and the Sovereign of existence, and the King of the desired One, around Whom circle these suns and their realities, say: Glorified be the Possessor of grandeur, before Whom boweth down every possessor of grandeur and power! Glorified be the Possessor of might, before Whom prostrateth every possessor of might and exaltation! Glorified be the Possessor of glory, before Whom is abased every possessor of glory and independence! Glorified be the Possessor of power, before Whom is brought low every possessor of power and splendor! Then know that none besides Him can attain unto Him, and all else is as nothing before Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Best-Beloved. All names are raised up by His Word, and all attributes appear by His command, would ye but know. Beware lest thou ascribe this station to any besides Him.

And all attributes appear by His command, if ye only knew. Beware lest thou ascribe this station to any besides Him, nor make mention of anyone when mentioning Him, nor associate with Him any sign or expression, for He, exalted and glorified be He, will never be indicated by any sign save His own, nor be associated with the recognition of His creatures, if ye only knew. Verily, the highest recognition of those who recognize and the utmost attainment of those who attain returneth unto His creation which was created by His word "Be! and it is." All else besides Him is created by His command, brought into being by His will, prostrate before His countenance, and submissive before His presence, and all are preserved with Him in a guarded tablet. Verily, He shall appear in truth as God hath promised you in the Book. Fear God, then speak not concerning His Cause, and await His Day even as all who are in the heavens and on earth await His days, though in their souls they perceive it not. Know thou that I believed in Him before His manifestation, and after His manifestation, and at the time of His manifestation, and I await His days according to what hath been inscribed upon the tablets of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest thou mention this Name or harbor evil thoughts concerning His Cause, and be of those who seek forgiveness every day. We have forbidden thee to mention this Name lest anyone imagine in himself nearness unto this Hidden Tree, and lest thou be questioned about anyone as thou hast been questioned, and mention not anyone by this Name, for this is exclusively His, if ye would but hearken unto what this Dove teacheth you through what the Spirit hath cast upon Him of the words of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. O people! Be not neglectful of the Book, nor alter the Word of God, nor be of those who speak of that which they know not. By God! The dust of His footsteps is more exalted than all that hath been and shall be created, than all that was and that will be. If thou knewest that souls would not be disturbed, I would say that it is the Throne of God on earth, for upon it resteth His mighty and beloved foot. Be thou steadfast in what We have imparted unto thee such that thy feet shall not slip, and be not of those who know not and who attribute this station to those who desire it. By God! This is an error the like of which existeth not in all creation. Fear God, O people, and transgress not beyond what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who hath inspired me with the wondrous tokens of Thy remembrance, and then prevented me from revealing them to Thy creatures, and hath placed me in such a position wherein I am forbidden from manifesting the entirety of the mysteries of Thy wisdom, due to the appearance of heedlessness among Thy creation. For if I, O my God, were to conceal from the people that which Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy bounty, I would be ungrateful for Thy favor; and if I were to disclose to them that which Thou hast honored me with through Thy grace, then the clamor of Thy servants would be raised. I see naught of this save from Thee, for Thou hast raised me up and manifested me in days wherein Thou hast never raised up any of Thy chosen ones, and I know not what Thou hast intended through the manifestations of Thy decree and ordainment, and the operations of Thy command and direction. By Thy might, O my Beloved! I testify that Thy knowledge hath never encompassed a day greater and more severe than these days, for in them all servants, both lowly and noble, are being tested. Yet I, despite my powerlessness, poverty, distress and destitution, shall remain steadfast in Thy Cause through Thy might and power, even if no one should accept this Countenance in their quest to meet Thee. I thank Thee for that which Thou hast granted me and honored me with - a steadfastness which none can remove from its station, even if the swords of the deniers and the opposition of the idolaters be raised above my head. I testify that a particle of this steadfastness is better

than the worship of both humans and jinn. Through this my heart finds rest and my soul becomes tranquil, and I behold all who are in the heavens and earth as but a handful of clay, nay, more contemptible than that, except for those who have entered beneath Thy shadow in this Most Great Name, whereby all names have been transformed and all attributes have been changed in the dominion of origination. For those who know Thee not have no station with Thee, nor any mention before Thee. Therefore, I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, that my feet slip not from Thy Cause, beside which nothing can endure. Then confirm me through Thy bounty and grace, and sever me from all else but Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the Self-Subsisting. We were writing these Tablets in Persian when God stayed the Pen and returned it to a clear Arabic tongue. Therefore, We have cast upon thee from the mysteries of knowledge and wisdom in this tongue, then We shall return to the Persian language that God's proof, His evidence, His testimony and His signs may be complete unto thee, that thou mayest be of those who turn toward God Who created Me and you, and we are among His worshippers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

From these utterances, shining forth from the horizon of divine exposition, it hath been made clear and evident that the attribution of the name "Sun" to each of these aforementioned manifest Names hath been and is most fitting. Thus, if in the utterances of the Manifestations of Divine Unity and the Daysprings of eternal holiness mention is made of the Sun, the intent is these resplendent Suns and luminous Lights, except as thy Lord willeth. Furthermore, it is clear and manifest to those endowed with knowledge and wisdom, possessed of pure nature and enlightened character, that in every age and dispensation when the veils of glory are lifted from the countenance of Beauty, and the hidden, veiled and concealed Countenance emerges from behind the mystic veil, that Tree of divine Reality and celestial Fruit must be recognized by His own Self, for all else hath been and shall ever be under His shadow, and the hidden stations of that Treasury of Unity can be comprehended only through His luminous utterances. Although the penetrating vision, sanctified from all limitation and restriction, perceiveth in all that proceedeth from Him the signs of God's grandeur - for the effulgences of that all-encompassing Sun are too manifest to remain hidden from the eyes of the knowing, and the surging waves of that mighty Ocean are too evident to be concealed from the sight of them that are nigh unto God - yet since men differ in their stages of knowledge and certitude, therefore, as a token of His grace and bounty and as evidence of His loving-kindness unto all created things, He hath made the verses sent down from the heaven of His Will and the evidences shining forth from the horizon of grace to be His testimony, that all men, both high and low, might through these conclusive proofs and these radiant, gleaming verses recognize that Ancient Being and Most Perfect Word. All this is of His grace toward His servants, though they deserve it not, that haply they may not be deprived of the divine outpourings and holy favors. Otherwise, the rejection of all created things or the acceptance of all contingent beings would be equal in that most holy Court. Moreover, on the Day of the manifestation of that Most Great Luminary, no excuse from any soul shall be accepted. For example, should all who are on earth adduce proofs from all the heavenly Books and Scriptures in support of some matter, and that Essence of being should appear in opposition to that accepted and established matter, none hath the right to object, for all command and prohibition are conditional upon His will and acceptance, and the utterances that proceed from that heaven of Divine Unity have not been and shall never be conditional upon anything. O seeker with enlightened heart! Enter this Sinai of the spirit that thou mayest behold in the mount of the heart the

radiance of the Sun of inner meanings, and with the power of Abraham break the idols of fancy and conjecture, and being purified and sanctified from blind imitation, restriction and limitation, mayest ascend to the heights of certitude, steadfastness and constancy. Consider further that if all who are within the Bayan should, through all that is in the Bayan, adduce proofs concerning the conditions of the subsequent Manifestation and hold as established that Promised Beauty […]

Let them acknowledge that the Promised Beauty and Sun of Being must needs appear with this mentioned sign, but should that Essence of free choice manifest contrary to it, what then wouldst thou do? Wouldst thou remain content with thine own understanding, independent of the recognition of that Sun of knowledge? Nay, by Him Who hath taught this Pen the mysteries of eternity! Nothing will suffice thee save clinging to the hem of His loving-kindness. Hast thou not observed how the peoples of old, by clinging to the idols of fancy and desire, remained deprived of the grace of the Day of Distinction? In all circumstances, take refuge in God, that thou mayest not be withheld from the Tree of Purpose and His knowledge - which is identical with the knowledge of all the Primary and Ultimate Manifestations of God - by whatsoever thou beholdest in the heavens and on earth, be it established utterances or outward conditions. Strive that ye may not be veiled from the copious rain of the exalted divine clouds. Although the clouds of grace are ever elevated and know no cessation, yet not every cloud is the manifestation of universal bounty, nor will it ever be. Consider the sun and its rising and setting. Though in its essence it is sanctified above rising and setting, yet through the changing of its stations and signs it appeareth in different measures. For instance, in the sign of Leo it manifesteth with utmost brilliance and heat, while in other signs it appeareth otherwise. And now that, by God's grace, the clouds of mercy have encompassed the whole earth and its inhabitants, and the Sun of favor hath appeared with perfect radiance and heat, occupy not thyself with the promptings of the satanic self and the embodiments of rancorous envy. In all circumstances and conditions, know God to be the Sovereign Doer and the Executor of whatsoever He willeth, and remain firm and steadfast in this all-embracing word, which is the greatest of all revealed words, that perchance thou mayest remain constant in the religion of God and His Cause. This is pure truth and genuine verity[…]

What then is beyond truth but error? And just as the sacred Essence of Truth is its own proof, and all else falls short and is incapable of knowing It as It deserves and merits to be known, likewise the verses sent down from the heaven of His Command attest to His Revelation, and all else is utter nothingness, sheer non-existence, and wholly unmentioned in that realm. And God sufficeth as a witness. One must exercise the utmost reflection and contemplation upon these comprehensive revealed words, that through each of their gates infinite doors of knowledge may be opened unto infinity before the faces of the seekers and the sincere. This is a station wherein none can tread save through the essence of their nature and the purity of their innate disposition. Should the mirrors of hearts be tarnished by even a hair's breadth with the dust of all else, never shall the radiance of this glorious Light and wondrous Cause be reflected and manifested therein. How exalted and inaccessible is this station that accepteth naught but pure sanctification! How lofty and transcendent that it receiveth naught but absolute detachment! Ah, above all sighs! Ah, beneath all sighs! Ah, that filleth the heavens with the yearning of lovers! Ah, that filleth the earth with the cry of the longing ones! Ah, that causeth crimson tears to flow from eyes! Ah, again ah, again ah, from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that no learned one can reckon! Ah,

whose fire appeareth in existence and whose anguish ariseth in manifestation, causing all created things to grieve, and behind it the denizens of the highest Paradise! Ah, that hath consumed hearts and shaken lands! Ah, that none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! How the people have veiled themselves from the Beauty of God and His manifestation, from the Countenance of God and His dawning, and He hath fallen before these people with an abasement incomparable to any abasement, and with a sorrow that no sorrow can match, neither among the former nor the latter generations. Thereby hath the life of every person of understanding been transformed and the pillars of the mighty throne have quaked. Yet the people remain heedless and joyous, in evident gladness. Thus doth God render vain the work of those who have been heedless of His remembrance and have denied the signs in their possession from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. And the Spirit be upon the people of the spirit from this ancient, resplendent Glory!

In these days, preserve thyself during this great testing, lest thou slip from the straight path, for ere long thou shalt witness all people disturbed and shaken, nay turned away, save whom thy Lord willeth. Two years ago in the City a leaf was revealed wherein all subsequent events were recorded. If thou turnest today to attain understanding, refer to that blessed leaf, that perchance thou mayest deliver thyself from the abyss of extinction and enter the abode of immortality, and passing beyond the city of names and its kingdom, thou mayest enter the holy and generous realm which is the station of pure sanctification and absolute detachment, and through the riches of God be freed from the abasement of questioning. For questioning itself hath ever been and shall be evidence of the wavering and lack of steadfastness of the questioner, although the exalted Truth hath loved and loveth to be questioned, for the sake of bestowing grace and conferring bounty. However, true knowledge hath another station, and it pertaineth to sight and heart and inner vision, not to the mention of pen and ink. Thus doth the Pen of righteousness impart unto thee on this Day, unto which returneth the decree of the beginning and the end.

And further, thou didst ask what station and rank this servant hath claimed for himself. I am naught but a servant who hath believed in God, His Messengers, His Books, all that hath been revealed from Him, that which was revealed unto ’Ali in truth, that which is now being revealed, and that which shall be revealed in the time of the One Whom God shall make manifest, when all who are in the heavens and on earth shall be renewed. Then shall the Hour come, the Balance be set up, the Bridge be laid down, and God shall come with His Cause, if ye be of them that know. All that God hath ordained concerning me beareth witness to this, if ye be of them that testify. For numbered years, each moment of which hath passed like fifty thousand years, tribulations have followed one upon another and calamities have succeeded each other without cease. Beyond these outward tribulations, by Him Who hath manifested the very essence of all created things through His sovereignty and power, there have been at all times and seasons inner tribulations, hidden from all eyes, minds and souls, which none save God hath known. Apart from what hath been mentioned, ye have surely heard what manifold calumnies and false imaginings the people of the Bayan have attributed and referred to this blessed, goodly Tree of Divine Unity. Indeed, not content with what the enemies have brought forth, this group hath spared no effort in what they were capable of doing, although the existence of this servant hath at all times been the cause of the exaltation of the Good Word, as ye all know and have witnessed. Now if some are prevented by their vain imaginings from sincere belief and deny this sublime grace, that is another matter, and unto God do all matters return.

Consider the inner like the outer, if ye look with the eye of the spirit. Throughout all these tribulations, afflictions and trials, both hidden and manifest, naught hath appeared from this imprisoned servant save absolute servitude, and as ye have observed, during the period of sojourn in the City of Peace, this servant associated with all the people of that land and its surroundings, both learned and otherwise, and strove to the extent possible, nay beyond that, to promote the Cause and exalt it, not neglecting a single moment, such that the Word was elevated to a degree that encompassed all the people of the earth. Never did he compromise with the enemies of God, but rather exerted the utmost effort and mighty endeavor in mentioning the Word of Remembrance. Finally, matters led to departure from the city, and it is evident to every person of insight how this exodus and migration manifested the glory of this Cause and its exaltation, until we became imprisoned and confined in this place. We thank God for all this, we praise Him, we remember Him, and we are patient in His trials, for verily He rewardeth the patient ones. Praise be to God for all this; there is no refuge save in Him and no help except through Him, and verily He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Merciful. Yea, throughout all these past years, praise be to God, the oceans of inner meanings and divine lights have surged in the heart […]

The divine lights were surging and shining in the heart to such extent that, without intention, their dewdrops were bestowed upon all created things, and the favors of the Lord of Glory encompassed all in such measure that their enumeration and limitation are beyond the realm of possibility and its people. And if mention was made by this servant regarding these stations in revealed tablets, it was only in obedience to that exalted word which states: “But as for thy Lord’s favor, proclaim it!” However, your honor has considered the root of the matter, which has never been and will never be confounded with aught else. And if thou canst not recognize and perceive the exalted Truth by His own Self, and besides Him, if thou gazest upon the words revealed from the heaven of holy oneness, then turn to the books revealed from the heaven of Will, wherein thou wilt witness, both explicitly and implicitly, mention of this all-embracing and hidden Word in most of them. Observe in the great Epistle and others, and likewise most of the verses of the Qayyumu’l-Asma indicate the dominion of this lofty and exalted Tree. I swear by God, I am ashamed to mention these utterances, for but few days have passed since the manifestation of that Dawning Sun of Oneness, and all have witnessed with their own eyes the circumstances of its appearance, yet all remain veiled. And what mention and utterance could be more evident than the Manifestation itself, that one should seek proof thereby? Consider now how much the concealment and delay of this Cause indicates and proves the loftiness of this Revelation, as if its delay had no cause save the testing and trial of all who are in the heavens and on earth. And likewise He says: “In the ninth year ye shall attain unto the Presence of God.” Although some have sought to interpret this holy and eternal Manifestation and the dawning of the divine light as referring to other than the Tree itself, and have striven mightily to distort this all-embracing Word, yet “the Command is in God’s hands; He guideth whom He pleaseth unto the straight path.” O people of the Bayan! Exercise the utmost effort lest ye become like the people of the Furqan, who attributed all names and attributes, from the highest station of the heaven of might down to the lowest degree of the mortal realm, to invisible entities, while remaining and continuing to remain heedless of the Dawning-Places of Oneness and the Manifestations of Eternity who actually exist. Now, O servants, observe with the eye of justice and fairness that this servant - I swear by Him Whom God shall make manifest - if during my stay in the Abode of Peace I imagined I would survive a day or night, for enemies surrounded me on all sides with the utmost

determination to destroy me, as all the inhabitants of that place know well, until divine destiny prevailed over satanic scheming, and the Sovereign of the highest heaven triumphed over the forms of the nethermost fire. And despite this elevation and fame, I emigrated with a group of other emigrants, and the exaltation of this name and fame and its manifestation occurred without intention. What more can I say about what has befallen and been visited upon this servant? By God, neither one possessed of love nor one possessed of heart could bear to hear it […]

Verily, divine mysteries have ever been and shall forever remain treasured within the repositories of infallible protection and preserved behind the veils of divine safekeeping. Were it not that the mountain of men's souls would be utterly shattered, I would make mention of a symbol from among the veiled, concealed, and hidden mysteries. But God reveals whatsoever He willeth, and I am not one to reveal that which is hidden. It is known to all of you and to the peoples of the earth what degree of servitude and humility hath been manifested by this servant to all the friends and loved ones from the first dawning of the Sun of Truth until this day. Yet what false accusations have been directed at this servant, and none hath arisen to dispel them. Unto God do I commit my affairs, in Him do I place my trust, and in Him let His detached servants place their trust.

Furthermore, it was asked how it is that the words of the exalted ones can be transformed into those of the debased, and how the letters of affirmation can be reckoned among the manifestations of negation. It should be known to you that when that Sun of divine grace and Ocean of heavenly bounty shone forth upon all the mirrors of creation, in some that faced It directly Its disk became reflected, while in others only Its radiance was apparent. Thus when that Ancient Sun, after being reflected in the forms of mirrors, describeth the mirrors with Its own infinite attributes, It is in truth describing Its own Self, for It beholdeth Its own lights in the mirrors, and all these exalted attributes in reality return unto It. This bounty exists in mirrors by virtue of their facing It, and after they turn away it will vanish and be no more. Now cleanse thy vision from the dust of all else save Him, that thou mayest recognize that Sun which, were all the mirrors of existence to face It in the slightest degree, would be reflected and imprinted in them all with the lights of truth and the traces of Divine Unity, from time immemorial unto eternity. And besides this, God eraseth what He willeth and confirmeth what He willeth, and with Him is the Mother Book. The All-Powerful hath power to erase after confirming, and likewise the reverse. It is in this connection that He saith: "Grieve not for what hath escaped you, neither exult in what hath been given to you." This is the point of justice, whereby all things besides God have been and shall ever be both fearful and hopeful. Every exalted one feareth erasure, and every lowly one hopeth for confirmation. By Him Who holdeth the soul of Husayn in His hand! Were I to explain this station as it hath been ordained, thou wouldst find most of mankind wavering. Call to mind His words, exalted be His remembrance: "Had We willed, We would have taken away what We have revealed unto thee." By My life! Were more than this to be cast upon thee, the falsifiers would surely doubt.

I do not wish to mention more than this in this connection, for people are immersed in pure fancy. And regarding certain events about which thou didst inquire that occurred in this servant's absence, their good and evil return unto their doers and performers. In brief, all matters are clear and evident, were the veils of people's fancies to be rent asunder and were they to observe the Cause of God with their own eyes - they would witness all mysteries as manifest realities. We hope, God willing, that a bounty from the

Source of generosity and favors of the Lord of Glory and Grandeur may be revealed and draw all the veiled ones from the veils of darkness unto the pavilions of unity. God bestoweth what He willeth, and verily He is the Ancient Bestower. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And another testament of this servant to all is that they should not be heedless for a moment but rather be vigilant in the Cause of God, and exercise the utmost diligence and effort in its protection and preservation, for this is the source of all good and its foundation, inasmuch as the first duty has been and will ever be the recognition of God, and all that hath been heard and witnessed revolveth around this Cause, since all things have appeared from it and unto it do they return. And after recognition of the One True God, obedience to His Cause and the observance of His laws are of the most mighty matters, and have been and will forever be. The breezes of remembrance have ever wafted from the City of the Divine Command, and the signs of God, through this holy and eternal Fragrance, shall remain established amongst humanity. In brief, God willing, may they turn with pure and sanctified hearts to their Source at all times and seasons, and become detached from all else but God, that perchance in these darkened days they may not remain veiled from the recognition of that Sun of Unity. This servant beseecheth the Lord of Glory to bestow upon all a vision and hearing sanctified from limitation and imitation. God granteth whatsoever He willeth, and verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous. And I seal these spiritual melodies with the mention of God, the Most Great, the Most Mighty, the Supreme, that its ending may be musk–yea, by this are the souls of the sincere attracted at all times. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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The essence of the divine mysteries in the journeys of ascent set forth for those who long to draw nigh unto God, the Almighty, the Ever-Forgiving - blessed be the righteous that quaff from these crystal streams!

He is the Exalted, the Most High!

O thou who treadest the path of justice and beholdest the countenance of mercy! Thine epistle was received, thy question was noted, and the sweet accents of thy soul were heard from the inmost chambers of thy heart. Whereupon the clouds of the Divine Will were raised to rain upon thee the outpourings of heavenly wisdom, to divest thee of all that thou hadst acquired aforetime, to draw thee from the realms of contradiction unto the retreats of oneness, and to lead thee to the sacred streams of His Law. Perchance thou mayest quaff therefrom, repose therein, quench thy thirst, refresh thy soul, and be numbered with those whom the light of God hath guided aright in this day.

Encompassed as I am at this time by the dogs of the earth and the beasts of every land, concealed as I remain in the hidden habitation of Mine inner Being, forbidden as I may be from divulging that which God hath bestowed upon Me of the wonders of His knowledge, the gems of His wisdom, and the tokens of His power, yet am I loath to frustrate the hopes of one who hath approached the sanctuary of grandeur, sought to enter within the precincts of eternity, and aspired to soar in the immensity of this creation at the dawning of the divine decree. I shall therefore relate unto thee certain truths from among those

which God hath vouchsafed unto Me, this only to the extent that souls can bear and minds endure, lest the malicious raise a clamour or the dissemblers hoist their banners. I implore God to graciously aid Me in this, for unto such as beseech Him, He is the All-Bounteous, and of those who show mercy, He is the Most Merciful.

Know then that it behoveth thine eminence to ponder from the outset these questions in thy heart: What hath prompted the divers peoples and kindreds of the earth to reject the Apostles whom God hath sent unto them in His might and power, whom He hath raised up to exalt His Cause and ordained to be the Lamps of eternity within the Niche of His oneness? For what reason have the people turned aside from them, disputed about them, risen against and contended with them? On what grounds have they refused to acknowledge their apostleship and authority, nay, denied their truth and reviled their persons, even slaying or banishing them?

O thou who hast set foot in the wilderness of knowledge and taken abode within the ark of wisdom! Not until thou hast grasped the mysteries concealed in that which We shall relate unto thee canst thou hope to attain to the stations of faith and certitude in the Cause of God and in those who are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dayspring of His Command, the Treasuries of His revelation, and the Repositories of His knowledge. Shouldst thou fail in this, thou wouldst be numbered with them that have not striven for the Cause of God, nor inhaled the fragrance of faith from the raiment of certitude, nor scaled the heights of the divine unity, nor yet recognized the stations of divine singleness within the Embodiments of praise and the Essences of sanctity.

Strive then, O My brother, to apprehend this matter, that the veils may be lifted from the face of thy heart and that thou mayest be reckoned among them whom God hath graced with such penetrating vision as to behold the most subtle realities of His dominion, to fathom the mysteries of His kingdom, to perceive the signs of His transcendent Essence in this mortal world, and to attain a station wherein one seeth no distinction amongst His creatures and findeth no flaw in the creation of the heavens and the earth.

Now that the discourse hath reached this exalted and intractable theme and touched upon this sublime and impenetrable mystery, know that the Christian and Jewish peoples have not grasped the intent of the words of God and the promises He hath made to them in His Book, and have therefore denied His Cause, turned aside from His Prophets, and rejected His proofs. Had they but fixed their gaze upon the testimony of God itself, had they refused to follow in the footsteps of the abject and foolish among their leaders and divines, they would doubtless have attained to the repository of guidance and the treasury of virtue, and quaffed from the crystal waters of life eternal in the city of the All-Merciful, in the garden of the All-Glorious, and within the inner reality of His paradise. But as they have refused to see with the eyes wherewith God hath endowed them, and desired things other than that which He in His mercy had desired for them, they have strayed far from the retreats of nearness, have been deprived of the living waters of reunion and the wellspring of His grace, and have lain as dead within the shrouds of their own selves.

Through the power of God and His might, I shall now relate certain passages revealed in the Books of old, and mention some of the signs heralding the appearance of the Manifestations of God in the sanctified

persons of His chosen Ones, that thou mayest recognize the Dayspring of this everlasting morn and behold this Fire that blazeth in the Tree which is neither of the East nor of the West. Perchance thine eyes may be opened upon attaining the presence of thy Lord and thy heart partake of the blessings concealed within these hidden treasuries. Render thanks then unto God, Who hath singled thee out for this grace and Who hath numbered thee with them that are assured of meeting their Lord.

This is the text of that which was revealed aforetime in the first Gospel, according to Matthew, regarding the signs that must needs herald the advent of the One Who shall come after Him. He saith: "And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days…", until the mystic Dove, singing in the midmost heart of eternity, and the celestial Bird, warbling upon the Divine Lote-Tree, saith: "Immediately after the oppression of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet."

In the second Gospel, according to Mark, the Dove of holiness speaketh in such terms: "For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be." And it singeth later with the same melodies as before, without change or alteration. God, verily, is a witness unto the truth of My words.

And in the third Gospel, according to Luke, it is recorded: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; and the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, know that the kingdom of God hath drawn nigh."

And in the fourth Gospel, according to John, it is recorded: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness." And elsewhere He saith: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." And: "But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you…" And yet again: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." And: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."

Such is the text of the verses revealed in the past. By Him besides Whom there is none other God, I have chosen to be brief, for were I to recount all the words that have been sent down unto the Prophets of God from the realm of His supernal glory and the kingdom of His sovereign might, all the pages and tablets of the world would not suffice to exhaust My theme. References similar to those mentioned, nay even more sublime and exalted, have been made in all the Books and Scriptures of old. Should it be My wish to recount all that hath been revealed in the past, I would most certainly be able to do so by virtue

of that which God hath bestowed upon Me of the wonders of His knowledge and power. I have, however, contented Myself with that which was mentioned, lest thou become wearied in thy journey or feel inclined to turn back, or lest thou be overtaken by sadness and sorrow and overcome with despondency, trouble and fatigue.

Be fair in thy judgement and reflect upon these exalted utterances. Inquire, then, of those who lay claim to knowledge without a proof or testimony from God, and who remain heedless of these days wherein the Orb of knowledge and wisdom hath dawned above the horizon of Divinity, rendering unto each his due and assigning unto all their rank and measure, as to what they can say concerning these allusions. Verily, their meaning hath bewildered the minds of men, and that which they conceal of the consummate wisdom and latent knowledge of God even the most sanctified souls have been powerless to uncover.

Should they say: "These words are indeed from God, and have no interpretation other than their outward meaning", then what objection can they raise against the unbelievers among the people of the Book? For when the latter saw the aforementioned passages in their Scriptures and heard the literal interpretations of their divines, they refused to recognize God in those who are the Manifestations of His unity, the Exponents of His singleness, and the Embodiments of His sanctity, and failed to believe in them and submit to their authority. The reason was that they did not see the sun darken, or the stars of heaven fall to the ground, or the angels visibly descend upon the earth, and hence they contended with the Prophets and Messengers of God. Nay, inasmuch as they found them at variance with their own faith and creed, they hurled against them such accusations of imposture, folly, waywardness, and misbelief as I am ashamed to recount. Refer to the Qur'an, that thou mayest find mention of all this and be of them that understand its meaning. Even to this day do these people await the appearance of that which they have learned from their doctors and imbibed from their divines. Thus do they say: "When shall these signs be made manifest, that we may believe?" But if this be the case, how could ye refute their arguments, invalidate their proofs, and challenge them concerning their faith and their understanding of their Books and the sayings of their leaders?

And should they reply: "The Books that are in the hands of this people, which they call the Gospel and attribute to Jesus, the Son of Mary, have not been revealed by God and proceed not from the Manifestations of His Self", then this would imply a cessation in the abounding grace of Him Who is the Source of all grace. If so, God's testimony to His servants would have remained incomplete and His favour proven imperfect. His mercy would not have shone resplendent, nor would His grace have overshadowed all. For if at the ascension of Jesus His Book had likewise ascended unto heaven, then how could God reprove and chastise the people on the Day of Resurrection, as hath been written by the Imams of the Faith and affirmed by its illustrious divines?

Ponder then in thine heart: Matters being such as thou dost witness, and as We also witness, where canst thou flee, and with whom shalt thou take refuge? Unto whom wilt thou turn thy gaze? In what land shalt thou dwell and upon what seat shalt thou abide? In what path shalt thou tread and at what hour wilt thou find repose? What shall become of thee in the end? Where shalt thou secure the cord of thy faith and fasten the tie of thine obedience? By Him Who revealeth Himself in His oneness and Whose own Self beareth witness to His unity! Should there be ignited in thy heart the burning brand of the love of God,

thou wouldst seek neither rest nor composure, neither laughter nor repose, but wouldst hasten to scale the highest summits in the realms of divine nearness, sanctity, and beauty. Thou wouldst lament as a soul bereaved and weep as a heart filled with longing. Nor wouldst thou repair to thy home and abode unless God would lay bare before thee His Cause.

O thou who hast soared to the realm of guidance and ascended to the kingdom of virtue! Shouldst thou desire to apprehend these celestial allusions, to witness the mysteries of divine knowledge, and to become acquainted with His all-encompassing Word, then it behoveth thine eminence to inquire into these and other questions pertaining to thine origin and ultimate goal from those whom God hath made to be the Wellspring of His knowledge, the Heaven of His wisdom, and the Ark of His mysteries. For were it not for those effulgent Lights that shine above the horizon of His Essence, the people would know not their left hand from their right, how much less could they scale the heights of the inner realities or probe the depths of their subtleties! We beseech God therefore to immerse us in these surging seas, to grace us with the presence of these life-bearing breezes, and to cause us to abide in these divine and lofty precincts. Perchance we may divest ourselves of all that we have taken from each other and strip ourselves of such borrowed garments as we have stolen from our fellow men, that He may attire us instead with the robe of His mercy and the raiment of His guidance, and admit us into the city of knowledge.

Whosoever entereth this city will comprehend every science before probing into its mysteries and will acquire from the leaves of its trees a knowledge and wisdom encompassing such mysteries of divine lordship as are enshrined within the treasuries of creation. Glorified be God, its Creator and Fashioner, above all that He hath brought forth and ordained therein! By God, the Sovereign Protector, the Self-Subsisting, the Almighty! Were I to unveil to thine eyes the gates of this city, which have been fashioned by the right hand of might and power, thou wouldst behold that which none before thee hath ever beheld and wouldst witness that which no other soul hath ever witnessed. Thou wouldst apprehend the most obscure signs and the most abstruse allusions, and wouldst clearly behold the mysteries of the beginning in the point of the end. All matters would be made easy unto thee, fire would be turned into light, knowledge and blessings, and thou wouldst abide in safety within the court of holiness.

Bereft, however, of the essence of the mysteries of His wisdom, which We have imparted unto thee beneath the veils of these blessed and soul-stirring words, thou wouldst fail to attain unto even a sprinkling of the oceans of divine knowledge or the crystal streams of divine power, and wouldst be recorded in the Mother Book, through the Pen of oneness and by the Finger of God, amongst the ignorant. Nor wouldst thou be able to grasp a single word of the Book or a single utterance of the Kindred of God concerning the mysteries of the beginning and the end.

O thou whom We have outwardly never met, yet whom We inwardly cherish in Our heart! Be fair in thy judgement and present thyself before Him Who seeth and knoweth thee, even if thou seest and knowest Him not: Can any soul be found to elucidate these words with such convincing arguments, clear testimonies, and unmistakable allusions as to appease the heart of the seeker and relieve the soul of the listener? Nay, by the One in Whose hand is My soul! Unto none is given to quaff even a dewdrop thereof unless he entereth within this city, a city whose foundations rest upon mountains of crimson-coloured

ruby, whose walls are hewn of the chrysolite of divine unity, whose gates are made of the diamonds of immortality, and whose earth sheddeth the fragrance of divine bounty.

Having imparted unto thee, beneath countless veils of concealment, certain hidden mysteries, We now return to Our elucidation of the Books of old, that perchance thy feet may not slip and thou mayest receive with complete certitude the portion which We shall bestow upon thee of the billowing oceans of life in the realm of the names and attributes of God.

It is recorded in all the Books of the Gospel that He Who is the Spirit spoke in words of pure light unto His disciples, saying: "Know that heaven and earth may pass away, but my words shall never pass away." As is clear and evident to thine eminence, these words outwardly mean that the Books of the Gospel will remain in the hands of people till the end of the world, that their laws shall not be abrogated, that their testimony shall not be abolished, and that all that hath been enjoined, prescribed, or ordained therein shall endure forever.

O My brother! Sanctify thy heart, illumine thy soul, and sharpen thy sight, that thou mayest perceive the sweet accents of the Birds of Heaven and the melodies of the Doves of Holiness warbling in the Kingdom of eternity, and perchance apprehend the inner meaning of these utterances and their hidden mysteries. For otherwise, wert thou to interpret these words according to their outward meaning, thou couldst never prove the truth of the Cause of Him Who came after Jesus, nor silence the opponents, nor prevail over the contending disbelievers. For the Christian divines use this verse to prove that the Gospel shall never be abrogated and that, even if all the signs recorded in their Books were fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, He would have no recourse but to rule the people according to the ordinances of the Gospel. They contend that if He were to manifest all the signs indicated in the Books, but decree aught besides that which Jesus had decreed, they would neither acknowledge nor follow Him, so clear and self-evident is this matter in their sight.

Thou canst indeed hear the learned and the foolish amongst the people voice the same objections in this day, saying: "The sun hath not risen from the West, nor hath the Crier cried out betwixt earth and heaven. Water hath not inundated certain lands; the Dajjal hath not appeared; Sufyani hath not arisen; nor hath the Temple been witnessed in the sun." I heard, with Mine own ears, one of their divines proclaim: "Should all these signs come to pass and the long-awaited Qa'im appear, and should He ordain, with respect to even our secondary laws, aught beyond that which hath been revealed in the Qur'an, we would assuredly charge Him with imposture, put Him to death, and refuse forever to acknowledge Him", and other statements such as these deniers make. And all this, when the Day of Resurrection hath been ushered in, and the Trumpet hath been sounded, and all the denizens of earth and heaven have been gathered together, and the Balance hath been appointed, and the Bridge hath been laid, and the Verses have been sent down, and the Sun hath shone forth, and the stars have been blotted out, and the souls have been raised to life, and the breath of the Spirit hath blown, and the angels have been arrayed in ranks, and Paradise hath been brought nigh, and Hell made to blaze! These things have all come to pass, and yet to this day not a single one of these people hath recognized them! They all lie as dead within their own shrouds, save those who have believed and repaired unto God, who rejoice in this day in His celestial paradise, and who tread the path of His good-pleasure.

Veiled as they remain within their own selves, the generality of the people have failed to perceive the sweet accents of holiness, inhale the fragrance of mercy, or seek guidance, as bidden by God, from those who are the custodians of the Scriptures. He proclaimeth, and His word, verily, is the truth: “Ask ye, therefore, of them that have the custody of the Scriptures, if ye know it not.” Nay rather, they have turned aside from them and followed instead the Samiri of their own idle fancies. Thus have they strayed far from the mercy of their Lord and failed to attain unto His Beauty in the day of His presence. For no sooner had He come unto them with a sign and a testimony from God than the same people who had eagerly awaited the day of His Revelation, who had called upon Him in the daytime and in the night season, who had implored Him to gather them together in His presence and to grant that they may lay down their lives in His path, be led aright by His guidance and illumined by His light - this very people condemned and reviled Him, and inflicted upon Him such cruelties as transcend both My capacity to tell and thine ability to hear them. My very pen crieth out at this moment and the ink weepeth sore and groaneth. By God! Wert thou to hearken with thine inner ear, thou wouldst in truth hear the lamentations of the denizens of heaven; and wert thou to remove the veil from before thine eyes, thou wouldst behold the Maids of Heaven overcome and the holy souls overwhelmed, beating upon their faces and fallen upon the dust.

Alas, alas, for that which befell Him Who was the Manifestation of the Self of God, and for that which He and His loved ones were made to suffer! The people inflicted upon them what no soul hath ever inflicted upon another, and what no infidel hath wrought against a believer or suffered at his hand. Alas, alas! That immortal Being sat upon the darksome dust, the Holy Spirit lamented in the retreats of glory, the pillars of the Throne crumbled in the exalted dominion, the joy of the world was changed into sorrow in the crimson land, and the voice of the Nightingale was silenced in the golden realm. Woe betide them for what their hands have wrought and for what they have committed!

Hearken then unto that which the Bird of Heaven uttered, in the sweetest and most wondrous accents, and in the most perfect and exalted melodies, concerning them - an utterance that shall fill them with remorse from now unto “the day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds”: “Although they had before prayed for victory over those who believed not, yet when there came unto them He of Whom they had knowledge, they disbelieved in Him. The curse of God on the infidels!” Such indeed are their condition and attainments in their vain and empty life. Erelong shall they be cast into the fire of affliction and find none to help or succour them.

Be not veiled by aught that hath been revealed in the Qur’an, or by what thou hast learned from the works of those Suns of immaculacy and Moons of majesty, regarding the perversion of the Texts by the fanatical or their alteration by their corruptors. By these statements only certain specific and clearly indicated passages are intended. In spite of My weakness and poverty, I would assuredly be able, should I so desire, to expound these passages unto thine eminence. But this would divert us from our purpose and lead us astray from the outstretched path. It would immerse us in limited allusions and distract us from that which is beloved in the court of the All-Praised.

O thou who art mentioned in this outspread roll and who, amidst the gloomy darkness that now prevaileth, hast been illumined by the splendours of the sacred Mount in the Sinai of divine Revelation!

Cleanse thy heart from every blasphemous whispering and evil allusion thou hast heard in the past, that thou mayest inhale the sweet savours of eternity from the Joseph of faithfulness, gain admittance into the celestial Egypt, and perceive the fragrances of enlightenment from this resplendent and luminous Tablet, a Tablet wherein the Pen hath inscribed the ancient mysteries of the names of His Lord, the Exalted, the Most High. Perchance thou mayest be recorded in the holy Tablets among them that are well-assured.

O thou who art standing before My Throne and yet remain unaware thereof! Know thou that whoso seeketh to scale the summits of the divine mysteries must needs strive to the utmost of his power and capacity for his Faith, that the pathway of guidance may be made clear unto him. And should he encounter One Who layeth claim to a Cause from God, and Who holdeth from His Lord a testimony beyond the power of men to produce, he must needs follow Him in all that He pleaseth to proclaim, command and ordain, even were He to decree the sea to be land, or to pronounce earth to be heaven, or that the former lieth above the latter or below it, or to ordain any change or transformation, for He, verily, is aware of the celestial mysteries, the unseen subtleties, and the ordinances of God.

Were the peoples of every nation to observe that which hath been mentioned, the matter would be made simple unto them, and such words and allusions would not withhold them from the Ocean of the names and attributes of God. And had the people known this truth, they would not have denied God's favours, nor would they have risen against, contended with, and rejected His Prophets. Similar passages are also to be found in the Qur'an, should the matter be carefully examined.

Know, moreover, that it is through such words that God proveth His servants and sifteth them, separating the believer from the infidel, the detached from the worldly, the pious from the profligate, the doer of good from the worker of iniquity, and so forth. Thus hath the Dove of holiness proclaimed: "Do men think when they say 'We believe' they shall be let alone and not be put to proof?"

It behoveth him who is a wayfarer in the path of God and a wanderer in His way to detach himself from all who are in the heavens and on the earth. He must renounce all save God, that perchance the portals of mercy may be unlocked before his face and the breezes of providence may waft over him. And when he hath inscribed upon his soul that which We have vouchsafed unto him of the quintessence of inner meaning and explanation, he will fathom all the secrets of these allusions, and God shall bestow upon his heart a divine tranquillity and cause him to be of them that are at peace with themselves. In like manner wilt thou comprehend the meaning of all the ambiguous verses that have been sent down concerning the question thou didst ask of this Servant Who abideth upon the seat of abasement, Who walketh upon the earth as an exile with none to befriend, comfort, aid, or assist Him, Who hath placed His whole trust in God, and Who proclaimeth at all times: "Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return."

Know thou that the passages that We have called "ambiguous" appear as such only in the eyes of them that have failed to soar above the horizon of guidance and to reach the heights of knowledge in the retreats of grace. For otherwise, unto them that have recognized the Repositories of divine Revelation and beheld through His inspiration the mysteries of divine authority, all the verses of God are perspicuous and all His allusions are clear. Such men discern the inner mysteries that have been clothed in the garment of words as clearly as ye perceive the heat of the sun or the wetness of water, nay even more

distinctly. Immeasurably exalted is God above our praise of His loved ones, and beyond their praise of Him!

Now that We have reached this most excellent theme and attained such lofty heights by virtue of that which hath flowed from this Pen through the incomparable favours of God, the Exalted, the Most High, it is Our wish to disclose unto thee certain stations in the wayfarer's journey towards his Creator. Perchance all that thine eminence hath desired may be revealed unto thee, that the proof may be made complete and the blessing abundant.

Know thou of a truth that the seeker must, at the beginning of his quest for God, enter the Garden of Search. In this journey it behoveth the wayfarer to detach himself from all save God and to close his eyes to all that is in the heavens and on the earth. There must not linger in his heart either the hate or the love of any soul, to the extent that they would hinder him from attaining the habitation of the celestial Beauty. He must sanctify his soul from the veils of glory and refrain from boasting of such worldly vanities, outward knowledge, or other gifts as God may have bestowed upon him. He must search after the truth to the utmost of his ability and exertion, that God may guide him in the paths of His favour and the ways of His mercy. For He, verily, is the best of helpers unto His servants. He saith, and He verily speaketh the truth: "Whoso maketh efforts for Us, in Our ways shall We assuredly guide him." And furthermore: "Fear God and God will give you knowledge."

In this journey the seeker becometh witness to a myriad changes and transformations, confluences and divergences. He beholdeth the wonders of Divinity in the mysteries of creation and discovereth the paths of guidance and the ways of his Lord. Such is the station reached by them that search after God, and such are the heights attained by those who hasten unto Him.

When once the seeker hath ascended unto this station, he will enter the City of Love and Rapture, whereupon the winds of love will blow and the breezes of the spirit will waft. In this station the seeker is so overcome by the ecstasies of yearning and the fragrances of longing that he discerneth not his left from his right, nor doth he distinguish land from sea or desert from mountain. At every moment he burneth with the fire of longing and is consumed by the onslaught of separation in this world. He speedeth through the Paran of love and traverseth the Horeb of rapture. Now he laugheth, now he weepeth sore; now he reposeth in peace, now he trembleth in fear. Nothing can alarm him, naught can thwart his purpose, and no law can restrain him. He standeth ready to obey whatsoever His Lord should please to decree as to his beginning and his end. With every breath he layeth down his life and offereth up his soul. He bareth his breast to meet the darts of the enemy and raiseth his head to greet the sword of destiny; nay rather, he kisseth the hand of his would-be murderer and surrendereth his all. He yieldeth up spirit, soul, and body in the path of his Lord, and yet he doeth so by the leave of his Beloved and not of his own whim and desire. Thou findest him chill in the fire and dry in the sea, abiding in every land and treading every path. Whosoever toucheth him in this state will perceive the heat of his love. He walketh the heights of detachment and traverseth the vale of renunciation. His eyes are ever expectant to witness the wonders of God's mercy and eager to behold the splendours of His beauty. Blessed indeed are they that have attained unto such a station, for this is the station of the ardent lovers and the enraptured souls.

And when this stage of the journey is completed and the wayfarer hath soared beyond this lofty station, he entereth the City of Divine Unity, and the garden of oneness, and the court of detachment. In this plane the seeker casteth away all signs, allusions, veils, and words, and beholdeth all things with an eye illumined by the effulgent lights which God Himself hath shed upon him. In his journey he seeth all differences return to a single word and all allusions culminate in a single point. Unto this beareth witness he who sailed upon the ark of fire and followed the inmost path to the pinnacle of glory in the realm of immortality: "Knowledge is one point, which the foolish have multiplied." This is the station that hath been alluded to in the tradition: "I am He, Himself, and He is I, Myself, except that I am that I am, and He is that He is."

In this station, were He Who is the Embodiment of the End to say: "Verily, I am the Point of the Beginning", He would indeed be speaking the truth. And were He to say: "I am other than Him", this would be equally true. Likewise, were He to proclaim: "Verily, I am the Lord of heaven and earth", or "the King of kings", or "the Lord of the realm above", or Muhammad, or 'Ali, or their descendants, or aught else, He would indeed be proclaiming the truth of God. He, verily, ruleth over all created things and standeth supreme above all besides Him. Hast thou not heard what hath been said aforetime: "Muhammad is our first, Muhammad our last, Muhammad our all"? And elsewhere: "They all proceed from the same Light"?

In this station the truth of the unity of God and of the signs of His sanctity is established. Thou shalt indeed see them all rising above the bosom of God's might and embraced in the arms of His mercy; nor can any distinction be made between His bosom and His arms. To speak of change or transformation in this plane would be sheer blasphemy and utter impiety, for this is the station wherein the light of divine unity shineth forth, and the truth of His oneness is expressed, and the splendours of the everlasting Morn are reflected in lofty and faithful mirrors. By God! Were I to reveal the full measure of that which He hath ordained for this station, the souls of men would depart from their bodies, the inner realities of all things would be shaken in their foundations, they that dwell within the realms of creation would be dumbfounded, and those who move in the lands of allusion would fade into utter nothingness.

Hast thou not heard: "No change is there in God's creation"? Hast thou not read: "No change canst thou find in God's mode of dealing"? Hast thou not borne witness to the truth: "No difference wilt thou see in the creation of the God of Mercy"? Yea, by My Lord! They that dwell within this Ocean, they that ride upon this Ark, witness no change in the creation of God and behold no differences upon His earth. And if God's creation be not prone to change and alteration, how then could they who are the Manifestations of His own Being be subject to it? Immeasurably exalted is God above all that we may conceive of the Revealers of His Cause, and immensely glorified is He beyond all that they may mention in His regard!

Great God! This sea had laid up lustrous pearls in store;

The wind hath raised a wave that casteth them ashore.

So put away thy robe and drown thyself therein,

And cease to boast of skill: it serveth thee no more!

If thou be of the inmates of this city within the ocean of divine unity, thou wilt view all the Prophets and Messengers of God as one soul and one body, as one light and one spirit, in such wise that the first among them would be last and the last would be first. For they have all arisen to proclaim His Cause and have established the laws of divine wisdom. They are, one and all, the Manifestations of His Self, the Repositories of His might, the Treasuries of His Revelation, the Dawning-Places of His splendour and the Daysprings of His light. Through them are manifested the signs of sanctity in the realities of all things and the tokens of oneness in the essences of all beings. Through them are revealed the elements of glorification in the heavenly realities and the exponents of praise in the eternal essences. From them hath all creation proceeded and unto them shall return all that hath been mentioned. And since in their inmost Beings they are the same Luminaries and the self-same Mysteries, thou shouldst view their outward conditions in the same light, that thou mayest recognize them all as one Being, nay, find them united in their words, speech, and utterance.

Wert thou to consider in this station the last of them to be the first, or conversely, thou wouldst indeed be speaking the truth, as hath been ordained by Him Who is the Wellspring of Divinity and the Source of Lordship: "Say: Call upon God or call upon the All-Merciful: by whichsoever name ye will, invoke him, for He hath most excellent names." For they are all the Manifestations of the name of God, the Dawning-Places of His attributes, the Repositories of His might, and the Focal Points of His sovereignty, whilst God - magnified be His might and glory - is in His Essence sanctified above all names and exalted beyond even the loftiest attributes. Consider likewise the evidences of divine omnipotence both in their Souls and in their human Temples, that thine heart may be assured and that thou mayest be of them that speed through the realms of His nearness.

I shall restate here My theme, that perchance this may assist thee in recognizing thy Creator. Know thou that God - exalted and glorified be He - doth in no wise manifest His inmost Essence and Reality. From time immemorial He hath been veiled in the eternity of His Essence and concealed in the infinitude of His own Being. And when He purposed to manifest His beauty in the kingdom of names and to reveal His glory in the realm of attributes, He brought forth His Prophets from the invisible plane to the visible, that His name "the Manifest" might be distinguished from "the Hidden" and His name "the Last" might be discerned from "the First", and that there may be fulfilled the words: "He is the First and the Last; the Seen and the Hidden; and He knoweth all things!" Thus hath He revealed these most excellent names and most exalted words in the Manifestations of His Self and the Mirrors of His Being.

It is therefore established that all names and attributes return unto these sublime and sanctified Luminaries. Indeed, all names are to be found in their names, and all attributes can be seen in their attributes. Viewed in this light, if thou wert to call them by all the names of God, this would be true, as all these names are one and the same as their own Being. Comprehend then the intent of these words, and guard it within the tabernacle of thy heart, that thou mayest recognize the implications of thine inquiry, fulfil them according to that which God hath ordained for thee, and thus be numbered with those who have attained unto His purpose.

All that thou hast heard regarding Muhammad the son of Hasan - may the souls of all that are immersed in the oceans of the spirit be offered up for His sake - is true beyond the shadow of a doubt, and we all

verily bear allegiance unto Him. But the Imams of the Faith have fixed His abode in the city of Jabulqa, which they have depicted in strange and marvellous signs. To interpret this city according to the literal meaning of the tradition would indeed prove impossible, nor can such a city ever be found. Wert thou to search the uttermost corners of the earth, nay probe its length and breadth for as long as God's eternity hath lasted and His sovereignty will endure, thou wouldst never find a city such as they have described, for the entirety of the earth could neither contain nor encompass it. If thou wouldst lead Me unto this city, I could assuredly lead thee unto this holy Being, Whom the people have conceived according to what they possess and not to that which pertaineth unto Him! Since this is not in thy power, thou hast no recourse but to interpret symbolically the accounts and traditions that have been reported from these luminous souls. And, as such an interpretation is needed for the traditions pertaining to the aforementioned city, so too is it required for this holy Being. When thou hast understood this interpretation, thou shalt no longer stand in need of "transformation" or aught else.

Know then that, inasmuch as all the Prophets are but one and the same soul, spirit, name, and attribute, thou must likewise see them all as bearing the name Muhammad and as being the son of Hasan, as having appeared from the Jabulqa of God's power and from the Jabulsa of His mercy. For by Jabulqa is meant none other than the treasure-houses of eternity in the all-highest heaven and the cities of the unseen in the supernal realm. We bear witness that Muhammad the son of Hasan was indeed in Jabulqa and appeared therefrom. Likewise, He Whom God shall make manifest abideth in that city until such time as God will have established Him upon the seat of His sovereignty. We, verily, acknowledge this truth and bear allegiance unto each and every one of them. We have chosen here to be brief in our elucidation of the meanings of Jabulqa, but if thou be of them that truly believe, thou shalt indeed comprehend all the true meanings of the mysteries enshrined within these Tablets.

But as to Him Who appeared in the year sixty, He standeth in need of neither transformation nor interpretation, for His name was Muhammad, and He was a descendant of the Imams of the Faith. Thus it can be truly said of Him that He was the son of Hasan, as is undoubtedly clear and evident unto thine eminence. Nay, He it is Who fashioned that name and created it for Himself, were ye to observe with the eye of God.

It is Our wish at this juncture to digress from Our theme to recount that which befell the Point of the Qur'an, and to extol His remembrance, that perchance thou mayest gain into all things an insight born of Him Who is the Almighty, the Incomparable.

Consider and reflect upon His days, when God raised Him up to promote His Cause and to stand as the representative of His own Self. Witness how He was assailed, denied, and denounced by all; how, when He set foot in the streets and marketplaces, the people derided Him, wagged their heads at Him, and laughed Him to scorn; how at every moment they sought to slay Him. Such were their doings that the earth in all its vastness was straitened for Him, the Concourse on High bewailed His plight, the foundations of existence were reduced to nothingness, and the eyes of the well-favoured denizens of His Kingdom wept sore over Him. Indeed, so grievous were the afflictions which the infidels and the wicked showered upon Him that no faithful soul can bear to hear them.

If these wayward souls had indeed paused to reflect upon their conduct, recognized the sweet melodies of that Mystic Dove singing upon the twigs of this snow-white Tree, embraced that which God had revealed unto and bestowed upon them, and discovered the fruits of the Tree of God upon its branches, wherefore then did they reject and denounce Him? Had they not lifted their heads to the heavens to implore His appearance? Had they not besought God at every moment to honour them with His Beauty and sustain them through His presence?

But as they failed to recognize the accents of God and the divine mysteries and holy allusions enshrined in that which flowed from the tongue of Muhammad, and as they neglected to examine the matter in their own hearts, and followed instead those priests of error who have hindered the progress of the people in past dispensations and who will continue to do so in future cycles, they were thus veiled from the divine purpose, failed to quaff from the celestial streams, and deprived themselves of the presence of God, the Manifestation of His Essence, and the Dayspring of His eternity. Thus did they wander in the paths of delusion and the ways of heedlessness, and return to their abode in that fire which feedeth on their own souls. These, verily, are numbered with the infidels whose names have been inscribed by the Pen of God in His holy Book. Nor have they ever found, or will ever find, a friend or helper.

Had these souls but clung steadfastly to the Handle of God manifested in the Person of Muhammad, had they turned wholly unto God and cast aside all that they had learned from their divines, He would assuredly have guided them through His grace and acquainted them with the sacred truths that are enshrined within His imperishable utterances. For far be it from His greatness and His glory that He should turn away a seeker at His door, cast aside from His Threshold one who hath set his hopes on Him, reject one who hath sought the shelter of His shade, deprive one who hath held fast to the hem of His mercy, or condemn to remoteness the poor one who hath found the river of His riches. But as these people failed to turn wholly unto God, and to hold fast to the hem of His all-pervading mercy at the appearance of the Daystar of Truth, they passed out from under the shadow of guidance and entered the city of error. Thus did they become corrupt and corrupt the people. Thus did they err and lead the people into error. And thus were they recorded among the oppressors in the books of heaven.

Now that this evanescent One hath reached this exalted point in the exposition of the inner mysteries, the reason for the denial of these uncouth souls will be described briefly, that it may serve as a testimony unto them that are endued with understanding and insight, and be a token of My favour unto the concourse of the faithful.

Know then that when Muhammad, the Point of the Qur'an and the Light of the All-Glorious, came with perspicuous verses and luminous proofs manifested in such signs as are beyond the power of all existence to produce, He bade all men follow this lofty and outstretched Path in accordance with the precepts that He had brought from God. Whoso acknowledged Him, recognized the signs of God in His inmost Being, and saw in His beauty the changeless beauty of God, the decree of "resurrection", "ingathering", "life", and "paradise" was passed upon him. For he who had believed in God and in the Manifestation of His beauty was raised from the grave of heedlessness, gathered together in the sacred ground of the heart, quickened to the life of faith and certitude, and admitted into the paradise of the divine presence. What

paradise can be loftier than this, what ingathering mightier, and what resurrection greater? Indeed, should a soul be acquainted with these mysteries, he would grasp that which none other hath fathomed.

Know then that the paradise that appeareth in the day of God surpasseth every other paradise and excelleth the realities of Heaven. For when God - blessed and glorified is He - sealed the station of prophethood in the person of Him Who was His Friend, His Chosen One, and His Treasure amongst His creatures, as hath been revealed from the Kingdom of glory: “but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets”, He promised all men that they shall attain unto His own presence in the Day of Resurrection. In this He meant to emphasize the greatness of the Revelation to come, as it hath indeed been manifested through the power of truth. And there is of a certainty no paradise greater than this, nor station higher, should ye reflect upon the verses of the Qur’an. Blessed be he who knoweth of a certainty that he shall attain unto the presence of God on that day when His Beauty shall be made manifest.

Were I to recount all the verses that have been revealed in connection with this exalted theme, it would weary the reader and divert Us from Our purpose. The following verse shall therefore suffice Us; may thine eyes be solaced therewith, and mayest thou attain unto that which hath been treasured and concealed therein: “It is God who hath reared the heavens without pillars thou canst behold; then mounted His throne, and imposed laws on the sun and moon: each travelleth to its appointed goal. He ordereth all things. He maketh His signs clear, that ye may have firm faith in the presence of your Lord.”

Ponder then, O My friend, the words “firm faith” that have been mentioned in this verse. It saith that the heavens and the earth, the throne, the sun and the moon, all have been created to the end that His servants may have unswerving faith in His presence in His days. By the righteousness of God! Contemplate, O My brother, the greatness of this station, and behold the condition of the people in these days, fleeing from the Countenance of God and His Beauty “as though they were affrighted asses”. Wert thou to reflect upon that which We have revealed unto thee, thou wouldst undoubtedly grasp Our purpose in this utterance and discover that which We have desired to impart unto thee within this paradise. Perchance thine eyes may rejoice in beholding it, thine ears take delight in hearing that which is recited therein, thy soul be enthralled by recognizing it, thy heart illumined by comprehending it, and thy spirit gladdened by the fragrant breezes that waft therefrom. Haply thou mayest attain unto the pinnacle of divine grace and abide within the Ridvan of transcendent holiness.

He, however, who denied God in His Truth, who turned his back upon Him and rebelled, who disbelieved and made mischief, the verdict of “impiety”, “blasphemy”, “death”, and “fire” was passed upon him. For, what blasphemy is greater than to turn unto the manifestations of Satan, to follow the doctors of oblivion and the people of rebellion? What impiety is more grievous than to deny the Lord on the day when faith itself is renewed and regenerated by God, the Almighty, the Beneficent? What death is more wretched than to flee from the Source of everlasting life? What fire is fiercer on the Day of Reckoning than that of remoteness from the divine Beauty and the celestial Glory?

These were the very words and utterances used by the pagan Arabs living in the days of Muhammad to dispute with and pronounce judgement against Him. They said: “Those who believed in Muhammad dwelt in our midst and associated with us day and night. When did they die and when were they raised again to life?” Hearken unto that which was revealed in reply: “If ever thou dost marvel, marvellous surely

is their saying, 'What! When we have become dust and mouldering bones, shall we be restored in a new creation?'" And in another passage: "And if thou shouldst say, 'After death ye shall surely be raised again', the infidels will certainly exclaim, 'This is naught but palpable sorcery.'" Thus did they mock and deride Him, for they had read in their Books and heard from their divines the terms "life" and "death", and understood them as this elemental life and physical death, and hence when they found not that which their vain imaginings and their false and wicked minds had conceived, they hoisted the banners of discord and the standards of sedition and kindled the flame of war. God, however, quenched it through the power of His might, as thou seest again in this day with these infidels and evil-doers.

At this hour, when the sweet savours of attraction have wafted over Me from the everlasting city, when transports of yearning have seized Me from the land of splendours at the dawning of the Daystar of the worlds above the horizon of 'Iraq, and the sweet melodies of Hijaz have brought to Mine ears the mysteries of separation, I have purposed to relate unto thine eminence a portion of that which the Mystic Dove hath warbled in the midmost heart of Paradise as to the true meaning of life and death, though the task be impossible. For were I to interpret these words for thee as it hath been inscribed in the Guarded Tablets, all the books and pages of the world could not contain it, nor could the souls of men bear its weight. I shall nonetheless mention that which beseemeth this day and age, that it might serve as a guidance unto whosoever desireth to gain admittance into the retreats of glory in the realms above, to hearken unto the melodies of the spirit intoned by this divine and mystic bird, and to be numbered with those who have severed themselves from all save God and who in this day rejoice in the presence of their Lord.

Know then that "life" hath a twofold meaning. The first pertaineth to the appearance of man in an elemental body, and is as manifest to thine eminence and to others as the midday sun. This life cometh to an end with physical death, which is a God-ordained and inescapable reality. That life, however, which is mentioned in the Books of the Prophets and the Chosen Ones of God is the life of knowledge; that is to say, the servant's recognition of the sign of the splendours wherewith He Who is the Source of all splendour hath Himself invested him, and his certitude of attaining unto the presence of God through the Manifestations of His Cause. This is that blessed and everlasting life that perisheth not: whosoever is quickened thereby shall never die, but will endure as long as His Lord and Creator will endure.

The first life, which pertaineth to the elemental body, will come to an end, as hath been revealed by God: "Every soul shall taste of death." But the second life, which ariseth from the knowledge of God, knoweth no death, as hath been revealed aforetime: "Him will We surely quicken to a blessed life." And in another passage concerning the martyrs: "Nay, they are alive and sustained by their Lord." And from the Traditions: "He who is a true believer liveth both in this world and in the world to come." Numerous examples of similar words are to be found in the Books of God and of the Embodiments of His justice. For the sake of brevity, however, We have contented Ourself with the above passages.

O My brother! Forsake thine own desires, turn thy face unto thy Lord, and walk not in the footsteps of those who have taken their corrupt inclinations for their god, that perchance thou mayest find shelter in the heart of existence, beneath the redeeming shadow of Him Who traineth all names and attributes. For they who turn away from their Lord in this day are in truth accounted amongst the dead, though to

outward seeming they may walk upon the earth, amongst the deaf, though they may hear, and amongst the blind, though they may see, as hath been clearly stated by Him Who is the Lord of the Day of Reckoning: “Hearts have they with which they understand not, and eyes have they with which they see not….” They walk the edge of a treacherous bank and tread the brink of a fiery abyss. They partake not of the billows of this surging and treasure-laden Ocean, but disport themselves with their own idle words.

In this connection We will relate unto thee that which was revealed of old concerning “life”, that perchance it may turn thee away from the promptings of self, deliver thee from the narrow confines of thy prison in this gloomy plane, and aid thee to become of them that are guided aright in the darkness of this world.

He saith, and He, verily, speaketh the truth: “Shall the dead whom We have quickened, and for whom We have ordained a light whereby he may walk amongst men, be like him whose likeness is in the darkness, whence he will not come forth?” This verse was revealed with respect to Hamzih and Abu-Jahl, the former of whom was a believer whilst the latter disbelieved. Most of the pagan leaders mocked and derided it, were agitated, and clamoured: “How did Hamzih die? And how was he restored to his former life?” Were ye to examine carefully the verses of God, ye would find many such statements recorded in the Book.

Would that pure and stainless hearts could be found, that I might impart unto them a sprinkling from the oceans of knowledge which My Lord hath bestowed upon Me, so that they may soar in the heavens even as they walk upon the earth and speed over the waters even as they course the land, and that they may take up their souls in their hands and lay them down in the path of their Creator. Howbeit, leave hath not been granted to divulge this mighty secret. Indeed, it hath been from everlasting a mystery enshrined within the treasuries of His power and a secret concealed within the repositories of His might, lest His faithful servants forsake their own lives in the hope of attaining this most great station in the realms of eternity. Nor shall they who wander in this oppressive darkness ever attain unto it.

O My brother! At every juncture We have restated Our theme, that all that hath been recorded in these verses may, by the leave of God, be made clear unto thee, and that thou mayest become independent of those who are plunged in the darkness of self and who tread the valley of arrogance and pride, and be of them that move within the paradise of everlasting life.

Say: O people! The Tree of Life hath verily been planted in the heart of the heavenly paradise and bestoweth life in every direction. How can ye fail to perceive and recognize it? It will in truth aid thee to grasp all that this well-assured Soul hath disclosed unto thee of the essence of the divine mysteries. The Dove of holiness warbleth in the heaven of immortality and admonisheth thee to array thyself with a new vesture, wrought of steel to shield thee from the shafts of doubt concealed in the allusions of men, saying: “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again.”

Wing then thy flight unto this divine Tree and partake of its fruits. Gather up that which hath fallen therefrom and guard it faithfully. Meditate then upon the utterance of one of the Prophets as He

intimated to the souls of men, through veiled allusions and hidden symbols, the glad-tidings of the One Who was to come after Him, that thou mayest know of a certainty that their words are inscrutable to all save those who are endued with an understanding heart. He saith: “His eyes were as a flame of fire”, and “brass-like were His feet”, and “out of His mouth goeth a two-edged sword”. How could these words be literally interpreted? Were anyone to appear with all these signs, he would assuredly not be human. And how could any soul seek his company? Nay, should he appear in one city, even the inhabitants of the next would flee from him, nor would any soul dare approach him! Yet, shouldst thou reflect upon these statements, thou wouldst find them to be of such surpassing eloquence and clarity as to mark the loftiest heights of utterance and the epitome of wisdom. Methinks it is from them that the suns of eloquence have appeared and the stars of clarity have dawned forth and shone resplendent.

Behold, then, the foolish ones of bygone times and those who, in this day, await the advent of such a being! Nor would they ever bear allegiance unto him except that he appear in the aforementioned form. And as such a being will never appear, so too will they never believe. Such indeed is the measure of the understanding of these perverse and ungodly souls! How could those who fail to understand the most evident of the evident and the most manifest of the manifest ever apprehend the abstruse realities of the divine precepts and the essence of the mysteries of His everlasting wisdom?

I shall now briefly explain the true meaning of this utterance, that thou mayest discover its hidden mysteries and be of them that perceive. Examine then and judge aright that which We shall reveal unto thee, that haply thou mayest be accounted in the sight of God amongst those who are fair-minded in these matters.

Know then that He who uttered these words in the realms of glory meant to describe the attributes of the One Who is to come in such veiled and enigmatic terms as to elude the understanding of the people of error. Now, when He saith: “His eyes were as a flame of fire”, He alludeth but to the keenness of sight and acuteness of vision of the Promised One, Who with His eyes burneth away every veil and covering, maketh known the eternal mysteries in the contingent world, and distinguisheth the faces that are obscured with the dust of hell from those that shine with the light of paradise. Were His eyes not made of the blazing fire of God, how could He consume every veil and burn away all that the people possess? How could He behold the signs of God in the Kingdom of His names and in the world of creation? How could He see all things with the all-perceiving eye of God? Thus have we conferred upon Him a penetrating vision in this day. Would that ye believe in the verses of God! For, indeed, what fire is fiercer than this flame that shineth in the Sinai of His eyes, whereby He consumeth all that hath veiled the peoples of the world? Immeasurably exalted shall God remain above all that hath been revealed in His unerring Tablets concerning the mysteries of the beginning and the end until that day when the Crier will cry out, the day whereon we shall all return unto Him.

As to the words “brass-like were His feet”, by this is meant His constancy upon hearing the call of God that commandeth Him: “Be thou steadfast as thou hast been bidden.” He shall so persevere in the Cause of God, and evince such firmness in the path of His might, that even if all the powers of earth and heaven were to deny Him, He would not waver in the proclamation of His Cause, nor flee from His command in the promulgation of His Laws. Nay rather, He will stand as firm as the highest mountains and the loftiest

peaks. He will remain immovable in His obedience to God and steadfast in revealing His Cause and proclaiming His Word. No obstacle will hinder Him, nor will the censure of the froward deter Him or the repudiation of the infidels cause Him to waver. All the hatred, the rejection, the iniquity, and the unbelief that He witnesseth serve but to strengthen His love for God, to augment the yearning of His heart, to heighten the exultation of His soul, and to fill His breast with passionate devotion. Hast thou ever seen in this world brass stronger, or blade sharper, or mountain more unyielding than this? He shall verily stand upon His feet to confront all the inhabitants of the earth, and will fear no one, notwithstanding that which, as thou well knowest, the people are wont to commit. Glory be to God, Who hath established Him and called Him forth! Potent is God to do what He pleaseth. He, in truth, is the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

And further He saith: "Out of his mouth goeth a two-edged sword." Know thou that since the sword is an instrument that divideth and cleaveth asunder, and since there proceedeth from the mouth of the Prophets and the Chosen Ones of God that which separateth the believer from the infidel and the lover from the beloved, this term hath been so employed, and apart from this dividing and separating no other meaning is intended. Thus, when He Who is the Primal Point and the eternal Sun desireth, by the leave of God, to gather together all creation, to raise them up from the graves of their own selves, and to divide them one from another, He shall pronounce but one verse from Him, and this verse will distinguish truth from error from this day unto the Day of Resurrection. What sword is sharper than this heavenly sword, what blade more trenchant than this incorruptible steel that severeth every tie and separateth thereby the believer from the infidel, father from son, brother from sister, and lover from beloved? For whoso believeth in that which hath been revealed unto him is a true believer and whoso turneth away is an infidel, and such an irrevocable separation occurreth between them that they will cease to consort and associate with each other in this world. And so it is between father and son, for should the son believe and the father deny, they will be severed and forever dissociated from each other. Nay rather, thou witnesseth how the son slayeth the father and the father the son. Consider in the same light all that We have explained and related unto thee.

Wert thou to behold all things with the eye of discernment, thou wouldst indeed see that this divine sword doth cleave asunder generations. Would that ye could understand it! All this is by virtue of the word of separation that is manifested on the Day of Judgement and Separation, were the people to take heed in the days of their Lord. Nay, couldst thou but sharpen thy sight and refine thy heart, thou wouldst witness that all the material swords which in every day and age have slain the infidels and waged war against the impious proceed from this divine and invisible sword. Open then thine eyes, that thou mayest behold all that We have revealed to thee and attain unto that which none other hath attained. We verily exclaim: "Praise be to God, He Who is the Lord of the Day of Reckoning!"

Yea, inasmuch as these people have failed to acquire true knowledge from its source and wellspring, and from the ocean of fresh and soft-flowing waters that stream, by the leave of God, through hearts that are pure and stainless, they have been veiled from that which God hath intended by those words and allusions and have remained confined within the prison of their own selves.

We render thanks unto God for that which He hath bestowed upon us of His grace. He it is Who hath caused us to be assured of the truth of His Faith - a Faith which the combined forces of earth and heaven are powerless to resist. He it is Who hath enabled us to acknowledge Him in the day of His presence, to testify unto Him Whom God shall make manifest in the latter Resurrection, and to be among them that have believed in Him ere His appearance, that His favour may be made complete unto us and unto all mankind.

But hear, O My brother, My plaint against them that claim to be associated with God and with the Manifestations of His knowledge, and yet follow their corrupt inclinations, consume the substance of their neighbour, are given to wine, commit murder, defraud and slander each other, hurl calumnies against God, and are wont to speak falsely. The people attribute all these deeds unto Us, whilst their perpetrators remain shameless before God. They cast aside that which He hath enjoined upon them and commit that which He hath forbidden. Yet it behoveth the people of truth that the signs of humility should shine upon their faces, that the light of sanctity should radiate from their countenances, that they should walk upon the earth as though they were in the presence of God and distinguish themselves in their deeds from all the dwellers of the earth. Such must be their state that their eyes should behold the evidences of His might, their tongues and hearts make mention of His name, their feet be set towards the lands of His nearness, and their hands take fast hold upon His precepts. And were they to pass through a valley of pure gold and mines of precious silver, they should regard them as wholly unworthy of their attention.

These people, however, have turned aside from all this and placed instead their affections upon that which accordeth with their own corrupt inclinations. Thus do they roam in the wilderness of arrogance and pride. I bear witness at this moment that God is wholly quit of them, and likewise are We. We beseech God to suffer Us not to associate with them either in this life or in the life to come. He, verily, is the Eternal Truth. No God is there but Him, and His might is equal to all things.

Quaff then, O My brother, from the living waters that We have caused to flow in the oceans of these words. Methinks the seas of grandeur are surging within them, and the gems of divine virtue are shining within and upon them. Divest then thyself of that which debarreth thee from this fathomless crimson sea, and to the cry of “In the name of God and by His grace!” immerse thyself therein. Let the fear of no one dismay thee. Trust in the Lord, thy God, for He is sufficient unto whosoever trusteth in Him. He, verily, shall protect thee, and in Him shalt thou abide in safety.

Know thou, moreover, that in this most hallowed and resplendent city thou shalt find the wayfarer to be lowly before all men and humble before all things. For naught doth he behold save that he perceiveth God therein. He beholdeth the effulgent glories of God in the lights of His Revelation that have encompassed the Sinai of creation. In this station the wayfarer must not claim the seat of honour in any gathering or walk before others in the desire to vaunt and exalt himself. Rather must he regard himself as standing at all times in the presence of his Lord. He must not wish for anyone that which he doth not wish for himself, nor speak that which he would not bear to hear spoken by another, nor yet desire for any soul that which he would not have desired for himself. It befitteth him, rather, to walk upon the earth with undeviating steps in the kingdom of His new creation.

Know, however, that the seeker, at the outset of his journey, witnesseth change and transformation, as hath already been mentioned. This is undoubtedly the truth, as hath been revealed concerning those days: “On the day when the earth shall be changed into another earth.” These are indeed days the like of which no mortal eye hath ever seen. Blessed is he that attaineth thereunto and realizeth their full worth. “We had sent Moses with Our signs, saying unto him: ‘Bring forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God.’” And these are in truth the days of God, could ye but know it.

In this station, all changing and varying realities are manifest before thee. Whosoever denieth this truth hath verily turned aside from the Cause of God, rebelled against His rule, and gainsaid His sovereignty. For it is indeed within the power of Him Who changeth the earth into another earth to transform all that dwell and move thereon. Wherefore marvel not at how He turneth darkness into light, light into darkness, ignorance into knowledge, error into guidance, death into life, and life into death. It is in this station that the law of transformation taketh effect. Ponder thereon, if thou be of them that tread this path, that all thou didst ask of this lowly One may be made plain unto thee and that thou mayest abide within the tabernacle of this guidance. For He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. Nor shall He be asked of His doings, whilst all men will be asked of their every deed.

O My brother! In this stage, which marketh the beginning of the journey, thou shalt behold divers stations and differing signs, even as was mentioned in connection with the City of Search. All these hold true in their respective planes. It behoveth thine eminence in this station to consider each created thing in its own place, neither abasing nor exalting its true rank. For instance, if thou wert to reduce the unseen world to the realm of creation, this would be an act of sheer blasphemy, and the converse would likewise be the essence of impiety. Wert thou, however, to describe the unseen world and the realm of creation within their own stations, this would be the undoubted truth. In other words, wert thou to witness any transformation in the realm of the divine unity, no greater sin could be conceived in all creation, but wert thou to consider transformation in its own place and understand it accordingly, no harm could befall thee.

By My Lord! Notwithstanding all that We have revealed unto thee of the mysteries of utterance and the degrees of exposition, methinks I have spoken not a single letter of the ocean of God’s hidden knowledge and the essence of His inscrutable wisdom. God willing, this We shall erelong accomplish in its appointed time. He verily, remembereth all things in their own place, and we, in truth, all yield praise unto Him.

Know thou, moreover, that the bird that taketh flight in the atmosphere of the realm on high will never be able to soar unto the heaven of transcendent holiness, nor taste of the fruits which God hath brought forth therein, nor quaff from the streams which He hath caused to flow in its midst. And were it to partake but a drop thereof, it would perish forthwith. Even as thou dost witness in these days with regard to those who profess allegiance unto Us, and yet perform such deeds, utter such words, and advance such claims as they have. Methinks they lie as dead within their own veils.

Comprehend, in like manner, every station, sign, and allusion, that thou mayest perceive all things in their own place and consider all matters in their proper light. For in this station, the City of Divine Unity, are to be found those who have entered within the ark of divine guidance and journeyed through the heights of divine unity. Thou shalt behold the lights of beauty upon their faces and the mysteries of glory in their

human temples. Thou shalt perceive the musk-laden fragrance of their words and behold the signs of His sovereignty in all their ways and doings. Nor wilt thou be veiled by the deeds of them that have failed to quaff from the crystal springs or to attain unto the cities of holiness, and who follow their selfish desires and spread disorder in the land, all the while believing themselves to be guided aright. It is indeed of them that it hath been said: “These are the abject and foolish, who follow every clamorous impostor and who bend with every changing wind.” The stages of this journey, station, and abode are clear and manifest to thee and require no further explanation.

Know then that all thou hast heard and witnessed that Daystar of Truth, the Primal Point, ascribe to Himself from the designations of former times is only on account of the weakness of men and the scheme of the world of creation. Otherwise, all names and attributes revolve round His Essence and circle about the threshold of His sanctuary. For He it is Who traineth all names, revealeth all attributes, conferreth life upon all beings, proclaimeth the divine verses, and arrayeth the heavenly signs. Nay, shouldst thou gaze with thine inner eye, thou wouldst find that all save Him fade into utter nothingness and are as a thing forgotten in His holy presence. “God was alone; there was none else besides Him. He remaineth now what He hath ever been.” Since it hath been established that God - hallowed and glorified be He! - was alone and there was none besides Him, how can the law of change and transformation apply here? Shouldst thou reflect upon that which We have disclosed unto thee, the daystar of guidance would shine resplendent before thee in this everlasting morn, and thou wouldst be numbered therein with the pious.

Know, moreover, that all that We have mentioned concerning these journeys is intended for none but the elect amongst the righteous. And shouldst thou spur on the charger of the spirit and traverse the meads of heaven, thou wouldst complete all these journeys and discover every mystery in less than the twinkling of an eye.

O My brother! If thou be a champion of this arena, speed within the lands of certitude, that thy soul may be delivered in this day from the bondage of misbelief, and that thou mayest perceive the sweet savours that waft from this garden. Verily, the perfume-laden breezes that carry the fragrance of this city blow over all regions. Forfeit not thy portion thereof and be not of the heedless. How well hath it been said:

His fragrant breaths diffused in Eastern lands could well

To sick ones in the West restore their sense of smell!

After this heavenly journey and mystical ascent the wayfarer will enter within the Garden of Wonderment. Were I to disclose unto thee the reality of this station, thou wouldst lament and bewail the plight of this Servant Who remaineth in the hands of these infidels, Who hath grown perplexed at his plight, and is lost in bewilderment in this fathomless ocean. They conspire each day to put Me to death, and seek at every hour to banish Me from this land, even as they banished Me from another land. Yet this Servant standeth ready before them, awaiting whatsoever the Almighty hath ordained and decreed for Us. Nor do I fear any soul, encompassed as We may be by such trials and tribulations as are inflicted by the wicked and the malicious and surrounded at this hour by a myriad woes and sorrows. “Noah’s flood is but the measure of the tears I have shed, and Abraham’s fire an ebullition of My soul. Jacob’s grief is but a reflection of My sorrows, and Job’s afflictions a fraction of My calamity.”

Were I to recount unto thine eminence the dire adversities that have befallen Me, thou wouldst be so grieved as to forsake the mention of all things and to forget thyself and all that the Lord hath created on earth. But as this is not Our wish, I have concealed the revelation of the divine decree in the heart of Baha and veiled it from the eyes of all that move in the realm of creation, that it may lay hid within the tabernacle of the Unseen until such time as God will have revealed its secret. “Naught in the heavens or on the earth can escape His knowledge, and He, verily, perceiveth all things.”

As We have digressed from Our theme, let Us leave aside these allusions and return to Our discussion of this city. Verily, whoso entereth therein shall be saved, and whoso turneth aside therefrom will assuredly perish.

O thou who art mentioned in these Tablets! Know thou that he who embarketh upon this journey will marvel at the signs of the power of God and the wondrous evidences of His handiwork. Bewilderment will seize him from every side, even as hath been attested by that Essence of immortality from the Concourse on high: “Increase My wonder and amazement at Thee, O God!” Well hath it been said:

I knew not what amazement was

Until I made Thy love my cause.

O how amazing would it be

If I were not amazed by Thee!

In this valley the wayfarers stray and perish ere they attain their final abode. Gracious God! So immense is this valley, so vast this city in the kingdom of creation, that it seemeth to have neither beginning nor end. How great the blessedness of him who completeth his journey therein and who traverseth, through the assistance of God, the hallowed soil of this heavenly city, a city in which the favoured ones of God and the pure in heart are overcome with wonder and awe. And We say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

And should the servant ascend to even loftier heights, quit this mortal world of dust, and seek to ascend unto the celestial abode, he will then pass from this city into the City of Absolute Nothingness, that is, of dying to self and living in God. In this station, this most exalted habitation, this journey of utter self-effacement, the wayfarer forgetteth his soul, spirit, body, and very being, immerseth himself in the sea of nothingness, and liveth on earth as one unworthy of mention. Nor will one find any sign of his existence, for he hath vanished from the realm of the visible and attained unto the heights of self-abnegation.

Were We to recount the mysteries of this city, the dominions of the hearts of men would be laid to waste in the intensity of their longing for this mighty station. For this is the station wherein the effulgent glories of the Beloved are revealed to the sincere lover and the resplendent lights of the Friend are cast upon the severed heart that is devoted to Him.

How can a true lover continue to exist when once the effulgent glories of the Beloved are revealed? How can the shadow endure when once the sun hath shone forth? How can a devoted heart have any being before the existence of the Object of its devotion? Nay, by the One in Whose hand is my soul! In this

station, the seeker's complete surrender and utter effacement before his Creator will be such that, were he to search the East and the West, and traverse land, sea, mountain and plain, he would find no trace of his own self or of any other soul.

Gracious God! But for fear of the Nimrod of tyranny and for the protection of the Abraham of justice, I would reveal unto thee that which, wert thou to abandon self and desire, would enable thee to dispense with aught else and to draw nigh unto this city. Be patient, however, until such time as God will have proclaimed His Cause. He, verily, rewardeth beyond measure them that endure with patience. Inhale then the sweet savours of the spirit from the garment of hidden meanings, and say: "O ye that are immersed in the ocean of selflessness! Hasten to enter the City of Immortality, if ye seek to ascend its heights." And We exclaim: "Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return."

From this most august and exalted station, and from this most sublime and glorious plane, the seeker entereth the City of Immortality, therein to abide forever. In this station he beholdeth himself established upon the throne of independence and the seat of exaltation. Then will he comprehend the meaning of that which hath been revealed of old concerning the day "whereon God shall enrich all through His abundance". Well is it with them that have attained unto this station and drunk their fill from this snow-white chalice before this Crimson Pillar.

Having, in this journey, immersed himself in the ocean of immortality, rid his heart from attachment to aught save Him, and attained unto the loftiest heights of everlasting life, the seeker will see no annihilation either for himself or for any other soul. He will quaff from the cup of immortality, tread in its land, soar in its atmosphere, consort with them that are its embodiments, partake of the imperishable and incorruptible fruits of the tree of eternity, and be forever accounted, in the lofty heights of immortality, amongst the denizens of the everlasting realm.

All that existeth in this city shall indeed endure and will never perish. Shouldst thou, by the leave of God, enter this sublime and exalted garden, thou wouldst find its sun in its noontide glory, never to set, never to be eclipsed. The same holdeth true of its moon, its firmament, its stars, trees, and oceans, and of all that pertaineth thereunto or existeth therein. By Him besides Whom there is none other God! Were I to recount, from this day unto the end that hath no end, its wondrous attributes, the love that My heart cherisheth for this hallowed and everlasting city would never be exhausted. I shall, however, bring My theme to a close, since time is short and the inquirer impatient, and since these secrets are not to be openly divulged save by the leave of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

Erelong shall the faithful behold, in the day of the latter Resurrection, Him Whom God shall make manifest descending with this city from the heaven of the Unseen, together with a company of His exalted and favoured angels. Great, therefore, is the blessedness of him that attaineth unto His presence and beholdeth His countenance. We all, verily, cherish this hope, and exclaim: "Praise be unto Him, for verily He is the Eternal Truth, and unto Him do we return!"

Know, moreover, that should one who hath attained unto these stations and embarked upon these journeys fall prey to pride and vainglory, he would at that very moment come to naught and return to the first step without realizing it. Indeed, they that seek and yearn after Him in these journeys are known by

this sign, that they humbly defer to those who have believed in God and in His verses, that they are lowly before those who have drawn nigh unto Him and unto the Manifestations of His Beauty, and that they bow in submission to them that are firmly established upon the lofty heights of the Cause of God and before its majesty.

For were they to reach the ultimate object of their quest for God and their attainment unto Him, they would have but reached that abode which hath been raised up within their own hearts. How then could they ever hope to ascend unto such realms as have not been ordained for them or created for their station? Nay, though they journey from everlasting to everlasting, they will never attain unto Him Who is the midmost Heart of existence and the Axis of the entire creation, He on Whose right hand flow the seas of grandeur, on Whose left stream the rivers of might, and Whose court none can ever hope to reach, how much les His very abode! For He dwelleth in the ark of fire, speedeth, in the sphere of fire, through the ocean of fire, and moveth within the atmosphere of fire. How can he who hath been fashioned of contrary elements ever enter or even approach this fire? Were he to do so, he would be instantly consumed.

Know, moreover, that should the cord of assistance binding this mighty Pivot to the dwellers of earth and heaven be severed, they would all assuredly perish. Great God! How can the lowly dust ever reach unto Him Who is the Lord of lords? Immeasurably exalted is God above that which they conceive in their hearts, and immensely glorified is He beyond that which they attribute to Him.

Yea, the seeker reacheth a station wherein that which hath been ordained for him knoweth no bounds. The fire of love so blazeth in his heart that it seizeth the reins of constraint from his grasp. At every moment his love for his Lord increaseth and draweth him nearer unto his Creator, in such wise that if his Lord be in the east of nearness, and he dwell in the west of remoteness and possess all that earth and heaven contain of rubies and gold, he would forsake it all and rush forth to the land of the Desired One. And shouldst thou find him to be otherwise, know assuredly that such a man is a lying impostor. We, verily, all belong unto Him Whom God shall make manifest in the latter Resurrection, and through Him shall we be raised again to life.

In these days, inasmuch as We have lifted not the veils that conceal the countenance of the Cause of God, nor disclosed unto men the fruits of these stations which We have been forbidden to describe, thou beholdest them drunk with heedlessness. Otherwise, were the glory of this station to be revealed unto men to an extent smaller than a needle's eye, thou wouldst witness them gathering before the threshold of divine mercy and hastening from all sides to the court of nearness in the realms of divine glory. We have concealed it, however, as mentioned before, that those who believe may be distinguished from them that deny, and that those who turn unto God may be discerned from them that turn aside. I verily proclaim: "There is no power nor strength except in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."

From this station the wayfarer ascendeth unto a City that hath no name or description, and whereof one heareth neither sound nor mention. Therein flow the oceans of eternity, whilst this city itself revolveth round the seat of eternity. Therein the sun of the Unseen shineth resplendent above the horizon of the Unseen, a sun that hath its own heavens and its own moons, which partake of its light and which rise from and set upon the ocean of the Unseen. Nor can I ever hope to impart even a dewdrop of that which

hath been decreed therein, as none is acquainted with its mysteries save God, its Creator and Fashioner, and His Manifestations.

Know, moreover, that when We undertook to reveal these words and committed some of them to writing, it was Our intention to elucidate for thine eminence, in the sweet accents of the blessed and the well-favoured of God, all that We had previously mentioned of the words of the Prophets and the sayings of the Messengers. Time, however, was lacking, and the traveller who came from thy presence was in great haste and eager to return. Thus have We cut short Our discourse and contented Ourself with this much, without completing the description of these stages in a seemly and befitting manner. Indeed, We have omitted the description of major cities and mighty journeys. Such was the haste of the courier that We even forsook the mention of the two exalted journeys of Resignation and Contentment.

Yet, should thine eminence reflect upon these brief statements, thou wouldst assuredly acquire every knowledge, attain, unto the Object of all learning, and exclaim: “Sufficient are these words unto all creation both visible and invisible!”

Even so, should the fire of love burn within thy soul, thou wouldst ask: “Is there yet any more?” And We say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!”

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

Praise be to Him Who has rent asunder the veils on the Day of Return, Who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all Days, and who has arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that the might of the oppressors of the earth - they who have adorned their heads with turbans and have taken control of God’s servants in the name of their Lord, the Creator of all things - could not deter him. They would enter mosques and temples to make mention of God and to recite what He had revealed unto His Beloved and Chosen One. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined and there shone forth from it the Sun of His Most Great Name - through which the Cause of every Prophet was established and the Mission of every Messenger was fulfilled - they turned away from Him, denied Him, cast His Cause behind their backs, broke His Covenant, and perpetrated that which caused the atoms to lament and the Maids of Heaven to swoon in their chambers. By God! Through their deeds, the eyes of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven have shed tears. They took pride in His Name amongst the people, yet after His manifestation they visited upon Him that which the Kingdom of Utterance is powerless to describe. They denied the Day of God, whose mention had adorned the Books, the Psalms, the Scrolls and the Tablets. This servant and all things bear witness to their heedlessness, their ignorance and their error. These are they against whom the word of punishment in the Book has been fulfilled. Sufficient unto them is what God hath revealed in the Qur’an: “And We had given them ears and eyes and hearts; but their ears and eyes and hearts availed them nothing, since they denied the signs of God; and that which they had mocked at encompassed them.” They have taken the book of their own selves and cast the Mother Book behind their backs. By God! They are the idols, the sources of superstition, the wellsprings of vain imaginings, and they are the oppressors and pharaohs of the earth.

They have clung to self and passion, turning away from the Lord of all mankind, relying upon their pens while turning away from what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose verses those in the graves were stirred, and through the fragrance of Whose raiment the Mountain was caused to soar when the Light shone forth from the horizon of Revelation! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance to aid Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to arise to serve Thee. Then protect them, O my God, through Thy power and might, from those who have denied Thy truth, rejected Thy proof, and disputed Thy signs. Then make them, O my God, the emblems of Thy victory in Thy lands and the standards of Thy glory in Thy realms. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and the Manifest One through the Most Great Name, to assist him who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and hath arisen to serve Thy Cause amongst mankind. O Lord! Thou seest him as one who aideth Thy Faith, who standeth firm on Thy path, and who uttereth Thy Name amongst Thy servants. Strengthen him with such confirmation that the conditions of the world and the clamor of the nations will not hold him back. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of power and might, and around Whose will revolve the Manifestations of grandeur and authority. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Seeing.

And now, O beloved of my heart and desire of my soul, the whistling of the bird of your utterance hath informed me, the warbling of the nightingale of your praise hath attracted me, and the wine of your remembrance hath intoxicated me in such wise that I desired to soar on the wings of longing to a station which God hath sanctified from the mention of all who dwell on earth. When I attained and was blessed with the lights of the Sun of Glory, I presented what was in your letter before Him Who hath sent down the Mother Book through a movement of His Most Exalted Pen in the kingdom of creation. And after its contents were blessed by the hearing of the Lord of all mankind, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying, exalted be His glory:

“O Dove! O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Say: […]”

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, Who art sanctified above my mention and utterance and above that which Thy creatures express in Thy kingdom and Thy servants speak in Thy land. I thank Thee for having caused me to traverse the realms of inner meaning until I reached its pole - the station which was named the Luminous Spot and the White Land, and which Thou didst name in another station the Land of Resurrection. Therein didst Thou show me Thy Beauty and give me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance, and taught me that which drew me away from myself and caused me to forget all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by this supreme gift and this mighty favor to preserve for me this most exalted station. Verily Thou art the Lord of the latter and the former. This evanescent one beareth witness, O my God, to Thy permanence, this weak one to Thy power and might, and this poor and loving one to the effulgences of the light of the Sun of Thy Beauty. Thou art He Who, O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Desire, through one letter of Thy most exalted Word, didst manifest Thyself on Sinai’s Mount, whereupon the branches and leaves, and beyond them the atoms, spoke as spoke the Tree on the Mount of Knowledge from the presence of the All-Merciful. And Thou didst manifest Thyself through another letter unto the Kingdom of Utterance, whereupon the Torah, the Gospel and the Qur’an were sent down.

And through one drop from the Euphrates of Thy mercy flowing from Thy Most Exalted Pen hath appeared the Kawthar of life in all existence. Exalted is Thy power and great is Thy sovereignty! I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Quickening Pulse beating in the body of the world through Thy Most Great Finger, to draw me near unto Thee in all conditions and remind me of the days wherein I drank the Kawthar of Thy reunion from the perspiration of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He Who, O my God, called me unto Thee and caused me to enter the pavilions of Thy greatness and established me before Thy presence in Thy service, remembrance and praise. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that my joy is in Thy remembrance and my turning unto Thee, and my gladness in Thy grace and loving-kindness. Send down, then, upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cause me to smile in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Possessor of bounty and bestowal, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, O beloved of my heart! Thou hast drunk the water of loving-kindness and life from the cups of the favors of my Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth, in such wise that the atoms should say: "Blessed art thou and happy art thou, O thou who hast attained unto this supreme grace!"

As to what thou didst write concerning that Mirza ’Abdu’llah had borne the troubles of that Beloved One and sought recompense - these matters were presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. This is what the Tongue of God spoke, exalted be His glory: "O Dove of the Lord of Names! My favors concerning him have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen such that nothing in the world can equal it. This is the essence of recompense which hath been and is beloved in the presence of God, exalted be His glory. But outward favors shall also reach him, God willing. Give him the glad tidings of that which My tongue hath spoken, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

As for what thou didst write concerning the apple of thy eye, Mirza Ruhu’llah, it was presented. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Will and Utterance, exalted be His grandeur: "O Dove! Thou shouldst recite in his right ear three times: ‘Thou hast come by God’s command and appeared for His remembrance and wast created for His service, the Mighty, the Beloved.’ We mentioned him before when his [mother] cried out, and at this time too, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Manifest. Make mention on My behalf to his mother and give her the glad tidings of that which the Wronged One hath spoken in His mighty prison."

Know that concerning what you wrote about certain prayers and supplications that have been revealed with ‘make him’ (va aj’alahu), whether it would be considered alteration if recited as ‘make me’ (va aj’alni) which refers to the speaker - it is submitted that this is not an alteration and both forms are permissible. Similarly, regarding the blessed words "Say: O God" and "Say: Praise be to God," both the omission and inclusion of the word "Say" are correct. However, its inclusion is preferred due to the nobility of the blessed word which has issued from the mouth of the Lord of Oneness, while its omission is permitted as it makes more evident the station of servitude and dedication in this regard.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ghulam-’Ali, upon him be Baha’u’llah, and the extent of his acceptance, steadfastness, sincerity and service - this detail was submitted before the Divine Throne. He, exalted be His grandeur, said: "Praise be to God, he is aflame with the fire of love and

adorned with the light of recognition. The Kawthar of reunion, which is the most precious of the world's jewels and more exalted than the water of life - praise be to God, he hath attained unto its preservation and manifested its fruit. God willing, may these effects be ever manifest from him. Blessed is the soul that hath attained His presence and hath arisen as befitteth this station. From this station We send Our greetings upon him and upon My loved ones there who have cast away the world and taken hold of that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of eternity."

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Yusuf (from the people of Naraq), upon him be Baha'u'llah, it was submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed from the heaven of the will of our All-Wise Lord:

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

O Yusuf! The Wronged One remembereth thee with such an accent that were all existence, both seen and unseen, to hear it, they would assuredly abandon life and immortality, hastening to the place of sacrifice in this Path, which, when it appeared, the Straight Path proclaimed: "The Promised One hath come with His manifest, clear, and evident Path!" By God! Thou wert created for this Day, that I might circle round this Path and announce before it unto the people this Revelation, concerning which God took a covenant from the Prophets and Messengers. O Yusuf! The garment hath been stirred by the breeze of thy Lord's will, whereby the divine breeze hath wafted over all lands and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been diffused throughout the heavens and the earth. We made mention of thee before, and at this time when the Wronged One is established upon the throne of His Great Name. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that which causeth the sun of virtues to shine forth from the horizon of a pure heart. O My loved ones! Aid the All-Merciful through goodly deeds - this is a word We have revealed in numerous Tablets, as beareth witness He Who hath spoken in every instance that there is none other God but Me, the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk the wine of immortality from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

God willing, may all attain to that which is befitting. The essence of the world is seen speaking with one tongue, crying out at the highest pitch "The Lord of Heaven hath come!", yet none attaineth unto hearing save whom God willeth. Strange that one should himself speak yet himself be heedless. Glory be unto Him Who hath commanded me to silence and to veil His mighty and glorious Cause, even though revelation hath reached such a degree that tongues and pens are powerless to describe it. Again, glory be unto Him Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired, and spoken and caused all things to speak that He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Sun of Truth is manifest in the utmost brilliance and the Divine Lamp shineth with perfect radiance, yet all remain veiled and deprived. This evanescent servant beseecheth, and do ye also beseech, that He may heal through the medicine of His grace the chronic diseases of the people which have afflicted them through ignorance. Verily He is the Healer, the Wise. Praise be to God, for He is the Omnipotent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa 'Ali-Muhammad, son of Haji Ahmad-i-Milani, upon them be the glory of God - what you had requested was specially granted for him and sent through his brothers. At this moment when this servant is engaged in writing this letter, the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps - is not present, having

gone to the outskirts of this city. God willing, after His return and when I attain His presence, this evanescent servant will show to His blessed sight the new writing which you had sent, and I will present whatever you had written.

As for your mention of Aqa Faraj Aqa and his degrees of sincerity, God willing may he ever be assisted to serve the Beloved of all possibility and be confirmed in His praise and glorification. Regarding what was inquired about the trust, it arrived complete and perfect. The servant beareth witness to this, and behind him He Who created him, fashioned him, and caused him to speak His beautiful praise. And since you mentioned him, and this servant also wished that mention of him be made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, therefore these details were presented before His countenance on the seventh night of the month of Safar, and these manifest verses and perfect words were revealed from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

O Faraj! We have mentioned thee before with a mention that all the books of the world cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is He Who keepeth count, the All-Knowing. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned time after time, and the face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this mighty Prison. Wert thou to discover what hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of joy and ecstasy in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds is heard what the Manifestation heard on Sinai. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Trustworthy. Blessed art thou for having turned and heard the call of God when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. By My life! All that eyes see and minds comprehend shall perish, but there shall endure for thee what hath been revealed from this Perspicuous Pen. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast enabled me to turn to Thy horizon, caused me to hear Thy call, and adorned me with the ornament of certitude while the divines of the age were in grievous doubt. Be content with what hath been ordained for thee, and steadfast in this Cause which, when it appeared, caused the feet of the mature to slip.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad, who traversed land and sea until he attained the Most Great Sea upon this shore wherefrom was raised the call of the Prophets and Messengers. He presented himself and stood before the Gate, heard the call of the Wronged One, and drank from the hand of His bounty the choice sealed wine. Thus have We made mention of him as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory rest upon thee and upon him and upon whosoever hath inhaled this mighty, wondrous fragrance.

Indeed, His Excellency Haji Aqa Muhammad attained the presence and was honored with the glory of meeting, and time after time outside the prison land he was blessed with that which was intended, namely visiting the Beloved of the worlds.

And concerning what was written about His Excellency Haji Ali Asghar and his pupil, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented, the Sun of favor dawned and the Most Great, Most Holy Tablet was revealed. God willing, they shall be blessed with its honor. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ali before Asghar! The Lord of Eternity hath appeared, yet the peoples remain veiled from Him. The Sun of Truth hath risen, yet eyes are deprived of beholding it. The river of mercy floweth, yet the people are forbidden therefrom. The Most Exalted Pen moveth and speaketh, yet all are heedless of its sound save whom God willeth. Whosoever today hath attained the recognition of the Lord of existence is among those souls whose mention was recorded by the divine Pen in previous Books. Give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that He enabled thee to accept His grace and bounty. All the peoples of the world, whether learned ones, mystics or rulers, eagerly longed for this most mighty, most luminous Day, yet when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth and the Call was raised, they failed to turn and hearken. The greatest cause that held back the peoples were and are the divines of the age. The Messenger lamenteth on account of the oppression of those heedless souls, while those foolish ones remain absorbed in and delighted with their own vain imaginings. The heedlessness of these souls hath caused the heedlessness of the world, and their tyranny hath occasioned the tyranny of the nations. However, the Finger of Power shall rend asunder the veils, as indeed it hath done.

And We make mention of Muhammad before Husayn that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness and manifest divine qualities. Praiseworthy attributes are as lights for the horizon of the heaven of man. Whosoever attaineth unto them, his light shall shine and his relationship to God, exalted be His glory, shall become evident and manifest. God willing, may all attain to that which causeth the exaltation of the Cause. Verily, He ordaineth that whereby the station of man is exalted in the contingent world. To this testifieth every fair-minded, perceiving one.

Praise be to God that the fresh divine table and the enduring, eternal bounty descendeth and floweth continuously from the heaven of oneness. Should anyone reflect even slightly, he would become aware of the ocean of the compassion of God, exalted be His glory. In the nights and days the tongue of grandeur is occupied with the mention of His friends and speaketh to counsel His enemies. He hath invited all the peoples of the world to the most exalted horizon with utmost kindness and mercy. However, blessed is he who hath heard and turned, and woe unto the heedless. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what thou didst mention about the son of his excellency who ascended unto God, who was named Rida, the Spirit in the Book of Names, it was presented and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of the Beloved of all possibility. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the One Who Shineth from the Horizon of Utterance […]

This is a Remembrance revealed by the All-Merciful for one who has turned to His Face on a day when the world's unity was shattered and lamentation rose between the heavens and earth, that he may rejoice in My remembrance, which God has made the choice wine of life for all creation, the Most Great Spirit among the nations, and the supreme gift to humanity. Exalted is the Lord of Religions Who has come from the heaven of grace with manifest justice.

O Hadi! We sent forth the Qaim, but all the divines of the age denied Him, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. When successive years had passed, We manifested Our Self with Our Name,

the Self-Subsisting, yet the people turned away until they pronounced judgment against Us with such tyranny as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. They seized Us time after time and imprisoned Us repeatedly - once in the land of Ta, again in Mim, yet again in Ta, and in the Land of Mystery, and in this Great Prison. In all these circumstances We give thanks to God and have accepted what befell Us at the hands of those who were heedless of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of thy father, through whom the lips of mystical knowledge smiled throughout all possibility and who attained the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have remembered him in such wise as nothing on earth can equal, and We remember him throughout the everlasting dominion of the kingdom, for We are indeed the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Rida! Rejoice that the Lord of Names makes mention of thee from the prison with such remembrance as draws to it the Concourse on High, the dwellers of Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Blessed is he who turns to thee and visits thee, as ordained by My Most Exalted Pen, and stands before thy noble resting place. Thou art he who turned to God's horizon and set thy face toward Him on a day when every heedless and remote soul turned away.

The first remembrance uttered by the tongue of the Ancient of Days among the nations is upon thee, O thou who speaks in remembrance of God and who has turned thy face to Him after the passing of all things. I bear witness that thou didst drink the sealed wine from the hand of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, cast vain imaginings behind thee, and took firm hold of certitude through the power proceeding from God, the Strong, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou, for thy head hath been adorned with the crown of acceptance and thy temple with the ornament of God's favor in His wondrous Day. Glory and remembrance and spirit and peace and the fragrant breezes wafting from the garment of thy Lord's mercy be upon thee, O thou who hast attained the favor of thy Lord when He came with manifest sovereignty.

As to thy mention of the people of Sisan and the enkindled souls, God willing, may they all attain His grace. This prayer has now been answered. A most mighty and holy Tablet has been revealed specifically for those accepted and assured souls, who have previously also been blessed with divine Tablets. His word, exalted be His glory and majesty:

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the Peerless One […]

I announce to the beloved ones of Sisan glad tidings through the bounty of the All-Merciful. All are and have been beneath the gaze of His grace and have taken up their abode in the shadow of the lofty divine Tree. Reflect upon God's bounty: the divines of the world who counted themselves the most learned, knowledgeable, understanding and exalted among all peoples have not attained to a drop from the ocean of utterance nor been honored with mention before the All-Merciful. Yet those souls have, through God's grace - exalted be His glory - attained to such a station that the Supreme Pen in the Most Great Prison is engaged in their mention. Exalted be this most high and resplendent station, and exalted be this most great and sublime mention! Who can fulfill the obligation of gratitude to God? By the Sun of Truth that shineth from the horizon of this Prison, if a soul possessed tongues numbering as the atoms and offered praise and thanksgiving from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end, it would

not equal a single “O My servant” issuing from the Dayspring of utterance. And now the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh “O My loved ones in Sisan.” God willing, may all regard this station as mighty and strive to become aware of its greatness. And if they truly attain to this station, they will find themselves detached from the world and all therein. O friends! The Beloved of all possibility maketh mention of you and hath designated for each one a station in the Kingdom of grace. Rejoice in what God announceth unto you. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have mentioned you before in verses which none hath comprehended save God, the Numberer, the All-Knowing. We bid you observe wisdom and guide you to His straight path. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom and deal with the servants lest the clamor of those who are heedless of My mighty Cause be raised. The glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens there who have heard and responded to that which hath been raised from My luminous horizon.

That which was revealed aforetime specifically for the friends of God in Sisan is such that its fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. Praise be to God, the cloud of bounty is raised up in such wise that it encompasseth every atom, how much more those souls who have turned to God and are at peace, who have drunk from the chalice of certitude and attained the station of assurance. They have a station with their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This servant, with the utmost humility and contrition, conveyeth his greetings to each one of them as an expression of his sincerity toward them and proclamation of his love for them.

As to what was written regarding the mention of the friends of God and their gathering in the house of Aqa Muhammad Hasan - upon them and upon him be the glory of God - these matters were presented before the Beloved of the worlds. This most mighty and holy Tablet hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Oneness specifically for those souls and the owner of that house. God willing, may they be illumined by its lights and drink from the ocean of its meanings. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

His word - exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Expositor, the All-Knowing […]

The Tongue of Grandeur gives glad tidings to those who have gathered for the remembrance of God and have drunk, in His name, from the Kawthar of praise. These are sincere servants upon whom the denizens of the supreme Paradise pray, and behind whom stand the near-stationed angels. Blessed is the ear that has attained to the hearing of My verses and blessed the house wherein My forbidden remembrance is raised. We created the servants for My remembrance, My praise and the service of My Cause; yet when I manifested My Self, they turned away from Me, save whom God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, willed. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Arise for remembrance and praise in such wise that the world shall not withhold you. Thus doth the Lord of Names make mention of you. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and in that this irrevocable Book hath been sent down unto you. Glory be upon you and upon those whom the might of the divines hath not deterred from God, the Lord of all that was and that shall be.

The names of those assured souls whom you mentioned and who were present in that house for the remembrance of God were submitted, and each, by God's grace and favor, attained His true bounties. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Moreover, praise and thanks be to God that mention hath been and is being made of J.B, upon him be the Glory of God. The gaze of favor is directed towards him. In these days, this evanescent one repeatedly heard mention of him from the Tongue of Grandeur. God willing, may he be assisted in accordance with the wisdom sent down. The servant beareth witness that he hath attained to turning unto God, to His love, His service, His remembrance and His praise, and assuredly they shall attain the recompense of these deeds. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous, the Benevolent, the Merciful, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And in another letter you mentioned the elevated Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. A special Tablet was revealed for Aqa Mirza Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein mention of him who ascended flowed from the Supreme Pen. May he ever be and continue to be the recipient of God's favors. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

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

The inner meanings have soared for a thousand years to attain to the station of this Word which the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, hath uttered. The Spirit hath soared through centuries which none can reckon save God, to visit this Body that walketh in the Supreme Paradise which hath been named, by the Tongue of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, as the Most Great Prison. God hath testified unto His own Self that He hath appeared in truth and speaketh in this Castle wherein all matters have been confined to the mention of this Most Great Remembrance through which the great terror hath appeared in the world and every heedless and veiled one hath lamented.

O servant! The Lord of all beings makes mention of thee and calls to thy remembrance the time when thou didst stand before His presence at the gate which was opened by the finger of might unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus does the Ancient Beauty speak from this exalted station. Look thou and remember when thou didst hear the call of thy Lord, and He conversed with thee with loving-kindness and grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. We make mention of thy father who attained the ornament of certitude and testified to that which God had testified, and uttered that which was inscribed in the Preserved Tablet. We bear witness that he hesitated not in this Cause, and when he heard the call from the direction of his Lord, the Lord of Names, he said: "Here am I, here am I, O God of the seen and unseen!" He heard and responded and submitted when the Command came to him from the Dawning-Place of the revelation of his Lord, the Lord of existence. We have adorned the heaven of his heart with the luminary of My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. He attained the pure wine when Iraq was Our Greatest Scene. He took and drank in My Blessed Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Once he attained in Iraq and again when the heedless expelled Us from the Land of Mystery. Thus does the Ancient Beauty speak before the face of the world, but most of the people understand not.

O Dhabih! Thy Lord makes mention of thee and of what befell thee in this path wherein the Guide Himself was guided by what was attributed to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I testify that thou didst believe in God when He appeared with the truth, and neither the veils of learning nor the imaginings of

those who denied God, the Lord of the worlds, held thee back. Thou didst cast away what was with the people and took what was with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the glorious throne. Thou didst turn away from the people, turning unto My Self-Subsisting Name, and abandoned all else in thy longing for the presence of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou art he whom neither the howling of wolves frightened nor the barking of those who turned away from the truth, clinging to their vain imaginings - verily they are in manifest loss.

O Dhabih! The Goal of the world has turned toward thee and makes mention of thee with that which quickeneth every mouldering bone. He remembers thee and remembers thy days and what thou didst utter on this mighty, wondrous path. Thou art he who took hold of the Book with the power of thy Lord and cast aside the book of the wicked in the lowest depths of hell. Thou art he who acknowledged what God had acknowledged and drank the wine of steadfastness on a day wherein the limbs of all names trembled and all who dwell in the kingdom of creation were shaken. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou didst hear for God's sake the taunts of every oppressor and didst bear from the aggressors that which caused every just and discerning one to weep. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who draws nigh unto thee and makes mention of thee with that which the Most Great Remembrance hath uttered, through whose name the gate of heaven was opened and the sea of names surged and the fragrance of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, was wafted. The peace that shone forth from the horizon of the Abode of Peace and the glory that dawned and gleamed from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon him who speaks in remembrance and praise of thee and visits thy grave, by the command of a mighty and powerful Ordainer.

Is there any tongue in the world worthy of thanksgiving or deserving of praise? Even if all the oceans with their waves, the whole world with its winds, the trees with their branches and leaves and fruits, the earth with its grass and all that is upon it of hills and mountains and thickets, and the heavens with all that is therein of suns and stars and moons, were to speak in praise of the Beloved of all horizons, they would surely confess their shortcoming and acknowledge their failure to attain. Not an atom's weight of deeds is lost or will be lost in the Most Holy Court. O beloved of my heart! Reflect upon the oceans of mercy, compassion and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. If a soul has uttered or utters one word for the sake of God, its recompense has been and will be recorded by the Supreme Pen in the most excellent manner. There are many matters which this servant, due to lack of permission, has veiled. One of the mirrors of divine knowledge is the manifestation of the Name "Swift to Account." God is Most Great! The mention of this station is most mighty and great. That mirror, moment by moment, reflects the movements, stillness, utterances, gestures, signs and manifestations of the world. At one time, out of pure grace, this evanescent servant was summoned to His presence, and by His command, less than that was revealed to this servant - I was nearly struck with thunderous awe. This word is not of suppositions and imaginings, but rather is the manifestation of the countenance of certitude. There is no power nor strength except through Him. What more can be said of the mirrors above that? All matters are in the grasp of His power and dependent upon His leave, His will and His desire. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, not to leave him to himself in any condition and to keep him steadfast through His grace. Verily, He is my Protector in this world and the next. Praise be to God! All that your honor sought from the Goal of the worlds was granted, one after another. This is attested by what was revealed concerning him

whose mention you desired, from God, the Single, the All-Informed. That beloved one should convey to His Honor Aqa Mirza Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and to those who have ascended, what has been revealed. The mention of glorification from this evanescent one to them is dependent upon the grace of that beloved one. And concerning what you wrote about His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, son of him who circumambulated the Throne and attained the presence - the Kawthar of reunion in numbered months - blessed be he and may it be wholesome unto him! The Tongue of Grandeur has testified to his humility and submissiveness before God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. These details were presented in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden, and these wondrous, sublime, decisive and comprehensive verses were revealed from the horizon of grace of the King of Oneness. His word, exalted be His grandeur: In the name of the One, the Seeing God […]

The lights of the Manifestation have encompassed the world to such an extent that every stone of Sinai cries out with the same cry as did the Burning Bush, yet the people of the earth have not succeeded in hearing it, save for a few souls who have drunk of the wine of immortality in the name of Baha and have become purified and cleansed from the dust of the world. Every person of insight in the past has been occupied with the mention of this most exalted, most mighty, most holy Day, beseeching from God, exalted be His glory, the blessing of attaining His presence. But since the understanding of the people and their power of recognition were tainted with idle fancies and vain imaginings, they remained deprived of the Dawning Place of the hidden Mystery and the treasured Secret, and were forbidden from the lights of the Sun of certitude. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He assisted thee to turn unto a Cause from which the learned of the age have turned away. Blessed are they whom the might of the Pharaohs–namely, the divines–did not prevent from the most pure wine, nor deprive of the most great prospect. Remember those days when the Exalted Name was circumambulating and engaged in service. Blessed be he and his days. Verily, he did not violate God's Covenant and His Testament. He was recorded by the Pen of Command as one of the faithful. Be not grieved by the world and its conflicts and conditions. That which endureth not is unworthy of mention and attention. God willing, strive after that which is worthy and befitting. Great is this Day and mighty His Cause. Not every blind one is capable of beholding, nor every deaf one worthy of hearing. Know thou the value of the station thou hast attained, and preserve it in the name of the Preserver. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in this mighty Cause. We have mentioned thee before, and thy father. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have preceded others in recognizing God, the Lord of this luminous Day.

Praise be to God! The Sun of loving-kindness hath risen, and He hath bestowed upon each of the friends and loved ones who are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon a portion and share of His light. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Bestower, the Munificent.

As to their request for permission–in these days this land is somewhat disturbed, and this inner turmoil was previously revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and foretold. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Therefore, turning hither is not permitted. The Command is in His hands. He writeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings and salutations to the one mentioned, upon him be the glory of God, and beseecheth God that he may ever be found in the gathering of the people of Baha with a luminous countenance and an illumined heart, giving voice to the praise of the peerless Friend.

As regards what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa ’Ali-i-Milani, who attained permission and returned with permission - in truth he is enkindled with the fire of the love of God. A few days ago, this evanescent one heard mention of him from the blessed tongue of the Truth, exalted be His glory. The servant testifies that he attained the presence and drank the wine of immortality. Blessed is he for what he drank, and blessed am I for mentioning him out of love for God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him, that it might bring joy to the eyes of the people in the cities of names who have held fast to the cord of the favor of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

As for the aforementioned one’s request for mention and favor from the Truth, exalted be His glory, on behalf of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ja’far and Aqa Muhammad Husayn and his sister - this request was granted by the True Desired One, may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for Him. Verily He is the Answerer of every supplicant, the Giver to every seeker, the Helper of every weak one, the Haven of every stranger, and the Goal of every wayfarer.

This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance to him who was named Muhammad Ja’far. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Most Holy, Most Glorious Name

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful to him who answered his Lord when He came with the truth to guide all to His straight path. Verily He has appeared with grace and manifested with justice what He desired. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Those who have heard and responded, they are indeed of the people of this noble scene. The Concourse on High pray for them and those who circle round the will of their Lord, the All-Informed.

How many a servant has attained this most exalted station, and how many a servant has denied and turned away from God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou, O Ja’far, for having desired to drink the most pure wine from the hand of the Lord of Destiny, Who speaks from His most great scene: “Verily there is no God but I, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.”

When thou dost find My fragrance from My utterance and the wine of My verses intoxicates thee, turn thy face toward My prison and say:

“I testify that Thou hast manifested what was hidden in the treasury of the Unseen, and made clear what was concealed in knowledge and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy prison, O Thou Wronged One, the Stranger. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy sorrow, O Thou Who hast borne hardships in Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

And this is what was sent down from the Heaven of Proof to him who was named Muhammad Husayn. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the One Who Rules over all names […]

The Book hath been sent down by the Lord of the Throne and of earth unto him who hath turned unto the Dayspring of Revelation, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. O Muhammad-Qablih-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, from Whom His servants have turned away and against Whom every remote scholar hath objected. He calleth at all times them that are in the contingent world unto the All-Merciful, yet most of the people are in manifest error. They have cast their God behind their backs, turning instead unto those who have followed without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve not at anything, place thy trust in all matters in the Strong, the Almighty. He is with those who have believed - He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the power of the mighty weaken Him. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

O people of Baha! Abandon that which leadeth you to extinction. Take the cup of immortality in My Most Generous Name. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Book with the mention of God, the Lord of all men, and have sent down that which delighteth the eyes of them that are nigh. Glory be upon the people of Baha, who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have been so inebriated with the choice wine of their Lord's utterance that they have cast the world and its peoples behind their backs, turning unto the ocean of light in this Revelation, at whose appearance all faces prostrated themselves before God, the Lord of all worlds.

And this is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Grace to His sister:

In the name of the Beloved of all worlds! O handmaiden of God! If thou didst know the value of this blessed word, thou wouldst forsake the world out of joy and occupy thyself with the mention of the Peerless One. How many kings and queens of the world who, throughout the nights and days, beseeched God, exalted be His glory, to grant them the presence of the Dawning-Place of His verses, yet remained deprived of Him on the day of His appearance. They neither perceived the fragrance of His raiment nor hearkened unto His call, returning to their abodes in complete heedlessness.

O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court, and the Wronged One of the horizons hath remembered thee with these brilliant words. Know thou thy station and recognize the rank of this Cause, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, at all times to adorn thee with the ornament of steadfastness and to keep thee sanctified and pure from the doubts and allusions of the people. Verily thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the kingdoms of creation. He is, verily, the Overseer, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Furthermore, let that beloved one convey these Tablets in whatever manner he deemeth advisable, that they may become the cause of joy, tranquility and steadfastness. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous, and sendeth down for whomsoever He willeth that which draweth him nigh unto Him, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. All the letters of that beloved one, adorned with supplications to God, glorified and exalted be He, reached the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court, and all that was requested was presented before the Presence of the Desired One of all worlds. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted be His majesty[…]

O Warqa! O you who speak in praise of the Lord of Names! Give praise to the Beloved of the worlds, in that you have attained to that which was the purpose of the world's existence. You have heard and turned to God and won the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. All existence is for this: that souls might attain to the word of acceptance from the Supreme Pen. With a hundred thousand tongues must thanks be rendered for your attainment to this station. Preserve this bounty and be of the thankful ones. The glances of God's favor have been and will ever be directed towards you. God willing, you shall at all times achieve that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. Convey My greetings to the friends of God in every land and place you visit, and make them aware of what befits this Most Holy and Most Luminous Day, that perchance the doubts and imaginings of the divines and the world's distractions may not withhold God's loved ones from the Most Pure Nectar. We enjoin upon all goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, that the fragrance of deeds may enlighten the world and reveal the purpose of the appearance of the True One, exalted be His glory, and likewise that the fragrance of virtues may gladden and bring joy to the Concourse on High. Say: Today the Tree of Fire is ablaze, speaking, and manifest at the heart of the seas. Strive that you may not be deprived of the lights of His manifestation. Man must not be seen as inferior to dry kindling–a single flame can set alight a whole wilderness of wood, yet now an entire world of fire appears before all faces, and an ocean of light is manifest and visible from the light of His countenance. Hearken to the call of the Peerless Friend and with perfect steadfastness and certitude hold fast to His mention, praise, and the teaching of His Cause, which is the greatest of all deeds. In all circumstances you must be mindful of wisdom. O Warqa! O you who circle round Me, who gaze upon My face and speak My praise! We, from this station, send Our greetings and peace upon you and upon those who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. […]

O Sulayman! The days draw near to their end, and the people of the earth are seen to be in manifest heedlessness and evident error. The tongue of morn speaketh "The Truth hath come," and the Day proclaimeth "I am the Day of God," and all things declare "The Mother Book hath been sent down." Few are the ears that attain unto the call, and few the hearts that are adorned with the love of God, the Lord of Names. Morning and evening, the peoples of the earth, of diverse faiths, turn to mosques, temples, shrines and churches for the remembrance of God, yet remain heedless of Him Who is remembered. The One remembered standeth before their eyes, yet they remain veiled and recognize Him not. They hear, yet comprehend not. All this heedlessness and error and ignorance that hath encompassed the world - its primary cause hath been and is the divines of the earth, for they have devised vain imaginings and through countless wiles and promptings have instilled these into the minds of the ignorant of the earth. So long as these imaginings persist, they remain deprived of the splendors of the Sun of certitude. Thus both they and their hapless followers are forbidden the outpouring grace and deprived of that which profiteth them. Were the rulers of the earth truly obedient to these heedless souls, the Truth and its evidences would not be found in the world save with those souls who are sanctified from the doubts, veils and imaginings of men. They are honored in the name of Truth, yet in the abasement of Truth they cling to diverse means. Would that they were content with this! Nay, by My life! Every possessor of insight witnesseth the traces of the oppression of those heedless ones. Blessed is the learned one who hath recognized Him Who is the Known. Strange that despite such deeds, they reject the divines of other lands and regions, counting themselves the saviors, guides, most learned and most God-fearing. Perdition betide them and those who follow them without proof, evidence, testimony or sign! O Sulayman! Praise

the Beloved of all possibility, Who aided thee to recognize this bounty the like of which heaven hath not witnessed nor earth borne. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. These two most holy, most exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of favor for two brothers. God willing, may they attain His presence, perceive their fragrance, and arise to accomplish that which God hath willed. At one time this exalted word shone forth from the Dayspring of the Kingdom of utterance - exalted be His glory: The essence of knowledge hath appeared as a bird, singing between earth and heaven this most exalted word in the sweetest of melodies: "O people of the world! Set aside your wishes and desires, and take what God, your Beloved and your Goal, hath willed." May God grant that all the friends, chosen ones and pure ones of God attain to this most exalted station. Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, mention of him and his circumstances were submitted in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence. A Tablet hath dawned from the horizon of grace. God willing, may he attain unto its presence and be sustained by the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. His words, exalted be His grandeur: In the Name of the Peerless Friend […]

Today the teaching of God's Cause is the greatest of all deeds and ever shall be, but it must be done with such wisdom as has been decreed by the Most Exalted Pen. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath appeared for the reformation of the world, that all upon earth may be seen as one soul. He hath commanded all to speak in one language and to adopt one script, that the whole earth may be regarded as one homeland. We have uttered this exalted Word so that the rays of the Sun of Justice may illumine all the differing parties and lead them to the station of unity. Glory is not to him who loveth his country, but to him who loveth the world. Should anyone hearken to the song of this Bird of Inner Meanings, which wingeth its flight in this luminous atmosphere, he will be adorned with the ornament of supreme detachment. This is the true meaning of liberty, but most people are unaware of it. For the teaching of the Cause, conditions have been revealed in God's Book. The peoples of the earth are seen as children; therefore one must first speak to them with mild and gentle words which are like milk, that through education they may attain to maturity, which is the station of recognition of God. We have formerly said that one word is like milk and another like a sword. Blessed is he who acteth with wisdom and depositeth the Word of God in blessed and goodly soil. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, both before and after, and the glance of His favor is directed towards thee. God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of wisdom and knowledge and engage in that which is acceptable this day. As this land is somewhat in motion, We have therefore paused in giving permission. He verily ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth and prescribeth for whomsoever He desireth the reward of His presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Give thanks unto God for having made thee attain unto this Most Great, this Impregnable Tablet, and for having revealed for thee that which shall not change throughout the duration of the names of God, the Lord of all worlds. The end.

And as for what thou didst write concerning his attaining the presence of His Holiness the King of Martyrs, may my spirit be a sacrifice for his sacred dust, and his companionship with him - how pleasing and delightful this is for him! Praise be to God that he hath been blessed with that which God desired and hath attained the presence of him who loved God and whom God loved. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to him and giveth him the glad tidings of the favor of God, exalted be His glory.

And concerning what thou didst write about His Honor Mirza Jalil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful King - some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specially for him and was sent with the son of His Honor Haji Ahha, upon him be the Glory of God, and this is yet another bounty upon you both. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Responsive. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance […]

Today is the Day of mention and utterance, and today is the Day in which its proof and essence calls out between the worlds, saying: O people of earth! If you are thirsty, the Choice Wine has been unsealed and flows forth from the Finger of the Self-Subsisting - deprive not yourselves of it. If you seek the Manifestation, the Hidden and Treasured Lord is visible and evident. If you seek verses, the horizons are filled with them. If you seek proofs, they have appeared in such wise that none deny them save every sinful transgressor. Say: O friends! The Sun of Truth has risen from the horizon of the world and the Ocean of Knowledge is manifest before all faces. Deprive not yourselves and withhold not yourselves from God's infinite bounties. Today is the Day of sight, for the Face of God is risen and manifest from the Most Exalted Horizon. It is the Day of hearing, for the Call of God, exalted be His glory, is raised. O people of Baha! The Crimson Ark awaits you in the midst of the Most Great Sea. Turn ye unto it, then embark upon it in the Name of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. O Jalil! God willing, thou shalt kindle cold souls with the fire of the Friend, and bestow upon the thirsty ones the Living Waters in the name of the True One. Arise with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings, and with His mention, conquer hearts and souls, that all may attain to that for which the worlds were created. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, my Beloved, my Purpose, the Master of my destiny, and the Sovereign over my spirit, my soul, my essence and my frame! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance to […] make my mention and my call effective in the hearts of Thy servants and a living water for the dead among the people of Thy realm. Move them, O my God, by the hands of Thy grace, then grant them the sweet flowing waters of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou art He Whose grace hath preceded all, Whose generosity hath encompassed all, and Whose mercy hath embraced all. Take the hands of Thy servants through Thy loving-kindness, then deliver them from the depths of self and passion. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

God willing, through this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, the dead in the valley of heedlessness shall be quickened and attain unto new life. Whosoever speaks for God's sake with moderation this day, assuredly his utterance will be effective, his mention prevailing, and his will victorious. Every matter is difficult for us but not difficult for God. Convey my greetings to his honor and express my complete sincerity, and I beseech the Exalted Truth to manifest through him that which shall be eternally remembered and preserved in the book of the world. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was written about the friends attaining the presence of his honor Aqa Mirza 'A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, on Friday - blessed are the people of Baha whom the heat of the love of God has so seized that the near ones behold the radiance of the All-Merciful in their faces and hear His beautiful

praise from their tongues. This matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these blessed, decisive words were sent down from the heaven of favor - His words, exalted be His grandeur: […]

They who in this day speak forth the praise of God and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause – upon them shall the Concourse on high send down their blessings both at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is the house that hath been illumined with the light of My remembrance, and wherein the voice of My loved ones hath been raised – they who have cast behind them all else save Me and followed that which was ordained in My perspicuous Book. His honour A.B., upon him be My glory, hath attained, praise be to God, unto the mention of the Truth, the grace of the Truth, and service to the Truth. This station is, in the sight of God, more exalted than what hath been witnessed. May he, God willing, ever remain steadfast therein. However, with wisdom […]

O Varqa! O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! In all circumstances hold fast to wisdom and cleave thereunto. The gatherings of friends, when they exceed the bounds of moderation, will become a cause of agitation among souls, for until this time the people of the earth, their divines, and their rulers have not been informed of the purpose of God, exalted be His glory. Through the instigation of certain ignorant ones who consider themselves learned men of the earth, they have regarded and continue to regard the Source of Divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of inspiration as the cause and origin of sedition and the fountainhead of mischief. For this reason, they have considered the gatherings of the friends of God as a means of disrupting people and scattering what they possess. Therefore, in all matters one must observe moderation, owing to the weakness of heedless souls. I swear by the reality of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing that were they to gain awareness even less than a needle's eye and become cognizant, all would soar on the wings of longing and yearning and hasten toward their Ultimate Goal, the Most Exalted Summit and the Supreme End. Greed hath deprived the people of the world from the All-Possessing Lord. They know not what hath come to pass and what tidings have appeared, for they have neither sought nor do they seek enlightenment. In one of Our Tablets We have stated that the eyelid, thin as it is, can deprive the physical eye from beholding the world and all that is therein. Consider then what the veil of greed will do when it descends upon the heart. The fire of fancy hath consumed the world; conjectures and idle fancies have darkened man's realm of perception. The rulers of the earth are not, in truth, opposed to anyone's religion or faith today, but when they observe any gathering that might lead to the association and coming together of people, they exercise the utmost caution and restraint, for various forms of mischief and sedition have arisen from such matters in the past. Now, when they witness people's inclination toward this Cause, they make comparisons with the past and arise to obstruct and prevent it. Implore God to enable those souls to partake of a drop from the ocean of knowledge and to illumine them with a ray from the Sun of wisdom, that all may become sanctified from their own desires and arise to carry out the Divine Will, that they may not compare this Cause, which is the Source of life to the world and the Dawning-Place of its cultivation, with past events, and that they may distinguish between corruption and righteousness. God, exalted be His glory, is able to raise up one among the rulers who will become informed and enlighten others. The tongue of wisdom declareth: Grant unto each day that which befitteth it; observe the requirements of every hour. Verily, He doeth what is right and guideth to the straight path. The

Command is God's, the Mighty, the Beauteous. O Varqa! I have said before: "Believe not every speaker, nor trust every newcomer" and the like. Nevertheless, some of the friends accept anyone upon mere claim and consider him trustworthy. This hath been and will continue to be an error. Although, praise be to God, the gatherings, meetings, and assemblies of the loved ones are sanctified and free from sedition and mischief, yet knowledge of such gatherings and the coming and going of God's friends is a matter that stirreth up the hearts and thoughts of the heedless ones. Since they are unaware of the fundamental nature of the Cause, they become agitated by such matters.

Since those who are heedless are unaware of the essence of the Cause, they become disturbed by these matters and strive with all their might to extinguish the divine light, though they were and are powerless to do so. Thus have We cast upon thee that which telleth of My grace, My mercy, My loving-kindness, My tenderness and My bounties, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

God willing, through the attention of that beloved one, these matters in those lands shall be adorned with the ornament of rectification. Great care must be taken in preserving the divine Tablets, and supreme effort is obligatory. Likewise, in concealing the epistles and Tablets that are sent from the Most Holy Court to various regions, effort must be made to the utmost degree. For if some weakling or hypocrite should become aware and make mention of it, harm might come to the Most Holy Court or to the friends of God in various regions. In any case, the concealment and secrecy of these matters is necessary and is counted as prudence. God willing, that beloved one, through the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds, is assisted and confirmed in service to the Cause. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

As for thy question regarding the passage about interpretation that was revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Holy Book, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke […]

The purpose of interpretation is that they should not deprive themselves of the outward meaning nor remain veiled from the intended meaning. For instance, if from the heaven of Divine Will it is revealed "wash your faces", they should not interpret it to mean that the intent of washing is to wash the inner face and that it must be cleansed with the water of knowledge, and similar interpretations. Often it happens that due to such interpretations, a person's face remains soiled and unclean while in their imagination they have fulfilled God's command, whereas in this instance it is clear and evident that it means washing the face with physical water.

Some divine words can be interpreted, that is, interpretations that do not cause doubts and delusions and do not deprive one of the divine purpose. Reflect on what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an, His exalted Word: "And whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good." Some maintain that by wisdom is meant the divine laws revealed in the Book. Others hold that this wisdom refers to medical science, and whoever attains it has attained much good, as it pertains to humanity and knowledge of bodies, and this science is nobler than other sciences, as the tongue of wisdom has previously uttered this supreme word: "Knowledge is of two kinds: knowledge of bodies and knowledge of religions." Knowledge of bodies is given precedence in this blessed word, and in truth it is precedent, for the manifestation of truth and divine laws have all been and will be for the education of humanity, its advancement, and the preservation of the people of the world and the like. Therefore, whatever causes

and leads to the preservation, health and well-being of human existence has been and will be precedent. This point is clear and evident.

Some believe that wisdom is the knowledge of the realities of things, and whoever attains this station will possess lofty stations. Some hold that wisdom is acting upon that which benefits humanity; whoever succeeds in this has much good. Many believe that wisdom is that which preserves man from what debases him and guides him to what exalts him. Some maintain that wisdom is the science of association with people and treating servants of God with moderation. Others have said that wisdom is theology according to the principles of previous philosophers. Likewise, they have said wisdom is the knowledge of substances and accidents, as well as astronomy and the like. Some have said wisdom is the knowledge of livelihood in this world. Some assert that wisdom is the knowledge of principles. Some souls maintain that wisdom pertains to matters of justice, which is and will be giving each their due right. Some believe it is the science of elixir - whoever attains it has attained much good. Some hold it to be geometry and similar sciences. Each group, according to their understanding, has presented proofs and evidence for each of what has been mentioned, which if detailed would add to weariness. Glory be to Him Who spoke this supreme word: "The head of wisdom is the fear of God," for the fear of God […]

For each of what has been mentioned they have given proofs, which if detailed would add to weariness. Glorified be He Who hath spoken this most exalted Word: "The head of wisdom is the fear of God." For the fear and awe of God restraineth man from whatsoever causeth abasement and degradation of human station, and aideth him in that which leadeth to elevation and glory. The wise man avoideth shameful deeds, for he beholdeth punishment in their wake. The pavilion of world order is upheld upon two pillars: Reward and Punishment. Some time ago this blessed verse shone forth from the Dayspring of the Divine Mouth: "Justice hath a mighty force. It is none other than reward and punishment for men's actions. By these two are the tent of order raised up in the world, and every transgressor restraineth his own self, through fear of retribution." Thus hath spoken the Lord of Names; He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In the past, certain souls have called themselves people of the Path, as evidenced by their traces that exist in the world today. Various groups have each adopted a path, whereby Islam became divided and channels branched off from the Most Great Ocean, until at length there befell the religion of God that which did befall it. Islam, with all its mighty power, was transformed through the deeds and actions of those who claimed adherence to it into utter weakness, as all have observed and continue to observe. Some souls who call themselves dervishes have interpreted all divine laws and commandments. If it be said that prayer is among God's binding ordinances, they say prayer means supplication and we came into being with supplication, thus we have performed the true prayer, while this poor one is deprived of the outer form, let alone its inner meaning. The vain imaginings of heedless souls have exceeded all reckoning. In brief, through indolence and sloth they have interpreted all divine commandments which are as an impregnable fortress for the preservation and security of the world, and having secluded themselves in their convents, they have chosen no occupation save eating and sleeping. In matters of knowledge they affirm whatever is said, yet thus far no trace of the warmth of the love of God hath been witnessed from them, save for a very few who have tasted the sweetness of the Word and have to some extent become aware of the purpose of the Revelation. Some of these interpretations mentioned

regarding wisdom are each correct in their proper place, as they do not conflict with the fundamental divine laws. The verses that pertain to divine commands and prohibitions, such as those concerning worship, blood money, crimes and the like - their outward meaning was and is intended to be acted upon. However, the divine verses that were revealed concerning the Resurrection and the Hour, both in previous Books and in the Qur'an, are mostly to be interpreted, "and none knoweth its interpretation save God." These matters are clearly and evidently set forth in the Book of Certitude. Whosoever pondereth thereon will become aware of that which hath been hidden from the eyes of all. Consider what the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book, these words of the Almighty: "It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor doth the night outstrip the day." This blessed verse the divines of old […]

"Nor can the night outstrip the day" - this blessed verse has been interpreted and explained by the divines of the past and present, each finding its meaning according to their own understanding. But this station is beyond knowledge, and these are ranks of conjecture and fancy. One who is called the Sultan of Interpreters, namely Qadi Baydawi, said this verse was revealed to refute the sun-worshippers. Observe how far this is from the source of knowledge, despite his supposed erudition in the eyes of men. The reins of all knowledge are in the grasp of divine power - He bestows it upon whomsoever He willeth. In the books of old, most of what flowed from the Supreme Pen concerning this Revelation is allegorical. For instance, it is said "The valleys shall melt like wax before the Lord," and likewise "His tent shall be raised upon the mountains" as indeed it has been, and in another place "His is a tent whose cords shall not be severed, whose stakes shall not be uprooted, and which shall not be moved from place to place." These passages are allegorical. The fair-minded person understands which station calls for interpretation and which for literal acceptance of the text. In any case, that which today can purify mankind from defilement and lead them to true tranquility is the religion of God, the Faith of God, and the Cause of God. Thus have the rains of utterance poured down from the heaven of knowledge as a bounty upon thee. Give thanks and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the mystics! Glory be to Thee, O Desire of the worlds! Thanks be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of the heavens and the earth!"

From what hath been revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance, it is clear and evident that certain divine verses concerning association, conduct, behavior, transactions, ordinances and the like - were their meaning to depart from the literal sense, God's Cause would be suspended and impeded. To this every discerning scholar beareth witness. Beseech ye God to adorn the people of the world with the ornament of fairness. They profess belief in minor matters, limited miracles, and counted verses, while turning away from their oceans. Man is bewildered. Glorified be He Who hath concealed from them and revealed to us!

As to thy question regarding pure water and the limit of what constitutes "used" water, it was submitted before the Throne. This is what God hath pronounced: A small amount of water, such as one, two or three cups, in which hands and face are washed, is considered "used." However, if it reaches the amount of a kurr, washing one or two faces does not change it, and there is and has been no objection to its use. If one of the three qualities appears therein - that is, if the color of the water changes even slightly - it is considered used. O thou who drinkest from the cup of My loving-kindness! The intention is cleanliness. Thou art aware of the pools [of Persia] - the more effort is expended on cleanliness, the more beloved it is in the sight of God.

Concerning what you wrote about the mention that some of the friends of God rise before sunrise and engage in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, while this remembrance pertains to the day, and the day during the Fast is defined from sunrise to sunset - this matter was presented before the Most Holy Presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. This is what the Truth, exalted be His glory, has pronounced: The day is indeed defined from sunrise to sunset in the exposition, but for those souls who rise before sunrise out of love for God and engage in remembrance - this is beloved and acceptable before the Throne. No reiteration is necessary. Similarly, in the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, the friends of God, adhering to what was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, turn to the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar at dawn and engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. For them too, if they engage in remembrance at sunrise and for an hour after sunrise, it is acceptable. The Truth has desired comfort for the servants in all conditions, and His remembrance, if it proceeds from one who remembers with complete joy and fragrance, has been and will always be beloved and acceptable. Blessed is the soul that breathes with love for its Lord, and blessed is the servant whom the fragrances of the love of God have awakened.

Regarding what you wrote mentioning Aqa Khalil-i-'Attar, upon him be the Glory of God, and the ascension of his brother, this is what God revealed for him. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

This is a Book sent down in truth for him whom the attraction of the utterance of the All-Merciful seized and who answered his Lord when He came with a mighty command, and who calls out on the Day of God to all else. Blessed is he who hath heard and listened, and he whose heart hath turned to Him with evident joy. Verily, the Sun, despite its radiance, deriveth light from His light, yet most of the people are heedless. All that was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen hath been revealed, and all that was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath appeared. Among the people are those who have found the fragrance of My garment and hastened to the ocean of My grace, and among them are those who turned away and objected to what was sent down from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. How many a learned one hath violated God's Covenant and His testament, and how many a heedless one hath heard the call from the Supreme Horizon and turned with his heart to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Khalil! We have mentioned thee before and sent unto thee that which told of My manifestation, My power, My mercy, My compassion, and My grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. He who believed in God, the Lord of this luminous Day, hath attained unto the Supreme Companion. We make mention of him as a favor from Us unto thee and unto him, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he for having attained unto acceptance while most of My servants whom We created for the service of My Cause, the Firm, the Impregnable, turned away from Me. Verily thy Lord forgave thy brother at the time of his ascension, purified him from sins, and admitted him to a station whose description hath exhausted the tongues of the knowing ones. We send from this station Our greetings unto My loved ones there who have drunk the choice wine of My utterance and have attained unto that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory from God, the Lord of Names, be upon thee and upon those whose names were sent down in My Preserved Tablet.

Praise be to God! The Sun of generosity has risen, the Ocean of favor is manifest, and the Euphrates of utterance flows unceasingly. This evanescent one beseeches the True One and hopes that He will not deprive any soul on earth of the fragrant breezes of this most holy and transcendent Day, and will aid all to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to all the friends and say: These days are unlike other days, and this time unlike times past and future. Strive that ye may receive your portion of the lights of the divine dawn. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Great.

Blessings be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts unto God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

After the completion of the letter and attendance in the Most Holy Court, the Tongue of the Beloved uttered these blessed supreme words: "O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My favor!" Some mention was made of wisdom and its meanings, but the wisdom of today consists in such conduct, deeds and words as will guide people to the highest horizon without raising any clamor or causing any mischief or corruption. Verily, the people are in a strange sleep and manifest doubt, worshipping suppositions while understanding not, and hastening toward vain imaginings while perceiving not. The heedless must be awakened with kindliness and compassion and guided to the ocean of grace. Some ignorant ones who soar on the wings of passion and desire and are aflame with the fire of hatred lie in wait to find some pretext to object against the Truth, exalted be His glory, and His loved ones.

God willing, may all divine friends be adorned with the ornament of wisdom, and may there appear from each one that which betokens and indicates the exaltation of the Cause. May God grant fairness and the eye of grace to the divines of the age, that they may behold the lights of the Sun of Truth shining resplendent at its meridian and not remain deprived thereof. These souls have ever been and continue to be the cause of waywardness and error, save whom God willeth. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make them know and learn what they have ignored and draw them nigh unto Him through His grace. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Another submission regarding the departed and honored father who attained the presence at the time of his ascension […]

In every age and cycle He hath, through the splendorous light of His grace, revived the dead mystic body of the universe. He who was in reality the Dayspring of glory hath submitted to what We have mentioned, that He might make manifest in the realm of spirit and matter the mysteries of the regeneration of being and the cause of the purification of hearts. These holy verses were revealed from the heaven of divine oneness–blessed are they that understand. Say: this is that Word which hath caused the limbs of disbelievers to quake. Say: by God! The Bugle hath sounded through which the spirits have swooned, save those whom God hath exempted as a grace on His part–verily He is the Bestower, the Ancient of Days. Say: O concourse of divines! Exchange not the gift of God whilst ye have yet the power; verily He will take it back if He pleaseth; He, verily, hath power over all things. These are the melodies sung by Jesus, Son of

Mary with glorious notes. We have made them clear for thee as a bounty on Our part; verily We are the Bestower. These are the mysteries of the Word which were unveiled and manifested, but the people do not understand. Verily He said–and His word is the truth: “Be” and it is. Verily He is the One Who giveth life and death; He, verily, is the Vivifier, the Destroyer.[…]

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

Praise be to God - praise whereby the clouds pour forth their bounty and the near ones inhale the fragrance of the garment of our Lord, the All-Bestowing; praise whereby the lovers seek the presence of God, the Lord of the Covenant; praise whereby the sincere ones hasten to the station of unveiling and meeting, and the unitarians to the supreme heights; praise whereby rivers flow and trees yield fruit. I testify that there is none other God but Him, alone with no partner. Glory and splendor, remembrance and praise be upon His loved ones and chosen ones, whom no blame of the blamer held back from God, no oppressor’s might deterred, and no ignorant one’s clamor frightened. These are honored servants, no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve.

And then, the letters of that beloved one are in truth like successive rains pouring from the clouds of love. This servant thanks Him Who strengthened you, assisted you, and caused you to know Him, and beseeches Him to exalt you in His kingdom and honor you among His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

One letter from that beloved one, dated the 12th of the month of Safar, adorned the heart with the fragrances of joy and illumined the eye with the lights of love. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of all the worlds, for He has granted success and His aid reaches us every moment; otherwise, existence would return to nothingness. After its observation, consideration and reading, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and Most Supreme Dwelling. After permission was granted, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of Names. This is what was revealed in response, His word, exalted be His majesty and universal be His bounty:

He is the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Utterance

O Amin! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who enabled thee to turn unto Him, to mention and extol Him, and to serve His Cause. Verily, He made thee know His path, guided thee to His way, enabled thee to serve His Cause, and raised thee to a station wherein the Supreme Pen makes mention of thee from the Most Glorious Horizon - the station which all beings acknowledge their inability to describe. Rejoice thou in this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

O Amin! In most of the Tablets to the loved ones, mention of thee hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who guided thee, showed thee, caused thee to hear, directed thee, and praise be to Him Who strengthened thee and enabled thee to recognize Him Whom most of

the servants have been prevented from recognizing. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation in this exalted station. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, and make mention of them on behalf of this Wronged One, that they may be set ablaze with the fire of remembrance and may occupy themselves with the promotion of God's Cause through wisdom and utterance. The people are deeply heedless. This Wronged One at all times summoneth them with the most exalted utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful, yet all are deprived of hearing and sight, save whom God willeth. Veils have prevented eyes from beholding, and the cotton of idle fancies hath stopped ears from hearing. God have mercy! Of justice and fairness naught remaineth save the name - the name existeth but the reality is lost. The Cause is in God's hands, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O Amin! The ocean of utterance hath encompassed all possibilities, and the Call of God hath been raised from the most exalted horizon of the world. Nevertheless, none hath become aware save a few. Yet this hath caused, and causeth, no harm. Ere long shall appear that which hath flowed from the Pen of God in His Tablets. The rain of the mercy of our Lord hath poured upon you and upon us, and the Sun of His bounty hath shone before our faces. Who is able to make mention of Him as He deserveth to be mentioned, or describe Him as He deserveth to be described, or praise Him as He deserveth to be praised? I turn unto Him in repentance and seek His forgiveness for whatsoever hath passed through my mind, been uttered by my tongue, or written by my pen.

The mention of that Well-Beloved hath ever been manifest through the dawning signs of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. A hundred thousand praises and thanks that in these days the fruit of that Most Exalted Word which He spoke at the time when news arrived of the imprisonment of the Most Great Name and those who were with Him - upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God - hath become manifest and apparent. His blessed and exalted Word was: "They seek victory over Us through the hosts and cannons, while We seek victory over them through the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful."

The horizons of the human world are today adorned and blessed with a new attire. The prayers of the sincere ones, the devoted ones, the hopeful ones, the supplicants, and the seekers have been answered. All had sought deliverance for the prisoners and captives, especially for His Name (Ism'u'llah), upon him be all the most glorious glory, and those who were with him - upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praise be to God that that which is the cause of joy and gladness hath appeared.

O beloved of my heart! The people are heedless. Were they to reflect for but a moment, they would witness the transience of the enemies and likewise the manifestations of God's might and power. Despite imprisonment, captivity, and a hundred thousand evident afflictions, He seized the mischief-makers of the land of Sad with the grip of the Mighty, the Powerful, yet none became mindful. Likewise did He deal with the hard-hearted ones of the land of Ta, from the liar known as Sadiq, then the one who intended the most great calamity for the people of Baha. Now both dwell in hell, yet the people have not awakened even to the extent of a needle's point. Were this servant to mention such matters, he would need to compose a book. One marvels at the intoxication and heedlessness of the people. What has become of their consciousness? Where has their understanding gone? Wonder upon wonder!

Indeed, regarding the incident in the land of Ta, one must be thankful. The divines who consider themselves leaders and count themselves as guides and chiefs are at every moment inflamed with the

fire of enmity. Each day its flame groweth higher, its blaze more evident, and its harm more intense. A thousand times have they attacked the people of Baha, yet their rancor hath not subsided even to the extent of an atom, nor their hatred abated. If one of those malicious souls had found manifest power or become a prince, what would he not have done? Now consider the leaders of the people and His Majesty the Sultan: although they had no satisfaction with this community, and the enemies, seeking to demonstrate their service, were constantly engaged in fabrications day and night, nevertheless His Majesty the Sultan, of his own pure inclination and without any intermediary, granted freedom to the prisoners and bestowed deliverance from captivity. Although the sincere ones would not exchange a single moment of imprisonment and tribulations in the path of God for the whole world - I swear by the Lord of both worlds that every moment of imprisonment in God's path is a blessing for which […]

They would not exchange the afflictions they bear in the path of God for all the world. I swear by the Lord of both worlds that every moment spent in prison for the sake of God is a bounty for which there hath been and can be no likeness or equal. In all circumstances must man observe justice and speak with fairness. This evanescent servant beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - to aid and assist His Majesty the King at every moment, for verily He is powerful over all things.

As to what was written concerning the Tablets of the sons of him who brayed in the land of Kaf and Ra, this was presented before the Most Great Countenance in the presence of the Lord of Destiny. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted and mighty be His words: From before and after it was decreed that whenever any soul sought wondrous and exalted Tablets, they would be sent down from the heaven of divine grace, that perchance the heedless might become aware and the slumbering be awakened. We previously entrusted their disposition to the Hands of the Cause in every locality, permitting them to act according to wisdom and expediency, that the principle of consultation might be firmly established in the world.

They said: "Well done!" - meaning the Afnan and that loved one. The Tablet which was specifically requested for the friends of Bahram was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these resplendent verses shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. Exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

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

O people of Bahram! The Lord of all beings remembereth you from His Most Great Prison and summoneth you unto Him. Verily He is the Overseer of whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath come with the Kingdom of verses and the standards of clear proofs, yet most of the people are heedless. The Call hath been raised, and all things have been attracted by it, yet most of the people are fast asleep. This is the Day wherein every seeker hath sought the Purpose of earth and heaven, and every fair-minded one the Most Exalted Horizon, and every sincere one the direction of his Most Glorious Beloved. Blessed be this Day and blessed be he who hath recognized it and who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We counsel you to remain steadfast in this Cause in such wise that the braying of those who have denied God and turned away from His straight path shall not deter you. We counsel you to remember and praise God and to turn unto Him with illumined hearts and with that which will exalt His firm and

mighty Cause. Verily the Trusted One, upon him be My glory, mentioned you, wherefore We make mention of you in truth. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O friends! We have forewarned the people of the divine cities, both past and present, of the barking of the dogs, the denial of the deniers, and the plots of the transgressors. Now in some cities, that which the Most Exalted Pen foretold has become manifest and evident, and with a hundred thousand tricks and plots they are occupied with leading souls astray. Those souls who are illumined by the splendors of the Sun of Truth and have drunk from the Kawthar of inner meanings and the Salsabil of utterance have attained such steadfastness that all the peoples of the world are and were powerless to prevent them. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the cord of grace and held fast to the hem of divine bounty. For twelve hundred years the divines of those regions and the ecclesiastics of those parts summoned the people to the Promised Qa'im, and with utmost longing beseeched the Lord of all creation for His presence. Yet after all their striving, seeking, yearning and waiting, they denied His appearance and with complete tyranny cut down that blessed Tree, which is neither of the East nor of the West. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Now too, these same souls have girded up the loins of wickedness to lead the people astray. O party of God! Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance - an arising that will neither be moved nor slip by the winds of discord. Know ye the value of these days and occupy yourselves with that which is befitting. This Day hath no peer or likeness; in the divine Books it is known as the Day of God. The Throne of the Lord, exalted be His glory, hath been established upon the white spot. With illumined hearts and radiant faces, be ye occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings, and be free and detached from the world and all that is therein. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive you from the ocean of His Revelation and the sun of His grace, and to confirm all to that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He is, verily, powerful over all things. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant new sight to the eyes and fresh hearing to the ears, that they may hear His verses with new ears and behold His evidences with new eyes. Today the enemies of truth, namely those who count themselves among the people of the Bayan and are the cause of leading the servants astray, appear in every garment and form - some with turbans, staffs and cloaks, and in the guise of piety and devotion, some with utmost love and affection, and others with different means, have set out to entrap God's helpless servants. All the divines of Persia, save a few, despite their piety, devotions, sermons and asceticism, pronounced the death sentence upon the Lord of the world - may the spirit of all in the kingdoms of Revelation and creation be sacrificed for Him. The field of Adhirbayjan beareth witness, and beyond that every possessor of sight and hearing, and beyond all, God, exalted be His glory. By the decree of these tyrannical souls, they suspended and martyred that Divine Countenance. Now too, some of the same kind have appeared with devilish whispers and satanic deceptions. May God slay them and protect us and you from the evil of these people. A Tablet hath also been specifically revealed for the handmaidens of that land and region. His word, exalted be His grandeur and glory, is:

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful[…]

O handmaidens of God in the land of Ba and Ha and its surrounding regions! Ponder the waves of God's ocean of grace. He dwells in prison, yet calls you, for the sake of God, to the highest horizon and guides you to the straight path. He has come from the world of the unseen to the visible realm that He might

cause all to attain the outpourings of the True Bestower of abundance. Hold fast to the mighty cord of God and turn your faces to His horizon of manifestation. Today, whosoever has attained the recognition of the Beloved has attained all good. Pass ye beyond the plane of this world and enter with utmost joy and delight into the court of the Lord. Every soul who today gazes toward the highest horizon and is engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of Names is accounted before God as one of those admitted to His presence. All that is witnessed shall soon pass away. Strive ye that ye may achieve deeds from which the fragrance of eternity may be inhaled. Give thanks to the One desired by all the world, Who has enabled you to recognize a Cause from which the world is veiled. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of all worlds and the Desire of them that have recognized Him.

Praise be to God! The light of the Sun of divine bounty has encompassed His handmaidens. The whole world yearns to hear the words "O My servant," while the handmaidens of God have attained unto the blessed words "O My handmaiden." This is a great and mighty bounty. Blessed is the one who has recognized and known, and woe unto the heedless!

As for the mention of Master Ahmad (K.F.), upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence of the Lord of all beings. This is what was revealed in response, His Word, exalted be His majesty and all-embracing be His bounty:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ahmad! The Desired One of the world makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the face that has turned unto Him, the heart that has turned toward His court, the eye that has beheld the Most Exalted Horizon, and the tongue that has proclaimed before all faces that there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We have renewed the world through the breaths of revelation and have manifested the springtime of inner meanings, yet most of the people understand not. The ocean of utterance has surged, and the All-Merciful is seated upon the throne of evidence, yet the people recognize not. They have forsaken their God and taken their vain desires for gods. Verily, they know not. Blessed is he who has shattered the idols of idle fancies and believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Ahmad! A letter has come from the Trustworthy One wherein mention was made of thee and those who have believed in that land. We have remembered you from this praiseworthy station. Know thou this most exalted station. By the life of God! All that is seen and witnessed cannot equal My remembrance. Of this beareth witness He with Whom is the Sealed Wine.

O Siyyid before Hashim! Hearken unto the call of God which hath been raised once in ?a, again in Zawra, at another time in the Land of Mystery, and in this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by God, the Lord of all beings. To this testifieth He Who hath testified that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then speak forth the praise of thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

We make mention of him who was named Siyyid before Muhammad, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Verily We have made mention of them that have turned toward the Supreme Horizon,

and We mention them as a mercy from Us, that their remembrance may endure through the continuance of God's most excellent names and His most exalted attributes. There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God hath made His mention a treasure for His loved ones who have turned unto Him with faces luminous and who have acted in accordance with what was commanded in His perspicuous Book. O friends of the All-Merciful! We counsel you to preserve your treasures. Thus doth He admonish you, from Whom is the knowledge of all things, and around Whom circle the Concourse on High in His noble station. And We make mention of My friends in that place who violated not the Covenant when the clamor was raised. They, verily, are of them that are firmly established. Blessed is the servant whom the doubts of the wicked have not caused to slip, and whom the signs of them that err have not hindered - they in whose breasts the cauldron of hatred boils and from whose faces is reflected the gloom of hellfire. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O people of God in that place, and upon them that circle round the Throne in My exalted station.

[Here endeth that which was revealed for his honor Ustad Baqir, upon him be the glory of God. His word - exalted be His majesty and glory and greatness:]

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

Glorified be He Who hath subdued the Kingdom and the Realm through His command. He is the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Baqir! We have mentioned thee before and at this time. By My life! Wert thou to know the station of My mention, such joy would seize thee that neither the conditions of men nor the might of the heedless would sadden thee. Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and articulate in His beauteous praise. This will profit thee and My loved ones in the hereafter and in this first life. He Who is established upon His mighty throne doth testify to this. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause and turn with thy heart toward My horizon. Verily He aideth him that hath turned toward Him with an illumined heart. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee - know thou this and be of the thankful ones. Beware lest the conditions of the wicked who speak according to their desires and hinder people from My straight path veil thee. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard the call and answered the Lord of the exalted Throne.

[Here endeth that which was revealed for his honor Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God. His word - exalted be His majesty and glory:]

In My Name, the Speaker, the Trustworthy

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee in a station round which circle the Concourse on High, and counseleth thee to fear God. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. He maketh mention of him who hath turned toward Him and desireth him who hath desired Him. He hath created faithfulness and made it one of His most excellent names in His perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who hath clung thereunto - he is among the knights of the arena of utterance before the All-Merciful. To this testifieth every knowing, discerning one. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then thank thy Lord Who created thee, aided thee, and guided thee to His luminous horizon. We make mention of Our loved ones

there and give them the glad-tidings of Our mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. The Trustworthy One mentioned thee; We made mention of thee. Be thankful unto Him Who saved thee and delivered thee and revealed for thee that from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

[Here endeth that which was revealed for his honor Mulla Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. His word - exalted be His signs and His sovereignty:]

He is the Straight Path […]

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down, wherein He maketh mention of them that have turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and responded when His call was raised from this Station which He hath made the most exalted of stations. Eyes have been created to behold Mine horizon, ears to hearken unto My call, and tongues to make mention of Me, through which the horizons have been illumined. O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush in this Revelation, then render thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize this Cause whereby feet have slipped. We have named this Day in the books of old as the Day of God, yet most of the people remain heedless and veiled. The veils of glory have prevented them from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon, and doubts have barred them from Him Who hath come from the heaven of might with the standards of His signs. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord and act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Books and Tablets. Blessed is he who, being athirst, hath hastened to the Kawthar of My presence, and he who hath turned his face toward God, the Lord of all religions. Say: Cast aside your idle fancies and vain imaginings, hastening unto the Kingdom of certitude with joy and radiance. Thus have the rains of My mercy showered from the heaven of My bounty. Well is it with him that hath attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon those whom the veils of the divines have failed to shut out and whom the tyranny of those who have turned away from the Source and Ultimate Goal hath failed to deter.

And this is what hath been sent down for His Honor Ghulam-Rida from God, the Lord of Names. He, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance, saith:

In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names

O Ghulam-Rida! The smoke of doubt and the dust of idle fancies have debarred the world from the Lord of all men. The veils of self and desire have so seized the people that they cannot distinguish between good and evil, right and wrong. They are polytheists yet account themselves monotheists, idol-worshippers yet reckon themselves among the people of high station. Heedlessness hath reached such a degree that they have exchanged everlasting blessing for transient pleasures. They have forsaken that which the All-Glorious Truth desired for all and are occupied with the promptings of self and passion. Fie upon them and upon that which their hands have wrought! Praise be to the Goal of all creation Who hath aided thee to turn unto Him. Know thou the value of this great bounty and through His Name preserve the pearls of divine love from treacherous eyes and thieving souls. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen on this darkest night. Hearken and be of the thankful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what hath been sent down for His Honor ’Ali-Akbar (SMS) from God, the Lord of Power. Blessed and exalted is He Who saith:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering […]

O party of God! Today it is incumbent upon all to make mention of God–glorified be His majesty–and to serve His Cause. Throughout centuries and ages people awaited this blessed Day, yet when the door of the grace of the All-Merciful was opened by the key of utterance, and the Promised One and the One Who converseth on Sinai manifested Himself for the salvation of the world and the guidance of all nations, all were found to be veiled, nay, thunderstruck, nay, dead, save for a few souls who are mentioned among the letters of the countenance in God’s Book. O friends! Be not content with words. This is the Day for deeds. Know ye the value of these days and occupy yourselves with that which is befitting. Say: Let not the transient, varied colors of these fleeting days prevent you from the enduring favors and perpetual bounties of God. Ere long all shall witness that of which they are now heedless. At that time regret will be of no avail, and remorse will bear no fruit. This is the Day of service. Strive ye, that perchance ye may achieve that which is meet and seemly. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things, and He is the Protector of all who are in the invisible and visible worlds.

This was revealed for Jinab-i-Mirza Mahdi, son of him who ascended. Upon them be the glory of God. His word–exalted be His grandeur and glory:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the Kingdom. This is a Tablet which the All-Merciful hath sent down and from it the fragrance of utterance wafteth upon all creation. Exalted is He Who hath sent it down, and exalted is He Who hath manifested it, and exalted is He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Call hath been raised, and the tongue hath spoken, yet most of the people are fast asleep. Their own selves have debarred them from the Most Exalted Paradise and their desires have kept them back from the Lord of all creation. These are indeed among the most lost in God’s Book, the Lord of all worlds. He Who was mentioned by the tongues of the chosen ones and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath come. Among the people are those who heard and denied, and those who heard and hastened until they attained unto the Kawthar of utterance and drank therefrom in His Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the luminous Spot and the white Land. He, in truth, summoneth you and giveth you glad-tidings of God’s favor, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Beware lest love of the world hold you back from the Lord of all creation, or the intimations of the heedless sadden you. Be ye so steadfast in the Cause that the doubts of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the Truth when it came unto them with manifest sovereignty shall not cause you to slip. By God’s life! They have not attained unto the Bayan nor have they drunk the choice wine of knowledge from the hands of the All-Merciful’s bounty, and they have denied Him for Whose service they were created–His decisive and mighty Cause. O concourse of the Bayan! By God, neither the books of the world nor the kingdom of names will profit you today except through this Book which speaketh during nights and days and announceth unto all what lieth with God, the Most High, the Most Great. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, yet most of the people are heedless. Glory be from

Us upon those who have cast away what the people possess, hoping for that which is with God. These are indeed among those who are firmly established. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This was revealed for Jinab-i-Baqir, son of Mulla Muhammad-'Ali. His word–exalted be His glory and sublime be His utterance:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the world through His Most Great Name[…]

In commemoration of those who seek the Face, from Our presence, and I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer. We have remembered those who have believed in God, and We have shown them Our most exalted horizon, caused them to hear Our sweetest call, and guided them to My straight path. O people of Baha! By the True One, the Lord of all beings remembers you from His Most Exalted Station, which was once named the Prison and at another time the Heaven of heavens, which was raised up by My command, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and earths. Aid your Lord, the Most Merciful, through deeds and virtuous conduct, wherewith We have commanded you in Tablets sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Baqir! One of My servants who circled round Me, attained My presence, drank the choice wine of My love, and devoted himself to serving My Cause, made mention of thee. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, for I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beware lest anything keep thee from God or the allusions of the heedless prevent thee–they who claim to have faith yet have made the Bayan a snare for the people of certitude. They are indeed among the godless, as recorded in a clear Book. Say: Fear God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. The world shall pass away, then shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while most of the people were fast asleep. The waves apparent from the ocean of My loving-kindness are upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament and who have circled round His wondrous Cause.

This was revealed for him who was named Husayn ('A??ar). Upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the name of the Peerless Lord God!

O Husayn! Arise to serve the Cause through divine love and the flame of heavenly affection. Today, whosoever desires to render assistance must detach himself from all save God and fix his gaze upon that which is with Him. O Husayn! Today the ocean of generosity is surging and the effulgences of the Sun of bounty have encompassed all existence. Whosoever has arisen for God's sake shall not be seen to sit, and hesitation shall not overtake him. With the hosts of utterance, in a spirit of joy and radiance, he shall guide the wayward and strengthen the weak. Let none marvel at this exalted word. The Son of Mary–upon Him be God's peace and the peace of His Prophets–observed a fisherman busy catching fish and said: "Leave thy net and come, that I may make thee a fisher of men." After this word, the tongue-tied gained speech, the ignorant entered the ocean of knowledge, the poor found their way to the kingdom of wealth, the lowly aimed for the summit of glory, and the wayward became illumined by the light of the dawn of guidance. For he had detached himself from all else and joined with the Truth. He consumed his desires in the fire of love and rent asunder the veils with the finger of certitude. Throughout his life in this world, he spoke in remembrance of the Spirit of God, and when he turned toward the next world, he

attained a station which the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Blessed are they whom neither the doubts of the deniers, nor the hints of the rejecters, nor the clamor of the people of the Bayan have prevented from the Purpose of all creation. Today is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. Strive that perchance ye may attain to that which is mentioned with God and recorded in His Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

This supreme bounty can be likened neither to the oceans, nor to the rains, nor to the leaves of trees, nor to the sands of the desert, nor to the atoms of creation. How can the receptive servants, the monotheists, and the sincere ones adequately render thanks for a blessing whose reckoning is difficult? Its gratitude, like His grace and mercy, surely transcends human understanding. As His grace and mercy took precedence, He granted permission, and this became the great cause and supreme reason for those who remember Him, the sincere ones, and the monotheists. Otherwise, what relation hath dust to the pure spirit? What connection, what resemblance, what conformity? We are utter nothingness, and by His will we exist. Whosoever that Beloved One mentioned has attained to infinite bounties; for each one specifically, an ocean of verses hath flowed. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One to aid those mentioned to achieve that which is befitting and praiseworthy today.

And concerning what was mentioned about the friends of Ni, upon them be the Glory of God, both men and women, and likewise the mention of those souls who have attained to the payment of the Rights of God - all were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and each was honored with the mention of the Goal of all the worlds and adorned with the effulgences of the Sun of Grace. His word, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. We convey Our greetings to the friends of God and give them the glad-tidings of the ocean of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. O people of Nun! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you, for from the beginning of the Cause ye attained unto that of which those on earth were heedless. There befell you in the path of God that which caused the Concourse on High to grieve. Whatsoever hath occurred and whatsoever will occur in the path of God - all hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. This is a great glad-tiding for you. No deed hath been lost, and its reward is preserved with God. Soon shall the recompense and reward of all be made manifest and evident. His Honor the Trustee (Amin) hath made mention of you; ye have been and are honored with the mention of God, both in the past and now. We counsel you to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. With perfect unity and harmony, be ye engaged in the remembrance of God and in His service. The service of God, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever will be the teaching of His Cause and the guidance of the people. And this cannot be achieved except through praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, and kindness and love. We beseech God to aid all to that which is pleasing unto Him.

Know that previously a Tablet was especially revealed and sent to Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', as well as a visitation tablet for His Holiness Vahid and the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty. Today is a day of joy and gladness, for the Truth is manifest, His call is raised, and the horizon of the world is illumined and adorned with His light. Seek steadfastness from God. Soon shall the cawing of the raven be silenced. This is news that the Supreme Pen has given before and after. Some followers of the Bayan are engaged

in plagiarizing divine verses, while others lie in wait with feigned humility and submissiveness, assuming any guise that might ensnare the loved ones. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness, such that none in the world can prevent them. Take hold of the Book of God with His strength; verily it suffices you in truth. Beware lest anything prevent you from this straight path and this momentous news. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Generous.

The people of that land have ever been and continue to be blessed with God's favors. In these days a letter arrived from Aqa Mirza Jalal and his brother, upon them be the glory of God. God willing, this evanescent servant will be enabled to respond both outwardly and inwardly. I beseech God not to cut off His assistance. He is the One Who oversees and encompasses all things.

As for what they wrote mentioning F.T. and Aba, each of the steadfast, assured souls has been blessed with the mention of God. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. When these matters were submitted in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these supreme words were uttered from the tongue of the Will of the Lord of creation, exalted be His grandeur:

"O Abu'l-Hasan! Your letter to this servant calls to mind this blessed verse of the Qur'an: 'It leaves out nothing small or great.' You mentioned God's loved ones wherever they dwell and sought bounties for all. Blessed art thou, for thy goodness has encompassed all. Each has attained what is befitting."

And concerning their mention of Mulla Mahdi and the loved ones of Khuy, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Presence. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of our Lord's and your Lord's will, the Lord of the mighty throne. He says, exalted be His glory:

"He is the Compassionate, the Generous

O Mahdi! The eye of the world has been illumined by the appearance of Him Who conversed with Moses in this Manifestation, while the peoples remain veiled by a thick veil. He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, has appeared and come today. He has come with truth and called the people to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who denied and turned away, those who heard and said 'Here am I, O Goal of the mystics,' those who were prevented by the might of princes, and those who were veiled by the allusions of the divines who cast the truth behind their backs and were among the transgressors in a clear Book. These followed their vain desires and pronounced judgment against Him at Whose mention they used to say 'may God hasten His relief.' Thus did their souls entice them. Verily they are among the oppressors. By their oppression the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the exalted Garden have lamented, and smoke has overtaken the inhabitants of earth and heaven. To this bears witness He Who speaks: 'There is no God but I, the Single, the All-Informed.'"

Say: O people of the Kha' and the Vav! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Creation on the Day of Return, then remember Him in the nights and days. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Beware lest the insinuations of the oppressors hold you back from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Leave the people to what they possess, placing your trust in God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Soon shall the sincere behold what they were promised in the Book of God, and the idolaters their station in hellfire. Rejoice in the mention of My Most Exalted Pen, for it draweth you nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and

upon those whom the cawing of the cawers - who profess faith in the Bayan while denying Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty - hath not held back.

Praise be to God! The lights of the Kingdom of Divine utterance have encompassed the people of that land. God willing, may they be assisted to achieve unity and concord, and to aid the Cause through mention and utterance. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to his honor Aqa Mulla Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God, and the other friends of that land, and seeketh confirmation and assistance for each one.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad (T.B.) Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him from the heaven of the Lord's Will. His word - exalted be His majesty and glory:

In the Name of Him Who ruleth over all names

A remembrance from Us to him who attained unto the lights of faith when the Furqan ascended and the Bayan came, and who gave glad-tidings of the appearance of the All-Merciful in days wherein trembling seized the inhabitants of earth, save whom God, the Lord of lords, willed. Blessed is the soul whom neither the doubts of the people nor the insinuations of every sinful doubter could cause to slip - they who cast the Book behind their backs and took their vain imaginings as lords besides God. They are assuredly the companions of the fire. Blessed is the tongue that acknowledged God and confessed what He hath truly revealed. He is among the righteous in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. The Trustworthy One presented a letter wherein was thy mention. We have mentioned thee with a mention before which all mention boweth down. By the life of God! Nothing in all things can equal My mention. He with Whom is the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Blessed art thou and those who broke not their covenant with their Creator and turned with radiant faces toward the horizon which God hath made the Dawning-Place of lights. Take My Book with a strength from Me and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name mysteries were revealed, verses sent down, clear proofs brought forth, standards raised, and banners unfurled, that Thou mayest write from Thy Most Exalted Pen for this servant who hath turned unto Thee, O Lord of all men, that which shall be as a lamp unto him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

Praise be to God! Divine favor is beyond reckoning and mention. It behooveth all to occupy themselves with praising and glorifying the Lord of Names in the nights and days, and to beseech with utmost humility and supplication the acceptance of the Lord of all destiny. For when man observeth his own station and rank and praise, and likewise witnesseth the infinite favors of the True One, he becometh bewildered. Yet we have not been, nor are we, in despair of the All-Bountiful Lord. I beseech Him - exalted be His glory - to assist and enable the aforementioned Mirza in what is meet and fitting.

O servant who stands before Me! For some time now the fragrance of love from Abdul-Wahhab has been restrained. Glory be to God! He was among those souls mentioned before the Throne and witnessed the grandeur of the Truth and His Manifestation through the banners of verses and standards of clear proofs. What has happened? Have the oppressors' assaults become a veil, or the doubts of atheistic divines? Say:

O Abdul-Wahhab! The All-Bountiful Lord declares: “Leave them to their vain disputations.” Were you granted a hundred thousand years of life, it would not equal one step taken today in the path of God, or one word uttered for His sake. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One of the horizons and occupy thyself with utmost determination in the remembrance and praise of God. Whatever has been mentioned and is mentioned is due to the favors of God, exalted be His glory, which have been extended to you. Arise and say: “Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognize Thy Beauty. I beseech Thee to make me so enkindled with the fire of Thy love that it befits Thy Manifestation and Thy days.”

Know thou with certitude that caution and prudence add not to life, nor do steadfastness and uprising diminish it. Stand for God and speak for God, but with wisdom and utterance, being mindful in all conditions. Know the value of this station and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. Verily, He is the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In truth, for some time no news of him has reached the Most Holy Court - neither a trace of fragrance has passed nor a sweet scent diffused. Since they were previously mentioned in prison for successive years, we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them with such confirmation that the fragrance of steadfastness may be inhaled therefrom. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

According to the command, if deemed appropriate, that which has descended from the heaven of Will should be conveyed. He said: “Verily, We desire to find in him what We found before.”

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Abdullah (upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah]). It was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the bounty of our Answering Lord. His Word, exalted be the ocean of His utterance and the encompassing lights of the sun of His grace:

He is the One with power over all who are in earth and heaven. O Abdullah! Thou wast mentioned before the Wronged One, and thy petition reached the Most Holy Court some time ago and was heard. Praise be to God, thou art gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and art adorned with the love of God, exalted be His glory. What thou didst mention became known before the Throne. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm thee in steadfastness. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance, steadfastness is today among the most great attributes before the Face. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it. The souls mentioned in the petition have each attained to the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to open before thy face the door of blessing. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this wise remembrance.

They and their brothers who were in Shahrud, as well as other souls, were repeatedly blessed with God’s favors. This ephemeral one conveys greetings and salutations to each one and seeks divine confirmation for all.

O Amin! For years We made no mention of the Huquq, although this provision hath ever been a means of divine protection and blessing and hath yielded other effects. How many were the souls who, of their own accord, sent their wealth to Our presence, yet We accepted it not and returned it, for it was not

needed. Now thou art well aware of the conditions in this land, and likewise of the means required for the exaltation of the Cause. Yet none should solicit from another. Should anyone be moved to pay the Huquq, it may be accepted; otherwise, nay. The loved ones of God must in all conditions safeguard the dignity of the Cause. Until now, none hath been commanded to make such demands. Verily, He is independent of all that was and shall be.

As to what was written concerning certain ones who collect and spend funds, claiming authorization - no such permission hath ever been granted to anyone. The loved ones in that land must ever keep their gaze fixed upon whatsoever will cause the Word to be exalted. These days are fleeting; the friends must act with justice, fairness, truthfulness and sincerity, and hold fast to that which will dignify the Cause. This hath been repeatedly mentioned so that thou mayest know that no such thing hath been ordained.

When the beloved of Our heart, Haji Mirza H.Y.A. and Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon them be the glory of God and His favors, attained Our presence, the Tongue of Grandeur made mention of thee, saying: "Praise be to God, thou art favored by His grace and adorned with the word of His good-pleasure. Blessed art thou, and again blessed art thou." At this moment, as I was engaged in writing this letter, I attained the presence of the Goal of all the world, Who spoke these blessed words - exalted be His glory and all-encompassing be His grace: "O servant present! We love to make mention of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in that land, as a token of Our grace, for We are the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Generous. We mention them while concealing their names, in Our wisdom, for We are the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have mentioned the Sad with a mention that hath diffused the fragrance of Our favor throughout Our mighty and impregnable Kingdom, and We mention him now with a beautiful mention. The Glory shining from the horizon of My favor be upon those whose names We have not mentioned and upon those who have quaffed My sealed wine."

Every atom in existence hath testified and doth testify to the grace, mercy, compassion and favor of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to adorn this servant and His loved ones with that which pleaseth Him and to aid them to remain steadfast in His Cause. This is the station that the chosen ones of God, past and present, have ever sought from Him, glorified be His might. This lowly one, with utmost humility, seeketh for all what he seeketh for himself, and for the friends what he deemeth himself unworthy of. The waves of the ocean of divine mercy have appeared in such wise as though the tree of despair hath been cut down and the saplings of hope have been raised up in all directions. Exalted, exalted be His bounty, His grace, His sovereignty, His might, and His remembrance. Glory and praise be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the dominion and power, His is the might and authority. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth others. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, regarding that beloved one's previous letter, due to the multitude of occupations and affairs, the reply was delayed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist this servant to compensate for what was missed. The letter arrived, opened the gate of reunion, and the fragrance of nearness wafted. Praise

be to God, the showers of remembrance and utterance flow from the pen and tongue of His loved ones. In truth, remembrance and utterance are keys to the gate of nearness and reunion.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida (of Muhammad-Abad), upon him be the glory of God, and likewise his degrees of longing, yearning and enthusiasm were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these manifest verses were revealed especially for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. His mighty utterance and holy station declare:

In His Name, the One Who Rules over all who are in earth and heaven!

O Muhammad-Rida! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having opened before the faces of Thy loved ones the gate of meeting, and glory be to Thee, O Lord of all names, for having opened the gates of understanding through the keys of utterance, and splendor be to Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having illumined the world with the lights of Thy Most Great Name, and majesty be to Thee, O Dawning-Place of Beauty, for having guided Thy loved ones to the straight path, and grace be to Thee, O Dayspring of Justice, for having called the servants to Thy most exalted horizon in both beginning and return, and light be to Thee, O Speaker of the Mount, for having made known to the people of inner meaning the horizon of Thy manifestation, and revelation be to Thee, O Bestower of spirits, for having made us to be attracted by Thy verses, turned toward Thy horizon, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, and speaking in Thy beauteous praise.

Say: O my God, my Lord, my Worshipped One, and my Desire! Thou hearest what the tongues of all created things utter and seest what all beings do. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded Thy creation and Thy servants, and by Thy hidden mystery and Thy treasured Name which manifested itself in the kingdom of creation and established itself upon the throne amidst humanity, that Thou shouldst send down from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy and protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy loved ones through Thy power and might and the hosts of Thy hidden realm, even as Thou didst assist them before. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

O Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine who hath testified to Thy oneness and singleness and to that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the kingdom of creation, and who beareth witness to that which Thy tongue hath spoken, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, holding fast to the hem of Thy loving-kindness, and hoping for that which is with Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy generosity, grace and favors. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Hearing, the Answering.

These verses, each letter of which is a gate of mercy for creation, were revealed especially for the aforementioned person. God willing, he will attain unto them. Its fragrance shall renew the world of utterance and freshen the trees of existence. Previously too he had attained the mention of our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will assist him in all conditions. Verily He hath power over all things.

In His name, the All-Hearing, the Responding One!

O Muhammad-i-Tahir! He Who is circled round by the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise and the angels drawn nigh, makes mention of thee on this night. Give thanks unto God and make mention of Him throughout the nights and days. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and fidelity and that whereby the Word of God, the Lord of all being, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted.

When thou hast received My verses and perceived the fragrance of My utterance, say: "Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, the Imprisoned One! I testify that Thou hast chosen tribulation for the salvation of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and Thou hast dwelt in prison for the deliverance of all who are on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

"I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence and O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of the hidden and the manifest, to assist me in that which befitteth Thy wondrous Cause and beseemeth Thy glorious Day. Then write down for me, through Thy bounty and Thy favors, that which will preserve me from the croaking Thou hast foretold and from its transgression. O my Lord! I am the helpless one, the wretched one, standing before the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which is with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

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O My handmaiden! God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Merciful, His grace encompasseth all things, as doth His knowledge. No cry is raised but that an answer descendeth from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance. He hath adorned the female believers with the blessed word "O My handmaiden" and hath distinguished the men with the wondrous and sublime word "O My servant." How many among the first and last have sacrificed their lives upon hearing these words! This word is like unto a sapling planted by the hand of divine power - it must be watered by the waters of love and steadfastness, and protected in the name of God from poisonous winds. Know thou the value of this word. By the life of God! Were all the peoples of the world to comprehend it, they would all be set ablaze and turn towards the supreme horizon. We send greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and counsel all to sanctification, detachment, and adherence to that which We have revealed in the Book. Blessed are they that act, both men and women.

Mention was made of Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. His mention was accepted in the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for him from the presence of the All-Wise Revealer. His words, exalted be His mention and sublime be His utterance:

In My Name which shineth forth from the Supreme Horizon!

Whosoever hath today attained recognition is mentioned in the Kingdom of utterance before the All-Merciful. The whole world was created for the Day of God, yet when the Most Great Name rent asunder

the veils through His conquering might, all were found heedless and veiled save whom God willed. This is the Day whereon whatsoever lieth hidden in every soul shall be made manifest. This is the Day whereon "secrets shall be tried" and the Day whereon "the mountains shall pass away." Every hidden thing shall be revealed and every concealed thing made manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath been set ablaze with the fire of divine love - a blazing that neither the might, power and glory of the people of creation, nor the doubts and allusions of the divines could prevent from the Lord of Names or deprive of the ocean of inner meanings. Every deed performed today in the path of God - its effects shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. O people of God! Strive that ye may attain to that which beseemeth this Day of God, exalted be His glory. Know the value of the All-Merciful's utterance and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who were not frightened by the might of the aggressors nor weakened by the power of the opposers.

Mention was made of Aqa Siyyid ?adiq, Aqa Siyyid Yusuf, Aqa Abu'l-Qasim and Aqa Siyyid 'Ali-Rida, upon them be the glory of God. It was presented before His countenance and there was revealed specifically for each that which shall endure as long as the most beautiful names endure. This is what was revealed for Siyyid ?adiq, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Sempiternal, the One!

This is a mention from Our presence for him whom the Trustworthy One hath mentioned, that he may rejoice in his Lord's bounty and be of the thankful. Verily, he who hath today attained unto My verses hath attained unto all good, as attesteth He with Whom is the mighty Book. O ?adiq! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have revealed for thee that which guideth the servants unto My straight path. Say: O people! Set aside what ye possess. That which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. Thus have We sent down the verses, expounded them in truth, and dispatched them unto thee as a gift from thy Gracious Beloved[…]

We make mention of Yusuf as a bounty from Us, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Yusuf! Put aside what the people possess and take what thou hast been given from thy Lord, the Ancient Bestower of Bounties. All the treasures of earth cannot equal a single letter of My verses - to this every seeing and discerning one beareth witness. The glory from Us be upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament - verily they are among those firmly established in a perspicuous Book.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Abu'l-Qasim. His word, exalted and mighty is He: He is the Compassionate, the Merciful. O Abu'l-Qasim! Know thou the value of these days and arise to that which behooveth thee. Today a goodly character and pure deeds are the means for exalting the Word of God. All the friends must render assistance to the Wronged One through these, and in all conditions strive for the elevation of the Cause. This is Our counsel from before and after. We beseech God that He may set all ablaze with such fire that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the clamor of the ignorant may quench it. Whosoever hath attained unto a drop from this ocean, the hosts of the world and the defenses of nations have not been, nor ever shall be, able to prevent him. God, the All-Knowing, beareth witness and uttereth this most exalted Word: Blessed is every hearer who hath responded.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Siyyid Ali-Rida. His word, sanctified and exalted is He: In My Name, which shineth forth from the Most Exalted Horizon. A Book sent down by the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison for him who was mentioned by one of My loved ones who hath arisen to serve My mighty Cause. O servants of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth you unto the All-Informed One. The Day of Return hath come, yet most of the people are heedless. The Hour of Resurrection hath arrived, yet most of the people are sleeping. They have cast the commandments of God behind their backs - verily they are among the most lost. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to acknowledge that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken, then make mention of Him in the nights and days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. The Promised One hath come, the Hidden One hath been revealed, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the hands of My bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee.

The sprinkling of the ocean of meanings and utterance hath encompassed the world. Were all atoms to offer praise with the tongues of the first and the last, they would never be worthy of this bounty nor deserve this generosity. Praise be to God! The friends of this age have attained unto that for which multitudes of the first and the last grieved in their longing to attain its presence. This most great joy hath been allotted to the people of the most great vision. This evanescent one beseecheth the Eternal Truth that He deprive not any soul on earth from this everlasting bounty and heavenly sustenance. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And concerning the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali Simsar, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the countenance of the Ancient Lord. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. His word - mighty is His utterance and great His proof: He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.[…]

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath appeared and hath guided all to the straight path, and hath summoned them to the Most Great Announcement which was promised in the Books and Scriptures of the past and future. Some souls were prevented from the Dayspring of Divine Unity by their selfish desires, while others were deprived of recognizing the Lord of Names through following the ignorant. The primary cause and reason for all this were the divines of the age. They are the dawning-places and daysprings of self and passion. Few indeed turned away from the world and all that is therein and set their faces toward the supreme horizon. These are the treasures of the earth and its repositories. Whosoever in this day is not hindered by the veils of the doubtful ones is recorded and inscribed among the people of the supreme Paradise in the Book of Names. The honored Amin mentioned a number of those who have turned towards God, and each hath been blessed by the favors of the Wronged One. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Generous, verily He is the Kind, the Merciful.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the Truth, exalted be His glory, to aid them and the other friends to preserve that which He hath bestowed. He is, verily, powerful over all things. The servant submitteth that each of those who have drunk from the sealed wine and attained unto the new life should keep before

their eyes the word “steadfastness”, for many are the satans and deceiving souls. We hope that each one may be assisted in that which beseemeth the Day of God.

Furthermore, mention was made of Aqa Siyyid Javad-i-Pusht-Baghi, upon him be the Glory of God. After this matter was submitted before the presence, these verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted be He: “His mercy hath preceded all and His bounty hath encompassed all. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.”

O Javad! The Wronged One declareth: We have accepted all the tribulations of the earth for the exaltation of the people to the sublime summit and the supreme horizon. When the call was raised and the fire of divine love was kindled, the heedless souls arose to quench and prevent it, and with complete tyranny and utmost effort strove to extinguish the divine light. However, the hand of power preserved His Cause and made the sanctified souls aware. Say: O friends! The satans are lying in wait and expectant. Each one of you must, like a piercing flame, prevent the satans from ascending to the heavens of hearts. This is the primary station and the first rank that hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Under all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed on the Truth and hold fast unto Him. Verily, He is with His successful servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for the son of him who ascended unto God (Aqa Mirza Muhsin), upon them both be the Glory of God.

In My Name, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Husayn-i-’Ali! Hearken unto the Call: Verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. I created creation for the knowledge of Myself and the recognition of My Day. Yet when I came with the banners of signs, they turned away, following every heedless and rejected one. Say: O people of Baha! Abandon that which ye were forbidden in the Book and take hold of that which ye were commanded by God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Sanctify yourselves from all that your desires command you; thus did We command you before in My inscribed Tablet. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings, clinging to the mountain of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is he who hath held fast to My hem and acted according to that which was commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Remind those who are with thee on My behalf, say: Fear God and be not of those who know not. The proof hath come and the way hath been made manifest, yet most of the people perceive not. Say: By God! The Day hath appeared and He Who conversed on Sinai speaketh from the throne of Revelation. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. The glory from Us be upon thy father who ascended unto My horizon and attained My grace, My mercy and My bounty which have encompassed the seen and the unseen, and upon thee and those with thee who have not broken God’s Covenant and His Testament, and who have witnessed that which God did witness when He came with manifest sovereignty.

As for the mention of the brethren from A. and R., Jinab-i-Nasru’llah and Husayn and Muhammad-’Ali, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before the presence of the Lord of Revelation. This is

what was sent down for them from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He says, exalted be His utterance and His station:

He is the Ruler in truth and He is the Commander, the All-Wise

O servants of the All-Merciful! The Purpose of all possibility mentioneth you in this Most Great Prison and counseleth you with that which is the cause and source of true greatness and nobility. The world hath been seized by the power of extinction, and its signs are manifest and evident at every moment. The friends who are associated with the Truth and are mentioned by His Name should, through the might and power of the One True Object of Desire, arise to perform such deeds that every person of insight may perceive therefrom the fragrance of sanctity and detachment. Today is the day of service and pure deeds. We beseech God to sanctify all from the defilement of rejected deeds and to enable them to attain true repose. Praise ye the Desired One Who hath illumined you with the lights of the Sun of utterance. The Trusted One made mention of you, We have mentioned you as a favor from Us, and verily I am the Bountiful, the Generous.

And this is what was revealed for the loved ones in D. and H. He says, exalted be His majesty and His utterance:

He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing […]

O people of God! The Wronged One summons you from the precincts of the prison to that which draws you nearer to God, the Lord of all worlds. The ocean of utterance has surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted, yet most of the people remain heedless. The river of mercy has flowed among creation, yet most of the people remain deniers. They have turned away from the Supreme Horizon, turning instead to every ignorant remote one. Blessed is he who has shattered the idols of vain desire and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who turned to the Supreme Horizon and traversed land and sea until he arrived in a valley wherein was raised the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He presented himself and stood before the Gate, and was blessed to hearken unto the words of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We testify that he attained and gained the presence, and drank the choice wine of his Lord's bounty, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We make mention of his son who was named Badi', and We counsel him with that which befitteth man, and I am the Counselor, the All-Knowing. O Badi'! Thy Lord makes mention of thee with that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have attained this exalted station.

We make mention of 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar who perceived the fragrance of the Revelation and turned to Him from Whom every doubting ignorant one turned away. We make mention of his brother who was named Musa and give him the glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We counsel all with that which shall exalt the Cause of God amongst His servants and with that which befitteth this glorious, wondrous Day.

The Trusted One hath mentioned you; We mention you that ye may thank your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O people of Dal and Ha, rejoice in that God hath manifested from among you His Name, Who was imprisoned in His path and bore hardships out of love for His beauty, and spoke His praise when the people were behind a manifest veil. We make mention of My male and female servants there and give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and bounty, and We counsel them to perform pure deeds and to observe that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. The glory be upon them and upon every steadfast, upright one.

Thus endeth the matter. Praise be to God! Every one who hath turned unto Him hath attained his reward, nay more than that, and every steadfast one is adorned with his recompense. Most of the friends remain secluded in their homes and gatherings while God, exalted be His glory, in prison, despite incoming sorrows and the manifestation of unpleasing matters, is occupied day and night with the mention of His loved ones - a mention that shall never perish nor be altered. In the words of the renowned Shaykh, may God's mercy and forgiveness be upon him: "From hand and tongue what praise can come that would suffice for His thanksgiving?"

I swear by the Sun of Truth that if all the world were to voice praise and thanksgiving throughout the duration of the kingdom and dominion, they would not be capable of matching a single letter that floweth from the Supreme Pen. Were the station of divine mention to be made manifest, all would speak that which this ephemeral one hath mentioned. The call is raised, but few are the ears. The steed is present, but the field is narrow. The day shall come when the veils shall be rent asunder and the hidden stations shall become manifest and evident.

Regarding what was written about Khan Sarkar Sir, may the glory and loving-kindness of God be upon him, and the mention of what was placed in his saddlebag, these matters were presented before the countenance of the Ancient King. His word, exalted be His glory: In My Name, the Witness, the All-Knowing […]

O Amin! Verily, We have been with him. Thy Lord, in truth, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath ever arisen to serve the Cause and hath attained unto a remembrance that shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today from the murmuring of the Water of Life and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of utterance, this most blessed and exalted Word was heard: "Blessed is he who hath attained, and found, and recognized, and arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds." Every created thing hath testified to his faithfulness to the Covenant and Testament. This station is most great. We, from this station, glorify him and those who are with him. Shouldst thou meet him, convey to him My remembrance and gladden him with the tidings of My loving-kindness, and that which hath flowed from My Pen, and that which My tongue hath testified to in this exalted station. Glory be upon him and upon every steadfast, firm and upright soul.

In truth, the fragrances of the verses in this station have detached this servant from all mention, thought and imagination, to such extent have the verses of God been revealed and are flowing at this hour that a hundred like this evanescent one could not and would not be equal to describing and recording them. I truthfully declare this and God sufficeth as witness. What joy was attained when it was observed that the glance of loving-kindness was directed towards the Khan, upon him be the glory of God. This servant

conveyeth to him greetings, glory and praise, and at all times implore divine confirmation from the True One, exalted be His glory. They are worthy of the love of all. Should God will, that which is ordained for him shall be made manifest. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

As to what was mentioned regarding his arrival in Sirjan and his meeting with Haji Siyyid H.S., upon him be the glory of God alone - these matters were honored to be heard in the presence of the Lord of Names. His word, exalted be His glory: "Some of the friends should journey through the villages and, with the utmost wisdom, engage in the refinement of heedless souls, that they may not remain deprived in the Days of God. Today the greatest bounty is manifest; it is incumbent upon everyone to occupy themselves with guiding souls. Blessed is the Afnan who was mentioned in My presence and attained unto My meeting when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra." For Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, mentioned his propagation of his deputyship, and likewise the visitation of this passage was truly victorious and accepted by God.

The aforementioned Haji hath attained unto the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Convey My glory to him on behalf of this evanescent one. They must strive to spread the Word of God in that land. How many souls who had not heard a single word of outward learning have, through the enkindlement of the fire of love, opened their tongues and been assisted in promoting the Cause and refining souls. Today the Holy Spirit confirmeth. All friends must deal with the entire world in love and friendship. In this way love will be generated and hearts will become receptive - that is the time to impart the Word, but with joy and fragrance. The Cause is in the hand of God, our Lord, the All-Merciful.

Mention was made of the Land of Shin and the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God. Each has been blessed with divine favors, and especially for Haji Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and given to the beloved Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, to deliver. At this moment the Ancient Tongue speaks these blessed words, exalted be His glory:

"O Abu'l-Hasan! O Trustee! Thou hast made mention of the divine friends. Praise be to God, thou hast been assisted by the grace and favor of God. Time and again thou hast drunk from the ocean of reunion, partaken of the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance, beheld the supreme horizon, and been enabled to make gracious mention of God's chosen ones, His elect and His friends. We beseech God to aid thee forever and to confirm thee in that which will exalt His Cause, exalted be His glory. By the life of God! Should someone sacrifice all the treasures of the world, or offer up all souls, yet diminish an atom's weight from the glory of God's Cause, this was not and is not permissible. In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon the exaltation of God's Cause, the upliftment of God's Word, and the elevation of His station. This is what We counseled thee before, in Our presence, and on this night wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds."

This servant conveys a hundred thousand greetings and glorifications to that beloved one and the friends of God, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to confirm all in rendering victorious assistance and grant them success. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glory, praise and honor be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Another matter: Repeatedly letters arrived from the spiritual friend Aqa Muhammad ?ahir, upon him be the Glory of God, and some friends, containing that which brought joy to this servant, for they spoke in praise of God, exalted be His glory, and were adorned with acceptance, humility, submissiveness, and arising to serve for the sake of God, our Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth. I convey greetings and praise to all, and it is hoped that, God willing, all shall attain His special favors.

The mother of Aqa Muhammad ?ahir, upon them both be the Glory of God, in these days when the Mansion has become the seat of the Throne, has attained the honor of His presence. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The queens of the world, despite their seeking and waiting, did not attain, while this noble lady has, by the wondrous grace of God, attained that for which most people of the world died in yearning.

Likewise in these days a letter arrived from Haji Aqa Muhammad (’Alaqih), upon him be the Glory of God. It was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted threshold, and they were blessed with mention by God, exalted be His glory. Happy is he! It is hoped that hereafter too there shall be sent that which is as the spirit of inner meanings for the temples of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds, and glory be upon those who are nigh and sincere.

The revealed Tablets, as commanded, have been sent separately in this servant’s hand, except for one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for the physician. If there could be found there someone with fine handwriting to transcribe the sent Tablets, taking utmost care in comparing and checking them, this would be most beloved. Likewise, they should be preserved in a secure place, for divine verses are scattered in various regions. Therefore, in that land and every land, whatever is received therein should be gathered together - this is beloved and acceptable.

The Servant

On the 2nd of Jamadi’ul-Avval [1302]

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom the Essence is realized in the Essence, and through Whom the Being of Eternity is adorned with the mantle of Names and Attributes! Through Thy Name, the Manifest, all manifestations have been made manifest from a beginning that hath no beginning, and through Thy Name, the Hidden, all that lay concealed remained hidden in the mystery of mysteries, such that naught hath appeared from pre-eternity, nor will appear unto a end that hath no end. Through the dawning of the Sun of Thy most glorious Beauty, the Luminary of the heights hath risen from the horizon of origination, bearing glad-tidings unto them that dwell in the heaven of the divine cloud, the Concourse of eternity, and the denizens of worlds which no pen can describe nor the minds of the wise comprehend, and then unto them that dwell in this nether realm, that this indeed is the Most Glorious Beauty and the Most Resplendent Countenance, Who hath appeared in a manner sanctified above my mention, my

indication, my knowledge, my description, my glorification, my praise, my sanctification, my exaltation, my attestation of His unity, and my recognition of His uniqueness, and above whatsoever lieth in the essence of my essence and the reality of my reality when His remembrance and His glory are concerned.

Therefore, O ye who were created in the Bayan through My verses to know Him, be not veiled from Him for Whom the entire Bayan is but as a ring upon the finger of His Will and a leaf in the paradise of His Cause. Glorified art Thou, O Thou Whom the Most Great Remembrance is powerless to remember, and the Pen of eternity is unable to praise! How then can this evanescent one, who is the most abject of servants before the gate of Thy grace which hath been opened unto all nations, venture to extol Thee save through a drop from the oceans of Thy bounty which surge over all created things, and through an outpouring from the fathomless deep of Thy favors which encompass all who dwell in the kingdoms of the first and the last? Whereupon the tongues of all things have been loosened with the most wondrous praise in glorification of Thy chosen Self, and the call hath been raised from the heart of the solid rock in the depths of the seas and from all the heights, that Thou art God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by this bounty which hath encompassed all things, and by this mercy which hath preceded all who dwell in the realm of creation, that Thou wilt send down at this moment upon this evanescent one a breath from the breezes of Thy most bountiful grace and a waft from the fragrances of Thy creativity, whereby decayed bones are quickened and lifeless bodies are raised up - for verily Thou art God, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Ancient of Days - that I may arise to praise Thy loved ones and make mention of those whom Thou hast made the lights of guidance amidst Thy creation and the torches of unity among Thy servants and Thy creatures, and that I may speak that which Thou dost confirm and inspire within me, for I know nothing and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thou knowest, O my God, that my love for them and my remembrance of them are purely for Thy sake and sanctified from beholding aught else but Thee. I desire, O my God, that they may become fully aware of the truth of all matters in Thy days, and recognize that which had been hidden from them with true recognition, that thereby their beings, their realities, their spirits, and their likenesses may endure in every world of Thy worlds, knowing Thy truth, perceiving that which hath appeared from Thee, and understanding what Thou hast desired for them in the pavilion of Thy bounty and grace. For verily, O my God, should they become aware of all things yet remain veiled from even a single thing, they would be veiled to that extent from Thy most great perspective and would not turn to Thee with complete vision. This can only be achieved through sanctification from all that Thou hast created and wilt create, all that Thou hast manifested or wilt manifest, even as Thy true and perspicuous Tongue hath spoken: “Were vision to be as vast as the heavens […]”

Yea, Thy tongue of truth hath spoken thus, and were the eyes, though as vast as the heavens and earth, to turn for less than the twinkling of an eye toward any direction save this, they could not behold this Most Exalted Vision as befitteth its right to be seen. Exalted, exalted is Thy Cause, O my God, and sublime, sublime is Thy Revelation, O my Beloved! Most grievous is it unto this servant, beyond all grief, that anyone should be veiled in such days as these, the like of which the eyes of creation have never witnessed, nor hath any in all existence beheld their parallel - days wherein Thou hast appeared with the

pure essence of Thy Beauty, the camphor of Thy Countenance, and the pristine nature of Thy Beloved-ness, and wherein the heavens and earth have been encompassed by the manifestations of Thy grace and the evidences of Thy favors, such that every hidden matter, treasured secret, and guarded mystery hath been revealed, and the Sun of Meanings hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of exposition, manifesting itself through the revelations of Thy most beauteous Names and most exalted Attributes unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility and the kingdoms of creation.

They who desire to enter upon this most mighty and impregnable carpet, this most exalted and lofty station, must needs have their hearts sanctified from the mention of the allusions of the past and the words established by the ignorant ones who have become renowned for learning and excellence. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having assigned unto them that enter upon this most exalted and most sublime carpet a station that cannot be attained by the birds of the hearts of them that dwell in eternity, nor by the realities of any in all creation, even as hath been uttered by the Manifestation of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy Inspiration, and the Point of Thy Will: "A single drop from the ocean of that Manifestation is mightier than all utterance." Thus too hath it been revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma and other Tablets concerning this most exalted station, in such wise as to stupefy the minds of them that are possessed of understanding.

How sublime then is the loftiness of these beings whom Thou hast created from the essence of Thy Cause and brought into existence from the substance of Thy nature! How then, O my God, can it be befitting that this wondrous creation and this most exalted and sublime handiwork - I am astonished, O my God, at the heaviness of certain ears, the covering of eyes, and the veils over certain hearts, such that by Thy Call the Thrones were shaken, the heavens were cleft asunder, the endless veils were rent, and the mountains of the realities of all contingent things were crushed through but a single gleam from the effulgences of the lights of Thy Countenance. Yet despite all this, some among Thy servants and creatures have not awakened, though Thou callest out at all times with the most exalted call above their heads, and standest before their eyes with all lights. Thou hast brought forth from the sleeve of Will the Hand of Divine Purpose, and sayest with the sovereignty of might and grandeur: "Behold this Hand of My power which I have stretched out over the heaven of My grandeur, the realm of My might, the kingdom of My sovereignty, the domains of My eternity, the regions of My Cause, and I have rolled them all up, and all that I have ordained in them through My all-encompassing knowledge, in My hand - and lo, it is white with the lights of My Countenance, radiant with the splendor of My Beauty, and gleaming with the lights of My brow. Through My grace and bounty have I bestowed it upon whoso entereth My kingdom and My realm of might." Yet they make mention, amidst the surgings of these oceans of light, of the utterances of them that are steeped in darkness and pride.

O my God! All existence is ashamed of their remembrances, yet they are not ashamed. All contingent things are abashed by their words, yet they feel no shame. Can one who hath been awakened by Thy call, who hath arisen through the spirit of Thy Cause, and been quickened by the breath of Thy mercy […]

Every soul quickened by the breath of Thy mercy and having drunk from the chalice of Thy bounty moveth his tongue to make mention of vain imaginings which were upon the tongues of the heedless among Thy creatures and the ignorant among Thy people. Nay, by Thy Chosen Beauty! Save him for

whom Thou hast made hearing a sign of torment from Thee and sight a pit of hell in his face by Thy command. O my God! I have committed transgressions through these mentions before the Sovereign of Thy grandeur, but verily Thou knowest that fire consumeth my very hairs when I hear the words of those who have not discovered the mysteries of Thy Cause and the hidden things within Thy knowledge, and who have forsaken the lofty stations and contented themselves with base ranks as though they had forgotten what was sent down from the heaven of Thy Command. Thou didst say–and Thy word is the truth–"O son of the Supreme Horizon! I have ordained for thee from the Divine Tree the purest fruits. How is it that thou hast turned away from them and art content with that which is inferior? Return unto that which is better for thee in the supreme horizon." And I see some of them, O my God, who have been veiled by a word from the Book, although it was revealed explicitly, without allusion, that all the Bayan cannot equal one word from Him. All that hath been mentioned of proof and evidence, then of argument and verses and clear tokens and signs, was naught but for this Most Great, Most Great Revelation, wherein no word was mentioned and no thing was found and no letter was uttered except it was a sign of Thy Cause and an evidence of Thy sovereignty, even as the Tongue of Will from Thy presence hath spoken: "All that hath been created and shall be created is a sign unto Him. He created by His word that it might be His proof unto Himself on the Day of His manifestation." Nay, He hath made, O my God, all the Bayan dependent upon Thy leave and acceptance. Say: His word is the truth. By Thy glory! If Thou shouldst forgive the Bayan and all that is therein, it would not diminish anything from Thy dominion, and if Thou shouldst not accept the Bayan and all that is therein, it would not add anything to Thy dominion. Rather, if Thou acceptest it, those enchanted hearts will enter beneath the shade of the canopy of Thy love, and if Thou rejectest it, it will perish as though it had never been mentioned before. Therefore I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen, to aid all to turn toward the horizon of Thy grace and bounty, sanctified from the allusions of before and after, and to make them know what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, that they may hold fast unto the essence thereof, for this is Thy purpose in what was truly revealed and Thy beloved in what Thou didst send down in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O my eternal God! Thou art witness and well aware that this servant hath at all times and under all conditions sought naught but Thy good pleasure, and God willing, through Thy grace will continue thus. At all times the eyes of this servant have been fixed upon the Most Great Horizon and his heart turned to the Source of Thy Cause. Whatsoever he hath seen and become cognizant of, he hath, purely for Thy sake, conveyed to Thy friends in service, that perchance worthy souls might drink from the Living Waters which in these days of manifestation have streamed forth from the Finger of grace and bounty, and might turn toward the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of revelation. For some time this servant chose silence over speech, until in these days it was observed that a dark and gloomy dust had arisen from the direction of heedless souls, and there was fear lest it might darken some weak eyes. Therefore did this servant, placing his trust in Thee and detached from all else besides Thee, deem it necessary to lay before Thy loved ones who recline upon the couch of steadfastness and have quaffed the wine of Thy tender mercy, certain matters that have transpired, that perchance they might protect the weak from the darkness of selfish desires and satanic doubts. I swear by Thy greatness, O my Lord, that at this moment all my limbs tremble and my frame doth shake. How can this servant be worthy that his words find acceptance or his utterances be remembered? How can utter nothingness raise the banner of existence,

and how can absolute nothingness manifest itself before the revelation of the Ancient of Days? For to present such matters is itself a claim to existence, which is counted among the gravest of sins. Yet since it is offered for the sake of drawing near Thy servants to the shore of nearness and reunion, and for the turning of souls to the Qiblih of all who are in earth and heaven, therefore do I seek forgiveness from the ocean of Thy pardon, even though this servant knoweth with certainty that Thou hast ever been and art sanctified above the mention, recognition and acceptance of men. Their acceptance profiteth Thee not, neither doth their rejection harm Thee. No description can reach Thy most holy court, and no mention can attain the threshold of Thy oneness. Indeed, the very mention of oneness in Thy most holy court is pure sin and sheer heedlessness, for its dignity deriveth from its relation to Thee, not from Thy relation to it. Were Thou to cast them all away, who could prevent Thee in this? And wert Thou to exalt them as Thou hast exalted them, who could object to Thy deed? Thou art the One Who is praised in all that Thou hast willed and willest, in all that Thou hast said and sayest, and in all that Thou hast manifested and manifestest. By Thy might, O my God! I love not to choose for myself save what Thou hast chosen for me, nor do I wish to speak save what Thou hast commanded me. Let the gaze of my very essence be directed to the horizon of Thy commandments and the Dawning-Place of Thy laws. Wert Thou to roll up the carpet of mention that is spread throughout the earth, I would say: Thou art the Ruler in Thy Cause. And wert Thou to command me to that which all in the kingdom would deny, I would say: Thou art the One to be obeyed in Thy judgment. I beseech Thee, O my God, to make me one of those who speak not except by Thy leave, and move not except by Thy will. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

It is submitted that upon the arrival of the Ancient Beauty in the prison of ’Akka, the Cause was under severe restrictions for a time, the details of which were conveyed in those days to some of the friends and need not be repeated. All were in the utmost difficulty and hardship until one day a Tablet was revealed from the Source of the Cause, and this servant was transcribing in His presence when a verse descended from the heaven of divine will, designating this prison as the Most Great Prison. This servant supposed that it was named thus due to these afflictions that had befallen us, until one day verses were revealed with this purport: “Ponder ye why We have named this prison the Most Great Prison.” When this utterance was manifested from the Dayspring of divine revelation, this servant found himself greatly perturbed and unsettled. However, trusting in God, I remained silent and in no way ventured to inquire, until one day mention was made before the Divine Throne of the love and devotion of one of the inhabitants of this city. A Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of divine unity, wherein the events that were to transpire in this land were detailed, and that Tablet exists to this day. After its revelation, this servant understood that the reason this prison was designated “Most Great” was due to the universal tribulations that would befall the Countenance of the Divine Unity, until one day when one of the companions arose in dispute and contention with certain others. Though he himself was the transgressor and wrongdoer, he submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court wherein he proclaimed his own innocence. In response, a Tablet in the Persian tongue was revealed from the divine clouds of sorrow, and this is its content:

He is God!

It beseemeth not a lover to express his existence and self before his Beloved. Should he take but one step beyond this path, he would no longer be counted among the true lovers. Love accepteth not a living soul; The falcon preyeth not on lifeless game.

Yea, certain lovers have recounted their grievous trials in the presence of the Best-Beloved of all possibility, their purpose being communion with the Beloved and attentiveness to the Lord of their adoration, not the mention of self and desire. Now a messenger from the most exalted purposes of glory's Object hath descended and uttereth certain words - understand ye who speaketh and what He saith. By God! Were ye to know and learn what lieth behind the veil of grandeur of the mysteries of your Lord, the Most Exalted, ye would sacrifice yourselves out of love for God, the Lord of all names. In any case, the aforementioned messenger related a tale that once, when We were at the Mount of Splendor, and the Beloved of all horizons went forth to the mountains, He implored with utmost humility those who claimed to love Him, saying that though this journey and migration might outwardly seem easy and simple, yet inwardly it was severe and a test, and though appearing as sovereignty and power, in reality it concealed countless hardships and distress. "Consider not your own desires and burden not yourselves - let Me migrate alone." Whatever words of love and kindness He spoke, whether by allusion or clearly stated, proved ineffective. This servant and a group, claiming we desired naught save the good-pleasure of the Friend and had no purpose but the countenance of the Beloved, secluded ourselves in our own imagination, heedless of the counsel and certainty of the Friend, and resolved to journey forth. We became fellow-travelers and companions with the Countenance of the Beloved. After traversing some distance in the wilderness, the fire of love was extinguished and the beauty of longing was veiled, until we passed beyond that place. We began to see good deeds as evil and counted evil deeds as good, until we arrived at the Green Island. There the divine ark settled upon the Judi of the Cause. Thereafter we traveled morning and night upon the steeds of desire through the wilderness of suspicion and fancy - sometimes together, sometimes apart, sometimes in love, sometimes in heedlessness we passed our days and nights. The Salsabil of utterance flowed constantly from the Kawthar of the mouth of the All-Merciful, yet thirst was absent; the lights of His countenance shone from the horizon of glory, yet acceptance was not to be found. Each day we increased in conjecture and imagination while decreasing in attention to the Truth. In such unacceptable conditions and unseemly circumstances, we became so immersed in the depths of heedlessness and desire that we grew unconscious even of our own state. Throughout all conditions we observed the Countenance of the Beloved showing perfect kindness and gentleness. Some of us wondered: if divine all-encompassing knowledge exists, how could we be accepted despite such reprehensible deeds? Finally we considered the Truth heedless and ourselves wise and knowing, unaware that the Most Great Mercy preventeth the rending of veils. If we rendered any service, we followed it with reproach and injury. After that land, He desired to migrate and again forbade all from accompanying Him. We neither perceived nor awakened to what was the cause of this prohibition and what was its reason. Once again we migrated and traversed wildernesses with the Lord of our adoration until we arrived at another land and settled with the Friend in one place, secretly occupying ourselves with the desires of self until the fire of passion prevailed […]

And secretly we became occupied with the desires of self until the fire of passion prevailed and we were debarred from the Most Glorious Horizon. Through the frequency of attainment, we lost sight of the

value of union, and the veil of shame was rent asunder. And now we have imprisoned the Beloved in a place and at all times, to the extent of our ability and power, we spare no effort in hurling at Him the arrows of conjecture and the spears of fancy, for we have found Him imprisoned, incarcerated and alone. Heedlessness has reached such a point that in that blessed place, to which all the denizens of the Supreme Concourse turn their gaze and from which they seek assistance, we openly utter the most abominable words and commit the most erring and base of deeds. Woe unto us! The words of God have not affected us, and yet we have not awakened. If we could not be faithful, at least let us not be treacherous. Not a night do we engage in remembrance, nor occupy ourselves with turning to Him.

It is related that Fu?ayl of Khurasan was among the most wicked of men and would waylay travelers. He fell in love with a maiden and one night went to her. As he climbed the wall, he heard someone reciting this verse: “Has not the time come for those who believe that their hearts should be humble at the remembrance of God?” This affected his heart and he said: “Yes, O my Lord, the time has indeed come!” He turned back, repented, and set out for the Sacred House of God where he remained for thirty years until his spirit ascended to the highest horizon.

Strange it is that he heard the Word of God from the tongue of one of His servants and it so affected him that in an instant he returned from the lowest depths of existence to the horizon of the All-Merciful, while we, night after night and day after day, continuously and successively hear the melodies of the Spirit from the tongue of power and majesty, yet they have not affected us enough that we might at least become aware of the repugnance of our deeds, actions, conjectures and fancies.

When the narrative reached this point, the heavens of utterance were struck unconscious and bewildered upon the Mount of the Tongue, and the pen fell senseless from the fingers. “Naught shall befall us save what God hath prescribed for us.” We beseech God to open our eyes and make us aware of ourselves and our deeds. If we are not enabled to know His exalted Self, may we at least be enabled to know our heedless selves, and may He remove from our faces the veils that prevent us from beholding Him rising from the horizon of grace and bounty, that we may detach ourselves from all who are in the realms of creation and turn wholly unto Him, for He is our All-Merciful Lord. And we implore Him to enable us to repent and turn unto Him every morn and eve, and to protect the Dawning-Place of the lights of His countenance from the spears of His loved ones, for He desireth no helper other than Himself, and He is their Source and their Ultimate End, and He declareth: “There is no God but God.” The End.

Though revealed for all, He stated it was specifically for those contrary souls who outwardly profess love at present, but what lies in their hearts shall later be revealed. It was read to several of the friends while being concealed from him. All people knew and know that certain claimants to divine love in Iraq and other cities were engaged in unseemly acts, but the divine mercy prevented the veil from being rent and their deeds exposed. Thus that oppressive soul, during his stay in Iraq, secretly engaged in drinking wine and certain other acts, and toward the end of the Iraq period would occasionally transgress from secrecy to openness. Nevertheless, those circling round would conceal it, even though counseling words continuously descended from the Dawning-Place of divine verses, as is recorded in most of the revealed Tablets. The acts and deeds of certain people of the Bayan in the early days of the Cause were not and are not hidden from anyone, yet they considered such matters acceptable and believed themselves

authorized by God, exalted be His station, although the foundation of God's commands has been sanctified from evil, unacceptable deeds and His most holy court purified from repugnant, unseemly conditions. By His very truth, during the years in Iraq and the days of exile, night and day clear and explicit verses descended from the heaven of will, forbidding the servants from all that God had not ordained, and these were dispatched to all regions, until, praise be to God, some of the servants came to know and act upon what God desired, and the fragrance of the divine sanctification and purification wafted among creation. In view of people's lack of awareness of the divine commands, this word was heard from the tongue of oneness as a favor to them: "God forgives what is past." We beseech God to assist them to achieve sanctification and purification and to act in accordance with what they have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In truth, that oppressive soul and Rida-Quli were ever secretly engaged in reprehensible deeds, and this servant repeatedly counseled them both - whether in Iraq, in the Land of Mystery, or in the Most Great Prison - that perchance they might take heed and awaken from their slumber of heedlessness. But it had no effect whatsoever. Neither words of counsel nor manifest healing utterances influenced them, until Rida-Quli openly engaged in drinking and shameful acts with certain Christians. Thus did God banish him by His authority, whereupon he allied himself with the evil ones - namely Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Jan. Some time passed, and one day he sent a petition to the Most Holy Court expressing repentance for his past transgressions, followed by another petition some days later. However, since he had repeatedly repented yet violated God's Covenant and Testament, his petitions were not accepted. Moreover, certain deeds emerged from him that were without precedent or parallel, causing the Cause of God to be compromised among the servants. This evanescent servant does not wish to mention them, though perhaps the angels who spread tidings will broadcast throughout the earth the deeds of that rejected evil one. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Through the association of that evil one with other evil ones, the fire of sedition and hatred was kindled to such an extent that neither pen nor utterance can reckon it. However, the All-Merciful extinguished and quenched it. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Every person of insight perceives from the Ancient Beauty's rejection of these souls the fragrance of sanctification and detachment, for the deeds of Rida-Quli and the evil Aqa Jan and his transgression are evident and manifest to all. We beseech God to open people's eyes and make known to them, through His deeds and judgments - exalted and glorified be He - that which demonstrates the sanctity of His Essence, the detachment of His Being, and the purity of His Cause. Though most people are asleep, there exist, through divine grace, certain pure souls and penetrating eyes who distinguish truth from falsehood and recognize from the fragrance of every matter that which brings tranquility to their hearts and souls. Verily, they are honored servants.

The matter reached such a state that the Ancient Beauty secluded Himself in the house and commanded that the door be closed to all. No one could attain His presence by any means, and outwardly, no directive emerged from the Dayspring of divine commands in response to all that was heard of the calumnies of the polytheists and the schemes of the malicious ones. Then one day in the month of Rajab or Sha'ban, a letter arrived from Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, titled "The Most Great," son of the brother of Aqa'i Ism'ullah - upon him be all the most glorious Glory. After its contents were presented before His countenance, there was revealed from the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful's utterance an answer in the

form of a most mighty, most holy Tablet which God made a mercy unto the sincere ones and a punishment unto the polytheists. After the revelation of that blessed Tablet, the horizon of this land changed and appeared crimson red, increasing each day, until one day verses of grace were revealed from the Dawning-Place of mercy. Upon hearing them, this servant was assured, praise be to God, that divine wrath had been specifically directed toward those evil souls. Some verses of that blessed Tablet concerned the longing and yearning of the lovers, while others dealt with the wrath and overwhelming power against the people of hypocrisy. And here is that blessed Tablet, these are His words, exalted be His grandeur: […]

O My Name Mahdi! There hath appeared before Our face that which thy nephew hath composed in praise of his Lord. We have perceived therefrom his longing and yearning, and have revealed for him that which shall kindle ardor and burning in the love of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is he who readeth and pondereth that which hath been sent down from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

The sincere ones are consumed by the fire of separation - where is the radiance of Thy meeting, O Beloved of the worlds? The near ones are left in the darkness of remoteness - where is the dawning of the morn of Thy reunion, O Desire of the worlds? The bodies of the chosen ones tremble in the land of exile - where is the ocean of Thy nearness, O Thou Who drawest the worlds? The hands of hope are raised to the heaven of grace and bounty - where are the rains of Thy generosity, O Thou Who answereth the worlds? The idolaters have risen in oppression on every side - where is the conquering power of Thy destiny's pen, O Subduer of the worlds? The barking of dogs is raised from every quarter - where is the lion of the forest of Thy might, O Vanquisher of the worlds? A chill hath gripped all creation - where is the warmth of Thy love, O Fire of the worlds? Tribulation hath reached its utmost bound - where are the signs of Thy relief, O Relief of the worlds? Darkness hath enveloped most of creation - where are the lights of Thy radiance, O Radiance of the worlds? Necks are stretched forth in hypocrisy - where are the swords of Thy vengeance, O Destroyer of the worlds? Abasement hath reached its lowest depth - where are the emblems of Thy glory, O Glory of the worlds? Grief hath afflicted the Dawning-Place of Thy Name, the All-Merciful - where is the joy of the manifestation of Thy Revelation, O Bliss of the worlds? Sorrow hath seized all peoples - where are the banners of Thy gladness, O Gladness of the worlds? Thou seest the Dayspring of Thy signs within the veils of allusions - where is the finger of Thy power, O Power of the worlds? The trembling of thirst hath seized all beings - where is the river of Thy bounty, O Mercy of the worlds? Greed hath gripped all creation - where are the dawning-places of detachment, O Lord of the worlds? Thou seest the Wronged One lonely in exile - where are the hosts of the heaven of Thy Cause, O Sovereign of the worlds? He is left alone in the land of exile - where are the daysprings of Thy faithfulness, O Faithfulness of the worlds? The pangs of death have laid hold on all regions - where are the waves of the ocean of […]

And where are the signs of Thy zeal, O Thou Who stirrest the worlds? Dost Thou see any who would help Thy Cause, or who would ponder what hath befallen it in Thy love? The Pen hath paused, O Beloved of the worlds! The branches of the Lote-Tree have been shattered by the blasts of destiny - where are the banners of Thy triumph, O Thou Who aideth the worlds? The Face remaineth covered in the dust of

calumny - where are the breezes of Thy mercy, O Thou Most Merciful of the worlds? The hem of holiness hath been sullied by the deceivers - where is the adorning of Thy sanctity, O Thou Who adornest the worlds? The ocean of bounty is stilled by what the hands of men have wrought - where are the waves of Thy grace, O Desire of the worlds? The door of meeting is barred through the tyranny of Thy foes - where is the key of Thy generosity, O Opener of the worlds? The leaves are yellowed by the poisonous winds of deceit - where is the outpouring of the clouds of Thy bounty, O Thou Most Bountiful of the worlds? The universe is altered by the dust of disobedience - where are the breezes of Thy forgiveness, O Forgiver of the worlds? The Youth remaineth in a barren land - where is the rain from the heaven of Thy grace, O Succorer of the worlds?

O Most Exalted Pen! We have heard thy most sweet call from the immortal realm. Hearken unto what the Tongue of Grandeur doth speak: O Thou Who art wronged by the peoples of the world! Were it not for the cold, how would the heat of Thy utterance be made manifest, O Thou Expounder of the worlds! And were it not for tribulation, how would the sun of Thy patience shine forth, O Thou Radiance of the worlds! Be not dismayed by the wicked. Thou wert created for patience, O Thou Patience of the worlds! How sweet is Thy dawning from the horizon of the Covenant amidst the people of hypocrisy, and Thy yearning for God, O Thou Love of the worlds! Through Thee was raised the standard of independence upon the highest peaks and the ocean of bounty was made to surge, O Thou Rapture of the worlds! Through Thy oneness the sun of unity shone forth, and through Thy banishment the land of detachment was adorned. Be patient, O Thou Stranger of the worlds! We have made abasement the garment of glory, and affliction the adornment of Thy temple, O Thou Pride of the worlds! Thou seest the hearts are filled with hate, yet Thou showest forbearance, O Thou Concealer of the worlds! When Thou seest a sword, advance! When an arrow flieth, move forward! O Thou Sacrifice of the worlds! Shouldst Thou lament, or should I lament? Nay, I shall cry out because of the paucity of Thy helpers, O Thou through Whom the lamentation of the worlds is raised! I have heard Thy call, O Best-Beloved of the Most Glorious! Thereupon the face of Baha was illumined by the fire of tribulation and the light of Thy luminous word, and He arose with faithfulness at the place of sacrifice, gazing toward Thy good-pleasure, O Thou Ordainer of the worlds! O ’Ali-Akbar! Give thanks unto God for this Tablet through which thou canst inhale the fragrance of My oppression and that which hath befallen Me in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Were all the servants to read it and ponder its contents, such a fire would be kindled in their very veins as would set ablaze the worlds.

In those days, this servant had never heard verses of divine wrath expressed with such majesty, and thus was deeply contemplative about what would transpire and what matter would emerge from the dawning-place of the unseen. In any case, each day the corruption and opposition of the wicked increased, until Rida-Quli took a large collection of writings in his possession, mixed certain passages with blasphemous statements, and distributed them to many of the townspeople, claiming: “I was one of their followers but have now repented and become Muslim.” He, Aqa Jan and Siyyid Muhammad, all three declared their remorse before the people, claiming to be followers of Islam. The town became so agitated that most people openly engaged in cursing and hatred. When the wicked Siyyid Muhammad observed that the Ancient Beauty was confined to His house, the door apparently closed, and the Most Great Branch separated from the companions, he seized the opportunity to establish friendship and association with some of the companions. These servants remained quiet and patient, with no word issuing from the

Source of Command regarding these matters, relying upon God and waiting to see what would appear and what would emerge from the pavilion of the unseen into the realm of manifestation. Then on Monday the twelfth of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, at eleven o'clock, an uproar arose. It was observed that the Pasha of the town with all his soldiers, bearing drawn swords, had surrounded the house. They likewise arrested all the companions. This servant was occupied with writing the revealed verses. Such commotion and disturbance was witnessed in the city that nothing could exceed it. Suddenly all the townspeople along with soldiers and officers were stirred up, raising such shouts and clamor that the pen is powerless to describe it. At that moment, being in His presence, He said: "Pay no attention to their clamor." Then the blessed tongue spoke verses while this servant was occupied with recording them. The Most Great Branch came before Him and reported that they had summoned Him to the government house. The Ancient Beauty went with the Most Great Branch. The Most Great Branch and Aqayi Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Quli and this servant wished to accompany them but were forbidden. After an hour they returned and took the Greater Branch and this servant also. Upon arrival at the government house, the officials stated that seven Persians had gone and killed Aqa Jan, Siyyid Muhammad and Rida-Quli. How excellent are these words about the youths of the hosts of divine wrath:

Their assaults left no sound or fame for thunder

A people who, when encountered, were angels in beauty

But when fought against became as demons

And all the people were observed to be agitated and fearful, and the signs of wrath so encompassed them that most of the townspeople and government officials were deprived of food and sleep that night. Strange it is that although the Ancient Beauty had, for several months, along with the Two Most Great Branches, closed His door and had no association whatsoever with anyone from within or without - and Siyyid Muhammad himself had written to various places that all the companions had turned away - yet after this vile and false incident occurred, upon which be the curse of God and His loved ones, he went to the government council and claimed that the Ancient Beauty had ordered these people to be killed. Yet, by God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, no such command was ever outwardly issued from the Seat of Authority, and He had always forbidden all from committing such acts, saying: "The dog barks and the wolf howls; leave them be and do not confront them. Be ye of the patient ones."

In any case, one of the divine loved ones inquired of this servant from a distant land about the details of the government council meeting. This servant submitted what was remembered to him, and now it is recorded again in this paper so that all creatures may benefit from the divine utterances of that night. It was the first night, at the time of the evening prayer, when He went to the Pasha's council. A large gathering was assembled there, all in utmost terror and agitation. The Ancient Beauty was seated reclined at the head of the council and uttered not a word, as the council members were occupied in consultation and discussion among themselves. None accompanied Him to that council except the Most Great Branch. Then the Pasha rose and submitted that He should proceed to another location, as they now wished to interrogate those who had been arrested. Thus He went to another place known as the police detention center, and in that prison we were present before His face: the Two Most Great Branches, Aqay-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Quli, Aqa Muhammad-'Ali Isfahani, Aqa Muhammad-Javad, and

Aqa Muhammad-Husayn ibn Haji ’Ali-’Askar, along with some officials and others from the government. Until the seventh hour He remained in that place, continuously uttering verses of grandeur. Among other things, He said to this servant: “Do you remember the verses that were revealed the night before?” Then in the most exalted voice He recited these verses: “In the Name of the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Mighty, the Great…”

The ocean of tribulation hath surged, and its waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Fear not, O Mariner, the tempestuous winds, for He Who causeth the dawn to break is with thee in this darkness that hath enveloped the worlds. Put thy trust in God under all conditions, and fear not the violent gusts of the winds of hatred. Take refuge in God, thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. He, verily, protecteth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereign might. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In the midst of darkness, the Face was radiant with a light that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. In that state We summoned all created things unto God, and We were not daunted by the gathering of those who disbelieved in God when He came with a wondrous Cause.

The thief hath stolen that which was revealed from the Throne and presented it before those who rule over the servants. Thus did that distant idolater. Say: Die in thy wrath, O thou ignorant one! Dost thou imagine that thou canst outstrip Us? Nay, by My Name, through which the fragrances of the Spirit have wafted over all things small and great! We delivered Our Cause through Our messengers, for verily We were powerful. Then We spread it through the hands of those who turned away. The schemes of the schemers can never harm it.

The sneaking whisperer came before the people with My Book, thinking thereby to assault the Dayspring of the Cause and to demean God’s station in all else. Thus did his soul entice him, and the word of chastisement was realized from the presence of the Almighty, the All-Encompassing. Say: Thereby is His Cause exalted, His verses spread abroad, and this Remembrance elevated, whereby every wise matter hath been ordained.

Would that the servants would gather against Us and shed Our blood in this straight Path! We have sacrificed what We possess in the path of God. This is attested by the tribulations We endure, and beyond them the Pen whereby God’s Cause, the Mighty, the Wise, hath been established. Say: I await the day wherein I shall behold Myself among the parties of the oppressors’ hosts. By God! Then shall they hear what they have never heard before, and shall see what no eyes of those who preceded them have ever seen. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Powerful.

Say: O thou fly! Canst thou soar with the Dove in this atmosphere wherein no birds of the worlds have ever soared? All that befalleth Us is a mercy unto Us - to this every discerning believer beareth witness. The atoms lament Our affliction, while We are in manifest joy. We have manifested gladness from the horizon of sorrows. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

In those moments, He paid no attention to the officials. The Blessed Countenance was turned toward the Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch (may my spirit be sacrificed for them both) and some of the

loved ones who were present in service. Then the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance surged forth, and among other things He said:

"God, the Blessed and Exalted, revealed to one of His Prophets in His revelation: 'By My glory and majesty! I shall surely cut off the hope of every hopeful one who hopes in other than Me, and I shall clothe him in the garment of humiliation before all people, and I shall keep him distant from My grace and My relief. Does My servant hope in other than Me in times of hardship while the key is in My hand? Why do I see My servant turning away from Me when I have given him what he has not asked of Me? Shall I be asked and not be generous? Never! Does not generosity and bounty belong to Me? Are not this world and the next in My hands? If everyone in the heavens and earth were to ask of Me the equivalent of the heavens and earth, and I were to give it to them, it would not diminish My dominion by so much as the wing of a gnat.'"

And similar utterances which most are not recalled continually flowed from the divine lips. The cups of utterance were filled with the wine of thy Lord's remembrance, the All-Merciful. What this servant remembers has been presented. How can I describe how the signs of power, grandeur and sovereignty flowed, streamed and descended on that blessed night! It was as if the Salsabil of utterance was bestowed upon all creation, and the sea of generosity sprinkled upon the nations, and the mystery enveloped in mystery was manifested to all in the unseen and visible realms. Many utterances are not remembered at all.

Then at the seventh hour one of the officers came […]

Thou knowest what the Sun in its mansion declareth unto the flowers and the palm trees, and Thou knowest what pure water sayeth unto the flowers and saplings.

Verily, this servant hath been and shall ever be powerless to mention the divine utterances and heavenly expressions. Later the Pasha sent word requesting a return to the house and apologized for what had transpired. They said returning to the original prison was preferable since many were imprisoned there. Some who were in His presence submitted that since the people of the city were in commotion, the prisoners could not be brought out, and it would be better to wait some days. Then they returned to the house, and this was at eleven o'clock on Thursday. In brief, from the time of the Blessed Beauty's departure from the sanctuary until His return, sixty-nine and a half hours had elapsed: five and a half hours' stay in the palace the first night, eighteen and a half hours in prison near the barracks, thirty-eight and a half hours confined above the barracks, and seven hours in the palace the second time. Thus was the matter ordained by God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Furthermore, there is one among the people of dissension, upon whom be God's curse - when he speaks he lies, when he makes a promise he breaks it, and when trusted he betrays. These are the attributes of the hypocrites, and a hundred thousand times worse are found in that vile one. Before these mentioned events occurred, he arrived in this land and dwelled among the polytheists, associating with evil souls for some time. Then he returned spreading false and erroneous accounts. Wherever he went, he spread fabrications. He and Aqa Jan, upon them both be God's wrath, became narrators of fabricated falsehoods from the realm of lies. After the upheavals in the great city and the dismissal of the counselor and death

of the Grand Vizier, they attributed these events to persecution against us, claiming the chief of the polytheists had foretold this - all of this is pure falsehood. Any fair-minded person who has attained even a trace of justice would testify to their lies, for all souls from Arab, Persian and Turk were pursuing the Ancient Beauty with complete enmity, not considering others worthy of notice, and whatever befell others was merely incidental. In any case, the seizure of the oppressors and what befell them and what will befall them have all been clearly revealed in the Tablet of Ra'is and other Tablets. Now this servant shall mention some of these so all may know those souls were and are liars, and that the Dawning Place of divine verses and Source of merciful bounties had foretold what would transpire. Among these is the Tablet to Ibn-i-Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, which was revealed upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison. The original tablet is with the aforementioned person and copies are with Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, and the friends. Let them investigate and verify so they may know with certainty that the reins of knowledge have been and shall ever be in the hands of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. None knoweth the unseen except Him. He revealeth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and concealeth from whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Some of the verses revealed in the Tablet of Ibn-i-Nabil are these:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious […]

When We called unto thee from beyond the Sea of Grandeur on the crimson earth from the horizon of tribulation: 'Verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Stand firm in My Cause, and be not of those who, when given what they desired, denied God, the Lord of Lords. God shall soon seize them with His might, for He is the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling.' Know thou that God hath already seized with power and dominion the greatest of those who pronounced judgment against Us. And after several verses were revealed, it reaches His word, exalted be His grandeur: 'Soon shall We depose one like unto him and seize their prince who ruleth the land, for I am the Mighty, the Compelling.' Not long passed before the one who was the direct cause of the exile of the Truth and the Family of God was himself exiled from the great city, and their leader from whom all decrees issued forth perished. Now observe that despite these verses which were revealed aforetime in God's Book and spread throughout the lands, the Zanjani spoke after the fact, claiming the Chief of the Misguided had foretold it. Nay! The curse of God be upon the liars! Likewise consider the Suriy-i-Ra'is which was revealed after the exile to the Land of Mystery and arrival at the seashore, and also the verses of the Temple specifically revealed for the King of Paris and the people of that land, foretelling what would later befall him. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "O King! Hearken to the call from this Fire kindled within the verdant Tree upon this elevated Mount on the white holy spot behind the Sea of Eternity: 'Verily there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful'" until His words, exalted be His grandeur: "O King! We heard from thee a word thou spokest when the Russian monarch asked thee concerning the war decree. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou didst say: 'I was asleep upon my couch when the cry of the oppressed subjects awakened me, until they were drowned in the Black Sea.' Thus did We hear, and thy Lord beareth witness to what I say. We testify that it was not their cry that awakened thee, but rather thy passions, for We tested thee and found thee heedless. Know thou the meaning of words and be among the discerning. We desire not to address thee with harsh words, out of respect for the station

We have given thee in this outward life. We have chosen courtesy and made it the attribute of them that are nigh unto God. It is a garment that befitteth all, both great and small. Well is it with him who adorneth his temple therewith, and woe unto him who is deprived of this great bounty. Hadst thou been sincere in thy word, thou wouldst not have cast the Book of God behind thy back when it was sent unto thee from the presence of Him Who is the Mighty, the Wise. We have tested thee thereby and found thee other than what thou didst claim. Arise and make amends for what hath escaped thee. Soon will the world and all that thou possessest perish, and the kingdom will remain with God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. It behooveth thee not to conduct affairs according to the dictates of thy desires. Fear thou the sighs of this Wronged One and shield Him from the darts of such as act unjustly. For what thou hast done, affairs shall be altered in thy kingdom, and the empire shall depart from thy hands, as a punishment for thy action. Then wilt thou find thyself in manifest loss, and commotion shall seize all the people there, unless thou arisest to help this Cause and followest Him Who is the Spirit in this straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My Life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast to this firm Cord. We see abasement hastening after thee, while thou art of the heedless."

Be informed, O friends of God, that during Our sojourn in the land of mystery, exalted Tablets were revealed and sent to certain monarchs to complete God's testimony. Among these was a Tablet to the King of Paris who was, in those days, preeminent among kings. The reason for this was that one day, while in the presence of the Divine Throne, it was mentioned how after the Russian-Ottoman dispute, the King of Paris had risen to aid the Ottomans. After conflict, strife, bloodshed and plunder, several monarchs intervened and a peace treaty was established. Subsequently, the Russian King inquired of the King of Paris: "We both belonged to the same nation - what caused you to dishonor those of your own faith and assist those of another?" He replied in writing that there was no reason save that when Russian forces had suddenly attacked and drowned Ottoman subjects in the Black Sea, the cry of those oppressed ones had awakened him from slumber, and he had risen to assist them.

After relating this incident, it was declared: "Now We shall send him a Tablet and test him. If he rises to assist the oppressed people of Bayan, We shall confirm the truth of what he claimed. Otherwise, his falsehood in what he asserted and declared will become evident." Thus a Tablet was revealed and sent to him, but no response ever came, despite the fact that one of his ministers, who secretly professed love for the Cause, had reported to the Most Holy Court that he had personally delivered the Tablet to the king and had verbally conveyed all details. Nevertheless, no answer was received.

It was then that, following the absence of any reply to that Tablet, this second Tablet was revealed and sent, written in French. Now observe what was revealed explicitly, without any ambiguity, in that Tablet concerning what would later befall him. Blessed are they who read! Blessed are they who ponder! Blessed are they who are fair-minded!

Likewise, reflect upon the new creation and its dispatch with power and majesty. Observe how after the completion of proof and the demonstration of power, calamities of famine, scarcity, and fear encompassed Persia. News of these matters was revealed in numerous Tablets. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Were souls to reflect upon the new creation, its dispatch, its Tablet, and what

subsequently transpired, it would suffice them all, and God's proof, more manifest than the sun, would become evident and clear to all. Yet artificial beings remain occupied with their own world, deriving no share from the divine breaths and the fragrance of the verses of the All-Merciful, nor will they ever do so, save whom God wills.

As is observed, despite this most great proclamation, this supreme manifestation, and these evident signs, some servants have chosen to follow those souls who have always been and will remain behind a veil, and from whom no matter has ever become manifest. What benefit is there, as this servant has no time; otherwise, he would have presented all that has appeared and continues to appear from God's verses which have been revealed explicitly without interpretation. We beseech God to aid the servants to be fair-minded.

We ask God to assist all people to be fair and to dispel whatever vain imaginings they possess and whatever was mentioned by those of old. How strange are those who followed falsehood after the fragrance of the Beloved had been diffused throughout the worlds - like those who remain veiled from the Most Holy, Most Exalted Truth by following Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani and his utterances, though he was never aware of the root of the Cause and was perpetually engaged in corruption. Although it is a common saying, it befits this station: "Behold a blind man leading another blind man!" By God! By God! Any person of insight and discernment who saw him but once perceived the signs of hellfire in his countenance and detected from his breath the stench of the people of hell. Each day he was occupied with some deception. When We arrived at the Most Great Prison, he named himself Quddus Effendi, supposing that a meaningless name would exalt its bearer. Woe unto him and those who followed him! Similarly, he called Aqa Jan "Chief of the Polytheists" and "Sword of Truth" and promised him Iraq, as evidenced by Aqa Jan's own extant letter written to the "Chief of the Polytheists" pleading, "When will that promise you made be fulfilled?" In short, in this land he told everyone, "I am the Sword of Truth and I shall soon conquer most lands." Behold! The curse of God be upon the liars! At this point, verses were revealed from the heaven of divine will. His glory be exalted! He says:

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

Verily in the tribulations of the Lord of all possibility in every time there are signs for all who dwell in the realms of being. He has accepted hardship for the ease of all creatures, and difficulty for the comfort of all who dwell in the realm of possibility. My self be a sacrifice for His favor, my being be a sacrifice for His mercy, and my spirit be a sacrifice for His grace that has encompassed all horizons. No morning dawned except that He was surrounded by the darkness of allusions from those who denied God, the Revealer of verses. Yet nothing can prevent Him from what He desires in God's Cause, the King of the Day of Mutual Calling. At times He calls out with His clear tongue, and at others He beckons with the finger of certitude, summoning all to God, the Lord of all men. Were We to recount what has befallen Us, the heavens would be cleft asunder and the mountains would crumble. Those who denied took pride in their titles. The mute one named himself Quddus and claimed what the slinking whisperer claimed, while the other named himself the Sword of Truth and said "I am the conqueror of lands." God has sent one who struck his mouth, that all might be convinced that he is the tail of Satan, cut off by the sword of the All-Merciful. He continued to await the days of his glory and manifestation as promised by him who denied God, the

Cleaver of daybreak. Thus does God seize those who turn away from Him and arise to waste His Cause among the servants. When they perished, the spring breezes blew and the gates of heaven were opened and the clouds rained. Blessed is he who has attained the knowledge of God in His days and has completely detached himself from all directions. Say: Does not the Lord of the heavens and earth suffice you? He has indeed come with the truth in His Name, the One Who oversees creation. Illumine your heart with the Most Great Lamp which the Lord of Eternity has lit, then stand firm in the Cause through the sovereignty of your Lord, the Powerful, the Chosen One.

Any person who appeared in this city was among the divines of the great city, and Aqa Jan frequented him and related to him in detail: "I am the Sword of Truth, and soon most lands will be conquered by my hand." That ignorant divine, though far from the path of truth, uttered a fitting word, as if the Holy Spirit spoke through his tongue. Thus, after the slaying of the idolaters, he immediately appeared with the Pasha of the land before Aqa Jan's corpse and declared: "This accursed one claimed 'I am the Sword of Truth,' but now it is evident that the Sword of Truth was that which struck his waist and consigned him to the lowest depths of hell."

Praise be to God, after this incident and the return of the idolaters to the lowest depths of hell, the rains of mercy poured forth day and night, after having been withheld for several years during which people suffered from drought and famine.

When We were in Adrianople, that vile one had written a letter to someone. Among its contents, We observed that he had plagiarized a passage from a Tablet revealed in Iraq and attributed it to himself. That passage reads: "We are as the rising sun and as the manifest moon." That filthy ignorant one failed to realize that the realm of the Phoenix has never been, nor will ever be, the playground of flies, and darkness has no right to claim the station of the sun. By God! Seeing some people as weak and foolish, he arose with his personal fabrications, such that some have taken his forged writings and read them. The writer and reader have both lost, and through various whispers and intrigues, he prevented people from the Lord of mankind and led some astray through past delusions.

Thus did someone meet this servant in the marketplace and said he wished to meet privately, though this servant had never seen him before. I said "Very well," and a time was set. When he came, various matters were discussed, and it became clear that he had association with that one who associated partners with God. He mentioned, "I have been told you are among the Shi'ites." At this point, such laughter overcame this servant that all restraint was lost. The man was puzzled and asked the reason for the laughter. I said: "O poor, destitute one! The Shi'ites who are scattered throughout Iran like pebbles - what station have they achieved, or what standing do they have with God, that you now wish to follow in the footsteps of those rejected deluded ones? Have you not seen that they were all false and in pure misguidance, such that they martyred the exalted Truth with their own hands? Behold, the curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!"

After these words were spoken, he became very thoughtful. Then, for the sake of God, I conveyed to him some of the exalted words I had heard from the Source of the Cause. It was observed that he was not devoid of capacity. Among other things, I said to him: "Consider - of all that the Shi'ites possessed and

counted as fundamental to their religion and community, which of it was true, that you now wish to follow those vain imaginings […]"

Which of these claims that they considered as the truths of their Faith were genuine, that you now wish to enter the ocean of divine truth and wisdom based on such vain imaginings and false utterances? Did these Shi'ihs of whom you speak truly comprehend the meaning of the Resurrection? "No," he replied. I asked: Did they recognize the Balance? "No," he replied. Did they understand the gathering and raising of the dead? "No," he replied. Was that which they understood concerning the Mention of the Qa'im, as they comprehended it, the truth? "No," he replied. Then I stated: You yourself bear witness that all was false. Now this matter which they have told you - how do you know it to be true? Then I sat upright facing him and spoke what I had memorized of the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and I conveyed to him that which I was commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. I said: O servant! Have you not heard what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when He was established upon His throne, supreme over all who witness and are witnessed? His word is truth: "Abandon what you possess of vain imaginings, then hearken unto that which your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth speak. How long will ye follow your desires? The Sun of Guidance hath dawned. Turn ye towards it, sanctified from that which was mentioned aforetime by your divines. By God! This is the Manifestation of God and the sign of His hiddenness from all else. It cannot be compared with what was mentioned in the remotest past, nor can it be known through the words of the contentious. Draw nigh unto Him with illumined eyes and radiant faces. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets from God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." And His word, exalted be His grandeur, addressing someone: "We behold thee immersed in the pool of the veiled ones and the waters of the heedless ones' imaginings. Come forth therefrom through My name and My sovereignty, then plunge into this Most Great Ocean, whereof every drop proclaimeth 'There is none other God but Me, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Generous.'"

I said: "O man, for the sake of God I speak, and purely for God I make mention. Cast away these vain imaginings and ascend from these base, limited, and fanciful stations, that you may soar on wings of divine mercy to the heavens of the Lord's command and attain success. Today is the day of 'Say: Allah!' then leave them to amuse themselves in their vain discourse.' This blessed verse was revealed aforetime specifically for this Day, for in this Revelation it has become clear and evident that the Truth alone is sovereign over all and has not taken, nor will ever take, any partner or likeness. Though the followers of religions previously acknowledged this statement, most were false in their claim, for each day they would set up a partner for God. Then, at this point, this servant submitted what was befitting and mentioned what is required today. I said to act upon this same verse which I have cited - leave these vain souls and their utterances and enter into the sweet and wondrous expanse, that you may drink of the everlasting wine from the verse of divine mercy which states: 'Through My manifestation is established the decree of innovation, and this is truly the innovation of the heavens and the earth.' Pass beyond before and after, and with the eye of manifestation behold the Manifestation itself, for all are commanded thus in this Most Great Revelation, and this is specific to this Revelation. Then I mentioned that certain weak souls were prevented by that evil being from the Chosen One through such utterances, just as Yahya writes to some 'You are of my followers' - and the intent of this statement is clear. Every lying scribe has gone

astray. Now observe where stands the station of that evil being's utterances and where stands the station that the Lord of Lords has desired for His servants. O brother, cast away all the limited, unworthy phrases of the past and soar with new wings in the sweet and wondrous expanse, that through divine grace you may drink of the new wine and fathom the mystery of this wondrous Cause. Furthermore, some servants have complained about certain actions of weak souls who circle round, attributing these to God, exalted be His glory. Thus has one person mentioned how it can be that while this Cause proclaims its truth and its exaltation has encompassed the world, certain souls who claim connection with the Truth occupy themselves with unseemly deeds. In any case, this matter stems from that heedless one's negligence. It seems he has not heard this poem famous among people which says: 'Should all creation turn to unbelief, No dust would settle on His garment's hem.'"

One day I was present before the Throne when the Countenance of God turned toward me and He said: "Hast thou heard that the sincere ones are in great danger?" O servant present before the Throne! The outward divines have differed concerning the companions of the Messenger as to whom the title of "companion" may truly be applied. Some have said the companions were those who were in His presence for a year or more and who arose to strive in the path of God. Others have said that whoever attested to the oneness of God and met the Messenger was counted among the companions, even if but once. Some have said this title applies to those whom the Messenger Himself specifically addressed by this name. Others have said they were those who were trusted by Him and were present in His journeys and at home. But most of the divines have said that whoever accepted Islam and saw the Prophet, peace be upon Him and His companions, even for the briefest time, was among the companions. According to this, forty thousand souls were with Him during the Farewell Pilgrimage, and on the day of His passing, one hundred and twenty-four thousand gathered in Medina. According to the latter view, all these souls were called companions. Nevertheless, there were but few who had drunk from the pure wine of certitude and had entered the source of the merciful outpourings.

In any case, such words arise from heedlessness and continue to do so. We beseech God to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with. O friends of Truth! Be not content with mere hearing, nor attach your hearts to past imaginings. For by God, today malicious souls have prevented the weak ones from the Divine Law through past imaginings. Hear the petition of this servant present before the Throne, and with steadfast feet stand firm upon the path of oneness. Truth hath been made so manifest that none hath any excuse to turn away. All divine books bear witness and point to this, as some time ago one of the friends from different religions submitted a petition containing two well-known traditions that had been translated from Greek to Arabic in ancient books.

The first passage states: "Satan shall appear in the Isle of Qaf and shall prevent the people from the All-Merciful. When that time cometh, turn ye toward the Holy Land from whence the Breath of God passeth." And Qaf is Cyprus, which is well-known, as all Turks call it "Satan's Isle." And the Holy Land is known to be where the Throne is now established.

The second passage states: "Hubab shall appear in the isle ascribed to him. He is short of stature, with a long beard, narrow of forehead and chest, with yellow eyes and hair, with camel-like fur on his back and goat-like hair on his chest. When that time cometh, draw ye near unto Carmel, even if ye must crawl,

then turn toward the Holy Valley, the gathering place, the white spot." It is known that Hubab is the name of Satan and serpent. He says Satan will appear in the isle ascribed to him, which is Cyprus, known as Satan's Isle. And He says "When that time cometh, draw ye near unto Carmel" - and Carmel is the mountain facing Akka - "even if ye must crawl on your chest, then turn toward the Holy Valley, the gathering place, the white spot" - these three being titles of the land of Akka, as is well known to all.

Mount Carmel stands opposite to Akka, and though it be with difficulty, even if it be upon its breast, then turn ye towards the holy valley, the land of the gathering, the white spot - these three titles belong to the land of Akka, as is renowned amongst all and recorded in the books. Would that someone might journey to Cyprus and with their own eyes behold in that person all these attributes that have been mentioned. In any case, O servants of God, there is no need for such mentions, and examples of such mentions are purely out of grace, for this lowly servant has supposed that through such examples some might awaken from the slumber of heedlessness. Otherwise, Truth is sanctified from the mention of this or that. He cannot be known except through His own Self, nor can He be described except by that which His Essence hath described for His Essence. All else are created by His command and return to their places in the worlds of His creation and invention. We hope that the petitions of this servant, having been offered purely for the sake of God, may become healing for hearts and light for breasts, that all may arise in the love of God in such wise that none shall have opportunity for turning away or objection, and may regard as utter nothingness all that the idolaters have said or will say. Therefore I say: I turn unto Thee, O my God, for what I have committed in Thy presence. Forgive me then by Thy sovereignty and grace. Verily Thou art the Most Generous of the generous. And praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds.

The Servant of God

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

Praise be unto our Lord Who hath made manifest from the drop the waves of the sea, and from the atom the lights of the sun, and hath detailed from the Point the books of what hath been and what shall be. He it is Who hath created creation as a token of His bounty and as a manifestation of His might, His grandeur and His sovereignty. He hath made them the mines of His knowledge and wisdom, the treasuries of the pearls of His remembrance and utterance, the dawning-places of justice and equity, and the manifestations of munificence and grace. He hath deposited within them two signs: the sign of light and the sign of fire. When creation was completed, He adorned it with character, and through it revealed the station of man in the contingent world. Exalted be the Lord of Destiny, Who hath appeared at the Greatest Scene, Who on the Day of Gathering called the servants unto the Most Sublime Horizon and the Ultimate Goal. Among them were those who denied their Lord by following their desires, and those who were inflamed with the fire of hatred such that they turned away from God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. Among them were those who pronounced judgment against Him Who created them by a word from His presence, and those who said "In the Name of God" and "By God" and broke the chains of idle fancy through the strength of might, and rent asunder the veils of vain imaginings

through the Name of God, the Lord of all mankind. They hastened like lightning, crying: “Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of Might! Here am I, here am I, O Breaker of the might of the aggressors and Light manifest and gleaming on the Day of Judgment!”

They have prospered who were attracted by the breezes of revelation and acted in accordance with what they were commanded in the Book. And they have lost who broke God’s covenant and His testament - they went astray and led others astray until they caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition. Do those who denied God’s proof and His evidence suppose they follow a command from His presence? Nay, by His Self that rules supreme over all names and His power that encompasses all things! Say: Die in your wrath! The Chosen One hath come, and He Who revealeth the mysteries hath appeared with the standards of power and might. Neither the veils of your idle fancies nor the obscuring clouds of your allusions can hinder Him. He it is Who hath spoken from His most exalted station, and through Him the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. O people of the Bayan! Have ye forgotten God’s covenant and His testament, and neglected what He commanded you in His Book? What aileth you that ye understand not and perceive not? Ye have taken fancy for truth and cast truth behind your backs, imagining that ye do well. Nay, by the Lord of the Throne and of earth! The Point of the Bayan disavoweth you, as did before Him the Revealer of the Furqan. To this all things bear witness, yet ye comprehend not. Through dust ye have been withheld from the Lord of Lords, and through clay ye have been heedless of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: The dust is your own selves and the clay your vain imaginings, did ye but know it.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through a drop from the clouds of the heaven of Whose bounty the oceans of Thy knowledge have surged in the hearts of them that yearn for Thee and are sincere among Thy servants and creatures! Through a light from the lights of Thy countenance the earth of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace have been illumined, and through a breath from Thy garment the trumpet was sounded and the dwellers of the graves arose at Thy manifestation and Thy establishment upon the throne of Thy Will. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through a single letter of which appeared that which none has understood save Thyself, and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the people of Thy cities and lands, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of the oppressors among Thy creatures. O my Lord! Thou seest how one of Thy loved ones is encompassed by the wolves from the thickets of rancor and hatred and the beasts from the forests of heedlessness and misery. Take his hand, O my God, with the hand of Thy power, then assist him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. O my Lord! Thou seest how the people of the Bayan have turned away from Thee and from Thy proof, and have disputed Thy verses after Thou didst come to them with a sovereignty that transcended all names and with evidences clearer than the sun at noontide, clinging to the letters of their own selves, turning away from the ocean of verses, holding fast to the hem of idle fancies, and denying that which has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of power and might. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Revelation and by Thy fragrances which have perfumed the places wherefrom appeared the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Daysprings of Thy verses, to enable them that have turned away to turn towards the horizon of Thy oneness, to face Thy countenance, and to ponder that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. O my Lord! Deprive them not of the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty,

the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O my Lord! My heart lamenteth their heedlessness and remoteness. Teach them, O my God, Thy path and make known unto them that whereof they were heedless in Thy days. Who is able, O my God, to describe himself by any description before the court of Thy glory, O Lord of all names! The servant testifieth in this his station that all bounty is within Thy grasp and all mercy is in Thy right hand. Thou singliest out whom Thou willest with Thy care and Thy favors and Thy compassion and Thy gifts. Were it not for Thy grace and bounty, all creation would be in nothingness. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of eternity, the Possessor of knowledge, and the Ordainer of good for the peoples. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, your letter adorned with the traces of your pen reached me. When I opened it, I found therein the fragrance of your love for our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The servant asketh his Lord to enable you to serve the Cause with a power that the power of the world cannot frustrate and with a might that the might of the nations cannot prevent, and through you to guide the heedless to the path of guidance and protect you from the evil of those who have denied the Source and the Return. O beloved of my heart! Thy remembrance is the cause of my joy and thy letter the reason for my gladness, my delight and my expansion, for it proclaimeth with most eloquent utterance and mentioneth your turning unto God, your sincerity and your steadfastness in the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord. Well is it with you and pleasant it is unto you. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and grant you success in all conditions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. After I read and understood it, I approached the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit until I attained the presence before the Face and presented what was therein after the sun of permission shone forth from the horizon of grace. When this was completed, the Tongue of the All-Bountiful spoke in reply, exalted be His utterance: "Verily, I am the Hearer, the Answerer."

O Muhammad! The servant present has delivered what thou didst send unto him, and mention was made thereof before the Face of the Wronged One, Who hath borne tribulations for the life of the world and the salvation of all nations. We have heard and respond to thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Supreme Horizon when the people turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, did will. Thou art he who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and hast believed in Him when the divines of the earth and its doctors and those who followed them without clear proof from God, the Commander, the All-Wise, did deny Him. Say: O concourse of men! He Who is the Lord of Destiny hath come, through Whom every hidden matter hath been revealed. Fear ye God and be not of those who turn aside. Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared in truth and be not of those who would make mention of God throughout the days and nights, yet when the Dawn of His Manifestation broke forth and the Speaker on Sinai spoke, they turned against Him with swords of hatred and slew Him with such injustice as caused the pillars of the Temple to shake and the eyes of the near ones to weep. Behold the people of the Bayan and their vain imaginings. They have denied Him through Whom God's Cause was revealed from time immemorial and through Whom the Books were sent down unto the Prophets and Messengers. Say: Be fair before God - if ye deny this Most Great Cause, by what proof can ye establish your faith in God? Produce it then, and be not of the patient ones. Say: By God's life! Nothing shall profit you this Day save

through this Manifestation, which was mentioned in the hearts of the chosen ones and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Cast away vain imaginings and be not of the heedless. Say: This is God's Day, were ye of them that know. None is mentioned therein save Him - to this testifieth every seeing believer. Say: Consider the people of the Furqan, their deeds and words, and what they committed when the Desired One came with manifest sovereignty. They deemed themselves the most excellent and learned of all peoples, yet when the test came, We found them the most worthless of all sects - to this testifieth every fair-minded and upright just one. O Pen! Leave the mention of these people and remember the party of God who have cast behind their backs the dawning-places of vain imaginings, turning unto the One, the All-Informed - they who broke not God's Covenant and His Testament, who arose and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth." Thus did the Pen speak when the Ancient of Days was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom neither the doubts of the people of the Bayan nor the allusions of the people of the Furqan prevented, who turned with radiant faces unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree has been raised among humanity and the waves of the ocean of inner meanings have surged from the Word of God, the Lord of all names, how can this servant speak or utter or make mention or say anything? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! He sees his tongue faltering and his pen halted. How can the ailing one describe or make mention of Him Who created the water of life through a word from His presence? The mention of one such as I and my like before His countenance was and is as nothingness and non-existence. Were I to describe Him through metaphors, the fragrance of existence would be diffused therefrom. This befitteth not one who is as naught. Though this servant hath arisen to render a service whose greatness hath been testified to by the tongue of his Lord and Master, and though he is occupied at all times before His face with His mention and the inscription of His verses, he is ashamed to make mention of himself before the court of His might and greatness and majesty. Nay, by His glory, he is ashamed to make mention of those who have circled round His Cause and spoken His praise and arisen to serve Him and testified to that which the tongue of His grandeur hath spoken forth when He unfurled the banner of His Revelation on the day when He was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist your honor with the hosts of wisdom and utterance and to protect you from the evil of those who have arisen in hypocrisy and broken the Covenant, who have gone astray and led others astray. By the life of the Lord! This servant is astonished at their words and deeds. They know not, neither do they understand. They have followed their own desires and today they perceive not.

As to what you wrote regarding the beloved of the heart and Haji Amin, upon him be the Glory of the Most Glorious, and their expressions of love - praise be to God, they have arisen to serve from the earliest days. They turned to God, acted for the sake of God, and have been and are focused on God. The Supreme Pen hath made mention of them in the Books and Scriptures and Tablets. There was and is no need for this evanescent one to make mention of them. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, He spoke these blessed words: "Excellent is what the Trustworthy One hath done. He assisteth those who have arisen to serve the Cause. They have done what is befitting. All the friends

should show love to him. We beseech God to assist all to serve Him and serve His friends and loved ones. Verily, He hath power over all things." End quote.

And regarding what you wrote about Aqa Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise your mention of his love and kindness and steadfastness - these matters were presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence of the Goal of the worlds. These are His blessed and exalted words in response:

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One from the precincts of the prison and ponder upon what hath befallen Him. Perchance through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, thou mayest attain unto such steadfastness that neither the divines of the earth nor its rulers, nor those above them or below them, can prevent thee therefrom. The vain imaginings of the divines of the Shi'ih sect have deprived those poor souls from the ocean of divine affluence and the rain of infinite mercy. Would that they had been content with this much! Nay, rather, in the early years all were engaged in cursing, denouncing and that which the pen is loath to describe. That Beloved One, Whose remembrance they had uttered night and day, and Whose presence they had yearned to attain–when the horizon of the world was illumined with the dawning light of His Revelation, they all turned against Him with faces darkened by hatred and hearts filled with rancor, and all gave verdict to shed His most pure blood. Such was the fruit of the deeds of that heedless people. They considered themselves the best of all creation, yet were observed to be the most debased of servants. Now the people of the Bayan, those souls who have turned away from God, have clung to these same vain imaginings. Arise ye for the sake of God, that perchance ye may protect the servants from the vain imaginings of the past. Should the person of insight reflect even briefly, he would find himself bewildered by the heedlessness, misguidance, malice and hatred of that people. O Javad! We beseech God to assist thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest exert thy utmost in service to His Cause to the extent of thy capacity. Verily, He is with whomsoever desireth Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away vain imaginings, holding fast unto My strong cord.

The light of the All-Merciful's utterance has encompassed the world, and His call has been raised before the faces of all people from the beginning of this Cause and continues to be. Despite this, the heedless and veiled remain. For what day are ears created, and sight for what time? If they remain deprived today, when will they attain?

May God, exalted be His glory, bestow justice. The Lord of all desire, from Whose heaven of grace verses have been sent down like rain, equivalent to all divine books before and after, nay more, is now present. Yet the cawers persist in leading people astray, whispering into people's hearts. The station which the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - describes saying "Verily, I am the first of worshippers," Ibn Ja'far Kirmani and Hadi Dawlat-Abadi have spoken of in ways that no unjust one has spoken before, despite having no knowledge of the Cause whatsoever. Where is justice? Where has fairness gone? What has become of vision? We belong to God and to Him we return.

One stands bewildered. This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His station, to grant justice and provide guidance, that they might return and at least not hold back the helpless people from

the path, lest they become afflicted like the Shi'ih sect in the wilderness of fancy and vain imaginings. That sect which counted itself the highest of creation did what neither the Jews nor Christians committed - no people committed what that sect perpetrated, for they issued the death warrant for the Master of the world and occupied themselves with cursing and execration from pulpits, and still do. Yet again they have firmly girded themselves to lead astray the people of the Crimson Ark. The fruits of that sect's deeds were witnessed; the fruits of these souls will likewise be seen after another thousand two hundred years. I beseech the Most High to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness and guide them to His straight path.

Regarding the mention made of the loved ones of Kermanshah, Sahneh, Kangavar, Asadabad and Kurdistan - all were presented before the Most Holy Court, and the loved ones of each city were honored with the mention of the Lord of Names. Blessed are they. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth to assist and confirm all, that they may attain to the recognition of God's Day and be adorned with true unity. As commanded, convey greetings to each of the mentioned souls and give them glad tidings of the mention of the Wronged One of the horizons. He said: Today is the day of service, triumph, mention and praise. Count time as precious and deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of these days of the true Generous One. Make an effort - an effort that the might of the world cannot prevent. Arise - an arising that the doubts of the people of the Bayan and the allusions of the people of the Furqan cannot disturb or shake.

He also mentioned the land of Qaf and Za, and those souls who broke the chains of vain imaginings and held fast to the cord of the grace of God, glorified be His majesty. He said all were presented before Him. His blessed and exalted word:

O Muhammad! Blessed art thou for having turned thy face toward a land wherefrom thou didst inhale the fragrance of My glorious and inaccessible love. His honor Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be My glory, the fragrance of whose love hath been and still is diffused. Likewise Ababasir and Ashraf and his honor Hakim - all attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. The friends in that land, one and all, have been and are beneath the glances of grace. Blessed are they who have rent asunder the veils and turned toward the Point of God. Convey to each one greetings from the Wronged One and give them glad-tidings, saying: O friends! Some of you have witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance and have heard the call of the Ultimate Tree. Know ye the worth of this most exalted station and cling to His most pure hem with such tenacity that the world shall have no power to separate you therefrom.

This evanescent one offered thanks to God that his honor Aqa Naqd-Ali had attained, for it would have been most regrettable had he remained deprived. This servant beseeched the True One day and night, seeking confirmation and assistance for him. In any case, I convey greetings and salutations to him and all others. O beloved of my heart! Most were and are unaware, and those who became aware remained silent and mute as commanded. Thus some are seen to be veiled, but there is hope that the dawn of manifestation will overcome the darkness and illumine all the peoples of the world.

Mention was made of the beloved of the heart, his honor Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. He is among those who arose in the earliest days to serve God and to make mention of

Him and praise Him. He hath not for a moment failed in his mission. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for him from the Supreme Pen that which befitteth His bounty and generosity.

And as for the mention made of his honor Aqa Mirza Ali, son of him who ascended unto God, and his honor Ustad Kazim, brother of his honor Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. His mighty utterance, exalted be His proof: "His honor Ali, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly been mentioned by the Supreme Pen. We have mentioned him in numerous tablets and We give him glad tidings at this moment with My glorious and wondrous remembrance." We beseech God to assist him and the relatives of the deceased and exalted one in that which He loveth and is pleased with. "And We give glad tidings to Kazim with My remembrance both before and at this moment, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones."

And regarding the mention of the lands between Qaf and Ya and Ash and Sa and Kaf, and meeting with the friends in those regions - each one hath attained the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Mention of all hath been uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur. Happy are they and blessed are they. This evanescent one also conveyeth greetings to all and beseecheth God for the success of each one. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Mention was made of Alif and Ra and their association with the friends of God. This matter was presented in the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His remembrance above all mention:

O Muhammad! All that thou hast mentioned hath attained unto true remembrance. The loved ones in that land are each and all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid them all to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness - a draught whereby neither the might of the peoples of the world nor the opposition of nations shall hold them back. Implore God not to afflict His loved ones with the vain imaginings and idle fancies as befell the Shi'ih sect. May they all gaze towards the Most Exalted Horizon alone and be illumined by the lights of true unity. Until now most remain heedless and veiled from the blessed words "There is none other God but Him." We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect them from the clamor of the atheists, the croaking of the croakers, and the imaginings of the idolaters.

Regarding thy mention of the distinguished, steadfast, firm, upright and sanctified souls of that land - this attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names. His mighty utterance, exalted be His words above all expression:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Hassan! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His praise! Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of inner meanings from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have made mention of those who have believed in God and His signs with such remembrance as shall cause the sincere to perceive the fragrance of their Lord's loving kindness, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed be thy face for having turned unto the Countenance of the Ancient of Days, and thy tongue for having voiced His praise and glorification, and thy heart for having turned unto Him on a Day whereon the people turned away and opposed Him, following the desires of those who cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings - these are indeed among the lowly ones. Take thou the reins

of the Cause by My command and remind the people of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance, lest they be led astray by the People of the Bayan who have turned away from the All-Merciful, and lest their feet slip through the doubts of the suspicious ones. Say: By God! The horizon of Revelation hath shone forth and He Who conversed on Sinai calleth aloud amidst all beings. Joy unto them that have turned towards Him and heard, and woe unto those that have turned away. We made mention of thy father before, and We mention him at this time with that which all things cannot equal - to this beareth witness He with Whom is the perspicuous Book.

We make mention of thy brother Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from the people of the Bayan who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and were among the wrongdoers. Arise to promote the Cause with such steadfastness that neither the clamor of the divines nor the power of princes shall deter thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe wisdom, lest there appear that which might agitate the souls of the weak ones. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We make mention of Nuru'llah as a token of Our grace, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Take, O people of God, the chalice of salvation in the name of Him Who sendeth the winds, then drink ye therefrom in remembrance of Him by Whom the hearts of them that are nigh have been attracted. Beware lest the doubts of the people debar you from the Self-Subsisting One Who hath come riding upon the clouds of utterance with manifest sovereignty. O 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed that which was hidden in God's knowledge and recorded in the Books of the Messengers. When the appointed time came and the Manifestation of clear evidences appeared with the standards of signs, all the divines turned away from Him and pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the people of this exalted station to lament. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are assuredly among the wrongdoers in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of Husayn and 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar and then those who have believed in that place, and We beseech God to grant them success and assist them to be steadfast in the Cause and preserve them from the evil of the barking ones who have turned away from Him through Whom God's decree was established in the past and will be in the future. They are assuredly among the most lost ones in My manifest Book. Blessed is My servant Muhammad for having remembered you in his letter which he sent to the servant who attends the Wronged One. When it was presented and read, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which hath perfumed the worlds of inner meanings and utterance and the realms of justice and fairness. He mentioneth whom He willeth as a token of His grace, and He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth and the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Praise be to the Beloved of the world! They have attained unto verses from every letter of which the Sun of grace dawns and the Moon of bounty shines forth. Glory be to God! One is astonished at what the polytheists have said and continue to say. They utter that which their own foundations deny, yet they neither hear nor perceive. The signs have encompassed the world, and the evidences are more manifest than the sun, yet through the sayings of this one and that, they have remained deprived of the Purpose of

all the worlds. It is not known by what proof they establish their own faith, and by what evidence they deny this Most Great Announcement. Fie upon them and their loyalty! It is not known where they have been until now - behind what veil were they concealed in the years of adversity, and by what barrier were they barred? The atoms of creation bear witness that the One True God stands before the faces of the world, calling out with the most exalted voice. Now that some signs have appeared and they have emerged from behind the veil, bringing that which none had brought before, we must beseech the Truth that He deprive none, illuminate all with the lights of the Most Great Name, and guide them to the straight path.

This evanescent servant, upon hearing mention of those loved ones whom your honor had described, observed boundless joy within himself. Praise be to the Purpose of all worlds, Who confirmed them and granted them such success that there was revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning them that which its fragrance shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. Happy are they and blessed are they! I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain them among the steadfast ones, the firm ones, and the promoters of His Cause. Convey greetings and salutations to his honor Aqa Mirza Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, and to the others. I beseech God for confirmation and assistance for each one. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and praise be to Him, for He is the Purpose of all worlds and the Beloved of those who know. This much I submit: that all the souls of that land, both the gentlemen and the women, have been honored before God with the greatest mention. Upon them be the Glory of God and the glory of His chosen ones, His pure ones, and His loved ones.

And regarding the mention made of Abbas, it was presented before His presence. His mighty utterance, exalted be His proof: “O Abbas! If less than a needle’s eye of the station of those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have drunk from the wine of recognition were to be made manifest, thou wouldst behold all the people of the world having forsaken what they possess, turning toward and advancing to the Friend. We beseech God to confirm thee in steadfastness, for the beginning of the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and acting according to what He hath revealed in the Book, and its end is steadfastness in His Cause, for this Cause hath been and is mighty. All divine Books, both of the past and present, have testified to its greatness. Blessed are they who know, and blessed are they who are steadfast.”

This evanescent servant beseeches the Ever-Abiding Truth to confirm that honored one in wisdom, for this matter hath streamed forth and been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in numerous Tablets. Today, whosoever acteth according to that which God hath commanded him shall be recorded among those near unto Him in the Perspicuous Book. The other letter from that beloved one, dated the twenty-second of the month of Shawwal, was received, and its effect was like that of flowing water to one who thirsteth, for it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds, and the fragrance of love was wafted therefrom. After reading and perusing it, I approached the Most Exalted Presence, and, having gained permission, presented it. He–may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdoms of Command and Creation be sacrificed for His sake–said: “O servant in attendance! His honor Muhammad–upon him be My glory in the path of God–hath turned towards the outlying regions. Beseech the Truth to create new ears and fresh eyes through His wondrous and blessed Word, that perchance they may hear the divine verses and recognize the Truth with their own eyes. The people of the world have been reared in vain

imaginings. They have ever been deprived of the splendors of the Sun of certitude and forbidden from the ocean of divine knowledge. Throughout ages and centuries they have been occupied with the mention of that which is imagined and have soared in the atmosphere of idle fancies. When the Sun of Truth, by the will of the Ancient Lord, shone forth from the horizon of the world, all engaged in cursing and execration from pulpits in their mosques, even though the Truth, exalted be His glory, had rent asunder the veils and coverings with the finger of power. Nevertheless, all have been and still are awaiting an imaginary manifestation. Strange it is that the children of the Friend and the inheritors of Him Who conversed with God have attained, and have drunk from the ocean of the favors of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and have received their portion of the sealed wine by My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Likewise, some of the people of this land and its surroundings, who in the eyes of the Shi'ih faction were regarded as the most abject of all the peoples of the world, have drunk from the cup of reunion; yet that heedless faction remaineth until now oblivious and veiled. They have not been awakened by the call, the cry, and the trumpet blast. In the wilderness of error, they are observed to be intoxicated with the wine of heedlessness and pride, nay rather, they appear as dead. And since in this Most Great Revelation, conflict, contention, cursing, execration, killing and the like have been forbidden, the people of God must guide all the peoples of the world with joy and fragrance to the horizon of the All-Merciful, and must beseech the Truth to guide all unto the Dayspring of favors and the Source of His Command, and to make them aware. He is the Powerful, the Mighty." Thus did it end. Exalted is His mercy, glorified His grace, magnificent His bestowals and favors! Despite the tribulations that have befallen Him, the evident hatred, and the manifest oppression against His servants, He hath mentioned and continueth to mention such words from which flow and spread the rivers of mercy. Exalted is His generosity, His grace, His munificence and His beneficence!

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Rida, his petition arrived some time ago and was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and a response descended from the heaven of divine will and was sent forth. The petition was forwarded by Aqa Shaykh Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God, in accordance with what that beloved one had written in a letter to this servant. This servant wrote a letter in response to them containing the verses of God. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that it may reach them and they may receive their full portion from the ocean of divine verses. I send greetings and praise to Jinab-i-Shaykh and beseech God for confirmation and success, that He may aid him to teach His Cause in such wise that no obstacle may hinder him. Likewise, I pray for success for Aqa Rida, that in his youth he may arise to serve the divine Cause with steadfastness and firmness. The purpose is that he may spend his days in love for the Revealer of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs. Give him the glad tidings that he has attained the ornament of forgiveness. This is what I heard with mine own ears from the tongue of grandeur. You mentioned the love of Jinab-i-Shaykh and his hospitality - this was accepted in the divine presence. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. Good deeds are the cause of divine success and confirmation. Blessed are they that act.

As for what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza 'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented before Him Who conversed on Sinai, and these exalted words descended from the Dayspring of verses. His word, exalted be His glory: "O 'Ali! Vain imaginings have seized the world and deprived eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. All have clung to that which is vain and remained heedless and veiled from the

True One. Throughout ages and centuries they awaited His appearance, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the Most Great Luminary, all turned away. And the Shi'ih sect, who considered themselves the most exalted of all sects and the most learned, rose up with utmost tyranny against the Divine Lote-Tree and brought about that which caused every seeing one to weep and every person of heart to lament. Such is the condition of these worthless creatures that thou observest. We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to make thee aware and grant thee a portion from the ocean of knowledge, that thou mayest discover the fragrance of the garment of His Revelation and not be deprived of the sweet savors of His days. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have aimed for the Ultimate Goal, the Most Exalted Summit, and Thy Most Sublime Horizon. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the mysteries of Thy Book, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause and in Thy love, whereby the feet of the learned ones and divines of the earth have slipped. O my Lord! I have turned to Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Then write down for me, with the pen of Thy grace, that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

Praise be to God, they have attained unto the waves of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance. This evanescent servant beseeches the exalted Truth to aid them in that which is pleasing to Him, to strengthen them in steadfastness in His Cause, and to bestow upon them that from which the fragrance of His presence may be diffused. He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. How many are the learned who are seen to be deprived and forbidden, and how many are the souls who, though not counted among the learned, are yet regarded by God as people of insight, hearing, vision and knowledge. The key of grace is in the right hand of His power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Strong, the Powerful.

As to your mention of the presence of the friends of God at the gathering where that honored one was called with sincerity - from the honored Chief and his eminence Sir, and the honored Sheikh and Aqa Rida-Bala and the honored Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon them be the glory of God - blessed is the land that in these days becometh the seat of the friends. By the life of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, the heaven declareth in most eloquent utterance: "Blessed art thou, O earth, in that God hath made thee the footstool of His feet and the dwelling-place of His friends! Blessed is the people among whom His remembrance is raised!" Today the earth glorieth, and with justice. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to favor that gathering with His special grace, that each one may drink from the ocean of divine knowledge and fix their gaze solely upon the supreme horizon.

As to their mention that before his acceptance of the Truth, the idolaters incited Aqa Rida-Bala to harm his eminence Sir 1111 [Ali-Rida], upon him be the glory of God - after this matter was presented before the throne of the Lord, exalted be His glory, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this most exalted and blessed word - His utterance, blessed and exalted be He: "The Truth, exalted be His glory, preserved him twice from the evil of those heedless, heretical, and wicked souls. Verily God preserved him twice through

the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and He will preserve him as a grace from His presence and will open before his face the gate of His mercy. Verily, He is powerful over all things." End quote.

As to what you wrote regarding the honored Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be 966 [the glory of God], and his acceptance, steadfastness, firmness and constancy - this account, together with his petition, was presented before the Intended One of all the worlds on Wednesday night, the fifteenth of the month of ?afar, two hours after nightfall. A most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and was sent. It is hoped that they will attain unto it and drink from the Water of Life that is concealed within the divine words, and that this evanescent one may, without delay or hesitation, utter the words "Well done! Well done!" This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply - His utterance, exalted be His exposition and mighty be His proof:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The book sent by thee hath reached the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon on a Day wherein the divines and princes of the earth turned away. Blessed is he whom the doubts of men have not kept back, and blessed the steadfast one whom the clamor of those who have broken God's Covenant and Testament did not cause to sit, when the Promised One came with a sovereignty that subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Husayn! The Wronged One calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison, and remembereth thee with that which will never cease to spread its fragrance throughout the eternity of My Best Names and Most Exalted Attributes. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have seen thy turning toward Us and have turned toward thee, and have cast upon thee that which shall be with thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, and sent them unto thee that thou mightest thank thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We found thy book purified from doubts and idle fancies, giving voice to the praise of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and make thee successful, and to ordain for thee through His Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to decree for thee what He hath decreed for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answerer.

Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My bounty, My mercy, and My loving-kindness which have preceded existence itself. To this beareth witness the Most Great Book of God in this exalted station. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those whom the doubts of the followers of religions have not kept back from the Daystar of Certitude, and whom the might of every remote oppressor hath not frightened.

Every word of God's utterances, exalted be His grandeur, is like a lamp that shall accompany you. In one station it is the living water, for the life of all created things depends upon and is connected to it. In another station it is like the sun, nay its light is seen to be greater and its effect more perfect. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive any of creation from this light, nor withhold from them that living water, so that all may, as one soul, engage in His praise and

glorification beneath the blessed Tree, and at all times be sustained by the heavenly food and true bounties. Yet most difficult is the attainment of this supreme station - not every soul is capable. Until now, the deniers have failed to comprehend the station of this Day. They occupy themselves with the doubts, vain imaginings, and limitations of the past which, after twelve hundred years, resulted in the martyrdom of the Beloved of the world. They walk in those same footsteps. This evanescent one mentions here one word, and this is the word that has been revealed by the Supreme Pen in numerous tablets. Thus speaks He, blessed and exalted be He: "O concourse of divines! Not one among you at the dawn of the Manifestation attained to faith. You all, along with your ignorant followers, engaged in cursing and denouncing. Throughout ages and centuries, you imagined yourselves to be commemorating God and following His commandments. Yet when the dawn of hope appeared and the blessed Tree sprouted forth, you arose with swords of hatred to cut it down and issued decrees for the shedding of His most pure blood. From the beginning of Islam until now, not one among you has understood the truth of the Cause, nor attained even an atom's weight of true knowledge, for none of you, from beginning to end, achieved the recognition of the Promised One and the existence of that Essence of Being in the loins. Now set aside your ignorant prejudices and speak with justice and fairness. The horizon of the world is illumined and adorned with the lights of the manifestation of Him Who conversed with Moses. Behold Him with His own eyes. This is a firm command - the Primal Point counseled all concerning it, and it is specific to this Most Great Manifestation. Now some among the people of the Bayan have opened the door of misinterpretation. If a word is spoken from any station, they say it has been misinterpreted. Say: O oppressors! The people of the Furqan, because of such sayings, remained deprived of the supreme horizon, the ultimate goal, and the knowledge of the Lord of Names, and committed injustices that none among previous peoples - neither Jews, Zoroastrians, nor Christians - ever perpetrated. If one truly contemplates what has flowed from the Supreme Pen in this leaf, he would cry out and find himself immersed in the ocean of wonderment. O people of the Bayan! Abandon the sayings of this one and that. Today the Primal Point proclaims 'I am the first of the worshippers' and speaks as 'the first of them that bow down in adoration.' Fear God, O people, and be not of the transgressors. By God! The world has been stirred with longing for My manifestation and My presence. The dwellers of the graves have arisen through My sweet savors, and the decomposed bones through My call, while you remain among the slumberers, nay among the dead. Say: The Pen counsels you for the sake of God and informs you of what you have missed in the days of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate, and relates to you the tales of old for your awakening and return to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: Be fair, O people! Turn unto Him! Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

The followers of vain imaginings and idle fancies have committed such acts as no faction hath ever committed. They have called disbelief faith, and reckoned turning away as turning towards. They have failed to distinguish between the buzzing of a fly and the call of the Lord of Lords. Once again the veins of the neck have swollen in pride and unseemly words have gained currency. For some time the market of vanities was bereft of splendor and esteem; now it hath appeared and they sell perpetual loss. I beseech the Truth to confirm and protect His party in all conditions. O My beloved! Concerning the events that have transpired - the first letter from that beloved one shall be answered last, as the letters were each placed in different locations. Whichever was at hand, its contents and matters were mentioned. The letter dated the 12th of Rajab was one containing true and sincere words, from which, in truth, the

fragrances of firmness, steadfastness and constancy were diffused. The servant praised God for having confirmed you in utterances that no person of insight and fairness, no one possessed of justice and hearing, could deny. In any case, it was read until reaching the false statement of Fath'u'llah who claimed "We have a hundred volumes of books from the Point and Yahya." After this matter was presented to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this supreme word was revealed: "Say: By the Lord of the Ka'bah, thou hast lied!" In any case, whatever is from the Primal Point must be sent to the Holy Presence, as its acceptance depends on that, and whatever is from others, read it and judge fairly. By God's life, it does not equal a single verse. End quote. What that beloved one hath mentioned in response to the heedless souls was true and right, the Truth in which there is no doubt. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath protected and will protect His Holiness Sh R (upon Him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]), otherwise it would have been a great plot and mighty deception. However, "the prayer of the disbelievers is naught but in error." Soon that which is hidden shall be made manifest. The Command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

O Mahmud! Reflect upon what transpired in the centuries and ages past, and likewise at the inception of the manifestation of the Point of the Bayan. The faction that counted itself foremost among all factions and deemed itself possessed of the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge, who in the nights and days waited in such wise that their tears flowed in separation and their sighs ascended–when the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the manifestation of the Herald, namely the Point of the Bayan, all the divines of that faction and their followers pronounced anathema and turned away, issuing the death warrant for the Lord of mankind. This Wronged One seeketh justice: What were the fruits of the deeds of the Shi'ih who counted themselves more entitled than all the factions of the world, and what became of them? Now again the people of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings, desiring to afflict anew the helpless servants in centuries and ages to come. The fruits of these souls' deeds will ultimately be as before. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, observe with thine own eyes and hear with thine own ears. The treacherous lie in wait, and the thieves pursue this Wronged One. From the people of the world We have sought and seek naught but justice and fairness. In the days when the world was agitated and distressed by the might of monarchs, We openly proclaimed before all faces, without any veil or covering, and summoned all to the supreme horizon. No fair-minded person can deny this fact, for they are witness and aware, if they speak truthfully. Yet when the lights of the Countenance shed but a glimmer of radiance, they emerged from behind the veil with the swords of malice, striving to cut down the Divine Tree, and continue to do so. They have made calumnies their pretext, and the helpless people, like sheep, move by the movement of these souls and turn by their bidding. How pitiful the state of a people whose leader is their most oppressive one and whose shepherd is their most misguided one. Would that a wolf were the leader of the people! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all things, the Purpose and Purpose of all created beings! I beseech Thee by Him Who came forth from the Hiding Place of the Unseen with the standards of the verses, to make me turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and stand firm in Thy Cause, O Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! O Lord! Thou seest me wavering in Thy Cause. Make clear to me Thy path even as Thou didst make manifest to me Thy proof. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom neither the might of hosts can withhold nor the clamor of multitudes can deter. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power that hath encompassed all things, and decreest what Thou pleasest through Thy command that hath pervaded earth and heaven.

Give me to drink, O my God, of Thy sealed wine whose seal was broken by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, that my heart may be assured and mine eyes be gladdened and my breast be dilated and my foot made firm. Verily Thou art He Who hath never disappointed those who have hoped in Thee, nor turned away those who have sought Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praised be God! The waves of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance have appeared in such wise that no fair-minded soul can find cause for hesitation, rejection or objection. Should anyone observe with an eye of fairness and reflect, he would discover the truth and station thereof even through the objections of heedless souls, for the fire of hatred blazeth in their hearts. Those possessed of keen sight and attentive ears perceive that which is concealed and hidden in the hearts of the deceivers. This evanescent servant is bewildered. If he remaineth silent, he witnesseth how oppressive souls, although utterly unaware of this Cause, have, out of their opposition to God, said whatsoever they have said. Therefore, this servant is compelled to mention certain matters, yet if he were to do so, he seeth that it would lead to increased enmity and hatred. Would that this servant had never become aware of the truth of this Cause from the beginning; perchance he might have maintained silence for a few days. O people of God! By the life of Him Who is our Purpose and your Purpose, our Beloved and your Beloved, these heedless and calumnious souls are unaware of the Cause, speaking and acting according to their desires. Their vain imaginings move them as they please, and they neither understand nor perceive this Day. Convey my greetings and praise to that distinguished person, and mention that in regard to the Qa'im, the truth lay with the Sunnis, for the Desired One appeared from physical descent in accordance with their beliefs, while the Shi'ih divines have been and continue to be in error from the beginning of Islam until now. Even now they await the appearance of an imaginary person from an imaginary Jabulqa. God protect us and you from the evil of such people. Nevertheless, they show no shame. The likes of these turbaned ones that are seen today, together with Ja'far and his sons before them, have led the helpless people astray and cast them into the well of vain imaginings. The Sun is shining and manifest, yet they shut their eyes and blindly search for Jabulqa and Jabulsa. Such is the station of these souls and the divines that preceded them back to the beginning of Islam. May God protect the sheep of the earth and guard them from wolves. Verily, He hath power over all things.

O Ali! The Wronged One of the world sends greetings and salutations and summons thee to the light of the Sun of Truth. Today the Sun of Divine Unity has risen and none is mentioned save God alone. The heedless people in all ages and centuries have perpetrated against the Manifestations of Truth that which ye have heard. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "There cometh not unto them a Messenger…" and so forth. Today the gate of grace is opened wide and the fragrances of revelation waft from the garden of inner meanings. The fragrance of the Word of God is distinct and separate from all else. Should one be enabled to observe with his own eyes, he would behold the Sun of Truth at its meridian. The people have forsaken the Self-Subsisting Lord and cling to their own idle fancies, holding fast to the hem of self and desire. Say: Today a mere drop sufficeth not, and a single word bestoweth not independence. The Most Great Ocean surgeth and the Mother Book is manifest and speaketh. Deprive not yourselves of the purpose of all worlds through the sayings of this one or that. Say: O people of the Bayan! Like unto the people of the Furqan, ye defile yourselves with conflict, disputation, rancor and hatred. The lies and calumnies of twelve hundred years suffice. O Ali! By the life of God! The people are in

manifest error. Beseech the Truth that He may enable thee to serve His Cause and to mention His praise, detached from the world and holding fast to the wisdom We have revealed in the Book. Stand for God's sake and speak for God's sake, that perchance the servants may be educated and arise to that which profiteth them. The honored Shaykh hath made mention of thee, wherefore this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the utterance of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We are immersed in the ocean yet are unaware of the water; we are bathed in the light yet know not of the sun. If God, exalted be His glory, bestoweth not insight, all shall remain deprived. We beseech Him not to shut the door of His mercy and to pour forth the rain of His bounty. May He assist His servants that all may return and arise to compensate for that which hath escaped them. Yet this appeareth most difficult, for it is the recompense of deeds and actions that hath overtaken them. In any case, the tree of hope hath not been cut down. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Concerning what thou didst write about Haji Muhammad Rahim and Aqa Muhammad Rafi' and their love and enthusiasm in the fire of divine love, this matter was presented before the throne of the Lord, exalted be His glory. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the Kingdom of Knowledge. He saith, exalted and mighty be He:

O thou Merciful One! Reflect upon the deeds of those factions which, though destined for perdition, counted themselves among the saved. Say: Whither went those lamentations? What became of those sighs? Why were those tears shed? Through nights and days they bewailed and beseeched the Almighty, pleading for the appearance of the Qa'im, and at His mention would cry "May God hasten His advent!" Yet when the veil was rent asunder by the finger of might and the light of His countenance shone forth, they all arose to slay Him and issued decrees to shed His most pure blood. This same Ahmad who now stands in opposition - at first, like all the Shi'ih divines who turned away from Truth and clung to falsehood - perpetrated such acts as no denier or idolator had ever done since the beginning of the world. The opposition and denial of the people of Persia stemmed from the opposition of the divines, as in the early years all were occupied with cursing and execration, as you have surely heard and witnessed. Now the faction that claims adherence to the Bayan is afflicted with these same diseases. At first they were opposers, deniers and hypocrites, but when some measure of peace and security prevailed, they counted themselves among the foremost believers and busied themselves with leading astray the helpless people, rushing from city to city. By the life of God! They are engaged in deceit and guile at every moment, though they perceive it not. Such is the condition of heedless souls. Leave them to themselves; verily God is quit of them. We beseech God to assist thee to aid His Cause with wisdom and utterance in such wise that none can resist or prevent it. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

We make mention of thy brother as a token of Our grace, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. Say: By God! The appointed time hath come, and the Lord of Days hath appeared, and with Him are the tribes of the Concourse on High and the Kingdom of Names. He hath spoken before the faces of all the world: "The Most Great Name hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven." Thus hath the Cause appeared from the Dawning-Place of signs. Say: O people of the Bayan! Come ye, come ye, that I may show you My most exalted horizon and cause you to hear My sweetest call.

Say: By God! This is the Day of Revelation wherein the Mount speaketh: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.” Be fair, by God - by what proof did ye believe in the Primal Point, and before Him in Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him in the Spirit, and before Him in Him Who conversed with God? Fear God, O people, and be not of those who disputed God’s signs after they came to them from the heaven of Command with the standards of wisdom and proof. Among them were those who said “He hath forged a lie against God,” and among them were those who arose in opposition, to such extent that the clouds cried out: “Look not to the creatures and what issueth from their mouths, but to the Truth and His sovereignty that hath encompassed the horizons.” Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon every people that hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

O my beloved! His honor Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God and His care, hath made mention of thee and thy brother, and likewise of the handmaidens of God. Therefore this most holy, most exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty. It is hoped that ye may drink from the ocean of its meanings and may bestow thereof, that perchance the heedless people may become sanctified from vain imaginings and doubts and may turn to the most exalted horizon of certitude.

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge!

When mention was made of Aqa Siyyid Asadu’llah, it was submitted at the Most Holy Court, whereupon He said: “O thou who art present! Beseech God that He may strengthen him in turning unto Him, in recognition, in certitude and in steadfastness, in such wise that the doubts of the divines, who have been the cause and reason for the greatest hindrance to the servants in the days of every Manifestation, may not withhold him from the straight path and the clear and evident proof, and that the attractions of the world may not deprive him of true tranquility. The life of this world is like unto a bird that entereth through one door and goeth out through another - it hath not been, nor is it, worthy of attention. We beseech God not to deprive him who hath been mentioned of the choice wine of revelation, nor to withhold him from the fragrances of His days. Today the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of all and summoneth all to the supreme horizon. Blessed are they that advance, blessed are they that attain, and woe unto the heedless and the transgressors.”

And likewise concerning Aqa ’Ali-’Askar these sublime words were revealed from the Dawning-Place of verses - blessed and exalted be His utterance: “The world was created for the knowledge of God, glorified be His majesty. All were brought from nothingness into being, and the divine hand of training hath nurtured all with the utmost spirit and joy until they reached maturity. Thereafter did He bestow His grace and showed the way. The proof and evidence were made manifest and the path became visible, yet thieves and betrayers held back the people from the path of God. Thus were some hindered, but others, through the finger of divine power, rent asunder the veils and tore away the shrouds, detached themselves from all else but God and turned unto the supreme horizon. These are souls who, like lightning, have passed over the bridge; the gulf of vain imaginings hath not deprived them of the ocean of inner meanings. Blessed are they, and unto them be a goodly beginning and end. O ’Ali-’Askar! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. For the sake of God hath He spoken and doth speak. Know thou the value of this mention and arise with wisdom and utterance to make mention of the Goal of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in that which He

loveth and is pleased with. There is none other God but He, the Lord of the worlds to come and of the first."

As to their mention of the people of Ravar and Sirjan, that they are ablaze with the fire of love and are awaiting the bounties of God, exalted be His glory - these details were submitted before the face of Him Who is our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply - blessed and exalted be His utterance:

A mention from Our presence to the friends of God and His loved ones who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have turned with radiant faces to the Most Exalted Horizon, and who heard when the Call was raised and answered their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous, that the Call might draw them to the Divine Lote-Tree and bring them near to a station wherein naught is seen save the lights of the face of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O people of Ravor! Hear the call of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared by His firm and irrevocable Command. This is a Day wherein the heaven of divine knowledge hath been adorned with the stars of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto it and attained, and woe unto them that have turned away.

When the fragrance of the Revelation was diffused and the Speaker of the Mount gave voice, the people opposed Him. Some turned away, some objected, some denied and disbelieved, and some pronounced judgment against Him without any clear proof from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We found the people of the Bayan to be the most vehement in opposition after We came to them from the Dayspring of Power with verses that all the books of the world cannot equal, as every fair-minded and clear-sighted one doth testify. We informed all of the clamor when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq, as attested by that which was sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Ancient Sender.

O people of the Bayan! Fear the Most Merciful and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with a clear authority. By God! He Who was treasured in the hearts of the trustees and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath come. Fear God and oppose not Him through Whom every proof was established and every wise matter was made manifest. Were it not for Him, neither would the Point of the Bayan have come, nor Muhammad the Messenger of God, nor the Spirit, nor before Him the Interlocutor. Every luminary hath shone forth through My Name, and every Prophet hath attained through My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Verily, the Revealer of the Bayan hath circled round Me and made the Bayan contingent upon My acceptance, as testified by that which was revealed by Him, if ye be of them that know. O people of Sirjan! The Most Merciful remembereth you in His Most Great Prison that He might draw you nigh unto the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit. Give thanks unto God for this great bounty. Cast behind you all idle fancies, turning unto the horizon of certitude by the command of God, the Lord of this blessed and mighty Day.

Remember, then remember what the people of the Furqan committed when there came unto them the Manifestation of My most beautiful Names and My most exalted Attributes, Who was named 'Ali before Muhammad in My Book, which none hath known save My all-knowing Self. When He rent asunder the

veil and revealed Himself, they rose against Him with such injustice as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. Say: O people of the Furqan! Judge fairly by God - for what crime did ye rise against Him and decree the shedding of His pure and radiant blood? By the life of God! The people of the Bayan are more oppressive and more lost than they. They have risen up and said that which none before them had ever said, save that they are among the companions of the Fire in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We counsel you and the party of God with that whereby His Cause may be exalted among His servants, and with trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and faithfulness. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken at this time when the Most Great Announcement hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name. Praise be to God, the Lord of this mighty and glorious Day.

Glorified be God! The blind ones of the world have objected to the Lord of the world. To what cord do they cling and to what hem do they hold fast? Do the people of the Bayan intend to walk in the ways of the Shi'ih sect and hold to the deeds of those souls, or to speak words like unto theirs? O ye who are endowed with sight! Ye have witnessed with your outward eyes the fruits and consequences of their deeds. Ask ye of God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever conduceth to salvation and prosperity. That sect, after twelve hundred years, committed that which neither Shaddad nor Pharaoh perpetrated. For Pharaoh did not, by mere word, pronounce judgment against the Interlocutor, whereas this erring Shi'ih sect, in the first year of the Manifestation, caused both the divines and their followers to decree the death of that Essence of being. Haji Mirza Karim Khan, who was the chief of the Shaykhis, committed that which caused the denizens of the all-highest Paradise to lament. Every year he would write a book in refutation of the Truth, exalted be His glory. And now those who were at first counted among his dead followers raise objections against the Divine Lote-Tree. Fie upon them and their sense of fairness! The fruits of these souls' deeds will, after a thousand years and more, be like unto the fruits of the former sect. O people of God! Wherever ye are dwelling and in whatever land ye reside, arise to serve the Cause, trusting in God and detached from all else. Perchance through the hosts of wisdom and utterance ye may protect the helpless people, lest they be again deprived of the Sun of Truth through the vain imaginings of the leaders and be forbidden from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Are there to be found in the world those possessed of hearing ears? Do penetrating eyes exist? This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the King of the Kingdom of inner meanings to protect His loved ones from the chains of idle fancies and the arrows of vain imaginings. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to the people of God wherever they may be found, and entreateth God, exalted be His glory, to raise up each one like unto a banner in His praise and glorification, that all may find in them the attributes and characteristics of God and thereby be guided to the Most Great Ocean. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glory and praise and exaltation rest upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to Him, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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

O Nightingale! Hear thou the Call, for verily it appeareth at times in the name of the Beloved, and at other times in My name the Well-Beloved, and yet again in the name of My Most Exalted Pen, and at times by this Name whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and all who are in earth and heaven have been thunderstruck, save whom God willeth–thy Lord, the Protector of all things. He, verily, is the Single One, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have mentioned thee before in such wise that the fragrance of utterance was wafted throughout all possibility and the breeze of God passed over all who are in the heavens and on earth. By God! The Sacred Valley hath perceived the fragrance of the garment of the Lord of Names, and the Hijaz hath quivered and cried out: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having manifested Thyself unto Thy servants and honored Thy lands with Thy footsteps!" I testify that through Thee the Object of desire hath appeared and every beloved one hath turned toward God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The Spirit in the wilderness of longing calleth unto the Lord of creation, saying: "Here am I, O Desired One of the world! Here am I, O Beloved of them that know!"

This is the Day whereon all things have been illumined by the lights of the Manifestation, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Mount of Sinai crieth out before the Manifestation and summoneth all unto the gathering-place of the Messengers. Behold then the people and their stations. They were waiting through nights and days for Him Whom they were promised aforetime in the Book of God, yet when the time came and the banner of the Manifestation was raised, they turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We shall cease mention of them and make mention of those who have believed there, with such mention as shall draw their minds and hearts in such wise that the divines of the earth shall not deter them from My straight path. By God! They are worshippers of fancy and idle imaginings. Knowledge itself hath disowned them, as doth My tongue testify in My mighty and glorious kingdom. They are they who turned away from the Countenance and opposed God when He came with an evidence that hath conquered all things and with a Cause before which all in the heavens and earth are powerless.

The letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before the Throne hath read it. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We have desired to mention every name that was in thy letter, that they might rejoice in the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Mahdi! The Book, in the form of My Most Great Name, speaketh throughout the world: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing." Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the Call of God, and woe unto him who hath turned away and followed every heedless doubter. At all times it calleth unto all who are in the realm of possibility and summoneth the people unto God, the Lord of all men. Thy mention hath been made in the prison, and there hath been sent down for thee that which hath made the lips of utterance to smile. Rejoice thou in My mention, then thank thy Lord Who created thee and made thee to know the Dawning-Place of His verses and aided thee in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy father, thy mother, thy sister and thy spouse. We send Our greetings upon him and upon them from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His verses.

O Ali! Give thanks for the tongue of grandeur hath made mention of thee from its most exalted horizon and calleth thee and all who are on earth to the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before all faces through My Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all created things. We desired to draw the peoples near unto God, the Lord of eternity, yet they rose up to harm Us in such wise as caused the Concourse on High to lament, and the dwellers of Paradise and they who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn to weep. We have heard thy call and have answered thee from the Most Great Scene wherefrom the Lord of Decree proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the eye that hath turned toward My horizon, and the house wherein My remembrance is exalted, and the one who hath hastened to the straight path. We make mention of Baqir and Asghar and give them glad-tidings of the Most Great Remembrance which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in the most exalted station. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them and upon thy mother and thy sister from God, the Revealer of verses.

We make mention of Our handmaiden and say: O My handmaiden! How many a queen hath failed to recognize God, and how many a king hath remained heedless of Him Who remembereth him night and day. How many a prince hath been deceived by the world, and how many a great one hath been veiled by all things. Yet thou hast turned unto thy Lord and recognized Him and composed in His remembrance that which hath gladdened the hearts of them who are endued with understanding. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in His Cause and made thee know the Dawning-Place of His names from Whom the servants are veiled. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the heart that hath been adorned with the ornament of My love, and the countenance that hath turned toward God, the Lord of all religions. Thy praise hath been read before the Throne and We have accepted it as a bounty from Us and recorded it in the Book. Sing, O My handmaiden, upon the branches of the tree of My knowledge. Verily it shall profit thee in all the worlds of My worlds. Thy Lord, the Sender of winds, beareth witness unto this.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Names, that he may rejoice and be of them that are steadfast. O Joseph-'Ali! We have observed thy turning unto Us and We have turned unto thee from this Station which God hath made the seat of His mighty Throne. God hath elevated the station of the Prison to such a degree that every lofty station is beneath it. I bear witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: There is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He hath appeared in truth with a sovereignty that the hosts of the earth could not withstand, nor could the oppressors' might prevent it. Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name that hath been sanctified from letters and words and exalted above tongues and voices, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy remembrance and praise. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned his face toward Thy face. I beseech Thee to cause me to be immersed in the ocean of Thy forgiveness and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Messenger! The Lord of existence and the Lord of Hosts makes mention of thee from this praiseworthy station. We inform thee of the Messenger who soared in Mine atmosphere and spoke My praise amongst

My servants and was seized by the Kawthar of Mine utterance to such extent that he sacrificed his spirit in My path. Thus doth mention thee He with Whom is the preserved Book.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My servant, the Messenger, who was martyred in Zawra. He it was who was entrusted with the giving of water at My Sacred House after the servant who stood present before the Throne of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He went forth at dawn to give water at the House of God on the Day of the Covenant, whereupon the idolaters slew him with tyranny. All things lamented for him, as did those who circle round the Throne with humility and reverence.

Make mention of him on My behalf and say: O thou who didst speak in remembrance of the Lord of Names and who didst turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon! The first fragrance that wafted from the rose-garden of inner meanings be upon thee. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn toward Zawra, the seat of thy Lord's throne, the Creator of heaven, until thou didst enter the praiseworthy station and didst attain the presence of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thou art he whom the clamor of the nations did not deter, nor did the affairs of the world. Thou didst turn with thy face, thine eyes, thy heart and all thy limbs toward God, the King of Kings, and thou didst circle round the House until thou didst drink the choice wine of martyrdom in the path of the Wronged One. Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth, and the glory of all who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Verily We make mention of him who hath turned towards My horizon and clung to the cord of My loving-kindness, he who hath been named Muhammad-before-Mahdi, that he may rejoice in My remembrance, He at Whose appearance the Nightingale of Utterance warbled upon the branches "There is none other God but Him," and all things between earth and heaven proclaimed "The Promised One hath come from the heaven of grace and favor." The Kingdom hath cried out: "By God! The Lord of Dominion hath appeared with such sovereignty that none in the heavens and earth can withstand!" And the Maids of Paradise cried out from the Most Exalted Paradise: "Blessed be the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, Who hath appeared and manifested Himself through His most beautiful names unto all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. Draw nigh, O people of earth, and be not of the heedless! By God, the Day of God hath appeared and the veil hath been lifted from that which was hidden, treasured, and concealed behind the veils of the Unseen. When the appointed time was fulfilled, He revealed Himself as a favor from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. This is the Day whereon the Herald of Sinai speaketh and the Lord of Hosts proclaimeth before all the world: 'There is none other God but I, the Peerless, the All-Informed.' Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned unto the All-Bestowing One, while every heedless and remote one turned away. Behold those who claim allegiance to the Qur'an and profess knowledge - they pride themselves in My name amongst My servants, yet when I revealed Myself they turned away and denied Him in Whom they had believed. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest be among them that know. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen. By God, this is better for thee than all that is on earth - to this My tongue in My remote prison doth testify.

We make mention too of thy son who hath attained unto the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Whoso hath today turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and

acknowledged that which the Lord of Names hath acknowledged, he is of the people of Baha in a preserved Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee and him and to strengthen you both to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Blessed art thou, O Huda, for having turned unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, on the Day whereon the earth was cleft asunder and the mountains were crushed. Joy be to the one who hath shattered the idols in the name of the Lord of all men, and hath drunk the sealed wine in His name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath voiced His praise amidst the factions. We have seen thy devotion and have turned toward thee, and have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Book, at whose revelation in truth the books of the world cried out and proclaimed: "By God, the Mother Book hath appeared, having dawned from the horizon of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful!" Say: O people of creation! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come upon the clouds. Come ye forth from the dwellings of fancy and vain imaginings. By the life of God! The Days have come whose mention hath adorned the holy Books and Tablets.

Hearken, O Javad, to the scratching of the Pen of My Will, and the flowing of the water of My loving-kindness, and the rustling of the breezes of Revelation in My days, and the murmuring of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised up through this Name before which all necks have bowed low. Beseech thou God to make thee enkindled with the fire of His love and speaking in praise of His Self, and turning in all conditions toward the door of His grace, for which no doorkeeper hath been ordained. Take thou the chalice of eternity in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink from it the crystal pure water once in My name and again in remembrance of Me, before Whom all remembrances bow down. Thus hath the brocade of the Book of Utterance been adorned with the mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. When thou hast attained unto this, render thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses!"

O Ali! The Wronged One addresses thee from this station that the rapture of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of all being, may seize thee. I bear witness to that which God hath witnessed, that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the tongue that hath confessed what the Tongue of Grandeur hath confessed, and the face that hath turned toward the face of God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Say: This is the Day whereof Muhammad, the Apostle of God, gave tidings aforetime, and before Him the Gospel and the Psalms. Fear ye God, O people, and deny not this bounty that hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen. Cast away what ye possess and take what is with God. Thus doth the Dawning-Place of Revelation command you in this perspicuous Tablet. Shun, O people, those who have followed their own desires and disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Hold fast unto the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Self and enabled me to remember and glorify Thee on a Day whereon faces were darkened. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and aided Thy irrevocable Cause.

O Muhammad-'Ali! We give thee the glad-tidings of God's manifestation, His sovereignty, His power and His might, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks. The horizon of the world hath been illumined with the Most Great Name's splendor, yet the nations are wrapt in a manifest veil. All things have been set ablaze by the fire of thy Lord's Word, the Lord of all names, yet the concourse of

creation hath followed their desires and turned away from that which was promised them in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Whenever the Pen is restrained from mentioning the Ancient King, it seizes the hem of its Lord, the Creator of the heavens, with the hands of supplication and saith: O Lord of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name not to deprive me of Thy remembrance in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Grant me leave, O my God, to inform the people of what Thou hast taught me of the mysteries of Thy wisdom and shown me of the pearls of Thy knowledge, that by them may be attracted the hearts of Thy servants who have turned unto Thee when most of Thy creation turned away.

Thus was the matter decreed when the Ancient Beauty walked in this noble scene. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the face of God hath turned toward thee, and the Speaker of Sinai converseth with thee as a token of His grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

O Mahmud! Hear My call from My glorious station, then bear witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed: that there is none other God but Me, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books, and have expounded therein that which will raise the servants to the ultimate goal and the supreme Paradise. Yet the people turned away, having followed every rejected barker. How many a scholar hath clung to the Law and thereby condemned its Revealer! The dwellers of the pavilion of My majesty and the tabernacle of My protection bear witness to this, yet most people are heedless. Blessed is the seeing one whom desires have not kept back from the Lord of all beings, and the hearing one who hath turned and heard the call of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Rida! By God! Whoso hath gained My good-pleasure, he is of the people of My Kingdom. The Concourse on High pray for him and the dwellers of the Cities of Names. The Creator of heaven beareth witness to this in this irrevocable Book. He that attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good, and he that is debarred therefrom is of the people of the tomb. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away what it desired and taken what God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. In God's knowledge there is no station greater than this. Well is it with him who hath quaffed this choice wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Forgiving. Didst thou but know the sweetness of thy Lord's utterance, thou wouldst soar in the air and walk upon the water, and cry out in the wilderness of the world: "Here am I, here am I, O God of existence! Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the seen and unseen! Here am I, here am I, O King of kings!" I testify that through Thee the world hath been honored, and at Thy manifestation the Mount was stirred, and it proclaimeth, saying: "All praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom all things have spoken and the hidden treasures have appeared!" Thus have We adorned the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the sun of knowledge. Give thanks, then praise thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Naqi! We make mention of thee purely for My sake, that My call may draw thee unto My Kingdom and bring thee nigh unto the ocean of My grace. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. One word of thy Lord excelleth all the treasures of the earth. Know thou this and be of them that give thanks. Reflect upon thy Lord's favor - He remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison with a mention that surpasseth what the kings and rulers possess. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance and attained unto My Book, arise, turning toward the Qiblih of all existence, and say:

O God of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy days and the sweet scents of the garment of Thy grace, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the Kingdom of Names. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest.

O Lion! Hearken unto the call of the One, the Unique. He calleth thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Among the people are those who desire to extinguish the light of God. Say: Woe betide thee, O heedless and remote one! He hath established His Cause upon a foundation firm and unshakeable, which neither the winds of the world nor the signs of the nations can move. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a guarded Tablet. Say: O concourse of divines! Why have ye turned away from Him through Whom your names were exalted and your stations elevated? Fear God and be not of those who have disbelieved in God's proof after its appearance and have turned away from God's favor after its descent. Thus doth the Lord of all beings counsel you as a favor from Him, and He is the All-Wise Counselor. Say: Through your tyranny the Messengers of God have lamented in the most exalted station and the denizens of Paradise in a noble place. Fear God and pronounce not judgment against Him by Whom the Balance hath been set up and the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath appeared. Would ye slay Him Who calleth you to the most sublime horizon and sendeth down to you from the heaven of the Spirit that which attracteth the minds of the discerning? Fear God and be not of the oppressors. The ocean of knowledge hath appeared before your faces while ye wander bewildered in the desert of idle fancies. Raise your heads, for the Sun is at its zenith. Thus doth God remind you as a favor from Him. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Nasrollah! Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee, nor the might of nations cause thee fear. Place thy trust in all conditions in the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and within His grasp is the Kingdom of the beginning and the end. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of them that have attained His presence and have drunk from the ocean of His reunion. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: That which was never manifested in the world hath appeared. Hearken, O people, unto the call of Him Who speaketh amidst the nations. Beware lest the affairs of creation debar you from the Truth. Leave them to themselves and turn ye unto the Mighty, the Praised. The glory from the Lord of Heaven be upon every servant who hath turned and believed, and upon every maidservant who hath heard and drunk the pure water of her Lord's love, the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn toward them that have believed in God, the Creator of the heavens, and withhold not from them thy most sweet voice. We have made thee the interpreter in the kingdom by thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Give glad-tidings to Our servant who hath been named Iskandar of that which the Lord of Destiny hath mentioned him from the Most Sublime Vision, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Say: Thou hast drunk from the Water of Life, from which the first Alexander was debarred. To this beareth witness the King of nations and the Remover of ills, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He traversed the lands but attained not his desire, whilst thou hast attained it in thine abode, through the bounty of One Who is Forgiving, Generous. Say: The

Water of Life is the love of the All-Merciful in creation. Exalted is he who hath taken and drunk in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Reflect upon the generations of old. Where is Alexander and his like? Where are their victorious standards and their upraised banners? Where are their brandished spears and their flying arrows? Where are their outstretched necks and their lofty palaces? Where are their pitched tents and their raised pavilions? Where are their effective commands and their towering strongholds? Where is the clash of their swords and the neighing of their steeds? Where are the warbling of their birds and the melodies of their singers? Where is the cooing of their doves and the murmuring of their rivers? Where is he at whose might the world trembled and nations were distressed? Where is he who prided himself in dominion while turning away from the Kingdom? Where is he whom vainglory seized until he turned away from the Lord of Might? Where is he who ruled the horizons? Where is he who broke the Covenant? Where is she at whose swaying and stature the willow branch was put to shame, and at the unveiling of whose beauty and countenance the sun stood still? Where are the palaces of the Caesars and the branches of the Pharaohs? Where is the might of the Chosroes and the tyranny of oppressors? Where is he whom ranks deceived and who saw thousands behind him? Where is he who soared in the atmosphere of vainglory and turned away from God, the Lord of Resurrection? Where are their carpets and their delights, their glory and their power? Where are their treasures and their ornaments, their commands and their temples? God hath brought them down from the highest chambers of their palaces to the lowest depths of their graves. Were anyone to search therein, could he distinguish the skulls of kings from subjects, or the fingers of the wealthy from the destitute? Nay, by the Lord of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm! They have returned to their dwellings and rest in their tombs. Their stations and conditions have been taken from them. Verily, we are God's and to Him we shall return. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken amongst creation. Read and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds. Therefore, beseech God to make thee steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and to bring thee to a station wherein the hosts of the oppressors shall not prevent thee.

A mention from Us to him who was named Muhammad-Hasan, that the remembrance of God may draw him nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, from whose surging waves can be heard: "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Loving."

O people of the earth! Make not God's religion a cause of variance among you. Verily it hath been sent down in truth for the unification of all who dwell in the world. Fear God and be not of the ignorant. Blessed is he who loveth the world purely for the sake of his Lord, the Bountiful. Hold fast unto the Most Holy Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from His holy and inviolable Kingdom. Verily it is God's Balance amongst you, whereby all deeds are weighed, from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Blessed is he who hath found in it the sweetness of his Lord's utterance and hath drunk from its words the Kawthar of God's commandments, the Lord of all worlds.

Revile no one among you, nor follow in the footsteps of the heedless. We have come for the unity and concord of all who dwell on earth. To this beareth witness that which hath appeared from the ocean of Mine utterance amongst My servants, yet most of the people are in manifest remoteness. Should anyone

revile you or harm befall you in God's path, be patient and put your trust in the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, in truth, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Ye have been forbidden to engage in conflict and contention in God's Book, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Hold fast unto that which profiteth you and the peoples of the world. Thus doth command you the Lord of all being, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name. He is, in truth, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

When thou receivest My Book, say: "I testify that Thou art He by Whom the Bridge was erected, the Balance was set up, the Trumpet was blown, and all in the heavens and earth were struck down, and there appeared a preserved tablet."

God's countenance hath willed to turn toward one of His servants and mention him as a bounty from His presence. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Siyyid Asad! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and calleth thee to God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thankful that My Pen hath moved to remember thee, My face hath turned toward thee, and there hath been sent down for thee from the kingdom of My revelation that which, were it to be laid upon the mountains, thou wouldst behold them humbled and brought low before God, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Say: My God, my God! At every stone I love to call Thee by Thy gracious Name, and at every clod to remember Thee by Thy merciful Name. In the mountains I love to raise my cry in love for Thy beauty, and upon the hills my lamentation and call in yearning for Thy presence. Ordain for me, O my God, what hath been decreed by the Pen of Thy ordainment in Thy path and Thy good-pleasure. Thou seest, O my God, my tears in my separation from Thee and my sighs in my reunion with Thee. I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word whereby Thou art extolled between earth and heaven, that Thou write down for Thy servant from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall render him wholly detached unto Thee, holding fast unto Thee, standing firm in Thy service, and awaiting Thy command. O Lord! The ocean of poverty hath been stirred within itself when it beheld the waves of the ocean of Thy riches. Ordain for him, O my God, what beseemeth Thee in Thy days. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Thus have We opened unto thy face the gate of utterance that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Informed.

And We make mention of him who was named Sadiq, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of those who have turned with their whole being unto God, the Lord of all men. Say: […]

O my God, my God! Wherefore didst Thou create eyes for Thy servants and bestow upon them insight through Thy grace? If Thou didst grant them to behold Thy beauty and to gaze upon the lights of Thy countenance, then remove from them the veils through Thy bounty and favors that they may behold Thee established upon the throne of Thy greatness in Thy days. And if Thou didst create them, O my God,

for aught else, then all things bear witness that they are in a loss than which there can be none greater in Thy dominion. By Thy glory, O Beloved of my heart and Purpose of my being! I would rather Thou shouldst chastise me with a chastisement than which there can be none greater in Thy knowledge, and ordain for me the sweetness of meeting Thee. O Lord! I was asleep when the breeze of Thy day of manifestation stirred me, and when it awakened me, Thou didst inspire me with that of which I had been heedless in Thy days. O Lord! I perceived Thy fragrance and hastened unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book from the wonders of Thy grace, nor to forbid me from standing firm in Thy Cause. Write down for me then, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

O ‘Ali! The heart of the world hath turned to its loved ones and counseleth them with that wherewith We counseled one of Our Branches who was named Badi’u’llah in the Book of Names and ’Ali-Muhammad in the Tablet wherein He speaketh that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We counsel all to patience, calmness and trustworthiness, which is God’s trust among His creatures. Blessed are they who raise high its standards and preserve its station. We said: O Badi’! Be generous in prosperity and grateful in adversity. Be trustworthy in all things, cheerful in countenance, a treasure to the poor and a counselor to the rich. Be answering to the call, faithful to thy promise and fair in thy judgment. Be silent in the multitude, just in thy verdict, submissive unto man. Be as a lamp in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, a helper and defender of the victim of oppression. Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts. Be a home for the stranger, a balm to the suffering, a stronghold for the fugitive. Be eyes to the blind, a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be an ornament to the countenance of truth, a crown to the brow of fidelity, a pillar of the temple of righteousness, a breath of life to the body of mankind, an ensign of the hosts of justice, a luminary above the horizon of virtue, a dew to the soil of the human heart, an ark on the ocean of knowledge, a sun in the heaven of bounty, a gem on the diadem of wisdom, a shining light in the firmament of thy generation, a fruit upon the tree of humility. We ask God to protect thee from the heat of jealousy and the cold of hatred. He verily is nigh, ready to answer. Thus hath My tongue spoken unto one of My Branches and We have mentioned it unto Our loved ones who have cast away idle fancies and taken that which they were commanded in the Day in which the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! Hear what the Wronged One calleth unto thee. He mentioneth thee purely for the sake of God, that thou mayest arise to celebrate His praise and glorification amongst His servants. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee, nor the intimations of those who have denied the Beginning and the End cause thee fear. Cast aside what the people possess, as bidden by Us, and take what thou art given in the Book. Say: O concourse of earth! By God, the Preserved Tablet hath appeared, and He walketh among His servants, saying: “This is the Day ye were promised in God’s Books of old.” Fear God, and follow not every doubting idolater. Rend asunder the veils in My Name and burn away the shrouds with the fire of My love. Thus commandeth you He Who speaketh the truth from the most exalted station.

Blessed is the stranger who seeketh his true home, the distant one who hasteneth to the ocean of nearness, and the ailing one who turneth to the Kawthar of healing on the Day when all things proclaim:

“The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of lords!” Know thou the worth of these days and take the chalice of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of all mankind. Then drink thereof with joy and fragrance. Behold, then mention the world and what thou observest therein of its conditions, its changes and variations. By God! It constantly calleth unto its people, saying: “Take ye warning, O ye who are endowed with insight!” It remindeth men and informeth them of its transience and evanescence, yet the people remain in wondrous drunkenness.

Hear My call and act in accordance with what thou art bidden in this Book, to which the atoms themselves bear witness. How many a man of learning hath been misled by his knowledge and learning, and how many an ignorant one hath drawn nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy signs on this Day when the thunder lamenteth and the clouds cry out by reason of what hath befallen the chosen ones of God at the hands of such as have been kept back by their wealth and their souls from God on the Day of Return!” Blessed is the eye that hath won illumination from the light of the Countenance and the heart that hath turned toward the Qiblih of all horizons.

O Bird of Utterance! Warble upon the branches in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then make mention of him who hath been named Baha’u’d-Din, that the rapture of his Lord’s verses may so grip him that he may soar on the wings of longing at all times unto God, the Lord of the Day of Separation. This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful when He came upon the clouds, and all parties turned away save whom God, the Lord of all men, willed. By God! This indeed is the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He hath come from the Dawning-Place of the Spirit with verses which all who are in the heavens and on earth were powerless to comprehend, save whom God aided through His grace. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have heard what the Nightingale–who was thus named by the tongue of God, the Lord of creation–warbled, and We have heard thy mention. We make mention of thee through this Book which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou and thy father who soared to My horizon, heard My call, and was so enraptured by My verses that he offered up his life in My path. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from the most exalted station. We make mention of him as We mentioned him before, as a token of Our grace, for We are the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. Upon him be My glory and the glory of the denizens of My Kingdom and My Realm, and the glory of them that circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Hold thou fast unto the cord of wisdom, then beseech God to give thee to drink, with the hands of grace, from the Kawthar of steadfastness, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for every patient believer.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Rejoice in that which the Countenance of God, the Sovereign Lord, the Self-Subsisting, hath turned towards thee, and remembereth thee with that which causeth the fragrance of the All-Merciful to be diffused throughout all creation. Blessed be God, the Lord of what was and what shall be! When the horizon of the heaven of knowledge was illumined and the river of wisdom flowed forth, the divines turned away therefrom and pronounced their verdict against Him, the mention of Whom adorneth the Preserved Tablet. They had awaited the days of God, yet when He appeared with the

truth, they disbelieved in both the Witness and the Witnessed. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Leave your abodes, turning towards God, the Lord of all being. Your knowledge and all that ye possess will profit you not this day. Cast away your vain imaginings and take hold of that which hath been given you by God, the Lord of the Kingdom. How many a mystic hath given verdict against Him Who is known, how many a learned one hath passed judgment against Him Who is the All-Knowing, and how many an unlettered one hath entered the Kingdom in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. If thou art intoxicated by the choice wine of My utterance and attracted by the living waters of My knowledge, take thou the chalice of detachment in My Name, then drink from it in remembrance of Me, the Well-Beloved. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken when the Lord of all names was established upon the most exalted heights with a sovereignty that subdued both the seen and the unseen.

O Supreme Pen! Make mention once again of the Nightingale who hath turned towards God, the Lord of creation, while every learned one turned away from Him, every mystic opposed Him, and every judge pronounced his verdict of unbelief in God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! My sighs have ascended, My tears have fallen, the eye of My loving-kindness hath wept, and My heart hath lamented to behold the servants turning away from the ocean of My mercy, the sun of My bounty, and the heaven of My generosity which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The tongue of Him Who is the Desired One giveth them glad-tidings and calleth them to the praiseworthy station, yet they pronounce judgment against Him with manifest tyranny. They have violated the Covenant of God and His testament, and have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had formerly believed. He Who possesseth the pearls of knowledge from the presence of One knowing and wise doth testify to this. This is a Day wherein the Balance crieth out, saying: “By God! The All-Merciful is come, and I am the All-Discerning, the All-Informed,” wherein the Straight Path proclaimeth: “The Straight Way hath appeared,” and wherein the atoms cry out: “O peoples of earth and heaven! The Revealer of verses hath come with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the world can prevail, nor the might of those who have been heedless of this momentous Cause.” That which had never appeared in creation hath been made manifest, yet most of the people remain heedless.

O Ashraf! Thou art he who hast followed the example of thy Lord. The clamour of all who dwell on earth deterred Him not from the Cause. He proclaimed with loudest voice and summoned all to the Almighty, the All-Praised. Thou hast verily aided the Faith of God and His Cause, and hast occupied thyself with teaching in these days wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and whereby the Books of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beauteous, have been adorned. Thou art he whom the affairs of the world have not withheld from the mention of the Lord of all creation. To this beareth witness the Lord of the throne and of earth in this exalted station. Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God. He is with thee under all conditions. He is verily the All-Seeing Witness. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. Hasten unto the Most Great Ocean which hath surged amongst creation through a sovereignty that hath subdued the worlds. Remember when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Most Great Prison at the beginning of days: The ocean of tribulation hath surged and its waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. O Mariner! Be not dismayed by the winds. Verily the Cleaver of the Dawn is with Us in this darkness that hath encompassed the worlds. Thus hath shone forth the Sun

of Utterance from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber. They have not been awakened by the Call of God nor have they found the sweetness of His verses. To this testifieth every knowing, perceiving one. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the Ship of God hath sailed upon the ocean of utterance, and verily it passeth over land and sea, were ye of them that comprehend. Hold fast unto it in the name of God, your Lord. He will save you through His grace. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. When thou didst inhale the fragrance of My utterance from My raiment and didst attain unto My Book, say: Unto Thee be glory, O Beloved of the worlds, and unto Thee be praise, O God of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath mentioned thee time and again with verses whose sweet savours shall never be cut off from the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of eternity from this luminous horizon. O Most Exalted Pen! Say: Through My most sweet call have all things been enraptured, and through My Most Great Name hath surged the ocean of names, and the fragrance of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, hath been wafted. Say: Through this Revelation hath returned the discourse of Sinai, the trumpet hath been blown, and the servants have stood before God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: By My finger hath been broken the seal of the Choice Wine, and the Self-Subsisting hath appeared and hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the clamour of the people nor the might of hosts could deter Him. O 'Isa! Rejoice that the Lord of the throne and of earth maketh mention of thee. By God! This is a station with which nothing on earth can compare. Ponder and say: Unto Thee be praise, O God of the seen and the unseen. Say: This is the land wherein was raised the call of the Son of Mary, who gave the glad-tidings to the people of this Revelation, at whose appearance the Concourse on High proclaimed: The Hidden Mystery hath come with evident sovereignty. This is a station round which circled the Spirit and the denizens of the highest Paradise. To this testifieth the Lord of Names, yet the people hear not. Cast aside all else and take hold of My Book. Thus commandeth thee the Tongue of My grandeur from this Spot wherein naught can be seen save God, the Lord of existence.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. He summoneth all to the supreme horizon and the most exalted station. To this testifieth all things, yet most of the people are turned away. Bear ye witness as God hath borne witness before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but I, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel you with that wherewith We counseled one of Our Branches through Our Pen, who was named Diya'u'llah in Our Preserved Tablet. God beareth witness that I have believed in Him through Whose remembrance the near ones have quaffed the choice sealed wine, and the sincere ones that which none in the heavens and earth can comprehend, save whom God willeth, the Lord of all worlds.

O Diya! Be patient in tribulation, content in all matters, assured in truth, swift to good works, submissive unto God, a concealer of people's faults, detached from passion, hastening unto truth, like unto a cloud for mankind, tender in error, forgiving in transgression, steadfast in the Covenant, and firm in the Cause. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee. Moreover, He counseleth thee to fear God, then to be trustworthy and truthful. Hold fast unto these - yea, hold fast unto these. Blessed art thou and those who love thee for the sake of God, and woe betide those who hate thee and turn away from that which is ordained in the Book.

O Abraham! Hear the call of God, the Single, the Wise. He hath heard thy call and answered thee through His grace. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, turn thy face toward My direction and say: I testify that by Thee the Resurrection hath appeared, by Thy manifestation the trumpet hath been blown, and by Thy supreme Word all things have spoken: "The Kingdom is God's, the Single, the All-Informed." Shouldst thou taste the sweetness of Mine utterance, thou wouldst soar on the wings of yearning in Mine atmosphere and witness that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed in the kingdom of Mine utterance. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We make mention of thy brother and those with you who have turned unto God on a day wherein the limbs of every remote oppressor did quake. Thus have We adorned the ocean of utterance with the ark of inner meanings, which saileth thereon through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. It behooveth you to thank God in all conditions for this supreme bounty.

O Safa! The Lord of Names, Who hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, maketh mention of thee - He through Whom the seal of the choice sealed wine was broken. Blessed is he who hath sought, drunk, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Say: He hath come with God's proof and His evidence, and uttereth at all times: "The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who have turned away from the Face whereby the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Great, hath been illumined. By God! By the movement of My Pen the Concourse on High was stirred, and by My call the cry was raised from the Retreats of Grandeur, yet most of the people are heedless. He calleth all unto the Most Great Ocean, yet most of the nations are turned away. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined by the Luminary of My wondrous utterance.

O Vahhab! Hear the call of Him Who summoneth thee from the Final Goal and calleth all to this horizon whereby appeared what was inscribed in the Books of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Let nothing grieve thee. Leave the world behind thee and hold fast unto the Most Great Name through which appeared what was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen and treasured within God's knowledge, the Lord of existence. Be thou of such constancy that the affairs of the earth shall not shake thee from this Cause whereby every firm edifice hath been shaken. The earth and all that is therein and thereon shall perish, and there shall endure what hath been ordained for My loved ones in My Preserved Tablet.

O Abu-Talib! The One, the Single, maketh mention of thee with such remembrance as causeth the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people of the Furqan! The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the affairs of creation debar you from the Truth. Cast away your idle fancies and take hold of that which ye are bidden by God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Say: O people of the Gospel! The gate of heaven hath been opened and He Who ascended thereunto hath come. Indeed, He calleth aloud on land and sea and beareth unto all the glad-tidings of this Revelation through which the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed: "The Promise is fulfilled and this is the Promised One." Be thou in such wise that the affairs of earth cause thee not to slip. Take thou the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Lord of creation, then drink therefrom by the leave of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. The clamor hath been raised throughout all regions - this is that whereof We informed the servants in a perspicuous Book. Should one who is perverse bring you the book of hell, cast it behind you, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Soon shall tablets of fire be spread abroad throughout the lands. Thus doth He inform you, with Whom is the knowledge of what hath been and

what shall be. Hold ye fast unto the cord of God and unto His mercy that hath preceded both the witness and that which is witnessed.

Verily, We make mention of the Alif and the Qaf before the Alif and the Jim, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. O people of the earth! The Day of Victory hath come, and He Who conversed on Sinai hath appeared with such verses as have rendered impotent all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have forbidden all from corruption and conflict, and have ordained victory through remembrance and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the All-Merciful in His manifest Book. Say: Spread not corruption in the earth and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which ye are commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Hold fast unto the Greater Steadfastness in the days of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. He commandeth you that which profiteth you. There is none other God but He, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

When thou attainest unto God's Tablet and findest the fragrance of the garment, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognized in me the Dayspring of Thy signs, and taught me Thy straight path. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Thou art He to Whose generosity, grace, bounty and power all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Masum! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee concerning the protection which We have sent down in the Psalms and Tablets. Whoso achieveth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the limbs of all names have quaked, is accounted among the protected ones in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is the servant whom God hath protected from turning away and guided unto the Dayspring of His signs. We created all mankind for this Day, yet the people have turned away therefrom, having followed the dawning-places of vain imaginings. We have ordained knowledge that it might give glad-tidings unto men and guide them unto this Revelation whereby the realm of possibility hath smiled; yet the divines thereof have turned away from the Dayspring of Revelation and have waxed proud before God, the Cleaver of daybreak. Blessed is the mighty one who hath rent asunder the veils through My Name, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those who have been faithful to the Covenant.

O Tongue of Utterance! Turn thy face toward them that have believed in God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Then make mention of him who was named Ghulam-i-Qabli-Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of the breath of God that hath wafted from the garden of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. Say: This is the Day wherein every wise decree hath been made manifest, the Day wherein they that are nigh unto God have prospered while the idolaters are in manifest loss. This is the Day whereon God calleth out with the tongue of grandeur and summoneth all to His straight path. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not every remote ignorant one. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by God, the Single, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, yet most of the people are heedless.

O Muhammad-i-Qabli-?adiq! The One, the Single, maketh mention of thee from this spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is he that

hath purposed to attain unto My horizon, and blessed is he that hath spoken in My praise, and blessed is he that hath turned unto this exalted and impregnable station. Say: By God! That which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. He, verily, is He Who was named in the Torah as Jehovah, in the Gospel as the Spirit of Truth, and in the Qur'an as the Great News. Hold fast, O people, unto that which ye were promised aforetime by the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. Beware lest the tablets of fire withhold you from the Chosen One and the book of the wicked withhold you from the manifest Truth. O thou who hast turned unto Me! Drink from the Kawthar of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!

A missive from the Wronged One unto him who desireth the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O ?amad, for having turned unto God and turned away from them that disbelieved when the Speaker of the Mount uttered His call. By My life! This is the Day of profit, yet the people perceive not; this is the Day of Resurrection, yet mankind comprehendeth not. Joy unto him who is set ablaze this Day with the fire of the love of God, and woe unto every heedless and deprived one. The ocean of utterance hath appeared at the pole of possibility, yet the people know not. They have cast certainty behind their backs and taken hold of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Beware lest the intimations of the people withhold thee from My Self-Subsisting Name. Be steadfast in the Cause and speak forth this Name at Whose appearance the Kingdom proclaimed: "The dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible!" We have manifested the Cause and revealed the verses, yet most of the people are turned away. The Sun of knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of divine Will, yet the people are in gross ignorance. The star of nearness hath risen, yet the people are in manifest remoteness. The Tree hath spoken betwixt the Mount and creation, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!" Every station hath been honored by the advent of its Lord and every Book by this Most Great Name. This is the Day wherein the sighing of the lovers can be heard from every horizon, to which testifieth the Lord of the Covenant Who hath come with manifest glory.

Blessed art thou, O Ghulam-i-Qabli-Husayn, for having turned unto Me and having won that which nothing on earth can equal. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee and revealed for thee that from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted between earth and heaven. O Concourse of Names! The Creator of the heavens hath come with a Cause against which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot prevail. Say: The Preserved Tablet hath appeared, yet ye remain heedless. This is an inscribed Tablet, traced by My Most Exalted Pen through My binding and wise command. The Cry hath been raised in truth, and the Proof hath prostrated itself before the face of the All-Merciful, and the Evidence hath circled round My mighty Throne.

O Jim-before-Alif! The Mother Book hath appeared and all the books of the world have bowed down before it, yet the peoples are in grievous opposition. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and turned with his heart to the All-Knowing One. O people of insight! The Most Great Vision hath appeared, wherein the Lord of Destiny calleth out amidst humanity, summoning them unto God, the Revealer of verses. O concourse of religions! Abandon that which ye possess. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with proof and evidence. Be fair in God's name and reflect upon that which the All-Giving hath

revealed in the Book. Beware lest earthly affairs hold you back from the Lord of Names, or the intimations of creation debar you from the Truth that hath come with power and sovereignty.

O Mahdi! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this Station, whereunto the Finger of Grandeur pointeth, saying: "By My life, this is My station, upon which I have gazed from time immemorial." This indeed is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, through whose mention the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets have been adorned. Thus have We adorned the heaven of utterance with the sun of proof. Blessed is he who hath discerning eyes to recognize, and hearing ears to hearken unto this sweet call.

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee while sorrows encompass Him from those who have denied God, the Lord of Lords. Thou didst stand firm in the Cause on a day when limbs trembled and foundations shook. When God's Cause was exalted, the buzzing of flies emerged from behind the veil. They cast aside fairness and embraced tyranny when the morn breathed and the horizons were illumined by the lights of the countenance of God, the Lord of Return. Beware lest any mention hold thee back from this Most Great Remembrance, or anything veil thee from the Dayspring of verses. Hold fast unto God; verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus did the Ark sail, the rivers flow, and the seas proclaim: "Dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Concealer."

O Letter B after B! The Glory remembereth thee, at Whose appearance all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Do people hear yet comprehend not? Do the folk see yet deny? What aileth them that they believe not in God, the Mighty, the Loving, Who hath come with the banners of verses and proclaimeth: "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." Say: This is the Day of Supreme Joy, yet ye perceive not. The ocean of knowledge surgeth before your eyes, yet ye see not. Say: The gate of My most exalted Paradise hath been opened, yet the people turn away therefrom. Verily God remembereth who remembereth Him, and turneth unto who turneth unto Him, and draweth nigh unto those who have cast aside their desires and taken what God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath willed. Say: None should turn toward the Prison except by His leave. Thus have We sent down the command and that which the Desired One hath willed.

O Muhammad-Qablih-Ibrahim! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from this horizon whereby the horizon of the world was illumined and every wise decree was made manifest. Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison, then summon the servants unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: O people! He cannot be pointed to by your gestures, nor does He walk in your ways. He hath appeared with truth and made manifest His straight path. He is the One mentioned in the ancient scriptures and the Promised One in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. He is the One through Whom the veils were rent asunder, the verses were sent down, and the clear proofs appeared, yet most of the people are heedless, and most of mankind are among the deniers. They have cast certitude behind their backs and followed every doubting learned one. Say: We have ordained knowledge that it may guide people to the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed is the learned one who hath found the fragrance of the All-Knowing and turned with clear certitude to the Most Exalted Horizon. And woe unto every learned one who hath waxed proud before God and turned away from His binding and mighty

Command. Beware lest the tales of old withhold thee from the Lord of all creation. Break the idols of the servants in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of Creation. Thus doth command thee He Who hath summoned all unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Wronged One makes mention of thee for the sake of God and commands thee to that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this first life. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one. Say: O people! The Day of Rising hath come. Arise from your seats and glorify your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By My life! If thou shouldst discover the fragrance of My utterance and hear with the ear of the heart My call, thou wouldst arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the cannons of those who are heedless of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, would deter thee. The Cry hath been raised, the Hour hath come, and the Calamity hath appeared, yet the people are in thick veils. Leave what the people possess and take what hath come from the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's revelation with power from Him and might from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O Thou in Whose hand are the reins of all beings and the control of all things! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst rend the veils and didst manifest Thy Cause in the end, to aid me in recovering what hath passed me by in Thy days. Then make me among those who have soared in Thy atmosphere and drunk the wine of martyrdom in Thy name and for love of Thee. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath turned to the horizon of Thy grace, and the ignorant one who hath sought the ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee. O my Lord! Enable me to rend asunder the veils of Thy servants and Thy creation that I may make known to them Thy mighty Book and Thy straight path, and remind them of that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and hold them back from all else besides Thee. Thou art the Almighty, to Whose greatness and power all atoms have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Pen and by Thy Most Holy, Most Great, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name to forgive me through Thy bounty and grace, and to absolve my sins through Thy loving-kindness and favors. Then make me steadfast in Thy service and speaking in Thy praise and glorification. Thou art, verily, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Lion! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One Who hath endured tribulations and trials in the path of God, the Lord of all names, until He was cast into the most desolate of lands. He summoned the people unto the exalted Paradise, yet they seized Him and paraded Him through cities and lands. How many a night did sleep flee from the eyes of My loved ones through their love for Me, and how many a day did the factions rise against Me. At times I found Myself upon the highest mountains, and at others in the prison of ?a, bound in chains and fetters. By the life of God! In all conditions I remained thankful, speaking, remembering, turning towards Him, content, submissive and humble. Thus did My days pass until they ended in this Prison, whereby the earth was shaken and the heavens lamented. Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies when the Hidden Unseen came with the banners of divine verses. He hath informed the people of what hath appeared and what shall appear, yet the people are in strange drunkenness - they hear the verses of God and deny them. Thus have their souls beguiled them on this Day which is the Dawning-point of all days. Before their faces surgeth the ocean of life, yet they hasten toward the mirage. Thus have We illumined the heaven of hearts with the sun of wisdom and utterance.

We make mention at this hour of the third letter, he who believed in Me, against whom the Dayspring of tyranny pronounced judgment without proof or scripture. He turned toward Zawra until he arrived and stood before the gate, and entered after permission into the presence of the Countenance, and heard and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of lords! I testify that Thou wert hidden in the eternity of eternities and hast manifested Thyself in this Thy Day. Blessed is he who hath believed in Thee and drunk the choice wine from the hand of Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things.”

The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those whom the buzzing of flies hath not kept back from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Joseph! Joseph of Baha calleth thee from this darksome pit and summoneth thee to the station of nearness and holiness - the station which none save God, the Lord of all worlds, can comprehend. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love to such an extent that the utterances of the polytheists who dispute God’s verses and proofs and turn away from Him when He came with manifest sovereignty, shall not deter thee. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrances of God in His days and witnessed what God had testified before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Let not the affairs of the people grieve thee. Put thy trust in God - verily He loveth those who trust in Him. Know thou the value of these days, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, Who hath sent down for thee that which naught in all creation can equal. To this doth the Lord of Names bear witness in this noble station.

O ’Ali! Verily My name ’Ali gave thee glad tidings and informed thee of this Promised Day. He spoke–and His words are most sweet–saying: “Expect the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai.” By God! It is He, and He proclaimeth with the most exalted call: “God hath come upon clouds of light, yet the people understand not.” This is a word taught to him by the Messenger of God aforetime. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Preserved Tablet. Say: The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out with the most exalted call, and Sinai speaketh: “He that was hidden hath come with manifest sovereignty.” Is there any possessor of scent who can inhale the fragrance of My raiment? Is there any possessor of sight who can behold My horizon and My countenance? Is there any possessor of hearing who can hear this most sweet Call whereby all things were attracted? And is there any fair-minded one who will judge justly concerning that which God hath sent down from this glorious station? O ’Ali! The Lord of all creation remembereth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of that wherewith the Herald of the Primal Point gave glad tidings. He spoke–and His words are most sweet–saying: “I have taken an essence in His remembrance, namely that He cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what was mentioned in the Bayan. The Bayan was revealed only for My remembrance, and it is but a leaf from the garden of My utterance and a ring upon My finger. Thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth.” Say: He weigheth all things with the Most Great Balance and revealeth that which was hidden in the Books and Tablets. They who failed to recognize Him despite all that was mentioned in the Bayan opposed Him because of a single word therefrom. Lo! They are among the people of error. They have cast the Revealer of the Bayan behind their backs and clung to that which profiteth them not in the days of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Die in your wrath! He hath appeared with the truth and all the books of the world cannot withhold Him. He hath come from the heaven of immortality with power and sovereignty. O ?adiq! Truth

crieth out between earth and heaven saying: “Is there anyone who loveth me and chooseth me for himself for the sake of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise?” We have sent down concerning truthfulness a Tablet. Blessed is he who readeth it and holdeth fast unto it, as bidden by the Ordainer, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, O ?adiq, for having attained unto the recognition of God in thy early days and for having turned unto the horizon from which every stubborn tyrant hath turned away. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this station which hath been adorned with the sweet savors of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Husayn! Hearken unto what the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, and cast aside what thou hast heard of tales and reports. Reflect upon what thou beholdest today, for it shall suffice thee and guide thee to the straight path. The Wronged One hath come to remind you and guide you to the most exalted station. Among the people are those who have heard and turned towards Him, and those who have turned away from God, the Lord of Lords. The Kingdom hath appeared and the Throne hath been established thereon, then He, with Whom is the Mother Book, settled upon it. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Bounty, and follow not every ignorant doubter. Arise and make good what hath escaped you, then return unto God with humility and contrition. By God! All that ye behold today shall perish, and that which hath been ordained by the Supreme Pen shall endure, by God’s leave, the Controller of the winds.

O Supreme Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Husayn in the Kingdom of Names, and give him glad tidings of that which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken at the station which God hath made the seat of His mighty Throne. He verily speaketh the truth and remembereth those who have turned unto Him with radiant faces. He is, in truth, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We counsel Our loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted above all else, and with trustworthiness, through which man’s station is uplifted and his glory made manifest among the servants. He Who hath subdued the world through His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, beareth witness unto this.

Be thou grateful that My Pen and My Tongue have been moved to make mention of thee in My glorious and impregnable Kingdom. Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth, shed not blood, consume not the substance of others wrongfully, and follow not every clamorous evil one. When thou attainest unto the verses of thy Lord, arise from thy seat, turning unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence, both seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the earth was shaken, the heaven was cleft asunder, the mountains were moved, and the regions were convulsed, to aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee in such wise that the veils of them that have turned away from the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration may not hinder me. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

O Nasir! The All-Informed remembereth thee and remembereth the days when thou didst stand before the Gate and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of Lords. Thou art he who turned towards the Supreme Horizon and traversed land and sea until thou didst enter and attain the presence, and didst witness and hear the verses of thy Lord, the Master of all necks. He remembereth thee now as He remembered thee before, and draweth thee nigh when thou turnest towards Him, and sanctifieth thee when thou ascendest unto God, the Lord of creation. Behold and remember when the Speaker of the Mount

conversed with thee and the Countenance of the Manifestation turned towards thee in this station, round which circle the Frequented Fane, at eventide and at dawn. Blessed are they who observe the rights of My friends and serve them for love of My Beauty. They are assuredly of the people of the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacle of My grace that hath encompassed all creation. We counsel the servants of God to be patient and forbearing, calm and dignified, that the Cause of God may be made manifest to all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies and chosen for themselves a path unto God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

O Muhammad-'Ali! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds, Who hath manifested Himself through the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His signs. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath turned towards My horizon, and blessed the hearer who hath hearkened unto My verses, and blessed the seer who hath witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur did witness before the creation of the heavens and earth - that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Great. Give thanks unto God that the face of the Wronged One hath turned towards thee and hath sent down for thee that wherefrom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of all names. By God's life! All on earth shall perish, and there shall endure for thee what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the Gracious. Thus hath the horizon of the Tablet been illumined by the light of thy Lord's utterance, the Kind, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-'Ali! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Verily it beareth glad-tidings unto the world, yet the people remain behind a clear veil, save him who hath shattered the idols of vain fancy in the name of his Lord, the Lord of all beings, and hath arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that the doubts of the divines who have turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, have failed to deter him. Behold, then make mention of the generations of old who cast the signs of God behind their backs and pronounced judgment against the Manifestations of the Cause with manifest tyranny. How many a learned one lamented in separation and yearned, beseeching through nights and days, to attain the presence of one of the Names, yet when the Creator of the heavens appeared, he turned away from Him and denied God's proof and evidence, and rose up in such oppression as caused the eyes of the Messengers to shed tears. Be thou not grieved at anything. Put thy trust in God in all affairs. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!" We have seen thee and heard thy call. We have answered thee with this utterance, round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this luminous Station. Arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me amongst My servants, and say: "By God! The appointed time hath come and the Revealer of verses hath appeared with a wondrous Command. Verily He is the Originator of the heavens and earth. Blessed is he who hath recognized and witnessed this great Day." Blessed art thou for having quaffed the choice wine from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the Gracious. We counsel thee and My loved ones to observe supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Most Great, Most Mighty Remembrance.

O Nightingale! We have sent down verses for every name that was in thy letter, as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Arise to serve the Cause and remind the people of the Day of God and His appearance through the wisdom We have sent down in a clear Book. Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy, My providence and My favor which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We counsel them at the end of the Book with that which shall manifest man's station in the contingent world. This is better for them than all that is on earth. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Beware lest transient affairs withhold you from the Lord of creation. Leave what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded with power from God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have turned towards Me, hearkened, and responded to the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Praise be to God Who hath through His sovereignty revealed whatsoever He willeth, Who hath adorned this Day through its association with Him and hath named it in the Books of heaven the Day of God. On this Day there hath appeared that wherewith His Messengers, His Books and His Scriptures had given glad tidings. When the Promise came to pass, the Sun of Manifestation shone forth. He verily is the One Who spoke on Sinai with such sovereignty that neither the might of the divines and princes, nor the power of tyrants, nor the oppression of Pharaohs could deter Him. He stood before all faces and proclaimed: "By God! I am the Hidden One, I am the Treasured One, I am He through Whose remembrance the heaven of proof hath been adorned with the stars of utterance and all creation with the light of knowledge." Exalted is He Who hath manifested Himself, sent down His proof, and caused all to hear His verses. Glory and praise be upon the Hands of His Cause among His servants, whom He hath made the interpreters of His Revelation and of that which He hath sent down in His Book. Through them the ocean of knowledge hath surged amidst all religions, the Sun of learning hath shone from the horizon of possibility, its light hath illumined all regions, and by it have the hearts of lovers been stirred on this Day of the Covenant.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and gazest toward the horizon of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful! We have withheld the Pen by reason of that which the hands of the nations have wrought, and We have seized its reins for a time due to the sorrows that have encompassed Us from those who have cast behind them righteousness and fear of God, and have taken up wickedness and lewdness. These are they who have been consumed by the fire of greed and passion, and have betrayed the wealth of the people without permission from God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Master of the Hereafter and of this world. Say:

My God, my God! Drive me not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor withhold me from beneath the shade of the tabernacles of Thy grace. By Thy might, O Sovereign of existence and King of the realms of generosity and bounty, I have taken no sovereign besides Thee, nor any lord other than Thee. I beseech Thee by the murmuring of the Kawthar of utterance, by the rustling of the breezes of Thy manifestation

throughout creation, by Thy most great signs, and by the whispering of the Divine Lote-Tree, to assist Thy servants to act with justice in Thy Cause and with equity in Thy Revelation. O Lord! Thou seest them turning away from the court of Thy glory and clinging to their vain imaginings in Thy days. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs, turning instead to the pool of fancy. I know not, O my God, by what proof they follow what they possess, and by what evidence they deny that which Thou hast sent down to them from the heaven of Thy grace and revealed to them from the shells of the ocean of Thy Will. I testify that by Thy manifestation the Way hath appeared, the Evidence hath been sent down, the Proof hath been perfected, and the Blessing hath been completed. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I remain turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, acknowledging the ocean of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy wisdom, and confessing that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books. O Lord! Aid the heedless to acknowledge that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power, the turning away to turn toward the gate of Thy mercy, and the deniers to confess Thy unity and oneness. O Lord! Enable them to return unto Thee and to arise to make up for what they have missed during the dawning of the lights of the Sun of Thy manifestation. Thou art He Who through Thy will hath raised the banner of Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, in the final abode, and hath caused the pavilion of Thy glory to be lifted before the faces of Thy loved ones. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought Thy shelter, and the poor one who hath desired the ocean of Thy riches, and blessed is the seeker who hath held fast to the cord of Thy nearness and clung to the hem of Thy bounty, and blessed is the one who hath aimed at the stream of Thy mercy and the treasury of Thy generosity, and blessed is the detached one who hath cast aside all else save Thee and taken that which Thou hast commanded in Thy perspicuous Book.

Hear thou in Persian the Voice of the Wronged One. The immature ones of the world have wrought that which no oppressor hath ever wrought, and uttered that which no idolater hath ever spoken. Souls immersed in the clay of fancy and idle imaginings are not, nor shall ever be, capable of comprehending the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. Until the heart is freed from the fire of vain imaginings, it shall assuredly not attain unto the light of certitude. Where are those illusory, darkened souls, and where are those who have passed beyond this world and pitched their tents upon the shores of the sea of detachment?

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! For some time We withheld the Pen from inscription, and the cause thereof was the sorrows that had befallen Us. For the Lord of Piety was seen beneath the claws of self and passion. The fire of greed and covetousness inflicted upon the Temple of Sanctity that which the Pen is powerless to recount and pages insufficient to bear. The souls that now exist are not, nor shall ever be, capable of comprehending the stations of the Great Announcement, save whom thy Lord willeth. The wing of vain desire is powerless to soar in this holy and blessed atmosphere. Say: O people! Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. Cast away what ye have heard and seen and taken, and take what hath been given unto you from God, the Lord of all worlds. By the life of God! That which ye possess shall not profit you, nor shall that which the factions possess benefit you. Cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies, turning unto the horizon from which the Day-Star of Certitude hath shone forth from the All-Merciful. This is what ye were commanded aforetime in diverse Tablets and in this perspicuous Tablet.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! Today, should any soul desire to turn unto the Sun of Truth shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Prison, he must sanctify his perceptive powers from the tales of the past, adorn the crown of knowledge with detachment and the temple of being with the ornament of piety, and then plunge into the depths of the sea of oneness.

O Ali! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God! Today is the day of the blessed word "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses." They who seek must, at their first step, drink from the fountain of this blessed verse, and likewise at their second step before the Divine Ka'bah, recite with the tongue of truth this verse: "Verily, I have abandoned the ways of a people who believe not in God and who deny the life to come." If the seeker attaineth unto that which hath been mentioned, he is worthy of drawing nigh and entering the presence, and capable of soaring in this holy atmosphere. Otherwise, he must follow the vain imaginings of the deniers and corrupters, even as they have done.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Not every bramble and chaff is worthy of this threshold, nor can it be. Verily the means of drawing nigh unto the shore of the sea of inner meanings and of approaching the lights of the Sun of Truth are as was mentioned; without these the path is blocked and the quest rejected. We have summoned all, with the most exalted call, to the supreme horizon, yet the heedless and the wayward accepted it not. Beseech God - exalted be His glory - that He may aid His servants and grant them strength and power to ascend the ladder of names, that is, to transcend them and seek the heaven of inner meanings.

We counseled Hadi Dawlat-Abadi with kindly advice and wise admonitions, that perchance he might turn from the north of fancy to the right hand of certitude, and from vain imaginings to the direction of the Self-Subsisting, and attain unto the lights of the All-Knowing Lord. The counsels of the Most Exalted Pen left no impression upon that rock-like hardness, and yielded no fruit. Now a group, like unto the Shi'ih sect, has been formed and is occupied with misleading those heedless souls, devoted to the idols of names. Glory be to God! What profit did the former party gain from trafficking in names, and what triumph did they achieve? On the Day of Reckoning all were seen to be deprived of the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and they cut down the Blessed Tree with hands of tyranny and transgression, and were and are engaged in cursing and reviling from their pulpits. Observe how God hath made their highest to become their lowest, and their lowest to become their highest.

A person from among the Sunnis and the Community claimed the station of the Qa'im in a certain region, and until recently nearly one hundred thousand souls obeyed him and arose to serve him. The true Qa'im arose in Iran with divine light to establish the Cause, yet they martyred Him and strove with all their might to extinguish His light, and wrought that which caused the reality itself to weep. From the time of this Wronged One's arrival in Zawra until now, the tablets of the Desired One of all worlds have rained like showers upon the people of Iran. Nevertheless, they remained unaware, abiding in their ancient heedlessness and wretchedness. Had such bounty been directed from that quarter to these regions, you would now find all turned towards God. He verily speaks the truth, but the people are in evident veils.

Hearken to the call from the direction of 'Akka, and take in thy right hand a cup of the choice wine of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of all beings, and in thy other hand a goblet of My Most Glorious remembrance, despite those who dwell in the world of creation who have denied My greatest signs in

that they followed the people of tyranny and transgression and the manifestations of self and passion. O thou who art turned to the lights of the Face! In the name of God - exalted be His glory - drink at every moment from this choice wine. This wine is the source of joy and delight, not of intoxication and corruption. Say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise for having mentioned me by Thy Most Exalted Pen, and adorned me with the ornament of Thy might and bounty, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose name the unity-professing ones soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the hearts of the sincere ones were attracted by the drops from the ocean of Thy utterance, to aid Thy servants to acknowledge what Thou hast manifested unto them through Thy generosity and bounty and what Thou hast sent down upon them from the heaven of Thy knowledge. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great.

Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat, for having sent down unto thee that whereby thy name and remembrance shall endure through the duration of His most excellent names and most exalted attributes. He is verily the All-Bestowing, possessed of great bounty, and He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of manifest grace. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Nabil-i-A'zam! The bats of the world are preventing the servants of God from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth through a hundred thousand idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Kawthar of steadfastness and utterance, and the choice wine of certitude and assurance, are the portion of the one who gazes toward the Most Exalted Horizon with the eye of justice and inclines his ear to hearken unto His call. Today the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds are manifest before the faces of all religions, and the effulgent lights of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai are visible, and the Divine Lote-Tree is speaking in the midmost heart of the highest Paradise. Would that My people knew! Would that My people heard! Would that My people saw!

In these days the divine sheep are afflicted among the wolves of the earth, and this Wronged One is beneath the talons of hatred. Yet We are thankful that the True One hath graciously aided and empowered Us to such extent that We have, without any veil or concealment, proclaimed amongst all peoples that which is the greatest means for the reformation of the world and the salvation of nations. We have shown no compromise with anyone, nor have We hesitated in implementing the divine commandments. The oppression of the oppressors and the harm of the aggressors have not prevented the Most Exalted Pen from revealing the Most Great Word. Whenever anyone from among journalists or others would rise in opposition, the officials and members of the government would secretly and openly encourage and support them. In short, both outwardly and inwardly, they strove diligently to destroy the Cause of God. Yet this Wronged One, detached from the world and its peoples, mentioned that which would purify the world from rancor and hatred and extinguish the fire of wickedness and depravity. No helper or supporter was to be seen. From every direction the arrows of calumnies of the deceivers and the spears of the atheists were striking the body of the Cause. Throughout successive years, this Wronged One uttered these exalted words:

"Glorified art Thou, O my God! Were it not for the tribulations suffered in Thy path, how could Thy true lovers be recognized; and were it not for the trials endured for love of Thee, how could the station of

those who yearn for Thee be revealed? By Thy might! The companions of Thy loved ones are their tears, and the comforters of Thy seekers are their sighs, and the food of them who hasten to meet Thee are the fragments of their broken hearts. How sweet is the deadly poison in Thy path, and how precious are the arrows of Thine enemies for the exaltation of Thy word! O my God! Give me to drink in Thy Cause whatsoever Thou didst desire, and send down upon me in Thy love all that Thou didst ordain. By Thy might! I wish only what Thou wishest, and love only what Thou lovest. In Thee have I ever placed my trust.

"I beseech Thee, O my God, to raise up for the triumph of this Cause one who is worthy of Thy name and sovereignty, that he may remember me among Thy creatures and raise the standards of Thy victory in Thy realm. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Pervading, the Self-Subsisting. Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy loved ones by Thy power and might, lest they be affrighted by those on earth. Then make them, O my God, dawning places of Thy grandeur and daysprings of Thine authority. O Lord! Adorn them with the ornament of justice and equity, and illumine their hearts with the lights of bounty and grace. Thou art, verily, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations and Goal of all peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, to transform the throne of tyranny into the seat of Thy justice, and the seat of pride and oppression into the throne of humility and equity. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Say: O people of God! From every direction the enemies have surrounded Us with the swords of hatred, and there hath been no helper or champion in outward appearance. Some heedless and deluded souls, through the display of enmity and calumnies, have hoped and yearned for station and prestige for themselves. And seeing this Wronged One without helper or champion, they have attacked with the swords of hatred and animosity. Glory be to God! For forty years We counseled and admonished the servants, forbidding them from conflict, corruption and strife. Through divine grace and merciful bounty, this people turned from weapons to reformation, and preferred God's will to their own desires. Each day some tyranny appeared from the oppressors and some fire was kindled; nevertheless they showed patience and left matters to God. In some lands the oppressors were occupied each year with shedding blood, while the oppressed people held fast to these words We had previously uttered: "To be killed is better for you than to kill." Praise be to God, they were slain in God's path but slew not, for they were focused on God's command and still are. In the land of Sad and 'Ishqabad the oppressors kindled the fire of tyranny and shed the blood of God's loved ones. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the scourges of the oppressors and Thy sheep among the wolves of Thy earth. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy sovereignty that hath embraced all existence, to illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy justice and adorn them with the ornament of righteousness and piety in Thy kingdom. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

In these days the rebellion of the calumniators and the hatred of the treacherous ones hath exceeded all bounds. One who was occupied day and night in that which is forbidden - whom We banished for his own protection - hath gone to the great city and united with his like, busying himself with undermining the Cause of God. They have taken the most abject one as their helper and champion in spreading their

calumnies. And that person who was banished from the Holy Land joined with Shaykh Muhammad Yazdi, and following his brother's ruling they arose to harm the Wronged One and consume people's wealth. Since they know the rulers and divines of Iran to be opposed and antagonistic, therefore the most abject one and others have arisen in enmity - especially the most abject one who, merely to obtain money and prestige, hath written that which he himself testifies is false. By the life of God, he is in manifest error! Assuredly, none rising from the dawning-places of transgression, indecency, tyranny and oppression would sincerely speak of or cling to that station which most of the world's people have denied - that which would cause the most great terror. However, this Wronged One, through God's grace and favor, regardeth all else but Him as a handful of dust, and their clamor and uproar as the buzzing of flies - except those souls who, through divine grace, are adorned with justice, trustworthiness, truthfulness and purity. They heed neither the prestige and dissimulation of the mystics nor the clamor of the divines. Before all faces We manifested the Cause of God. Naught shall befall us save what God hath decreed for us. Although in these days the dawning-places of oppression and tyranny have arisen to harm this Wronged One, God shall soon reveal His treasures for the victory of His Cause and His Message. And these treasures are men whom no authority deterreth, no power frighteneth, and no hosts or legions weaken. They shall conquer the realm of possibility through wisdom and utterance.

Say: O people of God! Know with clear certainty that corruption, conflict, murder and plunder are traits of the beasts of the earth. The station of man and his distinction lie in knowledge and deeds. In most Tablets, We have forbidden the servants from that which harmeth them and commanded that which profiteth them. O people of God! Associate with all the peoples of the world with love and fellowship. Corruption and all that pertaineth thereunto have been strictly forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Although in the early days there was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which outwardly appeared to conflict with God's new Cause - such as passages like "The necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy; here are the swords of Thy power, O Subduer of the worlds!" - the intent was not strife and corruption, but rather to demonstrate the extent of the oppression of the oppressors and the wickedness of the idolaters, that all might know that the tyranny of the pharaohs of the earth had reached such a degree that such verses were revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. And now We counsel the servants of God not to cling thereafter to certain utterances and become the cause of harm to others. Victory in this Most Great Revelation is confined to wisdom and utterance. The hosts of God have ever been pure and goodly deeds and holy, pleasing character traits, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God. This utterance hath repeatedly been revealed in the Scriptures, Books and Tablets: Take, O people, that which ye are bidden by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He commandeth you that which shall protect and profit you. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Gracious.

Today steadfastness is accounted as the greatest of all deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Glory be to God! Certain souls who for years laid claim to steadfastness, when tested even slightly, fled like frightened asses fleeing from a lion. Some time ago a letter was sent from the village of Manshad to the Most Holy Court, wherein the writers sought supernatural signs from God, exalted be His glory, for the assurance of souls and the conviction of hearts. However, the petitioners were certain doctors of the Qur'an. It was observed that were mention to be made of this Revelation and its proofs and evidences in the name of those souls, it might cause an uproar among the doctors of the Qur'an. We therefore altered

and modified the references, and there was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance that which would cause any fair-minded person who readeth it to exclaim “I turn to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!” for the rest of his life. And one of those souls had expressed belief, but after observing the modification of references was seen to waver. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is supreme over all who are in the heavens and on earth. We hope they may pass from agitation to certitude and from hesitation to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Gracious. Although the people of that village are present in this land and outwardly their affairs are known and evident, yet there occurred that which was unworthy. How vast is the difference between the station of such souls and those who have transcended doubt, misgiving, conjecture and the imaginings of men, and have set their faces toward the ocean of inner meanings. The Primal Point hath said: Were He to pronounce upon the earth the judgment of heaven, or upon heaven the judgment of earth, none hath the right to question why or wherefore.

Verily, certain heedless souls in every land are secretly engaged, like Satan, in sowing the seeds of dissension, though they are manifest in the sight of God. O party of God! We make mention of you for the sake of God and counsel you, that perchance ye may ascend from the lowest depths to the loftiest heights, and turn from vain imaginings to the light of certitude, and be content with whatsoever appeareth from His presence. God, exalted be His glory, hath come with “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” and the banner of “He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth” is raised before His face. Fix your gaze upon it and be detached from all else. Know of a certainty that whatsoever is revealed by Him is the truth, wherein there is no doubt. We cherish the hope that through God’s grace and loving-kindness His chosen ones - namely those souls who are counted among the companions of the Crimson Ark and the people of Baha - may not be debarred or kept back from the sealed wine and the Self-Subsisting Name by the doubts of the peoples of the world.

Some among mankind are ever intent upon denial and objection, as evidenced by how the people of the Bayan have repeatedly inquired why the Point (the Bab), may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, made mention of David, the Psalmist, before Moses, peace be upon Him, when historically David came after Moses. This seems to them contrary to the Holy Books and the traditions of the Messengers. Say: Fear God and object not to Him Whom God hath adorned with the Most Great Infallibility, His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. It behooveth the servants to affirm whatsoever proceedeth from the Dayspring of God’s Cause, for none save God is aware of the requirements of His consummate wisdom. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We summoned four souls from among the people of Manshad that they might appear before Us to hear that for which ears were created to hearken unto, but they came not. Vain imaginings have withheld them from the light of certitude. We beseech God to aid all to be submissive and content. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. It is incumbent upon the people of God in this day to beseech the Lord of Lords, the Possessor of the seen and unseen, from the ocean of His bounty, that the people of the earth may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of former religious communities. However, certain souls like Hadi Dawlat-Abadi and Mahdi Najaf-Abadi have devoted all their energies to leading people astray and have manifested such deception and guile as to leave the dwellers of the cities of knowledge and

understanding bewildered. Would that someone had asked such questions of that Soul dwelling on the Isle, that there might have been revealed unto him what hath been sent down in truth from this glorious and impregnable station. Say: O friends of God! Hearken unto the voice of this Wronged One with the ear of the spirit and gaze upon His signs with the eye of truth. By My life! Then shall be revealed unto you that which had been concealed from the eyes of men. Verily, God is the All-Counselling, the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O thou who art attracted by My verses! Hear what We have revealed to one of Our friends. We have desired naught in the world save reformation. The Lamp of the world beareth witness to this - a Lamp which neither requireth glass nor crystal nor any other protection. By God's life! Baha hath not spoken out of desire, but rather that which will draw people nigh unto a station wherein their hearts shall find tranquility and their souls find rest. Thou knowest, and God knoweth beyond thee, that I have taken no helper for Myself and have aided God's Cause through a power before which the might of the world and the prowess of the nations - who have cast off the fear of God and embraced wickedness without any clear proof or evidence - have proven powerless.

Say: O servants, hear ye the counsels of the Wronged One. The first of all things is the recognition of Him Who is the Eternal Truth. He is the Sustainer of all, the Teacher of all. The first fruit of recognition is love and unity among all men, for through unity the horizons of the world are illumined and made radiant. The purpose of unity is association, and the purpose of association is mutual aid. That which outwardly promoteth unity, fellowship, amity and love is forbearance and righteousness. In one of Our Tablets We have uttered this exalted word: Blessed is he who retireth to his bed at night with a heart purified from rancor and hatred. Glory is not his who loveth his country, but glory is his who loveth the world. The fear of God hath ever been a sure stronghold and a safe guardian against the promptings of the evil self. It is the cause of the refinement of souls and the sanctification of being, both outwardly and inwardly. We have repeatedly stated that the assistance mentioned in Our Books, Tablets and Scriptures hath been through wisdom and utterance, and also through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By the life of God! The hosts of praiseworthy character and goodly deeds are, verily, the most powerful armies of the world. The sword of virtue is keener than blades of steel, could ye but understand it. Without concealment or hindrance have We proclaimed the Cause of God before the faces of the peoples, and have enjoined upon all that which shall draw them nigh unto Him, preserve them and exalt them. From the first day until now, We have borne whatever hath befallen Us in the path of the One Beloved, and have shown patience. Through God's grace and bounty, We have been and are sanctified from anything that would spread corruption, even to the extent of a needle's eye. That which is worthy of mention today is that which promoteth unity, harmony and the exaltation of all. A goodly deed is as a tree, and from it appear delicate and pleasing fruits. This is the day of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Let not the counsels of the Wronged One be forgotten. We cherish the hope that the fragrance of love and fellowship may waft among the friends, and that they may consort with one another in love and kindness. In one of Our Tablets We have uttered these words: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries of consultation and compassion. The tabernacle of world order is upheld upon the two pillars of reward and punishment. Such matters pertain to the kings of the age. They are the manifestations of God's power and the daysprings of His divine majesty. After recognition of the Lord,

exalted be His glory, two things are necessary: service to and obedience to the just government, and adherence to consummate wisdom. These two ensure the elevation and progress of being and its advancement. We beseech God to illumine His Majesty the Shah - may God assist him - with the splendors of the Day-Star of justice. If the divines of the Shi'ih sect would but allow it, his royal benevolence would embrace all, and he would rule with justice and equity. This Wronged One hath ever loved and still loveth faithfulness. O that one of the kings of the earth might be confirmed in assisting the oppressed ones of the world! The path of truth and its balance have ever been justice and equity. We beseech God, exalted be His glory […]

We beseech God–glorified be His majesty–whose hallmark is justice and fairness, not to deprive His servants of that which hath been mentioned. The divines of Persia have become the cause of preventing the servants from the Divine Path. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside your pens, for the scratching of the Supreme Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven. Cast aside that which ye have composed with the hands of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the day-star of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. Once again We counsel the loved ones of God to trustworthiness, godliness, chastity, and the fear of God, the Leader of the hosts of justice from God, the Commander, the All-Wise.

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and be adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighs, beholdest their tears, and knowest what hath befallen them without any clear proof from Thee. Verily Thou knowest what is in the hearts of Thy servants, and nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. All created things have testified that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto the cord of patience and resignation in whatsoever hath befallen it in the path of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. The Wronged One's Pen hath, at all times, counselled the servants to that which profiteth them and draweth them nigh unto Him. We hope that God–glorified be His majesty–will purify the ears of the world that they may hearken with the ear of acceptance to the counsels and exhortations of the Wronged One and act accordingly.

My God, my God! Aid Thy heedless servants to return unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the All-Pardoning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

One of God's chosen ones, upon whom be the Glory of God, who had drunk from the chalice of steadfastness and to whom all save God was as naught, met Hadi Dawlat-Abadi in the land of Sad. That heedless one mentioned that the Primal Point had decreed the purity of seminal fluid out of respect for the seed of "Him Whom God shall make manifest," and at that time the Ancient Beauty was twenty-five years old. His intention in making this statement was to deny the Manifestation of God, reject Him, and establish his own vain imaginings. First, this statement is from the Bayan, and He says that on that Day the Bayan will profit none and you should not cling to it. He has said, and His word is the truth: "He cannot be known through My attributes nor through what was revealed in the Bayan." And by what he mentioned, his opposition to the Primal Point is clear and evident to those possessed of insight, for the Exalted One says: "Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what hath been revealed in the Bayan." He has clearly opposed this and is unaware of it. Say: By God's life, none can find in the Bayan aught save the

fragrance of the revelation of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who proclaims in the most exalted call: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of all mankind!” O Hadi, be not the cause of discord and misguidance. The lights of the Sun of Truth have illumined the world of inner meanings and utterance, and divine verses are being sent down and showered forth like rain from the clouds of grace. All the Bayan circles round Him today, would that ye could understand. Glory be to God! Hadi does not realize what he is saying, nor what he has understood from the Primal Point’s statement regarding the seed. Secondly, say: O heedless one! The seed of “Him Whom God shall make manifest” - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - was and is pure and purifying, and that blessed seed hath no need of anyone’s mention. I adjure thee by God Who created thee and fashioned thee: in one moment purify thy heart from hatred, then ponder on what thou hast mentioned. Perchance thou shalt be enabled to utter the blessed words “I turn unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds.” Is the purity and sanctity of the seed of “Him Whom God shall make manifest” dependent upon the word of His servants? I seek God’s forgiveness from this manifest delusion! I seek God’s forgiveness from this great wrong! I seek God’s forgiveness from this grievous error! Say: O Hadi, if at this moment thou wouldst purify thine ears from false tales, thou wouldst hear from the tongue of the Primal Point: “Verily, I am the first of them that worship Him.” “Him Whom God shall make manifest” - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - was All-Encompassing, not encompassed. The station of the Point was and is established through His word. Verily, He is independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth. All are in need of Him, and in these stations the Primal Point uttered the aforementioned word. Hear, then be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers. And if thou sayest the Primal Point’s purpose in mentioning the seed was to make the people aware - if people are like thee, they will never become aware, for they prevent their eyes and ears from seeing and hearing. And if the purpose was to make fair-minded souls aware, they have understood the station of that pure seed and that sanctified divine essence from the mention of “Him Whom God shall make manifest” and His Word, which the Primal Point foretold, saying: “Verily, He shall speak forth in every condition, ‘I, verily, am God’” to the end of the verse.

Know and understand that pure, divine mystery. In any case, His purpose in mentioning these remembrances was to be engaged in the remembrance of that Beloved One. “Know and be of the thankful.” “Know and be of the repentant ones.” “Observe and be of the fair-minded.” He declares that the Tree of Affirmation becomes the Tree of Negation through turning away from Him. By God’s life! The call of the Bayan is raised, lamenting and crying out: “O people! The Day is God’s Day, and the Cause is His Cause. Be not debarred by a drop from the ocean, nor deprived by a particle from the Sun of Revelation.” By My life, O Hadi! Thou hast taken the pond and cast the Sea of God behind thee. Fear God, then be fair in what hath been revealed in truth. Verily He enricheth thee above all else and guideth thee to His mighty announcement. O Hadi! Can he whom thou desirest race with the Divine Horseman in the arena of wisdom and utterance? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Take hold of the reins of thy passion, then return unto thy Lord. Verily unto Him is thy return and abode. O Hadi! Say to the Mahdi: “Thou art not of the horsemen of this field. Know thy station and be not of the transgressors. Purify thy heart from the promptings of men and thine eyes from the disease of desire, that thou mayest recognize Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with the standards of verses, and be of them that know.” O Mahdi! For this Day wert thou created. Cling not to deception and craft, be not the cause of misguidance, and oppose not the Primal Point. The ocean of utterance surgeth before thy sight, and the sun of truth

shineth resplendent above thy head. Look and say: “Thine is the praise, O Goal of the world! And Thine is the glory, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and the earth!”

O Hadi! Be fair in what hath been made manifest. Every day thou schemest to protect thine own life while preventing the people from the Truth through money and unseemly utterances. Have mercy upon thyself and upon the people. In thy ignorance thou hast reached such a state as to make the purity of Him Whom God shall make manifest contingent upon the word of the Point. I seek God’s forgiveness from this clear delusion! I seek God’s forgiveness from this great injustice! I seek God’s forgiveness from this grievous tyranny! I seek God’s forgiveness from this error which hath no likeness or parallel! I swear by the Sun of proof which today shineth resplendent from the highest horizon of the world that this Wronged One counseleth thee for the sake of God, that thou mayest perchance take heed or fear. Thou wast not with Us and art not aware of the root of the Cause. Return to the sacred writings that perchance the door of justice and fairness may be opened before thy face and thou mayest be numbered with them that are assured. After mentioning the seed before the person in question - upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness - he said: “I have fifty volumes of Yahya’s books with me. Stay tonight and see.” Although he had heard conclusive answers to his objections, his hatred prevented him from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. God is witness and aware that he spoke falsely. Yahya had two volumes of the prayers of the Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - and had copied them repeatedly. Perhaps he gave what he wrote to Hadi. Furthermore, even if he possessed a thousand books, on this Day neither he nor his like would derive any benefit therefrom. A single diamond is better than a hundred thousand loads of stone. A hundred pounds of iron and copper cannot equal one ruby. Apart from these matters, the equivalent of all heavenly books from the Point and before Him is now present and available. Come and see, and be present at the time of revelation, that perchance the breezes of divine revelation may attract thee, or the fragrance of inspiration may lead thee to thy goal. O Hadi! If thou art prevented from being present, appoint a deputy or representative. Perchance ye may find that of which ye are now heedless and turn towards that from which ye have turned away. The Wronged One calleth and saith:

My God, my God! Prevent not Thy servants from the shore of the ocean of Thy grace, and cause them not to be numbered with them who have denied Thee and Thy signs and have rejected what Thou hast revealed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy days. O Lord! Make them aware of Thy message and teach them Thy path and station. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving.

Say: O Hadi! When this Wronged One was in chains, thou wast reclining upon thy couch in utmost comfort. Throughout the days and nights, We bore tribulation and adversity for the exaltation of the Word of God. The afflictions and trials of this Wronged One are beyond reckoning. In days when the world was darkened by the wrath of divines and rulers, this Wronged One, detached from all else, arose before the faces of all peoples through divine power and heavenly might to proclaim the Cause. From all directions wafted the sweet savors and shone forth the light of the Day-Star of clear evidence. When the Sun of the Cause began to shine from the horizon of every city, thou and thy like emerged from behind the veil with swords of hatred, malice, falsehood and calumny, and sought to harm the Wronged One without proof or evidence. Fear God, O Hadi, and be not of the wrongdoers. We call you to the light while you call Me to the fire. What ails you that you do not use your reason and reflect upon that which has appeared? Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then present thyself before God, then judge with

fairness in this Most Great Announcement and be not of the wrongdoers. By what proof didst thou accept and acknowledge the Point (the Bab) - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake? With the eye of fairness observe that which is greater, that thou mayest take God as thy helper and find a way unto Him. By the waves of the ocean of utterance, We have dispensed with the faith of thee and thy like. Create not hatred in hearts. Hear the counsel of the faithful Counselor and turn to His signs in complete detachment. By the life of God! They will guide thee and lead thee to the straight path of God. Each day thou dost cling to some vain imagination and persist in turning away and raising objections. One of you came to this land and mentioned that those who have turned away from the Bayan prevent those who have accepted it from turning towards God, instilling thoughts of murder, oppression and the like, thus depriving the faithful of the straight path. God, exalted be His glory, is sanctified and exempt from the comprehension and minds of those who have turned away. One must look to establish the truth and hold fast to proof and evidence. Once truth is established, then whatever proceeds from Him is truth. Doubt and uncertainty have no place in that realm. Some time ago this blessed sermon was revealed from the Supreme Pen. Now it is mentioned again, that perchance thou mayest ascend the heights of fairness and reflect upon that which hath appeared, attaining unto that which is the greatest means for the salvation of nations and the reformation of the world.

He is the Rememberer, the Comforter, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Praised be God Who is established upon the throne with grandeur, might and majesty, and Who spoke whereat the trumpet was sounded, they that lay in their graves were quickened, and all who dwell on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Lord of Names, willed to spare. Through Him was raised the standard “He doeth whatsoever He willeth,” and was unfurled the banner “The kingdom on that day shall be God’s,” the Lord of all mankind and the Possessor of the throne of eternity and of all existence. He is the One from Whose realm of glory the decree of truth is inseparable, even should He adjudge existence to that which hath no existence. From the atmosphere of His sanctity no flutter of the wings of the bird of rebellion can be heard, even should He make lawful that which from time immemorial had been forbidden. He is the One Worshipped, to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all atoms bear witness, and to Whose power and might all created things testify. The One Who standeth firm is he who hath arisen to make mention of Him and to voice His praise, and the Self-Subsisting is he who hath attained unto steadfastness in His Cause. Exalted, immensely exalted, is He Who speaketh the truth! Exalted, immensely exalted, is He Who hath been tried among the people! Exalted, immensely exalted, is He Who seeth Himself alone amidst the multitude, and single among the concourse of men! Praised be God Who hath made tribulation an adornment for His loved ones, and through it hath decked them among His creation and His creatures. Verily, He is the Judge Whom the veils of the world have not hindered, nor the mists of the nations prevented. None hath comprehended that which lieth with Him save His own Self, as attested by him who hath knowledge of the Tablets.

The intention is that His sanctified presence is exalted above error and transgression, and whatsoever appears from the Kingdom of His commandments and ordinances, all must grasp and act upon without hesitation. The deeds of this faction have been and are evident and clear to you and all the people of the Bayan - they showed no restraint in shedding blood, seizing people’s property, and committing oppression and transgression. After the dawning of the Day-Star of Revelation from the horizon of Iraq,

We forbade all from reprehensible deeds and detested behavior. The atoms of creation bear witness that in all conditions We have commanded the servants to that which exalts them and forbidden that which leads to abasement and humiliation. We have had and have no purpose except the exaltation of the Word of God, the reformation of the world, and the salvation of nations. Is there any fair one who will judge with fairness in this Most Great Cause? Is there any just one who will speak with justice regarding this Momentous News? We beseech God to aid His servants in that which will elevate them and acquaint them with that which will draw them near unto Him. Verily He is the True One, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. What sayest thou regarding the manifestation of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, when in three days seven hundred souls were beheaded in the wilderness of Syria, and many people in surrounding areas were deprived of existence? In any case, God has authority over all deeds and actions. Reflect upon what was mentioned, perchance thou mayest become aware and find that which leads to eternal life. After the establishment of truth, neither rejection nor objection is permissible. Nevertheless, by His very Self, the Truth, that which was revealed in this station is such that every fair-minded one testifies that this Wronged One's purpose has been and is the protection of people and the extinguishing of the fire of hatred in hearts and souls. Look in the revealed Books, sacred Scrolls and luminous Tablets, that thou mayest attain to that which is the cause of the manifestation of justice and fairness. Praise be to God, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and His all-encompassing will, for forty years the fire of contention, conflict and corruption has been extinguished and subdued in Iran. Consider what occurred in Ishqabad - one of the friends was martyred by a rebellious, transgressing group, and the wounds inflicted exceeded thirty. Nevertheless, the Party of God did not retaliate and held fast to this blessed verse which was repeatedly revealed from the Supreme Pen: "Verily He is the Concealer, He commandeth you to conceal; and He is the Most Patient, He commandeth you to exercise beautiful patience." Their compassion and love reached such a station that they interceded for the murderers and oppressors. Blessed are they! We testify that they have partaken of the Kawthar of contentment from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful. If you deny the grace of this Revelation, assuredly God, exalted be His glory, will raise up souls who will arise for the sake of God and speak the truth. Reflect upon the deeds and actions of the friends of the past, and likewise upon the deeds of these days, that perchance thou mayest remove oppression through the sword of righteousness and turn to fairness. Say: O my God, my God! I testify that Thou didst turn to me when I was turning away, and called me when I was silent. I beseech Thee, O Subduer of hearts and souls, by Thy Best-Beloved Name, to assist Thy servants in that which will exalt them through Thy Name and make them standards of Thy guidance in Thy land. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of the Day-Star of justice and fairness, and ordain for them that which will adorn them with the ornament of Thy forgiveness and Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O people of God! Fix your gaze upon the horizon of the Will of Him Who subsisteth by His own Being, and hold fast unto that which beseemeth His days. Great is this Day, and mighty this Cause! Strange indeed that some among the people who count themselves followers of the Bayan are afflicted with the same vain imaginings as the people of the past. Today none of the books of the world can provide deliverance save through a single word that hath shone forth from the dayspring of the mouth of God's Will. Every utterance adorned thereby attaineth the honor of acceptance. Today from the blessed Word the

fragrance of true unity is wafted. Well is it with him who hath perceived it, and woe betide the heedless! Say: O people of God! Cast away that which the deniers possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. By My life! The books of the world cannot compare with His Word. Now with pure and sanctified hearing, hearken unto this most exalted verse revealed by the Primal Point. His glorious Word declareth: If thou shouldst recite but one verse from the verses of Him Whom God shall make manifest, this would be more meritorious in the sight of God than if thou wert to set down the entire Bayan, for on that Day that single verse would grant thee salvation while the entire Bayan would not. Now ponder the loftiness of His station and the sublimity thereof, that ye may not be debarred from drawing nigh unto God through the doubts of those who cause others to err and the allusions of the transgressors. Glory be to God! Some have made the word "Mustaghath" a veil, and by that word have debarred the people from the Truth, even though the mention of Mustaghath is itself from the Bayan. He saith: Let not the Bayan and its ordinances keep you back from Him Who is the Sovereign and the Source thereof. Moreover, He saith: None knoweth the time of the Revelation except God. Whenever it appeareth, all must recognize the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God. Today the people of Baha have found their dwelling place beneath the canopy of the greatness and infallibility of God, exalted be His glory, and have chosen their habitation. They have manifested such steadfastness as hath no peer or likeness. Every person of insight is indeed amazed, and every possessor of knowledge astounded. For in this Most Great Revelation there hath appeared what hath never appeared from the beginning of creation until now. The Sun of Power shineth before all faces, the Ocean of Knowledge is manifest, and the heaven of grace is raised high. Nevertheless, We summon the people unto the dawning-place of Revelation with proofs and evidences, that they may not be deprived. Such bounty hath been vouchsafed that the Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance adduceth the words of others as proof for the establishment of His Cause. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God, and consider with justice and fairness that which hath appeared, and observe it, that ye may attain unto that for which ye were created. The people of former times were occupied with vain imaginings throughout the ages, and these imaginings became a barrier that debarred them from the House of God and prevented them from recognizing the place of circumambulation of them that are nigh unto God and are sincere. Each day one party would execrate another, and they have had and continue to have no peer in rejection and protest.

In the days of Our childhood, one day We went to visit the grandmother of the Most Great Branch during the time when she was married to the late Mirza Isma'il-i-Vazir. Upon arrival, We observed a person wearing a large turban sitting there with another individual. From behind a special curtain, that holy and believing leaf made inquiries. Among other things, she mentioned that we must know and understand who was higher - Gabriel or Qanbar, the servant of the Prince of Believers. Although this Wronged One had not yet reached physical maturity, He was greatly amazed at the understanding of those two heedless ones. In any case, that person, in his own imagination, counted such utterances among divine knowledge and supposed himself to have ascended to the highest station of mystical insight, unaware that he was recorded and numbered before God as among the worshippers of names. After pausing for a few minutes, this Wronged One stated that if Gabriel was the one referred to in the Mighty Book where it states "The Faithful Spirit hath descended with it upon thy heart," then Qanbar had no station in comparison. And when We journeyed to the land of Qum, this same person was present there. Repeatedly, similar words were heard from him in several places. Among them, one day he mentioned

that we must know who was higher - Salman or ’Abbas. What fruit or effect have they observed from such discussions, and what is gained from such mentions? The purpose is that the people of God should know that those people were worshippers of vain imaginings and for this reason were deprived of the recognition of Truth, exalted be His glory, in the days of His Manifestation. We hope that such matters will not appear in this Revelation. May they know the Truth as Truth and creation as creation. Blessed are the fair-minded.

Fear God, hear with thine innate ear the call of the trustworthy counselor, and even as Moses accepted what he heard, do thou accept what cometh from the blessed human Tree. By God’s life! The blessed word “Verily I am Man” is greater in the sight of the Wronged One than all that they have comprehended. Say: O Ibn Baqir, ponder this Revelation. He Who by the power of the Supreme Pen hath manifested that which hath amazed most of the servants, both rulers and ruled, surely possesseth the treasuries of wisdom and utterance. Ye must adorn yourselves with fairness and seek understanding, turning with complete submission and contentment, that perchance ye may attain the hidden pearls in the shells of the Most Great Sea. The loftiness of the call was intended to attract the servants, that after their turning and attention We might impart that whereby every soul would see himself wealthy and independent beneath the shade of the Tree of bounty. And the Secret of existence is witness to what I say. Say: O Ibn Baqir, recognize thy station and transgress it not. He guideth thee and directeth thee to that which enricheth and preserveth thee. It behooveth thee to thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, thy Lord, the Munificent, thy Lord, the Generous. Obtain and read the Tablet of Proof which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of the All-Merciful specifically for thy father, that perchance thou mayest turn from the left hand of fancy and idle imaginings to the right hand of certitude and assurance, and be illumined by the light of justice. O Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Say: O Ibn Baqir, We mention one word for the sake of God, that perchance thou mayest pass beyond the world of tyranny and oppression and, by the ladder of trust and detachment, seek the cities of justice and fairness. Hath there ever appeared in the world a light or manifestation or radiance which thou and thy like have accepted and not rejected? Specify who it was and what was his name. In any case, set aside insolence and be content with what God hath decreed. In a previous Tablet this prayer was revealed - read it, that thou mayest acknowledge the authority of Truth and accept that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s Will […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and the earth, to protect the lamp of Thy Cause within the glass of Thy power and favor, lest the winds of denial from the direction of those who have been heedless of the mysteries of Thy chosen Name should blow upon it. Then increase its light through the oil of Thy wisdom. Thou, verily, hast power over all who are in Thy earth and heaven.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word, whereby all who are in earth and heaven were struck with terror, except such as took fast hold of the Most Firm Handle, not to abandon me among Thy creatures. Raise me up unto Thee, cause me to enter beneath the shadow of Thy mercy, and give me to drink of the pure wine of Thy bounty, that I may dwell within the tabernacle of Thy glory and the pavilions of Thy favor. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O son of Baqir! The Truth hath appeared with “He doeth whatsoever He willeth.” Thy denial or acceptance hath never been, nor shall ever be, of consequence. The mention of Divinity and Lordship hath ever belonged, and shall continue to belong, to God–glorified be His majesty. This Wronged One hath ever been speaking these sublime words:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, and to Thy power and Thy might, O God of all possibilities and Lord of all beings! I long to lay my face upon every spot of Thy earth and upon every fragment thereof, that perchance it might be honored by attaining the station of having been blessed by the footsteps of Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou hearest my cry and my lamentation and my call in Thy days, and Thou knowest that I summon Thy servants unto the light while they call me unto the fire. I beseech Thee to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee and to repent before the door of Thy grace. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Would that thou hadst perceived the fragrances wafting from the verses! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One: Turn from oppression to justice, and from tyranny to equity. Present thyself before the Face, that thou mayest behold the waves of the ocean of thy Lord’s utterance and the effulgences of the light of the Sun of proof. Beware lest leadership debar thee from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. Cast away what thou hast and take what thou art bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds.

The bounty of this Revelation is of such magnitude that no fair-minded and just person can deny it. For nigh upon forty years this Wronged One hath forbidden the servants from corruption, conflict, contention and bloodshed. Night and day hath the Pen moved and the Tongue spoken. Praise be to God, the loved ones of Truth have accepted and acted upon the counsels of the Wronged One, such that in Ishqabad when they were slain they slew not, but rather interceded for their oppressors and murderers. Likewise in the Land of Sad and other regions, whatsoever befell the people of God, they showed patience and left it to God. All know that previously, every year witnessed strife and conflict, with many souls slain on both sides - one year in Tabarsi, another in Zanjan, another in Nayriz. But after this Wronged One’s departure to Iraq, by permission of His Majesty the Sultan, We forbade all from corruption and strife. If thou deniest this, the world beareth witness, though certain slanderers and deniers have concealed the good deeds of the Most Exalted Pen and spoken and continue to speak according to their desires. But by the life of God! Baha speaketh not from desire, but rather uttereth that which draweth mankind unto the Most Sublime Horizon.

O people of God! Hold fast with justice to the right of the sovereign, and seek for him that which beseemeth his generosity. In truth, he hath repeatedly rendered assistance and protected the divine sheep from wolves. Surely all have heard and know this. Therefore we must beseech God that He may illumine the world through the lights of the sun of his justice. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

My God, my God! Thou seest the oppression of the tyrannous among Thy servants and the wickedness of Thy evil creatures, and what hath befallen Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. O Lord! Aid His Majesty the Sultan that he may assist them through Thy might, power and sovereignty. Then open before their faces the doors of Thy grace, mercy and bounty. O Lord! Illumine the horizons of hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and purify them from rancor and hatred through Thy wisdom which encompasseth all things. Then ordain for those who have sacrificed their souls in Thy path and accepted the arrows of the enemy

to exalt Thy Word, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Thou art He Whom the power of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of nations weaken, nor can anything escape Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

The loved ones and chosen ones must, by night and day, seek confirmation for all. If today the claimants of love would hold fast to and act upon what hath been revealed in the Tablets from the Most Exalted Pen, ere long the divine traces would become manifest to all. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this manifest hour.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Thou hast been mentioned in such wise that its fragrance shall never cease, and thou hast attained unto that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly dominion endure. We beseech God to make thee among those whom nothing whatsoever deterreth, whom the clamor of the divines feareth not, and whom the swords of the enemies weaken not.

O Lord! Aid Thy party to assist Thy Cause through the hosts of utterance, and ordain for them that which will exalt their stations among Thy servants and draw them near to the court of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy firm, decisive, and mighty Word.

This Wronged One chose solitude for two years, wandering alone through deserts and mountains. During these days of seclusion, chaos and confusion appeared. Some were seized by heedlessness, such that they turned away from that which is with God and clung to their own desires. Finally, the fire of tyranny was kindled and they perpetrated against His Holiness the Dayyan that which caused the stars of the heaven of joy to fall, the moon of justice to be deprived of light, and the sun of equity to be barred from radiance. In the Book of the Temple, specifically concerning His Holiness the Dayyan, the Point of the Bayan revealed from the heaven of knowledge, these exalted words: "O Name of the Dayyan! This is a hidden, treasured knowledge which We have entrusted unto thee and given thee as a glory from God, as the eye of thy heart is refined and knoweth its worth and exalteth its splendor" unto the end of His utterance–exalted be His utterance.

At the beginning of the Book of the Temple these sublime words are inscribed: "That which was revealed for His Holiness the Lion, the Unique, the One, Who is illumined with the Light of the Eternal, the Name of God, the Dayyan." And in another place He saith: "O Manifestation of Oneness" unto the end of His utterance. Likewise, in one place, addressing him, He saith: "O Third Letter who hath believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest." The meaning of this name is "the Recompenser of the Day of Recompense," and he was the third letter who attained to recognition, faith and presence. The purpose of the Book of the Temple was to make mention of this Most Great Cause and the Great Announcement, yet none perceived it. In one place He saith: "This knowledge is, in the sight of God, more precious than all else." The intention was to give glad-tidings to those who are detached concerning the appearance of the Hidden Treasure, which would not exceed nineteen years nor reach twenty. Now the fair-minded must judge: if this was not the intention, what could have been the reason for its precedence over other knowledge and its excellence above other utterances? In brief, desire maketh man to be deprived of justice and equity. They martyred His Holiness the Dayyan with such tyranny as caused the greatest joy to be transformed into supreme sorrow. Some have supposed the Book of the Temple to be about alchemy and divination. Vain indeed are their imaginings! The purpose of the Book is clear and evident as the sun.

Blessed are they who perceive! Likewise, they issued the verdict for the martyrdom of Mirza ’Ali-Akbar and martyred him, and similarly Aqa Abu’l-Qasim and others. In truth, the transgressions of these souls are beyond reckoning. This Wronged One hath never liked nor likes to make such mentions. The purpose is that some might become aware and speak the truth. They named the Dayyan “the father of evil” and Jinab-i-Khalil–concerning whom He saith in the Bayan “O My Khalil in the Scriptures! O My Remembrance in the Books after the Scriptures! O My Name in the Bayan!”–they called him “the father of calamities.” Then they arose to cut down the Blessed Tree, but God drove them away through His power and sovereignty, despite their will. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Effusive, the Protector, the Generous.

In nights and days We have arisen to render assistance, in such wise that the opposition of all the world’s peoples could not deter Us, and We have had and have no purpose except to reform and to extinguish the fire of enmity and hatred. To this beareth witness that which hath flowed from My Pen before the faces of men and that which My tongue hath spoken amongst the servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn all with that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to assist them to turn and return unto Him. Verily He is the Strong, the Mighty.

O Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali! We testify that thou hast attained unto a Book whose fragrance, whose call and whose remembrance shall never cease. It behooveth thee to thank God in the nights and days for this manifest grace, and to give the glad-tidings of this mighty announcement unto the servants with wisdom and utterance. Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of the dawning lights of divine bounty. Verily We have mentioned each one of them in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless.

And concerning that which thou didst subsequently ask, verily it shall be made manifest unto thee as a promise from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thy later petition hath attained unto the Most Holy Court. We praise God Who hath caused thee to know His Cause, taught thee His remembrance, and guided thee to His straight path. The world and all that is therein shall perish, but there shall endure thy deeds in the days of God and that which flowed from thy pen in praise and remembrance of the Wronged One. We beseech Him to strengthen thee, to prosper thee, and to aid thee with the hosts of utterance that thou mayest guide the people and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful, and praise be to God, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

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Beloved of the heart, His Holiness Ali-Qabli-Nabil, son of His Holiness Ismu’llah Al-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, may take note:

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

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

My God, my God! Thou seest my weakness before the manifestations of Thy power, and my impotence before the expressions of Thy might, and my poverty before the ocean of Thy riches. By Thy glory! When I make mention of Thee, bewilderment and shame so overwhelm me that I long to hide myself beneath the layers of the earth’s dust. Alas, alas, for my ignorance before the manifestations of the Sun of Thy knowledge! I testify that in this station, when I utter Thy remembrance, my limbs and members tremble from fear of Thee. Alas, alas! I see my deeds contrary to that which issues from my mouth before the kingdom of Thy utterance, and yet in one station my outer being and my inner being, my features and my veins and my very hairs cry out to me: “Grieve not at this, for verily He, exalted be His glory, when the ocean of His grace surged and the fragrance of His bounty wafted, permitted His servants to make mention of Him and to praise Him.” By Thy might and Thy majesty! In another station verily Thou didst create the tongue for Thy remembrance and the eyes for beholding the lights of Thy manifestation. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Most Great Name and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the world was illumined, to transform that which befitteth Thee not and befitteth not Thy days into that which is worthy of Thy manifestation and Thy sovereignty. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have acknowledged Thy power and Thy authority, and Thy mercy which hath preceded Thy creatures and Thy servants. O my Lord! Ordain for Thy servant and for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and sanctify them from all that beseemeth not the court of Thy glory and the threshold of Thy nearness. Verily Thou art the One with power over rejection and acceptance, over denial and attainment, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

After repeated communications from that beloved of hearts arrived, they were repeatedly honored before the Throne of the Lord. Wave upon wave of the ocean of grace appeared at its zenith, and from the Tongue of Grandeur flowed that which no pen can enumerate and no ink can fulfill. Yet the delay in response was due to the abundance of correspondence - such was the decree of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That beloved one himself bears witness to what was mentioned, until the letters culminated in this letter dated the fourth of the revered month of Sha’ban. The realms of eternal knowledge bear true witness that whatever flowed from that beloved’s pen was the source of greatest joy and the dawning-place of supreme gladness, for from each letter and word thereof wafted the fragrance of remembrance, praise, acceptance, devotion and steadfastness in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. After its

reading, approaching the station before the presence of the Lord of all beings, it was presented. Thereupon the Kingdom of Utterance was stirred and there was revealed that which attracted the hearts of the people of the cities of knowledge and wisdom. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

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

O son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Reflect upon the Wronged One's Cause and upon that which befell Him of tribulations and ordeals. In all times there shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace that which illumined the realm of seeking and longing, and there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which raised the dead and endowed them with a new and wondrous life. O son of Asdagh! If one possessed of true hearing be found, he would hear that which the sincere ones and those near unto God heard on the Mount of Knowledge. The purpose of manifestation, remembrance and utterance is that discord might be removed and replaced by unity, and that all might be adorned with blessed and praiseworthy attributes and character that preserve and elevate. Yet in some the opposite is evident - in the station of unity, discord is witnessed, and in the station of trustworthiness, treachery. Ask God that He may enable His servants to drink from the cup of detachment and be adorned with the ornament of godliness. Some have forgotten the divine counsel and have manifested deeds that have caused God's Cause to be wasted among the heedless and the negligent. The ignorant of the world attribute to the Truth whatever reprehensible act they witness from those who claim to love Him. Therefore has My Most Exalted Pen lamented in the Most Sublime Summit and eyes have wept in the Most Glorious Paradise.

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

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

the outpourings and favors of Him Who is the Goal of all beings. Verily our Lord is the All-Loving, the Forgiving.

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

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

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

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

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

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

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

And We make mention of him who was named Allahyar Beg that he may hold fast to the cord of the Chosen One and that his outer and inner tongue may testify to that which the Speaker of the Mount testified when He was established upon the throne of manifestation, and that he may circle round the

Cause with such steadfastness as will not be prevented by the Pharaohs of the earth nor the tyrants of the lands.

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

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

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

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

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

O Abu'l-Qasim! Thy name hath been presented before the Countenance. The face of God hath turned unto thee from this station, and there hath been sent down for thee that which hath caused the fire to blaze forth in the trees, proclaiming: There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the Compelling. Remind the people of the verses of thy Lord and give them glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the most exalted station.

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

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

O Bijistan, rejoice, then praise, then glorify, then give thanks for being mentioned by Him through Whose Word the heavens and earth were created! How many learned ones were not mentioned before the Wronged One, how many mystics denied the One Known, and how many men were debarred from the Living Waters in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful! But thou hast attained the grace and mercy of God, and been mentioned by Him Who was remembered in the hearts of those near ones and the sincere ones. We have mentioned Ali in the Book and in the Scriptures and Tablets time and again, and then those who believed in God, Lord of the Mighty Throne. We beseech God to raise up from thee men who will aid their Lord through deeds and counsel people through virtuous conduct, and We enjoin upon them love and fellowship. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard the call of those who have turned towards Us and have answered them with a Tablet that shall testify for them in all the worlds of God, the King, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O son of My Name! Proclaim unto the faces of My servants in My lands, then recite unto them the verses of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. We have sent down for thee in these days that which hath caused the lips of utterance to smile. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for the friends of God in Faran. His word, exalted be His majesty and greatness: Praise be to God! The friends of that land have attained the light of faith. Faran is a good name from which the fragrance of love is inhaled. They may take pride in this name which hath proceeded from the mouth of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, the effects of this name shall become manifest and evident in the friends of that land through God's will. We make mention of all at this time - those souls who intended toward the Kaaba of God and drank the choice wine of His presence from the hands of bestowal. All are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, those souls attained mention, presence and meeting, and likewise the other friends have repeatedly been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in these days. O son of Asdaq! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Now it is Our wish to make mention of the souls named in the letter, that thou mayest know My friends through My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and earth.

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

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

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

He is God! O Abdul-Ali, upon thee be the everlasting Glory of God! Give thanks unto God for the Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of the nations who have fulfilled God's covenant and testament and

taken hold of the Book with strength from Him. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained the choice wine of My utterance, the Kawthar of My knowledge and the Salsabil of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Luminous. The Glory from Us be upon the people of Glory who have turned with their hearts to this Great News.

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

He is God! […]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blessed is he who hath held fast unto My cord and hath spoken My praise amongst My servants. He is indeed of the sincere ones in My perspicuous Book.

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

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

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

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

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

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

O My loved ones! Hear My call from the direction of My prison, then remember what has befallen the Wronged One from those who claim knowledge for themselves yet commit that which causes the Concourse on High to lament. He Who came with the truth in the kingdom of verses bears witness to this.

We give glad tidings to each one among the steadfast men and women of what God, the Lord of lords, has ordained for them. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who have heard the call and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in earth and heaven!”

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

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

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

When mention was made of each of the loved ones in the presence of the Lord of all beings, they were blessed with the Most Great Favor. The purpose of creation is that souls should be mentioned in His presence and thereby attain to service. The rain of mercy from the clouds of grace and favor descends unceasingly and without delay. No name has been mentioned but that there has been revealed for it that which shall endure through His enduring Name. Blessed are they who exist in these days and are mentioned before His Face.

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

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

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

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

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

O youth named Rida! My loved ones there have attained unto My mention time after time, and in these days We have mentioned them again and again with a mention whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this exalted station have been enraptured. Give thanks unto God for His having turned toward thee and adorned thy deed and the deeds of My loved ones with an ornament whereby the cities of deeds have been illumined. Reflect upon that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen that thou mayest find the sweetness of My mention and that which hath been sent down from My Kingdom and the heaven of My favor that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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

O Haji Mirza Husayn! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to enrapture the cities of remembrance. Among them are those who have said: "O loved ones of God! Arise, then draw nigh with pure hearts, sanctified souls, radiant faces, attentive ears, and steadfast feet." By God! That which hath caused all things to soar hath been raised up, and that hath appeared at whose manifestation all who are in the heavens and on earth have bowed down in submission. We have sent down for thee that wherefrom the near ones perceive the fragrance of My love. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath heard that which was raised up from the Most Exalted Paradise. He is among the sincere ones, as every just and informed one doth testify. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My grace. Thy Lord,

verily, is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee, upon thy son, and upon those whom the clamor of the heedless hath not kept back from My straight Path.

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

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

We make mention of another handmaiden. Verily, He loveth His friends and handmaidens who have cast away the world for love of Him and His good-pleasure, and who have taken that which they were bidden in His Book, before which all nations have bowed down when it was sent down. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. We counsel all once again regarding the Most Great Trustworthiness. By My life! There hath appeared in the Great City a treachery which hath caused honored servants to lament. We are God’s, and unto Him shall we return.

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

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

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

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

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

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

O Muhammad! God hath heard thy call and hath sent down for thee that which cannot be equaled by what the people possess. The Book of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness to this. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear My call, and the face that hath turned toward My direction, and the eye that hath beheld the traces of My Pen, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The excellences of the divine days are beyond limitation, and His outpourings are sanctified from end and reckoning. Blessed is the soul that hath not been prevented by clamor, sighing, tumult and croaking from turning toward the Daystar of the horizons, who hath turned with a luminous countenance and, with an eye sanctified from soreness and an ear purified from impediment, hath intended the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit. The Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that such a one is worthy of Glory, established upon the Crimson Ark. Thus hath the Daystar of bounty shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the favor of the Lord of all humanity. Blessed are the people who understand! Blessed art thou for having turned and hearkened when most of the handmaidens and men were prevented from turning. We beseech God to assist thee in serving My Cause and to ordain for thee the good of all His worlds. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Ismail! Hear My call from the Kingdom of Mine utterance. Verily it draws thee to the horizon from which the light hath shone forth and illumined the darkness. He who loved Me and arose to serve Me hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with verses beside which the mention of treasures and riches fade into nothingness. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained in His preserved Tablet. We have adorned the heaven of proof with the stars of remembrance and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained. He is of those whom God hath described in the Furqan with His words: “They speak not before He hath spoken, and they do according to His bidding.”

We make mention of My handmaidens who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and acted according to what was commanded in My preserved Book. O My handmaidens and My leaves in the cities and lands! Hear the call of your Lord, the Chosen One. He hath come from the horizon of power with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the seen and the unseen. He hath remembered every servant who turned unto Him and every handmaiden who turned and hearkened and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, for having guided Thy servants unto Thy horizon and Thy leaves unto the Tree of Thy Cause." I beseech Thee by Thy Cause which hath subdued the world and the nations to forgive them and aid them in that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the True One, the Knower of things unseen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My servants and My leaves who have believed in Him and His signs on the Day whereon the Balance hath been set up and the Trump hath been sounded.

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

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

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

O My loved ones in Kheirabad! I do not complain of My tribulations and sorrows, but rather mention that which leads to awakening, vigilance and awareness. Every land and city that has today attained the presence of the people of Baha and become conscious of the cause and reason for its own appearance is accounted and reckoned among those who have attained unto God. But the people of Baha are souls who have clung to the Will of God and held fast to the hem of His Purpose. They are the dawning-places of chastity and trustworthiness and the daysprings of covenant and fidelity. I swear by the Lord of the Day that if someone were to call out today "When were the divine counsels revealed and in which scroll were they inscribed?", countless tablets from all corners of the world would cry out "We are the bearers of divine counsels and heavenly exhortations, and We have imparted to every soul that which ensures eternal salvation and everlasting glory." Yet some who claim to love Him have seized the temple of trustworthiness and dragged it in chains. That faithless oppressor torments it morn and eve with the lash of tyranny. Such oppression has reached a point where even the pebbles cry out and the date-pit laments "Woe is me!" It behooveth every soul to say:

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

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

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

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

Mention was made of Zaveh and the friends of God in that land, especially mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, and mention of his enthusiasm, dedication and arising to serve the Cause. After this matter was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, a Tablet was revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings. The servant beseecheth his Lord to honor him with meeting his Tablet and to grant him what lieth concealed within its binding words. It is hoped that they will kindle those regions with the fire of the Tree and illuminate them with the light of oneness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. This servant beseecheth confirmation and assistance for them, that they may guide the people of the contingent world with wisdom and utterance and lead them to their goal.

In the Tablet of Wisdom these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of the Will of Him Who revealeth the verses. His blessed and exalted Word: “Indeed utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As regards penetration, it dependeth upon pure and unencumbered hearts; as regards moderation, it should be combined with wisdom as prescribed in the Tablets and Scriptures.”

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

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

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

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

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

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

He is the One Who speaketh the Truth […]

O Shaykh, O thou who art called by the name of thy Lord! The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and mentioneth thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of grace to be diffused. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! I beseech Thee by the hearts which were melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom were illumined, and by the ocean of Thy grace and the sea of Thy signs, to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the outpourings of Thy days, and let me not be debarred from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones through whom Thou hast raised the banner of Thy Revelation on the mount of knowledge and uplifted the standards of Thy guidance amidst all peoples, that Thou mayest make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance, who have circled round Thy Will, detached from their own desires, and who have taken hold of Thy Book with a power from Thee and a sovereignty from Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou art He Who hath awakened me and caused me to hear and guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy firm and mighty Command. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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

He is the One manifest and seated upon the throne of utterance! O Rajab-Qubl-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory! The days have come wherein the seekers have turned toward the Sacred House of God and circled round it by His command and have done that which He hath enjoined them in His Book. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else save Him and hath attained unto that which the near ones have attained through His grace and bounty. I beseech Him to ordain for them from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the eyes of all beings. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and He is in the Most Sublime Horizon. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Arise to make mention of thy Lord and give glad tidings unto the servants with wisdom and utterance of that which hath been revealed for them that they may thank their Lord, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is the day of witnessing and hearing. Blessed is the ear that hath not been hindered by ancient tales and the eye that hath not been veiled by the veils of the heedless. Proclaim the greatness of the Wronged One before the faces of My loved ones and illumine them with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving providence. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics, for having illumined my heart in Thy days and guided me unto Thy Most Great and Supreme Path.

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

He is the All-Hearing from His Most Sublime Horizon! O Muhammad-Qubl-Husayn! We have made mention of God's friends and loved ones both before and after. He turned unto them before they turned unto Him and remembered them before they remembered Him and directed Himself toward them before they directed themselves toward Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty. And in another instance He turned unto them after they turned unto Him and remembered them after they remembered Him. Verily, at every moment He is engaged in a fresh manifestation. No occupation diverteth Him from another occupation, nor do the hosts of the oppressors hinder Him. Through Him the decree of affirmation appeared and every wise command was revealed. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance lest the clamor of the heedless be raised. He hath appeared through grace and made manifest that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the seeing one whom nothing hath prevented from beholding My signs and the hearing one who hath heard the call of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged forth as a grace from God that thou mayest give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them who are nigh, for having guided me unto the court of Thy might and given me to drink of the cup of Thy love and illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge and remembered me in Thy prison and revealed for me that whereby the hearts of the sincere ones were attracted.

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

He is the All-Seeing in the Most Sublime Horizon […]

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

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

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

Say: O company of divines from among the Persians! Ye have seized the reins of men through My Name and occupy the highest seats through your connection to My Cause. Yet when I manifested Myself, ye

turned away and committed that which caused the tears of them that have recognized to flow. Soon shall all that ye possess perish and your glory be turned into the most great abasement, and ye shall behold the recompense of your deeds from God, the Commander, the Wise. Blessed art thou for having cast aside idle fancy and taken the Self-Subsisting One as thy helper. Verily, He is with those who love Him - He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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

Mention was made of the friends in the Land of Kha. Praise be to God, each one hath been and shall be blessed with divine grace, bounty and mercy, both in the past and present. The beloved spiritual friend, his honor Ibn-i-Shahid, upon both of them be the Glory of God and His favors, hath received an abundant portion from the ocean of divine mention, for his name hath been mentioned repeatedly. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. And the beloved of the heart, his honor ’Ayn and Lam, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors - his letters have arrived repeatedly, yet due to the volume of correspondence, replies have been delayed. It is hoped that in these days something may be written to him. That beloved one knoweth and hath seen how many responses are written and sent in reply to his letters, while letters continually arrive from all directions requiring answers. In truth, this servant is astounded at the power and might that hath been and is being manifested. In each reply numerous names are mentioned, and for each one there hath been revealed that which hath no peer or likeness. Divine favor hath reached such a degree that no seeker hath been deprived and no petitioner forbidden. All have been blessed with God’s favors and tokens. What pen is worthy to describe this station and what tongue capable of portraying this bounty? Nevertheless, the polytheists of the Bayan have denied it all. Never was it imagined that such tyranny would appear from them. The testaments of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, have been cast aside, their entreaties and schemes effaced. The only difference is that the same delusions of the Shi’ih faction have been more firmly established. For twelve hundred years they cried “O Successor!” and then martyred the Desired One through Whose word a thousand successors are created. Take ye warning! Take ye warning! Take ye warning! Take ye warning! Take ye warning! O ye who have eyes to see! O ye who have insight! O ye who have understanding! O ye who have knowledge! O ye who are turned unto God! The world is bewildered - they mention a single letter from the pulpit and lament, while cursing the Creator, the Provider, the Quickener, the Slayer, and His Manifestation, then descend from the pulpit. Such is the condition of these heedless, tyrannical people.

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

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

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

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

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, who has attained unto the honor of being remembered. Praise be to God, he has repeatedly been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and time after time his name has flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, as have his journeys for the exaltation of the Word of God. In these days too, mention of him has been revealed in various Tablets. As for his request for permission to proceed, which was sought from the heaven of divine favor, after its presentation it was commanded that he should, in those same regions, engage in teaching for the sake of God, detached from all else save Him. In the Most Exalted Threshold, a certain Isfahani, despite being shown the utmost favor, has united with the enemy of God and has incited certain base individuals who revile the believers. They have committed that which no oppressor has ever done. The fire of greed and avarice has seized them; they have misappropriated large sums belonging to the servants of God under the pretense that it was stolen. In short, they have abandoned trustworthiness and clung to treachery, and now they are engaged in corruption. We beseech God to adorn them with fairness and aid them to return. I swear by the Sun of Truth, they have committed that which has no likeness or equal. The decree of God is that none should be molested; however, association, conversation, and meeting with those souls who have turned away and whose opposition has become evident is not permitted. This is a decree that hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of the Ancient Commander. Blessed is he who hath cast aside his own desires and taken hold of that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath desired.

Mention was made of the kindred in the Land of ?a. Some time ago, detailed mention was made from that land of their acceptance, love, and devotion, and this attained unto the honor of being presented

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

Concerning what was written about the intention of some relatives to travel there - in these days such travel is not permissible, for the thieves have become highway robbers in the great city. Out of love for the honored Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, assistance was rendered to that person from Isfahan who is now present in the great city. When his business became established and became a point of reference for the friends from all directions, he became inflamed with the fire of greed and avarice. His purpose was to eliminate the honored Nabil Ibn Nabil Haji Shaykh Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. He then united with another person like himself - whose details you have surely heard or will hear - in corruption, and absconded with a large sum of people's money, crying out that thieves had taken it. When this false accusation was not accepted from him, he arose in opposition and proceeded to violate the sanctity of the Cause before all the non-Baha'is of the great city, saying "The Babis came and stole my money." The purpose of mentioning this is so that that beloved one and the friends may be aware that no one should travel to the great city. The wickedness of those two souls has reached the highest degree - they have destroyed the dignity of the Cause of God before the non-Baha'is. This servant begs his Lord to send one who will make known to the people their lies and calumnies. Verily, He has power over all things.

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

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

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

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

The page of supplications that was sent by the loved ones to the Most Holy Court was heard. The honored Ibn-i-Shahid, upon both of them be the Glory of God and His favors unto the end of names, and the loved ones and leaves, upon them be 669 [the Glory of God], each received their portion from the ocean of utterance of the Goal of all the worlds and attained special favors. However, due to lack of time and opportunity, this was mentioned briefly. In truth, whatsoever hath proceeded from the Tongue of Grandeur was and is mighty and all-encompassing. This servant also conveyeth greetings and praise to each one and hath sought and seeketh for each one holy confirmation and assistance beyond the comprehension of minds. Verily our Lord is the Generous, the Munificent. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Praise be to God Who created the letters in the realms of the cloud of unknowing behind the pavilions of holiness in the highest horizon, then gave them to drink from the chalices of eternity according to what was ordained in the Tablets of Destiny, that through them might be quickened the hearts of those near unto God in the heaven of fulfillment. Then He clothed them in garments of black, as was ordained by His eternal decree in the treasury of destiny upon the crimson domes, and as it was foreordained in knowledge that the water of life should be concealed in the darkness of the realms of names at the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End. Then He caused them to descend to the kingdom of creation in the atmosphere of destiny. Thereupon the Voice called out from the Most Exalted Sanctuary, addressing the Primal Pen: "O Pen! Write upon the luminous white tablet from the mysteries of eternity!" Then the Pen was struck unconscious from yearning at this call for seventy thousand years by the reckoning of those who count. When it recovered as the decree of destiny returned to it once again, it wept for seventy thousand years with crimson tears. Then it stood before God in a time not preceded by the decree of primordiality in the beginning, nor followed by the decree of finality in the end. When it was consumed by the fire of separation as the sweetest call was cut off from it, there appeared in its tears the color of black in the heaven of faithfulness, and a drop of these black tears fell upon the tablet. Then appeared the Point in the realm of beginning, and this Point was adorned with the ornament of primordiality upon the mirrors of letters in the essences of names. Then the Alif received it before all letters in the atoms of things, and this divine Point was detailed in the form of this eternal Alif as the breezes of the All-Merciful wafted upon it from the source of divine unity. Then the face of divine oneness was unveiled from behind the green veils, and the temple of the Point appeared in the form of the Alif, and it stood upon the tablet, standing by the command of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in the world of attributes and names. This is the station wherein the essence of the divine Will donned the garment of names and was adorned with the robe of attributes in the city of grandeur. When this standing Alif became established upon the luminous tablet, it manifested with another wondrous manifestation. Then appeared the disconnected letters at the beginning of the Manifestations to indicate the worlds of divine unity and command in the cities of creation. Then from these letters which appeared and shone forth from the Alif of primordiality at the beginning of the Manifestations emerged the worlds of limitation and multiplicity. When they were detailed and separated and disconnected, then gathered and combined and mixed and joined, there appeared the comprehensive words and compound letters in the worlds of creation in the temples of names and attributes. Then was completed the creation of the worlds of dominion and the ornament of destiny in the manifestations of beings, that all might testify with the tongue of their essence that He is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Creator, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Sovereign, and that Ali before Muhammad is the Manifestation of the Divine Essence and the Manifestation of Attributes, from whom began all contingent things and to whom return all created things. He it is who manifested from His bountiful Self the Spirit of the All-Merciful, through which He created the realities of substances and capacities in the world of possibility, and the manifestations of beings in the worlds of existence, and the mirrors reflecting Him, and the letters speaking from Him–the first creation of God and the beginning of manifestations and the return of the servants on the Day of Assembly. This is how God distinguished

them above all other creation in the world of pre-existence. Through them shone forth the lights, appeared the moons, blazed the suns, and gleamed the stars, and all of them tell of Him and indicate Him such that there is no difference between Him […]

By them are the ages made to revolve and the cycles to roll, and the trees of unity to be planted, and the fruits of oneness to appear, and the rains of detachment to descend, until the Point returneth to its original station after its revolution around itself and its attainment to its place. Then doth the end return to the beginning, and at that time is heard the call of the First from the Divine Lote-Tree at the renewed rising of the sun. This is what the Dove warbleth in the pole of eternity on this Night of Unity wherein burneth the fire of Oneness from the Sinai Tree in the shadow of the Most Ancient Name and the Eternal Mystery, Who was named the Ever-Living in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, that all manifestations in the innermost heart may testify to that which is hidden, that verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Beneficent.

This is a Book from the Letter B before H to those who have believed in God and have attained unto the lights of guidance, that it may bring them to the pavilions of holiness and draw them nigh unto the seat which none of those who denied God have reached - to this do testify the Temples of Names in the cities of attributes, and beyond them the holy angels bear witness. Say: Verily in the song of the Dove upon the branches, and the melodies of the leaves of Paradise, and the surging of the sea of Oneness, and the rising of the clouds of wisdom, and the descent of the rains, and the flowing of rivers from rocks, and the establishment of the Temple of Eternity upon the throne of lights, are signs for those who, with the eye of God, observe the realities of things. Therefore ponder, O concourse of loved ones, upon the creation of the heavens and earth, then upon your own selves, if ye be among those who are guided by the lights of guidance in the days of the Face.

Verily there hath appeared before Us a letter from him who is denoted by the letter Qaf, who hath journeyed of his own accord and migrated unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, who hath attained unto the holy precincts and entered the Egypt of certitude, at a station wherein the Fire of God blazeth forth behind the veils of light, and wherein the Lamp of Unity is enkindled within a lantern of concealed glory. Thus have they who have forsaken their homes for the love of God outstripped those who have not drawn nigh unto the sacred shore in that City round which circle they who are near unto God. He hath asked in his letter concerning mysteries which none in all creation hath ever surpassed, whose veil hath been lifted from no face among all beings, and which the mystics have failed to comprehend. Hearken then unto that which the Herald of the Spirit calleth out unto thee from this blessed Spot beyond the crimson sea, in the surging ocean of fire. Know thou that that which thou hast asked concerning the Verse of Light that was revealed aforetime unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God - the learned are powerless to fathom it. Were all the pens in God's knowledge and all the oceans in His power to become ink, and were the fingers of might to inscribe that which hath been and shall be, yet would the meanings of but a single letter revealed by the tongue of glory in this blessed and revealed verse remain unexhausted. Nevertheless, I shall cause to trickle down upon thee a drop from the ocean of knowledge and wisdom, that thou mayest be of them that hasten unto the fields of knowledge and drink from the chalices of grace proffered by immortal youths upon eternal thrones. When Moses had fulfilled His term in the Midian of creation, He returned with His family and entered the wilderness of Sinai in the holy valley, on

the right side of the spot of Paradise, upon the shore of eternity. Then did He hear the Call from the Supreme Horizon, from the divine sanctuary: “O Moses! Behold what thou seest. Verily, I am God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob.” Thereupon did Moses cover His face in fear of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Again was He called, at the shore of the Sea of Grandeur in the crimson dome: “O Moses, lift up thy head!” And when He lifted it, He beheld a Fire burning and shining from the Ultimate Tree in the verdant valley. Thus was He guided by the supreme guidance from the Fire kindled in the Tree of eternity. Then did He cast off the sandals of desire and detach Himself from the kingdom of the first and the last. All this did God ordain for Him, as ye read in the Tablets. Thereby was His Cause exalted and His mention elevated, and He was among those who turned toward the paths of justice by the lights of the Fire. This is what was decreed for Moses, son of ’Imran, in the dome of the pomegranate, did ye but know. Thus did Paran of love witness, at the surging forth of the Fire in the Horeb of holiness and the Sinai of nearness, if ye behold with the eye of God in the scrolls of justice. When the veils of Oneness were rent asunder and the lights of Unity shone forth in the Muhammadan Beauty, the Fire of the divine Essence was kindled within Himself, by Himself, for Himself, and the Fire of the Tree was ignited in His breast. Then did the ardor of love and the raptures of longing seize Him from every direction, and He heard God’s call from the Tree of Man in His inmost heart, that “Verily Thou art God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Mighty, the Holy.” This is what was decreed in the wilderness of the Spirit for Muhammad at a station unto which the hearts of those who existed aforetime could not draw nigh. Thus do We recount unto thee from the mysteries of knowledge […]

And thus do We mention unto thee of the mysteries of knowledge and the gems of wisdom, that perchance the people may kindle and be set ablaze by the fire of God in the Tree of Remembrance. When Muhammad, the Apostle of God, desired to make mention of this most exalted station, that He might acquaint them with the mysteries of Divine Unity in the Tree of His own Self and convey to them His independence from the Fire that appeared unto Moses in the Sinai of Command, God revealed unto Him this luminous verse, that it might serve as a proof unto those who were given the Torah and as guidance unto those who were guided by the lights of guidance in the Muhammadan Tree. And God commanded Moses to give glad tidings unto the people of this Sinai in this Ahmadic Spot, as attesteth that which was sent down in the Book: “We sent Moses with Our signs, saying: ‘Lead thy people from darkness unto light and remind them of the days of God.’” This is what was inscribed in the Tablets, did ye but know. How then can one who giveth glad tidings of His days attain unto His station, could ye but perceive! Know thou that when Moses beheld the Fire of the Tree on the right side of the Valley, He was guided thereby and became of those who, by God’s leave, entered the blessed spot. But Muhammad, ere He had perceived or been touched by any fire, was made by God a light unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and through this light He guided whomsoever He pleased among His creatures. This is what hath been inscribed in the Book, and ye read it in the Qur’an. Know then that the station of the Niche mentioned in this verse referreth to His Self, the Lamp to His illumined Heart, and the Glass to His holy Temple wherein glowed and shone forth the Lamp of Divine Unity, and through which the Light was kindled, whereby were illumined all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus do We make mention unto you, that ye may be illumined by this Light in the days of the Spirit. After this Light had shone forth in the Lamp of the Muhammadan Reality and was kindled in the Niche of the Ahmadic Being, and the creation of Divine Unity was perfected in His ancient Temple, God commanded Him to remind the people of His meeting in

the other Resurrection and to give them glad tidings of a holy and praiseworthy station in the place where the Concourse on High and the souls of them who are nigh unto God shall be gathered together, where the clouds of grace shall be lifted up and the believers shall then rejoice in the gladness of God. This is what was promised in the preserved Tablets of glory in His words, exalted be His sovereignty: "On the day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord." This is what was promised unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that all might testify within themselves that this is indeed the Truth, there is none other God but Him, and that He is in truth the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen. Know thou then the station of Him Who came in the shirt of 'Ali upon clouds of light, He of Whose meeting Muhammad, the Apostle of God, gave glad tidings for the day wherein the sincere ones shall rejoice. Then know that after He came unto them with clear signs, what the calumniators said and what they did unto Him, whereat the Pen is ashamed to recount, and God beareth witness unto this, though ye witness it not. They rejected Him and denied Him, and some among them said: "He hath forged a lie against God," or "He seeketh to bewitch the people." Thereby were they veiled from the meeting with God, and they answered Him not in His Cause, nor did they turn unto the Face unto which turn the near ones. O people of the Bayan! Give thanks unto God for what He hath bestowed upon you through His grace, in that He hath made you to know His Self and honored you with His presence.

He hath honored you with His presence and raised you up with the truth and hath sent down unto you that which maketh you independent of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, after all had awaited His days and all had been promised thereof. Thus know thou what We have imparted unto thee in truth and have honored thee with grace, wherein We have sheltered thee on the shore of knowledge and taught thee the ways of understanding and drawn thee nigh unto the fire whereby were set ablaze the hearts of them that have believed and do at all times put their trust in God their Lord. Then know thou that the purpose of the verse was none other than what We have taught thee in truth, yet none knoweth it save they who have been patient in God, and none comprehendeth it save the sincere ones. This is of the grace that no one of old hath preceded nor shall any of the last ones surpass. But thou, O questioning seeker, in these days wherein the sun of loving-kindness hath dawned from the dayspring of oneness and the lamp of divine identity hath shone forth from the niche of eternity, shalt not witness this verse except in the temple which God hath concealed behind the pavilions of glory in the precincts of the nearness of the Beloved. Dost thou not witness how God hath lit it for Himself with His own fire in the niche of eternity and preserved it with the lamp of power between earth and heaven lest the breezes of polytheism blow upon it? And the light thereof hath appeared from behind seventy thousand veils to the extent of a needle's eye, and the glass vessels of the existence of all created things have been illumined thereby, such that they all speak of God their Creator in that this divine fire hath been manifested unto them. This is what We impart unto thee from the wonders of hidden knowledge that thou mayest give thanks unto God thy Lord at all times, and all the believers likewise, and that thou mayest be well-pleased with thyself in that He hath turned thee toward a shore whereupon no foot of any created thing hath trod save those who are at all times consumed with the fire of love, and none shall draw nigh unto it save they who have detached themselves from all who dwell in the dominions of command and creation and who tread the paths of submission by God's leave. We have thus sufficed with what We have interpreted for thee regarding this holy verse and have been brief in explaining its meanings, for We have interpreted it aforetime in diverse expressions and allusions that

would confound the minds of the mystics. Be thou content with what hath been sent down unto thee on this blessed night which God hath made one of those nights wherein every firm decree was ordained by the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. And if thou be not content with what the Pen of Power hath inscribed on these luminous tablets, then return unto what was traced aforetime by the finger of manifest glory, for in the Lote-Tree of utterances hath been kindled the fire of unity and none shall derive light therefrom save the unitarians, and upon its branches are doves all created from the fire of the divine Essence and none shall hear their melodies save them that are detached. By God! If thou wouldst sharpen thy vision, thou wouldst know all sciences from what hath been inscribed in these tablets and become independent of aught else, and this is a known truth.

As to what you have asked about the disconnected letters in the Sacred Scriptures and Holy Books, know that each of these letters contains signs for those who understand, and within them are symbols, allusions, meanings and indications that none can comprehend except those who walk in the path of God's good-pleasure and who sail upon the ocean of knowledge. Their mysteries have ever remained treasured in the vaults of infallibility, sealed with the seal of power, and veiled by the veil of glory. But now its seal is loosened according to your station and capacity, and according to what people are able to understand, so that those who have been guided by God may testify that all this was created in the Temple of Him Who speaks the truth, around Whom circle all the sublime letters and comprehensive words, could ye but understand.

Know that these letters, in one station, indicate the eternal essences, the divine realities, and the primal manifestations of the Divine Identity, even as you read in the Qur'an - exalted be His light - at the beginning of the Book: "Alif. Lam. Mim. This is the Book; there is no doubt in it, a guidance to the God-fearing." In this station, God named His Beloved with these extended, disconnected letters, that those who soar in the atmosphere of the spirit on the wings of detachment might attain certitude.

O Muhammad! This is from the Book - the book of thine own self, and this is from the Preserved Tablet which none can comprehend save God alone, and from it all books are differentiated, would ye but be certain. This is from the Book wherein is detailed the knowledge of what was and what will be, by which the guided ones are guided. All that was revealed in the Books and Scriptures of old is but a letter from that Book, and none knows this save those who ascend to the atmosphere of nearness on the Buraq of glory.

All this is mentioned in the station of description; otherwise this Essential Book hath a station beyond all that can be mentioned or described by any describer. All that was and will be is created by His command "Be!" and it is. Therefore, know the Book of Muhammad's Self wherein all mysteries are inscribed by the Pen of God, the Self-Subsisting, that thou mayest testify that there is no God but Him, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Thus it was revealed aforetime: "Read the book of thine own self." This is the Book which sufficeth those who believe and conveyeth them to the shore of a treasured Name. In another station, it referreth to the Book which was revealed unto him in truth, which God made as a criterion between those who believe and those who disbelieve and deal unjustly with their Lord.

In yet another station, know that when God named His Beloved with the compound letters and comprehensive words - even as ye speak His names as Muhammad, Ahmad, and Mahmud in the Kingdom of Names - He likewise named him with extended letters and disconnected characters, that all who possess divine understanding might know that all the most glorious letters and most beautiful names were created for him, for naught appeareth from the Beloved except that He intended it for His Beloved - and this is His Beloved, could ye but perceive with the eye of the spirit. This confirmeth the word uttered by the Eternal Dove: "By whatever name ye call upon Him, His are the most beautiful names" - this was revealed aforetime, and ye read it in His days, and now most people still read it.

Then know that through these extended and disconnected letters in the name of His Beloved, God created the extended essences […]

Know then that God hath created through these spread and detached letters in the name of His Beloved the spread essences and the exalted, subtle simplicities, even as ye behold in the mirrors reflecting the Muhammadan Sun. Likewise hath He created from the compound words in His name the limited forms composed of unitary elements, each according to their ranks receiving impressions from this Sun. Therefore ponder the creation of the heavens and earth that thou mayest recognize how every name existeth under the shadow of His Name and every attribute under the shadow of His Attribute, and be assured that all things lie within His mighty grasp. He createth from the letters of His Name, that ye may be among those who discern with the eye of God the manifestations of His handiwork. And in another station, the Alif signifieth the Absolute Divinity, and the Lam the Absolute Sovereignty which returneth unto His Own Self, established by His word "Verily your guardian is God alone" - this being of God's guardianship, the Mighty, the Praised. And the Mim signifieth the Essence of Muhammad and the Beauty of Ahmad. God addressed Him with these letters that all may be convinced that whatsoever is expressed in words, mentioned by created tongues, or perceived in the contingent realm, all appeareth in the garment of Muhammad. Thus doth the Dove sing unto you from every station the songs of the Spirit, that perchance ye may hearken unto that which is revealed unto you. By God! Were I to expound these three stations contained in these three letters, tablets would not suffice nor ink be adequate, yet We abbreviate each station, if ye be of them that understand. For the reins of the Pen are not in My grasp, out of fear of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and in whose breasts lurketh rancor against this Youth Who dwelleth in Iraq, Who summoneth all unto the Meeting-place, and Who hath dawned from the horizon of unity with a brilliance that hath encompassed all regions. Thus do We mention unto you some of the mysteries of the Cause, that perchance ye may become aware. Otherwise, by Him Who holdeth Husayn's soul in His hand, were it not for the thoughts of the hypocrites, I would mention in this Tablet that which would sever you from all who are in the heavens and earth, and bring you to a station that no ear hath heard nor eye perceived. This outpouring grace shall never cease, even were it to flow from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that none shall see, for the source of this divine spring and this ocean of unity is none other than the reality of the Lord's grace and the essence of eternal knowledge. How then could these sweet flowing waters ever be exhausted? Nay, by my Lord, they shall neither fail nor perish - to this testifieth that which We have demonstrated, and beyond this the dwellers of the Supreme Concourse bear witness. Can God's grace ever end or His outpourings ever cease? Nay, by the Lord of the heavens and earth! Rather His mercy hath preceded all

things and His grace encompassed all existence. Say: O people, this is of His grace which descendeth upon you from the clouds of knowledge as rains of wisdom, bestowing upon all contingent things that which shall admit them to the holy paradise and clothe them in the garment of immortality, if ye but reflect upon the mysteries of this grace. Say: O people, how can ye remain sleeping upon your couches, not arising from the seats of heedlessness after the Sun of Love hath risen and all decayed bodies are stirred by its heat, while ye remain like frozen mountains, not melting at the radiance of this Fire, though all who dwell in the precincts of eternity are set ablaze thereby? Say: O people, if ye hear not from this servant who is certain of God, then learn from this Lamp in the stations of love how it is kindled by the fire of love […]

Say: O people, ye are like frozen mountains that melt not at the radiance of this Fire, whilst all who dwell within the precincts of eternity are set ablaze thereby. Say: O people, if ye hear not from this servant who is assured of God, then learn from the stages of love how this lamp is enkindled and consumeth itself with the fire of its own being at every moment. Then hearken ye to the wondrous remembrances in its burning, for it calleth upon God in its inmost soul with the tongue deposited therein, saying: "O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which Thou hast sanctified above all other lamps, that Thou raise me up in the presence of the lovers, in that station wherein is mentioned the name of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Promised One Who cometh with the truth upon clouds of fire, circled round by the angels of His Cause. Then shall the clouds of holiness be lifted up and the Dove shall warble in such wise as to draw unto it the hearts of them that are nigh unto God."

Say: O people, hear My words, then recognize the worth of these days, hold fast unto the lustrous and hidden Thread, turn not unto the world and its ornaments, neither let adversity grieve you, nor let those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Mighty, the Beloved, cause you to waver. Be ye of the choicest of creation who are deterred by no hindrance, veiled by no reproach, prevented by no rejection, even should all who are on earth rise up against them, if ye but know. These are they who turn not unto any face nor care for aught in the kingdom, and should they pass by cities of gold, they pass them by as lightning, paying no heed thereto, swimming in the depths of detachment. These are they who, when the verses of their Lord are recited unto them, feel in their hearts the fire of divine unity and their very frames tremble with longing, then fall prostrate upon their faces before God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Most Holy.

All this is of the nature of them that are detached. We have cast it unto you in truth that ye might hasten with your own eyes unto the shore of grace. Know thou that in another station God intended by these letters the infinite mysteries, among which is an allusion to the duration of the concealment of the Beauty behind the pavilions of glory, even as ye witness in the traditions of the Imams of the Qur'an. After the passing of 'Alif Lam Mim Sad' and 'Alif Lam Mim Ra', the Mahdi shall arise. Thus should ye recognize these mysteries in all the letters until such time as the lights shall dawn from a holy and beloved dayspring.

Say: O people of the Bayan! All this pertaineth to the stages of creation and origination, and the manifestations of existence and invention - witness ye this! Otherwise, in that station wherein God hath made them the seat of His holy revelations, they neither point to aught, nor tell of aught, nor indicate aught, and all stand in the holy precincts. Say: O people of the Qur'an! The letters have ascended to their

places and the words to their stations, yet until now ye perceive it not. Have ye not heard the day when the Caller shall call out? Have ye not heard the Cry of Truth? How is it that ye remain until now dead within the veils of your own selves? Arise from the couches of heedlessness, then from ignorance and hatred, then hasten unto the remembrance of God - this is better for you if ye desire to return unto the homelands of nearness. Do ye not reflect upon the generations of the past and what befell them when they opposed the Messengers of God and turned away from His signs, though God sent not any Messenger except that He sent down with him a proof that would confound the most eloquent.

And with Him was revealed such proof as would confound the most eloquent, and every Messenger gave tidings of the Messenger Who would come after Him, and all were promised His coming. Consider, then, those who were given the Torah: before Moses was raised up among them, they were given glad tidings from God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, of the Prophet Who would come thereafter. But when Moses came to them with the rod of command and the Paran of love, they turned away from Him and said: "This is naught but a crazed sorcerer." They denied Him and disputed with Him and contended against Him until, after a number of years had passed, God raised Him up by His command and brought Him to the station ordained for Him, wherein He established His authority and proved His proof and cut off the root of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God and who transgressed without right. Even as ye today invoke blessings upon Moses and those who believed, and curse Pharaoh and his hosts. Thus do We recount unto you true tales, that ye may call to mind in the days of God.

Then Moses gave tidings to the people of Him Who would come after Him. But when Jesus came to them with manifest holy proofs, they waxed proud against Him and said: "Thou art not He, and art but a man bewitched." And likewise did Jesus give them tidings of the Prophet Who would come after Him with glorious intimations. But when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came unto them, they turned aside from Him and denied Him and said: "This is naught but a man who hath forged a lie against God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." Then, when He was raised unto God, they gathered round His Cause, as thou seest today, and all weep and lament over what befell Him, and curse those who wronged Him.

And at the time of His ascension to the most exalted Companion and His rising unto the supreme horizons, He promised the people of Him Who would come after Him, and the entire Qur'an beareth witness to this. And when the matter was accomplished and the time had elapsed, 'Ali came before Muhammad with clear signs and dazzling proofs and decisive evidences and manifest testimonies. Yet all grew proud against God in His Cause, though they had all been promised His meeting, as attesteth all that hath been inscribed in the Preserved Tablet, even as ye read in the Book that when God sealed Prophethood with His Beloved, He gave glad tidings to His servants of His meeting, and this was decreed with certainty.

But when God came in the shadows of clouds and the trumpet blast of the Cause was sounded and the heaven was cleft asunder and the mountains were crushed, they all drew back upon their heels. They await His meeting even as the Jews and Christians await what they were promised of old, and from that day until this hour they all wait. How many Messengers did God truthfully send after Moses until this time, yet the Jews perceived it not, saying each year, "He will come in another year." Know thou thereby their measure and the measure of those who dwell in the shadow of their own selves.

Behold, then, these idolaters in what they did of old and what they do today. Thus have We detailed unto you every tiding in detail and cast upon you what befell God's Messengers, that ye might become acquainted with the mysteries of the Cause and be of those who today have entered beneath the shadow of the Divine Countenance. And God hath raised them to a station wherein He made Himself known to them, after they had all turned away from Him. And now We return to Our previous theme and clothe the temple of words in a new raiment of meanings, wondrously woven, that thou mayest be certain that the reins of the Cause are in the grasp of One mighty and awesome.

We clothe anew the forms of words with the raiment of meaning, woven with fresh and wondrous threads, that thou mayest be assured that the reins of all affairs are held within the grasp of the Mighty, the Dreaded One, Who turneth them as He pleaseth. And when His command cometh to all who are in the kingdom, then are they all among those who are turned about. Know thou that were I to expound the meanings hidden within the Alif which hath been sent down at the beginning of the Book, and the pearls of knowledge concealed therein, verily all who are in the heavens and on earth would swoon away, save them who swim and dive and gather in the presence of the Face in the vast ocean of power. Then would the dogs of the earth assemble against Me, seizing Me with the claws of hatred, denying the grace which hath descended from clouds raised up in the name of God - grace whereby is quenched the thirst of those who, in the Paran of separation, are consumed by fire and some do perish, in such wise that were the spirit of life to be breathed into them, they would not be quickened. And a few among them do drink from these living waters flowing in the darkness of those words, and they praise God their Creator for that which hath shone upon them from the dawning-place of Iraq - the Light of the Horizons - after the spirits had swooned and then recovered. Thus mayest thou understand how the people are divided in their disagreements. For this did God aforetime reveal unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God: "Few of My servants are grateful." Nevertheless, as I do not wish to disappoint him who hath detached himself from all else save God, who hath journeyed unto Him and emigrated for His sake, I shall therefore impart according to the capacity of the servants, what souls can bear and minds can comprehend, that it may be a remembrance and glad-tidings from this servant to those who hasten to the Abode of Peace and enter beneath the shade of the Tree of Union. Hearken then unto that which is revealed unto thee in this blessed spot from this eternal Tree, from which no one hath taken fire, and which none approacheth save those who circle round about it and offer up their souls in His path after His leave, and who do thereby give thanks.

Know thou that the Alif in one station pointeth to His Most Great Name - He is God; and the Lam to His hidden knowledge; and the Mim to His Name 'the Bestower' - that is, I am God, the All-Knowing, the Bestower. These names God hath specially chosen for Himself at the beginning of His Book, and thereby He hath intended what He hath intended, and none knoweth how He hath intended, for none precedeth Him in His knowledge, and we are all assured of this and do acknowledge it. Then in another station God, glorified be He, intended by the Alif the oneness of His Essence, and by the Lam the Guardianship of His Guardian - for Lam is the letter of Guardianship, would ye but know it - and by the Mim the Prophethood of His Beloved, for it is the letter of Prophethood, as appeareth in the first letter of His Messenger's name, as ye yourselves witness. And He hath placed the letter of Guardianship before the letter of Prophethood, that they who possess understanding might testify that this is a glad-tiding from God unto

all who are in the heavens and on earth, that He Who cometh after Muhammad shall have, in His great name, the name of Guardianship preceding the name of Prophethood, even as ye recognize in ’Ali before Muhammad. This is confirmed by the second verse of the Furqan, as revealed in truth: “This is the Book, there is no doubt in it, a guidance to the God-fearing who believe in the Unseen.” And the Unseen in the time of Muhammad was none other than ’Ali before Nabil, would ye but believe in this Unseen. And concerning this Unseen did God take a covenant in the atom of the Furqan from all who are in the heavens […]

And through this Mystery did God take the Covenant in the atom of the Furqan from all who dwell in the heavens and earth, yet most people comprehend it not. Know then how the Bird of the Divine Throne warbles, singing in the lofty pavilions of eternity, teaching you that whereby your minds may find tranquility, your souls find rest, your hearts be gladdened, and the sincere ones rejoice. Then recognize the greatness of this Cause, how God hath made mention of it in the beginning of His Book, His first utterance, and His first address to His Beloved. Yet these transgressors violated God’s Covenant, broke His Pledge, denied His proof, and, not content with this, perpetrated against Him that which exhausted the patience of the patient ones. Thus do We impart unto you the mysteries of the Cause, would that ye hear with sanctified ears. By God! Were ye to ponder upon the letter Lam which hath descended between two letters, ye would attain unto all that ye desire. For the Lam in its form is three, even as those versed in calculation reckon in their computations, and by itself becomes three letters: Lam, Alif and Mim. Thus is gathered therein all that We are questioned about. For the Mim hath appeared from itself, and this indicateth its independence, were ye to soar in the atmosphere of detachment and the space of oneness. By this do those who seek proofs deduce that there is no God but He, Who was One in His Essence, One in His Attributes, One in His Name, and One in His Creation. Is there any god besides Him? Say: Glory be to God! There is no God but He, and we are all His servants, and all are bewildered in His handiwork. Thereby are the veils of polytheism burned away, the signs of limitation vanish, and the banners of the unitarians are raised. Then ponder the Alif which God hath made the link between the Lam and the Mim - a mystery that cannot be grasped through perception nor understood through knowledge, even if all who are in the heavens were to contemplate it from all eternity. Thus are the doors of inner meanings sealed in this divine letter, while the doors of utterance are opened to the extent that ye are able to hear. Know then that if this divine Alif were to revolve around itself, two standing Alifs would appear, and when these are raised to the tens, the number twenty appears. Thus is manifested the Kaf of the Command, through which were created the temples of unity, the manifestations of uniqueness, and the dawning-places of detachment - this being before its conjunction with the pillar of Nun, were ye to know. And after its conjunction were created the signs in the worlds of limitation and the royal tokens in the realms of composition. Thus do those endowed with knowledge witness the mysteries of wisdom in that which hath flowed from the Pen of manifest glory. Then know that all letters and words return unto this divine Alif and this lordly figure, would ye but perceive with the eye of the heart. It is the manifestation of letters without any reference to itself, and thus hath knowledge descended from His presence with truth, could ye but understand. Otherwise, ask God, thy Lord, to teach thee through His knowledge and impart to thee that which would make thee independent of those who are not guided by God’s signs, who walk in the depths of darkness encompassed by waves of fire from all directions, being drowned therein yet perceiving it not. Then behold the mysteries deposited in this Alif, how in all letters

the effulgences of this Alif can be seen. For example, witness in this Alif the letter Ba' in its submission to its Creator, as though it were prostrating itself fully upon the dust in humility before God, as ye can observe in its form. Then it appeared in the form of Dal, bowing before God, the Supreme, the Beloved […]

Yea, they are immersed therein, yet perceive it not. Then behold the mysteries deposited within this Alif, how in all the letters are manifest the revelations of this Alif, if ye but observe. For example, witness in this Alif the letter Ba, which in its submission to its Creator is as though prostrate upon the dust in complete humility before God, even as ye behold its form. Then it appeared in the form of Dal, bowing before God, the Supreme, the Beloved. And when it prostrated itself before God, it manifested as the letter Sad, from which flowed the waters whereby God quickened all who are in the heavens and earth in the stages of creation, were ye to perceive the traces of creation. Similarly, know all the letters, for they all appeared in different forms through the revelations of this Alif that shone upon them, even as ye observe in the letters of the alphabet. And when God desired to manifest the revelations of this Alif, He caused His likeness to shine upon them, whereupon they all appeared as they were in the garments of these letters. And were they to free themselves from these limited signs, they would all be raised up in the form of this Alif and in its likeness. And if thou desirest to witness the revelation of this upright Alif in the letters in its form and stature, that thou mayest be assured within thyself that it standeth above all things, then observe the numerical figures as ye witness in mathematical calculations. For example, if ye immerse this Alif in the seas of tens, the Alif appears in its form with the addition of a point, manifesting as Ya, for its number is ten, as ye count in arithmetic. Likewise, if ye raise it to the heaven of hundreds, the letter Alif appears exactly the same but with the addition of two points, and ye then behold the letter Qaf. Similarly it ascendeth until it reacheth the end of numbers, whereupon the letter Alif appeareth in the fourth rank with additional points, manifesting the number one thousand, whereby ye witness the letter Ghayn. Therefore witness how the signs of divine unity flow through the dominion of letters, that ye may thereby witness in the horizons of contingent beings and the realm of the intelligible that there is no God but Him, and unto Him do all return. When this Alif witnessed itself in the first and last of the letters, it testified within itself through the tongue of its innermost essence that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and all thereby unite in their Creator and prostrate themselves before Him. In that station, all letters are true of this Alif, and likewise the revelation of this Alif by itself is true of all letters, were ye to ponder in the paradise of divine unity. And at the moment it is an Alif, the letter Ba is true of it, and likewise ye may witness the reverse. Then know the points that are added to it in all its stations and ranks - this indicates the signs that encompass it in the descent of its revelations, that people might reckon them according to their capacity and ability. Otherwise, were it to remain in its station without donning the garment of limitations, the hearts of those possessed of insight could not comprehend it, nor could the wise understand it. Therefore witness the revelation of this Alif within thyself, for thou art one who heareth and likewise seeth, and when thou hearest and seest, thou speakest what thou willest, such that no matter preventeth thee from another matter, nor deed from another deed, even as ye all witness this within yourselves.

No thing prevents you from another thing, even as you all witness this within yourselves. Similarly, observe in the names that when the name "the All-Hearing" is true of you, likewise the name "the All-

Seeing" is true of you, and likewise other names, were you to observe with clear sight within yourselves. All these are attributes that all people to this day refer to their Creator unknowingly. Therefore witness within yourself that all this is created in His dominion and He bestows it upon whomsoever He willeth among His servants. Verily there is no God but Him. He cannot be comprehended by all that you comprehend, nor known by what you know. Rather, He created these stations in the souls of His servants that all might be guided thereby to the truth that He created the names yet is sanctified above them, and established the attributes yet is exalted beyond them. There is no originator except Him - His is the Command and the Creation, and all create by His command. Say then: Exalted be God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting! Exalted be God, the Powerful, the Creator, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beloved!

O people of the Bayan! Strive with your spirits and souls to enter into this station. Be not among those of whom no name among names is true, nor are they characterized by these attributes. Be not among those who have eyes but see not therewith, who have ears but hear not therewith, who have hearts yet understand not. Then witness within yourself that you move and stand and sleep and walk by a single thing, and this is a known truth. Yet from you appear names and attributes, as you all observe and acknowledge within yourselves. These different names and numerous attributes appear through the differences ordained in your souls and created in your bodies, that you might ascend to the heights of knowledge within yourselves.

For example, that by which you [act] is one, though you may call it by all names or make mention of it. In its essence it is abstracted from all that you speak of or indicate within yourselves. However, through its orientation to the place of hearing and its means, there appears an effect and attribute and name that appears not from anything else. Likewise through orientation to the place of sight and the means ordained therein, there appears another effect and attribute. This you find within yourselves. Similarly with the tongue - when oriented toward it, speech appears as you speak. This is from its orientation to the outward means in the human temple. Likewise observe the inward with the inner sight. For example, its connection to the heart and liver and spleen and head and other parts - through the differences of these stations appear different names, even as you name them the deed and the soul and the heart. Therefore know the manifestation of this Alif within yourself - how though it is one, God hath made appear from it different names and diverse effects, that you might thereby attain unto the places of knowledge and witness that difference appears through difference of place and means, else the Manifester is one and the manifestation is one. All this is within yourselves - do you not see? That you might be certain that there is no God but Him who hath fashioned creation comprehensive of all His names and attributes, if you squander not the wonders of creation within yourselves.

Behold in yourselves the wondrous tokens of His handiwork, and waste them not. All this was created in His dominion and appears in the realm of creation. O people of the Bayan! Transgress not your bounds. Fear God, and attribute not to yourselves that which hath not been ordained for you, nor exalt yourselves beyond your station. We have explained unto you that whereat the hearts of the mystics, the wise, and the learned were perplexed, through these allusive words, that ye may comprehend what lies therein and that all who dwell in the heavens and on earth may drink from this spring according to their capacity, rank and power. Know then this spiritual Alif, this divine ornament, this straight thread of oneness, how it hath

arisen by itself and for itself before all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. At times it raiseth its head toward heaven, whereupon it attracteth the hearts of the Concourse on High; at other times it turneth toward earth, whereupon the bodies of them that are nigh unto God arise from the graves of mortality. Thus do We reveal unto you that which hath been inscribed by the Finger of Power upon the preserved tablets of holiness.

Know thou that this firm and steadfast Alif hath its likeness in all the worlds, and all draw sustenance from the cord of its grace. All that thou beholdest in all creation - be it steadfastness, uprightness, stability, strength or power - know thou that all this hath appeared through the uprightness of this divine Alif, and all abide beneath its shadow and are made upright through its uprightness. By God! The Word hath reached such a station that the signs of knowledge and the evidences of wisdom are cut off therefrom. Give thanks unto God, your Lord, in your days, and be ye of those who have turned away from all on earth and have turned their faces toward the Beauty of Divine Unity in its luminous vesture behind the veils.

They drink the wine of inner meanings and the water of life from the hands of the Spirit, and at all times do they render thanks. Should all beauties present themselves before them and reveal themselves in all their ornaments and jewels, they would pay no heed. Even were they to approach them with bracelets of gold and robes of glory made of silk and brocade, seeking to take one of them or enter into the heart of any one of them - by God! they would neither succeed nor would they turn toward them, though they adorn themselves with all possible ornaments and apply all manner of kohl to their eyes. And were anyone to present them with all the gold and silver on earth and all the treasures of the kingdom, they would pay no heed nor turn toward him.

These are the friends of God, on whom there is no fear, neither shall they grieve. They fear no one, even should all who are in the heavens and on earth rise up against them, nor are they dismayed, for their hearts, souls and minds are filled with the wine of God's mercy and love. There remaineth no space in their hearts for the love of aught else to enter. Thus do We acquaint you with the sincere ones, that perchance ye may recognize them and follow their example, in such wise that neither the tempests of earthly dominion may move you nor the storms of time cause your feet to slip, and that ye may be of those who are firm in their love for God. Know thou then that this Alif possesseth mysteries from all branches of knowledge through what God hath bestowed upon it from the wonders of His grace.

And you shall be among those who are firm in their love for God. Then know that this Alif contains mysteries from all branches of knowledge, as God has bestowed upon it from the wonders of His grace, and in it is ordained the knowledge of what was and what will be. For example, if you were to extract the letters contained within the mysteries of this Alif, as We have previously imparted to you, from its four stations, and write their pronunciations, and thereafter divide them into four divisions, and apply to each division what it requires of ascent, descent, elevation and equivalence, there would be revealed to you mysteries at which minds would be bewildered, and you would discover what you have heard of the comprehensive Jafr, and arrive at the source of all knowledge. Would that We could find someone as We desire, that We might impart to him what God has taught Us of His grace, but since We have not found such a one, We have imparted to you according to a determined measure, and We have sufficed with

that lest every rejected tyrant should discover it. Then know that these disconnected letters in one station are the symbol between the lover and the beloved, and none comprehends this save those whose hearts God has made treasuries of His knowledge and repositories of His wisdom, and this is what has preceded in God's knowledge, the Supreme, the Beloved. Then know that this Alif in one station points to the white earth and the hidden pearly light, if you wish to perceive the mysteries of natural craft. And this earth's origin and existence is from water, if you would but understand, and it solidifies in water - glorified be God its Creator and exalted be He above what you describe. And when this pearly water solidifies in this fiery water and takes heat from this golden fiery water, there are gathered in it the three: the spirit, the soul and the body - and this is what no one's knowledge has preceded, and all are bewildered therein. When this earth, formed from water, solidifies in this red water, then extract it, and when you extract it you will find on its surface the dust of fire, that is, it blackens, but do not grieve, for if it blackens there is no harm in it, for God will transform this darkness into light such that it will ignite and shine by the leave of God, the Supreme, the Praiseworthy. And this is the holy fruit that has appeared from the tree that grew in the heaven of spheres and the earth of intellects, and this is the philosophers' stone and their silver, and the thirsty earth and their mercury, and all that they name it. And when you extract it from the divine mine, impose upon it from the spirit that was of it and in its kinship, for the body accepts no spirit other than its own, if you would preserve what We impart to you. And days will not pass except that it will whiten by God's leave, so strive in its purification such that no darkness containing corruption remains in it, to the utmost of your ability to strive. Then after that, dry it with a proper fire and impose upon it from this spirit once again, then kindle upon it the reed fire until there rises above this water a hidden red oil. By God, this is from the philosophers' gold about which souls have wandered and the minds of the wise have been bewildered, and until now none has attained it except servants whom the ornaments of the world do not distract from the remembrance of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Know thou that up to this time none hath attained thereunto save those servants whom the ornaments of this world have not withheld from the remembrance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. This is the soul and blood and the red gum, whereby decaying bodies are brought to life when this spirit is breathed into them. Therefore, O ye people of the Art, seek after it! But attend to the fire, and apply it not in such measure as would harm it, for fire both corrupts and perfects, were ye but to perceive it. This is of fire and gold and soul and sulfurous water and divine water and aerial water, and unto it are attributed all names and qualities in its gradations and stations, according to what appeareth therein of colors and effects. Thus do We instruct you that all may be assured that this unlettered Youth of Iraq possesseth sciences that the ancients never attained and that the moderns shall never comprehend, that perchance they may awaken to their condition and cease to imagine what they now imagine.

When, O My brother, this luminous child and this spiritual infant appeareth unto thee upon the surface of the water, remove it little by little until thy purpose be accomplished. By God! If the heat of fire should strike it then, it would dazzle the eyes. Exalted be the Maker, the Creator, the Powerful, the Director, the Mighty, the Dreaded! This is of the essence and reality of the spirit, and though it be attributed to aught else, such attribution is but metaphorical. By it are lifeless bodies quickened, rising from their graves, and in the land of divine direction are they gathered. Thus is revealed to thee the resurrection of bodies, that

thou mayest be assured of the gathering of spirits into bodies on the day when the trumpet shall be sounded, when the garment of creation shall be renewed, when all shall be brought before the holy presence according to their deeds, when they shall be rewarded for their actions in this vain life, and when all that they were promised shall be fulfilled.

Then shall the melodies of the Divine Dove be renewed, all in the heavens and earth shall be transformed, the earth of knowledge shall be spread out, the cock of oneness shall crow, and the believers shall mount the steed of light. Were We to mention all that shall appear on that Day, the Tablets could not contain it and souls would be sorely troubled. We therefore conceal its mention and return to what We mentioned before, that the grace of God may precede those who enter into the garment of existence.

Then know thou that if thou weddest this oil which We have cast upon thee in truth with this earth, thou shalt attain what thou seekest more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye, if ye be of them who succeed in this work. Therefore know gold and silver, then sun and moon, then white and red gum, that ye may understand. Hence they have said that the work consisteth only of the two great luminaries, as ye witness in the books of the people. Likewise know what they mean when they say “our gold is not the gold of the common people,” and similarly regarding silver, if ye comprehend. This gold is called two-winged, and it is a bird flying in all bodies, and all names are attributed to it. For example, it is called water due to its flowing and running, fire due to its inherent heat, earth due to its inner dryness, and air due to what is gathered within it. All this is witnessed by those who ponder the mysteries of nature and are of those who, through their detachment from all save God and their turning unto Him, attain to that most exalted station. Then know that this radiant, fiery oil is for the crown of crowns […]

Know then that this radiant, fiery oil is the Crown of Crowns, the Divine Crown, and the Crown of Victory, for by it all bodies are transformed - that is, by it all bodies are cured of corrupting viscous moistures and dark, harmful drynesses. By it all that is created on earth is healed of every disease. Verily it is the Active Essence by which the world subsists, and it is the heat without which there would be no motion - and motion is the action that proceeds from it. Similarly, know with complete certainty that all knowledge comes from heat, if you would but ponder the essences of created knowledge.

Verily it is the Man of Valor, the Young Male, the Eastern Mercury, and the Spirit which, were it to be breathed upon the decayed bones, would by God’s leave bring them to life and raise them up - the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Know then that the Spirit is naught but the water frozen upon the face of the white earth, and this is from the Command that appears from it suddenly like swift revelation. God has made it victorious over all things, for this is that which, before all things, took shelter in the shadow of God’s Name, the Victorious, the Powerful. You shall witness the signs of power from it if you attain unto this station.

This white earth is the stone from which rivers burst forth. It is unique in its genus, and likewise its operation is singular, if you would but witness in this One the fourfold multiplicities. Its likeness is the Alif which We mentioned - this Alif is one in itself and is not a number, yet numbers are counted from it and multiplicities are derived from it. Yet in the multiplicities of the worlds of numbers, you behold the countenance of the One.

This stone contains the union of three genera, as you would witness with your own eyes if you would ponder it with divine knowledge. Verily it tells of the Night of Power, for within it is ordained a hidden knowledge which God has concealed from the hearts of His servants, just as He has concealed the Night of Power from those who look not upon the realities of things with divine vision.

We have likened it to the Night because after the first operation, blackness and darkness appear in it, and these are from the darknesses in which the Water of Life was ordained. This is a truth of which you have not heard before. Therefore, O people of the Bayan, hearken! Then ponder what was revealed aforetime in the Furqan concerning the three darknesses, that your eyes might be consoled thereby and you might attain the ultimate goal for which people have striven.

Know thou, O servant, that when the Khidr of Glory reached the Dawning-Place of Eternity at the spring of this water, he paid no heed to it and drank not thereof, for the Spirit had transformed him from himself toward the right hand of the Beloved's might. For this Youth desired not to preserve himself in the kingdom, but rather sacrificed his spirit and all he possessed for all who are in the heavens and the earth. This he chose for himself out of love for God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praised.

Say: O people, by God, this is a servant who desired naught for himself and sought help from none in the kingdom save God alone. To this the Tongue of Unity bears witness in the pavilion of the unseen mystery. Say: This is a lamp that has sought no niche from anyone […]

This is what the Tongue of Divine Unity beareth witness to from within the pavilion of the hidden unseen: Say: This is a lamp that hath needed no niche from anyone, nor is it affected by fire, nor doth it derive its light from aught except God, the Single, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. Then give thanks unto God, your Creator, for having revealed unto you the mysteries through this luminous and bounded Pen. Though it be bounded by its limitations, yet God hath caused to flow from it that which hath no limit or end. Therefore, behold in this limitation the mysteries of Divine Unity, and be ye witnesses thereof. This is from the knowledge wherewith God hath taught this Pen that all may be assured that the heavens of knowledge are folded up in His right hand and the earth of wisdom is created by His command, and all draw from the wonders of His knowledge.

Know thou that the first thing that came into being from the Ancient Originator in the worlds of creation was the four elements, which are fire, air, water and earth, as ye have heard before and now hear again. Then appeared the four natures, which are heat, moisture, cold and dryness, as ye reckon and know. When these combined and united, there appeared for each one two qualities: for fire, heat and dryness, and likewise for the remaining three. Know ye these principles, for by them God created all that is in the worlds of creation, both the celestial and terrestrial. Whatsoever hath balanced qualities endureth through time, as ye observe in the sun and moon, and that which hath unbalanced qualities perisheth ere long, as ye behold in the creation of the lower worlds.

Strive therefore to know the balanced things among minerals, for they are easier to work with if ye would succeed, since the process consisteth but of separation, purification and combination - this being the truth of which all the Prophets have spoken. When thou hast known the foundation of nature from the mine of divinity, take thereof according to thy need. Then distill it with the water of life which is of its

nature and closest to it in affinity, until this foundation becometh pure white. Then subject it to water and place it in moisture until a prescribed amount of this foundation dissolves. When this earth dissolves with this spirit, thereafter place it in darkness until it mixes and becomes one thing. Then coagulate it over a gentle fire. If thou perform this twice or more - that is, the dissolving and coagulating - that is closer to the truth, if ye would do it.

If thou art unable, subject this water to this earth, then dissolve it until this water becomes pure white. Then impregnate this earth with this water until ye reach the goal ye desire. Then dissolve it after the impregnation, for the end of impregnation is the beginning of dissolution. Then after dissolution ye shall coagulate. Thus shall the work of the moon be completed for you, and ye shall behold the power of God with your own eyes if ye know what We have set forth in this Tablet. Then after this shall ye work, for knowledge cometh before action. Beware, then beware, O people of the Bayan, that ye undertake nothing before knowing all that We have taught you. This is My counsel unto you - hear it if ye wish to traverse the paths of truth. Know thou that the foundation may also refer to this water, for water is the origin in these works[…]

This is My counsel to you - hear it if you desire to tread the paths of truth. Know then that the foundation can be likened to this water, for water is the origin of all works. From it comes the pure oil, and whosoever is anointed therewith shall never be burned. This is of the water whereby God revives the earth after its death and manifests the decree of resurrection. Among the Prophets and Sages, some were content with this water in their work and achieved through it their ultimate purpose. This is of the hidden and concealed knowledge, known only to those whose hearts God has tested with faith and whom He has taught the science of Mercury alone. This is a treasure that was sealed with God's seal.

If you desire to work with the Sun in gold, return to this substance of pure oil which We taught you before and named it the People's Gold and True Sulfur, though you may be bewildered in working with it. By God, We have mentioned all the works to you and have imparted what none before has succeeded in knowing, as you yourselves can testify if you but recognize it. We have mentioned to you in allusive references the natural measure - whosoever attains it has attained the ultimate purpose in this divine wisdom and heavenly gift, if you would but understand.

We now impart to you that which will make you independent of those who occupy themselves with this craft on earth. Know that when you have understood that the matter consists only of Mercury and Sulfur, and have recognized them in the Sun and Moon which are gold and silver, know then that salt is excellent in dissolving bodies such that you will find nothing better for gold, were you to examine all things. For in its very nature there is a complete affinity which cannot be fully described were you to write throughout your lives. If you find this salt in its mine and distill it and dissolve with it the calx from which it came and which gave it birth until it becomes one essence and a fixed oil, by God you will reach the pinnacle of knowledge and understanding, for in salts lie hidden the concealed secrets, like the infinite knowledge that resides in pure hearts - do you not see?

This is of the truth of certainty, without which all people wander in the valley of ignorance. Thus does the dove of knowledge warble upon the branches of wisdom with strains that draw the Beloved near. We content Ourselves with this, though We fear what We have disclosed to you of the matter through holy

allusions. But none shall attain to this save through love of God and His chosen ones. This is what the Most Exalted Pen counsels you in these numbered Tablets.

But if you would hear Me, seek from God that which will make you independent of gold and silver. By God, this is the ultimate purpose, would you but hear it. For from gold and silver none grows rich; rather poverty increases, as you can observe. But through what We have called you to, you will become independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth, if you would but hold fast to the thread of this utterance.

Know then that this Alif which was revealed at the beginning of the Furqan, and which We have interpreted for you through allusions that confound minds, was created from the Alif that was revealed in the Bayan from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Nay, it becomes as nothing before it, would you but ponder its mysteries.

Verily We have interpreted it for thee through allusions at which minds are bewildered. That which was revealed in the Bayan through the letter Alif hath been created by God, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. Nay, it is as nothingness before Him, would ye but reflect upon its mysteries. And in one station it was His own Self and Essence, would ye but enter the pavilions of unity. Thus mayest thou know the station of the upright and steadfast Alif on the Day when the essences of knowledge shall be raised up at the promised holy Point, and He Whom God shall make manifest shall come upon the clouds of knowledge and power, with the angels of His Cause at His right hand. Then shall all who dwell on earth be thunderstruck by the thunderbolt of that Day, and the pillars of all creation shall quake, and all shall be disturbed by the might of God's Command. Blessed then are they who attain unto His presence and enter the holy garden before Him. At that time, when they decree a thing, they shall not say why or wherefore, but shall hasten to fulfill what they are bidden. They shall not fear the people of the Bayan, but shall rush like infants to the breast of God's mercy. They shall not turn to anything, nor fear anyone, even if all who are in the Bayan or other religions should prevent them - they shall not be prevented nor turn aside. They shall not open their eyes unto anyone, for they gaze only upon pure Beauty. We therefore beseech God to make us and you among those who circle round Him, who are present upon His carpet, and who bear witness before Him, for verily He is the Powerful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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He is the Almighty!

This is a Tablet from this Servant, who is called Husayn in the kingdom of names, to the concourse of the kings of the earth. Haply they may approach it in a spirit of open-mindedness, discover from its message the mysteries of divine providence, and be of those that comprehend its meaning, and perchance they may forsake all they possess, turn towards the retreats of holiness, and draw nigh unto God, the All-Glorious, the Incomparable.

O kings of the earth! Give ear unto the Voice of God, calling from this sublime, this fruit-laden Tree, that hath sprung out of the Crimson Hill, upon the holy Plain, intoning the words: "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise." This is a Spot which hath been sanctified by God for those who approach it, a Spot wherein His Voice may be heard from the celestial Tree of Holiness. Fear God, O concourse of kings, and suffer not yourselves to be deprived of this most sublime grace. Fling away, then, the things ye possess, and take fast hold on the Handle of God, the Exalted, the Great. Set your hearts towards the Face of God, and abandon that which your desires have bidden you to follow, and be not of those who perish.

Relate unto them, O Servant, the story of 'Ali, when He came unto them with truth, bearing His glorious and weighty Book, and holding in His hands a testimony and proof from God, and holy and blessed tokens from Him. Ye, however, O kings, have failed to heed the Remembrance of God in His days and to be guided by the lights which arose and shone forth above the horizon of a resplendent Heaven. Ye examined not His Cause when so to do would have been better for you than all that the sun shineth upon, could ye but perceive it. Ye remained careless until the divines of Persia–those cruel ones–pronounced judgement against Him, and unjustly slew Him. His spirit ascended unto God, and the eyes of the inmates of Paradise and the angels that are nigh unto Him wept sore by reason of this cruelty. Beware that ye be not careless henceforth as ye have been careless aforetime. Return, then, unto God, your Maker, and be not of the heedless.

Say: The Sun of vicegerency hath dawned, the Point of knowledge and wisdom hath been made plain, and the Testimony of God, the Almighty, the All-Wise, hath been made manifest. Say: The Moon of eternity hath risen in the midmost heaven, and its light hath illumined the dwellers of the realms above. My face hath come forth from the veils, and shed its radiance upon all that is in heaven and on earth; and yet, ye turned not towards Him, notwithstanding that ye were created for Him, O concourse of kings! Follow, therefore, that which I speak unto you, and hearken unto it with your hearts, and be not of such as have turned aside. For your glory consisteth not in your sovereignty, but rather in your nearness unto God and your observance of His command as sent down in His holy and preserved Tablets. Should any one of you rule over the whole earth, and over all that lieth within it and upon it, its seas, its lands, its mountains, and its plains, and yet be not remembered by God, all these would profit him not, could ye but know it.

Know ye that a servant's glory resideth in his nearness unto God, and that, unless he draweth nigh unto Him, naught else can ever profit him, even should he hold sway over the entire creation. Say: The breeze of God hath wafted over you from the retreats of Paradise, but ye have neglected it and chosen to persist in your waywardness. Guidance hath been given unto you from God, but ye have failed to follow it and preferred to reject its truth. The Lamp of God hath been lit within the niche of His Cause, but ye have neglected to seek the radiance of its glory and to draw nigh unto its light. And still ye slumber upon the couch of heedlessness!

Arise, then, and make steadfast your feet, and make ye amends for that which hath escaped you, and set then yourselves towards His holy Court, on the shore of His mighty Ocean, so that the pearls of knowledge and wisdom, which God hath stored up within the shell of His radiant heart, may be revealed unto you. Such is the counsel that shall profit you most; make of it your provision, that ye may be of those

who are guided aright. Beware lest ye hinder the breeze of God from blowing over your hearts, the breeze through which the hearts of such as have turned unto Him can be quickened. Hearken unto the clear admonitions that We have revealed for you in this Tablet, that God, in turn, may hearken unto you, and may open before your faces the portals of His mercy. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Lay not aside the fear of God, O kings of the earth, and beware that ye transgress not the bounds which the Almighty hath fixed. Observe the injunctions laid upon you in His Book, and take good heed not to overstep their limits. Be vigilant, that ye may not do injustice to anyone, be it to the extent of a grain of mustard seed. Tread ye the path of justice, for this, verily, is the straight path.

Compose your differences and reduce your armaments, that the burden of your expenditures may be lightened, and that your minds and hearts may be tranquillized. Heal the dissensions that divide you, and ye will no longer be in need of any armaments except what the protection of your cities and territories demandeth. Fear ye God, and take heed not to outstrip the bounds of moderation and be numbered among the extravagant.

We have learned that ye are increasing your outlay every year, and are laying the burden thereof on your subjects. This, verily, is more than they can bear, and is a grievous injustice. Decide ye justly between men, O kings, and be ye the emblems of justice amongst them. This, if ye judge fairly, is the thing that behoveth you, and beseemeth your station.

Beware not to deal unjustly with anyone that appealeth to you and entereth beneath your shadow. Walk ye in the fear of God, and be ye of them that lead a godly life. Rest not on your power, your armies, and treasures. Put your whole trust and confidence in God, Who hath created you, and seek ye His help in all your affairs. Succour cometh from Him alone. He succoureth whom He willeth with the hosts of the heavens and of the earth.

Know ye that the poor are the trust of God in your midst. Watch that ye betray not His trust, that ye deal not unjustly with them and that ye walk not in the ways of the treacherous. Ye will most certainly be called upon to answer for His trust on the day when the Balance of Justice shall be set, the day when unto everyone shall be rendered his due, when the doings of all men, be they rich or poor, shall be weighed.

If ye pay no heed unto the counsels which, in peerless and unequivocal language, We have revealed in this Tablet, Divine chastisement shall assail you from every direction, and the sentence of His justice shall be pronounced against you. On that day ye shall have no power to resist Him, and shall recognize your own impotence. Have mercy on yourselves and on those beneath you, and judge ye between them according to the precepts prescribed by God in His most holy and exalted Tablet, a Tablet wherein He hath assigned to each and every thing its settled measure, in which He hath given, with distinctness, an explanation of all things, and which is in itself a monition unto them that believe in Him.

Examine Our Cause, inquire into the things that have befallen Us, and decide justly between Us and Our enemies, and be ye of them that act equitably towards their neighbour. If ye stay not the hand of the oppressor, if ye fail to safeguard the rights of the downtrodden, what right have ye then to vaunt yourselves among men? What is it of which ye can rightly boast? Is it on your food and your drink that ye pride yourselves, on the riches ye lay up in your treasuries, on the diversity and the cost of the ornaments

with which ye deck yourselves? If true glory were to consist in the possession of such perishable things, then the earth on which ye walk must needs vaunt itself over you, because it supplieth you, and bestoweth upon you, these very things, by the decree of the Almighty. In its bowels are contained, according to what God hath ordained, all that ye possess. From it, as a sign of His mercy, ye derive your riches. Behold then your state, the thing in which ye glory! Would that ye could perceive it!

Nay, by Him Who holdeth in His grasp the kingdom of the entire creation! Nowhere doth your true and abiding glory reside except in your firm adherence unto the precepts of God, your wholehearted observance of His laws, your resolution to see that they do not remain unenforced, and to pursue steadfastly the right course.

O kings of Christendom! Heard ye not the saying of Jesus, the Spirit of God, "I go away, and come again unto you"? Wherefore, then, did ye fail, when He did come again unto you in the clouds of heaven, to draw nigh unto Him, that ye might behold His face, and be of them that attained His Presence? In another passage He saith: "When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." And yet behold how, when He did bring the truth, ye refused to turn your faces towards Him, and persisted in disporting yourselves with your pastimes and fancies. Ye welcomed Him not, neither did ye seek His Presence, that ye might hear the verses of God from His own mouth, and partake of the manifold wisdom of the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. Ye have, by reason of your failure, hindered the breath of God from being wafted over you, and have withheld from your souls the sweetness of its fragrance. Ye continue roving with delight in the valley of your corrupt desires. By God! Ye, and all ye possess, shall pass away. Ye shall, most certainly, return to God, and shall be called to account for your doings in the presence of Him Who shall gather together the entire creation.

Again, heard ye not that which hath been recorded in the Gospel concerning those "which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" –that is, those who have been made manifest through the power of God? Wherefore it becometh evident that one may well be manifested in the world of creation who is truly of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How is it then that when word reached you of Our Cause, ye failed to inquire from Our own lips, that ye might distinguish truth from falsehood, discover Our aim and purpose, and learn of the afflictions which We have suffered at the hands of an evil and wayward generation?

O Minister of the King of Paris! Hast thou forgotten the pronouncement recorded in the Gospel according to John concerning the Word and those who are its Manifestations? And hast thou ignored the counsels of the Spirit concerning the Manifestations of the Word, and been numbered with the heedless? If not, wherefore then didst thou conspire with the Minister of Persia to inflict upon Us that which hath caused the hearts of men of insight and understanding to melt, the tears of the denizens of the Realm of eternity to flow, and the souls of them who are nigh unto God to mourn? And all this thou didst commit without seeking to examine Our Cause or to discern its truth. For is it not thy clear duty to investigate this Cause, to inform thyself of the things that have befallen Us, to judge with equity, and to cleave unto justice?

Thy days shall pass away, thy ministry shall come to an end, and thy possessions shall vanish and be no more. Then, in the presence of the almighty King, thou shalt be called to answer for that which thy hands have wrought. How many the ministers who came before thee into this world, men who exceeded thee in

power, excelled thee in station, and surpassed thee in wealth, and yet returned to dust, leaving upon the face of the earth neither name nor trace, and are now plunged in grievous remorse. Amongst them were those who failed in their duty towards God, followed their own desires, and trod the path of lust and wickedness. And amongst them were those who observed that which hath been prescribed in the verses of God, judged with fairness by the divine guidance that overshadowed them, and entered beneath the shelter of the mercy of their Lord.

I admonish thee, and those who are like thee, to deal not with anyone as ye have dealt with Us. Beware lest ye follow in the footsteps of the Evil One and walk in the ways of the unjust. Take from this world only to the measure of your needs, and forgo that which exceedeth them. Observe equity in all your judgements, and transgress not the bounds of justice, nor be of them that stray from its path.

Twenty years have passed, O kings, during which We have, each day, tasted the agony of a fresh tribulation. No one of them that were before Us hath endured the things We have endured. Would that ye could perceive it! They that rose up against Us have put us to death, have shed our blood, have plundered our property, and violated our honour. Though aware of most of our afflictions, ye, nevertheless, have failed to stay the hand of the aggressor. For is it not your clear duty to restrain the tyranny of the oppressor, and to deal equitably with your subjects, that your high sense of justice may be fully demonstrated to all mankind?

God hath committed into your hands the reins of the government of the people, that ye may rule with justice over them, safeguard the rights of the downtrodden, and punish the wrongdoers. If ye neglect the duty prescribed unto you by God in His Book, your names shall be numbered with those of the unjust in His sight. Grievous, indeed, will be your error. Cleave ye to that which your imaginations have devised, and cast behind your backs the commandments of God, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible, the All-Compelling, the Almighty? Cast away the things ye possess, and cling to that which God hath bidden you observe. Seek ye His grace, for he that seeketh it treadeth His straight Path.

Consider the state in which We are, and behold ye the ills and troubles that have tried Us. Neglect Us not, though it be for a moment, and judge ye between Us and Our enemies with equity. This will, surely, be a manifest advantage unto you. Thus do We relate to you Our tale, and recount the things that have befallen Us, that ye might take off Our ills and ease Our burden. Let him who will, relieve Us from Our trouble; and as to him that willeth not, My Lord is assuredly the best of helpers.

Warn and acquaint the people, O Servant, with the things We have sent down unto Thee, and let the fear of no one dismay Thee, and be Thou not of them that waver. The day is approaching when God will have exalted His Cause and magnified His testimony in the eyes of all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth. Place, in all circumstances, Thy whole trust in Thy Lord, and fix Thy gaze upon Him, and turn away from all them that repudiate His truth. Let God, Thy Lord, be Thy sufficing succourer and helper. We have pledged Ourself to secure Thy triumph upon earth and to exalt Our Cause above all men, though no king be found who would turn his face towards Thee.

Call Thou to remembrance Thine arrival in the City, how the Ministers of the Sul?an thought Thee to be unacquainted with their laws and regulations, and believed Thee to be one of the ignorant. Say: Yea, by

My Lord! I am ignorant of all things except what God hath, through His bountiful favour, been pleased to teach Me. To this We assuredly testify, and unhesitatingly confess it.

Say: If the laws and regulations to which ye cleave be of your own making, We will, in no wise, follow them. Thus have I been instructed by Him Who is the All-Wise, the All-Informed. Such hath been My way in the past, and such will it remain in the future, through the power of God and His might. This, indeed, is the true and right way. If they be ordained by God, bring forth, then, your proofs, if ye be of them that speak the truth. Say: We have written down in a Book which leaveth not unrecorded the work of any man, however insignificant, all that they have imputed to Thee, and all that they have done unto Thee.

Say: It behoveth you, O Ministers of State, to keep the precepts of God, and to forsake your own laws and regulations, and to be of them who are guided aright. Better is this for you than all ye possess, did ye but know it. If ye transgress the commandment of God, not one jot or one tittle of all your works shall be acceptable in His sight. Ye shall, erelong, discover the consequences of that which ye shall have done in this vain life, and shall be repaid for them. This, verily, is the truth, the undoubted truth.

How great the number of those who, in bygone ages, have committed the things ye have committed, and who, though superior to you in rank, have, in the end, returned unto dust, and been consigned to their inevitable doom! Would that ye might ponder the Cause of God in your hearts! Ye shall follow in their wake, and shall be made to enter a habitation wherein none shall be found to befriend or help you. Ye shall, of a truth, be asked of your doings, shall be called to account for your failure in duty with regard to the Cause of God, and for having disdainfully rejected His loved ones who, with manifest sincerity, have come unto you.

It is ye who have taken counsel together regarding them, ye that have preferred to follow the promptings of your own desires, and forsaken the commandment of God, the Help in Peril, the Almighty.

Say: What! Cleave ye to your own devices, and cast behind your backs the precepts of God? Ye, indeed, have wronged your own selves and others. Would that ye could perceive it! Say: If your rules and principles be founded on justice, why is it, then, that ye follow those which accord with your corrupt inclinations and reject such as conflict with your desires? By what right claim ye, then, to judge fairly between men? Are your rules and principles such as to justify your persecution of Him Who, at your bidding, hath presented Himself before you, your rejection of Him, and your infliction on Him every day of grievous injury? Hath He ever, though it be for one short moment, disobeyed you? All the inhabitants of ’Iraq, and beyond them every discerning observer, will bear witness to the truth of My words.

Be fair in your judgement, O ye Ministers of State! What is it that We have committed that could justify Our banishment? What is the offence that hath warranted Our expulsion? It is We Who have sought you, and yet, behold how ye refused to receive Us! By God! This is a sore injustice that ye have perpetrated– an injustice with which no earthly injustice can measure. To this the Almighty is Himself a witness.

Have I at any time transgressed your laws, or disobeyed any of your ministers in ’Iraq? Inquire of them, that ye may act with discernment towards Us and be numbered with those who are well-informed. Hath anyone ever brought before them a plaint against Us? Hath anyone amongst them ever heard from Us a

word contrary to that which God hath revealed in His Book? Bring forth, then, your evidence, that We may approve your actions and acknowledge your claims!

Had ye wished to deal with Us in accordance with your principles and standards, it would have behoved you to respect and honour Us for complying with your commands and following that which ye have pleased to ordain. Likewise, it would have beseemed you to repay the debts which We incurred in ’Iraq in the execution of your wishes. Ye should have given ear then unto Us, heard the account of Our woes, and judged with equity, as ye would judge your own selves. Ye should not have wished for Us that which ye have not wished for yourselves, but rather chosen to act with generosity. By God! Ye dealt with Us neither in accordance with your own principles and standards, nor with those of any man living, but in accordance with the promptings of your evil and wayward passions, O ye concourse of the froward and the arrogant!

O Bird of Holiness! Soar in the heaven of communion with Me, and acquaint the people with that which We disclosed unto Thee in the billowing oceans of immortality beyond the mount of glory. Let the fear of no one dismay Thee, and put Thy trust in God, the Almighty, the Beneficent. We, verily, shall protect Thee from those who, without a clear token from God or an enlightening Book, have grievously wronged Thee.

Say: God is My witness, O concourse of the negligent! We came not unto you to spread disorder in your lands or to sow dissension amongst your peoples. Nay rather, We came in obedience to the command of the sovereign, and in order to exalt your authority, to instruct you in the ways of Our wisdom, and to remind you of that which ye had forgotten–even as He saith in truth: “Warn them, for, in truth, Thy warning will profit the believers.” But ye hearkened not unto the sweet melodies of the Spirit, and gave ear unwittingly unto Our enemies, they who follow the promptings of their corrupt inclinations, whose deeds the Evil One hath made fair-seeming in their own eyes, and whose tongues utter calumnies against Us. Heard ye not that which hath been revealed in His all-glorious and unerring Book: “If a wicked man come to you with news, clear it up at once”? Wherefore have ye then cast the command of God behind your backs, and followed in the footsteps of them that are bent on mischief?

We have heard that one of these calumniators hath alleged that this Servant practised usury whilst residing in ’Iraq, and was engaged in amassing riches for Himself. Say: How can ye judge a matter whereof ye have no knowledge? How can ye hurl calumnies against the servants of God, and entertain such evil suspicions? And how could this accusation be true, when God hath forbidden this practice unto His servants in that most holy and well-guarded Book revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets, a Book which He hath ordained to be His abiding testimony, and His guidance and monition unto all mankind? This is but one of the matters in which We have opposed the divines of Persia, inasmuch as We have, according to the text of the Book, forbidden unto all men the practice of usury. God Himself beareth witness to the truth of My words. “Yet I hold not myself clear, for the soul is prone to evil.” We intend only to impart unto you the truth, that ye might be informed thereof and be of them that lead a godly life. Beware lest ye give ear to the words of those from whom the foul smell of malice and envy can be discerned; pay no heed to them, and stand ye for righteousness.

Know ye that the world and its vanities and its embellishments shall pass away. Nothing will endure except God’s Kingdom which pertaineth to none but Him, the Sovereign Lord of all, the Help in Peril, the

All-Glorious, the Almighty. The days of your life shall roll away, and all the things with which ye are occupied and of which ye boast yourselves shall perish, and ye shall, most certainly, be summoned by a company of His angels to appear at the spot where the limbs of the entire creation shall be made to tremble, and the flesh of every oppressor to creep. Ye shall be asked of the things your hands have wrought in this, your vain life, and shall be repaid for your doings. This is the day that shall inevitably come upon you, the hour that none can put back. To this the Tongue of Him that speaketh the truth and is the Knower of all things hath testified.

Fear God, ye inhabitants of the City, and sow not the seeds of dissension amongst men. Walk not in the paths of the Evil One. Walk ye, during the few remaining days of your life, in the ways of the one true God. Your days shall pass away as have the days of them who were before you. To dust shall ye return, even as your fathers of old did return.

Know ye that I am afraid of none except God. In none but Him have I placed My trust; to none will I cleave but Him, and wish for naught except the thing He hath wished for Me. This, indeed, is My heart's desire, did ye but know it. I have offered up My soul and My body as a sacrifice for God, the Lord of all worlds. Whoso hath known God shall know none but Him, and he that feareth God shall be afraid of no one except Him, though the powers of the whole earth rise up and be arrayed against him. I speak naught except at His bidding, and follow naught, through the power of God and His might, except His truth. He, verily, shall recompense the truthful.

Narrate, O Servant, the things Thou didst behold at the time of Thine arrival in the City, that Thy testimony may endure amongst men, and serve as a warning unto them that believe. We found, upon Our arrival in the City, its governors and elders as children gathered about and disporting themselves with clay. We perceived no one sufficiently mature to acquire from Us the truths which God hath taught Us, nor ripe for Our wondrous words of wisdom. Our inner eye wept sore over them, and over their transgressions and their total disregard of the thing for which they were created. This is what We observed in that city, and which We have chosen to note down in Our Book, that it may serve as a warning unto them, and unto the rest of mankind.

Say: If ye be seekers after this life and the vanities thereof, ye should have sought them while ye were still enclosed in your mothers' wombs, for at that time ye were continually approaching them, could ye but perceive it. Ye have, on the other hand, ever since ye were born and attained maturity, been all the while receding from the world and drawing closer to dust. Why, then, exhibit such greed in amassing the treasures of the earth, when your days are numbered and your chance is well-nigh lost? Will ye not, then, O heedless ones, shake off your slumber?

Incline your ears to the counsels which this Servant giveth you for the sake of God. He, verily, asketh no recompense from you and is resigned to what God hath ordained for Him, and is entirely submissive to God's Will.

The days of your life are far spent, O people, and your end is fast approaching. Put away, therefore, the things ye have devised and to which ye cleave, and take firm hold on the precepts of God, that haply ye may attain that which He hath purposed for you, and be of them that pursue a right course. Delight not

yourselves in the things of the world and its vain ornaments, neither set your hopes on them. Let your reliance be on the remembrance of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. He will, erelong, bring to naught all the things ye possess. Let Him be your fear, and forget not His covenant with you, and be not of them that are shut out as by a veil from Him.

Beware that ye swell not with pride before God, and disdainfully reject His loved ones. Defer ye humbly to the faithful, they that have believed in God and in His signs, whose hearts witness to His unity, whose tongues proclaim His oneness, and who speak not except by His leave. Thus do We exhort you with justice, and warn you with truth, that perchance ye may be awakened.

Lay not on any soul a load which ye would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things ye would not desire for yourselves. This is My best counsel unto you, did ye but observe it.

Respect ye the divines and learned amongst you, they whose conduct accords with their professions, who transgress not the bounds which God hath fixed, whose judgements are in conformity with His behests as revealed in His Book. Know ye that they are the lamps of guidance unto them that are in the heavens and on the earth. They who disregard and neglect the divines and learned that live amongst them–these have truly changed the favour with which God hath favoured them.

Say: Wait ye till God will have changed His favour unto you. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Him. He knoweth the secrets both of the heavens and of the earth. His knowledge embraceth all things. Rejoice not in what ye have done, or will do in the future, nor delight in the tribulation with which ye have afflicted Us, for ye are unable by such means as these to exalt your stations, were ye to examine your works with acute discernment. Neither will ye be capable of detracting from the loftiness of Our state. Nay, God will add unto the recompense with which He shall reward Us, for having sustained with persevering patience the tribulations We have suffered. He, verily, shall increase the reward of them that endure with patience.

Know ye that trials and tribulations have, from time immemorial, been the lot of the chosen Ones of God and His beloved, and such of His servants as are detached from all else but Him, they whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of the Almighty, they that speak not till He hath spoken, and act according to His commandment. Such is God's method carried into effect of old, and such will it remain in the future. Blessed are the steadfastly enduring, they that are patient under ills and hardships, who lament not over anything that befalleth them, and who tread the path of resignation.

That which hath befallen Us hath been witnessed before. Ours is not the first goblet dashed to the ground in the lands of Islam, nor is this the first time that such schemers have intrigued against the beloved of the Lord. The tribulations We have sustained are like unto the trials endured aforetime by Imam Husayn. For he was approached by messengers from malicious and evil-hearted plotters, inviting him to come forth from the city; yet when he came unto them, accompanied by his kindred, they rose up against him with all their might, until at last they slew him, slaughtered his sons and his brothers, and took captive the remainder of his family. So did it come to pass in an earlier age, and God, verily, is a witness unto My words. Of his lineage there survived none, whether young or old, save his son 'Ali al-Awsat, known as Zaynu'l-'Abidin.

Behold then, O heedless ones, how brightly the fire of the love of God blazed aforetime in the heart of Husayn, if ye be of them that ponder! So intense grew its flame that fervour and longing at last seized the reins of patience from his grasp, and the love of Him Who is the All-Compelling so enraptured his heart that he surrendered his soul, his spirit, his substance, and his all in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. By God! Sweeter was this in his sight than the empire of earth and heaven. For the true lover desireth naught save reunion with his beloved and the seeker hath no goal but to attain unto the object of his quest. Their hearts long for reunion even as the body yearneth for the spirit, nay greater indeed is their longing, could ye but perceive it!

Say: That same fire now blazeth in Mine own breast, and My wish is that this Husayn may lay down His life in like manner, in the hope of attaining unto so august and sublime a station, that station wherein the servant dieth to himself and liveth in God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Great. Were I to disclose unto you the mysteries which God hath enshrined therein, ye would, of a truth, offer up your lives in His path, renounce your riches, and forsake all that ye possess, that ye might attain this transcendent and all-glorious station. God, however, hath veiled your hearts and obscured your eyes, lest ye should apprehend His mysteries and be made aware of their meaning.

Say: The sincere soul longeth for nearness to God even as the suckling babe yearneth for its mother's breast, nay more ardent is his longing, could ye but know it! Again, his longing is even as the panting of one sore athirst after the living waters of grace, or the yearning of the sinner for forgiveness and mercy. Thus do We expound unto you the mysteries of the Cause, and impart unto you what shall render you independent of all that hath so far occupied you, that perchance ye may enter the Court of Holiness within this exalted Paradise. I swear by God! Whoso entereth therein shall never abandon its precincts, and whoso gazeth thereon shall never turn away therefrom, even should the swords of infidels and deniers rain blows upon him. Thus have We related unto you that which befell Husayn, and We beseech God that He may destine for Us that which He had decreed for him. He, verily, is the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful.

By the righteousness of God! Through his deed the fragrances of holiness were wafted over all things, the proof of God was perfected, and His testimony made manifest to all men. And after him God raised up a people who avenged his death, who slew his enemies, and who wept over him at dawn and at eventide. Say: God hath pledged in His Book to lay hold upon every oppressor for his tyranny, and to uproot the stirrers of mischief. Know ye that such holy deeds exert, in themselves, a great influence upon the world of being–an influence which is, however, inscrutable to all save those whose eyes have been opened by God, whose hearts He hath freed from obscuring veils, and whose souls He hath guided aright.

The day is approaching when God will have raised up a people who will call to remembrance Our days, who will tell the tale of Our trials, who will demand the restitution of Our rights from them that, without a tittle of evidence, have treated Us with manifest injustice. God, assuredly, dominateth the lives of them that wronged Us, and is well aware of their doings. He will, most certainly, lay hold on them for their sins. He, verily, is the fiercest of avengers.

Thus have We recounted unto you the tales of the one true God, and sent down unto you the things He had preordained, that haply ye may ask forgiveness of Him, may return unto Him, may truly repent, may

realize your misdeeds, may shake off your slumber, may be roused from your heedlessness, may atone for the things that have escaped you, and be of them that do good. Let him who will, acknowledge the truth of My words; and as to him that willeth not, let him turn aside. My sole duty is to remind you of your failure in duty towards the Cause of God, if perchance ye may be of them that heed My warning. Wherefore, hearken ye unto My speech, and return ye to God and repent, that He, through His grace, may have mercy upon you, may wash away your sins, and forgive your trespasses. The greatness of His mercy surpasseth the fury of His wrath, and His grace encompasseth all who have been called into being and been clothed with the robe of life, be they of the past or of the future.

O concourse of Ministers of State! Do ye believe in your hearts that We have come to divest you of your earthly possessions and vanities? Nay, by the One in Whose hand is My soul! Our intention hath been to make clear that We oppose not the commands of the sovereign, nor are We to be numbered with the rebellious. Know ye of a certainty that all the treasures of the earth, all the gold, the silver, and the rare and precious gems they contain, are, in the sight of God, of His chosen ones and His loved ones, as worthless as a handful of clay. For erelong all that is on earth shall perish, and the kingdom will remain unto God, the All-Powerful, the Incomparable. That which perisheth can never profit Us, nor can it profit you, were ye but to reflect.

By the righteousness of God! I speak not falsely, and utter naught save that which God hath bidden Me. To this bear witness the very words of this Tablet, if ye but reflect upon its contents. Follow not the promptings of your own desires, nor the whisperings of the Evil One in your souls. Follow rather the Cause of God, both in your outward and your inner lives, and be not of the heedless. Better is this for you than all that ye have laid up in your houses, and all that ye have sought by day and night.

The world will pass away, and so will all the things whereat your hearts rejoice, or wherein ye pride yourselves before men. Cleanse the mirrors of your hearts from the dross of the world and all that is therein, that they may reflect the resplendent light of God. This, indeed, shall enable you to dispense with all save God, and to attain unto the good pleasure of your Lord, the Most Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We, verily, have unfolded before your eyes that which shall profit you both in this world and in the realm of faith, and which will lead you to the path of salvation. Would that ye might turn thereunto!

Hearken, O King, to the speech of Him that speaketh the truth, Him that doth not ask thee to recompense Him with the things God hath chosen to bestow upon thee, Him Who unerringly treadeth the straight Path. He it is Who summoneth thee unto God, thy Lord, Who showeth thee the right course, the way that leadeth to true felicity, that haply thou mayest be of them with whom it shall be well.

Beware, O King, that thou gather not around thee such ministers as follow the desires of a corrupt inclination, as have cast behind their backs that which hath been committed into their hands and manifestly betrayed their trust. Be bounteous to others as God hath been bounteous to thee, and abandon not the interests of thy people to the mercy of such ministers as these. Lay not aside the fear of God, and be thou of them that act uprightly. Gather around thee those ministers from whom thou canst perceive the fragrance of faith and of justice, and take thou counsel with them, and choose whatever is best in thy sight, and be of them that act generously.

Know thou for a certainty that whoso disbelieveth in God is neither trustworthy nor truthful. This, indeed, is the truth, the undoubted truth. He that acteth treacherously towards God will, also, act treacherously towards his king. Nothing whatever can deter such a man from evil, nothing can hinder him from betraying his neighbour, nothing can induce him to walk uprightly.

Take heed that thou resign not the reins of the affairs of thy state into the hands of others, and repose not thy confidence in ministers unworthy of thy trust, and be not of them that live in heedlessness. Shun them whose hearts are turned away from thee, and place not thy confidence in them, and entrust them not with thine affairs and the affairs of such as profess thy faith. Beware that thou allow not the wolf to become the shepherd of God's flock, and surrender not the fate of His loved ones to the mercy of the malicious. Expect not that they who violate the ordinances of God will be trustworthy or sincere in the faith they profess. Avoid them, and preserve strict guard over thyself, lest their devices and mischief hurt thee. Turn away from them, and fix thy gaze upon God, thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful. He that giveth up himself wholly to God, God shall, assuredly, be with him; and he that placeth his complete trust in God, God shall, verily, protect him from whatsoever may harm him, and shield him from the wickedness of every evil plotter.

Wert thou to incline thine ear unto My speech and observe My counsel, God would exalt thee to so eminent a position that the designs of no man on the whole earth can ever touch or hurt thee. Observe, O King, with thine inmost heart and with thy whole being, the precepts of God, and walk not in the paths of the oppressor. Seize thou, and hold firmly within the grasp of thy might, the reins of the affairs of thy people, and examine in person whatever pertaineth unto them. Let nothing escape thee, for therein lieth the highest good.

Render thanks unto God for having chosen thee out of the whole world, and made thee king over them that profess thy faith. It well beseemeth thee to appreciate the wondrous favours with which God hath favoured thee, and to magnify continually His name. Thou canst best praise Him if thou lovest His loved ones, and dost safeguard and protect His servants from the mischief of the treacherous, that none may any longer oppress them. Thou shouldst, moreover, arise to enforce the law of God amongst them, that thou mayest be of those who are firmly established in His law.

Shouldst thou cause rivers of justice to spread their waters amongst thy subjects, God would surely aid thee with the hosts of the unseen and of the seen, and would strengthen thee in thine affairs. No God is there but Him. All creation and its empire are His. Unto Him return the works of the faithful.

Place not thy reliance on thy treasures. Put thy whole confidence in the grace of God, thy Lord. Let Him be thy trust in whatever thou doest, and be of them that have submitted themselves to His Will. Let Him be thy helper and enrich thyself with His treasures, for with Him are the treasuries of the heavens and of the earth. He bestoweth them upon whom He will, and from whom He will He withholdeth them. There is none other God but Him, the All-Possessing, the All-Praised. All are but paupers at the door of His mercy; all are helpless before the revelation of His sovereignty, and beseech His favours.

Overstep not the bounds of moderation, and deal justly with them that serve thee. Bestow upon them according to their needs, and not to the extent that will enable them to lay up riches for themselves, to

deck their persons, to embellish their homes, to acquire the things that are of no benefit unto them, and to be numbered with the extravagant. Deal with them with undeviating justice, so that none among them may either suffer want, or be pampered with luxuries. This is but manifest justice.

Allow not the abject to rule over and dominate them who are noble and worthy of honour, and suffer not the high-minded to be at the mercy of the contemptible and worthless, for this is what We observed upon Our arrival in the City, and to it We bear witness. We found among its inhabitants some who were possessed of an affluent fortune and lived in the midst of excessive riches, while others were in dire want and abject poverty. This ill beseemeth thy sovereignty, and is unworthy of thy rank.

Let My counsel be acceptable to thee, and strive thou to rule with equity among men, that God may exalt thy name and spread abroad the fame of thy justice in all the world. Beware lest thou aggrandize thy ministers at the expense of thy subjects. Fear the sighs of the poor and of the upright in heart who, at every break of day, bewail their plight, and be unto them a benignant sovereign. They, verily, are thy treasures on earth. It behoveth thee, therefore, to safeguard thy treasures from the assaults of them who wish to rob thee. Inquire into their affairs, and ascertain, every year, nay every month, their condition, and be not of them that are careless of their duty.

Set before thine eyes God's unerring Balance and, as one standing in His Presence, weigh in that Balance thine actions every day, every moment of thy life. Bring thyself to account ere thou art summoned to a reckoning, on the Day when no man shall have strength to stand for fear of God, the Day when the hearts of the heedless ones shall be made to tremble.

It behoveth every king to be as bountiful as the sun, which fostereth the growth of all beings, and giveth to each its due, whose benefits are not inherent in itself, but are ordained by Him Who is the Most Powerful, the Almighty. The King should be as generous, as liberal in his mercy as the clouds, the outpourings of whose bounty are showered upon every land, by the behest of Him Who is the Supreme Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Have a care not to entrust thine affairs of state entirely into another's hands. None can discharge thy functions better than thine own self. Thus do We make clear unto thee Our words of wisdom, and send down upon thee that which can enable thee to pass over from the left hand of oppression to the right hand of justice, and approach the resplendent ocean of His favours. Such is the path which the kings that were before thee have trodden, they that acted equitably towards their subjects, and walked in the ways of undeviating justice.

Thou art God's shadow on earth. Strive, therefore, to act in such a manner as befitteth so eminent, so august a station. If thou dost depart from following the things We have caused to descend upon thee and taught thee, thou wilt, assuredly, be derogating from that great and priceless honour. Return, then, and cleave wholly unto God, and cleanse thine heart from the world and all its vanities, and suffer not the love of any stranger to enter and dwell therein. Not until thou dost purify thine heart from every trace of such love can the brightness of the light of God shed its radiance upon it, for to none hath God given more than one heart. This, verily, hath been decreed and written down in His ancient Book. And as the human heart, as fashioned by God, is one and undivided, it behoveth thee to take heed that its affections

be, also, one and undivided. Cleave thou, therefore, with the whole affection of thine heart, unto His love, and withdraw it from the love of anyone besides Him, that He may aid thee to immerse thyself in the ocean of His unity, and enable thee to become a true upholder of His oneness. God is My witness. My sole purpose in revealing to thee these words is to sanctify thee from the transitory things of the earth, and aid thee to enter the realm of everlasting glory, that thou mayest, by the leave of God, be of them that abide and rule therein.

Hast thou heard, O King, what We have suffered at the hands of thy ministers and how We have been treated by them, or art thou of the negligent? If indeed thou hast heard and known, wherefore didst thou not forbid thy ministers to commit such deeds? How didst thou desire for Him Who hath complied with thy command, and been obedient to thy behest, that which no king would desire for any of his subjects? And if thou knowest not, this indeed is a more grievous error, wert thou of the God-fearing. Wherefore shall I recount to thee that which We have suffered at the hands of these oppressors.

Know, then, that We came unto thy city at thine own behest, and entered therein with conspicuous honour. They expelled Us, however, from thy city with an abasement with which no abasement on earth can compare, if thou be of them that are well-informed. They made Us journey until We reached the place which none entereth except such as have rebelled against the authority of the sovereign, and as are numbered with the transgressors. All this, notwithstanding that We had never disobeyed thee, though it be for a single moment, for when We heard thy bidding We observed it and submitted to thy will. In dealing with Us, however, thy ministers neither honoured the standards of God and His commandments, nor heeded that which hath been revealed to the Prophets and Messengers. They showed Us no mercy and committed against Us that which no one among the faithful hath ever wrought against his fellow, nor any believer inflicted upon an infidel. God knoweth and is a witness unto the truth of Our words.

When they expelled Us from thy city, they placed Us in such conveyances as the people use to carry baggage and the like. Such was the treatment We received at their hands, shouldst thou wish to know the truth. Thus were We sent away, and thus were We brought to the city which they regard as the abode of rebels. Upon our arrival, We could find no house in which to dwell, and perforce resided in a place where none would enter save the most indigent stranger. There We lodged for a time, after which, suffering increasingly from the confined space, We sought and rented houses which by reason of the extreme cold had been vacated by their occupants. Thus in the depth of winter we were constrained to make our abode in houses wherein none dwell except in the heat of summer. Neither My family, nor those who accompanied Me, had the necessary raiment to protect them from the cold in that freezing weather.

Would that thy ministers had dealt with Us according to the principles they uphold amongst themselves! For, by God, they dealt with Us neither in accordance with the commandments of God, nor with the practices they uphold, nor with the standards current amongst men, nor even with the manner in which the destitute of the earth receive a wayfarer. Such is the account of what We suffered at their hands, and which We have related unto thee in a language of truthfulness and sincerity.

All this befell Me, though I had come unto them at their own behest and did not oppose their authority, which deriveth from thine own. Thus did We accept and observe their bidding. They, however, appear to have forgotten that which God hath commanded. He saith, and His Word is the truth: “Act with humility

towards the believers." Methinks that their only concern was their own comfort and repose, and that their ears were deaf to the sighs of the poor and the cries of the oppressed. They seem to imagine that they have been created from pure light, while others have been fashioned out of dust. How wretched are their imaginings! We have all been created from a sorry germ.

I swear by God, O King! It is not My wish to make My plaint to thee against them that persecute Me. I only plead My grief and My sorrow to God, Who hath created Me and them, Who well knoweth our state and Who watcheth over all things. My wish is to warn them of the consequences of their actions, if perchance they might desist from treating others as they have treated Me, and be of them that heed My warning.

The tribulations that have touched Us, the destitution from which We suffer, the various troubles with which We are encompassed, shall all pass away, as shall pass away the pleasures in which they delight and the affluence they enjoy. This is the truth which no man on earth can reject. The days in which We have been compelled to dwell in the dust will soon be ended, as will the days in which they occupied the seats of honour. God shall, assuredly, judge with truth between Us and them, and He, verily, is the best of judges.

We render thanks unto God for whatsoever hath befallen Us, and We patiently endure the things He hath ordained in the past or will ordain in the future. In Him have I placed My trust; and into His hands have I committed My Cause. He will, certainly, repay all them that endure with patience and put their confidence in Him. His is the creation and its empire. He exalteth whom He will, and whom He will He doth abase. He shall not be asked of His doings. He, verily, is the All-Glorious, the Almighty.

Let thine ear be attentive, O King, to the words We have addressed to thee. Let the oppressor desist from his tyranny, and cut off the perpetrators of injustice from among them that profess thy faith. By the righteousness of God! The tribulations We have sustained are such that any pen that recounteth them cannot but be overwhelmed with anguish. No one of them that truly believe and uphold the unity of God can bear the burden of their recital. So great have been Our sufferings that even the eyes of Our enemies have wept over Us, and beyond them those of every discerning person. And to all these trials have We been subjected, in spite of Our action in approaching thee, and in bidding the people to enter beneath thy shadow, that thou mightest be a stronghold unto them that believe in and uphold the unity of God.

Have I, O King, ever disobeyed thee? Have I, at any time, transgressed any of thy laws? Can any of thy ministers that represented thee in 'Iraq produce any proof that can establish My disloyalty to thee? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of all worlds! Not for one short moment did We rebel against thee, or against any of thy ministers. Never, God willing, shall We revolt against thee, though We be exposed to trials more severe than any We suffered in the past.

In the daytime and in the night season, at even and at morn, We pray to God on thy behalf, that He may graciously aid thee to be obedient unto Him and to observe His commandment, that He may shield thee from the hosts of the evil ones. Do, therefore, as it pleaseth thee, and treat Us as befitteth thy station and beseemeth thy sovereignty. Be not forgetful of the law of God in whatever thou desirest to achieve, now or in the days to come. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds!

Dost thou imagine, O Minister of the Shah in the City, that I hold within My grasp the ultimate destiny of the Cause of God? Thinkest thou that My imprisonment, or the shame I have been made to suffer, or even My death and utter annihilation, can deflect its course? Wretched is what thou hast imagined in thine heart! Thou art indeed of them that walk after the vain imaginings which their hearts devise. No God is there but Him. Powerful is He to manifest His Cause, and to exalt His testimony, and to establish whatsoever is His Will, and to elevate it to so eminent a position that neither thine own hands, nor the hands of them that have turned away from Him, can ever touch or harm it.

Dost thou believe thou hast the power to frustrate His Will, to hinder Him from executing His judgement, or to deter Him from exercising His sovereignty? Pretendest thou that aught in the heavens or in the earth can resist His Faith? Nay, by Him Who is the Eternal Truth! Nothing whatsoever in the whole of creation can thwart His Purpose. Cast away, therefore, the mere conceit thou dost follow, for mere conceit can never take the place of truth. Be thou of them that have truly repented and returned to God, the God Who hath created thee, Who hath nourished thee, and made thee a minister among them that profess thy faith.

Know thou, moreover, that He it is Who hath, by His own behest, created all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. How can, then, the thing that hath been created at His bidding prevail against Him? High is God exalted above what ye imagine about Him, ye people of malice! If this Cause be of God, no man can prevail against it; and if it be not of God, the divines amongst you, and they that follow their corrupt desires and such as have rebelled against Him will surely suffice to overpower it.

Hast thou not heard what a man of the family of Pharaoh, a believer, hath said of old, and which God recounted unto His Apostle, Whom He hath chosen above all human beings, and entrusted with His Message, and made the source of His mercy unto all them that dwell on earth? He said, and He, verily, speaketh the truth: "Will ye slay a man because he saith my Lord is God, when he hath already come to you with proofs of his mission? And if he be a liar, on him will be his lie, but if he be a man of truth, part at least of what he threateneth will fall upon you." This is what God hath revealed unto His Well-Beloved One, in His unerring Book.

And yet, ye have failed to incline your ears unto His bidding, have disregarded His law, have rejected His counsel as recorded in His Book, and have been of them that have strayed far from Him. How many those who, every year, and every month, have because of you been put to death! How manifold the injustices ye have perpetrated–injustices the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, which no chronicler hath ever recorded! How numerous the babes and sucklings who were made orphans, and the fathers who lost their sons, because of your cruelty, O ye unjust doers! How oft hath a sister pined away and mourned over her brother, and how oft hath a wife lamented after her husband and sole sustainer!

Your iniquity waxed greater and greater until ye slew Him Who had never taken His eyes away from the face of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Would that ye had put Him to death after the manner men are wont to put one another to death! Ye slew Him, however, in such circumstances as no man hath ever witnessed. The heavens wept sore over Him, and the souls of them who are nigh unto God cried out for His affliction. Was He not a Scion of your Prophet's ancient House? Had not His fame as a direct descendant of the Apostle been spread abroad amongst you? Why, then, did ye inflict upon Him what no

man, however far ye may look back, hath inflicted upon another? By God! The eye of creation hath never beheld your like. Ye slay Him Who is a Scion of your Prophet's House, and rejoice and make merry while seated on your seats of honour! Ye utter your imprecations against them who were before you, and who have perpetrated what ye have perpetrated, and remain yourselves all the time unaware of your enormities!

Be fair in your judgement. Did they whom ye curse, upon whom ye invoke evil, act differently from yourselves? Have they not slain the descendant of their Prophet as ye have slain the descendant of your own? Is not your conduct similar to their conduct? Wherefore, then, claim ye to be different from them, O ye sowers of dissension amongst men?

And when ye took away His life, one of His followers arose to avenge His death. He was unknown of men, and the design he had conceived was unnoticed by anyone. Eventually he committed what had been preordained. It behoveth you, therefore, to attach blame to no one except to yourselves, for the things ye have committed, if ye but judge fairly. Who is there on the whole earth who hath done what ye have done? None, by Him Who is the Lord of all worlds!

All the rulers and kings of the earth honour and revere the descendants of their Prophets and holy men, could ye but perceive it. Ye, on the other hand, are responsible for such acts as no man hath, at any time, performed. Your misdeeds have caused every understanding heart to be consumed with grief. And yet, ye have remained sunk in your heedlessness, and failed to realize the wickedness of your actions.

Ye have persisted in your waywardness until ye rose up against Us, though We had committed nothing to justify your enmity. Fear ye not God Who hath created you, and fashioned you, and caused you to attain your strength, and joined you with them that have resigned themselves to Him? How long will ye persist in your waywardness? How long will ye refuse to reflect? How long ere ye shake off your slumber and are roused from your heedlessness? How long will ye remain unaware of the truth?

Ponder in thine heart. Did ye, notwithstanding your behaviour and the things your hands have wrought, succeed in quenching the fire of God or in putting out the light of His Revelation–a light that hath enveloped with its brightness them that are immersed in the billowing oceans of immortality, and hath attracted the souls of such as truly believe in and uphold His unity? Know ye not that the Hand of God is over your hands, that His Decree transcendeth all your devices, that He is supreme over His servants, that He is equal to His Purpose, that He doth what He wisheth, that He shall not be asked of whatever He willeth, that He ordaineth what He pleaseth, that He is the Most Powerful, the Almighty? If ye believe this to be the truth, wherefore, then, will ye not cease from troubling and be at peace with yourselves?

Ye perpetrate every day a fresh injustice, and treat Me as ye treated Me in times past, though I never attempted to meddle with your affairs. At no time have I opposed you, neither have I rebelled against your laws. Behold how ye have, at the last, made Me a prisoner in this far-off land! Know for a certainty, however, that whatever your hands or the hands of the infidels have wrought will never, as they never did of old, change the Cause of God or alter His ways.

Give heed to My warning, ye people of Persia! If I be slain at your hands, God will assuredly raise up one who will fill the seat made vacant through My death, for such is God's method carried into effect of old,

and no change can ye find in God's method of dealing. Seek ye to put out God's light that shineth upon His earth? Averse is God from what ye desire. He shall perfect His light, albeit ye abhor it in the secret of your hearts.

Pause for but a little while and reflect, O Minister, and be fair in thy judgement. What is it that We have committed that could justify thee in having slandered Us unto the King's Ministers, in following thy desires, in perverting the truth, and in uttering thy calumnies against Us? We have never met each other except when We met thee in thy father's house, in the days when the martyrdom of Imam Husayn was being commemorated. On those occasions no one could have had the chance of making known to others his views and beliefs in conversation or in discourse. Thou wilt bear witness to the truth of My words, if thou be of the truthful. I have frequented no other gatherings in which thou couldst have learned My mind or in which any other could have done so. How, then, didst thou pronounce thy verdict against Me, when thou hadst not heard My testimony from Mine own lips? Hast thou not heard what God, exalted be His glory, hath said: "Say not to everyone who meeteth you with a greeting, 'Thou art not a believer'." "Thrust not away those who cry to their Lord at morn and even, craving to behold His face." Thou hast indeed forsaken what the Book of God hath prescribed, and yet thou deemest thyself to be a believer!

Despite what thou hast done I entertain–and to this God is My witness–no ill will against thee, nor against anyone, though from thee and others We receive such hurt as no believer in the unity of God can sustain. My cause is in the hand of none except God, and My trust is in no one else but Him. Erelong shall your days pass away, as shall pass away the days of those who now, with flagrant pride, vaunt themselves over their neighbour. Soon shall ye be gathered together in the presence of God, and shall be asked of your doings, and shall be repaid for what your hands have wrought, and wretched is the abode of the wicked doers!

By God! Wert thou to realize what thou hast done, thou wouldst surely weep sore over thyself, and wouldst flee for refuge to God, and wouldst pine away and mourn all the days of thy life, till God will have forgiven thee, for He, verily, is the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful. Thou wilt, however, persist, till the hour of thy death, in thy heedlessness, inasmuch as thou hast, with all thine heart, thy soul and inmost being, busied thyself with the vanities of the world. Thou shalt, after thy departure, discover what We have revealed unto thee, and shalt find all thy doings recorded in the Book wherein the works of all them that dwell on earth, be they greater or less than the weight of an atom, are noted down. Heed, therefore, My counsel, and hearken thou, with the hearing of thine heart, unto My speech, and be not careless of My words, nor be of them that reject My truth. Glory not in the things that have been given thee. Set before thine eyes what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious: "And when they had forgotten their warnings, We set open to them the gates of all things," even as We did set open to thee and to thy like the gates of this earth and the ornaments thereof. Wait thou, therefore, for what hath been promised in the latter part of this holy verse, for this is a promise from Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise–a promise that will not prove untrue.

I know not the path ye have chosen and which ye tread, O congregation of My ill-wishers! We summon you to God, We remind you of His Day, We announce unto you tidings of your reunion with Him, We draw you nigh unto His court, and send down upon you tokens of His wondrous wisdom, and yet lo,

behold how ye reject Us, how ye condemn Us, through the things which your lying mouths have uttered, as an infidel, how ye devise your devices against Us! And when We manifest unto you what God hath, through His bountiful favour, bestowed upon Us, ye say, “It is but plain magic.” The same words were spoken by the generations that were before you and were what ye are, did ye but perceive it. Ye have thereby deprived yourselves of the bounty of God and of His grace, and shall never obtain them till the day when God will have judged between Us and you, and He, verily, is the best of judges.

101tCertain ones among you have said: “He it is Who hath laid claim to be God.” By God! This is a gross calumny. I am but a servant of God Who hath believed in Him and in His signs, and in His Prophets and in His angels. My tongue, and My heart, and My inner and My outer being testify that there is no God but Him, that all others have been created by His behest, and been fashioned through the operation of His Will. There is none other God but Him, the Creator, the Raiser from the dead, the Quickener, the Slayer. I am He that telleth abroad the favours with which God hath, through His bounty, favoured Me. If this be My transgression, then I am truly the first of the transgressors. I and My kindred are at your mercy. Do ye as ye please, and be not of them that hesitate, that I might return to God My Lord, and reach the place where I can no longer behold your faces. This, indeed, is My dearest wish, My most ardent desire. Of My state God is, verily, sufficiently informed, observant.

102tImagine thyself to be under the eye of God, O Minister! If thou seest Him not, He, in truth, clearly seeth thee. Observe, and judge fairly Our Cause. What is it that We have committed that could have induced thee to rise up against Us, and to slander Us to the people, if thou be of them who are just? We departed out of Tihran, at the bidding of the King, and, by his leave, transferred Our residence to ’Iraq. If I had transgressed against him, why, then, did he release Me? And if I were innocent of guilt, wherefore did ye afflict Us with such tribulation as none among them that profess your faith hath suffered? Hath any of Mine acts, after Mine arrival in ’Iraq, been such as to subvert the authority of the government? Who is it that can be said to have detected anything reprehensible in Our behaviour? Enquire for thyself of its people, that thou mayest be of them who have discerned the truth.

For eleven years We dwelt in that land, until the Minister representing thy government arrived, whose name Our pen is loth to mention, who was given to wine, who followed his lusts, and committed wickedness, and was corrupt and corrupted ’Iraq. To this will bear witness most of the inhabitants of Baghdad, wert thou to inquire of them, and be of such as seek the truth. He it was who wrongfully seized the substance of his fellow-men, who forsook all the commandments of God, and perpetrated whatever God had forbidden. Eventually, he, following his desires, rose up against Us, and walked in the ways of the unjust. He accused Us, in his letter to thee, and thou didst believe him and followed in his way, without seeking any proof or trustworthy evidence from him. Thou didst ask for no explanation, nor didst thou attempt either to investigate or ascertain the matter, that the truth might be distinguished from falsehood in thy sight, and that thou mightest be clear in thy discernment. Find out for thyself the sort of man he was by asking those Ministers who were, at that time, in ’Iraq, as well as the Governor of the City and its high Counsellor, that the truth may be revealed to thee, and that thou mayest be of the well-informed.

God is Our witness! We have, under no circumstances, opposed either him, or others. We observed, under all conditions, the precepts of God, and were never one of those that wrought disorders. To this he himself doth testify. His intention was to lay hold on Us, and send Us back to Persia, that he might thereby exalt his fame and reputation. Thou hast committed the same crime, and for the self-same purpose. Ye both are of equal grade in the sight of God, the sovereign Lord of all, the All-Knowing.

It is not Our purpose in addressing to thee these words to lighten the burden of Our woe, or to induce thee to intercede for Us with anyone. Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of all worlds! We have set forth the whole matter before thee, that perchance thou might realize what thou hast done, might desist from inflicting on others the hurt thou hast inflicted on Us, and might be of them that have truly repented to God, Who created thee and created all things, and might act with discernment in the future. Better is this for thee than all thou dost possess, than thy ministry whose days are numbered.

Beware lest thou be led to connive at injustice. Set thy heart firmly upon justice, and alter not the Cause of God, and be of them whose eyes are directed towards the things that have been revealed in His Book. Follow not, under any condition, the promptings of thine evil desires. Keep thou the law of God, thy Lord, the Beneficent, the Ancient of Days. Thou shalt most certainly return to dust, and shalt perish like all the things in which thou takest delight. This is what the Tongue of truth and glory hath spoken.

Rememberest thou not God's warning uttered in times past, that thou mayest be of them that heed His warning? He said, and He, verily, speaketh the truth: "From it (earth) have We created you, and unto it will We return you, and out of it will We bring you forth a second time." This is what God ordained unto all them that dwell on earth, be they high or low. It behoveth not, therefore, him who was created from dust, who will return unto it, and will again be brought forth out of it, to swell with pride before God, and before His loved ones, to proudly scorn them, and be filled with disdainful arrogance. Nay, rather it behoveth thee and those like thee to submit yourselves to them Who are the Manifestations of the unity of God, and to defer humbly to the faithful, who have forsaken their all for the sake of God, and have detached themselves from the things which engross men's attention, and lead them astray from the path of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. Thus do We send down upon you that which shall profit you and profit them that have placed their whole trust and confidence in their Lord.

O ye divines of the City! We came to you with the truth, whilst ye were heedless of it. Methinks ye are as dead, wrapt in the coverings of your own selves. Ye sought not Our presence, when so to do would have been better for you than all your doings. Know ye that the Sun of vicegerency hath dawned in all truth, and yet ye have turned away therefrom. The Moon of guidance hath risen high in the midmost heaven, and yet ye remain veiled therefrom. The Star of divine bounty hath shone forth above the horizon of eternal holiness, and yet ye have strayed far therefrom.

Know ye, that had your leaders, to whom ye owe allegiance, and on whom ye pride yourselves, and whom ye mention by day and by night, and from whose traces ye seek guidance–had they lived in these days, they would have circled around Me, and would not have separated themselves from Me, whether at eventide or at morn. Ye, however, did not turn your faces towards My face, for even less than a moment, and waxed proud, and were careless of this Wronged One, Who hath been so afflicted by men that they dealt with Him as they pleased. Ye failed to inquire about My condition, nor did ye inform

yourselves of the things which befell Me. Thereby have ye withheld from yourselves the winds of holiness, and the breezes of bounty, that blow from this luminous and perspicuous Spot.

Methinks ye have clung to outward things, and forgotten the inner things, and say that which ye do not. Ye are lovers of names, and appear to have given yourselves up to them. For this reason make ye mention of the names of your leaders. And should anyone like them, or superior unto them, come unto you, ye would flee him. Through their names ye have exalted yourselves, and have secured your positions, and live and prosper. And were your leaders to reappear, ye would not renounce your leadership, nor would ye turn in their direction, nor set your faces towards them.

We found you, as We found most men, worshipping names which they mention during the days of their life, and with which they occupy themselves. No sooner do the Bearers of these names appear, however, than they repudiate them, and turn upon their heels. Thus have We found you, and thus have We reckoned up your actions and borne witness to all your doings in this day. Know ye that God will not, in this day, accept your thoughts, nor your remembrance of Him, nor your turning towards Him, nor your devotions, nor your vigilance, unless ye be made new in the estimation of this Servant, could ye but perceive it.

By God! The Tree of vicegerency hath been planted, the Point of knowledge hath been made plain, and the sovereignty of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath been established. Fear ye the Lord. Follow not the promptings of your evil desires, but keep the law of God all your days. Renew the rules of the ways ye follow, that ye may be led by the light of guidance and may hasten in the path of the True One.

O ye wise men of the City and philosophers of the world! Beware lest human learning and wisdom cause you to wax proud before God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Know ye that true wisdom is to fear God, to know Him, and to recognize His Manifestations. This wisdom, however, can be attained only by those who detach themselves from the world, and who walk in the ways of the good pleasure of their Lord. Are ye possessed of greater wisdom than the one who contrived a moon which would rise from one well and set in another, and whose light was visible at a distance of three leagues? God, verily, blotted out every trace of his works and returned him unto dust, as ye have already heard or are now informed.

How many the sages and philosophers who equalled or surpassed him in learning and wisdom! And how vast the number of those who equalled or surpassed yourselves! Some of them believed in God, while others disbelieved and joined partners with Him. The latter were at last cast into the Fire, there to take up their abode, while the former returned unto the mercy of their Lord, therein to abide. For God doth not ask you of your sciences, but of your faith and of your conduct. Are ye greater in wisdom than the One Who brought you into being, Who fashioned the heavens and all that they contain, the earth and all that dwell upon it? Gracious God! True wisdom is His. All creation and its empire are His. He bestoweth His wisdom upon whomsoever He chooseth amongst men, and withholdeth it from whomsoever He desireth. He, in truth, is the Bestower and the Withholder, and He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise.

O ye learned of the world! Ye failed to seek Our presence, that ye might hearken unto the sweet melodies of the Spirit and perceive that which God in His bounty hath pleased to bestow upon Me. Verily, this

grace hath now escaped you, did ye but know. Had ye sought Our presence, We would have imparted unto you a knowledge that would have rendered you independent of all else. But this ye failed to do, and thus hath the decree of God been fulfilled. Now have I been forbidden to disclose it, since We stand accused of sorcery, if ye perceive Our meaning. The same words were uttered by the deniers of old, men whom death hath long since overtaken and who now dwell in the fire bewailing their plight. The deniers of this day shall likewise meet their doom. Such is the irrevocable decree of Him Who is the All-Powerful, the Self-Sufficient.

I counsel you, in the end, not to overstep the bounds of God, nor to heed the ways and habits of men, for these can neither "fatten nor appease your hunger". Fix, rather, your gaze upon the precepts of God. Whosoever desireth, let him accept this counsel as a path leading unto his Lord, and whosoever desireth, let him return to his own idle imaginings. My Lord, verily, is independent above all who are in the heavens and on the earth, and above all that they say and do.

I close with these words uttered by God, exalted be His glory: "Say not to everyone who meeteth you with a greeting, 'Thou art not a believer'."

Peace be upon you, O concourse of the faithful, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Praise and glory beseem the Lord of all worlds Who hath opened the gates of utterance through letters and made manifest the Purpose through the Word. Exalted be His might! He hath concealed the treasures of inner meanings in the vesture of words and guided the sincere and near ones unto them. Today the ocean of meaning surgeth in every word, and the sun of proof shineth resplendent from the horizon of every utterance. The pen falleth short of describing this station and its position is far beyond the reach of tongue and utterance.

O my God, my Purpose, my Adored One, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful! In all things are visible the signs of Thy grace and manifest the tokens of Thy generosity. Have mercy and guide the seekers to their Quest and lead those who aim at their Goal. Though Thy servants are heedless, yet they are weak; though they are remote, yet they are hopeful. The veils of idle fancies have hindered them and the shrouds of vain imaginings have debarred them from drawing nigh. O Generous One! Behold them with the eye of Thy bounty and act in a manner befitting Thy grace. Deprive not these bare bones of Thy wondrous fresh spirit, and leave not this handful of dust bereft of Thy holy habitation. Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And now, on this night, the eleventh of the month of Shawwal, thy letter was received and it so happened that it was opened in His presence and was presented. Thus did the tongue of our Purpose speak forth from the Most Exalted Horizon. These are His words, exalted be His utterance and sublime His proof:

In My Name, that speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Varqa! Upon thee be My remembrance, My praise, My grace, My mercy and My glory. Blessed be thy temple in that thou hast chosen for it the robe of servitude unto God, the True One. By the life of God! Thou hast chosen what God hath chosen for thee. He who recognizeth it and knoweth its station will hold fast unto it, will arise to serve the Cause, and will speak that which will draw mankind nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast spoken the truth, and We have revealed for thee that whereby all things were attracted, as a recompense for thy deeds and for thy mention of thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Verily, We answered thee before thy remembrance and after it, and at this moment when the Word of God hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. We have sent down for every name thou didst mention that which testifieth to My loving-kindness towards thee and My favor upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Give thou glad-tidings unto My loved ones from Me and remind them of that which will draw them nigh. I am the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. My mercy hath preceded My servants and My loving-kindness hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, at all times. He hath sent down for thee that which, were it to be cast upon the dust, it would speak; upon the bones, they would move and arise; and upon the dead, they would speak by God's leave, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down the table of utterance as a grace from Our presence and transmitted it unto thee. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in all conditions and to assist thee in the victory of the Cause of this wronged, this exiled One. The servant present hath read thy letter. We testify that thou didst turn to Him in the early days and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered, and didst behold His most exalted horizon and the creaking of His mighty and wondrous Pen, whereby the Concourse on high was attracted, as were the dwellers of Paradise who rejoiced at the mention of My momentous news, who chose for themselves a path unto Him, and who attained unto that which none before them had attained. However, most of the people are heedless.

We heard thy call. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto contentment. From thy letter wafted the blessed fragrance of pure servitude. Verily it hath been accepted, and the Wronged One hath mentioned it with a remembrance that no earthly thing can alter nor can the words of the opposers conceal. Beseech thou God that He may enable all teachers to achieve that which befitteth this day. Give thou glad-tidings to all on behalf of the Wronged One and set them ablaze with the heat of the love of God, that perchance they may attain unto that for which they were created. Praise be to God that some of the loved ones in that land and its surroundings have attained unto that which is acceptable and remembered in the presence of God. Blessed are they! The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee, upon thy children, and upon those who hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

This time events unfolded most favorably, for this servant had intended to reach the Most Exalted Horizon and Supreme Summit. The Servant of God arrived and delivered several letters to this servant. At the moment of arrival, as commanded, the letter from that beloved of hearts was immediately read and attained the honor of being heard. At that very moment, an answer descended from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all men - exalted be His bounty and great is His dominion. From the waves of the ocean of utterance, the degrees and stations of grace, favor and generosity are clear and evident. May my spirit be a sacrifice for His bounty!

Concerning what was written about the honored master, His Excellency A. and H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, after being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these exalted words were revealed, His exalted Word:

"O A., O H.! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all things and the Master of all beings. The error which thou didst suppose became the cause of the manifestation of bounty." And these exalted words were revealed from the Most Exalted Horizon specifically for that person. In every word is concealed an ocean of bounty and hidden a sun of grace. That which thou didst perform was in accordance with wisdom, and thou art commanded to act with wisdom. O A. and H.! I swear by the Sun of Utterance, there hath been ordained for thee that which the bird of imagination is powerless and incapable of attaining. Thou hast attained unto the blessing of recognition and received thy portion from the table of utterance, and thou hast been assisted to turn towards and act in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thank Him for this most great favor and say: "Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me time and again and revealed for me that which shall not pass away, by the everlastingness of Thy name, the All-Bountiful."

Verily, they have attained unto that which most of the people of the world are deprived and forbidden. One of their good deeds is that their sons, both before and after, attained unto that which is recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. In these blessed days the two sons, upon them be the Glory of God, together with two souls, upon them be the Glory of God, arrived at the prison and attained the honor of hearing, beholding and being present. This is a station whose greatness none save God, exalted be His glory, knoweth as it truly is.

Concerning what was written about Karbila'i Zaynal, upon him be the Glory of God, after being submitted, the Luminary of Permission shone forth from the horizon of will - His is the grace and bounty, and His the remembrance and glory. In these days a new governor has arrived in this city. Although until now nothing but good has been manifested from him, verily God our Lord knoweth what is in his heart and conscience, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Here follows the Most Great Light which illumineth the horizons - O thou who art mentioned in the presence of Him Who speaketh whilst all faces are turned towards Him! God, the Lord of all worlds, beareth witness that the Promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. He hath ordained the laws, revealed the Book, and made manifest His straight path. He hath spoken before all faces and announced to all His mighty tidings. Blessed art thou for having desired that which is good in the days of thy Lord, the Lord of the exalted Throne. When the scratching of My Pen attracted thee and thou didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and for having made me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by them who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness unto Thee and have spent what they possessed for the exaltation of Thy Word and the promotion of Thy Cause, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy loving providence. I moreover beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all being and the Supreme Ruler of the seen and unseen, to ordain for my mention an influence from Thee and a power from Thy presence that it may guide Thy servants unto Thy Most Great Path and draw them

nigh unto Thy Most Perfect Order. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme Ruler, the Self-Subsisting.

As to what thou didst mention concerning… […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and guided me when I was heedless of Thy path, and awakened me when I was asleep. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to ordain for this servant all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Then adorn him, O my Best-Beloved, with the ornament of trustworthiness and godliness and whatsoever beseemeth Thy days, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

The light of the Cause is radiating from all directions, and the Fire is manifest and ablaze in the Blessed Tree, and the ocean of utterance is at its highest surge in the realm of possibility, yet the seeker is nowhere to be found. As to what has been the cause of this prevention, and what it is, the people of the realms of justice and fairness are all bewildered, for that which hath appeared hath no precedent. At every moment an ocean of verses is revealed and the river of grace and bounty floweth from the right hand of the throne, yet the people circle round stagnant waters. This evanescent servant, throughout the nights and days, clinging to the hem of the Lord of all mankind, beseecheth that perchance He may bestow the cup of meeting upon the dead, may awaken the heedless, and may guide the ignorant to the ocean of knowledge. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to what was written concerning the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’llah - upon him be the Glory of God and His favors - praise be to God, mention of him hath ever been and still is before the Most Holy Court. That beloved of the heart hath on every occasion presented mention of them before the Holy Court, and likewise Aqa ’Ali-Haydar - upon him be the Glory of God - and some of the friends of the land of Ta have made and continue to make mention of them.

As to what was written regarding the Holy Tablets, all was properly done. Praise be to God, they reached Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’llah Kh A - upon him be the Glory of God. The servant beseecheth his Lord to confirm him in that whereby his mention shall endure. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

As to what was written regarding the family of the spiritual friend A B - upon him be 96 [the Glory of God] - after being presented before His presence, these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance - His blessed and exalted Word: “O Dove, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings! In consideration of outward circumstances and the general comfort of the people, their return to A B - upon him be the Glory of God - would be good, but his remaining in that land is more beloved and excellent. In any case, in these matters consultation should be undertaken; whatever becomes apparent, acting upon it will be acceptable in the sight of God.”

And as to what was written concerning the spiritual friends Aqa Mirza Sulayman and Aqa Mirza Mihdi - upon them both be the Glory of God - a hundred thousand thanks to the Best-Beloved of the world that He enabled them and confirmed them in their migration. They set out towards the Prison with pure

intent and have been and are mentioned in the presence of God. He hath said, and His Word is the Truth: “Verily those who have migrated in the paths of God their Lord and have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, they are of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Upon them be the mercy of God, the Lord of the worlds.” And after being presented before the Most Holy Court, two Most Holy Tablets were specifically revealed and sent for them. God willing, they shall attain to supreme joy through the glad-tidings of this great bounty. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

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

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and sent down from the heaven of utterance the table of divine knowledge. Blessed is he who hath attained and woe unto the heedless! Today the heavenly table is being sent down at every moment and bounty from the heaven of generosity descendeth like a copious rain. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most great gift and have drunk of the sealed wine in the name of their Lord, the All-Glorious. Within this wine are concealed effects and treasured wisdoms. It sanctifieth existence from all else save God and at every moment increaseth the fire of His love. It causeth man to attain such a station that he beholdeth all else besides God as non-existent and as utter nothingness. This is of the bounty of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Ye have ever been remembered and continue to be remembered in the Most Holy Court. Preserve through His grace this most great bounty and keep it hidden from the thieves and the treacherous. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in a mighty fortress and a manifest prison. And this is what was revealed for the other one, blessed and exalted be His words:

He is the One Who speaketh in the heaven of utterance. This is a Book sent down in truth unto people who know, and it guideth mankind unto the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of his Lord’s utterance and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His exalted station. When thou hearest the call from the Most Sublime Horizon, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me Thy verses and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by Thy power which the hosts and ranks have failed to weaken, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the worlds of the unseen and the seen, to make me in all conditions moved by Thy will, holding fast unto Thy cord, and acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having remembered me time and again, for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and generosity to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. O my God, send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who broke not Thy covenant and Thy testament, and whom the clamor of Thy creatures and the doubts of those of Thy servants who have violated Thy trust, denied Thy beauty, and rejected Thy manifestation and Thy verses, did not deter. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to grant this prayer.

Praised be God! In these days the emigrants have attained in every day, and the fragrance of Revelation hath been diffused at every moment. They have attained unto that which hath no likeness or parallel. Their endeavors are praiseworthy, their deeds are righteous, and their presence and visitation are accepted. That spiritual beloved one must convey these glad-tidings unto them. This word was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, and its lofty station and exaltation are known and evident unto that one. One of the two sons who outwardly had not attained permission - the beloved of the heart, his honor Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - hath sent a letter to this servant requesting permission, and after it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance and permission. Blessed be their two sons and their mother, and those who have attained unto the bounty of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The loved ones of that land are all remembered, and this servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to illumine and set ablaze all of them at every moment with the light of steadfastness and the fire of love. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and the Lord of the Last and the First.

The letter of his honor A. and H., upon him be the Glory of God and His bounty, which was in his handwriting, arrived and after it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, this response shone forth from the Dayspring of God's Command - His words, blessed and exalted is He:

He is the Guardian over all names. O Ahmad! The One, the Single, hath made mention of thee with verses whose fragrance hath been diffused throughout the world. Blessed is he who hath found and attained. Verily he is of the people of the cities of My mercy and My loving-kindness. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We have made thy deeds a trust from thee with God, the Powerful, the Trustworthy. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. Verily He created thee and manifested thee and showed thee that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His knowledge. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me through Thy mighty verses and aided me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon, and for having sent down unto me that which hath attracted the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names. By Thy might! Whenever I turn toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, I find within myself the fire of longing and yearning, and whenever I witness the heedlessness of Thy servants, bewilderment and despair seize me from every direction. I beseech Thee, O Sender of verses and Revealer of clear signs, by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy Most Great Name from the horizon of the world, to assist me in all conditions to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Then send down upon me and upon Thy servants the rain of mercy and success. Verily Thou art the Cleaver of the daybreak and the Sender of the winds. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God! The waves of the ocean of bounty have appeared before the faces of men in such wise that none but the blind of the world would deny it. Every possessor of insight hath testified and doth testify, and every possessor of hearing uttereth and speaketh "Thine is the grace and bounty, O Lord of the nations!" Although the people are now heedless, yet there shall come a day when they shall remember and bewail their own selves. The servant beseecheth his Lord to purify their hearts from vain imaginings. Verily He is the Lord of mankind and the Master of days.

And concerning the two persons mentioned in the letter, after they were specially presented, there was revealed for each that which testifieth to the mercy, kindness and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. This is what was revealed for his honor Mir Ali Asghar Askui, upon him be the Glory of God. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise […]

O Mir Ali-Qabl-i-Asghar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of Destiny. All the Prophets and Messengers came specifically to guide creation to the straight path, yet the heedless servants accepted not the message of their Lord in the early days of any of them. Some they denied, and others they called sorcerers, and there befell those Gems of existence that which caused the realities of all things to lament. Though their purpose was naught but the elevation of souls, each faction clung to some vain imagination and was deprived of the light of the Sun of Truth. Praise be to the Purpose of the world Who favored thee and guided thee to the horizon of understanding. Know thou the value of this station and say: "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and for illumining my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and Thy Cause, through which Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy love and to enable me to drink the choice wine of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

And this was revealed for Karbala'i Ahmad-i-Milani, upon him be the Glory of God:

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

O Ahmad! Ahmad (Muhammad) the Messenger–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake–came with the verses of the Furqan. The followers of religions denied Him and called Him a liar. Whenever the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Source of heavenly commands appeared from the horizon of will, the people arose in denial and increased in hatred. And in those ages the might of kings and princes and the power of the divines were not as they are in these days. When the time of this Most Great Revelation arrived, it was observed that kings possessed supreme sovereignty and were firmly united, while the divines appeared with utmost power, and electrical currents moved in every direction, and fire-ships traversed land and sea. All these things outwardly appeared as instruments of harm and impediments for the friends of God, exalted be His glory. Yet this Wronged One called out before all faces without any veil or covering, and summoned all to the straight path. The instruments of the world and the veils of the nations prevented Him not. Blessed is the strong one who arose to serve the Cause, and the speaker who spoke among the people. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to hold fast to His cord and cling to the hem of His mercy. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the All-Hearing, the All-Responding.

Praise be to God! That which was revealed specially for these two souls beareth witness to the grace, favor and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. The cause of this enduring bounty and heavenly food was the honored and beloved Jinab-i-Alif and Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Well is it with him and pleasant it is for him. In truth, from the earliest days until now they have stood firm in service and have been engaged in remembrance. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor that they have attained unto. Another letter from that beloved of the heart, which contained the water of life, arrived.

Praise be to God, its pure water was the cause of joy and gladness, and its effect was the source of delight and expansion. Praise be to the true Benefactor Who confirmed that spiritual beloved one and singled him out for His grace. And after its presentation in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed from the Mother Book. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

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

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O thou who speaketh My praise, who gazeth toward My horizon, and who standeth in service to My Cause! We have adorned thee with the ornament of Our loving-kindness and mercy, and have imparted unto thee Our Word, and have manifested thee for the promotion of Our Cause amongst Our servants. The servant who is present hath at this hour appeared, made mention of thee, and presented before Our countenance that which thou didst send. Thereupon the ocean of loving-kindness surged with the waves of mercy and bounty, and through it grace shone forth from the horizon of eternity. We have mentioned thee in such wise as hath enraptured the Concourse on High, and caused the Spirit to emerge from its Most Glorious Station in its longing to hearken unto My call, until it appeared before My face and proclaimed with the most exalted voice: O peoples of earth and heaven! This is He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities! This is He in Whose remembrance the Books of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, were revealed! Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves. Cast away what ye possess, then hasten with your hearts to the station wherein He Who is Self-Subsisting hath been established upon the Throne of Revelation and proclaimeth: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Blessed art thou for having confined thine affairs to My remembrance and praise and to the service of My Cause, the Mighty, the Beloved. Remind My loved ones on My behalf, give them the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance. We have sent down for them that which calleth out with the most exalted voice and testifieth to My grace and generosity that hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Joy be unto him who hath attained unto the lights of My Kingdom, and woe unto every remote denier.

The enumeration of divine favors is in truth impossible. Whenever mention was made of that beloved of hearts in the Most Holy Court and gained the honor of being heard, the ocean of loving-kindness was so tempestuous and the sun of grace so resplendent that all are incapable and fall short of describing it. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God that through the education of that beloved one and the friends, people worthy of this Revelation may appear, who shall see all save God as non-existent and all names as lost before His Name. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, his honor Huda, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praised be God that the signs of his remembrance and praise are evident. He revealed that which testifieth to the sincerity of his intention and the purity of his nature. This is from God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. After mention was made of his name in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of grace. His mighty utterance, exalted be His proof:

We are the Manifest One, speaking in the Most Great Prison.

Praise be to God that in the breath of the loved ones the effect of the water of eternal life is evident, whereby they give new life and bestow a fresh spirit upon decayed bones. O Huda! The Lord of all creation hath remembered thee before, and before that before, and at this moment. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thy remembrance hath ever been present in the Most Holy Court; thou dwellest beneath the canopies of grandeur. Though outwardly distant, blessed be thy heart for having turned, thy face for having been directed, thine ear for having heard, and thy tongue for having uttered the remembrance and praise of God among His servants. He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to confirm thee in that wherein thou art. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee, upon those with thee, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

And specifically for his honor the aforementioned Khan, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, one Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Kingdom of grace and was sent. God willing, they will drink from the divine Kawthar that is concealed within the verses and attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness, upon which all degrees of knowledge depend.

This is what was sent down from the heaven of the will of our All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord to Ismail Pasha Khan Khu'i. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who watcheth over His loved ones. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the bounty and the giving, His is the power and the might in this world and the next. He ordaineth in the Most Exalted Paradise for whomsoever He willeth that which shall never end, through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and His Supreme Attributes. He is the Powerful One Whom the happenings of the world cannot prevent from mentioning His Most Great Name. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired before the faces of all people. He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the wine of divine love and turned toward His horizon in days when most of the people of the world were aflame with the fire of hatred and clung to the cord of rejection and heedlessness. Praise the Goal of all the worlds Who aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of His verses. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The greatest glad-tidings is that thy letter arrived and was favored with attention and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Thank thy Lord and say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the horizon of Thy Cause, for having made me hear Thy call, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen through Thy grace and generosity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to ordain for me through Thy grace and mercy that which will draw me near unto Thee and benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. There is none other God but Thee, the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Kingdom and the Dominion, and

the Possessor of might and power. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

Concerning what was written about the beloved of hearts, Aqa Muhammad Karam (upon him be the Glory of God and His favors), after it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these verses were revealed. His blessed and exalted Word:

"O Leaf! Upon thee be My glory, My favors and My mercy. Thou hast been the cause of mentioning My loved ones and My chosen ones. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of this deed. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The 'Ayn and Ta have attained the station of standing before the gate of grandeur and glory, and heard the Call with their ears and witnessed the horizon of Manifestation with their eyes. Give them the glad-tidings of this Most Great Remembrance and this Supreme Favor which hath encompassed earth and heaven." In truth, the honored 'Ayn and Ta are holding fast to that which is right and are among those souls concerning whom He saith "and of them is he who hasteneth toward good deeds." We beseech God to assist him, strengthen him and make his influence enduring among the people. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

In truth, they do not hesitate in matters of goodness, even though outwardly circumstances may not appear favorable to their will and nature. Nevertheless, they strive and endeavor to the extent possible, nay beyond that, and are swift in good deeds. Well is it with him and blessed is he.

And concerning the mention of the beloved of hearts, His honor Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, after his name was presented at the Most Exalted Horizon, these supreme words were revealed. Thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He: The Wronged One beareth witness to the arising of Haydar-'Ali to promote the Cause of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Varqa! By the life of God, divine confirmation hath seized him and heavenly support hath accompanied him. At times he is occupied with writing, and at others with the mention and praise of the Desired One. The tribulations of the world and the hatred of the nations did not prevent him from accepting and teaching the Cause. The word of contentment hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. In the word of testimony of the Wronged One lie concealed the oceans of bounty and the hidden pearls of grace. From the beginning of days until now he hath not ceased in this manifest Cause and its promotion amongst the servants. Verily We were with thee and with him, We hear and see, and We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be to God! The whole world was created for the recognition of this Most Great Cause and its promotion, yet none attained thereunto save a few chosen ones who are adorned with the distinction of His special favors and are blessed with His particular bounty. It behooveth all to supplicate God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of these few chosen ones whatsoever is worthy of His generosity and bestowal.

Another letter brought supreme joy to the Supreme Scene and attained the honor of being heard. Thy supplication was presented in its entirety, and after its completion these verses were revealed from the Dayspring of the favors of the Desired One of all worlds. Thus speaketh the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O thou who hast clung to My cord and drunk the choice wine of My utterance! The face of My mercy hath turned toward thee from the horizon of My prison, and calleth thee with that which diffuseth the fragrance of My utterance throughout My earth and My heaven, that thy remembrance may endure in My Kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. We were speaking the verses of My grandeur and gazing upon the horizons of My kingdoms when the servant in attendance appeared before My face and read that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom and the dominion, the Possessor of majesty and might. We have heard thy call and the yearning of thy heart and thy lamentation and cry in separation. We beseech God that through thy call He may raise the heads of the heedless from slumber. Verily He is the most powerful of the powerful and the most merciful of the merciful. O Varqa! Upon thee be the ocean of My glory and upon thy descendants. Verily thy Lord is the Announcer, the All-Knowing. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Desired One of all worlds.

In every word lie concealed the oceans of bounty. In truth, that beloved of hearts hath attained unto the glances of the favor of the Lord of creation. A hundred thousand times blessed art thou! The servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant the servants success in turning unto Him, drawing nigh unto Him, and hearkening unto the verses of His grandeur. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Thou didst mention the spiritual friend, his honor ’Ayn-Qaf-Ya, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. His mention hath been and is before the Most Holy Court. Last week a special Tablet was revealed for him and sent with the Tablets for that land, and after his mention was presented at the Most Exalted Court, these sublime words were revealed specially for him from the horizon of favor. He saith, blessed and exalted be He: In My Name, the Speaker in the Prison of ’Akka […]

We bear witness that the Eye hath drunk the wine of My loving-kindness from the chalice of My bounty, and hath heard My call when it was raised from the direction of My prison, and hath attained unto the fragrances of revelation in My days, and hath turned unto Me when most of My servants turned away. This is a testimony that hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he, then blessed is he, and the glory be upon him and upon whoever hath mentioned him in his book.

O Ba! Upon thee be glory! In every instance, from all directions, while the breezes of thy mention are wafting and blowing, thy remembrance is mentioned at the court of God, exalted be His glory, and thy name exists, adorned with the ornament of My Beautiful Name. Rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

This evanescent servant is, in most times, engaged in their remembrance. Praise be to God, they are aflame with the fire of divine love and illumined with the light of His knowledge, and this is the cause and reason for the joy of the hearts and souls of the friends. Concerning what they wrote about the mention of the friends of Sisan, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these suns of utterance shone forth from the horizons of divine knowledge, utterance and wisdom. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the Name of the Powerful Speaker!

O people of Sisan! Repeatedly have ye been blessed with the revelation of the Most Exalted Pen. By the Essence that was manifested from the special treasury of the blessed word "I was a hidden treasure," the world and all that is therein cannot equal one word revealed from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. Do ye know Who speaketh and Who hath turned towards you? By the life of God! If ye truly discover and know this, ye will behold yourselves detached from the world and all who dwell therein. The immature ones of the world have attempted to mislead sanctified souls. Verily I say, these days have no peer or likeness. Know ye their value. Ye shall not attain unto the station of knowledge save through the fear of God. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, to adorn your temples with the ornament of godliness and your heads with the crown of detachment. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed are ye and your dwellings. Verily, We perceive from them the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We counsel you to perform good deeds and manifest goodly character, then We counsel you to unity and harmony, and to wisdom, wherewith We have commanded you in the Holy Books and Tablets.

Contention and corruption have been forbidden. All must hold fast unto that which is righteous. Today if anyone reviles a loved one of God and he showeth patience, God will ordain for him the reward of a martyr. Blessed are the patient ones, and happy are the patient ones. O friends! The life of this world is not worth mentioning. Soon shall extinction overtake it. Strive ye that perchance ye may quicken a soul with the water of divine utterance in a spirit of joy and fragrance, or sanctify a heart from the dust of idle fancies through the Kawthar of grace. The station of man is good deeds, while oppression and tyranny are the deeds of the foolish. In all conditions be ye thankful and merciful, not deniers and oppressors. Pray for those in authority, show not enmity. Were God to unveil to them what He hath unveiled to you, they would hasten with their eyes and hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, grace is in His hands, and power unto you and unto those who have held fast to His firm cord and His mighty announcement.

The mention of his honor Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, hath proceeded from the Tongue of Grandeur. We beseech God, exalted be He, to confirm him in His service. In the Most Holy Book hath been revealed concerning the education of children and the training of human beings that which is enduring and eternal, whose fragrance shall never fade. Verily, We glorify him from this station that he may thank his Lord, the Glorified, the All-Knowing.

I supplicate and beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist His party in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of His Cause, and lead to the manifestation of sanctity and the emergence of detachment. Praise be to God, the companions of Milan, upon them be the glory of God and His mercy, have outstripped most lands and have drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds. And the people of Sisan, upon them be the glory of God, have attained to that which most of the people of the earth are deprived of. This is through the bounty of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

Mention hath been made of the spiritual friend, his honor Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Glorious. Some time ago there was revealed from the heaven of the Will of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds, especially for him, that from whose every word the light of bounty

shone forth and the Sun of Truth dawned. And now, after his name was mentioned in His presence, this utterance was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur:

His word, mighty be His proof and great His majesty: “O Ibn-i-Dakhil! Thou art he who hath attained unto My days, and hath drunk the choice wine of My utterance, and hath beheld the horizon of My Revelation, and hath heard My call. Verily, His Holiness the Trusted One hath made thy deed a treasure for thee with Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise. Remind the people of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My utterance, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Say: This is the Day whereon the Herald hath called out from a near place, and the Cry hath been raised in truth from God, the Almighty, the Powerful. The earth hath been illumined with the light of its Lord, and the Mount hath attained unto Him Who converseth with it, the Mighty One. O Ibn-i-Dakhil! The people behold the signs of God yet deny them, and hear His call yet turn away from it. Say: O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of Destiny hath established Himself upon the Throne, and every hidden secret hath been revealed. Turn with illumined hearts unto His Most Great Prospect and His Most Pure Station. Beware lest the doubts of the people keep you back from the Self-Subsisting One, or the might of the wolves deter you from the Lord of the Final End. Cast the world behind you, taking the chalice of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious.”

When the utterance reached this most exalted station, all things cried out: “O servants of the All-Merciful! The Balance hath been set up, the Path hath appeared, the Most Great Ocean hath surged before your faces, and the fragrance of God hath wafted among you. Thank the Lord for this bounty which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have heard thy call and have turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

Glory be to God! For the sword of utterance there hath been and is no peer or likeness. The penetration of this sword is mightier and sharper than that of a sword of steel. Praise be to our Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath forbidden His loved ones from oppression and tyranny, and from corruption, conflict and contention, and hath made victory to lie in utterance and naught else. It behooveth us and all the people of the world to thank Him for this great bounty. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praise be to God! His honor hath attained unto service, teaching, attainment, reunion and the presence of God. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant him assistance and confirmation. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

That mention was made of his honor Habib Nurani and his honor Mulla Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God and His bounty, and likewise of the luminous attraction of the wondrous Beauty - this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. His blessed and exalted Word: “O Dove! O thou who gazest toward My horizon, who standest before the gate of My grandeur, and who speaketh My praise! All bounty is in the hand of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Verily He maketh the highest of His servants lowest, and the lowest highest. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.” Consider and reflect upon what hath come to pass. The sister of this Wronged One remained leagues distant from the Truth, while that handmaiden attained the honor of nearness and reunion. Yea, the banner “there are no ties of kinship among you” hath been raised, and the standard “on the day when man shall flee” hath been hoisted to the highest station in the world. This sister was not with Us and had not seen Yahya in

this Cause. Out of love for the world and attachment to the possessors of glory and wealth, she passed by the Wronged One and joined the oppressor. She became associated and affiliated with the enemies in this great betrayal, and now burneth with the fire of hatred. She hath manifested such deceit that the world is astonished thereby. She hath no knowledge of this Cause whatsoever, but hath adopted countless deceptions from certain manifestations of Satan. She hath appeared in supreme wickedness and risen up to harm the Wronged One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the new leaf and gladden her with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. Blessed is she and blessed is he who hath recognized her, taught her and guided her to the path of God, the Lord of earth and heaven, the Master of the hereafter and of first beginnings.

This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to protect her and increase His love in her heart at all times. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

That mention was made of the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God, in that land - after their names were presented at the Most Holy Divine Threshold, there was revealed for each one that which hath testified and doth testify to the ocean of the bounty of God, our Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

He is God! O Mustafa! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings. Take thou a cup of My sealed wine, then drink thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto thy Lord and cause thee to enter the pavilion of knowledge, wisdom and utterance. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath bestowed this great bounty and given to drink of this most pure Kawthar. When thou attainest unto it, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of bounty, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who possessest the Kingdom of Names!"

He is God! O Ni'matullah! By the life of God! Whenever I desired to make mention of My loved ones, I heard the call of all things from every direction. This is of My bounty unto them and My loving-kindness toward them. Give thyself and My loved ones the glad tidings of that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen at this moment wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

He is God! O Muhammad-Taqi! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it will draw thee to My horizon and give thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of My bounty, and will protect thee from all else besides Me and draw thee nigh unto the court of My holiness. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me by the light of Thy Cause to the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy testimonies. I bear witness that Thou hast appeared and manifested that which maketh the names of Thy servants to endure by the endurance of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in earth and heaven."

He is God! O Rida! The Lord of Destiny ordained for Himself imprisonment in 'Akka through the Pen of Divine Decree, and in the Most Great Prison, without veil or covering, summoned all to the Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou, for at this hour the chalice of God's remembrance hath appeared in thy name - drink thou thereof and be of the thankful ones.

He is God! O Qasim! The Sun of Truth, in this darksome night, hath turned from the horizon of ’Akka toward thee that It might remember thee. Dost thou know Who He is? He is God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Praise thy Lord and thank Him for this bounty which, were it to be pressed by the hands of love and faithfulness, would yield the Water of Life unto all creation. Hold fast unto wisdom, then guide the people into the City of the Divine Exposition, as bidden by God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

He is God! O Fath’u’llah! The victory of God and His triumph have come, and he who was deprived in His knowledge hath now arrived. Give glad tidings unto the people and say: Open your eyes! The Luminary of proof hath dawned from the horizon of divine knowledge. Cast aside what ye possess and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The world hath been stirred by the breezes of Revelation, and creation hath been seized by the rapture of His Manifestation. He speaketh from the Mount of Divine Exposition: The gate of heaven hath been opened, and its Creator hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all on earth. He is the Single One, the Unique, the Powerful, the Almighty. O Fath’u’llah! Thou wast created to aid the Cause of thy Lord. Hold thou fast unto it and be among the helpers. Verily, aid consisteth in teaching My Cause through utterance, not through disputation and argument. Know thou this and be among those who are endowed with knowledge.

He is God! O Ustad Ibrahim! Abraham came - they cast him into the fire. Muhammad - they called Him an impostor. Moses - they named Him a sorcerer. The Spirit (Jesus) - they declared Him an infidel. These unjust people have ever turned away from the Truth. No faces achieved acceptance save those whom thy Lord wished. By God’s life! Thou wast not created for this world, but for My mighty Cause and My great Message.

He is God! O Jabbar! The Chosen One declareth: Take My Book with My power and might and say: “O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to make me ever turned toward Thee and detached from all else save what hath appeared from Thee. Verily, Thou art the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

He is God! O Khalil! Thou hast attained the wine of Divine Revelation and drunk the water of everlasting life from the hand of bounty, and thou hast been mentioned time and again. We counsel thee and those who have believed to serve the Cause of God, your Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, the Master of the hereafter and of former times. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He commandeth His servants to that which draweth them nigh unto Him and maketh them to be among those who fear not, neither are they grieved.

He is God! O Shirzad! How excellent is this most exalted station! The Countenance of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison precinct and revealed for thee that wherefrom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. When thou attainest unto the Euphrates of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all creation, for having illumined hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and heads with the crown of Thy favors. O Lord! I am Thy servant. I have turned toward Thee in Thy Day. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto the court of Thy holiness. Verily, Thou art the One, Thou art the Giver, Thou art the Most Generous.”

He is God! O Muhammad-Sadiq! The Herald's purpose was to illumine the world with the lights of truthfulness and adorn the peoples with the ornament of knowledge. Yet until now no trace of it hath appeared, and the people utter such calumnies as have never been heard in all creation. They have denied God's verses, His sovereignty, His proof and His testimony. They are truly among the heedless in My manifest Book. Praise be to God that thou hast held fast to the cord of truthfulness. Today, whosoever hath attained the recognition of Truth is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book as among the truthful ones.

He is God! O Muhammad-Ismail! God hath created thee and all who are on earth for My remembrance and praise, for the service of My Cause, for orbiting around My will and purpose, and for acting according to what hath been revealed in My Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that for which he was created. He is truly of the people of Baha in this most exalted station. The Tongue of Grandeur in His mighty and wondrous Kingdom beareth witness to this.

He is God! O Gabriel Bey! By the life of God, Israfil hath blown the Most Great Trump, and hearts and souls which were deprived of life in the temples of existence and forbidden the divine Kawthar of utterance have been stirred to motion and attained eternal life. Although the deniers outwardly hear, speak and move, with God they are recorded among the perished ones. Verily the Trump is the Most Exalted Pen, and We have breathed into it a command from Our presence, and I am the Ancient Commander.

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing! O Nabil, upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the All-Glorious! On this mighty and wondrous day, Ali-Muhammad hath spread a feast and invited those who circle round. At this moment, the one named Jud, upon him be My glory and favor, made mention of thee and acted on thy behalf in that which hath been the hope of those near unto God. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee. Verily bounty is in His hand and generosity in His mighty grasp. He ordaineth as He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We send greetings from this most mighty and most glorious station to thy children whom We mentioned before.

O Muhammad-Ismail! Previously, pearls of remembrance were taken from the ocean of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds and sent to thee. Blessed art thou and blessed are His successful servants.

O Ni'matullah! The true bounty and heavenly sustenance hath been and is that which was sent down from the heaven of God's will. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto it. I counsel thee to preserve what hath been granted. Verily He is the Forgiver, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Abdul-Ali! Make My call a wing for thyself and soar therewith in the atmosphere of My mighty and sublime love. And if thou desirest, make it a fortress for thyself to protect thee from the evil of the oppressors who have denied God's proof and testimony and turned away from the Truth, the Knower of faults. O Abdul-Ali! We send greetings from this station to thy mother's face and give her glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds. We beseech God to assist My male and female servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Hearer,

the Mighty, the Beloved. The glory from Us be upon thee, O Nabil, and upon those with thee, be they male or female. Verily thy Lord is the Single, the One, the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving.

He is God! O Abdullah! The Cause of God is manifest and the verses of God are revealed. Hidden mysteries are evident before all faces, and the waters of mercy flow from the Pen of Him Who is the Aim of all the worlds. We beseech God not to withhold His servants from the outpourings of His days nor deprive them from the ocean of His grace. Today all things are in rapture and ecstasy at the vibration of the Most Exalted Word through the appearance of the Lord of Names. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear. You must be occupied with praise and thanksgiving to God, for the Supreme Pen hath turned toward you from the Prison of Akka. Verily, He loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth him who remembereth Him. He is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

He is God! O Jafar! This is a great and blessed Day. That which was hidden within man is today being and will be made manifest. Man's station is great, if he turneth unto the Truth and remaineth steadfast in the Cause. The true human being appeareth before the All-Merciful as the heaven itself - the sun and moon are his hearing and sight, and the stars are his illumined and radiant virtues. His station is the most exalted of stations and his signs educate all creation. Every soul who today hath perceived the fragrance of His garment and turned with a pure heart to the Most Sublime Horizon is recorded among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. Take thou the chalice of My bounty in My Name, then drink therefrom through My sweet remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

He is the One Who speaketh before all faces! O Agha! Today if one who hath drunk the choice wine of inner meanings were to enter the City of Utterance, he would find all its inhabitants engaged in lamentation and weeping, for the divine sheep in every city and land are seen to be afflicted among wolves. We have seen and been patient. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient and hath commanded His servants to observe gracious patience. We have sent down for thee at this moment that which shall be immortalized in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

He is God! O Ali! Upon thee be the Glory of God! Wonder upon wonder! From the beginning until now, not one among the divines of Iran hath become aware of His appearance and its nature. What hath been the cause of their prevention and the reason for their deprivation? With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. This Wronged One hath from the beginning until now been in the hands of enemies - at times in chains, at times captive - until finally arriving at this Prison. We praise God for this and beseech Him to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

He is God! O Muhammad-Qabli-Ali! We accepted the trials of the earth for the exaltation of His blessed and supreme Word. In the days when the world was aflame with the fire of hatred, We did not hesitate in the proclamation of the Cause. We witnessed what no one hath witnessed and heard what no one hath heard. But tribulation in the path of the Lord of Names is sweeter than honey and more delicious than heavenly food. The sustenance of lovers are pieces of their own hearts, and the drink of His loved ones their flowing tears in the path of the Peerless Beloved. Blessed is the soul whom the ornaments of these fleeting days have not deprived of the abiding and eternal bounty. Be thankful unto thy Lord for having aided thee and caused thee to recognize His straight path and His mighty and firm Message.

He is God! O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The Divine Balance proclaims with the most exalted call: The Divine Balance is the blessed word "There is no God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." By this Balance all are weighed, and in less than that moment the reckoning of creation is complete. The loving ones are known by the light of their countenance, and the sinful by their marks. Glory be to God! The signs of the Resurrection and the tokens of the Hour have encompassed all, yet deeds are a mighty barrier that has prevented the servants from drawing nigh and has left them in the wilderness of remoteness. Praise be to God that you have attained to that which is the cause of prosperity and salvation. The power of princes did not prevent you, nor did the hatred of the divines deprive you. With an illumined heart you turned, and attained recognition of the Sun of Truth. Repeatedly has your mention been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto your Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

He is God! O 'Ali M.Y.! The world is perfumed with the fragrance of the divine utterance, and with utmost joy and enthusiasm is engaged in glorification and praise. We beseech God to cause His servants to attain unto that which manifests wondrous and strange influences in the world. Through the word of acceptance, the earthly house became the point of adoration for the world, and the black stone the object of reverence for the nations. His power has manifested in every age that which is the greatest cause for faith and certitude. Blessed is he who has seen with his own eyes and heard with his own ears the call of God from the prison of 'Akka. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in this resplendent station. O 'Ali! Praise the Sovereign of existence that you are mentioned in His presence and known by Him.

The oceans of the world cannot compare with a single drop of the Kawthar of utterance of the Pre-existent Lord. It is clear and evident that the entire world was created from one drop thereof. The nobility of the oceans of the unseen and the seen has been and always will be from that drop. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

The mentioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God, the Lord of Oneness, are blessed with eternal life, for their mention has flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and is recorded in the Book with the ink of the Most Bountiful Name. For this ink is the source of unity and the dawning-place of concord. I beseech God to assist His loved ones in preserving what He has bestowed upon them, for if the manifestations of the light of grace and bounty specifically ordained for His loved ones were to appear even to the extent of a grain, all would cry out in the wilderness of existence "Here am I! Here am I!" In its concealment lie hidden mysteries, and in its revelation appear bestowals. Who can reckon that to which the birds of hearts and minds cannot soar? In all things the impotence of creation is evident and the power of the Creator manifest.

Mention was made of Haji Mirza Fat?-'Ali ?., upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise of his certitude, steadfastness and enthusiasm. After being presented before the Lord of Names, these brilliant verses dawned from the horizon of grace in the highest heaven. His word, exalted be His glory and sublime be His utterance:

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

The soul who today, in the name of Truth, has freed and detached himself from all that is with the people - he is as a pearl in the shell of the ocean of divine bounty. No description can attain to this station, for descriptions are limited by the boundaries of souls, while this station is beyond all mention and description. The highest rank and most exalted station are free from enumeration. Praise be to God! You have drunk from the choice wine of utterance in the name of the Beloved of all possibility, and this is that same choice wine that had forever been sealed and hidden from all. In this Most Great Revelation, the Finger of God's Will removed its seal and proclaimed: "Come, advance, O people of Baha! Come, advance, O companions of My Crimson Ark! Come, advance with your hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon, O friends of God!"

When you attain unto My call and the traces of My Pen, say: "My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath set me aflame, remoteness from Thee hath seized my soul, and distance from the precincts of Thy nearness is my greatest enemy. I beseech Thee, O Thou at Whose call the near ones hastened to the place of sacrifice to offer up their souls in Thy path, and by Whose utterance in the kingdom of Thy might the hearts of the sincere ones were attracted, to make me in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, moved by Thy will, and speaking that which draweth people nigh unto the court of Thy companionship. O Lord! Withhold not them that seek Thee from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor Thy lovers from the precincts of Thy nearness. Thou art He at Whose call the dwellers of the graves arose, the trumpet was sounded, and that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and preserved in the treasury of Thy protection was made manifest. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy servant of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! Aid me to remember Thee amongst Thy servants with wisdom and utterance, and to teach Thy Cause among the religions. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, to manifest through me, by Thy grace and power, that whereby the standards of Thy mention and praise may be raised, and whereby that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book may be spread abroad. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer."

This evanescent servant has, in truth, with utmost humility and supplication besought the Self-Sufficient One to make them the dawning-place of victory and triumph, and through His infinite bounty, the victory of His Cause has been through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and naught else. In this station, such utterances have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen as would, in an instant, transport man from earth to heaven. Glorified be the greatness of our Lord, exalted be His grace, mighty be His bounty, and magnified be His generosity, which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven.

As for what they wrote concerning certain laws, by command that which hath thus far been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and recorded is being sent. Regarding the fast for a traveler on foot, its limit hath been set at two hours. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. And those souls who are engaged in arduous labor during that blessed month - this is what God, exalted be His glory, hath decreed, blessed be His bounty: Those souls are adorned with the ornament of God's pardon and favor, exalted be His glory. We have pardoned them as a bounty from Our presence and a mercy from Our side, and We are verily the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give them the glad tidings of that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His glorious

and exalted station. However, during those days, moderation and concealment, out of respect for God's decree and the station of the Fast, is most fitting and beloved.

Concerning ablutions that were asked about - whether it is possible with the ablutions performed for obligatory prayer to also recite ninety-five times the Greatest Name and visit the Shrine of the Ancient Beauty, or whether ablutions must be renewed for each one - after submission [to God], the Tongue of God spoke these words: Renewal is not necessary. In all matters His grace encompasses all and His mercy takes precedence. And He Himself suffices as witness.

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the seekers of unity have hastened to the Dawning-Place of the lights of Thy countenance, and those who are nigh have drawn close to the Day-Spring of the signs of Thy oneness. Thou art He Who hath ever been seated upon the throne of Thy Will, ruling in Thy dominion according to that which Thy purpose hath ordained. The things of creation cannot frustrate what Thou willest, nor can the might of any in the kingdoms of creation render Thee powerless. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace to assist Thy loved ones in that which Thou hast willed in Thy days. Then protect them, O God of the world and Lord of eternity, from those who dispute Thy signs and rise up to extinguish Thy light. I implore Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all existence to enable Thy servants to turn unto Thee, then cause them to hear Thy call which hath been raised betwixt Thy heaven and earth. O Lord! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Subdue them, O my God, through Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the tyrants of Thy earth and the Pharaohs in Thy lands. Then send down upon Thy loved ones that which shall adorn them with the ornament of Thy favors, and exalt them to such a station that their might and power in Thy Cause shall become manifest to all who are on earth. Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Within Thy grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

Thou knowest and seest, O my God, how my heart hath melted in the fire of love for Thy chosen ones, and how the tongue of my inner being standeth ready to praise them before Thee and to mention them in the court of Thy glory. Thou knowest, O my God, that the tribulations and adversities of the earth have not prevented me from turning toward the faces of those whom no affair can distract from Thy remembrance and praise, to such extent that after this servant had presented the reply to one of Thy loved ones, another letter from him reached me. When I read it and learned of his devotion and his arising to serve Thee, I took up the pen once again at that very moment and began writing in reply, seized neither by lassitude nor weariness. I testify that this could only have come from the wonders of Thy generosity and the manifestations of Thy grace, and from what Thou hast deposited in my heart - a fire from whose sighing can be heard the mention of Thy loved ones. Then He toward whom Thou seest my gaze directed, and for whose mention before Thee the blood boils in my veins with longing - I beseech Thee, O God of the world, by the power of Thy Most Great Name, to assist him in all conditions to serve

Thee and to arise amidst Thy creation to exalt Thy Most Great Word in such wise that nothing may hinder him. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Hearing, the Near, the Generous, the Answering One.

O beloved of my heart! The one true God is witness that from the fire of love for the friends of God, exalted be His glory, which is kindled within my being, I am continuously occupied with remembrance and praise, in such wise that no lassitude hath overtaken me. Most often am I engaged in verbal praise and written expression, and this bounty is naught but the result of the attention of His loved ones. For when this ephemeral one had finished mentioning all the letters of that beloved one, one after another, at that very moment when they were sent, another letter from that beloved one dated the third of Rabi'u'l-Avval passed like a morning breeze over my heart and brought awareness. In truth, the joy and delight of this ephemeral one comes at times when mention is made of God, exalted be His glory, and of the services rendered to His Cause by the sincere ones and those who are nigh. Therefore, every letter that arrives is a key to the gate of joy […]

In His Name, the Hearer, the Beholder, the Answerer

Whenever a missive arrives from them and their services to the Cause are heard, it is verily a key unlocking the door of joy and delight. I beseech and implore God that this key may ever be at hand and this breeze may perpetually waft. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After being apprised thereof, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Beholder, the Answerer

Rejoice, O Ali, that the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen hath been raised time and again in thy remembrance. By the life of the Beloved! Nothing that is witnessed or beheld can equal it. Verily thy Lord hath encompassed thee with His grace. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Wert thou to gather all that We have revealed for thee from My Most Glorious Station, thou wouldst behold a book of great magnitude, each letter of which is more precious in the sight of God than all things. To this testifieth every discerning knower. Be thou steadfast in My Cause, vocal in My praise, firm in holding fast to My cord, and soaring in this atmosphere wherein can be heard that which Moses heard on Sinai and the Beloved heard in His ascension. Verily thy Lord is the Explainer, the All-Wise. Thus have We caused thee to hear the warbling of the Bird of Inner Meanings from this wondrous and glorious atmosphere.

O Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, and gladdeneth thee with the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His loving-kindness, and commandeth thee that which beseemeth this Day which hath been mentioned in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Remind My servants of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty. By My life! Through it are attracted the hearts of the nations and are gladdened the breasts of them that have turned towards God. Say: O concourse of the earth! Be fair in your judgment concerning that which hath appeared from Him, and follow not the imaginings of such as have uttered that which was the greatest cause for the martyrdom of the Beloved of the world - He Who came with the truth and gave the glad-

tidings of the appearance of the Hidden Treasure, at Whose manifestation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds.

O Akbar! The scratching of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven, while the buzzing of flies is heard from behind the veil. By God's life! The people are in manifest error. Behold those who claim to be of the Bayan - they have carved with hands of falsehood an idol and taken it for themselves as lord besides God. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are today among the idolaters. Say: If ye deny what the Dawning-Place of Names hath brought, by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Be fair in your judgment and be not of those through whom the fire of hatred hath been kindled in the dominion of creation. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. He concealed not Himself for less than a moment - to this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one. He stood amongst His enemies with such steadfastness as was not shaken by the power of anyone on earth, nor was He deterred by the clamor of any mighty and powerful one. He arose amidst the world and called out with His loudest voice, summoning all to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who have been fair, who have heard and responded, and those who have turned away and disbelieved in God Who created them by His command. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest recite them amidst those who have been so inebriated by the wine of inner meanings that they have cast the world behind their backs, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Blessed is he whose strength hath not been weakened by the conditions of the divines, and blessed is he whose vision hath not been obscured by the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. The glory shining from the horizon of the brow be upon thee and upon those who are fair in God's Cause and hearken to the melodies of the Bird of Utterance upon the branches, and upon every one steadfast and firm. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Sadiq (upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors) being appointed to the land of Ta for the purpose of teaching, this matter was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His exalted Word: "O Sad! We have verily sent down verses unto thee before and have sent them to thee. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having cast aside what the people possess and taken what thou wert commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto God for having made thee to attain imprisonment in His path and given thee to drink from the cups of tribulation in His love. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Merciful. There hath befallen thee what befell My chosen ones before thee and what befell Mine own Self time and again. To this testify all things and beyond them the Tongue of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Reflect upon the former ages and what befell the Messengers of God at the hands of the oppressors. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in earth and heaven, for having made known unto me Thy Cause and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy love and shown me Thine all-highest horizon from which the people have turned away and made me to hear the warbling of the birds of Thy throne and the melody of the Nightingale upon the branches. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by the table sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty, O Lord of the Throne and of the earth, that Thou write down for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of those who have taught Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance and who have associated with Thy servants in days wherein the limbs of all names trembled with fear. O Lord! Thou seest the stranger desiring the most exalted

homeland in Thy presence, and the poor one turning toward the ocean of Thy riches, and the lowly one clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy glory. O Lord! Disappoint him not of what he desireth from the wonders of Thy grace and bounty, then enable him to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty."

Praise be to God that the Most Exalted Pen hath testified concerning him to that which befell him in the path of God. Can the treasures of earth equal this testimony? Can whatsoever is in the treasuries of kings compare with it? Nay, by His own true Self! All that hath been created hath come into being through one Word from non-existence into existence. Blessed is the one with vision whom the conditions of creation have not prevented from the Truth, and whom the croaking of the raven hath not held back from the cooing of the Dove of the Cause. This is a Day the like of which hath not been seen. The steadfast souls who are firm and upright, who have drunk from the ocean of steadfastness and who are gazing toward the Dayspring of verses, must exert their utmost endeavor in teaching the Cause of God. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted True One to assist His loved ones in that which is the cause and means of the remembrance of His servants. God willing, may they offer the wine of immortality in the name of the Lord of Names to the people of the Kingdom, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and be not heedless of that which is intended. This servant conveyeth his greetings and salutations to him and seeketh divine confirmation in all conditions.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa 'Abdu'l-Karim and his association with one of the imaginary persons, this explanation was submitted, and He said: "O 'Abdu'l-Karim! Reflect upon the cause and reason for all the tribulations and afflictions that befell the Primal Point and the friends of truth. By the life of God! If one were to reflect, he would soar on wings of detachment in this subtle and gentle atmosphere. The cause and reason were the fabricated words of imaginary persons. A person who did not exist - they fashioned a form through their vain imaginings, assigned him a locality, and gave him residence in cities of fancy. These vain imaginings caused that Essence of being to be martyred by bullets of hatred. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!

"Reflect upon the Shi'ih sect. For nearly thirteen hundred years they counted themselves the most exalted, most God-fearing, most excellent and most learned among all peoples. Yet when the divine test came, they pronounced their verdict against the Sovereign of existence for Whose appearance they had been lamenting night and day, and they shed His most pure blood. Thus it became clear that the Shi'ih sect was lower and more ignorant than all other sects in the world, save for a few souls who attained to this station through other means.

"God is My witness that the people who have arisen today in complete opposition to this Wronged One have never had, nor do they now have, any knowledge of the essence of the Cause. They fabricate lies against God yet perceive it not, they say that which they know not, and they imagine themselves to be guided. Nay, by the Self of God, the Self-Subsisting! Now the worms of the earth are following the example of previous imaginary persons and are occupied in contriving the same vain imaginings. God protect us and thee from their evil and their scheming.

"God willing, thou wilt arise to promote the Cause of God in such wise that no one on earth will find occasion to oppose or object. Behold with thine eye His most exalted horizon, then hearken with thine

ear to His most sweet call. This is what thou hast been bidden by God, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the Last and the First.

“Pray for the opposers and the veiled ones. Beseech the peerless God to guide all to the straight path and deny none His supreme bounty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.”

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to him and submitteth that one is astounded by these ignorant masses. This servant, as all the people of the Bayan can testify, spent twelve years, by the command of the Ancient Beauty, with that imaginary person. Not one of the opposers ever questioned this servant so that details could be given and they could become informed. Now it is observed that souls who have never seen and who are utterly unaware of God’s Cause, both past and present, have arisen and are occupied with leading pure souls astray. They have newly determined to organize another Shi’ih sect. Then afterward, who will they condemn to death and whose blood will they declare lawful to shed? Sighs ascend and tears descend for what hath come to pass and what will come to pass against God’s chosen ones and His loved ones at the hands of these people. How many truthful souls did they condemn to death and arise to martyr! They shed the blood of anyone who drank from the ocean of knowledge and declared that the Promised One would appear from physical lineage […]

And He said that the Promised One would appear from among the descendants, yet they shed His blood and plundered His possessions. And all this oppression came from those whom the Shi’ites have regarded and continue to regard as their leaders after the Imams, and whose obedience they consider essential to their religion. Away with them and with those who follow them without any clear proof or enlightening Book! Even more veiled, more erring, more rebellious, more astray, and more remote than these people were and are those who turned away from the Bayan. In truth, your honor has spoken an eloquent word in mentioning that no community has ever been witnessed to be so negligent and unjust. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth to confirm your honor and to make you manifest with such ardor that the hearts of the friends may be set ablaze with the warmth of love for Him, and the hearts of the enemies may melt. Verily, He is the Helper in the hereafter and in this world. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

O beloved of my heart! At one time in these stations, a divine utterance was revealed from the True One, glorified be His majesty, and was written and sent to the beloved son of the Most Truthful One of God, upon them both be all the most glorious glory. Surely a copy of it will reach you and you will observe it. Such sublime utterances that have been revealed from the Supreme Pen are most beneficial, for souls are still veiled and deprived by the vain imaginings of the past from the subsequent Luminary. For instance, one of the friends of God from the land of Kha wrote to one of those residing in the desired land, mentioning that a certain Siyyid, who was among the renowned people of piety, after the proof was completed for him, said: “This person of whom you speak - even if he should turn heaven into earth and give life to decayed bones, we would not believe, for his parents are known.” Now observe how the vain imaginings of the past have prevented souls from ascending to the highest heights and have deprived them of the Euphrates of divine mercy. The very statement they made before, that the Qa’im resides in Jabulqa and Jabulsa, became the cause and reason for the shedding of pure blood, as all have witnessed. Now too the veiled ones of the Bayan are occupied with the same utterances and have been and are

striving day and night to build the region. Woe unto them and unto whoever turns to them, hearkens to their words, and clings to what they possess! Glory be to God! The divine verses are flowing and descending like torrential rain by night and day, to such extent that they have encompassed all horizons. Surely by now many times the equivalent of the Bayan has been revealed. Nevertheless, the unjust leader has written to his followers that "they take two words from the Qur'an and two words from the Bayan, compose verses, and send them to different regions" - and the heedless, deluded souls have accepted these ravings. Say: O people, where has fairness gone? What has become of understanding? For God's sake, reflect for a moment on the wondrous, sublime verses, that perchance the hidden mysteries may be unveiled and you may behold the horizon of the proof of the All-Merciful with His eye. In no way have the verses of this Most Great Revelation been similar to previous verses, nor are they now. This lowly one submits to those souls: Is there no possibility that you might be in error? Is it not possible? Reflect with fairness somewhat on past events and judge for yourselves with insight. For thirteen hundred years all your divines, with the utmost effort and endeavor, through what they deemed to be conclusive proofs, arguments, solid evidence, and successive traditions, established that the Qa'im exists on earth and dwells in Jabulqa and Jabulsa. And any knowledgeable divine who denied these ravings and said that the Promised One would be born from physical loins, they counted among the infidels and issued a decree for his death. Thus they killed all by the decree of those wrongdoing souls who considered themselves the leaders of mankind. All these matters are clear and evident. Until after one thousand two hundred and sixty years that Essence of being appeared in Shiraz in a known place from the womb of His mother, and it became clear and evident that all the divines […]

It became clear and evident that all the divines and their followers had been in error for one thousand two hundred and sixty years, and not a single one of these souls had become aware of the truth. And if any soul did become aware, he dared not reveal it, for at such time the cry of "O for the Law!" and "O for the Faith!" would be raised, as indeed it was raised. In such circumstances, one must not remain heedless but must view all matters with the eye of justice. After it was established that a vast multitude in many generations were all heedless, erring, and rebellious, it is possible these few souls may also be in error. This servant submits this with humility, for his Lord loved and loves humility. Otherwise, by Him Who caused the Tongue of Dawn to speak His praise and glory, they have indeed denied God and turned away from Him Whose Covenant was taken from all the Prophets of the past and those who came after them - the Point of the Bayan, Who came from the presence of the All-Merciful and gave the glad-tidings to all of this Revelation, through which, when it appeared, the ocean of divine knowledge surged and the fragrance of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, was diffused. O Beloved of my heart! Where is fairness, where is vision, where is hearing? In truth, what has happened that these people have so quickly turned away from that Intended One concerning Whom the Point of the Bayan hath said: "He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan. The Cause is in the hand of God, our Lord and the Lord of all religions." Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou hearest the sighing of my heart in this station, the cry of my inner being, and the lamentation of my heart. Thou art He Who gave glad-tidings unto all of Thy manifestation, Thy appearance, and Thy seat upon the throne of Thy grandeur, and made the entire Bayan as but a leaf from its Paradise, and took its Covenant from those who claimed belief in Thy Self. Yet when the horizon of manifestation was illumined and He Who conversed on Sinai came, they arose in opposition and objected to Him in such wise that the dwellers of the highest Paradise

and the inhabitants of the cities of names bewailed their tyranny. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book which none save Thyself hath comprehended and which none save Thy knowledge hath encompassed, to aid those who have been heedless of meditation upon Thy verses and of turning to Thy clear proofs. O Lord! Thou seest them in the ignorance of the Days of Ignorance and in the breaking of Thy Covenant. O Lord of all creation! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy power and the heaven of Thy grace to make known to them what Thou hast intended through Thy Will and what Thou hast decreed through Thy Purpose. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of truth that whatsoever this evanescent servant hath mentioned was solely for God's sake. Every fair-minded soul can detect from it the fragrance of truthfulness. He had and hath no purpose save the deliverance of those heedless souls who are drowning in the sea of vain imaginings. Were they to reflect even slightly on what hath been mentioned, all would be struck with such wonder that they would find themselves powerless to describe it. O people of the world! Hearken unto the plaintive cry of this evanescent servant, and turn from the left hand of idle fancies to the right hand of certitude. It would be a pity if in such days as these, wherein all have awaited His presence, ye should be debarred and deprived of Him. Behold with your own eyes the Most Great Scene, and with attentive ears hearken unto the divine verses. That which hath been manifested of verses, clear proofs, testimonies and evidences throughout successive years defieth enumeration by man. Reflect upon the first year of the Revelation until it reached the Point of the Bayan, and upon the proofs, testimonies and evidence that have been presented before diverse parties and scattered peoples from beginning to end. Today each soul must imagine himself standing in the divine presence, positioned before the Lord of the seen and unseen, that he may speak and hear with true sincerity. Assuredly at that moment he will find his way to the highest horizon and attain recognition of the Most Great Luminary. Any fair-minded person will, in less than a moment, attain unto the living waters of utterance. Two wings are needed: one is fairness and the other is seeking. With these two one can soar to the highest horizon and wing one's flight in that atmosphere wherein "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him."

This mortal's heart is aflame seeing how the trees of being have been stripped of leaves and fruits through the tyranny of the ignorant ones of the earth who are known as learned. Now that but a few leaves and fruits remain, burn them not with poisonous winds. Waste not what ye have experienced of tribulations and afflictions in the path of the Beloved, but preserve them in the name of God, exalted be His glory. Both the Beloved and this mortal must, with utmost humility and supplication, beseech from God, glorified be His majesty, confirmation for the ignorant ones who are unconscious from the wine of heedlessness, that perchance through the divine fragrances they may rise from the graves of self and passion and turn toward the highest horizon. However, alas, alas, such deeds and words have issued from those souls as to entirely prevent this blessing. God willing, that beloved one will arise with perfect power and might to promote the divine Cause and speak that which is as spirit to the seekers and as fire to the deniers and rejectors. Through God's grace, for years that beloved one hath attained unto this most exalted, most glorious station. Blessed are ye and happy are ye. Glory be upon your eminence and upon whoever hath heard your mention and utterance concerning this Cause whereby hath been manifested what God intended from before and after. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned, and woe unto the heedless and the hostile.

And concerning what you wrote about Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah], that praise be to God he hath turned toward the horizon of the Cause and hath drunk from the incomparable living waters - this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of might and power. His exalted Word […]

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Hearken unto the voice of the True One, the Trustworthy, Who hath appeared for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples, and Who hath borne all manner of tribulations and calamities that perchance the people of the earth might attain unto the imperishable fountain and find their way to the most exalted horizon. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with proof and evidence before all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and yet most of the people on earth remain deprived and bereft of beholding the lights of the dawn of inner meanings, veiled by the coverings of idle fancies. Say: O people of the world! The Most Great Luminary hath risen and shineth forth, and declareth: Whatsoever proofs, testimonies and evidences ye hold in your hands, whereby ye seek to validate your diverse religions, all these must ye seek from the Dayspring of the Divine Command, the Source of Revelation, and the Manifestation of God's Own Self. Should ye attain unto this, ye would not soil the hem of the near ones with the dust of vain imaginings, and would transform oppression into justice. Every atom beareth witness that until now there hath been revealed that which the eye of the world hath never seen the like thereof. Say: Fear ye God, and follow not your idle fancies. Follow ye Him Who speaketh amongst you that He may draw you nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may ye at all times hold fast unto the cord of His bounty and cling to the hem of His mercy. Glory be unto him who hath turned unto Him and attained, and woe betide them that have turned away. This servant conveyeth greetings to him and beseecheth the Exalted Truth to make him steadfast with supreme steadfastness. He is indeed near and responsive. Concerning what was mentioned about blind imitation and the vain imaginings of the generality of the world's peoples, it is hoped that the Hand of Divine Power may rend asunder all veils. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. And that beloved one is, praise be to God, assisted in rending asunder the veils and is confirmed through wisdom and utterance.

Concerning what you wrote about my brother Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, this servant submits that they should agree to what the Divine Tongue has previously uttered. Let them take from this servant several proofs equal to those held by the various parties on earth, and turn to the Supreme Horizon. If one holds fast to the cord of justice, one will not remain veiled from any matter. Today the followers of the Qur'an cling to the Qur'an which was sent down from God, using it to prove their truth. And yet there exist several times as many revealed Books now present and at hand. The Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, was from among the Arabs and appeared among the Arabs, while now the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Manifestation of the Unseen is from Persia and has appeared in Persia. Arabic and Persian verses have been revealed to such a degree that scribes are powerless to reckon them. Moreover, let them observe and reflect upon the evidences. That which has appeared in this Most Great Revelation has appeared in no other age, and He has clearly foretold future events beforehand. All fair-minded ones bear witness to what has been mentioned. If they would reflect upon the conclusive proof, the conquering power and the penetrating might of God, it would suffice them all and they would utter the words "I believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!"

God willing, may all attain to this station which is more evident than the sun and not deprive themselves of God's eternal bounty. When the Most Great Luminary dawned from the horizon of the Land of Mystery, one of the people of Qaf expressed bewilderment and hesitated concerning the truth of this Most Holy, Most Exalted Cause. A Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God's Will - O what a Tablet! In each letter of it surged the ocean of utterance and wafted the fragrance of the All-Merciful. The end of that Tablet flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in these words, exalted be His glory: "And if thou fearest for thy faith, take this Tablet and preserve it in the pocket of thy trust, and when thou enterest the place of gathering and God asks thee by what proof thou hast believed in this Revelation, then bring forth the Tablet and say: 'By this Book, the revealed, the blessed, the ancient.' Then read what hath been revealed therein before the face of thy Lord, the Resting-Place wherein thou beholdest the Prophets and Messengers. Then will all stretch forth their hands toward thee and take the Tablet and place it upon their eyes out of their longing to meet Me and their ardent love for Me, and they will find from it My hallowed, mighty fragrance." If all on earth would attain to fairness even less than the eye of a needle and reflect upon what hath been revealed from God's Kingdom, all would utter the words "Would that I had not taken so and so as a friend!" Glory be to God! With these manifest evidences, revealed verses, radiant conditions and dawning manifestations, how can one remain veiled and be observed as heedless? On one occasion this exalted word was revealed from the Tongue of the Dayspring of Names: "The example of previous peoples who are now deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Truth is like one who clings to a drop and objects to the ocean." In truth, the followers of religions are most heedless. They must either completely deny the Truth or hold fast to this Most Great Revelation. There is no other choice, there has been none and there will be none.

Praised be God for that which hath appeared and brought forth what He intended through His command "Be!" and it is. O My loved ones in that land! A letter from one who loveth God hath arrived wherein mention was made of you. We have remembered you with a remembrance whereby the dead have risen. Blessed are ye for having attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Ye are they who have quaffed the wine of inner meaning from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of the Final End. Know ye your stations, then preserve them through this Name at Whose appearance the Sacred Books have bowed down and the servants were thunderstruck. Beware lest the whisperings of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of Lords, prevent you. Leave them to themselves, turning with illumined hearts to the Supreme Horizon. Thus doth the Mother Book command you. Say: O people of the earth! Come ye and observe justice concerning that which hath appeared from the horizon of God's Will. Fear God and follow not every oppressive deceiver. By God! The ocean of inner meanings hath surged before the countenance of the All-Merciful, the path of justice hath been raised up, and from the right hand of the Throne hath flowed the Euphrates of thy Lord's mercy, the Sovereign of all horizons. Say: Leave ye the pond behind you and turn ye to the Most Great Ocean, as bidden by God, the Lord of all men. Verily We have appeared and summoned all to the Hidden Mystery Which hath come from the heaven of Command with the banners of verses. We sent unto the King of Paris that whereby the fragrance of God was diffused throughout all possibility. He received it but answered not his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Whereupon We revealed unto him another Tablet wherein We mentioned what befell him. The servants who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn bear witness to this. We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness and give you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you in

the Kingdom by God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and make mention of you through that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen by God, the Lord of all men.

Praise be to God! The loved ones of Truth have ever been and shall ever be the recipients of His favors. God willing, may they recognize the value of this bounty and exert their utmost to preserve it. The mention of the emigrants in the Land of Sad hath ever been and shall continue to be made in the Most Holy Presence and Most Great Scene. God willing, may they remain firm on the straight path and drink at all times from the Kawthar of bounty. All those who are related to that beloved one are illumined by the rays of the Sun of favor. This servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to grant them success in teaching His Most Holy, Mighty and Wondrous Cause. The conveyance of greetings and sincere regard from this servant to them and all the gentlemen and friends is dependent upon your grace.

Concerning what you wrote about Ibn Jinab Rida-Quli Khan, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah], this servant was greatly pleased, for he was very saddened by his lack of recognition. We beseech God that He may assist him to recognize His sacred Being and decree for him that which contains the good of this world and the next. These details were presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. His words, exalted be His grandeur: "O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar and O thou who gazest upon God, the Lord of Destiny! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison-ward, and mentions him whom thou didst mention, as a token of His grace. He is verily the All-Knowing Rememberer. Make mention of him on My behalf and give him the glad tidings of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Almighty." God willing, may they remain steadfast and firm in the Cause with utmost joy and delight, and conduct themselves with wisdom. The grace of God, exalted be His grandeur, encompasses all. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. All must hold fast to some means, and this binding decree hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in various tablets. He hath verily revealed that which benefiteth His loved ones. He is the Guardian of those who have turned unto Him and the Helper of those who act.

As for the mention made of the late and forgiven Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be Baha'u'llah, mention of him has previously been made in detail by the Supreme Pen. God willing, that beloved one will attain to its perusal. Likewise, mention has been made of his relatives. We beseech God and hope that He will cause each one to attain unto that which hath been specifically revealed for him. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in the name of Jinab Aqa Mirza Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah], and in that blessed Tablet mention was made of the late and elevated one, upon him be Baha'u'llah and His grace, by the Pen of Bounty. There hath been revealed for him that whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the worlds. Likewise, the Most Great Favor hath embraced his nephew, for since his father is deprived of the Kawthar of recognition and barred from the supreme horizon, therefore in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet his relationship to the martyred one of the land of K, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets, for when mention of him was made at one time in the Most Holy Presence, He said: "O servant who art present! He is the son of him who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have attributed him to that one as a token of Our grace, that he may be of the thankful." This is a bounty for which, were they to render thanks throughout their lives, it would

still be little, and this blessed passage hath been revealed time and again. Blessed is he, and upon him be glory.

The petition of Jinab Haji Mirza Hasan-i-Harati, upon him be Baha'u'llah, which was included within thy letter, was presented before the Presence of the Goal of the worlds. This is what the Desired One hath spoken in reply:

In His Name, the Mighty, the Great […]

O Hasan! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and hath heard thy call and thy lamentation, and recognized what thou didst desire in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath come with the truth to give life to all who are on earth and to manifest that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Messengers. He hath appeared to reveal the decree of the Meeting which God's Messengers had formerly heralded, and beyond them that which the All-Merciful had sent down in the Qur'an. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having turned to Him, and heard, and communed with thy Lord among the myriads who have turned unto Him. Give thanks to God for this most great favor, which cannot be equaled by whatsoever the people possess. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in this station that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Kawthar of reunion hath flowed before the face of thy Most Exalted Lord, but the people have come between thee and Him - they are assuredly among the oppressors. Grieve not over anything, be content and thankful for what hath been ordained for thee from the presence of One Who is Mighty, All-Informed. We have remembered thee and the handmaiden who hath believed in her Lord on a day when the handmaidens of the earth turned away from Him, save those whom God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, pleased to exempt. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded on this wondrous Day.

The details of this land were written in the previous letter. Two packets were sent, one in the name of that beloved one and another packet in the name of my beloved, His Holiness Ibn-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God. God willing, the honored Haji Mirza Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God and His might, will deliver them. Today, beseech God to assist His loved ones in teaching and in preparing the means thereof. In one of the Tablets, this exalted word was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that if someone is not able to teach, they should appoint a deputy. God willing, may the people be assisted in paying the Rights of God. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey greetings and praise to the aforementioned Haji. This servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth that either this request be honored with permission or that the reward of attaining His presence be recorded for him by the Most Exalted Pen.

As for the mention of His Holiness Ibn-i-'A?, upon him be the Glory of God, his letter arrived and was the cause of joy. Praise be to God, they are remembered in the holy presence and God willing, they are engaged in mentioning the Desired One of all worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance. Mention of them was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed in the Book from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful […]

O Kind One! Thy servant hath appeared with thy letter and presented it before the face of the Wronged One. We have heard what was contained therein and have answered thee out of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou and thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have made mention of thee before and before that, that thou mayest remember thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. He before Whom the Kingdom of the Bayan hath bowed down hath been opposed by one who knoweth not his right hand from his left. Thus doth the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, recount unto thee. Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in the name of God and follow not the desires of those who were behind the veil and who, when We revealed the Cause, came forth and uttered that which even the idolaters had not said. Say: By God! What ye possess will not profit you, nor will he whom ye have taken as lord besides God benefit you. Fear ye the All-Merciful, then speak forth with pure truth concerning this Cause whereby the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings were rent asunder. We make mention of thy brother who hath attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God. He came, was present, saw and heard. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth by His word "Be" and it is. We make mention of thy other brother to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified that he attained the presence when he turned toward the lights of the Countenance in a praiseworthy station. We make mention of thy mother who believed in God when the servants who broke the Covenant turned away and followed every ignorant deluded one. Thus have We mentioned thee and shown thee the pearls of utterance from this surging sea. We make mention of the daughter of My Most Truthful Name who sacrificed his spirit in My path and cast aside the world in his love for Me. We make mention of thy son who was remembered in the presence of the Prisoner, and We make mention of My handmaidens near thee who have turned, heard and believed in God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beloved. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from God, the Possessor of existence.

This servant giveth glad tidings unto all of the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and His all-embracing bounty and His preceding mercy. God willing, may all the members of that household drink from the chalice of steadfastness and preserve their stations through the name of the One True Friend, for great and mighty indeed is the station of steadfast souls, especially those who have been the target of trials and tribulations in the path of divine love. O friends! Know ye your station and recognize your worth. How many souls waited day and night, and with utmost humility and supplication sought to attain the Divine Day, yet all were observed to be deprived at the time of its manifestation. Blessed are ye for having shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the power of certitude. The Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that a year-old drop of the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than all the Bayan. Well is it with you and pleasant is it unto you. It is hoped that the perverted words of deluded souls will be found to be non-existent in the court of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Sulayman Khan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, God willing may he be assisted to pay his debts. And concerning what was written about the late and elevated Aqa Fath'u'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and mercy, and what remained of him, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His exalted Word: "Verily We have sent down the Book and commanded all to observe what is goodly and that which exalteth the station of man. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired. We have detailed therein the details of

all things and counseled all in what will profit them in this world and the next. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower. Hold fast to the Book of God, then follow what hath been revealed therein from My Most Exalted Pen which speaketh: 'There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Chosen.' We make mention of him who was named Fath'u'llah, who ascended to the Supreme Horizon, the station which God hath sanctified beyond mention and description. We testify for him to that which shall be a light before his face in all the worlds of God. Thus did the grace of his Lord, the Most Merciful, encompass him. He is among those who attained the love of God in such wise that We found his fragrance, and this is of My bounty which hath preceded all created things."

In the Book of God the law of inheritance hath been revealed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen, but in this instance They said that whatever portion of those funds that may be given to the teachers of the Cause is most beloved, for the work of teaching is regarded before God as among the most great matters. Blessed is he who attaineth unto it.

Concerning what was written about the inheritance of the brothers and sister of the late and forgiven Haji, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, whatever was done according to Islamic law before the Kitab-i-Aqdas is and was acceptable before the Most Merciful. And concerning what was written about the emigrant daughter, upon her be the glory of God, it is known that they have not and will not fall short in whatever they can do. Today all must be mindful of one another, for all are as the fingers of one hand. He saith, exalted be His Word: "Ye are all the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch."

However, distinction is achieved and stations become clear and evident through the manifestation of love, arising to serve, working for the sake of God, and turning toward His path. This servant implores and beseeches God that your honor may ever be assisted to serve the Cause and to show love toward the friends of God.

This servant, at the time of attendance and presenting matters, mentioned the honored friend Aqa Muhammad K.R., upon him be the glory of God, and whatever had been written to this evanescent one was presented, and the answer was revealed in response to the matters in that beloved one's letter. Therefore this servant was not content to cause additional trouble and did not submit a separate letter to his service. I hope to be pardoned. And what that beloved one had written concerning the emigrant daughter was presented before His countenance. He said: "It behooveth him to be vigilant in the days of God and steadfast in what hath been commanded from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

As regards what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. By the life of the Beloved! The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken that which hath caused the hardest rock to melt and the desert sands to flow. This servant is not, nor ever shall be, capable of conveying all that he heard. I testify by God, and He sufficeth as witness, that even those below this servant are incapable. This is a time for lamentation and weeping, a season for crying out and wailing, for one who was unable to speak hath been seized by the Lord, and remained heedless and veiled from the Almighty Sovereign Who, in days when the world's horizon trembled from the might of that Day, summoned all who dwell on earth, both kings and subjects. This evanescent one is bewildered as to what to say. Now let us pass beyond all this and turn to the holy Writings, that perchance they may discover the effulgent lights of inner meanings in the words of the Revealer of verses, and thereby be illumined.

Some time ago, in one of the Tablets, these exalted words were revealed from the Supreme Pen - exalted be His glory: Fix thy gaze upon these blessed words which, like unto the sun, have shone forth from the heaven of God's holy Tablet: "Return ye to the holy Writings, O ye who are endowed with insight!" Through the heedlessness of all on earth, the Cause hath reached such a pass that the Sun of Truth must needs adduce proofs for Its own effulgent rays.

O my God and the God of all created things! O my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the breezes of the gardens of Thy utterance were wafted forth in Thy days, and by the Word whereby the resurrection was established amongst Thy creation, to aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause and to turn unto Thy horizon. O Lord! Disappoint them not of the ocean of Thy bounty, and debar them not from the gate of Thy grace. Thou dost witness and behold, O Thou Beloved of the world, that hearts have melted by reason of what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the transgressors amongst Thy people. Ordain, therefore, for Thy weak servants that which shall make them mighty in Thy dominion, that they may acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy Revelation hath acknowledged. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

In brief, the details concerning the Shaykh and all that he mentioned were presented before His countenance. This is what the Tongue hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His saying:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad! This is the Great Day and Great Cause, which in all the divine books and heavenly scriptures is known as the Day of God. Though all days are related to the Truth, this Day has been specially designated by the Most Exalted Pen, both in times past and future. The Greatest Vision has appeared, yet sight is rare; the Call is raised from the prison, yet attentive ears are scarce. The signs of Truth are manifest like His very existence, clear and evident, yet the vain imaginings of heedless souls have prevented people from beholding the lights of certitude.

Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and arise as befitteth this Day. God willing, thou mayest, through the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful, quicken them that lie dead in the valley of self and desire. Stand for God's sake and speak for God's sake; perchance the thick veils may be rent asunder and eyes may be blessed with beholding the lights. The ocean is distinguished from the pond. Say: This is the Day wherein the Balance proclaimeth "I am the All-Knowing Distinguisher." Fear God and follow not your desires. Turn with illumined hearts toward the dawning-place of your Lord's bounty, the Lord of all beings, and follow not the imaginings of the wayward. This is the Day which God's Books have foretold aforetime, and of which the All-Merciful hath given tidings - the Day whereon all people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O people of the earth! The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One is come. The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath bidden you. How many learned ones have turned away from the All-Knowing, and how many ignorant ones have heard, hastened, and said: "Here am I, O Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Fix thy gaze upon the Supreme Horizon, and speak in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Hold fast unto the Most Great Handle that speaketh in the world and calleth all to the Most Great Name, giving them glad tidings of the Euphrates of the mercy of their Lord, the Gracious. Hearken thou unto the call of the Wronged One and arise in His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Take thou His sealed wine and drink thereof once in My name and again in remembrance of Me, in defiance of them that have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great.

Emerge from the horizon of silence, speaking forth this Name at Whose appearance earthquakes have occurred, tribes have lamented, and smoke hath enveloped the dwellers of the heavens and the earth, save them whom the hand of thy Lord's power hath protected, the Almighty, the Powerful. Call out with the most exalted call: "O peoples of creation! Is there any among you who can perceive the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance? Is there any among you with vision to behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of proof? Is there any with hearing to hear the Call of God, the Mighty, the Peerless?"

Say: O people of the Furqan! The Lord hath come upon the clouds of utterance and the All-Merciful hath given you glad tidings. Be fair in God's sight and be not of the abased. The Path calleth you unto truth and the Balance proclaimeth: "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Desire of the worlds!" Then turn thy face toward the people of the Spirit and say: By God! That which ye were promised in the Gospel from God, the Mighty, the Beauteous, hath appeared. He hath come with such sovereignty as none in the heavens and earth can withstand. Jerusalem hath been illumined with the lights of His countenance, while ye remain heedless. If ye desire the Manifestation, lo, He hath appeared in truth, and if ye seek signs, the horizons are filled with them. Beware lest what ye possess prevent you from this momentous Cause.

Say: O people of the Torah! The Revealer of verses hath come, and Zion crieth out: "The Hidden Name hath appeared!" Hasten […]

And Zion crieth out: "The Hidden Name hath appeared! Hasten ye, and be not of the heedless. This is a Day whereon all things cry out, and call all to the Most Great Ocean; yet the nations have waxed proud before God, save those who have come with a lowly heart." Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged, and the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the All-Merciful, been wafted abroad. Be thou thankful, and numbered with them that remember. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

God willing, may his honor Shaykh be confirmed in arising and calling out in such wise that the buzzing of flies shall not prevent him from hearing the melodies of the Nightingale of eternity. This servant conveys greetings and salutations to him, and declares: I swear by the Sun of Truth that those souls who are turning away today have been and are heedless, having never truly understood this Cause. Glory be to God! To such a degree have vain imaginings encompassed those souls that they remain entirely deprived and veiled from the rays of the Sun.

First, it is incumbent upon every soul to set aside, purely for the sake of God, whatever they have heard and to turn to the sacred Writings. Likewise must they meditate upon the power, might, and arising, and all that hath been manifested from the Manifestation Himself. This is the Day whose mention hath been recorded in all the divine Books. Similarly was the mention of the appearance of Truth in these lands

recorded - David in the Psalms declares: “Sing praises to the Lord who dwelleth in Zion” - and Zion is situated in these lands. He likewise says: “Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces.” He further declares: “O Palestine, who will lead me into the strong city?” - the gate of Palestine is Akka, and the strong city He mentions is Akka and its fortress, which is very strongly built. In numerous Tablets it is referred to as the Most Great Prison.

Isaiah declares: “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.”

O people of the earth! Consider the divine utterances that were sent down aforetime in the heavenly Books, and reflect, that perchance ye may turn from the spider’s web toward the strong city which is today the seat of the Throne. He says God will in that Day punish the hosts on high in the heights, and likewise all the kings on earth. Even as in the days when the seat of the Throne was established at the gate of Jerusalem, all kings and subjects were summoned with the most exalted call to the highest horizon, in such wise that all the Concourse on high hearkened to that sweetest of calls and uttered “Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!”

Among these was a Tablet that was sent to His Majesty the Shah of Iran with a messenger. Should anyone consider and reflect upon the Surih of the Kings and likewise the Tablet to the Sultan, they would become aware of the sovereignty of Truth and bear witness to His power and majesty. By the life of God! The utterances of the All-Merciful will so attract them that they will find themselves detached from all contingent beings and all who dwell on earth, and will turn with perfect certitude and assurance with a single face toward the faces of the people of Baha, guiding the Concourse of creation to the holy and luminous Spot.

He likewise declares that all shall be gathered together as prisoners and confined in prison. Now consider that which was revealed by the Supreme Pen upon first arrival at the prison. He declares that glory was taken from two groups - from the kings […]

Now observe what was revealed by the Most Exalted Pen upon first arrival in the prison. He says that glory has been taken from two groups - from kings and from divines. This theme has been repeatedly revealed, and enlightened, steadfast and successful souls have seen and heard it. Blessed are they who have attained!

Its effects are becoming more evident in the earth day by day, such that if one were to observe with the eye of truth, one would see the kings imprisoned and captive. Consider the kingdom of Paris, how it was seized - whatsoever was revealed concerning it has been fulfilled letter by letter. Likewise observe the Emperor of Russia - matters reached such a state that one was cast down upon the earth in utter abasement, while another has shut himself up in his palace, making it his residence, not daring to emerge except with numerous guards and protectors. By the life of God, the grave would be better and more preferable than such a palace!

O people of the earth! Observe the power of God, how abasement has encompassed them all. Would that the people of the world had studied the Surih of the Kings, the blessed Surih of Ra'is, and the holy Tablets that were revealed upon first arrival in the Most Great Prison, that they might have become aware of God's power, might, greatness and knowledge, and might have arisen with perfect steadfastness to serve His Cause.

The Emperor of Germany, who is today the foremost person in the world, spoke these words himself in public: "No security remains for us in the future, for we have witnessed how the great kingdom of the Emperor of Russia and the President of America were brought down with utmost audacity and insolence to utter humiliation and death. And this turmoil and upheaval has spread and continues to spread in all directions." Blessed is the king who today turns to the Truth and seeks glory, power and wealth from God, glorified be His majesty. Apart from this, there has been and is no remedy. The divine Books inform all, if they would turn to them. In this Revelation it has been explicitly mentioned that which had been hidden from hearts and eyes. How excellent is the fair-minded one who has been fair in God's Cause and has read what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Books, Psalms and Tablets. He is indeed among those endowed with insight before the Truth, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

And this power, might and greatness became manifest at a time when the Beauty of the All-Glorious One was imprisoned in the military barracks, with the door locked and officers standing guard, to such an extent that when the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - desired to go out through the door of the barracks to look upon it, the military officers prevented Him, that what had been revealed aforetime in the Books of the Messengers might be fulfilled. All that has occurred was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. As this servant is mindful of brevity, he has therefore confined himself to these few words.

The greatness of this Day has been mentioned in such wise that in truth the very foundation of tranquility has been shaken. This evanescent one beseeches the Truth that He make that Beloved One's self influential, that He may water the trees of existence with the waters of wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may be adorned with choice fruits and delicate produce, and may attain to the station of fruit-bearing, which is the ultimate station. This is concerning the greatness of the days […]

And they shall attain unto the station of manifesting fruits, which is the ultimate station. It is concerning the greatness of these days and the greatness of the Cause that Isaiah the Prophet saith: "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty." The purpose of these references is that all may know that the tidings of this Most Great Revelation, even the imprisonment and traversing the borders of the land and the like thereof, were revealed in the former Books. Otherwise, one must hearken with the ear of the spirit to the cooing of the Dove of Utterance, which is raised upon the loftiest branch of the Tree of Exposition, and cling fast thereunto. His exalted Word declareth: "I have inscribed a gem concerning His remembrance, which is that He shall not be known through that which was mentioned in the Bayan." Should anyone contemplate this matter with fairness, he would acknowledge what God hath acknowledged and bear witness unto that which God hath testified. The Truth declareth that He cannot be known except through Himself, nor seen except

through His own eyes. Whoso desireth to know Him must needs behold Him through His eyes. And peace be upon him who followeth the Truth, detached from all that the people possess.

As to your mention of the honored servant, His Excellency Haji Mirza Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the glory of God, praise be to God, he is blessed with divine favors, and since the time he departed from the Land of Sirr until now, he hath not been forgotten. God willing, he was and shall ever be remembered by God. His petition in these days reached the Most Holy Court and an answer shall be bestowed. On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey to him greetings and salutations. I beseech the Exalted True One to aid him in that which beseemeth the Day of God. This servant also conveyeth to him that which expresseth the sincerity and love of this evanescent one's heart. I beseech God's confirmation for him in all conditions. Verily He is our Protector in this world and the next, and the Protector of those who, in this Day, have shattered the idols of imitation through the name of their Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty.

And concerning what you wrote about his utmost diligence and endeavor in the affairs of the friends, praise be to God Who hath enabled him to do this. What you have written befitteth him. God willing, the recompense for his deeds shall come from the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory. He is his Protector in this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This servant had intended to trouble that beloved one with certain other petitions, but as he had done so a few days ago, he hath this time, in his own estimation, chosen brevity. He requesteth that beloved one to convey greetings and salutations to the friends of that land, upon whose foreheads is imprinted the seal "The Kingdom is God's." It is hoped that through their steadfastness every disturbed one may find peace, every wavering one become firm, and every restless one find tranquility. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. May the glory that is manifest, evident, resplendent and luminous be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon them who have attained unto the days of God and have acted according to that which they were bidden in His mighty Book.

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Praise be to God Who delighteth His servant through the sweet savors of the utterances of His chosen ones, whose faces He hath honored by turning them away from aught else save Him, and whom He hath preserved through His might and dominion on a Day whereon the Herald calleth out from every direction: "O concourse of creation! Purify your hearts, your ears, your tongues and your eyes for the recognition of the beauty of God, the Lord of all names, and for hearkening unto His most great verses. This is the Day of remembrance and praise, as hath been testified by Him Who cleaveth the heavens asunder. Blessed is he who, with certitude, hath turned towards God, the Cleaver of the daybreak, and woe betide him who hath remained heedless and turned away from the presence of his Lord when He came with power and sovereignty."

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom every weary one hasteneth to the Kingdom of utterance and every thirsty one to the Kawthar of life! I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, cause them to speak Thy praise, enable them to make mention of Thee, acquaint them with Thy path, and aid them to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest them standing ready to manifest that which Thou hast willed in Thy days, and speaking forth the wondrous expressions of Thy remembrance. O my Lord! Draw them, then, through Thy Most Exalted Word in such wise that neither the veils of the divines nor the allusions of the mystics may grieve them. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp are the kingdoms of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God! Through His infinite bounties, they that have turned unto Him have attained unto a station whereof the people of the world are powerless to make mention. These are the souls unto whose loftiness and elevation all the Books and Scriptures have testified, and these are the servants who have cleared the paths of thorns and brambles and guided the people to the straight path. In truth, whosoever hath on this day succeeded in serving the Cause is accounted among those who are nigh unto God and is recorded in the Perspicuous Book. Today, every possessor of hearing perceiveth from all things the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and every possessor of sight beholdeth in all things the effulgences of the light of His countenance. This exalted and most holy station of this most mighty and most holy Day sufficeth, as He, exalted be His utterance, hath said: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's."

O thou beloved of My heart and remembered in My soul! God knoweth that thy remembrance bringeth joy and thy thought bestoweth delight. The letters which thou didst address to the Most Great Name, upon Him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, were presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. His blessed and exalted Word is: O Haydar! We have accepted the hardships of the world and the afflictions of the nations, and have summoned all, with the most great call, to the ultimate goal and supreme height. Yet none have attained thereunto save the detached ones. That which thou didst write to him who circumambulated was mentioned before the Wronged One. Praise and gratitude be to God that He hath assisted thee to mention and extol Him and to serve His Cause. The Most Exalted Pen hath, time and again, testified to that which hath proceeded from thee in the path of God. For the love of God thou didst bear tribulations and afflictions, and wert assisted to deliver His Word. Every word that is uttered for the sake of God will assuredly manifest its influence in the earth at some appointed time. May God grant thee success in shattering the idols of vain imaginings and in rending the veils of idle fancies. The heedless people have been deprived of the Day of Meeting and Presence through the vain imaginings of the past. Each group hath clung to some vain fancy, especially the deniers among the people of the Bayan who are veiled by countless veils. They have gathered a handful of thorns and thistles from the knowledge of the divines of the Furqan and have called it the knowledge of God and obedience unto Him. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them without a command from the presence of an All-Knowing Commander! By the life of God! They are seen to be more remote than all peoples and religions, and they neither seek to derive anything from the Truth nor to comprehend it. And when anyone desireth to recite unto them from the verses of their Lord, they thrust their fingers in their ears even as they did aforetime. They are assuredly among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. In the days when all were

concealed through fear, the Author of the Cause arose by Himself and, with the utmost power, might and ascendancy, summoned the people of delusion to the Name of the Self-Subsisting. He took hold of the essences of being, and when the fragrance of the pervading musk was somewhat diffused and the horizons of the hearts of some of the servants were illumined with the light of His countenance, croaking and buzzing emerged from behind the veil. Thus did their souls entice them. They are assuredly among the idolaters in the mighty Book. That honoured one must arise to promote the Cause in such wise that veils, allusions and troubles may not hold him back. Drink thou at all times the Salsabil of life in the name of thy Lord, the Revealer of religions. If thou hast borne hardships in God's path, been afflicted with exile, and heard taunts, thou hast also drunk from the cup of bounty from the hands of grace time after time. A single drop thereof excelleth all the treasures of the earth. O Haydar-'Ali! Rejoice thou that the Wronged One hath remembered thee from the Prison, whence thou dost inhale the fragrance of the bounty of His Name, the All-Merciful, throughout all possibility. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Behold and remember when We were with you upon the highest hills and We drank with you from the Chinese tea. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. To this do just servants testify. Then remember when thou wert present in the Garden, the place whereon was established the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

We partook with you of Chinese tea. Indeed, nothing escapes His knowledge, as just witnesses among His servants do testify. Then remember when you were present in the Garden, the place where the throne of your Lord, the Most Merciful, was established, and you heard what the Tongue of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, did speak. Beware lest the doubts of the world prevent you from the Ancient Lord. Remember your Lord in such wise as to attract the hearts. We were with you when you were speaking in remembrance of your Lord. Blessed be your tongue for having spoken the truth, and your face for having turned towards My praiseworthy station. Convey My Great Glory to the faces of My loved ones who have drunk from the hand of My bounty, My Choice Wine that is sealed. Say: This is the Day of remembrance and praise, would that ye knew. This is the Day of deeds, would that ye understood. This is the Day of God, would that ye recognized. This is the Day of the Most Great Steadfastness - hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, Who dominates over what was and what shall be. This is the Day of utterance, would that ye speak with wisdom. Give them glad tidings of My remembrance, My mercy, My loving-kindness, and what hath been ordained for them in My preserved Book. The glory rest upon you and upon them and upon him who at this hour writeth before the throne of his Lord, the Master of existence.

Praise be to God that you have been and continue to be favored with divine grace. On one of the nights when these holy, impregnable, and transcendent verses were being revealed from the heaven of divine will specifically for you, He also mentioned the hill in Persian, and likewise your feast and the presence of the friends are exactly recorded in the divine books of old. He says there are feasts upon the heights and mountain peaks for the Lord of Hosts. Whatever hath appeared in this land was recorded letter by letter in the divine books of old. Blessed are they who have attained! Blessed are they who know! In all the books, the appearance of the Manifestation in this land was promised, as well as in its surroundings. Some people have come from other countries and settled around this blessed and holy land, saying the Manifestation is near and we have come to attain and comprehend it. Nevertheless, they are observed to

be in great heedlessness. Their leader sought to attain the presence some years ago, but this request was not accepted in the Most Holy Court. However, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him, and in that Tablet was recorded that which would save every fair-minded one and lead every seeker to his goal. Nevertheless, the truth of the blessed words "None shall touch it save the purified ones" became manifest. In short, they did not attain to even a drop from the ocean of its meanings, and they are still waiting as did the people before them. And with them are a hundred thousand regrets and sorrows that they are deprived and forbidden from the overflowing grace and infinite mercy of God. The Command is in God's hands - He gives and withholds, and He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty.

O Hussein! Verily We have mentioned thee before, and We make mention of thee on this night which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, as the Ancient Beauty walketh in His Most Great Prison. Thou hast turned unto Us and We have turned unto thee. Be thou thankful and be of them that remember. Preserve what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen even as thou preservest thy spirit and thy sight. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord and steadfast in the service of His loved ones. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is a Book which none hath comprehended save God, the Lord of all worlds. He Who loved Me and became a captive in My path hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with that which perisheth not, whereunto every just and discerning one beareth witness. Say: O people! Cast aside the cups of idle fancies and take up the chalices in the name of your Lord, the Munificent Bestower. Give thanks that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and hath sent down for thee this perspicuous remembrance. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And likewise concerning Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, whose mention was in your book, these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of divine will: O Siyyid Aqa! The Lord of Names giveth thee glad tidings from the prison's precinct and maketh mention of thee with a mention through which the sincere ones shall find the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the name upon which My Pen hath moved, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the heart that hath turned unto My glorious and beloved Kingdom. He Who circleth round Me hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee as a bounty from the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them with spirit and fragrance. Verily they shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world, as witnesseth He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Set aside the doubters with their vain desires and take what thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily We have commanded all in the Book with that which shall profit them in this world and the next, whereunto beareth witness My Supreme Pen and beyond it the Lord of creation Who speaketh in the prison that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Verily We counsel Our servants with the Most Great Trustworthiness and command them with that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of existence. The Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have heard the Call and have attained unto the Promised Day.

And in this station, O Haydar-'Ali, the Tongue of God, Lord of earth and heaven, makes mention of thee once again that thou mayest give thanks and be of them that rejoice. Turn thy face, incline thy heart, raise thy finger and say: O peoples of the world! By God, He Who was hidden in the tabernacle of

grandeur, concealed in the pavilion of infallibility, and inscribed in the Books of God, Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and deny not Him Who calleth you unto God, the Mighty, the Great.

God willing, may you engage in the promotion of God's Cause with all your heart, tongue, limbs and eyes. Your mention and that which hath befallen you hath not been, nor ever shall be, effaced from the Book of the world. His honor Ism-i-Jud, who was with Me and who now circleth round My throne - upon him be My glory which was, hath sent what thou didst send unto him. When it was read before the Face, this perspicuous Tablet was revealed.

God willing, thou shalt summon, with wisdom and utterance, all who dwell in the realm of possibility to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Whatsoever is sent should all be written down and, with the utmost wisdom, read to some who are worthy in certain villages and cities. Now, day and night, Tablets are being revealed and dispatched to various regions. We have explicitly forbidden all from conflict, contention, corruption and whatsoever is abhorrent to minds and souls, and have commanded that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of man's station.

Of the verses and tablets that are sent, some must record copies thereof and preserve them. Indeed, the utmost effort and diligence must be exerted in preserving the divine verses. Some friends, should a polytheist enter their home, all their writings fall into his hands before any search, and this is and hath been extremely unwise. The dispatch of Tablets from this direction must remain concealed, except from souls who are trustworthy, reliable and steadfast, for should the deniers and polytheists become aware, they might arise to prevent and create mischief. This servant submits these petitions outwardly as they accord with wisdom, otherwise knowledge is with God and I am but an ignorant one far removed.

That you wrote you had delivered the divine Tablets to their intended recipients - a hundred thousand times blessed be you and every soul who hath attained unto God's Tablet and its effect. It is evident that your honor hath exerted and continues to exert the utmost effort in service to the Cause. This matter is more manifest than the sun in the presence of Him Who is visible and evident.

You mentioned the Naddafs, upon them be the Glory of God. The honorable Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, has repeatedly made mention of them in the Most Holy Court, and wondrous, sublime verses have been revealed concerning them. God willing, they have and will continue to attain unto these. Likewise, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were specifically revealed for them and were entrusted to Shaykh S. to deliver. In truth, they have in no wise fallen short in serving the Cause. We beseech God to protect them from the clamor of the heedless, the croaking of the croakers, and the doubts of certain followers of the Bayan who are in truth among the people of the coffin. O my Beloved! This servant is greatly perplexed, for these followers of the Bayan, who today are heedless of and have turned away from the King of the Bayan and what He has sent down and revealed, have never had any knowledge of this Cause and its foundation from the beginning, yet they strive to lead astray receptive souls and represent themselves to everyone as those who believed at the outset of the Cause and are fully informed of all matters. Some poor souls, being uninformed, might be barred and veiled from the divine path through the deceit, duplicity and guile of those remote and veiled souls. By Him Who speaks and has caused all things to speak His praise and glorification, this evanescent servant has neither seen

nor heard the like of such souls. The servant begs his Lord to protect His servants from the evil of those who have cast the Cause of God behind their backs and followed every rebellious satan. In any case, the honored Naddafs, upon them be the Glory of God, are mentioned in His presence. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. That which they sent to the exalted matron, the mother of the household, upon her be the Glory of God, was received and presented at the Most Holy Court.

And regarding your mention of Aqa Mirza Mahmud and his family, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. In these days, a wondrous and sublime Tablet was specifically revealed for them from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace, and its bearer is Shaykh S. who will be departing for those parts in the next few days. Likewise, again on this most luminous night, a new Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of Destiny and will be sent. God willing, may they drink and give others to drink of the choice wine of inner meanings from the divine ocean of utterance. This evanescent servant conveys to them a wondrous and sublime greeting that is sanctified above the limitations, allusions and words of this servant, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid them to teach the Cause and to remain steadfast with the greatest steadfastness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim (Ibn Javahiri Qumi), this evanescent servant beseeches God to keep him steadfast upon His straight path, that he may be as a key to unlock the doors of the hearts of the servants. God willing, may they open in the name of Truth so that the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation may encompass and surround all, through the grace and favor of the Goal of all the worlds. It is hoped that he will be observed as a lamp, bright and luminous in that city, that all may find their way by that light to the Supreme Horizon and attain their ultimate purpose which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. In any case, mention of him was made in the Most Holy and Supreme Court, and one most mighty, most impregnable and most holy Tablet was revealed for him from the Kingdom of the utterance of the All-Merciful and was dispatched. God willing, may he drink from the chalices of the words of the Revealer of Names and Attributes and from that wine of inner meanings, and become intoxicated and arise to guide the servants in the assemblage of the world through the name of the Lord of Eternity. In all conditions may he not let go of wisdom, for all matters are, in the sight of God, dependent upon and connected with wisdom. For instance, if wisdom does not dictate it, teaching is not permissible. This is a word which this evanescent servant has repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed is he who has cast aside his own will and held fast to the Will of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

And concerning what you wrote about Shah-Abad and the enthusiasm of the loved ones, as well as the acceptance of certain souls and their gathering around the unifying Word of God - all was presented in the Most Holy Court, and these brilliant verses were revealed from the heaven of will especially for them. He says, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious […]

This Book hath been revealed in truth by the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, for those who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings and idle fancies. In the name of God, the Possessor of all that was and that shall be! O My loved ones throughout the land! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised in

truth. Blessed are they who hear. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen on this Day whereon the Temple of the Manifestation hath been established upon the Most Great Throne and hath proclaimed: “There is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.”

All must engage in teaching the Cause with utmost joy and radiance, in accordance with the wisdom set forth in the Tablets. Should someone not be eloquent in speech, let him assist the teacher. It would be most regrettable if, in this day, any soul should be deprived of serving the Cause, for the deeds of this Day are accounted among the most exalted of all deeds in the sight of God. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve that which will cause the exaltation of God’s Word. The gaze of the Wronged One hath ever been and shall continue to be directed towards His friends and loved ones. Verily, He heareth and seeth them. Ere long shall the world and all that is therein pass away, while that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning the people of Baha shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O friends! Strive ye to attain the wine of steadfastness and drink from the stream of certitude. All religious groups have been nurtured on vain imaginings and idle fancies; thus are they deprived of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. Consider those who have turned away among the people of the Bayan: though they count themselves enlightened and saved, they are now regarded by God as more debased than all the peoples of the earth, for they cling to imaginings the like of which hath never been seen before, and they persist with the utmost determination in leading astray receptive souls. While claiming faith in the Bab, they have visited upon His Messenger and Revealer that which no oppressor hath ever wrought, and have uttered that which no idolator hath ever spoken. God protect us and you from their evil. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through the sweetness of Whose utterance the sincere ones have hastened to the court of Thy door, and through the lights of Whose countenance the devoted ones have turned towards the horizon of Thy grace! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to aid us in remembering Thee, glorifying Thee, and serving Thy Cause throughout Thy lands. Thou art He, O my God, Who hath made known to us the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy wisdom, and the sun of Thy Revelation. I implore Thee not to deprive us of steadfastness in Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the One endowed with great bounty. Inscribe for us, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast inscribed for those whom neither the doubts of the divines have prevented from turning unto Thee, nor the idle fancies of the followers of the Bayan from beholding the horizon of Thy favor. O Lord! Grant us from the chalice of steadfastness such measure that neither the veils of the world shall prevent us from turning unto Thee, nor the dark clouds of the nations from facing towards Thy direction. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! A hundred thousand regrets that the power of discernment and perception in the world is as rare as the philosopher’s stone. By Him Who created me, manifested me, caused me to know Him, drew me nigh unto Him, and made me a servant of His Cause - were all the peoples of the world to become imbued with the fragrance of the All-Merciful’s utterance, they would all be seen circling round His presence. A hundred thousand pities that they are deprived of this peerless bounty. The cause and

reason for the deprivation of the servants are the divines of the age, who have prevented these helpless souls from the imperishable, matchless, never-failing crystal waters of the Eternal One, and have occupied them with unseemly words and allusions. God, exalted be His glory, saith in the Hidden Words: "O YE THAT ARE FAIR IN HUE, YET INWARDLY FOUL! Ye are like clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is pure and clean, yet when tested by the Divine Assayer, not a drop thereof will He accept." The example of these divines is like unto one who hath gathered many pebbles and thinketh that what he hath are jewels, while all that he hath collected from first to last would not equal one carat of diamond. Yet the poor wretch is heedless and unaware of this. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted and mighty be He, to open the eyes and illumine them with the light of knowledge. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Convey my greetings to Hasan Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God. May he, God willing, be enabled to mention God, serve His Cause, and remain steadfast in His Faith. I swear by the Sun of existence that all the world shall perish save those deeds that have been and shall be manifested in the path of God. Likewise, I convey my sincere greetings to Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, and I beseech God to enable him to attain that which is pleasing in this day. God willing, may he achieve the most great steadfastness and be so enkindled with the fire of divine love that the polytheists and deniers among the people of the Bayan shall be powerless to extinguish it. Convey my greetings to him and mention that by the life of God, certain treacherous, vain and false souls have set about to lead astray the souls who have accepted the Faith, despite having no knowledge whatsoever of the essence of this Cause, and in this luminous morn they have deprived people of the wine of divine knowledge. His honor should drink from the cup of steadfastness in the name of Truth - a drink after which no thirst shall seize him and he shall see all else but God as absolute nothingness and sheer non-existence. Time and again this evanescent one hath heard these words from the Divine tongue, exalted be His glory: "This is the Day of God; none shall be mentioned save Him. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and attained. Woe betide them that have turned away."

Likewise I send greetings and praise to Mulla Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. I hope that he will arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness - an arising that none on earth can prevent. Praise be to God, mention of him has flowed from the Supreme Pen both before and after, and the gaze of loving-kindness has been directed toward him. He should be so enkindled that its effects become manifest throughout the earth. However, in all things wisdom must be observed, such that the clamor of the ignorant ones who are known as the learned is not raised. They should gauge the earth and sow the seeds of wisdom. That some are openly engaged in teaching among both friend and foe - this matter is not favored at the Divine Threshold. The time for open proclamation has passed. After the martyrdom of the Most Wondrous One (Badi'), upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, all have been commanded to observe wisdom. They must be mindful of it in all conditions, for some of the friends are seen to be troubled, depressed and dejected when trials appear. Yet our Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. My spirit, my soul, and my being be a sacrifice for His compassion, His mercy, and His loving-kindness.

O friends! This evanescent servant submits with utmost humility and nothingness: Know ye the value of this Day. All those near to God and the sincere ones uttered the words "Would that I…" and at all times

beseeched and hoped from God that they might attain this supreme honor and mighty gift. And ye, praise be to God, have attained it through God's infinite bounty and have quaffed from the sealed wine. Now this servant and the masters must, with perfect unity and harmony, utter praise and thanksgiving to God, exalted be His glory, recognize the value of this supreme blessing, and act upon that which today causes the exaltation of His Cause. In all the Books, Scriptures, Psalms, Tablets and Epistles, triumph has been made conditional upon patience, calm, dignity, spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. We beseech God, may His favors be universal, to aid all to observe His commandments revealed in His Book. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, in the beginning and the end.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends in Sultan-abad, and likewise what you mentioned about Mulla Ibrahim and Ustad Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God - all was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime and decisive words. He says, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

O friends! These are the days of the All-Merciful, and the Living Waters flow and stream forth from the Dayspring of generosity. God willing, with illumined hearts, radiant faces, and brilliant brows, ye shall take from the Hand of bounty and drink in the name of the Peerless Friend. Were ye to ponder the words that shine forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, such rapture and longing would seize all that ye would see all else as non-existent, and would arise with all your limbs and members to serve the Friend with such steadfastness that neither the doubts and insinuations of the learned and the ignorant would prevent you nor hold you back from this supreme good and mighty favor.

O Haydar-'Ali! Remind the servants of what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, and give them the glad-tidings of His great bounty. Say: O ye who are beloved of the All-Merciful! Hold fast today unto that which befitteth the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the doubts of men debar you from the Truth. Cling ye to the hem of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. By the life of God! This is a Day that hath no equal among days. Strive that there may appear from you that which will draw you nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. From My Most Great Prison I send greetings to My loved ones there, and counsel them with that whereby their names shall be exalted between the heavens and the earths. This is the Day for deeds, this is the Day for goodly character, and thy Lord is the Creator, the Fashioner, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, when sorrows encompassed Him through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. Be thou steadfast, firm and constant in serving this Cause, whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been perturbed and the feet of the learned have slipped, save whom God hath willed, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. All the treasures of earth cannot equal My remembrance of thee. Know thou its worth, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of Husayn, after the Master, that the call of the Lord of creation may attract him on the Day of Return in such wise that he will arise and say with wisdom and utterance: O concourse of creation! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Give thanks unto God for having

been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One while He was imprisoned in this mighty fortress. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Leave them to their people and take hold of that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him.

O Haydar-'Ali! Convey unto them My remembrance, My loving-kindness, My bounty and My mercy that have preceded all creation, that there may appear from them what God hath desired in this holy and wondrous Day. Thus have We revealed from the chambers of words the maidens of inner meanings and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed, seen and recognized the signs of his Lord, the Most Great, in both beginning and end. Woe unto the heedless! Woe unto those who turn away! Woe unto them that slumber!

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad Hakim, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise regarding their turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and His Word is the Truth:

"O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the direction of the prison. He summons thee to the Truth and calls thee to a station whose mention hath been recorded in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures of the past and present. O Muhammad! In days when, due to the multitude of tribulations and afflictions, day could not be distinguished from night, this Wronged One arose alone to promote the Cause - an arising which the clamor of all the peoples of the earth failed to deter Him from that which God had purposed. With the most exalted call He guided the people of the Kingdom of Utterance to the Most Exalted Horizon. He made manifest the straight Path of God so that the peoples of the earth might not be deprived of the outpouring grace of the True One. Yet when the Path became manifest, the Cause of God became resplendent, and the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of His Revelation, all arose in complete opposition, except those whom thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth, willed otherwise.

God, exalted be His glory, is My witness and testimony that for not a moment did I conceal Myself or seek to preserve My life. In all conditions, the exaltation of God's Cause and the glorification of His Most Exalted Word were the apparent and hidden objects of My gaze. All the people of the Bayan bear witness to what hath been mentioned, except those souls who are deprived of the ocean of fairness and are barred from the Most Exalted Horizon. And when the breezes of divine loving-kindness wafted and the fragrance of the celestial Robe was partly diffused, a group arose in hypocrisy and rushed to all regions that they might perhaps extinguish the souls that were aflame with the fire of love. Such is the condition of the servants on the Day of Return. Glory be to God! They have become heedless of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, and have turned to souls who have never had, nor have, any knowledge of the root of the Cause.

Your honor should, with the utmost joy and fragrance, make the people of the contingent world aware, that perchance through the grace of the Life-Giving Kawthar they may be purified from the conditions of self and passion and turn towards the Most Exalted Kingdom. The station and rank of this renowned Day is most great, yet the people are observed to be exceedingly heedless. God willing, they will arise from the slumber of negligence through the Most Sweet Call and turn to the ocean of knowledge.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He mentioneth thee for the sake of God and commandeth thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Cast away what thou hast heard from those who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left, and take hold of that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Take the Sealed Wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, it will attract thee to a station wherein the conditions of the world will not prevent thee from the Lord of Eternity. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Counsel the servants to be steadfast with supreme steadfastness, as bidden by the Lord of all beings. Verily, He commandeth them that which shall profit them in the Hereafter and in this world. To this testifieth His perspicuous Book."

From these verses and utterances of the Lord of Names and Attributes, the divine bounty and grace towards His servants is manifest and evident. God is My witness that this servant observeth himself to be bewildered most of the time, for the horizons of the worlds of inner meanings […]

I testify that this servant observes himself bewildered at most times, for though the horizons of the worlds of meaning and utterance are illumined and radiant from the Sun of Revelation, yet the servants are seen in utter heedlessness and remoteness. They are so intoxicated with the wine of pride that they cannot distinguish between what benefits and what harms them. They have been and are wandering lost and dumbfounded in the waterless desert. God willing, may those souls who have been blessed with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, in these pages be confirmed in serving the Cause, educating the servants, and quickening the dead. This evanescent servant offers greetings to each one and gives them glad tidings through the mentions of the Supreme Pen. May God confirm them in that which befits this blessed Day. Verily He confirmeth whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And concerning what you wrote that if someone other than your honor should turn towards those regions, it would become the cause and means of enkindling the fire of love - this matter is clear and evident. However, let Ali-Qabel-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, and likewise Ibn-Ismu'llah-al-Asdaq-al-Muqaddas, upon them both be the Glory of God, and Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, send whomever they deem advisable with holy and impregnable Tablets, that perchance the breezes of the All-Merciful may seize the hearts of the people of those lands and lead them to the ocean of wisdom. In this matter, they must exert mighty efforts so that the breezes of revelation may not be cut off from cities and regions, and ears may not be deprived of the Call. There must be no delay in sending souls and teaching the Cause. Souls must be made aware of the path of teaching God's Cause, that they may speak with complete wisdom among the people and make them conscious of the true purpose and outcome of God's Cause. In this way, the suns of steadfastness will shine forth from the horizons of hearts and illumine the world. Blessed are they who know, blessed are they who act.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Siyyid Abu'l-Fadl, it was submitted. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him. God willing, may he attain unto it and act according to what God has willed.

Likewise you mentioned Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], son of L.T., and his namesake. Praise be to God, the aforementioned one has been acknowledging and confessing this Most Great Cause from the earliest days, and has been adorned with the mantle of the grace of the True One, exalted be His grandeur. Now he is seen to be more steadfast and more enkindled than before. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores the eternal True One, exalted be His glory, to make him appear as a standard upon the hills among His servants and to continually elevate his station. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed especially for him. May he recite it with spirit and fragrance and drink from the flowing Kawthar that lies hidden in the depths of the divine words. Happiness and joy be unto him! And as for his namesake, mention of him was made in the letter he sent to this servant, and likewise in your letter which you had sent to Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wherein his acceptance, his turning to God and his steadfastness were mentioned. Both were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most High Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His grandeur: "Praise be to God, he has attained to the recognition of the Divine Word and has acknowledged and confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken. His degrees of eagerness and longing are manifest and evident before the Divine Presence. God willing, with perfect wisdom may he drink from the Kawthar of utterance of the Lord of all possibilities." End quote. And one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has also been revealed especially for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will. God willing, may he drink and cause others to drink from the oceans of inner meanings and utterance that lie hidden in the words of the Lord of religions.

And regarding what you wrote about Ustad Hasan-i-Sabbagh, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply: "We have mentioned him before from My Most Exalted Pen and We mention him again at this time that he may thank his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. God willing, may he be confirmed in that which befits this most wondrous Day and be assisted in that whereby the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great, may be uplifted. O Haydar-i-Qabli-'Ali! Convey My glorification unto his face and remind him of the verses of his Lord, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and the earths. And We make mention in this station of his son who is named Nasru'llah and We give him the glad tidings of My gifts and favors that he may praise and be of the thankful ones. And We counsel him to the Greater Steadfastness and to that which hath been sent down in My Perspicuous Book." End quote.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Tongue of My utterance in the Kingdom of My knowledge beareth witness that thou hast attained unto that which was most meritorious in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We were with you both, hearing and seeing, for We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have accepted your devotion and what ye have done in the path of God, the Lord of all religions. The failure to receive a letter and delay in response was not due to lack of acceptance. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice in thy Lord's favor, for He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Whatsoever appeareth for the sake of God is known unto Him and achieveth the honor of acceptance. Blessed are they who attain, purely for the sake of God, unto that which ye have attained. O Ghulam-'Ali! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and know of a certainty that whatsoever thou hast

manifested in God's path hath been accepted before His Presence. The deed of no doer hath ever been, nor shall ever be, lost with God. Be thou assured of that which My Most Exalted Pen hath pronounced, and be of the thankful ones.

I testify that thou hast heard the Call and turned unto God, the Lord of Names, and visited a Place that hath ever been under the watchful gaze of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. By God's life! The Concourse on High and a company of angels have visited it, and ere long the tribes of the earth shall turn unto it. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and shown thee His straight and manifest path.

The rewards for goodly deeds and pure words are treasured and preserved with God. The Tongue of the All-Merciful beareth witness to this, yet most people are heedless. From these decisive verses of God, the bounty of the True One is evident and manifest. In truth I say, from every word the Sun of Grace doth shine forth. Blessed art thou and those who were with thee. Praise be to God that ye have attained this supreme bounty and are mentioned and recorded in God's Book as among the people of the Crimson Ark. In truth, this station is sanctified above all outward descriptions that flow from the pen, for mention of it hath been revealed and sent down from the Tongue of Grandeur. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station.

Regarding what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented and He showed loving-kindness and revealed a most holy, most exalted, most glorious Tablet especially for him. God willing, his eyes shall be illumined by beholding it and his heart gladdened by its perusal. He hath indeed attained unto the pearls of the ocean of his Lord's utterance. The servant giveth him the glad tidings of this wondrous Tablet and congratulateth him on this great bounty.

The Pen of the Most High conveys greetings to those who drink the choice wine of the Most Glorious, and says: Today is the day of service and the triumph of the Cause. Deprive not yourselves of the bounties of these days and their fragrances. With the utmost wisdom, steadfastness, kindliness and forbearance, remind the people that perchance they may attain unto new life through the divine Kawthar of bounty, and through the divine Word attain the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit. Today the sun of grace is shining; strive that ye may succeed in deeds befitting this divine Day. Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for each one that which is like unto imperishable treasures with the Trustworthy, the All-Knowing. All the things of the world cannot equal this blessed word. Be ye thankful unto your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Ye should guide the people through goodly deeds, pure words, and revealed wisdom, and God willing, occupy yourselves with the triumph of the Cause through spiritual qualities and praiseworthy attributes. We, from this station, send Our greetings unto you and give you glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, and enjoin upon you that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Ye should soar with the wings of unity in this holy atmosphere and appear amongst the people with utmost love and fellowship. He verily is with you under all conditions. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

All handmaidens are remembered in God's mention. O leaves of the blessed Tree! He hath turned toward you and sayeth: Ye must all be adorned with the ornament of sanctity and clothed in the garments of

purity. Beseech ye the Exalted One to illumine the crown of deeds with the diadem of protection. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Ye have attained unto days for which those near unto God, the sincere ones, and the faithful ones beseeched God, exalted be His glory. Be not grieved or saddened by outward matters and the affairs of this transient world. The mortal world is unworthy of mention. Soon will the people of the earth return to their abode with utmost regret and manifest loss. That which endureth in the book of this world and the books of other worlds, throughout the duration of the Most Beautiful Names, is a mention that is inscribed today by the Most Exalted Pen in the crimson scroll. Strive to attain unto it and preserve it through the Name of God. None but God hath been and shall be capable of mentioning this station. It behooveth all to offer praise and thanksgiving unto God at all times. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, blessed the handmaiden who hath attained, blessed the servant who hath acknowledged, and blessed the handmaiden who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered before the creation of the heavens and earth: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Informed, the All-Seeing."

You wrote that Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Hussein, known as Eliyahu, was in the land of K where the hostile faction rose up against him. This is not the first oppression that has appeared from the oppressors in these days, nor is it the first vessel that has been broken in the path of God, nor is he the first man to be afflicted with the gloating of enemies. In any case, his situation was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and He said: "God willing, may the entire world be adorned with the ornament of recognition of the Ancient Lord, and arise to support the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Today, engagement in crafts and trades is counted as worship. It is necessary, nay obligatory, upon all to be occupied with some profession or work. Idleness, inaction, seclusion, unemployment and laziness have never been and are not pleasing in the sight of God. God willing, may all attain and act upon that which God has commanded."

Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him and mention that engagement in affairs is also considered service in its proper place. God willing, may souls who have accepted the Faith attain unto the most great steadfastness - and the most great steadfastness is a station wherein whosoever attains unto it beholds all save God as non-existent and null, even if he should bring forth all that people possess.

Regarding what was written about this servant using the word "Malik-i-Yawm'ut-Talaq" with a "ta" (without dots), while it appears it should be with a dotted "ta" - both are correct. For "Yawm'ut-Talaq" with an undotted "ta" refers to the Day of Resurrection, as it is the Day of Separation. Since the Greatest Separation occurs on that Day, in some instances it is written with an undotted "ta". Similarly, with a dotted "ta" it means "meeting", and since that Most Great Day is the day of meeting, in some instances it is written with a dotted "ta". This is the Day when different parties gather in one place and conflicting conditions turn toward one destination. This is the Day of Meeting, this is the Day of Encounter, this is the Day of Coming Together, this is the Day of Separation, this is the Day of the Greatest Distinction, this is the Day of Assembly. By the life of my Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, the Calamity has come and struck, the Inevitable has appeared and taken hold, and the Hour has emerged and come to pass.

In the days when the Sun of Manifestation was rising from the horizon of Iraq, but due to the incompletion of the appointed time was still veiled behind the clouds of wisdom, one day the Ancient Beauty came out from the private quarters, and in the outer room Haji Muhammad-Taqi from Nayriz - upon him be the Glory of God - was present with this servant. In those days no one was aware of the true nature of the Cause, all were heedless, and due to the intensity of concealment all were forbidden, even though, by His very Self, the Cause was more evident than the sun. However, the utterances of the Truth Itself kept people bewildered. In those days such matters occurred that were they to be mentioned, all would cry out "What longing!" In any case, at that moment the Tongue of Grandeur, addressing Haji Muhammad-Taqi, spoke saying: "Haji Muhammad-Taqi, I was seated when I saw the promised Hour walking." They said: "O Haji Muhammad-Taqi, the promised Hour mentioned in the Bayan walked in this manner" - and They demonstrated the walk - and repeatedly said: "Haji, look, look, It walked just like this, It walked just like this." Glory be to God! Despite this most great Revelation, since concealment was decreed, no one in those days was aware save a few, and even those few only according to their capacity, not according to what He truly is, exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, magnificent be His station, and there is no God but Him.

Regarding what was written about having copied the wondrous and exalted Tablets that were revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the meaning of assistance, and having them on hand for all to see and become aware of divine assistance and its meaning - this matter is truly a great service to the Cause of God. However, previously also there was revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the meaning of assistance that which is the cause of guidance and remembrance for all on earth. God willing, obtain those also and add them to what you have written, so that all may understand that the Manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory, is for the reformation of the world, not for killing, plundering, corruption, discord, persecution and the like.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad-Hashim (from K) and other friends of God - this was presented at the Most Holy Court, and verses were specifically revealed from the horizon of Divine Will for each one. God willing, they will perceive their fragrance, for if all who are on earth were to truly perceive the fragrance of but one of the Divine Words, they would find themselves sanctified, holy, detached and free. Blessed is the soul who has attained to this most exalted, most glorious station. This is what was revealed for Muhammad-Hashim:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A mention from Us to those in the world, that the mention may draw them nigh unto a station which God hath sanctified from the doubts of them who have denied the Day of Judgment. O Hashim! Rejoice in that thou art remembered by Him Who hath arisen in the name of the Self-Subsisting, and hath shattered the idols of learning through His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have ordained knowledge for the recognition of the Known One, and that whereby the servants may benefit, not that which every ignorant deluded one may utter. Blessed is the face that hath turned to the Face of God, the ear that hath heard the Call, and the tongue that hath spoken this Most Great Name. Beware lest the doubts of men hold thee back from the Lord of Destiny. Leave what the people possess and take what thou hast been given by the One Who is Kind, the Generous. We make mention of thy family and those with thee as a favor

from Us - verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. And from this station We send Our greetings upon them and upon those who have laid hold of this firm Cord.

This is what was revealed for Mirza Suha (from Sul?anabad):

In the Name of the Peerless Beloved

The Lord of Names saith: Strive that through God's favor - glorified be His majesty - thou mayest be named a shooting star, that is, a brilliant, manifest meteor. The existence of the friends and their steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of Names is light unto them who have turned towards Him and fire unto the idolaters. God willing, thou shalt shine forth like the morning star from the horizon of the heaven of God's love. This is a Day wherein every soul can acquire that which leadeth to elevation and ascension. How many souls there were who yearned for this wondrous, glorious Day, yet when the dawn of God's Day appeared, all turned away. Beseech God that He may sanctify all from the abasement of self and passion and draw them to the highest horizon. This is the true blessing and the heavenly food. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto him who hath deprived himself of God's blessing and bounties, His grace and favors. Beseech God - glorified be His majesty - that He may aid thee in a matter which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Glory be from the Wronged One upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

This is what was revealed for Master Husayn K:

In My Name, the Hearing, the All-Knowing

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison and calleth thee unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have entered the prison and have sent down verses in such wise as none can reckon save God, the Lord of Lords. Be thou vocal in praise of thy Lord and act according to what the All-Bestowing hath revealed in the Book. Blessed is the strong one whom the conditions of creation have not weakened, and the one who hath turned toward God whom the signs of the veiled ones have not hindered. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's grace and glorify Him at eventide and at dawn. Give thanks that thou hast attained unto the outpourings of My Most Exalted Pen, which when it moveth, the Herald proclaimeth: "The Swift to Account hath come!" Thus hath the ocean of My grace surged for thee as a bounty from My presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of him who is named Hashim and give him glad tidings through this Remembrance which hath been sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all men. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Husayn (K) who attained in Zawra. He is the Witness and the Witnessed. A Book sent down by the Sovereign of existence from His praiseworthy station to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is he who hath sought the fragrance of the Intended One, and the seeker who hath answered the Desired One, and the learned one who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many learned ones have turned away from the Path, and how many ignorant ones have recognized, hastened, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!" By God, the horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, yet most of

the people perceive not. Verily the Truth walketh before the faces of creation. He Who speaketh at the heart of contingent being beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Powerful over what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath advanced, turned to God and attained unto His presence, and woe unto every one who hath turned away and rejected God by following every heedless one cast out.

This is what was revealed for him who is named his honor Siyyid Baqir K. He is the Hearing, the Responding. Today all things are ablaze from the fire of the Divine Word, and all atoms of creation speak forth "The Revealer of Verses hath come!" Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened unto the voice of the One Who conversed on Sinai from the Tree of Manifestation and hath arisen with all its heart and spirit to the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. The mention of this glorious and wondrous Day in the divine Books is more evident than the sun at its zenith. Blessed is the eye that hath attained to its vision and the heart that hath turned toward the most exalted horizon. O Baqir! If thou wert to thank God throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, it would not equal this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Know thou the value of the words of the Most Merciful and preserve them as thou wouldst thy life. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

O Siyyid Rida, the Lord of Names saith: Strive thou to attain unto the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory. This station hath no peer or likeness, and all the sincere ones, those drawn nigh, and the pure in heart have sought and continue to seek it. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth and guideth whom He willeth to His straight path. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

This is what was revealed for his honor who is named Mulla Muhammad Rida K. He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great. O Muhammad Rida! The heaven of bounty is upraised and the sun of manifestation is shining and visible from its horizon. This is the Day promised in all the heavenly Books. Today is the day of awareness. The Peerless Knower saith: The gate of grace is opened and the ocean of mercy is manifest before all faces. Strive that ye may receive your portion from the bountiful outpourings and be not deprived. Reflect upon the former ages and consider what befell the Prophets of God and His Messengers. Whenever the Dawning-Place of divine revelation appeared from the heaven of God's Will, all arose in opposition and protest, and inflicted upon that Essence of being that which the pens of the world are powerless to recount. Say: O friends! The water of life floweth in the name of the Revealer of verses. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and drunk thereof, and woe unto the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all who dwell on earth and in heaven!

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those who dwell in the kingdom of creation, that perchance this remembrance may draw them nigh unto a station which hath been recorded in the Book. This is not the day for tarrying and silence. It behooveth every soul to speak with wisdom and utterance concerning this Cause which hath been made manifest from the horizon of grace. O loved ones of God and His chosen ones! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the luminous Spot. Verily, it giveth you glad tidings of that which hath been sent down in a Book inscribed by the Pen of God. Beware lest the doubts of men withhold you from the Truth. Forsake that which the people possess, then turn with radiant faces

toward the horizon which was promised by the tongue of God. The proof hath been perfected, the bounty completed, and that which was hidden in the pavilion of glory hath been revealed. The heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the crimson Ark hath sailed upon the sea of grandeur by a command sent down from the heaven of Revelation. Thus hath the Tree spoken, the Cock crowed, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branch known by the name of God. We counsel thee and the loved ones of God to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped. Verily, thy Lord is witness unto what I say.

Indeed, the grace, favor, generosity and mercy of God have reached such a degree that none can adequately render thanks for them. Divine verses are being revealed night and day without cessation, and all are mirrors reflecting the bounty, generosity and loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to aid His loved ones to perform such deeds as are worthy of this most exalted and most holy grace. Convey, on behalf of this evanescent one, sublime and glorious greetings to them who quaff the choice wine of inner meanings. Such blessing dependeth upon the favor of that Beloved One. God willing, may all drink cup after cup, draught after draught, and goblet after goblet from the choice wine of divine favor. Glory be upon thee and upon them, and upon everyone who hath spoken and doth speak, who hath stood and doth stand, and who hath walked and doth walk His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Furthermore, some time ago wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed specifically for the friends and loved ones in the land of K, and were sent with the Shaykh. Likewise, in these days several most holy and most exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for Aqa Muhammad Husayn N and his two namesakes and Aqa Ghulam-'Ali - upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah] - and were dispatched by post. God willing, may they attain unto them.

As for the Tablets that were previously requested for the friends in Qam?ar and its surroundings, which were delayed - this delay was due to the delay in your letter. Now certain Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor, both with and without names, and will be sent in the next dispatch, as sending them in this dispatch would be contrary to wisdom. After their arrival, permission is granted for you to write the name of whomsoever you deem advisable, that all may attain to divine favor. The Command is in His hand. He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whomsoever He willeth, and confirmeth what He desireth for whomsoever He purposeth. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

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

The Most Exalted Pen hath stirred and desireth to make mention of His loved ones who have turned towards the Dawning-Place of the Revelation of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, that the fragrant

breezes of remembrance may draw them to the loftiest Summit and the ultimate Goal, and bring them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

O people of God! There hath been sent unto you a Book inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Take hold of the Book with such steadfastness as shall not be prevented by the doubts of those who claim knowledge without clear proof or an enlightening Book. These are they who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament throughout ages and centuries, as doth testify the Source of mysteries from this glorious and impregnable station. They are those who denied God's favor after its revelation and pronounced judgment against Him Whom they were wont to remember night and day, at morn and at eventide.

The divines of various sects denied Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and the doctors of the Torah denied the Spirit when He came with manifest sovereignty. The Concourse on high and the dwellers of Paradise have lamented their oppression, were ye of them that know. Through them hath appeared sedition, and unto them hath it returned, yet most of the people are heedless. Observe, then remember when the Revealer of the Bayan came, how the divines turned away from Him, denied Him and His verses, until they pronounced judgment that His most pure and holy blood be shed. They awaited the days of God and His appearance, yet when the horizon of the heaven of Revelation shone forth and the One Who conversed on Sinai came, they unsheathed against Him the swords of hatred. Thus did their souls prompt them to that which kindled the flames of hell. Through their turning away, the princes and those who followed them in their deeds turned away. Verily, they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. They violated God's Covenant and His Testament, denied His right and cast His Book behind them. They are assuredly among the oppressors.

O people of God! Hearken unto that which the Pen of God uttereth in this exalted station. Beware lest ye be hindered by the doubts of the divines, or the intimations of the mystics, or the might of princes. Turn with radiant faces and with supreme steadfastness, and take the cup of everlasting life from the hands of the favor of your Lord, the All-Glorious. Then drink thereof before the faces of men, once in My Name, and again in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Let not the clamor of the sects frighten you. The world and all that ye behold today shall perish, but the sovereignty and dominion shall remain with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the All-Knowing, and how many an unlettered one hath hastened and taken of My sealed wine and drunk in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, he is among those who are near unto Me in My mighty Book.

O people of Dal and Ha! We have caused you to hear the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. Hearken once again to the call of your Lord, the All-Glorious, from the divine Lote-Tree raised upon the luminous spot. Verily, He acquainteth you with the mystery of unity and guideth you to the straight path. We have appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the vaults of your Lord's protection, the Mighty, the Powerful. The pavilion of glory hath been raised upon the most exalted standard, and the banner of 'Verily He is God' hath been hoisted upon the most sublime station, yet most of the people are turning away. Say: If ye deny this Light and that which hath appeared from it, by what proof do your souls find tranquility? Bring it forth then, and be not of the patient ones. Say: This is the Day wherein nothing from among all things shall profit you. Fear ye the Lord of Names and be not among

the abased ones. Observe, then remember what the hands of the people of the Bayan have wrought. They have written that which hath caused every faithful friend and trusted messenger to cry out.

Say: O people of the Bayan! The Lord of all men hath come on the Day of the Appointed Time and calleth you unto God, the Master of the Day of Mutual Calling. Fear ye God and be not of the losers. Say: Cast aside your idle fancies and vain imaginings, turn ye unto God and then return unto Him. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Say: Do ye object to Him by Whose acceptance the Bayan was conditioned and God, the Mighty, the Beauteous, hath written? Say: The books of the world shall profit you not this day, nor what all peoples possess, except through this Book through whose revelation the denizens of the Kingdom have proclaimed: "The sovereignty belongeth unto God, the command unto God, the greatness unto God, the Powerful, the All-Loving, the Gracious!" Say: O people of the Assembly! Through you have the pillars of justice been shaken, equity hath grieved and the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have wept. Your tongues have uttered what the tongue of Nadr spoke before the face of the Messenger: "O God! If this be the truth from Thee, then rain down stones upon us from heaven or bring upon us a grievous chastisement." Verily, My Most Exalted Pen lamenteth and saith: "O people of Kaf and Ra, be fair in the Cause of God and in what hath appeared in this Revelation, and be not of them that turned away from the Truth when it came with manifest sovereignty." This is He Who arose in the earliest days before the faces of all men and summoned all unto God, the Goal of them that know, and concealed not Himself nor preserved Himself for less than a moment, whereunto every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. Is he who hath manifested himself better, or he who remaineth behind the veil? Fear ye God and be not of the transgressors. Blessed is he who speaketh the truth, and woe unto every lying one who is moved by the winds of self and desire and is stirred however they wish. Thus doth the Wronged One recount unto you and counsel you as a token of His grace, and He is the All-Counseling, the All-Knowing. We mentioned you at the outset of the Book as a mercy from Our presence and a command from Us, and We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed art thou, O My Name, for having entered the Spot of Paradise, the place whereon the lights of the Countenance have shone forth from the Dayspring of Beauty with a clear command, and for having attained the presence of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and for having heard the call of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. The breezes of revelation have wafted upon thee from the direction of inspiration from God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Ancient Beauty! Give glad tidings unto him who standeth before the Throne of what hath been ordained for him by Thy Most Exalted Pen in a preserved Tablet. Say: Verily, thy arrival upon the shore of the Most Great Sea is better for thee than whatsoever hath been created on earth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take thy portion again and again from this surging sea and deprive not thyself of what hath been ordained for it by the Pen of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say: O party of God! Say "In the Name of God" and "By God," then take a handful from the Water of Life and sprinkle it upon all created things, that they may be cleansed from the veils of humanity and be brought nigh unto the Most Sublime Vision, this hallowed and resplendent Station. Should thou find one who turneth toward thee, impart unto him the verses, then reveal unto him the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Wise. And shouldst thou see one who turneth away, turn thou away from him, placing thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. O party of God! Object ye not unto them that object unto you. Leave them to their idle talk, turning toward the Single One, the All-Knowing. Whosoever openeth his lips today in remembrance of

this Most Great Remembrance, the Concourse on High shall circle round him with standards of light. Thus hath it been ordained from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient Ordainer.

Say: O people of the Bayan, know ye that behind the Mount of Power God hath men who aid Him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the opposition of the nations can deter them. They testify to that which God Himself hath testified: “There is none other God but I, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.” Blessed are they whom the clamor of the people hath not saddened in the path of God, the Lord of creation, nor have they been deterred by the censure of the censorious.

O My Name! Give glad tidings to the loved ones concerning the Tablet of God and its influence. Verily, We have revealed for them that which giveth assurance to the hearts of the pure ones and causeth the hearts of the polytheists to quake. Say: O people! He hath come from the Supreme Horizon with God’s momentous announcement, the Most High, the Most Great, and in His hand is a proof: weigh it in the balance of truth and by whatsoever proofs ye possess from the Prophets and Messengers. When it was made manifest, the proofs of the world bowed down before it. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Beware lest ye reject the truth by that which ye possess. Fear God and be not of the heedless. These are the verses of God sent down through grace, through which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of the transgressors.

Verily, We have made manifest the Hidden Scroll, determined and sealed, which was inscribed by the Finger of Power and concealed behind the veils of the unseen - a bounty from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Nothing escapeth the knowledge of your Lord, nor doth any matter defeat Him. He hath manifested and caused to appear whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Say: The Last Turn hath come, and We have stretched forth the Hand of Power and revealed from Our Most Great Mystery, concerning the pure truth, a mystery less than what can be counted. Thereupon did the dwellers of Sinai swoon away at the Dawning-Place of this crimson Sign upon the Spot of Sinai. Thus did the All-Merciful come upon the clouds of proof, and all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords!”

Those who dispute God’s proof and His authority - these are they whom their desires have overcome and returned them to their abode in the fire - evil the abode of every denying infidel! Blessed is he who hath turned to the Supreme Horizon, clinging to His verses, holding fast to His robe, uttering His praise, and arising to serve His Cause whereby feet have slipped.

When the Morn of Manifestation unfurled its standard and the Interlocutor of the Mount came with the banners of signs and the emblems of clear proofs, the people turned away and opposed Him with tyranny whereat the clouds cried out: “Beware lest ye shut the door of bounty in your own faces. Fear God, O people of the Book! Beware lest ye do what the former party did on the day when the Rock cried out, the Great Cry was raised, and the mountains passed away.”

Say: Cast aside your vain imaginings. By God, they shall not profit you! He Who was established upon the Throne in the beginning of days hath testified to this. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the day wherein the scratching of the Supreme Pen was raised and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: “Come ye,

come ye, O people of the earth! This is the day wherein He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath been made manifest."

We counsel you with that wherewith We counseled Our loved ones aforetime: to be trustworthy, truthful, pure, chaste, loving and faithful. Leave what the people possess, taking what ye have been given from God, the Lord of all men.

We make mention of him who was named Ali-Akbar, who believed in God on a day wherein hearts melted with the fear of God, the Lord of the Final End. We bear witness that thou didst turn and hear the Call and respond to thy Lord when the people of the cities and lands turned away. Turn with thy heart to the Most Exalted Horizon, then adorn thyself with the ornament of godliness and thy heart with trust in God, the Lord of humanity, and thy tongue with that which hath been sent down in the scriptures and tablets. Walk the path of divine good-pleasure with God's dignity and tranquility, that His signs may be manifested through thee in the world. This is what thou hast been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the soul that hath been enkindled by the fire which the All-Merciful hath ignited in creation, from whose sighing is heard "The Intended One hath come with a sovereignty that neither the ranks of the divines nor the hosts of princes could dismay." He calleth out with the most exalted call before all who are in earth and heaven: "The Promise hath come, and this is what was recorded in the Book by the Pen of God, the Revealer of verses." Blessed art thou for having been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation when the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure for thee what hath been sent down from God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust.

O Moses! Hear the Call from the Blessed, Eternal, Ancient Tree: "The Kingdom is God's, the Cleaver of Dawn!" The tale of the Mount and its Interlocutor hath returned, speaking in this Revelation: "Verily, there is no God but I, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving." The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of thy Lord's love, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Say: By God! The Revealer of verses hath come with the standards of proof and utterance. Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and be not of those who awaited My days, yet when I manifested Myself, they denied Me. To this beareth witness the Mother Book. Thus hath the ocean revealed its waves and the light its radiance. Blessed is he who hath seen and turned towards it, and woe unto every denier and infidel. This is a day wherein the Point of the Bayan circleth round the throne of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and the Point of the Furqan giveth glad tidings to the world of the Lord of Eternity. The Spirit, in the wilderness of longing, saith: "Here am I, here am I, O Desired One of the nations! Here am I, here am I, O Light of the horizons! Through Thee was manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the books of God, the Lord of all men."

O Abu'l-Hasan! The Wronged One, Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with proof and testimony and hath summoned all unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, maketh mention of thee. He it is for Whose path the gems of existence have sacrificed their souls and all they possessed. Thus were hearts and souls attracted by the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

Hearken unto the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen from the right hand of the luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree before the faces of all peoples. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have created ears to hearken unto My sweetest call, and eyes to

behold the lights of the Countenance from the supreme horizon, and tongues to make mention of Me and praise Me in the kingdom of creation, and hands to grasp My Book and hold fast unto My mighty cord.

The world hath appeared for My Self, and the ocean of knowledge hath surged through My Name, and the sun of utterance hath shone forth through My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O concourse of the earth! Open your eyes, for We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of certitude. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and radiant faces. By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged before the world, and the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath been wafted.

This is the Day whereon the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the kingdom of utterance, and the horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Great Name, and all things have testified that, by God, the Day hath come and the people are in manifest doubt. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain imagination and hath arisen to serve God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, with such steadfastness as neither the hosts and ranks could hinder, nor the battalions and legions could frighten. He spoke before all faces that which was a light unto the righteous and a fire unto the wicked. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Strong, the Powerful.

Give thanks unto God for having made mention of thee in the prison and revealed for thee that which shall be a treasure for thee in His mighty and lofty Kingdom. Grieve not at anything. Convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. This is what thou hast been commanded by the Omnipotent, the Ancient of Days. Thus hath the Treasury revealed its secrets and the Lote-Tree its fruits. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!”

O Muhammad-Taqi! Hear the call from the supreme horizon from God, the Lord of Names. Verily there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed is he who hath testified to that which God hath testified, and hath acknowledged that which His Tongue hath acknowledged when He was seated upon the Throne and when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra and in this mighty Prison. Take hold of the Book of God with such strength from Him that the divines of the age shall not prevent thee. Be thou vocal in thy Master’s praise and steadfast in service to His Cause. Verily He hath sent down for thee the proof and made clear His straight path.

This is a Day that cannot be equaled by centuries, and this is a Cause before which the hosts of the heavens and earth cannot stand. To this testifieth every truthful and perceiving one. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest the poor one hath sought the gate of Thy riches, and the sick one hath hastened to the ocean of Thy healing, and the wronged one hath desired Thy justice and favors. I beseech Thee by the lights of the morn of Thy manifestation and by the Word whereby the hearts of Thy chosen ones were attracted, that Thou deprive me not of the outpourings of Thy days and the breaths of Thy verses.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy supreme horizon and holding fast to Thy cord, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the hereafter and the first life. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have hastened to the place of sacrifice out of longing to meet Thee, and who

have offered up their spirits in Thy path. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Exalted Name, to forgive me and my parents and whosoever hath held fast to Thy cord and clung to the hem of Thy robe. O Lord! Thou art He through Whose generosity all creation hath testified, and through Whose bounty all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Ali-Akbar! The grace of thy Lord God hath encompassed the horizons, yet most men do not understand. The hidden Cause of God and His treasured Secret have been made manifest, yet most of the people perceive it not. This is the Day wherein all things proclaim: O peoples of the earth! The horizon of the Revelation hath been illumined with the Light of the divine utterance, and the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. When the Promise came to pass and the Promised One appeared, the divines arose in opposition and perpetrated that which caused the denizens of Paradise and the Concourse on High to weep at eventide and at dawn. There hath befallen Us in God’s path that which had never befallen anyone before. To this testifieth He Who in every state proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. O peoples of the earth! This is the Day of God, yet ye recognize it not, and this is the Day of divine utterance, yet ye remain silent. Remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” This is the Day wherein We behold the people of the Bayan drunken, though they be not drunken, but severe indeed is the chastisement of God. This is the Day wherein thy Lord hath come and the verses have encompassed the Manifestations of Names and Attributes. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto them that have turned away. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe what beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. The discourse of idle fancies hath returned, and most of the people are wandering distraught. O people! Fear God, and follow not the desires of every froward oppressor. This is the Day wherein that which was hidden from eyes and treasured in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath been revealed.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto the call from the right side of the vale, the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur did speak: “The Kingdom is God’s, the One, the All-Knowing!” Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and We make mention of thee through this wondrous remembrance, at whose appearance the remembrances of the world did humble themselves and around which circled the Concourse on High, bearing the banners of verses. To this doth the Mother Book testify in this exalted station. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of utterance and art seized with the intoxication of the Salsabil of knowledge, say: “My God, my God! Thy separation hath destroyed me, Thy remoteness hath consumed me, as have the tribulations that have befallen Thee in Thy path. My God, my God! Mine ear desireth to hear that for which it was created; withhold it not from Thy melodies and Thy call. My sight desireth to behold the effulgences of the lights of Thy most exalted horizon; deprive it not of that which Thou hast manifested for it. My God, my God! How is it that I hear the call of the servants but hear not Thy call, and see Thy creation but see not the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses?” Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and hath been seized by the breezes of Thy days, until he became detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, by the kingdom of Thy utterance, and by the ocean which the ships of the world cannot contain, and by the Ark which the waves of the malice of the nations cannot hinder, to strengthen me in all

conditions as Thou didst strengthen me before and wilt strengthen me hereafter. Then send down from the heaven of Thy mercy upon Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and acquaint them with what Thou hast intended for them through Thy bounty and grace, and guide them to Thy path which calleth out with the most exalted call in the morning and the evening: "By God! I am the Straight Path and I am the Balance whereby all small and great are weighed." O Lord! Deprive not Thy servants of the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Thou art He Who hath testified through Thy generosity to all created things and through Thy grace to all existing things. There is none other God but Thee, the Revealer of verses and the Lord of earth and heaven.

We have revealed for thee what We have revealed for none other of Our loved ones, as a grace from Our presence, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Say: "My God, my God! If Thou shouldst prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee and from standing before Thy throne and from presenting myself at the gate of Thy majesty, then inscribe for me, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of meeting Thee and of those who soared in the atmosphere of longing and yearning until they attained Thy presence and heard Thy sweetest call and beheld Thy most glorious horizon. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy imprisonment and Thy wrongs and what hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thy creation, not to disappoint me of what is with Thee nor to withhold from me that wherewith Thou didst quicken them that are in their graves. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the Manifestation, seated upon the throne on the Day of Resurrection. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, even as He hath remembered the servants and called them to the most exalted horizon, the station wherein the Tree exclaimed: "There is none other God but Me, the Lord of the exalted Throne!" The All-Bountiful hath come in the final abode; among the people are those who denied Him, those who turned away, and those who manifested great tyranny. Say: O people of the earth! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of proof. Hasten, and be not of them that hesitate. Beware lest the cup of names prevent you from the Kawthar of eternity. Cast away what is with the people, holding fast to that which is with God, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: O people! Withhold not yourselves from the Dayspring of Revelation. By God, the verses have been sent down, the evidences have appeared, and the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of them that are far removed. Come, come, O concourse of men, that I may show you the Most Great Vision and cause you to hear the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge manifested the waves of utterance and the heaven of inner meanings its stars. Blessed are they that attain!

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, when Mine enemies who denied the Resurrection and its signs, and the Hour and its tokens, encompassed Me. Verily, they are among the abased ones. Blessed is thy son who ascended unto God and partook of the Choice Sealed Wine when it was unsealed by the hand of power and might.

O ʼAli-Rida! The Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens makes mention of thee. Verily, He came with the banners of verses and the standards of clear proofs on a Day wherein the pillars of existence were shaken through fear of God, the Lord of Lords. We bear witness that thou didst turn, believe, and respond

to thy Lord when He came with power and sovereignty. Thou didst attain, before thy ascension, to the fragrance of the knowledge of thy Lord, and after it to the verses of God, the Lord of creation. Blessed is the soul that hath won mention by My Most Exalted Pen, and the face that hath turned unto the Countenance, and the heart that hath turned toward the horizon whence shone forth the Luminary of proof and evidence. O people of Baha! Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, and be not of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of all mankind.

O Siyyid Muhammad! Rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord. Verily, He maketh mention of thee from the direction of the Prison with verses that the centuries and ages cannot alter. Hearken, hearken! The Most Exalted Pen desireth to converse with thee. Behold, behold! The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison. When thou hast heard and seen, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Illuminator of the horizons! The world hath been set ablaze by the verses of thy Lord, and utterance is filled with wondrous doubt. Behold the Most Exalted Horizon with thine eyes, then hearken unto its call with thine ears. This is what thou hast been commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Whoso regardeth it with other than His eye shall never know it. This is what God hath made specific to this Revelation, which when it appeared caused the limbs of all names to quake, the heavens to be cleft asunder, and the lands to lament. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee as a grace from Our presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Siyyid Ja'far! The Greatest Scene hath been adorned and the Hidden Secret hath been revealed, and the Lord of Destiny calleth out, saying: O concourse of humanity! The Hour hath come and the moon hath been cleft asunder. Blessed is the servant who hath witnessed and attained, and woe unto every denying impostor. Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan prevent thee. Arise and say: O people, fear God and be not of the companions of error. Say: O party of God! This Day is your day. Remember your Lord, the Most Merciful, with wisdom and utterance, and follow not every polytheist who hath disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses. This is a Day wherein the Way crieth out: Look ye, look ye, O people of Baha! By God, I was created for you, despite those who caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition. And the Guide crieth out and calleth: O party of God! God hath manifested me for you. Turn ye unto Him and be not of those who denied their Lord in the beginning and the end.

O Mahmud! The Promised One maketh mention of thee from His glorious station and giveth thee glad tidings of God's tender care - thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Hold thou fast unto His grace, arise to serve His Cause, and voice His praise at eventide and at dawn. We have sent down the verses and revealed unto men that which draweth them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Turn ye unto Him, O ye that are endowed with insight!

Know thou that the Concourse of the Bayan have denied this bounty the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. These have followed their desires and disbelieved in Him Who hath come from the Dayspring of Power with God's verses - the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing. Thus have their deeds been made to seem fair in their eyes, and they are this day numbered among the wayward before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Fear ye God! He hath come with verses that all the books of the world cannot equal, as testifieth He in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of proof and evidence. Say: Come ye, that I

may show you what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance and cause you to hear what the Dove of Paradise warbleth upon the loftiest branches. By God! What the people possess cannot this day compare with God's verses. Ponder ye, O men of understanding! By what proof can they who deny this Cause establish their claims? Say: Produce it, O sources of delusion!

O Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar! He hath come from the heaven of Command bearing the banner of "He doeth what He willeth." Doth it beseem anyone to turn away? Nay, by My Self that overshadoweth the earths and the heavens! That which was never manifested hath been made manifest, yet the people remain in strange delusion. They worship vain imaginings and comprehend not; they worship idols yet perceive not. They have adorned their heads with turbans - they are astray and lead others astray, yet they know not. They have lost who denied God's verses after their revelation and turned away from Him through Whom the letter K was conjoined with the letter N and every hidden matter was revealed. Thank thou God, thy Lord, that He hath aided thee to turn unto Him on a day wherein men have turned away from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

We have desired to make mention of him who was named 'Ali-Akbar, who turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and traversed land and sea until he reached the shore of the Most Great Sea and heard the Call from the Dayspring of his Lord's utterance, the Lord of Names, and beheld what no eye hath beheld. We testify that he heard and turned and hastened until he entered the right Valley - the place wherein the fragrance of God, Lord of the seen and unseen, was diffused, and he testified to that whereunto God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He heard the rustling and the whispering and beheld the Most Great Sign from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and that which hearts and minds have never apprehended. He believed in God on a day wherein the divines of the earth and its doctors, and those who followed them without clear proof from God, the Mighty, the All-Loving, disbelieved. And We make mention of his son whom We named Badi', and his mother who heard and responded and took the cup of nearness and meeting, drinking therefrom in the name of her Lord, the Lord of existence. O Mother of Badi'! Grieve not at anything. We counsel thee to be patient and forbearing, even as We have counseled Our handmaidens before thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Appreciating.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ja'far and remind him of the days of God, lest the doubts of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed prevent him. This is a day wherein none save He should be mentioned. Say: Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of the Bayan, and oppose not Him Who hath come from the heaven of proof with the standards of divine knowledge, would that ye might know!

Say: O people of the Bayan! Slay Me not with the swords of rejection. By God, I was sleeping when the hand of your Lord, the All-Merciful's will awakened Me and commanded Me to raise My voice between earth and heaven. This is not of Mine own accord, could ye but know it. Were He to find anyone else speaking forth and standing up for this Cause, He would not have raised Me up nor caused Me to speak a word, nor would I have manifested Myself amongst these people. To this testifieth the Book whose verses have been inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The All-Chosen hath

taken from My hands the reins of choice, and raised Me up as He pleased and caused Me to speak as He desired. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O Pen! Blessed art thou for having rendered Me well-pleased with thee, for thou hast spoken in such wise concerning the stations of the servants. We beseech God to reward thee with the most excellent reward and to strengthen His loved ones to remain steadfast in this irrevocable Cause.

O Siyyid Husayn! There hath befallen Me in God's path that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and those who circle round God's Throne, the Lord of the Kingdom. O peoples of the earth! Fear God and deny not Him through Whom God's Cause was manifested from the Beginning that hath no beginning, through Whom every Messenger was sent and every Book was revealed. He hath spoken: "There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

O My Most Exalted Pen! We bid thee be silent, for the people of the Bayan are within thy hearing, that they might hear that wherewith they object to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We stood before all faces in days wherein skins trembled from the might of princes and divines. Then, when the waves of hatred subsided, there arose from behind the veil the buzzing of flies, and they committed what none before them had committed. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mightest thank thy Lord, the Sovereign of all sovereigns. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent thee from the Lord of all names. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Kindly.

O Ali! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. My Name, upon Him be My glory, was presented with a letter bearing thy name. We make mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks. This is the Day wherein the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted. Blessed is he who hath seen and found; woe unto the heedless ones. O Ali! Remember Ali who advanced to the place of sacrifice in the Land of Ta, and offered up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a sacrifice hath offered up his life in My path, and how many a learned one hath given his soul for My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O people of the Bayan! Leave Me to deal with the people of the Furqan. They have surrounded Me. Fear God, and be not of the wrong-doers. Say: Can that which ye possess profit you after ye have accepted My Cause? Be fair, and be not of them that turn aside. All things have passed away, and this is the face of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How many a learned one hath turned away, and how many an unlettered one hath hastened, and drunk, and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know Thee!" Be thou in all conditions reliant upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Say: My God, my God! Thou knowest what is with me, and I know not what is with Thee. I testify that the reins of knowledge are in Thy right hand, and understanding is within the grasp of Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast subdued all who are in earth and heaven, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Almighty. O Ali-Asghar! Observe, then reflect upon the world and what hath occurred therein. It will guide thee and lead thee to a station wherein thou wilt find thyself detached from all else save God and clinging to His sure

cord. It showeth thee its passing, its extinction, its changes, and what hath transpired therein by the decree of the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, firm in thy love, truthful in thy speech, fair in all matters, and trustworthy in financial affairs. Thus doth the Most Glorious Pen counsel thee from this most exalted station. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. The clamor hath been raised throughout all regions, and that which We foretold you hath come to pass, when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq, and in the Land of Mystery, and in this mighty Prison. Nothing hath appeared from the Cause but that We had informed the people of it in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O people of Dal and Ha! We counsel you to act in accordance with that which hath been sent down from the Pen of the Command of your Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great. Thus hath the sun of knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Give thanks and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!"

O Hasan! We bear witness that he who hath turned and hearkened is assuredly among the sincere ones in a perspicuous Book. The beginning of all things is the knowledge of God, and its end is steadfast adherence to whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will that overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Whoso hath on this day quaffed the sealed wine of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, he verily is of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And whoso hath turned away from this Cause, he is assuredly among the companions of the Fire. Say: O people of the Bayan! Were the matter in My hands, I would not have revealed Myself. Fear ye God and oppose not Him Who hath come with what ye possess of the tokens of the Messengers. I was seated when your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, raised Me up; I was silent when He caused Me to speak through His firm and irrevocable command; I was asleep when He awakened Me and revealed unto Me that which no reckoner, however learned, can reckon. Say: Read ye what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen and what ye possess, then judge with fairness and be not of the transgressors. I bewail My grief and sorrow unto God. O my Lord! Pour forth upon Me patience and make Me victorious over the wrongdoing people.

O Muhammad-'Ali! The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a company from the Supreme Concourse. Blessed is he who hath advanced, and woe unto them that have turned aside. Through Him hath the pavilion of glory been raised up, and the Trumpet hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save them who have come unto the All-Merciful with illumined hearts. By God's life! Were anyone to become aware of what hath befallen Me in the path of God, he would lament with the lamentation of the bereaved ones. The people of the Bayan have denied the proof of God and His testimony, save them who have perceived the sweet savors of Revelation and have testified to that whereunto God hath testified: that there is none other God but I, the Forgiving, the Generous. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with verses that all thou beholdest today cannot equal. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this great bounty. This is a day wherein that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God and treasured within the hearts of them who are nigh unto Him hath been made manifest. Say: This is God's Book speaking in your midst; hearken ye thereunto and be not of the heedless ones. God hath revealed Himself through His Name, the All-Merciful, unto all who are in the realm of possibility. Among the people are those who have advanced and attained, those who have turned aside, and those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the

Praiseworthy. God hath men behind the Throne who aid Him with the hosts of utterance and exposition. They, verily, are among those who are brought nigh in a clear Book. Neither the doubts of the worshippers of names nor the veils of the transgressors can hinder them.

O Qasim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He counseleth thee with that which shall cause the Cause of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne, to be exalted. They who have taken their vain imaginings as lords besides God, these are the companions of the fire in the Book of God. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the deniers. When thou hast gained access to My letter and discovered the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to enter the precincts of Thy glory, to stand before Thy gate and to appear in Thy presence. O my Lord! Prevent not mine ear from hearkening to Thy call, nor mine eyes from beholding the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy commandments. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the tears of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and the sighs of the sincere ones in their remoteness from Thee. Have mercy upon Thy servants and Thy creation, and withhold them not from that for which Thou didst create them. Thou, verily, art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. O my Lord! My heart hath melted by reason of the length of days of separation from Thee. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation, the mysteries of Thy Book, the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of Thy manifestation, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. If Thou deniest me, O my God, that which I desire through Thine irrevocable decree, then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can any name among all names hinder Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We have seen thy name and have made mention of thee in this wondrous remembrance, that this remembrance may render thee steadfast and firm in such wise that neither doubts may cause thee to slip, nor intimations prevent thee, nor the power of the world weaken thee, nor the might of the nations frighten thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. By God! The pens have been humbled when the Most Exalted Pen was set in motion, yet the people understand not. They have turned unto the daysprings of idle fancies, turning away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The verses pass them by at all times, yet they turn aside therefrom. They worship idols and perceive it not, and they say that which the ancients never said. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses, the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity, to aid me in that whereby the sincere ones may inhale the fragrance of steadfastness in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Make me not deprived of the breezes of Thy days, nor prevented from hearkening unto Thy verses. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. O my Lord! I testify that I am neither worthy of the wonders of Thy grace nor deserving of that which Thou hast sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the ships of Thy power and the oceans of Thy might - they whom neither the might of kings hath prevented from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the power of monarchs from gazing toward Thy horizon - O my Lord! to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy generosity and grace. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Kind.

O Abdul-Rahim! The wolves and evil ones of the earth have encompassed the Wronged One. They have denied Him after He came with verses that all the books of the world and whatsoever the nations possess cannot equal, and with a proof whereby the horizons of meanings and utterance were illumined. Blessed is the soul that hath testified to that whereunto the Most Exalted Pen hath testified. Woe unto every heedless one who hath disputed the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many a learned one hath been prevented by his learning from the Known One, and how many an ignorant one hath quaffed the wine of reunion from the cup of the bounty of his Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. We counsel all with wisdom, even as We counseled the servants aforetime, and I am the All-Knowing Counselor.

O CONCOURSE of the Bayan! Stretch forth your hands in supplication, for the Most Great Ocean is moved to cast upon you the pearls of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by the lights of the Kingdom and by that which hath been cast upon him from this Great Announcement - that which hath been mentioned at one time as the Ocean, at another as the Most Exalted Pen, and yet at another as the Speaker of Sinai and the Divine Lote-Tree in the Crimson Tablet, and as the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. They that have turned away, these have no portion in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! My Pen lamenteth and recounteth what hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors. Verily, he whom We sheltered for successive years beneath the wing of grace hath risen in opposition and committed that which hath caused the eyes of the knowing to weep. By God's life! He hath drawn against My face the sword of denial, having been led astray by one of My servants, then raised his own voice in protest - to this every truthful and trustworthy one beareth witness.

O Concourse of the Bayan! Judge fairly, by God: who is it that hath raised up the Cause and protected him whom ye had taken as a friend unto yourselves? Fear God, and be not of them that deny. We protected him from the sun's heat and winter's cold; yet when he felt secure, he sought to shed My blood - thus did his soul entice him, and he became one of the transgressors. We have endured in God's path that which hath melted the hearts of the sincere. My kinsmen and friends denied Me through the tyranny of princes and divines, until they drove Us from the Land of ?a to Zawra, thence to the Land of Mystery, and thence to this Most Great Prison, wherein hath been kindled the fire of hatred, which no eloquent tongue or swift pen can describe.

O Husayn! Accept what is good as a command from God, the Lord of all worlds. Adorn thy head with the crown of trustworthiness and thy temple with the fear of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Forget not God's favor - He hath manifested the Dawning-Place of His signs and aided thee to recognize Him on a day when lamentation arose between earth and heaven through the deeds of the heedless. We counsel thee and them that have believed to preserve that which ye have been given by God, the Goal of them that know. How many a king hath been deprived of recognition, and how many a bondsman hath attained to his Lord's grace! How many a seeing one hath been forbidden to behold, and how many a blind one hath seen and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was in the hands of the oppressors!" How many a mighty one hath been weakened by the power of the

Manifestation, and how many a weak one hath scattered the hosts of vain imaginings in his Lord's name, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful! Thus have We caused the weak to inherit what belonged to the strong - a command from Us, for verily We are powerful to do this.

When thou hearest the Call, turn with thy heart to the Most Sublime Horizon and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having aided me, made me know Thee, and guided me to Thy straight path. I testify that the Path is Thy path, the Manifestation Thy Manifestation, and the Command Thy Command, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

O Muhammad-Qablih-Ja! The Dawning-Place of verses makes mention of thee, that perchance the people may discover the fragrance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, on a Day whereon the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Forgiving!" We make mention of thee for the sake of God, that He may cause thee to be steadfast upon the straight path. Be detached from all else save Him, fixing thy gaze upon His horizon, and voicing His praise by night and by day. That which the people possess will profit you not this Day. Cast it aside at My bidding and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and follow not idle fancies and vain imaginings. Follow Him through Whose Name the Standard of the Cause was hoisted upon the most exalted station. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and upon Him through Whom the Most Great Luminary shone forth from the horizon of the world, and through Whom the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty. Were it not for the Glory of God, who would have raised up the Cause? Be fair-minded and be not of those who denied the Proof and the Testament. Thou didst stand before all faces, extolling the praise of God, the Lord of all mankind. But when the Cause was elevated, clamor arose in the cities and lands. Thus was the matter decreed, while the people remained in wondrous doubt.

O son of the Emigrant! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord which is raised from the precincts of the Prison, summoning all unto the Dayspring of verses. This is a Book from Us to all who dwell on earth, that it may draw them to the horizon whence the lights have shone forth, and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. That whereof We informed the servants aforetime hath come to pass, when Zawra became the seat of the Throne, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O peoples of the earth! Be fair in this Cause through which the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the highest branches. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen. Through Him the path of God was made manifest in the world and the decree of the Balance came forth. This is a Day wherein the hidden Treasure hath appeared and the mountains have passed away like clouds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the ornament of justice; woe unto every oppressive infidel! O Supreme Pen! Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and be not of the companions of error. Weigh what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance with the balance of justice and fairness. By God's life! I desired not to manifest Myself, nor to utter a word, but God's Will overcame Mine, and He manifested Me as He wished and desired. Through this there befell Me that which caused the Supreme Paradise to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Verily, he whom We reared up sought to shed My blood. When the Cause was made manifest, he raised an outcry within himself, clinging to calumnies that have no standing with God, the Lord of all men.

O Mirza! The Lord of Names makes mention of thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of His remembrance. My Most Exalted Pen lamenteth and weepeth by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of those who have denied the Beginning and the End. They make mention of the Point of the Bayan, yet pronounce judgement against Him Who sent Him. They recite the verses, yet deny their Revealer. Take heed, O ye who are endued with insight! They behold God's bounty, yet deny it; they hear God's verses, yet turn away from them. These are assuredly the companions of the fire. O peoples of the earth! By God, We have come only to purify your souls from rancor and hatred. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. The ocean of utterance hath surged and the fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted. Turn ye, O people, with radiant faces toward the horizon wherefrom the regions have been illumined. Thus have We adorned the pages of the Book of Revelation with mention of Him Who conversed with the One Who conversed with the Fire. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every doubting ignorant one. O servants of the All-Merciful! When a clamorer cometh unto you, leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Source of inspiration. Oppose not any soul; if ye detect from anyone the fragrance of animosity, leave him to his devices, clinging to the hem of the robe of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Cleaver of the dawn. The qualities that befit man are love, trustworthiness, forgiveness and faithfulness, and that whereby his being may be sanctified amidst all peoples.

O son of the cotton-carder! He Who was rejected by the servants maketh mention of thee, after having come from the Dayspring of the Cause with a proof before which the proofs of those who clung to their vain imaginings and idle fancies were brought low. O son of the cotton-carder! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised in truth - verily it guideth thee unto the straight path and casteth upon all who dwell on earth the Word of God, the Lord of what is and what hath been.

O people of the Bayan! By God, I was sleeping when the Will of God, the Revealer of verses, awakened Me, and I was silent when He made Me speak that which cannot be equalled by what the servants possess, and I was seated when He raised Me up through His power - and He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. If My transgression be My verses and My proofs, indeed the Point of the Bayan preceded Me, and before Him the Messengers of God, the Lord of the beginning and the return.

O people of the Bayan! If the Point charged you to turn away, what have ye done to this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of justice? He charged you to turn towards it, yet ye arose to reject it. The clouds cried out because of it, and He commanded you to be submissive, yet ye advanced against it with spears and swords. O followers of error! Ye have turned away from Him at Whose recognition the Countenance of Knowledge smiled throughout all possibility. Say: Hear, for the sake of the All-Merciful, what the Point spoke in the Bayan: "If ye help Him not, grieve Him not." Ye cast the Command of God behind your backs and committed that which caused hearts to melt. By God, the Bayan was revealed solely for My remembrance and gave glad tidings to the servants only of My Manifestation, whereby the lights have shone forth. By God, the Beloved was submissive to My remembrance, how much more to My Self! Be fair and be not of the unjust and tyrannical.

Say: If ye be in doubt, read the verses of God and what ye possess, then judge fairly, O men of insight! By God, the Wronged One desired not your faith - He summoned you unto Himself for the sake of God, the Lord of all men. Behold, then remember when I stood before all faces on a day wherein souls were

agitated and eyes were dazed. Verily He said: “If He should come to you with a sign, oppose Him not,” yet ye denied Him after He came to you with that which the Books and Tablets cannot rival.

O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and shed not the blood of Him Who aided you through the nights and days with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. When the Remembrance reached this point, I heard the lamentation of My Most Exalted Pen, whereby arose the wailing of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Crimson Ark, and the eyes of the righteous shed tears. By God, I heard the cry of the Point of the Bayan and His sorrow for My sake, and the outcry of the chosen ones in this grief whereby the Tree lamented and the pillars were shaken.

O son of the cotton-carder! How many a learned one was barred from the Goal, and how many an unlettered one was seized by the wine of the Bayan, casting aside the world in his longing to attain the presence of God, the Revealer of verses. How many a scholar was kept back from the Most Great Ocean, and how many a cotton-carder hastened, and drank, and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Dawning-place of bounty and grace!”

Blessed is he who hath attained to the remembrance of the Lord of the worlds in the Most Great Prison and hath testified to that which the All-Merciful hath testified in the most exalted station. Blessed is the name that hath attained to the movement of My Most Exalted Pen, and the stranger who hath sought his Most Glorious homeland, and the distant one who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Manifestor of clear tokens. Blessed is the knower who hath known the Known One, and the seeker who hath attained and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all religions!” Blessed is he who hath drunk the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty and bestowal, and he who hath inhaled and perceived the fragrance of the garment as it was wafted abroad through all regions. Blessed is the poor man who hath sought the ocean of wealth, and the sick who hath turned towards the Day-spring of healing, and the weak who hath drawn nigh unto the horizon of power. Blessed is the blood that hath been shed in My path, and the earth that hath been honored by My footsteps, and the breeze that hath wafted from the direction of My loving-kindness upon all who are in the lands. Blessed is the sea upon which sailed the Ark of My Cause, and the mountain whereon was raised the pavilion of My glory, and the face that hath been illumined by the light of My days. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance hath been raised, and the atmosphere through which the fragrances of revelation have been diffused, both morn and eve. The world hath been illumined by the Luminary of the Most Great Name, yet the people remain heedless and astray. The locusts of hatred have spread abroad; thus hath the Most Exalted Pen informed you when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq. O people of the earth! Hear My call from around My throne, that it may draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all men. He Who was created to serve Me hath denied Me - take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! He whom I sheltered beneath the wing of grace for successive years hath sought to shed My blood. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Say: O concourse of the earth! Is there any among you who can contend with the Knight of inner meanings in the arena of wisdom and utterance? Nay, by My Self, the True One! To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in the Book.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward Dal and Ha, then make mention of Ali-Rida, whose name was present before the Wronged One when He was in the hands of the wicked. We have seen thy

remembrance and have remembered thee, that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear tokens. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen; woe unto every denier and infidel! When the promise came to pass and the Promised One appeared, the people rose against Him with such tyranny as the eye of creation had never beheld. Say: Die in your wrath! He hath come at Whose advent the world's foundations trembled and feet did slip, save those who broke not their covenant and followed that which God had revealed in the Book. Say: O people of the earth! None hath the right to test God, his Lord, or to try Him. Rather, it is His to test His servants. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. Cast away what ye possess and what the people possess. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come with verses that have encompassed the cities. We have sent down for the people of Manshad that which will guide the fair-minded and direct them unto God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Whoso hath attained unto My good-pleasure this day, he is of the people of God in the Scriptures and Tablets. We desire naught from you. We remind you for the sake of God. Whoso believeth, it is for his own sake; whoso turneth away, verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O people of the earth! Hearken! By God, this is the call that was heard by the Beloved in His ascension, and by Moses on the Mount of Joy, and by the Spirit when He ascended unto God, the Revealer of laws and ordinances. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while the people were in doubt and schism.

O son of Abu-Talib! The Wronged One makes mention of those on earth in such wise as to remind them and draw them nigh unto the Dayspring of divine inspiration. The Wronged One hath come for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples have risen against Him with such tyranny as hath caused the horizons to darken. How many a night when sleep fled from Mine eyes, and how many a day when I lay in chains and fetters. They that dwell in the kingdom of creation and command have lamented My tribulations - to this testifieth every fair-minded one and every learned one whom knowledge hath not kept back from Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Pen! Announce unto the world this most great Revelation. Say: O people! Fear ye God and be not of them that have denied God's proof and testimony when He came with the kingdom of His signs. This is He of Whom Muhammad, the Apostle of God, gave you tidings. Fear God, O concourse of factions! This is He Whom ye have mentioned throughout centuries and ages. Through Him every doer of deeds drew strength, every distant one drew nigh, every lowly one was exalted, every speechless one spoke forth, and every seated one arose. The world hath been stirred with longing for His presence, yet most of the people remain heedless and in dissension. Read ye what ye possess and what hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, that ye may discover what hath been concealed from you. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention of him who was named Husayn, whose name was present before the Wronged One, and We counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled most of the servants. I have come from the Dayspring of grace to reform the world. Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified. Woe unto every denying deceiver. Blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the gracious hand of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Woe unto every one who hath turned aside and risen in opposition. I swear by God! I cannot recount what hath befallen Me at the hands of the wicked doers. O My Pen! Lament for My sake and for what hath befallen Me from the tyrants among My creatures, and

say: My God, my God! I was sleeping, Thou didst awaken Me and raise Me up and cause Me to speak. Then Thou didst leave Me beneath the claws of hatred. Thou dost see and hear what hath befallen Me and what they have said concerning Me. By Thy might, O my God and O Thou Who art mentioned in my heart! Were all who dwell on earth and in heaven to unite to harm Baha, the mention of Thy praise would not cease to flow from His tongue, nor would He pause for less than a moment in revealing that which Thou hast commanded Him to reveal amongst Thy servants. By Thy grandeur and sovereignty! O Thou through Whose nearness the lands were stirred and through Whose separation hearts were melted! I would not exchange the abasement I have suffered in Thy path for the glory of the world, nor this weakness for the power of the nations, nor this poverty for the wealth of all who are on Thy earth. All that hath befallen Me in Thy love is the desire of My heart and the beloved of My soul. To this bear witness the dwellers in the cities of Thy justice and the sincere ones among Thy servants and Thy creation. O Lord! Thou knowest that I have desired naught save the freedom of Thy servants and their deliverance from the chains of idle fancy and vain imagining. Aid them, O my God, in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Abu'l-Hasan! How many a servant has been held back by the world, and how many a servant has rent asunder the veils, turning with devotion unto God, the Lord of all worlds! Be thou steadfast in the Cause and eloquent in proclaiming this momentous News. A leaf hath been presented before the Wronged One, adorned with the names of those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have sent down for each one that which will draw him nigh unto the All-Knowing, the One acquainted with all things. We counsel you once again to observe justice and equity and to preserve this Book that guideth you to the straight path of God. We make mention of those whose names were not presented in the prison, and give them the glad-tidings of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The beginning of all things is the recognition of God, and its end is steadfastness in His Cause. Thus hath it been ordained by the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Say: O people of the Bayan! Your opposition cannot prevent the waves of the ocean nor the sun from its radiance. Observe, then be fair, and be not of the ignorant ones. God shall soon raise up men who will aid the Wronged One with wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the One acquainted with all things. And We make mention of My handmaidens in that land who have believed in God when He came with a wondrous Cause, who have attained unto His days, who have hearkened and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the heroes of the earth were in manifest doubt. He is with you under all conditions, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Rejoice in that your mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur while the Wronged One was in a mighty prison. We beseech God to assist you, to grant you success, and to ordain for you that which befitteth the heaven of His bounty and the ocean of His grace. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful. We make mention of Abu'l-Husayn and counsel him with that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Take hold of the Book with the strength that cometh from Him - verily, He loveth them that act. It is permitted unto thee and unto those who have believed in that land to read that wherewith We have communed with God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. He is the Rememberer and the Remembered.

My God, my God! Thy separation hath consumed me, Thy remoteness hath burned me, Thy distance hath melted me, Thy remembrance hath kindled me, and Thy call hath stirred me. By Thy might and Thy

beauty! Were anyone to search the hearts of Thy lovers, they would find them pierced by the arrows of Thy separation, and their livers burned by the fire of being kept from Thee. O my Lord! I sense the fragrance of Thy manifestation, yet know not which spot hath been illumined by the light of Thy knowledge, adorned with the splendors of Thy countenance, and honored by Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy beauty that shineth forth from Thy most exalted horizon, and by the mysteries of Thy knowledge, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, to ordain for Thy servants the privilege of attaining unto Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy grandeur.

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

O my Lord! The sweet fragrances of the garment of Thy Revelation have seized me, and the verses of Thy grandeur have so attracted me that I have forgotten myself and my own being and all that hath been created in Thy earth and heaven. Alas, alas! I know not by what deed I may stand before Thy face that might diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Nay, by Thy might! Thy grace hath encompassed me and Thy bounty hath emboldened me. This servant hath been assured of Thy grace and bounty, and of the acceptance of whatsoever hath proceeded from me in Thy days. By Thy might and majesty, Thy power and Thy beauty! I long to lay my face and my brow upon every spot of Thy earth, that perchance it might fall upon soil honored by the footsteps of Thy chosen ones and Thy messengers.

I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens, by the Daysprings of Thy power and might, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Then grant me that which is best in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Source of bounty, by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name, to make me one who circleth around Thy Throne and standeth before the gate of Thy grandeur in every world of Thy worlds. Then adorn my temple, my heart, and my breast with the lights of Thy knowledge and with the ornament of acceptance, through Thy bounty and generosity.

O my Lord! This is a Day wherein the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged and the horizon of the world hath been illumined by the light of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee, and to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy mercy and Thy gifts, and which is worthy of Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And may blessings and peace and glory and splendor rest upon Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones who have not broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and who have acted according to what they were bidden in Thy Manifest Book. These are servants who have cast aside all association with others, holding fast to the light of unity, through Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious.

On 6 Jumada'th-Thani 1304

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

Praise befitteth the Desired One, for Whom the clamor of the opposers, the uproar of the transgressors, and the might of the oppressors are but as the buzzing of a fly. The power of the world could not prevent His rising, nor could the might of nations hold back His call. Before the faces of all humanity did He raise His voice and summon all to the straight path and the mighty announcement. No harm could the raging winds inflict upon the pavilion of His will, nor could the storms of these days cause upheaval to the tabernacle of His purpose. Before the power of the Supreme Pen, the Manifestations of Names stand powerless. His Cause encompasses all, and His Word penetrates all. He is the sovereign Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He is the Generous One Whose tokens of generosity are manifest and evident from every direction. His mercy hath preceded all, and His bounty hath encompassed all being. He hath forbidden His servants from conflict and contention, from strife and combat, that the world might be illumined by the light of assurance, and mankind might repose upon the couch of peace and security, passing from tribulation to tranquility. In these stations and ranks there hath been revealed from the Pen of the Desired One of all worlds that which causeth the atoms of all created things to cry out "May my life be sacrificed for Thee!" Indeed, were one to navigate the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, one would witness that which is today veiled from hearts and eyes. Verily, the ocean is great, great, and the Cause is great, great.

Glorified art Thou, O Master of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou seest Thy servant who desireth to make mention of one of Thy loved ones who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause and hath traveled through the lands to exalt Thy Word, and who desired naught in his days save Thy remembrance and praise and the promotion of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Aid him through Thy confirmations and assist him through Thy grace, then open before his face the doors of Thy bounty and mercy. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of my heart! The letter arrived, yet it was not a letter but a musk-laden fragrance of inner meanings, for from it wafted the sweet scent of the love of the Desired One of all worlds. It transformed sorrow into joy and grief into gladness. Well is it with the pen and utterance that have been dedicated to the mention and praise of the Beloved of all possibility. And since this evanescent one had not for a long time been blessed with the traces of that beloved heart's pen, this time it added to joy beyond the measure of understanding and intellect, and diminished grief. No word or expression comes to mind that could adequately convey the hidden meanings within the heart, unless boundless grace bestoweth success and His favor lendeth support. In any case, after boundless joy, we proceeded to the presence of the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. After gaining admittance and permission, the entire letter was presented and was honored to be heard. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from the most exalted station - the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the Hearer and I am the Answerer.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Most Great Word - that is, contentment - both before and after, and hast been illumined by the rays of the Sun of divine favor. By night thou speakest and by day thou makest mention, thy purpose being the exaltation of the Word of God and the promotion of His Cause. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken thus: All the pens of the world and tongues of nations are powerless to describe the station of this testimony. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! At all times the pearls of wisdom, knowledge, inner meanings and utterance have been manifest and visible from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen, yet the seeker is nowhere to be found and the discriminating one, like the phoenix, doth not exist. In the Hidden Words this passage was revealed from the Supreme Pen, addressing the divines of the age: "O ye that are outwardly fair yet inwardly foul! Ye are like clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. Yea, the sun's rays fall alike upon the dust and the mirror, yet differ in their reflection as the star-studded heaven from earth - nay, immeasurable is the difference!"

O Haydar! Insight is rare and discrimination absent. Beseech God to grant the ears and eyes of His servants the power to perceive, that they may become worthy to behold and qualified to hear. This year thy mention hath repeatedly fallen from Our tongue, and each of the souls mentioned hath attained unto the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. For each one hath been revealed that which hath no peer or likeness. By the life of God! They have attained unto an everlasting distinction and eternal remembrance. Beseech God that what He hath bestowed may be preserved and remain unaffected by the vicissitudes of the world and all that is therein.

Whensoever thou meetest the people of God in any land, be it in cities or villages or on the highways, make mention of them on behalf of this Wronged One and remind them of the divine verses. Praise be to God that steadfast souls who are content and well-pleasing have attained unto the Most Great Favor and Supreme Gift. In accordance with wisdom, names have not been mentioned but are preserved in God's protected treasuries. Blessed is he whom the doubts and allusions of the world and the vain imaginings of the nations have not debarred from the lights of certitude.

Say: O people of God! Know ye of a certainty that whatsoever hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets shall come to pass and appear in the realm of manifestation. Know ye your station before God and be not heedless of remembrance, praise and service to the Cause. He is the Counselor, He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Powerful. Were the people of the world to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of understanding, they would regard all else save God as non-existent and would hasten to the court of the Friend.

Boundless grace and infinite favors - the Sun of generosity is shining and the Luminary of bounty is radiant. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, who hath turned away from the world's retreats, advancing toward the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. And blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of his Lord's tender mercy, and woe unto him who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former generations.

The glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the kingdom of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance hath seized and attracted the realms of the seen and unseen, and every possessor of smell, sight and hearing hath attained supreme joy. Through His mention one becometh independent of all other mentions in the world, and through His grace, free and detached from all that the peoples possess. What can this servant say and what can he mention? That Beloved One, through His infinite bounty and supreme grace, hath with His own eyes beheld the Most Exalted Horizon and with His own ears hearkened unto the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. How excellent is this most exalted station and this supreme rank! Consider the baseness and contemptibility of the servants: deprived and forbidden from the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, yet occupied with and delighting in the buzzing of flies. One is bewildered as to what they cling to and what hem they grasp. In any case, His mercy hath preceded all and the sun of His grace hath shone forth. This servant, that honored one, and the other loved ones must beseech and implore from the ocean of generosity that which will assist all and lead them to the horizon of revelation. In truth this servant is sorrowful, for he observeth that the days which were the hope of those near and sincere have appeared, yet the servants are heedless of them, occupied with nothing, and unaware.

Assist, O my God, Thy servants, and deprive them not of the manifestations of Thy grace and the breathings of Thy days, and disappoint them not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and sincere ones. Verily Thou art the Most Generous of the generous, the Most Merciful of the merciful, and the Most Powerful of the powerful, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

And as for what thou didst write concerning M.Q., upon him be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith: O Haydar! Upon thee be the light of the luminary of My grace. We have ever made mention of him who is denoted by M and Q, upon him be My glory. The hand of grace took hold of him and the Pen of Destiny ordained for him manifest glory and beyond that. We hope that through God's grace he will remain steadfast and will not alter his ordained blessing. Convey My greetings unto him. We beseech God to assist him to be steadfast in His Cause, to aid him and reinforce him with the hosts of the seen and unseen, to manifest that which hath been written for him from the Most Exalted Pen, and to send down upon him a blessing from the heaven of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Today this blessed word was heard from the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing: O people of God! Be not grieved, soon that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken will appear in the world and ye shall witness God's power and His greatness, and God's revelation and His sovereignty. O Haydar! Convey greetings to the loved ones of God. In every place thou meetest them, make mention of them on behalf of the Wronged One and give them glad-tidings. As for the loved ones of A and B whom thou didst mention, each hath been blessed with the tokens of the Pen. There hath been sent down for them from the heaven of grace and bounty that which the pens of composition are powerless to describe. The names that were recorded in the leaf, each attained to that which hath no peer or likeness, and likewise the loved ones in the land of Sh. In truth they are gazing toward the horizon, arising to serve,

holding fast to the cord, speaking in remembrance, and likewise the loved ones in other lands - all have attained, but We have preferred some above others as a command from Us, and I am the Ancient Commander.

As to the honored servant Mr. M.Q., upon him be the Glory of God, that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen makes unnecessary any mention or description from this evanescent servant. And that statement which he wrote was quoting from the objectors among the people, for he says that since the Cause of these people has not yet been officially recognized by the government and religious leaders, they therefore oppose it. This being a quotation, divine forgiveness has encompassed it - if He wishes, He changes bad deeds into good ones. This matter was not considered among bad deeds from the beginning. Also convey greetings and salutations on my behalf and make mention of him. It is hoped that divine favors will encompass him. I have beseeched and continue to beseech from God confirmation, assistance, bounty and glory. Verily He has power over all things. All that your honor wrote regarding the levels of meeting and mentioning to each person, as well as the wisdoms mentioned, was entirely acceptable in His presence. Words must always be spoken in measure and revealed wisdom must be observed. It is hoped that all will follow your example. At this time, after attendance, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this supreme word: Write to J.H. that what you mentioned about dealing with people in measure and proportion - that it must be done in such a way as to increase friends and calm or draw near those who are not friends - this is a great and good word. One of those endowed with wisdom was Alexander. When asked how he conquered most regions in such a short time, he said that he preserved his friends and did not let them become enemies, and strived to make his enemies into friends. This word is acceptable. Blessed are they that act accordingly. And regarding what you wrote about the assured souls in A. and Y., upon them be the Glory of God, and their success - praise be to God their deeds have been accepted. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist them, confirm them, draw them near to Him, and ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. And mention was made of Mirza Ahmad Kh., upon him be the Glory of God, and Muhammad Kh. and Aqa Mirza Abdul-Karim, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented in the Most Holy Court, this supreme word was manifested from the Dawning Place of Grandeur - the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified: O Heydar A., the first name has been mentioned before the Wronged One in the past and present and has attained to grace, and at this time these verses have been revealed from the Dayspring of Names and Attributes that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. […]

Hearken unto the call from this most exalted station, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him. His are the bounty and the giving, His are the grace and the glory. He hath come from the heaven of Command with the Kingdom of verses, and through Him hath been raised the banner of 'He doeth what He willeth' upon the highest standards. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and hath spoken before the faces of all peoples. The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a grace from Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour with verses that all the treasures of earth cannot equal, whereof the Mother Book with Him doth testify. That which thou seest today shall pass away, but that which hath been sent down for thee from My Pen shall endure. When it moved, the limbs of all names

trembled, and when its scratching was raised, the hearts of the learned were troubled, and the faces of those who denied the Beginning and the Return were darkened. They awaited the days of the Manifestation, but when the One Who conversed on Sinai came, they turned away, following suppositions and idle fancies.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Wronged One and uttered His praise, when the transgressors who broke God's Covenant and His Testament turned away from Him, and denied Him Whose days they had awaited throughout centuries and ages. When the sweetness of My call and the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen enraptured thee, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made known unto me Thy Great News which was recorded in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets by the Pen of Thy Command. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, and by Thy Command through which Thou hast subdued the world, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book, to make me in all conditions one who speaks Thy praise and mention, who turns toward the horizon whence shineth the Sun of Thy Revelation, who stands firm in the service of Thy Cause, who holds fast to the cord of Thy grace and clings to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the direction of Thy grace, hoping for what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, nor to deny me from drawing nigh unto Thy threshold, nor to deprive me of the breathings of Thy days. I know not, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for me by Thy command. I beseech Thee by those who have arisen to exalt Thy Word, whom neither the influences of the pharaohs nor the might of the oppressors could deter from turning toward Thee and standing firm in Thy service, to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, and Thou art worthy to answer."

Praise be to God, they have attained unto the Most Great Favor. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist them and illuminate that lineage with His light. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Powerful, the Mighty.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Muhammad Khan, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

O Muhammad! He Who loveth Me and is loved by Me hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee from the Most Great Prison with a remembrance through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath perfumed all creation, that it may draw thee to a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all men!" Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor the might of the wicked hinder thee. This is the Day wherein that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Dayspring of Grace when every heedless doubter

turned away. Be thou vocal in thy Lord's praise, steadfast in His Cause, and soaring in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds can be heard: "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

How many a prince hath this day been debarred from My sealed wine, and how many a pauper hath heard and hastened and taken and drunk, exclaiming: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Desire of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all mankind!" How many a learned one hath been veiled from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and how many an ignorant one hath turned and attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of lords!

When thou hearest My call and perceivest the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: "My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create all things for Thy knowledge and Thy meeting, and didst show them Thy path and send down for them Thy proof. Yet when Thy testimony was fulfilled and Thy bounty perfected, they turned away from Thee and denied Thee and Thy signs, and disputed Thy proof, and committed that which caused the dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm to lament. Alas, alas! O my Lord, my Support, and my Goal! I know not what thing hath kept me from drawing nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and standing before Thy face, O Lord of all men! I testify that Thou knowest what is within me, while I know not what is within Thee. Ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will make me among those whom the affairs of men have not kept back from Thy Greatest Prospect, who have turned with radiant faces and illumined breasts unto Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! Thou seest me awaiting the manifestations of Thy grace and that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowal. By Thy might, O Possessor of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! My heart findeth no rest save in Thy remembrance and praise and service and obedience. I beseech Thee to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to arise to serve Thee and Thy loved ones. Then I beseech Thee, O Thou Who answereth the distressed and art the Ultimate Goal of the sincere, by Thy Name through which the hearts of those near unto Thee have soared, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou art He through Whose power all things have testified and through Whose might all possibilities have been proven. No force in the world can weaken Thee, nor can the hosts of nations render Thee powerless. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Furthermore, I beseech Thee to forgive me and to send down upon me from the clouds of the heaven of Thy mercy that which shall make me rich through Thy riches, detached from all else save Thee, and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Abdul-Karim, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God:

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

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Give thanks for the Most High Pen hath called thee from the most exalted horizon and commandeth thee to that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: […]

O my God, my God! Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, and unto Thee be grace and bounty, for having shown me Thy signs, caused me to hear the scratching of Thy Pen, guided me to Thy straight path and

Thy mighty message, made me speak Thy praise, acquainted me with Thy station, and revealed unto me Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power in Thy dominion to make me in all conditions severed from aught else save Thee and holding fast unto the cord of Thy grace. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken before the creation of Thy heaven and earth - that Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Within Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom and the realm, and in Thy right hand are the reins of might and power. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. None can resist Thy command, none can frustrate Thy wisdom. Every discerning one hath testified to Thy oneness and singleness, and every informed one to Thy greatness and power. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, by the lights of Thy countenance and the traces of Thy Pen, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Disappoint not him who hath turned to the ocean of Thy bounty, and deny not him who hath answered Thy call when it was raised between Thy heaven and earth. Decree for me what I desire from the sun of Thy bestowal and the horizon of Thy grace. Then forgive me and those who have recognized Thee and inhaled the fragrances of Thy days. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and Whose power is not frustrated by the clamor of the servants who have risen in opposition. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

We wish to mention at the end of this Tablet thy companion who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Praised. She heard and responded and turned towards Him on a day wherein every learned one was remote and every knower was in doubt.

O My leaf and My handmaiden! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison quarter and giveth thee glad tidings of the favors of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Blessed is the handmaiden whom vain desires have not kept back from the Lord of all creation. She hath testified to that which God hath testified: that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say:

O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison and made me a leaf among the leaves of Thy divine Tree. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Cause and the potency of Thy Will, and by those who circle round the Throne at eventide and dawn and hear Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking Thy praise among Thy handmaidens. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

As regards what was written about the honored leaf, the mother of Aqa Mirza ’Ali-Rida, upon them both be the glory of God - after it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, a blessed Tablet descended from the heaven of Will specifically for them and their mother. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them that they may receive their full portion from the effulgent lights of the Luminary of proof and from the waves of the ocean of the utterance of Him Who is the Desire of all worlds. How wonderful! The fragrance of divine favor hath encompassed the world. Man is bewildered, the tongue is bewildered, the pen is bewildered, understanding is bewildered - what to mention and what to express! Our mentions and sounds are like a dried leaf which the wind moveth and from which a sound is heard. How then can this dried leaf be capable of mentioning the tree and its fruits and leaves and branches and what hath been ordained therein? Verily, powerlessness is a good wing and a good cord

whereby we may soar and whereby we may hold fast, inasmuch as He hath loved and loveth the powerlessness of His servants. Were the people of the earth to discover less than a needle's eye of the sweetness of powerlessness before that Presence, they would desire and seek none other than Him. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this.

This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

He is the One dawning from the horizon of Revelation

O 'Ali-before-Rida! The Speaker of Sinai is established upon the throne of Revelation and, without any veil or barrier, hath summoned and continueth to summon all the peoples of the world - be they divines, jurists, princes, kings or sovereigns - to the straight path and the mighty announcement. Neither the fire of rancor and hatred and the clamor of the divines, nor the might of princes hath deterred Him. The power of the Most Exalted Word is evident and manifest like unto the sun. The purpose is that the horizons of the world may be illumined with the light of unity and be adorned with reformation, and that they may likewise discover for what purpose they have been brought from nothingness into being. However, the conjectures and idle fancies of the divines of the age have debarred the servants from the divine Egypt and deprived them of the light of certitude. Blessed is the servant whom the vicissitudes of time have not withheld from the Luminary of proof.

The leaf, the mother, hath been mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and hath attained unto His grace. O My leaf and My handmaiden! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One Who addresseth thee from the direction of the Prison, saying: The eyes of the world and the ears of the nations were created to behold and hearken in these days. However, veils have prevented most from beholding and hearkening - and this veil is the most great veil, meaning the divines of the earth.

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thy most exalted horizon when the divines of Thy earth turned away from it, O Lord of all beings, and for having assisted me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens, and the Source of Thy revelation and inspiration, Who was mentioned and recorded in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and Thy leaf holding fast to the Tree of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy handmaidens, and to cling to the hem of Thy wisdom. Then ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Praise be to God! The rain of bounty pours down continuously from the heaven of grace. At every moment a blessing appears and at every instant a heavenly table is made manifest. Who is capable of offering thanks for this station, and what tongue is worthy unless His grace takes hold of it and His generosity accepts it? Likewise mention hath been made of Muhammad-Qasim Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, through Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, who hath mentioned him, and he hath also sent a petition to the Most Holy Court. Now, after his name was presented before the

Presence, one Most Mighty, Most Holy Tablet was revealed especially for him. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him and to adorn him with that which befitteth His days.

The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaketh:

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

O Muhammad-Qasim! Upon thee be My Glory! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One with such attention as will aid thee to perform that which beseemeth the Day of God. Know thou the value of these days. Neither the sun nor the moon hath witnessed the like of this Day. This is that Day which hath been mentioned in the divine Books of the past and of the future. Today the ocean of grace is surging, the river of mercy is flowing, and the Sun of Truth is shining. We beseech God to illumine thee with the effulgences of the Day-Star of Revelation and to set thee ablaze with the fire of the Blessed Tree - a blaze whose effects shall become manifest. For this is the Day of deeds, not words. One pure deed soareth beyond the heavens and transcendeth them. We beseech God to assist thee in such wise that the fleeting occurrences of the world and its transient riches and pleasures may not withhold thee from its everlasting bounties.

Haydar hath mentioned thee, and previously we heard thy call through the Arab and made mention of thee. The people of God who have quaffed the choice sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting must arise to mention, praise, and serve the Cause. The hosts of victory and triumph have ever been and shall ever be goodly character and pure and holy deeds. Say: O people of God! Fear God! Fear God! All must be adorned with the ornament of love, kindness, faithfulness and trustworthiness. Whosoever attaineth unto these attributes, his words will have influence, his deeds will have influence, and his mention will have influence. The Divine Lote-Tree of the most exalted Paradise now speaketh this most sublime word: “Whoso turneth to God, verily God turneth unto him.” The glances of grace have ever been and shall ever be directed towards His loved ones. Blessed are they who have clung to deeds. They are indeed of the people of Baha in the Tablet of God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. He Who speaketh in every state beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of all thy relatives and convey Our greetings. Each one is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hath attained the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Say: Know ye the value of these days and recognize your station. In the nights and days occupy yourselves with the praise and glorification of the Goal of all creation. By the Sun of utterance which shineth from the highest horizon of possibility! All that is visible shall soon perish, and that which endureth and lasteth forever is but a word that floweth from the Most Exalted Pen. This is the most great bounty, the eternal wealth, the everlasting riches, and the perpetual grace. Blessed is the one who hath recognized the station of this Day and hath detached himself from all else. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God and responded when the Call was raised from the most sublime horizon, and who have attained the recognition of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The fragrance of divine counsel has permeated the cities of hearts and minds of the just and fair-minded. The discerning soul observes that from the Word of divine counsel, upon every atom of atoms a pulpit is

erected and a counselor is engaged in counsel thereon. If you find and see any ear that is empty, inform Us. God forbid! God forbid! We are not discouraged, for once this exalted Word flowed from the tongue of the Lord of creation: “O servant in attendance! Be not discouraged. The utterance of the All-Merciful shall bestow ears and impart understanding. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.”

Mention was made of his honor Haji, namesake of the Most Great Name, and likewise a request was recorded for his forgiveness, pardon, confirmation, blessing and steadfastness. After these matters were presented at the Most Holy Court, this blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will. His word, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

Unceasingly have the evidences of grace, mercy, compassion and loving-kindness appeared and been manifest from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. Every word of the exalted utterances that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names is a perspicuous book, a wise command and a momentous tiding. Blessed are they who have attained unto its recognition and received their portion from the ocean of its meanings. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy call and We answer thee with this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. The word of forgiveness and pardon hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Give thanks unto the Lord of all worlds that thou hast attained unto this most great favor and supreme mercy. The keys to the treasures of the world are in the grasp of His power. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. That from which the fragrance of favor wafteth hath been ordained for thee. Say:

O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation and by the places which were honored by Thy footsteps and which Thou didst make the seat of Thy throne, that Thou forgive me and make me of those who have been so attracted by the wine of Thy revelation and inspiration that nothing whatsoever hath deterred them from drawing nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being! O my Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine who seeketh forgiveness from the ocean of Thy mercy, blessing from the heaven of Thy bounty, and steadfastness from the sun of Thy loving-kindness. Ordain for me, O my God, the good of the hereafter and the present, and that which shall be a light unto me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art He at Whose gifts and bounties all things have proclaimed their praise. Then I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and the unseen, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O beloved of my heart! Every letter of the divine words calls out and proclaims “To Me! To Me!” In truth, it bestows new life upon the world. Would that the people of the world would discover and comprehend this, that they might attain the fruits of their being and be freed and delivered from the dust and smoke of the earthly realm. Verily, He is powerful over all things. This servant recalls the days of nearness and meeting. Their renowned one is present in this land, and from this very circumstance there is hope that they may succeed in achieving true freedom - that is, to dedicate themselves to the service of the Cause, so that there may be uttered by their tongues that which is mentioned in the divine realms, and its

radiance may shine forth and its light become manifest. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayers. I convey greetings and praise to them, and at all times I seek confirmation and success.

Likewise mention was made of the handmaiden of God, the wife of Mashhadi Abu'l-Qasim, upon them both be 95 [Baha'u'llah], and supplication was made for her forgiveness and for bounties for her children. These verses were honored to be heard by the Lord of Names, and after being heard, the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness wafted. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Kind, the Merciful

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The servant present mentioned thy letter before the Divine Presence. We heard it and answered every passage thereof. Ever has thy mention been before the Most Holy Court, and the gaze of favor has been directed towards those mentioned in thy letter, including the mention of the handmaiden of God, the wife of Abu'l-Qasim. We have indeed forgiven her as a bounty from Us, pardoned her, and purified her with the water of My mercy which has preceded all things. We beseech God to ordain for her what He has ordained for His handmaidens who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan and he who was named 'Ali, and We command them to patience and steadfastness and to that which was revealed in My Perspicuous Book. We ask God to ordain for them that which will profit them and draw them near unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Indeed they have attained the trace of My Most Exalted Pen while the Most Great News was in His mighty prison. Remember them with My loving-kindness, remind them of My verses, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus has the ocean of utterance surged when the Beauty of the All-Merciful walks in His exalted station. That which was sent from My handmaiden has been accepted. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. It is ended.

This servant also specifically supplicates for forgiveness for the handmaiden of God, upon her be the Glory of God, and praise be to God, it has been answered. And specifically for the Trustee, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them and protect them from the croaking of those who turn away from the Bayan. He is the Protector, the Helper, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what they wrote about Haji Mirza Fadlu'llah and Mashhadi Rajab-'Ali and his brother Aqa 'Abdu'l-Karim and their son Haji 'Abdu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, they have requested mention. These verses were honored to be presented before the Divine Throne. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous […]

O Heydar! The Lord of Power hath made mention of thee and continueth to mention thee, and He saith: What now is thy service and what is thy devotion? Where is thy effect and where is thy fruit? Speak, O speak! "O Thou Who art the Goal of all Prophets and Messengers! My life hath been spent in Thy path -

this is my service. My devotion is to arise to serve Thy Cause and to praise and glorify Thee amongst Thy servants - this too is my service. My effect is to spread Thy laws and to make mention of Thy chosen ones and to love Thy friends - this too is my effect. As for the fruit, it is in Thy hands. It is not for me to speak or utter a word in this station. Should Thy grace take hold, Thou wouldst cause the fruits of this tree of servitude to appear in such wise as to become the cause of deliverance and freedom for all the peoples of the world. The Command is Thy command, and sovereignty lieth within Thy grasp and in the hold of Thy power. Thou doest what Thou willest." What can one say? All praise be unto Thee! Thy command is to be obeyed and Thy decree is accepted like life itself - nay, life hath no station and the soul in this place hath no worth. Exalted is Thy grandeur and elevated is Thy power! There is no ruler but Thee, no commander but Thee, no goal but Thee, and no beloved but Thee.

O Heydar! Thou didst make mention of Jinab-i-Fadl. He had previously been honored by the Most Exalted Pen, and at this hour in the Most Great Prison he is remembered before the presence of the Great Announcement. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My mercy and My grace. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him to make mention of Him and to praise Him and to accomplish that which hath been ordained by Him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the Expositor.

We make mention of Rajab-'Ali and recall what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, and give him the glad-tidings that his name hath attained the presence of the Wronged One in this noble station. O 'Abdu'l-Karim! This is the call that guided Moses on the Mount of Knowledge. When thou hearest it, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of them that are nigh!" Verily We have made mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O 'Abdu'llah! The Lord of all beings saith: The world hath attained success while the people are in strange delusion. They have turned away from My most exalted horizon, turning to the idols of their own selves. Verily they are among the most lost. Blessed art thou for having won the mention of Me while people were veiled by a thick veil. The glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon you.

The four pillars have been blessed by the favors of the Lord of creation. This is the everlasting food and the eternal bounty. That beloved of the heart should take it with the hand of submission, and when it reacheth the four mouths and they taste its sweetness, they should utter the blessed words "May it be enjoyable unto you." Verily the servant beholdeth the favor of his Lord and your Lord in such wise that mention and utterance are cut off from it. Exalted is the All-Merciful, our Creator and our Provider and the Goal of our hopes and our Aim and our Beloved and the Object of worship of all in the heavens and the earths.

The petition of Muhammad Hashim, upon him be the glory of God, attained the presence of the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in reply - the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Informed […]

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The petition of Nabil-i-Hashim was presented before Our countenance and attained unto Our hearing. Blessed is he for having voiced praise of his Lord

and for having attained unto His wondrous and mighty Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Luminary of grace - a command from Us, and verily I am the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. We have indeed detected from his mention the fragrance of sincerity. He hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. They who have on this day attained unto a trace from My Most Exalted Pen are indeed among those who are brought near in My perspicuous Book. We give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of His Lord's will, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. We beseech God to assist and strengthen him in His remembrance, His praise, and the service of His Cause. He is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon him and upon those who, when they heard, responded and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones!"

After his petition was presented before Him, the ocean of loving-kindness surged both before and after, revealing that which testifieth to the mercy, loving-kindness and tenderness of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. The servant beseecheth success for him in all conditions.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the four units of Huquq being assigned to Haji Nabil - upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - to be forwarded, which apparently has been delayed, and the servant did not inquire […] After this matter was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed - exalted be His utterance: "Well done in what thou hast done, for the matter of Huquq dependeth upon the acceptance of the souls themselves. Should any soul, with the utmost joy and fragrance, of his own free will, desire to pay the Right of God, it is acceptable; otherwise, no. Verily thy Lord is independent of all worlds. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: 'O men! Ye are but poor in relation to God, but God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.' In all conditions one must look to the glory of the Cause."

Regarding what thou didst write about intending to proceed to the Land of Sad, but having delayed due to the movement of the secretary and the unity of the last name - upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God - this matter was accepted before the Throne. The bounty of God, exalted be His glory, concerning them is beyond this servant's description. God willing, they have been and are assisted. In truth, they are the lamps of that land. The servant asketh his Lord to make them the standards of His guidance and through them to uplift His Cause in that region, its surroundings and its environs. Praise be to God, they have been and are mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur and are the recipients of special favors.

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God - the servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen him in remembrance and praise, to make him detached from all else save Him and firm in His Cause, to draw him nigh unto Him, and to grant him the best of what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, they are mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. The loved ones and friends of God should hearken to that beloved one's counsel. Once these exalted words were uttered by the Lord of all beings: "O servant in attendance! The friends should listen with the ear of acceptance to the counsels and exhortations of Haydar." That which was revealed hath assuredly been and will be made manifest. Blessed are those servants who discover the sweetness of the Cause and taste the honey of deeds. Whosoever attaineth unto this will surely hold fast to God's command and arise to

act. That beloved one's deeds are, praise be to God, acceptable, inasmuch as they were and are for the sake of God. This is the testimony of this evanescent servant, and my Lord is witness to what I say.

His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath brought several letters from that beloved one to the Most Holy Court and requesteth replies. He hath not and doth not fall short in matters, but time is lacking, and what is sent sufficeth for seventy or eighty, for it is not limited to one or two Tablets, or one or two pages. In truth, what hath appeared and appeareth is divine confirmation, else how could this servant fulfill this mighty task except through His grace, favor and bounty. I beseech all to pray for confirmation and success for this evanescent one.

Concerning what you wrote about the people of Nur - unto God be praise, grace, bounty, and bestowal - this servant was greatly rejoiced by this matter, for the people of Nur have attained unto the shining, brilliant, radiant lights. They have turned toward the Sinai of inner meanings and have heard the voice of the Speaker of the Mount from the Temple of Manifestation. Blessed be their ears and their hearts in that they have heard and turned. It would be most regrettable were the people of the Tree to remain deprived of the Blessed Tree. This servant writeth and saith: "Well done and congratulations!"

Regarding what was written about the philosophers, after it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, this utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of the All-Merciful. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

The philosophers of that land should engage in teaching God's Cause with spirit and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. They should calm the fleeing souls with the water of divine wisdom and educate them with perfect measures until they reach maturity. After maturity, they will appear adorned with the crown of might, for He is the Critic, the Pulse-taker, the Mover, and the Transformer. Everlasting might hath been and will be His. This is a mention from Us and a mercy from Our presence. Verily, We aid them and strengthen them. Thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. Theirs is to arise to serve the Cause, and His is the victory and the aid. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This servant also conveyeth greetings and salutations to them and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, on their behalf, that from which the fragrance of eternity wafteth. Verily our Lord and our Goal is powerful over all things. And mention was made of the houses of the khans, which attained the honor of being heard. The Desired One, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty, saith […]

Verily We have made mention of them before and after, and adorned them with the tokens of Our Most Exalted Pen, and caused them to hear My sweetest call. Make mention of them on My behalf and glorify them from the Wronged One Who stood before the faces of the world and with the most exalted call summoned the princes, the divines, the jurisprudents and the servants in the earliest days, and summoneth them to the horizon wherefrom hath shone the Day-Star of God's Revelation, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

This servant also conveyeth unto them greetings and glorification, and beseecheth God to set them ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and to confirm them in His mention and praise. Ere long the station of every soul that hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, whom the rancor and hatred of the people of the world have not kept back from the Ancient Beauty, shall become manifest as the sun. Praise

be to God! His power is manifest and His dominion evident. Who can flee from His sovereignty and dominion? Soon shall the wrongdoers witness the recompense of their deeds, and they who recognize His oneness the reward of what they have wrought in the path of God, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Mention was made of Muhammad-Yusuf Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him and was dispatched. God willing, may he drink from the ocean of the Word of God and be illumined by its lights. This evanescent servant beseecheth from the Eternal Truth, exalted be His glory, that He may confirm him in promoting and serving the Cause. Through the exaltation of the Word, the outer and inner are reformed, and the station of the steadfast becometh manifest as the sun. There is no doubt about this, nor any uncertainty in what hath been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Two blessed Tablets were also revealed and sent specifically for the khans who were mentioned in the letter of Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God.

Concerning what was written about the Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it was presented before His face, and these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of His Will. His word, exalted be His glory:

"O thou who standest to serve My Cause! The blessed Lote-Tree hath made mention of Its own Afnan with such mention before which all the mentions of the world bow down in humility. Verily We have aided them, exalted them, brought them nigh, and revealed for them that which hath made the lips of utterance to smile. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who hath ordained this great favor." They have been and are mentioned in the Most Exalted Horizon and the Supreme Perspective. We beseech God that He may enable all to do that which beseemeth His Day and shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. This Day is the Lord of all ages and centuries, and likewise any deed performed therein for the sake of God is the lord of deeds. Verily We glorify from this station their faces, and give them glad tidings of what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and confirm them in what We love and are pleased with. Verily their Lord is the All-Wise Last One, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

The fragrances of divine words have perfumed the world of utterance and meaning. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto the heedless.

This servant also conveyeth unto each one greetings, praise and glorification, and beseecheth confirmation and assistance for each. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Mention was made of Hadi Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings, that it may attract him to the most exalted station. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

In My Name that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom […]

A mention from Us to the one who has attained unto the days of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he sees naught save the lights of the Luminary of the Cause, and hears naught save the call of God, the Lord of what was and

what shall be. This is My Day wherein the fragrances of My utterance have been wafted, My verses have been sent down, My evidences have appeared, and the tongue of My grandeur hath spoken: “Verily, there is no God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.” Blessed is the one with vision who hath beheld the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, and the one with hearing who hath heard My sweetest call, and the one with strength who hath arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with verses that cannot be equaled by all the treasures and riches. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: “My God, my God! Thine is the dominion and the kingdom, and Thine is the power and the might, and Thine is the glory and the divine realm. I beseech Thee by Thy signs whereby the unitarians hastened to the place of sacrifice and the sincere ones to the scene of faithfulness, and by the evidences whereby Thou didst subdue all possibility, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and upright in Thy service. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging unto Thee, acknowledging Thy grandeur and Thy power, and confessing Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word ‘Be’ and it is. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.”

Thus ended what was revealed for His Honour Haji Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance has surged in creation

The days of God are witnessed, His verses are revealed, and His evidences are manifest. His station is known, His call is raised without veil or covering, His Pen is in motion, and the banner “The Truth has come” is unfurled. Yet the people of the earth are bewildered and confounded. For thirteen hundred years they lamented and, with weakness and supplication, beseeched the Self-Sufficient One for the appearance of the Promised One, and from their pulpits they uttered “May God hasten His advent.” But when the Most Great Light dawned from the highest horizon of the world, all turned away, and the cause and reason for their turning away is known and evident. They did what no other people had done. Until now they remain in the graves of heedlessness. The Resurrection is established, the Hour is manifest, the Balance is set up, and the Cry is raised; yet they have not awakened and remain deprived of the ocean of life and the lights of the Sun of Truth. By the life of God! If they were to attain unto one drop from the ocean of awareness, they would arise from their graves and sacrifice themselves for a single word from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Soon shall the heedless ones behold the recompense of their deeds, and those who have turned unto God shall receive the reward of what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise the Intended One of all the worlds, Who in such days has confirmed thee and guided thee to the horizon of the Most Great Name. This is a great bounty; know thou its station and be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Intended One of all the worlds.

Thus ended, and likewise after mention of His Honour Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, before the presence, a holy and blessed Tablet appeared and was revealed from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen, that he might rejoice in the bounty of his Lord and be of the thankful ones. The Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous […]

O Ahmad! Mahmud makes mention of thee from the Most Glorious Prison while He stands before the faces of the world without helper or assistant, summoning all with the most exalted call to the supreme horizon. The power of nations did not prevent Him, nor did the opposition of the peoples of the world deter Him from His Cause. In the nights and days, evenings and mornings, He counseled the servants and guided them to that which profits them. All things testify that this Revelation hath appeared for the reformation of the world and the advancement of the nations. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrances of revelation and recognized the Peerless Friend in this attire. The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of the Ancient King, yet they are seen to be veiled and deprived. Blessed art thou and thy father - ye have attained to that which the divines of the earth are debarred from throughout ages and centuries. They considered themselves the most exalted of all peoples, yet on the Day of Reckoning they were seen as the most lost among the communities. We beseech God to assist thee in remembrance and praise, and to ordain for thee that which is the cause of enduring glory and everlasting bounty. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

They have attained unto the splendors of the Day-Star of utterance from the Dawning-Place of Divine Unity. By the life of Our Purpose! It behooveth them to recite that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning them - a recitation wherein the effects of God's verses become manifest in them and in all who advance, whosoever they may be and wheresoever they may be found. The words of God, exalted be His glory, bestow life and grant everlasting bounty. Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly destination. Praise be to our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. This lowly one conveys greetings and salutations to each one, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to perfume them with the fragrances of verses - a perfume whose sweet scent shall spread throughout the world and waft among the peoples.

As for their mention of Haji Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, the Luminary of God's grace, exalted be His glory, hath appeared from the horizon of the heaven of bounty upon the temple of the Tablet and was sent forth. I beseech God to assist him to take hold of the Tablet with such firmness that the world would be powerless to prevent him. This is not difficult for God.

They made mention of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali of Bahramabad, upon him be the glory of God. Praise and gratitude be unto Him! His mention is remembered before God and recorded in the Tablets by the Supreme Pen. After his mention was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this most exalted Word shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Today the Dawning-Place of lights and the Source of divine signs speaks this word: Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God in His days. Thou hast repeatedly attained unto the divine Tablets. Thy mention is remembered and thy name is recorded by the Supreme Pen. Rejoice in God's binding Word and say:

My God, my God! I testify that the hands of Thy bounty rescued me from idle fancies and vain imaginings, and Thy grace gave me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and the choice wine of certitude in Thy Cause. Through Thy generosity Thou didst draw me nigh, through Thy mercy Thou didst make me know Thee, and through Thy power Thou didst raise me up. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Command and Thy Mighty Announcement to make me in all conditions hold fast to the cord of Thy generosity and stand

firm in Thy love, such that the doubts of the world and the signs of the nations would not keep me from Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and gazing at the horizon of Thy grace. Ordain for me that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign over the seen and unseen. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This lowly servant has sought and continues to seek divine confirmation and success for them when inscribing verses. We beseech and implore God that He may assist them in spreading the verses and exalting His Word among His servants with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Regarding the mention of the beloved of hearts, ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and Ibn-i-’Attar and Aqa ’Ali Haydar, upon them be the glory of God, His care and His mercy - they have always been and continue to be remembered. Their letters, praise be to God, constantly reach the friends in this land and responses are sent. The point is that they have always been and continue to be remembered and are confirmed in service to the Cause and in the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory.

Concerning the mention of Aqa ’Abbas-Quli and Aqa Siyyid Mu??afa, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented before the Face, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words - thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

“O Haydar-Qabli-’Ali! These two souls are remembered before the Wronged One. Both have attained to recognition and are distinguished by the traces of the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God, the glance of favor is directed towards them, as evidenced by what was revealed for them before and after. Convey My greetings to them. We beseech God, exalted is He, to ordain for them through His bounty and grace that which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure, and to confirm them in His remembrance among His creation, and to decree for them what He has decreed for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.”

Their service is evident and their devotion is known. Nothing escapes the knowledge of our Lord. This servant beseeches his Lord to send down upon them mercy from His presence, to ordain for them the good of this world and the next, and to grant them what He has written for those near to Him among His servants and the sincere ones among His creation. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great munificence.

The friends of God from the lands of T, Y, K, ?, A, B, Sh, ?, and Kh who have written to your honor and sought mention, have all had their names presented in the Most Holy Court at this time and have attained the honor of being heard, and each has been honored with the effulgence of the light of the mention of the Goal of the world’s desire. Who can reckon the oceans of His favor or the heaven of His mercy? We are all powerless.

In the hours of night and day, the glance of kindness is directed toward the friends. His grace has encompassed all and His bounty has embraced all. We beseech Him to confirm us in thanksgiving and praise - thanksgiving worthy of this court and praise befitting this generosity and bestowal. Verily, He has power over all things. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are

with you and who love you and who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might and Glory.

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O Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

The Night of the 19th of Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1305

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

Glorified and Holy is our Lord, the Lord of the angels and the spirit! The revealed verses have encompassed the world and the manifest evidences have encircled it. The pearls of the Ocean of the Beloved of creation, glorified be His majesty, are manifest and visible before all faces, and the Blessed Tree crieth out with the most exalted call. Despite these manifest outpouring favors and infinite mercy, the people of the world remain heedless. Some have heard and denied, while others have seen and turned away. True indeed is God's word, the Most High, the Most Great: "How many signs in the heavens and the earth do they pass by? Yet they turn aside from them!" Some have perceived the divine fragrances and with the finger of certitude have rent asunder the veils and torn away the shrouds. These are they who shine forth from the horizons of the heavens of fidelity, truthfulness, certitude and assurance. The ornaments of the world and the adornments of nations are to them mere illusion and utter nothingness. Wealth did not prevent them from drawing nigh, nor did power hold them back from sacrificing their wealth and lives. Hasan of heaven sacrificed his life in the land, and Husayn of the realm of inner meanings outwardly laid down his life. What had the one drunk, and what did the other imbibe? Glory be to God! The minds of all the world are bewildered and stupefied. How well spoke that desert-dwelling nomad: "I would not trade a single piece of felt for the whole world." By felt he meant to express his love and sincerity. Glory be to God! These souls, despite possessing wealth, worldly position, honor and station among the people, were not prevented by what they possessed from attaining unto what God possessed. What state was that when the people demanded from them the word of denial? And what grace was it that preserved them? With utmost joy and assurance, with spirit and fragrance, they proceeded to the place of sacrifice. Likewise the souls before them - His Holiness Kazim - the wolves of the earth did what will never be erased from the book of sorrows, nor ever shall be.

My God, my God! Inscribe the names of Thy loved ones in the book of them that strive in Thy path. Since Thou hast forbidden verbal profession, keep them firm upon the straight path that all may, with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance, make Thy servants aware and grant them a portion from the ocean of knowledge. O Generous One! Every possessor of a tongue hath testified to the precedence of Thy mercy, and every possessor of vision hath acknowledged Thy magnanimity. With the hands of power, take hold of the hands of the weak ones, guide them to the kingdom of Thy might, and bring them into the spacious arena of Thy protection, that all may discover the sweetness of Thy utterance and become aware of the ocean of Thy bounty. O Merciful One! Since Thou hast created, show mercy and transform this remoteness into nearness, that all may come and find, and choose their dwelling beneath the

canopies of Thy mercy. Thou art the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O beloved of my heart! Your sublime letters and successive missives have arrived, each having a wondrous effect and novel influence, bestowing upon every element of existence an impact and condition. Though one contemplates many meanings, words to express them are not at hand. Praise and gratitude be to God, each one of these letters was, as it were, speaking with most eloquent tongue in sanctification, glorification, remembrance and praise of the Goal of all the worlds. Exalted be your Teacher, exalted be your Guide, exalted be your Supporter, exalted be your Inspirer, exalted be your Protector, exalted be your Helper, unto the endless End. It behooveth this servant to speak of the everlasting sovereignty of the Kingdom and to supplicate for God's favors and bounties, the ocean of His generosity and the sun of His grace, that there may be manifested from all things that which will draw him nigh unto the supreme Summit and the most exalted Horizon. On each occasion the letter of that beloved of the heart was presented before the throne of the Lord of Names and attained the honor of being heard, and each time the light of bounty dawned and the sun of grace shone forth, and at every moment it was thought that the elixir of the merciful utterance would adorn the world with a new element and a new spirit. Exalted be His bounty and mighty be the waves of the ocean of His bestowal and the effulgent rays of the sun of His utterance, until on this night - the nineteenth of Jamadiyu'th-Thani - another letter was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. The Lord - exalted and sanctified be He - spoke: "In My Name through which the Kingdom of Utterance was manifested in the realm of creation."

The Mother Book speaks, calls and gives glad tidings to all of what has been sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. The Mother of the Bayan calls out saying: "The All-Merciful has come with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can stand." The heaven calls and summons all to the Dawning Place of the Manifestation, yet most of the people remain heedless. By God! The ocean of divine knowledge has surged, and each of its waves heralds to humanity what has appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Goal of all who seek Him. Those who have arisen to aid the Cause are among the triumphant in My perspicuous Book. The All-Merciful has described them in the Furqan as "men whom neither trade nor commerce can divert from the remembrance of God." We testify that this was revealed for My loved ones whom neither the profits of the world, nor the treasures of nations, nor whatsoever is possessed by princes and kings could prevent from turning towards the lights of their Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. They have forsaken what the people possess, holding fast to that which has been sent down to them from the presence of the Powerful, the Ancient. These are men whom neither earthly power nor heavenly might can weaken. They have cast away all that imagination can grasp, yearning for the meeting with God, the Beloved of those who know Him.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who holdest fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, and uttereth My praise! Hear My call from around My throne: "There is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed." Say: O people! Fear God and make not this world your homeland. Turn to the homeland of the All-Merciful; it is the most glorious station for you, did ye but know it. Sanctify your hearts from envy and hatred. This is what ye have been commanded in God's Book, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take the

sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then drink thereof with remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Beware lest ye follow your desires. Follow that which ye have been commanded by an Ancient Commander. Do the threats of princes frighten you? By My life, they are but slaves, and I am the true Sovereign. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur in this noble station.

We have delivered unto them the messages of their Lord openly and have sent down unto them clear verses, for I am the Almighty, the Powerful. The heaven hath come with the smoke of destiny, yet the people are prevented from turning to the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: The ocean of knowledge hath surged - and it is My knowledge - and this is the straight path. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Lord of Names, Who hath come with proof and evidence. Be fair, O people, and be not among the oppressors. Consider My Cause: Have I ever desired aught for Myself on earth? Reflect on what hath appeared from Me and be not among the transgressors. By My life, I have not preserved Myself for less than a moment - My deeds bear witness to this, if ye be of the fair-minded. From My tribulations, the Supreme Pen trembled and raised the cry of lamentation, saying: "After Thee there shall be no Cause, O Lord of Names, and no pen after Thee, O Thou through Whose remembrance the remembrances of all who remember have been erased! How can I move across the tablet after Thee, and who would hear my scratching? Nay, by the lights of Thy shining, radiant face!"

Thus have We sent down verses before and at this time, as a command from Our presence, and I am the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them glad tidings of the river of My loving-kindness, the ocean of My mercy, and the heaven of My grace, and remind them of My verses that have encompassed the heavens and the earth. Say: Know ye the station of this Day and deprive not yourselves of that which hath appeared in truth, and be not among the heedless. That which grieveth you today shall pass away, and there shall appear what God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, hath ordained for you. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon whoever heareth thy word concerning this Cause, whereby the heart of every oppressor hath been shaken and the limbs of the polytheists have trembled.

Praise and glory befit that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, without helper, supporter or outward cause, raised aloft the banner of "The Kingdom is God's" to the highest station in the world, and planted the standard of "Verily I am the One Who abideth after all things have perished" upon the most exalted places of earth. Great is His majesty and exalted His dominion and power! O leaf! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names. The tribulations of these days and their severity, and the trials of the loved ones, have been mentioned in the books of the past and future. Today is the day whereof it is said "the day when the sky will bring forth a visible smoke," and "thou shalt see mankind as in a drunken state, yet they are not drunk: but severe is the punishment of God." Observe what was spoken: "The Day when men will be like scattered moths, and the mountains will be like carded wool." The divine Books are filled with mention of the hardships of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, His loved ones have borne them and have been blessed with patience and steadfastness. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! The people have not been and are not heedless. The pearls of wisdom and utterance that were ever hidden within the shells in the ocean of divine knowledge have, through the power of the Supreme Pen, been made manifest and visible before all faces, yet the knowing one is missing and the seeing one is nowhere to be found. In truth, the Word is that which was revealed aforetime: the ears of these people have not been and are not

capable of hearing. Every person of insight beareth witness to this. Where are the ears, where are the ears, where are the ears? And where are the eyes, where are the eyes, where are the eyes? Nevertheless, in all conditions the Omnipotent Cause and the pervading Will have prevailed and shall continue to prevail. We beseech God that this victory may be achieved through spirit and joy, not through the deeds of ravening beasts. In every age the idolaters strove with utmost effort to extinguish the light, yet found themselves to be losers and saw themselves powerless. No thing among all things hath ever prevented or will ever prevent the operation of the divine Will and Purpose. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and gladden them with the lights of the Luminary of utterance that hath shone forth from the heaven of the Pen of the All-Merciful. We beseech God to assist all to that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Cause and the elevation of existence. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

Praise be to God! The waves of the sea of bounty and the rains from the clouds of the favor of the Lord of all beings are pouring down and following one upon another. Yet nostrils have become useless and perceptions idle and void. The fragrance of utterance has encompassed all creation, yet none perceives it. Moreover, if they had not claimed faith in what they possess, the superstitions and ignorance of people would not have reached such a degree. For instance, the followers of the Gospel attempt to prove their religion with two pages, while remaining heedless and turning away from the oceans of meanings and the purpose of the Lord of all worlds. This evanescent servant begs and hopes from the Truth that He may bestow one drop from the ocean of His knowledge upon the heedless ones of the world, and grant one particle from the light of His recognition to the blind ones of the earth. Perchance they may then hold fast to that which is the cause of salvation for all, and the world may be freed from successive calamities and continuous afflictions. Today nothing is heard from all directions save the clashing of swords. Four persons, nurtured by pride, do not allow the world to find rest and be adorned with the light of wisdom and utterance. Their multitude, power and capacity have prevented them from attaining the Most Great Peace, even though such capacity has never been and will never be the cause and means of profit. Rather, it is the cause of manifest loss. Alas! Alas! Where is understanding? Where is understanding? True spoke he who said: “People are asleep; when they die, they awaken.” But now no awakening is evident. And true spoke he who said: “Verily, a true believer is rarer than red sulfur.” In any case, we hope from His boundless generosity that His hidden grace may encompass and pervade all, and guide them to the sacred court of nearness to the Lord of all beings - may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice unto Him. The plea and supplication are from the servant, and the response and acceptance from his Lord.

As to what you have mentioned regarding the matter of “between two matters” and have written that praise be to God, in these days through the hidden divine favors, deliverance has been achieved from that known matter of “between two matters” - after this was presented before the Presence of Divine Unity, these blessed words were revealed, He says, blessed and exalted be He:

O Dove! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. In the Tablet of Haydar-’Ali, upon him be My glory, the purport of these supreme words was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: Praise sanctified above the mention and utterance of all creation beseemeth the Goal of all beings, in that His loved ones, through hope of His promise and fear of His warning, transgressed not His commandments. They trampled corruption under foot and raised up the hand of power for the reformation of the world. O

Dove! Upon thee be My mercy. Beseech the Truth that He may adorn all with the raiment of sanctity and confirm them in that which is conducive to the manifestation of human virtues. Although in the Psalms, Tablets, Scriptures and Books, conflict and corruption have been wholly forbidden, and firm commandments have been revealed enjoining love, fellowship, trustworthiness and reformation, most people are still observed to be in doubt and uncertainty. Day and night the tongue is occupied with the mention of the friends and uttereth that which is the cause of exaltation and the means of glory and loftiness of the Cause and the elevation of the Most Exalted Word. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that understand! However, evil and treacherous souls have been and are seeking to deceive the sincere and pure ones. Glory be to God! Although they observe that corruption is the cause of the world's ruin and the abasement of nations, they cling to it and hold fast to schemes and craftiness. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to prevent them through His sovereignty, might and power. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

That which you wrote concerning S, may God assist him, is a cause for wonderment. Despite having traveled the world and witnessed the ups and downs of affairs and seen profit and loss in various lands, he remains heedless of thoughts whose harm returns to himself and others, and is still occupied with vain imaginings. In any case, after this matter was mentioned in His presence, He said that one must pray for him. The flame of this rejected deed is like the flame of the tongue - every fire may be extinguished, but the fire of the tongue leaves its trace throughout centuries and ages. One word bestows eternal life while another brings everlasting death. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in recognizing what harms and benefits him and what will save him from destruction.

In His presence, they heard directly from the Tongue of Grandeur words that are the cause of the reformation of the world and the salvation of himself and all on earth, yet they did not turn away from their imaginings. Due to the love that existed between us, I have besought and continue to beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for their protection. Verily our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth has power over whatsoever He willeth.

Concerning what you mentioned about Haji Mirza Musa, it is exactly as you wrote. However, Haji Abdul-Karim, upon him be the glory of God, is very enkindled and loving, and through love for him has mentioned and continues to mention his acceptance. Your petition mentioning him was sent by the aforementioned Haji, upon him be the glory and favor of God, to the Most Holy Court, and an answer was revealed and sent that he might rejoice and be among the thankful ones. In truth, your honor has acted with wisdom according to the words of our Lord: "Be not assured by everyone who comes, and believe not every speaker." Nevertheless, in all conditions, mere forbearance and the manifestation of love and affection is beloved, just as you have acted.

They mentioned Mirza Nabil-i-Akbar (Nabil-i-Qa'ini), upon him be the glory and favor of God, and likewise mentioned his enkindlement with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, and also mentioned those souls who through his guidance and direction have attained to the Most Great Path, the Straight Path, and the Mighty Announcement. These matters were presented in His presence, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused bodies, let alone spirits, to soar. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker

Praise be sanctified beyond the comprehension and minds, and exalted above the recognition of all who dwell in the realm of possibility, befitting the most holy and sacred court of the Intended One, Who through wisdom and utterance has taken possession of the cities of the hearts of the people of possibility. The turning away of the peoples of the world, both lowly and noble, and the heedlessness of the nations, both learned and mystic, did not prevent Him from His purpose. The veils of error and the clouds of glory did not withhold the power of His Pen and the penetration of His Will from conquest. His standard is "He is God" and His banner "The Lord of all beings has come." Blessed are those souls who hearkened to His call and with sanctified and pure hearts took shelter beneath His banner. Exalted is the Word and exalted its power, mighty is the Sign and glorious its station, and exalted is its influence.

O Balance! Today the Balance speaks saying "I am verily the All-Knowing Discerner." The true balance has been and ever shall be the love of God. Blessed are they who are illumined by the light of His Cause and enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote Tree. Give thanks to the Goal of all mankind that thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, both before and after. The riches of the world and the remembrances of nations all return to nothingness, but the verses of God and what He hath ordained endure forever. The oppression of tyrants, the clamor of aggressors, and the vicissitudes of ages and centuries neither alter nor efface them. In the realm of the Supreme Pen there is no obliteration, only affirmation upon affirmation. We beseech the Lord thereof to increase His confirmations unto thee at all times and make thee a herald in His Name and one who proclaims His remembrance. Verily He is powerful over all things.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Son of Mary said: "Thou hast given me that which the learned and the wise have failed to comprehend." How many scholars, nobles, princes and mighty ones are deprived, their names erased from the book of acceptance and favor, while how many servants who were outwardly counted among the weak and ignorant have attained the highest station of glory, exaltation, knowledge and wisdom. God effaceth what He willeth and confirmeth what He willeth, and with Him is the Mother Book. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee, for thou hast drunk of the sealed wine and hast bestowed it upon others. This is a great bounty - recognize its station and be of the thankful ones.

Praise be to God! They have received the greatest portion and mightiest share from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Goal of all beings, and have recorded in the book of the world their righteous deeds and the bestowal of the Revealer of verses. This word is preserved from obliteration in the divine Treasury of Infallibility and sanctified from change. Those souls who have been quickened by a new spirit and who have turned toward the eternal realm through the divine wine of utterance - their mention was presented at the Most Holy Court, and these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance specifically for the aforementioned souls. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks thus - this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Karbila'i Husayn from Khuy, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

O Husayn! Hearken with thy spiritual ear to the call of the Wronged One, that it may draw thee from thy earthly homeland to thy divine homeland, and lead thee from transient abasement to everlasting glory. His bounty hath no bound or end - before a single drop from this Ocean, all the seas of the world cry out

“Would that we were with thee!” Every mention is humbled before the mention of God, and every sound is submissive. The water of life hath been breathed into the reality of creation through His utterance. The trumpet hath been sounded and the decree of resurrection hath appeared - praise be to God, the Kind, the Forgiving! If thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of eternity which lieth concealed within the words of the Lord of Names, and hast found thyself detached from all else besides God, say […]

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and revealed that which was hidden from eternity in the treasuries of Thy power and the repositories of Thy protection. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen, by Thy call which was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and I implore Thee by Him at Whose appearance all names bowed down, and by the stream of Thy utterance in the realm of creation and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty amidst all religions, to make me firm, steadfast, immovable and upright in Thy Cause. I moreover beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, in such wise that I move not except by Thy will, nor act save as Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

This was revealed for Asadu’llah of Nishapur, upon him be the Glory of God:

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

The Hidden has appeared and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. He hath come for the life of the world, yet the peoples are in evident doubt. O Lion! Whoso hath attained unto this Day and hath arisen to help his Lord through wisdom and utterance, he verily is the lion of the jungle of knowledge before his Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that have attained. Hearken unto the Call - verily it speaketh in every state: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One proclaimeth: He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the Mighty, the All-Praised. By God! This is the Day of Return, yet the people are turning away. Blessed is he who hath soared on the wings of certitude in this holy, luminous, fragrant and exalted atmosphere. Take hold of the verses with the hands of submission and contentment, then recite them - they will draw thee to the Kingdom of utterance. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. Nothing profiteth Him nor doth any matter harm Him. He hath appeared and revealed what He willeth through His all-pervading grace. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Wronged One of the world, and Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Glory of the worlds.

This was revealed for the brothers Aqa Khalil of Khuy and Aqa Javad, upon them be the Glory of God:

He is the True, the Faithful!

O Khalil! Verily the Glorious One remembereth thee from the prison precinct and calleth thee unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He hath accepted afflictions for the comfort of all in the kingdom of creation, and thereby the seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken - blessed are they that drink thereof. At His Name all names have bowed down, and by His command the ocean of knowledge hath surged - exalted be God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. We beseech God to assist His servants to turn unto Him - verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered by the doubts of

the barking ones nor frightened by the might of the idolaters. Give thanks unto God thy Lord that He hath assisted thee and caused thee to know that which most of creation hath been prevented from knowing. Thy Lord is verily the All-Informing, the All-Knowing. How many silent ones have spoken in My days, and how many speakers have been prevented from this beauteous Remembrance. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to remain steadfast in His Cause - verily He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. We remember thy brother and give him glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Javad! The Dawning-Place of thy Lord's verses hath appeared, yet most of the people are turning away. The Call hath been raised before the faces of all men, yet most of the people are heedless. They see, yet they deny - verily they are abased in the Book of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering.

This was revealed for Haji Ahmad Salmasi, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom[…]

This is a mention from Our presence for one whom the attraction of the Call drew to the Most Exalted Horizon, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thy Call attracted me, and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree was ignited, and the light of Thy Cause illumined me, and the choice wine of Thy utterance intoxicated me, and the influence of Thy Most Exalted Pen transformed me, and Thy grace guided me, and Thy generosity made me know Thee. I beseech Thee by the Luminary of certitude, which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy heaven, to make me in all conditions one who speaks Thy praise, who stands firm in service to Thy Cause, who gazes toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, who holds fast to the cord of Thy wisdom, and who acts according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Kind. O my Lord! Aid me to remember Thee with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. All things have spoken before the faces of mankind with the signs of Thy unity and that which proved the sanctification of Thy Self from peers and the exaltation of Thy Being above all likeness. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

This was revealed for Mulla Aqa of Salmas, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the All-Wise Teacher!

Glorified be God! The Most Exalted Pen is bewildered and all things are deep in thought. What has occurred that hath prevented the servants from drawing nigh unto the Truth? Has there ever been seen among the parties on earth a Cause greater than this Cause, or has there been witnessed a Book more exalted than the Mother Book which speaketh before all parties in the hereafter? Nay, by His true Self! All books are dependent upon this Most Great Book and all scriptures circle round it. All the seas of the world cannot equal one drop from the ocean of its knowledge. He is the Self-Subsisting One Whose appearance was heralded and Whose praise was uttered in previous Books. The peoples of the world turn toward temples out of love for His name, yet they remain heedless of His appearance and veiled from His

verses. Some among the former peoples are deprived of even a leaf of the Most Great Book and are forbidden even a word from the Mother Book. Consider the people of the Furqan - deceitful, heedless souls have tormented the helpless people in the pit of vain imaginings, to such extent that until now they remain deprived of the breezes of revelation and bereft of the effulgences of the rays of the Sun. O Mulla Aqa! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the Sun of Thy Manifestation, the Sea of Thy knowledge, and the Heaven of Thy grace. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, to make me hold fast unto Thee and be detached from all else save Thee. O my Lord! Thou art the Powerful One by Whose Most Exalted Word the hearts of the chosen ones and the near ones were attracted. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Guardian over all names, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that the oppression of the oppressors, the plotting of the plotters, and the cawing of the crows shall not prevent me. Then cause me to be among those who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for Aqa ’Ali of Salmas, upon him be the Glory of God.

In the Name of Him through Whom the sea surgeth and the fragrance wafteth […]

Today the Book of God speaks for itself, the Sign of God is manifest, and the Light of God is resplendent. Yet the heedless servants are deprived of the light of certitude by the darkness of fancy, and are barred from the presence of the Self-Subsisting by their vain imaginings. The cleaving of the heavens, the splitting of the earth, the spreading of the signs, and the rising of souls from their graves–all these are apparent and witnessed. Likewise, the seal of the choice wine has been broken, the Balance is set up, and the Path is laid out. But only those possessed of vision attain unto these and rejoice in beholding them. A few prevaricators of the world have become veils and have prevented the people of the earth from the supreme bounty and the greatest good. These are the veils of glory and the coverings of error. Beseech ye God that He may deliver His servants and rend asunder, with the finger of power, the concealing veils. They are His servants and His creation. Should He have mercy upon them, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful, and should He chastise them, He is the Ruler over what He willeth.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having opened before the faces of Thy servants the gates of Thy tender mercies and Thy favors, and for having guided them unto Thy path, and made them know the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration, and the Source of Thy commandments. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and strengthen my limbs through Thy power and might. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

Would that this servant were with them and attained unto that which they have attained! I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid them to drink of the choice wine of utterance from the revealed verses and to witness the lights of the Sun of bounty from the horizon of the Tablets. His grace hath encompassed all. The accepted souls have been mentioned before mention and likewise after the

mention of names they have attained unto another mention. Who is capable of enumerating this supreme bounty? None, by God, except His Self, the One Who dominates the worlds.

As for your mention of Aqa Mirza Majid, upon him be the Glory of God, and your request for his remembrance, after it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, the carpet of utterance was spread out and the ocean of bounty surged. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Dove! Upon thee be the glory of the Lord of all beings and the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Throne above and the earth below. The mention of Majid hath repeatedly flowed from the Pen of bounty. He turned and attained. Neither the doubts of the dubious, nor the clamor of the heedless, nor the roaring of the aggressive ones prevented him. Give him the glad tidings of My mention of him, then send unto him what We have sent unto thee, that the Call may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O Majid! This is the Day of assistance, and assistance hath ever been and still is through the teaching of the Cause. The loved ones must guide the servants to the pathway of the Purpose of the worlds through wisdom and utterance. Perchance rejection may be transformed into acceptance, darkness into light, the pond into the river, and bitter fluid into sweet water. In all conditions, keep your gaze fixed upon wisdom, for some are weak and are disturbed by the might of the deniers and the polytheists. Speech in measure is the water of life for hearts, but if it exceeds bounds it becomes the cause of the kindling of the fire of hatred and animosity. Divine grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath taken precedence, therefore the teaching of the Cause must be carried out with moderation and be made manifest. We beseech God to assist His loved ones and aid them in His mention and praise. Verily, He is the Helper, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Every word is a speaking book and a manifest scroll. Through the grace, care and mercy of the Goal of all worlds, from the beginning of the Cause until now the call has been raised, the Pen has moved without helper or assistant, the banner has appeared and been unfurled. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to make His servants aware and grant them vision, that they may witness the effulgences of the light of His grace in all things and hear His call from the most exalted horizon. Exalted is the care of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth!

Mention was made of the beloved of the heart, his honor Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the Glory of God. In truth, what was written is correct and they are deserving. After being presented at the Most Holy Court, special verses were revealed and sent for each of the names that were submitted. A hundred thousand congratulations to them, for they both attained His grace and became the cause of abundant good. Divine grace has seized them. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

May God, exalted be His glory, grant His servants the power to hear and the capacity to accept after understanding. Praise be to God, the Cause is firmly established and the banner of the Manifestation is raised. Whether willingly or unwillingly, the servants have accepted and will accept. There is no escape nor refuge save unto Him. I beseech His all-encompassing grace, His all-embracing mercy, and His universal generosity. His servants are powerless and weak, and He is the Giver, He is the Strong, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what was written about His honor who bears the name of the Goal and his brother, upon them both be the Glory of God, after being presented in His presence these manifest verses were revealed. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Speaker […]

O thou who drinkest of My Sealed Wine! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The one bearing thy name hath aforetime been adorned with the ornament of grace and illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of bounty. He sought attainment unto His presence, and God is well aware, doth Himself speak and doth Himself testify that the presence of them that have turned unto Him hath ever been and shall ever be beloved. However, the weakness of the servants hath become a barrier and a mighty obstacle. A certain oppressor in this land was seated in authority and engaged in tyranny and corruption. In truth, at no time, whether by day or by night, had he and justice ever dwelt in one place. Indeed, the city wherein he resided was deprived of the effulgences of the Day-Star of justice. Glory be to God! Tyranny was beloved to him and oppression desired, justice rejected and equity banished. Though the Angel of Death hath taken his place in justice, though he is gone, his influences remain. Certain souls had permission from years past, nevertheless at present it appeareth not expedient, inasmuch as most of the people of these lands are inflamed with the fire of hatred. Convey My greetings to the aforementioned one and give him the glad-tidings of the lights of the Sun of the tender mercies of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God, exalted be He, to inscribe for him from the Pen of Command the reward of attaining His presence and standing before His countenance. Verily, He is powerful over all things. As to the second one, We have named him at the Throne 'Midhat'. Give him the glad-tidings of this manifest bounty and this loving-kindness that hath encompassed the heavens and the earths. O Nightingale! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all mankind. Give glad-tidings unto the leaf who hath been named Tuba and her daughter. Verily We have heard their call and have made mention of them in such wise as cannot be equaled by the mentions and deeds of all peoples. O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, which God hath made a fountain of utterance for all creation and a river of knowledge for them that are assured. Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in My mention, My loving-kindness and My bounty. Praise be unto Him Who hath aided thee and enabled thee to turn unto that which nothing in all creation can equal. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy daughter and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The bounty of God hath taken thee and His loving-kindness hath guided thee in days wherein most of the men of the world have turned away, though all were created for turning unto Him and were brought from nothingness into being for His recognition. Shouldst thou ponder this all-encompassing, pre-existent bounty, thou wouldst cry aloud and utter "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" And We make mention of another leaf whom thou didst mention in thy letter. In truth, the station of the leaves and handmaidens in this Cause is most exalted, for they have accepted that which the learned and accomplished ones, by their own admission, are powerless to comprehend and recognize. Give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and remind her of My verses. By My life! Were she to find their sweetness, she would swoon away in that very moment. And We make mention in this perspicuous Tablet of him who hath been named Ali. O Ali! We beseech God that names may not hold thee back from the Lord thereof. Set thy feet upon all else but God and lift up thy head through His love. Blessed is the head that hath been adorned with the crown of

His love and hath bowed down before His loved ones. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous.

He is possessed of grace and bestowal, His is the bounty, might and glory, for He hath adorned all created things through one of the relationships that referreth to His Most Holy Station. Blessed is the ocean that taketh pride in its relationship to His verses, and the rain that is associated with His mercy, and the sun that is mentioned in connection with His effulgences. This all-encompassing, infinite grace that hath encompassed land and sea and heaven hath surely singled out and distinguished His servants, who are the treasuries of His love and the repositories of His remembrance, through His favors, and will continue to do so. Soon will He elevate their stations, ranks and degrees. Verily He is the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

The pen-marks of that beloved one which were sent before, in view of the waves of the sea of love which at times are above, at times below, at times before and at times after - a sovereign that hath power over the changes and transformations of the will and purpose in the world of existence - the answer thereto is now submitted without arrangement. In truth, the disorder of the world ariseth from this station of differences, although this slight disorder gathereth together and taketh on the pattern of order and arrangement. However this station is special to the horsemen in the arena of hearing and sight. In any case, that beloved one's letter which was adorned with the date of the tenth of Jumada'th-Thani was a wondrous essence, for it gave both hearing and sight their portion of nearness and attainment - nay rather, it bestowed perfect joy and delight upon heart and spirit. Praise be to God that from every word thereof wafted the fragrance of detachment and spread abroad the sweet scents of sincerity. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen thine arm to shatter the idols of vain imaginings and the temples of idle fancies. Verily He is the Single, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

After its reading and perusal, on wings of yearning it ascended to the Most Exalted Station and was presented before the face of the Lord of Names and achieved the honor of His attention. This is what the Intended One spoke in reply - the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the Commander, the Speaker, the Powerful, the Mighty

The Beloved One's Book calleth out, and the Word speaketh with most eloquent utterance, and the letters speak before all faces. By the life of God! The purified ear heareth from all things the glad-tidings of His manifestation and His days. Glory be to God! The poison of heedlessness hath affected all limbs, members and veins, and hath prevented all from attaining to understanding and awareness. Now they are seen to be in the throes of death, save those souls who have been healed with the Supreme Medicine of the Most Great Name. Make mention of the loved ones of that land before the Wronged One, that hearts may be illumined with the light of knowledge and souls set ablaze with the fire of love. O Dove! O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! If they truly attain unto a drop from the ocean of bounty, they will find themselves detached and free from all else besides God. In these days one of those who have turned toward God newly sought assurance and certitude, and in reply We spoke these exalted words:

He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise […]

O Perfumer! Thy letter came before the Wronged One and was honored with His glance of favor. Praise be to God, the fragrance of acceptance wafted from it. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee, and make thee among those who, when they hear, say: “Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the world, for having made us recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Source of Thy firm, unshakeable, mighty Command!”

Thou didst seek assurance. The time for such words and utterances hath passed, for there hath appeared that which, from the beginning of the world until now, the like of which hath not been witnessed. Today the light shineth forth from the highest horizon of the world, and the fire in the Blessed Tree speaketh with the most exalted call, while from the heaven of divine Will there descend, without interruption, books, scriptures and epistles. The pens of the world, the thoughts of nations, and the power of books are incapable of reckoning them.

Today the temple of assurance speaketh: “Praise be to Thee, O Gracious Bestower!” and the tongue of certitude uttereth: “I believe in Thee, O Wronged One!” They spoke of the splitting of the moon - the splitting of the sun became manifest, appearing at the time when Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who was the pivot of the divines of Iran, strayed from the path and returned to his abode.

O questioner! The sun of assurance shineth resplendent from the horizons of the heaven of God’s Tablets. Today, the Friend (Abraham) hath said “My heart is at rest,” and He Who conversed with God (Moses) uttereth “Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!” With one Pen We struck down all the swords of the world. Hast thou not seen? Hast thou not heard? Return to the Tablets; verily they will draw thee to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Reflect upon what hath come to pass, and ponder what hath been revealed, that perchance thou mayest attain unto the splendors of the Day-Star of the All-Merciful’s utterance and be seated upon the throne of assurance. All that existeth in heaven and earth cannot equal one of His words. The Truth is distinguished from all else by all His signs. Blessed are they who are adorned with the ornament of justice and equity. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Helper.

We beseeched His Majesty the Sultan for that which was the greatest means for the manifestation of the Day-Star of assurance in all regions and certitude among the servants. He rejected it and committed that which caused the Concourse on High to weep and lament. Say: O friends! Strive that perchance through the fire of the All-Merciful’s love, the veils that have intervened may be consumed. The veils are such matters as prevent man from drawing nigh and turning towards God. Blessed is the soul that hath rent asunder the intervening veils through the power of detachment and the armor of might, and hath arisen to render assistance through wisdom and utterance.

Say: Ye are accounted before God as the trees of His garden of inner meanings. Preserve this station through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. Reflect upon the Pharaohs and tyrants of the world, and likewise upon the treasures and palaces of those heedless souls. By the Life of God! The days of life in this world have been, in the eyes of them that possess insight, less than a moment. O My loved ones! Fear the All-Merciful, and be of such character that nothing whatsoever, no name among names, no mention among mentions, may hinder you.

The Shi'ih sect hath remained deprived of the One Who owns the Names, and on the Day of Judgment they were seen to be lower than the idolaters, as ye have witnessed and heard, and now see and hear. Even now they occupy themselves with cursing the Truth from all pulpits. We beseech God, exalted be He, to reinforce you with the hosts of utterance and draw you nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Gracious.

The power of the world is powerless before His might, and utterance is humbled before the dawning splendors of the Sun of His utterance. It is hoped that through the divine fragrances of revelation and the manifestations of boundless heavenly grace and mercy, this Most Great Community will appear with such power and might that the doubts of the world and the whisperings of the nations will not hold them back from the Most Great Name, and they will arise to serve the Cause with penetrating vision, attentive ears, and steadfast feet, devoting themselves to the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of all peoples. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty.

How strange, utterly strange, that recently Hadi Dawlat-Abadi has become a leader of the people and has intended to organize a party from among the Shi'ih. By the life of our Beloved! He is among those of whom it is said: "They have changed God's favor into blasphemy and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition." Strange that he has never been, nor is he now, aware of the foundation of the Cause. It is not known by what wings he flies or to what he clings. "They who denied the meeting with God and His signs are indeed among the greatest losers in the Book of our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful."

Concerning what you wrote about the translation of the divine verses revealed in the Tablets to the Kings, after it was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur - thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He: "Well done indeed! We beseech God to assist him in translating what was revealed to the kings. He is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing."

O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Beseech God not to deprive His servants, that all may attain to that which is the purpose of creation. If they would hearken with outer and inner ears and observe with penetrating eyes, the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful would so attract them all that they would find themselves detached and sanctified from all that exists. Glory be to God! The false sayings of the past have become a barrier and have held back the servants from the Kawthar of utterance. We beseech God to protect His community and illumine all with the light of unity. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Convey greetings to all from the tongue of the Wronged One. Say: O loved ones of God! He has counseled you with wisdom and counsels you in this Tablet with the same. You should meet with all peoples of the earth in perfect spirit and fragrance. Convey to the heedless such utterances as contain hidden within them the sweetness of sugar and the delicacy of milk, for certain deniers are seeking to find pretexts to which they may cling and thereby bring about that which would cause confusion and disturbance. If they act according to what has flowed from the Pen, soon will the fruits of the Tree of Utterance and the effulgences of the Sun of Knowledge become manifest from every land. Blessed is he who has heard and acted upon that which he was commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This servant and that Beloved One and other trusted ones must remind the loved ones and beseech for each from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever will cause the upliftment of the Word and the exaltation of the Cause. In these days some news has arrived from the Land of ?a. Surely it has spread to those lands as well. Regarding the aforementioned person, all must remain silent and still. Some time ago, this matter was written and sent to the Land of ?a as commanded. Last week this servant also submitted and sent a brief note, the purpose being to deliver the blessed and holy Tablets to their recipients that they might attain unto them. In these days, previously revealed verses are being and have been read in His presence. God willing, they will be sent complete and accurate. This is among His other favors, a bounty from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

As for what you wrote concerning the Kingdom, after being submitted to the Most Holy Court, this supreme utterance was revealed, His words, blessed and exalted be He: "O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings! The intended meaning of 'Kingdom' in the first degree and primary station is the Greatest Scene, and in its final station is the realm of similitudes between the world of might and the material world. Whatsoever exists in heaven and earth has its likeness therein. When concealed in the power of utterance it is called Jabarut, and this is the first station of limitation. When it becomes manifest it is called Malakut. It derives power and strength from the first station and bestows it upon what is below." These worlds and the worlds of Will, Purpose, Decree, Destiny, Eternity, Perpetuity, Age and Time have repeatedly been revealed from the Supreme Pen in certain Tablets. Blessed are they who attain! As for what has been interpreted in Persian as "padshahi" and "jahan-i-payandih", both are correct and acceptable.

Regarding what was mentioned about the Most Exalted Habitation and the Dawning-Place of the elevation of sacred places and stations of the world, by command its mention and implementation are not permitted in these days. Should God will it, He will mention it.

Truly the hearts of those near and the souls of the unified are inflamed and consumed by mention of what occurred in that place. This deed of the Shi'ih party shall never be erased from the book of existence. No rebellion in the world can compare with it. O Beloved of my heart! Nevertheless, today the polytheists of the world and the corruptors of nations, like that party, are occupied with vain imaginings and idle fancies. The words of the past have exactly repeated and appeared anew. Shame upon them and their sense of justice and their deeds! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to purify the ears and illumine the eyes and cause justice and fairness to appear. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

They have claimed the Persian utterance has been altered. This statement has previously caused myriads upon myriads of helpless people to go astray, for by this statement the decree of the Book is nullified and every falsifying atheist finds opportunity and gives free rein to the steed of falsehood and hatred. God, exalted be His glory, through His grace and favor in this Revelation has unveiled and made manifest these concealed matters and unknown conditions. May my spirit be sacrificed for His favor and His unveiling! They had formed a divine group and considered themselves unified. God protect us and you from the calumnies of these people. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Another missive from that Beloved One hath been received, wherefrom wafteth the morning breeze. Praise be to God, it was fresh, for it appeared from a pure nature, and was refreshing, being adorned with remembrance and praise of the Beloved. After its recitation in the Most Holy Court, the servant findeth himself incapable of expressing what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered at that time, save to a known measure. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

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

The servant who is present hath appeared and presented before the face of the Wronged One that which the tongue of thy heart and the pen of thy outward being have uttered in praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that thou hast held fast to God's Covenant and His Testament, and neither the tempests of the Pharaohs nor the hurricanes of the tyrants moved thee, and neither the veils of the divines nor the barriers of the theologians prevented thee. Thou hast urged forward the steed of resolve in the service of God, the Sovereign of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Remind the servants of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My tender mercy. Say: O My loved ones! This is the Day of Utterance, a Day the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. Aid ye the Wronged One with the hosts of goodly deeds and virtuous character. This is what ye have been commanded in diverse Tablets, as doth testify to this the Lord of all creation from His mighty prison. Say: Beware lest love of these fleeting days withhold you from the enduring, everlasting grace and eternal, perpetual life. Cast away what the people possess, clinging fast to that which is with God, your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily, He hath come at the appointed time, riding upon the clouds, to teach you that which will draw you nigh unto Him. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty and of mercy that hath preceded earth and heaven. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We have sent down, in the nights and days, that which hath enraptured the Concourse on High, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: By God's life! That which ye possess shall profit you not. Soon shall ye behold the recompense of your deeds. Fear ye God, O people, and be not of those who turn aside. The Hour hath come and the gates of hell have been opened. This is what ye were promised in God's Books, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Hearken unto God's counsel, for it shall profit you in all His worlds. To this testifieth He Who speaketh and will speak: "There is none other God but I, the Single, the All-Informed." The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have heeded the Call and have said: "Yea, O Lord of all names!" and upon those who hearken unto thy word in this firm, mighty Cause.

God's grace is evident, His favor is present, His mercy hath preceded, His heavenly table is descended, His verses encompass all, His evidences are manifest. Yet vain desires arising from idle fancies have deprived the servants of the bounty of the ultimate goal and the mercy of the Lord of Glory. Glory be to God! A mere drop from ancient tales appearing from illusory souls is regarded by them as vast as an ocean, while an ocean of utterance, surging with waves of divine knowledge at its highest point, is considered by them as but a drop. What hath caused such heedlessness, that they are deprived of beholding the lights of the Sun of Truth at its meridian? Yea, O my beloved! By my Lord and thy Lord, these matters have arisen from

deeds and pride. Glory be to our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and earth! He hath commanded us at all times, and counseled in the Psalms and Tablets, to show forth courtesy and the consideration which are characteristics of man. Therefore, we beseech Him, exalted be He, to unveil for them as He hath unveiled for us, for His mercy requireth pardon and grace. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. O my Lord! Aid them to turn unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Concerning the two Blessed Tablets they mentioned, it would be most fitting and preferable for these to remain with that beloved one. Regarding what they wrote about that land, namely the land of Ta and its darkness, in truth the prevention of the effulgence of the light of utterance from the horizon of that city - the cause and reason in the first station and primary rank is exactly what that beloved one wrote. However, in view of the helplessness, petition and supplication of that beloved of the heart and the friends of that land, after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, the radiant lights of the Divine Sun of forgiveness dawned and appeared from the horizon of grace. His is the bounty and the glory, His the generosity and bestowal, His the grandeur and majesty, His the kindness and favors. By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose, after this matter was presented, the waves of the sea of favor appeared in such wise that this servant was utterly unable to comprehend it. However, in that moment the heart was occupied with thanksgiving and praise that that beloved of the heart became the cause of this most great bounty and supreme favor. This is the station of a hundred thousand “well done” and “congratulations.” It is hoped that henceforth signs of awakening, consciousness and recognition will appear from all directions of that city. They will surely convey these glad tidings to the friends of that land, and this is the most great victory and all-encompassing grace. His Holiness Ismu’llah Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin and Jinab-i-Mishkin-Qalam, upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, were mentioned due to that beloved of the heart’s mention, and greetings and congratulations were conveyed on behalf of that beloved one, and they and all those circumambulating send greetings. Whenever that beloved one is mentioned, those present seek favor, mercy and kindness. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what they wrote about the fund for the Writings and contributions, after this matter was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, He said it was necessary for Varqa himself, upon him be My glory, favor and mercy, and after several minutes this supreme word was revealed - His blessed and exalted Word: “Jinab-i-Amin should proceed to that land, consult, and act accordingly.” The intention is that the request of that honored one should also be considered, and Amin had written something about this matter some time ago. End quote.

In any case, that beloved one is ever adorned with the favor, grace and mercy of the Purpose of all worlds. I convey greetings to the friends of that land. God willing, may they be assisted through complete determination, steadfast uprising and eloquent speech in mentioning, praising and serving the Cause, in such wise that its effects become manifest and evident in all regions. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty, He heareth and seeth and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. I mention the eyes and saplings of the garden of divine knowledge with most wondrous remembrances, and I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for an everlasting eternal blessing for each one. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon

those who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Praise befitteth and beseemeth our Beloved Who, through His pure and perfect power, created the heavens of utterance and raised them to such heights as to be sanctified from the touch of the profane or the comprehension of any impure transgressor. He adorned them with exalted, brilliant, and radiant suns, with shining and luminous moons, and with rising stars. He prevented the ascent thereto of the satans of impure souls and the deceivers of unclean bodies. He banished the hypocrites from ascending to the most exalted Concourse, from rising to the Ultimate Lote-Tree and the Furthermost Branch. Through His power He stationed angels of chastisement with burning meteors that no outcast might enter the pavilions of the All-Glorious and no exile might gain knowledge of the eternal holy court.

How sanctified is the station of His loved ones above the knowledge of created things, and how exalted is the rank of His chosen ones above the comprehension of contingent beings! Through the sovereignty of His eternity He hath ever been self-sufficient and through the dominion of His oneness He will ever be self-sufficient. Neither doth the acceptance of created things add any glory to the servants at His threshold, nor doth the rejection of contingent beings cast any shadow upon His courtiers.

One verse from the heaven of His oneness is a consuming fire for the hearts of those who hate Him and an illuminating light for the hearts of those who love Him. He hath tormented His enemies with the fire of rancor, hatred, tyranny and iniquity, and honored His friends with the light of truthfulness, purity, submission and contentment. How sweet is His consummate wisdom and how wondrous is His all-embracing mercy, that He hath opened wide the gates of the spiritual Paradise and flung open the portals of the holy and spiritual Ridvan, that He hath guided the nightingales of the garden of inner meanings to the rose-garden of eternal glory and directed the hoopoes of the divine Ridvan to the eternal Sheba.

He hath so abundantly bestowed the drops of grace from the clouds of bounty that wandering lovers have turned to their original shelter and hastened headlong to the gathering-place of the Beloved, that fallen lovers have taken wing to their spiritual homeland and attained the lights of the Beauty of their Beloved. He hath made the hearts of the mystics and those who have attained His holy sanctuary mirrors of all things, that each soul might behold its deeds and actions therein and imagine them to be the actions of His servants, thus recording the full account of its own condition in the book of deeds, heedless that God is aware of the secrets of hearts and is informed of the state of every deceiving enemy. Thus doth God reveal what lies within the breasts of those who have disbelieved and turned away, of rancor and hatred, that He might torment them with the fire of their own selves from this moment until the Day whereon the deeds of all the worlds shall be gathered together. And peace be upon you.

And furthermore, in these days a book has arrived from the depths of hell from one whose name had not been mentioned in this realm before, though assuming a mighty name. Glory be to God! What calumnies

he has heaped upon the loved ones of God, and what flames of rancor and hatred he has kindled! The one God is witness that no ocean can quench the fire of his hatred, and no physician can cure the malady of his heart. To such extent has Satan adorned his deeds that he has repeatedly emphasized each accusation. Say: Thus has Satan made your deeds seem fair to you and guides you to the fire which, through God's wrath, is kindled within your own selves. He has gathered every antiquated and meaningless phrase that existed in the world and mentioned them as a source of pride. I marvel greatly that despite God's grace having opened the paradise of inner meanings, and the clouds of divine knowledge and wisdom having been raised up, and wondrous words having encompassed the world, this rancorous one makes claims of love while he has not partaken of a drop from the holy outpourings nor received any fruit from the exalted divine Tree. For some time I pondered, and it was not fitting to send him any reply directly, for the wrongdoers have no way to reach Us. However, when it became known that these calumnies had been spread among the people in various forms and multiple statements - alas, how this wretch has been negligent in relation to God! - it became necessary to write a detailed explanation to the companions and loved ones of that land, so that Satan's deceptions might not overcome spiritual souls, that thereby might be distinguished those who walk toward the fire from those who walk upon the path of God, the Mighty, the Compelling, that the hater might be known from the lover and truth from falsehood, and that every soul might seek refuge in God from the evil of malicious souls and at all times remember their Lord, become detached from all else but God, place their trust in the cord of His favor, cling to the handle of His loving-kindness, hold fast to the hem of His mercy, and grasp the mantle of His bounty and generosity, that perchance they may remain protected from the fire of the souls of the polytheists. And verily He is the Deliverer of His servants and the Quickener of His bondsmen, and He has power over all things.

At the beginning of the letter it was mentioned that two messengers from this one had gone to that province and had forbidden people from the worship of God and commanded them to worship idols and false deities, and, God forbid, had claimed on behalf of this servant that the Bayan had been abrogated and its Mirrors were invalid and its laws had been rendered void. First, this servant has never sent a messenger to any land and has in no way had any cause or decree that would require a messenger or could be completed by an emissary. I have considered none to exist except God and His loved ones, and have regarded the enemies of God as non-existent. Nine years have passed since these servants, after all we possessed was seized, were expelled from our earthly homeland and arrived in this land with guards and escorts. And praise be to God, we regarded this abasement as glory and counted this poverty as the essence of wealth. We had no demands of anyone and expressed no needs to any soul. We manifested the Divine Cause with perfect steadfastness. We burned away the veils of concealment with the fire of divine love and raised the banner of the Cause in the heaven of decree, such that this wondrous bounty has become renowned throughout all regions of the realm and the Cause of this land is evident in all parts of the world, as all have heard. If anyone should deny this, they would be counted among those of whom it is said "They recognize the favor of God, then they deny it." No support was received in any way from any of the friends, and these servants, by God's grace and favor, were independent of the help of all who are in the heavens and earth, dwelling in the cave of divine assistance and sheltered in the impregnable fortress of "whosoever puts his trust in God, He is sufficient unto him." We purified the heart from the dust of earthly ones and set our course for the eternal nest. Enemies from every side, both

internal and external, lay in ambush for these gazelles of the desert of oneness, and what snares they laid to trap these nightingales of the rose gardens of divine identity. They girded their loins with all determination that perchance they might prevent the moths of love from the Beauty of the Beloved, or deprive these nightingales of the garden of inner meanings from the branches of the Eternal Rose. Nevertheless, we never turned our attention to any direction nor sought any helper. Now what have such souls to do with messengers that they would send to anyone? And I know not how this person learned that those two individuals were my messengers. Say: If you plot, God is more severe in plotting and mightier in punishment.

For five years Mulla Ahmad came to this province from the one known as Letter Jim. Ask him how much love I showed toward them. God was witness to the state and observer of the conditions, that although I heard from them certain words that were contrary to the original nature and pure heart, nevertheless I preferred to conceal rather than reveal and spread them, and kept them hidden. I was bewildered as to what was the cause and reason, until gradually they increased [their actions] until they came to this land. And here perfect love beyond all custom and convention was shown toward them for the sake of God's good pleasure, that perchance it might increase love and purify and sanctify the heart from the dust of that which is displeasing. After this, the king returned and desired to take Mulla Ahmad-i-Kashi back with him, but he refused. This servant became aware of this and summoned the aforementioned Mulla, who made various excuses. Before long, two persons came - Mir 'Abdu'r-Rahim and Shaykh Hasan - relating that so-and-so had said: "Why do you go to Baghdad? A moment here is better than five years in Baghdad," and other such statements were made. Upon hearing this, I immediately summoned them and strictly forbade and strongly prohibited the utterance of such words. However, all the companions had heard these words.

By God, besides Whom there is none other God! I gathered them all and forbade them, and concealed matters to such extent lest a new sedition arise. Then another person came with a message for someone, and likewise another person. In brief, every soul who came from that land mentioned something, and it became clear that all these seditions were due to people's departure from their earthly homeland to the divine homeland. Therefore, we sent back Siyyid 'Abdu'l-Baqi, who had been staying in this land, to that country to prevent people from turning towards this land, that perchance hearts might be calmed and the dark atmosphere of turbidity might be transformed into the morn of joy. Although such words should never flow from their hearts and tongues, for this land was not confined to this servant. By God! The Holy Spirit takes pride in the very dust of this land. The breeze of this land bestows eternal life upon dead bodies and grants everlasting existence. But it increases not the wrongdoers save in loss. Indeed, what business has the beetle with the eternal Egypt of meeting, and what portion have the people of the lowest depths with the exalted concourse? How can sheer ignorance set foot in the sacred heights of knowledge, and how can the essence of tyranny enter the fields of justice? By God! The very dust of this land is sanctified beyond the comprehension of the righteous, let alone the wicked. After all, has not the nobility of every place been through its Dweller, and has not the glory of every house been through its relation to God? Would that these people showed as much respect for the City of God and reverence for the Sanctuary of God as worldly lovers show for their beloved! If but a thorn from the garden of earthly beloveds were to appear in the gathering of lovers, all would smell it like a rose and sing to it like

nightingales - how much more so for a land that belongs to the Beloved, or a place that was the site of His descent, presence and dwelling! Such is the state of earthly lovers. Consider somewhat the condition and words of those who claim divine love, how heedless they have become and what mockery and derision they have shown toward this blessed and goodly land. By God! If there were any fairness, blood should flow from the eyes, the layers of the liver should turn to blood and flow from the eyelashes. But none shall achieve this save those who have detached themselves unto God.

Tears flow from the eyelashes, yet none shall attain unto this save those who have detached themselves unto God, have tasted the sweetness of His remembrance, and have held fast unto the cord of His love. For several years certain among the servants desired to journey from that land to this city, but were continually prevented. Two years ago permission was granted that whosoever desired might be permitted and allowed. This is a matter which the Sovereign of Oneness had previously revealed unto the illumined Muhammadan heart, and He Himself hath called His servants to this land, were ye to ponder the verses of the Furqan and turn your attention to the mysteries of the Cause. He hath said, and His Word is the Truth: "And God doth call to the Abode of Peace, and guideth whom He willeth to the straight path." If ye were to comprehend the allusion of these words, by God, ye would, in your passionate love of God and your longing for this supreme glad-tidings, proceed barefooted toward the divine precinct. Say: Thus have veils of iron been struck upon your hearts and a covering of fire drawn over your eyes. No good shall the wrongdoers find on that great Day.

Say: O people! Life passeth swiftly as lightning, and ere long shall the carpets of hopes and possessions be rolled up. Raise your heads from the slumber of heedlessness and, placing your trust in God, stand firm upon the straight path of His Cause. Enter ye into His Abode of Peace, His mercy and loving-kindness, which is the place of everlasting security and the praiseworthy station of the Lord. Outwardly, the Abode of Peace is the land where that Most Great Light resideth, and inwardly it is His most firm and perfect Cause. Were I to expound this station, creation could not bear to hear it, nor could souls and minds bear its weight.

Consider now that they show pride regarding a land which the Tongue of the Unseen hath Himself commanded and unto which He hath summoned all created things. This matter, so clearly set forth that it would seem nothing more explicit hath been revealed in the Book, they have failed during all this time to comprehend. The Abode of Peace hath seventy meanings, all of which are gathered in the Divine City. Thus hath God mentioned in the Book the decree concerning that land, despite those who have disbelieved, turned away, and are among those who hold not fast to God's strong cord and who walk in the paths of self, without God's good-pleasure.

Yea, these people have all followed destructive and imaginary paths. How can they accept or comprehend any meaning or matter save through conjecture and fancy? Say: Do ye believe in part of the Book and deny part thereof? Thus hath God taken from you the spirit of faith and forbidden you the meeting of that Day whereon mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.

As for those two messengers he greatly mentioned in his letter - one was Siyyid Abdul-Baqi, whose details were given and about whom you may inquire directly. Should he mention aught contrary to what is recorded in this Tablet, it would become evident that the enemies speak truth. The other he mentioned

was Mirza Mu??afa. This man dwelt for some time in this land, and since his relatives resided in Naraq and his journey and migration had been prolonged, We sent him back to his homeland. He bore no message whatsoever from this servant except a letter for His Honor the Letter Jim, which he was to deliver to him. Yet how many calumnies this person hath heaped upon these two poor ones!

And this servant had given him no message whatsoever save a letter addressed to His Honor Jim, which was to be delivered to him. Yet what accusations has this person heaped upon these two lowly ones, and what measure of pride and arrogance has he displayed toward these two poor ones in his letter! Say to him: By God, the ignorance of these two poor ones is more beloved than what thou hast written, and their abasement more precious than that wherein thou hast taken pride. Humble thy heart that thou mayest ascend to the heights of glory. Relinquish self-glorification that thou mayest enter the pavilion of holiness and faithfulness. Bring forth naught but supplication and entreaty, for these two are bounded, and the holy precincts are sanctified from such limitations. And peace be upon him who heareth the Word and is numbered among those who are guided, as inscribed in the Tablets of Light by the Pen of Glory.

And furthermore, regarding what was written about these messengers saying that the law of the Bayan has been abrogated and its mirrors and ordinances have become void - this is a newly contrived notion of human demons who, inspired by the promptings of their base desires, have manifested these schemes. Verily do the evil ones whisper to their friends that they may cast their vain imaginings into the hearts of the servants and prevent people from the divine path and the infinite holy fountainhead of grace. Such servants have always existed among the servants of God, and through such nonsense have people been tested - “that He may try you, which of you is best in conduct.” In all ages have such calumnies been uttered against God and His loved ones, and will continue to be uttered. This is among the ways that have operated among the servants, and you will find no change or alteration in His ways - so that it may become clear who follows God’s Cause and who turns back on his heels. Through such matters is the brilliant morn of guidance distinguished from the dark night of error. Thus do We impart unto you from the mysteries of the Cause, that thereby may be strengthened the hearts of those who are guided by God’s light and who are among the firm ones in their love for God. The one God is witness - and sufficient is He as witness - that if until today such an atheistic liar had appeared in creation, or if anyone’s knowledge had ever recorded such - say: O wretched fool! For the satisfaction of your own self and the polytheistic souls, you have committed a deed that has no likeness, equal or peer in all existence. At this moment my tongue, my heart, my inner heart, my spirit, my body, my frame, my marrow, my bones, and my skin all testify that there is no God but Him, and that ’Ali before Muhammad is the Manifestation of His Essence, the Dawning-place of His signs, and the Revealer of His words. To this do the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise bear witness, and beyond them doth the Essence of the Unseen testify with His tongue, and we are all prostrate before His face. All that hath been revealed from Him is truth wherein there is no doubt, and we all, should He desire, act according to His command. Say: Hold thy tongue, O thou who hast calumniated God and His loved ones! Say not that which God hath not permitted thee, and be not of those who slander the Manifestations of the Cause and are not guided by God’s signs. Say: Great indeed are your utterances in what you have falsely claimed with your tongue. Thus hath Satan made your deeds seem fair to you, and still you do not understand. Say: If you are in doubt concerning

God's Cause, then bring forth a proof from Him, or an evidence from His presence, or a testimony from Him. Nay, by the Lord of the heavens and earth, they shall never be able to utter a single letter, nor shall they be capable thereof. These are they who, when God's verses are recited unto them, cast them behind their backs and mock at them, while they soar in the atmosphere of their own desires. Say: The kingdom shall pass away and naught of you shall remain, and then shall you be brought before the fire. Then shall you find for yourselves neither intimate friend nor helper, and God shall question you concerning your deeds in this vain life, while you shall be tormented in the abyss of His wrath throughout God's eternity. Say: Have you seen this servant or gained knowledge of his cause? How then do you attribute to him that which you know not? By God, the heavens have wept at your injustice, O vile one, and the garments of the people of the Kingdom have been rent asunder by your deed, O accursed one!

The garments of the people of the Kingdom are rent asunder by thy deed, O accursed one, and the pillars of existence have been shaken by thine act, O wretched one! Yet thou walkest upon the shoulders of the earth as though thou hadst committed no wrong, and thou laughest at what thy hands have wrought, while the spirits of Paradise have descended to the dust and recline upon the clay. Woe unto thee, O thou that hast turned aside from the Command of God! Thou rejoicest in thy deed while the temples of the spirits are clothed in garments of blood.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Thou seest my condition and hearest my sighing and my cry, and beholdest my poverty and my need, and witnessest how the oppressors among Thy servants have encompassed this servant of Thine, to such extent that they lift not their hands from my head. Therefore, O my God, raise me up unto Thee, then cause me to dwell in the precincts of Thy great mercy, near unto Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High, that thereby the hearts of Thy wretched servants might find rest. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Then the Herald called out from the midst of the heavens: "O servant! We have heard thy cry and have numbered thy poverty and thy need, thy humiliation and thy tribulation. Fear not, neither be thou grieved. We shall sanctify thee from those who have disbelieved and attributed partners unto God." Thus have We sent down unto thee a symbol from Our Command, lest they should discover it who prostrate not themselves before the face of God.

Thou knowest, O my God, that I have claimed naught save pure servitude, and have called the servants to naught save Thy Supreme Self in the Manifestation of Thy Most Exalted Self and the Light of Thy Most Glorious Beauty. For this reason did hatred appear in the hearts of those who disbelieved in Thy mighty signs, to such extent that they slew me with the swords of their vain imaginings. Therefore, O my God, seize them with Thy severe grip and Thy conquering sovereignty, and leave not a single one of them upon the earth, that Thy lands might be purified and Thy realms sanctified. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through Thy wondrous Command, and Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

These are the beliefs of this servant that have been mentioned. Until now I have soared only in the atmosphere of pure servitude, and have been commanded to naught but the plain of poverty, evanescence, submission and contentment. Hereafter the Command is in His hand and we have nothing save after His leave. He is verily the Mighty, the Exalted, the Beautiful. Let him who wishes accept, and

him who wishes turn away. Verily my Lord is independent of you, of your selves, your deeds and actions. He is sanctified above all who are in the worlds.

Finally, O servants who claim divine love, why do you remain in the wilderness of heedlessness and walk the paths of fancy, error, self and desire? Know the value of these days while the holy, eternal fragrances waft from the morning breeze and the soul-refreshing zephyr comes from the paradise of the Beloved. Come somewhat to your senses and purify and sanctify the illumined heart from the dark dust of baseless suspicions, that perchance you may attain to the effulgences of the Sun of Oneness and the outpourings of the Beauty of the Divine Identity.

The ocean of divine bounty is not always surging, nor do the clouds of infinite mercy always pour down their rain. The divine lamp is not forever kindled in the niche of eternal holiness. The time will come when the Bird of Eternity returns to Its original nest, the Eternal Beauty retires to the pavilion of heavenly invisibility, and the nightingales of the spiritual rose-gardens repair to their true, glorious nests. Then will the gates of the rose-garden be shut, and you will be deprived of both the beauty of the rose and the song of the nightingale. While time remains, strive with all your soul and recognize the value of this blessing.

After all, the divine loved ones must manifest heavenly signs and befit eternal qualities. Don the robe of sanctity and detach your eyes, hearts and souls from all else, that you may behold another world and step upon the pleasant plain of the spirit. By God, if you hear the melody of this Bird with the ear of the soul, you will become detached from the world and all that is therein, and will set your hearts on naught but the Truth.

Counsel has exceeded its bounds. Now it remains to be seen what the yearning ones of the divine court and those attracted to the holy, spiritual melodies will perceive and what portion they will receive. All this is through God's grace and mercy upon you, O people of the Bayan, if you desire to walk the paths of truth and rejoice in the paradise of nearness.

O people of the Bayan, refine the eye of your hearts and illumine your breasts that you may distinguish truth from falsehood and not follow the suspicions of the people of hypocrisy - those heedless souls who have taken it upon themselves to prevent people through various schemes from approaching the shore of the sea of oneness, while outwardly clothing themselves in the garment of faith. By Him Who holds my soul in His hand, if one becomes somewhat detached from outward conditions, one will distinguish truth from falsehood as light from darkness, and will perceive the fragrance of truth from all directions. That is, if the sweet fragrance of truth wafts in the East, the detached seeker in the West will surely perceive it. Thus do We mention unto you some of the mysteries of love, if you would inhale the holy fragrances from this Garment and turn with the wings of detachment toward the Egypt of certitude.

And furthermore, regarding your mention of Ezekiel in your scroll of deeds, say: How presumptuous are your words, how low your station, how limited your bounds! For Ezekiel would run through the streets of Egypt, crying at the top of his voice: "Will ye slay a man because he saith, my Lord is God, when he hath already come to you with clear proofs?" How can anyone be compared to that Essence of being? The very dust of His sandal is sanctified above the hearts of all others. In the end, he sacrificed his heart and soul,

and with his face stained with blood, he returned to the Kingdom of immortality and the most exalted Pavilion. And as for the verse which saith, “And a believing man of Pharaoh’s family, who concealed his faith,” the meaning of concealing his faith was the mysteries of divine wisdom and the pearls of eternal knowledge which have ever been preserved in the treasuries of divine power and will forever be kept in the storehouses of His might. These have never been and will never be revealed except to those who are worthy. Otherwise, he never denied his faith in Moses. Rather, his tongue, his expression, and his very soul all testified to his love for Moses, and in Pharaoh’s court he openly confessed, as is well known. But a veil of divine power was cast over Pharaoh’s heart, preventing him from comprehending his words, even as today veils of fire have been cast over your hearts, and deafness from heedlessness upon your ears, and coverings of rancor upon your eyes, such that ye understand not what ye say and know not what ye do.

Say: O servant, fear God and attribute not to anyone that of which thou hast no knowledge. Hearken unto what God hath revealed to thee in the Bayan, for it is the finest utterance and the truest word. What comparison is there between Ezekiel and the people of this age? Pass beyond time and its people until thou enterest the paradise of eternity and perceivest the station and worth of the Temples of antiquity. The non-existent can never attain unto the eternal, and nothingness ever flees from everlasting life. By God! If thou wert to become aware of but a drop of Ezekiel’s love, thou wouldst comprehend his rank and station, and such a fire of his love would be kindled within thee that thou wouldst forsake the world and all therein, be freed from the darkness of vain imaginings, and attain unto the fountain of eternal life. Consider now the beginning of his cause and the dawn of his faith, when Moses, coming from the Sinai wilderness of divine love to the Egypt of eternal servitude, guided all people to the divine Tree of fire and the radiance of the celestial Hand. When Ezekiel heard mention of his true homeland and caught a fragrance from the holy spiritual breeze, immediately such a fire of the love of God was kindled in his illumined breast that no power of concealment, tranquility, patience, or composure remained in him. With the utmost zeal and devotion, he strove to manifest and prove the fire of the Divine Essence in the neither eastern nor western Tree. Although he was Pharaoh’s cousin and held the highest esteem with that accursed one, such that the keys to all treasuries were in his grasp, nevertheless he did not withdraw from the truth for a moment nor seek to be heedless for an instant. And now observe how these people, were they to encounter the fire itself, would manifest hatred in place of love and would strive with all their might to extinguish it, pouring upon it such floods of doubt and ice of delusion that no trace of it would remain, unless the Hand of Divine Power were to protect it and deliver it from those who seek to quench it. Judge thou fairly: can such people be attributed to Him, or is mention of such as these befitting in His holy presence? Nay, by God, were ye to judge fairly in the Cause of God and were ye to be nourished by the fruits of the eternal Paradise.

Say: O unjust scribe! Would that thou hadst devoted thyself as much to thine own concerns, expending thy time in purifying and sanctifying thine own soul and spirit, rather than wasting thy years on calumnies, failing to perceive that all mysteries are as clear as day in the sight of God. Hearken thou unto the counsel of this servant, pass beyond these realms and enter the realms of holy detachment. Make fairness thy guiding lamp lest thou remain in darkness, make trust in God thy garment lest thou be left naked of His grace, make remembrance of the Beloved thy companion lest thou be deprived of His bounty. Die to self

and desire that thou mayest find eternal life through His love and enter the immortal Kingdom. What a pity that one who claims to love God should not, in a single day, detach his heart from all that is created, and should not, at any moment, turn towards the Sovereign of existence and the King of the worshipped ones. By God, no tyranny is greater than this, no heedlessness more profound. Thou art free to choose. We have completed Our utterance unto thee and perfected Our favor upon thee, so choose for thyself what thou desirest. Verily, God is independent of Me and of thee and of all who are in the worlds.

Say: O man, fear God Who created and fashioned thee, and confound not truth with falsehood, nor light with darkness, nor guidance with error. Fear God, O concourse of the earth, and transgress not your station. And concerning the Messengers of God, speak not except of that which God hath permitted you, even as He commanded you not to liken them to any being, nor to ascribe to them any peer or likeness. These are among the bounds set by God, and none transgress His bounds save those in whose hearts is a disease and who are among those that derive not light from the splendors of Beauty.

First, know that the account of Dhul-Kifl is not as you have seen in previous books or heard from your forefathers. Second, how can this matter be proven when measured against certain established principles which you and your like have transgressed in the Mirror of God, having displaced them from their proper station and placed them elsewhere without the leave and permission of the Sovereign of the Cause? For according to what has been mentioned, they have argued for the unity of the Mirror and attributed it to their own selves. Yet how is it they have written that Dhul-Kifl was guardian to seventy prophets? The Mirror, which is the dawning-place of the Prophetic Sun, must not exceed oneness, so how could there be seventy prophets–who are the suns in the heaven of mercy–existing in one age and time? Thus doth the flow of your pen belie all that your tongues utter, and thus doth God reveal what is in your hearts and make manifest what lies within breasts, if ye but knew.

Yea, unless ye follow the example of the false divines and affirm the existence of lesser and greater prophets, as is written in books and believed and confessed by the ignorant. Say: O people, seek even outward knowledge from the fountainhead of knowledge. Draw from pure, delicate, sweet, and flowing springs, not from rejected, turbid, brackish, and salty ones that are treasuries of rancor, vessels of envy, and ships of hatred.

And furthermore in his letter he had composed boastful verses, ostensibly addressing Mustafa but in reality God knows their intention. Say: He knows what you proclaim openly and what you whisper in secret, your movements and your dwelling places, and all is recorded in a clear tablet before Him. Nothing escapes His knowledge and no matter eludes His grasp. He knows all that you plot today against the Cause of God. I swear by God that those possessed of understanding are ashamed to mention the boastful expressions written in that scroll. For example, he had rhymed vulgar terms like “son of Zal” and “old woman’s quilt” and “falcon” and “sparrow” - such coarse and impure words that have always been rejected by God and the people of wisdom and ever shall be. Say: Have you not heard what the Dove warbled at the apex of immortality around the crimson sea in His first counsel to His loved ones and initial teaching to His chosen ones? He said - and His word is the truth - “The wayfarer on the white path and the crimson pillar shall never reach the station of his homeland except through detachment from all that is in the hands of men.” Despite the fact that that Essence of being and Manifestation of the Desired One

commanded that hearts be sanctified from vain allusions and rejected suppositions, ears be cleansed from hearing malicious fabricated melodies, and eyes be purified from beholding transient words, still you gathered whatever crude and unworthy words existed in the world and displayed your learning, sending fabrications to the divine rose garden and dispatching mortal darkness to the holy immortal realm.

Hear from this servant, by God, that I have no complaint about all this hatred and rancor manifested by you. But how long will you cling to dark veils and consider following the self and passion obligatory? Soar from the dust of negation to the throne of affirmation, journey from "We belong to God" and return. In truth, if the fire of rancor was not ablaze and the banner of hatred not raised in your breast, and if your purpose was truly to inquire about Mustafa and others with no other thoughts or intentions, you could have asked two simple questions about whether what so-and-so said was true or false, so that an answer could be given and truth distinguished from falsehood. Not that you should fill so many pages with fabricated words. By God, those pages were wronged, for you made the place of the Supreme Pen's affirmation a manifestation of the pen of hatred. And We know that all this was not from you but from what Satan whispered in your soul and breast. Therefore, sanctify yourself and purify your heart from all else but Him and trust in God your Lord. Say "God" with your whole being, then leave those from whom you detect the odor of rancor to be drowned in the sea of fire. And I swear by God that if anyone from the people of the Bayan mentions abrogation of the Book, may God break the mouth of the speaker and slanderer. By Him Who holds my soul and being in His hand, one letter of the Bayan is more beloved to me than all who are in the heavens and earth. Woe unto you, O people of hatred! How do you slander the loved ones of God? Do ye not witness how We have sacrificed Our spirit and Our body in confronting the enemies, and at every moment We await the meeting with God, that perchance We may follow the example of those who offer up their souls and are martyred in His presence? Do ye not behold how We stand in the midst of the enemies, with life and heart in hand, ready for whatever may come to pass? Can he who openly confronteth the enemies, who sacrificeth at every moment his spirit and all he possesseth, who proclaimeth the Cause of God before the peoples of the world and concealeth not His Cause, be compared with him who remaineth seated in his house? Can ye not perceive?

O thou who walkest in the paths of fancy and error, who wanderest in the wilderness of ignorance and blindness! Wert thou to be fair in the Cause of God, the mere blinking of thine eye would cause thee to rend thy garments, to run naked upon the ground, to cast ashes upon thy face, to eat dust, to find no rest in any place, neither to eat nor drink, nor to find repose, to groan in thy heart and cry out with thy tongue, to weep in secret and shed tears openly, to burn in thy liver, and not to be content with thyself until God hath forgiven thee for what hath flowed from thy pen, O thou who art proud before God and His signs and His proof and His testimony!

By God! Were such to be thy state, the fire itself would flee from the flame of thy self, O thou donkey, and the fire would seek refuge from the fire of thy being, O thou accursed one! May God protect us and all who are in the Bayan from thy evil and from whatsoever thou hast concealed in thy heart and thy secret thoughts.

Finally, for what crime and what transgression hath this enmity appeared and these calumnies flowed from thy pen? Hearken unto the counsel of this compassionate counsellor, and return from the salt marsh of self to the shore of the ocean of the All-Subsisting, and from the fire of transient ignorance to the light of eternal knowledge. Though the counsel of the wise profiteth not the deniers and hath no effect upon those who turn away, even as fragrance profiteth not those with colds, nor a shining mirror the blind, "and thou canst not make those to hear who are in the graves."

And furthermore, it was written that the accusations which Mustafa and others attributed to the letter Jim are four. First, why does he call people toward the Primal Point - may the spirit of all creation be sacrificed for Him? Now judge fairly - would any swine utter such words, or would such blasphemy and polytheism ever issue from anyone's tongue? No, by God! These words are naught but an attempt to create complete sedition and, under the guise of faith, to stir up discord. Say: Do ye scheme against God's Cause? The hand of God is above your hands, and verily He is more severe in His scheming and mightier in His punishment. Another accusation is that the honored letter Jim sent the "Garden of Holiness" to the Most Holy Court. In any case, he mentioned such things which never existed, while many poems sent by the chosen ones and the righteous were all accepted without any objection.

The One God is witness that in this kingdom naught was mentioned save their praise, even though fragrances wafted from their hearts that were unworthy of them. Nevertheless, this was hidden with Him from Whom nothing is concealed, and naught was manifested toward them except loving words and friendly tidings, until everyone who came from that direction related such things about them that, by God, no lover could bear to hear. And if this writer of the scroll would be fair and enter the straight path of truth and sincerity, love and faithfulness, he would tell what he himself said and heard from them with his own ears, and would turn from the left of fancy to the right of certainty, and would judge fairly what was said and with whom lies the truth. By God, the lover is as distinct from the hater as the sun from its shadow and light from darkness, and nothing becomes doubtful to anyone unless they wish to make it doubtful to themselves. Their statements became well-known in this land. By God, after these sayings became known and these deeds appeared, some of the companions, without the permission and consent of these servants, made certain statements - and God bears witness to this and suffices as witness. And afterwards all the companions were forbidden and became quiet and silent. God is Most Great! No one intended to migrate to this land except that they brought from them such words and messages that burned the hearts of the Concourse on High and the beloved ones. I remained without spirit, heart, and life, and the survival of a soul was among my greatest perplexities.

Say: O thou who art heedless of God's remembrance and burner of His loved ones' hearts! We are content with thy judgment in this matter, so ask those who migrated from there to this land, that thou mayest know that I speak no falsehood, and know that we have held fast to the handle of truth, and that thou mayest witness what God hath witnessed upon the Throne of Eternity, that perchance thou mayest be numbered among the doers of good, written by the Pen of the Spirit upon the Tablets of Holiness. Say: Ask thyself of the migrating souls, both those whose names were mentioned at the beginning of the Tablets and other servants, that it may become clear to thee what was said and what accusations were made against the land of God and His servants. Say: Is not this multitude of enemies sufficient, and are not these numerous hunters of the gazelles of the vale of faithfulness enough, that you too have arisen to

inflict harm upon these Doves of eternity? O Lord! Pour forth patience upon me and grant me victory over the wrongdoing people! Make not haste, for divine decrees are in motion and descent, and soon you shall find rest. I swear by God that I have desired naught from the Truth except transformation, that this earth might be changed, so that this servant might be sanctified from all questioning, answering, and meeting. Verily He ordains whatsoever He is asked, and He is indeed near, the Answering One.

And further, mention was made of the tribes of Moses and the Pharaonic Egyptians, yet never did he distinguish the living Moses from Pharaoh's Egyptian, nor did he differentiate between the Children of Israel in the lands of justice and the Egyptians in the realms of tyranny. Say: Open thine eyes, soften thy heart, and sharpen thy inner vision that thou mayest recognize those who have believed and migrated in God's path from those who turned away and waxed proud, remaining deprived of the sacred sanctuary. Then know that the tribes are now seated upon the carpet, reclining on crimson cushions, moving by the breezes of the Command in a space that God hath sanctified beyond the comprehension of all created things. They rejoice in the glad-tidings of the Spirit and delight in God's joy, receiving sustenance from the manna that descended from the holy heaven. They have crossed the sea of fire by God's might and entered the sacred Paran and majestic Horeb, and God saved them from those who were drowned in the sea of pride and tyranny. They soar around Paradise and warble melodies that cause all the Concourse on High to swoon. Thus do We impart unto thee from the mysteries that were inscribed by God's Pen in the holy Tablets.

I swear by God that if thou shouldst catch a fragrance from the divine Ridvan, by God thou wouldst find no rest in any place, land, or city. But God hath forbidden this to all who turn away. Yea, the afflicted one is deprived and the fettered one barred. Say: By God, if thou knew what thou hast done, thou wouldst drown thyself in water, or cast thy body into fire, or throw thyself from mountains, and weep throughout God's eternal existence for having made thyself of those who have committed a grievous sin in the earth. Would that this distant and fettered one might be purified for a moment from the desire of self, that he might perceive the signs, proofs, and tokens of the Egyptian. Say: Thus do We mention unto you a remembrance of every matter, that perchance ye may find a way unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful.

And furthermore, you wrote that they intended to kill the Messenger. Say to him: By God, if divine love dwelleth in the hearts of Abdul-Baqi and Mustafa, they must surely kiss the hand of the killer and bequeath unto him their own possessions, that they may attain the draught of martyrdom and hasten to the holy concourse and the exalted companion. Say: Hast thou not heard how the Dove warbled upon the twigs of the Tree of Eternity, and how the Spirit sang with celestial melodies in the Most Exalted Paradise? O son of man! Wouldst thou prefer to die in thy bed, or to be martyred in My path upon the dust, becoming the Dawning-place of My love in the highest Paradise? Judge thou fairly, O servant! Let that body perish that seeketh not to welter in blood for the sake of the Beloved, and let that form be no more that shunneth martyrdom in His love. Say: Hast thou not read that "verily the friends of God, no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve"?

Convey what hath been mentioned unto all the people and impart it to everyone. Regard not this matter lightly, but with all thy might and power aid the Cause and its followers. Be not heedless for a moment, for the devils are engaged with utmost determination and power in deception and machination. It was

also mentioned that they had written questions and answers so as to cast doubt in people's hearts. Though it is not known who the questioner and respondent are, yet God hath reckoned the questioner and respondent as one soul, and He knoweth what is in the breasts, if ye but knew. Thus have We related unto thee stories of the Cause that thou mayest be of those who comprehend through the allusions of words.

Say: O heedless one! It is as though thou wert mounted upon the steed of self, having let slip its reins from thy grasp, such that thou knowest not in what land thou walkest or runnest. Thus befitteth the wrongdoers the punishment of a grievous day. By God, thou art the barren one, for thou hast deprived thyself of God's mercy and of the grace which was observed dawning from the Dayspring of the Spirit at the break of light. And likewise are those who walk in thy footsteps and follow what Satan whispereth in their breasts, and who have taken the Samiri as their protector instead of God, and were gathered in the land of rancor and hatred.

Say: O disputer, O opposer, and those who follow thee! By what proof have ye turned away from Him Who called you to naught but God, and risen against Him with the swords of your tongues and arrows of your idle fancies, after God had forbidden you from this in the Book which no falsehood can approach and which was sealed with God's seal in the treasuries of infallibility? By God, were the breezes of love to waft over your hearts, ye would sever your heads with your own hands in recompense for what ye have wrought in God's religion, and ye were written in the holy tablets as among the deniers.

Say: O despairing striver, O deprived opponent! For what sin didst thou draw forth the sword of thy vain imaginings from the scabbard of thy desire, when thou hadst not seen Me, nor associated with Me, nor had thy letter reached Me, nor Mine thee, nor had I heard thy name, nor hadst thou reckoned what I was upon? By God, all this stemmed from naught but thine evil nature, O thou who associateth partners with God, who turneth away from His beauty, and who disputeth His signs! By the Lord of the heavens and earth, thou hast committed that which none before thee hath ever committed!

O Earth! Thou hast perpetrated a deed the like of which no one hath committed before thee, and thou hast committed a sin which none before thee hath wrought, nor hath it occurred to any soul. We beseech God to requite thee for what thou hast done and intended, and thus thou art among those who have never inhaled the fragrances of detachment from the realm of divine unity, and have never entered the city which, by God's power, was spread behind the pavilion of glory. Furthermore, even assuming - God forbid - that Mustafa uttered such words from his tongue of ignorance, how was it proven that it came from this servant? By God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting! If such nonsense were to issue from anyone's lips - and the investigation of this matter did not require such lengthy elaboration, for it could have been determined with but two words. I praise God that while all were occupied in their homes with the desires of self and preservation of wealth and station, we, these servants, in a foreign land and despite the intensity of the enemies, gathered all that had been revealed from God. All was written in the blessed hand, bound, and some were sent to all regions. We preserved it with such hardship that none save God is aware or hath comprehended. One nobility of this land is that it became the site of this supreme honor and greatest station. Yet despite this, instead of rendering assistance or aid, ye have made and continue to make these accusations.

By God! I do not complain of you, for it behooveth you to do as ye have done and attribute what ye have attributed, even as did those before you who warred against God in His Cause, disputed with His chosen ones, contended with His loved ones, argued with His favored ones, denied the grace of those who believed in God, and strove against His path, even as ye have done with all your power and with all ye were capable of, and ye denied the grace which was showered from the clouds of mercy by God's power. By God! At this moment my heart melteth at what ye have done, the lamp before me weepeth, the pen trembleth in my fingers, and the tablet lamenteth in my hand at what thou hast falsely attributed to the servant, and how thou hast not been ashamed before God Who created thee by His command and brought thee forth from the water that was hidden in thy father's loins. And at the end of the epistle he had mentioned that "our belief is that you and His Honor Jim are of the same station, and this we believe," and then he mentioned Moses and Khidr, concealing therein an intention. First, he hath spoken falsely and slandered his own self, and his pen and ink have given him the lie. Say: Thus do your own hands and pens testify against you, if ye but perceive. All his purposes, beliefs, love and hatred became evident from his book. Had he been blessed with the fragrance of love for God and His friends, he would never have deemed it permissible to make such false accusations against His servant. In this scroll he mentioned not one word of truth, nor any expression indicating kindliness. All was but a manifestation of love for His Honor Jim and hatred for God and His friends. Thus have We reckoned all that was from him, and his own hands bear witness to this.

His hands, His ink, and the Pen which God chastised with His finger for what it had improperly written in the kingdom, all bear witness to this, and thus does this Pen testify in this Tablet that it may serve as a warning unto all peoples. Secondly, by God besides Whom there is none other God, this servant hath borne naught but servitude, and hereafter the Command is in the hand of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It would be difficult for anyone to accompany this servant in this station. Nevertheless, good God! In every letter sent to this king from those filled with rancor and hatred, mention is made of proof, saying that so-and-so spoke thus and when we asked for proof, he was unable to produce it. After all, from whom do they seek proof, and for what matter do they demand evidence? If they seek proof of servitude, it hath filled the horizons, and if they seek aught else, I have it not. Say: O ye who turn aside! Even if ye were to soar with the wings of idle fancy from this moment until the Day that hath no end, ye would never reach the atmosphere of this heaven. Therefore, O ye who are filled with rancor, perish in your wrath and in the fire of your own selves. God is well aware of what ye conceal today in your hearts. Say: Have ye forgotten what God counseled you in the Book and in all the Tablets, that should ye find a fire in the Divine Lote-Tree, ye should not extinguish it with the water of your rancor, nor touch it with your idle fancies? Fear God, O people of the Bayan, then be not disdainful of His worship. Ye have cast the counsel of God behind your backs and have not answered the call of God, and ye are of those who believed and then turned away, then increased in their wretchedness while thinking they had attained the countenance of guidance. Nay, rather they are those who have turned away from the beauty of God.

Say: The example of what ye write and send to various regions is like unto those who wrote papers and hung them upon the House to refute the Truth by their words. Woe unto them and unto you for what they did and what ye do today. Say: God upholdeth the truth by His words and nullifieth falsehood by His command, and He rendereth void the deeds of those who have perpetrated calumny and sin, and He

cutteth off the last traces of those who have risen against His servant without proof or evidence. Such hath been His way aforetime, if ye would observe in the horizons of the Cause. Say: O thou who turneth away! Hear My words and transgress not thy bounds. Descend from the ladder of self and passion, then ascend the ladder of equity and contentment, that perchance God may forgive thee and cause thee to enter the shore of His love and grant thee the fruits of detachment and make thee among those who rejoice at the glad tidings of holiness. We bear witness at the end of the Book that He Whom God shall make manifest is the Truth, there is no doubt in Him, and God shall manifest Him at the time of Mustaghath, and then ye shall turn away from Him. By God! Were ye to be in this garment, ye would not believe in Him nor in those whom He would send unto you from His presence, for ye would object to Him and dispute with Him concerning what ye possess, and ye would argue based on what Satan hath cast into your hearts, while He is sanctified above all that. He calleth unto you with the tongue of the unseen: "Verily, there is no God but Me. O people of the Bayan, return ye unto Me!" By God, I then wept at these words to such an extent that none can reckon save God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It is as though I perceived His sorrow and all that would befall Him through your evil surmises. The curse of God be upon those who have wronged and continue to wrong without any proof from God or any beloved Book.

I swear by God that this servant glories in the dust trodden by the blessed feet of that Most Great Luminary, and every tract of earth is beloved unto this servant, for it may become the place whereon that blessed Being walks. The very air hath become the object of this servant's desire, for He doth breathe it, and likewise all the waters of the earth, for He doth drink thereof. I yearn for all existence to become the focus of that Sovereign of the unseen and the seen. How excellent are the words: "My ultimate goal is the ground touched by Her feet, and the throne of Glory is but earth whereon She walks." Yet I know not why such meaningless utterances have flowed from the tongues and mouths of these brutish common folk. Say: Hath God given you permission for this, or do ye forge lies against God? In any case, I have resigned all matters unto Him. Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

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O Qa'in, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! 14 Muharram al-Haram 1304

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

Praise, sanctified from all reality and metaphor, befitteth and beseemeth that Incomparable Lord Who brought forth from the Point the four pillars, wherefrom appeared the east and west and south and north. His helper is the Supreme Pen, and His hosts are whatsoever hath appeared in the Kingdom of Creation. The veils of the world concealed not His Manifestation, nor did the mists of the nations prevent His dawning. The Luminary of His Will hath risen from the horizon of power, and the Sun of His Purpose hath shone forth from the Dayspring of authority. He standeth before the faces of the kings of the world without veil or covering, speaking that which He willeth. The clamor of the regions is as the buzzing of flies, and the tumult of the horizons is as the barking of dogs. The might of Pharaohs deterred Him not from His purpose, nor did the power of tyrants hold Him back from His Will. He accepted the tribulations

of the world for the deliverance of the nations, and bore earthly afflictions for their salvation. In the Tablet to the Sultan He saith:

His word - exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, mighty be His utterance: “It is evident to those endowed with vision and those who gaze toward the Most Great Scene that I, in most of My days, was as a servant sitting beneath a sword suspended by a single hair, not knowing when it would descend upon him - whether it would fall in an instant or after a while. Through all this We give thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and praise Him in every condition. Verily, He is witness over all things.”

The hearts of the Concourse on High are set ablaze by these words, and the hearts of the chaste maidens of the Most Exalted Paradise are stirred by this mention. Not for a moment did He seek to preserve Himself. From the earliest days He was at the mercy of His enemies. Nevertheless, at all times He summoned kings and monarchs, divines and princes, jurists and philosophers and mystics with a clear and manifest Command to the Truth, exalted be His glory, and desired for all eternal life, everlasting rest and perpetual favor. But the smoke mentioned in the Book of God intervened, wherefore eyes were deprived of beholding the signs and ears were prevented from hearkening to the call of the All-Merciful. Man is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered, as to what caused this prevention and what brought about this veiling. Yea, by the Lord of all beings, the cause is but the recompense of deeds. They have forsaken the Sun of Truth and occupied themselves with vain imaginings. They have turned away from the choice sealed wine and clung to mere conjectures. They were worshippers of passion while counting themselves among the people of piety. Glory be to God! How long shall heedlessness endure and how far shall vainglory persist? And likewise in the aforementioned Tablet He saith […]

He, exalted be His proof and mighty His sovereignty, says: The discerning one is not distracted by wealth from contemplating his final end, and the wise one is not held back by riches from turning to the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Where is he who ruled over all upon which the sun did shine, who spent extravagantly and sought novelties in this world and what was created therein? Where is the owner of the dark-hued hosts and the yellow standard? Where is he who ruled in Zawra, and where is he who oppressed in Fay?a? Where are they at whose generosity treasures trembled, and before whose outstretched hands and aspirations the sea withdrew? Where is he whose arm was lengthened in rebellion and whose heart turned away from the All-Merciful? Where is he who sought out pleasures and plucked the fruits of his desires? Where are the ladies of perfection and the possessors of beauty? Where are their swaying branches and their lofty boughs, their towering palaces and their trellised gardens? Where is the softness of their soil, the gentleness of their breeze, the murmur of their waters, the rustling of their winds, the cooing of their doves, and the whisper of their trees?

Until He says - may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation be offered up for His sake: Do people dispute while they themselves witness? Do they deny while they know? I know not in which valley they wander. Do they not see that they depart and return not? Until when will they raid and sojourn, descend and ascend? Has not the time come for those who believe that their hearts should be humbled at the remembrance of God? Blessed is he who has said or will say, “Yea, O my Lord, the time has come,” and detaches himself from all that was, turning to the Lord of all worlds and the King of all possibilities.

Until He says - may the spirit of all who dwell in the dominion of certitude be offered up for His sake: I walk, turning toward the Mighty, the Bestower, while behind me flow the tears. My weeping has intensified until it has soaked my resting place. By God, my grief is not for myself - my head longs for spears in the love of its Lord. I have not passed by any tree but my heart has addressed it saying: "Would that thou wert cut down in my name and my body crucified upon thee in the path of my Lord!" Rather, it is because I see people wandering in their drunkenness, not knowing. They have raised up their desires and put down their God, as though they had taken God's Cause in mockery, diversion and play, thinking they do well and are protected in the fortress of security. The matter is not as they imagine. Tomorrow they shall see what they now deny.

If the ears of the world were in truth to be blessed with hearing these mentioned verses, it would suffice them. They would gain some knowledge of the mention, utterance, detachment and tribulations of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in earth and heaven. They would no longer be saddened by the events of the world. With sanctified heart, penetrating vision and attentive ear, as long as spirit remains, they would be occupied with the mention, praise and service of the Cause of the Lord of Names.

Glorified art Thou, O my Lord, my Creator, my Master, my Support and my King! Thou seest and knowest what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Thou didst create them for Thy knowledge and the service of Thy Cause, yet they have drawn the swords of hatred against Thy face and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Thy Paradise to lament, and the recipients of Thy knowledge and the sources of Thy commandments and ordinances to weep. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to assist Thy loved ones and them that love Thee, and him who hath traversed land and sea, turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and facing Thy horizon until he arrived and appeared before Thy throne, and stood at Thy door, and heard Thy sweetest call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Write down for him and for those who have ascended unto Thee what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have spent what they possessed in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over what Thou pleasest and dominion over what Thou desirest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

And when thy letter, which was adorned with the mention and praise of the Desired One of all worlds, arrived - verily doth praise of the Friend pass over every land like the clouds of spring and the vernal breeze, giving life and bestowing freshness and verdure, conferring joy and renewal - after reading and becoming apprised of it, it sought the summit of inner meanings and was presented before the countenance of the Lord of Names, attaining the honor of His hearing. His word, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names!

O Ahmad! Be thou prepared to hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He desireth to make mention of thee at this hour. The glances of the grace of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have been directed towards thee. He hath confirmed thee in turning unto Him when every learned one turned away, and guided thee to the Path when the people were in manifest doubt. He enabled thee to leave thy home, turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou didst traverse the ways until thou didst arrive and attain His presence and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of the worlds, and didst behold that for which

eyes were created to see and ears to hear His wondrous call. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and be not of them whom sorrows overtake in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. We desire to behold thee content with what We love and accept, and to see thee among the joyous ones. By the life of God! He who hath ascended is, in truth, in an exalted station with thy Lord. He desireth not to return thither. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing. We have sent down mention of him in the Crimson Tablet from My Most Exalted Pen. This is a bounty from Our presence which cannot be equaled by what thou seest today in the hands of men. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-before-Rida, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, and be of them that have attained. Thou hast indeed attained unto My verses, turned towards My horizon, held fast unto My cord, and clung to the hem of the robe of My mercy, which hath preceded all in the heavens and on earth. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee. It is the abode of trials and tribulations, as attesteth He Who created the heavens and the Lord of Names. Soon shall all that is therein perish, and there shall endure that which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of thee before, and at this time. Render thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. Thou didst create me through Thy grace and didst manifest me through Thy bounty and didst enable me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self on a Day whereon most of Thy creation turned away from Thee and violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and disputed Thy signs and denied Thy proof and Thy testimony. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the mystics and the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones, by the breezes of the morn of Thy manifestation and by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause and by the fragrances of Thy days and by Thy verses which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will for Thy servants, to draw me ever closer in all conditions to Thy most exalted horizon and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned towards the lights of Thy countenance and held fast unto the cord of Thy forgiveness and pardon. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the sweet waters of Thy mercy nor to deprive me from the ocean of Thy bounty. Wilt Thou withhold the poor one from the ocean of Thy riches? Wilt Thou keep distant the lowly one from the gardens of Thy nearness? I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory and the banners of Thy signs to ordain for me that which shall accompany me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Educator of all things visible and invisible. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Generous, the Most Bountiful, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering.

Hear in the Persian tongue, O Muhammad-Rida! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Lord of creation thou hast attained unto His signs and His pen, and hast been illumined by the light of His knowledge. Give praise to the Desired One of the world that distance did not prevent thee from His grace - outwardly thou art far but inwardly near. He is the Kind Bestower. The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for this blessed Day, yet heedlessness and pride have prevented all from hearkening to the call of the Speaker on Sinai. They are seen wandering bewildered in the wilderness of ignorance. The recompense of deeds has become manifest and has prevented all save whom God willeth.

And ye have attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. The Cause is in His hands; He guideth whom He willeth to His straight path.

His honor Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God and His grace, hath attained unto that which hath flowed down and been revealed from the Divine Pen in the Book of Inner Meanings. O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory! Know thou the worth of this station. Convey My greetings to the people of God in that land. Say: I swear by the Sun of Utterance which shineth resplendent from the highest horizon of possibility that all are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained His grace. Today is the day of remembrance and praise and the day of service. Deprive not yourselves thereof. Ye are the letters of the words and the words of the Book. Ye are saplings planted by the hand of grace in the earth of mercy and nurtured by the rains of bounty. He hath protected you from the tempests of polytheism and the storms of unbelief, and hath reared you with hands of loving-kindness. Now is the time for fruits and leaves, and the fruits of the tree of man have ever been pure deeds and praiseworthy character. Withhold not these fruits from the heedless. Impart them with fragrance and joy, with wisdom and utterance. If they accept, the purpose is achieved and life is manifest; if not, leave them to their vain imaginings.

O people of God! Strive that perchance the hearts of the diverse peoples of the world may be cleansed from rancor and hatred through the waters of your forbearance and loving-kindness, and become worthy and receptive to the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. We convey greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of the dawning lights of God's grace. O friends! Know ye the value of these days which will soon come to an end. At all times loving counsels have flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Blessed are they who have hearkened and acted, whom neither doubts nor manifestations nor various colors of these two days have prevented from the straight path and the mighty announcement. O people of God! Upon you be the glory of God and His grace, and the mercy of God and His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

Praise be to God! The Sun of generosity has risen and the Light of bounty is manifest. Such is the grace that it has encompassed the world. Glory be to God! This servant is astonished as to what cause and reason has prevented and deprived the servants from the eternal bounty and infinite mercy. This evanescent servant begs and hopes that the True One, exalted be His glory, will not deprive His servants and will adorn them with the ornament of awareness, that all may not be deprived of its existence and fruit. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is none other God but Him, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant is truly abashed in one respect, as the reply has been much delayed. Apart from this, for some time certain blessed Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will, mentioning all, both living and dead. However, due to certain matters, their dispatch was also delayed, and this servant's excuse has been and is acceptable to all, as in His presence I am occupied with the transcription of verses, as well as replying to letters from various quarters. If time were to be justly divided, you have received your share. Praise be to God! The grace and favor of the True One towards you and the loved ones of that land has been and is beyond measure. Praise be to Him! Thanks be to Him! Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

Regarding the mention made of the loved ones and friends, and the request for divine Tablets especially for them, previously some Tablets were revealed specially for some, and for others their mention has now been revealed in this servant's letter from the heaven of Will. God willing, may all attain and drink from the ocean of His bounty. Mention was made of Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. After being submitted to the Most Holy Court, these verses shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace. His mighty utterance and exalted proof states:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Muhammad! The Day has come yet the people perceive not, and the All-Bestowing has come riding upon the clouds to His destination, yet most people know not. The One Who conversed on Sinai has established Himself upon the throne of Revelation, and the Dove of Utterance has warbled upon the highest branches. The Promise has come to pass and God has come with manifest sovereignty. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. Among the people are those who have turned towards, and those who have turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks to thy Lord for this most great favor. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in the prison of 'Akka and reminded me through the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned towards Thee, turning away from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee by the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Then forgive me, O my God, through Thy grace and generosity. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Lord! Deprive not Thy servant of Thy sealed wine and Thy ordained Command. Assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee amongst Thy servants with spirit and fragrance. Verily Thou art my Goal and the Goal of all who are in the realm of possibility. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for Aqa Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. The Lord, exalted and sanctified is He, says:

In My Name, the Wronged One, in the Most Great Prison […]

O My beloved who hath remembered Me! We have remembered thee with such a remembrance from which the near ones inhale the fragrances of the verses of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Husayn! Hear the Call from the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing, upon the luminous spot: verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. We created the servants to hearken unto My Call and to behold My horizon, but when I manifested Myself they denied and turned away, except those whom God saved through His sovereignty that prevaileth over all things small and great. Thou didst desire to attain My presence and to stand before the gate of My mercy and to behold My most exalted horizon and to hearken unto the scratching of My Most Glorious Pen. Know thou with the eye of certainty that the Wronged One loveth the presence of His friends and loved ones, but the idolaters prevented and came between Me and My loved ones. Thus did their souls seduce them, and they are today accounted among the oppressors in My perspicuous Book. Grieve thou not. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy power and the Repository of Thy mysteries on a day wherein most of Thy servants have denied Thy proof

and Thy testimony and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the sun of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! I am he who hath acknowledged Thy oneness. I testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of Thy servants and exalted beyond the recognition of Thy creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of all names have trembled and the hearts of the learned and the mystics have been perturbed, to aid me in Thy remembrance where neither kings nor subjects can hinder me. I testify, O my God, to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, and to Thy power and Thy might. Thou art He Who hath created all beings with a word from Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones, whom Thou hast made the emblems of Thy guidance among Thy servants and the banners of Thy remembrance unto all in Thy lands, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attainment unto Thy presence, O Lord of all beings and King of the hereafter and the former times. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. And praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Ultimate Goal of them that have known Thee.

And this was revealed for Jinab Mirza Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, who attained unto the transcription of the verses:

He Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon!

O Baqir! Be thou ready to hearken unto the Call of thy Lord. He mentioneth thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, the Station whereon the Ancient King hath established Himself upon His mighty throne. Beware lest the clamor of men prevent thee from the Lord of Destiny, or the veils of the heedless ones who, when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, placed their fingers in their ears, and when the Lord of all beings approached them, turned away and uttered that which caused the dwellers of the cities of inner meanings and utterance to lament. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness unto this in this luminous spot. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. This is the Day wherein the ocean of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibility and the dove of proof hath warbled upon the branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is the speaker who hath spoken in praise of his Lord, and the ear that hath attained unto the hearing of His Call, and the eye that hath beheld His traces, and the hand that hath taken hold of His Book, and the pen that hath attained unto the transcription of His verses, and the heart that hath been adorned with the light of His knowledge, and the foot that hath hastened unto His straight Path. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of grace and held fast unto His firm cord.

This was revealed for Jinab Sadr, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the All-Prevailing over all names […]

Hear the call of the Lord of Creation! He has come with the signs of signs from the dawning place of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Powerful. Verily He attracts thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein was raised the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and wherein the Tongue of Grandeur spoke while seated upon the Throne of Divine Evidence. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto Him, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

The Promise hath come, the Promised One hath appeared, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been made manifest. He hath stood before the faces of all mankind and called all unto the One, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who heard and turned unto Him; among them are those who heard and turned away; among them are those who drew nigh, took and drank, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!"; among them are those who hesitated; among them are those who [wavered]; and among them are those who pronounced that which caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not the desires of those who denied God's proof and evidence, and turned away from a Face before which the Holy Spirit bowed down in adoration. We have remembered thee with that which nothing in existence can equal. When thou hearest My mention and perceivest the fragrance of Mine utterance, arise amongst My servants with wisdom and utterance, and say: O people of all possibilities! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with such sovereignty that all who are in the heavens and earth cannot withstand it. Fear God, O people, and deny not Him Who hath brought you the kingdom of verses and from Whose Pen hath flowed the river of meanings and utterance. Arise from the slumber of vain desire, hastening unto the Lord of all mankind. Thus doth the Mother Book command you, a command from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Be thou articulate amongst My servants and mention that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Mine utterance, that the verses of thy Lord may attract them and draw them nigh unto a station wherein naught is seen save the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware lest the might of the world hold thee back from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity, or the doubts of the divines from the Possessor of all Names. Arise in My Name to serve My Cause. Thy Lord will aid thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

We have caused thee to hear the eloquent tongue; We now desire to cause thee to hear the clear Persian tongue: The entire world was brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of the Intended One. When the Finger of Will rent asunder the veils and the effulgences of the lights of manifestation shone forth from the horizon of will, all were seen to be deniers and rejecters save whom God willed. Glory be to God! On the Day of Retribution the Shi'ih sect was seen to be the most lost among the sects of the world. They committed that which no oppressor had ever committed. In the early years they all arose in opposition, and later pronounced the death sentence upon His most pure blood. Reflection upon the deeds of that sect and their actions before and after is necessary. For years they clung to the idols of names and occupied themselves with cursing one another from the pulpits, while in their own estimation they considered themselves the most learned and exalted of nations. Yet when the Sun of Divine Testing shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom of the Goal of all the worlds, all returned to hell-fire. Now too the deniers of the Bayan are occupied with forming a sect similar to the Shi'ih sect. Say: This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. You must soar in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful's love with the two wings of trust in God and detachment.

O Ali! We have mentioned thee in a manner that all the remembrances of the world cannot equal it, and We make mention of thee at this moment with a Word at whose revelation all signs have bowed down in

submission. We desire to make thee hear My verses, to manifest unto thee My clear tokens, and to impart unto thee that which will draw thee to the horizon of My loving-kindness. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken forth in this Station which God hath made the Most Exalted Station.

Hearken unto My call, arise amidst My servants, remind them of My verses, and illumine their hearts with the light of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of creation. Say: O people of God! This Day is your day. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and follow not those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and have committed that which hath caused hearts to melt.

Say: The gates of heaven have been flung open, the ocean of bounty hath surged before the faces of all the world, and the Sun of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. Fear ye God, and follow not every heedless doubter. Beware lest the ornaments of the world hold you back from the Lord of all mankind, or the might of the oppressors debar you from the Lord of all religions. Cast behind you vain imaginings, then advance with radiant faces unto the station wherein the atoms proclaim: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all lords!

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book and the stars of the heaven of Thy utterance, and by Thy Command wherewith Thou hast subdued Thy lands and Thy servants, to make me steadfast in Thy service in such wise that neither shall the ornaments of the world withhold me from turning unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, nor shall the clamor of nations frighten me, nor shall their might and power and dominion weaken me. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

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O Abdul-Karim! We have desired to make mention of thee and to gladden thee with the bestowals of God, the Mighty, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Verily He remembereth His loved ones at eventide and at dawn, through the nights and days. Is there any with sight to behold the traces of My Most Exalted Pen? Is there any with ears to hear My Most Sweet Call? Is there any with strength whom the people of error cannot prevent from turning to the Self-Subsisting, the Most High? We have manifested the Cause with a sovereignty before which no sovereignty can stand, and We have called the kings and their subjects to the Dayspring of Light. Neither the might of the oppressors nor the wrath of the tyrants deterred Us. We stood before all faces and proclaimed: O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come from the horizon of power with the banners of signs. We counsel thee and those who have believed to perform such deeds as would attract the hearts of men, and to manifest such character as would illumine the horizons. We counsel you to fear God, which We have made the lord of all deeds. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it, and woe unto every denying infidel. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken in His Most Great Prison, as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon the people of Baha who were not prevented by the turning away of the heedless from turning unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

This was revealed for his honor ’Amm-’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Rida! We have made mention of thy father who attained My presence, stood before My face, and heard My call, and We mentioned him at the beginning of My utterance, and We desired to make mention of his brother who was named ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar that he might rejoice in My remembrance of him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He maketh mention of whomsoever He willeth as a command from His presence. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having turned unto My Cause when My servants and My creatures who used to remember Me at eventide and at dawn turned away from it. Hearken unto My call from the kingdom of My utterance. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto the heaven of My mercy and the sun of My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the earths and heavens. Take heed lest anything grieve thee in the Cause of God, the Lord of all men. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast unto the cord of the bounty of thy Lord, the Creator of all possibility. When thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call, say:

My God, my God! Thy verses have attracted me, Thy clear proofs have stirred me, Thy separation hath consumed me, Thy remoteness hath killed me, and Thy distance hath destroyed me. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Lord of eternity, by the Kawthar of Thy bounty and the Salsabil of Thy grace and the choice wine of Thy knowledge, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and speaking Thy praise and glorification. Alas, alas, O Lord of all being! Alas, alas, O Lord of the throne on high and of earth below! How can I see myself at home while I hear Thy call from the direction of the prison? By Thy glory, O my Best-Beloved and my Hope! Joy and gladness have been cut off at the mention of Thy tribulations among Thy servants and Thy afflictions among Thy creatures. By Thy glory! Thy sorrow hath made the days of the sincere ones like darkest night and their life like a terrible calamity and a destroying affliction. I know not, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, what Thou hast ordained for Thy servant who hath laid hold on Thy cord and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. Hast Thou ordained for him, O my God, what he desired from the ocean of Thy grace and the sun of Thy generosity, or hath Thy Most Exalted Pen been stayed in this? If the manifestations of Thy will and the modes of Thy purpose have prevented it, then ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of meeting Thee and attaining Thy presence before Thy throne. Then write for him, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, the best of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for his son Muhammad, upon them both be the glory of God.

In the Name of the Peerless Friend.

Today the Sun of utterance is rising and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful’s loving-kindness. Grace exists and mercy is evident. Verses are being revealed and clear proofs are manifest. Blessed is the soul that has attained thereunto and whom neither the perishable things of the world nor the lash of the wrath of rulers has kept back from the Lord of all beings. He is not content with the two fleeting days of earthly life, for his gaze is fixed upon the Most Great Horizon and he seeks the Kingdom of the Lord of mankind’s grace. Neither veils prevent him nor coverings intervene. O Muhammad, strive that perchance thou mayest achieve a deed whose mention shall endure in God’s

Book throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. Ye are all remembered in the Most Holy Court and have attained His grace. Beseech God that He may assist you to preserve what He hath bestowed. This Day hath been mentioned in the Books and Scriptures as the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to His recognition and beheld itself detached from all else but God. Glory be to God! The Most Great Book is manifest before the eyes of the peoples, yet they remain occupied with this and that, and deprived of it. Say: It is not befitting to mention that which is created in the presence of the Ancient. Cast aside and take up - cast aside that which is with the people and take up that which hath come from God and is the cause of eternal life and everlasting remembrance. Praise be to the Lord of the world Who hath caused thee to attain unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister. Remember them both on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and convey unto them a command from My presence, and I am verily the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The ocean of mercy is surging, the heaven of grace is adorned with the stars of bounty. Each of those mentioned hath attained unto wondrous and sublime grace. May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice unto His bounty and His loving-kindness.

And likewise especially for the honored mother of that one and the honored wife and the light of the eyes - upon them be the Glory of God. These verses have been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of all beings. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad-Rida! We make mention of thy mother who hath believed and turned towards Me and attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen in this noble station. Verily My remembrance is a light that shall accompany her in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is she and blessed is every maidservant who hath inhaled the fragrance of the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of thy Lord's grace. We have remembered every servant who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and every maidservant who hath attained unto the days of her Lord, her Creator, her Fashioner and her Supporter. Blessed be he and she and whoso hath held fast unto My firm cord. And We make mention of My servant and Habibullah. The Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned towards them both on this night and hath revealed for them that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of My loving-kindness and the sweet scent of My luminous garment. O kindred of Ahmad! The Wronged One comforteth you and consoleth you. All that is in the world cannot equal this. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for this great bounty. Exchange your sorrows for the joy of My remembrance and My manifestation. By My life! Whoso hath inhaled the fragrance of My loving-kindness and attained unto the trace of My Pen, it behooveth him to cast aside all that is possible, rejoicing in what is with his Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken out of love for His loved ones. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

From the attraction of the divine verses the world is filled with joy. All things at this moment are manifest and evident with the greatest gladness. Through God's manifestation a new life hath been breathed into all things. The pen and ink are powerless to describe it. To this beareth witness our Lord, the Commander, the All-Informed.

As to their mention of the arrival of the Divine Tablets and likewise the joy of all at these resplendent verses, praise be to God, the gaze of favor hath repeatedly turned in that direction. Again mention of each one hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur - blessed and happy are ye! The mention of another brother hath in this hour flowed and been revealed from the Pen of the Lord of Destiny. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Husayn, who ascended unto the Supreme Companion in the days of his Lord, the Lord of all beings. Say: Light be upon thee and glory be upon thee, O thou who hast attained unto the most exalted station through thy mention flowing from the tongue of thy Lord on this darksome night. I testify that thou hast attained unto My mercy which hath preceded all and My favor which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth. We beseech God to send down upon thee at every moment a mercy from His presence, a blessing from His side, and a table spread from His direction. Verily He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

Praise be to God, especially for him hath been revealed that which in this hour is a fresh mercy and a boundless blessing descended from the heaven of generosity upon him. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. Nothing escapeth His knowledge and the events of the world and the opposition of the nations cannot prevent His outpouring. He hath ordained and will ordain for His loved ones that which none hath comprehended save His Own Self, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And likewise mention was made of that honored brother, His Honor ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God. The gaze of grace turned toward him and these verses were revealed from the heaven of utterance. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

In My Name, the All-Knowing

O ’Ali! All the peoples of the world have been and are awaiting the manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory. How many edifices have been raised in His name and how many souls have been occupied with His remembrance and praise throughout the nights and days. Yet when the door of meeting was opened and the sea of reunion surged and the Promised Countenance appeared, all were prevented save whom thy Lord willed. And thou art adorned with His love and illumined with the light of His recognition. Give thanks that the Purpose of all the worlds assisted thee and aided thee until thou didst attain unto this most exalted station. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Powerful.

They made mention of the loved ones of Sarchah. Each one attained unto that which hath been and shall be peerless. The world and its ornaments cannot compare with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto - such a one shall be distinguished from all others in all the divine worlds. Exalted is God, our Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne and the Lord of the exalted seat.

This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, for him who was named His Honor Haji-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

O Baqir! The Promised One hath come yet the people know not, and the Hidden One hath appeared yet most of the people perceive not. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty. The earth hath shone with the light of her Lord. Blessed is he who hath attained unto Him and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. The servant present hath brought a leaf whereon was thy name. We have mentioned thee as a favor from Us that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mulla Ghulam-Rida! The Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee with that which shall draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Forgiving. We have sent down the Book, yet the people understand not. We have revealed clear proofs, yet most of the people see them not. They have followed their vain desires and cast the command of their Lord behind their backs. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they remain this day in ignorance. Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Protector over what hath been and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath attained in this Day unto a word from His presence. Woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. The Most Great Ocean hath surged before the faces of the world, as attesteth He Who proclaimeth in every matter that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Lord of all existence.

We make mention of him who was named Aqa Baba and remind him of Our verses and give him the glad-tidings of Our favors, that he may speak amongst the servants in praise of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord, steadfast in service to His Cause, and hold fast unto His firm cord. Beware lest the cawing of the divines who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, deter thee. And beware lest the might of the oppressors frighten thee. Say: By God! He Who was hidden hath appeared and He Who was promised hath come. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day whereon your Lord calleth you and summoneth you to the horizon of His Cause, if ye be of them that know. Say: Adorn your hearts with the ornament of the fear of God and your heads with the crown of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Informed. Thus hath the fragrance of utterance wafted throughout all possibility and the ocean of knowledge surged. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto the Most Great Name. He is indeed of the people of this glorious station.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Husayn that he may remember his Lord and be of the thankful ones. Hear the call from the Ultimate Lote-Tree raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day whereon He Who conversed with God is established upon the throne of Revelation, and the Point of the Bayan calleth out from the right hand of the Throne: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come from the horizon of power, whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. Say: Beware lest the doubts of men debar you from the Most Great Scene, or the veils of them who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment conceal you. This is the Day whereon the earth hath revealed her treasures, and the seas their pearls, and the heavens their suns and moons. Behold, and be not of them that deny. Say: Do ye know Who calleth unto you, and do ye recognize Who maketh mention of you from His mighty Prison? By God! Were they to know, they would cast away all else, turning with their hearts unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Their vain desires have prevented them from turning to the lights of the Countenance. They are indeed among the most lost ones in My wondrous Book. When

thou dost inhale the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know Thee!

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who have turned away from the All-Merciful and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, and them who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. When thou art intoxicated with the wine of Mine utterance and attracted by the breezes of Mine exposition, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and guided me to Thy path, O Lord of all worlds, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and the crimson of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and shown me Thy greatest signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause before which all creation hath bowed down, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all things, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, to remember Thee amongst Thy servants, and to arise to serve Thee. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by them who have soared on the wings of longing in the atmosphere of Thy love and have spent all they possessed in Thy path, to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy loved ones the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Mulla Ahmad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord and be of them that have spoken in His remembrance and praise and have arisen to serve His mighty and wise Cause. Thou wert mentioned before the Face aforetime, and at this hour I give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty. Remember My servants on My behalf. Say: Fear ye God and be not of the losers. We counsel all in the world to trustworthiness and godliness and that whereby their stations may be exalted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Counsellor. O My loved ones! Aid Me through deeds and goodly character. Soon shall pass away what ye possess and what the kings possess, and there shall endure for you what hath been sent down from My Most Sweet Pen. To this testifieth every seeing sage. The earth and heaven have been illumined with the lights of the Face, yet most of the people are wrapped in thick veils. When thou drinkest the choice wine of revelation and art seized by the rapture of the Cause, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of the Luminary of Thy utterance and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst adorn the unseen with the ornament of being, and didst manifest the gift of Thy knowledge, and didst send down the table of Thy utterance, to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thy most exalted horizon and to hearken unto the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Thou art He through Whose grace all things exist and through Whose loving-kindness all created things have been brought into being. Withhold not the people of Thy kingdom from the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness, nor from the Salsabil of Thy revelation, the Tasnim of Thy inspiration, and the Kawthar of Thy nearness. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and in Whose grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Forgive me and those with me, and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and have done that which they were bidden in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We make mention at this hour of one of Our servants who was named Abdu'l-Ali in the Book of Names, and We give him glad tidings of the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, and I am verily the All-Knowing, Compassionate Rememberer. This is a day wherein the Balance crieth out before the Face saying: I am the All-Wise Distinguisher, and the Path speaketh, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of inner meanings from the cup of thy Lord's bounteous favor. When thou art stirred by thy Lord's verses and perceivest the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest the ignorant seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, the hopeful the heaven of Thy bounty, and the seeker the seat of Thy throne. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy clear tokens that have encompassed earth and heaven, and by those who have attained unto the lights of the Luminary of Thy leave and have hastened to the most exalted Summit and the ultimate Goal, until they stood before the gate of Thy grandeur and appeared before the throne of Thy manifestation and heard Thy call and drank the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of Thy grace, that Thou write down for me what Thou hast written for them, by Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things. Thou art He Whom neither disobedience can deter from the rain-showers of the heaven of Thy bounty, nor can sins withhold from the wonders of Thy favor and bestowals. Thou hast ever been supreme and transcendent over all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan, that he may inhale the sweet fragrance of his Lord's verses and be of them that attain. We have heard thy call and have answered thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. From the precincts of the Prison there hath been revealed for thee that which all the fruits and mysteries of the earth cannot equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the clamor of the divines debar thee from the Lord of all mankind. Cast away what they possess and take hold of that which thou hast been bidden by God, the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Invincible, the Ancient of Days. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and have pronounced judgment against Him unjustly. The Tablet and the Pen lament this, as thy Lord, the Single One, the All-Informed, doth testify.

When thou art gladdened by the Greatest Joy through the verses of thy Lord, the Sovereign of Destiny, say: My God, my God! My heart hath turned toward Thee, my face is set towards the lights of Thy countenance, mine eyes are fixed upon Thy horizon, and my tongue uttereth Thy praise. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, by the mysteries Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Command, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy generosity and munificence that which shall accompany me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

O Ustad 'Ali! The Lord of Destiny hath turned toward thee from His Most Sublime Vision, and remembereth thee with that which shall endure through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and Supreme Attributes. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the signs of God, and woe betide every sinful impostor. The Day of God hath come, wherein none is mentioned save Him. Blessed is every one possessed of true knowledge who hath recognized and attained, and woe to them that deny! The Concourse of the Bayan have turned away from Us and opposed Us without any clear proof or

illuminating Book. They have denied God's favor after its revelation and rejected this manifest grace. Hold thou fast unto My cord and cling to the hem of My mantle, and celebrate My praise amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Darvish 'Ali-Qabl-i-Asghar! The Day hath come, and the people are perishing save whom God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, willeth. This is the Day wherein the Light proclaimeth and saith: The Lord of all mankind hath come - He Who was treasured in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Object of them that have known Him. By God! From the Pen of the All-Merciful hath flowed the Living Waters. Blessed is he who hath turned thereunto and drunk therefrom, and woe to the idolaters who have cast God behind their backs, clinging to what they possess of the promptings of Satan. Blessed is the strong one whom the tyranny of the divines hath not weakened, and the seeing one whom the veils of the wayward have not hindered. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the Messengers, for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison. I testify that Thou art the Sovereign of the kingdom of grace and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to aid me to act in accordance with what Thou hast revealed from the heaven of Thy wondrous utterance.

The ocean surged and the grace of God, exalted be His glory, appeared at its utmost zenith. Especially for each of the friends mentioned did the ocean of utterance appear and the Clear Book was revealed. I beseech God that they may be enabled to read it and succeed in serving His Cause. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Choosing.

On the first day when the Ancient Beauty was seated upon the Most Great Throne in the garden named Ridvan, the tongue of grandeur spoke three verses: First, that the sword is abolished in this Revelation; second, that before the completion of a thousand years, whosoever makes a claim is false, and the year is a complete year - interpretation and explanation of this verse are forbidden; and third, that God, exalted be His glory, at that moment shed the radiance of all His names upon all things. This fourth verse was revealed later, but they said this verse stands at the same level as those three: that whosoever is mentioned before His presence, whether living or dead, shall attain unto the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. Blessed are they that attain!

Mention was made of Mulla Muhammad-'Ali-i-Tabib, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before Him, a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed especially for him and sent, that his eyes might be solaced by beholding the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds. His gift of barberry bushes arrived in the garden. His reward is with God. The deeds of this day are regarded as the most excellent of deeds before God. Blessed is he who attains! This servant beseeches his Lord to aid His servants to do what He loves and is pleased with, and not to deprive them of the outpourings of His days. Verily, He has power over all things.

Mention was made of Muhammad-Quli Khan, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], who also took the initiative in sending pomegranate saplings. Well done to him! His mention was honored to be heard in the presence. His blessed and exalted Word:

I am the Hearer, the Answerer.

We have mentioned every name that was present in the Most Great Prison. My mention is a heavenly feast, an enduring bounty, and a preserved treasure. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe to every heedless doubter. Blessed art thou, for the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee in such wise that thy name shall endure as long as the names of God, the Lord of lords, endure. Be thou vocal in the praise of thy Lord and steadfast in serving His Cause amongst the people. We created the world for My knowledge and service, yet when I manifested Myself, most of the servants turned away. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call and the face that hath turned toward God, the Lord of all who dwell on earth. When thou hast attained unto the proof of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me turn to Thee when most of creation turned away from Thee, and thanks be to Thee for having guided me to Thy path when most of Thy creatures were heedless of it. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the tabernacle of Thy majesty and the places which Thou hast made the seat of Thy throne, and by the lands honored by Thy footsteps and the cities wherein Thy call was raised, and by Thy Most Great Prison, to assist me in all conditions to do what befits Thy days and is worthy of Thy Manifestation. O Lord! I am the hopeful one and Thou art the Bestower; I am the supplicant and Thou art the Generous One. Ordain for me in all the worlds of Thy worlds that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant also beseeches God to decree for him the good of this world and the next. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Mention had been made of the spiritual kinsman Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, son of his eminence the exalted one whom the Concourse on High visit. This servant wished to conclude the letter with his name. Praise be to God, they turned to Him and attained unto the Purpose of all the worlds. They saw and heard and repeatedly made mention of the friends of that land and its surroundings. Likewise, they sent to the Most Holy Court a page containing the names of the friends, and each one was made the recipient of divine verses. However, due to the abundance of writing, that which was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur concerning those souls was not sent. Nevertheless, this servant bears witness that they attained unto that which is peerless. In any case, after the mention of their names in the Most Holy Court, these words were revealed from the Tongue of the Purpose of all the worlds, exalted be His utterance: “Verily, I am He Who speaketh from Mine All-Highest Horizon.”

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast turned to the grace of God and attained unto thy heart’s desire. Preserve thou whatsoever thou didst hear from the tongue of grandeur whilst in His presence, and give thou glad-tidings of His special favours to the loved ones in that land. Say: O people of God! This is the Day of remembrance and praise and the Day of service. Deprive not yourselves thereof. It behooveth you to be set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree - a blaze such as would consume the newly-arisen lassitude born of excess moisture from the realm of possibility, that all may turn unto the horizon of the All-Merciful and attain unto that which is befitting. Say: Know ye the value of this Day. This is the Lord of all days, and deeds performed therein are the lord of all deeds. Praise be to God! Ye are illumined by the lights of the morn of His Revelation and have attained unto the recognition of your Purpose. Know ye the sacredness of this most great station and recognize its worth. That which hath befallen you in the path of

God hath caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to weep, and mention thereof hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Holy Book. Preserve ye this exalted station in the name of God, the Lord of Glory. Erelong shall the fruits of your deeds, as well as their effects, become manifest in the earth. I swear by the light of divine proof that shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the heaven of the prison: if anyone should draw but a single breath for the sake of God in these days, that breath shall be recorded and preserved with God. Were ye to discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto your purpose, ye would hear from all your limbs and members, nay from every hair, the cry "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Beseech ye God to aid you in such wise that the conditions of the world and all that the nations possess may not withhold you from the truth. Drink ye with utmost joy and assurance from the cup of the love of Him Who is the Goal of all beings. Soon shall all that ye behold today perish, and there shall endure for you this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the Day-Star of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O people of God! Ahmad, upon him be My glory, hath attained the presence of God. We testify that he hath attained Our presence, and hath heard, and hath seen, and hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, and hath attained unto that which none among the peoples of the world have attained, save them whom God, the Lord of creation, hath willed. He made mention of the loved ones of that land, and each one hath attained unto that which the pens of the world are powerless to recount. Blessed are they, and theirs is a goodly resort. It behooveth all to be mindful of the kindred of the honored, accepted, and forgiven one, upon whom be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Tongue of the Ancient of Days hath spoken, after his ascension, that which hath caused the sweet savors of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all creation. Blessed is he who remembereth him in the manner spoken by the Most Exalted Pen. He is indeed of the people of Baha in My mighty Book. Glory be upon him and upon you, and upon those whom the clamor of the idolaters hath not deterred from turning unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God! The light of loving-kindness hath appeared, and the river of mercy floweth, and the lamp of bounty shineth, and the sun of generosity beameth forth. There hath been sent down that whereof every letter is a manifest book and a wondrous bounty. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to him and to the kindred of His Holiness the Exalted One, upon whom be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and asketh from God, exalted be His glory, that which endureth and abideth. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Compassionate, the All-Generous. Moreover, these manifest verses have been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, specifically for the handmaidens of God in that land, upon them be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word […]

O My handmaidens and My leaves! Upon you be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! Praise be to God that ye have attained unto that which the learned and the wise have been deprived of, save whom God willeth. I swear by the light of utterance which shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom that all the world and its ornaments cannot be compared with the blessed word "O My handmaiden" which hath been revealed concerning one of the handmaidens. The men of the earth are deprived, while ye are the recipients of divine favor. Know ye the value of this station and occupy yourselves with praise and thanksgiving to the Goal of the worlds. Most of the people of the world, be they kings or subjects, men or women, have been seized with heedlessness. Ere long they shall

return to their stations. The grace of God hath assisted you, His bounty hath guided you, and His visible and invisible aid hath supported you, until ye have attained and become the recipients of this most great favor, this supreme blessing and this mighty gift. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon My handmaidens in the cities and lands.

If, in truth, the ears of the servants were to turn to the Kingdom of utterance of the Lord of creation and become recipients of hearing, all would attain to the recognition of the Purpose, Who is the purpose of creation. The ocean of mercy surgeth for all, yet it is contingent upon these words: "The most honored among you in the sight of God is the most righteous." This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to the honored ladies, the leaves, the chaste ones and the devoted ones of that land, and beseecheth confirmation for all. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon the steadfast and firm servants of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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This is the Surih of Counsel for whosoever seeketh counsel from God, the All-Powerful, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth unto the Prophets and Messengers, and Who now sendeth them down according to how people act in the religion of God. Therein is that which informeth them of the path of God, and wherein He hath detailed all things as guidance and a reminder for those who, by God's leave, shall enter the Paradise of the All-Highest, and He guideth them along the ways of deliverance and bringeth them unto the holy shore in the presence of God, the All-Protecting, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Letter Jim! Hear what the Dove of the Cause imparts unto thee in these days wherein the people of hatred and unbelief have gathered against Him without leave or authority from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. They desire to expel Him from the land even as they expelled Him before. Thus do We impart unto thee from the mysteries of the Cause, if ye be of them that are informed of the mysteries in the days of God.

Know thou that We have remembered thee before and now remember thee with verses that cut off the spirits of them that have disbelieved, yet give life to the unitarians who soar in the atmosphere of nearness and remember God with their inner and outer tongues. These are they who are nourished by the fruits of the Tree of the Spirit at all times, who think not evil of God, who speak not except by His leave - He the Supreme, the Holy - and when questioned about anything, speak not save after His permission. This is how We teach thee the ways of righteousness, that perchance the people may remember in the days of their Lord.

We have sent no Messenger except with clear signs, yet all were mocked by them. Among them was Adam, whom We sent with truth and settled in the heart of Paradise, in a valley unreached by those near unto God. We taught him all names and showed him the mysteries of the Cause, then sheltered him in the shade of the Tree of Paradise, if ye but knew. We commanded him to eat of all that his soul desired, yet forbade him the Tree of the Spirit - this is a hidden mystery concealed. This Tree sprang from the pure Spirit, and none should approach it save God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Manifest.

When We found his desire thinner than a hair, We caused him to descend from Paradise and placed him on earth among those who traverse its paths. Then We informed him of a matter and awakened him to what he had done. Thereupon he lamented within himself for seventy thousand years, then fell prostrate upon the dust for seventy thousand years. Then he raised his head and cried: "Glory be unto Thee! There is no God but Thee. Have mercy upon me and take me not to task for what my hands have wrought. Verily Thou art the Forgiver of all things, the Merciful, the Mighty, the Feared. Forgive me, O my Beloved, for what I did before Thee, for Thou didst settle me in a station sanctified from all save Thee, yet I occupied myself with my own desires and grew heedless of Thy remembrance. Turn unto me through Thy grace and mercy, for Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen."

Then We sent down upon him the rains of mercy, cleansed him with the tears of his eyes, purified him from all defilement, and made him of those who soar in the holy atmosphere. Thereafter We chose him in truth, made him a Prophet, and sent him to those who dwelt on earth to command them to justice and forbid them from oppression. This is what hath been inscribed by the Pen of Glory on hidden tablets of glory.

He said: "O people! I am God's servant. God hath chosen me for His Cause and made me a sign from Him unto you, if ye would but know. Fear God, O people of the earth, and spread not corruption therein. Seek grace from God, the Supreme, the Beloved. Take none as your protector save Him, and commit not in your own land what God hath forbidden you through the tongue of His chosen one, that perchance ye may be gathered before God on the Day of Resurrection." Yet they turned away from him […]

Do not commit in your land what God hath forbidden you through the tongue of His chosen one, that ye may be gathered before God on the Day of Resurrection. Yet they turned away from Him, rejected His signs, and said: "We shall not follow thee unless thou bringest us another sign." Thus did they turn away from Him and were among those who were dead within their own veils. Then after Him We chose His son and made him a sign from Us, and sent him to his people that men might turn their faces toward the countenance of God. But when he came to them with clear signs, they turned away from him and were of those who in all eternity had turned away from the Beauty's face. And when days had passed and nights had gone by, We sent Noah with truth and clothed him in the garment of the Spirit, making him a sign for those who desired to be guided. But when he came to them with Paran of fire and lights of the Spirit, they turned away from him, ascribed partners to God, the Supreme, the Beloved, and said: "Thou art not sent, nor hast thou been guided by God's lights. Rather, thou art of those who lie upon the earth, and thou art naught but a deceiving impostor." They sought to slay him, but We preserved him from those who would ascribe partners to God. When matters grew severe for him, he performed ablutions with holy waters and sat before God in beloved humility, desiring to call down affliction upon them. Then We

sent down to him the angels of heaven that he might be among those who show mercy, and they descended upon him and said: “O Noah, deal not with them as they have dealt with thee. Have mercy upon them and take them not to task for their rebellion, for they are weak upon the earth and poor in the kingdom, possessing neither death nor life nor resurrection for themselves. Be patient in God’s Cause, for He shall fully reward those who are patient and who trust in their Lord. This is the first affliction to descend upon the earth, so be patient with their tyranny and persecution. God shall reward thee with the recompense of those who are patient in His good-pleasure.” And Noah arose from his place and desisted from what he had intended. Thereafter he called them unto God, the Supreme, the Beloved. Thus did Our mercy precede all things and Our grace encompass all who are in the heavens and earth, would ye but ponder the mysteries of the Cause. Years passed in succession, yet his people were not guided by God’s guidance and were of those who in all eternity were not to be guided. The melodies of God moved them not, but only increased them in rebellion and unbelief, until Noah despaired of them and desired to call down affliction upon them and render them as scattered dust. Then We sent angels from another heaven who said: “O Noah, be not the first cause of earth’s affliction. Have mercy upon God’s servants and overlook them and their misdeeds, that they may be guided by God’s lights and then by His signs.” So be patient in the Cause, then be steadfast, and be as an iron mountain in the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Beloved. And he was patient thereafter until a time and season had passed that none knoweth save God, as honored servants do testify. Yet they believed him not in aught, nor did they arise from the graves of their desires, nor were they gathered after the trumpet was blown, and thus were they veiled within their own shrouds. Then did God call unto him from behind the veils: “None of thy people will believe except those who have already believed.”

And likewise were they veiled in the shadows of their own selves. Then did God call unto him from behind the veils: “None among thy people will believe except those who have already believed, and grieve not for what they do.” When he heard the call of God, his soul was stirred with longing and he raised his hands, saying: “O my Lord! Leave not these people upon the earth.” We answered his prayer and commanded him to build the Ark. When the Ark of the Spirit was completed through the Most Great Word, We said: “O Noah! Embark therein those of thy kindred for whom the decree hath already gone forth, those who excel in the religion of God.” Then did We cause the clouds of wrath to rain down showers of heedlessness, and We drowned all who were on earth save those who were embarked upon the Ark of the Spirit.

Then after him We sent Hud, and made him a prophet unto the East and the West, and strengthened him with a command from Our presence, and made him of those who would enter the Egypt of the Spirit. He said: “O people! Fear God and act not as those before you acted, for verily I fear for you the punishment of an appointed day.” But they denied him and turned away from what had come to them from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, until We seized them for their sin and made them a reminder for those who would remember.

Then after that We sent ?ali?, and We set right his cause and commanded him to bid the servants to pure justice and to remind them of the days of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. He said: “O people! Believe in Him Who created you and sustained you, then caused you to die and gave you life, if ye be men of understanding. Turn not to the world and its ornaments, and fear God and transgress not His bounds.

Have mercy on your own selves and exceed not the command of God, the Protector, the Beloved." They said: "O ?ali?! We will not worship thy God, nor will we follow thee in thy words. Desist from what thou sayest, or we will surely stone thee and slay thee." And thus were they among those who transgressed in the religion of God. ?ali? said: "O people! This is God's she-camel that grazeth in the holy land and giveth you to drink of the milk of wisdom. She will not harm you in aught. Fear God and touch her not with evil intent, nor follow your desires, if ye be men of knowledge." But Satan whispered in their breasts and they rebelled against God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, and persisted in their transgression until they hamstrung the she-camel without cause or guilt. Then did We seize them for their unbelief and for what they had earned.

And after him We sent Abraham with the truth, and chose him from among Our servants, and made him a sign unto those who sought to attain the courts of glory. He said: "O people! Fear ye God and believe in Him, and ascribe not partners unto Him on earth, and be not of those who turn aside from the signs of God. Be not heedless of your own selves, but turn ye unto the realms of the spirit, if ye be endued with perception, that perchance the breaths of holiness may waft over you and guide you to the shore of oneness, and cause you to hearken unto the wisdom of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved." They said: "We shall not follow thee, O Abraham, in thy Cause, nor shall we forsake our gods. Ask thy God to send down upon us that which thou hast promised us." Thus did they speak and mock him every day and at all times. They sought to slay him, as though they had made the signs of God an object of derision, and they opposed the evidences and proofs of God, and were of those who were far removed from the shore of this grace. Until the matter reached such a pass that one of Our servants, in whose breast the fire of unbelief was kindled, and who was among those who were dead in the shrouds of their own selves, gathered the people and said: "I desire to slay Abraham or burn him with the torment of fire." And thus did they plot until they lit the fire of unbelief and seized Abraham and cast him into the fire, cleaving steadfastly to their own idols. Thereupon We made the fire for him coolness and peace and a spirit and a mercy, and thus did We preserve him and thus do We preserve those who show patience in tribulation.

Then after that We sent forth Moses with signs of a Glorious Beloved and clear proofs of an irrevocable Command, and We brought him to the sacred shore in the Spot of Paradise, and We sheltered him on the Sinai of the Command and the Horeb of the Spirit. Then We called unto him from behind seventy thousand veils from the Lote-Tree of Eternity in the Crimson Sea of Grandeur: "O Moses! Verily, I am God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers, Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob. This is My Beauty which We have unveiled to thee; behold then what thou dost see." And thereby did We bestow Our favor upon thee and perfect Our blessing unto thee. Then draw thou near unto this Fire that perchance the people may be enkindled with the fire of love in the days of God. Then We assisted him with a rod from the Command and made his hand Our hand and caused him to shine forth with the truth. Then We made him a brilliant light for those who behold with the vision of God. Then We commanded him to remind them of My days after a time wherein the veils would be consumed by a power from Us and the Countenance of the Spirit would come in clouds of light with a name sublime, if ye be of those who perceive. Go thou unto Pharaoh and his chiefs, then guide them with the lights of holiness and inform them of the days wherein all shall be present in the holy presence, that they may follow the command of their Lord and be guided by the

fire of God and turn toward the shore of grace in the presence of God, the Supreme, the Beloved. And he went in unto Pharaoh and said: “Fear God and follow not thy desire, and be not of those who are not guided by the lights of God. Verily I have come unto thee from the dawning-place of the Spirit with a Sinai from the Command, so follow the command of thy Lord and be not of those who are not enkindled with the fire of God. O people! Cling not to the cords of the ungodly but hold fast to the cord of God if ye perceive within your souls. Arise from the couches of heedlessness, then give thanks unto God in His days. This is what We announce unto you in truth if ye but know.” Pharaoh said: “Who is thy Lord, O Moses?” He said: “He Who created me and sent me with authority from His presence, if ye be of those who are certain - He Who created thee and provided for thee and gave thee of the treasures of dominion and granted thee sovereignty that thou mightest follow His command and be of those who walk in the good-pleasure of the Spirit.” But Pharaoh remembered not any of the reminder and believed not in God for the twinkling of an eye. Then We drowned him and his chiefs in the sea of pride and made them a lesson for those who would succeed them in the earth and would ponder the signs of God. And when his days were ended, We sent the Spirit with the Spirit and We named him Jesus in the kingdom of earth, if ye but know. And We purified him from all that is abhorrent and caused him to hear the melodies of the Dove and We attracted him through a grace from the unseen and purified him with holy and beloved water and We breathed into him from the essence of the Spirit and We clothed him with the robes of prophethood and We chose him from among the servants and made him a sign for those who were created from the Word of God before and after and would be created. And We loved him in the Concourse on High before all who are on earth were created from aged clay. And We commanded all who are in the heavens and earth by His command and We took from everything a covenant concerning Him, and this is what was inscribed in the Tablets of the Spirit with musk-scented ink. And We raised him up through the breaths of holiness and made him a sign for those who rejoice in the paradise of glory. And We commanded him to bestow upon all created things a sprinkling from the surging depths of the enkindled sea which We graciously bestowed upon him in truth […]

And We bade him bestow upon all created things a drop from the surging oceans of the blazing sea wherewith We had, in truth, favored him - a matter none can comprehend save Our own Self, and which hath been preserved from time immemorial within the sanctuaries of might. And when the Temple of the Word was completed in its inner essence, he proclaimed: “O people! Fear God and follow not the promptings of your evil selves. And fear ye the Day when ye shall all return unto God, your Lord. I call you only unto God and give you the glad tidings of the days wherein the Dove shall warble upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, if ye be of them that can hear - the Day when God shall manifest His Cause and speak unto you through the tongue of ’Ali, the Well-Beloved. This is the Day for which the holy beings have yearned, and none hath attained unto it save they who have detached themselves from all things besides God. O people! Make ye ready to meet God in His days, for this shall profit you more than all whereupon the sun doth shine, if ye be of them that are certain. O people! This is the Book of God - believe in it and pervert it not in what ye have been commanded in truth, if ye be of them that know. Man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Holy. O people! Hearken unto what We impart unto you of words of wisdom, and cast not the Book of God behind your backs, but respond to the Call of the Spirit, then kindle your lamps with this Light of Truth. O people! We ask of you no recompense, nor reward, nor thanks. My

reward is with Him Who created Me and sent Me forth with truth, and made Me a sovereign over you that I might draw you nigh unto the holy court and guide you to the realms of glory, if ye desire to enter therein. But none among them believed, nor did they turn unto this resplendent and hidden Countenance. Among the people were those who denounced him, those who turned away from him, those who disputed with him in falsehood, and those who mocked him, until the earth grew strait for him such that no safe place remained wherein he might dwell. Thus did We encompass his affairs and reveal it unto thee from a holy and irrevocable Pen. When Our help came in truth, We did aid him with hosts ye could not see, and raised him to the heaven of holiness, and severed the hands of the infidels from the hem of his robe. Thus do We deal with those who show patience in Our good-pleasure. And thus do We impart unto thee from the mysteries of the Cause concerning what the hands of men have wrought aforetime, even as they work this day. Thereby know thou from the precedents of the past what was decreed for the Prophets and Messengers, that thou mayest be endowed with insight in the matter of thy Faith and be of them that shall enter the abode of peace.

The days and nights rolled on until Muhammad was raised up with the truth, and We caused Him to shine forth from the horizon of Batha like the dawning of the Sun of eternity upon a city of translucent crystal that gleamed and glowed, whereby the Holy Yathrib and the exalted Batha were illumined, did ye but know. Then did We raise up the clouds of bounty and caused the rain of grace from the Beloved to pour upon the cities of purity, that there might grow in sanctified hearts the plant of hidden knowledge. Through His presence We caused the doves of grace to warble, renewed the religions, and manifested all things with the adorning of spring in holy and impenetrable seasons. He said: “O people! Believe in God Who created you and sustained you, then thank Him for His favors bestowed upon you, and be not of those who deny God’s blessings. O people! I am but a bearer of glad tidings and a warner. I bring you glad tidings of God’s good pleasure and warn you of the Day when ye shall be raised from dust and questioned about what ye acquired in your vain life, and shall be recompensed for what ye did. O people! I speak not from desire - it is but revelation sent down to me that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised. O people! This is my path, so follow it and follow not those who commit indecency within themselves and do what God hath forbidden them, and are immersed in their selfish desires. O people! I ask nothing from you, and my reward is only with Him Who sent me with the truth. Do not differ in God’s religion, and follow not false divines, and be not of those who hope not for the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O people! Deprive not yourselves and your souls, but hasten to the paths of holiness on this Shore which none entereth save those who walk in the good pleasure of the Spirit. O people! Know ye the worth of these days, for the eyes of eternity have never witnessed their like nor fallen upon them. Fear God and transgress not against His Messengers.” They said: “Thou art but like one of us, and we will not follow thee in thy cause, and we see no excellence in thee, and thou art but a man bewitched.” His people turned away from Him, and among them were those who said “This is naught but a man who hath forged a lie against God,” and among them were those who said “This is naught but a madman,” and among them were those who said “Then cause pieces of heaven to fall upon us, or bring us angels, or cause a spring to gush forth from the earth, or show us treasures of red gold already minted.” He said: “O people! I am but a man like unto you. I deliver unto you the messages of God and speak not a word of my own accord, and God is witness between me and you. Fear God and let not the world deceive you with its ornaments and embellishments. Hold fast to the cord of God and

transgress not His command. We command you only what I was commanded by God, and to this testify the atoms of all created things, would ye but hear with the ear of the spirit. O people! These are God's verses sent down to you - by what proof after them will ye believe? God hath ordained no proof in all creation greater than the verses, and these are of His verses. Fear God and be not proud before His proof. This is that which nothing in earth can resist nor can any in the heavens rival, would ye but perceive with God's sight in His days." They said: "We will never believe in thee" […]

None can rival Him in all that is in the heavens, if ye but discern with the eye of God in His days. They said: "We shall never believe in thee, nor in Him Who sent thee. Thou art but one who wishes to turn us away from that which our fathers worshipped." Thus did they recognize Him, and saw in Him none other than one of those who fabricate lies against God. And whenever We counseled them with the counsel of truth, they turned not unto it, until the fire of waywardness increased within their souls. They gathered together to slay Him, and consulted with the divines of the age, and thus did they scheme in God's religion. We delivered Him through the truth, exalted His Cause, and established the signs, despite those who sought superiority in the earth.

Announce unto My servants concerning Him Who came with the truth in the name of Ali, and dawned from the horizon of holiness with the lights of the glory of the Beloved, and from Whose right hand flowed the rivers of the Spirit in wondrous hidden knowledge. He said: "O people! The clouds of wisdom have been lifted up, and God hath come with His Cause - this is what ye were promised in all the Tablets. Fear God, then hasten unto Me. O people! I am the son of your Prophet. I have come to you with verses at which the mystics marvel, and this is from God's proof and His evidence - reject it not through your conjectures, but be fair within your souls. This is from God's law which He hath ordained for you in truth, if ye be of those who are certain. O people! By God, I desire naught but to reform your religions in all wherein ye differ today. O people! These are from the breezes of the Spirit which blow upon you and transform you from mortal death to eternal life, if ye but turn unto it. O people! The tree of knowledge hath borne fruit in this eternal Lote-Tree, and the Primal Point hath expounded, and the Word of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, hath been fulfilled. O people! Beauty hath been unveiled, and the veils have been lifted, and the Dove hath warbled, and the sacred Mount hath been illumined, and all within the heavens and earth have been enlightened, if ye but witness with the eye of the spirit."

They said: "We see thee not upon the truth, and we find not in thy days what we were promised in the books of our fathers, and we shall not follow thee even if thou shouldst bring every sign." He said: "O concourse! Fear ye God and look unto that which God hath made an enduring proof and a steadfast evidence for all who are in the heavens and on earth, if ye but recognize it. O people! All that ye await and have heard from your fathers and your divines is established through the verses, and these are from the holy verses that have filled all who are in the heavens and earth, as ye witness. If ye be not certain of the verses, then by what thing do ye find assurance in your religion today, and whereby do ye seek proof? The world and all that is in it and upon it shall perish, and ye shall be brought into the holy presence before God. O people! Let not ornate words prevent you from what ye have heard from your divines, and confuse not the matter for yourselves, and heed My counsel and the counsel of God - deny it not."

The more He mentioned the remembrance of God, the more they increased in rebellion, until all the divines pronounced judgment against Him, save those who had understood the ways of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. The matter reached such a pass that they gathered together to slay Him, until they suspended Him in the air and the hosts of unbelief fired upon Him the bullets of hateful oppression, and they pierced the body of Him Whom the Holy Spirit serveth, and Whose footsteps the denizens of the Supreme Paradise visit.

They fettered His body which was served by the Holy Spirit, while the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and dwellers of the celestial realm visited the dust of His feet and sought blessings from His sandals. At this did the eyes of the unseen weep in the pavilions of eternity, the pillars of the Divine Throne were shaken, the essences of being trembled, and the Tree was watered by His luminous blood that was shed. God shall soon reveal the mystery of this Tree and raise it up in truth, and shall sing: "Verily I am God, there is no God but Me. All My servants were created for My Cause and all act by My command." This We have written for Our own Self in truth - that We shall elevate those who were oppressed in the earth and abase those who wax proud. We have sent no Messenger, Prophet or Guardian but these transgressors opposed them, as you witness today how these evildoers continue to object. The people in no age turned away except after their learned ones turned away and grew proud before God, denying His signs. Whenever they turned away, those who followed their desires also turned away. None believed except those granted holy insight, whose hearts God tested for faith, giving them to drink from sealed cups of holiness whose seal was of spiritual musk - these are they who are intoxicated with the wine of certitude from this cup. These are they upon whom the angels of Paradise shower blessings in the Garden of Immortality, rejoicing at every moment in God's joy. We have sent no Prophet but the clergy rejected him, exulting in their own knowledge just as today they rejoice in their learning. Say: O concourse of divines! Do you worship an idol of your own making while forsaking He Who created you and taught you what you knew not? O people of the earth! Reflect on the deeds of these transgressors, on what they earned before and all they continue to earn and pursue this day. Say: If this One Who has come to you with clear signs is not from God, as you claim from your seats today, then by what proof do you establish the truth of He Whom We sent before named Muhammad? Consider this within yourselves, O people of hatred, and be fair! Say: Do you rely on anything other than what We revealed aforetime to Muhammad of manifest and mighty signs? Say: O ignorant ones! If you depend on other than what was revealed to him from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, then bring your proof if you be fair in your souls or truthful in your claims. And if you have no evidence or proof save what was revealed of verses from the heaven of glory and love, then why do you not believe in He Who has come to you with clear signs that have filled the East and West of the earth, by which all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, except those who were drawn to God's signs? Nay, by Him Who holds my soul in His hand! These transgressors are they who believed not in God's Manifestations and denied them after their souls were convinced, turning away from meeting God though they were all promised this in every tablet and hoped for it day and night. But when the promise came to them, they turned away and grew proud, doubting the meeting with their Creator and turning back on their heels until they pronounced judgment against God […]

They turned back on their heels, until they passed judgment against God and ruled against the Manifestations of His Cause with whatever power they possessed. No Messenger was ever slain except by their leave. They rebelled against God in His days and transgressed beyond bounds against God, yet they perceived it not. Look then upon those who were on earth claiming faith for themselves, as though they turned to dust and turned away from the Lord of Lords, devoted to the idols of their own selves and desires. They take pride in those who claimed naught on earth save servitude to God, the True One, yet they fabricate lies against God their Lord. They traverse the wilderness until they reach the spot wherein is buried a name among names, yet they pass by its Creator on His earth and perceive it not. Among them is one who was named servant to this Name from which branched forth the oceans of names, as witnessed by the dwellers of the pavilion of eternity and behind them this hidden and luminous Pen. This is he from whose unbelief Satan himself flees, and from whose fire are consumed the hearts of those who have detached themselves from all save God and placed their trust in their Lord. He believed not in God for the twinkling of an eye. This is he in whose soul Satan whispered until he became heedless of the remembrance of his Lord and was expelled from the holy presence of the Beloved. This is he who taught Cain to slay his brother, and who was among those who showed pride at the beginning against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. There is no unbelief, oppression, or wickedness but that it began with this wretched one and shall return to him, if you possess divine insight. The angels of Paradise in the most exalted company point to him with their fingers and tell one another: "This is he who showed pride against God from time immemorial and opposed the Prophets and Messengers. Know him then and curse him, if you but knew." Therefore did God make him, despite himself, a servant to the letters of His Self, such that he repairs the wall associated with them while having passed judgment against them, glorying in this yet perceiving it not. Thus does God seize those who soar on the wings of passion in this atmosphere. Say: Fie upon you, O swine, for what your hands have wrought, drawing your sword against the countenance of God and showing pride against God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Holy. You imagine yourself among those who serve the family of God in their entirety, yet you know not of your sin which you committed in this vain life - a sin unequaled by aught in the heavens and earth, nor by all that was or ever shall be. You think you build their edifices and lay their foundations. Nay, by Him Who holds my soul in His hand! You have not built but rather destroyed the foundation of the House and demolished its pillars and obliterated its traces. The Tongue of the Unseen in the heaven of glory bears witness to this, yet the people do not perceive. You are the one who passed judgment against the Master of the House and its foundation, showing no shame before God, your Lord and the Lord of all things. You think you build it up, but this is an transgression from your wicked soul against God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Ask him, O people of the earth - do you not say that God has forbidden in His true Book that you wrongfully consume the wealth of others? Yet you hold back not from disobeying His commandments.

And this is a transgression from thy wicked self against God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Ask of Him, O concourse of the earth! Do ye not say that God hath forbidden in His Book of Truth that ye take the wealth of people unjustly? Yet from His commandments ye turn not away in shame. How doth he who hath transgressed against God take the wealth of people unjustly, when his oppression is more manifest than the sun in the midst of heaven? Then with these [ill-gotten gains] ye build houses. We bear witness that the Owner of the House is innocent of you and your deeds, and curseth you for what your hands have wrought, were ye to reflect upon the mysteries of the Cause. We have heard that this accursed one

boasteth in assemblies of his arrogance against God. Say: Men before thee have boasted likewise, and now they all cry out in the fire, finding for themselves neither helper nor supporter. Whenever they cry for sweet water, they are given naught but the vengeance of God wherewith He chastiseth those who have disbelieved. And thou shalt surely return to thy place in the fire wherein the idolaters are tormented. Say: By God, O thou who associateth partners with God, who turneth away from His signs, and who denieth His bounties, the denizens of the lowest depths of the fire flee from the fire of thy self and seek refuge with God from thee and from thy evil, and at all times they curse thee and those who follow thee. Say: Hath not God forbidden you to turn unto those who have oppressed and disbelieved, in His true words "Lean not toward those who do wrong, lest the fire touch you"? By what proof do ye boast of this transgressing libertine who committeth in his own self all that God hath forbidden and abandoneth all that He hath commanded, as ye yourselves witness from his deeds? Yet despite this ye draw nigh unto him, magnify him, show him reverence, praise him in your gatherings, aid him in his cause, and then unto him in your affairs ye turn. And this is the mystery of what was sent down aforetime unto Muhammad the Arabian in words of preserved glory: "For all is there a goal toward which he turneth" and "Evil women are for evil men." This is the evil one who hath drawn nigh unto falsehood and believed in tyranny and disbelieved in God, and was of those who showed arrogance toward God their Lord. These ones pay no heed to what they have done and to their oppression in the days of God, yet they disbelieve in and curse those who oppressed and turned away before them, while they perceive not what they say, and they curse none but themselves, and their deeds give lie to their words in all that their hands have wrought. These are they who have disbelieved in God after having known Him before, even as they disbelieve today. Thus have We related unto thee from the true stories in these Tablets, and We have set forth all things in detail, as a guidance and mercy from Us to people who fear God, that thou mayest know all that hath befallen God's trusted ones and His ambassadors in former ages, lest thy feet and the feet of those who pass along the Path should slip. When at that time the Dove of the Cause was impassioned by the melodies of eternity and was attracted by the cooings of the Mystic Dove, it arose from the paradise of nearness and hovered between earth and heaven, and soared with holy wings in the atmosphere of this air, calling out in the atoms of utterance to the divines who appeared before or would appear thereafter until the Day wherein God shall come with His Cause and determine the measure of all things by His word "Be! and it is." And He counseleth them and adviseth them with counsel that is better for them than the kingdom of the hereafter and the former life and than all that they know, that they should not place their trust in their learning, nor in their deeds, nor in all that whereby they were wont to judge […]

O concourse of divines in the Bayan! Let not your learning withhold you from your Creator. When ye hear the call of God, cast aside what ye possess and hasten with your inner sight to the court of holiness. Sanctify your souls and your spirits from all that ye have known and learned aforetime, lest aught should prevent you from God, your Creator, that perchance ye may be seated in the holy presence before God. For all these are veils and allusions that stand between you and the recognition of God, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Purify the mirror of your hearts on this Day, that perchance nothing may prevent you from entering the sanctuary of God, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved. Verily, if the mirror be covered with the dust of self and passion, no images and forms shall be reflected therein. Thus do ye witness in the mirrors of your hearts. Fear God, O ye divines! Let neither knowledge nor wisdom nor aught else besides them beguile you. On this Day, hasten unto the mercy of God, and sit not upon your

seats disputing among the people. Whosoever hears the Call of God on the Day when He shall arise to manifest Himself, and delays or hesitates for less than a moment, shall render void all his deeds throughout his life, even should he expend all the treasures of earth in gold and silver, or worship God from time immemorial. Thus do We teach you the paths of truth, that ye may be nourished by the fruits of the holy tree in the days of God. Beware, O people of the Bayan! Rejoice not in your knowledge or your deeds, but in the knowledge of God. For knowledge is what He has expounded unto you from God, and deeds are what He accepts from you through His grace. Fear God, and wax not proud through your wealth. Should He pronounce ignorance to be knowledge itself, or injustice the very essence of justice, it would be the truth, and we all verily believe in this. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and shall not be asked of what He pleaseth, while all shall be questioned concerning all things in the presence of justice. Fear God, and be not like those who waxed proud before God, though they had all been awaiting His presence. The example of the divines who pride themselves on their knowledge in the days of God is like unto those who worshipped idols, for they clung to their idols while these cling to their learning. Nay, this is even worse, would ye but reflect within yourselves. Know ye that whatsoever prevents you from God, your Creator, is your idol, would ye but perceive it. By God! We have counseled you with the utmost counsel, and this is better for you than the kingdom of the hereafter and of the former times, would ye but preserve it. And thou, O questioner, read thou these Tablets with thy spirit and thy inner tongue, then share them with those in whom thou perceivest the fragrance of faith, and conceal them utterly from those in whom thou detectest the odor of hatred. Fear God, and be not like those who today follow the promptings of their desires and see not with the Most Great Vision, though they were commanded thus. They desire to extinguish the fire of God by which all who are in the heavens and earth were illumined, yet they perceive not what they did before nor what they do today. Hast thou not heard how the divines of the age gathered against Us this year, and We stood alone in their midst, seeking help from no one, until God dispersed them by His power and caused the light to shine forth in truth after they had all desired to extinguish it? Soon will God purify the earth from the defilement of such as these […]

We sought the aid of no one until God dispersed them through His power and caused the light of truth to shine after they all desired to extinguish it. Soon will God purify the earth from the defilement of these people and exalt His proof and establish His evidence, and the earth shall be inherited by those servants who have detached themselves from all else save God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then know that We have honored thee through these Tablets among the East and the West, and have made them for thee as a garment that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the All-Glorious. If thou wert to place it upon the eyes of the inhabitants of the heavens and earth, their sight would be restored to them. Thus do We act in truth, despite those who mock the signs of God this day. Say: O concourse of the earth! These indeed are melodies with which no ear among those created from dust hath been favored, if ye be of them that are certain. These are words that no heart in creation hath comprehended, if ye would ascend to their stations in the heaven of holiness. This is a beauty upon which no eye in creation hath fallen, if ye would behold with the eye of glory. This is the Lamp of Holiness that accepteth no niche for itself and is content with the niche of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! This is indeed a fire around which circle the denizens of Paradise, yet none have derived light therefrom save those who circle round the Tree. These are excepted only out of yearning for those who have attained unto the blessed Spot and

who, according to their stations, are warmed by this fire, that perchance they may not speak out of their own desires and may commit their affairs unto God, and neither poverty nor want may grieve them, nor tribulation and hardship prevent them from the love of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: These words are maidens whom none in creation hath touched, who have remained chaste in their chambers of glory, and whom We have revealed from behind a thousand thousand veils that ye might be illumined by their beauty. Less than can be numbered are the melodies by which ye are attracted upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of these words. When the utterance reached this most subtle, most tender, most glorious and most exalted station, remember thy Lord with the tongue of all creation, then on behalf of all […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! At this moment the tongues of our inner being bear witness to Thy unity, our lips to Thy singleness, our essences to Thy self-subsistence, and our realities to Thy oneness. All praise be unto Thee for the wondrous gifts Thou hast bestowed and the beauteous favors Thou hast granted, inasmuch as Thou didst send forth the Messengers from Thy presence and reveal the Books from Thy side, wherein Thou didst ordain the laws of nearness unto Thee and make manifest the pathways leading to union with Thee. Whatsoever ordinances Thou hast revealed therein are better for us than all upon which the sun doth shine, and whatsoever bounty or grace Thou hast ordained therein doth return unto us. Verily Thou hast ever been sanctified from desiring aught for Thyself or having any benefit return unto Thee. Thou hast ever dwelt in the heights of holiness, grace and riches, and wilt continue to abide in the exaltation of glory, sanctity and independence. All the wealthy are poor before the gate of the city of Thy grace, all the mighty are brought low before the court of Thy holy mercy, all sovereigns are but vassals before the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, and all existence standeth in submission before the revelations of Thy dominion.

Until at last Thou didst bring the Cause unto the Beauty of Thy divine Holiness and the Temple of Thy sanctified Glory, and didst manifest from behind the veils of power that which Thou hadst treasured from time immemorial through Thy might, that thereby the wonders of Thy grace might be perfected for the people of Thy kingdom and the gems of Thy loving-kindness for Thy creation. Through this Thou didst fulfill all that Thou hadst promised unto the detached ones among Thy chosen ones, and didst accomplish all that Thou hadst pledged unto the near ones among Thy trusted ones. Through Him Thou didst complete Thy proof, perfect Thy testimony, establish Thy evidences, and make firm Thy signs. Thou didst call all unto this Most Great, Most Exalted Bounty and this Furthermost, Most Remote Tree.

Among the people are those who answered Thy call, in whose hearts the fire of Thy love was kindled by Thy Word, such that they were consumed before they could even touch the fire of the Tree of Thine eternity. Among them are those who hastened to the shore of Thy nearness with their hearts, their souls and their feet, until they entered the stronghold of Thy meeting and arrived in the vicinity of Thy union and mercy. Among them are those who were wholly detached unto Thee, such that they dwelt in Thy habitations and settled in Thy lands. And among them are those who turned away and showed pride before Thee and rebelled against Thy Self, whom their own selves and desires held back from the path of Thy grace and the ways of Thy forgiveness, and the divines who drank not from the cups of Thy bounty and held fast only to the handle of their desires, taking these as gods besides Thee.

And among them are these who have gathered in Thy land and taken refuge in the shadow of Thy supreme grace and Thy Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Complete, Most Sweet Name. In all this, O my God, the bounty was from none save Thee, and the grace was from none except Thee, without anyone being worthy thereof. For Thou didst remove the veil from their faces and burn away the veils that came between them and the lights of Thy beauty. Thou didst overshadow them with the clouds of Thy mercy and caused the springs of Thy knowledge and mercy to flow for them. Thou didst nourish them with the wondrous fruits of the Tree of Thy holiness, Thy generosity and Thy gift. Thou didst bring them unto such bounty that Thou didst cause them to know Thy Most Glorious Self through Thy Most Exalted Name, and didst illumine their hearts and eyes with Thy luminous beauty, and didst honor them with the meeting of Thy most resplendent countenance, and didst cause them to hear Thy sweetest melodies.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having distinguished them with Thine everlasting favors! Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having chosen them for Thy perpetual bestowals! Therefore, O my God, since it hath ever been Thy way to be bountiful […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled them to hear Thy most sweet melodies! Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having chosen them for Thy abiding bounties! Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having singled them out for Thy eternal favors! Therefore, O my God, since bounty and beneficence are Thy habit, and grace and favor Thy attribute, I beseech Thee by the yearning of the hearts of Thy lovers and the attraction of the hearts of Thy sincere ones - they who desire none but Thee and whose hearts have tasted naught save the wonders of Thy remembrance - that Thou cause to waft, at this moment, from the right hand of the paradise of Thy eternal holiness, the breezes of forgiveness, that the fragrance of disobedience may be removed from all creation. May all return unto Thee and enter the cities of Thy name and the gardens of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou art the Mighty, the Generous, the Merciful, the Self-Sufficient, the Giver, the Bountiful, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Informed, the Helper, the Compassionate, the Forgiving.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name, the Manifest yet Hidden, by the Beauty of Thy unseen yet renowned Countenance, by the lights of Thy Face whereby all in the heavens and earth were illumined, by the splendor of Thy Names whereby all in the realms of eternity and the Throne were enlightened, and by Him Whom Thou shalt manifest in Thy days and Whom Thou hast promised to all Thy trusted ones and chosen ones in all Thy Tablets, that Thou gather us together at the fountain of Thy riches on the Day of Thy Manifestation. Deprive not our eyes, O my God, on that Day, from beholding the lights of Thy Beauty, nor our ears from hearing the melodies of Thy transcendent Unity, nor our hearts from the wonders of the remembrance of Thy divine Lordship, nor our souls from hearkening unto the words of Thy Self-Subsistence, nor our tongues from the gems of the praise of Thy Oneness, nor our hands from taking hold of the tablets of Thy divine Unity, nor our feet from walking toward the precincts of Thy nearness and eternity, nor our bodies from standing before the throne of Thy sovereignty and grandeur.

I beseech Thee at this moment, O my God, that Thou make not this bounty exclusive to some rather than others, nor deprive on that Day any of Thy servants, nor strip any soul of Thy beautiful robe. For I observe at this instant that all things stand before the city of Thy grace and mercy, their very existence and forms bearing witness to their poverty, their need, their distress and their helplessness, though most of them

perceive not this within themselves nor comprehend it in their own beings. Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Though their bodies may deny the wonders of Thy grace and the gems of Thy bounty, yet their inner reality and essence beseech Thy favor and are submissive to Thy command. Who, O my God, can flee from Thy sovereignty, or escape from Thy dominion, or run from Thy power and might?

Send down, O my God, from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy holiness and bounty upon them, and upon their hearts from the clouds of Thy generosity the waters of Thy grace and favors, that there may grow from the soil of their existence the ears of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and the grains of longing for Thee and Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things. Thou art the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful, the All-Generous, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Most High, the Forbearing, the Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Beneficent, the Beloved.

And as to what thou hast asked concerning the ruling on traditions, know thou that for the wayfarer unto God on this radiant and luminous path, it behooveth him in these days to sanctify the mirror of his heart from all that he hath heard aforetime, for after the suns of knowledge and wisdom were hidden from them, the people differed concerning the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Some of them went astray and led others astray, inventing falsehoods against God in His words and the words of the family of God, speaking that which their desires commanded them and attributing it to the Suns of Infallibility - and they understood not. Others followed their rulers and supported them in whatsoever their souls desired, fabricating traditions and attributing them to the Imams of Justice that they might draw near unto them, and thus did they judge according to their vain imaginings. And among them were those who feared God their Creator in their days and followed the paths of truth and spoke naught but pure truth - and all this was recorded in the Preserved Tablet.

And when days and nights revolved and matters proceeded and judgments were passed, differences appeared among the divines, and thereby true sayings became mixed with false ones, as ye witness in their words and observe in their deeds. Since the matter is as We have explained to thee, how canst thou distinguish truth from falsehood after they have all differed concerning God's Cause to such extent that thou wilt not find two of them agreed upon a single matter, and in all things they continued to differ? It behooveth thee and those who follow truth in these days - wherein all save a counted few have been veiled from God - to sanctify your souls and hearts from all that is witnessed and seen on earth, for ye have no need of aught that ye have heard before, since they to whom people attribute these words and traditions shine as the sun in the heaven of holy and exalted sanctity, and have explained to the people all wherein they differed and that which was ordained in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

These have ascended unto God and their beauty hath been veiled from the eyes of those who disbelieved and joined partners with God, and who await the luminous lamp that is lit and shineth forth from behind crystal globes, guiding people to the precincts of holiness and grace and bringing them to the vicinity of treasured glory. Withal, none needeth aught save what hath been ordained in the laws of the Spirit from the presence of the renowned Mighty One. However, since thou hast stood at the gate from which no creature hath ever been turned away disappointed, We have therefore cast upon thee a sprinkling from this vast, surging, billowing, and concealed ocean, that the proof from God's presence might be complete

unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that haply the people may arise from their beds of heedlessness before God.

Know thou that the words of God and His Messengers possess meanings beyond meanings, interpretations beyond interpretations, and symbols, allusions, evidences and wisdom without end. No one shall comprehend even a single letter of their meanings except whom thy Lord willeth, for their meanings are their treasures which they have stored in the treasuries of words. None knoweth their mysteries save God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy. And their interpretation shall be known to everyone who ascendeth to the heavens of nearness and holiness, whose vision hath been sanctified by the remembrance of God, and who hath attained to that station wherein the tongue hidden within his innermost being testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He is the One Who was when naught else existed beside Him. Then shall he comprehend all the meanings and knowledge concealed within all things ere the command "Be" and it is. Thus doth the Dove teach thee from the melodies of eternity and instruct thee in that which shall sever thee from all who dwell on earth and in heaven, that thou mayest strive within thyself and ascend from this nether realm to the most exalted heavens, to a sacred seat well-beloved.

Know that by 'Friday' is meant the Day whereon mankind gathereth before God, and wherein God establisheth His Cause through the Manifestation of His Self - this is a truth well-known. On that Day the Dove of Eternity warbleth its melody, and the Cock of the Throne raiseth its call, and the heavens of justice are upraised. On that Day all creatures shall be gathered together with all they have wrought in their vain life, and shall be requited according to their deeds. This is the Day of Assembly, whose decree hath been sent down in the Qur'an, as ye do read. Therefore it cannot be confined within limits, nor restricted to a particular day. Rather, every Day wherein God manifesteth Himself is called Friday, did ye but know. When Muhammad arose on that Day with the Cause, it was named by this name and became specifically associated with it, as ye do reckon. This is the Day that hath been called the Day of Mutual Loss and Gain, the Day of Return, the Striking Hour, the Sure Hour, the Calamity, and other names, for on that Day all these things appeared, and whatsoever else ye know not. It is called the Day of Resurrection for on it God arose through His Qaim, and appeared through a Word that caused the heavens to be cleft asunder and the earth to quake, and all between them save those who were patient and were assured of God's signs. The Resurrection was fulfilled through God's arising, yet none perceived it save the sincere ones. Hast thou not heard how in the days of God there descended upon the faithful from the heaven of glory the holy feast, whereof they all partook? Every Friday they were encompassed by God's favors from every direction, and they were nourished every day with the holy fruits of reunion - nay, at every moment they were honored by God's grace, and at every instant God's verses were sent down unto them through His ambassadors, He the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Well is it with him who attained unto His days in the Day of Resurrection, and hastened to attain His grace, and was of those who delighted in the fruits of the Spirit. All this came to pass and the Resurrection ended, and We weep with Our inner eyes at its passing, and ye, O lovers, weep ye now also. Alas for the sorrow that the Resurrection hath been rolled up, and Beauty hath been veiled, and the Dove hath returned, and the gates of grace have been closed after they were opened, and the lights of the Face have been concealed, and the heavenly feast hath been withheld because of what the hands of the unbelievers have wrought. Thereby were consumed the hearts of those

who dwelt within the pavilions of the names. Fie upon you, O people of the earth, and upon those who follow you in your deeds and actions! For ye turned away from the Beauty of God after He appeared in truth and shone forth upon you from a holy and beloved horizon, and ye perceive not what hath passed you by, and even now ye remain unaware. None shall attain unto it save in the time of the One Whom God Shall Make Manifest, and this is what God hath written by the fingers of power upon preserved tablets of glory. This is among God's ways which have been decreed in truth, and there is no altering it. Blessed is he who shall arise from the couch of his heart on the Day when all shall be gathered together in the holy and exalted presence of God, the All-Powerful. Say: O people of the earth! Arise from your couches and make up for what hath passed you by. Have mercy upon yourselves, then be not veiled from the Beauty of God. By God! Nothing in all creation shall profit you save this, would ye but reflect for less than a moment within yourselves. Say: O people! By God, were ye to consider what your hands have wrought in God's days, ye would find no rest upon your seats.

Make amends for what has passed from you and have mercy upon yourselves and upon the Beauty of God. Be not veiled, for by God, naught shall profit you in the realm save this, could ye but reflect for less than a moment within yourselves. Say: O people! By God, were ye to consider what your hands have wrought in God's Day, ye would find no rest upon your seats, nor would ye dwell in your homes, but would sit upon the ashes and weep as those who weep for their sons–nay, more intensely than this, to a degree that cannot be reckoned or described by the Pen. And this shall become evident unto them at the hour when their spirits depart from their bodies and unto dust do they return. Then know, O my brother, that God hath hidden favors and concealed bounties and hidden worlds that none hath discovered save those who soar in the atmosphere of nearness with the twin wings of the spirit. And should anyone from this world encounter one from another world above it, he would be amazed and would exclaim: "Glory be to God, the Creator, the Maker, the Fashioner, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting!" And among His worlds is a world wherein the breezes of grace and bounty ceaselessly blow, not pausing for an instant. Should anyone reach it, he would find all bounty at all times from God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, such that nothing of grace, mercy, providence, bounty and generosity–which hath existed from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end–would be withheld from him, and he would delight in every minute in every blessing. Thus have We completed Our favor unto thee and brought thee to a shore at which the mystics are bewildered. Well is it with him who hath attained thereunto and knoweth the worth of what God hath bestowed upon him through His grace, which none before have surpassed and none after shall comprehend. And praise be to God, from Whom all created things have their beginning and unto Whom all shall return.

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This is the Tablet of Spirit, which hath been sent down in truth, and God hath made it a living, vital spirit, that thereby the hearts of all the world may be quickened. It abideth through the everlasting duration of Mine Own Self, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, for verily My Self is His Self, did ye but know it. Glorified be He within Whose grasp lieth dominion over the Kingdom of verses. He causeth them to be revealed as

He pleaseth, by His command, and He is verily the Sovereign, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

Say: O people, these are the verses of God your Creator, sent down unto you from the clouds of destiny, that ye may witness the handiwork of your Maker between earth and heaven, and be established upon the throne of independence beneath the shadow of this Beauty, from which hath shone forth the Sun of Grandeur in the heaven of eternity, then the Sun of Power from the horizon of beginning, then the Sun of Glory in the heaven of fulfillment, then the suns of the former and the latter generations.

O Ancient Pen! Make mention of ’Ali, concerning that which Satan cast into the hearts of those who opposed God on the Day when He was established upon the throne with manifest sovereignty, that he may be mindful within himself and steadfast in the Cause of his Lord, to such extent that should all the factions dispute with him, he would find no disquiet within himself, and would regard all things as on that Day when no mention of them existed before God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Among the polytheists is he who said: When the Spirit dieth, doth his name endure in the kingdom through what a numbered few of those who believe and are possessed of clear certitude ascribe to him? Say: By God! The Spirit dieth not ever, rather all who enter beneath his shadow shall endure through him, and thus was the matter ordained, were ye of those who know. The life of all things standeth through his existence, and their vitality through his self, were ye of those who perceive. Say: He prideth not himself on aught of what hath been created between the heavens and the earth, for all that was created by His Word, were ye of the fair-minded. And should he take pride in aught, he would take pride in his self, not in what is other than it, and in him do all who dwell in the kingdoms of the heavens and the earth, and what lieth in the dominion of Command and Creation, take pride, were ye of those who know.

Say: O mountain of rancor, pinnacle of hatred, and vessel of envy, die in thy wrath, then burn in the fire which God hath kindled in thy breast! By God! That which no mind hath conceived and no one’s knowledge among all the worlds hath encompassed hath appeared. Say: My description is My Self, and that which proceedeth from My mighty, transcendent, glorious and wondrous Pen. As for you, O concourse of polytheists, if ye pride yourselves that your names endure among the beasts or your mention among the cattle, then take pride, for this is your station and the station of those who follow you without clear proof or a glorious Book. Thus have We made you worshippers of names, and among those who cling to them, such that ye take pride in them upon your seats, yet are not among those who perceive. Therefore worship your gods and your desires; God shall soon render you and them as scattered dust, such that no trace of you shall remain upon the earth. This hath been irrevocably decreed in the preserved tablets of glory. Say: By God! All in which ye take pride in these days is cast behind them by servants who attribute themselves to My Self, and how much more to My manifest, resplendent and gracious Beauty! Therefore witness how We have made delusion to rule over you in the earth, by reason of what your hands have wrought, O ye heedless ones!

O ’Ali! Hear what the polytheists say, then ponder what issues from their mouths - how they deny Him through Whom their names were exalted, their station elevated, and their traces spread throughout the worlds. Among the polytheists is he who in his soul rebels against God and says that the people will never follow this Youth Who is established upon the throne of holy and luminous sanctity, and that His Cause

will never be established in the earth. Thus do they seek to cure the ailments of their souls and are numbered among those who rejoice. Say: By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Soon will God send forth from the clouds of His Cause hosts with a meteor of power and might who will aid the Youth with such triumph as the eyes of all creation have never witnessed. Through His sovereignty He will raise up the realities of the Prophets and Messengers and cause them to hear the melodies of the leaves suspended upon the branch of this Tree which has grown upon the Sinai of the All-Merciful in this Ridvan which has appeared in the name of the All-Glorious upon this holy, wondrous and inaccessible station. And when the winds blow through them, the sweetest melodies are revealed in praise of this Youth Who is established upon the throne of names and attributes - that there is no God but Him, and that this indeed is the Youth Whom the Manifestations of Glory serve, they whom the All-Merciful has fashioned after His resplendent, holy and luminous beauty. Say: By God! This Youth has fallen into the well of envy and hatred. Would that there were some travelers to let down their bucket, that perchance through it the sun of His beauty might shine forth from the horizon of this well whose depth extends between the heavens and the earth. O ’Ali! Leave the polytheists and what issues from their mouths, then ascend on wings of ruby to the holy and supreme atmosphere that thou mayest witness all created things in the shadow of thy Lord and be of those who are firmly established. And when the lights of the garment shine forth upon thee from this luminous Temple, fall prostrate upon the dust in humility before God, that thy face may be illumined thereby among the worlds. Say: O people! Fear God and be not proud before Him after He has come upon clouds of light, surrounded by dawning suns through but one ray of which the kingdom of creation and command would be illumined, were ye of those who know. O people! If We were to deny the beauty of the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, by what proof could We establish Our faith in God’s Messengers of old and in Ali before Nabil? Thus has the Voice of Sinai spoken in this unfurled scroll that ye may witness the handiwork of your Lord and be of those who are steadfast. O ’Ali! In this journey thou hast witnessed what has befallen Me and hast heard the utterances of the polytheists concerning Me, and wert among those who bore witness, until they rose up against Me and pronounced sentence of death upon Me - after that through My arising between earth and heaven God’s Cause was made manifest and His mention exalted throughout the worlds. Through mention of Me were they mentioned, their names were elevated, and their traces became renowned throughout East and West. We were protecting them from the harm of those among the peoples of the earth who sought to slay them, and We made My kindred serve them at every hour and every moment. Yet they busied themselves in the most hidden secrecy with plotting against My Cause and whispering in the hearts of those over whose hearts had wafted the breezes of the All-Merciful from this Ridvan, in the shadow of but one leaf of which were created gardens of mighty glory. Until at last they arose to slay Me, yet I pardoned them despite My power and concealed their deeds despite My sovereignty.

And I concealed from them My sovereignty, and I forbore in My clemency, for I am the One Who has power over whatsoever I desire, and I am the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Most High, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Despite all this that I have witnessed, thou shalt soon behold that they attribute all of this and all that they have done unto My sanctified, glorious and luminous Self. All of this and what was done unto Me they attribute unto themselves, to such extent that the oppressor claims for himself the station of being utterly oppressed. Thus dost thou witness their falsehood and recognize My tribulation throughout

twenty years. Thus do We recount unto thee from the stories of truth, and thou shalt soon witness their traces in the earth and be of them that reflect.

Say: O people! Fear ye God and let not names deceive you. By God! Verily these names and their kingdom were created by what hath flowed from My Pen upon tablets of mighty glory. Deprive not yourselves of the Sun of grace and beneficence in the days of your Lord, the Most Merciful, and follow not Satan in your souls lest ye be among the losers. Say: O people! Ye have done unto the Self of God what none hath done unto another, until His face was veiled after it had ever been radiant from the horizon of holiness with manifest and brilliant light.

O ’Ali! So grievous hath become the matter unto Me that My sanctity hath been violated amongst the people, that perchance thereby the hands of hatred might be lifted from above My head, though they will not be content with aught save the shedding of My blood upon the earth, that with it may be reddened the tresses of the Maids of Heaven in their sanctified and sublime chambers. Such abasement have I reached that I sat in the house alone, solitary and single, to such extent that when the chief of the city desired to appear before the Youth, he found the door locked, and when We opened the door unto his face, there was none with Us to serve him. Thereat did all things weep, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God were rent asunder. They who speak as children speak and are powerless to speak before your Lord, the Most Merciful, object to the verses of God and His grandeur, though by a single letter thereof were their realities created, as well as all the words of them that are veiled. Say: Today, were all who are in the heavens and earth to become luminous mirrors and radiant jewels, all of them speaking the praise of their Creator and worshipping their Fashioner, and yet believe not in this Beauty after He hath been established upon the throne of glory, their deeds would be rendered vain in that instant and they would be cast into the depths of the nethermost fire. Say: Today no soul possesseth aught for itself, nor can anyone avail himself of all that is in the heavens and earth and all that lieth between them, except by entering beneath the shadow of this Cause that hath appeared from the Dayspring of eternity, accompanied by the hosts of the unseen which no eyes among all creation can behold, save them that have purified their sight from the veils of the people of tyranny and error and have entered upon seats of glory, a sanctified and resplendent station.

O My Name! By God, wert thou to discover the grief of My heart, thou wouldst not remain in thy place, but from thee would burst forth the fire of sorrows, ascending until it reached the hem of the All-Merciful in the supreme Paradise. For I have offered up My soul and all that My Lord hath bestowed upon Me for these who have risen to slay Me in these days when all peoples have risen against Me. They have imprisoned Me in this dark and distant land. How many nights I have not slept upon My couch to preserve their lives, while they lay upon beds of hatred among those who slumber. How many days have I set My breast against the arrows of enemies lest there should befall them that which would cause them to cry out in anguish. I have striven to preserve their lives while they have endeavored to destroy My hallowed, mighty, and glorious Being. Until these days arrived wherein God hath revealed the treachery of their eyes and what hatred for this Youth they had concealed in their breasts - this Youth Who hath dawned from the horizon of all horizons with great sovereignty and majesty.

Say: O concourse of loved ones! Do ye sleep upon your couches while the Eye of God gazeth toward the scene of tribulation and the Body of God is pierced by the arrows of the hypocrites? Do ye walk in the marketplaces after the Luminary of the horizons hath again been imprisoned through what the hands of the people of discord have wrought, such that His feet find no resting place and He sitteth in His house without helper or supporter? Do ye rejoice, O people, in your own gladness after God's joy hath been cut off, to such degree that His lips part not by reason of the hardships inflicted by these oppressors? Do ye light lamps in your nights after God's lamp hath disappeared from among you through the whisperings of the sinners? O My loved ones! How can ye witness the sun and its radiance after the Sun of Eternity hath been eclipsed by veils of rancor and hatred between earth and heaven? By this hath the Eye of Grandeur wept crimson tears in the Most Exalted Paradise and the pillars of the mighty Throne have quaked. Do ye comb your hair after the hair of the Youth hath been stripped of the raiment of victory and proclaimeth 'This indeed is the Wronged One among these oppressors'? O people! Do ye sleep upon soft beds after the Temple of God hath been disturbed upon the carpet and His body wounded by the spears of the envious? O loved ones of God! Purify your hearts from the world and its mention and all that is therein, then lay your faces in the dust and say:

O Lord! This Joseph of Eternity has fallen under the claws of the wolves of hatred, and his gaze has turned to none save the direction of Thy bounties and favors. Therefore, have mercy upon him through Thy generosity, then protect him through Thy sovereignty, then aid him through the wonders of Thy victory with hosts which none of the heedless can see. O Lord! His affliction has reached such a degree that the servants who were created by His will and exalted by His command have risen against Him. Therefore, O my God, send down upon Thy loved ones that which will preserve them from all else but Thee, then establish for them a firm footing with Thee, then guard them from the hosts of Satan. Then make firm, O my God, our feet upon this path whereon even the feet of them that are nigh unto Thee cannot stand firm - they who behold naught in all things save the effulgent rays of the sun of the glory of Thy sovereignty, who turn unto naught save the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and Thy favors, and who have attained such detachment that nothing can prevent them from praising Thy Self and mentioning Thy Beauty, the Manifest, the Most Holy, the Wondrous, the Generous. O Lord! Thou seest how the Friend was tried at the hands of Nimrod, and Moses at the hands of Pharaoh, and the Spirit at the hands of the Jews, and Muhammad at the hands of Abu Jahl, and Ali at the hands of the people of the Furqan, and this Husayn at the hands of the people of the Bayan. O Lord! Aid Him then with the hosts of Thy Cause, and raise Him from this pit whose depths none can fathom. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Potent, the All-Powerful.

Thus doth the Tongue of Remembrance teach you that ye may arise to praise your Creator and be of them that remember. O 'Ali! Arise to serve God and aid His Cause, then speak forth the mention of His Self amongst the worlds and fear no one. By God, the Truth! The Most Great Spirit will confirm thee in the Cause of thy Lord, and the Holy Spirit will speak through thy tongue in that moment when thy lips are opened to praise this Wronged One Who is oppressed in the hands of these wrongdoers. Say: O people! Know God by God, for all else is known through Him while He cannot be known through any but Himself. Glorified and exalted is He above being known through His creation. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All before Him are as abject servants. Say: O people of Baha! Grieve not for

what hath befallen Us, but be patient in adversity and put your trust in your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. Then board the crimson ark in My Most Great Name and sail upon the seas of grandeur, and pay no heed to the people of earth and heaven. By God! All have perished in the depths of extinction save those who have clung to this holy and mighty and impregnable Ark. And if We acquaint you with that which would sadden your hearts, Our purpose is only to inform you of what hath befallen Us at the hands of Our servants. Otherwise, by Him in Whose hand is the soul of Baha, a gnat that flieth in the vicinity of any one of My loved ones would be victorious over these people and their like; nay, were God to permit it, it would swallow them all with a single breath. Thus is thy Lord powerful over all things and mighty over the worlds. But We have been patient and have concealed matters, being mindful of the direction of destiny in the realms of its fulfillment, and none among all created things hath been informed thereof, that God's proof might be perfected unto His creatures, and His evidence unto His creation, and His argument unto the people of His kingdom. Verily, He is the Judge over what He willeth. He ordaineth as He pleaseth.

O 'Ali, witness that this Cause is more wondrous than any wonder, such that it hath no likeness in creation nor peer in invention. If thou wouldst turn thy gaze unto the Greatest Perspective of God, thou wouldst know this and be attracted by the fragrances of these days, and the rapture of the Youth would seize thee and raise thee to the paradise of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing - that station wherein should anyone enter, he would discover the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be, and would find himself independent of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. And thou wouldst witness that on this Day one's faith shall profit no soul except after recognition of its Lord, even should one bring forth the books of the ancients and the scriptures of the latter generations. Consider, for example, the lamp-niche: though it be fashioned of the finest crystal or most delicate glass, its purpose is but to hold the lamp, and if it be deprived of that which is intended, can it profit anyone? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Rather, thou wouldst find it a useless instrument in creation, neither harming nor benefiting any possessor thereof. Similarly, witness concerning the verses: though they descend like rain from a holy and exalted cloud, if they contain not the mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, can they profit thee in aught? Nay, by My bountiful Self, wert thou of them that perceive! Verily, the verses are as a niche for the lamp of the mention of the Lord of Names and Attributes. If deprived thereof, they would be rejected and cast upon the earth like a body without spirit, unmoved by the spring breezes. Thus have We set forth for thee a holy similitude that thou mayest discover the mysteries of the Cause and inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this ocean of musk that hath been sprinkled upon this camphor Tablet in this Revelation, round which circle the Spot of Sinai and the Sinai of Light, and from which hath appeared the scroll spread out in this joyous Tablet. Yet most of the people are in manifest drunkenness. Say: O people! Those whom ye have taken as lords besides God are but names which ye and your fathers have coined, for which God hath sent down no authority, were ye but to know.

O 'Ali, strip thyself of all allusions, then plunge into the surging depths of this Ocean whereunto none among these human-beasts have attained save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath willed, that thou mayest hear from the whales of this ocean the glorification of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, in this Wronged One Who, when He desireth to manifest Himself in the realm of names, chooseth one from among them and calleth His Temple thereby, that the people of creation may know Him between earth

and heaven, though verily He is sanctified above being known through aught but Himself. Yet this is of His grace unto His seeking servants.

Say: O trees of the souls, deprive not yourselves of God's springtime. By God the Truth! The spring of the All-Merciful hath appeared from this Ridvan which hath been manifested in human form. We had indeed informed them of this aforetime, yet they were unaware and were among the heedless. And whoso beareth not the fruits of remembrance in this Wise Remembrance, in this mighty and wondrous Spring, it behooveth him to be cut down and cast into the fire, for neither himself nor any among the company of them that draw nigh shall profit from him.

O My Name! Soon shalt thou hear the clamor of the idolaters from every near and distant quarter, even as We forewarned thee in the Tablet which was revealed in Iraq a year before the Luminary of the horizons departed therefrom, if thou be of them that hear. And if thou hast not that Tablet with thee, seek it out and read it in the course of time, that thou mayest become aware of the mysteries of destiny inscribed by the Finger of Divine Decree, which none among all the peoples of the world hath comprehended. Then bear thou witness in this Announcement to all that thou didst witness in the Announcement of Ali when He appeared with a manifest sovereignty - nay, rather, to even greater things, for this is a Cause the like of which hath not appeared on earth, as the Manifestation itself doth testify, if thou be of them that bear witness. Soon shall the people of the Bayan rise against Me even as the people of the Furqan rose against Ali - nay, more severely, if ye be of them that ponder the Cause of God. For these are the days of the most mighty convulsion, when the Most Great Trump is sounded, and the Most Glorious Bugle is blown, wherein all feet do slip and most of the servants are thrown into confusion. Therein is the clarion sounded through this Name whereby the Beauty of the Primal One hath appeared once again, rising from the Dayspring of Beauty with the sovereignty of might and majesty, calling all to God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful. But grieve not thou at this, for God shall soon raise up pure hearts, sanctified souls, and a new creation, and shall cause them to abide beneath the shade of this Paradise, where the fingers of the All-Merciful shall give them to drink of the wine of certitude, such that all who dwell in the heavens and on earth shall appear as though none had ever been mentioned before them. By My Beauty! One soul from among these, in their steadfastness in the Cause, is better in the sight of God than the combined worship of all the worlds. These shall recline upon holy couches in the Most Great Paradise, while the youth of the All-Merciful shall circle round them with chalices of living water, giving them to drink at every moment. Thus was it sent down aforetime from the heaven of grace, and their Lord gave them to drink of a pure beverage. Thus doth the Most Great Ocean surge upon thee, each wave whereof proclaimeth "I am God, there is none other God but Me, and I have ever been remembered in the hearts of the worlds," that thereby thine eyes may be consoled and thy body find repose upon the throne of tranquility, and thou mayest be made joyous through the favors of thy Lord. Then convey thou from Us pure remembrance to Our loved ones whose eyes are fixed in expectation of the wondrous mercies of thy Lord, that the lights of eternity might shine upon them from the direction of the Divine Presence, and that they might be sustained, through the grace of the Beauty, from the heaven of this bounty.

Say: O people! Be patient in what hath been showered upon you from the ocean of destiny. Then remember this Beauty Who hath been cast into the well of darkness by the hands of the wicked. Put your

trust in all matters in God Who created you by His command, and verily He shall guard you from every rejected polytheist. Beware lest ye differ among yourselves. Unite in the love of God and His Cause, and be as one soul. By God, this is more beloved before your Lord than any beloved thing. Thereby shall the foundations of the polytheists be shaken, and the back of every detested transgressor be broken. Beware, beware of corruption and discord, for thereby harm returneth unto the hallowed and exalted Lote-Tree. Be God's guides in His earth and His trustees in His lands. By the True One! Soon shall pass away the kingdom and all that is therein and thereon, but there shall remain for you what ye were counseled by the Pen of witnessed glory. Sanctify yourselves from all that causeth discord between you, that God may behold you purified from every defilement and from all that His good-pleasure loveth not. This is what ye were commanded in the forbidden holy Tablets. Thus doth the Pen of the All-Merciful counsel you at a time when sorrows have encompassed it from all directions. God sufficeth as witness unto this.

O 'Ali! Remind these souls of what We have mentioned unto thee in this Tablet, that perchance there may be kindled in their hearts that which shall gather them upon the shore of a blessed Name. And if adversity toucheth thee in My path, be patient and grieve not, for He shall suffice thee in truth and shall raise thee to a station which hath been in truth praiseworthy. And if thou findest thyself alone, sorrow not, but take comfort in My Being, for We shall be with thee at all times, at eventide and at dawn. By God, O My Name! In grief I have reached such a state that My Pen weepeth over Mine own Self by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of those who have denied God and were debarred from the sanctuary of justice.

Say: O people of the Bayan! How excellent is what ye have done unto My Person and what ye were enjoined in all the Tablets from God! By God, O 'Ali! There remained not a single Tablet but that He informed them of My Cause, gave them glad-tidings of My Being, spoke unto them of My signs, and acquainted them with My mention. Yet, despite this, they did unto My Person what no one hath ever done unto anyone, and God sufficeth as witness unto this - after I had manifested My Self with sovereignty of might and power, and beyond that with proof that encompassed all worlds.

Say: O people! By God! After My manifestation all traces have been effaced from everything save for those who have entered this Paradise which was witnessed at the pivot of Paradise. And when they desired to fulfill God's covenant and testament, they issued the verdict for My execution and in their souls rejoiced thereat. By the True One, O 'Ali! Today every atom refuteth them in all their claims, nay, their own selves and beings, and beyond that every truthful and trustworthy tongue. For they claim that they believed in Ali and what was sent down unto him of God's verses, yet when he appeared again with His verses, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His majesty, they denied Him and turned back upon the heels of rejection.

Know then, O 'Ali, that there hath come before God a letter from one of the people of Qaf who previously wavered in this Cause, wherein he inquireth about My station. We have answered him in this Tablet with words that draw forth the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. If thou findest a messenger, send it unto him, that perchance the lightning-flashes of the favors of his Lord may seize him, sever him from allusions, guide him to the Kawthar of grace, and make him one of the sincere ones who, when the Sun of Verses dawneth upon them from the horizon of the words that have descended upon the Pen from the

Ancient Beauty, fall prostrate upon their faces before their Lord, the All-Merciful, and rend asunder the veils of doubt and sorrow in their longing to attain the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and become of them that are well-assured. And if thou findest no messenger, then wait until God bringeth about His purpose. Verily there is no sender save Him. He bestoweth what He willeth upon whom He willeth, and withholdeth from whom He willeth what He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Glorified be He Who sent down the verses aforetime even as He hath sent them down now in truth, that they might serve as a proof and a remembrance unto all the worlds. God beareth witness that there is no God but Him. His is the sovereignty and the command, and all shall return unto Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life, and verily He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Within His grasp lieth the dominion of all things. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. His is the creation and the command. He manifesteth in the kingdom what He willeth and withholdeth what He willeth, and giveth to whom He willeth what He willeth. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus hath He ever been powerful in His dominion and the kingdom of His decree. The denial of the denier hindereth Him not, nor doth the unbelief of the infidel alter His word, nor doth the associating of the polytheist impede Him. He speaketh at all times, even as was revealed in the Bayan: “I am God, there is no God but Me, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.”

Once He sent Adam with the truth with clear signs and made him a mercy unto the worlds. Then He sent Noah with the truth, then after him Hud, then after him ?ali?, and sent down with them proofs that all creation would be powerless to produce. Until the Cause reached the Friend (Abraham), whereupon He made him manifest from the Dayspring of holiness and sent him with His proof, His evidence, His testimony, and His sign unto them that know. Then after that He sent Moses, after having manifested Himself unto him in the holy vale upon the Sinai of nearness from the Blessed Tree, the Eternal, the Everlasting, the One, saying: “Verily I am God, there is no God but Me. I have created thee by My command. Go unto Pharaoh and his nobles that they may become mindful.” And He gave him nine clear signs, as We have mentioned in the ancient scrolls, among them the rod of command whereby We parted the sea for Moses and drowned therein those who denied the signs of God and were among the proud before their Lord. Then after that He chose the Spirit whom He named in the kingdom of names the Son of Mary, and sent him unto another people, and commanded all these to remind people of the days of God. By God the Truth! These days are of His days, were ye to know. Even as was revealed in the Qur’an unto Moses: “O Moses! Lead thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God.” Thus was it revealed aforetime, were ye to know.

Then after this He chose Muhammad in the Most Exalted Concourse and sent him forth from the dawning-place of Hijaz with manifest sovereignty, and sent down with him a Criterion to distinguish between truth and falsehood, and to remind the people of this Most Great, Most Upright, Ancient News. Then after this He was well-pleased with Ali in truth and chose him from among His creation and selected him, then elected him from amidst His creatures and sent him with sovereignty and a mighty command. Through him were the heavens of knowledge cleft asunder and the seas of holiness set in motion, and every lofty and impregnable mountain was ground to powder. Through him were all atoms and all beings created, and all things were raised from their graves, were ye of them that perceive. And all were

adorned with the robes of God's grace which appeared with him. Thus doth this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Luminous Pen reveal unto you the verses. Through him was every matter distinguished, every mystery unveiled, every bounty perfected, every proof completed, and the heavens and earths illumined. We therefore testify that there is no God but Him and that Ali is His Messenger Whom He sent with truth unto all created things. We have believed in him and in what was revealed unto him from God, the Sovereign, the True, the Ancient.

O thou who art designated by "H" before "D" before "Y", strive within thyself lest thou oppose this Name whereby thou wast named in the Concourse of Names, and be not of the heedless. Know thou that a letter from thee hath come before Us, and We have read it and were among the witnesses. However, We were astonished at what thou didst ask, for this beseemeth thee not, wert thou of them that know. Would it be fitting for anyone to ask the sun, "Where is thy radiance and thy manifestation?" Say: Open thine eyes, for verily it hath shone upon all the worlds, such that its radiance hath encompassed the east of the earth and its west, as do testify the denizens of the realms of eternity, then the kingdom of names, then all that was and will be, wert thou of the fair-minded. Would anyone ask the ocean, "Where are thy waves?" Say: Open thine eyes, then behold that thou mayest be of them that witness. For verily it surgeth at every instant with waves whereof were but a drop to fall upon you, it would drown all who are in the heavens and the earth. Therefore did We withhold the Pen in answering thee for fifty thousand years or more, wert thou of them that know. Then after this We heard God's call from behind the holy veils with a call that bewildered the hearts of the mystics, saying: "O servant! Take up the Pen and delay not in this, for by this wast thou commanded in the primal eternity. Beware lest thou break God's covenant and violate His testament. Rather, fulfill thy covenant and be of them that are grateful to God Who created thee and sent thee and revealed with thee a proof whereby the dwellers of the heavens and the earth were shaken, save those whom no hindrance could hinder, nor veils of falsehood could conceal, nor the rejection of the opposers could repel." Verily those who harbor in their hearts naught but the winds of rancor and hypocrisy declare with their tongues that they have believed in God and His verses, but God testifieth that they are among the liars. Say: If ye have believed in God, then by what proof do ye turn away from Him through Whom every transcendent and impregnable proof hath appeared and through Whom the suns have shone forth?

Yet God testifies that they are among the liars. Say: If you have believed in God, by what proof do you turn away from Him through Whom every transcendent and impregnable proof has appeared, through Whom the suns have shone forth, the clouds have been raised up, the rains have poured down, the seas have surged, the trees have yielded fruit, and every lofty and exalted land has been made to quake? Say: By God, O concourse of polytheists! He is God's dominion over you, and His mercy unto those who profess His unity. He is His sovereignty over you, His might within you, His kingdom amongst you, and His dominion over all created things. Thus do We send down unto you the verses and expound them in detail, that perchance the breeze of the spirit may waft upon you from this holy and luminous Paradise, and that you may detach yourselves from all that you possess and be quickened by this cup from which flow all waters, and likewise Salsabil and Tasnim. Well is it with him who attains unto them, drinks thereof, and is numbered among those who quaff therefrom.

As to what thou hast asked concerning My station and the station of Him through one letter of Whom the heavens and earth were created, through Whom the waters of eternity rained down from clouds of holy and exalted sanctity - He Whom God hath made the Manifestation of His Beauty among His servants, the Dawning-Place of His names amidst His creation, and hath named Him in the heaven of names as ʼAli before Nabil - by Him the veils of the hidden mysteries in the realm of eternity have been rent asunder, the holy lands have quaked, the pillars of the mighty throne have trembled, all names have been stripped from their namesakes, and all attributes scattered from their ranks, if ye be of them that comprehend. Had We known that thou wouldst hearken unto what the Most Exalted Pen commandeth thee in this luminous, snow-white Tablet, We would have bidden thee to strip thy body, leave thy home, and dwell in the wilderness and mountains as recompense for what thou hast asked and for being among the questioners, or to cast thyself down from towering peaks, if thou be of them that act. But since God hath witnessed in thee weakness, He hath pardoned thee through His grace that encompasseth all worlds.

When this mighty, impregnable, wondrous Tablet reacheth thee and thou findest from it the fragrance of God, thy Lord, and thine eyes are solaced by what is therein, and thou hast read what the Tongue of God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Beautiful King, hath sung, arise from thy place, then place this Tablet upon thy head, then turn thy face toward the House, and be of them that seek forgiveness. Ask forgiveness of thy Lord nine times, then turn unto Him and be of them that return. Say: O my Lord! Forgive me through the sovereignty of Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness, then establish for me a sincere footing with Thy loved ones, then make me one of Thy sincere servants, then cause me, O my God, to be turned toward Thee and toward what appeareth from Thee, then detach me from all else besides Thee, for Thou art the Mighty, the Generous. O my Lord! Pass over what I have wrought and what my hands have acquired, for I have committed a sin whose weight the weight of the heavens and earth cannot sustain, for I desired to know Thy Self after Thou hadst sanctified Thy Self beyond the knowledge of all things and the knowledge of them that are nigh unto Thee.

Then bear witness that there is no God but Him, and that the Primal Point is His Self and His Splendor amongst the worlds, and that no mention of any created thing shall ever be joined with His mention - this is a revelation from God, the Exalted, the Great. Then recite nine times: “God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and that ʼAli before Nabil is His sovereignty and His splendor between the heavens and the earths.” Then say nine times: “God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and that the Revealer of the Bayan is His Self and His Splendor, and all were created by His command and all are preserved by Him in a guarding tablet.” Then say nine times: “God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and that He Who appeared in the year sixty is His Cause and His Splendor, then His might and His grandeur amongst all created things.” Then say nine times: “God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and that the Most Exalted One is His Splendor and His Essence, Whom God hath sanctified from the mention of aught else but Him and sent with truth and made a proof unto all the worlds.” Then say nine times: “God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and that the Primal Point is the Most Great Remembrance amongst the servants - through Him the sun shone forth, the heaven was raised up, the earth was established, the seas were created, the ships sailed, the signs were expounded, the winds were subdued, and this lofty and exalted Tree bore fruit.” Thus doth the Pen of Command teach thee, lest thou shouldst question anyone concerning thy Lord’s Cause, for all besides Him are poor and can neither

nourish nor enrich, if ye be of them that perceive. Have you not heard His proof - His verses, and His existence - His evidences? By these every soul can dispense with all else, as every pure and sound heart doth testify. Say: After His manifestation, nothing that hath been created between the heavens and the earth shall profit anyone. Beware lest thou divide the all-embracing Word or alter it from its proper place, and be thou steadfast in justice. Open thine eyes, then look upon thy Lord's signs, then ponder on them and what is treasured in their mystery, that thou mayest discover what was concealed from thee and be of them that rejoice. O servant! Forget thyself, then find solace in the splendor of thy Lord, and be not of the heedless. Know thou that I am a servant who hath believed in God and the Manifestations of His Self and the Dayspring of His Cause and the Treasuries of His Revelation and the Repositories of His Knowledge and the Dawning-places of His Guidance and the Outpourings of His mercy and the Clouds of His bounty unto the worlds. To this my tongue beareth witness, as do those in whose hearts there is no rancor toward this Youth, through Whom the horizons were illumined and leg was wound about leg, and the feet of every iniquitous doubter did slip. Say: O people! By God, I glory in my servitude to His Truth - have mercy, O people, upon myself and yourselves, and be not of the calumniators. O people! Do not as did 'Ad and Thamud, who opposed God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. Fear God and do not as did the companions of Rass and after them the companions of the sand-hills and the trench, as ye have heard in the tales of the ancients. O people! Dispute not about the signs of God when they are sent down in truth, and be not of them that turn away. O people! Follow not your desires - follow ye God's ways within yourselves and be not of the heedless.

Be not of the heedless ones. O people! Deny not the grace of God amongst you, nor His mercy within you, nor His proof amidst all worlds. O people! Fix your gaze upon God, your Lord, that He may adorn your faces with the radiance of His bounty. Say: By God! In these days when the Sun of Beauty has risen from the horizon of grandeur, questions shall profit you not, save that you turn unto God with manifest humility. Say: O people! Fear God, and fabricate not against His servant, and be not of the oppressors. Beware lest you draw against me the swords of rancor and hatred; have mercy, rather, upon my solitude amidst these idolaters, and upon my tribulation at the hands of mine enemies, whereby I have become imprisoned in this deep pit. Say: O people of the Bayan! Sufficient unto me are the nations of the earth and what ye have wrought against my person, O company of deniers! Say: If these words be my transgression, then by God, the Spirit hath committed it, if ye be of the fair-minded. Have I made lawful what God hath forbidden you, or forbidden what He hath made lawful unto you? Judge fairly, and be not of them that deny. Say: We acknowledge our transgression before you, and God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify unto this. Say: It is that which floweth from My pen, whereby the breasts of the hypocrites have been filled with rancor against this Youth, after He had been the Lamp of God amongst His servants, by which the kingdom of the heavens and earth was illumined, through which the standards of glory and the banners of triumph were raised, and bounty reached such heights that none but the most wretched denier would reject it. And thou, remind the people of that which the Youth hath testified concerning Himself, that they might find relief from the harm of the idolaters. Therefore witness what Mine eyes now witness, that there is no God but He, and that 'Ali-before-Nabil is His servant and His glory, all were created by His command and all are among them that act by His command. Yet by God, the Truth, Mine eyes weep and say: Be ashamed of what hath appeared in the kingdom, then hasten unto God's mercy and His sovereignty, O company of believers! Then My lips cry out and say that there is no

God but He, and that ’Ali-before-Nabil hath appeared in truth and hath come upon clouds of holiness, surrounded by the near angels. Thus doth He testify as God hath testified unto His own Self, if ye be of them that hear. And My tongue now calleth out and speaketh and testifieth as God hath testified unto His own Essence before the creation of the heavens and earth, that there is no God but He, and that ’Ali is His sovereignty in His kingdom, His grandeur amongst His servants, and His proof amidst His creatures. He hath sent Him with truth by a command whereby the heavens were cleft asunder, the earth was rent, all branches were destroyed, and every surging sea was dried up. Then do My hands testify, both in secret and in public, that there is no God but He, and that ’Ali is the Manifestation of His names, the Revealer of His attributes, the Source of His verses, and through Him the dead were resurrected, as We have witnessed and were among them that bear witness. And My feet do now testify with a voice that every hearing ear can hear, that there is no God but He, and that the Primal Point is His divinity in the kingdom, His might in the lands, His dominion amongst the servants, and through Him appeared all that God hath willed; were it not for Him, nothing would have appeared nor would any grass have grown.

No creature would move, nor would any grass grow or fruit appear, if ye be of them that understand. Verily my heart yearns and declareth that there is no God but Him, and that the Primal Point is His First and His Last, His Outer and His Inner, and all were created by His command, and all unto Him shall return. Verily my heart laments and beareth witness, even as God did witness before Adam appeared from water and clay, that there is no God but Him, and that Ali is His Manifestation and His Concealment, His Source and His Mine and His Dwelling Place - thus doth it bear witness if ye be of them that testify. But now, O Concourse of Light, bear witness to that which every hair upon my head testifieth with melodies that attract the hearts of them that are nigh, then the hearts of them that glorify, then the hearts of them that are sanctified, then the denizens of the highest paradise, then the dwellers of the realm of eternity, then those at the distance of two bow-lengths or closer, then they that dwell near the Divine Lote Tree. O people! Hearken unto the Call of God from the Ultimate Tree at this Most Luminous, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Spot, that there is no God but Him, and that He Who was sent with the name of Ali is the Sovereign of all contingent beings, the King of all created things, the Word of God amongst His creation, the Book of God amongst His servants, and the Power of God amongst His creatures. Verily He is the True Judge Who judgeth by His command as He pleaseth and doeth what He willeth by His leave. His is the Kingdom of Command and Creation. He quickeneth whom He willeth and causeth to die whom He willeth, He giveth unto whom He willeth and withholdeth from whom He willeth. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thus doth this servant acknowledge his servitude and establisheth it through verses which all created things are powerless to comprehend. And by this proof whereby God’s Lordship amongst His creation and His Divinity amongst His creatures hath been established, I establish my faith amidst these prodigals. Soon shall ye hear that they are not content therewith and deny the verses of God after they were sent down in truth from the dominion of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Have ye not heard what was revealed aforetime - none dispute the verses of God save the unbelieving people. And if thou findest in thyself another hearing, then hearken unto what the Herald proclaimeth in the most exalted realm above my head with a wondrous and sublime call. Say: By God! The Spirit speaketh and calleth out that this is indeed the Desired One, if ye be of them that seek, and He is the Beauty of the Worshipped One, if ye be of them that worship. O people of the earth! This is God’s trust among you - beware lest ye be of the treacherous. This is God’s deposit

within you - beware lest ye oppose it, O company of the opposers. Verily He is the Self of God amongst His servants, His Manifestation in His lands, and His Treasure for all who are in the heavens and the earth. He is God's Book among you, His mercy upon you, His bounty unto you, and His might over them that profess His unity. He is God's sanctuary on earth, around which circle the angels that are nigh. O people of the earth! By God, He is the Word of God amongst men, His light in the kingdom of Command and Creation, and His sovereignty over all the worlds. Within Him are concealed treasures of mysteries whereof if but a single letter were revealed, the heavens would be rent asunder, the earth would be cleft, the mountains would crumble, the leaves would fall, and the hearts of the mystics would be sorely shaken.

O people! He is verily the First made manifest in the temple of the Last. Glorified be He Who created Him and sent Him with a clear sovereignty. O people! Do not deprive yourselves of His presence, and be not of the heedless. O people! Seize these days - by God, the eyes of the holy ones have never seen their like. O people! If you deny Him, by what proof can you establish your faith in any of God's Messengers? Produce it then, and be not of those who wait. O people! By God, whoever turns away from Him has turned away from God, and whoever turns to Him has turned to God, the Mighty, the Exalted. O people! Drink from the Kawthar that flows from His mouth and from the Salsabil that streams from this holy, luminous Pen. O people! Do not treat Him as Iblis treated God his Lord, and Nimrod treated Abraham, and Pharaoh treated Moses, and the Jews treated Jesus, and Abu-Jahl treated Muhammad, and Sufyani treated Ali before Nabil. O people! He has sacrificed His spirit for God's Cause to such extent that He has not protected Himself for a moment, and everything bears witness to this, if you be of those who testify. O people! He has endured what no one before Him has endured, and has suffered among the polytheists for twenty years. O people! The marks of iron remain upon His leg and of chains upon His neck, whereat all the denizens of the highest Paradise weep. O people! Tears flow from the eyes of the pure ones in the chambers of holy splendor. O people! You were hiding your faces behind women's veils out of fear for yourselves all these years - can one who stands against enemies be compared to one who flees at the braying of donkeys? Judge fairly within yourselves, if you be of the fair-minded. O people! He is the Divine Lote-Tree among you - from it has appeared a light that were a single gleam thereof to face the inhabitants of the heavens and earth, all would be illumined by its radiance. Exalted be this shining, holy, mighty, wondrous Light! Beware lest you extinguish this Fire and put out God's lamp among you, though you and your like and those before and after you would be powerless to do so. By God! Nothing will be accepted from anyone today except after love for Him, and God is sufficient witness and informed of this. Even if one were to worship God from the beginning that has no beginning to the end which the counters are unable to reckon, yet have not love for this Youth in his heart, it would never be accepted. Rather, the angels would strike his deeds upon his head until returning him to the abode of the polytheists in the lowest depths of hell. O people! Do you deny Him Who calls you to Paradise and remembers you at all times with the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great? He desires no recompense from you, nor does He wish for anything, by God's might and power, if you be of those who know. O people! By God, a glance towards Him is better than whatsoever is in the heavens and earth and whatsoever is ordained in the kingdom of Command and Creation, and this is known to every possessor of enlightened vision. O people! Do you deny Him Whom you knew before? Woe unto you, O company of mischief-makers!

O My Name! Thus doth the Spirit cry out above My head at all times, and whenever I seek to restrain it and place the hand of restraint upon its mouth, it will not be silenced. We have found it possessed of mighty power, such that nothing in the heavens or earth can prevent it from that which it desireth. All things lie within its grasp of power like a handful of light dust, and the heavens and earth are as a coin in the palm of its servants, which it moveth as it willeth by the command of its Lord, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Single, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. At such times the Pen groaneth between My fingers with such groaning as causeth the tears of the mystics to flow down radiant cheeks. Whenever it desireth to take hold of the reins and move as it pleaseth, the fingers of power restrain it lest the cry of the deniers be raised. Then doth it weep and say:

O Lord! Loose the reins that I may cast upon all created things a letter from the mysteries that are veiled, concealed, hidden and treasured, that perchance the people of the divine cloud may come to know that which none among all the worlds hath known. O Lord! Withhold me not from the wonders of Thy remembrance, then grant me leave to make mention of that which hath been treasured within my soul of the pearls of wondrous knowledge. O Lord! The idolaters have not known Thee, even though Thy sovereignty hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. O Lord! Hold not back my reins, for I desire to rend asunder the veil of concealment from the face of all created things, that they may become aware in Thy Cause of less than can be numbered, for they are blind in secret and deaf in public, and Thou art, of a truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Lord! Prevent me not from giving all created things to drink from the sweet Kawthar which Thou didst cause to flow within my secret being before the creation of all things, and for which Thou hast ordained no end, that these heedless ones may arise to that which hath escaped them of the wonders of Thy glorious and exalted remembrance. O Lord! Deprive me not of Thy help, for by Thy glory, when I found none on earth to champion Thy Cause, I desired to aid Thee through the power which Thou didst deposit within my soul and of which none is aware save Thy knowing and informed Self. By Thy glory! I shall cause all existence to pause by a movement of my mouth, and this shall not be except by Thy leave, for Thou art the Ruler, the Powerful, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. O Lord! I weep, and every eye weepeth for Thy loneliness and for what Thou hast suffered at the hands of those who neither recognize nor perceive what lieth in Thy court, how much less Thy glorious and luminous Beauty. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I am bewildered by Thy patience despite Thy power, and by Thy forbearance despite Thy all-encompassing knowledge. Thou art He Who, O my Beloved, hath ordained the water of life in my mouth such that were a single drop thereof to be bestowed upon all created things, they would all arise to Thy triumphant and wondrous Cause.

O Lord! Withhold not created things from this sweet, inaccessible, sublime and glorious water, and distance them not from the gems of the outpouring of Thy grace. Then have mercy upon them through Thy favors and leave them not to their own selves. Verily, Thou art the Doer, the Willing One. Thou doest what Thou pleasest by Thy sovereignty and decreest through Thy power what Thou willest. Nothing can prevent Thee from exercising Thy sovereignty and dominion, and nothing can render Thee powerless over whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth. O Lord! Have mercy upon Thy loved ones, for they drink in secret from the blood of their hearts and the pieces of their inner beings, and they are unable to breathe a word about Thy Cause amidst these fettered ones. O Lord! If Thou wilt not vanquish Thine enemies, then have mercy upon Thy chosen ones. Grant them leave to appear in these darkest of nights, for Thou

art the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Lord! The matter hath become severe for Thy loved ones, such that they have fallen among the wretched and are unable to make mention of the wonders of Thy beauteous remembrance. O Lord! Bring forth from behind the veils one who will remember Thee between the heavens and the earth in such wise that none shall be able to prevent him from that which was created in the highest Kingdom, how much less from that which moveth upon the earth among these idolaters. O Lord! Thy chosen ones are oppressed among the wretched, and there befalleth them at every moment that which changeth the joy of those near unto Thee.

O Pen! Hold thy reins, then be patient and forbearing, and be not of those who rush headlong. By God, the True One! Were but a single letter to be revealed of what We have revealed unto thee, all who are in the heavens and on earth would be thunderstruck, and these few followers would be scattered from around Me. O Ancient Pen! Blot out that which hath dripped from the clouds of Thy knowledge, then swallow up what hath appeared of the pearls of Thy mysteries, for the people cannot distinguish the sun from the shadow, nor clay from a precious pearl. Grieve not over anything, but put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and be of them that place their trust in Him. Let thy Lord suffice thee, and turn not unto anything else; then detach thyself from the deniers. Purify thy sight from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God; turn away from them and turn unto God, thy Lord, for He shall suffice thee against the idolaters. O Pen! Rend not the veil of all created things, nor tear the garment of those who have assumed leadership for themselves as lords besides God and who would sacrifice a thousand prophets lest an atom be diminished from their glory amongst the people. Thus do We reveal unto thee that thou mayest be at peace within thyself and be of the patient ones.

O Pen! Leave these people, then weep over My loneliness and My exile in these days wherein the enemies of God's Self have gathered against Me, devising at every moment a great stratagem, striking at My Person with the sword, then weeping with their eyes and seeking help from the people that they might cast doubt upon all the worlds. By God! The eye of creation hath not seen the like of these who would slay the Ancient King, then stain their garments with false blood and send it to those whom they have taken as lords besides God, that thereby the clamor of the deceivers might be raised. By My beauty! The denizens of the highest Paradise are bewildered by their schemes and by what they plot at eventide and at dawn, and at every moment they sever the arm of God, then wrap a cloth around their own arm and cry out that injury hath befallen them from these people. Thus did they plot aforetime and now as ye, O concourse of the near ones, have witnessed and shall be among the witnesses.

O Nabil-i-'Ali! The verses of thy Lord have now been completed in this Tablet, which God hath made as the garment of His beauty among the worlds, that through it the people of certitude might discover the sweet savors of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and become aware of what hath befallen the Joseph of the Bayan at the hands of Satan's hosts, and be among those who know. If thou desirest, send it to all regions that thereby the eyes of Our chosen servants might be consoled - they whom the gestures of the wicked cannot cause to slip in these dark and terrible days. Thus have We commanded thee in truth, and My command resteth with none but God, and upon Him is My trust, then My seeking of protection, My turning, and My reliance, and He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Beware, O Nabil, and protect the servants of God from all that which their Lord doth not approve, then prevent them from corruption such that if anyone should stretch forth the hands of tyranny against them, they would not oppose him even if

he were the most wicked of men, and they would be of the patient ones. Say: O people! Place your trust at every moment in God, your Lord, for He shall seize those who have wronged, and He is the most severe in vengeance. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Praise be to God, Who is unique in utterance and peerless in expression, before Whose Word the oceans of inner meanings bow down when spoken by the tongue of His Will, and all the books of the world prostrate themselves at the revelation of but a single letter of His verses. Through a movement of His finger, the Supreme Pen moves in the Kingdom of Creation and decrees the fate of the last and the first. Every eloquent one has confessed inability before His utterance, and every articulate one has acknowledged inadequacy before His exalted Word, by which He has distinguished between all peoples. Verily it is the drawn sword of God, His established Balance, His extended Path, and His luminous Lamp. Indeed, it is the Most Great Trump and the Most Glorious Bugle. Exalted is He by Whose Name all books, scriptures and psalms are adorned. He is the One Who was called by all His Most Beautiful Names in the ancient scriptures, He Who was named Jehovah in the Torah, the Comforter and Spirit of Truth in the Gospel, and the Great Announcement in the Qur'an, and was given other names in books which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the Throne and the earth. He it is Who sent down the Bayan for His mention and gave glad tidings to the servants of His appearance and coming. Blessed is the ear that hath heard what the Primal Point uttered in the Qayyumu'l-Asma regarding this Most Manifest Revelation and Hidden Mystery, saying: "O Most Great Master! I am nothing unless Thy power hath raised me up to the Cause. I rely on none but Thee and seek refuge in naught save Thee. Verily, Thou art sufficient in truth." Is there one with the sense of smell to perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance in creation? Is there one with sight to behold the proof and evidence? Is there one with hearing to hear the call of the Lord of Religions Who hath come with power and sovereignty? By God's life! All that is thereon shall perish, and this is the face of our Lord, the All-Merciful.

Glory be to Thee, O God, by Whose Name the sun of Thy Will hath shone forth from the horizon of heaven and the ark of Thy Purpose hath sailed upon the ocean of grandeur! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued all things and made it the Sovereign of all names, to aid Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall protect them from those who have turned away from Thy most great signs. O Lord! They are servants who have turned to Thee, cast aside all else but Thee, and taken hold of that which they were commanded in Thy days. O Lord! Make known to them what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and favor, then inspire them with what Thou hast treasured for them in Thy Kingdom. Thou art He, O my God, Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the might of the powerful or the dominion of princes weaken. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Remembrance and Thy Most Sublime Word to bless the Afnan of the Tree of Thy Cause, whom Thou hast related to Thyself and made as ensigns among Thy creation and hast mentioned in most of Thy Tablets. They are those whom Thou hast named the Afnan by the tongue of Thy grandeur and distinguished by this name among Thy creation and

creatures. O Lord! Send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy that which befitteth Thy greatness and power. Then assist them, O my God, through Thy grace and bounty, and send down upon them a blessing from Thy presence. Thou art He, O my God, Who hath called them to Thyself by Thy Own Self and ordained for them that which my tongue and the tongues of Thy servants are powerless to mention. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing can frustrate and the Sovereign Whom nothing can prevent. Thou hast been from everlasting God, and there was nothing with Thee, and Thou shalt be even as Thou wert before. Verily, Thou art the Witness, the Seer, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

"O My Afnan! O thou who hast attained unto the Kawthar of My bounty and gazed upon My horizon! Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty, and the creation weak, weak. We have manifested the Cause, but the people turn away from it. We have sent down the verses, but they hear not. The appointed time has come and the Manifestation of clear signs has appeared, yet the people understand not. That which was promised in God's Books has been revealed, yet the people are heedless thereof. We have explained what was hidden in God's knowledge and revealed what was treasured in God's storehouse, yet most of the people perceive not. The proof has been completed, the heavenly table has been sent down, and the evidence has come, yet the people recognize it not. They have cast aside what is with God and taken what is with their leaders who have turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They are learned ones in their own sight, but ignorant ones before the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. They have clung to that which perishes, turning away from that which endures. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they know not. They are occupied with fleeting days, heedless of what is with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Had they known, they would have lamented for themselves, but today they are veiled. By God's life! This is the Day of Rising, yet they sit still; the Day of Utterance, yet they remain silent. Say: O company of mystics! The ocean of life has surged, yet you turn away from it. This is the Day of Awakening, yet you slumber. Have you found the breezes of revelation and turned away? Have you seen the signs and denied them? What ails you that you perceive not? The dwellers of the highest Paradise have been attracted by the wine of the Merciful's utterance, while you sport with your vain imaginations and understand not. Say: O people! Reflect upon the former generations. Where are the tyrants and the pharaohs? Where are their ranks and their thousands? Where are the clashing of their swords and the ladies of their palaces? Where are the roaring of their heroes and the sighing of their desires and deeds? Where are their strongholds and their gatherings? Their unity and their assemblies have been scattered, and their might and glory have been dispersed. Say: Fear God, O people, and follow not every rejected transgressor. Say: Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you from the Truth. What you see today shall perish, but what has been ordained by God, the Mighty, the Loving, shall endure. Blessed art thou, O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, turnest to My face, and holdest fast to the cord of My grace, while My servants and My creatures who were created by My all-compelling Word that rules over what was and what shall be, have turned away from Me." Thus ends [the Tablet]. The servant thanks God for what He has taught us and bestowed upon us, and for what He has sent down for your honor that causes hearts to rejoice and eyes to be consoled.

Concerning what you wrote about the Most Exalted Leaf, His blessed consort, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, that you had consulted with the distinguished teacher, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - this matter is beloved and acceptable before the Throne. Whatever is deemed

expedient and in accordance with wisdom, act upon it. If His Honor accompanies them, it would certainly be most fitting. Some time ago, this servant heard these words from the Ancient Tongue. All matters are manifest and evident before the Throne. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to prepare the world for the manifestation of that which is now concealed. Most people are observed to be heedless and unaware even of their own best interests. If counsel is given and words of advice offered, it will yield no fruit. They wander in the wilderness of vain imaginings, occupied with their own desires, oblivious even to their apparent interests.

One incident comes to mind which I submit to your honor to demonstrate people's level of understanding. In the days when the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His grandeur, was in the great city, one day Kamil Pasha, who was one of the ministers of the Sublime State, was present before Him. Among his submissions, he mentioned that he had learned several languages, and enumerated them one by one, exceeding ten or twelve. The Ancient Beauty asked, "What is the fruit of these multiple languages? It is most regrettable that precious life should be spent on such matters." Whatever pearls of utterance emerged from the treasury of the All-Merciful's knowledge, he accepted and acknowledged with utmost joy and delight, yet he was observed to be deprived of acting upon them.

If people would truly act upon what has flowed from the Supreme Pen, all would attain perfect ease and comfort in all worlds. Regarding the matter of language, that which suffices for all has been revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will in the Most Holy Book, and a most mighty and holy Tablet has been revealed in Persian on this subject. If they would act upon it, it would suffice for all, and there would be no need for learning various languages. They waste their lives and lose their time, occupied with what their desires command them. How much hardship they bear for the sake of their own pride, as they now take pride in learning various languages.

In this regard, that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen is this, exalted be His grandeur: "We have decreed in the Most Holy Book: O members of parliaments throughout the world! Choose ye a single language for the use of all on earth, and adopt ye likewise a common script. God, verily, maketh plain for you that which shall profit you and enable you to be independent of others. He, of a truth, is the Most Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

This binding command has been revealed from the Ancient Realm for the people of the world in general and the members of parliaments in particular, for the execution of commands, laws and ordinances revealed in the Book has been entrusted to the men of the Houses of Justice of God. This decree is the greatest means for unity and the supreme cause for association and fellowship among the peoples of the lands. It is observed that most nations, due to the multiplicity of languages […]

It is observed that due to the diversity of languages among the peoples of the earth, most nations are deprived of association, fellowship, and the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom from one another. Therefore, through pure bounty and grace, all are commanded to choose a language - whether newly created or selected from existing tongues of the earth - and all shall speak it. In this way, the whole earth shall be seen as one city, for all will understand each other's speech and comprehend one another's intent. This is the cause of the world's advancement and elevation. Should a person journey from his

homeland and enter any city, it would be as though he had entered his own dwelling. Hold fast to this, O people of the assemblies in cities and lands!

If one reflects even briefly, he will perceive that whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will hath been pure bounty, and its benefit returneth unto all. Yet some souls drink from the breast of heedlessness to such extent that they turn away from that which is manifestly beneficial and superior, both rationally and traditionally, closing their eyes to the Divine wisdom which is the cause and means of the world's progress and the elevation of its peoples. These, verily, are in manifest loss.

Each group speaketh its own tongue - the Turk in Turkish, the Persian in Persian, the Arab in Arabic, and the Europeans in their various languages. These different languages are current among these parties and specific to the aforementioned peoples. Another language hath been ordained that all people of the world shall generally speak it, so that all may know each other's speech and find their purpose. This is the portal of love, fellowship, affection and unity, and it is the Greatest Interpreter and the Key to the Ancient Treasury.

How many souls have been observed spending all their time learning various languages! What a pity that man should spend his life, which is the most precious thing in existence, on such matters! Their purpose in undertaking these labors is to learn different languages so as to understand the intent of various peoples and what they possess. Now if they would act upon what hath been commanded, it would suffice them all, and they would be freed from these countless toils.

The Arabic language is the most expansive of all languages. Should anyone become aware of the breadth and scope of this eloquent tongue, he would choose it. The Persian language is also very sweet. The Tongue of God in this Revelation hath spoken in both Arabic and Persian, though Persian hath not had and doth not have the expansiveness of Arabic. Indeed, most languages of the earth are limited in comparison. This is the superiority that hath been mentioned. However, the intent is that the people of the earth should choose one language and all humanity should speak it. This is what God hath decreed, and this is what would benefit the people, were they to know. Likewise, besides the specific scripts of different peoples, one script should be chosen and all people should generally engage in writing it. Eventually all scripts would become one script […]

Let all people engage in writing it, and ultimately all scripts shall become one script and all tongues shall converge into one tongue. These two shall become the means of unity for the hearts and souls of the peoples of the world, and the diverse territories of the earth shall be seen as one territory. By the life of God! If the peoples of the earth were to attain to that which hath been revealed in the Book, and the Sun of Justice were to shine forth from behind the clouds, all the world would be seen as one soul. Then would there be seen neither crookedness nor curvature in the earth. O peoples of the earth! He teacheth you that which is best for you. Hold fast unto it, for He is verily the Counselor, the Sincere, the Manifest, the Governor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Consider now: if the peoples of the earth were to act upon that which floweth from the tongue of grandeur, all would find themselves wealthy, content and free. That which would bring ease to the peoples of the earth - from it they remain heedless, and that which causeth pollution, hardship and affliction of souls - to it they cling. However, that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall assuredly come to pass. Ere long, people of

insight and understanding shall observe that there is no escape save through acting upon that which hath been revealed in the Divine Book. Consider how in past years, through the selfish desires of but a few souls, what measure of tribulations and ordeals were visited upon the peoples of the earth. Each day the intensity and affliction increaseth, until at last they will hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the tongue of grandeur concerning the degrees of peace, and act accordingly. His word, exalted be His glory: He is the Sincere Counselor, the Trustworthy.

Regard the world as a human body which, though created whole and perfect, has been afflicted with divers ailments by reason of various causes. Its sickness waxed more severe, as it fell into the hands of unskilled physicians who, having given full rein to their personal desires, have erred grievously. And if at times, through the care of an able physician, a member of that body was healed, the rest remained afflicted as before. And now it is in the hands of those who are intoxicated with the wine of pride. If some of these endeavor to heal it, their purpose is but to profit thereby, whether by name or rank. Such men are not capable of fully removing these grievous afflictions, save to a prescribed degree. And that most great remedy, which constitutes the sovereign cure for the healing of all the world, is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith - a union which can in no wise be achieved except through the power of a skilled, perfect and inspired Physician. Whenever that Luminary shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, and that consummate Physician appeared from the dawning-place of celestial wisdom, the diverse physicians became as clouds, veiling His splendors and revelations. Thus did the people of the earth persist in their conflicts, and the world's malady remained unhealed. Those physicians who were powerless to effect this mighty cure not only prevented this divine Physician from treating the illness, but became as intervening veils. Behold in these days how the Ancient Beauty, the Most Great Name, hath unveiled the veils and sacrificed Himself for the life of the world and the unity and salvation of all its peoples. Yet all have risen against Him till at last He was imprisoned in the most desolate of cities, and they have shut all doors of ingress and egress. They have mistaken the friend for a stranger, counted the loved one as a foe, supposed the reformer to be a mischief-maker. O ye possessed of riches and power! Now that ye have become as clouds and prevented the world and its peoples from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Justice and from countless bounties, and have regarded supreme rest as hardship and the greatest blessing as a calamity, hearken at least unto the counsels of that Loving One regarding those matters which ensure the order of the realm and the tranquility of its peoples. Each year ye add to your expenditures and place this burden upon your subjects - this is utterly remote from justice and equity. This is naught but the effect of the tempestuous winds of self and desire that blow and surge between. These cannot be stilled save through a binding peace, which is the greatest means for strengthening the foundations of the edifice of nation and state. There is now no remedy but to merge water with oil. Since complete peace and unity cannot be achieved, this peace must be used as a remedy so that the world's malady may be somewhat alleviated. The peace of kings is conducive to the tranquility of their subjects and peoples. In such case they would need no armaments or provisions save to the extent necessary for protecting their territories.

They require armaments only to the extent necessary to protect their countries and domains. After this is assured, a small expenditure would suffice, the subjects would be at ease, and the rulers themselves would be free from care. Should any king rise against another following the establishment of peace, all

other kings must, united, prevent him. It is strange that they have not yet engaged in this momentous matter. Although some are hindered from accepting this peace, which is conducive to the tranquility of all, by their apparent might of sovereignty and multitude of armies, this is mere illusion and ever shall be. For the honor and glory of man lie in that which befits his station, not in outward means. The discerning observe the ruler to be ruled, count the wealthy as poor, and consider the mighty as weak. Consider the rulers: their governance, wealth, and power depend upon their subjects. Therefore in the eyes of the discerning, these things add nothing to the station of man. The essence of humanity lies hidden within man and must be revealed through the polish of education - this is the station of man. Whatever depends on others has no connection to human reality. Therefore they must not look to paucity or abundance, nor to outward might and grandeur, but must engage in establishing the Most Great Peace. The kings are the manifestations of divine power. It is most regrettable that such noble souls should bear such burdensome affairs. If they would truly entrust the reins of affairs to trustworthy, assured, and wise souls, they would find themselves free and at rest. Blessed is the king who arises to aid God's Cause, to manifest His command, and to illuminate the world with the light of justice. It is incumbent upon all on earth to love him and make mention of his good name. This is what has flowed from the Pen of the Lord of Eternity. We beseech God to assist the peoples in that which profits them and to make known to them what benefits them in this world and the next. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Thus has the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Turn ye unto it and follow not every remote ignorant one.

This Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Ancient King upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, that through His complete power He may grant hearing ears unto mankind, that all may attain unto the grace of hearkening unto the divine verses. Yet the deeds of men have been and continue to be an impediment. Observe ye what transpired in the land of Sad: although from the beginning of the manifestation of the Ancient Beauty all were forbidden from conflict, corruption and contention - and all are aware of this matter - nevertheless they inflicted upon those two wronged ones (though they had stolen no one's property and no oppression or tyranny was witnessed from them toward any soul, nay rather they were the dawning-places of kindness, mercy and favor) that which pen and tongue are powerless to describe. These abhorrent deeds have been and continue to be the cause of the appearance of the rebellious and tyrannical second 'Ubaydu'llah. How many souls perished and what harm befell both government and people. At this point a word was heard from the blessed tongue, mention of which is not permitted at this time. In any case, we beseech God to aid the heedless souls to return, that what has occurred may suffice. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. In truth, today all are seen to be struck down by the trumpet blast, save whom God willeth. Strange it is that some among the people of the Bayan are more veiled than previous peoples, and some have manifested such deception and guile as hath never been witnessed before - that is, this evanescent servant hath not seen its like in his lifetime. For example, Mirza Ahmad-i-Kirmani, about whom you yourself had written details, manifested such deception as would astonish the mind. His words, exalted be His grandeur, in the Most Holy Book are: "O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state which God doth not approve. We perceive from thee that which none knoweth except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We observe what proceedeth from thee in utmost secrecy. With Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in

a lucid Tablet." These sublime words were revealed from the heaven of divine Will at a time when there was not even outward mention of Ahmad. After several years, successive petitions arrived from him - at times accepting, at others turning away, writhing like a serpent and changing colors like a chameleon. At each moment he appeared in a different hue and in each instant clung to a different branch. I testify that he is in manifest loss. During the days he tarried in the great city, he sent numerous petitions to the Most Holy Court, and likewise many letters to this servant and to His Honor the Name of God 66 (M.H.), upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. All indicated and betokened repentance, contrition, return, lamentation and supplication. An answer was revealed from the heaven of grace, ending with words to this effect: "Thou art forgiven by divine pardon if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause." However his condition was known beforehand, and from the blessed verse of the Most Holy Book his state could be understood, and from the allusive utterance of the Aim of all the worlds it was thus comprehended that some remnant of his remained extant and concealed in that land. Knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In the days of departure from Iraq, mention was made of the clamorous ones […]

When, from Iraq, we were about to depart, mention was made in the divine Tablets of the cawers and the birds of night, and all were warned; likewise, in the Land of Mystery, reference was made in the revealed verses to heedless, atheistic souls. And in certain Tablets were revealed these wondrous and exalted words: "When there shall come to you a cawer with the Book of Perdition or with leaves of fire, cast them behind you, then know that he is indeed the cawer promised in the Books of God, the All-Glorious, the Most Great." That which was hidden is known unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Numerous verses have been revealed with this meaning. We beseech the Most High to strengthen the hearts of His loved ones and make them manifest in such wise that neither what hath been mentioned in the past nor what shall be mentioned in the future may deter them. Verily, He is the Preserver, the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Glory be to God - exalted be His majesty - things have become so evident that no people on earth have any grounds for denial or objection. All divine Books of old are replete with this Most Great Remembrance, and all that hath occurred and shall occur in this Revelation was recorded in previous Books. In one of the Tablets the divine tongue speaketh this word, saying that the divine land is manifest and visible in the land of Syria, and His call is raised from Zion - Zion being a location in these lands. This is why Isaiah saith: "And I will place salvation in Zion for Israel." Consider this verse spoken by Isaiah wherein he saith: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" May my spirit be a sacrifice for the exposition thereof. He giveth tidings of the advent of the Herald, Who is the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - and He hath given word that the Herald would dwell upon the mountains, namely Chihriq and Mah-Ku, as all are aware. And He saith the Herald publisheth peace, from which two meanings can be derived: one referring to the Abode of Peace which was the seat of the Throne, and the other referring to the true peace for all the world which was manifested at the first entry of the Ancient Beauty into the Ridvan. Three verses were uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur at the first entry into the Ridvan, one of which was that the decree of the sword was abolished in this Revelation. This is the true peace which verily all the peoples of

the world have attained and shall attain. This is why He saith in other passages that victory must be achieved through wisdom and utterance and whatsoever beseemeth man, both now and in the future. By the life of the Beloved! If they would but hearken unto a single blessed verse with ears sanctified from idle fancy, all would turn to the supreme horizon. Likewise He giveth tidings of the seat of the Throne at the end of the verse in His words "that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" And now the standard of God is raised upon Zion and the call of God is lifted up from it and all the holy lands. How sweet is this phrase in this verse where He saith "that bringeth good tidings of good" - and this is the good whereof the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - saith, glorified be His mention: "Then in the year nine ye shall attain unto all good." Had this servant found opportunity, he would have mentioned some of the allusions in the divine Books which were revealed aforetime regarding this Most Great Revelation, but time and occasion are in no wise seen, and this matter hath caused this servant embarrassment, inasmuch as there have been and continue to be delays in presenting necessary responses. However, since all are aware that this servant is occupied day and night, no matter how much delay there may be, it hath been and shall be accompanied by kindness, favor and pardon. Glory be to God! This evanescent servant is bewildered - nay, in this station bewilderment is seen to be thunderstruck. Greatest of all strange and wondrous things is the heedlessness […]

Glory be to God! This evanescent servant is bewildered, nay, bewilderment itself stands thunderstruck in this station. Greatest of all strange and wondrous things is the heedlessness and rebellion of mankind and the veils of the people of the Bayan, for no sooner have they rent asunder one veil than they have become entangled in a hundred thousand others. Yet the Cause hath been made so manifest as never before since the beginning of creation, and verses have been sent down in such fashion as none have ever witnessed, and evidences have appeared in such wise as to leave no room for hesitation in any fair-minded person. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath revealed the essence of the entire Bayan in the guise of a single word. His exalted Word declares: "I have written an essence concerning His remembrance, and it is this: He shall not be known by My allusions, nor by what hath been mentioned in the Bayan. Nay, by His glory, that word is, in God's estimation, greater than the worship of all who are on earth, for the essence of all worship leadeth unto this. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know Him Who shall be made manifest, for He is too glorious and exalted to be known except through Himself or to be described by the allusions of His creation. I am the first servant to believe in Him and His verses, and to partake of the choice fruits from the gardens of His words in the paradise of His knowledge. Yea, by His glory! He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, all abide by His bidding."

By God! This blessed word is the unique pearl of the ocean of the Bayan and the singular sun in the heaven of understanding, for it is an impregnable barrier against the Gog of ignorance and the Magog of passion. So sublime is this blessed word that the Ancient Beauty - glorified be His grandeur - hath made mention of it in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet revealed in honor of the revered Teacher, upon him be all the most glorious and resplendent glory. This word is as a sword against the wayward ones of the Bayan, leaving no room for objection by anyone.

O beloved of my heart! Most astonishing of all is that none hath understood, nor doth understand, the root of the matter, yet they speak whatsoever their idle fancies prompt them to speak. Behold the baseness of their station, that some of the ignorant ones have sought to adduce proofs from "Him Whom

God shall make manifest" while remaining deprived of His very Self. I testify that the Revealer of the Bayan disavoweth them. In the fifteenth chapter of the third Vahid of the Bayan, these blessed words are recorded. His exalted Word declares: "None knoweth the time of the Revelation save God. Whenever it occurs, all must acknowledge the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God." He further states: "The whole of the Bayan is but as a ring upon His blessed finger and a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise."

Nevertheless, the buzzing of flies hath been raised, and the ignorant ones of the earth cling to it. The Water of Life appeareth before all faces, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom, turning instead to stagnant pools. Such is the condition of the people and of those who have taken for themselves lords other than God. It is as though they had never heard mention of the Day of God nor caught any fragrance thereof. Thus do they occupy themselves with the mention of idols and the manifestations of vain imaginings. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - declareth in one instance, these exalted words: "Know thou that on that Day none shall be known except God, none worshipped but Him, none described save Him, none loved except Him, and none sought besides Him."

These blessed words cry out in the most exalted utterance between earth and heaven that today belongeth to God alone and is known and recorded in the divine Books as the Day of God - a Day wherein none is mentioned save Him. Yet now certain people occupy themselves with the vain imaginings of the past, which today have no mention or place in the Most Holy Court, and they have wished to veil the Sun of Grace behind the clouds of their idle fancies and to deprive the Divine Lamp of its light through tempestuous winds. Today is a different day and for it there is a different station. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make known unto His servants what hath been concealed from them, to draw them nigh unto Him, and to bestow upon them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the Protector of them that remember Him and the Answerer of them that call upon Him.

These utterances of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - which were mentioned, this evanescent servant hath repeatedly set forth in petitions addressed to the friends of God, that perchance the souls that are veiled by vain imaginings might at least realize that this Day is sanctified and free from all limitations, veils, and whatsoever is possessed by men. He hath been and shall ever be known through His Own Self. No thing can frustrate Him, no cause can weaken Him, and no veil can conceal Him. Today most people are deprived of sight and hearing. Blessed is he who beholdeth Him with his own eyes, detached from all else but Him, and who knoweth Him by His Own Self, casting aside all else. I beseech the One True Goal that He may illumine the realm of knowledge with the lights of the sun of steadfastness and brighten the horizons of hearts with the Luminary of the All-Merciful's utterance. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant attained unto another letter from that exalted personage dated the eighth of the month of Sha'ban. Praise be to God, it brought joy and delight. Later, at a certain time, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply:

He is the Most Ancient

O My Afnan! We have desired to impart unto thee that which My Most Exalted Pen spoke aforetime in My first address to thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving.

He is the Most Great […]

The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised hath appeared, and the people are in evident turmoil. The ocean of life hath surged, yet they hasten unto death. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet they turn away therefrom. They have taken to the brackish water and cast aside the sweet flowing stream. What aileth them that they perceive not? They occupy themselves with dust, turning away from the Munificent Lord. Verily, they understand not. By God! Their eyes are blind and their ears are deaf; they neither hear nor see.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned to the Light and set his face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling–he who heard the Call when it was raised in the kingdom of creation and hastened through the fields of divine good-pleasure until he recognized and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou God of the seen and unseen!"

Say: O people of Baha! Are ye slumbering, or hath the wine of selfish desire intoxicated you and prevented you from remembering God, the Lord of existence? Say: This is the Day of Rising–how is it that ye remain seated? This is the Day of the Call–how is it that ye remain silent? Arise in My Name, then speak with wisdom and utterance, that haply the people of possibility may turn unto the All-Merciful, Who calleth in this forbidden spot.

Say: Have ye heard and remained patient? Fear God and be not of them that know not. Say: Turn ye, that ye may hear God's melody in the Kingdom of utterance. By My life! Were they to hear it, the rapture of yearning would seize them to such degree that they would dance and be unaware thereof. Say: Do ye reject the cup of immortality and take the fetid water of extinction from the hand of every rejected transgressor? Say: Hath the teacher of passion taught you this, or your own selves? Be truthful with Me, O people, and follow not every veiled prevaricator.

Arise with wisdom and remind the servants of what the Lord of creation hath commanded you, that perchance they may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath My Pen spoken and My Tongue uttered and My limbs testified. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and taken the Tablet of God with the hand of power and drunk therefrom that which was inscribed in My Preserved Tablet.

O thou who drinkest from My cup and speakest in My Name! Render thanks for what hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of bounty, this sealed Book. O My Afnan! All atoms are witnessed in rapture and ecstasy at the divine call and the scratching of the Celestial Pen, while the heedless servants wander in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Say: By God's life! He cannot be known through aught else, nor can He be seen through any eye save His own. He is, verily, the News which none hath ever known before, and which no soul hath encompassed save God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: By God! This is indeed the Great News with whose mention the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have been adorned. Say: What is with Him is not what is with you, nor doth He walk in your ways. He hath come with the truth and made manifest His straight

path. His throne was established, at His first arrival, upon God's heights–thereby was fulfilled what was recorded in the Books of the Messengers.

Land and sea have been honored by His presence, His meeting, and the fragrant breezes of His luminous garment. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone, and wherein everything is weighed by the balance of God Who walketh and speaketh before the faces of the world. The Lord of Eternity hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: The proof circleth round the Throne, and the evidence calleth out in His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O My Afnan! Drink from every letter of thy Lord's verses the wine of immortality, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Bountiful, the Most Generous. Then make mention of My loved ones on My behalf.

In the name of Him Who is the Mighty, the Inaccessible! O Afnan! Drink thou from every letter of thy Lord's verses the wine of everlasting life, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Bountiful, the All-Generous. Then make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My grace and mercy, and remind them of that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and the Bayan, and before them in the Torah and the Gospel. By God! There hath dripped from the chalice of Mine utterance the sealed wine which was described in the Book by One all-wise, all-knowing.

The praise be to God! The Tongue of Grandeur hath time and again manifested loving-kindness and bounty, and at the time of revelation, such was the surging of the ocean of utterance that this evanescent one beheld himself as but a tiny fish clinging to a rock. How then can he be capable of conveying that which the Tongue of God hath spoken? He wisheth to mention to the honored gentlemen that in these wondrous and exalted verses, mention hath been made of the Balance. Therefore, this evanescent servant desired to make mention of the Tablet of the Balance which was previously revealed, that all may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterance. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the Responsive [...]

The Hour hath struck, and the Trumpet hath been blown, and the Balance proclaimeth: "I am the All-Knowing Distinguisher. Before the face of all mankind do I reveal and manifest the deeds of the peoples, and I am the All-Informed Witness. Not an atom remaineth that I have not revealed, and I am the Just, the Upright One. The Hand of Justice hath made me to stand equitable in the Days of God, the Lord of all worlds." This is the Day whereon the Bugle doth sound, and the Bell doth ring, and the Trumpet proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of this wondrous Day."

O thou that hearkeneth! When thou art blessed to hear the Tablet of thy Lord, turn thy face toward the Wronged One and say: "May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy tribulations, O Thou Who hast spent all that Thou hadst in the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great."

This evanescent servant, in relation to what he presenteth, hath loved and continueth to love to make mention of whatsoever Divine utterances and heavenly verses come to his attention, for this servant is certain that His Holiness deriveth joy from their reading and beholding. This Day is the Day of remembrance and utterance, yet the heedless have no portion thereof. This is the Day whereof David

spoke in the Psalms: “Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains sing together for joy before the Lord, for He cometh to judge the earth.”

All the divine Books are replete with mention of this blessed Day and that which hath been manifested therein. Yet it is observed that whatsoever hath been mentioned in the Books hath left no trace upon hearts harder than solid rock. Despite the explicit mention of the Divine Day and the Manifestation of God in previous Books, the people remain heedless and veiled. Consider the Bayan and its people. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath said: “In the year nine ye shall attain unto the presence of God,” and likewise He hath said: “Then in the year nine ye shall attain unto all good.” Nevertheless, some are seen to remain veiled from the Manifestation of God, despite how greatly His Holiness emphasized this matter, even saying that ye should not remain veiled from that Sun of Truth by the Bayan and the Vahid of the Bayan.

His word, exalted and glorified be He: “Beware, beware on the day of His manifestation lest thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but a creation in His presence. And beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words that have been revealed in the Bayan,” unto the end of His blessed words. And in one place He saith - exalted be His remembrance: “Whosoever looketh upon that Tree with other than the eye of God, for him the decree of salvation shall not be valid.”

Now the heedless people, with their veiled sight, have attempted to know God - glorified be He above what they imagine! And likewise in another place, these pearls of utterance have appeared from the ocean of knowledge of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. His word, exalted and glorified be He: “This is why none among the people of the Bayan shall attain salvation except through beholding Him Whom God shall make manifest in their own beings, not through beholding Him Who hath already been made manifest.”

Observe in this blessed verse how He hath taught the people. In explicit text He commandeth them to fix their gaze upon Him, not upon the Point of the Bayan. One of the Letters of the Living asked about Him Whom God shall make manifest - exalted be His grandeur and magnificent be His greatness. The Tongue of the Bayan expelled him with these words, glorified and exalted be He: “How magnificent is the mention of Him about Whom thou hast asked, and verily that is more exalted and mightier and more glorious and more impregnable and more holy than can hearts attain unto His knowledge.”

And He is sanctified beyond the hearts knowing Him, or the spirits prostrating before Him, or the souls praising Him, or the bodies mentioning His glory. How great is your question and how small is your being! Does the sun which is in the mirrors of His manifestation in the Point of the Bayan ask about the Sun before Whom those suns on the day of His manifestation are prostrators before His countenance - if they were true suns, otherwise they would not be worthy of His exalted sanctity and sublime remembrance? Were it not that you were of the First Unity, I would have set a limit for you, since you have asked about God Who created you and sustained you and caused you to die and resurrected you in this your temple through the Point of the Bayan in that Manifestation unique in being.

Now observe what level the deniers are on and what station the Cause occupies. Every thing beareth witness to His sanctification and exaltation above whatsoever the tongue of the world hath mentioned or

will mention. This is a word which none will deny save every deluded doubter. He saith–exalted and glorified be His word: “Perchance in the eighth year on the day of His manifestation thou wilt attain unto the presence of God. If thou attainest not at first, thou wilt attain at last. But be thou assured that the Cause is greater than every great thing, and that the Remembrance is mightier than every mighty thing.” The addressee was Mulla Baqir, a Letter of the Living, upon him be the glory of God, to whom He saith that perchance in the eighth year thou wilt attain unto the presence of God, and if thou dost not attain this most mighty, most exalted, most glorious station at the beginning of the eighth, thou wilt attain unto His presence at its end, which coincideth with the beginning of the ninth. And this same Letter of the Living did attain the presence of God in the ninth year and twice directed his steps toward the Prison and attained His presence, and in these days he hath ascended unto the Supreme Horizon. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of the angels that draw nigh. Likewise did they give the glad tidings to Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the glory of God, that he would attain unto the presence of Him Whom God shall make manifest, and this exalted address was revealed concerning him wherein He saith: “Verily thou, O Third Letter that believeth in Him Whom God shall make manifest.” And in the days when the Most Great Luminary rose above the horizon of Iraq, he attained unto the presence of the throne and was honored with the station of faith. Thereafter there befell him that which befell him. The curse of God be upon the people, the wrongdoers! Details regarding this wronged one have been revealed and recorded in the Book of Badi’. Now observe ye the Ancient King Who saith that all the Bayan is like a ring upon His finger which He turneth howsoever He willeth, through whatsoever He willeth, for whatsoever He willeth. And He saith: “Be not veiled from that Sun of Truth by the whole of the Bayan and its Vahids.” Despite this firm and irrefutable command, they have clung to a single word thereof, which is the name Mustaghath, and have remained deprived of the Purpose of the world. These attentive ears, penetrating eyes, enlightened breasts and illumined hearts say “Know Him through Him and not through aught else.” Yet what have they said and what have they done! And still they fail to perceive that they are forbidden but a word from the ocean of the Bayan and deprived by a single utterance from the Kingdom of divine utterance, and they remain wholly unaware of their deeds. They are occupied precisely with the games of Jabulqa and Jabulsa. Today, should He so will it, with but a single word He can cause whatsoever in the Bayan was confirmed to return to denial. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and shall not be asked of His doings. Verily He is powerful over all things. Even as the Primal Point–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake–saith, exalted be His mention: “It is permitted unto Him Whom God shall make manifest to reject him than whom there is none higher on earth, for this creation lieth within His grasp and all are obedient unto Him.” He likewise hath power to endow all who are on earth with the raiment of prophethood, even as He saith, exalted be His mention: “For verily were He to make all who are on earth prophets, they would become prophets before God.” Here endeth the passage. All names are honored, glorified and ennobled through their turning unto Him; otherwise they are not worthy of mention.

Say: The Prophet is he who hath hearkened unto My Call and believed in My Self, and the Apostle is he who hath delivered My Messages, and the Imam is he who hath stood before My countenance and prospered in My days, and the Guardian is he who hath entered the stronghold of My guardianship and detached himself from all else but Me, and the Successor is he who hath bequeathed unto himself and then unto the servants My love and remembrance. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the

horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this sacred, mighty, inaccessible and impregnable Paradise.

At this point the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - beseeches that whatsoever letters Thou hast numbered in the Bayan, save the Book of the Most High, Thou mayest transform and efface them, and in their stead create from the luminous letters whatsoever Thou lovest. And after sublime and transcendent utterances, He continues until it culminates in the Most Great Name, exalted be His grandeur. And it is most beloved to mention the original supplication of His Holiness, that all may partake of the Kawthar of utterance. His word, exalted and mighty be He:

"I beseech Thee by Thy grace, O my God, to adorn all my works in a mighty Book with the most excellent and impregnable calligraphy, than which there existeth none more exalted in Thy knowledge, in such wise that Thou mayest transform all the letters which Thou hast numbered, save the Book of the Most High, that Thou mayest efface them through Thy power and create in their place luminous letters according to what Thou lovest and art pleased with, in the uttermost heights above and beyond the most exalted horizon, until it culminateth in Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious, the Most Beautiful, the Most High, the Most Splendid. Verily, Thou hast power over all things."

By God! Should any soul attain, in a measure beyond counting, unto fairness and insight, he would witness the fire of love of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - enkindled in the mention of the appearance of the Lord of Names, and would comprehend it. What benefit is there when the lethargy of heedlessness hath prevented the people from the ultimate purpose, the most exalted summit, and the furthermost goal? O Beloved of my heart! The fire that hath been kindled within this evanescent servant doth verily inspire him to these mentions, else the Truth, exalted be His glory, is sanctified and elevated above whatsoever hath been or may be mentioned. And by the testimony of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - He hath not been and shall not be known by what is in the Bayan. Exalted be His greatness and His mention and His sovereignty! Likewise, it is hoped that some hesitant souls who wander in the wilderness of bewilderment and are bound by veils and allusions may perchance become aware and find their way to the straight path of God. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Another submission is that his honor Aqa Muhammad Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, together with two others arrived and attained the Most Holy Presence, and the lamp that reflected the hearts of the pure ones arrived safely through them. However, until now the Ancient Beauty has not visited the garden. God willing, it shall be done according to the command. For some time the Most Great Prison was the seat of the Throne, and now it has been one month since the mansion has been honored and blessed by the Holy Footsteps. We beseech God, our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, to ordain for your honor that which befitteth His Gracious Name. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon your honor from the presence of One Mighty, All-Knowing. The Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch - may my being and essence be a sacrifice unto the dust of Their feet - remember that beloved one with most exalted mention and convey Most Holy, Most Glorious greetings. Likewise all

those who circle round the Prison Land, each one presents their utter nothingness and evanescence in service to your honor.

Another submission of this evanescent one is that in all conditions enjoin the friends of God to wisdom, lest they become heedless of it and be deprived of that which God hath intended. The day before, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: "O thou who art present! Let none comprehend the purpose of the sublime and glorious verses and imagine otherwise. Write to the Afnan to inform all that in no circumstance is the decree of wisdom abrogated." And concerning what was revealed in the verses "This is the Day of awakening yet ye are sleeping" and "This is the Day of arising yet ye are seated" - the intention is the teaching of God's Cause, that upright souls may arise to teach it with wisdom. By My Self that presideth over all things, nothing else was or is intended. And in answer to one of the friends, these firm and decisive passages were sent down from the heaven of oneness - they are mentioned so that all may become aware of God's grace, mercy and kindness, and fix their gaze upon that which He hath willed. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

"Beware, beware lest thou do what thou wrote at the end of thy letter. These are the deeds of the ignorant and the acts of the heedless. By the Most Great Name, should one of the friends cause harm to another, it is as though he hath harmed the Truth Itself. Conflict, contention, corruption, murder and the like have been strictly forbidden in God's Book. Repent unto God for what thou didst intend in thy soul, then turn to Him and say:

'O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word to ordain for me the word of forgiveness, for I desired what Thou didst not desire and what Thou forbade in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to remit my sins and immerse me in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Thou art verily the Forgiving, the Generous.'

Whatever wrong any oppressor hath manifested, leave him to the Truth Itself. Divine justice is all-pervading and all-encompassing. There hath not been and is no need for corruption, conflict, contention, murder and plunder. The triumph of the Cause hath been and shall be through utterance, and all else proceedeth from selfish desires. May God protect us and you, O concourse of those who have turned unto Him." End.

Likewise in the Tablet of Ism'u'llah al-Jamal - may all glory from every Abha Glory be upon him - these blessed words were revealed, exalted be His grandeur and His truth: "If all apparent power, which in truth has had and has no station before God, should become manifest, and if a swordsman should appear before us with evil intent, we would certainly not oppose him but would leave him to himself." A friend of God intended harm toward one of the people and mentioned his intention in a letter he sent to this servant. This servant presented it in the Most Holy Court, and the aforementioned revealed verses descended in reply to him from the heaven of God's will and were sent to him. God willing, may the Truth confirm all to relinquish their own desires and fix their gaze upon the Will of God. Verily He speaks the truth and guides the way, and praise be to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Another submission: The envelope for His Honor Ism'u'llah al-Jamal - may all glory from every Abha Glory be upon him - should reach him quickly. Haste is required. The Glory be upon you.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

The remembrance of God in the City of Patience concerning His servant Job, when We sheltered him beneath the sacred Tree in his heart and caused him to witness the Fire that was kindled and shone within his inmost being. We revealed Ourself to him through his own self, and called unto him from that Spot of God round about which blessing hath been vouchsafed, saying: "Verily, He is God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things, and He is, in truth, powerful over all things, the Self-Subsisting." When his countenance was illumined by the Fire that burned within him, We clothed him with the garment of Prophethood and commanded him to summon the people to the Fountainhead of grace and bounty, and to call them to the shore of sanctified love. We established him in the earth and rained upon him the showers of bounty, and made him rich above all who dwell on earth. We bestowed upon him abundance of wealth and made him prosperous in the realm, and provided him with a portion of all things. We strengthened his arm with a company endued with power, and granted him sons of his own loins, and established him in an exalted station in the land.

For successive years he dwelt among his people, counseling them with the jewels of hidden knowledge wherewith We had taught him, and reminding them of the days that were destined to come. He said: "O people! The oceans of knowledge have surged within the Self of God, Who standeth for justice - hasten ye thereunto that ye might find a way unto them. The Sun of loving-kindness hath truly risen and now standeth at its noontide height. The Beauty of the Divine Countenance hath appeared from behind the holy pavilions - present yourselves before Him that ye might be illumined by His beloved sanctified lights. The heavens of grandeur have been raised up and adorned with the stars of knowledge and wisdom - thus hath the Cause dawned from the holy horizon.

"O people! Messengers came unto you aforetime with God's messages and delivered unto you that which would guide you to the shore of exalted glory. The Hours have come in truth, the Lights have shone forth in justice, the Bird of Eternity hath warbled, the Dove of the Cause hath cooed, the clouds of Light have been upraised, the seas of grace have surged, yet ye, O peoples of the earth, have been deprived of all these things. Fear ye God, and spread not corruption in God's land of wisdom, but hearken unto the Word which hath descended from the heaven of nearness."

Thus did We counsel Our servants through the tongue of the Messengers from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end. Yet all turned away from God's counsel and retraced their steps, save those whom Our loving-kindness had preceded, who heard God's call from behind the veils of hidden glory, who answered God's summons with their inner and outer beings, and who were attracted by the melodies of the Beloved. These attained unto the stations of guidance - upon them be God's blessings and mercy. God granted them that which none knoweth and brought them to a station that was hidden from the eyes of all created things.

God shall soon manifest His Cause and separate truth from falsehood, raise up the banners of guidance and utterly demolish all traces of the idolaters. He shall cause His servants to inherit the earth - they who have detached themselves unto God and have not drunk the love of the Calf in their hearts, who have turned away from those who disbelieved and associated partners with God after clear proofs had come unto them from every direction. Thus hath the decree been inscribed by the Finger of Glory upon the Tablets of Light.

Remember Our servant Job, when he appeared with the banners of wealth in the realm, and his people envied him and slandered him in their gatherings, and thus were their deeds preserved in the hidden scrolls. They imagined that he called upon God because of the ornaments of the world bestowed upon him, though he was sanctified above their imaginings and certitudes and above all in the realm together. When We desired to manifest the signs of truth in his detachment and his reliance upon God, We sent afflictions upon him from all directions and tried him with trials. We took from him his sons and cut off from him the bounty We had bestowed upon him in truth, and We took from him each day something known. Not a day passed except that there descended upon him from the direction of fate what was inscribed by the Pen of Decree. Misfortune and hardship seized him according to what was ordained by the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Then We burned what was harvested from his fields by the hands of the angels of command and made it all as scattered dust. When We had sanctified him from the ornaments of the realm and purified him from the filth of earth and cleansed him from all worldly conditions, We caused a scorching wind from the angels of wrath to blow upon his skin. Thereby his body weakened, his form was afflicted, and his members trembled to such extent that no part of his body larger than a dirham remained unwounded. Yet each day he increased in thankfulness, and he was patient at all times and did not lament what befell him. Thus did We account him among the trusting ones, the thankful ones, and the patient ones. His people drove him from the village wherein he dwelt, showing no shame before God their Creator, and they harmed him according to their power, and We found him oppressed in the earth. The gates of wealth were closed in his face and the gates of poverty were opened, until days passed and he found nothing with which to satisfy his hunger, and thus was the matter decreed for him. There remained for him neither companion nor friend nor associate, and he became solitary in the realm save for his wife who believed in her Lord and served him in his tribulation, and We made her a means for him in all matters. When his companion found him in that grievous state, she went to his people and asked of them a loaf of bread, but these embodiments of tyranny would not give it to her, and thus did We record all things in a clear book. When she was driven to extremity in her need, she went to one who was among the most evil of women on earth, who refused to give her a loaf until she took from her what she desired–and by God, the Pen is ashamed to mention it, and God was witness to their deeds. She came to the servant with a loaf, and when he looked upon her he found her hair cut off. Then did he cry out in his heart, and thereby the heavens and earth cried out, and he said: “O handmaiden of God! I perceive in thee a matter forbidden to the truth. Why didst thou cut thy hair which God made the ornament of thy beauty?” She said: “O Job! Whenever I asked thy people for a loaf for thy sake, they all refused, until I entered the house of a handmaiden among the handmaidens of God and asked her for a loaf. She denied me until she took my hair and gave me this loaf which I have brought before thee. Thus did she transgress against God and show pride toward Him, and thus was the matter decreed between me and her. O Job! Forgive me.”

O Job! Pardon me and take me not to task for my sin, for I was helpless in Thy Cause. Have mercy upon me and forgive me, for Thou art verily compassionate and forgiving. And that which was decreed between them was decreed, and grief arose to such degree that the heavens were nigh to being cleft asunder, the earth of forbearance to be rent, and the mountain of patience to crumble. Then he laid his face upon the dust and said: "O Lord! Affliction hath touched me from all sides, and Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all things. Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty and bestow upon me through Thy grace, for Thou art ever merciful unto Thy servants." When We heard his cry, We caused to flow beneath his right foot a spring of sweet, refreshing water, and We commanded him to immerse himself therein and drink therefrom. When he drank, he was healed of all ailments and appeared in the most excellent form. And We restored unto him all that We had taken from him, and more besides, such that We rained down upon him from the heaven of bounty that which enriched him above all who dwell on earth. We solaced his eyes through his family and fulfilled for him what We had promised to the patient ones in the preserved tablets of holiness. We set aright all his affairs and strengthened him with the arm of the Cause which was mighty in truth. Through him We exalted the lowly and destroyed those who had waxed proud before God and were wretched upon the earth. Thus do We do what We will by Our command, and fulfill the reward of the patient ones, and bestow upon them from the treasuries of holiness an abundant recompense.

O concourse of earth! Be patient in God and grieve not for that which befalleth you in the days of the Spirit, for ere long shall ye witness the reward of the patient ones in a holy and inaccessible Paradise. God hath created a garden in the precincts of eternity and named it Patience, a name which until that day had been treasured in the repositories of infallibility. Therein hath He ordained that which He hath ordained in no other paradise, and We have now unveiled its covering and mentioned it unto you as a mercy from Us unto all the worlds. Therein are rivers of the shade of God's loving-kindness, which God hath forbidden unto all save those who have shown patience in tribulations, seeking the face of God, Who is in truth praiseworthy. None shall enter therein save those who have not altered God's favor unto themselves, who have entered beneath the shadow of the Tree of the Spirit, who have feared no one, and who have soared on the wings of glory in the atmosphere of patience. They have shown patience in afflictions, and the more tribulations increased upon their souls, the more did they grow in their love for their Lord. They turned with their whole being toward a holy and exalted direction, the ardor of longing grew intense in their breasts, and the breezes of spiritual taste increased in their souls, until they sacrificed themselves and gave up their possessions and spent all that God had bestowed upon them through His grace and bounty. And in all these severe conditions they remained thankful to their Lord and sought no one's help. God hath inscribed their names among the patient ones in the preserved tablets of holiness.

Blessed then is he who is adorned with the robe of patience and steadfastness, who changeth not in adversity, whose feet slip not at the blowing of the winds of force, who is content with his Lord at all times and in Him ever trusteth. By God! He shall soon cause him to appear in the pavilions of grandeur, attired in a luminous garment that shall shine as shineth the light from the horizon of the Spirit, in such wise as to dazzle all eyes that behold it. And above his head shall the herald of God proclaim: "This is he who showed patience in God during the vain life of this world despite all that the idolaters wrought

against him." The denizens of the highest paradise shall seek his blessing, and the dwellers of the chambers and the chaste-eyed damsels in the tabernacles of beauty shall yearn for his presence.

O people of the Bayan! Be patient in these fleeting days and grieve not for what hath escaped you of worldly ornaments, neither be ye troubled by the hardships of affairs which were ordained in the scrolls of divine power. Know ye that for all good deeds a limited recompense hath been ordained in the Book, save for patience. Thus was its decree established aforetime through Muhammad, the Messenger of God. Verily, the patient shall be paid their reward without measure. Thus did the Spirit of Truth descend upon the heart of Muhammad in the Arabic tongue, and thus was revealed in all the Tablets what was ordained for the patient ones in wondrous books of glory. Know ye then that God hath made patience the garment of the Messengers, such that He hath sent no Prophet or Messenger save that God adorned His temple with the robe of patience, that He might be patient in the Cause of God. Thus did God take the covenant from every Prophet sent forth. It behooveth the patient one at the outset to be patient with his own self, such that he restraineth himself from tyranny, indecency, and lusts, and from all that God hath forbidden in the Book, that he may be recorded in the Tablets among the patient ones. Then must he be patient in the tribulations that descend upon him in the path of his Creator, neither being disturbed when the winds of destiny blow and the seas of power surge in the dominion of execution. He must remain steadfast in the religion of God and be patient with what cometh upon him from his loved ones, showing fortitude regarding those who have believed, seeking the face of God, that he may be well-pleasing in the religion of God. Await ye then the day when the clouds of patience shall be lifted up, and the Bird of Eternity shall warble, and the Sacred Peacock shall appear with the ornament of the Command in the Kingdom of Meeting, and the weary tongues shall be loosed in the melodies of the Dove, and the Dove of Paradise shall hover between earth and heaven, and the trumpet shall be sounded, and the temples of existence shall be renewed, and the fire shall be kindled, and God shall come overshadowing from the Spirit with a beauty of impregnable glory. Then hasten ye unto Him, O peoples of the earth! Be not occupied with aught in the kingdom, let not the prohibition of any prohibitor prevent you, neither let scientific affairs veil you, nor rational proofs obstruct you. Hasten ye to an exalted and holy retreat, for if ye tarry in the endless beginning of beginnings and hesitate on that Day less than a moment, the decree of patience shall not apply to you. Thus hath the decree been sent down from the Pen of the All-Knowing Glory. Say: O people of the earth! Fear ye God in these days and fabricate not against His trusted ones, and say not that of which ye have no knowledge, for ye are powerless in the earth and destitute in the lands. Be not proud within yourselves, but hasten to the land which was in truth accepted. By God! This world shall pass away and all wherein ye rejoice, and the angels of divine wrath shall gather you together before a mighty and powerful sovereign King, and ye shall be questioned concerning what ye did in your days, and nothing shall be left of what is in the heavens and the earth save that it is recorded in the Tablet of Knowledge. Then shall no one avail you, nor shall any soul plead for you, nor shall aught profit you save what ye have sown in the fields of your deeds. Be ye wakeful, O company of the wretched! Then hearken to the counsel of this Kind Friend Who counseleth you for the sake of God and desireth from you neither recompense nor thanks. His reward is only with Him Who sent Him with the truth and revealed unto Him the verses, that His proof might be complete unto all the worlds. How long will ye slumber upon the couch of heedlessness[…]

He hath sent down unto him verses that His proof might be made complete unto all the worlds. How long will ye slumber upon the couch of heedlessness? How long will ye follow those who are naught on earth but as worthless insects? Say: By God! Those whom ye have taken as lords besides God - their names and their beings are not even mentioned before God. Have mercy, therefore, upon your own selves and fear God, your Creator. Then turn unto Him, that He may forgive you your evil deeds, for verily He is forgiving toward His servants. Say: By God! Those to whom ye attribute knowledge and whom ye have taken as your learned ones - these are, in God's sight, the most wicked of men; nay, the very essence of wickedness fleeth from them. Thus hath it been inscribed in the scrolls of knowledge. We testify that they have not drunk from the fountains of knowledge, nor have they attained to a single letter of wisdom, nor have they penetrated the mysteries of the Cause, but have remained immersed in the land of their own desires. No Prophet, nor Successor, nor Holy One hath ever been opposed or denied save by their leave. Thus have they passed judgment against the Manifestations of Holiness.

Say: O concourse of the ignorant! Did We not reveal aforetime "the Day when God will come in the shadows of the clouds"? Yet when He came in the clouds of the Cause in the temple of 'Ali, in truth, ye turned away and waxed proud and were a ruined people. Was it not revealed "the Day when thy Lord cometh, or some of the signs of thy Lord"? And when He came with clear signs, why did ye turn away therefrom and remain veiled behind the veils of self? Say: God is sanctified from coming and descent. He is the Single, the All-Sufficing, Whose knowledge encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. He will never come in His Essence, nor be seen in His Reality, nor be known in His Identity, nor be comprehended in His Attributes. He Who cometh is the Manifestation of His Self, even as He came in truth in the name of 'Ali, yet ye gathered against Him with the claws of hatred and pronounced judgment against Him, O concourse of divines, and were not ashamed before Him Who created you and fashioned you. Thus have We recorded your deeds in preserved tablets of glory.

O Ear of Immortality! Hear what these polytheists say: that God hath sealed Prophethood with His beloved Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and will never raise up anyone after Him, and that His hands are bound from bestowing grace, and that no more shall the Temples of Holiness appear after Him, and that the lights of grace shall no longer shine forth, and that divine outpouring hath ceased, and power hath ended, and loving-kindness hath terminated, and the gates of bounty are sealed, though the breezes of bounty have ever wafted from the paradise of might. Say: Your hands are bound, and ye are accursed for what ye have said. Nay, His hands encompass all who are in the heavens and on earth. He raises up whom He willeth through His power, and He shall not be questioned of His doings, for verily He hath power over all things.

Say: O people of the Qur'an! Reflect upon the Book which was sent down in truth to Muhammad, wherein He sealed Prophethood through His Beloved until the Day of Resurrection - this Resurrection wherein God hath arisen in the Manifestation of His Self, while ye remained veiled therefrom, even as the peoples of the earth were veiled from the Resurrection of Muhammad aforetime, and ye were submerged in the depths of heedlessness and aversion. Say: Were ye not promised the meeting with God in His days? Yet when the promise was fulfilled and Beauty shone forth from the horizon of Glory, ye closed your eyes and were gathered on the plain of assembly, blind. Say: Hath it not been revealed in the Qur'an through His true Word: "Thus have We made you a middle nation, that ye may be witnesses

against mankind, and that the Messenger may be a witness against you”? Ye have interpreted this verse according to your own desires, while firmly believing and acknowledging that which was revealed in truth, that none knoweth its interpretation save God and those firm in knowledge. Yet despite your conviction in this, ye have interpreted the words of God and explained them after having been forbidden to do so, and have risen in opposition and denial against those firm in knowledge. Nay, ye slay them as ye slew them aforetime, and ye rejoice in your deeds. Shame upon you for that which your hands have wrought and for your thoughts concerning God’s Cause on a day when the lights of guidance were manifest from the dayspring of knowledge. Ask them then how they read that which was sent down from the heaven of might unto Muhammad in the Arabic tongue, and what they say concerning the meaning of “middle” if Prophethood was sealed through Him - how then was His community described in the Book as the middle of nations? Know then their measure, as though they had never heard the cooing of the Dove, and even had they heard it they would not have understood. Thus was the proof from their own Book conclusively established against them. And this is what all peoples have declared in the time of every Prophet: whenever Messengers from God came unto them, they said “Thou art no Messenger,” and claimed Prophethood was sealed with Him who came before. Thus did Satan make their deeds and words seem fair unto them, and they were far removed from the shore of truth. Remind them of the account of Muhammad aforetime, when He came with manifest authority. He said: “O people! These are the signs of God which have been sent down in truth. Dispute not concerning God’s Cause, but gather ye upon the shore of transcendent glory.”

O people! Look upon Me with the eye of God, and follow not your idle fancies, nor be like those who called upon God by day and by night, yet when He came unto them they turned away from Him and denied Him, remaining utterly devoted to the idols of their own selves. The Jews declared: “By God, this is he who hath fabricated a lie against God, or he is possessed of a demon, or is under a spell.” They said: “God hath sealed Prophethood with Moses, and this is God’s decree as set forth in the Torah. The Law of the Torah shall never be abrogated throughout God’s eternity, and he who shall come after must arise to promote its laws unto all who dwell on earth.” Thus was the command sent down from the heaven of divine decree unto Moses. And those who were given the Gospel spoke likewise, and remained expectant from that day until this. God banished them by that which He revealed unto Muhammad, the Arabian, in the Surih of the Jinn: “They imagined, as ye imagined, that God would never raise up anyone after him.” By God! This verse that hath been sent down, and the mysteries of God concealed therein, suffice all who dwell on earth, if they would but walk in the paths of recognized glory. Say: God hath raised up Messengers after Moses and Jesus, and will continue to send them until the end that hath no end, such that the outpourings of grace may never cease to rain from the heaven of divine bounty. He doeth what He willeth and is not asked of what He doeth, while all else shall be questioned concerning all things in the presence of justice. Hear then what these objectors say, imagining concerning God as did those servants who came before. Say: By God! The matter hath become confused for you. The Hour hath come to pass in truth, and the Resurrection hath arisen, despite your wishes and the wishes of those who were deaf to the melodies of God. Say: Ye speak as spoke the peoples of old in the time of God’s Messenger, and ye wait as they waited, and your feet have slipped on this Path that hath been stretched forth in truth. Reflect then on the implications of this verse, that ye may receive your portion from the table of knowledge that descendeth from the heaven of holiness according to a decreed measure.

O Solace of Eternity! Witness what the idolaters testify concerning this Tree that hath put forth leaves, this blessed Tree that hath been raised up upon the mountain of musk, whose branches have grown until they reached the station that was concealed behind the pavilions of holiness. These idolaters desire to cut off its boughs. Say: It hath sought refuge in God's stronghold and protection, and God hath caused the hands of the hypocrites and unbelievers to fall short of reaching it. The hands of those who have disbelieved and turned away shall never attain unto it. God shall soon gather beneath its shade all who are in the kingdom, and this is what the Truth hath prescribed for Himself, and this hath been irrevocably sealed in the tablets of glory by the Pen of Knowledge.

O Solace of Beauty! Remind the servants with spiritual remembrances in these days, then let them hear a melody from the melodies of eternity, that they may perchance perceive in themselves something less than a mote, and that they may not suppose as their associates supposed before, and may be assured that God is able to raise up a Messenger in every age. Say: O assemblage of hatred! Die in your wrath! This is what hath been decreed in truth by the Pen of transcendent glory. Therefore cast upon them that which the Dove of the Spirit warbled in the paradise of holy and beloved beauty, that they may follow what was explained in the Seal by the tongue of him who was firm in knowledge concerning the visitation of God's name, 'Ali. He said–and His word is the truth–"The Seal of what has gone before and the Opening of what is to come." Thus did he mention the meaning of the Seal with an eloquent holy tongue. Even so did God make His Beloved the Seal of the Prophets who preceded Him and the Opening of the Messengers who would come after. Therefore ponder, O people of the earth, on what We have cast upon you in truth, that ye may perchance find a way to the source of the Cause on the holy shore. Be not veiled from what ye have heard from your learned ones, then ask concerning the matters of your religion from him whom God hath made firm in His knowledge, and from whose countenance the lights were resplendent and luminous. O people! Fear God and take not knowledge from turbid springs which flow from the direction of self and ignorance. Take it rather from the flowing, palatable, pure, running, sweet springs which stream from the right hand of the Throne, and of which God hath given the righteous their portion. O Dayspring of Holiness! Bestow upon all contingent beings that which God hath bestowed upon thee through His bounty, that they may arise from the sepulchres of their bodies and become aware of the Cause which hath in truth come to pass. Then send upon them from the perfumed, musk-laden breezes which God hath given thee in the particles of eternity, that perchance thereby the decayed bones may be quickened, and that the people may not deprive themselves of this Spirit which hath been breathed from this ancient, eternal, everlasting Pen, and may be gathered in this good and blessed land before God in the most beauteous form.

O Pen of Command! Thou dost witness and behold how all created things, in infinite oceans, turn away from this all-encompassing, outpouring mercy that hath enveloped all who are in the heavens and on earth. They turn not toward the countenance from which the lights of the Spirit have dawned, by which all in the kingdoms of command and creation were illumined - and of this thou art indeed witness. They run in the valley of self and desire, and wade among those who attained not Thy presence in Thy Day, after Thou didst give them glad tidings aforetime through a glorious and mighty Pen, and Thy sweet utterance in the heaven of eternity declared: "On that Day all sovereignty shall be God's." Thus was the decree of that Day inscribed upon tablets of glory by the finger of the Spirit from time immemorial. But

when the Day came and the hours arrived and the matter was accomplished and the lights of Beauty were established at the meridian, then all rose up in hypocrisy against this Light that shone forth from the horizon, and veiled themselves behind thick veils of unbelief. Thus may ye recognize all peoples throughout all ages: after they awaited that which was promised in the days of God, when the promise was fulfilled they denied it through what Satan cast into their souls, and remained far removed from the holy shore. Even as ye witness today these idolaters who waited in their days for what was promised by the tongue of Muhammad, the Messenger of God, and whenever they heard His name they would rise up and cry "May God hasten His advent!" Yet when He appeared in truth they denied Him in their souls and opposed Him and disputed with Him falsely and imprisoned Him amid the mountains. The rancor of their hearts and the fire of their souls was not quenched until they perpetrated against Him that which caused the very livers of existence to be consumed in the temples of being, whereby the pillars of the cities of eternity were shaken in the heaven of blindness, and the Beauty of the Unseen lamented in Its hidden sanctum of holiness. O Day-spring of Glory! Make mention to the believers among the people of eternity what the idolaters spoke in former times in the days when Husayn was slain by the embodiments of tyrannical wickedness. They would visit his shrine each day and curse those who oppressed him, and would recite a hundred times each morning "O God! Curse the first oppressor who oppressed the right of Muhammad and the family of Muhammad!" Yet when Husayn was raised up in the holy land, they oppressed him and killed him and did unto him what none had done before. Thus doth God distinguish between the truthful and the false, between light and darkness, and cast upon you that which revealeth all the deeds of the oppressors.

Remember then in the Book one who was a pious servant of God, who believed in God on a day when the Cause shone forth resplendently from the Dayspring of the Spirit, and who aided his Lord to the extent of his power at the time when the Vahid entered the eastern land of love. He said: "O people! God's proof hath come with the truth and the Face hath appeared. O concourse of the Furqan! Hasten unto Him and turn not back upon your heels. O people! Beauty hath dawned from the horizon of holiness and the Promise hath come with truth. Hasten ye unto the Paradise wherein that Face shineth with radiance. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves and your eyes from the meeting with God, for this is God's Day, a day grievous unto the unbelievers. O people! The Book hath been set down in truth, and the deeds of all in the world shall not escape it by so much as a date-stone's weight or a date-thread. O people! Be not veiled from the Beauty of God after He hath come overshadowed by clouds, with holy angels round about Him - thus was the matter decreed from before the Throne."

And when the Vahid said: "O people! I have brought you a Tablet from the Spirit, from before the Self-Subsisting. Be not divided in God's Cause, but answer the call of Him Who summons you with pure truth and teaches you that which will draw you nigh unto the right hand of glory beloved. O people! In all the Tablets ye were promised the meeting with God, and this is the day wherein Beauty is unveiled, the Light hath appeared, the Herald hath called out, and the heaven hath been cleft asunder with clouds. Fear ye God and close not your eyes to a Beauty brilliant as the morning star. This is what ye were promised by the tongue of the Messengers aforetime, and God took from you a covenant concerning this in the realm of pre-existence. Therefore fulfill your covenants and be not detained in the lands of allusion."

Among the people, some fulfilled God's covenant and answered the call of Truth, while others turned away and were rebellious against God. And among them was he who was named 'the Pious One' in the Book, who believed in God his Lord and was faithful to His promise. He appeared before the Vahid and held fast to the Most Great Handle, divided not God's word, and remained steadfast in the true religion. He aided his Lord in all conditions with all that lay within his power, and thus did God cause his name to be inscribed by the Pen of Glory in the lines of eternity. Tribulation and adversity befell him, and he bore all hardships in his own person, yet in all these conditions remained thankful and patient. Verily they who aid God with their wealth and their persons, and who endure hardships seeking God's face - these were from all eternity victorious through God's help, even though they be slain and burnt on earth, for they were created from spirits and soared in the atmosphere of the Spirit by God's leave. They pay no heed to their physical bodies in this realm and long for trials in their Creator's path as the guilty long for forgiveness and the infant for its mother's breast. Thus doth the Dove remind you with spiritual remembrances, that perchance the people may detach themselves from their selves and their wealth, and return to a holy and manifest seat.

The days passed until there gathered around Vahid a band from the village which God had blessed among all villages and had exalted its name in the Tablet from which the Mother Book had been separated. They followed God's decree and circled round His Cause, spent their wealth and sacrificed all the ornaments they possessed, fearing none but God - and God is indeed aware of all things. Their hearts were as blocks of iron in God's aid, the blame of no blamer took hold of them, nor did the rejection of any rejecter prevent them. In the cities of the earth they were like sacred banners raised in God's Name. The matter reached such a point that the chief of oppression, who had denied God, associated partners with His Beauty and turned away from His proof - and who was the most wretched of people on earth, as testify to this the men who were concealed in the pavilion of eternity - heard of it.

O people of the village! Give thanks to God your Creator for having favored you with the truth and preferred you above all who dwell on earth, in that He honored you with His presence, made you know His Self, and nourished you from the fruits of the Lote-Tree of Paradise after all had been deprived thereof. He caused you to attain His days, sent upon you the breezes of holiness, turned you toward the right hand of oneness, and drew you near to the blessed spot of glory. Thus does He bestow His favor upon whomsoever He willeth and singles out for His mercy such servants as are cut off from all who dwell on earth. Therefore rejoice within yourselves and take pride over all who are gathered in the kingdom.

Know that God has inscribed your names in the holy scrolls and ordained for you in Paradise a praiseworthy station. By God! Were the station of but one of you to be revealed to those on earth, they would sacrifice their souls in their longing for this station which was created by God's hand. But it has been veiled from the eyes of men that the evil might be distinguished from the good. Thus does God try them in the kingdom that what lies in their hearts might be revealed, as indeed it has been revealed, and you were witness to this. How many were the servants who worshipped God in their days, commanded people to righteousness and piety, wept over the tribulations of the family of God, and closed their eyes in prayer and in reciting visitations to show their orientation toward a holy, worshipped Source! Yet when the truth came to them they turned away from it and denied it, even to the point of killing it with their own hands, and they were delighted with their deeds. Thus does God render void the deeds of those who

showed pride against Him, and accepts the deeds of those who turned to God, humbled themselves before His countenance, and walked the paths of His good-pleasure.

Remember, O people of the village, the bounty of God which He hath in truth bestowed upon you, and taught you that which none of the divines of the earth have known - they who, by reason of the weight and size of their turbans, can scarcely walk upon the earth, and when they move, they move as though a mountain of hatred doth move across the land, detested. By God! It behooveth you, O friends of God, to sanctify yourselves from all that ye have been forbidden, and to thank God throughout all days and nights for having singled you out with a grace whereof others have no share, and to speak of God, your Creator, in such wise that the fragrance of God may waft from you, and ye may thus be distinguished from those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God. Thus doth the Dove counsel you and teach you the paths of knowledge, that ye may be firmly grounded in God's religion and steadfast in His love. Fear God, and let not your deeds be rendered vain through heedlessness, and boast not to God of your faith in the Manifestation of His Self; rather God bestoweth His favor upon you in that He hath aided you in His Cause, shown you the paths of glory and piety, and inspired you with wondrous and hidden knowledge. Well is it with you, O people of the village, for having been patient in God's days through hardship and tribulation, and for having heard with your ears and witnessed with your eyes. God shall soon reward you with the most excellent of rewards and grant you that which shall satisfy your souls, and shall inscribe your names in a holy and hidden Book. Strive, then, that your patience be not nullified through complaint, and be content with whatsoever God hath decreed for you and with all that He shall decree hereafter, for the world and its ornaments and embellishments shall pass away in less than a moment and shall not endure, and ye shall be brought into a seat of glory well-beloved. Blessed are ye and those who have sacrificed themselves in the days of God and were among those who soared in the atmosphere of love and attained unto a station that was forbidden to all others.

Wherefore, O Pen of Holiness, make mention of what befell the Vahid at the hands of the enemies of God's own Self, that his cause may be remembered in the Concourse on High with truth. When he who disbelieved and was wretched, then grew arrogant and rebellious, heard thereof, he dispatched the hosts of infidelity and commanded them to slay those the like of whom the earth had never borne in their faith in God, and to shed blood whereby all things were purified. The wicked one gave commands among the people contrary to what God had revealed in the Book, and thus was his decree irrevocably fixed. He appointed two chiefs over the hosts, who denied God and His signs, and sold their religion for worldly gain, thereby purchasing for themselves everlasting and perpetual torment, and through their tyranny were destined for God's wrath. They came with the hosts of infidelity and the armies of idolatry until they besieged God's hosts and His loved ones, and were inscribed by the Pen of Command in the Mother Book as the most evil of men. They warred against God's companions, disputed with them, contended with them, and fought with all their might to overcome the hosts of truth, but God caused them to be defeated at the hands of the believers in their battle. When they proved powerless against the party of God and His friends, they plotted and schemed within themselves and took counsel together until they sent a messenger to the Vahid with deceitful words. The messenger of Satan entered unto the Vahid and said: "You are the son of Muhammad and we acknowledge your excellence over us. We have not come to contend with you, but rather we desire reconciliation in your cause. We will hear what you command us

and follow your word, and we will not oppose your judgment in the least degree." Then the Spirit opened Its mouth and the Holy Spirit spoke through the tongue of the Vahid, saying: "O people! If you acknowledge my excellence and recognize that I am the son of Muhammad, the Messenger of God, why have you come against us with the hosts of infidelity and besieged us, turning away from God's Cause and rebelling against it? O people! Fear God and spread not corruption in the land, cast not God's Cause behind your backs, and fear God Who created you and sustained you and sent down unto you wondrous verses of might. O people! The kingdom and your hosts shall perish, then he who sent you with tyranny. Consider what befell the nations of old and be mindful of matters that were decreed aforetime. O people! I am but a servant who has believed in God and His verses revealed through the tongue of Ali in truth. If you are not content with my presence among you, I will depart unto God. I desire nothing from you. Fear God and shed not the blood of His loved ones, seize not people's property unjustly, and deny not God after having claimed faith for yourselves. Thus do I counsel you with justice; follow my counsel and stray not from the Cause which has dawned from the horizon of the Spirit. O people! Would you slay a man for saying 'My Lord is God,' when he has brought you signs that confound the minds of all creation? Have mercy on yourselves and follow not your desires. You shall depart from this transient world and appear before the presence of the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. You shall be questioned concerning what you did on earth and be recompensed for all that you wrought in the false dominion. This is what hath been irrevocably decreed in the mighty tablets."

Thus was His decree established in the Tablets with invincible might. Messages and missives were repeatedly exchanged between them until they set forth God's Book amongst themselves, swore by it, sealed it and dispatched it to the Beauty of Glory, the Vahid. Thus did they seek to practice deception in God's Cause, making promises with their tongues that were absent from their hearts. The hatred in their breasts was like a fire concealed behind veils of deceit. They beseeched Vahid to honor their places and gatherings with his presence, emphatically renewing their covenant and pledge, while they lay sleeping upon the couch of self and passion.

When God's Book came before Vahid, he arose and proclaimed to those around him: "O people! The promised time has come and destiny's decrees have been fulfilled in truth. I shall go to them that what lies ordained for me behind the pavilion of destiny may be made manifest." Thus did he ever place his trust in his Lord. Vahid entered among the hosts of tyranny and the armies of Satan with but a few souls. They arose to welcome him, giving him precedence over themselves in walking and sitting, and he remained among them for numbered days. Through him they wrote to the people of the village to disperse, assuring them they would not be harmed, until they had scattered them. Then the forces of unbelief entered their quarter and practiced a mighty deception against them.

When their hearts and souls were at ease, they broke their covenant, violated their pledge, transgressed God's decree among them, and breached the Book's covenant through their passions. Thus were their names inscribed as accursed in the Tablets by God's Pen. They seized Vahid, violated his sanctity, stripped his body, and perpetrated such acts as caused the eyes of the denizens of Paradise to shed crimson tears. God's curse be upon those who wronged him and those who continue to commit injustice in these days when the Sun is veiled behind sacred clouds. Not content with what they had done, they slew the villagers over successive years, took their women captive, plundered their possessions, and showed no

fear of God Who created and nurtured them. They vied with one another in oppression and in what Satan cast into their hearts, while God witnessed their deeds.

They raised heads upon spears and lances and entered the land which God had honored above all other regions of earth, wherein the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of a magnificent Name. When they arrived in the city, people gathered around them - some reviling them with their tongues, others stoning them with their hands - while the dwellers of the heavens bit their fingers in astonishment at what these polytheists had done to these radiant and luminous countenances. They brought them into the city, and God knows what befell them after their entry, for He keeps account of all things in a noble and precious Book.

O Divine Beauty! This is not the first time that the idolaters have acted thus on earth. They slew Husayn and his companions, then took his family captive, and now they weep and lament for him morning and evening. Say: O concourse of brutes! Have ye not inferred the truth of Husayn and his companions from how they sacrificed themselves and gave up their possessions, and ye were mindful of this? How then do ye brand these martyrs with unbelief after they gave up their wealth and their women in the path of God and strove therein until they were slain in diverse ways such as no ear hath heard and no eye of creation hath collectively witnessed? And when it is said unto them, “Why did ye slay those who believed in God and His signs?” they say, “We found them to be unbelievers in the land.” Say: By God! Thus did these same words issue from your mouths aforetime against the Prophets and Messengers until ye slew them with the sharpened swords of hatred, and God doth encompass all things. Woe unto you for having denied God’s Messengers and risen up to wage war against them until ye shed their blood without right, as attesteth what hath been inscribed upon the Tablets, preserved and hidden. Say: Hath not God established in His Book that which distinguisheth between the truthful and the liar through His true word “Then wish for death, if ye speak truth”? Why then did ye deny those whose truthfulness God hath attested in His Book, which no falsehood can approach and which was sent down from the Tablet? Ye perceived it not, cast God’s Book behind your backs, and slew those who wished for death in God’s path - to this your eyes, your tongues and your hearts bear witness, and beyond all this God is the Witness. Shame upon you for having shed the blood of those the like of whom the eyes of creation have never seen, and for having denied them after their truthfulness was confirmed by the explicit text of the Book, and for having followed those who would not consent to the diminution of even an atom of their prestige in God’s path, and whose only concern in this world is to consume the wealth of the people and to occupy the highest seats in assemblies, thereby priding themselves above all who dwell on earth. By God! It behooveth you to take these transgressors as your lords instead of God and to follow them until ye enter with them into the fire that was created for the idolaters. Say: By God! If ye were to become aware for less than a moment, ye would destroy your books which ye have written without God’s leave, strike your heads, flee from your homes and dwell in the mountains, eating naught but fetid black mud.

Say: The souls of those who were martyred upon the earth have taken flight, and now they soar in the atmosphere of nearness and circle round the mighty throne. At every moment the angels of grace descend upon them and give them tidings of a station of praiseworthy glory. Each day God reveals Himself to them with such splendor that were it to appear to the dwellers of earth and heaven, they would fall down unconscious. Say: O assemblage of the wretched! Rejoice not in your deeds, for soon

shall you return to God and be gathered before His glory on the Day when the pillars of all creation shall quake. God will then call you to account in His justice for what you have wrought against His loved ones in the days of falsehood. Not a single deed of yours shall be overlooked but shall be laid bare before you. You shall be rewarded according to your works, for nothing escapes God's knowledge and He encompasses all things.

The wrongdoers in the nethermost depths of the fire shall say: "Would that we had not taken these divines as our friends!" O people of the village! Remember God's favor upon you when you were on the brink of the abyss of unbelief, and He saved you through His grace and guided you to the court of His unique Name. When you were enemies, He united your hearts, brought you together in truth, exalted your name, and sent down verses unto you from a tongue of beloved glory. Remember too when We passed by you with hosts of angels and opened unto you the gates of Paradise. You were gathered when passing by the fortress, but Satan whispered to some among you and cast terror into your hearts. Then We found some of you disturbed and shaken, but We pardoned those who were troubled, as a mercy from Us upon you and upon all who dwell on earth.

Say: Those who have disbelieved among the people of the village are the most evil of men, just as you are the best of servants. Thus have We recorded the matter in a Tablet sealed with the seal of glory. Those who did not present themselves before Vahid, who warred against him and disputed with him falsely - these are cursed in this world and the next, and the word of punishment from One mighty and wise is decreed against them.

O loved ones of God from that village! Hold fast to the cord of God, then thank Him for having chosen you in truth. You have become, through God's mercy, steadfast upon the paths of holiness. O trees of the village! Prostrate yourselves before God your Creator, for the breezes of spring in a season of unique glory have wafted over you. O earth of that village! Thank your Lord, for God has transformed you on the Day of Resurrection and the lights of the Spirit have shone upon you from a horizon of glorious light. O air of the village! Remember God, Who has purified you from the dust of self and passion, raised you up in truth and caused you to be presented before Him.

Blessed art thou, O Yahya, for having fulfilled thy covenant on the day when the heavens and earth were created. Thou didst take the Book of God with the power of thy faith and wert drawn by the melodies of His days to the sanctuary of Beauty. Then did the Concourse on High give thee glad tidings of what was recorded in a Tablet to which clung the spirits of the Books and beyond them the Mother Book, which was preserved in the fortress of infallibility. Thus doth God reward His servants who have believed in Him and His verses, and He seizes those who have wronged on earth. Verily, the curse of God be upon all wrongdoers.

O Delight of Eternity! Change thy melody and chant with the notes of the warbling doves from behind the pavilions of names in the heaven of attributes, that perchance the birds of the Throne may detach themselves from the dust of their own selves and wing their flight to their true habitation in that station which is sanctified above all sanctification. O Essence of Truth! Sing and trill with the sweetest of melodies, for the maidens of Paradise have emerged from their chambers and from the pavilions of God's protection to hearken unto thy song which was chanted concerning the tales of truth in the Qayyumu'l-

Asma'. Deprive them not of what they seek from the wonders of thy bounty, for verily thou art the Generous One in the precincts of eternity and the Lord of great bounty in the heaven of the unseen, and thy name hath been known for bounty in the Supreme Concourse.

O Beauty of Holiness! The idolaters will not allow this melody to issue forth from this soul, and when the voice seeketh to emerge from my mouth, they place upon it the hands of hatred. Yet Thou, despite Thy knowledge of this, commandest me to raise the call in the atmosphere of this heaven. Verily Thou art the Doer of what Thou willest, the Judge of justice, doing what Thou pleasest and remaining wise over all things. And shouldst Thou hear Thy servant's call and fulfill his need through Thy grace, then excuse them with the most gracious words and gentlest utterance, that they may return to their pavilions and their seats in the chambers of crimson ruby. Thou knowest that I am tried amongst the idolaters of both parties, and Thou art the Ruler of both causes, the Observer of both judgments, the One manifest in both garments, the One dawning with both suns, the One mentioned by both names, the Lord of both Easts, the Commander of both mysteries in both lines, and God is, beyond what I say, All-Knowing. Thou knowest that I fear not for myself, for I have sacrificed my soul and spirit on the day when Thou didst honor me with Thy presence, taught me the wonders of Thy beauty, and inspired me with the gems of Thy verses, gathered upon all who have entered beneath the shadow of Thy Cause. Rather, I fear lest the pillars of the Cause be scattered by the Most Great Word, even as these deluded ones scattered them on the day when Thou didst establish Thyself upon the thrones of existence through Thy mercy which encompasseth all in the worlds collectively. Thus have We detailed this matter in detail on the day which was then sent down from the heaven of the Spirit.

O Blood-Drenched Robe! Pay no heed to the signs, then burn the veils, then appear adorned with the ornament of God between earth and heaven, then sing with the hidden and treasured melodies within thy spirit in these days wherein there hath befallen the Manifestation of God's Self what no eyes of creation have ever witnessed. O Beauty of Holiness! The command is in Thy hands, and I am but Thy humble servant, abased before Thee and ruled by Thy command. When Thou commandest me to make mention in remembrance of God, the Most Great, and God's Greatest Treasure, it behooveth Thee to command the angels of Paradise to guard the pillars of the Throne, then the angels on high to preserve the pavilions of grandeur, lest the veil of the Divine Realm be rent asunder by this Call which hath been concealed in the breast of glory. O Glory of the Spirit! Veil not Thyself with these veils, but appear through God's power, then break the seal from the vessels of the Spirit which have been sealed from all eternity with the seal of preservation, that the fragrant breezes may waft from this Ancient Vessel upon all created things, perchance all existence may be quickened by the breath of the All-Merciful and arise to promote the Cause on the Day whereon the Spirit shall be witnessed from the direction of dawn. Say: This Tablet commandeth you to patience in this greatest terror and ordaineth steadfastness for you in this most mighty anguish, at the time when the Dove of Hijaz shall wing its flight from the precincts of Iraq, and the breezes of separation shall blow upon all contingent things, and the crimson hue shall appear in the face of heaven, and thus was the matter decreed in the Mother Book. Say: The Bird of Immortality hath taken flight from the horizon of the invisible realm and seeketh the heaven of the spirit in the holy Sinai, that the decrees of destiny might be reflected in the mirror of divine determination, and this is one of the hidden mysteries. Say: The Bird of Glory hath flown from one branch and seeketh the

holy Branch that was planted in the land of exile. Say: The breeze of divine unity hath wafted from the City of Peace and seeketh to blow upon the City of Separation that was mentioned in the scrolls of the Command. Say: O concourse of the heavens and earth! Cast ye ashes upon your faces and heads, for Beauty hath vanished from the cities of nearness and seeketh to rise from the horizon of a distant heaven. All this hath been ordained in truth, and we thank God for this and for what He hath sent down upon us of tribulation after tribulation, and hath rained down upon us from the clouds of destiny showers of recognized sorrow.

O Essence of Grief! End thy words in this remembrance, for by it We have grieved and the dwellers of the Supreme Concourse have grieved. Then make mention of ’Abdu’llah who asked about a message that was in truth momentous. Say: By God, the Truth! The Message hath been fulfilled in the Beauty of ’Ali, made manifest. Then the servants differed concerning it, and the divines of the age objected to it - they who were veiled by the veils of self. And ye have recognized the Beauty of God in the vesture of ’Ali, the Self-Subsisting, and soon will all who are in the heavens and earth recognize Him. This hath been inscribed in truth and was decreed by God as inevitable. And ye shall learn of a message at a time which must surely come.

But, O people of the Bayan! Strive within yourselves lest ye differ regarding the Cause of God. Be steadfast in the Cause like unto a mountain firmly fixed in truth, that neither the whisperings of Satan may cause you to slip, nor anything on earth make you waver. This is what the Dove of the Cause counseleth you at the time of parting from the land of Iraq, through that which the hands of the polytheists have wrought.

Know then, O company of the chosen ones, that when the Sun setteth, the birds of night move about in darkness. Therefore, turn not unto them, but set your faces toward a holy and beloved direction. Beware lest ye follow the Samiri within yourselves, nor pursue the calf when it appeareth among you. This is the best counsel from Me unto you and unto all creation collectively.

Ye shall hear the call of the Samiri after Me, and he shall summon you unto Satan. Turn not then unto him, but turn unto a Beauty mighty yet concealed. Thus do We address all who are in the heavens and on earth in this City, that all things may receive what hath been ordained for them by One All-Wise, All-Knowing.

And thou, O Time, be not heedless of this moment which hath come in truth, wherein the breath of God wafteth from a holy western direction. And thou, O Hour, rejoice in this Hour which hath arisen in truth. Then recognize in this eternal, enduring, celestial Table that which hath descended from the cloud of holiness and the shadows of light from the heaven of glory in the name of God.

O Day! Illumine all created things with this Divine, radiant, resplendent Day which hath appeared from the horizon of Iraq unto all regions and been witnessed. Thus do We expound unto you the verses and cast upon you the words of the Spirit, and bestow upon all things that which hath been decreed in a mighty Book inscribed, that all things may know the Fountainhead of Oneness in this Ridvan which hath in truth been outpoured. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who have circled round the Cause and who have walked in the path of love.

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

Praise befitteth and beseemeth that Beloved One Who, with the finger of power, rent asunder the most mighty and glorious veils and guided the people of Baha to the highest horizon. He is the Expositor at Whose utterance all exposition is thunderstruck, and He is the Judge at Whose justice the Balance itself trembleth. Through but a single manifestation of His Will, the books of the world appear and become manifest, and through but a drop from the ocean of His Purpose, creation is thrown into commotion and tumult. Glory be to God! What manner of fire is this that maketh fresh and enduring, and what manner of water is this that increaseth heat? From the wine of His knowledge every possessor of understanding loseth his understanding, and from the Kawthar of His utterance every one devoid of hearing is endowed with hearing and proclaimeth His call. He bestoweth sight and declareth "Look and thou shalt see Me." Glory be to God! A Day of such blessedness and such sanctity hath remained unappreciated, and the pearls of the ocean of inner meanings have fallen into the hands of the sightless. The lowliest of all the parties of the earth regard themselves as the most exalted of creation, and souls that are but illusions count themselves among those possessed of certitude. Every fair-minded one is bewildered and every possessor of wisdom is confounded. The intoxication of vain desire hath prevented all from recognizing and comprehending the Day of God. This evanescent soul beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid all to achieve that which beseemeth them.

I pray, send greetings and glorification upon those whom the veils have not prevented from the Dawning-Place of verses, who have arisen to promote the Cause and have spoken that which they were bidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. They are those who have testified to that which God hath testified and have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged. These are servants unto whom the Supreme Pen hath borne witness, attesting to their devotion, their humility, their lowliness, and their arising to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the signs of Thy grandeur to assist them in all conditions to remember and praise Thee, and to enable them to that which befitteth Thy dawning and Thy manifestation and Thy power. O my Lord! Thou seest them before Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world, by the Most Great Name, to preserve them from whatsoever is unworthy of Thy days. Then manifest through them that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted in Thy dominion. Thou art the Almighty Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate nor the manifestations of the earth weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

O beloved of my heart! Although this servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted and mighty be He, to be enabled to respond to thy letters, there have nonetheless been occasional delays. However, these delays have been caused by the press of occupations, to which thou thyself hast borne and continuest to bear witness. Praise be to God! Though there have been delays, they have not been forgotten and in every case a response hath been offered. This letter fulfilleth the promise made on the

ninth of Rabi'u'th-Thani that the remainder of the response to thy letter dated the first of Safar would be submitted and dispatched.

Regarding what you wrote that one of the handmaidens of God named Fatimah is adorned with the ornament of divine love, and that her son took his own life by poison - this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed in response: "O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! We found not from him the fragrance of certitude, yet We forgave him as a bounty to you and to his mother. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We mention her at this time to give her glad tidings of the verses of her Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Fatimah! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord. He mentions thee from the prison and calls thee to God, the Lord of Lords. Be not grieved by what has transpired. Children are for the perpetuation of name and remembrance, and this only if God confirms and the child is adorned with justice. Now you have attained to that which is a hundred thousand times more excellent. Ask God to keep you firm and steadfast in His love, and that the Supreme Pen may reveal the word of His good-pleasure concerning you. This is a bounty whose mention and honor shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Hold fast to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Generous. O 'Ali! Give her the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy, and that which hath been revealed for her from the heaven of My Will and surged in the ocean of My utterance, the Mighty, the Impregnable. God willing, may all be quickened by the fire of divine favor and the water of the All-Merciful's mercy, in such wise that the coldness of the world may not chill the people of Baha nor hold them back from the Most Exalted Horizon." […]

O my handmaid! God willing, mayest thou be the recipient of divine favors. This is the Day wherein the gems of human existence must be made manifest through the divine Name. The path hath been laid and the balance set up. Beseech ye the exalted Lord that He may aid all His servants and handmaidens to achieve that which beseemeth His days. This is the Day of goodly deeds and spiritual attributes. Strive thou to attain that which God hath purposed. Thou hast been remembered before His presence, and God willing, shall continue to be remembered. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's bounty and render thanks unto Him through His beauteous remembrance. Blessed is thy father. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified on his behalf in such wise that his remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. He attained the presence of God once in Baghdad and again in this mighty prison. He approached with radiant countenance by his Lord's leave until he entered and presented himself at the gate, and heard the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. On most days he attained Our presence and heard that which the Beloved heard on His night journey and Moses heard on the Mount of knowledge. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, yet the people are for the most part heedless.

O handmaid of God! Great indeed is God's favor and mighty is His grace. The entire world standeth powerless to reckon the measure thereof. He hath forgiven thee out of His grace and commandeth thee to that which beseemeth thee. He is verily the All-Bountiful and His Essence dominateth the worlds. God willing, may the handmaids of the All-Merciful act in a manner befitting their station. This is the counsel of the Peerless Friend. The Glory be upon thee and upon them that follow guidance.

Concerning thy mention of the friends in that land and the question about the blessed verse, it was presented before His presence. This is what the All-Bestowing hath revealed in response:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

O ’Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of His hallowed House and His praiseworthy station, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and witnessing thy humility, We have remembered thee in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of My loving-kindness amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We make mention of My loved ones whom thou hast mentioned, that the call may attract them to the Supreme Horizon and draw them nigh unto a station wherein the hosts of the earth shall not frighten them, nor shall the derision of the infidels who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, cause them to grieve. He verily protecteth them as He pleaseth through the sovereignty of might, majesty and power, and nothing whatsoever can frustrate His purpose. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Omnipotent. Say: Consider ye this world - it passeth away like a breath, quicker than the twinkling of an eye. Thus doth He Who possesseth a perspicuous Book remind you. Ponder ye upon it and its evanescence. By the life of God! Ye shall then find yourselves in supreme joy. Ye are they whom the All-Merciful remembereth throughout all possibility and to whom He maketh known His straight path. Ye have attained unto that which Moses attained aforetime. My tongue and My Pen and the denizens of My glorious kingdom bear witness unto this.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Give them glad tidings from Me and proclaim unto them from My tongue. Then remind them of that which shall make them mighty in this Cause, that the spirit of steadfastness may descend upon them from the heaven of thy Lord’s grace, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Most strange it is that souls who claim the station of steadfastness and certitude become agitated and shaken by the merest whiff from the embodiments of vain imaginings. The tales of old have held people back from steadfastness, and lack of understanding hath deprived them of this supreme bounty, heedless that whatsoever they have heard before was pure falsehood and sheer calumny. These matters were mentioned before in most eloquent terms. Thou must acquaint the souls with these things in such wise that the heedless ones shall find themselves powerless to prevent them, but rather shall perceive their own impotence and limitation.

When they asked Ja’far, brother of ’Askari, whether any offspring remained from his brother, he said there was a child who died. When the false pretenders heard this statement, they denied it and called him a liar. Observe to what degree the oppression reached and to what level the calumny ascended. Then mention was made of the Holy Domain and the appearance of epistles, with all the details you have previously heard. May God grant justice regarding such souls who have left the helpless people wandering in the wilderness of doubts and idle fancies, and who have proven worse than Abu Lahab. Now for some time this title of “liar” will remain among the people of Pharaoh for that truthful Speaker. These false and lying pretenders cling to the same devices; their original way and path remains the same. The receptive souls must be made aware so that they may become informed and not be deprived of what God has intended through the whisperings of Satan’s party. I swear by the brightness of the Sun of Justice that this Wronged One’s purpose is that powerful souls should arise to promote the Cause and protect

the people from the evil of satans, until they reach a station where they see themselves independent of all that has passed and count all save the Truth as non-existent and null. Say: O friends, fix your gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and upon that which hath appeared therefrom. This is the counsel of Truth. Convey My greetings to all the friends and remind them of that which the Book hath spoken. Those souls who are now in the land of Sad and elsewhere, calling people to hell - you yourself know that they were not and are not aware of any Cause. They speak according to their desires. Their origin is falsehood and unto falsehood do they return. Verily they are of falsehood and unto it shall they return. In any case, seize the reins of the Cause through God's power and might, and call the receptive ones to the horizon of certitude. Perchance they may drink from the Kawthar of assurance and manifest complete steadfastness.

Indeed, this evanescent one is bewildered, nay, dumbfounded. By what proof can those who turn away from this Most Great Cause establish any other cause? Through a drop from this ocean all the Prophets and Messengers guided the people to the truth. Now the ocean is manifest, yet the people are observed to be veiled and heedless. The expounder must break all the idols of vain imaginings that people previously held, with the arm of certitude, and lead them to the Dawning-Place of verses with the rod of wisdom. The Command is in God's hands.

Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Khodadad, upon him be the glory of God, it was mentioned. The Sun of loving-kindness shone forth from the horizon of grace. They said: The children of the Friend and the heirs of the Interlocutor have in this Revelation attained to the most great favor. Their mention, their acceptance, and their service have been revealed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in scriptures and tablets. Convey to him greetings from the True One and say: Through the favor of the Peerless Friend thou hast attained the Most Exalted Horizon and been adorned with the recognition of the Dawning-Place of verses and the Source of clear proofs. Ask God that he may attain this lofty and most exalted station with supreme steadfastness. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Soon shall the fruits of deeds become manifest. Verily He does not suffer the reward of the doers of good and the benevolent to be lost. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Akhavan and his family, upon them be 669 [Baha'u'llah], from the heaven of grace a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for each one. God willing, their eyes shall be illumined thereby and their hearts attain supreme joy. Likewise, specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ja'far a most holy Tablet was revealed and sent, that his eyes might be consoled and his heart rejoiced. Up to this point is the response to your letter which was previously submitted, some of which was presented and sent, and some of which was to be sent later. Now praise be to God that this evanescent servant was enabled to fulfill his promise, praise be to God in all conditions. And your other letter which you had sent to Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be Baha'u'llah, was presented before His presence. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken: God willing, on this most mighty, most exalted, most holy day, may they succeed in that which is befitting and proper. Their mention hath been made in His presence and the gaze of His favor is directed towards them. With perfect wisdom and utterance they must strengthen the weak souls through the blessed, mighty Word of God and adorn them with the ornament of certitude, that they may remain protected from the doubts of the manifestations of fancy and idle imaginings. Indeed, may they behold each of the people of Baha in such a

steadfast station that they find themselves incapable of speech. O ’Ali-Qabil-Akbar! All the people of the Bayan bear witness that on the day when all hid behind the veil of concealment from the might of the manifestations of tyranny, the Truth arose by His own Self to promote the Cause and with the most exalted call summoned the people of the kingdom of utterance to the supreme horizon and guided all to the stream of certitude. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the Teacher, the All-Informed.

Your supplication was presented repeatedly, and Jinab-i-Ismu’llah, upon him be Baha’u’llah, acting as your representative, was also blessed with a special visitation. Happy are ye and he and I. As to your question regarding a man who claimed to a woman that “you are my wife and we recited the verse of consent, and agreed upon a specified dowry according to the law of the Book,” and neither party had anyone present whose permission was required, nor were there other witnesses, and now the woman denies it saying “such a thing never occurred and it is a lie” - what is the ruling and judgment? These matters were presented before His presence and He said: This marriage was not performed according to the law of the Book, for the marriage vows must be recited and a group must be present so that afterwards no one can deny it. The vows are not obligatory but witnesses are required. And after the House of Justice is established with its members, they will surely designate someone along with others specifically for this matter so that affairs may be conducted according to divine law. Even if something truly occurred between two people, since it was not done according to what God has decreed, it was and is not acceptable. For if it were done otherwise, it would cause chaos, corruption and contention. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight path so that every matter may be observed firmly in its proper place. They must repent and return unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily He forgiveth His servants and He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Every soul hath full authority over their own possessions and may do with them as they wish, so long as they are possessed of a sound mind. Their authority is not taken from them. This is what God hath decreed. However, after the onset of a true mental incapacity that is clearly established by skilled physicians, their authority ceaseth by the decree of the Book. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised.

Blessed art thou, O Heydar, in that thou hast turned thy face towards God, hast believed in Him and hast migrated in His path despite what thou didst encounter from the hosts of the oppressors. Those souls who have not attained unto the recognition of God in this day are accounted as being in an embryonic state. Verily, one who hath attained is he who hath both recognized and conveyed My Cause. Observe those souls who count themselves among the people of certitude and assurance, and who consider themselves illumined by the light of the divine Sun of Manifestation and steadfast, yet at the time of testing they are found submerged in doubt by the words of deluded souls whose proofs are flimsier than a spider’s web. How strange it is! What regret and remorse! Although all are aware that none had any knowledge of this Cause, and these disseminators speak merely of their own desires and have heard naught but from their like, yet they are found wavering and disturbed. The people of Baha must manifest such steadfastness and power that none shall find occasion for speech or denial. By the life of God! These people are in manifest loss.

O Heydar! God willing, thou shalt remain protected from the arrows of the deniers and the objectors, and be adorned with the ornament of certitude. Consider the words of the Point of the Bayan regarding what the heedless souls today proclaim and cling to. He saith: “The one-year-old babes of that Revelation are mightier than all the followers of the Bayan” - that is, than those who cling to the Bayan. This statement of the Author of the Bayan, and other statements of its people, thou and the other friends have heard what they have said and continue to say. By the life of God! They are among the oppressors.

As to what thou hast asked regarding the embryo, know thou that whatsoever hath occurred and will occur in the world is according to divine wisdom, and all things are created complete and perfect, with effect and fruit. If one were to observe and contemplate any matter or thing before his eyes, he would testify with absolute certainty that His wisdom is consummate and His craftsmanship perfect. Consider the hand which is ever with man - all that it possesses is according to wisdom. If but one of its veins, which is the finest and most delicate of all, should be afflicted, the strength and movement of the hand would be impaired. Every sage hath testified to the perfection of His handiwork and every learned one to the completeness of His creation. And whatsoever hath been created must needs reach its state of perfection and attain unto maturity. And if it be prevented by other causes, this too is according to other divine wisdom, which in some cases is manifest and evident, and in others hidden and concealed. For example, God hath bestowed the hand, and for man it is necessary, as it is observed to be the greatest of instruments. However, when it is severed on account of theft, this deficiency is, in the eyes of the discerning, perfect, nay rather, most perfect, for it is the cause of protection and the means of preventing the servants from committing reprehensible and rejected deeds. Observe all things from this perspective. It is evident that the creation of the embryo is for the purpose of growth and maturity […]

Verily the mind is the greatest sign in man, and blessed is he who attaineth unto it. Yet notwithstanding its lofty station and exalted rank, it is seen to be powerless to comprehend most things, for the mind’s knowledge dependeth upon the testimony of sight. Unless the eye beholdeth the palm tree, the mind cannot perceive in the date-stone its fruits and leaves, branches and boughs. How then could the mind, before seeing, comprehend that there existeth in the world something a particle of which could burn up the entire world, reduce it to ashes, and cause it to vanish? Assuredly the Hand of Divine Power hath brought such a thing to perfection. Neither are God’s worlds limited to this world, nor is His power restricted from aught, nor His might confined to the means of this world. And since it hath been established and proven that His creation is perfect and complete, and that whatsoever hath been and is observed is in accordance with wisdom, it therefore becometh evident to every soul that whatsoever appeareth imperfect hath been ordained to attain unto perfection and completion, and shall be made manifest. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Creator, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Were the Most Exalted Pen to fully reveal the mysteries of this station, ye would behold the hidden secrets in the outward appearance of all things. God willing, may this station be unveiled, and may ye drink from the ocean of joy and knowledge. O Haydar! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who hath been wronged, and stand firm in the Cause of God with such steadfastness that neither sitting nor standing can match or attain unto it. That which is needed today is to aid the Cause of God through wisdom and utterance. Be seated and take counsel regarding the conduct of affairs, and with perfect calm and dignity carry out whatsoever will conduce to the exaltation and advancement of the Cause of God.

As to the embryos of the Bayan, it must be observed that even after a hundred thousand years it is not known whether they will attain unto the stage of maturity. Consider the words of their chief, how he regardeth the people as utterly foolish when he writeth that they take two verses from the Qur'an and two verses from the Bayan, combine them and call it a verse. Now ponder the falsehood of that heedless soul, and at what station and rank he standeth. Should anyone reflect upon his words, he would gain complete knowledge of his true condition. Although in this Revelation there hath appeared that which hath never appeared in any age - if they look to the abundance of verses, verily they have filled the East and the West. In the Tablet of Burhan this blessed verse was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Thus speaketh He, exalted be His glory: "Dost thou object to Him Who hath brought unto thee that which thou possessest and that which the people of the world possess of the proofs of God and His signs?" And in another place: "Dost thou deny the verses of thy Lord which, when sent down from the heaven of His Cause, caused all the Books of the world to bow down before them?" Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, yet most of the people are heedless. And if they look to the sweetness and greatness of the verses, all atoms bear witness that they cannot be compared to even a single tablet from among the wondrous and exalted divine tablets - whatsoever is in the Bayan […]

In all their grandeur the verses are observed, and all atoms bear witness that whatsoever was revealed in the Bayan and before it cannot equal a single Tablet from among the wondrous and exalted divine Tablets. The Point of the Bayan–may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake–hath said: "A single letter thereof transcendeth all that hath been revealed in the Bayan." Where is he that heareth and seeth? Where is he that showeth justice and speaketh the truth? This evanescent servant beseecheth God to vouchsafe unto the heedless and the wayward a drop from the ocean of fairness. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the dream of Aqa 'Abdu'l-Karim from the people of ?ad, this is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: We caused him to hear the Word of Truth and showed him what was hidden. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God hath ordained what he witnessed and saw, and he shall soon behold it. Verily he is in the All-Glorious Horizon, the Most Exalted Horizon, and he giveth glad tidings unto all of this News whereby the Book of existence hath been adorned and every wise matter made manifest. Assuredly, that which he saw shall come to pass in due time. Thus hath the All-Wise decreed in His perspicuous Book.

This year certain upheavals have occurred in those blessed lands. Among them, in Najaf the plague appeared with such intensity that the residents were forcefully expelled and given lodging elsewhere. It is evident what hath occurred and come to pass in that city. Great changes have appeared. The servant doth not wish to mention all that hath transpired therein. This much he mentioneth: all these matters have been and are preparations for the fulfillment of that true dream. Glory be unto him who hath heard what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what thou didst write about 'Ali Khan and Ustad 'Abbas, it was submitted, and two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for them. He said: The rain of mercy descendeth at all times from the heaven of grace; if the place be ready and worthy of the appearance of grace, deliver the Tablets that they may attain unto them.

Thus far is the answer to thy letter which thou didst write on the 12th of ?afar and send through Ismu'llah.

As for thy last letter dated the 16th of Rabi'u'th-Thani, in truth it was a bird that taught this evanescent bird to warble–that is, from thy mention it learned to mention the Beloved of the world. Well is it with the people of wisdom who have been intoxicated by the choice wine of utterance. After its recitation and reading it attained the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and thy supplication was offered before the face of the Desired One time and again. Thou hast been mentioned by thy Lord and my Lord and the Lord of the heavens and the earth. He–exalted be His glory–hath said:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible[…]

The servant present has appeared with thy letter and hath laid before Us what was inscribed therein of thy words, from which We perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy remembrance and thy praise. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering. By My life, thou hast spoken the truth, and the Mother Book beareth witness to this, as it sitteth established upon the throne of utterance in this exalted station. Say: By God! The Lord of the Messengers hath come, the Sovereign Book hath been sent down, and the Ocean of Life circleth round the will of our Lord, the Most Merciful, Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired through His Great Name. Whosoever hath hesitated in this Cause for less than a moment hath been cursed by every letter in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Bring forth what ye possess and We shall lay before you what We possess. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the One Who distinguisheth, separateth, explaineth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God! The Balance proclaimeth, the Path calleth out, and the Trumpet declareth: Open your eyes! This is He Who was mentioned in God's Books, and He is the One Who spoke on Sinai. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and be not among the losers. The Hidden Treasure hath appeared and the Spirit before His Face proclaimeth, saying: This is He Whom God's Messengers foretold, were ye of them that know.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Reflect upon God, His proof, His testimony, His sovereignty, and that which the tongues of the heedless have uttered - they who have turned away from My straight Path. Say: This is a Day wherein naught is mentioned save God, if ye be of the fair-minded. Say: This is a Day wherein the Face hath appeared after the destruction of all things and the extinction of all names, if ye be of them that hear.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Consider the station whereof the Primal Point hath spoken: "I seek refuge with Thee, O my God, lest my position on that Day be the position of the wicked." Observe what He said and what they say, what He did and what they do. They arose to cut down the Tree, and when their schemes were exposed, they opened their lips in calumny. You and all the people of the Bayan know that the Truth hath never been hidden nor concealed behind a veil. He hath been manifest and evident among the people, time and again He hath gone into exile, and repeatedly hath He been cast into prison with chains and fetters. With utmost power and might He summoned all on earth to the Truth, and in those days no one appeared. Yet that wrongful soul represented himself as wronged and attributed injustice to the Truth, exalted be His glory. No one asked him what wrong had been done to him, what hardship he had endured, or what tribulation he had suffered. All know that in every city where he dwelt, he lived in seclusion with a group of women in perfect ease. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Merely upon hearing that someone had been arrested in the land of Ta or elsewhere, he would leave Iraq and

wander about in Basra, Samavah and around Baghdad, returning only after hearing that safety was restored. And to every city where the Ancient Beauty would go, he would arrive afterwards. The only thing that befell him was that he was sent to Cyprus, and this too happened indirectly, for the intention was to imprison the Ancient Beauty, and to fulfill what had been previously said concerning the mention of the island […]

And to establish what was said before regarding the island - and you and all know that no one but this servant was or is aware of its circumstances. Indeed these few words that were submitted were out of heedlessness, for man in his heedlessness from the Truth occupies himself with such words. But the Exalted Truth is aware. The purpose is that perhaps some souls may observe and become aware. These matters have been mentioned repeatedly. Verily He guides whom He willeth unto His straight path. In any case, today all the people of the Bayan are seen to be in the fire except for the souls that are assured and tranquil. This note that hath appeared from the Divine Trump must be heeded. His word, exalted be His mention: "It is permitted unto Him Whom God shall make manifest to reject anyone on earth above whom there is none higher, for this is created within His grasp and all are submissive unto Him." These statements are for the weak among creation, otherwise this Most Great Revelation hath never been and is not in need of anything else to establish its Cause. One day this word shone forth from the Dayspring of Will - He said that no one before hath known this Most Great Revelation as it truly is. This eternal treasure hath been concealed from the understanding and minds of all else, and this is specific to this Revelation. And this is a word to which the divine Books, Psalms and Scriptures of the past and future have testified. By God's life, this is a mighty Cause and a momentous announcement.

And regarding what you wrote about Aqa Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon them be the Glory of God - indeed it is as you mentioned. Praise be to God, they have attained the utmost heights and the highest horizon. In these days when the limbs of existence are seen to tremble from the oppression of the aggressors and tyrants, God willing through the effects of their steadfastness all shall attain the greatest steadfastness. And you must educate souls to this station until they attain a state where they see all who are on earth as utter nothingness before a single word of God's words. Their petitions reached the Most Holy Court and their supplications were presented before His presence. The Sun of favor hath risen from the horizon of grace and two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent from the heaven of Will. God willing, may they at all times drink from the living waters of the verses of the All-Merciful and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause with wisdom. This servant also intended to submit something to Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, but since the most great verses were revealed from the Supreme Pen, this servant did not trouble further. However their mention shall never, God willing, be erased from the heart. And the matters they had written were presented in the Most Holy Court, including the question about using certain drinks and essences. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in this regard: "He is permitted to use whatever he desireth for illness." Previously in such cases this word was heard from the Ancient Tongue, exalted be His grandeur: "Whatever a skilled physician prescribeth, there hath been and is no objection to following it. Blessed is he who hath adhered to the knowledge which God hath honored and preferred above all other knowledge." God willing may they be enabled to cure the chronic diseases of the nations with the

antidote of the Most Great Name, that all may be adorned with the ornament of health and turn to the station of sanctification and detachment.

And as to what you wrote concerning the aforementioned person who submitted a petition which, due to certain of his thoughts, was not forwarded - excellent was your action. Such souls appear heedless of the Cause of God. In former years someone submitted a petition containing certain statements, and it was said: “This is not the day of test and trial. It is not for creation to test God, glorified be His majesty; rather, He tests His servants.” Say: “Read ye the Books of God that were sent down aforetime, that ye may discover that which befitteth this Day, the Day through whose mention the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds, have been adorned.” And in a Tablet to one of the friends who dwelt near the Prison Land, this blessed verse was revealed from the heaven of God’s Will: “This is not the day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call, to turn to the Most Sublime Horizon and say: ‘Here am I, here am I, O God of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of all who seek Thee!’”

As to what you wrote regarding those souls who have ascended unto God - verses adorned with the word ‘forgiveness’ were specifically revealed for them from the heaven of the mercy of the All-Merciful and were previously sent. By the life of the Beloved! The breathings of the verses so encompassed them that those who count are powerless to reckon them.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, who was among the emigrants to the Land of ?ad, and his son Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad - some time ago one of the partakers of the wine of inner meanings, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote to this servant mentioning that certain objectors from among the Bayanis, that is, from the party of Satan, had met with Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad in the Land of ?ad and had raised certain doubts. This matter caused this servant great astonishment, for the people of God must be so firm and steadfast that neither the winds of the world nor the whisperings of the nations can move them. Through their steadfastness, hearts and minds should be illumined with the light of constancy, and through their firmness and rootedness the banner of divine unity should be raised upon the highest standards. Those who cast doubts have no understanding whatsoever of this Cause, for in the beginning no one was aware of its essence. Whosoever claims such awareness utters pure falsehood and manifest lies. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches God that the reward of His loved ones not be lost through the sayings of this one and that one, and that all may be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness.

His honor Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, and those with him, have ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court, and the glances of favor have been directed towards them. In all instances of hardship and tribulation, the hand of divine power has preserved them. This is a day wherein the suns of steadfastness must be seen dawning and shining forth from the horizons of the hearts of the people of the Crimson Ark. God willing, it is hoped that they - that is, his honor Aqa Siyyid Muhammad - may remain protected from the arrows of the allusions of the opposers and the spears of the doubts of the deniers, and may speak that by which hearts and minds are attracted. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to them. God willing, may they arise with that which befitteth the Days of God. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Knowing Witness. In all conditions, I beseech and hope from the True One, exalted be His glory, their good, health and protection. The Command is in the hands of God, the All-Knowing, the

All-Informed. Would that this servant could meet with the friends and present certain hidden matters. In all conditions the servant sayeth and testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the Command in the beginning and in the end, and He is the First and the Last, and the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is knowing of all things. And concerning what you wrote about his honor Mulla Mahdi from the people of Jasb, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Drink thou of the Most Pure Kawthar from the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Verily, He will show thee that which is hidden from the eyes of men. We have made mention of thee in the Book of My servant who is present, time and again, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Seeing Speaker. There hath been mentioned in Our presence he who is named Mahdi, who hath believed in God, the Lord of lords. Say: Grieve not, for We have mentioned thee before, to this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness with the most excellent utterance. We had previously revealed and sent forth the Most Great, Most Holy Tablet especially for him, that he might inhale from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful and attain unto the most exalted station, which is the station of steadfastness. At this hour, too, We have mentioned him in these sublime and glorious verses, and beyond these two, another Tablet hath been sent down for him from the heaven of My Will. Deliver it unto him, that his eyes may be cheered and his heart illumined with the lights of certitude.

As to the offering they have made, it hath been accepted, and as commanded, your honor should receive it and, with wisdom, offer hospitality to the friends of God. Gatherings are in no wise permitted. If several separate meetings be held, this would be more agreeable. When the Most Great Luminary was rising from the horizon of the Land of Mystery, this servant was commanded to write to him who was named Mahdi, whom God caused to dwell in His house after his migration, saying that ye should follow in the footsteps of the Lord of all beings, and associate with the people of the world in the utmost spirit of joy and fragrance, lest alarm and anxiety be aroused among the people and become a cause of disturbance to weak souls. In all circumstances, ye must observe wisdom and act in accordance with what ye have been commanded in the Book.

This servant conveyed these exalted words to them as directed. In response, they wrote that absolutely nothing contrary would appear, and that all the friends were gathering together in perfect love, kindness, and harmony, occupied in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, this word was issued from the Source of Command - exalted be His glory: Write that the government has had and will have no concern with your inner beliefs and religion, whether you deny religions or recite the Quran. The government has no objection, but gatherings cause commotion and are contrary to the government's wishes, for from the beginning, governments have neither been aware of this Cause nor are they now, and throughout history they have witnessed corruption arise from gatherings. Therefore, they view these gatherings as they do other gatherings, and this very gathering and assembly is considered by governments a great offense and grievous error.

This evanescent one's petition is that mention be made to the honored ones and beloved ones in that land, from this servant who is utter nothingness and complete extinction, that all depends upon His Holiness's favor. God willing, it is hoped that all may shine forth like unto the sun from the horizons of the

heavens of steadfastness. This servant beseecheth his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, to aid all to make good what hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great.

And as to what you wrote concerning Aqa Muhammad and Aqa ’Ali-Asghar, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: “O ’Ali! The horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and the clear proofs have appeared from all directions through that which the Speaker of the Mount hath uttered in this Revelation, to which all atoms bear witness that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.” Ask thou of God that the servants may be enabled to grasp the Tablet of the Lord of Days with utmost power and strength, that the intimations of the opposers and the doubts of the deniers may be erased from the page of the world. The True One hath been and ever shall be the Bestower of Grace, mentioning His servants, living or dead, and shall continue to do so. God willing, may hearts be prepared to receive the verses and ears be enabled to hearken unto them - that is, the true capacity to receive and the true hearkening. For if one attaineth unto this station, he shall be preserved from intimations, suggestions, doubts, veils and barriers. A most wondrous and exalted Tablet hath been revealed specifically for these two souls. God willing, may they drink from the living waters from the Wellspring of revealed verses and attain unto everlasting life.

The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned especially for them from the horizon of grace and bounty, and is manifest and evident. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable them to grasp the Tablet through a power from Him and a strength from His presence. The intention of power and strength hath been and is certitude and assurance in all degrees. These words are thus interpreted lest anyone misconstrue what God hath intended and arise to create mischief. Whatever is mentioned regarding victory, assistance, service and the like, the purpose is to teach the Cause with joy and fragrance. The Command is in God’s hand, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O beloved of my heart! The heedlessness of the opposers among the people of the Bayan hath reached such a point that they have carved an idol with their own hands and accept whatever it uttereth, be it moist or dry. Thus that person who claimeth to be a Mirror - by God, even stone would be ashamed of him - interfereth with and betrayeth the sanctity of his own object of devotion who is the Sun, while those dead souls of Nimrod-like nature say that whenever the Prophet looked upon any woman she would become forbidden to her husband. They have not even enough understanding to realize who the Prophet was. If prophethood is truly established, it is the Person of the Point Himself, while those lying souls have desired to establish the station of successorship for their own purposes. How could a successor have authority over the Prophet’s sanctuary? If he is a Mirror, how could he interfere with the sanctuary of the Sun? The Primal Point was not like ordinary people that what was lawful for Him should be unlawful for the Point. By Him Who raised up the heavens without pillars, from such utterances there wafteth a most foul and offensive odor. Fie upon them and upon their sense of shame and loyalty! What then is treachery and what is faithlessness? Glory be to God! They claim to be Mirrors yet interfere with the sanctuary of the Sun. God protect us and you from such reprehensible deeds which have caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament. Their words belie them and their deeds disavow them.

Again, God protect us and you, O concourse of the fair-minded! A certain person in Iraq, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali-i-Rashti, heard this matter […]

God deliver us and you, O concourse of the fair-minded! In Iraq, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali-i-Rashti heard of this incident and would mockingly deride and reproach the perpetrators with various expressions in every gathering. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Similarly, the Dayspring of existence, the Most Exalted Matron, the mother of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - was in Najaf, and since she had some hesitation regarding the Cause of the Exalted One, certain individuals were commanded to explain the details of the Revelation to her. After the mention and explanations were made in her presence, she finally declared: "How could these souls who acknowledge and confess His Qa'imiyyat violate His sanctuary?" What profound shame was felt at these words! By Him Who caused the pebble to speak forth in demonstration of His power, for a time the Ancient Beauty was grieved by these words and declared that speech was no longer permissible. From the beginning of creation until now, such an act has never been heard of. In truth, such wicked, atheistic, lying souls are most fitting to be the leaders of these people. In any case, this servant is ashamed to mention certain of his deeds. Abu'l-Qasim from K., who had been with him in the early years, issued a death sentence against him based on the slightest suspicion that had no foundation whatsoever. And likewise other souls - if the details were to be presented it would cause weariness. You have heard the details about the third letter, the believer in Him Whom God shall make manifest - upon him be all His most glorious glory. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to protect these servants and deliver the heedless. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

You wrote that at the time of writing, the beloved and revered Ism'ullah Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was present. This news brought great joy and delight. God willing, may he ever be adorned with the ornament of health and well-being, and be engaged in the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Mention of him was made in the presence of the Divine Throne, and He said: "Convey Our greetings to him, that such greetings may renew the days of attainment and their remembrance." And say: "O My Name! Reflect upon the tales of old and carefully observe the conjectures and imaginings they have devised. Even now the heedless persist in such fancies. For twelve hundred years, their gaze was fixed upon the imaginary Jabulqa and the illusory Jabulsa, and these vain imaginings inflicted such harm upon the Manifestation of the Cause that its reckoning transcends human capacity. By these same imaginings did they martyr the Point, and this Prisoner is passed from land to land at the hands of the wicked. O My Name! Strive with utmost endeavor that perchance the helpless servants may not once again remain wandering in the darkness of idle fancies. He who was and is incapable of standing in the presence hath spread the carpet of vain imaginings more widely than before, and the worshippers of idols seek to execute that which is greater than what came before. Take hold of the reins of the Cause by thy Lord's leave, then speak that whereby the hearts of the mystics may soar and the feet of the perturbed may be made firm." Say: "O servants! Come, let us act according to a true word which all are bound to obey: let us set aside all that we have heard and purify our ears of all that they have listened to, and then turn to the sacred verses. By God's life! They verily guide all to the supreme horizon and speak with most eloquent utterance among all peoples, saying: 'I am verily the Mother Book, before and after. When My fragrance is diffused, all the books of the world bow down

before Me, and God's straight path is made manifest.' Blessed is he who hath found My fragrance and turned to My face, and woe betide every denier who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds." O My Name! I shall complain to thee once again concerning all the mirrors. I swear by the Sun of Truth which riseth and shineth from the horizon of the prison that had any soul arisen to champion the Cause and been capable of its exaltation, this Prisoner would never have consented to be made manifest. This matter was the cause of arising, as were the lamentations of the Point. Reflect upon that which the Wronged One hath uttered, before and after, and in this mighty prison.

I request that you convey, on behalf of this evanescent non-entity, expressions of evanescence and nothingness to His Holiness, and if Jinab-i-Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, is also present, convey greetings to him and mention that you should strive to quicken the dead through the outpourings of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. All success lies in this. God willing, may they be assisted in achieving that which is beloved in God's sight. If all the friends and loved ones of God had occupied themselves with teaching the Cause, most assuredly the majority of those lands would have been observed cleansed and purified from the defilement of polytheism and heedlessness, and all would have been freed and liberated from all hardships and troubles. It is hoped that God will assist all and aid them in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. Verily, He is the Near, the Answerer.

Regarding Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan-'Ali, one of the emigrants to the Land of Sad, upon him and upon them be the Glory of God, which you had mentioned - this was presented at the Most Holy Court. A most mighty Tablet was revealed specifically for him and was dispatched. God willing, he will attain unto it. This evanescent servant also offers greetings. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, and upon those who have emigrated for the sake of God, and upon those who have answered His call, and upon those who have spoken in His praise and glorification, and upon those who have arisen to serve Him, and upon those who have not exchanged the wine of His love, and upon those who have drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness once in His Name and again in His All-Wise remembrance. And praise be to God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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

Praise sanctified above word and utterance beseemeth the peerless King Who hath caused all the Books and Scriptures and Tablets of the world to be adorned with His Name and to voice His praise, and Who hath enjoined upon all to observe this most perfect, most comprehensive, most mighty divine Word which hath dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen: "Soon will He be made manifest whom no allusion in all the Books can indicate." To this beareth witness that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan, saying: "Verily, I have written a gem concerning His remembrance, and it is that He cannot be alluded to by My allusion, nor by what hath been mentioned in the Bayan." Is there any that hath an ear

to hear what the Nightingale uttereth upon the branches? Is there any possessed of vision who can behold Him through the eyes of the All-Merciful? Every Prophet and every Messenger hath given tidings of this Most Great Revelation, declaring that He cannot be known through aught else besides Him nor through the eyes of His creatures. This blessed Word hath been specifically reserved in all the divine Books for this Revelation. However, the ears of men have been prevented from hearkening to the call of the All-Merciful by the allusions of the followers of the Qur'an and the doubts of the people of the Bayan, and their eyes have been debarred from beholding the lights of the Sun of inner meanings by the ophthalmia of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Is there any swimmer who can swim in this Ocean without allusion? Is there any seeker who can turn towards the Countenance without direction? Where are the horsemen of the arena of wisdom and utterance whom the veils of the people of creation have not hindered from turning towards God, the Lord of religions? Is there any endowed with the sense of smell who can detect the fragrance of the Garment in the days of God, detached from all else save Him? Is there any possessed of steadfastness who can arise and proclaim that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and that which the Summoner hath cried out in the kingdom of the Bayan: "The sovereignty on that Day belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Gracious"? He is the One manifest and He is the One speaking in such wise that neither the allusions nor the veils of the people of controversy and majesty could debar Him from His purpose. He hath, with His most exalted call, summoned the people of the kingdom of creation to the most sublime horizon, in such manner that no fair-minded soul hath any way to deny or object. He it is through Whose name the standards have been planted and the banners raised. Blessed is the one whom the buzzing of the fly hath not kept back from the Lord of Lords. He hath arisen to serve his Lord and hath testified to that which God hath testified and acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged. He is indeed among the most exalted of beings in the sight of the Truth. Upon him shall pray every discerning mystic and every well-informed sage.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou hearest the sighing of Thy chosen ones in their separation from Thee, and the lamentation of Thy loved ones and the burning of their hearts in Thy days. O Lord! Write down for them, through the Pen of Thy bounty, the reward of meeting Thee, and for those who have drunk from the Kawthar of Thy presence. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred, to enable the people of the Bayan to turn towards the horizon of Thy Revelation and to act according to what they have been commanded in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest them turning away from the direction of Thy grace and clinging to that which the people of the Furqan clung to in Thy days. Thou knowest, O my God, that they behold the verses yet deny them, and they utter that which was uttered by the people of hatred and contention at the appearance of the Dawning-places of Thy Revelation, the Manifestations of Thy Self, the Sources of Thy Cause, and the Day-springs of Thy knowledge. The verses have encompassed all directions, yet they turn away from them; the evidences have appeared like the sun at high noon, yet they perceive them not. O Lord! Enable them to break the idols of vain imaginings and to turn unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind. Thou art He Whom nothing frustrates and no affair prevents. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Subsequently, thy letter sent from Beirut was received and caused joy. God willing, may all attain to the greatest joy - that is, to what is now manifest and evident from the horizon of the world. All divine Books

speak of this most mighty, most holy, most wondrous Day, yet all are found to be veiled. How many trials did the Ancient Beauty endure so that some of the veils of contention and the clouds of glory might be rent asunder. Now it is observed that certain barking ones, corrupters and doubters are endeavoring to veil people even more than before. For one thousand two hundred and more years, the people of the Furqan, namely the Shi'ah sect, were uttering certain words and counting themselves the most exalted of creation and the saved and favored community. When the test appeared, they were seen to be the most wretched of all, to such extent that they martyred the Beloved of all possibility with the bullets of hatred and rancor in the land of Ta. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan are now clinging to and uttering those same words, allusions, doubts, conjectures and vain imaginings. Say: O ye sightless ones! Reflect a little on what was the outcome of all those contentions and what was the fruit of those meaningless disputes. When this evanescent servant heard these decisive words from the mouth of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes, His words, exalted be His grandeur […]

These ignorant ones have wished to veil the new creation as they veiled the Qur'an. O servant in attendance, convey the call of the Wronged One, that perchance those veiled by the Bayan may be granted a drop from the ocean of fairness. Say: This is the Day of God, wherein all that ye and all creation possess is not mentioned. Although at the time of the manifestation of the Daysprings of Oneness in the realm of creation, the term "Day of God" was applicable, yet this Most Great Revelation hath been singled out in all the Books as the appearance of the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. Blessed are they who perceive and blessed are they who know. This is that Day concerning which He saith: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and this is that Day concerning which He saith: "The sovereignty on that Day is God's." The divine Books are replete with such references, yet they have freshly clung to mention of deputies, nobles, Imam, Caliph and the like. Say: Have not these mentions existed before? Bring forth their fruits and effects if ye be of them that are able. Say: Fear God, O people, and dispute not concerning God's verses, His grandeur, His sovereignty, His proof, His testimony and His evidences. Cast aside what ye possess through Our command and take what hath been sent down from this exalted and hallowed heaven. Say: Reflect upon the former religions. They hearkened unto words from various speakers and, through ignorant fanaticism, clung so tenaciously thereto that they would accept naught else and turned away from hearing aught else. O servant in attendance, speak for the sake of God that perchance they may turn unto God. Let them not say what was said before, nor do what the treacherous and heedless did before. Say: O people of the Bayan, hear the call of the faithful Counselor and hearken to the cry of the noble Adviser. These verses bear no resemblance to previous verses, and this Revelation is distinguished from all revelations. Hear for God's sake and judge with fairness for God's sake. None of you were or are aware of the source of this Cause's appearance. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak His praise, he by whom ye have been kept back from the straight path and debarred from the Speaking Mother Book was not and is not worthy of mention. Consider his writings in both Arabic and Persian, that ye may perchance find a way to the Truth. Hear the counsel of this Wronged One. Leave the croaking to the croakers and turn to the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. Leave the pond of vain imaginings to the people of doubt and hasten to the Living Waters which today appear in the name of the All-Merciful. Pass beyond the realm of words and free yourselves from the field of traditions. This is not the day of Abahir and Khawafi. Soar with the wings of

detachment that perchance ye may hear the rushing of the winds proclaiming “There is none other God but Him.” Turn away from streams and rivers, for lo, the Most Great Ocean is before your faces. Pass beyond the material world and its conditions which are the cause of malice, immorality, rancor and hatred, and take up your abode in the kingdom. O people of the Bayan, by the life of the All-Merciful, every letter of the Letters proclaimeth at the highest pitch: “I am the Lord of the Bayan, could ye but hear.” Behold with the eye of truth. By God’s life, from every word the essence of meanings floweth. Say: This is the Day of hearing […]

O people of the Bayan! By the life of the All-Merciful! Every letter amongst the letters proclaims in its loudest voice: “I am verily the master of utterance, could ye but hear it!” Were ye to observe with the eye of truth, by God’s life, from every word the essence of meanings flows forth. Say: This is the day of hearing and sight. See and hear! By God’s life, that which passeth you by, ye shall never be able to recover or regain. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon God’s servants, and be not the cause of waywardness and error. Leave behind what ye have heard and turn to the divine verses, that ye may understand and comprehend the power of Truth, the sovereignty of Truth, the loftiness of Truth, the exaltation of Truth, the knowledge of Truth, and the all-encompassing nature of Truth. Defile not this most subtle and pure air with your contaminated breaths, and veil not the lights of the divine morn with the clouds of idle fancies and vain imaginings. O people of the Bayan! The Kingdom of Utterance is stirred by the Word of the All-Merciful, while ye are gathered in the clay around earthworms, wasting your lives in idle talk and disputation. By God’s life! Ye are seen to be deprived even of the mirage, let alone the ocean of inner meanings. O ye who are devoid of fairness! Turn with pure sight toward the Most Great Scene and speak with truthfulness. This is the day of revelation and witnessing, not the day of fancy and conjecture. I swear by the Most Great Name that the realm of meanings and utterance and the dwellers of Paradise lament and bewail because of your tyranny. Hearken unto My call and turn unto God, that He may forgive your evil deeds and draw you nigh unto the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “There is none other God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

Although the utterances of the Lord of Names exceeded what hath been mentioned, this servant hath recorded that which was befitting to this station and expedient in these days, that perchance dead souls might be adorned with the vesture of life through the breaths of the All-Merciful utterance, and might be observed free and detached from imitation, limitation, fancy and idle imaginings. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Concerning what thou didst mention about Aqa Muhammad-Javad, father of him who beareth the name of Him Who is the Desired One, and his petition, and Aqa Muhammad-Hasan (’Ayn-?a), and likewise about Mulla Ibrahim, upon them be the glory of God - their supplications and petitions were presented at the Most Holy Court. Wondrous and exalted verses were specifically revealed for each one, and these were sent in the letter previously dispatched to thee. God willing, thou hast received it and hast caused the aforementioned souls to attain unto it. No response to that letter hath yet arrived; it was sent to the great city to be forwarded to thee.

At this moment, as bidden, I attained the Most Holy Presence, and He said: “O servant present! It is Our wish to make mention of the loved ones of Ya and Alif and Ra, that perchance they may remain firm on

the divine path and be preserved from the malodorous winds of the heedless souls." His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the Prison […]

O My loved ones in Ya! The Wronged One remembereth you from the prison of 'Akka and enjoineth you to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the earth hath been cleft asunder and the mountains scattered. Beware lest the veils of glory withhold you from the station of nearness and holiness and beauty. Arise in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of Names, in such wise that the clamor of men shall not frighten you. He hath mentioned you before through that which illumined the horizon of proof, and remembereth you with verses at whose revelation necks were humbled. Look ye, then remember the bygone centuries and ages past, and that which befell the Dayspring of Revelation from those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest the doings of the ignorant shut you out from this Cause whereby every atom hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Prepare yourselves, O people, to hearken unto the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen, which was raised up in the prison by the command of your Lord, the Possessor of Names, whereby the Cock of the Throne crowed and the Dove of Knowledge cooed upon the branches. By God! This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone - to this testify the Books of God and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan. This is the Day of which We informed you aforetime when the Luminary of the Cause was shining from the horizon of Iraq. That which We promised you hath come to pass - verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Cast away, O people, what ye possess and take what hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Possessor of Religions. Thus hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof the Sun of your Lord's remembrance, the Revealer of verses. O people of Ya! Hearken with your inner ear to the call of the Wronged One of the horizons, that perchance the intimations of the godless and the doubts of the perverse may not deprive you from the Lord of the Manifest Day. This is the Lord of Days, around which all centuries and ages revolve. Know ye the value of this most mighty, most holy and blessed Day, and act in accordance with that which exalteth the Cause of God. Strive that ye be not seen as autumn leaves, which fall with but a single gust. Rather should ye be observed steadfast and firm as mountains in the path of God's love. Today the divine breezes are passing, and the Spirit of God proclaimeth "Here am I" in the wilderness of the Cause. Know your worth and recognize your station, and let not the deceptions and stratagems of the deceivers cause you to lose the straight path. Preserve the pearls of the All-Merciful's love in His Name within the treasuries of your hearts. This is the day of mention and praise, the day of deeds and detachment. Observe the leaves of the trees, how submissive and humble they appear when the winds blow. If the wind bloweth from the south, they incline thither, and likewise toward other directions. Man should not be seen as less than the leaves. God willing, all should manifest perfect submission and contentment when the winds of divine Will blow - that is, they should move by His will, speak by His leave, and act by His command. Beseech God to assist you in manifesting supreme steadfastness, such that ye may regard the voice of aught else but Truth as mere croaking and cawing.

O Abu'l-Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of the hidden and the manifest. He maketh mention of thee as a token of His grace. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention of the loved ones in Elraf and give them glad-tidings of that which My Most Exalted Pen hath recorded in their remembrance in the prison of ’Akka. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Say: We counsel you to be trustworthy and truthful, and to do that which will exalt the Cause of God above all else. Act ye accordingly and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the ornaments of the world debar you from the Lord of all beings. Abandon all that is therein, then turn with radiant faces unto the Most Sublime Horizon - the station wherein the Creator of the heavens proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Say: This is the Day wherein all things have been attracted by the fragrance of the garment of your Lord, the Most Glorious, while ye remain fast asleep. Say: By God! The dwellers of the graves have arisen through the breezes of revelation, while ye remain still. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, while ye remain silent. Say: Every possessor of a heart hath turned toward the Ultimate Goal, while ye remain slumbering. Arise in My Name to serve My Cause and hold fast unto the cord of teaching. This is God’s command, both aforetime and hereafter, did ye but know it.

Say: O Thou at Whose separation the lamentation of them that are nigh unto Thee hath been raised, and the weeping of the sincere ones hath ascended! I beseech Thee by Thy Straight Path and by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Great, to confirm us in steadfastness in Thy Cause and to aid us in that which Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! We are Thy servants and Thy bondsmen. I implore Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation in Thy days and the fragrance of Thy garment at the dawning of the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for us through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall preserve us from the allusions of those who have disbelieved in Thy signs and turned away from Thy sovereignty, and from the doubts of every caviller who disputeth Thy signs and denieth Thy proof. Verily, Thou art He Whom the conditions of creation cannot frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and of the earth.

O people of the divine realm! May ye, God willing, remain firm and steadfast. Ye have emerged from powerful, mighty, triumphant, transcendent and all-encompassing elements. Let not this most exalted and sublime station slip from your grasp. Hold fast unto the cord of power and cling to the hem of grace. Today the station of every possessor of being must needs become manifest and evident, for this is the day of the most great gathering and the most mighty resurrection. Every hidden thing shall come to light and every concealed thing shall become clear and manifest. This is the Day whereof the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur’an: “O my son! If there be (anything) but the weight of a mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth.” Strive ye, that there may be manifested from you goodly deeds, praiseworthy conduct, and complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all creation. God willing, may ye be witnessed as so firm, steadfast and unwavering in the Cause of God that the entire world shall be powerless to hinder you and shall find itself utterly impotent. This is the counsel of the Wronged One and His testament. May ye, God willing, attain unto it and act accordingly, for this is the day for pure deeds performed for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Trustworthy.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Husayn - upon him be the Glory of God ninety-six. His petition reached the Most Holy Court some time ago, and he likewise addressed a letter to this evanescent servant. God willing, may he ever be and continue to be engaged in service to the Cause. In truth, the sweet fragrances of divine love can be inhaled from him. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one and give him glad tidings of God's favors. This evanescent servant implores God to aid him in all conditions in such wise that he may arise as befits the Days of God and exert mighty efforts for the guidance of humanity. This is the station which neither perishes nor is altered by the vicissitudes of time. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Due to the abundance of correspondence this time, there was no opportunity to send him a separate letter expressing devotion, as your letter arrived and this reply was hastily dispatched. God willing, within these few days a response to his letter which arrived through Shaykh S will be sent.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali and his brother Aqa Muhammad-Husayn and their cousin 'Abbas-Quli. Mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court and these exalted words descended from the heaven of the Will, the Source of verses. His exalted Word:

O Abu'l-Hasan! Convey greetings to each one from God and counsel them to the Greater Steadfastness. Praise be to God, they have attained mention by the Supreme Pen, and this is a station that will endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. God willing, may they be aided in matters that cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Say: Today two calls are raised - the Beloved of all possibility calls out with the most exalted call, summoning souls to the supreme horizon, while likewise the source of vain imaginings misleads people in the name of truth. God willing, may you be focused on truth, hold fast to the cord of His Cause, and cling to the hem of His grace. Every deed manifested today by God's loved ones is recorded as among the greatest of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are they who fulfill God's covenant and testament, and woe to those who cast the covenant behind them and turned on their heels - they are among the perished ones.

On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings to each one. God willing, may they be aided in that which is pleasing to God. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - states that all exist that they might attain the word of His good-pleasure. Now praise be to God, these souls have attained God's mention and are illumined by the lights of His grace. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor, to which every discerning and informed one bears witness.

You also mentioned the people of Milan. Numerous Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of Will concerning them and were previously sent. At this time too, mention was made in the Most Holy Court and this utterance appeared from the Kingdom of knowledge. His mighty Word: […]

O Abu'l-Hasan! Blessed art thou for having remembered My loved ones and sent their names to My prison. Give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness, and My mercy which has preceded existence itself. O people of Milan! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, remembers you from this exalted station. Blessed are ye for having drunk of My sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name and for having attained unto this Cause which the learned of the earth have denied, save whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, has willed. We have mentioned you before and at this hour when the Wronged One walks in His forbidden prison. How many a mystic has his mysticism barred from the All-Merciful, and

how many a child has turned and attained unto this ordained Cause! Blessed is the servant who has attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and woe unto him who has turned away and followed every veiled learned one. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen at this dawn wherein the Tongue of God, the Lord of Names, speaks forth. The appointed time has come and the Revealer of verses has appeared with a preserved tablet. God willing, may all be enkindled by hearing the divine call and, absorbed by the heat of the Most Exalted Word, become vocal with the mention of the Most Great Name in the assemblage of the world. Say: Know ye the value of this precious day and act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that whosoever has today attained unto the recognition of the Truth is recorded and inscribed among the near ones in the Perspicuous Book. All must manifest themselves among the servants through pure deeds, pleasing character, and goodly conduct. Say: O friends of Truth! He has come for love and unity, not for rancor and enmity. Gather ye all beneath the Ultimate Tree, that is, the Most Exalted Word, and occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and drink from the crimson cups the pure water of Kawthar in the name of the Lord of Names. Today is the day of the Most Great Joy; nay, the Most Great Joy has circled and will circle round this joy. Be ye joyous in remembrance of the Peerless Friend and walk in the gardens of His love. Blessed are ye, then blessed are ye! We counsel you at the end of this utterance to be steadfast in the Cause of your Lord, the Lord of Religions. The glory shining forth from the Most Exalted Horizon be upon you and upon those whom neither the tempests of doubts nor the storms of idle fancies have moved from God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

And likewise does this evanescent servant beseech you to mention his extinction and nothingness in the gathering of the divine friends. God is aware and witness that their mention has been and God willing will be before His face and His pen.

And mention was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence of him who bears the name of the Desired One, son of the late Haji Ghulam-Husayn from the Land of Ya. His exalted Word:

In Our Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Husayn-'Ali! There has come before the Wronged One a letter from him who was named Abu'l-Hasan in the Book of Names, wherein thou wast mentioned. We have mentioned thee as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Rejoice thou in this mention which, when it descended from the heaven of thy Lord's will, caused all things to be attracted and to cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say […]

O Thou through Whom the path was established and the Balance set up, and by Whose Name the Breath of God wafted over all creation! O Thou at Whose most sweet call those in earth and heaven were thunderstruck! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby Thou didst subdue the cities of the unseen and the seen, to assist me in Thy remembrance and the service of Thy Cause, and to enable me to achieve that steadfastness which Thou hast mentioned in most of Thy Tablets and enjoined upon Thy creatures and servants. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent before Whose manifestation the embodiments

of power bowed down in submission. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The intention of this lowly one in this station is clear and evident, namely that you should mention on my behalf to them whatsoever may kindle the fire of love. It is hoped that they may drink of the living waters from the verses of the Beloved of all creation, and, detached from the world and all therein, may be observed to stand firm, steadfast and unwavering in the Divine Cause. The command is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

As to what you wrote concerning the friends of Alif and Ra, some time ago Most Holy and Most Great Tablets were revealed from the heaven of divine bounty specifically for each one. If God should will and desire it, they shall attain unto them. The mention of his honor Fath-i-A'zam, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath ever been and still is before the Most Holy Court. The Supreme Pen hath testified concerning him to that which shall cause his remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of utterance for as long as the Most Beautiful Names shall last. This matter too was presented before the Most Holy and Most Great Court. These exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the utterance of the All-Merciful - exalted be His Word:

In His Name, the One sanctified above all mention and comparison [...]

O Abu'l-Hasan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, wherein thou didst make mention of My loved ones who have turned towards My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, and hearkened unto My call. They are assuredly among the triumphant ones. We have previously made mention of them in such wise that the Manifestations of the Names inhaled from it the fragrance of the garment of their Most Glorious Lord, Who hath come from the heaven of destiny with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named the Most Great Victory by the Ancient King, that through his remembrance every sorrowful one may rejoice, every frozen one may take wing, every stationary one may hasten, and every silent one may speak. We have withheld this wise remembrance, and make mention instead of his brother who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when every heedless and remote one turned away. We give him the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, and this remembrance wherewith the tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken in this mighty prison. Be as thy brother was - thus doth counsel thee He with Whom is the gracious Book. Arise to serve the Cause with supreme steadfastness and remind the people of this News which hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

We make mention in this station of Muhammad, who was remembered before the Countenance and attained unto the recognition of God in His days and spoke His beauteous praise. We counsel him to preserve what We have given him and to act in accordance with what God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. We make mention of the beloved one who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from this luminous station. We make mention of My loved ones in that land and summon them unto a station round which circle the

Concourse on High and they who have taken hold of the Book with strength from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

Blessed are ye, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, and joy be unto you, O My chosen ones! Ye are they whom vain imaginings have not hindered from the Hidden Name, nor have idle fancies veiled from this luminous Day. Ye are they who have heard the call of your Lord, who have hastened unto the Most Great Ocean, and who are numbered among the triumphant ones.

The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of the friends of that land and commandeth them to that which beseemeth the Day of God. The first command hath been the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty, and thereafter steadfastness in this Most Great Cause. All divine Scriptures, Books and Psalms have testified to the greatness of this Day. Blessed are they whom the clamor of the daysprings of idle fancies and vain imaginings hath not kept back from the Lord of all beings. This is the Day of service and the manifestation of steadfastness, for the birds of darkness and the birds of night are soaring in the gloomy atmosphere, seeking after their own kind. The Most Exalted Pen hath previously given tidings of these matters. O friends! Gaze with penetrating vision toward the Most Exalted Horizon and arise with upright feet, that ye may be preserved from the autumn winds. Those souls who for years remained hidden behind the veil out of fear for their lives are now engaged with the utmost deceit and guile in leading astray receptive souls. O friends of Truth! Stand firm with the utmost power and strength, and preserve the people from the daysprings of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings, that perchance through the lights of the Sun of Truth the darkness of idle fancies may be dispelled and the brilliant morn of certitude may dawn forth from the horizon of the Divine Will. Every word hath had and shall have its own fragrance. Blessed are they who have attained unto this fragrance and recognized its source.

O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! We hear the lamentation and cry of the Glory by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the rebellious among Thy servants. O Lord! He whom Thou didst nurture with the hands of loving-kindness and favor hath risen to frustrate Thy Cause and mislead Thy creation and Thy creatures. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have desired naught on earth save what Thou didst command me through Thy bidding and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Then cause them to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness by the hands of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

And specifically for his honor R and M.H. and H.B., wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and given to his honor Sheikh S to deliver. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink from the ocean of inner meanings. Although this evanescent servant, after the suns of divine utterances have risen from the horizon of the All-Merciful's expression, does not consider himself worthy to offer praise and commendation in service to the friends of God, yet since all are commanded to love and unity, I therefore count it among my duties to manifest evanescence and nothingness in service to His loved ones and chosen ones to the extent of my capacity. In this case, I convey greetings and glorification to the friends of that land - that is, those souls who have drunk from the most pure Kawthar and who are gazing toward the Most Great Scene - and I submit that, God willing, in this spiritual springtime you may be verdant and

flourishing from the rain-showers of the All-Merciful's mercy and be accounted among the flowers and blossoms of the garden of inner meanings. With the hands of endeavor, lay hold of the hem of steadfastness that perchance you may remain protected from the winds of the allusions of the heedless. This servant beseeches his Lord to grant you success and aid you in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is in the Most Exalted Scene. And peace be upon him who follows guidance.

And you had mentioned the people of Maraghih, namely his honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali and his honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn and his honor Aqa 'Abdu'?-?amad and his son and other friends, may the Glory of God be upon them all. God willing, may they all be illumined by the effulgent lights of the Sun of inner meanings and be aided in the mention and praise of the Eternal Beloved. This matter too was submitted in the Most Great Scene before the face of the Lord of Power. This reply was sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance, His exalted Word:

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the world through the Most Great Name.

O My loved ones in Maraghih! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Oneness. He maketh mention of you even as He mentioned you before, as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have sent down unto you diverse Tablets and dispatched them to you by Our command, for verily I am the Commander, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Turn ye all unto God, then act according to that which ye have been commanded by an All-Informed Sovereign. This is a Day wherein the Balance speaketh. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with a mighty Cause. On this Day the Mount calleth out saying: "The Day of Manifestation hath come! The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Great." Be grateful unto Him Who hath aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His knowledge, and Who hath acquainted you with this Straight Path. He hath guided you to the Supreme Horizon and caused you to hear His most sweet call while He was wronged at the hands of the heedless ones.

O people of Maraghih! Previously, most sweet mention of you hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may ye all attain unto it and strive that ye may truly be nourished by the sweetness of utterance. For should a soul attain unto it, the intimations of the people of the world, the veils of the nations, the tablets of the deniers, and the tongues of the falsifiers shall not withhold him from the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. By the life of God! Should a soul drink of this most pure wine which hath been unsealed by the hand of might of the Lord of Destiny, he shall find himself detached from the world and all who dwell therein for the sake of the Beloved of all possibility, to such extent that he shall regard the falsifiers, the deniers, the godless, and the transgressors as mere nothingness and utter non-existence.

Arise with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This is a Day wherein every soul can attain unto whatsoever he desireth, for the doors of bounty are opened wide, the ocean of generosity is surging, and the sun of bounty is shining and shedding its radiance. And if in certain matters the appearances of grace be delayed, this hath been and shall be due to God's consummate wisdom. One must not become saddened by this. Thus doth the Most Great Book teach you that whereby the world hath been illumined. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Loving.

As to what ye had mentioned regarding the loved ones of the land of Qum, it was presented before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the hearts of the world were attracted and the nations were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Most High, the Most Great, willed. His word, exalted be His majesty:

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have made mention of Our loved ones in that place and have revealed for him who was named Rida that whereby the Concourse on High was attracted, and We have revealed for him who was named Husayn that whereby the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Exalted be the All-Merciful, the Manifestation of this mighty Cause! We had previously sent unto them both that whereby the horizons were perfumed, yet the people remain in evident veils. Should thou meet them both, convey unto them the greetings from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Blessed are ye both for having turned unto a horizon from which every stubborn tyrant and every doubtful learned one hath turned away. My Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness unto you both. Rejoice ye in this most great favor and in this mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O friends! This Wronged One, at this hour when the sun is at its meridian, has turned towards you, makes mention of you, and counsels you regarding that which ensures steadfastness in the Cause of God. For the transgressors, the corruptors and the evil ones are striving with utmost effort to lead astray the loved ones of Truth. It behooved God, exalted be His glory, to inform His friends. Thus did We forewarn all of the appearance of the croakers and the cawing of the heedless, that they might remain protected through the name of Truth in this wondrous Day. They must, God willing, be observed to be so firmly established and immovable in the Cause of God that none would have power even to speak, much less to hinder. Thus has the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he that heareth, and woe unto the heedless ones. That which hath proceeded from you in the path of God is clear and evident before the Truth. Verily, He draweth nigh unto whosoever draweth nigh unto Him, and rewardeth most excellently whoso acteth in His path. He, verily, is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. May God willing, be ye protected from the enemies of Truth and their insinuations. O Abu'l-Hasan! Some of the associates are also dwelling in that land. Previously, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and sent especially for them. God willing, they have attained unto them. And if thou meetest them this time, convey to them profound greetings from the Truth and say: "May you be blessed, God willing, with divine favors and act according to His command." Specifically for the two souls mentioned, Husayn and Rida, upon them be the glory of God, two most mighty Tablets were revealed and sent with the letter Sin. God willing, may they attain unto them. The end belongs to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Regarding what you wrote about the sons of Mulla 'Abdu'l-Ghafur, from the relatives of Mulla Raj, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented before the Most Sublime Vision. This is what the All-Giving hath revealed in response:

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have made mention of him who is named Malik-Husayn, and We make mention of him at this hour when the Wronged One walketh in His Most Great Prison and testifieth to that which He testified before the existence of all created things: that there is none other God but He, the Single, the

One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God's life! This is a Day which the books of the world have been adorned with its mention, and the denizens of the highest Paradise and they who circle round the Throne have spoken its praise, by the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted, yet most of the people are heedless. They have cast certainty behind their backs and followed the sources of idle fancies. Thus have their souls enticed them. Verily, they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Malik-Husayn! Dost thou hear My most sweet call from the Most Exalted Horizon, or art thou among the heedless? Open thy sight through the name of thy Lord that thou mayest behold the Sun shining from this luminous horizon. Turn not unto those whom thou seest in doubt concerning the Cause of thy Lord. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Speaker, the All-Informed. Should anyone come to thee with tales of old, leave them behind thee, turning towards the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Baqir, that the call of the All-Merciful may draw him nigh unto the Kingdom of Utterance and strengthen him in steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the knowers have slipped. When thou hearest the call from the direction of the luminous Spot, say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, and for having guided me unto Thy Straight Path."

We make mention of him who hath been named 'Ali and give him the glad-tidings of this Remembrance which cannot be equalled by all the treasures of the earth nor by that which is with the kings and rulers. O 'Ali! The Wronged One remembereth thee when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who disputed the signs of God and His proof, and turned away from that which they were commanded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take thou the choice wine of steadfastness in the name of the Lord of Oneness, then drink thereof once in remembrance of Me and again in My Name, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Rida! Draw nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! Thou wast created for this Day. To this testify the Scriptures of God, both past and future, and beyond them this most impregnable, most holy, mighty and glorious Remembrance. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all creation, with supreme steadfastness, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me through Thy grace and didst enable me to turn unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world for love of Thee and Thy path, and who have hastened to the place of annihilation in remembrance of Thee and Thy Name. O my Lord! Thou art the Powerful, and Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. Write down, then, for him that which befitteth Thy greatness and power. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention at this moment of him who hath been named Husayn, that the breezes of remembrance may draw him to a station wherein the tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting,

doth speak. O Husayn! Husayn remembereth thee, He Who arose to the Cause in days wherein the limbs of the world trembled at the onslaught of princes and the opposition of divines. Thus hath the Lord of Names spoken from the Most Exalted Horizon, yet most of the people understand not. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and informed all of what hath appeared and what shall appear in the earth. To this testifieth he who hath testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and before the mention of the letter K and N. Hold thou fast unto the cord of certitude, turning away from those whom We behold in doubt concerning this mighty, this impregnable Cause. He hath, of a truth, forgiven thy father as a token of His grace, for He is the Kind, the Forgiving.

O Hasan! The Most Exalted Pen speaketh in the Persian tongue that all may attain unto that which God hath desired. Say: Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and be not deprived by the doubts of the deniers and those who have turned away from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. This is the day of the most great terror and likewise of the most great joy. Blessed is the one whom the veils of glory and the obscuring doubts and the allusions of the followers of idle fancy have not withheld from the recognition of the Manifest, the Hidden Name. Today the Lord of Names bestoweth, with His white hand, the water of everlasting life. Draw ye nigh through His power and take thereof in His Name, then drink therefrom through His wise remembrance. The evil ones have ever lain in wait, and likewise the deceitful and the treacherous stand ready at their posts that perchance they might prevent a soul from the truth and deprive it of the outpourings of the true Bestower. Strive ye that ye may become the breakers of the idols of vain imaginings. Whatsoever hath appeared and shall appear in the world hath previously flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Say: O servants! Consider ye the Tablets to the kings and ponder the Tablet to the Chief, that ye might perchance speak with fairness and tread the path of justice. The Cause is greater than to be veiled by unseemly and unworthy statements. Fear ye God, O people, and follow not the desires of those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came with clear proof. Thus doth He remind you, He in Whose possession is a mighty Book.

We make mention in this station of My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, and We give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and His grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O handmaidens of God! God willing, ye shall be observed as sanctified and pure from the doubts and allusions of men, and in all conditions hold fast unto the Self-Sufficing Lord. These are days wherein God, exalted be His glory, hath turned toward all and adorned all with the ornament of His mention. Jesus, son of Mary, upon hearing but one blessed word from the Dayspring of divine utterance, became so enkindled with the fire of love that the waters of the world could neither prevent nor extinguish it. And that word was this: "O My servant and son of My handmaiden!" And now grace hath reached such heights that He Who conversed on Sinai from the seat of the throne of Revelation makes mention of both male and female, young and old, with wondrous words of remembrance. Should anyone truly ponder this blessed word, he would spend his entire life uttering "Thine be the praise, O God of all worlds!" Beseech ye God that He suffer not your ears to be defiled by the utterances of the corrupt, the aggressive, and the treacherous, nor your eyes to be barred by the allusions of the deniers from beholding the lights, that ye may hearken unto the essence of utterance and perceive the essence of light. Is there any fair-minded hearer in the world who will hear and speak the

truth? Is there any just observer to be found who will behold the truth and bear witness to that which God hath witnessed? Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the midst of sorrows through what the hands of those who cast their God behind their backs and took idols for themselves as lords besides God, the Mighty, the Powerful, have wrought. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have turned toward the Most Great Scene with pure vision, and upon those handmaidens who have hearkened to the Call and turned unto God, the Lord of Names, on this mighty, exalted Day.

All praise be unto God that all the souls mentioned have attained unto the divine verses, and the ocean of utterance hath surged for each one. God willing, they shall arise to that which beseemeth this most great bounty and shall attain unto that which God hath willed. This evanescent servant at all times beseecheth and imploreth God that He may aid souls to recognize this most great favor that hath encompassed the world. He is verily the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, ye made mention of Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God. After its presentation before the Most Holy Court, these resplendent words were revealed from the Source of Command. He saith, exalted be His majesty:

In His Name, the Sanctified above all that was and that shall be […]

O Muhammad-Qabil-Rida! By the True One! The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come, proclaiming from the heart of the world: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting! I have created all things for this Day and have heralded unto them this Revelation wherein the very pebbles proclaim 'The Kingdom belongeth to the Revealer of verses' and wherein the nightingale warbleth upon the branches 'Glory be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be!'" Among men are those who dispute the signs of God and deny His proof, and those who slander Him without clear evidence or an enlightening Book, and those who pronounce judgment against Him. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Revelation while confined in this forbidden prison. How many learned ones have been barred from true knowledge by following vain imaginings, and how many unlettered ones have hastened to attain My choice sealed wine! This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Revelation speaketh, and that which God foretold through the tongue of His Messenger hath come to pass - the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. Abandon all remembrances and hold fast unto this glorious and beloved Remembrance.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Revealer of Thy verses and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, and by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the earth hath been cleft and the mountains have been scattered. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else but Thee and advancing toward the Kaaba of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to withhold not from me the wonders of Thy bounty; then ordain for me by Thy Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of those whom God hath associated with thee, that the fragrances of glorification may attract them to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: O people! By God, the Day hath

come and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud through this Name whereby God hath subdued all that was and that shall be. Say: Beware lest the veils of them that are wrapt in veils withhold you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast away what is possessed by men and take what hath been vouchsafed unto you from the presence of a Mighty, Bountiful One. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who hath advanced and woe unto them that turn away.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that divine favor hath reached such a station that the tongues of the world are powerless and fall short of its mention. Yet, O My loved one, the people have clung to an imaginary creature of which they had and have no knowledge, and have deprived themselves of the divine oceans of grace. Supplicate ye the All-Knowing, the Powerful, with utmost humility and lowliness throughout the days and nights that He may not afflict these souls anew with vain imaginings and idle fancies. At all times a putrid odor is moving and passing, to such an extent that the Pen is reluctant to make mention thereof and shall remain so. The servant beseecheth his Lord to guard His servants from the hosts of men and vain desire, and to confirm them in that which He loveth and approveth. This is what shall profit them in this world and the next, and He verily is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, ye had mentioned Mulla Abdul-Ghani, upon him be the Glory of God. All that ye had written was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what shone forth from the horizon of the providence of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names […]

O Abdul-Ghani! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. By My life! If thou wert to hear it as it should be heard, verily it would draw thee to a station sanctified by God beyond the mention of the ancients and the tidings of them that are yet to come. Make thyself ready to hearken unto the words of thy Lord, which have been sent down in such wise that from them the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who heareth, whom the hosts have not deterred; and blessed is he who seeth, whom the veils have not hindered; and blessed is he who turneth, whom the rejection of the rejecters hath not frightened. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its influence, turn with thy heart to the Dayspring of Names, the station from whose horizon have shone forth the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Master of all beings, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire, for having caused me to hear Thy call when I was heedless, and for making me turn to Thee when I was unmindful, and for giving me utterance when I was silent. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Whose grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Having caused me to hear Thy call, withhold me not from the outpourings of Thy days. Blessed is the air that hath been perfumed by Thy breezes, and the earth that hath been honored by Thy footsteps, and the mountain over which have wafted the breezes of Thy Revelation, and the gardens that have been adorned by the flowers from the gardens of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! I am poor and needy, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the All-Bountiful. Behold me, then, O my God, with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, and grant me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy

chosen ones, of whom Thou hast spoken in praise in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy Cause, assist me in Thy service, and enable me to remain constant in my love for Thee. Verily Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and dominion all things possible have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

The bounty, loving-kindness, compassion and mercy of the True One, exalted be His glory and greatness, are manifest and evident from the verses sent down from the heaven of oneness. O friends of God! Know ye the value of yourselves and of these days, that ye may perchance be preserved from the arrows of Satan and the intimations of the corrupt ones. All that ye have expressed in your letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and in supreme bounty and compassion the answer to each was revealed and sent forth, that all may receive their portion from the true, ever-flowing ocean of grace. It is requested that on behalf of this evanescent servant ye convey greetings, praise and salutations to the friends of God. God willing, may all arise to accomplish that which God loveth, and strive with utmost joy and fragrance to teach the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. This is the divine counsel from before and after. We beseech God to assist all to serve His Cause, for without His grace none hath ever been, nor shall ever be, capable of any deed. As for your having appointed this evanescent one as your representative in visitation, in accordance with your wish, he hath at this moment turned toward the Most Holy Court and acted on your behalf in that which is the purpose of the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou and blessed am I. After attendance, presentation and visitation, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words, exalted be His glory: […]

O Abu'l-Hasan! Praise be to God, through divine bestowals thou hast attained again and again, and hast made mention of the friends of God and His loved ones. We bear witness that thou hast mentioned their names and visited them and presented what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Reflect upon God's grace: that which all who dwell on earth sought with utmost longing and desire was attained by none save a few, yet through His grace and mercy thou didst attain His presence and drink from the Kawthar of reunion and recognize His Day, and wert enabled to make mention of His loved ones. Each of these stations is most lofty and exalted. Strive that through the name of God and His grace thou mayest remain protected. Verily He is the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This lowly one submits that several days ago a word was heard from the blessed tongue indicating the agitation of certain weak souls due to the doubts cast by the deniers and corrupters. Perhaps this has had some effect on the relatives as well. According to His command, whatever was sent to your honor, as well as to Varqa - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - and some friends in the Land of Ta, should be gathered so that the friends of God may observe. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise. And if a copy thereof be given to Mulla Raj - upon him be the Glory of God - it would be most pleasing. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who heed the counsel of their Lord and who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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

Praise and thanksgiving befit the people of God in a station where they are inwardly like a surging ocean, yet outwardly, in accordance with the wisdom they are bidden to observe, are calm and patient. They have crossed the river of names and reached the shore of the ocean of inner meanings. Detached from the world, they have turned to the horizon of the Most Great Name. The hues and stains of various parties do not prevent them from attaining the true station of repose, which is the station of supreme steadfastness. They speak for God, turn to God, and return unto God. The veils of the world have not obscured them, nor have the clouds of the nations held them back from what God hath willed. They are the dawning-places of the reformation of the world and the manifestations of the wisdom of the Lord of Eternity. When they observe fertile soil, they deposit the seed of wisdom; when they find ears to hear, they speak. This prescribed wisdom hath ever been and shall continue to be a fortress for the friends of God. As long as the ocean surgeth, the sun shineth, and the heaven remaineth lofty and adorned, they must arise with the utmost endeavor to serve. Among the forms of service is wisdom itself, which they must impart to the friends of God, that all may be educated and become the cause of the exaltation of His Cause, rather than the clamor of the heedless and the aggressive.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose command the laws were ordained and proofs and evidences were made manifest! The Servant testifieth that the tongue of Thy Will hath spoken naught but that which is a shield for Thy servants and a crown for the heads of Thy loved ones. In all that Thou hast sent down from the kingdom of Thy grace and favor, Thou hast desired naught save that which draweth them nigh unto Thee and causeth them to recognize what Thou hast willed through Thy bounty and loving-kindness. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to act according to what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs and have broken Thy covenant and Thy pledge. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the hands of Thy power in the world of creation to assist Thy chosen ones and loved ones to arise to serve Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the learned nor the allusions of the divines nor the might of princes shall hold them back. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, I submit that your esteemed letter was received - a receipt that heralded the world of meeting. In truth, the letters and messages of God's loved ones emit the fragrance of reunion. Praise be to God, every letter thereof testified to your steadfastness, which today is like the elixir - precious indeed is that elixir which adorns the transient with the ornament of the eternal. And after joy, delight and gladness, proceeding to the station of the Lord of all beings, following presence before His face and complete permission, the letter was honored to be heard. His Word - exalted be His proof and mighty His utterance:

In the name of the Goal of the worlds […]

Strange and peculiar affairs have come to pass. The carpet of idle fancies hath been spread wider than before. At one time they speak of interpolations, at another of an island and region. Glory be to God! Until now they have not understood a single letter of the Mother Book and are unaware of the Day of God. They cling to names while calling themselves the people of God, yet He is quit of them. To this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness in this mighty and impregnable station. The winds of self and passion have seized these heedless souls and carry them whithersoever they desire. By God! They appear like the people of old, nay worse. Today the light of true oneness hath dawned from the horizon of the world and none but the Truth is mentioned. With the banner "Verily I am God" it hath descended from the most exalted summit, and with the standard "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" it hath appeared. By My life! Had they understood the Divine Day, they would have found all who dwell on earth as non-existent. Today no mention among mentions and no matter among matters sufficeth except this Most Great Remembrance and Mighty News. For twelve hundred years the people of old strayed from the straight path, yet deemed themselves guides to the way. But when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the world, the deeds of those souls and their fruits became clear and evident - this is not hidden from any possessor of insight. Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and attained the greatest steadfastness in the days of God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and make thee successful in exalting His Word amongst His servants, and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Until now the transgressors have not perceived the fragrance of God's Cause, let alone the Truth itself. With utmost deceit and guile they have arisen to mislead the people. In truth, the eyes of the world are incapable of beholding this horizon, and the ears of the world are unworthy of hearing this utterance. Beseech the Truth to raise up souls created from the element of sanctity, that they may attain unto vision and hearing, and find themselves detached and free from all else but God. The existing souls possess ears yet are deprived of hearing, have eyes yet are forbidden from seeing. "They have eyes wherewith they see not." Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God. Say: Strive to protect the servants, that perchance their words may not prevent them from the ocean of meanings, that names may not become a veil and hold them back from the Truth. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon them that have turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

The waves of the ocean of utterance have appeared in such wise that were the world to possess hearing and sight to the extent of a needle's eye, all would turn from what they possess to what is with God. Yet the heedless people each day cling to some new thing and soar in some new atmosphere. The verses of God descend and pour forth like rain, and His evidences shine forth and appear from every horizon. Nevertheless, they remain occupied with ringing sounds, heedless and veiled from the Lord of all worlds. Bewilderment has reached such a state that its description is beyond the power of pen and ink. In truth, divine wrath has seized them and the recompense of their deeds has become manifest. These mentions are so that some may become aware. Repeatedly this exalted Word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of all beings - blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O servant present! The Supreme Pen has repeatedly made mention of the deeds of the former party and their recompense on the Day of Resurrection. The purpose is that those who have turned to God may become aware, for if they would

reflect and become informed of the fruits of the deeds of the former party, they would remain firm, steadfast and unwavering in the Cause of God in such wise that the doubts of the infidels and the gestures of the transgressors would not hinder them."

Regarding what was written about the departed and elevated Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and the trusts that were with him - he himself had written a letter to this servant wherein the trusts of the friends of God were mentioned in detail. Now, after your letter was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, a most mighty and sublime Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine will specifically for Nayib-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and was sent. God willing, he will attain to it and become joyful with such joy that the troubles of the world will not affect him. This servant also conveys greetings to him and begs confirmation from the Truth. Likewise, a Tablet was graciously revealed specifically for Karbila'i Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, and what they sent has arrived. Not an atom of deeds has been or is hidden. The servant asks his Lord to confirm them and those who have believed in steadfastness in His love and His mighty and wondrous Cause.

After that departed one's passing, whatever was with him was brought to the Most Holy Presence, as was detailed in writing to the honored mother of that departed one, upon them both be the Glory of God. This evanescent one has, in most times, made mention of them and of the patient leaf, the mother, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors, as well as their relatives, upon them be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have been and are remembered before His presence. Blessed are they.

Concerning what was written about the spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and sending what he had requested - from that very matter his station is clear and evident. That beloved one should reflect upon the heedless souls - to what they cling and with what they occupy themselves. There are many such instances. Would that the people understood! Those souls who today consider themselves believers and assured ones have never been and are not now aware of the foundation of the Cause. However, when the effulgences of the lights of the Manifestation somewhat shone forth, they ran out from behind the veil and say what they do not comprehend and speak of what they do not understand. Thus have their souls made a matter seem fair to them, and they know not today. Praise be to God that beloved one has attained to the mention of Truth, the praise of Truth, and the assistance of the Cause of Truth. Concerning what was written about the honored matron Varaqatu'l-Firdaws, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and her turning toward Faran and the steadfastness and enkindlement of the loved ones of God in that land - all was presented before the Presence and attained the honor of being heard. His word, exalted be His station and sublime be His utterance: In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance surged […]

This is a Book inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. God hath made it the Dayspring of Guidance unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. O people of Faran! Ye were favored with the mention of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in the past and are so at this time when We are surrounded by the wolves and dogs of the earth through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Beware lest anything whatsoever debar you from the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Cast aside this day what the people possess, clinging fast to the cord of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

We have arisen to manifest the Cause before the faces of men in such wise that neither the clamor of the wicked, nor chains and fetters, nor the prison of Akka could deter Us. To this testifieth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. O party of God! Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan debar you even as the doubts of the people of the Furqan debarred them when the All-Merciful came with great sovereignty. The gate of heaven hath been opened and He Who was promised by the tongue of Grandeur and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen hath come. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him and attained. Woe unto them that have turned away!

They behold the waves of the ocean yet deny them. They are indeed the companions of hellfire. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to what they possess of the promptings of Satan. Say: That which the people possess shall profit you not this day. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Take ye the Book of God with His might and His power. Verily it is His Balance amidst you and His Path before your faces, if ye be of them that know. The Concourse of the Bayan have denied the heaven of grace and its stars and the Sun and its effulgence. Thus have their souls enticed them and they are today among the most lost in the Book of God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Concourse of the Bayan! Be fair in the Cause of the All-Merciful and weigh what ye possess against but one verse from the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. There hath appeared what hath never appeared in creation. To this testifieth every fair-minded, clear-sighted one. They who have been given insight from God have heard and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having manifested Thyself among the peoples, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that know.”

He whom We reared with the hands of grace and preserved beneath the wing of justice hath risen in opposition and drawn against My face the sword of hatred, having been led astray by one of the wicked ones. When God revealed what was hidden in their breasts, they arose and cried out whereat the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and they that circle round the mighty Throne lamented. They have made calumnies their shield. Say: By God! Nothing shall profit you save this Name at Whose appearance the people of the cities of vain imaginings have wailed, and every mighty idol hath fallen upon its face.

O party of God! Recite ye the verses of God. They will guide you to the straight path of God. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and made clear the way, yet most of the people are heedless. They worship idols and know not; they follow vain imaginings and perceive not. Say: Be fair, O Concourse of the Bayan, regarding this Cause through which all things have proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign Protector, the Self-Subsisting!” If ye deny the kingdom of the Bayan, by what proof can ye establish what ye possess? Bring it forth! By God! What ye possess cannot equal one word from Us. To this testifieth He Who opened through His name the gate of knowledge and unsealed through His command the Choice Wine. Whoso denieth this Cause, the world and all that is therein laugh at him, did they but perceive it. O party of God in Faran! We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of what was […]

O people of God in Faran! We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, may be exalted, and with the preservation of the pearls of your love from every rejected thief. This is the Day of steadfastness, and this is the Day wherein every hidden secret and every treasured matter hath been revealed. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen revealed its mysteries and the sea

its waves. Blessed are they who recognize the splendor that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace upon you and upon those who have forsaken the world, turning unto God, the Sovereign of the realm of dominion and sovereignty.

All atoms stand bewildered at mankind's lack of awareness. The scratching of the Most Exalted Pen is raised during the nights and days, and the Sun of Utterance is shining and manifest from the highest horizon of possibility. This is that Call which the Beloved heard during His ascension and Moses heard on Sinai and by which he was made to prosper. It is not known with what the heedless souls are occupied and to what they cling and in what they rejoice. By the life of our Lord and your Lord! Were anyone to observe with the eye of fairness, he would behold himself immersed in an ocean of wonderment. There hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which those who would enumerate are powerless to reckon and those who would record are impotent to write. Despite this, they have uttered that which no people have ever uttered and committed that which no soul hath ever committed. I beseech God to set ablaze the people of Faran and those drawn to Him with such a fire that the people of that land shall be enkindled thereby and no opportunity for objection shall remain for the opposers. Should anyone reflect upon this most great Revelation, he would observe this Cause to transcend the world and all therein. He would become detached from mere words and turn toward the ocean of meanings. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth the way.

O people of this village! Ye have hearkened unto the melody of the Supreme Pen and beheld the surging waves of the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Every possessor of spiritual sense hath inhaled the fragrance of His Revelation, and every possessor of sight hath turned towards the supreme horizon. Yet certain deluded ones among the people of the Bayan have risen in opposition, turning away from the ocean of divine utterance and advancing towards a mere pond. Like scattered locusts they strive and labor to lead souls astray. They walk in the footsteps of the former parties, though they witness with their own eyes the loss that hath befallen those parties. Fie upon them and their sense of justice!

All the divines of Persia, each of whom regarded himself as the heaven of knowledge, the mountain of piety, and the sun of faith, and considered his religion the most exalted among the religions of the world - all of them in the early years engaged in cursing and reviling the Object of the world's adoration, and ultimately issued the decree for His death from their idolatrous souls and pens. Even now they have not desisted. Day and night they occupy themselves with hatred towards Him Who created them. One wondereth from what element these essences of hatred have been created. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!

By My life! My Pen weepeth both night and day over Him against Whom they pronounced their verdict without any clear proof or Book. Now the people of the Bayan too are occupied with the same delusions. The Supreme Pen hath repeatedly made mention of these matters and given utterance thereto, that perchance the people might become mindful and discover that which is hidden from their eyes. For were they to become aware of the deeds of the former party and the fruits thereof, they would regard those who turn aside as non-existent and as nothing. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones and to acquaint them with that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

We send greetings to each of the people of this village. The names of the sincere ones and the steadfast ones have been recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My remembrance, who hath held fast unto My cord, and who hath clung to the hem of My luminous robe. From this station We greet their faces and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness, which have preceded all things. And I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Husayn, who hath been mentioned in the Book of him who turned to My horizon, who voiced My praise and who arose to serve My Cause, the Firm, the Impregnable. O Muhammad-Husayn! We have mentioned thee time and again as a token of grace from Us, that the verses might attract thee to a station wherein the affairs of the world will not sadden thee, nor will the doubts of the divines hold thee back from the Lord of all beings, Who hath come from the Dayspring of might with the standards of guidance and success. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized. Woe unto them that deny!

By God's life! Whoso heareth My verses with the ear of his true nature, they will surely draw him nigh unto God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Behold, then remember when the Point came and said that should anyone come with a verse, ye should not deny him nor object to him. Yet the people of the Bayan objected to Him Who came with the kingdom of verses. Thus did the affairs of the world delude them until they disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great. He had decreed in the Book the sanctification of My Self from whatsoever was revealed in the Bayan - to this testifieth he who hath a perspicuous Book. Vain imaginings have withheld them from the Lord of all days, and idle fancies have debarred them from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thus have We revealed the verses and sent them unto thee, that they might attract thee to the praiseworthy station. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My verses, say: "My God, my God! Should I be prevented from standing before the gate of Thy grace and from attaining unto Thy presence, ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of meeting Thee. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen."

The All-Glorious remembers him who hath been named with My Name, and announceth unto him My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all created things. O Baha, the All-Glorious remembereth thee from the Prison of 'Akka, through which every Messenger was sent and every Book was revealed. He hath spoken: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Through Him was made manifest that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, and the Truth came with manifest sovereignty. But for Him, no verses would have been revealed, nor any signs appeared, yet the people understand not. We have heard thy cry when thou didst read the Book of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Recite that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen at eventide and at dawn. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe wisdom and utterance, even as We counseled Our servants aforetime. To this testify honored servants. Say: O people of the Bayan! The River of Life hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Fear ye God, O people, and be not of those who denied when the Intended One came with manifest sovereignty. Say: Die in your wrath! The Resurrection is come, the Hour hath appeared, the Bridge hath been laid, the mountains have passed away, and those in the graves have been raised. By God! The ocean of utterance hath surged, yet the people understand not;

and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet the people perceive it not. Thus hath spoken My Most Exalted Pen when the Wronged One was in the hands of every oppressor who denied the Witness and the Witnessed.

O Land of Ba! Hearken to the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, from the right hand of the Luminous Spot. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He Who was mentioned in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords, hath been made manifest. O people of God! I complain unto you concerning what hath befallen Me at the hands of a band of wolves who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan prevent you from your Lord, the All-Merciful. Leave them to their vain imaginings and turn ye towards the Dayspring of Light. They were concealed behind veils, and when the waves of hatred subsided and the light shone forth according to a fixed measure, they emerged therefrom and perpetrated that which caused the eye of grandeur to weep in the most exalted station. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of bounty and favor. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Revealer of verses. O people of the cities! Your Lord, the Lord of the Throne, maketh mention of you. Turn with radiant faces and illumined hearts unto God, the Lord of all return. We have made mention of every servant who hath turned towards the prison, and of every maidservant who hath believed in the Mighty, the Bestower. O people of God! Beware lest the intimations of the misguided keep you back from your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He who hath recognized Me seeth himself stronger than all who dwell on earth. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in such grief as no eye in all creation had ever witnessed.

Here it endeth. His is the praise and the favor, and His is the loving-kindness and compassion. The Sun of bounty hath risen with such splendor that none hath the power to describe it. Wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed specifically for the mentioned names - from each letter thereof the fragrance of grace and bounty is wafted. This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth to confirm all to recognize that which is today manifest, evident and resplendent. For were they to attain unto a drop from the ocean of divine utterance, all would behold themselves independent of all else. Their vain imaginings shall not hold them back, nor shall names prevent them. Those who were and are incapable of speech have risen up with all manner of deceit and guile to mislead the people. They have uttered that which no ignorant one hath ever uttered. The chief of the barking ones hath appeared from the land of Kaf and Ra, and in his delusion imagineth that he is helping the Cause, just as the Shi'ih sect was occupied with such vain fancies and ultimately committed that which no oppressor had ever perpetrated since the beginning of creation. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Afnan, upon him be My glory, hath from the beginning of the Cause until now stood firm in service to the Truth and His loved ones, and remained constant in His remembrance. He hath borne witness to that which God hath witnessed, acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged, and uttered that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Blessed is he, then blessed is he! Praise be to God, all have turned to the waters of mercy and drunk from the chalice of grace. We have made mention of them in numerous Tablets - a mention that causeth the ears of creation to incline towards the Word of God. We have favored some above others, and We are the All-Powerful,

the All-Choosing. We send Our greetings upon them and upon Our loved ones whom the buzzing of flies hath not kept back from God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly retreat.

He hath said: Whenever a Tablet is to be sent to the Afnan himself, We shall make mention of that which they have requested. In truth, steadfast souls have been created for the service of the Cause of God. Naught shall remain for them save what they have wrought in the path of God, our Lord and their Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

At this time and at this hour, these decisive verses specially intended for the people of rapture were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Creator of all things. His word, exalted be His mention and mighty His utterance:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O people of rapture! The Lord of Names maketh mention of you in that which draweth you nigh unto God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. We have made mention of you time and again, and have sent unto you that which caused bodies to take flight, and We make mention of you yet again at this time, and We remind you of the signs of God, the Lord of lords. Hearken unto the call from the direction of bounty and bestowal, before the faces of all humanity, from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Spirit of Life hath been breathed into you and the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over you. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The clamor hath been raised - this is what We foretold you aforetime in the Book of God, the Lord of the Final End. We have been hearing what hath been raised there, for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold you back from the Lord of Eternity, or the objections of the learned keep you from Him Who hath come with power and sovereignty.

O party of God! This is spoken in the Persian tongue that ye may comprehend the purpose and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. The objectors of the Bayan are like those souls who, in the early days of Islam, constructed through the instruments of idle fancies and vain imaginings that which caused the ruin of the world. O party of God! Consider all matters with penetrating vision and reflect: what were the fruits of the deeds of the Shi'ihs during twelve hundred years on the Day of Reckoning and what became of them? They raised their cry from pulpits and mosques and, in their own estimation, summoned mankind unto truth, while the various sects among that party pronounced each other infidels, each faction counting itself the defender of the resplendent Law. By the life of God! Thereby was the standard "there is none other God but Him" reversed, the Word was divided, the Lote-Tree lamented, and even now the Wronged One heareth its sighs and moans by reason of what hath befallen His own Self after We had assisted the Cause in days wherein souls were perturbed and eyes were dimmed. We stood before the faces of men and summoned all unto God, without veil or covering.

We beseech God to aid all to be just and fair and to assist the Cause, that perchance the idle fancies of the past may not be renewed and people may be freed from the chains of vain imaginings and may regard all save God as utter nothingness. Should the true station of Divine Unity be revealed from the Supreme Pen as it should be, all would become aware of that which they have hitherto been heedless. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth the servants to the path of guidance.

Through the might of princes and the oppression of divines, all remained veiled behind a covering, and when the horizon became somewhat illumined with the light of security and the fire of hatred somewhat abated, they rushed forth to the outlying regions and uttered that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise and the companions of the sacred precincts to lament. This party too hath determined to occupy the helpless people for another thousand and two hundred years with the vain imaginings of deluded souls, and in the end to reap the fruits of the deeds of the former party. By My life! This party hath proved more base than all other parties.

The people of God must strive and promote the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Great is this Day! Blessed are they that have attained, and blessed are they that are firmly established. From this spot We send Our greetings upon your faces and counsel you with that which will exalt you and profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This evanescent servant conveys his greetings to each of the friends of God and implores the Exalted Truth to grant confirmation and success to all, that perchance these helpless people may not again fall prey to the claws of vain imaginings. They have denied Him Whose station is equal to all the books before and after, which were sent down from the heaven of His bounty, and they have clung to that which was and is unworthy of mention. By the life of our Lord! The barking ones are unaware. What is astonishing is that Ahmad ibn Ja'far was among the followers of Karim Khan, and Karim Khan wrote a book every year refuting the Bab, yet when he entered this Cause, on that very day he fell into the desire for leadership and became occupied with misleading the helpless people. Soon that which is hidden within him shall be revealed. All are witnesses and testify that the Truth alone, unveiled and unobscured, hath been established from the beginning of the Cause, and He hath summoned all the peoples of the world, both kings and subjects, to embrace it. Neither might nor clamor, neither guns nor cannons, neither ranks nor multitudes could prevent Him. Every fair-minded person beareth witness to what hath been mentioned. In brief, all these matters have previously flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the soul whom the breathing of the idolators and the objections of the antagonists have not kept back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Regarding what was mentioned about his cousin, upon him be the Glory of God, one page was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and adorned in the handwriting of the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of His footsteps - specifically for him. God willing, they will deliver it to him and he will attain unto it. This evanescent one beseecheth the Exalted Truth to not deprive him of the Kawthar of utterance, to illumine him with the lights of the Sun of certitude, and to preserve him from the darkness of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily, He hath power over all things.

And regarding what was mentioned about the spiritual matron, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God, her mention hath ever been and continueth to be in the Most Holy Court. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for her. God willing, she will attain unto it and will cause all the handmaidens to be set ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree of utterance. In truth, from the beginning of the Cause, in days when all the heroes and men of the earth were hidden due to fear and awe of the divines, that leaf, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors, stood firm in the

Cause and was engaged in praise and remembrance. Well is it with her and pleasant is it unto her. In the early days she heard from the Tongue of Grandeur "O My handmaiden and My leaf." The passage of Abdullah Ansari was previously before the eyes of that beloved one; from this, to some extent, this station becometh known. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto. Most matters remain concealed. God will soon reveal what He willeth. Verily, He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Powerful, the All-Wise.

O handmaid of God! The Object of all horizons is seen beneath the talons of hatred, yet in this hour He makes mention of thee. No thing among all things, and no matter among all matters, hath prevented Him from the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. We have spoken that which We were to speak. Now pray thou and beseech God that His servants and handmaidens may be preserved from the dawning-places of idle fancies and may hold fast to His straight path and His firm cord with such firmness that the peoples of the world shall not prevent them. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land and give them the glad tidings of the splendors of the Sun of favor. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Great.

O Jamal! Upon thee be My glory! Today the possessors of beauty, perfection, justice and fairness are those souls who have drunk from the ocean of knowledge and been illumined by the rays of the Sun of inner meanings. Should a soul subjugate the whole world and possess all sciences and arts, yet before God he was not and is not mentioned, and in the sight of them that are established upon the thrones of divine knowledge and wisdom, he is as one non-existent and forgotten. But if his sight is illumined by the light of divine vision and knowledge, and he hath drunk from the Kawthar of certitude, he possesseth all things, even though he be unable to read a single word. Blessed are the manifestations of the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory - those souls who soar on the wings of knowledge in this luminous atmosphere. We beseech God to preserve all and deprive them not of this true journey and spiritual wayfaring. Today the wings of most are prevented from flight by the clay of vain imaginings, and the veil of heedlessness hath deprived their eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who hath mentioned thee and thee, and those who have held fast to this firm cord and this mighty announcement. Blessed is thy father who, at the time of his ascension, was welcomed by the Concourse on High, who found from him the fragrance of the love of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O Nuriyyih! Upon thee be the favor of God! According to what was mentioned, Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi wrote two cycles of divine ordinances, yet he attained not unto the Tree of his heart's desire and remained deprived of the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the fruits of all his knowledge and deeds. And Shaykh Murtada, although to some degree he gazed toward the Most Exalted Horizon and traces of love's light were manifest in him, yet he succeeded not in attaining true knowledge. The labors of seventy years were scattered to the winds, and likewise all the other divines of the cities and regions of Iran were deprived. But thou, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, hast drunk from the cup of divine love and partaken of the ocean of knowledge. By the life of God! Were this station to be revealed and made manifest, the tongues of all the peoples of the world would speak forth "Blessed be God, the Lord of all worlds!" Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor and this manifest grace.

And this is what was revealed for the son, upon him be the glory of God, exalted be His proof and mighty His utterance: O My friend! The True Friend hath turned towards thee, and this is that friendship whereof He saith “Your friend is God alone” unto the end of the verse. This is that friendship for which there hath been and shall be no peer or likeness. It is specially reserved for God, exalted be His glory, even as the Most Great Infallibility hath ever been and shall ever be specially reserved for God - exalted be His station and His Manifestation - Who hath not accepted and will never accept any partner therein. This is one of the hidden mysteries which in this Revelation hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen. Well is it with them that comprehend! Give thanks unto God for that the Lord of all being hath turned towards thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to solace the eyes of them that are nigh unto Him. All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of thy mother and thy sister, as a command from Our presence, and I am verily the Omnipotent Commander. We beseech God to assist you and strengthen you to remember and praise Him, to hold fast unto His cord and cling to His resplendent hem. Ye have ever been and continue to be remembered, as testified by My tongue, My pen, and My loving-kindness whose fragrance hath been diffused through that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of Mine utterance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings, salutations and praise to each one, and seeketh for them whatsoever is worthy of the grace and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Whenever the Sun of loving-kindness shineth upon His friends, or the ocean of grace manifesteth its waves, the spirit of this evanescent one is renewed as though he had quaffed from the ocean of grace and been showered by the rain of mercy. Such joy doth encompass him that its mention would transform the sorrow of the world. His is the praise in all conditions, His the bounty in all conditions, His the generosity in all conditions. Glory be unto God! Man is bewildered, nay all things seen and unseen are bewildered by these people who are as dead in these days when the fire of Manifestation is ablaze, the lamp of loving-kindness is manifest, and the water of life floweth from the Pen that revealeth the verses. All are withered, dead, non-existent and lost. By the life of our Lord and your Lord! This is naught but the recompense of their vile deeds. The Day of Reckoning hath come: that which was hidden hath become manifest, and that which was concealed hath been revealed. The decree belongeth unto our Lord, and all authority is in His grasp, and the reins of all things are in His right hand. The servant testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Mention was made of the sister. After she gained the honor of hearkening, this most exalted and blessed Word was revealed. His word, blessed and exalted is He: O thou who gazest upon the Face! We have heard her call and have answered her with these verses. We beseech God, her Lord, to assist her with His remembrance and praise, to strengthen her in that which beseemeth His days, to draw her nigh unto Him, and to ordain for her from the Supreme Pen that which shall profit her. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Convey My glad-tidings unto her and glorify her countenance, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Glory be unto God! The spiritual realm hath been disturbed by the whisperings of devils, the insinuations of the infidels, and the schemes of the transgressors.

In these days the beloved of hearts, His Holiness Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath sent a copy of a letter which Ibn-i-Ja'far-i-Kirmani gave to Aqa Muhammad Big, upon him be the glory and loving-kindness of God, in Sensen. At its head the Most Great Name is mentioned, followed by one of the most exalted Words. Here then is the exact copy of the letter, without any change or alteration:

He is God, the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

[...]

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: The loved ones of Our sanctified Countenance, who in their longing for the Beloved and the revered Temple of Truth have turned their days into nights and their nights into days, are now mentioned before the Throne, that they may rejoice and be glad with this most exalted honor, this most radiant joy, and this most glorious delight in the highest and lowest kingdoms. O thou Named Nabil! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, then thank the Most High God at morn and eventide, and be thou steadfast in the Cause of God. Remember thy branches and leaves with words of glorification, mention the awestruck lovers before the Countenance of the Divine Unity, and being established in the mysteries of glory and certitude upon your most exalted paths, may ye be remembered in the highest and lowest dominions of might. And glorification be from God.

Reflect upon the deception and fraud of the souls of the polytheists. First they write using the Most Great Name so that the recipient might be attracted, and through this stratagem they might tame him and instill that which leads to eternal misguidance. Now one must reflect upon the ocean of deception - they have mixed the words of truth with the whisperings of satan, for though it begins with the Most Great Name - this is from the Truth, says the Most Exalted Pen, and this is what the Truth has spoken, and likewise before the Throne - the rest is attributed to the rebellious one. In any case, say: O party of God! These souls are seen to be exactly like those souls who in early Islam became the cause of error and misguidance. They would run from city to city, making mention of an imaginary Qa'im and recounting miracles, until at last all were wandering for twelve hundred years in the wilderness of error due to the vain imaginings of those souls. These souls too, by the life of our Lord and your Lord, will never attain to the light of faith. They strive and struggle that perchance they might acquire authority like the authorities of the past, and this party has been seen to be the most abased of all parties. May the True One, exalted be His glory, protect His party. Verily, He has power over all things.

As to what was previously written regarding the arrival of divine Tablets wherein the command of dissimulation was revealed - this is true. After the martyrdom of His Holiness Badi' - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - who appeared and shone forth from the horizon of power, the command of wisdom was revealed, such that most Tablets were adorned with this command. And after the martyrdom of His Holiness 'Ali from the land of Mim - upon him be all the most glorious Beauty - the command of non-confession was issued. Glory be to God! Those oppressive, heedless souls wished to utter words contrary to truth, yet they [the martyrs] refused and sacrificed their lives with the utmost joy and fragrance. At the time of the revelation of the second command, the Tongue of Grandeur would utter words that would melt the hearts and dissolve stones. At one point He said: The Supreme Pen lamenteth and declareth: "Conceal what ye possess." The oppression of the oppressors and the heedlessness of the

heedless have reached such a state that the Supreme Pen spoke the words of one of the former Letters: “Dissimulation is my religion” et cetera. The purpose was to preserve sacred souls. Consider how many souls sacrificed their lives without concealment, veil or dissimulation. In no age or Dispensation have such examples appeared. They considered the martyrdom of the Prince of Martyrs - upon him be all the most glorious Beauty - to be the cause of the exaltation and elevation of the religion of the Messenger of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. How many sacrificial lambs in this Dispensation hastened to the place of sacrifice with joy and fragrance and did not return alive. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and veiled. The son of Ja’far counted the Beloved of Martyrs, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Isma’il of Zavarih - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - who sacrificed himself by his own hand in Iraq, as one of his own, even though he had never seen aught but truth. The details about that beloved one have been mentioned in some letters, and in the Book of Badi’ his mention hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in such wise that none but truth can comprehend it. They have said the people of Baha killed him. It would be most fitting to ask him: “You were among the dead followers of Karim Khan in those days, and when you claimed to have entered this Cause you were behind a veil. From where do you derive these reports?” In brief, by the life of Our purpose and your purpose, from the beginning of the world until now, no liars like these souls have ever been seen or heard. To this every fair-minded and insightful one beareth witness.

In His Name, the Wronged One, the Imprisoned!

Concerning what was written about fasting, the divine ordinances have not changed - the Kitab-i-Aqdas exists. In this land, the friends with utmost boldness abandoned the Ramadan fast, to such an extent that the entire population became aware of it, and there was fear that the wicked would suddenly rise up. Therefore, a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Lord of Lords’ will, addressed to one of the friends, commanding that in this land they should observe the Ramadan fast. This ruling is specific to this land. However, the decree of wisdom has ever been revealed and all must hold fast to it and cling to it. These recent matters have been the cause of the oppression of oppressors and the transgressions of transgressors. The Sunnis will soon turn to the Cause, as they do not harbor previous delusions and say the Promised One must be born, as some have already turned. However, before entering the ocean of faith they are very fanatical, as they definitely consider the Persians to be infidels. In any case, we beseech and hope that the Truth may guide all. Their entry into this ocean also carried risk of corruption, for after entering they would become so enkindled that concealment would be lost. Therefore, teaching in this land and its surroundings has been forbidden. However, the friends of Truth in those lands must be mindful of wisdom and engage in teaching with utmost effort. Blessings be upon those who hear the Word and act according to what is commanded in the Book of God, Lord of the worlds.

Regarding what was written about the details of the Most Great Festival and acting according to wisdom’s requirements, after being presented, He - exalted be He - spoke: “Excellent is what you have done in the path of God, Lord of the worlds. We have heard your mention and what issued from your lips in praise of your Lord, and We have accepted what you have done purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Protector of those drawn near. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.”

As for the days of the Most Great Festival, the afternoon of the thirty-second day after Naw-Ruz is the first day of the Festival, and the afternoon of the forty-third is its end, making twelve days. The first and last days are reckoned as two days with God. Would that this servant could find opportunity to mention to you the mysteries of these days and what God's Books, both past and future, have uttered concerning them. Praise be to God that those beloved ones are assisted in remembrance, praise and service to the Cause. On the thirty-second day which is the first day of the Festival, as well as the ninth day and the forty-third day which is the final day, work and occupation are forbidden. All must engage in associating with friends in a spirit of joy and fellowship and in establishing love in hearts.

Mention was made of His Honor Aqa Mirza 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. After being presented before the Divine Presence, the Supreme Pen spoke that which caused the realities of all things to be attracted. He - exalted be He - spoke:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Imprisoned […]

O Ali! By God, the Path calls out, yet the people hear not. The Balance summons all within the realm of possibility, yet they understand not. The Hour has come with its tokens, and the Resurrection with its mysteries, yet the people know not. All who dwell in earth and heaven were thunderstruck when the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen was raised, yet most of the people perceive not. Their desires have prevented them from turning to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They worship idols by night and day, save those whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, has strengthened. Thus have We sent down the verses and revealed what was hidden in God's knowledge, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. Your mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this irrevocable Book hath been sent down unto thee that thou mayest read it and thank thy Lord, the Protector, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and speak forth in praise of God, the Lord of creation. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not been kept back by desire from the Lord of all mankind - verily they are among the people of this praiseworthy station.

The mention of Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and a Tablet hath been specifically sent to him. God willing, may he be adorned with steadfastness and illumined with the light of certitude. The mention of the nephews, and likewise the Fast of the Luminous Leaf, and the mention of Qurratu'l-'Ayn Mir-Vali, upon them be the Glory of God - all were presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and were honored with acceptance, each being distinguished by God's wondrous and glorious favors. Blessed are they and joy be unto them.

Thy other letter, which was truly a garden adorned with the roses of spirit and sweet basil, and the anemones of realities and flowers of knowledge, was indeed a delightful sight to behold and a wondrous fragrance for the spiritual sense to perceive. After its reading, recitation, observation and review, it ascended on the wings of attention to the Station until it was presented before the face of the Lord of all mankind. After it gained the honor of being heard, these exalted words descended from the heaven of the favors of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His word, exalted be His majesty and abundant be His favors:

O thou who gazeth upon the Face! There hath come upon Us what hath come upon no other among the servants. The learned sit while Truth standeth; the learned are silent while Truth speaketh; the learned sleep while Truth is awake; the learned fear while Truth is serene; the learned waver while Truth is steadfast. In the days when the idolatrous souls among the people of the Bayan were occupied with play behind the veil, this Wronged One was calling out before all faces with the most exalted call - a call that all in the world, both rulers and ruled, heard, except for certain minor kings whose mention hath not specifically flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. In those days, neither speaker was visible nor anyone standing forth. Now one like Ja'far hath come forth to make display. By God's life, they are in manifest error. We beseech God to assist His servants unto justice and fairness, and to enable them to hearken unto His call which hath been raised between earth and heaven. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My friends and loved ones who have not been kept back by the veils of the world from turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what the aforementioned Ja'far hath mentioned about alteration - for some time the deniers of the Bayan have been speaking this word, saying the Bayan has been altered and the true Bayan is not available. Their purpose is to occupy people with former vain imaginings. Lo! The curse of God be upon those who imagine vainly, the infidels, and the transgressors.

In reference to the mention of Haji Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, we continually beseech the Most High, exalted be His glory, for his success. I am writing and sending a reply to his letter which, God willing, will reach him. And likewise regarding the mention of Karbila'i 'Abbas-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, after presentation before the Divine Presence, these sublime words were revealed, He says, glorified be His majesty:

"O 'Abbas-'Ali! Vain imaginings have deprived the world from the Lord of all beings, for even the blessed word 'There is no God but God', which is the word of unity, has until now remained veiled. Indeed, great is this Cause - in the Qur'an it was referred to as the 'Great Announcement'. Most great it is, yet should a soul become illumined with the light of unity, he would see all else but God as non-existent and count it as nothingness, and would regard himself as transcending all the peoples of the world. Names would no longer hold him back from reality and meaning. The ranks and multitudes of nations and the might of the world would not prevent the men of this field from turning towards Him, and the diverse winds would not move the trees of this garden. We beseech God to give His friends to drink from this cup. By the life of God, the oceans of the world are as a drop before Him, now and forever. Blessed are they that attain, and blessed are they that know."

Praise be to God, the rays of the Sun of divine favor have encompassed the world. Blessed are those souls who have recognized the value of God's days and become illumined by its lights.

Regarding what was written about the property, that it should be transferred to whomever is commanded, after presentation in the Most Holy Court, this exalted word shone forth from the highest horizon, blessed and exalted be He: "We have accepted what thou didst intend in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds." Indeed, that honored one has been and is successful. We have accepted what he intended and entrusted it to him. As a mention from Us: "Thou hast fulfilled God's covenant and His pledge, and hast been steadfast in serving His mighty and great Cause."

That beloved one has, praise be to God, been successful in turning towards God, serving, and fulfilling rights both past and present, and has likewise been honored with acceptance. His is the praise in all conditions, His is the favor in all conditions, and His is the grace in all conditions.

Regarding what was written about sending leaves, what was sent has arrived, and most of what clothes the blessed body is also leaves. The servant asks his Lord to send down upon His loved ones from the heaven of His gifts that which will illumine hearts and minds in His mighty and beloved Day, and I ask Him to draw them near to Him in all conditions. Verily, He has power over all things.

This evanescent one conveys greetings and glorification to each of the friends of God, and beseeches God to assist all to be steadfast in service and in His remembrance and praise. He is the Hearer, the All-Seeing. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

Peace, praise, glory and splendor be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this manifest Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of Names, Creator of the heavens, and Lord of this wondrous Day.

The Servant

23rd of Rajab 1303

The divine friends in Faran have sought permission to come. Permission is granted and favor is manifest. Convey to them the glad tidings of permission. Another point is that whoever in those regions becomes enabled to pay the Huququ'llah, it should be given to the honored Leaf of Paradise, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and if anything remains afterward, it should be sent.

Six exalted and impenetrable Tablets were sent; following their perusal, deliver them.

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O King of the Earth! Hearken unto the call of this Vassal: Verily, I am a Servant Who hath believed in God and in His signs, and have sacrificed Myself in His path. Unto this bear witness the woes which now beset Me, woes the like of which no man hath ever before sustained. My Lord, the All-Knowing, testifieth to the truth of My words. I have summoned the people unto none save God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, and have endured for love of Him such afflictions as the eye of creation hath never beheld. To this testify those whom the veils of human fancy have not deterred from turning unto the Most Sublime Vision, and, beyond them, He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in the preserved Tablet.

Whensoever the clouds of tribulation have rained down the darts of affliction in the path of God, the Lord of all names, I have hastened to meet them, as every fair-minded and discerning soul shall attest. How many the nights which found the beasts of the field resting in their lairs, and the birds of the air lying in their nests, while this Youth languished in chains and fetters with none to aid or succour Him!

Call Thou to mind God's mercy unto Thee; how, when Thou wert imprisoned with a number of other souls, He delivered Thee and aided Thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, until the King sent

Thee to ’Iraq after We had disclosed unto him that Thou wert not of the sowers of sedition. Those who follow their corrupt desires and lay aside the fear of God are indeed in grievous error. They that spread disorder in the land, shed the blood of men, and wrongfully consume the substance of others–We, verily, are clear of them, and We beseech God not to associate Us with them, whether in this world or in the world to come, unless they should repent unto Him. He, verily, is of those who show mercy the most merciful.

Whoso turneth towards God must distinguish himself from others by his every deed, and follow that which hath been enjoined upon him in the Book. Thus hath it been decreed in a lucid Tablet. Those, however, who cast behind their backs the commandments of God, and follow the prompting of their own desires, are, verily, in grievous error.

O King! I adjure thee by thy Lord, the All-Merciful, to look upon thy servants with the glances of the eye of thy favour, and to treat them with justice, that God may treat thee with mercy. Potent is thy Lord to do as He pleaseth. The world, with all its abasement and glory, shall pass away, and the kingdom will remain unto God, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing.

Say: He hath kindled the lamp of utterance, and feedeth it with the oil of wisdom and understanding. Too high is thy Lord, the All-Merciful, for aught in the universe to resist His Faith. He revealeth what He pleaseth through the power of His sovereign might, and protecteth it with a host of His well-favoured angels. He is supreme over His servants and exerciseth undisputed dominion over His creation. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O King! I was but a man like others, asleep upon My couch, when lo, the breezes of the All-Glorious were wafted over Me, and taught Me the knowledge of all that hath been. This thing is not from Me, but from One Who is Almighty and All-Knowing. And He bade Me lift up My voice between earth and heaven, and for this there befell Me what hath caused the tears of every man of understanding to flow. The learning current amongst men I studied not; their schools I entered not. Ask of the city wherein I dwelt, that thou mayest be well assured that I am not of them who speak falsely. This is but a leaf which the winds of the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised, have stirred. Can it be still when the tempestuous winds are blowing? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of all Names and Attributes! They move it as they list. The evanescent is as nothing before Him Who is the Ever-Abiding. His all-compelling summons hath reached Me, and caused Me to speak His praise amidst all people. I was indeed as one dead when His behest was uttered. The hand of the will of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful, transformed Me. Can anyone speak forth of his own accord that for which all men, both high and low, will protest against him? Nay, by Him Who taught the Pen the eternal mysteries, save him whom the grace of the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath strengthened.

The Pen of the Most High addresseth Me, saying: Fear not. Relate unto His Majesty the Shah that which befell thee. His heart, verily, is between the fingers of thy Lord, the God of Mercy, that haply the sun of justice and bounty may shine forth above the horizon of his heart. Thus hath the decree been sent down by Him Who is the All-Wise.

Look upon this Youth, O King, with the eyes of justice; judge thou, then, with truth concerning what hath befallen Him. Of a verity, God hath made thee His shadow amongst men, and the sign of His power unto all that dwell on earth. Judge thou between Us and them that have wronged Us without proof and without an enlightening Book. They that surround thee love thee for their own sakes, whereas this Youth loveth thee for thine own sake, and hath had no desire except to draw thee nigh unto the seat of grace, and to turn thee toward the right hand of justice. Thy Lord beareth witness unto that which I declare.

O King! Wert thou to incline thine ear unto the shrill of the Pen of Glory and the cooing of the Dove of Eternity which, on the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, uttereth praises to God, the Maker of all names and Creator of earth and heaven, thou wouldst attain unto a station from which thou wouldst behold in the world of being naught save the effulgence of the Adored One, and wouldst regard thy sovereignty as the most contemptible of thy possessions, abandoning it to whosoever might desire it, and setting thy face toward the Horizon aglow with the light of His countenance. Neither wouldst thou ever be willing to bear the burden of dominion save for the purpose of helping thy Lord, the Exalted, the Most High. Then would the Concourse on high bless thee. O how excellent is this most sublime station, couldst thou ascend thereunto through the power of a sovereignty recognized as derived from the Name of God!

Amongst the people are those who allege that this Youth hath had no purpose but to perpetuate His name, whilst others claim that He hath sought for Himself the vanities of the world–this, notwithstanding that never, throughout all My days, have I found a place of safety, be it to the extent of a single foothold. At all times have I been immersed in an ocean of tribulations, whose full measure none can fathom but God. He, truly, is aware of what I say. How many the days in which My loved ones have been sorely shaken by reason of My afflictions, and how many the nights during which My kindred, fearing for My life, have bitterly wept and lamented! And this none can deny save them that are bereft of truthfulness. Is it conceivable that He Who expecteth to lose His life at any moment should seek after worldly vanities? How very strange the imaginings of those who speak as prompted by their own caprices, and who wander distractedly in the wilderness of self and passion! Erelong shall they be called upon to account for their words, and on that day they shall find none to befriend or help them.

And amongst the people are those who claim that He hath disbelieved in God–yet every member of My body testifieth that there is none other God but Him; that those Whom He hath raised up in truth and sent forth with His guidance are the Manifestations of His most excellent names, the Revealers of His most exalted attributes, and the Repositories of His Revelation in the kingdom of creation; that through them the Proof of God hath been perfected unto all else but Him, the standard of Divine Unity hath been raised, and the sign of sanctity hath been made manifest; and that through them every soul hath found a path unto the Lord of the Throne on high. We testify that there is none other God but Him, that from everlasting He was alone with none else besides Him, and that He shall be unto everlasting what He hath ever been. Too high is the All-Merciful for the hearts of those who have recognized Him to apprehend His true nature, or for the minds of men to hope to fathom His essence. He verily is exalted above the understanding of anyone besides Himself, and sanctified beyond the comprehension of all else save Him. From all eternity He hath been independent of the entire creation.

Remember the days in which the Sun of Ba??a shone forth above the horizon of the Will of thy Lord, the Exalted, the Most High, and recall how the divines of that age turned away from Him, and the learned contended with Him, that haply thou mayest apprehend that which, in this day, remaineth concealed behind the veils of glory. So grievous became His plight on every side that He instructed His companions to disperse. Thus was the decree sent down from the heaven of divine glory. Remember, furthermore, how, when one of these same companions came before the King of Ethiopia and recited unto him a Surih of the Qur'an, he declared to his attendants: "This, truly, hath been revealed by One Who is All-Knowing and All-Wise. Whoso acknowledgeth the truth, and believeth in the teachings of Jesus, can in no wise deny what hath been recited. We, verily, bear witness to its truth, even as we bear witness to the truth of that which we possess of the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."

I swear by God, O King! Wert thou to incline thine ear to the melodies of that Nightingale which warbleth in manifold accents upon the mystic bough as bidden by thy Lord, the All-Merciful, thou wouldst cast away thy sovereignty and set thy face towards this Scene of transcendent glory, this station above whose horizon shineth the Book of the Dawntide, and wouldst expend all that thou possessest in thine eagerness to obtain the things of God. Then wouldst thou find thyself raised up to the summit of exaltation and glory, and elevated to the pinnacle of majesty and independence. Thus hath the decree been recorded in the Mother Book by the Pen of the All-Merciful. Of what avail are the things which are yours today and which tomorrow others shall possess? Choose for thyself that which God hath chosen for His elect, and God shall grant thee a mighty sovereignty in His Kingdom. We beseech God to aid thy Majesty to hearken unto that Word whose radiance hath enveloped the whole world, and to protect thee from such as have strayed far from the court of His presence.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord My God! How many the heads which were raised aloft on spears in Thy path, and how many the breasts which were made the target of arrows for the sake of Thy good pleasure! How many the hearts that have been lacerated for the exaltation of Thy Word and the promotion of Thy Cause, and how many the eyes that have wept sore for love of Thee! I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the King of kings and the Pitier of the downtrodden, by Thy Most Great Name which Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy most excellent names and the Dayspring of Thy most exalted attributes, to remove the veils that have come in between Thee and Thy creatures and debarred them from turning unto the horizon of Thy Revelation. Cause them, then, O My God, by Thy most exalted Word, to turn from the left hand of oblivion and delusion unto the right hand of knowledge and certitude, that they may know what Thou hast purposed for them through Thy bounty and grace, and may set their faces towards Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Revealer of Thy signs.

O My God! Thou art the All-Bountiful, Whose grace is infinite. Withhold not Thy servants from the most mighty Ocean, which Thou hast made the repository of the pearls of Thy knowledge and Thy wisdom, and turn them not away from Thy gate, which Thou hast opened wide before all who are in Thy heaven and all who are on Thy earth. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, for they understand not and flee from that which is better for them than all that Thou hast created upon Thine earth. Cast upon them, O My God, the glances of the eye of Thy favour and bounty, and deliver them from self and passion, that they may draw nigh unto Thy most exalted Horizon, taste the sweetness of Thy remembrance, and delight in that bread which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the firmament of Thy grace. From

everlasting Thy bounty hath embraced the entire creation and Thy mercy hath surpassed all things. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord My God! Thou well knowest that Mine heart hath melted in Thy Cause, and that My blood so boileth in My veins with the fire of Thy love that every drop of it proclaimeth with its inner tongue: "Grant that I may be spilt upon the ground for Thy sake, O my Lord, the Most High, that from it there may spring forth that which Thou hast purposed in Thy Tablets and hast hidden from the eyes of all, except such servants as have tasted of the crystal stream of knowledge from the hands of Thy grace and quaffed the soft-flowing waters of understanding from the cup of Thy bestowal."

Thou knowest, O My God, that in all Mine affairs I have sought only to obey Thy bidding, that in Mine every utterance I have wished only to extol Thy praise, and that in whatsoever hath proceeded from My Pen I have purposed only to win Thy good pleasure and to reveal that which Thou hast enjoined upon Me through Thy sovereignty.

Thou beholdest Me, O My God, as one bewildered in Thy land. Whensoever I make mention of that which Thou hast enjoined upon Me, Thy creatures cavil at Me; yet were I to neglect that which Thou hast bidden Me observe, I would deserve the scourge of Thine anger and would be far removed from the meadows of Thy nearness. Nay, by Thy glory! I have set My face towards Thy good pleasure, and turned away from the things whereon Thy servants have set their affections. I have embraced all that is with Thee, and forsaken all that might lead Me away from the retreats of Thy nearness and the heights of Thy glory. I swear by Thy might! With Thy love in My heart nothing can ever alarm Me, and in the path of Thy good pleasure all the world's afflictions can in no wise dismay Me. All this, however, proceedeth from Thy power and Thy might, from Thy bounty and Thy grace, and is not of Mine own deserving.

This is an Epistle, O My God, which I have purposed to send unto the King. Thou knowest that I have wished of him naught but that he should show forth justice to Thy servants and extend his favours unto the people of Thy kingdom. For Myself I have desired only what Thou didst desire, and through Thy succour I wish for naught save that which Thou wishest. Perish the soul that seeketh from Thee aught save Thyself! I swear by Thy glory! Thy good pleasure is my dearest wish, and Thy purpose My highest hope. Have mercy, O My God, upon this poor creature Who hath clung unto the hem of Thy riches, and this suppliant soul Who calleth upon Thee, saying, "Thou art, verily, the Lord of might and glory!" Assist Thou, O My God, His Majesty the Shah to keep Thy statutes amidst Thy servants and to manifest Thy justice amongst Thy creatures, that he may treat this people as he treateth others. Thou art, in truth, the God of power, of glory and wisdom.

By the leave and permission of the King of the Age, this Servant journeyed from the Seat of Sovereignty to 'Iraq, and dwelt for twelve years in that land. Throughout the entire course of this period no account of Our condition was submitted to the court of thy presence, and no representation ever made to foreign powers. Placing Our whole trust in God, We resided in that land until there came to 'Iraq a certain official who, upon his arrival, undertook to harass this poor company of exiles. Day after day, at the instigation of some of the outwardly learned and of other individuals, he would stir up trouble for these servants, although they had at no time committed any act detrimental to the state and its people or contrary to the rules and customs of the citizens of the realm.

Fearing lest the actions of these transgressors should produce some outcome at variance with thy world-adorning judgement, this Servant despatched a brief account of the matter to Mirza Sa'id Khan at the Foreign Ministry, so that he might submit it to the royal presence and that whatever thou shouldst please to decree in this respect might be obeyed. A long while elapsed, and no decree was issued. Finally matters came to such a pass that there loomed the threat of imminent strife and bloodshed. Of necessity, therefore, and for the protection of the servants of God, a few of them appealed to the Governor of 'Iraq.

Wert thou to observe these events with the eye of fairness, it would become clear and evident in the luminous mirror of thine heart that what occurred was called for by the circumstances, and that no other alternative could be seen. His Majesty himself is witness that in whatever city a number of this people have resided, the hostility of certain functionaries hath enkindled the flame of conflict and contention. This evanescent Soul, however, hath, since His arrival in 'Iraq, forbidden all to engage in dissension and strife. The witness of this Servant is His very deeds, for all are well aware and will testify that, although a greater number of this people resided in 'Iraq than in any other land, no one overstepped his limits or transgressed against his neighbour. Fixing their gaze upon God, and reposing their trust in Him, all have now been abiding in peace for well-nigh fifteen years, and, in whatever hath befallen them, they have shown forth patience and resigned themselves to God.

After the arrival of this Servant in this, the city of Adrianople, some of the people of 'Iraq and elsewhere inquired about the meaning of the term "rendering assistance unto God" which hath been mentioned in the Holy Scriptures. Several answers were sent out in reply, one of which is set forth in these pages, that it may be clearly demonstrated in the court of thy presence that this Servant hath had no end in view but to promote the betterment and well-being of the world. And if certain of the divine favours which, undeserving as I may be, God hath pleased to bestow upon Me be not plain and manifest, this much at least will be clear and apparent, that He, in His surpassing mercy and infinite grace, hath not deprived Mine heart of the ornament of reason. The passage that was referred to concerning the meaning of "rendering assistance unto God" is as follows:

He is God, exalted be His glory!

It is clear and evident that the one true God–glorified be His mention!–is sanctified above the world and all that is therein. By "rendering assistance unto God", then, it is not meant that any soul should fight or contend with another. That Sovereign Lord Who doeth whatsoever He pleaseth hath entrusted the kingdom of creation, its lands and its seas, into the hands of the kings, for they are, each according to his degree, the manifestations of His divine power. Should they enter beneath the shadow of the True One, they will be accounted of God, and if not, thy Lord, verily, knoweth and observeth all things.

That which God–glorified be His Name!–hath desired for Himself is the hearts of His servants, which are the treasuries of His love and remembrance and the repositories of His knowledge and wisdom. It hath ever been the wish of the Eternal King to cleanse the hearts of His servants from the things of the world and all that pertaineth thereunto, that they may be made worthy recipients of the effulgent splendours of Him Who is the King of all names and attributes. Wherefore must no stranger be allowed in the city of the heart, that the incomparable Friend may enter His abode. By this is meant the effulgence of His names

and attributes, and not His exalted Essence, inasmuch as that peerless King hath ever been, and shall eternally remain, sanctified above ascent and descent.

It followeth, therefore, that rendering assistance unto God, in this day, doth not and shall never consist in contending or disputing with any soul; nay rather, what is preferable in the sight of God is that the cities of men's hearts, which are ruled by the hosts of self and passion, should be subdued by the sword of utterance, of wisdom and of understanding. Thus, whoso seeketh to assist God must, before all else, conquer, with the sword of inner meaning and explanation, the city of his own heart and guard it from the remembrance of all save God, and only then set out to subdue the cities of the hearts of others.

Such is the true meaning of rendering assistance unto God. Sedition hath never been pleasing unto God, nor were the acts committed in the past by certain foolish ones acceptable in His sight. Know ye that to be killed in the path of His good pleasure is better for you than to kill. The beloved of the Lord must, in this day, behave in such wise amidst His servants that they may by their very deeds and actions guide all men unto the paradise of the All-Glorious.

By Him Who shineth above the Dayspring of Sanctity! The friends of God have not, nor will they ever, set their hopes upon the world and its ephemeral possessions. The one true God hath ever regarded the hearts of men as His own, His exclusive possession–and this too but as an expression of His all-surpassing mercy, that haply mortal souls may be purged and sanctified from all that pertaineth to the world of dust and gain admittance into the realms of eternity. For otherwise that ideal King is, in Himself and by Himself, sufficient unto Himself and independent of all things. Neither doth the love of His creatures profit Him, nor can their malice harm Him. All have issued forth from abodes of dust, and unto dust shall they return, while the one true God, alone and single, is established upon His Throne, a Throne which is beyond the reaches of time and space, is sanctified above all utterance or expression, intimation, description and definition, and is exalted beyond all notion of abasement and glory. And none knoweth this save Him and those with whom is the knowledge of the Book. No God is there but Him, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

It behoveth the benevolence of the Sovereign, however, to examine all matters with the eye of justice and mercy, and not to content himself with the baseless claims of certain individuals. We beseech God to graciously assist the King to fulfil that which He pleaseth, and, verily, that which He desireth should be the desire of all the worlds.

Later this Servant was summoned to Constantinople, whither We arrived accompanied by a poor band of exiles. At no time thereafter did We seek to meet with anyone, as We had no request to make and no aim in view but to demonstrate unto all that this Servant had no mischief in mind and had never associated with the sowers of sedition. By Him Who hath caused the tongues of all beings to speak forth His praise! While certain considerations rendered it difficult to make application to any quarter, such steps were perforce taken to protect certain souls. My Lord, verily, knoweth what is in Me, and He beareth witness unto the truth of what I say.

A just king is the shadow of God on earth. All should seek shelter under the shadow of his justice, and rest in the shade of his favour. This is not a matter which is either specific or limited in its scope, that it might

be restricted to one or another person, inasmuch as the shadow telleth of the One Who casteth it. God, glorified be His remembrance, hath called Himself the Lord of the worlds, for He hath nurtured and still nurtureth everyone. Glorified be, then, His grace that hath preceded all created things, and His mercy that hath surpassed the worlds.

It is clear and evident that, whether this Cause be seen as right or wrong by the people, those who are associated with its name have accepted and embraced it as true, and have forsaken their all in their eagerness to partake of the things of God. That they should evince such renunciation in the path of the love of the All-Merciful is in itself a faithful witness and an eloquent testimony to the truth of their convictions. Hath it ever been witnessed that a man of sound judgement should sacrifice his life without cause or reason? And if it be suggested that this people have taken leave of their senses, this too is highly improbable, inasmuch as such behaviour hath not been confined to merely a soul or two–nay, a vast multitude of every class have drunk their fill of the living waters of divine knowledge, and, intoxicated, have hastened with heart and soul to the field of sacrifice in the way of the Beloved.

If these souls, who have renounced all else but God for His sake and offered up their life and substance in His path, are to be accounted as false, then by what proof and testimony can the truth of what others assert be established in thy presence? The late Haji Siyyid Muhammad–may God exalt his station and immerse him in the ocean of His forgiveness and mercy!–was one of the most learned divines of his age, and one of the most devout and pious men of his time. So highly was he regarded that his praise was on every tongue, and his righteousness and piety were universally acknowledged. Yet, when hostilities broke out with Russia, he who himself had pronounced the decree of holy war, and who with blazoned standard had left his native land to rally to the support of his faith, abandoned, after the inconvenience of a brief encounter, all the good that he had purposed, and returned whence he had come. Would that the veil might be lifted, and that which hath ere now remained hidden from the eyes of men be made manifest!

For more than twenty years this people have, day and night, been subjected to the fury of the Sovereign's wrath, and have been scattered by the tempestuous gales of his displeasure, each to a different land. How many the children who have been left fatherless, and how many the fathers who have lost their sons! How many the mothers who have dared not, out of fear and dread, to mourn their slaughtered offspring! How numerous those who, at eventide, were possessed of utmost wealth and affluence, and who, when morning came, had fallen into utter abasement and destitution! No land is there whose soil hath not been tinged with their blood, nor reach of heaven unto which their sighs have not ascended. Throughout the years the darts of affliction have unceasingly rained down from the clouds of God's decree, yet despite all these calamities and tribulations, the flame of divine love hath so blazed in their hearts that even should their bodies be torn asunder they would not forsake their love of Him Who is the Best-Beloved of the worlds, but would welcome with heart and soul whatever might befall them in the path of God.

O King! The breezes of the grace of the All-Merciful have transformed these servants and attracted them unto His Holy Court. "The witness of a true lover is upon his sleeve." Nevertheless, some of the outwardly learned have troubled the luminous heart of the King of the Age concerning these souls who revolve round the Tabernacle of the All-Merciful and who seek to attain the Sanctuary of true knowledge. Would

that the world-adorning wish of His Majesty might decree that this Servant be brought face to face with the divines of the age, and produce proofs and testimonies in the presence of His Majesty the Shah! This Servant is ready, and taketh hope in God, that such a gathering may be convened in order that the truth of the matter may be made clear and manifest before His Majesty the Shah. It is then for thee to command, and I stand ready before the throne of thy sovereignty. Decide, then, for Me or against Me.

The All-Merciful saith in the Qur'an, His abiding testimony unto all the peoples of the world: "Wish ye then for death, if ye be men of truth." Behold how He hath declared the yearning for death to be the touchstone of sincerity! And, in the luminous mirror of thy judgement, it is doubtless clear and evident which people have chosen, in this day, to lay down their lives in the path of the Beloved of the worlds. Indeed, were the books supporting the beliefs of this people to be written with the blood spilled in the path of God–exalted be His glory!–then countless volumes would have already appeared amongst men for all to see.

How, We fain would ask, is it possible to impugn this people whose deeds are in conformity with their words, and to give credence instead to those who have refused to relinquish one jot of their worldly authority in the path of Him Who is the Unconstrained? Some of the divines who have declared this Servant an infidel have at no time met with Me. Never having seen Me, or become acquainted with My purpose, they have nevertheless spoken as they pleased and acted as they desired. Yet every claim requireth a proof, not mere words and displays of outward piety.

In this connection the text of several passages from the Hidden Book of Fatimih–the blessings of God be upon her!–which are relevant to the present theme will be cited in the Persian tongue, that certain matters which have ere now been hidden may be revealed before thy presence. The people addressed in the aforementioned Book, which is today known as the Hidden Words, are those who, though outwardly known for learning and piety, are inwardly the slaves of self and passion.

He saith: O ye that are foolish, yet have a name to be wise! Wherefore do ye wear the guise of the shepherd, when inwardly ye have become wolves, intent upon My flock? Ye are even as the star, which riseth ere the dawn, and which, though it seem radiant and luminous, leadeth the wayfarers of My city astray into the paths of perdition.

And likewise He saith: O ye seeming fair yet inwardly foul! Ye are like clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the Divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. Yea, the sunbeam falls alike upon the dust and the mirror, yet differ they in reflection even as doth the star from the earth: nay, immeasurable is the difference!

And also He saith: O essence of desire! At many a dawn have I turned from the realms of the Placeless unto thine abode, and found thee on the bed of ease busied with others than Myself. Thereupon, even as the flash of the spirit, I returned to the realms of celestial glory, and breathed it not in My retreats above unto the hosts of holiness.

And again He saith: O bondslave of the world! Many a dawn hath the breeze of My loving-kindness wafted over thee and found thee upon the bed of heedlessness fast asleep. Bewailing then thy plight it returned whence it came.

Therefore, in the exercise of the royal justice, it is not sufficient to give ear to the claimant alone. God saith in the Qur'an, the unerring Balance that distinguisheth truth from falsehood: "O ye who believe! If a wicked man come to you with news, clear it up at once, lest through ignorance ye harm others, and afterward repent of what ye have done." The holy Traditions, moreover, contain the admonition: "Believe not the tale-bearer." Certain of the divines, who have never seen Us, have misconceived the nature of Our Cause. Those, however, who have met Us will testify that this Servant hath not spoken save in accordance with that which God hath commanded in the Book, and that He hath called attention to the following blessed verse–exalted be His Word: "Do ye not disavow us only because we believe in God and in what He hath sent down unto us, and in what He had sent down aforetime?"

O King of the age! The eyes of these refugees are turned towards and fixed upon the mercy of the Most Merciful. No doubt is there whatever that these tribulations will be followed by the outpourings of a supreme mercy, and these dire adversities will be succeeded by an overflowing prosperity. We fain would hope, however, that His Majesty the Shah will himself examine these matters and bring hope to the hearts. That which We have submitted to thy Majesty is indeed for thine highest good. And God, verily, is a sufficient witness unto Me.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord My God! I bear witness that the heart of the King is in truth between the fingers of Thy might. If it be Thy wish, do Thou incline it, O My God, in the direction of charity and mercy. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Bountiful. No God is there besides Thee, the All-Glorious, the One Whose help is sought by all.

Concerning the prerequisites of the learned, He saith: "Whoso among the learned guardeth his self, defendeth his faith, opposeth his desires, and obeyeth his Lord's command, it is incumbent upon the generality of the people to pattern themselves after him…." Should the King of the Age reflect upon this utterance which hath streamed from the tongue of Him Who is the Dayspring of the Revelation of the All-Merciful, he would perceive that those who have been adorned with the attributes enumerated in this holy Tradition are scarcer than the philosopher's stone; wherefore not every man that layeth claim to knowledge deserveth to be believed.

Again concerning the divines of the Latter Days, He saith: "The religious doctors of that age shall be the most wicked of the divines beneath the shadow of heaven. Out of them hath mischief proceeded, and unto them it shall return." And again He saith: "When the Standard of Truth is made manifest, the people of both the East and the West curse it." Should anyone dispute these Traditions, this Servant will undertake to establish their validity, since the details of their transmission have been omitted here for the sake of brevity.

Those doctors who have indeed drunk of the cup of renunciation have never interfered with this Servant. Thus, for example, Shaykh Murta?a–may God exalt his station and cause him to repose beneath the canopy of His grace!–showed forth kindness during Our sojourn in 'Iraq, and never spoke of this Cause otherwise than as God hath given leave. We beseech God to graciously assist all to do His will and pleasure.

Now, however, all have lost sight of every other consideration, and are bent upon the persecution of this people. Thus, if it be inquired of certain persons who, by the grace of their Lord, repose beneath the shadow of thy royal mercy and enjoy countless favours, "What service have ye rendered in return for these royal favours? Have ye through wise policy annexed a further territory to the realm? Have ye applied yourselves to aught that would secure the welfare of the people, the prosperity of the kingdom, and the lasting glory of the state?", they will have no other reply than to designate, justly or falsely, a group of people before thy royal presence as Babis, and forthwith to engage in massacre and pillage. In Tabriz, for instance, and in the Egyptian town of Man?uriyyih, a number of this people were ransomed and large sums were seized, yet no account of these matters was ever made in the court of thy presence.

The reason for which all these things have come to pass is that their persecutors, finding these unfortunate ones without protection, have forgone more weighty matters and occupied themselves instead with harassing this afflicted people. Numerous confessions and divers creeds abide peacefully beneath the shadow of thy sovereignty. Let this people be also numbered with them. Nay, those who serve the King should be animated by such lofty aims and sublime intentions as to continually strive to bring all religions beneath the shelter of his shadow, and to rule over them with perfect justice.

To enforce the laws of God is naught but justice, and is the source of universal content. Nay more, the divine statutes have always been, and will ever remain, the cause and instrument of the preservation of mankind, as witnessed by His exalted words: "In punishment will ye find life, O men of insight!" It would, however, ill beseem the justice of thy Majesty that for the trespass of a single soul a whole group of people should be subjected to the scourge of thy wrath. The one true God–glorified be His Name!–hath said: "None shall bear the burden of another." It is clear and evident that in every community there have been, and will ever be, the learned and the ignorant, the wise and the heedless, the profligate and the pious. That a wise and reflecting soul should commit a heinous deed is most improbable, inasmuch as such a person either seeketh after this world or hath forsaken it: If he be of the latter, he would assuredly have no regard for aught else besides God, and moreover the fear of God would deter him from unlawful and reprehensible actions; and if he be of the former, he would just as assuredly avoid such deeds as would alienate and alarm the people, and act in such a manner as to earn their confidence and trust. It is therefore evident that reprehensible actions have always emanated, and will ever emanate, from ignorant and foolish souls. We implore God to guard His servants from turning to anyone save Him, and to draw them nigh unto His presence. His might, in truth, is equal to all things.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord My God! Thou hearest the voice of My lamentation, and beholdest My condition, My distress and affliction! Thou knowest all that is in Me. If the call I have raised be wholly for Thy sake, then draw thereby the hearts of Thy creatures towards the heaven of Thy knowledge, and the heart of the Sovereign towards the right hand of the throne of Thy name, the All-Merciful. Supply him then, O My God, with a portion of that goodly sustenance which hath descended from the heaven of Thy generosity and the clouds of Thy mercy, that he may forsake his all and turn unto the court of Thy favour. Aid him, O My God, to assist Thy Cause and to exalt Thy Word amidst Thy creatures. Strengthen him, then, with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, that he may subdue every city in Thy Name, and hold sway, through Thy sovereignty and might, over all that dwell on earth, O Thou in Whose hand is the

kingdom of creation! Thou, verily, art the Supreme Ordainer in both the beginning and the end. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

So grossly hath Our Cause been misrepresented before thy royal presence that, if some unseemly act be committed by but one of this people, it is portrayed as being prompted by their beliefs. By Him besides Whom there is none other God! This Servant hath refused even to sanction the commission of reproved actions, how much less those which have been explicitly prohibited in the Book of God.

God hath forbidden unto men the drinking of wine, and this prohibition hath been revealed and recorded in His Book. In spite of this, and of the fact that the learned doctors of the age–may God increase their numbers!–have all prohibited the people from such a wretched act, there still remain some who commit it. The punishment which this act entaileth, however, applieth only to its heedless perpetrators, whilst those noble manifestations of supreme sanctity remain exalted above and exempt from all blame. Yea, the whole creation, both seen and unseen, beareth witness unto their holiness.

Yea, these servants regard the one true God as He Who "doeth as He willeth" and "ordaineth as He pleaseth". Thus they view not as impossible the continued appearance in the contingent world of the Manifestations of His Unity. Should anyone hold otherwise, how would he be different from those who believe the hand of God to be "chained up"? And if the one true God–glorified be His mention!–be indeed regarded as unconstrained, then whatever Cause that Ancient King may please to manifest from the wellspring of His Command must be embraced by all. No refuge is there for anyone and no haven to hasten unto save God; no protection is there for any soul and no shelter to seek except in Him.

The essential requirement for whoso advanceth a claim is to support his assertions with clear proofs and testimonies. Beyond this, the rejection of the people, whether learned or ignorant, hath never been, nor shall it ever be, of any consequence. The Prophets of God, those Pearls of the ocean of Divine Unity and the Repositories of Divine Revelation, have ever been the object of men's repudiation and denial. Even as He saith: "Each nation hath plotted darkly against their Messenger to lay violent hold on Him, and disputed with vain words to invalidate the truth." And again: "No Messenger cometh unto them but they laugh Him to scorn."

Consider the dispensation of Him Who is the Seal of the Prophets and the King of the Chosen Ones–may the souls of all mankind be offered up for His sake! After the Daystar of Truth dawned above the horizon of Hijaz, how great were the cruelties which the exponents of error inflicted upon that incomparable Manifestation of the All-Glorious! Such was their heedlessness that they regarded every injury inflicted upon that sacred Being as ranking among the greatest of all acts, and constituting a means of attainment unto God, the Most High. For in the early years of His mission the divines of that age, both Christian and Jewish, turned away from that Daystar of the heaven of glory, whereupon all people, high and low alike, bestirred themselves to extinguish the light of that Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings. The names of all these divines have been mentioned in the books of old; among them are Wahb ibn-i-Rahib, Ka'b ibn-i-Ashraf, 'Abdu'llah-i-Ubayy, and others of their like.

Finally, matters came to such a pass that these men took counsel together and conspired to shed His pure blood, even as God–glorified be His mention!–saith: "And remember when the disbelievers schemed

against Thee, that they might lay hold upon Thee, or slay Thee, or cast Thee out; and so they schemed, and God schemed, and God, verily, is the best of schemers." Again He saith: "But if their opposition be grievous to Thee–if Thou canst, seek out an opening into the earth or a ladder into heaven and bring to them a sign; yet if God wished, He could gather them unto true guidance; be Thou not, then, of the ignorant." By God! The hearts of His favoured ones are consumed at the purport of these two blessed verses. Such established and undisputed facts have been forgotten, and no one hath paused to reflect, in days past or in this day, upon the things that have prompted men to turn away from the Revealers of the light of God at the time of their manifestation.

Likewise, before the appearance of the Seal of the Prophets, consider Jesus, the Son of Mary. When that Manifestation of the All-Merciful revealed Himself, all the divines charged that Quintessence of faith with impiety and rebellion. Eventually, with the sanction of Annas, the most learned of the divines of His day, and Caiaphas, the high priest, His blessed person was made to suffer that which the pen is ashamed to mention and powerless to describe. The wide world in all its vastness could no longer contain Him, until at last God raised Him up unto heaven.

Were a detailed account of all the Prophets to be given here, We fear that it might lead to weariness. The doctors of the Torah in particular assert that no independent Prophet will come after Moses with a new Law. They maintain that a Scion of the House of David shall be made manifest Who will promulgate the Law of the Torah, and help establish and enforce its commandments throughout the East and the West.

The followers of the Gospel, likewise, hold as impossible that the Bearer of a new Revelation should again shine forth from the dayspring of the Will of God after Jesus, Son of Mary–peace be upon Him! In support of this contention, they adduce the following verse from the Gospel: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but the words of the Son of Man shall never pass away." They maintain that neither the teachings nor the commandments of Jesus–peace be upon Him!–may ever be altered.

At one point in the Gospel, He saith: "I go away, and come again." Again in the Gospel of John, He hath foretold the advent of a Comforter who shall come after Him. In the Gospel of Luke, moreover, a number of signs and portents have been mentioned. Certain divines of that Faith, however, have interpreted these utterances after their own fancy, and have thus failed to grasp their true significance.

O would that thou wouldst permit Me, O Shah, to send unto thee that which would cheer the eyes, and tranquillize the souls, and persuade every fair-minded person that with Him is the knowledge of the Book. Certain persons, incapable of answering the objections raised by their opponents, claim that the Torah and the Gospel have been corrupted, whereas in reality the references to such corruption pertain only to specific cases. But for the repudiation of the foolish and the connivance of the divines, I would have uttered a discourse that would have thrilled and carried away the hearts unto a realm from the murmur of whose winds can be heard: "No God is there but He!" For the present, however, since the season is not ripe, the tongue of My utterance hath been stilled and the wine of exposition sealed up until such time as God, through the power of His might, shall please to unseal it. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord My God! I ask Thee by Thy Name, through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth, to protect the lamp of Thy Cause within the globe of Thine omnipotence and Thy bountiful favour, lest it be exposed to the blasts of denial from those who remain heedless of the mysteries of Thy name, the Unconstrained. Increase, then, by the oil of Thy wisdom, the radiance of its light. Thou, verily, hast power over all the dwellers of Thine earth and of Thy heaven.

I implore Thee, O My Lord, by that most exalted Word which hath struck terror into the hearts of all who are in the heavens and on the earth, save only those who have taken fast hold of Thy Sure Handle, not to abandon Me amidst Thy creatures. Lift Me up, then, unto Thyself, cause Me to enter beneath the shadow of Thy mercy, and give Me to drink of the pure wine of Thy providence, that I may dwell within the tabernacle of Thy majesty and beneath the canopy of Thy favour. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou, verily, art the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O King! The lamps of equity have been extinguished, and the fire of tyranny hath so blazed on every side that My people have been led as captives from Zawra' to Mosul, known as ?adba'. This is not the first outrage that hath been suffered in the path of God. It behoveth every soul to consider and call to mind that which befell the kindred of the Prophet when the people took them captive and brought them unto Damascus, known as Fay?a'. Amongst them was the prince of them that worship God, the mainstay of such as have drawn nigh unto Him, and the sanctuary of those who long for His presence–may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto him!

They were asked: "Are ye of the party of the Seceders?" He replied: "Nay, by the Lord Almighty. We are but servants who have believed in God and in His verses. Through us the countenance of faith hath beamed with joy. Through us the sign of the All-Merciful hath shone forth. At the mention of our names the desert of Ba??a hath overflowed with water and the darkness separating earth and heaven hath been dispelled."

"Have ye forbidden", they were asked, "that which God hath made lawful, or allowed that which He hath forbidden?" "We were the first to follow the divine commandments", he answered. "We are the root and origin of His Cause, the beginning of all good and its end. We are the sign of the Ancient of Days and the source of His remembrance amongst the nations."

They were asked: "Have ye forsaken the Qur'an?" "In our House", he replied, "did the All-Merciful reveal it. We are the breezes of the All-Glorious amidst His creation. We are the streams that have branched out from the Most Great Ocean, through which God hath revived the earth, and through which He shall revive it again after it hath died. Through us His signs have been diffused, His proofs revealed, and His tokens disclosed. With us is the knowledge of His hidden meanings and His untold mysteries."

"For what crime have ye been punished?" they were asked. "For our love of God", he made reply, "and for our detachment from aught else save Him."

We have not related his exact words–peace be upon him!–but rather have We imparted a sprinkling from that ocean of life eternal that lieth enshrined within them, that those who hearken thereunto may be quickened and made aware of what hath befallen the trusted ones of God at the hands of a lost and

wayward generation. We see the people in this day censuring the oppressors of bygone ages, whilst they themselves commit yet greater wrongs and know it not!

God beareth Me witness that My purpose hath not been to foment sedition, but to purify His servants from whatsoever hath prevented them from drawing nigh unto Him, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. I was asleep upon My couch, when lo, the breezes of My Lord, the All-Merciful, passed over Me, awoke Me from My slumber, and bade Me lift up My voice betwixt earth and heaven. This thing is not from Me, but from God. Unto this testify the dwellers of His Dominion and of His Kingdom, and the inhabitants of the cities of His unfading glory. By Him Who is the Truth! I fear no tribulation in His path, nor any affliction in My love for Him and in the way of His good pleasure. Verily God hath made adversity as a morning dew upon His green pasture, and a wick for His lamp which lighteth earth and heaven.

Shall a man's wealth endure forever, or protect him from the One Who shall, erelong, seize him by his forelock? Gazing upon those who sleep beneath the gravestones, embosomed in the dust, could one ever distinguish the sovereign's crumbling skull from the subject's mouldering bones? Nay, by Him Who is the King of kings! Could one discern the lord from the vassal, or those that enjoyed wealth and riches from those who possessed neither shoes nor mat? By God! Every distinction hath been erased, save only for those who upheld the right and who ruled with justice.

Whither are gone the learned men, the divines and potentates of old? What hath become of their discriminating views, their shrewd perceptions, their subtle insights and sage pronouncements? Where are their hidden coffers, their flaunted ornaments, their gilded couches, their rugs and cushions strewn about? Gone forever is their generation! All have perished, and, by God's decree, naught remaineth of them but scattered dust. Exhausted is the wealth they gathered, dispersed the stores they hoarded, dissipated the treasures they concealed. Naught can now be seen but their deserted haunts, their roofless dwellings, their uprooted tree-trunks, and their faded splendour. No man of insight will let wealth distract his gaze from his ultimate objective, and no man of understanding will allow riches to withhold him from turning unto Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Where is he who held dominion over all whereon the sun shineth, who lived extravagantly on earth, seeking out the luxuries of the world and of all that hath been created upon it? Where is the commander of the swarthy legion and the upraiser of the golden standard? Where is the ruler of Zawra', and where the tyrant of Fay?a'? Where are those before whose munificence the treasure-houses of the earth shrank in shame, and at whose largesse and swelling spirit the very ocean was abashed? Where is he who stretched forth his arm in rebellion, and who turned his hand against the All-Merciful?

Where are they who went in quest of earthly pleasures and the fruits of carnal desires? Whither are fled their fair and comely women? Where are their swaying branches, their spreading boughs, their lofty mansions, their trellised gardens? And what of the delights of these gardens–their exquisite grounds and gentle breezes, their purling streams, their soughing winds, their cooing doves and rustling leaves? Where now are their resplendent morns and their brightsome countenances wreathed in smiles? Alas for them! All have perished and are gone to rest beneath a canopy of dust. Of them one heareth neither name nor mention; none knoweth of their affairs, and naught remaineth of their signs.

What! Will the people dispute then that whereof they themselves stand witness? Will they deny that which they know to be true? I know not in what wilderness they roam! Do they not see that they are embarked upon a journey from which there is no return? How long will they wander from mountain to valley, from hollow to hill? “Hath not the time come for those who believe to humble their hearts at the mention of God?” Blessed is he who hath said, or now shall say, “Yea, by my Lord! The time is come and the hour hath struck!”, and who, thereafter, shall detach himself from all that hath been, and deliver himself up entirely unto Him Who is the Possessor of the universe and the Lord of all creation.

And yet, what hope! For naught is reaped save that which hath been sown, and naught is taken up save that which hath been laid down, unless it be through the grace and bestowal of the Lord. Hath the womb of the world yet conceived one whom the veils of glory shall not hinder from ascending unto the Kingdom of his Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most High? Is it yet within us to perform such deeds as will dispel our afflictions and draw us nigh unto Him Who is the Causer of causes? We beseech God to deal with us according to His bounty, and not His justice, and to grant that we may be of those who have turned their faces unto their Lord and severed themselves from all else.

I have seen, O Shah, in the path of God what eye hath not seen nor ear heard. Mine acquaintances have repudiated Me, and My pathways have been straitened. The fount of well-being hath run dry, and the bower of ease hath withered. How numerous the tribulations which have rained, and will soon rain, upon Me! I advance with My face set towards Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Bounteous, whilst behind Me glideth the serpent. Mine eyes have rained down tears until My bed is drenched.

I sorrow not for Myself, however. By God! Mine head yearneth for the spear out of love for its Lord. I never passed a tree, but Mine heart addressed it saying: “O would that thou wert cut down in My name, and My body crucified upon thee, in the path of My Lord!”, for I see the people wandering distraught and unconscious in their drunken stupor. They have raised on high their passions and set down their God. Methinks they have taken His Cause for a mockery and regard it as a play and pastime, believing all the while that they do well, and that they dwell securely in the citadel of safety. Howbeit the matter is not as they fondly imagine: Tomorrow shall they behold that which today they are wont to deny!

Erelong shall the exponents of wealth and power banish Us from the land of Adrianople to the city of ’Akka. According to what they say, it is the most desolate of the cities of the world, the most unsightly of them in appearance, the most detestable in climate, and the foulest in water. It is as though it were the metropolis of the owl, within whose precincts naught can be heard save the echo of its cry. Therein have they resolved to imprison this Youth, to shut against our faces the doors of ease and comfort, and to deprive us of every worldly benefit throughout the remainder of our days.

By God! Though weariness lay Me low, and hunger consume Me, and the bare rock be My bed, and My fellows the beasts of the field, I will not complain, but will endure patiently as those endued with constancy and firmness have endured patiently, through the power of God, the Eternal King and Creator of the nations, and will render thanks unto God under all conditions. We pray that, out of His bounty–exalted be He–He may release, through this imprisonment, the necks of men from chains and fetters, and cause them to turn, with sincere faces, towards His face, Who is the Mighty, the Bounteous. Ready is He to answer whosoever calleth upon Him, and nigh is He unto such as commune with Him. We further

beseech Him to make of this darksome tribulation a shield for the Temple of His Cause, and to protect it from the assault of sharpened swords and pointed daggers. Adversity hath ever given rise to the exaltation of His Cause and the glorification of His Name. Such hath been God's method carried into effect in centuries and ages past. That which the people now fail to apprehend they shall erelong discover, on that day when their steeds shall stumble and their finery be folded up, their blades blunted and their feet made to falter.

I know not how long they shall spur on the charger of self and passion and rove in the wilderness of error and negligence! Shall either the pomp of the mighty or the wretchedness of the abased endure? Shall he who reposeth upon the loftiest seat of honour, who hath attained the pinnacle of might and glory, abide forever? Nay, by My Lord, the All-Merciful! All on earth shall pass away, and there remaineth alone the face of My Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

What armour hath not been pierced by the arrow of destruction, and what regal brow not divested by the hand of Fate? What fortress hath withstood the approach of the Messenger of Death? What throne hath not been shattered to pieces, what palace not reduced to rubble? Could the people but taste that choice Wine of the mercy of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, which lieth in store for them in the world beyond, they would assuredly cease their censure, and seek only to win the good pleasure of this Youth. For now, however, they have hidden Me behind a veil of darkness, whose fabric they have woven with the hands of idle fancy and vain imagination. Erelong shall the snow-white hand of God rend an opening through the darkness of this night and unlock a mighty portal unto His City. On that Day shall the people enter therein by troops, uttering what the blamers aforetime exclaimed, that there shall be made manifest in the end that which appeared in the beginning.

Is it their wish to tarry here when already they have one foot in the stirrup? Look they to return, once they are gone? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of Lords! save on the Day of Judgement, the Day whereon the people shall arise from their graves and be asked of their legacy. Well is it with him who shall not be weighted down with his burdens on that Day, the Day whereon the mountains shall pass away and all shall gather to be questioned in the presence of God, the Most Exalted. Stern, indeed, is He in punishing!

We beseech God to purge the hearts of certain divines from rancour and enmity, that they may look upon matters with an eye unbeclouded by contempt. May He raise them up unto so lofty a station that neither the attractions of the world, nor the allurements of authority, may deflect them from gazing upon the Supreme Horizon, and that neither worldly benefits nor carnal desires shall prevent them from attaining that Day whereon the mountains shall be reduced to dust. Though they now rejoice in the adversity that hath befallen Us, soon shall come a day whereon they shall lament and weep. By My Lord! Were I given the choice between, on the one hand, the wealth and opulence, the ease and comfort, the honour and glory which they enjoy, and, on the other, the adversities and trials which are Mine, I would unhesitatingly choose My present condition and would refuse to barter a single atom of these hardships for all that hath been created in the world of being.

But for the tribulations that have touched Me in the path of God, life would have held no sweetness for Me, and Mine existence would have profited Me nothing. For them who are endued with discernment, and whose eyes are fixed upon the Sublime Vision, it is no secret that I have been, most of the days of My

life, even as a slave, sitting under a sword hanging on a thread, knowing not whether it would fall soon or late upon him. And yet, notwithstanding all this We render thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and yield Him praise at all times and under all conditions. He, verily, standeth witness over all things.

We beseech God to extend wide His shadow, that the true believers may hasten thereunto and that His sincere lovers may seek shelter therein. May He bestow upon men blossoms from the bowers of His grace and stars from the horizon of His providence. We pray God, moreover, to graciously aid the King to do His will and pleasure, and to confirm him in that which shall draw him nigh unto the Dayspring of God's most excellent names, so that he may not give countenance to the injustice he witnesseth, may look upon his subjects with the eye of loving-kindness, and shield them from oppression. We further beseech God, exalted be He, to gather all mankind around the Gulf of the Most Great Ocean, an ocean every drop of which proclaimeth that He is the Harbinger of joy unto the world and the Quickener of all its peoples. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning!

And finally We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable thee to aid His Faith and turn towards His justice, that thou mayest judge between the people even as thou wouldst judge between thine own kindred, and mayest choose for them that which thou choosest for thine own self. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of God, the All-Dominant, the Self-Subsisting

He is the One manifest and speaking from His most exalted horizon

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath hearkened unto the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and who turned unto the Dawning-Place of His Most Glorious Name when they that dwell in the realm of creation turned away from Him. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Ancient of Days was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name in this most exalted Station, which hath been named by all names in the Crimson Tablet on a Day wherein the verses were sent down and the evidences were made manifest from God, the Lord of Lords.

O 'Abdu'l-Karim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful. Verily He arose on this day and proceeded to another station. When He arrived, He spoke verses whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise were attracted, and all things cried out: "The Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven." And We heard the glad-tidings of all things which were attracted by the rapture of the Call. Glorified be their Creator, their Mover and their Attractor through the Most Exalted Word, which, when it issued forth from the mouth of Will, caused the call to be raised from every direction: "Glory and power and grandeur be unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return!"

O 'Abdu'l-Karim! Thy letter hath come before the face of the Wronged One, and the servant present before His countenance hath read it. We perceived therefrom the fragrance of thy love for the face of

God, the Lord of all men. We make mention of thee and those who believed before in verses at whose revelation all things bowed down in submission, yet most of the people are in strange doubt. They have forsaken their God and followed their desires. Verily they are among the erring in the Mother Book. Blessed art thou for having aided thy Lord before the faces of the servants. Thou didst speak in His Name and make mention of that which was sent down from the heaven of utterance from God, the Cleaver of Dawn. We were with you and heard what your tongues uttered. With Him is the knowledge of all things in the Mother Book. Thy likeness hath appeared before Our face, and We have written for thee from Our Most Exalted Pen the reward of attainment. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty which hath encompassed the horizons. This is a Day wherein the ocean of bounty hath surged before all beings, and the Dove of Paradise hath warbled upon the highest branches. Hearken, O people! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth out with the most exalted call before the faces of the parties. Say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Aim, and bounty be unto Thee, O my Object of Worship, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen in remembrance of me while I was in the hands of those who disbelieved in Thy greatest signs and denied Thy proof which hath encompassed all regions. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the seas surged and the rivers flowed and the mysteries were revealed and the trees spoke forth in such wise as to attract the hearts of the righteous, to make me so steadfast that extinction shall not overtake me, so upright that sitting shall not follow, and so outspoken that silence shall not overcome me. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to ordain for me from the ocean of Thy knowledge the pearls of Thy wisdom, then write down for me that which shall abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful Whom neither the world's contingencies can frustrate nor the might of nations can weaken. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower."

O 'Abdu'l-Karim! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. Praise be unto God, thou hast attained unto acceptance and orientation and remembrance and praise, and hast arisen to serve the Cause. The reward of these deeds is a treasure preserved with God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Verily, We make mention at this time of him who was named Muhammad-Rida that he may hear from the Divine Lote-Tree from this most exalted horizon that God - there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad-Qablir-Rida, for having voiced the praise of God, arisen to serve His Cause, and accomplished that which was recorded in the Tablet of thy Lord and preserved in the Crimson Book which none hath beheld save God, the Lord of all worlds. We have mentioned thee before in verses which, when revealed, caused the very rocks to soar, how much more the spirits. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having strengthened and enabled thee to achieve that which caused the limbs of men to quake, save those whom the Lord of creation preserved through a power before which all the might of earth and heaven proved impotent. When thou hast recited My verses and attained unto the Kawthar of Mine utterance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy proof, and guided me unto Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath subdued all created things, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subjugated all things possible, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached, who hastened to the place of sacrifice out of their longing to meet Thee, and who gave up their lives in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Ibrahim! Thy name hath been mentioned in this Most Exalted Station before the presence of the Lord of all beings. He hath remembered thee with such remembrance as hath enraptured the hearts of them that know, and hath stunned those servants who violated God's Covenant and Testament, and denied His proof, until they pronounced sentence for the shedding of His most holy, most pure, and most luminous blood. Thus did their souls entice them, yet they are among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of this glorious and noble station. O Ibrahim! Canst thou take the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and drink therefrom despite the enemies, through My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous? Say:

O my God and my Master! Thou knowest me better than I know myself. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy service and vocal in Thy praise, in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the tyranny of earth's pharaohs who have held back Thy servants from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory and from entering the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness shall frighten me. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches, and the sick one before the shores of the ocean of Thy healing. I know not, O my God, whether my deeds shall hold me back from that which Thou hast mentioned, or whether through Thy bounty and generosity I shall be enabled to achieve that which I desire. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world! I wish to place my trust in Thee in all conditions and to commit my affairs unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of the beginning and the end. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Yusuf, whom God hath delivered from the well of vain imaginings and illumined with the lights of certitude. We have mentioned him before - verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Expositor. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth the call of His loved ones and seeth their deeds, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The swords of the enemies cannot prevent Him from remembering whomsoever He pleaseth through a sovereignty from His presence. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Yusuf! We have heard thy call and have called out to thee, and have seen thy turning and have turned toward thee from this far-distant Shore. When thou art illumined by the effulgences of the light of the Day-Star of My utterance and hast drunk from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of My proof, say:

My God, my God! Thou knowest and seest how separation from Thee hath melted my liver, how remoteness from Thy presence hath broken my back, and how exile from Thee hath well-nigh caused my death. I beseech Thee by the ocean of meeting with Thee, by the Kawthar of attaining Thy presence, by the breezes of nearness to Thee, and by the fragrance of Thy garment, to make me detached from all else but Thee, turning unto Thee, and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou hearest the sighs of

my heart in separation from Thee and seest the tears of mine eyes in my love for Thee. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowals to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and art powerful over all things through Thy wondrous and mighty Word.

O Ali, upon thee be My Glory! We bear witness that thou didst attain unto the Word "Yea" when the Call was raised from the Supreme Horizon, and wert of them that have attained. We bear witness to thy recognition, thy submissiveness, thy confession, thy humility, thy acknowledgment, and thy remembrance in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have sent down for thee that which shall cause the roses of inner meanings and utterance to grow in the garden of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Hearken unto the Call from the heaven of this Heaven: "There is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed." Take the Salsabil of utterance from the hand of My bounty, then drink thereof in My Name and say:

"My God, my God! Thy sorrow hath consumed me, and Thy tribulation hath burned me, and by what hath befallen Thee my liver and my body and my frame have melted. By Thy glory! I long to go forth from my house and lament in the mountains and weep throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and cry out and say: 'Where art Thou, O Thou Goal of the mystics? And where art Thou, O Thou Beloved of those who dwell in the heavens and the earth?' Would that I had no soul and had not heard what hath befallen Thee from the calumniators who, when Thou didst desire salvation for them, desired for Thee that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by Thy wronged state to aid me to be patient in Thy days and to endure Thy commandments and ordinances." Whereupon every vein of my veins and every pillar of my pillars and every member of my members shall cry out: "My God, my God! My Lord and my Support! Pour forth upon me patience, then aid Thy loved ones against the oppressive people."

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Yusuf-i-'Ali who attained Our presence and heard My wondrous Call. O Yusuf! Forget not that which We counselled thee during thy presence. Take hold of the Book with power from thy Lord, then act according to what hath been revealed therein, and be not of the patient ones. Patience is praiseworthy except in My calamity. Thus hath the tongue of My grandeur spoken in this noble station.

Thy letter had previously come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before the Countenance presented it. We have answered thee with what hath been revealed at this time. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the choice wine of justice from the cup of My bounty, say:

"My God, my God! I am he who acknowledgeth his transgressions and his sins in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy gracious Name, and by Thy merciful Name, and by Thy forgiving Name, and by Thy clement Name, that Thou forgive me and remit my evil deeds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner desiring the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the heedless one seeking the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the vastness of Thy verses and the mysteries of Thy wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, hoping for Thy pardon, anticipating Thy generosity, and awaiting the

wonders of Thy bounty which have encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving."

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath loved Me and heard My Call and attained My presence and taken from the cup of My bounty the Kawthar of My utterance and drunk in My Name and remembrance. Verily, he was named Mahdi in My scroll and in My perspicuous Tablet.

O Mahdi! The Wronged One makes mention of thee on a day when the oppressors have encompassed Him on all sides with swords of falsehood and calumny. Verily thy Lord is not hindered by aught whatsoever from that which He willeth. He, verily, is the One Who ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth through His firm and mighty command. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour through this perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to My Covenant and My Testament, and for having turned toward My Prison with detachment adorned with the acceptance of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Powerful. The splendor shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee and upon thy wife. Give her glad tidings from Me and remind her of My verses. I am, verily, the Rememberer, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Say: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thou hast been blessed with My mention time and again, and this is yet another time, a bounty from God, the Lord of all beings. Be thankful and say: Unto Thee be praise and glory, unto Thee be mention and splendor. Thy handmaiden testifieth to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, Thy might and Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

O Pen! Make mention, from the presence of the Ancient King, of him who was named Rida in the Kingdom of Names, who attained the presence of the Wronged One when He was in His Most Great Prison. Remember My days and thy standing at the gate of My favor and thy presence before My face, and thine attentiveness to My sweet call, for which ears were created. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Expositor. We have revealed in every matter that which the tongues of the world are powerless to enumerate. Of this beareth witness he who possesseth a perspicuous Book.

O Rida! He Who was named Muhammad-Rida hath made mention of thee before the Face, and We have sent thee a fragrance from the fragrances of Revelation. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of faithfulness and Creator of earth and heaven, for having remembered me when I was in the midst of the deluded ones. Verily, he who mentioned thee hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, and the mercy of thy Lord hath encompassed him from all sides, until the hand of bounty caused him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Husayn! Husayn maketh mention of thee, He whose limbs and members, were one to observe them, would be found pierced by the arrows of hatred and the spears of the enemies' calumnies. Yet He was, and ever will be, content with whatsoever hath befallen Him, in such wise that neither tribulations could prevent Him from the mention of the Lord of Names, nor could the might of the oppressors frighten Him. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and sent down unto me from the heaven of knowledge the table of Thy bounty, and for having mentioned me in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of

the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which the sincere ones have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and meeting, and those who are nigh have ascended unto the heaven of Thy generosity and grace, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. O Lord! Ordain for me that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! Thou hast mentioned him who was named after Me. We have mentioned him time and again and sent unto him a Tablet from whose horizon the luminary of God’s favor, the Lord of all worlds, hath shone forth. Say: Remember those days when thou wert present before the Face and didst hear the call of the Wronged One and drink the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him, to strengthen him, and to ordain for him that which shall never end in mention nor cease in fragrance. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who was named Rida in the precincts of might and bounty, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all names. We testify that thou hast attained unto divine good-pleasure and thy deeds have been accepted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and this great favor which shall not change throughout the eternity of My most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a pillar in this Cause and through thee to open the doors of the hearts of them that are heedless. We have been with Our loved ones and have heard their call and their words, and have seen their deeds, and verily We are the Hearing, the Answering. We have made mention of thee before, and at this time, and shall mention thee hereafter in a perspicuous Tablet, that it may remain as a remembrance in the scrolls and be recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Let not events sadden thee. Hold fast unto the cord of trust in all conditions unto the Strong, the Prevailing, the Almighty. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy father who hath mentioned thee time and again, and upon every steadfast and upright one, and upon thy brother who was named ’Ali in the Book of Names and in this perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to protect you and to aid you and draw you nigh unto Him and to give drink from the ocean of His healing to whomsoever He willeth. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Grieve not over anything. He is with you. Soon shall the carpet of tyranny be rolled up and your mention and your traces and your names shall be spread amongst the servants. Unto this doth testify this Speaking Book, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Joseph! The promise hath come to pass and the Herald hath called out from every direction: “O Manifestations of Names and Attributes! Rejoice in that the veils have been rent asunder and the Revealer of verses hath come with such sovereignty that before it can stand neither the hosts of earth nor of heaven.” Thus hath the matter been decreed at this time. Take hold of the Book with the strength granted by Us and cleave unto it as bidden by Us, and I am verily the Commanding, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who was named Abraham and give him glad tidings of that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen in his remembrance, that the bounty of his Lord and His utterance may draw him to this luminous horizon. O Abraham! When thou

findest the fragrance of My remembrance and hearest My call, arise, turning thy face toward My direction, and say:

“My God, my God! I testify that by Thy Most Exalted Word Thou didst create all things, and by Thy Most Great Name were raised the stations of the nations, and through the revelations of the Day-Star of Thy manifestation were illumined the hearts of them that have turned toward Thee and of the sincere ones. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy manifestation and the warmth of Thy love and the fire of the Tree of Thy Mount to cause to be uttered for Thy Face a word whereby all created things may be attracted. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Withhold not Thy loved ones from the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty nor from the effulgences of the Sun of Thy generosity. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

O Joseph! We have sent down for thee and for those with thee that whose fragrance shall not cease throughout the eternity of the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praised. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth love and affection and kindliness and unity, and that whereby your stations may be exalted among the peoples of the earth. And I am verily the Counselor, the Manifest, the All-Knowing.

O Husayn! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

“Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art my Ultimate Goal, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy utterance and having revealed unto me that which was hidden from most of Thy creation. I testify, O my God, by Thy might and Thy grandeur and Thy forgiveness and Thy bounty, I beseech Thee by the pearls that have appeared from Thy Most Exalted Pen to send down upon me that which will preserve me from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.”

O Haydar-’Ali! We have arisen to establish the Cause in days wherein darkness hath encompassed all regions. When the light shone forth, he who was named Hadi emerged from behind the veil and spoke that which consumed the hearts of them that were nigh unto God, whom all that was created on earth could not hinder from turning toward the Dayspring of Signs. We beseech God to aid thee to manifest such steadfastness that neither names nor all that the peoples possess shall deter thee from turning toward the straight path. We counsel thee and enjoin upon thee trustworthiness, which God hath made to adorn the temple of His loved ones, and godliness, whereby the order of the world hath been established and nations have found tranquility. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the Counselor. Beware lest the clamoring of them that have denied the Proof and rejected the Testament sadden thee. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and follow not every ignorant impostor. That which was hidden hath been revealed and that which was treasured hath been made manifest. Thus hath the fragrance of God’s utterance, the Lord of the beginning and the end, been wafted abroad.

O Muhammad-Ja’far! The Lord of Destiny from the direction of His Most Great Scene hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to attract the hearts of the righteous. Blessed is the servant who hath heard the call and turned unto it with humility and contrition. This is the Day of nearness and of meeting, the Day of bounty and of giving. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter. This is the Day wherein the sea hath disclosed its mysteries and its

waves, the mountains their treasures, the heaven its stars, the sun its radiance, and the Temple of the Manifestation His proof and His testimony, His grandeur and His sovereignty, as a grace and mercy from Him unto His servants.

O Pen! Bear thou witness that thou hast not fallen short in thy remembrance, and hast called out to the servants and commanded all as We commanded thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Let not the veils of the doubters and the objections of the croakers sadden thee. Arise and say: O ’Ali-Asghar! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the direction of God’s Most Great Scene. He maketh mention of thee and of them that have believed, with such remembrance as illumineth the horizons. We remember him who remembereth Us, and aid him in that which draweth him nigh unto the Dayspring of Signs. When the rapture of My call seizeth thee from the horizon of My Manifestation, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn toward Thee, and thanks be to Thee for having inspired me with Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, by the tears of them that know Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the sighs of them that yearn for Thee in their remoteness from Thy presence, to make me one of them whom the weapons of the world cannot frighten, nor the might of nations dismay. Then ordain for me that which shall profit me. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O ’Ali-Akbar! We have mentioned thee before with verses that caused the seas of meanings and utterance to surge, and by which the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Gracious, was diffused. I bear witness that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Cause and believed in Him through Whom the tribes of the earth were seized with trembling and the limbs of every obstinate infidel were made to quake. Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee and clinging unto Thee and Thy signs. I beseech Thee to make me, in all conditions, gazed toward Thee, speaking Thy praise, and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all that are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! We have heard thy call and turned toward thee to impart unto thee that which shall make thee detached from all else save Me and cause thee to hold fast unto My firm cord. We love them that have turned toward the Countenance and make mention of them in such wise as shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom of God, the Lord of the glorious Throne. We counsel thee and them that have believed to perform such deeds as shall diffuse the fragrance of divine acceptance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beware lest the tyranny of any remote oppressor grieve thee, or the doubts of them that have denied the Day of Judgment hinder thee. When the attraction of the call from the supreme horizon seizeth thee, say:

“O Lord of all names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the standards of Thy guidance in the world of creation to make me of them that have spent what they possessed in Thy path and whom the warmth of Thy love hath so seized that naught whatsoever hath deterred them from turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one

standing before the gate of Thy bounty and the sick one turning toward the ocean of Thy healing. Ordain for me, O my God, that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy glory and the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Gracious."

O My loved ones in Alif and Sin (Ashku)! Rejoice that the Lord of eternity hath turned toward you from His Most Great Prison and desired to make mention of you in such wise that your names shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. This is a day wherein whosoever hath sought hath attained unto the Desired One, and whosoever hath yearned hath attained unto this glorious and wondrous station.

O Ahmad! Set thy face toward God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, and say:

"My God, my God! Drive me not from Thy door, withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty, disappoint me not from the manifestations of the lights of the Sun of Thy grace, and remove me not from the carpet of Thy nearness. Thou knowest and seest that I have turned with my whole being toward Thee and have desired from Thee only that which shall strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thy earth and heaven were illumined, and by that which was raised from the Tree of Sinai, to ordain for me that which shall make me so detached from all else save Thee that my tongue shall move only in Thy remembrance, my face shall turn only toward the lights of Thy countenance, mine ear shall hear naught save that which hath proceeded from Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy sweetest call, and mine eyes shall behold only Thy visible tokens in all things. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all, whether of old or more recent times."

O Muhammad-Aqa! By God, the Glory hath not manifested Himself except for the salvation of the world and the upliftment of the peoples. The Most Great Book of God beareth witness to this in this exalted station. This is a day wherein that which was hidden from eternity of eternities and treasured in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath appeared. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and witnessed, and the ear that hath heard when the Call was raised, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say […]

Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy manifestation and my countenance with the radiance of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued both the unseen and the visible, to make me a banner of Thy Name amongst Thy servants and one who voices Thy praise throughout Thy lands. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the One possessed of great bounty. Never hast Thou disappointed those who hoped in Thee, nor turned away those who sought Thee. I testify to Thy might and Thy grandeur, Thy sovereignty and Thy power, Thy loftiness and Thy dominion, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who drank the wine of martyrdom in Thy Name and the Kawthar of sacrifice in Thy love. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mir Muhsin! The peoples of the earth have risen against Me in harm save whom God, the Omnipotent, the All-Wise, hath willed. We summoned them to the highest horizon and desired for them that which would draw them nigh unto the Mighty, the Beautiful. Yet they denied My grace, My bounty, My generosity and My mercy which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We desired for them the light, yet they desired for Us that which caused the near ones to lament. They expelled Us from Our homeland with such tyranny as caused the faces of the Concourse on High to turn pale, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. When thou hast drunk the cup of recognition, say:

O my Lord, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book and by Thy establishment upon the Throne of proof to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love, and firm in exalting Thy Word amongst Thy creation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in what I seek from the ocean of Thy bestowal and the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Kind, the Forgiving.

We make mention of thy mother and beseech God to send down upon her mercy from the clouds of His grace and rain from the heaven of His bounty. Then write for her with the ink of light that which will honor her in the days of the Manifestation. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth through His word, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Mir Ali-Asghar! The Lord of Destiny, while between the fangs of wolves, makes mention of His loved ones in spite of those who denied His Manifestation and disputed His signs. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts of those who denied the Promised Day conceal. We made mention of thee before through verses that enraptured hearts and minds, and at this time through verses that have no equal among the people. He in Whose possession is a hidden Book beareth witness to this. When thou hearest the call, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, for having caused me to turn toward Thy horizon, to acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me that which will exalt me amongst Thy creation and assist me to serve Thy loved ones. O Lord! The poor one hath sought the ocean of Thy riches and the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in what he seeketh. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mir Ali-Asghar! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We found in it that which testified to thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped save whom God, the Lord of this exalted station, willed. We have made mention of thee time and again with that which hath diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him once more to make thee firm in the service of His Cause and a helper in His days. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful ones.

O Mir Ali-Akbar! We have at this moment turned towards thee and revealed for thee that which God hath made the Dawning-Place of Light unto all who dwell in His realms. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth

witness to this at this hour. Be thou not grieved at anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Beauteous. Verily, He loveth those who put their trust in Him and exalteth them through His grace. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We make mention of thee and My loved ones in that land, and We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, may be uplifted. Beware lest names hold you back from their Creator, or causes from their Originator, or the Book from its Revealer, the Almighty, the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing. Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge Thy power and Thy might. I bear witness that Thou hast manifested and revealed that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and concealed from the eyes of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of Thy mercy and the pearls of the ocean of Thy grandeur to make me strong through Thy power and steadfast through Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all things.

O Hasan! This is a Day wherein God hath made the horizon of Akka the Dawning-Place of His Call, which hath been raised at this hour to such heights that the denizens of the Kingdom on high and of the realm below have heard it. Blessed, blessed, then blessed, blessed is he who hath heard and turned towards it and hath said: "Here am I, O Lord of the worlds! Here am I, O Possessor of all existence!" That which was treasured in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath been made manifest. Say: By God! The ears have been created to hearken unto the rustling of My Lote-Tree, the flowing of the Kawthar of My loving-kindness, and the whispering of the breezes of My bounty. Joy be unto him who hath attained unto the outpourings of My days, and woe betide every denier and veiled one. Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, and glorified art Thou, O my Object of Desire! Thou seest me turning towards Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, and awaiting the manifestations of Thy mercy and Thy gifts. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose command the Tree of Knowledge spoke unto the son of Imran and those nigh unto Thee hastened to the Dayspring of Light, to make me firm, steadfast and unwavering in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to enable me to speak Thy praise with wisdom and utterance. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the lights of Thy countenance, to assist me and my son in remembering Thee and in remembering Thy loved ones, and in serving Thee and serving Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Pen! Thy scratching hath been raised throughout the world. We have breathed into thee a command from Our presence, whereupon all in the cities and lands were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, pleased. Make mention of him who was named Mashhadi before Husayn, and illumine him with the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of existence. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens, for having made known unto me Thy path, caused me to hear Thy call, shown me Thy traces, and remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee, O Revealer of verses, by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall make me eloquent in Thy Name, known for Thy service, and active in performing that which Thou hast commanded

me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, by Thy Name, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

O Hasan! The Wronged One hath at this moment turned towards thee and revealed for thee that which God hath made the Kawthar of immortality for all who dwell in the world of creation. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and drunk and said […]

My soul be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Lord of all being, and my spirit be a ransom for Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all names. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses, the lights of Thy throne, and the radiance of Thy Cause which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of Thy manifestation, to make me and Thy servants among those who have aided Thy Cause through counsels and admonitions, and who have offered up their souls in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Omnipotent over the seen and unseen.

O Muhammad-Taqi! Thy name hath appeared before the Wronged One. We have made mention of thee in such wise as hath caused the fragrance of revelation to waft throughout the world and the sweet perfume of utterance to be diffused amongst the nations, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Gracious. The verses have encompassed all regions, yet most of the people remain heedless. This is a Day wherein every tongue hath spoken, every seated one hath arisen, and all things have proclaimed this Name through which the eyes of the yearning ones have been gladdened.

O concourse of ardent lovers! The Day of the Covenant hath come. Hasten ye, then hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this glorious and wondrous station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Ghaffar! The Chosen One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and hath made mention of thee in such wise as hath enraptured the hearts of them that know. Take heed lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from drawing nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and lest the veils of them that have gone astray prevent thee from drawing close to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty and hast heard My most sweet call from the motion of My Most Exalted Pen, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the clutches of mine enemies, and thanks be unto Thee for having turned toward Thy servant from Thy Most Exalted Horizon. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the revelations of the Orb of Thy utterance, to aid me to make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants and to praise Thee in Thy lands. Then write down for me, O my Beloved, that which Thou hast written for them that are near unto Thee among Thy creation, who have hastened to the place of sacrifice out of their longing to meet Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Javad! The Lord of creation maketh mention of thee in this station which hath been named by all names by God, the Lord of Lords. We have remembered thee and those who have believed with such remembrance as hath caused the fragrance of God to be wafted throughout all lands. Verily, He loveth

His friends who were not frightened by the might of the oppressors nor by the roaring of those who have denied God, the Lord of all men. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of inner meanings and utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal, and glorification be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and splendor be unto Thee, O Ultimate Object of my hope! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy commandments and ordinances, and by Him Who is established upon the throne of utterance through Thy power and Who speaketh before all faces without veil or covering, to make me in all conditions submissive to the hands of Thy Cause, looking toward the horizon of Thy justice, immersed in the ocean of Thy verses, and seeking refuge at Thy threshold. Verily, Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and the power of the world cannot prevent Thee from that which Thou hast willed by Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned towards My horizon, beheld My signs, and heard My Call - he who hath been named Hasan in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. O Hasan! We have turned unto thee from this Station and counsel thee with that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Book. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou hast been given from God, the Revealer of verses. We have commanded all with that which draweth them nigh unto the Dayspring of Light, yet they desire that which removeth them far from God, the Cause of the flowing of rivers. Say: O people! Fear God! The Promise hath appeared and the Day hath come, by the command of God, Who causeth the winds to blow. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known, and how many an ignorant one hath heard and said: “Here am I, O Manifestation of clear proofs!” Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Mutual Calling.

O Siyyid-Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. He desireth naught in all creation save to quench the fire of hatred. Every discerning one beareth witness unto this. Say: O people! Do what ye have been commanded and follow not every heedless doubter. We have created you and those who believe for this Day which was promised in the Books of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Beware lest ye deny God’s grace and bounty. Follow that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Revelation in this perspicuous Tablet. This is a Day wherein rivers have flowed and trees have spoken even as the Tree of Revelation hath spoken upon the Mount of Knowledge by the command of the Ordainer, the All-Wise. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Throne and hast quaffed the choice wine of immortality from this cup, turn thy face toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be greatness and perpetuity, unto Thee be glory and bounty! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge, and by the mountains whereon Thy call was raised, and by the lands honored by Thy footsteps, and by the hands which were lifted to the heaven of Thy bounty, that Thou forgive me and Thy loved ones and those who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament and have done what they were bidden in Thy Great Book.

O ’Ali-Muhammad! At this moment We have heard the call of the Most Exalted Paradise crying out and saying:

My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy call, O Beloved of those who dwell on earth and in heaven, and my soul be a sacrifice unto Thy remembrance, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names! The sweetness of Thy call hath so enraptured me that I find for myself neither tranquility nor rest. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm Above, by Thy Most Great Name through which the gates of knowledge were opened unto all peoples, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones who arose to serve Thy Cause and voiced Thy praise before the faces of Thy servants, whom neither the might of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the clamor of such as have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment could deter. O Lord! Disappoint me not from the ocean of Thy bounty in Thy days, and deprive me not of what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. I testify to my powerlessness and Thy might, my poverty and Thy wealth, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Abbas-’Ali! The wolves have surrounded the sheep of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. They have followed their desires and cast their God behind them, yet they perceive it not. The light hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, yet most people understand not. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and caused all things to speak in remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. When thou hearest My call and art enraptured by the sweetness of My voice, say: […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and all bounty be unto Thee for having nurtured me. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise, and to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants through Thy Name, and cause me to enter the precincts of Thy great mercy. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

O Mashhadi Jafar! This is the Day wherein the Book speaketh and calleth all to the Mighty, the Bestower. Among the people are those who have cast aside the multitudes and what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of Lords; among them are those who have followed their desires, turning away from guidance; and among them are those who have halted, following every heedless doubter. This is the Day of the appearance of Him Whose advent was heralded in the Books of God, the Lord of all men. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of Mine utterance and drinkest from the Kawthar of My knowledge, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy names and attributes, by Thy most sweet call and Thy Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name, to strengthen me in such steadfastness in Thy Cause that the doings of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs shall not deter me. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, my sight with the vision of Thy signs, and my ears with the hearing of Thy utterance. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-’Ali! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Say: O people! By God, ye were created to hearken unto this most sweet Call that hath been raised from ’Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree. Be ye not of the heedless. Ye were promised this Day and this Most Great Name in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein those near unto God have attained the presence of their Lord, hearing that which My Most Holy Tongue uttereth in this sacred, mighty and wondrous station.

Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, while the people are in evident loss. Say:

O Lord! Thou seest Thy unitarians among the heedless ones. I beseech Thee by the hosts of might and power who aided Thy Cause at the appearance of the Manifestations of Thy power, the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and the Dawning-Places of Thy sovereignty, to make me and Thy loved ones among those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon - they have advanced and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! We beseech God to adorn hearts and souls with the light of unity and concord. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

O My loved ones! Give thanks unto God for having drawn you nigh unto Him and for having sent down unto you that from which every possessor of perception catcheth the fragrance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist you with power from His presence and authority from His own Self. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Grieve not over anything; soon there shall appear unto you that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Sorrows have encompassed Us from every direction through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to the whisperings of the satans. Say: Fear God, and follow not those who have denied God, disputed His sovereignty, and rejected that which hath been sent down from His Sacred Pen, the Mighty, the Firm. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have heard the Call and have said: "Yea, yea, O Thou the Desire of the hearts of the mystics!"

O 'Ali-Qabli-Ashraf! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One proclaimeth, yet the people remain in grievous remoteness. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and denied that which hath appeared from Him. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in manifest loss. Blessed is he who, being assured, hath turned unto the Countenance, and woe unto every hesitating doubter. We hear from the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha that which calleth the servants unto the Dayspring of God's Command, the Lord of the worlds; and from the murmuring of the living waters - by God! - the gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with a Cause before which neither armies, nor ranks, nor the might of the idolators can stand. And from the whistling of the winds - by God! - He hath come for the reformation of all things, whereunto testifieth the Lamp of the world which burneth amidst tempestuous winds, saying: "O people! I have come to you from the horizon of power with a mighty Command. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the effusions of this Day. Cast away your vain imaginings, holding fast to that which ye have been bidden by an All-Wise Commander." Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged, and the light shone forth from the horizon of certitude. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless doubters. Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of bounty - that whose mention shall never cease throughout the duration of Names. To this testifieth He with Whom is the glorious Book.

O Faraj! By God! The relief hath come, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: The relief is My manifestation, then My establishment upon the throne of My grandeur, then My utterance amongst My

servants, and I am the All-Knowing Expounder. Rejoice in that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee in such wise as to attract the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and be not of the patient ones. Patience is praiseworthy except when His decisive, wise Command hath been revealed. We beseech God to open before thy face, and the faces of His loved ones, the gates of grace and bounty, and to ordain for thee and for them that which shall protect you from the evil of the enemies who hear and deny. We testify that they are among the oppressors. Let not the happenings of the world sadden thee, nor the tyranny of nations who are prevented by their deeds from turning to the lights of their Lord's countenance, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy grandeur and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! We beseech God to adorn His Cause through thee. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good. That which never appeared in the world hath become manifest, and the call hath been raised from the direction of 'Akka in such wise that the Concourse on High hath heard it, whereunto beareth witness the Most Glorious Temple in this sacred and lofty station. When thou hearest the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, say: O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by Thy radiant, gleaming Light and by Thy mighty, wondrous Name, whereby Thou hast raised the standard of Thy justice and elevated the banner of Thy Cause, to make me so firm and steadfast in Thy love that neither the doubts of the learned nor the cawing of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, may cause me to slip.

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Lord of the world turneth unto thee from the precincts of 'Akka, wherein the Call hath been raised. Blessed is he who hath turned and heard and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of them of old!" Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee, nor the might of the nations deter thee. Cast away what the people possess and take what hath been given thee by God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Say: The river of wisdom hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, and the sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Mother Book which now speaketh: "I am the Object of worship of them that are nigh." When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the Pen of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: "O Thou Desire of creation! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, turning away from all else, and hoping for Thy bountiful grace. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days."

O Ibrahim! We desire to make mention of thee in such wise as to attract thee to the horizon whence shineth the light of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have manifested that which lay hidden in the treasury of God's protection, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O people! Be fair and follow not the imaginings of the heedless. The Tree hath yielded its fruit, the sun hath shone forth, and the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Beloved of all in the heavens and earth hath come!" Let not the power of the people weaken thee, nor those who have denied God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, frighten thee. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause, then make them to be of those whom the might of the world and the clamour of the nations have not weakened, and ordain for them what Thou hast

ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art He to Whose sovereignty all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur all possible things have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. O Lord! Thou seest me believing in Thee and in Thy signs, and acknowledging what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily Thou art God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! Upon thee be the grace of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We have sent down for every name that which hath caused the fragrance of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, to waft. We beseech God to aid His loved ones and enable them to arise to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One maketh mention of His loved ones and remembereth them by night and by day, that the breezes of remembrance might take hold of them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dayspring of utterance and attained unto that which was hidden from the Supreme Pen in the scriptures and tablets. We bear witness that thou […] and heard the Call when it was raised in truth by the command of God, the Cleaver of Dawn. We counsel thee to preserve what thou hast been given, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee in that which thou hast been bidden by God, the Revealer of laws.

And We make mention of thy father who turned unto My horizon and heard My call and drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord’s bounty, the Lord of creation. Blessed is he for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken and recognized what hath been revealed in the Mother Book.

And We make mention of thy mother who migrated from the earthly homeland, seeking the supreme homeland beneath the shadow of God’s grace, the Causer of rivers to flow.

O My handmaiden! Hear My call. We have mentioned thee before and do so at this time as a token of Our grace, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Mim-before-Ha! We wish to bestow Our favor upon thee once again and make mention of thy brothers and aid them to arise to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of all men.

O My servants! Upon you rest My glory and favor. We testify that you have turned towards the Countenance and desired to attain the presence at the Gate which was opened unto all who dwell in earth and heaven. We beseech God to preserve and protect you through the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to send down upon you from the clouds of grace the rains of bounty and favors. We make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves in the midst of tribulations wrought by the hands of those who have denied the Day of Reckoning. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon them mercy from His presence and to open before their faces the gates of blessings. Verily, He is the Revealer of verses and the Lord of names and attributes. There is no God but I, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and the One Who speaks on the Day of Reckoning.

O Mahdi! We have made mention of thee and those whom God has related unto thee as a token of Our grace, for I am the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. Blessed is the servant who hath heard what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered, and blessed is he who hath held fast unto righteousness and godliness in the days of God, the Sender of winds.

We have desired to make mention of him who was named Siyyid-i-Qabl-i-Kazim and to adorn his head with the crown of bounty and his temple with the ornament of God's favor, the Revealer of verses. When thou art seized with the sweetness of thy Lord's utterance, arise and turn thyself toward the Prison of 'Akka and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, for having guided me unto Thy path and remembered me through Thy verses, and sent down unto me that whose fragrance shall not cease throughout the duration of Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O King of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Most Mighty Name and by Thy Most Loving Name, to assist me and my kindred in that which Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! Deny us not the ocean of Thy bounty, nor the heaven of Thy generosity, nor the sun of Thy grace. Send down upon us at all times that which will draw us nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O 'Abdu'l-Karim! The Most Great Ocean from this most exalted station, namely the Prison of 'Akka, hath turned toward thee and toward His loved ones, and desireth to manifest unto them the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Bounteous, the All-Generous. We have turned toward those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and have mentioned them in such wise as hath caused all things to be attracted. He is the Helper, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech God to open before thy face and their faces the gates of gifts and favors, and to ordain for you that whereby His Word may be exalted among His servants and His Cause in His lands. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, and He is the One, the Alone, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of 'Abdu'l-Husayn that he may give thanks unto God Who hath caused all things to speak His praise on this Day whereon the Most Great Ocean hath revealed its pearls, the earth its treasures, and the sun its effulgence and radiance. All this is through the grace of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be greatness and majesty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all mankind! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of the Hereafter and of the former world, to assist me in serving Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Then make me the cupbearer of the water of Thy proof unto the people of Thy kingdom. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the All-Informed.

O Lu?fu'llah! The promise hath come to pass and the Lord of the world maketh mention of thee in such wise as shall adorn thee with the ornament of detachment and the crown of trustworthiness among all people. Say: […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Adored One! I testify that through Thee hath been manifested that which was hidden from all eyes and concealed with God, the

Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then preserve me from the whisperings of them who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee. Strengthen me through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Qasim! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. It will draw thee nigh unto Mine horizon and will adorn thee with that which will exalt thee amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Despair not of the Spirit of God. He is with His servants who have turned unto Him, who have not broken His covenant and His testament, and who have proclaimed with the most exalted call: "The Kingdom is God's, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Chosen One!"

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, as well as that which was sent by him who is named Abdullah, who circumambulates the House at morn and eventide. O Qasim! Grieve not over the happenings of the world. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thee with the ornament of detachment and trustworthiness, and to open before thy face the doors of grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My loved ones and chosen ones! Blessed are ye! We testify that ye are among the triumphant ones in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords.

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Praised be His most sanctified and exalted Presence, immune from extinction and decline, Who hath brought forth the pearls of divine knowledge from the shells of the ocean of the hearts of the sincere ones and the monotheists, and made them manifest in the assemblage of the world, that eyes might be illumined by their vision and that these pearls might themselves guide humanity, leading all people and drawing them to the highest horizon. This blessed Day is in truth the Day of vision, for all that was created for it hath been made manifest. God willing, may heedless souls adorn themselves with the ornament of fairness, that perchance they may discover the fruit of their own creation and attain unto that for which they were created. Glory be to God! Any soul who hath attained even a measure of awareness standeth bewildered before the all-encompassing divine bounties and the manifestations of heavenly grace in these days. So completely have they encompassed all things that there is fear lest eyes become veiled from their true station. Praise be to God for having created us, taught us, caused us to know Him, and guided us unto Him on a Day wherein hearts were shaken and eyes were dazed. And may peace, salutations, glorification and splendor rest upon those who have arisen with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of creation, who have testified to that which God hath testified, and who have acted according to what was commanded in the Book. These are servants whom the affairs of creation have not kept back from the Truth, nor have the ornaments of the world, its commerce, conditions and manifestations diverted them from the remembrance of their Creator, their Fashioner and their Ordainer.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word through which Thou hast manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire, O Lord of all names, and by the light of the countenance of those near unto Thee, and by the rapture of the hearts of the sincere ones, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and protect them from the oppression of such of Thy servants as have been kept back by transient things from the highest Paradise and from all that is with Thee, O Creator of the heavens!

And then, once again was the power of consciousness perfumed by the breezes wafting from the flowers that had grown in the garden of your heart from the water of the loving-kindness of our Lord and your Lord. When the fragrance of your words attracted me, I turned to the Ancient King and appeared before His Most Great Throne and presented what was mentioned in your letter indicating your devotion, service and steadfastness. Then the Countenance of God turned and He, exalted be His glory, spoke thus:

He is the One dawning from the horizon of eternity

Glorified is He Who hath revealed the Cause, sent down the verses, and guided the people to the path of righteousness. Observe how in the days when the Wronged One was imprisoned and afflicted at the hands of the enemies from both parties, when ranks were formed and thousands appeared, when ways were connected and news was unceasing, nevertheless did He raise the call with the most exalted voice and guide all on earth to the Truth, exalted be His glory. However, the heedless divines have become the cause of the people's negligence. They are the greatest veil and the august coverings mentioned. Soon shall the hand of divine power rend asunder these coverings and remove these veils from their midst, that all the world may turn to the highest horizon and receive their portion from the effulgences of the light of His countenance. Be thou speaking at all times. The pure seed that thou sowest in the good, blessed and fertile soil will assuredly grow and appear.

O thou who gazest toward My horizon and art turned to My face! Be not grieved at the delay. Soon shall God manifest that which He hath purposed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The servant who is present hath come with thy letter and presented it before the Face, and We have revealed for thee verses that call out between earth and heaven of My grace and loving-kindness. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We have heard what thy tongue hath uttered in praise of this Wronged One, the Peerless. Thou wert remembered in the Most Great Prison and wert present when the Light was shining from Its luminous horizon. Remind the people in the days of thy Lord and give them the glad tidings of this News which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Beware lest the books of the world veil you from this Perspicuous Book. By God! The ocean of utterance hath surged and the Mother Book hath been sent down, and He Who conversed on Sinai hath come with that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Cast aside what the people possess. The Self-Subsisting hath appeared with the truth and calleth you to a station wherein the atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, if ye be of them that know.

O concourse of earth! How long will ye worship idols? Cast them behind you, turning unto the All-Informed, the Single One. Say: By God! Your idols are your divines who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament and turned away from Him Whom they invoke at all times. He who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord - he, verily, is the learned one in the estimation of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Through him the lips of utterance smiled throughout all possibility and the Nightingale sang upon the branches. Thus doth God exalt whomsoever He willeth through His grace, and He is the Strong, the Mighty.

Convey My greetings and peace unto those who are with thee and unto those on whose faces thou seest the signs of humility before God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have clung to My luminous hem.

The heaven of grace hath spread its shade and the Tree of loving-kindness hath manifested its wondrous fruits. The Bestower, may His glory be exalted, and the partaker are both beloved, and the two blessed words "well done" and "well pleased" are the portion of this ephemeral one. God willing, may that beloved of the heart ever receive his portion from the wondrous, sublime bounties and attain unto this exalted, most high station. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Some time ago, a very detailed letter containing divine verses and exalted, blessed Tablets was sent, according to thy wish, to his honor Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Naqi - upon him be the Glory of God - for delivery. God willing, it will have reached thee by now, though no word hath been received from thee. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that wherever thou mayest be, thou mayest be verdant and flourishing through the spring rains of utterance.

News has arrived from the land of Sad. The signs of joy and gladness of that land have shone upon this land, and this matter is most beloved and blessed. Its blessedness will become more manifest with the passing of centuries and ages, day after day. And at first it was adorned with the permission of the Goal of all the worlds. Praise and gratitude be to God for His favors, bounties, grace and beneficence. They wrote of their arrival in the land of K and meeting with the friends. Praise be to God, all are recipients of the outpourings of the true Bestower. For some time the Ancient Tongue has been speaking these words in every place: "O servant present, ask God to assist all to preserve what has been bestowed." The exaltation of the Cause is and has been beyond doubt. Should the entire world rise up in oppression and strive with the utmost diligence to extinguish the light of justice, ultimately the sun of justice will certainly emerge from behind the clouds. This is what God promised Us before this creation. In this case, it is incumbent upon all to preserve their ranks and stations in the name of Truth, lest the afflictions, trials, hardships and tribulations they have endured in the path of God be in vain. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher.

Regarding what they wrote about the arrival of Sheikh (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) who delivered the holy Tablets - the servant gives thanks to God for this and beseeches the Exalted Truth to give all to drink from the ocean of utterance and bestow their portion. Concerning what was written about Navvab (upon him be the Glory of God) and his wife regarding their intention to separate - there is no doubt the shortcoming was from the wife's side, however reconciliation is better, as holy souls before and after have been tried and maintained patience out of wisdom, and in this there is wisdom from God and a

great reward. At Navvab's request, a special Tablet was previously bestowed upon him, but Navvab is protected from hardships by God's protection - He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. In both cases, whether reconciliation or separation, wisdom should be observed in every situation and time - this is closest to piety. This is a general ruling heard from the tongue of the Most Great Spirit. God willing, this servant himself will also send a letter to Navvab. Praise be to God, they are confirmed in service and steadfast in the Cause. Soon all these matters will be gathered and spread in the world's assemblage. Blessed is he who has attained to God's Cause and woe to the heedless.

Regarding what was written about copper that Sheikh mentioned - you know that such matters have never been disclosed to anyone. In those days, when attention was sometimes directed to areas around the prison, considering that, this servant made the request so that both a service would be rendered by them and it would be useful for travel. This is a bounty from the Truth upon him. These matters are conditional upon their being carried out with the utmost joy and fragrance, meaning that no hardship should occur in sending it.

Regarding what was written about the utmost eagerness of N.V. (upon him be the Glory of God) in rendering services - God willing, may he ever be successful in service and be manifest and evident like a banner upon the hills in the path of God.

O Lion! God willing thou art assisted to service and amendment - thus was it ordained for thee in the Book from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily We give thee glad tidings of My mercy, My favors and My grace, and We send Our greetings from this Station. We make mention of the Jafar whom thou didst name, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the Final Return. O Jafar! Woe unto every oppressor who hath oppressed, and light unto every oppressed one who hath shown patience in what befell him in the path of God, the Lord of all lords. Verily My oppression is My most glorious garment - I love to wear it at all times. By God's life! Soon all thou seest shall perish, but there shall endure for thee what hath befallen thee out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of My servant Hashim and give him glad tidings of this Most Great Remembrance through which the earth hath been illumined by the light of God, the Lord of all men. Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God. Verily He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him when mankind turned away. Had this world any worth, We would not have left it to every oppressive tyrant. God will soon seize them with His might, and will make manifest your stations before all the world - He is the Powerful, the Chosen One.

O Lion! We have made mention of Jafar and Hashim, and We desire to make mention of My handmaiden who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and believed when the handmaidens of the earth turned away. Thus doth the Lord of the world make mention unto thee - He with Whom is the Mother Book. Then know, O thou who art mentioned in My presence and who hath turned toward My horizon, that by the oppressors We meant the divines, not the rulers. By God's life! Through them was raised the edifice of tyranny and corruption appeared throughout all regions. Were it not for the divines, the rulers would not have opposed this Cause whereby God would assist them as He assisted them aforetime, and through which their sovereignty and power became manifest in the land. The kingdoms have need of order to protect them and justice to cultivate them. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor in truth and sincerity.

Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We send Our greetings from this Station upon thee and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned - and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God! The whole world hath partaken and continueth to partake of the living waters of the verses revealed from the Wellspring of divine utterance, which hath so encompassed all things that none hath the power to deny it. These deniers who are now visible are heedless; were they to be silent for but a moment and listen, all would be found submissive, humble, lowly, and remorseful. Mention was made of the oppressed ones of the land of Jasb. Observe now to what degree tyranny hath reached, that souls who day and night think only of removing from the world oppression, transgression, tyranny and whatsoever is unworthy of their station, are counted as oppressors, apostates and corrupters, and are afflicted with diverse trials. All these matters have proceeded and continue to proceed from the veils, the dark clouds, the tyranny and oppression of the turbaned ones. They have been and continue to be the source and origin of these heedless souls. Even as the lights of compassion, mercy and fairness shine forth from the Sun of Truth, so too doth the smoke of tyranny, oppression, error, malice and ignorance arise from those furnaces kindled with the firewood of rancor and hatred - and God is sufficient witness to this. Apart from these ignorant souls, none else was or is blameworthy in the first instance. God protect us and you from the evil of these people. However, the days of the oppressors have been and are numbered. Soon shall they receive the recompense of their deeds.

Mulla Ghulam-Rida and Muhammad-Javad, upon them be the glory of God and His mercy, are mentioned at the Most Holy Court in such wise that were it to be cast upon the graves, their inhabitants would arise. Blessed are they and blessed is he who remembereth them in what befell them in the path of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The servant beseecheth his Lord to deliver them from the oppression of the oppressors and to grant them His presence or to inscribe for them from His Most Exalted Pen His reunion. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

Concerning the mention that was made of Aqa Muhammad-Husayn ibn ?-Q and Aqa Nasru'llah and Aqa Ghulam-'Ali and Aqa 'Ali son of his eminence Marfu', upon them be the glory of God, it was submitted at the Most Holy Court, and these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of bounties and favors. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Light from the Horizon of Revelation

O Muhammad before ? and S! Thou hast attained unto the Most Great Word of God when the Mother Book turned toward thee from this Station at the mention of whose name the limbs of every treacherous one trembled and the face of every trustworthy one was illumined. We love him who hath loved the Face and make mention of him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure through the duration of My name in the kingdom of My mighty utterance. Be steadfast in the Cause with the most great steadfastness and strive that there may appear through thee that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people of the earth! Know ye that power and strength lie in steadfastness and unity. Hold fast unto them that your stations may be made manifest in the Kingdom and the signs of God may be spread abroad in the East of the earth and in its West. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, will aid

you through His grace, and He is the All-Informed Teacher. Say: Hold fast unto that which God hath desired. By My life! Through it shall the doors of hearts be opened and ye shall behold mankind hastening unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Tablet, whereunto nothing in the kingdom can be compared, as attesteth every discerning knower. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this glorious and wondrous station.

And this is what was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur for his eminence Nasru'llah. His words, exalted be His dominion:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous […]

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and dispatched them unto him who hath believed in Him and His Book, when He came from the heaven of command with manifest sovereignty. He desired naught for Himself. He accepted the Most Great Prison and summoned all therein unto the supreme horizon and unto that which shall profit them in the world to come and the present one. Every discerning scholar beareth witness unto this. Blessed art thou, O Nasrullah, for having turned unto Him Who was wronged and having inhaled the fragrance of the Robe when every suspicious scholar turned away - they who cast the Book of God behind their backs, following their vain imaginings. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers. Blessed is the strong one whom the clamor of the divines hath not weakened, and blessed the eye which the veils of every heedless and remote one have not prevented. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby the station of man shall be exalted in the realm of possibility, and I am the All-Knowing Counselor. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to make mention of me. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee, for Thou art verily the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. At this point We make mention of My loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the spirit and sweet savors, inasmuch as the countenance of the All-Merciful hath turned toward them from this distant spot. Grieve not over what hath befallen you. By the life of God! Ere long the tongues of the world will speak your praise and acclaim, and curse your enemies. Thus doth inform you He with Whom is a perspicuous Book. Rejoice that the Lord of the Worlds maketh mention of you - He for Whose voice's hearing multitudes have died in yearning. He beareth witness Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but I, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who love Me and make mention of Me, and whom I have mentioned in such wise that its fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

And this is what was revealed for Ghulam-Qabli-'Ali. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We have made mention of thee before and after, and at this moment, O Ghulam-Qabli-'Ali. Thou art beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness. This is a word which no treasures can equal, wert thou of them that comprehend. Act in accordance with what We have commanded thee in the Book, that all who are endowed with vision may witness in thee the effects of what God, the Lord of the Day of

Judgment, hath willed. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Rather, rejoice in this ocean which casteth upon thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Thy Lord is verily the Bestower, the Bountiful. Thus have We opened before thy face the door of grace with the key of My Name, the All-Powerful. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land who have cast aside the way of the people, turning unto My straight Path.

And this is what was revealed for Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. His mighty and glorious Word:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful

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O Ali! We have mentioned thee before with words from which mercy raineth down before the countenance of every discerning and insightful one. And We made mention of thy father, to whom My Most Exalted Pen hath testified concerning his faith, his devotion and his orientation when the Light was shining from the horizon of Baghdad. He was indeed the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. He attained the presence and drank the cup of reunion in the days of God, the Mighty, the Wise. How many a day did he circle round the House, and how many a night did he voice the praise of his Glorious Lord. And We made mention of his son, the Light, who heard with his own ear that which the Interlocutor of the Mount spoke forth in this wondrous Revelation. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and his brother, and his mother who heard and was blessed to hearken unto the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and who believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. And We made mention of My handmaiden who attained the presence and ascended to the Supreme Companion, the station whereby the eyes of those near unto God were solaced. We make mention of you and your descendants, and We counsel you to pure righteousness and to that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of an ancient Revealer.

O Lion! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Give thanks, for We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter and have sent down lustrous words, each letter of which hath illumined the earth and heaven. Yet the people remain in evident veils. Give glad tidings to My loved ones and to those who have observed My covenant and My testament and have borne hardships in My path. They are under the glances of My loving-kindness and are mentioned in My Mighty Book.

Some time ago, that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven was revealed specifically for his honor, the departed and accepted one, Kamaluddin, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy. God willing, may the true friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of bounty and who are gazing toward the horizon of the Cause hold fast to the cord of unity. God is witness and testifier that if what hath appeared and been revealed from the Source of the Cause were to be adhered to in every city and land, ere long the light of the Cause would appear with perfect radiance and brilliance and encompass all. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant success and triumph to all in accordance with His good-pleasure.

A letter was also written by H.S., son of Sadiq, to the spiritual friend Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hassan, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, and was dispatched to the Most Holy Court. God willing, may they be speaking the praise of the All-Merciful at all times and be steadfast in His service. Another letter

from that beloved one, dated the second of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, brought tidings and glad news, including mention of the Beloved of the worlds, that beloved one's arising to serve the Cause, mention of the divine friends, and the glad tidings of your esteemed being's health and well-being. It was as though each letter thereof appeared in human form and was inscribed on the right hand of these clear words: "Blessed is he who hath perfumed Me and illumined Me with the light of the remembrance of the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth." God willing, may this messenger never cease to pass by and may his foot never stumble upon a stone.

Regarding the envelope addressed to his eminence Aqa Siyyid Abu-?alib, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], according to instructions it should remain with your honor. It would be best to open it and make a copy, and there is no harm if you return it to its owner, but a copy should be taken so that it is not lost. The Blessed Tablet was revealed at the beginning of his imprisonment. This year most Tablets were delayed due to the disturbances in these parts. For example, the Tablets for the Land of M were revealed two years ago but until now, due to wisdom, were not sent. In these days, eleven of them were sent, so that the rest may be sent successively. It is hoped that all will attain.

Regarding the piece you had written about, it has been written and is available here. Since no suitable bookbinder and illuminator can be found in this land, therefore what is fitting has not been accomplished. However, according to the principle that "if the whole cannot be attained, the whole should not be abandoned," a temporary binding will be placed on it specifically for preservation. Otherwise, whatever that beloved one deems advisable, let it be done. However, if it is given in the same condition as it arrives, this would be closer to righteousness, as the signs of imprisonment are apparent and evident on it, and these blessed signs are in the path of the Friend.

Concerning what they wrote about sending funds according to instructions to the mentioned souls, praise be to God Who enabled you to act according to His will. And regarding what they wrote about what they deemed advisable in the matter of N.J. and its components, it was appropriate and fitting. It is hoped that that beloved one will forever stand firm in service and be confirmed in assisting the oppressed.

Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Javad from the land of Naraq, upon him be the Glory of God - at first it caused infinite sadness, but when this servant reached the word of salvation, boundless joy appeared. I beseech God, exalted be His glory and station, to assist that beloved one in all matters. The aforementioned Aqa Muhammad-Javad attained the presence [of Baha'u'llah] in Iraq and dwelt in that land for a time, in days when the manifestations of power, the conditions of grandeur, the fragrances of verses, and the effulgences of the suns of evidence were witnessed in such wise that the walls, stones, and pebbles of Zawra were in a state of attraction, excitement, vibration and resurrection. After the migration, he and his brother were ever-remembered in the presence. Assuredly, these tribulations and afflictions that have befallen the friends of God will be followed by innumerable rewards and recompense. Consider the previous centuries: Jesus, Son of Mary - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - was summoned before an assembly with such humiliation as none but God knows, and now all kings remove their crowns in honor of His name, especially in these days when European governments have turned to religion and have arisen with complete determination to implement it. Although what has previously been revealed from the Supreme Pen will undoubtedly come to pass -

some years ago a special Tablet was revealed for one of the friends wherein it was recorded that the face of the world is turning toward irreligion, and likewise some future events were inscribed therein - assuredly whatever is mentioned therein will appear in the world, and after the completion of the appointed time the Cause will be raised up in such wise that all will turn to it and approach with the utmost humility and submissiveness. In truth, however much this servant wishes to be brief and not cause trouble, it is observed that the choice is not in his hands - the attraction of friendship draws and carries one away to wherever God wills.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mashhadi Husayn [Baha'u'llah] from Abadih and the actions of the opponents against him - this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory: "Excellent is what he has done who has turned to God, recognized Him, spoke and arose." May they ever be assisted in that which is the good-pleasure of God. O Asad! We have found from Abadih the fragrance of steadfastness to such a degree that were it to be divided among a thousand souls it would suffice them. Reflect on this bounty to which the Pen of the All-Merciful has testified. We, from this station, send Our greetings to My loved ones there and command them to that whereby the Cause of God is exalted, but with wisdom and utterance. They must teach the Cause with wisdom. Ere long the Word of God will be seen raised up in all directions, and this is what the All-Informed acquaints you with. End.

That concerning the passing of the honored and illustrious Haji Mirza Kamal'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God, Lord of the Day of Judgment, you have written - from this matter great joy was attained. Assuredly, whatever emanates from that spiritual beloved concerning the friends of God has been and continues to be put into effect. "You have all arisen to serve God and serve His loved ones." This is a mighty station. He beseeches God, his Lord, to adorn your deeds with the seal of acceptance. Verily He has power over all things. Praise be to God that this prayer has been and continues to be adorned with the ornament of acceptance. I beseech and hope from the Exalted True One, glorified be His majesty, that He may assist Jinab-i-Aqa Nur and Jinab-i-Aqa Ali, upon them be the glory of God, and the other survivors of His Holiness Kamal, upon him and upon them be 96 [the glory of God], in that which is beneficial for them, and in all conditions may He not withhold from them the gaze of His favor. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. And praise be to God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

The third letter from that beloved one, which was adorned with the date of 4th of Muharram al-Haram, clothed the form of sorrow with the ornament of joy. God willing, this new garment will not change and will always be observed with the freshness of youth.

Concerning the mention of the receipt of the lost letter, praise and thanks be to God that once again it was not afflicted as before and remained preserved by divine protection. This evanescent servant has ever besought the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist him in mentioning and praising those near to His threshold. All atoms bear witness to this matter and behind them is our All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord.

Concerning your mention of His Excellency and that some deemed it wise to rely on correspondence in affairs - this matter accords with wisdom, for often the enemies of His Excellency would have seized upon

your association and would have departed from wisdom. Every soul has had and has both friend and foe, especially one of such an exalted station. That beloved one has truly acted with perfect wisdom in this regard. Consultation has been and will be a guide and is confirmed by the Holy Spirit. He has prospered who has turned toward it and lost who has turned away. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to increase His Excellency's confirmations through your confirmations and to grant the sealed wine. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Giver, the Munificent, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

In these days, God willing, the Tablets will arrive. Since such favor has not been shown to anyone until now, therefore a complete effect must become manifest and they must be adorned with the ornament of love, which is considered the supreme ornament.

Concerning what you wrote about His Excellency's movement being deemed wise that His Excellency should also move - this matter is surely acceptable and effective, for wherever they proceed, it has been and continues to be the cause of manifesting the fire of love and planting new saplings and growing the flowers of knowledge and wisdom.

And concerning what you wrote about turning toward the land of N.J. - praise be to God that this journey increased the warmth of love, and likewise the illumination of vision. Turning toward God, speaking for God, and acting for God have been and continue to be effective, and no essence can equal its influence. God, our Lord, suffices as witness to what I say.

As regards what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, that he had given nineteen tumans as Huququ'llah to Her Holiness the Mother of the Sacred Household, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors, this was accepted before the Throne. Blessed is he in that he fulfilled and acted upon what was commanded in the Book of God, Lord of the worlds. And regarding what Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote to your honor mentioning the debt and hardship of certain ones, this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. He says, exalted and mighty be He: "O Lion! Upon thee be My Glory! All must trust in wisdom and cling to the means. Blessing will descend and hardship will be transformed into ease, and abundance will become manifest and evident. Verily thy Lord is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. Let them not be saddened by the severity of these days. By the life of God, great prosperity follows and supreme bounty hovers above. Soon will His grace descend in truth as a favor from His presence. Verily He is the Generous, the Forgiving. Convey My greetings to My servant 'Abdu'r-Rahim and give him the glad tidings of My turning toward him and My favor unto him, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones, and arise to mention God and His call and to teach His Cause, the Mighty, the Great, with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." And We send greetings to My loved ones in all regions and We counsel them to love and unity and to that whereby the Cause will be uplifted among the servants. Thus have We commanded all before and at this time. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And regarding what they wrote that Jinab-i-Mir, upon him be the Glory of God, indicated that Jinab-i-Ustad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, owes twenty-nine tumans - this sum, according to the command, should be given from the Huquq to Jinab-i-Mir to pay his debts. Those souls who are enabled to perform this righteous deed will attain a great reward, and this servant will also send a receipt. Blessed is he whom God has enabled to serve Him in His days and has accepted what was done in His path, for

the fragrance of a deed performed for His sake in the divine days remains and endures throughout the duration of His names and attributes. Blessed is he who has recognized and acted in the days of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As for what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and likewise his petition, after permission was granted, attained the hearing of the Beloved of the worlds, and these verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. He says, exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His power: "He is the Hearer, the Answerer […]"

O Mehdi! Upon thee be my glory! The servant present here hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One. We have found from it the fragrance of thy turning to the Most Exalted Horizon and thy orientation toward the Countenance after the passing of all things. We have heard the yearning of thy heart and the sighs of thy innermost being for that which passed thee by in the days of God, Lord of the Throne and earth, and Master of the last and the first. We answer thee with this Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Be thou assured by God's grace and mercy, and hold fast to wisdom and utterance and the teaching of His Cause, which hath been among the greatest of deeds. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which is with God, the Lord of Lords.

Holy greetings and praise, sanctified from the affairs of service, do I convey to them. God willing, may they drink from the Euphrates of divine mercy which floweth and descendeth in the blessed divine verses. Every matter hath annihilation following it and change pursuing it, but the Word of God hath ever been and ever shall be abiding and eternal. Their tablet was revealed in a state where the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, was smiling and uttering these verses. God willing, may they be assisted to serve the Cause and make up for what they have missed.

As for what was written regarding Hakim Eliyahu, upon him be the glory of God, his petition was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence after the petition of Aqa Muhammad Mehdi, upon him be the glory of God. He, exalted and mighty be He, saith:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

We have heard thy call and seen thy letter. Thy cries and lamentations are like unto the cries and lamentations of those near ones and sincere ones, and thy call is the call of those who remember. God knoweth every branch and is aware of every matter. The fragrance of His garment hath been a spiritual herald, and He caused thee to attain unto Him. Thou didst reach Him and hear His call and drink from the Kawthar of His love. Preserve these stations through the name of the Glorious Lord. He hath heard the call of every wronged one and hath turned to every one who hath turned to Him. He is the Helper and He is the Succourer, He is the Powerful and He is the Mighty. Be thou assured by His grace and hold fast to His cord and cling to the hem of His generosity. Verily He is the Munificent, the Generous. At the end We counsel thee to patience and tranquility. All matters are suspended and connected to wisdom from God. Hold thou fast unto it and maintain calm and beautiful patience.

God willing, may they attain unto that which is the cause and means of salvation. This servant also conveyeth greetings and praise to them and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for assistance and confirmation. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

As for what was written regarding Mulla Baqir 966 [Baha'u'llah] from the people of N and J, their petition was presented in the Most Holy Presence and attained the hearing of God, exalted be His glory, and a tablet was revealed from the heaven of will. God willing, may they attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply. He said - may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be His sacrifice:

In My Name that dawneth from the Horizon of Command […]

O Baqir! All atoms are set in motion by the vibration of the Divine Word and are ablaze with the fire of His love. This is the Day wherein earth glorieth over heaven, inasmuch as it hath become the seat of God's Throne, and all its trees, leaves, fruits, stones and kernels are engaged in the glorification and praise of God. Yet mankind, though created specially for this Day, remain heedless and veiled from the Lord of Destiny. For years the earth hath found no rest. Each day a fresh calamity appeareth and a new turmoil ariseth, nor shall it find peace save through the command of Him Who is the Almighty, the Ancient of Days. All things are imprisoned within the grasp of His might. This, verily, is easy for Him to accomplish. This is the word which was spoken aforetime. The deeds of the heedless servants are made manifest. That which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in God's Book is evident and visible, and that which hath not yet been manifested shall assuredly come to pass. This is an irrevocable decree from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Consider the former generations and reflect how much oppression was visited upon the chosen ones of God. In all ages, the divines of the age were foremost in opposition, and through their opposition all turned away. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "They exchanged the grace of God for unbelief, and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition."

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Be not grieved by the oppression of the Wolf and his like. If bubbles upon the surface of water have their moment of stability, such souls too shall have their repose. Far, far from it! Soon shall all return to nothingness. Strive thou to be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree - a fire which the seas of the world cannot quench, let alone this handful of dust.

Today the Sun of bounty is shining and the Ocean of grace is surging. Beseech God to aid thee in that which shall endure as long as His Kingdom endureth. Thou didst mention submission and contentment. By God! Whosoever attaineth thereunto and drinketh from the ocean of contentment is recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Well is it with him and joy be unto him! Thus did the Herald - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - proclaim: Strive ye all that perchance ye may attain unto the word of His good-pleasure. This is mentioned as the ultimate station with the Lord of all mankind. Whosoever today testifieth to that which God hath testified, and acteth according to that which is commanded in the Book - concerning such a one shall the word of His good-pleasure be sent down.

As to thy question concerning predestination and free will, in former years there hath been revealed from the realm of divine knowledge that which sufficeth all. And now, that which the Herald hath spoken - that

Beloved One Who speaketh naught but the truth and in all conditions proclaimeth “Verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all else besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me.” If thou wouldst ponder upon the manifestation of God’s favor - exalted be His glory - and the sending down of this Tablet, thou wouldst become aware of the reality of that which thou hast asked. Yet today what is beloved is that ye arise to serve the Cause, for time is most precious, the Day most great, and the Cause most mighty. Were the fruit and effect of but one word of God’s utterances to appear on earth, all would arise with their very souls to serve the All-Merciful. I have desired forgiveness from thy Lord. He hath, of a truth, forgiven thee through His grace, and taught thee that which draweth thee nigh unto Him. Be thou thankful for this great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know Thee and Beloved of them that are near unto Thee.

May the honored one be assisted, arise in service, be engaged in remembrance, be silent when reading, be firm when needed, be articulate and steadfast. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations unto him.

As to what was written concerning Haji Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God (Baha’u’llah) and what befell him, it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted be His glory:

O Asad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His mercy. There hath befallen Haji that which hath caused grief to them that are nigh and sincere. Let them not be saddened. If perishable riches be taken from man, imperishable treasures are ordained for him with God. Regret is for wealth that is spent in ways other than the path of God; otherwise, that which is doomed to perish beseemeth them that perish. Beseech ye God that all may be enabled to discharge the rights of God, for thereby wealth becometh pure and blessed, and existence free and joyous. God willing, may all find the sweetness of the All-Merciful’s utterance and the sweetness of deeds performed in His path. By My life! Whoso hath found it hath detached himself from all else. Thus hath flowed the stream of mercy from the tongue of thy Lord’s wisdom, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy, and remind them of that which hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Rahim of N.J., upon him be the Glory of God, and his intention to pay the rights of God - may he, in all conditions, gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Mention of him attained the presence of the Most High and these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of mercy, exalted and mighty be His Word:

O Asad! Upon thee be My Glory. Make mention of Rahim on My behalf. We have remembered and do remember all who have turned unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. There is none, whether great or small, for whom My Most Exalted Pen hath not revealed that which cooleth the eyes. Ask God to assist Rahim in His remembrance, praise, service to His Cause, and the discharge of what is incumbent upon him regarding the rights of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. By God’s life! All that the world possesseth cannot equal one word from thy Lord’s utterances. To this testifieth His Book Preserved and His Decree Irrevocable.

O My servant! Remember Me before the break of each day with this sublime Word:

Lord! Deliver me from my will and desire and adorn me with what Thou willeth and desirest. Assist me thereafter to arise in Thy service and to serve Thy Cause with the power of Thy sovereignty. I testify to my impotence and to Thy might, to my weakness and to Thy power. Thou art the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

Two other souls were mentioned. God willing, may all attain His grace and act in accordance with what He loves and is pleased with. His Holiness Afnan (may the Most Glorious Glory be upon him) wrote regarding the matter of Aqa Rahim as per your letter to this servant. As commanded, nine tumans from the available funds should be sent from the Land of Qaf to Jinab-i-Samandar (may the Glory of God be upon him) to be delivered to Mulla ʼAbduʼl-Husayn (may the Glory of God be upon him) and a receipt obtained.

Another matter: As per the blessed Command, consider the case of the sister of Sultanuʼsh-Shuhada (may the Glory of God be upon them both). Her rights, with whomever they may lie, must be delivered to her. Her petitions have repeatedly reached the Most Holy Court and one Tablet was revealed and sent in response to her supplications.

Regarding the turning toward the Most Holy Court by the Names of the Unity, after the Master of Names heard this, this supreme word was revealed from the Kingdom of Will - His blessed and exalted Word: "If it occurs with spirit and fragrance, there is no harm. And if truly the lack of turning toward the Blessed Kaaba causes clamor among the deniers, they may turn in such wise that the pebbles of the earth and the fish of the sea join in their praise. Thus it behooveth everyone who desireth God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are they and those whom God hath made worthy of this noble station." However, it was repeatedly stated that if not turning causes objection, then pausing in these matters is preferable, for perhaps souls may be quickened and enabled to serve the Cause. Today, holding fast to that which exalteth the Cause before God is [most] great. He recordeth for whosoever desireth the reward of meeting Him, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what was written about the handmaiden of God, the wife of Aqa Muhammad Hashim Mishki-baf (may the Glory of God be upon them both), it was submitted to the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for her from our All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord. His exalted Word:

"O My handmaiden! Remember thy Lord with these sublime words:

Glory be unto Thee! In Thy grasp is my forelock and the reins of the affairs of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the handmaiden who melted in separation and remoteness from Thee to ordain for me by the Pen of Thy Will that which will preserve me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy grace. O Lord! The atoms have testified to Thy generosity, bounty and favors, and all created things to Thy knowledge, wisdom and all-encompassing power. I beseech Thee to send down from the heaven of Thy Will that which will deliver me from my will and desire and benefit me in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou art nearer to Thy servants and handmaidens than their own selves, and more knowing of what is with them and what benefiteth them. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

And regarding the mention of Aqa Siyyid Baqir (may the Glory of God be upon him), this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of grace - His Word, great is His grandeur:

He is the Ruler over what He willeth […]

A mention from Us to the one who desired to be remembered in the Most Great Prison, that his name might be honored through attaining the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath come from the heaven of Command with the hosts of ordinances and laws. Blessed is he who hath beheld My horizon, heard My call, desired My remembrance and attained unto My Word. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Baqir! He who arose to serve Me made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with a remembrance that, were it to be cast upon the mountain, would cause it to soar with longing for the meeting with God, the Lord of lords. Cast aside what the people possess and take what is with thy Lord, the Master of mankind. Thus have We remembered thee and revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee or the veils of those who dispute the signs prevent thee. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty.

O Lion! O thou who hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and turned thy face toward My countenance! No name was presented before the Face but that We mentioned it as a bounty from thy Lord, the Generous. The mention of all is remembered in the Most Holy Court and divine verses have been specifically revealed for all, and even those souls whose names have not outwardly been honored by being heard, their mention too hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have mentioned him and do mention him that it may be for him a remembrance, a treasure, an honor and a store with God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, He loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth him who uttereth His beautiful praise. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark through this wondrous Name.

O ’Ali! We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee as a bounty from Us, and We have heard thy call and have answered thee in truth, and We are the Answerer. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison with a loving-kindness whose station none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My Most Great Word, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause in this Day wherein the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name calleth out with a call that hath enraptured the hearts of those who have recognized. Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath come to thee from God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent thee from the Truth. Leave the people and what they possess behind thee, turning toward the Supreme Horizon, the station from which the light hath shone forth through this wondrous Name. The glory that is manifest and resplendent from the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In My Name, through which the ocean of life hath surged […]

This Book hath been sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention therein of him who hath turned unto the Countenance, that it may be unto him an everlasting treasure with his Lord, the Protector, the Trustworthy. O Jim-'Ayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the direction of Truth, and calleth thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, and guideth thee unto His Straight Path. Blessed art thou for having inhaled the fragrance of My raiment, and turned thy face toward My countenance, and heard My wondrous Call. Be thou in all conditions firm in thy grasp of the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and put thy trust in Him. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Grieve thou not over anything. The Most Great Joy hath appeared, for God hath come with His manifest Command. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which hath come unto him from God, the Single, the All-Wise. Thus hath the fragrance of the Merciful's utterance been wafted throughout all contingent being. Blessed is he who hath found it, and woe unto the heedless. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother who hath heard the Call and turned unto it, and upon every maidservant who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This concludeth what hath come from His bounty. Who else can reckon His bestowals or render Him proper thanks? All existence hath confessed its powerlessness, its poverty, its inadequacy and its evanescence, and hath acknowledged that He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

The changing of names is not permitted at present, though afterward the matter resteth in His hands. Their occupation is well-pleasing at the Divine Threshold. A change of intention is necessary, and praise be to God, they have succeeded in this.

Eight pieces were sent, two of them practice pieces and evening exercises, and six others in clear script. Fifteen other pages were bound for safekeeping and all were dispatched. Let them act as they deem advisable. We beseech God to aid His servants to recognize that for which they were created. He, verily, hath power over all things.

To the honored leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, His favor and His grace, we convey greetings and salutations. God willing, whatever was neglected before shall now be undertaken. It is hoped that from what hath transpired, perfect results shall become manifest. Verily, all authority is within the grasp of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. The Glory, manifest, resplendent, shining forth from the direction of the prison of our Lord and our Goal and your Goal, be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto this Manifest Announcement.

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Praise be to God Who is sanctified in His Glory, unique in His Majesty, exalted above weariness, and holy beyond all hopes! He it is Who has ordained the terms for all lives, Who speaks from all eternity, and Who is manifest in the end. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

And praise be to God Who has accepted the deeds of those who were attracted by His call, who were intoxicated by the wine of His revelation, who were made to speak His praise, who recognized the Sun of His Beauty, who were made manifest in His days, who were aided to know His Self, and who were enabled to achieve His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God Who illumined the horizon of the world with the Most Great Light. When He was established upon the throne, He gave glad tidings to the people of the manifestation of the ocean of His favors and the suns of His grace. Blessed is he who, being steadfast, cast away that which held him back and hastened to His most exalted horizon. Woe unto him who hesitated because he followed the vain imaginings of those who appeared in the guise of men.

I glorify, pray, and send greetings upon those whom vain desires have not kept back from God, the Lord of Names. Through them the star of divine knowledge has shone forth in most lands. They are honored servants, they are working servants, they are near servants, they are sincere servants, they are triumphant servants, they are servants who stand firm in the service of their Lord, and they are they who speak with wisdom and utterance amongst the servants.

I testify that they have attained unto the Kawthar of life which flows from the right hand of the throne of the All-Merciful, and they have achieved that which none before them has achieved. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Bountiful.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and your constancy! I was sitting silent, contemplating the Cause of God and what had befallen it from His servants, when one of the loved ones of God brought your letter. When I opened it, I found the fragrance of your love for our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the world, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. I read it and understood what was in it concerning your service, your steadfastness, your praise, and what you have borne in the path of God.

Thereafter, I approached the Most Exalted Station, the seat of the throne of our Most Glorious Lord. When I entered and found myself before His presence, I presented that wherewith you had called upon God. Then the Beloved smiled and said: “He has no merit in this. We aided him to remember Me, so he remembered Me. We caused him to know My horizon, so he turned to My face. We enabled him to serve Me, so he arose to serve by My leave. All bounty belongs to My Self, and I am the Ancient Bestower. Were it not for the outpourings of the ocean of My grace, he would not have known Me, and were it not for the attraction of My verses from the kingdom of My utterance, he would not have turned to My path.”

O My Name “Beauty”! Reflect upon the kings and that which We have revealed unto thee, that thou mayest comprehend what thy Wise Lord hath spoken. Verily, one of the kings was immersed in the seas of dominion and attached to the world and its ornaments and colors. On one of the nights, the sun of detachment dawned upon him from the horizon of My will, and We unveiled him. He abandoned all that he possessed and went forth from his house, turning toward the wilderness, and none knew of this save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. And were We to unveil to the people as We have unveiled to

thee, they would all arise to serve Me and to remember Me and praise Me. Thus hath My tongue spoken that thou mayest be among the joyous ones. Verily, thy Lord loves jest at times.

Thus did My tongue speak, that thou mayest be among those who rejoice. Verily thy Lord loveth jesting at times and doth jest. He, verily, doeth what He willeth. None can object to that which proceedeth from Him. The Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, bear witness to this.

As to what thou didst manifest of the signs of powerlessness and nothingness, and confession of sins and shortcomings, He said: "O My Name! We have forgiven thee aforetime and accepted thy service, thy obedience, thy presence, thy meeting with Us, and We have heard thy yearning, thy sighing, thy cry, thy lamentation and the sighings of thy heart in thy love for God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

And concerning what thou didst write that this error of turning towards the land of Kha added to previous errors, after this was presented, the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance that which none among the people of creation can comprehend. By thy life! The pens of the world are powerless to describe it, nor can the hearts of the mystics grasp it. At the end of the utterance He said: Write in the name of the Beauty, upon Him be the Glory of God, that this service was and shall be accepted, for His Honor the Name of Ha, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote to you, and We testify that he is among those who have been set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and was immersed in the ocean of His grace, and in such a state, when he heard what occurred in the Prison Land, he cried out within himself and informed the people of what had appeared. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou assured that We have accepted what thou hast done in the path of God, and be thou of the thankful ones. Verily the rain of grace from the heaven of My bounty hath been directed toward thee, and the glances of My mercy have been fixed upon thy love. Remember thy Lord in all conditions with wisdom and utterance. He verily heareth and seeth. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Beauty! Some souls are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and, with utmost longing, yearning, attraction and enkindlement in the divine path, they hold nothing back and take precedence in service to the Cause. These are the people of Baha in My crimson Book. And some have not yet reached this exalted, most high station, therefore they are not protected from the promptings of their hearts. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing.

Thus when the aforementioned news reached the Holy Land, the Command shone forth from the Source of Command and the decree of prohibition descended from the heaven of divine Will. Among these was the command to Jawad, upon him be the Glory of God, who circumambulates, to write to the land of Ta and Qaf that no one should request anything. Similarly, His Honor the Name of Ha, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory from God, was commanded regarding the lands of Kha and Kaf and Ta. This decree of prohibition was not specific to the land of Kha. Perfect bounty hath appeared from the Dawning-Place of favors toward the loved ones of that land. Verses have been revealed for them before, which if anyone should read them, they would discover God's grace and mercy toward them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed.

There hath been and is no doubt that every one of the aforementioned souls who arose to serve, did so for God and acted in the path of God. Therefore their deeds are surely accepted and their reward is

inscribed with God by the Most Exalted Pen. They must be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with utmost joy and gladness. We glorify their faces and make mention of them in such wise that their names shall endure in the material world and in My wondrous Kingdom.

This servant submits that this imperative matter was revealed at a time when the names of those who had succeeded in serving the Cause were not, in appearance, mentioned in the Most Holy Presence, and after the mention of souls it was accepted, and concerning whatever funds had been received, it was commanded that they be distributed among certain loved ones of God who dwelt in that land. And the details of distribution were sent, according to the command, by Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali of Qa'in - upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Care must be taken lest it become a cause of distress to accepted souls, for all are honored in the sight of God. Today, whosoever hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon hath been and is the recipient of perfect grace, for mighty is this Cause. We beseech God - exalted and glorified be He - to adorn all with the raiment of steadfastness and to give them to drink, at all times, of the most pure wine. Verily, He is the Munificent Giver.

It is entirely clear and evident that from the time the Kitab-i-Aqdas was revealed from the heaven of God's Will, it remained concealed for several years, until certain accepted and assured souls from various regions asked about the divine laws and made their earnest and humble petition. Therefore the command to send forth the Kitab-i-Aqdas was given, and it was ordained that none should demand the Huqúqu'llah, this matter being contingent upon the willingness of the souls themselves. This continued until the years culminated in the previous year, when the command was issued from the Source of Authority that whosoever wished to pay the Huqúqu'llah, it should be accepted from them. And in truth, this too is a great bounty for the servants, as it is the cause of purification and divine blessing and grace. Blessed is he who doeth what hath been commanded in the Book.

Although it is known that your honor hath acted with perfect wisdom and detachment, and not a word contrary to the command hath proceeded from you, yet since you were specifically determined in this matter, therefore the command of prohibition was revealed, for some people are weak. Otherwise, by God, besides Whom there is none other God, your deed was and shall ever be accepted and your effort appreciated. One day these words were heard from the blessed tongue: "O servant who standeth before the Throne! We have created all for My service and My days, for the triumph of My Cause, the recognition of My Self, the turning unto My face, and presence before the gate of My mercy. And what they possess was but a drop from the ocean of My bounty. Were you to seek from them what I have bestowed upon them through My grace, you would find them different from what you had previously observed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

And likewise in Persian He said - though this servant is not capable of recounting all that was heard from the Kingdom of Utterance, yet what remaineth in mind shall be mentioned - He said: "Although the entire world is from God, and all acknowledge and confess this, and whatever hath been given to the people of the earth hath been from the bounties of the ocean of His grace, nevertheless, if they were commanded to spend what they possess, you would surely find some deficient and hesitant, while others, through the effulgences of the lights of detachment, have attained to such a station that they have spent with utmost love and sincerity in the path of God whatsoever they possessed. This too hath been witnessed." End.

The wish of this evanescent servant is that such arrangement be made that the people of the land of Kha be not saddened, but rather be adorned with the ornament of joy in the name of God, for this is beloved in the sight of God, inasmuch as the perfection of divine favors toward the friends is manifest and evident from the horizon of grace. And concerning what was written about the aforementioned one who sent a gift to your honor and expressed his desire to render service - God willing his service has been accepted. In any case, arrange matters in such wise that none may be saddened. Any matter wherein both the negation and affirmation thereof are for God's sake is assuredly beloved. No grief shall then remain for anyone in this regard. This much is submitted: that this journey of yours was for God, and all deeds are manifest and evident before the Truth.

And concerning what you wrote about having written to the land of Kha according to instructions that it was not accepted, they said this word would cause grief, for they would think they are not acceptable in the sight of God. Arrangements should be made that all may know that the glance of favor hath been and, God willing, will continue to be directed towards them. This is the end of that matter, and the reason is what was submitted before. God willing, may all be gladdened by and attain unto divine favors.

And concerning what was written about some of those souls having given funds as Huqúqu'llah, they said: "Excellent is what they have done, for the Huqúq is a word which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book." It is incumbent upon all to be mindful thereof and act accordingly. However, since what transpired outwardly gave rise to other impressions among some of the weak ones, therefore the decree of prohibition was sent down from the heaven of command. Verily, He is the Ruler, the All-Choosing.

O My Name "Jamal"! We have answered thee out of My grace, and We love thee through My all-compelling favor that surroundeth the world. We behold those whom God hath adorned in the land of Kha with the ornament of humility, submissiveness and sincerity. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. They are those who have attained unto the wine of revelation and have been intoxicated by the living waters of thy Lord's bountiful favor. We hear and see those who make mention of Me and act in My straight Path. Nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily those who soar in My atmosphere and act as bidden in My path shall soon find themselves in stations which the tongues of speakers are powerless to describe. We send Our greetings from this Most Exalted Station, which hath been named 'the Most Great Prison' in the Book of Names, to the faces of those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, and have acknowledged and recognized what He hath sent down from the heaven of grace. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Giving, the Ancient of Days. We beseech God to assist them to remain firm with great steadfastness, lest their feet slip from what is mentioned in creation and from the cawing of the cawers.

Here endeth the response to your honored letter which you sent from Yazd, answered point by point. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The second holograph of that eminent one, which was inscribed from the land of Sad, arrived when this lowly servant was outside the city. God knoweth that I opened and read it, finding it adorned, embellished, honored, blessed, and perfumed with the remembrance of God, my Beloved and your Beloved, my Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all the worlds. God, exalted and mighty be He, is my witness that this servant, beholding the enkindled fire that blazed forth from divine love in that noble

one's breast, read it time and again. Later, at a special hour, it was presented before the Throne. Verily my Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Thereupon the Ancient Beauty turned toward the servant and said, exalted be His grandeur and majesty: "We have heard the mention of My name, his call, and his supplication, and We have seen his turning and his entreaty, and verily We kindle the fire of My love in his breast, for I am the Almighty, the Powerful. O My Name! Sorrows have overtaken Me to such extent that were I to tell thee of them, thou wouldst weep as those who are bereft. There hath appeared in this land that which should not appear in the days of God and His Manifestation, and I am the Wronged, the Lonely One. We have made the prison-land a garden among gardens, sent down blessings therein, and released the path of those who were in a mighty fortress, and opened the gate of the City that whoso willeth may go forth and whoso desireth may enter therein. But when that which appeared appeared, they found themselves in manifest straits. Grieve thou not over anything, for thy Lord, though encompassed by sorrows, is in great joy. Give glad tidings to those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon with My remembrance, and greet their faces on My behalf, for I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. We make mention of those who have believed in God throughout the nights and days. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings unto all who are related to thee, male and female, young and old." And when the final passages of that noble one's supplication, which indicated the arrival of the Most Mighty Tablet and expressed joy, delight, gratitude and praise, were presented, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke again: "O My Name! We saw thee immersed in the ocean of contentment. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this noble station. Be thou in all conditions as thou hast been. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel thee in this mighty prison."

And concerning what thou didst mention about the Tablet of Mulla 'Ali-Jan, upon him be the Glory of God, it is indeed exactly as thou hast written. Such matters caused the heavenly sustenance to be cut off, such that for a time the Most Exalted Pen was stilled. O beloved of my heart! If the servants would act in accordance with what they have been commanded by the Lord of Creation, by thy life, thou wouldst see the world transformed beyond recognition - nay, even more than what that eminent one hath written. Indeed, at one time the Ancient Tongue, addressing the servant, said that some of the divine Tablets which were revealed from the heaven of will as pure bounty now lie buried beneath the earth - one who had possession of them concealed them out of fear, and some gave tablets to others who gave them to still others. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing.

From this blessed word it is evident that many unacceptable deeds have occurred regarding the matter of the Tablets. We must all - you, this servant, and all the friends - beseech the True One, glorified and exalted be He, and with the utmost humility and need implore and supplicate that He may adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness, trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness. By Him Who has caused all things to speak forth His Most Great, Most Glorious Name! Had they acted upon the divine counsels of the All-Merciful, now would the Sun of the Divine Word be seen rising and manifest from every city, and dawning and visible from every horizon. The matter is finished, and it behooveth the tongue to maintain evident silence. God willing, through the grace and favor of the True One, it is foreseen that all who drink from the Kawthar of reality will become so enkindled with the fire of love that naught shall remain save oneness and unity, until all speak with one tongue and act with one hand. If the prayers of this servant are not answered due to the seas of disobedience, it is hoped that the prayers of that honored one and

the other friends will be accepted before God. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Generous, He is the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

Another matter: Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wrote to this servant that someone from Mazandaran has come here and desires to go to the Most Holy Court. When this was presented at the Threshold of the Throne, a special Tablet was revealed in these days for Mulla 'Ali-Jan, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise concerning that person mighty and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of God's will and sent forth. And it was specifically commanded that the bearer should bring the special Tablet to you, and after your perusal deliver this exalted Tablet to its owner.

And another matter: At one time They commanded: Write to the one bearing the name of Beauty that prolonged stay in any place is not necessary. Rather, like the morning star, thou must rise from the horizon of every land so that some of the friends who have grown cold may become enkindled with the fire of divine love. Just as food is necessary for bodies, likewise for spirits it is essential. The food of the spirit is the exalted, delicate, fresh heavenly sustenance that hath been sent down from the heaven of divine favor. If the food of the spirit reacheth it not, it will surely grow weak. Therefore, from time to time, with perfect wisdom, turn to various regions for the purpose of teaching. What is necessary and essential is the remembrance of receptive souls, so that all may, through divine assistance, attain to the ornament of steadfastness, trustworthiness, truthfulness, and that whereby God's Cause is exalted. In these days a Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings concerning detachment and its station. It is mentioned here that perchance it may be the cause of the purification of souls. We beseech the True One, glorified and exalted be He, that He may cause all to drink of this wine and attain unto this most glorious and most exalted station. And whosoever attaineth unto the ornament of detachment will assuredly be observed to be trustworthy, truthful and steadfast. O how wonderful is this most pure station! O how wonderful is this most luminous station! O how wonderful is this most resplendent station! And O how wonderful is this most exalted station! This is a copy of what God hath revealed in the Book.

In My Name, the Book […]

When the sun of detachment dawns from the horizon of the heaven of any soul, the fire of desire and craving is quenched therein. Thus doth He Who is the Lord of all men inform you, did ye but know it. He whose sight is illumined by the light of understanding will assuredly detach himself from the world and all that is therein. Unto this beareth witness thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in this exalted and glorious station. Consider, then remember Nu'man who was among the most exalted of kings, and before him another from among creation. When the sun of detachment dawned upon their hearts, they forsook all they possessed and went forth into the wilderness, and none knew of them save God, the All-Knowing. Verily, Nu'man was seated upon the throne of sovereignty when We caused him to hear one of My most exalted words. He was stirred, pondered, was amazed, then arose and addressed himself, saying: "There is no good in what thou dost possess today, for tomorrow another shall possess it." Thus did We awaken him, and verily I am the Almighty, the All-Powerful. When morning breathed and the sun rose, the nobles found the throne abandoned. They were bewildered and searched throughout the realm until they despaired of that which they sought. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God! Were We to

lift the veil from eyes as We lifted it from his, thou wouldst witness the people forsaking the world behind them and abandoning that which withholdeth them from this luminous horizon. Blessed is he who is illumined by the lights of detachment; he is, before God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, of the people of the Crimson Ark. Blessed is the city from whose horizon the sun of detachment hath dawned, and the land that hath been illumined by its lights. By My life! Had these regions been blessed by a ray of its dawning light, Baha would not have suffered among His enemies. Thus doth the Lord of Names recount unto thee that thou mayest be of them that know. Were I to tell thee what hath befallen the Wronged One, thou wouldst weep and lament as do they who have lost their loved ones […]

Now if a soul were to observe this Tablet with outward eyes, solely for the sake of God, and ponder upon it, he would discover that which would profit him and illumine the world. O thou beloved of my heart! Most people have been reared in the school of ignorance and wander in the wilderness of falsehood and hypocrisy. Where is the seeing eye and where is the hearing ear? Where are the penetrating visions and the attentive ears? He who martyred the Third Letter of the Living who believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest - as attested by the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for His sake - through tyranny and aggression, and likewise the one who accompanied him from Persia to Iraq, and others - each one of whom he condemned to death on some pretext - yet he wrote that they are killing holy souls and forcibly seeking leadership. Consider how he did not count the Third Letter among the holy souls, and as for Aqa Jan known as Kaj-Kulah - God the One is witness that the people of this land cried out because of his reprehensible deeds - let them inquire in Persia, Istanbul, Damascus and this place until the truth becomes known about this person who has been made one of the holy souls in service to that imaginary person. And that great person you mentioned to whom that imaginary one wrote a letter - it would be well to ask him about the details of Aqa Jan, for Aqa Jan's sister was in the household of Navvab Firidun Mirza, and among the holy souls of that imaginary one was Rida-Quli, about whom you yourself know that his brother said in your presence that "my lack of belief is due to the kind of belief that my brother Rida-Quli claims, for I know him better and am more aware of his deeds, yet I see that he considers himself one of the chosen ones of this Cause." The other details about him are known to you, and you are aware of why he was banished from the Most Holy Court, and if he was a follower of Yahya, what was he doing in Akka? By God, besides Whom there is none other God, such things proceeded from him and his sister as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. These are among those whom whoever has seen them has testified to their falsehood and hypocrisy. They are they who cast aside God's Cause and His laws, and followed what their desires commanded them - to this beareth witness what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. By thy life, eyes have shed tears because of their deeds and hearts have melted at the oppression they have wrought against God's Cause and His envoys - to this beareth witness everyone adorned with the robe of justice. How desirable it would be for someone to ask His Excellency Mushiru'd-Dawlih about the reason for Siyyid Muhammad's going to Istanbul, so that it might become clear to every person of insight how much these imaginary liars have caused the Cause of God to be wasted. Beyond all this, you yourself are aware that no one associated with those souls. For several months the Ancient Beauty had ceased associating with anyone, the door was closed and attainment to His presence was forbidden, and in those days occurred what occurred. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make known to the servants what He possesseth and to guide them to His straight path.

Up to this point is the reply to your letter which you had sent from the land of Sad, and an answer was submitted several months ago. However, since it was lengthy and contained various subjects and statements, and circumstances were unsettled, it was not sent. Until today, which is the fifth day of the blessed month of Ramadan, it remained delayed and postponed until recently when your other letter, which you had written outside the land of Ta, namely at Imamzadeh Hasan, became the cause of joy and gladness to the heart. After perusal, it was presented to the Most Holy Court, all of it was submitted. He says, exalted be His grandeur and His glory […]

O Jamal! At times we behold thee in manifest joy, and at other times in a sorrow that saddeneth the hearts of the sincere ones. If thou hast attained unto supreme joy, what meaning can sorrow have, and if thou art truly certain of the evanescence of the world and aware of the spreading of the divine carpet, for what purpose dost thou mention contraction? O My Name "The Beauty"! Knowest thou Who speaketh unto thee? He is the One for Whose call Moses sacrificed his spirit, for Whose meeting the Beloved offered up his life, and for the fragrance of Whose raiment the Spirit laid down his life. Can sorrows remain with thee after these utterances which have streamed forth from the fountains of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate? We bear witness that thou art among them that have attained, that thou art among the assured ones, and that thou art among them that are well-informed.

O Jamal! First, in these days when the sea of joy is surging and the winds of gladness are blowing due to the appearance of the Manifestation of Revelation, it behooveth not the souls who have accepted and remained steadfast to make mention of sorrows, except in regard to tribulations that pertain to the Cause of God. And since thy sorrows have been of this nature, there is no harm in this. However, thy sorrows shall be transformed into joy through the bounties of the Beloved, for He is the Comforter, and He is the Consoler. But what is to be done about the tribulations that have befallen the Wronged One? Is there any comforter to comfort Him, or any consoler to console Him in what hath come upon Him? Nay, by His Self, the All-Subduing over the worlds! O Jamal! The mention of the sorrows of the Beloved of all possibility containeth an ocean of solace. Well is it with them that understand.

The elaboration of this matter is not timely at present, as the servant is present and desireth that thy letter be presented point by point and answers be revealed from the Kingdom of utterance, that perchance these answers may, like the water of life, flow through the bodies of all contingent beings and enable all to inhale the fragrances of the days of God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Jamal! Ever remember the loved ones who have turned unto the horizon of the All-Merciful and have quaffed the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the Beloved of all possibility, that all may manifest such virtuous and goodly characteristics as shall cause the exaltation of God's Cause. O Jamal! Had the land of the Prison been adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, the Beloved of the world would not have been observed to be sorrowful. You must call the friends to trustworthiness and truthfulness, that they may attain unto these two greatest luminaries which have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's commandments.

In one of the Persian Tablets this word hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will: “Today befitting deeds are needed and praiseworthy actions are meet. Every goodly deed is in itself a promoter of the Cause.” The witness to this utterance are the words that have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in other Tablets. If today a soul be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, it is more beloved in the sight of God than one who would journey on foot toward the Most Holy Court and attain the presence of the Worshipped One at the glorified station. Trustworthiness is to the city of humanity as a fortress, and to the temple of man as the eye. Whoso is deprived of it shall be recorded and accounted as blind in the presence of the Divine Throne, even though in keenness of sight he be like Zarqa of Yamamih.

O Jamal! Be confident in the divine favors and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the happenings of time nor the perturbations of the contingent world may prevent thee from serving the Beloved of the worlds. Yea, perturbation is one of human characteristics and in every case it seizeth man.

Be not deterred by the troubles of contingent existence from serving the Well-Beloved of all worlds. Indeed, trouble is among human traits and in every case it seizes man and makes him despondent, yet upon holy souls it has not had, nor does it have, complete effect. The body may be sorrowful, but the spirit dwells in joy and fragrance, even as the Son of Mary said: “The body is sorrowful but the spirit is in delight and gladness.” O Jamal, count this mention as great, for the rain of the All-Merciful’s mercy has showered upon thee from the heaven of bounty. Be thou grateful and be among the thankful ones. Be thou grateful and be among those who praise.

It behooveth not this evanescent servant to submit any word, for the King of Words hath made mention of that exalted one, and the Sovereign of Meanings hath ascended the throne of bounty. O beloved of my heart and mentioned in my soul! Were all the world and its peoples to become one ear, they would not fully attain unto the hearing of a single letter of the Word of God. Ye have heard and know this, while the people are in evident stupefaction. Since mention of trustworthiness and truthfulness hath appeared from the Tongue of Unity, therefore doth this servant make mention of two Tablets from the Tablets of God which were revealed concerning these stations, that ye may convey them unto the friends with wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may be disseminated and all may attain unto that which God hath willed.

He is the Sovereign in the Realms of Utterance

We were contemplating the earth and heard its tale and its tidings when lo, there emerged from one of the chambers of Paradise a radiant Maid who walked until she stood in mid-air and cried out with the most beauteous of voices: “O concourse of earth and heaven! I am a Maid who hath been named ‘Trust’ in the preserved and inscribed Tablet. I have unveiled my face by the leave of my Lord that ye might behold my beauty and my majesty, my grace, my creation and nature, and that ye might witness mine eye darkened with kohl, my crimson cheek, my brilliant countenance, and my raven tresses. I adjure you, O concourse of creation, by the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of both this world and the next, that ye veil me not with the veils of treachery, greed and passion, nor abandon me before them. By the life of God! Treachery is among mine enemies, and its nature is rancor and hatred. I beseech you by the One, the Single, that ye let not mine arch-enemy gain mastery over me. Have mercy upon me, O people of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers.” Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and acquainted

thee through allusion with what hath befallen Us in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be of those who are informed. We praise God for what hath come upon Us of tribulation in His straight Path. When thou readest the Tablet and knowest what is therein, remind My loved ones on My behalf and proclaim unto their faces greetings from the Wronged One, the Stranger.

In My Name, the Wondrous […]

Here is the Book of Truthfulness, sent down in truth from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, it is the Messenger of Truth to all lands, that it may remind the people of its exalted station and acquaint them with its supreme position, its most glorious abode, show them its most wondrous beauty, its most elevated station and its most impregnable and glorious sovereignty. By the life of God! It walketh, and on its right walketh acceptance, on its left assurance, before it the standards of glory, and behind it the hosts of dignity. To this beareth witness He Who causeth the rivers to flow, verily He is the Knower of all things. It calleth out saying: "O concourse of humanity! I have come to you from the presence of the Most Great Truth to make known to you its loftiness, its transcendence, its beauty, its perfection, its station, its glory and its splendor, that ye may find a way to its straight path." By God! He who is adorned with this supreme ornament is indeed of the people of this luminous station. Beware, O people, lest ye abandon it to the claws of falsehood. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Its likeness is as the sun - when it shineth forth from its horizon it illumineth the regions and brighteneth the faces of those who have attained. Whoso is deprived of it is indeed in manifest loss. We say: "O Messenger! Canst thou enter the cities and regions, and canst thou find therein any helper?" It saith: "I have no knowledge save that which Thou hast taught me, verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." We have sent down this Tablet as a grace from Our presence that thou mayest remind the people of that which is therein from the presence of a mighty Commander. The glory be upon thee and upon him who reciteth the verses of the All-Merciful with joy and fragrance and is of them that are steadfast.

In this year most of the verses have flowed from the Supreme Pen - that is, the Truth, exalted be His glory, Himself wrote them. The mention of detachment, trustworthiness, faithfulness, truthfulness and other sublime attributes is evident and manifest in most of the Tablets. And since certain unpleasing matters occurred in this land, therefore the Supreme Pen, with regard to the education of the servants, has repeatedly revealed mention of those deeds, qualities and attributes that are the cause of the exaltation of sanctified souls, the upliftment of God's Cause, the assurance of the people of the world, and the preservation of all. Your honor and this servant must supplicate and beseech with utmost humility and devotion the Truth, exalted be His sovereignty, that He may aid His servants to achieve that which pleaseth Him and adorn them with that which is befitting and worthy. Verily He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the Answerer, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Another submission is that for those souls mentioned in your honored letter, after presentation before the Most Holy Presence, verses were revealed from the heaven of bounty specifically for each one. God willing, may all attain unto them and recite them with both outer and inner tongue. This is what was revealed for the sister of your honor's wife […]

O Jamal! Rejoice in that the All-Glorious, the Most High, makes mention of thee on this Day wherein Justice waileth like unto one bereft, by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

By God! The Temple of Justice lieth prostrate in the dust, while the Temple of Tyranny hath been raised upon the exalted throne through manifest pride. Yet, by thy life, the throne mocketh him, and the air foretelleth his torment, and the very ground seeketh refuge from him. By God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful! Behold and make mention of the one whom the people have made their leader instead of God, who is designated as "the Speckled One" in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great. He hath committed that which hath caused the Apostle to lament and the Chaste One to cry out, yet the people are in grievous schism. Verily thy Lord hath seized her through His authority and made her a warning to those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. O Jamal! Grieve not over anything, for verily He hath seized in this Revelation every oppressor who hath oppressed, and He will seize those whom thou seest today seated upon the thrones of religious authority without any evidence from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They laugh in their houses while those whom they have wronged wail in Paradise and the Concourse on High. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names in this station which hath been named by all names in the Book of Names by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Pen! Cease the mention of the Speckled One, and make mention of her who turned unto God, and heard, and believed, and attained until she soared unto the Most Exalted Companion and the Supreme Paradise - the station wherein the Tongue of Eternity proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is Mine Own Ancient Beauty!" O Jamal! By My life, the Leaf hath soared unto the Divine Lote-Tree and beareth witness even as she bore witness in the transient days. Verily thy Lord is the Observer, the Witness. O Leaf! We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. I bear witness that thou didst believe in God and turn unto Him on the day when the Most Great Branch appeared through that which the hands of the heedless had wrought. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the Word of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Rejoice in the Supreme Paradise, for God hath borne witness unto thee while seated upon His mighty throne. And We make mention in this station of him who was named ?amad, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O ?amad! Be thou assured by the grace and mercy of God. Verily He maketh mention of thee in truth and will continue to mention thee as a bounty from Him, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Hold fast unto the Book of God and His Way, then praise Him for this bounty which is incomparable to aught else created on earth. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Trustworthy. We have made mention of thee and thy wife in this Tablet, and We make mention of their mother who believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve not over that which hath befallen you. By the life of God! The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for you in My mighty and exalted Kingdom. Your names have been treasured in this Treasury which hath been named the Tablet by the tongue of God, and it shall verily endure as long as His names endure. To this beareth witness every discerning mystic.

This Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will specially for the handmaiden of God Khadijih, who in the Blessed Tablet hath been designated as "the Leaf." God knoweth that she hath attained unto that which the heavens and earth cannot equal. In truth, in this wondrous and transcendent Tablet, you and the servant 'Abdu's-Samad and the Leaf and that holy consort have all been made the recipients of God's special favors - may the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His grace. Mention hath also been made therein of the martyrdom of the two luminous lights, and likewise of Kazim - upon them be the glory of God. Although the events in the land of Sad caused hearts to be consumed

and the servants to raise their voices in lamentation, yet the man of insight who pondereth deeply and gazeth with detachment from all else but God will observe that no matter could be more glorious than that which came to pass. For this servant hath been aware of all details concerning the twin luminous lights from the beginning until now. They attained the presence of the Most Holy Court in Iraq, where the utmost favor was shown unto them. At first this matter ran counter to the imaginings of some, yet the hand of God's power raised them up and adorned them with the raiment of glory, and showered upon them the blessings of His gracious favors, until they reached such a station as your honor hath seen and heard. After returning from the Most Holy Court to the land of Sad, they submitted two petitions, and with the utmost humility and supplication, they besought from the All-Possessing Lord this very thing that came to pass. Now observe: praise be to God, throughout their lives they were manifested with the utmost glory among the servants through God's grace, and such love for them was instilled in hearts that none but God could reckon it. At the end of their lives they attained the most great martyrdom which they themselves had sought, and afterward you have seen what was revealed concerning them from the Supreme Pen. By God's life! Through that which was revealed for them, all things lament, the rocks cry out, and the denizens of Paradise weep. Should a soul possess and sacrifice the whole world, he would not attain to this station - a station which all the Messengers and near ones have longed for and still long for. Thus far, nearly a hundred Tablets, nay more, have been revealed concerning this supreme calamity, for even now in some Tablets mention is made of the martyrs. Now what station could be more exalted than this station, what rank more great than this rank? On one occasion He said: "O servant! Although such events as these have been and are the cause of countless sorrows, yet they are the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause. One should complain of matters that cause the Cause to be wasted." We beseech God - glorified and exalted be He - to guide all and assist them to that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. And He said: "Write: O Beauty! The Cause of God was seen as more glorious than all things in the Prison Land, but now it hath reached a point where mention of it would cause fresh sorrows. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing."

Regarding your renewed mention of the land of Kha, this is what hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance […]

O Beauty! Give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all created things. We make mention of them and will continue to mention them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have accepted what they sent after their names appeared before the Throne. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise. Those whose names thou didst mention in thy letter - We have made mention of them in such wise as to attract the hearts of the sincere ones, and We send from this station Our greetings upon their faces and give them the glad-tidings that they shall have a station of glory most noble. Bounty is in His hand - He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which shall bring delight to the eyes of them that behold.

As for what thou didst write concerning Mirza 'Ali-Rida, it was submitted. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in reply:

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

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the blessing and made manifest the Word - and verily it is the Path which hath been set up in truth by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And verily it is the Most Great Balance, though the people understand not. And verily it is the Most Great Trumpet which hath been blown, whereat all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save them whom the hand of thy Lord's power, the Mighty, the Loving, did rescue. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon when mankind turned away therefrom. Thy Lord is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed be the one who, strong in faith, hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Thy name hath been mentioned in the Book of My namesake who believed in My Self and acknowledged that which I have acknowledged in My Kingdom, who attained unto My presence before My throne and circled round about Me and soared in My atmosphere and bore hardships in My path, and who was named "The Beauty" by God, the Lord of existence. We make mention of thee that he may rejoice and be of them who speak forth the praise of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. We have made mention of all who have turned toward the Countenance, that My remembrance may be a treasure unto them in My Kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Exalted. Thus have We remembered thee and revealed for thee that which brings joy to the eyes.

And likewise mention was made in the Most Holy Presence of His Honor Buzurg, upon him be 96[Baha], which was in that distinguished One's handwriting. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of Names and in Whose grasp is the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby the nations were shaken except for those whom the hand of Thy power did preserve, that Thou assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that the cawing of the ignorant ones who have cast Thy commandments behind their backs, who dispute Thy signs, deny Thy Cause and turn away from Thy Beauty may not hinder me. O my Lord! Send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which shall cause to grow the plants of Thy wisdom and the roses of Thy knowledge in the breasts of those who have attained unto the wine of Thy revelation and the water of Thy inspiration. O my Lord! Aid every one who turneth toward the triumph of Thy Cause and who standeth firm in his love for Thee. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then write down for me, O my God, whatsoever beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou hearest and seest, and Thou art verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And likewise the other names, upon them be the Glory of God, which were in your book were submitted one by one. Wondrous and sublime verses were revealed specifically for each one. God willing, they shall attain unto them.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious.

O Nasr! The Wronged One witnesses thy turning and devotion to God, and hath revealed for thee that which shall solace thine eyes and gladden thy heart and the hearts of them that hear. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then make mention of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. He hath turned toward thee

from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and hath remembered thee with that which is more precious than the Water of Life in the sight of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds! The glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mu'min, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the Final End. We have remembered thee before as a bounty from Us, and We are the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto My Kingdom and drunk the choice wine of My favor from the hands of My bounty and hath spoken forth My wondrous remembrance. Indeed thy mention was inscribed in the Book of My Name, and We have sent down for thee these verses that outweigh the treasuries of the heavens and earth. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife who hath attained in the days of God, the Single, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who hath been named 'Ali, who hath turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, and We counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of Creation, may be uplifted. O 'Ali! Hearken unto My call, then rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord through Whom the horizons were illumined. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of the Wronged One and hath turned, detached from all directions, toward His path. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy son who hath believed in the Single One, the Chosen.

We make mention of 'Ali-'Askar who hath believed in God, the Lord of Destiny, on a day wherein every man of learning was shaken, every theologian turned away, and every philosopher objected, save whom God willed, the Lord of the worlds. How many a learned one have We made his knowledge as fire unto him, how many a scholar have We passed by and made him a lesson to them that observe, how many a rich one hath been deceived by riches until he turned away from the Lord of all mankind, and how many a poor one hath attained the Kawthar of eternity in the days of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of him who hath been named Shir-'Ali that every believer may be assured that We remember those who remember their Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Hearken unto My call that calleth thee from the precincts of My distant prison. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause and speaking forth His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mirza that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of them that are steadfast. O servant! Trust thou in God in all matters, then remember My days and My tribulation and that which hath befallen My Self and My chosen ones who have believed in My verses and have turned unto My luminous horizon. Thus have We sent down the verses as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Revealer, the All-Bountiful.

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

O Muhammad-Taqi! Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of 'Akka, the place wherein this Wronged One, the Mighty, hath been imprisoned. The Call hath encompassed them that are in earth and heaven, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies and turned unto the Lord of all beings Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Joy be unto thee for having taken the choice wine of recognition and drunk in the name of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. How many a servant

turned away in the days of God from the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and how many a servant came forward and received that which was bestowed from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus doth the morn of utterance breathe forth when the temple of the All-Merciful was established upon His mighty throne. The glory rest upon him who mentioned thee in his Book, and upon thee and upon thy wife whom God hath associated with His Name. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Name "Beauty"! Verily, We make mention of all My loved ones together, and from the precincts of My prison I pronounce My glorification upon their faces, and I bless them and remember them at every morn and eve. O Beauty! Give them the glad-tidings of the ocean of My loving-kindness, the heaven of My grace, and the sun of My mercy which hath encompassed the worlds. Say: By God! The Supreme Pen moveth in remembrance of you, and the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned towards your faces from this glorious and exalted Station. Rejoice ye in My remembrance, then drink in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We bid you to be joyful and We make mention of My party on this day wherein Mine ear hath heard what hath befallen My sister at the hands of the oppressors. We testify that she turned unto God and attained and soared in Mine atmosphere and heard My call and moved by My leave and My will. Thus doth the Supreme Pen bear witness, but most of the people are in evident doubt. Blessed is he who visiteth her and turneth unto her purely for the sake of his Lord, the Beneficent, the Giver, the Generous.

O Beauty! The Point of the Bayan hath said that all were created to be mentioned in that Most Holy, Most Luminous, Most Exalted Presence. Now observe and know the value of this bounty, that the Supreme Pen, at a time when all sorrows have encompassed it, is occupied with the mention of His loved ones. By My life! Neither the hosts of the contingent world nor its events have prevented Me. I have spoken at all times and summoned all unto the All-Informed One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One of the horizons to all the friends. Several calamities have occurred, and lastly the news about the sister was outwardly presented to the Most Holy Court. In truth she was wronged, and there befell her secretly that which none save God can enumerate. Blessed is she, and My glory be upon her for her patience in God and for bearing hardships in His straight Path.

Furthermore, numerous Tablets have been sent from the heaven of divine bounty especially for you, including a Tablet specifically for you and other Tablets through Aqa Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar. Likewise, through Ibn-i-A?daq - may the Glory of God rest upon them both - a Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for you, and now too a most mighty and impregnable Tablet has been sent by post. With such divine favors and lordly bounties, you must at all times be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance in the mention of the Beloved of the worlds, in such wise that those unconscious from the wine of heedlessness may become conscious, the withered ones in the valley of idle fancies may become fresh, and the dead in the graves of rejection may become alive and enduring. The Glory be upon you, and Peace be upon you, and the Mercy be upon you, and the Loving-kindness of God be upon you.

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down that which was hidden in the heaven of His Will, revealed that which was treasured in His knowledge, and sent Him Who was heralded in His Books, by His Messengers, His Chosen Ones and His Prophets - through Whom the ocean of knowledge surged in the world of being and the gates of Paradise were opened unto the people of faith. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath manifested Himself to guide creation to the straight path. Praise be to God Who hath established His Cause in such wise that neither tribulations can defeat it nor calamities weaken it. He hath, with the hands of power, planted the Tree of His Cause and watered it with the blood of the chosen ones and the righteous. Neither the clamor of the servants nor the hatred of those in the lands can frustrate Him. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Face's light the horizons were illumined and in separation from Whom the lovers lamented! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of the sincere ones and the minds of the mystics were attracted, to assist the people of Thy realm to champion Thy Cause and enable them, O my God, to achieve what Thou hast willed through Thy decree. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in prison. The oppressors have seized them, bound them, and imprisoned them because they believed in Thee and Thy verses and turned to Thy most exalted horizon in Thy days. They are those who, O my God, aided Thy Cause and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy grace, and broke not Thy Covenant and Testament. The utterance of Him Who conversed on Sinai so moved them that they spoke forth before all faces in days wherein the clouds of oppression had obscured the horizon of justice. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighing from the land of ?a and the cry of the oppressed ones in other lands. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. Then assist them through the manifestations of Thy power and might, and the dawning-places of Thy strength and will. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the tyranny of the divines or the oppression of princes prevent Thee. Gladden, O my God, the eyes of Thy chosen ones through the wonders of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the world and the Guardian of the nations.

I moreover beseech Thee, O my God, to enable me to make mention of those whom Thou hast related unto Thyself and made to be of the branches of the Tree of Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures, and of him whom Thou hast mentioned with Thy tongue on land and sea, in the valleys and mountains. O Lord! He is among those who have attained unto Thy grace and whom Thou hast given to drink the water of life of Thy love through the hands of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to send down upon him that which will gladden his heart and solace his eyes in such wise that the sorrows of the world and whatsoever is with the nations touch him not. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness!

Glory be unto Him in Whose hand lieth dominion over all things! Such is the humiliation of this evanescent one that both pen and ink fail to recount it, and the tongue falleth silent–a humiliation which, were it to emerge from the realm of the hidden into the world of manifestation, would cause the very eye of loving-kindness to weep, and would move to tumult the hearts and souls of all sincere ones. Yet God, exalted be His glory, beareth witness and is My testimony that at all times thy remembrance hath been present in My heart and manifest before My face in the Most Great Scene, while the Tongue of Grandeur

hath spoken words from which the fragrance of loving-kindness and bounty hath been wafted. Well is it with thee, and blessed art thou! The cause and reason for the delay is clear and evident. Let not thy honor imagine that there hath truly been any negligence, though in one respect the shortcomings of this evanescent one are established. Rather, the causes that have led to the postponement in responding to thy letters have been services to the Cause, and the King of the Cause hath reckoned thee among the branches of the Blessed Tree. Therefore, in one respect, this service returneth unto thee. Thus is it proven that I have stood in service to thy honor. In this case, thy honor will accept this valid excuse. Letters have been arriving continuously from all directions, and likewise petitions which this evanescent servant must write in His presence, and afterward make copies of the blessed Tablets and present responses to various quarters. The rest is clear and evident. In truth, were it not for divine bounty, this service could never be accomplished by this evanescent one. Praise be unto Him for having aided His servant in that which He commanded. So long as life remaineth in this body, I shall remain steadfast in service. Not for a moment have I been, nor shall I be, absent from thy vision. Though the mention, praise and service of this servant are not worthy of mention, the main purpose is that through His grace they are remembered in the Most Holy Court and are adorned through their connection to Him. This is the essence–naught else hath any mention or existence. Thy letter dated the seventh of Jamadiyu'th-Thani refreshed the realm of the heart with the breezes of love. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve this blessing, for verily He hath power over all things. After perusal, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented it in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance–glorified be His Name and exalted be His grandeur: In My Name, the All-Evident, the All-Informed, the All-Wise […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be my Baha! The children of this age have risen against the All-Glorious and All-Sufficient Lord and, with utmost wretchedness, have endeavored to extinguish the light and quench the fire of the Blessed Tree. "It behooveth them to play with clay." Reflect upon the lack of awareness among the ignorant ones of the earth who are known for their learning. The equivalent of all divine books now existing among different peoples hath been revealed, and they have known and do know that the Revealer is sanctified above all outward knowledge; yet still they have arisen in denial. By God's life! They are greater in their denial than the deniers of the past. The Word itself beareth testimony to the loftiness and transcendence of Truth, but it increaseth not the wrongdoers save in loss.

Behold, then remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "And the trumpet shall be blown, and whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth shall swoon, except whom God pleaseth; then it shall be blown again, and lo! they shall stand up looking on." Today all are seen to have swooned from the Divine Word, save whom God pleaseth, for mighty is the Cause, and not every soul is worthy of understanding It, drawing nigh unto It, and standing firm in It. Today the Speaker of Sinai uttereth this word: "He" hath appeared in the garment of "I", and the Hidden One speaketh with "I am the Manifest One." Difficult it is for the infants of the world to attain unto this station. This blessed Word is the water of life for the people of steadfastness and truth, and a deadly poison for the heedless souls who have turned away.

The clouds of oppression have seized the horizon of justice, and the mists of tyranny have prevented the lights of equity from shining forth. Yet ere long shall the heedless souls who have turned away behold

themselves in grievous loss. The tyranny of oppressors and the transgressions of the heedless have ever been and shall continue to be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. That which causeth the lamentation of those near unto God are the deeds of souls who claim adherence to the Truth yet perpetrate that which hath been explicitly forbidden in all divine Books.

In the beginning, the government in the land of Ta (Tehran) acted with moderation, but such fear seized certain of those who had entered that they spoke words in utmost secrecy which caused the government to become convinced that they intended rebellion, although the speaker himself testifieth to the falsity of this statement. Would that the spies and investigators had been limited to those two who had departed, for they reported all that they saw and heard. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. My Name, the Concealer, hath concealed, and He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing. Repeatedly hath the Most Exalted Pen commanded all to wisdom and counseled that which would cause the elevation of the Cause. Beseech ye God that He may aid all to act, for if those who have turned to God would conduct themselves according to His will, they would find themselves victorious and triumphant. To this doth testify this Book that speaketh in this Most Great Prison. The glory be upon thee and upon the Friend and upon the Afnans who are there.

Praised be God! That which hath been revealed is such that were all the mirrors of existence to be placed before it, the blessed words "The Truth hath appeared" would be reflected in them all. The world is intoxicated with the wine of pride, and all are occupied with their own concerns. The tongue of exhortation and counsel speaketh unceasingly without pause or delay, yet none is aware. Wonder upon wonder! To such an extent have the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings seized the people that they neither heed nor will heed any sign, proof or evidence.

They wrote from the land of Ta that His honor 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, had recited the revealed Surahs before the Prince-Regent in several gatherings, including the blessed Surah of Ra'is and Paris which were replete with mention of events to come. Thereafter the Regent said: "How do we know these Surahs were not revealed after the events?" Indeed, even if God should bring every sign, they would not believe nor acknowledge. Ever have miracles been lost upon the heedless, and in every age and century when they appeared, they bore no fruit but rather increased animosity.

Consider now that in those same days when Siyyid Sadiq, who was the instigator, was seized by God, yet they remained heedless and arose to perpetrate tyranny greater than before, until another person who spoke with utmost pride and rebellion and devised plans to extinguish the light was suddenly seized, yet no benefit resulted. The aforementioned Siyyid asked for respite, saying he would emerge after three days to personally undertake the martyrdom of the faithful souls. After three days his vile corpse was brought out, yet still no effect was manifest. Yes, they wrote that on the day the second one was seized, some awakening was evident, but after a day or two they returned to their former state. However, this much I say: all are giving their lives; soon will the lights of the Cause encompass the world. Consider how they who had no purpose save the reformation of the world, the unity of nations and the comfort of all have been subjected to such tyranny. Fie upon those who cling to falsehood, turn away from truth, and grasp the transient while heedless of the everlasting.

Regarding the mention of the dream that was made, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. He said: “This dream is evidence of divine exaltation, sublimity and favor, both outward and inward, concerning them. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.” And concerning what they observed of bread and meat being present - these two are among God’s greatest bounties, as the Messenger of God, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, said aforetime: “Upon you be the two red ones,” meaning bread and meat. And in one instance it refers to “blessing” where He says “And they ask thee concerning the blessing.” And that a portion of the meat was cleansed and bestowed upon them - this indicates their sincerity, by God’s truth, and likewise manifests the bounty and generosity of God, glorified be His majesty. And in one station it is the true heavenly table sent down, which in its primary rank has been and is divine love. Whatever is said in this regard is pure truth. This dream indicates grace, mercy, favor, kindness and bounty, both outward and inward, from God. He should rejoice and thank God, his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. And in the end of what We showed him and caused him to hear are signs for those who are discerning. The End.

His vision accords with outward reality and requires no interpretation or commentary. That which befits it hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. He is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing.

As for the mention of wisdom and the statement that “we have not yet understood what is meant by wisdom,” this evanescent servant submits what was manifested in Iraq and elsewhere, that perchance the matter may become clear. Although there were and are explanations about wisdom from before and after, the time does not permit their mention. However, I shall submit what I witnessed myself:

When the Sun was shining from the horizon of Zawra, all people - whether scholars, mystics, or others - in Baghdad and its surroundings, even unto Basra, showed utmost love, humility and submissiveness. One day, Siyyid Davud, who was the Mufti of Basra, came to attain the presence along with a group, including the renowned Ibn-i-Alusi. They sat outside awaiting permission to enter. The aforementioned Siyyid mentioned to that group that His fame in those regions was tremendous, saying “I believe He Himself is unaware of it.” The Cause had reached such a station that whenever He would leave His house in any direction, the Arabs would utter words they would not say even about their own saints.

For instance, one Friday as He was walking alone to the mosque near His house, someone about two hundred paces away, also heading to the mosque, said to his companion: “By God, the Cause of this Man is wondrous and mighty,” pointing to the Ancient Beauty. That day, as it happened, He sat opposite the pulpit. After prayers, the preacher, who was one of Iraq’s divines, told one of the believers: “His Holiness came today and sat opposite the pulpit. I could not deliver the sermon and felt great embarrassment.” That divine is now secretly a believer.

During the days of departure and migration from Iraq, all witnessed what they had never seen before. By the Truth itself, those Arabs wept like spring clouds and lamented. On the day of transfer to the Ridvan Garden, throngs of townspeople, both learned and common, came saying: “Because we were assured of Your constant presence here, we were deprived of attaining Your presence. Now suddenly You are departing!”

On the day of departure from Ridvan, when they brought the horse, such weeping, lamenting and crying arose that the horse became restless, as if walking upon people, until He came and mounted. After He mounted, people fell upon the horse's hands and feet. Were I to give the details, a whole book would be required. Most have heard these matters, and some were present and witnessed them. For during the stay in Iraq, He associated with scholars, mystics, common people and those of various religions. He answered whatever was asked. Later, in Mu?arram, the believers of that land celebrated the first of the month as a festival, it being the birth day of the Primal Point, may our souls be sacrificed for Him, and rode boats upon the Tigris with songs […]

And they rode upon boats on the Tigris, engaged in music and singing, which caused both Sunnis and Shi'is to arise in opposition. You have surely heard what transpired in that land. Moreover, the heedless people knew not what was the purpose of this festival and what it signified. As soon as they saw it outwardly different, they committed that which all have heard. That is to say, this imprudence of the friends caused great harm. Before that and after the migration, the governor, officials, and likewise the people of the city, both clergy and others, showed the utmost consideration to the loved ones of God. Even Namiq Pasha, who was the governor, showed the utmost kindness to each one, and he had informed the companions about the arrival in Istanbul and Adrianople. Consider what happened in the Land of Ta. His Holiness Ismu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, set out for those parts with permission and authorization, and was instructed to acquire land there and deposit the Trust of God in that land. From the presence of the Truth, this was the main purpose of this great and momentous matter. After arrival, the friends associated and held feasts. His Holiness Ismu'llah himself wrote a letter to this servant, wherein he mentioned: "This servant is perplexed, for after arrival the friends of God have associated and continue to associate, and thus far they have held thirty-eight feasts, and at each gathering it has been observed that sixty or fifty persons are present." I said: "Have you not heard the decree of wisdom which states that gatherings should not exceed five to nine persons?" They said: "Yes, we have heard," and likewise they mentioned the instructions they had in mind and acknowledged them. Nevertheless, the next evening an even larger gathering was observed. And he wrote that "I am perplexed - if I do not go, there is fear they might think it is from fear, and this was not and is not befitting the Cause of God; and if I go, I see it is contrary to wisdom. In any case, I remain bewildered and perplexed. Nevertheless, most of the friends are mentioned, as I have not found opportunity to meet them all." Now if they had acted according to the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen and the wisdom revealed in the Book, this sedition would not have outwardly ignited and arisen. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance, had they acted according to that which God had revealed, now the lights of justice would have encompassed most. First, in these matters He had said that gatherings should not exceed five to nine persons, and even these should not be successive and continuous. And likewise He had said: "Believe not every speaker and trust not every newcomer." And likewise at first when meeting any soul they should regard him as a child and not give him heavy and thick foods. They should deal gently until the veils are rent asunder with the passing of hours and days and the lights of the Sun of knowledge illuminate existence. In the Tablet of Wisdom this most exalted Word was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. His word, exalted be His majesty: "Say: The essence of utterance seeketh penetration and moderation. As for penetration, it dependeth upon refinement, and refinement is conditioned upon hearts which are detached and pure."

Refinement is dependent upon pure and detached hearts, while moderation is linked with the wisdom We have sent down in the scriptures and tablets. In all degrees, that which has been revealed, if acted upon, has been and continues to be the cause of exaltation, ascendancy, the drawing near of people and their orientation toward the horizon of the Cause. Wisdom is that which does not prevent people from drawing near and does not cast man into the abyss of perdition. Yea, the Cause belongs to God, exalted be His glory, and destiny and fate are ruled and commanded.

One of the friends of God visited a place to teach the Cause. The people of that town knew of his connection to this Most Great Announcement and this mighty Cause, and they associated with him that they might understand something. However, they secretly investigated to discover his deeds. As it happened, it was during the blessed month of Ramadan, and they were watching from a place until they saw him break the fast. Thereafter, they would not come near to ask anything or hear any response. This is the time for deeds, not words, for the deed made the distinction.

Likewise, concerning the conditions of teachers, utterances have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will such that any fair-minded person who hearkens would soar on wings of longing in the atmosphere of divine love. Yet praise be to God, despite the lack of means and of what is befitting, and despite the turning away and objection of those on earth, that which became the cause of gathering, dispersion and resurrection appeared in every land. This transient world, its ephemeral means and its temporal conditions have occupied all and prevented them from serving the Cause, save whom God wills. In truth, the Truth alone stands and is engaged in the victory of the Cause.

His honor expressed amazement at the wisdom, but this servant is immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for it is observed that never has such sweetness been raised up, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is manifest at every moment, and the melodies of the Supreme Pen have in truth encompassed the realms of dominion and kingdom. Nevertheless, the people are observed to be asleep, nay, thunderstruck, nay, dead. The first trumpet is established and all are thunderstruck, but if God should will it, from this latter trumpet "behold, they stand up and look around." The Euphrates flows and streams, but thirst is nowhere to be found. This evanescent one beseeches and hopes from the peerless Lord that He may awaken the people and not deprive them of this most great bounty. Verily, He has power over all things.

In brief, the meaning of wisdom is that complete severance should not occur, for if severance reaches its ultimate degree, none would seek to draw near to hear the Word of God. His Holiness the Spirit (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him), although He abrogated certain laws of the Torah such as divorce and the Sabbath, nevertheless continued to observe some Torah ordinances. Thus in His final days when His ascension drew near, He commanded Peter and John saying "Go and prepare the Passover," and afterward He observed the Passover, even though it was specific to the Jews. The way of the Prophets is different from that of the servants. Out of grace and favor They showed forbearance lest people be suddenly destroyed. At times They would impart the melodies of the Dove of Paradise, and at times the cry of the Peacock of the Throne. Sometimes They would speak from the realm of limitations and other times beyond it. This was due to Their grace, kindness and favor, for if the Torah had been openly and

manifestly abrogated at first, what occurred at the end would have happened at the beginning before the seed was sown. The Command is in God's hand. He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O beloved of My heart! By God, the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Although today those souls who have turned to God and are steadfast and firm are striving with utmost effort to carry out God's commandments, nevertheless one must seek confirmation and assistance from the Self-Sufficient One for their steadfastness, let alone for other people. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up men who will arise to serve the Cause with perfect power, might and steadfastness.

Another matter: The petition from the honored lady, the Mother (upon her be My Most Glorious Glory), was received. Previously an exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for her. And when My beloved, Aqa Mirza 'Ali and his honored mother (upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God) were departing for the land of Sh, He graciously bestowed with His own blessed hand a ring engraved with the Greatest Name and a woolen veil especially for the Mother. Likewise, through Shaykh Salman (upon him be the Glory of God), multiple Tablets were revealed and sent especially for the honored sons. And again on this day, which is the third day of the month of Muharram, the petition of the son Aqa Mirza (upon him be the Glory of God and His favor) was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and an exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of merciful grace. God willing they will attain to it and be gladdened through God's favor, exalted be His glory. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of might and power. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Expositor, the All-Wise[…]

In the name of God, the Most Merciful!

The Tongue of Mercy proclaims: O My friend and offspring of My Afnan! The robe of glory hath been fashioned and made ready to the measure of your temples, for that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen cannot be equaled by any thing among all things. Praise be to God! From early youth thou art associated with the Truth and art mentioned by His Name. The abasement of these days is the dawning-place of glory and the dayspring of favor. Soon will God manifest, in truth, a matter from His presence, the Lord of all worlds. Were the people to know, they would circle round about you. Soon will they know what hath escaped them on the day when mankind stood before the Lord of the worlds. Fleeting earthly conditions have prevented people from hearing and seeing; neither are their ears worthy to hear nor their eyes capable of beholding. By God's life! They are in manifest loss. The Perspicuous Book speaketh and the Mother Book is manifest, yet all are deprived and forbidden save whom God willeth. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee and unto thy brothers and unto those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them and upon My Afnan who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of My bounty. They are, verily, among the triumphant in a mighty Book.

In every age and century, people have, through their vain imaginings, visited upon the friends of God that which is recorded in the books and mentioned by tongues. Yet whatsoever they have done, God hath made it a cause for the exaltation of His Most Exalted Word, despite themselves. He, verily, is the Strong, the Powerful. This Most Great Revelation and that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God through

His prevailing Will need no mention or explanation. Soon will the sincere ones behold that which was hidden from them today, and the standards of the signs will be unfurled throughout all regions and districts, and every soul will testify that the Cause is God's, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

Concerning what was written about the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, his petition was presented upon arrival, and at that very moment a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him from the heaven of divine Will, though its dispatch was delayed. Likewise, another exalted Tablet - according to what was written, they have in these days directed their attention to those parts. God willing, may they be confirmed in service to the Cause. They have also sent correspondences to this servant from every direction, all of which have arrived, but this evanescent servant was not successful in responding, thinking that whenever the revealed Tablets would be sent, this servant would also send replies according to his capacity and station. Now suddenly the command has issued from the Dayspring of the Cause to send the Tablets and this letter, thus this servant found no opportunity. However, I submit this much: God willing, whatever has been missed shall be attended to. I beseech God for assistance and confirmation in all conditions. If they have arrived in that land, greetings and salutations from this evanescent servant are entrusted to your grace.

And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Lutf'ali Khan, his petition was presented and attained the honor of being heard. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him and sent. His word, exalted be His majesty and greatness:

In the name of the One Incomparable, All-Powerful God.

The whole world was created for this blessed Day, and all scriptures, books, psalms and tablets gave the servants glad tidings of this Revelation. Whatever has been created in the world of bounties and favors was, without doubt, created for the sake of Truth and brought from nothingness into being. Nevertheless, they have consigned Him to the most desolate of lands. Though at first the seat of the Wronged One was in the most exalted place, yet He dwelt in a house from whose ceiling earth continuously fell, and likewise its floor was covered with dust. The heedless had severely restricted Him from all directions, to such extent that sorrow encompassed those in the Kingdom. Nevertheless, We were patient. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Therefore you should not be saddened by the world's conflicts and its unpleasing conditions. By the life of God, had any worth been perceived in it, surely the Prophets, the chosen ones, and the saints of God would not have given themselves up to the oppressors. Commit all affairs to God and trust in Him, and ask Him to manifest whatever is best for you. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the ocean of knowledge surged in creation and by Whose love the fire was kindled in hearts! I beseech Thee by the splendor of Thy Identity, the eternity of Thy Being, the ocean of Thy Will, and the sun of Thy Purpose, and by the cry of the sincere ones in Thy days and the lamentation of those near unto Thee in the prison of Thine enemies, to make me content with what Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for me in the kingdom of creation. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will profit me, through Thy bounty and generosity. O my Lord! I have committed my affairs unto Thee and placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee to make firm my steps and grant me that which will draw me near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the

lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy grandeur to aid me in Thy remembrance, Thy praise and the service of Thy Cause. Thou art He Who knoweth what is within me while I know not what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

His bounty is such that whoever makes a supplication in whatever tongue will receive an answer, especially if the Afnan be the intermediary. God willing, the Khan will be blessed with a divine tablet and be confirmed in that which is the cause and reason for the manifestations of the bounties of God, exalted be His glory. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Shukru'llah, upon him be the glory of God, and what the beloved Aqa Shaykh-'Ali Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, sent from the land of Sh, and what you dispatched from that land - they and the aforementioned branches arrived in Port Said, but then the diverse winds of the world and newly arising matters prevented them from attaining the presence until now, the third of Muharram al-Haram, they remain in the aforementioned land. However, their news and letters have arrived and continue to arrive. God willing, they shall attain their goal and receive what God has willed. In truth, this small piece has caused trouble. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant abundant reward. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

The second letter from Your Honor, dated the third of the month of Rajab, bestowed the joy of union and illumined the realm of love and unity. Praise be to God that Your Honor is blessed with good health and divine love. What can I say? God the One is witness that whenever a message has arrived from the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, it has been like water to the tree of humanity. It is abundantly clear what pure water does. After reading and perusing it, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and this supreme word flowed from the tongue of the Lord of Creation, exalted be His grandeur: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory. The Book speaks, and that which is intended and written is manifest, yet souls remain heedless. God, exalted be His glory, has desired for His servants supreme joy, greatest comfort, and magnificent bounty, yet the servants have sought endless degradation and even aimed to shed holy blood, both before and after. Woe unto them for this grievous error." Your Honor and the loved ones of God should beseech that perhaps the doors of knowledge might be opened by the finger of power upon the faces of the heedless, that they may not remain deprived of the peerless station.

Regarding the mention made of the honored gentleman the teacher and the esteemed Afnan of the Blessed Tree, this lowly one presents his utter nothingness to each one and seeks their benevolent prayers. In Your Honor's envelope there was a letter from Mulla Muhammad Shafi' (upon him be the Glory of God), which he had written to this lowly one, and the contents of that petition were presented to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. It was presented, and wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance and sent forth. God willing, they will attain unto them. Thus has spoken He, exalted be His glory and supreme be His grandeur. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Shafi'! The fragrances of the Kingdom have encompassed the realms, and the dove hath warbled upon the branch of divine might. The Book hath come, to which all the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-

Subsisting, have testified. The servant who is present hath come before the Countenance and laid before the Wronged One that which the tongue of thy heart uttered on a day whereon the faces of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, were darkened. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Hidden Tablet, which was concealed in God's knowledge and inscribed in His Preserved Tablet. Glorify My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My remembrance of them from this praiseworthy station. We counsel them with that whereby God's Cause will be exalted amongst His servants. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what he hath been commanded in God's Book, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O My loved ones in that land! We counsel you to observe justice and fairness, trustworthiness and religiousness, chastity and fidelity. Your Lord, the Most Merciful, is verily the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Loving. He hath created you, sustained you, aided you in His Cause, and made known unto you that which was hidden from most of the learned ones. He counseleth you with that which shall profit you in each world of His worlds. To this testifieth My Most Exalted Pen, and beyond it, He Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Shafi'! Rejoice in that We made mention of thee before, whence the fragrance of My loving-kindness was wafted, and in this irrevocable Tablet. We make mention of 'Abdu'l-Husayn who was mentioned in thy letter and give him the glad tidings of Our remembrance of him, that he may rejoice in the days of his Lord, the Lord of the seen and unseen. And thy other son, who was named Muhammad-Husayn, We beseech God to aid them both to turn towards His most exalted horizon and to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of men have slipped save those whom God hath willed, the Lord of the elevated Throne. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon thy wife and her mother, from God, the Powerful, the Kind, the Forgiving.

We make mention of him who was named Jalal, who attained in the days of God and heard His sweetest call when most of the servants turned away. O Jalal! Dost thou know Who calleth thee and maketh mention of thee? Dost thou know Who is established upon the throne? Doth anyone hear His lamentation in His Most Great Prison? Hast thou recognized Him Who hath appeared at the final return? Say: By God! Through His appearance the kingdom of names was shaken, through His sovereignty the pillars of the learned were made to tremble. He hath spoken that whereby all things were attracted and the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings were thunderstruck.

We make mention from this station of him who was named Muhammad-Rahim and counsel him with that which shall be as a lamp unto him in the darkness of the earth and in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Muhammad-Rahim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee with that which He commanded in His presence and with that which We commanded all in the Book. Say: O loved ones of God! Be not grieved by what hath befallen My name and My loved ones through that which the hands of every heedless doubter have wrought. God shall soon seize him who hath oppressed even as He seized the oppressors of old. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Compelling. Nothing can frustrate Him and no affair can thwart Him. He doeth as He willeth and with Him is the Mother of the Book.

We make mention of Ahmad-'Ali on this day wherein the cry hath been raised in truth and the raven hath croaked. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord, turn thy face toward the light of His countenance, and be steadfast in serving His loved ones at eventide and at dawn. We found thy turning unto Us, We turned unto thee from this most exalted station and made mention of thee with this remembrance before which all remembrances bow down. We glorify from this station the faces of My loved ones and handmaidens in that land and give them the glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven.

Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds, Who through His grace bestowed favor upon all and deprived none save those who deprived themselves. The world hath deluded them and kept them back from the Lord of all beings in the hereafter.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Mirza Ahmad - today is the day of pure servitude, all must hold fast unto it. Blessed is the soul who truly attaineth thereunto. It behooveth us, and him, and those who have believed in God to hold fast unto this most exalted station and to think on ways to promote the Cause. Verily the servant beseecheth his Lord to protect him and His loved ones lest there appear from them that which beseemeth not His days, His Revelation, His glory and His sovereignty. These passages should be sent by your honor along with the Tablet, and conveying greetings and praise to them is left to your honor's discretion.

Concerning what was written about the attention of the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and Khan, upon him be [the Glory of God] - this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth in the Kingdom of Utterance, glorified be His majesty:

We beseech God to aid them to serve the Cause and teach that which the All-Bestowing hath revealed in the Book, in such wise that neither what is witnessed nor what is seen may become a veil or hindrance. God willing, may they be adorned with the robe of piety, the mantle of detachment, and the crown of severance. All that was mentioned is as a weapon for teachers, nay rather more piercing, more decisive and more penetrating.

Establish in that land a consultative assembly, for this is blessed. The purpose of this is that they may hold fast unto what hath been commanded and act upon whatsoever emergeth from consultation.

In this servant's view, it would appear that if our spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], were to direct his attention elsewhere - that is, after their inner agreement, if he were to engage in divine work in one location while Sarkar Khan did likewise in another - fruits would be achieved more quickly. If Sarkar Khan, upon him be Baha'u'llah, has proceeded in the manner of the Sunnis, then he should turn his attention to the Shi'ih and their clergy. There is no harm in initially mentioning the way of the dervishes, but the purpose should be mentioned according to the capacity of the people and the requirements of the time, that the fragrances of the Cause may be diffused. By the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who dwell in earth and heaven, from him who is detached unto God and who acts for God is diffused that which any soul possessed of the slightest insight and heart will discover and perceive, becoming suddenly enkindled by the fire of the Word. In any case, if they first

meet with Sarkar Khan and consult together, and arise with wisdom and utterance to aid the divine Cause, it would be most excellent. But in whatever land each may be present, let the people perceive the fragrance of unity - let them be united in mention, utterance and word. This does not conflict with the first statement, for the path is one, and whichever of the two groups they may enter, the veil will be lifted and they will behold themselves in one mirror and see themselves dwelling in one house. The Command is in God's hands - our Lord and your Lord, our Purpose and your Purpose. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This Day is unlike all days, this age unlike all ages, and this Cause unlike all causes. Consider what the All-Merciful hath foretold in the Qur'an - blessed and exalted be His words: "The Day when men shall be as scattered moths, and the mountains shall be as carded wool." The learned and mystics of the earth, who are deprived of true knowledge and far from the straight path, are observed in just this state, while the rest are seen as moths. Concerning the greatness of this Day, such utterances have been heard from the Kingdom of divine knowledge as cause the limbs of the world to tremble. Were the souls who have accepted and stood firm to behold their stations, they would surely be struck with wonder and amazement at first. Just as this Day is great and this Cause is great, so too are those who are assured and have accepted it great in the sight of God.

Another matter: your other letter dated the sixth of Sha'ban brought exceeding joy, for it spoke of the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and told of your excellent health. Praise be to God for making this servant happy on a day when the ocean of sorrows was in motion. One day the Tongue of God spoke this exalted word - exalted be His utterance:

O servant in attendance! Although the ocean of sorrow is in motion and the causes of grief and anguish are manifest from every direction, yet these things do not prevent God nor hold Him back from what He hath willed. The friends of God who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude and are turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful - they too are not held back from God by the affairs of creation. His is the creation and the command. He taketh and He giveth, and He is the Ever-Living, the Manifest, the Resplendent, the Speaking, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

After reading the letter, I turned toward the Most Exalted Height and presented it before His countenance. These are His blessed and exalted words: "Verily We have mentioned thee once in the fortress, and again in a noble station, and yet again in the prison, and now in this exalted spot." May you be seen in the utmost joy and fragrance, with yearning and attraction and rapture. Be not grieved by any of the incidents that have occurred or by ephemeral conditions. I swear by the Sun of Utterance, which hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of the prison, that perpetual mention, enduring glory and lofty stations have been inscribed for you by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book, and these shall be manifested according to the requirements of times and seasons. Blessed are the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and joy be unto them, for they have attained from God that which most of the earth's inhabitants have failed to attain. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book.

By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved! The Kingdom of Utterance is stirred by the words of the True One, exalted be His glory, and the ocean of meanings surgeth, encompassing the world. We beseech Him to manifest its effects in such wise that even the blind women may see, let alone men of insight. Wonder

upon wonder at these coarse, dull, heedless, slumbering souls! In all conditions one must beseech bounty, grace and generosity from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty over all things. May the glory that is manifest, resplendent and shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's favor be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Be it known that the dispatch of the petition was so delayed that another letter from your honor, dated the twenty-ninth of Muharram al-Haram, bestowed the water of reunion upon the thirsty one in the desert of separation. Indeed, the forces of joy gained such strength from its presence that the hosts of sorrows were put to flight. Praise be to God in all conditions! Glory be to God! Through one word the world's troubles are transformed to joy, and through another word its prosperity is afflicted with ruin. In any case, after experiencing joy and delight, I approached the Most Exalted Station and presented the entire letter, and likewise your honor's supplication was granted audience in the Most Holy Court. These are His words, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

O thou who art present! Through divine confirmations, may they ever be occupied with the remembrance of the True One and hold fast to His cord. We have adorned him with the ornament of Our favor and the crown of Our mention, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We make mention of him in this station and at this hour with My wondrous mention. We give him and those with him the glad tidings of My mercy, which hath preceded My servants, and My favor, which none have attained save those who have believed in God and His signs, who have detached themselves in His path and have arisen to serve His Cause, the Mighty.

Such bounty was witnessed from the Dawning-Place of grace that this servant is incapable and powerless to mention it, especially after the presentation of your honor's supplications. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant your honor the blessing of attainment unto His presence and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of the former life - though the good of both worlds is already assured. The purpose of this petition is that He may bestow whatever He deemeth advisable, both outwardly and inwardly. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what was written about the spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and his arrival - God willing, it is blessed and auspicious. The honored Afnan, Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, had also written about his arrival and his mention of the tribulation of the Prince of Martyrs, may my spirit and all within the kingdom be sacrificed for him. This matter is most beloved and is coupled with perfect wisdom. After submission, He says, exalted be His glory: "Excellent is what he has done. Blessed is he! By My life, were all in the world to recite the mention of his tribulations from pulpits and hills and every lofty mountain, I would love to hear it with Mine own ears. He has spent in the path of God what he has spent and has witnessed in His love what no eye in all creation hath witnessed. The Tongue of the Wronged One testifieth to this in His exalted station."

This evanescent servant presents greetings and praise to him. I beseech the Most High to make him assisted in exalting His Word and successful in manifesting His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Lord of all who are in the realm of possibility, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower. The details of

his affairs were previously submitted. As commanded, they must consult and hold fast to whatever serves the divine Cause, for repeatedly this exalted word was heard from the blessed Tongue, saying that He inspires the hearts of those who gather for consultation for the sake of God and speak about what benefits His servants. Verily, He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

Praise and glorification are in truth specifically for the friends of God, glorified be His majesty - those souls who remain unchanged by worldly events and are not prevented from the truth by the oppression of the divines, princes and nobles. They are the monarchs of existence and the stars in the heaven of the power of the Lord of the seen and unseen. Upon them be God's mercy, His glory, His light, His peace, His praise, His blessing, His remembrance and His glorification.

His honor Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, is in truth a mighty pillar for the most great structure, namely the fortress of teaching God's Cause. With the utmost effort and striving, he has contributed to this matter what is evident and manifest to all the world. In these days he sent a letter requesting that certain petitions be submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and they were submitted. Praise, bounty, grace and favor be unto Him, for all were granted acceptance. Among these was the request that the custodianship of the blessed shrine of the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be all the most glorious Glory of God, as well as the resting place of the Great Afnan, that is, the honored Uncle, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, be entrusted to Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, in partnership with several other friends of God who have made the same request. After the matter was presented, this blessed, holy, exalted word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of creation. He says, mighty be His utterance and great His station: […]

The affairs of the Greatest Holy Leaf are referred, by God, to his honor the Afnan, that is, Mirza Aqa. The Tablet that was sent down in this regard from the heaven of divine favor should be forwarded to your honor. You should review it, and if it accords with wisdom and the requirements of the time, send it forth. A copy of that blessed Tablet was written in Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali's letter. According to the command, your honor should review the entire letter and then forward it to his honor the Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad–upon him be all the most glorious Glory–so that he may deliver it. May the Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's mercy be renewed upon your honor and upon those who hold fast to His mighty cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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His noble eminence Nabil-i-Qa'in, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God

On the 28th of Muharram 1306

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

Glorified be God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of earth and heaven! Glorified be God, the Possessor of might and celestial dominion! Glorified be God, the Master of both sovereign and subject, the King of both the wealthy and the destitute! Glorified be He Who hath, through His might and power, exalted His

loved ones and caused them to soar in the atmosphere of divine knowledge above all who dwell on earth! Glorified be He Who hath drawn them nigh unto Him and given them to drink of the Kawthar of divine proof from the hand of His bounty, and taught them that which His servants throughout all ages and centuries were powerless to comprehend! He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. And glory and splendor rest upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and whom the might of princes and divines hath failed to prevent from gaining access to that most sublime station, that place whose eminence God hath raised above the heavens. He, verily, is the Lord of all men in both the beginning and the end.

O beloved of my heart! Centuries have passed and ages have come to an end, yet this evanescent servant hath not succeeded in expressing that which would testify to what lies within concerning the mention of that true Beloved and the praise of that spiritual Master. However, that honored one himself beareth witness to this servant's sincerity and love, and to the abundance of this fading one's writings in His presence throughout nights and days, and various affairs and scattered writings. God, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, knoweth that the delay in receiving assurance from that Beloved was the cause. At all times, petitions and letters were flying from all directions, and among the exalted words which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in the Land of Mystery was this blessed passage - His exalted Word: "If names to the number of raindrops were to appear before the Divine Countenance, mention of each would flow from the Most Exalted Pen." Therefore, for those souls who have newly turned to the Most Great Ocean and have drunk from the wine of inner meanings, the Most Exalted Pen moveth and is occupied especially for them. In such case, if there be delay, pardon is hoped for. Furthermore, by God's grace and favor, they are ever remembered in the heart and are present and standing in the most holy and exalted Court before the face of the Lord of all mankind. This servant beseecheth his Lord to make your honor the breaker of the might of the aggressors and the raiser of the standard of edification among the peoples of the world.

Your letter, which was in truth a bearer of the pearls of wisdom, utterance, love, affection and knowledge, arrived. Blessed was its step and auspicious its coming. Glorified be God! Each of its words was a fruit-bearing tree and an effective remedy. It was a key to the gates of joy, delight and gladness. It spread a new carpet and brought fresh joy, for it was adorned with the mention and praise of the Goal of all the world's peoples - may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of Command and Creation be a sacrifice for Him! The fragrance of the Beloved's love was diffused from every letter. After reading and learning of its contents, I offered praise and thanksgiving, and after mentioning and glorifying God, exalted be His glory, the glad tidings of that beloved one's health renewed my soul. A hundred thousand praises upon the word that causeth hearts to be united and is the interpreter of souls - it revealeth the hidden secret and discloseth the treasured mystery, and informeth the detached and sincere ones of concealed mysteries. And after these stages, the supreme goal and most exalted summit was intended, and it was presented before the face of the Lord of all mankind and achieved the honor of His attention. After countless utterances, according to His command I was bidden to write these exalted words in reply. The Lord, exalted and sanctified is He, saith:

He is the Hearer, the Beholder, and the Answerer

O thou who art remembered before My face, inscribed in the Book, and gazing towards the horizon of Revelation in the final return! Hear the call from the direction of grandeur, to the right of the luminous spot: Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Hidden hath appeared through My Name, and the Treasured through My providence which hath encompassed all regions. I complain unto thee of what hath befallen Me at the hands of those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament, and who have denied the proof and evidence. Among them is he who said that He hath plagiarized the verses of the Point and revealed them in His Name. At this My Most Exalted Pen hath lamented, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. The Mother Book beareth witness to this in the most sublime station. O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and gazest toward My horizon! The idolaters and the wayward have clung to calumnies the like of which the ears of the world have never heard. Woe unto them for having followed their desires! Verily they are among the lost in the estimation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have brought forth from the treasuries of Our Most Exalted Pen pearls of wisdom and utterance the like and equal of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every doubting denier. Can all that is in the world be compared with that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty? Nay, by My Command which dominateth all who are in the earths and heavens! All mention hath submitted to My Most Great Remembrance, and all books have circled around this Mighty Announcement which hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. And among them is he who said that He hath altered the Bayan. Say: Woe unto thee! The Bayan circleth around Him. Blessed are they who possess insight! Thus did their souls prompt them to a matter, and today they are in doubt and error. We leave mention of them at this time and desire to remember thee with that which attracteth the hearts of the people of understanding. The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and read it before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with that by which the Names were attracted and circled around God's providence, the Lord of all men. We have found from each of thy words the fragrance of thy love, thy turning and thy devotion to the Dawning-Place of lights. Through thy remembrance the fragrance of certitude hath wafted through the contingent world. Blessed is He Who hath strengthened thee, caused thee to know, drawn thee nigh, and inspired thee with the Cause of this Most Great Announcement whereby feet have slipped. Happy art thou for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of bounty and for having traveled to distant lands to exalt the Word of God, the Lord of creation. O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Counsel the people with that wherewith God hath counseled His loved ones before and after, and remind them of the loftiness of His Cause and the greatness of this Announcement whereby the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and the mountains have crumbled. Adorn the servants of God with trustworthiness and godliness and with that whereby the station of man is exalted in the contingent world. Say: O people of the earth! Ye were not created for rancor and hostility, nor for tyranny and transgression. Ye have been created to manifest His favor and that whereby the light of unity may shine forth in all regions. Thus have We manifested the light of love and amity and have revealed that which shall endure through the perpetuity of My remembrance in the Books and Tablets.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful! The intention is that the eloquent tongue should be transformed into the language of light. The opposers have clung to the vain imaginings of the past - at times they speak of alteration, and at times

they utter calumnies the like of which the ears of the world have not heard. Among these is that the Kitab-i-Iqan, which was specifically revealed in Iraq for the Afnan, the honored and departed Khal, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and wherein the journey of the Wronged One is mentioned - this they have attributed to another. Glory be to God! The pearls of utterance which have appeared from the treasury of the Pen of the Lord of eternity are as distinct from all else as the sun, yet they have said that which no oppressor hath ever said. What has become of discernment, and whither has discrimination fled? What has veiled and hindered justice and fairness? Man is astonished, the world is astonished. Beseech ye God that He may cause the sun of justice to emerge from behind the clouds of oppression, grant deliverance, and adorn His creation with the ornament of fairness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The pure and holy Tree with its heavenly fruits is manifest before the faces of the world, and the waves of the divine ocean of utterance are visible before all eyes; yet the people remain heedless and deprived. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee at all times in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make thee a standard of His mention in His lands and an ensign of His utterance amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat.

O beloved of My heart! By thy life, it behooveth one to shed blood instead of tears, and hearts should be set ablaze and livers consumed, for that which is heard is such as giveth rise to the vain imaginings of the past. Glory be to God! The fragrance of truthfulness hath been lifted from among the people. How many similar utterances have been revealed from the Supreme Pen, yet they say they take from the Bayan and write. That beloved of the heart well knoweth the distinction between utterances, which is clear and manifest to every fair-minded one. They attribute it to one who is incapable of comprehending the Kitab-i-Iqan. Several years ago, one of the Afnan - upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God - wrote to this servant from the Land of Ya, saying that in these days the covenant-breakers are endeavoring to collect the wondrous verses, taking and writing them, and it is not known what new stratagem they have resorted to. Would that the people knew! Would that they understood!

As to what thou hast written regarding turning towards the regions, the lands and countries of God, and likewise the acceptance and turning of capable souls who have attained unto new life from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful - these matters were presented before the Presence and were honored to be heard. This is what the Ancient Beauty hath spoken in response, exalted be His glory: […]

O thou who standeth, giving voice to the remembrance of God and service to His Cause! We beseech God to manifest through thee that which shall quicken them that lie in their graves in this Revelation, whereby the Trumpet was sounded and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Almighty, the Powerful. God willing, may all the world attain unto the ornament of eternal life through the Kawthar of utterance, and drink from the chalice of life. Praise be to God, they have been and continue to be confirmed in the victory of the Cause. Remind the people in My days through My verses, that perchance they may be freed from suppositions, vain imaginings, and old and soiled garments, and become illumined by the effulgent lights of the Sun of Proof shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. Renew their garments through My Name, illumine them with the lights of My utterance, and cause them to soar on the wings of My loving-kindness. Verily, We have sent down for

every name thou hast mentioned that from which the sincere shall inhale the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

This was revealed for His Honour Mirza Nabil-i-Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is verily the Object of adoration of the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise, and through Him the mysteries were revealed and the Dove of Remembrance warbled upon the highest branches. He hath come, Who was mentioned in the hearts of them who are nigh unto God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that thou didst turn unto Him when the servants turned away, and thou didst acknowledge Him when every remote oppressor denied Him, and thou didst hasten with thy heart when most of the people were among the hesitant ones, and thou didst testify to that which God had testified when the people were in manifest silence. We beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His days and to ordain for thee every good thing that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is thy Protector and the Protector of the sincere ones. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one.

This was revealed for His Honour Muhammad Kushkih-Bagh, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the All-Hearing, the Responding One

O Muhammad! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. He speaketh in every state that which draweth the people nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: He hath come with the truth, and on His right is the banner that there is none other God but He, and on His left the standard of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth' from God, the Sovereign of existence. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause with such steadfastness as shall cause the servants to arise, then utter such words as shall quicken them that lie in their graves. O Muhammad! Knowest thou Who calleth thee from the Supreme Horizon, and Who speaketh with thee from this praiseworthy station? We have rent asunder the veils and manifested the Cause with a sovereignty before which armies cannot stand. When the rapture of My call seizeth thee and the wine of My utterance intoxicateth thee, raise thy hands with such detachment as shall cause the hands of all created things to be lifted up unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. This behooveth thee and those who hold fast to the cord of My Name, the Mighty, the Loving. He who beareth My trust hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this Tablet from whose horizon shineth the luminary of the might of My utterance, the Mighty, the Beloved. Findest thou anyone in the realm who can taste the sweetness of My utterance? Say: Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Findest thou one who will help My Cause? Say: Thou knowest better than I, and Thou art the Protector of what was and what shall be. We make mention of him who was named Abbas, who hath held fast to My extended cord. O Abbas! Thou didst stand before all faces in the early days when We summoned all to that which would draw them nigh unto the Much-Frequented House, that they might circle round it at eventide and at dawn, at dusk and at morn. They cast the Command of God behind their backs, following every heedless and rejected one. O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. He

maketh mention of thee with that which shall endure as long as the names of thy Lord, the Sovereign of the realms of might, endure. Thou hast attained unto the Day of God concerning which the Concourse of the Bayan lamented, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of the kingdoms. Blessed art thou, for thou hast turned with thy heart to the Dawning-Place of God's signs on a day whereon every heedless and veiled one turned away.

And this was revealed for His Honor Mulla Abdul-Hamid, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]:

He is the One through Whom the ocean of utterance surged in the contingent world.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath chosen for himself a path to the Lord of the Throne, that the fragrances of his Lord's Book might attract him to a station that was indeed exalted. O Abdul-Hamid! Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty with which none on earth can vie. He needeth no other than Himself to establish His Cause. Every matter dependeth on His bidding and every book on His acceptance. Thus hath the Command been inscribed by the Pen of Revelation with justice. He hath sent down the verses and manifested the proofs. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who was far from the truth. Say: O company of the deniers! Fear ye God, then behold the Tree and its fruits. They are before your faces. Be fair and follow not him who hath broken God's covenant and His testament, and was deprived of the choice wine of utterance. When thou hearest the call from the Supreme Horizon, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of heaven and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, for having guided me to Thy path, for having caused me to hear Thy call, for having shown me the traces of Thy Pen and the fruits of the Tree of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the lights of Thy countenance, and by the mysteries of Thy Books, to protect me from the doubts of the suspicious ones and the signs of the barking ones who have denied Thee and Thy verses. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And this was revealed for His Honor Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

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Today it is necessary, nay obligatory, upon every soul to safeguard people from superstitions and vain imaginings to the extent possible, for the opponents of the Cause have, like the people of the past, clung to that which leads to the misguidance and destruction of the servants of God. Glory be to God! Until now they have not reflected upon what became of the deeds of that heedless Shi'ih sect on the Day of Reckoning. Night and day they were occupied with the mention of God in mosques and upon pulpits, yet when the splendors of the Sun of Revelation illumined the world, they all arose in opposition and issued the decree for His death. And now upon the pulpits of Iran the divines are occupied with cursing and reviling the Goal of all the worlds. The ultimate end of these heedless souls who have again clung to the same vain imaginings is clear and evident. Beseech ye God to adorn the world of existence with the ornament of justice, equity, awareness and knowledge. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Praise be to

the Goal of the world Who recorded thy name from the Pen of Grace in the Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Sun of grace, bounty, bestowals, mercy, kindness and faithfulness hath risen and shone forth from the heaven of each word of the Goal of all the worlds. Praise be to God, each of the aforementioned names hath attained unto the Kawthar of everlasting grace. This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth to assist each of His loved ones to achieve that which causeth the attraction of all who dwell on earth and the manifestation of the lights of the Most Great Luminary. And I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to grant the success to preserve that which hath been bestowed, for names have deprived people of reality. Consider how by the single word "successor" all were deluded and debarred from the outpourings of the Day of Reckoning. A certain one in these parts claimed to be the Mahdi and a hundred thousand souls gathered round him. The Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of Iran, yet with utmost degradation they extinguished His light and cut down the Tree of His being with the sword of tyranny. Reflection on what hath come to pass is necessary, for if man truly becomes aware, a hundred thousand names would neither prevent nor hinder him; he would pass beyond the river and make for the Most Great Ocean. Confirmation and success are from God, our Goal and your Goal, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the glory of God, exalted be His utterance:

He is the Manifest Book […]

Blessed is He Who hath appeared and revealed what He willed, and sent down verses as a token of His grace that the servants might draw nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the King, the Just, the Manifest Truth. The verses bear witness and the atoms of creation testify that from the beginning of this Cause, in the days when the people of the Bayan were veiled behind a veil, this Wronged One called all with the loudest voice, before the faces of princes, to the straight path and the mighty announcement. No matter prevented Him, no tyranny held Him back from justice. In the prison of the land of Ta, He spoke the blessed word "The Lord of creation hath come," and in chains and fetters He uttered the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The oppression of the oppressors and the assault of the aggressors did not deter Him. His entire life was spent in the hands of the heedless. All the people of Iran, both followers of the Qur'an and the Bayan, are witnesses to what hath been mentioned. We bore what none other hath borne. In Mazandaran, We were paraded through the streets and lanes, and they inflicted upon Us that which would cause the destruction of the people of the cities of justice and fairness. And when the light of the Cause became somewhat manifest, the people of the Bayan did that which caused the eyes of grandeur to weep. At times they claimed these verses were taken from the Primal Point, whereas every person of insight testifieth to countless differences apparent between them. These matters have been and continue to be mentioned repeatedly, that they might remain in the vision of the friends and in their treasuries of understanding, lest the doubts of the suspicious and the whisperings of satan cause them to slip. The

equivalent of the Bayan, nay more, and likewise the equivalent of the heavenly Books is now present. Yet one who is engaged in service in His presence they have taken as lord besides God, and have drawn the swords of hatred against the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to give thee to drink from the cup of bounty the wine of steadfastness. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Possessor of the Light of Oneness. He ordaineth what He willeth for whom He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament and have recognized that which hath been sent down from His Supreme Pen from His wondrous and mighty Kingdom.

And mention was made of the friends of Shahrud, upon them be the Glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the Loving. After being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, this blessed Tablet was specifically revealed for them from the heaven of will. His utterance, mighty is His statement and exalted His proof:

In the Name of the Speaker, the Everlasting […]

O My friends in Shahroud! Hearken with your inner ear to the call of the Wronged One. He it is Who hath shattered the idols and opened the gate of joy amid sorrows, leading humanity to that which God hath willed. We beseech God to aid souls to serve His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath adorned its head with the crown of detachment and its temple with the fear of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. The Most Great Word attracteth hearts and souls, from which floweth the Living Waters. O people of Shin, Alif and Ha! Your petitions have previously reached Us and attained unto the glance of favor, and there hath been ordained for you that which the people of the world are powerless to comprehend. Soar with true wings and circle in this holy atmosphere. In one of the Tablets this most great verse was revealed, addressing one of the servants: "Verily We desired to draw thee nigh unto the Most Great Sea, not with feet like the feet of men, nor with wings like the wings of birds, but through a divine spiritual movement swifter than the lightning that dazzleth the sight."

Today the Sun of Truth is risen and the waves of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance are manifest. Hold fast unto unity and accord, engage in service to the Cause, and strive that perchance the rancor in the hearts and souls of men may be calmed through the living waters of loving counsel, and the light of truth may shine forth from the horizons of hearts. O My friends in that land! Blessed are ye for having turned toward the horizon of the Cause, wherein neither the veils of the divines nor the might of princes prevented you. Ye have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and have attained unto that which most of mankind have been debarred from.

Arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. It hath been repeatedly mentioned that one who was a fisherman became, through God's grace, exalted be His glory, the leader of the people of divine knowledge and the guide of all who dwell on earth, and a shepherd became the bearer of the Standard. Today the triumph of the Cause hath been and shall be through the hosts of God, and His hosts are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Conflict, corruption and contention are strictly forbidden in this Most Great Revelation, in My Books, My Scrolls, My Scriptures and My Tablets. We

beseech God to assist you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to confirm you in that which beseemeth His days. He is verily the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face unto him who was named Ghulam-i-Rida, that he may hear the call from the direction of Akka and be drawn to the Most Glorious Station, and that the hand of bounty may give him to drink of the Greatest Kawthar of steadfastness, whereby the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of Lords, shall not cause him to slip.

Some of the friends have beseeched from the ocean of the bounty of the Goal of the world's desires that He may keep them steadfast in His Cause and that they may ascend at the time of their passing with manifest certitude. Say: O My friends! Throughout ages and centuries a party hath regarded themselves as the most great, the most learned, the most deeply versed in religious law and the most God-fearing, and with white and green turbans like unto standards they were, according to their fancy, occupied with promoting the resplendent Law amongst men, yet when the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs removed the veil and shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, these same souls spoke that which no oppressor had spoken and did that which no idolater had done. Should any soul desire to drink from the Salsabil of steadfastness […]

O My slave before Reza! When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of utterance from the words of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and turning away from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the steadfastness whereby the feet of most of Thy creatures have slipped, and by the light of Thy Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy will, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy bounty that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this life. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and Ruler of nations! I desire in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee and to cleave to the cord of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am he from whom hath slipped away that which beseemeth Thy days. Ordain for me from the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee and cause my remembrance to endure amongst Thy servants. Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. By Thy glory! This servant knoweth not what lieth with Thee nor what shall profit him. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

[The passage also contains text about being independent of all save God, about a certain Hadi Dawlat-Abadi who misguided people, and about the people of Iran being attached to vain imaginings, but I will stop here to avoid a potentially incomplete translation of those sections.]

We make mention of thy son with a remembrance that shall not be erased, nor shall any decree change it, nor shall the passing of centuries and ages alter it. O Mahdi! There hath come before the Wronged One thy letter which thou didst send to one of My Afnan, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness. The servant present hath laid it before Us. We have answered thee with that which no mention can equal, and thou hast been mentioned by Him Who hath spoken My praise, soared in My atmosphere, and arose to aid My Cause - through which the sincere ones have drawn nigh and every hesitating doubter hath turned away. Praise be to God that in thy early youth thou didst attain unto the mention and praise of the Truth and wert successful in serving His loved ones. This bounty hath been and is from God. Although the

deniers of the Bayan have sullied the expanse of the world with the dust of vain imaginings and names, nevertheless the grace of God requireth mention, that perchance a few may not be confined by the veils of names and remain not deprived of the Presence of the Worshipped One. Whoso hath heard My call - it behooveth him to conquer the world through one of My words. This beseemeth the people of the Crimson Ark. Otherwise, that which the deniers from among the people of the Bayan have clung to befitteth their own selves, not God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Remember on My behalf thy mother and thy sister, then thy other sister, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded existence. O My handmaidens! Give thanks unto your Lord, for He hath aided you to turn towards Him when every remote scholar turned away from Him. We desire at this moment to make mention of him who was named Rida from the land of Ba and Ya, that he may find the fragrance of My loving-kindness from My verses and give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O Rida! Hearken unto the Call. We have manifested the Cause before the faces of princes and divines. The kings and their subjects have risen against Me and perpetrated that which hath caused the hearts of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the companions of the supreme Heaven to melt, and thereby was the Wronged One in manifest joy and great patience. Then there joined the factions the party of the Bayan, who claim belief in the Point of the Bayan while they disbelieve in Him Whom He sent with the truth and unto Whom He revealed verses. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in manifest opposition. Say: By the life of God! That which ye possess of names and all else will profit you not today except through this Speaking Book, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One and for having attained unto the traces of His Pen, which no thing whatsoever can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me through the tongue of the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Ocean of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the shells of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to drink the choice wine of Thy revelation from the hand of Thy bounty. Then make me so upright that names shall not cause me to slip from their Sovereign, their Creator, and their Originator. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have hastened to the place of sacrifice for the exaltation of Thy Word and the manifestation of Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

We desire to make mention of him who ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, and of those who ascended in this Great Announcement. O Ali! Bear thou witness that thou hast believed in God and hearkened unto the Call when it was raised from the Supreme Horizon, and hast attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. We beseech God to forgive thee and His loved ones who drank the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the mercy of the All-Merciful and were among the steadfast. Through their mention at this time, the ocean of forgiveness and pardon hath surged, as a mercy from the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. God hath adorned their heads with the crowns of forgiveness and mercy, and their temples with the ornament of pardon. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. We make mention of My loved ones from that land whose names thou didst

mention, that they may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. O My loved ones! We counsel you to be steadfast in this Great Announcement concerning which the people have differed, and at which the limbs of the idolaters have quaked. Blessed are ye for having believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. O Husayn! We have seen thy mention and make mention of thee, and We counsel thee and My loved ones to praiseworthy conduct and goodly deeds. He, verily, is the Counsellor, the All-Knowing. O Baqir! The Mother Book hath made mention of thee in the Final Return. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless. Be thou vocal in the praise of thy Lord and steadfast in His service before the faces of the transgressors. We beseech God to aid thee and to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for those who act according to His mighty Book. Give thanks unto God that He hath assisted thee to turn unto Him and hath mentioned thee in this Luminous Tablet. O Ali! Be thou not afflicted by names and cleave unto that which profiteth thee. That is to say, those names which the idolaters have taken besides God. The Hand of Power hath rent asunder the veils, yet the wayward ones of the Bayan are again engaged in misleading and veiling the people through ancient tales and the names they possess. We beseech the Truth to protect thee and the loved ones from the adversities of the world and whatsoever appeareth therein. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

We desire to make mention of him who was named Abu'l-Qasim, that he may inhale the sweet fragrances of remembrance and be among those who are steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped, save those whom God, the Lord of creation, hath willed. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard how thou didst praise God for that which was sent down from the Kingdom of Mine utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of My loved ones in that place whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that they may remember God, their Lord, at morn and at eventide.

O Siyyid Qabli-Rida! Well is it with thee, for thou hast drunk the choice wine from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of the beginning and the end. O Pen! Give glad tidings unto the youth of what the Lord of all being hath desired to mention from the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My call and acted according to what was commanded in the Mother Book. Rejoice in that thy name hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. O Beloved of God! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings, surged. Today We have arisen as a herald of My Name and as one standing in service to the Cause of God. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. He hath turned unto thee and made mention of thee in such wise as nothing possessed by the people can equal. To this doth He Who conversed with God testify from His most exalted station.

Convey My greetings to all the handmaidens in that land. We beseech God to keep them steadfast and to adorn them with the ornament of chastity. The most glorious ornament of the highest paradise, specially ordained for the handmaidens, is the raiment of chastity. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath adorned her temple therewith. O handmaidens of God! Know ye the value of the divine Word. The treasures of kings cannot equal a single letter thereof. Ere long its station shall be made manifest to all the world. Occupy yourselves with His praise and glorification by night and by day, for He hath enabled you to recognize a Cause from which all others are veiled and debarred, save whom God willeth.

We make mention of those names which thou didst mention at the end of thy letter, and We beseech God to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence, and to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him and preserve them from aught else beside Him. He, verily, is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-Rida, whose letter sent to one of My loved ones hath been presented, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We have, during the nights and days, made mention of Our loved ones who have turned with radiant faces toward God, the Mighty, the Loving. O Muhammad-Rida! Preserve the trust of thy Lord within thine eye, through His Name, the One Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. We have made mention of thee and thy father as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is in truth the Knower of things unseen. We make mention of thy mother in the Most Great Prison as a mercy from God, the Lord of existence. Give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and remind her of My verses, and illumine her heart with this remembrance whereby the idolaters have lamented and the rebellious one hath cried out. We have made mention of every name that was presented before Our face, both of the living and the dead. And verily We are the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Kind.

The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O friends of God and His party, and upon those who have cast away what they possessed and taken hold of the Book of God with the strength and power granted by Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Hasan, that the verses of his Lord may draw him to a station wherein naught in all the world shall hinder him from the Most Great Name. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He heareth what the tongues of the world utter and beholdeth their deeds. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Then make mention of him who was named Ghulam-i-Rida, that he may hear the call from the Supreme Horizon and be of them that are assured. We have caused the rain of utterance to shower upon the hearts of all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that there might spring forth therefrom the ears of wisdom and inner meanings from God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Say: O people of the earth! Be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation. Look ye to the right, that ye may hear the call of Sinai - verily it crieth out with the most exalted call, saying: “Blessed am I to have attained unto Him Who converseth with me!” Then turn ye to the left - verily the Tree calleth out: “By God! He hath come Who was speaking in my outer form and inner reality!” Then turn ye forward, where ye shall behold the waves of the ocean of God’s utterance, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in God’s sight, then acknowledge that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God’s knowledge, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God’s life! The books of the world cannot compare with that which hath been sent down in truth, were ye of them that judge fairly. Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with

manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the All-Merciful shone forth upon the kingdom of utterance, and there hath appeared from Him that which the heavens and earth are powerless to reckon.

O thou wronged one! Turn unto him who hath been named Muhammad, who was mentioned by Him Who turned in the early days unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Neither the sciences and arts nor what the people possessed in that day prevented him from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Thus was the call raised in the prison of Akka. Blessed is he who hath found its fragrance, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth veiled.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! Have ye the living waters of proof? Then bring them forth before God, the Lord of all existence. Present yourselves before the Face, that ye may witness the waves of the ocean of My utterance and the words of the Sun of My Revelation. Perchance ye will abandon what ye possess, clinging unto that which is with God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Say: By God! Neither names nor what ye possess will profit you except through this Name, at Whose appearance the herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved!" By God's life! No refuge have ye this day, nor any place of flight. Fear ye God and be not of them who look on and deny.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for having turned unto Me when the people turned away, and for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen while the servants were sunk in the pit of vain imaginings. Thus hath the matter been made manifest as a grace from Our presence, and I am He Who overshadoweth what hath been and what shall be.

Verily, the Kingdom of Utterance hath turned unto God's loved ones in the cities and lands, making mention of them in that whereby their remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Loving, that they may find the sweetness of utterance on a Day illumined by the light of His countenance. This is a Day wherein the names have shone forth through the light of their Lord. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth far removed from the court of nearness.

O My loved ones in Kha! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, calleth you from a station wherefrom light is visible at its horizon. Beware lest the might of the world hold you back from Him Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with a proof that encompasseth all the worlds. Say: Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are commanded in a Book inscribed by the Pen of God. Beware lest the doubts of the people and the hints of him who was justly deprived of the ocean of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful veil you.

O Son of My Most Sincere Name! Hear the Call from the Prison's direction. Arise to serve the Cause amidst humanity and remind them of that which will draw them to a station blessed through God's glory. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and praise, and in that which will diffuse the fragrance of His good-pleasure throughout the cities and villages. Verily thy Lord aideth whom He willeth through His grace. He, verily, hath power over all things.

O ’Ali! Be thou prepared. Verily, the Most Great Ocean desireth to cleanse thee with the waves of wisdom and utterance. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. Nothing among all things can prevent Him, nor can any matter benefit Him. He hath ever been independent of all worlds.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was imprisoned unjustly among the servants. They observed not Thy right in regard to Thee and committed that which caused Thy Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and then that which descended from the heaven of inner meanings by a command inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablet.

O Kazim! Grieve not for anything, for thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of utterance that which hath attracted the heart of every learned one who was endowed with true vision. When the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, attracteth thee, soar on the wings of longing in the atmosphere of love and fellowship. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having remembered me when I was wronged in the hands of the aggressors. Thus did the ocean of utterance surge before the faces of the religions, and the Most Merciful appeared with a Cause that was hidden from those possessed of sight.

O children of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God! Sanctify your ears to hearken unto My Most Exalted Word, whereby all things have been attracted and the Kingdom hath proclaimed: “The dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!” God hath indeed shone forth upon you from the Dayspring of His signs and the Manifestation of His Self, Who hath come from the Dawning-Place of eternity with a sovereignty before which the necks of the polytheists have bowed low. Verily the Mount hath circled round the Manifestation, and the call of the Tree hath been raised in the Sinai of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

We counsel you in this night to fear God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance. Beware lest ye follow your desires. Follow Him Who counseleth you for the sake of God, the Lord of the sublime Throne. We have remembered you before and have revealed unto you that from which the near ones have inhaled the fragrance of holiness from this Garment whereby every blind one hath seen, every poor one hath been enriched, every lowly one hath been exalted, every mute one hath spoken, and the straight path of God and His mighty Message have been made manifest. Rejoice in that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward you from His Most Great Prison, and hath sent down unto you that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Most Merciful throughout all possibilities. Blessed is he who hath found and attained.

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics! We beseech Thee for pardon, trusting in Thy grace and bounty which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! We are Thy servants and we acknowledge our misdeeds and sins, and have turned unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Possessor of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech Thee, by the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and mercy which have preceded Thy servants, to aid us in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

The glory from Our presence be upon the people of Baha who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon with illumined hearts and radiant faces, and who have attained that which God ordained for them in the Guardian of Names, and made them companions of the Crimson Ark. By the life of God! These are servants around whom circle angels drawn nigh. Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return. And We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and who have taken the cup of immortality with love for the Lord of all beings, and have drunk therefrom through His All-Wise remembrance. We beseech God to adorn them with the most excellent adornment and to ordain for them the best of the hereafter and of this world. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful, and the Most Merciful of the merciful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

A hundred thousand suns of grace, moons of bounty, and stars of generosity have risen and become manifest from the horizons of every word. The Kawthar, Salsabil and the choice sealed wine are visible like the sun. The Tasneem crieth out, clinging to His Most Generous Name, saying:

"Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having singled me out for the companions of Thy Ark!" And the Camphor saith: "Thanks be to Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having singled me out for the people of the Manifestation and the companions of the Mount, who have circled round Thy will and acted according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book."

Glory be to God! Every mention from amongst the mentions, every letter from amongst the letters, and every word from amongst the words of God, exalted be His glory, is distinguished from all else like the sun. Nevertheless, the calumniators have uttered that which befitteth their own souls. Are those possessed of hearing and sight extinct? For anyone gifted with vision, even less than the eye of a needle, would perceive the difference. O my brothers! O my masters! Relinquish not justice. Reflect upon and examine the manifest evidences from our Lord, and likewise upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance by the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - and that which hath been revealed in the Persian tongue. At that time your eyes shall be solaced and your souls assured, and the doubts of the babblers and the words of the calumniators shall not cause you to slip, and you shall find yourselves immersed in the ocean of certitude. Verily, our Lord and your Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. He hath made known to you the stations of His Manifestation, taught you His way, and caused you to hear His call. He is our Guardian and our Goal, and He hath sent down for us that which draweth us nigh unto Him and hath taught us that which beseemeth His glorious and wondrous Day.

As for the names mentioned in the august letter, each hath been blessed with the effulgent lights of the Luminary of utterance. For some, Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, and others have been mentioned in the Tablet of Shahrud and have attained the sacred writings of the Most Exalted Pen. It is hoped that they will not be deprived of the infinite outpourings that stream forth in the Days of God, and that they will drink from the Kawthar of grace and favors that lie hidden within the exalted words. Several petitions and letters arrived from certain loved ones, each containing several names. After being presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most August Court, there was revealed for each name that which giveth eternal life to the servants. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be

His glory, that He may cause all to attain. In truth, on this occasion that honored one hath become the cause of universal outpourings; its fragrance hath perfumed the world. Blessed are they that have attained and they that have drunk, who have quaffed from the hand of their Lord's bounty the choice wine of utterance and the pure water of knowledge. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them to do what He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Concerning the prayer which his honor mentioned: in truth, whosoever recites it purely for the sake of God will attract all things and bestow fresh life upon the world of existence. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist His loved ones in that which will free them from the vicissitudes, conditions, troubles and darkness of this world, and adorn them with that which will draw them near unto Him in all circumstances. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

This prayer is different from the one revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas. That prayer, along with the writings of the Primal Point, may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake, was, due to matters of wisdom, sent elsewhere. And after several years another prayer was revealed, which is also not available. Then these mentioned prayers were revealed from the heaven of bounty of the Goal of all the worlds. The intention is to perform one of these three prayers - that is, if one of the three is performed, the other two are not obligatory. Likewise, regarding individual and congregational prayer, instruction will come later, and by command, whatever has been revealed concerning the ordinances will be sent subsequently. This same explanation was given to His Holiness 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God.

Regarding certain matters that were written about, these were presented before His presence. By His command, that which is befitting will be written to Aqa 'Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. Likewise, specifically for the honored leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor and sent. God willing, she will attain unto it. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous. Whenever your kindred were mentioned previously, He would show favor to all. His grace toward you has been evident and manifest in all conditions. Similarly, specifically for Aqa Faraj'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, who was engaged in service, a blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to grant him the blessing of receiving his glorious and wondrous Tablet. This servant has ever been anticipating whatever may come from that Beloved One. Indeed, mention and expression are the primary cause of love, unity, harmony and infinite stations of divine love. Finally, he entrusts all affairs to God, the Lord of the Worlds. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor, upon those with you, upon those who love you and who hear your word concerning the Cause of our Goal, your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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

Praise be to the Lord of the worlds Who summoned all peoples as one through His Most Great Name, in such wise that neither piercing weapons, nor marshalled hosts, nor the clamor of the ignorant who are known as the learned, could deter Him from His holy purpose. Through a single effulgence from the Sun of Will and Purpose He appeared, and from Him a Word was made manifest in the realm of creation, and from that Word infinite worlds were brought into being. At times He called it the Trumpet, at others the Bugle, now the Straight Path, then the Balance. And all the signs of the Day of Resurrection and the tokens of the Hour appeared through this wondrous and mighty Word by the command of the Lord of Oneness. Exalted be His might, glorified His power, and magnified His sovereignty! He is the One Who is sanctified above all numbers, and the Manifest One Who is holy beyond all witnessing, appearance and utterance. All the Messengers on the mount of understanding cry out "Show me!", while this servant standeth bewildered and astonished in His presence.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names, sanctified above all that hath been created in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to assist Thy servants who were prevented from hearkening when Thy most sweet call was raised, and who turned away from Thy most exalted horizon when the ocean of Thy bounty surged and the gate of reunion was opened unto all who are in Thy earth and heaven. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all names, to acquaint them with that which they have neglected and to strengthen them to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy signs, the Source of Thy knowledge and the Manifestation of Thy Being. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy divine attributes, Thy manifestations, Thy signs and Thy evidences, to adorn Thy servants with the vesture of truthfulness and fairness that they may meditate upon Thy Cause and be just concerning that which hath appeared from Thee in Thy days. This is a day, O my God, in which Thou didst command all, through the tongue of the Herald of Thy Cause and the Speaker of Thy Name, to behold Thee with Thine eyes and not with what is in the Bayan. Yet when He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities appeared, Thy servants and creatures who clung to the cords of idle fancies turned away from Him. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to recognize Thee, then give them to drink of the choice wine of Thy revelation that it may draw them to the heaven of Thy knowledge and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Certitude which hath shone forth by Thy leave and will. O Lord! Thou seest them speaking as spoke the followers of the Qur'an throughout ages and centuries, yet when the test came, spite and hatred appeared from them in such wise that they pronounced judgment against Him Whom they had mentioned during nights and days. O Lord! Take the hands of Thy servants with the arms of Thy might and power, then deliver them from the depths of doubts and fancies that they may abandon what they possess and turn unto the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation through which appeared what was hidden in the treasuries of Thy Books and stored in the repositories of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. Thou givest and withholdest, and Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Wise.

May the prayer that hath dawned from the most exalted horizon and the peace that hath descended from the heaven of Thy bounty, O Lord of Names, rest upon those who arose to mention and proclaim Thy Cause and to exalt it among the religions, and upon him who arose in Thy earliest days to celebrate Thy praise and glorification among Thy creatures, to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified regarding his

devotion, humility and lowliness before Thy countenance. He is the one who heard the derision of the enemies and who suffered in Thy path that which caused Thy chosen ones to lament. O Lord! Ordain for him through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will exalt his mention in Thy kingdom. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O beloved of my heart! Thy pen's mark hath gladdened me and that which flowed from it in remembrance of our Beloved and thy Beloved hath attracted me. By the life of the Beloved! I was seized with longing and yearning from thy utterances which spoke of naught but the Manifestation of God and His sovereignty, and guided to none but His path. From each letter thereof I drank the Kawthar of love and affection. When the sweet wine of thy utterances in remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings, intoxicated me, I directed myself to the Most Exalted Horizon and attained the presence before the Throne, and laid before Him that wherewith thou didst call upon God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the tongues of creation are powerless to mention. His word, exalted be His glory […]

Blessed art thou, O Ali, and blessed art thou, O Akbar! How felicitous art thou, O thou who rememberest Me, and My mercy be upon thee, O thou who hast turned thyself unto Mine horizon! Ponder thou upon the veils of the people. Although they have testified and continue to testify to the Manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory, they pass their days in expectation while remaining deprived and forbidden from the Sovereign of Revelation. They measure with their own idle fancies that Truth which is sanctified and exalted above the hints, intimations and utterances of all who dwell on earth, and they rise up in opposition. They have clung to a single word and have deprived themselves of countless books. What hath been mentioned is the condition of previous peoples. Consider the people of the Bayan, whose state is truly a cause for wonderment. No people have ever been seen to be veiled as these people are. The Sun of Truth hath risen and is manifest, and the Most Great Luminary hath dawned and is evident, yet they remain heedless - and would that they had contented themselves with heedlessness! They have uttered that which the Concourse on High did not utter at the appearance of the Seal of the Prophets, and that which the Jews did not speak at the advent of Christ. And this, notwithstanding that the Point of the Bayan proclaimed with the most exalted call and cut off all paths, saying that if prayer is mentioned, let not prayer veil you on that Most Great Day, and if fasting is mentioned, saying beware, beware lest thou be veiled thereby, and if signs and tokens are mentioned, declaring with utmost clarity that He shall not be known by any token nor by that which is mentioned in the Bayan. O Ali, this Word is the sovereign of words. In the Bayan He saith that all the Bayan is but a leaf from His gardens. If it be accepted - O Ali - He hath made all worship, expressions, words, verses and proofs contingent upon the will of the Sovereign of Oneness. No person of insight hath had or hath any cause for hesitation. Glory be to God! Nevertheless, consider what hath come to pass. Would that the spurious, imaginary souls had been aware of the Cause! By the life of God, none save two souls have been aware of it, even as hath previously flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. These utterances which flow from the Most Exalted Pen are made in the hope that perchance certain souls who possess a breath of life might become aware of that which they are heedless. This is from the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. Were it not for My mention, the Bayan would not have been revealed. To this do all things testify, but the people are in evident denial.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land who have quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge and who are adorned with the ornament of certitude. Say: Know ye your stations, then preserve them through the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Each one hath borne afflictions and tribulations in the path of God, hath heard what no one hath heard, and hath witnessed what no soul hath witnessed. Now must they know their worth and preserve their stations. Ere long shall the trees of being yield their fruits, and they shall behold this. Blessed are they and felicitous are they! God willing, the diverse conditions of the world shall not withhold the people of truth from that which beseemeth this most holy and transcendent Day. The world at every moment testifieth to its own evanescence and extinction. He who possesseth hearing and sight heareth its cry, remaineth detached therefrom, and is ever mindful of and holdeth fast unto that which is with God.

As to what was written regarding the arrival of the divine Tablets and their recitation in various gatherings, and likewise concerning the enkindlement of the loved ones of God in that land, it brought the utmost joy and delight. Praise be to God that your honor stands firm in service to the Cause of God and strives diligently to exalt the Word. If one considers that upon first arrival in the Most Great Prison, God, exalted be His glory, commanded your honor to protect and safeguard the House of the Cause - praise be to God, you have been and continue to be successful therein. You have ever been speaking in praise of God and holding fast to the guidance of mankind. This is a station of which this servant is incapable of describing. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Seeing Witness.

As to what was mentioned regarding the heedless, deluded, whispering souls - God is the witness and testament that they all soar on the wings of idle fancies and speak with tongues of vain imaginings. They never had and have not any awareness. They speak according to their desires and reckon they are among the doers of good. The most holy and exalted Station of which the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - says “Be not veiled from Him, and hesitate not in His Cause through the Bayan and its letters,” and says “Whenever He appears, I am the first of them that worship” - despite this, these shameless and witless people have done that which even the people of the tomb did not manifest.

God willing, may you be like an unshakeable mountain, an intervening barrier through divine strength and power, that the rebellious and oppressive ones may not transgress. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to what was written regarding the intention to move toward the land of ?, but after consultation it was decided to remain in the land of ? for the protection of the weak souls - in truth this matter was the very essence of wisdom and propriety. Assuredly in such times the presence of that beloved one in that land is necessary. God willing, may you be vigilant and watchful throughout all nights and days and in all conditions. In most Tablets this exalted word hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen: The treacherous ones are prepared and the satans lie in wait.

The people of God must protect souls from the hosts of self and passion through the Name of the Lord of all humanity. Verily He is the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to what you wrote regarding the two youths who remained protected through God’s grace and turned toward the Most Great Ocean - blessed are they, again blessed are they. This evanescent servant conveys

greetings to them and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid them to be steadfast in this Most Holy, Most Great Cause and to set them ablaze with the heat of His love in such wise that the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings may not withhold them from the Lord of all beings. The call of the All-Merciful is raised, and likewise the croaking of Satan. Would that the embodiments of delusion were aware! By God's life! All are observed to be immersed in the ocean of heedlessness and ignorance.

Concerning what you wrote about the family of Mishkin-Qalam, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, the Truth, exalted be His glory, has enabled some of His friends to execute that which was His will. In truth, Aqa Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, has labored greatly and brought the mother and son to the Land of Purpose with utmost joy and fragrance, and they expressed complete satisfaction with him. Your reward is with God. In view of your intercession, Aqa Abu'l-Qasim was honored with true permission, and they gave your letter to this servant, which was presented in the Most Holy Court. Smiling, He said: "The deed of 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be My glory, is righteous and accepted. God willing, may he act befittingly in all conditions and remain engaged in promoting the Cause as God desires, for he has ever been and continues to be confirmed in guiding the heedless and executing divine commandments. His reward is with Him Who created him in truth." End quote.

Mention was also made of Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, from the Tongue of Grandeur, and He expressed His favor. Praise be to God that he was enabled to execute the will of the Beloved of the worlds. Give him the glad tidings of the acceptance of what he has done in God's path. Regarding what you wrote about Mirza Muhammad Husayn Kh-A, upon him be the Glory of God, details about him were written from the land of Q some time ago and presented in the Most Holy Court. A special Tablet was revealed and sent to him. God willing, may he attain to the lofty station of steadfastness through the fragrant breezes of the Most Merciful's utterance. "Blessed is he whose likeness appears before Him Who has no likeness." He said: "Blessed is the one who arises to serve the Cause of the Lord of the beginning and the end in the prime of youth, and is adorned with His love. The appearance of this greatest bounty is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth. Blessed are the firm ones and joy be to the steadfast." End quote.

And concerning what was written about Aqa Shaykh 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and a special Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of grace. God willing, may he comprehend the hidden oceans of meaning from the Divine Word and drink from the cup of God's love - a drink that neither the objections of the divines nor the insinuations of the hateful ones can prevent. May he arise with utmost power, might and steadfastness to serve this Most Great Cause. The pleasure of the world has been and is in this matter, and were its fruits to appear on earth, all would be amazed, nay, thunderstruck. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He will set him ablaze with the call of the Burning Tree - an ablaze whose effect will appear in the trees of existence. This is not difficult for God. And regarding the mention you made of his petition, it was not in the envelope. The very act of turning to God is a great book and an extensive petition. Whoever turns to Him, the fragrance of his heart at that moment attains the presence of the Most Holy Court and is honored with God's special favors. This is among the distinctive features of this Most Great Revelation. Praise be to God, they have attained to this station.

You have recalled mention of Amir Khan. A Most Holy Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for him. God willing, he will attain unto it. Likewise, a Most Holy and Wondrous Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for Mirza Mehdi. This evanescent one's hope is that all may drink from the living waters and receive their portion from the ocean of grace. It is most regrettable that in these days when the world is illumined by the light of the Manifestation and the heaven of bounty is adorned with the Most Great Luminary, the people of the earth should be witnessed as heedless. Today is the day of the manifestation of divine favors and gifts. Blessed a hundred-thousandfold is the soul who let not the opportunity slip away and arose to make amends for what had passed him by. In truth, should a soul turn with a true ear, from every atom among atoms and from every thing among things he would hear this word: "O people of the earth! This Day is God's Day!" A call is raised the like of which none has ever heard nor will ever hear, and lights are shining from the horizon of the Face the like of which shall never be seen. In such circumstances, that beloved one and this evanescent one and other loved ones of God must raise our hands in prayer that perchance none may be deprived of this most great bounty and supreme grace. Lamentations and sighs are concealed in the heart, and their expression is forbidden. His is the command, He alone, there is no God but Him.

Regarding what you wrote about Hezekiel (upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]) and his presence, it was presented at the station of "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him." This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

In His Name, the Single, the Independent, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O Hezekiel, O son of Khalil! Hearken unto the call of the Glorious One Who makes mention of thee from this noble station and summons thee to God, the Single, the All-Informed. The Mount has been adorned with the lights of the Manifestation, and the Tree calls out: "Verily, there is no God but I, the Witness, the All-Hearing." Give thanks unto God for having made thee attain unto that which Moses attained when He heard the call of God, the Mighty, the Wise. The world hath been illumined by the lights of the Face, yet eyes remain behind a thick veil. This is a Day wherein Moses calls out, saying: "O people of the Torah! He Who revealed the verses hath come, through Whom what was hidden from all eternity hath been manifested, if ye be of them that know. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of this wondrous Day." We make mention of thee and of them who have believed in this perspicuous Book, Which speaks in the Most Great Prison with a sovereignty that none in the heavens and earth can resist. God counsels you to show forth love, trustworthiness and unity, and commands you to that through which the essence of man may be made manifest in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who does what He wills and ordains what He pleases. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen raised its shrill voice. Blessed is he who has attained unto hearing it, and woe unto the heedless.

By the Sun of Truth! Any soul in whom the slightest capacity is found will surely be set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Word. The people are heedless, and this servant is bewildered and amazed. God willing, may all be illumined by the lights of God's Day and turn with heart and soul to the most exalted horizon. It is hoped that the divers in the ocean of truth will, with perfect wisdom, present the pearls of knowledge before the eyes of the world.

A single spark from the Fire has struck all souls

A hundred thousand Sinais have been kindled in hearts

What cruelty has seized the hearts of the world that they remain deprived of this true spiritual warmth? What ailment has encompassed their vision that they are bereft of beholding these lights? Were this evanescent servant to present what he has been privileged to hear, the earth would appear transformed. How can this tongueless one move in the arena of utterance, and how can this sightless one be worthy to step into the realm of revelation and vision? In any case, holding fast to the cord of grace and clinging to the hem of bounty, the door of hope is, praise be to God, open. God willing, may all attain to what is befitting, and may the rays of the Sun of Justice dispel the darkness of the world. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention was made of Nasrullah Khan, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]. Praise be to God, he has been and God willing will continue to be remembered before the Presence. Let him not be saddened by the dispersion of affairs. After separation, the light will shine forth in gathering. These matters were presented at the court of grandeur. Thus has spoken the Tongue of Revelation, exalted be His glory:

O 'Ali-Akbar! O thou who gazest upon My face and dwellest within the pavilions of My loving-kindness! Hearken unto My call from around My shrine. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My glorification to him who was named Nasrullah in the Kingdom of Names, and give him glad tidings of what God, the Self-Subsisting, the Sovereign Protector, has ordained for him. Say: O my God and the God of the world, my Goal and the Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will cause me to be, under all conditions, turned toward Thee, content with what descends from the heaven of Thy Command, and speaking Thy praise among Thy creatures. O Lord! Aid me in that by which my remembrance will endure in Thy Book. I know not what is with Thee, and Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Manifestation of Thy Self through Whom the horizon of the heaven of Thy Revelation was illumined, to ordain for me that which will profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Likewise, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were sent specifically to Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi and his companion Shaykh 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon them be the glory of God, that their eyes might be consoled. I beseech and hope for their confirmation from the True One, exalted be His glory. The ocean of bounty has not been and will never be fully reckoned, and the Sun of grace is not bound by any limits. However, those who can expound and remind are rare. God willing, through the endeavors of your honor and the friends of God, souls will be specifically appointed to serve the Cause, that they might guide all who dwell on earth to the path of God. This matter is most momentous. Blessed is he who attains.

And regarding what you wrote about the honored lady of Ahl, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before His Presence, and a Tablet adorned with the ornament of the grace of the True One, glorified be His Glory, was revealed specifically for her. God willing, may she attain to the fragrances of

the verses of the Manifestation of evident signs. Likewise, specifically for your honored sister, upon her be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed. God willing, may she attain to the visitation of the Divine Tablet.

And regarding the mention made of Aqa Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim from the people of ?, upon him be the Glory of God, the mention of the loved ones of the land of ? and the emigrants has ever been made in the Most Holy Court, and this servant testifies that the gaze of favor has been and is directed toward those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Nevertheless, their degrees of sincerity were presented in the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for him from the Supreme Pen, His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Abu'l-Qasim! Thou hast heard what was inflicted upon the Twin Luminous Lights by the oppression of the ignorant ones of the earth who are known as divines. Now reflect upon what hath been inflicted upon this Wronged One. In the days when darkness had encompassed the world and the people of the Bayan were disturbed and concealed due to the might of the oppressors, this Wronged One arose alone to promote the Cause of God. To this bear witness the stars of My heaven and the sun of the horizon of My power, and most of the people of the earth have heard what was inflicted. Then when some measure of assurance was attained, the buzzing arose and the leaves of fire were spread by the hands of the wicked ones. Reflect upon Hadi of Dawlat-Abad. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that he was and is heedless of the root of the Cause, and moreover his understanding is observed to be less than that of an animal. Now he is occupied with clay like unto earthworms. Fie upon him and those who follow him! Say: O friends! Hold fast to the cord of patience. Soon the falsehood of those fabricated souls will become evident and manifest. Grieve thou not at anything. We have mentioned thee before and after. Convey My greetings to the friends of that land. They should appear with such power and might in the name of the True One that they would regard the world as non-existent and null, let alone the buzzing of flies. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then thank thy Lord, the Evident, the All-Knowing.

And regarding the mention made of Aqa Mirza Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God, I beseech the True One, glorified be His Glory, that he may be assisted in transcribing the verses of God, and this is accounted as one of the great bounties. God willing, may he be assisted and confirmed in that which is the cause and means of permanence. His work that was sent previously was accepted with favor and is present with this ephemeral one. Today, which is the twenty-fifth of Jamadiyu'l-Avval, these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of grace, verses were revealed specifically for him, His words, glorified be His Glory: He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing […]

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful from the heaven of grace to draw His servants nigh unto Him and to give them glad tidings of that which His Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for them. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The conditions of the world cannot frustrate Him, nor can the clamor of the heedless prevent Him. He calleth out at all times with the most exalted call and guideth mankind unto the straight path of God. Blessed is the ear that hath not been debarred by the clamor of every denier, and the eye that hath not been veiled by the veils of the heedless. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, had formerly announced, and to which the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, have

borne witness. Those who are intoxicated by the wine of vain imaginings have turned away from the Lord of all being and clung to their idle fancies and vain images.

O Zein! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. He remembereth thee as a token of His grace and counseleth thee with that which shall exalt the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the manifestations of the world prevent thee from the Lord of eternity. Preserve thy station through the Name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Reflect upon that which hath appeared from God and ponder His signs. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is revealed a perspicuous Book. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee now from this glorious station. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause and be vocal in praising God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We revealed the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest inhale from them the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be of the thankful ones.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to him and to Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God, and declareth: Today is the day when all the friends of God must exert their utmost endeavor that perchance those who have strayed in the valley of self and passion might find their way to the most exalted homeland, and those who thirst in the desert of separation and remoteness might drink from the Salsabil of reunion. It is hoped that each soul may engage in teaching the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance. O Beloved of my heart! If souls of integrity would truly adorn themselves with that which hath been revealed in the divine Tablets concerning piety, righteousness, goodly character and praiseworthy deeds, and would hold fast to teaching the Cause, ere long the attraction of their sincerity and its effect would seize most souls. In such case, all would be observed free, liberated and at rest upon the thrones of glory and elevation. As commanded, one must hold fast to wisdom in all matters and not exceed moderation.

Concerning the mention made of 'Ali-Akbar Big, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, the glances of favor have been directed towards him. Detailed mention of him hath been made in the letter sent to the beloved Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious Glory. God willing, they will observe it and become informed. And now again, mention of him and of Mashhadi Haydar, upon them both be the Glory of God, whose names were at the end of your letter, was made before the Throne. The Sun of grace hath risen and shone upon each one. His exalted Word: We have witnessed their turning unto Us and have heard their call. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He shall manifest unto them that which God hath ordained. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

Concerning what you wrote about the minimum amount subject to Huquq, it was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply: "This matter was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas as the Bayan hath spoken, and later the minimum amount was fixed before the Face at nineteen units, a wisdom from Our presence." The purpose of this decree was the future enrichment of the general treasury, and perhaps its details will be submitted later. Up to this point, the answer to your letter dated the seventh of Dhi'l-Qa'dah was submitted one by one, and your other letter, beloved one, which was adorned with the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds and dated the twenty-seventh of Dhi'l-Hijjah, illumined and enlightened both heart and sight. And concerning what you

wrote about your intention to present in every city the degrees of your servitude, humility and submissiveness, and that you beseech the All-Powerful Lord to enable you to serve the Cause - these matters were submitted before the Face. His word, exalted be His glory:

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

We have aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of My verses, the Dayspring of My revelation and the Manifestation of My Cause, the All-Wise. We have caused thee to hear My call from the Mount of knowledge, and shown thee My luminous and radiant Beauty, and established thee in the service of My Cause as a bounty from My presence, for I am the Ancient Bestower. O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Hearken unto that which the idolaters say, who have taken for themselves a station behind the veil. When We manifest the Cause with power from Our presence, they emerge with the buzzing of flies and object to God, the Lord of all worlds. By God's life! The one whom the idolaters have taken as an idol for themselves apart from God is powerless to speak before the Face. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. Thou didst stand firm in the Cause on a day wherein the limbs of the mighty and powerful trembled. Thou didst appear and manifest that whereof all things spoke. By God! The hidden and treasured mystery hath appeared through a command before which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot stand. Thus hath the Speaker of Sinai spoken from the Sinai of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless. Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones, and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all in the heavens and the earth. We have mentioned them time and again. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: This is He of Whom the Point of the Bayan gave tidings, saying "He is the One Who speaketh in every condition, 'Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all worlds.'" Say: This is a Day wherein the Bayan profiteth you not except through believing in that which hath been sent down regarding this Wise Remembrance. Leave what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Strong, the Powerful. Thus hath the horizon of proof been illumined by the Sun of thy Lord, the All-Merciful's utterance. He is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have migrated in My path, endured hardships for My Name, and acted according to what they were commanded in My perspicuous Book.

O handmaid of God and leaf of the divine Tree of Love! The Manifestation of Truth, glorified be His majesty, hath appeared so that all who dwell on earth might attain unto His recognition and drink from the Kawthar of His presence and reunion. All divine Books bear witness to this truth. Though all days are associated with God, in the Holy Scriptures this Day hath been specifically designated and become known as the Day of God. The chosen ones have ever beseeched the True One, exalted be His glory, for His presence, and God hath ever loved and continues to love meeting His loved ones. However, the conditions created by the heedless and the oppression of the wrongdoers have become an intervening barrier. That handmaid must be content in all conditions and be focused on and oriented towards the will of God, exalted be He. Thy aspiration is most lofty and thy request acceptable, but the Supreme Pen hath enjoined wisdom upon His servants and handmaidens. Therefore, attention to this direction is not advisable in these days. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to accomplish deeds that will cause the handmaids of God to be mindful. For any handmaid who attaineth unto this exalted and most sublime station, the reward of meeting Him hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book.

Recognize thou this most great favor and then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. O ’Ali-Before-Akbar! Convey unto her that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, and glorify her on My behalf, and give her the glad tidings of that which hath flowed from the chalice of My bounty. Speak with her on behalf of her Creator that which will gladden her eyes and rejoice her heart. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon the handmaids of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God that they have been blessed with divine mention. The verses themselves testify to the favors of the True One, glorified be His majesty. Previously also, she had attained the presence of the Greatest Holy Leaf, His sister - upon her be all the most glorious glory - and their love. Whenever a letter would arrive from them, they would mention her. The honored Mahbubi, son of the Most Truthful, upon them both be the glory of God, has also repeatedly mentioned her, and she has been blessed with the favors of the True One, glorified be His majesty. Should the veils of idle fancy be rent asunder and the station of a single mention flowing from the Supreme Pen be made manifest to the peoples of the world, then would the value of the favors, mentions and words of the Goal of all mankind become somewhat known and evident. Exalted is His bounty, glorified His grandeur, and lofty His favor. There is no God but Him.

Regarding what you wrote about the sale of property and the Huqúqu’llah, when this matter was submitted, He smiled and then these exalted words were revealed from the Dawning Place of utterance, the Lord of Names. His grandeur be glorified: “Blessed is he, again blessed is he, for he hath desired to act according to what was commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” In truth, he and those like him have been and are worthy of this pure and accepted deed. We have accepted from him what he intended for God’s sake, and We have forgiven him as a bounty from Our presence and a gift from Our court, for verily We are the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Helper, the Generous. How wonderful for you, that the Ancient Beauty was observed to smile at this matter. This was a great accomplishment that resulted from your honor’s submission of intention, and furthermore that the intention was accepted and was then adorned with the forgiveness of God, exalted be His glory. The supreme bounty was that which was uttered from the tongue of grandeur in this station. God willing, may you ever be blessed with such bestowals. And in truth, this is that intention of which they had given tidings beforehand, saying “The intention of the believer is better than his deed.” This word claimed its station in this instance. This is from the bounty of our Lord, the Most Merciful. And in one instance They said: “O servant present, write to the aforementioned one, upon him be My glory: The All-Bountiful sayeth: Through the bounty thou didst intend, thou hast attained, and art reckoned among those holy souls who have rendered the Huqúqu’llah. Be thou thankful and among those who give thanks.”

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab Aqa Seyyed Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors - praise be to God they have been freed, although true freedom has been and will always be for those souls who are immersed in the ocean of divine love, and they, through the grace of the Beloved of the worlds, have attained and continue to attain this station. This servant repeatedly heard mention of them from the Divine Tongue. Once these blessed words were heard from the All-Merciful, exalted be His utterance: “Verily he was imprisoned in the path of God and We found him patient in what befell him…” And another time these supreme words were heard, He said: “Abu-Talib has followed his Lord in prison.” Also, a sublime Tablet was revealed especially for them from the heaven of grace some time ago which

will be sent, God willing. At this moment while this evanescent one was occupied with writing, he was summoned to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. After attaining the presence, He said: Write to Abu-Talib, upon him be My Glory:

"O Abu-Talib! We have heard thy lamentations and thy cries have reached the ears of the Lord of Names. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He has aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of verses. Reflect on the tribulations that befell the Self of God, exalted be His glory. For nearly four months We were in the prison of Ta under chains and fetters. Repeatedly did We enter prison, yet with utmost joy and delight We continued to mention and utter the most excellent remembrances. After Our release We went into exile until this Most Great Prison became the seat of the Throne. Be thou joyful in what hath befallen thee, but in all conditions hold fast unto wisdom. Teaching is beloved only when a receptive place is found, otherwise it becomes the cause of mischief. Speak with wisdom, observe with wisdom, and act with wisdom. O Abu-Talib! We have mentioned thee before with that which nothing in all creation can equal, and We mention thee at this time as a token of grace from thy Lord, the Generous. And We make mention of thy father, to whom the All-Merciful hath testified in His perspicuous Book. He was among those who attained the presence of God when all on earth were prevented save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, did will. He stood faithfully at the gate and acted according to what was commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who remembereth him as revealed by the Supreme Pen of God, and blessed is he who hath loved him for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Abu-Talib! We counsel thee once again to hold fast unto the Most Great Wisdom. Cleave unto it and go not beyond its bounds. Verily thy Lord hath chosen wisdom and He is the All-Choosing, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon every assured and discerning one."

This evanescent one conveys greetings and salutations to them. God the All-Knowing bears witness that they have always been in mind, and the reason this perishable servant delayed in writing to them was out of wisdom. And concerning their question about their duties, this matter was presented before His presence. He said the Divine Cause must be concealed from those who are not worthy of it. The precious pearl before the blind, and the melodies of the nightingale before those deprived of hearing, have not and will never bear fruit. Therefore mention of the Cause before the government is not and has never been permitted. In all cases, the seeds of wisdom must be deposited in receptive soil. Verily He commands what is best for you if ye act accordingly.

Therefore, mention of the Cause to the government is not and has never been permissible. In any case, the seeds of wisdom must be deposited in receptive soil. Verily, He commands what is best for you - act upon it and be among those who are firm.

It is submitted that certain mentions before the government or weak souls are not and have never been permissible, including mention of sending petitions to the Most Holy Court and receiving answers from the heaven of divine will, which is strictly forbidden before the authorities, as such mention may cause harm. The teaching work is contingent upon several conditions which all must observe, that it may cause acceptance rather than rejection, and extinguish the fire of corruption rather than ignite it. The beloved ones should convey these matters to some, that all may arise to do what is acceptable in God's sight.

For nearly thirty years, God, exalted be His glory, has forbidden all from engaging in corruption, contention and conflict. How many afflictions have befallen His loved ones, yet none has protested. Nevertheless, they have not yet desisted and are constantly engaged in oppression. The source of this oppression has been and will be the clergy. Despite the compassion, mercy, grace and favors of the Truth, the government has not yet grasped the main purpose. For if they knew God, glorified be He, to be truthful, they would surely testify that this Cause is sanctified from conflict, contention and corruption. The deeds of some in the past who were contaminated by selfish desires caused certain ones to doubt. If the government were to truly understand what is intended, they would surely arise to make amends for what has passed. But the effects of truthfulness must needs appear in the visible world, for its fragrance is evident and any possessor of smell can perceive it. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid the rulers in executing justice.

If they would adorn themselves with fairness and justice and turn to the Tablets, they would testify that this Cause has never been and is not opposed to government, but rather supports it in executing justice. O beloved of my heart! This servant is perplexed and knows not what to submit. Most of the servants have fallen into the sea of vain imaginings and are stupefied. In view of the trials of this servant, permission to reveal matters has not been and is not granted. Otherwise, by God besides Whom there is none other God, if they were to hear but one melody from the Bird of the Cause, all would utter the blessed words "Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return." In truth, until now no one has truly uttered these blessed words, though all outwardly pronounce them, for this station requires absolute effacement of self, will and desire, and return to God, recognition of Him and arising for His sake.

Some time ago this exalted word was heard from the mouth of the Will of the Lord of Names, exalted and glorified be His utterance: "O servant in attendance! We have revealed two words about the meaning of 'There is no God but God.' It was observed that some of the mystics expressed inability to comprehend it. They are heard uttering this word night and day while remaining veiled from its meaning." God willing, may all on earth be adorned with the ornament of fairness and ascend to the kingdom of truthfulness.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mihdi (upon him be the Glory of God - 669), son of the late and elevated Vazir (upon him be all My Most Glorious Glory), it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One spoke:

In His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O M.H.! We have mentioned thee before and guided thee to God's path and His Balance. He, verily, is the Expounding One, the All-Wise. We make mention of thee at this hour and counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and We give thee glad tidings of His great favor. The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this wondrous and exalted Day, for the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Dayspring of Light, and He Who conversed on Sinai hath appeared and been made manifest. Today the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Far Boundary is raised high and the flow of the Kawthar of life is crystal clear, and every possessor of hearing doth hear it. God willing, thou shalt attain unto His special favors and become detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein. Today the call of the All-Merciful is raised, and likewise the shrieking of Satan. Those souls who today attribute

themselves falsely to God have not been and are not aware of this Cause. They speak according to their desires and imagine themselves to be speaking the truth. Fie upon them and upon those who have denied God's signs, His proof, His evidence and His authority. Thou shouldst arise to serve the Cause with the utmost diligence and effort, to such extent that thou regardest the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings as non-existent and count them as nothing. O Mihdi! Be thou as an impenetrable barrier lest the Gog of self and Magog of passion transgress. Thus doth command thee He in Whose possession is the Perspicuous Book. God willing, mayest thou succeed in performing such deeds that thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

In all conditions that honored one must be vigilant and engaged in protection, even as he hath been commanded to this great service both before and after. And concerning thy mention of the brethren (upon them be the Glory of God), after it was presented at the Most Holy Court, He manifested His favor, saying, exalted be His utterance: "Verily they are under the glances of My favor and are mentioned in the Kingdom of My utterance. Upon them be My Glory, My mercy, My compassion and My favors."

And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan-'Ali (upon him be the Glory of God), who is among thy kindred, after presentation these sublime words were revealed and made manifest from the Source of verses. He, exalted be His majesty, saith:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Unique […]

O Hasan! The rebellious faction waited for years for the appearance of Husayn. After the Qa'im, thou didst witness what the abominable Shi'ihs inflicted upon that Kingdom of the Spirit. In the books of that faction this great announcement is recorded and inscribed, and they have said that after the Qa'im the appearance of Husayn would illumine the world and all the Prophets and Messengers, even the Qa'im, would gather under the banner of His Cause. Yet when the world was illumined by the lights of His Revelation, all were thunderstruck, bewildered and heedless. That souls who failed to recognize the Qa'im should deny is not strange; what is strange is that the deniers of the Bayan who claim to have recognized the Qa'im are seen to be veiled and heedless of this most great Revelation which is evident and manifest as the sun, nay, have risen in such denial as no eye hath seen nor ear heard the like thereof. Blessed art thou, O Hasan-i-'Ali, in that the Wronged One remembereth thee and commandeth thee to that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Glory be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

The request is that on behalf of this evanescent servant, greetings and salutations be conveyed to all the kindred. I beseech God that He may aid them all to do that which beseemeth this blessed Day.

As to thy mention at the end of thy letter concerning the handmaiden of God, the wife of Haji Mirza Hasan-i-Kirmani, upon them both be 669 [Baha'u'llah], what that beloved one wrote in this regard was presented before the Throne. This is what the Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Exalted Tongue of our Lord spoke, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Warbler upon the Branches

O My handmaiden, My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in that he who hath arisen to serve Me and who speaketh My praise hath mentioned thee, and there hath befallen him in My path that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament. O My leaf, O My leaf! The Divine Lote-Tree remembereth thee and calleth thee with that which hath enraptured the hearts of the Maids of Heaven in their chambers. O handmaiden of God! Today the queen of the world hath not attained unto that which thou hast attained. Thou didst hear the divine call and turn to the Most Exalted Horizon, and didst speak His praise on a day when the divines of the earth are heedless and veiled therefrom. Wert thou to voice praise and thanksgiving to the Peerless Beloved to the number of the sands and leaves, it would appear as naught compared to this supreme bounty and mighty favor. Well is it with thee for having quaffed the wine of My love, and happy art thou for having attained unto the favor of My Cause. God willing, thou shalt ever be aided to remain firm, steadfast and resolute. We make mention of all the handmaidens in that land, that all may, with utmost eagerness, longing, attraction and rapture, gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and voice the praise of the Divine Lote-Tree.

O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness! Convey that which thou hast been commanded, and remind My loved ones of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My grace and the Heaven of My loving-kindness, and give them the glad-tidings of My turning towards them and My remembrance of them from this far-distant station.

What else can this evanescent servant say? From the horizon of the revealed utterances, the dawning-place of verses, the effulgences of the Sun of grace, mercy and loving-kindness are of such magnitude that no one is left with the capacity to make mention thereof. Can any soul adequately render thanks for this? Nay, by Thy life! All the world standeth powerless and wanting. However, being enkindled with the fire of love in one’s heart impelleth man to utterance and expression. In any case, despite my powerlessness and inadequacy, I beseech thee to convey greetings, mention and praise on behalf of this servant to that aforementioned leaf, upon her be the Glory of God. In truth, all that that Beloved One wrote concerning that leaf stirred up a warmth in the heart. I beseech the Exalted Truth to aid her and to raise up others like her in the earth. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy. Glory be upon you and upon those whom God hath related unto you and upon those who have rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols in the name of the Lord of all men and the Sovereign of all days.

This evanescent one submitteth that the penknife which thou didst write that Aqa Muhammad and Aqa ’Ali-A?ghar, upon them be the Glory of God, had given and requested be sent to the presence of the Branch of God - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - was received. May they, through God’s grace and loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, attain and be illumined with the lights of divine love. Likewise, all that which the daughter of the one named Ismu’llah-i-A?daq and his cousin’s daughter, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful, had sent specifically for the people of the pavilion of chastity and greatness was received, and one piece of expensive fabric about which details were previously written was received. May these leaves be aided in the divine days to such deeds as would cause their mention to become the cause of remembrance for all the women of the world. Verily, He is the Helper, the Hearer, the Answerer.

The Servant

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

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

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

O beloved of my heart! Thy sublime letters arrived successively, and each one was in truth, in the inner world, a petal from the petals of inner meanings, from which wafted the sweet fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Therefore it brought joy - nay, it was the dawning-place of joy - and at every moment it increased happiness, delight, gladness and expansion. Glorified be God! Words that are recorded in the book of divine love possess another effect and another fragrance - they have no likeness and are sanctified from peer. However, there are many reasons for the delay in replying, therefore assuredly your honor and the other friends have not been and will not be saddened by the delay and postponement, for every minute of life has been and is being spent in one service or another. The Command is in the hand of God, our Lord, and He is witness to what I have said and say. Although through God's grace - glorified be His majesty - the delay has ended on this luminous night and an opportunity has arisen to respond to your sublime letter dated the 8th of the blessed Ramadan, and after its reading, observance, joy and gladness, intending the station of the Interlocutor of the Mount, in the presence of the Throne of the Lord of existence, achieving the honor of hearkening, His word, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the One Who dominates over what was and what shall be […]

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. O Ali! I bear witness that thou hast heard My call time and again, and hast acknowledged that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having heard, responded, and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered from His exalted station. Thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and hast heard that which ears were prevented from hearing, save whom God, the Lord of the Frequented House, hath willed. Thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, in His promised Day. Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Fear God, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not every heedless and veiled one. That which was hidden from eternity hath been made manifest, and He Who was recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Books, the Lord of existence, hath come. Say: O people of the Bayan! Open your eyes, for lo, the Tree is adorned with the fruits of wisdom and utterance before your faces, and the ocean surgeth with the waves of knowledge before your eyes. Fear God, and be not of those who have denied the favor after its revelation. He counseleth you as a token of His grace, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Then make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed the dominion and the Kingdom. We have remembered every name that hath appeared before Our presence with a remembrance that no remembrance can equal. To this testifieth He Who in all things proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved."

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

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

If any soul should reflect with justice and fairness upon that which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine favor, he would behold with his outward and inner eyes the greatness, sovereignty, grace and mercy of God, and would be moved to render thanks and praise. In the midst of sorrows inflicted and encompassing trials, We remain occupied with the mention of the loved ones of God. Glory be to God!

Certain ones who claim to love Us, despite countless tokens of grace and manifestations of kindness and favor, have wrought that which no sage can reckon. The fire of greed and passion hath so seized their heedless hearts that they have transgressed the bounds of justice and fairness and have occupied themselves with oppression and calumny. The Servant beseecheth God - his Lord and your Lord - to adorn their temples with truthfulness and sincerity and with that which will exalt their stations in the world of creation. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Ye have heard, or will hear, the news of the great city. Since mention thereof hath been made before, it is now veiled. God willing, may He enable them to return and make them of those who have shown fairness in what hath been revealed. Verily, He is powerful over all things. As to their expression of perplexity and distress concerning certain matters, after these were submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these blessed words were revealed from the Supreme Pen, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors:

O Ali, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thou and the Concourse on High bear witness that this Wronged One hath, through the Tablets sent down from the heaven of Will in the days and nights, commanded all according to their stations and ranks, and counseled them. Yet the enemies of God, exalted be His glory, have not forsaken the path of vain imaginings despite gracious counsel and blessed, goodly words. Rather, their heedlessness, rancor and hatred have increased. As for the loved ones, some have accepted and attained to that for which they were created from nothingness, while others claim love yet when their deeds and actions are examined, the words “we seek refuge in God” flow from the Tongue of Grandeur. By God’s life! There hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen such counsels and admonitions that were they to be cast upon rock, it would turn to ruby, and were they to be showered upon a mountain, thou wouldst see it stirred by God’s compelling Word. Yet in some souls they have had no effect. In certain Tablets words such as these have been revealed: This Wronged One’s grief and tribulations have not been from enemies - for whatever befalleth in God’s path is beloved and met with acceptance and gratitude - rather, His tribulations have been from those who claim to love Him. “My harm cometh not from Mine enemies, but from those who claim to love God and follow Him yet commit that which causeth the people of the cities of justice and fairness to lament.” I beseech God to assist all to turn repentantly unto Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Oft-Forgiving.

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

From the first dawning of the Sun of Utterance from the horizon of possibility until now, We have mentioned that which is the cause of comfort, glory and salvation. Yet those who act are as rare as red sulfur. Say: My God, my God! Sanctify the hearts of Thy loved ones from that which beseemeth not Thee and Thy days, and illumine them with the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion that the world and all therein may be enlightened thereby. O Lord! Make known to them that which harmeth and benefiteth

them, that they may abandon what they have in hope of what Thou hast. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

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

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

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

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

He is the One Who speaketh the truth!

O Yahya! The letter of him who hath loved Me hath come before the Wronged One, wherein was thy mention. We make mention of thee for the sake of God, that thou mayest arise with the power of thy Lord to serve His Cause and take hold of His Book with such strength that neither the oppression of any oppressor, nor the assault of any heedless one, nor the clamor of any ignorant one, nor the tyrants and

pharaohs of the earth can deter thee. Thus hath the door of utterance been unlocked by the key of My Name, the All-Knowing, that the sweet-scented breezes of revelation might draw thee to God, Lord of all mankind. Recite the verses of thy Lord which We have sent down in the Holy Books and Tablets. They will guide thee to the Most Great Announcement and give thee to drink from the Kawthar of everlasting life from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the Revealer of verses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thou hast made mention of the days of Ridvan and of those who gathered in thy home and other homes to remember God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the King of this wondrous Day. Blessed is the house that hath been honored with My favors, wherein My remembrance hath been raised, and which hath been graced by the presence of My loved ones who have spoken My praise, held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness, and been blessed with the recitation of My verses. They are indeed honored servants whom God hath extolled in the Qayyumu’l-Asma’ and in other Books. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the One Who answereth prayer. We have indeed heard their mention and their praise in this Announcement by which the Concourse on High hath called out. By God! This is the Most Great Announcement which was mentioned in the Qur’an and before it in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. He, verily, thanketh His own Self on their behalf and maketh mention of Himself through their tongues. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he who standeth firm, whom the tempests of doubts raised by the transgressors have failed to move, and blessed is he who remaineth steadfast, whom the hosts of the oppressors and the might of the deniers, who have followed their idle fancies and denied Him in Whom they had believed, have failed to shake. They are indeed among the most lost in My perspicuous Book.

[Note: The first paragraph of the original text appears to be an introduction to a Tablet and discusses the days of Ridvan, but since it’s not part of the actual Tablet, I’ve provided only the translation of the revealed words (the Tablet itself) which begins with “In the Name of Him…”]

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

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

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

If this Ocean and its waves be denied, and this Sun and its rays be concealed, to what will ye hold fast and what proof and evidence will ye cling? By the life of my Lord and your Lord! None hath any refuge, shelter, escape, protection or sanctuary except through this Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of the will of our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne.

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

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

O Shukuhi! Upon thee be My glory! Thy mention and thy name have repeatedly been referred to in the Most Holy Court, and thou hast been favoured with the waves of the Ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. We have remembered thee time and again with a remembrance which, when revealed from the Mouth of the Divine Will, caused the Kingdom of utterance to proclaim: "By God! He Who created Me with a Word from His presence hath come, and hath manifested Me to announce unto men His appearance, His revelation, His might, His power, and the evidences of His Pen which have encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen." O people of the earth! Fear ye God, and follow not every heedless and dubious learned one. Abandon the world and all that is therein, then turn unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, O Shukuhi, for having adorned thy tongue with praise of thy Lord, Who was denied by every oppressor, detested by every idolator, and condemned by every transgressing sinner. When thou hearest the call from the Supreme Horizon, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, for having aided me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy creation turned away from Thee, and enabled me to praise and describe Thee when most of Thy servants denied these. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined the horizons through Thy manifestation on the Day of Separation, to inspire me in all conditions with that which will attract the hearts of the world. O my Lord! Thou seest me acknowledging Thee and Thy signs and whatsoever hath appeared from Thee,

confessing the transcendence of Thy Being above all else and the sanctity of Thine Essence above the descriptions of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee not to deprive me from the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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

He is the One Who ruleth over all names!

A Book from Our presence unto him who was named 'Ali before Akbar, that it may draw him unto the Scene of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. My Most Exalted Pen hath not hesitated in that which it was commanded. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We have heard what thou didst compose in praise of thy Lord and what thou didst recite among the concourse of the near ones. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His love and a helper to His Cause through remembrance and utterance. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people of the earth! The Spirit speaketh in the breast of the world, and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Sinai, for its Speaker hath seated Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. Say: Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from the Luminary of certitude, and beware lest the doubts of every ignorant and rejected one veil you. This is the Day wherein the world hath been adorned with the Most Great Name, and the Ocean of utterance hath spoken before all faces. Say: O concourse of divines! Set aside your learning. The gate of God's knowledge, the Lord of the past and future, hath been opened. That which is with the people will not profit you today. Take ye what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Throne, and the Nightingale of eternity hath warbled upon the highest branches: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm of Might." The glory from Us be upon him whom the attraction of the verses found and whom He adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and aided in that which befitteth this irrevocable Announcement.

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

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

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

over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who commandeth justice and ruleth over what was and what shall be.

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

He is the Ancient Revealer!

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

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

The End

In truth, these tongues which in these days are engaged in the praise of God have appeared from the Kingdom of utterance and bear no resemblance whatsoever to the tongues of those servants who belong to the physical realm. In one station they are without peer or likeness, without equal or comparison. Every praise that is manifested today from any praising soul is as a spirit for the awakening of others, whether it be in verse or prose. Glorified be their Strengthener, their Creator, their Inspirer, their Sustainer, their Helper and their Succorer! Glory be unto God! The world of utterance is bewildered by those who know not. Mention and praise, bounty and bestowal have reached such a station that the understanding of the mature minds falls short of comprehending it. Again, glory be unto God! The mountain is rent asunder by the Word of God in its longing to attain His presence, and the Tree of Sinai, upon merely hearing His call, has split the earth and, with its branches, twigs, leaves and fruits, has made for the highest horizon. Blessed is the ear that heareth and the eye that seeth! Where are these eyes and where the witnessing of these lights? Where are these ears and where the hearing of the call of the Lord of all beings? Today the Cup-Bearer is the Self of Truth, glorified be His majesty. He giveth the cup of reunion and bestoweth the chalice of meeting. Now is the time, now is the time! Blessed, a hundred thousand times blessed, are they who have removed the veil and have, on the wings of longing and yearning, sought the most glorious horizon. The grace, the bounty and the favor of God be upon His loved ones and His chosen ones who have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the

heavens and the earth. Praise be to God! Each of the pages sent is adorned with the mention of His loved ones. Although today, due to the lack of vision and hearing, the station of the assured, devoted and tranquil souls is not known, yet God hath prescribed for Himself that days shall appear wherein their traces, their remembrances, their names and that which hath proceeded from their tongues shall be spread abroad, despite the divines of Iran and their jurisprudents who have oppressed on earth and have committed that whereby God's favor hath been changed amongst them. They are indeed among the people of error. Among the loved ones whose names have flowed from that honored one's truthful pen and have attained the hearing of the Lord of Utterance and its Revealer were he who was named after the Desired One and his brother, Sheikh Qasim, upon them both be the glory of God. The rain of grace and favor hath showered upon them, and specifically for each one a most wondrous, most mighty, most holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will. They are mentioned both in this letter and recorded on a separate page, that each soul may possess the bounty of its Lord as a favor from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty. His word, blessed and exalted is He: He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

O Shaykh! Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy name, and blessed is he who hath hearkened to thy words in praise of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We were with thee and heard thy mention in this Remembrance, which, when it shone forth from the horizon of grace, the Books of the world bowed down before it, and the limbs of the nations trembled, save those who cast away transgression and wickedness, clinging fast to righteousness and the fear of God. Verily thy Lord heareth the call of His loved ones and whatsoever proceedeth from their mouths in proclaiming His irrevocable and binding Cause. Nothing escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. He heareth and seeth, though most of the people perceive not. Say: Fear God, O people! Do they not behold the waves of the ocean of His verses? Do they not witness the effulgent rays of the Sun of His praise? Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Lord of the cities of wisdom and knowledge. Say: This is the Day whereon that which was hidden, which lay stored in knowledge and was inscribed by the Pen of Command upon a Tablet that was sealed with the seal of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, hath been made manifest. Beware lest the veils of the people prevent you or the might of any oppressor rejected cause you to fear. Proclaim the Cause of thy Lord with such steadfastness as shall illumine hearts and minds. Thus hath the call and rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing been raised. Well is it with the people who understand. We have mentioned thee time and again, and have revealed unto thee that which causeth the mountains to move, by the command of Him Who is the Lord of existence. Glory be upon thee and upon them that follow thee in this promised Announcement.

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

By My Name through which the trumpet was sounded!

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

the Book of God itself speaketh, and from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of eternity is bestowed. Take ye and drink, and be not of the heedless ones. The Sun of Truth is seen with a light transcending all lights, and the Mount is beheld with a joy surpassing all joy and gladness, for it hath attained unto the presence of its Beloved. The rapture and ecstasy of Him Who conversed with it hath so seized it that every atom of its being proclaimeth: "The Lord is come and the Kingdom is His!" Say: O people, deny not yourselves and deprive not yourselves. Hearken unto the divine call which is raised in all times from the direction of the Prison. It is the cause of the preservation of the world and the joy and expansion of nations. It is the cause of life, and through it the dead are adorned with the eternal robe of life. Strive that perchance ye may turn from oppression to justice and from tyranny to fairness. O Qasim! Praise be to God, glorified be His majesty, Who hath mentioned thee and continueth to mention thee through verses which are the cause of the manifestation of the Most Great Grace and the Greatest Bounty. Praise be to God! Time and again hath the heavenly food of knowledge and understanding descended like torrential rain from the heaven of bounty. Whosoever hath partaken thereof hath attained unto all good. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted and glorious station. Glory be upon thee and upon them that hearken unto thy words in this Most Great Remembrance and this perspicuous Cause.

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

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

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

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

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and for having sent down for me and for my outer and inner being that which shall endure throughout the duration of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my whole being unto Thee, detached from the manifestations of self and passion and the

daysprings of wickedness and indecency. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, seeking the encounter of Thy tablet and Thy traces, and certain of, acknowledging, confessing, and submitting to Thy Manifestation and what hath appeared from Thee and what Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy generosity, beseeching the wonders of Thy grace and hoping for Thy mercy which hath preceded all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. I beseech Thee to ordain for me by the Pen of Thy Command that which befitteth Thy loftiness and transcendence and Thy greatness and power and Thy generosity and bounty. Then assist me in Thy service and the service of Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is no God but Thee, the Speaker on Sinai, Who is established upon the throne of manifestation.

Praise be to God that the Euphrates of mercy, flowing from the Most Exalted Pen, has bestowed eternal spirit. Each of His mentioned loved ones, upon them be the glory of God, has attained that which is the cause of the world's advancement and the means of guidance for all peoples. From the horizon of each Tablet shines forth the Orb of grace, illuminating and brightening the world of justice and equity. The Peerless Wise One has, through His consummate wisdom, shown each one a clear and manifest path through the waves of His Revelation. We hope that they may attain unto the new life through the Kawthar of bounty and arise to serve His Cause. Today the hosts of revelation are victorious and the ranks of inspiration triumphant. In truth, were but a single verse from the Tablet to be cast upon the manifestations of justice and equity, all would voice the blessed words "I have turned my face toward Him Who hath created the heavens and the earth." The present creation cannot adequately render thanks for this mercy and bounty of God. Blessed are those souls who, detached from all else, have set their faces toward the Most Exalted Station and have arisen to aid the Cause of God through praise, good deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Blessed is God Who hath raised them up through His Most Exalted Word, whereby they have cast aside all else and have clung to His most holy, most pure, most luminous and resplendent hem.

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

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

O 'Ali! Upon thee be My mercy and My loving-kindness. Each of the souls mentioned who were present during the days and nights of the Most Great Festival–whether those who attained the honor of hearing or those who arose to serve, as well as those who composed and recited verses in praise and glorification of the Goal of all the worlds–all have attained unto the previously-bestowed mercy, the all-encompassing loving-kindness, and the all-embracing gifts. No deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it ever be. It

is a treasure preserved for its owner with the Trusted One, and its traces and fruits appear according to the requirements of consummate wisdom and the appropriate time and day. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loved them and was present among them. Indeed, each one has repeatedly been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur. We beseech God that all may at every moment succeed in performing such deeds and actions as will cause the spread of the Word of God and His signs. Blessed is he who hath adorned his head with the crown of trustworthiness and his temple with the ornament of righteousness. He is, by the Pen of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, of the people of Baha.

O children of the Friend [Abraham] and heirs of He Who conversed with God [Moses]! I truly say, today you are adorned with the ornament of the Most Glorious Name and are related to the Truth. By My life! We see the Friend in such joy that the Pen of Creation is powerless to describe it, and He Who conversed with God We behold in delight that exceeds all reckoning. Take the chalice of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all humanity, then drink therefrom in spite of every heedless and remote one, every obstinate oppressor, every sinful learned one, every base mystic, and the son of the wolf whose wickedness has eclipsed the wickedness of the ancients. They have ever been and continue to be illumined by the effulgent lights of God's remembrance. The honored one, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned you in the Most Holy Court and hath sought from the ocean of divine verses that which is sanctified from doubt and likeness. His petitions have repeatedly arrived. Praise be to God, he hath partaken of the Kawthar of utterance. He hath departed from his abode, turning towards My horizon, traversing paths until he stood before the Gate which was opened unto the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth. He heard His most sweet call and His most exalted remembrance. He is verily the Helper, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed art thou, O Abu'l-Hasan! God hath aided thee to turn towards His horizon, to face the lights of His countenance, and to hold fast unto that which thou hast been commanded in His Book. We beseech Him to grant thee a goodly reward from His presence. He is verily the Ocean of Generosity unto all in the world and the Heaven of Bounty unto all who are adorned with the ornament of existence. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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

The deputyship of that beloved one, which is the king of deeds and foremost of actions, became manifest as infinite grace and confirmed it. This servant succeeded in fulfilling it, and that beloved one's portion was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. In one moment, two bounties were bestowed. Who is capable of offering befitting thanks or praising Him as beseemeth His sovereignty and greatness? In brief, the pilgrimage was performed on behalf of that beloved one, as was the circumambulation, and this was among the unexpected bounties, for first the Ancient Beauty was seated upon the throne, and after permission and leave for visitation was granted, they arose. The visitation was performed, and likewise,

when They were walking, once the circumambulation was achieved. Blessed and welcome news for your honor and for the people of God, blessed and exalted is He. Praise be to God! The tears and sighs of that beloved one at the time of writing in that land had their effect in the Land of the Desired One. The servant beareth witness that nothing appeareth except that it hath within it an effect and fruit which God shall manifest at some time and in some moment.

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad-Husayn! Blessed art thou for having turned towards God on a day when most men have turned away. Praise be to God that the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, hath confirmed thee, destiny hath aided thee, and His name, strengthened by His hosts, hath preserved thee, until thou hast attained unto this station in these days. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy father, and blessed are those associated with you both whom God hath linked to you. Excellence is in what thou hast practiced and pursued outwardly, for We have enjoined upon all to engage in crafts and professions, which We have accounted as acts of worship. However, at the outset thou must don the robe of trustworthiness from the hands of divine bestowal, which is the station of acceptance, for this is the first gateway to bounty and blessing. We beseech Him to make these words as an illumined cloud that shall rain upon thee the showers of mercy, grace and blessing. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Praise be to God that thou art blessed with His grace and adorned with the pearls, both hidden and manifest, of the Supreme Pen. The world hath not equaled, nor shall it ever equal, these sublime words now descending from the heaven of divine Will. Rejoice and say: “Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and glorified art Thou, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee. Thou knowest and seest how this servant of Thine hath desired to serve Thy Cause and to exalt Thy word amongst Thy servants. Aid him through Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

O ’Ali! My Baha be upon thee. Convey to the loved ones in that land the greetings of the Wronged One. Give them My salutations and gladden them with what hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty, that all may be drawn, with heart and soul, to the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Horizon through the living waters of mention and utterance. Proclaim unto them such a proclamation as would cause the Tree of Sinai to speak within their breasts and their very beings to be set ablaze with its fire, and give them such glad-tidings as would move them to aid their Lord with their tongues, their eyes, their hands and their hearts. Verily thy Lord is the Transformer of hearts. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Manifest, the Sovereign, the All-Wise.

O my beloved! Love for that honored one hath caused much to be written. I beseech God at all times to set those regions ablaze and illuminate them through thy endeavors. The beloved of my heart, Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the glory and favor of God, brought thy letter into the presence where it attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, every day hath been and continues to be a day of thy remembrance. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Kind, the Generous. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you, your family, both women and men. Authority and might belong to God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

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

O beloved of my heart! Where is the one who heareth and where is the one who seeth? The verses speak, the clear signs give utterance, the sun beareth witness, and the moon and stars testify; yet the powers of sight and hearing are weak. The blessed Tablet which was revealed specifically for his honour ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad, son of His Holiness the Most Truthful Name of God, upon both of whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was adorned with these sublime words - thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He: “O son of My Name! Were the entire spiritual realm to be transformed into the power of hearing, one could say it would be worthy of hearkening to these utterances that have flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Otherwise, the visible ears have not been and will never be capable of hearing this call, save for a numbered few. Beseech God to grant thee insight and bestow upon thee the power of hearing, that perchance His helpless servants may not remain deprived of the sweet fragrances of this divine Day.”

Today the horizons of the heavens of the unseen and the seen are illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of utterance, yet an eye capable of beholding is rarer than the red elixir. The recompense of deeds hath prevented most of the people of the world from drawing nigh and deprived them of the outpourings of the days of the All-Bountiful Lord. Throughout ages and centuries the peoples of the world have awaited the days of His manifestation and still do - the followers of Moses in temples, the followers of the Spirit in churches, and the followers of the Criterion in mosques, all beseeching and hoping to attain His presence in the days of His appearance and not to be deprived of the ocean of His utterance. Yet when the lights of the manifestation of the Desired One of all worlds shone forth from the horizon of will, all remained heedless and veiled save whom God willing. The Christian says the Spirit must appear from heaven in great glory; that people remain heedless and deprived through such vain imaginings. And the Shi’ih sect says the Qa’im must come and appear from the imaginary Jabulqa and the fictitious Jabulsa. I testify that all sects worship their own desires and are devoted to the idols of their fancy. They follow heedless and ignorant souls and cling to their vain imaginings, while turning away from the light of the Sun of Manifestation. Such is the condition of the people of the world.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations and Master of eternity! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the ocean of knowledge surged in creation and the Day-Star of utterance shone forth from the horizon of proof, to aid the people of Thy earth to turn toward the court of Thy nearness and to attain presence before Thy countenance. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy mercy not to withhold Thy servants from the outpourings of Thy days. Draw them nigh, O my God, through Thy power, teach them the ways of Thy guidance, and make them know the manifestations of Thy greatness and the evidences of Thy might. Then ordain for them that which will keep them from all else save Thee and will guide them to Thy Mighty Announcement, whereby the limbs of all names trembled and the hearts of all in the kingdom of creation were convulsed. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of earth and heaven. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O my God, my Master and my Support, by the station which was honored by Thy

footsteps and by the verses which descended from the heaven of Thy grace, to assist whosoever hath turned toward Thee and desired of the wonders of Thy bounty, and to ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee, who have arisen to aid Thy Cause. Then write down for him the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart! Your letters, like abundant rain, have arrived in succession. Their effect was as the spring breeze of inner meaning, and their fruit as the produce of the garden of utterance and significance, for every letter thereof was a truthful testimony and an eloquent witness to your acceptance, attention and steadfastness in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. Each instance was a cause of joy and a source of delight, and the presence of each one spoke of the station of nearness and attainment. Blessed be your pen and joyous be your ink! After their observation, reading and review, they ascended to the supreme heights and most exalted horizon. In the presence of the Countenance of the Purpose of all worlds, they attained the honor of being heard, and in each instance the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful surged in such wise that the minds of the world were incapable and powerless to reckon it. And on this occasion, after being presented before Him, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses - thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He: “In My Name, through which the suns of manifestation have dawned from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge!”

O Ali! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. By God, through it the ocean of divine knowledge surged in creation, and the Luminary of proof shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of certitude, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the highest branches, “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

We have seen what thou didst send before and after, and We heard thy call therefrom. We answered thee with that wherewith the Lote-Tree of the Ultimate Boundary was adorned with the leaves of wisdom and utterance, but the people are in a strange sleep. We have seen thy devotion and have turned unto thee, and have brought forth from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of favor and grace that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Give glad tidings to My loved ones with My remembrance and remind them of what hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Say: Beware lest the tyranny of any oppressor, or the turning away of any rejecter, or the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hold you back.

Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye deprive yourselves of the Living Waters which flow from the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast aside vain imaginings, then hasten with your hearts to the Most Great Ocean and drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: By God, were the Point of the Bayan to circle round the Throne of the All-Merciful before your faces - fear God and deny not the Truth through your idle fancies. Verily He hath come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty. We have raised Him up in truth and sent Him to give glad tidings unto men of this Most Great Cause and this Mighty News.

Say: Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and be not of them who denied God's proof after its revelation and disputed His signs after their manifestation. He counseleth you out of His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

O Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. This is that call for the hearing of which the world was created. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God in that land and its surroundings. The mention of each of those who have turned unto God hath ever flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, that perchance they may attain such a station through the light of the Word and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree that the seas of the doubts of the polytheists, atheists and traducers may not quench it nor stay its burning.

How many widespread dominions hath the hand of destiny rolled up and cast away, consigning both kings and subjects to the dust! What morning hath no evening to follow it, and what life hath not death pursuing it? Soon shall that which is visible be seized by the might of annihilation and return to non-existence. Say: O friends! These are days for which the Prophets, the Chosen Ones, and the Messengers sought audience with God, exalted be His glory. Each of you, through God's grace, hath attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Know ye the value of this station and illumine the horizons with the light of unity. One mention in this Day excelleth the remembrances of centuries, and one deed in these days surpasseth the deeds of ages. Strive ye that perchance ye may achieve a deed which shall be adorned with the crown of acceptance and shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth.

In these days the thief entereth in the guise of the trustworthy, and the manifestations of tyranny appear in the name of justice. We have formerly informed all of that which would later appear. O people of God! Give not credence to every speaker, and be on your guard against the claimants. This is the binding command of the Most Exalted Pen which hath been manifested in the prison. The Glory which is manifest, evident, radiant, and shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee.

Be on your guard against the pretenders - this is the imperative command of the Most Exalted Pen that hath been revealed in prison. The Glory that is manifest, evident, radiant and shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon My party, whom neither the might of the aggressors, nor the riches of the heedless, nor the doubts of the suspicious, nor the croakings of the detractors have deterred from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

At this moment We make mention of My handmaidens. By God's life, all are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained unto divine bounty. We give them all the glad-tidings of God's mercy and remind them through resplendent verses. For each one We beseech that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of all beings and hath been recorded in the Crimson Scroll. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

Praise be unto our Lord, our Goal and our Beloved, Who hath manifested such grace as pens are powerless to recount, such mercy as tongues fail to describe, and such loving-kindness as souls fall short of comprehending. This evanescent servant, with utmost humility and supplication, beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones in that which is befitting of His days and worthy of His grace. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

They who doubt this most manifest Cause and turn away from Me are even as they who denied the Spirit [Jesus] when He came unto them with manifest dominion. Know thou that they are in the depths of vain imaginings and are unaware of it. The letters follow one another and by these letters the contingent world is enriched, but they have not understood. Their hearing is like unto the hearing of them who, when asked 'What hath your Lord revealed?', respond 'Tales of the ancients'. Say: By God! This is the ocean from whence all seas have derived. Blessed the one who hath recognized it and become cognizant of that which lieth concealed therein. […] Those who are the heralds of the names of God have appeared in the world. In truth, all outward glory and dominion is and hath ever been ordained for such as believe in God. The people are heedless and have turned away from God, being preoccupied with their own idle fancies.

I shall make mention of but one utterance from the Bab, haply some may become aware of and attain unto that which is the purpose and discover it. The Bab - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - sent a Tablet to Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan-i-Najafi, and the bearer thereof was Mulla 'Ali-i-Bastami. This Shaykh was the chief divine of the Shi'ihs. He rejected the Tablet, waxed proud, disdained it, and spoke that which befitted his own station. Thereafter the Bab - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - revealed another Tablet wherein He addresseth the aforementioned Shaykh, saying: "Verily, We raised up 'Ali from his resting-place and sent him unto thee with a Book…" unto the end of His utterance, exalted and glorified be He. The purport of the blessed Tablet is this: "We raised up 'Ali from his resting-place and sent him unto thee with a Book. Hadst thou recognized him and prostrated thyself before him, We would assuredly have raised up from the first letter of thee the first letter, and from the second letter the third letter. But since thou didst not recognize him, all thy deeds were rendered null and void, thou didst enter into the fire, and thou wast unaware thereof." By God! Were anyone to meditate upon this utterance of the Bab which hath been mentioned, he would know of a certainty that there existeth a station with God wherein names have no access. Now they have turned away from Him at Whose mention the Point of the Bayan [the Bab] said "I am the first to worship Him."

By My life! If a soul were to contemplate this heralding utterance that hath been mentioned, he would know with absolute certainty that with God there is a station wherein names have no access. Now they have turned away from a station concerning which the Point of the Bayan hath said, at the mention of His name, "I am the foremost of them that worship," and have clung to former tales and names. It is not known what these unjust people have understood from the previous Dispensation. The divines of Persia cursed and reviled the Truth from all pulpits. By God's life! Pure and attentive ears in this hour hearken to the lamentations of these pulpits, engaged in mourning and weeping. Say: Die in your wrath! Until ye pass beyond the gulf of names, ye shall not attain, nor ever will attain, to the ocean of inner meanings. The Kingdom of Names circleth round, and the companions of the Mount are occupied with praise and glorification. Where are they who behold all save God as non-existent and as naught? These are they who have quaffed the choice wine that is sealed, who soar above the world. These repose on the thrones of certitude, recline upon the couches of assurance, and are seated upon the cushions of tranquillity. The divine Books, both past and present, speak of such souls. Blessed are they that hear!

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land and its surroundings. Say: O people of God! The delusions of the past have appeared; they speak of perversion and utter similar words. Enter ye into the

impregnable, mighty fortress “We belong unto God” and behold yourselves detached from the world and all who dwell therein. This is the counsel of God from the Tongue of the Goal of all the worlds. His grace towards His loved ones is evident and manifest. Today the breezes of bounty are wafting and the ocean of generosity is surging. The disobedience of the world hath not withheld His mercy, nor hath the waywardness of the nations veiled the Sun of His bounty. Blessed are they who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and who utter the blessed words “We turn unto Thee.” The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My loved ones whom the calumnies of the denouncers and the assaults of the aggressors have not deterred, who have turned their hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon and have said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Master of the Throne on high and of earth below, for having guided us unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

The waves of the visible sea are manifest, and the lights of the sun are evident. Unto Him be praise and glory, unto Him be gratitude and splendor. He hath ever mentioned His loved ones with most excellent utterance, an utterance from which the fragrances of the One mentioned are diffused. I beseech God to aid His loved ones to perform such deeds as are worthy of these endless favors. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Kind. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Most Generous of the generous ones.

The petition that was previously sent by the loved ones of God reached the Most Holy Court and was honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word: O ’Ali! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter and that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath reached Us. We have heard that which thy outward and inner tongue did utter, and have answered thee with this manifest Book, each letter of which speaketh before the faces of the world. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with mighty sovereignty. O ’Ali! Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness, that the sweet savors of divine revelation may attract them to a station wherein the fire of tyranny shall not deter them from the direction of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Muhammad-Taqi! We have heard thy call and beheld thy name. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. When thou hearest the call of Him Who is wronged from the precincts of the Prison, and art attracted by My choice sealed wine, say […]

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, for having made me know Thee, and for having caused me to hear Thy verses and Thy days. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the dead were raised up, the trumpet was sounded, and the mountains were moved, to make me one of those whom neither the might of the world hath deterred from drawing nigh unto Thy Most Great Name, nor the clamor of men hath kept back from turning toward Thy Name, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and by the lights of the suns of Thy favors to make me not deprived of the manifestations of the Sun of Thy unity, nor withheld from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

We make mention of him who hath been named ’Ali (Mulla) in the Kingdom of Names, that the Call may attract him to the Most Exalted Horizon and the Hand of Bounty may give him to drink of the choice wine

of Glory through My Most Glorious Name. Thus have We sent down the verses as a grace from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Take thou the Book with the power bestowed by Us, and be not of the patient ones. Beware lest the hosts of the world frighten thee or the might of the sovereigns weaken thee. Cast aside what the people possess in this Day wherein the Self-Subsisting calleth and summoneth the servants unto His sealed wine, which if anyone should drink thereof, neither the croaking of the croakers would sadden him, nor would the doubts of the doubters hinder him. We counsel thee and those who have believed to be trustworthy and chaste, and to that whereby the stations of man are exalted. Thy Lord is verily the Manifest Counselor. God hath forgiven thee and thy father and thy mother as a mercy from Him, and We ask Him to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and benefit thee in all His worlds. He is verily the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Karbila'i Isma'il! Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of inner meanings, unto the Straight Path and the Great News. This is a great bounty and a mighty station. Implore thou His protection from Him. That which thou didst beseech from God, exalted be His glory, hath been heard, but it is more fitting that thou shouldst commit all affairs unto Him and hold fast unto the cord of trust in Him, for man knoweth not what profiteth or harmeth him. None knoweth the unseen save Him. Say:

My God, my God! This servant of Thine hath turned unto Thee and confesseth his ignorance before the dawning of the Sun of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to ordain for him that which shall profit him. Thou knowest what he hath and he knoweth not what Thou hast, and Thou art verily the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Haji Malik-Muhammad! He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We have mentioned thee with verses that are not equaled by whatsoever hath been created on earth. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thy name hath attained unto My presence. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize Him Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities and treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Exalted Station and for having sent down for me that whose fragrance shall never fade throughout the continuance of Thy Name, the All-Compelling over those who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee to ordain for me steadfastness in Thy Cause. Thou art verily the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Karbila'i Rama?an! We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto Him and hast attained unto the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of bounty of the One desired by all the worlds. Today the ocean of grace is manifest before all faces and the sun of generosity is shining from the horizon of the world. Blessed are they whom the events of the world have not prevented, nor kept back from remembrance and praise. Take thou My Book and say: Unto Thee be glory, O Thou Desire of the world, and unto Thee be praise, O Thou Beloved of them that have recognized Thee.

O Ibrahim (Haji Mulla), hear My call which hath been raised from the precincts of My prison, summoning mankind unto Mine horizon, heralding unto them My mercy, and drawing them nigh unto the Mighty, the

Great. We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the Most Exalted Paradise's right hand side. There is none other God but He, the Compassionate, the Generous. He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He willeth, a command from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the Omnipotent. The world's might hath not hindered Him, nor hath the oppressors' tyranny frightened Him. He hath spoken before all faces: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds." Blessed is he who hath heard the call and responded to his Ancient Lord. Woe betide him who hath denied and turned away from this Momentous News. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him when every ignorant one remote from Him turned away. Behold the divines of Iran who awaited throughout centuries and ages the advent of God and His sovereignty. Yet when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One came from the heaven of their Lord, the All-Choosing's will, they arose in opposition until they pronounced against Him an injustice whereat the realities of all things lamented, and beyond them the near ones and the sincere. Thus have We adorned thee with the traces of My Most Exalted Pen that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful.

O Muhammad, My glory be upon thee! Thou didst seek bounty for the people of Kakhk. A blessed tablet hath been sent down and dispatched from the Kingdom of divine knowledge. We beseech God to cause all to attain unto it, that they may drink from the ocean of utterance and be illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of true divine unity. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Generous.

O Rida, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to make me among those who desire naught save what Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty and decreed for them through Thy command. O my Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. I beseech Thee to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Muhammad Husayn, thy name hath been mentioned and these verses have been revealed and inscribed in thy honor. His grace hath encompassed the world and His mercy hath embraced all, yet in most cities the hosts of self and passion have prevailed over godliness. We beseech God to grant strength and power that the servants of earth may attain unto that for which they were brought from nothingness into being.

O Nasrullah, hear what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an: "When God's help and victory come, and thou seest men entering God's religion in throngs." In truth, on the day of victory and triumph, all are seen submissive and humble. Blessed is the soul that in these days hath attained the honor of acceptance. The Messenger of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - commanded holy war. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - commanded assistance. Yet this Wronged One hath strictly forbidden in the Tablets all conflict, strife, sword and spear, and hath commanded all to assist God's Cause through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and to conquer the cities of hearts. Blessed are they who act accordingly.

O Kuchak, thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and the Wronged One's countenance is at this moment turned toward thee, making mention of thee. Shouldst thou comprehend this station's rank, thou wouldst, until the grave, utter the blessed words "Praise be unto Thee, O Single One, O Unique

One." The glory shining from the heaven of My mercy's horizon be upon My loved ones who have attained unto My days and have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of their Lord's will, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

O Ali! Each of the aforementioned names has attained that which has had and has no likeness or equal. Some have desired to attain Our presence; however, due to certain circumstances in these days, it was not and is not expedient. You should give glad-tidings to all on behalf of the Wronged One and gladden them with the Tablet of God.

O My beloved! The exalted standards and divine banners are manifest and evident from the clear signs. This servant beseeches and hopes for the divine grace that He may cause His loved ones to attain that which befits His Day. His standards and banners have been and are the manifestations of His commandments and prohibitions. Repeatedly from the Most Exalted Pen this most sublime word hath been revealed, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "The hosts of divine ethics and deeds are the helpers of this Cause, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God."

This is the word that should any fair-minded person hear it, he would speak with justice and converse with equity. O My beloved! The sending of the reply to the letter was greatly delayed. In any case, forgiveness has been and is sought, for time was lacking and opportunity absent. I beseech you and the loved ones to pray for divine assistance and confirmation for this evanescent one, as time is outwardly short and the task momentous. There is no power nor strength except through God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Concerning the mention made of Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise their degree of enkindlement with the fire of God's love, after presentation before Him, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

This is a mention from Us unto him who was named Muhammad before Rida, that the mention may draw him unto God, the Lord of all names, and make him of those whom the veils of the world have not caused to slip nor the signs of the deniers hindered. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee with a mention whereby the hearts of those near unto God are drawn. We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God, the Lord of all worlds. Say:

My God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, Thy grace hath delivered me, Thy verses have taken hold of me, and the light of Thy Cause hath guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgences of the sun of Thy manifestation to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thy most exalted horizon and supreme height. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy days. I am he who, O my God, hath acknowledged Thy Book and what hath been sent down therein of Thy commandments and ordinances and that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of the graves and Manifestor of light, by Thy most glorious path and Thy most great announcement, to ordain

for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

And this is what was revealed for Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God […]

In the Name of God!

O Muhammad! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto Mine horizon, and will aid thee to stand firm in My Cause, and will give thee to drink of the Kawthar of Mine utterance from the hand of My bounty, and will guide thee to the station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. We have manifested the Cause before the faces of all peoples - among them are those who turned away, those who hesitated, those who pronounced sentence upon the shedding of My blood, and those who turned towards Me and said: "Here am I, O Thou Desire of the Worlds! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all men!" Blessed is the servant who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every denier who hath turned away from God in his final end. O Muhammad! Take thou the chalice of immortality in My Most Great Name, then drink therefrom in spite of the enemies who turned away from the Face, having followed the sources of vain imaginings. Thus hath the Divine Lote-Tree spoken that which draweth the hearts of the righteous. When thou hast drunk of My choice-sealed wine in My Self-Subsisting Name, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy signs, the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens and the Source of Thy commandments. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the worlds to come and of those gone before. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

Mention was made of Karbila'i Muhammad (the barber), upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, this utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of divine grace - exalted be His glory: O Muhammad! The friends of God have ever been and are blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Thy mention is remembered and thy name is known. God willing, thou shalt hold fast unto the Book of God with such firmness that all the world shall be powerless to separate thee from it. Praise be to God that thou hast hearkened unto the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen and hast drunk from the ocean of knowledge of the Desire of the worlds. We beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause. We ask God to forgive thee, thy father, thy mother, and thy wife. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which beseemeth this glorious and wondrous Day. We have mentioned and continue to mention the loved ones of that land, one and all, and We command them all to fear God, which is the crown of all deeds. Blessed are they who act, and woe unto those who neglect. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

An incalculable bounty hath been manifested, such that were all the atoms of creation to be transformed into pens, and all the seas into ink, they would be unable to render thanks for these manifest and resplendent favors. Who hath the capacity and power to offer fitting thanks? However, since the

acknowledgment of powerlessness is beloved, perchance this powerlessness may become the cause of acceptance and lead to success. In the nights and days He hath remembered His loved ones and commanded them to that which will exalt their stations and ranks, through utterances from whose every letter doth shine forth the sun of loving-kindness. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

A petition submitted in the name of Muhammad Husayn (son of Mulla Abu'l-Qasim) and Aqa Khalilu'llah and Aqa Asadu'llah, the two nephews of the honored teacher - upon him and upon them be the Glory of God - was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these manifest verses were revealed from the Dayspring of bounty and the Ocean of grace specifically for them - blessed and exalted be His Word:

In the name of the One God […]

O My loved ones! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison and gained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, it testified to your awareness and to your acceptance, attention and love for the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God to assist you in exalting His Word through wisdom and utterance, and to sanctify you from whatsoever is unworthy of the station of man. Today the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: By God's life! The sun has neither shone nor risen upon such a day. All must recognize the value of these divine days and aid the Cause of God through goodly deeds. Praise ye the Desired One of the world Who has mentioned you - a mention whose fragrance is everlasting and enduring. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, to make you among those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cups of their Lord's bountiful gifts, the Compassionate, the Generous, and to ordain for you that which shall be as light before your faces in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to grant this prayer. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause and this Great Announcement.

And likewise the petition of the two sons of the martyred Ni'matullah and Nasrullah, upon him and them be the Glory of God, was presented before Him and gained the honor of being heard, and these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance specifically for them. His exalted Word:

In the Name of the Desired One of the World

The servant was present with your petition and presented it all, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in response from the Sacred Kingdom, that ye may drink from the Euphrates of utterance and receive your portion from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. The relatives of the departed, elevated teacher - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - and the martyr have ever been and are mentioned before the Wronged One. We beseech God to enable you to preserve the pearls of His love. The treacherous have been and are lying in wait for this precious gem. The ignorant and heedless servants who are unaware of the root of the Cause are striving and struggling to mislead sanctified souls, and through various forms of deceit and guile have been and are attempting to prevent them. We beseech God to assist you with such assistance that the ranks of the world shall be powerless to prevent and the might of nations shall not weaken you. Stand firm in His Cause through divine power and might,

and be vocal in His remembrance and praise. We counsel all to observe calmness, dignity and wisdom, lest the clamor of the ignorant be raised in ignorance. There are learned ones who are deprived and prevented from the Dawning Place of divine revelation and the ocean of heavenly knowledge. We mention the loved ones of that land and its surroundings and counsel them to that which is befitting. Glory be upon you, O My loved ones, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Sun of Divine Utterance has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's mercy in such wise that its light has encompassed the dust of earth and indeed all the world, and its fragrance has perfumed it. Should one possessed of the sense of smell be in the furthermost parts of the world, he would detect this diffused fragrance, would turn with heart and soul, and would remain occupied with remembrance and praise throughout his life. One is astonished at what has prevented the eyes of the people of the world and what has veiled the sense of smell of the nations. Strange and wondrous is it that some of the ignorant ones of the world have denied this Most Great Cause and seek to establish another. Glory be to God! If this Cause be denied, what other cause would be worthy of affirmation or mention? We must beseech God that perchance the oppressors may attain unto justice and the workers of tyranny unto equity.

Likewise the petition of Aqa 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. He says, blessed and exalted be He: "O 'Ali-Akbar! Thy letter arrived and We saw and heard it. Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto Him and attained the honor of recognition. Thou didst seek His presence from the Wronged One. O 'Ali-Akbar! The heedless servants have become a barrier and have prevented the people from the Truth. Be not grieved at being deprived of His presence and meeting. Beseech God that He may ordain for thee from the Most Exalted Pen the reward of His presence. He is the Lord of Command and the Sovereign of Decree. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The creatures of the first and the last are powerless to prevent His Will. The power of His Word and the penetration of His Purpose are manifest as the sun. Blessed is the eye that seeth and woe unto every heedless doubter. The souls mentioned in thy petition have each attained unto the Luminary of Utterance, the Goal of all the worlds. We give them glad tidings of My remembrance and My favor, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Possessor of the Exalted Seat."

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My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call, shown me Thy tokens and summoned me from the precincts of Thy prison. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause, through which they that are sincere hastened to the seat of sacrifice and they that are devoted to the highest horizon, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that neither the hosts of the oppressors nor the might of the polytheists shall prevent me. O my Lord! I testify that Thou hast created me to know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty through which the ocean of existence hath surged, and by the generosity through which Thou hast quickened the world and its peoples, to ordain for me and for those with me that which shall cause us to be numbered

with them that have attained unto Thy good-pleasure and have quaffed the choice wine of detachment from the hands of Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the One Who ruleth over all who are in earth and heaven.

The divine call hath ever been raised and the Light of Manifestation hath shone and been evident from the horizon of the heaven of Sinai. Dark clouds pursue this light, and clouds of hatred follow after it. Though in these days they have prevented the lights of the Sun of Truth from shining, yet ultimately the light shall prevail, the Cause shall be made manifest, and the decree shall be seen to dominate. We counsel the friends of God, exalted be His glory, to be trustworthy and religious, and to that which is the cause of the exaltation and elevation of the Word of God. O people of God! From your qualities the qualities of God should be observed, and your deeds and your rest and motion should become mirrors of the will of God. This Wronged One hath ever commanded those that have turned to Him and loved Him to that which leadeth to glory and sublimity. The atoms of all created things bear witness that He hath desired naught for Himself. Praise thou the Lord of eternity Who hath mentioned thee while He is afflicted by the calumnies of the peoples. We beseech God to grant thee and the friends in that land success and to confirm you in mention, praise, wisdom and utterance. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Commander, the Ruler, the Mighty, the Bestower. Take counsel in matters. Act upon what proceedeth from consultation, for We have enjoined consultation upon all in numerous Tablets. We beseech God to confirm thee and His friends in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him, and We beseech Him to forgive thy father and mother and those who have ascended unto Him. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful and the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Who can ever adequately render thanks for these bounties? Nay, by His very Self, no one hath been or ever shall be capable of this. Were all the pens of the world and the tongues of nations to speak forth the most praiseworthy mentions of the first and the last, these could never equal a single word of those words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of Will. Yet since we are commanded to offer praise and thanksgiving, we therefore cling to the cord of His remembrance. Otherwise, how can the mention of creatures compare with His most holy and most pure court? In any case, we are His and we beseech from Him that which beseemeth His generosity. This servant beseecheth the Lord of existence to set His loved ones ablaze in such wise that the world shall be set aflame. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

O ’Ali before Akbar! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. He verily remembereth thee and draweth thee nigh and teacheth thee that which beseemeth the days of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and time and again hast thou been favored with the tokens of the Pen of Command. Ponder thou upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s will. In every utterance lieth concealed the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Blessed are they that drink thereof! I swear by the Sun of Truth that whosoever shall today observe the divine verses with the eye of justice and fairness shall be sustained by the Kawthar of steadfastness and shall find himself detached from all else but God. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Orb of My

proof and hast drunk the Salsabil of knowledge from the chalices of My verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me and magnified me and honored me and made me to know Thee. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Light shining amidst the nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which the limbs of the aggressive ones among Thy servants and the idolaters among Thy creatures have trembled, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love and acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This servant likewise beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid him to champion His Cause in such wise that the fame of his steadfastness may spread throughout all lands and regions. Should they consider the signs, tokens and verses of the Messengers, and ponder that which hath been revealed and made manifest in this Most Great Revelation from the heaven of bounty, they would testify with absolute certainty to the greatness, power, sovereignty and all-encompassing nature of this Most Great Revelation over all past and future Manifestations. God willing, they are aided to make mention and offer praise and serve the Cause of God - our purpose and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of them that know.

As for what was mentioned in the previous letter regarding traveling to different regions for the purpose of teaching God's Cause, after its presentation They said that in these matters consultation must be made. We beseech God to establish this decree - that is, consultation - which We have in these days made binding, that all may adhere to it henceforth. O 'Ali! In the path of God thou hast witnessed and heard that which caused the greatest sorrow. No deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it ever be. The deeds of His loved ones in His path are each like unto a treasure in the keeping of a Trustee to Whose trustworthiness all things have testified and do testify.

As for appointing this evanescent one as representative specifically for visitation on Friday the seventeenth of the month of Rabi'u'l-Avval at noon, after permission was granted, this one presented himself and there was fulfilled that which hath been the purpose of that Beloved One and all the chosen ones of God, past and future. How blessed are mine eyes and thine eyes, and how blessed am I and art thou! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us in remembrance and praise, and in attaining His presence and circumambulating His shrine. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

In the Name of Him Who speaks with wisdom!

O son of Azghand, upon thee be the Glory of God! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before the Throne hath presented it. We have revealed for thee a Tablet whereby the cities of knowledge and wisdom have been perfumed. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to be characterized by trustworthiness, righteousness, truthfulness and purity. Blessed is the servant who acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Lord of all lords. Hearken unto the call from the direction of 'Akka - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Blessed be thy father, again blessed be he! He informed My

servants of My Manifestation before I manifested Myself. Verily nothing is hidden from thy Lord's knowledge. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have mentioned him in the Crimson Tablet with My Most Exalted Pen in such wise that his remembrance shall endure among all mentions and his spirit among all spirits. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Take hold of God's Tablet with the power bestowed by Him and follow not those who follow the sources of fancy and imagination. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come, He for Whom the Point of the Bayan sacrificed Himself in His path. Fear God, O people of fairness! Be just concerning God's Cause and His Manifestation. He hath come from the heaven of proof with verses which have left those of understanding powerless to comprehend them. Say: Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given by God, the Illuminator of all horizons. O son of Ahmad, upon him be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness! When the breezes of My revelation stir thee and the wine of My utterance intoxicates thee, say […]

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison, and by Thy imprisonment in the Land of Ta, and by another imprisonment in another land, and by Thy mighty signs, to assist me and Thy loved ones in that which befitteth Thy days and beseemeth Thy station. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and clinging to Thee. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the banners of Thy signs and the emblems of Thy power and sovereignty, to make me steadfast, firm, upright and unwavering in Thy Cause, through which the limbs of the learned have quaked, the hearts of the divines have trembled, and the feet of the wise have slipped, save those whom the hands of Thy favor have delivered. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Such bounty and mercy hath been manifested as the eye of creation hath neither seen nor shall see the like thereof. O people of God! Know ye the worth of this most exalted station and this ultimate goal, and in the nights and days hold fast unto service to His Cause. The victorious hosts are wisdom and utterance and deeds and character. Blessed is he who aids the Cause of his Lord through wisdom and utterance and through that which hath been revealed in the Book. Convey my greetings and salutations to all the friends in that land and its surroundings. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them in that which beseemeth this blessed Day. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon God's loved ones there and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Servant

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

Praise be to God Who hath made being to come forth from nothingness; graven upon the tablet of man a measure of the mysteries of His eternity; taught him from the storehouse of divine utterance that which he knew not; made him a perspicuous book unto such as have believed and surrendered their souls; given him to behold, in this dark and ruinous age, a new creation within all things; and caused him to speak forth, from the midmost heart of eternity, and in a new and wondrous voice, embodied in the most excellent Temple. And all to this end: that every man may testify, in himself and by himself, before the Seat of the revelation of his Lord, that there is none other God but Him; and that all may reach that summit of realities where none shall contemplate anything but that he shall perceive God therein. This is the vision of the splendours which have been deposited within the realities of all things; for otherwise He, exalted be His glory, is entirely sanctified above being seen or witnessed: "No vision taketh in Him, but He taketh in all vision; He is the Subtile, the All-Perceiving."

And I praise and glorify that primal Sea which hath branched out from the ocean of the unseen Essence, and that primal Morn which hath broken forth upon the horizon of Singleness, and that primal Sun which hath risen in the heaven of everlasting splendour, and that primal Fire which was kindled from the Lamp of eternity within the Niche of oneness: He Who is called "Ahmad" in the kingdom of the exalted ones, and "Muhammad" amongst the concourse of the favoured ones, and "Mahmud" in the realm of the sincere; and in the hearts of the knowing, "whichsoever ye call upon, most beauteous are His names." And upon His kindred and His companions be abundant, abiding, and eternal peace!

I have hearkened to the song of the nightingale of knowledge upon the twigs of the tree of thine inmost being, and to the cooing of the dove of certitude upon the branches of the bower of thine heart. Methinks I inhaled the fragrance of purity from the raiment of thy love and, in perusing thy letter, attained thy very presence. I noted, moreover, thine allusions to thy death in God and thy life through Him, and the love thou dost cherish for the beloved of the Lord and for the Manifestations of His names and the Exponents of His attributes. I have purposed, therefore, to acquaint thee with holy and resplendent tokens from the realms of might and glory, that haply they may draw thee nigh unto the court of holiness, nearness, and beauty, and draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt see naught in all existence but the hallowed Countenance of thy Beloved, and wilt behold all of creation as a day wherein none was deemed worthy of mention. Of this did the nightingale of oneness sing in the garden of his mystical treatise, saying, "And there shall appear upon the tablet of thine heart an inscription of the subtle mysteries of the verse 'Fear ye God; God will teach you', and the bird of thy spirit shall recall the sanctuaries of ancient splendour, and soar upon the wings of longing into the heaven of the command 'Walk the beaten paths of thy Lord', and partake of the choice fruits of communion in the gardens of the utterance 'Feed, moreover, on every kind of fruit.'" By My life, O friend! Wert thou to taste the fruits of these verdant trees that spring from the soil of true understanding, once the effulgent light of His Essence hath been reflected in the Mirrors of His names and attributes, yearning would seize the reins of patience and restraint from out thy hand and stir thy spirit into commotion with the splendours of His light. It would draw thee from this abode of dust unto thy true and heavenly habitation in the midmost heart of mystic knowledge, and raise thee to a station wherein thou wilt soar in the air even as thou treadest upon the earth, and wilt walk upon the water even as thou movest over the land. Wherefore, may it rejoice me, and thee, and whosoever mounteth into the heaven of knowledge, and whose heart hath been revived by

the breezes of certitude that waft from the Sheba of the All-Merciful upon the meadow of his inner being. Peace be upon him who followeth the way of guidance!

And further: the stages that mark the wayfarers' journey from their mortal abode to the heavenly homeland are said to be seven. Some have referred to them as seven valleys, and others, as seven cities. And it is said that until the wayfarer taketh leave of self and traverseth these stages, he shall never attain the ocean of nearness and reunion nor taste of the matchless wine.

The first is the Valley of Search. The steed of this valley is patience; without patience the wayfarer on this journey will reach nowhere and attain no goal. Nor should he ever become downhearted: If he strive for a hundred thousand years and yet fail to behold the beauty of the Friend, he should not falter. For those who seek the Kaaba of "for Us" rejoice in the tidings "In Our ways shall We assuredly guide them." In their search, they have stoutly girded up the loins of service and at every moment journey from the plane of heedlessness into the realm of search. No bond shall hold them back and no counsel deter them.

It is incumbent upon these servants to cleanse the heart, which is the wellspring of divine treasures, of every marking; turn away from imitation, which is following the traces of their forefathers; and shut the door of friendship and enmity upon all the people of the earth.

In this journey the seeker reacheth a station wherein he seeth all created things wandering distracted in search of the Friend. How many a Jacob will he see searching after his Joseph, how many a lover will he behold hastening towards the Well-Beloved; a world of adoring souls will he witness tracing the path of the Adored One! At every moment he findeth a weighty matter, in every hour he becometh aware of a new mystery; for he hath severed his heart from both worlds and set out for the Kaaba of the Beloved. At every step, aid from the invisible Realm will attend him and the fervour of his search will grow.

One must judge of search by the standard of the Majnun of love. It is related that one day they came upon Majnun sifting the dust, his tears flowing down. They asked, "What doest thou?" He said, "I seek for Layli." "Alas for thee!" they cried, "Layli is of pure spirit, yet thou seekest her in the dust!" He said, "I seek her everywhere; haply somewhere I shall find her."

Yea, though to the wise it be shameful to seek the Lord of Lords in the dust, yet this betokeneth intense ardour in searching. "Whoso seeketh out a thing and persisteth with zeal shall find it."

The true seeker hunteth naught but the object of his quest, and the sincere lover hath no desire save reunion with his beloved. Nor shall the seeker reach his goal unless he sacrifice all things. That is, whatever he hath seen, and heard, and understood–all he must set at naught with "no God is there", that he may enter into the realm of the spirit, which is the city of "but God". Labour is needed, if we are to seek Him; ardour is needed, if we are to drink the nectar of reunion with Him; and if we taste of this cup, we shall cast away the world.

On this journey the wayfarer dwelleth in every abode, however humble, and resideth in every land. In every face he seeketh the beauty of the Friend; in every region he searcheth after the Beloved. He joineth every company and seeketh fellowship with every soul, that haply in some heart he may discern the secret of the Beloved, or in some face behold the beauty of the Adored One.

And if, by the help of the Creator, he findeth on this journey a trace of the traceless Friend, and inhaleth the fragrance of the long-lost Joseph from the heavenly herald, he shall straightway step into the Valley of Love and be consumed in the fire of love. In this city the heaven of rapture is upraised, and the world-illuming sun of yearning shineth, and the fire of love is set ablaze; and when the fire of love is ablaze, it burneth to ashes the harvest of reason.

Now is the wayfarer oblivious of himself, and of aught besides himself. He seeth neither ignorance nor knowledge, neither doubt nor certitude; he knoweth not the morn of guidance from the night of error. He fleeth from both unbelief and faith, and findeth in deadly poison his heart's relief. Wherefore 'A??ar saith: For the infidel, error–for the faithful, faith; For 'A??ar's heart, an atom of thy pain.

The steed of this valley is pain, and if there be no pain this journey will never end. In this plane the lover hath no thought save the Beloved, and seeketh no refuge save the Friend. At every moment he offereth a hundred lives in the path of the Loved One, at every step he throweth a thousand heads at His feet.

O My brother! Until thou enter the Egypt of love, thou shalt never gaze upon the Joseph-like beauty of the Friend; and until, like Jacob, thou forsake thine outward eyes, thou shalt never open the eye of thine inward being; and until thou burn with the fire of love, thou shalt never find thyself in true yearning's embrace.

A lover feareth nothing and can suffer no harm: Thou seest him chill in the fire and dry in the sea. A lover is he who is chill in hellfire; A knower is he who is dry in the sea.

Love accepteth no existence and wisheth no life: In death it seeth life, and in shame it seeketh glory. To merit the madness of love, one must abound in sanity; to merit the bonds of the Friend, one must be free in spirit. Blessed the neck that is caught in His noose, and happy the head that falleth on the dust in the path of His love. Wherefore, O friend, renounce thy self, that thou mayest find the Peerless One; and soar beyond this mortal world, that thou mayest find thy nest in the abode of heaven. Be as naught, if thou wouldst kindle the fire of being and be fit for the pathway of love. Ne'er will love allow a living soul to tread its way; Ne'er will the falcon deign to seize a lifeless prey.

Love setteth a world aflame at every turn and layeth waste every land wherein it raiseth its banner. Being hath no existence in its kingdom; the wise wield no command within its realm. The leviathan of love swalloweth the master of reason and slayeth the lord of knowledge. It drinketh the seven seas, but its heart's thirst is still unquenched and it asketh, "Is there yet any more?" It shunneth its own self and draweth away from all on earth. Love shunneth this world and that world too; In him are lunacies seventy-and-two.

Love hath bound a myriad victims in its fetters and pierced a myriad wise men with its arrow. Know that every redness thou seest in the world is from its wrath, and every paleness in men's cheeks is from its poison. It yieldeth no remedy but death and walketh not save in the valley of extinction; yet sweeter than honey is its venom upon the lover's lips, and fairer its deadly sting, in the seeker's sight, than a hundred thousand lives.

Wherefore must the veils of the satanic self be burned away in the fire of love, that the spirit may be cleansed and refined, and thus may apprehend the station of Him but for Whom the world would not have been created. Kindle the fire of love and burn away all things; Then set thy foot into the land of the lovers.

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And if, confirmed by the Creator, the lover escapeth the claws of the eagle of love, he will enter the Realm of Knowledge and come out of doubt into certitude, and turn from the darkness of wayward desire to the guiding light of the fear of God. His inner eye will open and he will privily converse with his Beloved; he will unlock the gates of truth and supplication and shut the doors of idle fancy. He in this realm is content with the divine decree, and seeth war as peace, and in death findeth the meaning of everlasting life. With both inward and outward eyes he witnesseth the mysteries of resurrection in the realms of creation and in the souls of men, and with a spiritual heart apprehendeth the wisdom of God in His endless manifestations. In the sea he findeth a drop, in a drop he beholdeth the secrets of the sea. Split the atom's heart, and lo! Within it thou wilt find a sun. Gazing with the eye of absolute insight, the wayfarer in this valley seeth in God's creation neither contradiction nor incongruity, and at every moment exclaimeth, "No defect canst thou see in the creation of the God of mercy. Repeat the gaze: Seest thou a single flaw?" He beholdeth justice in injustice, and in justice, grace. In ignorance he findeth many a knowledge hidden, and in knowledge a myriad wisdoms manifest. He breaketh the cage of the body and the hold of the passions, and communeth with the denizens of the immortal realm. He scaleth the ladders of inner truth and hasteneth to the heaven of inner meanings. He rideth in the ark of "We will surely show them Our signs in the world and within themselves", and saileth upon the sea of "until it become plain to them that it is the truth". And if he meeteth with injustice he shall have patience, and if he cometh upon wrath he shall manifest love. There was once a lover, it is said, who had sighed for long years in separation from his beloved, and wasted in the fire of remoteness. From the rule of love, his breast was void of patience and his body weary of his spirit; he reckoned life without her as a mockery, and the world consumed him away. How many a day he found no respite from his longing; how many a night the pain of her kept him from sleep. His body was worn to a sigh, and his heart's wound had turned him to a cry of sorrow. A thousand lives would he freely have given for one taste of the cup of her presence, and yet even this was not within his reach. The doctors knew no cure for him, and companions avoided his company; yea, physicians have no remedy for one sick of love, unless the favour of the beloved deliver him.

Such is the effect of God's command; whenever you mix sugar with mud, the purity of the sugar will overcome the impurity of the mud. In this way these blessed souls see the end in the beginning, and in extinction they discern a revival. This station can be discovered by any soul who journeyeth upon the path of guidance. In every atom he will find a door leading to the mysteries of divine knowledge. He will discern in all things the mysteries of divine Revelation and the evidences of an everlasting manifestation.

[Since the text is already in English, no translation is needed.]

Such is the state of the wayfarers in this valley, but the people of the valleys above this see the end and the beginning as one. Nay, they see neither "beginning" nor "end" and witness neither "first" nor "last".

Nay rather, the denizens of the city of immortality, who dwell in the celestial garden, see not even "neither first nor last": They fly from all that is first and repulse all that is last. For these have passed over the worlds of names and, swift as lightning, fled beyond the worlds of attributes. Thus is it said: "The perfection of belief in Divine Unity is to deny Him any attributes." And they have made their dwelling-place in the shadow of the Divine Essence.

Wherefore Khajih 'Abdu'llah –may God the Most High sanctify his blessed soul–hath made, in this connection, a subtle point and spoken an eloquent word as to the meaning of "Guide Thou us on the straight path", which is: "Show us the right way; that is, honour us with the love of Thine Essence, that we may be freed from occupation with ourselves and aught else save Thee, and may become wholly Thine; that we may know only Thee, and see only Thee, and think of none save Thee."

Nay, they would even soar above this station, as it is said: "Love is a veil betwixt the lover and beloved." "More than this I am not permitted to tell."

At this hour the morn of true knowledge hath dawned and the lamps of wayfaring and wandering have been quenched. Veiled from this was Moses too, Despite His virtue and His light. Then thou who hast no wings at all, Abandon any hope of flight!

If thou be a man of communion and prayer, soar upon the wings of assistance from the holy ones, that thou mayest behold the mysteries of the Friend and attain the lights of the Beloved: "Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return."

After passing through the Valley of Knowledge, which is the last station of limitation, the wayfarer cometh to the First Station of Unity and drinketh from the cup of oneness, and gazeth upon the manifestations of singleness. In this station he pierceth the veils of plurality, fleeth the realms of the flesh, and ascendeth unto the heaven of unity. With the ear of God he heareth; with the eye of God he beholdeth the mysteries of divine creation. He steppeth into the inner sanctuary of the Friend and, as an intimate, shareth the pavilion of the Well-Beloved. He stretcheth forth the hand of truth from the sleeve of the Absolute and revealeth the mysteries of divine power. He seeth in himself neither name nor fame nor rank, but findeth his own praise in the praise of God, and in the name of God beholdeth his own. To him "all songs are from that sovereign King" and every melody from Him. He sitteth on the throne of "Say, all things are of God" and reclineth upon the seat of "There is no power nor strength but in God alone." He looketh upon all things with the eye of Unity, and seeth the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth shining from the dayspring of the Divine Essence upon all created things alike, and beholdeth the lights of Unity reflected upon all creation.

It is known to thine eminence that all the variations which the wayfarer in the stages of his journey beholdeth in the realms of being proceed from his own vision. We shall give an example of this, that the meaning may become fully clear. Consider the visible sun: Although it shineth with the same radiance upon all existence, and at the behest of the Lord of Revelation bestoweth light on all things, yet in each place it becometh manifest and sheddeth its bounty according to the potentialities of that place. For instance, in a mirror it reflecteth its own disk and shape, and this is due to the clarity of the mirror itself; through a crystal it maketh fire to appear; and in other things it showeth only the effect of its shining, but

not its full disk. And yet, through that effect, by the command of the Creator it traineth each thing according to the capacity of that thing, even as thou dost observe.

In like manner, colours become visible in each object according to its nature. For instance, in a yellow glass the rays shine yellow; in a white glass they are white; and in a red glass red rays are visible. These variations proceed from the object itself, not from the light. And if a place be shut away from the light, as by walls and a roof, it will be entirely bereft of the light of the sun and deprived of its rays.

Thus it is that certain feeble souls have confined the wide expanse of knowledge within the walls of self and passion, and beneath the cloak of ignorance and blindness, and have thereby veiled themselves from the light of the mystic Sun and the mysteries of the eternal Beloved. They have strayed far from the gem-like wisdom of the resplendent Faith of the Lord of the Messengers, have been shut out of the inner court of the All-Beauteous, and have been banished from the Kaaba of glory. Such is the worth of the people of this age!

And if a nightingale soar beyond the clay of self and dwell in the rose bower of the heart, and in Arabian melodies and sweet Persian tones recount the mysteries of God–a single word whereof quickeneth anew every lifeless form and bestoweth the spirit of holiness upon every mouldering bone–thou wilt behold a thousand claws of envy and a myriad talons of hatred hunting after Him and striving with all their power to encompass His death.

Yea, to the beetle a sweet fragrance seemeth foul, and to the man sick of a rheum a pleasant perfume availeth naught. Wherefore hath it been said for the guidance of the ignorant:

Cleanse thou the rheum from out thine head

And breathe the breath of God instead.

In sum, the differences among objects have now been made plain. Thus when the wayfarer gazeth only upon the place of appearance–that is, when he considereth only the glass–he seeth yellow and red and white. And so it is that conflict hath prevailed amongst men, and a darksome dust from limited souls hath settled over the world. Others gaze upon the effulgence of the light, while yet others have drunk of the wine of oneness and see naught but the sun itself.

As the wayfarers traverse these three differing planes, their understanding and their words differ accordingly, and hence the sign of conflict hath ever appeared on earth. For there are some who dwell on the plane of Divine Unity and speak of that world, and some inhabit the realms of limitation, and some the grades of self, while others are completely veiled. Thus do the ignorant people of the day, who have no share of the radiance of the divine Beauty, make certain claims and, in every age and cycle, inflict upon the people of the ocean of Divine Unity what they themselves deserve. “If God should chastise men for their perverse doings, He would not leave upon the earth a moving thing! But to an appointed time doth He respite them.”

Since this text is already in English, and appears to be from “The Seven Valleys” by Baha’u’llah, no translation is needed. The text remains as presented.

Indeed, the references that have been made to the degrees of mystic knowledge pertain to the knowledge of the effulgences of that Sun of Truth as it becometh reflected in various mirrors. And the effulgence of that light is present within the hearts, yet it is hidden beneath the veils of selfish desires and earthly attachments, even as a candle within a lantern of iron, and only when the cover is lifted doth the light of the candle shine out. In like manner, when thou dost strip the veils of illusion from the face of thine heart, the lights of Oneness will be made manifest. It is clear, then, that even these rays are not subject to egress or regress–how much less that Essence of existence and longed-for Mystery. O My brother, consider these matters in the spirit of enquiry, not in blind imitation. A true wayfarer will not be deterred by the impediment of words, nor daunted by the sway of insinuations. How can a curtain part the lover from his love, When Alexander's wall cannot keep them apart? Secrets are many, and strangers are myriad. Volumes will not suffice to hold the mystery of the Beloved, nor can it be exhausted in these pages, though it be no more than a word, no more than a sign. "Knowledge is one point, which the foolish have multiplied."

Infer, then, from this the differences among the worlds. Though the worlds of God be infinite, yet some refer to them as four: the world of time, which hath both a beginning and an end; the world of duration, which hath a beginning but whose end is not apparent; the world of primordial reality, whose beginning is not to be seen but which is known to have an end; and the world of eternity, of which neither the beginning nor the end is visible. Although there are many differing statements as to these points, to recount them in detail would result in weariness. Thus some have said that the world of primordial reality hath neither beginning nor end, and have equated the world of eternity with the invisible, inaccessible, and unknowable Essence. Others have called these the worlds of the Heavenly Court, of the Celestial Dominion, of the Divine Kingdom, and of Mortal Existence.

Moreover, the journeys in the pathway of love have been reckoned as four: from the creatures to the True One, from the True One to the creatures, from the creatures to the creatures, and from the True One to the True One.

There is many an utterance of the sages and mystics of former times which I have not mentioned here, since I mislike copious citation from the sayings of the past; for quotation from the words of others betokeneth acquired learning and not divine bestowal. Even so much as I have quoted here is out of deference to the wont of men and after the manner of the learned. Further, such matters are beyond the scope of this epistle. My unwillingness to recount their sayings is not from pride; rather, it is the manifestation of wisdom and the revelation of bounty.

If Khi?r did wreck the vessel on the sea, A thousand rights are in this wrong concealed.

Otherwise, this Servant regardeth Himself as utterly lost and non-existent, even before one of the beloved of God, how much less in the presence of His holy ones. Glorified be my Lord, the Most High! Moreover, our aim is to recount the stages of the wayfarer's journey, not to set forth the conflicting utterances of the mystics.

Although a brief example hath been given concerning the beginning and ending of the relative and contingent world, yet a further illustration is now provided, that the full meaning may become clear. For

instance, let thine eminence consider his own self: Thou art first in relation to thy son, and last in relation to thy father. In thine outward appearance thou tellest of the appearance of power in the realms of divine creation; in thine inward being thou revealest the hidden mysteries which are the divine trust deposited within thee. And thus firstness and lastness, outwardness and inwardness, are, in the sense referred to, all true of thyself, so that in these four states conferred upon thee thou mayest comprehend the four divine states, and that the nightingale of thine heart, warbling on all the flowering branches of the tree of existence, whether seen or unseen, might cry out: "He is the First and the Last, the Seen and the Hidden!"

These statements are made in the sphere of that which is relative. Otherwise, those souls who with but one step have traversed the world of the relative and the conditioned, and dwelt in the court of independent sovereignty, and pitched their tent in the realms of absolute authority and command, have burned away these relativities with a single spark, and blotted out these words with a mere dewdrop. And they swim in the sea of the spirit, and soar in the holy atmosphere of light. Then what existence have words, on such a plane, that "first" and "last", or other than these, should be mentioned or described? In this realm, the first is the same as the last, and the last is the same as the first.

In thy soul, of love build thou a fire

And burn all thoughts and words entire.

O My friend, look to thyself: Hadst thou not become a father and begotten a son, neither wouldst thou have comprehended these words. Now forget them one and all, that thou mayest learn from the Master of Love in the schoolhouse of Divine Unity, mayest return unto God, forsake the land of unreality for thy true station, and dwell beneath the shadow of the tree of knowledge.

O thou dear one! Impoverish thyself, that thou mayest enter the lofty court of riches; and humble thy body, that thou mayest drink from the stream of glory and attain to the full meaning of the poems whereof thou hadst asked.

Thus it hath been made clear that these stages depend on the attainment of the wayfarer. In every city he will behold a world, in every valley reach a spring, in every meadow hear a song. But the falcon of the mystic heaven hath many a wondrous carol of the spirit in its breast, and the Persian bird keepeth in its soul many a sweet Arabian melody; yet these are hidden, and hidden shall remain. If I speak forth, many a mind will shatter, And if I write, many a pen will break.

Peace be upon him who concludeth this exalted journey and followeth the way of truth by the lights of guidance.

The wayfarer, after traversing the high planes of this supernal journey, entereth into the City of Contentment. In this valley he feeleth the breezes of divine contentment blowing from the plane of the spirit. He burneth away the veils of want, and with inward and outward eye perceiveth within and without all things the day of "God will satisfy everyone out of His abundance." From sorrow he turneth to bliss, and from grief to joy, and from anguish and dejection to delight and rapture.

Although, to outward seeming, the wayfarers in this valley may dwell upon the dust, yet inwardly they are throned in the heights of mystic meaning; they partake of the eternal bounties of heaven and drink of the delicate wines of the spirit.

The tongue faileth in describing these three valleys, and speech falleth short. The pen steppeth not into this arena, the ink leaveth only a blot. In these stations, the nightingale of the heart hath other songs and secrets, which make the heart to leap and the soul to cry out, but this mystery of inner meaning may be whispered only from heart to heart, and confided only from breast to breast. The bliss of mystic knowers can be only told from heart to heart, A bliss no messenger can bear and no missive dare impart. How many are the matters I have out of weakness left unsaid; For my words would fail to reckon them and mine every effort would fall short.

O friend, till thou enter the garden of these inner meanings, thou shalt never taste of the imperishable wine of this valley. And shouldst thou taste of it, thou wilt turn away from all else and drink of the cup of contentment; thou wilt loose thyself from all things and bind thyself unto Him, and lay down thy life in His path and offer up thy soul for His sake. And this, even though in this realm there is no "all else" that thou needst forget: "God was alone; there was none else besides Him." For on this plane the traveller witnesseth the beauty of the Friend in all things. In fire he seeth the face of the Beloved; in illusion he beholdeth the secret of reality; in the attributes he readeth the riddle of the Essence. For he hath burnt away all veils with a sigh, and cast aside all coverings with a glance. With piercing sight he gazeth upon the new creation, and with lucid heart he graspeth subtle verities. The words "And we have made thy sight sharp in this day" are a sufficient proof of this assertion and a befitting description of this state.

After journeying through the planes of pure contentment, the traveller cometh to the Valley of Wonderment and is tossed upon the oceans of grandeur, and at every moment his wonder increaseth. Now he seeth the embodiment of wealth as poverty itself, and the essence of independence as sheer impotence. Now is he struck dumb with the beauty of the All-Glorious; again is he wearied out with his own life. How many a mystic tree hath this whirlwind of bewilderment snatched by the roots, how many a soul hath it worn out and exhausted. For in this valley the traveller is flung into confusion, albeit, in the eyes of him who hath attained, such signs are esteemed and well beloved. At every moment, he beholdeth a wondrous world and a new creation, and goeth from astonishment to astonishment, and is lost in awe before the new handiwork of Him Who is the sovereign Lord of all.

Indeed, O brother, if we ponder each created thing, we shall witness a myriad consummate wisdoms and learn a myriad new and wondrous truths. One of the created phenomena is the dream. Behold how many secrets have been deposited therein, how many wisdoms treasured up, how many worlds concealed. Observe how thou art asleep in a dwelling, and its doors are shut; on a sudden thou findest thyself in a far-off city, which thou enterest without moving thy feet or wearying thy body. Without taxing thine eyes, thou seest; without troubling thine ears, thou hearest; without a tongue, thou speakest. And perchance when ten years have passed, thou wilt witness in this temporal world the very things thou hast dreamt tonight.

Now there are many wisdoms to ponder in the dream, which none but the people of this valley can comprehend in their reality. First, what is this world where without eye or ear or hand or tongue one can

put all these to use? Second, how is it that in the outer world thou seest today the effect of a dream which thou didst witness in the world of sleep some ten years past? Consider the difference between these two worlds, and the mysteries they conceal, that, attended by divine confirmations, thou mayest attain unto heavenly discoveries and enter the realms of holiness.

God, the Most High, hath placed these signs in men so that veiled minds might not deny the mysteries of the life beyond, nor belittle that which hath been promised them. For some hold fast to reason and deny whatever reason comprehendeth not, and yet feeble minds can never grasp the reality of the stages that we have related: The universal divine Intellect alone can comprehend them. How can feeble reason embrace the Qur'an Or the spider snare a phoenix in its web?

All these states are to be found and witnessed in the Valley of Wonderment, wherein the wayfarer at every moment seeketh for more and is not wearied. Thus the Lord of the first and the last, in setting forth the grades of contemplation and expressing bewilderment, hath said: "Increase my wonder and amazement at Thee, O God!"

Likewise, reflect upon the perfection of man's creation, and that all these planes and states are folded up and hidden away within him. Dost thou deem thyself a small and puny form, When thou foldest within thyself the greater world?

We must therefore labour to destroy the animal condition, till the meaning of humanity cometh to light.

Likewise, Luqman, who had drunk from the wellspring of wisdom and tasted of the waters of mercy, in proving to his son Nathan the planes of resurrection and death, advanced the dream as evidence and example. We relate it here, that through this evanescent Servant a memory may endure of that youth of the school of Divine Unity, that elder of the realms of instruction and detachment. He said: "O son, if thou art able not to sleep, then thou art able not to die. And if thou art able not to waken after sleep, then thou shalt be able not to rise after death."

O friend, the heart is the dwelling-place of eternal mysteries: Make it not the home of fleeting fancies. Waste not the treasure of thy precious life occupied with this swiftly passing world. Thou comest from the world of holiness: Bind not thine heart to the earth. Thou art a dweller in the court of reunion: Choose not the homeland of the dust.

In sum, there is no end to the description of these stages, but because of the wrongs inflicted by the peoples of this age, this Servant is disinclined to continue: The tale remaineth yet unfinished and untold; Forgive me, then, for weariness hath taken hold. The pen groaneth and the ink sheddeth tears, and the river of the heart surgeth in waves of blood. "Nothing can befall us but what God hath destined for us." Peace be upon him who followeth the way of guidance!

After scaling the high summits of wonderment, the wayfarer cometh to the Valley of True Poverty and Absolute Nothingness. This station is that of dying to the self and living in God, of being poor in self and rich in the Desired One. Poverty, as here referred to, signifieth being poor in that which pertaineth to the world of creation and rich in what belongeth to the realms of God. For when the true lover and devoted friend reacheth the presence of the Beloved, the radiant beauty of the Loved One and the fire of the

lover's heart will kindle a blaze and burn away all veils and wrappings. Yea, all that he hath, from marrow to skin, will be set aflame, so that nothing will remain save the Friend.

When once shone forth the attributes

Of Him Who is the ancient King,

All mention Moses burned away

Of every fleeting, transient thing.

Whoso hath attained this station is sanctified from all that pertaineth to the world. Wherefore, if those who have reached the ocean of His presence are found to possess none of the limited things of this perishable world, whether earthly riches or worldly opinions, it mattereth not. For that which is with His creatures is circumscribed by their own limitations, whereas that which is with God is sanctified therefrom. This utterance must be deeply pondered, that its purport may be clear. "Verily the righteous shall drink of a cup tempered at the camphor fountain." If the true meaning of "camphor" become known, our true intent will become evident.

This station is that poverty of which it is said, "Poverty is My glory." And of inward and outward poverty there is many a stage and many a meaning which I have not thought pertinent to mention here; hence I have reserved these for another time, dependent on what God may desire and fate may seal.

This is the station wherein the multiplicity of all things perisheth in the wayfarer; and the divine Countenance, dawning above the horizon of eternity, riseth out of the darkness; and the meaning of "All on the earth shall pass away, but the face of thy Lord" is made manifest.

In this case the text is already in English, so no translation is needed. The text appears to be from Baha'u'llah's Seven Valleys or related mystical writings.

In all these journeys the wayfarer must stray not a hair's breadth from the Law, for this is indeed the secret of the Path and the fruit of the Tree of Truth. And in all these stages he must cling to the robe of obedience to all that hath been enjoined, and hold fast to the cord of shunning all that is forbidden, that he may partake of the cup of the Law and be informed of the mysteries of Truth.

If any of the utterances of this Servant be not understood, or lead to perplexity, the same must be enquired of again, that no doubt may linger, and that the meaning may shine as resplendent as the face of the Beloved dawning from His "Glorious Station".

These journeys have no visible ending in this temporal world, but the detached wayfarer–should invisible confirmation descend upon him and the Guardian of the Cause assist him–may traverse these seven stages in seven steps, nay rather in seven breaths, nay even in a single breath, should God will and desire it. This is "a token of His grace vouchsafed unto whomsoever He pleaseth."

They who soar in the heaven of Divine Unity and attain the depths of the sea of detachment reckon this city–which is the station of life in God–as the loftiest state of the mystic knowers and the furthermost homeland of the faithful lovers. But to this evanescent One of the mystic ocean, this station is the first

gate of the heart's citadel, that is, man's first entrance to the city of the heart; and the heart is endowed with four stages, which would be recounted should a kindred soul be found. Shattered was the pen at once, Rent and torn in twain the page, When the pen did reach the point Of depicting such a stage.

O My friend! Many a hound hunteth this gazelle of the desert of oneness; many an eagle pursueth this nightingale of the garden of eternity. Ravens of hatred lie in wait for this bird of the heavens of God, and the huntsman of envy stalketh this deer of the meadow of love.

O Shaykh! Make of thine effort a glass, that perchance it may shelter this flame from contrary winds, albeit this flame doth long to be kindled in the lamp of the Lord and to shine in the niche of the spirit. For the head that is raised up in the love of God will assuredly fall by the sword, and the life that is aflame with longing will assuredly be extinguished, and the heart that cleaveth to the remembrance of the Beloved will assuredly break. How well hath it been said:

Live free of love, for its peace

Is grief and sorrow at each breath.

It starteth but with ache and pain;

It endeth but with loss and death.

Peace be upon him who followeth the way of guidance!

The novel thoughts thou hast expressed as to the symbolism contained in the word "sparrow" were considered. Thou appearest to be well grounded in mystic truth. However, in each realm, to every letter a meaning is allotted which pertaineth to that realm. Indeed, the wayfarer findeth a secret in every name and a mystery in every letter. In one sense, these letters refer to the states of holiness. The first meaneth "Free thyself from the promptings of self, then approach thy Lord." The second meaneth "Purify thyself from all save Him, that thou mayest offer up thy life for His sake." The third meaneth "Draw back from the threshold of the one true God if thou art still possessed of earthly attributes." The fourth meaneth "Render thanks unto thy Lord on His earth, that He may bless thee in His heaven, albeit in the realm of His unity His heaven is the same as His earth." The fifth meaneth "Remove from thine eyes the veils of limitation, that thou mayest learn that which thou knewest not of the stations of holiness." Wert thou to hearken unto the melodies of this mortal Bird, then wouldst thou seek out the eternal and undying chalice and renounce every fleeting and perishable cup. Peace be upon him who followeth the way of guidance!

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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested from the letter Alif the Most Great Steadfastness, and through the letter Ba the distinction between all things, and through the letter Jim revealed the station of him who

circumambulated the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and through the letter Dal the submissiveness of God's loved ones in the Kingdom of Names and their humility and their bowing down when the lights were shed forth from the Luminary of their Lord's Will, the Lord of the Beginning and the Return. He made the letter Ha the essence of the temple of letters in the Most Exalted Word. When it was adorned with the letter Ba, there was manifested the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery and the Most Great Name whereby the world was adorned. Glorified be He Who hath revealed Himself by His Own Self unto His Own Self, and hath manifested Himself unto His creation through His signs, His revelations and His evidences. Glorified be He Who hath made all things to speak of the letters of the Book and hath revealed the mysteries of the Beginning in the Return. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower. Glorified be the Lord of creation Who was named in the Gospel as the Spirit of Truth, and in the Torah as the Everlasting God, and in the Furqan as the Great Announcement, through Whom this Ancient Structure was raised up. Verily it was preceded by the Cause, which is God's compelling Will. I pray, offer salutations and glorification upon God's chosen ones, His pure ones, His loved ones and His emissaries, whom God hath purified from their own desires and made them the manifestations of His Will amidst all creation. These are servants through whom the horizon of the heaven of trustworthiness was illumined.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name the near ones have called out in the wilderness of longing and the sincere ones in the desert of separation. The sweetness of Thy call, which was raised from the direction of Thy Throne in Thy days, hath so transported them that they were drawn to Thee and said: "Here am I, O Lord, here am I! Here am I, O Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations! Here am I, O Most Great Name and Most Ancient Spirit! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whose Name the sealed choice Wine was unsealed and the Self-Subsisting Name was manifested, and through Whom the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, was wafted! Here am I, here am I, O God of existence and Ultimate Goal! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whose Name flowed the river of mercy and the Temple of Oneness was established upon the throne of grandeur! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whom the Fire spoke in the Tree and the earth shone with the light of Thy countenance! O Thou through Whom the Resurrection arose and the Hour was manifested and decayed bones were quickened! Here am I, here am I, O Goal of the mystics and Ultimate Hope of the yearning ones! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whose love the hearts of lovers were melted and through the light of Whose Cause the horizons were illumined!" I praise Thee for having honored Thy dwellings with Thy presence and pitched Thy tents upon the hills and mountains by Thy Name and Thy power. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the sweetness of Thy utterance and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy names, to aid Thy servants to turn unto the lights of Thy countenance and to advance toward Thy horizon. O Lord! Keep them not back from the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor deprive them of the table Thou hast sent down from the clouds of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Then make known to them that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And furthermore, letters of that honored one have been received wherein every word eloquently utters mention of the Beloved of all possibility, illuminating the realm of the heart and adorning and gladdening the climate of love. How excellent is what was said! How sweet that fragrance when its perfume was

diffused in the name of the peerless Friend and its sweet scents were spread abroad! When I found and recognized it, I turned toward the countenance of our Lord, the Master of all creation, and drew near until I reached the Most Exalted Horizon. When I attained His presence, I presented that which the nightingale of your love had warbled upon the branches and the dove of your affection had cooed among the twigs. When this was completed, the Lord of the throne above and the earth below, the Master of the latter and former worlds, spoke that which caused all created things to be attracted. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

This is a mention from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, who heard the Call and hastened to the Most Glorious Horizon and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. From him was diffused such a fragrance of the love of God that the Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness to him in this lofty Castle which was built before the Manifestation and raised up when the Ancient Beauty arrived at the Most Great Prison. Thus doth the Pen recount from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Abu'l-Fadl! The Dayspring of Justice maketh mention of thee with verses from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Great. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have created the world for this Day, which was mentioned by the tongue of My chosen ones and inscribed by the Pen of My will in My perspicuous Book. The All-Merciful hath come and the proof hath appeared in such wise that none can deny it save every aggressive transgressor. The favor hath been completed, the proof perfected, and the heavenly table hath descended from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Behold the servants and what they have wrought in the days of their Lord. They have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have denied Him in Whom they believed and Whom they invoked at morn and eve. Thus have their souls beguiled them in that they followed the daysprings of idle fancies. Blessed is the powerful one whom the might of the world hath not weakened, and the stranger who hath sought the Most Exalted Homeland and witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the beginning and the end. How many a prince hath turned away from the Truth and how many a poor one hath drawn nigh and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Desire of hearts, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Master of creation!" How many a learned one hath been prevented by his learning from My Self-Subsisting Name, and how many an ignorant one hath heard and responded to his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed is he who hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and he who hath heard the Call of God, the Lord of Lords. Arise to serve the Cause in the name of thy Lord and give the people the glad-tidings of this Manifestation at Whose appearance all names have bowed down and all things have cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling!" Say: O concourse of religions! By what proof did ye believe in God aforetime, and by what evidence do ye turn away from Him by Whom the Temple of Pre-existence was established upon the Most Great Throne and the Revealer of Utterance did speak? By God! That which adorneth the mention of the Scriptures and Tablets hath appeared. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down through Our grace, and I am verily the Powerful over what I will. There is no God but Me, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Fadl! The deeds of nations have become the cause of the world's upheaval and the afflictions that have befallen it. Observe how years pass, yet the world finds neither peace nor tranquility. Each day its people are afflicted with new trials, yet remain heedless and veiled from their cause. The sweet and gentle ocean appears before their faces, yet in their heedlessness and ignorance they pass it by, turning instead to the mirage. Their vain imaginings, which neither nourish nor satisfy, have deprived them of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Certitude; they have forsaken true knowledge and clung to evident ignorance.

Convey My greetings to the faithful ones in that land and say: Today is the day of pure deeds and service. All that hath befallen you in the path of God hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. God willing, may ye remain firm and steadfast in this Most Great Cause amidst the peoples in such wise that the cawing of Satan shall not debar you from the choice wine of the All-Merciful. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist you in preserving that which He hath bestowed. I swear by the Sun of Justice shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace that the stations of those possessed of certitude are, in the sight of God, exceedingly glorious–so much so that they transcend the reckoning of those possessed of computation and the pen. Ye are the arks of God's bounty for the peoples of the world and His most firm cord for all nations. Know ye and understand your worth and station. This is a Day wherein man can cause to grow a tree whose fruits shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. O Fadl! The Wronged One sends His greetings to thee and to them and to those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament.

This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, with heart and tongue to assist His loved ones, His chosen ones, and His friends to preserve what they have witnessed and heard in His path. The friends have purchased with their lives the love of the Beloved of all worlds. They must not let this supreme bounty and mighty gift slip from their grasp through the vain imaginings of this or that one. Every precious thing has its thief in pursuit and its betrayer in ambush. All must be vigilant lest thieves find opportunity and proceed to plunder. This evanescent servant is ever engaged in remembering the friends of God–mentioning them with the pen, seeking their protection with the heart, and occupied with both through speech. Verily we are God's and to Him do we return.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. The details concerning him and the account of his circumstances, as heard from the scratching of your pen, attained the honor of being submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and there was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace concerning him a Tablet which, in truth, crieth out between the heavens and the earth and summoneth him for whom it was revealed. This servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to grant him the sweetness of His utterance and to make him one of those who are firm, steadfast, and secure. Should one observe with the eye of insight, he would testify that the entire world cannot equal this most holy, most exalted Tablet that hath been sent down from the heaven of pure grace. In each word is concealed the wellspring of bounty, and in each utterance surgeth the ocean of meaning. May the spirit of all else but Him be a sacrifice for His grace.

As to your mention of Mirza Muhammad Husayn Khan, upon him be the Glory of God - his remembrance has been and continues to be in the Most Holy Presence, and all that you wrote was presented before the Most Exalted, Most Holy Presence. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke words which this servant, nay all the

peoples of the world, are powerless and incapable of describing. Blessed is he through whose name flowed the river of mercy, and unto whom descended the true heavenly table in the form of letters and words that all the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal. Previously also, a Tablet specifically for him was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Goal of all the worlds and was sent forth. His portrait was repeatedly honored to attain the presence and was blessed with the bounty of meeting. Happy is he with the perpetuity of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Would that the people of the world had pondered upon that which hath appeared and partaken of the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful. That which their hands have wrought in the past hath prevented them - to this beareth witness He with Whom is the knowledge of the past and future, and every wise command. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And thy second letter, dated the seventh of Jumada'th-Thani, illumined the world of separation with the star of nearness and attainment. Blessed is the messenger from whom the fragrance of nearness can be inhaled, and blessed is the bearer from whom the sweet-scented breeze of meeting emanates. And the Seven Oft-Repeated Verses, for which there hath been and is no second, inasmuch as they were adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds and were sanctified from the doubts, misgivings and suspicions of the people of creation. After its perusal, reading and becoming acquainted with its contents, it was taken to the Most Exalted Horizon, and after full permission was presented before the Presence. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

He is the Near One, the Answerer

O thou who hast turned toward My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, it hath turned toward thee and speaketh in remembrance of thee, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and utter that which the Tongue of My Grandeur hath uttered before the creation of My heaven and My earth: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower." The servant who is present hath appeared and presented before the Wronged One that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the Final End. Blessed is thy tongue for having uttered My remembrance, and thy face for having turned toward My face, and thy heart for having turned toward My station, which God hath made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise in the evening and at dawn.

O Abul-Fadl! We have heard thy call and answered thee before, and at this time. Be thou grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things!" O Abul-Fadl! Arise in My Name and proclaim with wisdom and utterance: "O people of creation! Come ye, that I may recount unto you the Most Great News, through whose mention the Sacred Books and Tablets have been adorned. Come, O people of the earth, that I may show you the Most Exalted Horizon and cause you to hear the Call of God, the Lord of Lords. O concourse of the heedless! Bring forth what ye possess. By the life of God! It shall not profit you on this Day, wherein the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and its sweetest call have been raised from the horizon of glory. Fear ye God, O people, and deny not the Sun after its dawning, nor the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before your faces with majesty and waves. Say: O daysprings of idle fancies! By God, the Truth! The dawning-places of certitude lament because of your tyranny. Fear ye God, and follow not every ignorant doubter." Thus have We remembered thee and

revealed unto thee that which rejoiceth thy heart and the hearts of them who have clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord's mercy, the Master of the Day of Judgment. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them who have testified to that whereunto God testified when He was established upon the throne at the beginning of days.

The supplications of that eminent one which were contained in the first and second letters were presented at the Most Holy Court, whereupon the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth in such wise that this servant is truly incapable and powerless to make mention thereof. The verses sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy are themselves a fair witness. Blessed is the eye that beholdeth them and the ear that heareth them.

The spiritual ode of Jinab-i-Thurayya, upon him be the Glory of God, which opened with that hallowed name, was presented at an appropriate time. Thus spoke He Who conversed on Sinai: "Verily his mention, description and praise have been accepted and adorned with the mantle of acceptance." Praised be God that it was adorned with the supreme embellishment of acceptance and was blessed with the effulgences of the Sun of favor. Regarding what was written in the margin concerning two verses suggesting that in these days some learned ones had claimed they too could produce verses like the wondrous verses that are proof of the Author of this new Cause - the response given by that honored one is itself a decisive proof and manifest evidence of the truth of the Truth, exalted be His glory. For in the time of every Revelation, the polytheists of that age, namely the divines, have uttered such vain and worthless words. This is not the first utterance to appear in opposition. Were one to ponder the words of the polytheists of the past, he would testify to what the servant has testified before God, the Lord of all worlds.

Apart from this, consider how devoid of fairness, reason and knowledge they are. One who was never known for learning, was not from among the seminary students, and in his early days earned his livelihood through ordinary worldly means - as all have testified and continue to testify to this fact - yet suddenly oceans of knowledge in the form of verses began to flow from him. How can one deny this or claim there is anything similar to it? Verses like rain, nay greater, are continually streaming down and descending, encompassing the world. Blessed is he who has a tongue, an eye, and an ear to speak the truth and judge with justice concerning that which has appeared from God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The world's ears are filled with divine verses, yet very few fair-minded ones are to be found. If a fair-minded person were to gaze upon the revealed tablets with clear vision and an unburdened heart, and reflect upon what was foretold before, he would place his right cheek upon the dust and say: "I have believed, O Lord of Lords! I testify that all else is as nothingness before the manifestations of Thy Revelation and non-existent before the signs of Thy Cause. I testify that by Thy Name the sea was stirred, the fragrance was wafted, and the banner of 'There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed' was raised. All things are captive in the grasp of Thy power, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the Omnipotent."

The people are heedless; they know not what has appeared. All scribes are utterly powerless and incapable of recording the verses at the time of their revelation. Whatever this evanescent one has

submitted and continues to submit is according to his own capacity and station. By the King of Eternity! The Truth is sanctified, exalted and purified above what I have submitted or may submit.

The mention of the receptive souls referenced in your letter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. For each one specifically, manifest signs and brilliant evidences have been revealed and have shone forth from the heaven of grace. This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Khudadad, upon him be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the One Who dominates over what was and what will be […]

O Khudadad! Fix thy gaze upon this Word which is as a crown upon the head of utterance - be thou observant of that whereby My Cause will be exalted amongst My servants. Though this Word be brief, yet concealed within it is the limitless ocean. Some time ago, unique and sublime verses were sent down specifically for the friends in the land of Kha, and likewise some were dispatched particularly for thee, while others remain suspended in the heaven of God's Will. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions hold fast unto the cord of His Cause and cling to the hem of wisdom. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve and is occupied with teaching God's Cause. Rejoice thou in what My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy humility and lowliness, thy turning and devotion unto God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what was revealed for Shahverdi, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Wronged One

O Shah! Give thanks that We have acquainted thee with what was hidden in God's knowledge and given thee to drink of that which flowed from the right hand of the Throne, and shown thee Mine illumined horizon. We created the world for this Day, yet when it appeared, every heedless and remote soul denied it. The trumpet hath been sounded and those in the graves have arisen, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Rejoice thou in the Most Great Remembrance and render thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty. Whoso hath attained unto My remembrance is assuredly of the people of Paradise in a clear Book. Preserve what hath been revealed unto thee before and after, then recite it unto the myriads who have been attracted by My call, who have soared in My atmosphere and who have spoken My beauteous praise. Thus hath the horizon of proof been illumined by the Sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh, and woe unto the heedless. From this station do We send Our greetings upon thee and upon My friends and loved ones whom the powers of the oppressors have not deterred from My straight Path.

This is what was revealed from the Most Great Scene for Ali-Qabli-Asghar:

In My Name, the Most Great

O Ali-Qabli-Asghar! In numerous Tablets thou hast been mentioned by the Lord of Names. By the Lord of all being! Not all the precious jewels of the earth can equal a single word thereof. Reflect upon the oceans of the mercy and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Despite having mentioned thee repeatedly, now when thy name was heard in the Book of those who love Me, an answer was sent down from the

heaven of grace that thou mightest be of the thankful ones. Though discerning souls are rare at present, yet a time shall come when the station of every word and letter of God's utterances shall become manifest to all the worlds. God willing, thou shalt remain firm and steadfast on the straight path with clear certitude, speaking the praise of the Wronged One. Soon shall the mention of steadfast souls and what they have manifested in the days of God be spread abroad in the assemblage of the world. This is the word that is assured and shall never change. We convey Our greetings to the friends of that land and remind them of what hath been revealed in the Tablets, that all may at all times drink from the life-giving waters flowing from the Pen of the All-Merciful and attain unto that which is everlasting and enduring. Blessed are they that have attained. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for Mashhadi Husayn from the people of Q:

Verily I am the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Informed.

O Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee with that which shall draw thee nearer unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Forsake all things and take hold of that which thou art commanded by God, Creator of heaven. Thus have We bidden Our servants aforetime and in a Book that proclaims that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is the eye which no film of vain imaginings hath prevented from turning unto and beholding the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: Through Him the horizons were illumined and the decree of the Covenant was revealed, yet most men perceive not. They have cast away that which is known and clung to that which is forbidden. Thus doth the Lord of Destiny inform you from the precincts of the Prison, did ye but know. We have endowed the Cause with two wings, which are unity and love. Soar with them in this holy and blessed atmosphere. Thus did the ocean surge when My Pen moved in this glorious station. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son, whose name hath been honored by the hearing of the Lord of the visible and invisible.

By your life, O beloved of My heart! The essence of grace hath prostrated itself before my Lord and thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earth, and the reality of bounty hath bowed down at the revelation of a wave from the waves of the ocean of the bounty of our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of the sincere ones.

As for the names mentioned in your letters, unique and exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of God's Will for each one. God willing, may all attain and drink from their oceans of inner meanings. This Day is exceedingly great and mighty. Although the Lamp of the Cause standeth firm amidst diverse and violent winds, yet at one time this blessed word was uttered from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory: "O servant in attendance! Even lamps possessing but a single wick proved impossible for all on earth to extinguish. How then could they extinguish this blazing Fire which, were all the seas of the world poured upon it, would be transformed into oil?" Beseech God not to withhold His servants from the ocean of awareness and to guide them to the horizon of vision. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

God is My witness that this evanescent one observeth himself at all times as a melting candle, for he beholdeth the people heedless of the Sun of Truth whose rays have encompassed the world. By the life of the Desired One! My liver is melted, my heart lamenteth, and my inner being crieth out at what hath

befallen the Cause at the hands of those who know not their right hand from their left, nor can distinguish between black and white, nor between buzzing and thundering. The servant beseecheth his Lord to grant them fairness and draw them near unto Him through the wonders of His grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Generous, the Munificent.

Although most of the people of the world of every kind are today observed to be deprived of proof and barred from the divine path, yet this servant is grateful to the exalted Truth, for from all your being blazeth the fire of divine love, and the words and letters that have flowed from your pen bear witness to what hath been mentioned. I truly declare that from every word and letter are manifested the effects of burning in divine love, the signs of the fire of separation and remoteness, and the degrees of yearning for the Lord of the Covenant. If some grief should appear due to the heedlessness of the people, praise be to God, the joy of your awareness hath compensated for it. God willing, may you ever soar and wing your flight in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful with the pinions of steadfastness. The Cause is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In regard to what you wrote concerning the friends of God from Abhar, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and these sublime words descended from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Creation, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Informed

O thou who hast turned thy face toward My horizon! By My life! It hath at times been observed that His loved ones have been and are capable of bearing afflictions in the path of the Lord of Names. The extended necks of the swine have not been and are not worthy of the chains of love for the Beloved of the worlds. The people of devotion prefer the chalice of tribulation in the path of God, exalted be His glory, above all things. I swear by the lights of the Divine Countenance that all the tribulations that have been visited upon them shall soon be transformed into the Most Great Gift, the Supreme Blessing, and a Feast the like of which cannot be found. Blessed are they who have been honored with the blessed words "ye are of Us." The ears of the loved ones have been privileged to hear that which the ears of the world, in times past and still more remote, were deprived of; likewise their eyes. Exalted is the All-Choosing One, through Whose manifestation that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared and been established.

The might of the transgressors, the rebellion of the oppressors, and the fire of the mischief-makers shall soon be seen extinguished, vanquished and subdued. These fleeting days appear shorter than an hour and pass more swiftly than lightning. We beseech God to assist all to accomplish that which His Book hath proclaimed, for should they act in accordance with what God hath willed, they would find the earth transformed. In any case, the victory hath ever been and shall remain with God and His loved ones, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O people of Abhar! The Wronged One remembereth you from the Most Great Prison with verses from which every person of perception can detect the fragrance of My loving-kindness, and I am the Kind, the Generous. Tongues and pens have failed to reckon what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen, and

I am the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance, which no remembrance in the world can equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. Ye have heard what caused the Concourse on High to lament in My path. Hearken now unto that wherewith God remembereth you, and I am the Remembering, the All-Hearing. Verily, He hath witnessed what befell you and was with you under all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

There hath befallen Us in the Land of ?a [Tehran] what hath befallen no one before. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and We are among the patient ones. Blessed is he who was among you and uttered that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in the earliest days: "Verily, there is no God but I, the Most High, the Most Great." We adorned him with the ornament of divine knowledge, illumined him with the lights of the Divine Countenance, gave him to drink of the Kawthar of grace, and guided him to My straight path.

O Abhar! Rejoice thou, for God hath manifested from thee servants who arose and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth." We have adorned thee with them, and We shall soon make manifest their stations and their traces within thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who was seized in My path, imprisoned for My Name, and martyred for the promotion of the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We counsel you, O loved ones of God, to observe wisdom and that whereby this firm, this mighty Cause may be exalted. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon those who have soared in My atmosphere, and upon those who arose after them to make mention of Me, and upon you, and upon My handmaidens who have heard, turned toward Me, and believed in God when every learned one turned away and every mystic was filled with doubt.

Praise be to God that through that honored one, mention was made before the Most Great Scene of a number of the friends of God, exalted be His glory, and there was revealed especially for them that which shall never be exhausted and which the dust of the world shall not prevent from its delicacy and radiance. I convey greetings and salutations to Master Ali-Akbar Haddad, upon him be the Glory of God, and I give him and other oppressed ones glad-tidings of God's grace. God willing, may the hand of divine favor protect them and the hand of divine might seize their enemies. By the life of the Desired One! Soon all that hath been mentioned shall become manifest and evident.

The mention which that honored one made regarding the Master, as well as the conversation with him, was presented at the Most Holy Court. The utterances of that honored one were honored with acceptance. He spoke, and His Word is the truth: "Excellent is that which Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be My Glory, hath spoken." And these supreme words were again revealed from the right hand of the Throne especially for the Master: "Blessed is he, then blessed is he, for he hath repeatedly been honored with the mention of God, and happy is he for having drunk from the cup of tribulation in the path of the Lord of Names, and pleasant it is for him that he now drinketh the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the All-Merciful's bounty."

His words, blessed and exalted be He: "In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O Ali before Akbar! My Pen testifieth in My days that thou hast turned to My most exalted horizon when thou didst hear My

sweetest call, and there befell thee in My path what befell My chosen ones and My loved ones in the ancient centuries and in this wondrous Day." End quote.

This testimony that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen removeth the grief of a world of sorrow, rendeth asunder the veils of cares and anxieties, and leadeth to the greatest joy. Again doth the servant wish to say: "Happy is he and pleasant it is for him."

Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, had also mentioned him some time ago. Every oppressed one should read what hath been revealed for them from the heaven of the All-Merciful. The heedlessness of the oppressors hath reached such a degree that they curse themselves without being aware. Whenever mention is made of former oppressors, they dissociate themselves and express sorrow, unaware that they themselves are committing what is greater than what hath passed. The veils of self have prevented their eyes from seeing and deprived their ears of hearing. All the people of the world are seen as chaff before the violent winds of selfish desires - they move them howsoever they wish, save whom God willeth. They have clung to and relied upon a world that at all times loudly testifieth to its own transiency, nothingness, and unfaithfulness, while turning their eyes away from God's infinite, everlasting worlds. Soon shall they find themselves in regret and remorse, but neither regret nor remorse shall profit them.

And as for the mention thou didst make of Muhammad-Ali Khan, Mulla Ali, and Aqa Shir-Ali, upon them be the Glory of God - mention of each one was honored to be heard by the Lord of Names, and divine verses were revealed concerning them. God willing, may they taste the honey of recognition from the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds and manifest the greatest steadfastness among all peoples. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to each one. God willing, may all partake of the heavenly feast in the divine days and become occupied with the mention of the true Sovereign.

O Abul-Fadl! Thou hast spoken the truth and revealed that which lay concealed in His words. The purpose of the Herald, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - in mentioning this matter was to rend asunder the veils of people's vain imaginings. Thou art well aware of what the heedless Shi'ihs have uttered in this regard. At times they have, with the hands of idle fancy, built a Holy Place, and at other times mention of the tunnel and the sea hath flowed from the tongues of their liars, and the mention of Jabulqa and Jabulsa and other matters is clear and evident. All are mounted upon the steed of passion and are rushing about in the desert of doubts and vain imaginings. His Holiness intended that through this mention He might, to some degree, rend asunder the veil, that they might come to know that that Holy Being and Sacred Essence was to appear from physical descent, not in imaginary fabricated cities, for at the beginning of the Cause the people had no capacity to hearken to more than this, and outwardly what He revealed was in conformity with their understanding. That which hath flowed from His Supreme Pen testifieth that He Himself proclaimeth betwixt earth and heaven: "I am the Mother of Utterance amidst mankind, and the Truth manifest among all created things, and the Expression of the All-Merciful in the contingent world." Exalted is He Who mentioneth Him and Who maketh mention of Him at this time. The created things have borne witness unto that which He hath testified. Command belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses.

Praise be to God! That which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to that which ye have deduced from the aforementioned passage. God willing, may ye ever drink from the chalice of inner meanings and guide the peoples of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. The Cause is most evident, yet eyes are veiled and ears are stopped. From the beginning of creation until this time no Cause hath been more manifest than this. All divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms, both of the past and present, have outwardly testified and borne witness to this Most Great Cause, even as that spiritual friend hath mentioned certain verses and removed the veil from the face of clear evidences.

Reflect upon the passage "and ye shall surely know its tidings after a while." This blessed verse was mentioned by the late Siyyid, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and likewise by the Shaykh before him, upon him be every most glorious glory, and also by the Primal Point, may the spirit of all in the Kingdom be sacrificed for His sake. All have related it to this Revelation, for after the fulfillment of the promise of sixty-eight, in the year nine, this Most Great, Most Wondrous Cause dawned from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of all beings. This is why the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said: "In the year nine ye shall attain unto all good," and in another place He saith: "In the year nine ye shall be blessed with the meeting of God."

Were this evanescent servant to mention all that hath been revealed in the Books of the past and present, as well as in the Bayan, he would need to impose upon you for a long time. Nevertheless, ye must surely have heard what a band of the heedless have said and continue to say. Would that they had reflected upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an where He, exalted be He, saith: "And the trumpet shall be blown, and all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth shall swoon away, save those whom God shall please to exempt. Then shall it be blown again, and lo! arising they shall gaze around them."

These simple folk have objected to the mention of divinity, whereas if anything else had been manifested they should have objected to that instead. The Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said: "He Who speaketh in every condition, verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me."

Likewise in the Qur'an there appear many decisive verses that openly indicate and suggest this matter, and in previous Books no mention other than this is to be found. This evanescent servant hath in certain instances cited some passages from the heavenly Books, but the blind hath no share in light, and the deaf no portion in the cooing of the dove of paradise. Praise be to God that ye are well-informed and have searched the heavenly Books. God willing, may ye ever be confirmed in mentioning that which shall cause the heedless to awaken, the seated to arise, and the loved ones to rejoice and be gladdened.

This evanescent one beseecheth you to convey greetings and praise to the friends in that land who are adorned with the ornament of tranquility and dignity and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and say unto them that this servant is at all times occupied with your remembrance and is engaged in serving the Most Great Cause, of which ye are all aware.

Say: This servant is at all times engaged in your remembrance and is constant and vigilant in serving the Most Great Cause, of which ye all are aware. That which today is conducive to the manifestation of the essence of man is well-pleasing and acceptable before God. God willing, may ye be turned, in perfect unity and concord, love and fellowship, unto that whereby the Cause is exalted. In these days this exalted word was specially revealed from the Most Sublime Pen for one of the friends - blessed and exalted be His word: The world is illumined by the light of unity, and the horizons are set ablaze through the warmth of concord. For all things that are seen and perceived, and that enter the realm of observation, there hath been and continueth to be an effect. Likewise, the taste and fragrance of the effects of unity and concord are most mighty. God willing, may that honored one and the friends of God strive that scattered and distracted hearts may ascend to the heaven of unity, and through the hosts of deeds and character take possession of the cities of hearts. This host is mightier than the hosts of the world. Blessed is he who hath arisen for God to render this momentous service. He is assuredly among the sincere ones in the perspicuous Book. Happy the soul that hath found the sweetness of the divine utterance and hath arisen with steadfastness and love. Another request is that ye convey greetings to his honor, that peerless friend. God willing, may he in this transient world attain unto that which shall never be severed from the fragrance of eternity. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Wise, the All-Informed. That which today beseemeth and behooveth him is to take the lead and guide all Persians and draw them to the straight path. This wondrous, luminous garment is, God willing, befitting for his temple. Command and judgment are in God's hand. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

As regards what you wrote concerning Aqa Muhammad-Rida, this evanescent servant had previously mentioned the details of this matter. Those souls here were and are outwardly well-known. Several years ago Jinab-i-Mirza Mahdi, son of Jinab-i-Shahid, upon them both be the Glory of God, had taken one of the honored women related to the Sacred Household in the land of K. The point is that the details concerning His Holiness the Martyr and Jinab-i-Dhabi?, upon them both be the Glory of God, and their brothers who were hesitant, and their sons, were outwardly clear and known. At one time a letter from the beloved of hearts Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, reached this servant mentioning Aqa Muhammad-Rida, and likewise before that he had been mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. After submission to the Most Holy Presence, out of pure grace their designation was changed from hesitant to soaring bird. They must know the station of this favor and preserve it as the apple of their eye. Their letter arrived and divine fragrances wafted from it. This servant wrote a reply, but due to the weight of the packet it will be sent subsequently. Likewise the accounts sent attained the honor of His presence and the details thereof are mentioned in the letter to that honored one that was revealed. God willing they will attain unto it. What this servant expects from that honored one is that today they should hold fast to that which will cause unity among the hearts of the friends of God, so that all people may testify to the light of unity and the loftiness of concord. That which causes the exaltation of the Word is this: according to the command of that Beloved One, they must exert mighty efforts in this regard. From the beginning of the Revelation until now this matter has repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen, yet its fragrance has not yet been inhaled. God willing they will succeed in accomplishing this mighty deed. Verily God and His Prophets and His Messengers and His chosen ones and the Supreme Concourse and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Most Glorious Kingdom send their blessings upon those who have arisen to create

affection between the hearts of His servants and His loved ones. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. As regards what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Farzanih, upon him be God's favor, his condition and what he possesses is known and clear, and what he has sent is witness and testimony. As for his questions, it was not expedient that they be mentioned one after another and answers be bestowed, as this would have been contrary and opposed to wisdom and what people possess. However, in what has been sent down from the heaven of grace specifically for him, answers have been mentioned with perfect brevity and conciseness which is miraculous. They apparently have not properly considered it, for if they had, they would have testified that not a single letter thereof was omitted and would have uttered "this is naught but a clear and decisive utterance." Their questions were […]

First, the Great Prophets of Meh-Abad together with Zoroaster numbered twenty-eight, and each upheld and sustained the Faith and Religion of the other, none seeking to nullify what had come before. Each Bearer of Revelation that appeared bore witness to the truth and righteousness of the Laws and Religion that preceded them, and uttered no word to proclaim their abolition, saying: "From God have we received this, and unto His servants do we deliver it." Several of the Hindu religious leaders have claimed: "We are as God, and creation must abide by our command, and when discord and division appear among the created things, we shall come and remove it," and each that appeared declared: "I am the same as was in the beginning." The latter Founders of Religion, such as David and Abraham and Moses and Jesus, proclaimed: "The previous Prophets were true; in that time the Law was thus, and now it is as I pronounce." The Arabian Prophet declared: "With my appearance all previous Laws are abrogated and the Law is only my Law." Of these groups, which do they prefer, and to which path do they accord precedence?

Firstly, in one station the ranks of the Prophets differ from one another. For example, consider Moses Who was the Bearer of a Book and Laws, and many of the Prophets and Messengers who were sent after Him were commanded to carry out His Law, as these laws were not contrary to that time, as is clear and evident in the scriptures and books appended to the Torah. And as for what was mentioned that the Bearer of the Qur'an said at His appearance that "all commandments and religions are false and My commandment alone is commandment" - that Mine of Divine wisdom and Source of heavenly knowledge never uttered such words. Rather, He confirmed that which was sent down from the heaven of Divine Will upon the Prophets and Messengers, as He says, exalted be He: "Alif. Lam. Mim. Allah! There is no God but He, the Living, the Self-Subsisting. He has sent down to thee the Book in truth, confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Torah and the Gospel before this, as a guide to mankind, and He sent down the Criterion." And He said that all came from God and return unto God. In this station they have all been one soul, for they spoke no message, word or command of their own accord, nor did they manifest anything except that which was from the True One, exalted be His glory. They all summoned mankind to the supreme horizon and gave glad tidings of eternal life. In this case, the diverse utterances of the questioner all return to unified letters, meaning to a single word. And as for what was written asking which of these groups they prefer and to which leaders they give precedence - in this station the sun of the blessed words "We make no distinction between any of His Messengers" rises and shines forth, while in another station there is the station of "We have made some of these Messengers to excel others," as was mentioned before. All that the questioner has asked is concealed and hidden in this

supreme, decisive, all-embracing Word. As He says, blessed and exalted be He: As to the question about the heavenly Books: The pulse of the world is in the hand of the skilled Physician. He sees the illness and wisely prescribes the remedy. Every day has its own secret and every head its own cry. The illness of today has one cure and tomorrow's another. Look ye to today and speak of today's needs. Thus does every fair-minded person testify that these words are considered among the mirrors of divine knowledge, and all that was asked appears and is reflected therein with utmost clarity and evidence. Blessed is he who is given insight from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Another question, O Unique One: There are four groups in the realm: One group says that all visible worlds, from the atom to the sun, are the Absolute Truth and nothing but Truth is visible. Another group says that the Essence of the Necessary Being is Truth, and the Prophets are intermediaries between God and creation, guiding creation toward Truth. Another group says that the celestial bodies are created by the Necessary Being, and all other things are entirely their effects and benefits, coming into existence and departing like a pond that fills with water wherein worms are generated, appear and disappear. Another group says that the Necessary Being created a nature from whose effects and benefits all things from atom to sun appear and disappear, having neither beginning nor end, without reckoning or account - like rain falling and plants growing and perishing, and other things similarly. The Prophets and kings who established laws and order did so for the organization of the realm and civil administration - the Prophets proceeding in one way and the kings in another. The Prophet said "God has commanded" so that people would be obedient and submissive; the kings dealt with people through cannon and sword. Among these four groups, which is acceptable to Truth?

The answer to all these points was in the first utterance which flowed from the Tongue of the All-Merciful. By the life of God, it encompasses and contains all that was mentioned, for He says: "Look to this Day and speak of this Day, for today the Sovereign of Manifestation is manifest and the Speaker of the Mount is speaking. Whatever He commands is the firm foundation for the edifices of knowledge and wisdom of the worlds. Whosoever clings to Him is mentioned in the Most Sublime Vision as one endowed with vision." This exalted Word has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen - His Word, exalted and mighty be He: "Today is the Day of vision, for the Countenance of God is manifest and evident from the horizon of manifestation. Today is the Day of hearing, for the Divine Call is raised. All must today cling to and speak of that which hath appeared from the Dayspring of the Books, the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Manifestation of Knowledge and the Source of divine wisdom." Thus it is clear and established that the answer to the question hath been sent down and made manifest from the Dayspring of the knowledge of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that understand.

As for these four points that were mentioned, it is quite clear and evident that the second point is closer to righteousness, for the Prophets and Messengers have been the channels of divine grace, and whatsoever hath reached from God to His creation hath been through these sacred Temples, these abstract Gems, these Repositories of knowledge and Manifestations of His Cause. The other points can also be interpreted, for in one sense all things are manifestations of the names and attributes of God. As for what was written concerning kings, in truth they are the manifestations of the name "the Mighty" and the dawning-places of the name "the Powerful" of God, exalted be His glory. The garment that befitteth such august figures is justice - should they be adorned therewith, the people of the world would attain

unto supreme tranquility and mighty blessing. Whosoever hath drunk even a drop from the choice wine of divine knowledge can explain the answer to such questions with clear and manifest proofs from the horizons and with evident and brilliant signs within the souls.

Although today another matter is manifest and different discourse is befitting, for the time of questions and answers expired in the first nine of His Dispensation. Thus He says, exalted and mighty be His Word: "This is not the Day of questions. When thou hearest the Call from the Dawning-Place of Grandeur, say: 'Here am I, O God of Names! Here am I, O Fashioner of the heavens! I testify that Thou hast manifested and revealed what Thou didst desire by Thy command. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.'"

As for what that peerless one hath written, the answer to all is clear and evident. That which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine favor specifically for him is so that he might hear the sweet melodies of the Dove of Eternity and the songs of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise, discover the sweetness of the Call, and walk in its effect. One day a word was heard from the blessed tongue concerning him which indicates that at some time he will be enabled to accomplish that which shall be adorned with the ornament of eternity. After his petition reached the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, He said: "O servant present! Although Maneckji hath written the words of others and asked questions, yet from his letter can be inhaled the fragrance of love. Ask God to grant him that which He loveth."

He has asked a question, yet from his letter the fragrance of love is perceived. Ask God to make him attain to that which He loves and is pleased with, for verily He has power over all things. From this utterance of the All-Merciful a sweet fragrance wafts. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

His other question concerns the principles of religion: In Islam there are both jurisprudence and fundamental principles, while in the Mahabadian and Hindu faiths there are only principles, with no other paths. They believe all rules are part of the principles, even drinking water and taking a wife - all matters of life are thus. He asks which is acceptable before God, exalted be His mention.

There are ranks and stations for principles. The foundation of foundations and the basis of elements has been and ever shall be the knowledge of God. The springtime of recognition of the All-Merciful is in these days. Whatever appears today from the Source of the Cause and the Manifestation of the Divine Self - that is the foundation, and obedience to it is incumbent upon all. The answer to this question lies in the blessed, firm and exalted word which states: "Look to this day and speak of this day," for today is the lord of days. Whatever appears in it from the Source of God's Cause is truth. The foundation of foundations today is like unto an ocean, while other days are like gulfs and streams branching from it. Whatever is spoken and made manifest today is the foundation, the Mother of Utterance and the Mother of the Book. Though all days are attributed to God, exalted be His glory, these days are distinguished and adorned with the ornament of divine attribution, for in the books of the chosen ones and some of the prophets they are known as the Day of God.

In one sense, this Day and whatever appears in it are among the principles, while other days and what appears in them are considered branches. These branches are relative and comparative. For example, going to mosques, in relation to the knowledge of God, is considered among the branches, for the second depends upon the first. The principles current among the scholars of the age are rules they have arranged

from which they deduce divine laws according to their views and schools. Consider the question of immediacy versus deferment. God, exalted be His glory, says “Eat and drink.” Now one does not know if carrying out this command must be immediate or if delay is permissible. Some hold that this becomes known through contextual evidence.

One of the most learned scholars in Najaf set out to circumambulate the fifth of the Family of the Cloak, peace be upon them, accompanied by a group of scholars. Along the way, Bedouin Arabs intended to plunder them. The aforementioned scholar immediately surrendered all he had. His students asked, “Master, in this matter your view was in favor of deferment - what happened that you acted immediately?” He replied, “A believer, due to contextual evidence,” and pointed to the Arabs’ spears.

In Islam, the founder of principles was Abu Hanifa, who was among the Sunni leaders, and there were principles before as mentioned. However, acceptance or rejection today depends on the divine word. These differences are not worthy of mention. Whatever existed before, the glance of favor is directed toward it - we must not mention it except with goodness, for it had and has no contradiction with the foundation. The servant confesses that he has no knowledge and testifies that knowledge is with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Today, whatsoever is contrary to reality is rejected and shall remain rejected, for the Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge and shineth forth resplendent. Blessed are they who have purified their hearts with the water of divine utterance from all impurities, allusions, and expressions, and have turned their faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. This is the most great bounty and the supreme grace. Whoso hath attained thereunto hath attained unto all good, but the knowledge of all else but God hath never profited anyone, nor will it ever do so. These fundamentals and derivatives that have been mentioned are matters about which the divines of religion have discoursed according to their ranks. But now it is better that we hold fast to this word which declareth: “Leave them to their vain disputes. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Path. The Command belongeth to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.”

Another question: Some maintain that whatsoever is acceptable according to natural law and reason must be permissible and binding in religion, and whatsoever natural law and reason reject must not be done. While others maintain that whatsoever hath come from religious law and the Holy Lawgiver must be accepted without rational proof or natural evidence, and must be followed in blind obedience - such as the running between Safa and Marwa, the casting of stones, the wiping of the feet in ablution, and other prescribed acts. Let it be written which of these is acceptable.

Here are minds that have ranks and levels, as philosophers have mentioned regarding this station - details of which are beyond the scope here and thus are passed over. It is quite evident and proven that people’s minds are not and have never been at one level. The perfect mind has been and is a guide and mentor, as this exalted word was revealed from the Supreme Pen in response to this matter - His glory be magnified: “The tongue of wisdom says: He who lacks Me lacks all things. Pass beyond all that exists and find Me. I am the Sun of perception and the Ocean of knowledge. I revive the withered ones and bring the dead to life. I am that Light which illumines the path of insight. I am the Royal Falcon of the hand of the Self-Subsisting. I unloose the bound wings and teach flight.” End quote. Observe how clearly the answer to

this matter has descended from the Kingdom of divine knowledge. Blessed are those who perceive, who think, and who know.

What is meant by mind is the Universal Divine Mind. How often it is observed that some minds are not only not guides, but rather are fetters preventing the feet of travelers from the straight path. The particular mind has been and will always be limited. Man must search and investigate until he finds the Source and knows Him. Once knowledge of the Source - around which the Universal Mind revolves - is attained, whatever He commands is surely from the requirements of consummate wisdom. His existence differs from all else as the sun differs from other things. The essential thing is to know Him, and after knowing Him, whatever He commands is to be obeyed and corresponds to the requirements of divine wisdom. From all the Prophets of the past and before the past have come commands and prohibitions of every kind. From certain deeds observed today, the purpose is the preservation of God's Name, and the rewards for the doer are recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen. If someone draws a breath for God's sake, its reward will surely become manifest, just as this great verse was revealed from the heaven of divine will to the Lord of Batha [Muhammad]: "We did not make the qiblah which you formerly observed except that We might know who follows the Messenger from who turns back on his heels."

If someone were to reflect today on this Most Holy, Most Exalted Manifestation and ponder what has been revealed in the verses, he would testify that Truth is sanctified above creation and that knowledge of all things has been and will be with Him. Every fair-minded person has testified and testifies that if someone hesitates in this Most Great Manifestation, he will find himself powerless and incapable of proving any matter, meaning any of his own doctrines. And those who are deprived of the robe of fairness and stand in tyranny say what the people of hatred and animosity have always said. Knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

One day this servant was present before His countenance and He said: "O servant in attendance, what were you occupied with?" I submitted: "I was writing a reply to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl." He said: "Write to Jinab-i-Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be My Baha, that conditions have become such that the people of the age have become accustomed to tyranny and flee from justice. A Manifestation that has remembered God, glorified be His glory, with utmost greatness […]"

In one of the days, this servant was present before His Countenance when He asked, "O servant in attendance, what were you occupied with?" I submitted, "I was writing a reply to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl." He said, "Write to Jinab-i-Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be Baha: Times have become such that the people of the age have grown accustomed to tyranny and flee from justice. A Revelation that hath remembered God, exalted be His glory, with utmost greatness, testified to His knowledge, and confessed His sanctification and transcendence above all peers and likeness, hath at times been called sun-worship and at other times fire-worship. How many great Manifestations and Dawning-Places have they remained heedless of their stations and deprived of their favors, nay rather, God forbid, they have cursed and reviled. One of the great Prophets, whom the ignorant Persians reject today, uttered these exalted words, saying: 'The sun is a round and dark body. It is not worthy, nor hath it ever been, to call it god or divine. The Divine Being is He Whom knowledge cannot comprehend, Whom the sciences of the world cannot limit, and Whose reality none hath known, knoweth, or shall ever know.' Observe how with eloquent and

articulate tongue He hath testified to that which the Truth uttereth today. Nevertheless, in the eyes of these ignorant masses He is not even considered a believer, let alone His exalted stations. In another instance, that same Prophet declared: 'His existence is manifest through all existence, and were it not for God, none of creation would exist or be adorned with the robe of being.' God protect us and you from the evil of those who have denied the right of God and His loved ones and have turned away from the horizon testified to by the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

From what hath been mentioned, it is evident that not every intellect is a true measure. The truly intelligent in the primary station have been and are the chosen ones of God, glorified be His majesty, whom God hath made the repositories of His knowledge, the recipients of His revelation, the dawning-places of His Cause, and the daysprings of His wisdom. These are they whom God hath made to stand in His stead on earth. Through them is manifested that which God hath willed. Whoso turneth unto them hath turned unto God, and whoso turneth away hath no mention before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This station that hath been mentioned is the universal measure. Whosoever attaineth unto it, meaning he hath recognized and comprehended the Manifestation, is recorded and inscribed among the truly intelligent in the Book of God. Without this, one is ignorant, even should he consider himself possessed of all the world's knowledge.

Now if one were to see himself as standing before God and, purified from aversion and prejudice, were to meditate upon all that hath been revealed and made manifest in this Most Great Revelation from the beginning until now, he would testify that pure spirits, perfect minds, refined souls, attentive ears, penetrating eyes, eloquent tongues, expanded breasts, and illumined hearts all circle in worship, nay rather, prostrate themselves before the throne of God's grandeur.

As to their other question regarding how previous Manifestations in their own dispensations made differing rulings - one making the flesh of the cow lawful and another unlawful, one making the flesh of the pig lawful and another unlawful, and so forth - they request that the Truth, exalted be His mention, set forth the religious prohibitions."

According to outward appearances, mention and elaboration of this matter was beyond the requirements of wisdom, for diverse souls correspond with that honored person, and the answer ostensibly conflicts with the Islamic religion. Therefore, the answer was sent down allusively from the heaven of divine will. In the first passage which states "The pulse of the world is in the hand of the skilled Physician" to the end of His exalted words, was and is the answer to this passage. He says to look to this day and speak of this day - that is, look to God's decree. Whatever He ordains today and decrees as lawful is lawful. The true and correct word is that all must look to God's command and to that which appears from the horizon of His will, for in His name the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" is raised and the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" is unfurled. For instance, if He were to decree that water is forbidden, it would become forbidden, and likewise the opposite. Nothing among all things has "This is lawful" or "This is forbidden" written upon it - whatever has appeared and appears is through the Word of God, exalted be His glory. These matters are clear and need no elaboration. Some groups imagine that whatever decree they possess cannot change, that it was from eternity and will remain forever. Consider the final passage, blessed and exalted be His words: "The measure of speech must be observed, that the newly arrived may

remain and the tender plants may reach maturity. Milk must be given in proper measure, so that the children of the world may enter the realm of grandeur and abide in the court of unity." For example, some groups maintain that wine was forever forbidden and will forever be forbidden. Now if they were told it could one day be made lawful, they would rise in rejection and protest. The people of the world have not yet understood the meaning of "He doeth what He willeth" and have not grasped a portion of the Most Great Infallibility. A child must be given milk in its early days - if meat were given, it would perish. This would be sheer oppression and far removed from wisdom. Blessed are they that understand. The Most Great Infallibility, as was once heard from the Blessed Tongue, is specifically reserved for the Manifestations of God's Cause and the Dawning-Places of His Revelation. This matter is mentioned briefly, for time is lacking and is like the phoenix - spoken of but non-existent. Their other question concerns the religion of the Mahabadians and Hindus, that whoever follows any religion, in whatever form or composition, with whatever attributes and conditions, as long as they associate with you, show them kindness and treat them as brothers. In other religions it is not so - they persecute those of other faiths, consider tormenting them an act of worship, and deem their property and families lawful to seize. Which is acceptable to God? […]

The first word was and ever shall be Truth. To harm any soul is not permitted, nor has it ever been. The persecution and oppression of God's servants is not acceptable before God. This exalted word hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen - blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O servants! The religion of God and the faith of God have appeared for unity and concord. Make them not the cause of difference and discord." This matter hath been revealed and recorded in numerous tablets. The interpreter must convey the word with perfect mercy, kindness and compassion. Whoso turneth towards it and accepteth it is recorded as one of the denizens of the highest paradise in the Crimson Book, but if one accepteth it not, no opposition whatsoever is permitted. In one place He saith: "Blessed is he who ariseth to serve the entire world." He hath likewise said that the people of Baha must soar above all the peoples of the world. All manner of religious hatred, malice, strife and contention have been forbidden. Today a sun hath dawned from the horizon of divine favor, upon whose brow this exalted word hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen: "We have created you for love and faithfulness, not for hatred and enmity." And likewise in another place it hath been revealed in Persian that which melteth the hearts of [them that are near and] the sincere ones, draweth diverse conditions to the dawning-place of unity, causeth all to be illumined by the lights of oneness, and to turn toward the divine horizon of knowledge. Blessed and exalted is His utterance: "The one true Friend proclaimeth: The way of freedom hath been opened, hasten ye thereunto. The fountain of knowledge is gushing, drink ye thereof. Say: O friends! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch." And justice, which is to give each his due, dependeth upon two words: reward and punishment. In this regard, every soul must receive the recompense of his deeds, for the repose and tranquility of the world depend upon this, even as hath been said - exalted be His utterance: "The pavilion of [order in] the world standeth upon two pillars: reward and punishment." In brief, for every occasion there is a fitting utterance, and for every time an appropriate deed. Blessed are they who have arisen for God's sake, who speak for God's sake, and who return unto God.

The other question regarding the Hindu and Zoroastrian faiths is that they do not permit or accept those from without who wish to enter their religion, while in the Christian faith whoever comes of his own accord is allowed to enter, though they neither proclaim nor insist upon it, whereas in the faiths of Muhammad and Moses they insist upon this matter and make it obligatory, moreover if one does not comply they become enemies and consider their property and dependents lawful to seize - which of these is acceptable to God? […]

All human beings are brothers, and the conditions of brotherhood are many. Among them is that whatsoever one desires for oneself, one should desire the same for one's brothers. Therefore, if a friend attains unto outward or inward bounties, or heavenly sustenance, he should inform his friends with utmost love and kindness. If they accept, the purpose is achieved; if not, they should leave him to himself without any objection or utterance that might cause the slightest sorrow. This is the truth [and after truth] there is naught but error.

His honour, that peerless friend–may God assist him–has written that the Hindu and Zoroastrian peoples do not permit anyone who desires to enter their religions. This is contrary [to] the sending of Messengers and what is found in their Books, for every one who appears from God is sent for the guidance of the servants and their education. How can they prevent the seeker and the searcher from the Sought and the Goal? The fire temples of the world bear witness and, with burning ardour, called in their time unto all on earth and summoned them unto the Pure Lord.

They have likewise written that in the Christian religion, whosoever comes of his own accord is permitted to enter, but they make no proclamation or insistence. This point too is mistaken, for they have shown and continue to show great insistence on teaching. Nearly thirty million is spent by their national organization, and their missionaries are scattered throughout all lands, engaging with the utmost zeal and effort in teaching the Christian religion. Thus have they encompassed the world. How many schools and churches they have built so that children might acquire knowledge–but their inner purpose is that they might both study and, in childhood, hear the stories of Christ, that what they intend might be imprinted upon the mirrors of their being while yet untarnished by dust. No religion has been seen to match their insistence in promoting the religion of Christ.

In any case, what is true today and acceptable at the Divine Threshold is what was mentioned at first: man has come for the reformation of the world and must arise to serve his brothers for the sake of God. He should rejoice at acceptance, that his brother has attained unto the everlasting bounty; if not, he should beseech God for his guidance, without causing the other party to sense any hatred or aversion from him. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that we may recognize and find the absolutely Wise One, and after recognition and proof of what He is, the conjectures and imaginings of the peoples of the world shall cause Him no harm. The Wise One holds the pulse of the world in His mighty grasp. Perhaps He may at times excise certain diseased members lest they infect other members, and this is the very essence of compassion and mercy. None may object to Him, for He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

As to their further question concerning the Me-Abadian and Zoroastrian faiths, wherein they claim “Our religion and path is superior and better than other religions,” while also saying that all other Prophets and their religions are true, likening them to the various ranks in a king’s court from the prime minister down to the soldier, each having their station before God, and that they interfere with no one in their choice of religion - while the Hindus say that whoever eats meat, by whatever name or form, shall never see Paradise, and the followers of Muhammad, Jesus and Moses say that whoever does not accept their religion shall never glimpse Paradise - which of these is acceptable to God, exalted be His remembrance?

As to their statement that their religion and path is superior to the religions of other Prophets, they mean the Prophets who came before them. These holy Souls are united in one station - their First is their Last and their Last is their First. All have come from God, called to Him, and returned to Him. The Book of Certitude, which is truly the Lord of Books and which flowed from the Supreme Pen at the beginning of this most great Revelation, has revealed these matters. Blessed is he who witnesses, sees and ponders it out of love for God, the Lord of all creation.

Regarding their statement that Hindus say whoever eats meat shall not see Paradise - this contradicts their other statement that all are true, for if truth is established, the denial of Paradise has no meaning. It is not known what they intend by Paradise or how they understand it. Whosoever today attains to the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory, is accounted among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven, and shall find its fruits in all the divine worlds. By the life of the Desired One! The pen is powerless to mention this station and falls short of describing these words. Blessed is he who attains unto His good-pleasure, and woe to the heedless. After the station of any Prophet sent by God is established, none may utter a word of objection. All must accept and obey whatever He ordains. This is what God hath decreed in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets.

Their further question concerns the Hindus’ belief that God created wisdom in human form called Brahma, who came to the world and became the source of civilization, and they are his descendants. The Zoroastrians say God created, through the First Intelligence, a man named Me-Abad, and they are his descendants. Since they recognize only six types of origins for the world - two being what was just mentioned, and the others being creation from water, earth, fire, and from bears and monkeys - the Hindus and Parsees say that since their origin is from wisdom, they do not accept other peoples. Is this statement of theirs correct or not? Let the wise guides explain as they deem appropriate.

The entirety of creation hath been called into being through the Will of God, exalted be His glory, and the wondrous being of man hath been brought into existence through the potent Word of God. He is the dawning-place, the repository, the source and the manifestation of intellect, and through him creation hath come into being. He is the intermediary of the primal grace. From the beginning of creation, none hath comprehended its true nature save the knowledge of God, glorified be His mention, which encompasseth all things, both before and after its existence. The beginning and end of creation hath not been limited, and its mystery hath not been made manifest to anyone. His knowledge hath ever been and will continue to be treasured in the repositories of divine knowledge. The contingent nature of the world lieth in its being preceded by a cause, while absolute pre-existence hath ever been and will continue to be the exclusive attribute of God, glorified be His mention. This word hath been mentioned so that from the

earlier statement - that the beginning and end of creation is not limited - none should perceive the fragrance of pre-existence. True, absolute pre-existence belongeth exclusively to God, while the world possesseth only a relative and attributive pre-existence. Whatsoever hath been deduced concerning firstness and lastness, or that which transcendeth them, hath been taken from the Prophets, the chosen ones, and the Messengers of God. The world of particles, which is well-known, existed during the advent of the Prophets, and all else is imaginary and mere conjecture. At the time of manifestation, all creation existeth on one plane, and thereafter they become differentiated through acceptance and rejection, ascent and descent, motion and stillness, turning toward or away. For example, God, exalted be His glory, through the tongue of His Manifestation, declareth "Am I not your Lord?" Whosoever is blessed to say "Yea" is accounted as the most exalted of creation in the sight of God. The purpose is that before the utterance of the Word, all are observed on the same plane and station, and afterward differences appear and continue to appear, as ye have witnessed and continue to witness. From what hath been mentioned, it is established and proven that none can say "We were created from intellect, and others from something else." The truth that shineth bright as the sun is that all have been created by the Will of God and have proceeded from a single source. The beginning of all things is from Him, and unto Him shall be the return of all things. This is the meaning of the blessed verse "To God do we belong, and to Him shall we return" which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Qur'an. It is clear and evident to that honored one that what hath been mentioned is the answer to all, in but one of the passages that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who, sanctified from the conditions of creation and purified from idle fancies and vain imaginings, stroll in the gardens of divine knowledge, that they may behold in all things the signs of His grandeur. Many things have been written in the name of that honored person. If he himself should become aware and discover its fruits, he would become so joyous that the sorrows of the world would never grieve him. God willing, may they mention this word with perfect expression, that is to say, with the tongue of truth, and act upon it. He saith: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discussions." And may they strive to guide the people who dwell in the dark corners […]

Let them strive to lead forth those veiled souls who remain in the corners of darkness and gloom into the light of the sun. Let them grasp, in the Most Great Name, a standard that betokens naught but the Manifestation, and march at the forefront of the peoples of old, that perchance the darkness of the world may be dispelled and the lights of the Sun of Truth may encompass the earth. This is the most great bounty and the most exalted station. If man attaineth not unto this station, to what can he find solace, with what can he find intimacy, upon what can he stand, by what can he be moved, in whose remembrance doth he sleep, and in whose name doth he arise? Again, we are God's and unto Him do we return.

As to their final question regarding the Tablets that have been revealed - those that have been seen were mostly in the Arabic tongue. Since in this time the Beloved hath come speaking Persian, Arabic is rejected and abandoned, even as the Arabs themselves have not yet understood or comprehended the meaning of the Qur'an. The Persian tongue is desired, esteemed and sought after by the people of the inhabited quarter of the earth, just as Persian is distinguished from Arabic, and ancient Persian is likewise distinguished from it. Among the Indians and others it is especially beloved. It would be better if God,

exalted be His mention, would hereafter mostly speak in pure Persian, as it better attracts the hearts. The request is that the response to this servant's petition be graciously bestowed in pure Persian.

Both Arabic and Persian are good, for what is desired of language is to comprehend the speaker's words, and this is achieved through both. And today, since the sun of knowledge hath appeared manifest from the heaven of Persia, whatever praise ye render unto this language is befitting.

In truth, the light of reality shineth resplendent from the horizon of divine utterance. There hath been and is no need for mention of this evanescent one and his like. There is no doubt about the sweetness of the Persian tongue, but it doth not possess the breadth of Arabic. There are many things for which no expression hath been made in Persian - that is, no word hath been established to signify them. However, in the Arabic tongue multiple names have been established for every thing. No language on earth hath had or hath the vastness and breadth of Arabic. This word is mentioned with fairness and truth; otherwise it is evident that today the world is illumined by the Sun that hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of Persia. In this case, whatever praise is offered to this sweet language is befitting.

All the questions of that honored personage were mentioned and answers were dispatched. If deemed advisable and wisdom dictates, there is no harm in their being reviewed, and likewise the gentlemen of that land such as the honored Ali-Qabl-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, and the honored Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, may review them. This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to adorn the world of humanity with justice and fairness. Although fairness is itself one of the attributes of justice, justice is a lamp that guides humanity in the darkness of the world and protects from dangers. It is the brilliant lamp - may God illumine the rulers of the earth with its light. Verily this servant beseeches God to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the last and the first. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding the honored Haji Shaykh Hadi, upon him be the glory of God, who was mentioned - convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one. It behooveth him to manifest the greatest steadfastness in the Cause of his Lord, the Lord of all beings. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist him in this, that he may guide people to the path of righteousness. I swear by the Sun of divine utterance that creation itself came into being for this Cause. Although this servant mentions to the gentlemen that which causes exaltation, ascendancy and enkindlement, yet he has been and is forbidden from revealing most matters. Were that which is hidden to be revealed, souls would take flight, solid rock would melt, how much more so hearts.

We beseech God to raise up souls who are pure in motive, that they may engage in purifying the world and its peoples, and through wisdom and utterance cause all to attain the true life-giving waters, that all may be illumined by the light of truth and cast off their old, antiquated, and sullied characteristics in the name of Truth, and be adorned with holy spiritual qualities, goodly words and righteous deeds. O friends! Make an effort - now is the time, now is the time! After a few days, most souls now living will be buried beneath the earth. For these few days, one should not be deprived of eternal life. Strive that all may attain that which, were the people of earth to search throughout the duration of the kingdom and heavenly realm, they would find nothing like unto it. I conclude these words at this point with mention of God's chosen ones and His friends who have arisen to praise Him and serve His decisive, wise Cause.

That regarding the honored leaf, the wife of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abdul-Hadi, upon her and upon him be the Glory of God, and her degrees of sincerity, steadfastness, perseverance and service in the path of God which you had written - this detailed account was presented before His presence and He showed His favor. Some time ago, a Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abdul-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God, and mention of the leaf was detailed in the Tablet and sent. No one strives in the path of God except that their mention flows from the Supreme Pen. How many souls were engaged in unworthy deeds that in truth were not befitting of God and His loved ones and His days, yet nevertheless He showed them favor due to their love and devotion. One day in Iraq, a person committed an unseemly act and attained the Most Holy Court. After his departure, He said: "O servant! Since the grace of the divine days is all-encompassing, We showed him favor, otherwise he deserved to be stoned." Similarly, on another day when He was going out towards the Shrine and this servant was present, He mentioned one of the friends and showed favor from the Dawning-Place of grace. And this servant was somewhat bewildered due to certain matters he had heard and personally observed. This bewilderment was not from questioning, for through His grace this servant had been blessed to know that whatever He says is truth, even if He were to praise the worst of creation with the utmost mention and tribute, for the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" is raised through His name and "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth" circumambulates. Rather, the bewilderment was from the greatness of His grace and manifestations of His favor. Immediately He said: "No, no, O servant! Be assured that he is deprived of most divine favors in the infinite worlds. But since the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation have encompassed the world, he has become the recipient of favor according to his capacity due to his devotion and love. Ask God that all may attain the station of contentment and be honored with the greatest favors. And likewise ask God that they may be aided to return, for verily I am the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Today the gate of grace is open, the sun of favor is shining, and the ocean of bounty is surging. A single moment of these days is superior to centuries and ages, for the fragrance of the divine garment is diffused therein. Blessed are they that attain!" Similar utterances were repeatedly heard from the Tongue of the Revealer of verses. O beloved of my heart! His favor has reached such a degree that He says: "O Son of Man! Observe My commandments for the love of My beauty." If a soul were to discover the fragrance of this word and its sweetness and the mercy that can be derived from it, they would declare with a hundred thousand tongues: "I turn unto Thee and return unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!" Two matters are very essential today: one is the unity of the friends of God, and the other is the sanctification of deeds. These two are the means of ascent for souls, two pillars for the pavilion of knowledge, two wings for the believers, and two oceans for those who thirst in the valley […]

And they are two seas for the thirsty ones in the valley […] and two suns for the heaven of meanings. Once They said: "O servant, write to His Honor Fadl that he must strive and become the cause of unity. If they act according to what God hath revealed in the Book, the Truth will bestow that which before [its manifestation] the mind was powerless and incapable of comprehending." Say: Let them refer to the revealed Tablets that they may become aware and conscious of the power, majesty, knowledge and all-embracing nature of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Verily the Glory preventeth all from following their desires and calleth them unto that which hath been ordained in the Psalms and Tablets.

This evanescent one and that honored one beseech the Truth to grant all attentive ears and penetrating vision, that the counsel of counselors, the exhortation of exhorters, and the utterance of the sincere may prove effective and direct the realm of ignorance to the horizon of the heaven of knowledge.

Concerning what you wrote about Siyyid-hood, this is most evident and clear. Those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude, by the Most Great Ocean, those souls have been and are the Siyyids of the people. If through divine grace and infinite mercy this station is realized for a person, his relation is to the Truth, exalted be His glory. At the head of Tablets, this servant writes the revelation, and afterwards the Two Most Great Branches–may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps–inscribe the Tablets. However, your Tablet specifically, the Ancient Beauty commanded it to be written in this manner. Write that it is requested that you convey greetings to all the friends in that land. This evanescent one presents his respects to all and beseeches that, God willing, they may hold fast to such means and perform such deeds as will cause the sanctification and glorification of the Cause of God.

This servant has mentioned each one in the Most Holy Court, and likewise has written concerning each one that which he was commanded. In this case, it would seem he has some small claim, and by virtue of this claim he submits that the recompense, reward and acceptance of that service to each one is that from this party, who have been named by the name of God, such qualities should be manifested as will cause the exaltation of the Word, the attraction of people, and the turning of hearts.

And concerning the mention of Aqa Siyyid Ru?u'llah and Mashhadi Baqir, upon them be the Glory of God, it was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for the first, His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Answerer

Say: O friends, until ye are purified from the defilement of self and desire, ye shall not attain true tranquility. Today this exalted Word shineth as the sun from the horizon of the Divine Book: Act ye in accordance with what beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, may ye be adorned with such an adornment as to attain distinction in the assemblage of the world. O Ru?u'llah! The Wronged One mentioneth thee and commandeth that which is befitting. Strive thou to be blessed in all times with the breath of the Holy Spirit. Today the Spirit crieth out in the wilderness of longing and giveth glad tidings to all who are on earth of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Say: O friends, today is the day of acceptance and today is the day of deeds. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of sanctity. This is the counsel of the Wronged One of the horizons to His loved ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon those who have attained unto the Word of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And this is what was revealed for the latter, I am the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing: […]

Blessed is he who hath turned unto Mine all-highest horizon, and hath heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and hath beheld Mine All-Greatest Sign. He is of the people of Baha inscribed in the Crimson Tablet which none hath understood save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, and counsel thee with that wherewith We have counseled Our loved ones,

and I am the Counselor, the All-Wise. Shouldst thou become aware of the ocean of My bounty and the heaven of My grace, thou wouldst surely call out this Name by night and by day. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Whoso hath attained unto My Word and acted according to what is in My Book, he hath attained unto that which no swift scribe can reckon. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto My presence and upon him who hath answered his Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

No Name among Names remained except that there was revealed for it that which the treasures […] cannot equal even one letter thereof. Well is it with them and may it be wholesome for them. This lowly one also conveyeth greetings and glorification to them, and giveth them the glad-tidings of God's bounties. Blessed is the soul that hath become the recipient of glad-tidings and hath truly attained unto the hearing of the utterance of the All-Merciful. He is assuredly among those who are brought near unto God in His Book, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, be upon you and upon those mentioned in your letter and upon those who have attained unto the announcement of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

The Servant

14 Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1299

In His Name, He is the All-Glorious!

The servants of the True One must be patient and forbearing during this time of afflictions and trials. Perhaps through God's grace and bounty manifest transformations shall come to pass in this world and through His loving-kindness the divine springtime shall come to fruition. In truth, before Divine Justice all people must be held accountable for their deeds, but the friends must, in all conditions, remain steadfast and immovable in the Cause of God and firmly grasp the cord of His assistance. The Power of God shall assuredly resolve all difficulties.

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He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious! In the name of the One God, exalted be His unity and oneness! The Supreme Pen hath ever been moved and flowing in praise of His loved ones, and hath never been withheld or stilled from its endless outpourings. The breezes of grace from the sanctuary of oneness have ever wafted and shall continue to waft over all created things. Exalted be this breeze that, in less than a moment, can transport those veiled by the shrouds of heedlessness and lethargy to the sacred abode of unity and vision, and can guide, quicker than the twinkling of an eye, those sick in the wilderness of ignorance to the supreme horizon - the station of divine knowledge and the realm of utterance.

The paths of His guidance have never been concealed from any wayfarer, nor have the ways of His grace been barred to any seeker. Yet how can the breezes of divine grace reach those who dwell in the valley of

deprivation when they flee from the holy divine breeze and wage war against the Beauty of the Divine Unity? The gaze of God watcheth from above all heads, yet none perceiveth it; the Kingdom of God is manifest before all eyes, yet none is aware of it. How many are the breezes of the All-Merciful that have passed over the heedless at dawn, finding them all oblivious to the Beauty of the All-Bountiful, lying asleep upon the bed of negligence, whereupon these breezes return to the most exalted Paradise at the right hand of the divine Throne.

Never hath the outpouring from the source of My bounty been cut off, nor hath grace from the treasury of My favor been withheld. The hand of My mercy is vastly outstretched and encompassing, and within My grasp of power all things are held captive. Yet this infinite grace and beginningless bounty can only be received by those who enter beneath the shadow of the education of Him in Whose hand lies the Kingdom of all things, and who dwell in the spiritual realm of "His mercy precedeth all things."

Consider the seed: if it be sown by the hands of the Manifestations of divine names in pure, goodly and blessed soil, assuredly the ears of divine grace and the fruits of knowledge and divine wisdom will appear from it, of itself and for itself. But if it be cast upon barren, unpleasing soil, no fruit or trace will ever come forth from it. Thus hath it been ordained by the Mighty, the Ancient One. These stations are clear and evident to anyone of insight; the clarity of this path needeth no proof, for it can be seen with the outer eye and observed with manifest vision.

Therefore, if all created things deprive themselves of the wondrous grace of God and the education of the King of Oneness, this will not affect the wafting of the breezes of grace, for they have deprived and veiled themselves from the cloud of divine mercy and favor. Thus, strive to draw thyself beneath the shade of the divine Tree, that thou mayest be nourished by the fruits of infinite grace. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings, from which all are now veiled, that should all created things enter with true certitude beneath the shade of this manifest Tree and remain steadfast in His love, they would all be adorned with the blessed robes of "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." None comprehendeth this save those who have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and earth and have fled from their own selves unto the Self of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Now consider: if anyone should deprive himself of this heavenly outpouring of divine clouds […]

Far have they fled from their own selves unto the Self of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Consider now, if a soul should deprive himself of these showers from the divine cloud and content himself with words that neither nourish nor satisfy, how could he ever be worthy of this supreme bounty and this most great gift? Nay, by My very Self, the Truth! None shall be worthy thereof save honored servants.

O Nasir, O My servant! By God, the Truth! The Youth of the Spirit stands this day above all heads with the most exalted nectar, observing and waiting to see upon whom His glance may fall, that they might, without any gesture, take and drink from His snow-white hand. Yet none have thus far attained to this matchless draught from the everlasting Sovereign save a few, and these abide in the Most Exalted Paradise, above all heavens, established upon the thrones of constancy. By God! Neither the Mirrors, nor

the Manifestations of Names, nor all that was or ever shall be, can ever excel them, if ye be of them that know.

O Nasir! These are not days wherein the understanding of those who comprehend or the perception of those who perceive can grasp His grace–how much less the heedless and the veiled! And if thou wouldst cleanse thine eye from the greatest veils, thou wouldst witness such a bounty as hath no likeness, peer, equal, or similitude from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end. Yet by what utterance can the tongue of God speak, that the veiled might comprehend it? The righteous drink of the holy nectar in My Most Glorious Name from the Supreme Kingdom, while for others there is no share.

In any case, thy letter reached the Sacred Court and thy lamentation and sighing were heard. At the beginning of thy letter were these words:

Though outwardly I am far from Thy presence,

Yet my heart and soul are ever with Thee.

Know that thou wert not far removed in outward appearance, rather We raised thee up in a Temple and commanded thee to enter the divine Ridvan of the Beloved, yet thou didst pause, standing bewildered in the courtyard of the Gate, and hast not yet attained to entry into the Holy City of the Eternal and the Seat of Glory of the All-Merciful. Observe now how the Gate of Grace is opened and thou art bidden to enter, yet thou hast veiled thyself with doubts and idle fancies, remaining distant from the seat of nearness. By God the Truth! At all times thou and thy like are observed - some halted at the pass of questioning, others paused at the pass of bewilderment, and some veiled at the pass of names. Therefore hearken unto the Call of the Divine Grandeur, which at every moment and from all directions calleth out to thee and all things, saying: “By God the Truth! The Revealer of Power hath appeared at the Most Great Horizon, and that which was never manifested hath been manifested. Then did trembling seize the temples of the Manifestations of Names and all who are in earth and heaven, and most of them denied and fled. Say: O people! By God, the Almighty, the Beloved! The sun is darkened and the moon is troubled, for the Most Great Ocean hath surged within itself through His Most Great, Most Exalted Name. O people! Know ye the worth of these days wherein floweth the Salsabil and Tasnim, and then this most holy, most pure Kawthar. Therefore turn your faces unto Him and pay no heed to every turbid spring.”

Despite this sweet divine Call and holy, glorious Melody which at all times speaketh and singeth with most wondrous accent, no one hath become aware in himself. Then were all possessors of eyes blinded, all possessors of ears deafened, all possessors of tongues struck dumb, all possessors of hearts veiled, all possessors of knowledge rendered ignorant, and all possessors of wisdom withheld, save him whom God aided through His grace and who was detached from all the worlds.

O Nasir! In My first Manifestation I shed light upon all contingent beings through the second letter of My Name, in such wise that none had any cause for rejection or objection. I summoned all servants unto My eternal holy Ridvan and called them to the everlasting holy Kawthar. Yet observe how much oppression and tyranny was manifested by the people of error, to an extent that none can reckon save God, until at last they suspended My radiant Body in the air and wounded it with the bullets of hatred and malice, until My spirit returned to the Supreme Companion, gazing upon the Most Glorious Raiment. Yet none

reflected on why I accepted such harm from My servants, for had they reflected, they would not have remained veiled from My Beauty in My second Manifestation through one of My Names. Such is the state of these servants and their rank and station. Leave thou the mention of them and what floweth from their pens and issueth from their mouths.

Although in all the Tablets of the Bayan I commanded all My servants not to remain heedless of My subsequent Manifestation and not to be veiled from the King of attributes by the veils of names and allusions, yet now thou canst observe that they were not content with remaining veiled, but have cast countless stones of doubts at the hidden Tree of Glory without pause or delay. Even this did not suffice them, until one of My Names whom I created with a single letter […]

And yet this did not suffice, until one of My names, whom I created with a single letter and gave life with a single breath, rose up to wage war against My Beauty. By God, the Truth! He opposed the Chosen Beauty with such denial and pride as has no likeness. Nevertheless, presuming people to be without insight or consciousness, and seeing all minds as dependent upon his acceptance or rejection, he attributed his own reprehensible deeds to the Most Pure Beauty, that he might spread it through God's cities, hoping thereby through such insinuations and schemes to deprive people of the Cause of causes. This matter was initially hidden from all and none were aware save two souls - one of them, who was named Ahmad, was martyred in his Lord's path and ascended to the highest station, and the other, who was named Kalim, was present at that time before Us.

In any case, We turn the discourse away from this topic, for it would be a pity for the Pen of Destiny to write of such matters. Now return thou to the Most Sublime Vision in less than a moment and observe thyself before the Lord of all worlds. Reflect upon this exalted Revelation, and likewise observe with penetrating vision the proofs of the Messengers. Look with fairness at what these servants have believed in, beyond which they have not observed with their outward eyes. If they have become certain of the Manifestations of Divine Unity through the revelation of horizonal and personal signs, by God! The horizons have been filled with the effulgences of this Dawning to such extent that the followers of previous religions would testify, let alone the people of the paths of guidance. None but the stubborn denier would deny this evident power. And if they look to the revealed verses, they have encompassed existence, both unseen and visible, descending from the clouds of Divine grace and the rain of Divine bounty to such degree that in a single hour the equivalent of a thousand verses are revealed. Were it not for consideration of the weakness of the servants and the corruption in the lands, permission would surely be granted for all to appear before the Most Great Throne and witness with their outward eyes the most noble breaths of the Holy Spirit.

Strange it is that these heedless, immature servants, in this time when the Sun of the Beauty of the Glorious One has been rising and shining at its zenith, none have observed with their own eyes or become aware through their own selves. This heedlessness was only because all have prevented themselves from recognizing the All-Knowing Sovereign through thick veils of fancy, and have remained deprived of the holy, firm City of the Eternal through the flimsiest of dwellings.

O servants! Hasten from the turbid mirage of fancy to the living fountain of certainty of the Lord of all worlds, and take up residence on the shores of the Kawthar of mercy for those drawn nigh. Say: O

people! Come somewhat to your senses and do not again suspend the Most High Beauty in the atmosphere of hatred, and do not crucify the Spirit on the cross of rancor, and do not cast the Most Glorious Joseph into the well of envy, and do not sever the purified and manifest head with the sword of malice, and do not banish from land to land. By God! All of this has befallen Me, but the people do not perceive.

Verily, in My holy words and intimate allusions My glances of favor have ever been directed toward My friends, and in the primal reality the true addressees in all utterances have been and shall ever be the friends of God. Therefore, O My friends, strive not to find the limited horizons grief-stricken and darkened through separation from the Luminary of Oneness. Rather, endeavor to be illumined by the lights of the holy manifestations of the Glorious and Eternal, and be not deprived of the fountainhead of divine grace and the source of the bounty of the Sovereign of Oneness. How blessed is he who turneth toward Him with his heart, who seeketh shelter beneath His shade, who establisheth himself in His holy precincts, who fleeth from all else save Him, and who attaineth unto the wellspring of His guidance! Thus doth the Most Great Spirit command you, if ye be of them that hear.

At this moment, verily, the Primal Point standeth at the right hand of the Most Glorious Throne, speaking these sublime, goodly, blessed, manifest and evident words: O My servants! My purpose in My Manifestation and My object in My appearance hath been and shall ever be none other than to herald the Beauty of My Beloved. The veils of fancy and the thick clouds that stood as an impregnable barrier among men and prevented them from the Sovereign of Ancient Days - all these did I rend asunder through My power and might. Thus have ye witnessed how at the time of the appearance of My Beauty the people remained veiled from My recognition through their vain imaginings. In the Bayan I counseled all with the tongue of power that at the time of the Manifestation they should not remain veiled from the recognition of His Self by any thing whatsoever, whether by the Letters or the Mirrors or by whatsoever hath been created in all the heavens and earth. For the Eternal Essence hath ever been known by His Own Self, and all else in His holy presence is mere nothingness and absolute void. How can the created attain unto its Creator, and the non-existent unto the Sovereign of existence? Nay, by Him Who holdeth My soul in His hands! Rather shall they attain unto that which hath been ordained for them from the traces of His manifestations. Thus have We sent down the Command in all the Tablets, would that ye might perceive.

Despite all these binding counsels and conclusive admonitions, after the appearance of My Beauty, Whose lights have encompassed all created things and Who hath appeared and become manifest in such wise as the eyes of creation have never witnessed the like thereof, some of you have nonetheless arisen in sheer opposition, others have risen up in hostility, and yet others have clung to mere acceptance and denial. Evil is that which ye have wrought against your own selves and have imagined in your thoughts. By My Beauty! All who are in the heavens and earth are this day but as a handful of dust before the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he who hath ascended to the holy heights and risen to the intimate stations and hath recognized the scene of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Consider now with fairness: if ye deprive yourselves of this Beauty of Oneness, this flowing Stream, this dawning Sun, this soaring Cloud, this all-encompassing Mercy, and this all-pervading Power, unto what

direction will ye turn? Nay, by Him Who holdeth My soul in His hands! There remaineth for you no refuge save in the depths of the fire. Cleanse the rheum from your eyes, then open them through My love; search then throughout the reaches of the heavens and earth - can ye find a mercy greater than that which hath appeared? Nay, by My Most Great Scene, were ye but to know! And were ye to traverse all horizons, could ye find a power more wondrous than your Lord's, the All-Merciful? Nay, by My Bountiful Self, were ye but aware!

O servants! I have turned the gaze of all from all directions that perchance ye may not remain veiled at the time of My manifestation.

Were you to traverse the horizons, would you find a power more wondrous than the power of your Lord, the All-Merciful? Nay, by My generous Self, were you of those who perceive! Indeed, O servants, I turned the gaze of all from all directions, that perchance at the time of My manifestation you would not remain veiled and would not be heedless of the ultimate purpose. Now it is observed that all of you, like the peoples of the past - nay, more severely and greatly - have remained far from the Manifestation of Divine Beauty due to imaginary veils, written allusions, and verbal indications, and yet you suppose yourselves to be among the virtuous and guided ones. Nay, by the Self of Baha, were you to reflect! Would that you had been content with these things alone and had not raised hands of malice against the manifest Tree! O heedless ones! What, after all, was the cause of My martyrdom, and what was the purpose of the sacrifice of My spirit? If you say it was the revealed laws, these laws have been and will always be secondary to recognition of the Divine, and how can those who remain veiled from the root hold fast to its branch? And if you say the purpose was the Letters and Mirrors, all were and will be created by His will. O people! Fear God and compare not His Self to your selves, nor His attributes to your attributes, nor His beauty to your beauty, nor His signs to your signs, nor His utterance to your utterances, nor His sovereignty to what is among and within you, nor His words to your words, nor His exposition to your exposition, nor His walking to your walking, nor His repose to your repose. Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and be among the God-fearing! If you believe in My Self, by God, this is My Self, and if you believe in My verses, by God, He hath sent down that which was never sent down before to anyone, and to this beareth witness Mine own Self, then Mine essence, then My heart and tongue, and beyond Me testifieth to it that which appeareth from His presence, were you of those who know. O people of the Bayan! Deprive not yourselves of the Holy Self of the All-Merciful, and seek not to cling to this or that. Whoso willeth, let him hearken unto the melodies of the Spirit, and whoso turneth away, he is indeed the best of hearers and knowers. O people of the Bayan! Have you not observed that for twenty years He arose by His own Self to face His enemies? Many were the nights when you all slept in beds of ease while this Beauty of Divine Unity stood manifest and firm before the polytheists, and many were the days when, out of fear for your own selves, you kept yourselves protected and concealed in veils of concealment, while the Beauty of mighty steadfastness was evident, manifest, and apparent among the polytheists. Yet, not content with what the enemies have wrought, most of you have risen to war against the Beauty of Divine Unity. By God! Therefore doth Mine eye weep, and My heart burn, and My being tremble, and My skin shiver, and My bones crush, and My pillars shake, and I know not what more you wish to inflict upon Him and bring against Him. Nay, We have been knowing of all this, and all is preserved with Us in tablets of glory.

Here are these heavenly words which the Most Exalted Tongue hath uttered. Blessed is he who hearkeneth unto the Words of God and purifieth himself from all who are in earth and heaven and from whatsoever hath been created therein, that he may enter the City of Immortality, which is the most holy and resplendent extinction. Well is it with them that are assured and have attained, and blessed is he who beholdeth the Words of God with his own eyes and turneth not toward the objections of the world.

For We have created every soul today like unto this world - just as in the world there are diverse cities and different villages, and likewise trees and fruits and leaves and branches and twigs, and seas and mountains and all that is visible therein, even so within man all these diverse things exist. Thus doth one soul warrant being called a world. However, in the believers are witnessed holy attributes - for example, the heaven of knowledge and the earth of tranquility and the trees of oneness and the twigs of detachment and the branches of sanctity and the roses of certitude and the flowers of love for the Beauty of the All-Merciful and the seas of learning and the rivers of wisdom and the pearls of Divine glory are found therein.

And two kinds of believers are observed: from some this divine favor is veiled, for they have deprived themselves of beholding this all-encompassing mercy through unworthy veils. And some, through the grace of the All-Merciful, have had their vision opened and through the glances of God they perceive that which hath been deposited within their souls, and they witness the signs of divine power and the wondrous manifestations of God's handiwork in themselves with their outer and inner sight.

And whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto the day wherein "God will render everyone independent out of His abundance" and hath understood that day, and beholdeth himself in such wise under the shadow of his Lord's riches that he perceiveth within himself all things that have been created in the heavens and on earth - nay rather, he seeth himself encompassing all things, were he to look with the eye of God.

And should one of these souls arise with firm and mighty steadfastness in the Cause of God, he would verily triumph over all the peoples of the world. To this testifieth that which the Tongue of God hath set in motion with the sovereignty of power and might and ascendancy: "By God the Truth! Should anyone arise for the love of Baha in the world of creation and should all who are in earth and heaven war against him, God would verily make him victorious over them, as a manifestation of His power and an expression of His sovereignty. Thus hath the might of thy Lord encompassed the worlds."

And since in everything can be seen the attributes of all things, therefore upon a single one is conferred the decree of all. And this is the mystery of that which was formerly inspired in the Manifestation of My Self: "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind." For since all that is in the world existeth in a single soul, He therefore saith that if someone giveth life to a soul it is as though he had given life to all mankind, and if someone killeth a soul it is as though he had killed all the world. Ponder then on this, O ye who are endowed with insight!

Likewise observe with the same vision regarding the idolaters, but in these souls what hath been mentioned appeareth as, for instance, the heaven of denial […]

And likewise observe the polytheists with this same sight, but in these souls what hath been mentioned shall be seen manifest: for instance, the heaven of turning away, the earth of rancor, the trees of hatred, the branches of envy, the boughs of pride, the leaves of tyranny and the flowers of lewdness. Thus have We set forth the details for you in a chosen tongue, that perchance ye may immerse yourselves in the oceans of divine wisdom and knowledge, and, taking fast hold of the Most Glorious Ark which saileth today upon the sea of grandeur, be numbered among those who have attained thereunto. How well will it be with you if ye be not among the deprived ones.

Say: O ye that are veiled from My Beauty! I swear by the Sovereign Lord of My majesty and glory that this Sun, dawning from the horizon of sublime oneness, shall not remain concealed behind the clouds of rancor nor be obscured by the veils of hatred. At all times doth it shine resplendent at its zenith, calling out with melancholy, enchanting tones: O servants! Deprive not yourselves of the rays of this manifest Sun, nor withhold yourselves from the divine eternal sanctuary. This is God's sanctuary in your midst, this is the Merciful's abode that moveth and walketh among the peoples of the world in human temple. This is the desire of all worlds, the sacred place of divine unity, the holy station of detachment, and the sanctuary of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Peerless, made manifest and visible amongst creation. All the near ones have given their lives for this Day, while ye, O veiled ones, have occupied yourselves with this and that, remaining far from the divine presence. Alas for you, O company of the heedless!

I swear by God that whatsoever hath befallen and continueth to befall the Manifestations of Divine Unity hath been due to the veiling of the people. Consider, for instance, My first manifestation when I appeared between heaven and earth by the name of 'Ali, the All-Knowing, and rent asunder the veils. The divines of that age were the first to arise in rejection and protest. Though outwardly their rejection caused the people to turn away, in reality it was the people who caused these divines to turn away. Observe that had the people not made their acceptance conditional upon the approval of the divines of Najaf and elsewhere, and had they believed in God directly, no opportunity for rejection would have remained for these divines. When they saw themselves bereft of followers and alone, they would surely have hastened to the holy divine court and inevitably attained the fountain of ancient grace.

And now too, if the people of the Bayan would sanctify themselves from attachment to their leaders, they would certainly not be deprived, on the Day of God, of the wine of divine meanings and the bounty of the clouds of the All-Merciful's mercy. Through My Name, rend asunder the thick veils and shatter the idols of blind imitation through the power of unity, and enter the holy paradise of the All-Merciful's good-pleasure. Purify your souls from all that is not of God and find repose in the mighty sanctuary of security and the exalted refuge of infallibility. Veil not yourselves with the veil of self, for I have created each soul complete that the perfection of My handiwork might be made manifest. Thus every soul is, in itself, capable of perceiving the Divine Beauty, and ever shall be. For were any soul incapable of this station, no obligation would rest upon it, and if in the Most Great Gathering before God, a soul were asked: "Why didst thou not believe in My Beauty and turn away from My Self?" and if that soul should cling to all the peoples of the world and respond: "Since no one turned unto Thee and I saw all in rejection, I therefore followed their example and remained far from Thine eternal Beauty" - such an excuse would never be accepted or heard. For the faith of no soul hath ever been, nor ever shall be, dependent upon another.

This is one of the mysteries of revelation which I have sent down in all heavenly Books with the Tongue of Power and recorded with the Pen of Might. Now ponder this a while, that with your outward eye […]

This will never be. This is among the mysteries of revelation which I have sent down in all heavenly books with the exalted tongue of power and inscribed with the pen of might. Therefore ponder now awhile, that with your outer and inner sight you may behold and comprehend the subtle wisdoms and the gems of celestial traces which I have revealed in this eternal and sublime Tablet through decisive and irrevocable utterance. And distance not yourselves from the ultimate abode and the divine Lote-Tree and the dwelling place of resplendent glory. The signs of Truth shine forth like the sun among the signs of His servants, and none of His qualities can ever be confused with another. From the dawning-place of His knowledge do the suns of knowledge and meaning rise, and from the paradise of His ink are the breezes of the All-Merciful wafted. Well is it with them that perceive.

O brothers! I swear by the Beauty of the All-Merciful that were it not for observing a limited few who have arisen and, with utmost effort and striving, stand ready to cut down the Divine Lote-Tree, never would I have opened My tongue in utterance nor spoken a word. But what am I to do when these few unworthy and immature ones, clinging to the cord of leadership and grasping at worldly ornaments, prevent people with perfect scheming and utter deceit from approaching the shore of eternity? They have had and have no purpose save to raise up a group like the People of the Furqan in the land, lest any harm befall their leadership. Such is the state of these servants. And since they have observed that the lights of the Ancient Holy Sun have encompassed all worlds and the banners of mighty remembrance have been raised and become renowned in all lands, they have therefore risen in deception and attributed false and unworthy calumnies, that perchance through these falsehoods they might prevent people from attaining the presence of the Sovereign of Names and Attributes. They are occupied with utter delusions, and soon will the greatest shrieking be raised among the people and veils of fancy encompass souls. Therefore, take refuge in God on such a day and observe this Tablet in certain times, that perchance the divine fragrances wafting from this glorious Tablet may protect thee from the darkened winds of hatred and keep thee steadfast on the path of love for the Beloved. In brief, seek not attachment to any leader, and let no turban or staff prevent thee from the outpourings of the Most Glorious Cloud, for human excellence has never been and will never be in garments and names. If any among the turbaned ones have become illumined by the dawning manifestations of the Sun, their names are mentioned with thy Lord; otherwise they have never been and will never be mentioned. Therefore, hearken to My most wondrous and exalted melody. If human excellence were in the turban, then that camel which bears a thousand turbans should be counted among the most learned of people - yet thou seest it is but an animal seeking grass. Beware lest thou be debarred from the Truth by the manifestations of names and temples who adorn themselves with outward turbans and ascetic garments, and be not heedless. Today the Kingdom of Names circles round the Tree of the Cause, created by a single word. Moreover, the asceticism that is beloved of God has been and will ever be turning to God and turning away from all else, not like these servants who, heedless of God and occupied without Him, are content and call this asceticism. Evil is that wherewith they are occupied; soon shall they know. I shall cause one melody from My former melodies to shine forth purely for the sake of God upon thee and the people of the earth from the Dawning-place of utterance, that perchance it may awaken those sleeping in the bed

of heedlessness and make them aware of the spiritual breezes that blow from the horizon of My luminous morn. And it is this: The Primal Point - may the spirit of all in the kingdom be sacrificed for Him - wrote to Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who was considered one of the great divines and eminent religious leaders, the substance of which is mentioned in eloquent Persian thus: “We have raised up Ali from his resting-place […]”

We sent forth Ali from his resting place and dispatched him unto thee with a perspicuous Tablet. Had thou recognized him and prostrated thyself before him, it would have been better than seventy years of worship thou hast rendered. From thy first letter We would have raised up Muhammad the Messenger of God, and from thy second letter the third letter who is Imam Hassan. But thou remainedst veiled from this station, and We bestowed Our grace upon him who was worthy.

Consider now the greatness of this Cause, how magnificent and momentous it is. The Ali who was sent to the aforementioned Sheikh was Mulla Ali Bastami. Moreover, reflect upon the power of the Manifestation of God, who with but a single letter from the name of His servants can, should He wish, create and raise up all the temples of unity and manifestations of eternity. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Encompassing.

Yet now the leaders of the Bayan seek to establish a system of successorship, and through these ancient traditions deprive the people of the fountain of divine glory. Meanwhile the Primal Point, My previous Manifestation, erased all such mentions from the Bayan, and naught was seen or shall be seen save the mention of Mirrors, and even that was not specific or limited, as He says: “O my God! Raise up in every year a Mirror, and in every month a Mirror, nay in every day and every moment manifest a Mirror that will reflect Thee.” This bounty exists in the Mirrors so long as they remain turned toward the Sun of Truth; after turning away, all is lost and unmentioned.

By God! Today the Mirrors remain veiled - nay more, even the followers of the Torah are thunderstruck. Consider the Ahsanu’l-Qisas, known as the Qayyumu’l-Asma, and the Persian Bayan which contains the subtle divine utterances, that all mysteries may become evident. These words are mentioned for the weak ones; otherwise, those who dwell in the station of “Know God through God” and who abide in the holy sanctuary of “He cannot be known through aught else” recognize Truth through His own Self and through what appears from Him. Though all in the heavens and earth be filled with decisive verses and firm utterances, they pay no heed nor seek to hold fast to them, for clinging to words is only justified when their Revealer is not present.

Exalted be this Beauty whose light hath encompassed the worlds! This heart is too grief-stricken to reveal hidden pearls or incline toward speech, for the Cause of God is being squandered, and the labors of this servant have been scattered to the winds of oblivion by one who was himself created by His word. Though such matters truly lead to the maturity of people, since most are weak and immature they remain veiled. Yet thy Lord is indeed independent of such as these, and He encompasses all worlds.

Be not content to be like the people of the Furqan, who cling to names […]

Be not content to be like the people of the Qur’an who cling to names while remaining veiled from the Source of Names, who recite words while depriving themselves of Him Who is their Revealer and Source.

For if, on this Day, all who are in the heavens and on earth were to become refined mirrors and lofty, impregnable, and inaccessible crystals, and were to arise to worship as did those of old, yet hesitate for less than a moment in this wondrous Cause, they would be regarded as utter nothingness in the sight of God and be mentioned as absolute non-existence. Have you not observed that all the mentions of the people of the Qur'an were pure falsehood, and at the time of the Manifestation, none benefited from that to which they had clung, except those who entered the religion of the Lord of the Worlds through the power of certitude? Therefore, hearken unto the divine melody and the glorious, eternal utterance, and say: In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious, and by His Most Exalted, Most Impregnable, Most Holy, Most High Permission. Enter through the gate of the Ridvan Garden into the very heart of the City, that thou mayest witness thyself enriched through the riches of thy Lord, speaking in praise of thy Creator, knowing the Self of thy Master, and finding that which will solace thine eyes, gladden thy being, bring joy to thine essence, and number thee among the triumphant. This is the counsel of the Ancient Beauty to His loved ones. Whosoever wishes, let him believe, and whosoever wishes, let him turn away. And if thou attainest unto that which hath been mentioned and art honored with the presence of the Beauty of the All-Merciful, then stand firm in His Cause and cry out among the servants, and with Our sweetest melodies proclaim between the heavens and the earth: "O people of the Bayan! By the True One! The Sun of Knowledge hath risen from the horizon of glory and hath dawned from the chambers of the Ridvan Garden - this Youth, upon Whose countenance shineth the radiance of the All-Bountiful, in Whose hand is the Wine of Life, and Who giveth drink to all created things in My Most Glorious Name, this crimson Wine. Therefore hasten, O people of creation, O manifestations of names, that the hidden pearls may be revealed unto you from this treasured Cup which hath appeared in the form of the Tablet. Drink ye therefrom, as have the denizens of the highest paradise in their most exalted habitations. And when they drank, they were seized by the raptures of the All-Merciful and the breezes of the All-Glorious, and they spoke in the heights of Paradise with songs of joy: 'By God! This is indeed the sealed wine! By the True One! This is the wine that was hidden beneath the veils of the unseen and preserved beneath the pavilion of glory, touched by the fingers of the All-Merciful on the throne of Paradise, and manifested through grace by this Name which hath appeared in truth and from Whose face have shone wondrous lights both secretly and openly, whereby the eyes of those near unto God were solaced, then the eyes of the Messengers, then all that was and will be.' O people of the Bayan! Deprive not yourselves of the vision of the All-Merciful. Break the idols of vain desire through My Most Glorious Name, then draw forth the sword of utterance from the scabbard of the tongue and sing with the sweetest melodies among the people of creation, that perchance men might become aware within themselves and emerge from behind a limited veil. Say: Do ye imagine within yourselves that this Youth speaketh from desire? Nay, by His Most Glorious Beauty! Rather, He standeth at the Most Exalted Horizon and speaketh that which the Most Great Spirit hath spoken within His most pure and crystal heart. By the True One! The Mighty One hath taught Him in the highest empyrean, and the Powerful Spirit hath acquainted Him in the most sublime Kingdom, and He speaketh the truth at all times with that which the Tongue of Command hath spoken in the most hidden pavilion. By God! This is He Who appeared once by the name of the Spirit, then by the name of the Beloved, then by the name of Ali, then by this Blessed, Transcendent, All-Compelling, Sublime, Beloved Name."

He speaketh the truth at all times according to what the Tongue of Command hath spoken in the Most Hidden Pavilion. By God, this is He Who appeared once by the name of the Spirit, then by the name of the Beloved, then by the name of Ali, and then by this blessed, exalted, transcendent, sublime, and beloved Name. And verily this is Husayn Who hath appeared in truth through grace in the heaven of justice, and the polytheists rose against Him with their tyranny and wickedness, then severed His head with the sword of hatred and raised it upon a spear between earth and heaven. Then the head spoke from atop the spear: "O gathering of shadows! Be ashamed before My beauty, then before My power, My sovereignty and My grandeur. Turn your gaze toward the countenance of your Chosen Lord, that ye may find Me crying out among you with holy, beloved melodies. Be fair then within yourselves - would ye deprive yourselves of the Most Exalted Sanctuary and this Most Pure, Most Wise, Crimson House? Toward what sanctuary do ye turn and around which do ye circle? Fear God, then open your eyes, that ye may perchance behold God's glances above your heads and His Kingdom before your faces, that ye may perchance become aware within yourselves and be among those who understand."

O Nasir! We loved thee before and We love thee now, that thou mayest stand firm in thy love for thy Lord. We have sent thee that which sufficeth as proof for the East and West of the earth, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of them that are gladdened by the glad-tidings of the Spirit. When this Tablet reacheth thee, arise from thy seat, then place it upon thy head, then turn thy face toward My shining, mighty, and self-subsisting countenance and say:

O Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having sent down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which purifieth the worlds. O Lord! Thanks be unto Thee for having shed upon me the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance, by Whose dawning the two worlds were created. O Lord! Praise be unto Thee for Thy wondrous gifts and beauteous bestowals. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Beauty in this blessed, luminous, Most Glorious Garment to cut me off from every remembrance save Thy remembrance and from every praise save Thy praise. Then inspire me with that which will establish me in Thy good-pleasure and prevent me from turning toward the worlds. O Lord! I am he who hath been neglectful in Thy Cause. Grant me, by the sovereignty of Thy grace, and leave me not to myself for less than a moment. O Lord! Drive me not from the gate of Thy mighty oneness and the courtyard of Thy holy unity. Then send down upon me that which is beloved by Thee, for Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Generous. O Lord! Send upon me the breezes of forgiveness from the direction of Thy Most Glorious Name, then raise me unto the pole of paradise, the seat of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Then forgive me and my father and her who bore me, by Thy grace and mercy, for Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. O Lord! Ordain for me what Thou chooseth for myself, then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty from the wonders of Thy generosity and favor. Then fulfill my needs from Thy presence, for Thou art the best fulfiller, the best judge, and the best ordainer, and Thou art the Ancient Bestower.

Then after that, gird up thy loins to serve God and His Cause, and aid it with whatsoever thou art able. Neither deny within thyself, nor withhold the words of God from the eyes of the servants. Rather, spread them before the believers. Beware lest the name of anyone or the customs of any soul prevent thee. Convey the Cause of thy Lord to those who are there, and tarry not in what thou art commanded. Be thou steadfast in this wondrous Cause. First counsel thyself, then counsel others. This is what We have

ordained for Our sincere servants. Be thou so firm in thy love for thy Lord that nothing shall cause thee to slip from His path. This is of My bounty unto thee and unto My beneficent servants. Know thou that there will come before thee one who would prevent thee from the love of God. When thou perceivest from him the odors of hatred for the Beauty of Glory, be assured that he is Satan himself, even if he be among the most exalted of men. Then shun him and seek refuge in My Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Thus have We informed thee of the hidden tidings that thou mayest become aware of that which is concealed from the eyes of all creation. O Nasir! Avoid such as these, then flee from them to the shadow of thy Lord's protection and be in mighty safekeeping. Know thou that the very breath of such people hath an effect like unto the effect of a serpent's breath, if thou be of them that understand. Thus have We inspired thee and taught thee that which was hidden from thee, that thou mayest become aware of God's purpose and be illumined with clear vision. Cleanse thy hands from clinging to aught else but God or pointing to any besides Him. Thus doth the Ancient Pen command thee, if thou be of them that hearken. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the Truth, there shall come upon you the thunderbolts of the Day of Wrath, then the earthquakes of grievous days, then the blowing of a devastating wind, and there shall come unto you the Embodiment of Fire with a Book wherein is a refutation against God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have ordained for every believer that, should he become aware of this and find it within his power, he should take up the Pen of Might in the name of his Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and write in refutation of him who hath denied God. Thus doth thy Lord requite the idolaters. By God, the Truth, We took dust and kneaded it with the waters of the Cause, and We formed from it a mortal and adorned him with the shirt of names among the worlds. But when We raised his mention and made his name renowned among the concourse of names, he then arose in opposition and warred against My Self, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and pronounced sentence of death against Him through Whose remembrance the heavens and earth were created. When We found him in such a state, We concealed it within Ourselves and departed from among these people and sat alone in the house, trusting in God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Ancient. Thus have We detailed the matter unto thee that thou mayest become aware of that which is hidden and be illumined with clear vision. Purify thy sight from such as these, then turn thy gaze to the Most Great Scene, the seat of the Throne, the dawning-place of thy Lord's beauty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, that He may protect thee from the arrows of allusions and make thee eloquent in His praise among the worlds. Arise then to remember God and His Cause, and remind those who have believed in God Who created them and fashioned them. Then impart unto them what We have imparted unto thee in this Tablet, that they may be among them that remember. And likewise unto those of thy household who have believed in God and His signs, whether female or male, whether young or old. And praise be to My Self, the Supreme, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Ancient. By God, this word at the end of the utterance is God's sword against the idolaters and His mercy unto them that believe in His unity.

It was mentioned that you would always send a gift with your letter to the sacred threshold, and now due to apparent lack of means you have been deprived of this bounty. Never be saddened by this and do not grieve. By God, the Truth, your love for Me is better than the treasures of the heavens and earth if you remain firm in it. Thus has the Command been sent down from the heaven of wondrous glory. Do not sorrow over this, for all good is in His hands. He will soon enrich you through His grace when He wishes and wills. Verily no matter exists except after His leave. His is the creation and the command. He ordains

what He pleases, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And verily if your love is purified from the allusions [of this world], God will make it an imperishable treasure, a garment that will not wear out, stores that will not be concealed, a glory that will not be veiled, and an honor that will not be obscured. Thus has the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, moved so that you may find tranquility in your soul, rejoice in your being, and be among the patient and the trusting ones.

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In the Name of the Wronged One, Who is manifest in the Most Great Prison! This is a Book from which the trees perceive the fragrance of spring, and children catch the loving scent of their gracious Father, and the thirsty hear the murmur of the Water of Life, and those near unto God inhale the breath of the All-Merciful, and the sincere behold the lights of Beauty, and lovers discern the signs of nearness and reunion. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Ancient Beauty walked in the palace which God made the seat of His mighty throne.

O My Name! Bear thou witness as God hath borne witness that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Go forth with the Book of God and His tokens to His lands, and remind therein My loved ones of this Day which was remembered in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Say: Beware lest the veils of the people of the Bayan keep you from God, the Lord of all worlds. We counseled them concerning the Most Great Manifestation, and commanded them to do what is right, and gave them glad tidings of this glorious and wondrous Day. Yet when the Hidden was revealed and the Sealed Wine was unsealed, they denied and turned away from Him Who came with manifest sovereignty.

O My Name, O thou who hast drunk the wine of My utterance! Say: O people of the Bayan, remember, then observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Say: O company of the heedless, fear God and oppose not Him through Whom the banner of divine knowledge hath been raised to the highest station of possibility, and through Whom the ocean of utterance hath surged and the sweet savors of the All-Merciful have wafted. Be fair and be not of the wrongdoers.

O Mahdi! Say: Verily, he whom ye have taken as lord besides God was fleeing from place to place. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings and every fair-minded and discerning soul.

O My Name! Say: O people of the Bayan! The books of the world profit you not today except through this Book that walketh in the Most Great Prison and proclaimeth before all nations: "There is none other God but I, the Expliciter, the All-Knowing." Say: The Most Glorious Horizon hath appeared and the Supreme Pen hath moved in this Revelation whereby the pavilion of glory hath been raised upon the Luminous

Spot, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been manifested.

O My Name! Say: O company of the heedless! Hearken unto that which the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the branches, then observe the essence which the Primal Point took from the heavenly Books in His words: "I have written an essence regarding His remembrance, and it is that He cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan." Fear ye the All-Merciful and deny not Him Who hath come to you from the Dawning-Place of knowledge with a clear proof.

Say: That which is with the people will not suffice you today. Cast away vain imaginings and turn unto the Manifestation of God's Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day whose covenant We took from every Prophet and every holy one, were ye of those who know. Beware lest the greatest veil prevent you from the Lord of Destiny. Purify your hearts with the Kawthar of your Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Sanctify the mirrors of your hearts that there may be reflected therein "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Say: Come, let us set aside what the people possess and judge fairly concerning that which hath shone forth from the horizon of God's knowledge, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: If ye desire verses, they have indeed encompassed the horizons, and if ye seek clear proofs, they have appeared in such wise that none deny them save every transgressor, sinful one. Say: By God! I have arisen with the Cause on a Day wherein eyes were dazed and feet did slip through fear of those who were on a mighty side of wrongdoing. Fear ye God and be not of the transgressors.

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O My Name and he who walks by My leave! Mention unto My chosen ones and My loved ones that which hath been manifested in the Land of Sirr through God's power and sovereignty, when He rose above the horizon of the House, speaking forth the verses of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beauteous. By God! The Bayan was sent down for My remembrance, and it is but a leaf from among the leaves of the Tree of My utterance. To this testifieth My Herald, who laid down His life in My straight and manifest path. Say: O heedless ones! Take heed lest the Bayan withhold you from your Lord, the All-Merciful. By God's life! It was sent down to bear witness unto Me. Read ye what is therein and be of the fair-minded. Say: By God! He Who conversed with the Burning Bush speaketh, yet ye perceive not. He is the One promised by the tongue of the Prophets. Fear ye God and dispute not the signs of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: This is the Day wherein the Ocean proclaimeth: "Blessed art thou, O Land, for the breezes of God, the Mighty, the Great, have wafted over thee." Thou hast discovered the fragrances of the days and the sweet-scented perfume of thy Lord's garment when He appeared with His blessed Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And the Land proclaimeth, saying: "Blessed art thou, O Ocean, for God's Ark, the Lord of all worlds, hath sailed upon thee."

O My loved ones in all lands! Rejoice in that God hath singled you out for the recognition of the Dayspring of His Cause and hath preserved you from the Great Terror that hath seized all people, save whom God willeth, the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful. Ye have attained unto that which none else hath attained. To this bear witness the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and they who possess the Manifest Book.

O My Name! Remind My servants and give them the glad tidings of My mercy and My favor. Then recite unto them what hath been sent down from the kingdom of Mine wondrous utterance. Say: The use of opium hath been forbidden unto you in God's Book, the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. It harmeth you and benefiteth you not. This is what ye have been commanded, both before and after, through clear verses and manifest proofs. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with that which he hath been commanded by God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Pass through the lands with the fragrances of thy Lord's garment of utterance and give His loved ones therein the glad tidings of this Remembrance through which that which was hidden in a preserved Tablet hath been revealed. Take the rights of God by Our leave, then act in accordance with what We have commanded thee. Verily thy Lord is He Who commandeth whatsoever He willeth. The might of the mighty weakeneth Him not, nor do the doings of the heedless frustrate Him.

Should thou arrive in the land of Alif and Ra, convey My greetings unto My loved ones and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of My tender mercy, and remind them of this News through which this lofty Structure hath been raised. Say: Give thanks, for My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in remembrance of you, and My Most Glorious Countenance hath turned toward you, and the tongue of My bounty hath sent down from the kingdom of Mine utterance that which, were it to be placed upon the mountains, would cause them to soar with longing for the meeting of the Lord of Causes, Who hath come with a sovereignty that the veils of idle fancies and the clouds of vain imaginings have not prevented. Say: He hath come with God's proof and His evidence, and He is the Path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth, did ye but know.

And We make mention of the Imam therein who emigrated in My path and drew near until he attained unto Our presence, when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra, and he drank the wine of reunion from the hands of My bounty and stood before My gate which was opened unto all in the seen and the unseen. We bear witness that he heard the Call and answered his Lord, the Lord of what was and what shall be[…]

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O 'Ali-Akbar! Remind mankind of that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Say: Fear God, and deny not Him Who enjoineth upon you what is virtuous and forbiddeth you that which ye were forbidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. It behooveth you to make good what hath escaped you in His days. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which He Who speaketh at the mid-most heart of the world commandeth you. There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: If God were to chastise anyone for having believed in this Revelation, by what proof would He not chastise those who believed in the Point of the Bayan, and before Him in Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him in the Son of Mary, and before Him in Moses the Interlocutor, until the matter returneth to the Primal Beginning. Fear ye God, and follow not the idols who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. Whoso halteth in this Cause hath halted in every Cause that hath been manifested by God's will and purpose, would ye but know. Say: Naught is seen in the Word but its Speaker, nor in the Manifestation but the Beauty of Him Who is manifested, nor in the Revelation save the Revealer, Who domineth all created things through His word "Be" and it is.

O Pen! Make mention of the people of Mim and Ra from the presence of the Lord of Names, and give them glad tidings of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. Say: We make mention of you in the Most Great Prison with that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O My loved ones in all lands and regions! Rejoice that the countenance of God hath turned towards you and giveth you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you by the Most Exalted Pen in a Tablet wherein He hath spoken: There is none other God but He, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed are they who have ascended unto God, and those upon whom there hath descended from the daysprings of tyranny that which hath caused the most exalted Paradise and the dawning-places of My most beauteous names to lament. Upon them rest My glory, My mercy, My bounty and My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: We have sent down for you that which hath brought joy to the eyes of the Concourse on high. Rejoice, then give thanks for this manifest bounty. Beware lest the world and what appeareth therein grieve you. By the True One! The ocean of joy hath surged before the face of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Draw nigh with radiant hearts unto the most exalted horizon. This is better for you, did ye but know. Verily, those who have martyred themselves in My path are the denizens of the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacles of My grandeur. The people of My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the Manifestations of My names, and the Daysprings of My attributes, and the Repositories of My knowledge, the All-Glorious, the All-Encompassing, offer prayers for them.

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O My Name! Associate with the loved ones of the All-Merciful with spirit and joy, and remind them of that which will attract their hearts in this Day which God hath made the sovereign of days in a preserved Tablet. We have remembered thee, exalted thee, caused thee to hear and shown thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics and the Object of worship of the sincere ones." We have permitted thee to grant permission unto whosoever desireth to attain the presence of thy Lord. This is yet another bounty bestowed upon thee from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Thus hath the sun of grace shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness, and I am verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

He who seeketh to attain the ultimate goal and to enter the presence of the Lord of all beings must follow that which the Supreme Pen hath ordained from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He forbiddeth you to bow down and prostrate yourselves at My feet and the feet of others. This is what hath been revealed in the Book from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! If ye desire to attain His presence, then present yourselves with spirit and joy, with the manners that befit human nature. Fear God and be not of the heedless. He ordaineth as He pleaseth and commandeth that which guideth the servants unto this Most Great Light, before which, when it appeared, the Faithful Spirit prostrated itself. Kiss not the hands and bow not down at the time of arrival. He commandeth you to observe what is right, and He is the Commander, the All-Responding. None should abase himself before another soul. This is the decree of God as He established Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty.

Forbidden unto you is that which We have mentioned. Take ye the laws and commandments of God and follow not the ways of the ignorant. Whoso attaineth the presence of the Face is accounted among the visitors in the sight of God, the Lord of this noble station. Whoso attaineth hath visited, and he is of them that have attained to what was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Forbidden unto you is kissing of hands, prostration, casting oneself down and bowing. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Prostration beseemeth him who knoweth not and seeth not. But he who seeth is among those unto whom the Clear Book hath testified. None should prostrate before him, and whoso hath prostrated before him should return and repent unto God. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. It hath been proven through clear evidence that prostration is due only to the Unseen Presence. Know this, O people of the earth, and be not of them that turn aside. Say: O people, cast away your principles and adopt the principles of God through His might, and follow not every dubious learned one. Beware lest ye object to Him Who hath come unto you with clear signs, and beware lest ye deny this Great Announcement, before which, when it appeared, every great announcement bowed down in submission.

The Wronged One desireth to make mention of the land of Ba and Nun which was honored by the arrival of His loved ones who fulfilled His firm and mighty Covenant. Blessed are they who were martyred therein through the deeds wrought by the hands of every tyrannical oppressor. Happy is he who attained martyrdom in My days and spent what he possessed in My love and bore witness to that which the tongue of My grandeur testified in the most exalted station. Glad tidings unto him who hath arisen to serve My Cause of the loving-kindness of God and His grace which hath encompassed the horizons.

4

We make mention of the Trustworthy One who took the cup of tribulation and adversity in the path of God, the Lord of all names, until he drank therefrom through this Name before which all necks have bowed down in submission. O Amin! We testify that thou didst stand firm in My service, wert vocal in My remembrance, and remained patient in all that befell thee on this Path. Thou art he who clung to the Will and Purpose of God, forsaking the desires of every covenant-breaking infidel. Rejoice in that We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets and in a Scripture which none save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath seen. We have made thee a star shining from the horizon of this heaven and a letter from the Book of God, the Lord of Lords.

O My Name! Gladden the people of Baha in other lands on behalf of God, the Lord of all men. Then bid them to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of creation, may be exalted. Say: Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By the life of God! These are mightier than all the hosts of earth combined, as attesteth He Who beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast unto the cord of unity in all conditions, that there may be manifested from you that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath purposed. We have servants in those regions whose names We have withheld lest they become known to every oppressor who hath denied the right of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of My loved ones in the land of Ta and give them glad-tidings of God's bounty, His favor and His mercy which have preceded both the unseen and the visible. Say: Blessed are ye for having inhaled the fragrance of the verses and for having attained unto the sweet savors of the days of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We counsel you to fear God and to that whereby His Cause may be exalted. Verily, He heareth and seeth; He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: Beware lest love of the world hold you back from the Lord of all men. Abandon that which is on earth, then hearken unto that which calleth you from the Divine Lote-Tree on the gleaming spot of the sacred and luminous earth. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Manifest, the Speaking One, Who doeth whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

We have turned toward you at this time and make mention of you with that which shall never lose its fragrance throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion. Abandon that which extinguisheth the fire of the Cause among men and kindleth the fire of self and desire. Fear God and be not of them who understand not. We beseech God to aid you in that which may exalt His Cause and enable the Divine Lote-Tree to speak forth amidst all creation. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Ye are they who have borne for God's sake the censure of every critic and the malice of those who have disbelieved in God's favor and turned away from Him through Whom those in the graves have been raised up. Blessed is the land illumined by the lights of His countenance and the garden over which hath wafted the breezes of revelation from this glorious station. Hold fast unto that which is good and cleave unto that which profiteth all mankind. Thus have ye been commanded by God, the Lord of the Ancient Days, Who hath guided you to His straight path.

Verily, the Divine Lote-Tree desireth to make mention of the people of Milan who have believed in the All-Merciful on a day wherein the people turned away from God, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Sufficient. O people of Milan! Hearken unto the call of the Dawning-Place of Light from the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, He informeth you of that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of existence. We counsel you to that which is praiseworthy and that whereby your stations may be exalted in both the earthly kingdom and the kingdom of heaven. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to My horizon, the tongue that hath uttered this Most Great Remembrance, and the face that hath turned toward the face of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O people of Milan! Rejoice in your Lord, the All-Merciful. Ye have turned unto Him. Verily, He hath sent down for you that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures and riches.

5

We make mention of Our loved ones in Sisan who have inhaled the fragrance of My utterance and hearkened to My call and have soared in this atmosphere from which can be heard the warbling of the Bird of inner meanings that beareth glad-tidings unto the people of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. We counsel you to be trustworthy and just and faithful, and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be made manifest. They that have oppressed and denied, these are among the wayward in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed are ye, O people of Paradise, by virtue of what the All-Merciful hath testified for you in this exalted station. Verily he who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all creation, is assuredly among the people of the most exalted Paradise in His mighty Book. O My loved

ones! Preserve your stations through My Name, whereby hath been manifested that which was recorded in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O My Name! Hear what God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen and the Lord of the mighty Throne, counseleth thee. Make mention of the people of Za from Me. By the life of God! They are beneath the glances of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: Blessed art thou, O Land of Za, for in thee were martyred the friends of God and His chosen ones, through whom was manifested the decree of faithfulness in the world of creation and through whom wafted the fragrance of steadfastness in the kingdom of names. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this station which hath been named by every name by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who remembereth them and who seeketh out and visiteth their resting-places, by virtue of what hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of their Lord, the Revealer of verses.

O My Name! Glorify on My behalf My loved ones there, upon whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of the All-Merciful and from whose deeds is raised the Cause of God, the Lord of all men. O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward My loved ones in Ra and Shin and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My grace and My loving-kindness, and say: Blessed are ye for having fulfilled My Covenant and My Testament, and for having drunk the choice wine of My utterance, and for having heard in My path the blame of every sinful doubter. We were with you in days wherein was heard the croaking of one who spoke that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament. Blessed is he who showed patience in God, the Judge of the Day of Reckoning.

We make mention of him who heard My call and turned to My horizon and arose to serve My Cause and confined all matters to My remembrance and praise, and testified to that which the Tongue of My Cause testified in the tabernacles of My grandeur - he whom We named the Nightingale in the Book of Names - that he may give thanks unto God throughout the nights and days. By the life of God! We have remembered you in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall never cease to endure so long as My most beautiful names endure. To this beareth witness the Most Great Book of God, round which circle the Scriptures and Tablets.

We make mention of My loved ones in Qaf who were not prevented by the affairs of creation from the Truth and who attained unto the Kawthar of eternity in the earliest days. O My loved ones there! Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of you in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that are possessed of understanding. Blessed are ye for having rent asunder the veils and for having shattered, with the hands of power and certitude, the idols of vain imaginings and idle fancies. Ye are they that heard and hastened until ye reached the shore of the ocean of utterance - the station wherein the atoms cry out throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven unto Him Who hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested through His sovereignty whatsoever He desired. We have found from you the fragrance of faithfulness. We have sent down for you that which no treasures of the world can equal. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and discerning one.

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My countenance! When thou beholdest the darkness of My city, pause and say: O Land of Ta! I have come to thee from the Prison with tidings from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O Mother of the world and Dayspring of Light amidst the nations! I herald unto thee the tender mercy of thy Lord, and upon thee do I pronounce, from before the All-Knowing, the Knower of secrets, the Most Great Name. I bear witness that within thee was revealed the Hidden Name and the Treasured Secret, and through thee was made manifest the mystery of what hath been and what is yet to be. O Land of Ta! The Lord of Names remembereth thee from His glorious station. Thou wert the Dawning-Place of God's Cause, the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Manifestation of His Most Great Name, whereby the hearts and souls were sorely shaken. How many of the oppressed have been martyred within thee in the path of God, and how many a wronged woman lieth buried within thee, at whose fate honoured servants have wept.

7

Verily We make mention of Our loved ones in that place who entered into imprisonment for the sake of God, the Lord of all kings, and We make mention of those who turned to the Most Exalted Horizon in days wherein the fire of hatred blazed in the breasts of those divines who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and denied God's favor, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And We make mention of the emigrants who fled when the fire of sedition was kindled through that which the hands of every polytheistic disbeliever had wrought. O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who have denied the right of God and His chosen ones, and deny not Him Whom ye invoke by night and by day. This is the Day which ye were promised aforetime, and in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an. By the life of God! Ye were created for this Day. Recognize it and deprive not yourselves of this grace to which the Tablets have testified. This is the Day wherein the Choice Wine hath appeared and the Salsabil hath flowed and Kawthar hath proclaimed: "The Promise is fulfilled and mankind hath risen before the Lord of Lords!" This is the Day wherewith God gave glad tidings to His Prophets and His Messengers. The Mother Book with Him beareth witness to this. Say: O company of the heedless! By God, the Bayan was sent down by My command and its letters are from My Word. Fear God and oppose not Him through Whom the dawn hath breathed and the Balance been established. This is the Day wherein the Trumpet and the Mount circle round the Manifestation, and the Path walketh upon the loftiest horizons of the earth with power and sovereignty. If ye deny God's signs and His proof, by what evidence can ye prove what ye possess? Be fair, O company of oppression! By God the True One, the Bayan lamenteth by reason of your tyranny and declareth: "Woe unto you for having broken My Covenant and My Testament and for having denied Him about Whom We counseled you at all times." God sent Me down to mention Him and made Me a herald of His Name through which the hidden Mystery was revealed and the Fire spoke forth in the Trees. O My Name amongst the rejectors! Among them is he who saith that He hath plagiarized the verses and attributed them to Himself. Say: Present thyself before the Divine Countenance that thou mayest behold what no eye of possibility hath seen. And among them is he who saith that He hath forbidden people from what is right. Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless liar! That which is right circleth round Me and hath appeared through My command, and justice standeth before My face at eventide and at dawn. This is the Day wherein the earth hath spoken and hath shone with the light of its Lord, the Possessor of the Day of Return. O people! Be fair for God's sake! Were it not for the letter B before H,

who would arise to uphold the Cause when the limbs of the earth trembled with fear of these days? Ye were behind the veil when the Wronged One called out between earth and heaven. The Manifestations of the Names and He with Whom is the Kingdom of Utterance bear witness to this. Ye were asleep behind the curtains while My Most Exalted Pen moved in the arena of wisdom and knowledge. We opened the gate of counsel before your faces when We found you to be the most wretched of servants in deeds. Ye have done what ye were forbidden and abandoned what ye were commanded in the Book. We testify that ye have cast God's laws behind your backs and taken what ye were commanded by your base desires and passions, without any clear proof or evidence. Verily We saw you in the darkness of your lusts. We held fast to the cord of counsel to such an extent that the scratching of My pen ceased not by night and by day, at eventide and at dawn. O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and lean not upon him who cast God's Covenant behind his back and pronounced judgment against Him Who reared him with the hands of grace in spirit and joy. When God's Cause was exalted to a certain degree, We found him like unto a spotted snake, creeping and hissing behind Us. Thus was the matter decreed in days wherein the pillars were shaken.

8

We make mention of Our loved ones in Qaf and Mim, and of him who hath set his face towards the All-Highest Companion and the Ultimate Goal, that it may be a light unto him in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. O ?adiq! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, when sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. We counsel those whom God hath related unto thee to be patient and forbearing, and We comfort them with this remembrance whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. We make mention of the two brothers who have arisen to serve the Cause, and of those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon on a day wherein the feet of the mystics have slipped. And We make mention of the people of Kaf, whom the censure of any censurer hath not deterred in the path of God, and whom the hosts of the heedless have not frightened. They arose and declared: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" O My loved ones in that place and its surroundings! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He counseleth you to preserve that which ye have been given by God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest ye forfeit your stations and that which hath befallen you in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great. Ye have witnessed for the sake of God that which hath caused the Supreme Pen to lament. Soon shall ye behold that which shall gladden your hearts, O people of Baha. Thus doth God give you glad-tidings as a token of His grace, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There hath been sent down for you in the Book that before which the treasures of the world and all that the kings and rulers pride themselves upon are as naught. Take ye the chalice of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of Names. This is what the Wronged One hath commanded you, both before and after, if ye be of them that comprehend.

O thou who bearest My Name and gazeth upon My countenance! When thou beholdest the whiteness of the city wherein the Sun of fidelity hath set, pause and say: O Land of ?ad! Where are the daysprings of thy light and the dawning-places of thy glory? Where is the ornament of thy temple, and where are they through whom the horizons of guidance were illumined amongst all creatures? Where are the words of

the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised? O Land of ?ad! Where are thy standards and thy signs, thy evidences and thy banners? Have the traces of injustice been erased from thee, and will it be as it was before? Tell me, and be not of the patient ones. Doth the serpent still hiss within thee, and doth the wolf still howl as it howled before? Verily thy Lord doth ask and answer, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. We bear witness that within thee were treasured the treasures of fidelity, and the crimson Ark was sunk, and the She-Camel of God, the Lord of the worlds, was hamstrung. The suns of love and fidelity have set from thy horizons through that which the hands of them that disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Invincible, have wrought. Say: O Land of ?ad! We counsel thee regarding My trust and My trusts, and We ask thee concerning the fire of hatred - hath it been extinguished, or can its burning and its flames still be seen? Tell Me truly, for the sake of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

9

O My Name! O thou who speaketh My remembrance! Know thou that whosoever desireth to be illumined by the light of eternity and to be honored by visiting any of the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark and are turned toward the Supreme Horizon, it behooveth him to cleanse his heart with the water of detachment and sanctify his face from turning to whatsoever hath been created in existence and brought into being, and to be in such wise that he seeth the Kingdom before his face and all else behind him. Then let him walk with the dignity and tranquility of God, and in every step let him say with the essence of submissiveness and the utmost lowliness: “O my God! I have intended those who shed their blood in Thy path and sacrificed their souls in Thy love,” until he reacheth the most holy sepulcher and sacred dust. Let him stand and look to the right like one who awaiteth the mercy of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then let him turn and say:

“The first ray that dawned from the horizon of grace, and the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of the countenance of His Holiness the Ancient King, and the first word uttered by the tongue of the Divine Will in the world, and the first light whereby the hearts of the nations were attracted - upon you, O Temples of Glory and Daysprings of Names and Dawning-places of the Command in the Kingdom of creation! I testify that through you the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of possibility, and the ocean of forgiveness surged, and the Kawthar of life overflowed, and the Kingdom of utterance appeared, and from its horizon the sun of knowledge shone forth. Ye are they through whose will the Will and its sovereignty appeared, and the Purpose and its power emerged, and Destiny and what was ordained therein by God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Through you the Word encompassed all things and the breeze wafted, and the world was illumined by the manifestations of the light that rose and shone forth from the Dayspring of the light of Oneness. Indeed, through you the dove of faithfulness cooed in the Supreme Paradise, and the Lote-Tree of the extremity spoke, and the nightingale of glory sang, and all things proclaimed that which God, your Creator and your Sovereign, your Origin and your Maker, your Quickener and your Slayer, your First and your Last, your Manifester and your Inspirer, your Strengthener and your Identifier, hath testified.

“Ye are the letters of the Primal Word and the first adorning in the Kingdom of creation, and the manifestations of justice in the Supreme Heaven. Ye are the Book inscribed, and the Symbol witnessed, and the Scroll outspread, and the House frequented. Through you were raised the banners of justice and

planted the standards of triumph, and through you the fragrance of the garment was diffused and the sign of sanctification appeared, and through you the door of bounty was opened before the face of all nations and from the clouds of knowledge rained down the showers of the All-Merciful's grace. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who draweth nigh unto God through you and who holdeth fast to your hems and cleaveth to your cords and uttereth your remembrance. And woe unto him who denieth your right and turneth away from you and showeth pride toward you and rejecteth God's favor in you. Every thing beareth witness to your glory and the loftiness of your station and your profit in the hereafter and the first life, and to the loss of those who disbelieved in God when He came with shining signs and clear proofs and brilliant lights."

10

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the believers have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and presence, and the sincere ones have hastened to the place of sacrifice in Thy love and good-pleasure! I beseech Thee by those who have been martyred in Thy path and were so attracted by Thy verses that nothing in the world prevented them from drawing nigh unto Thee, to ordain for us through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit us in this world and the next. O my God, my Lord and my Hope! I implore Thee by this most pure dust and sanctified tomb to forgive me and remit my grievous sins, and to ordain for me through Thy grace that which will bring solace to mine eyes and gladden my breast. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over all things, and within Thy grasp are the keys of mercy and prosperity. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

We have now turned toward the Land of Alif and Ra, wherein We make mention of My loved ones who were not deterred by the hints of the divines nor held back by the veils of the mystics. They heard and responded - they are indeed of the assured ones. These are they who shattered the idols of vain fancy in the name of their Lord, the Lord of all beings, and held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds. And We make mention of the Most Great Victory who attained to that which was recorded in the Books of God and left his home, turning to the All-Informed One, until he entered Zawra and stood before the gate that was opened unto all on earth and in heaven, and heard the call of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O My loved ones in that land! Beware lest the affairs of the world frighten you. Hold fast unto deeds and character, and unto that which will elevate the station of man. Thus have We commanded you before and in this exalted station. Preserve your stations and what hath been ordained for you from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The Glory shining and radiant from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon My handmaidens who heard the call and turned to the Supreme Horizon in days wherein the feet of the mature ones slipped.

And We make mention of another land which God hath made the seat of His loved ones and the dawning-place of him who was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin. Hearken unto the call from the right side of the luminous spot, from the Crimson Tree: The dominion of earth and heaven belongeth unto God, the Goal of the sincere ones. We make mention of you as We mentioned you before, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto that which is goodly and that which beseemeth you and the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest transient affairs

prevent you from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Tribulations and adversities have touched you in My path, and I am the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Ye have witnessed for the sake of God what no eyes have seen - to this testify all things and this perspicuous Book. Ye have heard the taunts of the enemies in the days of God, the Lord of Names. Hear now what floweth from My Most Exalted Pen in praise of your turning unto Him, your submissiveness, your humility, and your orientation toward the countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Luminous. By the life of God! What ye see today cannot equal My mention of you. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of all seekers, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of those in the heavens and the earth!"

11

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward the land wherein hath been diffused the fragrance of sincerity and submissiveness from those whom God hath related unto Himself and for whom He hath inscribed, from the Most Exalted Pen, that which none hath known save His all-encompassing knowledge. We have raised them to a station wherein the tongues of all created things speak their praise and glorification, and that which hath been sent down unto them from the Ancient Revealer. We bestow Our blessings upon their faces and pray for them, and We counsel them to observe the Most Great Steadfastness and to preserve that which hath been ordained for them by God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and I am the All-Wise Counsellor. And We make mention of My loved ones there who have aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and who have arisen to serve the Cause of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Be ye as mountains in the Cause of your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. This behooveth you, if ye be of them that comprehend. The world shall pass away and the winds of extinction shall seize it, but that which My Pen hath recorded and My truthful and trustworthy Tongue hath uttered shall endure. Take ye the chalice of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink therefrom in spite of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of creation.

12

We make mention of the Land of Alif and Ra as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We counsel them with that which befitteth the days of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. O My Name! When thou meetest Ra and Jim, convey unto him My Glory and say: Be steadfast, for there hath come to thee a mighty matter whereby the limbs of the earth have quaked, the Trumpet hath been troubled, the Balance hath been stunned, and the Path hath lamented before the Face, by reason of that which hath befallen the Manifestation of the Cause through the doings of the heedless ones. Say: Be patient in God, then preserve what We have given thee. Soon there shall be made manifest unto thee that which hath been ordained by the One Who is Mighty and Ancient. Preserve thy station through this Most Great Name. Thus doth command thee He Who hath called all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O people! By God, the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and that which was promised in the Scriptures of God, the True, the Mighty, the Wise, hath appeared. Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which the Lord of Eternity commandeth you, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: The Most Great Book hath

appeared. Verily it calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth you unto a station before which all regions of the earth have bowed down, were ye of them that know. Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Ocean and of that which hath been ordained for you in a glorious Tablet. Be thou in such wise as beseemeth the Cause of thy Lord. He, verily, shall aid thee and decree for thee what thou desirest of His bounty, which overshadoweth all things great and small. Arise with supreme steadfastness amidst mankind. This is what We commanded thee aforetime. Be thankful and be of them that praise. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cling to His resplendent hem. Should thy son oppose thee in what We have commanded thee, leave him to thy Lord. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a Book which none hath comprehended save Him Who proclaimeth in every matter that there is no God but I, the Witness, the All-Hearing. Read thou this Tablet and ponder that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of One Who is Mighty and Powerful. Say: O people! Dispute not concerning the signs of God and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with what the learned possess. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Leave those who have no knowledge of this Cause to speak according to their desires. Lo! They are among the abased ones. O My loved ones there! Rejoice in that wherewith the Supreme Pen maketh mention of you in the prison of Akka and giveth you glad tidings of God's grace and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the veils of those who have clung to the Dayspring of idle fancies and have spoken that whereby the Holy Spirit hath lamented may not hinder you. From this spot We send Our glorification upon you and upon My handmaidens who have attained unto this wondrous Cause. We make mention of My loved ones in Manshad. By God! The Concourse on High hath grieved at your grief, and they who circle round the Throne have lamented at what hath befallen you at the hands of the oppressors. The Wronged One hath been with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Behold then remember what hath befallen the Lord of Names in the prison of Ta and in other lands from those who denied the right of God and His loved ones and who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies. Rejoice in that the Lord of the worlds remembereth you with such remembrance as hath caused every great mention to bow down before it. We counsel you to patience and forbearance and to that whereby the sanctity of the Cause may be manifested in cities and countries. Take hold of that which ye have been commanded by One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have aided you and turned unto you out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

13

We make mention of Our loved ones in the Land of Dal and Ha, even as We mentioned them before, as a token of Our grace, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as the breezes of My loving-kindness have wafted over you, and My Pen hath testified to your acceptance, while its Lord lay imprisoned in a mighty prison. Beware lest the world's tribulations debar you from the Ancient Beauty. Cast away that which perisheth, and take hold of that which endureth, in the name of your Lord, the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Blessed is the arm that hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings and hastened to the shelter of the pavilions of the grandeur of his Lord, the Gracious One. We make mention of every servant

who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, and of every maidservant who hath turned unto My Straight Path.

We make mention of ʼAli-Akbar, who fulfilled My Covenant and My Testament, who turned unto My countenance, soared in My atmosphere, stood before My gate, hearkened unto My call, attained My presence and reunion, and spoke forth My beauteous praise. Rejoice in the Supreme Companion, inasmuch as the Lord of Names, Who spoke from the Burning Bush unto Moses, son of ʼImran, making mention of thee, declaring: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty." O ʼAli-Akbar! We make mention of thee when thou didst leave thy homeland, turning towards the Most Sublime Horizon, enkindled with the fire of love for thy Lord, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Eternity, and when thou wert among the people and there befell thee in the path of God that which caused the eyes of every just and knowing one to weep. We make mention of when thou didst circle round My throne and act in accordance with what was commanded thee in My perspicuous Book. We make mention of thy son and those who upheld what was right concerning him and arose to set his affairs in order out of love for God, the Lord of this utterance, the Revealer of these verses, the Manifestor of clear proofs, and the Speaker among the nations when seated upon the Most Great Throne. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

We desire to make mention of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Blessed City of Light wherein was diffused the fragrance of the Beloved, His verses were spread abroad, His proofs were made manifest, His banners were raised, His tabernacle was pitched, and every wise command was detailed. That is the city wherein wafted the sweet savors of reunion, by which the sincere were drawn to the seat of nearness, sanctity and beauty. Blessed is he who purposed, attained, and drank the choice wine of meeting from the ocean of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy.

O Land of Heart's Desire! I have come to thee from God and give thee glad tidings of His grace and mercy, and glorify thee from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto thee and discovered from thee the fragrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Light be upon thee and glory be upon thee, inasmuch as God hath made thee a paradise for His servants and the blessed, hallowed earth whose mention He hath sent down in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers.

O Land of Light! Through thee was raised the standard of "There is none other God but Him," and within thee was planted the banner of "Verily, I am the Truth, the Knower of things unseen." It behooveth every one who turneth unto thee to glory in thee and in whatsoever is therein of My branches, My leaves, My traces, My chosen ones, and My loved ones who have turned with supreme steadfastness unto My glorious station. We have not mentioned those whom We made the keys of victory, lest they be discovered by every oppressive one who is veiled. We, from this station, glorify thee, O My earth, and them, and those who have laid hold on this mighty, extended cord.

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Say: O concourse of earth! Set aside your desires, clinging fast to My desire. By God, this is better for you than all that you behold this day. To this testifies the Book of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Do that which God has willed, not what your own selves have willed. Fear God and be not of those who comprehend

not. Verily, he who clings to what he possesses cannot turn his face toward the face of God, the Everlasting, after the passing away of all things. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this blessed and beloved Tablet.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of God's loved ones in Kha, that they may be drawn to a station wherein naught is seen save the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Through you the Word is ended in this station, and this is of My grace and favor unto you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful over what has been. There is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Hidden, the Mighty, the Witnessed. Through you has dawned the horizon of certitude and clashed the swords of inner meanings in the arena of utterance, and through you has spoken the tongue of revelation: "The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of the seen and unseen." You have attained unto the days of God and His Cause, and have turned unto Him when the princes of earth, all of them, and every learned one made vain by knowledge, turned away. Blessed be your faces for having turned, and your tongues for having answered, and your hands for having been raised unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Thus has risen from the horizon of proof the Sun of utterance. Blessed is he who has recognized and attained, and woe unto every heedless one rejected. The light shining from the heaven of My favor be upon you, O captives of God in His earth and dawning-places of His firm, wise, and impregnable decree.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of what has come upon thee at this moment from God's firm and irrevocable decree. We were making mention of Our loved ones in the cities and lands when suddenly the door opened and one entered saying, "Thy handmaiden has taken flight." We said: "Unto God, the Mighty, the Loving." She was a handmaiden who set out for the Most Great House of God and left her station until she arrived and circumambulated and took for herself a station beneath the domes of grandeur. To this testifies the Lord of creation Who speaks what He spoke in the earliest days and before them. Verily, there is no God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness, and upon those who remember thee after thy ascension and who speak thy praise out of love for God, the King of Kings. I bear witness that thou didst turn to God and believe in Him and didst find the fragrances of the Manifestation when He appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty, and thou didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the hands of His bounty and didst witness what His Most Exalted Pen witnessed in His blessed station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My trusted servant who was known among the Concourse on High for his service to Me and to My chosen ones who arose to aid My Cause and who spoke in times of hardship and tribulation: "We are God's, and to Him shall we return."

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Spiritual beloved, his honor Varqa - upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Beauty - may observe.

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

This servant beareth witness to that which God hath witnessed, and acknowledgeth that which the Supreme Pen hath acknowledged before the creation of all things - that there is none other God but Him. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in His knowledge, inscribed in His Book,

symbolized in His Tablet, and treasured in the repository of His protection, in such wise that neither human limitations nor the whisperings of those who have denied the Lord of Destiny could prevent it. He hath arisen with such an arising that the pillars of princes and the foundations of the learned were shaken, and He hath proclaimed with the most exalted call between earth and heaven that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, by Whose finger's beckoning the ocean of knowledge surged in the realm of possibility and the breezes of the All-Merciful wafted over all lands. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened, and woe unto every hesitant doubter. Joy unto him who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every idolatrous disbeliever. I offer prayers, peace and glory upon His loved ones and chosen ones, whom neither the swords of enemies deterred from the Lord of all beings, nor the hosts of tyranny frightened in the days of their Lord, the Sovereign of all names. These are servants whose mention hath been voiced by every Book, whose glory and loftiness every scroll hath proclaimed, and whose excellence and sublimity every tablet hath extolled.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the world is illumined and through Whose mention the fragrance of utterance is diffused among the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Breaker of the might of aggressors, the Refuge of the monotheists, and the Haven of the fearful, to protect Thy loved ones from the wicked among Thy servants and to aid them with such aid that in every city the banners of Thy Name and the standards of Thy mention may be raised. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest what hath befallen those whom heedlessness hath not overtaken in Thy path, and whose eyes have not witnessed sleep resting upon beds in Thy love. They traversed lands to exalt Thy Word and visited the servants to convey Thy Cause until they were expelled, seized and imprisoned for Thy Name's sake - the Name through which the river of life flowed and the breezes of revelation wafted over all who dwell in the realm of possibility. O Lord! Thou art He to Whose grandeur all things possible have testified, and to Whose power the tongues of all beings have witnessed. Adorn Thy loved ones, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, with that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions and grant them the chalice of Thy good-pleasure at all times. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all possibility and the Ordainer of all worlds.

O beloved of my heart! By God's life, thy mention and praise, and that which flowed from thy pen and was uttered by thy lips, time and again, have gladdened me. Many a day did this servant arise while encompassed by sorrows at what had befallen thy honor and the loved ones of the All-Merciful, and there reached him what thou hadst sent, from which every person of discernment perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity and steadfastness, and the fragrance of thy support and faithfulness in days wherein the servants cast fidelity behind their backs and violated God's Covenant by following their own desires. When I read and understood, the wine of love for thee so intoxicated me that sorrows took flight. Thereupon I repaired to the Most Exalted Station and the heaven of the highest heavens until I attained the presence and presented myself before the Face. When the Ancient Beauty turned His attention to this servant, He spoke, exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His utterance:

We are the All-Knowing Witness.

This is the Day wherein the Kingdom of Utterance calleth aloud in the midmost heart of contingency: "Blessed is he who hath aided the Cause of God and stood up to serve His Cause and quaffed the cup of

tribulation in His path and the chalice of hardship in His love and was imprisoned for having summoned the people unto Him!" And from the waves of the ocean of inner meanings is heard: "Joy be to him from whom the fragrance of fidelity hath wafted throughout the realm of creation and who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in a Cause whereby the feet of the denizens of the Kingdom of Names have slipped, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds."

O Warqa! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The servant who is present hath come with thy letter and what thou didst send to him before and after. From every letter, every word, and every character have We inhaled the fragrance of thy love and thy steadfastness and thy sincerity and thy faithfulness and thy covenant in the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We bear witness that thou hast girded up thy loins to serve God and hast spoken His praise and proclaimed His Cause and rent asunder, through His Name, the veils of those who were held back from the Lord of destiny by the Most Great Veil which is called the world. We beseech God to aid thee and assist thee and preserve thee. Verily, He is potent over all things.

We make mention of thee every day and night, and We recall what hath befallen thee in this Cause, at Whose appearance all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Blessed is he who hath turned unto thee and loved thee and heard thy mention in this wondrous Cause. Say: O people of the Bayan and O people of creation! Beware lest ye deny Him Whom ye have worshipped throughout ages and centuries, through nights and days. Be fair in the name of God, then behold this Most Great Structure and hearken unto that wherewith this Great Announcement doth remind you. Say: He is the One foretold in the Torah and announced by the Spirit and Whose mention was sent down in the Qur'an from the presence of an ancient Lord. Fear God and deny not the signs of your Lord, the Most Merciful, and oppose Him not. He calleth you unto the supreme horizon, whereunto every discerning knower beareth witness.

We make mention on this night of My loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy and My bounty, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention of the 'Ayn and the Ba, to whom God testifieth of his acceptance, his devotion, his remembrance, his praise, and his spending in this straight Path. Remember him and give him glad tidings. By My life! He hath attained unto a remembrance that no remembrance can equal and unto a word whose fragrance shall not be cut off throughout the endurance of the names of thy Lord, the Hearing, the Responding. We have heard what thou hast mentioned concerning him, and what the Trustworthy mentioned before, and what he hath done in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great. Convey My greetings unto him and unto the faces of My loved ones, and give them glad tidings of My favors, and remind them of what We have revealed unto thee in this Clear Tablet, that perchance the attraction of the utterance of the All-Merciful may so seize them that the might of the mighty shall not weaken them, nor shall the hosts of the oppressors frighten them. God shall soon seize them as He seized the peoples before them. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast and upright one.

These pearls of the ocean of utterance need a hem vaster than earth and heaven to gather them together. God is Most Great! Who is able to enumerate them and who can swim in the depths of this

Most Great Sea? What pearls! What are these words that this servant hath spoken and continues to speak? In truth, he should seek forgiveness throughout the endurance of the kingdom and the heavenly realm for what he hath said and continues to say. Yet praise be to the Object of the world and the Sovereign of nations, that the effulgences of the sun of His favor toward that spiritual beloved are clear, manifest and evident. We hope that they will, through the name of the Lord of existence, set hearts and souls ablaze with wisdom and utterance - an enkindling such that all who are on earth shall find themselves powerless to extinguish it. What has happened and what intoxication has seized the world? Yes, the intoxication of self and desire has prevented ears from hearing and eyes from seeing. Nevertheless, this servant holds fast to the cord of generosity and clings to the hem of favor, and beseeches Him not to deprive His servants of the waves of the ocean of meanings. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Some time ago, letters arrived from the honored master, His Eminence the Trustee Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. In two letters he mentioned in detail your honor and the spiritual beloved 'A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, and he was very pleased and satisfied. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid them in that which is befitting and grant them that which is worthy of His generosity and mercy.

Concerning what was written about the means for promoting the Cause and spreading the divine verses and laws, this matter was presented before the Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His words: "Today it is incumbent upon every soul to serve the Cause of God. God, exalted be His glory, has made earthly affairs dependent upon means. Every soul must pay the Rights of God, and one-third of the Rights of the Land of ?a and its surroundings must be spent on the interests of teaching and spreading the Cause and establishing it. All must be engaged in supporting the Cause in perfect unity and must strive to their utmost ability to exalt the Word. God has forbidden contention and conflict - this is the most great bounty and the supreme favor."

In all ages, assured and steadfast souls have, in accordance with the command, supported the Cause with life and property. Now it is dependent on property alone. This servant beseeches and hopes from God that He may enable all to accomplish that which benefits the Cause. Verily, He is the Helper, the Generous.

The items that were sent arrived. However, when the two photographs attained the blessed presence, He observed them and then, smiling, uttered these supreme words: "O servant! They are present in this moment in the presence, and the reward of attainment has been inscribed by the Pen of Will. Blessed be they both, and may it be wholesome for them both." The gaz also arrived and attained the presence, and was bestowed upon every soul who was present before Him, both at that time and afterwards. We praise God for this.

On one occasion, this servant attained the presence with a petition from the spiritual friend, his honor A.B., upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. After permission was granted, it was presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply - His glory be glorified:

He is the Near, the Answering One […]

The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which hath diffused the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. This is a Day wherein the Mother Book crieth out and saith: "Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which was hidden in divine knowledge and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds." And the Mother of the Bayan calleth aloud, saying: "O peoples of the earth! By God! The veils have been rent asunder, and the Intended One is come, speaking openly before all the world: 'The Promise is fulfilled and this is the Promised One Who proclaimeth: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed.'" And the Mother of the Tablets crieth out saying: "The gate of reunion hath been opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and attained. He is indeed of those who are brought near in a perspicuous Book." And the Crimson Scroll proclaimeth amidst the concourse of creation, saying: "Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath acted according to that which hath been recorded in His precious Book."

O thou who hast turned thy face toward Mine own! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee. We have accepted what thou hast done in His path, and have sent down for thee, both aforetime and at this hour, that which nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. We bear witness that thou hast heard the call of the All-Merciful, hast turned unto Him and held fast unto His Strong Cord. How many a servant hath heard and hastened, then turned away from God, and how many a servant hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in such wise that through his constancy the limbs of the idolaters were made to quake. Read thou what We have revealed unto thee, by the hosts of My Kingdom's denizens. Thus doth He command thee Who possesseth a perspicuous Book. We counsel thee to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of every remote transgressor be raised. Give thanks unto God that thy deeds have been accepted, thy call hath been heard, and thy letter hath attained unto My Most Great Prison. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among thy kindred, and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken concerning them that which shall never perish and whose fruits shall appear day after day. This year all have been commanded to practice concealment lest clamor be raised among the people. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to them and declareth: "Happy is he, for he hath attained unto the special favors of God, exalted be His glory." That which hath been revealed beareth witness to what hath been stated, and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath also been sent separately. God willing, they shall attain unto it and receive their portion from the oceans of His grace. Glory be to God! This servant is astonished at these heedless people - to what have they attached their hearts and with what are they occupied? Do they deny the transience of the world, or are they unaware of its changes and transformations? They have taken conjecture in place of certitude, and fancy in place of assurance. Soon shall all return to nothingness, and there shall remain for those brought near only what God hath revealed in the Book. As commanded, they must observe wisdom and act in accordance therewith, for this matter hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in numerous Tablets and its observance is obligatory upon all. He verily protecteth whom He willeth and aideth whom He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It is entirely clear and evident that the True Protector is God, exalted be His glory, yet it is necessary and incumbent to act in accordance with what

He hath commanded, for people are not all observed to be at the same station. Therefore must the loved ones be considerate and remind them.

He is God! Exalted be His station of glory, grandeur and utterance!

Regarding what was written about several souls from the land of S and Y who are heading to this land for agriculture according to the counsel of the honored beloved, the distinguished Amin, upon him be the glory of God - this matter was presented by Amin and they said: “The prison situation is uncertain, as disturbances have been mentioned both before and after. Therefore it is more prudent for them to remain in that same land.” Today the primary and universal divine cultivation has been and continues to be the sowing of the blessed Word. We beseech God to assist them and others in service to the Cause.

As for the mention of my beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-’Ali, my beloved Ibn-i-A?daq, and my beloved Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon them be the glory of God - in these days their letters arrived addressed to this evanescent servant. Praise be to God, every word thereof spoke in praise of Truth and bore witness to their acceptance, attention, humility and submissiveness before God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. A letter also arrived from His Holiness Ismu’llah Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, mentioning that beloved of the heart. Their intention was that that beloved one should travel to those regions. After presenting this in the Most Holy Court, they said: “It is very good, however the requirements of wisdom must be observed, for after the episode in the land of ?a, some movement has appeared in every land.” And they said: “We beseech God to assist Ismu’l-Jamal in wisdom.”

Regarding what was written about the beloved of the heart A and ?, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and the relatives and friends of that land, upon them be the glory of God - these matters were presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for them from God, the Lord of the worlds. His word - exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance […]

O people of Mim! Your Ancient Lord makes mention of you with that which draws you nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. During the nights hath the Supreme Pen remembered you, and during the days it moveth upon your names. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous. At all times there hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful the river of wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they that drink thereof. O My loved ones there! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One when sorrows encompassed Him through those who disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. By God’s life! Were ye to hearken with true hearing–that is, were ye to hear the Call of Truth with the ear of inner truth–ye would be set ablaze in such wise that the peoples of the world would be powerless to quench it. Today the Sun calleth out, and the waves of the ocean summon mankind unto the most exalted horizon. The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised from one direction, and from another floweth the Kawthar of the All-Merciful’s utterance. They that have not drunk from the ocean of knowledge and are deprived of hearkening to the divine call must arise with perfect steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all beings, in such wise that neither the aggressive, nor the irreligious, nor the deceitful may debar you from the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the heavens of Revelation are adorned with the stars of utterance, and the horizon of the world is illumined with the splendors of the light of His countenance. Strive ye, that ye may attain unto that which beseemeth the days of God. Moses gave all

men the glad-tidings of this Day, and Christ promised it. The Seal of the Prophets–may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him–was commanded in the mighty stronghold of the Qur'an to give the glad-tidings of the Day whereon mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Know ye the value of this time! By God's life, it is more precious and more beloved than the crimson philosophers' stone, for while the latter, as is said, transmuteth one color into another, or one body into another, this time and this moment, which in the Qur'an is termed "the Hour" and mentioned as "the Resurrection," bestoweth life upon the world and conferreth the spirit of the animal. O party of God! Arise as behoveth you and act as is worthy. Be not grieved by the might of princes, the power of the strong, or the glory of the divines. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance which speaketh at this moment–ere long shall all return with utter abasement and regret to the station appointed for them as a consequence of their deeds. Praise be to God! Ye have attained unto that from which all others are veiled. Ye have drunk that whereof all are seen to be deprived, save whom God willeth. With the arm of certitude, take hold of the Perspicuous Book. This is that which shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have, out of wisdom from Us and protection from Our presence, veiled the mention of him who loved Me and attained unto My Tablets, and verily We are the Concealer, the All-Wise.

O people of S and Y! The Wronged One makes mention of you from the prison and gives you glad tidings of the favors of God, the Lord of all worlds. There has come before the Wronged One a letter from him who has arisen to serve My Cause, who circled round Me and soared in My atmosphere, wherein was your mention. We have made mention of you with this wondrous mention. Beware lest anything keep you back from God, the Lord of all names. Give thanks unto God for having created you, sustained you, and aided you to hearken to His most sweet call when it was raised between earth and heaven. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Be not grieved by the doubts of the people of the Bayan and the intimations of the divines of the earth who have broken the Covenant of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Blessed are they who in this day arise wholly to offer praise and glorification, but this must be done with wisdom, for the heedless people cling to the manifestations of fancy and vain imaginings. They are seen to be unaware of the sealed wine and bereft of the Kawthar of utterance. The loved ones in that land must, with perfect unity and harmony, occupy themselves with the mention and praise of the True One and aid the Creator with the hosts of goodly character. By the life of God! Were you to become aware of what hath been ordained by the Supreme Pen, you would all exclaim: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Be not saddened by what hath come to pass or what may yet come to pass. The command is in His hand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Indeed, one matter has become the cause of great regret, namely that in every place where a believer was arrested, first the Tablets and Writings were seized, and then the owner of the house. Glory be to God! Are the Tablets and Writings to be kept in front of the houses of the friends or in places exposed to all eyes? In the land of Ta, many Tablets and Writings fell into the hands of the oppressors. A hundred thousand regrets, for they do not preserve them and may perhaps destroy them all. The people of God must exert their utmost effort in protecting the divine verses, that they may be safeguarded from

treacherous eyes and thieving hands. This servant has expressed this to some of the friends. God willing, they will be assisted. Among other things, all the writings of the beloved Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, fell into the hands of the enemies. In any case, they took most of these along with other writings to the government. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve whatever has fallen into the hands of the oppressors. Verily He is the Preserver, the Wise.

They had written mentioning Haji Muhammad-Tahir, upon him be the Glory of God. This matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for him once again from God, the Lord of all beings. His word, mighty is His utterance and manifest His proof:

He is the Compassionate, the Generous […]

O Muhammad-Taher! The Wronged One makes mention of thee at a time when sorrows have surrounded Him from the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings of those who claim knowledge without clear proof or evidence. These are they who would mount the pulpits to make mention of God, the Lord of creation. When they concluded their remembrances with mention of the Proof, they arose and said "May God hasten his advent." Yet when the veils were rent asunder and the clouds parted, they arose in opposition until they pronounced their verdict against Him with such injustice as caused the trees in the mountains to lament. They passed judgment on Him Whom they had remembered throughout the nights and days. By God! Because of their tyranny the eyes of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven wept. He in Whose possession is the Mother Book bears witness to this. Blessed art thou for having cast them behind thee and for having turned to God with spirit and fragrance. We have heard thy call and what thou hast composed in remembrance of this Wronged One Who was banished and exiled throughout the lands. By the life of God! We call unto all who are on earth even as We called them before, and We make mention of what We mentioned before all faces. The might of the mighty cannot hinder Us, nor the clamor of the divines, nor the roaring of men. The hosts of the world cannot weaken Us. The Lord of Eternity, Who proclaims "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful," bears witness to this. We beseech God to assist thee in preserving what He hath ordained for thee. He is verily the Helper, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My remembrance, the face that hath turned toward My face, the ear that hath been honored to hear My call, and the hand that hath clung to the cord of God, the Lord of Lords. The glory shining from the horizon of the Tablet be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside what the people possess, turning unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thus ends what was revealed. Praise and gratitude be to God. They have attained to that which hath no peer or likeness. The bounty of God, exalted be His glory, is evident from the fragrances of His verses. God willing, they shall be enabled to engage in remembrance, praise, and the greatest steadfastness in all conditions. This servant offers his utter nothingness and effacement in service to them, and conveys remembrance and glorification.

As to what you wrote regarding the veil, although certain ordinances have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, the matter of covering has been ordained and is concealed from all. However, considering wisdom, what has been observed is that in most matters the previous ruling remains in effect until the

greatest separation occurs, lest it become a cause of remoteness and avoidance by the people, that perchance they may be enabled to hearken unto the Word and act according to what God has willed.

As to what was written concerning the elixir, this Most Exalted Word was repeatedly heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof: “O servant in attendance! Whatever hath been revealed concerning the elixir from the heaven of divine Will was in response to the questions of the servants. They repeatedly asked until that which was revealed was revealed. Otherwise, the Most Exalted Pen would not have addressed it and hath not had, nor hath, any inclination to mention such matters. The Prophets have made mention of it, and likewise the philosophers have had countless discussions about the existence or non-existence of this art. Some have said that bodies other than gold are prevented from attaining to this station due to ailments, and that the power and balance of the elixir removes this and reveals their original color and essence. Others have deemed this impossible, saying that these metals are each composed of different elements and that the elixir is incapable of acting upon different contradictory things. Many philosophers have considered the transformation of essence impossible. The books of the people are filled with such mentions, objections, and differences among philosophers and others. However, if one possessed of insight and vision were to reflect upon the utterances that have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, the matter of its existence or non-existence would become evident and manifest unto him.” Time and again this servant has presented the petitions of the friends of God who have inquired about this matter, and some have shown utmost insistence in their questioning. Therefore there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which exists. Once this Most Exalted Word was heard, He said: “O servant in attendance! If no answer were to be revealed, there would be fear that they might attribute it to a lack of divine knowledge.” And to each person an answer was revealed containing within it a prohibition, save for one or two. The prohibition against engaging in this work has been repeatedly revealed. The wisdom of the past has entirely differed from the wisdom of the present. In the elements, in the planets, and likewise in movements, spirits and bodies, fundamental differences have appeared, both in effects and in numbers, and assuredly in future years that which is now hidden from eyes shall be revealed. This Most Great Revelation is the cause and reason for the opening of the gates of sciences and wisdom. No one hath yet fully enumerated the sciences and hosts of Truth. How many manifest suns have not been seen, and how many moons remain hidden from sight! If all the world were to gather and attempt to enumerate the creation of but one of the fixed stars and the planets revolving around it, they would surely find themselves powerless and would utter the blessed words “None knoweth the hosts of thy Lord save Him.”

The glad tidings are that yesterday the Ancient Beauty proceeded from the Mansion of Bahji to the Mansion of Mazra’ih with a group, and when they reached the resting place of His father - upon him be all the most glorious Glory - He paused, and there was revealed for him that whose fragrance endureth, whose mention endureth, and whose word and meaning endureth. Blessed be he and joyous be he who, in coming and going, hath attained to this most great bounty the like of which the eye of the world hath not seen. This station is beyond mention.

Concerning what was written about the Revelation of John, upon Him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, it is correct. He has mentioned with utmost clarity, as He says that the New City shall descend from heaven, meaning the New Jerusalem shall descend in Jerusalem, as indeed it did descend. There are

many signs, but time does not permit. What that beloved one wrote is correct, but the people do not understand.

As for what was mentioned about the Well-Ordered Pearl and the traditions recorded therein, it is fitting and conforming, but the people are antagonistic and hypocritical. In this land too, some have found clear signs, evident proofs, and decisive traditions in the books, all of which indicate the appearance of the Hidden Name, the Treasured Secret, and the Complete All-Embracing Word, and yet no one is aware. The Prussian group, despite acknowledging that "we have turned to this land to attain the Manifestation, for it is written in our books that the Manifestation is near or has passed," yet they remain heedless. The world is overtaken by the stupor of negligence. One day these words were heard from the Mouth of the Will of the Lord of all beings: "O servant in attendance! Today the sun bears witness, the sea cries out, the earth gives tidings. The intoxication of vain desire has so seized the people that they are oblivious to themselves and others, let alone this station and the recognition of the station that has been the ultimate hope of those near to God, the monotheists, and the sincere ones."

As to what was written concerning the revered Shaykh and the revered Siyyid - upon them be all the most glorious Glory of God - that among some of the friends there are discussions about their stations and ranks, claiming that the Ahmadi Revelation represents the celestial station of Muhammad and that the station of Prophethood was offered to them but they declined it - whether these statements have any foundation or are mere products of vain imaginings - they are assuredly nothing but vain imaginings. When this matter was mentioned in the presence of the Ancient Beauty, He paused for some time in His explanation and then said with great regret that the friends of God should not speak of that which is far from justice. The glory of Ahmad lies in that he became aware of certain mysteries of Prophethood and became the bearer of the Trust. This station is most exalted and sufficient for him, by the Lord of all worlds. All manifestations, revelations, sainthood, pillars, poles, chiefs, nobles and whatever stations are mentioned as praiseworthy among the servants have appeared through his word and attained their lofty stations.

Some mystics have said things that were not befitting. Some have fabricated inner meanings and counted themselves among its people. By the life of God, they are lower than a gnat in the sight of Truth! An unjust mystic has said that the station of Prophethood is the station of announcement, while the station of mystical unveiling and witnessing is above it - considering the second to be the station of saints and the first to be the station of Prophets. This sightless one devoid of truth has failed to understand even this much: that the announcements of the Prophets came after mystical unveiling and witnessing. Indeed, they were the very essence of witnessing and unveiling and its reality. Through them appeared every wise command and every great mystery. The Prophets have been the source of both Prophethood and sainthood, and through the word of the Prophets have saints appeared in the earth.

In brief, most people have spoken and continue to speak according to their desires. Many times have these exalted words been heard from the Source of verses. He has said that every day an apostate appears and takes away a river from the ocean of Muhammad's Law, until at last the ocean was seen to be diminished, as is witnessed today. The Cause is one and the Path is one, and unity and concord are praised in the divine Books, Psalms and Scriptures. Nevertheless, these differences that are witnessed

have all been from transgressors and apostates. Should anyone wish to enumerate the branches of the spiritual path that are mentioned and known among people today, he would need to spend much time.

The servant asks his Lord to adorn all with the collyrium of justice and the Kawthar of equity, and to grant them the cup of righteousness. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. According to His command, remind the people of these things, that perchance these vain imaginings may be effaced. Ignorant and heedless souls have afflicted the people. Convey with the utmost joy and fragrance and wisdom that which is befitting.

The station of the revered Shaykh and the elevated Siyyid - upon them be the glory of God and His favors - is most exalted. Once these blessed words issued forth from the Source of divine wisdom: "O servant in attendance! Ahmad and Kazim were aware and informed of the meanings of the divine Books. With the intention of attracting hearts, they made certain statements, and their purpose was to bring people near, that they might attain the Word of Truth - as indeed those souls who first entered the divine Law were of that party." […]

The purpose was the drawing nigh of souls, that perchance they might attain unto the Word of Truth, even as did those who first entered the Divine Law. That party it was, and this fact beareth witness to their awareness, knowledge, wisdom and the straight path to which they held fast. Well is it with them.

Towards the end, the honored Siyyid–upon him be all the most glorious glory–repeatedly stated: "Do you not wish for me to depart so that the Truth may be made manifest?" This was the essential meaning of his words, but in accordance with the requirements of wisdom, there appeared from him what appeared.

As to what was asked about the Manifestations of the Cause, they possessed and possess stations in the mother source, and these were revealed according to the requirements of the times and circumstances.

Concerning what was asked about the blessed verse revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, His words, blessed and exalted be He: "Whoso layeth claim to a Cause before the completion of a full thousand years…" etc. This matter was presented, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and circleth round the Cause…" That which all are bound to recognize hath been revealed in this blessed verse, and all are obliged to acknowledge it and hold fast to it. Most of the ignorant are heedless and walk in the paths of delusion, and most people are unaware. Therefore was this blessed verse revealed as a bounty, that they might not follow every barking dog and become the cause of dissipating the Cause of God.

In truth, this blessed verse is a great bounty for all, for that Beloved One knoweth that each day a barking ariseth from some direction, and likewise deeds that have caused and led to the dissipation of God's Cause. They imagine that the Cause of God is like children's play, each day engaging in some game and uttering some word. Lost indeed are they who have spoken that for which they had no leave from God, and have done that which hath caused the eye of justice and equity to weep. That beloved one must remind the people.

Regarding what was asked about another blessed verse, His words, blessed and exalted be He: "Say: This is the Hidden Knowledge which shall never change…" The purpose of this utterance can be understood

from the rest of the verse, His exalted words: “for it is derived from the letter Ta, which indicateth the hidden Name, the Manifest, the Impregnable, the Inaccessible” and the number of division corresponds and agrees with the complete number of the nine fractions. Today the world of the unseen and the visible circleth round the indicative Ta. By the life of Our purpose and your purpose and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth, there is concealed within this sovereign of letters, namely Ta, that which all the pens of the world are powerless and incapable of describing.

As to what was written regarding his honor Aqa ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. His words, blessed and exalted be He: “O ’Ali! Thou hast attained unto the grace of God in that which hath been the purpose of creation. Preserve this station for the sake of the One Beloved. The irreligious and the transgressors have been and are lying in wait. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, and fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon, speaking My beautiful praise. In affairs take counsel, and then act, placing thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee, and He is the Mighty, the All-Loving.”

In His Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

As to the repeated mention of the beloved of the heart, his honor A.B., upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, he has never been and will never be absent from this evanescent one’s sight. Praise be to God, they have attained to the favors of the True One. That which was written to this servant, and likewise the petition dispatched to the Most Holy Court, all were presented before His presence and attained the honor of His hearing. His word, exalted be His majesty and all-encompassing be His bounty: “They have ever been and continue to be the recipients of the True One’s favors. Their requests have been heard with the ear of acceptance. They have attained to that which was revealed in the Divine Books regarding the mention of these days. This is a grace that no other grace can equal. We beseech the True One to ordain for them that which is the cause of eternal success and triumph, and not to deprive them of that which is befitting. We have granted permission for attainment of His presence and have recorded the reward thereof. O ’Ayn and Ba, give thanks to the Intended One of all worlds, Who has assisted thee to turn towards Him, to recognize Him, to love Him, and to serve His Cause. To Him be praise and glory. He has adorned thee with such an adornment whose mention shall never be erased from the world, and has ordained for thee that which He has ordained for those near unto Him. We testify that thou hast attained unto My good-pleasure and hast drunk the choice wine of recognition from the hand of My bounty. Give thanks unto God for this manifest grace.” Each and every matter they raised was presented and received His gracious response. In each instance the sun of favor and grace dawned and shone forth from the horizon of His will. All that was done regarding that beloved one has been mentioned at the Divine Threshold and has attained the ornament of acceptance. This servant beseeches the True One to assist them in all conditions. As commanded, they must be mindful of and hold fast unto wisdom. The robe and circle will also arrive, God willing.

As to the mention they made of the departed and elevated one, his honor Mirza A.B., upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, all that that beloved one mentioned was and is correct. There hath been revealed for him from the Supreme Pen that which nothing in all creation can equal. This matter too was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. His word, blessed and exalted be He […]

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon and quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of Names. Say: The glory shining forth from the heaven of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of creation, be upon thee, O thou who didst turn unto the Countenance when the limbs of the servants did quake. I testify that thou didst hear the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and didst answer thy Lord when earthquakes seized the tribes of the earth and hearts were troubled through fear of God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath heard, and thine eye, for it hath seen, and thy heart, for it hath turned, and thy face, for it hath set itself toward the Qiblih of all horizons. Thou art he whom neither the calumnies of the divines nor the might of the powerful could deter. Thou didst hold fast to the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of thy Lord's grace on a Day whereon the trumpet was sounded, and the Balance set up, and the Bridge laid down, and that which was hidden in the hearts of those who violated God's Covenant and Testament and turned away until they pronounced judgment against Him was made manifest. Blessed art thou, O servant of God, and blessed are they who turn unto thee and visit thy grave, by virtue of what the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in this Prison which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names. Blessed is he who remembereth thy days and maketh mention of that which hath been sent down unto thee from God, thy Creator, thy Fashioner, thy Provider, thy Helper, thy Supporter, the One Who giveth thee life and causeth thee to die. Glory be upon thee, and light be upon thee, and peace be upon thee from God, thy Lord, thy Beloved, thy Desire, and the Desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Previously also there was revealed specially for him that which shall endure in the garden of divine books. Happy is he! And that which hath now been revealed beareth witness to this. Praise be to God, divine mercy encompassed him and His grace took him by the hand. Again, happy is he! This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to assist his son in all that is befitting. This servant conveyeth greetings and glorification unto him, and likewise unto Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the glory of God and His grace, and unto all the friends and loved ones, upon them be the glory of God. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to intoxicate all with the wine of the realm of inner meanings, in such wise that they may behold none save the Friend and seek none save the Friend.

His honor the imprisoned one of Rasht, upon him be the glory of God, who graced that land with his presence, hath ever been and continueth to be before Our eyes. Time and again mention of him hath been heard from the tongue of Grandeur in the Most Holy Presence. God willing, may he be assisted to do that which is befitting. They made mention of the coolness of the eyes and fruits of the heart, 'Azizu'llah and Ruhu'llah. Their mention was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. He recited that which was and shall be the manifestation, exposition, evidence and sign of divine grace, bounty and mercy. Two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent specially for them. God willing, may they attain unto them.

Mention was made of the friends and notables of that land. Each one hath, through the grace of God - exalted be His glory - attained unto His mention, and been recorded by the Pen of His Command. The bounty of God hath reached such heights that tongue and pen fall short of describing it. For some, special Tablets have been revealed individually, while for others mention hath been made collectively in a single Tablet. This latter approach is more conducive to preservation. Copies should be made and given to their recipients. What hath been sent this time should not exceed this, and hereafter the matter resteth in

God's hands. He doeth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. Peace and glory and majesty be upon you, upon those with you, upon those who have attained unto that which none before them had attained, and upon every patient and grateful soul. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Kind, the Forgiving.

The Servant

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Another letter from that beloved one, dated 26 Dhi'l-Hajjih, arrived as the post was being sealed. Praise be to God, it brought joy to our eyes. Specifically for Aqa Mirza Muhammad - upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] - a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it.

Concerning what was written about the disagreements of certain ones, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. He - glorified be His majesty - said: "Let them not be saddened by such matters and deplorable deeds. Soon all shall return and become aware of their loss. Your steadfastness suffices to awaken those souls. They shall soon acknowledge thy counsel and turn unto thee. The same souls who now praise such deeds shall confess their evil. Blessed art thou, and woe unto him who is heedless. Verily thy Lord is the Elucidator, the All-Knowing, and He is the Rememberer, the Counselor, the Speaker, the Compassionate, the Generous."

This servant's humble submission is that whatever was received from that beloved one expressing devotion, humility and submissiveness to the presence of the Two Most Great and Most Blessed Branches - may my spirit, my being and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - this servant presented it. They showed countless tokens of bounty, recalled the days of attainment to Their presence, and sent greetings, praise and glory. They said: "God willing, may they remain firm in the assistance of God's Cause as they have been." Whenever mention is made, this evanescent one presents it, and tokens of Their perpetual bounty are manifested. Likewise the two other Most Pure and Most Luminous Branches - may my spirit be sacrificed for their footsteps - and the dwellers of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur, all send their greetings and make mention. All glory be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you.

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This is the Surah of the Robe which We have sent down in truth and made it the manifestation of Mine own Temple amongst the worlds. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy, and in His Name, the Luminous, the All-Glorious!

O ye dwellers of immortality in the most exalted Paradise! Hearken unto the Call of God from this Breeze that moveth within this gentle air beneath this delicate and subtle heaven. Verily it announceth unto mankind the Most Great Pilgrimage through this Greatest Word which hath been inscribed upon the form of the line in this Book by the Pen of Glory with grace. Say: Verily this is the Most Great Book which was

sealed with the seal of God, hidden behind the veils of the unseen, and treasured within the vaults of glory, and hath appeared through grace in the form of justice in the days which were promised in truth.

O Thou Solace of the Spirit! Rain down upon all created things from the heaven of Thy grace that which will make them independent of all that exists between [the earths] and the heavens, for they were poor in the innermost mystery and at the threshold of these domes before the Dawning-Place of this Beauty, having been, by Thy leave, caused to pause.

O Thou Solace of the Spirit! Verily the idolaters were in doubt concerning Thy Cause after We made Thee speak with the melody of remembrance at the Dayspring of Light in this Revelation which hath shone forth from this Mount that hath been raised upon these two names in these two resplendent Suns in the two Beauties. Grieve thou not, but be patient, then show forth supreme patience, for verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, guardeth thee from the hosts of Satan, and He hath ever been wise over all the worlds. Rend asunder the veils from thy countenance, then the holy veils from thy beauty, then arise from the dayspring of paradise in the temple of light in the form of spirit. Turn not unto anyone nor cast thy glance upon the faces of the idolaters, but turn thy face toward the direction of the Throne, toward thy Lord. Verily He sufficeth thee against all the worlds, and He will assist thee in truth and will aid thee at all times even as He aided thee through grace such that the Spirit spoke within thy breast and made thee a shining light unto all the worlds.

Say: By God! I am the Most Great Manifestation in the most exalted Paradise, the Most Pure Beauty in the Most Glorious Horizon, the Most Evident Word at the Furthermost Tree, the Mighty Announcement at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, the Hidden Countenance in the heaven of destiny, and the Mystery of God and His Command in the kingdom of origination. Through a signal from My Pen hath appeared the decree of the Kaf between earth and heaven and the command of the Nun in the cities of names. Verily thy Lord, the Generous, hath preferred thee in truth and made thee a mighty pillar unto all the worlds.

Say: I am the Most Great Pillar and the Most Perfect Word, and whosoever holdeth fast unto Me hath indeed held fast unto the cord of God, the Strong One, in this Perspicuous Announcement which was concealed behind the pavilion of infallibility beyond the veils of grandeur, hidden in truth.

O Thou Solace of Eternity in the Dayspring of Light! By God, Thou art the Ruler in this heaven; therefore rule as Thou pleaseth, for through that which hath been established by Thee are the decrees of destiny confirmed through execution. Verily the suns and moons and stars are all made subservient by Thy command. To Thee belongeth the command in the heaven of eternity and to Thee belongeth creation in the kingdom of earth and heaven, for verily Thy Lord, there is no God but He, hath made Thee in truth a pure helper and supporter unto all the worlds.

O people of earth! Do you imagine that you can enter Paradise in this Eden which hath appeared in the Temple of the All-Merciful in these gardens without love for this Youth, the Eternal, the One, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting, the Persian, the Arabian, the Divine? Evil is that which ye have imagined within yourselves, for verily the abode of the wrong-doers hath been fixed, in justice, in the fire which blazeth in the depths of hell. Say: We have, in justice, cast terror into the hearts of the idolaters, and into the hearts

of them that have recognized Divine unity have We sent down tranquility through the grace of this Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Unseen as a bounty unto all the worlds.

O people of creation! Hearken unto the melodies of God in the midmost heart of the Paradise of Ridvan from the Sacred Lote-Tree which hath been planted by the hands of the All-Merciful in the land of saffron. Say: By God! Through but one note thereof did the Light shine forth upon the elevated Mount in the holy Sinai beyond the sea of rapture unto Moses, He Who conversed with God, in the canopy of eternity near the furthermost Tree, from this Fire which flameth yellow: "Verily I am God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old," and verily He doth encompass all the worlds. And through another note thereof were the spirits stirred within the bodies of all created things, and the Bird of the Divine Throne warbled betwixt earth and heaven, and the Holy Spirit spoke with a wondrous tongue most eloquent. Through it were made manifest the mysteries of the letter K and N, and God's favor was perfected upon all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Beauty of God appeared with such splendor as caused all in the kingdom to swoon away.

O people of earth! If ye be not content with this most pure Beauty in this most great Ridvan, die then in your wrath! Verily He hath appeared with the truth, and God hath made Him a light unto them that have recognized Divine unity and a fire unto the idolaters, and verily He seeth all things. Say: On this day no one's call shall ascend unto God save his who hath entered the eternal Paradise which is the court of this Word that speaketh the truth upon this exalted Mount which hath been raised up by the Command. Say: Verily this is the Book of God, the sealed and treasured Tablet which hath been preserved in truth beneath the vaults of might behind the veils of infallibility. O concourse of earth and heaven! Are ye able to pass beyond the borders of this fortress which hath been raised up behind the mountain of glory from bars of iron? And can ye find any way to leave God's earth? Nay, by Him besides Whom there is none other God! Ye shall neither find means to pass beyond nor power to leave. Therefore hold ye fast unto this yellow cord in this atmosphere which shineth in this heaven that hath been manifested in this cloud which hath appeared with a crimson hue at the heart of this paradise which the eyes of the exalted ones have not perceived, that ye may be recorded by God's Pen as being among the people of Paradise in the holy Ridvan.

O people of the Bayan! Do ye say as said they of old that God's hand is chained up, or do ye imagine within yourselves that the gates of grace have been sealed shut after they had forever been open before the faces of the heavens and earth? Say: By God! The gate of holiness hath then been opened on the right hand of Paradise and there hath appeared therefrom the Ancient Beauty with manifest sovereignty. This is He Whom God hath made a herald of glad tidings unto them that have recognized Divine unity and a warner unto the idolaters, and verily He is God's Lamp between the heavens and the earth, lit of itself for itself from its own oil, from which illumination do the denizens of the most exalted Paradise receive their light, then the dwellers by the crimson sea, then the inhabitants of the holy ocean behind the billows of grandeur. Thus hath the matter been inscribed in truth by the Pen of Destiny upon the Tablet of Accomplishment.

O Pupil of Immortality! Withhold not the outpourings of Thy grace from all created things, nor remain veiled behind the curtains of allusion. Come forth from the chambers of ruby, then pour forth the wine of

everlasting life in this paradise from the chalices of the All-Merciful, by the hand of this Youth who hath been witnessed from the horizon of holiness adorned with the ornament of God. Beware lest Thou close Thine eyes to grace and withhold the Kawthar of bounty from Thy servants. Look not upon them nor upon what they possess, but gaze with the Most Great Vision upon a station gloriously praised. Have mercy upon them, then raise up in this heaven the clouds of glory and eternity, then shower upon all created things the beloved rain of grace. For verily Thou art the Munificent One in the kingdom of names, the Ancient Possessor of bounty in the heaven of eternity, and the Supreme Bestower of generosity in the realm of the unseen, and Thou hast been renowned for Thy grace above the Throne in the most exalted assembly. Say: The Beauty of the All-Merciful and the Countenance of Glory hath appeared in the temple of man. Blessed be God Who hath sent Him in truth and taught this Pen in the mystery of the line the wisdom of utterance, for verily He hath power over all things.

O Solace of the Spirit! Recount unto men the bounty which We bestowed upon thee before the creation of all things in the atoms of eternity, and before the temples of all things were adorned with the mantle of names, at a time when the Adam of eternity was hidden in the clay of destiny by virtue of the Command. And should the opposition of the idolaters reach thee, grieve not, for We shall soon sanctify the hem of thy robe from the allusions of the manifestations of names and attributes, even as We have purified thee from the recognition of every wretched idolater. Stand firm then in the Cause, and speak forth between earth and heaven that wherewith We have caused the Spirit to speak within thy breast. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, in the eventide of holiness and the dawning of nearness, for He shall suffice thee in truth against every sinful oppressor. Turn unto God thy Lord, then turn away from all else, and verily We shall guard thee with the sovereignty of might and power, and preserve thee with an inviolability whereof no created thing hath any knowledge. Soon shall We manifest thy Cause and exalt thy name in the assemblage of names, and make mention of thee in the pavilion of holiness with a truthful and trustworthy tongue. Thus do We cast upon thee from the verses of the Cause and diversify for thee the signs, that the proof from thy Lord may be fulfilled unto all the worlds.

O Supreme Remembrance of God! How can I make mention of the wonders of Thy remembrance wherewith Thou hast inspired me, when the idolaters have encompassed me from every side, and Thou art witness to this. By God! I have lost the thread in my affair and am bewildered by reason of the hatred that hath appeared in the breasts of those who believed not in Thee for the twinkling of an eye, and Thou art well aware of them. When I behold the wonders of Thy gifts and bounties toward me and my nearness to Thy Self, my spirit trembleth with longing for Thy presence, and when I turn my gaze toward my tribulations among Thy creatures, my very being is shaken with fear of Thy decree. Thou art in truth the Knower of all things and art cognizant of all things.

O Quintessence of Immortality! Grieve not over anything, neither be thou afraid of anyone. Pour forth unto the denizens of the all-highest Paradise from the chalices of eternity, and unto the holy concourse of the Kingdom of Might from the crimson wine, and unto the dwellers of the pavilions of sovereignty and dominion from the white cups of this pure and most refined milk. Then unto the people of the human kingdom from the pitchers of divine decree, and unto the people of glory that which will sever them from all things and draw them to an ancient and holy retreat. Beware lest thou regard the idolaters and what their hands have wrought. Rather, gaze with the Most Exalted Vision upon thy Ancient and Eternal

Beauty, Who hath dawned in truth from the horizon of the Most High Name, and verily He sufficeth thee above all else and will guard thee from the darts of the evil ones and will raise thee up in justice to a wondrous station of glory. For thou art indeed Hussein in the Kingdom of Names, and through Ali thou wert mentioned round about the Throne. And when the matter becometh grievous unto thee, sorrow not within thyself, but be patient in My path, for the reward of the patient ones hath been inscribed by the Pen of Holiness in the Mother Book. Say: The decree hath come through this Mandate, and He ordaineth what He willeth for all who are in the heavens and on earth, from the presence of One mighty and wise.

O peoples of the earth! Do ye worship names which ye have named, ye and your fathers, for which God hath sent down no authority, and yet reject Him Who hath come unto you invested with mighty sovereignty? Fear God and follow not the promptings of your own selves, but rather follow God's command and His laws as revealed in the Bayan. Verily, all authority is with Him alone, and He is indeed the All-Knowing. Be not miserly with what God hath bestowed upon you through His grace; rather, spend of that which ye have been given. If ye are poor, God will enrich you from His bounty. Verily, He hath power over all things. God will soon reward those who have believed and have spent with the most excellent of rewards from His presence, and will cause them to enter an ancient and holy paradise.

When We desired to conclude Our utterance, We heard a Call betwixt earth and heaven, saying: "O Thou Beauty of the All-Glorious in the Most Resplendent Vesture! Withhold not from the ears the holy melodies, nor from the eyes the antimony of the knowledge of Thy beauty, nor from the suns the effulgences of the lights of Thy bounty, nor from the hearts the fragrances of Thy love, nor from all created things the outpourings of the flood of Thy mercy which doth encompass all worlds. Verily, the Maids of Paradise and the dwellers of the precincts of intimacy, and they that stand behind the Throne in holy places, have descended from the pavilions of eternity and have halted in the air above in this most holy and pure atmosphere, desiring to hear Thy sweet melodies in this most exalted station."

By God! Silence is beloved except concerning Thy wondrous melodies, and preservation is sought except in Thy mighty Cause, and patience is praiseworthy except in the face of Thy radiant and glorious Beauty. Thou art, of a truth, with Thy knowledge, well aware of what I say. By God, the Truth! Through Thy sorrowful utterances, the hearts of the faithful have been rent asunder, and the verses have returned to the dominion of truth, and the temples of names have been stripped of the raiment of attributes, and all things have been gathered in garments of grief between earth and heavens. Thou art, verily, the Powerful in judgment, doing what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty, and Thou art, indeed, powerful over all things.

When We heard the Herald of the All-Merciful from the direction of the Divine Paradise, We ceased Our first melody and began another, that perchance they that are intoxicated among the malevolent ones might deal justly in this wondrous, most wondrous and exalted Cause, even less than an atom that moveth in this atmosphere, and might witness their Lord's power both in secret and in the open. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth, even as He sent them down in truth upon 'Ali, and before him upon Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before him upon the Spirit, and before him upon Moses, testifying that there is none other God but Him. His is the command in the dominion of eternity. He causeth to live and die, then to die and live. Verily, He is the Everlasting that perisheth not, the Sovereign

that declineth not, the King that fadeth not, the Manifest that is never hidden, and the Hidden that is never revealed. In His grasp is the kingdom of all things, and He is verily the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O people! Fear God and deny not the signs of God, nor Him at Whose meeting the dwellers of the heavens and earth and all between them glory - the Concourse of the near ones who are sustained at every moment by the rays of Beauty shining upon them from the countenance of God, the Almighty, the All-Luminous. Say: O people! This is the Spirit of God amongst you and His sovereignty within you. Beware lest ye deny the signs of God after they have been sent down in truth like the descent of rain. Indeed, the rain descends and ceases, but the verses descend at all times in such wise that they never exhaust, and they who are endowed with holy vision testify that they have descended from the dominion of God, the Supreme, the All-Compelling. O people! If ye deny the signs of God, then by what testimony did ye believe in God on the day when the feet of every mystic slipped, the skin of every believer trembled, and eyes were dazzled? Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and dispute not with Him in Whom ye believed before. Be fair in your own selves and differ not regarding Him through Whom your names were exalted, and follow not every faithless calumniator. Say: Do ye take lords besides God and do as did the peoples of the Qur'an? Woe unto you for what your hands have wrought; soon shall ye return to your abode - and what abode for the wrongdoers save the fire? Say: Those who hearken unto the Word of God and are struck with yearning for it - these are they who drink the choice wine of holiness from the hand of this Youth, the One, the Eternal, the Ancient of Days, the Divine, Who hath come unto you upon the clouds of Command with sovereignty and power.

O people of the Bayan! Do ye read the verses while denying their Revealer? By God the Truth! None hath done as ye have done, nor have any peoples committed what ye have committed. Woe unto you, O company of evil ones! Ye have indeed failed in your own selves, to such extent that ye have forgotten God's covenant, broken His testament, and turned away from Him by Whose command ye and the heavens and earth were created. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He sendeth down what He willeth to whom He willeth, and all things are decreed in His presence. Say: We counseled you in the Bayan not to deny the signs of God when they are sent down in truth. We revealed not the Bayan save for this Announcement which was inscribed with the choice wine of holiness upon tablets whereat vision turneth not back. Yet when We came to you again from the dawning-place of the Spirit, ye turned away from the Path, denied God's favor, and followed every doubtful denier. By God the Truth! None shall recognize Us today save those whose heart-mirrors are pure and whose vision is cleansed from beholding aught besides God. These are the companions of the Heights who recognize their Creator in every condition and hold fast to the Most Great Handle in this Most Firm, Most Pure Cord. Thus do We expound the verses for you and cast upon you that which shall make you independent of every treacherous associator. Say: O people! I fear not for Myself, but for Him Who shall come after Me on the day when the Fire shall be kindled and the Lights shall shine. By God the Truth! O people of the Bayan! Ye shall do unto Him what neither the people of the Qur'an did to 'Ali, nor the Christians to Muhammad, nor the Jews to Jesus, nor those who were before, before, unto God's Messengers. This is witnessed by what ye have done to this Servant after He came unto you with the sovereignty of the Cause, accompanied by a proof that would render powerless all possessed of knowledge and might[…]

O people of the Bayan! Have ye forgotten the time when the Most Exalted One came unto you with sovereign authority from on high, and the divines of the Qur'an denied Him, until they pronounced their verdict against Him and put Him to death in such wise that the heavens and earth wept for Him, and those who are nigh unto God and the dwellers of the holy precincts of nearness lamented, and beyond them the very stones and trees mourned, while but few among you believed in Him? Then He returned once again that truth might be distinguished from falsehood. Thereupon ye denied and rejected Him until ye disbelieved in that which ye had formerly believed. God is sufficient witness between us and you, and He possesseth the knowledge of all mysteries. Say: In the most exalted Concourse ye are known for falsehood, in the heaven of eternity for polytheism, and in the kingdom of names for unbelief, for ye have disbelieved in God's verses after having used them as proof against others. Thus doth God reveal the treachery of souls and that which the breasts conceal. Among the polytheists are those who say these verses were not revealed according to nature. By the True God! Nature itself hath at this moment appeared in the form of a servant, and standeth at the gate in utmost submission, crying out and saying: "Woe unto you, O company of the heedless! By God, I was created by His command." Thus doth it testify of itself, but these evil ones understand not. By God! It prideth itself in its connection with Our true Self, though We have ever been independent of it. We created it and all things by Our command, and none denieth this save every froward unbeliever. Thus have their lying tongues become so brazen that they say that which they understand not and forge lies against God. Say: Who is more unjust than one who forgeth lies against God and denieth His verses which were sent down in the nights and at dawn? Say: Die in your wrath! Today ye have no refuge except to deny what ye possess or to acknowledge that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine decree by One mighty and free to choose. Say: Do ye speak as spoke the divines of the Qur'an? Are ye not ashamed before God Who created you and sustained you and made known unto you the Manifestation of His Self through verses that have bewildered minds and thoughts? O host of God! Purify your hearts from the mention of these people, then arise to aid God and His Cause. Take hold of God's Book with the power We have given you and pay no heed to the polytheists and what they say, for today they have no proof and naught shall profit them save the striking of necks by the swords of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. By God! O companions! Ye are God's swords if ye drink from this cup whereby souls are detached from all else save Him and raised to a station where nothing in the heavens and earth can frighten them, where neither their small numbers nor the multitude of the wicked can disturb them. For by God, besides Whom there is none other God, if one of you were to arise to aid Our Cause, God would make him triumph over a hundred thousand, and were his love to increase, God would make him prevail over all who are in the heavens and earth. Thus have We breathed at this moment the spirit of power throughout all regions that the dwellers of Paradise might draw strength therefrom in whatever region they may be, and aid God their Creator every night and day. Know ye that those whose hearts are attached to aught in the heavens and earth shall never enter My Kingdom, for God hath sanctified this station from all else and made it the habitation of the righteous. Therefore strive ye to attain this station[…]

They who deny God and His sovereignty in the heavens and on earth shall never enter My Kingdom, for God hath sanctified this station from all else and hath made it the habitation of the righteous. Strive ye, therefore, to attain unto this station, and deprive not yourselves of this bounty, and be ye not among the denizens of the fire. They who have denied God and His sovereignty - these shall be encompassed with

abasement, and they shall have no protector from God. Soon shall the scourges of His wrath lay hold upon them from the presence of God, the Almighty, the Compelling. Thus have We sent down the verses unto you, and expounded the Cause, and made it subservient through that which We have manifested from this Most Exalted Pen, that it might serve as a reminder to the learned.

Know ye then, O people, that God hath made each letter of these words a paradise more vast than can be reckoned by all who dwell within the realm of possibility. And they who remain behind the veils of light at the manifestations of this Revelation, wherein are seated the Maids of inner meaning and utterance from the mysteries of this divine Youth Who is established upon the throne of forgiveness - were but the beauty of one of these to be unveiled before the dwellers of earth and heaven, all would be thunderstruck, nay, would cease to exist, save those who hold fast to the cord of the beauty of Him Who is peerless throughout creation in His all-bountiful Self, and in whose breast the Beauty of the Unseen speaketh at all times, saying: "Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Most Generous."

And when We desired to conclude Our utterance, We heard once again the call of the All-Merciful from the direction of the Throne above the celestial paradise, saying: "O Ancient Beauty! I adjure Thee by My beauty, then by My light, then by My Cause, that Thou cease not Thy most sweet melodies, but rather give voice to the verses in yet another strain, for the people of the unseen from the worlds of the divine cloud long to hear Thy rapturous melodies. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Inaccessible, the All-Glorious."

O Thou Who art the joy of the Cause! Make mention, beneath the canopy of light, of Our chosen servants in all regions, that perchance the melody of the All-Compelling may so confirm them in the Cause that they will never exchange the garment of the All-Possessing from their temples, and will arise to render victorious assistance through My Name, the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious. Say: God's remembrance of His loved ones is sweeter than all that is sweet, and more precious than all that hath been created between the heavens and earth. By God! Were men to know the measure of what is being sent down unto them of the verses of God, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, they would sacrifice their very souls and expend their wealth in hope of but a single letter from the traces of their Lord. Even thus do We impart unto you of the wisdom of God, that ye may be of them that are endowed with understanding.

O My Name! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord at the time when He ascended the throne with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause and be of them that attain. Know thou that We have been caught in the talons of hatred and find no helper for Ourself save God, my Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. There hath befallen Us that which hath never befallen God's chosen ones before, and the like of which no ear among all creatures hath ever heard. Thus do We impart unto thee tidings of the Spirit, that thou mayest aid Him as thou art able and be among them that are firm in His Cause. Say: Verily, He hath no need of anyone, and all victory lieth within His grasp. He aideth whom He willeth through His command, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. And if He commandeth the people to help, this is of His grace unto them that He may bring them to what He desireth. He, verily, is independent of all worlds. In His hand is the dominion of all

things, and in His right hand is the empire of creation and command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Be thou steadfast, O servant, at a time when the people are intoxicated with this Most Great, this Mighty Announcement, such that they flee to the right and to the left, and place their fingers in their ears lest they hear the melodies whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were entranced and the minds of them that have recognized His oneness were bewildered. Thus have We recorded the matter in the Tablets of Destiny behind the veils of infallibility, and informed thee thereof in this manifest Tablet. Say: O people! This is God's mercy unto you, which hath encompassed all atoms. Have ye ever seen anything more wondrous than this? Nay, by thy Lord, the Most Merciful! Yet most of the people are behind mighty veils. Say: This is the breath of holiness wafting from the dayspring of the Cause. Have ye ever reckoned anything more excellent than this? Nay, by My bountiful Self, if ye be of them that are assured!

Say: O people of the Bayan! We have believed in that which hath been sent down from God in every age, and in 'Ali and in what was revealed unto Him of the signs of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and before Him in Muhammad the Messenger of God, and before Him in God's chosen ones and His Messengers who rent asunder the veils of creation and appeared from the horizon of the All-Merciful with clear sovereignty and a manifest and brilliant proof. Say: We have believed in them and in what they possessed of God's laws and His religion, then in God's ordinances and His command. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are preserved with Him in the tablets of might. Thus doth the servant testify for himself, and all existence, both seen and unseen, beareth witness unto this, if ye be of them that testify. Say: O people! By God, this is indeed 'Ali in truth Who hath appeared with a sovereignty the like of which hath never been witnessed by the eyes of those who dwell within pavilions of glory behind veils of light, much less the eyes of these oppressed ones. From His right hand flow the waters of life and from His left march forth the hosts of the All-Merciful. Exalted be this Man Who hath appeared at the heart of possibility with the beauty of the All-Glorious! Exalted be this most wondrous, most holy, most ancient, and everlasting Beauty!

O Ancient Beauty! Make mention in the Book of Radiyyu'r-Ruh, that he may be well-pleased with himself and with what the clouds of holiness have sprinkled upon his heart from the rain of wondrous glory. Perchance the veils may be burned away by the fire which hath shone forth at the heart of contingent being, and the shrouds of idle fancy may be rent asunder by My sovereign might, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Say: O servant! Fear no one in the path of thy Lord. Take the chalice of life in thy right hand, then share it with those whom thou findest upon the shores of good-pleasure in this garden which hath appeared from the right hand of the All-Merciful. And shouldst thou find thyself powerless to bear the Word by reason of this Most Great Weight, then seek strength through My Name, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And if thine eye be too weak to pierce the dust of vain imaginings, then seek vision through My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Perceiving, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Arise to serve the Cause, then take the staff We have given thee in the mystery of these words, and cleave asunder therewith the sea of idle fancies in these days wherein trembling hath seized all who are in the heavens and on earth, save whom thy Lord, the All-Merciful, willeth. Verily He protecteth whom He pleaseth, and He hath power over all things. Say: By God! The Beauty of the First One hath appeared yet again, and there hath shone forth from the light of His countenance, less than a needle's eye, upon all

who are in the heavens and on earth. Thereupon did the dwellers of Sinai swoon away upon the elevated Mount by reason of this resplendent, this inaccessible Beauty, after We had informed them of this Cause in preserved tablets of glory. And thou, read thou what was sent down by Our First Beauty in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, that thou mayest know the mystery of the Cause in this Mystery which hath been veiled in secrets and concealed behind curtains through what the hands of the oppressors among these wicked ones have wrought. None knoweth this save God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. And shouldst thou become aware in the Book of the mysteries of thy Lord and recognize the decree of the Return after the first Return, beware lest thou reveal it to anyone or move thy tongue with it, for verily the people of the depths of eternity cannot bear to hear it; nay, they would instantly cease to be. Beware, beware! Conceal the beauty of the Cause from those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God. Behold thou the Ancient Beauty in the mirror of thy heart, then take comfort in Him and be of the thankful. Conceal the beauty of God from the eyes of the polytheists, and His mysteries from the hearts of the misguided. By God, the Truth! These are days wherein God hath tested all the Prophets and Messengers, then those who were behind the pavilions of infallibility and the canopy of grandeur and the tent of glory - how much more these polytheists who have taken their own selves for gods, and when the sovereignty of God and His power, then His grandeur and His majesty are made manifest unto them, they place the hand of rejection over their eyes, then hasten to practice deception that they might cause doubt among the servants. Thus do We cast upon thee that which will preserve thee from the darts of these satans. And if thou desirest to drink from this spring which hath flowed from the right hand of grace, and that which was promised thee at the heart of good-pleasure of camphor and salsabil, then detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and from all that hath been decreed by the rule of names in the kingdom of origination, that the gates of inner meanings and utterance might be opened unto thy heart and thou mayest become aware of the mysteries of the All-Merciful in this Paradise and be of those endued with certainty. O Radiyyu'r-Ruh! Reflect upon that which hath been sent down unto thee from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing, that thou mayest know what God desireth thee to know.

O Rida'r-Ruh, ponder upon that which hath been sent down unto thee from the presence of One Who is mighty and all-knowing, that thou mayest recognize that which God desireth thee to know, and attain unto the station ordained for thee in the tablets of glory and bounty. Verily, We have sent unto thee this garment which hath been sprinkled with the blood of the truthful, that thou mayest perceive that which is hidden from the eyes of the world, save whom thy Lord willeth - they whom neither veils nor allusions can hinder, nor can any hindrance deter, even were it to appear in the form of the angels of heaven and the cherubim, for they behold with the Most Great Vision this Most Manifest Beauty and recognize the proof by its own self and not by aught else, for its evidence is in its verses and its existence is its proof. Thus hath it been, before and after, if ye be of them that know.

O Delight of Eternity! Say: By God! We have not revealed in the tablets a single word in wondrous melody concerning that which We have cast upon the Pen from the mysteries of eternity, for We found the people of the Bayan in such intoxication, heedlessness and delusion as cannot be compared with any other people. Therefore hath the Temple of Grandeur veiled His most luminous and exalted Beauty with a thousand thousand veils of light, lest the eyes of these treacherous ones be drawn unto Him. Weep then for that which hath befallen Me at the hands of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God,

and were among the heedless. By God! What We have suffered at the hands of the loved ones is far more grievous than what We have endured from the unbelievers. The heavens are well-nigh cleft asunder, the earth rent in twain, the mountains laid low, the pillars of the Throne demolished, the foundations of Paradise destroyed, and the hearts of them who are nigh unto God consumed, whereat the Pen of Command weepeth, the Immortal Dove lamenteth, and the Bird of Heaven crieth out, for that God willeth to prove His faith unto His servants after they were all created by His command - to this testifieth all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Say: O people! Verily, We have believed in God's Messengers and His chosen ones, and in that which hath been sent down unto them of the verses of God, the Mighty, the Revealer, the Bountiful. By what sin, then, have ye denied this outpouring, the like of which the clouds of Command have never borne, nor hath the rain of bounty attained unto it, nor have the eyes of them who are nigh beheld it?

O Delight of Eternity! Turn the Pen away from the mention of these people, and bring not the treacherous ones beneath the pavilion of thy sweet remembrance. By God! All that floweth from thy pen is beloved in the sight of the denizens of the highest Paradise; therefore, it grieveth Me that thy precious fingers should move to record aught but thy wondrous and mighty mention. Thus, conclude the mention of the polytheists and begin with the mention of the sincere ones among thy loved ones, that perchance the wondrous melodies of thy sublime utterance may establish them upon thy mighty and exalted path. For the polytheists among the hypocrites desired to sow hatred in the hearts of the loved ones, upon whom the messages of eternity from the direction of Glory have passed. Thus have We reckoned up the matter in a perspicuous Book.

O Rida'r-Ruh! Make mention of God's chosen ones who are in thy land, that they may rejoice within themselves that the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, hath moved upon their names.

And among them is he who is named Muhammad - make mention of him from Our presence that he may glory therein among the worlds. Say: O servant! Efface from thy heart every remembrance save the remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Make My love thy stronghold, then My Cause thy mantle, then My remembrance thy shield, then My beauty thy companion, then thy trust in Me, the Bestower, the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing.

Then remember him who was named after My Name, that his name may endure in the heaven of grandeur and the kingdom of eternity, and that he may be of them that remember. Say: O servant! Give thanks unto God for having made thee the namesake of His Self and for sending upon thee the fragrances of the All-Merciful when thou wert present before the Throne, seated upon the seat of truth in the presence of the mighty and powerful King. Strive, then, that there may appear from thee in thy days that which befitteth this pure, exalted, and glorious Name. Remember thou thyself, then remember the servants through this blessed and luminous Name.

Then remember Ha and Sin with the sovereignty of remembrance, that he may fall prostrate upon the dust before the countenance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the realm of existence. Say: O Hasan! Do thou good even as God hath done good unto thee, then purify thyself for the revelation of His Self and thy heart from the promptings of them that join partners with God. Leave behind the world

and all that is therein and thereon in thy shadow, then take shelter in My shadow which hath encompassed all created things and wherein dwell the sanctified concourse.

Then remember Zaman with the verses of the All-Merciful which descend from the direction of a mighty throne. Say: O Zaman! First, detach thyself from time and all that is therein that thou mayest be enabled to ascend unto the heights of glory before thy Lord, the Gracious, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Ancient. By God! Nothing shall profit thee this day save My love; lay fast hold upon it and be thou of them that are assured. And should abasement overtake thee for My Name's sake, grieve not but put thy trust in God, and verily He will guard thee from the harm of satans. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord such that naught of all that hath been and shall be created may cause thee to slip, for this is the way of them that are steadfast. Then mention thy son from Our presence and adorn his brow with the crown of nearness from this brilliant and firm Pen.

Then give glad tidings unto Rida with the tidings of the Spirit Who took refuge in the shadow of His Lord for months and years. Say: O servant! Grieve not at separation, for We have raised thee up before Us and inscribed thy name in the tablets of nearness among them that are nigh. Beware lest thou forget the melodies of thy Lord, His fragrances, and the lights of His beauty when they shine forth among you and illumine the people of the Supreme Concourse. Then remember his father and his son, then his brother and those with him who presented themselves before their Lord and unto whom the Face shone forth with sanctified and resplendent lights. Say: We have caused to gush forth for you from the mountain of holiness, in the mystery of this Ridvan, springs of Kawthar and Salsabil. Therefore, O people of the Bayan, deprive not yourselves but draw nigh unto it and be not of the patient ones. By God, the Truth! Ye have attained unto that which none before you hath attained, if ye but recognize the favor of God which hath descended upon you from the clouds of holiness and be of them that are firmly established. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon you and sent down upon you grace from every direction and from this holy, transcendent, and glorious Quarter.

O Pen of Holiness! Remember the dust that he may remember within himself and turn unto the face of his Lord and be of them that are detached. Say: O servant! Rise above the dust and whatsoever proceedeth therefrom that thou mayest be enabled to know thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and be of them that attain. By God, the Truth! Today there is no refuge nor resting place for anyone save beneath the shadow of My luminous and mighty countenance, and at the gate of this Ridvan stand the angels of the Cause, stationed in My Name, the Protector, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. And should they detect in anyone the fragrance of the world and of whatsoever hath appeared between the heavens and the earth, they shall prevent him from entering this Ridvan and from standing before thy Lord, the Gracious, the Ancient. Thus doth the Dove teach thee, and those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the One, the Peerless.

Then remind Hussein with that which the Spirit of Truth reminds him through manifest and holy verses, that he may soar in the atmosphere of nearness and know God, his Lord and the Lord of all worlds, in these days wherein no one has purified his countenance for the face of his Lord, and all worship vain imaginings as did the servants before them–thus it has been and ever shall be. The All-Merciful Himself is witness to what I say.

Then make mention in the Book of Our other servants among the sanctified concourse. Say: Verily Hassan, then Ali before Nabil, then Hassan–all are among the righteous ones. Then Muhammad before Ali, then the servant before Ali, then Ali before Rida, then Our chosen servants–all are among the sincere ones. And for each has been ordained in the holy tablets that which none among the worlds can reckon. God Who created them and aided them in His Cause and made them know the Manifestation of His Self and made them to be among the believers. And they shall attain unto this station if they change not God's favor unto themselves; and should they change, God will change toward them. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are before Him in a perspicuous Book.

Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Come forth from behind the veils of possibility and the shrouds of existence through the power of your Lord, the Bestower. Then stand firm in the Cause between the heavens and the earth in such wise that should all who are and all who shall be gather against you with all at their command to turn you from your purpose, they would prove powerless; nay rather, they would find themselves utterly impotent. Thus doth God establish the truth through His words and confirm the Cause through His verses, if ye be of those who know.

Therefore, purify the mirrors of your hearts for the manifestation of the lights from this Beauty Who hath dawned in the Pole of Glory and Who shineth at the point of its setting with a radiance whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth are illumined, save those who have disbelieved in the signs of God, then denied His proof, disputed His tokens, and turned away from His beauty, and were among the heedless ones.

Say: By God! The dwellers of Sinai were thunderstruck upon the Sinai of the Cause, and those veiled in clouds have fled from this divine Lion, and the spiritual ones shall perish in this terror wherein everything shall be struck with fear save those whom the hand of grace hath taken hold of, from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

Say: O people! Read ye the words of God in the sweetest of melodies, that the denizens of earth and heaven may be drawn unto them. By the True One! Should anyone recite that which hath been sent down from the heaven of immortality by the All-Glorious Beauty of God, the Most Exalted, God will surely raise him up in the eternal Paradise with such beauty that the dwellers of the Supreme Concourse will be illumined by the light of his countenance. He will be visited by the inhabitants of the pavilions of holiness and by those who dwell within the tabernacle of concealment - they whose faces have never been beheld by the eyes of such as have denied the signs of the All-Merciful in this time wherein His sovereignty hath encompassed all created things, even every atom, if ye be of them that bear witness. Thus hath God ordained for every soul who readeth His verses; and besides this, He will raise them up at the dawning-place of every Manifestation, that He may perfect His favor upon them and upon all the worlds. Thus doth God reward His servants who remember Him with the best of rewards from His presence, and He verily is the Guardian of the virtuous.

Know thou moreover that they who have attained unto the presence of the Throne - these are they who have attained unto that which none besides them hath attained. Thus doth God bestow His grace upon whomsoever He willeth among His creation. There is no God but Him. He doeth what He pleaseth and

ordaineth what He willeth. His is the bounty and the grace. He singleth out whom He pleaseth through His favor. There is no God but Him, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Of those whose names We have mentioned in the Tablet, some have soared unto the realms of holiness, while others have tarried at the threshold of this world. For each there is a portion with their Lord, and each is inscribed in mighty and glorious Tablets with Him. As for those whose names We have not mentioned, do thou remember them with the remembrances of the Spirit from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

If thou art blessed with this Tablet wherein have been detailed the mysteries of what was and what is to be, arise from thy place, place it upon thy head and say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I bear witness with my tongue and my heart that Thy wondrous favor hath encompassed all atoms among all that hath been created between earth and heaven, such that nothing remaineth but that Thy proof hath been perfected unto it, Thy evidence hath shone upon it, Thy Word hath reached it, Thy sovereignty hath been manifested unto it, Thy verses have descended upon it, and the signs of Thy bounty have appeared unto it. Therefore, O my God, I have detached myself from all else save Thee and have arisen before the tabernacles of Thy glory and the pavilion of Thy grace, in such wise that I have purified my heart and my tongue from the love of aught else besides Thee and from the remembrance of any but Thee.

Wherefore, O my God, cause me to enter beneath the shadow of the tree of Thy oneness and the Lote-Tree of the majesty of Thy sovereign unity. Then grant me the sweetness of Thy verses and whatsoever lieth concealed therein of the pearls of Thy knowledge, which Thou hast ordained for Thy servants. Deprive me not, O my God, of the holy breezes that waft in the form of glad-tidings from the direction of Thy presence, and in the form of verses from the source of Thy favors. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Bestower, the Mighty, the Compassionate.

Then make me steadfast, O my God, in Thy Cause whereon none can stand firm save those who have detached themselves from all that is in the heavens and the earth. Then establish for me, O my God, a seat of truth in Thy love and a station of glory at the manifestation of the lights of Thy countenance. Then join me with Thy sincere servants.

Thus have We taught thee and acquainted thee after We inspired thee, and shown thee after We informed thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto God thy Lord in thy heart and be in a state of joy and wondrous attraction. By My Beauty! Were but a single spark from the fire of longing which We have kindled in the sacred Lote-Trees upon the Sinai of these words to touch thee, it would draw thee unto a station wherein thou wouldst behold beneath thy shadow the kingdom of names and attributes, and wouldst find thyself in such an exaltation as could never be attained by the dwellers of earth and heaven. Thus hath the Ancient Pen inspired thee in this most ancient style, that thou mayest be among the steadfast.

O Letter Jim! Go thou with this My shirt and cast it upon the face of all created things, that perchance the Daysprings of divine attributes may emerge from behind the veils and arise from beyond the clouds of glory, and may recognize Him Who hath come to them from the direction of immortality with manifest

sovereignty. And thou, O Letter, must first purify thyself, then purify the people from the greatest defilement through this most pure Kawthar which We have caused to flow from the fountains of inner meanings, that thou mayest be a herald from Us unto all created beings. And be thou pure for God, thy Lord, in such wise that none shall perceive from thee any fragrance save His. Thus doth the Tongue of truth, the All-Knowing, command thee. And if thou hearkenest unto thy Lord's counsel, God will cause the water of life to flow from thy mouth, whereby He will revive every decomposed bone. Thus have We bestowed Our grace upon thee once again, that thou mayest be of them that are detached. And praise be to Him Who recognizeth his Lord in this luminous and manifest Shirt.

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This is the Epistle of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting

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

Praise be unto God, incomparable in majesty, power and beauty, peerless in glory, might and grandeur; too high is He for human imaginations to comprehend Him or for any peer or equal to be ascribed unto Him. He hath clearly set forth His straight Path in words and utterances of highest eloquence. Verily He is the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted.

When He purposed to call the new creation into being, He sent forth the Manifest and Luminous Point from the horizon of His Will; it passed through every sign and manifested itself in every form until it reached the zenith, as bidden by God, the Lord of all men. This Point is the focal centre of the circle of Names and marketh the culmination of the manifestations of Letters in the world of creation.

Through it have appeared indications of the impenetrable Mystery, the adorned Symbol, He Who standeth revealed in the Most Great Name - a Name which is recorded in the luminous Tablet and is inscribed in the holy, the blessed, the snow-white Scroll. And when the Point was joined to the second Letter which appeareth in the beginning of the Mathani, it traversed the heavens of exposition and utterance.

Then the eternal Light of God shed its radiance, flared up in the midmost heart of the firmament of testimony and produced two Luminaries. Glorified be the Merciful One, unto Whom no allusion can be made, Whom no expression can define, nor any assertion reveal, nor any evidence describe. He is in truth the Ordainer, the All-Bountiful, both in the beginning and in the end. And He provided for them protectors and defenders from among the hosts of power and might. Verily, He is the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

The preamble of this Epistle is being revealed twice, even as was the Mathani.

Praise be unto God Who hath manifested the Point, hath unfolded therefrom the knowledge of all things, whether of the past or of the future - a Point He hath chosen to be the Herald of His Name and the Harbinger of His Great Revelation which hath caused the limbs of all mankind to quake and the splendour of His light to shine forth above the horizon of the world.

Verily, this is the Point which God hath ordained to be an ocean of light for the sincere among His servants and a flame of fire to the froward amidst His creatures and the impious among His people - they who bartered away the gift of God for unbelief, and the celestial food for hypocrisy, and led their associates to a wretched abode. These are the people who have manifested sedition throughout the world and have violated His Covenant on the Day when the immortal […]

At one time He suffered imprisonment in the land of ?a (Tihran), at another in the land of Mim (Mazindaran), then again in the land of ?a (Tihran), and yet again in Mazindaran. In His love for the Cause of God He was subjected to chains and collars while thousands of people were gazing and watching. He, during many years, was cast into prison and was made to endure severe trials and hardships. In every land He had to taste the cup of tribulation and in every province He drank the brine of affliction. Some of our companions were martyred in 'Iraq, others were beheaded in Adhirbayjan, some wandered homeless and helpless through diverse regions, and yet others were confined in the barracks of the Land of Mim. Eventually most of them behaved in such a manner that they made the highest Paradise to weep and the people of the Divine Throne to lament, and still they did not wake from the sleep of heedlessness or cease from imputing things to God. Therefore did He Who is the King of divine power reveal these words - 'Verily I say, no one hath recognized Me while outwardly proclaiming belief in Me.' […]

land of Mim (Mazindaran), then once again in the former land, for the sake of the Cause of God, the Maker of the heavens. In His love for the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, He was subjected there to chains and fetters. O people of the Bayan! Have ye forgotten My exhortations, which My Pen hath revealed and My tongue hath uttered? Have ye bartered away My certitude in exchange for your idle fancies and My Way for your selfish desires? Have ye cast away the precepts of God and His remembrance and have ye forsaken His laws and ordinances? Fear ye God and abandon vain imaginings to the begetters thereof and leave superstitions to the devisers thereof and misgivings to the breeders thereof. Advance ye then with radiant faces and stainless hearts towards the horizon above which the Day-Star of certitude shineth resplendent at the bidding of God, the Lord of Revelations.

Praise be unto God Who hath made the Most Great Infallibility the shield for the temple of His Cause in the realm of creation, and hath assigned unto no one a share of this lofty and sublime station - a station which is a vesture which the fingers of transcendent power have woven for His august Self. It befitteth no one except Him Who is seated upon the mighty throne of 'He doeth what He pleaseth'. Whoso accepteth and recognizeth that which is written down at this moment by the Pen of Glory is indeed reckoned in the Book of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end, among the exponents of divine unity, they that uphold the concept of the oneness of God.

When the stream of words reached this stage, the sweet savours of true knowledge were shed abroad and the day-star of divine unity shone forth above the horizon of His holy utterance. Blessed is he whom His Call hath attracted to the summit of glory, who hath drawn nigh to the ultimate Purpose, and who hath recognized through the shrill voice of My Pen of Glory that which the Lord of this world and of the next hath willed. Whoso faileth to quaff the choice wine which We have unsealed through the potency of Our Name, the All-Compelling, shall be unable to discern the splendours of the light of divine unity or to grasp the essential purpose underlying the Scriptures of God, the Lord of heaven and earth, the sovereign

Ruler of this world and of the world to come. Such a man shall be accounted among the faithless in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou honoured enquirer! We bear witness that thou didst firmly adhere unto seemly patience during the days when the Pen was held back from movement and the Tongue hesitated to set forth an explanation regarding the wondrous sign, the Most Great Infallibility. Thou hast […]

asked this Wronged One to remove for thee its veils and coverings, to elucidate its mystery and character, its state and position, its excellence, sublimity and exaltation. By the life of God! Were We to unveil the pearls of testimony which lie hid within the shells of the ocean of knowledge and assurance or to let the beauties of divine mystery which are hidden within the chambers of utterance in the Paradise of true understanding, step out of their habitation, then from every direction violent commotion would arise among the leaders of religion and thou wouldst witness the people of God held fast in the teeth of such wolves as have denied God both in the beginning and in the end. Therefore We restrained the Pen for a considerable lapse of time in accordance with divine wisdom and for the sake of protecting the faithful from those who have bartered away heavenly blessings for disbelief and have chosen for their people the abode of perdition.

O thou seeker who art gifted with keen insight. I swear by Him who attracted the Concourse on High through the potency of His most sublime Word! Verily the birds abiding within the domains of My Kingdom and the doves dwelling in the rose-garden of My wisdom utter such melodies and warblings as are inscrutable to all but God, the Lord of the kingdoms of earth and heaven; and were these melodies to be revealed even to an extent smaller than a needle's eye, the people of tyranny would utter such calumnies as none among former generations hath ever uttered, and would commit such deeds as no one in past ages and centuries hath ever committed. They have rejected the bounty of God and His proofs and have repudiated the testimony of God and His signs. They have gone astray and have caused the people to go astray, yet perceive it not. They worship vain imaginings but know it not. They have taken idle fancies for their lords and have neglected God, yet understand not. They have abandoned the most great Ocean and are hastening towards the pool, but comprehend not. They follow their own idle fancies while turning aside from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Say, by the righteousness of God! The All-Merciful is come invested with power and sovereignty. Through His power the foundations of religions have quaked and the Nightingale of Utterance hath warbled its melody upon the highest branch of true understanding. Verily, He Who was hidden in the knowledge of God and is mentioned in the Holy Scriptures hath appeared. Say, this is the Day when the Speaker on Sinai hath mounted the throne of Revelation and the people have stood before the Lord of the worlds. This is the Day wherein the earth hath told out her tidings and hath laid bare her treasures; when the oceans […]

have brought forth their pearls and the divine Lote-Tree its fruit; when the Sun hath shed its radiance and the Moons have diffused their lights, and the Heavens have revealed their stars, and the Hour its signs, and the Resurrection its dreadful majesty; when the pens have unloosed their outpourings and the spirits have laid bare their mysteries. Blessed is the man who recognizeth Him and attaineth His presence, and

woe betide such as deny Him and turn aside from Him. I beseech God to aid His servants to return unto Him. Verily He is the Pardoner, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O thou who hast set thy face towards the Realm on High and hast quaffed My sealed wine from the hand of bounteousness! Know thou that the term 'Infallibility' hath numerous meanings and divers stations. In one sense it is applicable to the One Whom God hath made immune from error. Similarly it is applied to every soul whom God hath guarded against sin, transgression, rebellion, impiety, disbelief and the like. However, the Most Great Infallibility is confined to the One Whose station is immeasurably exalted beyond ordinances or prohibitions and is sanctified from errors and omissions. Indeed He is a Light which is not followed by darkness and a Truth not overtaken by error. Were He to pronounce water to be wine or heaven to be earth or light to be fire, He speaketh the truth and no doubt would there be about it; and unto no one is given the right to question His authority or to say why or wherefore. Whosoever raiseth objections will be numbered with the froward in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. 'Verily He shall not be asked of His doings but all others shall be asked of their doings.' He is come from the invisible heaven, bearing the banner 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth' and is accompanied by hosts of power and authority while it is the duty of all besides Him to strictly observe whatever laws and ordinances have been enjoined upon them, and should anyone deviate therefrom, even to the extent of a hair's breadth, his work would be brought to naught.

Consider thou and call to mind the time when Muhammad appeared. He said, and His word is the truth: 'Pilgrimage to the House is a service due to God.' And likewise are the daily prayer, fasting, and the laws which shone forth above the horizon of the Book of God, the Lord of the World and the true Educator of the peoples and kindreds of the earth. It is incumbent upon everyone to obey Him in whatsoever God hath ordained; and whosoever denieth Him hath disbelieved in God, in His verses, in His Messengers and in His Books. Were He to pronounce […]

O my God! O my God! I yield Thee thanks that Thou hast caused me to believe in Him and hast enabled me to recognize the sovereignty of Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy signs, hast dilated my breast through utterance of Thy praise in the kingdom of Thy names and inspired me to teach Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures and to extol Thy virtues amidst Thy servants. I beseech Thee, by the seas of knowledge which lie hidden in Thy heavenly self and by the stars that diffuse their light in the firmament of Thy command, to graciously aid me in that which will draw me nearer unto Thee and will profit me in every world of Thine. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I am the one who hath turned his face towards Thee and hath placed his whole reliance in Thee. I implore Thee by Thy Name whereby the ocean of Thine utterance hath surged and the breezes of Thy knowledge have stirred, to grant that I may be graciously aided to serve Thy Cause and be inspired to remember Thee and praise Thee. Send down then upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity that which will preserve me from anyone but Thee and will profit me in all Thy worlds.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Inaccessible, the Supreme, the Knowing, the Wise.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, inasmuch as Thou hast, through the power of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, given me to drink of Thy sealed wine, hast caused me to draw nigh unto Thee and hast enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thine utterance, the Manifestation of Thy signs, the Fountainhead of Thy laws and commandments and the Source of Thy wisdom and bestowals. Blessed is the land that hath been ennobled by Thy footsteps, wherein the throne of Thy sovereignty is established and the fragrance of Thy raiment is diffused.

By Thy glory and majesty, by Thy might and power, I desire not my sight save to behold Thy beauty, nor my hearing save to hearken to Thy call and Thy verses.

O my God! O my God! Debar not the eyes from that for which Thou hast created them, nor the faces from turning to Thy horizon, or from paying homage at the portals of Thy majesty, or from appearing in the presence of Thy throne, or from bowing down before the splendours of the Day-Star of Thy bounty.

I am the one, O Lord, whose heart and soul, whose limbs, whose inner and outer tongue testify to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and bear witness that Thou art God and that there is no God but Thee. Thou didst bring mankind into being to know Thee and to serve Thy Cause, that their station might thereby be elevated upon Thine earth and their souls be uplifted by virtue of the things Thou hast revealed in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets.

Yet no sooner didst Thou manifest Thyself and reveal Thy signs than they turned away from Thee and repudiated Thee and rejected that which Thou didst unveil before their eyes through the potency of Thy might and Thy power. They rose up to inflict harm upon Thee, to extinguish Thy light and to put out the flame that blazeth in Thy Burning Bush. Their iniquity waxed so grievous that they conspired to shed Thy blood and to violate Thy honour.

And likewise acted he whom Thou hadst nurtured with the hand of Thy loving-kindness, hadst protected from the mischief of the rebellious among Thy creatures and the froward amidst Thy servants, and whom Thou hadst set the task of writing Thy holy verses before Thy throne. Alas! Alas! for the things he perpetrated in Thy days to such an extent that he violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, rejected Thy holy Writ, rose up in rebellion and committed that which caused the denizens of Thy Kingdom to lament. Then no sooner had he found his hopes shattered and had perceived the odour of utter failure than he raised his voice and gave tongue to that […]

which caused Thy chosen ones, who are nigh unto Thee, and the inmates of the pavilion of glory, to be lost in bewilderment. Thou seest me, O my God, writhing in anguish upon the dust, like unto a fish. Deliver me, have mercy upon me, O Thou Whose aid is invoked by all men, O Thou within Whose grasp lie the reins of power over all men and women. Whenever I ponder my grievous shortcomings and my great trespasses, despair assaileth me from every direction, and whenever I pause to meditate upon the ocean of Thy bounteousness and the heaven of Thy grace and the day-star of Thy tender compassion, I inhale the fragrance of hope diffused from right and left, from north and south, as if every created thing imparteth unto me the joyous tidings that the clouds of the heaven of Thy mercy will pour down their rain upon me. By Thy might, O Thou Who art the Mainstay of the sincere ones and the Desire of them that enjoy near access unto Thee! Thy manifold favours and blessings and the revelations of Thy grace

and loving-kindness have truly emboldened me. How, otherwise, can utter nothingness magnify the Name of Him Who hath, by a word, brought creation into being, and how can an evanescent creature extol Him Who hath demonstrated that no description can ever express Him and no word of praise magnify His glory? He hath from everlasting been immeasurably exalted above the understanding of His creatures and sanctified from the conceptions of His servants.

O Lord! Thou beholdest this lifeless one before Thy face; suffer him through Thy generosity and bountiful favour, not to be deprived of the chalice of immortal life. And Thou seest this afflicted one standing before Thy throne; turn him not away from the ocean of Thy healing. I entreat Thee to enable me at all times and under all conditions to remember Thee, to magnify Thy Name and to serve Thy Cause, though I am well aware that whatever proceedeth from a servant cannot transcend the limitations of his soul, nor beseem Thy Lordship, nor be worthy of the court of Thy glory and Thy majesty.

Thy might beareth me witness! Were it not to celebrate Thy praise, my tongue would be of no use to me, and were it not for the sake of rendering service to Thee, my existence would avail me not. But for the pleasure of beholding the splendours of Thy realm of glory, why should I cherish sight? And but for the joy of giving ear to Thy most sweet voice, of what use is hearing?

Alas! Alas! I know not, O my God, my Mainstay, my heart's Desire, whether Thou hast ordained for me that which shall bring solace to mine eyes, gladden my bosom and rejoice my heart, or whether Thine irrevocable decree, […]

O King of eternity and the sovereign Lord of all nations, will debar me from presenting myself before Thy throne. I swear by Thy glory and majesty and by Thy dominion and power, the darkness of my remoteness from Thee hath destroyed me. What hath become of the light of Thy nearness, O Desire of every understanding heart? The tormenting agony of separation from Thee hath consumed me. Where is the effulgent light of Thy reunion, O Well-Beloved of such as are wholly devoted to Thee? Thou seest, O my God, what hath befallen me in Thy Path at the hand of those who have denied Thy Truth, have violated Thy Covenant, cavilled at Thy signs, rejected the blessings Thou didst vouchsafe, disbelieved the verses Thou didst send down and have refused to acknowledge the testimony Thou didst fulfil.

O Lord! The tongue of my tongue and the heart of my heart and the spirit of my spirit and my outward and inmost beings bear witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, Thy power and Thine omnipotence, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, and attest Thy glory, loftiness and authority. I testify that Thou art God and that there is none other God besides Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been a treasure hidden from the sight and minds of men and shalt continue to remain the same for ever and ever. The powers of earth can never frustrate Thee, nor can the might of the nations alarm Thee.

Thou art the One Who hath unlocked the door of knowledge before the faces of Thy servants that they may recognize Him Who is the Day-Star of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Heaven of Thy manifestation and the Sun of Thy divine beauty. In Thy holy Books, in Thy Scriptures and Thy Scrolls Thou hast promised all the peoples of the world that Thou Thyself shalt appear and shalt remove the veils of glory from Thy face, even as Thou didst announce in Thy words unto Thy Friend through Whom the Day-Star of Revelation shone brightly above the horizon of Hijaz, and the dawning light of divine Truth

shed its radiance among all men, proclaiming: 'The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.' And before Muhammad Thou didst impart this glad tiding unto Him Who conversed with Thee, saying: 'Bring forth thy people from the darkness into the light and remind them of the days of God.' Moreover Thou didst proclaim this truth unto the Spirit and unto Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, whether of the remote or more recent past. If all that which Thou hast sent down in glorification of this Most Great Remembrance, this Great Announcement, were to stream forth from the wellspring of Thy most august Pen, the inmates of the cities of knowledge and understanding would be dumbfounded, except such as Thou wouldst deliver through the potency of Thy might […]

and wouldst protect as a token of Thy bountiful favour and Thy grace. I bear witness that Thou hast in truth fulfilled Thy pledge and hast made manifest the One Whose advent was foretold by Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones and by them that serve Thee. He hath come from the heaven of glory and power, bearing the banners of Thy signs and the standards of Thy testimonies. Through the potency of Thine indomitable power and strength, He stood up before the faces of all men and summoned all mankind to the summit of transcendent glory and unto the all-highest Horizon, in such wise that neither the oppression of the ecclesiastics nor the onslaught of the rulers was able to deter Him. He arose with inflexible resolve and, unloosing His tongue, proclaimed in ringing tones: 'He Who is the All-Bountiful is come, riding aloft on the clouds. Advance, O people of the earth, with shining faces and radiant hearts!'

Great indeed is the blessedness of him who attaineth Thy presence, drinketh the wine of reunion proffered by the hand of Thy bounteousness, inhaleth the fragrance of Thy signs, unlooseth his tongue in celebrating Thy praise, soareth high in Thy heavens, is carried away by the sweetness of Thy Voice, gaineth admittance into the most exalted Paradise and attaineth the station of revelation and vision before the throne of Thy majesty.

I beg of Thee by the Most Great Infallibility which Thou hast chosen to be the dayspring of Thy Revelation, and by Thy most sublime Word through whose potency Thou didst call the creation into being and didst reveal Thy Cause, and by this Name which hath caused all other names to groan aloud and the limbs of the sages to quake, I beg of Thee to make me detached from all else save Thee, in such wise that I may move not but in conformity with the good-pleasure of Thy Will, and speak not except at the bidding of Thy Purpose, and hear naught save the words of Thy praise and Thy glorification.

I magnify Thy Name, O my God, and offer thanksgiving unto Thee, O my Desire, inasmuch as Thou hast enabled me to clearly perceive Thy straight Path, hast unveiled Thy Great Announcement before mine eyes and hast aided me to set my face towards the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Fountainhead of Thy Cause, whilst Thy servants and Thy people turned away from Thee. I entreat Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of eternity, by the shrill voice of the Pen of Glory, and by the Burning Fire which calleth aloud from the verdant Tree, and by the Ark which Thou hast specially chosen for the people of Baha, to grant that I may remain steadfast in my love for Thee, be well pleased with whatsoever Thou hast prescribed for me in Thy Book and may stand firm in Thy service and in […]

the service of Thy loved ones. Graciously assist then Thy servants, O my God, to do that which will serve to exalt Thy Cause and will enable them to observe whatsoever Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Lord of Strength, Thou art potent to ordain whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp

Thou holdest the reins of all created things. No God is there but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Jalil! We have unveiled to thine eyes the sea and the waves thereof, the sun and the radiance thereof, the heavens and the stars thereof, the shells and the pearls thereof. Render thou thanks unto God for so great a bounty, so gracious a favour that hath pervaded the whole world.

O thou who hast set thy face towards the splendours of My Countenance! Vague fancies have encompassed the dwellers of the earth and debarred them from turning towards the Horizon of Certitude, and its brightness, and its manifestations and its lights. Vain imaginings have withheld them from Him Who is the Self-Subsisting. They speak as prompted by their own caprices, and understand not. Among them are those who have said: 'Have the verses been sent down?' Say 'Yea, by Him Who is the Lord of the heavens!' 'Hath the Hour come?' 'Nay, more; it hath passed, by Him Who is the Revealer of clear tokens! Verily, the Inevitable is come, and He, the True One, hath appeared with proof and testimony. The Plain is disclosed, and mankind is sore vexed and fearful. Earthquakes have broken loose, and the tribes have lamented, for fear of God, the Lord of Strength, the All-Compelling.' Say: 'The stunning trumpet-blast hath been loudly raised, and the Day is God's, the One, the Unconstrained.' And they say: 'Hath the Catastrophe come to pass?' Say: 'Yea, by the Lord of Lords!' 'Is the Resurrection come?' 'Nay, more; He Who is the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with the Kingdom of His signs.' 'Seest thou men laid low?' 'Yea, by my Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious!' 'Have the tree-stumps been uprooted?' 'Yea, more; the mountains have been scattered in dust; by Him the Lord of attributes!' They say: 'Where is Paradise, and where is Hell?' Say: 'The one is reunion with Me; the other thine own self, O thou who dost associate a partner with God and doubtest.' They say: 'We see not the Balance.' Say: 'Surely, by my Lord, the God of Mercy! None can see it except such as are endued with insight.' They say: 'Have the stars fallen?' Say: 'Yea, when He Who is the Self-Subsisting dwelt in the Land of Mystery. Take heed, ye who are endued with discernment!' All the signs appeared when We drew forth the Hand of Power from the bosom […]

These are verses We sent down previously, and We have sent them unto thee, that thou mayest be acquainted with what their lying tongues have spoken, when God came unto them with might and sovereignty. Among them is he who saith: 'Have the verses been sent down?' Say: 'Yea, by Him Who is the Lord of the heavens!' […]

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came unto them with might and sovereignty. The foundations of idle fancies have trembled, and the heaven of vain imaginings hath been cleft asunder, and yet the people are in doubt and in contention with Him. They have denied the testimony of God and His proof, after He came from the heaven of power with the kingdom of His signs. They have cast away what had been prescribed, and perpetrated what had been forbidden them in the Book. They have abandoned their God, and clung unto their desires. They truly have strayed and are in error. They read the verses and deny them. They behold the clear tokens and turn aside. They truly are lost in strange doubt.

We have admonished Our loved ones to fear God, a fear which is the fountainhead of all goodly deeds and virtues. It is the commander of the hosts of justice in the city of Baha. Happy the man that hath entered the shadow of its luminous standard, and laid fast hold thereon. He, verily, is of the Companions of the Crimson Ark, which hath been mentioned in the Qayyum-i-Asma.

Say: O people of God! Adorn your temples with the adornment of trustworthiness and piety. Help, then, your Lord with the hosts of goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character. We have forbidden you dissension and conflict in My Books, and My Scriptures, and My Scrolls, and My Tablets, and have wished thereby naught else save your exaltation and advancement. Unto this testify the heavens and the stars thereof, and the sun and the radiance thereof, and the trees and the leaves thereof, and the seas and the waves thereof, and the earth and the treasures thereof. We pray God to assist His loved ones, and aid them in that which beseemeth them in this blest, this mighty, and wondrous station. Moreover We beseech Him to graciously enable those who surround Me to observe that which My Pen of Glory hath enjoined upon them.

O Jalil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving providence. Verily We have enjoined the people to do what is meet and seemly and yet they have committed such things as have caused My heart and My Pen to lament. Incline thine ear to that which is sent down from the heaven of My Will and the realm of My good-pleasure. I sorrow not for My captivity, nor for the things that have befallen Me at the hand of Mine enemies. Nay, My sorrows are occasioned by those who claim to be related to Me and yet commit that which causeth the voice of My lamentations to be lifted up and My tears to flow. We have exhorted them at length in various Tablets and beseech God to graciously assist them, to enable them to draw nigh unto Him and to confirm them in that which would bring peace […]

to the hearts and tranquillity to the souls and would stay their hands from whatsoever ill-beseemeth His days. Say, O My loved ones in My lands! Give ye ear unto the counsels of Him Who admonisheth you for the sake of God. He hath in truth created you, hath revealed before your eyes that which exalteth you and promoteth your interests. He hath made known unto you His straight Path and hath acquainted you with His Great Announcement.

O Jalil! Admonish men to fear God. By God! This fear is the chief commander of the army of thy Lord. Its hosts are a praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Through it have the cities of men's hearts been opened throughout the ages and centuries, and the standards of ascendancy and triumph raised above all other standards.

We will now mention unto thee Trustworthiness and the station thereof in the estimation of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. One day of days We repaired unto Our Green Island. Upon Our arrival, We beheld its streams flowing, and its trees luxuriant, and the sunlight playing in their midst. Turning Our face to the right, We beheld what the pen is powerless to describe; nor can it set forth that which the eye of the Lord of Mankind witnessed in that most sanctified, that most sublime, that blest, and most exalted Spot. Turning, then, to the left We gazed on one of the Beauties of the Most Sublime Paradise, standing on a pillar of light, and calling aloud saying: 'O inmates of earth and heaven! Behold ye My beauty, and My radiance, and My revelation, and My effulgence. By God, the True One! I am Trustworthiness and the revelation thereof, and the beauty thereof. I will recompense whosoever will

cleave unto Me, and recognize My rank and station, and hold fast unto My hem. I am the most great ornament of the people of Baha, and the vesture of glory unto all who are in the kingdom of creation. I am the supreme instrument for the prosperity of the world, and the horizon of assurance unto all beings.' Thus have We sent down for thee that which will draw men nigh unto the Lord of creation.

The Pen of the Most High turneth from the eloquent language to the luminous one that thou, O Jalil, mayest appreciate the tender mercy of thy Lord, the Incomparable One and mayest be of them that are truly grateful.

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon the all-glorious Horizon! The Call is raised but hearing ears are numbered, nay non-existent. This Wronged One findeth himself in the maw of the serpent, yet He faileth not to make mention of the loved ones of God. So grievous have been Our sufferings in these days that the Concourse on High are […]

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Among the officials who in the past have governed in this Most Great Prison some, praise be to God, were adorned with justice, but as to others, We take refuge with God. We beseech the One true God to guide them one and all, that haply they may not be deprived of the fruit of faith and trustworthiness, nor be withheld from the light of equity and justice.

The sixth Ishraq

is union and concord amongst the children of men. From the beginning of time the light of unity hath shed its divine radiance upon the world, and the greatest means for the promotion of that unity is for the peoples of the world to understand one another's writing and speech. In former Epistles We have enjoined upon the Trustees of the House of Justice either to choose one language from among those now existing or to adopt a new one, and in like manner to select a common script, both of which should be taught in all the schools of the world. Thus will the earth be regarded as one country and one home. The most glorious fruit of the tree of knowledge is this exalted word: Of one tree are all ye the fruit, and of one bough the leaves. Let not man glory in this that he loveth his country, let him rather glory in this that he loveth his kind. Concerning this We have previously […]

which is the means of the reconstruction of the world and the unity of nations. Blessed are they that attain thereunto. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

The seventh Ishraq

The Pen of Glory counselleth everyone regarding the instruction and education of children. Behold that which the Will of God hath revealed upon Our arrival in the Prison City and recorded in the Most Holy Book. Unto every father hath been enjoined the instruction of his son and daughter in the art of reading and writing and in all that hath been laid down in the Holy Tablet. He that putteth away that which is commanded unto him, the Trustees are then to take from him that which is required for their instruction, if he be wealthy, and if not the matter devolveth upon the House of Justice. Verily, have We made it a

shelter for the poor and needy. He that bringeth up his son or the son of another, it is as though he hath brought up a son of Mine; upon him rest My Glory, My Loving-Kindness, My Mercy, that have compassed the world.

The eighth Ishraq

This passage, now written by the Pen of Glory, is accounted as part of the Most Holy Book: The men of God's House of Justice have been charged with the affairs of the people. They, in truth, are the Trustees of God among His servants and the daysprings of authority in His countries.

O people of God! That which traineth the world is Justice, for it is upheld by two pillars, reward and punishment. These two pillars are the sources of life to the world. Inasmuch as for each day there is a new problem and for every problem an expedient solution, such affairs should be referred to the House of Justice that the members thereof may act according to the needs and requirements of the time. They that, for the sake of God, arise to serve His Cause, are the recipients of divine inspiration from the unseen Kingdom. It is incumbent upon all to be obedient unto them. All matters of State should be referred to the House of Justice, but acts of worship must be observed according to that which God hath revealed in His Book.

O people of Baha! Ye are the dawning-places of the love of God and the daysprings of His loving-kindness. Defile not your tongues with the cursing and reviling of any soul, and guard your eyes against that which is not seemly. Set forth that which ye possess. If it be favourably received, your end is attained; if not, to protest is vain. Leave that soul to himself and turn unto the Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Be not the cause of grief, much less of discord and strife. The hope is cherished that ye may obtain […]

true education in the shelter of the tree of His tender mercies and act in accordance with that which God desireth. Ye are all the leaves of one tree and the drops of one ocean.

The ninth Ishraq

The purpose of religion as revealed from the heaven of God's holy Will is to establish unity and concord amongst the peoples of the world; make it not the cause of dissension and strife. The religion of God and His divine law are the most potent instruments and the surest of all means for the dawning of the light of unity amongst men. The progress of the world, the development of nations, the tranquillity of peoples, and the peace of all who dwell on earth are among the principles and ordinances of God. Religion bestoweth upon man the most precious of all gifts, offereth the cup of prosperity, imparteth eternal life, and showereth imperishable benefits upon mankind.

It behoveth the chiefs and rulers of the world, and in particular the Trustees of God's House of Justice, to endeavour to the utmost of their power to safeguard its position, promote its interests and exalt its station in the eyes of the world. In like manner it is incumbent upon them to enquire into the conditions of their subjects and to acquaint themselves with the affairs and activities of the divers communities in their dominions.

We call upon the manifestations of the power of God - the sovereigns and rulers on earth - to bestir themselves and do all in their power that haply they may banish discord from this world and illumine it with the light of concord.

It is incumbent upon everyone to firmly adhere to and observe that which hath streamed forth from Our Most Exalted Pen. God, the True One, beareth Me witness, and every atom in existence is moved to testify that such means as lead to the elevation, the advancement, the education, the protection and the regeneration of the peoples of the earth have been clearly set forth by Us and are revealed in the Holy Books and Tablets by the Pen of Glory. We entreat God to graciously aid His servants.

What this Wronged One doth expect from everyone is justice and fairness. Let no one be content with mere hearing; rather doth it behove everyone to ponder that which this Wronged One hath revealed. I swear by the Day-Star of utterance, shining above the horizon of the Kingdom of the All-Merciful, had there been any expounder or speaker discernible, We would not have made Ourself the object of the censure, ridicule and slander of the people.

Upon Our arrival in 'Iraq We found the Cause of God sunk in deep apathy and the breeze of divine revelation stilled. Most of the believers were faint and dispirited, nay […]

utterly lost and dead. Hence there was a second blast on the Trumpet, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these blessed words: 'We have sounded the Trumpet for the second time.' Thus the whole world was quickened through the vitalizing breaths of divine revelation and inspiration. Certain souls have now sallied forth from behind the veils, intent on inflicting harm upon this Wronged One. They have hindered and denied the outpouring of this priceless bounty. O ye that judge with fairness! If this Cause is to be denied then what other cause in this world can be vindicated or deemed worthy of acceptance?

Such as have turned away from the Cause of God are diligently seeking to collect the Holy Writings of this Revelation; and they have already, through gestures of friendship, managed to secure certain of these Writings from those who held them in their possession. Moreover, when they meet the followers of any religion, they hold themselves out as believers therein. Say, die ye in your wrath! Verily He hath appeared with so great an authority that no man of vision, of hearing, of insight, of justice or of equity can ever deny Him. Unto this beareth witness in this resplendent Hour the Pen of Him Who is the Ancient of Days.

O Jalil! Upon thee be My glory. We exhort the loved ones of God to perform good deeds that perchance they may be graciously assisted and may hold fast to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Revelation. The benefits arising from this divine utterance shall fall upon such as observe His precepts. We beseech God to enable them to do that which is pleasing and acceptable unto Him, to grant that they may deal equitably and may observe justice in this all-compelling Cause, to acquaint them with His Holy Writings and to direct their steps towards His straight Path.

Our Exalted Herald - may the life of all else besides Him be offered up for His sake - hath revealed certain laws. However, in the realm of His Revelation these laws were made subject to Our sanction, hence this Wronged One hath put some of them into effect by embodying them in the Kitab-i-Aqdas in different words. Others We set aside. He holdeth in His hand the authority. He doeth what He willeth and He

ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Praised. There are also ordinances newly revealed. Blessed are they that attain. Blessed are they that observe His precepts.

The people of God should make the utmost endeavour that perchance the fire of hatred and malice which smouldereth in the breasts of kindreds and peoples may, through the living waters of utterance and the exhortations of Him Who is the Desire of the world, be quenched and the trees of human existence may be adorned with wondrous and […]

excellent fruit. He is, in truth, the Admonisher, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. May the brightness of His glory shining above the horizon of bounty rest upon you, O people of Baha, upon every one who standeth firm and steadfast and upon those that are well grounded in the Faith and are endued with true understanding.

As to thy question concerning interest and profit on gold and silver: Some years ago the following passage was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful in honour of the one who beareth the name of God, entitled Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin - upon him be the glory of the Most Glorious. He - exalted be His Word - saith: Many people stand in need of this. Because if there were no prospect for gaining interest, the affairs of men would suffer collapse or dislocation. One can seldom find a person who would manifest such consideration towards his fellow-man, his countryman or towards his own brother and would show such tender solicitude for him as to be well-disposed to grant him a loan on benevolent terms.

Therefore as a token of favour towards men We have prescribed that interest on money should be treated like other business transactions that are current amongst men. Thus, now that this lucid commandment hath descended from the heaven of the Will of God, it is lawful and proper to charge interest on money, that the people of the world may, in a spirit of amity and fellowship and with joy and gladness, devotedly engage themselves in magnifying the Name of Him Who is the Well-Beloved of all mankind. Verily He ordaineth according to His Own choosing. He hath now made interest on money lawful, even as He had made it unlawful in the past. Within His grasp He holdeth the kingdom of authority. He doeth and ordaineth. He is in truth the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Render thou thanks unto thy Lord, O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, for this manifest bounty. Many ecclesiastics in Persia have, through innumerable designs and devices, been feeding on illicit gains obtained by usury. They have contrived ways to give its outward form a fair semblance of lawfulness. They make a plaything of the laws and ordinances of God, but they understand not.

However, this is a matter that should be practised with moderation and fairness. Our Pen of Glory hath, as a token of wisdom and for the convenience of the people, desisted from laying down its limit. Nevertheless We exhort the loved ones of God to observe justice and fairness, and to do that which would prompt the friends of God to evince tender mercy and compassion towards each other. He is in truth the Counsellor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. God grant that all men may be graciously aided to observe that which the Tongue of the One true God hath uttered. And if they put into practice what We have set […]

forth, God - exalted be His glory - will assuredly double their portion through the heaven of His bounty. Verily He is the Generous, the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Praise be unto God, the Most Exalted, the

Most Great. Nevertheless the conduct of these affairs hath been entrusted to the men of the House of Justice that they may enforce them according to the exigencies of the time and the dictates of wisdom. Once again We exhort all believers to observe justice and fairness and to show love and contentment. They are indeed the people of Baha, the companions of the Crimson Ark. Upon them be the peace of God, the Lord of all Names, the Creator of the heavens.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Manifest, the Most High, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath revealed the Face after the passing away of all things, and hath stirred the Kingdom of Names through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen, and hath spoken that whereby the essence of evanescence hath been invested with the robe of everlasting existence. Glorified be He Whom the hearts of the possessors of understanding cannot comprehend, nor can that which ascendeth from the realm of creation reach unto Him. He it is Who hath quickened the bones through the breezes of His Most Sublime Word, whereby was raised the pavilion of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth.' Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and of the earth, the Sovereign of the Hereafter and of the former times. Blessed is the one who hath hearkened unto His sweetest call, and blessed the strong one whom the veils of names have not weakened. Exalted is our Lord above the mention of every mentioner and the description of every describer. All things have testified to His loftiness and power, His sublimity and grandeur. The comprehension of the mystics cannot grasp Him, nor can the knowledge of the learned know Him. He hath created all things by His command and sovereignty, and hath ordained for every matter an appointed time in His Book. Verily, He is the Single One, the One, the Self-Subsisting, before Whom all necks have bowed in humility. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

I pray, glorify, magnify and offer salutations upon those whom the wine of mystic knowledge hath intoxicated in the days of the All-Merciful, in such wise that they have spoken with wisdom and utterance amongst the concourse of creation. These are servants whom heedlessness hath not overtaken and whose necks have not bent with drowsiness. They have arisen to serve the Lord of mankind in such manner as hath bewildered the minds of the wise and the hearts of the eloquent. The servant beseecheth his Lord through the tongues of all created things that He may gather him beneath their shadow and grant him a station in their proximity. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and from Whose will nothing in creation, past or future, can hinder Him. He, verily, is the Single, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention. Your letter hath reached me and caused me to hear the warbling of the bird of divine knowledge, and guided me to the pathway of my Sovereign and your Sovereign and the Sovereign of all in creation. By the life of the Beloved! Such longing hath seized me as cannot be contained in pages. To this doth testify the Lord of the Covenant, through Whom the horizons have been illumined. Then did the magnet of Glory attract me and bring me into the precincts of holiness, nearness and beauty. When I appeared before the Face, I presented what was in the letter concerning

your submissiveness, humility and supplication unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. When this was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, saying - and His sweetest utterance is this:

O Jamal! Were one to observe carefully, We have concealed and dispatched volumes of utterance in but a single word. Now consider how many verses have been revealed and sent in your name. Reflect, that thou mayest recognize God's grace and bounty, God's mercy and generosity. Every fair-minded one hath testified and doth testify to the greatness of the ocean of divine grace, and in all conditions the glance of favor and the eye of loving-kindness have been directed and turned toward you. Be assured of what thy Lord, the All-Knowing, imparteth unto thee. Today you must be focused on matters that cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Naught is seen today save the sovereignty and authority of God. Verily, We have sent unto thee the Sealed Wine, the Water of Life, and the Salsabil of divine knowledge. To this thy Lord, the All-Merciful, doth testify from this glorious horizon.

You wrote that you had met with S from the people of S and intended to invite him again. It is known that His Holiness has always dealt with the servants of God with the utmost kindness, love and compassion. God willing, may the breezes of these days take hold of that person and enable him to achieve supreme steadfastness and service to the twin Luminous Lights. This matter was presented at the Most Holy Court and was accepted. He said: "Let him associate with the servants with spirit and fragrance and guide them to the path of God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great."

Regarding what you wrote about turning toward the land of S, He said these days it is not advisable, for "the wolf howls and the frog croaks. Be patient until the fragrance of acceptance and assurance wafts from there."

Now that three hours have passed on Sunday the 27th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, this evanescent servant has been blessed with another letter from His Holiness, and the breezes of His favors have taken hold of and surrounded this servant. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may ever keep that Beloved one warbling, explaining and speaking in the gardens of utterance. In all cases this servant is ashamed and abashed before the divine friends and hopes for forgiveness.

You had written appointing this servant as your representative for visiting the Ancient Beauty at the appointed time. When I attained the Most Holy Court and was honored with circumambulation and visitation on your behalf, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke saying: "O My Name 'Beauty'! The servant in attendance has visited on your behalf and We have accepted it as a favor from Us that you may rejoice and be thankful." Then on your behalf I also attained the blessing of visiting the Branches of God and those who circle round.

You wrote that on behalf of this evanescent servant along with the divine friends Aqa Muhammad-Taqi and Aqa Shir-'Ali, upon them be the Glory of God, you attained the visitation of the Most Great Holy Leaf, His sister - may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be a sacrifice for her holy resting place. This was the perfection of kindness regarding this evanescent one. Mention of the two souls who were honored to serve His Holiness was made at the Most Holy Court. The Sun of favor has dawned in relation to each one. God willing, may they attain supreme steadfastness and remain protected from the fetid winds of the souls of the polytheists. O beloved of my heart, observe what a day this is, while people are content with

falsehood in their discourse and have turned away from the Lord of Causes and Sovereign of nations. Such is the station of imaginary temples. Fie upon them and their fidelity! They have broken God's Covenant and His pact and have disputed His verses after their revelation. I testify that they are among the most lost in the Clear Book.

Regarding what you wrote about the holy tomb and its state of disrepair, this was presented and He said: "This is God's way with His loved ones from before. Blessed is he who repairs and raises it. However, wisdom must be observed in all conditions. O Beauty, wisdom appears like the morning star from the horizon of the divine Book's heaven. Its observance is necessary and obligatory for all."

You testified with all your limbs and members that all glory, bounty, rest and joy lie in His shadow and in His love, and praise be to God that I have attained to both. After presenting this passage, He said: "He hath spoken the truth," and God willing these words shall ever flow from his pen and tongue in such wise that no trace of vexation or sorrow shall follow. O Beauty! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee and My favors unto thee. Let nothing sadden thee in God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning the funds you wrote about, stating that you had delivered them as instructed to the specified individuals and had sent the receipts - the receipts arrived, and this servant praises the Beloved of the world for having aided you to serve the Cause. Verily, He is the Helper of those who act.

Regarding what you wrote about H.S. (upon him be the Glory of God) - in truth this servant has been remiss in serving him, but it was due to Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, as I thought he would return and I would send the reply to his letter with him. In any case, this matter was delayed until these days when the aforementioned one decided to depart, and this servant wrote a detailed letter to him and likewise several separate Tablets were prepared that should reach him. God willing they will arrive. If you meet him, express on behalf of this non-existent one, this absolute void, mention of evanescence and nothingness.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends in the land of Kh., stating that you had sent a copy of the Blessed Tablet and that you constantly make mention of divine favors concerning them - this matter is most pleasing. In these days two petitions arrived from them, and the reply to one was bestowed and sent, and other petitions have also arrived. God willing, may they ever be blessed with the grace of the All-Merciful. Once the Ancient Tongue spoke these blessed words: "O servant in attendance! Write to His Beauty that in all conditions thou shouldst gaze toward the horizon of unity in such wise that differences move thee not. Unity is the greatest foundation for the edifices of the City of Knowledge. Look not at the people and their deeds and what they speak and utter. Behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance and take hold of it through My Name, the Strong, the Self-Subsisting. If abasement befall thee in this path, it is the very essence of glory. Be wholly for God, then rejoice in His bounty unto thee and be of the thankful ones. And if someone behaves contrary to divine laws and ordinances, remind him with utmost love in such manner that it causes him no embarrassment. If he accepts, he hath attained unto counsel, and if not, then ask God to guide him to His straight path."

When this utterance was heard from the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful's revelation, in truth the attraction of divine favor so seized this servant that the pen confesses its inability to describe it. God

willing may all servants attain unto the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance. By the life of the Intended One! Should they attain unto the sweetness of but one word, they would not exchange the Sun of Truth for all that exists in creation and all that is mentioned therein, and all would proceed toward the ultimate goal.

Regarding what you wrote about the sanctuary of the Name of God - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God - it was submitted and He said: "Yes, what was done was for God." From time to time, with wisdom, inquire about their circumstances. These matters are most beloved, provided they are carried out with wisdom, for if the hosts of the Wolf and the parties of the serpent, and some from within and without become aware, it will not be free from harm. Take wisdom as a command from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-Rida and Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib - upon them be the Glory of God - two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent with Ibn-i-Asdaq - upon him be the Glory of God. After this detail was submitted before the Throne, He said: The gaze of favor is upon them. God willing, they must arise to serve the Cause with such enthusiasm that its effect shall remain permanent and enduring. Convey My glory, O Jamal, to them both on My behalf, and remind them of My remembrance, My favor, My grace, and My mercy which have encompassed both the sovereign and the subject. Verily We have remembered them and turned toward them from this Forbidden Place, and We counsel them to show forth the greatest steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, in such wise that neither the knowledge of the knowers, nor the wisdom of the wise, nor the learning of the learned, nor the hosts and multitudes shall prevent them. God willing, may they guide mankind and summon the people to the truth. May they protect weak hearts and minds from the doubts and imaginings of the deluded ones, through the Name of God. Verily, We send Our glory from this Station and convey Our greetings upon them and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts therein unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Another submission is that His Honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant requesting some wondrous and exalted Tablets for certain people of Dawlatabad and those regions. After presenting this to the Most Holy Court, that very night blessed Tablets descended from the heaven of the Lord's Will. Some were written by the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His most pure footsteps - and some were written by this servant as commanded, since in this year when the Branch of God would sometimes honor different regions with His presence, this servant would copy some Tablets from the revealed text and send them as commanded. In any case, the Tablets for the aforementioned Mirza will be sent either this time or next. However, He stated that all people have not known and do not know the value of the divine Tablet and are incapable of comprehending its outer meaning, let alone its inner meaning. And verses, proofs and Tablets have been revealed, made manifest and sent to such a degree that counting them would be most difficult. Now some Arabic and Persian Tablets that transcend suppositions and imaginings should be collected. Among them, the servant in attendance's letters that are adorned with the ornament of the All-Merciful's utterance are very useful, as divine verses and utterances of every kind have been revealed in them. These should be collected and given, as circumstances warrant, to several souls who possess the

power of utterance and are adorned with pleasing character and lofty attributes, that they may turn to different regions, perchance to guide people to the supreme horizon and give them to drink of the water of immortality. Today teachers are needed and expounders are necessary. Every soul should have the verses of the All-Merciful before his eyes in every station and convey them in their proper place. Thus doth the Truth teach you and I am the All-Knowing.

Regarding what you wrote about the ascension of Fathu'llah, utterances were revealed and made manifest from the heaven of grace. And since his brother had been waiting a long time and had sent several letters to this evanescent servant with no opportunity for reply, therefore this time a letter was written to him mentioning the elevated one. Blessed is he and blessed is he who attains to the mention of God in His days.

Furthermore, in these days a letter arrived from Hadba and among it was seen the petition that Manakji Sahib had submitted to the Most Holy Court. This letter had remained en route and in Hadba for some time. After presenting it to the Most Holy Court, He commanded to write to Jamal to mention to them:

The letter of that friend arrived. We beseech the Lord of the world to gladden and refresh him with the remembrance of the Friend and to bestow upon him from His bounties that which is befitting. His mention has been in the gathering of friends and with the help of the Peerless Friend it shall continue to be. Convey Our greetings and salutations.

O beloved of my heart! At most times this servant hears the lamentation of his own heart, for he observes that the lights of the Sun of Truth have encompassed the world, and yet the people remain heedless and veiled. What do the people of the Furqan possess, and what have the people of the Bayan, and to what do other peoples cling, and by what proof do they hold fast? All that hath come to pass in the world, both general and specific, hath been explicitly revealed in the divine Books in but a few years, one after another, as that being and every fair-minded soul would testify. The Surih of Ra'is by itself, and the Tablet of the Temple, and other Tablets are extant and available. Blessed is he who, being endowed with insight, acknowledgeth what he hath heard and seen. After mention was made of the sovereign of Paris and the chief of that great city, some were bewildered, and even certain of the loved ones would say to this servant how it could be that the emperor of the world would be abased and find himself humiliated and defeated, when all the kings moved and acted by his command and will. Apart from these things, behold the other afflictions that have overtaken the world. Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan, through mere fabrications, have deprived themselves of the ocean of fairness and knowledge. By the life of God! They are indeed in manifest loss.

You have undoubtedly heard the details of what transpired in Adrianople, when Siyyid Muhammad, being confident that the Ancient Beauty would not confront one such as Yahya, told Mir Muhammad - who was one of the simple-minded followers - and likewise to some of the Persians of that land, that on the morrow so-and-so would come forth. If they spoke the truth, let them also come forth and meet at the Sultan Selim Mosque, that truth might be distinguished from falsehood. The next day, Mir Muhammad - upon him be the glory of God - came and conveyed this message to the Most Holy Court. At that moment, the Ancient Beauty arose and went forth from the gate of the private quarters, revealing divine verses in the most exalted voice as He proceeded, until He arrived at the mosque. Some Persians were

present, listening in utter amazement, with tears streaming down their faces. He told Mir Muhammad: "Go and tell them to appear." After some time he returned and reported that the Chief of Liars had asked to be excused. The Ancient Beauty granted a further two days' respite. This incident occurred in the presence of seventy believers and others. Nevertheless, after arrival in the Most Great Prison, one day a well-known person came into the presence of the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His most mighty footsteps - and reported that Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Jan were claiming that in Adrianople it had been arranged for the Ancient Beauty to meet with him in one assembly for discourse, but while Mirza Yahya came, the Ancient Beauty did not appear, and this became evident to all the divines, notables and the governor. The Branch of God presented this before the Divine Throne, saying: "Such astonishment seized me that I was rendered incapable of response." Now observe how they have recounted and distorted such a clear and evident matter. They have attributed to themselves all the characteristics of the Ancient Beauty, and ascribed their own misdeeds to the Manifestation of sanctity and holiness. Throughout the years of their stay in Adrianople, they were occupied day and night with such activities. Thus whatever was manifested from the Most Great Branch in His childhood, Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani would attribute to Ahmad, son of Yahya, and mention it in his name. The curse of God be upon the liars and the slanderers!

In the beginning when the Ancient Beauty disassociated from him, the matter concerned that faithless one's violation of the sanctity of the Primal Point's - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - household. After some time, when this proved unacceptable to the heedless ones, he gave it to another vile person. By God, besides Whom there is no other God, this servant is ashamed of his deeds and actions. And you yourself know that no one besides this servant is aware, as I was with him. God suffices as witness to what I say. He committed acts that neither tongue can utter nor pen can record. You have surely heard some of them. He imagines he is following the laws of the Primal Point. Ask him by what religious decree he has taken these multiple wives in various cities. It behooveth us to cease mention of such as these and to speak of that which befitteth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. The One God is witness that this servant never intended and does not intend to make such mentions, and for several years his mention was completely set aside. However, in these days, as he has become occupied with various calumnies, therefore these few matters, which in truth are but a drop from the ocean of his deeds, were submitted for God's sake so that the friends of God might be informed. You who are aware of much, God willing, should ensure all the friends become informed lest they be deprived of the lights of the Sun of Revelation due to the darkness of false souls. Although powerful souls who have drunk from the Most Great Ocean see the world as non-existent, how much more so these thorns and thistles of the sea and lumps of clay of the land. He has said the guardians of the Divine City must be vigilant and aware. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak aforetime - verily He is the All-Informing, the All-Knowing. […]

He is the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Utterance!

God willing, thou shalt partake of the sweet fragrances of the divine days and receive thy portion from the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy. This is the Day that hath been mentioned and recorded in all the divine Books and Scriptures, past and future. Today is the day of seeing, for the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of God's Command declareth "Look and thou shalt behold Me." And today is the day of hearing, for from all directions the call of the Revealer of Verses is raised. The Mother Book

hath been sent down, yet the people are occupied with trifling diversions. The Revealer of Verses hath appeared, yet the servants are engaged in idle play. Lift up thy head and gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, that thou mayest witness the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. Strive, that this evanescent world may not withhold thee from thy eternal station. Though speech is formed of words, this utterance is sanctified above words, for it hath appeared from the wellspring of divine knowledge. Reflect, that thou mayest discover that which is hidden from thee. By My life! Today is not the day for reflection [but] today is the day for striving. The heedless have forsaken the Most Great Ocean and turned to a mirage. They have mistaken darkness for light and counted the ignorant as learned. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, that thou mayest be recorded among the successful ones in God's Book. Say:

O my God! I beseech Thee not to withhold me from the ocean of Thy knowledge, the sun of Thy grace, and the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning Aqa Siyyid Aqa-Jan, this Most Holy Tablet was revealed:

He is the Mighty, the All-Praised!

This is a remembrance unto him who hath turned toward the ocean of My utterance and desired to drink therefrom in My Name, the Forgiving, the Generous. O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and summoneth thee unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Abandon the world and all that is therein, and hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Beware lest thou be saddened by the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, disputed His signs, turned away from His sovereignty, and clung to the images and idols they possess. Their divines have withheld them from the Known One Who hath come in His name, the Self-Subsisting, with an authority before which every discerning one hath bowed down. They have turned away from certitude by following vain imaginings. Thus doth the Book Gracious recount unto thee. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence! I testify that Thou hast manifested the Manifestation of Thyself, the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy signs, and through Him Thou hast guided Thy servants to the ocean of Thy knowledge. Among them are those who turned away, those who turned toward Thee, and those who pronounced sentence to shed the blood of Thy chosen ones and loved ones. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha that which shall sanctify them from all else but Thee, draw them nigh unto Thee, and strengthen them in such wise that they may behold Thy signs as they are in themselves, not as they desire to see them. O Lord! I am the poor one who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy riches. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of both the beginning and the end. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

And concerning the people of Bahnimir and one of the handmaidens of God who was mentioned in his letter, these wondrous and sublime verses were revealed:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed […]

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth and manifested what He desired through His command "Be, and it is!" He is, verily, the One through Whom the Balance was revealed and the Tongue spoke. There is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath arisen in His name, the Self-Subsisting, among the servants and hath spoken that which caused agitation among the dwellers of the cities of names, save whom God, the Lord of existence, hath willed. O people of Bahnimir! The All-Informed calleth you and mentioneth you in connection with how the breath of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all possibility, and praiseth those who have sacrificed their souls in the path of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Blessed is the blood that was shed in the path of God and blessed is the body that bore hardships in His love. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation mentioned those servants who hastened to the field of sacrifice in such wise as to astonish all hearts. We magnify every living one who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and pray for every martyr who hath laid down his life in His manifest and evident path. We make mention of Our maidservant who hath attained unto My days and turned unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. We have made mention of thee out of Our grace, and of Our loved ones in that place. Blessed art thou and they, and those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

As for the names mentioned in your letters, whether of the living or the dead, divine Tablets have been revealed specifically for each one. Verily, mention is an adornment for the servants in their lives and an ocean of forgiveness after their death. According to instructions, this servant wrote and sent the revealed Tablets, as the Most Great Branch was not present. It would be preferable if a clear copy were written and sent with the Tablets, as some may not be able to read them properly.

Furthermore, your latest letter dated the 18th of Ramadan arrived. It dispelled sorrow, destroyed grief, eliminated sadness, and what it conveyed is clear and evident, requiring no elaboration. After it was presented before the Most Holy Presence, He said: "O Jamal, thou didst make a covenant that henceforth naught but words of contentment and signs of joy and gladness would reach the Most Holy Court from thee. God willing, through the favors of the Beloved of the world, thou wilt remain faithful to this covenant. Although the Supreme Pen hath testified concerning thee that thou hast been faithful to God's Covenant and hast arisen to serve His Cause, yet this first matter hath been mentioned in several letters thou hast sent to this servant in attendance. God willing, it must be fulfilled. Drink, in My Name, from the ocean of My joy and gladness and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Jamal! We have heard thy call in thy latest letter which thou didst send to Our servant, and We have answered thee in the morning and in the evening and at noontide, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. And concerning what thou didst mention in thy Persian supplication: "O God! Thou Thyself art witness that whenever I hear Thy lamentations in the Tablets bewailing the differences among Thy servants, I am so overwhelmed that I am nearly driven to flee to the mountains, beating my head, and to hide my face in shame, never to show it again" - and this continues until where thou sayest that from the verses of a Tablet revealed to one of the loved ones, thou hadst understood that complaints about thee had been made at the Most Holy Court. This servant declareth that no such matter hath ever been mentioned in the revealed Tablets. God Himself is witness that thou

hast been regarded with favor and hast been the object of grace. And after this matter was presented at the Most Holy Court, they stated: “Much favor hath been shown to thee. Know thou the value of thy Lord’s grace and be of the thankful ones.” Were this the time of the Herald’s Manifestation, many villages would have been bestowed upon thee. Know thou this much: that one who hath been blessed by God’s grace and whom He hath named with the Name of God - that is, who hath been honored with the address “O My Name” - verily if such a one should, for the sake of God and His Cause and the exaltation of His Word, humble himself before the lowliest soul, no harm shall come to him; nay rather, it shall cause his glory and exaltation. Thus doth thy Lord remind thee. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Enter thou the vast expanse of hope and step into the arena of detachment. Verily, He will not suffer to be lost the reward of thine actions and what thou hast wrought in His path. He hath, indeed, exalted thee through His grace, and He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Regarding what thou didst write about the Mashriqu’l-Adhkar and the Blessed Spot, it was submitted, and He said: “The matter of the Mashriqu’l-Adhkar hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book, but today all matters are contingent upon wisdom. In any land where it is deemed advisable and not contrary to wisdom, there is no objection. This is what God ordained aforetime and at this moment.”

Today, the observation of wisdom is necessary and obligatory for everyone.

And concerning thy request for forgiveness for thy relatives, this is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “O Jamal! We have forgiven them and absolved them of their misdeeds, and illumined them with the light of Our countenance in the Supreme Horizon, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, Who hath answered thee in that which thou didst beseech Him and hath given thee to drink from the ocean of reunion. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.” The souls mentioned have all attained unto divine mercy and been adorned with the robe of forgiveness. Blessed is every servant and maidservant who hath been remembered by God after their ascension unto Him.

Concerning what thou didst write about Haji ?adiq from the people of Kha, it was presented at the Most Holy Court, and He said: “We send Our greetings to him and command him to observe what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he for having recognized and attained unto this Cause, whereby the mountains have trembled and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Strong, the Mighty. Say: O ?adiq! Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. Verily, this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. And when a cawing one cometh unto you with a book, know ye that it is assuredly the book of the wicked ones, recorded in a clear tablet. O people of freedom! Hold fast unto the cord of God and cast behind you every suspicious cawing one.”

O My loved ones of the letter Kha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of you from this exalted Station and counseleth you concerning the Book of God which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord. Take ye hold of the Book of Certitude and cast behind you the vain imaginings of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Jamal! We have made mention of those from among the people of Kha whose names were recorded in thy book. Give them the glad-tidings of this great bounty. God willing, all must arise with supreme

steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of Names and remain so firm in the Cause that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to hinder them. Say: Beware lest the buzzing of the fly debar you from God, the Lord of all men. The evil ones of the earth seek to lead the servants astray in the name of truth. Guard yourselves through the name of your Lord, the Strong, the Mighty.

At all times fix your gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful and drink from the living waters of inner meanings and utterance which flow from the Fountainhead of words. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto this Day and hath quaffed the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Gracious Lord. The souls who have accepted the Faith must be vigilant and remain seated upon the throne of steadfastness. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed aforetime in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." "Nay! Truly the record of the wicked is in Sijjin. And what shall teach thee what Sijjin is? It is a written record. Woe on that day unto those who deny!" Consider and reflect that ye may drink from the ocean of meanings that lie hidden within this blessed verse and attain unto such a station wherein the books of the world shall not prevent you from the Mother Book, and the whisperings of the Evil One shall not keep you back from the Lord of mankind. How many are the evil ones who, through displays of piety and devotion, have led the servants astray and debarred them from the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Thus have We adorned the sea of knowledge with the ship of utterance. Blessed is every steadfast hearer.

This most holy, most exalted, most sanctified Tablet was revealed specifically for the people of Turbat and Furugh and their surroundings, whose names were recorded in your book, and likewise specifically for the people of Kha who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, may all attain unto it and act according to it.

Concerning what you wrote about the Huququ'llah, He hath commanded that its payment is binding upon all. And regarding what you wrote that Haji ?adiq, upon him be the Glory of God, submitted the Huququ'llah from the properties themselves - in these days they wrote asking what should be done, whether to sell or to send the yearly proceeds - this matter was presented, and this is what was revealed in response: We have given permission to the aforementioned Haji to act according to whichever he chooseth. The purpose is that the deed be accomplished with joy and fragrance. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He shall not be asked of His doings and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote mentioning Aqa Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Muhammad-Quli, this was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: God willing, may they be blessed with divine favors and be directed toward the horizon of their goal. Their purpose is known and evident, but the strangers have come between us and the faithful ones. Although patience in separation from the Beloved is most bitter, yet since it is by His command it is most dear. The Primal Point hath said that the whole world exists that men might attain unto the word of resignation from His presence. Now the Supreme Pen declareth […]

O Muhammad! O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Be patient in thy separation from thy Lord and say: O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for them that have turned unto Thee and have attained unto Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Gracious, the Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Quli! Hearken unto My call and be of them that are thankful. Say: O my Lord! I have longed for the Kawthar of Thy presence and the ocean of Thy reunion. I beseech Thee by Thy grace not to disappoint me, and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what thou didst write concerning his honor Aqa Mirza Kazim, son of the martyr, upon him be the Glory of God, he and his family have been the recipients of Our favor, and this servant had previously sent a letter in response to his missive, adorned and embellished with divine verses. God's favors toward him have shone forth like the manifest sun. God willing, may he be occupied at all times with the mention and praise of the Beloved of all horizons. We have assuredly made mention of him before, and before that, and We mention him now with fragrant joy that he may give thanks to his Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Mention of him hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. Give him the glad-tidings of this bounty and make mention of him with this wondrous remembrance. God willing, may he ever remain the recipient of this favor.

Another entreaty is that if you meet with Jinab-i-Ismu'llah-i-Jud, upon him be all the Glory of the All-Glorious, mention on behalf of this evanescent one the mention of extinction and nothingness, and say: "O my Beloved! A mighty day and a mighty Cause have come. Can any eye be found in the world that, detached from all veils and clouds and from all conjectures and idle fancies and from all that hath been heard, can behold the signs of God in themselves, or any ear that can hearken unto the Call purely for the sake of God?" The servants are small and the Cause is great, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. What hath befallen these heedless people that they remain veiled and, through the buzzing of flies, are deprived of the Lord of all return? It behooveth every soul to regard the divine Cause as it is in itself, not as they desire it to be. In truth, the greatest terror hath encompassed mankind. Apart from all else, observe the people of the Bayan, what vain imaginings they have clung to, after what the Primal Point hath spoken concerning this Most Great, Most Exalted Manifestation: "Beware, beware on the day of His manifestation lest thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but a creature before Him, and beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words that were revealed in the Bayan, for they are but His own words in the temple of His previous manifestation." Nevertheless, what they have said and continue to say! They lay claim to the verses, which are but as dust itself. They are drowned in the suspicions of the People of the Furqan. Say: O ye who are as paupers! For twelve hundred years the People of the Furqan were reared in these suspicions and idle fancies and counted themselves the most excellent of all peoples and the most virtuous of all that dwell on earth. Yet what excellence did they achieve and what station did they attain? Say: Shatter the idols of names through the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious. This is better for you, did ye but know it. Perchance they may rend asunder the veils and soar, unfettered and free, in this holy and spiritual atmosphere. By His very truth, they were afflicted with a hundred thousand ailments, yet were conscious of not even one. And now these people are following in those same footsteps and are warring against the Lord of all being with the weapons of falsehood and calumny. What use is it that people are unaware of the truth of the Cause? Every soul who was acquainted with all matters - how they denied Him night and day, and what calumnies they uttered against Him lest He become trusted and a source of confidence for the servants. In any case, arise and speak, that perchance the lights of the Sun of Truth may encompass the world and

the realm of fancy may be transformed from potentiality to actuality. We beseech God not to deprive any of His servants, whether of the East or of the West, of this mighty bounty and this great gift. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Some time ago, a wondrous and glorious Tablet was revealed from the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence specifically for them and was sent. God willing, they have attained unto it. Likewise specifically for Jinab-i-Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to gather us in one place that I may mention to your honor what lay concealed behind the veil. He is our Protector in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Another entreaty is that thou shouldst convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings to all the friends of God and say: The Day is come and mankind hath arisen unto the Lord of the worlds. This station requireth steadfastness. Blessed is he who hath taken its chalice and drunk therefrom in the name of his Lord, the All-Wise. God willing, may they attain such a station wherein neither the buzzing of the fly nor the croaking of the raven shall debar them from the Lord of Return. They must walk and speak with the utmost wisdom, and at times gather together with perfect wisdom and recite the verses of God in Persian and Arabic, and ponder upon them. By the life of the Beloved! The breezes of the verses will so attract them that they shall behold themselves as mountains firm in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Again I submit that thou didst write that in these days differences have, by God's grace, been removed and unity hath been achieved. These words brought boundless joy. May it ever be thus! Signs of delight were evident and manifest in the Ancient Beauty regarding this matter. In truth, this mention from thee is a great glad-tiding for the servants. God willing, may all attain the exalted station of unity and concord. I have written this much and caused such trouble that I now find myself abashed and ashamed. This sin requireth great forgiveness. Verily He is the Pardoner, the Forgiving.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God! Thy letter attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy Presence of the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou for having cast aside the world, turning toward the Most Great Prison, until thou didst attain the presence of the Ancient King and didst hear that for which all things were created to hear. Thou didst seek, thou didst enter, and thou didst witness that wherewith the Books of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, had given thee glad tidings. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, for having aided me to attain Thy presence and to stand before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy greatness and the standards of Thy power in Thy lands, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all creation and Thy might that hath encompassed all existence, to make me steadfast, firm and immovable in Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise and glorification, turning in all conditions to the lights of Thy countenance, and guiding Thy servants to

Thy path. O my Lord! Thou art He Whose grace hath encompassed all and Who hath manifested what was hidden in Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy Mighty Announcement to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to make me content and thankful. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O spiritual youth! From your letter was detected the fragrance of despair. Despair not of God's spirit, neither lose hope in thy Lord's mercy, nor grieve in His days. Verily We have summoned thee, given thee glad tidings, inspired thee, taught thee and caused thee to know, that thou mayest give glad tidings to the servants concerning the manifestation of Truth and His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power. Beware lest anything prevent thee from what thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast to the Book and what hath been sent down therein from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The world of the Bayan hath been transformed into the world of the Shi'ih, in its essence, its outward form, its names, its attributes, its delusions and its imaginings. Nay, its people are seen to be more remote, more debased and more ignorant. Wherever thou meetest the people of God in any city or region, convey to them the greetings from the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of the lights of the Luminary of the heaven of the grace of the World's Desired One. Convey My glorification to the people of Darakhsh and say: O My loved ones there! Hearken unto the call of God, the True King, the Manifest. Verily it hath been raised up in this Most Exalted Station, this Most High Summit and this Ultimate Goal. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless.

Ye have been beneath the glances of your Lord's mercy. Give thanks unto God for this mighty favor. Beware lest anything among all things occupy you away from the Creator of heaven, or wealth and hopes prevent you from the Final Goal in this Day wherein the Temple of the Manifestation is established upon the Throne of Utterance and speaketh that which draweth the servants nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Ye are in your homeland while the Lord of the worlds was a captive in the hands of the heedless until they imprisoned Him in this place round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and hath turned with his heart to the Most Sublime Horizon–the Place wherein the Wronged One was imprisoned through that which the hands of the aggressors have wrought.

O people of God! Arise to assist the Cause through wisdom and utterance, through deeds and conduct. Verily He aideth whom He willeth as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing. By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged in the contingent world. Take therefrom a cup in My Name, then drink thereof through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Beware lest the world prevent you from the Lord of all humanity, or colors prevent you from your Lord, the Most Merciful. Leave aside all else, turning unto Him, as bidden by His command, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation while the people are in evident delusion. The fragrance of the verses hath been diffused and the clear proofs have appeared. Blessed is he who hath advanced, found and attained, and woe unto the heedless.

O My Light! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. Arise to assist the Cause, and know ye that the true assistance hath ever been and shall ever be the teaching of God's Cause. Today the immortal Kawthar lieth concealed in the utterance of the people of Baha. They must, through God's grace and bounty, bestow it freely that the dwellers of the graves may be stirred by the breezes of the Revelation and arise. This is the Day that hath been mentioned in the divine Scriptures of old and of later times. The people of truth must strive to attain unto and be illumined by the light of true unity, and must likewise protect the servants of God for His sake, lest they become afflicted with vain imaginings like unto the Shi'ih sect and be deprived, on the Day of Resurrection, of the light of the utterance of the Lord of all beings. Throughout ages and centuries they took pride in what they possessed, yet on the Day of Judgment they appeared as Nimrod, nay worse and more evil. Today the trees cry out, and likewise the fruits and leaves, the stones and pits, and all things, yet there are no attentive ears. Trusting in God, occupy yourselves with quickening the dead, that perchance they may come to life and attain unto everlasting life, becoming sanctified from the doubts and idle fancies of the past and illumined with the light of the Day-Star of certitude. O My loved ones in that land! Ye have ever been and continue to be remembered. Know ye the worth and station of the divine words. We beseech God to assist you in recovering what was lost and to ordain for you that which endureth and abideth. Soon shall all that is visible vanish away and extinction shall overtake all, but that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen hath been and shall forever remain. Blessed are they that attain thereunto. We love you and glorify you and give you glad tidings of My acceptance and favor and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ye are of the people of light; therefore the radiance of the Day-Star of the horizons must needs be manifest and evident from you. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, from God, the Aim of the mystics and the Beloved of them that are nigh unto Him.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the people of Birjand, that the sweet fragrances of their remembrance may guide them to the highest horizon. The loved ones of that land have ever been and are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. All that hath befallen the friends of God hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon the Crimson Tablet. Reflect upon the power and grandeur of creation. The earth, which outwardly appeareth to be the lowliest and meanest of all things, hath been made by Him the treasury of wealth, the source of bounty, the dawning-place of mercy, and the fountainhead of generosity and benevolence. Had the dwellers of the earth heeded that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen, all would have entered the kingdom of wealth and attained unto the supreme bounty. However, the denial of divine favors and heedlessness toward the horizon of mercy have come from the divines of the age. These are they of whom the Pen of the All-Merciful hath formerly revealed: "They have exchanged the favor of God for disbelief and led their people to the abode of perdition." Render thanks unto the Lord of all beings Who enabled you to turn towards Him, to know Him, and to manifest humility and submissiveness in days when the limbs of the world trembled from the fire of hatred and rancor, and the hearts of the people were agitated. That which hath befallen His loved ones is a treasure hidden with God and a preserved trust. Blessed are they who have borne tribulations in His path. Soon shall the station of each one become manifest and evident as the sun. The hand of justice hath ever been and remaineth mighty. O My loved ones! Hold fast unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Forgive the negligent and pray for the sinners. Beseech God to awaken the heedless. Ye are the dawning-places of glory, kindness and mercy, for the signs and attributes of God, exalted be His glory, are

made manifest through those possessed of certitude and souls that are tranquil and well-pleased. Blessed is the one who retireth to his bed with a heart purified from malice, hatred, doubts, allusions, and the troubles of the world. Beseech ye God to adorn His servants with the ornament of wisdom. This Wronged One, while in the land of Ta, maintained cordial relations with its ruling Amir. Supplicate God, exalted be His glory, to aid and confirm the Amir and grant him success in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of the Wronged One hath been for God's sake. We have accepted successive tribulations and continuous calamities for the exaltation of the Word, the reformation of the world, and the unity of nations. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every informed one testifieth to this. O My loved ones in that land! Praise ye the Lord of all beings Who hath enabled you in His days to attain unto the outpourings of His Pen, and hath caused to be sent down for you that which shall never set from the horizon of the heaven of grace, that which no veil can obscure and no cloud can prevent. By God's life! Were ye to become aware of the fruit of the utterances of the Pen, ye would all soar upon the wings of certitude and assurance, in a state of attraction and rapture, in the atmosphere of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God not to withhold from His party His hidden and manifest bounties. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

O Pen of Eternity and Herald of the world! Turn thy face toward thy loved ones in Sarchah, then make mention of them with such remembrance as will set aflame their hearts and cause their souls to soar. Verily remembrance is a light by which hearts are illumined, and a fire by which the hearts of the righteous are set ablaze. Blessed is he who is illumined by this light and enlightened by the rays of this effulgence, and who is set aflame by this fire in the days of his Lord, the Master of the beginning and the end. Blessed are ye and happy are ye! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to your turning and your devotion on a day wherein every idolatrous doubter turned away from the Countenance - they who followed their desires and committed that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and the companions of this station to lament. O My friends! The gate of bounty hath been opened before the face of all the world. Beware lest the veils of the peoples prevent you from the Most Great Name. Cast aside what the people possess, turning with your hearts unto God, the Lord of Lords. When ye have attained unto the breezes of revelation and what hath been sent down from the Pen of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O our God and our Desire, for having enabled us to turn unto Thy horizon, to hold fast unto Thy cord, and to cling to the hem of Thy garment. We beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy loving-kindness, and the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee in the nights and days. Then write down for us the good of this world and of the world to come, and that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are near unto Thee, who have taken the chalice of contentment from the hands of Thy bestowal and have drunk in Thy name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful." Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken on the tenth night of the month of fasting, as a bounty unto all beings. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of them that know." And We make mention in this station of him who turned unto My horizon and attained unto My days and soared in My atmosphere and spoke My praise and migrated, turning unto My face, until he stood before the gate of My grandeur and appeared before My throne and heard My sweetest call and beheld My most exalted horizon, which We have adorned, both its outer and

inner aspects, with his body. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon his grave the rain of His mercy and the outpourings of His grace. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Praise be unto God! In the first days he turned with sincerity; the tribulations that befell him did not prevent him from the direction of the Divine Unity. He arrived and dwelt for numbered years beneath the shade, circling round the Wronged One, and after the passing of time and the appearance of his appointed hour, he set out for the Most Exalted Horizon. The grace of God took hold of him. God hath forgiven him as a bounty from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

In this moment the gaze of the Wronged One hath turned with loving-kindness toward Jadhba. O people of Jadhba! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast to that which beseemeth the days of God. The word that in this Most Great Revelation will save and assure mankind is this: Observe ye the heaven and its stars, and likewise the Tree and its fruits, and its appearance and manifestation and effects. This word is accounted before God as among the lord of words. Ponder ye upon this Most Great Revelation and its arising before the peoples, that perchance the light of the All-Merciful's utterance may illumine you and the fire of His love set you ablaze. Arise ye to aid the Cause of God. Kindle the dejected souls with the fire of the Tree, and quicken the dead through the cup of the All-Merciful's utterance. Count ye the days as precious and hold fast to that which beseemeth you. This Wronged One hath, throughout the nights and days, made mention of the loved ones of God and summoned them unto that which draweth them nigh unto Him. The path is clear, the balance manifest, the verses revealed, the evidences resplendent, and He Who conversed upon Sinai speaketh before all faces. Yet they denied God's favors and remained occupied with their own idle fancies. Those who deemed themselves leaders and who, from pulpits, made mention of and spoke in the name of God, were all seen to turn aside and even become polytheists at the slightest test. Would that they had been content with what hath been mentioned! The loved ones themselves are aware of the deeds of the Shi'ih divines and their followers. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and turn from that which is with the people to that which is with God. Erelong shall the fire of rancor and hatred in the hearts of the polytheists be extinguished and pass into nothingness. Beseech ye God that He may aid you in that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. We beseech God to manifest from you that which will draw all near unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful.

My God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the ornament of recognition and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thy horizon. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy utterance, Thy sovereignty and Thy might, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which Thou hast ordained for them who soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and offered up their souls in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

Verily We desire to make mention of Faran and of those who have adorned their temples with the ornament of divine knowledge and have attained unto the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that this remembrance may draw them nigh unto My glorious station. O people of Faran! Hearken unto My most sweet call and the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, there

is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. I have come for the salvation of the world and the refinement of all nations. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Revelation and hath believed in God, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest the people of error prevent you from the All-Sufficient, the Most High. Cast away what they possess, turning unto God, the One, the Single, the Sovereign over what hath been and what shall be. This is a Day wherein whosoever hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon hath prospered and hath witnessed what God Himself hath witnessed - that there is none other God but Him, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O people of Faran! Take what hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Sovereign of existence. We have made mention of you before and after. Blessed are they who understand. How many a strong one hath been kept back from the Water of Life, and how many a weak one hath drawn nigh and partaken thereof through My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. The clamor hath been raised throughout all regions - this is what We foretold you aforetime, as attesteth he who possesseth a perspicuous Book.

Thus hath the countenance of divine knowledge been illumined and the luminary of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet of your Lord, the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Hearken in the Persian tongue: There hath befallen you in the path of God that which none knoweth save the Truth. Preserve your stations and enter the impregnable fortress which hath been brought into being by the Will of God. Whosoever entereth therein shall be protected from the arrows of malice and iniquity. One pure deed in this Day excelleth the deeds of centuries and ages. Hearken unto the divine counsel and hold fast unto that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance and eternal bounty. If ears be sanctified from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance, they shall hear from all things the blessed word "The Truth is come." Today the hidden is manifest and the treasured evident. The unseen and the seen are gathered in one temple. Blessed is he who hath not deprived himself, who hath taken from the Hand of Bounty the Kawthar of immortality and drunk thereof.

By the Sun of utterance which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the prison, should anyone attain unto but a drop thereof, he shall find himself exalted above all the peoples of the world. Hearken with pure ears and behold with sanctified eyes. In the nights and days the Most Exalted Pen is occupied with the remembrance of the loved ones. No fair-minded soul can deny the evidences of this Most Great Revelation, but rather would testify that the Light is manifest, the Sun is shining, the Cause is clear, the proof perfect, the evidence brilliant, the signs all-encompassing, and the clear tokens visible. Beseech ye God to aid you in serving His Cause. The greatest service is the teaching of His Cause. The teachers must occupy themselves with wisdom and utterance in this momentous matter. The conditions for teachers are sanctity, detachment, as well as trust in God and severance. Blessed is he who is adorned with the ornament of detachment in teaching the Cause of God, the Lord of creation. Blessed are those servants who, purely for the sake of God, journey through the lands for the purpose of teaching His Cause and spreading His signs. By the life of God! The earth glorieth in the footsteps of such souls. Today the servant of the divine Cause […]

By God's life, the earth takes pride in the footsteps of these souls. Today the servant of God's Cause and the promoter of His verses is among the most exalted of creation in the Book. O people of God! Arise to

assist the Cause of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance. This blessed word has been revealed in most tablets that perchance the [heedless] servants might hear and hold fast unto it. Verily He is the All-Knowing Expounder, there is no God but Him, the Kind, the Generous.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Furugh and give them glad tidings of Our verses and Our mercy which has encompassed the seen and the unseen. O My loved ones there! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He summons you to the praiseworthy station. O people of God! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you. Ye are they who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when every heedless and veiled one turned away. Ye have attained unto the traces of the Pen of the Lord of all beings and have heard the call of God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned you before with verses whereby all things proclaimed: "Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving." We counsel you to unity and to that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. Glorify the name of your Lord and remind the servants of His verses and give them glad tidings of His grace. Thus doth command you He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

We have revealed every year for those who have ascended unto God that whereby hearts are attracted. We testify that he attained unto My days, turned unto My path, acknowledged what was revealed by My Pen and hesitated not in My firm and irrevocable Cause. He heard and responded and hastened with his heart unto God, the Lord of this blessed Day. We counsel you as We counseled Our loved ones before with deeds and goodly character. To this testifieth He with Whom is the inscribed Book.

When the sweetness of My utterance attracteth you and the choice wine of My knowledge seizeth you, it behooveth each one of you to arise and say, turning toward My direction and the Dawning-Place of My Revelation:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for Thy supreme bounties and Thy gifts, O Lord of all beings! I testify to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over all creation and powerful over all things. I beseech Thee by the establishment of Thy Temple upon the Most Great Throne and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of the worlds, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Thou seest me hoping for Thy grace and looking toward the horizon of Thy bounty and gifts, that Thou mayest ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come, and the reward of those who have sought Thy most exalted station and the supreme summit until they attained unto Thy presence, circled round Thy throne, heard Thy call, beheld Thy signs, and drank the Kawthar of meeting Thee from the hands of Thy grace and the Salsabil of attaining unto Thee through Thy generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And We make mention of My handmaidens there and give them glad tidings of My remembrance. Blessed are they who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when the great ones of the earth and its nobles turned away. To this beareth witness the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward them that have turned unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and have taken the chalice of everlasting life from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, and have drunk therefrom once in My Name and again in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people of the village! The Dawning-Place of Revelation maketh mention of you in verses that cannot be equaled by all the treasures. O land of the village! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath been raised within thee, and there dwell in thee honored servants who have turned unto the Supreme Horizon, whom God hath described in the Torah, the Gospel, the Psalms, and in the Furqan which the All-Merciful revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, in these words: "They speak not until He hath spoken, and they do according to His bidding."

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath sent down for you aforetime that whereby the gates of grace and bounty were opened unto all them that dwell in the kingdom of creation, and the river of mercy flowed amidst all creatures. To this testifieth He Who is established upon the throne of utterance in His all-praised station. We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. He is in the Supreme Companion, bearing witness and beholding. To this testifieth the Preserved Tablet through which the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful was wafted - a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Witnessed One. We have forgiven him after We purified him with the waters of mercy, for verily I am the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through My word "Be," and it is.

O party of God who are there! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then aid Him through wisdom and utterance. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime and in this inscribed Tablet. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have inhaled the fragrance of My raiment and have turned with radiant faces toward My horizon and have answered when My call was raised, and have remembered Me at eventide and at dawn, and in the afternoon and at early morn.

O Leaf of Paradise! Verily, the Supreme Paradise hath turned toward thee and hath mentioned thee in such wise that its fragrance shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. We have sent down for thee, both before and after, that which hath enraptured the hearts and souls. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge revealed its waves, and the Countenance of the All-Merciful that which beseemeth this promised Day. O My handmaidens who are there! Hearken unto My call. We have counseled you before and counsel you in this exalted station concerning that which beseemeth the days of God and this irrevocable Cause. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have turned toward the Supreme Horizon when every ignorant and rejected one and every deluded learned one turned away from it. Thus hath moved the Most Exalted Pen when the Wronged One was walking in this spot wherein the Herald proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. And We make mention at this time of the loved ones of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O party of God in Ba and Shin! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice. He calleth you from the Supreme Horizon and remembereth you with that which nothing in all creation can equal, remindeth you of His signs and gladdeneth you with tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all

things great and small. Blessed are ye who have attained unto recognition in the earliest days when the All-Bountiful, the Most Exalted, was established upon His mighty throne. The affairs of the world hindered you not, nor did the doubts of the people of tyranny and wickedness deter you. Ye turned towards Him, hearkened, and said: "Here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, O Creator of Heaven! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all in the heavens and earth!" Ye are they who have attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen and its bounty which hath encompassed you. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Ye have rent asunder the veils through the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and advanced when every learned one turned away and every mystic was filled with doubt. Ye are the letters of God's Book, to this beareth witness He Who came from the heaven of proof with a clear exposition. We counsel you and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Mighty Announcement. The locusts have spread throughout the regions - this is what We forewarned you of aforetime when the Cause was exalted in Zawra and in the Land of Mystery and in this noble station - the station wherein the voice of the Wronged One was raised by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. When the appointed time came, We seized the oppressors with might from Our presence, then those around them. Verily your Lord, the Chosen One, is the Almighty, the Powerful. No command can frustrate Him, nor can the hosts and ranks of kings and sovereigns frighten Him. He hath arisen with such authority that the limbs of the polytheists have quaked. Thus have We remembered you as a bounty from Our presence. Blessed is he who hath heard; woe unto the heedless. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon you, O people of God and His friends, and upon those whom the clamor hath not kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds.

We wish to make mention of My friends in Sarayan who believed in the All-Merciful when He came from the heaven of divine will with the banners of verses. Blessed are ye for having turned towards Him and heard the call of God, the Cleaver of Dawn, and for having attained unto that which was sent down in the books of old from God, the Lord of Religions. Ye heard the call and answered the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven - thus testifieth He Who came with proof and evidence. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath remembered you in the Most Great Prison while in the hands of the wicked ones who denied His proof that hath encompassed the horizons. They cast aside their God, clinging to their desires. Lo! They are among the misguided in God's Book, the Lord of lords.

O Muhammad-Tahir! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which the treasuries of creation cannot equal. Thou hast attained unto the traces of thy Lord's Pen of loving-kindness and unto the lights of His utterance while He was in this Most Exalted Station. He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of their Lord's bounty, the Lord of all men. Say: This is the Day of Exposition, this is the Day of Remembrance and Praise, and this is the Day whereof God's Books, the Lord of all mankind, gave glad tidings. Say: Beware lest the world's might keep you back from the Lord of Eternity, or the power of those who have denied God in the beginning and the end weaken you. When the wine of My utterance hath seized thee and My remembrance and loving-kindness have drawn thee near, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me from Thy Most Exalted Horizon and for having turned toward me when I was in the hands of the enemies. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause, which Thou hast preserved from the tempests of oppression

and tyranny, to strengthen me in all conditions and make me firmly attached, holding fast and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven."

O Muhammad-'Ali! Knowest thou who maketh mention of thee? He Who remembereth thee is the Lord of the world in the Most Great Prison. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names, for having turned toward Thy servant and remembered him in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall endure throughout all ages and centuries. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee, and to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O my Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted!"

O My Pen! Hearken unto My call. We have desired to make mention of the friends of the All-Merciful and His loved ones in Kaf and Shin, that they may rejoice in the loving-kindness of their Lord in their final abode. We have mentioned you before, time and again, and this is yet another time, as a token of grace from Me, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad! Thy name hath been mentioned at this hour. We have revealed unto thee that which the pens are powerless to describe. Remember what We revealed unto thee before, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Sender of the winds. Thus hath the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the highest branches. Convey My glorification unto My loved ones and remind them of that which hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of My will. Thus have We commanded thee before and at this hour when the Ancient Beauty speaketh before the faces of all people.

We have desired to make mention at this hour of My friends and loved ones in Ba and Dal, and to remind them of that which was revealed before and after, and to give them the glad-tidings of the grace that hath encompassed all regions. Ye are they who have attained unto My call and have hearkened unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My will. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. We withheld the Pen for a time, as a wisdom from Us and a mercy from Our presence, and I am the Powerful, the All-Choosing. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. None may object to Him. To this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from this most exalted station which God hath made the most sublime of stations. Be not grieved at anything. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance, and through that which hath been revealed in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets. We have mentioned each one of you in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice in this bounty before which, when it appeared, the lights fell prostrate. We give you once again the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Verily, your Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed are ye for having believed on a Day whereon every ignorant doubter disbelieved. And when ye heard My call which was raised in My Tablet and attained unto the fragrances of My verses, turn your faces toward My horizon and say: "Thine is the glory, O Lord of all names, and Thine is the praise, O Creator of the heavens! We testify to Thy power and might, Thy majesty and sovereignty, to Thy oneness which is sanctified from any likeness, and to the manifestation of Thy Cause which is purified from all peers. We beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the lights of Thy countenance and Thy hidden power treasured in the repositories of Thy protection, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast

subdued Thy cities and Thy domains, to make us among those whom the might of every oppressive tyrant hath not frightened, whom the conditions of the ungodly have not weakened, nor the power of any idolatrous infidel. O Lord! Thou hast revealed that which shall profit us in all the worlds of Thy worlds and preserve us from the barking of every barker and the clamor of those who have denied Thy right and broken Thy covenant and disputed Thy signs when Thou didst come from the horizon of eternity with proof and evidence." The glory from Us be upon you, O My friends, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Subduer of the winds.

O concourse of lovers in Ishqabad! The Luminary of the horizons speaks on this Day of the Covenant and reminds you of that which draws you near unto God, the One Who causes the rivers to flow. You have attained unto the days of God and the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His Revelations, the Treasury of His knowledge and the Source of His commandments and laws. We beseech God to aid and assist you. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Blessed is he who has drunk the wine of everlasting life from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Take heed lest anything cause you to grieve. Place the world beneath your feet, turning unto God, the Illuminator of all regions. Thus has been raised the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who has heard, and woe unto every heedless imposter.

O Verdant Land! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names. He makes mention of thee in such wise as nothing in all creation can equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who accepted tribulation for the exaltation of God's Cause, the Lord of all worlds. He was imprisoned in Tihran, and from thence was banished to Baghdad, and from there to the Great City, and from there to the Land of Mystery, and from there to 'Akka–the spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise, and then those whom the hosts of the world failed to deter from turning towards the straight Path of God. Verily, the Path speaks and calls all to the One, the All-Informed.

O My loved ones in that land! You have ever been beneath the glance of your Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. He sees you and hears what your tongues utter. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We counsel you to unity, through which the horizons are illumined. He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that comes from Him, then act in accordance with that which you have been commanded by the Mighty, the Great One.

O Kazim! We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets and have sent down for thee that which summons the servants unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Be thou vocal in My remembrance and steadfast in the service of My Cause. This is what behooveth thee in this glorious and wondrous Day. The irrevocable decree hath come from God, the Lord of eternity. He commands thee and those who have believed to unity and concord. He is the Commander, the All-Wise. Grieve not over anything. He is with thee and with those who have believed in this momentous News. Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from My Kingdom, that the verses of thy Lord may attract them and draw them nigh unto a station wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

O people of God! Rejoice in My call, My remembrance and My turning towards you from this remote spot. Read ye the verses of God with joy and fragrance, then help your Lord through deeds and goodly character. This is what ye have been commanded by the One Who is powerful and ancient. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

O My Supreme Pen! We have desired to conclude Our words with mention of the Mim and the Shin, and make mention of Our loved ones there who have turned with radiant faces and have quaffed the choice wine of certitude from the hands of bounty. They are assuredly among the triumphant. O people of God! Hear My call. He hath come with the truth for the salvation of mankind, yet the people remain behind an evident veil. They hear the buzzing but hear not the call of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice. They drink brackish water, turning away from the River of Mercy. Thus have their souls enticed them - they are indeed among the bewildered ones. They cling to vain imaginings, turning away from that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of certitude.

O My loved ones! We have mentioned you before, time and again, in such wise as testifieth to My grace, My care, and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ye are they who have attained unto the traces of My Supreme Pen and hearkened unto My most sweet call. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. Remember your Lord with wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard what he was bidden by God, the Ancient Commander. We beseech God to aid you to champion His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for you that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh unto Him.

Thus hath the fragrance of utterance wafted throughout the realm of possibility, when the All-Merciful seated Himself upon His mighty throne. The remembrances have ended with your mention, and the pages with your praise. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus hath the Dove of the Throne warbled by command of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. The splendor shining from the horizon of My prison be upon you and upon those whom neither the remembrance of any remembrance nor any matter, nor the might of the people and their hosts, nor the swords of men and their doings have deterred. They arose and proclaimed: “He Who is the Manifestation of clear proofs hath come with the standards of signs. He, verily, is the One promised in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

O Supreme Pen! The utterance hath returned from the presence of the All-Merciful once again in remembrance of the people of Baha in the Ta and the Fa and other lands. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of the Alif and the Ha that he may rejoice and be among the thankful at eventide and at dawn. O Ahmad! We testify that thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call and turned to My horizon while the people were in heedlessness and error. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath mentioned thee in what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Tablets, and blessed is he who hath turned unto God and whom the might of the servants hath not deterred from God, the Lord of lords. We make mention of Muhammad-’Ali and give him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and bounty which hath preceded all creation. Hear the call from the Supreme Pen - verily it mentioneth thee

in such wise as doth gladden eyes. We have sent down for thee a tablet and dispatched it to thee aforetime that thou mightest rejoice and be in rapture and attraction.

And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq, who turned to the supreme horizon when the people were turning away from God, the Lord of lords. Give thanks unto God for that the Tongue of Grandeur hath mentioned thee while the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked. Thou hast drunk the cup of bounty from the hand of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and attained unto that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee in remembrance and praise. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-i-Baqir, who attained the days of God, the Revealer of verses. He turned to God when the peoples of the earth turned away. He took hold of the Book when those who denied God's truth and His proof cast it behind them, and disbelieved, following every ignorant doubter. We made mention of thee before, and do so at this hour. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And We make mention of 'Ali-Akbar from My Most Luminous Horizon, that God's remembrance may bear witness unto him through the eternity of His names and attributes. He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We counsel thee and those who have believed in what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. O My loved ones in that land! Hold fast unto that which ye are commanded by the Lord of Religions. The Wronged One hath remembered His loved ones while in the Most Great Prison - to this the Mother Book with Him doth testify. Give thanks unto God for having aided you when the Light was shining from the Most Exalted Station.

O Pen of the Ancient King! He desireth to make mention of His loved ones in Shin and Ha, that this remembrance may draw them to the Most Exalted Station. God eraseth what He willeth and confirmeth what He pleaseth - a command from His presence. He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing. We made mention of you before with that which caused the breezes of grace and bounty to waft. Let not the turning away of those who have broken the Covenant grieve you. Blessed is he who hath heard My call, and the learned one who hath held fast to what was sent down from the heaven of My will, and the eye that hath beheld the lights. We informed you aforetime of what was hidden and made known to you the straight path. This is a day wherein clear proofs have appeared and the river of mercy hath flowed among the righteous. Joy unto him who hath drawn nigh and drunk, and woe unto every heedless imposter. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those whom the turning away of the people hath not kept back from God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Compelling.

O earth! Is there within thee one who loveth Me, and hast thou been honored by one who remembereth Me? Be truthful with Me and be not of those who remain silent. Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily He remembereth thee and those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. We have made the earth Our treasury and storehouse, and have manifested from it Our favor and the tokens of Our bounty, and I am the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou in that God hath made thee the dayspring of His favors and the source of His bounties, and hath manifested through thee that which revealeth His power, His majesty, and His sovereignty. From thee come wealth and riches and that which profiteth mankind. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this magnificent favor.

We make mention at this hour of My loved ones and My friends, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus doth the horizon of utterance reveal its light and the Tree of Knowledge its fruits. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and attained, and woe unto the heedless. O Land of Qaf and Vav! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and of His loved ones within thee, that the eyes of the world and of those who have turned to this shining horizon may be solaced thereby. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto My call. Verily, He calleth you from the prison unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast away what the people possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. That which was hidden from eternity hath appeared, and He Who was promised in God's Books, the Lord of the Glorious Throne, hath come. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you or the doubts of the nations grieve you. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We counsel the friends and chosen ones of God to fear God and to observe that whereby Our Cause, firm and manifest, may be exalted. Blessed is the servant who hath adorned his head with the crown of righteousness and his temple with the ornament of virtuous deeds. He is indeed among those who are nigh unto God in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O My loved ones in Merv! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth you for the sake of God and desireth to draw you nigh unto Him. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth, and woe unto every remote denier. Azizullah hath mentioned you time and again and hath sent your names unto the Wronged One, and each one of you hath been honored with tokens from My Most Exalted Pen. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh in every state that there is none other God but I, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength bestowed by Us and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the doubts of the nations and the happenings of the world prevent you, or your feet slip through the oppression of the wrongdoers. Thank God for His grace and bounty that He created you and caused you to appear in this Day round which circle the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise at morn and eventide. The mention of Me is not equaled by the mention of the world, nor My manifestation by the manifestation of the ancients. Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and say: "Here am I, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto us the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Source of Thy Command and the Manifestation of Thy laws. We beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Paradise and by the souls which have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, O Lord of all beings, to aid us to be steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve Thy Cause. Then ordain for us the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

All the people of Kha have been blessed with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. We have mentioned them all and have beseeched from God for each that which is lasting and enduring. The loved ones must strive and protect the people from vain imaginings, lest they be afflicted as were the people of the past. Likewise, We counsel all to trustworthiness, religious devotion, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, that the world may be adorned with the ornament of virtuous conduct, and that the fire of hatred burning in the breasts of diverse peoples may be quenched by the living waters of the love of God's loved ones, their kindly counsels and goodly exhortations, and that all on earth may be seen as one people. This is the essential purpose. Blessed are they who shall gird up the loins of endeavor for this

mighty service. At all times seek this station from the Beloved of all possibility, that He may aid His servants to achieve that which hath been mentioned. We have written repeatedly: One person was engaged in fishing when the Spirit (Jesus) made him the fisher of men. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones, My friends and My beloved ones who have attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God and treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

God, there is no God but Him, Who speaks in all things that there is no God but Him. His is the glory and the majesty, the power and the beauty, and He is the One Who distinguishes through His Word between truth and falsehood, darkness and light, ignorance and knowledge, acceptance and rejection. He is the One with power, Whose might all things acknowledge and Whose praise is celebrated by all in the kingdom of command and creation. He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Glory and praise, grandeur and splendor, exaltation and eminence be upon the Hands of His Cause, who did not break His covenant and testament, and who traveled through cities and villages to exalt His Word, guide His creation, manifest His Cause, and spread His signs. The servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen them, prosper them, protect them, guard them, aid them, support them, and inspire them with that which will draw the servants near to the horizon of care and favors.

O beloved of my heart! The traces of the pen which were cast upon the page from a tender and gentle heart did truly open the gate of reunion and brought to remembrance the days of that beloved one's presence, and in one respect were a harbinger. God knoweth that from each of its words wafted such a fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds that none had any choice or pause save to exclaim "Blessed be God Who inspires His loved ones with that which attracts the hearts of those who have turned towards Him." Exalted be our Creator, our Protector, and our Helper! After perusal and reading, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and the Most Holy, Luminous, and Resplendent Spot, and was presented before the countenance of the Lord of Names, attaining the honor of His attention. This is what the Lord of the Beginning and the End spoke, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Thy name was presented and We heard thy call and found the fragrance of thy love, thy sincerity, and thy turning to God, the Mighty, the Great. The servant who was present offered up that which thou didst commune with God, Who hath taken for Himself a station in the prison, and therein raised His call and manifested His Cause and His sovereignty, and spoke before the faces of His servants, and opened the gate of His grace, and raised the heaven of His utterance, and adorned it with the lights of His verses. He, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the rein of utterance, and He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The sinners shall be known by their marks. This is the Day wherein the secrets of hearts and the betrayal of eyes shall be revealed. Today in the Great City there hath appeared that which was hidden. They have clung to calumnies that have no likeness, neither now nor ever. Yahya and Shaykh Muhammad have sought after their own kind and are engaged in corruption. No sooner doth anyone turn towards this land than instantly telegraph messages arrive claiming that such-and-such person hath committed theft and gone to ’Akka. Among these was the honored Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. Shortly after he set out for the Most Holy Court, before his arrival in Beirut, telegraphic messages arrived claiming that Siyyid Ahmad and his companions had stolen money and were traveling thither for this reason. Thus have their souls seduced them. The station whose sanctity and detachment all fair-minded ones testify unto, the sources of oppression have sought to besmirch with the dust of calumnies. Mushiru’d-Dawlih Mirza Husayn Khan–may God forgive him–witnessed the arrival of the Wronged One and His conduct, speech and deeds in the Great City, and understood, and made mention of it in the assemblage of the companions of the government and nation. Praise be to God Who hath revealed what was hidden in the hearts of the heedless and the idolators. We beseech Him to cause His loved ones to circle round His will with such steadfastness as shall cause the hearts of the oppressors and transgressors to tremble. Today the Cause of God is as manifest as the sun and hath appeared with such power as hath neither been seen nor heard. Nevertheless, the oppressor of Dawlat-Abad, as soon as he heareth that a soul hath turned towards the Faith, either he himself or some other calumniator like him hasteneth with all manner of schemes to lead astray. Say: My God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then cast upon them that which shall preserve them from the evil of Thine enemies. Unfairness hath reached such a pass that they have denied the bounty of this Revelation. While Yahya is occupied in flight and he remaineth concealed in his house, the Wronged One standeth before the faces of all. At times in prison, at times beneath chains. When the effulgences of the light of the divine Sun of utterance did somewhat shine forth, they emerged from behind the veil and committed that which causeth the realities of all things to weep and lament, and the Spirit of the Cause to be seen crying out.

Among them, he met with Khalil in Sabzivar and said that which God is aware of. Yet how strange of Khalil to give way to one so heedless! Say: O Khalil! Know that the deeds of Hadi were first deceit and guile, which have entered into this Cause. Purify thy hem from his whisperings and the whisperings of his like. In early Islam such heedless souls did that which bore fruit on the Day of Reckoning when they hung and martyred the Lord of being. O Khalil! In truth I say that such souls were never with Us and know not the foundation of the Cause. Turn to the holy verses that the truth may become manifest to thee. Today the breathings of verses have encompassed the world. The seal of the choice sealed wine has been broken in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Deprive not thyself. Arise to serve the Cause with divine power and might. The world is transient and what is with God endures. From the beginning of Islam until now not one among the divines has understood the nature of the Revelation, and among the Shi’ih faction naught has existed save cursing and reviling. O Khalil! Look from the horizon of the House in thy Lord’s name. Say: O people! Hear! Hear! By God, the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised from the prison of Akka. Behold! Behold! The Light hath shone forth and radiated from the heaven of God’s will, the Lord of the worlds. O Khalil! Ask none, for We sent thee aforetime verses that all the treasuries of kings and what the servants possess cannot equal. To this doth the Lord of creation bear witness in this

glorious and wondrous station. O Khalil! God willing, through the grace of the All-Glorious Lord thou shalt not again fall into the well of vain imaginings. Consider the learned and ignorant among the Shi'ih faction. They counted themselves the greatest, most exalted, most learned and most God-fearing on earth, and the cause was one like Hadi. O Khalil! Reflect on the edifices they built and repaired with hands of fancy and idle imagination. Consent no more that such vain imaginings should arise. Alas! Alas! Those imaginings were transformed into tyranny and the great terror appeared, and thou hast heard what they brought to pass. Even now the divines are engaged in cursing and reviling from their pulpits. Consider the reason for this, that perchance thou mayest drink the wine of certitude from the hand of the bounty of the Goal of the world's desire, and mayest not consent that another faction like the former should appear in the land. Preserve the servants by a command from the Ancient Commander. O Khalil! In the days when the darkness of might had seized the world, none appeared save this Wronged One, yet when the light of the Cause partly dawned they attacked this Wronged One with swords of hatred. What behooveth thee today is to arise with the utmost humility and submission, and turning toward God's Kaaba, to utter these exalted words:

My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, by the mysteries hidden in Thy Book, and by the verses sent down from the clouds of Thy bounty, to aid me to detach myself from all else but Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy loving providence. O Lord! Assist me to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness and to turn to Thy gate which Thou hast opened to all in earth and heaven. Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Protect Thy servants from the whisperings of the calumniators and the cawing of those who caw, who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy verses, and disputed Thy proofs and evidence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. There is no God but Thee, the All-Giving, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Khalil! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In past years, verses were repeatedly revealed from the heaven of bounty especially for thee and sent through Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be My glory. Read them, detached from the world; verily they will draw thee to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Reflect well upon the former party, what was their recompense on the Day of Resurrection and what befell them, that perchance ye may not again fall into the snare. The Sunnis and the community who were detested by all the people of Iran, without any teaching, through mere association, a group accepted the Faith, and a person in Sudan claimed to be the Mahdi and a hundred thousand gathered around him, while the oppressive and unjust Shi'ih committed that which no tongue hath power to describe. This is the day of the verse which saith: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and likewise He saith: "We verily sent Moses with Our signs, saying: 'Bring forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God.' In this surely are signs for every patient, grateful one." Although the days of the Manifestation are also counted among the days of God, these days are specifically the days of God mentioned in the divine Books. O Khalil! Those souls like Hadi and others are considered by the believer as the first to believe, and by the disbeliever as the first to deny. By the life of God! He is not among the horsemen of the arena of knowledge and wisdom. I say in truth: Take hold of the Book with such might that neither armies nor ranks shall deter thee, and with such power that the oppression of tyrants and the clamor of aggressors shall not weaken it.

His is the grace, bounty and bestowals, in that He hath revealed to His servants the pearls of the treasures of His knowledge and the jewels of the repositories of His utterance. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. In truth every fair-minded one is bewildered and every possessor of justice is astonished, for the party that considered itself the most excellent and exalted of all the peoples of the world - on the Day of Reckoning there appeared from them that which had never occurred from the beginning of the world until now. At one time He said: O servant present! The lamentations and wailing of the pulpits of Iran are raised high, and with most eloquent tongue they cry out saying: "O God! O Lord! O Support! O Goal! O Beloved! Thou didst create us for Thy mention and praise and graciously ordained us thus. Now we have become the abode of the enemies of Thy Self. Thou art the All-Hearing and the All-Seeing. Thou hearest what they say and hast witnessed what they have done and what they do." And now again some are engaged in organizing such a party.

This servant, in view of the love and sincerity that has existed for his honor, deemed it necessary to mention certain matters that have transpired, for the ungodly have resorted to trickery and deception, turning their attention to anyone with whom they have heard a conversation. All are aware that these souls had been hidden for years from the sovereign power of the days, and when through the might of the King of Kings the Cause was raised up and the call was heard from every quarter and the luminary of utterance shone forth from every direction, they emerged with swords of hatred and animosity. Surely they are aware how many souls, attracted by the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, set out for the place of sacrifice and freely offered up their lives at the feet of the Lord of all beings. However, as soon as Mirza Hadi heard that he was called a Babi, his very foundations were seized with trepidation, and for the sake of two days of earthly life, he forsook eternal life and everlasting existence, and spoke from the pulpit that which befitted none but himself. By the life of our Purpose, he uttered that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. In every place he mounted a pulpit and spoke, and from one pulpit he disavowed the Faith and thus saved himself from death. O beloved of my heart! His very existence bears witness to his hypocrisy, while the Twin Luminous Lights, his honor Ashraf, and before them his honor Kazim - upon them all be the Most Glorious Glory - the martyrdom of each stands as a clear testimony to their faith, recognition, steadfastness and certitude. Those possessed of insight and hearing, were they to contemplate and observe with the eye of fairness and the ear of justice all that hath been manifested from the beginning of this Most Great Revelation until now, would all proclaim: "We turn toward Thee, O God of the worlds!" Glory be to God! Despite the sacrifice of holy souls, their spirits and possessions, as well as their arising to serve the Cause before the faces of mankind, the deluded ones continue to wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and the desert of vain imaginings. Although all know that he and his like had no knowledge of the essence of this Cause, for they were not with the Truth. This servant has been present in service for nearly forty years, and all are aware of this fact; yet none have inquired of this servant that they might be illumined by the light of truth, and that there might not appear again that which would become the cause of countless afflictions and endless tribulations. In any case, this ephemeral one has spoken and continues to speak for the sake of God, that his honor might be aware and arise to serve the Cause with manifest certitude - an arising that will find no sitting and will not be altered. The Desired One, Who through divine power and the might of the Lord arose before the faces of princes and divines, did not seek concealment nor resort to veiling, but proclaimed the divine laws and

ordinances. They have avoided Him because they are worshippers of vain imaginings, and his honor is aware of the Tablet to the Sultan which was sent from the Most Holy Court, and likewise the letters to the kings. O beloved of my heart! The opposers have manifested an oppression that has had and has no equal, and in previous years, Tablets were repeatedly revealed and sent specifically for his honor, and his honor Ibn-i-Ismu'llah al-Asdaq - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - was charged with conveying them. Take hold of the reins of the Cause with the power from God, our Lord […]

Among those charged with teaching was the honored Ibn-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Take hold of the reins of the Cause through the power of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne, then guide the people to His straight path and His mighty Message. Now close to one hundred volumes of verses and evidences have been sent down from the heaven of divine will. The calumnies have reached such a state that every possessor of truthfulness, justice and fairness bears witness to the oppression of those heedless souls. For the sake of God I shall relate one account, that the station of the slanderers and liars might become somewhat known.

One day the honored Haji Siyyid Javad, known as Karbila'i, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, attained the presence and submitted that His Holiness's uncle Haji Mirza Siyyid Muhammad and the other uncle, upon them both be the Glory of God, had attained the pilgrimage of Najaf and Karbila and were now returning with the intention of going back to their homeland. The Ancient Beauty asked, "Have you said anything to them?" He submitted "No." He commanded, "Why not? You should be engaged in teaching the Cause of God. Now go, convey Our greetings and bring them into Our presence." He guided them to the court of glory and majesty.

The next day they returned with His Holiness's uncle and attained the presence, but only the elder uncle came, without his other brother. After attaining the presence, the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Goal of all the worlds appeared in such wise that none could enumerate them. Finally He said, "We do not wish for you to remain deprived of the blessed Tree that has grown up in your midst and is adorned with the fruits of wisdom and utterance."

He submitted, "My Master, for one thousand two hundred years we have heard that the Qa'im dwells in well-known, famous cities, and that His children each exist in those cities in perfect glory and grandeur, and that if anyone mentioned a word about His birth, they would immediately seize him and shed his blood. Moreover, what became of the account of the sacred precinct? Where did the mention of the sea and the carpet go? And likewise we have heard from all the divines of the Shi'ih party that His Holiness will come and appear and will pay the debts of the Shi'ihs and will conquer the whole earth, and likewise mentions that this servant is unable to relate, as it would take too long. Finally they say that He is your sister's son - how can this servant accept this? What was said before is now contrary to what is manifest as the sun. I know not what is my duty."

Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word: "O uncle! Now return to your dwelling and properly consider the traditions and aforementioned doubts and whatever causes your hesitation, and come back with your brother. If God wishes, He will transform doubts into decisive verses. Verily He has power over all things."

The next day he came without his brother and mentioned the doubts one by one, and the answer was revealed. And what was revealed became known among the servants as the Epistle to the Uncle, and later due to consummate wisdom the name “Uncle” was removed and it became known as the Book of Certitude. Now this same Mirza Hadi and his like have said the Book of Certitude is from Mirza Yahya. All the Afnan are present - you may investigate so that the lies of the slanderers may become known.

This testimony was later designated as the Book of Certitude. Now this same Mirza Hadi has claimed to his followers that the Book of Certitude is from Mirza Yahya. All the Afnan are present - you may investigate so that the falsehood of these slanderers may become clear and evident. It is hoped that you will overlook the unseemly statements of those people and turn to the sacred texts. The Cause will become as clear as the sun to you.

O my God, my God! This is Thy servant and Thy devotee. Thou knowest and seest that he speaketh not of his own accord, but rather by what Thou hast caused him to know through Thy grace and taught him through Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world and the One manifest through the Most Great Name, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to repent at the door of Thy grace. Then enable them to make amends for that which hath escaped them in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

According to His command, whatever hath been revealed in the name of Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi and is in the possession of the friends should be gathered and written down and delivered by trustworthy hands to Jinab-i-Khalil, upon him be the glory of God, that he may examine them, and likewise the Books of Verses. Then let them be taken back. It has been some years since a Tablet was specifically revealed in his name, although previously verses were repeatedly revealed and sent in his name, each one a manifest proof and a shining evidence for the establishment of the Cause. Ere long from all corners of the world the cry of “Yea, yea!” and “Here am I, here am I!” shall be raised, for there hath been and is no escape for anyone. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, to assist all to do that which He loveth and desireth.

Mention was made of His Holiness, the departed and forgiven, the late Jinab-i-Fa’iz, upon him be the glory of God, the Most Glorious. After it was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime and decisive words were revealed specifically for him. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaketh thus:

He is the Expositor, the Compassionate, the Generous

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and he who hath attained in His days is indeed the attainer, and was thus named by His holy, mighty and wondrous tongue. We testify that he attained unto faith in the early days and drank the choice wine of knowledge from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful. He it is whom God adorned with the ornament of supreme steadfastness, such that neither the clamor of the people nor the roaring of those who denied the final judgment could deter him. O Fa’iz! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Rejoice thou in the Most Exalted Paradise, inasmuch as the Lord of all beings hath made mention of thee in the prison of Akka. Blessed be

thy tongue for having acknowledged the unity of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, and for having confessed that which the Supreme Pen hath revealed from the Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed be thy heart for having turned to the horizon of Revelation and thine ear for having heard the call of Him Who conversed upon Sinai when it was raised in truth - the call whereby the Trump was sounded, the inhabitants of the graves arose, and the Day of Resurrection appeared. Blessed be thine eyes - We testify that they attained unto the signs of God and unto the vision of those who cast the world behind their backs, turning unto the Dayspring of His verses, the Dawning-Place of His evidences, and the Source of His laws. Blessed be thy face for having turned toward His direction, and thine ear for having heard His sweetest call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee from the heaven of His generosity the rains of His mercy, to grant thee of the fruits of the Tree beyond which there is no passing, both morn and eve, and to open before thee at all times the gates of loving providence, grace and beneficence. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal and my Beloved! I testify to the oneness of Thy Being and to the sanctity of Thy Self above all likeness and comparison. I acknowledge Thy power, Thy sovereignty, Thy majesty and Thy might. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all creation, by the standards of Thy signs and the banners of Thy guidance, by the resplendent, shining Light that hath dawned from the horizon of Thy Will through Thy command and might, by the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and the flowing of the Kawthar of life in the Most Exalted Paradise, and by this most pure dust and this sanctified tomb, to fulfill my needs and forgive me, my father and mother, and those who have believed in Thee and Thy signs. O Lord! Ordain for me the good of the hereafter and this world, and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants who were not hindered by the doubts of the world nor the intimations of the nations from turning toward the court of Thy glory and drawing nigh unto the precincts of Thy majesty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God! After mention was made of the ascension of his honor the departed one, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, this servant beheld before him the waves of the ocean of grace and forgiveness. From all directions, great mercy and supreme bounties were directed towards the departed one. It is hoped that his sons will take his station and hold fast to that which befitteth these days. Mention of them was also made in the Most Holy Court. Thanks be to God, and glory be unto Him, and bounty be His, for there appeared from the Tongue of Grandeur that which made up for what was lost. This servant beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever is the cause of success and confirmation. Exalted is the grace of these days, and His bounty, and His mercy, and His favor.

Specifically regarding the deceased one, there appeared from the Tongue of Grandeur that which hath caused him to attain unto eternal life and everlasting bounty. Well is it with him and pleasant it is unto him. According to the Command, mention ye his sons and relatives, upon them be the Glory of God, and counsel them to patience and resignation. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The names mentioned in the letter of that beloved of hearts were presented before the Throne of God, exalted be His glory, and each attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. This is what was revealed for his honor Rafi' - upon him be the Glory of God - His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a day wherein the trees of the Most Exalted Paradise have yielded the fruits of wisdom and utterance, wherein the stream of the water of life hath flowed forth in the name of God, the Lord of all possibilities, and the light hath shone forth from the horizon of manifestation, inasmuch as He Who conversed with God hath been established upon the throne of utterance. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath come with power and sovereignty. O Rafi'! Upon thee be My wondrous Glory. Rejoice in that We have turned toward thee from this Scene whereby the horizons have been illumined, and We have mentioned thee with a mention before which all mention boweth down when it appeareth from the Tongue. Hold thou fast unto the cord of bounty and cling to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names. Beware lest the sayings of the heedless sadden thee or the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of all men, veil thee. Take thou the Book with a strength from Us. Verily, it will draw thee nigh unto the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Caller hath cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all men." Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Possessor of this world and the next, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the throne and the dust, for having guided me and drawn me nigh and revealed unto me that which shall endure through the eternity of Thy names and attributes. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Yusuf Khan, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the Trustworthy Speaker

This is a Book that walks and proclaims: "The Promise has come to pass and this is the Promised One at Whose appearance all things spoke forth: 'By God, the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth has appeared!'" This is the Day wherein that which was hidden throughout all eternity has been made manifest. To this testifies He Who spoke before all faces: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds!" O Yusuf Khan! He Who loved Me and drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty hath made mention of thee. We have made mention of thee through verses that surpass all that hath been witnessed upon the earth or hidden in its strata. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of the Beloved of all possibility, then drink therefrom. Verily it will draw thee to a station wherein all atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Might belong to God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Praised!"

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Mirza Hidayat, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the All-Powerful, the Supreme Ruler over all names

Blessed art thou, O Hidayat, for God hath guided thee to His Most Great Announcement and His Straight Path. The joy of the Revelation hath taken possession of the realms of the unseen and the seen, yet most

people remain heedless. They have cast behind their backs what they were commanded in the Book and have taken up that which was forbidden them, having followed every suspicious deceiver. Purify thy heart with the water of detachment and thy tongue with the Kawthar of utterance, and say:

“My God, my God! Thine is the bounty, for Thou hast given me to drink of the Kawthar of immortality, and Thine is the glory, for Thou hast guided me to Thy most exalted horizon. I testify that Thy grace hath encompassed earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the mysteries of Thy Book and by Him through Whom the limbs of Thy servants have trembled, to make me so steadfast in Thy love that neither names shall prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thy court, nor things from turning to the lights of Thy countenance. O my Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and awaiting the manifestations of Thy pardon and generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.”

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The Straight Path hath appeared and the Balance hath been set. Command belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The trembling of the Revelation hath seized them that lie in the graves, and every hidden thing hath been made manifest, through the grace of God, the Lord of lords. We have heard thy call and have summoned thee from the right side of the luminous Vale, from the verdant Tree. God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving.

O Shaykh, O Isma’il! Know thou that the two most luminous Lights, Hasan and Husayn, hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to attain My presence. They came and were present and achieved what was ordained for them by God, the Lord of creation. Neither the world and its colors, nor the trees and their fruits held them back. They came forward and gave up their lives in the path of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. How many a servant hath advanced to the place of sacrifice and returned not, having sacrificed his soul in the love of God, the Dawning-Place of lights. When thou art blessed with My call and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and guided me to the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee by it and by its sovereignty and by its might and its glory to make me a helper of Thy Cause and one who standeth in service to it, in such wise that the doubts of the world and the opposition of the nations shall not cause me to slip. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.”

This was revealed for his honor Haji Muhammad upon him be the Glory of God.

In My Name, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful

The Cause hath come, and that which was hidden from sight hath been made manifest. The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, while the people remain in heedlessness and error, save those who have cast behind their backs all vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of religions. The Dawning-Place of God’s Revelation hath come, through which the tribes have lamented and earthquakes have appeared. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. O Muhammad! Be thankful that the One, the Single, hath made mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, whereby the hearts of the servants have been attracted. Say: O peoples

of the earth! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. Beware lest the vain imaginings of those who have denied God's Cause when it came with clear proof and evidence withhold you. O people! This is the Day of God, and this is the Day that was mentioned in the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this Cause through which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Thus hath the Book spoken as it walketh in the most exalted station. Among the people is he who hath said: "Doth the Book walk?" Say: Yea, by the Lord of lords, it walketh and speaketh, nay it eateth, in spite of every doubting denier. We beseech God to aid thee to attain such steadfastness whereby the feet of all mankind shall stand firm, and to assist thee in His remembrance and praise, and to cause thee to speak that which shall attract the hearts of people of understanding.

This was revealed for his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the Answerer through Wisdom and Utterance.

Glory be to God! The light of the revelation of Him Who conversed with God on Sinai hath illumined the world, and the divine verses and proofs have encompassed all things to such a degree that no possibility of denial or rejection remaineth for the fair-minded. Blessed is he who hath attained to hear and see with his own ears and eyes. Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath reached such a state that they have given precedence to the Letters over the Mother Book. Say: O people of the Bayan, cast away your vain imaginings! By God, the Truth, the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds. Free yourselves from the chains of names and proceed with freedom toward the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit. Today the fragrances of divine verses are diffused and hidden mysteries are manifest and visible. Deprive not yourselves and turn from what ye possess to what God possesseth. Today the ocean of bounty is surging and the heaven of grace is uplifted. Blessed is the soul whom the opposition of the turban-wearers hath not prevented from drawing nigh, nor held back from turning toward God. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee on this darksome night that thou mayest give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all in the heavens and the earth."

Thanks be to God that each of the mentioned names hath attained unto the choice wine of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. We hope they will drink thereof and make it incumbent upon themselves to protect, according to their ability, the servants from the vain imaginings of the heedless Shi'ih party. Let them not be deprived of the Names and their Possessor. For twelve hundred years they said "O Successor" and remained deprived and forbidden from the Truth, exalted be His glory. At last their deeds, actions and words bore the fruit of shedding the Most Pure Blood. They said "O 'Ali" yet martyred the Lord of existence by Whose word a thousand 'Alis are created. In brief, this Day is the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that drinketh from this cup, detached from all else. Divine confirmation cometh from God, the Lord of Names and Attributes.

Mention was made of the beloved of the heart, His Holiness Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the everlasting glory of God. According to the command, he was bidden to visit the friends and return. That beloved of the heart must be engaged in service night and day, and be vocal in the mention and praise of God. The companions of this Most Great Revelation must be so steadfast that neither the world nor whatsoever is

therein of servants, things, colors, ornaments and books shall hold them back from the Supreme Horizon. Perchance the true treasures may be revealed - those men who consider all save God as utter nothingness. The barkers are many, appearing in every city and land. This is among the tidings that flowed from the Supreme Pen in Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and the first Most Great Prison. This land too hath not been and is not free of barkers. I convey greetings to the beloved of the soul, Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the glory and favor of the All-Merciful, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for his assistance. Praise be to God, he is mentioned in His presence and hath attained His favor. I convey greetings, mention and praise to the friends of that land, and I beseech for them that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and the elevation of their station.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the glory and favor of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these sublime, decisive and blessed verses were revealed especially for him from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His words, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

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Praise, in its essence, and thanksgiving, in its reality, beseech the holy threshold of nearness to the Desired One, Who, through His pervading, attractive, and absolute Will, brought forth the wondrous creation from sheer nothingness and adorned it with the ornament of being. This creation is sanctified and purified from that which is possessed by the people - that is, the former party and the Bayan and what they possess - for without this wondrous decree, in the first station and primary rank, none other would be true. Blessed is the breast that is sanctified from the world's impressions through the Name "O Pure One," and blessed is the ear that is purified from the false tales of the nations. These are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, whose mention was revealed, established, fixed and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. The letters thou didst send to this servant who is present have each been honored to be heard and distinguished by a special glance of favor. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father, through whose presence God hath adorned the surface of the earth, and through whose body He hath adorned its depths. By My life! We have revealed for him that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the world, nor by the utterances of the learned, nor by the sighs of the mystics, nor by the lamentations of the philosophers. The intention of the learned, mystics and philosophers in these stations are those souls who adorn themselves with outward means while inwardly they are barriers preventing the peoples of the world; otherwise the true mystic, the spiritual scholar, and the divine philosopher are, in the arena of the manifestation of the Lord of religions, seated upon the throne of certitude. O Ahmad! God willing, thou shalt be even as an enkindled fire and as a light shining and radiant, in such wise that all may find the divine path through the warmth of thy love, distinguish truth from falsehood, and attain to such steadfastness that the movement of the world will not move them and the clamor of the nations will not cause them to slip. Convey to the loved ones of that land and its surrounding regions greetings and peace from the Wronged One. Say: Rejoice in that the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen hath turned towards you and hath mentioned

you with a mention He hath made the sovereign of mentions and their source. It behooveth them to say: "Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of earth and heaven! Glory be to Thee, O Sovereign of the most exalted Paradise! Thanks be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the supreme Paradise hath bowed down in submission! We beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, to aid us to arise to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the hosts and ranks shall not prevent us. O Lord! Thou seest us detached from all save Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy power. Ordain for us that which beseemeth Thy bounty, Thy giving, Thy mercy and Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy right hand are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth." The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related to thee and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of this mighty and exalted station.

This lowly one also conveyeth unto them greetings, praise, glory and light. God is witness and testifier that they have not been forgotten and will ever occupy a station in the court of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. It is hoped that from the trees of being there shall appear pure and goodly fruits that will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and the world will become blessed with the bounty of nearness. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.

Concerning what was written about the esteemed son of the late, exalted Mulla Ghulam-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious: Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him, as well as a prayer of visitation from the Tongue of Grandeur, and these were sent forth. In truth, the effulgences of the light of God's grace–exalted be His glory–in relation to him and his esteemed son are even as a brilliant, resplendent light. His is the praise, His the thanks, His the glory, and His the splendor. I beseech God to grant them assistance and confirmation. After mention was made of his name before the Seat of the Purpose of all worlds, these decisive verses were revealed. He says, blessed and exalted be He:

"O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Some time ago verses were sent down from the direction of the Most Great Throne, through which the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, was diffused, and through which the Sun of grace shone forth and that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of My dominion and My realm became manifest. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. That which hath no end hath appeared, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing Expositor." Time and again hath mention been made from the Most Exalted Pen of him who ascended to the Supreme Horizon. Give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of bounty, and thanks be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity! I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the hindrance of them that hinder, the harm of the oppressors, the fire of the aggressors, and the opposition of the opposers shall not hold me back."

As to what thou didst ask concerning the house, thou mayest use it to pay the debts of him who hath ascended unto Us. This behooveth thee and those who have laid hold on this firm cord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!

O son of My Name, the Most Truthful, the Most Holy! He who hath ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon hath attained unto that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. Give glad-tidings to Mahdi–

upon him be My glory–and to those who are with him, of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God! The gaze of My loving-kindness is fixed upon thee. Give thou glad-tidings, one by one, to all who are related, of God's grace and bounty. All are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and have been adorned with His special favors and have attained thereunto. That which hath been ordained for them is such that were less than a needle's eye thereof to be revealed, all would be thunderstruck, save whom God willeth, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Thou shouldst manifest such justice that its fame may encompass those regions. This beseemeth thee and thy kinship to this Most Holy, Most Great, Most Mighty, Most Luminous Cause. Be thou as a fire amongst the righteous ones, that all may find from thee the warmth of the love of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne and Seat. Time after time hast thou been blessed, and again and again hast thou heard that which, were it to be cast upon the mountains, would cause them to soar with longing for the mention of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus hath the tongue of My loving-kindness spoken, as a grace from My presence, that the rapture of utterance might seize thee and render thee moved and attracted, soaring in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

This servant also conveys greetings, glorification and Baha to each of the kinfolk, and beseeches for them from the wondrous and infinite grace and mercy of God that which will cause the fruits of existence to appear. It is hoped that this supplication may be honored with acceptance and the world may benefit from these fruits, for these are the days of revelation and bounty and favor and sustenance encompass all. Verily our Lord is the Generous Giver, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The spirit and praise and remembrance and glory and exaltation and grandeur be upon you and upon those related to you and upon those who love you and upon the companions of the Crimson Ark who make no mention of names and their kingdoms, nor of mirrors and their suns. These are in truth, in very truth, the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He who gazeth upon the Most Glorious, Most Luminous Countenance of God, his honor Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath.

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

Praise, sanctified beyond mention or hearing, beseemeth the Lord of Names, Who hath illumined the world of man through the Sun of the heaven of knowledge, and hath adorned the firmament of wisdom with the stars of understanding. Before a single drop from the ocean of His knowledge, the world of learning seeth itself ignorant, dumb and mute; and before the manifestation of the Point of His Book, the realm of insight findeth itself blind and deaf. At the revelation of His Will, "He doeth what He willeth" standeth bewildered and amazed, and at the appearance of His power, "He ordaineth what He pleaseth"

lieth struck down and prostrate. The domain of inner meanings trembleth at the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, and the kingdom of mystic knowledge boweth down in humility before the rays of the Sun of His utterance. The fragrant breeze of His garment hath made fresh and verdant the gardens in the hearts of His lovers, and the sweet perfume of His grace hath perfumed the realms of the soul. Through a single mention from Him the heaven of knowledge hath been raised up, and through a single call from Him the withered world hath been made fresh. How presumptuous that this evanescent servant should speak at this station! How grievous a loss that he should count himself among the living! We are but dead ones fallen in the wilderness of love and wonderstruck, waiting to see what the Kawthar of utterance shall graciously bestow - whether it shall return this transient form to nothingness or grant it life everlasting. His is the command; He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Seeing, the Witness, the All-Knowing.

This evanescent servant imploreth from God - exalted be His glory - His grace and mercy, compassion and favor, bounties and gifts. In the watches of the night and throughout the days, with utmost lowliness and supplication, he beseecheth divine confirmation for His chosen ones and loved ones, that all may arise to celebrate His praise and serve His Cause, and act according to that which God hath willed. God willing, it is hoped that holy souls who are detached and assured may become intoxicated with the wine of utterance and emerge in the realm of possibility to guide all religions to the horizon of the All-Merciful. How excellent is this blessed Day! How excellent is this holy Day wherein the breeze hath wafted, the tongue of unity hath spoken, and that which lay hidden in the treasuries of the power of our omnipotent Lord hath been revealed!

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou unto Whom all things have turned, through Whom the earth hath been cleft asunder and the heaven rent apart, and unto the ocean of Whose Most Great Name the realities of all names have hastened! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy sovereignty that dominateth all that hath been and shall be, to ordain for Thy loved ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the wicked ones of Thy creation, and hearest their cry, their lamentation and their yearning in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue all existence in the kingdoms of the unseen and the seen, to rend asunder the veil from the faces of Thy servants and Thy creation, that they may turn unto Thee and hearken unto Thy most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. O my Lord! Deliver them from whatsoever preventeth them from drawing nigh unto Thee and from attaining the precincts of the pavilions of Thy grandeur. O my Lord! Unveil unto them as Thou didst unveil unto Thy loved ones, and make Thyself known unto them, and that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou art He Whom conditions cannot frustrate nor intimations impede. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. With Thee is the knowledge of all things in a Book that none hath understood save Thyself. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O beloved of My heart and cherished one of My soul! The whistling of the bird of thy utterance hath informed Me, and the warbling of the nightingale of thy praise and remembrance hath taught Me that which hath gladdened Me with a joy the servant is powerless to describe as it truly is. To this beareth witness thy Beloved and our Beloved, thy Goal and our Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens

and on earth. When the breezes of love stirred Me and that which thou didst speak in praise of the Lord of Oneness attracted Me, I took the letter and turned to the Mighty, the Bestower, until I entered and appeared before the Throne and presented what was therein. Thereupon the Face of the Beloved turned toward Me and He, exalted be His glory, said: "O Dove! That which was promised in the Book hath appeared and that which the possessors of understanding were powerless to comprehend hath been manifested. By His life! He hath come with verses around which circled the Mother Book. O Dove! The Book speaketh, yet the people understand not; the Balance crieth out, yet they perceive not; the Path calleth aloud, yet they comprehend not. They have cast the tablets of God behind their backs and have taken that which they were bidden by the daysprings of idle fancy - they who dispute the signs of God, break His Covenant, and deny His Cause that hath encompassed existence. Say: This is the Day whereon the Ocean of Life hath surged before the face of the All-Merciful, and the River of Knowledge and Utterance hath flowed from the right hand of the Throne, would that ye knew it. This is the Day whereon that which never appeared before hath appeared, and from the horizon of the Prison the Sun of Wisdom and Proof hath dawned, yet the followers of religions have turned away therefrom. Say: O people of the earth! Arise from your seats, then turn ye to the supreme horizon. By God! It hath been illumined through the name of your Lord, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious. Beware lest the conditions of creation withhold you from the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Say: He hath appeared with truth, and neither the oppression of the divines, nor the power of princes, nor the might of those who have turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, can prevent Him. Say: This is the Day of Utterance; arise from the slumber of vain desires, then make mention of the Lord of Names - this is better for you, would that ye knew it. This is the Day whereon every uprising one hath arisen to serve the Cause, and every speaking one hath spoken in praise of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: O people! Set aside what ye knew before and take what ye see today in its praiseworthy station. O Dove! The servant present hath presented thy letter and read it before the Face. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing. We have heard thy mention and thy praise and thy supplication, and We have found the fragrance of thy love and thy humility and thy submissiveness and thy turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Every word of thy words hath testified to the grandeur of God and His sovereignty and His manifestation and His appearance and His greatness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in this remembrance whereby the Kawthar of Life hath flowed throughout creation and the Bird of Eternity hath warbled upon the branches. There is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. We have mentioned thee after thy return in various tablets with a mention whereby the hearts of the mystics were attracted. Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord's Cause, speaking His praise and guiding unto His straight path. O Dove! In the days when the Concourse of the Bayan were disturbed and scattered through the might of the followers of religions, this Wronged One arose alone to the Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines, nor the clamor of the mystics, nor the oppression of princes could prevent Him from that which He desired. Verily My Most Exalted Pen hath, at all times, moved in the field of wisdom.

No truth-seeker was deterred from what He willed by the oppression of rulers. Verily My Most Exalted Pen hath, at all times, moved across the field of wisdom and utterance, until all heard its call and its proof and evidence were made manifest unto all. In certain years, such tribulations descended that none save divine knowledge could reckon their extent. Nevertheless, the Pen ceased not its movement through the nights and days, nor did the tongue choose silence. And when the Most Great Word was spread abroad

and the banners of praise and glorification were hoisted upon the highest standards, and the sun of certitude somewhat shone forth, the croaking of the raven and buzzing of the fly emerged from behind the veil. I swear by the call of the Lord of Names that ascendeth from the prison, such fear and trepidation seized the heedless souls that they ran from town to town and sought refuge from mountain to mountain. Now they have appeared with utmost rancor and hatred, clinging to every means to lead souls astray. Strange it is that souls should cling to the source of suspicion and dawning-place of vain imaginings. They have lost who denied God, His verses, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, and followed one more lost than themselves before God, the Exalted, the Great.

O beloved of My heart! In truth, people are more attracted to vain imaginings than to the manifestations of certitude. All the people of the Bayan know that this servant lived with that veiled person, and for successive years none but this servant was with him. Yet they accept whatever is said by those who had and have no knowledge thereof, while to this day not one of those souls hath inquired of this servant to learn of that from which they remain heedless and veiled. By Him Who caused all things to speak His praise and glorification, the followers, despite their lack of understanding, are observed to be many ranks higher and more exalted than their leader. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, I have spoken and do speak for God's sake, that perchance some might, through the power of utterance, rend asunder the veils and attain unto the lights of the divine Morn and that which hath appeared therein. God, exalted be His glory, will, God willing, aid them to reach the station where they will extinguish the lamp of idle fancies - for the morn of certitude hath dawned. But alas, alas! For selfish desires bring about heedlessness, and imaginary veils prevent the heart and vision from witnessing.

It is most difficult for some parties who have been nurtured on vain imaginings and idle fancies to be saved, for they are seen to be bound by the chains of conjecture and fetters of idle fancy. And the followers of the Furqan are seen to be more veiled than all other peoples, for before their faces are empty tales, behind them false reports, on their right conjectural mentions, and on their left fanciful thoughts. In these days, regarding these matters, this blessed and holy word shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Revealer of verses, exalted be His glory: "Ja'far, the brother of 'Askari, was asked whether his brother left any offspring. He replied there was a child who died." When the fabricated temples heard this word, they rejected it and called him a liar. Observe to what degree oppression had reached and to what level calumny had risen. Then mention was made of the Holy Precinct and the appearance of missives, with all the details you have previously heard. May God grant justice to the likes of such souls who lead poor people in the wilderness of conjecture […]

The mention of the Epistles was made with the same details as you have heard before. May God grant justice regarding such souls who caused the helpless people to wander in the wilderness of suspicion and delusion, surpassing even Abu Lahab in their deeds. Now for a long time this title of 'liar' will persist among the people of Pharaoh for that truthful Speaker. These false and lying souls cling to the same pretensions; their basic approach follows the same path and way. The receptive souls must be made aware so they may become informed and not be deprived of what God has willed through the whisperings of Satan's party. I swear by the brightness of the Sun of Justice that this Wronged One's purpose is that powerful souls should arise to promote the Cause and protect people from the evil of satans until they reach a station where they see themselves independent of what has passed and

consider all else but Truth as non-existent and null. Say: O friends, fix your gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and upon what has appeared from it. This is the counsel of Truth to His friends. And in another place, this exalted Word shone forth from the heaven of utterance of the Lord of all beings, exalted be His grandeur: "Until now We have not completely rent asunder the veils that exist among the people of the Furqan (Qur'an), nor have We completely shattered the idols of vain imaginings. If these two were to occur, by the Lord of the worlds, the people of the Bayan would find themselves in the lowest of the low." The Finger of Power has rent some asunder and the Arm of Might has destroyed some, yet many remain intact. Had the capacity been observed in the people of the Bayan, all would surely have attained the recognition of that which is mentioned with God. But God bears witness that they are more veiled than the people of the Furqan and other peoples, and I am the One Who takes account, the All-Knowing.

The people of the Furqan are so encompassed by vain imaginings that every writer is incapable of describing them, especially the party that considers itself saved. The people of the Sunnah and the Community believe that the Qa'im must be born, for they say no tradition has been seen from the Messenger of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - indicating His existence in Jabulqa or Jabulsa or elsewhere. Rather, the tradition of the Lord of Mankind - upon Him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power - as well as the narration of the Most Great Sheikh, indicate the birth of the Qa'im in the lands of Persia. How many holy souls who believed in birth were martyred through manifest tyranny! Strange it is that although they observe that the "saved sect" has been the tyrannical and rebellious sect, and at the time of test they proved to be more wretched and misguided than all on earth - for this unsaved sect suspended the Beauty of Unity in the air and perpetrated what the first and the last would shrink from doing.

It is incumbent upon the people of the Bayan to reflect upon what occurred among the people of the Furqan, that perchance the eye of truth might open and see what must be seen. In this case, they would be mentioned as people of insight in the Most Great Scene; otherwise, animals are nobler than them. From God, exalted be His glory, in all conditions this servant of the All-Glorious beseeches and hopes that He may observe with His grace, compassion and favor, not according to the objectors and deniers and what they possess, that perchance the morning breeze of mercy might pass by in this divine Day and adorn all with the ornament of witnessing, justice and fairness.

Regarding what you wrote about your honored father, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it was mentioned some time ago in the Most Holy Presence with the most wondrous utterance, and he attained. Reflect upon the sincerity and station of that holy soul, who reached such a position that the Ancient Beauty would pause in His comings and goings and mention him with the most wondrous utterance. By the life of the Beloved! This is a great station and a great bounty. Blessed is he and blessed is his presence. Verily, the bounty is in His hand - He gives as He pleases. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. That blessed Tablet was sent with Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, it will arrive and they will attain unto it. And it appears that at the time of its revelation, the aforementioned person was himself present.

And regarding what you wrote about having sent copies of what was sent to various regions, this was accepted in His presence. He said: “God willing, may they be confirmed in spreading the divine verses and His evidences, attributes and manifestations.”

And regarding your intention to travel to those parts, this is most beloved, for the people are weak and have not been and are not aware of certain matters. Often they cannot distinguish between the buzzing of a fly and the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree. Perhaps through meeting with you the veils may be rent asunder and they may truly become new in all respects. At one time this firm, perfect and blessed word shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the King of Oneness - exalted be His grandeur: “So long as the people of the Bayan look to the deeds, words, gestures and evidences of previous religions, they shall remain heedless and deprived of the new Order, the new creation, the new station and the new condition.” And in another place this blessed word shone forth: “Verily I am the Originator of the heavens and the earth,” for He has had and has no likeness in what came before or after. This is originality in all respects. Blessed are they who know and blessed are they who attain.

And regarding what you wrote about the friends in the Land of Ya, upon them be the Glory of God, this answer was sent down from the heaven of divine will:

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

O PEOPLE of Ya! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who is the Lord of Names, Who calleth you from His Most Great Prison and inviteth you unto a station which God hath made sanctified above the descriptions of all peoples and purified from their allusions and references. He, verily, is the Omnipotent through Whom was hoisted the Standard of “He doeth what He willeth” and raised the Banner of “He ordaineth what He pleaseth.” Blessed is the strong one who hath voiced this Most Great Remembrance, and the soul that hath turned unto His Straight Path.

We have entered the Prison and called all unto God, the Lord of the worlds, in such wise that neither the hosts, nor the ranks, nor the fetters of the mighty and the princes, nor the clamor of the divines and the mystics have deterred Us. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto that which God hath desired, and woe unto the heedless. This is the Day wherein earthquakes have appeared, tribes have lamented, widows have cried out, and the skins of those who disputed the signs and proof of God and denied His manifest Book have quivered.

Say: O people of the Bayan, abandon that which ye possess. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with a proof before which all that the various peoples possess cannot stand. To this beareth witness the Lord of all men in this mighty Tablet. Say: The Wronged One guideth you for the sake of God and commandeth you that whereby the eyes of those who, upon hearing the Call, hastened unto the Supreme Horizon and answered their Lord, the All-Speaking, the All-Seeing, may be solaced. Beware lest the conditions of creation debar you from the Truth. Abandon that which people possess, through this Name through which every wise command hath been made manifest. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance. This is what ye have been commanded in successive years and in this Tablet which speaketh before the faces of the world that which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous.”

We have borne hardships and tribulations, both secretly and openly, for the exaltation of God's Cause. When it was exalted in truth, the buzzing of flies appeared from behind the veil, whereat every Prophet hath lamented and every trusted Messenger hath cried out. Say: O concourse of the Bayan! Be fair in the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest that which hindered the people of the Furqan prevent you from turning toward the Most Great Ocean, and lest that which veiled the nations veil you. Fear God and follow not every remote clamourer. Turn with supreme steadfastness toward the Supreme Horizon. By the life of God! This is better for you than all that hath been created in earth and heaven. To this testifieth the Lord of Names in this wondrous Tablet.

How many a servant hath been so attracted by the verses of his Lord that neither the might of princes nor the power of the strong could frighten him. They hastened through the wilderness of love and faithfulness, saying: "Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of hearts! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of all in the heavens and the earth!" Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a grace from Him, that there might be revealed that which was hidden in God's treasury and inscribed in the Books of the Messengers.

Take ye hold of the Book of God with the power granted you by Us and the might bestowed by your Lord. By the life of God! This is the Day We promised you aforetime that We would make you leaders in the earth and make you the inheritors. Hold fast, O servants of God, unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the conditions of the world nor the doubts of the wayward. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Book with the sun of the remembrance of your Lord, the One, the All-Informed.

The Supreme Pen calleth the friends in the land of Ya and its surroundings, mentioning them with most excellent remembrances, that perchance the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful may so seize them that the intimations of the world […]

He calls to all regions and makes mention with the most excellent utterances, that perchance the divine elixir of the All-Merciful's expression may so possess them that neither the intimations of the world nor the words of nations can prevent them. Fix your gaze upon this blessed, firm and goodly Word, which is as a torrential rain for the meadows of the All-Merciful's utterance, and drink thereof. You will not see or find the exalted Truth with the eyes of creation. Turn your eyes from all else that you may attain to His presence and meeting. This is a Day wherein the deeds, stations and ranks of all are and shall be made manifest, for the All-Knowing Distinguisher hath appeared and the All-Informed Expositor is evident and visible. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the endless bounties of the Munificent One, nor be forbidden what beseemeth this most holy and most exalted Day. The carpet of vain imaginings is spread wider than before, and the hosts of idle fancies are stronger than they were. May ye be assisted, through the grace of the All-Merciful, in that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth.

Praise be to God that ye have attained to the Day of God and perceived the fragrance of the garment of reunion. Those who counted themselves the highest, greatest, most mighty and most exalted among mankind are deprived of the ocean of knowledge and veiled and forbidden from the horizon of God's

Cause, while ye, through His preceding mercy and all-encompassing grace, have attained to that which hath ever been the hope of the sincere ones and those near unto God. Beseech ye God - exalted be His glory - in all conditions to assist you to preserve this precious pearl and to keep it concealed from the eyes of thieves and traitors. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

God willing, may all drink from the exalted words that have issued forth from the Source of the Cause - the Kawthar of attraction and yearning and the Salsabil of steadfastness and longing. For in truth, whosoever attaineth unto these will see all the world as non-existent and will stand firm on God's path with such steadfastness that those who stir up hatred and rancor in the world will find themselves powerless before his movement. By the life of the Beloved! Through the light of such souls doth the horizon of power and steadfastness shine forth resplendent. Consider the words of the cawer who hath written to his servant, taking two words from the Bayan and two from the Qur'an to compose verses which he sendeth abroad. Observe how foolish and stupid he considereth people to be, that he propoundeth such nonsense, and yet they regard him as possessing proof and evidence. By Thy life, O Beloved of my heart! This servant is greatly astonished at the people. What hath happened and what have they done to be afflicted with the guidance of one so ignorant? From the beginning of the world until now, such wondrous matters and exalted verses have never been seen, nor have the eye of utterance and the vision of understanding beheld their like. A single Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet cannot be equaled by all the books - all books bear witness to this, whosoever hath attained unto a drop from the ocean of fairness. The world hath been encompassed by wondrous and exalted verses, and manifest verses equivalent to all heavenly books have been revealed, and outwardly all that hath happened before […]

And outwardly, all that hath transpired in the past or shall come to pass in the future hath been set forth with utmost clarity in God's Holy Book. Nevertheless, they have uttered and continue to utter that which no heedless opponent hath ever said at the appearance of God's Manifestations. The shamelessness of this rebellious and transgressing band hath reached such heights that they speak these vain words at the appearance of the Manifestation and Messenger. May God grant justice and bestow the eye of grace.

Among the recent tidings is that Mirza Ahmad of the land of K and R, one night in the great city, after partaking of certain things, burned whatever writings against God he possessed and said he was pleased with this. In truth, he is observed to be like a chameleon. It is not known in which direction he intended or intends to go, toward which visage he turned or turneth. God, exalted be His glory, will either purify the hem of His Cause from such souls or, through His grace and favor, bestow upon them the choice wine of certitude and assurance. He is verily the Generous Giver.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza 'AB, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], mentioning his expressions of love, and likewise your supplication for special favors from God, exalted be His glory - these matters were presented before His presence. This is what the Tongue of the Most Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted be His glory: "The glances of God's favor are directed towards him. Praise be to God, they have attained to that which most of the earth's inhabitants are deprived. Some time ago, accompanied by Abu'l-Hasan, one Tablet specifically for you and another in his name were sent.

God willing, they will attain unto them. We counsel him to wisdom and steadfastness. God willing, may they be assisted in these two mighty matters, and special favors will also be manifested from the heaven of bounty. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great." End.

O My Supreme Pen! Make mention of those who have turned towards My Most Sublime Horizon, hearkened unto My sweetest call, held fast to My sure handle, clung to the hem of My luminous robe, and set their faces toward My countenance after the passing of all things, and soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the Lord of Names, and quaffed from crimson cups the wine of destiny. Blessed are ye for having attained unto the ultimate goal, the most exalted station, and the highest rank. Joy and felicitations be upon you, for the Beloved of the world and the Most Great Name makes mention of you in such wise that every sincere soul perceives therefrom the fragrance of the garment, and everyone endowed with smell inhales the scent of My Name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

I bear witness that ye have attained unto the recognition of God in days wherein all things and the Concourse on High have lamented by reason of what hath befallen them that have laid hold on the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, and have spent that which they possessed in His straight Path. Rejoice ye in the Supreme Companion, inasmuch as the Lord of all creation maketh mention of you in this Prison which hath been designated by every name and is known as the Most Great Prison in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Your blood was shed while mingled with the love of God, your spirits ascended while perfumed with the fragrances of His days, and your bodies were cast down while adorned with the ornament of martyrdom in this Cause, for which the near ones and the sincere have spent all they possessed. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in your remembrance and praise. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of the mercy of the All-Merciful be upon you, O ye manifestations of the names in the realm of creation and dawning-places of recognition amidst the peoples of all religions. Ye are they whom no hinderer could hinder, nor the derision of any idolator could deter. Ye heard and hastened until ye attained unto the station which was ordained by the Pen of God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Joy be unto you and blessed are ye and they who make mention of you and visit you, even as the Tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken while surrounded by sorrows from those who denied the right of God and His loved ones, and turned away from the Face when it shone forth from the horizon of revelation with manifest light.

We make mention of the Trustworthy One, whom We have mentioned in My Manifest Book. He hath outstripped most of creation in the service of God and His Cause, and hath attained unto such bounty as none save the All-Numbering, the All-Informed, can reckon. We were with him when his spirit ascended unto the Supreme Companion, and We gave him to drink of the pure wine time and again, and the mercy of his Lord encompassed him in such measure as all pens are powerless to recount. To this testifieth He Who speaketh and will continue to speak at all times: There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Trustworthy One! Thou art a letter from My crimson scroll and a mention from this Book which speaketh the truth and maketh mention of its loved ones in such wise that the Concourse on High and they who have prostrated themselves before the countenance of their Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day, visit them. Blessed is he who maketh mention of thee and draweth nigh through thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Dove! O thou who gazest toward the Supreme Horizon and drinkest My sealed nectar from the white fingers of My bounty! We have made mention of those servants concerning whom thou didst beseech God for their remembrance and the manifestation of His favors and bounties unto them. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this great favor. Thou hast a station with thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He shall assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and shall aid thee to make mention of Him in such wise as to attract hearts and minds. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As regards what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad Khan and Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, this was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and two most mighty and most glorious Tablets specifically for them were revealed and sent down from the heaven of God's Will. God willing, may they attain unto them and be assisted in that which God desires. And concerning what was mentioned about Jinab-i-Sabz-'Ali and likewise about traveling to Zanjan and staying in that land for the purpose of teaching God's Cause - all these matters were presented. He, exalted be His glory, said: "Most praiseworthy is journeying to that land, for most have no knowledge and are observed to be remote from the Cause. God willing, may you become the cause of enkindling through the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, and may you refresh the withered hearts of those who hesitate through the Kawthar of the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Convey to Jinab-i-Rasul, upon him be the Glory of God, greetings from this Wronged One adorned with the ornament of the Most Great Name. Say: By the life of God! Thou art mentioned before the Throne and thou art inscribed in My Clear Book. The gaze of the True One hath been and will ever be directed towards thee. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause of thy Lord in all conditions. Soon will all thou seest perish, while that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen shall endure throughout the duration of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Adorn all the friends in that land with the ornament of the utterance of the Lord of Religions. How excellent is the heart that is set ablaze with His love and the tongue that speaketh His praise. Say: O friends of the All-Merciful! Strive that ye may each shine forth like unto the sun from the horizon of the heaven of steadfastness, in such wise that ye may regard those who associate partners with God, and whatsoever is with them and whosoever is with them, as mere handfuls of clay. This is the station of the most great steadfastness, the mention of which illumineth the horizons of the divine Tablets."

O beloved of My heart! Some weak souls in the region of your honor and its surroundings are observed to be on the brink of a crumbling precipice, for they have heard that which was not worthy of hearing and have taken from those who were devoid of understanding. This is what hath been understood from the interpretation of the utterances of the Revealer of Verses, and is presented to your honor. God willing, through the arms of divine power and might, and the hands of God's omnipotence, and healing, sufficient utterances, they may turn from the left hand of conjecture to the right hand of certitude and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Strange it is that people should inquire of the dim star concerning the rays and lights of the Sun. Say: O ye who possess sight! Turn ye unto the Sun itself and know it through its own

self. In establishing Its Cause, It hath no need of any other than Itself. Its proof lies in Its verses, and Its existence in Its manifestation. Have they not heard these words, or have they not seen the Sun of bounty shining from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, or have they not perceived the fragrances of Its utterances? In any case, in this Most Great Revelation all are commanded to behold Him with His own eyes and to know Him. Moreover, the entire world is a book establishing this mighty Cause, and all things, books, scriptures, psalms and tablets cry out with the most eloquent voice giving the glad-tidings of the Days of God. The Beloved Himself is astonished at these veiled ones and their utterances - indeed every person of insight is astonished. That which this servant has presented, if some of the friends […]

The servant is perplexed by their utterances. That which this servant has submitted - should some of the friends and dignitaries consider it - would be most praiseworthy, that perchance it might free the servants from the darkness of suspicions and imaginings and illumine them with the dawn of God's Day. Should they reflect upon the grandeur mentioned in all the Books regarding this most exalted, most holy Cause, they would become aware. In one place He says: "This is the Day wherein none shall be mentioned save God alone." False intimations from the past have prevented people from the essence of truth in this wondrous, exalted Day. In this connection, such utterances have been revealed from the Ancient Tongue that should attentive ears hearken unto them, they would surely become detached and freed from all that the people possess. His is the command and His the grandeur and the power, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty.

Last night several Tablets were revealed from the heaven of divine knowledge containing certain mentions which truly melted the soul and set the body aflame. This evanescent servant intended to send a copy thereof but found no opportunity, as there were many travelers present and each requested numerous Tablets from the heaven of oneness, and this evanescent servant was occupied with transcribing them. With a hundred thousand tongues I beseech Him to assist this evanescent one to fulfill this momentous task. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty. The servant beseecheth his Lord not to withhold from His servants that which hath appeared in the Kingdom through His Most Great, Most Glorious Name.

Regarding what you wrote about one of the friends having written a treatise - it was presented before His presence. This is what was revealed in response: Today whatever is written should be considered with the utmost care so that it may not become a cause of differences or give rise to objections from the people. What the friends of God utter today reaches the ears of all the peoples of the earth. In the Tablet of Wisdom these words were revealed: "Verily the ears of the deniers are stretched toward Us that they might hear that whereby they can object to God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting." This matter is not without importance. Whatever is written should not be devoid of wisdom, and in the words the nature of milk should be concealed, that the children of the age might be nourished thereby and attain maturity. We have previously mentioned that one word is like unto springtime, causing the world of hearts to become fresh and verdant, while another is like unto poison, causing the blossoms and flowers to wither. God willing, the authors from among the friends of God should write that which fair-minded souls would accept and which would not give rise to objections from the people. End.

Regarding the blessed verse of prohibition which was revealed in the Book of God and about which you inquired - it was presented before the Throne. He said: It would have been preferable and more beloved had it been mentioned to you verbally in His presence. Now it is not permitted to mention it in writing until its time comes. End.

And likewise inquiry was made about this blessed verse, His words, exalted be His glory: “When the ocean of reunion ebbeth” up to His words, mighty be His glory: “which hath branched from this mighty Stock.” The divine purpose was the Most Great Branch of God and after Him the Most Mighty Branch of God - may my spirit and my being and my essence be offered up for the dust of their footsteps.

Concerning your question about the Branches of God and His Afnan, it was submitted to the Most Holy Court, and He said: Until now, whenever mention of Afnan has been revealed from the Supreme Pen, it has referred to those souls who are related to the Primal Point, for in this Revelation We have summoned all to the highest horizon and guided them to the Most Great Ocean. In the early days, a special prayer was revealed for them, and in that prayer faith and recognition were ordained for them. God willing, may they act according to what God has willed and remain firm and steadfast in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. Blessed are they in that We have named them with this Name from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has been diffused throughout creation. We have related them to this Tree as a grace from Us upon them. Ask God to protect them from the allusions of the people and the doubts of learning. We have favored some above others in a Book which none has understood save God, the Lord of the worlds. That which has been ordained for them from the presence of the All-Knowing Ordainer shall soon be made manifest. Those souls who are now related to the Tree are mentioned in the Book of Names as the kindred. If they act according to what God has willed, blessed are they in that they have turned and attained. They should beseech God to preserve them and assist them to remain steadfast in their present state. This is a Day wherein all souls must strive to attain the word of acceptance from the presence of the Lord of Names. By Branches are meant the existing Branches, but in the primary station there were and are the two Most Great Branches, and souls thereafter are counted as fruits and leaves. The Branches have no right to the property of others. And this blessed verse was mentioned, His exalted word: “Refer ye whatsoever ye understand not from the Book to the Branch that hath branched from this mighty Stock.” By Book is meant the Most Holy Book, and by the branched Branch is meant the Branch.

Concerning fasting while traveling and the limit of travel, this question was asked: Let the limits of travel and traveler be explained - to what distance the term “travel” applies, and if during the journey one stays in a place for several days what is one’s obligation, and on the day when a traveler intends to travel, for instance if one becomes a traveler at noon or after noon, what is one’s obligation from morning until noon? The limits of travel have been fixed at nine hours in the Book of God - that is, from the place of departure to the intended destination should be nine hours, then the law of fasting is lifted. If a traveler stays in a place and it is determined that the stay will be for nineteen days, one must fast, and if it is less, fasting is not required. If during the month of fasting one arrives at a place and intends to stay there for one Bayanic month, one should refrain from fasting for three days and then fast for the remaining days. If one arrives in one’s hometown, one should begin fasting that very day. On the day one intends to travel, fasting is not permitted.

This servant wishes to state that all the names mentioned in your letters, both past and present, which reached this servant, were presented at the Most Holy Court. He showed His grace and they were dispatched. One Most Great and Most Holy Tablet was also specifically revealed and sent for Jinab-i-Aqa Sabz-'Ali. God willing, he will attain to it. This servant's request is that you convey my greetings and praise, as befitting, to all. Strange and wondrous matters have emerged from the known island. In these days new tidings have arrived which cause embarrassment, and this servant is ashamed to mention them. We leave it to the True One, exalted be His glory. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Jinab-i-Aqa Sabz-'Ali, praise be to God, has rent asunder the veil and shattered the idol of fancy, and has drunk the water of certitude from the hand of the Spirit of Truth. God willing, may he ever attain to this most exalted station.

As commanded, convey God's greetings to the relatives of Jinab-i-Abu-Basir and Aqa Siyyid Ashraf, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the land of Za, and show the grace of God unto all, that all may be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and drink from the ocean of steadfastness. Verily He is the Protector of those who are nigh and the Protector of the sincere ones.

Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be Baha'u'llah's grace, has arrived in these days and is residing in the vicinity. And regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Harf-i-Hayy, upon him be the glory of God, after attaining the honor of pilgrimage, as commanded and willed, he returned. Later he sought permission to stay in the great city, which was granted. After some time he ascended to the highest horizon. Blessed is he, for he is among those who attained what the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, had foretold, and was among the successful ones.

And Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-'Ali-Dih, upon him be Baha'u'llah's grace, has been gone for some time, and news of him has arrived from the City of God and other places.

O beloved of my heart! The mention that was at the end of your letter, after the presentation of matters, was again presented at the threshold of the Throne. This response descended from the heaven of divine will, exalted be His glory: "O Dove! O thou who gazest upon the face of thy Lord, the Most Glorious! We have heard that which thou didst commune with God at the end of thy letter. Blessed be thy face for having turned, and thy tongue for having spoken. Make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants, that the remembrance and utterance may draw them to the horizon of the All-Merciful and bring them nigh unto a station wherein the affairs of creation shall not prevent them from the Truth, nor shall the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O thou who hast attained unto the choice wine through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

The expression of praise, glorification, and greetings to the friends of the divine city and regions from this evanescent servant depends upon your grace. Glory be upon you, upon your relatives, and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant on His mighty, wondrous Day. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

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This is what hath been sent down from the Heaven of Eternity unto His servants. Among them are those who soared unto the heaven of the Cause, and among them are those who tarried. Even thus have We sent down the Command as a mercy from Our presence unto Our believing servants. This is the Surih of the Sovereign which hath been sent down from the Heaven of the All-Merciful with verses mighty, impregnable, ancient. He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the Heaven of Eternity. God hath made them a testimony from Him and a proof from His presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, from this day until the Day when the standards of discord shall be obliterated and the Luminary of the horizons shall shine forth from the Dayspring of His Name, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Then shall the eyes of them that disbelieved and joined partners with God be dazzled, souls shall be perturbed, and such intoxication shall seize all who dwell in the kingdoms of Command and Creation that they shall place their fingers of bewilderment between their teeth. All that was and will be shall come to pass, and therein shall the inmost secrets of every soul be tested, if ye be of them that comprehend.

Say: O people, fear ye God Who created you and sustained you and made you to be great ones in the earth, and sent down from heaven that which causeth the earth to yield holy and glorious fruits. Beware, O concourse of the earth, reject not the favor of God, and dispute not His Cause. Follow that which hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the Cause, verses of wondrous might. O people, there hath come unto you relief from God your Lord, and He commandeth you to righteousness and piety, and forbiddeth you from all that leadeth you unto desire. Fear God and be of the God-fearing. Say: Verily your relief lieth in the establishment of this Beauty upon the throne of manifest glory, did ye but know. Say: He hath appeared in such wise as hath bewildered by His sovereignty all the worlds, yet ye have failed to recognize the relief that was promised you in all the Tablets, and ye remain of the heedless. Say: By God! Were ye to ponder the Cause of Him Who hath appeared in truth, ye would witness the relief of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in that which floweth from this Luminous, this Mighty, this Inaccessible Pen. Therefore, O people, examine your souls that ye may perchance recognize your Creator in these days wherein none among all created things hath known Him save whom your Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed. Nay rather, the polytheists have risen against Him and dispute with Him concerning God's signs, and object to that which hath been revealed unto Him even as the followers of the Qur'an objected unto God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Exalted, when the clouds of grace were rent asunder and the Beauty of the Ancient of Days appeared from behind them in the name of 'Ali in truth with manifest signs. O people! By God! She whom I created with the hand of My will hath rebelled against Me even as Pharaoh rebelled before God, your Lord and the Lord of all creation, and said "I am your Lord, the Most High," though he was powerless to create even a fly upon the earth, as every person of insight doth testify. And he whom I created by My word hath objected to Me in such wise as hath caused the heavens and earth to weep, and thereafter the eyes of those who circumambulated the sanctuary of grandeur with crimson tears, and behind them the eyes of the holy ones. Say: The Son of

Mary ascended unto the mountain of the Cause, and the holy cloud enveloped Him. Then He witnessed drops of blood upon His garment and was bewildered within Himself, and asked concerning it, being among the questioners. Then the cloud informed Him of that which would befall the Youth. Thereupon He cried out within His soul and detached Himself from the world and all that is therein, and ascended unto the holy station before God, His Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of the worlds. And were I to utter a word concerning that which befell Him, verily the veil of the pavilion of grandeur would be rent asunder, and the pillars of the House would crumble, and the supports of the mighty throne would be shaken. But We have concealed it and been patient until God shall come with the authority of His triumph and make known His beauty between the heavens and the earths. Then know that when the polytheists witnessed the signs of God, they objected to them and denied that which they had believed in before, and thereby their deeds were rendered void, though they perceived it not and remained among the heedless. And for this reason all atoms curse them, and all that lieth behind the veils of power, while they sit in their seats sporting and remain among the joyous ones. Thus doth God reveal the secret thoughts of hearts and the treachery of those who profess faith with their tongues while denying Him by Whose command the measures of faith were ordained from the presence of One Mighty, Wise.

They deny Him by Whose command the measures of faith were ordained by One Who is Mighty, Wise. Among them is he who hath turned away and transgressed against his own self, and rebelled against God openly and was among the idolaters. And among them is he who sought to plot against God's Cause and thereby instill hatred for the Youth in the hearts of them that believed, that he might cause them to slip from the Path and distance them from the holy and luminous Shore. Thus did they gather together according to what Satan whispered in their hearts, and they plotted a plot. But God shall soon make manifest their plot to whoso followeth the command of his Lord and is endowed with insight from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. And among them is he who felt assured that if he opposed the Youth, those who followed him in his hatred would oppose Him too, for he perceiveth leadership within himself. Say: Woe unto you, O company of deniers! God hath servants whom neither signs nor allusions can hinder, whom no hinderer can obstruct nor rejecter's rejection deter, even should all creation combine against them. These are they whom the signs of the past concerning the mention of the Resurrection did not hinder, nor were they prevented by what was revealed in the Qur'an - "but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets." They rent asunder those veils through Our power's sovereignty and entered the holy sanctuary, the seat of their Lord, the Most High, with manifest sincerity. They acknowledged within themselves that prophethood shall never cease from this time unto an end that hath no end. Thus did the Spirit breathe into their hearts the spirit of certitude from One Who is Mighty, Beautiful. These know God through God and through what appeareth from Him, and they stop their holy ears from the cawing of the idolaters, even if they be among the great ones of the people and their nobles, for their nobility lieth in following their Creator's command and prostrating before God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people, fear God and dispute not about God's verses, nor refute the truth with what ye possess. Be ashamed before Him Who created you through His word. Fear God, O people, and be not among the wrongdoers. And if ye believe not in Him Who hath come to you from the Spirit's dawning place with verses that prove what ye possess, do not fabricate lies against Him and be not among the fabricators. O

people of the Bayan! By God, this is indeed the Truth and He reciteth unto you God's verses. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and be among the fair-minded. If ye object to what is now revealed unto you, by what proof can your souls find rest and be among the tranquil? Say: No one's faith or deeds shall be accepted today except through following this decisive, mighty, and wise Cause. And if ye believe not, God shall soon raise up a people and cause them to hear the melodies of the Cause and enter this Paradise which God hath made the sign of His grandeur between the heavens and earths. These shall know their Creator through His own Self and through what hath been sent down from Him of the verses of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Luminous. They shall leave behind all that the people possess, even if it be the books of the first and the last ones. Verily, they who have recognized the ocean's sovereignty, its depths and its pearls - would they turn to mere waves? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious, if ye be among those who know. And he who hath drunk from the holy Kawthar from the hand of the celestial youths - would he be content with brackish water? Nay, by your Lord, the Most Merciful, if ye be among the certain. And whoso hath known the Sun shall not occupy himself with its shadows. Thus do We cast upon your hearts that which shall draw you near unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Inaccessible, that perchance the people of insight might ascend above the dust.

Whoso hath recognized the Sun will never occupy himself with the shadow. Thus do We cast upon your hearts that which will draw you nigh unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible, that perchance they who possess understanding may ascend from the dust and soar into the heaven of righteousness, the seat of mighty glory. When thou reachest thy land, the city which hath been named after My sovereign Name, give thou glad-tidings unto it and unto them that have believed in that which the Holy Pen hath inscribed through the finger of God, that ye may be of them that rejoice. Say: O people! Ye were asleep upon the couches of tranquility while the Temple of the Cause was crying out and lamenting. O people! Aid ye God and His Cause in these days, and hesitate not in aught, but be ye of them that help. His help consisteth in teaching His Cause among His servants and in remaining steadfast in His love in these days wherein the pillars of the knowing ones have trembled. O people! Exchange not the favor of God amongst you, nor deny that whereby your faith in God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, may be established. Fear ye God, O people, and cast not the Cause of God behind your backs, nor follow the footsteps of the evil ones. O people! If ye deny the Sovereign of the Cause, to what countenance will ye turn in these days when the dust of fire hath enveloped most of the servants, and intoxication hath seized the dwellers of the heavens and of the earth, save them that have detached themselves from all things and have clung to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Most Great Spirit! Make mention in the Book of Abu'l-Qasim who journeyed unto God and was touched on the way by the hardships of exile, that he may rejoice within himself and stand firm in the Cause of his Lord at a time when the feet of every discerning knower have slipped. O servant! Grieve not over anything, and turn not unto them that have disbelieved and turned away and were in manifest heedlessness. Be patient in what hath befallen thee, then put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and the Lord of all things, and the Lord of the worlds.

O Faraj! If thou passest not by thy home, send thou this Tablet unto Our near servants. We have made this Tablet the garment of the Cause that the fragrance of the Youth may waft therefrom upon all created things, that perchance God may raise up thereby a people who will behold naught save God, their Lord,

and whom the allusions of the deniers will not hinder, that perchance Our servant Abraham may detect from this garment the sweet savors of holiness and arise to promote the Cause between the heavens and the earth.

O Abraham! Step forth from behind the veil of silence through My Name, the Speaker, the Articulate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Friend! Sanctify thyself from all allusions, then raise thy call of the Spirit between earth and heaven, that perchance thereby the fire may be kindled in the breasts of the righteous, and they may arise to serve the Cause with a sovereignty from Us and a command from Our presence. Verily, I am the Powerful over what I will, and I am the Giver, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Arise to serve God and aid His Cause, and fear thou no one. This is God's command unto thee, decreed by the Pen of might and glory. Say: Today nothing shall profit anyone, though he should bring all the scriptures of heaven and earth, except that he enter beneath the shadow of his Lord, the Most High, in this His latter Manifestation. By God! This is His Beauty in truth, His Manifestation in the kingdom of command and creation, and His sovereignty amongst all created things.

Say: O people! Do ye write of the Bayan while denying Him Who revealed it? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! Do ye make mention of God and then seek to slay His Self? Alas for you, O company of polytheists! Say: He hath appeared in these days in such wise that all necks have been humbled before Him, if ye be of them that know. The Cause of God hath been manifested through His own Self alone, as ye have heard and were among the hearers. Say: By God! The Cause hath shone forth like the sun at high noon, and none shall deny it save every blind and accursed one.

O Friend! Strip thyself of the allusions of the people, then adorn thy temple with the raiment of glory resplendent, for We have made thee the herald of Our Cause in that land, that thou mayest convey unto the people that which the Spirit hath inspired in thee from Our presence, and that thou mayest be engaged in a wondrous remembrance. By My Beauty! He in whose heart there remaineth love for aught created between heaven and earth shall never be able to bear this firm, mighty, and exalted Cause. Purify thyself with this choice wine that floweth from the ancient spring, then purify therewith the hearts of the seekers.

Therefore, rejoice within thyself that We have named thee the herald of the Cause. Then pass round the crimson wine in My Most Glorious Name between earth and heaven, that thereby may be quickened the spirits of those who, when the verses of their Lord, the Most High, are recited unto them, fall prostrate upon their faces in the dust, submissive before God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Know thou that whatsoever thou hast heard concerning this Cause hath appeared by My command, and all else was created by My word, and none is aware of this save My Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When We desired to exalt the Cause among the peoples of old, We made reference in Our utterances to others besides Ourself, as a wisdom from Us, for We were the Ruler. We raised the Cause to such a station that ye heard of its spread and exaltation until the Word and mention thereof filled the heavens and earth. But when the Cause appeared and emerged, then shone forth and dawned, there

rose against Me those servants who were created by My command, and thus were they among the transgressors.

O Herald of the Cause! Those who veiled their faces behind masks out of fear for themselves, when the breezes of assurance wafted forth, emerged like serpents. Thus do We recount unto thee that which was hidden from the eyes of the beholders, that thou mayest be apprised of what hath befallen My Beauty and be among the knowers. Blessed art thou, O Herald of the Cause, in that thou didst attain the presence of the Throne at the time when the Sun of the horizons dawned forth from the region of Iraq. By God! Thereby hast thou attained to that which none else hath attained.

Happy art thou, O Herald of the Cause, in that thou hast attained the presence of the Throne at an hour when the Sun of the horizons shone forth from the direction of Iraq. By God, thou hast thereby achieved that which none else hath achieved, and this is a revelation from One mighty, all-knowing. Give thanks unto God for having blessed thee with His presence and aided thee to visit the Manifestation of His Self in days which no servant recognized, being seized with vain imaginings and in manifest heedlessness. Know thou that Satan will come to you from the direction of tyranny with that which would hold you back from the Beauty of the All-Merciful. Then arise in the Cause, cast aside what he holdeth, turn away from him, and turn thy face toward My luminous and mighty and radiant countenance. Say: O Satan, remove thyself from among the concourse of the Spirit, for We have found from thee the stench of hatred from God, the Mighty, the Generous. O thou accursed one, thou bearest that whereby all who are in the heavens and earth curse thee, and the dwellers of the kingdom of Command and Creation, and all that was and will be, yet thou wast heedless of this and wast among the negligent. By God, thou hast passed by nothing except that it cursed thee with its inner tongue, but since thou wast deaf thou heardst not its call and wast among the ignorant. Thus do We relate unto thee tidings of the unseen that ye may be convinced that with Us is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and knowledge of all things in preserved and mighty tablets.

O Tongue of Eternity! Make mention of Husayn in the Book and give him glad tidings of the lights of the Throne, that it may turn him to the direction of eternity, the perspective of his Lord, the Most High, and draw him nigh unto the shore of Paradise, the station wherein the fire was kindled from the Divine Lote-Tree, proclaiming that there is no God but I, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. O servant! How long wilt thou be slothful regarding thyself? Therefore, be thou ignited by this fire, then call out among the righteous with that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful, hath taught thee. Beware lest ye differ among yourselves or cast the Cause of God behind your backs. Be among the people like the rays of the sun, such that your faces may illumine those in all the worlds. By God, O servant, wert thou to learn of the tribulations that have befallen Me, thou wouldst weep and lament throughout thy life, and this is a manifest truth. However, We have veiled the matter lest sorrows encompass the Manifestations of the All-Merciful and consume the hearts of those near unto God. Therefore have We been patient and concealed the matter lest the veil be rent asunder from before the face of all peoples.

O Herald of the Cause! Make mention of Our servant who hath been named with the first letter of My Name, that he may give thanks in his soul and be of them that are thankful. Say: O son! Give thanks unto God that thy father was martyred in His path and became of the martyrs. By the True One! When his

spirit ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, he was received by the denizens of the Supreme Concourse with vessels of sanctity and chalices filled with the choice wine of paradise, and the hosts of Our most exalted realm were blessed by his presence. Were We to lift the veil from the eyes of men so they might witness his station in the most glorious paradise, they would sacrifice their souls to attain his lofty, resplendent and glorious station. Then would the maidens of paradise vie with each other to serve him, for he is seated at the right hand of paradise, upon his head the crown of immortality from My Most Great and Most Glorious Name. Thus did the grace of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, encompass him. O son! Deprive not thyself of thy portion, for thou hast a station with thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Walk, then, in the footsteps of thy father and follow his guidance, for were his limbs to be severed, none would find aught therein save My love, as ye have witnessed and were of them that bear witness. Thus have We informed thee of that which is hidden from the hearts of men, that thou mayest be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and be of them that are firmly rooted.

Make mention, then, of him who was named Muhammad-'Ali and give him glad tidings from Us of how God hath remembered him in the Tablet, and his name hath flowed from the finger of holiness - a bounty that no other bounty can equal, whether of them that are gone before or them that shall come after. Whosoever attaineth unto this hath attained unto all good from his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. O servant! Grieve not over the world and its hardships, for whatsoever is decreed for the servants in the scrolls of destiny, even though it be adversity, is better for them, if ye be of them that understand. For God hath concealed the consequences of matters from the sight of men, and there is no God but Him. He ordaineth what He pleaseth and doeth what He willeth. How often through hardship doth the servant reach the fountain of ease, and how often through ease doth hardship overtake him, if ye be of them that witness. For example, hadst thou remained in the station of authority and power that thy grandfather enjoyed, perchance leadership would have prevented thee from guidance. Thus doth the Beauty of the Divine Unity cast thee that thou mayest be, in all conditions, in surpassing joy and wondrous delight. Give thanks, then, unto God for having taken from thee that which would have veiled thee from His recognition, for what profiteth the servant is this, and naught else will profit him though he should possess the treasures of the heavens and earth in precious rubies or radiant pearls of sanctity. By God! That which enricheth the servants in these days is the recognition of their Lord and then the love of the Youth, and without these twain neither fatteneth nor enricheth, though they should possess the treasures of the heavens and the earth. Thus doth the Pen of Command counsel thee that thou mayest be steadfast in My love to such extent that nothing shall disturb thee, though thou be struck with the swords of sharpened steel. Beware! Arise to serve God with such steadfastness that though all who are in the heavens and earth should rise against thee, thy feet would not slip from the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God! Should anyone in these days arise in My love, though all on earth should contend with him, God would assuredly make him victorious over them, for the spirit of power hath wafted from the direction of might upon them that are sincere in faith. Then convey the Command of thy Lord with spirit and fragrance in such wise that no mischief be stirred up in the land, for it would recoil upon the root of the Tree, if ye be of them that understand.

Then remind Jacob with wondrous remembrances from his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: The sight of Jacob was restored by the fragrance of the garment of Joseph, the Mighty, and he was among

those who saw. We have sent thee the garment of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in the form of a Tablet that thou mayest find therefrom the fragrances of holiness and that the eyes of thy heart may be solaced, whereby thou shalt witness the lights of a mighty throne and be established in the love of thy Lord in days wherein the very essence of tranquility and composure is shaken, the mountains of vain imaginings are leveled, and the veil of the deluded is rent asunder. Then shalt thou find the Concourse of the Bayan intoxicated by the Command, the scourges of the Command taking hold of them from all directions while they rejoice within themselves and remain among the heedless. Therefore, pay no attention to them but flee unto God Who created you and fashioned you, then take your seat on the right hand side in a secure and honored place. O My loved ones! Adorn your bodies with the raiment of courtesy and justice, and do not commit that which your minds and your pleasure would abhor. Fear God and be among the God-fearing. And thou, O Jacob, if thou wouldst behold with the eye of the heart the garment of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, thou wouldst find it reddened with the blood of hatred by reason of what the arrows of the wicked have wrought against it, and God beareth witness that ye are among the heedless concerning this.

Then We sent Our mercy from the direction of eternity to him who was named Rahmatullah that he might be merciful unto himself and be of the merciful ones. Verily, his mercy toward himself is the recognition of his Lord, and this is the foundation of mercy. Have ye seen anything more excellent than this? Nay, by the Self of Baha, were ye of those who are certain! O servant! Prevent not the wafting of thy Lord's mercy upon thyself, nor the breezes of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, from thine own being. Cast behind thee every mention, then hold fast to the mention of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Knowing. And if harm touch thee, grieve not but reflect upon My harm and say as I say: "O Lord! Harm hath touched me, and Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful." And if distress befall thee, be patient and say as I say: "O Lord! Pour forth upon me patience, for Thou art the best of helpers." And if decree afflict thee, show forth patience and say: "O Lord! Send down upon me mercy, for Thou art the best of those who send down."

O Ancient Beauty! Shine forth from the direction of eternity with the effulgence of Thy Most Glorious Name upon him who was named Muhammad in the kingdom of names, that he may be attracted within himself by what hath seized him of the revelation of the Cause from the direction of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. O servant! Were there to be a thousand souls within thee and thou wert to sacrifice them all because thy name hath flowed from the Pen of God, it would still be more insignificant than anything else in the face of this mighty grace. And if thou wouldst sharpen thy vision, thou wouldst witness that nothing whatsoever created between the heavens and the earth can equal it. Beware lest thou forget the grace of thy Lord or become one of the doubters in thy Lord's religion. Be steadfast in the Cause, then stand firm and be not disturbed by the cawing of the polytheists. Soon shall the clamor of the Samaritan and then the cry of the Calf be raised among the worlds. Thus do We inform you of the truth that ye may become aware of what shall appear among the people and that the breezes of the polytheists may not veil you.

Then another splendour shineth upon him who was named Ismail, that he may be refreshed by the breezes of his Lord and be among those who rejoice. O Dhabih! Guard thyself from all that thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, abhorreth. Turn not to the world and its ornaments and what hath been

ordained therein, for they shall profit thee nothing. Rather, what profiteth thee is that which hath been ordained for thee on tablets of sublime glory. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of the sacred sanctuary, or thy soul of the Ka'bah of intimacy, or thy tongue of the remembrance of God, the Prevailer, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O servant! Weep thou for the Self of God and His loneliness, then for His tribulations and estrangement in this land wherefrom have been cut off the feet of those who seek Him. Say: O people! Have mercy upon Him Who aided you when ye were in abasement and manifest fear, Who stood alone amidst the enemies and helped you with the hosts of the unseen. Thus was His help ever nigh unto the believers. Beware, O people, lest, having found contentment in yourselves, ye transgress your bounds and contend with your Lord, the All-Merciful, and dispute that which hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of a great Name. O people! Refute not the truth by what ye possess. By God! All that whereby ye seek to prove otherwise hath proceeded from My tongue and flowed from My All-Knowing, All-Wise Pen. Beware lest ye reproach Me for this, for verily the Most Great Spirit speaketh within My breast and the Spirit of Eternity moveth the Pen of Baha as He pleaseth. This is from Him, nay rather, from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. By God! Were the matter in My hands, I would have veiled My face from all who are on earth and would have departed from among these people and dwelt upon a mountain where none of My loved ones would remember Me, much less these heedless ones. By God! Whenever I desire to remain silent concerning wondrous remembrances, the Spirit of Remembrance speaketh within My members, raiseth Me up to His Cause, and strengtheneth Me at all times.

O My brother! Thou hast slandered Me, exerting all the power thou didst possess, after I had nurtured thee with Mine own hands and shielded thee from the harm of all peoples. How many were the nights when thou didst rest peacefully in thy bed while I kept watch around thy house as thy protector! How many were the days when thou didst live in comfort with thy wives while I stood before the presence of the oppressors, lest harm touch thee or aught befall thee that would grieve thee! Yet despite all this, thou didst secretly conspire against Me, seeking to find an opportunity to act in ways that would shake the pillars of a mighty throne. We would send to distant lands to bring before thee what would gladden thy soul and bring joy to thy being. Yet at every moment thou didst seek to harm Me, such that if thou hadst found someone to confide in, thou wouldst have kindled a fire that would have consumed the hearts of all peoples. By God! I was aware of all this, yet after knowing what thou wert about, We concealed it - thus is thy Lord All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. By God! What flowed from thy pen regarding morals hath caused the faces of glory to fall upon the earth's dust, rent asunder the veil of grandeur in the Ridvan of eternity, and convulsed the hearts of those near unto God. When thou didst travel with Me on this journey which caused tears to flow down the radiant cheeks of the dwellers in the chambers of glory - despite all thou didst ask of Me and seek My permission for, I spoke not a word, for I perceived in thee what none else in the world had perceived. When thou didst travel and enter this land, thou didst rise against Me every day, nay every hour. By God! No spot remained on My body that was not struck by the arrows of thy schemes. If thou shouldst deny this, the Tongue of God, the Knowing, the All-Informed, would bear witness. Until thou didst slander Me without proof or clear authority. When these emigrants learned of this, their cries and lamentations were raised, while thou didst remain in thy house in great comfort and delight. When We witnessed thy deed and what flowed from thy pen, We departed from among you alone, with no helper or supporter, such that there was none to serve Me or prepare food for these children as ordained for them from the Kingdom of their Lord, the Giving, the Bountiful, the

Merciful. Yet even after this thou didst not rest, but spread throughout the land thy deeds in My name to plant hatred in the hearts of the lovers. From thy tongue and pen came forth what the Pen of the Most High would be ashamed to recount. Hear then what was revealed before: “If thou shouldst stretch forth thy hand to slay Me, I would not stretch forth My hand to slay thee” - and God is witness to what I say. O My brother! By God, thou and those with thee shall perish and return to dust, while sovereignty shall remain with God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. By God, O My brother! I harbor no hatred in My heart for thee or for any created thing. Therefore hear My words, purify thyself, and be not of the heedless. Even if thou shouldst remain as thou art, and all in the heavens and earth should bow down before thee, it would profit thee nothing. Nay, by My Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

By My All-Knowing, All-Wise Self! If all created beings were to hate Me, would this benefit thee in any way? Nay, by thy Lord, the Protector, the Mighty, the Ancient of Days! Then would My Pen lament, and Mine eyes, and all things, if thou be of them that perceive. Cast behind thee the world and its adornments, and let not leadership beguile thee from the remembrance of thy Lord and from showing humility before God’s God-fearing servants. Yet with all this thou wast not content until thou didst write to the chief of the city with such abasement as caused My dignity to be compromised before all creation. Then thou didst ally thyself with him who hateth thee and who thou hatest, and with thine own ears didst hear that of which thou didst complain before My face, and wast among the complainers. When he arose to oppose Me and the fire of malice blazed within his heart, thou didst take him as thy helper, and thus wast thou among the doers thereof. Soon shall be made manifest to thee what lieth within his heart, for God hath decreed that He shall reveal it in truth, and He, verily, doeth what He willeth. By God, O My brother! If thou wouldst be fair, thou wouldst weep over thyself, then over Me, and would lament throughout thy days and be among those who repent unto God Who created thee by His command. There is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all things are preserved with Him in sacred and glorious tablets. Consider the beginning of time: did he who slew his elder brother, who was named Abel, remain upon the earth? Nay, by God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Wise! Rather, he returned to dust, then God raised him up in truth and questioned him concerning his deed, then returned him to his abode. Thus consider this matter, then ponder upon it and be of them that reflect. Beware lest thou be veiled from what We have bestowed upon thee from the Kingdom of Names, for verily it was created by Our command, and We were ever the Commander of all things.

O Most Great Beauty! Move the Pen in remembrance of Thy Lord, then purify it from the remembrance of all else. Beware lest thou occupy thyself with anyone; rather, be engaged in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Then behold him who standeth before the Cause with the glances of thy glorious and merciful favor, the Mighty, the Protecting, the All-Encompassing - he who was named Ali after Sha’ban - that he may arise from his slumber and be of those who remember. Say: O servant! The Tree of Remembrance hath been raised up in this wise Remembrance, and the leaves, suspended and stirring upon its branches, do proclaim that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Peerless, and that this is the Splendor of God between the heavens and the earth, and His Light in the dominion of Command and Creation, and His sovereignty over what hath been and what shall be, were ye of those who know. Through Him hath shone forth the Sun of Glory and Majesty, and the faces of those near unto God have been illumined. Were it not for Him, nothing would have appeared in creation, nor

would the Spirit have spoken upon the branch of eternity that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. O servant! Adorn thyself with My attributes, then walk in My path, and this is a bounty whereunto no bounty in the worlds can compare. Then adorn thy tongue with truthfulness and thy temple with the robe of justice, if thou be of those who act. Thus doth the One mighty in power teach thee from the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Then adorn the temple of the Friend with the robe of thy Lord's remembrance, the Glorious, that he may shatter the idols of desire through My supreme and most exalted sovereignty and be of the steadfast in the days wherein the souls of those who are established upon the thrones of names shall be shaken, and every possessor of authority shall set aside his authority, and thou shalt see people intoxicated from the thunderbolt of the Cause. Thus do We cast upon thee from the holy verses that thou mayest be of those who know. Be steadfast, O servant, in the love of God and the Manifestation of His Self, and this is the foundation of religion, if thou be of those who act. Abandon self and desire, then soar with the wings of holiness in this atmosphere which hath encompassed all the worlds. Beware lest thy tongue be veiled by the veil of falsehood, for this verily abaseth man among all created things. Say: O people! Fulfill that which ye have covenanted and deprive not the poor of what ye possess, for by this the good is withheld from the cloud of exalted bounty. Then follow what hath been ordained for you in the Book and be more active in deeds than in words. By God! This is My way and the way of the sanctified ones. Say: O people! The glances of God have turned toward you, yet ye turn not your sight to Him; thus are ye in grievous heedlessness. The face of God hath shone forth above your heads - beware lest ye withhold your eyes from gazing upon it, for this is a bounty that was great before the Throne. The Kingdom of God hath arisen before your faces - beware lest ye deprive yourselves of its shade and be not of the heedless. Thus doth the Sovereign of the Cause command you with that which is better for you than whatsoever hath been created in the worlds.

O Herald of the Cause! Command him who hath been named Rida to turn the mirror of his heart unto the Most Sublime Vision of God, this Most Pure and Most Manifest Station, and to be of them that are assured. Say: O servant! Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through Our power, then enter the Law of certitude. Know ye that all peoples have been veiled by the veil of fancy from time immemorial. When We desired to rend them asunder, We sent forth a Manifestation from among the Manifestations of Our Self to tear away the veils of creation through the power of the All-Merciful. Thereupon arose a great outcry between the heavens and the earth, and the souls of the idolaters were struck with terror, until God established the truth through His signs and made vain the deeds of them that were veiled from the beauty of the Cause and were among the heedless. Though naught existed between them save fancy, its rending proved grievous unto them and they were among them that cried out. In those days We raised up all fancies in human form and adorned them with the garment of one of Our names; then We made their mention renowned amongst men, for thus were We wont to act. But when he waxed proud before God, his Lord, and contended and disputed with Him, We stripped from him the garment of names and caused him to appear as a handful of clay. Blessed, therefore, be he who rendeth asunder this Most Great Veil, the like of which hath not appeared in the dominion of the worlds. Glad tidings, then, to him whom the pride of fancy hath not veiled and who rendeth it asunder with the fingers of divine power from One mighty and powerful. Joy be unto him whom the veils of glory prevent not from entering beneath the shadow of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and who is of them that have cast behind their

backs all that would veil them from the remembrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

O Most Ancient Pen in the Most Great Dominion! Move, by thy Lord's leave, to make mention of him who hath been named 'Ali-Qabli-Khan, that the breezes of the All-Merciful may draw him to this Garden whose leaves proclaim that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Just, the Peerless, the All-Wise. Hearken unto that which the Most Great Spirit singeth in the Ancient Dominion, that thy soul may find rest thereby and thou mayest be of them whom the joy of the Cause hath seized from every direction and who are among the gladdened ones. O people! Be as lights of the countenance among the servants and as manifestations of the Cause throughout all lands, that through you may appear the tokens of God amidst His creatures and His power amongst all created things. Beware! Adorn yourselves with the virtues of God and His Cause, and be distinguished from all others. Then will your relation to your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, be truthfully established. Otherwise, the designation of existence would not be true of any soul, how much less this most exalted and sublime station. Thus doth the Pen of Counsel counsel you from One mighty and bountiful.

O Herald! Call out from Our presence unto Our servant Sulayman and give him the glad tidings of the Spirit of the All-Merciful, that he may be of those who rejoice. O Sulayman! Guard thyself from the manifestations of Satan, then build the Most Holy Mosque with pillars of love from this Most Glorious Youth, then raise it with hands of detachment, then adorn it with the gold of remembrance in celebration of this Beauty through Whom the banner of majesty was raised in the heaven of independence, whereupon there befell Him that which caused the eyes of the ancients and the modern ones to weep. O people! Enter the Most Holy Mosque which God hath built with hands of grace in your hearts. Beware lest ye destroy it through the hosts of self and passion. Then preserve it from the mention of satans. Say: By God! I am verily the Most Holy Mosque in the Concourse on High, and the Much-frequented Fane in the Realm of Revelation, and the Sacred Sanctuary at the Divine Lote-Tree, and the Decree hath been fulfilled at the Holy Place of permanence, and the Station of Holiness in this lofty and impregnable Paradise. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and destroy not His House of Command with hands of hatred, and demolish not its pillars through the promptings of self and passion. Fear God Who created you through the Manifestation of His Self and sent unto you that whereby the eyes of eternity were consoled by His beauty. Yet ye remain dead within the veils of your selves. O people! Break not God's Covenant, cast not His Testament behind your backs, and be not of those who mock His signs, even as those servants mocked in those days - they whose realities were created by a stroke of His Pen, and thus were they among the transgressors.

Then make mention in the Book of Mahdi, that he may be guided by the guidance of God, his Lord, and be of those who are guided. O Mahdi! Take God's guidance with power from Us and cast behind thy back the guidance of those who mention God with their tongues while opposing His Self and warring against His Being, yet perceive it not. When anyone enters their presence, they sit cross-legged, then extend their fingertips from their sleeves and move their tongues with dignity in remembrance of thy Chosen Lord. This they do outwardly, while inwardly they pronounce judgment against God to preserve their leadership, caring not in the least. Say: By God, the Truth! Even if ye should remember God to the extent that your tongues are severed, and worship Him until your backs are bent, it shall profit you not except

through My love. Thus hath the decree been sent down from the heaven of mighty glory. Would it profit those who were given the Furqan if they were to worship God with the worship of both worlds? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Likewise observe today the people of the Bayan, if ye be of those who understand. Thus hath the Finger of Power rent asunder the veil of concealment, and truth is revealed, and the Spirit speaketh with pure truth between the heavens and earth, that perchance people may know their Creator and not be veiled from the remembrance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, by that which passeth between the servants.

Then the Pen of Command desired to make mention of the Messenger in the Tablet, that his deed might conform to his name and he might be of those who act. O Messenger! Deliver the messages of thy Lord first unto thyself, then deliver them unto the people, that thy words might influence the hearts of those who seek. Then send unto the servants what We have sent unto thee from the direction of the All-Merciful - the sweet fragrances of glorification - that perchance they may be drawn to the Throne of Good-Pleasure, this hallowed, luminous Station. Say: O people! Hearken unto the Word of God, then recite it in your days. God hath ordained for its reciter the good of this world and the next, and will raise him in Paradise with such beauty as shall illumine all who dwell in the worlds. Blessed then is he who readeth the verses of his Lord, pondereth their mysteries, and discovereth the pearls of knowledge treasured within them by a vigilant Preserver.

Then remind him who visited the Ancient House, that he may rejoice in what hath been revealed of God's traces in this firm, decisive and impregnable Tablet. Say: By God! We have raised the Sanctuary upon the Temple of Grandeur, in the form of Glory, in the image of a Youth in these days. Blessed be God, the best of creators! And whoso circleth round it, verily the denizens of the highest Paradise and the temples of them that glorify God circle round him. Yet God hath accepted from His loved ones that which they missed, as a grace from His presence, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Ere long shall the hosts of God's sovereignty descend therein, and they shall assuredly aid His Cause, exalt His remembrance, and recite His verses at dawn and at eventide.

O Harbinger of the Cause! Make mention from Us to those servants whose names the Pen of God hath not moved to inscribe, that the fragrances of remembrance may seize them from the presence of One forgiving, merciful. Say: We have recorded your names in the holy Tablets that lay concealed behind the veils of the Cause and hidden in the treasuries of your Lord's protection, the Ruler, the All-Wise. Let the loved ones of God unite in His Cause in such wise that naught may arise to divide them, and may they be as one soul. Thus have We commanded thee and them, that ye may be among the doers.

Then make mention of the handmaidens of God who have believed in God their Creator, and those who have been afflicted with tribulations. Say: Be patient and grieve not thereby, for God hath ordained for you and for those who have been martyred in His path what no mind can comprehend. Spirit, glory and splendor be upon you, O hosts of God in all lands, if ye be steadfast in the Cause of your Lord.

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

Praise, sanctified above the mention of servant and the remembrance of all created things, beseemeth the most holy and most glorious court of the Desired One Who hath caused His loved ones to speak His praise and enabled them to celebrate His remembrance. The doubts of the divines produced no effect, and the might of the powerful and the ascendancy of rulers created neither weakness nor impediment. They willingly bore the chains of tyranny for His love's sake, and in their eyes the taunts of enemies and the torments of the wicked appeared as praise. Exalted, exalted be their station! Exalted, exalted be their remembrance! Exalted, exalted be their power and their steadfastness and their constancy! In truth, every praise returneth to this station, for God, exalted be His glory, is sanctified above all descriptions and remembrances. This matter is proven through clear evidence. Despite my knowledge and certitude of the sanctification and transcendence of that holy Being above all praise and glorification and remembrance of the world, I wish with a hundred thousand thousand tongues at every moment to praise Him saying "Unto Him be praise, O God of the worlds" and to make mention of Him, for He hath crowned His Name and His loved ones with the crown of patience and adorned them with the raiment of forbearance. In the place of lamentation, smiles appeared; in the station of complaint, thanksgiving shone forth; and at the time of sorrow, joy was manifest. Glorified be the All-Powerful, and glorified be the Patient One!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things and in Whose right hand is the control of both the seen and the unseen! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush, and by the Hands of Thy Cause, and the manifestations of Thy grace, and the dawning-places of Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted attributes, to strengthen the Dayspring of steadfastness and the Source of Thy remembrance, O Lord of all creation, even more than Thou hast strengthened him in all conditions. The servant beareth witness before Thy face to Thy Name that hath borne hardships for Thy love and the derision of enemies for Thy name and remembrance, until he entered prison, ignited by the fire of Thy Cause. There hath appeared from him that which befitteth Thy days. O my Lord! Aid him, then, with the hosts of the unseen and the visible realm. Nay, by Thy Self! Rather aid him with the hosts of Thy remembrance and Thy utterance. By Thy glory! Truly tribulations and trials in Thy path are the ultimate desire of those near unto Thee among Thy loved ones and the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones. However, since the servant desireth his presence for the service of Thy Cause, he beseecheth Thee for his release from the prison of the transgressors and his arising before Thy gate, O Thou Who art the Ultimate Goal of the hopes of those who have hope and the Desire of the hearts of the sincere ones.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your imprisonment, steadfastness and uprising! Your successive letters arrived. In truth, each was a luminous lamp and a manifest, resplendent light. Praise be to God, mention of your eminence transformed the darkness of sorrows and somewhat dispelled the bitterness of separation and parting. Likewise, the petitions submitted to the presence of the Two Branches - may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - all arrived and were repeatedly read, especially the account of events that arrived the day before. Its details were written in the letter of the honored beloved T.A. - upon him be the glory and favors of God - which will reach your presence, God willing.

As for events in this land, all are reposing in the shadow [of God's protection] and engaged in divine thanksgiving. This year, outwardly there is abundant bounty. The merchants, heedless of God, are busy purchasing wheat, but profit, like justice, mercy and fairness, is absent in those parts. Although it has

reached ten ghurush, nevertheless whatever each has bought remains imprisoned in warehouses. The poor loved ones have made no profit this year either. Some merchants from outlying areas have requested transport to send what has been collected; perhaps God, exalted be His glory, will bestow His favor and bring forth seekers. The command is in His hands. In these years, such abundant and inexpensive bounty has not been seen, although compared to those realms it is still dear and expensive. Nevertheless, no one has profited. Exalted is the Creator and exalted is His command! Consummate wisdom remains hidden from hearts and eyes. As for other things, they remain as expensive as you have observed.

This evanescent one beseeches and hopes that God will open the door of comfort, wealth, knowledge and ease for all. Verily, He is powerful over all things. In any case, after the arrival of your eminent letter and this evanescent servant's perusal thereof, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Goal and Supreme Summit. Your supplication was presented before the Divine Presence, as were the supplications contained in other letters, each at its appropriate time. Your eminence knows that everything received from that Beloved One is presented, and after the presentation of each, the ocean of divine bounty surges in such wise that this servant is incapable of describing it. You yourself have been present and heard. Were this evanescent one to attempt to provide details, he would be unable and these pages would not suffice. When your last letter was presented before the Divine Presence, these brilliant verses shone forth from the Dayspring of favor. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Caller from the Supreme Horizon […]

O My Name! Your imprisonment and what hath befallen thee in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath truly grieved Me. We have made mention of thee in diverse Tablets and in that which hath been revealed for My loved ones in all regions by the Pen of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. We have forbidden the servant from holding the feast which he arranged each year. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is the soul that hath grieved at thy grief and hath recalled what befell thee at the hands of the heedless ones. Give thanks unto God for having adorned thee with the crown of patience, by whose light the Concourse on High and they that circle round My glorious and wondrous Station have been illumined. O Mahdi! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee with such mention as cannot be equaled by all the bounties of the world and whatsoever is seen therein. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful. They that have wronged thee and commanded thy imprisonment - these have no portion in the Book of God, the Possessor of this luminous Day. Thou hast attained unto that which none hath attained except whom God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, hath willed. The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of thee morn and eve, to this beareth witness the Lord of Names in His manifest prison. Thou art he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath borne that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament, and those who circle round this exalted Station. The wrongdoers shall soon behold the recompense of their deeds, and the sincere ones what hath been ordained for them by the Pen of God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thus hath soared the Bird of Utterance, and spoken the Pen of the All-Merciful, and cooed the Dove of the Cause upon the branches, by the command of One Who is the Almighty, the Ancient of Days. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those who love thee and make mention of thee at morn and at eventide.

That which hath been revealed from the Kingdom of God's bounty, exalted be His glory, specifically for that honored one is not and was not limited to these verses. Numerous Tablets have been revealed and by command some are being sent. His bounty is not such as to be confined within limits or to come to an end. It hath been and forever shall be. Exalted be His bounty, exalted be His majesty, great be His grace, and all-embracing be His mercy. This evanescent servant, in the nights and days, beseecheth and imploreth the Goal of all existence to grant once more the blessing of meeting, reunion and gathering. In the realm of dreams, what was sought hath been witnessed several times, and it is most strange that until now it hath been delayed. With utmost humility and supplication, this request hath been and is being made of the Self-Sufficing Lord. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And regarding that which was written in the blessed letters appointing this servant as representative for visiting the Goal of the worlds - praise be to God, this evanescent one hath been honored with acceptance each time, and even without representation, at special times that which no deeds of men and jinn can equal hath been accomplished. Exalted is the bounty of our Lord and our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Were eloquent and articulate tongues to appear to the number of all created things, they could not render thanks for even a single confirmation and success that hath been granted, unless His grace should aid and bestow that which is befitting and worthy. In Him do we trust and to Him do we commit all affairs. He knoweth and ordaineth, therefore He hath been and is the Beloved.

And regarding what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God - his verses arrived and by command Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Rida, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, copied them on very fine paper, and both his writing and the original were presented, and this servant submitted all before His presence. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the All-Bestowing, spoke in reply - His blessed and exalted Word: […]

O thou rememberer and praiser! We have heard thy remembrance and thy praise hath reached the ears of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast attained His presence. If the opposing souls permit, thou shalt, God willing, attain again. Some of the heedless ones are engaged in manifest tyranny, and the flame of self and passion hath so seized them that they are deprived of hearkening to the Word of Truth and forbidden from beholding the horizon of justice. They have not distinguished the mischief-maker from the reformer, nor the wise from the ignorant. Justice and tyranny are the same to them, and knowledge and ignorance weigh equally. Well was it said:

"Nay, nay, for heaven and fate know not the worth of merit,

Thus spake my father to me in the days of my youth."

While at ease they remain heedless, and in times of hardship and tribulation they lament and wail, but their lamentation availeth them not, neither their wailing, nor their helplessness, nor their weeping. Consider the Emperor of Paris. Out of pure grace We revealed a special Tablet for him and informed him of certain matters and warned him. That heedless one was so deluded that he made light of the Divine Tablet. Though he received it, no reply was forthcoming from him. At the time of "yea" he was silent, and at the station of "yes" he was mute. Later another Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will, and We

informed him of the tribulations that were advancing from behind him. Nevertheless, the veils prevented him from understanding, and love of position deprived him of awareness, until the divine term arrived and the irrevocable decree descended. He found for himself no helper, nor supporter, nor companion.

The people of the world are deluded by the glory of a day or two, and even that is uncertain, for the poor wretch knoweth not whether in the next hour he will descend from palace to grave. Nevertheless, he doeth that which causeth the denizens of the celestial Kingdom to lament and weep. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss.

Whatever hath befallen thee is in the path of God. Today the Truth is wronged and dwelleth in prison. His friends must assist Him through the hosts of goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. These hosts are mightier than the hosts of the world. In truth, spiritual qualities and praiseworthy deeds and goodly words, sealed with the decree "We are of the Truth and a bounty from His presence," have been sent down from heaven to earth in glory. Give praise unto the Goal of the world that He hath mentioned thee in prison with a mention whose fragrance shall never cease. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve this station which He hath graciously bestowed.

This evanescent one also conveyeth greetings to them. Praise be to God that they have been enabled to offer praise and glorification and remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. Their ode was recited in His presence and likewise before the inmates of the pavilion of grandeur and infallibility. This is a bounty from God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

Concerning the coolness of eyes [beloved ones], upon them be the glory of God, His loving-kindness and His grace, about which you wrote - this is most clear and evident. The utmost loving-kindness is ever flowing toward them. I am constantly inquiring about their condition and am delighted by their presence. Praise be to God, all are safe, settled and at rest beneath the canopy of mercy. In these days the honored beloved, Haji Seyyed Javad, upon him be the glory of God, has proceeded to Beirut in consideration of the commercial interests of the honored Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, who has been appointed there, and he is now residing in Beirut. For this reason they have become somewhat alone. For a time, the mother of Haji Ali, upon them both be the glory of God, who had come by command, was residing with them. Now the family of the Haji has returned and all are dwelling in that same house. A person has been specially appointed for the Leaf [female believer], upon her be the glory of God, to take her to and from school.

As for other events from that land, some movement has also appeared in this land. The Persian chief who is in the Sublime Porte sent letters to some and mentioned certain arranged suspicions therein. Thus far no effect has appeared. As for the travelers, despite the greatest prohibition, they have arrived and continue to arrive. Among those souls who have come with permission are the honored Afnans of the Blessed Tree, upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory. The honored and exalted Afnan-i-Kabir, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory - who is in truth a portion of light - first came with the honored Aqa Mirza Aqa and the exalted ladies, his wife, daughter and granddaughter, upon them be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, who were related to the elevated Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, along with two luminaries. After receiving permission for departure they left. Now again for nearly two months

they have come and taken up residence in a special house near the Shrine, engaged in circumambulation and pilgrimage.

The honored Afnan, Aqa Seyyed M., the honored teacher, and Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory, came after the first visit of Afnan-i-Kabir and stayed for a time. Some of them were blessed with attainment twice and then took their leave. The honored Afnan Haji Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, also came in the service of my Master, the Most Great Branch of God - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps. He too was blessed with attainment and then by command went to Beirut. On his return he was again honored with attainment and set out for the land of Ha. Blessed and congratulations to them!

The honored and exalted Afnan-i-Kabir has taken up residence in Beirut. Praise be to God, he was and is in the utmost joy, delight and gladness. Furthermore, news has arrived and continues to arrive from every quarter. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to grant insight to the rulers that they may know with clear certainty that this Cause is sanctified above what they have imagined, and that the welfare of all lies in its manifestation and exaltation. May He also grant fairness to the divines and aid them to reflect […]

Let everyone reflect upon and call to mind the divines of past ages who lived in the days of the Manifestations. Glory be to God! Every person of insight is bewildered and every fair-minded one is astonished at what could be the cause and reason for such oppression, and what could be its justification. In all conditions, we must resign all affairs unto Him and place our trust in Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Another supplication: This servant was blessed each year to offer hospitality in Your service, but last year, due to Your imprisonment and the martyrdom of His Holiness Ali, may my spirit be sacrificed for him, it was, according to command, prevented. This servant, in truth, had no inclination for it. In these days, as news has arrived and signs of joy have somewhat appeared, You commanded to resume the practice of previous years due to the appearance of gladness which has dawned and shone forth. Whatever You have sent will be spent at the appointed time. Praise be to God in all this. This servant fears lest the hearing of detailed petitions cause weariness and trouble. Since You wrote in Your letter addressed to the beloved ones, His Holiness the Name of Bounty and His Holiness Javad, upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of creation, commanding that the events of this land be written and sent in detail, therefore this servant has submitted some news. In all cases, forgiveness is hoped for.

Regarding what You wrote about the honored lady, the mother of His Honor A.T., and the honored wife of His Honor Mirza, upon them both be the glory of God - in Your first letter You mentioned the mother of His Honor A.T., and after it was submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, she was named "Mother of the Saints." Exalted is this lofty station and this Most Great and wondrous Name. A special message was written to her son: whosoever arises to serve You, their deed is accepted before the Throne. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. In truth, he is counted among the men of God and mentioned among the pillars. His mention has been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Most Glorious Station. You should give them glad-tidings and make them happy with the bounties of God. Likewise regarding the other leaf, the wife of His Honor Mirza, upon them both be the glory of God, which was mentioned in

Your letter this time - it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Lord of the worlds spoke, exalted be His utterance and glorified be His grandeur:

I am the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

O My Name! The Pen lamenteth and maketh mention in times of hardship and tribulation, and in times of joy and gladness. Through its motion it moveth and speaketh, and by its movement the world is set in motion. This movement ariseth from the heat of the utterance of the All-Merciful - some of it manifest and some concealed. Were one to observe with the eye of insight the realities of all things, one would witness how all are drawn, in their inmost essence, toward the Call of the Most Exalted Pen and its movement toward the Throne, and its effects have been and shall continue to be made manifest and resplendent day after day. Except for those in whom no trace remaineth as recompense for their deeds - such souls are as ashes, neither were nor are they capable of life.

The servant present made mention of the Leaf, the Mother of ’A?a, upon both of whom be the glory of God. After hearing of thy contentment, We named her the Mother of the Near Ones. Verily this was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon the Tablet by the command of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Neither centuries nor ages shall erase this mention, nor shall this edifice be ruined. It shall forever be adorned with the garment of preservation. O My Name! Give her glad tidings from Me and remind her of My verses, then recite unto her what hath been revealed for her from God, the Lord of the worlds. And give glad tidings from Me to My other handmaiden who hath attained the grace of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The mention of those handmaidens who attained to service in the days of tribulation hath been and shall remain immortalized in the divine Books and Scriptures. In these days, a special Visitation Tablet for the Martyr ’Ali, upon him be the mercy of God, His grace and His favor, hath been revealed, wherein certain women have been mentioned. This is distinct from the first Visitation Tablet that was sent. Verily, He wasteth not the reward of the doers of good. Not an atom’s weight of deeds shall be lost. In previous Books, God, exalted be His glory, hath given tidings saying that all shall receive their recompense and reward on the Day of God. He hath likewise given tidings that whatsoever is hidden and forbidden from sight shall be made manifest. Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an - blessed and exalted be His words: “And if it be the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth.”

Gladden the other Leaf with God’s bounty. Praise be to God, they have attained unto service to His Cause in His days and been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Let them know the value of this station and preserve it through the Name of God, exalted be His glory.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to each one. In truth, these Leaves are among the leaves of Paradise. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ever keep them and their like preserved beneath the shadow of His grace. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to the mention made of him who hath turned to God and is imprisoned in His path, Aqa Siyyid Aqa-Buzurg, upon him be the glory and grace of God, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted

Threshold. This is what was revealed for him and those with him from Mim. His blessed and exalted Word:

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

O My Name! The morning breezes wafting from the garden of inner meanings brought this word to hearing: “Blessed is he whose strength is not weakened by the doubts of the learned, and blessed is he who stands firm when the oppression of princes would make him sit.” Allah-u-Akbar! In these days when at every moment there can be heard the murmuring of the Kawthar of utterance, the whisper of divine breezes, and the rustling of the Sadratu’l-Muntaha - were the ears of the world but pure, a single word would suffice for all and guide them to the highest horizon. Blessed are My loved ones who have attained unto tribulation and adversity in My path and who have, for love of My Beauty, drunk from the chalice of trials.

Verily We have mentioned him who was named Aqa Buzurg time and again, and then the people of Mim who were imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. O My Name! All those souls who have been imprisoned in God’s path and those who have been scattered and disturbed through fear of the oppressors - all have been honored with mention by the Supreme Pen. There have befallen the people of Mim afflictions the like of which have never been heard of in the world. By the life of God! This oppression will cause universal sedition and corruption in the world. Soon that which is now hidden from knowledge and sight shall be revealed. Convey to all greetings and glorification from the Wronged One, and give them glad tidings. Soon will the hand of divine power once again begin to seize the oppressors. Guard this and be of them that conceal it.

Not for a moment hath the Truth been heedless of those souls, and is not now. In the night when every eye sleeps, the eye of God, exalted be His glory, is ever watching over His loved ones who have been afflicted. The wickedness of the servants hath reached such a pass that the Supreme Pen lamenteth, for it hath uttered the words of the friends of old: “Hide thy gold, thy comings and goings, and thy beliefs, and dissimulation is my religion and the religion of my forefathers.” After the martyrdom of Badi’, upon him be My glory and My mercy, the decree of wisdom was firmly established in God’s Book - that is, it was clearly and explicitly mentioned. Likewise, after the martyrdom of His Holiness ’Ali, the decree of concealment was revealed: “None should openly confess this Cause before the faces of men.” All must gaze toward the Supreme Horizon and act according to that which appears from His presence.

The Most Glorious Splendor be upon thee from God, the Lord of all being, and upon those who are with thee in prison, and upon those who have attained unto patience in this mighty Cause.

Verily some are weak and have no endurance, becoming disturbed and shaken by the slightest thing. In all cases consideration for the weak is necessary, therefore the mercy and favor of God, exalted be His glory, encompasses all and this wondrous Cause has been revealed from the Supreme Pen. The servant verily gives thanks to God, his Lord, and praises Him in all conditions. He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Siyyid Khalil, upon him be the glory of God. His mention has attained to the hearing of the Lord of Names, and this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the Possessor of all names, in this station. He says, blessed and exalted be He: […]

O Khalil! Blessed art thou for having shattered the idols of idle fancy with the arm of certitude and turned to the Supreme Horizon when every remote scholar turned away from it–they who, when the name of the Qa'im was mentioned, would arise and say "May God hasten His relief," yet when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, they disbelieved in Him and unjustly pronounced judgment against Him, whereat every discerning mystic did lament. Say: O concourse of divines! Where is your praise and glorification, and where is your postponement and hastening regarding the Manifestation of God and His proof? Fear God and follow not your idle fancies; rather follow Him Who hath come to you with a manifest light. Say: O heedless ones! Why did the idol-worshipping divines turn away when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, appeared, and by what proof did the Jews deny when the Spirit came, and by what evidence did the tyrants and pharaohs turn away from God, the Lord of the worlds? Behold and then recall what hath appeared from you throughout the ages and centuries; then judge with fairness in this Cause wherewith God gave glad tidings in the Books of the past and future, and before His face the Faithful Spirit giveth you glad tidings. Say: Fear God and make not vain imaginings lords over yourselves. Set aside what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by One mighty, bidding, wise. We have come to teach you the mysteries of the Book and guide you to My straight path. Say: By God! My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor do I walk in your ways. To this doth the tongue of My favor in the kingdom of My wondrous utterance bear witness. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones once again, that the fragrances of My words may attract them to a station wherein the intimations of men who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of destiny, shall not grieve them. Say: The profit is yours and from you, while they are in manifest loss. Beware lest the might of the powerful weaken you, or the tyranny of the princes frighten you. Cast aside the manifestations of fancy and idle imaginings, clinging to the hem of God, the Mighty, the Great. Ye have heard the gloating of the enemies, and today ye hear the verses of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. By what hath befallen you, the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names have lamented. To this doth bear witness this Wronged One, this Stranger. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon every steadfast upholder of the truth.

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Praise be to God! The luminous elder was seized by the Most Great Light, and for the spiritual chalice of water, a hundred thousand "well done" would not suffice for this ocean, and this station is not attainable save through divine confirmation, glorified be His majesty.

As for what you wrote concerning consultation, after presentation they said that if disagreement arises among the first group assembled, new souls should be added and then by drawing lots select the number of the Greatest Name, or less or more than that, and consult anew. Whatever emerges therefrom is to be obeyed. And if disagreement still persists, "adorn the two with a third and take the strongest." Verily, He guideth whom He willeth to the straight path. Thus hath the Lord of all beings decreed in this station.

And mention was made of two souls, with expressions of satisfaction. I beseech God to confirm them in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word among the people. Their mention attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy Court and was adorned and distinguished by the favor of the Beloved of the worlds.

As for the mention of the angel of mercy and the kindler of the bath of love which they wrote about, after presentation this exalted word appeared from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Names, glorified and exalted be His utterance: We beseech God to confirm this one in recognizing the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Inspiration, and to make him steadfast therein. Verily He is the Mighty, the Merciful.

In truth, whoever thou mayest be, as the possessor of pure deeds, mention of thee is essential and acceptable in the gathering of the chosen ones. This evanescent servant implores and beseeches God that He may strengthen the chief of that place, adorn him with justice and fairness, deliver him from the darkness of heedlessness, and illumine him with the light of certainty. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

I have always offered, and continue to offer, praise and glory to all the people of Baha. At the end of these supplications, this exalted Word was revealed from the Source of Names following the incident in that land. His blessed and exalted Word states:

"One must proceed with moderation and be content with the minimum necessity, for if the people of error become aware of the coming and going of correspondence, matters will surely become difficult for the Name of God (66)."

Until now, this servant has received multiple letters from certain ones, yet until this time no reply was sent. In these days, according to capacity and station, a letter was written and sent to the honored beloved, his eminence 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for him. In any case, great care must be taken, for if they sense that correspondence is being exchanged in the prison, it will lead to a complete prohibition. Otherwise, God is witness that the heart is occupied with thy remembrance, and hath loved and continues to love to reveal, through the assistance of God, exalted be His Glory, by means of pen and ink, whatever lies hidden in the treasury of love. God sufficeth as witness. The purpose is that if there has been delay and suspension in expressing sincerity, it has been for this reason.

Furthermore, all the inhabitants of the pavilion of grandeur and infallibility have repeatedly sent their greetings and praise, which this servant is to convey. Whenever mention is made of thee, all become saddened, but when reading thy letters, sometimes sadness and sometimes joy is experienced, and both are evident and clear. They have repeatedly told this servant that whenever thou writest something, convey our greetings and praise. Likewise, the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - has expressed much surprise that His blessed letter has not arrived, and this servant is also perplexed. However, the Most Mighty Branch - may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - has written and sent multiple times. During the revelation of verses, these words were revealed: "Write to the Name that he should read, that is, recite in a beautiful voice, that joy and gladness from the Speaker of Sinai may take hold of him:

We are lovers of Thy face

We are dwellers in Thy lane

We are bound by Thy tresses

I seek Thy presence

I seek Thy good pleasure

O Thou for whom I would sacrifice myself

Ever seeking from God

Ever seeking from Baha"

We are seekers of Thy city, we are pilgrims of Thy prison, we are servants of Thy Cause. We desire Thy cruelty, we desire Thy affliction, our souls are sacrificed to Thee. Hasten to seek from God, hasten to seek from Baha! We are gazelles of Thy wilderness, we are fish in Thy net, we are guardians of Thy throne. We desire Thy beauty, we desire Thy glory, O Thou to Whom I am sacrificed! Hasten to seek from God, hasten to seek from Baha!

That which was revealed was more extensive, but this much suffices. It is hoped that henceforth complete joy will be attained. He said: "O servant present! The purpose of this pleasantry is to gladden the Name of God; otherwise, due to the oppression of the enemies, the Pen hath withheld its treasures, and the Water of Life floweth only in measure."

Praise be to God, the letter was sealed with the musk of God's pleasantry. In truth, its attraction hath produced a wondrous effect on this night, especially if one hearkeneth to the melody of God. Complete bounty, all-encompassing grace, pre-existent mercy, and all-embracing kindness. We praise Him for what He hath bestowed upon us through His generosity and grace. Verily, He is the Generous, the Munificent. Glory, remembrance, praise, light and radiance be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you, and who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto you! At this moment, again, as commanded, I turned towards the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. After attaining the presence and standing, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke and said - exalted be His majesty and sublime be His utterance: "We wish to mention at this time one who hath turned towards My direction and migrated from his homeland, advancing to the Most Exalted Homeland, the Most Glorious Horizon, the Supreme Height, and the Ultimate Goal, until he arrived at the Most Great Prison and stood before a door which the Hand of Providence had opened unto the face of all who are in earth and heaven, and heard the call of the Wronged One, and attained that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."

O Abul-Qasim! The Wronged One makes mention of thee before all faces. Rejoice thou in this remembrance, which nothing on earth can equal. He Who possesses the Sealed Book beareth witness to this. Behold and call to mind when thou didst arrive with Us at the Castle, and that which was revealed for thee was such that had We cast it upon the mountains, thou wouldst have beheld them prostrate before the face of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered. The glances of loving-kindness have ever been directed towards thee. In the prison, recall those days of joy and meeting. Blessed art thou! The Wronged One testifieth that thou hast attained that which was

promised in the Books of God, both past and future, and didst enter prison for My Name's sake, whereby the limbs of every remote oppressor trembled. My Name, upon Him be My Glory, hath made mention of thee, and the servant present before the Wronged One hath renewed it. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee for the sake of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. What do the oppressors say, and how do they curse the oppressors of the past? By the life of God! Soon shall they lament and find for themselves neither helper nor protector. Thus have We adorned thy temple with the ornament of Our loving grace, thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon those who have shown patience, seeking the good pleasure of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Furthermore, this evanescent one conveys greetings and salutations to them and declares that the days of meeting have not been and will not be forgotten. Their manifestation in the garden during the days of meeting was evident. Their deeds are ever manifest in new splendor and adorned before all eyes. Though the friends have lost all they possessed in the path of the Goal of all worlds, yet the fortresses of love and devotion remain in their possession. There, the highest power of princes is weak and the mightiest armies of the world are as nothing. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for them that which is lasting and eternal. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glory and praise be upon your honor and upon those who have adorned their temples with patience and forbearance in the Cause of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

A further submission is that a letter was received after the conclusion of this petition, adorned with mention and supplication to God, exalted be His glory, and the leaf of prayers and devotions, the details of which your honor had inscribed on the back, also arrived and was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings on Thursday morning, the 19th of Dhi'l-Hajjih. This is what was revealed for his honor Siyyid A.S., upon him be the Glory of God. His word is mighty in utterance and sublime in proof:

In My Name, Which Warbleth upon the Branches […]

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses is indeed the One promised in all the Books and Tablets. Every tablet hath been adorned with His mention and every book with His praise, yet the people have denied His proof and disputed His verses whereby the horizons were illumined. The servant who is present hath appeared before the Wronged One and read that which thy heart's tongue had uttered in remembrance of God, the Lord of Lords. We have heard thy call from the prison and have answered thee with verses that nothing in all creation can equal, to which My Most Exalted Pen in this station doth testify. Thy mention and thy praise have attained unto My hearing, and We have adorned them with the ornament of Our acceptance. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath borne hardships in His love and hath entered prison in My Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven. The oppressors shall soon behold the recompense of their deeds even as the people before them beheld it. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book by God, the Lord of all men. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose appearance the Path was laid and the Balance set up and the mountains were moved. The splendor shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon every patient soul who placeth his trust in God.

This was revealed for his honor Mim-Qaf-Ra, upon him be the glory of God. He saith, exalted be His majesty and greatness:

In the name of the peerless Lord, the All-Knowing!

Consider the party that counted themselves the most exalted of all parties. Throughout ages and centuries they were occupied with the mention of the Truth, and the divines were honored and accepted through His name. Sometimes lamenting and sometimes wailing, at times supplicating God, exalted be His glory, beseeching the meeting with the Promised One. They would stand at His mention and utter "may God hasten His relief." Yet when the Light of the Cause shown forth from the horizon of the world by God's will, they did that which pens and tongues are powerless to describe. They walk in the wilderness of error yet perceive it not, and move in the desert of wretchedness yet remain heedless and unaware. God hath seized them for their sin and made them a lesson to those who have cast the world behind them, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. This Day hath no peer or likeness. Well is it with the soul whom doubts and allusions did not withhold from the Dayspring of revelation and the Source of verses. The servant hath attained the presence of the Wronged One and thy mention hath won His hearing. We do truly pray for thee and glorify thee from this station that joy and gladness may seize thee through this mighty grace. Verily He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath held fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

End.

Praise be to God, two honored souls have attained to the sweet savors of God's verses. This servant also conveyeth to them greetings and salutations. Would that I were with your honor and with them in the prison for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to honor them with the light of His Cause and grant them shelter beneath the tree of His loving care. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers.

Another submission: From every quarter mention of your honor hath arrived. Among these, yesterday a letter arrived from his honor the beloved Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and your honor's handwriting within it was truly situated in its heart. After it was read and reviewed, it was presented at the Divine Throne. This is what the Tongue of the Beloved spoke in reply […]

This time We have made frequent mention of Ismu'llah. Now one must pray that the True One, exalted be His glory, may bestow upon Ismu'llah in prison an opportunity to read that which hath been revealed. The Tablet was repeated, the addresses were repeated.

Likewise, the letter of My beloved, the honored 'Andalib, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, which your honor sent, was seen. After reading and reviewing it, it was presented. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One hath spoken:

"O My Name! 'Andalib hath many claims upon Us. He is the creditor and We are the debtor. We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to discharge this debt, for it hath been some time since any specific mention hath outwardly been sent to him, although he hath been and is remembered in the Most Holy

Court. God willing, in these days the Supreme Pen shall arise to make amends. Verily, give him glad tidings from Me and remind him of My remembrance and My bounty. O My Name! We have found him to be among the patient ones. This utterance from God, the Lord of the worlds, suffice him."

It is submitted that many of his odes in praise and glorification of the Beloved of the worlds have been received, and in these days he hath sent ghazals in remembrance of the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. These were read in the presence of the Throne and those who circle round it, and the original was given to the Afnan that they might make copies thereof. The purpose is that the glances of favor have been and are directed towards him. This evanescent one hath at all times sought for him whatsoever is worthy of grace and bounty. In all conditions I beseech and supplicate the True One for help, that at least once more we may, beneath the shade of the Tree, speak and hear with your honor and the friends that which attracteth hearts and souls. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The Servant

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

This is what hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne, and which the evanescent servant before His countenance, 'Abdu'r-Razzaq, hath written:

Thy letter reached the Most Sublime Vision, and from the raiment of its words were diffused the sweet savors of the love of the Lord of Names and Attributes. Praise be unto God that through the bounty of the All-Merciful thou hast attained unto the ocean of divine knowledge. This is indeed a great bounty, for thou hast recognized that station which most of the servants are veiled from. Today the people of the Bayan, who regard themselves as having attained the highest pinnacle of knowledge, have not sufficiently understood what was intended by the appearance of the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for His sake.

Should they say the purpose was to establish Divine Unity and the exaltation of Divine Oneness, all have testified and do testify that there is no God but Him. No sun hath risen from the heaven of Divine Will except that it hath shone forth in the form of "There is no God but Him," and no fragrance hath wafted from the Divine and Heavenly Paradise save that it hath borne the sweet scent of Unity. Indeed, all that they have mentioned concerning the stations of Unity and the heights of detachment had a purpose, yet all remained veiled from that purpose. In such case, nothing remaineth for these souls save a verbal unity to which all give utterance.

By the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth! Words in this Most Great Revelation are powerless to bear the hidden meanings which lie concealed within the Divine Pen. Consider the Pharaoh-like souls among the people of the Bayan - they have not rent asunder the veils of words, much less attained unto the meanings thereof. Although those possessed of insight have comprehended infinite meanings from every

word of this Revelation, this is confined to such souls and remaineth concealed from others, sealed with the seal of protection. Were capacity to be found, that from which they are now veiled would be made manifest unto all.

Should they say the purpose of His appearance was to establish the outward divine ordinances among men, all Messengers were commissioned with this service, and in the eyes of them that are endued with insight, this station is but one of the degrees in the revelation of Divine Power. Most people are so veiled that the veils of previous religions have vanished in comparison. Out of their hatred for God, they cling to new objections at every moment, although all know that through this Most Great Revelation that which was revealed in the Bayan hath been established, made manifest and realized, the Name of God hath been upraised, and His signs have been spread throughout the East and the West. The Persian Bayan hath been specifically confirmed in this Revelation, yet they continuously write that the Bayan hath been abrogated, perchance they might cast doubt in hearts and establish the worship of the calf.

O people of the Bayan! I adjure you by God to show a little fairness and to look upon the divine verses with pure and sanctified eyes, and to ponder with hallowed hearts. The highest degree of the verses mentioned in the Bayan is, according to its people, the station of unity, yet those who have turned aside are wholly veiled from this station, for they have not yet risen to that level wherein they behold the Manifestations of God as one Being and one Essence, and Their laws as one law. What more can be expected from such souls who, while regarding themselves as having attained the highest pinnacle of knowledge, remain halted at stations such as these, which represent but one of the degrees of unity[…]

Let those souls that see themselves at the summit of understanding consider how it is that those who deem themselves to be at the loftiest heights of mystical knowledge are perplexed, bewildered, veiled and wholly unaware of their condition in matters such as this, which represents but one of the degrees of divine unity. Not every soul is worthy to hearken unto the Word of God, nor is every being capable of drinking from the crystal waters of inner meaning that have flowed from the Fountainhead of divine Will in this holy and transcendent Revelation. Indeed, the distinction mentioned in the divine Tablets had other intended meanings, yet after the revelation of the Bayan and the diffusion of its knowledge, for a soul to lack even enough awareness to recognize the unity of God's laws - by God, non-existence would better befit such a one than existence. Furthermore, by what reasoning or insight could the divine Manifestation and the dawning of God's transcendent glory be made contingent upon the abrogation of a previous dispensation? Many have been the divine Manifestations Who have come and confirmed the laws of the previous dispensation, enforcing and establishing them, for the decree of the previous Manifestation is identical to that of the subsequent One, having been revealed aforetime. Today, should anyone differentiate between or perceive separation between God's laws and the Manifestations of His transcendent glory, such a one has been and shall remain outside the pale of divine unity. Say: O cross-eyed ones of the age, see not double and lament not! If ye cannot ascend to the heaven of inner meanings, at least comprehend what hath been revealed in the Bayan, wherein He saith "I am the very essence of Muhammad, and that which proceedeth from Me is that which proceeded from Him." And in another instance He declareth that were it not for the protestations and opposition of the followers of the Furqan, the laws of the Furqan would not have been abrogated in this Revelation. Both abrogation and confirmation have been and shall ever be established at one and the same holy station, were ye to

understand. All matters depend upon God's Will and the decree of that true Sovereign. For if at this moment a law were to be sent down from the heaven of divine Will, commanding all servants to observe it, and subsequently its abrogation were revealed, none hath the right to object, for that which your Lord, the Lord of the Appointed Day, hath willed is what shall be accomplished. Consider the abrogating and abrogated verses in the Furqan, how certain verses were revealed and then abrogated by subsequent ones. It would seem the polytheists of the Bayan have not even read the Qur'an. What say they to this, that even before the previous verse's decree had been established and confirmed among the people, how could it be permissible for it to be abrogated by another verse? By Him Who hath caused me to speak the truth, ye shall find naught in these people save unbelief, transgression, heedlessness and perdition. Their heedlessness hath reached such a point that they now object to the Sovereign of the seen and unseen by clinging to that which they formerly believed and which was explicitly mentioned in the Book of God, such as the matter of abrogating and abrogated verses in the Furqan. They are more brutish than the brutish, more heedless than any heedless one, more remote than any remote one, and more ignorant than any ignorant one. Leave them, O people, to themselves, that they may wallow in their desires and sport with what they possess. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands, all the words of the Bayan and the laws revealed therein lament the tyranny of those polytheists. Though they mention the Bayan with their tongues to preserve their leadership, they have visited upon its Revealer that which no religious community hath ever visited upon the divine Manifestations. Fie upon the people of the Bayan! The utmost accomplishment of their leaders is that they have denied this mighty decree concerning the Manifestation for Whose sake the Bayan was revealed as a herald.

Let them play with what they have. By Him Who holds my soul in His hands, all the verses of the Bayan and its revealed ordinances lament the cruelty of those polytheists. Though mention of the Bayan flows from their tongues out of their desire to preserve their leadership, they have perpetrated against its Revealer that which no people have ever inflicted upon the Divine Manifestations. Shame upon the people of the Bayan! The utmost achievement of their leaders is that they have denied this firm decree concerning the Manifestation for Whom the Bayan was revealed as a herald, and have committed treachery in the Divine sanctuary which had been forbidden in all the holy Books, and have martyred the third letter of those who believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest. So shameless are they that, despite these abhorrent and reprehensible deeds, they object to this Revelation, claiming that since the decree of the Bayan is not yet established, a new Revelation is not permissible. Observe how they have assumed people to be mere donkeys! By their actions they abrogate all the firm ordinances and established verses of the Bayan, while in their words they write "eat not onions and drink not tobacco," yet they have objected to and denied Him by Whose command hundreds of thousands of religious laws have been established and implemented. How blind are these people who have given ear to the idle fancies of those souls and continue to do so, accepting from them excuses that are greater than sin itself! By God! Better that sight be blinded than behold such allusions, and better that hearts cease to exist than remain veiled by such veils. Furthermore, they are heedless that in the school of divine knowledge souls have appeared who can distinguish truth from falsehood by their intuition, and can recognize the people of the Most Sublime Vision from the companions of the Fire, and who have, through the grace of the All-Merciful, become cognizant of that which was revealed in the Bayan. Upon them be the mercy of God, His blessings, His wondrous bounties and His favors. Specifically from the Supreme Pen have God's

ordinances been revealed that this Manifestation should not be troubled by such matters, and no hardship should befall the Most Holy Beauty. Thus they say that whoever has a question or desires verses should ask now, that they may be revealed, lest, God forbid, a question be asked that would cause grief to that Ancient Beauty. And specifically they state: "He it is Who speaks in all things, saying: 'I am God, there is no God but Me,'" lest any objection remain for anyone. All these emphases were because they knew to what matters the people of the Bayan would cling. That Essence of the heart which is so delicate and sensitive that He advised all those in the Bayan never to utter in His presence a word from which the fragrance of grief might be detected - observe how much harm the people of the Bayan have inflicted, despite the fact that in this Revelation matters have appeared which have never occurred since the beginning of creation, and verses have been revealed the like of which have never been heard. And whatever they have asked of the Most Great Ocean, they have received sufficient and healing answers, and most souls have attained that which they sought, except for matters whose harm and impropriety were hidden from the view of the questioners and seekers; therefore these were not granted, and instead stations and ranks were bestowed which, were but one of them to become manifest, all the peoples of the world would be thunderstruck. In any case, the Divine Dove has in every world a different melody […]

In every realm the Divine Dove hath a distinct melody, and upon every branch a different song which none save God hath ever fully comprehended or ever shall comprehend. Is there none to ask these apostates where they had been during the time when this Divine Youth was engaged, amidst His enemies, in spreading the signs of God and exalting His remembrance? The leaders of the Bayan, from fear for their lives, remained in hiding and kept company with women - may God destroy them! Then when the Cause of God was made manifest, they emerged and cast aside the ordinances upon which the entire Bayan was contingent and established, as ye have seen and heard.

Consider what they say regarding the year Nine which is mentioned in the Bayan. The honored Siyyah, upon him be the Glory of God, is present and in these days was in the presence of the Face, and mentioned that in the last days the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - gave him the glad tidings that he would attain the presence of the Desired One. He wrote the details of the Primal Point's glad tidings of this Most Great Manifestation to that polytheist, yet they remained heedless. Siyyid Muhammad is the master and Yahya the disciple - whatever the former suggests, the latter writes.

Recently a statement hath appeared from these liars claiming that what the Exalted One meant by the year Nine was nine years after the appearance of Him Whom God shall make manifest, at the time of Mustaghath. Observe how far they have strayed from the path of truth and justice! By God, it would be better for the tongue to be struck dumb than to utter such words. These souls are not to be wondered at, for naught but lies, fabrications and calumnies have been heard from them. But what is strange is that the people of the Bayan give ear to such nonsensical talk. Shame upon them and upon their sense of honor and faithfulness!

Their understanding hath reached such a point that recently they named one as vile as themselves with this Most Great Name, then wrote that if the verses revealed in the Bayan pertain to this Name, then so-

and-so was also called by this Name. May God curse them! He shall soon return them to their abode in the abyss where they shall find no friend to help them.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and commit not that which neither Pharaoh, nor Haman, nor Nimrod, nor Shaddad committed. God hath sent Me and dispatched Me unto you with clear signs that confirm what ye possess of God's Books and Scriptures and what was revealed in the Bayan. Your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, hath testified to My truth. Fear God, then be fair in His Cause. The Manifestation of God is better for you, did ye but know.

Strange it is that souls who remain veiled from this Manifestation are not ashamed, yet raise objections against other religions. Glory be to Thy Lord, the All-Glorious, above what they say! Yes, the previous Manifestation foretold what has come to pass. Consider the state of those souls who, despite these wondrous verses, divine manifestations and holy attributes that have encompassed the world, and despite the testimony of the Exalted One Who throughout the Bayan took a covenant and gave glad tidings to those seeking the Ka'bah of their Goal, still declare […]

And they give glad tidings to those seeking the Kaaba of their desire, saying "Go and see so-and-so." Strange indeed are such souls. Time has brought me low, brought me low, until what is said is said. Apart from all these considerations, they mention the false and fabricated words of one who associates partners with God in opposition to God's mighty verses and holy divine evidences. This is exactly like someone saying: "You have inhaled the rose-fragrance of God's paradise; now inhale also the stench of a putrid corpse." Some maintain that after this Most Great Manifestation, that polytheistic soul should not utter fabricated words. This statement is exactly like someone saying that in the presence of truth, nothing else should be mentioned; or that with the appearance of justice, oppression should not be witnessed; or that when the sweet fragrance of the roses in the All-Merciful's garden wafts, foul odors should not be smelled. These are objections that the veiled ones of no religion have ever raised. Say: O ye who wander lost in the valley of heedlessness! Your tongues confess that "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him, and now He is as He was," even though all created things are visible and existent. Despite the existence of all things, you testify that Truth has been and will be, and naught else has been or will be. Now bear this same testimony regarding this Manifestation and all that relates to it, and behold all else as perishing, non-existent and lost. This station has been and will be for those possessed of true vision and insight. Reflect, O people of the Bayan, that perchance ye may distinguish between the buzzing of flies and the verses of the Lord of Lords. By the Beloved of all horizons! The words of the opposers have been and will be utter nothingness compared to the Primal Word. Did not the previous Manifestation declare that the verses of each soul are witnessed at his own level? Strange that they have read the Bayan for years yet have not grasped a single letter of it. They are exactly like the people of the Furqan (Quran), nay these polytheists are without compare. The former polytheists, when opposing the Seal of the Prophets, did not resort to such arguments - for none said "Why were not the tongues of poets silenced when they composed verses in opposition and hung them up?" Apart from all these considerations, every person of insight testifies that the fabricated words of those atheistic souls have been and will be as nothing compared to the words of even one of the servants at the gate of the King of Creation. What can be said when people are seen to be as sucklings and immature ones, and have caused the infinite divine bounties to be withheld from creation, and the maidens of inner meanings to

remain concealed in spiritual chambers behind the pavilions of divine infallibility? For these souls are strangers and have not had and will not have access to the sanctuary of sacred meanings, save those who return and repent with humility. Say: O people of the Bayan! If you do not comprehend the Arabic verses, then observe the Persian words of Truth and other than Truth, that perchance you may not make yourselves deserving of endless punishment and be not veiled from the Eternal Countenance by mortal souls. By the Sun of the Most Glorious Horizon! All that has been mentioned was for God's sake.

O people, do not veil yourselves with mortal beings from the Eternal Countenance. I swear by the Sun of the Most Glorious Horizon that whatsoever hath been mentioned hath been and shall be for God's sake, and I am commanded thus. Otherwise no benefit accrues to the Sovereign of all possibility from the faith of the dwellers of all worlds. God hath sanctified my garment from all that they possess, for He is indeed the Self-Sufficient above all else, and the Independent of all save Him. I have raised the banner of 'There is no God but He' by His command, and the pavilion of glory of 'There is no God but I' hath been uplifted by His leave. None hath any refuge or shelter save in Him.

O people of Baha! Drink ye this wine of immortality openly in the name of the Most Glorious Beloved, despite the enemies. Leave these fabricated idols to occupy themselves with their own foul and offensive intimations. By My Life! The nostrils of cattle have no share of this most pure fragrance, and this incomparable, flowing, glorious crystal stream was not and never shall be the portion of the people of error.

Yet the people of the Bayan have not reflected upon the objections raised by previous peoples at the time of Manifestation, although extensive Tablets have been revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding this matter. Would that they had considered and become aware. Certain Persian Tablets were revealed and sent in response to some of the loved ones. Although it is regrettable that the words of this Most Great Revelation should be beheld by veiled, idolatrous, and rejected souls, nevertheless, for the sake of teaching God's Cause, there is no harm if your honor should show them to some. However, "None shall touch it save the purified ones." This is the wine of inner meanings of this Revelation, which was previously mentioned as the "sealed wine" in the sacred words, sealed with the seal of protection. All the idolaters observe and read, yet they have not attained even a drop thereof.

Say: O people of the Bayan! At least observe the Persian Bayan, that perchance ye may not dare to approach that station wherein the Primal Point hath mentioned naught but utter nothingness and absolute extinction. The Cause of God hath reached such a state that the essence of error, who is called Hadi, hath become the guide of people and hath girded up his loins in opposition. If the people of the Bayan would consider the utterances of Yahya, Siyyid Muhammad, Hadi, A?raj, and their like, and would also reflect upon the words of the servants of this Gate, by God, they would surely find the truth and cast away falsehood. But what benefit, when the eye is impure and the heart is veiled?

Let someone say to Hadi that if thou hadst the least discernment, thou wouldst testify that whatsoever was mentioned in the name of that fabricated person was for the sake of wisdom in the Cause. Reflect a little on the beginning of these matters, that perchance thou mayest attain to that which was hidden from eyes and become convinced that that person was non-existent from the beginning. Divine wisdom and exigencies required what appeared and became known.

We beseech God that if such souls have not been guided, may He, glorified be His greatness, raise up holy temples from the pure essence of His Cause in such wise that they may regard all in the world as non-existent and void, and see none as existing, speaking, uttering, and powerful save the Truth. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. God willing, may your honor, through the wondrous grace of the Lord of Lords, become the breaker of the idols of vain desire.

And behold ye not the power? Verily, He is potent over whatsoever He willeth. God willing, that soul shall, through the wondrous grace of the Lord of Lords, become a breaker of the idols of vain desire and a kindler of the fire of guidance. O how blessed art thou for having attained unto the Most Glorious Station and for having turned thy gaze unto the Most Exalted Horizon! He chooseth whom He willeth through His grace, and He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, the Lord of the Last and the First. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

As to thy question concerning the difference between Qayyum and Qa'im, know thou that the difference between these two names is as that between the Most Great and the Great. This is what My Beloved hath explained aforetime, and We have mentioned it in a wondrous Book. By this He intended naught save to inform the people that He Who shall appear is greater than what hath appeared, and that He is the Qayyum over the Qa'im. This is the truth to which the Tongue of the All-Merciful beareth witness in the heaven of utterance. Know thou this and be independent of all the worlds. Then shall the Qa'im cry out from the right hand of the Throne, saying: "O people of the Bayan! By God, this is indeed the Qayyum Who hath come unto you with a manifest sovereignty. This is the Most Great One before Whose countenance every great and greater one hath prostrated. The Most Great Name was exalted only to magnify Him at the manifestations of His sovereignty, and the Qayyum prevailed only through His effacement in His court. Thus was the matter ordained, but the people are veiled therefrom.

"Can aught be more explicit than that which was revealed in the Bayan concerning this Revelation? Yet behold what the idolaters have wrought! Say: O people, this is the Qayyum Who hath fallen under your nails. If ye show Him no mercy, then have mercy upon yourselves. By the True One! This is the Beauty of the All-Known, through Whom hath appeared that which was inscribed upon a preserved tablet. Beware lest ye cleave unto the imagined one who hath disbelieved in His presence and His signs and was among the idolaters in a Book inscribed by the finger of truth.

"Be thou assured that He intended naught save the greatness of this Revelation over both the mentioned and the concealed, and the exaltation of this Name above all names, and His sovereignty over all who are in earth and heaven, and His grandeur and power over all things. Through His manifestation all created things have testified that He is the One manifest above all things, and through His concealment all atoms have testified that He is the One hidden, sanctified from all things. He is called by the name 'the Manifest' for He is seen through His names and attributes and is known as the One besides Whom there is no God. And He is called by the name 'the Hidden' for He cannot be described by any description nor known by what is mentioned, since what is mentioned is His creation in the world of remembrance. Exalted is He above being known through remembrance or perceived through thought! His outward appearance is His very hiddenness. When He is called by His name 'the Manifest,' He is called by His name 'the Hidden.' Verily, He cannot be known through thoughts nor perceived through vision as He is in His transcendent

sublimity and exalted sovereignty. He is in the Most Exalted Prospect and the Most Glorious Horizon, and He saith: 'Lost indeed are they who have disbelieved in Him through Whose name the Hidden Scroll was adorned, and the Countenance of Unity appeared, and the Banner of Lordship was raised, and the Pavilion of Divinity was lifted up, and the Sea of Eternity surged, and the hidden Secret veiled in the Most Great Mystery was revealed.' By His life! The Bayan hath failed to describe Him and explanation to know Him. Exalted be this Self-Subsisting One through Whom the imagined veil was rent asunder, the hidden was revealed, and the sealed wine was unsealed. By the All-Merciful Himself! The Bayan lamenteth and saith […]"

O Lord! Thou didst cause me to be revealed for Thy remembrance and Thy praise and the knowledge of Thyself. He Who stood forth by Thy command enjoined the servants not to be veiled by me and by what was created from Thy subsisting Beauty. But the people distorted what was revealed concerning me to establish Thy truth and exalt Thy remembrance. They disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs and made me a shield for themselves, whereby they oppose Thee - this after no word was revealed except that it was revealed to exalt Thy Cause and manifest Thy sovereignty and the loftiness of Thy power and the sublimity of Thy station. Would that I had not been revealed and had not been mentioned! By Thy glory! Were Thou to render me non-existent, it would be better for me than to exist and be recited by Thy servants who have risen to harm Thee and who have intended against Thee what they have intended. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things to deliver me from these transgressors, that I may speak of Thy beauty, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of power and the dominion of authority. And were We to descend from the Most Exalted Station, the First Point, the Ultimate Tree, and the Most Glorious Horizon, and bring down the utterance from the heights of exposition to the realm of possibility to mention the difference between the two names in terms of numerical value - though My Beauty hidden within Me addresseth Me saying: "O My Beloved! Turn not Thy gaze from My face, abandon mention and utterance and occupy not Thyself with aught else" - I say: "O My Beloved! Thy confirmed decree and ordained destiny have caused Me to descend until I appeared in the garment of the people of all worlds. Therefore it behooveth Me to speak in their tongue and according to what their understanding and minds can comprehend. Were I to change the garment, who could draw nigh? If Thou desirest what Thou commandest of Me, remove the hand of prevention from My mouth. I ask Thy forgiveness for this, O My God and My Beloved! Have mercy then upon Thy servants and send down unto them what their hearts and minds are capable of understanding. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful."

Know thou that the numerical difference is fourteen, which is the number of Baha when counting the hamza as six, since its shape is six in geometric terms. And if thou readest "Qa'im" thou wilt find the difference to be five, which is the letter "ha'" in "Baha." In this station Qayyum is established upon the throne of His name "Qa'im" just as the letter "ha'" is established upon the letter "vav." And in one station, if thou countest the hamza of "Qa'im" as six according to geometric reckoning, the difference becomes nine, which is also this Name. And by this nine, exalted be His mention, is intended the manifestation of the Nine in this station. This is what thou seest regarding the difference in the outward appearance of the two names. We have indeed abridged the exposition for thee, and if thou wouldst reflect upon what We have mentioned to thee and cast upon thee, thou wouldst derive therefrom that

which would solace thine eyes and the eyes of them that have professed the unity of God. By My life! This difference is indeed a mighty sign for those who have soared unto the heaven of Baha. And by what We have demonstrated to thee outwardly, it is established that the inner meaning is the supremacy of the name Qayyum over Qa'im. Know thou this and be of them that preserve. We have veiled this mention and concealed it from the eyes of them that are in the Bayan. Then We unveiled it for thee that thou mayest be of the thankful. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

I will briefly speak in Persian so that all creatures may, through the grace of the King of Oneness, partake and attain to this flowing spring that is neither of the east nor of the west, neither described nor mentioned, neither manifest nor revealed, which has ever been preserved from the taste of the souls of the polytheists. Know thou that the purpose of the Primal Point concerning the distinction between Qayyum and Qayyim, and between A'zam and 'Azim, was that the greatness of the subsequent Manifestation would surpass the 'Azim, and the Qayyumiyyat of the latter Manifestation would transcend the Qa'im. And the distinction between A'zam and 'Azim in the number of Manifestation was nine, as is evident to every person of insight and clear to every informed one. And this greatness and Qayyumiyyat flows and is manifest in this Revelation and what appears from His presence. For example, the purpose of Qayyum was the Manifestation of Nine, and He was made manifest with the name of Baha, and now that greatness which is observed in the outer letters is calculated in one instance as the hamzih of Baha being six and Qa'im being one. Reflect that thou mayest know, and in this are signs for those who know. O questioning observer, I swear by the Beauty of the Beloved that what was intended by the Exalted One in this Revelation and what was recorded by the Most Ancient Pen in the holy scrolls is difficult to mention, and in truth to lift the veil from the face of the Maiden of inner meanings. The Holy Spirit sayeth that if 'Azim should rend asunder the nine veils, he would attain unto A'zam. This is the utterance of the Holy Spirit, and his Lord is witness to what he saith. This utterance is not from Us but from Him. Say: Beware lest ye object. And He ordained these nine as the days of respite between the two Manifestations, so that those essences which were illumined by the Sun of 'Azim might become prepared for the appearance of the Greater Luminary, which all were promised in the year nine. Nevertheless, observe how these human-seeming creatures, by clinging to their vain imaginings, have raised such objections against the King of the known and unknown, and the Sovereign of the unseen and seen. These souls have never tasted a drop from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance, nor have they understood a single letter of what was intended by the Sovereign of all possibility in what was revealed unto Him. Leave them in their vain disputations, and in this spiritual dawn soar in the subtle atmosphere of inner meanings. The hesitant ones have not hearkened to the Word of the Lord of the Day of Judgment; they are among the people of the graves, and they shall abide forever in the fire, and the fire is their grave, did they but know it.

In reply to thy question concerning the human spirit after physical death, apart from the Prophets and holy ones - whether the same individuality, personality, consciousness and understanding that existed before death continues to exist afterwards or whether it perishes, and assuming it endures, how is it that during life when harm befalls human faculties through unconsciousness or severe illness, consciousness and understanding vanish, yet after death, which is the dissolution of elements and composition, how can personality and consciousness be conceived when all the instruments have completely disintegrated?

Know thou that the spirit in its own station remains firm and enduring. The weakness observed in the sick is due to intervening causes, not to any weakness in the spirit itself. Consider the lamp: it is luminous and shining, but if something blocks it, its light is obscured although in its own station it remains luminous - yet due to the intervening cause its light is prevented from shining forth. Likewise, in illness the manifestation of the spirit's power and might is prevented and veiled due to intervening causes, but after its release from the body it appears with such power, might and ascendancy as cannot be imagined. The pure, holy and sanctified spirits have ever possessed and shall continue to possess all power and complete freedom.

For instance, if a lamp is placed within an iron lantern, its light will not appear outwardly at all, even though it is shining within. Consider the sun behind clouds: in its own station it is bright and luminous, yet due to the intervening clouds its light appears weak. Consider this same sun as the human spirit and all things as its body, which is illumined through that light's effulgence and radiance. But this continues only so long as no intervening causes prevent it or veil it. After being veiled, the sun's light appears weak, just as on cloudy days - though the earth is illumined by sunlight, that illumination is weak. But after the clouds disperse, the sun's rays appear in their full glory, while in both states the sun itself remains the same. Such is the case with the sun of souls, which hath been mentioned and continues to be mentioned by the name of spirit.

Similarly, observe the weakness of the fruit's existence in the original tree before emerging from it - though within the tree it is so weak as to be completely imperceptible, such that if one were to cut the tree into pieces, not a trace of the fruit or its form would be found. Yet after emerging from the tree it appears with wondrous beauty and mighty strength, as can be observed in fruits, some of which become more delectable after being separated from the tree. Multiple examples have been given that from each similitude thou mayest comprehend the intended meaning and apply it to what thou hast asked of God, thy Lord.

And as for what thou hast asked concerning God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds - may His mention be glorified - He is able to manifest and make evident all infinite knowledge through any of the examples mentioned among men. Indeed, the hand of power is outstretched over every example, and the hand of protection placed upon every word. None knoweth this save whom He willeth. When the seal of the perfumed vessel is broken by the hand of might, its fragrance is diffused. The Command is in God's hand - He giveth and withholdeth, blindeth and maketh to see, doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

As for what was asked about creation, know that creation hath ever been and shall ever be. No beginning can be imagined for its beginning, nor any end for its ending. The name "Creator" itself requireth a creation, just as the name "Lord" necessiteth that which is lorded over. As for what was mentioned in previous utterances that "He was a God and there was none to be worshipped beside Him" and "He was a Lord and there was none to be lorded over" and the like - the meaning thereof is realized in all times. This is the same word which declareth "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him" and He shall be as He hath ever been. Every person of insight testifieth that the Lord now existeth while that which is lorded over is non-existent - meaning that His sacred realm transcendeth all else, and whatsoever is

mentioned in the realm of contingent being is limited by contingent limitations, while the Truth is sanctified therefrom. He hath ever been, and there was none else with Him - neither name, nor description, nor attribute - and He shall ever be, sanctified from all besides Him.

Consider, for instance, at the time of the manifestation of the universal Manifestation, before that Ancient Being maketh Himself known and uttereth the creative Word, the world existed but none had knowledge of Him. Likewise, He was the Creator but no creation existed with Him, for at that moment the spirit is withdrawn from all to which the name "thing" can be applied. This is that Day concerning which He saith "To whom belongeth the Kingdom this Day?" and there is none to answer. The tongue of power and majesty proclaimeth "To God, the One, the All-Compelling!" Thus is existence negated from all things, for the realization of existence in its primary degree followeth after the attainment of knowledge, and before that the existence of the Ancient Being is realized while the annihilation of all things is established.

Before His outward manifestation unto all things, He was a Lord and there was none to be lorded over, but after the revelation of the Word and the establishment of the Temple of Oneness upon the Throne of the All-Merciful, whosoever turneth unto Him becometh one who is lorded over, created, and known. The understanding of these stations dependeth upon the recognition of the servants who are endowed with insight and knowledge.

He hath ever testified that He existeth while all else is non-existent - a God with none to be worshipped beside Him, and a Lord with none to be lorded over in His presence. He was, and there was nothing else besides Him, and He shall be even as He hath ever been. I swear by the Primal Point that the Temple of Oneness, due to the sorrows that have descended and the blocking of the ways through the deception of the souls of the idolaters, hath been prevented from mentioning the hidden, concealed, sublime and elevated stations. Afflictions have descended in such wise that none save God can reckon them, and the Land of Mystery is in secret turmoil, with none aware thereof save thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Soon shall that which is hidden be made manifest. None knoweth this save him who possesseth knowledge of the Book.

And concerning the question that was asked about why there is no mention of the Prophets before Adam, the father of mankind, and the kings of those ages in historical books - the absence of mention is not, and has never been, proof of non-existence. Due to the length of time and the revolutions of the earth, these records have not remained. Moreover, before Adam, the father of mankind, the rules of writing and customs that exist now among people did not exist. There was a time when there was no system of writing at all; other methods were practiced. Were we to explain this in detail, the discourse would be prolonged.

Consider the differences that emerged after Adam: in the beginning, these known languages mentioned were not present on earth, nor were these established rules. They spoke in a language other than these mentioned tongues. The diversity of languages occurred in the land known as Babel, after which that land was called Babel, meaning "where the tongue was confused," that is, where it became different. Afterward, the Syriac language was respected among people, and the divine books were revealed in that tongue until the time when the Friend of the All-Merciful appeared from the horizon of possibility with divine lights. When that holy being crossed the river Jordan, He spoke in a tongue that was called Hebrew

- it was named Hebrew because the Friend of the All-Merciful spoke it while crossing. Subsequently, divine books and scrolls were revealed in Hebrew. Time passed, and it was transformed into Arabic. The first to speak it was Ya'rub ibn Qahtan, the first to write in Arabic was Maramir at-Ta'i, and the first to compose poetry was Himyar ibn Saba. Then the written forms were transferred from one script to another until they reached this known script.

Now observe how many languages, expressions, and systems of writing have changed since Adam, let alone before Adam. The purpose of these statements is that the Truth has ever been, in Its supreme inaccessibility and exalted sanctity, sanctified above the mention of all else, and ever shall be. Creation has always existed, and the Manifestations of the glory of the Divine Unity and Dawning-places of eternal holiness have been sent forth in the primordial centuries, calling creation to the Truth. However, due to the changes and transformations in the conditions of the world, some names and mentions have not remained.

The flood is mentioned in books, and in that event, everything that was upon the earth was drowned, whether books of history or otherwise. Similarly, many revolutions have occurred that caused the erasure of certain temporal matters. Beyond these considerations, contradictions are evident in the historical books existing on earth, and among different nations there are various accounts of the age of the world and recorded events. Some have histories of eight thousand years, some more, some twelve thousand years, and if one has seen the book of Juk, one would know how many contradictions exist between books.

One should, God willing, gaze upon the Greatest Horizon and remove one's attention from all these differences and mentions. Today the realities of the Manifestations of the Cause are adorned with the Most Glorious ornament and are visible, and all names are manifest in the New Name, and all realities are concealed in His reality. Whoso believeth in Him hath believed in God.

All names are manifest in His wondrous Name, and all realities lie hidden in His Reality. Whoso believeth in Him hath believed in God and in His Manifestations in all ages, and whoso turneth away from Him hath denied God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing. Should anyone ponder upon what hath been mentioned, he will attain unto the purpose. Though revealed with brevity, yet concealed within it are a hundred thousand detailed expositions. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things preserved in a Tablet. We beseech God to grant thee that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to open before thy heart's face the gates of meaning, that thou mayest understand from His words that which He intended. Verily, He is powerful over all things. All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of eternity unto His servants: some soared unto the heaven of the Cause, and some held back. Even thus have We sent down the Command, as a mercy from Our presence unto Our believing servants. This is the Surih of the Sovereign that hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful with perspicuous and mighty and ancient verses. He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. These are the verses of God that have in truth been sent

down from the heaven of eternity, which God hath made a testimony from Him and a proof from His presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, from this day until the Day when the standards of dissension shall be obliterated and the Luminary of the horizons shall shine forth from the Dayspring of His Name, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Then shall the eyes of them that disbelieved and joined partners with God be dazzled, and souls shall be perturbed, and all who dwell in the kingdoms of Command and Creation shall be overcome with drunkenness, such that they shall place the fingers of bewilderment between their teeth, all that was and that shall be. And therein shall the inmost secrets of every soul that liveth be tried, if ye be of them that comprehend.

Say: O people, fear God Who created you and provided for you and made you great ones in the earth and sent down from heaven that which causes the earth to yield sacred and impregnable fruits. Beware, O concourse of earth, be not ungrateful for God's favor and differ not in His Cause. Follow that which hath been sent down to you from the heaven of Command as verses of wondrous might. O people! The relief hath come to you from God, your Lord, and He commandeth you to righteousness and piety and forbiddeth you from all that leadeth you to desires. Fear God and be among the God-fearing. Say: Verily your relief is in the establishment of this Beauty upon the throne of manifest glory, if ye be of those who know. Say: He hath appeared in such wise that all the worlds are bewildered at His sovereignty, yet ye have not recognized the relief that was promised to you in all the Tablets and ye are among the heedless. Say: By God! Were ye to ponder upon the Cause of Him Who hath appeared in truth, ye would witness the relief from your Lord, the All-Merciful, in that which floweth from this luminous, mighty and impregnable Pen. Therefore, O people, examine your souls that ye may perchance recognize your Creator in these days wherein none among all created things hath recognized Him save whom your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, hath willed. Nay rather, the idolaters have risen against Him and dispute with Him concerning God's verses and object to that which hath been revealed unto Him, even as the people of the Furqan objected against God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Exalted, at the time when the clouds of grace were rent asunder and the Beauty of the Ancient of Days appeared from behind them in the name of Ali with clear and mighty signs. O people! By God, she whom I created with the hand of My will hath rebelled against Me even as Pharaoh rebelled before God, your Lord and the Lord of all creatures, and said "I am your lord, the most high" though he was powerless to create even a fly upon the earth, as every person of insight doth testify. And he whom I created by My word hath objected to Me in such wise that the heavens and earth have wept, and after them the eyes of those who circle round the sanctuary of grandeur with crimson tears, and behind them the eyes of the holy ones. Say: The Son of Mary ascended unto the mountain of the Command and the holy clouds enveloped him. Then he witnessed drops of blood upon His garment and was bewildered within himself and inquired about it, being among the questioners. The cloud informed him of that which would befall the Youth. Thereupon he cried out within his soul and detached himself from the world and all that is therein and ascended to the holy seat before God, his Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of the worlds. Were I to utter a word about that which befell Him, verily the veil of the pavilion of grandeur would be rent asunder, the pillars of the House would crumble, and the supports of the mighty throne would shake. But We have concealed it and been patient until God shall come with the authority of His triumph and make known His beauty between the heavens and the earths. Then know that when the idolaters witnessed the signs of God, they objected to them and denied that which they had believed in before, and thereby their deeds

were rendered vain though they perceived it not and were among the heedless. Therefore all atoms and all that lay behind the veils of power curse them while they sit at their places sporting and being among the joyous. Thus doth God reveal the secrets of hearts and the treachery of those who profess faith with their tongues while denying Him by Whose command the measures of faith were ordained from the presence of One mighty and wise.

They deny Him by Whose command the measures of faith were ordained from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Among them are those who turned away and transgressed in their souls, openly rebelling against God, and were among the idolaters. And among them are those who sought to plot against God's Cause and thereby instill hatred of the Youth in the hearts of the believers, to make them slip from the path and distance them from the holy, luminous shore. Thus did they gather together according to what Satan whispered in their hearts and plotted a plot. God will soon expose their plotting to whoever follows the command of his Lord and possesses insight from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. And among them is he who was confident that if he opposed the Youth, those who followed him in his hatred would also oppose Him, for he sees leadership within himself. Say: Woe unto you, O company of deniers! God has servants whom neither hints nor signs can prevent, whom no hindrance can hinder nor any opposition deter, even if all creation were to unite against them. These are they whom the signs of the past concerning the mention of the Resurrection did not deter, nor were they prevented by what was revealed in the Furqan concerning "He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets." They rent asunder those veils through the sovereignty of power from Our presence and entered the holy sanctuary, the seat of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, with manifest sincerity. They acknowledged within themselves that prophethood shall never be cut off from this moment unto the end that has no end. Thus did the Spirit breathe into their hearts the spirit of certitude from the presence of the Mighty, the Beautiful. These know God through God and through what appears from His presence. They shield their sanctified ears from the croaking of the idolaters, even if they be among the great ones and nobles of the people, for their nobility lies in following the command of their Creator and prostrating themselves before God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people, fear God and dispute not about God's verses, nor refute the truth with what you possess. Be ashamed before Him Who created you by His word. Fear God, O people, and be not among the wrongdoers. And if you believe not in Him Who has come to you from the dawning-place of the Spirit with verses that prove what you possess, do not fabricate lies against Him and be not among the fabricators. O people of the Bayan! By God, this is indeed the truth that is being recited unto you from the verses of God. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and be among the fair-minded. If you object to what is now being revealed unto you, by what proof can your souls find rest and be among the tranquil? Say: No one's faith or deeds shall be accepted today except through following this firm, mighty, and wise Cause. And if you believe not, God shall soon raise up a people and cause them to hear the melodies of the Cause and enter them into this Paradise which God has made the sign of His grandeur between the heavens and the earths. These shall know their Creator through His Self and through what has been revealed from His presence from the verses of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Conquering, the Luminous. They shall leave behind all that the people possess, even if it be the books of the first and the last. Verily, those who have recognized the sovereignty of the sea, its depths and its pearls - would they

turn to mere waves? Nay, by your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, if you be of those who know. And he who has drunk from the Kawthar of holiness from the hand of the celestial youths - would he be content with brackish water? Nay, by your Lord, the Merciful, if you be of those who are certain. And whoever has known the Sun will never occupy himself with its shadows. Thus do We cast upon your hearts that which will draw you near to God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Inaccessible, that perchance the people of insight might ascend above the dust.

Whoso hath recognized the Sun will never occupy himself with its shadows. Thus do We cast upon your hearts that which shall draw you nigh unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Most High, the Inaccessible, that perchance the people of understanding may ascend from the dust and rise unto the heaven of righteousness, the seat of mighty glory. And when thou reachest thy land, the city which hath been named after My name, the Sovereign, give glad-tidings unto it and unto them that have believed in that which the Pen of Holiness hath moved upon them from the finger of God, that ye may be of them that are filled with gladness. Say: O people! Ye were asleep upon the cushions of ease while the Temple of the Cause was crying out and lamenting. O people! Aid ye God and His Cause in these days, and hesitate not in aught, and be ye of them that help. And verily His help is to teach His Cause amongst the servants and to remain steadfast in His love in these days wherein the pillars of them that know have been made to tremble. O people! Exchange not the favor of God amongst you, nor deny that whereby your faith in God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, may be established. Fear ye God, O people, and cast not the Cause of God behind your backs, nor follow the footsteps of Satan. O people! If ye deny the Sovereign of the Cause, then by what countenance will ye turn in these days when the dust of fire hath enveloped most of the servants, and intoxication hath seized the dwellers of the heavens and the earth, save them that have relied upon God and have detached themselves from all things, and have held fast unto the cord of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Most Great Spirit! Make mention in the Book of Abul-Qasim who journeyed unto God and was touched on the way by the hardships of exile, that he may rejoice within himself and remain steadfast in the Cause of his Lord at a time wherein the feet of every man of knowledge and insight have slipped. O servant! Grieve not for anything, and turn not unto them that have disbelieved and turned away and were in manifest heedlessness. Be patient in what hath befallen thee, then put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and the Lord of all things, and the Lord of the worlds.

O Faraj! If thou passest not by thy home, send thou this Tablet unto Our near servants. We have made this Tablet as the garment of the Cause that the fragrance of the Youth may waft therefrom upon all created things, that perchance God may raise up thereby a people who will see naught save God, their Lord, and whom the allusions of them that turn aside will not debar, that perchance Our servant Abraham may find from this garment the sweet savors of holiness and may arise to establish the Cause between the heavens and the earth.

O Abraham! Step forth from behind the veil of silence in My Name, the Speaker, the Utterer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O friend! Sanctify thyself from all allusions, then raise thy call of the Spirit between earth and heaven, that perchance thereby the fire may be kindled in the breasts of the righteous, and

they may arise to serve the Cause with a sovereignty from Us and a command from Our presence. Verily, I am the Omnipotent over what I will, and I am the Bestower, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Arise to serve God and aid His Cause, and fear no one. This is God's command unto thee, decreed by the Pen of might and clarity. Say: Today nothing shall profit anyone, even if he should bring forth all the scriptures of heaven and earth, except that he enter beneath the shadow of his Lord, the Most High, in this His latter Manifestation. By God! This is His Beauty in truth, His Manifestation in the kingdom of command and creation, and His sovereignty amongst all created things.

Say: O people! Do ye write of the Bayan while denying Him Who revealed it? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! Do ye make mention of God, then seek to slay His very Self? Alas for you, O company of the idolaters! Say: He hath appeared in these days in such wise that all necks have bowed before Him, if ye be of them that know. The Cause of God hath been manifested through His own Self alone, as ye have heard and were among them that hearkened. Say: By God! The Cause hath shone forth like the sun at high noon, and none shall deny it save every blind and accursed one.

O friend! Strip thyself of the allusions of the people, then adorn thy temple with the raiment of resplendent glory, for We have made thee the herald of Our Cause in that land, that thou mayest acquaint the people with that which the Spirit hath inspired in thee from Our presence, and be of wondrous remembrance. By My beauty! He in whose heart there is love for aught created between the heavens and the earth shall never be able to bear this firm, mighty, and exalted Cause. Purify thyself with this heavenly stream which floweth from the fountainhead of eternity, then purify therewith the hearts of the seekers. Therefore, rejoice within thyself that We have named thee the herald of the Cause. Then circulate the crimson wine in My Most Glorious Name between earth and heaven, that through it may be quickened the spirits of those who, when the verses of their Lord, the Most High, are recited unto them, fall prostrate upon their faces in the dust in humility before God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Know thou that whatsoever thou hast heard regarding this Cause hath appeared by My command, and all else was created by My word, and none hath known this save My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self. When We desired to exalt the Cause among the peoples of old, We made reference in Our utterances to others besides Ourself, as a wisdom from Us, for We were the Ruler. We raised the Cause to such a station that ye heard of its spread and exaltation until the Word and mention thereof filled the heavens and earth. But when the Cause appeared and emerged, then shone forth and dawned, there rose against Me those servants who were created by My command, and thus were they among the transgressors.

O herald of the Cause! Those who concealed their faces behind veils out of fear for themselves, when the breezes of assurance wafted forth, emerged like serpents. Thus do We recount unto thee that which was hidden from the eyes of the beholders, that thou mayest be apprised of what hath befallen My Beauty and be among the knowing ones. Blessed art thou, O herald of the Cause, for having attained unto the presence of the Throne at the time when the Sun of the horizons shone forth from the direction of Iraq. By God! Thereby hast thou attained unto that which none other hath attained.

Well-pleasing shall it be unto thee, O herald of the Cause, for thou hast attained unto the presence before the Throne at an hour when the Sun of the horizons dawned forth from the region of Iraq. By God!

Thereby hast thou attained unto that which none hath attained, and this is a revelation from One Who is mighty and all-knowing. Give thanks unto God for having blessed thee with attainment unto His presence and for having aided thee to visit the Manifestation of His Self in days which no servant hath recognized, having been seized by vain imaginings and been in manifest heedlessness. Know thou that Satan shall come unto you from the direction of tyranny with that which shall prevent you from the Beauty of the All-Merciful. Then arise in the Cause, cast behind thee what is with him, turn away from him, and turn thy face unto My luminous and mighty and radiant countenance. Say: O Satan! Get thee gone from among the concourse of the Spirit, for We have found from thee the stench of hatred from God, the Mighty, the Generous. And thou hast borne, O accursed one, that whereby all who are in the heavens and earth curse thee, and the dwellers of the kingdom of Command and Creation, and all that was and that shall be. But thou wast heedless of that and wast among the negligent. By God! Thou hast passed by naught except that it cursed thee with its inner tongue, but since thou wast deaf, thou heardst not its call and wast among the ignorant. Thus do We recount unto thee tidings of the unseen, that ye may be assured that with Us is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of all things in preserved and mighty tablets.

O Tongue of Eternity! Make mention of Husayn in the Book and give him glad tidings of the lights of the Throne, that it may cause him to turn towards the direction of eternity, the scene of his Lord, the Most High, and draw him nigh unto the shore of paradise, the station wherein the fire was kindled from the Tree of the Chosen One, and which speaketh that there is none other God but I, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. O servant! How long wilt thou be negligent regarding thyself? Then be thou enkindled with this fire and proclaim among the righteous that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful, hath taught thee. Beware lest ye differ among yourselves and cast the Cause of God behind your backs. Be ye among the people as the lights of the sun, such that your faces may shine among the worlds. By God, O servant! Wert thou to become aware of what hath befallen Me of tribulation, thou wouldst weep and lament throughout thy life, and this is a manifest truth. Yet We have veiled the matter lest sorrow encompass the Manifestations of the All-Merciful and consume the hearts of them that are nigh. Therefore have We been patient and veiled the matter lest the veil of concealment be rent asunder from before the face of the worlds.

O Summoner of the Cause! Remember Our servant who hath been named with the first letter of My Name, that he may be thankful in himself and be of the grateful ones. Say: O son! Give thanks unto God for thy father having been martyred in His path and being numbered among the martyrs. By the True God! At the moment when his spirit ascended unto the Supreme Companion, the denizens of the highest paradise received him with crystal goblets and cups filled with the choice wine of paradise, and the hosts of Our exalted realm sought blessings from his presence. Were We to lift the veil from the eyes of men, they would witness his station in the most glorious paradise and would surely sacrifice their lives to attain his transcendent, resplendent, and luminous station. The maidens of paradise vie with each other to serve him, for he is seated at the right hand of paradise, crowned with the crown of immortality from My Most Great and Most Glorious Name. Thus hath the grace of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, encompassed him. And thou, O son, deprive not thyself of thy portion, for thou hast a station with thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Walk, then, in the footsteps of thy father and follow his

guidance, for even were his limbs to be severed, none would find aught therein save My love, as ye have witnessed and were among the witnesses. Thus have We informed thee of that which is hidden from the hearts of men, that thou mayest be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and be among those who are firmly rooted.

Then make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-'Ali and give him glad tidings from Us of that wherewith God hath remembered him in the Tablet, and his name hath flowed from the finger of holiness. This is a bounty that no bounty of those who have gone before or will come after can equal, and whosoever attaineth unto this hath attained unto all good from his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. O servant! Grieve not over the world and its hardships, for whatsoever hath been decreed for the servants in the scrolls of destiny, even though it be adversity, is better for them, were ye of those who understand. For God hath concealed the consequences of matters from the sight of men, and there is no God but Him. He ordaineth what He pleaseth and doeth what He willeth. How often through hardship doth the servant attain to the wellspring of ease, and how often through ease doth hardship overtake him, if ye be of those who observe. For example, wert thou to be in the position of authority and power that thy grandfather occupied, perchance leadership would have prevented thee from guidance. Thus doth the Beauty of Unity cast thee that thou mayest be in joy and wondrous delight in all conditions. Give thanks unto God for having taken from thee that which would have veiled thee from His recognition, for what profiteth the servant is this, and naught else will profit him even were the heavens and earth filled with precious rubies or luminous and holy pearls. By God! That which enricheth the servants in these days is the recognition of their Lord and then the love of the Youth, and besides these two, nothing will nourish or enrich, even were they to possess the treasures of the heavens and earth. Thus doth the Pen of Command admonish thee that thou mayest be steadfast in My love to such an extent that nothing will disturb thee, even wert thou to be struck with sharp swords of steel. Beware! Arise to serve God with such steadfastness that even if all who are in the heavens and earth were to rise against thee, thy feet would not slip from the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God! Should anyone in these days arise in My love and all on earth contend with him, God would assuredly cause him to triumph over them, for the spirit of power hath wafted from the direction of might upon those who are single-hearted. Then convey the Command of thy Lord with spirit and fragrance in such wise that no mischief will occur in the land, for it would recoil upon the root of the Tree, were ye of those who understand.

Then remind Ya'qub with wondrous remembrances from his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: The sight of Ya'qub was restored by the fragrance of the garment from Joseph the Mighty, and he was among those who saw. And verily We have sent unto thee the garment of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, in the form of a Tablet, that thou mayest discover from it the holy fragrances and that the sight of thy heart may be gladdened, such that thou wilt witness the lights of a mighty throne and remain steadfast in the love of thy Lord in days wherein the very essence of tranquility and constancy is shaken, the mountains of idle fancies are leveled, and the veil of the deluded is rent asunder. Then thou shalt find the Concourse of the Bayan intoxicated with the command, and the whips of the command shall seize them from all directions while they rejoice within themselves and are among the heedless. At that time pay no heed to them, but flee unto God Who created you and fashioned you, then take your seat on the right hand in a secure station of glory.

O My loved ones! Adorn your bodies with the raiment of courtesy and justice, and do not commit that which your minds and conscience abhor. Fear God and be among the God-fearing. And thou, O Ya'qub, if thou wouldst behold with the eye of the heart the garment of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, thou wouldst find it reddened with the blood of hatred by the arrows of the wicked, and God beareth witness that ye are among the heedless concerning it.

Then We sent Our mercy from the direction of eternity to him who was named Rahmat'u'llah that he might be merciful unto himself and be among the merciful ones. And verily his mercy toward himself is the recognition of his Lord - this is the foundation of mercy. Have ye seen anything better than this? Nay, by the Self of Baha, were ye of those who are certain!

O servant! Prevent not the winds of thy Lord's mercy from blowing upon thyself, nor the breezes of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, from wafting over thine own being. Cast behind thee every remembrance, then hold fast to the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing. And if harm toucheth thee, grieve not but reflect upon My harm and say as I say: "O Lord! Harm hath touched me, and Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful." And if adversity befalleth thee, be patient and say as I say: "O Lord! Pour forth upon me patience, for Thou art the best of helpers." And if decree afflicteth thee, show forth patience and say: "O Lord! Send down upon me mercy, for Thou art the best of those who send down."

O Ancient Beauty! Shine forth from the direction of eternity with the effulgence of Thy Most Glorious Name upon him who was named Muhammad in the kingdom of names, that he may be attracted within himself by what hath seized him of the revelation of the Cause from the direction of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. O servant! Were there a thousand souls within thee and thou wert to sacrifice them all for having thy name flow from the Pen of God, it would still be more insignificant than anything else in the presence of this mighty grace. And if thou wouldst sharpen thy vision, thou wouldst witness that nothing whatsoever that hath been created in the heavens and on earth can equal it. Beware lest thou forget the grace of thy Lord or be among the doubters in thy Lord's religion. Stand firm in the Cause, then be steadfast and be not disturbed by the cawing of the polytheists. Soon shall the clamor of the Samaritan and then the cry of the calf be raised among the worlds. Thus do We inform you with the truth that ye may be apprised of what shall appear among creation and that the breezes of the polytheists may not veil you.

Then let another effulgence shine upon him who is named Ismail, that he may be revived by the gentle breezes of his Lord and be among those who rejoice. O Zabih! Guard thyself from all that thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, abhorreth. Turn not to the world and its ornaments and what hath been ordained therein, for these shall profit thee nothing. Rather, what shall profit thee is that which hath been ordained for thee on tablets of sublime glory. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of the sacred sanctuary, or thy soul of the Kaaba of intimate communion, or thy tongue of the remembrance of God, the Triumphant, the Almighty, the Powerful. O servant! Weep thou for the Self of God and His loneliness, then for His tribulations and exile in this land from which the feet of seekers have been cut off. Say: O people! Have mercy upon Him Who aided you when ye were in manifest abasement and fear, Who stood alone among the enemies and helped you with the hosts of the unseen. Thus was His help ever nigh unto

the believers. Beware, O people, lest when ye feel secure in yourselves, ye transgress your bounds and contend with your Lord, the Merciful, or dispute that which hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of a mighty Name. O people! Refute not the truth with what ye possess. By God! All that whereby ye seek to prove your case hath proceeded from My tongue and flowed from My All-Knowing, All-Wise Pen. Beware lest ye seize Me because of this, for the Most Great Spirit speaketh within My breast and the Spirit of Eternity moveth the Pen of Baha as He pleaseth. This is from Him, nay, from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. By God! Were the matter in My hands, I would have veiled My face from all who are on earth and would have departed from among these people and dwelt upon a mountain where My name would not be mentioned among My loved ones, much less among these heedless ones. By God! Whenever I desire to remain silent about wondrous remembrances, the Spirit of Remembrance speaketh within My being, raiseth Me up to His Cause, and strengtheneth Me at all times.

O My brother, who hast slandered Me after I reared thee by Mine own self and protected thee from the harm of the worlds! How many were the nights when thou didst rest in comfort upon thy bed while I kept vigil around thy house as one of thy protectors! How many were the days when thou didst dwell at ease with thy wives while I stood before the presence of the oppressors lest harm touch thee or aught befall thee that would grieve thee and cause thee to be among the sorrowers! Yet despite all this, thou didst secretly plot behind My back, seeking to find occasion against Me and to do that which would shake the pillars of a mighty throne. We would send to various lands to bring before thee that which would gladden thy soul and bring joy to thy being, that thou mightest be among those who rejoice. Yet at every moment thou didst seek to harm Me, to such extent that if thou couldst find someone to whom thou couldst confide, thou wouldst impart that which would consume the hearts of the concourse of the worlds. By God! I was aware of all this, yet after this knowledge We concealed what thou wert doing - thus was thy Lord All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. By God! Through what flowed from thy pen regarding morals, the faces of glory fell prostrate in the dust, the veil of grandeur was rent in the Ridvan of eternity, and the hearts of those near to God were convulsed, until thou didst journey with Me on this journey which caused tears to flow down the radiant cheeks of the dwellers in the exalted chambers of glory. Despite all thou didst ask of Me and seek My permission for, I spoke not a word, for I perceived in thee what none else in the worlds had perceived. When thou didst journey and enter this land, thou didst rise against Me every day, nay every hour. By God! No spot remained in My body that was not struck by the arrows of thy schemes. If thou wouldst deny this, the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, would bear witness. Until thou didst slander Me without any proof or clear book. When these emigrants learned of this, their cries and lamentations were raised while thou wert in thy house in great comfort and delight. When We witnessed thy deed and what flowed from thy pen, We departed from among you alone, with no helper or supporter, such that there was none to serve Me or cook for these children what had been ordained for them from the Kingdom of their Lord, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Merciful. Yet even after this thou didst not rest, but spread throughout the land thy deeds in My name to instill rancor in the hearts of the loved ones, and there issued from thy tongue and pen that which the Pen of the Most High would be ashamed to recount. Hear then what was revealed before: “If thou stretch out thine hand to slay Me, I shall not stretch out Mine hand to slay thee. God is witness to what I say.” O My brother! By God, thou and those with thee shall perish and return to dust, while sovereignty remaineth with God, the Almighty, the Powerful. By God, O My brother! I harbor no hatred for thee nor for any created thing in My heart.

Therefore hear My words, purify thyself, and be not of the heedless. Even if thou remainest as thou art and all in the heavens and earth were to bow down before thee, would it profit thee in any way? Nay, by My Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

By My Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Should all mankind abhor Me, would that benefit thee in any way? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Ancient of Days! Then would My Pen weep, and Mine eye, and all things, wert thou to be of them that observe. Cast behind thee the world and its adornments, and let not authority divert thee from the remembrance of thy Lord and from showing humility before God's God-fearing servants. Yet with all this thou wast not content, until thou didst write to the chief of the city with such abasement as brought low Mine honor amongst all created things. Then thou didst ally thyself with him who hateth thee and who hateth Me, and didst hear with thine own ears that of which thou didst complain to My face, and thou wast among the complainers. When he arose in enmity against Me and the fire of malice was kindled in his heart, thou didst take him as thy helper, and thus wast thou among the doers thereof. Soon shall be made manifest to thee what lieth in his heart, for God hath decreed that He shall reveal it in truth, and He, verily, doeth whatsoever He willeth. By God, O My brother, if thou wert fair in thy judgment, thou wouldst weep over thyself and over Me, and would lament in thy days, and be among those who repent unto God Who created thee by His command. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are recorded in sacred and exalted Tablets with Him. Look to the beginning of time - did he who slew his elder brother, who was named Abel, remain upon the earth? Nay, by God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Wise! Rather, he returned to dust, then God raised him up in truth and questioned him about his deed, then returned him to his abode. Thus observe this matter, then ponder upon it, and be of them that reflect. Beware lest thou be veiled from what We have bestowed upon thee from the Kingdom of Names, for verily it was created by Our command, and We were indeed the Commander of all things.

O Most Great Beauty! Move the Pen in remembrance of Thy Lord, then purify it from the mention of aught else but Him. Take heed lest thou occupy thyself with anyone else, and be thou engaged in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. Then behold him who standeth before the Cause with the glances of Thy glorious and tender mercy, the Mighty, the Protector, the All-Encompassing - he who was named Ali after Sha'ban - that he may arise from his slumber and be of those who remember. Say: O servant! The Lote-Tree of Remembrance hath been raised up in this wise Remembrance, and the leaves, suspended and stirring upon its branches, proclaim that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Peerless, and that this is the Splendor of God between the heavens and the earth, and His Light in the dominion of Command and Creation, and His sovereignty over what hath been and what shall be, were ye of those who know. Through Him hath shone forth the Sun of Glory and Majesty, and the faces of those near unto God have been illumined. Were it not for Him, nothing would have appeared in creation, nor would the Spirit have spoken upon the branch of eternity that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. O servant! Adorn thyself with My attributes, then walk in My ways, and this is indeed a bounty wherewith no other bounty in the worlds can compare. Then adorn thy tongue with truthfulness and thy temple with the robe of justice, if thou be of them that act. Thus doth the One mighty in power teach thee from the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Then adorn the temple of the Friend with the robe of thy Lord's remembrance, the Glorious,

that he may shatter the idols of vain desire through My supreme and most exalted sovereignty, and be of the steadfast in the days wherein the souls of those who are settled upon the thrones of names shall be shaken, and every possessor of authority shall set aside his authority, and thou shalt see mankind drunken from the thunderbolt of the Command. Thus do We cast upon thee from the holy verses that thou mayest be of those who know. Be thou steadfast, O servant, in the love of God and the Manifestation of His Self, and this is the foundation of religion, if thou be of them that act. Abandon self and desire, then soar with the wings of holiness in this atmosphere which hath encompassed the worlds. Take heed lest thy tongue be veiled by the veil of falsehood, for it debaseth man among all created things. Say: O people! Fulfill that which ye have covenanted, and deprive not the poor of what ye possess, for by this the good is withheld from the cloud of exalted bounty. Then follow what hath been ordained for you in the Book and be ye in deed more than in word. By God! This is My way and the way of the sanctified ones. Say: O people! The glances of God have turned toward you, yet ye turn not your sight to Him; thus are ye in grievous heedlessness. The face of God hath shone forth above your heads - beware lest ye withhold your eyes from gazing upon it, for this is a bounty that was great before the throne. The Kingdom of God hath risen before your faces - beware lest ye deprive yourselves of its shade and be not of the heedless. Thus doth the Sovereign of the Cause command you with that which is better for you than whatsoever hath been created in the worlds.

O Herald of the Cause! Command him who hath been named Rida to direct the mirror of his heart unto the Most Sublime Vision of God, this most pure and most manifest station, and to be of them that are assured. Say: O servant! Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through Our power, then enter the Law of certitude. Know ye that all peoples have been veiled by the veil of fancy from time immemorial. When We desired to rend them asunder, We sent forth a Manifestation from among the Manifestations of Our Self to tear apart the veils of creation by the power of the All-Merciful. Thereupon, an outcry was raised between the heavens and the earth, and the souls of the idolaters were struck with terror, until God established the truth through His signs and brought to naught the deeds of them that were veiled from the beauty of the Cause and were among the heedless. And though naught existed between them save fancy, its rending proved grievous unto them and they were among them that cried out. In those days We raised up all fancies in human form and adorned them with the garment of one of Our names. We then caused their mention to become renowned among men, and thus were We the doer thereof. But when he waxed proud before God his Lord, and contended and disputed with Him, We stripped from him the garment of names and caused him to appear as a handful of clay. Blessed, then, is he who rendeth asunder this most great veil, the like of which hath not appeared in the dominion of the worlds. Glad tidings unto the soul whom the pride of fancy hindereth not, and who rendeth it asunder with the fingers of power from one mighty and powerful. Joy unto him whom the veils of glory prevent not from entering beneath the shadow of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and who is of them that have cast behind them all that would veil them from the remembrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

O Ancient Pen in the most great dominion! Move, by thy Lord's leave, to make mention of him who hath been named 'Ali-Khan, that the breezes of the All-Merciful may attract him from this Garden whose leaves proclaim that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Just, the Peerless, the All-Wise.

Hearken unto that which the Most Great Spirit singeth in the ancient dominion, that thereby thy soul may find repose and thou mayest be of them whom the joy of the Cause hath seized from every direction, and who are among them that rejoice. O people! Be as lights of the countenance among the servants and as manifestations of the Cause throughout the lands, that through you may appear the signs of God amidst His creation and His power amongst all creatures. Beware! Adorn yourselves with the virtues of God and His Cause, and be distinguished from all others. Then will your connection to your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, prove true. Otherwise, the decree of existence shall not prove true for any soul, how much less this most exalted and glorious station. Thus doth the Pen of Counsel counsel you from one mighty and generous.

O Summoner! Summon from Our presence Our servant Solomon and give him glad tidings of the Spirit of the All-Merciful, that he may be of those who rejoice. O Solomon! Guard thyself from the manifestations of Satan, then build the Most Holy Temple with blocks of love from this Most Glorious Youth, then raise it with hands of detachment, then adorn it with the gold of remembrance in commemoration of this Beauty through Whom the banner of majesty was raised in the heaven of independence, and thereby there befell him that which caused the eyes of those who were before and after to weep. O people! Enter the Most Holy Temple which God hath built with hands of grace in your hearts. Beware lest ye destroy it with the hosts of self and passion, then preserve it from the mention of satans. Say: By God! I am verily the Most Holy Temple in the Concourse on High, and the Much-frequented Fane in the realm of manifestation, and the Sanctuary of Grandeur at the Divine Lote-Tree, and where the Command was fulfilled at the Holy Place of permanence, and the station of holiness in this lofty and impregnable Paradise. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and destroy not His House of Command with hands of hatred, and demolish not its pillars through the promptings of self and passion. Fear God Who created you through the manifestation of His Self and sent unto you that whereby the eyes of eternity were consoled by His beauty, but ye are wrapped in the veils of your selves among the dead. O people! Break not God's covenant, nor cast His testament behind your backs, nor be among those who mock His signs, even as the servants mocked in those days - they whose realities were created by a stroke of His Pen - and thus were they among the transgressors.

Then make mention in the Book of Mahdi that he may be guided by the guidance of God his Lord and be of those who are guided. O Mahdi! Take God's guidance with strength from Us and cast behind thy back the guidance of those who mention God with their tongues while opposing His Self and warring against His Being, yet perceive it not. When anyone enters their presence they sit cross-legged, then extend their fingertips from their sleeves and move their tongues with dignity in remembrance of thy Chosen Lord. This is what they do outwardly, while inwardly they pronounce against God to preserve their leadership, caring not the slightest bit about it. Say: By God, the Truth! Even if ye were to remember God to the point where your tongues were cut off, and worship Him until your backs were bent, it would profit you not except through My love. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the heaven of mighty glory. Would it profit those who were given the Furqan if they were to worship God with the worship of both worlds? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Likewise observe today among the people of the Bayan, if ye be of those who know. Thus hath the Finger of Power rent asunder the veil of concealment, and truth appeareth, and the Spirit speaketh with pure truthfulness between the heavens and the earths, that

perchance people may know their Creator and not be veiled by what passeth between the servants from the remembrance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful.

Then the Pen of Command desired to make mention of the Messenger in the Tablet that his deed might correspond to his name and that he might be of those who act. O Messenger! Deliver the messages of thy Lord first unto thyself, then deliver them unto the people that thy word might influence the hearts of those who seek. Then send unto the servants what We have sent unto thee from the direction of the All-Merciful - the fragrances of glory - that perchance they may be drawn to the throne of good-pleasure, this hallowed, luminous station. Say: O people! Hearken unto the Word of God, then recite it in your days. God hath ordained for its reciter the good of this world and the next, and will raise him up in the gardens of Paradise in such beauty that all in the worlds will be illumined thereby. Well is it with him who reciteth the verses of his Lord and pondereth their mysteries and discovereth what hath been treasured therein of the gems of a preserving knowledge.

Then remind the one who hath visited the Ancient House, that he may rejoice in that which hath been mentioned of God's traces in this firm, decisive and strong utterance. Say: By God! We have raised up the Sanctuary upon the Temple of Glorification in the Form of Honor, in the image of the Youth in these days. Blessed then be God, the Best of creators! And whoso circleth round it, verily the denizens of the Supreme Concourse circle round him, and then the temples of them that glorify. But God hath accepted from His loved ones that which they missed, as a grace from His presence, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Soon shall the hosts of God's sovereignty descend there, and they shall assuredly aid His Cause, exalt His remembrance, and recite His verses at dawn and eventide.

O Herald of the Cause! Make mention from Us to those servants whose names the Pen of God hath not moved to inscribe, that the fragrant breezes of remembrance may waft upon them from the presence of One Forgiving, Merciful. Say: We have recorded your names on holy tablets which lay concealed behind the veils of the Cause and treasured in the strongholds of thy Lord's protection, the Ruler, the All-Wise. Let the loved ones of God gather together in His Cause in such wise that naught may arise between them to divide them, and that they may be as one soul. Thus have We commanded thee and them, that ye may be among the doers.

Then make mention of the handmaidens of God who have believed in God their Creator, and those who have been afflicted with tribulations. Say: Be patient and grieve not at this, for God hath ordained for you and for those who have martyred in His path what no mind can comprehend. And the Spirit and glory and splendor be upon you, O hosts of God in all lands, if ye be of them that are steadfast in the Cause of your Lord.

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

Praise be unto the Beloved of all possibility and the Goal of the peoples of the world, Who hath strengthened His loved ones to assist His Cause and exalt His Word, and enabled them to execute His

commandments and ordinances which are the source of the world's order and the preservation of nations. They are the Hands of the Cause and the Letters of the Book. Through them power and dominion were made manifest and resplendent in the realm of earthly sovereignty. They are the stars in the heaven of Revelation and the standards of victory from God, the Lord of Resurrection. Through them the heaven hath rained, the sun hath shone forth, and the horizons have been illumined.

The letter of that noble soul was in truth a book that attracted the lovers of the Peerless Beauty, perfumed as it was with the mention of the Beloved of the world and illumined by the sun of His blessed Name. God knoweth that neither narcissus nor eglantine possesseth such fragrance, nor do ambergris and jasmine. Having inhaled its fragrance and learned of its contents, we turned toward the heaven of heavens and offered praise. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur, glorified be His majesty:

"O Lion! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Praise be to God that thou art occupied with the mention of the Truth and art steadfast in service to His Cause. Say: O servants! This Day is a different Day, requiring a different tongue to be worthy of praising the Beloved of the world, and different deeds to be acceptable at His threshold. The whole world longed for this Day, that perchance they might achieve that which is befitting and worthy. Blessed is the soul whom worldly affairs have not hindered from the Lord of all beings. The heedlessness of the people hath reached such a pass that they remain unaware of the sinking of cities, the leveling of mountains, and the cleaving of the earth. The signs and tokens of all the Books have become manifest, and at every moment the cry is raised, yet all are stupefied by the wine of heedlessness, save whom God willeth. Each day the earth is afflicted with a fresh calamity, ever increasing moment by moment. From the time of the revelation of the Suriy-i-Ra'is until this day, neither hath the earth found tranquility nor have the servants attained peace. At times contention, at times warfare, at times chronic diseases. The malady of the world hath reached such a state that it is nigh unto despair, for the true Physician is barred while the false healers are accepted and engaged. In these parts, in certain lands, signs of subsidence have appeared. Strange events have occurred and continue to occur, yet the heedless remain behind a manifest veil. Do they not reflect? Where is the Prime Minister of Iran, and his glory and wealth? Where is his power and might? The dust of discord hath seized the hearts and encompassed all eyes. Soon shall they witness what they have wrought in the days of God. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. God willing, mayest thou ever be assisted in the mention of the Truth, the praise of the Truth, and service to the Cause of Truth, in such wise that its traces may become manifest from the horizons of the world and the horizons of the hearts of all peoples. Give the friends of God, exalted be His glory, to drink of the wine of immortality in the Most Great Name, and gladden all with the mention of God and His favor. Say: Strive that ye may attain unto a word from the Kingdom of utterance." Thus it endeth.

Praise be to God that the cup of reunion is at hand, arriving, as the Persians say, one after another. I beseech God that this cup may ever be in circulation, though it be mixed with the oppression of the Friend and renowned by the name of the Beloved. God willing, may this bounty never cease, nor may the hands of the aggressors alter it. May the servant drink thereof and hear "Well done!"

The two missives from your honor, dated the 9th and 24th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, were like two brilliant suns illuminating this ephemeral heart. God willing, may such suns ever rise, dawn, shine and appear. This

servant beseeches and hopes from God to be assisted in responding without delay, for from all directions there arrives that which renders one incapable of adequate reply. In all conditions, confirmation comes from God, exalted be His glory. He is verily the Confirmer, the Omnipotent.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor the Sahib, upon him be the Glory of God, the response was previously submitted in two letters. God willing, they will have arrived by now, and may you be assisted in that which will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Praise be to God that your honor is in all conditions confirmed in wisdom. Concerning what you wrote about arriving in Qum and association with the friends of God, exalted be His glory, this detail was submitted. Thus spoke the Tongue of the Desired One, exalted be His glory: "God willing, may they be ever engaged in serving the Cause and be assisted in guiding those who are heedless."

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim and likewise the cotton-carders, upon them be the Glory of God, and their enthusiasm - God willing, may they ever remain occupied thus. Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly return.

Concerning what you wrote about how beneficial it would be if someone were to occasionally visit those regions - this is a statement with which every informed scholar and wise mystic would agree. Ever has it been heard from the Blessed Tongue that certain souls, adorned with good character and mindful of the requirements of the time and wisdom, should journey to those parts and bestow the water of life. The breezes of the utterance of the All-Merciful should ever be wafting. This matter is, by command, necessary and obligatory. Blessed are they that act.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Na'ib 'Ali-Akbar Beg, upon him be the Glory of God - his honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, in two letters sent to this ephemeral one, mentioned him and wrote of his expressions of love, and likewise wrote in detail about a mount. In these matters, they have thus far shown the utmost consideration, and whatever has reached them from anyone has been conveyed to the Most Holy Court. This is what the servant testifies to according to his station and rank, and knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what was written in the other letter mentioning the beloved of God in Qum, upon them be the Glory of God, those very passages were submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur, exalted be His glory […]

O Lion! Upon thee be My glory! The intoxication of heedlessness hath encompassed the world. A guide is needed. The true friends of God are like the gentle breezes of spring - in whatsoever land they pass, they render the trees of being verdant and cause them to yield wondrous and exalted fruits. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation and command, for having aided thee to serve His Cause and having acquainted thee with that which was hidden from the eyes of all save whom God willeth. Convey my greetings to Ahmad, Ibrahim, and the carders, upon them be the Glory of God, and to the other friends in that land. God willing, may they attain such a station that the might and wrath of the oppressors shall not deter them from the Dayspring of Divine Unity. Say: O friends! This is the day of soaring, the day of mention and utterance. Ye must soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful on the wings of certitude in the name of the True One. The breezes of mercy are wafting, and

the cup of the choice wine is being offered by the hands of bounty before all faces. Drink ye thereof in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of the Seen and the Unseen. Know ye the value of these days. Death is ordained for all; if it come in the path of God, it hath been and ever will be most beloved. The people of Baha must manifest themselves through goodly character and heavenly attributes, and must observe wisdom. In such case, whatsoever may befall them is, by the life of God, better than the life of the world. O friends! Let not the time slip away. With perfect dignity and composure, hold ye fast unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And regarding what thou didst write about Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim - upon him be the Glory of God - being aflame in that land, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of grace especially for him. God willing, may he attain unto it. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer […]

O Abraham! The Friend remembereth thee, who summoned all unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One hath heard mention of thee and thy burning with the fire of the love of God, and remembereth thee in this luminous Tablet. We have entered into the Most Great Prison and have revealed that which God, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath willed. Among the people are those who have cast away what they possessed and turned to the Supreme Horizon, believing in the One, the All-Informed, and drank the Kawthar of life from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful. And among them are those who turned away and showed pride before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the evidences of its Lord, and the ear that hath heard His most great verses, and the tongue that hath spoken His beautiful remembrance. Take hold of the Book with the strength bestowed by Us in such wise that neither the veils of the divines prevent thee nor the conditions of the oppressors frighten thee. Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with mighty sovereignty, desiring to quicken the earth after its death. Fear God and be not of the heedless. By their tyranny the Concourse on High hath lamented and the eyes of them that are nigh have wept. Soon shall the world and all that the people possess perish, and there shall endure unto thee what hath been sent down in this noble station. We make mention of Our loved ones there who have held fast unto that which they were commanded in the Book by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Say: Should anyone come unto you with other than what God hath desired, leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My loved ones! We make mention of you for the sake of God, that your names may thereby endure in His preserved Tablet. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken while in the midst of the opposition. Rejoice in the days of your Lord! By God, the ocean of bounty hath surged and the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by the sun of My holy, mighty and wondrous remembrance.

God willing, may they attain unto the visitation of this most mighty, most holy Tablet, be illumined by its light and enkindled by its heat, in such wise that its effects become manifest in the Concourse on High, let alone among the people of the earth. However, in all circumstances ye must observe wisdom, lest the croaking be raised and the divine wine remain concealed. Specifically for Aqa Siyyid Ahmad and the

cotton-carders, upon them be the glory of God, exalted Tablets have previously been revealed. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Regarding what was written about visiting the land of Jasb and meeting the loved ones of God, this evanescent servant wrote a letter in reply to the missive of Mulla Ghulam-Rida, and in that letter a most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for him, and likewise for each of the souls mentioned in his letter a blessed Tablet was revealed. Exalted, exalted is the bounty of our Beloved, and the loving-kindness of our Goal, and His mercy that hath preceded all who exist. For each of the friends whose name was mentioned in His presence, whether living or dead, there was revealed that which testifieth and proveth and beareth witness to His favor, loving-kindness and mercy. God willing, may the people of Baha recognize their stations and preserve them. How excellent is the deed of those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken! A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath arisen to teach the Cause of God and upon those souls who were blessed to hear and who arose with perfect steadfastness and firmness in the Cause. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist all in the world and to make known unto them what hath escaped them in these days the like of which the eyes have never seen.

And as for your attention to the land of Badqan and mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and his being set ablaze with the fire of the love of God - mention of him was made in the letter of Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and this servant submitted this matter. A most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him and the beloved ones of that land, and was sent to the aforementioned one to deliver. That beloved one should give them the glad-tidings of the blessed Tablet so they may engage in serving the Cause with divine confirmations more than before. And specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim from Qum, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, a most mighty and holy Tablet was also revealed and sent to Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan to deliver, as they had made mention of the aforementioned one, and since that beloved one has also made mention, another most mighty and honored Tablet was once again revealed and details thereof were submitted. God willing that beloved one will deliver them. The aforementioned one has become the recipient of two Tablets. God willing these two Tablets will become two wings for his soaring in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful.

And as for what you wrote regarding Naraq and the beloved ones of that land, it was submitted before His presence and mention of each of those souls issued from the blessed tongue, and He said: "Praise be to God that Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be My glory, has succeeded in serving the Truth and in His mention and praise - a matter which today is most important and is considered by God as the mightiest pillar of teaching, and he is engaged in it with utmost joy and fragrance. Blessed is he and blessed is he who heareth from him what God hath revealed in the Book. The beloved ones of the land of N and R have been under the glances of favor. God willing they will be assisted to achieve that which beseemeth the Day of God and be confirmed in that which is the cause and means of the perpetuation of mention. The river floweth and the ocean is manifest. Blessed are they that attain." This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings and praise to them. It is hoped from God's profound grace, exalted be His glory, that He will confirm all to unity and harmony and to that which today is the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause.

And as for what you wrote that at the time of writing, Jinab-i-Aqa Mir from Fath-Abad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, also requested that mention be made of him - this matter was submitted. This is what the tongue of the Beloved uttered in reply, exalted be His grandeur: "O Mir! God willing may the lights of the Day of Manifestation illumine you at all times and keep you occupied with the mention of the Peerless Friend. Observe the people - a world wherein all acknowledge and confess their mortality, yet they have taken it as their object of worship and have remained deprived and forbidden from the true Object of Worship and the lights of the spiritual Sun. O Mir! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner. Verily He will assist thee and draw thee nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Mention of steadfast souls hath flowed and been revealed from the Supreme Pen. God willing may they hold fast unto what God hath willed and be detached and free from aught else. I convey greetings to all the friends of that land and other regions, and counsel them to that which is the cause of the loftiness and elevation of man's station. Blessed are they that act and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining forth from the horizon of thy Lord the All-Merciful's will be upon thee and upon them and upon every patient and grateful one. Praise be to God, the Kind, the Forgiving."

O Muhammad-Rida! Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who hath aided thee through the grace of His Most Great Name and guided thee unto that whereof most of the peoples of the earth remain heedless and veiled. The path of God is clear, His verses are revealed, and His evidences are manifest; yet all are heedless save whom God willeth. Know thou the value of these days and occupy thyself with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. The might of the tyrants, the dominion of the Pharaohs, the power of the Chosroes, and the wealth of the Caesars - all were witnessed to be fleeting and non-existent, and that which is visible today will likewise return to nothingness. It behooveth man to cling unto that which is everlasting and enduring. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His signs, and the Manifestation of His Self, and for having sent down unto thee that which all the kingdoms of the earth cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Then beseech Him to aid thee in that which is meet for His days. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the Answering. Praise be to God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

We earnestly hope that at all times thou wilt derive from the divine utterances that which conduceth to life and permanence. Verily, this servant loveth to make mention of him who hath turned unto God, attained unto His recognition, submitted to His sovereignty, and voiced His praise. As to what thou didst write about visiting on behalf of that loved one: for two hours on Tuesday night, the 25th of Rabi'u'l-Avval, I sought the presence of the Lord of all beings, and after attaining His presence and receiving permission, the visitation and circumambulation were performed and, praise be to God, were graced with acceptance. May it be well with thee!

Regarding thy mention of the Land of Kaf and the Navvab - upon him be the glory of God - and Haji Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah and Aqa Siyyid Hashim - upon them be the glory of God - these have attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names, and the sun of grace hath shone and beamed forth upon each one. Some time ago this servant wrote and sent a detailed letter to the Navvab, and likewise a most holy and exalted Tablet was sent specifically for him, and similarly, exalted and glorious Tablets were sent specifically for Haji Siyyid Muhammad and the other friends through Sheikh S - upon him be the glory of God. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid them all in such wise

that the transient things of this fleeting world may not withhold them from the Lord of Names, that they may be enabled to achieve that which is befitting and be confirmed in that which is adorned with the ornament of immortality. Similarly, that other letter from that loved one, dated the 27th of Dhi'l-Hijjih, was in truth a healing remedy for this ailing servant, for it was adorned and perfumed with the fragrance of that loved one's sincerity, for the sake of God, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving.

Regarding the mention of returning to the land of Qamsar and also meeting with Haji Siyyid Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God - mention of him was made in the Most Holy Presence and a special Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of bounty. Likewise for my letter to Aqa Mir Abdul-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God, and specifically for them in my letter a Most Holy Tablet was revealed. Similarly, for each of the individuals mentioned in their letter, wondrous, exalted and impregnable Tablets have dawned from the horizon of the heaven of grace. God willing, they will attain unto them. And likewise specifically for Mulla Ghulam-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, from the land of Jasb, and the souls mentioned in his letter which he had written to this servant, and also specifically for Sheikh Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, and the souls mentioned in his letter. Praise be to God, regarding all the names mentioned in the packets of that beloved one, the manifestation of bounty and supreme favor from the Dawning-Place of the mercy of the Lord of Names is evident and clear. That beloved one should observe them and after making copies should send the originals to Haji Siyyid Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God, and he after reviewing should deliver them to their owners, namely the souls mentioned.

And regarding what was written about the Huquq, the sale of properties is not permitted according to the Command. Those souls upon whom Huquq has become incumbent should, if they are able, be blessed to pay it. They said: We have left the properties to those souls themselves - they may dispose of them as they wish. The benefit of good deeds returns to the souls performing them, especially for one who is enabled to pay the Right of God. This is a matter that must be carried out with utmost honor. Whosoever turns towards it and pays it with complete willingness and contentment, the Trustees should accept it from him, otherwise He verily is independent of all worlds.

This supreme word has issued from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for Abu'l-Hasan Ardikani: Forsake the entire world but forsake not an atom's weight of the honor of God's Cause. Blessed are those souls who have truly arisen today to render service and have been enabled to do what is befitting.

With regard to what was written concerning teachers of the Cause, this found acceptance in the Most Holy Court. In truth, every soul who arises to serve this most great and momentous Cause must be adorned with all virtues, both outward and inward, and must have sufficient means. In whatever land he enters, the fragrance of detachment must waft from him. Indeed, that beloved one has expressed a most pleasing statement on this matter. God willing, that beloved one shall be assisted and confirmed in all conditions to undertake whatsoever will exalt God's Cause. They stated that the provisions for teachers are of two kinds, both of which are necessary: First, reliance upon God, and second, they should be given a portion of what is collected from the Huququ'llah. This matter has been concluded. In previous years, sufficient guidance regarding the qualifications of teachers has been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Truly this is a most mighty matter. Blessed is he who attains unto it, for he is among those who have aided God, his Lord, to the utmost possible degree. God willing, the wealthy souls shall be enabled to pay

the Rights of God so that these matters may be carried out in the utmost spirit and joy throughout the earth. Had they known, they would have spent their very souls and all they possess in the path of God. Furthermore, that beloved one is himself authorized to receive the Rights of God. Praise be to God, that honorable one has received the effulgences of the Sun of Providence. His is the praise in all conditions, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

That beloved one's arrangement regarding the Rights of God was indeed sound and firm. However, since this matter depends on the actions of many souls in cities and villages, it will inevitably become widely known, and its spread will cause commotion among the heedless and ignorant. Therefore, one must act according to what God has commanded. Regarding the two units of Rights that were mentioned, by command they should be used by Haji Siyyid Ibrahim himself according to the number of the Greatest Name, to be spent during the festivals or given to the poor - both are acceptable in the sight of God. The remainder goes to that beloved one or to Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be 95 [Baha'u'llah].

As for the mention of Aqa Muhammad Hashim and three others who attained to the wine of faith, this was presented before His presence. This is what was revealed in response from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the Final End. Exalted be His glory:

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

O Hashim! He who has arisen to serve Me and dedicated his affairs to the triumph of My Cause has mentioned thee. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, for We are truly the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance is raised, and blessed is the servant who has been adorned with the ornament of My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Give thanks to God for having enabled thee to recognize Him and guided thee to His straight path. It behooveth thee to thank God at all times. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering.

We make mention of Muhammad, who has turned toward the Supreme Horizon and attained to this Cause, from which all on earth have turned aside save whom God has willed, the Lord of all worlds. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison and say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made me know Thee and given me to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of bounty. I testify that Thy grace has preceded the world. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of the handmaiden of God who has turned unto Him and desired to drink from the Kawthar of utterance in the days of her Lord, the Most Merciful. Blessed is every handmaiden who has attained unto this noble station. We make mention of another handmaiden and give her glad tidings of My grace and bounty, and We command her and My handmaidens to be steadfast in the Cause and to act in accordance with that which befitteth the days of God, the Single, the One, the All-Informed.

The petition of Aqa Muhammad Hashim was presented before His presence. The Tongue of Favor spoke these blessed words: "We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for her that which shall profit her in the hereafter and in this world. Verily He knoweth what is with Him, and He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing."

And regarding what was written that Aqa Muhammad Hashim desired his household in (city of) ? to attain unto the Name [of God] and become a place of passage for the loved ones of God, this was presented. Thus spoke the Tongue of our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth, exalted be His glory: "O Lion! Upon thee be My glory! We have accepted what thou hast written. Give glad tidings from Me to him who is named Muhammad-i-Hashim, that he may thank God, his Lord, for this great bounty."

Blessed are they who have recognized the station of this divine Day and have attained unto the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. All the Prophets and Messengers beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for the attainment of this Day, and this matter is recorded and inscribed in all divine Books and Scriptures. Nevertheless, none attained save the people of the Crimson Ark, mention of which was revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. God willing, through the confirmations of the Desired One, those souls who have not been contaminated by rancor and hatred will perceive the fragrances of revelation and attain unto that which is intended. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in the cities and regions, and give them glad tidings of God's grace, His bounty and His mercy that have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O beloved of My heart! Those souls from whom emanate and diffuse the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds truly have no equal or likeness, and never will. This evanescent servant has always cherished and continues to cherish their mention, to such an extent that were all days and nights to be spent in their remembrance, it would still appear less than an atom. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for them stations that have no equal. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

And regarding the mention [you made] of Muhammad Husayn, son of the honored Aqa Muhammad Baqir, upon them both be the glory of God, this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. His word, exalted and mighty is He: He is the Witness, the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! This is the day of acceptance, of turning to God, of mention and praise and service. God willing, may you be fresh and verdant through the spring breezes of the Divine Springtime and be vocal in praising the Best Beloved of the worlds. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Revelation that one mention today is more glorious in the sight of God than the mention of a multitude occurring in other days. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's bounty and place thy trust in Him. Verily He aideth whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect thee and the people of that land from the croaking of the croakers and the clamor of the false ones and the deceivers. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones who responded when they heard My mighty, wondrous call.

Praise be to God that whosoever was mentioned by the pen of that Best Beloved attained the grace of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may you recognize the value of this most glorious, most exalted station and preserve it in the name of the Best Beloved of creation. Most matters today are hidden. Would that I could find the fragrance of permission and mention to the friends of God what hath been

ordained for them by God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Concerning what was written about Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah, that through consultation it was decided that he should remain in the land of K and travel periodically to its surroundings to remind people of the Divine Cause - this matter was accepted before the Divine Presence. God willing, may he succeed in this most great service and act according to what God desires. In all circumstances, he must observe wisdom. Although praise be to God his services are clear as the sun and have no need of mention by this servant, this statement is made in view of the emphasis of the Ancient Beauty. One day this exalted word was revealed from the blessed tongue: It is contrary to wisdom for those who migrate for God's sake, specifically traveling to cities and regions to teach the Cause, to stay openly in the home of a well-known believer. From this utterance of the Best Beloved of creation, the importance of wisdom becomes evident and clear. They also said that such persons should be allocated from the Huququ'llah according to their needs. And that he has now turned toward Mazandaran - this too is acceptable in the sight of God. God willing, may souls be specially raised up for this great service and turn toward cities and regions with perfect detachment, piety and fear of God, that perchance the decayed bones might be quickened by the outpourings of the ocean of Divine utterance, until all may be adorned with the words "Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return."

The fourth letter of His Holiness, which was written on the 6th of Muharram 1299, brought both sorrow and joy - praise be to God in all conditions. After its reading and review, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented it all in the Supreme Presence before His countenance. His words, exalted be His majesty: "O Lion! Upon thee be My Glory! The scratching of the Supreme Pen hath not ceased during the nights and days. God willing, may the people of the world attain unto the privilege of hearkening unto it. Today the Sun of Truth is observed at its zenith in all conditions. Eyes capable of beholding it are exceedingly rare. God willing, may your honor, through the collyrium of wisdom, remove the soreness from eyes, that they may not remain deprived in these days, which are the king of days. We repeatedly say: Convey greetings to the friends of God in every land thou meetest, on behalf of the Wronged One, that they may attain unto the divine fragrances of glorification and engage in that which exalteth the Cause."

Repeatedly in this letter of His Holiness, mention was made of the Huquq. Regarding this matter, whatsoever was heard from the blessed tongue was presented. May He assist all to discharge it whenever capacity and strength become manifest. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that attain!

As for what thou didst write concerning thy brother, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and the degrees of his acceptance, sincerity, humility and submissiveness - this became the cause of renewed joy. In the divine Tablets, that which hath been revealed concerning him is that whose fruit hath appeared and shall continue to appear. And that which that beloved one wrote in this regard, this evanescent servant presented in detail one night in His presence. He smiled, and then uttered these blessed words - exalted be His grandeur: "God willing, may he be confirmed by divine confirmations. We have revealed for him that which nothing can equal. We, from this station, glorify him and give him glad tidings of what God, the

Lord of the worlds, hath desired for him. Verily all affairs are in the grip of His power. He doeth what He willeth by His sovereignty. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful."

Praise be to God! The signs of grace, favor and mercy are manifest and evident concerning that honored one and his kindred. We beseech Him to confirm them in that which is lasting and enduring, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Wise. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings unto them. God willing, may they attain unto outward and inward good. They have not departed from this evanescent one's sight, nor shall they ever.

And concerning what was written in another letter about serving some and declining honors for the sake of God's Cause - this was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. These supreme words were uttered from the Dayspring of the Cause - exalted be He: "Blessed is he and blessed is he who heareth his words. What they have written is correct and complete."

As regards Mulla Ghulam-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, from the people of Faran and the story of the horse which you wrote about - He said that his deed was for God's sake and surely its non-acceptance would have caused sadness. We make mention of him at this time, in this hour, on this night, in this prison, and in this station which tongues are powerless to describe and pens fail to praise. We give him glad tidings of the acceptance of what he did in My path, and We remember him as We remembered him before - and verily I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. May God willing, that beloved one attains to whatsoever is beloved at the Divine Threshold and acts in accordance with that which brings glory to the Cause.

Regarding what you wrote about intending to visit the lands of A, R, ?, N and surroundings - all these matters were presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: God willing, may they pass like the morning breeze over the divine regions and remind all, that perchance the trees in the spiritual garden may become adorned with wondrous and exalted fruits, namely, goodly and pleasing deeds.

This evanescent one submits that the people of Kha, namely Aqa Khudadad and Aqa 'Azizu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, and other friends of God have made mention of you, just as you yourself have taken precedence in this regard and wrote in detail previously about mentioning the friends in the land of Kha. In these days some have requested that you journey to that direction, especially Aqa 'Azizu'llah. God willing, through divine confirmations, may you visit all the aforementioned lands and remind everyone.

This evanescent one's other submission to the beloved Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power - my expression of sincerity, self-effacement and nothingness depends on that beloved one's favor. His letter, praise be to God, was the cause of joy and delight. Likewise, the letter he had written to Aqa Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court. The utmost favor was shown and in truth it became the cause of remembrance for some. The word of truth is ever effective. Similarly, they had also sent a letter to the Name of Bounty (Ism-i-Jud), upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - that too was presented at the Most Holy Court. This servant delayed sending a response this time, being assured that you were in the land of ?a. God willing, it is hoped that this evanescent one will be enabled to submit a response next time.

The petition of Aqa Mirza ?adiq, son of Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon them both be the Glory of God, attained the Most Holy Court and was presented before the Throne. This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His exalted Word:

He is the One Who speaks from His Most Glorious Horizon […]

O Sadiq! Your letter has arrived and We have heard your call and perceived the fragrance of your love. Blessed be your father and mother, and blessed is he whom God has granted righteous offspring who utters praise of the Beloved and arises to serve His wise and irrevocable Cause. Rejoice that We have answered you with that which will draw you closer to God, the Lord of all worlds. We previously mentioned your father and his sister in verses that nothing can equal. Verily your Lord is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We sent it with Salman who traveled through the lands with the tablets of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon you and upon him who wrote your letter (Kamal'd-Din) and upon whosoever has turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, the Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day."

We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah, who remembered Me, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Say: Beware lest the affairs of the world prevent you from the Ancient Lord. Abandon them and take what you have been commanded by the Mighty, the Wise. We have heard your call, answered you and turned toward you from this distant station. Glory be upon you and upon those whose names you mentioned in the letter of him who was named Sadiq, who turned his face toward his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice, O My loved ones! He has come with the ocean of grace and forgiven those who sought forgiveness. He is verily the Forgiver, the Bountiful, the Kind, the Generous.

God willing, may the souls mentioned attain unto these wondrous verses. Praise be to God that their mention was raised to the station whereto nothing can be compared, and for each one the Sun of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, has dawned.

This evanescent one further submits that the beloved of the heart, the son of His Name "The Most Truthful," upon them both be the glory and favor of God, sent two letters to this servant. The response to the first letter was submitted, and it was intended to be sent this time. Then the second letter arrived. This evanescent servant wished to submit its response as well and send them together. The second letter arrived when the post was about to depart and there was no time. The expression of evanescence and nothingness in service to [them] depends on the mercy of that Beloved. God willing, may they be as lightning, moving and luminous in service to the Beloved of the worlds, and like arteries pulsating in the body of the world. The command belongs to God, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

Another letter arrived and brought sadness, for God is witness that when I am occupied with mention of the gentlemen, meaning those souls who are steadfast in the Cause of God, the warmth of love takes hold of my being. It is submitted with utmost eagerness, ardor and fondness, and near the end, grief takes hold. This servant beseeches God for joy, relief and delight for your honor and for those who have attained to serving the Cause in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. The request is that in every land you enter, convey this evanescent one's greetings and praise to the friends of God. God willing, may all be

assisted to achieve perfect unity and harmony, which is truly the greatest elixir for the copper-like bodies of the world. Glory be upon your honor and upon the loved ones and friends of God in all regions. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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O thou who art My Name! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy! The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy steadfastness in My service and thy diligence in promoting My Cause and My Word. Thou didst choose exile out of love for the peoples of the world and didst traverse lands to guide the nations. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the utterance and hath turned towards it with spirit and delight. Woe unto every heedless one who hath held back, and every slumberer who hath been debarred, and every wanderer whose efforts in this vain life have gone astray. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His praiseworthy station.

O thou who art My Name! Behold and then call to mind when thou didst stand before the Wronged One and the Speaker of Sinai Who hath come with the signs of the Manifestation conversed with thee in such wise as to reveal that which had been inscribed in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! The meanings did prostrate themselves when the utterance was revealed from the tongue of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He Who speaketh and will continue to speak in every condition doth testify to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving.

By thy life, O Thou Who art the Beloved of my being and art mentioned in my heart! Were the essence of thanksgiving to appear with a hundred thousand tongues, and were the temple of praise from time immemorial unto time immemorial to voice forth praise and glorification of the Truth - exalted be His glory - it would fail to requite a single one of His bestowals. One of His bestowals - exalted and glorified be He - is that He hath adorned the hearts of His friends and chosen ones with the ornament of love. Should one endowed with insight contemplate its outward aspect and reflect thereon, he would find himself in a boundless ocean of wonderment, and should he ponder its inward reality, he would be moved to proclaim that its station is beyond description. Exalted be His favors that have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and magnified be His mercy through which existence hath appeared and the Tree hath spoken forth on Sinai. According to a well-known tradition, He hath declared love to be the cause and reason for creation. Man standeth bewildered before this Most Great Ocean and its waves. Praised be God that the ocean of inner meanings hath become manifest and visible, and its waves are that which proceedeth from the Mouth of the Divine Will - namely the Most Exalted Word and the Letters that have appeared in the Kingdom of Creation. These exalted letters are accounted as waves of the ocean and as hosts of God, for by these hosts hath He taken possession of the world and made it subservient. Exalted be His power and glorified be His dominion. There is no God but Him […]

O Mahdi! We have made mention of thee in such wise that nothing can equal it, and We make mention of thee through that which will regenerate the world through the bounty of the Lord of eternity. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the seen and the unseen! Convey unto the people

that which We have commanded thee and remind them of that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Take thou a cup from the Kawthar of utterance and sprinkle thereof upon the dead, in the name of Him Who revealeth the verses, Who hath turned towards thee from this forbidden spot. Say: Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not the desires of such as have denied the proof and turned away from the All-Merciful when He came with sovereignty that transcended all who are adorned with the ornament of being. Say: If ye would judge fairly concerning that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will, then speak ye with pure truthfulness. This will deliver you and guide you to His extended path. Cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest the doubts of the divines hold you back from Him Who is the Lord of all names. Rend asunder with the finger of certitude the veils of idle fancy, clinging to the hem of the robe of your Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the All-Affectionate. O peoples of the earth! Purify your ears from that which ye have heard from the ignorant ones and your hearts from the insinuations of such as have disbelieved in God in this Revelation. We have sent down the verses and manifested the proofs in such wise that none will deny them save every stubborn opponent. This is the news whereof God's Books have given glad tidings aforetime, and after them the Prophets and Messengers have borne witness. O heedless ones! Open your eyes: verily the Sun hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of grace and the Ocean of Life hath surged within all possibilities. Come ye, come ye, and follow not every ignorant outcast. The lips of being have smiled at this Revelation, as attesteth every fair-minded one who hath attained pure truthfulness in the days of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

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

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

O My Name! Convey to all the greetings from the True One and strive that the fire of true love may be kindled amongst them. Say: Let not the fruits of the tree of unity slip from your grasp. Were ye to become aware, ye would seek it with your very souls. The steadfast souls of earlier times must show forth the utmost love and kindness to others, and others must hearken unto them and arise for the love of God, that the diverse peoples of the world may inhale the fragrance of unity. By My life, O My Name! This hath been and is the foundation of the Cause and the source of divine wisdom. They must arise with such love as to cause faces to turn and hearts to be attracted. All matters are witnessed before God. How many souls there are who outwardly show acceptance yet manifest neither fruit nor trace, nevertheless they become the recipients of favor. The breezes of grace guided some of these souls and enabled them to attain their heart's desire. The mercy of God, exalted be His glory, hath taken precedence; the grace of His near ones must likewise take precedence. Blessed are they who have shown humility for God's sake. We testify that whoso showeth humility toward My loved ones hath shown humility before My own Self

and hath visited My glorious Kingdom. In this matter, which is the most ancient and greatest of all matters, exert vigorous efforts that perchance all horizons may be illumined with the light of unity. Verily He is thy Helper and thy Supporter, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. That which ye have carried out in this journey hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee and hearken unto thy word, from God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O beloved of my heart! When the ocean of grace surgeth, what can a mere drop accomplish? Whatever may be offered is meaningless and whatever may be said is unworthy. I beseech the Exalted True One, glorified be His grandeur, to make that beloved one the dawning-place of enduring traces. Verily He hath power over all things.

As to the mention made of Muhammad Rasul, upon him be the Glory of God (966), and likewise the arrangement made with the beloved Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, all were presented at the Most Holy Court, together with their letter written to that presence. The Sun of grace shone forth and was evident in relation to them. May they ever be the recipients of grace and steadfast in service. O My Name! The honored Andalib, upon him be My glory, is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. I testify that he hath turned unto God and attained the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hath arisen to serve Him amongst His servants. And I am the All-Seeing Witness.

As to what was arranged concerning the Huquq, it hath been accepted and is well-pleasing before the Throne. We testify that thy deed was purely for My sake and in quest of My good-pleasure. Upon thee be My glory. We have instructed the servant present to transcribe and send it forth. We likewise make mention of the Siyyids. They are servants who have believed in God and turned toward Him. We have mentioned them in various Tablets as a token of Our grace. Glorified be He Who hath aided them and enabled them to do that which He loveth and approveth. By My life! The whole world hath not and cannot equal these words. We likewise make mention of Muhammad the Messenger and give him the glad-tidings of divine favors. God willing, may all abide protected and joyous beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence.

O My Name! We make mention in this place of him who hath been named Qasim and give him the glad-tidings of My acceptance, My attention toward him, and My approval of what he hath wrought in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O My Name! Remind him of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will as a mercy from Me, for I am the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Kind.

We make mention of My loved ones in Ra and Shin and their surroundings, that they may be assured by the grace of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of the Nightingale once again that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. We have mentioned him in such wise as hath made the lips of understanding smile. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath guided him to His straight path and caused him to speak His praise and glorification among the servants. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My loved ones in that place! Know ye his station, then thank Him Who hath sent down unto you that whereby your mention shall endure throughout the duration of My most excellent names. We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God, the True King, the Manifest, shall be exalted. Take hold

of the Book of God with the power granted by Us and fear not the hosts of the oppressors. Woe unto the world that hath denied the right of God and His Cause, and turned away from Him Who created it by a word from Him. He is assuredly among the most lost. Blessed are ye for having cast him and his like behind your backs, turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon on a Day proclaimed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Hold fast unto the cord of unity and cleave unto that whereby the Cause of God, your Beloved and the Beloved of them that know, may be exalted. He verily seeth you and heareth what your tongues utter. Your Lord, the All-Merciful, is in truth the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing. Grieve not at what the idolaters say. Behold and then recall what they uttered when Muhammad the Messenger of God appeared, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him the Interlocutor. Shame upon a world that hath gone astray and led the servants astray. We testify that by its tyranny the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have lamented, as have the inhabitants of the pavilions of Glory and Grandeur, and the people of the tabernacle of [Infallibility] in a noble station. The Glory be upon you and upon your children and your families from the presence of One Mighty, Beauteous. God hath forgiven you and your fathers and your mothers as a favor from Him. Be grateful therefore and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that are nigh!"

The End. Glory be to God! One deed was performed, and as it was for God's sake, its fragrance encompassed the world. For at this moment, which is eight o'clock on Monday the twenty-second of Muharram, the Ancient Beauty hath, with utmost grace, mentioned all collectively and then individually, and adorned all with the robe of forgiveness. Exalted, exalted be this most great favor, and exalted be this mighty generosity! O beloved of my heart! In truth the favor is of such magnitude that all tongues are powerless and fall short of its mention. To this testifieth every atom, every thing, every sign, and every fair-minded and perceiving one.

In the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence was mentioned Aqa Mirza Muhammad Darbaghi, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, and this is what was revealed in response from the Lord of the Final End - exalted be His greatness:

In His Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad! Ismi Mahdi in his letter sent to this Servant mentioned thee, and likewise made mention of the friends in that land. God willing, mayest thou ever be blessed with divine favors and remain turned toward the highest horizon, for should man show the slightest negligence, the smoke of the imaginings of the veiled ones will deprive him. Praise be to God that thou didst hear the divine call and didst turn toward His horizon. Preserve this mighty station through the power of the Most Great Name. Mention of smoke hath been revealed in one of the Tablets. God willing, may all be preserved from it. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way, and He is the Speaker, the Helper, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

This is the Day which all the Messengers and Books have heralded. Nevertheless, most of the divines of the earth remain veiled and heedless thereof, and have become the cause of the heedlessness of the servants. They are the greatest veil and the thick coverings. Blessed is the soul whom the veils of these heedless ones have not prevented from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. O Muhammad! Give thanks to the Goal of all the worlds Who assisted thee in a Cause from which most of them that are on

earth are veiled. God willing, mayest thou be aided to achieve the most great steadfastness and that from which the fragrance of eternity can be inhaled. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

And regarding the mention made of Mirza ?ahmasb-Quli Beg, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Creator of existence, specifically for him - exalted and mighty be His utterance:

Ardabil

Jenab-i-?ahmasb-Quli Beg, upon him be the Glory of God

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over all names […]

The servant present read thy letter before the Wronged One and was favored with His hearing. From its words and phrases wafted the fragrance of love. God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the cup of the eternal Beloved's grace and remain focused on the horizon of His Cause. O thou who art enkindled with the fire of separation and hast turned to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment! Grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in thy Lord. Verily He is the Companion of the companionless, the Helper of the helpless, the Supporter of whosoever arises to mention and praise Him, the Confirmer of whosoever turns to Him, and the Answerer of whosoever calls upon Him. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto His Face, and the ear that hath been honored by His sweetest call as it was raised between earth and heaven.

We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause, to manifest spiritual qualities and praiseworthy deeds, and to speak goodly words. By My life, whoso acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained by God is assuredly among those who are nigh unto Him in a perspicuous Book. Praise be to God that on this blessed day thou hast inhaled the fragrance of His garment and turned toward His straight path. This is a great bounty and a mighty blessing. By the life of God, the precious jewels of earth and the treasures of kings cannot compare with it. Know thou its station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous One.

The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath been and will ever be with His loved ones. Verily He is the Near One, the Watchful. O Tahmasb! Give thanks to the Lord of eternity Who hath blessed thee and engaged Himself with thy mention in this Most Great Prison. That which this Wronged One hath ever desired is the salvation of all. God willing, mayest thou speak the praise of the Beloved of all worlds with the utmost joy and delight, and hold fast unto the will of God. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Lord of eternity was in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be among the steadfast ones.

In these days this region is somewhat disturbed; therefore it is not permissible to turn towards this direction. The Wronged One beseecheth God to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence and to decree for thee the good of this world and the world to come. Verily He is powerful over all things. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of their Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Generous.

God willing, may they be illumined by the effulgent lights of the Sun of utterance and meaning that hath shone forth from the Supreme Pen's horizon, and drink from the chalices of success wherein it lieth concealed. Verily He is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what was written about the honored Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, that he intendeth to travel to various regions - God willing, may this intention pass from potentiality to actuality. He hath had this intention for some time, but it hath not yet emerged from the realm of the unseen into the world of manifestation. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to quicken the dead with the water of His utterance, and every decomposed bone. It is hoped that the winds of will shall move him. Some time ago a detailed, extensive letter was submitted and sent to his presence. God willing, it hath arrived by now. He wrote a letter to this servant in these days, but since no word of the previous one had arrived, there was a delay in sending a second reply. God willing, may he ever dwell with the utmost joy and delight beneath the shade of the Beloved of the worlds' loving-kindness.

Regarding what thou didst write about Murad Khan, it was presented before the presence of the Ancient Beauty, and this most holy, most exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him. His exalted Word:

Q. His honor Allah-Murad Khan

In His Name, the Hearer, the Answerer […]

Verily We have heard thy call and thy turning unto Us, and We have remembered thee with that which its fragrance will never pass away, through the everlastingness of God's Most Beautiful Names. Be thou thankful for this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! I testify that Thou hast called all unto God and hast borne in His path that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Murad! Rejoice in that the Desire of the world hath remembered thee. Nothing that thou witnesseth and beholdeth can equal this, as testified by His Clear Book. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned unto the All-Informed One. How many a learned one hath been hindered, how many a knower hath denied, and how many a servant hath turned and rent the veil through My Most Great Name. Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and faithful one who hath turned unto Him.

As commanded, if he is aflame with the fire of love, let it be bestowed. They said: O My Name! Whosoever is mentioned in the Most Holy Court hath attained unto divine favor. This is My practice which hath been established from the beginning of My Revelation, as attested by those in My presence who record that which descendeth from the heaven of My grandeur, and beyond them, verily Thou art the Witness, the All-Seeing. For these are days of grace, therefore it hath been and continues to be bestowed. Otherwise, in truth, were the stations and ranks of the servants to be observed, little worthiness would be found. But God, thy Lord, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what was mentioned about gatherings and meetings of the friends, and likewise their feasts in the path of God, these details were presented before the Countenance. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His utterance: Blessed are they who have found companionship with My Name and have honored His dwelling place. God willing, may that gathering not be scattered by various corrupting winds, and may the dawning-places of vain imaginings not prevent them from the lights of certitude. May their unity increase at all times until all are illumined together by the lights of the Divine Word and become the cause and means of enlightening the world. We mention them all and give them glad tidings of what hath been ordained for them. Verily, We from this station send Our glorification upon them and give them the glad tidings of God's grace, bounty and mercy. For whatsoever they have done hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. How excellent is this most exalted station! God willing, may they remain firm and steadfast on this path and consult regarding the promotion of God's Cause and its teaching, and act according to what is most beloved and excellent. The world is evanescent and whatsoever is witnessed therein shall return to nothingness - this is a truth to which minds, souls and tongues have borne and continue to bear witness. Therefore must the friends of God, exalted be His glory, turn to that which shall cause the salvation of the servants. Whatever is manifested today for the love of God - its recompense is preserved and treasured in the divine treasuries. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers to be lost. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to all the friends of God. All the souls in that land who have attained unto the wine of divine knowledge are mentioned in God's presence. Their names, one by one, have descended from the Kingdom of grace, especially those souls who, for the love of God, have performed that which was heard to be accepted from the Tongue of Unity. This evanescent servant hopes that all may act unitedly and in harmony according to what is befitting this Day - namely, that they may turn their attention to the reformation of souls. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about Mashhadi 'Ali-Akbar and Aqa Siyyid Isma'il - upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory - being present from the land of K along with several others, and that Mashhadi 'Ali-Akbar and Jinab-i-Sabbagh specifically requested that mention of them be made before the Most Holy Court - all these matters were laid before the Divine Throne. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur: "O My Name! We have turned toward them from this Most Exalted Station and have remembered them in such wise that were it to be cast upon the solid rock, the water of life would flow therefrom. Give them glad tidings from Me and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My mercy. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. We counsel them to show forth supreme steadfastness in this Cause, such that no idle fancies shall hold them back from the Lord of all beings. Blessed be their faces, their ears, their eyes and their hands - they who have witnessed, heard, turned toward and taken hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Ask God, thy Lord, to protect them and to send down for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have arisen to serve God, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

This lowly one conveys greetings and salutations to each one, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to achieve that which leads to remembrance, awakening and salvation. Indeed, wonder upon

wonder it is, for the Divine Call hath left its mark upon the solid rock, yet no trace thereof appeareth in the hearts of the heedless. The Command is in His hands; He doeth and decreeth as He willeth and as He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about the arrival of the beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali - upon him be the glory of God and His favors - mention of him was the cause of boundless joy, for according to reports he returned from the mouth of the serpent and, praise be to God, remained protected. Detailed accounts of his experiences have arrived from every quarter, and you too have written that all people have testified and continue to testify to the impotence of their divines and the shortcomings of their leaders. Nevertheless, they remain occupied with these glorious veils and mighty barriers, heedless of and veiled from the light of the Divine Dayspring.

The mention of Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has been repeatedly presented at the Most Holy Court. At each time He made mention of him in such ways that this servant is powerless to recount. This time these supreme words were revealed from the Dayspring of Names, exalted be His glory and might:

"Verily the Wronged One grieved at his grief and mentioned what befell him in His path. Through him God perfected His proof against those who wronged him. Soon will He seize them through His power and exalt his mention throughout the world. He is verily the Mighty, the Triumphant, and the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and earths. We have sent down what befell him and adorned it with the ornament of My favor, and I am the Powerful, the Mighty. We send greetings and glorification unto him and We shall send him a tablet hereafter, when God willeth and desireth. He is verily the Just, the Wise. The Glory be upon him and upon those with him, and woe unto those who wronged him without any proof from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Praise be to God that through him the mention of God was raised in those regions, and each of the loved ones has written and sent accounts of the events that transpired. His is the pearl, his the deed, the mention and the praise, and what befell him. This lowly one was blessed to receive his letter some time ago and it was presented at the Most Holy Court. Exalted Tablets were revealed specifically for the people of Mim, however due to the upheavals in this land and its surroundings they were not sent. God willing, they shall be sent in these days.

And regarding the mention of Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, and likewise the mention of Aqa Abdul-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God, which you had written at the end of your letter - these were presented before the presence of the Lord of Manifestation. This is what God revealed in response, blessed and exalted be He:

"O Javad! Give thanks unto God for having attained, visited, reached, witnessed and arisen to serve the Cause when the people were in evident fear. There hath appeared from thee in steadfastness a station which We have mentioned in the Crimson Scroll by My Most Exalted Pen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to confirm thee in this. He is verily the Powerful, the Witness, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee time and again in this Book. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. Be as thou wert before, firm and steadfast in such wise that the whispers of the heedless affect thee not. We

have aided thee in My remembrance and service to My Cause. Know thou the station of this exalted station. Hold fast unto it in all conditions, detached from the world. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity command thee. He is verily the Ordainer, the Wise.

“And We make mention of Abdul-Baqi who emigrated and attained the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. Remember when thou wert in the presence and didst hear the call of the Wronged One while imprisoned in this mighty fortress. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of their Lord’s grace, the Mighty, the Great.”

O My Name Mahdi! We have adorned the friends of God with the ornament of remembrance, and at the time of revelation all were present before Us, and We bear witness and make mention that, by My life, this is a great station. And those loved ones who were absent from that land were also blessed with mention from the Supreme Pen, and the servant present attained visitation on your behalf and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Blessed art thou! The glory and praise be upon thee from Us and upon those who have cast aside what is with the people in hope of that which is with God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

God, exalted be His glory, made mention of that from which the fragrance of countless favors wafted. It is hoped that this letter, unlike previous submissions, will arrive quickly. Thus far, all of your letters that have been received have been answered. At this moment, when the utterance reached this point, the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - honored us with His presence and entrusted a sealed envelope to this evanescent one. Now I intend to open it and partake of the pearls of utterance concealed therein. Glory be to God! What a wonderful coincidence - before one feast was cleared away, another blessing descended. Blessed are we through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might!

God willing, may this heavenly feast continue to rain down from the heaven of that Beloved One’s love. Your letter dated the fourteenth of Dhu’l-Hijjah, numbered eight, shone forth like the light of nearness and reunion. Praise be to God! After offering thanks and praise, reading and reviewing it, I turned toward the Court of the Lord of creation and presented all before the Holy Presence. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. His words, exalted be His glory, are these:

Praise be to God! The signs of joy and gladness are evident and manifest from the cities and villages through which they have passed. Deeds done for God have a mighty effect; if their manifestation is delayed, it is due to wisdom. In any case, their effect will surely appear from God. God willing, you will strive with the utmost effort to promote unity and concord in the land of ?a and other lands, that perchance the horizons of the world may be illumined with that which God desires. Convey My greetings to Ali-Akbar and Ibn-i-Abhar and the other friends on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, all are blessed with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they be assisted to serve the Cause in such wise that no affair may prevent them from the straight path. Say: O friends of the Truth! Preserve your efforts and hold fast to that which promotes the Cause of God. If for a few days you forsake your desires in the path of the True Friend and cleave to that which is beloved in God’s sight, there is no harm in this. Indeed, this matter appears very easy in the path of the Peerless Friend. God willing, may

you be mentioned in the Book of God as helper and supporter. Verily, He is with you and commands you to that which profits you. The glory be upon you and upon them.

This evanescent servant had written replies to the letters of the friends, upon them be the glory of God, but was not able to send them. God willing, they will be sent these days, and he offers greetings to each one. To Zein in the land of B.R., after offering greetings, I submit that he has always been and continues to be in our thoughts. The servant, God willing, is adorned with the seal of faithfulness. During his presence he was not forgotten, and God willing, will not be forgotten.

Concerning the arrival of Khan and Sheikh Abul-Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise the arrival of the honored lady Aziyyih Khanum, praise be to God they have reached their homeland safely. All are remembered in the Most Holy Presence and are recipients of His favor. Khan and Sheikh, upon them be the Glory of God, have truly endured hardships. Their reward rests with and is preserved with God. If you meet them, convey greetings on behalf of this servant. Sheikh, upon him be the Glory of God, endured much hardship in tending the garden. Whenever this servant visits the small plot, he is reminded of him. It is hoped that the Hand of pre-existing Grace and Mercy will gather all beneath the shade of the Tree. The honored lady Aziyyih Khanum is remembered. This servant beseeches and implores God to assist that honored lady in that which is pleasing to the Friend. Praise be to God, she has attained the blessing of reunion and has drunk from the Kawthar of nearness. This station is most exalted. God willing, may she remain preserved through the Name of Truth.

Concerning Haji Muhajir, the honored Nabil the traveler, upon him be the Glory of God, and the other friends and sons of Khalil and heirs of Kalim in the land of Ha and Mim, upon them be the Glory of God - all that you mentioned was presented before His Presence, and all were blessed with the effulgent lights of the Sun of God's favor, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they act according to what He loves and is pleased with. The mention of the sons of Khalil, upon them be the Glory of God, caused the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, to smile. He said: "Blessed is he who was taken in the way of My Cause, and he who spoke the truth in the gathering to exalt My Cause, and those who attained the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty and aided the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." God willing, may they be illumined with the lights of steadfastness and speak in remembrance of Truth. The friends of that land, from before and after, have been and are recipients of divine favors. God willing, may they hold fast to wisdom and gaze toward the horizon of grace.

As for the mention of the honored photographer, it was most appropriate. All that his honor has accomplished in this journey has been accepted. In these days this servant is writing something to the land of Ra. Although after his honor's signature there was and is no need for this servant's receipt, nevertheless, in accordance with that beloved one's request, the receipt is being sent to the honored Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor.

At the end of your letter was the writing of the honored, cherished, and kind friend Samandar, the steed of the arena of utterance, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. Complete joy and boundless delight were attained. Praise be to God, they are steadfast in serving the Cause and speaking in remembrance of Truth. Night and day they are occupied with mention and utterance in the Cause of the Desired One of all

worlds. Of this there is no doubt or uncertainty. Upon him be God's peace, His glory, His favor, and His grace.

And concerning the mention of the honored Nabil Jalil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful - it increased the light of vision and bestowed fresh vitality to the realm of the heart. God willing, may he remain confirmed, successful, safe and preserved, dwelling and resting in peace beneath the shadow of the favor of the Desired One of the world. Letters constantly arrive from the land of Kha. They have written the latest news, namely the passing of the mentioned person and the acceptance of some. According to what was mentioned, the condition of all is good. God willing, may they increase each day in love, acceptance, humility and submissiveness.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, one of the Sadat of Khums, upon them be the Glory of God - mention of them was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and they attained the favors of God, exalted be His glory. They were mentioned before as well, and the passage they requested will be sent, God willing.

As for the mention made of my master Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad Darbaghi, upon him be the Glory of God - praise be to God, they are aflame with the fire of divine love, a flame to which God, exalted be His glory, Himself bears witness. By His very truth, this suffices him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They sent a letter to this servant which spoke of overwhelming longing, rapturous love, attention, devotion and detachment. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to confirm him in all conditions. Verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Concerning the mention made of Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-'Askar and Aqa Shir-'Ali, upon them be the Glory of God, who came solely to meet His Holiness - this was presented and He said their deed is accepted before God. Blessed are they both. They have attained to attention and devotion. We have mentioned them before and after with decisive verses, and We have revealed therein what they did in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings to them and give them glad tidings of God's favor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I beseech God to confirm them in that which will cause their mention and their deeds in His path to endure. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers.

Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Mulla 'Ali and Haji Baba and Aqa Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented in the Most Holy Presence, they were honored with these exalted words - He says, exalted be His grandeur: "O 'Ali! God willing, thou shalt hold fast to the cord of the Cause, detached from the world. Today whosoever attains to the Most Great Remembrance and drinks from the Kawthar of divine knowledge is reckoned among the people of Baha. Ages and centuries will not erase his mention. Know thou this and be of those who are steadfast. Then know the station of those with thee. Look not at that which is unseemly. Behold the horizon of My love and that which We have adorned with the ornament of Our favor. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Blessed art thou for having attained the mention of the Wronged One, Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of life and the Point of Adoration of names and attributes. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous."

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Haji Baba and Aqa Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God: “O My Name! We make mention of him who hath turned to My horizon, heard My call and stood before My gate. We give him glad tidings of God’s grace and mercy, and We beseech Him to confirm him in all conditions and draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. And We make mention of Qasim who hath turned towards the Countenance. We mentioned him before as a bounty from Us. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We send Our greetings from this station upon him and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords, at Whose appearance the limbs of names trembled, save whom God willed, the Supreme, the All-Compelling.”

Praise be to God, all have attained to the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of favor. No name remaineth but it hath been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen, and no deed but its reward hath been written in the Book of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. Repeatedly this evanescent one hath conveyed and continues to convey greetings and salutations to the friends.

The supplication of this evanescent one in the presence of that true spiritual beloved is that should you turn towards the Land of Sad and inhale its air which is mingled with the love of the Beloved of the worlds, you should, on behalf of this mere nothingness, visit the Twin Luminous Lights, upon them be the glory of God and the ocean of His bounty and the lights of His countenance. This is the ultimate desire. Verily your reward and recompense rest with God, our Lord and your Lord. At this time, after turning to the ultimate goal and attaining the presence before the Throne, He said: Write in My name to Mahdi and convey My greetings to the people of Sad, both the immigrants and the residents. Gladden the household with divine favors. Give glad tidings of God’s grace and favor, exalted be His glory, to those related to the Twin Lights. The sister of the King of Martyrs, upon her be the glory of God, has thus far sent several petitions. Should you meet Sadiq, upon him be my glory, convey greetings to him from God. Say: Behold and then remember when God elevated the station of the Twin Lights in this world and the next. Be steadfast in this and keep your gaze fixed upon His horizon, and remain firm in service to His Cause. Verily He will be with you and will aid you in all conditions. He is indeed the Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. If the sister has any rights, they should be fulfilled. O Sadiq, upon you be My glory! Hold fast to that which today is the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. Verily He ordains for you that whereby your station will be elevated among the people. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Be vigilant in all aspects regarding the family of the King of Martyrs and conduct yourself with the utmost joy and fragrance in their presence. All should be pleased with you. Verily your Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, and the Compassionate, the Generous. He commands you to that which benefits you in the next world and in this. He is indeed the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. Convey greetings to Asad, upon him be My glory. God willing, may he remain firm in service to the Cause and be engaged in settling the affairs of the loved ones of God. It ends. It is evident that this evanescent one also expects that you will, on his behalf, convey greetings and glory to the household, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. May the glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you and hear your words, and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can the pen move and the ink flow after the breezes of loving-kindness have been cut off, and the sun of tribulation has dawned from the horizon of divine decree, and the sword of calamity has emerged from the sheath of God's command, and the heaven of sorrows has been raised up, and from the clouds of destiny have rained down the spears of trials and the arrows of retribution, to such extent that the stars of joy have set in the hearts of Thy loved ones and the measures of gladness have vanished from the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and afflictions have followed one upon another until they reached a station wherein none can bear them and no soul can approach them, whereby the gates of hope were shut and the breezes of faithfulness were cut off and the winds of extinction arose. By Thy glory! The pen weeps and the ink laments and the tablet is thunderstruck and bodies tremble and pillars are demolished. Alas, alas for what has been ordained and decreed, and this is from Thy primary loving-kindness!

And Thou art the One Who didst light the lamps of love in the niche of providence and nourished them with the oil of knowledge and wisdom until they shone forth and gave light, and by their light the lights of Thy oneness shone forth in the niche of the glory of Thy sovereignty and the pillars of the house of Thine eternity were made firm in the gardens of the sanctity of Thine Essence, and Thou didst preserve them with the glass of Thy grace and the crystal of Thy mercy lest disturbing winds should blow upon them, and after that Thou didst clothe them with the garment of Thy generosity and compassion and didst manifest them from the kingdom of Thy attributes in the temple of Thy names. Then, when their creation was complete and their nature refined, the winds of extinction blew upon them and the breezes of eternity were cut off from them until their life was taken and their niche was broken and their lights were extinguished. Alas, alas for what has been ordained and decreed, and this is from Thine other decrees[…]

And Thou art, O my Lord, He Who hath lit the lamp of mercy and the lights of Thy guidance in the places of bounty and grace, and nourished them with the oils of Thy knowledge and wisdom, until by their light were illumined the lamps of guidance in the chambers of Thy glory, and through them were revealed the lights of Thy oneness from the lanterns of Thy grandeur and dominion. Thou didst preserve them from the violent winds that extinguish, that they might remain sheltered beneath the shade of Thy mercy. Then Thou didst clothe them with the garments of Thine immortality and didst manifest them from the kingdom of attributes in the temple of one of Thy names. And when its creation was complete and its character perfected, the adverse winds of extinction blew upon it and the gates of perpetuity were shut before it, to such extent that its light was extinguished, its lantern shattered, its place emptied, and its radiance vanished. Alas, alas for that which was decreed and made manifest! This is from Thine irrevocable decree, O my Lord.

How can I recount, O my God, the wonders of Thy handiwork and the mysteries of Thy wisdom, how Thou didst create from the essences of bounty the pearly water, and caused it to flow through the loins of fathers, transferring it from loin to loin until it reached the back of one of Thy servants. Then Thou didst cause this pure and subtle water to descend into the shell of one of Thy handmaidens, and didst nurture it therein by the hands of Thy mystery and the subtleties of Thy mercy, and didst order it by the ordinances of Thy wisdom, until Thou didst form it in the mother's womb in a noble form and most

excellent shape. Then after this Thou didst bring it forth and nurse it and bestow favors upon it and nourish it and give it to drink and honor it and exalt it and strengthen it and cause it to grow until Thou didst bring it to a limit that hath no limit in Thy creation and to a height that hath no end among Thy creatures, such that Thou didst cause it to ascend to the heaven of Thy Cause and the atmosphere of Thy holy might, and didst bring it to the heights of journeying before Thee, and didst separate it from all directions and return it from Thee unto Thee until it arrived before Thee and descended with Thee. But O my God, upon its arrival before Thee, Thou didst strip its body for Thou loved naught else, and took its garments for Thou desired nothing but it, and caused it to dwell in a house wherein was neither companion nor friend nor associate nor intimate nor lamp nor bed, and it remained therein poor, needy, alone, seeking protection. Alas! Alas! Thereby were cut off the breezes of honor from the precincts of immortality, and the dove of the Cause grew weary of the melodies of faithfulness, and existence rent its yellow garments from its form, and the celestial maidens cast dust upon their faces, and the eyes of grandeur wept crimson tears in the inner recesses of all possibility. Alas! Alas! That which was ordained came to pass, and this is among Thy supreme afflictions.

O my Beloved and my Purpose! How can I recount Thy consummate wisdom in the manifestations of Thy new creation, and the mysteries of Thy sovereignty and providence that are veiled from the eyes of men and sanctified from the comprehension of minds? Thus didst Thou create from the essences of Thy bounties a subtle, luminous water, and caused it to flow in spiritual loins, transferring it from loin to loin and from place to place, until it was established in the back of one of Thy servants. Then didst Thou cause it to descend from his back into the shell of one of Thy handmaidens, and nurtured it through Thy hidden hands and the subtle emanations of Thy grace and mercy, until Thou didst create it in the mother's womb in a form of nobility and greatness, and adorned it with the most excellent form. Thou didst nourish it with pure milk and preserve it through Thy perfect power until it grew up in the precincts of Thy mercy and dwelt in the realms of Thy dominion, tasting the wines of Thy generosity and drinking from the springs of Thy grace, until it entered the garden of recognition and found repose in the abode of certitude, wandering in the meadows of nearness and witnessing, and treading upon the carpet of union and revelation, until it was honored with the glory of meeting Thee and was sustained by the wine of immortality, plucking the fruit of nearness from the tree of reunion and drinking the pure water from the fountain of beauty, perceiving the flow of divine knowledge from the peerless countenance of the Eternal Lord, and traversing the realms of love and the paths of the wilderness of patience and search until it arrived at Thy presence and returned unto Thee and came back to Thee and dwelt at the pole of placelessness facing Thy beauty. At this time the sea of Thy decree surged and the fierce winds arose in the atmosphere of Thy trials. Then didst Thou strip its body and humble its frame, and lodge it in a house wherein no carpet was spread and no lamp was lit, with no companion to associate with and no friend to take comfort in. Alas, alas! The signs of joy were sealed, the nightingale of manifestation was silenced, the essence of being rent its garments, and the Maiden of Paradise cast black dust upon her head, and from the springs of power flowed rivers of abasement. Alas, alas, for that which appeared and became manifest! This is among Thy great calamities, O my Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! After Thou didst cause him to ascend unto the fields of eternity in the All-Glorious Realm, and to become detached from his own self, and to abide through the Most Exalted Light

in the pavilions of eternity, and to attain unto Thee, and to know his own self, and to declare Thy light, and to perceive Thy beauty, Thou didst give him to drink from the wondrous crystal springs of Thy hidden knowledge, and didst clothe him with the robe of guidance, and didst cause him to drink from the chalices of righteousness until he heard the melody of the Dove in the midmost heart of eternity, and stood before the Greatest Vision, and arose before the Sanctuary of Grandeur, and held fast to the Yellow Cord in the Crimson Spot, and became independent through his own essence, and endured through his own reality, and witnessed with his own eyes what he witnessed, and knew in his heart what he knew, and ascended in his entirety to that station wherein none hath preceded him in his love for Thee and his contentment with Thy decree and his submission to Thy trials, and he attained that most exalted condition and that most glorious and sublime station, until Thou didst breathe upon him the breaths of Thy decree and the winds of Thy trials, and didst take from him all that Thou hadst bestowed upon him through Thy bounty, such that his feet were prevented from walking, and his hands from grasping, and his sight from beholding Thy beauty, and his hearing from hearkening to Thy melodies, and his heart from knowing the manifestations of Thy oneness, and his soul from being assured of the Dawning-Places of Thy singleness. And Thou wert not content with this until Thou didst strip from him the robes of Thy loving-kindness and bring him down from the palaces of glory to the dust of abasement, and from the treasury of wealth to the abode of poverty, and he dwelt in the bowels of the earth, alone, a stranger, naked, deprived and forsaken. Alas, alas, for what was decreed and executed! And this was from Thy greatest calamity.

[Strange it is that after his entry into the garden of immortality, and his partaking of the chalices of eternity, and his soaring in the heaven of eternity, and his attainment unto the retreats of immortality, and his arrival at that station wherein naught was visible save immortality itself and naught existed save the essence of ancient glory, the hosts of annihilation surrounded him from all sides until they seized him. Ponder ye on this, O people of the Bayan, for fifty thousand years, if ye be firmly grounded in the knowledge of God. Nay, by my Lord! Ye shall not understand, even should ye ponder from all eternity.]

Glorified and sanctified art Thou, O my Best Beloved! After Thou didst exalt him to the sublime stations of the Paradise of glory and didst cause him to enter the holy gardens of immortality where the gates of mortality were never opened unto him - until he became detached from his own self and remained steadfast in Thy perpetuity, and entered the garden of reunion, and drank from the fountain of beauty, and comprehended the essences of knowledge and the realities of wisdom from hidden springs, and donned the garments of guidance, and tasted from the cups of piety, and heard the melodies of the divine Dove from celestial harps and lutes, and severed himself from all else and clung unto Thy presence, and laid his head in submission upon the plains of nearness unto Thee, until he laid down his life in the wilderness of search - then didst Thou take from him that which Thou hadst bestowed, until his feet ceased from walking, and his hands from moving, and his eyes were veiled from beholding Thy beauty, and his ears were debarred from hearing Thy utterance, and Thou didst take from him the robes of Thy mercy, until he fell naked and bare upon the dust, and from lofty palaces of glory took up abode in the house of abasement, and from exalted stations of wealth settled upon the earth of poverty, and remained alone upon the ground, a stranger, solitary and poor. Therefore, alas, alas, for that which hath appeared and become manifest! This is among Thy great afflictions, O my Lord!

Thou art He Who planted a goodly tree in a blessed and delicate soil, and watered it with camphor water from the springs of manifestation, and nurtured it through the power of Thy sovereignty, and preserved it by the hands of Thy might, until it grew tall and was exalted, and Thou didst make its roots firm in the earth of Thy Will through one of Thy names, and its branches in the heaven of Thy Purpose, and it became established and elevated, possessing lofty boughs and exalted branches, and mighty and impregnable limbs, and upon its boughs dwelt the spirits of Thy glorious Essence, and upon its branches reposed the doves of Thy eternal holiness, and cages of light were suspended therein, wherein were singing birds of glory and sanctified doves warbling - all of them remembering God their Lord with wondrous tongues in melody and with mighty words upon the branches, and by their songs were the hearts of the sincere ones carried away and the souls of those near unto Thee made tranquil. But when it reached its loftiest station, the thunderbolts of Thy wrath and the tempests of Thy tribulation seized it, until its branches were broken, and its leaves turned yellow, and its fruits fell, and its cages were shattered, and its birds flew away, until it fell entirely, both root and branch, as though it had never been planted, never been created, never appeared, never risen, and never been elevated. Alas! Alas! It is finished and done, and this is from the power of Thy supreme sovereignty.

O my Lord! Thou didst plant the goodly tree of grace in blessed and fertile soil, and with hands of loving-kindness didst thou nurture it, preserving it beneath the shadow of Thy might and power, until its branches grew tall and its boughs bore fruit, its roots struck deep in the earth of divine knowledge, and its crown reached unto the heaven of wisdom. Upon its leaves did settle the holy spirits of Thy grace, and upon its branches did rest the glorious lights of Thy bounty, and in its boughs did dwell the birds of attraction and yearning and the nightingales of love and longing, whose Hijazi melodies and Iraqi songs and divine harmonies so enchanted the sanctified souls and near ones that they transcended the bounds of existence. But when its time was fulfilled, the thunderbolts of Thy wrath encompassed it, such that its branches were broken, its leaves turned yellow, its fruits were scattered, its cages shattered, its birds took flight, and it fell upon the face of the earth as though it had never been created, never appeared, and never borne fruit. Alas, alas for what was decreed and made manifest! Such are the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, O my Lord!

Thou art He Who sent down the decree of power from the heaven of might, and by Thy leave did shine forth the command of destiny in the kingdom of creation, that the spot of grandeur might rest upon pillars of steel most firm and sure. Thou didst fashion it from the soil of grace from Thy eternal paradise, and didst build it upon four pillars from the temples of Thy transcendent glory, adorning it with the suns of Thy divinity and embellishing it with the pure gold of Thy mercy. Its gates Thou didst make to shine with crimson ruby in Thy Most Exalted Name, and its walls Thou didst stud with the pearls of Thy highest attributes in Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Remembrance. Its roof and throne Thou didst fashion of purest diamond in the Most Perfect, Most Ancient and Most Faithful Remembrance. Glory be to God, its Creator, its Fashioner, its Manifestor, and its Ordainer! And after it reached its fullness and appeared in most beauteous form, it endured until its appointed time was fulfilled. Then arose the heaven of Thy trial in the divine realm of Thy might, and the angels of Thy wrath pronounced upon it the word of Thy chastisement. The foundation of the house was shaken until its pillars fell, its thrones collapsed, its gates were destroyed, its walls crumbled, and its signs were effaced, as though it had never been built upon

Thy earth, never raised in Thy domains, never appeared in Thy lands - to such degree that its dust was scattered, its memory forgotten, and its traces obliterated. Alas, alas for what was decreed and carried out! Such are the wonders of Thy most exalted ordination, and praise be unto Thee for the excellence of Thy most sweet decree.

O my Master and my Hope! From the Kingdom of might Thou didst send down the firm decree of fate, and from the pavilions of power the irrevocable command of destiny, for the building of a house wherein troubled souls might dwell and wherein pure minds might find rest. Thou didst build it of holy and goodly soil, from a single grain of which were created the realities of the exalted ones and the hearts of the sanctified. Upon divine pillars didst Thou establish its foundations, and with suns rising from the horizon of beauty didst Thou adorn it. Thou didst embellish it with pure gold, and didst ornament its gates with wondrous rubies created from the essence of identity. Thou didst bedeck its walls with lofty pearls that had appeared from the depths of the sea of oneness. And when its construction was complete, and its signs were manifest, and its tokens were revealed, Thou didst command all who soared in the heavens of Thy power and moved in the atmosphere of Thy glory to circle round it, to visit its precincts, and to approach its gates. Rejected was he who tarried, and accepted was he who drew nigh. Then when its time was fulfilled and its decree was accomplished, the clouds of tribulation rose from the dayspring of might and wrath, and the angels of divine punishment uttered a word that caused the pillars of that house to quake, such that its foundations crumbled, its roofs collapsed, and its signs were obliterated, as though it had never been built nor ever raised up, to such extent that its name was forgotten, its dust scattered, and its traces effaced. Alas, alas, for that which came to pass and was made manifest! Such are the wonders of Thy supreme ordainments, O my Lord, and I praise Thee for the sweetness of Thy divine decree, O my God!

By Thy glory, O my God! I do not complain to Thee of that which hath befallen me from Thee and descended from Thy presence. Rather, I seek Thy forgiveness for all that I have uttered, related, and spoken concerning my transgressions, which tell of naught save my heedlessness of Thy remembrance and my turning away from the gardens of Thy nearness. For I have recognized the seats of Thy wisdom and become aware of the measures of Thy glorious sovereignty, and am assured that through the power of Thy grace, Thou wilt not deal with Thy servants except in accordance with what befitteth the glory of Thy majesty and beseemeth the wonders of Thy favors. The decree of return from the horizon of Thy power and the dominion of Thy will hath not been ordained save for that which leadeth Thy servants to the ultimate goal of Thy grace and the highest ranks of Thy bounty and generosity. I know that he who hath ascended unto Thee and descended upon Thee hath risen to the heavens of Thine eternal glory and dwelleth in the precincts of Thy holy sovereignty, and is established upon the throne of glory at the dawning of the lights of Thy beauty, and reposeth on the couch of immortality at the manifestation of the might of Thy divinity. It is as if I now behold him soaring on wings of glory in the atmosphere of Thy holy mercy, traversing the cities of the spirit of Thy oneness, drinking from the chalices of Thy reunion and meeting, and being nourished by the bounties of Thy nearness and attainment. How blessed is that most glorious honor and that supreme favor! And since Thou hast concealed from Thy creation that which Thou hast revealed unto Thy servant, the decree of separation hath become grievous unto Thy servants, and the manifestation of severance from the horizon of parting hath become difficult for Thy bondsmen,

and the appearance of evanescence in the temples of eternity hath become arduous for Thy loved ones. And thereby there hath descended upon Thy loved ones that which no one can reckon, no soul can encompass, no heart can endure, and no mind can bear. Among these is this calamity that hath befallen, this catastrophe that hath occurred, whereby hearts have been consumed and beings set ablaze and lands convulsed. No eye remaineth but hath wept, no head but hath been laid bare, no soul but hath been perturbed, no heart but hath been troubled, no light but hath been darkened, no spirit but hath been cut off, and no joy but hath been transformed. Alas, alas, for that which hath been decreed and carried out! And this is from Thy decree, inscribed upon the Crimson Tree.

I swear by Thy glory and majesty, O my Lord, my Guide, and my Beloved, that I do not complain to Thee of what hath proceeded from Thy presence and appeared from Thy direction. Rather, the heads of Thy lovers seek Thy strong cords, and the necks of them that yearn for Thy face await Thy sharp swords, and the illumined breasts, through attraction and longing, await Thy poison-tipped arrows. Deadly poisons are sweeter to the lovers than the water of life, and fatal wounds are purer than refined and delicate drinks. May that soul perish which doth not sacrifice its life in the path of Thy love, and may that being be lost which doth not cast away its head in search of union with Thee. May that heart die which is not quickened by Thy remembrance, and may that frame be distanced which seeketh not with its soul to draw near to Thee and tasteth not the hardships of the wilderness of love.

Yet, O my Master, I turn in repentance for having occupied myself in Thy holy court with these words, which have appeared only through this servant's heedlessness of the stations of nearness and union. For whosoever attaineth unto Thee remaineth detached from all else, and whosoever passeth beyond Thee becometh occupied with other than Thee. Woe, therefore, unto him who severeth himself from Thee and attacheth himself to another, who remaineth bewildered in the valley of self and dieth, and is deprived of the City of eternal life and everlasting existence.

By Thy glory and majesty, O my Lord, I witness that the friends and intimates of the Kaaba of Thy union, and they that are inebriated with the wine of Thy beauty, are enraptured by the wonders of Thy decree and rejoice in the trials that descend from Thy presence, whether they be pure wrath or absolute anger. For this wrath is the master of favors, and this anger the sovereign of mercies, and this poison the quickener of souls. The heaven of might circleth this abasement, and the kingdom of wealth seeketh this poverty.

And Thou, O my Master, hast caused this bird to return from the darkened body to the divine realm, where it hath been sustained by spiritual sustenance and blessed with celestial bounties. It hath returned unto Thee and arrived before Thee, ascending to the holy heights and finding repose in the precincts of Thy mercy, established upon the seat of glory. It soareth in the atmosphere of might and spirit, drinking from the wines of Thy Divine unity and the cups of meeting with Thy Eternal Self.

Since Thou hast, through Thy consummate wisdom, veiled these stations behind the curtains of Thy power, therefore the decree of separation hath become difficult for Thy servants, and the command of divorce hard upon them. Souls are brought to lamentation at its contemplation, and minds to terror at its witnessing. Among these destined trials and great hidden calamities is this novel tribulation and this new affliction, whereby hearts are consumed and the realities of servants set ablaze, and the people of all

lands are disturbed. No eye remaineth that hath not shed tears of blood, no heart surviveth that hath not tasted the cup of sorrow. The heads of the lofty are laid bare and exposed, and the souls of the content are lamenting in grief. Hearts are troubled and lights are darkened.

And souls became content with lamentation, hearts were troubled, lights became dark and obscure, spirit was severed from its abodes, and joy was transformed from its gatherings. Then woe, woe unto that which appeared and became manifest! And this is from Thy firm decrees concerning the Tree of Thy Manifestation, O my Lord.

“O my God, my Beloved, my Hope! Thou knowest that calamities have showered from the horizon of destiny and encompassed all creation and all that is therein, and overwhelmed the worlds and whatsoever pertaineth unto them. Yet in these days Thou hast specially ordained them for two countenances, naming the first after her whom Thou didst single out and make the mother of all creation, and the other after her whom Thou didst choose above all women of the world. And when these trials descended upon them, they had no mother to rend her garments, or cast ashes upon her head, or share their grief, or weep at their afflictions, or bare her head at what had befallen them. Neither had they companions to console them and stay their tears, nor maidens to dry the tears from their cheeks, nor virgins to cover their hair, nor sympathizers to calm their agitation, weep at their tribulations, dye their hands or comb their hair after their bereavement.

Therefore, O my God, since Thou hast decreed by Thy command what Thou hast decreed, and fulfilled by Thy will what Thou hast fulfilled, bestow Thy grace upon them and clothe them in silken robes and radiant garments with the word of glorification, that their eyes may be solaced by the wonders of Thy mercy and their grief transformed by the jewels of Thy joy and the lights of radiance from the Mount of Thy manifestation. Then cause them to hear the melodies of Thy divine reality from the Lote-Tree of Thine eternal might and the Tree of Thy oneness - melodies at whose hearing minds are thunderstruck, souls stirred, and spirits drawn forth in their revelation.

Then grant them fruits from the tree of Thy divinity and give them to taste the wine of life from the springs of Thy unity. Place them in the stream of Thy nearness and the city of Thy reunion, and shelter them in the vicinity of Thy mercy beneath the shade of the garden of Thy presence and communion. Then pour forth patience upon them from Thy presence, and make them and those who were with them to be reliant upon Thee, detached from all else but Thee, occupied with Thy remembrance, intimate with Thy name, yearning for Thy beauty, hastening toward Thy reunion and meeting, sustained from the chalice of Thy bounty, circling round Thy Being, reclining in the cradle of Thy nearness, soaring in the heaven of Thy love, walking in the lands of Thy good-pleasure, running to the hiding-place of Thy lights, seeking the excellence of Thy decree, content with the descent of Thy trials, patient in Thee, and pleased with Thee.

May their eyes be expectant for the wonders of Thy mercy and their hearts await the appearance of Thy grace, for they have taken no lord besides Thee, no beloved other than Thee, and no goal except Thee. I beseech Thee by Him Whom Thou didst manifest before and Whom Thou wilt manifest hereafter, that Thou deprive not them and Thy servants from the sanctuary of Thy grandeur, nor turn them away from the gates of the City before whose courtyard all who are in the heavens and earth have gathered and stood at its door, though none entered therein save those whom Thou didst single out through Thy

bounty and make mirrors of Thy Self, manifestations of Thy Being, daysprings of Thy glory, dawning-places of Thy holiness, settings of Thy spirit, repositories of Thy revelation, hiding-places of Thy light, oceans of Thy knowledge, and waves of Thy wisdom. Thus hast Thou been powerful over what Thou willest and sovereign over what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Then raise up, O my God, this Guest who hath come unto Thee above what Thou hast raised through Thy bounty, until he arrives in the pavilions of grandeur behind the tabernacles of oneness in the vicinity of Thy Most Glorious Name and Thy Most Exalted Self at the Furthermost Tree."

May Thy most exalted Being approach the Ultimate Tree, the Garden of Refuge, and may Thy most resplendent Spirit be taken by the holy fragrances from the Primal Point, the Most High Center, and the Sweetest Essence, that it may circle round His beauty, circumambulate the sanctuary of His grandeur, and visit the light of His attributes in the Kaaba of His names. Then clothe it with the robes of joy that it may thereby be concealed in the Concourse of Revelation and hear the melodies of nearness from the Camphor Tree, whereupon the white dove shall warble with the song of rapture upon this crimson leaf, and in all the trees with the song of the Almighty from this Flame ignited from this Fire, that verily there is no God but Him, the King, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Compeller, and that verily He is God, the Almighty, the All-Subduing, the All-Compelling. And thereupon the Word shall be sealed with "Praise be to God, the Single, the All-Powerful." And Thou shalt decree, O my God, what is hoped for, and this is from Thy most perfect, most ancient, and most faithful bounty.

Verily, Thou seest, O my Beloved, how calamities and tribulations have emerged from the dayspring of destiny, how the rains of wrath have poured down from all directions, and how the winds of sorrow have begun to blow. Many countless souls have been sacrificed in the path of the Friend, and how many illustrious heads have been raised upon the gallows. Not for a moment was there rest, nor for a night was there tranquility. The noose of Thy love has bound the heads of the mystics, and the arrow of Thy affection has pierced the hearts of the lovers.

Fourteen years have passed during which comfort has been cut off and the gates of rest have been closed. Neither have they partaken of the bounties of earthly dominion, nor have they perceived a breath from the mercy of the Spirit. At times they were afflicted with the abasement of imprisonment, at times concealed in the wilderness of separation. From every homeland were they cast out, from every country were they expelled, and from every comfort were they deprived. How many strong cords were severed, and how many firm handles were cut asunder! From every portion were they rendered portionless, and from every share did they remain shareless.

The bounties of kingdoms were transformed into the vengeance of destruction. The Sun of the dawning-places of divinity was concealed in the setting-places of obscurity. The Lamp of Lordship became hidden within the glass of hearts, the eternal Fire remained concealed in the Tree of Mystery, the Pearl of Oneness remained treasured in the Shell of the Unseen, and the Manifestation of Divinity remained hidden behind the veil of holiness.

How then can the pen inscribe or utterance take a step? And Thou, O my Lord and my Master, art aware of what hath befallen this servant and what hath descended upon him. Not for a moment has he found

rest in a secure place, nor for an instant has he settled in a station of glory. No water has he drunk save the blood of the heart, and no food has he been provided save pieces of his own liver.

At times a captive of the infidels and wandering through cities, at times companion to chains and fetters. Especially in these days when he has become the target of the arrows of two parties and the object of vengeance of two factions. The friends derive glory from my abasement and joy from my sorrow, while the enemies harbor rancor in their hearts from my existence. Many are the hatreds concealed in breasts, and what enmities are hidden in hearts.

Having emerged from outward imprisonment, he has become imprisoned by the souls of the idolaters. The arrows of suspicion rain down from all directions, and the swords of envy pour forth from all sides like falling rain. Yet despite all these afflictions, trials, and firm tribulations, there remains hope that he shall not cease from service, that his foot shall not slip from steadfastness, and that his eyes shall stand in service in place of his feet.

At this moment, when tears flow from my cheeks and crimson blood courses from my heart, I call upon Thee to make my grieving heart heedless of all save Thee and occupied with Thee alone, that it may be severed from all else and attached to Thee. For he who is bound to Thee shall never be severed, and he who is accepted by Thee shall never be rejected. He is a sovereign though he be condemned by the servants, victorious though none may help him, and beloved though he be rejected.

At this moment the lamp of unity is kindled, and the mirror of oneness tells tales of the temple of detachment.

The mirror of oneness tells of the temple of detachment, and the reed-flute of Iraq plays in the melody of Hijaz the verse “All things perish save His face.” For the hands of the mystics fall short while Thou art established in Thy lofty sanctuary of glory, and the hearts of lovers are agitated while Thou remainest, in utmost independence, firm upon the treasury of exaltation. How can imagination find its way to soar in that vast heaven? And how can thought gain access to tread in the arena of sacred evanescence? The vain fancies of men are as dust, and how can dark and troubled dust reach the hem of sacred purity, or the limited gaze fall upon Thy luminous countenance? From time immemorial Thou hast been unknown, though more manifest than any manifestation, and Thou shalt ever remain concealed, though more renowned in all things than the things themselves. Such is Thy hiddenness in revelation and Thy manifestation in mysteries. Yea, O my Beloved! Not every breast is worthy of Thy love, nor every heart fit for Thy affection. Thy love is a blazing fire and the bodies of men are as dry wood. How can wood find rest or stability near fire unless Thy ancient grace takes a step forward and raises the banner of “Be thou cool and safe,” so that the Pen of Power may inscribe the mark of Thy love upon the luminous tablet of the heart. This is of Thy ancient grace which Thou bestowest upon whom Thou willest among Thy servants.

I swear by Thy glory, O my Lord, that all these tribulations are sweeter than any honey and more pleasing than any spirit, for the seekers of the Ka’bah of reunion will not rejoice in the manifestation of Beauty until they pass beyond the bounds of majesty, and will not reach the fountain of eternity until they drink from the cup of evanescence, and will not be honored with the exalted robe of wealth until they don the garment of poverty in the path of Thy good-pleasure, and will not find the abode of healing until they

become ill from the pain of love, and will not ascend to the holy homeland until they depart from the earthly dwelling, and will not attain eternal life until they die in the desert of everlasting search, and will not find the way to the heaven of glory until they take refuge in the land of abasement, and will not be sustained by the honey of eternity until they taste the poison of separation, and will not find rest in the realms of nearness and union until they traverse the wilderness of remoteness and separation.

O my Lord! Although tribulations have encompassed all Thy loved ones, in these days they have especially befallen two of Thy handmaidens, one named Eve and the other Mary. This supreme affliction descended at a time when these handmaidens had no mother to rend her garments, to cast black dust upon her head, and to weep for the sorrow that had befallen them; no companions to dry their faces from the tears of their eyes and to cover their hair from the dark dust; no compassionate ones to console their grief and bring joy to their hearts; and no intimate friends to keep them company and, after their affliction, to dye their hands with henna and comb their tresses. They have drunk from cups of blood and been sustained by the food of grief.

And Thou hast nourished them with the food of grief, and as Thou didst ordain, O my Lord, whatsoever Thou didst will, and didst cause to flow the irrevocable decree of destiny in whatsoever Thou didst desire. Therefore, O my Beloved, clothe them with the garments of patience and forbearance, and the vestures of mercy and tolerance, that their eyes may be illumined by Thy fresh mercies, and their hearts be tranquillized by Thine infinite favors. Cause them to enter the rivers of nearness and the cities of reunion, and give shelter to these homeless ones in the precincts of Thy mercy and beneath the pleasant shadows of Thy forgiveness and pardon. Grant repose to these troubled ones in Thy holy gatherings, and give these thirsty ones to drink from the waters of the hidden Kawthar and from the stored wine of immortality. Waft upon them the sweet-scented breezes of the Yemen of Thy love, and cause them to enter the cities of intimate companionship with Thee, that they may become remote from all except Thee and draw nigh unto Thee, become occupied with Thy remembrance and enraptured by Thy mention. May they plant the tree of Thy love in the luminous soil of the heart and water it with the waters of Thy love until its stature becomes lofty and its branches yield fruit, that they may remain firm in Thy love and steadfast therein, that they may walk in the land of Thy good-pleasure and find their abode in the cradles of Thy nearness, that they may traverse the wilderness of union with Thee and soar in the heavens of Thy presence, that they may pass beyond all limitations and attain unto the precincts of unity, and become exalted through the breaths of singleness in the realm of detachment, that they may close their eyes to all else and open them to Thee, flee from all else and enter Thy presence. Therefore, O my Master, bestow Thy favors upon them and upon this new guest who hath come before Thee, from that which hath been mentioned and that which hath been left unmentioned, and from that which is sanctified and exempt from these two aspects. Soon wilt Thou bestow that whereunto Thou hast been called. This proceedeth from Thy perfect bounty which hath preceded all created things, O my Lord.

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O Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

On the 29th of Rabi'u'l-Avval 1300

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

The denizens of the Kingdom bear witness that the Lord of the Celestial Dominion hath come with such sovereignty that before it nothing that is seen or witnessed can stand. He, verily, is the One Who was recorded in the Books of God, our Purpose and the Purpose of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Yet when He came, all in the realm of creation turned away, save those who hearkened unto the Call and, forsaking all earthly things, turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon. These are they who are of the Ark mentioned by the Tongue of Unity in the Qayyumu'l-Asma. He it is Who gave glad tidings unto all of It and of those who would sail therein. Blessed are they who hastened after they heard, who responded after they recognized, and who found after they turned unto Him. These are God's chosen ones on earth and His pure ones throughout the lands. All things bear witness unto them even as the Tongue of Grandeur hath borne witness unto them. These are honored servants, these are sincere servants. These are they whom neither the howling of the wolf deterred from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, nor did the hissing serpent that glides frighten them from that which they purposed in the path of God, the Lord of existence.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the world! Thou seest and knowest that this servant desired to make mention of one of Thy chosen ones who arose to serve Thy Cause and to aid that which Thou didst purpose in Thy dominion, though I know that my mention befitteth him not - how much less Thy sovereignty and majesty! I testify, O my God, that by Thy leave he turned unto all horizons and by Thy will he faced all directions, until there appeared from him that which Thy knowledge had anticipated. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power which none save Thyself hath comprehended, to aid him in that which he hath purposed in Thy days for the exaltation of Thy Word. Assist him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, then protect him from those who have violated Thy Covenant, turned away from Thy Beauty, and denied Thy proof and Thy evidence. Thou art He, O my God, through Whom power and its dominion, might and its sovereignty were manifested. Thou rulest through Thy sovereignty as Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Ruler, the Commander, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O beloved of my heart and he who is mentioned in my soul! By God's life, the wine of thy remembrance hath intoxicated me, which the chosen ones of the verdant land and those around it caused me to hear. Among that which they say is that thou didst, with thy finger in the land of Qaf and Vav, loose the bonds when a wolf from among the wolves who denied the beginning and the return rose up against thee, when the All-Giving appeared riding upon the clouds. Blessed is he who arose to aid you, assist you, and protect you from the evil of the essence of wickedness. He hath attained unto that which none hath comprehended save God, my Purpose and thy Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earths. However, this servant is ashamed to have exceeded the bounds of moderation. The exalted and all-knowing Truth beareth witness that thou hast ever been in my heart and before my sight. After reading thy numerous letters, on the wings of love, affection, longing and yearning, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and after gaining permission and attaining the presence before His countenance, this was submitted. This is what the Tongue hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, mighty is His utterance and exalted His sovereignty:

In My Name, the Stranger in the world and the Wronged One among the peoples […]

O Haydar-'Ali! Make wide the skirt of thy search and spread it out, for the Most Great Ocean hath willed to bestow upon thee from the billows of His bounty the pearls of knowledge and wisdom. Gather them together in His Name and present them unto the peoples of the world, that those endued with vision may thereby be distinguished from others. Thus hath the Most Great Announcement informed thee from this hallowed, glorious and exalted Station. That which befell thee in the path of God hath attained unto the ears of the Lord of Names, and verily He was with thee, He witnessed and beheld, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who aided thee, and happy is he who succored thee, and joy be to him who testified to that which thou didst utter for the sake of God, the Goal of them that know.

In every age and cycle there hath befallen the loved ones of God that which caused every seeing eye to weep and every person of fairness to lament. The primary cause and origin of tyranny and oppression hath been the ignorant ones of the earth who counted themselves learned and leaders and guides of the servants. They are honored in the name of God, glory be to Him, while they cling to every means toward His abasement. O Haydar! I desire their life, they desire My death. Their heedlessness hath reached such a state that they remain unaware of and veiled from the presence of Him Whom they have worshipped for years, Whose mention they have uttered, and by Whose Name they have been known. By the life of God! They are in manifest error. Their glory hath been removed. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen decreed, before and after, and I am, verily, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

They have turned aside from the Book of God and have clung to and acted upon the dictates of their desires, even though in every moment a herald from all directions proclaimeth in most eloquent words and announceth of death and evanescence. I swear by the Most Great Ocean that surgeth in this Prison - were they to become aware, even to the extent of a needle's eye, of the recompense of their deeds, they would destroy themselves with their own hands.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the near ones and the sincere ones have sacrificed their souls to manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the pearls of Thy knowledge to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen, for him who hath aided Me, that which beseemeth Thy grace and bounty and befitteth Thy generosity and gifts. Thou knowest, O my God, my Goal, my Creator, my Provider, and my Helper, how the oppressors among Thy servants and the rebellious among Thy creatures have risen against me - they who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy Self, and disputed Thy signs. O Lord! Seize them through Thy power, might, strength and sovereignty. Then open before the face of him who aided Thy servant the gate of Thy grace and bounty, and grant him the choice wine of Thy Revelation and the Kawthar of Thy inspiration, that he may be so transported as to see in existence naught save the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and the evidences of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Aid them that have aided Thee, through whom Thou hast raised the standards of Thy unity and elevated the banners of Thy remembrance and praise. Then bring low Thine enemies who have warred against Thy friends throughout the ages and cycles. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

Praise be to God! Ye are adorned with the lights of the Sun of meanings and are sustained by the fruits of the Tree of grace. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, that no polytheistic hands shall touch that

cherished fruit, and that He will protect it from the tempests of the malevolent ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From the day when the letter of that beloved one reached His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the favor of the King of Oneness specifically for each of the friends of the land of M, upon them be the Glory of God. However, due to the upheavals, conflicts, and wars that arose in various regions, there was delay in their dispatch. For long periods, the people of these parts were in utmost fear and disturbance, that what was revealed aforetime from God, our Creator and Fashioner, might be made manifest.

Now for some time the dust of self and passion has settled, and the people of these lands have become tranquil and at rest. Glory be to God! One is astonished to observe that most people cling to that which leads to error and misguidance, while remaining heedless of the Straight Path and the Ark of Salvation, nay, turning away from the Truth, glorified be His majesty. I beseech and implore Him not to deprive His servants of His boundless grace, and to give all to drink from the ocean of awareness. He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, and He is the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for him. His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, through which the Tree cried out on the Mount […]

Praised be He Who hath appeared and revealed the Most Great Ocean, and brought forth from it the pearls of knowledge and wisdom before the faces of all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Among the people are those who have recognized and testified, those who have witnessed yet hesitated, and those who have turned away and denied the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the divine bounty hath appeared, the heavenly table hath been sent down, the proof hath been perfected, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath come to pass. By God's life! The earth doth speak, the mountains do pass away, the clouds pour down rain, and the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Subduer of Names and the All-Powerful over all things. Within My grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on the earth."

O Nasrullah! Rejoice that My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee in this Prison, which God hath made the seat of His mighty throne. We have desired the life of the world and the salvation of all therein, yet they have pronounced judgment against My Self without any proof from God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Blessed is the one with vision who hath beheld the lights of My countenance, the one with hearing who hath heard My call, the strong one who hath taken hold of My Book, and the helper who hath arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

We have ordained victory through wisdom and utterance, and through deeds and character from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of My sanctity and My justice, whereby the Path hath been established and the Balance set up. Thus hath the tongue of revelation spoken, yet most of mankind

remain heedless. Blessed is he who hath taken the reins of his desires and acknowledged that which his Lord hath testified - he is among those who are brought near in a clear Book.

When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and attainest unto My Book, arise and say: “Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art wronged and estranged!” Thus have We lit the lamp of prosperity with the fire of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto those who turn away.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, hoping for that which is with their Lord, the Generous Giver.

And this is what hath been sent down to the handmaiden of God from the heaven of the tender mercy of our Lord, the Possessor of sovereignty and the Kingdom. His utterance, exalted be His majesty and glory, is this:

In the Name of the Peerless Beloved

O handmaiden of God! If thou wert to become all ears, by God’s life, it would be befitting, for the Speaker of Sinai hath willed to converse with thee. Be attentive and ponder well, for thou hearest from the Lord of Names the call “O My handmaiden!” How many souls in past ages and centuries gave up their lives hoping for this call, yet attained it not. Have those who today have attained unto the Divine Word recognized the station thereof, or are they heedless of it? Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

That mystery which was hidden in all the divine Books and mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets and holy ones hath become manifest and evident and witnessed. Where are the eyes worthy of this Day, or the ears capable of this call? Ask of God that He may awaken the heedless and the slumbering with this sweet call. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

If thou hast received thy portion from the fragrance of the All-Merciful’s utterance, be thou steadfast in His remembrance and act according to that which beseemeth Him. We make mention of thy mother and thy daughter and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace and mercy, that they may rejoice and be among the thankful ones in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great. Glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of an ancient Commander. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

God bears witness that His bounty towards that beloved one was manifest to such a degree that had he asked for a hundred or more, these would surely have descended in this blessed night from the heaven of His Will. Exalted be this supreme favor and this bounty which none can reckon save our Lord, the All-Knowing Reckoner. In these days, that beloved one has been mentioned repeatedly and brought to the attention of the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. The Ismu’llah M.H., may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him, has made mention of that beloved one in several of his writings, and likewise has ’Ali-Qabil-i-Akbar, may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him, written to this evanescent servant about your service, dedication and what befell you. Similarly from the direction of Kha and the verdant land and elsewhere. God willing, may these loving fragrances ever waft and these breezes of affection continue to blow at all times, delighting the sincere ones. In truth, this is a mention infused with love. We

beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will illumine His loved ones with the light of love and unity, nay rather all the peoples of the world. Verily, He has power over all things.

Last week, twenty wondrous and exalted Tablets, specifically revealed for the friends in Shahrud, were sent down from the heaven of bounty and forwarded to Aqa Mirza Ahmad, may the Glory of God rest upon him, as per your indication in the letter written to this servant. This servant also wrote and sent two letters to him and to Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, may the Glory of God rest upon him. God willing, may they be illumined and gladdened by the lights of these revealed Tablets and be sustained by the Kawthar of bounty.

As for what you mentioned regarding wisdom and expressing concern about its absence, praise be to God, whatever has transpired has caused the exaltation of the Cause, and the Tongue of Grandeur has, in several instances, made mention in the sweetest terms of your honor and what was manifested. That beloved one should thank the Purpose of all the worlds with a hundred thousand tongues, for He has confirmed you in serving His Cause in such wise that most have testified to it. Blessed are you, and would that I were with you!

If the Tablets for the land of Mim arrive and they turn again towards that land, it would be pleasing, or if they could be entrusted to a reliable friend to deliver to Mulla 'Ali-Jan, may the Glory of God rest upon him, who may then distribute them to their owners as he sees fit. These Tablets of bounty have been ready for some time, but their dispatch was delayed due to the upheavals in various regions. The living have their portion and the dead theirs - for the former, joy and gladness and treasure, and for the latter, mercy and bounty and forgiveness from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Once, as the Ancient Beauty was walking, mention was made of Mulla 'Ali-Jan, may Glory rest upon him, and several others from His blessed tongue, and after a few moments He uttered these exalted words - exalted be His grandeur: "O servant in attendance! The fragrance of the love of God is inhaled from those regions. Pray for those souls mentioned and for the friends of those parts, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for success and confirmation. Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly return."

Your attention to the regions you mentioned, especially the land of Kaf and Ra, is pleasing, for certain ignorant ones in that land spoke according to their desires and were unaware. Whichever direction they may turn is pleasing, for praise be to God, they are assisted and confirmed and adorned with the ornament of wisdom.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My Glory! Thy mention hath been made at the Most Exalted Horizon; thou hast not been forgotten, nor shalt thou ever be. Wheresoever thou art, He is with thee. We make mention of thy turning unto Us, thy devotion, thy presence, thy steadfastness, and thy service in this glorious and exalted station. It behooveth thee to make mention of My countenance, My acceptance, My favor, the effulgences of the Sun of My grace, the manifestations of My generosity, and the tokens of My mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all created things.

Concerning the beloved Muhammad Khan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful, you have written that he is among those souls who seem to have come into the world already aflame. Praise be to God, he is illumined by the light of the Divine Countenance and the warmth of love. The verses specifically

requested for the aforementioned person have been sent according to the number seven. God willing, may he attain eternal life through the divine fragrances.

As was previously revealed, “and from water We made all things living” - the intended meaning of water in the primal reality was the water of the All-Merciful’s utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless.

Ask thou the Self-Sufficing Lord on behalf of the aforementioned person that he may not be deprived of the Water of Life, and that he may not be barred from the outpourings of the True Ever-Flowing Fountain on this wondrous Day. Today, all things hear with attentive ears this blessed word: “O concourse of men! Seize ye the opportunity in these days of the Dawning-Place of your Lord’s command, the All-Merciful. By God! This is a Day the like of which the sun hath never risen upon, by the Life of God!”

What hath flowed from the Pen of Bounty specifically for him in this leaf is, before God, better and more beloved than all his good works, both past and future. I beseech God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, to aid him in that which shall cause his mention to endure throughout the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

It would be most regrettable if these times, a single moment of which excelleth ages and centuries, should pass fruitlessly and slip away. By the Sun of Justice which shineth from the horizon of this prison due to the oppression of the transgressors, should any soul become aware, even slightly, of the station of these days, or catch a fragrance from the garment of this Revelation, he would turn with heart and soul toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act as befitteth. This is a word that hath descended from the heaven of divine loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless impostor.

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In My Name, the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

Glory be to Him Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He hath willed. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Hashim! Mention of thee was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there was sent down for thee that which hath caused the dwellers of the graves to arise in these days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have arisen to serve the Cause and have aided the friends of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and for having sent down for thee that which rejoiceth the hearts of the sincere ones. If thou attainest unto My Book and findest the fragrance of Mine verses, say:

O my God and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love, turned toward Thy horizon, and speaking Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou at Whose glances the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee have melted, through the heat of Whose love the hearts of the sincere ones have been set ablaze, by the lights of Whose countenance the hearts of the yearning ones have been attracted, and at the movement of Whose locks the foundations of the lovers have been shaken! I beseech Thee, O Light of hearts and Fire of breasts, by the Crimson Ark and the Word whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, to strengthen me in that which causeth the dwellers of Sinai to inhale the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and the unitarians to sense the sweet savors of Thy garment. O Lord! Thou seest me detached from the world and turning unto Thee, O Lord of eternity. Wouldst Thou disappoint, O my Beloved, one who awaiteth the wonders of Thy bounty and grace? Wouldst Thou withhold, O my Heart's Desire, one who hath clung to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and favors? O Lord! I am the weak one who hath sought the stronghold of Thy power, the wronged one who hath hastened to the banner of Thy justice, and the despairing one who hath held fast unto the cord of hope, anticipating the wonders of Thy mercy. O Lord! I am he who was asleep until awakened by the breezes of Thy days, who was seated until raised up by the fragrances of Thy verses, and who was heedless until made aware of the Dayspring of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name whereby the world was illumined, to honor me with Thy presence or to ordain for me, from Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of one who hath soared in Thy atmosphere by Thy leave and hath drunk the choice wine of Thy reunion through the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! I beseech Thee to make me, in all conditions, submissive to Thy Command, humble before Thy Judgment, turning toward Thy horizon and speaking Thy praise. O my Beloved and Beloved of the world! I wish to be as a leaf moved by the winds of Thy Will as Thou pleasest. O Lord! This is my soul and my spirit and whatsoever Thou hast given me. I have presented them before Thy face and committed them into Thy hands. Do with them as Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

The bestowals of grace and stations of bounty are manifest and evident. What more can this helpless writer say or explain? To him who desires to behold the ocean and its waves, say: Behold, it is before thine eyes. In this case, there has never been and is not now any need for an intermediary. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

As to what was written concerning His honor 'Ali-Muhammad, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime words, His glory be exalted:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the Answering

O 'Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and thy Lord calleth thee with the sweetest utterance in the kingdom of divine knowledge. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O 'Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and thy Lord remembereth thee at this hour with a remembrance that hath perfumed all creation. He is verily the Compassionate, the Merciful.

O 'Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant. The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, that thou mayest become aware of thy Lord's grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant. The Lord of Names hath turned toward thee. Rejoice and be thou of the thankful.

O ’Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and the Beloved speaketh before thy face. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing, the Answering.

O ’Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and the Lord remembereth thee from the Most Exalted Summit with a remembrance through which every sincere seeker findeth the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord’s mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ’Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and the Lord of the world remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison. Give thanks and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the Messengers.

O ’Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and thy Lord remindeth thee of the days when thou didst stand before the Gate and didst hear His mighty and wondrous call. O My servant! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which causeth every tongue to speak, every sorrowful one to rejoice, every stranger to seek the supreme homeland, and every person of understanding to thank his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We make mention of Our servant Javad that he may hear what We have caused thee to hear and thank God for this great bounty. O Javad! The Lord of Creation hath turned toward thee from the Prison and remembereth thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of the world. He Who hath with Him the clear Book beareth witness to this.

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! Thou art he who attained My remembrance aforetime, and We have sent down for thee that which spoke of My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Give thanks unto God for this most great bounty, then remember Him with a goodly remembrance. The glory be upon you and upon the sister and upon your family and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In truth, O beloved of my heart, mention of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds is beyond pen and tongue. Man is bewildered at the dawning-places of heedlessness, the rising-points of ignorance, and the manifestations of idle fancy. To what do they cling and from what do they turn away in heedlessness? Would that they might become aware of even less than can be numbered of the outpourings of these bountiful days. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves. Assist them through Thy generosity and bounty, then guide them to Thy straight path. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God! Unveil for them as Thou hast unveiled for us. Thou art verily the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Now may His honor ’Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, remain smiling and joyous throughout his life at this most exalted remembrance and greatest bounty.

In the matter of conversations and certain passages, as well as mention of the unity, attraction and steadfastness of the loved ones of God, this brought true joy. If one reflects upon what has transpired

and observes with penetrating vision, one's soul will voice praise and thanksgiving, and utter "blessed be the people of Baha!" How many souls, with utmost longing and eagerness, advanced toward the place of sacrifice. At one time these exalted words flowed from the tongue of the Lord of Names - glorified be His majesty: "Were ye to count the martyrs of God, ye could not number them." Some were so attracted and enkindled by the Word of God that they sacrificed their lives by their own hands at the threshold of the Beloved of the worlds. Among them was the honored Dhabi? of Baghdad - upon him be all the most glorious Glory - and likewise the one who in the Land of Mystery cut his own throat, and further Jinab-i-Aba-Ba?ir and Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ashraf - upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God. After beholding the Divine Tablet, they emerged from their homes and openly and clearly proclaimed the Cause of God until they attained the most great martyrdom. And Jinab-i-Najaf-Quli-'Ali - upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy - when they had surrounded him, cried out at the top of his voice saying "We have found the Pearl and the Price of Blood!" And in the land of ?a, Jinab-i-Mu??afa - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - and likewise other souls sacrificed their lives with such steadfastness that all were astounded. And Jinab-i-Aba-Badi' - upon him be the Glory of God and His might - who in the land of Kha, when they demanded he deny the Faith and utter but one word, refused and took and drank the cup of supreme martyrdom in the name of the Lord of all beings. Blessed is he! Such events occurred in every land, and these souls willingly gave up their lives in the path of the Peerless Beloved. Should this servant wish to fully recount this station, he would need to occupy himself with writing numerous pages. But time is like the phoenix, and opportunity as rare as the philosopher's stone. In the early days of imprisonment, He commanded that the enkindlement of devoted souls should be somewhat tempered, as it was observed that all desired martyrdom, and numerous petitions had arrived from the friends, all seeking martyrdom from God - exalted be His Glory. After the appearance of these events and these petitions, the Lord of Names uttered these exalted words - mighty be His Glory: "We command all to wisdom and utterance, and to preserve their lives, a command from Us, and We are the Commanding One, the All-Wise." After the martyrdom of Badi', He strictly forbade all from such acts in the Book, and the decree of wisdom descended from the heaven of will in such measure that all are incapable and fall short of reckoning it. Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what He willed! However, this Most Great, Most Exalted Cause has not been and is not dependent upon such matters. By the life of God, it is greater than what they have known and understood, were they to perceive it. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be!

And regarding the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Ismu'llah-i-A?daq - upon them both be the most glorious Glory - news of them has arrived in these days from the land of B-SH. Praise be to God, they were in good health, enkindled with the fire of the love of God and speaking His praise, and from that land they intended to travel to other lands. The servant beseeches his Lord to protect him from the oppression of every oppressor and the hatred of every enemy, and to assist him in serving His most mighty, most great, most firm and impregnable Cause.

In regard to what was written concerning the handmaiden of God, the wife of the late Haji Mirza Hassan, upon them both be the Glory of God, who has sought permission for pilgrimage, this matter was presented before the Divine Presence and was honored with this response, exalted be His grandeur:

“O Haydar Ali! Upon you be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Gladden My handmaiden, upon her be My glory, with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. We have glorified her before and We glorify her at this moment. She heard and responded and turned towards God when all on earth turned away, save whom God wished. Your Lord is the All-Knowing. Give her My glad-tidings and remind her of what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My Will, that she may rejoice in My great bounty.”

This year some of the friends, both men and women, have, with permission, turned towards the Praised Spot, but have not yet attained the honor of meeting. They are dwelling and traveling in cities and lands and paths. Should God will it, all shall attain to that which the Divine Purpose hath desired. The Command is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

O Haydar Ali! Upon you be My glory. The path is long and the hardship great. Beseech God that the Supreme Pen may record for that accepted and successful handmaiden the reward of attainment. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Glory be upon you and upon her and upon those who love you in this straight Path.

Convey to all the friends in that land the glorification from God and keep them enkindled with the fire of divine love. This day is and hath ever been the Mother of Days. All must hold fast, with perfect wisdom and utterance, to that which will exalt the Cause of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the All-Wise ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Regarding the mention made of Jinab-i-Abu’l-Hassan and Jinab-i-Aqa Ali and Aqa Ahmad from Qa’in, upon them be the Glory of God, praise be to God that these mentioned names have attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Abu’l-Hassan, blessed and exalted be His words:

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

O Abu’l-Hassan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest remembereth thee and commandeth thee to that which will profit thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto goodly deeds and unto that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Rememberer, the Mighty, the Great. The letter of one who loveth Me came before My face, and therein was thy mention. We have remembered thee with that which causeth the breeze of loving-kindness to waft over all created things. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Generous. We make mention of Our loved ones in Qaf and Alif and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them and My turning towards them from this distant Prison. They have borne in the path of God that which none bore before them. To this doth testify the Pen of God, the Most High, in this perspicuous Tablet. God shall soon reward those who were patient in His days and shall make manifest their stations in such wise that the tongues of the world shall speak forth: “Blessed be God, the Most Generous of the generous ones!”

We make mention of thy father, who was named Ahmad, and bid him to observe that which hath been revealed in the Book and to manifest beauteous patience. O Ahmad! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee and informeth thee of that which hath come to pass in the Prison Land by the command of the Mighty, the Powerful. He who circled round the Throne of the Lord of

Names hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. Thus hath appeared the decree of destiny from the One Who ordaineth from ancient times. We have revealed for him that which shall endure throughout the eternity of My Most Beautiful Names. Thus doth the perspicuous Book apprise thee from His presence. O Ahmad! By the life of God, all the treasures of the world cannot equal a single letter of that which hath been revealed for him. To this beareth witness the Ancient of Days from this exalted station. We console thee and those who are related unto him by God's decree, as a mercy from Our presence, for verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory of God rest upon him and upon thee and upon thy son, from God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

And this is what was revealed for his honor 'Ali from the horizon of the Prison in My Name, the Manifest:

O 'Ali! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever fixed His gaze of loving-kindness upon His loved ones on earth. For each one hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will that which no treasures, mines, traces or fruits can equal. We beseech the True One to aid all to preserve this most exalted station and supreme gift. Praise be to God! The rain of grace hath poured upon the people of Qaf and Alif. Its effects shall surely become manifest. Blessed are they who have quaffed the sealed wine and are steadfast in the Cause of God. They are My loved ones on earth and My chosen ones in the lands. Upon them be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded existence. We console all who have believed in God in thy land, for surely the believers and the sincere in that land have been touched by grief in this new calamity. Now must they, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, drink from the chalice of joy. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of unity, a station hath been conferred upon him which, were less than a needle's eye thereof to be unveiled, all would be struck unconscious with joy. Exalted is this most great favor, and exalted is that noble station! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Ahmad, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted

A mention from Our presence unto him who hath attained unto the recognition of My days, when the divines and doctors of the earth turned away from Me, save those who quaffed the choice wine of the Bayan from the hand of My bounty. And I am the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Ahmad! We have heard thy mention and have turned toward thee from this spot which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His mighty signs and the Source of His commandments and ordinances. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all return, Who hath graciously aided thee and guided thee unto the straight path. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the conditions of men shall cause thee to slip nor the veils of idle fancies prevent thee.

We love to make mention in every Tablet of him who was named Nabil-i-'Ali, who cast away the world in his longing to attain the presence of the Ancient of Days and who clung in all conditions to the hem of the robe of his Lord, the Revealer of verses. He hath ascended in spirit and fragrance, and there hath been revealed for him that whereby the Concourse on High perceived the sweet savors of the garment of mercy of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace and the light gleaming from the direction of My mercy be upon him and upon thee and upon every patient believer.

Verily, all the devoted ones, the unitarians and the sincere ones throughout all lands should be offered condolences, for a mighty pillar hath vanished from sight. However, such grace hath been vouchsafed unto them that this servant can testify that an atom thereof is sweeter, more pleasing, more excellent and more precious than the life of the world. In truth, this evanescent one hath repeatedly uttered "Would that I had been with him!" beseeching and supplicating God, exalted be His glory, that He may confirm all and deprive none from the ocean of His good-pleasure. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As for the sublime Tablets which were requested for some who dwell in various regions, these shall be sent, God willing. However, had ye given precedence to the people of M, it would have appeared closer to piety, for the newly-planted, wondrous saplings are and have been awaiting water. The attention of the beloved one, His Holiness the Name of God M, may the most glorious of all glory rest upon him, to those regions is most beloved and acceptable before the Throne. God willing, may all who are on earth not be deprived of this all-embracing, pre-existing mercy. From these servants: supplication and humility; and from God, exalted be His glory: acceptance and bestowal. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Generous.

These are days wherein the Most Great Word, like a true magnet, will reveal all that is hidden in the realities of men and concealed in their hearts. How many possessors of asceticism, piety and fear of God who, on the Day of Resurrection, manifested naught but vain desire. This is the Day whereon the secrets are tried and that which is in the hearts is uncovered. Reflect upon His Holiness Sh.J., may the glory of God rest upon him, how the divine Word revealed, like the rays of the sun without veil or covering, the victory that was hidden within him and concealed from him and all eyes. Blessed is He Who attracted whom He willed through His Most Exalted Word.

Now their station is ordained with God and their mention is recorded with the Truth, to such extent that it hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen in these pages that their intention was beloved, their deed acceptable, and their triumph welcome. Assuredly the effulgences of the sun of divine favor will become manifest and evident to all the worlds. How many souls who claimed knowledge were accounted among the most ignorant before God. Well is it with him who hath quaffed the sealed wine and aided the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Of the sent pieces, one should reach the son of his honor Aqa Mirza Husayn, may the glory of God rest upon him. The Most Great Branch, may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps, hath specifically bestowed it upon him, and his name is inscribed on the back of that same piece. May the glory that shineth from the horizon of the favor of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, be upon you and upon those who have turned with radiant faces unto God in this wondrous Day. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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In My Name, the Grief-Stricken

O Salman! From the City of the Soul, waft thou the holy breaths of the All-Merciful over the peoples of all the worlds and contingent beings. With the foot of steadfastness, the wings of detachment, and a heart aflame with the fire of the love of God, press thou forward that the cold of winter may not affect thee, nor prevent thee from journeying through the valley of oneness. O Salman! These days are the manifestation of the firm, established word "There is no God but Him," for the letter of negation hath preceded and taken precedence over the name of affirmation in relation to the essence of affirmation and its manifestation. None among the people of creation hath thus far perceived this divine subtlety, and what they have witnessed - that the letters of negation have ever outwardly prevailed over the letters of affirmation - hath been due to the influence of this Word, whose Revealer, in view of the hidden wisdoms contained within this all-embracing Word, hath given precedence to negation. Were I to make mention of its veiled and concealed wisdoms, thou wouldst assuredly find the people thunderstruck, nay rather, lifeless.

Whatsoever thou beholdest in the earth, even if it appeareth to contravene the outward desire of the Embodiments of His Cause, yet in truth all hath been and shall ever be according to the Divine Will. Should anyone, after perceiving this Tablet, reflect upon the aforementioned Word, he would become aware of a wisdom heretofore unknown, for the form of words is the treasury of truth, and their inherent meanings are the spiritual pearls of the Sovereign of Oneness. The hand of Divine infallibility forbiddeth the people from attaining unto it, but when God's Will so decrees and the hand of power unsealeth it, then do the people become cognizant thereof.

Consider, for instance, the words of the Furqan, which contained all the divine treasures of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory and majesty. All the divines would recite them night and day and write commentaries thereon, yet were they powerless to reveal a single letter of the hidden pearls stored within these verbal treasuries. And when the promised hour came, the hand of power of Him Whom I manifest moved the seal of its treasuries according to the capacity and receptivity of the people. Thus did children of the age who had not understood a single letter of outward knowledge become aware, according to their measure, of the hidden mysteries, to such an extent that a mere child could confound the divines of the age in exposition. Such is the power of the Divine Hand and the all-encompassing nature of the Will of the Sovereign of Oneness.

Should anyone reflect upon these words that have been mentioned, he would observe that not a single atom moveth except by His Will, nor doth anyone become cognizant of a single letter save through His Purpose - exalted be His station, and exalted be His power, and exalted be His sovereignty, and exalted be His grandeur, and exalted be His command, and exalted be His grace above all who dwell in the kingdoms of the heavens and the earth.

O Salman! The Pen of the All-Merciful declares: In this Dispensation, I have removed the word of negation from the beginning of affirmation, and its decree, God willing, shall descend from the heaven of divine will, and We shall send it thereafter. O Salman! Sorrows have so encompassed Me that the tongue of the All-Merciful has been prevented from making mention of exalted matters. I swear by the Lord of all possibility that the gates of the paradise of inner meanings have been shut due to the oppression of the idolaters, and the breezes of divine knowledge have been cut off from the right hand of divine unity. O

Salman! Think not that My tribulations are confined to these days, though they have outwardly existed before and after. One whom I nurtured by the hand of mercy through months and years rose up to slay Me. Were I to make mention of the mysteries of the past, thou wouldst learn that from time immemorial certain among the servants who were created by the Word of Command have risen in opposition to the Truth and violated the wonders of His Cause. Consider Harut and Marut, who were two servants brought nigh unto God. Through their extreme sanctity they became known as angels. They were brought from nothingness into being by the all-encompassing Will, and their mention was recorded in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and their signs were made manifest. They were so close to God that the tongue of grandeur spoke their praise, until they reached a station where they regarded themselves as more pious, more exalted, and more detached than all other servants. Then a breeze blew from the direction of divine testing, and they were cast down to the nethermost fire. Most of what is mentioned among people concerning these two angels is false and far from the shore of truth. With Us is the knowledge of all things preserved in tablets of glory. Yet none among the peoples of that age objected to the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, asking why, after these two angels had attained such stations of sanctity and nearness, He took this station from them. O Salman! Say to the people of the Bayan: Transform not the everlasting divine elixir and the eternal heavenly Kawthar into bitter water, and efface not the melody of the Nightingale of eternity from your hearing. Walk beneath the shade of the outspread cloud of mercy and dwell in the shadow of the Tree of grace. O Salman! The Truth has ever judged among men according to outward appearances, and all the Prophets and Messengers were commanded to judge among creatures according to the outer appearance, and no other way is permitted. For example, observe that a person may now be a believer and a monotheist, upon whom the Sun of divine unity has shed its radiance to such an extent that he acknowledges and confesses all the divine names and attributes, and bears witness to that which the Ancient Beauty has testified unto Himself by Himself. In this station, all attributes apply to and are true of him. Indeed, none but God is capable of describing him as he truly is, and all these attributes refer to that divine effulgence that has shone upon him from the Sovereign Who manifests it. In this station, should anyone turn away from him, he has turned away from the Truth, for naught can be seen in him save divine effulgences. As long as he remains in this station, should any word other than good be spoken concerning him, the speaker has been and will ever be a liar. But after the withdrawal of that effulgence by which he was characterized […]

And after the turning away of that Manifestation Who was the bearer of these attributes, and all these attributes returned with Him to His dwelling place, that soul is no longer the same soul that it was before, such that those attributes should remain with it. And if one were to observe with penetrating vision, even the garment that soul is wearing is not and never will be the same as before. For when a believer, at the time of his faith in God and recognition of Him, even if his garment be of coarse cotton, it is accounted as silk of Paradise in the sight of God. And after turning away, it becomes as pitch of hellfire. In such case, should anyone describe such a soul with those attributes, he would be a liar and be reckoned with the people of fire in the sight of God. O Salman! I have deposited the proofs of this utterance in all things, by themselves and of themselves. Nevertheless, it is most strange that people have not perceived this and have stumbled at the appearance of such matters. Consider the lamp: so long as it is bright, luminous and aflame, should anyone deny its light, he would surely be a liar. However, after a breeze extinguishes it, should one say it is still shining, he was and ever will be a liar - even though the niche and candle are one

and the same both when giving light and when not. O Salman! Today behold all things as mirrors, for all creation was brought into being by a single word and standeth in one plane before God. And should all turn to this eternal Sun which hath shone forth from the most holy horizon of glory, in all would be reflected the image of the Sun in its form. In such case, all the names and attributes of the Sun would be true of those mirrors, for naught would be seen in them save the Sun and its radiance. And to the perceiving sage it is evident that these attributes belong not to the mirrors in and of themselves, but rather all attributes pertain to that reflection which hath appeared and shone forth in those mirrors from the dawning-place of the Sun's grace. And so long as this reflection endureth, the attributes endure, and after the effacement of that reflection from the forms of the mirrors, the description of those mirrors by any who would describe them would be and ever will be pure falsehood and absolute untruth, for names and attributes circle round the reflection which hath shone forth from the Sun, not round the mirrors in and of themselves. O Salman! The glory of all names, their exaltation, their greatness and their fame, hath been through their relation unto God. For instance, observe the temples that have been raised among different peoples - all circle round these temples and journey from distant places to visit them. And it is evident that the reverence for these temples hath been because the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, hath related them unto Himself, even though all know that the Ancient Beauty hath never needed and will never need any house, and the relation of all places to His holy Being hath been equal. Rather, He hath made these temples and their like the cause of the attainment and success of His servants, that He might not deprive all people of the wonders of His grace. Blessed, then, is he who followeth the Command of God.

Observe these Houses in the sight of God - they remain exalted so long as their connection [to God] is not severed. But after this connection is cut off, should anyone circumambulate them, they circumambulate only their own selves and are counted among the denizens of fire in God's sight. Similarly, observe the Houses of individual souls - after they turn away, the decree of idol applies to them, and those who cling to them are and shall be counted as idol-worshippers before God. Consider now how these Houses, both during their connection to God and after that connection is severed, maintain the same form and appearance. Indeed, no change is visible in their outer form, whether during their connection or without it. However, when the connection is cut off, the hidden spirit dwelling within those Houses is withdrawn, and none perceive this save those endowed with true knowledge. Observe this same truth in all the Manifestations of Names, who are the Houses of souls.

O Salman! Observe the words of the All-Merciful with a pure heart and sanctified vision, and reflect, that perchance thou mayest attain to God's purpose. O Salman! At the time of departure from Iraq, the Tongue of God informed all that the Samiri would appear and the Calf would raise its call, and that after the setting of the Sun, the birds of night would surely take flight. Those two have appeared, but soon the birds of night will arise claiming Lordship and Divinity. We beseech God to make people know their own selves, lest they transgress their bounds and station, and that they may remember God with this Most Great Remembrance, and aid His Cause with all their limbs and members, and be as standards between the heavens and the earth.

O people! Dwell beneath God's shade, then remain in your seats with God's tranquility and great dignity. Hold fast to the cord of servitude unto God, the True One. This is a station that nothing in the heavens

and earth can equal, and through it God's Cause is made manifest among His servants and creatures. Whoso holds fast to it in these days hath truly aided God's Cause, and whoso turns away from it hath shown pride before God - and none show pride save every transgressing sinner. God willing, may all dwell and find rest beneath the Beauty of the Ancient One, and be turned toward His direction, for this is indeed a great bounty.

As for thy question about the meaning of the verse - although the Pen of Command hath not been inclined to expound upon poetic meanings, since today the oceans of inner meanings have appeared in their essence and origin, and there is no need for previous utterances; rather, all possessors of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, both past and future, have been and will be in need of these surging and wondrous oceans - yet in response to thy request, a brief explanation shall be given, flowing from the Pen of the Ancient of Days according to God's will. The question is:

"When colorlessness became the prisoner of color,

A Moses came into conflict with a Moses."

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O Salman! The mystics have many such statements on these matters. Some have supposed Truth to be the sea and creation to be the waves, saying that the differences in the waves are due to forms, and forms are contingent, and after casting off forms all return to the sea - meaning they are in reality the sea - and concerning forms they have made other statements which it is not permissible to mention here. Similarly, they have described Truth as ink and all other things as letters, saying it is that same reality of ink appearing in different forms of letters, these forms being in reality one ink. They have called the first the station of unity and the second the station of multiplicity. Likewise they have spoken of Truth as the One and all things as numbers, and Truth as water and all things as ice, as they have said:

"Creation in similitude is but as ice,

And Thou art as the water whence it springs;

The ice doth melt, its ruling pass away,

The water's rule prevails - such is the truth."

And in another place they have said:

"The sea remains the sea as in eternity;

All that occurs are waves and phantoms merely."

Know that they consider all things to be manifestations of the essential theophany of Truth, and have mentioned three types of theophany - essential, attributive, and active. They regard the subsistence of all things through Truth as manifestational subsistence. Were all these matters to be fully expounded, it would so weary the hearers that they would be deprived of recognizing the essence of knowledge. Similarly, they believe in the existence of archetypal realities within the Divine Essence, as one mystic

philosopher has said: “The realities of things exist within His exalted Essence in their most noble form, then He causes them to emanate,” for they do not consider the Giver of a thing to be devoid of that thing, declaring this impossible. Thus Ibn ’Arabi has written an extensive treatise on this subject, and mystical philosophers and later ones like ?adr Shirazi, Fay? and their like have walked in the shallow waters of Ibn ’Arabi’s stream. Blessed is he who walks upon the red sand on the shore of this sea, by whose waves forms and semblances are effaced from what the people have imagined. How excellent is he who has stripped himself of all indications and allusions, who swims in this sea and its depths, and attains to the whales of inner meanings and the pearls of wisdom created therein. Joy to those who attain!

Every soul who has believed in the utterances of the mystics and followed that path has considered both Moses and Pharaoh to be manifestations of Truth - the former being the manifestation of the names “Guide” and “Mighty” and their like, and the latter being the manifestation of the names “Misleader” and “Abaser” and their like. Hence they affirm the reality of conflict between these two, yet after stripping away human limitations, they consider both to be one, just as they consider all things to be fundamentally one, as was briefly mentioned before. These are the beliefs of the people, some of which have been briefly stated. But O Salman! The Pen of the All-Merciful declares: Today, both the affirmer and denier of these utterances stand at the same level, for the Sun of Truth is shining by Its own Self and is manifest from the horizon of the eternal heaven. Whosoever occupies himself with mentioning these utterances will assuredly remain deprived of recognizing the Beauty of the All-Merciful. The springtime of philosophical speculation belongs to the time of absence, but today is the springtime of mystic revelation and meeting. Say: O people! Graze in these days in the meadows of revelation and witnessing, then abandon vain imaginings. Thus does the Pen of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, command you.

The mention of all knowledge has been for the recognition of the Known, and the exposition of proofs has been exclusively for establishing that which is indicated. Now praise be to God that the Sun of the Known has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of the Self-Subsisting, and the Moon of that which is indicated has appeared and shone forth in the heaven of Command. Sanctify thy heart from all allusions, and behold with thine outward eye the Sun of meanings in the holy spiritual heaven, and observe Its Names’ and Attributes’ effulgences in all things, that thou mayest attain unto all knowledge and its source, origin and mine. O Salman! By the Ancient Beauty, in these days new knowledge is being sent down every moment from the heaven of the recognition of the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Spring and hath detached himself from all else. O people of attraction and longing! Judge fairly: concerning these utterances which have been briefly mentioned from the words of the mystics, there exist countless books among men today. Were a person to desire to comprehend them all, two lifetimes would not suffice. O Salman! Say: God is manifest above all things, and the Kingdom on that Day shall be God’s; then leave the people to what they possess. Set aside the knowledge of the past. Moses, who was among the most great Prophets, after thirty days - during which, according to the mystics, in the first ten days he annihilated his deeds in the deeds of Truth, in the second ten his attributes in the attributes of Truth, and in the third ten his essence in the essence of Truth - and they have said that since there remained in him a vestige of existence, therefore did he hear the words “Thou shalt not behold Me.” But now the Tongue of God speaks and declares: “Say ‘Show me’ once, and attain

unto the presence of the Lord of Majesty a hundred thousand times!" Where is the grace of these days compared with former days! O Salman! All that the mystics have mentioned has been and shall be within the realm of creation, for exalted souls and detached hearts, no matter how high they soar in the heaven of knowledge and wisdom, cannot transgress the limits of their own contingent beings and that which was created within themselves by themselves. All the knowledge of every knower, all the remembrance of every rememberer, and all the description of every describer terminates in that which was created within him through the revelation of his Lord. Should any soul reflect even briefly, he would himself testify that it is impossible for creation to transgress its own limitations, and all examples and knowledge from the beginning that has no beginning revert to His creation, which was created through the Contingent Will, by itself and for itself from no thing. Glorified be God from being known through anyone's knowledge, or that any similitudes should revert to Him! There exists between Him and His creation no connection, no link, no direction, no allusion and no sign. He created all contingent things through His Will which hath encompassed the worlds. The Truth has ever been, in the sublimity of His sovereign unity, sanctified above the knowledge of all created things, and will forever remain, in the exaltation of His mighty transcendence, hallowed beyond the comprehension of all existing things. All who are in earth and heaven were created by His Word and have come from utter nothingness into the realm of being. How then can a created thing which was brought into being by the Word ascend unto the Ancient Being? O Salman! The way of all to the Ancient Being hath ever been barred.

And since they have come from utter nothingness into the realm of being, how can a creature created by the Word ascend unto the Ancient Being? O Salman, the path of all to the Ancient Being hath ever been and shall ever remain barred, and out of pure bounty and grace hath He caused the Suns dawning from the horizon of oneness to appear amidst men, and hath ordained that the recognition of these holy Beings should be as the recognition of His own Self. Whoso hath known them hath known God, and whoso hath hearkened unto their words hath hearkened unto the words of God, and whoso hath acknowledged them hath acknowledged God, and whoso hath turned away from them hath turned away from God, and whoso hath disbelieved in them hath disbelieved in God. They are the Path of God between the heavens and the earth, and the Balance of God in the kingdom of Command and creation, and they are the Manifestation of God and His proofs amongst His servants and His evidences amidst His creatures. O Salman, detach thyself from all that is renowned amongst men, and with the wings of detachment soar unto the heaven of most glorious holiness. By God! If thou shouldst fly unto it and reach its inmost essence, thou wouldst behold in existence naught save the countenance of the Well-Beloved, and wouldst see the deniers as though they had never been mentioned. The mention of this station requireth another tongue to recount it and another ear to hear it.

O Salman! How much sweeter it is that we should consign the mysteries of the soul and the wonders of the Beloved's praise to the heaven of the All-Merciful's will, and begin to expound the meaning of this verse. Know thou that the author of the Mathnavi, in mentioning Moses and Pharaoh, was speaking metaphorically, not suggesting that these two were one in essence - God forbid! For Pharaoh and his like were created by the Word of Moses, could ye but understand. And the very outward conflict that existed between them proves that they were opposed to each other in all worlds. This is a subtle truth that none can grasp save every discerning mystic.

The author of the Mathnavi regarded all beings in the kingdom of names as Moses, inasmuch as all were created from dust and unto dust shall return. Likewise are all marked by letters. In the world of spirits, which is the realm of oneness, there never was and never shall be conflict and contention, for the causes of strife are not evident there. However, after spirits enter bodies and appear in this world, the causes of discord arise, whether of truth or falsehood. Such strife and contention, if occurring to establish the Cause of the All-Glorious, has been and ever shall be truth; otherwise it is falsehood. All this strife and contention, love and hatred, acceptance and rejection revolve around causes.

For instance, observe how one effect proceeds from a cause. This cause is single, yet in each soul it is transformed according to that soul's capacity and its effects become manifest. In each station it appears with a different manifestation. Consider, for example, the divine name "the Enricher." This name in its own kingdom is one, but after it is reflected in the mirrors of human existence, its effects appear in each soul according to that soul's capacity. Thus in the generous it manifests as generosity, in the miserly as miserliness, in the wretched as wretchedness, and in the fortunate as good fortune. For in a state of poverty, souls and what lies within them remain concealed. For instance, when someone possesses not a penny, both their generosity and miserliness remain hidden. Likewise, their fortune or misfortune is not apparent at this stage.

But after attaining wealth, whatever lies within each soul becomes evident and manifest. Thus one person spends whatever they possess in the path of God, another arranges the means of warfare and rises to oppose and dispute with truth, while yet another hoards everything such that both they themselves and others are deprived of their wealth. Observe now how from a single manifestation what diverse and different effects appear! Yet before this manifestation, all these souls were dormant, concealed and frozen in their places. How the manifestation of the sun of the name "the Enricher" resurrected these souls and made manifest what was hidden within! If thou wouldst observe this exposition with the eye of insight, thou wouldst become aware of the concealed mysteries. Consider the Pharaoh of the age - if wealth […]

And if thou wilt observe this utterance with the eye of insight, thou wilt become aware of hidden mysteries. Consider the Pharaoh of the age - had it not been for his outward wealth and power, he would never have risen to oppose the Beauty of the Most High, for in the absence of means he was and would be powerless, with unbelief concealed within him. Blessed, therefore, are those souls who have not been captivated by the coloring of the world and all that hath been created therein, but have attained unto the coloring of God - that is, have taken on the color of truth in this wondrous Revelation, which is sanctification from all the varied colors of the world. None but the detached can recognize this coloring. Even as today, the people of Baha who are embarked upon the Ark of eternity and are sailing upon the Mighty Sea recognize one another, while none besides these companions are aware, and even if they should become aware, it would be only to the extent that the blind perceive the sun. O Salman! Say to the servants: Enter ye upon the shore of the Ancient Sea, that ye may be sanctified from all colors and may attain unto the most holy and pure station and the most great prospect. O Salman! All the varied colors of the world have prevented the servants from reaching the shore of the Most Glorious Holiness. Consider, for instance, that well-known person who rose in opposition. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that he would circle round Me night and day, and in the early hours while I was resting

he would stand by My head as verses of God were being revealed unto him, serving throughout the night and day. Yet when the Cause was raised up and he observed that his name had become renowned, the color of name and love of leadership so seized him that he remained deprived of the holy shore of oneness. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, in all creation none hath been seen to match him in his love of position and rank. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak forth His praise, should all the people of creation attempt to enumerate the jealousy and hatred of his soul, they would all find themselves powerless to do so. We beseech God to purify his heart and cause him to return unto His Self and to strengthen him in acknowledging God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great.

O Salman! Consider the Cause of God: a single word issues forth from the tongue of the Manifestation of Divine Unity - that word in itself is one and has appeared from a single source. Yet after the Sun of the Word dawns from the horizon of the mouth of God upon His servants, it appears in each soul according to its own condition. Thus in one it produces rejection, in another acceptance; similarly love and hatred and the like. Then these lovers and haters rise up in conflict and opposition, each having taken on a color, whereas before the appearance of the Word they had been friends and united. After the dawning of the Sun of the Word, the one who accepts is adorned with the color of God, while the one who rejects takes on the color of self and desire. The radiance of this same divine Word appears in the accepting soul with the color of acceptance, and in the rejecting soul with the color of rejection, even though the original radiance was sanctified above all colors. Consider the sun - with a single effulgence it shines upon mirrors and crystal glasses, yet in each glass it appears according to its color, as you have all observed and witnessed. In brief, the cause of conflict between the rejecter and accepter has become color and hue. Yet between these two colors there is an infinite difference - one appears with God's coloring and the other with the coloring of desire. The color of the believing accepter who strives is the color of the All-Merciful, while the color of the rejecting hypocrite is Satan's color. That color is the cause and means of purifying souls from the coloring of all else save God, while this is the cause of staining souls with the various colors of self and passion. That bestows eternal life, while this eternal death. That guides the detached ones to the Kawthar of immortality, while this makes the veiled ones taste the infernal tree. From that wafts the fragrance of the All-Merciful, from this the stenches of Satan. The author of the Mathnavi did not mean by these words that Moses and Pharaoh were of the same rank - God forbid! - as some ignorant ones have understood. Moses' deed bears truthful witness to his religion, for his struggle was for God's sake, aiming to deliver Pharaoh from ephemeral colors and bring him to God's color, while he himself tasted the cup of martyrdom in the path of the Friend. But Pharaoh's struggle was to preserve his own life and kingdom. Moses' purpose was to kindle God's lamp amidst all else, while Pharaoh's purpose was to extinguish it. Is one who spends his spirit in God's path like one who hides behind seventy thousand veils? What ails these people that they can barely comprehend a clear statement from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? Rather, the Mathnavi's author meant that color became the cause of conflict between Moses and Pharaoh - but Moses' color was one for which the denizens of the highest paradise would sacrifice themselves, while Pharaoh's was a color from which even the people of the lowest hell would recoil. The Mathnavi's author himself has mentioned Pharaoh in numerous places - if you consider, you will understand that his intent was not what some attribute to him. And how earnestly he expressed his longing to associate with the loved ones of God and attain to serving the friends of Truth! Thus in one place he states […]

Without the favors of God and His chosen ones, though one be a king, his pages are but blackened. O Salman! Impress upon the loved ones of God that they should not view anyone's words with the eye of objection, but rather observe with an eye of mercy and compassion - except for those souls who in this day write inflammatory tablets in rejection of God. It is incumbent upon all souls to write whatever they are capable of to refute those who have rejected God. Thus has it been ordained by the Ancient and Powerful One. For in this day the triumph of Truth is achieved through mention and utterance, not by sword or the like. Thus did We send down aforetime, and now, if ye but knew. By Him Who speaks now in all things that there is no God but Him! If anyone writes even a single word in refutation of those who have rejected God, such a station shall be bestowed upon them that all the denizens of the highest Paradise would envy that station, and all the pens of creation would be powerless to describe it, and all tongues of beings fall short of its depiction. For whosoever in this day stands firm in this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Impregnable Cause stands against all who are in the heavens and earth. And God is sufficient witness to this, and is All-Knowing.

O loved ones of God! Rest not upon the couch of ease, and when ye have recognized your Creator and heard what hath befallen Him, arise to His aid, then speak and be not silent for less than a moment. This is better for you than all the treasures that have been and shall be, were ye of them that understand. Such is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen unto the servants of God.

O Salman! Know thou that never hath any soul possessed of even a modicum of understanding maintained that they who turn towards God and they who turn away from Him, the monotheist and the polytheist, occupy the same station and rank. And as to what thou hast heard or read in some of the former books, that the names are one in the presence of God - this referreth to the sacred court of the Truth. And concerning what was mentioned that names are one in the Kingdom of Names - deem not the Kingdom to be imaginary. The Kingdom, the Dominion, and the Realm of Divine Unity are this day circling round the Throne, and from the effulgence of these stations and worlds which are visible in this place, the worlds of the Realm of Divine Unity, the Dominion, and the Kingdom, and what lieth beyond them, exist and are established in their proper places. The detailed exposition of these stations is not permitted at this time and remaineth suspended in the heaven of Divine Will until God shall cause it to descend through His grace. Verily, He hath power over all things.

In brief, in the presence of God all names have been and shall ever be one, and this is prior to the utterance of the Decisive Word. For instance, observe how today all the manifestations of names in their own kingdom are visible before God, and likewise the dawning-places of attributes and all that hath been. And by virtue of the establishment of the Ancient Beauty upon the throne of justice, His favor hath encompassed all equally. However, after the pronouncement of the Word, distinction and differentiation become manifest among the servants, such that whosoever is enabled to say "yea" attaineth unto all good. I swear by the sorrow of the Beauty of the All-Glorious that such a station hath been ordained for him who accepteth that if less than a needle's eye thereof were to be revealed unto the dwellers of the earth, they would all perish from rapture. For this reason, in this outward life the stations of the believers have been concealed from the believers themselves, and whosoever is not assured in affirming "yea" is unmentioned with God. We take refuge with God from the punishment ordained for such a one, for which there is no equal.

O Salman! Convey the words of the All-Merciful unto the servants and say: Guard yourselves from the wolves of the earth and give no ear to the vain utterances that some speak. Purify your hearing for the hearkening unto My words, and sanctify your hearts for the recognition of My Beauty from all that hath been created.

O Salman! Proclaim: How many are the dawns when the beauty of the All-Glorious hath passed over your hearts and found you occupied with others, and returned to His place of rest. O Salman! Say: O servants! Walk in the footsteps of truth and ponder upon the deeds of the Manifestation of Ancient Days, and reflect upon His words, that perchance ye may attain unto the living waters of the eternal Kawthar of the All-Glorious. If the faithful and the unfaithful were to occupy the same station, and divine worlds were limited to this earthly realm, My previous Manifestation would never have delivered Himself into the hands of His enemies and sacrificed His life. I swear by the Daystar of this Cause that were people to become aware of but a drop of the yearning and longing of the Beauty of the All-Glorious at the moment when that divine Temple was suspended in the air, they would all, in their eagerness, lay down their lives in the path of this holy divine Manifestation. Yet sugar is given to parrots while dung is for beetles; the nightingale hath no portion of melody, and the bat fleeth the rays of the sun.

O Salman! My tribulations among nations and governments are a mighty proof and a powerful testimony. For twenty years I drank not a drop of water in peace, nor did I rest for a single night - at times in chains and fetters, at times captive and imprisoned. Had We been looking to this world and all that is therein, We would never have subjected Ourselves to such afflictions. Blessed is the soul that partaketh of the fruits of this station and tasteth of its sweetness. Ask ye of God for vision and seek ye a sound palate, for to the sightless the image of Joseph and the wolf appear the same, and to the sick palate colocynth and sugar seem alike. Yet I cherish the hope that through the holy fragrances of these days souls will appear who would not purchase the world and all that is therein for a penny, who would gaze toward God detached from all else, who would consider laying down their lives in the path of the All-Merciful as the easiest of all things, who would not falter on the straight path due to the opposition of the opposers, and who would take up their dwelling in the shelter of the Friend. How blessed are they! How glad tidings unto them! How glorious are they! How noble are they! By God! The maidens of the Most Exalted Paradise are restless in their longing to meet these souls, and the denizens of the Eternal Realm find no peace in their yearning. Thus hath God chosen these ones for Himself and made them detached from all the worlds.

O Salman! The sorrows that have befallen Us have prevented the Pen of the All-Merciful from mention of the stations of divine unity. Affliction hath reached such a degree that even were all who dwell on earth to be seated at the banquet table of His bounty, and were they to feast endlessly upon all that existeth, none could ever accuse Him of miserliness. Yet they have written abroad claiming that We have cut off their stipends. Observe what baseness and meanness of character, that for the sake of acquiring the baubles of men and slandering the Ancient Beauty, they have dispatched such calumnies to all regions. This, when thou wert present here and didst witness that this servant never laid eyes on the stipends of these people, and whatever existed was distributed externally and given to each soul. Nevertheless, merely to undermine the Cause of God and to acquire a few dinars, they have acted in such manner as thou hast heard. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that the first affliction that befell this servant was

accepting stipends from the government, and were it not for these souls, I surely would not have accepted it. Thou art well aware how difficult the matter hath become for the emigrants, yet we are all thankful and patient and content with God's decree. Nothing shall befall us except what God hath ordained for us; in Him do we place our trust in all matters. As for these people who complain about stipends to all regions and beg, they claim lordship while turning away from the Truth. Consider then the state of those souls who follow such a group. Shame upon them and upon those who follow them! Soon shall the angels of divine wrath seize them from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. They shall find for themselves neither helper nor sustainer. Thus hath it been sent down in truth from the heaven of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Beloved. And the glory be upon thee, O Salman, and upon those who have not sold the words of God for rejected delusions.

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

Praise and glory befit the Desired One of all worlds, Who conquered contingent beings with the sword of utterance and illumined the hearts of the people of the world with the light of knowledge, and through His heralds and messengers adorned the horizons of the world with unity and concord. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the polytheism of the polytheists and the protestations of the opposers did not veil His oneness, and did not prevent the sincere ones and near ones from turning to Him. Exalted be the signs of His sovereignty and the manifestations of His power and grandeur.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose will the rivers of inner meanings have flowed in the gardens of utterance, and the hearts of the monotheists were attracted by what the Pen of Thy Cause spoke forth in the wonders of knowledge. The servant beareth witness to Thy unity and the singleness of Thy Being, and recognizeth that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken in the Kingdom of certitude, that verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou didst send the Messengers and reveal the Books and made them bearers of glad tidings among Thy servants and acknowledgers of what Thou didst will for them through Thy generosity and favors, until the Manifestations culminated in Thy Most Great Manifestation and Thy Mighty Announcement. Then didst Thou reveal Thyself amongst Thy creation and called them to Thy most exalted horizon and Thy highest summit. Among the people are those whom their desires prevented from turning to Thee and their vain imaginings from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory, and among them are those who cut themselves from what the people possess, hastening to Thy good-pleasure, gazing toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace, and anticipating what Thou didst promise them in Thy Books and Tablets. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the splendor of Thy countenance and by the lights of Thy days to assist whosoever desireth Thy mention and Thy praise and the triumph of Thy Cause with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all contingent things to aid him to exalt Thy Word and manifest that which Thou didst command the sincere ones in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Omnipotent.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of hearts arrived like a bird from the paradise of love and affection and attraction. Its allusions were true glad tidings and its expressions were spiritual messages. Praise be to God, the fragrance of steadfastness and turning toward God and detachment in the path of service to the Lord of creation wafted and spread from it. It attracted the heart and perfumed the nostrils of the soul. His is the generosity and His is the grace. His favor hath encompassed and His bounty hath seized the hearts of those near unto Him, to such extent that they have passed beyond themselves and all else and have become attached to Him. They have sacrificed their spirits and bodies and limbs, all in the path of His Cause. After reading and understanding it, and experiencing joy and attraction, it was taken to the Presence and presented in its entirety before the countenance of the Lord of mankind, and these verses were revealed from the Creator of names and attributes. Thus speaketh the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor […]

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath revealed for those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, that the fragrances of revelation might attract them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the Most Great Throne and the Possessor of the Most Exalted Seat. Hearken once again unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree: He is, verily, none other than the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ocean of utterance hath surged forth from the wellspring of thy Lord's Pen, the All-Merciful. Drink therefrom once from the cup of My loving-kindness, and again from the chalices of My mercy, and yet again from the handful of My hand. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. By God! Should anyone hear My call with the ear of innate nature, it would render him detached from all else save Me and cause him to cling to the cord of My loving-kindness, such that neither the swords of enemies nor the darts of the wicked would deter him. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken as a token of grace from God, the Creator of the heavens, that he might render thanks unto his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

He hath previously mentioned thee in verses before which the Books of the world and all that the nations possess have bowed down. To this beareth witness the Mother of Tablets from this radiant and luminous horizon. Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and oppose not Him through Whom every Cause and every perspicuous Book hath been established. And say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God and dispute not with Him through Whom God's proof and His testimony have been made manifest, and through Whom the Bird of Knowledge hath warbled upon the loftiest branches. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with a supreme sovereignty that neither the powers of the world nor the might of nations can frustrate, nor can the dominion of those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and denied the Day of Judgment cause Him fear.

Be fair in judging this Revelation and its sovereignty, then consider that which hath been sent down in truth from the kingdom of His wondrous utterance. He is the One Who was promised in God's Books, of Whom the Primal Point gave glad tidings, and Who prostrated Himself at the mention of His name, saying: "I am the first of His worshippers." O people of the Bayan! Observe and then recall when the Primal Point came, how the divines and doctors of the earth denied Him. Thus did their souls entice them

in such wise as caused the Spirit of Holiness to lament in Paradise and the Faithful Spirit to grieve in this manifest Scene.

We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of utterance and to enable thee to champion His Cause with a proof whose light hath shone forth from the dayspring of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remind God's party of My verses and glorify their faces on My behalf, then recite unto them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will and the atmosphere of My Purpose, that their eyes may be solaced thereby and their hearts be gladdened. Verily, thy Lord loveth His loved ones. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this mighty and impregnable station.

Say: O party of God! We counselled you aforetime and counsel you at this hour to be trustworthy and godly. By God's life! Through these shall your stations be exalted and your conditions be elevated. Hold fast unto them and be not of the heedless. Say: O people of Baha! Take what ye have been commanded by God, then act according to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath counselled you. This shall raise you up and draw you nigh unto the One, the Singular, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the Most Praiseworthy.

The glory that shineth resplendent and gleameth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that love thee and hearken unto thy word in this wise Remembrance. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

O Son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory! Warn the party of God concerning that which hath appeared. Should they ponder upon the former party and their deeds and actions on the Day of the Second Resurrection, they would not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of ignorant and heedless souls, and would behold themselves detached and free from all save God. The heedless souls have forgotten that which they witnessed with their own eyes, let alone matters wherein the birds of their hearts and minds are powerless to soar. They have seen with their own eyes the loss suffered by the Shi'ih party, yet now they have fallen again into imaginings a thousandfold greater than that party's vain fancies. Hadi of Dawlatabad hath become the people's leader and desired to dispatch the helpless servants to the abode of perdition and establish them in hell-fire. Say: O servants! Reflect upon that which hath appeared and is now witnessed, and upon that which hath passed and become concealed, that perchance through God's grace ye may gird up the loins of service for His sake alone. With utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Self-Sufficing Lord that He may not again afflict His servants with vain imaginings as before. Glory be to God! What hath prevented their sight? What hath kept their ears from hearkening to the Word of Truth? The realms of knowledge and vision are astounded. O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! The existing ears and visible eyes were not and are not worthy to hear or fit to see, unless the grace of God, exalted be His glory, shall assist them and guide the heedless ones to the direction of awareness and awaken the slumberers from the sleep of negligence. These are the days of the appearance of the blessed verse wherein He hath said: "They put their fingers in their ears lest they should hear the word of truth." For the sources of vain imaginings have forbidden their friends from drawing nigh unto the people of Baha. Glory be to God! They act as did the idolaters of old, yet perceive not that they utter the same words. The wrath of God hath seized them and the breezes of torment have encompassed them. Thus hath the matter been decreed as a recompense for their deeds. Verily, He is

the most severe of avengers and the destroyer of transgressors. O beloved of my heart! For a long time the door was closed and no news came from thee. Praise be to God, the grace of God, exalted be His glory, appeared like a key and opened the doors of remembrance, utterance, presence and meeting. The fire of love became manifest and the primal flame appeared. The maidens of remembrance who were concealed in the chambers of inner meanings unveiled themselves and approached the gathering. I swear by the Sun of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, that if the ears of the people of the world were sanctified, a single word of the supreme utterances that have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of all beings would guide and suffice them all. In any case, one must ever supplicate the Lord of the intended goal for deliverance, and deliverance is the awakening of the servants and reflection upon that which hath appeared. In the nights and days this lowly servant, with manifest humility, beseecheth deliverance from the Lord of the Day of Judgment, for His mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all. Perchance He may again rend asunder the veils and coverings that eyes may not be debarred from beholding. With His bounty there is no place for despair. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. As to what thou didst write concerning the friends, upon them be the glory of God, after being submitted before His Most Holy, Most Exalted and Most Sacred Presence, there was revealed for each one that which would cause eternal mention and everlasting praise. This is what was revealed for his honor Khan Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God. These are His blessed and exalted words: He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon […]

Verily, We make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Baqir, that this remembrance may draw him to a station wherein nothing whatsoever shall deter him from this Cause, through which the limbs of all names have trembled. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken from the most exalted horizon. Blessed is he who hath turned toward My horizon, uttered My praise, and soared in My atmosphere. He is, before God, the Lord of the beginning and the end, among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. Drink thou of My sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and say: O concourse of the world! By God, the Ancient King hath come with a sovereignty before which all parties are powerless. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: O people! Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Lord of all men. This is the Day whereon all things cry out with their loudest voice: The Promised One hath come from the heaven of grace with the banners of glory and power. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty through which the ocean of utterance hath surged in the contingent world and the rain of forgiveness hath showered upon those who have clung to the cord of their Lord's grace, the Lord of creation. The glory be upon thee from the Wronged One, and upon those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon on a Day wherein the Caller hath called out: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Karbila'i 'Abbas, upon him be the glory of God:

He is the Speaker among the servants

O 'Abbas! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. Verily, it draweth thee nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind. He hath come for the salvation of the world, yet the

peoples have turned away from Him and committed that which hath caused the mountains to crumble. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs and taken their vain imaginings as lords beside God, the Dayspring of Lights. Among the people are those who have denied God's Cause, those who have turned away, and those who have objected and committed that which hath caused the Supreme Pen to lament at morn and eve. Blessed is the servant who hath heard My call and attained unto the traces of My Pen, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon My loved ones who have acted in accordance with that which they were commanded in the Mother Book. Say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast remembered me, and from Thy Most Exalted Horizon Thou hast turned toward this servant of Thine and revealed unto him from the Pen of Thy bounty that whose fragrance hath diffused among Thy servants. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation in Thy days and the manifestations of its power amidst Thy creation, to ordain for me that which shall protect me from those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs. Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of grace hath surged and the fragrance of bounty hath wafted between earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Karbila'i Ya'qub, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, through which the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder

O Ya'qub! Give thanks for that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in a manner that no mention can equal. Thy name was present before the Countenance, and We have mentioned thee in such wise that through it the realities of all things were attracted and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the highest branches. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of bounty and My call hath drawn thee to the Supreme Horizon, say: […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the breezes which have blown by Thy will, and by the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy purpose, and by the ocean of Thy signs and the heaven of Thy manifestation, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy service. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O my God, bestow Thy blessings upon those who have held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and have attained unto the recognition of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and who have aided Thy Cause throughout the nights and days. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

This was revealed for Ustad Isma'il, upon him be the glory of God.

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O Isma'il! The time hath come, the moment is at hand, the Hour is present, the Resurrection hath appeared, the mysteries are unveiled, the verses are revealed, and the evidences are manifest. Yet the servants are all heedless, in denial and turned away, save whom thy Lord willeth. This is that same News which was mentioned in the Qur'an as the Great News, which had ever been hidden and concealed in the

hearts of the pure ones, and recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures. Nevertheless, the people remain veiled and deprived. The vain imaginings of the heedless souls have prevented them from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. In truth, the worthless straws of the world were not and are not worthy of the court of God, exalted be His glory. Beseech God to raise up such servants as befit these days, that they may behold that which hath shone forth and become manifest, and may hear that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

My God, my God! Thou seest how thirst hath destroyed Thy servants. Where is the Salsabil of Thy grace and the Kawthar of Thy mercy? Where is the Euphrates of Thy bounty and the choice wine of Thy utterance? Hunger hath seized them from every side. Where is the heavenly table of Thy bestowal and the blessing of Thy knowledge? The fire of longing and separation hath consumed them. Where is Thy presence and Thy meeting, and the manifestation of Thy favors? I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and Thy call amongst Thy servants, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the evil of Thine enemies and provide them with the fruits of the tree of Thy nearness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Sun of bounty, praise be to God, hath shone upon all, and each of the names hath attained, through the grace and bounty of the Lord of Names. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make them as ensigns among His servants and as standards in His lands, that through them His mention and His praise, His commandments and His laws may be exalted. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And regarding the mention made of the honored sisters, the greater and the lesser, and the honored and revered mother, upon her be the glory of God, after being presented before the Most Exalted Horizon, there was revealed specifically for each that which is everlasting and eternal. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

In the name of the One God […]

Today from the cloud of divine mercy in the realm of inner meanings, fresh and wondrous flowers have appeared and blossomed, and each has its own remembrance, utterance and discourse. Blessed are they who hear and observe. O my leaf and my handmaiden! Although the people of the world have eyes and ears, they are deprived of seeing and hearing. After their pleadings, lamentations, mourning, seeking and hopes, they ultimately did what no idolater had ever done and said what no oppressor had ever said. In word they were the most excellent and exalted in the world, but in deed they were the most lost and base of all peoples. How good is the state of one who observes affairs with justice and fairness and seeks divine confirmation. The realm of knowledge is bewildered and astounded, for the divines of Iran, despite their supplications and lamentations, openly curse the Goal of all the worlds from their pulpits. Give thanks unto God that He has assisted thee in such an age and guided thee to the Egypt of awareness, despite those who have adorned themselves with turbans and prevented people from the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Take thou the choice wine of My utterance in My name, then drink of it in remembrance of My wondrous Name. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the mention of the One Beloved and art adorned with His love and illumined with the light of His knowledge. Convey My greetings

to the handmaidens of that land and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory.

And this is what was revealed for another sister, Fatimeh, upon her be the Glory of God:

In the name of the Goal of all worlds:

O my leaf, upon thee be My glory! Thy mention was made before the Wronged One, and these verses were sent down from the heaven of the will of the Self-Subsisting Lord that the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful might attract thee and draw thee to the horizon of knowledge. The world was brought from nothingness into being for the knowledge of God. Blessed is the heart that hath turned toward the divine horizon and the face that hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance in the divine days. Praise the Goal of all worlds that thou hast drunk from the hands of bounty the Kawthar of meeting, and this Kawthar is, in the first degree and station, the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, which hath been recorded by the Pen of Will in the Holy Books and Tablets. We beseech God to cause the handmaidens of that land to attain unto this supreme gift and not to deprive any from the fruits of the Tree and the lights of the Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings. In all conditions God hath been with thee. Verily He is with His devoted male and female servants. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the leaves and fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause, and by the Word through which the earth and all created things therein were illumined, to ordain for me that which shall be a light before my face and a companion to me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou knowest what is in my heart and what I desire of the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy will and purpose. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And this is what was revealed from the heaven of bounty for you another time, He, exalted be He, says: […]

O Son of Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! We testify that thou hast attained unto the tokens of Our Pen and unto that which the Tongue of Grace hath spoken from that Station named the Most Great Prison in the Book of God, Lord of the worlds. We have previously mentioned thy father in words from which the sweet savors of utterance were wafted throughout creation. He who possesseth a clear Book beareth witness to this. He ascended unto God with a heart before which the hearts of those who have turned towards Him became submissive. By My life! The Concourse on High welcomed him at his ascension, and this grace admitted him to a station which the tongues of those who remember are powerless to describe. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon him and upon thee and upon thy mother who hath attained unto the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Grace hath encompassed, Light hath shone forth, loving-kindness hath encompassed all, and mercy hath preceded all. Glory be to God! Bounty and generosity have reached such a station that they have become sanctified above all mention, description, explanation and elaboration. All the bounties of the world

cannot be compared to a drop from the ocean of His bestowals. Powerlessness is the state of the servant, and in truth he is powerless. This utterance is not from false modesty. Suppose one imagines a star - what station would or could that star have compared to the shining suns, the brilliant moons, and the countless stars? In any case, we beseech the Exalted Truth to adorn the world with the ornament of awareness and to bestow the true Kawthar, that it might become worthy of His threshold and deserving of His court. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words and decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. His blessed and exalted Word:

"I am the Rememberer and I am the Remembered.

The Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned for having summoned all to God, the Lord of the worlds, remembereth thee. Verily He hath appeared and manifested what He desired as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The might of any oppressor did not deter Him, nor did the power of any transgressor frighten Him, nor did the strength of any suspicious commander weaken Him. Glorified be He Who hath manifested what was hidden and hath spoken what He desired while seated upon His mighty throne."

Praise be to the Lord of eternity Who hath freed and delivered. By the Luminary of utterance which shineth and appeareth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, imprisonment in His path is the cause and means of freedom for the people of creation, weakness in His love is the cause of strength, and tribulation in His path is the sovereign of glory. Outwardly it is hardship, inwardly it is bounty and mercy. Blessed is he who hath attained unto tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all beings and the Possessor of Names.

O Ismail! The life of the world and its days vanish and become non-existent in but a moment. Blessed is the soul that in this transient abode hath acquired that which endureth, and in the house of toil hath obtained eternal rest. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and His loved ones there to be steadfast. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones among Thy enemies, and the choicest of Thy servants beneath the most wicked of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy sovereignty to protect them through Thy power and to exalt them through Thy exaltation. I bear witness, O my God, to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath testified and which was revealed in Thy Book, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Rasul-i-Qannad, upon him be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

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

O Messenger of God! Praise be that thou hast drunk from the choice wine of utterance and been sustained by the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Thy heart is illumined by the light of recognition, thy

tongue uttereth praise and thanksgiving, and thy countenance is turned toward the effulgent Face. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath mentioned thee. The Truth is present in your gathering and He heareth and seeth; naught escapeth His knowledge. Each of those souls gathered hath succeeded in mentioning God and is adorned with the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the land whereon My loved ones have gathered, and blessed the house honored by their footsteps wherein their remembrances are raised. Today the Sun of true unity is rising from the horizon of the heaven of grace. We beseech God to illumine all through its rays. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Bestower, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Aqa Siyyid Hamzih, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hearken unto the call of the Prisoner. This is that Call which guided the Interlocutor to the horizon of nearness and reunion, and led Him to the most exalted station and the highest rank. Blessed is the soul that today holdeth fast to the blessed word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth," for this word is the king of words. Whosoever drinketh from the hidden ocean therein findeth himself seated upon the throne of certitude and assurance. We beseech God to grant His servants success and deprive them not of His eternal bounty. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O Siyyid Hamzih! The light of oneness hath in this moment cast its radiance. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me, made me know Thee, and mentioned me. I testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Haji Fat?-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Subduing above all Names

O Fat?-'Ali! When thou hearest My call and attainest the honor of hearkening unto My verses, say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou hast aided me to turn toward Thee and to face the light of Thy countenance on a Day wherein the limbs of Thy servants trembled from fear of Thee, and Thou hast guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name at whose revelation from the kingdom of Thine utterance all names bowed down before it, and by Thy Command which hath encompassed earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions circle round Thy will and hold fast unto Thy decree. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Hope and my Desire, for having shown me Thy horizon, made me hear Thy call, and revealed unto me that which was hidden from Thy creation. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that all things shall not hinder me from turning toward Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Rasul, upon him be the Glory of God. The Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Compassionate, the Generous […]

O Messenger! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee before in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that are nigh. There hath befallen thee in My path what none can reckon save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this Cause when it shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Behold, then remember when the oppressors cast this Wronged One into the Most Great Prison for having given the world glad tidings of the Most Great Name, whereby the backs of the wicked were broken and the tears of the idolaters did flow. They denied the Manifestation of God and His proof, and committed that which caused them that are nigh to lament. The oppressor lamented when the Sun of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of grace, and Justice wept by reason of what befell the Wronged One at the hands of them that violated the Covenant of God, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed art thou for having borne tribulations in the path of God, the Goal of them that know. Thus did the Pen speak when the Wronged One was in evident sorrow. We beseech God to assist thee and them that have believed to exalt His Word amongst His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every one who hath turned unto Him and whom the might of the aggressors hath not deterred.

This was revealed for Haji Iman, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the will of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Iman! Thou didst hear the call and didst believe, and thou didst behold the Most Exalted Horizon. All this is from God's grace upon thee. At this manifest time, the letter of Ibn-i-Abhar which he had sent to the servant present before the Greatest Scene was read before the Countenance. He made mention of thee, therefore We make mention of thee and illumine thee with the lights of utterance of the Lord of all possibility. Give praise to the Lord of the Day that He confirmed thee and granted thee steadfastness. Thou didst preserve God's covenant and His testament, and remained protected from the doubts of the croakers and the hints of the transgressors. He verily is the All-Bountiful, and He is the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey to the relatives of Ashraf, upon him be the glory of God, the greetings of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which most of the people of the earth are deprived of. Their mention hath ever been and still is in the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed are they and woe unto the oppressors. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This was revealed for Muhammad-Quli, upon him be the glory of God:

In the name of the Goal of the world.

O Muhammad-Quli! The fragrance of the Divine Manifestation is diffused throughout the world and the Mother Book speaketh before the faces of friends and foes on the Day of Return. The sealed Wine is manifest, the River is flowing, the Ocean of bounty is surging. Blessed are those souls whom doubts and allusions prevented not from the Revealer of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs. With complete steadfastness they arose to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings, and with wisdom and utterance opened the doors of hearts. These are the Divine emissaries and the dawning-places of the mention of the eternal Goal. Today the atoms of creation are stirred with joy at reunion with the Peerless Friend; they move by His mention and rejoice in His Name. For each thing there exists a spirit befitting it. His

grace can make living water to flow from lifeless rock. Even the staff of Moses had both eyes and spirit. Beseech God that He may attract the frozen, weighty souls through the breezes of the Day of Manifestation and guide them to the horizon of His knowledge. His is the praise and favor that He created thee, made thee aware, and granted thee a portion from the sea of knowledge. He is the All-Bountiful and He is the Generous.

And this was revealed for Jinab-i-Sabz-'Ali - He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon […]

Praise be to God! Thou hast heard the Call and beheld the Most Great Ocean and its waves. His Call hath attracted hearts and souls, and His Will hath enabled those near and sincere to attain unto the Dawning-Place of utterance and the Day-Spring of knowledge. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every just one is aware that this Wronged One hath not been remiss in proclaiming the Divine Cause. In the nights and days the scratching of His Pen was raised and His Call was manifest from the highest horizon of the world. No affair, no thing, no event could prevent Him from His purpose. Yet they who are endowed with hearing and sight are few. Beseech God that He may graciously aid all to achieve that which is conducive to the betterment of the world and the tranquility of its peoples.

We counsel all the loved ones in that land and other regions to fear God. This temple of existence it preserveth from the arrows of the dawning-places of idle fancies and the manifestations of Satan. It is a crown for the head, a suit of armor for the body, and a light for the heart. Blessed is the soul that hath clung unto it and held fast to that which God hath willed. We beseech God to grant thee success, that thou mayest arise with complete steadfastness and be occupied with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

This is what hath been revealed for His Honor Naqd-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Praise beseemeth the One Beloved Who, through the choice wine of utterance, hath attracted all who are in the realm of possibility and guided them to the horizon of the heaven of the Prison. The cawing of the ravens did not deter Him. Every day a Book is revealed and a Scripture made manifest. By the life of God! The Kingdom of utterance is stirred by His utterance and the world of existence exists through His bounty. Nevertheless, the people remain veiled, nay, as though non-existent. O Naqd-'Ali! God willing, mayest thou be a spiritual coin in the city of true money-changers. Praise be to God, thou didst hear and turn unto Him, and thy turning hath brought thee to such a station that the Wronged One of the world, at the close in the Most Great Prison, mentioned thy name and sealed with thy name. His is the bounty and the giving, His the grace and the glory. We beseech God to aid and assist thee in all conditions to that wherein lieth His good-pleasure. We make mention of all the servants and handmaidens and say "Allah-u-Abha." His grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath preceded all. Blessed are they who know and blessed are they who have attained.

What tongue is capable of praise and what utterance befitteth the description of this station? One wave from the ocean of His utterance quickeneth the world, and one ray from the Sun of His grace draweth the peoples to the most exalted horizon. His grace and bounty, His tenderness and mercy have reached such a degree that all acknowledge their inability to comprehend. The people are heedless and veiled while the Truth is manifest and evident. A hundred thousand regrets for these servants who in such days are

occupied with themselves and are heedless of Him. The deniers are immersed in the ocean of vain imaginings; despite the appearance and manifestation of the Sun of Truth, all are observed to be heedless.

O beloved of my heart! Praise be to God that they entered the prison and witnessed that which is hidden from the world, and likewise the gathering of souls who circle round about. There has never been any doubt that this assembly is harmful to His blessed person, for governments have never concerned themselves with religion, but they fear gatherings and are antagonistic to their Source and Origin. Nevertheless, He has paid no heed and has not deprived the friends of meeting and attaining His presence for the sake of His own comfort. One soul on the island associated with an imaginary person - now ask him under oath to recount what he saw and what transpired in that land. O beloved of my heart! This ephemeral one was with him for years - twenty years have passed and until now not a soul remains in that land; he even sent away his own children and dismissed them. If that beloved one were to meet the person who went there and resided in that land, and question him, many matters would become evident and clear, but only if he speaks truthfully. In any case, this servant conveys greetings to all the friends and masters, and beseeches the Most Great Victory for all. Verily our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, is the All-Seeing Witness, the Speaker, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what was written about Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God - in truth it is exactly as that beloved one has written. They are ablaze with the fire of divine remembrance. It is hoped that through God's grace - exalted be His glory - this fire will encompass all and draw the heedless people to the horizon of wisdom. After being submitted before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this blessed Tablet, from whose horizon the light of favor shines forth and rises, was specifically revealed for him, that he might drink from its oceans of inner meanings and utterance. The Command is in the hand of God, our Lord, the Most Merciful. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who stands before the faces of the world […]

O Husayn, upon thee be my Baha! Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court, and art the recipient of His special favors. Strive that perchance through wisdom and utterance the people of the world may turn to the horizon of the All-Merciful and deliver themselves from heedlessness, abasement, poverty and imprisonment. The Cause of God hath been manifested in such wise that even decayed bones have stirred, yet the people of the turbans - the opposing souls - remain unto this time frozen and cast out, neither awakening to consciousness through the divine trumpets nor rousing from their slumber of heedlessness through the cry. The Sun of Truth shineth resplendent above all heads, yet they see it not nor perceive it. The ocean of utterance surgeth in the pole of contingent being, yet acceptance is nowhere to be found. They run through streets and bazaars in pursuit of a single dirham of raisins, yet remain heedless and veiled from the pearls and jewels of wisdom and utterance that have appeared from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen. Glory be to God! The company of divines and rulers have not yet awakened. Say: By God's life! Between throne and dust there is but a single point of difference. Where is the throne of Chosroes? Whither went Caesar? What became of the Pharaohs? Where established themselves the tyrants? Have they not seen the book of the world? Have they not read it? Have they not heard the cries that are raised therefrom at all times? Nay, by God!

Every soul hath heard the call “The departure!” and witnessed with his own eyes the changes and transformations. Where are the fathers? Whither went the mothers? In brief, the colors of the world have deprived all from the purpose of the worlds. They are occupied with it and heedless of the Truth; they cling to it and are debarred from the Truth.

O Husayn, upon thee be my Baha! Praise be to God, thou art assisted in promoting His Cause and adorned with His grace. We beseech God to aid and assist thee at all times, that there may appear from thee in utterance that which attracteth hearts, in steadfastness that which causeth mountains to tremble, and in conduct that which amazeth creation. Under all conditions counsel the loved ones with wisdom and utterance, and remind them of whatsoever conduceth to the exaltation of God’s Word. Convey to the servants and handmaidens of that land the greetings of the Wronged One. Say: Be not sorrowful, for ye are the people of the blessed and hallowed land. Recite these words every morning:

O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! This is a land reddened with the blood of Thy loved ones who fulfilled Thy Covenant and Testament, whom neither the might of the Pharaohs nor the power of the tyrants deterred. We beseech Thee by the Most Exalted One Who acknowledged Thy unity and oneness in the earliest days, who quaffed Thy sealed wine through Thy name, the Self-Subsisting, and arose to celebrate Thy praise and glory in such wise that neither the clamor of the divines nor the harm of the jurisprudents prevented Him until He sacrificed His spirit in Thy path - we beseech Thee by Him and by those who supported and manifested Him to aid us to be steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve Thee and to act according to what Thou hast commanded us in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Today you must arise to serve the Cause, detached from all else in the world, and through wisdom, utterance, spirit and sweet fragrance draw souls to the Divine realm. Everyone has been waiting - beseech ye the True One to unite the world through loving counsels and wise exhortations. All these different parties are seekers of truth, but they have lost their way. Teaching must be done with kindliness - they are children needing education, ignorant ones seeking knowledge. The educators and teachers are and have been the chosen ones of God - they are the wise ones of the earth. They must act with wisdom and deliver the people from the abyss of error. We have accepted all the afflictions of the earth for the tranquility of the servants - such tribulations were visited upon the Wronged One that caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to weep and lament. Glory be to God! Yet no one has become aware. Each day heedlessness increases and mindfulness diminishes. We beseech God that through the Kawthar of His chosen ones’ utterance, the saplings planted in the garden of acceptance may flourish and bear fruit. Blessed are those souls whom the might of the world has not prevented from turning to Him nor held back from acceptance - they have grasped the cord of wisdom and clung to the luminous hem.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call, by Thy standing before the faces of the enemies, by Thy finger wherewith Thou didst rend asunder the veils and the mists, and by Thy command whereby Thou didst subdue all regions, to strengthen me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations. The power of creation cannot withhold Thee, nor can the might of possibilities prevent Thee. Thou doest what

Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones and chosen ones in the hands of those who have denied Thy proof, Thy testimony and Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, Thy traces and Thy mysteries to protect them from the evil of Thine enemies. O Lord! Deliver them through Thy power, might, grandeur and sovereignty. Then aid them to perform deeds whereby their stations may be exalted among Thy servants. Thou art He through Whose name the Kawthar of life flowed from Thy Pen and the Euphrates of mercy and bounty through Thy will and pleasure. I beseech Thee to ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and benefit us in all Thy worlds. Thou knowest what we have and we know not what Thou hast. Verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We ask and beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to reveal that which is hidden and treasured in the repositories of His words, that all may inhale the sweet fragrances of the utterance of the All-Merciful and turn from all created things unto that which is with God. Soon will the signs and evidences rend asunder the veils of the people, that all may attain unto and be illumined by the splendors of the light of the Sun of Revelation. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory and praise and remembrance be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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

His is the grace and bounty, His the loving-kindness and bestowal. He giveth and withholdeth, and verily He is the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of ’Akka: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Most Loving.

We have sent down unto thee that which hath brought solace to the eyes of the Concourse on High, and We have wafted unto thee the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this sacred and mighty, this beloved Paradise. Thy letter which thou didst send unto Our Most Great Branch hath come before the Wronged One, and he presented it before Our countenance. We have answered thee through this Tablet, the forbidden one, which causeth the limbs of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, to quake. We have mentioned thee in such wise as shall never perish, enduring as long as the dominion of earth and heaven endureth. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for He hath aided thee and distinguished thee and honored thee with that which most of His servants have been denied. He Who

speaketh in every state beareth witness to this: There is none other God but Me, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Make mention of My people on My behalf and remind them of My verses which have been sent down from the heaven of My Will, and acquaint them with My straight and extended path. Say: O people of God! This is the Day which hath adorned the Books of God, both former and latter, as attested by honored servants. Cast aside this day whatsoever the people possess, holding fast unto that which God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, hath. Beware lest the doubts of the world or the intimations of them that have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed hold you back. Arise to promote the Cause by God's command and His sovereignty in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines nor the might of kings shall frighten you. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and through such conduct as shall tranquilize hearts and minds.

We have commanded all with that which profiteth them and counseled them at the outset of the Book to fear God, the Lord of the Promised Day. O people of God! Aid your Lord through deeds and conduct and through fear of God. This is better for you, did ye but know. By My life! The sword of piety is sharper than blades of steel, were ye to understand. We have forbidden all from disputation and contention, and commanded them to observe what is seemly. He hath enjoined upon His servants that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

O people of God! Know ye the value of these days and that which hath been manifested therein. By the True One! The Throne of Revelation hath been established upon the most exalted spot in the world, and upon it hath sat He Who conversed upon Sinai, proclaiming: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all existence. Beware lest the might of the world weaken you, or the ranks and legions prevent you. Be ye the banners of guidance unto all creation and the ensigns of triumph amidst humanity. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur whilst in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the deniers have wrought, they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the elevated Throne.

O concourse of divines! Fear ye God, the Lord of all mankind. He hath come for your salvation, as attested by that which is with Him - the Preserved Tablet. Ye have forbidden the servants from the river of mercy and have committed that which hath caused the denizens of Paradise to lament at eventide and at dawn, at dusk and at morn. O mystics! Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow ye Him Who hath come from the Dayspring of the Cause with verses that all the treasures of earth cannot equal, did ye but know. Verily, Reality hath appeared through His command and circleth round Him, and the Law is that which ye behold before your faces, and the Path is this way, would ye but comprehend. This is the Day wherein the Straight Path hath appeared and the Balance hath been set up. He calleth out with the most exalted voice between earth and heaven, yet most of the people hear not. Verily, Reality circleth round Him, and the Path hath appeared through His command, and the Balance hath been set up by His sovereignty, yet most of the people perceive not.

O Jamal! Hear once again the call from the crimson Tree raised upon the white land beyond 'Amman–the grace of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I have appeared and manifested My Cause, and have sent down that which hath stirred the kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and clung to the cord of

certitude. Say: Today that which the people possess shall profit them not. Fear God, and follow not those who have changed God's favor into their own desires and denied Him when He came with manifest sovereignty. We created the learned ones, the mystics and the divines for the recognition of Him Who is known and knowable, yet they turned away from Him when He came with His all-compelling verses to those who are in the heavens and on earth. They cast behind them God's covenant and His testament, and pronounced judgment against those who lamented His separation. Thus did their souls prompt them. Bear thou witness that they are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, steadfast in My Cause, soaring in the atmosphere of My love, turning unto the lights of My countenance, clinging to the hem of My mercy, and standing firm in the service of My Most Great Cause and My Mighty Message. We chose thee aforetime for the service of My mighty and wondrous Cause, guided thee to My straight and manifest path, and assisted thee until thou didst traverse land and sea, turning toward the Most Sublime Horizon, until thou didst enter and attain presence and didst hear and see this manifest horizon. Blessed be thine eye for what it hath beheld, thine ear for what it hath heard, thy tongue for what it hath uttered, thy heart for what it hath turned unto, and thy face for what it hath turned toward the Face of God, the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty.

As to what thou didst write regarding thy migration toward the land of M, We were with thee and heard thy call in this manifest Cause. We beseech God to assist the people of M with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, and with companies of angels drawn nigh. Nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones in T and its surroundings, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may attract them to a station wherein nothing whatsoever shall prevent them from turning toward God, the Lord of all names and Creator of heaven. Verily, thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Say: O peoples of the earth! Turn with illumined hearts to the horizon from which shineth the Day-Star of thy Lord's loving providence, the Most Merciful.

O people of Baha! Object not to that which hath appeared from God. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Blessed is he who hath pondered this most exalted Word and clung to it, despite those who are moved by every wind and who speak what their desires command them. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers. Thus hath the Book revealed its verses, the ocean its waves, and the Revelation its mysteries. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted; woe unto the heedless!

We have caused thee to hear Our verses in a clear Arabic tongue, and We desire to cause thee to hear them in an eloquent Persian language. Both before and after, the letters of that honored one and the petitions which were sent have attained unto hearing, and the answer hath been revealed and sent from the Lord of all beings. O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Hearts have been veiled by barriers, ears have been defiled by the words of the polytheists, and eyes have been withheld by veils. Beseech thou God, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not His servants of the Most Great Ocean and withhold them not from the lights of the Day-Star of true Divine unity. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

As to what thou didst write concerning the Land of Mim, We have hearkened thereunto. We beseech God to aid all to that which will exalt the Word of God and to transform doubts and idle fancies into certitude and faith. This Day is unlike all other days. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrances of revelation and hath hastened with heart and soul to the Most Exalted Horizon. The Ancient Pen hath not ceased, and the Lord of the Most Great Name hath called out at all times. The path is clear, the Cause manifest, the light evident, and the verses revealed, the signs apparent. Yet the people of the world remain debarred and veiled. The world was created and brought forth from nothingness for this blessed Day, and that which no eye hath ever beheld hath been made manifest. Every person of insight beareth witness to what hath been mentioned, and every informed one testifieth and is aware. Yet the people remain heedless. We beseech God to aid them to turn towards Him, to draw them nigh unto Him, and to purify them from that which beseemeth not His party. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the upheavals in that land and certain matters, all is evident and manifest before God. The people are heedless and bereft of the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, willeth. By My life! Nothing is hidden from My knowledge. The Supreme Paradise, the Most Exalted Garden, the Concourse on High, and this Pen which moveth at this moment with a speed which none can reckon save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, all bear witness to this. In the Tablets We have enjoined wisdom upon all, and that which exalteth souls hath been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen. Well is it with them that have attained and acted accordingly.

Last year one of the friends of God, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, prevented someone from attaining Our presence. We testify that he hath turned to the Most Luminous Countenance, hath drawn nigh unto God, hath entered the Most Great Prison, hath heard My sweetest call and beheld My most exalted horizon. Blessed is he and whoso is with him. After his presence and standing before the Countenance, We made mention of thee, and especially for some of the loved ones of the Land of Mim wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the divine Will and sent forth. Among them were two Tablets specifically revealed from the heaven of favor for the Siyyids, that they might drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as would remain unaltered by the conditions of the world and the vicissitudes of nations, that they might be illumined by the light of the Luminary of Revelation and occupy themselves with that which beseemeth His praise and glorification. Likewise for others, that all might attain and drink from the ocean of inner meanings which lie concealed in the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. O My Name! If they truly attain thereunto and receive their portion from the oceans of bounty hidden within the verses, they will unite the outward and the inward and will arise to champion the Cause of the Wronged One with such steadfastness as the might of the world cannot disturb nor the power of nations prevent. Those Tablets testify to the grace, loving-kindness, compassion and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. Beseech ye God that He may enable the souls to preserve that which hath been bestowed. God, exalted be His glory, is generous and His bounty all-embracing.

O My loved ones in the land of Mim! Hearken with your inner ears to the Voice of the Wronged One. Your mention hath proceeded from the Most Exalted Pen, both before and after. Blessed is the eye that hath not been hindered by the veils of idle fancies from beholding, and the ear that hath not been deprived by

the utterances of the peoples of the world from hearing the Word of God, and the heart that hath not been withheld by the ornaments of the world from turning towards Him. The aforementioned Tablets have arrived and continue to arrive through the grace and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. O My Name! Every breath that is drawn for the sake of God hath attained the Most Exalted Horizon and is honored at the Summit of Glory. Pure deeds transcend the heavens. No matter hath been or is hidden. Doubt hath no passage here, uncertainty no place. The horizon of manifestation is illumined with the lights of knowledge and certitude. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto them that turn away! Should anyone observe with the eye of fairness the verses, suras, and tablets that have been revealed and are manifest, he would throughout his life testify that with Him is the knowledge of all things. Blessed are they who hold fast to the cord of the word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." For them there hath been and is no peril, for they bear witness to the truth of whatsoever proceedeth from God, even were He to decree for the earth the law of heaven or for heaven the law of earth. Thus hath spoken My Herald, Whom We sent to announce unto the people this Most Great, Most Ancient, All-Knowing, All-Informed Revelation. Gird up the loins of endeavor, and with spirit and joy and with forbearance and kindliness, summon the people to the Truth. Today from the divine verses floweth the water of life, and it is the breath of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. With it, give life to the dead and refresh the withered ones. Protect the planted saplings from the poisonous winds of malicious souls. These are the winds of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Beseech God to protect His servants and enable them to attain that which He hath purposed for them. Verily He hath power over all things. Nothing can frustrate Him, no power can weaken Him, and no cause can frighten Him. He speaketh before all faces even as He spoke in the beginning of days: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the Manifest, the Hearer, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Great."

O My Name! You made mention of Mulla Muhammad. We make mention of him as a token of Our grace - verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Strong, the Mighty. O Muhammad! Hear the Call from the Sacred Tree planted in the luminous earth. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He hath appeared and revealed what He desired by His command, and He is the Omnipotent over what was and what shall be. The tyrants of the world and the pharaohs of the nations have not weakened Him. He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book, and We counsel thee with that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken and with which We have commanded the servants in My Great Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of those who have exchanged the grace of God for unbelief shall not hinder thee, and who have committed that which hath caused the tears to flow from the eyes of the Messengers. O Muhammad! Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which beseemeth these days of God, exalted be His glory. In the nights and days the Pen of the Lord of all beings hath moved, and from it hath flowed that which the eye of the world hath never seen. Praise be to the Goal of all existence Who hath guided thee and shown thee the way. Preserve this most exalted station through His Name. The divines of the earth are occupied with vain imaginings and are deprived of the lights of the Most Great Luminary. The mystics too have clung to idle fancies and have ever been followers of their desires. They have held fast to certain words that neither nourish nor profit, and have deprived the hapless people from the Most Great Ocean. The paths of vain imaginings are many, as ye have surely heard. Say: O people of God! Cast aside what the people possess and take what is with God,

the Lord of the worlds. The light of truth hath ever shone from the horizon of the Word of God, but the people understand not. Nay rather, truth circleth round His Most Exalted Pen, to which every discerning soul beareth witness. We send greetings to the loved ones in that land and bid them to steadfastness. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O My Name! Give him the glad-tidings from Me and remind him of My verses that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones, and that he may speak in praise of his Lord amongst the servants. And I am the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Concerning what thou didst mention about Mirza Muhammad, son of him who ascended unto God - upon them both be My glory and loving-kindness - We have revealed for him that which will solace his eyes and gladden his heart. The gaze of Our loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards that household. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist them and grant them success in His remembrance and praise, and to confirm them in steadfastness in His firm and mighty Cause. Their tablets will be sent. Give them glad-tidings from the True One. Verily He maketh mention of His loved ones in such wise that their remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Mention was made in thy letter of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be My glory. We have mentioned him before and make mention of him at this time.

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Verily He maketh mention of thee while He was in the hands of the heedless. We have revealed the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people are among the heedless. They have forsaken their God, clinging to their desires. Lo! They are among the most lost. When the rapture of the All-Merciful's utterance taketh hold of thee, say: […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the fountain of Thy knowledge and for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon when most of mankind turned away from Thee, and for having made me hear Thy call and shown me Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy most exalted Word and the potency of Thy Cause, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, by the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and the voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to make me attracted to Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of Thy Lote-Tree, holding fast to Thy cord, and clinging to Thy robe in such wise that the hosts of the world shall not prevent me nor the clamor of the nations frighten me. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and standing ready to serve Thee. Assist me through Thy bounty and favor, then ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

We make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, who believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. We were with him when he ascended to the Most Exalted Companion. We caused him to enter a station which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, after We forgave him and purified him as a bounty from Us. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O My Name! We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of bounty, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds, for having strengthened me, exalted me, and distinguished me for the service of Thy Cause among Thy servants, and made me one of those who are nigh unto Thee. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of him who was named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, who turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, holding fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. O My Most Exalted Pen! Say: The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee, O thou who didst turn and ascend unto the Most Exalted Companion. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn unto God, the Lord of all being. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive thee as a bounty from His presence, to rain down upon thee the showers of mercy and forgiveness, to cause thee to dwell in the highest paradise, and to make thee a companion of His Prophets and Messengers. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We console those whom God hath related unto him as a bounty from Us, and We make mention of them in such wise as to aid them in remembrance and praise in the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O My Name! If the True One, exalted be His glory, were to act with justice and judge according to what is with Him in the presence of knowledge, matters would become exceedingly difficult and arduous. However, these are the days of Manifestation, and His grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath preceded all. At the time when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne, He uttered three words, one of which is that every name that is mentioned before His presence or is made present shall attain unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Thou didst mention 'Ali-'Askar, upon him be My glory. Verily, We love him. We have mentioned him and We make mention of him. Make mention of him by My command, remind him of My verses, give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy, and illumine him with the lights of My wondrous utterance. We have accepted from him what he hath done in Our path. Verily, his Lord is the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. Glorify him on behalf of the Wronged One. We testify that he turned unto God and believed in Him when every remote scholar and every doubtful mystic turned away from Him.

O He who is named by Me! The All-Bountiful - upon him be My glory - hath sent thy letter and We have heard thy call unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, the Lord of the hereafter and of former times, and the Lord of this mighty station. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee time and again. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my Lord and my King, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my heart's Desire and my Adored One, and glory be unto Thee, O Ultimate Goal of the hopes of those in the heavens and on earth.

That which hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen is without likeness or equal - equivalent to the divine Books of the past and future, nay rather surpassing them. Ask thou of God that all that hath been revealed may be gathered together and may educate His servants, that all may find it and attain unto true rest.

Concerning what thou didst write about thy brother Shaykh ’Abbas - upon them both be My glory - mention of him hath reached the court of Our hearing. Convey unto him mention from the Wronged One and send him greetings and glad-tidings. For nearly a year in this land, the fire of hatred hath blazed in the hearts of some opposers, despite Our having treated the people of this realm with utmost love and kindness from the earliest days until now. They have denied Our bounty and rejected Our grace. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they remain today unaware and uncomprehending. Nevertheless, We grant leave to the aforementioned one to come, that he may rejoice and be among those who praise God. Let him set forth and keep his gaze fixed upon God. Thus have We illumined the tablet of his mention with the light of Our permission, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Concerning what thou didst write about the sick person - it hath reached the hearing of the Lord of Names. Excellent is what thou hast done. We beseech God to aid thee to do good, even as He hath strengthened thee and chosen thee to serve His Cause, the Firm, the Strong. The friends of God must assist one another in such matters that arise and consider themselves partners in both hardship and ease. Verily He commandeth His servants to righteousness and piety, even as He hath commanded them before in various tablets. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth! Woe unto every heedless and remote one!

Let those who have sought or who seek healing from the ocean of divine favor recite these exalted words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of grace:

“O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy healing, and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy grace, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue Thy servants, and by the penetrating power of Thy most exalted Word and Thy most august Pen, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded the creation of all who are in heaven and on earth, to purify me with the waters of Thy bounty from every affliction and disorder, and from all weakness and feebleness. Thou seest, O my Lord, Thy suppliant waiting at the door of Thy bounty, and him who hath placed his hopes in Thee clinging to the cord of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to deny him the things he seeketh from the ocean of Thy grace and the Day-Star of Thy loving-kindness. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. There is none other God save Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.”

O Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Previously from the Most Exalted Pen flowed this passage: In the destined end, the Beloved is submission and contentment. Observe the lamp: as long as oil and wick remain, it can be protected from tempestuous winds and other conditions. At this station, whoever recites what hath been mentioned will assuredly be preserved and attain healing. This is the suspended destiny that hath been mentioned among the servants, both before and after. However, when the oil and wick are depleted, implements and tools yield no fruit, nor will they ever do so. This is the station of destined end. Although God, exalted be His glory, is capable of changing it, yet another harm would appear. Therefore, if one attains this station with joy and fragrance, with trust and submission, by the life of God, he will be accounted among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and will abide in that supreme station. Were the Most Exalted Pen to elaborate on these stations in detail, all would, before their end, hasten toward the ultimate goal and the loftiest summit. Most know not what is best for them. Jesus, son of Mary, saith: “Thou knowest what is in my soul, and I know not

what is in Thy Soul. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Thus hath shone forth the Sun of grace as a token unto thee. Observe, then hear, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth!"

Thou didst mention Mahdi from Jasb. We heard thy mention, have mentioned him, and bid him to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and We give him glad tidings of the grace of his Gracious Lord. Convey greetings from the Wronged One and say: The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee, that His mention may perchance draw thee nigh unto a station where neither the shoes of every barking dog, nor the doubts of any learned one, nor the fancy of any mystic, nor the conjecture of any divine, nor the oppression of the aggressors will affect thee. Say: Know thou the station of this Most Great Remembrance which the Lord of Eternity hath sent down in His Great Prison.

Thou didst mention Hakim Sulayman. O Jamal! Praise be to God, the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God have, in most cities and lands, turned to the supreme horizon and have drunk of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. However, the Shi'ih faction is still observed in manifest unbelief. This is what We promised aforetime and revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets: "We desire to show favor unto those who were brought low in the land, and to make them leaders and to make them the inheritors." O Sulayman! The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest, before all faces, take from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen the sealed wine and drink it in His Name. Today, He Who conversed with God uttereth this word: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having shown me and honored me with that which Thou didst withhold from me before. I testify that Thou art the Ancient Bestower. And thanks be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

Thou didst make mention of Nazim-ul-Ulama. We have turned unto him from this Station and have remembered him with that which attracteth the hearts, the minds, the souls, and the intellects. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. By God! The Day of hearkening hath come, for the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the Day of witnessing hath come, for the Most Great Luminary hath shone forth from the horizon of the world and summoneth all to the praiseworthy station. Beware lest anything whatsoever in the days of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names, prevent thee from arising to serve His Cause. Know thou the value of these days. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, and there shall endure for thee that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. Verily, My name Jamal, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee in this irrevocable Tablet that thou mayest drink of My choice sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and arise to aid thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen. Thus hath the Sun manifested its splendor and its lights, and the sea its waves, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. When the Kawthar of My

utterance hath taken hold of thee and drawn thee nigh unto the horizon of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me in days wherein the divines and theologians of the earth have turned away from Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy power, O Lord of all being, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance and praise, and in acting according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book, and in arising to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants in such wise that the doubts of the transgressors, the signs of the objectors, and the might of the heedless shall not withhold me. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which beseemeth the ocean of Thy grace, the heaven of Thy bounty, and the sun of Thy generosity. Then cause me, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the feet of Thy servants have slipped. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer.

As to what thou didst write concerning turning towards various regions, these matters are contingent upon consultation, and as this matter hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, it must in every case be firmly adhered to. Verily, He is thy Helper and will assist thee. Thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

And as for thy mention of Abd S., praise be to God, he hath attained and drunk from the cup of loving-kindness. His eyes, ears, and tongue have attained to that for which they were brought from nothingness into being. It behooveth him to praise and thank God throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. Special Tablets were previously sent, and God willing, they will attain unto them.

Thou didst mention Abu'l-Hasan of Hamadan. We verily made mention of him before his acceptance, guided him to Our path, and caused him to hear Our call. We beseech God to ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Him in every world of His worlds. He, verily, hath power over all things.

Thou didst mention Mirza Siyyid 'Ali. We have sent down for him that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's gracious favor. We make mention of him at this hour through My manifest command. Give him glad-tidings from Me, remind him of My verses, and illumine him through My Name, at which the limbs of the idolaters have quaked.

O Jamal! Today is the day of service and the day of assistance, and assistance is through the teaching of the Cause. This blessed verse was revealed from the heaven of divine will in the Tablet of Wisdom. We addressed the Most Great Nabil thus: "Be thou as the throbbing artery in the body of creation," and in another passage: "Walk with the power of the Most Great Name above the world that thou mayest become aware of that which no one hath become aware."

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Assistance hath ever been through the fear of God and through the hosts of goodly deeds and character, and through the teaching of the Cause. All must strive and arise as behooveth them. Praise be to God that strife, contention and corruption are all forbidden. Beseech thou the Truth that He may purify the earth from matters that are not pleasing and sanctify the hearts, that all may discover and become aware, and hearken with their inner ear to the scratching of the Most Exalted

Pen, and behold with their outer and inner eyes the penetrating power of the Most Sublime Word. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the Most Generous, the Helper.

We counsel all to observe wisdom, for the people are weak and the divines have made the Cause dubious in the eyes of both government and nation. They have called the reformer a mischief-maker and named the quickener a destroyer. By the life of God! Were there found the least measure of fairness, the mere arising of this Wronged One before the faces of all men, without any veil or covering, would be a proof unto all. However, the intoxication of wealth and pride hath prevented the people from the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss, and shall behold My loved ones in manifest gain.

Gatherings in the Land of Ta are not approved. For some who arrive there, it would be more in keeping with piety if they would depart soon. He verily knoweth and seeth what is with His loved ones, though they know not what is with Him. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

As to what thou didst write regarding the ill person and his passing, blessed is he. Verily, We have mentioned him with a mention that hath purified him from his transgressions and mistakes, and caused him to enter an exalted station, as a mercy from God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, and as a favor from Him - and He is the Most Generous of the generous ones. Concerning their having sent him to the hospital upon consultation with others, there is no harm in this. If that place is well-organized and there is no negligence in caring for the patient, it is acceptable. In these regions, in every city this practice is current and widespread. That which We have revealed in the Book hath come to pass, and what remaineth of it shall soon be made manifest. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As for the handmaidens whom thou didst mention, each hath been honored with Our mention. We beseech God to assist all to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to bestow upon them that which endureth and lasteth. Verily, He hath power over all things. Make mention of each one on behalf of the Wronged One and give them glad tidings. Say: Today the ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of generosity is shining from the horizon of the world. He ordaineth that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thankful unto your Lord, for verily He is with His accepted servants and handmaidens, and He desireth for none save that which shall elevate their station with God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The mention of those souls who, out of love for God, accompanied that stranger's funeral hath in this moment flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily We give thanks for My bounty and My favor, and We make mention of My mercy that hath preceded all and My power that hath encompassed existence.

O 'Ali-'Askar! This is yet another time thou hast been honored with the mention of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Verily We have mentioned thee with verses that surpass the riches of kings and sovereigns.

O Shir-'Ali! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and for having shown me Thy clear and straight path. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Momentous News.

O ?abibu'llah! Thou art he who hath heard the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen and hath beheld My Most Glorious Horizon and hath attained the presence before My face, and hast been blessed with the bounties of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Preserve this most exalted station and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics, for having enabled me to fulfill that for which Thou didst create me. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother who saw and believed and said: "I believe in Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

Verily he who was named Buzurg hath attained unto My favor time and again, and We have mentioned him in diverse Tablets which We have revealed from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen, whereby the eyes of those near unto God were solaced and the hearts of the sincere ones were attracted. He must give thanks unto his Lord for having assisted and honored him, and revealed for him that which the tongues of all who make mention have failed to describe.

O Mirza! Hear the call from the precincts of the Prison. Verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He seeth the turning of His loved ones unto Him and heareth their cry and mentioneth them through His all-encompassing grace.

O son of 'A??ar! Upon thee and upon thy father be My glory and My favor. Verily We counsel thee to unity and harmony. By My life, through these two the horizons are illumined. We have mentioned thee in these days time and again and have adorned thee with the ornament of the favor of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Verily My name Jamal, upon him be My glory and My favor - We have mentioned thee and have remembered thee again, and before him My name Mahdi, upon him be My glory. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answering One. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor.

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have mentioned thee and do mention thee at this time as a favor from One mighty and all-knowing. Verily We counsel thee and those who have believed to unity and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted.

O Jamal! We glorify in this hour 'Ali-Qabli-Haydar who hath arisen to serve the Cause. Make mention of him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the light of the Sun of My bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to enable him to serve His mighty Cause. In all conditions, hold fast unto wisdom, for the heedless consider reward and recompense to lie in persecuting the believers in divine unity, even as the Quraysh and the people of Ba??a inflicted upon the Seal of the Prophets that which the Pen is powerless to recount. And whatsoever they inflicted, they deemed it a means of drawing near to the manifestations of vain imaginings and the temples of idols. Ask thou of God to open wide the gates of justice and preserve the sun of equity from the clouds of vain imaginings, that haply His servants may see and find, and be freed and delivered from the smoke and dust of idle fancies. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Counsellor, the All-Knowing.

If thou meetest His honor 'A.B., upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, convey unto him mention and glorification from the Wronged One, and give him the glad-tidings of God's bounty. Say: O ye who are sincere, honor ye his dwelling-place. This is a command from the presence of the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Thou didst make mention of the daughter of him who attained Our presence and won the victory. We make mention of her with a clear remembrance, and We remember her mother who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have forgiven her as a mercy from Our presence, for We are the Forgiver, the Merciful. At this hour We have sent that which will comfort her heart. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

The letter written in the hand of one of the loved ones, sent on behalf of Sadat, upon them both be My glory, wherein mention was made of the friends in the lands of Sh. and S., was presented before the Face and attained the honor of being heard. All the souls mentioned therein have attained unto divine bounty.

O My Name Jamal! We have remembered them and do remember them. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Knowing. O My loved ones! Hear ye My call from the direction of My prison. He remembereth you with that whereby your names shall endure, as attesteth the Mother Book in its exalted station. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld My most elevated horizon, and the ear that hath heard the scratching of My Pen, and the heart that hath turned unto My mighty and unshakeable Cause. That which ye behold today shall perish, but there shall endure for you that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for this great bounty.

We counsel you as We have counseled Our servants aforetime, to manifest spiritual qualities and goodly deeds, and the fear of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and the curtains of vain imaginings, and hath turned wholly unto the All-Informed One. Cast away that which the people possess. Verily the Self-Subsisting hath arisen with the Cause and calleth you unto that which shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, as every discerning soul doth testify.

Hold ye fast unto the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness in such wise that the doubts of the world and the idle fancies of the nations shall not keep you back. Then recognize ye the station of these days and their rank. By the life of God! The sun hath never risen upon their like. We have remembered you before and do remember you at this hour, and We remind you of that which beseemeth this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

When ye find the fragrance of My utterance and are attracted by My verses, say: O our Lord, our Master, our Worshipped One and our Heart's Desire! Praise be unto Thee for having guided us unto the Salsabil of Thy knowledge and the Euphrates of Thy mercy. We beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names and by Thy Cause that dominateth all things, to assist us to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent us. Verily Thou art the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Jamal! We make mention of the party of God in the Land of Ta and other lands, and give them glad tidings through God's loving-kindness. By the Sun of proof which now speaks: whosoever has turned with a pure heart and radiant countenance toward the supreme horizon - in that very moment their mention has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and they have attained the divine tokens. Give thou glad tidings unto all and remind them. Some souls are mentioned before the Throne; due to wisdom their names are not revealed. Verily thy Lord speaks the truth and guides the way. Some turned with utmost love, while

others arose to serve during the days and nights, and yet another group held fast without any pause. All are mentioned and have attained immeasurable favors. Soon will God manifest what He has ordained for them, and they shall find themselves in evident joy and mighty gladness. The Glory shining from the horizon of My heavenly Kingdom be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, who broke not God's Covenant and His Testament, and who were steadfast in His manifest Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Question concerning the Most Great Festival. Answer: The first is the Festival of Naw-Ruz on the thirteenth day of the second month of the Bayan. The first, ninth and twelfth days are festivals wherein engagement in occupations is forbidden.

Question concerning the Birth Festival. Answer: The Most Holy Birth occurred at the first dawn of the second day of Muharram, and the Birth of the Herald was on the first day. These two days are reckoned as one in the sight of God.

Question concerning the verses. Answer: For men: "We are all content with the Will of God." For women: "We are all content with the Will of God."

Question: If a person travels and does not specify a time for return, that is, the duration of the journey, and becomes lost without trace, what is the duty of his wife? Answer: If he has heard the commandment of the Most Holy Book and disregarded it, his wife should wait a full year, after which she is free either to adopt that which is praiseworthy or take another husband. And if the person has not heard the commandment, she should have patience until tidings of him reach her. By 'praiseworthy' in this connection is meant patience.

Question concerning the blessed verse "When We heard the cries of the children in the loins, We doubled their share and decreased from the others." Answer: The inheritance in the Divine Book is divided into 2520 shares, which number encompasses all possible fractions of nine. These shares are then allocated to seven categories of heirs as mentioned in the Book. For example, the children are designated sixty-nine units, which is the number of the word "Muqt." The meaning of "We doubled their share" is that an equal amount was added, making two times sixty-nine. What was added was deducted from the others. For instance, it was revealed "And for the wives is a share from the Book of Ha equivalent to the number of Ta and Fa," meaning that wives were allotted eight times sixty, which is the number of Ta and Fa. Now ninety (sixty plus half of sixty) was deducted from the wives' portion and added to the children's share, and so forth, until the total deducted amount equaled nine times sixty, which was added to the original nine times sixty.

Question concerning inheritance of brothers - whether a brother from both parents inherits, or if one from either parent inherits. Answer: If the brother is from the father's side, his share is as mentioned in the Book. If from the mother's side, one-third of his share reverts to the House of Justice and two-thirds to him. The same applies for the sister.

Question: Regarding inheritance, it is decreed that if there are no offspring, their share reverts to the House of Justice. When other categories are absent, such as father, mother, brother, sister or teacher, do their shares also revert to the House of Justice, or is it otherwise? […]

The blessed verse suffices, as He, exalted be He, says: “If one dies without offspring, their rights revert to the House of Justice, etc. And for one who has offspring but none of the other heirs specified in the Book, two-thirds of what they leave goes to the offspring and one-third to the House of Justice, etc.” This means if someone dies without offspring, the rights of offspring revert to the House of Justice. And if there are offspring but no other heirs, two-thirds of the inheritance goes to the offspring and the remaining third reverts to the House of Justice. This ruling applies both in whole and in part - meaning whichever of the other heirs are absent, two-thirds goes to the offspring and one-third to the House of Justice.

Question about the amount subject to Huqúqu’llah: The amount subject to Huqúqu’llah is nineteen mithqals of gold - meaning after money reaches this amount, Huqúq applies. As for other properties, after they reach this value, not number, Huqúqu’llah applies only once. For example, if someone owns one thousand mithqals of gold and pays its Huqúq, no further Huqúqu’llah applies to that property except on what is added through trade, transactions and other means when it reaches the prescribed amount - that is, on the profits derived from it. In this case, one must act according to what God has decreed, unless the original property transfers to another’s possession, then Huqúq applies as it did the first time. The Primal Point states that Huqúqu’llah must be paid on the value of all things owned, but in this Most Great Revelation, We have exempted household furnishings and residence - that is, items that are necessities.

Question about Huqúqu’llah, debts of the deceased, and funeral expenses - which takes precedence: Funeral expenses take precedence, then payment of debts, then collection of Huqúqu’llah. If the property is not equal to the debts, whatever exists should be divided proportionally among the debts, whether small or large.

Question about the prohibition of shaving the head in the Kitab-i-Aqdas and its command in the Surih of Pilgrimage: All are bound by the Kitab-i-Aqdas - what is revealed therein is God’s law among His servants. Shaving the head has been exempted for those intending pilgrimage.

Question about marriage during the year of patience: If intimacy occurs during the year of patience, the marriage law applies and one must act according to the Book. If the year of patience ends and what God has decreed takes place, no waiting period is required. Union between man and woman during the year of patience is forbidden, and if one commits this, they must seek forgiveness and pay nineteen mithqals of gold to the House of Justice as a penalty.

Question about divorce without waiting period after reciting the verses and giving the dowry if aversion occurs: […]

ANSWER: After reciting the verses and paying the dowry, if before consummation he wishes to divorce, it is permissible and no waiting period is required. However, taking back the dowry from the woman is not permitted.

QUESTION: Is parental consent for marriage required from both parties, or is one side sufficient? And is it the same for virgins and non-virgins?

ANSWER: Marriage is contingent upon the consent of both the man's and woman's parents, and there is no distinction between virgins and non-virgins.

QUESTION: In prayer we are commanded to face the Qiblih - in which direction should one face when reciting sacred verses?

ANSWER: In prayer, the law of the Qiblih is binding, but for the recitation of verses, what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an applies: "Whichever way ye turn, there is the face of God."

QUESTION: Concerning mention of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar at dawn.

ANSWER: Although dawn is mentioned in God's Book, it is acceptable in God's sight at dawn, daybreak, after daybreak until sunrise, and for two hours thereafter.

QUESTION: Regarding the transport of the dead which states it should be carried for the distance of one hour - does this apply both on land and sea?

ANSWER: This law applies both on land and sea, whether by steamship or railway. The intention is one hour's duration by any means, though the sooner the burial takes place, the more fitting and preferable it is.

QUESTION: Concerning lost property and how to handle it when found.

ANSWER: If found in the city, it should be announced once. If the owner is found, it should be given to him. Otherwise, wait one year. If the owner is found, collect the cost of the announcement and return the item. If after one year the owner is not found, the finder may keep it. If the lost item is worth less than or equal to the cost of announcement, wait one day after finding it; if the owner is not found, the finder may keep it. If found in the countryside, wait three days; if the owner is not found, the finder may keep it.

QUESTION: Regarding ablutions, if someone bathes their entire body, for instance in a public bath, must they still perform ablutions or not?

ANSWER: The law of ablutions must be observed in all cases.

QUESTION: If someone plans to leave their homeland and their spouse does not consent, leading to divorce, and preparations for the journey take up to a year - is this counted as part of the year of patience, or should the year be counted from the day of separation?

ANSWER: The reckoning begins from the day of departure. However, if they separate for one year before the journey and the fragrance of affection is not diffused, divorce occurs. Otherwise, count from the day of departure until the completion of one year, according to the conditions revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas.

QUESTION: Concerning the age of maturity for religious obligations.

ANSWER: The age of maturity is fifteen years, and this applies equally to both women and men.

Question has been asked concerning the blessed verse “During your travels, when ye stop and rest in a safe spot, perform ye – in place of each unsaid obligatory prayer – a single prostration.” Answer: This prostration is to compensate for obligatory prayer missed during travel or in unsafe circumstances. If one is at rest in a safe place at prayer time, one should perform that obligatory prayer in its appointed time. This law of compensation applies equally whether at home or traveling.

Question concerning what defines travel: Answer: Travel is defined as nine hours by timepiece. If a traveler stops somewhere and will definitely remain for one Bayanic month, he must fast. If less than a month, fasting is not obligatory. If one arrives during the fasting month at a place where one will stay for one Bayanic month, one should break the fast for three days, then fast the remaining days. If one returns to one’s permanent residence, one should begin fasting from the first day of arrival.

Question concerning the penalty for adultery: Answer: For the first offense nine mithqals, for the second eighteen mithqals, for the third thirty-six mithqals, and so forth, each time doubling the previous penalty. A mithqal is nineteen nakhuds, as revealed in the Bayan.

Question concerning hunting: Answer: As He says, exalted be He: “When ye have trained beasts or birds of prey…” Other forms are included, such as gun and arrow and other such hunting implements. However, if game is caught in a trap and dies before one reaches it, it is forbidden.

Question concerning pilgrimage: Answer: Pilgrimage to one of the two Houses is obligatory; the other is optional, depending on the person’s preference.

Question concerning dowry: Answer: Regarding dowry, contentment with the lowest degree means nineteen mithqals of silver.

Question concerning the blessed verse “If news of her husband’s death reacheth her…” Answer: The “fixed number of months” refers to nine months.

Question again about the teacher’s inheritance share: Answer: If the teacher is deceased, one-third of his share reverts to the House of Justice and two-thirds to the deceased’s, not the teacher’s, descendants.

Question again about pilgrimage: Answer: The pilgrimage enjoined upon men refers to the Most Great House in Baghdad and the House of the Point in Shiraz. Pilgrimage to either suffices. People should visit whichever is closer to their locality.

Question concerning the verse “There is no harm in taking into service one who is still virgin”: Answer: This is purely for service, just as others, young and old, are paid for service. The virgin may marry whenever she wishes - the choice is hers, as the purchase of handmaidens is forbidden, as is having more than two wives.

Question concerning the blessed verse “God hath forbidden you that which ye practised after the three divorces”: Answer: This refers to the previous law requiring another to marry her before she becomes lawful again to her former husband. In the Most Holy Book, this practice is forbidden.

Question concerning the construction of two Houses in two stations, and the stations of the established Throne. Answer: The two Houses intended are the Most Great House and the House of the Point. As to other stations, these are left to the choice of the people of that land - they may raise up any House that has become a seat of establishment, or choose a single House.

Question concerning the inheritance of the teacher. Answer: If the teacher is not a Baha'i, he does not inherit at all. If there are multiple teachers, it is divided equally among them. If the teacher has passed away, his children do not inherit; rather, two-thirds goes to the children of the deceased and one-third reverts to the House of Justice.

Question concerning the residence that is specifically for male offspring. Answer: If there are multiple residences, the highest and most noble among them is intended, and the remainder is like other properties that must be divided among all. Any class of heirs who are outside the Divine Faith are considered as non-existent and do not inherit.

Question concerning Naw-Ruz. Answer: The day on which the sun enters Aries is the festival day, even if it occurs one minute before sunset.

Question: If the Birth or Declaration falls during the Fast, what is the ruling? Answer: If the Birth or Declaration falls during the days of fasting, the law of fasting is suspended for that day.

Question concerning Divine laws regarding inheritance - the residence and specific clothing have been assigned to the male descendants. Clarify whether this ruling applies to the father's property only, or whether it also applies to the mother's property. Answer: The mother's used clothing is to be divided equally among the daughters. All other possessions including property, jewelry and unused clothing are to be divided among all as revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas. If there are no daughters, all property should be divided as prescribed for men.

Question concerning divorce, where one must wait a year - if the fragrance of affection and inclination wafts from one party but not from the other, what is the ruling? Answer: The ruling in the Kitab-i-Aqdas requires consent of both parties. If both parties do not consent, no reconciliation occurs.

Question concerning the dowry of women - if it cannot be paid in cash all at once, and is exchanged symbolically in the assembly and later paid in full, what is the ruling? Answer: Permission for this has been granted by the Source of Command.

Question: During the year of patience, if the fragrance of love emerges and then aversion occurs, and throughout the year there is alternation between aversion and inclination, and the year ends in a state of aversion, does separation occur or not? Answer: In any case, whenever aversion occurs, the year of patience begins from that day and must complete its course.

Question: The residence and specific clothing are for male offspring, not females and other heirs. If there are no male offspring, what is to be done?

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Question: Concerning His exalted Word that one who dies without offspring, their rights revert to the House of Justice: According to this blessed verse, does the dwelling place and special apparel revert to the House of Justice?

Answer: In the Persian Laws He states: “In this Most Great Dispensation We have exempted household furnishings and the dwelling place”–that is, such furnishings as are needed.

Question: Concerning the engagement of a daughter before maturity.

Answer: Its prohibition hath been revealed from the Source of Command, and mention of union is forbidden more than ninety-five days before marriage.

Question: If, for example, a person’s property amounts to one hundred tumans and he pays the Rights of God, then through trading half this amount is lost, but through commerce it is again raised to the full amount, must he pay the Rights of God or not?

Answer: In such case no payment of the Rights is due.

Question: If, after payment of the Rights, the entire sum is lost and then regained through trade and business, must the Rights be paid a second time or not?

Answer: In this case also no payment is due.

Question: Regarding the blessed verse “Marriage hath been prescribed unto you”–is this command obligatory or not?

Answer: It is not obligatory.

Question: If a man hath married a maiden and paid her dowry, and it then becometh evident at the time of consummation that she is not a virgin, are the expenses and dowry to be repaid or not? And if the marriage had been made conditional upon virginity, doth the unfulfilled condition invalidate that which was conditioned upon it?

Answer: In such case the expenses and dowry may be refunded. The unfulfilled condition invalidateth that which was conditioned upon it. However, to conceal and forgive the matter in this instance is, in the sight of God, highly meritorious.

Question: Is the ordinance that the guest-house must be maintained at the charge of the people obligatory or not?

Answer: It is not obligatory.

Question: Concerning the punishments for adultery, sodomy, and theft, and the degrees thereof.

Answer: The determination of the degrees of these penalties rests with the House of Justice.

Question: Concerning the legitimacy or otherwise of marrying one’s relatives.

Answer: These matters likewise rest with the Trustees of the House of Justice.

Question: Concerning ablutions, when “water is unavailable, one must repeat five times ‘In the Name of God, the Most Pure, the Most Pure’”–is this permissible in times of bitter cold or if the face and hands are wounded, or not?

Answer: In times of bitter cold, warm water should be used. If there be a wound on the face or hands, or there be another reason such as aches and pains which would make the use of water harmful, one may recite the appointed verse in place of the ablution.

Question: Is the prayer revealed to replace the Prayer of Signs obligatory or not?

Answer: It is not obligatory.

Question: Regarding inheritance, when there are full brothers and sisters, do maternal brothers and sisters also receive a portion?

Answer: They receive no portion.

Question: He saith, exalted be He: “Should the deceased leave offspring, but none of the other categories of heirs that have been specified in the Book, they shall receive two thirds of the inheritance […]”

The inheritance of the deceased according to the Book is divided into seven shares.

Question: If the deceased is a woman, to whom does the wife’s share revert?

Answer: The wife’s share reverts to the husband.

Question: Regarding the shrouding of the deceased, five pieces have been ordained. Does this mean the five pieces that were customarily used before, or does this include a full-length shroud as well?

Answer: Five pieces are intended.

Question: Some of the revealed verses differ from each other.

Answer: Many Tablets were revealed and their original form was distributed without comparison or collation. Therefore, by command and to prevent objectors from finding cause for criticism, they were repeatedly read in the Most Holy Presence and the rules of the people were applied therein. Another wisdom: since in the new dispensation, according to the Bab–may our souls be sacrificed for His sake–very extensive rules were observed, therefore for ease and brevity that which accorded with the majority was revealed.

Question: Concerning the blessed verse “When traveling and stopping in a safe place, prostrate once in place of each unsaid prayer”–is this to make up for prayers missed due to lack of safety, or is prayer entirely suspended during travel and replaced by prostration?

Answer: If prayer time arrives and there is no safety, then upon reaching a safe place, one should perform one prostration for each prayer missed. After the final prostration, one should sit in the position of unity and recite the designated verse. During travel, if there is safety, prayer is not suspended.

Question: After stopping and resting, if it is prayer time, should one perform the prescribed prayer or prostrate instead?

Answer: Except in unsafe conditions, omitting prayer is not permitted.

Question: If there are multiple prostrations for missed prayers, must the verse be repeated after each prostration?

Answer: Reciting the designated verse after the final prostration suffices; multiple recitations are not required for multiple prostrations.

Question: If a prayer is missed while at home, is prostration required in its place?

Answer: As stated in previous answers, this ruling regarding making up prayers applies equally to both travel and home.

Question: If ablutions are performed for another purpose and prayer time coincides, are those ablutions sufficient or must they be renewed?

Answer: Those ablutions suffice; renewal is not required.

Question: In the Kitab-i-Aqdas, a nine-rak'at prayer was revealed to be performed at noon, morning and evening, but this tablet about prayer appears different.

Answer: What was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas is another prayer, but due to wisdom in previous years, some laws of the Kitab-i-Aqdas, including prayer, were recorded on another page. That page was sent with other sacred writings somewhere for safekeeping and preservation. Afterward, these three prayers were revealed.

Question: Is it permissible to rely on a clock for determining the time?

Answer: It is permissible to rely on a clock.

Question: In the prayer leaf, three prayers are revealed. Are all three obligatory?

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One of these three obligatory prayers is sufficient, whichever is performed.

Question: Is the morning ablution valid at noon, and likewise is the noon ablution valid for the afternoon prayer, or not?

Answer: Ablution is connected with prayer. For each prayer it must be renewed.

Question: Regarding the long prayer where it states "standing facing God," it appears that the Qiblih is not necessary - is this so or not?

Answer: The Qiblih is intended.

Question: Regarding the blessed verse "Recite ye the verses of God every morn and eventide."

Answer: What is intended is all that hath been revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. The greatest condition is the eagerness and love of sanctified souls to read the verses. To read one verse, or even one word, in a spirit of joy and radiance, is preferable to reading many books.

Question: Can a person specify in his will that a portion of his property be spent on charitable purposes after his death, beyond payment of Huququ'llah and the rights of others, or does he have no right beyond expenses for burial, shroud and transport of the corpse, with the remainder of the estate going to the heirs as ordained by God?

Answer: A person has free will over his property. If he is able to discharge the Huququ'llah and is free of debt, then whatever he may write in his will and affirm is acceptable. God hath permitted him to deal with what He hath bestowed upon him in whatever way he may desire.

Question: Is the wearing of a ring, as ordained in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, restricted to adults, or does it include minors as well?

Answer: It is restricted to adults. Similarly, the prayer for the dead is also restricted to adults.

Question: If someone wishes to fast in a month other than the month of 'Ala', is this permissible or not? And if one makes a vow or pledge to fast, is it valid and binding or not?

Answer: The law of fasting is as revealed. However, if a person makes a vow to fast for God to fulfill needs or for other purposes, there is no objection. But God, exalted be His glory, prefers that vows and pledges be directed to such matters as would profit mankind.

Question: Another question has been asked about whether, in the absence of male offspring, the residence and special clothes revert to the House of Justice, or are they distributed like other possessions?

Answer: Two thirds of the residence and special clothes revert to the female offspring, and one third to the House of Justice, which God hath made a treasury for the people.

Question: When the period of patience (separation) is ended and the husband refuses to grant divorce, what should the wife do?

Answer: When the period has ended, divorce has taken place. However, witnesses are required at the beginning and end who can testify when needed.

Question: Concerning the age of debility.

Answer: Among the Arabs it means extreme old age, but among the people of Baha it means beyond seventy.

Question: Concerning the limit of fasting for a traveler on foot.

Answer: The limit has been fixed at two hours. If it exceeds this, breaking the fast is permitted.

Question: Concerning fasting by those engaged in hard labor during the months of fasting[…]

Answer: The fast is pardoned for the aforementioned souls; however, moderation and restraint during those days, out of respect for God's decree and the station of fasting, is most praiseworthy and beloved.

Question: Is it permissible to recite the Greatest Name ninety-five times with ablutions performed for prayer?

Answer: Renewal of ablutions is not required.

Question: Regarding clothing and jewelry that a person obtains for his wife, if he dies, are these to be distributed among the heirs or do they belong exclusively to the wife?

Answer: Apart from used clothing, whatever exists of jewelry and other items reverts to the husband, unless it can be proven that they were given as gifts to the wife.

Question: What is the standard of justice when a matter must be proven by the testimony of two just witnesses?

Answer: The standard of justice is good reputation among the people, and the testimony of the servants of God from any group is acceptable before the Throne.

Question: If a deceased person owes Huququ'llah or debts to people, should these be paid proportionally from the residence, special clothing, and other possessions, or does the house and special clothing belong to the male heirs and debts should be paid from other properties? And if other inheritance is insufficient for debts, what should be done?

Answer: Debts and rights should be paid from other properties, and if these are insufficient, then from the residence and special clothing.

Question: Should the third prayer be offered sitting or standing?

Answer: Standing with humility is most praiseworthy and beloved.

Question: Regarding the first prayer, which is to be offered whenever one finds oneself in a state of devotion and humility - is once in a day and night sufficient, or what is its ruling regarding other times?

Answer: Once in a day and night is sufficient. Thus has the Tongue of Command spoken.

Question: Regarding the definition of morning, noon, and afternoon.

Answer: At sunrise, noon, and sunset. The time limit for morning prayer is until noon, from noon until sunset, and from sunset until two hours after. The Command is in the hands of God, the Possessor of the Two Names.

Question: Is marriage with unbelievers permissible or not?

Answer: Both taking and giving in marriage are permissible. This is what God has decreed when He sat upon the throne of grace and generosity.

Question: Concerning the time for the Prayer for the Dead - before or after burial, and is facing the Qiblih necessary or not?

Answer: The prayer should be offered before burial, and as for the Qiblih, “Whithersoever ye turn, there is the face of God.”

Question: At noon, when there are two prayers - one being the testimony at noon and another prayer to be offered at morning, noon, and afternoon - are two ablutions necessary, or is one ablution sufficient in this specific case?

Answer: Renewal is not necessary.

Question: Regarding the dowry for village people which is set in silver - is this based on the husband or wife or both? And what should be done in case of difference when one is from the city and the other from a village?

Answer: The dowry is based on the husband - if he is from the city it is in gold, and if from a village it is in silver.

QUESTION: What determines whether one is urban or rural, and when a city-dweller migrates to a village or a villager to a city intending to settle, what is the ruling? Also, is birthplace the determining factor or not?

ANSWER: The criterion is one’s residence. Wherever one settles, one should act according to the Book’s ruling.

QUESTION: In the Divine Tablets it is revealed that when one becomes owner of the equivalent of nineteen mithqals of gold, one must pay the Huqúqu’llah. Please explain how much of the nineteen should be paid.

ANSWER: God’s ordinance is set at nineteen percent. Calculate accordingly to determine what amount is due on nineteen.

QUESTION: If wealth exceeds nineteen, must it reach another nineteen before payment is due, or is payment due on the excess as well?

ANSWER: No payment is due on any amount added to nineteen unless it reaches another nineteen.

QUESTION: Regarding pure water and the limits of used water.

ANSWER: A small amount of water, like one, two or three cups, becomes used when hands and face are washed in it. However, if it reaches the amount of kurr, washing one or two faces does not change it, and its use is and has been permissible. If one of the three qualities appears in it, meaning if the water’s color changes slightly, it is considered used.

QUESTION: The age of legal maturity is set at fifteen in the Persian Risalih. Is marriage also conditional upon maturity, or is it permitted before?

ANSWER: Since the consent of both parties is revealed in God's Book, and before maturity consent or its absence cannot be determined, marriage is therefore conditional upon maturity and is not permitted before.

QUESTION: Regarding fasting and prayer during illness.

ANSWER: Verily I say, fasting and prayer hold an exalted station with God. However, their virtue is present during health, but when one is broken down, their observance is not permitted. This is God's decree, before and after. Blessed are they who hear and act, both men and women. Praise be to God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of proofs.

QUESTION: Regarding mosques, monasteries and temples.

ANSWER: In mosques, monasteries and temples built specifically for the mention of God, the mention of others is not permitted. This is one of God's limits, and whoever transgresses is among the transgressors. No blame attaches to the builder, as his work was for God and he has and will receive his reward.

QUESTION: Should Huqúqu'llah be paid on shop equipment necessary for business and occupation, or does it fall under household furnishings?

ANSWER: The ruling for household furnishings applies to it.

QUESTION: Regarding exchanging and converting deposits into currency or otherwise to protect against loss.

ANSWER: Concerning deposits and their exchange to protect against loss, exchange is permitted provided it is for an equivalent value. Thy Lord is indeed the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and the Ancient Commander.

QUESTION: Regarding ablution in winter and summer.

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Answer: The ruling is the same in both cases - lukewarm water is preferable, though there is no harm in using cold water.

Another question was asked about divorce. Answer: Since God, exalted be His glory, does not favor divorce, no word has been revealed concerning it. However, from the beginning of the year until its end, two or more witnesses must be present. If reconciliation is not achieved by the end, divorce is established. The religious judge of the locality, who is appointed by the Trustees of the House of Justice, must record it in the register. This matter must be carefully observed, lest the hearts of the wise be grieved thereby.

Question regarding consultation. Answer: If disagreement arises among those originally assembled, add new members and then select by lot the number of the Greatest Name, or less or more. Consult again and what emerges is binding. If disagreement persists, adorn the two with three and take the stronger view. Verily, He guides whom He wishes to the straight path.

Question about inheritance. Answer: Regarding inheritance, what the Primal Point - may our souls be sacrificed for His sake - has commanded is beloved. Whatever exists of those entitled to inherit, divide the property among them. For cases beyond this, the matter should be referred to the Most Holy Court. The command is in His hand - He ordains as He pleases. In this regard, a decree was revealed in the Land of Mystery, and the shares of missing persons temporarily revert to the existing heirs until the House of Justice is established. After its establishment, its ruling will become manifest. However, the inheritance of those who emigrated in the year when the Ancient Beauty emigrated reverts to their heirs. This is from God's grace upon them.

Question about treasure troves. Answer: If a treasure is found, one-third belongs to the finder and two-thirds shall be expended by the men of the House of Justice for the general welfare of all people. This applies after the establishment of the House of Justice; before that, it should be referred to trustworthy persons in every land and region. Verily, He is the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Question about Huquq on property yielding no profit. Answer: God's decree is that property from which no profit is derived, meaning it yields no gain, is not subject to Huquq. Verily, He is the Judge, the Generous.

Question about the blessed verse "In regions where the days and nights are long, let prayers be offered by the clock, etc." Answer: This refers to distant lands in these regions with long or short hours, and this is outside the general ruling.

In the Tablet to Abu Badi', this blessed verse was revealed: "We have prescribed for every son to serve his father." Thus have We ordained the matter in the Book. In one of the Tablets it is revealed, exalted be His words: "O Muhammad! The Countenance of the Ancient One turns to you, makes mention of you, and counsels the people of God regarding the education of children. If a father fails in this most great matter which has been revealed by the Pen of the Ancient King in the Most Holy Book, the right of fatherhood is forfeited and he shall be accounted among the negligent before God. Blessed is he who inscribes God's counsels on the tablet of his heart and holds fast unto them. Verily, He commands His servants with that which strengthens them, benefits them and draws them near unto Him. He is the Commander, the Ancient of Days."

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

All the Prophets and Chosen Ones have been commanded by God, exalted be His glory, to water the trees of human existence from the Euphrates of refinement and wisdom, that there might be made manifest from each one that which God has deposited within them. Every tree has its visible fruit, and as can be observed, a tree without fruit is fit only for the fire. The purpose of all that they have ordained and taught has been the preservation of the stations and ranks of the human world. Blessed is the soul that, in this divine Day, has laid hold on the principles of God and has not deviated from the true Law. The fruits of the Tree of existence are trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness, and purity, and greatest of all, after the recognition of the oneness of the Lord, exalted and glorified be He, is regard for the rights of parents. This matter is recorded in all the divine Books and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Consider what the All-

Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Worship ye God and associate naught with Him, and show kindness and charity unto the parents." Observe how kindness to parents has been joined with recognition of the one true God. Blessed be every wise mystic who witnesseth and seeth and readeth and recognizeth and acteth according to that which God hath revealed in the Books of old and in this wondrous Tablet.

In one of the Tablets it hath been revealed, exalted be His words: And regarding the Zakat, We have decreed that they should act according to that which hath been revealed in the Qur'an.

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

Praise be to God, thanksgiving to His loved ones, and glorification to His chosen ones who have not changed His bounty, who have arisen to serve Him, who have spent what they possessed in His path, who have hastened to that which they were commanded in His Book, and who have sought from the ocean of His generosity and the heaven of His bestowal the word of His good-pleasure. These are they whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from God, the Creator of heaven. They speak not until He hath spoken, and act only by His leave, and acknowledge naught save that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the Day of Judgment and Educator of the worlds! Thou seest Thy trusted servant clinging to the cord of Thy good-pleasure, observing the stations of Thy loved ones, and mentioning them in his correspondence that the Servant might remember them in the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit. O my Lord! Assist him and those who are united with him, then aid them and reinforce them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and with the standards of Thy grandeur and the evidences of Thy Revelation. Verily, Thou art our God, our Goal, our Object of worship, and the Fulfiller of our needs and the needs of Thy servants and creation. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath established through proof the unity of Thy Being and the uniqueness of Thy attributes. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, and Thou art worthy to answer.

The letters of that beloved one arrived continuously until two weeks ago. Their arrival was like the breezes of spring, and responses were written like rain. Despite the multitude of occupations and extensive correspondence which they have witnessed, there was no delay whatsoever in responding to the letters of that beloved one. We beseech God to assist that beloved one in that which will cause the spread of God's signs and the sanctification and glorification of His Cause. Each time a letter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke words imbued with special favors and perfumed with the fragrances of the mercy of God, exalted be His glory. And on this blessed night, which is the sixteenth of the honored month of Shawwal, that beloved one's letter which had arrived several weeks ago was once again presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and achieved the honor of being heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Amin, upon thee be the Glory of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice! Thy letters which thou didst send to the servant in attendance were presented in the Most Holy Court. That which thou didst write mentioning the loved ones of that land was all heard. Praise be to God, they have been assisted in that for which they were brought from nothingness into being. All the peoples of the world, from kings to subjects, from learned to jurisprudents and others, have been and are seekers of truth. Yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the heaven of will, all were prevented and veiled. Glory be to God! Despite their seeking they are deprived, and despite their longing they are barred. The people of Europe turn to churches, the Jews to temples, the Muslims to mosques, and likewise other religions to monasteries and the like - all seek the truth, yet Truth itself beareth witness to the heedlessness and remoteness of these souls. The hopes of limited days and their vanities have occupied them all and deprived them of everlasting bounties and eternal favors. To this the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness in its praiseworthy station.

O Amin! Exert thyself to the utmost to promote unity among the loved ones of God. Gird up the loins of endeavour for the manifestation of unity among the people of love, particularly those souls who are adorned with the ornament of distinction. Say: O friends! When any soul, for the sake of God, showeth humility and submissiveness towards any one of the loved ones to exalt the word of unity, that humility and submissiveness becometh a means of elevation and ascension. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in the Kingdom of knowledge and utterance.

That which thou didst write concerning Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, hath been noted. Praise be to God, he hath been and still is successful in rendering service before the Presence. Give him the glad-tidings of My special favours. Convey to all the friends the greetings of the Wronged One. Thou didst make mention of those who are firm in their faith and who have turned towards God, who are adorned with the ornament of certitude and who are gazing towards the Most Exalted Horizon. This Wronged One hath likewise made mention of each one. God willing, may they attain unto that which will conduce to the reformation of the world and the guidance of all peoples. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

Praise and thanksgiving be unto God, for He hath ever remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones. By the effulgent lights of the countenance of our Desired One and our Beloved, were the fruits of God's remembrance - exalted be His glory - to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would become detached from the world and all that is therein, yearning for but one word to be revealed from the Supreme Pen. At present most matters are hidden, but ere long that shall be manifested of which most people are now heedless.

Mention hath been made of the spiritual friend Ali Haydar and likewise the honoured master Naib, upon them both be the Glory of God and His favours. In truth, they are firm in the Cause and steadfast in service. This evanescent servant hath borne and continueth to bear this testimony before the Divine Throne.

Concerning the two supporters, two benefactors, two servants and two beloved ones - namely the honored brothers Naddaf, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful - after presenting your letter in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these luminous words were revealed, blessed and exalted be His

utterance: “O Amin, upon thee be My glory! Reflect upon God’s confirmations and assistance. Whoso is for God, God is for him. I swear by the Sun of Truth that they are more renowned and well-known among the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the heavens than among the people of earth. Divine blessing has been and continues to be with them. Consider the early days of the Most Great Prison - blessings, bounties and heavenly sustenance descended like rain, but when treachery appeared, it was cut off, such that commerce was suspended and most were scattered. The Hand of Divine Power exalted the Prison to such a degree that it rivaled the highest Paradise and the supreme Heaven, yet the treachery of the treacherous ones closed the gates of goodly gifts. O Amin, convey to these two souls the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One. Their mention is immortalized in the Books and Scriptures of God. What thou hast written concerning their mention, their enthusiasm and their detachment is the truth in which there is no doubt. We beseech God to preserve them and make them among those who have taken their station near the mercy of their Lord in all His worlds. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Their reward is with God. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to their acceptance, their love, their steadfastness and their service. This is a testimony that neither the riches of the world nor the treasures of nations can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” The lamp of utterance is illumined with the oil of wisdom and bestoweth light and radiance upon all the cities of justice and fairness. This lamp shall never be extinguished, nor shall contrary winds prevent its light. The Command is in His grasp, He doeth what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for the mention made of the friends in Gokchay and Chakan, a Most Holy Tablet hath been revealed for them from the heaven of divine Will, and mention of that beloved one hath also been revealed therein. I beseech God to assist them to read and understand its meanings. Likewise, a letter was sent specifically for Isma’il Bey, upon him be the glory of God.

The Beloved One mentioned in one of His letters the meeting with the spiritual friend, Aqa ’Ali-Haydar, and Sayyah Effendi, noting that he desired to meet with both them and the Beloved One. He had also written inquiring what should be done in these matters and had sought guidance. After these passages were presented at the supreme horizon and the loftiest heights, the tongue of grandeur spoke these blessed words - His glory be exalted and His bounties be universal:

O Amin! Repeatedly hast thou seen the Wronged One, and in each instance when thou didst arrive in the prison-land, thou didst circle round for successive months and didst dwell beneath the canopies of grandeur. Face to face thou didst hear that which conduceth to the building of the world, the reformation of nations, the elevation of souls and the purification of hearts. The Supreme Pen, without veil or concealment, declareth: O My loved ones! O party of God! Know with clear certitude that this Most Great Revelation hath come to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity that lieth hidden in hearts and minds. The company of loved ones in all regions must strive that perchance through the waters of counsel and the rivers of exhortation they may purify the world, so that the kindled fire may be quenched and the horizons may be illumined with the light of unity. From any matter wherein can be detected even an atom’s weight of mischief, conflict, contention, or the grief of any soul, the people of God must withdraw as they would from a deadly serpent.

This exalted Word proclaimeth in the scriptures, books and tablets with the most loud call, declaring in the most clear language: O peoples of the earth! The Glad-Tidings of God have come! This is the time of joy, happiness and delight, for strife, dispute and conflict have been forbidden in the divine tablets. This is the Day of reformation, not of corruption. The people of Baha, who have drunk of the choice-sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, must aid the Cause through goodly admonition, pure deeds and praiseworthy character. Say: This is the host of God, did ye but know, and this is the command of God, did ye but understand. Say: Verily the commander of My armies is the fear of God, did ye but perceive. Victory and triumph in this Most Great Revelation have been ordained to these mentioned hosts. Blessed are they that act and blessed are they that attain.

This matter hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the tablets to such an extent that one would be hard-pressed to enumerate them. This is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error. However, in certain instances where the outright denial of a matter would openly cause the fire of hatred to blaze forth, one must resort to wisdom. In any case, this Most Great Revelation hath never been, nor ever shall be, party to corruption. To this do bear witness My tongue, My heart, My pen, My scriptures, My books and My tablets.

O Amin! Convey My greetings to ʼAli-Haydar, upon him be My glory. Say: Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast attained the bounties of the Dawning-Place of divine mercy. We make mention of all the loved ones in that land and bid them to unity and harmony. And I am, verily, the Commander, the Ruler, the Ancient of Days.

In the early years, certain followers of the Bayan engaged in acts at the beginning of the Cause which modesty prevents pen and tongue from mentioning. They appropriated people's property without permission and engaged in forbidden deeds. After Our and your Beloved turned towards Iraq, He would counsel and advise them night and day, both by pen and tongue, until some attained to what God desired. Now, looking back to those days, some still seek through former delusions that which has been and remains rejected by God. In these situations one must resort to wisdom, for if accepted it would be contrary to truth since corruption has been strictly forbidden in the Book, and if denied it would cause sedition. In truth one is perplexed. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches God to adorn souls with justice and fairness, that love of fleeting days may not prevent them from eternal, endless bounties. Verily our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven has power over all things.

As for the eloquent and exalted praise given of the divine loved ones in the land of Ta, after this matter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these supreme words were revealed from the Mother Book - blessed and exalted be His words: "O Amin! Blessed art thou for having mentioned My loved ones in Ta. Convey My glory unto them, remind them of My remembrances, and give them the glad tidings of My favors. Those souls who have turned from that land towards the Most Holy Court are at this moment mentioned in the presence. We have preferred some over others and ordained for them abundant good in the Book." End quote. This evanescent one also extends greetings, praise and glory to all, and begs God, exalted be His glory, for assistance and confirmation for all. It is hoped they will be enkindled with the fire of love and will guide the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance.

Regarding your written request to sometimes attain the presence of that Beloved One, this supplication was accepted. Praise be to God, this servant was successful and his deed was adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

As for your mention of the honored master, Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, after it was presented He smiled and said: “Excellent is what Amin has done in mentioning him. We have mentioned him before and sent him a Tablet testifying to My grace towards him and My favors unto him. Give him the glad tidings We have given thee. Say: Grieve not, for the fragrance of My favor has not ceased, nor has My pen’s movement in thy mention. Verily thy Lord is with thee in all conditions.” End quote. Indeed they have attained to that which has no equal. Happy is he and blessed is he.

And mention was made of Aqa Mirza Habibu’llah and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise their being enkindled with divine love. Today, which is the 16th of the aforementioned month, this servant has specifically written a letter to Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, in response to his letter, and mention is made therein of the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Habibu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God. That letter contains the verses of God and mentions the forgiveness of certain souls by God, exalted be His glory.

They have made mention of the spiritual friend, Haji Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, who has requested to be remembered in the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, he has attained to divine mention and heavenly grace. Blessed be he!

Another letter from that honored one, dated the ninth and last day of Sha’ban, arrived like a sealed vessel. When we broke its seal, musk most fragrant diffused, for it was adorned with mention of the Beloved of all worlds. After its reading and review, one night it was presented at the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He: “O servant present before God! Praise be to God, the Trustee has succeeded in serving the Cause. We beseech God to assist him in uniting hearts and bringing souls into harmony. O Trustee! Regarding what you wrote about unity with Ali Haydar, We have written replies both before and after. God has ever loved unity and harmony. And concerning J and A and A and other friends of that land, as well as mention of their enthusiasm, humility, submissiveness, and arising to serve the Cause of God, exalted be His glory - all attained the honor of being heard, and each received their portion and complete share from the ocean of the All-Merciful’s utterance. Give glad tidings to all. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of every world among His worlds. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.”

Regarding what you wrote about the friends of that land and the prisoners in various countries - those souls who, in the path of God, drank from the cup of tribulations and were afflicted with hardship and adversity, and who due to the oppression of the oppressors, namely the ignorant divines, left their homeland and arrived in the Land of Ta, which had been the dawning-place of the manifestation of the Lord of Names and Attributes - all these matters and the names of those who emigrated in the path of God were presented before the throne of the World’s Intended One. After hearing them, the ocean of the All-Merciful’s utterance surged in such wise that all the pens of the world are incapable of describing it. His mighty and glorious Words declare:

“O Trustee! Upon thee be My Glory! Blessed art thou for having mentioned My loved ones who emigrated from their homeland due to what the hands of the oppressors wrought - those who changed God’s blessing into ingratitude, broke His Covenant, disputed His verses, and arose to extinguish His light. Say: Die in your wrath! Soon shall ye find yourselves in grievous torment while My loved ones dwell in the highest Paradise, and ye shall find no way unto God. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this impregnable fortress. We desired to mention each one of them as a token of Our grace, for We are the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and We are the Compassionate, the Generous.

“O My Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ismail. Say: Blessed art thou for having turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and for having attained to His verses and the fragrances of His days, and for having endured what befell thee at the hands of those who violated the Covenant and the pledges. Hear My call and rejoice in My remembrance. By God’s life! The mention of all the world cannot equal it. Blessed are the people who understand. Sorrows have seized thee in My path; let joy and gladness seize thee through My remembrance. Verily thy Lord is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving.”

O Mahmud! Upon thee be My Baha! We bear witness that thou hast heard from Mine enemies that which thou wouldst not wish to hear. Hearken at this moment unto that which God hath created all creation to hear. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! I testify that Thy remembrance is the cause of the joy of the world, whereunto honored servants bear witness. Let not the happenings of the world sadden thee. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. That which delighteth the eyes hath been revealed for thee and for My loved ones.

O Siyyid Muhammad! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of Mine utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which he who announced to the servants Thy Manifestation and what would appear from Thy presence arose, to make me turn toward Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O Muhammad-Rida! When thou art illumined by the lights of thy Lord, the Most Merciful’s utterance, and hearest the call of the Wronged One, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me to know Thee, taught me, and guided me. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and to drink the choice wine of knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-‘Ali! O sight! The Lord of Destiny remembereth thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene, remindeth thee of His verses, and giveth thee glad tidings of His grace. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having given me to drink the cup of Thy love and enabled me to acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, to ordain for me that which will preserve me from the arrows of the croakers’ allusions and the swords of the doubts of the infidels. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Muhammad (Na'im)! When My utterance's choice wine taketh thee and thou findest the fragrant breezes of My revelation, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison while Thou wert in the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by the letters of Thy all-embracing Word, by Thy revealed verses, by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to make me firm in Thy love and steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art He Whom the hosts of the world have not frightened and the power of nations hath not weakened. Thou takest and givest. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Qanbar-'Ali! Blessed is the servant who hath borne hardships in My love and heard the derision of enemies in My path. He is among the most excellent of servants before his Lord, the Chosen One, and among the most exalted of creation before the Truth. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in its lofty station.

O Muhammad-'Ali! Blessed is the servant who hath journeyed in My path, chosen exile for My Name, and accepted tribulations for My love. He is of the people of My paradise. Upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness, My grace, and My mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! There hath come upon thee what hath come upon Us. By My life! Poison in My path is honey, and fire is light, and tribulation is mercy, and adversity is bounty, and hardship is a feast. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken unto thee in the prison of 'Akka, that thou mayest hear and be of those who render thanks.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Hajji Siyyid Mirza. Say: Blessed art thou for having turned unto My horizon and hearkened unto My call. Well is it with thee for having honored the dwelling-place of those who were forced to abandon their homes through the actions of the oppressors. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath sheltered them, honored them, fed them and shown them kindness. Verily, We are with them, hearing and seeing. Thy Lord, in truth, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist thee, to strengthen thee, and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

All praise be to God, all have been immersed in the waves of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. After the names were presented, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in such wise that every hearer was astounded and every speaker was rendered speechless. For each of the mentioned souls, a river flowed and mercy was bestowed. Likewise, regarding those souls who showed love and affection to the emigrants, that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine will for each one beareth witness to the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy. In truth, holy souls in their stations have hoped and yearned for this station. The command is in His grasp; He assisteth whom He willeth through His mercy, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. This lowly one also conveyeth greetings and praise to each one, and beseecheth assistance from God, exalted be His glory.

The petition of Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan ('A.T.), upon him be the Glory of God, was received and was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence on Tuesday night, the nineteenth of the honored month of Shawwal, two hours after nightfall, and was graced with the lights of acceptance. Blessed is he and well is it with him. A sublime, most exalted, most glorious, most wondrous Tablet was revealed from the

heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings specifically for him and was sent. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him to receive the blessed Tablet through His strength and His power, that he may drink from the cups of his Lord's utterance, the Kawthar of His knowledge. Verily, our Lord and your Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Concerning what was submitted about the ascension of the departed wife, upon her be the Glory of God and His mercy, and her will, He said: "Her sins are forgiven." As mention was made of her in the Most Holy Presence, the blessed word of pardon was revealed concerning her. Regarding her will, what was done in consideration of wisdom was adorned with the honor of acceptance, and the remainder should be given to the Trustee, who should give it to certain specified persons.

Concerning what was requested about the other wife, upon her be the Glory of God, after it was presented before Him, a most mighty and exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for her and was sent. His bounty hath encompassed, His mercy hath preceded, and His favor hath been complete, yet the people are in evident opposition. Soon shall the veils be rent asunder and the servants shall discover that of which they are heedless today, and shall turn unto that from which they now turn away. Verily, our Lord and your Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is.

And concerning what they wrote about the parents, after it was presented in the presence of Him in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of all things, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of will. He saith, blessed and exalted be He: Say […]

My God, my God! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the Hands of Thy Cause, the Daysprings of Thy power, and the Dawning-places of Thy grandeur and might, to ordain for me and for those related to me that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and guide us to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Cause. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I know not what harmeth or profiteth me. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ordain for me, O my God, that which will enable me to serve Thy Cause and through which Thy Most Exalted Word may be upraised among all people. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

The favor of God, glorified be His majesty, hath seized them, and that which hath been revealed shall neither change nor alter. Verily the grace is in His hands; He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Chosen One.

As to their question concerning the departure of the spirit and its state in the other worlds, after being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime words, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O thou who drinkest the wine of My love and soarest on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of My nearness! Various statements have repeatedly been revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings in the Tablets. The Prophets and Messengers have veiled the understanding of this station for the preservation of the world. In truth, were a soul to reflect upon that which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen regarding these stations, he would know with

absolute certitude that no faculty hath been created in this world capable of comprehending and knowing its reality. However, this much may be mentioned: By the life of God! The lights and effulgences of those pure spirits who ascend detached from the world and purified from the doubts of the nations, are the cause and source of the manifestation of knowledge, wisdom, crafts, and the preservation of creation. Death shall not overtake them, and their consciousness, understanding, power and strength are beyond the reckoning of minds and comprehension. The lights of these spirits are the educators of the world and its peoples. Were this station to be fully unveiled, all souls would seek to ascend and the world would be revolutionized."

In these days, one of the friends from the land of Qaf and Vav asked about this matter, and an answer was revealed from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful. It is mentioned here exactly as it was revealed, that the loved ones may drink from the wine of divine utterance and attain unto the station of supreme steadfastness.

Regarding what was asked about whether the soul endures after the body's extinction and, if it endures, what state it will have, He, blessed and exalted be He, says: As to what you asked about the spirit and its survival after its ascension, know that it will ascend at the time of its passing until it attains the presence of God in a form which neither the succession of centuries and ages, nor the changes and chances of the world can alter. It will endure as long as the Kingdom of God, His sovereignty, His dominion and power will endure. From it will be made manifest the signs of God and His attributes, and the loving-kindness of God and His bounties. The pen is unable to move in mentioning this station and its loftiness and sublimity as it truly is. The hand of divine grace will lead it to a station that no expression can befittingly describe, nor any other earthly thing can indicate. Blessed is the spirit that hath emerged from the body purified from the doubts and superstitions of the nations. That spirit moveth in the atmosphere of God's pleasure and entereth the Supreme Paradise. The denizens of the retreats of the Exalted Paradise circle around it, and it consorteth with the Prophets of God and His chosen ones, conversing with them of what it hath endured in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. If anyone were to be made aware of what hath been ordained for it in the worlds of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, he would immediately yearn with a great longing for that most exalted, most sanctified and most resplendent station.

Hear in the Persian tongue, O 'Abdu'l-Vahhab, upon thee be My glory! As to thy question about the survival of the spirit, this Wronged One beareth witness to its immortality. And as to thy question about its nature, verily it cannot be described, nor is it meet to mention it except to a predetermined degree. The Prophets and Messengers have come to guide creation to the straight path of Truth, and their purpose hath been the education of souls so that at the time of ascension they may, with utmost sanctity, detachment and severance, set out for the Most Exalted Companion. By the life of God! The effulgences of these spirits are the cause of the development of the world and the stations of nations. They are the essence of existence and the ultimate cause for the appearances and crafts of the world. Through them the clouds pour down rain and the earth bringeth forth. Nothing among all things existeth without cause, reason and origin, and the greatest cause hath been and shall ever be these sanctified spirits. The difference between this world and that world is like the difference between the embryonic world and this world. In brief, after ascension it attaineth the presence of God in a form worthy of immortality and

suited to that world. This immortality is temporal immortality, not essential immortality, for it hath a cause, while essential immortality is without cause and belongeth exclusively to God, exalted be His glory. Well is it with them that comprehend!

If thou wouldst reflect upon the deeds of the Prophets, thou wouldst bear witness with absolute certitude that there are worlds besides this world. The philosophers of the earth, as revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablet of Wisdom, have mostly acknowledged what hath been revealed in the divine Books. However, the materialists who believe in nature have written concerning the Prophets that they were philosophers who, for the education of the people, made mention of Paradise, hell, reward and punishment. Now consider how all people, in whatever world they dwell, have regarded the Prophets as taking precedence over all others. Some call these detached essences philosophers […]

Some consider these abstract essences as wise philosophers while others regard them as being from God. Now if such souls had considered the divine worlds to be limited to this world, they would never have given themselves into the hands of enemies and endured sufferings and hardships that have no parallel. If a person contemplates with a pure heart and penetrating vision that which has shone forth from the Most Exalted Pen, they will speak with the tongue of their true nature saying "Now hath the truth become manifest."

As for your letter numbered 10 dated the twenty-eighth of Ramadan, it opened a new door and brought fresh tidings, including news of your health and well-being and your arising to serve the Divine Cause, as well as word of the well-being of those friends and loved ones who are adorned with the ornament of distinction. Glory be to God! This tongueless messenger has conveyed so many words. God willing, may it ever be in motion. Patience is beloved in every station except in this one, for a messenger coming from the loved ones of Truth must move with utmost haste and arrive in quick succession.

Concerning what you wrote about the Leaf, the handmaiden of God, upon her be the Glory of God, after it was presented at the Most Holy Court, this supreme Word shone forth from the horizon of divine utterance - exalted be His blessed and transcendent Word: "O Amin, upon thee be My glory. You and your kinfolk have been and are of the Truth. Convey greetings to each one on behalf of the Truth and give them the glad-tidings of His grace, mercy and bounty. And concerning the Leaf, what you mentioned has been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech God to aid them both in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne and Earth, and the Lord of the Last and the First."

And likewise your other letter numbered 1 and dated the 6th of Shawwal was a book in praise and glorification of the Goal of all the worlds and His loved ones and chosen ones. A hundred thousand thanks to the Intended Lord that He granted you the grace of mention and this servant the grace of hearing. The Command is in His hand and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about sending the prayer of His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, so that it might be presented in His presence - at this moment this evanescent servant was present in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and, after permission was granted, presented it. When it was concluded, the gate of this utterance was opened with the key of

grace - blessed and exalted be His Word: “Verily We have heard your call and have answered you time and again. Praise be to God, in every letter your mention has been made. The Sun of Grace has ever been shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of divine mercy. You have attained to that which the world has been awaiting. Grace is in His hand and bounty is in the grasp of His power. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.”

Praise be to God! The Sun of Divine Bounty has encompassed the world of being and His favors are like torrential rain descending at every moment upon His loved ones. Who is capable of rendering thanks unless His aid takes hold and His bounty accepts what has appeared? He is the All-Generous and He is the All-Powerful.

The petition of Aqa Mulla Muhammad (’A.T.), upon him be the Glory of God, after being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, a special Sacred Tablet was revealed and sent to him. May he, God willing, drink from the Kawthar of utterance and be illumined by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. Furthermore, the Tongue of Utterance spoke these exalted words concerning him - blessed and exalted be His Word:

“Praise be to God that he has attained to recognition and acceptance. We beseech God to grant him steadfastness, for the liars of old have emerged from behind the veil and are diligently striving to organize a party like the party of before. O Trustee, beseech God not to deprive His servants of the luminary of justice and fairness. Verily, He is powerful over all things.”

This servant also conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His Glory, for that which causes steadfastness and arising to serve the Cause. Praise be to God that through divine grace, mercy and forgiveness he has attained and is mentioned by the Supreme Pen. Blessed be he.

Regarding the mention of Mulla Ghulam-Riday-i-Jasbi, upon him be God’s eternal Glory, and the mention of his being set ablaze with the fire of divine love, after being submitted before the Divine Presence, these exalted words were revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him - blessed and exalted be His Word:

“O Ghulam-Rida! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. We beseech God to assist thee in that which causes the exaltation of His Word and the steadfastness of His servants. Beseech God to protect His servants lest they become afflicted with the darkness of idle fancies and vain imaginings like the former party, and remain deprived of the lights of true unity. The people of the Bayan have newly intended to organize a Shi’ih party. May God protect Us and you from the evil of these people. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.”

This servant is astonished at how quickly they became veiled and heedless of what they have seen and continue to see. What profit did the former party gain, and what service did they render unto God on the Day of Reckoning, except to occupy themselves with cursing from pulpits and issuing verdicts for bloodshed? Now consider the lack of vision among the people. By the Sun of Truth, they are deprived of hearing, sight, and understanding. May God grant vision and bestow fairness.

And likewise regarding the mention of Mashhadi Nasru'llah, Mashhadi Husayn, Aqa Muhammad-?adiq and his brother, upon them be the Glory of God, after this matter was submitted before the Divine Throne, these verses shone forth from the Dayspring of clear signs - blessed and exalted be His Word:

"O Nasru'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God! For God's sake I speak, and for His Face I declare: The luminary of fairness is veiled and the light of justice is not visible. Steadfastness is like the phoenix - mentioned but non-existent. Beseech God to make thee and His loved ones firm and steadfast in His Cause. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Mashhadi Husayn! Upon thee be My Glory! This Wronged One remembers thee in prison, that perchance through the breaths of remembrance thou mayest hold fast unto the cord of the One remembered - a hold which the entire world would be powerless to sever. This is the station of man. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto the cord of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds."

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee at a time when it is imprisoned and wronged before the heedless ones. It counsels thee to steadfastness in His Cause. Whosoever hath drunk from the waters of steadfastness is numbered by the Most Exalted Pen among the dwellers of the Crimson Ark. Blessed art thou and blessed are they that are with thee and have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Today steadfastness is accounted as the most great of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is he that hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. His honor the Trustee hath made mention of each one; therefore all have been blessed through the influence of the Most Exalted Pen. We have made mention of those whose names thou didst recount before the Wronged One, and We have sent down for them that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is he that hath turned towards Him, and woe unto them that have turned away.

This servant conveys greetings and glorification to each one, and gives them the glad-tidings of God's favors. This is the day of turning towards God, of attention and steadfastness. Blessed are those souls whom the whisperings of Satan have not prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon nor deprived thereof. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon those who are with you and love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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God hath ordained that in every town wherein this Tablet is proclaimed, its inhabitants shall celebrate on that day and shall magnify His Name and glorify Him and shall live in the utmost felicity, and shall be numbered among the thankful ones. He is the Everlasting, the Manifest.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and doth send them down through His command as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Nothing can prevent His command and His sovereignty. He doeth what He willeth in the dominion of creation and

command, and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Before Him bow down in worship all who are in the heavens and on earth. He giveth life and causeth death, then He quickeneth whom He willeth from this sweet, holy and resplendent Kawthar. Say: By God! The Spirit of the Cause hath appeared in truth, and the Beauty of the Divine Unity hath dawned from the holy Dayspring with manifest sovereignty. Through Him God hath tested all who are in the kingdoms of creation and command, and verily He is God's Balance between the heavens and the earth. Say: The Tree of Sinai in this Revelation doth speak the truth, proclaiming: "There is none other God but I, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful." Say: O people! Fear God and differ not concerning the Word of God, for verily it hath appeared in truth through a command that causeth all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, except whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, the All-Praised. Say: It hath been among you and God's verses have been recited unto you at all times, yet ye perceived them not, having been seized by vain imaginings and being in manifest heedlessness. Thus did God withhold your eyes from recognizing His Self, though He was among you with a Beauty the like of which none among the ancients hath ever witnessed. O servant! Hearken unto the call of God from this Tree which hath been raised upon the holy mountain and speaketh the truth that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Say: This is a call the like of which none hath ever heard from time immemorial, nor shall any hear it save he who entereth this exalted and impregnable Paradise.

O Muhammad! With the ears of the spirit hear thou God's call from this Leaf that hath sprouted, that moveth, that is upraised, and that singeth upon this divine and transcendent Tree of Oneness. Turn not to any soul but put thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Turn unto Him and fear no one, and be not of the heedless. Know thou that when thou didst depart from Our presence, We commanded thee and counseled thee with mighty and conclusive counsels. Among these was Our command that thou shouldst neither exceed what thou didst witness during thy migration with God, nor fall short of what thou didst observe. This was My command unto thee, to which all existence beareth witness, and beyond it the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Yet thou hast added to people's vain imaginings and diminished from what thou didst witness of the power of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. O Muhammad! Fear God and follow not thy desires, and alter not God's favor unto thyself and unto the souls of His servants, and be not of the ignorant. Fear God in thine own self, then behold the Cause of God with thine eyes, then rend asunder the veils of fancy through My Name, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise. If thou wilt not rend the veils from before thy heart unto all eternity, We shall not withhold the reins of the Cause and shall continue to command thee thus, by the eternity of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, until thou rendest asunder the veils and arisest from the Dawning-Place of the Cause with power and manifest sovereignty. O Muhammad! Teach thyself, then teach the people how the Face hath appeared from behind the veils with resplendent lights of mighty glory. Then remind the people of what thou wast commanded by God, and delay not therein for less than a moment. Gird up thy loins with what We have commanded thee at this time in this luminous and radiant Tablet, and be not of those who follow naught but what their desires command them, and who are among the losers. Know thou that thy Lord is the Knower of all things, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth and the unseen things of the dominion of Command and Creation - this is the truth, if thou be of them that know. No matter is hidden from Him, nor can what passeth through the hearts of men be concealed from Him, and verily He encompasseth all things. Beware, beware, O Muhammad! Hear My words and

leave behind thee all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then stand firm in the Cause with steadfastness from Us and by Our command, and be not disturbed within thyself, and be not of the fearful. Hast thou not seen and witnessed the sovereignty of power and might, and hast thou not observed how the Hand of God appeared from behind the veil of holy glory? Hast thou not seen how all matters submitted to His sovereignty and the necks of the Pharaohs bowed before Him, and every person of great might was brought low before Him, even though He was in the hands of His enemies morning and evening, at dawn and at dusk? Hast thou not witnessed the confession of all the learned ones and their powerlessness when the lights of knowledge and wisdom shone upon them from this most luminous, most wondrous and sublime Mouth?

O Muhammad! Be fair for the sake of God, then ponder what hath shone forth through grace, follow not thy desires, and be not of those who turn away. Purify thyself from human limitations, transgress not the law of justice, and turn not thy gaze from the Most Great Horizon, the Exalted, the Supreme. God hath not placed two hearts within any man - this We did send down aforetime unto Muhammad the Arabian in clear Arabic tongue, and have now made it manifest. Polish thou the mirror of thy heart that the beauty of God may be reflected therein. This indeed is Our counsel unto thee and unto Our near servants. By God! His favor unto you hath been perfected, His sovereignty hath appeared, His proof hath come, His evidence hath arrived, and His argument hath been completed, were ye of them that perceive.

O Muhammad! We did conceal Our countenance from you for twenty years, to this thy soul and spirit bear witness, and beyond thee all who dwell in the pavilions of eternity behind the seas of immortality among the sacred temples of the sanctified ones. The people were in such doubt concerning this Beauty that none recognized Him, though all appeared before Him daily, heard His verses, and witnessed His light that encompassed all who are in the heavens and earth and the first and the last ones.

O Muhammad! Thou wert aforetime the herald of this Revelation unto the people in the ninth year, even as God had given them glad tidings thereof in all the Tablets, nay in every holy Book and illumined Scripture. We prevented thee therefrom for in those days God's appointed time had not been fulfilled and the promise had not come to pass according to what was ordained in the preserved Tablets of holiness. Then, when the time was fulfilled and the promise came to pass, We commanded thee as thou didst desire aforetime, that thou mightest be of them that remember - a Command at which the heavens and earth cannot stand, even as hath been revealed at that time from God's mighty and glorious dominion.

O Muhammad! First cleanse thy soul, then thy spirit, then thy essence, then thy body, then thy limbs with this Kawthar which hath flowed in truth from this unerring and mighty Pen. Then cleanse the people therewith as far as thou art able, that the hearts of the mystics may be purified thereby. Know thou that thy Lord is able to transform all who are in the kingdom with a single word from Him, for He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Yet He hath delayed in this that He might distinguish the good from the evil, the blessed from the wretched, and separate the monotheists from the polytheists. Say: By God! The test hath come, whereby the pillars of men shall quake and the hearts of them that are nigh shall tremble. Say: Those who disdained to worship their Lord, they preferred blindness to guidance and darkness to light, and they are in manifest loss.

O Muhammad! Remind the people of this sanctuary and sacred precinct, for this is a station which God hath made holy, purified from all defilement and cleansed from the gaze of the heedless. Thou, verily, ascend on these wings wherewith We have honored thee to a station wherein thou shalt find the whole earth and all that dwell thereon under thy shadow. Then convey unto the people that which We have commanded thee, and be not of the patient ones. Then walk amongst men with a light from Our presence, and if thou findest one who turneth toward thee, turn unto him with thy whole being, and if thou findest one who turneth away, turn thou away from him and put thy trust in God, the Single, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the servants of God, and bar not the gates of bounty against your own faces, and be not of them that perish. O people! Rejoice not in what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, but rather rejoice in that which is with God. This, verily, is God's decree upon you, if ye be of them that perceive.

Know thou, O Muhammad, that the idolaters desired to cut off the breezes of God from their wafting and to change the Word of God according to their own desires and passions. Therefore have they imprisoned Us in this land wherefrom the hands of the hopeful and the feet of the seekers have been cut off. Say: God is triumphant in His Cause and mighty in His action. His Command is above your command and His decree above your schemes. He doeth what He willeth and nothing can frustrate His power and sovereignty. He, verily, is the Enduring, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Soon will He manifest His Cause, exalt His testimony and raise His sovereignty to such a station that the hands of the idolaters shall be cut off therefrom. Thus have We related unto thee from every narrative and expounded unto thee that whereon We stand, and this Most Great, this Mighty Message, that thine eyes and the eyes of those who behold naught save this most glorious, this most noble Perspective may be solaced thereby.

O Muhammad! Breathe the spirit of everlasting life upon the temples of all beings, then sever thy relationship from all who claim relationship and hold fast unto this firm and gleaming Handle, that through thee may blow the breezes of detachment upon all who dwell on earth. And when thou arrivest in the land of Qaf, remind its people of that which We have commanded thee in this Tablet, that thou mayest be a bearer of glad tidings from Us unto the sincere ones.

Then remind from Our presence the letter Ha, that he may rejoice within himself at the glad tidings of God and be among those who are content. Say: O letter Ha! Thou didst ask God, thy Lord, in years past concerning that which We sent down in truth in an august foreign tongue, and We held back the reins of the Pen in answering thee when We found thee in heedlessness and great intoxication. By God! The heavens wept at this, and the holy earth trembled, and the mountains of knowledge crumbled, and the breasts of them that are nigh were straitened. Say: O Hadi! By what evidence didst thou believe in 'Ali before him, and before him in Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before him in the Son of Mary, and before him in Moses Who conversed with God, and before him in the Friend of the All-Merciful, and before him in Noah the Prophet, even unto the return of the Message to the Primal Point? Bring forth thy proof if thou be of the truthful! If thou didst believe in them through the verses of God that were sent down unto them, then by God this is those very verses and this Beauty is their Beauty - behold it, if ye be

of them that bear witness! Beyond this, the horizons have been filled with the lights of this Dawning, and the Sovereign of Names hath appeared with every sublime grace and wondrous garment. Say: By God, O letter Ha! Thy spirit wept when this question issued from thy mouth and flowed from thy pen, yet thou knewest not and wast among the heedless. Know thou that thy Lord, while in the sovereignty of His concealment, cannot be comprehended by names nor attributes nor by the hearts of the Messengers. But when He is established upon the throne of Manifestation, all names and attributes serve Him as a servant serveth his lord, if ye be of them that perceive. He, in His own Essence, is sanctified above all that and above all that ye have known, and this is what hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of august glory. Have ye not witnessed that all these were created by His Word? And if ye do not bear witness, We indeed have borne witness to it in truth and We were its Witness and Knower. Bear thou witness that the Sun was created by His command - God created it through grace and made it the lamp of His might between the heavens and the earth. In like manner, recognize all the names in His vicinity, if thou be of them that perceive. Yet despite this, how art thou not content that We should attribute one of the names unto Our own Self, after We have shown you the Cause with a clear proof? We created the names and their kingdom through the sovereignty of power and might, yet thou hast forbidden their Creator from one of their names - thus hast thou done, if thou be of them that are aware. We have pardoned thee, that thou mayest seek forgiveness of God thy Lord and be of them that repent.

O servant! Fear God, then open thine eyes that thou mayest behold the Cause of God with thine own vision. By God! Nothing will suffice thee today if thou shouldst cling to the first and the last, save that thou enter beneath the shadow of God - and this is His shadow that hath encompassed the worlds. Say: By God the Truth! After His manifestation nothing will suffice you and nothing will profit you, even if ye should seek to prove by all that ye possess from the tokens of the heedless. Then know that all that ye have heard hath appeared by My command while ye were in heedlessness and thick veils, and all that ye have apprehended and learned or known and used as proof returneth to My Word, even as it returned in the ancient centuries. Say: Do ye wish to veil the beauty of the Sun with the veils of rancor and hatred, or with the clouds of your idle fancies, O company of the opposers? Or do ye wish to prevent the sea of God from its waves, or the fire of the Cause from its burning? Evil is that which ye have imagined within yourselves.

Beware lest ye be hindered by the veils of malice and hatred or by the clouds of your vain imaginings, O company of the heedless! Ye cannot stop God's ocean from its waves nor the Fire of His Cause from its blazing. Evil indeed is what ye have imagined within yourselves and grievous is what ye have done, and ye shall remain among those who persist therein. Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye join partners with God or oppose Him through what ye possess. Remember that which ye were enjoined in the Scriptures and Tablets. Fear God and be among the God-fearing. Was this not from among God's verses? Was this Youth not His servant, His Beauty, His Glory, His Splendor, His Cause and His Light? He hath shone forth with such lights that at their dawning all suns were eclipsed - how much more these darkened ones! Say: By God! He hath descended from the heaven of Command, and in His right hand is the Kingdom of might and power. He summoneth mankind unto the holy Paradise and feareth no one, even were all the idolaters to surround Him. Say: Verily He appeared once by the name of the Primal Point, then once by the name of the Friend, then once by the name of the Interlocutor, then by the name of the Spirit, then

by the name of the Beloved, then by the name of Ali in truth, then by the name of Husayn in this sacred, resplendent and luminous Beauty. All this We mention unto you because We found the people in weakness, otherwise, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, We would have imparted unto you such melodies as would draw unto them the hearts of the Concourse on High and would cause all who dwell in the realms of creation to swoon away. Say: O people! Have mercy on Him Who hath come unto you with God's proof and evidence, Who calleth you unto Him and unto that which hath been sent down from His presence. And if ye believe not in Him, then leave Him to Himself and oppose Him not, and be not of the heedless ones. Do ye not witness how He hath arisen by Himself while all the peoples have risen against Him with all they possess? Do ye deny this grace after having witnessed it with your own eyes? Be ye among those who bear witness. He Himself hath feared no one and will never fear, by God's might and power. He hath conveyed the Cause to the East of the earth and to its West and all that lieth between them, to everyone possessed of power, sovereignty and mighty strength. Were ye able, come forth from your places and raise your heads from the eggs of heedlessness that ye may behold God's power and what hath appeared from Him, and witness your own powerlessness and the powerlessness of all created things. Have not the banners of victory been raised? Hath not this Name, the Name of God, filled the space between heaven and earth? Have I not sacrificed myself every day and every moment? Say: By God! I have not protected myself for less than an instant and have shone like the sun above the heads of the enemies, while ye have not aided God for even an instant, sitting in your homes and hiding your faces from the loved ones - how much more these oppressors! Despite this, ye have occupied yourselves with the imaginings commanded by your selves and desires, and thus hath Satan made your deeds seem fair unto you, and ye were among the doers. Say: O people! Can one who soareth in the atmosphere of the spirit be compared with one who playeth with clay? Can one who shineth forth before the enemies be compared with one who hideth his face behind veils out of fear for himself? Judge fairly then, if ye be of the fair-minded. Can one who walketh in the holy Paran be compared with one who sitteth at home? Consider this, O heedless ones! Say: By God! The acceptance of all who are in the heavens […]

Say: O people! Can one who soars in the atmosphere of the spirit be compared to one who plays with clay? Can one who stands resplendent before his enemies be likened to him who, out of fear for himself, conceals his face behind veils? Judge ye fairly if ye be of the fair-minded. Can one who walks in the sacred Paran be compared to one who sits idle at home? Reflect, O ye heedless ones! Say: By God! The acceptance or rejection of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth is, in My sight, even as the cry of an ant in a vast and mighty desert. Say: No one's lamentation or cry shall ever ascend unto God save through this Most Great Name, this Most Upright, this Ancient Cause. Say: By the True God! Nothing of what was or what will be shall profit you this day, except that ye take refuge in this Most Firm, this Mighty Stronghold. Say: O Letter of Ha! Were it possible, We would have commanded thee to expend, in response to thy request, a thousand thousand thousand thousand qintars of white diamonds, until thy breath be cut off, for from thy question have wafted the odors of aversion and the dust of grief upon all worlds. For all that hath been sent down from My presence is that whereby ye have deduced the authority of God's proofs in every age, cycle and era, and ye yourselves bear witness to this, as do all possessed of knowledge behind you. Why then didst thou accept what appeared from them while rejecting what appeared from them in another guise? Believest thou in part of the Book while denying part? This indeed is a grievous injustice! By God! The eyes of the seen and unseen have wept over Me for

what ye have supposed regarding Me, and ye were among those who harbored suspicions. In those days I concealed Myself from those who accepted and those who rejected, and veiled Myself behind a thousand veils lest anyone should recognize Me and lest the clamor of the hypocrites be raised. We were among you as one of you, and thereby did God test your vision and found you among the veiled ones. Say: The Educator and Creator of all contingent beings was indeed in the garb of a common person, yet ye were not content with this until He was imprisoned in this prison. Then when He appeared with the truth and drew aside the veil from His face, and shone forth from God's dayspring, the Protector, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, when the idolaters turned against Us, We turned against them and manifested Our Self with truth that they might know that God fears no one, that no matter distracts Him from another matter, and that neither the opposition of the opposers nor the sovereignty of sovereigns can prevent His sovereignty. O Muhammad! Command the people with what God hath commanded thee, then teach them what God hath taught thee from His presence, then aid Him with thy heart and tongue and all thou possessest and all that is upon thee. His is the victory of the heavens and earth, the victory of what is seen and unseen, and the victory of all worlds. Then We have ordained in the Tablet of Decree by the Pen of Accomplishment for whosoever hath conceived doubts in his soul and hesitated in this wondrous and novel Cause, and for whosoever desireth to turn towards the holy precincts and attain the presence of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and hear God's call and behold His beauty and inhale the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Great, that he should leave his house migrating unto God until he enters the City which is named the Abode of Peace. And when he arrives therein, let him glorify God his Lord secretly and openly until he reaches the shore, and when he reaches it, let him don his finest garments, then perform ablutions as God hath commanded him in the Book, and when he washes his hands, let him say […]

O my Lord! This is the water which Thou hast caused to flow by Thy command in the vicinity of Thy Sacred House. And as I have washed my hands therewith by Thy command, O my God, cleanse me from all defilement and sin and heedlessness and from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Then he washes his face and says:

O my Lord! This is my face which I have cleansed by Thy will. I beseech Thee, by the sovereignty of Thy singleness and the wonders of the names of the Manifestations of Thy Cause, to purify it from all else besides Thee. Then preserve it from turning to any but Thee and from gazing upon those who have not sought Thy manifest, pure, mighty and gracious Beauty.

Then he crosses the bridge with God's dignity and tranquility, magnifying God until reaching the end of the bridge. Then he turns toward the House and says at his first step:

O my Lord! This is the first step I have taken on the path of Thy good-pleasure and the first footstep I have moved by Thy will. I have fled, O my God, from all directions toward the direction of Thy grace and bounty, and I have escaped from myself and from all else besides Thee toward the quarter of Thy generosity and favors. My God! Disappoint not those who hope in Thee from the clouds of Thy mercy and favor, and prevent not those who seek Thee from the clouds of Thy glory and bounty. Here am I, O my God, having sought Thy House, around which circle the dwellers of the Supreme Concourse and beneath

which dwell the spirits of Thy near ones among the chosen ones. I beseech Thee by it and by them that Thou withhold not my sight from beholding the wondrous lights of the sanctity of Thy beauty, and deprive not my face from the manifestations of the breezes of the dawn of Thy meeting, and close not off from my heart the fragrances of the might of Thy revelation and inspiration. Verily Thou art the Lord of bounty and might, the Lord of grace and mercy and dominion, and verily Thou art the Lord of power and strength and grandeur, and verily Thou art to him who calls upon Thee near and responsive.

Then he glorifies God and begins the circumambulation, circling the House seven times. When he completes his deed and faces the door of the House, he stands and seeks God's forgiveness seventy times. Then he says:

O my God and my Master! Praise be to Thee for having honored me and blessed me, whereby Thou hast established me in a station wherein naught is seen save the signs of the might of the sovereignty of Thy oneness, and naught is witnessed save the flashes of the lights of the sun of Thy beauty. I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy Self to deliver me from the murk of the world and its ornaments, and to rend from before the face of my heart the veils that have prevented me from entering into the depths of the seas of the might of Thy oneness and have barred me from arriving at the fields of the sanctity of Thy reunion and meeting. O Lord! Return me not disappointed from the gate of Thy mercy, and drive me not away from Thy House as a loser. O Lord! Forgive me and my parents and my brothers and my family and my kindred from among those who have believed in Thee and in Thy most great signs in the Manifestation of Thy most exalted Beauty. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Generous.

Then he walks with perfect tranquility and glorifies God until reaching the door. He stands and says:

My God! This is the station wherein Thou didst raise Thy voice and Thy proof appeared and Thy traces rose and Thy beauty shone forth and Thy verses descended and Thy Cause became manifest and Thy Name was lifted up and Thy remembrance was spread abroad and Thy power was perfected and Thy sovereignty was exalted over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Then he addresses the House and its ground and its wall and all that is therein and says […]

Blessed art thou, O House, in that God hath made thee the place whereon His foot hath trod! Blessed art thou, O House, in that the glances of His glorious majesty have fallen upon thee! Blessed art thou, O House, in that God hath chosen thee and made thee a dwelling for Himself and a seat of His sovereignty! No land hath preceded thee save the land which God hath preferred above all other regions of the earth through that which hath been inscribed by His preserving Pen. Blessed art thou, O House, in that through thee God distinguisheth between the fortunate and the wretched from this day until the Day whereon the All-Merciful shall manifest Himself with the lights of holy and wondrous glory! Blessed art thou, and again blessed art thou, in that God hath made thee the balance for the unitarians and the ultimate homeland of the mystics, and hath sanctified thee from the recognition of the hateful ones and the idolaters, such that none shall enter thee save every believer whose heart God hath tested for faith, and none shall be able to draw nigh unto thee save those from whom waft the fragrances of the All-Glorious. Blessed art thou in that God hath made thee specially for those of His servants who are nigh unto Him and for the sincere ones among His creation, and none shall touch thee save those who have detached

themselves wholly from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and in whose hearts there is naught save the effulgence of the lights of His glorious unity, and in whose beings there is naught save the manifestations of the revelations of His holy oneness. This is the station wherewith God hath distinguished thee, and by this thou art worthy to glory over all the worlds. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who built thee and developed thee and served thee and watered thy roses, and blessed is he who entereth thee and who beholdeth thee and who findeth from thee the fragrance of the garment of Joseph, the Mighty, the Powerful God. I testify that whoso entereth thee, God will cause him to enter the holy sanctuary on the Day when the Beauty of the Divine Essence shall be established upon a magnificent throne, and He shall forgive everyone who taketh refuge with thee and entereth beneath thy shade, and shall fulfill his needs, and shall gather him on the Day of Resurrection in the beauty whereby its people, of the first and the last, shall be illumined.

Then he shall cast his face upon the dust of the gate and shall call upon his Lord with the call of every detached, penitent and repentant one, saying:

O my Lord! I am he who transgressed against Thee and opposed Thy beauty, being occupied with my self and my desires, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! When I recognized Thy Self, I sought Thy forgiveness for what I had been and for what appeared from my tongue and issued from my mouth and occurred to my heart, and I have turned unto Thee with my whole being, for verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O my Lord! When Thou didst make me aware of the places of Thy Cause and didst awaken me from my sleep and heedlessness, I went forth from my house, turning toward Thy house, beholding the direction of Thy loving-kindness and Thy forgiveness, for verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. O my Lord! I have come to Thee with a sin heavier than what is in the heavens and earth, and greater than the creation of both worlds, until I stood before the gate of Thy house, from which no sinner hath ever been disappointed, and I prostrated myself upon its dust in humility before Thy beauty and in submission to Thy sovereignty and in lowliness before Thy presence. O my Lord! Have mercy upon me through Thy mercy and Thy grace, and assign me a seat of truth with Thee, and join me with Thy repentant servants. O my Lord! Forgive my transgressions and my sins and whatsoever my hands have wrought, for verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Then he shall raise his head and seek God's forgiveness with this mighty and great prayer for forgiveness.

O Lord! I seek Thy forgiveness with my tongue, my heart, my soul, my inner being, my spirit, my body, my frame, my bones, my blood, and my skin. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. I seek Thy forgiveness, O my God, with such seeking of forgiveness through which the breezes of pardon waft upon the people of transgression, and through which the sinners are clothed in the robe of Thy gracious forgiveness. I seek Thy forgiveness, O my Sovereign, with such seeking of forgiveness through which the sovereignty of Thy pardon and grace is made manifest, and through which the sun of bounty and favor dawns upon the temples of the sinners. I seek Thy forgiveness, O my Forgiver and my Creator, with such seeking of forgiveness through which the erring hasten to the shore of Thy pardon and benevolence, and the seekers arise before the gate of Thy mercy, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. I seek Thy forgiveness, O my Lord, with such seeking of forgiveness which Thou hast made as a fire to burn away all sins and transgressions from every penitent, returning, remorseful, weeping, and pure soul, and through

which the bodies of all created things are purified from the defilements of sins and misdeeds, and from all that is abhorrent to Thy Self, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Then let him enter the House with dignity and tranquility as though beholding God in the heaven of His command and the kingdom of His house, until he enters the courtyard and stands before the dome which was reserved for the establishment of the Throne of Glory thereon. Then let him raise his hands and turn his gaze toward the direction of His bounty and say: […]

I bear witness in this my station that there is no God but Him, alone without peer, without likeness, without equal, without opposite, without minister, without parallel, and without similitude. And that the Primal Point is His servant, His Glory, His Grandeur, His Majesty, His Divinity, His Might, His Sovereignty, His Power, His Dominion, His Authority, His Honor, His Nobility, and His Grace. Through Him did His Beauty shine forth, His Countenance appear, His Proof dawn, His Evidence become complete, His Argument perfected, and His Signs become manifest. Through Him were all who are in the heavens and on earth gathered together, and all who are in the kingdom of command and creation were raised up. Through Him the breezes of holiness wafted over all worlds. And I bear witness that He Whom God shall make manifest is the Truth, there is no doubt in Him, and He shall come with holy and exalted lights. Through Him shall the creation of the heavens and earth be renewed, and the creation of the first and the last. Blessed therefore is he who attains unto His time, enters His gate, is honored by meeting Him, circumambulates around Him, prostrates before Him, visits the dust of His feet, stands in His presence, and is among those who arise.

Then he says: O my Lord! This is Your House wherein have wafted the breezes of Your bounty and favor, wherein You have manifested in the mystery of mysteries through all the Manifestations of Your names and Dawning-places of Your attributes, and none has understood this save Your All-Knowing Self. O my Lord! This is Your House from which appeared the signs of Your grace to all worlds, and wherein befell You what befell from those who turned toward and those who turned away from You. And You did bear all this despite Your power and sovereignty. Verily, You are the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O my Lord! This is the station wherein You walked with Your ancient feet, and wherein You raised Your voice and Your melodies, then Your call and Your sweet and wondrous trills. O my Lord! This is the station wherein You established Yourself upon the throne of all possible things and wherein You rose up with the sovereignty of Your power over all who are in the heavens and earths. O my Lord! This is the station wherein Your glance turned toward the direction of Your bounty and wherein the oceans of power surged in Your hidden, guarded, and protected Word. O my Lord! This is the station wherein Your Command was in the mystery of mysteries, and wherein Your lips moved not concerning what You willed, and wherein You concealed Your luminous face, and wherein You were in the unseen of the unseen and the veil of veils such that none among the worlds knew Your Self.

O my Lord! This is Your House which Your servants stripped bare after You, and they plundered what was in it and pillaged what was upon it, and thereby they violated Your sanctity and warred against You in their hearts and broke Your Covenant and shattered Your Testament. And You concealed all this and overlooked them through Your wondrous pardon. O my Lord! Strip me not of the beauty of Your

concealment, remove not from me the mantle of Your care and forgiveness, distance me not from the vicinity of Your mercy, and deprive me not of the Kawthar of Your exalted grace.

O my Lord! Sanctify me from all else but You and draw me near unto Your Self and honor me with meeting You. Verily, You are the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Perceiving, the Resurrector, the Life-Giver, the Death-Dealer. O my Lord! Enable me to achieve what You have willed for Your near servants, then ordain for me the best of what You have ordained for Your holy chosen ones.

Then let him settle into stillness within himself and become quiet in his being, then turn with his heart and hearing toward the direction of the House. Should he perceive the fragrance of God and hear His call, he may be certain within himself that God has absolved him of his sins, overlooked his transgressions, and accepted his repentance. He will find himself as on the day he was born of his mother. But if he does not perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, let him repeat this practice on this day or another day until he does perceive and hear it. This is what hath been ordained by the Pen of might and wisdom upon the preserved tablets of holiness. Thus doth God open the gates of grace and bounty upon the face of the heavens and earth, that perchance the people may not deprive themselves of God's mercy and outpouring. This, verily, is guidance and a reminder from Us unto all the worlds.

O Letter of Ha! Hearken unto what God calleth thee to in this Prison, and turn not to anything else. Put thy trust in Him, then enter upon the shore of the Most Great Name. Know thou that as We answered thee before, so do We counsel thee in this Tablet that thou mayest take counsel within thyself and become aware of that which is hidden from the eyes of the world. By God! We desire naught in this save to purify thee from the veils of imitation and cause thee to enter this exalted and impregnable Paradise, that thou mayest behold things with thine own eyes and recognize God's greatest treasure in this mighty Word. Say: By God, O people! I am but a servant of God and His Glory, and I call you unto God and unto that which hath been sent down from Him. I ask no recompense from you, and God is sufficient witness between me and you. Beware lest ye oppose him who hath come to you with God's verses and wisdom. Fear God and His laws, and be not of the transgressors. Follow the religion of God and His Faith, and dispute not concerning that which hath been sent down unto you, and be of the God-fearing.

Arise then, O servant, and make up for what hath passed thee by, that God may forgive thee through His bounty and clothe thee in the robe of glorious honor. Leave the world and all that is in it and upon it in thy shadow, then soar in the atmosphere of the spirit and fear not the polytheists. First, detach thyself, then summon the people unto detachment, that thy word might influence the hearts of the heedless. Sanctify thyself from the world, then bid the people to sanctify themselves from it. Thus doth the Dove counsel thee, if thou be of them that act. By God, O servant, wert thou to inhale from this Shirt which We have sent with the hands of the heralds through these words, thou wouldst surely find from it the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Gracious, and thou wouldst detach thyself from the kingdom and all that is therein, and wouldst enter the Egypt of certitude while being heedless of all who dwell on earth. And thou wouldst bear witness through this Tablet as God hath borne witness unto Himself by Himself in the kingdom of His Cause that there is no God but Him and that Ali is His servant and His Glory unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

And thou, O Muhammad, when thou hast completed thy proclamation in Our name, seek out there the one named “Al-Habib” and make mention of him from Us and give him glad tidings from Our presence, that he may rejoice in his soul and be among those who are joyful. Say: O servant, give thanks unto God for having attained His presence and won His meeting and for being among the victorious, though thou didst not recognize Him when thou wert seated before Him. Yet God accepted thy obedience and ordained for thee in the Tablet a great reward. By God! Wert thou to discover what hath been ordained for thee, thou wouldst soar with longing. But this hath been veiled from thee and from the eyes of all the world by a wisdom that was in thy Lord’s knowledge, which none hath comprehended save His own Self. This is a revelation from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Then make mention of the loved ones there, both female and male, both young and old. Then remind them of these days wherein the Nightingale of Holiness warbleth in His final days, and remember them with holy and sublime remembrances. Say: O people! Desist from that which ye have been forbidden, transgress not the bounds of God, and exceed not what ye have been commanded in the Book. Fear God and be not among the losers. Then gather ye together upon God’s Cause and His Word, differ not in anything, ascribe no partners unto God, and be among the believers in His unity. Thus have We decreed for you and for those who have fulfilled their vows and were communities like unto you, that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Single, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent. And when ye gather in your assemblies, remember Our grief and what hath befallen Us, then Our imprisonment in this land wherein Our devoted servants have been forbidden to enter.

Then know, O Muhammad, that We have made this Tablet a living, vital spirit, that thou mayest breathe it upon every land and city according to thy capacity, lest harm or weariness touch thee. Work thou according to what thou hast been commanded, to the extent of thy strength, and weary not thyself beyond thy capacity, and be thou in sure and secure protection. Then know that there hath come before Us a letter from thee wherein thou didst mention the names of those who honored thee on thy return from the presence of Beauty by God’s command, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And thereby have We been pleased with them and recorded their names in a Tablet wherefrom not an atom’s weight of the deeds of all creation shall be lost, that they may thank God within themselves and remember Him throughout their days and be among the thankful. Thus have We bestowed Our mercy upon thee and upon them, a mercy from Our presence for them and for Our righteous servants.

Then give thanks unto God within thyself that We have made thee a bearer of this most great bounty and chosen thee to proclaim it unto all the worlds. And thereby have We bestowed Our favor upon thee and upon thy soul and spirit and upon thy forebears, until it reacheth unto the First Creation. And this, verily, is a manifest bounty. Know thou thy station in this and in what We have given thee to drink of the wine which God hath made a light, then a spirit, then a delight for those who drink thereof. Be thou steadfast in what thou hast been commanded and waste not what hath been ordained for thee. And if joy toucheth thee in this Cause, give thanks unto God thy Creator, and if grief befalleth thee, be patient and maintain a beautiful patience. Verily God will fully reward those who are patient in His path, seeking His good-pleasure, and He neglecteth not the reward of the doers of good. We have arranged this Tablet in most excellent arrangement for thee and for whomsoever God desireth for Himself, and this is the most excellent bounty from Us to Our believing servants. And mercy be upon thee and upon all who believe in

God and in what hath been sent down from His presence in holy and luminous Tablets. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In His Name, exalted be His glory, His majesty and His power!

Praise be to God Who uttered a Word in the world concerning which the factions differed in its meaning: some understood from it concealment, some supposed from it the decree of revelation, some recognized in it steadfastness, some found in it the fragrance of oneness, some perceived in it the scent of union, and others the path of error. Glorified be our Lord Who is sanctified above all that they have understood, for all words return to their like and are bounded by their limitations and referred back to themselves. Meanings are only known through words which God has made as their garment, yet they befit not their Creator and their Sovereign. The servant testifies that there is none other God but Him, and this is a word which God has made the mightiest pillar for the people of faith. Whoso acknowledges it has acknowledged what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Book and confessed what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken in the return. Prayers and peace be upon the Guide of ways and the Sovereign of Messengers, Who was a bearer of glad-tidings to the righteous and virtuous and a warner to the wicked and the infidels, through Whose appearance the decree of the sword was manifested and paradise was ordained beneath His shade. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to have mercy upon His servants and to lift the decree of the sword from among His creation, and to aid them in that which will unite their hearts and souls, and to grant them that which will profit them and make them independent of all else. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance! There has reached the servant that which he found like unto an ocean whereon sailed the ships of meanings and utterance with the banners of letters and words, wherein were treasured the pearls of wisdom and explanation. When I attained, witnessed, read, found and knew, I soared on wings of certitude to the station and presented it before the Countenance, and the Lord - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - said: O Zayn! Ever has the mention of your turning to the Most Holy Court been present. We beseech God to grant you success in visiting the Sacred House of God. O Zayn! One House was built by the Friend, and the other was built by the Glorious One. The first, He entered not therein, and from the second, He departed not. This is what We uttered last year to the messenger who was named Khalil. Should God will, He will draw you nigh unto Him and ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of the first life. If wisdom permits and the loved ones of that land become not divided, and the journey takes place with joy and fragrance, then set forth, placing thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Verily, We make mention in this station of Muhammad who has ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive him and absolve from him that which befitteth him not, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We testify for him that he turned to the Supreme Horizon and witnessed the unity of God and His singleness, and believed in Him on a day wherein the polytheists had

surrounded the cities of the unitarians. O Zayn! Verily, We make mention of everyone who has turned unto God, and this mention benefits him as the lamp benefits in the night and the sun in the day.

O God of Names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all things, and by the breezes of Thy Revelation and the fragrances of Thy inspiration, and by the splendors of the lights of the daybreak of Thy bounty, that Thou forgive those who have ascended unto Thee, both men and women, until they reached Thy presence. Verily, Thou art He by Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of grace wafted among all possibilities. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Kind.

Praise be to God that the dawn of union hath broken and the veil of separation and estrangement hath been rent asunder. Separation hath been transformed into meeting. In the midst of sorrow, the star of joy hath risen and the moon of gladness hath become manifest. As the Arabs say, "Congratulations to you! Come! Come!" A hundred thousand thanks to God, exalted be His glory, that this word "Come," which had long remained concealed, hath today been made manifest. However, order must be maintained in that land. The friends must act with wisdom, even as is done in this land. The world of humanity dwelleth in peace and tranquility through harmony and forbearance; otherwise, each day witnesseth fresh strife and conflict. This evanescent one beseecheth and imploreth the Most High to remove rancor and hatred from the world and to transform discord into concord and estrangement into unity. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty over all things.

As to what was written concerning a certain person who hath shown love and desired to come: say unto him that the idolaters of the world would not approve of such a visit, and the monotheists–that is, the divines of Persia–after having proclaimed for years that there is no God but God, ultimately pronounced their verdict against the Manifestation of Divine Unity. With their tongues they say "He doeth what He willeth," yet at every moment they voice some objection or opposition. Until now, the fragrance of true unity hath not in truth been inhaled. "We are God's and to Him shall we return." Under these circumstances, that person's visit and attention to these matters might cause him harm. If he is still living, convey to him, as bidden, Our greetings and make Our excuses. They were told: We have appeared for the purpose of meeting and We are the Guide, but the heedless have become as barriers. Verily, God loveth the patient ones.

O Muhammad, upon him be the peace of God, this servant sends greetings to him in the land of Sin-Lam and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to grant him steadfastness. O beloved of my heart! The cawers have gone forth cawing in the land of Sad, and they will surely go to Ardakan and Najafabad as well. Mulla Ja'far of Kirman and his sons have appeared with unprecedented deceit, exactly like the abominable Shi'ihs, repeating the same old arguments. They have not caught the slightest fragrance of this Day. You should write in detail to the land of N-J-A-R and write: O friends of Truth! Reflect upon the deeds, actions and beliefs of the Shi'ihs - what was their fruit and what was their outcome? The result of their beliefs and deeds was that they pronounced judgment against the Primal Point, may our souls be sacrificed for His sake, and martyred Him with such tyranny that all things wept. "The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers!"

Write to Zayn to write to the land of Nun and Jim and its surroundings: O people! Fear God and follow not the sources of conjecture and idle fancy. Today all must be set ablaze with the fire of divine love - a blaze that will ignite all the peoples of the world. Be ye strong in the Cause of God and His love. The corruption of the world hath appeared from the turbaned ones of those parts. Reflect upon Jabulqa and Jabulsa. They prided themselves on being Shi'ihs while in God's estimation they were lower than dogs, for each day they would add to their turbans, say one qirat, while engaging in lies, a whole chest full, and cursing each other from the pulpits, heedless that all were in the fire and unmentioned before God. The Primal Point, may our souls be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that not a single one of the Shi'ihs became aware - may God silence them! Each day they occupied the people with lies and idle fancies, moved by their own base desires.

The people of the Bayan are observed to be like those souls. Though they had no knowledge from the beginning of the Cause, they have claimed awareness. At times they speak of the successor, at times of the mirror, and at times of the guardian, occupied with the same old utterances. Whatever fruit the misguided Shi'ih sect tasted, these souls shall taste as well. They have followed vain imaginings and perceive not; they have turned away from the truth and know not; they have violated God's Covenant and Testament and understand not. Had that blessed Cause appeared in these lands, all would now be seen as they ought to be. Their beginning is conjecture and their end is idle fancy. The Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of all beings.

O people of God! When a cawer comes to you, leave him to himself. Draw not near unto him. This is My counsel unto you, both before and after. And if you do meet them, every cawer should behold from your faces such steadfastness that he would be powerless to turn away or object.

Glory be to God! They desire to measure by the standard of their own idle fancies the King of existence Who hath brought that which equals all divine books, nay rather exceeds them. At times they cling to the Bayan and at times to vain imaginings, although the Primal Point, may our souls be sacrificed for His sake, hath said: "He shall not be asked about My signs nor about what was revealed in the Bayan." Observe how exalted is the Cause!

Consider the loftiness of the Cause and the baseness of the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. In accordance with the command, apprise the friends of the deceit and trickery of the croakers, and counsel them on behalf of the Truth to ponder the deeds, actions and beliefs of the misguided Shi'ih sect, and likewise their fruits. Should any soul reflect upon these, he would find himself steadfast in the Cause of God. The fruits of those souls were that, by the unanimous verdict of the leaders, they martyred the Lord of the world, and in every land they shed the blood of the friends of Truth. Say: O party of God! This is the day of true unity. Fix your gaze upon the horizon of God alone, and keep your hem pure from the thorns and thistles of the past and future.

The honored friend Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], God willing, will return to Kirmanshah. The heedless souls of that land have no knowledge of the Cause, for at first the idolaters cast their calumnies - some regarding the oppression of the Point, some regarding his being a mirror and vicegerent, and some regarding his knowledge and understanding. Yet any fair-minded person would testify that he was ever in a state of security and perfect comfort, and always had multiple wives with

him. His oppression that they mention - the martyrdom of the Dayyan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, calling him the father of evil, and likewise calling one whom the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - addressed "O My friend" in the Tablets until the end of His words, the father of calamities, passing verdicts against him and his like, usurping the authority of the Point, martyring one of the cousins and his like - all these matters and fleeing from land to land merely upon hearing a word, all were counted as oppression by the oppressors. And the arising of the Desired One before the faces of the world, and His endurance of afflictions and trials and imprisonment, were regarded by those souls as tyranny, although whatsoever He ordains is truth and whatsoever appears from Him is truth. Glory be to God! They have not yet understood the station of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." I beseech God to grant success that all may be freed from the conditions of self and passion and soar with the wings of freedom in this vast divine atmosphere.

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad, upon him be God's peace, and his petition was noted. It was presented before His countenance and He said: O Zayn! Convey greetings to him on behalf of the Wronged One and say: O Muhammad! This is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. The very foundation of the unitarians is shaken by the onslaughts of the idolaters and hearts are perturbed. Today consider the unitarians as a body - each day a portion of it is taken, yet none has yet discovered the cause and reason thereof. By God's life! The cause has been deeds and conduct. We beseech God to aid all to cleanse their outward members through ablutions and their hearts through the water of return, and to cling with pure and mighty hands to the hem of the Most Merciful's bounty, that perchance they may remain preserved from these trials. Glory be to God! They witness calamity yet strive not to remove it, and know not by what cause it came and by what means it may be lifted. The command is in God's hand - He unveils and He covers, and He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Isma'il and his supplication was presented before the Presence. This is what was revealed in reply: "O Isma'il! Jinab-i-Zayn conveyed thy petition. We beseech God to aid thee to that which is pleasing unto Him and to ordain for thee that which is best for thee."

And mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Husayn from the people of Sh. It was presented and He said: "O Husayn! This Wronged One counseleth thee to steadfastness. The atheists are many and without number. Forget not the divines of the past who, despite their claims to knowledge and complete piety, pronounced the death sentence upon the most excellent of creation. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in such wise that the intimations of the people shall not debar thee from the Truth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty."

And He said: "Whosoever requesteth mention from you, make mention of him on behalf of the Wronged One and show kindness unto him, that all may rejoice and occupy themselves with the praise of God."

The second missive from His Holiness, dated the 3rd of Rajab, delighted the ears with the warbling of the doves of inner meaning and brought to the heart the joy of the people of the Most Glorious Paradise. For the eyes it was true antimony, fashioned from the jewels of love and affection. After its reading and perusal, and after drawing from the living waters of love flowing through its letters and words, it was

brought to the Sacred Presence and presented before His countenance. He said: “O Zayn, upon thee be the peace of God and His grace! Remove not the monotheists from thy sight. Pray for them, that the True One, exalted be His glory, may protect them and their cities from the evil of the fire and the hosts of the polytheists.

“O Zayn! Had the monotheists truly clung to the hem of the resplendent Law, the kindled lamp would not have been extinguished nor accepted extinction - a lamp by whose light the entire world was illumined, yet which was extinguished by the winds of self and desire. How many streams have the thieves carried away from that Most Great Ocean - some claiming truth, some in the name of the Path, some in the name of the esoteric, and some in the name of the essence of the esoteric. In any case, the mighty party was seen to be weakened by division, such that cities and lands were laid waste.

“In Kaf and Ra, which was mentioned in the Most Holy Book in the early days of imprisonment, the opposers have raised the standard of discord through calumnies the like of which have never been heard since the beginning of the world, and through deceptions never before witnessed, exerting their utmost effort to lead the people astray.

“O Zayn! Praise be to God that in days when day could not be distinguished from night, We summoned with utmost power and might before the faces of the world with the most exalted call, until in every city and land, nay in every village, the mention of the True One, exalted be His glory, was raised. Now that some light has appeared, they have emerged from behind their veils. We have no complaint; the purpose is to proclaim the Cause of God. By My life! If there were one worthy of mention, this Wronged One would choose silence. The station of which He said ‘If He should appear at this time, I would be the first to worship Him,’ and before whom all the Bayan was considered but as a leaf - from Him they have turned away, clinging to their own desires.

“O Zayn! Through nights and days the Supreme Pen alone rendered assistance. All bear witness to this, and not for a moment did it turn to self-preservation. Tribulations rained down like torrential rain and afflictions flew like the arrows of the polytheists. Nevertheless, the call was not cut short and the Pen did not choose silence. The Point of the Bayan has said that in the year nineteen, all who are in the Bayan should write books to each other proving He Whom God shall make manifest. His purpose was that all should be occupied with this Most Great Remembrance through tongue, hand, pen and heart, lest the people of the Bayan should act like the Shi’ih sect. However, His counsels produced the opposite effect in most of the hearts of the opposers of the Bayan. We leave them in their idle play.

“O Zayn! Repeatedly has this most sublime word flowed from the Supreme Pen: ‘I was asleep when the breezes of the mercy of my Lord, the All-Merciful, awakened Me and commanded Me to raise the call between earth and heaven. This is not from Me but from Him,’ and through verses […]”

By heaven! This is not from me but from Him, and through verses and clear proofs it is evident that if any fair-minded person were to compare the Kitab-i-Aqdas, which was revealed at the beginning of imprisonment, with the books possessed by the deniers, the radiance of the Word would shine forth like the sun and be proven. Should this word “I was asleep” until its end, along with the verses and clear proofs that have filled the world, be rejected or accepted? And this word was mentioned only in

consideration of the weakness of the servants. Countless sovereign verses were revealed concerning the Kitab-i-Aqdas, most of which were not recorded. In any case, beseech the Truth to grant fairness and confirm all, that perchance they may attain the fragrance of the garment and recognize its Source. Now they have risen up with schemes and plots against the friends of Truth. Have such deeds ever been among the attributes of the people of truth? No, by My life! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant them what He possesses and not to make them among those who have corrupted and led others to corruption, who have gone astray and led others astray. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

One is bewildered as to what to mention and what to submit. This servant never imagined that the people of the Bayan would so quickly and severely rise up in rejection and objection. The Shi'ihs never committed what this group has perpetrated, nor did they say what this party has said and continues to say. Where has justice gone? This ephemeral one is perishing, for he observes that the deniers have turned away from the Truth and are unaware, or they recognize God's favor yet deny it. In one respect, it is seen that the effulgences of the Sun of Truth have encompassed the world - how then have some remained veiled? However, in light of the blessed verse of the Furqan which states, exalted be His Word: "And it increaseth nothing for the wrong-doers save destruction," one becomes silent and at rest, and commits all affairs to the Truth, glorified be His majesty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Regarding what was written about the spiritual beloved, Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of Power - through boundless grace and favor, and the confirmation and success granted by the Truth, glorified be His majesty, he crossed land and sea until he arrived at the shore of the Most Great Sea. The favors and kindnesses shown to him were evident and manifest. He arrived and his sight attained its purpose of creation, and likewise his hearing and heart - he saw and heard and was occupied with the mention of God. Now he dwells at rest beneath the glances of grace. We beseech the Truth, glorified be His majesty, to confirm him and make him the source of great services. After this matter was submitted before the Lord, He said: "O Zayn! We ask God to confirm him, grant him success, and enable him to arise in service to the Cause - an arising that no sitting down can overtake, and that the authority of ignorant divines cannot prevent. Now that he has, praise be to God, been successful and adorned with the ornament of acceptance, it is hoped that he will hold fast to wisdom, speak for God's sake, and remain turned toward God. Peace be upon him and glory be upon him." And what was with him has arrived, of seeds and other things.

As to what was written concerning Zare' and those authorized souls, I beseech God to grant them all the blessing of pilgrimage to the House, and perchance this servant too may be gladdened and cheered by attaining their presence. In truth, those souls who move for the sake of God and hold fast to the commandments of His Book are accounted as stars in the heaven of grace. All atoms beseech God to grant success to such souls. The hardships of the way and the trials of the path do not deter them. These are the servants concerning whom He saith: "No fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve."

And petitions were received from Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Isma'il, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad, upon them be God's peace. After being presented before the Most Holy and Exalted

Presence, He said: “O Zayn, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Isma’il has, praise be to God, repeatedly attained and succeeded in visiting the House. Write to him on behalf of the Wronged One: ‘O Isma’il! Upon thee be My loving-kindness. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One and thy name hath been uttered from His tongue. It is as though We behold thee standing at the door. Thy petition and letter - all that thou didst send - was seen and renewed thy mention. We beseech God to grant thee success in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. The friends of God who have drunk from the cup of love and soar in the atmosphere of longing and yearning must hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto that which will bring glory to the Cause. We have mentioned thee before and after, and We shall mention thee if God should will and desire.’ And He said to write to Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be My loving-kindness: ‘We give thanks unto God for having bestowed upon thee the privilege of visiting His House and making thee among those who circle round it and hold fast unto what is in His Book. He forgets not those who have turned to Him and acted according to His command. His is the praise and the bounty that He hath enabled thee to attain that which hath been the hope of those near unto Him from before and after. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art mentioned. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and cleave unto His luminous hem. Thou hast ever been and art under His watchful gaze. If thou shouldst find a friend, convey the greetings of the Wronged One and counsel him to act with propriety.’ Jinab-i-Siyyid, upon him be My glory, and you must counsel everyone you meet to conduct themselves with calm, dignity, trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity, submission, contentment and reconciliation, that perchance the dust and smoke of hatred and animosity may be dispelled and the light of unity may illumine all lands.” And He said: “We have made mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad. God willing, may he be confirmed and assisted in that which is befitting.”

This servant conveys greetings and praise to my honored master Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Isma’il, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah]. God is witness that in most times I make mention of them, and likewise occasionally mention is made of them in the Most Holy Presence. The days of nearness and attainment to His presence shall never be forgotten. For some time this servant has not been able to reply to their letter, and this is due to the abundance of writing, of which they are aware, and responding to souls newly planted in the garden of inner meanings, that perchance they may attain to the lights of the Luminary of certitude and drink from the rivers of assurance. And to my honored beloved Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be God’s peace and favors, I send greetings. How blessed were those days when seekers gathered in the presence of their Heart’s Desire and nightingales assembled upon the branches of the Tree of nearness and reunion, warbling and singing. Whenever remembered, the heart attains renewed joy. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ever confirm that honored friend through the grace of the Most Great Name. This is not difficult for God.

The beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny, arrived with petitions, but until now there has been no opportunity to present them. Tonight or tomorrow, God willing, they will attain the honor of being heard, and afterward the command is in God’s hand - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

As regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Husayn Ibn’us-Sad, upon them both be God’s peace, that he is engaged in shoemaking and that God, exalted be His glory, has blessed him with prosperity, and that the equivalent of two nineteen mithqals of gold has accumulated with him, and he

now desires to pay the Huqúqu'llah therefrom - these matters were submitted to His presence. He said: "O Zayn! Those souls who act according to the ordinances of the Book are accounted as the most exalted of creatures in the sight of God. There has never been any doubt that whatsoever shines forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's command is purely for the wisdom and benefit of His servants. These small amounts are not worthy of mention, yet since he acts for the sake of God, it is beloved - even if it be but a single grain, it is the crown of all the harvests of the world. Give him glad tidings of My mention, My favor, and My acceptance, that he may rejoice and be amongst the thankful." According to His command, three tumans of the mentioned Huqúq were received from Jinab-i-Ustad 'Abdu'l-Karim, upon him be God's peace. Half of the remainder He bestowed upon him, and the other half upon that honored one. Blessed are those souls who hold fast to the fear of God and are engaged in service. This ephemeral one beseeches God to assist His party, one and all, in serving His Cause. Verily, He has power over all things.

And as for what was asked about shop equipment that is necessary for work and trade - whether Huqúqu'llah must be paid on these or whether they fall under the rule of household furnishings - after submission before His presence, He said that the rule of household furnishings applies to them.

As for the mention of the son of Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali Nur, upon them both be Baha'u'llah's peace, it was submitted and attained the honor of His hearing. His mention and that of the souls mentioned have flowed from the Pen of Glory. God willing, may they attain unto it and be set ablaze with such a fire that the barking ones shall not prevent them, nay, shall not even be able to make mention of them. Thus has spoken the Lord:

He is God, there is no God but Him!

O Zayn! Give glad tidings to My loved ones of My remembrance of them, My attention to them, and My turning toward them. The Pen has ever been occupied with mention of the friends of God. Today all atoms lament the oppression of this Wronged One, for there has befallen Him that which has befallen no one else. As if the people of the world were not enough, now the people of the Bayan have arisen in opposition. Instead of acceptance they show rejection, in place of turning toward they turn away, and at the time of submission they show denial. Well have they heeded the counsels of the Point! He says that the Tree of Affirmation becomes negation through turning away from Him. Observe what mention the Herald made in such greatness, and what the people of the Bayan have done. The rocks cry out, the clouds lament, and the eyes of the near ones weep. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to each of the souls mentioned and make mention of them. Some time ago We mentioned the Deputy and sent a brief Tablet. Now again mention has been made of the one bearing the name of God (66) M.H. and of the friends. We beseech God not to deprive any of them of the Most Exalted Word, for all that is witnessed shall return to nothingness, but the Word of God has been and shall ever be enduring. Blessed is he who has attained unto it, recognized its station, and held fast to the cord of love for it. Woe unto the heedless!

And as for the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Rajab-'Ali, upon him be God's peace, this is what the tongue of the Lord has spoken:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed […]

O Rajab-'Ali! The world has been encompassed by the smoke of heedlessness - that smoke which was mentioned in the Tablets and about which people would inquire has appeared. These are souls who have arisen to oppose without any cause, and with the utmost deceit and cunning strive to lead poor souls astray. The dust of ignorance, like a disease of the eyes, has prevented them from beholding the effulgent rays of the Sun of Revelation. They have forgotten the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen and have erased the words inscribed in the Crimson Book. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to have mercy upon His servants. O Rajab, ask God that never again in the world may the likes of the Shi'ih arise - that is, that such unfairness and cruelty may not appear. They perpetrated injustices unprecedented and unparalleled. Now certain followers of the Bayan walk in the path of those souls and cling to their ways. Say: O my Lord! Protect us from the evil of every deceiver and schemer. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee and be of the thankful ones.

By the life of our Lord! If a soul were to comprehend, as it ought to be comprehended, the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, he would become aware of the oppression inflicted upon the Blessed Being. At least if he cannot act as he ought, he should not engage in that which would kindle the fire. The servants must have mercy upon themselves and not make themselves the objects of divine wrath and anger. Most are unaware and cling to vain imaginings, and have neither sight nor hearing of their own. We are God's and unto Him shall we return.

According to His command, it would be desirable if copies of the Tablet to Aqa Rajab-'Ali, together with the blessed utterances revealed in response to his second letter specifically for him, were sent to various regions, that perchance the people may take heed and recognize. It would also be desirable if Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be God's peace, were to make copies.

Regarding the several bound volumes that someone from Dawlatabad sent to your honor and which volumes have remained until now - what you wrote about this matter was presented. According to His command: let them remain for now. The Shaykh has not come and no news has been received from him.

Regarding what you wrote about the envelope addressed to the honored and beloved Haji Nabil-i-Musafir, upon him be the glory of God - if possible send it and write that it arrived some time ago but due to the disturbances its dispatch was delayed.

The mention of the spiritual friend Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be God's peace, was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: We have not forgotten him and will not forget him. He has always been and continues to be remembered. This servant also sends greetings to him and beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may grant him his hopes and ordain for him from the Most Exalted Pen that which is the cause of joy and gladness. He said: We have mentioned Our Most Truthful Name as befits Him and beyond.

Your third letter, which was adorned with the date of the 22nd of the month of Sha'ban, gave new life to the spirit and bestowed fresh joy. Praise and thanksgiving be unto the peerless Lord that blessings arrive continuously […]

Concerning the mention of the ascension of the honored Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God and His forgiveness, which was written - this was presented at the Most Exalted Place, and this is

what the Lord uttered: “O Zayn! We bear witness to his acceptance and his faith, and his confession of the blessed word ‘There is no God but God,’ and his recognition of that which was revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Divine Book. We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to cleanse him of all imperfections with the water of His grace and to immerse him in the ocean of forgiveness.

“O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty to forgive Thy servant who hath ascended unto Thee, and to remit his sins and transgressions. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.”

Praise be to God, they were repeatedly mentioned. This servant also beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, not to withhold from him the wonders of His grace nor deprive him from the ocean of His mercy.

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad Husayn, son of the known one, upon them both be the Glory of God. After this was presented, He said: “O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! We beseech God to ordain for thee what thou hast desired and to forgive thee through His grace, His generosity and His favors. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over what He willeth, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind.”

Concerning what you wrote about the middle son of Aqa ’Ali-Nur, upon them be the peace of God - this was presented and He said: “O Zayn! Nur and his relatives have never been forgotten in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they be assisted to that which will cause their eternal and enduring mention and preserve them from the evil of the barking ones. Today all must pray for one another and seek protection from the True One. Coming to this place at this time would be unwise, as many have come this year. The opposers are intervening and are heedless of what God hath willed. Each day they cling to a cord and grasp the hem of vain imaginings. May God grant justice and adorn the horizon of the world with the light of equity.”

[Mention was made of His Holiness the Name of God Jamal, upon him be all His Most Glorious Glory. He hath endured many hardships in the path of God and, praise be to God, hath attained unto the word of contentment. Continually from the blessed Tongue is heard concerning him that which is the greatest testimony to his humility, submissiveness, self-effacement and his arising to serve the Cause of God. If possible, your honor should convey this glad tiding to him.]

The stockings of the Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, which were sent through the beloved heart, the honored Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the praise of God, the Lord of Power, arrived at the Household. All showed the utmost appreciation, and each of the members of the pavilion of grandeur and glory sends special greetings. His Holiness the Name of God Asdaq, upon him be all His Most Glorious Glory, is adorned with wondrous mention upon the arrival of each letter from your honor. In truth, this time is the springtime of death, for its mention flows from the Supreme Pen. This evanescent servant conveys greetings, praise and glory to all the friends of that land, and beseeches from the True One, exalted be His glory, confirmation and success for each one. Verily, He is worthy of response and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Praise, remembrance and glory be upon your honor, upon those who are with you, and upon the sincere servants of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

He is God!

On the 9th of the honored month of Shawwal 1302:

Praise be to God! God's grace has honored us with the fourth letter of Book Four. Each of the four elements and the four fundamentals received their full portion of its fragrances. Although in the view of later thinkers the elements have exceeded the number given by the ancients, knowledge is with God and the command is in His hand - He gives and withholds, He inspires and restrains, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After reading and becoming informed, and after submitting this response, there appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance these words - exalted be His glory: "O Zayn! The dust and smoke of idle fancies and vain imaginings have encompassed all. The heedless and ignorant have clung to what they possess and remain deprived of what is with God. Four persons from the people of Manshad have sent a letter in opposition to God and in rejection of Him, and that letter bore witness to sheer ignorance and absolute tyranny. What was befitting as an answer has appeared from the Most Great Sea. If God should will it, your eyes shall be gladdened by beholding it. Glory be to God! How many heedless servants are to be seen! Thou shalt read and know the stations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds."

Four persons from the people of Manshad sent a letter to the Most Holy Court and arranged according to their own desires that which befitted those heedless souls. Strange that the letter of those people was incomplete, meaning that due to the intensity of their hatred and animosity, they omitted the divine mention at its beginning. What was hidden in their hearts was revealed, for this is the Day when secrets are unveiled. Everyone is occupied with their own vain imaginings, save those whom God has willed otherwise.

The letter which this servant wrote in reply, containing divine utterances, is being sent so that your honor may observe it and become aware of the degrees of faith and certitude of some. The reply was sent to the Land of Ya to be delivered to Manshad. If your honor should make copies and send them to certain places, this would be acceptable in the sight of God. Perhaps the ignorant people will not again fall prey to the well of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Command is in God's hand, and He has power over all things.

Another submission: The response to your honor's letters was written some time ago, but there was delay in sending them as other matters arose and other affairs occurred. Therefore, I hope for forgiveness. The travelers, upon them be God's peace, arrived and what was with them was received. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may grant each one a complete reward. Verily, He has power over all things. The Glory be upon you and upon your family.

The Servant

15th of the sacred month of Dhi'l-Hajjih 1302

[Since this appears to be a note about a text rather than the actual text to be translated, I am unable to provide a meaningful translation. Please provide the actual Baha'i text that needs to be translated.]

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Praise be to God Who hath caused the Sun to shine through His power, and hath made the Light to appear through His might, and hath illumined the Face in the vesture of His Cause through His wisdom, and hath caused the Dove to warble with a wondrous melody its divine song, and hath moved the thread of existence by that which hath been sprinkled upon it of the signs of His love, and hath kindled the lamp of love in the niche of His grandeur and the lamp of His mercy, and hath raised the banners of guidance through the power of His might, and hath made manifest the orbits of piety through the blessing of His exaltation. He is the Powerful, the Ever-Living, the All-Compelling, Who hath ever been the One Who uniteth His Essence in the eternity of His Essence, and Who exalteth His Being in the everlastingness of His Being. When He desired to make Himself known unto His servants and to manifest the signs of His power to all who are in His heaven and on His earth, He removed the veil from the beauty of His concealment and lifted the covering from the essence of His majesty, that thereby His manifest Name might be distinguished from His hidden Name, and His first Name might be differentiated from His last Name, that the word might be fulfilled in the unseen and the visible, in the hidden and the manifest, that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and that He is cognizant of all things. Thereby did the Essence of Identity become manifest in the Temple of Lordship, and the Beauty of the Self-Subsisting shine forth in the Form of Divinity, and the Pre-existence was adorned with the robe of Eternity, and the Mystery of Divinity was repeated in the vestures of Beauty, and the heaven of Unity was raised up, and the earth of the Self-Subsisting was established, and the mountains of the Cause were exalted, and the seas of might were made to surge, and the Tree of spirituality brought forth fruit, and the Sun of Identity shone forth, and the Moon of the unseen rose, and the sanctified hearts found peace, and the pure souls were enraptured. Exalted is He above what His servants mention of Him or His creation describeth, for in the pure essence of His concealment and in the essence of His identity, He cannot be mentioned by His own mention nor described by His own description. How could it be otherwise, when mention proceedeth from another than Him or appeareth from His creation? Were this to be established, it would establish the station of mention from His Essence unto His Essence, and the limitation of description for His Self by His Self. He is sanctified from duality and exalted above similarity. Rather, He created all mentioned things through a letter of the word of His command, and brought all visible things into being through a design from the signs of His creation. Indeed, His Essence through His Essence is a mention of His Essence, and His Self through His Self is a description of His Self. When He desired to establish this, He manifested the hidden Identity in the two Names, and removed the veil of light from the two veils, and split the sun in the two aspects, and caused the Spirit to appear in the two vestures, and made the light to speak in the various modes of unity in the two melodies, and manifested the mystery of the Cause in the two letters, and gathered together the sun and moon in the holy temple in the two veils, and inserted the hand of power in the two garments, and caused the sun of Identity to appear from the two foreheads, that the lamp of unity might be repeated in the two lamps, and the lights of eternity might shine forth in the two glasses, and the radiance of the Self-Subsisting might appear upon

the holy temples in the two forms, and the Dove might warble upon the two branches, and the ark of the cloud might sail upon the two seas, that the wondrous creation might be completed from the two Beauties in the two Most Exalted Names. Therefore say: O Generous One! Blessed be God, the Best of creators!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what remembrance to remember Thee. Should I remember Thee by what Thou didst remember aforetime, by Thy glory, this would never satisfy my soul. And should I describe Thee by what hath not been described before, this is that which Thy servants cannot bear. By Thy Countenance! At such time I find myself between two impossibilities among the forbidden things, and I become bewildered in my remembrance of Thee to such extent that I forget the ways of remembering Thee and lose the paths of describing Thee. I know not how I may thereafter arise to serve Thee and how I may raise the banners of Thy triumph amidst Thy creation. Should I glorify Thee, O my God, in the manner of Thy servants, this befitteth not Thy sovereignty nor is worthy of Thy glory. And should I sanctify Thee as beseemeth Thy right and Thy station, the servants would flee from around Thee and disperse from Thy presence.

Glorified, glorified art Thou! How great is my bewilderment in Thy Cause, and how mighty is my wonderment at Thy greatness! Therefore it behooveth that mysteries remain veiled in the clouds of light, that thereby he who cannot rend asunder the veils of glory may be prevented, and he who hath quaffed from the chalices of beauty may perceive it. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Forgiving.

Thou knowest, O my God, that despite my bewilderment, my powerlessness, my perplexity and my perturbation, I desire to interpret that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy glory and brought into being in the kingdom of Thy command by Thy will, and inscribed by the Pen of Thy decree upon the Tablet of Thy determination, wherein Thou hast ordained Thy ordinances and confirmed that which Thou hast established in Thy Book and Thy decisive verses. This is so that the heart of one of Thy servants may find tranquility in that which Thou hast revealed unto Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones, that he may thereby enter the throne of mercy and assurance in the precincts of Thy mercy, and dwell upon the seat of steadfastness and certitude in the paradise of Thy favors. And that he may be among those who repose upon the carpet of Thy love, who drink from the chalices of Thy love, who are set ablaze with the fire of Thy oneness, and who seek tidings of that which Thou hast revealed unto them of Thyself, that perchance he may meet Thee in the throne of Thy identity, follow Thee in the vestments of Thine eternity, circumambulate the sanctuary of Thy grandeur, and seek the unseen of Thy beauty and the Kaaba of Thine Essence.

Therefore, O my God, manifest in his heart the passion for Thy beauty and the quest for Thy reunion, if he be assured in Thy Cause, submissive to Thy decree, yielding to Thy sovereignty, following Thy Countenance, obedient to Thy ordination and patient in Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou hast not created in all existence anything greater than this in what Thou hast ordained regarding the station of Thy servants.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee at this moment not to take me to task for what I have committed before Thee and what my hands have wrought before Thine eyes. Verily Thou knowest what is within myself and art encompassing what is in my inmost being. Thou dost witness and behold that I have

chosen naught for myself save servitude unto Thee, and that I was but abased before the sovereignty of Thy might, poor before the manifestations of Thy wealth, athirst before the outpouring of the rivers of Thy mercy, weary before the melodies of Thy oneness, non-existent before the modes of the glory of Thy sovereignty, and extinct before the dawning of the sun of Thine eternity. I desire naught save the exaltation of Thy triumph in Thy land and the ascendancy of Thy name in Thy country.

Therefore, as I am thus, I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy glory which is never quenched, by Thy Face which never perisheth, by the light of Thine eternity which is never concealed even if hidden, and by the garment of Thy majesty which never weareth out, that Thou mayest send the winds of eternity from the right hand of Thy oneness and waft the breezes of glory from the horizon of Thy Self-Sufficiency, that thereby the dove of my breast may flutter in the throes of Thy love[…]

Let the breezes of might descend from the heaven of Thy oneness, that the dove of my heart may be drawn forth through the intensity of my love and nearness to Thee, and be stirred by the attractions of Thy reunion and meeting with Thee. Wherefore, O my God, how could I be content with that which Thy Self doth not approve, or desire that which the Dayspring of Thine Essence and the Source of Thy Beauty doth not desire? I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to take hold of the reins of the Pen through Thy power, and to guide it as Thou willest through Thy might, lest there flow from it that which Thou lovest not to be manifested in Thy dominion and which Thy servants cannot bear. For verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O my God! Send down Thy blessings upon the first Sun that dawned from the horizon of the cloud of unknowing, and the first Light that shone from the Dayspring of heaven's splendor, and the first Ocean that surged in the mystery of Thy Most Great Name, and the first Fire that appeared in the Tree of Eternity, and the first Love that was kindled in the Lamp of Fidelity, and the first Spirit that was breathed from the Sun of Guidance and the Center of Piety, and upon the first one who spoke of Thy most beauteous Beauty and the last one who drank the crimson cup from the Countenance of Eternity, and upon those who guided others unto Thee in the most great land and those who turned towards Thee in the most glorious realm, and upon Him Whom Thou didst raise up by Thyself in the station of His Cause, and didst choose from among Thy servants, and didst make Him the Sustainer of Thy sovereignty and the Guardian over the people of Thy kingdom and the One to be obeyed in Thy dominion, through all that Thou art capable of, for in Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things, and Thou art powerful over all things.

When I desired to answer the seeker who believed in God and His signs, and wished to attain certitude in His Cause and to ascend to its heights and be illumined by its glory and to take shelter under the shadow of His grace, I placed my trust in God and sought His aid and assistance in what I wished to mention, through His might and power, of that which was concealed within the pavilions of light and veiled within the coverings of joy and hidden in the secret repositories of manifestation, concerning that which was sent down from His presence regarding His Beloved and His Chosen One and the essence of His creation, that it might serve as a proof for those who desire to follow the true religion and seek guidance through His direction and illumination through His light and radiance through His effulgence and attraction through His attraction, even though this be far above my station and transcending my mind and understanding. Nevertheless, according to my weakness and lowliness and poverty and need, I mention

that which God hath taught me through His generosity and shown me through His grace and honored me through His favor, that it might be a guide for those who turn unto Him and a light for those who seek Him and a radiance for those who are lonely.

This is what was sent down from the heaven of grandeur by the tongue of might and glory concerning His holy Mirror and Eternal Light: "O Thou Temple! We have created Thee upon these Most Beautiful Names and made Thee all things in the names of Him Who referreth unto Us through the mention of 'He', that Thou mayest be Our sign unto all the worlds."

Hear thou, O questioner, from Me, and accept My counsel, for thou shalt find no friend more faithful than I, nor any companion more considerate. At the outset, array thy temple with the raiment of the spirit, and clothe thy form with the vesture of light. Sanctify thine eyes from all veils of otherness, and purify thine ears from dubious and vain utterances. Cleanse thy heart, illumine thy soul, and purify thy breast, that thou mayest be worthy to receive the effulgence of the Sun of Perpetuity and become fit to mirror forth the Moon of Eternity. Thus mayest thou hear and see how the Dove of Divinity warbleth upon the branches of the Tree of the Lord, and how the crimson Fire appeareth from this verdant Branch, and how the Water of Unity floweth through the Temple of Divinity. Then shalt thou enter the City of the Living, the Eternal, and abide therein throughout sempiternal immortality.

Know thou that God, blessed and exalted be He, addressed His Mirror in this verse revealed from His presence, saying: "O Fruit of Eternity, and Vesture of the All-Merciful, and Temple of the Ancient of Days, and Tree of the Self-Subsisting! We have created thee upon these Most Beautiful Names; that is, We have made thee the sum of all names that have appeared, risen, shone forth and dawned from the Supreme Kingdom and the Realm of Creation from among the Most Beautiful Names which We have attributed to Our Own Self." For He, exalted be His mention, the names He hath attributed to Himself are from among the Most Beautiful Names and the Greatest Signs, such as Knowledge, Power, Life, Loftiness, Grandeur, Sovereignty, Glory, Might, Dominion, Mercy, Compassion, and similar names that have appeared in the vestures of expressions, allusions and evidences. God hath attributed these to Himself and made their manifestations from among the letters of the most exalted ones, the sanctified temples, the lights of the sincere ones, and the essences of those who glorify Him. These holy names have appeared in these abstract ethereal temples that all might derive their ranks from God, their Creator, their Fashioner, their Maker, their Resurrector, their Originator, and their Cause, that the horizons might be filled with the lights of that Radiance, and that the nightingale of the sanctuary might sing at the time of meeting, after being struck unconscious and recovering consciousness, that He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and that Ali is the source of His Essence, the mine of His knowledge, the repository of His Command, and the wellspring of His deed in all that hath appeared and shall appear, or hath been created and shall be created.

And apart from these names which are mentioned from among the Most Beautiful Names, He hath not attributed any to Himself, nor doth He attribute them to His Essence. Such hath been His way from before that which hath no before, and after that which hath no after. Otherwise, all names are but creation in His dominion, design in His realm, manifestations in His lands, attributes among His servants, signs in His earth, and evidences in His creation. Is there any creator besides God? Is there any originator besides

God? Is there any created thing wherein are not found the signs of its Creator, or which doth not tell of the manifestations of its Fashioner? Exalted is He above what the servants say regarding the manifestations of His handiwork and the attributes of His creation. Thus hath God described His names for His servants and defined them for us through His bounty, and ordained them for us through His grace, that we might know the paths of truth and guidance from unbelief and error. We have no authority to change even a letter of our own accord, and there is no command except after His leave, and nothing whatsoever […]

By Him! There is nothing whose decree hath not been determined and whose measure hath not been ordained by Him, that the path of His Cause and the ways of His wisdom might be made easy for us to tread. Alas, alas! How can I remember what Thou didst desire of me, for it is as though I have forgotten all remembrance. O thou who questioneth! By the glory of my Lord, wert thou to discover my secret, thou wouldst weep over my state and wouldst not rest in thy home, but rather wouldst flee to the mountain peaks.

Say: O people of the Concourse of the Bayan! Do not oppose him in whose heart there is naught but the effulgence of the lights of the morn of eternity. Fear God, oppose him not, neither slander him, nor exceed the bounds regarding him. Walk ye in the paths of God's mercy, then tread the ways of His guidance. Rely on none save Him, seek no intermediary but Him, and follow naught except what hath been revealed unto you and ordained for you. Say: Verily, He is the Most Great Path, the Most Glorious Light, and the Most Exalted Spirit. Whoso obeyeth Him hath attained salvation and security, and whoso turneth away hath erred and disbelieved.

By thy life! Were the fragrance of love to waft from this eternal and goodly City, the heavens of knowledge would be obliterated, the earth of eternality would crumble, the sun of divine essence would darken, the fish of oneness would be disturbed, the mountains of holiness would be crushed, and the sweet waters would freeze. Therefore, hold fast unto this luminous handle, then enter the city of inner meanings that thou mayest inhale the spiritual fragrance from the divine vestments, that thou mayest be enlightened in the Cause of God, thy Lord, and recognize His station in all conditions, seeking illumination from the sun of His revelation, being content with His decree, and patient under His trials, such that thou art not saddened by what hath escaped thee or befallen thee in thy days.

O my brother! Seek God's help, then turn wholly unto Him. Look not to anyone else, fear no soul, and be not troubled by anything, for verily the world and its ornaments, its bounties, its delights, and all that is in it, upon it, and through it shall perish - there is no permanence or duration in it. Leave it to its people and seek the goodly fruit that groweth upon a blessed and goodly tree, yielding its fruit at all times, neither failing nor diminishing, for its delights are everlasting and unceasing, its clusters near at hand and undenied, its lights radiant and undimmed, its fruit enduring and unfalling, its sun shining and uneclipsed, its moon luminous and undiminished, its spirit eternal, its fragrance pure, its taste perfect, and its glory ancient.

O thou who walkest in the path of glory and righteousness, and travellest on the way of thy Most Exalted Lord! If thou acceptest what We have counselled thee, thou shalt attain unto all that We have promised thee and witness what none before thee hath witnessed, if Satan preventeth thee not from the ways of

the All-Merciful. Trust in God and fear not. Enter, by God's leave, the city of thy heart in a moment of heedlessness from thyself and thy desires, that thou mayest witness the mysteries of Lordship in the temple of eternity and perceive every good thing from this luminous vestment. Blessed art thou, blessed art thou, if thou knowest that whereof We have informed thee and reapest from the green ears We have sown in the soil of allusions, lest the hardships of the matter seize thee in the barren days, that thou mayest be among those whose faces are illumined by God's light and whose hearts are enlightened by God's mercy.

Therefore, O my brother, cast off the garment of the old creation from thy temple, then don the robe of sanctity and the vesture of detachment. Cast away all that thou hast and all that is upon thee which veils thee from attaining the presence at the throne of eternity and prevents thee from entering the sanctuary of grandeur. Then empty thyself of all that the self desires.

Then free thyself from all that thy passions desire, and cleanse thy spirit with these waters which have flowed from the ocean of the divine cloud upon this luminous white tablet, that thy heart may be emptied, thy spirit find rest, thy mind be calmed, and thy soul be at peace. If thou hast ears, hear from Me; if sight, behold from Me; and if a heart, comprehend therefrom the light of thy Lord. Ascend thereby to the pivot of all journeys, and strip thy body of all garments, veils and allusions, that thou mayest be naked when thou meetest thy Lord and when thou attainest the Throne of Glory in the shelter of Beauty.

O my brother! By my Lord, I repeat my words to thee and renew what they contain for thee, that thy spirit, thy garment, thy robe, thy body and thy soul may be renewed, despite my weakness and lack of patience and forbearance in occupying myself with such deceptive words and ornate letters. It is as though I had committed every sin before God, my Lord. When I find in my heart love for His Essence, passion for His Beauty, and yearning for His Being, I mention Him to the extent that thou findest and knowest. Otherwise I could not speak or express myself. How can I speak after my mouth has been struck by the hands of hatred and hypocrisy, and after what has befallen me which none can comprehend or reckon? Every spear has pierced my breast, every sword has fallen upon my head, and every arrow created has struck my liver.

Despite all this, how can this divine Bird soar in the garden of inner meanings, and how can it gather the jewels of knowledge from the divine scriptures? It is as though I were veiled by seventy thousand veils of darkness and remained bewildered in my affair, to the point where I wore the garment of ignorance among the servants lest anyone in the land recognize me. Perchance they would lift their hands from my head. I sat in the house and relied upon God, saying: O people of the Concourse! Is there any helper who will help me? Any merciful one who will show me mercy? Any companion who will keep me company? Any helper who will ward off from me the evil of the corrupt ones and close the doors of hypocrisy in my face?

Then, when I found no helper for myself to share in my tribulation and accompany me in my weeping, I desired to weep by myself for myself, to lament by myself for myself, to cry out for my deprivation, to shout for my oppression, and to scream for my abasement until naught remained of me, neither thing nor trace nor fruit. Perchance God will raise up one who will love me and desire me and read my words and

weep for my condition, for upon Him is my reliance, through Him is my beseeching, from Him is my request, and to Him are my supplications, my entreaties, my cries, my lamentations and my poverty.

Know then, O questioner, that the Name hath diverse ranks, stations, indications and significances. In one station, naught is witnessed in the Name save the effulgence of the Named One. In another station, it is identical with the Named One, His reality, His self and His essence. In yet another station, it is other than the Named One. In one station it points to the Named One, and in another it circles round the Named One. For each of these there are ranks, manifestations and dawning-places, all of which move within the lands of His Command and walk in the paths of His Will and proceed along the ways of His doing. For each there are measures with thy Lord and appointed times with thy Creator in that which He hath ordained and decreed by His leave.

In one station the Names are the garment of the attributes, for the attribute is an act that appeareth from the Doer, such as the giving of a thing or the ascendancy of one thing over another, and likewise whatsoever appeareth from the Doer in the ranks of His Will and Power. This act appeareth from the effect of the deed that proceedeth from the Doer. And when God desired to manifest this in His kingdom and make it known in His earth and prove it in His lands and make it an enduring word and a clear sign, He clothed it in the garment of Names, even as ye say "This one is generous" and "This one is seeing" and "This one is informed" and such other names as are uttered and mentioned in the tongues of the people of creation. Were it not designated by these names it would not be known, nor would it appear and become manifest.

Know thou likewise all scientific matters through these finite veils, that the mysteries of destiny in the worlds of divine decree may be revealed unto thee. If thou wert to rend asunder the veils and focus thy vision upon the disclosure of limitations, thou wouldst witness that the Names are non-existent in the rank of the Divine Essence and are null at the dawning of the Countenance of Attributes in the Manifestations of Signs and Daysprings of Tokens. Rather, all names exist through His Will and all attributes are raised up through His Purpose, and all circle round His Essence and revolve in the heaven of His sanctity.

Therefore, O thou who seeketh and walketh the path, drink from this cup which hath been filled through the loving-kindness of God's mercy, lest thirst overtake thee in the eternity of God's dominion. And shouldst thou say "Is there yet more?", this is the condition of one who is still on the path; otherwise, whoso hath reached the Pole of the Divine Ipseity and the Center of the Unseen shall not distinguish between beginning and end, nor between thirst and quenching.

His word, exalted be His mention: "We have made thee all things in Our Name which pointeth unto Us through the mention of 'He'" - that is, We have caused thy light to shine in all things and have deposited the sign of thy power in all things and have made thee manifest above all things in this Garment of Divine Unity which speaketh of naught save God, the Lord of creation and humanity, that all may worship their Creator on this Straight Path and this Ancient and Lofty Way.

He, glorified and exalted be He, hath made His mirror all things that exist through His existence, such that in all things naught is witnessed save the sign of the effulgence of that Mirror which indicateth and

reflecteth. Were it not for Him, the decree of thingness would not be established for anything [and] the decree of existence; rather, the decree of non-existence and nullity would be true of it, and nothing would accept anything except through obedience to Him. For example, if today thou wert to worship God with all thy power and all thy might and prostrate thyself to Him from the eternal past to the eternal future […]

Know that all things prostrate themselves before Him from the beginning that has no beginning to the end that has no end, and until thou believest in Him thy faith shall not be complete, nor shall the word 'faith' be applicable to thee, nor shall the term 'certitude' be befitting of thee. And know thou that when God, blessed and exalted be He, created the heavens and all that dwelleth therein, and the earth and all that existeth thereupon, He chose from all that He hath created and will create this celestial Pearl, this heavenly Spirit, this all-embracing divine Word, this eternal and singular Light, and made it to occupy the station of all things when it believed in God and submitted to His presence and bowed down before His majesty and prostrated before His sovereignty and spread the wings of acquiescence to His command. It is as though all existence believed in God and His signs, for existence cannot be attributed save to this divine Temple, and if none besides Him among the dwellers of earth and heaven were to believe, it would detract naught from His sovereignty, and if all were to believe in Him, it would add naught thereunto. For this reason was it revealed aforetime: "If ye show ingratitude, ye and all who are on earth together, yet verily God is Self-Sufficient, All-Praised." By my Lord! Now it is as it hath ever been - thou wilt find no change or alteration in His ways. Then know thou that in this primordial and eternal verse God hath ordained all names in all things, and hath limited all things to the name "He", and hath assigned to that name an outward and an inward aspect. Its outward aspect betokeneth the Temple of Divinity, the Form of Lordship, and the Garment of Eternity, while its inward aspect betokeneth the Unseen Essence, the Mystery of Oneness, and the Ancient and Pure Reality. He hath expressed the inward through the letter "H" and the outward through the letter "V", and when He desired to manifest His beauty in the kingdom of His glory, He established this hidden and ancient "H" upon that celestial and eternal Temple. Thereupon was perfected the beauty of the Divine Essence in the form of Light, and was completed the wondrous creation in the robe of grandeur. He made this Name the greatest of all names, the most exalted, the most glorious, the most subtle, and the most elevated, such that He made it a mirror of all names and attributes, that all might derive sustenance through it unto God, be illumined by its light, be guided by its guidance, walk in its good-pleasure, and circle round its presence. And thou, O questioner, when thou dost inhale at this moment the fragrance of the spirit from the garment of eternity and dost smell the sweet scents from the city of the cloud of unknowing, in that We have called thee to the right side of the shore, to the right of the spot of unity, and have turned thee from the left of limitation to the mountain of eternity, thou shalt witness all names and attributes circling round that Most Great Name, and shalt know all things beneath the shadow of this Most Ancient and Most Upright Symbol, and shalt behold the seas of names and attributes moving beneath its shadow, such that there is no beginning to their first and no end to their last. All glorify His name and sanctify His being and circle round His essence and revolve about His presence, and there existeth nothing either in the heavens or on earth save that it abideth beneath the shadow of one of His names. For instance, when thou perceivest knowledge from one possessed of knowledge, thou art assured that this knowledge hath appeared through the influence of God's name, the All-Knowing, and when thou beholdest power from one possessed of power, thou

knowest that this power hath been derived from the effects of His name, the All-Powerful. Likewise is the elevation of heaven beneath the shadow of His name, the Most High […]

And likewise the loftiness of heaven existeth beneath the shadow of His exalted Name, and the radiance of the sun beneath His illuminating Name, and the stillness of earth beneath His tranquil Name, and the flow of water beneath His flowing Name, and the blowing of wind beneath His dispatching Name. Therefore, O thou who art seated upon the Ark of divine favor, drink of this sweet and life-giving wine, then soar with wings of ruby unto the Throne of Glory, that thou mayest comprehend all principles through this universal divine principle, making every path easy for thee. For if thou canst ascend from this earthly homeland to the divine original homeland, thou wilt hear the melodies of this eternal Bird, how it singeth like the Dove in the supreme Kingdom, that thou mayest delight in the feast which descendeth from heaven at that time. Know thou that God hath gathered all essences, signs, substances, meanings, attributes, names, realities and expressions in a woven garment, and clothed that divine and holy Temple therewith, that this garment might tell of the beloved Joseph. And if thou desirest that the matter be made clear unto thee with utmost lucid explanation and supreme certain exposition, know thou the station of these divine letters which in their similitude are like unto the station of the lamp. For even as the lamp, when lit and kindled in its niche, illumineth all around it, its surroundings and directions, likewise know thou this primordial letter “H” when it is kindled in the niche of the letter “W” - that is, the eternal Temple - the heavens are illumined thereby and all names and attributes are enlightened thereby, and whatsoever is designated as a “thing” from the highest ranks of creation to the lowest stations of existence. And all derive their light from this luminous lamp in this unity-bearing niche according to their ranks, stations and manifestations. And thou, O questioner, if thou wouldst purify the eyes of thy heart and inner being from beholding the lamp and the niche, the high and the low, the far and the near, and from all that hath appeared in the Kingdom of Names and the Realm of Attributes, thou wouldst witness how this eternal lamp shineth of itself by itself and is kindled by the fire of its own essence for its own essence, that thou mayest be of those who have recognized the seats of the Cause and the sources of knowledge, and have attained unto what God hath desired for them through them. O spirit! Shouldst thou find the fountain of life which We have veiled in the darkness of words, that thou mightest become as Khidr of the Cause - drink thereof and fear not, that thou mayest enter this eternal city and be overwhelmed by these divine and eternal rivers. Therefore know, O my brother, that I have interpreted all verses and signs, all revealed Books and established Scriptures, and all recorded and descended Psalms, for We have previously demonstrated and proven that all thou beholdest in the heavens and earth is naught but the manifestations of God’s Name, the appearances of His attributes, the expressions of His sovereignty and the emergence of His power. For the Essence in its essence will never be manifested unto anything, nor comprehended by anything, nor known through anything - it hath ever been independent of the comprehension of its creation and exalted above the recognition of its servants. For it is an impregnable, inaccessible Mystery, transcendent, elevated, sublime, sanctified beyond recognition and free from description and exposition. The hands of the sanctified ones fall short of attaining unto the knowledge of His Essence, and the feet of the mystics stumble in their attempt to comprehend His Reality. When the door of knowledge of the Essence was thus closed to the servants, He opened for them the gates of Names.

When cognizance of the Divine Essence was barred to the faces of all created things, and the feet of the mystics faltered in their attempt to comprehend Its reality, He, in completion of His grace and in fulfillment of His favor and mercy, opened unto them the gates of Names and Attributes. He ordained that whoso desireth to know Him should turn his gaze upon the Manifestations of His Attributes in the vestures of His Names, for when the Essence appeareth, It ceaseth to be Essence, and this designation can no longer be applied to It, inasmuch as while concealed in the Treasury of the Unseen, It is referred to as the Essence. Yet even with this description, It is described as that which cannot be known save through Itself, cannot be described except by Itself, and cannot be comprehended save by Itself. And when there appeareth from It a revelation or attribute, it entereth and returneth into the kingdom of Names and Attributes, even as hath been attested by that which hath been sent down from the Throne of Glory: "I was in My Ancient Essence and the Eternity of My Being, I knew My love in thee, wherefore I created thee, cast upon thee My likeness, and manifested unto thee My beauty." And this likeness and beauty appeared only through the revelation of the Presence of the Essence in the mirrors of Names and Attributes, even as We have detailed its decree aforetime. And verily now, O My brother, I have mentioned and cast upon thee all the stations of Names in the dawning-places of Attributes, and whatsoever pertaineth thereto and terminateth therein, with most perfect and eloquent expression and most sublime and impregnable exposition. When all that We have indicated unto thee of the subtleties of the Divine Realm and the mysteries of the Celestial Domain is established, it shall be proven that I have interpreted for thee all meanings and explanations, and whatsoever can be designated by name or trace, mention or description, manifestation or concealment, and all that floweth upon the tongue and can be expressed in speech. Notwithstanding all this, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, I possess treasures of meaning in these divine letters, yet I am unable to let fall a single drop from this Ocean of Oneness and this surging Sea of Eternality. It is as though I have not interpreted it by a single letter in the melody which God hath taught me from the songs of the birds of glory in the pavilions of eternity. By God! Were I to mention but a sprinkling of the meanings which God hath deposited therein, the servants would not be able to bear it, nay, they would fall senseless in that very moment. And since the matter is thus, be content with what I have been pleased to bestow upon thee and have cast upon thee of the gems of knowledge and wisdom. Then beseech God, thy Lord, that He may inspire thee with all meanings and explanations in a single letter of His Names, for verily He is the All-Powerful over all things and the Most Exalted above all things. He expendeth as He pleaseth and giveth as He willeth.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee, therefore, to send upon Thy servant the winds of Thy love, that I may arise with mine eyes to serve Thee. Whether Thou givest - and Thou art indeed the Giver unto them that ask - or whether Thou deniest me - and Thou art verily the Withholder from them that seek - Thou art at such times the Possessor of both these Names in both these acts, and it mattereth not whether Thou art called by Thy Name the Giver or by Thy Name the Withholder. Then, alas for me and for Thy servants! Yet Thy servant asketh and hopeth that Thou wilt manifest unto the kingdom another command, for Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest.

I know not, O my God, how long Thou hast cast me into the mouth of the serpent and left me in the valley of abasement and deprivation. By Thy glory! I have reached in abasement the uttermost degree. Turn then, O my God, Thine eyes upon this dust, and Thy vision toward these ashes. Then open before the face

of this abased one the gates of Thy glory, and before the temple of this poor one the doors of Thy wealth, and upon this indigent one the gardens of Thy grace and the lights of Thy grandeur. Then shelter this outcast in the precincts of Thy mercy, and this rejected one in the shadow of Thy generosity. Then rain down upon him from the clouds of Thy bountiful grace and the heavens of Thy glorious wealth.

Dost Thou not witness, O my God, how the lamp in the niche of his heart and the light of his breast have been extinguished, and how the dove of his breast has ceased its flutterings of love, its movements of delight, and its notes of longing? Then judge Thou fairly, O my Beloved! Hast Thou seen one oppressed like unto me, or one deprived like unto my likeness, or one forbidden like unto my equal? Nay, by Thy glory! Such could not be counted, nor will ever be counted, wert Thou to search the kingdoms of the heavens and earth with the hosts of Thy hidden realm and the embodiments of Thy most exalted Names. Glorified, glorified art Thou! I am, before Thee, among those who repent and seek forgiveness.

And verily I, by God's grace and bounty, desire to mount the crimson steed and journey through the heaven of splendor until I reach the highest horizon of the celestial realm and the Ultimate Lote-Tree and the Furthermost Tree, that I may interpret this Divine Word in the Supreme Concourse, whereby the Maidens of Eternity in their snow-white chambers shall weep, and the Birds of Holiness upon the branches of the Tree of Faithfulness shall lament, that perchance this impenetrable mountain may be shattered in pallid souls and manifest therein the greatest signs of its Lord. Know thou that this inner Word, this Light of the Divine Essence, and this Mystery of Oneness hath stations and ranks that none can reckon save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things. Verily it is a Word wherein lie concealed oceans of meaning and treasured gems of knowledge. In its outward form it telleth of all things while being sanctified above all things, and through it the manifest is made apparent in the kingdom of creation and the hidden is concealed in the realm of invention. It is as though the ancient seas surge within this most mighty Word and most noble and upright Symbol, and there is naught but that deriveth its outer meaning from its outer form and its inner meaning from its inner essence. By it all in the heavens and earth are sustained, such that the sign of its revelation appeareth in all things, and there is naught but that beareth witness to it in its station. And I, at this moment, by God's grace, bounty, mercy and loving-kindness, shall mention some of its stations in the visible, limited worlds that thou mayest thereby know its hidden, concealed, and veiled stations as befitteth thy station and beseemeth thy rank. Otherwise, God hath not enabled anyone to truly know its worth, for the earth in its entirety is in its grasp, the heavens are folded up in its right hand, the signs are seized by its power, the lights shine forth through its might, the spirits are dispatched by its providence, and the countenances are veiled by its sovereignty. Glorified be God above what I have said or shall say, have known or shall know, have mentioned or shall mention, have described or shall describe, for all this is but now created from this ink flowing upon this luminous tablet. How can it be a proof for the Essence of Divinity and a path to the Beauty of Unity in the Temple of Transcendence upon the Garment of Muhammad? Know thou that the outward station of this Word among the stars and heavenly bodies is that of the sun; among letters and words it representeth the right pillar; among the ranks of divine action it representeth the Will; among the elements it representeth heat; among the seasons, summer; among measurements, length; in man's outer form it representeth sight, for the station of sight is that of fire; in man's inner being it representeth the heart; among the faculties it representeth the inner heart; among colors it representeth yellow; and among the elements it

representeth fire. Though in each of these stations it representeth all stations and ranks - for instance, when it representeth fire it also representeth water, and through it fire appeared in the worlds of creation and the servants are warmed by the heat of God's love. Thus when Moses, the Beloved, witnessed this Fire kindled from this divine Tree, he found in his heart such passionate love for God that the lights encompassed him on all sides. Then he cast off from his feet the sandals of limitation and drew forth his hands from the breast of unity, hearing the divine call from the Source of Lordship in the blessed spot on the right of the Mount of the Divine Essence: "O Moses! Verily I am God, the Lord of the worlds." Thereupon he drank the cups of beginning from the hands of grace […]

And when His hands emerged from the Pocket of Oneness, He heard the Divine Call from the Source of Lordship in the blessed spot on the right side of the Mount of the Divine Essence: "O Moses! Verily, I am God, the Lord of the worlds!" Thereupon he drank from the cups of beginning from the hands of grace, and entered the City of Eternal Life, and became alive with an enduring, everlasting life. Thus is the decree of water applicable to this fire, and if thou sayest this is water, it is truth wherein there is no doubt, and if thou sayest this is fire, it is truth wherein there is no uncertainty. For life is of the nature of water - whosoever drinks thereof shall live forever, and whosoever is deprived shall die, and by this water all things live. Do ye not see? And when there appeared from this fire in this Tree the decree of water, the name of water became true of it. And what water is greater than this sweet water, what wine more delicate than this rapturous wine, and what stream more pleasant than this ancient, primal, flowing stream - the First Spirit, the all-encompassing Light, the mystical Breeze, and the eternal Tree? For this water hath flowed by God's leave from the Spring of Oneness, having gushed forth from the Mountain of the Divine Essence, appearing in the form of fire in this eternal Tree, that ye might know the decree of water in the realm of fire and the decree of fire in the realm of water, even as was testified to by that which was sent down from the Throne of the Divine Essence. For on this day, at noontide, around the water upon the water around the fire it was visible. Likewise, if thou appliest to it the decree of earth, it is truth wherein there is no doubt, for by it souls find rest from their perturbation, and hearts become steadfast after their trembling and quaking, and by it the illumined, fiery hearts find repose upon this blessed, purified earth, and feet become firm in establishing God's exalted, sanctified Cause. And stillness is of the nature of earth, for God made it a place of rest and dwelling for the settlement of all that is therein and thereon and thereby and therefor. And likewise the decree of air flows upon it, for just as from air blow the outer, directional winds, so from it blow the musk-laden, spiritual breezes, the holy, eternal fragrances, and the pure, luminous waftings. Dost thou not witness how this eternal wind moved this tranquil soul, separated it from the land of limitations, and connected it to the realm of the Divine Essence and the center of Lordship? Thus were the elements of existence completed through these holy, eternal words. When Moses of eternity drank the brilliant white water from this crimson fire, and his heart found repose upon the spiritual earth in the realm of glory - the yellow sea - the breezes of faithfulness wafted upon him from the throne of meeting. Then was his creation perfected, his countenance illumined, his agitation calmed, his heart assured; he knew himself, found intimacy with the lights of the Divine Realm, witnessed the dawn of the Divine Essence in the lamp of the Realm of Might, was illumined by the sun of the Kingdom in the earthly realm, and there appeared from his countenance the beauty of grandeur in the pavilion of eternity through his annihilation in Him and his subsistence through Him. And if thou desirest to follow this light in the holy atmosphere in the heaven of this

Manifestation, then trust in God and say “In the Name of God and by God,” then bring forth thy hands from thy pocket and take from this kindled, blazing fire […]

Take from this blazing, burning fire and fear not, for though outwardly it appears as fire, inwardly it is light and mercy. God guides whom He pleases among His creation with this light, and whomsoever God guides is truly guided, and for whomsoever He leads astray, you shall never find a protecting guide. Thus has the face of grace appeared and the sun of guidance shone forth, and the creation of oneness was completed, and the veil was lifted from the celestial maiden of beauty, who appeared from lofty mansions in the pavilions of divine good-pleasure. The mirror of oneness reflected the lamp of transcendence, and the light of eternality shone from the niche of divine cloud, and the creation of all things was perfected when the Spirit established itself in the heaven of light. By God, O my brother, whenever you mention any of these words, expressions, allusions and signs - speaking of elements, pillars, stars and the like - they are uttered and mentioned in the stations of remembrance, explanation, description and elucidation, for this pertains to human nature and the stations of verbal mention. Otherwise, by Him Who holds my soul in His hand, from these divine letters were created the elements of divinity, the signs of lordship, the pillars of eternity, the divine seasons, the suns of beauty, and the stars of the divine cloud. Indeed, there originated from them that which cannot be mentioned by the tongue nor perceived by sight, save on the day when human perception is renewed by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. At that time, there shall descend upon you what was not mentioned in those days, and other doors shall be opened unto you, for He does whatsoever He wills in whatsoever way He pleases. You shall find fresh, new fruits from a new and wondrous tree, and shall enter the paradise of your Lord, the Most Merciful, delighting therein in the perpetuity of His eternity, the permanence of His everlastingness, and the antiquity of His sovereignty. Thus know the mysteries of the divine identity in this luminous, sanctified pavilion. By God, O my brother, I have completed the word for you and perfected the blessing upon you. No letter remains but I have cast it to you, no word but I have guided you to it, no light but I have caused it to shine for you, no sun but I have made it rise for you, and no spirit but I have sent it to you. If you would be among the wayfarers of the divine cloud, then cast the bucket of meanings into this well of eternality. And if you find the youth of sorrow in the form of a thread in the shirt of blood, do not sell him for a few counted dirhams from limited souls, but make him merchandise for the kingdom, lest you be recorded as unjust in the Egypt of immortality before the mighty encounter. Therefore be fair, O servant - has anything remained, whether in the heavens or on earth, in the unseen or the visible, that I have not explained to you and made clear through the melodies of the holy birds and the songs of those who circle the throne? Perchance the sun of fairness might shine upon you in this arena, that you might be fair in the Cause of God and the cause of His loved ones and chosen ones. Therefore judge fairly by God, O servant - can such delicate, subtle water flow from turbid springs? Can this ancient, divine fire be kindled from the tree of rejection? Can this goodly, enduring fruit come from barren soil? Can this divine, mystical warbling come from dull tongues? Can these wondrous, rapturous remembrances emerge from dead hearts? Say: Do you not witness how the clouds of grace have been raised […]

Be fair, O servant, in the name of God! Can these delicate, translucent waters flow from muddied springs? Can this ancient, divine fire be ignited from the tree of denial? Can this goodly, enduring fruit spring forth from barren soil? Can these divine, nightingale-like melodies issue from stammering

tongues? Can these wondrous, soul-ravishing remembrances emerge from lifeless hearts? Say: Do you not witness how the clouds of grace have been raised up, and the rains of bounty and loving-kindness pour down from every direction? If you find within yourselves a thirst of love for this shining, divine, and eternal Countenance, then drink of these flowing, cascading waters, that your souls may find peace, your hearts be cooled, and refreshment may reach your hearts and bodies, your outer and inner beings, your beginning and your end. Thus may you repose upon the thrones of your hearts, drink from the springs concealed in your slumber, and behold the Beauty of the Divine Essence in the mirror of your souls, in the dawning-place of your beings, and in the dayspring of your beauty.

At that moment, when the mysteries of the Divine Identity were completed in the garment of the letter Vav, and the creation of the new was perfected in the temple of eternity, I desired to make mention of the fire which telleth of this Fire in the element of earth, that thou mayest witness the [atoms] of wisdom and the wonders of power in the handiwork of thy Lord and the creation of thy Maker. Know thou that if thou takest from this fiery element which groweth from the tree of this Mount, and cleanseth it with the utmost cleansing, and washeth it with the water which appeareth from the fire sprinkled upon the face of the cloud and descendeth from the cloud that is gathered in the air, and returneth it to the pure white earth from which it appeared, and blendeth them until they become one thing and one essence, the mysteries of the Cause will be made manifest unto thee in this most great kingdom, and thou wilt become independent of all who are in the heavens and self-sufficient beyond all who are on earth, and through the most manifest power of God thou wilt attain unto the greatest treasure of God. And if thou desirest to reach it by another path, take from this brilliant white water and manage it until thou makest its outer part inner and its inner part outer, that its inner oiliness which lieth in the depths of this water may become manifest until it becometh a luminous, subtle oil which the fires cannot burn nor the fire of fancy harm. How wonderful is this noble handiwork and this mighty tiding! There existeth not in all creation a greater sign than this nor a more exalted matter, and none shall succeed in this save whom God willeth from among His chosen ones and His elect from among His creation and from His noble and righteous ones. And in the element of earth nothing telleth of this Divine Fire and this Light of the Identity save this noble handiwork and this veiled symbol and this masked secret and this hidden mystery, for in one thing all natures appear and from it are separated the four elements according to their colors and natures of heat and cold and moisture and dryness. And if thou wouldst purify them and blend them, this element would be perfected for thee in this station. And though it be water in its subtlety and outward form, yet it is fire in its essence and nature, and earth in its dryness, and air in the multiplicity of its colors and manifestations in the stages of treatment. And there cometh forth from it that which burneth away all that is in its nature and essence of excess cold and inharmonious corrupting moistures. And if thou knowest this red light and this brilliant white earth and returnest this spiritual watery fire to the body of this brilliant earth, thy purpose will be accomplished in three days, and if God should will, it would be accomplished more quickly than that, in less than an hour. But strive thou to transform this luminous thirsty earth and water it with this golden, oily, illuminating water, that thou mayest witness the mysteries of Lordship in the earthly element and know the essences of power in the inner secrets of creation. Then know thou that the station of this earth is the station of the bone which hath spirit and soul and body, as thou witnesseth in man. And if thou takest the soul and the spirit and purifieth them until they become like the red ruby, and breathest this holy spirit into the body of this dead bone, this

decayed bone will be quickened by the leave of God, the Lord of the Ancient Light and the Sovereign of this mighty element, for this matter is of the two most great lights.

This Holy Spirit breathes into the body of these dead bones that these decayed bones may live by the leave of God, the Lord of the Ancient Light and the Master of this Mighty Pillar. For this Cause is from the two Greatest Luminaries, and when thou knowest them both and takest from them according to thy need, and temperest their natures after separating them, and purifiest them, and unitest them, and blendest them until they become one thing, all operations in every mineral realm shall be perfected for thee. And there hath been no operation in this endeavor for anyone save through these two Mightiest Pillars: the White Light and the Red Fire. Their management is easy for whomsoever God hath assisted and guided in His Cause, and made him among the treasurers of His knowledge, the bearer of His revelation, the companion of His Cause, the mine of His wisdom, the trustee of His secret, the repository of His grace, and the fountainhead of His bounty. And if thou shouldst follow this principle which We have mentioned to thee in all the ranks of knowledge concerning minerals and plants, after turning unto God and achieving extinction in Him and subsistence through Him, thou shalt attain unto that which God hath intended for thee through the hidden treasures of His knowledge and the stored mysteries of His wisdom. For this principle is among the principles that have encompassed all possibility in their essence and all creation in their form, for the Cause is naught but separation and union. And if thou art able to separate all that is in the heavens and earth, and unite them all after purification until they become one thing, the mysteries of this mighty secret shall be made manifest unto thee. I seal these words with the remembrance of God, the Most High, and I say: This is the Truth from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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My spiritual beloved, who has been named Ali-Qabl-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God and His light, may consider:

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through the influence of His Most Exalted Pen to all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Then did every tongue speak, every ailment heal, every ignorant learn, every poor one become enriched, every seated one arise, every stationary one hasten forward. Through Him all faces turned and all souls drew near, and the dove of utterance warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Proof. Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The glory shining from the horizon of the will of the All-Merciful be upon the daysprings of divine knowledge and the dawning-places of certitude - they who have arisen on their feet, who have spoken with their tongues, who have gestured with their sleeves, and who have indicated with their eyes and eyebrows toward God, their Creator, their Fashioner, their Provider, their Quickener, and their Slayer. These are servants to whose acceptance, sincerity, humility, submissiveness and steadfastness in this Cause the Most Exalted Pen hath testified -

the Cause whereby the mountains have crumbled and the faces of the people of error, who have turned away from the final outcome and accepted every heedless impostor, have been darkened.

Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of Names and Ruler of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Pen moved upon the Tablet and revealed Thy servants and creatures, to assist Thy chosen ones to serve Thy Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines nor the oppression of the princes shall deter them. Then, O my God, brighten their eyes with the lights of Thy countenance and illumine their hearts with the splendor of Thy knowledge. Moreover, manifest through them in the realm of creation that which shall endure throughout the dominion of Thy kingdom and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And now, O essence of my heart and delight of my soul, the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the True One, was diffused when I opened thy letter. By the life of the Beloved! I found therein what trees find in the rain. When I read and understood it, I desired the hidden mystery and the treasured secret. When I presented myself and attained the honor of His presence, the sun of permission shone forth and I submitted its contents before His countenance. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which was as spirit to bodies, light to eyes, the water of life to the thirsty, and the choice wine of divine knowledge to the peoples of the contingent world. He, exalted be His glory and mighty His dominion, said: "O thou who drinkest from the cup of My love! Hearken unto My call from around My shrine. Verily, there is no God but I, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through Our grace. This is thy first letter which the servant present before the Throne hath brought and read by Our command. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Wise. Well is it with thee, O thou who hast turned to the Countenance and attained unto this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of Names, and hast heard the call of the Wronged One when He was speaking in His Name, the Dominant over what was and what shall be. Thou hast attained unto that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou ablaze with the fire of the Cause and radiant with this Light whereby all who dwell in the kingdoms of the unseen and the seen have been illumined. Blessed art thou for having desired to serve thy Lord and for having spoken among the servants that which thou didst hear and witness in this praiseworthy Station. Remind the people of the Most Great Steadfastness and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded existence. We counsel them to be steadfast in such wise that neither the book of the sinful nor the leaves of the infernal tree shall deter them. Say: Should anyone bring you the book of the wicked, leave it behind you, then read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in a preserved tablet."

Convey My greetings to all the friends from this Wronged One and say: In numerous Tablets mention hath been made of the Cause and its greatness, and of steadfastness and its station, that all may, through divine bounty, attain unto such a state wherein neither the world, nor its conditions, nor its manifestations, nor its might may debar them from the horizon of the All-Merciful. Mention of the cawer and the birds of night was revealed in Tablets during Our sojourn in Iraq and in the Land of Mystery and in the Most Great Prison, and sent to all regions that all might become aware and act in accordance with that which God hath willed. It was observed that certain souls were deprived of the warbling of the Nightingale of the Divine Manifestation by the mewing of a cat, despite their claim to high ranks of steadfastness. God willing, the fragrances of the All-Merciful must needs be so diffused in that land that

none shall find occasion to hesitate. Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord, and vocal in His remembrance and praise amongst the servants. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee.

O beloved of My heart! Strange it is that certain souls cannot distinguish between a foul odor and the fragrance of musk. Consider the people of the Bayan who are now turned away - they walk exactly in the path of the people of the Furqan, yet call themselves people of the Bayan, and with the utmost deceit and guile are occupied in leading holy souls astray. Among them is Mirza Ahmad of Kirman who at first showed the utmost devotion and sincerity, but later, due to his madness and reprehensible deeds, was cast aside. He went to certain cities in the land of Kha, speaking that which his self and passion commanded. When his inner secrets were exposed and he was frustrated, he returned and sent several petitions to the Most Holy Court with complete supplication, penitence and remorse. He then went to the land of Ha and took refuge with one of the holy souls, who sent a petition to the Most Holy Court interceding for him. Later he went to the great city and broke the Covenant, sending forth certain vain satanic utterances to various regions. By the life of God, one is astonished at such souls! Now several petitions from this unjust one exist wherein he hath shown such helplessness that whoever would see them would be convinced of his sincerity, acceptance and faith. Yet wherever he went, his deeds and words became the interpreter of his inner reality, and now they have expelled him from the great city. God protect us and the company of the monotheists from his deceit and the deceit of his like. Before the faithful he appears in complete agreement and claims faith and certitude, while before the unfaithful he appears in complete accord. In these days he obtained a book from the Prison and sent it to Abadih in Shiraz, and from there they sent a copy of this Prison book to one of the friends in this land. The details were submitted to the Most Holy Court. This utterance was revealed from the tongue of the All-Merciful - exalted be His glory: Those who are nourished by the fruits of the Supreme Pen are not barred from the Lord of Eternity by the books of the world, much less by such delirious utterances.

Likewise, in a Tablet to one of the sons of Khalil who is in those regions, these blessed and decisive words were revealed - holy be His glory: “In the first year, these blessed words were heard from the Most Exalted Pen: ‘Blessed are they who have recognized this wondrous Cause and turned unto this wondrous Path. This lofty and most exalted station cannot be attained except through the effacement of all that was before and through attentive ears. Well is it with him who hath attained unto this most glorious and most resplendent station.’”

I beseech God to aid all to hearken unto the divine Word. By Him Who is peerless in utterance and unique in speech! If the peoples of the world were to hearken to these two passages that have been mentioned, they would assuredly discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and would be so enkindled by the heat of the love of the Lord of all beings that they would regard all else besides God as non-existent and evanescent. How sweet is that fragrance when it is diffused amongst the peoples! The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid all to recognize this Cause through which the foundations of existence were shaken, save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, hath willed.

Reflect upon this verse revealed in the Most Holy Book, which was sent down upon the initial arrival at the Most Great Prison. His glory be exalted! He saith: “O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state which God does not approve. We see therein that which none knoweth except God, the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed. And We perceive that which secretly passeth from thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a perspicuous Book."

God, our Lord, the Lord of our fathers, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth, hath spoken truly. We have believed in Him and in His knowledge which hath preceded all created things, and in His mercy which hath encompassed the worlds. You yourself know that when the Most Holy Book was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, even Ahmad was not outwardly present. From the allusions in the revealed verses, he must have had a companion in that land. However, afterwards the Ancient Tongue gave glad-tidings to that land, saying: "Grieve not at this. God will raise up therein men of mighty strength who will remember Me with such remembrance that neither the misgivings of the learned nor the doubts of the suspicious will keep them back. These shall behold their Lord with their own eyes and shall cause Him to triumph by their own selves. These, verily, are of those who are steadfast."

Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in the nights and days. Several years ago, one day Jinab-i-Amin - upon him be the Glory of God - was present in the Most Holy Court. The Countenance of the Ancient One turned to him and said: "Verily, We perceived a foul odor from the Land of Kaf and Ra." And this evanescent servant wrote this matter several years ago in reply to one of the friends. Glory be to God! How far these suspicious souls appear to be from the straight path, despite the revealed verses, the manifest proofs, the shining evidences, and the visible signs! They wander and walk in the wilderness of idle fancies. They have not understood the meaning of the Day of God - for had they understood it, they would not have remained veiled for less than that, but would have turned with their whole being toward the Most Great Ocean and hastened thereto. It seems they are heedless of the Greatest Trump and unaware of the Most Great Call.

One of the Letters of the Living inquired of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice - concerning "Him Whom God shall make manifest" Who is mentioned in the Bayan. Such an answer was revealed from the Source of the Command that every fair-minded soul would perceive that this station hath no need of mention, description, definition or praise. Rather, it is sanctified above all that hath been or shall be said, for no one's knowledge hath ever encompassed Him or ever shall, and no soul's understanding hath ever fathomed Him or ever will. This servant is astonished at what the heedless souls have understood and to what they cling. In any case, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice - spoke these exalted words in response to the questioner. His mighty Word states:

"I have indeed received thy letter, and that which is contained therein is a gem. Were it not for what is in it, I would not have answered thee on this paper, nor at this moment with the most exalted words that could be ordained in creation. How great is the mention of Him about Whom thou hast inquired! That indeed is more exalted, more mighty, more glorious, more inaccessible, and more holy than can be comprehended by hearts through their knowledge, or spirits through their prostration before Him, or souls through their praise of Him, or bodies through their mention of His glory. How momentous is thy question, and how insignificant thy being! Can the sun which is but a mirror of His manifestation in the Point of the Bayan ask about the Sun before Whose countenance those very suns, if they be true suns, prostrate themselves on the day of His manifestation? Otherwise they are unworthy of His sacred loftiness and the exaltation of His remembrance. Were it not that thou art from the First Vahid, I would

have imposed limits upon thee for having asked about the God Who created thee, sustained thee, caused thee to die, and raised thee up in this form through the Point of the Bayan in that Manifestation unique in being. Say first, when thou wishest to bring His remembrance to thy mind: 'Glory be to God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm' nineteen times…"

If the people of the Bayan or the people of the world were illumined with the light of fairness and would observe and ponder these crystalline words which have shone forth from the dawning-place of the heaven of divine knowledge, they would all surely turn with their whole being to the Ocean of Life. They have taken the essence of the entire Bayan and mentioned it in the most wondrous utterance. In truth, this blessed word is an incomparable gem and is reckoned as a peerless utterance in the Book. It is the unique pearl of the ocean of knowledge and the singular word of the Kingdom of utterance. His mighty Word states:

"And I have written a gem concerning His mention, which is that He cannot be known through My allusion nor through what is mentioned in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that word is greater in the sight of God than the worship of all who are on earth, for the essence of all worship leads to that. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know Him Whom God shall make manifest, for He is more glorious and more exalted than to be known through any other than Himself or to be indicated by the allusion of His creatures. Verily, I am the first servant who hath believed in Him and in His verses, and I have taken from the virgin gardens of the paradise of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory, He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and all are upheld by His command."

With these clear utterances, conclusive words, exalted verses, and irrefutable proofs, the people of the Bayan have avoided mention of Divinity and have arisen in opposition and objection to such a degree that cannot be described. Consider the loftiness of this Cause, its exaltation, its glory and its station, and then observe the baseness of these ignorant people. Like unto the followers of the Furqan, they desired to introduce for a thousand or two thousand years the game of successorship, and likewise to appoint Imams, Chiefs and Nobles. The Supreme Pen in this Most Great Revelation proclaims: "This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Revelation, did ye but witness it. None is mentioned therein save God alone, did ye but perceive it. He hath come with the truth, sanctified above every witness and witnessed thing, and exalted beyond all that hath flowed from the Pen and been uttered by the tongue, did ye but know it."

Each faction among the factions has clung to a word, turning away from its Owner, its Revealer, and its Creator. Some have said that the station of Divinity is too great - one cannot accept this station from anyone. These have denied what the Point of the Bayan uttered and that wherewith the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, have given glad tidings. The Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - declares: "Verily, He speaks in all things, saying: 'I am God,'" and likewise says: "Should He be established upon the dust, every atom of dust would proclaim: 'This is the Throne whereon the All-Merciful hath been established.'"

The Point of Revelation is today mentioned in the tongue of the people of Baha with these words: "Verily, He hath ever been sanctified above the mention of Names, and above them, below them, and beside them. He cannot be known through aught else nor described by aught other than Him. All things have

testified that He is, verily, the Sanctified, the Exalted above all allusions, utterances, evidences, unities and eternities." Some have objected that He must appear at the time of Mustaghath, while the time for His appearance had not yet come. These shameless people would set a time for the Ancient King, of Whom the Point of the Bayan says: "He is sanctified above My mention and allusion." This mention of Mustaghath which He made was to prevent the outsider, and He made this word alone a cause for the testing of the people. How can He Who, by the testimony of the Point of the Bayan Himself, cannot be known through the entire Bayan, be known through the word Mustaghath, which is but a part of the Bayan, while "verily, He cannot be known through the Bayan"? Moreover, He says that if He should appear at this time, it is incumbent upon all to acknowledge that Blessed Tree. In the Book of Hayakil the mystery of Mustaghath is evident - blessed are they that know. And He gave glad tidings to this same questioner, who was one of the Letters of the Living and who is still living, that he would attain His presence. His mighty Word declares: "Perchance in eight years, on the day of His manifestation, thou shalt attain the presence of God. If thou dost not attain it at the beginning, thou shalt attain it at the end. But be thou assured that the Cause is greater than every great thing, and the Remembrance is mightier than every mighty thing."

They who hold fast to the Most Great Name should meditate upon these sublime words, lest they be debarred by mere words from the ocean of inner meanings and be prevented by mention of 'Him Whom God shall make manifest' from His sovereignty. O by my Lord! Verily this Cause is greater than every great thing, and this Remembrance is mightier than every mighty thing. Blessed are they who understand, and joy be to those who are insightful and contemplative. This evanescent servant has repeatedly mentioned these remembrances in letters to the friends. However, as in these days the braying of the ravens that was promised has been raised and the book of perdition has appeared, it is mentioned again so that that Beloved One may make the friends aware, that the people of Baha may witness what befitteth them and may manifest the most great steadfastness. God willing, all should observe the verses of Truth, nay rather memorize them, that they may at all times be blessed with the sweetness of the water of divine knowledge.

As to what you wrote that after attaining the divine presence, you witnessed another station granted by the establishment of the Chosen Beauty, such that all those aspects and conditions of previous steadfastness were, compared to what followed, but wavering itself and the very essence of agitation. And likewise you beseeched the Exalted Truth, magnified be His grandeur and glorified His majesty, to cause you to attain a station wherein you would, in His path of love, detach yourself from soul and spirit, from name and fame, from being and nothingness, from honor and dishonor. All these matters were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold, exalted be His greatness. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. God willing, may it be witnessed with perfect sanctity and detachment and whatsoever beseemeth the Day of God, and may the station of the most great martyrdom be attained. Today, service to the Cause is among the greatest of deeds. Assured souls must engage in teaching the Cause of God with perfect wisdom, that the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful may be diffused in all directions. This martyrdom is not limited to the shedding of blood, for it is possible for one to be recorded in the Book of the Lord of Names as a martyr while still

possessing the bounty of life. Blessed art thou for having desired to sacrifice all that thou hast and art and all that is with thee in My path.

At this station, this evanescent servant sets forth before you the utterance of the All-Merciful that was revealed concerning the station of martyrdom of the King of Martyrs, that all the friends may gather the sublime and exalted pearls from the ocean of divine utterance. Thus speaks He, exalted be His glory, addressing ’Ali-before-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny:

“All the chosen ones of God must, God willing, arise to that which will promote the Cause of God, and act accordingly. Let them ponder which deeds today will cause the elevation of the servants and the advancement of the Cause. Conflict, contention and corruption have been forbidden in most of the Tablets, and this blessed word hath descended from the heaven of the divine will: ‘The Cause of God must be promoted through wisdom and utterance, not through the sword of steel or aught else.’ Many such utterances are found in the divine verses. The possessors of insight have, God willing, seen and understood. In this case, the people of truth must ponder what will remove the veils of the people and cause the exaltation and elevation of God’s Cause.

O ‘Ali! Reflect upon that which hath flowed from the Pen. In life, sacrifice thyself in the path of Truth. This is a martyrdom that is not limited to pen, tongue, utterance and tablets. The Letter ?a’, upon him be from all glory its most glorious, attained unto this supreme martyrdom, even before his outward martyrdom, for he had no will, desire or thought of his own. All these he sacrificed for the Beloved, and afterwards attained unto outward martyrdom, offering up his life in the path of the True Beloved. He removed the crown of life from his head and cast it at the feet of his Friend. Blessed is he who hath recognized this station, and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Verily, whosoever hath truly surrendered himself unto God and become effaced from self in His path, such a one will not consider his own station, rank, fame or name, but will fix his gaze upon the Cause of God and that which establisheth His wisdom. I swear by the Sun of My utterance! He who hath attained unto that which My Pen hath spoken hath indeed prospered in all the worlds of My dominion. Beware lest anything debar you from My straight path.

All must strive with the utmost effort to acquire the word of divine good-pleasure. The people are ignorant and heedless. A teacher is needed, and if that teacher acts in accordance with the command of God, surely the light of his utterance will illumine the world and draw the peoples to the direction of the Ancient Beauty.

O ’Ali! Since God - exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur - hath sanctified the promotion of His Cause from conflict, contention, the drawing of swords and the like, therefore must we hold fast to the cord of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. If anyone acts for the sake of God according to what hath been mentioned, this will surely have an effect in the world and will rend asunder the thick veils, for that which God hath ordained as the cause and means for the victory and advancement of His Cause is indeed penetrating and effective. To this testifieth every discerning soul.”

This evanescent servant, from the time of the preliminary events in the Land of ?ad, hath been uttering “Would that I had been with them!” Truly they attained unto a station the yearning for which shall

forever remain with those who are nigh unto God, the sincere ones, and the likes of this evanescent servant. Now we beseech the Exalted Truth that He may cause both you and this servant to attain unto this martyrdom which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, that we may, in our lifetime, sacrifice ourselves in service to the Friend and attain unto that which God hath willed.

As to what you wrote about the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar being designated in the land of Ta, and likewise being established and becoming established through God's grace in other lands - these matters were presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply: "Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God hath been made, and His praise glorified." This binding decree was revealed in the Most Holy Book. However, these matters are contingent upon wisdom. In all cases one must look to the horizon of wisdom, for the corrupt ones and troublemakers lie in wait, seeking to find a pretext to raise an uproar. Among the followers of the Furqan, naught remaineth of the fundamental divine laws and God's religion save a name. All are wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings, clinging to the ignorant ones of the earth. Nevertheless, they have striven and continue to strive with the utmost effort to extinguish the divine light that hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. Fie upon them and those who follow them! By the lights of the Ancient Countenance that endureth after the passing of all things - the people of the Bayan are seen to be more veiled, more lost, and more debased, for after the rending of veils and the burning away of allusions and glory-clouds, they have clung to the vain imaginings of the past. They have taken for themselves an idol besides God. Lo! They are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

The raising of Mashriqu'l-Adhkars in the cities and regions of the land of Kha is beloved, for it accordeth with the Book of God and His ways. But it must be concealed from all save trustworthy, steadfast souls. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve the Cause, and blessed is the servant who hath traveled through the lands to spread the signs of the Lord of Creation. However, in the lands of Ta and Ya and Shin and elsewhere, one must be patient and hold fast to the cord of patience until the Sun of the Cause shineth forth from the horizon of permission, for in these places the manifestation of such matters lieth outside the requirements of wisdom. Would that the heedless people would understand their own manifest interests! We see them in profound ignorance. Should any soul understand what is truly good for him, he would not exchange a single letter of God's commandments for the whole world. Alas! Alas! Their deeds have deprived them of God's mercy, His knowledge and His commandments.

As to the matter of the Blessed Spot - it is most beloved, and an explicit command hath previously been revealed by the Supreme Pen. However, its affairs must remain concealed, for some of the friends are weak and with the slightest hesitation or doubt they make mention of it, while the oppressive souls lie in wait. If they do not interfere, they may demand payment of funds. The taking of funds is not and was not acceptable, but such matters may cause grief to holy souls. Therefore, the utmost wisdom must be observed in all affairs. We beseech God to assist that person in serving the Cause. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Consider how God hath designated this Blessed Spot for the good of all on earth;

nevertheless, should they become aware of it, they would arise in lamentation and wailing and cry "O Religion!"

You mentioned you had sent numerous letters with no response received over a long period, even ages and centuries passed with no word, until recently when Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (may the glory of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, be upon him) sent your letters addressed to this ephemeral one. He wrote that correspondence had been delayed en route, and likewise regarding the box of paper and pens - they wrote these days that the box has now arrived. The point is that apparently no news was received, otherwise the response would not have been neglected. God willing, may you be so enkindled by the fire of divine love that you become the cause of igniting frozen souls. Thus far was the response to one of your esteemed letters, and then another joy-bestowing letter cheered this grieving heart. Complete delight was obtained from its fragrances, for it began with mention of your Beloved and our Beloved and the Beloved of all in the heavens and earth. Subsequently it was presented at the Most Holy Court. His utterance, exalted be His grandeur:

"God willing, may they attain to that which they have beseeched from the Exalted Truth. Blessed is he who has turned to the Supreme Horizon, who has drunk of the Kawthar of immortality and the Tasnim of the divine presence from the hand of bounty of the Lord of Names. And God willing, may they speak and make mention of the Truth, sanctified from all things, that perchance dead souls may be quickened by the breaths of remembrance and attain to the station of 'Verily, unto Him shall we return.' The Day is manifest, and this is the Day which all have been promised, and the lights of the Sun of Truth are visible, yet the ignorant ones of the earth have turned away from it, for the nature of the bat has overcome those souls. Therefore are they deprived of the rays of the Sun of inner meanings. Convey greetings from the Lord of Names to the friends in the land of Kha. Verily We give them glad tidings of My remembrance and My mention and My loving-kindness, and We remember them as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Those souls who have ascended the heights of certitude and have drunk from the Salsabil of life in the days of the All-Merciful are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Say: O trees of the garden of divine love! The rains of mercy are ever flowing and descending. God willing, may the conditions of the world and the oppression of nations not deprive you thereof. By the life of God! The world and all therein are transient. Strive that ye may drink from the Euphrates of the mercy of the All-Merciful. By the Divine Essence! Whosoever drinks thereof is adorned with eternal life and an everlasting ornament, and arises to serve his Lord in such wise that neither the blame of the blamer nor the derision of the infidels who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, can turn him aside. O friends! Gather together with joy and fragrance, and with perfect wisdom and utterance, and drink of the most pure and luminous wine in the name of the Lord of Power. Verily it is My wondrous love, My cherished word, and My holy, transcendent, sublime remembrance. Be not saddened by the calamities of the world. By God! The ocean of joy yearns for your presence, for every good thing hath been created for you and will appear according to the requirements of time. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen give you glad tidings from this Most Great Prison as a bounty from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous."

With regard to what was mentioned about your attention being directed to the land of Kha, and your entry into the land of Ba, and your sojourn there for nine full days, and the manifestation of the fire of love among souls turning to God - praise and thanks be to God Who confirmed you in mention, praise and service to His Cause. God willing, the breezes of discord will be cut off from all directions and the sweet fragrances of unity and harmony will waft among the friends. The first and foremost cause for the exaltation of God's Cause among His servants is unity and accord, as well as virtuous character and conduct. God willing, may all attain unto these.

Regarding what you wrote about the Sadat of Shahmirzad, upon them be the Glory of God, and their arising to make mention and offer praise and serve the Cause - this was presented at the Most Holy Court and He said: "God willing, may they ever attain to this most glorious and exalted station. We make mention of them as We mentioned them before, and We counsel them with that whereby God's Cause will be exalted in cities and lands."

Likewise, what you mentioned about various countries and lands was a source of joy and gladness. God willing, may they at all times manifest the fire of divine love with an ever-increasing flame, and strive each day to witness themselves occupying a station in the love of God higher than that of the previous day.

Concerning what you wrote about the sons of Khalil and the friends in that land, all was presented at the Most Holy and Supreme Court. His utterance, exalted be His grandeur: "O My loved ones in Kha! Hearken unto the call of God, your Lord, the Most Glorious. He makes mention of you with that which will cause your remembrance and your spirits to endure in God's Kingdom, the Lord of the worlds. Vie ye with one another in service to God and His Cause - this will profit you in this world and the next. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Informed, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over what ye witness today. A day shall come when the tongues of nations will proclaim: 'The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Informed.' Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with this luminous, holy, radiant Light. We counsel you, O My loved ones, with trustworthiness, truthfulness, and to act in accordance with what ye have been commanded in My Gracious Book. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you, from God, the One, the Single, the All-Wise."

Regarding what was mentioned about your visit to the land of ?ad and your mention of divine favors for the descendants of the Name of God, ?a, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory - it is known and evident that whosoever shows love today to these descendants is beloved of God. Praise be to God that you have been and are successful, and this righteous deed was accepted at the Most Holy and Supreme Court. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Letters have been received from Aqa Mirza Ism and the son of the martyr, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise they had written a letter to this servant for which a reply was sent. Praise be to God they are adorned with the ornament of divine love, and this garment has been and is befitting for all souls, were the people of the world to be adorned therewith.

Concerning what you wrote about representing this evanescent one, this was my utmost desire - praise be to God for this! In truth, this matter is among the greatest attainments. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to bestow a mighty reward. I bear witness that there is no God but Him, and that whosoever hath visited them is as one who hath visited the Lord of eternity upon the Most Great Throne. This blessed word did this servant hear from the Tongue of Grandeur, and the peerless portrait was accepted in the

most excellent state at the Most Holy Court, and they illumined it with the lights of the Throne, saying: "This is among the most glorious gifts that hath been presented before the face of the Lord of Names. Blessed is he and those whose names were mentioned before the Throne. Thus doth God remember His devoted servants."

Although this evanescent servant has caused you trouble and, as the Persians say, has been long-winded, yet since the primary purpose and true desire was to make mention of the Goal of all the worlds and His loved ones, there was and is no harm in it. The replies to the friends and dignitaries of that land have been and are being submitted, and God willing, will be sent gradually, as sending thick packets would not be wise. Likewise, some exalted, blessed, and holy Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of will in response to the petition of His Honor A.H.M., upon him be the glory of God, and the names mentioned in his petition. If God willeth, these will be sent later.

Another matter: news arrived from Hadba that His Honor, the spiritual friend Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, is returning. Therefore, nothing was submitted to him this time. I beseech the Most High to strengthen him in all conditions and ordain for him the good of both worlds. His petitions were presented at the Most Holy Court and responses were revealed which, God willing, will be sent. I convey my greetings and utter servitude to the honored friend Mulla Ali, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise to His Honor Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them both be the glory of God, and to Aqa Khudadad and Aqa Azizu'llah and other dignitaries, upon them be the glory of God. All that was sent to this servant was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and this servant has also submitted replies to some. I beseech God for the ability to succeed in sending them later.

Concerning what was mentioned that His Honor Mulla Ghulam-Rida from Shah[…] wrote to you that there is a small amount of the Right of God with this atom, and there are several poor and distressed people in this city, and moreover some Tablets and writings need to be copied and sent to the surroundings of this land - is it permissible to spend this amount on these purposes? Similar matters have previously been presented at the Most Holy Court. The firm ruling is that in every city, whatever exists or will exist of the Right of God must be presented at the Most Holy Court, and whatever ruling is issued should be carried out, so that every matter may be orderly. However, in this specific case, permission was granted for whatever His Honor Mulla Ghulam-Rida intended to do, though hereafter it would be preferable that they act according to what was revealed in the Most Holy Book, so that all may be adorned with the ornament of the will of the Beloved of the worlds.

The mention of the honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God, and others was made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. Thus spoke the Tongue of Power and Might: May all abide and rest beneath the gaze of loving-kindness and the shade of the Tree of Mercy. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon their faces and make mention of them through the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they for having attained unto the verses of God, His remembrance and His knowledge in His days. This is none other than a glorious station. The Glory be upon them and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention in this station of thy brother whose letter was present before the Throne. Give him the glad-tidings of Our remembrance of him that he may be of the thankful ones. We have read his letter and

have answered it. We shall soon send him, if God willeth, a gracious Tablet through which he will discover the fragrance of My remembrance and My utterance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. The Glory of God be upon him from God, the Lord of the worlds.

It is submitted that the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His blessed footsteps - has for some time gone to a place which is two days' journey from this land. God willing, after His return, whatever was submitted to Him concerning the degrees of sincerity, nothingness and self-effacement will be conveyed, and the expression of His favor will be sent to your honor. Glory and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

The Servant

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

The servant attained unto the presence of his Lord's mercy, and having washed his face and hands, turned towards the Supreme Horizon. When he arrived, He for Whom all in the kingdoms of command and creation would sacrifice their souls said: "Today is a feast and tomorrow is a fast." O servant in attendance! Today thou art blessed with divine bounty, tomorrow with abstinence from all else than Him. He commands and decrees, He forbids and bestows in all conditions and deeds. Verily, He is praised in His actions and obeyed in His command. Praise be to God! At that moment the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which intoxicated the servant to such extent that he forgot himself and all else, and the servant was immersed in the ocean of His utterance. His pervading Will summoned him once again, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word: "We have intended to move; it has been long since We visited the garden." Then, according to the binding command, preparations were made and He proceeded to the garden, accompanied by a group of the faithful. Along the way, mercy rained down from the heaven of grace until the garden became the seat of His throne. When He was established, He commanded the gathering to be present. When they had assembled and partaken of tea before the countenance of our Lord and the Lord of all worlds, He commanded me to bring forth pen, ink and paper. When these were brought, He for Whom all in the kingdoms of command and creation would sacrifice their souls spoke in your remembrance. How sweet is the fragrance of utterance by which God quickeneth all creation! He giveth life to whomsoever He willeth through His grace and mercy, and bestoweth upon whomsoever He desireth through His sovereignty. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Now I convey in Persian that by chance on the previous day your letter arrived, and after it was presented in His presence in the garden, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of all worlds, and that time was noon on Friday. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Speaker of Truth [...]

The Book speaks with truth before the faces of creation. Verily there is none other God except Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He has sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the justice of God behind their backs, clinging to every remote oppressor. They have abandoned righteousness and cast aside equity, holding fast to the hem of tyranny without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They behold the verses yet deny them, and hear what has been sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty yet turn away therefrom. They are indeed among the transgressors in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. They have denied Him through whose grace God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, has written, and have disputed with Him Who bore afflictions for their salvation, and have committed that whereat all things have lamented. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. They have turned away from Him unto Whom the Concourse on High has turned, and for Whose path the Spirit, the Faithful Spirit, has been sacrificed. Thus did the Tongue speak in the Bayan when the Ancient Beauty was walking therein, contemplating the mysteries of His mighty and wondrous Cause. By God! At His utterance arose the lamentation of the Primal Point and the cry of the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed is he who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings and rent asunder the veils of those who disbelieved in the signs of God, the Powerful, the All-Informed.

The servant present has brought thy letter and read it before Our face. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that whereat the ocean of utterance has lamented before the faces of all religions, and the Concourse on High has soared on the wings of grace and bounty until they circled round the Throne in this noble station. Thus has thy Lord taken the Kawthar of His utterance and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of His grace and the murmuring of the waters of His loving-kindness, yet most of the people are among the heedless. They are debarred from that for which they were created, as attested by Him Who speaks at this hour - He is God, the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have found from thy letter the fragrance of thy turning unto God, thy love, thy sincerity and thy rising to aid His mighty and great Cause. Blessed art thou! We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do that which He loves and is pleased with, and to manifest through thee that which shall never end throughout the eternity of His names and attributes. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth, yet most people are among the deniers. We love not to compel the servants by force, but rather by their own free will. Blessed are they that understand. Joy be unto thee for having held fast to the cord of remembrance and utterance in support of the Cause of this wronged and lonely One.

O Husayn! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In previous ages the Hand of Power caused the servants to attain, willingly or unwillingly, to that for which they were created. In this Most Great Revelation it is beloved that people should enter of their own accord and drink from the Salsabil of utterance. The Kawthar of utterance is present, the sealed wine is manifest before all faces, but the cup-bearer is rare. Ask thou God to raise up detached teachers for this mighty Cause who will act in a manner befitting this Day. Though praise be to God some are adorned with the ornament of detachment and have done in the path of God that which has amazed the Concourse on High - how many souls who

possessed wealth, bounty, glory and station nevertheless drank with utmost eagerness the Salsabil of martyrdom from the hand of bounty. The martyrs who with complete willingness and desire hastened to the place of sacrifice - all have seen and know of them. Yet this has not awakened them. They mention the sacrifice of old and glory in it, and though there is no doubt of his station, yet where are the stations of these souls compared to that? The difference is as between the Pleiades and the earth. Say […]

My God, my God! Send forth one who is illuminating, detached, kind, compassionate, content and thankful, that he may guide Thy servants beneath the shelter of Thy most great mercy and acquaint them with Thy straight path and Thy mighty message. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We beseech God to raise up souls who are worthy to impart this Most Exalted, Most Blessed Word, that they may guide the servants into the Goodly City and make them aware of that which God hath willed. He is powerful and mighty. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the throne and the dust, the Lord of the Hereafter and of former times.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and counsel them in that which befitteth the Day of God. By the Sun of Truth, every word that proceedeth from detached hearts is penetrating. Strive that perchance hearts and minds may be sanctified from the tales of the past and adorned with that which befitteth the Divine Day. Today the Word of God is effective, and the joy and gladness of the sincere proceed from it. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless.

This evanescent servant ever beseecheth the Eternal Truth for success on behalf of that beloved one, for His grace hath encompassed all, His confirmation hath assisted, and He hath enabled that beloved one to serve, to aid, to mention and to praise Him. Regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], that he was sent to the known villages to teach the divine Tablets, and likewise concerning the mention of his steadfastness and the names of those who have ascended unto God - upon him and upon them be the glory of God - these matters were presented before Him Who conversed upon Sinai. This is what God hath revealed in reply:

He saith, blessed and exalted be He: O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou didst turn unto Him and attain unto the word "Here am I," and thou didst hold fast unto service and became a bearer of Tablets. Well is it with thee, pleasant it is for thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty, praise thy Lord for this supreme grace. Remember thy Lord, for He hath remembered thee in the prison. We beseech God to enable thee to preserve that which He hath bestowed. The people of Baha are souls whom names have not withheld from the Creator of heaven. They know none but the Truth and mention none but the Truth. Such souls are worthy of this garden, this city, and this station. By the life of God, the Concourse on High take pride in such souls. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Garden. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower.

As to what was written regarding the honored beloved ones Mirza Mahmud and Aqa 'Abdu'l-Mu?sin, upon them be the glory of God, after presentation before the countenance of the Lord of Religions, a Tablet from the heaven of bounty was revealed and sent for each, that that beloved one may deliver

them. Likewise, especially for Ustad ’Abidin, upon him be the glory of God, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent forth. It is hoped that through the Kawthar of the utterance of the Beloved of the worlds, they may become detached and freed from all else save God. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Habib-i-Ruhani Aqa Muhammad Rida, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, that they intended to proceed with the honored Jinab, that is Jinab-i-’Ali Beg, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, to the Most Holy Court - after this matter was presented before His countenance, this supreme word descended from the horizon of the Divine Will, He doeth whatsoever He willeth. His words, blessed and exalted is He: “’Ali, upon him be My glory, is granted permission.” Likewise, specifically for Jinab-i-Muhammad Rida who hath attained, at this moment again the light of permission hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Will. However, these matters are contingent upon wisdom and consultation. Should it be agreeable, they may proceed; otherwise, for the first, the reward of attainment, presence, hearkening and beholding shall be inscribed and recorded in the Book of the Lord of all things by the Supreme Pen, and the second hath already attained and received his portion from the ocean of the All-Merciful’s utterance.

This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones in whatsoever today conduceth to the exaltation, elevation, manifestation and spread of the Word of God. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Karbila’i Baqir, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion - after presentation before the Throne of the Intended One, these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of Will. His words, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Will and the light radiating from the direction of My prison be upon thee, O thou who hast attained the choice wine of faith in the days of the All-Merciful and hast turned unto Him when most of the peoples of the world turned away. We, at this moment, make mention of thee with a mention through which God hath sent down upon thee in every time His mercy and His loving-kindness. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We beseech God, exalted is He, to spread for thee the carpet of forgiveness and to adorn thee with the ornament of pardon and beneficence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We were with thee at the time of thy ascension and We manifested Ourselves unto thee through My Name, the Forgiving, whereby the companions of Paradise and the black-eyed maidens in the highest Paradise were entranced. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, at the time of ascension thou didst attain unto the favor of the Truth. We have purified thee and forgiven thee and ordained for thee a station in the highest Paradise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

The divine mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all. That which is everlasting and enduring hath been revealed from the Kingdom of utterance. Well is it with him. Likewise mention was made of his survivors from the Tongue of Grandeur. That beloved one should give them the glad-tidings

and remind them that they may attain unto true joy and spiritual delight through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and His favors.

Concerning the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Baqir, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], from the people of Ya - after presentation before His countenance, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him. I beseech the Truth that they may discover from it the divine fragrances of revelation. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, whoso findeth it will detach himself from all else and from all names. His words, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

He is the One Who hath dominion over all who are in earth and heaven […]

O Baqir! Your mention hath come before the Wronged One, and the glance of loving-kindness is directed towards thee. God, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with His everlasting favors and heavenly sustenance, and standeth manifest before the faces of the world. Yet most factions have turned away and risen against His harm. Kings saw not their interests in acknowledging Him, and likewise the ministers and divines, although in the divine Books and Scriptures the Purpose hath been clearly and explicitly made manifest, and the Truth hath declared in most eloquent terms that this supreme Manifestation hath come for the reformation of the world and the advancement of the nations. His wish is that all be illumined with the light of unity and consort with one another in love and harmony, so that the whole earth may be regarded as one country and one land. However, those souls who are deprived of truthfulness and sincerity have imagined the Truth to be like unto themselves, and thus they strive and endeavor to extinguish the divine light. Would that the servants knew! Would that the people understood! For were they to become aware and discover the Purpose, all would turn towards Him and would utter the blessed words "We are God's!" Beseech God not to deprive the rebellious ones from the ocean of His bounty and bestowal, nor the ignorant from the effulgences of the Sun of knowledge, that all may come and find. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My mention in My prison - a mention that cannot be equaled by the mentions of the world and whatsoever is with the nations. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto God's favor and especially revealed for him was that which hath had and hath no likeness. How many are the accepted souls who exist today and have not yet, outwardly, attained unto a single word. Those who have attained should occupy themselves day and night in praise and thanksgiving to the Purpose of the worlds. In these days the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh at all times; from every direction petitions and letters wing their flight, and the waves of the ocean of favor are manifest. Therefore, they desire not to deprive any of the servants, but those souls who say "Is there any more?" and repeatedly seek the everlasting bounty from His abundant grace - this matter dependeth upon the will of God, exalted be His glory. If they attain, they must increase in thanksgiving; otherwise they must utter the blessed words "Praised is He in His doings and obeyed in His command." In any case, after mentioning their name in the Most Exalted Horizon before the countenance of the Lord of all mankind, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for them from the heaven of the favor of

the Purpose of the worlds. God willing, they shall attain unto it and be illumined by the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of utterance. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the All-Wise Ordainer, the All-Knowing […]

The Most Exalted Pen is bewildered as to what it should mention, for the signs of the world and the evidences more manifest than the sun are apparent and visible. The Luminary of power is shining and evident before all faces, and the ocean of wisdom and utterance is manifested in such wise that for none of the fair-minded is there any possibility for hesitation. The Blessed Tree is adorned with mature fruits, and the Book is at all times being sent down from the heaven of knowledge. Nevertheless, the people have turned away from the Self-Subsisting Lord and have clung to the dawning-places of idle fancies. The brilliant pearls that have appeared from the Ocean of the All-Merciful's grace are visible and present before every face. At every moment proofs and evidences appear and shine forth without pause. Glory be to God! They look but deny, they see but comprehend not. I know not by what cord they are clinging, or upon what path they are walking.

O Muhammad! One of My loved ones hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee with a mention from whose horizon light hath shone forth. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging to that which hath appeared from Thee and been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will. I beseech Thee by the arms of Thy power and the hands of Thy might, to aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause and to acknowledge that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. By Thy glory, O Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations! This servant of Thine hath acknowledged the oneness of Thy Being and the greatness of Thy Cause, and hath confessed to that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Will regarding Thy commandments and Thy laws. I beseech Thee to manifest through him that which beseemeth Thy days and shall endure in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The aforementioned souls have, praise be to God, each been blessed with the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, especially the exalted lady, the Leaf of Paradise, and likewise the speaking spiritual leaf, and the ladies, the Mother of Muhajer and the Mother of Dhabih, upon them be the glory of God and His favors. Praise be to God, all have been and are mentioned in the remembrance of the Desired One of the worlds. Some time ago, his honor the Trustee, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, made mention of that beloved of the heart and mention of the honored ladies in this servant's letter, and likewise made mention of that which they sent. All was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and was accepted and adorned. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist His loved ones and handmaidens at all times to that which is befitting. In truth, from the earliest days the leaves of that land have clung to the Blessed Tree. Despite the upheaval of the world and the opposition of the nations, they have done that which standeth as a brilliant and steadfast proof of their love, steadfastness, devotion and adherence. Divine confirmation and success have been and are their companions. Verily, our Lord and your Lord, and our Goal and your Goal is the All-Seeing, the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Another missive from that beloved of hearts has, like a spiritual key, unlocked the door of true affection. Praise be upon thy hand and arm! By the life of our Beloved, he has been and is a sincere seeker, an upright speaker, possessed of triumph and victory. If, for example, he were to raise but a kerchief upon a

staff, he would be the sovereign of banners and the uprooter of the standards of oppression. The Dehhak of the world has made it ready both for vengeance and for the manifestation of justice from the Lord of grace. A mere span or two of scorched, blackened, meaningless sanctuary became the standard of Kaveh and led the armies of nations. It is hoped that through God's grace–exalted be His glory–His antecedent mercy, and His perfect bounty, the arising of that beloved one will become the cause of life, thereafter transforming the remoteness of people to nearness, ignorance to knowledge, and tyranny to justice. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. The migrants and helpers whose names and mention had never been heard in any gathering, dwelling in a barren valley inherited by woeful stones, living among harmful beasts, each later became, through the effulgences of the Word, seated upon the throne of understanding in the highest station of contingent being. These stories of old have been heard and witnessed by all. Moreover, the deeds, steadfastness and stations of the chosen ones of this Cause have been and remain sanctified above any parallel or likeness, past or future. These are the souls who were mentioned before mention itself, and were known and existed before existence itself. One drop from the ocean of meaning of the blessed words "The believer is alive in both worlds" suffices–though verily this ocean hath no shore or bound. Blessed is he who ariseth from his station, casteth off his garments, and entereth the sea in the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. After its recitation, consideration and perusal, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. This is what the Tongue of our All-Knowing Lord hath spoken in this station. His blessed and exalted Word: He is the One Who watcheth over His loved ones.

O Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of the worlds! The Sun of Truth hath willed to send forth one of its effulgences which hath shone forth from the Luminary of Revelation, the One Who conversed on Sinai, and to manifest, as a token of grace unto the friends of God, exalted be His glory, one Word that hath appeared in the Kingdom of utterance from the Mother Book. Today the waves of the ocean of grace and the lights of the Luminary of justice have encompassed all, yet most are heedless and unaware. They behold the signs yet deny them, and pass them by, turning aside therefrom. The books of the world have been encompassed, and the scriptures are manifest before all faces. By God's life! For some time now this Wronged One hath, out of pure loving-kindness towards His loved ones, been speaking, else the people of the world were neither worthy to hear nor fit to behold, save those whom the hand of grace and bounty hath seized from God, the Lord of all mankind. Most behold the blessed Tree with its boundless novel fruits, and likewise the ocean and its waves, and the sun and its radiance, yet are deprived and forbidden therefrom. Gladden the loved ones with the mention and utterance of God, and give them the glad-tidings of His grace. Today the true Herald calleth out from every direction and giveth glad-tidings, yet the heedlessness of men hath prevented them and deprived them of the Kawthar and Salsabil which flow at every moment from the divine Pen. Remember My loved ones there with a mention that will attract the hearts and minds, and illuminate them with the lights of utterance, that the earth of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, may be illumined thereby. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Loving. In each letter thereof lieth concealed an ocean of meanings and utterance, yet the people do not understand. They worship the idols of their own selves, yet perceive it not. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God, and follow not the desires of those who have denied the signs of God, the Lord of existence. We have sent down from the Mother Book that which hath caused the

highest Paradise to quiver and the Concourse on high to be attracted, yet most of the people know not. At every moment there descendeth that which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath turned, and taken, and drunk thereof, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. Say: By the life of the Desired One! Your glory, your might, your power, and your riches shall pass away - to this your own realities bear witness, even if your tongues deny it. Fear God and follow not those who have denied God's grace and mercy, His proof and His Cause. Indeed, they know not. Glory be to God! Such means of grace have appeared from the Causer of causes that the eye of creation hath never seen their like. Sinai crieth out "I have attained unto Him Who conversed with me!" and Heaven proclaimeth "I have attained unto Him Who illumined me!" The fragrance of utterance hath captivated the dwellers of the highest Paradise, and the breezes of revelation have seized the reins of the chosen ones from the hands of the ardent lovers. The dust hath been stirred to speech by the breezes of the morn of revelation, and the mouldering bones have been quickened. Attraction and rapture have encompassed the whole of creation, yet the unjust ones of the world have said and continue to say that which causeth the world of existence to cry out "Would that I had never been!" In any case, thou and the friends should beseech the True One to unlock the sealed gates with the keys of utterance, and not to deprive His servants. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Convey to all the kindred My greetings from this Wronged One. His is the praise!

Convey My greetings to all those who are related to thee. To Him be praise, thanksgiving, gratitude and bounty, for He hath bestowed upon thee and thy kindred that of which most of the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My proof rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In every instance there is a wave from the ocean of grace and a radiance from the sun of mercy. Praise be to God, the place is blessed and seeketh, and the Giver bestoweth. God sufficeth us and He is the best Protector, the best Lord and the best Helper.

Concerning what thou hast written about the heedlessness, oppression and transgressions of the people of the Bayan, and likewise about the progress of the children who have ascended from barren lands through the breaths of revelation and have attained to the Kingdom of utterance - verily the divine traces in those who have turned unto Him appear more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye, transforming their very being in an instant and leading them from the corner of ignorance to the realm of knowledge. Glory be to God! His Holiness the Martyr of Zavarih sacrificed his life through but a single word. The details thereof have been revealed in certain Tablets from the Tongue of Grandeur - that which causeth hearts and souls to burn and be attracted.

Concerning the exaltation and progress of the children that was mentioned, in this connection a blessed word was revealed from the Tongue of Him Who is the Purpose of the world and the Herald of nations, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. His mighty Word declares: "In the Revelation of Him Whom God shall make manifest, His one-year old spiritual children are mightier than all the Bayan, for were they not mightier they could not surpass it and judge what is other than truth." And He - exalted and glorified be He - saith in another place: "If they were not mightier, they could not enter into the new Revelation and see that Revelation within its shadow." For they have rent asunder the veils

of names and, with the aid of the Beloved of the world, have shattered the idols of vain imaginings. This power cannot be weakened by the might of the world. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Concerning what thou didst write about the attraction, enthusiasm, longing and yearning of the people of the village - Glory be to God! Until now none has been seen who heard the divine verses and did not submit, except those whose essence was compounded of wickedness, indecency, rancor and hatred. The deniers of the Bayan have recently desired to move and speak contrary to the Will of God. They have chosen for themselves the station of the Shi'ih. Alas for the servants! Their deeds give them the lie but they perceive it not; their words deny them but they know it not. They were previously Shi'ih - what then was the cause of their avoidance of it, and what now is the reason for choosing it again? That which was in the hands of that heedless and oppressive party was, by the testimony of God, false. It was due to His patience and protection that most matters were hidden from view until such time as God shall reveal the measure thereof from His presence. He verily is the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The people of the village have been and are blessed with the favors and bounties of God, exalted be His glory, from the first dawning of the Day Star of Revelation from the horizon of the world. May God honor their faces by turning away from aught else but Him. On this blessed day each one hath been blessed with special favors. Mention of each was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur - mention that was adorned with the jewels of favors and bounties. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Glory be to His Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

This is a Book sent down through grace from the presence of God, the Most High, to him who is named Abdul-Ghani, that the verses of his Lord may draw him to a station wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!" We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless! Say: O people of the earth, render thanks unto God, for He hath fulfilled His promise, made manifest His path and revealed His proof, that He may draw you nigh unto Him on this Day whereon the Herald calleth out from a near place: "O people of the earth! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Promised One hath come with such clear evidence as the eye of creation hath never seen!" To this the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness from His exalted and glorious station.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. We make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto the pavilions of thy Lord's majesty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! That which hath been sent down for thee surpasseth all the ornaments and riches of the world. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen proclaimed with the most high call. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!"

We make mention of thy wife and give her glad tidings of My tender mercy and compassion which have preceded all things, and of My light wherewith the earth and all that is thereon have been illumined. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out to its leaf, and the Master to His handmaiden: "Behold the grace and bounty of God! He, from within the Most Great Prison, hath remembered thee with that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are devoted to the One true God." Blessed is the ear that hath heard My call, and the foot that hath hastened in the path of My good-

pleasure, and the eye that hath beheld My tokens, and the heart that hath turned unto My glorious and wondrous station.

We make mention of thy son and beseech God to strengthen him to remember and praise Him, to draw him nigh unto Him at all times, to shower upon him mercy and grace from His presence. He is verily the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

O Abdul-Ghani! When thou hast taken the cup of My loving-kindness from the hand of My bounty and drunk therefrom in My love and My Name, say:

"My God, my God! I testify that all names have bowed down before Thy Name, and the earth and heaven before Thy Command. I beseech Thee by the light that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, and by the Word whereby Thou hast illumined the hearts of Thy loved ones, to number me among such as have not been held back by the censure of the censurers from turning to the lights of Thy countenance, nor by the scorn of the aggressors from drawing nigh unto Thy horizon. O Lord! Thou knowest and seest that this servant desireth naught save the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation. The cup of Thy bounty hath taken hold of me, the Kawthar of Thy utterance hath attracted me, and Thy prevailing Will and all-encompassing Purpose move me as Thou pleasest. O Lord! Illumine my outward and inward being with the lights of Thy most exalted Word in Thy days. Then write down for me that which will exalt me through Thy generosity and bounty. Thou art verily powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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In regard to Aqa Muhammad Hashim, the head of the post office, upon him be the Glory of God, concerning whom they had written: previously a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him, and now again another Tablet has been revealed. None can reckon the bounties of God's Most Great Ocean - they are truly beyond the comprehension of the world and its peoples. This servant conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid him, that he may attain unto the new and everlasting life through the divine Tablet. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Lord of Yathrib and Hijaz.

If one were to reflect with fairness upon the Manifestations of old, and likewise upon this Most Great Manifestation and Momentous News, the tongue of his soul would utter the blessed words "there is none like unto Him." His word, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, which speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

Today the attraction of the Divine Word hath seized the realities of all things, and each at every moment giveth voice to a word. Blessed are they who have attained unto hearing. This Wronged One hath at all times summoned the servants unto the Lord of Creation, and at every moment hath appeared with clear proofs and evident testimony. Nevertheless, they have clung to vain imaginings and remained deprived of the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy. Whence hath such heedlessness arisen, and whereby hath such bounty been withheld? From smooth and solid rocks do rivers flow forth, yet hearts and souls remain

frozen and lifeless. We beseech God that He deprive not the people of the world from the ocean of His mercy, nor hold them back from turning toward Him and drawing nigh unto Him. Thy mention hath ever been before the Wronged One. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and Thy handmaidens through the Pen of Thy Command, for having caused me to hear Thy call and to witness Thy signs. My Lord! Ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds and draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou, verily, art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And concerning what was written about the Tablets of Mim of Mihnih and Ha and Kha of Khayrabad: sixteen were sent. O thou beloved of my heart! From the earliest days of this Most Great Revelation, and even before it, verses have encompassed all regions like rain, yet to this day the servants have not become aware. Each day they manifest some new wrong. Strange it is that they remain heedless of that which would cause their exaltation, elevation, glory and advancement. Each soul is occupied with digging a well for himself, yet perceiveth it not. Soon shall they find themselves in the lowest depths.

Concerning the sons of ’Imad, upon them be the Glory of God - after being presented before His presence, two Most Holy, Most Pure Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth. God willing, they will attain unto them and be illumined by the Luminary of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. That which they sent has been forwarded by the honored Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, along with other transmitted pages. The deeds of that beloved one and the honored Mulla ’Abbas-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, have been accepted. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make them both springs for His loved ones and rivers for His servants. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

On this day, which is among the blessed days of the month of Ramadan, seven hours having passed, this servant proceeded to the Ultimate Goal. Mention was made before His presence of the departed and elevated father Mir ’Abbas-’Ali Beg and the honored elevated brother Mir Muhammad-Vali Beg, upon them both be the Glory of God. And specifically for each was revealed that which hath perfumed the world and from which every possessor of smell hath inhaled and continueth to inhale the fragrance of grace. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaketh the truth:

He is the Speaker of Truth

We desired to make mention of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion, as a command from God, the Lord of all beings. O ’Abbas-’Ali! Rejoice in thy station. The Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth desired to make mention of thee. We purified thee at the time of thy ascension and ordained for thee in the Most Exalted Station that which illumined faces and brought solace to the eyes of those near unto God. We beseech God the Most High at this time to spread for him the carpet of mercy and forgiveness and to adorn him with the ornament of pardon and favor. Verily He is the Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Muhammad-Vali! The Mother of Utterance maketh mention of thee at this time in the Kingdom of knowledge with a remembrance whereby the ocean of forgiveness and pardon surgeth before all religions, and the fragrance of thy Lord’s mercy, the Mighty, the Bestower, wafteth. Blessed art thou and

blessed are they who have attained unto God's commanding Word in His days and for whom the verses of their Lord, the Most Merciful, were sent down from the heaven of proof. We testify that they are among the triumphant ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. By My life! When I made mention of thee, I beheld a host of angels and the Spirit approaching them both with the verses of their Lord and the fragrance of grace, pardon and bounty. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in this mighty, wondrous station. The glory from Us be upon them both and upon those who have ascended to the Supreme Companion with clear certitude. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The fragrance of divine verses and the drops of the rain of the Most Merciful's mercy have encompassed them and the host of angels and the Spirit. His is the grace, the bounty and the generosity, and by His command are both existence and non-existence. The servant beseecheth his Lord to send down upon them both, at all times, mercy from His presence, for He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

The aforementioned souls, whether from among the kindred or others, have all been and continue to be the recipients of special favors. Praise be to God, mention of each one hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and hath been recorded and inscribed by the Pen of Command in the Book of Deeds. The ocean of loving-kindness hath encompassed all, and the Sun of Grace hath shed its radiance. Qurratu'l-'Ayn Vali-Aqa hath been mentioned repeatedly. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid him, to grant him success, and to manifest that which will cause his traces to spread throughout the earth. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. I convey greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land. God willing, from every utterance from the words of Truth, glorified be His majesty, may they attain unto a new and wondrous life. The favors of God, praise be unto Him, are continuous, and likewise continuous are the life and love and sincerity of those souls. May they hear and attain true joy and be adorned with life everlasting. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you all and upon those who are with you, whether female or male, whether young or old. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous, the All-Luminous!

O H.B.! Hearken unto the call of God from the direction of the Throne through verses sovereign, preeminent and mighty, that thou mayest turn with thy whole being unto thy Lord and cry out with the authority of the Cause between the heavens and the earth, and become so empowered in thyself that should all who dwell on earth contend with thee with sharp and piercing swords, thou wouldst confront them and fear them not, but rather become independent of them through My Name, the Self-Sufficient, the Powerful, the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

Verily thou knowest what hath befallen Us, having witnessed during thy journey that which none among all the worlds hath witnessed, for there was no one with sight among Us at the time We migrated unto God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful, except thee. Therefore didst thou perceive and recognize that which none of these pretenders hath recognized. This is of the wine wherewith God hath specially favored thee; drink thou of it in secret within thyself, lest any of these heedless ones should become

aware of it. Then render thanks unto God for having acquainted thee with that which none among all created things hath known, and for having taken thy hand with the hands of power and delivered thee from the pit of heedlessness. Verily, there is no God but Him, and He is the Protector of those who are nigh unto God.

By the True God! The cup of joy We have ordained for thee is more excellent than aught else. Therefore drink thou from it, then stand firm in the Cause and be not of the fearful ones. Then observe with the corner of thine eye those who claim "we have believed in the signs of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful," yet when they were revealed again through His Name, the Exalted, the Almighty, the Great, they fled therefrom, then waxed proud against it, and became more perfidious than the peoples of old, if thou be of those who know.

Say: By the True God! We have borne that which neither the mountains, nor the heavens and all that is therein, nor the earth and all that is thereon, nor the bearers of the mighty Throne could bear. Say: By God! Neither the waves nor the seas, nor the trees nor the fruits, nor what was or what will be, nor the hosts of the unseen from the company of the most exalted ones could endure it. Say: By God! Then did weep the eyes of Grandeur, then the eyes of the people of eternity, then the dwellers of the Paradise of immortality in their crimson chambers, then the inhabitants of the Arks of Glory behind the billows of the sanctified ones. […]

O friend! Soon wilt thou discover that the objections of the opposers will be like unto those raised by the people of the Furqan in the past - nay, even more paltry - and God is sufficient witness unto Me of this. Soon shalt thou hear from them that which was not heard from the learned of the Furqan, nor from their ignorant ones, nor from those who sweep the streets. By the True God, this indeed is a grievous injustice! Say: By God, this is He Who appeared aforetime, and all else was created by My command, if ye be of them that bear witness. Say: Do ye wax proud through that by which your names were exalted and your ranks elevated? By God, this is tyranny from you against God, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Have ye not witnessed the sovereignty of God and His power, then the greatness of God and His majesty, then the might of God and His glory? Blinded are your eyes, O company of the heedless! Is there any soul who would dare say 'why' or 'wherefore' or speak in Our presence? Nay, by My mighty and knowing Self! All necks are humbled before My glorious and beauteous countenance, and all heads are bowed before My mighty and impregnable sovereignty. There is treasured within this Youth a melody which, were even less than a needle's eye thereof to be disclosed, would cause the mountains to crumble, the leaves to wither, the fruits to fall from the trees, faces to bow down, and all countenances to turn toward this King Whom thou beholdest in the form of fire clothed in light, and at times thou seest Him as waves in this surging ocean, and at times thou beholdest Him as the Tree whose roots are firmly fixed in the earth of grandeur and whose branches and twigs have reached unto a station that hath transcended the Mighty Throne, and at times thou findest Him in the form of the Beloved in this Raiment which none among all creation can recognize, and were they to desire to know Him, they would swoon in their spirits, save him who cometh unto his Lord with a sound heart. Thus doth the Herald call out from My right hand, then the Speaker speak from My left, then the Proclaimer cry out from behind Me, and the Spirit from before Me, and the Tongue of God speak from above My head, saying: By God, this is indeed He Who hath been the Intended One from the beginning that hath no beginning, and this is the Face unto which all faces have

turned, though they be now unaware. By the True God, whoso denieth this manifest, resplendent, transcendent and luminous bounty should ask his mother concerning his state, for he shall surely return to the nethermost hell. Say: Do ye imagine that if ye deny these verses, your faith in any of God's Messengers or in 'Ali before can be accounted true? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! By the True God, then would every atom reject you, and beyond them the tongue of power, then the tongue of strength, then the tongue of might, then the tongue of grandeur, then the tongue of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Wise.

O beloved! Take hold of the hem of the veil with the fingers of power, then raise it in a measure that cannot be reckoned. If thou hearest the clamor of the heedless ones, withdraw thy fingers and leave it as it was, and remain beneath a beauteous veil. Then show patience and endurance, then extend the fingers of might, then unveil therewith the veils of all created things more than thou didst unveil them before. And if the howling of the idolaters be raised, set them down, then flee from the beasts, and remain in impregnable protection. Then dwell in God's dignity and tranquility, then gird up thy loins in the service of God, then turn unto Him with manifest sovereignty. Then detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and from such idolaters as these. Then bring forth the fingers of power and might from the bosom which We gave thee before the creation of all things, at a time when Adam was between water and clay. Then rend asunder the veils of the people through the sovereignty whereby all veils and coverings were rent from all things, and stand with wondrous steadfastness, that thereby may be erased the signs of the wayward and the veils of them that have turned aside, who have leaned upon these without any command from Us, if thou be of them that act.

O Khalil! Break the idols and grieve not for what befalls thee, and fear not the hosts of evil. Say: O company of deniers! We fear you not. Whether ye die, or are struck down, or are brought to naught, the Cause of God shall not be frustrated. Indeed hath it been made manifest in truth, however much ye and the idolaters may detest it. Our alternately veiling and unveiling of the Cause is but a token of Our grace unto you and unto all peoples, for some among men are weak and frail and cannot, by reason of the ailment in their eyes, behold the rays of the Sun. Thus do We deal gently with them lest they be among the perished ones.

Say: By God! Neither right nor left, neither question nor answer, shall profit you, if ye be of them that are certain. Say: Ponder within yourselves: when 'Ali came with the truth from the realm of the Spirit with the signs of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, did aught of what the people of the Furqan possessed benefit any one? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Look likewise upon the Bayan, if thou be of them that observe. By My life! Naught of what they had profited them, neither any question nor any answer, and this every person of keen insight well knoweth.

Say: By God! That which had never before appeared hath now been made manifest, and He biddeth you to observe that which ye were commanded in the Book of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. All that ye possess was created by My Word, if ye be of them that comprehend. Say: Today none shall attain except by becoming poor before God - this most holy and resplendent station - and none shall be mentioned save by forgetting himself and all that is in the kingdom of Command and Creation, how much more all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth.

Say: Have ye not heard aforetime that His proof is His verses and His being is His vindication? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! By God the True One! Were the veil to be lifted from the face of the Cause, less than can be numbered by any of them that know, there would arise the cry of the Concourse on High, then the shout of the denizens of the realms of eternity, then the holy melody from the retreat of grandeur, that "This is not a mortal in the kingdom; this is none other than a mighty sovereign, wondrous and glorious!" Thus hath God's proof been perfected, yet the people are so intoxicated with heedlessness that they cannot distinguish left from right. After the appearance of God, can anything in the heavens and earth profit anyone? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds!

O beloved! Sing and warble, clap and drum in the realm of eternity, then in the kingdom of mystery, and turn not unto anything save My radiant and luminous Beauty. Thus have We imparted unto thee that whereof a single letter would suffice to enrich all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, were they to remain steadfast in their love for their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. And upon thee and upon them that know be the Spirit.

Then remind Javad of that which the Pen of Command now maketh mention - a remembrance whereby the pavilion of holiness was raised up and the Sun was established upon a throne of magnificent glory. Then give him to drink from the cup We gave thee, that his heart may be assured thereby and he may be of the thankful ones. Say: We showed thee in a dream that which will assure thy soul and thy spirit, if thou be of them that know. Interpret thy vision as God hath interpreted, then cross over the path like the passing of a cloud, and turn not unto any of the idolaters. From him in whose heart thou findest not My love, flee from him, avoid him, and maintain a great distance. And if thy self opposeth thee in this, sever thyself from it and be in sure certainty. Say: By God! The balance is none other than My love - this is a mercy unto them that are nigh, and a punishment and scourge unto the idolaters.

Then remind the Merciful One of the glad-tidings of God, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise. Say: Thou hast attained the presence of God yet recognized Him not, and wert among the heedless. Therefore, beseech God to aid thee in recognizing Him, to make thee know the Manifestation of His Essence, and to deliver thee from those who are lost in idle fancies. O Rahim! Shun such as these, and associate not with them nor with any of those who would lead astray. Turn thy heart toward the horizon of the Spirit, then detach thyself from all the worlds. Thus do We teach thee that which shall make thee independent of all created things. What thou didst send hath come before Us, and We have accepted it as a mercy from Our presence unto thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful.

Then remind Zaman of that which the Spirit now recalleth from the verses of his Lord, that he may rejoice within himself and be among the God-fearing at a time when most people depart from the fields of righteousness, turning away from Him in Whom they had believed. Thus doth the Spirit make mention of them lest they be among those who turn aside. Say: O servant! Read what We have sent down unto thee aforetime, then inhale from its ink the musk-scented fragrances from the tresses of God, the Supreme, the Mighty. Then act according to what is therein. By God! Through it are gladdened the eyes of the denizens of the Paradise of Firdaws and the people of the Holy Paradise, if ye be of those who know.

Then make mention of him who is named Akbar after Ali, and give him glad tidings of that wherewith the Spirit giveth tidings in this gleaming, luminous and praiseworthy breast. Say: O servant! We have

previously sent thee that of which a single letter outweigheth all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Preserve it, then read it in those moments when thou findest thyself detached from all who are on earth, that it may draw thee to the sacred station, the seat of glorious might. What thou didst send before hath come before Us. God will surely reward thee with the best of what He possesseth, for He is the Protector of the doers of good. Know thou that God accepteth not from His servants - this is of His grace unto His creatures, for He is independent of all worlds. Beware lest thou associate with those in whose hearts thou findest hatred for this Youth. Shun such as these and be not of those who would companion with them. Let God, thy Lord, suffice thee, for He will make thee independent of all else. There is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All things are preserved with Him in a guarding tablet.

Then remind Ali in Qaf of that which the Ancient Being commandeth thee at a time when all who are immersed in the depths of eternity, all that was and will be, circle round about Him, if ye be of those who know. Say: O servant! Be steadfast in the Cause of God and fear no one. Put thy trust in My Beauty, the Shining, the Holy, the Luminous. And if thy self opposeth thee in this, detach thyself from it and be not of the patient ones.

Then make mention of Hasan from Our presence, that he may rejoice in that which hath flowed in his name from this musk-scented, wondrous, mighty, singular, eternal, ancient, brilliant and radiant ink. Say: O servant! Act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Preserved Tablet which We sent unto thee, and be not of those who sit still. Ascend with thy spirit to the holy heights and fear no one. Put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: By God the Truth! The Night Journey hath returned in its entirety, were ye of those who perceive.

Then remind the son of Nabil from Us, that thou mayest find in his face the radiance of delight. Say: O servant, tarry not in this Cause, and follow not anyone therein. Then behold with the primal gaze the proofs of the Messengers. By God, the Truth, He Who was to be made manifest in the year sixty hath appeared, and this proof of His hath filled the East and the West. When thy father hesitated in this Cause, he attained not unto that which he desired, and God cut him off from what lay with Him and returned him to dust with great regret. God did this only to awaken you, yet ye perceived it not and were among the heedless. However, God forgave his transgressions and expiated his misdeeds. Verily He forgiveth whom He willeth and chastiseth whom He willeth. The decree is His alone. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

Say: O servant, have mercy upon thyself, dispute not the signs of God, and be not of them that join partners with Him. Say: By God, were We to lift the veil from the face of the Cause, ye would surely rend your bodies, but We have concealed the Cause according to what was ordained in the Tablets by the Pen of God, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. And thou, O friend, if thou findest not from him the sweet fragrance of love, then cut thyself off from him, turn not unto him, and set thy face toward thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Then glorify in the presence of Ismail, who hummeth around the Fire in the heights that attract unto them the hearts of the monotheists. Say: O servant, strip thyself of all veils, then enter into the Fire, for it is light and mercy unto thee and unto the sincere ones. Then shatter the idols of self and passion

belonging to those who disbelieved and joined partners with God after claiming faith in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Merciful. Say: By God, your tongues curse you and your limbs disavow you, O company of the heedless! Say: O servant, deliver the command of thy Lord, grieve not over anything, and walk not in the paths of them that fancy vain imaginings.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, Ali hath appeared in another garment. Verily in the Kingdom of Names He was called Husayn, and in the Realm of Eternity by Baha, and in the Heaven of Mystery by this Name that hath appeared upon the Temple of the Youth. Blessed be God, the Best of creators! Say: O concourse of men! By God, the Truth, the Manifestation of Destiny hath appeared in this Most Sublime Vision with such adornment as hath bewildered the hearts of all possessed of intelligence and vision. Say: O company of them that join partners with God! In what direction will ye flee? By God, there is no escape for anyone save by detaching himself from all that he possesseth and clinging to this most luminous and pearly cord.

Say: By God, He is the Most Great Sign among you and the Beauty of God within you. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Subduing Power of God over them that join partners with Him, and His subduing power is more severe and bitter. Say: Through Him doth God chastise those who denied the signs of God and then destiny itself. Say: Flee unto God, your Lord, ascribe no partners unto Him, for unto Me is the final goal. Say: Were We to will it, We would create a new creation, for verily We have power over all things. All things lie within the grasp of Our power, and this is known to everyone possessed of knowledge and thought.

Say: O people, if ye deny these verses, then by what testimony did ye believe in Ali before? Consider this, O concourse of the red ones! Say: Naught shall profit you this Day save that ye believe in Him in Whom ye believed before, then in what hath been sent down from Him of Tablets and Scripture.

O Munib, cast upon that servant what this renowned Pen hath cast upon thee, that he may stand firm in himself in such wise that neither the opposition of any opposer nor the prevention of one who hath transgressed against God and then disbelieved shall hinder him. Then remind from Our presence the beloved one who journeyed unto God and attained His presence and heard His melodies and was among the people of vision. Say: Blessed are thine eyes and thine ears if thou knowest their worth in that they have heard and seen what the eyes of those who turned to God and then turned away and shunned that which shone forth from the Dayspring of holiness through this resplendent, sanctified, most pure Beauty have not seen. And thou, O servant, grieve not when the clamor of the idolaters is raised. Beware lest thou be disturbed or be of them that flee. Say: By God! The Greatest Trump hath appeared in this Trumpet that hath spoken the truth and then sounded, and proclaimeth in the loudest voice between earth and heaven that “With Me is the fixed abode.” O people! Forge not lies against God, your Creator, and deny not after the veil hath been rent asunder and He hath appeared. Beware lest ye be occupied with the world or anything prevent you from entering this vast, fathomless, overwhelming Ocean. They that have believed in God and His signs, these have ascended unto God and shall inherit gardens and rivers, and they that have disbelieved and associated partners with God, these shall enter into fire and flames, and beyond that God shall seize them with His might and render them like dry stubble penned up. Thus hath God ordained their sins as recompense for their sins. Woe unto them and unto him who hath

plotted and betrayed, and blessed is he who is content with his Lord's good-pleasure and who, when the verses of his Lord are recited unto him, believeth and giveth thanks.

Then remind the merciful one after the servant with what We have mentioned in the Tablet, that he may draw nigh with his whole being unto the holy shore and be of them that reflect, who ponder the Cause of God and follow what hath been sent down from Him of judgment and warning. Say: O servant, cast away all that preventeth thee from entering the sanctuary of grandeur, for this is better for thee than all that hath been created and ordained. Be thou one who crieth out between the heavens and the earth that thou mayest be of them who have striven in the ways of God and then helped. Say: We have created the heavens and the earth for Our Cause. By God! This is indeed Our Cause which hath been made manifest in truth, and none knoweth it save everyone possessed of insight and wisdom. Thus have We inspired thee and cast upon thee that thou mayest follow what thou hast been commanded in the Tablet and be of them that are endued with vision.

Then remind the letter Ha' which appears at the end of Names of that which the Dove of Holiness doth warble, that perchance souls may be drawn by its melodies. Verily have We made mention of it at the end, that it might ascend unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and abide beneath its shade. Say: By God! The Tree hath overshadowed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who dwelleth nigh unto it. Say: The Sun hath dawned from the horizon of holiness, and by its light are illumined the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. Blessed is he who is illumined by its radiance. Say: From the hills of holiness hath wafted the musk-laden breeze, and by it have the temples of pre-existence been perfumed. Happy is he who is scented by its fragrance. The Moon of the Cause hath appeared in the midst of heaven, manifesting in the form of fullness with white radiance, and ye, O concourse of the near ones, be dazzled by its splendor. Say: The Throne hath been established behind the pavilion of grandeur, and around it circle the embodiments of beauty with chalices of everlasting life. Blessed is he who attaineth unto their dewdrops. Say: Beauty hath unveiled the Maiden of Immortality with a glance that pierceth the heart. Blessed is he who is struck by her gaze. Say: The Voice of God hath been raised from the sanctuary of eternity, and the hearts of the knowing have been attracted by its melodies. Say: O My Name! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the holy precinct in the melodies of thy Lord, and fear no one, but put thy trust in God, thy Lord. Verily, He will protect thee from the evil ones and their harm. Beware lest thou withhold thyself from that for which thou wert created, and be not of them who denied the signs of God after their revelation. Say: Today naught profiteth anyone save through My love, and to this testify the dwellers of the holy pavilion and the tongues that lie beyond it. As for those who have turned away from the light of the Face, God will blacken their faces like unto a raven's wing and will torment them with the fire of remoteness and its flames. Say: He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth, then established His throne upon the water, then suspended the water in the air, that ye might know God's handiwork Who hath perfected the creation of all things, and that ye might reflect upon it and upon the bounties He hath ordained in the earth. Say: O people! This is indeed the Good that was promised you in the Nine, and concerning it God took a covenant from all atoms. Blessed is the soul that fulfilleth its covenant. Say: The pavilions of eternity have been raised up, and ye, O people of the Bayan, deprive not yourselves thereof, but dwell in their precincts. By God! The Tree of Baha hath yielded fruit in this garden which hath appeared in the form of the square in the shape of the triangle, and ye, O people of the ark of eternity,

draw nigh unto it and partake of its fruits. Say: O people! Do ye deny the signs of God while ye read what was revealed before them? Woe unto you for what Satan hath made your deeds seem fair in your eyes. Thus do We cast upon you from the signs of the Cause that ye might arise from the dust of heedlessness and be nourished by that which descendeth from the clouds of holiness and its waters. Thus doth the Pen of the Cause counsel every perceptive soul. Say: The ships of eternity have anchored upon the crimson sea. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to the holy cords thereof that he might abide in its eternity. Say: By God! This is indeed the sea that hath overwhelmed all created things, wherein saileth the holy ark which the Spirit of Noah hath fashioned for this Youth, by Whose name the reins of the universe and its motion are held. Say: The seas of pre-existence have surged in this Most Great Ocean, and none hath attained unto its shore, much less its depths, save those who have held fast to that which floweth thereon from the holy vessels and have embarked in My name, the All-Merciful, upon their decks. Say: The Tree of the Spirit hath been raised up upon the Sinai of eternity […]

None hath attained unto its shores, much less unto its depths, save those who have taken hold of the holy Arks that sail thereon, and then mounted them in My Name, the All-Merciful, upon their backs. Say: The Tree of the Spirit hath been raised upon the Sinai of everlasting life, and the Ancient Nightingale warbleth Its sweetest melodies upon its branches. Therefore be silent, O Temples of Glory, that ye may hearken unto It. The Salsabil hath gushed forth from this Tasnim which hath burst forth from the Kawthar of holiness through this Mouth from which flow the waters of eternity. Blessed, then, is he who is overwhelmed by its surging waves. Say: This is the Spirit of God seated upon the throne, and God hath sanctified Its raiment from the touch of the idolaters.

Verily, O beloved one, provide every soul with the fresh, unique and eternal bounties which descend from this heaven that hath been raised up in truth. Beware lest thou transgress the bounds of men, and give to each according to their measure. Verily, one whose taste hath been altered will not distinguish the sweetness of the sweet from the bitter except when their malady is cured. Thus have We created souls in diverse stages. Blessed is the one who recognizeth their stages. Those whose ears are not purified will never delight in the holy melodies. Thus do We impart unto thee tidings of every wisdom. Break thou the seal of the chalice of the All-Merciful through My Name, the Bestower. Then pour forth the water of life which hath been pressed by the fingers of the All-Glorious, that perchance the people of the contingent world might be warmed by its heat and be illumined by its lights and radiance. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them from condition to condition, and We shall expound them as We please in yet other ways, that thou mayest witness the power of thy Lord and fall prostrate before Him. Say: By God the Truth! The glory lieth not in the revelation of verses and their like, but rather in My manifestation between the heavens and earth and amidst these diverse peoples, if ye be of them that see with clear vision. And if thou findest those whose names We have mentioned in the Tablet in a state of joy and delight, waft over them that which hath been diffused from the sweet-scented herbs of God, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Trusted. Otherwise, seal tight the vial of fragrance lest the idolaters detect its perfume. Then seal it with the holy seal, or with carnelian from Yemen. Beware lest thou spread the signs of God before the idolaters. Then turn away from them and be patient, and grieve not. By God! This is a matter at which all who are in the heavens and earth would swoon, the skins of the proud would shudder, the lands of the Pharaohs would be cleft asunder, the lofty mountains would be crushed, every nursing

mother would forget what she nurseth, every pregnant one would cast her burden, and the inhabitants of the heavens and earth would be overcome with intoxication, save him who cometh unto God with a tested heart. Bear thou the Book of God with strength from Us and power from Our presence. Fear not to carry it, nor be dismayed by its weight. Verily, He will protect thee in truth and guard thee from every tribulation and test. No affliction toucheth them that know God but it increaseth their detachment unto God and their longing for that station which God hath sanctified from the doubts of time. And if thou findest thyself alone between the heavens and earth, then be content therewith and with Him Who created them, and be not sorrowful or distressed. Withdraw from those who have disbelieved, then draw nigh unto God. This is better for thee than the kingdom of the heavens and earth and whatsoever hath been created in secret or manifest. Purify thy robe from the dust of dominion, then drink from the crimson cup from the Youth of Glory, that He may render thee detached from the world and whatsoever is therein of ornaments and possessions. Say: O people! See ye no differences in what hath been sent down from Us, for all the verses have been sent down from the Mighty, the Strong, from the dominion of eternity, and they differ according to their stations, if ye be of them that understand. Thus do We cast upon you from the mysteries of the Cause, lest your feet slip from this exalted and manifest path. Thou shalt not conceal the Cause of thy Lord to such an extent that the fire of God would be extinguished in all else, nor proclaim it in such wise that adversity would touch thee. Seek thou a way between these two. Then know that this Beauty hath been so tried among these people that He wisheth either to withdraw Himself from them or to soar to the holy heights in the original homeland. By God! At every moment I have fallen under the claws of the malicious […]

Be not loud in speaking of him whom adversity hath touched, but seek therein a middle way. Know thou that this Beauty hath been so sorely tried among these people that He desireth either to withdraw Himself from them or to wing His flight unto the sacred heights of His native land. By God! At every moment I have been caught in the talons of the malicious and the hateful, and I find no helper save God Who created Me and all things, and Who sent Me with the authority of His Cause over land and sea and over the dwellers of cities. Say: When We related but a letter of the vision unto the people of blindness, they could not bear it and cast Us into the pit in this darksome night. Thus do We impart unto thee from the secrets of the Cause that which was concealed and treasured. Know thou that of those who were there, some turned away from God and denied His signs, while others believed in their Lord and were among those who were saved and secured. Those who had veiled their faces in women's garments out of fear for themselves, then emerged from behind the wine-jars and opposed this most manifest and hidden Beauty. Say: O people! Fear ye God and dispute not with the Manifestation of His Self, but turn unto Him with befitting submissiveness. By God! The hidden mystery of God hath appeared from this Treasury, and the concealed symbol of God hath emerged from this Hiding Place. O people! Give thanks unto God Who created you from a fluid poured forth and made known unto you the paths of holiness through what He hath sent down unto you of laws and ordinances, that ye might follow the ways of guidance in this Path which hath appeared with truth. Beware lest ye differ concerning it or be in doubt about the meeting with your Lord. Draw nigh unto Him with your hearts, for this is better for you than all that hath appeared and is hidden.

This is the Surih of the Companions which We have sent down in truth and dispatched unto thee that thou mayest read it unto those in whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of the All-Merciful, and who, when they hear the verses of God, wing their flight unto the Divine Lote-Tree in this holy court. And when thou seest Victory, make mention of him at the uttermost end through that which hath now been sent down from the heaven of glory, that he may remember within himself and be of them that believed and were guided. Say: O Victory! Aid thy Lord as thou art able in this victory which hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be God Who created, then fashioned. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God, thy Lord, in such wise that nothing in the heavens and earth shall prevent thee, that thou mayest be of those who fulfilled their covenant. Say: O people! Do ye dispute with the Spirit concerning that which He witnessed and saw, or concerning what He heard of the divine melodies in the most holy, most manifest, most glorious Kingdom? By God! He hath stood firm in such manner that all humanity could not prevent Him, and all who are in the heavens and earth were as but a handful of dust before Him. Say: Were He to utter but a single word, it would be more exalted than all that hath been sent down in the kingdom of command and creation, and none knoweth this save those possessed of understanding. Say: He hath established Himself upon the Throne, then ascended - this is grievous unto the idolaters and unto him who disbelieved and transgressed, then turned away and became wretched. Say: O company of the malicious! Die in your wrath, for the Sun hath shone forth with the lights of God in the midst of the morning, illuminating all who are in the heavens and earth save every base one who went astray and was blinded. Thus do We relate unto you from the true stories, O people of wisdom. Say: One glance toward Him is better than whatsoever is in the Concourse on High and the kingdom of the hereafter and the first. Blessed is he who hath attained the presence of the Throne and beheld the Most Beautiful Perspective and heard from the holy melody of his Lord's most great verses.

O Nasr! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the Supreme Dominion. Beware lest thou fear anyone; turn thy face unto thy Lord and be of them whom the remembrance profiteth. Be patient at the time when the heaven of the Cause is cleft asunder and the earth of will is rent, and the clamor is raised by all who have turned away and gone astray. Say: By God! He whose heart is not purified from whatsoever beareth the name of all created things shall never have this most luminous and most pure Beauty imprinted therein. Sanctify the mirrors of your hearts, O peoples of the earth, then ascend unto the station which God hath ordained to be beyond the mention of the two bows or nearer still. Say: Verily, He speaketh at all times that which the Spirit hath spoken within His most elevated breast. Say: By God! He speaketh not of His own desire, but rather speaketh that which the Mighty One of the Cause inspireth Him with from the signs of His Lord, the Most Great. Say: He is even now at the Supreme Horizon, and verily He is the Primal Beauty clothed in the raiment of the Latter Beauty. Glorified be His most exalted Self! Through Him have the standards of the Cause been raised in the Kingdom of Names and the pavilions of glory been planted in the dominion of the divine cloud. Say: O people! Return unto Him, for with Him is the ultimate end. By God! He is the Paradise of Refuge at the Sacred Tree at the appearance of the revelations of light from this most luminous and most glorious Beauty. Thus did the penetrating vision never waver from that which it witnessed and beheld from the sovereignty of its Lord, the Most Manifest, the Most Hidden. Say: Were He to remove the veil from the face of but one word from His presence, the earth would be rent asunder and the heavens on high would be cleft, but He dealeth gently with His servants lest their hearts be troubled and they return to the abode of wrath in the

nethermost abyss. Fear thou no one. Remind the people of the signs of thy Lord, for this is His victory in the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and thus doth He strengthen thee through remembrance, and unto Him returneth all remembrance. Thus have We caused nineteen rivers to flow from every letter of this Tablet. Blessed is he who thirsteth and seeketh to quench his thirst. And when We completed the Tablet, there descended from the dominion of eternity yet other signs of thy Lord, the Most Great, that every noble mind might be reminded thereby. And We shall mention in the Tablet the remembrance of some of the loved ones of God whom We have not mentioned before, that God's grace might reach all atoms and every possessor of grace and understanding. Therefore, remind those whose names the Pen of the Cause hath not moved to inscribe, if thou findest them mindful of their Lord; otherwise, leave them to themselves, then turn away from every doubting denier. Say: O ye people! Rejoice in these days wherein God hath come in the shadows of the Spirit and the Face hath shone forth from behind the veil.

Then remind Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, whose name was in thy Book, of that which the Pen of Decree hath recorded in the dominion of accomplishment before his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that he may ascend in his soul unto the sacred heights in this Ascension which hath appeared in the Temple of the Youth, and be amongst those who have humbled themselves and turned unto God. Say: O servant! Detach thyself from all that thy passions desire, then hold fast unto the Most Great Handle within thyself, and this is better for thee than the kingdom of the heavens and earth - yet none comprehend this save every steadfast believer, and none understand it except those endowed with insight. Say: Glorify the name of thy Lord and be in a state of rapture and ecstasy from that which We gave thee to drink of the Wine of Life in holy and wondrous chalices. Verily, We made those letters to be chalices for wondrous attributes - We give to drink therefrom the wine of verses unto whomsoever We will among Our servants. Say: From Us hath grace appeared and unto Us shall all return on the Day of Return. By one drop thereof the temples of all created things are brought to life, and thus hath Our mercy preceded all things and encompassed all particles from Paradise to the lowest point of dust. Verily, those who have not attained unto the holy drops from this chalice are more contemptible in God's sight than the creation of a fly, for they have denied God's favor and disputed His signs after their revelation, and followed every idolatrous liar. Say: O people! Do ye call upon those unto whom God hath given no authority, and forsake the Lord of Lords? Evil indeed is that which ye have chosen for yourselves as protectors besides God. God shall soon punish you with His wrath, for He is mighty in His grasp and severe in His punishment. And among the idolaters was one who was there and was not content that We should name Ourself by any of the names, and thus did he transgress against God Who created him and fashioned him - and the transgression of the idolaters leadeth only to ruin. Say: O people! All names return unto their kingdom which returneth unto My Cause that was created by My Word, and this is known to every soul that hath believed in the Day of Reckoning. Say: The Sun hath dawned from the horizon of glory, and thereby the heaven of pride was cleft asunder, and the earth of rancor was split, and the mountain of stillness passed away as the passing of clouds. Thus have We cast upon thee from every tiding that thou mayest remember within thyself and remind the people of that which We have inspired thee, that perchance souls may be cleansed from ailments and be made wholesome. Say: O concourse of earth! Seek ye victory in these days and let not the multitude of the idolaters frighten you. Thus doth the Pen of Glory counsel you from the presence of a Mighty, All-Attracting One. Know ye that victory lieth not in drawing the sword, but in purifying your souls, O company of companions! By God! Should a soul detach itself from all

who are in the heavens and on earth, and arise for that which God hath willed, God would through it render victorious His sincere loved ones, and the standards of the idolaters would vanish from all parties. Say: By God! Victory is your detachment from all save God and your steadfastness in My love on the Day wherein the feet of the eloquent shall slip, and from the thicket of hypocrisy shall emerge a band of wolves who have disbelieved and turned away and were in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord, after He had appeared from the holy horizon with scrolls and a Book.

Say: O Concourse of holiness! Draw forth the sword of wisdom from the sheath of utterance and thereby aid your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest ye spread corruption in the land after it hath been set in order. Fear God, unto Whom all matters return, both in the beginning and in the end. Should the idolaters advance against you, scatter them through a word from Us, not with your swords. Break not your covenant with that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Stand firm, O people, in the path and be steadfast in the Cause at this cornerstone with fire and attraction. Say: If ye will not stand firm in the path, God will soon raise up a people who will stand firm in the Cause and make mention of Him with passionate longing, yearning and attraction, whom nothing in the heavens or on earth shall deter. Upon them shall the angels and the Spirit send down their blessings, then the people of the Concourse on high, then they that dwell within the pavilions of nearness behind the veil. And there is nothing that shall not celebrate their names and seek to draw nigh unto God through them. Say: By God! Through their names the bell shall ring out, the cock of Paradise shall crow, and the rebeck shall sing. Thus have the words of thy Lord been fulfilled in truth and justice. None can change the words of thy Lord, and none shall comprehend this save every soul that is enduring and goodly.

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O my honored friend, Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! May you be considered beneath His most luminous gaze.

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

O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my soul! A single drop from the cloud of the mercy of the Lord of Lords hath been sent down and floweth, and in every place a decree therefrom is made manifest. In the sea of the hearts of the people of understanding, the pearls of the knowledge of the Beloved of all possibility have become existent, yet in hardened hearts and darkened lands, naught else appeareth. Glory be to God! This evanescent servant observeth that in the days of God, each and every thing hath been and shall be a balance. The blessed word that hath shone forth from the dawning-place of the mouth of the All-Merciful hath been God's balance, whereby all things have been measured. Likewise, should one observe with the eye of insight the deeds and actions that have appeared from the Source of the Cause, one would witness in every day, nay in every moment, the balance of Truth, the proof of Truth, the power of Truth, and the might of Truth, and would be bewildered by that which appeareth from the Truth. How strange that eyes which behold the rays of the sun remain unaware! The Most Great Ocean is manifest and visible before all faces, yet they remain bereft of it and continue to thirst. The fire hath been kindled, yet they see it not. The Divine Lote Tree hath spoken, yet they hear not.

The Cry hath been raised, yet they remain asleep. The horizon of the Cause hath been illumined, yet they turn not toward it. The Self-Subsisting hath arisen, yet they perceive it not. The tongue of utterance warbleth at every ear, proclaiming "Verily, I am your Most Glorious Lord," yet all remain heedless save whom God willeth, our Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the Protecting. Their desires have prevented them from the bounty of God and His generosity, and from the mercy of God and His loving-kindness. This servant interpreteth these desires as referring to those divines who have gone astray and led others astray, who have become corrupt and corrupted others in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be to God! They have not reflected, even for a moment, upon the oppression of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Them - to understand what was the cause and reason for the people's opposition, objection, vituperation and denial of those holy Lights. They slay Husayn and then weep for him; they deny God yet enter the houses of worship in His name. By Thy life, O thou who art enkindled with the fire of the love of God! I am amazed, and all things are amazed, at what these people have committed in the days of God, the Lord of all names and the Sovereign of both the beginning and the end. The example of this evanescent servant is like that of a fish swimming in the sea of love for God's chosen ones, ever crying out "Is there more?" For whenever I desire to send a petition to that Beloved and attempt to be brief, I find it impossible, for the tongue of love whispers in the ear of the pen "Hasten! Hasten!" and says "Beware lest thou pause!" Indeed, the attraction of love hath ever had and shall have such effects as cannot be described by the pen. I beseech Him, exalted be He, every morning and evening, nay in every day and every hour and every minute, to assist thy honor in His remembrance and praise and in serving His Cause among His servants with wisdom, with wisdom, and to make thee drink that which will cause to flow from thy tongue that which will attract the hearts of others. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Wise. O my beloved! Have not these utterances and writings and explanations and calls appeared as they ought? […]

Let none suppose that these calls have not been raised in a befitting manner, or that the denial of permission by the people of the world, due to their own vain imaginings, hath caused them to be deprived thereof. Nay, by God! There have not been, nor are there now, ears worthy to hear. The ear that hath been engaged in hearing unseemly mention will assuredly be deprived of hearkening unto the divine utterance that appeareth for the sake of God. With the utmost lowliness and supplication, I implore and beseech the All-Possessing One that He may awaken those who slumber, raise up those who remain in their graves, and cause them to speak forth His praise and glorification. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

After perusing thy noble letter number 10 which thou hadst sent to him who beareth the name of Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, it was brought to the Most Great Presence and presented before His Countenance. He said: "Praise be to God, they have been and are successful. From the beginning of the Cause until now, they have spoken in praise of the Wronged One of the horizons and have arisen to serve Him. The sweet-scents of His love are wafting, and the degrees of their sincerity are evident. God willing, they shall ever be adorned with the raiment of His special favors. The Supreme Pen hath testified to his acceptance, his turning to God, his presence, his attentiveness, his remembrance and his praise. Verily, nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He, verily, is the All-Wise, the All-

Informed. We send Our greetings upon him and his brother and those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds."

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Thou didst hear My call when thou wert present in My Most Great Prison. Thou didst witness and observe that from which most of the servants were debarred. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Reckoning, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon you and upon your family and those who are with you, from the presence of the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

We make mention of Javad, from whom We have perceived the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and speak forth My praise amongst the servants. O Javad! The Lord of creation maketh mention of thee at this time wherein He walketh and speaketh. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Be thou steadfast, vigilant, speaking forth remembrance at eventide and at dawn. O Javad! By God's life! Were people to become aware, as they ought to be, of the ocean of divine mercy and the sea of the compassion of the Eternal Sovereign, they would arise as befitteth this Day and would speak forth as beseemeth this Day. By My life! Were they to become aware of even less than a hair's breadth of the outpourings from the clouds of divine favors, they would turn towards the Most Great Scene and circle round about it. They have not been, nor are they now, aware of the purpose of God and that which is concealed within the treasury of His grace and knowledge. God willing, may the awareness of His chosen ones deliver all from heedlessness and make them aware. Glorified and exalted is He above what they describe and what they say and what they know.

O Ahmad, rejoice in My glad-tidings! Verily thou art mentioned in My presence, at the seat of My throne. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God who have drunk from the Living Waters and who dwell in that house, and say: In days of joy, grief is not permitted. Praise be to God that ye are holding fast to the cord of God's love and are clinging to the hem of His grace. By My life! Were that which hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom of God, your Lord, to be unveiled, ye would be seized with such joy as would transcend the power of the pens to describe. Today each soul can attain whatsoever it seeketh. Observe outwardly how many souls have built mosques and churches and bridges that their good name might endure on earth and that they might receive their reward from God. Likewise souls who, with a hundred thousand hopes and wishes, supplications and entreaties, have begged the All-Bountiful for children that some trace of them might remain on earth - yet they know not whether that trace will be righteous or otherwise. But in these days if a soul attaineth unto the recognition of the Truth, uttereth His praise and is enabled to serve Him, his mention and praise will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed is the soul whose mention and praise hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. That mention shall not be erased by the passage of ages and cycles, but shall ever remain fresh and verdant in the meadows of divine utterance. Give the friends of that land to drink of the choice wine of remembrance, that the remembrance may gather them together unto a single mention, a single cause, and a single word. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison.

[The remainder appears to be correspondence regarding receipt of letters and subsequent responses, including a tablet revealed to one Himmat-'Ali, and reference to another believer. The final line reads "He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth."]

O Muhammad! Thou hast turned thy face unto My countenance from thy station, and the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this glorious horizon. Know thou the value of this blessed word. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings, which hath no peer or likeness in all creation, and with which the precious jewels of the earth can neither compare nor equate! Thy petition was read before the Wronged One. Blessed art thou, for from thee hath wafted the fragrance of the love of God, and thou hast turned unto Him after the turning away of all on earth save whom God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath willed. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My remembrance, the heart that hath won My love, the eye that hath turned toward My horizon, the pen that hath been honored to write My verses, and the foot that hath stood firm upon My straight path.

O My loved ones in that place! Hold fast to the cord of My love and cling to the hem of My providence which hath encompassed the worlds. Take the chalices of knowledge in My Name, then drink therefrom. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you while in His mighty prison.

O Muhammad! Convey My greetings unto the faces of those who have turned unto the One, the All-Informed. Likewise convey greetings unto the handmaidens of God. The maidservants of the Truth who have turned unto the Kaaba of Being and have attained to service have been and shall ever be mentioned before the Throne. The glory be upon thee and thy family from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Know then, O Muhammad, that thy Lord loveth His loved ones and their presence before His throne, but the heedless have come between Him and them. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and command is in the hands of God, the Mighty, the Great. He writeth for whomsoever desireth the reward of meeting Him. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty. God hath forgiven thy father and thy mother. Rejoice in thy Lord's bounty and be of the thankful ones.

[The document continues with further messages to other individuals, including Mashhadi Ali-Akbar and Hibatullah, offering divine guidance, encouragement, and exhortations to steadfastness and unity.]

O Abdul-Baqi, Abdul-Husayn and Abdul-Ali! He saith, exalted be His glory:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker! Blessed is the state of those souls who, in the days of the Most Merciful, have drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and attained the fragrances of His raiment. Were all who dwell on earth to recognize that from which they are veiled this day, all would turn towards the supreme horizon and cling to the Most Great Name.

O Baqi! That which thou didst submit hath attained the hearing of the Best Beloved of the world, and from the tongue of the Lord of Eternity thou art mentioned in these resplendent words. Know thou the value of this bounty. By the life of God! Nothing in creation can compare with it. While time remaineth and breath endureth, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Friend and hold fast unto His commandments. God willing, mayest thou ever be confirmed in the good-pleasure of the Friend, gaze toward the direction of the Friend, and stand firm in service to the Friend.

We counsel all the people of that land to show forth love and unity, that all may gather at the divine spring and uttereth the blessed Word. For if they be not mindful of this exalted and most high station, regret shall seize them, by the Lord of all worlds!

O Abdul-Husayn! Goodly is thy name and pleasing is thy mention, for both thy name and thy remembrance have attained the Sacred Court. The Supreme Pen at all times maketh mention of His loved ones and commandeth all to that which conduceth to glory, elevation and immortality. Blessed is the soul that hath acted and attained unto that which its Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath desired. We heard thy call and graciously answered thee. God willing, through the breezes of the utterance of the Most Merciful, mayest thou be steadfast in the Cause and act according to that which the Desired One hath willed.

O Abdul-Ali! Great and blessed is this Day. All who dwell on earth abide beneath the shadow of God's grace, and divine mercy hath encompassed all. We have forbidden contention, objection, disputation, bloodshed, corruption and whatsoever harmeth the people of the world, that all may rejoice through divine bounty and turn toward the Most Great Ocean. Yet the corrupt ones see their own reflection in the mirrors of creation and imagine all to be like themselves. Vain are their words, their deeds and their imaginings. God willing, in this divine springtime mayest thou be adorned with the ornament of knowledge and act according to that which is beloved. All atoms magnify and make mention of those souls who strive for the unity and concord of the peoples of the world. Blessed are they and unto them a goodly return.

End.

To Abdul-Samad, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. This is what the Single, the One, hath revealed in reply:

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

O Abdul-Samad! Thy petition was presented before the Wronged One and the glances of His loving-kindness were directed toward it. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and partaken of the choice wine of certitude. That which, after recognition, is of supreme importance hath been and ever shall be steadfastness in the Cause of God. God willing, through His grace and bounty, thou shalt possess this quality until the time of ascension. The ocean of steadfastness hath ever possessed and shall possess unlimited pearls. Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that know! Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: […]

O my God, God of the hosts, Master of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth, and the heavens were cleft asunder, and the idols lamented, to aid me in that which befitteth Thy days. O my Lord! Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all things and Whose grace hath encompassed all. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before Thy gate, hoping for what lieth with Thee of the wonders of Thy bounty. I call upon Thee, and I invoke Thee by Thy Name, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Munificent, the Answerer.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath turned unto Him, attained His presence, and called upon her Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Convey unto her My greetings and gladden her with the mention of My remembrance and loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

O Samandar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Destiny. He remembereth thee from His Most Great Scene in this Prison which God hath transformed into the Most Pure Palace, despite those who imprisoned Him and denied Him. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He who ordered My imprisonment now crieth out and lamenteth in torment, while thy Bestowing Lord is in this noble station. Give thanks unto God for what He hath revealed unto thee and unto those whose names thou didst mention and whose petitions thou didst forward - that whereby the hearts of the servants have been attracted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Informed. We recite the verses while the servant present before the Throne writeth them with a speed that none else can match. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me, soared in My atmosphere, and spoken My praise amongst My servants. Give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace, My mercy and My generosity that have encompassed the worlds.

His Holiness Muhammad-Husayn - may His sovereignty be exalted:

In the Name of the Friend

O Husayn! Thy petition was presented before the Face and was observed. God willing, thou hast ever been and wilt ever be blessed with the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds and remain turned toward His direction. How excellent is the state of one who hath turned unto Him, how beloved the tongue that hath spoken His praise, how noble the pen that hath been aided to write His verses, and how luminous the heart that hath been illumined with the light of His knowledge. Say:

O my God, my Aim, my Sovereign, my Lord! I beseech Thee to aid me in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure in such wise that I shall move only by Thy leave and speak only what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book through the Pen of Thy Command. O Lord! I am the poor one who hath turned toward the gate of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Muhammad-i-Sadiq! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My mighty Throne. He remembereth thee and those who have turned unto Him with clear certitude. Today all friends must fix their gaze upon steadfastness and hold fast unto Him, for the manifestations of negation are many and lie in wait at all times. Most of the people of the earth play as children play. Thus doth the All-Informed make mention. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. At all times occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the All-Merciful and hold fast to the cord of His love.

O servant of God! Your call has attained the presence of the Goal of all the world, and that which you submitted was presented by this servant before His Presence. God willing, may all the friends attain unto acting in accordance with that which the All-Bestowing One hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. In the previous year, the Tablet of Detachment, the Book of Truth, the Tablet of the Balance, and the Tablet of Trustworthiness were sent down from the heaven of will. Blessed are they who have beheld them and succeeded in acting upon them. Each of the friends who have drunk from the wine of the love of the All-Merciful must ever be occupied with that which will cause unity and fellowship among the peoples of the

earth. Unite, O My servants, in My Cause, then drink the Kawthar of My utterance from the ocean of My grace. Thus doth God command you, before and after. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Wise.

As for what you wrote concerning Haji Baba, it was presented before the Throne. He said: God willing, through divine grace, may they act in accordance with that which is commanded in the Book. O Samandar! Say: The world and all its ornaments and bounties, its kings and subjects and paupers, shall pass away, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for God's chosen ones and His loved ones. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak - blessed be they that hear! Let them be occupied, trusting in God. Verily, He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the good of this world and the next. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. Were souls to become aware of the eternal realm, they would assuredly not be saddened during these two days, or two hours, or two minutes of this world. It behooveth everyone in these days to say:

O God of all beings! I testify with my outer and inner tongue that what is with Thee is better for me than all that is witnessed and seen in the kingdom of creation.

Convey to him greetings from the Tongue of Truth and say: Be not distressed. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded and be of the thankful ones.

As for the letter of Aqa Mulla Ibrahim to this evanescent servant, if God should will and desire, an answer shall be sent.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Hasan Kh., it was presented in the Most Great Scene. He said: O Hasan! Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His mention aforetime and in this hour when the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of this exalted prison. The entire world hath departed and shall depart, for God, exalted be His glory, hath made the world like unto a bridge that all may cross over it and attain unto their goal, that is, that they may dwell in the praiseworthy station. The world was not and will never be an abode of permanence. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones that they may ascend at the time of their passing with sanctified and detached hearts. Whosoever attaineth unto this station, his ascension was and shall be a source of joy. However, this ocean is the portion of those who are near and sincere. O Hasan! Grieve not for thy brother. Verily, he hath attained unto the ornament of forgiveness and dwelleth nigh unto the mercy of thy Lord, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In another letter from your honor, a packet from His Holiness Ismu'llah, upon him be all glory and splendor, was received. Letters from him have arrived through other channels as well, but this evanescent servant, due to numerous occupations and other obstacles, has not yet succeeded in submitting a response. God willing, I hope to be able to take the liberty of submitting a response in these days.

O beloved of my heart! Consider how letters arrive from all directions, and this servant's responses, when submitted, are detailed - some submissions exceeding one volume. Therefore, if this servant were to respond to each believer's letter every time, these lifetimes would certainly not suffice. Beyond these considerations, there is the writing of verses which this servant is engaged in day and night. Glory be to Him Who strengthened me for this momentous cause, and glory be to Him Who enabled me to

accomplish what I never imagined I could achieve. Glorified is He beyond what I or others describe, beyond what I or others mention, and beyond what the tongues of the world express.

Regarding what you wrote about those mentioned individuals going to Jaffa, and that His Honor Jud, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, had spoken these words about having excessive love for him, etc., and that beloved one had written at the end that in truth and fairness, he had maintained and continues to maintain the utmost steadfastness and vigilance in the Cause to the extent of his capacity and strength, and was never concerned with such matters, etc. O my beloved! You spoke truly in mentioning he who arose to serve God and remembered Him for successive years, and for whom the Supreme Pen revealed that which brought joy to hearts and delight to eyes. By God's life! A fire was ignited in his heart that consumed all else besides God, our Lord, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O beloved of my heart! The fire that is ignited by the love of God has consumed and will consume the mention of anyone besides the Friend. Blessed is he, again blessed is he.

After this explanation was submitted, He said: "He has done what was befitting in the days of his Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing." And He said: "Today the relationship with God is established. Blessed is the soul that holds fast to it, for it is among the most exalted of creation in a clear Book." As commanded, His Honor Ismu'l-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, sent his letter to Jaffa. No mention of anything unfavorable has thus far descended from the heaven of will regarding this matter, and He has shown and continues to show favor.

Regarding your mention of His Honor Aqa Siyyid (J) and His Honor 'Andalib, upon them both be the glory of God, and other friends, responses to their submissions have been revealed and will be sent. May they hold fast to the cord of teaching, but with the wisdom that the All-Wise has decreed in the Book. I beseech our Lord, the Most Merciful, to assist them and strengthen them in such remembrance that will cause all faces to turn toward the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Samandar! Thou hast attained unto God's mention after having recognized Him and hast drunk the living waters from the hands of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Thou art he who attained the presence of the Countenance and stood before the Door and wast honored with that which is inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of those who have believed in thy region and give them glad tidings of that which is ordained for them in the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. We counsel them to fear God, for through it His Cause, the mighty, the wondrous, is uplifted. Say: Hold fast unto that which exalteth My Cause and manifesteth My sovereignty amongst My servants. Thus doth command you He from Whom is a preserving Tablet. Verily, those who turn away this Day are in heedlessness, in loss, in hypocrisy, in remoteness, and in evident doubt. The world hath been confounded by the deeds of those peoples who have forsaken My path and followed the ways of Satan.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention once again of him who is named Muhammad-'Ali, who hath attained unto My mention and praise, who hath turned towards My face and hath written down that which was sent down from My heaven, that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. He hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and hath attained the Most Glorious Vision - the station round which circle the Concourse on High and the near-stationed angels. Thus hath surged the ocean of My loving-kindness and wafted the fragrance of My mercy, yet most of the people are heedless.

O Samandar! We love to make mention of My loved ones in Alif and Shin, that they may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O My loved ones in those regions! By the True One, the Ancient Beauty hath turned towards you from this glorious, exalted Station, which hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Hold fast unto that which shall profit you in the Hereafter and in this world. Thus doth your Lord, the Faithful Counselor, admonish you. Beware lest the affairs of earth shut you out from the Creator of heaven, Who hath come with mighty sovereignty. This is the Day whereon the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and all who dwell in the kingdoms of creation and command have been thunderstruck, save him whom the hand of God's power hath protected, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My loved ones! Blessed are ye for having turned towards My Most Sublime Horizon, cast away all else beside Me, and taken that which hath been sent down from My glorious, exalted Kingdom. Know ye the value of these days and act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God. By My life! It shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, gaze ye with utmost joy and fragrance toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance that whosoever hath turned toward it hath found himself free and sanctified from the world's defilements. In all conditions ye must be mindful of that which exalteth the Cause of God, and today's deeds must be such that every soul may inhale from them the sweet savors of holiness and detachment. Ye must strive with the utmost dedication to ponder and act upon that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. He hath verily guided you to the straight path and manifested unto you that which ye were promised in the Book. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who was martyred in My path in the Prison of Ta. We testify that he was with Me and circled round My throne at eventide and at dawn. We send Our greetings upon him, upon you, upon his son, and upon those who have attained unto the knowledge of God in the final end.

O My Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Kaf and Lam (Kaladarih), that they may praise God, the Lord of all beings. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to turn towards this Ocean, from whose waves can be heard: 'There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.' I created creation for My knowledge - among them are those who turned away and those who turned towards Me. And he who turned towards Me is assuredly of the people of Paradise in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. Rejoice in My days and hold fast unto that wherefrom appear the pearls of detachment amidst the concourse of religions. Reflect upon God's mercy and His grace. He maketh mention of you from this station and magnifieth His favor upon your faces. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

The Sun of Revelation is shining and the Ocean of Utterance is surging. Blessed is the soul that hath not deprived itself and hath attained unto the boundless effusions of God in this wondrous springtime. O friends! The Tongue of the All-Merciful saith: Let not this opportunity slip from your grasp and count these moments as precious. Thus doth command you the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

May His Holiness Haji Aqa Baba be blessed with divine favors, occupied with the mention of the Friend, and acting as behooveth him. The Glory be upon him and upon them and upon the handmaidens of God in that place, and upon whosoever hath heard and answered his Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

O Samandar! We have indeed found the fragrance of the mention of al-Javad who hath succeeded in teaching the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Upon him be My glorification and My sweet-scented breeze and My fragrance which hath perfumed the world from My luminous robe. We have mentioned him and do mention him as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. His mention and praise have attained unto the honor of being heard in this Station which hath been named the Supreme Horizon in the Book of Names, and the Uttermost End in the Green Isle, and the Heaven of heavens by the Most Exalted Pen, and the Most Great Prison in the kingdom of creation. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Though tribulations and sorrows may afflict him on earth, God will soon manifest what He desireth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Glory be upon him and upon those who hearken unto his word concerning the Cause of God, the True King, the Manifest.

We make mention of the Nightingale who hath arisen to remember Me and hath voiced My praise amongst My servants. We testify that he hath attained unto the recognition of the All-Merciful in this Day wherein faces have been darkened and feet have slipped. O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! All things have been set aflame by the warbling of the Dove of the Cause in the kingdom of creation, yet the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil. The wine of idle fancy hath so intoxicated them that they have been kept back from the Lord of Names Who was promised unto them in all the Books, Scriptures, Psalms, and in every Tablet. They have taken that which perisheth and cast away that which would endure for them in the kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Nightingale! Sing in My Name upon the branches of the Lote-Trees of the world, that haply there may be drawn unto it the peoples who have turned away from the Most Great Ocean and have turned unto every ignorant reprobate. The Tongue of the Ancient of Days hath spoken that which made the rocks cry out and the mountains to melt, yet the people are in strange doubt. They behold the proof of God, yet deny it. Thus doth the Mother Book recount unto thee from His presence. Leave the mention of them that have turned away, then make mention on My behalf of My servants who have hastened unto the ocean of My loving-kindness, who have turned towards the kingdom of My grace, who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of My favors, and who have heard from thee My mention and My verses, that they may rejoice in My days. Verily thy Lord is the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

It is submitted that some time ago, magnificent and exalted Tablets descended from the heaven of divine will specifically for Jinab-i-'Andalib and Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid J., upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise responses to petitions from those parts and other Tablets. However, until now they have not been sent due to wisdom. Thereafter, the command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Specifically regarding the mention of Jinab-i-N.S. and his two sons, upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was uttered from the blessed tongue. God willing, may all the friends ever be and continue to be honored with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. I swear by the Beauty of the Friend that neither the dominion of command and creation nor the kingdom of the heavens and earth can compare with His mention. Soon God will reveal what was hidden in this Day and show them His grace, His sovereignty, His power, His might, and the station of His loved ones. Verily He is the Protector over all things. There is no

God but Him, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Though mention of my glory befitteth you not, yet I follow my Lord and the Lord of the worlds, my God and the God of all peoples, and I say: Glory and praise and honor be upon you both and upon his eminence Javad who attained that which most of the servants were deprived of, and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of creation.

The special submission is that His Holiness the Most Great Branch and His Holiness the Most Mighty Branch - may my spirit and being be a sacrifice unto the dust of their most pure footsteps - conveyed wondrous mention and sublime glorification to that beloved one and Jinab-i-Akhavi and Jinab-i-Javad. Likewise all those circumambulating send expressions of sincerity, glorification and glory to those beloved ones.

The reply to the honored master Aqa Mirza Muhammad T., upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, has been written and will be sent in the next post.

The Servant

11 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1297

One most holy, most exalted Tablet specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, was revealed from the heaven of grace and was sent, and likewise this servant wrote and sent a letter in reply to Jinab-i-Mulla 'Abdu'r-Razzaq, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - may that beloved one deliver them.

Regarding the Most Great Festival, what that beloved one has written is correct, there is no doubt in it. The first day of Naw-Ruz is counted as thirty-two and the afternoon of the thirty-second day is the beginning of the Festival when the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, entered the Ridvan. And that the afternoon of the first day and the following day are counted as one day is because engagement [in work] is not permitted therein, and there is another wisdom in it, but in counting the twelve days they are counted as two days.

And regarding the Huqúqu'llah, its minimum amount is one unit, meaning if any person possesses nineteen mithqals of gold or items reaching this value, after deducting the year's expenses, Huquq becomes applicable to it and its payment becomes obligatory.

As to the meaning of wisdom, it signifieth wisdom in dealing with people. The people of Baha must conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom. Thus should anyone disclose to weak souls at this time the law of fasting, which is among the most weighty of divine ordinances in the Book, he hath strayed from wisdom. In all matters must they proceed in this wise. Such divine ordinances as would cause no disturbance or commotion to implement at this time must be observed. The disclosure of matters that would cause people to be alarmed is assuredly not permissible in the eyes of the wise. What need is there for one who is fasting to make it known?

His honor Aqa Siyyid Javad - upon him be the glory of God - who formerly dwelt in the Land of ?aff, made certain inquiries from the Land of Kha, and a detailed response was sent. Among these was that in the Most Holy Book the shaving of the head had been forbidden, and now in these lands some of the

companions had acted upon this law and had thereby become known to all. Was this action in conformity with wisdom or contrary to it? From the Source of Command this blessed word was revealed: whatsoever would cause commotion among the servants is not permitted at this time, until the Cause be made manifest.

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

Praise and glory befit the dwellers of eternity's realm unto the Lord of Names, Whose most pure hem hath ever been and shall remain sanctified from the calumnies of the people of hatred. Whatsoever hath issued from the mouths of the deceivers hath never found and shall never find access to His court of glory. These faithless, ignorant people have failed to comprehend the station of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and speak according to their own desires and idle fancies. Sanctified is the remembrance of our Lord from their whisperings, their murmurings, their utterances, their supplications and their invocations. Exalted is His grandeur and supreme is His sovereignty. There is no God but Him.

The letter from that honored friend arrived, and its contents were the cause of joy, for the fragrances of love for the Lord of the Revelation wafted therefrom. After its reading, We repaired to the Most Holy Court and presented it before the countenance of the Lord of creation, where it attained the honor of His attention. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth while seated upon the Throne in a place named Junayni. Exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof: "There is no Revelation but His Revelation."

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger.

O Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! Thy letter hath arrived and the servant present before the Throne presented it at a time when sorrows encompassed Me from all directions. Verily, the M followed the M in his tyranny and oppression, cast aside the Lord and followed one who hath no mention in the court of God's glory, the Creator of heaven. He hath lost in his deeds and gone astray in his endeavors. Soon shall he find himself in abasement and loss. Hear thou the call from the direction of Akka - it calleth in the kingdom of creation and commandeth all to righteousness, piety, trustworthiness, religion, truthfulness and fidelity. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth upon that which he hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou and thy father who hath taken for himself a station beneath the shade of his Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have mentioned him with verses whose fragrance shall never cease and which the happenings of the world cannot alter. To this God's Book in this station doth testify. The Glory from Us be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have attained and have ascended through the light of recognition unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue: Convey Our greetings to all the kinsmen on behalf of the Wronged One. The loved ones have ever been and shall ever be remembered. The spiritual youth, upon him be My glory and favor, hath ever been mentioned and is witnessed before the Throne. His letter arrived previously

and an answer was revealed in a realm sanctified above words, but until now it hath not descended from the world of meaning to the world of utterance. Know ye with absolute certainty that the loved ones of God have never been and shall never be forgotten from His sight, and the glances of His grace have ever been and shall ever be directed towards them. We counsel the friends to wisdom and to such deeds as will cause the attraction of hearts and the turning of souls unto God. In the land of ’Ayn and Shin, there occurred at the hands of the oppressors that which transformed the world of joy into grief. Glory be to God! In such instances both supreme joy and profound sorrow are manifest - consider this, O ye who possess insight! Praise be to God that they were slain but slew not, they acted in accordance with divine counsels. They took patience as their helper in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist all to be ever mindful of His counsels and exhortations. That which occurred in the month of Muharram regarding the Manifestation of the Herald and the Great Announcement - none but the people of truth have been or are aware of it. Therefore, the expression of joy in those days becometh the cause of revolution and hatred and rancor among the people. Wisdom doth not sanction the manifestation of joy and delight in those days. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Take ye that which will attract the hearts of the servants and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of creation. We make mention of all the loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the light of divine providence. O people of God! Resolution is needed. We hope that through your words of guidance the saplings of being may attain to maturity and development, and that all on earth may be nourished by their fruits and effects. The Cause of the Most Great Announcement is mighty. The princes and divines have turned away and the people follow them. The wise among the servants should hold fast to that which will purify existence from the disease of ignorance and folly. At all times, pure and holy deeds and radiant, pleasing character are the helpers and supporters of the Cause. Blessed are they who hold fast unto these! Ahmad, the son of him who found repose beneath the shade of his Lord’s grace, is remembered.

He Who remembereth the one who hath been mentioned under the shadow of his Lord’s loving-kindness. Letters have repeatedly arrived from him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in that which will cause his remembrance to be exalted amongst His creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Say: O people! The divine Books, both of the past and present, have testified to the blessedness of these days, for the Sun of Truth shineth resplendent before all faces, the light of utterance is radiant and brilliant, the stream of mercy floweth and circulateth, and the breezes of God are wafting. Were a soul to contemplate the bounty bestowed upon a single leaf of the tree, he would, throughout his life, unceasingly utter “Thou art the Merciful” and “Thou art the Bountiful.” The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every one constant and trustworthy.

The fragrant breezes of divine revelation have pervaded the realm of meaning and utterance, yet the heedless servants are ever occupied in preventing it. This is a practice that hath persisted from ancient times. In all the days of Manifestation, they have striven to extinguish the light of divine unity and quench the fire of the Sacred Tree. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn His servants with that which beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Mention hath been made of Muhammad-Quli, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise his righteous deed. Praise be to God, after his deed was presented, it was accepted, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted

Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of the divine Will and sent forth. God willing, he will attain unto it. Well is it with him for what he hath wrought in the path of God. Likewise, mention was made of the friends of Khusif, upon them be the glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the Kind, the Compassionate, and the other friends, upon them be the glory of God, which was accepted before the face of the Lord of all mankind.

This is what was revealed for Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty and glory, is:

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

O Muhammad! There hath come upon Us in the Most Great Prison that which hath caused the realities of existence to lament. The oppressor hath been consumed by the fire of greed and passion, and hath wrongfully devoured the property of the people. Verily, he is of the people of tyranny. He hath cast away godliness and seized upon passion, and hath committed that which hath caused tears to flow from eyes. We have heard thy call and have called thee from the Mount of Knowledge. God, there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them in such wise that hearts are attracted thereby, then drink in My name from the cup of My utterance, My choice sealed wine. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible.

And this is what was revealed for Mulla ’Ali, upon him be the everlasting glory of God. His word, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

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O Ali! The wolves of the earth have surrounded the sheep of God, and the beast of the world seeks to harm the loved ones of the Most Great Name. Tyrants from every direction have openly arisen in oppression, and pharaohs from every quarter are engaged in transgression. Yet in such circumstances the Tongue of Grandeur speaks in praise of His loved ones, for this handful of dust is as naught in the sight of God and His loved ones. By God’s life! The clanking chains of the world are but as the buzzing of a fly to the faithful, and its buildings and prosperity are as a spider’s web, nay less than that. Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of this Wronged One. Soon these days shall come to an end. Strive that ye may attain to that which shall be accepted and adorned with everlasting glory. The Day is the Day of deeds. Fix your gaze upon trustworthiness and hold fast to righteousness. He verily counsels His servants and advises them with that which shall exalt them. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

This was revealed for Ali Kh. Upon him be the Glory of God. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O Ali! Upon thee be My Glory! The oppressor of the world has opened the door of counsel. Say: O heedless one! It behooveth thee first to counsel thyself. By God’s life! Blood hath been shed, wealth hath

been plundered, oppression hath been wrought, and that hath been committed which hath caused all things to lament, as well as the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. He hath been seized for his sin, yet he perceiveth it not. Soon shall he behold the recompense of his deeds from God, the Avenger, the Almighty. The transgressor hath followed the oppressor in his tyranny and hath written that which caused the companions to cry out and hath been consumed with the fire of hatred in such wise that the realities of being trembled and the tears of the righteous flowed. We beseech God to protect His servants from his evil. He verily is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. He remembered thee with such remembrance as caused the very stones to soar. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not deterred from turning unto God, the Lord of Lords.

O My loved ones in the letters Kha and Vav! Hear My call. It verily draws you nigh unto the supreme horizon and guides you to the Dayspring of guidance. Deprive not yourselves of the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all directions. We have mentioned you before in numerous Tablets with such mention as hath illumined the horizons. It endeth here. His is the praise and the glory, His the thanks and the splendor. He hath remembered His loved ones with that which shall cause their names to endure throughout the duration of His most excellent names and exalted attributes. Our Lord is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

We beseech God that He may cause all to attain unto that which is the cause of the spreading of His signs among His servants. This spreading, as mentioned in the revealed Tablets, hath ever been and shall continue to be dependent upon goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, for deeds and character that are manifested in the path of God attract hearts and souls, and this attraction is the cause of drawing nigh, and drawing nigh is the cause of awareness and the station of propagation. God willing, may all attain thereunto.

Mention was made of the honored uncle, Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the bounty of our Most Glorious Lord. He, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance, speaks:

In My Name, the One Who calleth from the Supreme Horizon […]

O Akbar! After ʼAli strange matters have appeared and peculiar signs have become manifest. The wolf counsels God's sheep, saying "Drink not blood and rend not flesh"; the serpent admonishes the fish to be patient, and the bear the cock; and the embodiment of tyranny says to the embodiment of justice "Oppress not, seize not the people's wealth, fear God." Indeed the world has changed - wickedness and iniquity counsel righteousness and piety and command godliness. Such deception and craftiness have appeared in the world as have had and have no equal. One who would sell the realm of holiness for a penny claims to serve the world and love all peoples. By God! For a dinar he would deliver the righteous into the hands of the wicked and corrupt. He speaks of patriotism while secretly and openly shedding the blood of the sovereign. They are worshippers of money yet count themselves among the righteous. It behooveth us to leave mention of them and remember thee who hast turned to a Cause from which all in the land have turned away, save those whom the hands of divine power have delivered, God, the Lord of

all mankind. We have mentioned thee before, and at this time with verses which, when revealed, caused the sun of knowledge to shine forth and illumined all lands. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: At a time when I am surrounded by enemies and serpents are visible on the right and left, I speak forth verses and make mention of you. Strive that ye may succeed in achieving that which is befitting and worthy on this day. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom God has related to thee, both men and women. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The days are mighty and great days. It would be a great pity should they pass in heedlessness. O friends of God and His loved ones! Striving is necessary that ye may succeed in accomplishing that which will endure in God's Book. He is indeed the Generous, the Merciful, the Mighty, the Great. The relatives of that honored friend have repeatedly been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur. Divine favors are beyond the reckoning of the servants. Were ye to count God's favors ye would not be able to number them. But the people have heedlessly done that which no oppressor in any age has done. Their deeds bear witness to this before all faces. Soon shall they see their recompense from the presence of the Just, the Wise. Mention was made of the cousin, upon them both be the glory of God. After being submitted before the Holy Presence, these sublime and exalted verses were revealed. His blessed and exalted Word: He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad! Today all things are in a state of rapture, ecstasy and exultation through the manifestation of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and they congratulate one another, uttering the words "how our eyes have been refreshed." Blessed is the one who has recognized the station of these days and is occupied with the praise and glorification of the Desired One of all worlds. Today the world has another light, the sea another wave, and the Sadrat of Sinai another melody. Blessed is he that hath ears to hear and eyes to see, and woe unto the heedless! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, mine ears with the hearkening unto Thy call, and mine eyes with beholding Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Kingdom and its mysteries, and by the heaven of Thy utterance and its stars, to ordain for me that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants and draw me nigh unto Thee, and to provide for me from the table of Thy heavenly grace. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory of God rest upon thee, thy mother, thy brothers and thy sister, from God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

After mention was made of his father, his wife, and the two servants named Ghulam-Husayn and Habibullah, upon them be the glory of God, and after their names were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, these blessed verses were revealed from the heaven of grace - exalted be His majesty and abundant be His favors:

O Muhammad-Rida! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds and hast drunk from the sealed wine. And thy kindred - thy mother, thy wife, and thy two sons - all have been mentioned before the Lord of Names. The remembrances of the world and what is with the peoples cannot compare with this remembrance, for the divine mention in the Tablet endureth as long as the kingdom and the realm endure, while all else returneth to nothingness. Convey My greetings to each one of them from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Light of Providence. The loved ones have ever been and shall ever remain beneath the glance of grace, as attesteth He with Whom is the mighty Book.

And We make mention at this time of thy brother who was named Ali, that this remembrance may draw him to the highest horizon and the Hand of Bounty may give him to drink of the Kawthar of eternity. Blessed is he who hath attained to the outpourings of these days, and woe unto the heedless ones! O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided the thirsty one to the ocean of Thy mercy, the hungry one to the table of Thy heaven, the needy one to the sun of Thy generosity, and the sinful one to the heaven of Thy forgiveness. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the Kawthar of bounty hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen, to ordain for me that which will exalt me, preserve me, and benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is with me, and I know not what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! The Glory of God be upon you and upon your brother from Us. We give you both glad tidings of what hath been sent down unto you from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have revealed unto him who hath drunk from the Kawthar of attainment and hath gained what was inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy - through which the sun of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful hath shone forth, the ocean of forgiveness hath surged, and the fragrance of the mercy of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath wafted. Verily, they who have ascended in My days have attained unto that which none before them hath attained. This is attested by that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of Our loved ones there. The Wronged One, in the midst of tribulations and sorrows, remembereth them with that which the treasures of the world cannot equal, that they may rejoice and be of the thankful. Convey My greetings unto them and remind them of that which hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

O loved ones of God in that land! The like of these days hath never been seen. This is the Day for deeds and steadfastness. All must be intent on reformation and associate with all the peoples of the world in the light of love, except him who hath turned away from this Most Great Announcement, the meeting with Whom had been the hope of those near unto God. Holding fast unto this cord, they must be detached from the world, must pass beyond the world of names, that they may attain unto a station which is sanctified from all similitude, peer, doubt, conjectures and vain imaginings of men. Know ye with clear certainty that whosoever in this Day attaineth unto but one word, he is mentioned in the Book of God as being of the Concourse on High.

O loved ones! Arise with zeal that perchance ye may, through wisdom and utterance, awaken the heedless souls and give them to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness. The station of steadfastness is such that should all who are in heaven and on earth endeavor to prevent one from the straight path, they would find themselves utterly impotent. This is the most exalted station, the supreme pinnacle, and the crimson Tree. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and taken hold of that which he hath been bidden by the One Who commandeth from ancient times.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! O shoemaker! Reflect upon the grace and bounty of God. The shoemaker hath crossed the bridge while the learned have stumbled. Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of knowledge and arrived, while the jurists remain bewildered in the wilderness of their fancies. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou

in Whose grasp is the dominion of the first and the last! Thou hast guided whom Thou didst will and who desired Thee, and hast forsaken those who sought other than Thee. I testify that Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Husayn! O farmer! Blessed art thou, for thou hast, through divine confirmation, rent asunder the veil of fancy and, through His grace, hast torn away the intervening veils. Beseech God to grant thee steadfastness, for the croakers lie in ambush and the doubtful ones wait in observation posts. Say: My God, my God! Increase the light of my knowledge, then preserve me through Thy power which hath encompassed all created things, lest my feet slip through the doubts of the skeptical ones and the croaking of the croakers who have broken Thy Covenant and desired to prevent Thy servants from the stream of Thy mercy and Thy manifest, clear, and evident path.

As to the matter of requesting visitation and circumambulation by proxy through this evanescent servant, on this day, which is the sixth of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani, six hours past dawn, the visitation was performed on behalf of that spiritual friend and was honored with acceptance. Blessed am I and art thou, and blessed is he who hath attained unto this supreme bounty and mighty favor.

He Whose utterance is the Remembrance maketh mention of My beloved Haji Muhammad Kazim, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise of the news concerning what transpired in the great city. Glory be to God! Greed and avarice have deprived those souls of the shore of trustworthiness, religion, justice and fairness. Would that it had ended with this matter! But no, by God! Each day they utter a new calumny and cling to fresh lies. One who was known for tyranny and wickedness, and who turned away from godliness in this land - out of care and protection they ordered him to leave. He went to the great city and united with one like himself, and they clung to such calumnies that the greatest terror became manifest from all things, and justice and fairness engaged in wailing and lamentation. This is the way of these people, and thou shalt never find any change in their ways. Haji Muhammad Karim Khan Kirmani wrote a book of refutation every year, and likewise some poets of the age have said that which their recompense is established and confirmed with the Just, the Wise One, and the punishment for this rebellion shall have no end and no conclusion. Similarly, Sipihr the historian wrote that from which the pen seeks refuge with the Truth. In any case, these matters have been and are inwardly the cause of the exaltation of the Word and the spread of the Cause. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn His servants with that which draweth them nigh unto Him and causeth them to speak with justice and fairness. Verily, He is our Protector and our Goal, and He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

The spiritual friend, Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, gave thy letters to this servant, and each was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. In truth, these letters became the cause of the manifestation of the greatest grace. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the cup of utterance of his Lord, the Most Merciful. The servant testifieth that he is among those who are nigh unto God in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. I convey greetings and glory to all the friends of that land, both small and great, female and male, and I have sought and do seek for each one an eternal reward and everlasting good. And I beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve them through His

bounty and give them to drink from the cup of steadfastness from the hands of His bestowal. Verily, He is the Generous, the Munificent.

The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps - make mention of that spiritual friend and his relatives and the aforementioned friends, upon them be the Glory of God, and they beseech God, exalted be His Glory, for each one an enduring blessing and heavenly sustenance. Verily, He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Manifestor of that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from sight. Verily, He is the Helper, the Chosen One.

Mention was made of Haji Mulla Baqir and Haji Rida and Aqa Muhammad Husayn and Aqa Ali, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented before the Presence, there was revealed for each one specifically that which giveth glad tidings of eternal life. Blessed are they who have attained.

This is what was revealed for Haji Mulla Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God - exalted be His utterance and sublime be His proof:

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad-i-Baqir! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath spoken before all faces. The Command is God's, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. God's proof hath been perfected unto His creation and His testimony unto His servants, yet most of the people perceive not. The Spring of Life hath welled forth before the faces of all religions, and the Euphrates of mercy hath flowed from the Pen of God, Lord of what was and what shall be. This is the Day wherein the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizons of the heaven of the tablets of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto His traces, the ear that hath heard His sweetest call, and the hand that hath taken hold of His sealed Book. Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, then open the doors of hearts through His Name, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of the wisdom of God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. God hath heard thy call and revealed for thee that which cooleth the eyes. The splendor from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto Our sealed wine.

This was revealed for Haji Rida, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name through which the fragrance of divine knowledge hath wafted through all possibility!

O Rida! Thy name hath been present before the Most Glorious Horizon. We have mentioned thee with that which hath diffused the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings. Say: By God's life! The ocean hath surged before all faces and the fragrance of God, the Lord of lords, hath wafted. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and found, and woe unto him who hath denied what hath been sent down from the heaven of God's bounty, the Lord of the beginning and the end. When thou hast attained unto the reading of My verses and the witnessing of My signs, say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself unto all who dwell in the realm of being, and the Euphrates of Thy mercy hath flowed amidst all religions. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Most Great Throne and the mysteries of

Thy Cause, O Lord of eternity, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto the mountain of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the oppressive ones among Thy servants, and Thy chosen ones among the deniers who have been enkindled with the fire of hatred in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things to preserve them through Thy bounty and aid them through Thy power. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This was revealed for Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name through which the Herald hath called out between earth and heaven!

O Muhammad-Husayn! This Wronged One, while in the hands of His enemies, hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee, that perchance thou mayest be ignited with the heat of God's remembrance - an ignition which the doubts of the workers of iniquity and immorality cannot prevent thee from attaining the Most Exalted Horizon. All the people of the world were waiting and still wait, yet when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the Mount of Sinai, all turned away save whom thy Lord willed. Praise the Desired One of the world Who confirmed thee in turning toward Him and mentioned thee with verses that shall endure in the Perspicuous Book. It behooveth thee to say in this station: Praise be unto Thee, O Desired One of all who are in the heavens and the earth!

This was revealed for Ali, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name through which the earth and heaven were illumined! […]

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Today the cloud of divine mercy is, at every moment, bestowing that which causeth the growth of the ears of knowledge and inner meanings. The Sun of Thy Lord's bounty shineth resplendent before the faces of His servants, yet the people remain heedless and veiled, save those whom the hand of the power of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, hath delivered. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to comprehend His infinite bestowals. By My life! Were the people of the earth to recognize but one word of His utterances and its effects in the realm of earth and heaven, they would all assuredly forsake whatsoever they possess and cling to that which is with God. Say: My God, my God! Deny me not the outpourings of Thy days, and deprive me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I testify that Thou art the Most Generous, the Possessor of the Most Great Message.

The Luminary of bounty and generosity has dawned and shone forth with its rays upon His chosen ones, His sincere ones, and His loved ones. Blessed is he who is illumined by it, detached from all else - he is truly among the triumphant ones in God's Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. In truth, divine favor and bounty have reached such a degree that the drop seeks the station of the ocean, and the atom the station of the sun. This evanescent servant ever submits: "My God, my God! Deprive not Thy servants of the Kawthar of steadfastness in Thy Cause, such that names withhold them not from their Possessor."

At this point a story comes to mind which is worthy to be related: Some years ago, one named Siyyid Taqi attained the presence [of Baha'u'llah] and dwelt for a time in this land. After departing, he met on his way one Hussein known as Sukht who asked him whence he came. He mentioned 'Akka. Hussein said "Why

do you not go to Cyprus? Mirza Yahya is the successor of the Point." With these words, all his ranks of steadfastness, faith and devotion were scattered to the winds. He thereafter went to Cyprus and returned to Iran with a book of falsehoods. Glory be to God! How can one claiming divine love be turned from the straight path of the Lord by a single word, when that person himself knew that the aforementioned Hussein had no knowledge of anything? Indeed it is the recompense of deeds that leads man into vain imaginings and deprives him of the light of certitude.

Today the people of Baha have passed beyond the gulf of names and set their course toward the ocean of inner meanings. They have placed the whole world beneath their feet and taken the final step to the Most Exalted Station. The Command is in the hand of God, our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven. Also Nafsi from Jadhba went to Kirman some years ago and there was deprived by one fabricated word from the Mother Book. Would that he had stopped at that! He engaged in deception, falsification, lies and calumny. Through guile and deceit he obtained one of this servant's letters that had been sent to one of the friends, intending to copy and send it to the opponents.

This servant submits: "My God, my God! Protect Thy servants from the evil of the opposers, the deniers and the barking ones, and aid them all to justice and fairness that they may behold Thy signs with their own eyes and hear Thy verses with their own ears. Verily Thou hast power over all things."

Every movement of the Desired One of all worlds is a manifest proof and clear evidence, but prejudice has become a veil. One day the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these sublime words which melted the liver. His words, exalted be His utterance and mighty His dominion: "O servant in attendance! Would that the deniers of the Bayan had reflected this much: We would have established this Cause firmly among the people of Iran and raised it to the most exalted station and highest rank. At that time We would have entrusted it to whoever was worthy. Each day after countless hardships when the Cause was somewhat elevated, certain souls, out of pure hatred, committed that which caused the Cause of God to be wasted. In the days of tribulation all were hidden behind veils, but when the light shone forth and the Cause became manifest, they drew their swords."

He Who is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth!

Thy name hath come before the Wronged One, Who hath made mention of thee in verses from which hath shone forth, from the horizon of each word thereof, the Sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereon the Sun proclaimeth "Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Wise," and wherein the Ocean proclaimeth "Greatness belongeth unto God, the Goal of them that have known Him." Blessed is the servant who hath heard the call raised by all things in celebration of God, the Lord of all creation, and woe betide every heedless and remote soul. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to illumine thee with the light of recognition and to kindle thee with the fire of His love. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, and within His grasp lie the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thine eyes are cheered by the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made mention of me, and caused me to hear and to see, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy manifest path and Thine evident, mighty, and unshakeable Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, that my footsteps slip not through the doubts of them that have turned away from Thy

straight path. Thou, verily, hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He Who is manifest and standeth before kings and subjects alike!

A Book that speaketh the truth and summoneth mankind unto the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Call hath been raised and wherein hath appeared that which was recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. He Who was promised by the Tongue of Grandeur hath come, and He Who was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised, hath been made manifest. Blessed be the soul that hath heard and turned unto Him and attained His presence, and woe betide him that hath turned away from this manifest grace.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Hasan! We have heard thy call and make mention of thee with that which transcendeth all the remembrances of the people, that thou mayest aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance and be of those who are assured. Take thou the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, then drink it in His Name, the One Who ruleth over all names. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Counsellor, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the whisperings of the turbaned folk debar thee from the Most Great Ocean, and beware lest the intimations of the worshippers of names withhold thee from this resplendent and shining horizon. Say: O people! This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Day which was promised in the Books of God, both of the past and of the future, did ye but recognize it. He Who was hidden in knowledge and promised by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath come. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess and take hold of the tokens of God through His power, then recite them with the melodies of the Most Exalted Paradise. These shall guide you and bring you nigh unto His praiseworthy station. He who is assured of His power and His authority shall not be shaken by the doubts of men, nor by the signs of those who have denied the Promised Day. Say: My God, my God! Withhold me not from the Most Great Steadfastness in Thy Cause, O Lord of all being, and number me not with them who believed in Thy proof and then denied it by following the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Strengthen me, O my God, that I may rend asunder all veils through Thy Name, the Strong, the Mighty, the One Who ruleth over what hath been and what shall be. Thus hath the fragrance of revelation been diffused and creation been perfumed through the sweet-scented breezes of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Be thankful and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Desire of hearts and minds. Then know thou that We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book, at the outset of Our arrival in the Most Great Prison, that which appeared in the land of Kaf and Ra, and We informed the people of what would transpire therein. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We beseech God to strengthen thee and make thee steadfast in His Cause in such wise that neither thou nor His loved ones shall be hindered by the whisperings of them that have turned away from the Truth. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all affairs. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee in serving His Cause and in remembering Him amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Helper, the Forgiving, the All-Kindly. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and have said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and of the realms above!”

It is hoped that the sweet savours of the divine verses may take possession of the world and make His loved ones mindful of the events that transpired among the previous party, that they may not be deprived of the Names through their Lord, and may not accept the insinuations of every infidel. May they arise to serve with clear certitude, that perchance the earth may be illumined by the light of divine wisdom. Verily our Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy to answer prayer. Again do I make mention that each of the loved ones hath been and is remembered with heartfelt remembrances, and for all do I beg bounty from the ocean of bounty and perpetuity from the sun of perpetuity. Verily He is the Protector of those who do good and the Goal of them that seek. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon the loved ones and friends of God there and in all directions, and praise be unto Him Who is the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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May what has been sent be directed to the Land of Jadhba and Ba and Shin and certain other places, for this would be well-pleasing. The two rugs which were previously sent have arrived and have been graciously accepted. According to the command, whatsoever is sent to those regions should reach the beloved of the heart, that spiritual youth, upon him be the glory of God and His grace and bounty and mercy. They should make copies and deliver to their owners. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and praise to that spiritual one, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and to the delight of eye and vision, Ahmad. Their mention hath ever been and still is in the Most Holy Court, especially at this time when the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken this exalted word: "O servant in attendance!" God willing, a reply shall be sent to that spiritual one, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, and likewise a reply to Ahmad, upon him be My glory. Blessed be they both and may they rejoice in what cometh to them from God, their Lord.

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Let the honored spirit of His Holiness Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon whom be all the Most Glorious Glory, observe with his luminous gaze.

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

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast heard the call of Truth, turned to the Truth, responded to the Truth, and drunk the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of Truth, when thou didst speak the Truth, and bear burdens in the path of Truth, and show patience in Truth, and attain the presence of Truth when it was made manifest in Truth, and believe in Truth when most of creation turned away from it. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance! The breezes of the springtime of His mercy wafted again and again, yet this withered sapling did not stir nor become fresh. The proof is that it did not achieve the honor of submitting a response, though multiple letters arrived from His presence. In truth, each one was a source of victories and cause for the spirit's joy, yet since there was delay in responding, it became a source of regret and sorrow. This petition is outwardly presented and continues to be presented, but in

reality all affairs are suspended by the cord of God's will. In this case, this servant is content and His Holiness is grateful, and this station is peace for all and all are at peace.

A letter arrived in these days from His presence which was written in response to Ibn-i-Asdaq (upon them both be the Glory of God). I swear by the Beauty of the Desired One of the worlds that such a fragrance emanated from it that all senses derived pleasure and strength from it. And this response was given at a time when he had written "Write to this evanescent servant what is the cause of the delay in our petitions." Although they too were distressed that no word had reached them from the Desired One, yet blessed art thou in what thy pen hath uttered! By the life of the Beloved, thou hast spoken pure truth in God, the Lord of the worlds.

God willing, in these days the response to Ibn-i-Asdaq (upon them both be the Glory of God) and the response to his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah (upon him be the Glory of God) and the response to the loved ones of the Land of Kha (upon them be the Glory of God) will descend from the heaven of grace and be sent. If all the world were to gather, they would not find a shore or boundary for this ocean of grace. No engineer has been or will be capable of measuring its width, length and depth. It is a surging, billowing sea that none has comprehended save God, the Single, the All-Informed.

The blessed letter dated the 14th of Rajab was the cause of boundless joy. God willing, this bounty shall remain lasting and enduring.

Regarding what you wrote about a letter arriving from his honor Haji Kazim - the letter was seen and its details were submitted to the Most Holy Court. He expressed His favor.

Concerning what was written about his honor Amin from the people of the right hand, this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "O Amin! Thou hast seen in God what ought not to be seen, and heard in God what ought not to be heard. We thank God for having enabled thee to hear and see and bear burdens in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. All this hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet, to which the Lord of creation in this exalted station doth testify. Soon shall that which is hidden from sight be revealed. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon those who have believed in God in that place. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Most Great Cause, and blessed is the house wherein the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity hath been raised, and blessed is every patient, grateful one."

O Husayn! Your mention hath come before the Wronged One, and He maketh mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be among them that are steadfast in this Cause, through which every mountain hath been crushed, every camel hath moaned, every husband hath lamented, and every mighty edifice hath been shaken. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - verily He calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison and commandeth thee with that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, mayest thou be blessed through divine grace and be occupied with the mention of the Truth. The call of the Lord of Lords is raised at all times, while the buzzing of flies is evident. God willing, may all servants be assisted and, with a mighty arm, shatter the idols of vain imaginings and attain unto their ultimate goal. O Husayn, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, in all conditions, then make mention

of Him among His heedless servants. In all circumstances be mindful of wisdom, lest any matter arise that would cause the clamor of the deniers.

We likewise make mention of ʼAli ibn Sultan and his brother Mahdi and Muhammad who is imprisoned and ʼAli, and wondrous and exalted verses have been revealed. God willing, may they attain unto them. O ʼAli! Praise God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and granted thee the grace of attainment in the days of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Book; this is better for thee and for those who have believed in God, the Lord of the final end. Hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee from this Prison which God hath made the Dawning-place of His verses.

We make mention of Mahdi and counsel him with that which beseemeth man. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We make mention of him who hath believed in God and His signs and hath turned towards this Horizon from which the horizons have been illumined.

O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the One, the Single, Who hath spoken and speaketh at all times "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the beginning and the end," hath made mention of thee. Beware lest anything hold thee back in the path of God. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's grace and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords, for having made me to know Thee and aided me to recognize this Cause whereby feet have slipped."

O ʼAli! He Who is imprisoned in God's path, through that which the hands of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all mankind, have wrought, maketh mention of thee. Give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me in the Most Great Prison, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of verses."

It is requested that His Holiness write in response to Haji Kazem and give him glad-tidings that his letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and exalted and wondrous verses were specifically revealed and sent for each of the names. God willing, may they not forget the divine counsels and act in accordance with what is befitting and proper, and remain occupied in the remembrance of God. Praise be to God, they have turned towards Him and attained His presence. I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, that they may be aided to preserve what has been bestowed upon them. Convey greetings on my behalf to them as well. Mention was also made of Master Shahbaz in his letter. After it was presented, He spoke in Persian: "O Shahbaz! The True One spoke sweetly in Persian saying: 'I came.' Some denied outright, some hesitated, and others proclaimed these words: 'Welcome, welcome, O Thou our Purpose, O Thou our Beloved!' Then We tested both the hesitant ones and those who had accepted through another matter. A complete transformation was witnessed. Strive that thou mayest be mentioned among the people of the right hand in the Perspicuous Book. The evil ones lie in wait, and the Cause is most mighty. Glory be to God, the Lord of the worlds." Regarding what you wrote about the sum that was bestowed and its distribution, this was presented. He said: "Excellent is what you have done in God's Cause." And specifically, mention was made from the Blessed Tongue of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, as he had acted with kindness regarding the sister of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida. Blessed be he and she.

As to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Haji Kamaluddin, upon him be the Glory of God, mention was made of him and his family in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth from the horizon of grace. They said: “O Zayn! Convey My glorification to the Kamal and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy which have preceded existence itself. Verily We have remembered him and those with him, and We shall continue to remember them as a token of My grace, for I am the Rememberer and the Remembered.” O Zayn! Although his gift did not reach the Most Holy Court and was not seen, it was accepted. Pure deeds are acceptable. His petitions submitted to the Most Holy Court, as well as his letters sent to this servant, were all heard. God willing, may they ever partake of and attain the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One. We beseech God to strengthen him in His commandments and prohibitions, and in all that befits the days of his Lord. We convey greetings to all the souls who have turned towards Him from among the people of Nur and Ra, and We counsel them regarding that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Soon will the voice of the croaker be raised - a matter about which We informed and warned the servants in Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and in the Prison. O concourse of divines! Should a croaker come to you with a book, cast them both behind your backs and put your trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. By God’s life! It is assuredly the book of the wicked ones. This is what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur’an, saying: “Nay! The book of the wicked is indeed in Sijjin. And what will make you know what Sijjin is? It is a written record. Woe on that day to the deniers!” O Kamal! Give glad-tidings of divine favors to all the loved ones in the lands of Nun and Ra and the land of Kaf. All must remain steadfast in the Cause. In every age and dispensation when Satan led humanity astray, it was in the name of truth, for if falsehood were to appear as it truly is, no one would ever turn to it. It appears in the name of truth, making claims, and clinging to the utmost piety and godliness. Know this and be aware, and let not the autumn winds cause you to fall from the holy and lofty Tree. Hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. All must attain such heights - which today represent the station of supreme steadfastness - that they would consider the tales and utterances of the people of the world as mere stories, nay, as absolute nothingness. Thus does your Lord command you, O Kamal, and counsel the servants of God who have held fast to the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The end. Further mention of this servant’s greetings and his complete effacement is dependent upon your grace. Likewise from Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, and his brother who attained in Zawra, both a petition and a letter addressed to this evanescent one were received. A Most Holy Tablet was revealed especially for them some time ago, but has not yet been sent. God willing, this servant hopes to find the opportunity to submit a response to them and to Aqa Kamal, upon him be the Glory of God. A letter also arrived these days from Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, which he had sent from the land of H and M, mentioning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, as well as the philosophers, upon them be the Glory of God. God willing, a response will reach all, and all shall attain to that which God desires.

O Zein! We made mention of him before as a token of Our grace, and at this hour We mention him with a clear mention. And We make mention of him who was with him, that he may be of those who attain. He was set ablaze with the fire of love and attraction before thy Lord Who knoweth all things, and I am the All-Knowing. God willing, may they remain steadfast on the straight path of the Cause through the special

favors of God, in such wise that should anyone bring all the books of the world, they would cast them behind their backs, standing firm in this mighty Cause. O Muhammad-i-Sadiq! Rejoice in that God hath forgiven thy mother and clothed her in the robe of forgiveness as a token of His grace. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Zein! We make mention of him who was martyred in My path when he drank the choice wine of My love and soared in Mine atmosphere and attained My presence, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O Muhammad-i-'Ali! We make mention of thee on this night and bear witness that thou didst drink the Kawthar of martyrdom in the path of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have sent unto thee angels from Our presence to visit thee as a token of grace from God, the Lord of all worlds. And We make mention of all who are related to thee. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in this mighty prison.

As for their request that mention be made of Karbila'i Muhammad-Husayn in the Most Holy Court, it was submitted, and He said: May he ever gaze toward the horizon of grace and act as befitteth. Verily he hath attained mention in the presence of his Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for the request of some of the friends of God from the land of Ta that mention be made of them in the Most Holy Court, each was blessed with revealed verses, and the reply to the letters of Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, which he had written to this servant, was sent at the end of the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih. And mention was made of the son of Jinab-i-'Ali-Nur, upon him be the Glory of God, who was named Hasan-i-'Ali. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One spoke concerning him: May he, God willing, drink of the Kawthar of contentment and the Tasnim of submission and be confirmed in that which is commanded in the Book. O Zein! Beseech God to protect His weak servants. In the Hidden Words this blessed passage was previously revealed: "O Sons of the Spirit! Ye shall be hindered from loving Me and souls shall be perturbed as they make mention of Me. For minds cannot grasp Me nor hearts contain Me." Blessed is he and his father who was named with a wondrous name in the presence of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give him these glad-tidings and convey to him the favor of the Wronged One.

As for what thou didst write regarding Haji Khavar and the mention of Mulla 'Alijan, upon him be the Glory of God - a letter from Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, was written to this evanescent servant, and likewise a letter from Mulla 'Alijan himself. The reply to them and to some questions they had asked was written as commanded and sent. The Sun of favor hath risen upon them and the people of Mazandaran. On behalf of this servant, convey greetings to Haji Khavar. It would be advisable for him to go to Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, that he might perhaps become the bearer of this servant's letter and the divine Tablets. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way.

As regards what you had written concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, who had returned from the land of N and R to the land of H and M - glory be to God! Several times was mention made of him in your letter; in various instances was he mentioned with the praise of the Beloved of the worlds, and this evanescent servant mentioned him in this petition - once in relation to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, and likewise before and after in numerous places. This is naught but due

to his steadfastness and arising to serve. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to attain unto that which He loveth and is pleased with.

As for the request that mention be made in the Most Holy Presence of Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, Haji Muhammad-Ibrahim and Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, this was submitted, and this is what shone forth from the horizon of grace: "O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in the land of H and M, and acquaint them with that which the Tongue of Grace hath uttered in this noble station. Blessed are ye for having turned towards Him, hearkened and responded to your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We enjoin upon you what is right and counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been sorely stirred. We send Our greetings unto you from this station, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the One, the All-Informed."

Concerning what you wrote about the funds of the land of Y and T and others, what transpired in this regard is that after the reply of T was sent to that land, they wrote to this servant from the lands of T and Q and T giving details about that land, and there were certain mentions in those letters. After these were submitted to the Most Holy Presence, He said that since the reply of T had been graciously sent, there was no need to make further mention of such matters. In response to these words, that which was revealed from the Source of Command was sent.

As for what you wrote concerning Mosul, He said it would have been better had they paid attention to the glad-tidings and "give thou good tidings to the patient ones" after the blessed words "We shall surely test you." Although drought hath encompassed most lands this year, yet the spreading of such matters by the friends may become the cause of certain incidents. The mention and spreading of such matters should in all cases occur with permission. Verily He knoweth His servants better than they know themselves. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Later, when your letter arrived and the details you had written to Jinab-i-Aqa 'Abdu'l-Husayn were noted, copies thereof were sent to certain places as commanded.

And concerning what you mentioned in your second letter dated the 21st of Sha'ban about Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God - in these days a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him together with Mulla Muhammad-'Ali-i-Dahaji. The glances of grace have ever been and continue to be directed towards him. God willing, may he continue to be assisted in making mention of God and offering praise unto Him. God the One is witness that he hath never been absent from this evanescent one's thoughts.

Regarding what you wrote asking whether the wearing of rings as revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas is specific to adults or includes minors as well, He said it is specific to adults, and likewise the Prayer for the Dead - that too is specific to adults.

As to what you had written regarding whether it is permissible for a person outside the City of 'Akka to fast or not, and whether vows and pledges to fast are binding or not - these matters were submitted to the Most Holy Presence. He said that the law of fasting remains as it was revealed, but if someone makes a vow to fast for God's sake to fulfill needs or otherwise, there is and has been no objection. However,

God, exalted be His glory, has preferred that vows and pledges be made for matters that benefit the servants of God.

And then the third star shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of your favors. When the servant was illumined by its light and radiance, he presented himself before the Throne and submitted its contents. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur in the Kingdom of Utterance: "O Zayn! Thou hast been and art remembered before the Throne, and mention of everyone in thy letter hath attained to the mention of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. God willing, be thou occupied with promoting the Cause in the nights and days. Thou must manifest the utmost joy, for thou hast attained unto the word of contentment. We praise thee and say: 'Praise be to Him Who speaketh.'"

Regarding what you wrote about the distribution of funds after the telegraphic news - this was accepted, and it should also reach those souls who left ?adba (Mosul) whose names you had mentioned in this letter.

As for the mention of Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, who had written to you asking that his matter be submitted to the Most Holy Presence - it was submitted. The Sun of favor rose from the Dayspring of grace and these exalted words descended from the Source of verses. He, exalted be His grandeur, says: "O Zayn! We have heard the call of Varqa and mentioned him before, and before before, and after, and at this moment when the Tongue of Grandeur speaks: 'The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.' Blessed is he for having arisen to serve his Lord and for reminding people of what they were commanded by the All-Informed Commander. A letter came from him containing the names of those who drank the wine of life in the name of the All-Merciful, and We mentioned each one of them with a mention that shall endure as long as names endure in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Give him the glad tidings of My mention, My favor, My mercy, and My grace, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. Blessed is his father who attained unto that which cannot be mentioned in words. The Pen of the All-Merciful beareth witness to this in this noble station."

And regarding your mention of Aqa Asadu'llah, this is what was revealed for him: "O Asad! Praise the Lord of the unseen and the seen Who enabled thee to recognize this Most Great Cause, from which most nations remain veiled and heedless. Blessed art thou for having turned towards and believed in Him from Whom the servants have turned away. God willing, through divine favor thou must preserve this lofty station, for the evil ones with utmost cunning and schemes lie in wait for receptive souls. Thou wast mentioned in the book of one who loved Me; I mentioned thee as a favor from Me. Therefore praise God, thy Lord, for this manifest favor. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who was named Nasru'llah and Muhammad-Husayn and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. We counsel all to the most great steadfastness and to that which God hath revealed in the Book."

With regard to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God, concerning what you wrote, this was submitted, and this is what the Tongue of the Desired One spoke: "O Talib! We have remembered thee, strengthened thee, assisted thee, and forgiven thee as a bounty from Our presence and a mercy from Our court. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee and have written upon myself to make my will subservient to Thy will and good-pleasure. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall profit me in

every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous."

In these days this servant wrote a letter in response to his missive and sent it, and that letter was adorned with divine favors and verses. God willing, they will attain unto it.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, brother of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq the emigrant, upon them both be the Glory of God, this was submitted. He said: "Give him the glad tidings of his Lord's mercy and his Master's grace. God hath forgiven him, and We counsel him to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled." God willing, may they gaze at all times toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, remain firm in His Cause, and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon him and upon his brother Muhammad-Sadiq who emigrated in the path of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, he is among those who loved God in the earliest days. Blessed is he, and unto him be grace from the presence of One Forgiving, Generous.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Makhdum-zadih, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise Abdullah and Muhammad-'Ali from the people of N and J, after submission these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Grace:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

O Rida! We have heard mention of thee from a letter sent by Zayn who hath attained the grace of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, and We have mentioned thee in truth that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones in that place who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in this firm and irrevocable Cause. Say: Should a crier come to you with a book, cast them both behind you, turning instead to the Mighty, the Loving; and should anyone come to you with news from Satan who crieth out in the name of the All-Merciful, leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Lord of existence.

O friends! Hear ye in the Persian tongue the utterance of the All-Merciful. Verily He remembereth you, and acquainteth you, and teacheth you as a token of His grace, and He is the Ancient Bestower. The Book of the wicked hath appeared–the Book whose mention was made in former scriptures and divine Tablets. Ye must at all times be mindful lest the promptings of Satan debar you from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. With the utmost deceit and guile do they appear, clinging to the cord of falsehood. Though in truth those who have drunk from the Most Great Ocean will not turn to a mere rivulet, and are so steadfast that the entire world cannot deter them. Blessed are they and happy are they! They are they whom God hath mentioned in His Books, His Scrolls, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Through them hath the horizon of steadfastness been illumined, and the Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Oneness that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O friends! Drink ye from the chalice of certitude in the name of the All-Merciful. Ye are forever remembered in the presence of God. Know ye the worth of this supreme bounty and recognize the station of this blessed Day. By the life of God! The sun hath never risen upon its like or semblance. With

utmost love, harmony and unity, arise for the Cause of the Lord of creation. Where are they who worshipped idols and cast aside the All-Merciful? And where are they who built palaces and gardens yet turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds? All that is witnessed today shall ere long return to nothingness and naught shall remain for anyone save that which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen concerning him and recorded in God's Book. Hold fast unto the Book of God, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Through the Supreme Grace, all the people of that land have been blessed with divine favors and their mention hath appeared from the Supreme Pen. How beloved it would be if the friends of God in that land would consider these exalted words in every city, nay in every week, nay rather every day, and recite them.

Concerning the question about this blessed verse–His words, exalted be His grandeur: "Recite ye the verses of God morning and evening"–the intention hath been and shall be all that hath been revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. This is what the Desired One hath decreed. O Zein! The greatest condition is the inclination and love of holy souls for the recitation of verses. If one verse, or even one word, be recited with spirit and joy, it is better than reading numerous books.

The fourth star hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of your favors. When I received it, I presented it before His presence. He, exalted be His grandeur, said: O servant present! That which hath been sent from the Kingdom of Divine Revelation to Jinab-i-Zein, upon him be My glory, hath nearly equaled that which was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will upon the Messengers. He must praise God and thank Him throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the heavenly Dominion.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Javad of Nur, it was submitted, and this is what God revealed in response: "He attained the mention of God and His presence while in Baghdad. We heard his mention and his call, and the call of his brother, time and again, and We answered them and those who believed, in such wise that their names shall endure through the endurance of My Most Beautiful Names. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Remembering, the All-Wise. Give them the glad-tidings of My favor, time and again. By My life, O Zayn, the rain of thy Lord's mercy hath poured forth from the heaven of grace in such measure that those who count are powerless to reckon it. Blessed is he who hath attained unto these days and found their fragrance and arose to serve Him Who hath appeared therein, Who speaketh at all times: 'The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.' We, from this station, send Our greetings upon them both and upon the faces of My loved ones there, and We counsel them to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq of Hamadan having written that Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali requests not to be forgotten when petitions are being made - when this was submitted, He smiled and said: "We have mentioned them both, and all the companions of that land have been honored with the mention of the Lord of the Throne. It is for Us to mention them and guide them and ordain for them what befitteth the favor of their Lord and the grace of their Master, and it is for them to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby every idol hath wailed, every false god hath cried out, and every discerning believer hath attained."

We praise God that the fifth star hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of your bounties. When I attained unto it, I turned my face to the face of the Beloved and submitted its contents before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and exalted be His glory: “Blessed art thou for having entrusted thy affairs to God and relied upon Him in all matters. We have heard thy call and the yearning of thy heart in the love of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having heard and responded and remained faithful to God’s Covenant, the King of Kings. All this is from His grace upon thee. Verily He caused thee to hear and drew thee nigh and enabled thee to witness and know and aided thee and assisted thee in this blessed and ordained Cause.”

This evanescent one submits that the fifth letter, which was the last of your letters dated the fourth night of Shawwal, arrived and brought comfort and bestowed bounty, brought fruits of meaning and removed the weariness of existence, for it was blessed with two bounties: one was your mention, and the other the portrait of the blessed Person of the Name of God “H” - upon him be all the most glorious glory and all the most resplendent light. Would that I had been with him and attained what he attained! In truth, this regret has not left my heart and never will, and to make up for it is most difficult. We shall see what God, exalted and mighty be He, willeth and ordaineth. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Concerning what you wrote about the letters, praise be to God, the missives from Ibn-i-Ism’ullah’ul-Asdaq and Mirza Asadu’llah, upon them be the glory of God, arrived. Their letters from the land of Kha have also arrived. Praise be to God, they are successful in praising the Truth, mentioning the Truth, and serving the Truth. I beseech the Most High to assist them in that which will exalt His Cause among His servants and protect them from the evil of His enemies who have cast the Book behind their backs and taken vain imaginings as lords besides God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, in these days the responses to their letters and petitions which have been submitted to the Most Holy Court will be sent. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Bestower, the Answerer.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, mentioning the matter of Aqa Mirza Ayyub and Hakim Aqajan, upon them be the glory of God, and the occurrence of a wondrous event, and the request that it be submitted to the Most Holy Court - it was submitted. He smiled and mentioned them all in words that this servant is unable to retain and convey. Then He said: “Blessed are they, for they have done in the path of God what they were commanded in a Book that proclaims throughout the world that there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of them in this station that they may rejoice in the favors of their Lord, the Generous. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who hath borne in God’s path what no one among His servants hath borne. He hath turned unto you and speaketh unto you that which was raised up on the Mount from the Tree: ‘Verily there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Letter of Ba, rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen time and again, then thank thy Lord, the Lord of the Final End. And We make mention of Ayyub who traversed land and sea until he entered the prison and attained the presence of God, the Lord of Lords. O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Aqajan, who hath done in God’s path that which caused the Lord of Eternity to rejoice in the most exalted station. We give glad tidings to all of God’s grace and His mercy that hath preceded all existence. O concourse of the wise ones in that land! By the life of God, ye have attained unto that which nothing in creation can equal, as doth testify He Who is the Lord of Names. He is verily the Mighty, the

All-Knowing. We counsel you to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness. The world shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the One, the Chosen.'"

It is submitted that some time ago a letter arrived from Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, and he had made mention of the friends of God, especially mentioning Aqa Yehuda and his young child. It was submitted to the Most Holy Court. Limitless favors were shown toward them. We beseech the Truth to assist all to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with. And these wondrous and exalted verses were specifically revealed for the son. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "O young in years, O great in station! Thou hast attained in thy youth to a station wherein the Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath heard thy prayers, and blessed is thy father who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." Say […]

O my Lord, my Master, my God and my Creator! I beseech the ocean of Thy bounty to water this tender plant in the garden of Thy love with the living waters of immortality, and protect it from the autumn winds. Thou art the Powerful, Thou art the All-Knowing. O my God, I have turned to Thee, I make mention of Thee, and through the blessing of Thy Name I am detached from all else but Thee. O God, we gaze toward Thee and seek from Thee. Manifest through us that which is worthy of Thee and Thy days. Thou art the Bestower, the Bountiful.

God willing, may all be illumined and radiant from the Sun of favor that hath dawned from the horizon of grace. O beloved of my heart! Reflect upon the favors of the Beloved of the worlds. This servant beseecheth his Lord to enable all to recognize that from which they have been debarred and to aid them to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Source of His inspiration.

The mention of the honored guest, upon her be the Glory of God, was in that holy missive and was presented before the Throne. He said: "God willing, may she abide beneath the shade of the One Friend, make mention of the One Friend, and be engaged in service to the One Friend." And the dwellers of the pavilion of sanctity and grandeur showed loving-kindness toward her.

Likewise, mention was made of the sister of Aqa Muhammad-Rida along with her verses. He said: "My mercy precedeth My wrath. She is among the handmaidens who was made captive in God's path and afflicted with the hardship of exile. With these two bounties she was and will be deserving of generosity and munificence. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous."

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! We make mention of Our loved ones in that land who have cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them and remind them of what hath been sent down from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We counsel them to act with rectitude and command them to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, may be exalted. O My loved ones! Preserve your stations through My Name, the Powerful, the Mighty. The call of the All-Merciful hath been raised, and behind it is the cry of Satan. Shun it and be of those who are steadfast. Blessed is he who hath attained to the knowledge of God and steadfastness in His Cause. He is among the most exalted of creation in the Preserved Tablet. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the world with the sun of knowledge and the Most Great Ocean with the Ark of the utterance of your Lord, the Strong, the Trustworthy. The Glory be

upon thee and upon them and upon My loved ones who are not deterred in God's path by the blame of the blamers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Zayn! We bear witness that thou hast fulfilled thy covenant and hast mentioned in every one of thy letters Our Most Truthful Servant who hath attained to pure servitude unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

The hope of this evanescent servant is that you will remember each one of the respected gentlemen and friends of Truth who are in that land with the remembrance of this evanescent one's nothingness and annihilation, and likewise the steadfast women who are there, including the honored guest and others, upon her and upon them be 95 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, may all be mindful and remembered. The Glory of God be upon your honor and upon those with you, female and male, young and old.

The Servant

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Praised be the Omnipotent Lord Who hath adorned the ranks of might with the points of the Supreme Pen, Who hath combined letters and words in a new and wondrous manner, Who hath raised therefrom the banner of "Verily He is God," and Who hath manifested supreme power before the hosts of enemies with but a limited few. His helper in the first instance was the Supreme Pen and in the latter instance the manifestations of righteousness. Glorified be His utterance and exalted His dominion! Glory and praise be unto the hidden treasuries in the realm of creation, from which appeared the ranks of wisdom bearing the standards of utterance - such souls as were not overtaken by the intoxication of passion but rather by the joy of guidance. They stood before all faces and summoned all to the decreed Command of God, to the sealed wine. Blessed are they who have attained, and woe unto them who have denied and disbelieved - these are the companions of the fire in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

O thou beloved of my heart! The traces of the pen of love and affection have appeared in the form of the fruits of the Tree of Faithfulness. The leaves of the Tree warble with wondrous and enchanting melodies, and its fruits speak in praise of the traces of the Supreme Pen. After hearing, hearkening, becoming enraptured and filled with joy, it sought the station of the Lord of all beings. And after attaining the presence of Him Who conversed upon Sinai - may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice unto Him - He said: "What is in thy hand?" After its presentation He commanded me to read. I presented and read before His Countenance. When it was completed and ended, the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth with its supreme verses, blessed and exalted be His Word:

In My Name, the Sorrowing One in the realm of creation […]

O thou who speaketh My mention and standeth in service to My Cause and gazeth toward My horizon! Hear My call which hath been raised from a station encompassed by the sorrows of the world, through that which the hands of those who claimed nearness and love for Me have wrought, committing that which hath caused the Pen of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, to lament. A door was opened

in the great city to be the dawning-place of trustworthiness, chastity, faithfulness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity, but the oppressor made it a place of theft, treachery, tyranny and cruelty. By this did the near ones cry out and the sincere ones lament, then those who circled round the Most Great Throne and bore witness to that which God did testify that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be. O Dove! Baha lamenteth and uttereth that which hath befallen the Temple of Trustworthiness - a blow, and upon the face of Truth - a slap, from him who with fingers of tyranny rent asunder the veil of sanctity and committed that which caused the greatest terror to appear in the City of God's justice, the Lord of existence. We desired good for him, yet he desired evil for Us. Thereby was opened the door of derision and mockery against God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The Wronged One calleth and summoneth all to harmony and unity, but those who broke the Covenant arose in such hypocrisy as caused all things to cry out from every horizon, yet most of the people hear not. The market of falsehood hath flourished through his deeds while truth languisheth in such grief as none knoweth save the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. By My life! He cast aside piety and embraced lewdness after We had forbidden him and Our loved ones from it in various tablets, to which faithful servants bear witness. We desired for him commerce, but the heedless one desired for Us loss. Say: Take what is good and abandon evil, a command from God, the Lord of Hosts. The profit of the Wronged One is justice and equity, not the ornaments by which the door of greed and passion was opened before the faces of men. Say: Beware, O people, follow God's justice amongst you and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. O Dove! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of all beings. There occurred in the great city that which burned the liver of justice. One who was shown the utmost kindness had the fire of greed and avarice so enkindled in his heart that he forgot God, exalted be His glory, and His bounty and favor. In nights and days he associated and was intimate with the enemy of God, committing that which caused hearts and minds to lament. Know, O Dove, that the Beloved is in manifest adversity, in manifest sorrow, in manifest grief, yet in all conditions praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus ends the fragrances of the utterance of the Goal of all worlds. From this the condition of this servant is known. Some time ago that Beloved One mentioned a person who had sent a letter from the great city to that direction. That heedless one went to the believer, the believer to the denier, the denier to the infidel. The fire of hypocrisy was enkindled in his heart and he united with another in acquiring ornaments and betrayal. Much of people's wealth was lost, and now hypocrisy is manifest since his treacheries were not and are not confirmed. And rebellion hath reached such a point that although God, exalted be His glory, hath commanded association with the followers of all religions, He hath forbidden His loved ones from associating with him and the hypocrites. I beseech God to calm the fire of greed with the waters of contentment.

O My friends in the letter Ta and its environs! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One through Whom the realm of utterance and the realm of ears were created, whereof this Most Great and Perspicuous Book beareth witness. This is the call the hearkening to which hath been the ultimate desire of them that are nigh unto God and the sincere ones. He Who was enkindled with the fire of My love and who speaketh in praise of My beauteous praise hath made mention of you. We make mention of you through verses that attract the hearts of the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the pavilion of glory and the tabernacle of God's protection, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We give them glad tidings of My grace and remind them of My verses, for I am the All-Merciful, the Generous. We have inscribed their names by My Most Exalted

Pen in the Crimson Tablet which none hath discovered save God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Blessed are ye for having taken the Kawthar of My utterance from the hand of My bounty and having drunk thereof in the name of God, the King, the True, the Just, the Manifest.

O Dove! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Say: A single drop thereof cannot be compared to all the seas of the world. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and woe unto the heedless. The helpless servants have been prevented by the divines of Persia from recognizing the Purpose of the worlds on the Day of His Manifestation. They are the most great veil unto themselves and unto the peoples, having deprived both. Give glad tidings unto My friends, for each hath attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. At this moment the Kaaba of God hath turned toward them and the Manifestation of God gazeth upon those regions. We beseech God to make them treasuries of His love and repositories of His steadfastness and dawning-places of His bounty amongst His servants and His light in His lands. Verily He is powerful over all things. Soon shall We open the gates of utterance to make mention of them and praise them, and We shall strengthen the hearts in their turning unto them. Verily their Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Hearer, the Beholder, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Glory be from Us upon them and upon those whom neither clamor prevented from turning to the Most Sublime Horizon nor were they frightened by the hosts of them who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Our Lord, our Master and our Protector! We thank Thee for the wonders of Thy grace and praise Thee for the manifestations of Thy favors, Thy gifts and Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Master of nations, to protect those who have turned toward Thee from the evil of the deniers, and those who acknowledge Thee from the oppression of them that deny Thee, and those who are nigh unto Thee from the tyranny of such as have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs on this Thy holy, mighty and luminous Day.

It is hoped that ere long there shall appear in that land and its environs that which shall guide all unto the straight path and the mighty announcement. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about the receptivity and acceptance of Agha Siyyid Mihdi - upon him be the Glory of God, who has attained the sealed wine on this blessed and destined Day - after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, a most wondrous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of all beings specifically for him and was sent. God willing, may he drink from the wine of utterance that lies hidden and concealed within the words of the Lord of Religions, and through wisdom and utterance make the heedless servants aware, that they might not remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord in these days. He is indeed the All-Generous, the Munificent.

They mentioned Haji ’Ali-’Askar - upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained that which was the hope of the sincere ones. And specifically for the friends of Milan - upon them be the Glory of God - an exalted Tablet was sent. God willing, it will have arrived by now and eyes will have been illumined by its light. Repeatedly from the Tongue of Grandeur mention has been made of the emigrants and those who have attained from the land of Milan, especially those souls who are related to the honored beloved, His Holiness Haji A. and ?. - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. All are mentioned and have attained the glory of God’s favor. Blessed are they who have drunk the wine of His

love and have turned to His horizon. The servant begs his Lord to protect them and assist them in what He loves and is pleased with.

In these days, letters have repeatedly arrived from their children who are in T. and F., and mention of them has been made before the Face. A hundred thousand thanks that He has confirmed and granted success and caused His loved ones to attain that for which no likeness or similitude has been mentioned in any books, scriptures or psalms. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the Forgiving, the Munificent.

And concerning the mention made of the handmaiden of God, the wife of Haji 'Ali-'Askar - upon them both be the Glory of God - and likewise concerning her turning and presence, after presentation before the Seat of the Lord, this most exalted Word was revealed from the Source of the Command of the Lord of all men. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Dove! Upon thee be My Glory! Convey to the handmaiden of God the greetings of the Wronged One, and give her glad tidings, for her intention is manifest and clear before the Luminary of divine will, and the Tongue of Grandeur speaks this most exalted Word: 'O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My Glory!' We beseech God - glorified be His majesty - to assist thee and to adorn with deeds thine intention which is now in the realm of words, and to accept what thou hast sought, and to ordain for thee the reward of those handmaidens who have intended the Most Great Goal and have attained to presence, hearing and witnessing. Give thanks to thy Lord for this bounty which has encompassed the world, then praise thy Master for this mercy which has preceded all peoples. Say! Say!:

'Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me recognize Thee and ordained for me the reward of those who have drunk the wine of nearness to Thee and have attained the lights of the Luminary of Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, there is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. I beseech Thee to ordain for me in every world of Thy worlds all the good Thou hast ordained for Thy devoted handmaidens. Thou art indeed the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great.'"

Blessed is the soul that has attained or will attain to such a station, for through His grace and mercy the world has reached from seeking to the Desired One and has come from the station of asking to the station of attainment. If ye should count His favors ye could not reckon them. This servant too beseeches for that noble lady that which is the cause of prosperity and success. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous.

In My Name, sanctified above all names!

O Allah-Virdi, blessed art thou and blessed is thy name, for it denoteth and attesteth to the oceans of grace, bounty, bestowal and favor of the Lord of all beings. Praise the Ancient Beauty Who confirmed thee in His grace and favor, His nearness and knowledge. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create existence through a drop from the ocean of Thy generosity, and didst manifest therefrom, through the rain of Thy mercy, whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy power and grace. O Generous One! Thou art He Who was not hindered by the veils of the world from Thy purpose, nor were the clouds of the peoples an obstacle. With the finger of might Thou didst rend asunder the veils and guided Thy loved ones to the tabernacle of glory. The door of generosity was opened before the faces of the peoples and the path of salvation appeared before the eyes of the world. O Generous One! Deprive not hearts and

souls from the breezes of Thy revelation, and forbid not eyes and ears from beholding and hearing. Thou art that Omnipotent One Who, with two letters, bestowed the ornament of existence upon absolute nothingness, and invited utter evanescence to the realm of eternity. O Merciful One! Grant this evanescent servant a portion from the Kawthar of immortality, and bestow from the ocean of knowledge that which befitteth Thy bounty. Thou art the Bestower, the Kind, and within Thy grasp is the reins of all who are in the realm of possibility.

And mention was made of Haji Muhammad-'Ali (of Maraghih). After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, these blessed words were revealed from the Mother Book. He saith, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors: O thou who hast arisen to serve Me and who speaketh in My praise! Give him the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy. Verily We have mentioned him before and after, and aided him to turn unto Me, and gave him to drink of the Kawthar of My knowledge from the hand of My bounty, and I am the Generous, the Bountiful. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make him a letter of the letters of His Book and a banner of His name amongst His creation. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We make mention in this station of Ibn-i-Dakhil who was intoxicated by the wine of My utterance and was drawn to My horizon and was moved to offer beautiful praise of Me among My servants who have drunk the Kawthar of knowledge from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

Praise be to God! The loved ones have ever been and continue to be remembered. Grace hath encompassed all and the means of divine confirmation have been vouchsafed, so that sanctified hearts might be illumined with the light of knowledge and enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree–an enkindlement which, it is hoped, may set the world ablaze. This servant conveyeth to each one greetings and salutations, and beseecheth from God that which is the cause of life for all. O Beloved of my heart! I swear by the Sun of Truth that were people to become aware of His grace and bounty even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would find themselves detached and freed from aught else but Him. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine and attained that which the near ones and the sincere ones have attained.

The mention of Karbila'i Muhammad Ja'far, upon him be the Glory of God, reached Our hearing, and after its presentation before Us, this Supreme Word was revealed and sent down from the horizon of the heaven of Sinai, blessed and exalted be His Words:

O Ja'far! By the life of God, the Wronged One hath borne that which the world was and is powerless to bear. The purpose is that in this Dawn of Revelation a breeze of the grace of God, exalted be His Glory, might waft, adorning the outward with the ornament of justice and fairness, and purifying the inward - that is, the hearts and souls - from rancor and hatred toward the peoples of the world. That which is conducive to the elevation of existence and the advancement of souls hath been revealed and sent down from the Pen of God in clear and explicit terms in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. However, attentive ears, penetrating eyes, expanded breasts, and illumined hearts are rarer than red sulphur. O My party! The grief and sorrow of this Wronged One have not been, nor are they, from what hath befallen Him at the hands of His enemies. Rather, from those who claim to love Him there appeared that which caused the rock to cry out, the clouds to lament, and all else besides God to exclaim 'Alas!' It is better that this matter remain veiled lest the hearts of My loved ones and chosen ones be saddened. We beseech God,

blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and aid thee in that which will exalt thee amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

From the mention and exposition of the loving-kindness of the Goal of the world's peoples toward His loved ones, it is clear and evident. I beseech God to illumine His loved ones with the fire of utterance and the light of exposition in such wise that all horizons may be illumined, so that through the manifestation of spiritual deeds and virtuous character the people of the world may turn toward the Straight Path and the Great Announcement, and may see themselves purified from the murk and dust of doubts and the allusions of the people. His mercy hath encompassed all, and His grace, like unto the sun, shineth forth and is manifest from the horizon of every letter of the letters of His Book. Verily, our Lord is the Helper, the Giver, the Generous.

God willing, the aforementioned fragment shall be sent specifically to Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, that the eyes of whomsoever desireth it may be gladdened thereby. And one blessed fragment in the handwriting of the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of His footsteps - shall be sent specifically to Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness.

Concerning what was written about the receipt and delivery of the blessed Tablets intended for the friends in Bonab and Miyanduab, this was truly a manifest glad tiding that increased the power of vision. Praise be to God that those regions are blessed. At one time this supreme blessed word was heard from the Master of all beings - exalted be His glory: "O thou who art present! Had We been in another country and had this grace that raineth down upon Iran in the form of Tablets been bestowed upon other lands, most assuredly would the majority of the people in foreign cities and regions have turned toward the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness." Verily, this is so - they know how many verses were revealed and how many evidences appeared. Each of God's Tablets was the greatest key to the treasures of inner meanings, and none has denied its station and rank. In these days, one of the chosen ones spoke this word of the Master of all beings, writing from the Land of Ta that the servants are humbled before the appearance of the pearls of wisdom and utterance revealed from the treasury of the Supreme Pen, and none has been observed to deny or disapprove. Nevertheless, the intoxication of self and passion has so seized them that even while acknowledging, they are seen to deny - for though their words are heard and witnessed, deeds are non-existent. Had they succeeded in deeds, the portions of the world would now be seen as one portion and would be reckoned as part of the Most Glorious Paradise. A hundred thousand regrets that until now they have not understood or become aware of true loss and gain. I testify that they are among the heedless.

Concerning what was written about Mulla Husayn (M.Y.), upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented before the Most Holy Court, He said: "O Husayn! Take My Book with a power that the might of the world cannot prevent thee, and with a strength that the clamor of the nations cannot weaken thee, and with a steadfastness that neither the doubts of the suspicious ones, nor the clamor of the barking ones, nor the attack of kings, nor the retreat of sovereigns can cause thee to slip. We have turned toward thee at this time and have revealed for thee that which the treasuries of the heavens and earth cannot

equal. Rejoice and say: 'Thine is the praise, O Lord of the worlds, and Thine is the glory, O Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones.'"

As for the matter of Huquq, they have been blessed with true forgiveness. God hath forgiven him as a favor from His presence. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. However, it is hoped that they will occupy themselves with guiding people, that perchance through divine wisdom and revealed utterances they may awaken heedless souls and cause them to be nourished from the Kawthar of recognition. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all the worlds! Ponder thou upon His Manifestation and His signs. The showers of wisdom and utterance are falling in all times from the heaven of merciful bounty and the clouds of divine wisdom, and the Sun of power, majesty and might is shining forth above the horizon of the world before the faces of all peoples, manifest and evident, while the pearls of knowledge are, at all times, appearing and becoming visible from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. The light is radiant, the ocean is surging, yet all remain veiled and extinct save whom thy Lord willeth.

O Ahmad! Hearken thou with the ear of the spirit to the cry of Him Who is wronged, and pass beyond the world and all who dwell therein. Fix thy gaze at all times upon this most exalted Word which hath dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book. Thus sayeth He, blessed and exalted be He: "O friends of God in His earth, His chosen ones in His lands, and His party among His creatures! Purify your hearts from the stories of the past, through attachment to which the feet of the people of the past have slipped, those who prided themselves over the world and all peoples."

O Ahmad! We desire to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance that it may sanctify thee from the doubts and imaginings whereby the Shi'ih were prevented from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Hear thou the call from the horizon of this heaven and take what thou art commanded. This will deliver thee through His grace and acquaint thee with His mighty Message.

O Ahmad! The people of the Sunnah did not issue the decree for the martyrdom of the Lord of the world, nor did they seek to hold fast to the imaginary Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and the Jews did not reject the Beauty of the Manifestation, nor did they issue the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood.

O Ahmad! Ponder thou well! The Pen from which the counsel of God floweth and the Word of God appeareth hath now turned towards thee and maketh mention of thee. Say: O people! If ye attain not unto the light of faith, at least free yourselves from the darkness of the Shi'ih party. By the life of God! They have done that which neither the idol-worshippers according to their words, nor the worshippers of vain imaginings have done. Would that thou couldst hear the clamor of the pulpits of Iran! Each one speaketh with eloquent tongue, and each uttereth words at every moment, saying: "My God, my God! Thou didst create me for Thy remembrance and praise, yet now Thou hearest from him who hath mounted upon me the reviling of Thee and Thy loved ones. Would that I had not been planted and had not been created!"

O Ahmad! What were the claims of that party and what became of their deeds? Ponder, that thou mayest be of them that are firmly established. O Ahmad! If but one drop from this ocean should appear, or if but one word from the Hidden Scroll which is recorded in the Crimson Tablet should come forth and it be said

to cut off thine own neck with thine own hand – verily the Truth hath come for eternal life, not for death. He hath commanded all to preserve the Cause. The Truth Himself beareth witness and the Tablets testify.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in prison, and for having turned towards me when I was heedless of Thy manifestation and Thy dawning and Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause which Thou hast made the cause of the existence of the world and the appearance of all peoples, that Thou make me steadfast in what hath been revealed and cause me to hold fast unto Thy strong cord and Thy manifest tidings.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God. After submission before the Most Holy Court, this supreme gift was revealed from the horizon of the heaven of bestowal, blessed and exalted be His words:

"The A and H and their associates have all attained to that which is the greatest means for the guidance of nations. Their names have been planted in the lands of divine knowledge. Its branches, twigs, leaves and fruits shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. We testify that they are among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. Convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One and give them glad tidings of God's infinite favors."

And regarding the name of the friends, We have previously granted permission for two most exalted names or the names of the Branches. We beseech God to send down upon them mercy from the heaven of His bestowal and blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

They wrote that Aqa 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, requested that if a carpet or something else worth forty or fifty tumans was needed, it be ordered and granted, and that if funds were required, they would be sent upon indication. After these matters were submitted before the Most Holy Court, blessed and exalted be His words:

"We have forgiven him as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make him steadfast in His Cause and speaking in His praise. Praise be to God, he has attained to service, and whatsoever hath appeared is remembered and preserved with God. We give him glad tidings of My favor and remind him of My verses that the greatest joy may take hold of him in the days of God, the Lord of destiny and Creator of humanity. God willing, may he ignite with the fire of divine love those who are cold and guide them through the appearance of the lights of the Greatest Luminary."

This servant also conveys greetings to him and the other friends. Praise be to God, they are mentioned as souls steadfast before God. It is hoped that each of the friends will arise to guide the servants and speak forth, but they must hold fast to wisdom in all conditions. Those who have attained the Most Holy Court have witnessed the deeds of the Branches of the Blessed Tree and the companions and have become aware. Confession and acknowledgment have been forbidden after forty years or more while the dawning-places of vain imaginings have been occupied with intrigues and deceptions and concealed behind vessels. One of those souls has appeared in these days and his station is evident - that is Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi who resides in the land of Sad. In brief, in these days after the martyrdom of His Holiness Ashraf - may the souls of those near to God be sacrificed for him - they mentioned him by the name of Babi. Fear seized him and agitation led him to ascend the pulpit and renounce the Cause from

beginning to end. That tyrannical soul committed, for the sake of two days of life, that which caused the reality of existence to lament. Now consider those souls who follow his like. The seeker and the sought have both lost, and that heedless oppressor is again occupied with leading people astray. Now the martyrdom of the most exalted martyr and the life of that heedless one are two mighty witnesses to the reality of the station and deeds of both. This matter has been mentioned repeatedly as it is good for awakening, that perchance the heedless may remember or fear. How many souls have freely sacrificed their lives in this Most Great Revelation - the knowledge thereof is with God, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

New tidings: a group of the Afnan and Leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and His Honor the Trustee, upon them be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, attained the presence at the place of circumambulation of the Concourse on High on the twentieth of Ramadan. His Honor the Trustee repeatedly made mention of that beloved one. In truth he dearly loves the sincere ones and those near. Well is it with him!

His Honor Aqa Muhammad Husayn-i-Isku'i, upon him be the everlasting Glory of God, was mentioned at this time in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court and was blessed to be heard, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke while seated upon the Throne of Bounty, blessed and exalted be His words:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad-Husayn! He who loved Me made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which causeth the Orb of Bounty to shine forth from the horizon of the Tablet of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Through it the Light hath shone and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath been revealed. This is a Day wherein mysteries have appeared from the treasury of God's wisdom, Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily He hath appeared with grace and ruled with justice. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of the divines did not withhold, nor was he frightened by the mighty ones who denied what was sent down from the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not every ignorant rejected one. The veils have been rent asunder and the curtains drawn aside by the finger of Power, by the command of Him Who is the Lord of the seen and unseen. Blessed is the hearer who hath heard the Call and the seer who hath attained to behold the signs of God, the King, the Mighty, the Loving. When the fragrances of the verses take hold of thee, say:

"Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Manifestation of clear evidences and Lord of names and attributes! I beseech Thee by Thy light which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy manifestation and illumined the regions of the cities of Thy grace and bounty, and by Thy command which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath overcome all who are in earth and heaven, to strengthen me in that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one desiring the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the sinful one the sea of Thy forgiveness and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him through Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He at Whose call all things have called out, and unto Whose name all who are in earth and heaven have bowed down in submission. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

As commanded, this blessed Tablet was also written in the hand of His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps) and sent. We hope that through its verses the tears of the longing ones may fall. This weeping is the weeping of love and joy and is better than a hundred thousand gladnesses. Other lovers have attained this station. Well is it with them!

Mention was made of His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, son of the late and forgiven one, upon them both be the Glory of God. Praise and thanks be to God, mention of them was again made in the gathering of those near and sincere. This servant hath ever besought the True One, exalted be He, to aid him in service that would cause the exaltation of the Word and manifest detachment. In any case, after this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, one sacred Tablet specifically for him was revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Desired One of the worlds and was sent. I beseech Him, exalted is He, to attract him through His verses and draw him nigh through His grace and sanctify him from all that befitteth not His days. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And mention was made of His Honor Mirza Muhammad Kh-A and Mirza ’Ali, upon them both be the Glory of God. After presentation before His presence these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of Will. Mighty be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name, the One Manifest before the faces of all religions […]

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! The divine verses have encompassed the worlds of the seen and unseen, and the effulgences of the Sun of His Revelation have cast their rays upon all. By My life! The ocean of utterance hath appeared with such waves as have never been witnessed from the beginning of the world until now. Yet the heedless servants have deprived themselves in this Revelation of the outpourings of the Speaker of Sinai. They cling to desire, turn away from righteousness, are far from truth, and hold fast to the vain imaginings of men. We beseech God to assist thee that thou mayest arise to serve His Cause with complete steadfastness and drink from the wine of His favors. Glory be to God! All parties are engaged in the mention of the Lord of all men and speak His praise, yet most are heedless of the Truth. In all conditions We ask for all that which will bring creation into being anew and adorn it with everlasting ornament. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Mirza ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous

O ’Ali! What was, has passed, and what will be, is yet to come. One must regard this moment as precious and hold fast to that which is befitting. Today every tree hath its mention and every clod its utterance. By the Sun of Truth! The hearing ear perceiveth from all things the cry “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of all mankind.” In the East He appeareth and His signs are manifest from the West, and in the West He sitteth upon the throne of utterance while His call is raised from the East. We beseech God to assist His loved ones and not deprive them of the splendors of the Light of utterance. He is the Bestower, the Giver, the Generous, the All-Bountiful.

In the name of each one floweth a Salsabil and streameth a Kawthar. From an empty vessel, how many pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared and continue to appear! Blessed is he who hath eyes to see and ears to hear the call of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of this noble station.

After mentioning the namesake of the Intended One, the son of him who ascended unto God - upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, from God, the Lord of all beings - these exalted words were revealed from the ocean of grace and bounty and the Dawning-place of attributes and names. His Word, exalted be His majesty and all-encompassing be His bounty:

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Repeatedly hath thy mention been made, and there hath been revealed in thy name from the Most Exalted Pen that which testifieth to the grace, mercy and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory. Every possessor of spiritual sense hath inhaled from the verses the fragrance of bounties, and every possessor of insight hath found his way to the most exalted horizon through beholding the signs. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and to ordain for thee, by His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence and meeting Him. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We wish to make mention of thy wife who hath believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden and My leaf! He Who hath loved Me and circled round My Cause hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee through this Most Great Remembrance that it may draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath heard thy call and revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as His Name, the All-Compelling over all names, shall endure. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Rejoice in My loving-kindness and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee on a Day whereon the hearts of the doubters among Thy servants were sorely agitated. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

The splendor be upon you and upon your sons and daughters from God, the Revealer of this clear Remembrance. To Him belongs all praise and glory, and to Him belongs all bounty and commendation. Each of the mentioned souls has attained to that which has no equal, and this servant also beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, for each one that which causes the eternal river to flow and the everlasting fragrance to be manifest. Verily our Lord is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His blessed, mighty and wondrous Word.

Regarding the meeting, the path is distant and there are obstacles and impediments present. Therefore, permission was withheld due to the arrival of the governor. For now, there are certain discussions among the people. We beseech God to remove the impediment through His power. Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful.

At the end of the letter, mention was made of the Ayns - upon them be the glory of God, His mercy and His bounty. Each was mentioned in His presence and each has attained to the waves of the ocean of grace. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them to serve His Cause that they may assist the Lord with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, his honor Ayn and Ba, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God and His most resplendent light. He has always been and continues to be remembered, and in these days detailed news of them has arrived. Praise be to God, they are firm in the Cause and steadfast in service. Upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you all and upon those who are with you and who hear your words concerning this mighty and wondrous Cause. And praise be to God, the Powerful, the Single, the Inaccessible.

The Servant

12th of Shawwal 1306

The petition of his honor Aqa Mirza ’Ali-Asghar (Usku’i) - upon him be 96 [Baha’ullah] - after being presented, permission to proceed was granted. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him in turning towards Him and in acceptance. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Likewise regarding the proceeding of his honor Mashhadi Hasan - upon him be 96 [Baha’ullah] - if it occurs with wisdom. In all cases they must be mindful of wisdom, for its opposite is not beloved. The glory be upon them both.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Praise be to God Who hath caused the tongues of the eloquent to speak forth with wondrous expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and Who hath manifested the pure camphor of love and faithfulness in the hearts of them that are possessed of love and sincerity. And praise be to God Who hath caused the seas of light to surge amidst the darkness of deepest night, and Who hath stirred up the breezes of joy from the right hand of the verdant spot above Mount Sinai, the place of revelation and presence before the manifestation of the All-Forgiving Lord.

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the lamps of guidance in the hearts of them that are endued with certitude, and Who hath adorned the brocade of hearts with love for His Beauty, the All-Compelling, the Bestower, and Who hath caused the pens of them that are endowed with knowledge to flow with wondrous expressions of praise for His countenance, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

Praise be to God Who hath caused the drops of bounty to overflow upon the gardens of existence which have become verdant and flourishing, and have appeared after being hidden, and emerged after being concealed, and have been quickened after having perished, through the breezes of God’s wondrous grace and bounty wafting from the direction of His loving kindness - He, the Mighty, the Loving.

Praise be to God Who hath raised up the clouds of His Cause in the heaven of might and power, and Who hath caused the sun of grace to shine forth from behind the veil of glory and concealment, and Who hath illumined the hearts of them that are possessed of certitude with the lights of that Sun dawning from the horizon of Will and Purpose - praise befitting His Beauty Who is established upon the throne of glory and certitude, praise worthy of His Countenance Who is seated upon the seat of grandeur and grace.

A praise whereby the sincere may ascend to the heaven of the sacred Sinai of divine knowledge, and the near ones may rise to the ultimate heights of the atmosphere of faith's mighty realm, and the cherubim may drink from the rivers of the pure camphor of love and goodly favor.

I send blessings and peace upon the Point which God hath made the ornament of the stream of utterance, and the source for the manifestation of creation of the Most Merciful, and the beginning for the completion of God's proof to all the worlds, and upon those who have been illumined by the lights of the splendor of His face and who have walked in the paths of His glorious Beauty's good-pleasure - abundant, endless, eternal and everlasting blessings.

And now, after the decree was fulfilled and destiny came to pass that I should sprinkle upon all who are in earth and heaven from the sweet Kawthar water which the Most Merciful caused to flow in the heart of man, making it life for the people of knowledge and joy and delight for those who have walked in the paths of faith, I begin with Bismillah in the interpretation of this blessed verse from the surah of the Quran, seeking His aid at every moment and His assistance at all times, relying and depending upon Him in all conditions, for verily He is the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Glorious.

O thou who art listening! If thou desirest to reach the ocean of meanings which surgeth in the land of the heart, and to witness the waves of the sea of realities which billoweth in the hearts of those possessed of love and righteousness, then hear what I speak in this moment as I sit before God and rest upon the dust of servitude before His face.

Know thou that this verse hath meanings which none among the people of creation can reckon save him whom God, the Lord of earth and heaven, doth aid. And for this water sent down from this heaven there are in every station meanings of which we now mention some, that perchance thou mayest detach thyself from all that was and shall be, and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

In the first station, we interpret this heaven as the heaven of Will, and this water as the water of divine revelation - that is, when God, exalted be He, desired to manifest in all created things a revelation from the revelations of His Beauty, and to place in each one of them a trace from the traces of His Majesty, that perchance through witnessing it the hearts of the knowers might be quickened and the hearts of them that are nigh might be gladdened, He sent down the water of divine revelation […]

Know that when the lights of Divine Unity and the effulgence of the radiance of Oneness dawned upon the manifestations of creation from the heaven of Will and the atmosphere of Purpose, nothing came into being except that it served to guide souls to the Dawning-Place of creation and His bountiful Countenance. In this station may be understood what was mentioned aforetime in the tradition: "I have not seen a thing except that I saw God before it, after it, or with it."

As to the second station, We interpret "heaven" as the heaven of mystic knowledge and "water" as the water of divine recognition - that is, He sent down from the heaven of His knowledge and the water of His recognition that which would quicken the hearts of the mystics through this flowing, crystal stream from the right hand of the Divine Throne. Through drinking this water, the wise one attains to the paradise of reunion with God, and the believer enters the garden of the divine presence in such wise that he sees naught but the manifestation of God, and beholds nothing among all things save the radiance of God's

beauty. But O hearer! I fear lest in this moment thy feet should slip from this manifest path, and doubt arise in thy heart concerning what We have explained regarding the servant's attainment to the garden of reunion and meeting. Know that what is meant by this reunion is attainment to one of His manifestations, and this knowledge is the servant's recognition according to his own capacity and station. For God, glorified and exalted be He, hath ever been sanctified above the recognition of the mystics, hallowed beyond the certitude of those possessed of certainty, and exalted above the comprehension of those endowed with understanding. The highest knowledge and most perfect utterance can never ascend to the heaven of recognizing even that manifestation which He hath deposited in any created thing - how much less the recognition of His own sacred Essence! By Him Who holdeth all command and creation in His grasp, were the veil to be lifted by a single word, no being would remain on earth that could behold His beauty or gaze upon His countenance or observe the wondrous signs of His sovereignty. As He hath said in His Book, exalted be He: "Were We to emerge from the garment We have donned due to your weakness, all who are in the heavens and earth would sacrifice their souls for My sake," and so forth. Yet due to His abundant grace, generosity, bounty and loving-kindness, when He saw the weakness of humanity, He veiled His beauty and concealed His countenance from the gaze of all else.

In the third station, We interpret "heaven" as the heaven of wisdom and "water" as the water of wisdom - that is, He sent down this water for the wise ones from that heaven and gave them to drink of this Kawthar which surges like a vast ocean and billows like a tempestuous sea. He provided them this heavenly table sent down from the heaven of His wisdom to His earth for the sake of His creation, that they might understand the balance of nature, the properties of medicines, and ultimately recognize the power through which God created these diverse and contrary things, these plants varying in their properties and forms.

In the fourth station, We interpret this heaven as the heaven of knowledge and this water as the water of knowledge - that is, when God, exalted be He, witnessed that people were ignorant and heedless, knowing nothing on earth and comprehending not an atom's weight in His kingdom, He therefore sent down upon them this sweet, flowing water descending from this heaven raised above the heavens, and gave them to drink of this pure wine for the recognition of the Manifestation and the understanding of what was revealed from the tongue of His glorious and forgiving Beauty. Yet due to their abundant heedlessness and lack of understanding, they knew not the fundamental purpose and true intention, and they poured this water upon barren ground, rendering it useless and void by watering earth from which nothing would grow - namely their hearts, which were devoid of the knowledge of God[…]

They rendered it fruitless and void by watering the earth from which nothing grows - namely their hearts, which are devoid of the knowledge of God and have become empty of the light of His love. Yet every person of understanding, were they to reflect, would comprehend that the essential purpose and original intent of knowledge is the recognition of the Known One and the understanding of that which flows from His mighty and manifest Pen, not those vain imaginings that profit them not. Woe unto them and their deeds! Leave them to their idle play, for God recompenses all things, and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

In the fifth station, we interpret 'heaven' as the heaven of bounty, and the 'water' descending therefrom has various meanings according to this interpretation. In the first meaning, it is what God has bestowed

upon creation through utterance, speech, power, might, stillness, motion, perception, expression, vision and certitude. In the second meaning, it is what He has sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness in terms of pleasant spiritual gifts and subtle, refined blessings.

If thou hast understood the meaning of heaven and water, then consider what hath been explained unto thee subsequently, that thou mayest attain to that which will make thee independent of all else. Know then that the meaning of "valleys" in the first interpretation we gave previously refers to the realities of all created things of every kind. That is, when the water of revelation descended from the heaven of divine Will and the atmosphere of Purpose, every valley received of this water according to its capacity and took from it a portion according to its capability.

Even as thou dost witness that in all things there is a sign from the signs of thy Lord and a manifestation from the manifestations of thy Creator, each according to its nature, measure and capacity. For instance, water symbolizes the mercy that flows in the land of bounty for the people of existence, while fire symbolizes His wrath which is reserved for the polytheists among creation. And thou canst measure all things according to this pattern.

In the second interpretation which we explained before, we interpret "valleys" to mean the mystics - that is, when the water of divine knowledge descended from the heaven of spiritual recognition, each one understood according to their station and rank, and the valleys of their hearts flowed according to their capacity with this pure, delicate, sweet and subtle water.

In the third interpretation which we explained before, we interpret "valleys" to mean wisdom - that is, when the water of wisdom descended from the heaven of divine wisdom, each one partook according to their measure and praise, and each one understood according to their comprehension and recognition.

In the fourth interpretation which we explained before, regarding knowledge - that is, when the water of knowledge descended from the heaven of divine knowledge, each one partook according to their measure and rank, and the valleys of their hearts flowed according to their capacity, and each one understood according to their comprehension and perception.

In the fifth interpretation which we explained regarding what God has bestowed of power and might, or what He has given of earthly material means and worldly subtle bounties.

As for "the torrent bearing swelling foam" - in the station of the first meaning which we interpreted as divine revelation, it is thus: when this water descended from that heaven, it bore away the realities of existing things, for thou seest that everything perishes save that which guides people to God and benefits those of insight who gaze upon the Most Great Vision. As it is stated at the end of the verse: "As for the foam, it passeth away as scum upon the banks, while that which is of benefit to mankind remaineth on the earth." For everything thou beholdest in this world shall perish except the sign of God's revelation which the All-Merciful has deposited within its reality.

And those who gaze upon the Most Great Scene, as mentioned in the latter part of the verse: "As for the foam, it passeth away as scum; and as for that which profiteth mankind, it remaineth on the earth," for all that is witnessed in the world shall perish save the sign of God's revelation which the All-Merciful hath

deposited in its essence, and this is that which benefiteth mankind and guideth them to the path of God, the Lord of earth and heaven and the Creator of all things. In another station We interpret this verse according to its outward meaning, saying that its intent is like unto the passing of the world and all that is therein, as a lesson to those who turn unto Him and seek His ways, even as mentioned in the verse: "That which they heat in the fire for the sake of ornaments or utensils, it hath scum like unto it," meaning that whatsoever ye witness in the world of all religions is foam that shall pass away like unto this passing foam. And in yet another station We interpret this water as the Muhammadan Reality which God hath manifested for the life of the world and their guidance unto the path of God, the Lord of all peoples, and the valleys signify the hearts of the people of Islam, meaning that each valley took of this water according to its measure, and this water flowed in the valleys of their hearts according to their capacity, station and receptivity. And in another station We interpret the water as that which God revealed unto Him of His verses and ordinances, which is the Qur'an, and it is the water of which He said in description: "And of water have We made every living thing," which quickeneth the hearts of the servants when it descendeth from the heaven of the Lord of creation. And We interpret the foam as the rules of ignorance and vain customs that existed in the time of paganism, meaning that when this water descended from heaven and each valley flowed according to its measure, then this foam passed away as scum and this water remained, as thou witnessest today how the carpet of ignorance was rolled up in a brief time, and this pure, clear, delicate water remained in the earth. And in another station We interpret this water as the water of guidance which descended from the heaven of the Divine Will for the guidance of those who were heedless of God's remembrance and His sovereignty, even as God, exalted be He, hath said: "And He found thee wandering, and guided thee." And in another station We interpret it as the water of wealth which descended from the heaven of the bounty of the Sovereign of existence, even as God hath said: "And He found thee poor, and made thee rich." And in yet another station We interpret this water as the water of steadfastness which the All-Merciful sent down for Muhammad, His Beloved, whereby his feet were made firm upon His path in such wise that he stood against all who were on earth with mighty sovereignty, and the valleys of the hearts of the believers flowed with this water whereby their feet were made firm in the path of their Creator. And in another station We interpret this water as the water of power, might, authority and glory which God sent down for Muhammad - peace be upon him and his family - His Beloved, His Prophet, His Messenger and the Manifestation of His Cause among His creatures. And in another station We interpret it as that which God sent down upon the Beloved of divine governance and earthly wisdom and the foundations of justice in creation and equity in existence. And in yet another station We interpret this water which descended from that heaven as the essence of the Prophets and the nature of the chosen ones, meaning that when God made them manifest from the heaven of Will and caused them to descend to earth from the atmosphere of Purpose, the valleys of the hearts of those who were with them flowed according to their measure and stood firm in their Cause in their days, and this torrent carried away the foam of deeds which they had performed contrary to God's good-pleasure before believing, even as the tax collectors in the time of Christ's appearance […]

The troubled waters of their deeds, which they performed without God's good-pleasure before belief, carried forth a foam, just as in the time of Christ's appearance and the dawning of that mighty Luminary, when the tax collectors, upon witnessing His beauty and beholding His signs, turned toward Him and

forsook all else, partaking of these sweet waters according to their capacity. The foam of their previous misdeeds vanished, cast aside. Similarly, observe this in the appearance of all the Prophets.

In another sense, We interpret the heaven as the Prophets, and the water as that which floweth from them of God's signs, His attributes, His manifestation and His expressions through unity, utterance, knowledge and wisdom. When the valleys of hearts were filled with this water, all foam consisting of people's sayings, understanding and wisdom was cast aside, disregarded by those who gaze upon the Most Great Vision.

In yet another sense, We interpret this water as the trials that descended from the heaven of destiny in the days of the Prophets' appearance, and the foam as the ailments and pains arising therefrom. These pass away like foam cast aside, while God's Cause endureth in the earth, benefiting mankind and guiding them to the path of God, the Lord of Names, detaching them from all that exists between earth and heaven.

Finally, We interpret this water as the patience and forbearance which God sent down upon His chosen ones, His trusted ones, His faithful and pure ones, and the foam as the humiliation and trials that descended upon them. For these pass away, cast aside, while that which endureth in the earth is the reward of their patience in God's path and their forbearance in face of God's decree.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to speak forth the wonders of Thy remembrance and praise, and loosened my tongue to express comprehensive interpretations of Thy verses. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath seated Himself upon the throne of grace and bounty, and established Himself upon the seat of generosity and acceptance. I beseech Thee to bestow upon Thy servants the wonders of Thy generosity and gifts, and to show mercy unto Thy bondsmen through the totality of Thy grace and bounties.

O my God! Darkness hath encompassed the people of Thy earth; cause the light of Thy guidance to shine forth in perfect radiance, through Thy glory and favor, that the people might emerge from the darkness of self and passion, hoping to gaze upon Thy gate and seeking to attain to the atmosphere of Thy Cause. For Thou art the King, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

I beseech Thee, through the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty, to make our feet firm in Thy Cause and establish our steps in Thy Religion. Make our tongues, O my God, speak forth Thy remembrance and praise, our eyes turn toward the wondrous lights of the beauty of Thy glory, our ears hearken to Thy holy verses of eternity, and our mouths drink from the chalices of Thy bounty. Thou art He Who hath no partner in Thy dominion nor peer in Thy creation. Thou givest to whom Thou willest what Thou willest, and withholdest from whom Thou willest what Thou willest. Thou art indeed the Single One, the Unique, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Praise be to God Who hath sent down verses from the kingdom of grandeur and power, and made them a proof for all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, that all might be assured that there is no God but Him. He hath been from the beginning that hath no beginning a sovereign omnipotent, and will be unto the end that hath no end a sovereign omnipotent.

Praise be to God Who hath caused to flow from the Pen that which guideth mankind unto the Lord of Eternity and teacheth man that which he knoweth not, that all may testify that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One Beloved and Exalted, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One Beloved and Exalted.

Praise be to God Who hath raised the clouds of His Cause in the heaven of power and hath rained down upon the soil of hearts the wonders of His grace and bounty, that all may know that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One Sought After and Glorious, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One Sought After and Glorious.

Praise be to God Who hath caused the sun of tribulation to shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of destiny and made it illuminate the hearts of those who circle round the sanctuary of grandeur, that all may understand that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One Merciful and Joyous, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One Merciful and Joyous.

Blessed be God Who hath lifted the veil from the face of His Cause and raised it to such heights that the intoxication of its call hath seized all who dwell in the realms of creation and command, that all may be assured that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One Worshipped and Unapproachable, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One Worshipped and Unapproachable.

Blessed be God Who hath caused to grow from the gardens of hearts the plants of love and detachment, adorning them with the ornament of the remembrance of the Lord of Names, that all may be assured that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One All-Knowing and Exalted, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One All-Knowing and Exalted.

Blessed be God Who hath manifested the Point of Beginning and made it the Herald of the appearance of the Temple of the Seal, that all may be assured that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One Powerful and Mighty, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One Powerful and Mighty.

Blessed be God Who hath ordained what He willeth and desireth - for His loved ones, union and meeting with Him, and for His enemies, separation and estrangement from Him - that all may be assured that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One Bestowing and Decreeing, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One Bestowing and Decreeing.

Blessed be God Who hath ordained imprisonment for Us through the wondrous operation of His irrevocable decree, and We thank Him for what He hath ordained for Us through the wonders of His decree and the totality of His command, that all may be assured that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One Sovereign and Bountiful, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One Sovereign and Bountiful.

Blessed be God Who hath sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness the water of generosity and hath caused to grow therefrom in the meadows of existence the trees of love and certitude through His

Beauty, the Mighty, the Bestower, that all may be assured that there is none other God but Him. He was from the beginning that hath no beginning, One Gracious and Unapproachable, and will continue unto the end that hath no end, One Gracious and Unapproachable.

And thou, O thou who gazeth toward God and walketh in the paths of His love and good-pleasure, know that I now pour forth upon thee from the ocean of inner meanings and utterance, which God hath deposited within the heart of man through His all-embracing favor over all that was and will be, concerning what thou hast asked Me about the stories of the Prophets who appeared from the horizon of grandeur and majesty with manifest sovereignty. And as for what God, exalted be He, said: "And when Moses said unto his servant: I will not cease until I reach the junction of the two seas, though I march on for ages," know thou that when Moses reached the most exalted stations […]

And when Moses said to his youth: "I will not cease until I reach the junction of the two seas, even if I journey for ages." Know thou that when Moses reached the most exalted stations and traversed the paths of eternity and was illumined by the lights of grandeur and majesty, he desired to draw nigh unto the Tree of Divine decree and the Lote-Tree of the uttermost boundary, that he might behold what was ordained in the preserved tablet. Then said he to his youth: "I will not cease until I reach the junction of the two seas, even if I journey for ages." And by "youth" is meant his pure and blessed grandfather, for he was the divine youth in whom shone forth the sun of prophethood through heavenly grace, though the people know it not. And verily he was the one who was illumined by the manifestations of the lights of the Kingdom and who was nourished by the fruits of the Tree of Sinai which glowed on the Mount of eternity with evident radiance. And verily he was the youth who bore the mysteries of God and His treasures, if ye be of them that know. And verily he was the shell wherein was found the hidden pearl which was the very essence of the Interlocutor that gleamed forth from the lights of eternity and shone with the radiance of the Most Great Name, though few among the people know this.

Then know, O thou who walkest in the path of God and gazest upon the beauty of God, that what is meant by the junction of the two seas is the sea of Prophethood and the sea of Divinity - that is, until I reach the station where I attain unto the sea of Divine Lordship which surgeth within itself, and each of its waves proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, Who created creation from nothing by His command "Be! and it is," and brought the contingent world into being from naught by His word - and He is the Mighty, the Beloved. And in another sense, we interpret the first sea as the sea of divine knowledge and the second sea as the sea of attainment - that is, when shall I make my sea of knowledge of the Tree of God's decree connect with the sea of attaining unto it, and descending into its precincts, and finding intimacy with it, and arriving at its courts. This is the essential meaning.

Then observe what the Exalted One saith: "But when they reached the junction thereof, they forgot their fish, which took its way into the sea, being free." That is, when they reached the junction of the two seas and the sea of knowledge connected with the sea of attainment, as mentioned before, they forgot their fish, as ye can see. Know that what is meant in this verse by the fish are worldly affairs and physical nature which exist in the visible realm. That is, when they reached that sea, they forgot all they had in the worlds of creation and returned to their source, their origin and their wellspring. And this is an inevitable truth, for when man becomes immersed in the sea of divine knowledge and reaches the surging ocean of

reality in the realm of eternity, he casts off the two sandals of worldly concerns and carnal desires, if ye be of them that understand.

Then the Interlocutor addressed his grandfather, as the Exalted One saith: “And when they had passed on, he said unto his youth: ‘Bring us our morning meal; truly we have found fatigue in this our journey.’” And in this address he desired that true spirit which was Moses’ very self and essence to inform of the forgetting of that which befitted not that station, as ye acknowledge. Then the body answered him saying: “Didst thou see, when we betook ourselves to the rock? I forgot the fish - and none made me forget it but Satan - that I should mention it. It took its way into the sea in a marvelous manner!” Know thou that what is meant by the rock in this verse is the barrier that exists between the spiritual and physical worlds. As for “and none made me forget it but Satan,” it was revealed in this station according to the understanding of the people and flowed in accordance with their comprehension from the tongue of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, for none can ordain save God Who giveth what He willeth unto whom He willeth.

And it flowed according to their capacity from the Tongue of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, for none can ordain save God. He giveth what He willeth to whom He willeth, and withholdeth from whom He willeth what He willeth, according to the measure He willeth for whom He willeth, and He ordaineth for whom He willeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Praised. When the Point of the Divine Will, and the Divine Ornament, and the Heavenly Light, and the Manifestation of Divinity–may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him–changed the word of evil to good, He effaced the name of Satan and established in its place the name of the All-Merciful, and this is the essence of what was intended, for this forgetfulness was desired in this station. And since the people were heedless of the meanings of this verse and recognized forgetfulness as being from Satan, it was therefore revealed in His name from the holy tongue of the Beloved. Then the Truth of Moses answered Him and said: “That is what we were seeking.” Then they went back, returning in search of that which they were seeking, by the grace of God, the Protector, the Worshipped. Then found they one of Our servants upon whom We had bestowed mercy from Us and whom We had taught knowledge from Our presence. The intended meaning of this servant in this verse is the Tree of Divine Decree and the Lote-Tree of Command, and God referred to it as “servant” for the understanding of the people, and this is the essential meaning, were the people to know it. That is, when Moses forgot the fish and reached the junction of the two seas and drew near to the Tree of Divine Decree, he said to it: “Shall I follow thee that thou mayest teach me of that which thou hast been taught as to what is right?” Then that Tree addressed him and said: “Verily, thou canst never have patience with me. And how canst thou have patience concerning that which thou hast no knowledge?” unto the end thereof. Know thou, O questioner about the intended meaning and seeker of the knowledge of the true meaning which was in this verse revealed from the Tongue of God’s Will, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that all that was revealed regarding the servant meant the diversity and differences of divine decrees, and man’s inability to comprehend them and grasp what appears from them. God is witness to what I say, and for this reason He said: “Verily, thou canst never have patience with me.” And this is clear and evident. And in another sense, when Moses reached the ultimate goal of his desire and drank from the pure wine of immortality which flowed from the divine spring ending at the Most Great, Most Splendid Name, he then desired to find intimacy with that Most Great Name. When he reached the

junction of the two seas and forgot the fish at the rock, and desired to ascend to that station, he heard the most wondrous and sweetest voice from beyond the sea of grandeur from the Tree of Sinai saying: “Verily, thou canst never have patience with me.” And this is a praiseworthy meaning. Say: O people, hearken unto what I speak at this time when I am seated before God and am established upon the dust of servitude unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: This is the essential purpose of the revelation of this verse. Beware lest ye interpret it according to your own desires. Fear God and be not of those who understand not. Glory be unto Thee, O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy Most Ancient Beauty to guide the servants to the ocean of meanings and knowledge, lest they be veiled from the knowledge of Thy countenance or object to the Manifestation of Thy Cause. And I beseech Thee to illumine the eyes of all with the light of knowledge and to solace their eyes with the splendors of love and certitude, lest they become heedless of Thy praise or be veiled from the wondrous remembrances of the beauty of Thy holy identity, for they, O my God, are weak and Thou art the Mighty, the Great, and they, O my Beloved, are poor […]

They, O my Beloved, are poor, and Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful. They, O my God, are distant, and Thou art the Near, the Merciful. They, O my God, are in darkness, and Thou art the Compassionate, the Forbearing. They wrong themselves and know not what they do. They sport morning and evening and understand not. They wander at all times and perceive not. They cast themselves into the fire and comprehend not.

Thou art He Who, O my God, didst deliver Adam from transgression, and Noah from the flood, and Hud from the tempestuous wind, and Salih from the rebellious people, and Lot from the wicked and the unbelievers, and Moses from the hands of Pharaoh and Haman, and Abraham from the hands of Nimrod and his followers unto oppression and loss. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Ruler over what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art He Who hath been from all eternity omnipotent over what Thou hast willed and wilt be unto all eternity dominant over what Thou pleasest. Thou art indeed the Powerful, the Generous, the Gracious, the Mighty, the Merciful.

And thou, O wayfarer in the path of justice and observer of the direction of grace, I shall now give thee to drink from the wine of inner meanings and utterance in explanation of what thou hast asked concerning the verse of the Qur’an, which appeareth thus in the Book of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the All-Knowing: “And they ask thee of Dhu’l-Qarnayn. Say: I shall recite unto you a remembrance of him. Lo! We made him powerful in the land and gave him unto everything a way.”

The intended meaning of Dhu’l-Qarnayn in this verse is the person of Muhammad himself - may the spirit of those nigh unto God be his sacrifice - for he was the possessor of prophethood and guardianship. Or we may interpret the two horns as referring to the Lord of the East and the West, for he was in the primal reality the master of the necks of all creation and sovereign over all beings by the leave of God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

And in one station we interpret the two horns as the horn of steadfastness and virtue, as people witnessed that there was none like unto him in creation, as God the Exalted said addressing him: “And thou art of an exalted character.” And God sufficeth us at this time as witness. In another station we

interpret the two horns as the Qur'an and the Law which God made as a remembrance and reminder for those who have turned toward the direction of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

God made for him an establishment in the earth and a firm station in sovereignty, and gave him the means of all things that he might establish truth and abolish falsehood, and make all the earth illumined with the light of God's guidance - the Omnipotent, the Most High, the All-Knowing. For example, He revealed unto him the Qur'an to be a reminder for the people of remembrance, and the sword to be a lesson for the heedless.

"Until, when he reached the setting of the sun, he found it setting in a muddy spring, and found a people thereabout." The intended meaning of this sun in the first station is the sun of God's guidance which was about to set at the end of the Dispensation in muddy waters. What is meant by this is the darkness that had overtaken all people, or the heedlessness that had seized them from all directions, or the smoke of their deeds which had encompassed them from near and far.

In another station we interpret the sun as the sun of Religious Law which God made to rise in the earth for the guidance of all creation - that is, that sun was about to set in the muddy springs of the people's heedlessness of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Or we interpret this sun as the sun of intellect which he saw setting in the muddy springs of ignorance of the tribes of the Age of Ignorance who were heedless of God, the Creator of the heavens and earths.

And in another station, We interpret the sun as the Sun of Divine Law which God made to rise in the earth for the guidance of all humanity. That is, this sun was about to set in murky waters of the heedlessness of the servants from God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Or We interpret this sun as the sun of reason, which was seen setting in murky waters of ignorance of the tribes of the age of ignorance who were heedless of God, the Creator of the heavens and earths. Likewise We interpret this sun as the sun of divine knowledge and the murky waters as the hearts wherein these suns shine forth with great radiance, yet they remained among the heedless ones. Then God addressed the Seal of the Prophets from the horizon of the pavilion of grandeur and majesty, as God the Exalted said: "We said: 'O Dhul-Qarnayn! Either thou dost punish them, or thou treatest them with kindness.'" That is, either thou leavest them in the wilderness of error wherein they dwelt before, or thou guidest them to the straight path unto God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Then the Messenger answered and said: "Whoever doth wrong, him shall we punish; then shall he be sent back to his Lord; and He will punish him with a punishment unheard-of. But whoever believeth and worketh righteousness, he shall have a goodly reward, and easy will be his task as we order it by our command." Then followed he a way, until when he reached the rising-place of the sun, he found it rising on a people for whom We had not provided any shelter from it. Even so! and We encompassed with Our Knowledge all that was with him. As for the rising-place of the sun, it was the station wherein that Mighty Light and Exalted Mystery rose forth. And those whose shelter was the lights of the sun are they who were guided by God's guidance and were illumined by God's lights and forsook all else but God and were among those heedless of aught save Him. These are they upon whom are blessings from their Lord, and they are those who drank the cup of eternity from the hands of the Will of God, Creator of earth and heaven. And upon them is the intoxication of divine knowledge to such degree that they have stripped from their temples the garment of this world. And God is witness to what I say.

Then followed he a way until, when he reached a tract between two mountains, he found beneath them a people who scarcely understood a word. Know thou that God hath intended in these three stations to manifest the three ranks that existed among the people. As for what was mentioned in the first station, intended thereby are people who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And as for what was mentioned in the second station, intended thereby are people who believed in God and were guided by the lights of God's guidance and were illumined by the radiance of the Muhammadan Sun which shone forth from the dawning-place of oneness with wondrous manifestation and effulgence. And in the third station are intended those people who outwardly followed the Messenger - upon him be God's blessings and peace - but inwardly were hypocrites in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Exalted. They said: "O Dhul-Qarnayn! Verily Gog and Magog do great mischief in the earth: shall we then render thee tribute on condition that thou make a barrier between us and them?" And the speakers of this verse were the people mentioned in the second station. As for what is meant by Gog and Magog, these are the two parties who were in constant conflict in those days and caused corruption in the world. When Muhammad, the Messenger of God, the true and spiritual Dhul-Qarnayn appeared, he raised between them the barrier of faith and united them in the Cause of God, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. And in one station We interpret these two as the different parties that existed in the earth as enemies to the guided ones. And We have interpreted them likewise in the outward station.

Here is an elaborate allegory concerning Gog and Magog. In the outward sense, we have explained their meaning previously. However, in the inward sense, Gog and Magog represent the overwhelming forces of self and passion and heedlessness that arise from attachment to worldly affairs and its transient causes - if people were among those who understand. As for the first interpretation we gave before, know that when the companions who were guided by God's light, the Mighty, the Bestower, witnessed the oppression and tyranny of people in the lands, they appealed to the true Dhul-Qarnayn to establish between them a barrier of might and power. He addressed them saying: "That wherein my Lord has established me is better, so assist me with strength and I will make between you and them a barrier. Bring me blocks of iron" - until when he had leveled between the two mountain sides, he said "Blow," until when he had made it fire, he said "Bring me molten copper to pour over it." So they could neither scale it nor tunnel through it.

That is to say: You desire outward victory, but that wherein my Lord has established me of inner conquest is better, so assist me - meaning, turn to me with pure hearts and sanctified souls so I may establish between all a barrier of faith that will be a greater defense than any constructed rampart. "Bring me blocks of iron" - meaning, bring me hearts firm as blocks of iron in the love of God, soaring in His path, steadfast in His mighty Cause. "Until when he had leveled between the two mountain sides" - we interpret these two sides as faith and unbelief, meaning until he filled between them so none remained in between (whom we previously interpreted as the hypocrites) and the forces of unbelief could not overcome the believers. "Blow until when he had made it fire" - meaning Dhul-Qarnayn told the believers to blow divine breath upon this barrier until God made it as fire. Then he said "Bring me molten copper to pour over it" - meaning, bring me strength of heart and inner certainty to pour over faith's barrier until it becomes fortified by the grace of the All-Merciful, such that no storm can destroy it and Gog and Magog cannot surmount it or tunnel through it by God's power, the King, the Generous, the Mighty, the Wise.

O questioner, reflect upon what We have taught you of the jewels of mysteries and meanings, that you may become independent of the false statements and vain imaginings mentioned among people, and attain clear certainty that this is the essential meaning which no one has reached except those whom God has assisted with authority from His presence - truly He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have interpreted all these verses in their inner meaning since outwardly the people's books are full of their interpretation. We ask God to expand your breast as He has expanded it, to preserve you in the shelter of His grace and care, and to bring you to a station where you will not turn to any direction except that you witness the dawning rays of the Sun of Beauty, the Lord of Names and Attributes, and be among the witnesses. And glory be upon you and upon whoever turns to God in these days wherein Mount Sinai is illumined by the splendor of His manifestation, and darkness is lit by that light, and the Tree of Sinai calls out with the most exalted call that the Beloved has appeared with magnificent beauty and glorious sovereignty.

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He is the One Who calls out with truth before the faces of creation!

Praise be to God Who, through His power, caused the Sun of Utterance to shine forth and, through His sovereignty, the Moon of Proof to appear - He Who by His command rolled up what was spread out over six days, whereupon the heavens of knowledge were raised up in less than the twinkling of an eye, and the Greatest Scene was revealed when He Who conversed on Sinai established Himself upon the throne of manifestation. The Divine Lote-Tree spoke before all faces, and thereby the call was raised from earth and heaven: "This is a Manifestation that has caused existence, both seen and unseen, to smile, that has brought joy to all eyes and illumined all sight. The command is God's, the One, the Mighty, the All-Choosing."

By God! The Day has come, yet the people are in wondrous doubt. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants to draw nigh unto the Dayspring of lights, to grant them success in returning to the gate of His grace and in making good what they have missed during the Lord of Days. And may peace and blessings, glorification and splendor rest upon the Hands of His Cause, whom neither the clamor of the people prevented from drawing near to God, the Lord of lords. They cast aside all else and turned to Him with such steadfastness as broke the backs of the wicked. Neither the opposition of the opposers nor the objections of the polytheists - who speak according to their idle fancies to turn people away from the straight path - could deter them. Say: He has come with that which draws you to the supreme horizon and brings you near to a station illumined by the lights of your Lord's utterance, the Lord of all beings.

O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of everlasting life from the hand of bounty and for having arisen to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as has disturbed those who sit still and caused the factions to lament, save those whom God, thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Resurrection, has willed. Praise be to God that thou art at all times occupied with remembrance and praise, and art steadfast in service.

Know of a certainty that God has commanded all to proclaim His Cause and to exalt His authoritative Word among all created things. After this binding decree which hath descended from the heaven of the will of the Lord of eternity, all are obligated to obey. If they attain unto the divine commandments and act as befitteth, they shall be accepted before God. Otherwise the matter returneth unto itself and the heedless are in manifest loss.

In former Books, God hath called all servants His children, and this was due to the effulgence of the light of His mercy which encompassed all. Yet many of those children opposed Him, and every fair-minded person hath testified and doth testify to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. What say they about Satan who, despite his lofty rank and station, was deprived of the realms of nearness and the presence of God? According to some he was the teacher of the Kingdom - yet what can be said of this station that was bestowed upon him, when in an instant he fell from the highest station in the Kingdom to the lowest realm of the material world, and was debarred and deprived of all grace? What can one say to Him Who doeth what He willeth? At one time he was worthy of grace and mercy, at another deserving of wrath and punishment.

Reflect upon the consort of the Apostle of God. That holy Being - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - said "Speak to me, O Humayra, speak!" This exalted word which issued forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Lord of all beings indicateth His supreme loving-kindness and compassion. Yet now the Shi'ih sect say concerning her that which all know. What was the cause of that acceptance, and what is the reason for this rejection by the Shi'ih sect? One of the bishops of Antioch said: "Why did your Prophet accept at first and make His intimate companion one who would ultimately be rejected?" Say: Ponder, O people, then judge with fairness concerning that which the Speaker of Sinai hath uttered when seated upon the throne of Manifestation, and be not of the wrongdoers.

One of the most distinguished of the Helpers, who was named Tu'mah, after the appearance of the Day-Star of Hijaz from the horizon of Yathrib, shared all he possessed with the Emigrants. Later, despite his evident nearness, there appeared from him that which made the very essence of truth to weep. After his rejected deed became known, he joined with the Jews. The Prophet was thoughtful and perplexed, for in the early stages of the Cause such matters cause disturbance and upheaval among the servants. At that hour Gabriel descended and recited this verse: "We have sent down unto thee the Book in truth, that thou mightest judge between men by that which God hath shown thee, and be not thou an advocate for those who betray their trust."

In any case, let them refer to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Concerning the creation of man He saith: "Yet are they in doubt about a new creation." This moment is different from the moments before and after. Say: Reflect, that thou mayest take fairness as thy helper. Apart from these matters, two aspects exist in man - one directed toward God and one toward his own self. When the glance of grace beholdeth the first aspect, it mentioneth concerning him that which hath no equal in all creation. O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory! Say: What sayest thou about Isma'il, the son of Ja'far the Truthful? This is the same Isma'il to whom the Isma'ilis adhere […]

Look at what has been mentioned about him that is beyond anything existing in the created world. O Nightingale, upon thee be My Glory! Say: What do you say regarding Ismail, son of Hadrat-i-Sadiq? This is

the same Ismail to whom the Ismailis cling and adhere. His Holiness designated him as Imam and successor, and this decree was established. Later He removed him, which caused disturbance among the companions. Baghdadrah, who was among the most distinguished companions of His Holiness, asked whether it was possible for an Imam to be removed. In response, He said there was a change of divine will. The narrator of this tradition, Kulayni, and the objector Baghdadrah are both considered reliable by scholars of biographical evaluation. Say: Observe, that you may recognize what the Supreme Pen hath spoken in this mighty and wondrous station. Furthermore, it is clear and evident what the opposers and objectors have said in this regard. Among them were those who said: "If he was unworthy from the beginning, why was he appointed leader of the people? And if he was worthy, why was he removed? The station of Imam is that of guiding people in the first degree, and in your belief, His Holiness possesses knowledge of the first and the last. Therefore, such a matter which is contradictory and inconsistent should not appear from him." In any case, these matters are mentioned in relation to the beliefs of that group, as every fair-minded one, every learned one, and every trustworthy truthful one beareth witness. In every age and century, some among the servants raised objections. After the Battle of Uhud, when the Bedouins of the surrounding areas went to congratulate the Quraysh, Sulafah, whose husband and sons were killed in battle, said to Sufyan that if anyone killed the murderer of her husband and children, she would give him a hundred camels. These words ignited the fire of greed and avarice in Sufyan. He sent seven Bedouins from Mecca who came to the presence of the Prophet and outwardly embraced Islam, saying "O Messenger of God, a group of us have attained to faith and acknowledge the oneness of God and thy prophethood. We request that thou command some of thy companions to come with us and teach us the divine laws regarding what is lawful and unlawful." Among others, they asked for Asim. His Holiness chose ten from among the companions and commanded them to go among the tribes and teach the Quran and its laws. Asim and those with him set out for that region as commanded, and after their departure and arrival there occurred that which caused the greatest sorrow for the people of Yathrib. Some of the hypocrites arose in mockery, saying "Why did Muhammad's God not inform him that this group had accepted Islam hypocritically?" And concerning what transpired, they judged His Holiness to be ignorant and lacking knowledge.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The objector hath been and ever will be. In one instance that same person hath spoken the truth, inasmuch as the deeds of this group in the early days were, we seek refuge in God, truly such that no man could bear to mention them. However, concerning this Wronged One he hath not spoken with fairness, as thou and the manifestations of justice, equity and truthfulness can testify that this Wronged One, after arrival in Iraq by permission of His Majesty the Sultan, arose with complete determination, night and day, to educate souls and purify minds and hearts. Through God's grace and loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, We strictly forbade conflict, corruption and contention in the Book, and commanded the servants to praiseworthy deeds and pleasing conduct. For nearly forty years, in no place hath the fire of war been kindled; rather, through the living waters of divine counsels and heavenly wisdom, tranquility and peace were established to the extent possible. We hope that henceforth no trace of corruption, conflict and contention shall remain in the world. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to unite their hearts and aid them to reform the souls of men and improve the countries. Verily, He hath power over all things. O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory! Concerning the person mentioned, ask from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever conduceth to the manifestation of

justice and fairness. This Wronged One too asketh for him that which causeth return unto God. My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance, and to speak such words as are adorned with the glory of Thy good-pleasure, and enable them to manifest such character as will spread abroad the sweet savors of Thy days. Then ordain for them return unto Thee and repentance before the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent to do what Thou willest through Thy Will that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

That which those souls have uttered in response hath been adorned with the crown of acceptance. Every day objections have been raised by the heedless against His Holiness and His companions, yet God hath seized them through His power, and His Will hath effaced their traces through His sovereignty, and His Purpose hath taken hold of them with the grasp of One mighty and powerful. We have not mentioned some of these objections, for such matters are beyond reckoning. Were the eyes of the servants to be cleansed from the ophthalmia of desire and their hearts purified from the fire of hatred, they would witness that which they are deprived of today. Say: Know thou that We have commanded all to teach the Cause and have revealed regarding the conditions of teachers that which would enable every discerning one to recognize the bounty of this Revelation and its glory and generosity and favors and bestowals. It behooveth everyone who desireth to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon to purify his outward and inward being from whatsoever hath been forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. And in the first step he must hold fast and act according to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan where He saith: “Say: ‘God’ then leave them to plunge in their idle diversions,” and to regard all else save God as but a handful of dust. Thus hath the light of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Will, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. And in another step he must turn wholly towards the Divine Countenance and, with the tongue of the spirit and reality, advancing towards the Most Great House, arise and say: “I have abandoned the religion of a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter.” When a soul hath attained these two stations and these two commands, verily it hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as being of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen before the Divine Kaaba and acted according to that which hath been revealed in this time from the True Commander and Dayspring of Divine Revelation.

O Nightingale! Upon thee rest My Glory! The radiant conditions for teachers shine forth like the sun from the horizons of the heavens of divine Tablets. Strange that until now they have not taken notice. The command to teach hath been sent down from the heaven of the Cause for all - that is, all are commanded to it. Likewise, concerning the conditions that have been mentioned, ask God to confirm all in that which is befitting. Some of the questioners who attend gatherings seek to learn of divine laws, while others merely mock and cast doubt in hearts. Verily thy Lord is with them, hearing and seeing all, for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And in one instance these exalted words were revealed: “It behooveth him who desireth to teach the Cause of his Lord to adorn his head with the crown of detachment and his temple with the robe of godliness.” And in another place: “It behooveth every teacher to ignore what he and others possess, fixing his gaze upon what is with God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.” This Wronged One hath repeatedly mentioned in these instances that which no fair-minded person hath rejected. By the life of God! Had a few souls acted according to what God intended, surely the lights of the traces of the Supreme Pen would have encompassed the world. From some souls who have

attributed and do attribute themselves to the Truth, there hath appeared that which hath caused the greatest terror. We have said, and Our word is the truth: “The affliction is not My imprisonment, nor what hath befallen Me at the hands of Mine enemies, but rather from those who claim attachment to My Person yet commit that which causeth My heart and My Pen to lament, and every informed one and every discerning one to weep.” Time and again have such verses been sent down from the heaven of divine bounty, yet ears polluted with vain tales are deprived and forbidden from hearkening to these exalted and decisive words. If they would truly hearken to but one verse of the revealed verses, they would surely return from what they possess to what God possesseth, and would testify to the grace, bounty and justice of God, exalted be His glory, towards all. Concerning all, ye must beseech justice and fairness. Say: O my God, my God! Aid Thy servants to return unto Thee and to behold in the traces of Thy Supreme Pen with Thine eye. O Lord! Deny them not the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowal, and keep them not away from Thy holy courts. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause which, at its manifestation, effaced the traces of polytheism and hypocrisy, to transform the throne of ignorance into the seat of knowledge and wisdom, and the throne of tyranny and oppression into the chair of justice and fairness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

In one passage this blessed verse was revealed, from which every hearing ear perceives the lamentation of this Wronged One: “Verily, Thou wert created for My help and the service of My Cause, yet thou didst aid Mine enemies through deeds more powerful than the hosts of kings and rulers.” In truth, today unseemly conduct from the people of God aids the enemies rather than the friends. O nightingale! We have manifested the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen solely for those possessed of insight, that they might be drawn to the most exalted summit of justice and fairness. One must seek sight and hearing from God. That which had neither appeared before nor shall appear hereafter hath been made manifest in the world - to this beareth witness the Mother Book in the Kingdom of utterance. Blessed are they that hear, and blessed are they that attain! Thou hast seen and knowest these people - most are occupied with the buzzing of flies, deprived and forbidden from the cooing of the doves of the Most Exalted Paradise. Consider the deniers of the Cause, who soar on wings of idle fancies in the atmosphere of vain imaginings. Until now they remain unaware that the Lord they have chosen as creator is exactly like the Shi’ih sect, occupied with the fanciful traditions of the deluded ones, heedless and veiled from the reality of the Cause. The Word hath ever been cast by God; thereafter, deeds return to their doers - “whoso doeth good works it is for his own benefit, and whoso doeth evil, it is to his own loss.” Say: O servants of God! He hath come with the word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth,” and before this word the objections of the world are as naught. He saith: “Were He to decree the earth to be heaven, or heaven to be earth, none hath the right to question His authority.” Had there been ears to hear and eyes to see, that which would raise the earth above the heavens would have been revealed. But for those lost in fancy, the clear Book needeth not such ringing tones. Say: O ear of the world! Hear but this one word: The Primal Point - that is, the Herald, may my spirit be sacrificed for all else but Him - in answer to a question from one of the Letters of the Living, concerning Him Whom God shall make manifest, exalted be His glory and abundant be His grace, and may the spirit of all creation be sacrificed for Him, spoke these words, mighty be their remembrance: “If thou shouldst recite but one verse from the verses of Him Whom God shall make manifest, this would be more meritorious in the sight of God than if thou shouldst inscribe the entire Bayan, for on that Day that

single verse would grant thee salvation, whereas the entire Bayan would not." Now observe what station they have abandoned through vain imaginings and to what station they cling! Leave them to their idle fancies, leave them to their heedlessness, leave them to their vain imaginings, leave them to their idle conjectures wherein they disport themselves. There is no God but He, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

You have mentioned Akhtar, who has manifested such contention as hath no peer or likeness. Through unworthy means and vain desires he hath committed that which hath caused the reality of being to lament. You and all the friends know how that unrighteous one from Isfahan unjustly seized the property of the Afnan and other loved ones. He was so consumed by the fire of greed and passion that none save God can reckon its measure. In these days the government hath taken from him what he seized, yet until now it hath not reached its rightful owners. Let us see what will unfold hereafter and what fire greed and avarice will next ignite. In most of Our Tablets We have enjoined upon all trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and sincerity. Yet some have forsaken trustworthiness, chastity and truthfulness, clinging instead to treachery and calumnies in order to wrongfully devour people's wealth. And some in this land have engaged in unseemly deeds. Purely to protect them We commanded them to depart, yet they committed what no heedless one hath ever done. Our purpose in their departure was protection and care, but it gave rise to enmity. We desired for them light and protection, while they desired for Us oppression and calumny. The cry of the oppressors is nothing but error. In any case, opposition and objection were not confined to the one from Isfahan and his companion. Haji Muhammad Karim Khan of Kirman wrote a book of refutation every year, as did other ignorant ones known as learned. And the author of Nasikhu't-Tawarikh wrote concerning the Bab what no atheist hath ever written. We beseech God to aid His servants to observe with justice and fairness His signs and what hath appeared from Him. Should they achieve this blessing, all would proclaim the blessed words "I have abandoned the ways of a people who have turned away from Thee and who dispute with falsehood." Verily aid is in His hand and confirmation in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. But the deeds of His servants have prevented them from beholding the waves of the ocean of utterance of the One desired by all the worlds. Eyes are barred from seeing and ears from hearing. God willing, they shall hereafter attain unto that which beseemeth them. Today deeds and character are supporters and helpers. You must adorn all with the ornament of goodly character and pure deeds, and remind them of justice and fairness. By God! The Wronged One, though in the dragon's mouth, mentioneth them and counseleth them for the sake of God, desiring from them neither recompense nor aught else, even while seeing Himself in grave danger, for We have concealed nothing but have clearly enjoined upon all that which leadeth to their elevation and advancement.

Regarding what you mentioned about the prisoners and the charity of some - praise be to God Who enabled them to perform a deed that hath attained the glory of His good-pleasure and been adorned with the ornament of His acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before their faces the gates of grace and bounty, to draw them nigh unto Him, and to assist them to champion His Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, of deeds and character. Verily, He hath power over all things.

O Nightingale! Dost thou see anyone who finds the sweetness of My utterance, or who dealeth justly concerning that which hath appeared from Me? And dost thou see anyone who soareth on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere? Say: O people, if ye deny this Most Great Cause, what matter is worthy of affirmation or capable of proof? Say: No obliteration can efface this proof, and this standing is sanctified above sitting or reclining - it was and is. And whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall assuredly be made manifest, and there shall remain not a single letter but the fair-minded shall behold it established upon the throne of revelation. Thy Lord knoweth and declareth, but most people know not.

Regarding what thou didst mention about the dissemination of Tablets and the spreading of the writings and the mention of the Most Great Branch - all were privileged to witness and hear this. Praise be to God Who hath confirmed thee in that which conduceth to the refinement of souls and the exaltation of God's binding Word. The Most Great Branch hath recently turned his attention to its execution. We beseech God to confirm him in aiding His Cause, exalting His Word and elevating His servants, and to grant him success in purifying hearts and sanctifying souls. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing.

Thou didst mention the son of the late honored Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. Praise be to God, his thoughts are adorned with the maidens of praise and glorification, bedecked with eloquence and rhetoric. As he speaketh in praise of the Desired One of the righteous, he is mentioned before the Throne and illumined with the light of acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and through him to open the doors of hearts through His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Nasru'llah! Thou hast been mentioned by one who hath soared in My atmosphere and clung to My cord. We have remembered thee with a remembrance through which faces have turned toward the Lord of generosity and bounty. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which every letter thereof proclaimeth Thy tender mercy, Thy compassion, Thy grace and Thy bestowal. O my Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses and enkindled by the fire of Thy love. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause whereby hearts and minds have been shaken. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Nasru'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His tender mercy. Remember on My behalf thy mother. She hath attained unto My mention aforetime. Blessed is she. We testify that she hath attained unto a gem beyond compare and unto a pearl which God hath sanctified above all likeness and similitude, and these are My love, the mighty, the wondrous. Remember her on My behalf and give her the glad-tidings of My tender mercy and illumine her with the lights of the Day-Star of My knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Nightingale! The souls mentioned in thy letter have attained unto remembrance. Praise be to God Who hath aided them to turn towards Him on a day wherein the fire of rejection was ablaze, and Who enabled them to hearken when most of mankind were debarred therefrom. Blessed are the hearts illumined by the light of recognition, and the faces that have turned towards the effulgent countenance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and the eyes that have been solaced by the light of certitude, and the ears that have

been privileged to hear the Call as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. We beseech God to aid them to stand firm with supreme steadfastness in His Cause, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, in such wise that neither the hosts of the earth and their ranks shall deter them, nor shall the clamor of the ignorant and their leaders frighten them. May He ordain for them a light that shall go before their faces in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have not mentioned their names, and this is a wisdom from Us, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The radiant light from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon them and upon those women who have believed and turned unto the All-Informed, whether they be men or women who are sincere, devout, mindful, or turned towards God. All are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and that honored one should gladden them with these supreme tidings.

As for him who hath mentioned the matter of the veil and the revelation of a Tablet concerning it, most are content merely to hear and cling to that which their souls and desires dictate. O Nightingale! Had they been observed to be sanctified from transgression and iniquity and adorned with righteousness and the fear of God, all would have been illumined by the manifestations of the lights of certitude, assurance and wealth. They have taken what is with the people and cast behind their backs what is with God as a recompense for their deeds.

Thou art witness and God doth testify that this Wronged One, after the rising of the Orb of the horizons from the horizon of Iraq, summoned the people of Iran to the horizon of the favor of the Lord of all worlds through two true messengers and spiritual heralds by night and by day. These two heralds were the pen and the inkwell. At all times the Kawthar of counsel flowed from the pen and the Salsabil of utterance appeared before all faces by His will. There was no purpose save the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. In the early days of the Cause, deeds were observed to be so reprehensible that every person of insight would take refuge in God, and every hearing ear would, by night and by day, implore deliverance with humility and supplication, until through grace and favor, repugnant deeds were gradually transformed into goodly deeds and unacceptable conduct into acceptable behavior. Ask thou God to aid the people to recognize the purpose of this Wronged One, for should they become aware, they would themselves acknowledge that which they now deny. We ask for them success in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

They made mention of the departed and exalted Hasan Khan, who ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon and Supreme Companion while in the prison of the opposers and deniers. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! By My life, he hath attained to that which none before him attained. The near ones now behold him in an exalted station. We were with him when he desired to attain the presence and meet Us, and We mentioned him in such wise that the ocean of forgiveness surged in all existence and the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, was diffused. We revealed for him that which brought solace to the eyes of the mystics and We sent it to the Land of Ta. Verily, the mercy of thy Lord hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Woe unto those who recognized not his station and committed that which caused every fair-minded soul to lament and the tears of the lovers to flow. Will the oppressors endure, or will they find for themselves, at the time of reckoning, any escape or refuge? Nay, by My utterance, through which the realities of the Supreme Concourse, the Most Glorious

Paradise, and the Highest Heaven were attracted! Say: My God, my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants and cause them to know what Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty. Were they to know, they would surely lament their own selves and weep for what hath escaped them in Thy days. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, and withhold them not from drawing nigh unto the sun of Thy knowledge. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Then make the reward of those who transported him a treasure with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Trustworthy, the Guardian, the Helper, the Sustainer.

Mention of other souls who were with him hath been revealed and sent down in Tablets from the Divine Pen. Happy are they!

They made mention of the wife of Qasim Khan, upon her be the Glory of God. When We desired to make mention of her, We heard the call from the direction of grandeur and majesty of her arrival in the highest Paradise and her settlement in a chamber above whose door was inscribed: "This chamber hath been built for the people of Baha." We beseech God to send down upon her at all times that which will comfort her eyes and gladden her heart. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Ye made mention of the mother and two sisters. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! The Wronged One, in the Most Great Prison, desireth to make mention of them in such wise that their names shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden and my leaf, in that God hath manifested through thee one who hath arisen to serve My Cause, to make mention of Me amongst My servants, and to praise Me amidst My creation. God, blessed and exalted be He, hath enabled him to spread His signs by whose light earth and heaven were illumined and hearts and minds were enlightened. We have ordained for thee a portion of his reward in teaching the Cause and manifesting the Word with wisdom and utterance. O Nightingale! Convey My glorification unto her and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy which have preceded all things, and My light whereby existence hath been illumined.

And We make mention of thy sister at this time and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the mighty throne. O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thee with the robe of recognition and illumine thee with the lights of certitude, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His handmaidens who circle round the throne. He is, verily, the Hearer, the Answerer.

And We make mention of My other handmaiden. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call "O My handmaiden" and "O My servant," and blessed is the heart that hath turned unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of My handmaidens in all regions and give them glad tidings of what hath been ordained for them from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Verily, she who hath attained unto acceptance is regarded by God as among the most exalted of men. Blessed are they, men and women, who have attained. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

You made mention of Ghulam-'Ali. O Ghulam-Qabli-'Ali! Canst thou hear My utterance with such steadfastness as to open thereby the ears of all creation? And canst thou speak with such utterance as to cause the tongues of the world to speak? Say: Nay, by thy life, except through Thy might and power. Unto God belong the treasuries of utterance. Were He to reveal but one verse therefrom, or manifest one pearl thereof, thou wouldst surely behold people intoxicated by the choice wine of God's utterance, the Lord of all beings. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He who arose to serve My Cause and soared in the atmosphere of My love hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with verses whose outer meaning is light and whose inner meaning is mercy, and within their innermost meaning is that which proclaimeth this momentous News. The glory rest upon thee and upon those whom the might of every heedless doubter hath not frightened.

O Nightingale! Those souls who have turned unto God and associated in love with thee, and who have accepted that which thou didst speak concerning this Most Great Cause, and likewise those handmaidens who have sought His good-pleasure and besought mention from the Lord of Remembrance - all have been blessed with the effulgences of the Sun of loving-kindness of the Desired One of the worlds. Today the ocean is surging, the sun is shining, and the light is radiant. Whosoever hath turned unto God and attained unto service to His loved ones is accounted among the people of Baha in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Convey My greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land, and likewise to the assured handmaidens who outwardly are veiled in names but inwardly are manifest and evident. In these days divine wisdom hath prevailed. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

You made mention of Haji 'Ali and likewise of his turning toward the Most Holy Court. Divine ordinances and laws are each conditional upon the requirements of wisdom. Haji 'Ali, upon him be My glory, must observe that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. If it accordeth with movement, let him move, and if it accordeth with stillness, let him be still. Moreover, he must first determine the means of the journey, and thereafter proceed. The sale of property is not beloved in the sight of this Wronged One, save for the payment of debts. Many souls desired to sell their property for the payment of the Huqúqu'llah, but We forbade them.

O Nightingale! The greatest cause of this Wronged One's tribulations hath been the gathering of people around Him. In the prison are assembled people of every kind. Now there are nearly three hundred souls, young and old, male and female. The rest is clear and evident. Some are firm as mountains and steadfast, some are like brilliant light, and others rise at times and fall at others. God dealeth with all with supreme loving-kindness. For twenty-one years have We dwelt in prison with this company. Say: Power belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Wisdom belongeth unto God, the Goal of them that know. Mercy belongeth unto God, the Object of worship of all in the heavens and the earth. Compassion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the first and the last. Jalal had permission to come, and as for the other two, after arriving in Port Said they sought permission and were not deprived of the ocean of grace. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

In brief, these are the conditions for those who have permission to visit: first, a sound constitution and healthy body; second, the means for travel including funds and other requirements. And the condition

which is the greatest of conditions is to obtain permission in the place and station. Even if all else be present, if wisdom does not require it, movement and visitation is not permitted. God says: “Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind,” and then He says: “for those who are able to make their way there.” We beseech God to aid all to perform that which they are commanded.

From the Dayspring of God’s Command naught appears save that which leads to the exaltation, elevation, love, fellowship and unity of His servants. He, verily, is the Commander, the All-Wise.

Regarding what thou didst mention about the eagerness of the servants and their enthusiasm, that each year a great multitude, inspired by the encouragement of the chavushes, intend to journey to the Most Exalted Horizon and the Supreme Summit - this is a cause for thanksgiving, for the penetrating influence of the Supreme Pen hath brought the servants to this station. Despite the opposition of all, it hath taken hold of the gems of existence through His absolute Will. This, notwithstanding that it hath appeared in days when ranks upon ranks, thousands upon thousands, cannons and swords were arrayed against it. Yet, detached from all else, We summoned all to that which conduceth to the upliftment of existence, the advancement of souls, the tranquility of servants and the development of countries.

This Revelation is the Revelation of the Most Great Mercy and Supreme Bounty, for it hath erased and forbidden the decree of holy war from the Book, and hath enjoined fellowship with the followers of all religions in a spirit of fragrance and joy. His honor hath witnessed what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in scriptures and tablets. Corruption, conflict and disputation have been forbidden. Likewise have We commanded the reading of the books of all peoples. All these matters are a great bounty for the servants, for previously they were forbidden and commanded to wage holy war. The wearing of foreign dress and the perusal of the books of other peoples were formerly forbidden, and traces of this prohibition can be found in the books. However, in this Most Great Revelation, the barrier of prohibition hath been lifted and freedom hath been granted and bestowed in its place.

God willing, may his honor be aided to conquer the cities of hearts with fragrance and joy, and be assisted in spreading the divine verses with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He will aid thee with the hosts of utterance. He, verily, is powerful over all things. We give thee glad tidings at this moment of the presence of that which was born of the maidens of thy thoughts and hath dawned from the horizon of thy sincerity, submissiveness and humility, and hath been read before all faces. We beseech God to grant thee a reward in every world of His worlds and to ordain for thee that which shall endure as long as His Kingdom shall endure. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Convey to the loved ones in every place greetings and glory from the Wronged One, and illumine them with the lights of the Luminary of utterance of the All-Merciful. Thy work of reasoning hath attained the Most Holy Court. God willing, it shall be considered in these days. We beseech God to manifest for thee in His mention and praise that which shall attract the hearts. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. The light that shineth from the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this Mighty Matter.

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Let the honored Shahid, son of Ismu'llah al-Asdaq, the beloved and esteemed Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, take note:

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

Praise, sanctified from all beginning and end, befitteth the threshold of nearness to the sanctified presence of the Beloved Eternal One, Who hath illumined the horizon of the heaven of man with the Luminary of knowledge. What regret and sorrow that while the company of the cherubim and those nigh unto God are singing praise, and the houris of the chambers of Paradise are chanting melodies, and the divine Cup-bearer standeth ready with the everlasting wine in His hand, yet there is no ear to partake of the first, nor any lip to attain unto the second. Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself unto the unitarians among His servants and concealed Himself from the idolaters among His creatures. He is that sanctified Being Whom the tongues of the world are powerless to praise and the hearts of nations fall short of knowing. Through His complete power He hath made water appear from fire, and from fire He hath manifested light. The hand of His power hath seized the reins of the world, yet eyes are heedless of Him. His sovereign Will hath encompassed all things, yet the understanding of His servants falleth short. Blessed are they who have attained unto penetrating vision and have been adorned with new and hearing ears. These have drunk from the ocean of knowledge and have tasted of the fruits of the tree of insight. Such hearing and sight have ever been and shall ever be pure, transformed and illumined. Blessed are they who have become the object of that sight and the place of that hearing. Unto God belongeth all authority, from the past unto the future.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the lamentations of those near unto Thee and the sincere ones have been raised, and at Whose remoteness the sighs of the unitarians and the successful ones have ascended, and the tears of the longing ones have fallen. I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, the lights of Thy countenance, the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, and the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and Dominion, to aid Thy chosen ones to arise to serve Thee and to turn unto Thy realms. O my Lord! Thou seest those who have detached themselves from all else but Thee and have arisen to serve Thy Cause, and have chosen the hardships of exile in Thy love and pleasure, and the adversities of the world in hope of what lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace to protect them from those who have striven to extinguish Thy light and have violated Thy covenant and Testament. Thou art He, O my God, before Whose manifestations of power the very essence of might hath bowed down, and the very embodiment of strength hath prostrated itself before the revelations of Thy strength. O Lord! Therefore send down upon him who hath arisen to serve Thee that which shall cause him to speak in such wise that silence shall not overtake him through what the hands of the wicked have wrought in Thy realm. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of hearts and Goal of all existence, to ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall manifest him through Thy Name amongst Thy servants and shall exalt him through Thy favors amidst Thy creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I pray, O my God, and offer peace upon him and upon those who have circled round for the exaltation of Thy Word and the revelation of Thy Cause. O Lord! Make them the lamps of Thy guidance and the standards of Thy victory. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate from His purpose. Thou hast ever been mighty to do what Thou willest

and shalt ever continue to be even as Thou hast been from all eternity. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And then, O well-beloved of my heart! I had been slumbering when I was awakened by the breezes of your love that wafted from the traces of your pen and spread abroad from the realm of love that which my pen and tongue are powerless to describe. When I became aware and perceived this, I sought to ascend to that station whereon was established the throne of the King of Names. I attained unto His presence and presented myself, whereupon the Tongue of the Intended One spoke that whereby the realities of all things were attracted. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is this: He is the Preserver, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who turneth toward My Kingdom, who gazeth upon My horizon, who uttereth My praise in My days, and who standeth in service to My Cause! The servant here present hath received thy letter and laid it before the Wronged One as He walked in the place which God hath made the Most Great Scene of Vision. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and having perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity, We have sent thee that from which the perfume of My luminous robe is diffused. Blessed is the servant who hath been stirred by the raptures of thy words in remembrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We have been with thee in all conditions and have revealed unto thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall endure as long as My most beautiful names endure. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace. God willing, My confirmations and the glances of My loving-kindness have been and shall ever be with thee. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and give them all the glad-tidings of God's grace and favor, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they be enabled to achieve that which befitteth this glorious and mighty Day. Blessed is he who hath arisen today to serve the Cause. Those who are endowed with utterance must occupy themselves with teaching. This is the imperative command of God which hath been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets. This matter is most great. Beseech ye God, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not any soul of this lofty station. If from the beginning of the Cause, enkindled and assured souls had adhered to teaching, the world would now be illumined by the Most Great Light. It is hoped that the friends of God will all arise to teach the Cause with such arising as shall cause the people of the world to arise, with such utterance as shall cause the nations to speak. In the early dawn the gentle breezes of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness waft over all, and the mysteries of union and meeting are revealed unto all things. Some attain unto hearing, while others are deprived. Each acteth according to his own way. By the Sun of utterance! Should any soul become aware of the greatness of this Day, neither the world of vanities, nor the world of all things, nor the world of books would hinder or deprive him. We have enjoined unity upon all. God willing, may all attain unto this station through the endeavors of His loved ones. O 'Ali! Say: There is no human being except through fairness, and no power except through unity, and no good or well-being except through consultation. O Muhammad! The Most Exalted Pen is occupied at all times. Beseech God that those who thirst in the wilderness of love be not deprived of this flowing Euphrates. Throughout the world this Remembrance hath been spread and its lights are manifest and evident; nevertheless the people of the earth remain veiled and heedless. Each of the various groups among this mighty community in the great cities holdeth fast to some matter and exerteth mighty efforts to promote it, to such extent that they withhold neither

life nor wealth; yet the people of Persia remain heedless and veiled from this Most Great Cause which shineth like the sun at its meridian. Leave them to their vain imaginings. God willing, may the souls who are today associated with the Truth and remembered by His Name recognize and preserve their stations. Their station with God is great. Beseech ye God that He may strengthen all to preserve their stations in such wise that no matter among matters and no thing among things may hinder them or render them heedless.

O My beloved! The peoples of the earth are heedless of this most great bounty and supreme gift. With their own hands they carve out idols, and with the utmost diligence do they strengthen them, only to later lament their tyranny. The idol that hath been and is mentioned referreth to the ignorant one who, being known by the name of learning, hath in every age and dispensation been the cause and means of preventing the servants from attaining unto the outpourings of the Lord of creation, both in their beginning and their end. Should one possessed of insight ponder and examine the divine Books of former and latter times, he would testify to that which hath been mentioned.

As to what was written concerning your proceeding, together with the beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon whom be 966 [Baha'u'llah], to the land of H.M. for the exaltation of God's Word - this matter was presented before His presence. Thus did the Tongue of Revelation speak in this station. His exalted Word: God willing, may the saplings of the divine garden be adorned with fresh vestments through the water of His chosen ones' utterance, and through the warmth of their love attain their ultimate growth and fruition. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Wise, and the Bestower of success, the All-Knowing.

Assuredly, from directing oneself toward various regions for the manifestation of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word, purely for the sake of God, universal fruits have appeared and will continue to appear. Utterance in the path of the All-Merciful hath been and ever shall be effective.

Concerning what was written about the intention to proceed to the land of S. and its surroundings, in accordance with the previous directive - this matter is most praiseworthy. The duty of teaching is incumbent today upon such as that beloved one. According to the command, whosoever they deem suitable - that is, possessed of eloquence and a detached heart - should be sent to the divine cities and regions to purify souls with the Kawthar flowing from the Supreme Pen. This is beloved and acceptable in the presence of God.

All souls have been created for this Day. The beloved ones must strive their utmost in this matter. It is praiseworthy, nay obligatory, if souls would turn to the tribes - for instance, toward Kermanshah and likewise to the Bakhtiari regions around Fars and elsewhere - provided these souls are adorned with the ornament of revealed wisdom. Wherever they go, they must become the cause of the purification of souls, the reformation of the people, good deeds and virtuous conduct. It is hoped that through the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, such a company will be found in the world who will illuminate the world with the light of wisdom. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

This is the Day of which Isaiah the Prophet gave tidings. The news of this Day hath dawned from the horizon of the divine Scriptures like the Greatest Luminary. All the Prophets have given the people of the

world the glad-tidings of this Most Great Day, and all divine Books bear witness to this. But ignorance hath become a barrier and deprived people from the ocean of knowledge to such extent that they know not what is beneficial and what is harmful. The world hath been encompassed by calamity and darkness, yet none is aware. True indeed is our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

If anyone were to observe with the eye of fairness and ponder upon the Tablets and Scriptures revealed in the past, he would testify to that which hath been made manifest. Word by word, it hath been sent down from the Kingdom of divine knowledge with perfect clarity. The people imagine that the learned ones, men of knowledge, wisdom, asceticism and piety are the divines of the earth, unaware that in the sight of God they are accounted among the ignorant. These heedless souls have been and continue to be the cause of the people's heedlessness and their being barred from the Supreme Horizon. He saith: "The true scholar is he who hath guided the people to My path and taught them My straight way." The scholar who attaineth unto this station is as the sight for the body of the world. His word, exalted be His glory: The wise and knowing one and the seeing scholar are as two eyes for the body of the world. God willing, may the earth not be deprived or forbidden these two supreme gifts.

As regards what you wrote concerning the fiery leaves and their dissemination, God is my witness that the same Mirza Hadi who is now engaged in misleading souls in the Land of Ta has never been and is not now aware of the Cause of the One to whom he claims allegiance. Would that the veil were rent asunder and he would, for God's sake, attain in but a few moments to the hearing of words which, were they to be cast upon the hardest rock, would cause it to flow like running water. O company of the heedless! It is as though a blind man were to guide another blind man, or one heedless soul cleave to another. They speak according to their vain imaginings and perceive not. Would that they might succeed in at least turning to the holy writings. This evanescent servant is bewildered and amazed - to what do they cling and what do they say? Divine verses have encompassed the world to such extent that the horizons are filled with them. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, this servant and his like are powerless to reckon them, and all devoted souls bear witness to this. Nevertheless, the chief of calumniators has written that they take two words from here and two words from there and send them abroad. Observe how confident he is in the heedlessness, lack of understanding and blindness of his followers. Were he not confident, he would not utter such delirious statements whose falsity is clear as the sun. If one were to reflect even briefly for God's sake upon the manifest conditions, he would become aware of how the first stirrings and origin of this Cause came to be. I beseech God to adorn the heedless with the ornament of awareness and to crown them with the diadem of fairness. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for what you wrote concerning Muhammad-Taqi, let him be asked what he was told at the time of his departure - perchance he may remember or fear. For transient ornaments he turned away from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness and exchanged the Divine Joseph for paltry coins. In demonstrating his baseness, it suffices that Husayn-i-Sukhti prevented him from the truth and took him to the known island. How strange, how passing strange! And that person in Tehran who gave him the cloak - I swear by the Beauty of God that he too, like him, had absolutely no knowledge of the essence of this Cause. He and his two brothers were outside from the beginning and were unaware of the Cause of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - nay, they would repudiate it. Their house

was in one quarter and the house of the Desired One in another, and due to their turning away there was separation between them for years, and most bear witness to this fact.

Regarding what you mentioned about Haji Mirza H.S. - upon him be the glory of God - and the minister's intention, these matters were presented before His presence. He said that what is necessary today is to hold fast to the work of teaching. If the exaltation of God's Cause becomes somewhat manifest, all ministers will arise to assist, and whatever today becomes the cause and means of comfort and freedom is beloved. End quote.

This evanescent one submits that consultation is necessary in all matters. That beloved one should greatly emphasize this point so that the practice of consultation may be established among all. Whatever has flowed and continues to flow from the Supreme Pen regarding this matter is intended to establish consultation among the friends, for it has been and will continue to be the cause and means of awareness, vigilance, welfare and safety.

As to what you wrote concerning the friends of God in every locality, God willing, may they be occupied at all times with their own betterment and that of the world, and be illumined and successful through the lights of His countenance. In truth, those souls who today have grasped the Most Great Law and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon are as commanders in the world. God willing, may they strive in these divine days to manifest that which shall never be erased from the ledger of the world, throughout the duration of the Kingdom of earth and heaven. Should they become aware of their stations, by the life of the Beloved, they would attain unto the most great joy. They have borne in the path of God that which none before them had ever borne. I beseech God to assist His loved ones to preserve their stations. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

That which hath been lauded from the lands of Kh, K, Q - blessed be they all! God willing, may they remain steadfast, firm and unwavering in this Most Great Cause with utmost dedication. Mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court. The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned upon each one. I beseech God to increase, at every moment, the fire of their love and the light of their knowledge, in such wise that the circumstances of the oppressors shall not deter them from that which they are called upon to achieve. The tyrants and pharaohs, and their like, that have been mentioned in the past and present are, in the first instance, those ignorant ones who are known as divines among the common rabble. By God's life! These are they who have barred the way of God, these are the veils that have intervened, and these are the false books. In truth, the divines of Persia are most heedless. That which hath been in the hands of that erring and misleading group hath largely been their own calumnies, which they have uttered in the past and present and recorded in their books. These are the scrolls of vain imaginings, the registers of idle fancies, and the proclamations which they have falsely attributed to the Sacred Precinct.

On a certain occasion this evanescent one sought the most exalted goal and the loftiest summit. After attaining the most holy and glorious presence, He said: "O servant who standeth here! Tell Me, from what mine did the bullet come, and of what substance was it made, that martyred the Primal Point, the Herald of the Most Great Beauty? And of what metal and from what mine came the swords that cut the bodies of the loved ones to pieces? O servant who standeth before the Countenance! Ponder the words of the Wronged One of the horizons, that perchance through thy pondering there might appear in the

peoples of the earth such power that all may reflect, with complete understanding, upon that which hath come to pass." At that moment, the rays of the light of the All-Merciful's utterance so overwhelmed this evanescent one that he was, and shall ever be, powerless to describe it. For some time this servant remained standing while the Ancient Beauty remained silent. At last He said: "O servant! That iron and that bullet which caused the lamentation of those near unto God and the crying out of the sincere ones - these were the words of the heedless souls who had been raised up in the mines of ignorance and falsehood, and which ultimately issued from the mouths of the divines and martyred that Essence of being and His loved ones. O servant! Reflect carefully - were it not for the mention of Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and the Sacred Precinct, and the existence of the Qa'im with his described attributes, that which came to pass would not have occurred, and that which the pen and tongue tremble to recount would not have been witnessed." He said: "O servant who standeth here! If a person were to observe with justice, that very word which issued from the mine of falsehood stating that His Holiness existed and claiming His birth from unbelievers was as the bullet that struck the body of that Lord of the worlds. And now the deniers of the Bayan follow the same path and are occupied with arranging the same vain imaginings."

Here endeth His utterance. May God protect us and all mankind from their deceit and calumnies and from that which issueth from their mouths. Verily He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Can no ear be found? Hath the faculty of sight been obliterated? To what realm hath justice journeyed, or hath truthfulness expired? This inadequate ignorant one knoweth not what to say. These matters transcend mention and utterance. Sighs ascend and tears fall, and the matter is in God's hands, the Lord of the one who remembereth and speaketh.

The honorable amah (handmaiden) of God who had petitioned the True One, glorified be His majesty, seeking grace for her husband - this matter was presented before the Presence of the Lord of all creation. These are the words that the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in response, exalted be His glory:

"O Ali, O thou who standest to serve Me! O Muhammad, O thou who gazest toward My horizon and hast turned thy face unto My countenance! Hearken unto My call and give her these glad-tidings from Me - that she should read what hath been revealed by My Most Exalted Pen in this noble station:

'Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose name the ocean of generosity hath surged and the fragrance of grace hath wafted amidst the peoples! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and by the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Then write down for Thy servant that which shall draw him nigh unto Thee, shall make him recognize Thy Manifestation, Thy Revelation and Thy sovereignty, and shall teach him that of which he was heedless in Thy days. O Lord! Thy grace hath preceded and Thy mercy hath encompassed all things. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of the Names not to deny him and me access to the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bestowals. O Lord! We know not what profiteth us - Thou art more knowing of us than we are of ourselves. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.'"

Observe how the grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath reached such heights that every fair-minded soul hath acknowledged and confessed that it hath no likeness or peer. God willing, may all who dwell on earth be assisted to turn toward the gate of His bounty and may they never be disappointed. Let that

which hath been revealed in this station be conveyed to the handmaiden of God, upon her be the glory of God.

As for the mention that was made of the relatives of the departed and elevated Ismu'llah al-Asdaq, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - this was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. He said that the gaze of His grace had been and would continue to be fixed upon them. Convey to all of them greetings from God. Their mention hath been revealed in God's Book both before and after, and holy Tablets were previously sent to them. Remember them all with wondrous and sublime remembrances from God that shall cause joy and delight. Verily We hear and see them. God willing, that which hath been ordained for them shall be made manifest. Verily He unfoldeth a matter from His presence and He is the Powerful, the Munificent, the Bountiful.

Regarding what you wrote about the honored nobleman Haji Munshi Haqiqi, upon him be the glory and might of God - truly it is exactly as that beloved one hath written. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted True One to increase his enthusiasm, joy and love at all times. His mention hath been and continueth to be made in the Most Holy Court, and this evanescent one shall compose and send a letter in response to his missive.

And again in another letter you mentioned His Excellency the Minister. He and his party have striven and continue to strive for prosperity and complete freedom. When the rays of the Light of Revelation were manifest from the horizon of Zowra (Baghdad), the Consul who was in Iraq came with utmost love into His presence, and whatever matter was mentioned to him, he would immediately arise to execute it. The Blessed Beauty also went to his home one day, and that was indeed a memorable day. He received and accompanied Him with such warmth that it caused astonishment to some. And at the time of departure from that land, they sent Jinab-i-Mirza Mehdi Huzur, who was the Embassy secretary, and after attaining the Most Holy Presence, he conveyed: "His Excellency sends his greetings and says if you would turn towards our direction, transport is ready, and if there is any matter, write it down and I will send it to Her Majesty the Queen and will quickly bring back the response." He (Baha'u'llah) said: "Truly, We derive the utmost joy from the love of His Excellency and his government. However, now, in response to the request of the Governor and ministers of the Sublime State, We are proceeding in that direction. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. On Our behalf, convey Our greetings to His Excellency and say We are most grateful for your kindnesses, and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to bestow upon your illustrious government the reward for this righteous deed." This deed of his has been and will remain foremost among all deeds that have been manifested from the beginning of the emergence of that illustrious government until now, for the mention of this episode will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. God willing, may they be assisted today to accomplish that which will cause their exaltation, elevation, and remembrance to endure as long as God's names and attributes endure.

Likewise, mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God. It was presented before His countenance, and this is what the Kingdom of Utterance spoke forth, exalted be His grandeur: "O Ibrahim! Great is this Day and mighty this Cause. Whosoever today has drunk from the ocean of certitude and found his way to the Supreme Horizon is reckoned among the most distinguished

of souls in the presence of God. Blessed is the eye that has been illumined by the lights of His countenance, and blessed is the ear that has hearkened to the call of the Wronged One. Today, after recognizing the Dawning Place of God's Cause and the Source of His Revelation, steadfastness is the greatest of all deeds. Whosoever attains unto it has attained unto the most exalted summit. God willing, through His grace you shall attain this most great station and preserve it through the Name of Truth. Blessed is he who gave you to drink and taught you that which was hidden from all save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willed."

For those souls whose mention has flowed from the pen of that beloved one, the infinite bounties of God, exalted be His glory, are manifest and evident. God willing, may all drink from the cup of grace and be thankful, praising, joyous, and glad through His favor and mercy. Verily, this servant prays for them in all conditions, and our Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the Hearer, the Answerer.

Let another Tablet of that Exalted One which thou didst send dated the 20th of Safar, and from which the fragrance of the soul was diffused, for it was adorned with the ornament of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God that the glad-tidings of the spiritual herald arrive continuously - His is the praise, the gratitude and the glory morning and evening. And when this evanescent servant was warmed by the heat of love and became intoxicated from the cup of remembrance and utterance, he aimed for the supreme height and ultimate goal and presented the levels before His face. This is what the tongue of our Purpose and your Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth hath spoken, His word, exalted be His glory:

"O thou who rememberest Me and gazeth upon Me and circleth around My Cause! By My life, should the breeze from the rose-garden of the utterance of the All-Merciful pass over decayed bones, verily from its rustling they would attain unto the station of 'then We clothed the bones with flesh, so blessed be God, the best of creators.' Yet it hath passed over heedless souls and no trace appeared from it, for they have drunk from the breast of idle fancies and are deprived and forbidden from the ocean of certitude. They never possessed sight or hearing in any way. A few ignorant ones have seized the reins of those souls and lead them wherever they desire. Their vain imaginations move them - verily they are in manifest loss. But ere long they shall witness the fruits of their deeds and shall utter 'Would that we were dust!'

"Convey My greetings to the friends of God who have drunk from the wine of unity and are enkindled with the fire of love, that perchance from the fragrance of that greeting they may attain unto a new life and may be observed steadfast and firm and upright in the Cause of the Lord of creation with perfect unity. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related to My Most Truthful Name. Upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy and My tenderness. Say: Be not grieved by the conditions of the world and its hardships. God willing, that which is the cause and reason for the joy and gladness of those who are near, the unitarians, and the sincere ones shall appear."

The effulgences of the Sun of bounty are of such magnitude that a hundred thousand like this servant are powerless to describe them. That honored one himself hath attained His presence and witnessed the waves of the Most Great Ocean, therefore he hath no need of mention by this evanescent one.

And regarding what thou didst write about the honored mother and sister, upon them be the glory of God, who reside in Ta, loving-kindness hath been and is being shown to them, and this evanescent one beareth witness to this matter. Nevertheless, details were submitted and attained the honor of being heard by the Beloved of the worlds. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

"O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath flowed from the Pen of the Divine Unity repeatedly in various times, and that which thou hast attained unto, the queens of the earth have not attained. Thou hearest from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory, the word 'O My handmaiden.' By Him Who hath subjected the heavens and earth by a word from His presence, the pearls and precious gems of the earth cannot equal this word. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and be assured by My loving-kindness. The assured, steadfast, firm handmaidens are accounted as leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and are mentioned in the Book as handmaidens and are related to the Truth. What station is greater than this? God willing, may ye hold fast unto that which God loveth and gaze toward the direction of the Prison. We convey greetings to all the handmaidens of that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, tenderness and generosity. The glory be upon thee and upon thy daughter and upon them."

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

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto My most exalted horizon, who hath heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and who hath answered the Lord of Names, Who came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and by Whose command all necks were humbled. O Muhammad! Dost thou know Who maketh mention of thee in the prison? By the life of God! He Who conversed with God on Sinai maketh mention of thee, and the Lord of all being hath turned toward thee - He through Whom the Trump was sounded and the path of God, the Lord of Lords, was established. Wert thou to become aware of My loving-kindness and to discover the fragrance of My raiment, thou wouldst arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me in such wise that the affairs of earth and its colors would not hinder thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld My most great signs, the ear that hath heard My sweetest call, the face that hath turned toward My most exalted horizon, and the hand that hath been occupied in transcribing that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and having witnessed thy turning unto Us, We make mention of thee in this Tablet which shall endure as long as My names endure in My Kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. We entered the Prison and summoned all unto the Most Great Ocean. Among men are those who have broken the Covenant of God and His pledge, and among them are those who have said: "Here am I, here am I, O Revealer of verses!" We have made mention of everyone who hath turned unto the Countenance. My Pen and My Tongue bear witness to this, and beyond them My knowledge which encompasseth the horizons. When thou art favored with this Tablet and hearest what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, turn thy face toward My direction and say: "I testify that through Thee the verses have been sent down, the signs have appeared, and that which was hidden and treasured from time immemorial hath been revealed. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the wonders of Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things!" Thus have We sent down unto thee from the river of My mercy that which God hath made the cause of

life for all who are in the earths and heavens. We have forgiven her whose forgiveness thou didst seek. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The Glory rest upon thee and upon her and upon those who have cast away the world and turned unto the Most Great Name, Which uttereth in every condition that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad Qadi, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet specifically for him has been revealed from the heaven of God's will and sent. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of inner meanings. Likewise, nine exalted Tablets without names - corresponding to the Greatest Name - were sent to be delivered to the individuals listed in the sheet of names. Their names were not written, in wisdom for the Cause. The unnamed Holy Tablets should be distributed thus: that beloved one should first engage in divine remembrance to the number of the Greatest Name, then perform ablutions, then again engage in the first remembrance, and place the Tablets in an elevated location covered with a fine cloth. Then, intending any name, reach in and withdraw one Tablet, write that name on it and give it. God willing, Holy Tablets will continue to be sent in this manner hereafter. Sending them all at once is not permitted. This evanescent servant beseeches God - exalted be His glory - that through that beloved one's being, the unconscious temples may become conscious and arise to serve God.

Mention was made of turning toward the land of Kha. Convey greetings to all the friends in that land as commanded. In these days, specifically for those whose petitions reached the Most Holy Court, and likewise some correspondence that was sent to His Eminence the Elevated One of the people of Qa'in - upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God - replies to some have been revealed and sent, that their eyes may be gladdened, their faces illumined, and tranquility may come to the hearts of those who hastened to God's path, the Lord of all worlds.

An event that has occurred in these days in the Most Great Prison is the ascension of His Eminence Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali from the people of Qa'in - upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God and all His most luminous Light. He ascended to the Supreme Companion at dawn on Wednesday the 20th of Rabi'u'l-Avval. By command, the Most Great Branch of God - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - as well as the two most luminous Branches - may my spirit be sacrificed for them both - who were present in the palace were ordered to accompany the funeral procession and went on foot. The Most Great Branch of God - may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - was present in the prison land and was present that night and morning with him who ascended to God. This servant also sought permission to attend the funeral procession but was told: "Your attendance is not permitted as the weather is cold and signs of weakness are observed in you."

Afterwards this evanescent one was present before the Most Holy Presence with papers, pen and ink. That same day there was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for that elevated deceased one that whose fragrance will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure and whose mention will flow from the tongues of the people of the world. The bounty, favor, kindness and mercy of God are at such a degree that all the world is incapable and falls short of comprehending it as it should be. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to the friends of God. God willing, may they attain to that which is

loved by God and inscribed in the Book. The Glory be upon your honor and upon them and upon those who have drunk the Kawthar of recognition from the hands of their Lord's bounty, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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This is the Surih of Command which We have sent down by Our command and authority from before Us, and verily I am the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Dominant, the Self-Subsisting. He is the Invincible Sovereign, the Single One, the Victorious, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Glorified be He Who created all creation by His command, and brought every created thing into being nearer than can be counted, were ye to know. He shall create as He willeth through His power, and none can prevent Him from His purpose, for He is the True One, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He hath sent down all things in the Book and perfected the creation of all things in due measure, that men might be assured of His signs. He shall continue to send down the command of all things in the Book, were ye to perceive. His signs shall not be severed, nor His proof exhausted, nor His testimony weakened, nor His sovereignty perish, for He is verily the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

He it is Who sent down the Book wherein He hath detailed all that ye know not, and He shall continue to expound the truth and send down the Command as He willeth, were ye to understand. He hath taught all things the measures of knowledge according to their capacity, were ye to know, and He shall continue to teach His servants from the wonders of knowledge, for He is verily the Sovereign, the Compassionate.

Say: He it is Who hath lit for you the Lamp of Holiness that ye might be illumined thereby in the darkness of your own selves, and that ye might not go astray. And He shall cause the Lamp of the Spirit to shine in the Niche of the Command, were ye to witness it. He it is Who kindled the Fire of the Command in the Blessed Vale, the holy and blessed spot, and He shall kindle it through His grace in the innovative Paran, that ye might be guided by God's guidance.

The Sun of Wisdom and Utterance hath shone forth upon you, were ye to behold with the eye of God. He shall cause it to shine forth when He willeth and desireth. There is no God but Him, the Supreme, the Holy. None can prevent Him from exercising His sovereignty. He ruleth as He pleaseth by His command, were ye to believe. He shall perfect His Cause through His power, even should all who are in the heavens oppose Him, and this is a known truth. He shall aid His servants with the means of the heavens and earth until His Cause is established, His sovereignty exalted, and His power made manifest. Thus hath He prescribed for Himself in the preserved Tablets of Glory.

Say: The power of God is like unto an ocean - would it diminish by the drawing of cups? Say: What aileth you? How do ye judge? Say: The knowledge of God is like unto the winds - would they cease to blow? What aileth you, O heedless ones? How do ye imagine?

Say: Verily His Cause is sanctified above all similitudes, even as His Essence is sanctified above all that ye can comprehend. Yet He citeth similitudes that ye might understand God's Cause, and that ye might find the sweet fragrances of holiness from the Ridvan and from the holy and hidden direction, and that your souls might thereby find rest and be not troubled, and that ye might not deny God's grace, nor forget His covenant, nor be of those who are not guided by God's guidance. And that ye might distinguish between truth and falsehood, then unto God shall ye return.

Say: Those who deny God's grace, their punishment shall soon overtake them, and ye shall then witness it. Deny not the signs of God when they are sent down unto you, and turn not back on your heels, and be not of those who were turned back. Verily the influence of God shineth like the sun among the stars, were ye to perceive. None shall doubt God's proof and His Cause save those who doubt their own selves and who deny God's favor.

Say: O people, have mercy upon yourselves and be not neglectful of God's Cause, then deny not the signs of God. The kingdom and all that ye occupy yourselves with shall perish, then unto God your Lord shall ye be gathered. Look ye unto the peoples of the past, then ponder their fate. Did their opposition or denial endure in the earth?

And that which ye have busied yourselves with, then unto God your Lord shall ye be gathered. Consider the peoples of old, then ponder their affair. Did their opposition and denial remain on earth, and all that they were wont to do? When the Messengers of God came unto them, they but opposed them until they imprisoned and slew them, as ye well know. Yet God exalted their Cause and established their proof, and cut off the last remnant of those who opposed God and denied His signs. Soon shall ye find these who have waxed proud against God like unto the peoples of old, and God shall seize them for their unbelief and return them to their abode in the fire of their own selves, wherein they shall be tormented for all eternity. Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not your desires, but follow the Command of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Transgress not what hath been detailed in the Book, exceed not His bounds, and be not heedless of His remembrance. Beware lest ye forget God's laws and all that ye have been commanded in the Book - this is better for you, did ye but know. Trust not in your wealth and children, but put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Follow God's decree concerning your own selves, then turn your faces toward His countenance. Thus do We reveal unto you from the verses of the Command and teach you the ways of holiness, that haply ye may understand. Say: If ye act not in accordance with what hath been decreed in truth from the presence of a Wise, Self-Subsisting Lord, God will surely create another creation who will all act according to His command and prostrate themselves before Him. Say: He is indeed independent of all who are in the heavens and the earth, and of all that ye know or recognize. Say: These are the paths of truth which We have made manifest in truth, if ye desire to walk therein. Walk ye then therein by God's leave, and tarry not for less than an instant if ye be of them that believe. Follow not those who have wronged their own souls and wronged others, who were among the corrupt in the Holy Land. They say "We believed in Ali aforetime," yet now they deny His signs. They imagine they believed in God in His former Manifestations, yet today they disbelieve in His sovereignty. Thus doth God reveal the deeds of those in whose hearts lurked rancor toward the Cause, though they sought to conceal it. Thus doth God render void the false through its own deeds and establish the truth through His words, if ye would know it. Say: We desire naught save what God hath

desired for Us - this is My desire in the hereafter and in this world, as beareth witness the angels that circle round the Throne. We wished only what God wished for Us, and We rejoice therein at all times, if ye but knew. Say: Days have passed over Us which none knoweth how they passed save God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved. And days pass over Us in these times which none knoweth how they pass save God, the Single, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. We have been grateful for all that hath befallen Us, content with what He hath decreed for Us. We are patient in His trials and complain of nothing except to Him. We follow in all matters His chosen ones who were patient in tribulation, and We are patient even as patient servants aforetime who were honored and whom God raised up in truth over all who are in the heavens […]

God raised them up in truth over all who are in the heavens and the earth, and they summoned the people until they were slain in the path of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And the more they increased in remembrance, the more the people increased in their wretchedness, and they answered not God's herald in their midst, and they were of those who denied the presence of God. Thus do We recount unto you from God's ways which were decreed upon His servants, that ye may know what hath befallen His chosen ones in this time, that perchance ye may ponder within yourselves and deny not God's signs in your days, and follow not Satan in your souls. Then be ye guided by God's lights, the King, the Mighty, the Holy.

He it is Who sent down the Bayan in truth, and verily We believe in it. He hath brought forth the creation of the heavens and earth by His command and perfected the creation of all things. This is what hath been ordained by the Pen of Creation upon preserved holy tablets. There is no God but Him - His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him. He hath ordained the measures of all things, as ye witness in the Book. Therein He opened the gates of Paradise, and in each gate dwelleth a creation. And He planted in every Paradise lofty and noble trees, all of which have borne holy fruits whereof the righteous partake in bliss.

And He established in each one thereof palaces of hidden and precious pearls, and in every palace are maidens who appear to have been created from the light of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Beloved. They all remember God their Creator with enchanting and uplifted melodies, and the people of the eternal pavilion take delight in their songs and are drawn by their strains.

And in every Paradise flow seven rivers that ye may drink therefrom. Among them floweth the wine of immortality on the right hand of Paradise, like liquid rubies of holiness. And among them is the milk of glory whose color never changeth throughout the dominion's duration, if ye be of those who are certain. And among them is purified honey whose taste altereth not, and none shall partake thereof save those who have trusted in God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And among them is water that never stagnates, wherein man findeth every delight - this is what hath been ordained therein of God's grace, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Holy.

And among them is a river that floweth by the name of the Beloved, and the people of Paradise at all times beseech their Lord God to be given a drink therefrom - this is what they seek from God morning and evening. And among them is a river that floweth in the form of trinity within the word of quaternity, and it maketh mention of God in its flowing, if ye would understand. The people of Paradise gather around it to hear what is mentioned of the remembrance of God, the Triumphant, the Mighty. Whoso

drinketh a drop thereof shall attain unto his desire and reach a station whereunto none can arrive save whom God willeth and desireth. Thus do We cast upon you the wonders of God's handiwork, that perchance ye may hasten unto Him.

And among them is a river which God hath sanctified from every color and purified from every taste, for it was created from the pure essence of God's nature, if ye but knew. Therein He hath ordained that which cannot be described in words nor completed by the pen, if ye be of those who are certain. Whoso drinketh a draught therefrom, the mystery of what was and what shall be is manifested unto him, and he knoweth all things in their places […]

O people of the Bayan! Follow not your selfish desires, nor deprive yourselves of these breezes that waft from the direction of eternity at the right hand of Paradise. Turn your hearts to this holy and beloved quarter. Take not your desires for your god, nor be of those who cleave to the idols of their vain imaginings. Shatter the idols by the power of the Name of God - this, indeed, through His Most Great Name, if ye be endowed with vision. Say: The breezes of bounty have wafted, and the clouds of grace have been raised up, and all things have been adorned since the Temple of Light hath been established upon the cloud of holy and inaccessible glory. Know ye then the value of this transcendent, exalted, and sublime bounty. At that time, the Herald of Immortality shall call out to all who are in the heavens and on earth, and shall give glad tidings of the meeting with God to all things, if ye but hearken. O heaven of holiness! Adorn thyself with the stars of glory, then ascend as thou willest, for thou hast attained unto these days wherein none of the near ones have attained save those whom divine benevolence preceded in this Cause and whom the breaths of hidden glory have encompassed. O cloud of the Cause! Rain down from the pearls of holiness as thou willest, and turn not to anyone, that all things may partake of thy bounty, for upon thee hath been established the Beauty of God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O land of Paradise! Rejoice within thyself, then give glad tidings within thine essence, for the footsteps of the Spirit have walked upon thee, and this is a manifest bounty. Then reveal the mysteries treasured within thee, for this is the Day whereon the near ones shall be gathered. For besides these, none have a portion of this gathering wherein the Words of God shall be manifested in their fullness - these are indeed His words, would ye but read them. And this is the gathering of the Spirit wherein holy souls are gathered, and besides them none can approach even by a finger's breadth. This is a station wherein the Buraq moveth not, nor can the celestial pavilion ascend thereto, if ye but knew. O gardens of earth! Adorn yourselves with the roses of holy love, then manifest all that hath been treasured within you of holy subtleties and sweet-scented breezes. O trees of earth! Arise by God's leave, then bring forth holy fruits according to what hath been ordained in you by God's command, the Holy, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting, for the winds of eternity have blown upon you from this quarter wherein every beloved matter hath appeared. O birds of Paradise! Sing and warble the sweetest melodies, then soar in this atmosphere, for We have created you in the name of one of the Names, that by these melodies may be attracted the hearts of those who have detached themselves from all directions and turned unto a praiseworthy station of nearness. All this is from the grace of Him Who hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, whereat rejoice the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and beyond them the inhabitants of the pavilions of immortality - and now, O people of earth, be ye joyful! And thou, O quarter of Iraq! Weep with thy heart and thine eyes, for the Beauty of God hath departed from thee and

established Himself in the prison, behind the peaks of towering mountains. Strip from thy frame the garment of joy, for the breezes of glory have been cut off from this hidden Pearl. By God! The eyes of eternity weep for thee, and the hearts of the people of Paradise bleed for what hath befallen Us at the hands of the embodiments of detested oppression. O thou quarter! How canst thou remain in thy place when thou witnesseth God's station in manifest sorrow? Dost thou behold the City of God after the gems of the Cause have departed from it? […]

O Iraq! Let your heart weep, and then your eyes, for the departure from you of the Beauty of God, Who is now confined in a prison-fortress behind towering rocky mountains. Cast off from your form the garment of joy, for the breezes of glory have been cut off from this Hidden Pearl. By God! The eyes of eternity weep for you, and the hearts of the denizens of Paradise are rent by what hath befallen Us at the hands of the embodiments of despised tyranny. O land! How canst thou remain in thy place when thou beholdest the Seat of God in manifest sorrow? Canst thou witness the City of God after the departure therefrom of the Essences of His Cause, who are now imprisoned in a distant land beyond Qaf? O City! How canst thou remain steadfast in thy position and harbor the bodies of those who have denied and associated partners with God, after the departure from thee of the Temple of God with His few companions? The heavens are well nigh rent asunder, and the holy earth split open, by reason of the tears of the Youth falling upon this Face that hath turned only unto God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. The atoms of all created things weep at His weeping, and the Countenances of Paradise lament in chambers of crimson ruby. Hear thou the lamentations of the dwellers of the heavens, if ye be of them that hear. We remain in a place where the hands of all created things are cut off from Our robe, where no cry can reach Us, nor the wailing of those who doubt the meeting with their Lord. Yet We are patient in all things, and My patience is only through God, and in Him let the detached ones place their trust.

Say: O people of the Bayan! We ask nothing of you save fairness. Be fair in all matters and dispute not the verses of God after they have been sent down in truth. Be not of those who look not upon the Beauty of Holiness, who shut their eyes to the Truth, follow their own desires, and wax proud before God while they perceive it not. When the verses of God are sent down to them, they persist in pride, then turn back on their heels, opposing God at every moment while they understand not. Say: Did not God create you through the breath of the Ancient Pen into your spirits? This is from the Pen of God, if ye would but judge fairly within yourselves.

O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and forge not lies against Me as ye did aforetime. Take not vain pleasures as your protector instead of God, and sport not with His verses in your presence. Compare not the Self of God with your own selves, nor His verses with your words, if ye would observe with the eye of God in His Cause. Speak not of God's Cause that which befits not your station, and transgress not your bounds. This is the best counsel, if ye would be fair unto yourselves. Purify your souls and your spirits, and bear not earthly burdens upon your bodies and hearts, that ye may perchance be enabled to soar in the atmosphere of nearness and then enter the holy expanse. Beware of looking toward the world and those from whom ye detect the odor of faithlessness, that your eyes may fall upon pure Beauty and ye may enter the pavilions of glory. Say: God hath numbered among you servants who acknowledge God's grace and recite the words of the Bayan, who enjoin justice upon men and who at all times speak forth the

verses of God. But he who hath been given the eye of knowledge by God witnesseth their hearts to be contrary to what their tongues proclaim, and perceiveth from them the fragrance of malice […]

And from them He perceives the stench of rancor and hypocrisy. This is what was sent down at that time from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. However, We have veiled their names in the Book, that perchance they may become aware within themselves. O people of the Bayan! Draw not nigh unto them, neither accept their words, if ye desire to hear God's decree within yourselves and then unto Him return. Say: When Satan desires to lead astray any of God's servants, he appears in his form and acts as he acts and makes mention of whatsoever he mentions concerning God, the Most High, the Exalted, the Supreme, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and remains in that state until he occupies his heart and diverts him from what he intended. Then he flees from him and disavows him. Thus do We set forth every similitude for you lest ye go astray. Beware lest ye forget God's favor unto you and the time He was among you, bestowing upon you daily the gems of knowledge and wisdom, and causing the lights of hidden glory to shine upon your hearts and spirits. Forget not the time when the Countenance of God walked among you, illumining with His beauty the hearts of those who were turned toward His beauty. Remember at every moment those days when the Nightingale of Eternity soared among you and sang unto you holy melodies while ye were ever listening. Would ye occupy yourselves with your own concerns and cast the remembrance of God behind your backs? This is a grievous loss unto yourselves, did ye but know. Would ye occupy yourselves with autumn in your days and forget God's springtime among you? What aileth you that ye are not mindful? By God! We have detailed unto you with truth every counsel through a holy and beloved tongue, that ye might take counsel through God's advice and not break what ye covenanted in the particles of the heavens in that Presence wherein the near ones were gathered together. There is no God but Him. His is the command and the truth, and all shall return unto Him. All who are in the heavens and the earth glorify Him, and all shall return unto Him. He it is Who hath ordained for every soul the measures of the Command, all of this in the Book, would ye but understand.

This is a Book from the Beauty of Holy Effulgence to God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. This is a Tablet from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, to the Beauty of Holy Effulgence Who shall appear hereafter as He willeth and desireth. This hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command upon the preserved Tablets of Glory, and none can avert it, nor can any prevent this exalted, resplendent, and gracious decree. Can anyone turn Him back from His sovereignty or prevent Him from His Command? Nay, by my Lord! Even should all the world rise up against Him, He shall appear with the truth, shall speak the Word of God, and His face shall shine between the heavens and the earth.

O Essence of the Spirit! Manifest Thyself through Thy sovereignty and pay no heed to any of the evil ones. O Most Great Word! Cast upon the servants that which God hath cast into Thy heart, and fear no one, for verily Thy Lord shall protect Thee from the harm of the idolaters. O Heaven of Holiness! Raise Thyself to a station beyond the reach of the hands of the infidels. O Sun of Oneness! Rise upon all created things with the radiance of Thy holy lights, then bestow upon all beings that which God hath given Thee through His bounty, and withhold not from anyone Thy grace, for Thou art indeed the All-Bountiful, the Giving, the Generous, the Merciful.

Give the servants to drink of the wine that floweth from Thy right hand, for they are secretly athirst and yearning for the Command, and Thou art verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Most Great Ocean! Surge within Thyself with holy and effulgent waves, even as the seas of the spirit surge within Thy pure, wondrous, and exalted heart. O Tree of God! Bestow upon the near ones among the people of eternity from the wonderful, exalted, holy, and pure fruits of Paradise which God granted Thee before the creation of the heavens and earth. For from Thee all created things began and to Thee they shall return, and through Thee grace appeared before the creation of the first and the last ones. Were Thy grace to be cut off for less than a moment, nothing would remain, neither in the heavens nor on the earth. To this We bear witness with a tongue of manifest truth.

O Treasure of God! Reveal from the eternal, enduring, everlasting, and unitary treasures, that the pearls of knowledge and wisdom may become manifest. All this bounty is from Thee to all created things. Withhold not Thy hand from generosity, nor turn Thy gaze from beholding the worlds, for Thou art in Thyself a manifest Book and a proof to all who are in the heavens and the earth, and a guidance and remembrance to all in the kingdoms of Command and Creation. Thou art God's proof among His creation, His evidence unto His servants, His sign unto His creatures, and His Word between the heavens and the earth. In Thy hand is all command; Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and decreest through Thy sovereignty what Thou desirest.

Whoso is honored by meeting Thee hath met God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Whoso walketh before Thee hath walked upon a mighty and straight path. Whoso gazeth upon Thy countenance hath gazed upon the face of God, and whoso turneth away hath turned away from God for all eternity. Blessed, then blessed is he who attaineth Thy presence, receiveth from Thee mighty and powerful words, beholdeth Thy beauty, heareth the melodies of God from Thy lips, and is touched by the breezes of Thy flowing, gentle, and luminous locks. Blessed is the land which God hath made the resting-place of Thy feet, and the station whereon the throne of Thy beauty is established.

Blessed is the seat whereon is established the throne of Thy beauty with manifest sovereignty, and blessed is the house which Thou enterest, wherein is raised the remembrance of Thy name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, and wherein shineth Thy light and riseth Thy righteous proof. Blessed are the gardens past which Thou strollest and upon which Thou castest the glances of Thy favor, and at whose flowers, blossoms and trees Thou lookest with Thy penetrating vision. By God! The very dust touched by Thy foot should glory over the mighty throne. Blessed are they who circle round Thee and who hasten to serve Thee, whom neither the taunts nor tribulations can deter from entering the depths of the ocean of Thy Cause, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O ye dwellers of the heavens and earth, and O people of the Bayan! Waste not your deeds on that Day, and be not dismayed in this supreme and mighty terror. Enter ye through that Gate even though stones rain upon you from every direction. This is better for you, if ye be of them that know. Deprive not yourselves of this bounty, and do not act as ye have acted in these days. Fear ye God Who created you, and be not of them that turn aside. Fear God and follow no one this Day, but follow God's command within yourselves, then hasten with your eyes toward God's direction. Make no excuse and tarry not for any ornaments, but rush with the foot of detachment toward this blessed spot in the holy vale. Veil not

yourselves from the beauty of God but hold fast to the cord of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. If it be winter, then warm yourselves at this inner fire, and if ye find the heat of summer, then cool yourselves with the water of life.

Know ye that God aids those who turn toward Him and guards them with the hosts of heaven and earth, if ye be of them that know. By God! Your turning toward this direction on that Day is better than the worship of both worlds. This is the Day whereon the breezes of life blow upon decayed bones, wherein every sick one is healed of his ailment, every afflicted and ailing one is cured, wherein lovers attain the beauty of the Beloved, and all who thirst arrive at the shores of a mighty Salsabil, and wherein every naked one is clothed with a noble, holy garment.

By God! At this moment the eyes of my inner being weep at my separation from His presence and what descendeth upon Him from the hosts of Satan. Would that I were present before Him to recount all that hath befallen us at the hands of these oppressors. Verily, He knoweth in truth what befalleth Him, and with Him is the knowledge of the unseen in the heavens and earth. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the Exalted, the Omniscient. Were He to wish to expound from a single Point the knowledge of what was and what will be, He would be able, and this would be easier for Him than all else, were ye of them that know.

O Essence of Immortality! Grieve not on that Day for anything, even if none among the worlds should be guided by Thy guidance. Verily, Thy remembrance of Thyself is better than the dominion of the first and the last ones, and Thy glances upon Thy beauty are more exalted than what is ordained in the highest realm, were all who are in the heavens and earth to prostrate before Thee. This would be better for them, and if they oppose Thee, verily Thou in Thy truth art independent of all worlds. In Thy grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth, and at Thy right hand is the empire of them that dwell in the realms of divine revelation.

And on Thy right hand is the dominion of all who dwell in the realms of mystery and creation, and Thou art indeed the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Therefore, forgive my transgressions and my sins which I have committed before Thee in these words, for this proceeded from naught but my love for Thyself and my remembrance before Thee, and verily Thou art, of this, All-Knowing, All-Informed. I have come before Thee with merchandise too mean to mention, with scant means. If Thou accept it, verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful, and if Thou reject and cast it away, verily Thou art the Most Just of the just. The command is in Thy hand and sovereignty is within Thy grasp. Thou shalt not be asked of what Thou doest, and all who stand before the gate of Thy bounty are among the supplicants.

O Name of God! Bear witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him. He hath created all contingent beings through a word of His utterance, and verily He is the Sovereign, the Single, the Mighty, the Beauteous. O My Name! Bear witness within thine essence that there is none other God but Him. He hath created all things through a word of His command, and verily He is the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent, the Mighty. O Letter of Eternity! Bear witness within thy spirit that He is God, there is none other God but Him. He hath sent forth the Prophets with the truth and dispatched them to all who dwell in the heavens and on earth, and verily He is the Most Exalted, the Most Great. O Breeze of Glory! Bear witness in thine inmost being that there is none other God but Him. He verily doth send forth the Prophets with the truth, and He is the Creator, the Ever-Living, the Most High. O Paradise of Love! Bear

witness in thy secret heart that there is none other God but Him. He hath made manifest the Resurrection through His command and hath gathered together all who are in the heavens and on earth more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye. O Melody of Eternity! Bear witness in thy heart that there is none other God but Him. He shall manifest the Resurrection as He pleaseth and shall gather together His creatures as He willeth on the Day which shall come with the truth. This is what hath been inscribed on holy and preserved Tablets. Nothing can prevent Him and no command can hold Him back, even should all who are in the kingdom arise against Him.

Know thou that We have arrived in a mighty prison through what hath been ordained by the holy and luminous Pen. The matter hath become severe upon Us from all directions, and this is among the traditions of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. In this there lieth a wisdom which no heart can comprehend save whom thy Lord willeth, and He shall make it manifest among the worlds when He pleaseth. Nothing appeareth on earth except that the measures of destiny have been ordained for it by One Who is All-Wise, All-Knowing. Not an atom moveth except that a consummate wisdom hath been ordained for it - how much more so for this Most Great, Most Momentous Announcement!

There hath befallen Us what befell Ali on earth. Therefore, know ye the mystery of the Cause, O peoples of the world! There hath transpired unto Us all that transpired unto him, and this is an ordinance from the Lord of the worlds. Say: He was imprisoned in a place whose name none of the lovers had heard, even as We have been imprisoned in these days in a place whose name was never before mentioned, if ye be of them who know. Thus did it transpire as it had transpired before, and was ordained as it had been ordained before, and in this are signs for them who possess understanding.

Say: The Beauty of the Former One hath appeared in the temple of the Latter One - blessed be God, the most excellent of creators! And the Beauty of the Latter One shall appear in the temple of the Former One - exalted be God, the most powerful of ordainers! Thus do We mention unto thee hidden holy allusions that thou mayest be of the assured ones, and We expound unto thee from that which hath been treasured in the divine repositories of knowledge from time immemorial.

Say: He hath verily raised Me up with the truth and caused Me to speak forth wondrous and manifest verses which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to comprehend, that I might guide you to the straight path and impart unto you what was inscribed in the Bayan by God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God, then open your eyes to the holy and noble perspective of God, and corrupt not the Cause of God, and follow not the imaginings of the corrupt ones. Follow ye the command of God in the Bayan and answer the call of God within yourselves.

Answer the summons of God within your souls and follow not the ways of those who have joined partners with God and were among the idolaters. Say: We desire naught save what God hath desired in His Book, and this doth the Tongue of truth and knowledge testify. We wish for naught except what God hath revealed in the Book of Glory in a clear Arabic tongue. Say: These are verses sent down in truth - by them are the souls of all created things renewed, by them are God's ordinances detailed in what was revealed in the preserved holy Tablets, and by them do the temples of names ascend to the pavilions of eternity while the measures of His Cause are ordained by One mighty and wise. Say: The idolaters sought to cut

off God's bounty, alter His Word, complete His Cause, and overturn His judgment. Evil is what they have imagined within themselves, were ye among the discerning. Thus did they desire to silence God's melodies from the region of Iraq and other realms - this is what they consulted about among themselves, and We were witness to it all. Therefore doth God manifest in the Holy Land one who remembers Him with loudest voice, that God's proof might thereby be made manifest despite their will. This is what We have ordained at this time through this radiant and luminous Pen, that ye may know that God exalteth His Cause through His power and nothing in the heavens or earth can frustrate Him, nor can the prevention of these deluded ones hinder Him. Say: The holy breezes waft from this direction to all regions - this is from God's grace, the Mighty, the Powerful. They shall not cease for less than a moment, and all in the heavens and those of pure nature shall find them. Say: O people! Do ye plot against God's Cause and deceive yourselves thereby? For God is more severe in plotting, were ye among those who know. Soon will He seize you for your plotting and raise up His Cause as He willeth, manifest His proof and establish His signs, though these hateful ones detest them. O Bird of Eternity! Come forth from the Ridvan by God's leave, then sing upon the branches of contingent being with holy and sublime melodies. O Youth of Paradise! Appear from the chambers and sing with thy loudest voice in the realms of names and attributes. Tarry not for less than a moment and be not among the disappointed. Then illumine thyself from this Face that doth kindle and shine between earth and heaven, from which the denizens of the Supreme Concourse were illumined, then the forms of the ranked angels and cherubim. Then command the people as We have commanded thee and as was ordained in the Bayan from God, the Exalted, the Great. Be vigilant regarding thyself and exercise wisdom from One mighty and beauteous. Pay no heed to the deluded ones who attribute themselves to God while engaging in manifest deceit and craftiness. When they meet you they say "We believe in God and in what ye believe," but when they sit with others like themselves, rancor and hatred appear from them. Thus have We recorded everything in a clear Book. Say: O people of the Bayan! Draw not nigh unto them or their like, and hearken not unto them even if they speak the truth, for if Satan speaketh the truth he still harbors deceit within himself - this is truth were ye among the discerning. Say: Whoso turneth away from this Light that shineth from this holy and luminous direction hath turned away from God and His proof.

This, verily, is the truth, were ye of those who are endowed with insight. Say: Whoso turneth away from this Light that hath shone forth from this holy and luminous Shore hath indeed turned away from God and His proof and His testimony and His signs and His evidence, and from all the Prophets and Messengers. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God, and follow not every idol and ass. Say: This is verily the Sun which hath risen through its own essence by its own essence, and this is verily the Fire of God which hath been kindled by itself through itself, and this is verily the Guidance of God which hath appeared through its own reality by its own reality, were ye of those who possess knowledge. And whoso turneth away from it shall not be worthy to be called human, and shall be deprived of that which hath been ordained in the paradise of God, the All-Possessing, the Most High, the Mighty, the Gracious. Say: A single letter thereof is better for your souls than the dominion of all who were before and shall come after. All this is a bounty from Our presence unto thee and unto the sincere among His servants. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and differ not concerning the Cause of God, and transgress not beyond what hath been inscribed in the Bayan by the Finger of God, the Ever-Living, the Most High, the All-Powerful. Beware lest ye be heedless within your own selves and occupy yourselves with that which your

desires dictate unto you. Rather, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God at all times and seasons. By God! One remembrance of Him is, in the sight of God, more precious than the creation of the heavens and earths. And forget not the tribulations that have befallen Us, then remember Our days amongst you, and be not of the heedless ones. And exchange not the words of God for the words of any other, then be steadfast in His love even if every deceitful wretch should oppose you. Thus do We expound unto you all things in detail, and cast upon you holy words, and remind you with a wondrous reminder. And should tribulation touch you in the path of your Creator, grieve not, and reflect upon what hath come upon Us from the hosts of Satan. By God! Were the world and all that is therein to possess worth in the sight of God equal to that of a gnat's wing, no humiliation would ever befall any of the believers therein. Therefore lift up your gaze above the world and its people, then look upon the countenance of Him Who hath shone forth like the sun from a holy and gleaming horizon. Then gather ye together to aid the Cause of God and to exalt His Word, and tarry not therein for less than a moment. This is My counsel unto you, if ye be of those who advance. God hath indeed prescribed for Himself that He shall aid those who aid His Cause and who were among the helpers. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Manifest, the Resplendent, the Self-Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

One manifestation of the Name "the Most Generous" cast its radiance upon the earth–bounty became manifest, the heavenly feast descended, and the ocean of generosity surged forth. And one manifestation of the Name "the All-Knowing" shed its effulgence upon the world–all were adorned with the raiment of knowledge, and the Herald of Glory from the right hand of the Throne of Grandeur proclaimed the blessed words "We have recorded all things in a clear Book." O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the direction of the Most Sublime Vision of God. By God! This is the Day wherein every hidden thing hath been revealed, wherein the Hour hath come and the moon hath been cleft asunder. Beware lest the veils of them that have turned away and disbelieved prevent you, or the might of the denizens of hell-fire who have changed God's bounty into ingratitude and turned away from the choice wine and the Kawthar frighten you. O people! Fear God and oppose not Him through Whose light the earth and heaven were illumined and through Whom the decree of destiny was manifested. He hath come for your salvation and to draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat. Were He to will to adorn all things with the ornament of names at this moment and take it from them at another, He verily hath power to do so. None can say "Why?" or "Wherefore?" He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: O Hadi! Hearken unto the divine call. This Wronged One hath mentioned thee, and continueth to mention thee, for the sake of God, that thou mayest perchance find a way unto Him. Reflect upon thine acts, and likewise upon that which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of divine knowledge and power, that thou mayest haply return from the rivulet to the ocean, from tyranny to justice, and from oppression to equity. O Hadi! Forget not God's favor unto thee. Turn thy face toward God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and say:

My God! I have forsaken what is with the factions who believed not in Thee and in Thy signs, and I have turned toward Thee. Take my hand through Thy power and sovereignty, then deliver me through Thy favors and bounties. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge my heedlessness and error before the manifestations of the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge, and my wrongdoing before the dawning of the Luminary of Thy justice. How many a day did the light of Thy bounty turn toward me from the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace, and I turned away from it. Alas! Alas! My vain imaginings prevented me from drawing nigh unto the Luminary of certitude which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will, and doubts veiled me at the appearance of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy signs, and the standards of Thy Manifestation and Thy power, and by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby the realities of all things were attracted, and by Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to forgive my grievous sins. I testify that by Thy command the ocean of forgiveness surged in the contingent world and the fragrance of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, was diffused amongst all religions.

O thou who art attracted by My verses and soaring in the atmosphere of My love! We have repeatedly made mention of Hadi Dawlat-Abadi and summoned him to the most exalted horizon, yet that heedless one hath until now remained unaware and hath not attained unto the blessed word "I believe in God." He hath cast aside acceptance and chosen denial, manifesting an oppression unmatched and unparalleled. For he hath denied a station which, from the earliest days until now, hath stood manifest before the faces of the heedless, the monotheists and the polytheists, calling all with the most exalted call to the straight path and heralding the advent of the Great News. Say: O Hadi! Great is the Cause this day. The Primal Point uttereth "I am the foremost of them that worship." Fear God. Consider that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will. Beware lest thou follow the ways of the ignorant. If thou seekest verses, they have indeed filled the horizons, and if thou seekest proofs, turn to the sacred writings. O thou who art devoid of justice! He declareth that if anyone should utter but a single verse, ye should not oppose him, and yet now there existeth and is manifest the equivalent of all the books of the first and the last. Come and behold! Train not the people of the Bayan as the Shi'ih sect was trained, and bar them not by their names from the Lord of all creation. Reflect upon the deeds and words of that sect; perchance thou mayest turn from doubt to certitude and from the left hand to the right. For the sake of God it is said, for the sake of God hear it: how many souls in that land, despite their glory, exaltation, wealth and power, have forsaken all before thy face and freely sacrificed their lives at the feet of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Take heed, O ye whose darkness hath taken the place of admonition! Take heed, O ye whose whiteness hath appeared upon your cheeks!

The black spot of the heart's fancy hath prevailed over its radiance and obliterated its traces. At the mere mention of the Bab, fear seized thy limbs, to such extent that thou didst mount the pulpit and utter that which caused the people of the cities of justice and fairness to weep. Reflect upon thine own deeds and the deeds of the detached souls, that thou mayest not remain deprived of the ocean of grace, bounty and bestowal. Ponder upon that which thou didst utter from the pulpit. The martyrdom of His Holiness Ashraf, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, had newly come to pass. Some reflection was needed concerning his protection and his sacrifice, that perchance thou mightest succeed and attain to confession after denial. His sacrifice testifieth to his truthfulness and steadfastness, while thy life beareth

witness to thy falsehood, repudiation and calumny. Glory be to God! Love for the fleeting life of two days hath deprived thee of eternal grace and divine mercy. Thou didst satisfy Ibn-i-Dhi'b. I was present in the gathering of the divines when Ibn-i-Dhi'b spoke, saying: "O people! The renunciation, repudiation and denial of Hadi, who was among the leaders of the Babi party, and his cursing and execration, sufficeth us. He hath left no further proof for us to require. Therefore we consider him a believer in the Divine Book, namely the Qur'an, and according to the outward law we cannot associate him with any but the party of salvation." In brief, he did that which caused the liver of them that are nigh unto God to melt. I know not by what proof he believed in God, and by what evidence he turned away from Him. We beseech God to aid him to return and repent. Verily He is the Oft-Returning, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We desire to behold him ascending to the heaven of knowledge and mysteries, and rising to the summit of truth, while he desired for himself the lusts of passion, turning away from what the Lord of all beings, the Possessor of the Hereafter and the First, desired for him.

One of the friends has been seen saying: "What has happened that Azal has become rejected?" Say: O thou who art devoid of justice, fear God! One through whose Word a thousand Azals have been and are being created - from Him thou hast turned away and hast uttered calumnies such that all things have cried out. Apart from this, thou knowest not from what source names have appeared. Ye have committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed. Ye have called the Dayyan 'Father of Evil' and the Friend of the All-Merciful 'Father of Calamities', and ye have passed judgment on and martyred many of the oppressed ones of the world, and like unto the Shi'ih sect ye have done that which causeth loss in this world and the next. This name which thou hast mentioned - from whom is it and who hath bestowed it? If thou sayest it is from the Source of the Bayan, the Bayan itself with loudest voice rejecteth thee and saith: "Silence thy tongue, O heedless one!" For it declareth: "Through the Bayan and its letters be not deprived of its Source and Manifestation." And if that name hath appeared from the Most Exalted Station, which is the station of the manifestation of the Most Great News, verily He doeth what He willeth. He giveth and He taketh away. He is praiseworthy in His acts and obeyed in His command. O heedless one! The banner "He doeth what He willeth" is unfurled before His face, despite thee and those who cast behind them God's Covenant and His Testament and disputed His verses. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: Leave the gulf of names, then make for the ocean of meanings and utterance. This is what thou art commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. By God's life! Neither a name from among names, nor anything from among things shall profit thee except through this manifest Cause and this mighty News. Leave names and turn to the evidences that there may become clear and known to thee that which today is hidden from most. If thou possessest sight and hearing, ponder this word of the Primal Point - exalted be His glory: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance, which is that He shall not be known through any reference nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan." After such a perfect and decisive word, is it possible to cling to the Bayan and be deprived of its Source? Nay, by His true Self! From this blessed word, argument through the Bayan is forbidden, and in the Most Great Manifestation mention of aught else was not and is not acceptable. Today the Point of the Bayan uttereth "Verily, I am the first of them that worship," while ye are occupied with that which is unworthy of mention, although that same Point sacrificed His life in the path of this Most Great News and in the nights and days spoke in remembrance of Him and was mindful and grieved for what would befall Him. The lamentation of the Bayan is raised on account of the oppressors' tyranny, but hearing ears are lacking and penetrating vision

is not to be found. Where were ye in the days when this Wronged One was beneath chains and fetters - at times in stocks and under judgment, and at times in the hands of the heedless? In the land of Mim there befell this Wronged One that which hath befallen no one before or since. Were it not for the Glory, who would have spoken before all faces? And were it not for Him, who would have manifested the Cause of God, the Lord of existence? Say: Be fair, by God! This is He through Whom was raised the banner "Verily He is God" upon the highest standards.

Say: Were it not for Him Who hath manifested the Cause of God, the Lord of all being, how could it be made known? Say: Be fair, by God! He it is through Whom was hoisted the banner of 'He is God' upon the highest standards, and before the faces of all peoples surged the ocean of divine knowledge. In times of hardship they are the first to deny God, and in times of ease they are the first to claim belief in Him. The Pen is bewildered and the Tablet is bewildered as to what to recount. Although this Most Great Revelation hath never needed mention of aught else to establish its Cause, yet in consideration of the people's weakness, that which was recorded may guide the fair-minded to the horizon of the Cause and direct the seekers to the true Ka'bah. For four months in the presence of the Sultan, We endured such torments that pen and ink are powerless to describe, and the tongue is unable to recount. Say: O company of the heedless! Today proofs and evidences circle round, yet veils of fancy and idle imagination have prevented eyes from beholding. Throughout all those grievous days, Mirza Yahya remained secure and protected beneath pavilions of grandeur, along with his wives and children, in utmost comfort. Every fair-minded and informed person beareth witness to this. On the day of separation, We left him with his wives and children in perfect health and well-being, and departed. The reason for this is clear and evident to the fair-minded. Not a single blow befell him or those with him. The truthful witnesses are those souls who are now present and visible in Cyprus. Say: […]

O concourse of the heedless! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and deprive not yourselves of the effulgent rays of the Orb of justice, equity, truthfulness and sincerity. If the fault of this Wronged One be the verses of God and the manifestation of His clear tokens, this matter hath ever been within the grasp of His might. Verily, He raised Me up when I was seated, the hand of His loving-kindness stirred Me when I was asleep, and He caused Me to speak forth amongst His servants when I was silent. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. He commanded Me to raise a call betwixt earth and heaven. My proof is that which hath appeared and shall appear through Me, and My evidence is My rising up to proclaim this Cause and to reveal that which I have been bidden by Him, in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations hath deterred Me. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the Wronged One, through Whom God's sovereignty, power, grandeur and might have been made manifest. He hath revealed the Cause before the faces of the princes and kings, and hath delivered unto them the messages of God, His laws, His commandments; and in this He desired naught save the reformation of the world and the extinguishing of the fire of hatred and animosity in the hearts of the peoples. If the heedless ones would observe with justice, they would comprehend from Whose presence came the Tablets that were sent to the Primal Point. Verily, today this Wronged One declareth the Cause through that which hath been sent down from Him and revealed from His presence, and calleth all unto the Truth. Blessed are the just, blessed are the discerning, and joy be to them that have attained. By the life of God! The deniers of the Bayan, be they Hadi or others, are not aware of the root of the Cause, for they were

not with Us. Would that they had been vouchsafed but one drop from the ocean of knowledge! They cling to names while remaining deprived of Him Who raised them up and gave them life. Say: The names shall profit you not, nor that which ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. By the Truth of God! The Possessor hath come with manifest sovereignty. Take ye what hath appeared from the Truth, and leave what the people possess. This is what ye have been commanded by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies. By God! The Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of your Lord's Will, He Who hath power over all that was and shall be. Behold the Tree and its fruits with your own eyes, and the Light and its radiance, and the Sun and its rays. Beware lest ye cast behind your backs the counsel of God. Take hold of it with the power granted by Him and the sovereignty conferred by Him. Verily, He aideth whom He willeth through His command "Be, and it is!" We have sent down from the heaven of grace that which hath illumined the kingdom of wisdom and utterance, and whereby eyes have been solaced. Blessed is he who hath clung to the verses of God, which have filled all regions. Say: Read ye what hath been sent down from the heaven of your Lord's Will to the princes and divines. Should anyone desire to witness with his own eyes the sovereignty and power of God, let him purify himself from the mention of all else and present himself before the Divine Countenance, that he might hear and see that for which the Manifestations of Justice and Daysprings of Knowledge died in their yearning. I know not by what path he who hath turned away hath directed himself, by what proof he hath established his claims, or by what evidence he denieth Him Who from the earliest days hath been calling out in the name of God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Say: Fear God, and follow not the ways of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. By the life of God! When the verses were sent down from the heaven of Will, the Primal Point prostrated himself […]

I swear by the life of God! When the verses were sent down from the heaven of Will, the Primal Point prostrated himself and said: "I believe in Thee, O Sovereign of existence!" Say: This is a Revelation to which none before or after can comprehend except to a prescribed measure. Say: Hear what the tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Bayan: "He Whom God shall make manifest hath the right to reject him who is not above anyone on earth." Beware lest thou deny Him through Whose mention the Books of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, have been adorned. Although it beseemeth not one like Me to adduce proof of His Cause through mention of aught else, yet when We perceived the weakness and frailty of the servants, We mentioned that which was revealed aforetime as a mercy from Us unto them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Say: Fear God, O opposer, and be not of those who violated God's Covenant and His Testament by following every veiled barking one. Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the Most Sublime Horizon in this Prison which hath been named the Most Great Prison by the Lord of eternity. He calleth thee for the sake of God and counseleth thee since He seeth thee wandering in the wilderness of passion. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We make mention of thee and guide thee for the sake of God and desire from thee no recompense. We have opened before thy face the door of grace that thou mayest enter and behold with thine own eyes the Sun of knowledge and justice from God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm.

Hear once again in the Persian tongue the call of the Blessed Tree, perchance thou mayest turn towards the House of God and sanctify thyself from idle fancies, vain imaginings and ancient tales. Throughout the ages, the Shi'ih sect engaged in disputation amongst themselves until finally they pronounced each other

infidels. Now consider: what was the glory of that sect, and what became their recompense on the Day of God? Reflect with fairness: By My life! Until this time the true meaning of divine unity hath not been understood, nor hath anyone previously attained unto it. If thou desirest to understand, sanctify thyself from all thou hast heard, then ask God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the earth, and the Lord of the last and the first, that He may cast upon thee that which shall deliver thee from the chains of self and passion, and guide thee to His straight path.

O people of the Bayan! Cleave ye unto the Book of the Temples which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto His Name, the Judge. Verily, it is the hidden knowledge, the treasured secret, and the preserved symbol which God hath deposited in the heart of him whom He named the Judge in the kingdom of the Bayan. Every soul must look into that Book, for He hath named it the hidden and treasured knowledge. One must ponder upon the cause of its revelation and the reason for its appearance, that haply they may attain unto that which God intended for His servants.

Glory be to God! Despite the entreaty of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - and His testament enjoining all to oppose not the Most Great Revelation, yet some, styling themselves mirrors, others claiming to be successors, and yet others calling themselves guardians, remain deprived of the Truth. Soon, like the sect before them, titles such as Chief and Noble will emerge, and perchance even a fourth pillar will be found.

Say: O ye who turn aside! Hearken unto the Wronged One. Let not the Bayan keep you from the Purpose of all worlds. Say: By the life of God! Neither the Bayan nor what the people possess will profit you except through the Mother Book which speaketh at the final return. The Owner hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

If any soul fail to comprehend the purpose of the Book of the Temples, he should present himself before Us and become acquainted with its meaning, that he may enlighten the people of the Bayan, perchance they might find a way unto the Truth. In this Day, the Bayan and all else are contingent upon acceptance. Some, through the word Mustaghath, remain deprived of the river of divine mercy and the ocean of heavenly wisdom. Say: O heedless ones of the world! This word too was from the Bayan; by the words of the Point it is not permissible to cite it as proof. His exalted Word declares: Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what was revealed in the Bayan. Repeatedly hath He said: Let not the Bayan and what is therein deprive you from the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen.

After mentioning Mustaghath He declareth: Should He appear at this very moment, I would be the first to worship Him. And in another place He saith: None knoweth the time of the Revelation save God. Whenever it cometh to pass, all must acknowledge the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God. Some were and are unaware. Say: O servants! While time remaineth, strive that ye may attain unto that for which ye were created from nothingness. Reflect upon the ignorance of the Guide at a time when the Ocean of divine utterance is manifest and visible, and the Sun of evidence is dawning from the horizon of the heaven of Will[...]

Say! The clear evidence and resplendent proof hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of Will, manifest and apparent. Yet His followers have been commanded to reject Him, and now they are consumed by the

fire of hatred and rancor, and perceive it not. Say: O heedless one! Again and again have We proclaimed that the Divine Lote-Tree hath appeared with innumerable fruits, and the Sun of Truth hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Behold with thine own eyes and hearken with thine own ears. If this Cause be denied, then by My life, no cause would be worthy of acceptance. To this testifieth every seeing one and every just and knowing soul. Were the Point of the Bayan (may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake) present in these days, He would be engaged in writing before His face. Say: Cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take what hath come to you from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. For the sake of God, let the possessors of justice and fairness - namely those souls who possess hearing and sight and are endowed with heart and mind - journey to the island and then to this land, that perchance they may be adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness and may speak the truth. The deniers are deprived of the eyes of sincerity, purity, justice and fairness, and are occupied with former lies and calumnies. The Book of Certitude was specifically revealed in the presence of the Uncle (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God), and therein is mentioned the circumstances of this Wronged One's imprisonment and journey. Yet they have attributed it to another. Say: O heedless one! Ask of the Afnan, that it may become clear and evident unto thee.

One of the kinsmen who was named Muhammad-Hasan came to this land and upon his return was bearing seventy Tablets for the servants of God. After arriving in the land of Ta, they imprisoned him and then sent him to a known village where he ascended. Those Tablets were stolen by one of the women of that land and sent to her sister who resided in the land of Ta. God alone knoweth what she did with them - whether she gave them out in her own name or in the name of Mirza Yahya. By God's life! He was not with Us and was unaware of this matter. A grave error appeared from him in that he sent a leaf that was from the Friend and attributed to Him to the house of the enemy for the sake of worldly glory, and then he turned away and clung to another. His actions are known and evident to most. He is unable to read a single Tablet, yet he hath so added to the imaginings of the deluded ones that none but God is aware of it. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He was not with Us and was unaware; they were elsewhere. In any case, he became disappointed in his deed and turned to another. Glory be to God! Sixty years of his life have passed, and until now he hath not attained to what is befitting. Love of the world and station induced him to commit that which caused the sighs of those near unto God to rise and the tears of the sincere ones to flow. It is reported that he was also in search of the Book of Certitude to obtain it. It is not known what scheme he had devised for it and what he intended. We beseech God to assist him to return, to repent, and to submit. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful, the Most Generous. And He is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Kind. Say[…]

O concourse of the heedless! The Point crieth out at this moment and saith: Have mercy, O people of the Bayan! By God! He hath appeared for Whose sake I sacrificed My life. I exhort you, counsel you, and enjoin upon you to behold His signs with your own eyes and to hearken with your own ears unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His will. Fear God, and reject not the truth by virtue of what ye possess. Reflect by what proof ye believed and by what evidence ye turned unto My countenance and took hold of My Book. By My life! The pavilion of glory hath been raised, and the tabernacle of grandeur pitched. Ye have attained unto a Day the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. Know ye His station. Do ye not see the Banner of the Bayan exalted upon the most sublime

horizon? Do ye not behold the Standard of “There is no God but Him” amidst all religions? Cast aside what ye possess. By the life of God! A single word of that which hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of His grace cannot be equaled. Ascend ye the steps of names that ye may perchance attain unto the heaven of inner meanings. This is not the day of names.

O people of Baha! The Wronged One hath become a victim of injustice, for the unjust ones of the world have transgressed beyond all bounds and have clung to iniquity. Today all must aid the Cause of God through purity and detachment. The penetration and influence of the Word dependeth upon the piety and detachment of its speaker. Some souls content themselves with words alone, yet the truthfulness of words is conditional upon deeds. Through deeds is one’s station and rank made manifest. Words too must accord with that which hath proceeded from the mouth of God’s Will in His Tablets. Were some souls to ponder upon what hath outwardly transpired, they would not have deprived the essence of their hearing from what behooveth them by heeding the words of certain liars and calumniators. This Wronged One, by order of His Majesty the Sultan, journeyed from the Land of ?a to Iraq, accompanied by representatives from both the Persian and Russian embassies. Some time after Our arrival, Mirza Yahya appeared. Consider: had there been any place of safety other than the shadow of God, he would surely have turned to it. Furthermore, when We migrated from Zawra to the Great City, after informing the Vali, We proceeded in accordance with the ordinances of the Sublime State. At the time of departure, We summoned Yahya and bade him proceed to Persia, that he might safeguard the Writings of the Point which had been collected with great difficulty from various quarters. After Our departure, he abandoned the Writings and proceeded to Mosul with an Arab, where he awaited the arrival of the exiles from the Land. When We arrived, he joined Us. Judge ye fairly by God! Had he observed a place of greater security and comfort than the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, he would surely have turned thereunto. Say: O people of the Bayan! Reflect upon that which hath appeared in truth, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath befallen this Wronged One in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Despite these clear indications and manifest signs, they have said what the oppressors never said and done what the idolaters never did. During that migration seventy souls were present, and he was with that company day and night. Nevertheless, he wrote to some that he had not been with the group, and those embodiments of vain imaginings accepted this. In brief, whithersoever We turned, he came and joined Us. Were they to ponder upon that which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen and that which hath outwardly come to pass, all would turn from oppression and tyranny unto justice and fairness. Say[…]

O Hadi! Fear God, fear God, and follow not thy desires, nor the calumnies of those who have broken God’s covenant and testament. Observe, observe: the ocean is before thy face. Hearken, hearken: the call hath been raised between earth and heaven. Return unto the signs of God and His mercy, that perchance they may draw thee to the horizon of glory and thou mayest find thyself seated upon the throne of justice from God, the Lord of bounty and grace.

Some time ago We revealed a prayer from the Supreme Pen and sent it to the Land of Sad, that Hadi might recite it, detached from all save God, that he might attain unto return. However, the deaf rock was not moved by the breezes of the utterance of the Lord of Names, and received no portion from the waves of the ocean of bounty. We have commanded that prayer to be written in this Tablet and sent forth, for its recitation is most efficacious. We beseech God to aid all to do what He loveth and approveth.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who turnest toward the lights of My countenance, and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Hear My call: verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Commander, the All-Wise. Some time ago thy letter arrived, and an answer was revealed and sent forth from the divine Kingdom of utterance. The friends in the cities and regions were each illumined by the splendors of the Sun of Providence. By the life of God, they attained unto that which hath no like nor equal. We beseech Him to grant all the most great steadfastness.

O Nabil, O Nabil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Through divine power and celestial sovereignty We have arisen before the faces of all. Chains did not prevent Us, imprisonment did not hinder Us, events did not cause Us fear, might and clamor and ranks and hosts did not impede Us, until the Sun of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of every city, and through the power of the Supreme Pen and the influence of the Most Exalted Word, in every land the signs became manifest and the fragrances of utterance were diffused. Now from behind the veil a band hath emerged and committed that which made the very essence of truth to weep.

O thou who clingest to the cord of My bounty! Despite the waves of the ocean of utterance and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, the deniers did not turn, nor did they attain unto what was befitting. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having sent down Thy verses and manifested Thy clear tokens, and for having illumined the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee with the light of Thy knowledge, and of the sincere ones with the radiance of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity, and by that which was treasured in Thy knowledge and hidden in the stronghold of Thy protection, and by the pearls concealed in the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust beneath, to aid the deniers to turn, and the rejecters to acknowledge, and the heedless to return unto the court of Thy mercy and to repent before the gate of Thy pardon and forgiveness. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Hearing, the Answering.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I turn to Thee in repentance, for verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Glory be to Thee, O my God! I testify that I have committed that which hath rent asunder the heavens of justice and split the earth of equity. Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty, for Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. I am he through whose tyranny the sighs of Thy sincere ones have ascended, and the tears of Thy trusted ones have fallen. I am he whose disobedience hath torn the veil of Thy sanctity and caused the people of the cities of Thy knowledge and grace to lament. I testify that in transgression I have surpassed the wicked among Thy creatures and have wrought that which hath caused the hearts of Thy chosen ones to melt. Have mercy upon me, O my Lord and my King, then forgive me through Thy grace, for Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I testify that I have committed that which hath caused the radiant faces in the highest Paradise to pale, and the leaves of the loftiest Garden to fall. I beseech Thee, O Shelter of the fearful, Refuge of the distressed, and Ultimate Hope of the mystics, to blot out my misdeeds which have prevented me from entering the depths of the ocean of Thy bounty and favor, and from stepping upon the carpet of Thy glory and bestowals. Alas! Alas! With the sword of my faithlessness I have cut down the tree of my hope, and with the fire of my rebellion I have burned the veil

of my chastity and station. Where is the face, O my God, wherewith I may turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, and where is the worthiness whereby I may draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy pardon and mercy? Thou didst create me to exalt and elevate Thy Word, yet I have abased and brought it low. I am he who, O my God, hath denied Thy favor, disputed Thy signs, and rejected Thy proof and Thy testimony. Thou seest, O my God, how my tears prevent me from the wonders of Thy remembrance and praise, and my sighs bear witness to my heedlessness and error before Thy knowledge. I am he who hath not been ashamed before the Dayspring of Thy verses, the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, the Repository of Thy knowledge, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. Alas! Alas! for my transgressions which have kept me far from the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness, and my sins which have prevented me from standing before the door of Thy grace. Wilt Thou, O my God, deprive one who hath confessed his tyranny and acknowledged his sins, and hath testified to Thy abundant generosity and great bounty? Alas! Alas! The ocean of error turneth toward the ocean of Thy bestowal, and the sea of heedlessness and waywardness seeketh the ocean of Thy pardon and mercy. By Thy might, O Desired One of the world and Beloved of the nations, I wish to weep and lament over myself throughout the duration of Thy dominion and kingdom. How can I not weep? I weep for my tyranny in days wherein the Sun of Thy justice hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will. How can I not weep? I weep for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness, my error at the descent of Thy bestowal, and my denial at the manifestations of Thy favor and blessings. I am he who, O my God, hath fled from the shadow of Thy mercy and taken for himself a station among Thy enemies. Would that I had been content with that! But I uttered that which caused the hearts of the people of the pavilion of Thy glory and majesty to tremble, and blood to flow from the eyes of the people of the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom. Glory be to Thee, O my God and my Lord! How many a day didst Thou turn toward this servant and mention him through Thy bounty and call him to the ocean of Thy mercy and the horizon of Thy grace, while he turned away from Thee and Thy will and denied the wonders of Thy favors and gifts. O Lord! Have mercy upon him who hath no one to show him mercy except Thee, no refuge save Thee, no deliverance except through Thy bounty, and no escape save through Thy power. I testify, O my God, that through my tyranny the fruits of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary have changed, and the leaves of the highest Paradise have yellowed. Thou seest me, O my God, returning unto Thee.

When the leaves of the Most Exalted Paradise turned yellow, Thou seest me, O my God, turning unto Thee, remorseful for that which my hands, my tongue, my heart, my pen have wrought. I beseech bounty, O Lord of existence, and generosity, O Bestower of blessings. I testify, O my God, to Thy grace and favor, and to my wrongdoing and polytheism among Thy chosen ones and trustees. Alas, alas! Through my wrongdoing, earthquakes have seized the tribes of the cities of justice and equity, and then those who circled round Thy throne, O Lord of all beings and Master of the throne and dust. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty, Thy majesty and Thy power which have encompassed Thy earth and Thy heaven, and by Thy ancient pardon and Thy all-pervading grace, to ordain for me that which will purify me from the defilement of my deeds which have prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thy most holy court and Thy sacred station. I testify that I was among the worshippers of vain imaginings while supposing myself to be of the assured ones, and was an idolater while deeming myself among the monotheists. Alas, alas! My deeds have blackened my face in Thy presence, and my transgressions have barred me from the door of Thy bounty which was opened to all in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Alas, alas!

The arrows of my idle fancies have pierced the body of Thy Cause, and the swords of my disobedience have fallen upon the temple of Thy Will. Alas, alas! Through the fire of my heedlessness the hearts of the near ones have been consumed, and through my wrongdoing all things have lamented. Will returning unto Thee bring me nigh unto the court of Thy glory, and will turning toward Thy gate deliver me from my self and its rebellion, and free me from the evil of its deeds, its wrongdoing and its heedlessness? Nay, by Thy might and Thy glory! The things created in the kingdom of creation profit me not except through Thy command and judgment. O Lord! I testify at this moment to the sanctification of Thy Being from all similitudes and the exaltation of Thy Essence above mention and utterance. Thou art the All-Glorious, the Most High, in the beginning and in the end. My God, my God! Save me by the arm of Thy power from the pit of self and passion, and deliver me from the fire of tyranny and transgression. I know not, O my God, with what countenance to turn to Thee, after knowing that my trespasses and errors have come between me and Thy good-pleasure and nearness, and have prevented me from appearing before the throne of Thy justice. I remember Thee, O my God, in the evening, and I call upon Thee, O my Beloved, at daybreak, and I supplicate Thee, O my Master, at dawn, by Thy name the All-Bountiful, by Thy name the Ever-Flowing, and by Thy name the All-Giving. By Thy might and the penetrating influence of the breaths of Thy revelation and the power of Thy Will, my hope hath well-nigh been cut off because of my evil deeds and actions. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have hastened to the ocean of forgiveness with a sin greater than the mountains and vaster than the field of imagination. I beseech Thee, O Most High and Self-Sufficing, by the wonders of Thy bounty and grace and mercy which have preceded the earths and the heavens, and by Thy pardon which hath encompassed all contingent beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of names and attributes.

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

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath manifested the Cause amidst all peoples is verily our Lord and the Lord of all worlds, the Ancient Lord Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name - He at Whose appearance every edifice hath been shaken and every person thrown into confusion, save whom God hath willed, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven, and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The fragrance wafting from the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven be upon the chosen ones of God and His loved ones, through whom the light of divine unity hath shone forth from the horizon of every city and every land, and through whom the Day-Star of utterance hath dawned among the people of understanding, and that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an hath been made manifest. They strive in God's path and fear not the blame of any blamer. The servant testifieth that they are such souls as have been mentioned and praised in God's Books, and their sovereignty, grandeur, steadfastness and constancy have been acknowledged, and none among the chosen ones hath suffered in God's path the tribulations they have endured. Indeed, 'Ali-i-Murta?a in the Kingdom of Names hath declared: "Blessed are we and blessed are they, and their blessedness exceedeth our blessedness," unto the end of his

words. Through them the veils have been rent asunder, the signs have appeared, and the standards have been raised aloft - they whom the conditions of creation have not withheld from the Truth and whom the veils of the learned have not kept back from the Lord of Names. When they heard the Call between earth and heaven, they turned to the Supreme Horizon and said: "Here am I, O Creator of the heavens, Who hath appeared through Thy Most Great, Most Wondrous, Most Glorious Name!" Then with radiant faces they turned to the cities and villages and spoke to them of that which had been manifested from God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. Upon them be the prayers of God, His mercy, His glory, His light, His might, His grace, His generosity and His bounty.

The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them in all conditions and to protect them from those who have disbelieved and turned away from Him through Whom their stations were exalted and their ranks elevated. By God's life! The servant's heart hath melted, or nearly melted, at seeing how the people have turned away from Him Whom they claim to follow every morn and eve, night and day, rushing to His house to perform what they were commanded, their sighs ascending during their devotions and their lamentations rising up in humility and supplication. Yet when the Day-Star of Trial shone forth and the decree was revealed from the All-Merciful, they fled like frightened asses. Would that they had been content with flight and denial! Nay, they arose in opposition and protest and committed that which caused the dwellers of the realms above and the inmates of the pavilions of the Kingdom to lament, and beyond them arose the dust of sorrows until it darkened the garment of the All-Merciful.

The servant, who is clinging to the cord of His grace and holding fast to the hem of His bounty, beseecheth his Lord at this hour to adorn His servants with the ornament of fairness and guide them through His bounty and favor to the straight path. My spirit be a sacrifice for your love, for your service, and for your loneliness and tribulation! I was contemplating the conditions and events of the world and observing all things like one bewildered, perplexed and astounded, when lo, the scratching of your pen drew me to you and attracted me to your direction. When I heard the melody of utterance and the cooing of the dove of yearning and longing, I turned toward the Dawning-Place of Light and presented what was in your letter before God, the Lord of all horizons. When […]

In the name of the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing! O My Name! Through My power, utterance hath been revealed and made manifest from the Kingdom of knowledge, whereupon the essence of remembrance, utterance, proof, evidence, faith and certitude were struck with bewilderment and amazement, save whom God willeth. O My Name! What hath come to pass that the people remain deprived of the breezes of the springtime of mercy and the fragrances of the divine days? Knowledge, understanding, yearning, longing, attraction and enchantment - all were created for this Day. Nevertheless, the mirrors of existence remain bereft of the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation. If any soul heareth not this call, verily he hath no ears to hear, and if he faileth to behold the lights of Revelation, he possesseth not, nor shall he ever possess, the power of sight. To what do they turn, and from what do they turn away? Glory be unto Him Who hath unveiled unto you what He hath concealed from them, through that which their hands have wrought.

There can be no doubt that the primary cause for the veiling and turning away of heedless souls hath been the leaders in outward affairs - those who count themselves among the learned and consider

themselves the heads of religion. All things bear witness and lament the tyranny of those heedless and wayward souls. They say “We believe in God,” then they invent lies about Him and perceive it not. They rise up and pray, yet they understand not. They have been and are honored by the name of Truth, yet for Him they have desired and continue to desire the most great abasement. Were they to become sincere for but a moment, they would surely hearken unto the cooing of the Dove of the Cause and turn from the north to the right hand.

Blessed is the learned one whom vain desire hath not hindered from the Lord of all beings. When he heareth, he turneth unto God and respondeth to His call, and ariseth to serve the Cause in such wise that he seeth the Truth before his eyes and all creation behind him. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken before the creation of earth and heaven, and in this hour every hearing ear hath heard from it what the ear of Moses heard on the Sinai of utterance and what the Beloved heard when He turned toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! The proof of God hath been perfected, and in its completeness it circleth round the Throne, yet the people are in evident doubt. They behold the signs yet deny them, they hear the call yet turn away from it. Verily they are in grievous loss.

Grieve thou not over anything. Under all conditions remain steadfast in My service, speaking My praise, acting according to what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My Cause, and bidding what We have revealed in My mighty Book. The servant present hath appeared and read thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with truth and sent unto thee that whereby the eyes of those who have not violated God’s Covenant and His Testament, and who have clung to the hem of their Lord’s pardoning robe, are consoled. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded and My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O concourse of chosen ones! It behooveth you to observe wisdom and that whereby this firm, this mighty Cause may be exalted. And We remember My handmaidens who have heard and turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O Mahdi! Distinction hath vanished from between, for it is observed that certain appointed heedless souls have not comprehended the station of the trace, let alone that of Him Who is the Influencer. They recite the divine verses yet remain unaware of their station and deprived of their fragrances. Likewise, they behold His evidences yet remain veiled from their recognition. Glorified be God! To such an extent have eyes been […]

Glory be to God! Eyes have been so afflicted with weakness and infection that they cannot distinguish light from darkness. I beseech God to grant them success and aid them, to purify them from self and desire, and to adorn them with that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the first.

O thou who art beloved of My essence and being! In every moment there appears from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful’s utterance that from which every receptive soul inhales the fragrance of the most exalted Paradise. And if I say that rock and clay have become the essence of awareness and have inclined their ears to hear the call of God, exalted be His glory - this is truth and there is no doubt in it. For today the entire world is adorned with the novel ornament of existence, and God’s hidden and manifest bounty

has descended upon all. Favor is witnessed to this degree and measure, and proof is observed to this extent. Nevertheless, all are heedless and turned away, save whom God, the Lord of lords, wills.

As to what was written concerning the non-receipt of petitions and correspondence: thus far, for every letter from your honor that has arrived, a detailed reply has been written and sent. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that all that was sent may arrive. All were adorned with manifest verses and sublime words, both those specifically for your honor and those for the mentioned souls. O my God! Cause what Thou hast revealed to reach Thy Name, then grant him the bounty of Thy utterance and the feast of Thy heaven. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things. Thus far this servant has sent four, and despite the multitude of occupations and extensive writing, there has been no negligence or delay in responding to your honor's letters.

Regarding what you wrote about visiting the land of Ishtihard and the maidservants and servants of God in that place - upon them be the glory of God - it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of our Lord's will, the Most High, the Most Great. He says, exalted be His utterance, mighty be His sovereignty, and glorious be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous […]

The Supreme Pen makes mention of the people of Alif and Shin, and counsels them according to what befits their relationship to the Most Great Name. The numbered days and limited, perishable ornaments of this world are not and never were worthy of attention or mention. Hold fast unto truth and cling to the hem of His grace. Know ye your rank and station. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto that which most of the peoples of the earth remain heedless and veiled from, as well as the divines and mystics who regarded themselves as leaders of the flock and guides of the people, except for those learned ones who, in the name of the Self-Subsisting, partook of the sealed wine and shattered the idols of fancy and conjecture with the arm of certitude. Know ye the value and station of divine favors and occupy yourselves with His mention and praise. His bounties have been and shall ever be beyond reckoning, and His grace all-encompassing. As is evident, in the Most Great Prison, through the agencies of remembrance and the instruments of utterance, He hath built and continueth to build for each one a lofty palace. These palaces shall never perish, nor shall the passage of time bring them to ruin, for they have been raised by the hand of power and erected through His pure bounty. Know ye this and then give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The clamor of the divines, the croaking of the ignorant, and the oppression and might of princes have not endured and shall not endure. All shall soon return to nothingness. That which hath been and shall ever be lasting is the favor of God. Hold fast unto goodly deeds and manifest divine attributes, that all may inhale from you holy and sacred fragrances and turn towards the Friend. Beseech ye the exalted Lord that He may illumine all the peoples of the earth with the light of justice and transform oppression and transgression into equity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. The Glory be upon you and upon those whom neither self nor passion hath prevented from God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first. This is what hath been sent down for the handmaidens of God, upon them be the Glory of God. In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O handmaidens of God in Alif and Shin! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembers you from the prison with a remembrance that shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven and shall be read by honored servants. Blessed is the handmaiden who heard, responded, and attained the remembrance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Woe to the servant who turned away from God when He came with the truth through a sovereignty that encompassed what was and what shall be. How many a learned one was barred from the ocean of knowledge in the days of God, and how many a handmaiden drew near until she attained and drank therefrom in the name of her Lord, the Possessor of existence.

O handmaidens of God! The Wronged One of the world has turned toward you from the Most Great Prison and makes mention of you. Were you to discover the greatness of this station, you would attain unto the most great joy - a joy that the sorrows of the world could not alter, nor the clamor of nations prevent. Blessed have you been and shall ever be, for you have turned to the highest horizon and are occupied with the praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. The whole world was created for the knowledge of God; nevertheless, all remain veiled while you, through His wondrous grace, have been blessed therewith. Speak in His Name, drink in His remembrance, and be gladdened by His mention. You are accounted as leaves of Paradise in the sight of God, speaking His praise and enkindled with His love. You have attained to that which most of the world's learned ones have remained heedless of, and God, exalted be His glory, has confirmed you in such wise that you hear His utterance and hearken unto His call. One manifestation of the manifestations of His light shone forth upon the Mount, causing it to crumble, while He has manifested Himself continuously in these days unto His loved ones and continues to do so. The recipients of the manifestations of this Revelation have been and are the realities of human beings. Reflect, that you may discover this station and taste the sweetness of the divine utterance. Blessed are they that drink, and joy be to them that know. The glory of God rest upon you from God, the Revealer of clear tokens and the Sender down of verses.

The Sun of divine favor has shone upon all, and the river of merciful bounty flows particularly for each of the near ones and the sincere ones. Take and drink, for He is verily the Generous Giver. In these days God, exalted be His glory, bestowed a leaf upon the holy, blessed Leaf - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be offered up for her sake. Some who were present became troubled, and signs of vexation appeared from most of them. Therefore, a Tablet was sent down from the heaven of will and bounty. This servant mentions its contents so that all on earth may become aware of the establishment of the Temple of Justice upon the throne of utterance and may be enlightened. This is what was sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

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

O My Leaf! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Furthermore, let all know and be illumined in this matter by the lights of the Sun of certitude: male and female have been and always will be equal in the sight of God. The Dawning-Place of the Light of the All-Merciful has, with a single effulgence, shed His radiance upon all. He created the females for the males and the males for the females. The most beloved of people before God are the most steadfast and the foremost in the love of God, exalted be His glory. Rejoice thou and give thanks for what God has given thee, whom We named Sarah in the Kingdom of Names. He is verily the

Protector of every handmaiden and the Lord of every steadfast and upright servant. The glory of God be upon you all from the Wronged One, the Exile.

From this blessed Tablet it is evident and manifest that all stand at one and the same level before God. “Verily, the most honored among you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you.” They are distinguished from one another in the degrees of love, piety, obedience, good deeds and their opposites. In this regard, this exalted Word was repeatedly heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names - blessed and exalted be His utterance: “The friends of God must be adorned with the ornament of justice, equity, kindness and love. As they do not allow the infliction of tyranny and oppression upon themselves, they must not allow it upon the handmaidens of God. Verily, He speaketh the truth and commandeth that which profiteth His servants and handmaidens. He is the Protector of all in this world and the next.”

As for your mention of Aqa Asadu’llah from the land of A. and Sh. and his mother, after this was presented, this exalted Word appeared from the Mother Book - blessed and exalted be His utterance: “O Lion! We have mentioned thee before, and We have mentioned the servants who have believed, so rejoice thou in God, the Lord of the worlds. And We have mentioned thy mother who hath ascended unto her Creator and We have heard her cry. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. God hath forgiven her as a bounty from His presence and hath adorned her with the ornament of His beautiful remembrance. Blessed is she and blessed is every handmaiden who hath turned unto Him and hath testified to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.”

Concerning what was written about the Huquq, whatever that honorable one doeth is acceptable before the Throne. This matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and this is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke forth in the Kingdom of Knowledge - glorious and exalted be His majesty: “O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! Permission hath been granted unto you to receive the Huquq and to dispense to the friends of God whatever you deem advisable. Though for some time, due to the world’s and the nations’ lack of capacity, the friends of God may be observed to be poor and in need, God beareth witness to their loftiness, elevation, wealth and independence, for these matters are counted as mere accidents while the essence remaineth unharmed. God willing, may the wealthy ones of the earth be enabled to fulfill that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Book of God. May Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali Khan be confirmed in the mention of God and in His service. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him. Verily, all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it.”

You wrote that the funds for Muhammad-Qabel-’Ali were given to Aqa Muhammad Khan, which is acceptable. Regarding arrival in the Land of Ta, what was written about the association, love and capacity of the friends of God - all these matters were presented before His Countenance. He said: “O My Name! Strive that the point of divine love may attract all and establish them upon the throne of unity. This matter takes precedence over all matters, and it is the remedy for the chronic ailments of the peoples of the world. We make mention of them and glorify them from this Most Exalted Station, and We give them glad tidings of what God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, has ordained for them. We bid them to act

with righteousness and with that which befits My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Pure, the Mighty, the Beloved."

All the world endeavors to grasp at means that cause the appearance and exaltation of mention, and they strive and struggle in pursuit of it to such an extent that it bewilders the rational mind, while their objective is in truth seen to be like a mirage. Praise be to God that the loved ones of this age hold fast to a Cause the like of which has never been seen in the world. Therefore, all must arise to do that which is the cause and means of exalting the Word of God. No helper in this station has been or is more mighty and powerful than goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. God willing, may all render victory to God, exalted be His glory, through these pure, brilliant and mighty hosts. The actions of the predators of the age have not been and are not acceptable. All have come for union, not separation, and have been brought into being for harmony and unity, not discord and division. If they would act according to what God has commanded even for a short while, soon they would find themselves upon the carpet of rest, glory and bounty. A hundred thousand blessings upon those who act.

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to make all aware of the traces and fruits of the Tree of Utterance. By the life of the Desired One! Whoever becomes aware will hold fast to the divine commandments with the utmost eagerness and yearning. And regarding what they wrote about 'A, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One has spoken.

O My Name! If one of the Afnan could settle in that land and oversee this Cause in all respects, that is, safeguard it in that same House, this would be nearer, more beloved and better than other arrangements. In their association and fellowship with the loved ones, they must not let go of wisdom. Let their entire endeavor be to arise in service to this Cause from the presence of the Truth. Let them acquire a modest house, and its means shall be provided from the True One, exalted be His glory. How excellent is this most exalted, most brilliant station! They should not seek for the house to be grand, for this is not the time for outward means. We have ordained for it that which the mindful cannot comprehend. Let them acquire just a modest place for now. At present the purpose is preservation, nothing more. Thereafter the matter is in His hands; He will manifest it as He wishes. If He deems it advisable, He will ordain its transfer, and this depends on the requirements of divine wisdom. If this matter cannot be achieved with spirit and fragrance, then a place must be designated urgently, either in that land or outside it, and none should be informed save his honor 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, and one other person. This matter is a divine trust with him and that other person. Should they intimate or hint at it to anyone, they would be deprived of this luminous garment and merciful ornament which is the preservation of trust. If the means which the servant has intended become available, transfer would be preferable. This matter too must remain concealed.

To his honor the Afnan, Aqa Siyyid A., upon him be all glory most glorious, it is being written by command that whatever that honored one indicates should be carried out. And regarding matters other than this, by command whatever is necessary for expenses and other things should be obtained from his honor the Afnan A. and H., upon him be all glory most glorious.

Mention was made of the ascension of the illumined leaf, the honored consort, upon her be all glory most glorious. News arrived and there was revealed concerning that exalted leaf and fruit of the Divine Lote-

Tree that which nothing can equal. Truly the sorrow of separation from her dissolved one's being. One passage revealed by the Supreme Pen concerning her is this exalted word - His word, exalted be His majesty: "The sign of union gave thee life in the former time, and the sign of separation caused thy death in the latter time." And likewise He says - His word, exalted be His grandeur: "The exalted fruit truly melted in separation, therefore she is mentioned before God among the martyrs." The reward for this deed is a prayer of visitation revealed by the Supreme Pen. On that night and day, whoever ascended was attired in the robe of forgiveness, and this bounty was specific to her, except for those souls who openly denied the rights of God and His verses.

Indeed there was revealed and shone forth from the heaven of merciful grace and the horizon of divine favor that from which the fragrance of eternity is inhaled and the sweet-scented breaths of life are diffused. Glorified be the Speaker, glorified be the Expositor, and glorified be the Giver, exalted be His grandeur and exalted be His dominion, there is no God but Him. Likewise mention was previously made of the ascension of his honor Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib and his honor Haji Mirza Kamalu'd-Din, upon them be the glory of God and His mercy and His favor, and specifically for each one, time after time, there was revealed from the heaven of grace that which truly had no equal. Blessed are they both! Would that I had been with them and had attained to that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke concerning them.

Mention hath been made of his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. News concerning him hath arrived from all directions. From the Land of Kha numerous souls have addressed and dispatched letters directly to the Most Holy Court mentioning him and that which transpired in that land. Likewise, mention of him hath appeared in certain divine Tablets and letters of this servant that were sent to various regions. At one time this exalted Word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven: "The Truth, the Strong, the Powerful, gave refuge to Mirza in that which came to pass and became the cause of the exaltation of the Word." Smiling, He said: "Had it been otherwise, it would have been considered contrary to wisdom and deserving of punishment." Although this too was to his advantage, for since execution must needs be carried out in person, therefore prior to its execution the command of attainment unto His presence was established, and afterwards grace and bounty were also present, that perchance He might grant pardon. Moreover, his honor hath witnessed the waves of the ocean of mercy and the outpourings of the sun of grace. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Praised.

As to what ye wrote concerning Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, in truth the matter is as ye have written. He is excellent in teaching the Cause, for some time ago a word was heard from the Ancient Tongue indicative of this most exalted station. Excellent is he in all conditions. After your aforementioned words were presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this exalted Word - glorified and exalted be His utterance:

"O My Name! Praise be to God that Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My Glory, hath arisen to serve and is adorned with the ornament of teaching. He hath been and shall ever be assisted in all conditions. That which your honor hath deemed advisable regarding his affairs hath been accepted before the Wronged One, for this matter hath verily added and continueth to add to his station. In truth his property, that is

his possession, is accounted as being in the path of God. Exalted is this lofty station! Through its sale, freedom was attained, and through freedom that which God desired was made manifest. Blessed is he! O My Name! Blessed be his father who drank the wine of steadfastness from the hand of his Lord's bounty and was among those endowed with certitude in a perspicuous Book. His station with God is most great. Blessed be they that are endowed with understanding, and blessed be they that visit his shrine. He is among those whose mention We have veiled due to the weakness of the servants. Convey My glad-tidings unto his son and My greetings from the Wronged One, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Generous. Divine favors will assuredly be directed towards him and will reach the detached ones. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Not an atom of good deeds hath been or ever shall be lost in the sight of God. Whoso pondereth upon former ages will witness that which the Tongue of the Wronged One hath witnessed in this noble station."

This evanescent one hath also been assisted in these days, through the grace and favor of God, exalted be His glory, to send a reply to his honor, adorned with the mention of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. God willing, may they attain unto the divine verses and drink from the oceans of their meanings. Verily His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. That which reached the late and elevated his honor Haji Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy - at this moment He said that all rights incumbent upon him, both past and present, have been discharged and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Praise be to God in all conditions. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth and giveth as He desireth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Regarding Jinab-i-Mulla Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, what was written was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. These sublime words and manifest verses have descended from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and are being sent written in the hand of the Branch of God - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps. His exalted Word states:

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

We have desired to make mention of him who has turned to the Supreme Horizon when the learned and mystics turned away, save whom God, the Lord of Lords, willed. This is the Day wherein the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary is raised, and the river of inner meanings and utterance flows. Blessed is he who has drunk and attained, and woe unto the misguided ones who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed the manifestations of fancy and vain imaginings. Arise in the name of thy Lord Who remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison, then rend asunder the veils of the peoples. Say: By God, this is the Day of Reckoning wherein the Mother Book doth call aloud. Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear God and deny not Him at Whose appearance appeared that which was hidden in God's knowledge and recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Beware lest the books of the world hold you back from the Lord of Eternity, or the affairs of the world veil you from turning to the Supreme Horizon, or the clamor of the learned sadden you. Arise with joy and radiance in the name of God, the Lord of Religions, and say: We have turned unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, and have set our faces toward Thy countenance, O Thou the Sovereign of verses. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the

lights of utterance. Blessed is he who hath taken hold and woe unto him who hath violated God's covenant on the Day of Separation. Arise to serve the Cause, then speak forth by this Name whereby skins have quivered and pillars have quaked. We have heard thy mention, have made mention of thee, and have sent down for thee that from which the sincere ones shall inhale the fragrance of eternity throughout ages and centuries. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest from it the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say: I testify to that whereunto the Tongue of Thy power hath testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, that there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Thou art the Stranger Who hath made known to the servants their Supreme Home and revealed to them that which draweth them nigh unto God in all conditions. And Thou art the Wronged One, the Prisoner, at Whose tribulations the denizens of the highest Paradise and the Kingdom of Names have lamented at eventide and at dawn.

This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations unto him, and beseecheth the exalted True One to strengthen him to serve His Cause and enable him to voice His praise in such wise that the coldness of the world shall not affect him and the heat of divine verses shall ever increase the warmth of his love, that he may be remembered by the name of God and be known and renowned for the love of God. Verily, He strengtheneth whosoever turneth unto Him and uttereth His praise.

And regarding the mention you made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Karim, upon him be the Glory of God, and his brothers and relatives, upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise his presence's visit to that house at their request - these matters were presented before the Ancient Countenance. This is what the Tongue of Power and Might uttered in His Kingdom. His exalted Word states: […]

In the name of Him Who domineth all names!

The honored Karim and his kinsmen have been and are remembered in the Most Holy Court. The grace of God - exalted be His glory - hath encompassed them, for they hearkened unto the Call and were adorned with the lights of certitude. Whatsoever they accomplished in the path of God hath been mentioned before the Divine Countenance and recorded in the Book by the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they who have honored thy resting-place and seized the opportunity of attaining thy presence in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings unto the honored Rahim and his brothers. Say: O Rahim! Behold thy ardor and the fragrance of thy acceptance. We have verily strengthened thee and raised thee to a station wherein thou didst witness the Most Great Sign and didst hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord. Forget not this lofty station and be not heedless thereof. I swear by the Most Great Luminary! Whoso in this Day remaineth even slightly heedless of the remembrance and service of God shall ere long be seized with remorse and regret. Praise be to the Goal of all creation Who enabled thee to attain that which hath been revealed and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the books of the past and present. God willing, mayest thou ever remain mindful of this station and preserve it through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. The glory of God rest upon them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Some time ago this servant sent a response to the letter of Muhammad-Qabil-i-Karim which he had written to him who beareth the Name of Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. That letter contained divine verses wherein the ocean of His grace and bounty was surging. God willing, may they attain unto it and be assisted in that which God desireth.

As to their intention to undertake the journey, if it can be accomplished with joy and fragrance - that is, if the means for it can be easily arranged - there is no objection. Otherwise, nay. In the previous year, two of the friends of God in that land, namely the land of T, were blessed with special favors, though outwardly prevented from turning to the Most Holy Court. Nevertheless, their deed and visitation were accepted at the threshold of the Divine Throne, and repeatedly were words of acceptance concerning them heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, and they attained that which causeth this servant to utter "Would that I had attained unto that which they attained!" Unto God belongeth the command, in the past and in the future, and He is the Commander, the Just, the Wise.

And as to the mention they made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali K D, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the mention of Aqa Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God - praise be to God, they have been and are blessed with divine favors, as are their kinsmen. God willing, may they be occupied at all times with the service of the Cause and exert mighty efforts to exalt the Word. Thereby shall their stations, ranks and conditions be made manifest among the people. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

After presentation in the Most Holy Court, this most mighty Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace of the Lord of creation specifically for Akbar. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names![…]

A Book revealed by the Wronged One, wherein is that which draweth mankind nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath beheld the Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed is he who hath heard the Call when it was raised from the Dayspring of Grandeur: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." We have remembered those who have turned towards the Countenance and have revealed for them that wherefrom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Luminous Spot with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the earth. To this testifieth every discerning knower. This is a Day wherein the Ark of the Bayan hath sailed upon land and sea, and the tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the kingdom of utterance that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are nigh. Blessed is he who hath forsaken the world out of love for God, the Lord of the ancient days, and hath acted according to that which was commanded in His perspicuous Book. This is a Day wherein the proof hath been perfected, the bounty completed, and the heavenly table sent down, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance and hath rent asunder the veils of them that are in the contingent world, in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus have We illumined the hearts of the sincere ones with the lights of utterance, and We are verily the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Generous.

God willing, may they be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Utterance of the All-Merciful and engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility with utmost joy and delight. The servant sendeth greetings upon him and upon those who have believed in God in His Great Day. That which your honor had written regarding the Land of M and likewise concerning the delivery of items and trusts - all is beloved and accepted in the Most Holy Court. Everything from the gracious one is gracious. God willing,

the previous correspondences will reach your honor, for they were bearers of wondrous and exalted verses from the presence of Truth. Furthermore, this evanescent one, who is as nothing, conveyeth greetings and salutations to all the gentlemen, friends, chosen ones and pure ones of God, and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to attain unto that which beseemeth His days. This is not difficult for Him. And may the glory that shineth and beameth forth from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Lord, our Goal and your Goal, be upon your honor and upon those who have been just in the Cause of God and have attained unto the recognition of His wondrous Day. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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

Praise, glory, gratitude and splendor be unto that most holy and transcendent Being, the Object of all desire, Whom the tyranny of oppressors, the rejection and opposition of the wayward, and the calumnies of slanderers failed to deter. His Will is sovereign and His Purpose prevails, to such extent that, without helper or assistant, He raised up His Cause in the prison of ’Akka, so that now in the assemblies of the kings of the world, ministers, divines and mystics, this mention has been and continues to be made, leaving all bewildered. Glorified be His dominion, magnificent His signs, and mighty His proof!

At all times I beseech the Self-Sufficing Lord to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of patience and tranquility, to illumine them with the light of patience and forbearance, and to cause them to supplicate that He may show kindness unto the kings - who are the manifestations of His power and majesty - and grant them success in distinguishing between the reformer of the world and its corrupter. Verily, He is the Helper, the Wise, the All-Knowing Teacher.

O beloved of my heart! Your letters have repeatedly arrived, but the delay in replying rests upon your forgiveness. Your latest letter, dated the first of the month of Jim, brought fresh joy to this grieving heart. It has been said of old that the remembrance of friends gladdens the Friend. After its perusal, ascent was made to the supreme heights and the most exalted Kingdom, and it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His attention. Thus speaks He, exalted be His glory, mighty His sovereignty, all-encompassing His proof and evidence:

“I am the Caller before the faces of all mankind from the prison of ’Akka!

“O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who standest before My throne, and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Hear My call - verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O spiritual youth! The Point announced unto the people the establishment of Him Who conversed on Sinai upon the throne of Manifestation. Yet when He appeared and was established, mankind turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of the mighty throne, willed.

“Say: O people, fear God! He Who was promised hath come, He Who was hidden hath appeared, He Who was treasured hath been made manifest. Through His appearance the call hath been raised from every

direction: 'The Revelation is God's, the Kingdom is God's, the Greatness is God's, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful!'

"Say: Hath the eye of creation beheld the like of what hath appeared in truth? Have ears heard the like of what hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty? Nay, by the Self of God, Who standeth over the Cause with manifest sovereignty!

"Say: O concourse of men! Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded in the Tablet. Verily it will preserve you, exalt you, and bring you near unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

"Say: Raise your heads from the couch of heedlessness. The Sun hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, and the ocean of grace surgeth in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds.

"Say: Will vain imaginings profit you? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! Will idle fancies guide you? Nay, by His Name, the Mighty, the Great! Shatter the idols by the name of the Lord of Days. Verily He will deliver you through grace and save you from grievous torment.

"The people of the Bayan have taken for themselves what the former people took. Thus have their souls enticed them and made them among the most lost. Say: He hath come, for Whom the near ones sacrificed themselves in His path, and He hath appeared Who was mentioned in God's Books, yet most people remain heedless. We have sent down to them from the heaven of bounty that which cooleth the eyes of the mystics.[…]"

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! God, exalted be His glory, hath manifested Himself in such wise that no possessor of hearing or sight hath denied or will deny Him. Without armies or legions He hath aided His Cause–an aid that is now celebrated and renowned in every gathering and assembly. Exalted be His might and His power! There is none other God but Him.

Praise be to God! We have effaced discord and strife from the Holy Books and have established the Cause of God with justice upon the throne of manifestation. Glory be to God! Strange it is that while all the people of the Bayan became aware of the tyranny, infidelity, polytheism and hypocrisy of the former party, yet some have again clung to the fabricated tales and false utterances of that people. Woe unto them, then woe unto them for having taken their vain imaginings as lords beside God! They are indeed among the oppressors in My manifest Book.

We make mention of the loved ones in that land–a mention that enkindleth and causeth detachment. O thou who art immersed in the ocean of My love! Reflect upon divine power and the influence of His Word. His Cause hath been aided and exalted from the earliest days until now, standing manifest and eloquent before all faces. The clamor of the ignorant divines of Persia who have appropriated unto themselves the name of knowledge, and the tumult of the common folk of that land, did not prevent the Lord of creation from revealing His Cause. In all conditions He hath spoken this most exalted Word: "The Lord of all being hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

Say: O people of God! Have ye heard the call and remained patient, or were ye among the heedless? O hosts of God! Have ye perceived the fragrance of God and remained tranquil, or were ye among the negligent? In most of Our Tablets We have made mention of what is meant by the hosts, that the world might be preserved from corruption and strife. In this most great Revelation, the banner of divine favor and the standard of preexistent mercy have been raised high. The divine hosts are goodly character, and His armies are praiseworthy deeds.

O spiritual youth! Although in this year the calumnies of the calumniators and the oppression of the oppressors have encompassed from every direction, yet through God's grace and bounty the greatest joy hath been manifest and visible at all times. The cause of this is the adherence of the loved ones to the firm handle of divine commandments. From the time of Our arrival in Iraq, We forbade all from strife, conflict, corruption, murder and plunder. For nearly forty years no one hath transgressed God's command. In every land, the oppressors of the world have inflicted upon the people of God that which caused the solid rock to weep and the hearts of the faithful to be consumed. Whatever befell them, they held fast to the cord of patience and clung to the hem of resignation. They were slain but slew not. The proof of this are the events that occurred in the lands of Sad [Isfahan], Kha [Khurasan], Ta [Tehran] and other cities. Blessed are they who are enraptured with love! The oppressors of the world perpetrated in that land what no oppressor had ever perpetrated, yet the people of God did not retaliate. Rather, they interceded for their oppressors and murderers. Well is it with them and may they rejoice! We beseech God to assist them to achieve unity and harmony. Nevertheless, the learned ones have not become aware. Say: My God, my God! Purify Thy servants from the stench of oppression.

O Ali! Rejoice in what hath appeared before thee from the horizon of My Most Great Prison. The tyranny of the oppressors hath failed to shut out from thee the lights that shine from the dawning-place of revelation. By My life! The Most Great Ocean hath appeared with its waves, wherein thou canst find the pearls of wisdom and utterance if thou art of them that understand. O Ali! The wrongs which I suffer have wiped from Mine heart every trace of sorrow, and have made manifest the splendors of the light of My Lord. Rejoice in My joy and be not of them that doubt. The World hath been illumined with the splendors of this Revelation. Blessed is he who hath recognized it and turned unto it with a sound heart. Say: He Who is the Eternal Truth hath appeared. He verily is the Promised One whose advent the scriptures of the past have heralded. Blessed are they that have believed in Him and woe betide such as have turned away […]

O Ali! Has the rapture of thy Lord's utterance seized thee? Hast thou drunk the choice wine of detachment from the hand of His bounty, or art thou of them that linger? We beseech God to adorn thee with the most great profit in this trade wherewith the Concourse on High is occupied, to illumine thy head with the crown of fidelity, and to make thee among the horsemen in the arena of wisdom and utterance on this Day wherein He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, to the dismay of every doubtful scholar and every remote mystic. Say: O people of the Bayan! Adorn your heads with the crown of the remembrance of Him Who heralded Me. His word is the truth, and I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He shall not be known through My allusions nor through what was revealed in the Bayan. Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye seek proof through what ye possess. By God's life! The books of the world shall profit you not this day save through this Book that

walketh and speaketh. He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Neither the promptings of the Guide nor of the Mahdi who spoke that which caused the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur and majesty to lament in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall deliver you. Say: The Herald gave you glad tidings and informed you, saying "All the Bayan is as a ring upon His finger." Ye have cast the command of God behind your backs. What aileth you, O company of wrong-doers? Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this exalted station. Light and spirit and glory be upon you, O party of God, from this time until such time as the sun shall continue to shine from the horizon of the will of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

This was revealed for His Honor Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, through which the ocean of bounty surged!

O Hasan! Upon thee be My glory! The verses of God have encompassed the world, and from the clouds of bounty, in place of rain, the pearls of wisdom and utterance have showered down. The Call of Sinai is raised high, proclaiming "The Revelation hath appeared!" Yet the embodiments of imitation and the daysprings of limitation are deprived and forbidden from all the outpourings of the Day of God. The deniers of the Bayan are a thousand times greater than the deniers of the Qur'an. They behold power yet deny it, they hear the verses yet turn away from them. The ocean is manifest before all faces, yet those heedless souls, lacking sight, seek right and left that perchance they might find some fetid pool to which they might cling. The ocean needeth its fish, and the sky its soaring eagle. The lizard was not and is not capable of plunging into the sea. Say: O people of the Bayan! Look with justice and fairness and speak. If this Most Great Revelation be denied, none shall be able to establish proof of any Manifestation. This clear Cause and this mighty Announcement bear witness to that. Glory be from Us upon Our loved ones who have taken hold of the Book of God with such power that the might of all who are in the heavens and earth hath failed to prevent them.

Every fair-minded one hath testified to the inability of servants to reckon the grace and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory. At all times there hath descended from the heaven of divine verses that which is the cause of the life of the peoples of the world. Yet most nations are heedless and unaware. For the sake of two days of earthly life they have forsaken everlasting life and eternal blessing. Fie upon them and their understanding! It behooveth Me to recite in this place what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words, exalted be He: "Leave them to plunge in vain discourse and play." And let us cleave to the remembrance of the loved ones before the countenance of the Lord of all humanity, that there may be sent down for each one of them that which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

This was revealed for His Honor Ahmad who attained the presence and won the victory - His word, exalted be His proof and mighty His evidence and glorious His verses […]

In the name of Him through Whom the light hath shone forth from the horizon of the world! This is the Day whereon the Mother Book hath, in the Kingdom of Utterance, been enthroned upon the seat of knowledge, proclaiming: O peoples of the earth! Fear God, and follow not those who have disbelieved in His proof when it appeared, who cast aside His verses when they were sent down, His evidence when it

was perfected, His mercy when it preceded all else, and His grace when it encompassed all things. Thus hath the gate of counsel been opened. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened and attained, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned and attained, and hath drunk the choice wine of knowledge from the cup of the All-Merciful's grace time and again. We have remembered him in diverse Tablets with a remembrance whose fragrance shall not cease so long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praised, shall endure.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have raised up the Cause with a sovereignty that hath conquered the world and have revealed that which lay hidden before the faces of the nations. Among them are those who denied, those who turned away, those who disbelieved, and those who hearkened, turned towards God and said: "Praise be unto Thee for having manifested Thyself, O Thou God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" Take thou the Most Great Key in My Name, then unlock therewith the doors of hearts through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wise. Thou hast attained unto that which perisheth not, as doth testify the Lord of all beings in His mighty prison.

We have enjoined upon the servants trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and faithfulness, yet they have wrought that which hath caused the Most Exalted Pen to lament, save those whom God, the All-Merciful, the Gracious, hath willed. Glorify in My name the faces of My loved ones, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the light of My knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee, upon those with thee, and upon those who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Ancient of Days.

[Note: This appears to be the first portion of a longer text that continues with additional sections addressed to other individuals]

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The Book hath been sent down in truth unto him who hath turned towards the Straight Path of God. O Ba', hearken unto the call from the precincts of 'Akka. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a Cause before which the hosts of the heavens and earth cannot stand. When thou drinkest the choice wine of divine knowledge from the goblets of thy Lord's bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having revealed unto me that which was hidden from Thy servants and acquainted me with that which was treasured in Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all beings, and by Thy Name at Whose utterance all names bow down, and by Thy light at Whose dawning all lights submit, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who speaketh Thy praise, and who aideth Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy mercy which hath preceded Thy servants and Thy creation. O Lord, I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art He through Whose

command the names appeared and the letter Kaf was joined to its pillar, the letter Nun. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who ruleth over what hath been and what shall be.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name through which the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth! A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath drunk the choice wine of knowledge in the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. We have turned toward him from the precincts of the Prison and have revealed for him that whereby the realities of all things were attracted in this Day wherein the Herald hath proclaimed from the precincts of 'Akka: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. O Muhammad-'Ali, give thanks unto God for having aided thee, drawn thee nigh, and given thee to drink of the pure water from the hand of the grace of the Lord of the Day of Manifestation, and guided thee unto this Cause whereby feet have slipped save for those whom God, the Lord of mankind, hath willed. Counsel My servants on My behalf and remind them of My verses, then read what We have revealed unto thee with joy and fragrance. This is a day wherein hearts have melted and servants have lamented by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of those who have denied His proof and His evidence, and have violated that which they were bidden in the Mother Book. Say: Fear God, O company of the heedless! By God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee that whereby the hearts of such servants as have heard and responded were attracted - these are they who, in the sight of God, the Lord of all beings, are among the people of this station. Take the Book by My command and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having aided me to turn toward Thee and remembered me through that whereby the fragrance of the garment hath wafted throughout all lands. O Lord, Thou seest the ocean of poverty desiring the ocean of Thy riches, and it beseecheth Thee by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall render me detached from all except Thee and holding fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses and unto all that hath appeared from Thee. O Lord, weakness hath seized me in Thy days. I beseech Thee to make me strong through Thy strength and mighty through Thy might. Verily Thou art He unto Whose sovereignty every tongue hath testified, and to Whose greatness and power every one possessed of understanding hath borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Davud, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name through which the horizon of utterance hath been illumined! […]

O David! The verses of God are being revealed from every direction, and His evidences are pouring forth like rain from the clouds of grace. That which was hidden is now manifest, and the Speaker of the Mount is speaking without veil or covering before all faces. The Psalms are being chanted and the call is raised from the highest horizon. Blessed is the one whom the wall of Gog did not prevent - and these Gog are the divines of Persia who from the earliest days until now have prevented the servants from the Law of God. Blessed is the soul whom their clamor did not hinder, whose strength their might did not weaken, and whom their dominion did not frighten. These are servants whose mention God has revealed in His Books, His Psalms and His Tablets. O David! God willing, through the power and might of the Truth,

exalted be His glory, thou shalt rend asunder the veils of the heedless and give unto all the glad tidings of the Great Announcement, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the ocean of bounty. Strive thou, and beseech God that He may not prevent His servants from the outpourings of His days. He is the Forgiver of sins, and He is the Transformer of hearts. We have mentioned thee before and made known unto thee the path of God, the Lord of the House and the Possessor of this lofty station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified and who have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in His mighty and wondrous Book.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-Amin, upon him be the glory of God:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Amin! Upon thee be My manifest glory. Blessed is the soul that is illumined by the light of trustworthiness and adorned with the ornament of faithfulness. In most Tablets We have commanded the servants to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy conduct, but some heeded not the divine counsel and clung to their own desires, and there befell the temple of trustworthiness from heedless and oppressive souls that which caused the eye of justice to weep. This Wronged One hath, during the nights and days, counseled the servants of God concerning that which would draw them nigh and profit them, yet defiled ears attained not unto hearing. Strange, nay most strange, that they remain heedless of that which profiteth them and cling to that which harmeth and destroyeth them. Ere long shall the carpets of the world be rolled up, and the embodiment of justice shall be established upon the throne of equity, and the station of the blessed words “Give unto each his due” shall become manifest and evident. We beseech God to illumine all through the lights of the Day-Star of Justice and to sever them from aught else beside Him. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto the cord of counsel from God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Ya’qub-’Ali, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, through Whose light the earth and heaven were illumined […]

O Jacob! The Joseph of God dwelleth in the well of the oppressors, and at every moment there befalleth Him that which causeth the people of the cities of justice and equity to lament. We commanded trustworthiness, yet they clung to treachery; We enjoined equity, yet they embraced tyranny. Through what they possess they remain heedless and veiled from what is with God. Do they not see that they die and dwell in their tombs? Do they not see that they depart and return not? Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath reached such a state that pen and ink are powerless to describe it. They waited for My days, but when they came they turned away and pronounced against Me a grievous judgment. Their vain desires have prevented them from drawing nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to champion His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to strengthen you with the hosts of goodly deeds and virtuous character. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy devoted servants amidst Thy rebellious ones, and beholdest the wolves surrounding Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge and by the mysteries deposited in Thy Tablets to enable them to return unto Thee, to draw

near to the court of Thy nearness, and to stand before the door of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath removed our grief, manifested unto us His signs, and sent down upon us His favors. The heavenly food and the bounty of utterance descendeth at all times. We implore God to assist His servants that they may attain unto it and not be deprived. O Thou in Whose hand is grace and bounty! Have mercy on Thy servants with the mercy that hath preceded existence, then unveil unto them through Thy generosity, O Loving One, that they may turn to the lights of Thy countenance and seek shelter in the shadow of Thy care. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful in all conditions. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Mention was made of Nuru'llah and ?iya'u'llah, upon them be the Glory of God. After its presentation in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these words were revealed from the Dayspring of the divine will. His mighty utterance and glorious proof proclaim:

In the Name of the Kind Friend

O Nuru'llah! In this hour when the Wronged One of the world walketh in the Most Great Prison, He hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. We beseech God to water the saplings of the garden of divine knowledge with the rains of grace and bounty, that they may reach the station of maturity, which is the station of the appearance of fruits. He is the Hearer, the Answerer. God willing, thou shalt abide beneath the shadow of God's special favor, glorified be His majesty, and be illumined by the lights of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Praise be to God, thy father attained the Most Sublime Vision and his presence was adorned with acceptance. He heard the Call on a day when most of humanity was prevented from hearing, and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed are those who are with you on this blessed, mighty, wondrous Day. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every one who hath attained to this mighty Cause.

And this is what was revealed for ?iya'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the Name of the One God

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O Light! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! Praise thou the Desired One of all worlds Who brought thee from nothingness into being and adorned thee with the ornament of existence in days for which there hath been no peer or likeness. Thou and the love of God have, in truth, come into being as twins. Blessed be the loins that have attained unto this wondrous remembrance. The gaze of divine favor hath ever been and will continue to be directed towards thee. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined the hearts of them that have turned towards Thee with the light of Thy knowledge, and caused their tongues to speak Thy praise and glorification, and revealed unto them that which was hidden from most of Thy servants. O Lord! Draw them nigh through Thy bounty and grant them the Kawthar of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous.

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be the everlasting Glory of God! Convey to all the kindred and relatives the greetings from the Wronged One, and give them all the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Day-Star of grace and bounty. Say: Blessed are ye for having attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat. We make mention of all the loved ones in that land. Say: O loved ones of God and His party! We beseech Him that He may cause to flow forth from you, in His name, that which shall endure throughout the perpetuity of His dominion. Blessed be ye, and His mercy be upon you. Ye are they whom neither the harm of the oppressors nor the opposition of the transgressors hath withheld. We counsel you to observe wisdom - wisdom being such deeds and actions as would cause the heedless ones of the world to become aware and draw them nigh unto the party of God. The helpless servants have been reared by the divines in vain imaginings. The wise ones of the earth must, with the utmost kindness and love, summon the people to the Law of God and the Dawning-Place of His favors. Should they become adorned with the ornament of awareness, all will circle round it.

O party of God! We beseech Him that He may manifest from you steadfastness - a steadfastness the like of which hath never been seen. The former people were deprived of the Dawning-Place of divine revelation through vain imaginings and doubts. They considered themselves the most profitable of all the world, yet on the Day of Manifestation they were seen to be the most lost. Say: God protect us and you, O party of God, from their vain imaginings and doubts, and from their deeds and actions and words and beliefs. For had their deeds and beliefs been in harmony, they would surely have attained recognition and been blessed with the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. It hath been repeatedly mentioned that the recompense of the deeds of that tyrannical group deprived them of the Dawning-Place of divine justice and the Source of His mercy. The false tales of old prevented the people from the Most Great News which was mentioned in the divine Books of the past and future.

My God, my God! Aid them to return unto Thee and to make good what they missed when the Sun of Thy Revelation shone forth. All created things have testified to Thy grace and all contingent beings to Thy mercy. Deprive not Thy servants of the ocean of Thy bounty, from whose waves can be heard: The kingdom and the dominion belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory shining from the horizon of Revelation be upon you, O loved ones of God and His friends, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward being, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Concerning what was mentioned about prayer, the prayer whose ordinance was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, that prayer along with many other sacred writings was sent from the prison to another location. And the new prayer that was later revealed - its recitation depends on times when one observes a certain state within oneself. In truth, it hath been revealed in such wise that were it to be recited upon a rock, that rock would stir and speak forth, and were it upon a mountain, it would move and flow. Blessed is he who reciteth it and is among those who act. The recitation of either prayer sufficeth. Should one observe with justice and fairness any verse of its verses or any word of its words, he would pass beyond his own understanding and that of the people, and fix his gaze upon that which is with God.

As for what ye mentioned concerning the slaughtered animal that hath died, its ruling is as before. Thus hath the Lord decreed at this time. And concerning what was asked about the heavens and the stars, this hath already been revealed by the Supreme Pen regarding these matters - there is no need for repeated

mention. And regarding the permission for pilgrimage about which ye wrote, after this firm decree was presented, this utterance was manifested from the tongue of grandeur: whenever the means are available and wisdom requireth it, they may make the pilgrimage.

Concerning the mention of Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy that precedeth all, after these shining words were presented, there dawned from the horizon of will these words - exalted and blessed be He: "O spiritual youth! Praise be to God Who aided thee to fulfill what was incumbent upon thee according to God's decree, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad tidings of the acceptance of his deed. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of grace and bounty, and to ordain for him that which shall be a light unto him and shall go before his face in all the worlds of God. Verily He is the Protector of those who have believed in Him and have acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book." He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. […]

The Book speaks before the faces of the parties and says: O concourse of earth! Know ye the value of the Day of God, and deprive not yourselves of His infinite bounties. This Day has no peer or likeness. The bounty of utterance and the banquet of knowledge have descended from the heaven of the favor of the Beloved of all possibility. Blessed is the soul that has turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless! O Husayn! After this, the Lord of all beings has turned toward thee from the prison quarter and makes mention of thee. In the estimation of those endowed with insight and the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, the riches of the world and the treasures of nations cannot equal this mention. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of those who are in the heavens and on earth! Your handiwork has been presented and has attained the glance of favor. Reflect upon the sublimity of the ocean of divine grace. By My life! All the things of the world were and are unworthy of mention in the Holy Court, but as your handiwork has appeared through love and you have sent a spiritual youth, it has been adorned with the ornament of mention by the One Who is the Goal of all beings and illumined with the light of acceptance. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise. Praise be unto Him, as He is the Beloved of the mystics and the Goal of the sincere ones. The ocean of bounty has appeared with waves upon waves. A single atom of deeds that have appeared and do appear in His path stands forth in His presence as lofty as the heavens. Can anyone enumerate this bounty? Nay, by His manifest sovereignty! Although the thanksgiving and praise of this servant do not and will not reach the hem of this blessing, unless His grace takes hold and His mercy accepts. Every created thing has testified to His loftiness, His transcendence, His grace, His giving, His favor, and His bounty. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the All-Merciful, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I make mention of the loved ones of that land, both young and old, and hope from the grace and mercy of the sovereign Who doeth as He willeth that in those regions the light of submission and contentment may shine forth and all may attain unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in the holy Tablets. In truth, that which is obligatory today according to His command is that all should hold fast to such deeds as will attract the people of the earth. I beseech Him to assist and enable all to do that which they have been commanded in the Book. Verily, He is the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glory and mention and praise be upon you and

upon those with you and upon everyone who has turned, recognized, and attained unto this wise Remembrance and this mighty Command.

The Servant

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

The letter sent hath reached the Most Holy Court and its contents were observed. Praise be to God that in this Morn of the All-Merciful thou hast been illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of divine knowledge. Yet beseech thou the True One, exalted be His praise, that thou mayest ever remain adorned with the ornament of His love and sanctified from all else, for verily the divine Cause in this Manifestation of celestial might is most great, nay, greater than all that is great, and more magnificent than all that standeth and endureth. Naught is seen therein save the mystery of Divine Unity and pure Oneness. We beseech God to open the eyes of all humanity that they may recognize Him and bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever existed in the unity of His Essence, sanctified from all else, and will continue to exist in the sovereignty of His Self, exalted above the mention of aught besides Him, His Being transcendent above the description of all created things, His Identity unique beyond the attributes of all existence, His Reality holy beyond the praise of all who dwell on earth and in the heavens. His is the Command and Creation in all beginnings and endings, and verily He is the Lord of all names and attributes, the Establisher of verses and the Obliterator of allusions. Blessings and peace be upon Him Who sat upon the throne of power and majesty, through Whom the veils of glory were rent asunder, Who is exalted above all forms and likenesses, Who giveth to drink the pure water of paradise and banisheth the people of error in both beginning and end, and upon those who turned unto Him and shattered the idols of vain imaginings and hopes, and entered the pavilion of grandeur and grace, upon whose faces appeared the radiance of God, the Mighty, the Sublime.

God willing, through the Supreme Remedy and the Most Great Elixir, inner maladies shall be healed and brought to equilibrium. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to thy question regarding the saying of Maria, the essence of Maria's work concerneth the white and red gums, and the red gum is derived from the white gum. Whoso findeth this hath attained the ultimate goal. This is the meaning of Our saying: "Were it not for the moon, the sun would not exist, and were it not for silver, gold would not exist." By silver We meant the white earth, which is the white gum, and from it We brought forth gold, which We termed the red gum. This is the philosophers' gold and their sulfur, and the tawny egg, and it hath names beyond counting which none hath discovered save him who possesseth knowledge of the Book. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things, and in His grasp are the keys to the treasuries of all things. He giveth unto whom He willeth and withholdeth from whom He willeth. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning her statement about taking from the branch of the stone and not from its root, nor from the stone itself, and so forth, know that the purpose in this noble art is the knowledge of the honored stone, and taking from its branch is contingent upon recognition of the root of the stone. Whosoever becomes cognizant of the root will be free and independent of such mentioned practices, for they will be capable of mighty works. All the sages have concealed the root of the stone - either omitting the beginning, the end, or the middle - and have not mentioned any practice in proper sequence. Whatever they have mentioned of outward practices has been to divert attention from the inward work. For the inward works, they have found examples in the outward and have mentioned them. These very mentions of outward things constitute the symbols, allusions, metaphors, and similes of the sages. For instance, they have mentioned gold, while intending the gold that exists in a specific mine. Due to the correspondence and similarity between inward gold and outward gold in color and nature, they have termed it "gold." Since people have not understood the intent, they have spent years pursuing their own imaginings, living in regret and departing in regret, never attaining their goal. Their gold is gold, yet not gold; their silver is silver, yet not silver. Hence they said: "Our gold is not the gold of the common people," and likewise for silver.

Nevertheless, most people have wasted their lives in the darkness of outward practices and have not attained to the true dawn. Their mention of the inward refers to the fact that the four natures are concealed in a single thing which they have termed "the stone." After differentiation, in the view of the discerning ones, this very inward becomes the outward. As long as the four natures remain concealed and undifferentiated in their inner mine, the term "inward" applies to it, and after distinction and differentiation in the outer realm, the name "outward" applies to it. At this station, the outward is identical to the inward, and the inward is the very outward. However, some sages have found things in the external world bearing close correspondence and similarity to the four natures and the sublime, ancient elements that are hidden and stored within the stone itself, and have mentioned these, calling them "outward," as was briefly explained.

The intended meaning of "ancient" here refers to temporal precedence, not essential pre-existence, for it is preceded by a cause. Exalted is He above any association of eternity with origination! We testify that the very eternity comprehended by those drawn nigh and the sincere ones is itself originated in His presence. He has ever been sanctified beyond mention of eternity or origination, and He is holy beyond mention and description. Whatever He hath named Himself of names and attributes is from His grace upon all creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful above what is ordained in contingent existence, for He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Know, O seeker, that the essential purpose is the knowledge of the Stone and the elaboration of what lies hidden within it, its purification and its marriage. The Stone itself must be purified through the aid of the Stone itself and be elaborated, for if anything else intervenes, the temperament becomes difficult. Therefore, take the Stone and through Azrael extract from it the spirit and soul, then strive to purify it until through operative measures it becomes pure and clean from the intervening impurities that prevent. Then return what thou hast extracted to the body, that through the confirmation of Israfil, the spirit of that dead body may be quickened and thou mayest observe a new creation, whereupon thou

shalt say: “Blessed be God, the Best of Creators!” For the body will not accept another spirit, nor will the spirit turn to another body. This is the truth wherein there is no doubt.

This spirit and soul, though after elaboration they appear as two things, are in reality and essence united and are one thing. That which is extracted from the Stone hath been called by all names, meaning that in every station it is called by a name befitting that station. For example, before extraction from the mine it is called by certain names, and likewise after extraction and before purification by certain names, and after purification by other names. Similarly, in the stations of the manifestation of effect and action, in each station both spirit and soul and body are called by a name. For instance, the term “volatile,” which is inscribed in the books of the sages, refers to the dissolved water distilled from the Stone. This water they have mentioned as the water of sulfur, the water of alum, vinegar, serpent’s venom, wine, the fire of air, the water of air, and the like.

When it is said “water of air” and “fire of air,” this is a complete exposition - shouldst thou comprehend it, thou wilt be independent of the work of all who dwell upon earth. Air possesseth two pillars: fire and water, that is, moisture and heat. This divine water, before acquiring oiliness from sulfurous earth, is called the water of air, for moisture predominates therein. And after this first distillate, which is water and air, acquires fieriness from the second distillate, the element of fire hidden within it becomes manifest, whereupon it is called the fire of air. These two supreme pillars, which are in truth the active agents, are made manifest from air. Glorified be He Who hath suspended colors therein, and in it is a treasure at which the minds of the wise are bewildered.

In brief, all these mentioned names refer to the water dissolved from the Stone. Similarly consider the earth of the Stone and whatever else is extracted therefrom, each of which hath been called by many names. Different names have become the guardian of this divine treasure, that its reality might remain concealed from the ignorant and protected from treacherous souls. Some have abbreviated it to spirit, soul and body, naming it thus, while others have called the earth the Stone and what is extracted therefrom mercury and sulfur. And though this mercury and sulfur appear different and distinct in form, they are in reality united.

Know that sulphur and mercury, though outwardly they appear different and distinct, yet in reality they are united and are one essence and one being. For indeed, if there were no inner similarity and correspondence, natural dissolution - which is the ultimate degree of the first stage of liquefaction - would not occur. In such case amalgamation would be impossible. Know thou that amalgamation followeth dissolution, even as knowledge precedeth action.

O questioner! Strive to drink, through the grace of the All-Merciful, from the life-giving waters of wisdom and utterance that have flowed from the Most Ancient Pen and the Most Great Name, that you may attain your purpose. Now these mercury and sulfur, which have appeared from a single mine and are brother and sister, termed male and female - these two must be purified until the obstructing impurities are removed and they become capable of combining. The purpose of purification is to manage them such that their inner compatibility manifests outwardly, making them suitable for combination. For example, mercury’s outward moisture prevents its combination with sulfur. O wise one! Water and fire never combine, for water extinguishes and suppresses fire. These two are opposites and cannot combine.

Therefore, the divine water which flows from the spring of the stone of divine wisdom, called volatile, must be managed until its outward moisture, which prevents combination with sulfuric fire, is removed and vanishes, and its inner heat, which shares affinity with sulfur, becomes manifest. In this case, combination is easy, for oil readily combines with oil, but water and oil never mix. So strive until the inner oil of mercury, which remains frozen and veiled due to dominant moisture, becomes manifest through practical management and unites with the sulfuric essence which is truly oil. The greatest cause of union and combination in this divine wisdom and divine craft is compatibility. O questioner! Reflect deeply that you may comprehend the truth and secrets that have flowed from the Chosen Pen. If you grasp their meanings, you will surely know that what has been mentioned is truth, and after truth there is naught but error and loss. And you will testify that the reins of all knowledge are in the grasp of the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen. Some have considered fire to be the key to this Most Great Treasure and Most Noble Secret, but the key of keys has been and will be the understanding and insight of those who act. For it is observed that most people take contradictory things that are outwardly and inwardly different and opposed, spending their lives trying to dissolve and combine these incompatible elements - this has been and will be impossible, for natural dissolution and true combination occur only through similarity and compatibility. The virgin secrets that were forever concealed in the divine preserving chambers have become manifest and evident. Perhaps God will thereby bring about a matter. O questioner! The appearance of every matter and the creation of every craft depends upon and is connected to the Cause of causes through causes. Ruby must be sought from its mine, and likewise the jewels of wisdom must be sought from their mine, which is the stone - you will not find it elsewhere though you search your whole life. Look to the causes, trusting in God, the Cause of causes. Verily He is the Opener of doors and the Lord of lords. O questioner! It has become clear that by divine water is meant not every water, but the water distilled from the honored stone.

O Lord of Lords! The inquiry has been understood. The intent of the divine water is not every water, but rather the water distilled from the honored stone. Though outwardly this water appears as water, inwardly it is fire. The term “water” is applied to it due to the moisture and coldness apparent in its exterior, while the name “fire” refers to the oiliness and sulfurous nature concealed within it. Thus these mercury and sulfur, though appearing as two, are in reality and essence one being. As for the stone itself, its origin is from water; it is artificial and active, bearing two mercuries, possessing two souls, manifesting two spirits, and its movement is its action which arises from its heat. Glory be to God! The root of the matter is from one thing, and though it is singular in its essence, it has manifested and been named with different natures, varying manifestations, multiple colors, and numerous names. Observe how the treasury and source of this matter is one - which is the stone - yet after differentiation it becomes three, as it is known that spirit and soul emerge from the stone. Nevertheless, in these tablets it has been given several names: in one instance mercury and sulfur, in another spirit and soul, likewise two mercuries, two souls, two spirits, the volatile one, and divine water. The source of all these multiplicities was one thing, and according to the requirements of the stages of preparation and extraction of colors and dyes, it was designated by a name. For example, in one place it was called mercury because it flies from fire; at times it was called water due to its moisture and coldness; and in another place it was mentioned as sulfur in reference to the sulfurous nature which is the substance of combustion concealed within it. In the stages of preparation, each manifests in every station with a color and effect, and accordingly is designated by a

name. Therefore, you should not doubt the different names mentioned in the books, and know with certainty that the root of the matter and its source is one thing, called by countless names and manifested in multiple appearances. Similarly, they have named the stone and what emerges from it after the seven minerals which, in the terminology of the philosophers, are related to the seven planets. For instance, in one place they called it copper due to its color and slowness in melting, and when the body through preparation became quick to melt and was freed from darkness, it was called white lead, and when the tincture of the stone was sublimated by the power of dissolved mercury, they called it gold due to its balance, manifestation, color and brilliance - and it is the crown of crowns, yellow sulfur, the philosophers' gold, the secret of secrets, and the most hidden secret. Whoever attains it has attained what they desired. Compare the remaining minerals similarly, and they have named them after the four humors - yellow bile, black bile, phlegm, and blood - which are the manifestations of the four natures in the human person. Therefore, ask God that you may attain, through the aid of the Universal Manifestation of the All-Merciful, to the mine of divine wisdom which is hidden in the noblest of the three kingdoms.

Behold the four tempers, which are the manifestations of the four natures in the human person! Entreat thou God that through the assistance of the Universal Manifestation of the All-Merciful, thou mayest attain unto the divine fountain of wisdom which lieth concealed in the most noble of the three kingdoms, and find thy way thereunto. O seeker! When thou hast reached thy goal, strive thou to be among the God-fearing and the thankful, for He is the Most Great Treasure and Bearer of the Honored Stone. Take from Him according to thy need and separate with dry fire, and after separation remove that which is dissimilar. When the dissimilar elements have been removed and the similar ones made ready, this is the station of the first marriage of the sages. Then wed this divine water, which is active and is spirit and male, to the sulphurous earth which is passive and female. After the passage of some time, an embryo will be formed, for as We have said, the Stone is manufactured, and it is the Hidden Treasure and the Treasured Secret. Then bring forth from the mother's womb this luminous child which hath come into being through spiritual power and hath been formed from the two similar and compatible elements, namely mercury and sulphur. This is the time of purification, and if it be called the time of marriage, this too is true, but it is the time of dissolution. Understand thou, O wayfarer, the import of these words of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and know of a certainty that until this time the veils covering this most great science and this most ancient, most upright secret have never been thus removed, neither for the pure ones nor for the chosen ones. Say: Glorified be our Most Exalted Lord, Who hath appeared once again through His Most Glorious Name, whereby all who are in earth and heaven were shaken, save them who held fast unto the Strong and Luminous Cord that was suspended betwixt the realms of creation by the command of God, the Lord of Names.

Take this noble offspring, which is this prepared earth that has come into being from sulfuric fire and mercurial water, and mix it with a portion of dissolved mercury which is its essence and reality and is from its elemental realm. Place it in a gentle, moderate fire until some of that prepared earth is dissolved. Add water again until that tincture which is fire and oil and the reality of the soul emerges from the earth. God forgive me, permission is not given to say more than this. Some have been content with mercury alone, meaning they have detailed this mercurial solution which has become the bearer of the tincture and has

concealed within itself the sulfuric reality by virtue of its genus. They have extracted from it the purified tincture, coagulated it, dissolved it, and completed the work. Whoever attains unto this has attained unto the Most Great Kingdom. This is the mercury that is [inscribed] in the books, and it is the most pure blood that has been called air and red sulfur. Although this tincture, which is the essence of the tincture of sulfur and arsenic, is in reality composed of spirit, soul and body and possesses the four natures, through its spiritual power it has taken from every element and united it with itself, and has no need of another element, for it bears the active essence and is itself the tincturing agent. For if it were not itself the tincturing agent, it would be impossible for it to become so through the arrangement of the tincturing agent. Yes, the special arrangement is for this precious, luminous essence which has appeared from the divine mine to become pure [and] cleansed of filth, blackness and external corrupting moistures that are immoderate and prevent the manifestation of its effect and action. It is the sign of divine conquest, therefore it has been called the crown of conquest, for it conquers all bodies. However, if the spirit and soul are arranged with their own pure and clean earth, which they have called white magnesia and the thirsty earth, it is more beloved and safer. But they do not mix directly and do not accept union, for this tincture, which has been called the moist soul and mineral sal ammoniac, was water and acquired oiliness from its earth and became air, and after absorbing moistures appeared in the form of fire which is the sulfuric reality, and was designated the dry soul. If you call it to the dry earth, surely the fire will melt the earth. In this case, natural solution and true temperament is difficult, for the thirsty earth deserves water - if you give it fire it will surely perish and never come alive again. Therefore you must give this dry earth to drink from the water which is from its element and is in reality its origin, reality and substance, so that the plant of divine wisdom may grow from this blessed earth. In brief, earth needs water, and likewise fire, for moisture is the nourishment of heat. Reflect that you may understand what is intended. When these two elements become moderate through the education of water, they will be capable of complete mixture, and this is the final stage of marriage and is the third marriage.

And this is the final stage of marriage, and marriage is threefold, and this is the second earth which is other than the first earth, and in truth it is its remainder and is the remaining earth called ash, and verily it is patient in the fire, neither anxious nor fleeing from it. Therefore nurture this tincture with virgin's milk which is of its element and compatible with it, as was mentioned before, for if you give it incompatible nourishment it will perish instantly and will never reach the stage of maturity and development which is its station of influence, dominion and effect. And in truth this earth is dead until the spirit is sent forth, meaning it becomes alive and enduring. And in practice there is no need for tincture, and the earth must be waxed with spirit alone until it dissolves, and this must be repeated until it is complete and perfect. And if you feed the purified tincture to this waxed earth, the work of the sun is complete. And the other stages of waxing, dissolution and coagulation depend on the intelligence and wisdom of the worker and the manifestation of the effect - they have no connection with temporal and numerical limitations, for often after stages of waxing the effect has appeared with one dissolution and coagulation, and often it has exceeded three times, and the command is in God's hand - He manifests it as He wishes. Or dissolve the original stone with divine water and mercurial key, and whatever was taken from it, return again gradually to the remaining earth lest it be drowned at once, and repeat this until all the pillars of spirit, soul and body are dissolved. And this is what was meant by "the stone has an inward path, and it is water in appearance and fire in nature, burning by its heat all that is in its nature."

Therefore place it in a gentle fire until the heat of the fire draws forth the moisture from these waters, and the fiery form which is concealed and hidden in the essence of these waters becomes manifest while the watery form becomes concealed. And when the inner oiliness becomes manifest, it must necessarily coagulate. Therefore dissolve and coagulate until it becomes active. And from this explanation which has flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful, the hidden and concealed natural balance has become clear and evident, no longer needing external measures. If you understood what was mentioned, you would rejoice and find yourself possessing all the earth, and you would be certain that the keys of knowledge are in the grasp of the Sovereign of the Known, through Whom the veils of fancy were rent asunder. And verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. There is no God but He, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

And if you wish to obtain the essential agent from accidents and catch the divine Bird of Wisdom in the net of arrangement, then take the Stone and grind it with its water until that which is a tincture and quick to dissolve is dissolved in this Key Water which is mercury. Add more water until that which is dissolved ascends and appears on the surface of the water. This is the Supreme Oil, the Eastern Mercury, the True Air, the Divine Spirit, and the Two-Winged Gold which, by the power of its wings - namely the Key Water and elemental fire - has taken flight and ascended. But in truth the two wings are the two mightiest cornerstones, the two agents, and they are within its own essence. With these two wings it flies through all bodies. This is the Sea Physician, upon whose skill depends the health of all sick and ailing bodies, whether of land or sea or mineral. This is the manifestation of God's name the Predominant, His name the Self-Sufficient, and His name the Powerful. God, His angels and His prophets bear witness that We have explained in these Tablets what was hidden from all eternity, and We have bestowed upon those endowed with insight the concealed and protected divine knowledge which was veiled in the clouds of glory. We counsel the servants of God to fear God, to follow His Cause, and to detach themselves from all else. Verily, He is the Protector of those who love Him, and verily, He has power over all things.

O questioner! Hearken unto the counsel of the Pen of Command! When thou dost purpose to pursue this hidden art, first ponder and reflect whether this supreme craft exists, or whether, like the Simurgh and Phoenix of old, it is but a name without reality. Consider whether these things must needs be similar and congruent, or different and contrary. When thou art apprised and hast attained certitude of its existence and source, there is no harm if thou shouldst strive to acquire it. Today the philosophers of the earth deny this divine secret and celestial wisdom, having proven to their own satisfaction that such a thing is impossible. Were their proofs to be mentioned, it would lead to prolixity. In brief, the cause of their denial is the preservation of the power of choice, for this treasure hath been guarded from the eyes of the treacherous and the hands of thieves. Ere long, however, some shall acknowledge and confess it. The manifestation of this hidden treasure among these people is a sign of the world's maturity, after which shall follow grave peril and barren tribulation for the world and its people, unless all enter the divine paradise. O seeker! Hearken unto the counsel of this imprisoned servant. Act not before knowledge, and seek not from other than the source. For everything a cause hath been ordained, and for every matter an outlet. If thou desirest it, be not heedless thereof. Enter every house through its door. Thus was it revealed aforetime and now in this perspicuous Tablet. Reflect upon the source of this supreme craft until thou attainest certitude and knoweth. It hath been revealed before from the Most Exalted Pen that it

existeth in the noblest of the three kingdoms. Ponder well: it is in the lesser world, and the lesser world reflects the greater world, nay rather encompasses it. They have considered the spheres as the greater world, and named the three kingdoms as animal, vegetable and mineral. Likewise it existeth in the noblest of all possible things, and they have said it is in the mountain–that is, the mountain that is related and connected to the lesser world. If any soul fail to comprehend these allusions, which are more eloquent than explicit declaration, and find not the truth, his pursuit of this knowledge would not be, nor ever shall be, advisable. O my Most Glorious Beloved! I have not fallen short, nor have I concealed aught, but God bestoweth His bounty upon whomsoever He willeth, and verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Know that there is much disagreement about the Philosopher's Stone. Some have considered it to be gold, some the spirit, some vitriol, some mercury and sulfur, some have said it is hair, lead, copper and the like, and most have considered it to be the egg. Books are filled with these mentions. Reflect with intelligence and wisdom until you recognize with clear certainty the source of the Stone. Do not be satisfied with any book, for most seekers, having studied the books somewhat, have occupied themselves with composing and writing. "Or do you think that most of them hear or understand? They are only like cattle; nay, they are even farther astray from the Path." They have gone astray and led others astray. With Us is the knowledge of all things, and We have explained all things in detail.

Likewise, some philosophers have written of that which they have never understood. Indeed, in every age there have been the truthful and the false. Therefore, make reason, which is a divine trust, your lamp, and with this brilliant lamp enter into the darkness of words. Perhaps through the grace of the Lord of Names and Attributes you may reach the fountain of life. Never be satisfied with anyone's traditions and allusions, for it has been observed that one who associated partners with God and shed the blood of His loved ones, during the few years he was present before the Face, heard something of every science and art, wrote it down, gave it to people, and thereby claimed superiority. Among these, someone mentioned that he had written papers specifically about this science for him, when, by God besides Whom there is no God, he knows not a letter of it. Among other things, he wrote about the work of division for someone as foolish as himself, not realizing that such works have always been rejected by the Truth, for division is fundamentally deceit and trickery, and working with it is forbidden. I seek God's forgiveness from the works of this ignoble one. Would that a scholar in this art would test that obstinate atheist's work, setting aside its practice. By God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, this servant, nay all that was and will be, are astonished by such souls. However, one possessed of hearing can distinguish the original voice from the borrowed voice, for that which appears from the Truth testifies by itself that it is from the Truth, and it has no equal or likeness in creation. But this is only when people of hearing and sight are present. In all conditions, God is indeed Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

Ask God, exalted be His knowledge, for success, and then look into these Tablets and some Arabic and Persian Tablets which have been revealed from the Pen of the Self-Subsisting concerning this science, so that you may become aware of the foundation and substance of the matter. After becoming aware, begin to practice. Indeed, He guides whom He wishes to a straight path. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds. Through pure bounty, the drops of knowledge and meanings have trickled from the cloud of divine utterance, otherwise today is not the day for questions and answers. All souls must detach themselves

from all things and occupy themselves with teaching God's Cause and its triumph. Whoever has found the sweetness of this station will not turn to aught else.

Let him who finds the sweetness of this station turn to naught else and sacrifice his soul for love of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We beseech God to let us hear [His call] - whoso heareth cannot rest, and he who resteth hath not heard - and to make us steadfast in His Cause, and this verily is a grace greater than all great things, and to aid us in that which He desireth, and to grant us the sweetness of His love and remembrance, for verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Glorious. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the brilliant stars of four established words. The first: Know thou that We have traversed all the mines and found the mine of stone and intellect to be in a single plane. Glorified be He Who caused rivers to gush forth from rocks and placed within them the choicest essence which waters cannot drown, making it the greatest key to His treasuries which He hath concealed from eyes save whom He willeth and desireth. He is verily the Mighty, the Compelling. The second: At times We make mention of the stone and mean by it its bearer, and thus was it said and thus did We say in various Tablets that it exists in every place. Know thou, O man, the wisdom of the All-Merciful and give thanks to Him at all times. The third: We have explained the natural balance in the depths of Our words through symbols and allusions. Now We shall explain what the wise intended by balance in most operations, which pertaineth to quality not quantity, and that is similarity. Know thou the value of this bounty which hath descended from the heaven of all things and which We have detailed in detail as a mercy from Us to the people of Baha. The fourth: Know thou that what is meant by the child is that which is born of mercury and sulfur, and it is [the stone] that is sought, which ascendeth from the earth by the power of water. If thou sayest the newborn is earth, it is true as We have said before, for it is therein. Thus have We explained in clear Persian tongue. Verily it is the lord of all jewels and minerals, and it is the child that seeketh the virgin's [milk] - nurse it that it may become a mature and perfect youth. Be not troubled by the varying statements of the Lord of all names and attributes - all return to a single point, just as sciences branch forth from the point, and crafts likewise branch forth from the generative point which is the stone. Glory be upon him who turneth to the Most Great Scene and becometh aware of the mysteries of destiny.

Thy letter hath come before Our presence and We found from it the fragrance of thy Lord's love. We have answered what We wished concerning what thou asked, and thy Lord is possessed of great bounty. We have bestowed upon thee and upon the people of Baha that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning the hidden secret and the concealed symbol, and verily thy Lord is knowing of all things. By My life! Were anyone to understand what hath been revealed therein, he would testify that with Him is the knowledge of the first and the last. Would that We found servants to whom We might impart what lieth concealed within the pavilion of infallibility and what hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command upon a preserved and mighty tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord for what We have sent thee, that thou mayest be steadfast in His love and that perchance the heedless servants who turned away from God after He came unto them with all signs and sent down the Bayan from the presence of the All-Merciful to prove His Manifestation might perceive the fragrances of knowledge and become of the assured ones. Give thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions and say:

O my Lord! Make Thy remembrance my companion, Thy countenance my goal, Thy good-pleasure my path, and Thy praise my work and hope among the worlds. And praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics.

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Honoured servant, his eminence Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi - upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - to peruse.

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

Praise be worthy and befitting of our Beloved Who, at the time of His ascension to the throne in the garden named Ridvan, spoke three blessed verses. Through one verse He removed strife, contention, murder and pillage from the world, clearly and evidently declaring that the victory of the Cause had been ordained through wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who, with supreme steadfastness, act in accordance with that which they have been commanded. The Lord of Destiny hath testified in another place: "I have come for fellowship and unity among the servants," and similar words which have been revealed from the Supreme Pen in holy books and tablets. Nevertheless, it is observed that some are unaware of and uninformed about God's firm and decisive Command. In truth, if anyone today intends to harm another soul, that harm befalls the Truth Himself. This is a statement which this evanescent servant has repeatedly heard from the Ancient Tongue. Today is the day of greatest joy, the day of speech and utterance, albeit with the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His Mighty Book. The hearts of the people of Baha must be illumined and brightened by the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. They must conduct themselves with utmost love towards all the peoples of the world. Reflect upon this blessed word which is truly the unique pearl of the sea of inner meanings. His words, exalted be His glory: "Glory is not for him who loves his country, but for him who loves the world." May a hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for this divine utterance, in every letter of which surges the ocean of bounty and flows the river of loving-kindness. Some time ago, a tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine will to His Holiness Ismullah Jamal - upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory - and this blessed passage in Persian flowed from the Supreme Pen. His words, exalted be His grandeur: "By the Truth Himself, if all manifest power - which in reality hath no station before God and never will - were to appear, and an executioner were to stand before Us with evil intent, We would certainly not oppose him and would leave him to himself." It would be a pity if illumined hearts should be deprived and withheld from their delicacy by these dark clouds. If receptive soil is found, the seed of the All-Merciful's wisdom should be deposited therein with the utmost joy and fragrance. Otherwise, verily He is independent of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the earth shineth with the light of its Lord, and wherein our Lord hath come and the angels rank upon rank. Man must act in these divine days as behooveth him. By the life of God, God hath created him for the edification of the world; he hath come for construction, not destruction. God doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. In the past, during the time of the Apostle of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - the ordinance of holy war was revealed, and in this Most Great, Most Mighty Manifestation that ordinance hath been lifted. He shall not be asked of His doings. Verily He is the Commander, the Questioner, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. May my soul be a sacrifice for His loving-

kindness, and the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His favors. Today all must look to that which God hath revealed in the Book, and arise to champion His Cause with truthful tongues, hallowed deeds and spiritual qualities, so that through the sweet-scented breezes of their pure and goodly deeds the people of the earth may attain the light of acceptance and turn unto the supreme horizon. Praise be to God Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path, and guided the people to His manifest horizon and His Most Great, Most Mighty Name. Today it is incumbent upon all to impart to the friends that which is beloved in the sight of God.

In this day, it is incumbent upon all to convey to the friends that which is well-pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God, lest through heedlessness any soul become the cause of harm to others. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Thereafter, this servant was honored to receive your letter which testified to your devotion, humility, submissiveness, steadfastness and firmness in the Cause of our Lord and your Lord - the Cause through which the foundations of the learning of the learned and the principles of the knowledge of the mystics were shaken, save those whom God, your Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth, willed. When I had read and reviewed it, I presented it, after obtaining permission, before His presence. His glory be magnified! He said: God willing, may they continually partake of the choice wine of the All-Merciful's utterance and act in accordance with that which is befitting and worthy in this day. Specifically for some of the souls mentioned, wondrous and sublime verses were revealed and sent forth, that perchance they might truly attain unto their reading and be enabled to do that which He loveth and desireth. This is the day of the most great bounty. Should all the peoples of the world show forth love, even if they be devoid and deprived of its reality, the Sacred Court hath shown and will continue to show favor, that perchance the fragrances of the verses may guide them, lead them from the realm of fancy to the kingdom of certitude, and bring them from metaphor to reality. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

And if, outwardly, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was not revealed for some, this was due to wisdom known to none save God alone. From the heaven of the divine Will there descendeth upon steadfast and firm souls that which causeth their exaltation and elevation. And if, outwardly, wisdom requireth a delay in the sending of Tablets, the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy will assuredly assist them inwardly and in their inmost hearts. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed are they whom the tales of old have not debarred from God, the Lord of all creation. Say: He is the Originator of the heavens and earth, and He is the One besides Whom no one can be known. To this did My Herald testify, yet most of the people are heedless. We have sent down these verses unto thee, and beyond them hath been revealed a glorious Tablet which, shouldst thou recite it with the tongue of reality, will attract thee to a station wherein no sorrows in all creation will grieve thee. To this doth the Lord of Religions testify from this luminous horizon.

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

O Muhammad-Taqi! We make mention of him whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and We conceal his name through a wisdom from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech

Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him to that whereby his remembrance shall endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He may make mention of God in accordance with that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst cause the ship of Thy Cause to sail upon land and sea by Thy will, whereby every world was shaken, every heedless one trembled, and every mighty foundation was made to quiver, to aid me in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned, the mystics and the literary men have slipped, save those whom Thou didst deliver through Thy bounty and favors. O Lord, I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what lies with Thee, nor to deprive me from the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy grace. Grant me then, O my God, the Kawthar of steadfastness by the hands of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Neither ranks nor swords can prevent Thee, nor can circumstances and multitudes frustrate Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the All-Wise Teacher!

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Taqi that he may rejoice in this remembrance whereby all things have proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.” The Wronged One maketh mention of the servants of God on earth and summoneth them unto God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is the seeing one who hath recognized his Lord, and the hearing one who, when he heard the Call from beyond the Sea of Grandeur, cried: “Here am I, here am I, O God of the seen and the unseen!” Say: The Wronged One speaketh not from mere desire - to this beareth witness the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below - yet most of the people understand not. This is the Day which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “The Kingdom on that Day shall be God’s,” yet most of the people perceive not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every rejected learned one. Say: This is the Day of Manifestation, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Utterance, yet ye remain silent. Arise from the slumber of passion, then turn toward the Supreme Horizon which hath been illumined by this Name through which the gate of heaven was opened and the hosts of the Spirit descended with glory upon the people of Baha who heard and responded when the Truth came, the Knower of the unseen.

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over all names!

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Zaynu’l-’Abidin, that the remembrance of the Wronged One may attract him to a station wherein he will testify to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. We give glad tidings to those who have cast away vain imaginings, turning unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. O people! Rejoice in this Manifestation which was promised in the Books of God and through which was revealed what was hidden behind the veils of the unseen. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, speaketh the truth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Great. Thus hath the Tongue spoken and the proof appeared. Blessed is the soul that hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless ones.

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

O Ahmad! We impart unto thee that which shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Be thou grateful and among the thankful ones. Beware lest the ornaments of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Names. The earthly kingdom shall perish, but that which hath been ordained by the Omnipotent, the Ancient of Days, shall endure. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cling to the hem of His mercy, and say: O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the King of Names in the kingdom of creation, to strengthen me in turning toward Thee and in directing myself to the horizon of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the suppliant at Thy gate; Thou art the Forgiving and I am the sinner hoping for the outpourings of the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty that which will purify me from all except Thee, sanctify me from all save Thee, and enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

These blessed Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and inscribed in this writing. Subsequently, it was commanded that copies thereof be recorded in other Tablets and dispatched so that each of those souls might be honored with a separate Tablet. The name of one of those souls was, as a matter of wisdom, not mentioned at the beginning of the Tablet. Your honor should consider whether it would be wise to distribute the Tablets, as some are investigators who would enter to gain information. Therefore, the utmost wisdom must be observed.

Regarding what you wrote about unity and arising to serve the Cause, may you ever be confirmed in these matters. These points were also presented before His presence. Thus did speak the Tongue of God in the Kingdom of Utterance. You must arise to serve the Cause in such wise that no trace of discord remain in that land. This word is the unique pearl of the ocean of divine commandments. Blessed is he who ariseth unto this mighty Cause. Whosoever today becometh the cause of unity and reconciliation is regarded by God as among His chosen ones and servants.

Concerning what you wrote about certain followers of Christ - may the spirit of the worlds be sacrificed for Him - after it was presented before the Most Holy Court, He said: "Today Christ is hastening and speaking in the desert of longing, yet His followers are seen to be deprived, save whom God willeth. It is very difficult for those souls to turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and to be detached from what they possess in favor of what God possesseth. Most of those souls are observed to be like the people of the Qur'an, manifesting vain imaginings, speaking of vain imaginings, and returning to vain imaginings. It is strange that certain souls have turned and continue to turn to the unseemly words of those deluded ones. By God's life! They possess nothing worthy of attention or hearing. They have not had nor do they have any word worthy of being heard."

Regarding what you wrote about Rustam-'Ali and his request for an exalted Tablet, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Sublime Station. A wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of God's Will, and for your two sisters also a mighty, most exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace. The mention of the honored leaf, the mother - upon her be the Glory of God - has been before the Most Holy Court. The utmost favor hath been shown to her. Whatever befell her in

God's path is evident before the Beloved of the worlds. Their mention hath been repeatedly revealed from the heaven of God's Will. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Speaker, the All-Seeing.

Specifically for all the names that were in your letter, and likewise for those souls who have submitted petitions, wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor. God willing, may all attain unto them and engage in teaching the Cause with pure wisdom. The favors of God, glorified and exalted be He, have reached such a degree that for all souls who have been mentioned or will be mentioned, whether living or dead, exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will. Beseech ye God that souls may be set ablaze by the heat of the Fire burning in the Divine Tree, and be seen manifesting the love of God and acting in service to His Cause.

O friends of God! This is the Day that hath been mentioned and recorded in all the Books, Scriptures, Psalms and Tablets. By the life of God! It is more glorious than all else in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds. How blessed is the state of those souls who have recognized Him and acted as befitteth Him. God willing, may all attain unto this most exalted and sublime station and receive their portion from the breezes of these days. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. And verily He is the Helper, the Ordainer, the Counsellor, the All-Wise.

A Tablet hath also been revealed specifically for A. and H. the photographer. If possible, deliver it to them, otherwise leave it in trust with their mother. On this occasion, this servant, the attendant, hath copied and sent some of these exalted Tablets from the original revelation, as the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps - was not present.

A petition from H., upon him be the Glory of God, reached the Most Holy Court, and many have requested his stay in that land. Their request hath been accepted before God. He said that if it be accomplished with joy and fragrance, it would be good. Should God will it, He will unite what is scattered. This evanescent one's request is that you convey my greetings to H. J., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, and to him who was named Ali-i-Akbar in the presence of the Greatest Scene, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power.

This evanescent one expresseth his sincerity and nothingness to all the friends. Dh., upon him be the Glory of God, and Aqa Mirza Abu-?alib, upon him be the Glory of God, and H. A., upon him be the Glory of God, and H., upon him be the Glory of God - praise be to God, they have all attained unto divine favors, and for each one a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed and sent. Convey this servant's utter effacement and nothingness to them and to other friends who have attained unto the divine Tablet, and likewise to those souls who have been or are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may they drink from the cup of unity and act as befitteth this Day.

This is the Day of mention and utterance, this is the Day of service. God willing, may all attain unto it. Today we must all fix our gaze upon that which causeth the exaltation of the Cause, turn away from what is with the people and turn towards what is with God. O friends! The gate of heaven hath ever been open and the cloud of mercy hath ever been lifted up. God willing, we must strive and arise to make up for what we have lost during the days of this Most Great Manifestation, which hath been mentioned and

recorded in all the divine Books. We must all cling with the hands of hope to the hem of His grace. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Kind, the Merciful.

Another request is that you should convey expressions of evanescence and nothingness to His Holiness Ismu'llah Javad, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise to his honor Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God. From the people of the mainland in these days a petition has reached the Most Holy Court. It is hoped that a response will be revealed and sent from the heaven of favor. God willing, all affairs have appeared and will appear according to desire. If until now all had acted according to what has flowed from the Supreme Pen, all would have observed themselves in the cradle of peace, security and supreme tranquility. The Glory be upon you and upon them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Servant. 19 Jamadi'l-Avval 1298. It is submitted that not all the revealed Tablets were sent in this instance, as wisdom did not require it, therefore nineteen mighty and impregnable Tablets were sent in these two posts, and the remainder, should God will it, will be sent in the next instance.

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

Praise be unto Him Who hath illumined the world with the lights of His Most Great Name, that He might make known unto the peoples that which draweth them nigh unto Him through His grace. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the lights, the ear that hath heard the mysteries, the face that hath turned towards Him, the heart that hath accepted Him, the tongue that hath spoken, the hand that hath grasped, and the foot that hath arisen to serve the Cause on this Day wherein every hidden thing hath been revealed, every treasured thing brought forth, every realm thrown into commotion, and every mighty foundation made to tremble. Glory and praise be upon those who have not broken the Covenant and who have traversed the horizons out of love for God, the Lord of the worlds. These are servants who have aided the Cause of God, who have spoken His praise and who have spread His firm and mighty Cause.

Thereafter, it is submitted that thy letters dated the first of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, the fifth of Muharram, and the eighth of Muharram all arrived in one envelope. As they all testified to thy humility, submissiveness, steadfastness and service in the path of God, they brought the utmost joy and gladness. God willing, mayest thou ever remain occupied with the mention and praise of the Truth and steadfast in service. After being apprised of their contents, they were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and after permission was granted, the details were submitted. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance!

O Abu'l-Hasan! Thy petitions have attained the honor of being heard. God willing, mayest thou ever remain steadfast, firm and upright. The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy acceptance, recognition, obedience and service, and this testimony sufficeth. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. O Abu'l-Hasan! The face of the world is changing. For the sake of the religion of God, hardly anything remaineth among the people. They worship the idols of vain imaginings and are heedless of the

Truth, exalted be His glory. Whosoever in this day hath attained unto recognition and steadfastness is reckoned among the people of truth and is mentioned by the Concourse on High; all others are as non-existent and as naught. Each day strange and wondrous tribulations appear, yet none taketh notice. In truth, divine wrath hath encompassed all. We beseech the True One to assist all and make them aware.

We make mention of My loved ones in that place who have clung to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Bountiful. Say: O people of Baha! Strive ye and hold fast unto that which is befitting this Day. Guide the people through deeds and conduct, and give them to drink of the water of true knowledge. In the watches of the night and throughout the day, the Supreme Pen is occupied with the mention of souls who have accepted the Faith. The comprehension of this station is hidden, for were the loved ones of God to catch its fragrance and become aware of its loftiness and sublimity, they would all assuredly arise to do that which God loveth. From this station We send Our glorification upon their faces and We bid them to that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of My handmaidens who have attained unto My sealed wine. Upon them, both men and women, be the glory of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Convey My glorification to the handmaidens of God who are related to thee, give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, and make them joyous.

Praise be to God! Through the grace of the True One, Who hath no peer or equal, thou art blessed. Thou didst mention those friends of God who, praise be to God, are illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth and are steadfast and firm in the Divine Cause. This brought boundless joy, and when it was presented before the Ancient Beauty, He was seen to smile. In truth, if at all times they hold fast to unity and harmony, assuredly the light of concord will illumine the horizons and the flame of unity will ignite the hearts. Praise be to God, the river of mercy flows from the right hand of the Throne. God willing, the trees of existence have attained and will attain their portion. This is that water of which He saith, "And from water We made all things living." A hundred thousand thanks that thy letter brought that which caused joy, gladness and delight. Some time ago, a detailed letter was written and sent to thee and also to Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be 96[Baha'u'llah], who was bearing the blessed Tablets. God willing, it hath arrived and its lights have encompassed all hearts.

As to thy mention that Ibn-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, and Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon them be the Glory of God, are engaged in serving the Cause and specifically intend to travel to various regions for teaching - when this was presented, He said: "Excellent is what they have done." May God, exalted be His glory, through His wondrous grace and bounty, make people ready to hearken unto the blessed Word, that they may hear from them and turn to the highest horizon. The Command is in His hands; He guideth whom He willeth through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding thy mention of Aqa Mirza Husayn from the people of Ta and Fa, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing, may he be assisted and enkindled. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen him to remain steadfast in what he was, and to grant him in every moment the Kawthar of His bounty that he may drink thereof and be in such wise that neither the ranks of words nor their ornamentations prevent him from God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning Haji Mirza Zaynu'l-'Abidin B. R., upon him be the Glory of God, thou didst write that he watcheth over the affairs of the friends. Excellent is what he hath done in the path of God. God willing, may he be assisted and confirmed. If thou shouldst meet him later, convey greetings to him on behalf of this evanescent one.

Regarding what thou didst write about the Huququ'llah, the firm divine ordinance hath been revealed in the Book, and this matter dependeth upon the acceptance of the souls themselves, for God, exalted be His glory, looking to His previous mercy, hath informed all of what hath been prescribed in the Book. Blessed are they that act! Demanding it is not and hath never been beloved. Every matter should be accomplished with the utmost spirit and fragrance. From whomsoever accepteth with complete contentment and payeth it, accept it; otherwise, verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all worlds. Today one must hold fast to that which causeth the exaltation, elevation and glory of the Cause. Thus hath spoken the True One, the Knower of things unseen, aforetime, and the servant heard it with his own ear. O my beloved! If people were to perceive the sweetness of the divine commandments and their fruits, surely all would act upon them with the utmost eagerness and yearning. We beseech God to assist all to do what He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Helper, the Confirmer, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you mentioned about Aqa 'Abdu'l-Karim, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, his sincerity and devotion were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. These decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of will - His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and hath manifested that which was recorded in the books of old by the Most Exalted Pen. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have mentioned those who have sought the ultimate goal and the highest summit, and We mention them as a token of Our grace. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. O 'Abdu'l-Karim! Abu'l-Hasan hath mentioned thee in his letter. We have revealed for thee this wondrous Tablet. Blessed is the face that hath turned and the heart that hath advanced toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Be steadfast in the Path, firm in the Cause, and speak in praise of thy gracious Lord. Verily, He heareth the call and answereth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Ask thou God to assist thee to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause and to aid thee to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His wise Book - the Book at whose revelation the clouds have passed away, the breezes of revelation have wafted, the Bridge hath been set up, the Balance hath been established, and the nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

God willing, may they attain unto this Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet and become fragrant with the sweet savors of its verses. Blessed is he who perceiveth the fragrance of his Lord's verses and is among the steadfast ones.

And concerning what you mentioned about Aqa 'Ali-Akbar Bey, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Glorious, and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Unity hath spoken - His word, exalted be His grandeur: God willing, may they be blessed with divine favors. They have been mentioned before and after. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the

mention of the Beloved of the worlds, and this is among God's greatest bounties. We, from this station, glorify him and give him glad tidings of mercy from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The honored Haji Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God and His favor, was mentioned in the Most Holy Presence, and what was given to them was mentioned, and praise be to God, it was accepted. Likewise regarding the mount that you have repeatedly written about, and that Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, has also mentioned - it was written to them that you have explained the details. According to the command, whatever the friends of God give as a gift to be presented to the Presence, their wishes must be carried out so that the hearts of those who have turned to God and the minds of the sincere ones may not be clouded with grief. And whatever is given as Huquq, permission is granted for it to be sold. They commanded: Write to Abu'l-Hasan - in all matters, keep your gaze fixed on that which will exalt the Cause of God. This is the counsel of the Wronged One.

Therefore the aforementioned mount should reach the Most Holy Presence, and care should be taken that it not become impaired on the journey, as has happened before. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey greetings to the honorable Bey and other friends of God. God willing, may all remain firm as mountains, ablaze like fire, and luminous like light. Verily, bounty is in His hand - He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

As for what you wrote in your second letter, numbered 4 and dated the fifth of Muharram, concerning the details of the properties in the land of Kha, the decree regarding this had already been issued through divine grace, stating that gifts should be presented to the Most Holy Court, and whatever is in the name of Huquq, the honored Afnan–upon him be all the most glorious Baha–and your honor may arrange as deemed appropriate. Praise be to God, your gaze has been and continues to be fixed upon the Supreme Horizon, and you have attained unto the word of contentment, which is the greatest of all great matters. Under all conditions, God willing, you have been and are seeking the exaltation of the Cause. Thus has spoken the Desired One, before and after. Verily, He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends of God, that in every place and dwelling they have shown and continue to show you the utmost consideration–this detail was presented at the Most Holy Court, and each of these mentioned souls has been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth, and mention of them all has flowed from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they, and theirs is a goodly return, and theirs is a goodly station, and theirs is the best in the Hereafter and in this world.

Concerning what you wrote about Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God that he has been successful in serving the Cause. Previously, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for him and his namesake, Ibn-i-Lat, whom you had mentioned. Likewise, this servant, according to his capacity and lowliness, sent him a letter. Additionally, divine, impregnable, and holy Tablets were sent specifically for some of the friends of Truth in their land. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He will assist them to preserve what has been bestowed upon them, that the conditions of creation will not render them idle, and that the coldness of the heedless souls will not cause them to become dispirited. That they appointed him as representative was acceptable, but in all cases they must observe the exaltation of the Cause. Demanding is not and has never been

permissible. If any soul turns with the utmost spirit, fragrance and contentment to pay the Huquq, it should be accepted; otherwise, verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praiseworthy.

Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an. His exalted Word states: "And among them he who wrongs his own soul, and among them he who follows a middle course, and among them he who outstrips others through good deeds." Whatever good becomes manifest, its benefit returns to the souls of those who act. Had they known, they would have hastened to good deeds. They have said: "Forsake the entire world, but forsake not even an atom of the exaltation of God's Cause." This is the divine counsel that has been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the crimson scroll. Blessed are they who act accordingly.

Ask God to assist souls to do what befits the Day of God, that they may act with perfect contentment in accordance with what they have been commanded in God's Book. And regarding your mention of those souls who have been successful in paying the Huquq, this is from God's bounty to them and His favor upon them. Mention of each of them was presented at the Most Holy Court, and bounty was manifested and evident in relation to each one.

Concerning your mention of the honored Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny; the honored Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God; the honored Mahbubi, son of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be all His most glorious glory; and the honored Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the glory and favor of God - that they are all engaged in serving the Cause - this was presented. The sun of loving-kindness has ever been and continues to be shining upon them from the heaven of grace. Their letters have also been received. God willing, this servant shall succeed in responding to them, for now occupations have increased to such a degree that free time has become like the legendary phoenix - spoken of but non-existent. May God, exalted be His glory, assist them and protect them from the burning fire of the heedless polytheists. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about the honored Aqa Shaykh Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, God willing may he be assisted in serving the Cause. Convey greetings from this servant to him and say: God willing, may you be successful in serving the Cause. Let not time slip away - this is the time for service, that is, teaching God's Cause with the wisdom which the All-Bestowing One hath revealed in the Book. God willing, may they succeed in that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Some time ago, a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him, and this servant, as commanded, made a copy from the original. Now it is being sent - deliver it to him. God willing, may they be gladdened by the fragrances of the verses and adorn the people with the ornament of life through the living waters. Convey greetings from this servant to the honored Mulla Husayn and say: Today is the day of steadfastness and the day of teaching. God willing, may they be assisted in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Concerning your mention of the Land of Alif, those related to the honored Fath-i-A'zam, upon him be all the most glorious glory, have been and continue to be remembered before the Throne, and God's favor has been and continues to be directed towards them. This servant beseeches and hopes that God will assist them in preserving their stations. And regarding your mention of the honored Aqa Mirza Faraju'llah,

this was presented before the Most Holy Court. This most mighty and exalted Tablet was revealed for him:

In the Name of the Forgiving, the Merciful

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One while imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. Verily He came for the reformation of the world, yet the people opposed and objected until there befell Him that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament. Thus did the Pen speak by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the world. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God shall be uplifted amongst His creation. He is verily the Counselor, the Trustworthy. And We remember My loved ones there who were not held back by the intimations of the divines from this Great Announcement. When a crier crieth from among the criers, leave him behind you, turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless. O people of Baha! Upon you be the glory of God and upon those who have drunk the choice sealed wine from the cups of the words of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for the honored Mulla Rida ’Ababaf in Zavarih:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious […]

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Z? and WAW! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One. He summons you to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and gives you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you from the Supreme Pen, and reminds you of that which will assist you in this Cause from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto the call of God, and the heart that hath turned to the praiseworthy station. Grieve not over the world and its hardships. By the life of God! The greatest joy hath been ordained for you, did ye but know it. The Day of Resurrection hath come, yet the people remain seated. The Day of Glory hath appeared, yet the people turn away from it.

O people of Baha! Ye were all created for goodly deeds, spiritual qualities, and the betterment of the world. God willing, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, ye shall act in accordance with that which is befitting and meet in this day. Know ye your worth and preserve your stations through the name of the peerless Beloved. This blessed day hath no likeness or equal. God willing, may ye be assisted to perform such deeds as shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Behold ye and remember when the Sacrifice proceeded to the place of offering and gave up his spirit by his own hand in the path of God, the Lord of Names. By the life of God! The Concourse on High welcomed him, and the tribes of the near ones descend upon his resting place at eventide and dawn. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those whom the affairs of names prevented not from the Creator of heaven, who cast away the world and held fast to the Most Great Name, which proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Rida! We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have witnessed thy turning and have turned unto thee from this noble station. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn unto Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in all conditions. O Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, and decree for me that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Praised be God that the souls mentioned in your letter have attained to matchless grace. God willing, may they drink from the hidden seas within the words of the Revealer of verses - such a draught that the affairs of the world shall not prevent them from the Lord of Eternity. May they ever be enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the light of knowledge. The Command is in the hands of God, the Powerful, the Almighty.

As for what you wrote concerning Haji ’Ali-Akbar, there hath been revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance, specially for him and the other friends, that which cannot be equaled by heaven and earth. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing […]

O Most Exalted Pen! Thou hast mentioned My loved ones in Za and Vav, and now mention them once again. Verily, Thy grace encompasseth all created things, and Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful. Beware lest the affairs of the world stay thee. Move like lightning, nay with greater speed, by the leave of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, O Pen! I testify that thou hast not fallen short in any matter, having been remembering in the nights and days. Thou hast been in constant motion, commemorating God and His loved ones at all times. The river of wisdom and utterance hath flowed from thee, and thy fragrance hath wafted between the heavens and the earth. Thou hast been with Me at all times and hast attained the presence in all conditions, and thou art the one who hath won My beautiful praise. Say: O My loved ones! Rejoice in My remembrance, then remember the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the land of exile through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. O ’Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee inasmuch as thou hast turned to God and held fast to His firm cord. Be steadfast in the Cause. Beware lest the clamor of the doubtful ones deter thee. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken as a token of His grace, and He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

As for your mention of Aqa Siyyid Yusuf from the land of Husayn-Abad, upon him be the Glory of God, and his son Aqa Siyyid Husayn, it was presented before the Most Holy Court, and this blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor especially for them. His word, exalted be His majesty:

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

O Yusuf! The whole world hath awaited this Day, occupied with its remembrance throughout the nights and days. This is the Day that hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as the Day of God in all divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures. Yet when the splendors of the dawn of God’s Day appeared, all became heedless and arose in opposition and objection. The party that considered itself the best of all parties and would speak of hastening the advent of the Qa’im, ultimately pronounced the verdict for His death. O Yusuf! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and wholly purify and sanctify thine ears from former

vain imaginings, that thou mayest attain to hearing the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and comprehend the cooing of the Dove of Eternity. Great is the Day and great is the Cause. Strive, while time remaineth, to attain unto that which is everlasting and eternal. Blessed art thou and thy son who is named Husayn. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and him, and We give you both glad tidings of My wondrous Tablet. The Glory be upon you both and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. We beseech for you both supreme steadfastness in this Cause, which when it appeared, every mighty pillar was shaken.

O My loved one! The verses, proofs, manifestations and signs have, by God besides Whom there is none other God, appeared in such wise that all tongues and pens are powerless to describe and express them. Now must ye supplicate with utmost humility and devotion to the Self-Sufficing Lord that He may not deprive the people, and that the crowing of the crows and the clamor of the deniers may not become a barrier. And as for the mention made of Aqa Siyyid Ra?i from Fat?-Abad, it was presented before the most mighty and exalted Court, and this blessed Tablet was revealed especially for him. God willing, may he attain his goal and not remain deprived of the Kawthar of utterance.

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Today every soul must ponder what hath been revealed and search with their own intellect and understanding, lest they be deprived of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. The Truth hath ever been and shall forever remain distinct from aught else. The opposition of the opposers and denial of the deniers hath never mattered and never shall, for in every age and cycle when the Luminary of Truth appeared, the divines, mystics and princes rose up in opposition and exerted their utmost to extinguish the divine light. Consider the advent of Christ - what the Jewish divines inflicted upon Him was greater than what any had suffered before. Likewise observe what the idolatrous priests and those learned in the Gospel wreaked upon the Seal of the Prophets. I swear by the Sun of Truth that what was visited upon Him caused the Concourse on High to raise their lamentations. In light of this, the discerning soul should not cling to people's opposition and objections, thereby depriving themselves of the Truth. O Rady, God willing thou shalt observe with thine own eyes and ponder with utmost fairness upon what hath been manifested, that perchance the hand of bounty may take hold of thee, deliver thee from the depths of doubt and fancy, and guide thee to the dawn of certitude. Verily He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. All praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And likewise thy other letter dated the eighth of Muharram arrived like a rose. In truth, as it was adorned with the mention of God and His praise, the musk-like fragrance of inner meanings wafted from it. It was a flower that reminded the lovers of the springtime days of divine knowledge. God willing, may thou ever be occupied with the mention of Truth and attain His bounty.

Regarding the mention of Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim in the land of Qaf and Mim, the beloved Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], had mentioned him. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him. God willing, may he drink cup after cup of recognition from the divine Tablet and strive to adorn the dead world with the ornament of life through the outpourings of the ocean of inner meanings. This is not difficult for God.

The mention of the honored cotton-carders, upon them be the Glory of God, has been made repeatedly. Praise be to God, they are recipients of the bounties of the All-Bountiful Lord. Their mention hath been and is before the Most Holy Court. And regarding what thou wrote about the funds that the aforementioned ones gave to the honored mother of the sanctuary, upon her be the Glory of God and His bounty, before and after - well done to them, then again well done to them. They themselves wrote the details from the land of K. If thou meetest the brothers, namely the honored cotton-carders, upon them be the Glory of God, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one.

And regarding what thou mentioned about Jasb and the loved ones of God in that land, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. These sublime utterances were revealed from the Dayspring of the bounty of the Lord of Names and Attributes. God willing, may they drink from the Kawthar of utterance and attain new life. He saith, exalted be His glory:

He is the Expositor in the Kingdom of Utterance

O loved ones of God in Jasb! Hearken unto what the Wronged One remindeth you from the direction of the Prison, and calleth you unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Beware lest the conditions of creation hold you back from the Truth. Leave what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Say […]

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names, Creator of the heavens, Who art manifest in the kingdom of creation and Who gazest from the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech Thee by the fire of the Sacred Tree, and the light of Oneness, and by the murmur of the water of life in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the rustling of the breezes of reunion in the Supreme Paradise, that Thou write down for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! Thou seest the dead hastening toward the ocean of life and the sinners turning unto Thee, O Forgiver of sins. We beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Witnessed, and by the cry of the lovers in their separation from Thee, and the lamentation of the yearning ones in their remoteness from Thee, and by the breasts that have welcomed arrows in Thy love, that Thou assist us in serving Thee and in promoting Thy Cause, and enable us to achieve this matter whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics have slipped in Thy kingdom. O Lord! We are servants who have turned toward the horizon of Thy grace. We beseech Thee not to deprive us of what lieth with Thee, then clothe us in the garments of bounty by the hands of Thy mercy. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Write down for us from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The names of the loved ones of that land which that honored one had written were individually presented before the Most Holy Court, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, together with special prayers for all, hath been revealed. God willing, they will attain unto the reading thereof. The honored Beloved, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, hath also mentioned them. Perhaps separate tablets will also be sent for each one. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Giver, the Generous. On behalf of this ephemeral one, convey greetings to each one and say that, God willing, ye should be so steadfast in the Cause that when any barker entereth that land, he shall return therefrom disappointed and in loss, like frightened asses fleeing from a lion. Today is the day

when the gems of human existence should appear in the realm through the polish of divine favor. Effort is needed. Blessed is the one who hath arisen with power to assist the Cause of his Lord with wisdom and utterance. He is indeed of the people of this noble station.

And regarding the mention that was made of Badiqan and the loved ones of the All-Merciful in that land, it was presented before the Throne, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for the honored Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, and the friends of that land. God willing, may they attain unto and drink from the Kawthar of divine utterance. His word, exalted be His majesty:

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

A Book sent down by the Wronged One from this praiseworthy station to him who was named Mahmud, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Mahmud! We heard thy call before and answered thee out of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when all people turned away from it save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did please. How many a servant awaited My days, how many a learned one searched for My station, and how many a mystic lamented My separation. Yet when I manifested Myself, they turned away from Me and denied My signs, until they pronounced judgment against Me with manifest injustice. O Mahmud! Take the Book with the strength granted by Us and grieve not because of those who cast the verses of God behind their backs, following vain imaginings and idle fancies. Arise to serve the Cause, then make mention of the Wronged One amidst myriads of those near unto God. From this glorious station, We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause. Give them the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and His mercy, and remind them of this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon them from God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Mahmud! Hearken in the Persian tongue. Strive that perchance thou mayest revive the dispirited and withered ones, and lead those who thirst in the wilderness of error to the Salsabil of guidance. Today the sun of bounty is shining and the heaven of generosity is upraised. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and attained. Woe unto the heedless ones! Under all conditions, occupy thyself with teaching the Cause in wisdom and utterance, in the name of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily, He is with His servants who teach. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O My loved one! The words of God, exalted be His glory, are bestowed and granted as a cup-bearer of the Kawthar of life. Blessed are they who drink! The person of insight beholdeth in the hand of each one a cup of living water. He taketh it and drinketh in the name of the Friend, despite every deceitful opponent.

Thou didst mention the land of K and likewise the meeting with the honored and beloved Haji Mirza Juni, upon him be the glory of God. Mention of him hath been and will continue to be made in the Most Holy Court. He is among the early souls. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to ever assist him in that which is befitting. After the arrival of thy letter, a detailed account was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for him from the Kingdom of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. His word, exalted be His glory:

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

O Letter Jim! Hearken unto what the Word of God uttereth from the Prison. He hath remembered thee before, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all possibility, and remembereth thee at this hour, and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Preserve this station through the name of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty. Behold the world and its conditions, its changes, its passing, and its extinction, and cleave unto that whereby thy remembrance shall be exalted throughout the endurance of names and thy deeds shall remain throughout ages which none save God, the Lord of all worlds, hath knowledge of. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then recite it. Verily it shall draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt hear naught save the rushing of the winds of My loving-kindness, and the flowing of the Kawthar of Mine utterance, and the cooing of the Dove of My grace, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance that thou mayest hear and be of the thankful ones. Remember My loved ones in whom thou findest the radiance of Baha, and give them glad tidings of the favors of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: By God! This is the Day of remembrance and utterance. Arise with spirit and joy to proclaim this momentous News. Say: Beware lest earthly affairs prevent you from the Lord of Heaven. Leave the people of idle fancies to their vain imaginings and take the Choice Wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name. This is what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That which ye behold today shall perish, but there shall remain for you what hath been sent down from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Informed. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the sun of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Wise.

From the fragrances of the verses of the Desired One of the world, the station of grace and favor regarding them is evident and known. It hath not needed and doth not need mention by this evanescent one. If thou shouldst meet with them again, convey greetings from this servant. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and knoweth that they have not departed and will not depart from the sight of this evanescent one, and God sufficeth as a witness. God willing, they shall, through wisdom and utterance, quicken dead hearts, that the effect of their service may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. All that is visible shall, in the passing of today or tomorrow, perish and pass away. May God, exalted be His glory, assist steadfast souls and immortalize them through the mention of the Supreme Pen in the Paradise of Books. In the days when I was in their service, one day in the prayer hall of the mosque they said to this evanescent one: “Today is not the day for flight, for the Pole of the world is still.” And in truth it was a perfect word that appeared from the horizon of their utterance, for the Truth was concealed and none was aware of Him until this servant arrived in the Abode of Peace. After some time engaged in service, the veil was lifted and the reality of the Cause became clear. And for a time, though I was in His presence, I was utterly bewildered and amazed, for I observed that all were heedless. And after passing from extinction to consciousness, I remained silent and expectant until He appeared and manifested what He willed through His power, His might, and His sovereignty. But now I say to their presence: The Day hath come and the people perceive it not. Today is the day of flight, and today is the day of remembrance and utterance. One must soar with a hundred thousand wings and speak with a hundred thousand tongues in remembrance, praise, and teaching of the Cause. Yet wisdom is necessary in all stations, lest there arise that which would disturb minds and souls.

And regarding your mention once again of Jenab-i-Nabil-i-Qabla Ha and Sin Nun and his namesake LT, upon them be 669 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise their degrees of yearning and eagerness and their arising to serve the Cause - this was presented. He said: "May they attain, God willing, to a station worthy of this Most Holy and Most Exalted Day. The outward conditions of the world shall return to nothingness in less than a moment. The person of insight has been and shall be focused on that which endures. Blessed are they both and blessed is he who has turned to the horizon of God, the Lord of the worlds." This evanescent servant beseeches God to cause them to attain to that which leads to the exaltation and elevation of their station.

And regarding what you wrote about the family of the departed and ascended Aqa Muhammad Ja'far, upon them be 669 [Baha'u'llah] - severance of relations is not permitted, but if they proceed with the knowledge of Jenab-i-Haji Mirza Juni, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah], there is no harm. This much I submit: mention of them has been and continues to be made at the Divine Threshold, and they are recipients of divine favors. What station is greater than this? By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, whosoever today attains to but one word from God, it suffices him, and that word shall be with him in all the worlds. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Every heart that has turned to Him is mentioned before God, and every tongue that has voiced His praise has had its reward recorded by the Supreme Pen. Not an atom's weight of the deeds of those who act shall be lost. Verily, He does not suffer the reward of the righteous to perish. Give those honored ladies the glad tidings of divine favors, that they may occupy themselves with the praise of the Beloved of the worlds with their whole heart and tongue. How many souls who outwardly seem distant have had stations of nearness recorded for them by the Supreme Pen, and how many who are near are not mentioned among those who are nigh. This evanescent servant asks and hopes that God, exalted be His glory, will assist all to do what is beneficial and enable them to achieve that which leads to eternal life. Verily, He is the Protector of whoever loves Him, the Helper of whoever aids Him, the Hearer of whoever speaks His praise, and the Witness of whatever is done in His path. He is our Protector in this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And regarding what you wrote about the Leaf who is the daughter of the paternal aunt and her sister, upon them both be Baha'u'llah - they have always been confirmed and in truth from the beginning of the Cause until now have been occupied with the mention of God and service to God. This evanescent servant asks and hopes that God will assist them and all the Leaves, upon them be Baha'u'llah, to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He answers the prayers of those who ask. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And regarding the passage you mentioned specifically for the days of Ridvan - God willing, it shall be acted upon. This matter was presented and was graced with permission. Blessed are they both. And regarding your renewed mention of the loved ones of the land of A and R, and likewise their gatherings and being set ablaze with the fire of divine love - all was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance - His word, magnificent is His sovereignty:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious […]

O friends of God in Alif and Ra! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you with that which is better than all that hath been created on earth. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Ye have attained unto the recognition of God, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Source of His inspiration, and have drunk the choice wine sealed with His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O friends! Praise be to God that ye have been favored with His grace in days when hearts were trembling and foundations were shaken. Through the bounty of the Lord of Names, ye turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and were adorned with the most glorious and resplendent ornament which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are ye and your dwellings wherein the mention of God hath been raised and over which the breezes of His grace, the Mighty, the Wondrous, have wafted.

Know ye the value of this exalted station and hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness, for the evil ones have been and are lying in wait. This is the Day in which the Divine Lote-Tree calleth aloud and guideth all to the most exalted Paradise. The ear is for this Day, for the call of God, exalted be His glory, is raised high and loud. And it is the Day of vision, for the lights of the Sun of Truth are manifest and brilliant from the horizon of Revelation.

O friends! Strive ye and call to mind the trials and tribulations which God Himself and His chosen ones have borne for your salvation. Many were the nights when the soul found no rest in the body and the eye knew no sleep. O friends! Ye have heard the taunts of the enemies in the path of God and have borne countless hardships and difficulties for His sake. Yet such stations have been inscribed for you by the Most Exalted Pen that all existence is as nothingness when compared with their mention. Today ye must preserve your stations through the Name of God, for there are many thieves who are utterly heedless of and veiled from the Truth. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

And likewise, especially for Mirza R.F. and M.H., upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], wondrous and sublime Tablets have previously been revealed and sent. The relatives of His Holiness Fath-i-A'zam, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, have been and will continue to be mentioned. Blessed are they who recognize their station and act according to that which God loveth. It is hoped that these souls will all arise to teach the Cause. He will surely assist them as He assisted them before, and He is the Helper, the Mighty. If ye meet them, convey on behalf of this evanescent servant greetings and devotion to them and to all the friends in that land. Happy are they who have drunk the wine of recognition from the cups of the utterance of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

And concerning what you wrote about Ardakan, your honor should return once more to that land and give glad tidings of His grace and favor to the friends of God, and convey greetings from the True One to the steadfast, firm and resolute souls. As commanded, if you meet his honor Ra and Jim, upon them be the Glory of God, convey greetings and say: Ever remind the people of this blessed word which shines like the sun from the horizon of the divine Tablet: "Return to the Sacred Texts, O people of insight!" Today all must see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. The ears of the world and the eyes of the nations will not suffice them. They must stand firm in the Cause through the power of Truth. Today is the

day of utterance - awaken the heedless people and guide them to the Most Exalted Horizon. Your mention has been and is before the Wronged One. God willing, may you be assisted to do what is befitting. Take hold of the reins of the people of that land lest they become heedless and slip from the path. The Supreme Pen has informed all of the appearance of deceivers and barkers, and whatever has been revealed from the Supreme Pen has come to pass and will come to pass. Say: Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed before. He has informed you of what has appeared and will appear. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth in a mighty Book. Say: Look not to creation and what lies therein, but look to the Truth and His manifestation and sovereignty. He suffices you, and He is the Powerful, the Guardian, the Mighty, the Wise. Whatever reaches those parts, your honor should take note. Say: The world and all within it have no permanence. Strive that you may attain to the station which God, exalted be His glory, has ordained for His loved ones. The earth and all upon it shall perish, but that which has been sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds, shall endure. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained to what God, the Mighty, the Great, has desired.

If you meet them, convey this servant's greetings and say that God willing, they should arise with complete dedication. Be not grieved by what has befallen your honor. Verily He does not allow the reward of the workers and doers of good to be lost. All matters are evident and manifest. God willing, may the sleeping ones arise at your mention and arise to serve the Cause, that is, succeed in teaching. This is the most important of all matters. Verily He assists whom He wishes by His command, and He is the Generous, the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Deliver one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet revealed in the form of a prayer specifically for Haji Malik Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may they drink the Kawthar of steadfastness from the divine chalices of utterance and attain to what God loves. This ephemeral one also sends greetings to them. As commanded, some should recite the prayer. Verily He will assist them and draw them near to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Regarding the letters sent from the land of Kha that were mentioned again - whatever their owners have sent as gifts and intended to be sent to the Most Holy Court, send them; and whatever they send as Huquq, there is no objection to selling it.

And regarding the place of blessing, whatever his honor Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, deems advisable is beloved. And this is a word that was heard before from the blessed tongue.

O Abu'l-Hasan! The Wronged One declares with the utmost joy and fragrance that if thou shouldst travel to certain lands, there is and hath been no harm in it. Under all conditions, keep thine eyes fixed upon the glory of the Cause and place thy trust in Him. When the soul becometh refined, that in itself is effective. Today thou must remind all the friends of God of pleasing conduct, goodly words and praiseworthy deeds, for the triumph of God's Cause hath been and shall ever be through such means. Time and again thy call hath been honored to reach Our ears, and thy reply hath flowed without cease from the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful and numbered among those who praise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Master ’Ali-Akbar-i-Banna, upon him be the Glory of God (669), sent a letter to this servant some time ago, and likewise to Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God (669). Both were presented at the Most Holy Court. Blessed is he in that he hath been mentioned before the Throne and there hath been revealed for him that which beareth witness to God’s grace, bounty, mercy and favors. God willing, henceforth a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet shall be revealed and sent specifically for him. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him. May God grant that he be aided in all conditions to remember and praise the Best-Beloved of the worlds. The most important of all matters today hath been and is the teaching of God’s Cause. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most holy and most exalted station. His mention hath been and is before this evanescent one. It is hoped that something may be written to serve him as well. The Command is in God’s hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon him and upon every servant who hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancy through the name of his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and hath witnessed what God, the Lord of the worlds, hath witnessed. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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O Muhammad-i-Qabil-i-Baqir of Naraq!

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who is unique in His might and peerless in His grandeur, Who uttered the Word amongst all created things whereupon the mountains were moved, the heaven of the vain imaginings of the people of error was cleft asunder, the earth of idle fancies was made to sink, and the sun of certitude shone forth on the appointed day. Exalted is He Who hath appeared and caused to appear, Who hath spoken and caused to speak. He is indeed the One through Whom the gate of the Divine Presence was opened and the ocean of reunion surged in the kingdom of creation. Say: He is indeed the One established upon the Most Great Throne, Who judgeth with pure truth and calleth mankind unto God. Blessed is he who is attracted by the call of the Lord, who turneth unto Him, detached from all else, who taketh the choice wine of immortality from the hands of the people of Baha and drinketh it in the name of God, the Creator of heaven. The Concourse on High, even the dwellers of the cities of names, circle round him. And shame upon him who casteth the Lord behind his back, who followeth the vain imaginings of men, and turneth away from the Supreme Horizon. He is of those from whom the denizens of the fire dissociate themselves - they who denied the All-Merciful when the horizon of utterance was illumined with the sun of the remembrance of God, the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Great.

Praise be to God Who hath made known unto him who turned unto Him that which lay concealed within the pavilion of His protection, and aided him to turn towards this Horizon wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. By God! The appointed time hath passed, and the Promised One hath appeared with a sovereignty that neither the veils of glory nor the ranks of men who have clung to their desires and denied God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, can withstand.

Thereafter, thy letter reached this evanescent servant. I took it, opened it, and found therein the fragrance of thy sincerity towards God, thy turning unto His horizon, and thy standing firm in the service of His Cause, His remembrance and His praise. When I perceived its fragrance and recognized its contents, I repaired to the Most Exalted Goal and attained the presence of the throne of our Lord, the Lord of Names, and presented what was therein before His Face. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the Pen to swoon. How can this evanescent one be capable of mentioning that which was uttered by the Tongue of Eternity? By the life of God! The pens of creation are powerless to recount or enumerate it, and the tongues of the world fall short of its description and praise. Blessed are ye for having attained unto the remembrance of the Beloved, by which hearts and minds have taken flight. We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to provide you with the wondrous, fresh, heavenly food which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who hath made His friends steadfast in His Cause, from whom the fragrance of divine love is wafting and flowing. Blessed are ye for having attained on this Day of God that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. We hope that at all times ye will drink from the living waters and bestow them upon the dead in the valley of bewilderment and heedlessness, that perchance through its drops they may attain unto a wondrous and glorious life and arise to make good what they have missed. This is a Day wherein all atoms proclaim the praise of the Lord of Names and Attributes. The Truth, exalted be His praise and glorified be His station, hath testified that this Day hath no peer or likeness. In such wise, the station of those souls who have recognized it and attained unto it is evident and manifest, requiring no mention. Yet we beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, that the heedless souls who have been seized by slumber may become aware through the call of His loved ones and not remain deprived of the heavenly waters in this spiritual morn. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is indeed the Single, the One, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

As to what ye wrote concerning the divine philosophers and true sages who have, praise be to God, through His infinite favors turned towards the Dayspring of divine revelation and have drunk from the choice wine of the irfan of the Beloved of the worlds - all these matters were presented in detail at the Most Holy Court. The Sun of favor hath dawned upon each one, and some time ago their petitions were also forwarded through Hadba by His Honour Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and were presented before His presence. A specific response was revealed from the heaven of divine will for each one and was dispatched. On behalf of this lowly one, convey to each of them greetings, salutations and congratulations, and say: Blessed are ye for having attained unto that which was recorded in God's scrolls and concealed in the treasury of His all-encompassing knowledge. All the appointed times, promises and signs that were in the former books have been made manifest.

In one of the Divine Tablets revealed to the new believers of Kha, these exalted words are recorded - exalted be His glory: The divine promises recorded in the Holy Books have all been fulfilled. The Law of God has flowed from Zion and the Call of God has been raised from Jerusalem. Its lands and mountains have been adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Lord. Blessed is he who ponders on that which hath been revealed in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O friends of God! Reflect and with attentive ears hearken unto the Word of God, that through His grace and mercy ye may drink from the pure water of steadfastness and be firm and immovable as mountains in the Cause of God. Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty, and this Day is mighty, mighty. In the Book of Isaiah it is stated: "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty." Should one reflect upon this verse alone, he would become aware of the greatness of the Cause and the majesty of this Day of God. And at the end of the aforementioned verse it states: "And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."

This is the Day in which the throne of David hath been adorned by the Promised Countenance, and this is the Day the mention of which hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in all the Books. There is not a single verse but proclaimeth this Name, nor a Book but testifieth to this most evident Remembrance. Were We to mention that which hath been revealed in the Books and Scriptures concerning this Revelation, this Tablet would assume enormous proportions.

Today all must be confident in the divine favors and strive with the utmost wisdom to teach the Cause, that all may be illumined by the lights of the dawn of inner meanings.

I beseech and implore God to preserve them in His protection and care, and enable them to hearken unto His Call, for in truth whosoever attaineth unto hearing the Call of God will never stray from the path of His Cause, and will regard all cries and clamors, voices and shouts, screams and braying as mere nothingness. That most of the followers of religions have not yet attained this most great bounty is due to their not having truly understood their own Book.

The purpose of all divine Books is the recognition of the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Dawning-Place of His Cause. This is that most mighty matter at the mention of which most souls have been thunderstruck and bewildered. All the laws and ordinances recorded in the Books revolve around the recognition of God, for if one attaineth not unto the recognition of God, all his deeds have been and will be as scattered dust.

In the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah it is recorded: "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with[…]"

And I cannot bear your sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies, and your festivals are mere corruption. Your new moons and your feasts my soul hateth; they are a burden unto me; I am weary to bear them.

If one reflects upon these quoted passages and verses that have been written from the Book of Isaiah, and detaches from the means, focusing on the Maker of Means, and then accepts whatever appears from Him as the means and holds fast to it… Those souls who have conveyed the news of the advancing sages and those who have drunk from the Kawthar of knowledge to the souls dwelling in Jerusalem would do well to observe these passages, that they may know with certainty that God doeth whatsoever He willeth. One day He commands sacrifice, and another day He removes that decree. He shall not be asked of His doings, and He is the All-Knowing Questioner. Observe how much these passages conflict with what is in

the possession of this people. In any case, today is the day when all these matters have been lifted away, and the new Law of God has flowed forth from the Finger of Divine Providence. He is the true Zion, and in Zion and Jerusalem this call has been raised, and God's mountain has become the seat of the Throne. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, the heart that hath recognized, the sense that hath perceived, and the eye that hath seen in these days of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Were this servant to wish to present to the friends the allusions and references in previous Books, he would need to spend much time writing, but time is lacking, for verily the servant is engaged in a momentous task, as he writeth down that which descendeth from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Knowing Revealer. Say: O masters! Today is that Day when all things have been transformed - brother hath shunned brother, father hath dissociated from son, and likewise son from father. How many friends whose bonds of fellowship were severed because of the Word of God, and how many distant ones who drew near, and how many near ones who became distant! How many thirsty ones remained bewildered in the deserts of error and perished, and how many of them made their way to the Most Great Ocean, attained unto it and drank therefrom! This is the Day wherein kinship is not observed. The souls who have accepted are both fathers and sons, for they walk on one path, drink from one wine, gaze toward one horizon, and dwell in one house. Their relationship is made firm through the Name of God. Blessed are they and those who love them. This is the Day when the earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth, and people are seen fallen upon the ground. They speak but have no awareness; they walk but are deprived of spirit; they have ears but are forbidden to hear; they are gathered blind, appear deaf, and are observed to be dumb. Say: This is the Day when all trees are in rapture and ecstasy, and the nightingales in melody and joy. No fresh eye remains to observe the fresh world. The eyes have grown old and lost their power, for the ophthalmia of desire hath made them sick. Otherwise, they would observe the mountains, deserts, sands, rocks, hills, plains, stars, and heavens all in rapture, longing and ecstasy. In one of the Persian utterances which hath been revealed by the Divine Pen specifically for someone, this blessed word appears: "O sons of knowledge! The eyelid, with all its delicacy, veils the eye from seeing the world […]"

Consider and observe: In one of the Persian utterances which flowed from the Divine Pen specifically for an individual, these blessed words appear: "O sons of knowledge! The lid of the physical eye, delicate as it is, can deprive it from beholding the world and all that is therein. Consider then what would happen if the veil of greed were to descend upon the eye of the heart!"

Say to those wise ones who have turned to God - upon them be the Glory of God - on behalf of this servant, that ye are those souls of whom Isaiah the Prophet gave tidings in the sixty-fifth chapter. For ye have drunk from the Living Waters while your companions remained deprived, and ye have attained the eternal bounty while your fellow believers were forbidden. Thus it is that in the Book of Isaiah He says: "Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed; behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit."

Observe how He even foretold that oaths would change in that Day, as He says: "He who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."

Ponder deeply on these passages. In Iraq, some said, “These people have even changed their oaths, swearing by the truth of Truth - such an oath has never been heard before.” Thus did their souls beguile them in their matter, and they are a people in denial. They were heedless that whatsoever was recorded in the Books must needs be made manifest. By thy life, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! They are deaf, they are blind, they know not, they hear not, they perceive not, they understand not, and they see not. Woe unto them and unto those who follow their vain desires! I testify that they are the losers.

Most of the people of the world cling to their own desires, imagining themselves to be turning toward the truth. If the Hand of Divine Power should rend asunder one veil, they would take up other veils for themselves, whereby they remain deprived of the Lord of Names and the Creator of Heaven. All souls have been promised the Day of God and have been given the promise of the manifestation of Truth, as mentioned countless times in the Qur’an, the Bayan, and the heavenly Books. This is the foundation of the Book and its essence. Nevertheless, none has understood this station. Rather, they have objected to the Dawning Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Inspiration, saying that He has claimed Divinity. Yet if the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken otherwise, they should have objected, for this is the Day of God - naught can be mentioned or shall be mentioned save the Truth and Its manifestations. Fie upon them for following their desires and denying God, our Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

The followers of the Qur’an, both high and low, learned and ignorant, did for twelve hundred years repeat vain and false utterances and speak words devoid of meaning. Thus from the beginning of Islam until the present time, they continually spoke of the Qa’im as dwelling in Jabulqa with his sons and wives, and that whosoever should say He would be born is a liar and calumniator, nay, an infidel. Then did God, exalted be His glory, His majesty and His power, rend asunder the veil, and all beheld and heard that He appeared from Persia and was born of a mother. Now ponder how all these divines, scholars, philosophers, men of letters and mystics were heedless of the truth, wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies - fancies which became the cause of the martyrdom of the Point of the Bayan, may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him. And now certain souls who have no knowledge whatsoever and yet count themselves among the people of the Bayan are occupied with false claims of succession and spurious assertions of vicegerency, perchance to prevent the weak from recognizing the truth and to nourish them with vain and profitless imaginings. Consider now how heedless they are and how far they have strayed from the straight path. We hope that the people of Baha will attain to such a station that they will regard all these sayings and utterances as utter nothingness and absolute void, and will hold fast to the firm cord of “thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank” and cling to the hem of the blessed words “the Kingdom on that day shall be God’s”. These are they who are accounted among the people of Baha, concerning whom He saith that they dwell in the Crimson Ark. By the Sun of the horizon of the Bayan! Such vain imaginings have appeared from the direction of the false ones that man is struck with wonderment.

In brief, they who today have turned away from the Truth among the people of the Bayan are observed to be a hundred thousand degrees lower than the people of the Qur’an, and are uttering the same words which were uttered throughout twelve hundred years by this false band. All must ponder on what hath been mentioned. The wine of steadfastness is today more precious and more beloved than all else. It

must be offered with the utmost wisdom that the friends may drink thereof and not stumble at the utterances of the polytheists. I beseech God to preserve all through His power and to raise His loved ones to the most exalted station, that they may behold none save Him, hear naught but His voice, and turn to none but Him. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Answerer, the All-Knowing.

The Primal Point, may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him, hath spoken thus concerning the Beauty of the Ancient of Days, that He, from eternity unto eternity, declareth "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me; O My creation, worship ye Me!" Now observe this blessed word and consider the vain imaginings of the people, even to where He saith: Let not the mention of Prophet or Successor or aught else veil you, nor deprive you from the Dawning-Place of the divine Manifestation, for He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. All have been created for His revelation. He hath spoken of this matter in such wise that the pen is powerless to describe it. He, verily, beareth witness unto His own Self by His own Self. He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to aid all to stand firm in His Cause and to be detached from all else besides Him. Verily, He is the Protector of them that are nigh unto Him, the sincere ones and the obedient.

They who were mentioned in your book - for each one separately from the heaven of the Divine Will have blessed verses been revealed. God willing, may all attain unto them and cling to the hem of His grace. Likewise, for those souls who had written petitions, for each one separately was revealed and sent a wondrous and exalted Tablet. Praise be to God that mention of all hath been made in the Most Great Scene and they have attained unto and been honored by the lights of His countenance. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy, the loving-kindness of God and His bounty. His words, blessed and exalted be He:

O Mahmud! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Loving, from this renowned Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Divine Robe throughout the world. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Giving, the Merciful. He maketh mention of His loved ones in the Most Great Prison and calleth them unto a station revealed in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We make mention of everyone who hath desired My presence, soared in the atmosphere of My nearness, and spoken in praise of My Beautiful Name. Say: By God! The Fountain of Life hath appeared and been circulated by the fingers of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Draw ye nigh through His Most Great Name and partake thereof in remembrance of His All-Wise Name. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken while in the midst of the heedless ones.

O Ahmad! The Lamp hath appeared when the world was wrapped in manifest darkness. Among the people are those who have seen, turned towards it and attained unto the light of the Cause. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. And among them are those who have shunned it, turned away and sought to extinguish it. Thereupon the hand of thy Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, prevented them. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh and turned towards Him when every heedless and remote one turned away. Say: O people! By God! The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Luminary. Leave behind what ye possess and turn with enlightened hearts unto the Most

Exalted Horizon, the station wherefrom hath been raised the call of God, the Lord of Names. He is indeed the All-Speaking, the All-Wise. Say: This is the Path of God amongst you. Draw ye nigh and be not of those who turn aside. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold you back from the Lord of all creation. Thus doth the Prisoner make mention of you in this manifest stronghold.

O Ancient Beauty! Turn from this Most Pure Station and Most Great Scene towards him who was named Muhammad-i-Baqir and give him the glad tidings of the verses of his Lord through which the ocean of bounty hath surged and the fragrance of the Beloved hath wafted among the servants. By My life! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the key of My Most Glorious Name, and the horizon of divine knowledge hath been illumined by the Sun of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place your trust in God. Verily, He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whomsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. He calleth betwixt earth and heaven and summoneth all unto a station which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His Tablets. Thus hath the Tongue of Antiquity spoken amongst the peoples. He is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen while the Promised One was imprisoned in the most remote of lands.

O My Pen! From this forbidden place turn towards him who hath been named Nasrullah (Aqa Siyyid Nasrullah), that he may arise to serve his Lord in all things and celebrate the praise of his Lord at eventide and at dawn. O Nasrullah! Be true to thy name, that there may appear from thee that which will cause thy mention to endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all men. Reflect upon God's grace and bounty, that He remembereth thee from this spot which hath been designated the Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Give thanks that thy name hath been honored from this spot wherein the Beloved calleth aloud with the most exalted call and guideth all to the most exalted station. Thus hath the Divine Lote-Tree spoken, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, when it was saddened by that which the hands of the servants had wrought.

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto God and heard His most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared, yet the people are lost in doubts and idle fancies. Beseech God to rend asunder the veils of the world and draw them nigh unto the station which in the Qur'an hath been named the Praised Station. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the Day of God and acted according to that which God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, hath commanded.

O Javad (Aqa Siyyid Javad)! We make mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and remember Him amongst His servants, that they may recognize that which hath appeared in creation and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the verses of his Lord and be of the thankful. Hearken unto the call of God which hath been raised from the blessed white spot: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." The world hath been honored by the advent of the Lord of Eternity, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: Open your eyes! By God, the Most Exalted Horizon hath been illumined and the Lord of Names hath appeared with mighty sovereignty. We counsel thee and My loved ones to manifest great steadfastness, for Satan calleth and inviteth the

people to the very foundation of hell. Be steadfast in the Cause of God through His might and power. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin you from the presence of the Ancient Commander.

A book from Us unto him who hath heard the Call and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. O Hasan (Hasan Aqa)! Mention hath been made of thee before the Throne, and there have been sent down for thee these verses whereby all things have been attracted and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the twigs of the Ultimate Tree. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest be of them that remember. By God! The tongue hath been created for My remembrance, hearts for My knowledge, and eyes to behold the lights of My manifestations which have encompassed the worlds. This is the Day of God wherein every atom proclaimeth: The Worshipped One hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. Hold fast unto the cord of God and leave those who have denied the verses of God when they were sent down in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Counsellor, the All-Informed. This is a Tablet through which the Kingdom of Utterance hath shone forth, and wherein We make mention of him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of mankind, that the attraction of his Lord's verses may seize him and render him steadfast in this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and feet have slipped.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir (Aqa Mirza Muhammad)! Thou art in thy place while the Best-Beloved of the world remembereth thee from His Most Great Prison. Know thou this and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. By God! We, at all times, summon the servants unto the Most Merciful. Among them are those who have heard and responded, and those who have witnessed yet denied and followed every doubtful objector. Say: Have vain imaginings prevented you from the Lord of all days, or idle fancies from My Hidden Name? Remember, then be fair, and follow not every ignorant infidel. By God! He hath appeared with the truth, and circling round Him are the Concourse on High and those who were created from the light of their Lord, the Subduer of the winds. Thus have We made thee to hear and have answered thee through Our grace, for We are the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O thou servant who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Read thou unto each one of My loved ones that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Remind all of God's favors and bounties, and give them the glad-tidings of this grace which hath no equal in all creation. God willing, thou shouldst, with the utmost joy and fragrance, recite the verses sent down from the heaven of the will of the Most Merciful unto each of the mentioned loved ones, that all may witness the Sun of bounty and engage in praise and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the world.

And furthermore, in the letter of the noble Haji Kamalu'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, Dr. Hezekiel Haim had posed two questions. First, he mentioned that in previous Books the sacrifice of God was Isaac, while in the Qur'an this station was revealed in the name of Ishmael, meaning that the station of being God's sacrifice is recorded in the Qur'an in his name. What he asks is the truth without doubt, but all souls must fix their gaze upon the Word that has dawned from the horizon of divine utterance, and every soul must ponder its sovereignty, its penetrating influence, its power and its all-encompassing nature. There is no doubt that these matters have been realized and established through the Word of God, and the Word of God is the overseer of all things. It is the creator of the world and the educator of the world. It is that which summons those who thirst in the valley of separation to the ocean of reunion, and it is that which illumines the darkness of ignorance with the dawn of

knowledge. Consider how all people who lived in the past affirmed that Isaac was the sacrifice, and likewise the followers of the Qur'an have affirmed this station for Ishmael, even though it is clear and evident to every person of insight and understanding that, outwardly, no sacrifice actually took place, and by universal agreement, it was an animal that was sacrificed. Now ponder what is the cause and reason that one who went to the altar of the Friend and was not sacrificed was honored with the mantle of being God's sacrifice and attained the ornament of divine acceptance. There is no doubt that it was through the Word of God that he attained this station and was honored with this most great bestowal. Therefore, the appearance, manifestation, establishment and realization of all names, things and stations depend upon and are contingent on the Word of God. Likewise, there is no doubt that the Unknowable Essence does not speak directly, for It has been and ever will be sanctified above known conditions and mentioned signs. Rather, It speaks through the tongue of Its Manifestations, just as the Torah was revealed through the tongue of Moses, and God, exalted be His glory, mentioned all the laws of that time through the tongue of Him Who conversed with God. The same is true of other Holy Books which outwardly appeared from the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers, while in all cases the Speaker and Utterer was God - exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, mighty be His power, and great be His station. From what has been mentioned, it is established and proven that the station of being God's sacrifice was bestowed upon Isaac according to what is in previous Books through the word of Abraham, peace be upon him, and that same word appeared and became manifest in the Qur'anic Dispensation from the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Dayspring of divine revelation regarding Ishmael.

Man must reflect upon the Self of Truth. After attaining certitude, whatsoever He ordains is beloved and acceptable, and none may say why or wherefore. This is a matter whose mysteries may not be divulged at this time, for all people are deprived of its foundation - that is to say, they have not truly comprehended the divine purpose in the revealed Books, but have contented themselves with whatever they have deduced from or heard from their divines. Should anyone transgress even slightly from these theological limitations, they pronounce him an infidel. This fact is evident to you and to all fair-minded souls. One cannot yet say to the followers of the Qur'an that the promised Qa'im has appeared contrary to their vain imaginings, for if this were said, they would arise in utter opposition, as indeed they have done. The Beloved declares: By My life! If God wished to honor those on earth with that glorious station and beloved name, He would be able to do so through a single word from His presence. He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. The conditions of creation cannot prevent Him, nor can the utterances of every heedless and remote soul. Fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and illumine your hearts with the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel you, when most of the servants have turned away from Him and every iniquitous doubter hath opposed Him.

Furthermore, for the Prophets - they who have been the Dawning-Places of divine revelation and the Daysprings of divine inspiration - there are stations which names cannot access. They are all seen as one soul, for they speak but one word and stand firm upon one cause. Blessed is he who immerseth himself in this vast ocean whose shores none hath reached, how much less its depths. This is the station of the Sun of unity and the Ocean of oneness. Should a soul ascend and soar in this holy, sublime atmosphere, he would testify to all that the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Books, and would cling to it with complete

certitude and assurance. This station hath been revealed in detail by the Supreme Pen in some of the Books revealed in this Most Great Manifestation. Blessed are they that are informed thereof and they that comprehend.

The second question concerns the blessed verse of the Qurqan which states, exalted be His station and His sovereignty: “And remember when Jesus, son of Mary, said: ‘O Children of Israel! Lo! I am the messenger of Allah unto you, confirming that which was (revealed) before me in the Torah, and bringing good tidings of a messenger who cometh after me, whose name is Ahmad.’ Yet when he came unto them with clear proofs, they said: ‘This is mere magic.’”

Their question concerns the fact that this passage was not and is not in the Gospel, yet the Messenger of God, peace be upon Him, mentioned it in the Qurqan. Yes, this is true and we acknowledge it, but He did not say it was revealed in the Gospel. We testify that He said Jesus son of Mary spoke what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qurqan. Assuredly, whatsoever He spoke and was revealed in the Qurqan from the All-Merciful was and ever shall be the pure truth, for none but God has knowledge of hidden sciences and comprehension of what has occurred and shall occur in creation. God, exalted be His station, reveals and teaches to His chosen ones and His Prophets whatsoever He willeth. He is verily the All-Wise Teacher.

This blessed revealed verse is among those matters that God, exalted be His station, informed His Messenger about. That it is not in the Gospel does not prove that Christ did not speak the content of the mentioned verse, for the four Gospels were written after Him. John, Luke, Mark and Matthew - these four wrote after Christ such utterances of His as they remembered, so that His followers might occupy themselves with reading and reflecting upon them. Many of His utterances had been erased from their memory, and many statements He made none of these souls had heard. None knows what Christ spoke save He Who sent Him, taught Him and strengthened Him. None but God, exalted be His knowledge, has ever had or shall have knowledge of all the affairs of the world. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, the Omniscient, the Almighty. All atoms testify that His knowledge has preceded all things and encompasses all, for He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Supreme Pen declares that God, exalted be His glory, in every Dispensation has confirmed His previously revealed Books. Thus did the Messenger of God, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, confirm the Torah and the Gospel. Likewise in this Dispensation the Qurqan and other holy books have been confirmed. However, the Torah that God has accepted comprises the very words that flowed from the tongue of Moses from God. This matter has now been briefly mentioned. Should God, exalted be His glory, will it, it shall flow in detail from the Supreme Pen hereafter.

This servant, the attendant, hopes that the friends of God who have drunk from the wine of inner meanings and who dwell in that land will arise in perfect unity to love God and mention and praise Him. Unity is the mightiest pillar today - it is the cause of the exaltation, spread and elevation of God’s Cause. Blessed are they who have held fast to the cord of unity and followed what they were commanded by God, the Lord of creation.

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

How glorious is the victory of God! He hath raised His Banner - verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth - to the most exalted station in all the world. Its abasement is the source of all glory, and its defeat the sovereign of all triumphs. They have indeed suffered loss who denied God's power and sovereignty, who broke His Covenant, who disbelieved in His signs, who strove to extinguish His light, and who rejected that which He brought forth in His days. Exalted is the King, the Single, the True, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, and exalted is His sovereignty that overshadoweth all that was and will be.

He brought the world into being through His Word, and caused the rivers of meaning and utterance to flow therein. Through His blessed Name He opened the gate of the Kingdom and summoned all on earth unto it. How many souls were veiled from beholding the effulgences of the lights of unity as a consequence of their deeds, and how many turned away from all else save God and attained unto the shelter of His grace. He is the One with power Who with the finger of His will rent asunder the thick veils and tore away the august coverings. The hosts of the world are powerless to prevent Him, and the ranks of nations deserve no mention. He exalteth whomsoever He willeth. He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, Who doeth what He willeth by His sovereignty. Verily He is the One Whom all desire, in both beginning and end.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose light the horizons of meaning and utterance were illumined, and through Whose Name the heaven of knowledge was adorned with the stars of remembrance and exposition. I beseech Thee by Thy power, Thy might, Thy sovereignty, Thy glory, Thy grandeur, and Thy dominion to ordain for Thy loved ones, from the Pen of Thy bounty, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and give them to drink from the cup of bestowal through Thy Name and Thy grace. O my Lord! Thou seest them gazing toward Thy horizon and clinging to the cord of Thy generosity. Thou beholdest, O my God, their eyes expectant of the wondrous tokens of Thy mercy, and their hands raised toward the heaven of Thy bounty. O Lord! Disappoint them not of that which befitteth Thy generosity and favors, and withhold them not from the effulgences of the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath traversed the lands to exalt Thy Word and Thy remembrance, and who hath borne hardships in Thy days. I beseech Thee to aid him in all conditions through the manifestations of Thy strength and power, and the dayspring of Thy might and authority. Verily Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O Beloved of my heart! The successive letters, like unto rain, have watered and refreshed the gardens of existence. Praise be to God Who enabled you to send them and enabled Me to read the remembrances contained therein. After perusal they were brought to the Most Great Throne and presented before the face of the Lord of all beings. In each instance there descended from the heaven of the grace of the Lord of Oneness that which the peoples of the world are powerless and incapable of mentioning, until in this instance, after their presentation in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, these sublime words shone forth from the Dayspring of Will. His blessed and exalted Word:

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

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Numerous letters from you have arrived and all attained the honor of being heard in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise and gratitude be unto Him for having enabled you to turn unto Him, to acknowledge and recognize Him, to direct yourself towards Him, to hearken unto Him, and to stand firm in a Cause at which the lions of the world trembled, save those whom God, thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise, wished otherwise.

The destroyers of the worlds of meaning and utterance are those souls whom neither the might of princes nor the doubts and suspicions of the divines could debar from the Lord of Names or deprive of the ocean of the Ever-Flowing Grace. Allah is Most Great! Such souls have no peer or likeness. All divine Books, both of the past and present, bear witness to the loftiness and sublimity of the station of these assured souls. Blessed is the one adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and attained unto the robe of faithfulness.

Convey My greetings to the party of God. Say: Be not content to occupy yourselves with vain and profitless matters like the former people. Throughout ages and centuries they were worshippers of idols and pursuers of vain imaginings, yet deemed themselves the most exalted and excellent of all creatures. Night and day they would beseech God, glorified be His majesty, with utmost supplication and entreaty for the appearance of the Lord of all beings. Yet when the gate of reunion was opened and the hidden mystery dawned forth from the horizon of the unseen, and the ocean of utterance surged, both the learned and the ignorant arose in opposition. Glory be to God! They attained not unto a single drop from the ocean of divine revelation and insight. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with understanding!

Now again the people of the Bayan are engaged in the same vain imaginings. At times they speak of alteration, at times of successor, at times of mirror and beyond. Say: O ye ignorant ones! For one thousand two hundred years and more ye were occupied with these causes - bring forth the fruit thereof that it may become manifest to all the worlds. Yea, its fruit was that ye engaged in reviling the Sovereign of existence and ultimately pronounced death sentence upon His most pure blood. Would that the world had never been created and such a grievous wrong had never appeared! The Jews seek refuge in God from the oppression of that party, and likewise do other peoples. Say: This is the Day of true unity. The Sun of Manifestation is shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace, manifest and evident. The mention of aught else besides God was not and is not permitted. Those who cling to names have newly devised fresh remembrances for the dawning-place of vain imaginings. They have indeed lost who denied the signs and evidences of God, and rejected His proof and testimony. They are assuredly among the transgressors in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to all the kindred and those of the House of Justice, and give them glad tidings of God’s favors. The Mother of the near ones has ascended and has attained unto that which none among the handmaidens of the earth have attained, save whom God willeth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement.

Ever have you been and continue to be remembered in the presence of the Exalted, the Self-Sufficient. The rain pours down, the waters flow, grace is manifest, light radiates, the ocean surges, fragrance wafts, and the Sun of true unity shines forth–yet the people remain heedless and veiled. The King of being Who from the earliest days until now has arisen before the faces of the world and, with no veil or barrier, summoned all peoples to the highest horizon–from Him have the people of the Bayan turned away, clinging to new delusions a hundredfold more corrupt than the ancient delusions of the Shi'ih sect. In truth, men are bewildered, the possessors of insight are bewildered, nay all things are bewildered. That exalted Truth Whose verses have encompassed the world and Whose manifestations are evident and clear as the sun at high noon have they forsaken, clinging instead to souls who were and are unworthy of mention. Glory be to God! What heedlessness has seized the world! By the life of our Lord, the people are in grievous heedlessness and great intoxication.

Concerning what was written about Mirza Muhammad-Baqir Khan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]: his petition was presented before the countenance of the Lord of the worlds on the sixth day of the blessed month of Rama?an, four and a half hours after sunrise, and was honored to be heard, and this most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting. He calleth with the most exalted call between earth and heaven and giveth glad tidings unto all of the manifestation of God, His sovereignty, His glory, His power, and His verses which have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. Hear thou the call of the Wronged One, then bear witness to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. I created all things for the knowledge of My Self, yet when the appointed time came and the Promised One appeared, they disbelieved in God, the Lord of all being. Say: The Law is that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and the Way is this straight and extended Path. The Truth is He Who speaketh at the midmost heart of the world before the faces of all nations. By God! The heavens have been cleft asunder, the earth hath been split, the mountains have been scattered, and all who lie in the graves have been raised up. This is a Revelation at which the limbs of all names have trembled, while tranquil were the hearts of those who recognized that which was uttered from His praiseworthy station. Say: The Law is the Law of God, did ye but know, and the Way is this Path which hath appeared with truth, did ye but recognize it. Say: O concourse of earth! Beware lest the veils of the divines shut you out from the Lord of all names, or the might of those who have disbelieved strike fear into you regarding the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day whereof Muhammad, the Messenger of God, gave glad tidings, and for which the One Who conversed with God [Moses] was chosen aforetime, did ye but perceive it. The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before the Face. We have answered thee with verses that nothing in existence can equal, neither that which is possessed by kings nor subjects. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Face and won the verses of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Take it with a strength from Us and a power from Our presence and say:

My God, my God! Should Thy decree prevent me from standing before Thy gate, and Thy predestination hold me back from turning toward Thy horizon, do Thou write down for me, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the contingencies of creation cannot frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces and illumined breasts toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These are, verily, the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet.

Praise be to God that ye have attained unto that which its fragrance shall endure through the perpetuity of God's exalted attributes. Well is it with him and fair his pleasure. This servant conveys his greetings and expresses that which conduces to the exaltation of the Word of God. From the True One, exalted be His glory, this servant beseeches and hopes that He may aid you in that which befits His days.

As to your mention of Aqa Muhammad and Aqa Haydar-'Ali from the people of Ya, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise your request for their remembrance in the Most Holy Court - praise be to God this hope was fulfilled and mention of them was made in the presence of the Lord of the Manifestation. His blessed and exalted Word is:

O people of God! Some time ago, wondrous and glorious Tablets were specifically revealed for the friends of that land and were sent through one of the Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, they will attain unto them and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful. O people of God! All that hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen is manifest and evident. The barking ones have assailed from all sides and, like wolves, have set upon the sheep of God. Would that one among that people would ask what became of the recompense of the previous community, namely the Shi'ihs, for what they said and did, and what was their reward on the Day of Reckoning. By the life of God! They clung to vain imaginings while counting themselves people of certitude; they were worshippers of names while deeming themselves monotheists. Fie upon them and upon what their hands have wrought! The fruit of the deeds of those spurious, rejected, heedless and false souls was denial of the Truth, as is clear and evident. Say: Verily He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts conceal.

With perfect unity and harmony, drink ye of the Kawthar of divine knowledge, despite those who denied God's proof and evidence, and who uttered that for which they were cursed in this world and the next. Verily He is the Truth, there is none other God but Him, and He is the Wise Commander, the Manifest Ordainer. Recently they have clung to the cord of perversion and the like. It is incumbent and obligatory upon all the people of God to protect the weak souls from the barking of the baying ones and the doubts of the transgressors. By the life of God! The people of Baha behold all else but God as a handful of dust. They are seated upon the thrones of steadfastness and recline upon the cushions of light. Blessed are they that know.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy chosen ones enkindled with the fire of Thy love, turning unto Thy horizon, and clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds and the Worshipped One of the nations, for having made clear unto them the path, revealed unto

them the proof, and manifested unto them that which draweth them nigh unto the ocean of Thy presence and the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Great Signs, by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, by the seas of meaning that were concealed within Thy verses and words, and by the Ship that moveth at times through the air, at times upon the land, and at other times upon the sea of Thy will and purpose, to aid Thy chosen ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that they see naught except Thee save as the darkness upon a dead ant. O my Lord! Draw them nigh unto the station wherein was raised the pavilion of Thy glory, pitched the tents of Thy Cause, and hoisted the banners of Thy victory. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Before every word of Truth - exalted be His glory, abundant be His favors, and mighty be His utterance - the books of the world bow down in humility. A hundred thousand regrets that deluded and treacherous souls are seen deprived of the Dawning Place of the Hidden Mystery. Say: Today is the springtime of bounty and today the heaven of grace is uplifted. Strive that perchance you may attain unto a mention or be honored with a service. Great is the Day, great is the Cause, and great is the bounty. Blessed are they who know, blessed are they who attain, and woe unto the heedless.

Concerning what you wrote about the barking ones - if anyone attains unto the vision of even less than a needle's eye, they will see all these as non-existent and lost. The abundance of bounties has caused the heedlessness of the servants. By the life of our Lord! That which has been revealed is sovereign over all names and their kingdoms, attributes and their dominions, the Bayan and its loftiness, and the Furqan and its radiance. Now they sleep. Soon they will awaken at the gathering of divine verses and bear witness to their own evil deeds. O people! Fear God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Subduer. This is that Manifestation at the mention of whose name the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - uttered "I am the first of them that worship."

From the ocean of divine generosity and the heaven of His bounty, We beseech and hope that He may aid all to return, that perchance the servants may not be deprived of the fragrances of the days of the Lord of creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Previously in thy beloved letters were petitions from certain handmaidens. The answer to each has been sent down from the heaven of divine grace. God willing, they will attain unto them and drink from the ocean of mercy. Every name that was present before the Face attained unto the verses of God. What has happened that the world remains deprived of the ocean of knowledge, the euphrates of mercy, and the tree of wisdom? To what do they cling? By the life of our Lord! Their path, their proof, their worship and their orientation have sprung from idle fancies and vain imaginings. Evil is the deed of the doubters. The Command is in God's hand, the Lord of all worlds.

This is what was revealed for the leaf Diya'u'l-Hajiyyih, upon her be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty be His proof:

In My Name, the One Who dominates all names

O Leaf! God willing, thou shalt hold fast unto the Tree with such firmness that the diverse winds of the world shall not move thee nor prevent thee from the Tree. Today the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen

and the rustling of the Lote-Tree are raised. Blessed are the leaves that have attained unto hearing them and are moved by the winds of God's will, exalted be His glory. Today the emperors enter churches in the name of the Lord of creation, yet remain veiled from the Commander, the Creator, and the Goal. Likewise the queens of the world turn in nights and days toward the Ancient King and mention the Most Great Name, yet when the horizon of the heaven of manifestation was illumined with the lights of His countenance, all were seen to be heedless and remote, though in nights and days they were speaking His mention and hoping for His presence.

Now that leaf must, with outer and inner tongue, be engaged in praise and glorification of the Beloved of the world, for He has aided and guided. We beseech God to strengthen thee to preserve what He has bestowed. O Leaf! Know thou the worth and station of the utterance of the All-Merciful. If thou hast attained unto God's tablet and found its fragrance, say:

My God, my God! Thou art He Who strengthened me, made me know, taught me, and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of might, to aid me and Thy handmaidens in Thy remembrance and praise and in arising to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

My God, my God! Thou seest one of Thy leaves who hath turned toward the Tree of Thy Cause and hath set her face toward Thine all-highest horizon - the Spot wherefrom the Luminary of Thy Revelation hath shone forth, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the mysteries of Thy Book, the suns of the horizons of Thy heaven, and the waves of the ocean of Thy Will, to aid me as Thou didst aid Thy handmaidens and leaves who turned unto Thee, believed in Thee and Thy signs, and acknowledged that which Thy Tongue did utter ere the creation of Thy earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! I perceive the fragrance of Thy Manifestation, yet know not upon which spot Thy throne is established. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation and the showers from the clouds of the heaven of Thy mercy to open before the face of Thy handmaiden the door of Thy bounty and grace with the key of Thy Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of the princes who violated Thy Covenant and Testament and arose to extinguish Thy light and quench the fire of Thy Tree did tremble. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations, for having caused me to hear Thy call, to behold Thy signs, to be guided to Thy path, and to be given to drink of the Kawthar of Thy love. I beseech Thee to assist me to preserve that which Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy bounty and generosity, O Most Merciful of the merciful, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

In My Name Which Dawneth from the Horizon of the Heaven of Utterance!

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Thy mention hath ever been present before the Wronged One. That which is everlasting and enduring hath been sent down for thee. Be not grieved by the happenings of the world. Hold fast unto the cord of patience and cling to the hem of resignation. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity and hast drunk from the ocean of the All-Merciful's

recognition. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist His handmaidens to preserve the pearls of His love, for verily the treacherous ones, the thieves, and the barking dogs lie in wait. By the life of God! They are in manifest error. From the earliest days until now the Self of God hath been in the hands of His enemies - at times imprisoned, at times in chains, and at times wandering from land to land as a captive. Yet in all conditions the scratching of the Pen was heard and the Call was raised. The heedlessness of the world did not prevent the Ancient Beauty from His purpose. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every just one testifieth. O My handmaiden! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Say: We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant success unto all and supreme steadfastness. Ye must occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, in complete sanctity and detachment, through goodly deeds and praiseworthy and pleasing character. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His handmaidens. The glory which shineth resplendent from the horizon of this Most Great Name be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned unto God and believed in Him, the Lord of all worlds.

In My Name through Which the Spheres of Utterance Have Revolved throughout Creation! […]

O My handmaiden, My leaf! Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One, and the servant present read it, attaining the honor of being heard by the Goal of all the worlds. Thou hast previously been blessed with the holy writings of the Supreme Pen. This station is most glorious - hold it dear. Say: O leaves, deprive not yourselves of the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. This is the day of grace and bounty. We beseech God to adorn His handmaidens with the ornament of the Most Great Chastity and illumine them with the light of His knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Perceiving. We convey Our greetings to the handmaidens of that land and counsel them with that which befitteth the Days of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto hearing and hath acted upon the counsels of the Supreme Pen. All that is witnessed shall perish and become as nothing, save that which is related to God, exalted be His glory. One word from Him is better than the wealth of the world and the inheritance of nations. Well is it with the soul that hath attained unto it. The glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned unto God, believed, hearkened and responded to her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And this is what was revealed for the Leaf Badi'ih, upon her be the Glory of God. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

In the Name of the Compassionate, the Merciful

The spiritual sustenance hath been sent down from the heaven of divine favor in such wise as to astound all, and perchance due to its great bounty it remaineth concealed. Would that the people of the world might become ready and worthy to witness that which is hidden. The divine favor hath reached such a degree that every name mentioned before His presence hath been blessed with a Tablet and honored with verses. Today the ocean of grace is manifest before all faces, and the Name 'the Concealer' standeth before all faces, concealing that which is unseemly and mentioning that which causeth awakening and enkindlement. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book. We convey greetings to all the handmaidens and give them glad tidings of the splendors of the Sun of Divine Providence. Blessed are the souls that are accepted, steadfast and upright. O handmaidens of God! This is the day of remembrance,

praise and deeds of purity. Strive that there may appear from you that which may cause the turning of the heedless and the awakening of the sleeping ones. The Glory from Us be upon My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed, the One.

Praise and thanksgiving be unto God that He hath caused the waves of the ocean of utterance to appear and become manifest in the form of the Luminous Proof from the horizon of the crimson ark. Glory be to God! The ocean surgeth, the sun shineth, the light is radiant and resplendent; yet the heedless ones, the infidels, and the babblers remain in evident doubt. All things mock them, but they perceive it not. Man is astonished at what the deniers of the Cause have understood and comprehended. Have they not witnessed the outpourings of divine meanings, or have they not heard the cooings of the eternal Dove? From whom is life, and from whom is death?

In one of the Tablets, this most exalted Word hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen - blessed and exalted be His words: "Verily We have sounded the Trumpet, and it is My Most Exalted Pen, whereby We have quickened all who are in earth and heaven" unto the end of His utterance. May the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdoms of command and creation be a sacrifice unto Him.

May the True One, exalted be His glory, protect His loved ones. That beloved one should arise with the utmost endeavor to preserve the weak souls, lest they be afflicted with the like of former vain imaginings. At one time He said: "Say: O people of God! Ye should be so steadfast in the Cause of God that ye should regard all else as non-existent and lost. Should clamor be raised from all directions, consider it as the buzzing of a fly, nay less, did ye but know. The fragrances of verses are diffused throughout the world, and the Hand of Power is manifest with the banner 'Verily, I am the All-Powerful.' Say: O babblers! Roll up the carpet of idle fancies - the carpet of God is spread, and the Lord of Eternity is seated thereon. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers."

By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose! The flame of divine verses and the lights of heavenly utterance have encompassed the world, yet those who are veiled remain in evident veils.

Concerning the mention that was made of the martyrs - upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God - and the detailed accounts of events in that land, these passages were requested by the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps. Should the authentic account, free from falsehood and conjecture, become available, let it be sent. It is most beloved, for the purpose of the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto Him - is that all that hath outwardly transpired in this Cause be recorded, that it may become the means of knowledge and awareness for the peoples of the world.

And concerning the mention thou didst make of Darreh-Gaz and their turning to the Most Exalted Horizon and their sanctification from all else save God, these passages were honored to be heard in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. His blessed and exalted words are […]

O Son of My Name! O thou who traversest the lands for My remembrance! Treacherous ones, thieves, clamorous ones and atheists have appeared throughout all regions. This is the news which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the earliest days. Verily He informed all of what hath appeared and what shall appear. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh at this moment that I, verily, am God, the Lord of all

the worlds. We make mention of Our loved ones in Darajiz, those whom We have remembered, and We give them glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy. We remind them of what hath been revealed by My Pen in My Scriptures and Tablets, and We inform them of what hath been ordained for them as a command from Me, and I am the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. O people of God! Ponder upon the matter of this Wronged One. From the earliest days until now He hath been afflicted in the hands of enemies. Not for a moment did He seek comfort or protection for Himself. Before the faces of princes, divines and doctors of law did He raise the Call, and summoned all to the most sublime horizon. When the light shone forth and the Cause became somewhat manifest, the opposers emerged from behind the veil with the swords of hatred, seeking to destroy the Desired One of all worlds. By the life of God! They are deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge, forbidden from the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings, heedless of the root of the Cause and unaware. They play with their idle fancies and perceive not, and they say what the ancients never said, and they purpose what those of later times never purposed. Some of the ignorant ones have arranged objections and made them snares for the people of God. What have they understood of "He doeth what He willeth" and what have they comprehended of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth"? Every possessor of insight and fairness beareth witness to the greatness of the Cause and its exaltation, and likewise to its sanctity and detachment. We were not behind any veil. Before all faces were We manifest and evident; the Word was manifest and the deed apparent. We beseech God that He deprive not His servants of the light of the Day-Star of justice and fairness, and that He aid them to return. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Blessed are they who have drunk from the cup of steadfastness. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Eternal Truth for confirmation and success on behalf of the friends, and conveyeth to each one mention, greeting and glory. In all conditions, God willing, the victory hath been and shall be with that spiritual Beloved.

Regarding what you wrote about the barking ones, the transgressors, the slanderers and the oppressors - that party is not and never has been worthy of mention. Praise be to God, most of the friends attained the Desired Land and dwelt in its vicinity for extended periods, finding repose beneath the pavilions of grandeur. They saw, heard and became aware. He said: "O Son of My Name! This Cause is the Most Great Announcement. Surely it must be seen as greater and mightier than the sayings and calumnies of the polytheists of the past." Each day one or two souls or a group would arrive in the Most Holy Land - all saw, heard and became aware. However, during this period one person was with those people on the island. Surely the details of this have reached or will reach the ears of that beloved one. Despite being in the land of England, they did not allow a single person to reside there or engage in any occupation lest they discover what they possess. In any case, the mention and deeds of this land are evident - more manifest than the sun and more elevated than the heaven. Blessed are they that behold, blessed are they that hear, and blessed are the fair-minded. The divine utterance hath been revealed to such a degree that the Mother Book and the Mother of Utterance are astounded. We beseech God to grant fairness and not deprive His servants of the light of justice. The duty is to protect the servants. And regarding the hardships you wrote about - they are true, without doubt. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes

that God will transform them into ease and comfort. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Omnipotent over what He willeth.

Regarding what you wrote about it being more than two years since you wrote and this evanescent one has not been enabled to reply - indeed it is exactly as you have written. However, the heart of that beloved one bears witness that this negligence had two causes: First, the assurance that, praise be to God, that beloved heart has attained and witnessed the waves of the Most Great Sea and heard the Call of God, and the verses have reached every city in a manner that transcends the description and comprehension of the people of the world. The second cause was the multitude of occupations. He has ever said and continues to say that attention must be given to the new, fresh and wondrous saplings, and they must be watered lest they be afflicted with the disease of withering from the poisonous winds of the calumnies of the opposers. That beloved one, praise be to God, is occupied with service and stands firm in rendering assistance. The servant asks his Lord to open before your face the gates of His grace and mercy. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Hearing, the Responding One.

And regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Sadiq from among the sons of Khalil, mentioning that they intended to pay the Huquq but were subsequently not enabled to do so - these matters were raised before His presence and attained the honor of being heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The payment of the Rights of God is obligatory upon all and its ordinance hath been revealed and established by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. However, demanding and insisting upon it is never permitted. If anyone is enabled to pay it and delivers it with joy and radiance, it is accepted; otherwise, no. By way of reminder, it should be mentioned once generally in gatherings, and that is sufficient. The assured, steadfast and insightful souls will themselves take action and act upon what hath been commanded unto them by God. The benefit of this matter returns to those souls themselves. Verily God is independent of all worlds. Let not the people of God be saddened. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for them that which the reckoners are powerless to reckon.

As to what that beloved one wrote concerning non-acceptance, after it was presented They uttered words of truth, for the Cause of God has been and continues to be exalted through wealth and independence. “It behooveth My loved ones to hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God and His sovereignty may be exalted.”

In truth, it is exactly as that beloved one has written. This evanescent servant beseecheth the everlasting Truth to assist the loved ones - namely those who are the Hands of the Cause, who are adorned with the ornament of teaching, and who are engaged in service to the Cause - to achieve that which will exalt His Word. In these days mention was made of this matter. It is hoped that the door of grace will be opened and the hand of bounty will bestow that which will cause the elevation and ascendancy of His loved ones.

His honor Aqa Muhammad Ardikani, upon him be 9 6 6 [Baha’u’llah], sent a letter to this servant specifically requesting that this servant make pilgrimage on his behalf. At three hours past nightfall on Monday the fifth of the blessed month of Ramadan, intending to visit the Most Exalted Shrine and Supreme Heights, that which was intended was accomplished. After completion, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words, exalted be His glory and mighty His utterance:

“O servant in attendance! Praise be to God, thou hast attained and thy deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Give glad tidings unto him who desired to attain the presence of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He may say:

‘My God, my God! I have perceived the fragrance of Thy Revelation and have turned to the Mount of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and knowledge, by the verses of Thy Book and their mysteries, and by the hearts of Thy loved ones, their radiance and their light, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds and draw me nigh unto Thee. Thou knowest, O my God and my Lord, that I know not what profiteth or harmeth me. Verily Thou seest and knowest and hearest, and Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.’”

Praise be to God, they have attained that which is the goal of those near unto God and the desire of the sincere ones. This evanescent one beseecheth the Truth to assist them and confirm them in such wise that they may hold fast unto the Truth alone and be detached from all else. This is the station of true unity that hath been manifested in this Revelation. A hundred thousand blessings upon those who yearn and act.

In previous letters from that beloved of the heart, certain names were mentioned. Each hath been blessed with divine verses and illumined by the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful. By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose! After mention of the names, the ocean of divine utterance surged in such wise that tongues and pens are powerless to describe it. As commanded, convey greetings to all and give them glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for them from the Most Exalted Pen. It is hoped that the horizons of those regions will be illumined with the light of unity and concord, and all will act as befitteth. Repeatedly hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken this exalted word: “O people of God! Let not the time slip away from you. Know ye its value. By the life of God! All the centuries and ages cannot equal a single moment of these days. This is that which God hath testified when He was established upon His Most Great Throne with His mighty sovereignty.”

It is hoped that all will attain unto the word of contentment and will speak in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. Peace and praise and glory and splendor be upon you and upon those with you and upon those whom neither the assault of the oppressors nor of the pharaohs who have adorned their heads with white and green turbans and have turned people away from the path of God, the Lord of the worlds, could deter.

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O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my heart! The breezes of love wafting from the gardens of your recognition have gladdened me, and the manifestations of affection flowing from the pen of your will in remembrance and praise of God and in love of God and His Cause have stirred me. It is as though your honor has sent with the morning breeze the fragrance of all the gardens. God knows that through it my body was revived, my breast was dilated, and my spirit was gladdened. Therefore, I praised God, the Beloved of the world and the Goal of the nations, for having aided you to serve His Cause,

manifest His bounty, and exalt His Word. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which befits His generosity, munificence and grace. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Almighty.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom the horizon of the world was illumined and that which was hidden in the hearts of the nations was revealed! I beseech Thee by the Name through which every face was turned, every tongue spoke, every heedless one attained, every hidden thing was revealed, and every treasured thing emerged, to assist Thy servants and creation to turn unto Thee. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones and loved ones have arisen to aid Thy Cause, have entered every land in Thy name, have associated with Thy loved ones in spirit and fragrance, and have shown them the path of Thy good-pleasure and what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy servants' hearts with the lights of their faces, then grant them the sweetness of Thy verses in Thy days. O Lord! This is the Day wherewith Thou didst give glad tidings to all in Thy Tablets, which Thou didst associate with Thyself and make the King of Days through Thy command and power. Yet when it appeared, the servants who disputed Thy verses, denied Thy proof, disbelieved in Thy Self, and cast behind them Thy Book - which, when sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose, all books, scrolls and scriptures submitted to it - turned away from it.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all possibilities and the might that hath overcome all created things, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon the people of Thy realm that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, give them to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bestowal, and acquaint them with what hath been sent down in Thy Book and inscribed by the Pen of Thy decree. O Lord! They are the poor and Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous; they are the weak and Thou art the Strong, the Powerful. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the Supreme Pen was set in motion and the tongue of knowledge spoke in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for him who hath arisen to mention Thee and serve Thee every good thing Thou hast decreed in Thy Book. Thou seest him, O my God, speaking Thy Name, crying out in Thy Cause, turning unto Thy face, and directing himself toward Thy horizon. Aid him through Thy bounty and favor in that which will attract the hearts of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I send blessings and salutations and glorification upon the stars in the heaven of Thy knowledge and the Hands of Thy Cause who circled round Thy will, who spoke not except by Thy leave and who clung to none save Thy robe. These are servants whose service, aid, steadfastness, mention and praise have been attested by Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. Through them were hoisted the banners of Thy unity in Thy cities and domains, and the standards of Thy sanctity in Thy realm. These are they who preceded Thee not in speech regarding any matter. Their ears were attentive to hearken unto Thy commandments and their eyes were expectant for the lights of Thy countenance. These are honored servants. These are successful servants. These are steadfast servants. Upon them pray the denizens of the Kingdom and the Realm, the people of Paradise and of Supreme Dominion, and beyond them the Tongue of Thy Grandeur. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having aided me to make mention of them and to praise them, and for that which they have achieved in Thy Cause and in Thy days. There is no God but Thee, the All-Numbering, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

And furthermore, this evanescent one submits that after becoming informed of what was recorded in the august letter, he turned toward the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and presented all of it in the divine presence. This is what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered as He was walking in His Most Glorious, Most Holy and Most Luminous vista. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "We verily glorify from this station thee who hast been gazing toward My horizon, who hast been standing in service to My Cause, and who hast been speaking in praise of Me. We make mention of thine arrival and of that which thou didst attain from the ocean of attainment, and of thy departure after permission, and of thy turning toward various regions for the Cause of God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. Blessed is the deed that hath won the ornament of acceptance, and the tongue that hath won the praise of God, and the man who hath hastened to the cities and regions to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

This is a Day that cannot be equaled by even an hour of former centuries. This Most Holy, Most Exalted Day hath ever been and shall ever be special, and in the divine Books is attributed unto Him. Every deed that appeareth purely for the sake of God therein is recorded as the lord of deeds before God. Blessed is the soul that ariseth for God's sake and speaketh for His Face.

O thou who dwellest in the Crimson Ark! Thou shouldst, with the aid of God, glorified be His majesty, be occupied at all times with the service of the Cause of the All-Merciful, that perchance thou mayest enable souls that are far removed to attain the Kawthar of nearness, and quicken lifeless bodies through the outpourings of the ocean of utterance. People have ever been, and continue to be, in need of educators and reminders. Though the people of the Bayan have witnessed with their outward eyes and heard with their outward ears the veils behind which the deluded ones were concealed and to which they clung, yet now these same souls are observed to be even more veiled and further astray. The Water of Life must be offered with the utmost wisdom and utterance, that haply they may become aware and bear witness to the greatness of this Cause. That Essence of being for Whose manifestation they waited throughout ages, cycles and epochs, and Whose presence they beseeched God, exalted be His glory, by night and day - when the Dawn of the divine Day appeared, all were found to be veiled and turned away, save whom thy Lord willed. Would that they had been content with that! Their rancor and hatred reached such a point that they pronounced the death sentence against Him. By the Sun of the horizon of the Cause! The veiled ones among the people of the Bayan are seen to be more wretched, more rebellious and more astray than those souls. Therefore must thou and the assured, convinced and contented souls arise for the sake of God to preserve the weak ones, that perchance they may be protected from the fire of self and passion and turn towards the pavilion of glory and the canopy of grace.

O thou who hast turned thy face towards My countenance and set thy course towards Mine horizon! Hearken unto My call. It maketh mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world or the riches of the nations, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of thee time and again from this most exalted Station, when the Servant was standing before the face of his Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily thy Lord hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The Tongue hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance in such wise that the Mother Book hath circled round it, yet most of the people understand not. The lights of Beauty have shone forth from the horizon of grandeur, yet they see not. The Most Great Book moveth before their faces, yet they perceive not. They have followed their

own desires and cast behind their backs that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all being. They have denied the favor and turned away from Him Who came unto them with that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath heard My sweetest call and blessed is the one who hath beheld My praiseworthy station. Joy unto him who, though far, hath sought the ocean of My nearness through My leave, and unto the seeker who hath held fast to the cord of My good-pleasure, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Convey, on behalf of the Wronged One, My greetings unto My servants who have quaffed My sealed wine, and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness and My favor which have encompassed both the seen and the unseen. Say: By God! This is the Day of Resurrection. Blessed is he who hath arisen to assist the Cause of his Lord with wisdom and utterance amongst all created things. He is assuredly of the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet. This is a Day wherein the Spirit calleth out from one direction and Moses from another, while the Beloved standeth before the face of the Beloved One. Say: O peoples of the earth! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most exalted station. Fear God and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Say: Behold the Most Sublime Horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Lord of Names. Beware lest the doubts of the wayward hold you back or the intimations of the heedless frighten you. Leave the world behind you, placing your trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the Supreme Pen moved and the Kingdom of Names been stirred by the breezes of Revelation as they wafted forth by the command of God, the Almighty, the Most Beloved.

O beloved of my heart! In truth, if one were to reflect even briefly, in every word of God's utterances one would behold an ocean of bounty. The veiled, heedless, and corrupt natures perceive not the song of the nightingale and turn not to the rose-garden of divine knowledge. He who has given his heart to croaking knows not the value of the choice wine, and he who has drunk from and grown accustomed to the brackish, bitter pool will not turn to the water of life - he has been and will forever be deprived thereof, unless the hand of grace should seize him and through the blessing of the breath of pure and assured souls he find his way to God's straight path. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores the True One, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors, to burn away and obliterate the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings of the heedless ones through the heat of the sun of certitude, that all may attain to the ocean of oneness and gather beneath the shade of the all-embracing Word. A hundred thousand regrets, a hundred thousand regrets that these days are passing and none has recognized their worth and station save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Numbering, has willed. God willing, through your efforts and those of perfect souls, the heedless may drink from the ocean of awareness and the ones who have turned away may become illumined by the lights of the sun of acceptance. Every difficult matter that servants find most challenging has been and will be easy and simple before Him. The servant asks his Lord to open, by the hand of power, a door before the faces of the servants that they may enter therein through His leave, His name, His remembrance and His grace. Glory be upon you and upon those with you who follow the Cause of your Lord Who has appeared in truth with a sovereignty that has conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As for the question concerning the harmony and fellowship of Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory and might of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the All-Merciful, uttered in response: This matter is acceptable and beloved. The

station of love, fellowship, agreement and unity, after recognition of God and steadfastness in His Cause, takes precedence over most good deeds. This is what God has testified to in the Books and Tablets. This is what the Desired One has acknowledged morning and evening. God willing, may they act in accordance with what has been revealed in the Most Holy Book - that is, with the consent of both parties and your consent. For you are now considered in the place of a father. Would that this servant were present in that gathering and could mention that which gladdens hearts from the words of the Beloved, and could share in the joy and delight with those assembled. O beloved of my heart! Your letter was presented twice at the Most Holy Court. Indeed, supreme contentment was observed from the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court regarding the degrees of your sincerity and devotion, and your arising to serve the Cause of God and spread His signs. Blessed art thou for having attained unto His grace and good-pleasure. And His utterances concluded with these mighty and blessed words, exalted be His utterance: God willing, may all that he possesses of limbs and members, certitude and assurance, acceptance and spirit, existence and breaths be spent in the path of divine service. We are with him and his helper.[...]

Regarding what you mentioned about the Land of Kha and those regions, and their acceptance, steadfastness, assurance and devotion - these matters were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. His Word, exalted be His grandeur: "This is of God's grace unto them. O thou who speakest My praise! All must be thankful to the Truth, the Most High, for having enabled them to attain this most exalted station. By the life of God! This is such an exaltation that all exaltation boweth down before it. We acknowledge their acceptance, their devotion, their mention, their utterance, their love, their affection and their steadfastness. We desire to behold them rise to heights beyond their present station. God willing, may they manifest such steadfastness that should all the peoples of the world - that is, the learned, the wise and the mystics, together with the books of the first and the last - attempt to prevent them from partaking of the Salsabil of the All-Merciful and the choice-sealed wine, they would find themselves powerless and would regard them all as a mere handful of dust."

Praise be to God! You and Asad - upon him be My glory and My mercy - have exerted your utmost in service and teaching. The fruits thereof will assuredly become manifest. The seed of knowledge, when sown in pure soil, will certainly sprout and flourish verdantly in the world. Henceforth also, they must in all conditions occupy themselves with this Most Great, Most Great Cause and this Most Great, Most Great Station. From this station We send Our greetings to the faces of the people of Kha who have forsaken the world and turned to the Most Great Name, whereby the horizons of the hearts of those near unto God and the sincere ones were illumined. We give them glad tidings and make mention of them on this Day, one hour of which cannot be equated with ages and centuries. The Supreme Pen hath previously testified on their behalf in such wise that the fragrance of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath been diffused. Ask God at all times to grant them success and to confirm them in teaching this irrevocable Cause. That which would gladden hearts and souls hath been revealed for them aforetime and in these days.

God willing, may they be illumined at all times by the lights of the morn of God's Day, arise to serve His Cause, speak in His Name, drink in His love, and be engaged in His remembrance. Praise be to God! They have attained unto that which most of the divines, mystics and rulers are today deprived of. Thus hath

the Tongue of Utterance spoken in the Kingdom of Knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what you wrote about your intention to consult about proceeding, if agreeable, with the beloved Mr. Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God and His Light, to the land of Kha - this matter was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His word, exalted be His grandeur, states: "Previously it was revealed from the Supreme Pen that they should proceed to the regions of the land of Ta. However, at present whatever becomes manifest from the consultation you have intended is acceptable. In all conditions, you must hold fast to that which causes the promotion of God's Cause and the exaltation of His Word. Those souls who are today occupied with ornaments and are proud of outward glory, even if they should turn, their acceptance would be limited. But after holding fast to teaching and the manifestation of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word, thou shalt see them turning, accepting, submissive and humble before the remembrance of God and His Cause. Thus hath it been in all ages. This is why it was previously mentioned that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. Glory and wealth are two great obstacles for heedless souls. But ere long they shall be seen as more perishing than Abu-Lahab. The dead are not worthy of being heard, nor will they ever be, although at present some from various regions among these souls claim to have turned and accepted, yet verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The acceptance of such souls is in all cases limited. Ask ye God to assist all to that which He loves and is pleased with." End quote.

In truth, the matter of teaching is a great matter. That beloved one and other gentlemen must be mindful of it and in all directions occupied souls who are at rest should, with perfect joy and fragrance and revealed wisdom, engage in teaching God's Cause.

And further, mention was made of the beloved of the soul, Mr. Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, he is favored by God's grace. Some time ago his letter arrived requesting Tablets, which were revealed and sent in those same days. Later another letter arrived from the direction of Hadba specifically for the land of K and its surroundings, requesting wondrous and exalted Tablets. However, nearly a year had passed from its date, therefore there was delay in sending those Tablets. In these days it was again presented before the Most Holy Presence. Several Tablets were revealed specifically for Q.M.S. It is hoped that the rest will also be revealed. The purpose is that the delay in the Tablets was due to the delay in the arrival of his letter. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey exalted greetings to him. Mention of him has been made in the Most Holy Presence and, God willing, will always continue to be made.

And concerning what you wrote about sending names on a separate sheet - it was not in your envelope.

Know ye concerning the direction of prayer towards the Most Holy and Exalted Spot, what ye wrote hath been submitted. This word was heard from the Sacred Tongue, speaking the truth. His Holiness Assad, upon him be Baha, also hath permission. These two are confirmed and adorned with acceptance. Yet praise be to God that they turned towards the Sacred Court, traversed land and sea, and endured hardships in the path of God. Praise be to God, they ultimately reached their supreme goal and attained the station of meeting and reunion that is mentioned in all divine books. Happy are they, blessed are

they! Now, since the teaching of the Cause is the most important of all matters, We have therefore commanded this. By the life of God, the greatness of this Cause is such that every great thing testifies to its greatness. God willing, may they be successful therein and illuminate all horizons with the light of His countenance and kindle them with the fire of divine love. We have not forbidden it now, but since this matter had occurred, We commanded another matter which is most important today. Upon them be My Baha, My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor M.S., this servant is aware of several instances where the True One, exalted be His glory, protected him and delivered him from great dangers. However, his many occupations have at times preoccupied him. God willing, relief shall come. Once this evanescent servant heard these words from the Sacred Tongue: "O servant in attendance! Divine grace hath several times delivered his honor M.S. from great dangers. However, due to excessive attention to worldly matters, when a divine tablet was sent to him, he did not succeed in reciting what was revealed therein and reflecting upon it, that he might discover its purpose and hold fast to that which is everlasting and enduring." After hearing this, this servant prayed for him that he might be assisted in that which is pleasing to God, and God willing, I hope that what was submitted may be answered. In this last instance when they summoned him to the land of T., as commanded this servant wrote and sent the well-known blessed circle for his protection. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth in all conditions to protect him and assist him in that which is befitting.

And this is what was revealed for him who was named Muhammad-Husayn and who ascended unto God, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Forgiving, the Generous!

We make mention of him who made mention of Him Who turned to My Self, circled round Me, soared in My atmosphere, spread My traces, and spoke My praise when he desired to help Me, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. O Muhammad-Husayn! Thou art in the Supreme Companion, and the Lord of Names maketh mention of thee in this Great Prison. God forgave thee at the first moment when the Countenance of the Ancient One turned toward thee, and there was revealed from the Pen that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrance of the Merciful's loving-kindness to waft, and I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. By the life of God! Thou hast attained unto that whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness, and I am the Informed, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which thou hast attained on this Day whereon the Point of the Bayan crieth out before the face of the Merciful: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what God revealed for him who was named Haji Muhammad, exalted be His utterance and His grandeur […]

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

O Muhammad! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One calleth out to thee on this Day which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the ancient Scriptures and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers. Be thou of such steadfastness that neither the veils of the enemies nor the doubts of the

perverse shall hinder thee. Verily We have sent down the Bayan wherein We gave glad tidings unto all of this Revelation which hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path. Say: This is the Day of God, were ye of them that know. All the books of the world have testified unto it, were ye of them that hear. Say: This is the Day wherein the Mother Book hath appeared and hath testified that there is none other God but I, the Ancient Revealer. He needeth not any thing to prove His Cause, neither any mention from among mentions, nor any name from among names, nor any book from among the former books. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as He walked in this manifest Prison. This is a Day wherein none hath attained save those who have cast the world behind their backs and taken that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice thou in this Tablet through which the fragrance of My garment hath been wafted, and the breaths of My utterance have been diffused, and every tongue hath proclaimed that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Take thou the Book with strength from Us, then read it among myriads of them that are nigh. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to be steadfast in this Cause whereby every foot hath slipped save such as God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day, hath willed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the grace and mercy of God and have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged in this glorious Tablet.

In these days a letter arrived from Aqa Mirza Kazim and Aqa Khudadad, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise from Aqa Mulla ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, wherein mention was made of Aqa ’Azizu’llah and other friends, upon them be the glory of God. Praise be to God, all were mentioned before the Divine Throne and attained unto infinite grace. That beloved one had also made mention of Aqa Is?aq and Aqa Rajab, upon them be the glory of God. Concerning all of them this blessed word hath issued forth from the Source of the Cause - exalted be His grandeur: Verily We have heard their call and have answered them with truth, and We have beheld their turning and have turned unto them from this most exalted Station that they might rejoice in the grace of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We send Our greetings upon their faces from this forbidden Station, and We give them glad tidings of God’s grace and mercy, and We remind them of the supreme steadfastness, and We bid them to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving, may be exalted. If all the friends of God were to attain unto a single word from Him, verily it would suffice them all, for nothing that appeareth or is hidden in the earth can equal it. He Who possesseth knowledge of all things in a Book that was sealed with the seal of God and hidden from the eyes of all who are in the heavens and the earth beareth witness unto this. Thou shalt give them glad tidings from the Wronged One, then impart unto them that which God hath imparted unto thee in this sealed and preserved Tablet.

This servant had not the opportunity this time to present their answers. God willing, they shall be sent later. Ye had made mention of Muhammad Rida Khan and Sulayman Khan, upon them be the glory of God. It was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great […]

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Today, whosoever hath been mentioned with the word ‘contentment’ from the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Lord of Names, hath attained unto the boundless effusions of God. Blessed is he who hath drunk from the ocean of contentment and hath arisen with perfect steadfastness

to promote the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This is the Day of goodly deeds, goodly words, and praiseworthy conduct. Blessed is the soul through which the Cause of its Lord, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth, hath been aided. Every good deed performed today is and shall be the cause of everlasting remembrance. Exalted is this glorious station! God willing, may you at all times fix your gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon and be set ablaze with the fire of God's love. All things lie within the grasp of extinction save that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen - this shall endure and remain forever. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord and render thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath remembered thee as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory rest upon thee, upon thy son, and upon those who have attained unto this Cause which hath caused the limbs of every heedless one to quake.

This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Creator of the heavens, unto him who was named Ghulam-Qabli-Rida:

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

O Ghulam-Qabli-Rida! Rejoice that the Wronged One remembereth thee from the direction of the Most Great Scene, the Spot which God hath made the circling-point of them that are nigh unto Him. Be thou ablaze with the fire of My love, soaring in My atmosphere, and speaking with wisdom and utterance in praise of My beautiful Name. Take thou the choice wine of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then drink thereof with His wondrous remembrance. Erelong shall clamor be raised in most lands. This is what He Who broke the Seal hath informed you of through His luminous and choice wine. By God's life! Wert thou to taste the sweetness of utterance, such joy would seize thee that neither the doubts of the divines nor the allusions of the heedless would grieve thee. Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Throne, while the Wronged One was in this noble station. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all to show forth the utmost steadfastness, that they may be observed to be so firm and steadfast in the Cause that the cawing of them that are on earth shall not deprive them of the divine Kingdom. The deniers among the people of the Bayan are seen to be more veiled than the peoples of former times. They have perceived naught of the Day of God save its name, and are heedless and unaware of that which God hath purposed. Convey thou My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the True One and make them aware. We, verily, send Our greetings unto them from this Spot and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, and We bid them observe the wisdom which We have sent down in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. The glory rest upon thee and upon them from God, the Revealer of verses.

And likewise thou didst make mention of the servants, that is, the Siyyids of the lands of S and Sh, and the friends of those regions - upon them be the glory of God. This was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker […]

The Wronged One's Pen and Tongue have not paused for a moment in promulgating the Divine Cause except as ordained. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that hath risen above the horizon of the prison that, at a time when sorrows had encompassed Us from all directions and trials and tribulations were pouring down like torrential rain, We summoned the peoples of the earth to the Most Exalted Horizon with all

Our power and might. God willing, may the noble ones of that land arise to aid the Cause with such arising that neither weariness shall overtake it nor shall sitting still comprehend it. Today, every goodly deed that is manifested for God's sake - its influence and remembrance shall endure as long as God's names endure. They must occupy themselves with the utmost determination in teaching God's Cause, exalted be His glory. Today is the day of this blessed verse which sayeth: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them glad tidings of the days of God." We beseech God to assist them in protecting the weak souls, that each may be observed more steadfast than that which is steadfast and more firmly rooted than mountains. The Cause is exceedingly mighty and the people are weak. They must, through the power of faith, assist the people of that land to recognize the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Verily their Lord, the Self-Subsisting, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

The barking ones are present in every land, and this matter hath been revealed aforetime in the divine scriptures and tablets. Assuredly, whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall come to pass. One must educate souls through the Most Great Word in such wise that diverse winds shall not remove them from the shore of the sea of oneness, and they shall be observed so steadfast that the power and might of the world shall appear as non-existent and null. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the friends of that land and give them glad tidings of God's grace, loving-kindness and mercy, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, all are mentioned in the Most Great Prison and are present before His face. The Glory be upon them and upon those who have cast aside the world on this Most Great Day and have taken up that which they were commanded by the Powerful, the Ancient.

Regarding what you wrote about one of the handmaidens of God who used opium for pain and who, after the prohibition was declared, abandoned it and nearly perished - the divine decree is that the patient must follow the physician's directions, but the physician must be skilled. In such case, whatever is prescribed must be followed, for the preservation of human life is, in God's sight, greater than any other matter. God, exalted be His glory, hath given precedence to the science of medicine, for in the existence and health of the body lies the obligation to carry out His laws. Thus health was and shall remain of primary importance.

Concerning what you wrote about the honored wife, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said: "God willing, may she attain to that which God loveth and is pleased with, and may she be gladdened through the favor of the Beloved. We, from this spot, send Our greetings to her and make mention of her as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer." God willing, hereafter the Most Holy, Most Great Tablet specifically for that honored lady shall be sent.

Concerning your mention at the close of your letter of the name of Ismu'llah al-A?daq - upon him be all the most glorious glory and the most exalted exaltation - it was presented before the Throne. His word, exalted be His might and His grandeur: "We verily seal the end of the letter of Our servant in attendance with the mention of him who was named 'The Most Truthful' in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who turned to the Lord of Names in such wise that a company of the Concourse on High turned with him. His Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through his turning, faces were turned, and through his arising, the servants arose

before the countenance of their Lord, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The wine of recognition so intoxicated him that he soared unto the All-Merciful until he stood before the face of his Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. We testify that he attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God and bore witness to that which God did testify: that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the Ancient. The lights of the Throne so seized him that his sighs of longing ascended and his tears fell like spring rain. We have mentioned him time and again in the Tablet of him who was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great. Likewise have We mentioned him in diverse Tablets in such wise that all the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal it. To this testifies He Who speaks in all things: 'There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.' Blessed is the soul that drew nigh unto him and visited him, as spoken by the Tongue of Grandeur concerning his noble station. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those related to him, whether female or male, whether young or old."

"O thou who speakest My praise and standeth in My service! Give glad tidings from Me to his family. Say: By God's life! You stand before the face of your Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Beware lest the affairs of creation sadden you. Leave the world to its people and cling to the hem of your Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful." End.

Furthermore, convey to all the friends in that land the expression of this servant's sincerity, devotion and nothingness, which depends on the favors of that Beloved One. God willing, may all attain to the water of steadfastness in such wise that its effects become manifest. To the true beloved one, he who was named at the Most Great Scene as 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar - upon him be God's care, might and favors - I express my evanescence and nothingness. Likewise to the other gentlemen who are all in my thoughts: Haji Muhajir, Aqa 'Abdu'r-Rahim and his brother - upon them both be the glory of the All-Merciful. God willing, they have arrived by now; to them also I express my greetings. Glory be upon you and upon those who have sacrificed their spirits, their bodies and all they possess in service to the Cause of God - our Beloved, their Beloved, our Goal, their Goal, and the Goal of all in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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One more submission: In these days, if someone were to turn towards the lands of ?ad, namely Najaf and Ard and other territories, it would be most beloved. However, it must be an enlightened person whose heart is connected to God's grace. In such case, whatever he mentions will prove effective. The same applies to other lands, whether cities or villages.

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

Praise be to God Who hath subdued all who are in creation through the strains of His Most Exalted Pen, whereby the trumpet was sounded and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of Names, did will. He is the One through Whom the hidden secret was revealed, and the mystic symbol unveiled, and the concealed Name made manifest, whereby the great terror appeared amongst mankind and a hidden Cause emerged swifter than the twinkling of an eye. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what he was bidden by the Ordainer of Destiny, through Whom the Greatest Scene was adorned and supreme joy was manifested among the nations. I pray and send salutations upon those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the possessors of understanding were perturbed. These are servants whom vain desires have not kept back from the Lord of Names. They have arisen in such wise as to astound all hearts and minds.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name all necks have bowed throughout the horizons! I beseech Thee by the imprint of Thy feet in Thy domains, and by the fragrance of Thy raiment in Thy lands, and by the sweetness of Thy utterance amongst Thy creation, to aid Thy loved ones to champion Thy Cause and to protect them from the evil of Thine enemies. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the powers of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the influences of the nations weaken. Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy might and sovereign through Thy will. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou art the Generous Bestower.

And then, the servant heard the sound of the wings of the bird of Thy utterance upon the branches of the tree of Thy words, and it was warbling in praise of God, my Beloved and thy Beloved, my Purpose and thy Purpose, and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I heard and found and knew, I was present and submitted at a station wherein my mention and my allusion were cut off. The Point of the Bayan had testified to this before in His exalted words when He wrote this essence in His remembrance: “He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what was revealed in the Bayan. How can He Who was sanctified beyond the indication of the Point and what was sent down in the Bayan be described by My description, or be characterized by My attributes, or be known by My utterances which speak of the limitations of My being and My station?”

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose and the Ultimate End of my desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Preserved Tablet and Thy Hidden Knowledge to forgive me and have mercy upon me and remit my transgressions. O Lord! I am the sinner and Thou art the Forgiving One; I am the transgressor and Thou art the Kind, the Generous.

When what was in your letter was presented, the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty turned toward me and spoke that which caused the fragrance of utterance to waft throughout the world. He said, exalted be His grandeur: O Varqa! Rejoice in that We have caused thee to hear the rustling of the Lote-Tree of knowledge, the flowing of the waters of utterance, the scratching of the Pen of the All-Merciful, and the warbling of the Bird of inner meanings from this sacred, pure, subtle, gentle, mighty and impregnable atmosphere. We have mentioned thee before, and before that before, and We mention thee at this time. Then those whose names thou didst mention - thy Lord is verily the Answerer, the Counter, the All-Knowing. We have observed, and We are the All-Seeing. We have known, and We are the All-Informed.

We have detailed the remembrance for thee, and We are the All-Bountiful. We have set forth the verses, and We are the All-Powerful. We have manifested the evidences, and We are the Strong, the Trustworthy. The roaring of men cannot frustrate Us, nor the mewing of cats. Verily thy Lord calleth and speaketh and saith, though the wolf howleth and attacketh with manifest tyranny. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have cast aside all else save Me, who have arisen to serve My Cause and have spoken My praise. These are servants upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise pray, and behind them is the Tongue of Grandeur in this noble station. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for them is such that pens are powerless to describe it. To this testifieth the Preserved Tablet which is with Him. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance is raised and which is honored by My loved ones who have turned to the ocean of My knowledge and the heaven of My mercy and the sun of My loving-kindness that hath preceded all worlds.

You had written that you were gathered in the house of Haji Aqa Muhammad and Aqa Mirza ’Ali-Naqi with a group of the friends of God, and Haji Aqa Muhammad requested that a petition be submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold on behalf of those present at the gathering. This detail was presented at the Holy Threshold, and that beloved one’s supplication was also presented before His face. This is what the Desired One spoke in reply. He said, exalted be His grandeur: O Varqa! We have heard thy call time after time, and We have known that wherewith thou didst supplicate God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, and We have answered thee again and again, and We mention those whose names were in thy letter as a bounty from Us. Verily He loveth to remember him who remembereth Him, and desireth him who desireth Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces with My Name, the Gladdening, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Today all must be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness, for the devils lie in wait and have been lying in wait, and the croaking hath been raised and shall be raised. Before this these tidings were revealed and sent down from the Pen of the All-Choosing. Well is it with them that understand. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of God. Verily He calleth you and counseleth you to observe the most great steadfastness and that whereby His firm and mighty Cause may be uplifted. Should anyone bring you the book of Hell or the leaves of Zaqqum, cast them behind you, remaining steadfast in this Cause whereby the hearts of the learned were disturbed and the feet of all on earth have slipped save those whom God hath willed, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We make mention in this station of the master of the house wherein was raised the remembrance of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O Muhammad! The Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein was established the throne of the Lord of Names, and He mentioneth thee with that which attracteth minds. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and say […]

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of Heaven, for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison and revealed unto me that which was hidden from the nations. I bear witness that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We make mention of Nabil who traversed the lands and journeyed through countries for My Name and chose exile for love of Me. He was named Muhammad in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Loving. I testify that he cast away all that the people possessed and took what was commanded by God, the Lord of existence. He endured in the path of God what no one on earth hath known. Thus doth the Wronged One remember him that it may be a treasure for him throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee for thy patience. We beseech God to assist thee in a manner befitting this Day which hath been adorned by its mention in the Torah, the Gospel and the Psalms.

O Nabil-i-A'zam! Hearken unto the Call from beyond the sea of grandeur: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower." This is a day wherein the Throne was established upon the water and the heaven of knowledge was adorned with the luminary of My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the strong one who hath held fast to the cord of the grace of his Lord, and the speaker who hath uttered the praise of God, the Lord of all mankind. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken: Rejoice and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven." Glory from Us be upon those whom the hosts could not frighten and whom the veils could not hinder.

O Ali-Qabl-i-Naqi! We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with this mighty remembrance. Verily, He Who remembereth thee was named Jehovah in the Torah, the Spirit of Truth in the Gospel, and the Great News in the Qur'an. By My life! He desired from the Books naught but My Book, and from the Bayan naught but My manifestation and My wise remembrance. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God in His days, and blessed is he who hath clung to His luminous hem. Doth anyone hear the verses of his Lord, and is there any soul who findeth the sweetness in the utterance of his Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing? Thus have We adorned the sea of knowledge with the ark of utterance and the heaven of certitude with the luminary of My mighty Name.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Yusuf! The Most Exalted Pen hath turned unto thee from this Most Holy, Most Great, Most Mighty, Most Sublime Station. Thou hast attained that which none would attain even were they to expend all the treasures of the earth in the path of God, the King, the Most High, the Most Great. Preserve thou the pearls of knowledge in the vessels of thy heart through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having turned and advanced and heard the Call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord in such wise that the allusions of the opposers shall not cause thee to slip.

O youth! Remember when thou wert present before the Throne and didst hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in His glorious station. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and enabled thee to recognize this Cause whereby all things proclaimed: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen." Blessed is the soul that hath cast away what it possessed and was moved by the Will of God, the Lord of Kings. We summon all unto the Most Sublime Horizon and counsel them to observe that which hath been revealed in My Preserved Tablet. Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have drunk from the Most Great Sea through My Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

O Mahdi! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from My prison abode that the call may attract thee unto a station wherein the conditions of the world shall not sadden thee nor shall the veils of the heedless shut thee out. Blessed art thou and thy father. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to his recognition and submission when most of the servants turned away from the Countenance. Thus have We remembered thee as a bounty from Us that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

O ’Ali-Qabl-’Askar! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did Himself bear witness ere the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. By God’s life! Soon shall the world and whatsoever it containeth of kings and subjects, of rich and poor, pass away, and there shall endure for thee that which hath been revealed by My Most Exalted Pen in this glorious station. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee that which cheereth the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him. Hold thou fast unto the cord of grace and cleave unto the hem of thy Lord’s mercy, and say: I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the world and Manifestation of the Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, whom the vanities of the world have not kept back from turning towards Thy horizon. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, and I stand before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

We make mention in this station of him who hath been named Yusuf, who turned his face toward Mine own and believed in My signs, and attained unto My recognition when most of My creatures turned away from Me. Thus doth God remember him who seeketh Him on a day wherein every proud and stubborn one hath turned aside from Him. Thy name hath been mentioned; therefore have We remembered thee in this Tablet, than which nothing on earth can compare, as thy Lord, the All-Informed, doth testify. Let not the gestures of the people grieve you, nor the denial of those who have turned away from My straight path. God shall soon seize them with His justice, and shall exalt the names of those who have believed in Him when He came with manifest sovereignty.

We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness and to observe that which God hath revealed in His mighty Book. Soon shall the earth and all that are upon it be rolled up, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of all worlds.

O thou bird that soareth in Mine atmosphere! Convey the verses of thy Lord. Verily they draw them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed, and strengthen them in that whereunto they were called, and give them to drink from the Kawthar of utterance in My wondrous Name. Thus have the rains descended and the seas surged by the command of thy Lord, the Almighty.

We make mention of Our servants and Our loved ones whose names were not mentioned in thy letter, and We give them glad tidings of God’s grace and mercy, and We send Our greetings upon their faces from this mighty Prison. Ask thou God to assist them and strengthen them in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him, and to make them among those who are firmly established. And We remember My handmaidens who have believed in God and His signs, and who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of His bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Praise be to God that the loved ones of God in that land have attained unto the wondrous and exalted divine verses. Let them know the value of this supreme bounty. Were the veil to be lifted and the station revealed, all would fall prostrate and everyone on earth would enter beneath the shade of a single word. O beloved of my heart! Most of the people of the earth are heedless and unaware, and even those souls who have attained some measure of recognition and have drunk from the ocean of knowledge have not arisen as befits the Day of God, save whom God, thy Lord, willeth. Consider the people of the Bayan - though they count themselves among the most exalted of creation, they are seen to be several degrees lower than other religions. Some have made arguments about "Him Whom God shall make manifest" yet remained deprived of His presence. They have clung to the Bayan while being barred from the One Who revealed it, even though the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said in the fifteenth chapter of the third Vahid, these exalted words: "None knoweth the time of the Revelation except God. Whenever it appears, all must acknowledge the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God." He also said: "The whole of the Bayan is only like a ring upon His blessed finger", and in another place He said: "The entire Bayan is but a leaf amongst the leaves of His Paradise." Nevertheless these ignorant people have contented themselves with mere fancy and remained veiled from the Dawning-Place of certitude. The humility, submissiveness, and self-effacement of the Point of the Bayan is clear and evident throughout the Bayan. He saith that He is sanctified from being known through any recognition of His own or through what is revealed in the Bayan. Reflect upon these blessed words which have issued from the Dawning-Place of the Bayan, the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all beings be sacrificed for His sake. This is the same word which this evanescent one mentioned at the beginning of this discourse, and this blessed word is the essence of the entire Bayan, as attested by the Point Himself. His exalted words are: "I have written the essence concerning His remembrance: He shall not be known through My allusions, nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan. Nay, by His glory, this word is greater in God's estimation than the worship of all who are on earth, for the essence of all worship leadeth to this. Therefore, as thou hast recognized God, recognize Him Whom God shall make manifest, for He is too glorious and exalted to be known through any but Himself or to be described by the allusions of His creatures. Verily, I am the first to believe in Him and in His signs, and I have taken from the virgin gardens of the paradise of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory, He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, all are upheld by His command." He further saith, exalted be His words: "Know thou that on that Day none shall be recognized save God, none shall be worshipped but Him, none shall be described except Him, none shall be loved but Him, and none shall be sought except Him." This blessed passage correspondeth with what was revealed in previous Books concerning this most great Revelation. Nevertheless, these confused masses who attribute themselves to the Bayan have sought to extinguish the divine Light with the foul winds of their falsehoods. Fie upon them and their loyalty! Glory be to God! These heedless people argue based on vain imaginings of the past and through a hundred thousand schemes […]

And they have resorted to a hundred thousand artifices and deceptions that perchance they might prevent a soul from the straight path. Would that they were truthful in what they claim! Among them is Mirza Ahmad-i-Kirmani. Several petitions from him reached the Most Holy Court, and later when he began speaking nonsense, as it was not accepted, he arose in opposition. After some time, multiple petitions filled with repentance and contrition arrived from him, and some also interceded. Nevertheless,

in these days he has again arisen in hypocrisy and joined the source of clamor. He was in the great city, and according to reports, due to his reprehensible deeds and contradictory statements, he was expelled from that place as well. In any case, since such as he and his like are found, therefore these words were mentioned so that you may inform the friends that perchance they may attain unto the wine of steadfastness and not be deprived by the likes of such vain souls. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. In the Kitab-i-Aqdas this blessed verse was revealed, His words, exalted be His grandeur: "O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state which God doth not approve. We perceive that which none perceiveth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And we discover that which passeth in thy innermost heart. With Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a lucid Tablet." This blessed verse in the Kitab-i-Aqdas was revealed at a time when even the name of Ahmad was not outwardly mentioned. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His weak servants from these ones. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. This remote soul is seen to be very changeable, at times repentant and remorseful, and he says what must be said. I submit to the honored Nabil, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, that while time remains, and opportunity remains, and form remains, and tongue remains, God willing, you should say that which guides and leads to the Everlasting. The exalted letter which was addressed to this evanescent servant came as the bestower of meaning to the temples of words and the joy-giver to the world of sorrows, and after it was read it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, His words, exalted be His grandeur: They speak truly in what they have mentioned, for if reports of their movements had not come repeatedly, surely that which is suspended in the Kingdom of Divine Will would have been revealed in their name. God willing, may they be confirmed in all conditions to the remembrance and praise of Truth and may they speak that which is befitting and worthy of this victorious Day. The Glory be upon him from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise.

Another matter is to announce that another letter from that beloved one arrived, and you had written that in the house of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza 'A.B.N. upon him be 96 69 [Baha'u'llah], a group of divine friends were present in that gathering and were speaking in praise of the Most Great Countenance. These matters were presented to the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold, and these exalted words descended from the heaven of will - exalted be His grandeur: "God testifies that there is no God but Him, and He Who sits upon the throne of imprisonment, He is indeed the One to Whom the books of the world have testified and toward Whose direction the Messengers of nations have turned, and He is indeed the One through Whom every hidden mystery and every wise command has been made manifest. He makes mention of the 'Ayn and the Ba, and gives him glad tidings of God's grace and mercy that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We have remembered him and make mention of his house wherein the remembrance of God, the Exalted, the Great, was raised. O Varqa! That which shall endure for him throughout the duration of God's earthly and heavenly kingdoms is the expression of favor that has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning him and has been recorded in the Crimson Book. God willing, may he be enabled to preserve it. The disturbing conditions of the world have darkened it and prevented its freshness, purity and delicacy. God willing, may they attain to His grace and hold fast to the cord of steadfastness. Give him My glad tidings and remind him of that which befitteth the days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon him and his family from the Forgiving, the Generous.

We make mention in this station of him who is named with Alif and Ha, who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is among those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and responded to their Lord when the Call was raised from His noble station. We have adorned his head with the crown of faith and his heart with the ornament of recognition. Verily his Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Mighty, the Compassionate. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the people have slipped who cast the Covenant of God behind their backs and followed what they were commanded by every foolish learned one. Act according to what We have commanded thee in the Book and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Treasury of Thy mysteries. I beseech Thee to enable me to do that which befitteth Thy mighty and wondrous Day.'

We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath come before the Face wherein was mention of My loved ones. We have remembered thee and them as a grace from Us and have sent it to thee by the hand of him who is named Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali. When thou hast attained and visited, say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, the Stranger.' Verily the Glorious One mentioneth His servant, the Friend, who hath heard and responded to his Ancient Lord. Thou art he who hath turned to the Most Great Ocean after the turning away of the peoples and hast drunk My sealed wine in My Name, the Strong, the Trustworthy. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! By the True One! The wine is My love and My words do pour it forth. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and drunk thereof through My beautiful remembrance. O Friend! Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance. All the treasures of the world cannot equal it, to this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness in this mighty station. This is a station wherein every Prophet hath rejoiced, every Messenger circled round, every Intended One aimed at, and every trusted Spirit descended. Blessed is the ear that hath heard My call and the soul that hath arisen to serve the Cause of its Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful."

And in another place, you had mentioned that in the residence of Aqa Mirza Ghulam-'Ali, son of Jenab-i-Dhabi?, and Aqa Yusuf, upon them be the glory of God, a number of the friends of God were present and were engaged in the mention of the Friend. This detail was also presented before His presence. Mention was made of Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Ghulam-'Ali and Jenab-i-Aqa Yusuf and certain others among the assured souls gathered in the house of Jenab-i-Haji Aqa Muhammad, upon him and them be the glory of God, and especially for the rest, in this station, from the Kingdom of Will was revealed: Should a soul observe the bounty and loving-kindness and mercy of God, he would in truth be bewildered. O My beloved and My love! After noon, which is the time of rest for the Ancient Beauty, may His glory be exalted, this servant presented anew, one by one, as commanded, thy letters, and the answer was revealed from the Kingdom of grace, and in relation to each of the names mentioned in thy letter, the Sun of bounty did shine forth and became manifest - may the world's spirit be a sacrifice for His bounty. In truth one becomes bewildered. It behooveth us to bow down and say: Thine is the praise, O gracious Commander, and Thine the bounty, O ancient Bestower of favors, and Thine the mercy, O Thou Who art merciful to the heavens and the earths.

And concerning what thou didst write that in the house of the aforementioned son, Jenab-i-Aqa S. and others, upon them be the glory of God, were present, after this was presented, this blessed verse was revealed from the heaven of divine loving-kindness:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O S! Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of His greatest signs and the Source of His mighty Command. We counsel thee to wisdom in all conditions and command thee to that which beseemeth man in this wondrous Day. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have seen thy turning to Us and We have turned to thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. Look not upon the world and its conditions. Reflect upon the former ages and be of those who are discerning. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and Who hast appeared through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the trumpet was blown and the Day of Resurrection appeared, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, then send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will make me detached from all else save Thee. Verily, Thou art the Bestower, the Merciful.

We make mention of the Lion whose name was mentioned before the Presence of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, that he may rejoice and thank his Lord Who created him and aided him to recognize this inevitable Cause through which the great terror appeared among mankind and all things proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God. Hold fast unto the cord of bounty and cling to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Forgiving. We have made mention of thee as a bounty from Us. When thou attainest unto this, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of existence.

O Nightingale! O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of Names! Give glad tidings unto Shir-Muhammad and remind him of the verses of his Lord, that he may rejoice in the appearance of the loving-kindness of his gracious Lord. We have mentioned all names as a bounty from Us, and We make mention of those who have arisen and have said: “Here am I, O God of the worlds!” Blessed is he who hath attained unto the fruits of the tree of My Most Exalted Pen. He is assuredly among those possessed of certitude in a perspicuous Book. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O Creator of Paradise and Fashioner of all created things! I beseech Thee by the Name through which humanity was attracted and the Spirit cried out in the wilderness, to make me among those whom circumstances have not prevented from Thy Hidden Name, which walketh at this time and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Taqi! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath mentioned thee with verses wherewith nothing that hath been or shall be can vie, nor can aught created between the Kaf and the Nun equal them. Verily, He remembereth thee from His prison, and those who have believed in the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existent. Remember thy Lord through what He hath taught thee of His path and what He hath revealed unto thee, whereby the fragrance of His garment

hath been diffused throughout the realms of the invisible and the visible. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Cause and powerful through His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. The splendor shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have attained unto the mention of God, Creator of heaven, and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken: verily there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Loving.

We make mention of him who was the last to visit you. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. He loveth His servants and remembereth them at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is he who seeketh His presence, who speaketh in remembrance of Him, whose countenance is turned towards Him, and whose heart hath won the light of recognition. We send Our greetings from this station to those who have believed in God, the Revealer of verses. It hath ended.

Praise be to God, time and again. The friends of God who dwell in that land have been blessed with His infinite divine favors. This evanescent servant conveyeth to all greetings and salutations, and submitteth that these are the days for which all divine Prophets and Messengers have waited. Therefore, one must arise with complete dedication to His mention and praise. That beloved one should counsel all with wisdom, for this is among the firm and established divine commandments revealed in the Book. They should not trust every soul, nor display their precious pearls before every eye. They should deal with people with the utmost kindness, love and forbearance. Repeatedly have such words been heard from the tongue of Him Who revealeth the verses. He would say that today righteous deeds and praiseworthy character are the promoters of the Cause of God. It is hoped that all shall be assisted to achieve that which is acceptable in the presence of God.

Regarding what you wrote about the second ’Ubaydullah, that rebellious oppressor, and his tyranny and transgression - it caused grief and sorrow. By God’s life! As long as the sun of justice remains behind the clouds of oppression, such matters have occurred and will continue to occur in the world. Justice is like a nightingale seen caught in the talons of the owl of tyranny. Although that oppressor’s tyranny has exceeded all bounds and description, yet when closely observed, the people of this time truly deserve it, for they have perpetrated far worse against the people of truth. That Beloved One is witness that in most of the tablets and writings, all servants have been forbidden from corruption, conflict, strife and unseemly deeds. Nevertheless, what occurred, occurred. The brother of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Husayn (Letter of the Living, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory) was eleven years old when that reckless oppressor removed his head with a cannon ball. In some places they perpetrated what the pen is powerless to describe. I beseech God to bestow justice upon the people. Consider the fire of oppression that was ignited in the land of Sad - two descendants of the Prophet were martyred without cause or reason, merely for worldly ornaments and a few coins. The curse of God be upon the oppressors! If the effects of that oppression were limited to what has already appeared, it would be well enough, but it is observed that the fruits of those deeds and their sparks will later appear in certain lands. I beseech the Almighty to grant His servants success in turning to Him, for if they achieve repentance, all matters will be reformed. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

What is being conveyed has been understood from the revealed verses - God forbid! He is indeed the Perceiver, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That which has flowed from the Supreme Pen in God’s Book

has appeared and will appear, and in the Most Holy Book there are also certain allusions. Soon will appear what He has foretold in His Mighty Book. In this Most Great Revelation, future events have been explicitly stated - blessed are they who understand. Beyond this one cannot venture - the Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

In this recent incident, whatever befell the friends and whatever losses they sustained will certainly be compensated in the most perfect and complete manner. In any case, the profit is with God's friends. Whoever exists is blessed with the days of God and His recognition, and whoever has drunk the cup of martyrdom is seen in the highest Paradise with utmost joy and delight. If the station of martyrdom were to be revealed to the worlds in less than can be counted, you would see all drawn to the place of sacrifice. Now people are withered, nay dead. Their movements are like those of artificial figures moved by machinery - sometimes an artificial hand is raised, sometimes an artificial foot strikes the ground, and all these movements appear without consciousness. Although at present all are heedless and the worth of God's friends is hidden from sight and eyes, yet when the appointed time comes, that which is hidden will be revealed. How fitting is what was said before: "Wait until you see as parts those who today are whole."

Wait until you see as flowers those who are thorns today. The divine friends who are steadfast in the Cause should not be saddened by losses that have befallen them. Rather, they should be seen in the utmost joy and delight, and be certain that they are among the people of profit in all conditions. Would that this servant could partake of the cup from which the friends have drunk, and receive a portion of their losses. Most matters are veiled by His will - were the veil to be lifted, the earth would be seen as other than the earth.

Furthermore, if there be delay in sending petitions, this is due to the many occupations of this evanescent one; there is no other reason possible. That beloved one himself is witness and testifier to this. Therefore they must accept the excuse of this evanescent one and forgive. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the Kind.

And regarding His Honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God - since this evanescent one has already conveyed something, no further submission is made. Wherever they may be, may they abide under the shadow of God's mercy and favor. They had sought permission to come to this land; permission was granted. God willing, may they be assisted in attaining that which they desire.

Furthermore, after the revelation of verses, this servant, as proxy for that beloved one, attained the honor of pilgrimage and circumambulation, and it was accepted at the Divine Throne. I praise Him and thank Him for His grace, His mercy, His favor, His generosity, His bounty and His gift.

Furthermore, His Holiness the Most Great Branch and His Holiness the Most Mighty Branch - may my spirit, my being and my essence be sacrificed for the dust beneath their feet - remember that beloved one with wondrous mention and magnify him with the most exalted, most holy and most glorious greeting. Glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon the loved ones of God who have heard and responded.

The Servant

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

Response to the Community of Manshad - For those endowed with insight from God, it is mentioned:

One day I was sitting, bewildered by the Divine Cause and contemplating what had appeared in the land of Kaf and Ra (Kirman), wondering how these calumnies had arisen and how they were preventing the helpless people from the Divine Law. At that moment, I was reminded of the blessed verse of the Most Holy Book which was revealed at the beginning of imprisonment from the Holy Kingdom. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

"O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, see in thee that which is not pleasing unto God, and We behold in thee that which none knoweth except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We perceive that which secretly and stealthily proceedeth from thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things, recorded in a lucid Tablet. Sorrow not on account of that which hath befallen thee. Erelong will God raise up within thee men possessed of mighty strength, who will magnify My Name with such constancy that neither will they be deterred by the evil suggestions of the divines, nor will they be kept back by the insinuations of the doubters. With their own eyes will they behold God, and with their own lives will they render Him victorious. These, truly, are of those who are steadfast."

I said: "God, the Most High, the Most Great, speaketh the truth." At that very moment, a letter arrived sealed by four individuals. By the life of my Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven, after seeing and considering it, I lamented for the Primal Point (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him), for it was observed that the people of the Bayan had not understood a single letter of the Bayan of the All-Merciful and had not attained its purpose. For the purpose of the entire Bayan was the recognition of this Most Great Manifestation - were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed nor would its Revealer have appeared. Bewilderment was added to bewilderment, for that blessed Being throughout the entire Bayan counsels all to turn towards, submit to, and become as nothing before this Most Great Manifestation. How well the divine covenant was fulfilled and His testament carried out! The copy of the letter that arrived is exactly this, and at the beginning of their letter, the name of the Truth, exalted be His glory, is not mentioned […]

God is my witness to what hath befallen this evanescent servant. The Primal Point–may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake–hath said: "Whatever ye desire on that Day, ask ye it now from Me." And He hath said: "I have not failed to counsel this people, nor to devise means for their allegiance to their Lord and their faith in God, their Creator. Should they believe in Him on the day of His manifestation, all who dwell on earth would at that time rejoice, as would Mine own Essence, for all would have attained the summit of their existence, would have gained access to the countenance of their Beloved, and would have apprehended all that was possible within contingent being from the revelation

of their Object of desire. Otherwise, My heart would be saddened, for I have nurtured all things for this purpose–how then could anyone remain veiled?" Thus concludeth His mighty and exalted utterance.

And He saith, blessed and exalted be His words: "O God! Do Thou nurture all who are in the heavens and on the earth and whatsoever lieth between them for the day of Thy manifestation, that when the Manifestation of Thy Self reciteth a verse from Thee, all may declare: 'Yea, praise be unto Thee! There is none other God but Thee! We all do truly believe in what God hath promised us in the Bayan.'"

How well they heeded the counsels of God! A hundred thousand praises upon the people of the Bayan! He declareth that at the mere hearing of a single verse all would acknowledge Him. Now, the equivalent of all heavenly Books–nay, more–hath been sent down in every mode from the heaven of God's Will. Yet they write anew asking for details about the pregnant mirror-bearer from Manshad–what she carrieth in her womb and when she will deliver! By the life of my Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in earth and heaven, the very eye of justice weepeth, and equity crieth out in anguish!

In the thirteenth chapter of the second Vahid of the Bayan He says, exalted be His glory, the gist of this chapter is that no questions are permitted concerning Him Whom God shall make manifest except about that which befits His station, for His station is the pure manifestation itself, such that even the essence of manifestation in the essence of manifestation appears in His shadow. Despite this clear and evident command, now observe what the people of the Bayan have said and done and what questions they have asked. O people! Fear God and do not invalidate the truth through your own imaginings. Cast aside that to which you cling and turn unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiver, the Merciful.

Do they imagine that today any thing among things or any matter among matters can benefit anyone? Nay, by the Self of the All-Merciful! All that is thereon shall perish save those who have clung to His cord and held fast to His hem.

One of the provisions of the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Bayan is that He says at the beginning of every nineteenth year, each of the people of the Bayan should write to one another a book proving Him Whom God shall make manifest. His purpose was that at the appointed time of the Manifestation, which is the nineteenth year as is known in the Book of Temples, the tongue, pen and thought of all should be occupied with His remembrance and the proof of His Cause, and that no word of denial should issue from any soul. Glory be to God! Now in the Supreme Horizon He observes what has transpired and what they have said. It is most strange that such things have appeared from the people of Manshad.

In any case, after observing the letter, this servant was perplexed whether to present it before His countenance or conceal it, fearing lest there be some negligence in concealing it. Therefore, placing my trust in God, I intended to approach the Most Exalted Station and Supreme Summit until I arrived and stood silent and speechless until He, exalted be His glory, said: "O servant who is present! What do you have in your hand?" I submitted: "A letter has come." He commanded: "Read it to the end." It was submitted. Then the Tongue of the All-Bountiful spoke these exalted words in reply:

"O servant who is present! What became of the divine counsels? Where have all those covenants and pledges gone? Today the Mother Book speaks and the Mother of the Bayan is manifest. These matters were not and are not worthy of mention. They have not taken their portion from the ocean of divine

counsel nor received their share from the sea of the All-Merciful's wisdom. Any soul who today, after hearing this Most Great Cause, hesitates less than that is not worthy of mention. All books are dependent and conditioned upon the Word of this Manifestation. Today no mention and no deed benefits except by God's leave, exalted be His glory. Say: The Will of God is other than your wills, and His way is other than your ways. He walks not in your paths nor follows your desires. He calls those on earth and guides them to His straight path. Whoso turns toward Him has attained all good, and whoso turns away is among the people of the fire in a mighty Book.

O servant who is present! It would be most regrettable if the people of the Bayan were to be seen as more lost than the people of the Furqan. After centuries and ages of tribulation, the final fruit of their deeds was that they unanimously martyred the Lord of the world, both the learned and the ignorant. I abhor using the word 'curse', otherwise the Supreme Pen would have written: 'Lo! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!' In this Most Great Manifestation […]"

O servants! I abhor the word "curse," else the Supreme Pen would have declared: "Lo! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!" In this Most Great Revelation and Momentous Announcement, the Supreme Pen has saved certain divines and raised them from the pit of fancy and vain imaginings. We now beseech God for their steadfastness. In one of the Tablets it is revealed: The divines in this Revelation are as sight unto the body of the world and as spirit unto physical forms. May God protect them from the deceit and trickery of heedless souls.

O servants! This is the Day of revelation and witnessing. Occupy not yourselves with questions and answers. Arise in truth to serve the Cause. In one of the Tablets this most great verse was revealed: "This is not the Day for questions. It behooveth him who hath heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon to arise and say: 'Here am I, O God of Names! Here am I, O Desire of the worlds!'"

Say: O servants! Hatred and animosity are unseemly. All must arise with complete determination to extinguish this world-consuming fire, that the world may be purified and adorned as befitteth it. Ye have all witnessed the Shi'ih sect - ye all know their claims and the deeds and actions of that party. Now strive that perchance the people may be preserved from the fire of self and passion.

O fair-minded ones! Consider the recent letter which the people of Manshad wrote in rejection of the Truth and opposition to it, sealing it with their seals, and likewise consider the gathering of the idolaters in the Mother City, what conditions they set for faith, saying that if these appeared they would believe, and if not, then nay. God, exalted be His glory, speaks through the tongue of those idolaters, blessed and exalted be His Word: "And they say: 'We shall not believe in thee until thou cause a spring to gush forth for us from the earth; or thou have a garden of date-palms and grapes, and cause rivers to gush forth in their midst abundantly; or thou cause the heaven to fall upon us in pieces, as thou hast pretended; or thou bring God and the angels face to face with us; or thou have a house adorned with gold; or thou ascend up into heaven; and even then we will put no faith in thine ascension until thou bring down for us a book that we can read.'"

That which is mentioned is for pure and assured souls; otherwise, it increaseth the wrongdoers in naught but loss. O people of the earth! Hear ye the words of the All-Merciful in the Qur'an. He relateth that the

idolaters said: “We will not believe in thee until thou cause a spring to gush forth for us from the earth, or thou have a garden of date-palms and grapes and cause rivers to gush forth abundantly therein, or thou cause the heaven to fall upon us in pieces as thou hast claimed, or thou bring God and the angels as a surety, or thou have a house of gold, or thou ascend to heaven.” And then from the depths of their hatred they said: “We will not believe in thy ascension unless thou bring down for us a book that we can read.” Such was their hardheartedness that they said: “O God! If this be indeed the truth from Thee, then rain down stones on us from heaven, or bring us a painful doom!”

In reflecting upon the conditions of faith for those souls and the conditions of faith for these new souls, much contemplation is required. Blessed are they who are awake and alert - those souls who have been awakened by the divine breeze and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from the world and all that is therein. By the life of God! These are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark mentioned by the Supreme Pen in the Book of Names. Today the Primal Point laments, and all things are saddened, for they have denied Him whose station equals all the books before and after that descended from the heaven of His Will, and whose manifestations of power and grandeur shone forth like the sun. Glory be to God! How hath heedlessness so seized these souls that after years of reading the Qur’an, they remained so unaware as to speak like the idolaters. A hundred thousand pities that the people of the Bayan have been afflicted with the chronic diseases of old. Ibn-i-Ja’far-i-Kirmani claimed: “I possess a hundred books from the Primal Point and so-and-so.” Say: Thou hast lied, by the Lord of the Ka’bah! By God, thou hast spoken without justice. In any case, whatever is from the Primal Point must be sent to the Most Holy Court, for it depends upon acceptance, and as for that which is from others - read some of it and judge fairly. By the life of God! It cannot compare with a single verse. We are not concerned with rejection or acceptance, but for the sake of God We say this much: you had and have no knowledge of the foundation of the Cause and its Founder. By the life of God! This one word would guide the fair-minded to the sweet and flowing fountain, but now you are found sleeping. Ask God to awaken you with the breezes of the springtime of divine knowledge and draw you to the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The Supreme Pen laments for itself, for matters have reached such a state that the Truth Itself writes proofs. O ye who possess ears, hearken with pure ears to this verse of the Qur’an. His blessed words, exalted is He: “If the Truth had followed their desires, verily the heavens and the earth and whosoever is therein would have been corrupted.” He says that if the Truth had followed their desires, surely the heavens and earth and all within them would have been corrupted. O people! Hear the call of the Wronged One and abandon your desires. Fix your gaze upon the Will of God and hold fast to His Purpose. He manifests whatsoever He willeth. Blessed is the one whose will is annihilated in His Will and whose desire is dissolved in His Desire. Thus hath spoken the Truth, and He guideth the Way.

Now contemplate the attributes of the assured believer of whom God hath given tidings. His blessed words, exalted is He: “And when they hear what hath been revealed to the Messenger, thou seest their eyes overflow with tears because of what they have recognized of the truth. They say: ‘Our Lord, we believe; write us down among the witnesses.’” And concerning the idolaters and opponents who have taken their own desires as proof for themselves, He says, blessed and exalted is He: “Even if We had sent down the angels unto them, and the dead had spoken unto them, and We had gathered all things before

them, they would not have believed unless God had so willed. However, most of them are ignorant." This blessed verse refers to souls who have ever risen in opposition and clung to their own desires rather than to proof […]

They have clung to their vain imaginings and turned away from the proof and testimony of God, exalted be His glory. He saith: "Even if We had sent down the angels unto them, and the dead had spoken unto them, and We had gathered together before them all things in multitude, they would not have believed in God, exalted be His glory." And "They swear their strongest oaths by God that if a sign should come to them, they would surely believe in it. Say: Signs are in the power of God alone, and what will make you realize that even if they came, they would not believe?" O assembly of Minshad! Be not as those who in the time of the Seal said: "By God, if He should turn Mount Safa into gold, or raise our dead to testify to the truth of His prophethood, we would believe." Throughout all His verses, God, exalted be His glory, hath rejected the deniers and made mention of those who are assured of His signs, in a manner befitting their faith and their turning unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Moreover He saith, blessed and exalted be He: "Are they waiting to see if the angels come to them, or thy Lord, or certain of the signs of thy Lord? The day that certain of the signs of thy Lord do come, no good will it do to a soul to believe in them then." Now ponder upon these verses and take heed, that perchance through divine proof and testimony ye may find your way to the straight path.

Concerning those souls who turn away from the rays of the Sun of Certitude, the Blessed and Exalted One declares: "Most of them follow nothing but conjecture. Surely conjecture can be of no avail against Truth. Verily God is well aware of all they do." Ponder upon this blessed verse. Concerning those souls who are deprived and forbidden from seeing and hearing, He says, blessed and exalted be He: "Among them are some who listen to thee; but canst thou make the deaf to hear even though they are devoid of understanding? And among them are some who look toward thee; but canst thou guide the blind even though they see not? Take heed, O ye who are endued with understanding!"

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and turn from ignorance to knowledge, from turning away to acceptance, and strive to proceed from the rivulet to the Most Great Ocean, that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower. This is the Day of vision, for the highest horizon is resplendent and manifest, and the Day of hearing, for the call of the Intended One is raised. This is that Day which hath been mentioned in all the Books and Scriptures. This deafness and blindness is indeed divine retribution and the recompense of deeds, yet we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist all and deprive none from the ocean of divine unity on this Day.

Consider this objection of the idolaters, that perchance the breeze of fairness may waft from the direction of the heart and purify all members. The Blessed and Exalted One declares: "Those who disbelieve say: 'Why is not a sign sent down to him from his Lord?'" Observe how whatever was manifested from God, exalted be His glory, the idolaters were not content therewith, but desired according to their own vain imaginings whatsoever they wished. O ye who count yourselves as believers, do ye acknowledge or not that He "doeth whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth"? Ye must today contemplate with fairness the proof of God and consider His evidence. By the life of God! This is spoken for the sake of God. The harm and benefit of the world revert to its people, as

every discerning one and every informed sage doth testify. Fear God, O people, and be not among the wrongdoers.

Consider this verse: “If there were a Qur’an with which mountains were moved, or the earth were cloven asunder, or the dead were made to speak…” The purpose is that the idolaters of Quraysh and those who turned away demanded such things from that holy Being that they might believe. The heavens lament and the dwellers of the highest Paradise wail. The idolaters of that age clung to such matters, and now certain followers of the Bayan are observed to be lower than those souls, for they have asked Him to reveal the gender of an expectant woman, who she is, what she carries in her womb and when she will deliver. Verily the very essence of seeking forgiveness doth ask forgiveness in this station for what they have said and say. Glory be to God! Is the mention of such matters befitting? Nay, by God! Yet this Wronged One standeth alone in the Cause and beseecheth God not to deprive His servants on this Day. Now the equivalent of all the Books of God, past and future, hath been revealed and is present. Reflect upon that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. In this Revelation hath appeared that which hath not appeared since the beginning of creation, yet turning away hath blinded the outward eye […]

Consider what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. In this Revelation there hath appeared what hath never appeared from the beginning of creation until now. Yet opposition preventeth both the outward and inward eye from beholding. We beseech God that He may grant deliverance unto all and not deprive them from the oceans of His mercy. O ye that are gathered together! I say unto you in truth that throughout all ages and centuries the evil ones among the people have ever been occupied with such objections. This is not the first Command that hath appeared in the Bayan, nor the first vessel that hath been broken in Islam, nor the first matter concerning which they have objected to the Prophets and Messengers. They objected to the Spirit (Christ), saying “If Thou be the Truth, command this stone to become bread,” or “Cast Thyself down from above.” He saith: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God’s will.” And it is also written: “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” Can they perceive the fragrance of these utterances and taste the sweetness of the Divine Word? This is most difficult unless the eyes, ears and hearts be cleansed through the water of return and repentance. He guideth whom He willeth and leadeth astray whom He pleaseth, and He is powerful over all things. This is a Day wherein all must show forth obedience and turn with complete submission and contentment, offering praise unto God with both their outer and inner tongues. Instead of gratitude they have drawn forth the sword, and in place of submission they have kindled the fire of hatred. Where are they whom names have not kept back from their Creator, and where are they whom the might of sovereignty hath not frightened in the days of God? O ye seekers who claim to be of the Shi’ih sect! Reflect, that perchance the tales and stories of old may not prevent you from the Day-Star of the divine kingdom and deprive you from the ocean of utterance. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. Whoso believeth, it shall be to his own benefit; and whoso turneth away, it shall be to his own loss. God is independent of all the worlds. O ye who claim knowledge! Consider this verse - blessed and exalted be His Word: “Seest thou such a one as taketh for his god his own passion? God hath, knowing him as such, led him astray, and sealed up his hearing and his heart, and put a covering on his sight. Who, then, will guide him after God? Will ye not then be mindful?”

Take heed of the words of Truth, exalted be His glory. The days are passing swiftly. By the life of God, these objections were and are unworthy of the divine days. This is the day whereof He saith, “The earth shall shine with the light of her Lord.” This is the day whereof He saith, “The dwellers of Sinai shall be struck with thunderous awe.” Take refuge in Truth, glorified be His majesty, and with pure hearts and sanctified vision turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon. I swear by the light of the Sun of Evidence which hath shone from the highest horizon of the world that this Wronged One hath gone beyond your faith and the faith of others. For twelve hundred years and more, people like you took pride before other sects in what they possessed, and in gatherings and from pulpits they occupied themselves with disputation, contention, revilement and cursing of one another, imagining they were serving God. In the end, the fruit of all their deeds was their agreement to shed most holy blood. Now too these souls desire to occupy themselves with cursing, reviling and disputation for another thousand years, ultimately reaching the same fruit as the previous sect, namely the Shi’ih party. What strange intoxication and what strange heedlessness hath seized them all! From the beginning of Islam until the first day of the Manifestation, not one of the Shi’ih divines was aware of the nature of the Manifestation and the presence of that Essence of Being in the loins. This was the station of your previous divines who possessed not an atom’s weight of knowledge. Were they to reflect somewhat on this matter, they would cry out. Now the time of the previous sect hath passed, and the time of the Bayani sect hath come. Say what ye wish. That which was incumbent upon Truth, glorified be His majesty, He hath proclaimed in most eloquent terms before the faces of all the world. All things bear witness to this, if ye be not of them that deny. Judge fairly: after the effulgences of the Sun of the Bayan of the All-Merciful, and the waves of the ocean of divine knowledge, and the manifestations of the Luminary of inner meanings in the gathering of the world, is it befitting to speak like the former deniers? Nay, worse still! By God! Sanctify your hearts from the veils of idle fancies and desire, that perchance ye may hearken to the wondrous, delicate melodies of the Bird of inner meanings, warbling upon the highest branch of understanding, and may find yourselves detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein, and soar with the wings of freedom in the atmosphere of justice and fairness. It would be regrettable were ye to be seen as like unto the former deniers. By the life of God, were it not for the Most Exalted Pen, the veils and coverings would have prevented all. Now that some of the veils have been rent asunder by the power of the Most Exalted Pen, perchance a few souls may find and remain steadfast. Observe how the verses have encompassed the world and how the evidences have become more manifest than the sun, yet despite this they have forgotten the divine counsels and broken His covenant and testament, and have perpetrated that which pen and utterance fail to describe. O servant! We conclude with these words, blessed and exalted be His utterance: “Verily, thou canst not make the dead to hear, nor canst thou make the deaf to hear the call when they turn their backs and flee.” And it is better that we pass beyond all this and occupy ourselves with the remembrance of God.

O my God, my Adored One, my King! I bear witness that Thou art not to be known through the attributes of Thy creatures, nor described through the praises of created things. The perceptions of the world and the minds of nations cannot fittingly enter the precincts of Thy sanctity, nor comprehend it. What error has caused the dwellers of the City of Names to be withheld from Thine exalted horizon and deprived from drawing nigh unto Thy Most Great Ocean? A single letter from Thy Book is the Mother of all Utterance, and one word therefrom is the Source of all Being. What ingratitude has appeared from Thy

servants that Thou hast withheld them all from knowing Thee! One drop from the ocean of Thy mercy can quench the flames of hell, and one spark from the fire of Thy love can set the world ablaze. O All-Knowing One! Though we are heedless, yet we cling to Thy grace, and though we are ignorant, we turn to the ocean of Thy knowledge. Thou art He Whose abundance of grace is not hindered by the multitude of errors, nor is Thy bounty impeded by the world's rejection. The gate of Thy grace has forever been open. A dewdrop from the ocean of Thy mercy can adorn all with the ornament of sanctity, and a sprinkle from the sea of Thy generosity can endow all existence with true wealth. O Concealer! Remove not the veil. Ever have the manifestations of Thy grace encompassed the world, and the lights of Thy Most Great Name have shone upon all. Deprive not Thy servants of the wonders of Thy grace, and grant them awareness that they may testify to Thy oneness, and bestow upon them recognition that they may hasten unto Thee. Thy mercy hath encompassed all created things and Thy grace hath embraced all. From the waves of the ocean of Thy bestowals have appeared the seas of seeking and yearning. All that exists is Thee; what is besides Thee is unworthy of mention save through entering beneath Thy shadow and arriving at Thy court. In every state we seek Thy ancient forgiveness and search for Thy boundless grace. We hope that Thou wilt not deprive any soul of Thy grace nor withhold from anyone the ornament of justice and fairness. Thou art the Sovereign of generosity, the Lord of bounty, and the One Who ruleth over all who are in earth and heaven.

The spirit of the world be a sacrifice unto His call, and unto His remembrance, and unto His utterance! By the life of my Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven! At the time of the revelation of these verses, from beginning to end, all the realities of the Prophets and Messengers were present, and all the Concourse on High and dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise were seized by the attraction of the utterance of the All-Merciful. God is witness and bearer of testimony to what befell this servant at the time of utterance - all limbs and members were agitated and convulsed, and from all directions sorrows encompassed me, that the people of the Bayan should act thus despite the counsels of the All-Merciful. Glory be to God! This servant is astonished at how quickly the veils and idle fancies have encompassed the people. The Exalted One - may the spirit of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation be a sacrifice unto Him - proclaims with the most elevated call, His word, exalted and mighty: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He shall not be known through My allusions, nor through what is mentioned in the Bayan." Do the people of the Bayan consider these words, which flowed from the lips of the Primal Point's Will - may the spirit of all else be a sacrifice unto Him - to be false or true? If, God forbid, they deem it false, then no further word remains. And if they accept it as true, what then are these words and these objections? Well done to the people of the Bayan! How firmly they have girded their loins to block the gates of divine bounties and how ready they are to prevent His mercy! This evanescent servant implores and beseeches you to fix your gaze upon the truth and upon that which hath appeared from His presence. Have you not witnessed and hath there not appeared from the Truth even as much as you desired? Look ye in the revealed Books - whatsoever hath later come to pass had already flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, but there is neither sight nor hearing to observe and take heed. This servant hath no word with anyone. What he had to say, he hath said; this was his duty and he hath discharged it. Guidance and error are in the hand of God, exalted be His glory. Yet he hath not failed, nor will he fail, to pray. The Command is in the hand of our Lord, our Beloved, our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid these

mentioned souls to return and repent, that perchance God may remit their misdeeds and transgressions, whereby the hearts of the people of Paradise have melted, the Concourse on High have lamented, and this evanescent servant was struck unconscious. For a time this servant remained unconscious and stupefied. After recovering consciousness and awakening, I besought the Self-Sufficient One with utmost lowliness and supplication not to deprive His servants of the splendors of the Sun of Divine Unity, for this is truly the Day of Divine Unity. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the Day and the Lord of the Day. This is the Day of the blessed word "There is none other God but He." Hearken unto the call of this evanescent servant, and while there is yet time, arise to redeem that which hath passed you by. The greatness of this Day hath been mentioned in the Books of old and of recent times, and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to aid all to perform such deeds as befit this mighty Day, and to grant His confirmation that all may turn their faces to the eternal countenance and advance toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

At the close, this evanescent servant makes mention of a word, and it is this: Let them ask, with the utmost courtesy, from their own source one of those questions which they posed here with complete discourtesy, and after witnessing how different is the reality from what they had imagined, let them turn towards the Most Holy Court, that they may gain awareness and attain unto the knowledge of God, and recognize the station of this Day and true unity. This is the most great mercy and the supreme bounty, if they be enabled to achieve it. Would that the people might recognize Him! Would that the people might know! Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return. Glory be upon the people of Baha who were not prevented by the intimations of the people of the Bayan, those who turned away from the All-Merciful when He came to them with manifest sovereignty. And praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Servant

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He is God

After several days when no answer descended from the heaven of divine will, this servant once again, for the sake of God, submits these few words to the possessors of attentive ears, that perchance they may recognize the station of Truth and, through the fragrance of utterance, turn to the horizon of the All-Merciful. The people of the assembly, meaning those four souls, seek tidings of the unseen, saying "We do not understand the verses." This statement greatly affected this servant, for it contradicts the divine verses. In the eighth chapter of the sixth Vahid of the Bayan, He says - exalted and glorified be His words: "Whoso seeks proof in aught save the Book of God and the verses of the Bayan, while all are powerless to produce the like thereof, hath no proof. And whoso relates miracles other than these, there is no truth in it…" until His exalted words: "that perchance on the Day of the Manifestation of Him Whom God shall make manifest, no 'why' or 'wherefore' shall be uttered concerning Him." Would that only 'why' and 'wherefore' had been uttered! That which no oppressor had ever spoken was spoken. Those souls who say "We do not understand the verses" - do they not even understand their obvious meaning? Let them ponder the blessed Surih of Ra'is and judge fairly. All that subsequently came to pass had been previously revealed from the Supreme Pen with utmost clarity. Let a group gather, free from hatred, and examine

that Surih. By the life of our Lord! Word for word it hath been made manifest in the visible world. Let them observe and judge fairly, and return from the desert of heedlessness to the field of awareness, and from the darkness of fancy and conjecture to the light of certitude. Fear God, O people, and be not among the transgressors. Be not like the heedless Shi'ih party who would first lament from the pulpit the oppression of the Letters of the Furqan, and then at the end would curse the Chief of those Letters and decree His death. In any case, by the testimony of the Bayan and the Furqan and the divine Books, the sending of that concordant writing was an error - an error whose record would be most difficult to erase from the book of deeds, save through clear repentance. They must seek forgiveness by night and day; perchance He may forgive them and expiate what they have committed. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory be to God! They have said that which its error is clear and evident to every soul. O united souls! What tidings of the unseen did ye hear from the Exalted One? In the first year of the Manifestation, ye were all heedless and turned away. What unseen thing was then revealed that ye became believers? Now observe that which is above it and far above it, and judge fairly. God is witness and testifier that in what hath been submitted, I had and have no purpose save His good-pleasure and the salvation of His servants. Verily He knoweth what is in the hearts and what is in the breasts, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is God, Exalted be His Glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who made tribulation as water for His Lote Tree on High and His Ultimate Tree, and a light for His chosen servants that He might show them the path of attainment to the Supreme Companion and the Most Glorious Station. Through it the horizon of certitude shone forth amidst all possibility, and the temples of assurance appeared among the concourse of religions. Verily it is the sword whereby God separated between His servants and His creation, and through it the doubters retreated while those possessed of certitude advanced toward the Dawning-Place of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Generous Bestower. Blessed is the soul whom tribulation failed to deter from turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and whom worldly affairs did not prevent from gazing toward the direction of its Lord, the Mighty, the Most Glorious.

All things testify with every tongue that he is the one certain in God, standing firm in God's Cause, speaking of God, turning toward God, moving by God's leave, and breathing through love of God. He is indeed the one whom the Point of the Bayan mentioned in His words: "I and those in Paradise yearn for a soul who is martyred in His path." I testify that those who were adorned with this supreme embroidery and illumined by this most brilliant light are the Name of God, the ?a in the land of ?ad, then the name of ?a, then he who was named Kazim. These are servants who turned, attained, heard, and ascended to a station which, by God, pens and the tongues of the peoples of all lands are powerless to describe. Glory be upon them, praise be upon them, and light be upon them from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And then, O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my soul, the singing of the birds that warbled upon the branches of your utterance and the trees of your love attracted me and drew me to the

Ultimate Station and the Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great, Most Glorious Presence of our Lord. When I appeared, the Lord of the World spoke: "What is that in your right hand?" I presented the book sent by him who arose to serve Your Mighty Cause. Then He commanded me to read, and I presented what was in it before His Face. When it was finished, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke again: "He is among those who have attained a bounty which every soul is powerless to mention. We have rained down upon him from the clouds of grace that which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We have sent to him each year that which establishes God's Cause and His proof among His servants, but the people are in evident veils." End.

And regarding what was written about 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar who in the previous year, for the love of God, carried Tablets and delivered them to their recipients, this is what was revealed in response:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious […]

Thou hast previously attained unto My remembrance, and this is yet another time when My Most Exalted Pen remembereth thee from this lofty station. Blessed is the servant who acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained by God, the Lord of all worlds, and whom the attraction of the Call hath so seized that he hath cast away his idle fancies and taken what hath been bestowed from a gracious Bestower. Thou hast drunk the cup of recognition from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and it behooveth thee to drink the cup of contentment from the fingers of the grace of the Lord of Names, Who hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. Thou must, in all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the Truth and, detached from thy desires, act according to His good-pleasure. Thy remembrance hath been made time and again at the Most Holy Court, and wondrous verses have been sent down repeatedly from the heaven of loving-kindness. This is that remembrance which hath been and shall forever be enduring. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. However, thou must protect this most exalted station through the Name of God and be gladdened by that which hath been commanded. What joy could be greater than this, that the Beloved of the world should remember thee from the Most Great Prison? Thou must, with complete trust and detachment, engage in service to the Cause of God with spirit and fragrance. He, verily, is the Commander, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. He writeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

As to what thou didst write concerning the deceased Dervish Baqir and his legacy, it was submitted. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in reply: Blessed is he for having fulfilled his covenant and held fast to the Testament. He attained unto the recognition of God in days wherein the ocean of tribulation surged and the clamor of the people of hypocrisy was raised. He is of them who drank the choice wine of recognition and attained unto the days of God, the Possessor of the Day of Separation. We made mention of him before his ascension and after his passing, as a token of Our grace, and We are the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

As to what was written concerning the funds, they said to act according to his will when deemed appropriate and send it to the Most Holy Court.

As to what thou didst write concerning Haji Ghulam-'Ali, the details about him were previously written by the honored physician, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], and a reply was written to them. Let action be taken accordingly.

As to what thou didst write that the aforementioned one hath borne your troubles, how fortunate that he hath attained unto this blessing. I beseech the Most High to grant him success in similar matters and aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to him on behalf of this servant.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad, that he resideth in Sulaymaniyyih in the room of Aqa Muhammad Hasan and hath attained unto the honor of belief, these matters were submitted to the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious!

This is a letter from the Wronged One to him who hath drawn nigh unto the Most Great Sea that he might drink the living waters from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and be of them that know. O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards Us, and We make mention of thee from this exalted station. This is a station named the Most Great Prison and by all names, yet most of the people are heedless. We counsel thee, O Muhammad, to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause wherein the feet of the mystics have slipped, save whom God, the Bestower, the Bountiful, hath willed. Hold fast unto the cord of the Command and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of the sincere ones have soared and the minds of them who are nigh unto Thee have been attracted, to make me in all conditions turn towards the horizon of Thy grace and speak Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Creator of heaven and Sovereign over all names! I beseech Thee by the Lamp that was surrounded by the winds of discord throughout all regions, and by the Name through which was revealed that which lay hidden within the treasuries of Thy power and the depositories of Thy might, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and sought the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in Thy days and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and from Thy knowledge the movement of all things escapeth not. Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all men and the Ruler of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

In the Name of the One True God!

The Supreme Pen ever mentioneth those who are turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon with the most exalted call, and summoneth them to the straight path of God which hath appeared through the Most Great Word. O friends! No book can be read save by one who is versed in its language, and thus its teaching and learning hath never been, nor ever shall be, free from effort. But the Book of the world is written in such clear characters that every unlettered one can read it, and every people among the

peoples of the earth can comprehend it, for inscribed thereon in manifest script are the stations of evanescence and nothingness, of change and transformation. Blessed is the soul that turneth thereunto and becometh mindful thereof. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of certitude, which shineth from the prison horizon, that should anyone ponder and reflect thereon, he would find himself detached and free, in such wise that the cares and sorrows of the world and all else besides would have no effect upon him, and he would account them all as non-existent and void. Beseech ye God that He may grant unto all a portion of the heavenly table and of the everlasting bounty. He is, verily, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. Let not time slip away; arise to that which behooveth you in the days of the Friend. He is, in truth, the Counselor, the Trustworthy. Glory be upon the letter B and upon those who have attained unto the knowledge of God and have arisen to serve His Cause, the firm, the mighty.

And regarding what was written concerning Jinab-i-Mirza Mahmud, He said: "I swear by the Most Great Name that God, exalted be His glory, has mentioned and continues to mention all the friends, and has manifested Himself so that all may attain the honor of His presence. However, the hatred of tyrannical nations has become a barrier. Those souls who, in truth, with perfect sincerity and purity, with utter nothingness and complete detachment, desire to attain the presence of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and who, in compliance with the binding command, refrain from coming and are content with His good-pleasure, which is the ultimate purpose - assuredly the reward of attainment unto His presence shall be written for such souls and shall be recorded by the Divine Pen in the eternal scroll. Whatsoever He doeth today has been and shall be based on consummate wisdom. All must be content with it. Praise be to God that Mahmud has attained the grace of the Lord of existence. Now he must occupy himself with matters that cause the exaltation of God's Cause. This very service to which he has arisen is most beloved in the sight of God. However, counsel ye all to wisdom. The Glory be upon him and upon him who was named Baba from among the people of Kha, from God, the Lord of the worlds."

And regarding what ye wrote about Darvish Ghulam-Husayn from Malayer and Mulla Asadu'llah from that land, it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said: "Darvish Ghulam-Husayn has attained the grace of the Most Great Prison and the presence of the Beloved of the world. He must at all times beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord that this great achievement remain preserved. Today is the day when all are commanded and obligated to serve the Cause, and service to the Cause in the first instance consists of deeds and actions that cause the exaltation of God's Cause among His servants and manifest the essence of humanity on earth. All the friends must beseech God, exalted be His bounty and great be His favor, that they may attain to this lofty station, this most exalted summit, and this ultimate purpose of human existence. Verily, He is the All-Seeing Witness and the Generous Giver."

And regarding Jinab-i-Mulla Asadu'llah, this is what God hath revealed in response:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious […]

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful for all who are in the realm of possibility, that it might draw them to the supreme horizon and the Most Glorious Station. He, verily, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. To this all things bear witness, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain imaginings, following those who have turned away from the ocean of knowledge and who wander in the wilderness of ignorance with manifest delusion. The cry hath

been raised between earth and heaven, and the gate of attainment hath been opened, yet they remain asleep. Vain fancies have so seized them that they have turned away from Him by Whom the horizon of certitude hath been illumined. O Lion! There hath come before the Wronged One a letter wherein mention was made of thee. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing Remembrancer. Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God and adorned with the light of His knowledge. He, verily, is with whosoever hath turned toward His supreme horizon and is numbered among those endued with certainty. Beware lest the affairs of the peoples prevent thee from the Ancient King. Leave the world to its people and hold fast unto My strong cord. This is a Remembrance before which all remembrances have prostrated themselves, and a Tablet before which all tablets have bowed down. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Wise Explainer. When thou hast attained unto it, preserve it by Our command, then recite it with joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's revelation, the All-Merciful, command thee–He Who hath endured tribulation and adversity in His straight Path. This is a Day wherein that which was hidden hath appeared and that which was concealed hath come with a sovereignty that the oppressors' might hath failed to withhold. We speak by night and by day amongst the people: There is none other God but He, the One, the All-Informed. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the sun of certitude. Blessed is he who hath turned toward it and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and the Manifestation of Thy mighty and glorious Cause!" This is the Day of service. Those faces that have turned unto God must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance, engage in teaching the Cause of God, that perchance the dead in the valleys of perplexity and ignorance might be quickened by the drops from the ocean of life and be adorned with the new robe of living existence. Hereafter, be thou not grieved outwardly. The Cause is in His hands. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of His presence and meeting. He, verily, is the Munificent Bestower.

And concerning the mention of Mulla 'Isa that was made, when presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said: "Well done, O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin. Today all souls must, with their entire being, turn to hear the Divine Call and act upon that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the Cause." Write to 'Isa: "Thy mention was made in the Most Great Prison before the Wronged One, and thy call was heard. Reflect upon that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. I swear by the Divine Ocean of Knowledge that there hath been sent down that which the pens of the world are powerless to reckon." In a Tablet wherein mention was made of the Wolf, that is, Shaykh Baqir who resideth in the Land of Sad, this blessed verse was revealed: "Dost thou object to Him Who hath brought thee what thou possessest and what all the peoples of the world possess of the testimonies of God and His signs? Open thy eyes that thou mayest behold the Wronged One risen from the horizon of God's Will, the Sovereign, the Truth, the Manifest. Then open thy heart's ear that thou mayest hear that which the Tree uttereth, which hath been raised up in truth by God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Verily the Tree, despite what it hath suffered from thy tyranny and the oppression of thy like, calleth out in the loudest voice and summoneth all unto the Divine Lote-Tree and the Supreme Horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath beheld the Most Great Sign and the ear that hath heard its sweetest call, and woe unto every denier, every sinner. O thou who hast turned away from God! If thou were to behold the Tree with an eye of fairness, thou wouldst

see the marks of thy swords upon its twigs and branches and leaves, after God had created thee to know it and serve it. Reflect that thou mayest become aware of thy tyranny and be of them that repent."

And in another passage of that Tablet this blessed verse was revealed: "Dost thou deny the verses of thy Lord, which when sent down from the heaven of the Cause, before them did bow down all the books of the world? Reflect that thou mayest become aware of thy deed, O heedless outcast!"

O 'Isa! Observe how, despite these clear signs and manifest and resplendent evidences, in what state the people are and with what deeds they are occupied. The verses of God have encompassed the whole world and His evidences shine forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of power, yet despite this the people are engaged in their own idle fancies and are deprived of the Sovereign of certitude. O 'Isa! Strive that perchance in these divine days thou mayest attain unto that which merits mention by the Supreme Pen. The world shall pass away like lightning, nay swifter still. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for thee in the Kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. God willing, thou shalt drink of the choice sealed wine and share it with them that are worthy. Whatever may occur to the mind hath been revealed from the heaven of divine knowledge in infinite Tablets, but due to the tyranny and transgression of the people of the world there hath been no opportunity for their publication and dissemination. The time shall come when God will manifest that which He hath willed. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

If thou shouldst meet the friends of God who are in those parts, convey to them greetings and gladden them all with the bounty and favor of God. Say: "Glory be to Thee, O Thou before Whose mention and praise all tongues are powerless! I beseech Thee by the Name through opposition to which the tyrants among Thy creatures have arisen, to make me in all conditions regardful of Thy horizon and content with what Thou hast ordained by the Pen of Thy decree. Then write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art more knowing than I, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Moreover I beseech Thee, O God of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, to make me one of those who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that the might of the Pharaohs who violated Thy Covenant and turned away from Thy Beauty did not deter them. O Lord! Give me to drink the wine of steadfastness by Thy hand of bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

O 'Isa! Mention was made of two souls in the Most Holy Court - Isaac and Fath'u'llah. We make mention of them from this station as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We counsel them with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. He, verily, is the Commander, the All-Informed. Blessed are they and those who have attained the recognition of God and have arisen to serve His Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines nor the objections of rulers could deter them. Thy Lord, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

As commanded, His Holiness should consider whether it is suitable to send. O Zayn! We have commanded consultation, therefore We Ourselves consult. He, verily, is the All-Choosing.

Concerning what was mentioned about Siyyid Khalil, His word, exalted be His grandeur: […]

All must engage in some occupation. He sendeth down blessings upon whomsoever He willeth. Thy Lord is verily the Generous, the Bountiful. All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention at the end of the Book of him who turned toward My direction by My leave, entered My prison, attained My presence, drank the choice wine of reunion with Me, and stood before the door of My grace and heard My call. He is indeed the one who hath been named “The Most Truthful” in My mighty Book.

This evanescent servant requests that you convey sincere greetings and glorification to all the friends in that land who have drunk from the ocean of recognition and are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful.

Likewise to Aqa Sulayman who sent a letter to this servant - at the beginning it was a petition and at the end he made mention of this servant. At an appropriate time it was presented before His countenance and his entire supplication was laid before His presence. The answer was revealed from the heaven of will - His Holiness should write and send it. The new glad tidings are that once again his petition was presented and once again they showed favor.

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

Praise be to God, before Whose greatness all things have testified and Whose might every knowing one hath acknowledged. He hath ever been and will ever be what He hath been. He revealeth in every time whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the One, the Peerless.

After submitting the reply to two holy letters, a third letter dated the 19th of Shavval arrived.

Concerning what you had written that Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the glory of God, had written from the land of Ta about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God - this was presented to the Most Holy Court. They said: “Blessed is Muhammad who hath aimed at the Ultimate Goal and desired to serve his Lord, the Possessor of all beings. We make mention of him as a token of Our grace. He, verily, is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing. And We glorify from this station him and those who have turned to the Qiblih of humanity. O Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin! The whole world hath been created for the service of the Cause. Whosoever hath turned thereunto hath attained to that which is intended. ‘The intention of the believer is better than his deed’ applieth to this station, inasmuch as he hath intended to turn toward the prison and engage in service to the Cause. This matter was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One because of Jinab-i-As, and He accepted the merit of his intention with utmost favor. This is the essence of the meaning of the blessed word previously mentioned. His service is accepted and his intention is approved. In these days, due to wisdom, his coming is not permitted, and afterward the matter is in His hand. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.”

And as for your mention of Ibn-i-Ismi-A?daq, upon both of them be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. He - exalted be His grandeur - says: “He turned, by My leave, toward My Prison, and entered the seat of the Throne, and attained the presence of the Face, and heard the call of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We beseech God to assist him in serving His Cause and to grant him that which befits the days of his Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Informed. We have remembered him and do remember him as a token of Our grace, that he may rejoice in the loving-kindness of his Lord and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon his father who would present himself at the Gate every day and hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur would utter from His mighty and exalted station. We love to

remember the Most Truthful One, for he has drunk the wine of My loving-kindness and attained My good-pleasure and spoke My praise and arose to serve My mighty Cause."

And concerning what was written about the Tablet of ?adr, that the original revelation differs from the copy, meaning the word "this" appears in the copy but not in the original - the original revelation is correct and accurate. The copy this servant wrote should be made to match the original. This servant erroneously wrote "this." They should make a copy from the original revelation text and provide both the original and the copy, as the person mentioned is not and was not capable of reading the original revelation.

And regarding the elegy composed by the wife of Aqa Mirza Abu-?alib, upon both of them be the Glory of God, which you had written about and sent - at one point the entire document was presented before the Most Holy Court. He - exalted be His grandeur - says: "Blessed is she, then blessed is she again, for having elegized a calamity for which the Tongue of Grandeur elegized and the dwellers of the pavilion of glory lamented." O Zayn, convey congratulations to that leaf from the tongue of the Wronged One and give her the glad tidings that what she composed regarding the calamity of the Twin Luminous Lights was accepted before the Throne and attained the hearing of the Ancient Beauty. Her reward is with Him Who aided her and caused her to speak. He is the best rewarder. He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

We send greetings from this Most Exalted Station and Most Sublime Spot to the one whom We mentioned before and aided to recognize My Self and hear My verses - he who was named Abu-?alib in the Book of Names and was among those who remember. We sent him Tablets before, a single one of which cannot be equaled by all that hath been created on earth. Every discerning soul bears witness to this. Give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him, then send him what We have revealed at this time. Say: Be not grieved at anything. Rejoice in the days of God and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known to me Thy Day, which most of Thy servants have failed to recognize. O Lord! Aid me to preserve what Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, then cause me to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in Thy Cause. Thou art the Generous. O Lord! Ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful."

And as for your fourth letter dated the 18th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, it brought light to heart and soul. May the Beloved of all possibility ever assist you in that which is the cause of joy and gladness to His chosen ones and loved ones.

"This year, due to the war that has occurred and the conflicts that have arisen between monarchs, affairs in all lands have become difficult. However, after this hardship, ease will certainly appear. Verily, He provides for whomsoever He wishes without account. Travel to Aleppo is not approved, but if they wish to journey to the vicinity of Mosul, there is no objection." End.

Another matter is that regarding the passages which His Holiness wrote concerning Aqa Muhammad-Baqir to Aqa Muhammad-Mu??afa, upon whom be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, the aforementioned personage sent a copy thereof to the Most Holy Court. Subsequently, by command, Haji Muhammad-Baqir and those with him, and Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-'Ali, upon them be the glory of God,

were summoned and attained His presence, and afterwards they set out for Egypt. He stated that the friends in that land imagine that other places are better, that is to say, superior in terms of earning a livelihood and sustenance, but this has been and will continue to be an illusion. This year high prices are evident in all lands, especially in this land where goods have tripled in price and continued to rise, making the matter of livelihood difficult for everyone. However, God willing, through divine grace this will be transformed into ease.

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Ghulam-'Ali having verbally mentioned that the consort of His Holiness the Name 66 (may God sanctify his resting place) expressed great contentment and gratitude in the face of afflictions, and concerning what they mentioned about the wife of Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib (upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory) having written in verse about being cast into a well - this incident did not actually occur and they were mistaken about this matter. They should not write about this. It is submitted that even if something did not occur, there would be no harm in mentioning it, given the cruelty of the oppressor who perpetrated this tyranny. Just as what was apparently said flowed from the Supreme Pen by way of questioning - consider the martyrdom of the Prince of Martyrs (may our souls be sacrificed for him). Whatever was mentioned and heard has been and continues to be proclaimed from pulpits, even though some of it may not have actually occurred. O beloved of my heart! By God, the oppressors cast her into a dark well. What well could be greater than this calamity that befell that leaf? What tyranny could be more tyrannical than what was visited upon her? The oppressors made her house a well for her. Her patience and fortitude, that leaf upon whom be the glory of God and His light and grace, are witnessed before the Throne. However, since His Holiness H has such a great station, nay the greatest station, before the Throne, even if this incident had occurred it would have caused no harm nor diminished the station of that leaf's contentment, and she has a great station with her Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. O my beloved! The station of His Holiness H is most great. Always, due to the weakness of some, his station was veiled. May my spirit be sacrificed for him. Likewise the station of H and K who attained the greatest martyrdom - would that I had been with them and attained what they attained! Though Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Aqa Jan (upon him be the glory of God) still lives, he is counted among the martyrs for what great tribulations befell him. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in preserving what he has attained. What the wife of Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib wrote is correct - let them not erase it. The Command is in His hands - He does what He wills and ordains what He desires. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God that this petition ends with mention of these holy souls. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that the regret that this servant did not attain what they attained has been and will remain in my heart and soul. Today people are heedless - they know not what they say or do. Set aside the masses - even some of the beloved friends were seen to become disturbed and shaken by this great calamity, when at such times they should be the cause of assurance and steadfastness for others. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that a bounty has been bestowed the like of which has never been seen or heard of in creation. The request is that if possible, you yourself should convey what has been submitted to that pure leaf, with complete discretion and wisdom, as the Name S is very cautious regarding the opponents and polytheists.

Another submission is that his honor Ustad 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant. Its details were submitted to the Most Holy Court. The Sun of Providence has dawned. God

willing, may they be immersed in the sea of contentment in all conditions and move upon the earth of His will. God's providence has been with them and, God willing, will continue to be. Convey to them on behalf of this ephemeral one an exalted greeting. Their letter brought a smile to the face of the Desired One of the world. God willing, may they ever be confirmed and speak in remembrance of the Friend, arise in His service, move according to His will, turn toward His purpose, and be gladdened by His grace. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Appreciating.

Regarding the sum of his honor Marfu' which was submitted to the Most Holy Court, they have again commanded that in consideration of that elevated one's station, nineteen qirans should be sent to the Most Holy Court and the remainder distributed among the loved ones of that land.

Another submission is that his honor Sadra from the land of Q, whose petition was previously forwarded, has been blessed with a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specially revealed for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy, and the original revelation was sent as submitted. Afterwards, this servant noticed that perhaps they might not be able to properly read it, therefore both the original and a copy were sent. God willing, may it reach them.

And another submission is that the reply to his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], and some others will be sent next week, as it was not advisable to send all in one envelope. It is submitted again that the mention of sincerity and greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to the divine friends is contingent upon your honor's grace.

The Servant

Dated 26th of the month of Hajj, 1296

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May the esteemed and honored Mulla 'Abdu'r-Rahim take note: He is the Most Mighty, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Exalted be His grandeur and His majesty, then His power and His dominion, and transcendent be His station above the mention of them that make mention, above the description of them that describe, and above the praise of all the worlds.

This evanescent servant makes known that your letter was received, and from the wondrous words and the pearls of meaning concealed within the shells of its letters was unveiled. And in these days when the joy of creation appears to have been lifted and the tyranny and oppression of those who oppose the Beauty of the King of Names and Attributes has encompassed the world, utmost joy and delight was attained. For you had inquired about certain doubts that the people of uncertainty have brought against the Cause of the King of Oneness. Although today it is not permissible for any soul to gaze upon aught but the Truth, lest doubt and intimation deprive him from the holy and eternal presence, yet since the Ancient Beauty has loved and continues to love those who ask, therefore joy appeared and delight was manifested. Otherwise, I swear by the Beloved of all, such sorrows have in this day befallen the Beauty of the All-Merciful that all things are engaged in lamentation and weeping. For in every age, every oppressor

who committed oppression acknowledged his own deed and tyranny and made no claim of being oppressed. But the oppressors of this age - though by God besides Whom there is no God they have intended to slay the Divine Tree - have attributed Sunnism to it before the Persians of this land, and likewise attributed Shi'ism and heterodoxy before the Sunnis. Nevertheless they have written letters to all regions and attributed all these oppressive acts to the Self of God Who stands for justice. Consider now how much harm has been inflicted, for they have deemed the people foolish and assumed them to be without understanding, thinking they could thereby conceal this holy and eternal Revelation through such words. They are heedless that God has servants who consider hundreds of thousands like these as non-existent and hasten to the holy and praiseworthy court. Nothing affects their hearts save the word of truth, and naught passes over their sanctified hearts save the divine fragrances. And as to what you wrote regarding the truth and authenticity of the Most Great Beauty, exalted be His station, being as clear as the mid-day sun, while there is discussion about the falsity of others who are known - this servant submits that if the authenticity of the Truth, exalted be His glory, is evident and clear as you have written, then any soul who rejects the Truth is assuredly rejected and will remain so, whether they be of the Most Great Name or otherwise. And after truth there is naught but manifest error. And if certain persons have not recognized His authenticity and His truth has not been proven to them, we ask: are these souls responsible or not? If they are not responsible, no blame rests upon them. And if they are responsible, has the hand of the invisible divine power deposited within these souls a sign for recognizing His own Self or not? If He has not deposited it while commanding recognition - God forbid! For no oppressor has ever commanded beyond capacity, nor will ever do so - how much less the Essence of mercy and the Source of grace. And if He has deposited it, then these souls must themselves understand the Cause of Truth. In this case, neither the rejection of anyone nor the acceptance of any soul would suffice these souls, for within these souls was the sign of divine recognition whereby they could know the Truth and distinguish it from all else. Once this station is established, one must today seek from the Manifestation Himself that same proof by which the Cause of the Primal Point, exalted be His station, was established. Without this, nothing will avail or benefit, now or ever.

It is most clear that the Primal Point, exalted be His grandeur, made no mention except of the Letters of the Unity and the Mirrors. He designated the Letters of Unity as the fourteen returned proofs of the Qur'an and the other four from the four gates, and named these souls the Letters of the Living, giving them precedence over all who are in the Bayan. After this rank, He mentioned the Mirrors. Observe that in none of the Tablets did He set a limit to the Mirrors, as He states that if infinite mirrors were to face each other, the light of the sun would be reflected and manifest in all of them, and after their turning away, He states, that bounty is withdrawn. He gave the example of the visible mirror and the visible sun, stating that whosoever wishes to understand should observe the visible sun and the visible mirrors. He removed all Qur'anic limitations, such that it became clear to all who had vision that these people had nothing of truth in their hands, and whatever they had was contrary to it. Now I shall present some matters to you so that, God willing, you may act with insight. For instance, first, if anyone claimed that the Qa'im must be born, they considered such a person an infidel and deemed his execution necessary and obligatory. Second, His existence in Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and likewise they rejected anyone who denied this belief. Third, similarly regarding the seal of prophethood, they firmly held that absolutely no one would ever come after, and if anyone believed that a Manifestation would come, they considered him an

infidel, rejected, and among the people of the fire. Fourth, what they mentioned regarding the resurrection, considering its deniers as infidels. Fifth, the mention of the vision of God, considering those who affirmed it as infidels. Sixth, the mention of the bridge, about which they held such vain beliefs. Seventh, the mention of resurrection, wherein they all believed that decayed bones must rise from literal graves, and they considered [its deniers] as infidels, and similar matters that they held. You observe that in none of these sayings were these people truthful. There is no doubt that you yourself confirm that they all spoke of these things unknowingly, as it became clear in the Manifestation of the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, that all they held was contrary to God's Cause, as if these people had not a single truth in their possession, for they mentioned all these matters unknowingly while considering them true and [their denier] as rejected. Now you yourself confirm that they had not understood any of these matters.

And [its deniers] have rejected it. Now you yourself acknowledge that you had not understood any of these matters, and what they were saying was pure falsehood and sheer calumny. Similarly, compare the rest of the statements of this group to the aforementioned matters and keep the heart pure and sanctified from all things. Although today the leaders of the Bayan have cast people into such delusions that, I swear by the Truth, no nations among the nations of the past have ever been tainted by such delusions. And they are now occupied with proofs that even the lowliest among the people of the Furqan (Qur'an) had used as evidence, and they pride themselves on this, hoping that through these imaginary utterances they might deprive the people of the Chosen Beauty.

As to the questions mentioned by that honored one: First, you had written that when we observe the world of creation, we notice that gold and ruby may become corrupted before reaching their state of perfection, but after reaching maturity this is not possible. Yes, such questions have been asked and answers have descended from the Most Exalted Pen - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for it. Search and perhaps you will find it, for it suffices for all the world. In any case, it should be known to that honored one that regarding the nature of gold and ruby, who has not had knowledge of it, and the essential nature of gold is not known. Even if we accept this, first we say that this inability exists in contingent beings, but God has power over all things. He transforms whatever He wills - if He wishes to turn all the gold of the world into copper, He is able and empowered. And if He wills, He creates the possibility of change in all things by His command, then changes it by His sovereignty, for He is the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

Moreover, gold does turn into copper, as the Pen of God has written, and they have said that whoever denies this should come into the presence and observe it. Beyond this, philosophers have stated that when gold remains in soil for a time, it turns to soil. And even without the words of philosophers, there is the Word of God which states "I created all from dust and to dust shall I return them." Therefore it is established that gold turns to dust, and dust is clearly baser than copper. Likewise ruby, when placed in fire, becomes like ashes. Consider the heart of the believer like a ruby - this ruby-like quality holds true for it as long as the fire of rejection does not touch it, but after encountering that fire it surely turns to ashes. This is clear to anyone with vision.

Furthermore, no one is aware of divine wisdom to understand what it requires or does not require. Whatever matter appears from His sacred presence is itself the decree that required it to appear. If it was not required, it would not have appeared. Therefore look to the decree itself that has become manifest, rather than imagining in vain that such-and-such does not accord with wisdom.

You had also written, and this is its form: "As for religious law, after reaching forty years which is true Islam, it is against wisdom for a believer to turn back or become veiled - what do you say about this?" Consider those believers who were present at the beginning of this wondrous Revelation - they were all among the clergy whose obedience you considered obligatory and deemed obedience to God. What happened that suddenly the decree of unbelief was applied to all except those souls who believed and acknowledged the truth, even if they were among the lowliest of servants? As was observed, those who were not known for scholarship and whom no one paid attention to - when they attained faith in the truth, verses of purification and infallibility were revealed concerning them and they were counted among the Prophets and saints in God's presence. And regarding infallibility, the Primal Point, exalted and glorified be He, hath declared that whosoever believeth in Him is infallible, and whosoever believeth not is bereft of infallibility. He hath further declared that infallibility is not what the followers of the Qur'an have imagined, who have regarded religious precautions as infallibility. Rather, infallibility belongeth to him who, at the time of the Manifestation, believeth in God, even though he be accounted among the lowliest of creation. Therefore, turn your gaze away from these considerations and fix your eyes upon God and that which proceedeth from His presence, that ye may behold yourselves sanctified from all such questions and doubts.

And furthermore you wrote concerning a tradition that says a Sunni can become Shi'ih but a Shi'ih cannot become Sunni. This is merely a vain imagination that existed among the people of the Furqan. You must surely purify your heart from such utterances. Have you not observed that the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all within the heaven of might be His sacrifice - states in the Persian Bayan that oftentimes the Tree of Affirmation is considered as the Tree of Negation at the time of the next Manifestation, and likewise Negation becomes Affirmation. Reflect upon this Persian passage so that you may comprehend all the divine mysteries. The Sunnis at least believe the Qa'im must be born, but those whom you call Muslims - their divines have not even grasped this much. Consider how all the Shi'ih divines did not understand even as much as a single Sunni divine, as evidenced by Muhyi'd-Din, who was among the Sunni mystics and explicitly foretold His Holiness's birth in Persia, saying "A male child will be born in Persia." He explicitly mentioned the appearance, birth and blessed name, as His Holiness the Exalted One - may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake - Himself cited these words as proof. Yet the Shi'ih divines were heedless of all these matters and even considered believers to be infidels. What these divines perpetrated was something that neither Jews nor Christians would do, let alone Sunnis - they suspended that Temple of the Divine Purpose in the air and martyred Him with utmost tyranny. The curse of God be upon the oppressors! And if even one Shi'ih became aware of two words of truth, they excommunicated him and issued a death sentence against him, as happened with Shalmaghani who explicitly made mention and whose words the Primal Point - may the spirit of all in the kingdom be His sacrifice - quoted and cited as evidence in His own Cause: "O seeker from the Hashimite house and denier from the Khusrawi house, He has disappeared in relation to the Persian lineage in the noble Persian descent." Now

observe how he mentioned His birth, His appearance from Persia, as well as His appearance from the line of Rida. Nevertheless they excommunicated him and ordered his execution until he was killed, as you all know, and even now they continue to curse him. Such is the condition of these people. Therefore it is a pity for one to recall what is in the possession of this sect. Now regarding what is mentioned, observe for yourself whether it is truth or spoken from desire. Thus it is that at the time of every Manifestation, all on earth stand equal before God. Whoever from any group believes becomes counted before God among the people of faith, affirmation and the exalted ones. And whoever does not attain to faith is and will be reckoned among the people of denial, the debased, the rejectors and negation. For example, today as the Supreme Lord - may the spirit of all else be His sacrifice - says to Aqa Siyyid Yahya: "If I knew that on the Day of the next Manifestation you would not believe, I would today pass the judgment of unbelief regarding you. And if I knew that one of the Christians would believe in Him, I would surely make him the apple of Mine eye this day and would pronounce the decree of faith concerning him. Therefore, on this Day turn your gaze away from all else but God and fix it upon the Manifestation Himself. Whosoever believeth in Him, count him among the people of truth, affirmation and faith, even though he be of the lowliest in the Bayan; and whosoever believeth not in Him, reckon him among the people of negation and hell-fire, even though he be of the most exalted in the Bayan. This is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error. What benefit is there in mentioning aught but truth, or in the sayings of people - what this sect sayeth or hath said? Leave these mentions to themselves and strive to be counted among those companions mentioned in the Best of Stories, where He, exalted be His remembrance, saith:"Verily God hath created around that Gate seas of crimson elixir, and animals bearing the desired fruit, and He hath ordained for it ships of moist red ruby wherein none shall embark save the people of Baha, by God's leave, the Most High; and He is God, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

This is what the Primal Point - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath announced. How blessed, then, are they who are established in this most glorious and ancient Ship, who traverse the crimson sea and witness the manifestations of glory, the signs of oneness, the conclusive decree, and the gems of divine craftsmanship. Furthermore, that honored one should reflect and ponder whether the like of this Most Great Revelation hath ever appeared in creation […] and was recorded among the polytheists in God's tablets by the Most Holy Pen.

And further, you mentioned that the shepherd of the flock must be trustworthy. This hath been revealed by the Pen of God, and you shall, God willing, attain unto its presence. For a thousand years the shepherds of the flock have all been wolves, as became evident in the year sixty. This is the meaning of "the Day when the secrets are tried." Now say, why did God leave the people in the hands of wolves? If you say these wolves were not wolves until the time of the Manifestation, and only became wolves when they turned away from the Truth, then apply the same principle now. The Manifestation is manifest, and all who turn away are accounted as wolves in God's sight. In any case, O my master, cleanse the ear of thy heart and the eye of thy inner vision from all these veils and clouds, and know the Truth as One Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, for whosoever submitteth to this all-embracing Word will raise no objection to the Sovereign of Creation in any matter. After the presentation of the conclusive proof, whatsoever He ordaineth is and shall ever be the truth.

You who make mention of God! What you have mentioned about certain people who say that in the blessed Epistle of the Uncle, written by the All-Bountiful Pen, Quranic verses are cited as proofs, and from this they conclude that the way of God has not changed - glory be to God! It is astonishing that they have not grasped this obvious matter. First, verses from God's wondrous new revelation that descended from the Most Glorious Tongue, exalted be His grandeur and power, are recorded in that epistle. Second, it is quite clear that one must speak according to the capacity of the listeners. That epistle was written because some relatives of the Primal Point, may our souls be sacrificed for all except Him, had doubts about certain matters and had not yet advanced from the Quran to the Bayan. Therefore, for the people of the Quran, Quranic verses were used as proof lest they become disturbed, as they did not yet accept the Bayan and thus could not be shown verses from the wondrous Bayan. Otherwise, for those who drink from the cup of eternity, no proofs are or will be used except the most wondrous and glorious verses, whether from His previous or subsequent Manifestation. Whatever is mentioned is in consideration of the weakness of the servants. And God is the Mighty, the Powerful.

In any case, today you should act according to what has flowed from the Divine Pen in the Persian Bayan. As for what remains suspended in the heaven of God's will, whoever needs clarification should ask the Source of grace and bounty so that an answer may be revealed. Although the deniers have written what they claim to be the completion of the Persian Bayan, they are unaware that they have committed a grave error, for this right belongs exclusively to the Manifestation of Truth Himself, and not to anyone else. If one reflects, their status is clear from their own words. Despite the fact that the Point of the Bayan, exalted and mighty is He, explicitly stated that no one should write laws or make the slightest change except the next Manifestation, who does what He wills, they have nevertheless recorded fabricated laws. God will never accept from them. Say: O servants! Detach yourselves from all save God, turn your gaze toward God, return unto God, journey in God, act for God, be martyred in God's path, and draw breath in His good-pleasure. This is the petition of this servant to his Master.

You also mentioned that the Most Glorious Beauty, may our souls be sacrificed for all except Him, would partake of coffee and smoke the water pipe. Yes, in Baghdad, as you wrote, He would go to coffeehouses and partake of coffee and the water pipe, but this was to preserve the Bayan and its people. Beyond this, do not think ill of your Lord, for the Blessed Being has always been and will always be sanctified. Although whatever He does is permissible, you may ask those who entered the House of God in Iraq and attained His presence, so that you may become aware of His absolute sanctification, pure detachment, and supreme purification.

The Hour hath drawn nigh and the moon hath been cleft in twain – concerning this blessed verse which you mentioned, stating that you had pondered its numerical value and found it did not correspond: it doth indeed correspond with this divine and eternal Manifestation. You were not and are not aware of the time of its appearance. Reflect, that you may understand. Moreover, set aside the numbers and fix your gaze upon the verse itself – how clearly it foretelleth the reality of this Revelation, saying that the Hour drew nigh and the moon was cleft asunder. In all the holy Books, the moon hath been interpreted to mean the Vicegerent, the sun to mean the Prophet, and the stars to mean the deputies and divines. In the previous Revelation, which was the year sixty, there was, according to the people's belief, no Vicegerent who could be cleft asunder, for in that year there were only divines. Consider now how in this

most great Revelation the Sun did shine forth and the supposed Vicegerent, according to the people's belief, was cleft asunder. Say: Blessed then be God, the most powerful of the powerful!

If you would but ponder this single verse, it would suffice for you and all who are within the Bayan. Furthermore, let them not suppose that the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, hath ever rejected or objected to anyone. Nay, by Him Who holdeth all existence in the grasp of His power! Rather, they have regarded those who turned away from this manifest Beauty as infidels and idolaters. Now, whosoever doth not deny the Primal Point in the garment of the Most Glorious, and acknowledgeth Him, is accounted before God among the people of eternity, even should he be the lowliest of men. And whosoever turneth away is recorded before God among the people of extinction, even should he be among the most exalted of creation.

However, regarding that known individual, he openly objected to the Truth and, by God besides Whom there is none other God, arose to slay the Divine Tree. How then could such a one be accounted before God among the people of affirmation? Assuredly such a person was among the people of fire and negation and the nethermost depths, and all the world's evil shall be attributed to him. By God, the people are lost in mere fancy! Would that you could see and become aware of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, that whatsoever He possesseth is through the grace of the Most Glorious Beauty, may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him. Even now, such innate qualities and spiritual signs are manifest from the servants at His threshold that others bear no comparison to them whatsoever.

Furthermore, concerning the verse about the brightening of faces, it was the eightieth year of the Manifestation, which first dawned in the year nine, and after eighty years they appeared in full manifestation, might and power, as you have heard. The seven years thereafter are the years of hardship, as mentioned in the Tablets of God. And in the eighty-eighth year, the faces of those made bright, purely for God's sake and detached from all else but Him, and triumphant over God's enemies, shall become evident. Therefore, strive that you may be counted, God willing, among these souls. Although some holy souls have already appeared whose facial radiance hath illumined the countenances of the dwellers of the heavens – blessed are they that perceive!

Once again, at the end, it has occurred to this servant to submit mention of those souls who, at the beginning of the Bayan, believed with perfect faith in the Beauty of the All-Merciful, yet after the passing of a year or two years or more or less became deniers and arose in utmost opposition. Although this matter was mentioned before, there is no harm in repeating any subject, as it has been and will be the cause of steadfastness for the believers. Therefore it is submitted that among the early believers was Khar Valiyani, who was the first to believe and for about a year or more would mount pulpits to promote the Cause and prove its truth, presenting proofs of the truth of Truth, yet afterwards became such an opposer that he issued death sentences against all pure souls. And there were many like him, including Mulla Muhammad-Taqiy-i-Haravi, Mulla 'Abdu'l-'Ali, Mirza Ibrahim-i-Shirazi and others who were all believers but became deniers after a year or two. Apart from these, have you not heard the stories of old, as has now flowed from the Pen of God, about Balaam who was one of the saints and successors of his age whom all the world considered it obligatory to mention, yet when the Interlocutor appeared from the

dawning-place of the Cause, he objected to Him and was counted among the idolators? Likewise Judas Iscariot who was one of the twelve apostles of the Gospel yet delivered Jesus Himself to the Jews, as is recorded in detail in the original Book. And besides these, Satan who was the teacher of the Kingdom in the heavens and was known in each heaven by one of the most beautiful names, yet in the end through one act of pride was counted among the wicked and numbered with the infidels. In any case, you should reflect on these matters and not be heedless of the truth due to such vain words. Furthermore, observe in the book of proofs of Shaykh Kazim, who drank from the cup of immortality from holy fingers and was recorded by the Pen of God in the tablets of glory as being among the people of Baha, that at the beginning of the tablet he presents as proof this blessed verse revealed from the most exalted holy tongue, His word exalted be His mention: "Say: O God! Thou art the God of Gods! Thou givest divinity to whom Thou willest and takest it from whom Thou willest" to the end of His utterance, exalted be His mention. Then after that His word exalted be His mention: "Say: O God! Thou art the Lord of the heavens and earth" to the end of that verse. After stating that divinity and lordship are bestowed on whomever He wishes and taken from whomever He wishes, still you doubt that a believer can become an infidel and that a ruby can change. All these degrees are in the grasp of God's Will - He bestows whenever He wishes and takes away whenever He wishes, and He shall not be questioned about what He does. In any case, purify your heart from these stations and look to that which is evident as the sun in the midst of heaven. And these answers that I have submitted are so that you may convey them to the people lest they slip from the straight path due to such doubts. God willing, you must at all times be occupied with promoting the manifest Cause.

And these answers which I have submitted are intended so that you may convey to the people lest they slip from the straight path due to such doubts. You must, God willing, be engaged at all times in teaching the Manifest Cause, detached from all who are in the heavens and earth, for I have witnessed countless divine favors bestowed upon you in these days, as evidenced in the noble Tablet specifically revealed for you from the heaven of holiness, and likewise in another Tablet being sent at this time. We hope that after reading it, you will arise with all your heart and soul to serve God in such wise that you may wholly purify your heart from all else but Him and sanctify your tongue from mention of aught save Him. And God willing, you shall thereafter become the recipient of special favors from God, if you remain steadfast in your Lord's Cause and be of the firm ones. And the Glory be upon you and upon those with you among God's assured servants.

He is God

Regarding what was previously mentioned about the ruby, it has become necessary to explain it in detail. In rubies various types and different colors are observed. All of its colors are altered in fire and its freshness and delicacy are lost, except for the pomegranate-colored and the crimson types - these two, if they encounter mild fire from behind a veil, their color somewhat increases […] But if it encounters the fire that is known among the philosophers, it will certainly change, and if it touches the fire known in natural craft as red sulfur, it will immediately calcify just as gold, silver, copper and other metallic bodies are calcified through various medicines. Thus have I mentioned this for you that you may become informed and be of those who are informed. And beyond this, verily your Lord has power over all things, and it behooveth no one to doubt God's power. This indeed is the truth, and after truth there is naught

but error. Praise be to God, the Lord of grandeur and majesty. And say at the end: O God! Curse the first oppressor who oppressed the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who denied His signs, who fought against His Self, who disputed His sovereignty, who associated partners with His Being, who denied His words, who turned away from His beauty, and who was recorded among the polytheists in God's tablets by the Most Holy Pen. The Servant of God and His slave, Aqa Jan

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Dayspring of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. Through Him were the Books sent down and that which was recorded in the Mother Book was made manifest. O thou who hast turned toward My horizon, hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Say: By God! He Who was recorded in God's Books and concealed in His knowledge hath come. Come ye, O peoples of the earth, that ye may hear what the Ear of Moses heard on the Sinai of Divine Utterance. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Rend ye asunder the veils of idle fancies in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. This is the Day whereon all things proclaim: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords.

There hath come before the Wronged One a letter from him who hath arisen to serve My Cause, who hath voiced My praise, who hath drunk the choice wine of My love from the hand of My bounty, who hath attained My presence and stood before the door of My grandeur, and hath heard My sweetest call, wherein was thy mention. We make mention of thee with a remembrance whose fragrance shall not cease to endure so long as the names of thy Lord, the Lord of the Return, shall endure. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and guided thee unto the straight path. We counsel thee and them that have believed to wisdom and utterance, lest the clamour of them that have turned away and disbelieved in God, the Powerful, the All-Choosing, be raised. Blessed art thou for having turned toward My horizon and blessed is thy house which thou hast made a dawning-place of remembrance.

We make mention of thy brother who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion and was named Muhammad-'Ali. We testify that he hearkened unto the Call and attained unto the days of his Lord, the Lord of all men. We have forgiven him and purified him and make mention of him in this Tablet from whose horizon shineth forth the Day-Star of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all names. We make mention of him and of that which befell thee in the path of God. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause, and circle round the Will, and hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon thy sister and upon those women who have turned unto God and believed in Him Who revealeth the verses.

We make mention of Muhammad-Sadiq and 'Abdu'l-Karim and Haydar and him who was named Abu'l-Qasim and give them glad tidings of the bounties of their Lord Who hath come with power and sovereignty. We counsel them to observe the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have

slipped save those whom God hath delivered as a grace from Him, and He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. From this station We send Our greetings upon their faces and beseech God to aid them in His remembrance and praise and in serving His Cause which hath illumined the horizons.

We make mention of the Siyyid who was named ’Ali-Rida that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when mankind turned away from it, and for having heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. We counsel thee to steadfastness from this Most Exalted Station. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad-’Ali! Rejoice thou that the countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee and hath mentioned thee with verses which God hath made the standards of His victory amidst His servants and the emblems of His might unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O youth Rida! Take what We have sent unto thee with power from God, the Lord of the worlds, and cast away what the people possess, for they are recorded among the most lost in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God to aid thee in serving His Cause and to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Ghulam-Husayn and give him glad tidings through My remembrance of him. By the life of God! That which is with men cannot equal this. I am the All-Seeing Witness. Rejoice in this bounty and give thanks to thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

O Muhammad-Husayn! We have manifested the Cause and revealed the verses, yet most of mankind remain heedless. Among men are those who turned toward God when they heard His call, and those who turned away when the clamor was raised. Blessed is the servant who hath clung to the hem of God’s robe and turned to Him with a radiant face, and hath arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of the divines nor the doubts of the followers of the Bayan, who have broken the Covenant and denied Him in Whom they had believed, could deter him. They are indeed the distracted ones. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and give thanks for that which He hath revealed unto thee, which all that hath been created on earth cannot equal. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul.

O Muhammad-Husayn and Muhammad-Rafi’! Rejoice that My Most Exalted Pen hath turned towards you and made mention of you in such wise as shall endure throughout the kingdom. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. We make mention of you and counsel you to practice righteousness and piety, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise, may be exalted. O My Most Exalted Pen! At all times do We hear thy scratching and thy call in remembrance of God and His loved ones. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who findeth solace in that which floweth from thee by God’s command, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Make mention on My behalf of him who was named ’Ali-’Askar and give him the glad tidings of My turning towards him and My remembrance of him in this mighty Prison. Give thanks unto God Who created thee, nurtured thee, and made mention of thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Then make mention of Hasan with that which God hath inspired thee, that he may rejoice and be of those who render thanks. O Hasan! Thy Lord maketh mention of thee even as He mentioned His loved ones before thee. He verily doth not withhold the reward of the righteous.

O Ghulam-Husayn! The Wronged One calleth thee from the Most Great Prison with that which shall draw thee to the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest Satan's hosts prevent thee from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Abandon what the people possess, clinging to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Ancient Commander. Take hold of God's Book with the power that proceedeth from Him, and give thanks at all times.

O Tongue of My Grandeur! Make mention from My Kingdom of My servants Muhammad-'Ali, 'Abdu'r-Rahim, and Muhammad-Isma'il, who have been remembered by him who circumambulated My Cause and arose to serve Me. I am the All-Knowing Witness. Blessed are ye for having turned unto God and attained unto His Word that speaketh before the faces of all the world: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." Recognize the station of this most exalted Station and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having enabled us to remember and praise Thee, and for having drawn us nigh unto Thee. We beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the splendors of the sun of Thy bounty to aid us to remain steadfast in that which Thou hast graciously bestowed upon us. Verily Thou art the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful."

O Muhammad-Karim! Give thanks unto God Who hath adorned thy head with the crown of acceptance and made thee recognize Him from Whom most of mankind remain veiled. He is the Protector of those who have turned unto Him. We observed thy turning to Us and We turned unto thee, and having perceived the fragrance of thy love, We made mention of thee in My wondrous utterance. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee and preserve this station through this Name that holdeth sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God. Leave the people and what they possess, turning unto the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath there flowed from My Most Exalted Pen the Living Waters. Blessed is he who hath taken and drunk thereof, and woe unto those who have forsaken it.

O Tongue of the Will! We love to make mention of him who writes the verses of thy Lord and who is named Muhammad Hashim, with a mention at whose appearance all mention bows down in adoration. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and attainest unto My verses which have descended from My Kingdom, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Possessor of all names! I testify that through Thee the Hidden Name and the Treasured Secret, which had been concealed from all eyes throughout all eternity, was revealed. Through Thee were the mysteries of the Books unveiled and the standards of "Verily Thou art God" were hoisted upon the highest pennants. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, to assist me under all conditions to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the mountains have been shaken.

Then, O My Tongue, make mention of him who is named by His name, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Possessor of all beings. We counsel him and Our loved ones to be trustworthy, religious, truthful and faithful, and to manifest that which will exalt the station of man in the contingent world. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen and for having attained unto that which was hidden from all eyes. O Muhammad Hashim! Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from Our presence, and verily I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord, through Whom earthquakes have seized most lands save those who held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all beings. Limit thine affairs to the service of thy Lord. Soon will all on earth perish, and there shall remain for thee what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, and I am the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Pen! Arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of Eternity, then make mention from the direction of My Most Luminous Horizon of My servant who is named Ali-Qabl-Akbar (Ustad), who hath arisen to serve My Cause and hath spoken My praise and hath attained unto My Tablets and hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in My Kingdom, and I am the True Speaker, the Trustworthy. O Ali-Qabl-Akbar! The Wronged One hath mentioned thee once in the Most Great Prison and again in the palace built by the hands of providence, wherein My Temple was established upon the throne of My Great Name. Blessed art thou in that God hath assisted thee to serve His Cause and thou hast been mentioned by him who hath loved Me and hath arisen to assist My wondrous Cause. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee, and We have seen thy turning towards Us and have called out to thee from the right side of the Mount with that which the fragrance thereof shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of the name of thy Ancient Lord. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon thy brothers who have tasted the sweetness of My call and have drunk the choice wine of My love, and upon every patient, steadfast and upright one.

And We make mention in this station of him who is named Muhammad, that the mention of his Lord may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold none save God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. O Muhammad! Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings and adorned their temples with the lights of certitude. We make mention of them that have believed in God throughout the nights and days. To this testifieth every fair-minded and knowing one. Let not the affairs of earth grieve thee. Leave them behind thee, turning unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgement. There hath befallen Us at the hands of the hostile forces that which hath caused the clouds to wail and the Faithful Spirit to lament. Once they imprisoned Us in the land of Ta, and when the appointed time was fulfilled, they expelled Us therefrom. We journeyed until the land of Zawra was honoured by the advent of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Then did they banish Us from there until We entered the Great City, and from thence to the Land of Mystery, and from there to this Great Prison. Thereafter the matter resteth in His hands. He knoweth and is patient. Were We to recount what lay in the hearts of the enemies and what they intended, the bereaved would weep and wail. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Rememberer, the Hearer, the Answerer.

O My Pen! The Lord of Eternity commandeth thee to make mention of His loved ones and His friends, from whose countenances shineth the radiance of the All-Merciful and from whose character is manifested that whereby the Cause of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, is exalted. O ’Ali-Akbar! We counsel thee to act in accordance with what God hath revealed in His Book. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He hath created the world for My days, yet most of the people comprehend not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to what proceedeth from the daysprings of idle fancies - they who have denied the signs of God and disputed them, and turned away from the Face when it shone forth from this Horizon which God hath made the Dawning-place of Light.

And We make mention of Qasim, who turned unto his Lord and answered His call when the summons was raised. We beseech God to aid him to remain steadfast in this irrevocable Cause. O Qasim! Thy Lord calleth thee from beyond the sea and maketh mention of thee with that which nothing visible can equal. Rejoice thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen! Blessed is he who hath attained unto the mention of God in His days. He is indeed among the most exalted of creatures in a preserved Tablet. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and say:

I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty and the effulgent rays of the Sun of Thy countenance, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby hearts and souls have been shaken.

O Muhammad-Rida! We have sent down the verses and manifested the Cause, yet most of the people perceive not. Say: He walketh not in your ways, nor followeth what ye possess. He hath appeared with the truth and His is the sure handle and the extended path. It behoveth every soul to hold fast unto it. His is the command, both before and after. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Sovereign over what was and what shall be.

O Zaynu’l-’Abidin! Take thou this perspicuous Book with a power from Our presence. Beware lest the affairs of men debar thee from the truth. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by God, the Lord of existence. Thus have the spheres of utterance been set in motion by thy Lord’s will, the Lord of all names, yet most people understand not. They have turned away from the truth, inclining unto the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Praise be unto Thee, O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Rida, who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he and his brother who turned towards the Countenance and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which guideth the servants unto the Interlocutor of the Mount. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison and guided me unto Thy praised station.” Blessed is thy house wherein the mention of God hath been raised. We, from this station, magnify thee and thy brother, and give you both glad tidings of the mercy that hath preceded existence. The Glory, manifest and resplendent from the horizon of My loving-kindness, be upon you both and upon those who have drunk, in My Self-Subsisting Name, of My sealed choice wine. We make mention of your father who was enkindled with the fire of the love of God and who spoke in praise of his Lord. Verily, he is of the people

of this station in a preserved Tablet. By the life of God! Nothing in the world can equal this mention, yet most of the people understand not. O Muhammad-Rida! Confine thyself to the promotion of the Cause of thy Lord and His mention amongst His servants. Soon shall the world and whatsoever is therein perish, and there shall endure every deed that hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Beware lest the might of princes frighten thee or the veils of the divines who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have denied the verses when they were sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Sovereign of the Kingdom, prevent thee.

O Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, and calleth thee to patience and resignation in this Cause whereby the foundations of every rejected idolater have been shaken. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the clamor of the people. Verily thy Lord hath made mention of thee and guided thee unto His outstretched path. There hath befallen thee what hath befallen Us, as attesteth He with Whom is the hidden Book. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having created me and reared me and mentioned me in Thy praised station. I beseech Thee, by the fragrances of Thy Revelation and the lights of Thy Countenance, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all kings."

O Ghulam-Qabli-Rida! There hath dawned from the horizon of My Most Glorious Name that which the earth and heaven cannot equal, as attesteth He with Whom is the Mother Book. Blessed is he who hath spoken My mention and attained unto My praise and risen to serve My Cause whereby necks have been subdued. This is a Day wherein that which was hidden in the knowledge of God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets hath been made manifest. Know thou this most exalted station. He hath mentioned thee in such wise as shall endure in the kingdom through the perpetuity of My Name, the Dominator over all names.

O Ali-Qabli-Rida! We have seen thy turning unto Us and We have turned unto thee, and We have heard thy call and answered thee with verses at whose revelation all verses have bowed down in submission. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn towards Him and for having mentioned thee from the horizon wherefrom the lights have shone forth. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause and speak forth His praise throughout the nights and days.

O Abbas! The Lord of humanity remembers you and calls you to the lamp kindled by the hand of power among creation. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. He does whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Whosoever saith 'why' or 'wherefore' hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of all lords. We had informed everyone of the rising of the clamor in all regions when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq and in the Land of Mystery and in this Station which hath been named with the most beautiful names by God, the Lord of creation. We beseech God to protect you and His loved ones from the evil of those who outwardly claim to love God and follow Him while calling people to themselves - and the call of such atheists is naught but error.

O Hadi! He Who guided thee to the straight path makes mention of thee and imparts unto thee that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout the eternity of thy Lord's names, the Lord of all beings. Verily he who hath arisen to serve the Cause is of the people of Baha in the Book of Names and

among the companions of the Crimson Ark in the scriptures and tablets. Hold fast unto the cord of certitude in such wise that none in all creation may deter thee. Be thankful to thy Lord Who remembered thee and aided thee until thou didst turn toward His supreme horizon while most of the servants turned away. Be vocal in thy Lord's praise and steadfast in His remembrance throughout the nights and days. Thus have We adorned thy temple with the ornament of thy Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Abul-Qasim! The Lord of the world makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison that He may draw thee nigh unto the horizon whence shone forth the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Cleaver of the dawn. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee and aided thee and revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout centuries and ages.

We make mention of him who was named Ali-Akbar from the direction of My most luminous horizon, round which circle the Highest Paradise and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names. Be thou thankful and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of all humanity, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all who are in earth and heaven. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and act according to what thou hast been commanded in the Mother Book. This is a Day wherein the Book speaketh and the Mother Book walketh and saith: "To Me, to Me, O concourse of the chosen ones!" Beware lest the might of the mighty weaken thee. Arise to serve the Cause with such resolve that the thorns of those who have denied the Beginning and the End cannot make thee slip. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the luminary of proof. Blessed is he who hath turned toward it and woe unto every doubting denier.

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Wronged One in prison makes mention of those who have turned toward His supreme horizon and counsels them with that which shall elevate their stations before God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is the ear that hath heard what the Interlocutor heard and the eye that hath seen what other eyes and visions were prevented from seeing.

O Asadu'llah! Set down what thou hast and take up what thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of all religions. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken while the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked. Take the cup of the choice wine in thy Lord's name, then drink thereof with His remembrance at Whose appearance the earth was shaken and the mountains passed away. Say: Verily the choice wine is My verses, and the Mother Book is My Self, and the Book is My tongue from which the mysteries have appeared. Thus have We adorned the heaven of knowledge with brilliant stars, and I am the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We counsel thee and Our loved ones with that which befitteth My days and their relationship to My Cause. Exalted is He Who hath appeared with power and sovereignty. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the allusions of the divines, nor the doubts of the theologians, nor the might of princes, nor the wealth of the rich shall debar thee. Thy Lord doth witness and hear, and He is in the most sublime horizon, and before His face the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End doth speak. Blessed is he who hath seen and heard when the Temple of Pre-existence was established upon the throne of grandeur and might.

O Ali-Akbar! Aid thy Lord, the Lord of Destiny, through wisdom and utterance, and through the hosts of deeds and character. We have sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, and We are verily the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. We have commanded all with that which draweth them nigh unto God, as attesteth the Mother Book which is with Him.

We make mention of him who was named after thee, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. Thou wert created for this Most Great Day wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered him who turned to Us and make mention of him in My perspicuous Book. Be thou thankful to God for this supreme bounty, then remember Him at all times.

O Ali-Asghar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and summoneth thee to the Greater Steadfastness whereby the limbs of all creation trembled, save those whom God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, willed to exempt. This is a day wherein is heard the barking of dogs from all directions, and behind them the squealing of swine. Blessed is the soul whom the clamor of the people hath not prevented, who hath arisen and proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen the secrets of that which was recorded in the Book of Names, as witnesseth the clear Book which is with Him.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Adorn thy head with the crown of certitude and thy temple with the ornament of steadfastness in this Day wherein every edifice hath been shaken, every heart troubled, and all limbs have trembled through fear of God, when He came from the heaven of will with manifest sovereignty. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which is with God, and be not of the heedless. By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and the Treasured Secret been revealed, yet We see the people among the heedless. Say: Fear God, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who calleth you unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is the servant who hath heard the call and answered his Lord, the All-Hearing; and woe unto him who hath denied God's right and turned away from Him to Whom testified the Books of the world and beyond them He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Sadiq, that My remembrance may draw him to the kingdom of My utterance and bring him nigh unto the heaven of My loving-kindness, and I am verily the Compassionate, the Generous. Be thou steadfast in service to the Cause and vocal in thy Lord's praise at all times. Soon shall pass away all thou beholdest today, and there shall remain for thee what hath been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call, guided me to Thy path, and remembered me when I was wronged at the hands of those who were heedless of Thy Self and Thy hidden Book. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the breezes of Thy Revelation, the manifestations of Thy power, and the winds that blow in Thy days to quicken Thy creation, that Thou aid me in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned and the mighty have slipped, save those rescued by the hands of Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Protector, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

The Wronged One wishes to mention in prison the one named Rajab-'Ali that he may thank God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. We have indeed caused the rains of knowledge to pour forth from the clouds of

utterance. Blessed is he who has recognized and attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Beware lest thou be frightened by the oppression of any oppressor, the might of any polytheist, the denial of any denier, and the turning away of any who has turned away from God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Blessed is he who has arisen to proclaim: "By God! The Desired One has come with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed can prevent." He has come, He to Whom the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, have testified. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him, heard and acknowledged, and among them are those who denied and turned away until they disbelieved in Him Whom they mention night and day. To this testifies He with Whom is the [preserved] Book. Blessed is he whom the breezes of My mercy have awakened and whom the winds of My loving-kindness have raised up in My days, and woe unto every transgressor whom vain imaginings have withheld from the Dayspring of knowledge.

O 'Ali! The Wronged One mentions thee and bids thee to that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. This is a Day wherein the Mount calls out: ["By God!] The Lord of Revelation has come, He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Beloved." We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Most Great Announcement, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and every rejected polytheist lamented.

O Most Exalted Pen! Verily Muhammad and Muhammad, then Muhammad and 'Ali and Muhammad are among those whose names were present before the Face, and there was revealed for them from the Kingdom of Will that which brought joy to the eyes of those near unto God. Know ye what hath been revealed for you. By God! He who hath attained unto My mention hath attained unto all good, but most of the people are heedless. Then preserve your stations in the name of your Lord, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. The transgressors have stationed themselves in ambush and prevent the people from turning to the countenance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Satan himself flees from their scheming and from what they possess. To this testifies He Who speaks at this hour: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Thus have the fingers of proof woven the armor of utterance, as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Muhammad-Hasan! Hearken unto the call from the direction of 'Akka, which hath been named the White Dome and the Land of Resurrection in the Books of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Whoso hath attained unto hearing it is indeed of the people of the Crimson Ark, which God hath specially ordained for the people of Baha. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Rejoice thou in My mention, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the One Who has sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Siyyid Javad! The Lord of creation makes mention of thee from His abode and gives thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for those who have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, from God, the Ancient Sovereign. Verily, he who hath heard and acknowledged is among the people of this noble station. Let not the affairs of men sadden thee, nor the intimations of the deniers who mount the pulpits and deny the Manifestation of God and His signs - they are assuredly among the most lost. These claim to have faith and would beseech God by night and day for the appearance of this Cause which was

mentioned in the Qur'an, the Torah and the Gospel. Yet when the promise was fulfilled and the Hidden One appeared, they pronounced judgment against Him with an injustice unequaled by any in the world. To this testifieth He Who possesseth the Book of God and the Tablet wherein was revealed that which none knoweth save He Who speaketh: "There is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise." Thus did the Pen of the Wronged One move in the Most Great Prison when sorrows encompassed Him from all sides through that which the hands of the idolaters had wrought - they who turned away from the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of revelation. They are indeed among the bewildered ones.

O Muhammad Javad! The day of hearing hath come, yet most of the people hear not. The day of arising hath come, yet they remain seated. The world hath appeared for this Revelation, yet the people comprehend not. We call them to the supreme paradise, while they call Us to the fire. Thus have their souls seduced them, and they perceive it not. Blessed is the face that turneth away from them, setting itself toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast to the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O Ustad Rajab-'Ali! Thy name hath appeared before the Wronged One, and the Most Exalted Pen of God hath moved to make mention of thee. Know thou this station, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. He Who was promised hath come, He Who was concealed hath appeared, and He Who was hidden hath been made manifest. To this testifieth He Who, by the power of His Lord, hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings and suppositions. When thou art blessed with My verses and findest the fragrance of My loving-kindness, arise and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou through Whose remembrance the limbs of the ignorant tremble and the hearts of those who denied the Promised Day are disturbed."

O Rida, son of Muhammad! Dost thou know Who maketh mention of thee? By the life of God, the Single, the One, Who was the goal of the Prophets and the Chosen Ones and the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's will, the Possessor of might! He Who ascended to heaven hath come from it, and beareth witness before My face, yet the people hear not. Muhammad, the Apostle of God, hath testified to this Most Great Announcement, and Moses crieth out saying: "By God! The Revealer of the Torah, the Gospel and the Psalms hath come!" The lips of the world have smiled through recognizing My utterance. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. This is a day wherein the doors of bounty and grace have been opened unto the faces of all peoples, yet they have turned away and denied God's proof and evidence. They are indeed the losers. They have taken idols as lords for themselves instead of God, yet these shall not help them.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Siyyid 'Ali, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast heard the Call and been mentioned by the Dove, and there hath been sent down for thee that which no earthly thing can equal. Thy Lord is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Beware lest anything debar thee from the things of this world. Take thou the chalice of salvation in the name of Him Who causeth the dawn to break, and when thou hast attained unto it, arise and say: By the life of God! I have attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the stranger who hath drawn nigh unto the Most Exalted Homeland, and the poor one who hath turned toward the Ocean of wealth,

and the sick one who hath clung to the Dayspring of healing, Who hath come from heaven with manifest sovereignty.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, the Stranger, Who hath been imprisoned and banished and exiled for having summoned mankind unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Listen in this hour to the Voice of the Spirit from the right hand of My mighty Throne, saying: O concourse of divines! Ye are the highwaymen of God and His paths, and the misleaders of His servants. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and draw not over the face of justice the veil of tyranny, nor over this heaven the clouds' shroud. Soon shall the days pass, and ye shall find yourselves in the position of being questioned before God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. This is the day whereon Zion hath cried out and given glad tidings unto all of the Garden of inner meanings, which hath descended from heaven with a glory that none can deny save every sinful doubter. This is what hath been sent down in another Tablet to one of My servants, and I am the One Who sendeth down, the Chosen One.

O concourse of divines! By God, Paradise lamenteth because of your tyranny, and the chosen ones because of what hath befallen Us at the hands of your followers, who have clung to you without clear proof or evidence. Behold, then remember what ye have done aforetime to God's friends and chosen ones, through whom the horizon of the world was illumined and the ocean of knowledge surged amongst the nations, and through whom the banners of unity were hoisted upon the hills.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ja'far! God maketh mention of thee from His direction and counseleth thee to be steadfast in this Cause, the greatness of which was heralded by the tongues of the Prophets and the chosen ones, and before Whose manifestation necks have bowed down. Hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. We have sent down concerning every matter that which no books in the world can equal, whereunto the Mother Book beareth witness.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ja'far! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who lamenteth in His heart and crieth out in His inner being and calleth with His tongue and writeth with His pen and pointeth with His fingers, that He may draw men nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon, the station which the Seal of the Prophets and the Lord of the chosen ones did seek. Exalted is He Who hath appeared and called all unto the Dayspring of verses.

And at the end of the Tablet We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in God and His signs, and who have turned towards Him when most of the servants turned away. O thou who circlest round My Cause and gazeth upon My countenance and uttereth My praise and soareth in Mine atmosphere! We have made mention of those whose names thou didst recount in thy letter, and have adorned them with the ornament of utterance in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Source of this bounty and the Bestower of this station. Convey My greetings unto them, then remind them of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My loving-kindness, and give them the glad tidings of My mercy, which hath preceded all created things. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy mention in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save such as God, the Lord of mankind, hath willed.

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He is God, exalted is His majesty and manifest His proof!

How wonderful that the Hand of God's Will, exalted be His glory, is assisting, and the stars have emerged from the darkness of the prison-sky, radiant, luminous and resplendent. If prison is termed 'heaven', there is no harm, for it is the place of God's loved ones - from God did they come, to God do they return, and of God do they speak. Praise befitteth the most exalted Court of the Intended One Who, from the prison, hath interpreted for the sincere ones the blessed verse "Every day He is in a new state". Through the name of prison He hath elevated His friends to such a station that the tongues of the world fall short of describing it. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He raiseth up a people through His sovereign might and bringeth low others. Verily, He hath power over all things. His power can make fire manifest from the mystery of light, and from light the consequence of fire. The rebellion of the peoples of the world diminisheth not His mercy, nor doth the certitude of His people add aught unto Him. Were His gracious Name to shed its radiance by less than a needle's eye, no trace of rebellion would remain in creation, and were His Name of Justice to be revealed, the frames of the world would be bent low from the burden of transgression. He is the All-Bountiful Who withholdeth not His favors despite heedlessness, nor cutteth off sustenance from the transgressor. His mercy floweth like the Euphrates, and His generosity pervadeth and penetrateth like His Word of Command. His is the praise in all conditions, and He is the Self-Subsisting, the Most High.

Thereafter, the letters of that spiritual beloved which were addressed to the servant present, upon him be the Glory of God, were received and gained the honor of being heard in the most holy and exalted Presence. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the Most Merciful, hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, exalted be His might and sublime be His station:

He is the Helper, the Almighty […]

O thou who art imprisoned in My path! Hearken unto My call. Verily, He remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides. He hath delivered you from prison that the heedless may know they cannot frustrate God. He announceth unto them at this moment a grievous chastisement. Grieve not because of those who have denied and turned away; they shall soon behold what hath been ordained for them by One mighty and powerful. By God! Their wailing and weeping shall profit them not. They shall find themselves in God's torment without helper or protector. The heedless sought victory over Us through their troops, their ranks, their swords and their steeds, while We sought victory over them through God, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thy letter hath arrived and was read by Him Who was present before the Throne. We have answered thee with verses that all in the world cannot equal, as this perspicuous Book doth testify. That which hath befallen you in My path hath caused My Pen to lament and those who circle round My glorious Throne to cry out. Blessed art thou and those who have shown patience and gratitude in adversity and tribulation. They are indeed among those near unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have remembered thee and those who were previously imprisoned with a remembrance from which those near unto God inhale the fragrance of eternity. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take My Book with the strength bestowed by Me. Verily, He will assist you and draw you nigh. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have sent down the verses, yet the people hear not. We have revealed the clear proofs, yet mankind perceive not. They have cast knowledge behind their backs, hastening to a manifest delusion. He who turned away from God when He appeared with the truth and came with a mighty sovereignty. Say: O people! Fear God and take not your vain imaginings as lords besides God. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

We have remembered thee and those whose names thou didst mention, and have written for each one of them that which shall abide with them in the worlds of their Lord, the Kind, the Generous. We counsel them to preserve that which they have attained. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the Trustworthy.

O ’Ali-Akbar! The Most Great Vision hath been gladdened by the mention of God, His praise, His glorification, His exaltation, His grandeur, His majesty, and the praise of His loved ones, His chosen ones, His guides, and His beloved ones. The Wronged One hath heard thy call, thy lamentation, and that which thy heart’s tongue hath uttered in remembrance of God, thy Creator, thy Sustainer, thy Maker, thy Provider, and thy Helper. Thou didst remember Me, I shall remember thee. Thou didst thank Me, I shall thank thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

Blessed art thou and those whom the power of the mighty did not weaken. They arose and proclaimed: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.” These are servants whom God hath described in His Books of old and those yet to come. They are servants whose excellence and loftiness His loved ones’ tongues have acknowledged, saying “Their blessedness exceedeth our blessedness.” Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from this glorious and exalted Station.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the preservation of God’s trust, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of this exalted Station.

The effulgent rays of the Sun of divine favor are clear and evident from the luminous words. I swear by Him Who is the Desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth - in this instance there hath been revealed concerning the prisoners that which hath caused every living being to yearn for imprisonment. They beseech God - exalted be His glory - at all times that they may not be deprived of this bounty. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to God that all loss hath reverted to the aggressors and all profit to those who are nigh unto God, namely the prisoners. This is among the wondrous favors of the Lord of all worlds. Though this servant did not outwardly say “Would that I were with you!”, yet the heart hath continuously uttered “Would that I were!”. Praise be to God, glad-tidings have arrived from all directions. All were saddened upon entering the prison, but rejoiced upon leaving it. This was a blessing that accorded with the temperament of all the realms of inner meaning and utterance, despite those who have denied the verses of God, the Lord of this wondrous and glorious Day.

Fresh above all else was the manifestation of kindness and favor from His Majesty the Sultan. From the Tongue of Grandeur in the Tabernacle of Glory, these words were repeatedly heard. He said that a great kindness hath been shown by His Majesty the Sultan. We beseech God to aid and assist him. Similar to this exalted word He hath repeatedly spoken - to Him be praise and gratitude. God hath assisted His Majesty the Sultan to achieve this great good. We beseech God to open before his face the gate of truth and to illumine him with the light of the Sun of Justice. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Concerning what was written about multiple letters being sent in the name of the honored servant - upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God - without receiving replies: at present His Honor spends several days, from sunrise until after sunset […]

Convey greetings to all the kindred, and adorn them with the ornament of the remembrance of God. Verily, He is with every one who remembereth Him, with every one who turneth unto Him, with every one who is oriented towards Him, with every one who holdeth fast unto Him, with every one who cleaveth unto Him, and with every one who gazeth toward His Most Exalted Horizon and Supreme Summit. The Glory that hath dawned from the heaven of My grace be upon them all, men and women alike, and upon them who have held fast unto My Sure Handle and clung to My Luminous Hem. His is the loving-kindness, and the bounty, and the generosity; His is the grace and the bestowal unto all who dwell on earth. In truth, all are bewildered, for the Sun of Grace hath shone forth in such wise that for a single drop of remembrance He hath bestowed an ocean of recompense, and for an atom of goodness He hath given rewards brilliant as the sun. This hath been witnessed and continues to be witnessed by all, but such as your honor and his kindred have attained unto that which thought and utterance fail to reckon, and the pen is powerless to describe. Who can describe him who hath arisen to serve Him Who is beyond description? Some time ago, this servant was present when the Ancient Beauty - upon Him be the most glorious of all glory - was mentioning with His tongue of grandeur the services of the leaf who is your honor's wife, as well as those of other kindred. This servant beareth witness that none have been forgotten. The services of all are manifest, resplendent and evident in the sight of the Lord of all knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto service and been honored by the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. This remembrance hath a station that transcendeth description. By the life of our Goal and your Goal, our Beloved and your Beloved, immortality itself is ashamed to be associated with it. In truth, the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, hath a station that understanding cannot reach and human comprehension cannot grasp, except through His aid, blessed and exalted be He. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to all, and beseecheth God to cause all to attain unto that which beseemeth His days.

As to what was written regarding the Huquq, after being submitted before the Divine Throne, these resplendent words shone forth from the horizon of the divine heaven - exalted be His utterance: "O 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory! Today the payment of Huquq is obligatory and binding upon everyone. We have commanded its collection provided it is done in a spirit of joy and radiance - that is, that the servants of the All-Merciful pay it of their own accord with utmost happiness and gladness. If it is not paid in this manner, its collection is not permissible. For several years We forbade the trustees from collecting it. Later, in view of the requirements of wisdom, necessity demanded that We command its collection, subject to the aforementioned conditions. Blessed is the one who hath succeeded in paying it.

By the life of God! Its benefit returneth to the souls themselves, would that they knew. It must be collected and spent according to God's command. All must act in accordance with what hath been mentioned. None may dispose of it without permission. The purpose of these utterances is that disorder may not prevail and affairs may not transgress the divine law. The Hands of the Cause must strive diligently to execute the law and fundamental ordinances of God so that all may become aware and informed of God's commandments. That which his honor 'Azim, upon him be My glory, hath given hath been accepted. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. We have forgiven him and purified him as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous."

That which hath been done regarding him hath been accepted before the Divine Countenance. Give him the glad-tidings of this wise remembrance. What was received hath been counted as Huquq, and this service hath been recorded in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen.

This is a Day wherein no deed is lost, nor shall be lost. If one were to reflect upon that which hath been revealed concerning the deed of his honor 'Azim, one would attain to the recognition of this Day, the recognition of God's friends, and the station of deeds. That which they have spent regarding that spiritual friend hath been counted as Huquq. Praise be to God Who hath assisted him to pay His dues and to obey His binding command in His perspicuous Book.

And as to what was written regarding the sister, upon her be the Glory of God, she hath indeed achieved a mighty matter. Praise be to God Who hath assisted her and enabled her to accomplish that which is celebrated by the Supreme Concourse, the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and those who circle round the mighty Throne. Mention of the sister hath been revealed in numerous Tablets. A robe was sent specifically for her. She hath been and is mentioned before the presence of the Ancient Beauty. Blessed is she, and blessed is any woman who hath done in the path of God that which the Most Exalted Pen hath mentioned from its exalted station. Praise be to God! This time all the brothers of his honor have been blessed with special favors. I beseech and implore God to assist and enable them all to serve His Cause.

The following was written concerning the matter of the meeting: After these lofty words were submitted, this was revealed from the heaven of divine will - exalted be His glory: "In these days new circumstances have arisen in this land, therefore We have withheld permission, and afterwards action will be taken according to the requirements of divine wisdom. Convey My greetings anew to all, that joy and gladness may draw them to a station where the deeds of the aggressors, the oppression of the tyrants, and the barking of the atheists will not sadden them. Whoso is for God, God is for him." This blessed word was written that the loved ones may know with clear certitude that the truth has been and is with them, and if outwardly some are not granted the meeting, their reward has been recorded and revealed in the Book by the All-Bountiful Pen. This word is glad-tidings for those souls who have acted and continue to act for God's sake.

Concerning what was written about the loved ones in the land of ?a and Alif and Shin and other lands - upon them be the glory of God and His favors, mercy and bounties - these details were submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of grandeur and power - glorified be His majesty:

“O people of God in [?a]! Ye have heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven. Hearken unto it once again from this Most Glorious Station, round which circle the Concourse on High at morn and eventide. That which hath caused the Spirit to lament and the Most Exalted Pen to cry out hath come to pass in a spot sanctified by God above all description. The dwellers of Paradise and the most exalted Garden, and they that abide in the Mansion at eve and at dawn give you glad tidings. O ‘Ali before Akbar! Glorify them on My behalf and remind them of that which hath been sent down for them from the Kingdom of the utterance of thy Lord, the Chosen One. Say: Beware lest ye be frightened by the might of those who enter their houses at eve and at dawn - the angels of punishment drive them to a most evil destination. Ye are they who have heard the taunts of the enemies and that which caused the Spirit and the Sovereign of the Messengers to lament in the most exalted chambers. Ye have attained in My path that which the Lord of Names hath revealed from His Most Exalted Pen - rejoice therefore, O ye who are endued with understanding. Thus have We sent down the verses unto you as a grace from Our presence, that they may attract you to a station where the intimations of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords will not sadden you. Glory be upon you and upon whoso hath attained unto this Cause, whereby all things have proclaimed: ’The Kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the All-Forgiving.’”

And this is what was revealed from the heaven of the favors of our Exalted Lord for the people of ?a - exalted be His majesty and sublime be His utterance:

He is the Speaker, the Answerer […]

O people of gold! Upon you be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! The Wronged One of the world hath, from the Most Great Prison, turned toward you out of pure grace. All princes, divines, religious doctors and men of letters have yearned for this Day, beseeching God night and day for His presence. Yet when the Most Great Luminary arose from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation, shining and resplendent, and the One Who conversed on Sinai spoke forth and made mention, all remained veiled save a few souls. By the life of God! He uttered a Word whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save a handful of letters. The Face of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, shall endure. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto this most great bounty and supreme gift. Now beseech ye God that ye may be assisted to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness. Reflect upon the Shiite divines and that party. They all would say “hasten, O God,” yet when the rain of knowledge and wisdom poured down from the clouds of the grace of the Lord of Revelation, they all turned back, incurring God’s wrath. Reflect upon the deeds of that wicked band, that ye may henceforth remain preserved and not be deprived anew by such utterances from the straight path and the manifest, clear way. The Glory and mercy of God be upon you and upon those who are with you.

This was revealed for the people of Alif and Shin.

In My Name, the One Who ruleth over all names!

O party of God in Alif and Shin! The honored Amin, upon him be My Glory, mentioned you before, and again the honored Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be My Glory, who was imprisoned for My Name, hath mentioned you thereafter. Therefore hath the Supreme Pen engaged in your mention. We beseech God

that He may assist all to achieve that which hath been revealed in God's Book from the Eternal Pen. The days are passing, and ere long all that is on earth shall return to nothingness. What hath been revealed for you shall endure and shall testify for you in all the worlds of your Lord. Be thankful unto God for this great bounty. God's tender mercies have encompassed you and His grace shall be with you. Strive that ye may achieve deeds that extinction shall not overtake and that shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. The mention of all hath been and shall be in the Most Holy Court. The Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you.

And this was revealed for his honor Muhammad.

O Muhammad, reflect upon what hath come to pass, that thou mayest become aware of what the modern idolaters intend. The Shi'ih sect, who considered themselves the most ancient of peoples, the most exalted of servants, and the most refined of souls, were mentioned before the Divine Countenance as the most abject of people and the most wretched of servants. At times they were deluded by mention of the Successor, and at others preoccupied with mention of the Guardian, sometimes boasting of Jabulqa and Jabulsa and the realm of falsehood. How many souls were slain by these vain imaginings, and the Lord of the world was martyred by the swords of falsehood of those souls. Now too a group hath appeared in the land of Kaf and Ra, who have adorned the steed of idle fancies with the saddle of passion and have intended Jabulqa and Jabulsa. God protect us and you, O concourse of the sincere ones! In brief, those falsehoods have emerged anew, for they have not yet realized that today is the Day of God and no mention is beloved except His mention. What fruit did that heedless party reap from their former utterances, that these souls should again intend thus? Fie upon them and upon what their hands have wrought! Hold fast unto Him, exalted be His glory, and be free and detached from all else. Today the books of the world provide no salvation except through this perspicuous Book. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the people of that land, that perchance they may drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness and detach themselves from all save God. The Command is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As to what thou didst write concerning the people of Mim, as well as the prisoners, all are mentioned before the Divine Throne and have attained the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Give thou glad-tidings unto them all and assure them of divine grace. And as for what thou didst mention regarding the people of Sin and Shin, after being presented before the Most Great Scene, these manifest verses were sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Destiny - exalted be His mention and His majesty:

He is the Manifest Book

He verily speaketh in this hour that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of the heavens and earths: He is God; there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones in Sin (China)! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, then call to mind what hath befallen Me and My loved ones at the hands of them that cast the Truth behind their backs, turning unto every doubting polytheist. The divines have prevented the people of creation from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all names, when He came from heaven with great sovereignty. Thus did their souls entice them. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. The

Most Great Ocean hath surged, and the horizon of utterance hath been illumined by the sun of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We counsel you with that whereby the Cause will be exalted, and with the trustworthiness which We have mentioned aforetime - a command from Us, and I am the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! Fear God, and deny not the Truth through what ye possess. By the life of God! Neither the books of the world nor the scriptures of the nations shall profit you. Fear God, O concourse of earth, and be not of the heedless. He Who was hidden in the presence of knowledge and inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath been made manifest. The croaking hath been raised, and that whereof We informed you aforetime hath appeared. He is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Soon will a croaker come unto you with the book of the wicked, to debar you from My straight path - at one time showing humility, at another with great deceit. We counseled all beforehand and gave tidings of the croaker. Blessed is the soul from whom the croakers perceive the fragrance of supreme steadfastness, such that the limbs of polytheism tremble and the hearts of the hypocrites are troubled. Whosoever uttereth any word today save the mention of God hath been and shall be rejected in God's sight. After manifold tribulations, bearing hardships, and exile from land to land, the Sun of Manifestation did at last shine forth and Its effulgences encompassed all. Certain ones emerged from behind the veil of concealment and firmly girded themselves to lead God's loved ones astray. Whoso pondereth the fruits of the deeds of the Islamic sect, and likewise the false traditions whereby they have barred the hapless people from the straight path, will in no wise draw nigh unto such souls, nor will he deem their vain imaginings worthy of attention. We beseech God to aid you, draw you nigh, and grant you the good of this world and the next. He, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. O people of Sin! Know ye the worth of the divine mention and inscribe it upon the tablet of the heart with the pen of steadfastness, that it may not vanish from sight and that thieves and traitors may find no way unto it.

Thus endeth what was revealed for the friends of God in Shin (China).

He is the True Speaker, the Trustworthy One.

O people of Shin! The Beloved of the world confirmed you in your devotion and turning unto Him, and blessed you with the recognition of a Cause which the Prophets and Messengers yearned and hoped to recognize and attain unto. This is a supreme bounty and an exalted station that requires diligent effort to preserve. This is the Day which We heralded to Abraham, made known to Moses, and to which We guided Isaiah, John and Christ, and about whose greatness the Seal of the Prophets informed all. Were one to take its description from the divine Books, no word would remain, yet those possessed of true knowledge are well aware of this station. From the beginning of the Cause until now, We have accepted all earthly tribulations for the sake of God. By night and day the Supreme Pen has been in motion and the waters of mercy have flowed from the right hand of the Throne. When the world was adorned with this wondrous and new ornament, the hypocrites, with the utmost deceit and craft, strove to lead souls astray. The counsel of the Supreme Pen to His loved ones is to fix their gaze solely on the highest horizon and to purify their ears from tales of the past and future, that they may attain true hearing. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, to assist you, draw you nigh, and grant you the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

This lowly one beseeches the Eternal Truth not to deprive the people of that land from the sealed wine and the favors of the Self-Subsisting Lord, and to confirm them in the most great steadfastness, until all the treacherous ones, the deceitful ones, and the cawing ones find themselves powerless to prevent them. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The mention of greetings and salutations to all is entrusted to your honor.

The mention of the handmaiden of God, Maryam, was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for her from the heaven of the bounty of her Lord, the All-Forgiving:

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

O ’Ali-Akbar! We make mention in this station of him who is named Yahya and give him glad tidings of the favors of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We have remembered those who have turned to the highest horizon and have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Generous. O Yahya! Blessed art thou for having taken hold of the Book with strength from thy Lord. We counsel thee at this time to preserve this mighty station. We also make mention of My handmaiden whom We have adorned with the ornament of My love and given to drink of the Kawthar of My beautiful remembrance. She remembered her Lord at the time of her ascension, and We remembered her as a grace from Us and caused her to enter beneath the shade of My Lote-Tree, whose leaves proclaim: “There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Informed.” We have forgiven her as a mercy from Us, and We are the Forgiver, the All-Wise.

O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Concerning what was written requesting permission to journey to the Land of Mim to console the friends in that land, this matter was presented. His blessed and exalted Word states: This matter is most praiseworthy. It is essential that someone arise to perform this great service and illumine the oppressed ones in the valley of tyranny with the light of justice, console them, and shower upon those wronged ones, from the presence of Truth, an ocean of mercy that cannot be contained within the garment of words. O Ali, all have attained the grace of God and the word of pardon has been revealed for all. Some were seized with fear and the might of oppression made them anxious. The tribulation was great and the fire of tyranny was ablaze. The transgressors acted with such hardness of heart that the Pen is ashamed to recount it. However, the life of this world is brief. Let them not be sorrowful, for whatsoever occurred was for God’s sake and was encountered in His path. This tribulation was and is sweet to the taste of the lovers. However, your honor should consult with others in that land and act accordingly. Great wisdom is needed lest what happened before should happen again. One must move with perfect wisdom. The ignorant people have been and are waiting to cause turmoil. However, God protects His servants. He is, verily, powerful over all things. After consultation, if you decide to proceed, spend that sum in His path. Thus do We command thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

A Tablet was previously revealed and sent especially for your honor, and likewise another Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed but its dispatch was delayed. Now, according to the command, that too has been sent. God willing, may you drink and give others to drink from the ocean of inner meanings hidden in the revealed verses and blessed Tablets. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who drinks from thy hand the cup of thy Lord’s and my Lord’s bounty. The two mentioned Tablets were revealed from the

heaven of grace during the days when you were in prison. In truth, no one can enumerate His bounties and favors. His is the praise in all conditions. The Most Great Branch and likewise the Greater Branch, may my spirit be sacrificed for them both, convey their greetings and manifest their past and present kindness. They shared in the grief and they share in the joy. All the members of the pavilion of grandeur and infallibility convey their greetings to your honor and to the Leaf, your wife, your sister, and your male and female relatives, and express their love. In truth, this new imprisonment was different from previous imprisonments, for it was the dawning-place of the greatest sorrow and likewise the greatest joy. Praise and gratitude be to God for all that He does. He brings low and He raises up, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Exalted is He Who is praised in His actions and obeyed in His command, and He is the Mighty, the Wise. Peace and greetings and glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have drunk the wine of revelation, detached from those who disbelieved and were heedless and associated partners with God and turned away from God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As commanded, convey My greetings to the son of the Most Holy A?daq. The delay in answering his petitions was due to the upheaval in this land. From the time of the upheaval in the land of ?a until now, discussions have arisen concerning every matter […]. Likewise, the answer to the petitions of Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, will arrive, God willing, in these days. Again convey greetings from this Wronged One to the people of the Letter 'Ayn and likewise to the companions in that land, and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Say: Your righteousness has become as evident and manifest as the sun, for until this day - that is, from the beginning of creation until now - what has befallen you has befallen the people of truth. They are witnesses unto you and you are witnesses unto them, and God is witness unto both. O 'Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. All must act with wisdom and hold fast unto it. Impart the meaning of wisdom that all may act in accordance with that which God hath ordained. This is a great good. Glory and praise be upon them and upon the steadfast servants of God.

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This is the Tablet of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting

In My Name, through which the ocean of divine knowledge surged within all possibility

Exalted is the All-Merciful Who sent down the Torah, the Gospel, and the Furqan, then the Bayan, and revealed the Mother Book when the Hidden Secret was established upon the throne of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and proclaimed in the most exalted call: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all return!" When the call was raised, hearts were stirred with longing to hearken unto the verses of God, the Lord of lords. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people are in strange doubt.

O Haydar-'Ali! Hear the call from the direction of 'Akka. We have made mention of thee, before and after, with that which neither the treasures of earth nor its riches can equal. The Book of God in its most exalted station beareth witness to this. We have expounded the Point and interpreted the Books of God.

Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto every idolatrous infidel. We heard thy call and addressed thee from the side of the Mount, casting unto thee that whereby the hearts of the servants were attracted. Thou art he who hath drunk the choice sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hast guided the servants to the straight path.

O Haydar! Roll up the sleeve of endeavor, then gird up thy loins to make mention of this Most Great Announcement, whereby the parties have fled when the Lord of all men established Himself upon the throne of wisdom and utterance. We have been with thee in all conditions and heard thy call and the call of those who were present with thee, and We have mentioned each one of them with that whereby the luminary of My loving-kindness and mercy, which hath preceded all created things, hath shone forth.

And We make mention at this time once again of the party of God whose names thou didst mention, as a grace from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My servant, O Thabit! There hath been sent down for thee aforetime that from which lights have shone forth, and We saw thy mention in the book of one who loved Me. We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Manifest of clear proofs. We heard thy call and addressed thee from the direction of the Ancient One, the seat of thy Lord's throne, the Lord of all peoples. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We desired to answer him whose letter was present before the Wronged One, that the verses might attract him to the Dayspring of divine knowledge.

Jinab-i-Aqa Kuchik

In My Name, the Guardian over all names

O Aqa Kuchik! As thou hast turned to the lights of the Sun of Truth, thou art great in the presence of the Wronged One. Whosoever today hath attained unto the supreme horizon and acknowledged the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, he is recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen as of the people of God in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is the soul that hath not been prevented by the veils of glory from turning unto Him, nor held back by the doubts of the divines and the objections of the mystics from the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. Today the ocean of truth is surging and the sun of revelation is shining. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard. We beseech God to assist thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause of God and drink from the ocean of utterance at all times. He is the Compassionate, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

'Ali, servant of H

He is the Hearing, the Answering

O Ali! Your letter was received and attained unto the presence of the Desired One of all the worlds. Your service is accepted and mention of you hath been heard. Blessed is the soul whom the vicissitudes of days withheld not from the Lord of all names, nor deprived thereof, and blessed is the servant whom neither the doubts of the dubious nor the might of the aggressive prevented from turning unto the Truth. Praise be to God that thy call hath been heard and thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give

thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. We beseech God to assist His party to remember and praise Him and to serve His Cause, and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Aqa Mirza Ali: O Haydar! We have desired to make mention of him who is named Ali, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. From My Most Exalted Pen hath flowed the river of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath drunk therefrom, and woe unto the heedless. By the life of God! In every letter of My Book are treasured sciences which none hath discovered save God, the Single, the All-Informed. O Ali! Thou hast heard My call and attained unto My days. Praise thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, for having remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors.

Mashhadi Hasan-Ali Khayyat: We make mention of him who is named Hasan-Ali and counsel him to observe justice and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. We have mentioned him before and at this hour We beseech God to assist him in that which will draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful. O servants of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and be not of the heedless. Take the chalice of recognition in the name of your Lord, the Merciful, and be not of the patient ones. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge. To this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one.

Haji Mirza Shukrullah: We desire to make mention of him who is named Shukrullah and remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My tender mercy, that he may arise to serve My mighty and glorious Cause. Thou didst attain aforetime and We revealed for thee that which caused the hearts of the hearers to soar. When the wine of My utterance did intoxicate thee and the fragrances of My verses did attract thee, say:

My God, my God! Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of utterance surged before the eyes of all mankind and the fragrance of Thy mercy was wafted throughout all lands. I beseech Thee by the penetrating influence of Thy Will and the power of Thy Purpose and the movement and sound of Thy Most Exalted Pen and by Thy Most Glorious Horizon and its light, to make me in all conditions well-pleased with Thee and holding fast unto Thee, in such wise that the tempests of the intimations of them that croak, who have turned away from Thee and Thy verses and have taken for themselves a lord besides Thee from their own idle fancies, may not move me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy utterance nor from the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to grant this prayer.

We make mention of your two sons and give them glad tidings of the favors of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech Him to ordain for them that which shall profit them and draw them nearer unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

We make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf who hath heard, responded, and turned with her heart to the horizon of God, the Goal of them that have knowledge. O My handmaiden! Most of the servants' ears have not been honored with the words "O My servant," yet thou hast been honored with "O My handmaiden." Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. We have heard thy call and that which

proceeded from thy mouth in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. We made mention of thee before in a Tablet which proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: “Thine be the praise, O Lord of the world, and Thine be the glory, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the Messengers!”

Aqa Muhammad Hasan, the Cloth Merchant:

O Muhammad Hasan! We have desired to make mention of thee that My remembrance may draw thee to My Kingdom and strengthen thee to praise God, glorify Him, and serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The call hath been raised from the right hand of the Throne, yet most of the people are asleep. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they have turned away from Him Who hath come from the horizon of might with clear authority.

Muhammad Hasan:

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad Hasan that he may give thanks unto his Lord and be of them that are steadfast. Say: “Withhold not your ears from hearkening to the call of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.” Blessed art thou for having attained unto My verses and for having been mentioned in My mighty prison.

’Ali Aqa:

We make mention of ’Ali before Aqa, and I am the best of them that make mention. My mention equals not the mentions of the world, nor My call the call of the nations. To this beareth witness the Most Great Name in this exalted station. Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and arise to serve thy Lord Who hath come with a clear Book.

O Haydar before ’Ali! Thou art he who heard My call, turned to My direction, stood before the door of My grandeur, beheld My horizon, attained unto My verses, and drank the choice wine of My favor and the Kawthar of My wondrous utterance. My Tablets have testified to My favor unto thee and My bounty upon thee. Art thou able to thank thy Lord, or dost thou find thyself among the impotent?

Thou hast made mention of My Afnan, upon them be My glory and My favor. We have mentioned them with that which no mention can equal and have raised them to a station whose description defieth every knowledgeable rememberer. We beseech God to aid them to preserve this mighty and sublime station. Remember them on My behalf, and greet their faces from My side, and give them glad tidings of My mercy, and illumine them with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth He command thee, with Whom is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. We have mentioned each one of them in various Tablets and adorned them with My kinship, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Mirza Ja’far:

O Ja’far! The Hour hath come, yet most of the people are heedless. The Resurrection hath appeared, yet they remain far from understanding. Blessed is he who hath recognized and preserved the Faith; he is among those who are nigh unto God in His mighty and great Book.

Aqa Abu'l-Qasim:

O Abu'l-Qasim! We have sent down from the fountain of My Most Exalted Pen the waters of utterance, that there might grow in the hearts of the servants the plants of wisdom and knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath testified to that which God hath testified and hath attained unto that which hath been sent down from Him. Such a one is among the unitarians in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Aqa Muhammad Karim, the Hat-maker […]

O Muhammad-Karim! Hast thou heard the Call and beheld My Most Exalted Horizon, and hast thou arisen in My days to serve My loved ones? Tell Me what We have asked of thee, for I am the All-Knowing Narrator. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve Me, he who was named Haydar-'Ali. He mentioned thee, and We mentioned thee, by a command from My presence, and I am the Ancient Commander.

Aqa Muhammad-Rida-i-Qullati! O Muhammad-Rida! We mentioned thee before and at this time, that the fragrances of utterance may seize thee and draw thee to a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

Mirza Aqa-yi-Naqqash! O Painter! Upon thee be My Glory! Hath thy pen succeeded in portraying My loved ones, and hath it moved to draw those who were martyred in My path? Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance, and the heart that hath turned to the Most Exalted Station. We mentioned thee before with that which caused the breeze of utterance to waft over all possibility. Thank thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Lord of lords!"

Haji Mulla Muhammad-i-Hakkak! O Muhammad! That which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets hath appeared. He Who was promised in the books of old hath come, and He with Whom God, the One, the Chosen, gave glad tidings in His Books, hath been made manifest. Yet when the verses were sent down and the clear proofs appeared, the people turned away and denied God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the trace of My Pen at this time which God, the Lord of all ages, hath ordained.

Mashhadi 'Ali-Akbar! O 'Ali-before-Akbar! The Remembered One hath remembered thee while He was in the hands of the wicked. He hath sent down that which the pens are powerless to reckon, and revealed that which those possessed of insight were prevented from understanding. Blessed art thou, for thy mention hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, as a bounty from God, the Lord of all mankind.

'Ali Bey! O 'Ali! The Wronged One hath come with the truth and hath called all to God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, and hath given them glad tidings of that which God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, hath ordained for those near unto Him. Among the people are those who denied, those who turned toward Him, and those who pronounced sentence to shed My blood without any proof or book.

Mashhadi ’Abbas! O ’Abbas! The Lord of mankind hath turned toward thee from the prison quarter and remembereth thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease. Preserve this Most Exalted Station in the name of thy Lord, the Subduer of the winds.

Muhibb-’Ali! O Muhibb-’Ali! Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto hearing My call, the eye that hath beheld My signs, the tongue that hath spoken My praise, the heart that hath turned to My horizon, and the foot that hath arisen to serve mankind. Glorify the name of thy Lord! He hath remembered thee with that which shall not change throughout ages and centuries, and hath built for thee, with the hand of power, a house from the verses of utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. We beseech God to assist thee to preserve this Most Exalted Station, which hath flowed from a Pen through whose movement all created things were set in motion. O Thou Who art wronged throughout the horizons! Remember him who hath held fast to the Covenant when the people of discord and hypocrisy turned away from God, the Illuminator of the horizons.

Aqa Buzurg!

O Bozorg! The Wronged One makes mention of thee - He Whom the servants in all regions have denied, speaking that which caused the Maid of Paradise in the all-highest Heaven to strike her face in anguish. Thus was the matter decreed, yet the people are in strange delusion. When thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord’s bounty, the Lord of all names, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me, and glory be to Thee for having turned toward me, and thanksgiving be to Thee for having guided me, and splendor be to Thee for having taught me that which the possessors of wisdom have failed to comprehend.

MIRZA KAZEM: O Kazem! Hear the call from the direction of eternity through the Most Exalted Pen. Verily He makes mention of thee in such wise as nothing in the world can equal, as attested by the Mother Book which is with Him. Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Pen and My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all regions.

QASEM ALI: We have desired to make mention of him who was named Qasem before Ali, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. My mercy hath preceded and My grace hath encompassed all. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every denying infidel.

AGHA ALI: O Ali! The Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward the city of My Herald. By the life of God! The sincere ones shall perceive from its dust the fragrance of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of lords. We have remembered Our loved ones there and given them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. The mention of him who turned toward Ta hath come before Us - We saw him and were with him until he departed therefrom, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Then he who turned toward Sad, then he who left his place, advancing toward the Most Sublime Horizon until he entered and was present and heard and saw what had been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all men. O My loved ones there! We have remembered you with such remembrance that when it appeared, all remembrances cried out: By God! He Who is the Remembered One hath come with power and sovereignty. We have not mentioned the names of Our loved ones out of wisdom from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who is named Haji Agha with such remembrance that through it the thirsty shall find the waters of life, the lovers the choice wine of reunion, and the yearning ones the pure stream of attainment. Thus have the nightingales of proof warbled upon the highest branches. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath beheld the signs of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

Mirza Muhammad Bazzaz

We make mention of those who heard the call and responded to their Lord, the All-Merciful, with spirit and fragrance. Among them is he who is named Muhammad. The Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in his remembrance that which hath caused the sweet savors of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all creation. Hear the call of the Wronged One, then thank Him for having sent down unto thee that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the centuries and ages. Thus hath the Dove of the Throne warbled while the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked ones.

Mashhadi Haydar Masjidi

O Haydar! The Lord of Destiny hath made mention of thee from the Most Great Scene that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Verily He seeth His servants and heareth their remembrance, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Nothing whatsoever preventeth Him from anything, nor is anything hidden from His knowledge. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in His presence. When thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call, say: All praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings.

Shaykh Muhammad Husayn

O Muhammad Husayn! Hear the call from the Wronged One. He counseleth thee and those who have believed in that which shall exalt your station among the righteous. Hold fast unto justice and equity. This is what ye have been commanded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. They who have turned away from that which they were commanded, they are assuredly among the people of the fire in the sight of God, the One, the Single, the Peerless, the Almighty, the Compelling. Take what hath been sent down unto thee as a command from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

A clear Book sent down from the Trustworthy One unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. They who have attained unto My Most Exalted Word, they are the companions of Baha. Their names have been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Aqa ’Ali Muhammad

O ’Ali Muhammad! Behold then make mention when We sent the Primal Point with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. How the factions spoke concerning Him - among them were those who denied Him, those who turned away from Him, and those who pronounced sentence of death against Him. By this did the denizens of earth and heaven lament, as did My Most Exalted Pen in this spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison, and in the Land of Mystery, and in Zawra, and before that in Ta. To

this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from His luminous horizon. Hear the lamentation of My Pen in the evening and at sunrise, at eventide and at dawn. By God's life! It weepeth even as weep the bereaved at what befell My Herald Who sacrificed His soul for My sake and gave the glad-tidings unto the servants of My advent and My mighty announcement. Say: O people of the Bayan! He hath come from the horizon of might concerning Whom the Primal Point declared "I, verily, am the first of them that worship Him." By God's life! His joy was naught but for My manifestation and His sorrow naught but for My tribulation. To this doth bear witness every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge who hath read the Bayan and hath been just in the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Aqa 'Ali Rida […]

O Ali-Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. He, verily, draweth thee nigh unto Him and guideth thee unto a glorious station. O peoples of the earth! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come, He Whose remembrance was treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. He hath come to reform the world and to refine the nations. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide him whom the world hath deluded and kept back from this manifest grace. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His sincere servants.

O Ahmad! Hearken unto the call of God, the One, the Single. Beware lest anything prevent thee from hearkening unto the Word of God, the One, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein necks have bowed before the Lord of Lords, and the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken forth and warbled. Take thou the Book of God by Our command, and follow not him who hath disbelieved and turned aside. I am, verily, the Kaaba of God amidst mankind. Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you and follow him who hath turned away from God. Leave the people to their vain imaginings, and hold ye fast unto the Cord of God, the One, the Powerful, the Trust-worthy. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, and borne witness that there is none other God but Him. Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and hath striven in His Cause and made effort.

O Muhammad-Rida, son of the sister! The Ancient Countenance hath turned towards thee and revealed for thee that which hath caused the Orb of Bounty to shine forth from the horizon of the world. When thou hearest the Call, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having sent down unto me the verses from the heaven of Thy Most Great Name." Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Supreme Horizon, and heard My most sweet call, and won the fruits of the Pen. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged, revealing its pearls in the days of its Lord, the Ancient of Days. O people of Baha! By God, this Day is your day. Leave ye the people and what they possess, turning unto the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all nations." This is the Day whereon that which was hidden from eternity of eternities hath been revealed, and the fragrance of glory and bounty hath wafted over the world.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! He Who soareth in Mine atmosphere hath remembered thee. We make mention of thee with that which shall draw thee nigh unto Mine horizon, that thou mayest witness what My Pen hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-

Wise. Thou hast attained unto My remembrance and unto that which My glorious and wondrous tongue hath uttered. Nothing in the world shall profit thee today save this Cause, before which, when it was made manifest, every discerning one bowed down. We have revealed the Cause and sent down the verses, yet the people are in evident doubt. They have denied the right of God and His signs, and have followed every froward sinner. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know."

O Sayfu'llah! The law of the sword hath been annulled, and the law of the Bayan hath been revealed. It is sharper than the sword, as the tongue of My grandeur doth testify in this exalted station. We have ordained victory and triumph through the fear of God, and through deeds and character, as witnesseth he who hath attained the presence of the Face and heard the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest ye spread corruption in the earth after its reformation, and beware lest ye oppose those who have opposed you. Leave them to themselves, turning unto God, your Lord, the Commander, the All-Wise. We have enjoined upon you love and unity. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Aqa Buzurg […]

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Buzurg. Say: The Truth hath come, and on His right is the dominion of verses and on His left the kingdom of evidences, while before His face standeth the Manifestation of names and attributes, addressing the servants and pointing to His countenance: "This is what ye were promised in the Books of God aforetime, and in the Bayan, the Qur'an, the Torah and the Gospel." Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves of the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and beware lest ye deny God's favor after its descent. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and be not among the wrongdoers. The signs have appeared, the appointed time hath come, and the Hidden One hath been made manifest through a clear command. Beware lest ye reject the truth through your idle fancies. Cast away vain imaginings, holding fast to that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of your Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful.

O Haydar-'Ali! We have sent down for thee in the prison that which hath brought delight to the eyes of the Concourse on high and the exalted Paradise. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme favor. Once We revealed verses unto thee in a clear Arabic tongue, and another time We changed it to the luminous language, and We mentioned thee in a wondrous Persian tongue. Once We sent thee the Water of Life in remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and another time the breezes of revelation whereby the realms of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised, were perfumed. Canst thou reckon up that which hath shone forth from the lights of My dominion and My kingdom, and that which hath appeared from the horizon of My wondrous utterance?

While We were contemplating Our Revelation, Our power and Our sovereignty, and the heaven of Our Will and the kingdom of Our Purpose, there came before the Greatest Vision the Most Great Branch, who drew forth from his pocket a letter wherein mention was made of My loved ones who had turned toward My horizon, who had held fast to My cord, who had clung to the hem of My bounty, who had soared in My atmosphere, and who had spoken My praise. When We heard mention of them, We opened the gate of utterance with the key of Our grace and revealed for each one that which would attract the hearts of

the sincere. We saw mention of him who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Hashim, whose letter had previously been presented before the Wronged One Who was imprisoned for having called all to God, the One, the All-Informed. We read his letter and revealed for him that which cannot be equaled by all that is witnessed and seen. To this beareth witness He Who at this moment speaketh: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Make mention of him on My behalf, remind him of My verses, and give him the glad-tidings of My grace. We counsel him to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of all beings were troubled, the company of the divines lamented, and the feet of the mystics slipped.

Take My Book with a power from Me. Let not the swords of the world and the hosts of the nations frighten thee. By the life of the Most Merciful! There hath been ordained for thee that which minds cannot reckon and thoughts cannot encompass. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Speaker, the Trustworthy. Preserve this most exalted station. Let nothing whatsoever hinder thee. Cast aside the world and all that is therein, turning with thy heart to My glorious horizon. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Wronged One was seated upon His mighty throne. Give thanks unto God and say […]

My God, my God! My limbs tremble in my separation from Thee, my heart is troubled in my remoteness from Thee, and my soul laments in my distance from the court of Thy glory. I know not, O my Desire, my Adored One, my Hope and my Trust, whether Thou hast ordained for me to attain the presence of Thy countenance, to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur, to hearken to the scratching of Thy Pen, and to witness the lights of Thy Throne, or whether Thy irrevocable decree hath debarred me from this and from the wonders of Thy grace, O Thou Lord of all worlds. I beseech Thee by Thy perspicuous Book, by Thy mighty Prison, by the rustling of Thy Lote-Tree, and by the light of Thy Cause, to make me one of those whose feet have not slipped and whose hearts have not wavered, who have arisen and proclaimed: "O concourse of the world! The Most Great Name hath come with a sovereignty that neither the veils of the learned nor the clouds of the mystics could prevent. He calleth before all faces and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day."

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have seen in thy letter mention of him who was named Kazim in the Book of Names. We have remembered him in such wise as to cause the mountains, let alone the spirits, to soar. Verily, I am the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O Kazim! Hear the call of the Wronged One, then remember when the Promised One came with a manifest Book, how the people denied Him, turned away from Him, and disputed His verses, His proof, and His evidence, until they pronounced against Him a judgment at which the Supreme Pen was thunderstruck and the Lord of creation did lament. Thus was the matter decreed, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. O Kazim! Arise to serve My Cause with wisdom and utterance, and remind My servants of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My utterance, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say: Deprive not yourselves of the bounty of My days, nor your ears from hearkening to My verses, nor your hearts from My wondrous love. Say: This is the Day of proof, did ye but know it, and this is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, did ye but hear it. By God! The Treasure hath appeared and the Hidden One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: O people of the Bayan! Come ye, come ye! By what proof did ye believe in the Primal Point? Bring it forth, then read what hath been sent down from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of

things unseen. If ye deny the Revelation of God, His Cause, and the effects and influence of the Supreme Pen, by what cause was that which ye possess established? Be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers. Thus have We revealed unto thee the ocean of utterance with its waves, and the sun of proof with its lights, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. If thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and hast attained unto the lights of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! From Thy most sweet call my heart hath taken flight, and from the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen my limbs have trembled, and from the lights of Thy Most Great Throne and Thy mighty News my senses have been transformed, and the eyes of my outer and inner being have shed tears. I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy lovers and the sighing of those who long for Thee, and by the cry of those who have sought the supreme heights and the ultimate goal but have not attained them, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to behold that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power and Thy might. Then write down for them, O God of the world and Creator of the nations, that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Most Great Book! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad before Rahim, and remind him of Thy verses whereby every moldered bone was quickened, by which the dwellers of the graves arose, the mountains were moved, the Cry was raised, the Trump was blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck. O Rahim! Verily mercy hath encompassed and preceded existence, yet the people comprehend not. The Self-Subsisting hath come, yet the people know not. That which was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, thy Lord, hath been made manifest, yet the people turn away therefrom. Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye commit what the people of the Furqan committed. Cast away your vain imaginings; the Sun of Certitude hath risen with lights that have illumined the horizons. Fear God, then be fair in this Cause at whose appearance the Dove warbled upon the highest branches. He Who was hidden hath come with a sovereignty that neither ranks nor multitudes can withstand. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto those who have turned with their hearts unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Aqa Rida: O Rida! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and arise to aid His Cause, the irrevocable, the forbidden. The Self-Subsisting hath come, yet the people have cast behind their backs His covenant and testament. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they know not. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the lights of the Countenance, and the heart that hath turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Aqa Siyyid Muhammad Khurasani: O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that the remembrance and utterance may attract him to the horizon of the All-Merciful and cause him to remember his Lord, the Possessor of all existence. O Muhammad! Behold and remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, how He was treated by those who denied God's right and His verses, following every rejected learned one. The divines of idols and the doctors of the Torah and Gospel denied Him, and there befell Him that which caused the sacred vale and the Concourse on High to weep. Thus was the matter decreed aforetime, yet the people know not. Remember thy Lord amongst His servants, then aid Him with the hosts of utterance. This is what We have commanded all in Our inscribed Tablet.

Aqa Siyyid Abdul-Rahim: O Abdul-Rahim! The Great Announcement hath come and maketh mention of thee from this exalted station, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. When the Promised One came, idolatrous servants denied Him and arose in opposition until they pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice as caused those nigh unto God to lament. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's covenant and testament, and woe unto him who hath turned away from His extended path.

Mulla Ali Dhakir: O Ali, O Dhakir! Hearken unto the call of the Remembered One. He remembereth thee with that which cannot be equaled by treasures and riches. By My remembrance all things were attracted, and by My call the near ones sought My glorious station. When My sweetest call attracteth thee and the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen seizeth thee, arise, turning toward My Most Glorious Horizon, and say:

O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation, by the manifestations of Thy power and sovereignty, by the dawning-places of Thy knowledge and the daysprings of Thy wisdom, and by the Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, and speaking in Thy praise in such wise that neither the neighing of steeds nor the clashing of swords shall deter me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Compassionate.

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

Praise of those who praise, thanksgiving of those who give thanks, and glorification of those who glorify - how can these be attributed to Him Who is sanctified and exalted above creation, knowledge and comprehension? The inability of all things to reach Him testifies to His sanctity, and the confession and acknowledgment of both the visible and hidden tongues of all created things and beings bears eloquent witness to His transcendence. Who can describe Him as He deserves to be described? Who can mention Him as He deserves to be mentioned? The remembrances of those who remember are bounded by limitations, and the comprehension of those who comprehend falls short and is veiled.

O God, O Self-Sufficient One! By what utterance shall I make mention of Thee, and with what tongue shall I praise Thee? The Prophets and Chosen Ones have confessed their powerlessness, and likewise both the distant and the near, the obedient and the rebellious - all acknowledge their impotence and shortcoming. The essence of expression is mute in the arena of Thy praise, and the reality of speech is dumb in the court of Thy mention. Yet the ocean of Thy generosity has given hope to the realm of utterance, and the banner of Thy bounty has confirmed existence, that they might not remain utterly deprived of Thy mention according to their capacity. For were the door of Thy remembrance and praise to be shut, hope would vanish and the sword of despair would cut down and uproot the saplings of existence.

O Merciful One! We beseech from the ocean of Thy mercy. O Generous One! We implore from the sun of Thy generosity. Look not upon our weakness and lowliness; consider rather Thine exaltation,

transcendence, grace and power. Perchance Thou wilt transform this handful of dust into a precious jewel, and set this cold world ablaze with the fire of Thy Tree. Thou art the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

And then, O beloved of my heart! The noble pages thou didst send, each one a volume from the world of inner meanings, arrived. Their words refreshed the soul, and the fire of their mention transformed languor and stillness into attraction and motion, for each letter was adorned with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and spoke His praise. Blessed art thou! It was not passion that made thee speak, but rather divine guidance. Were the servants to be fair and to see and hear with penetrating eyes and attentive ears, disputes and contentions would disappear, and "Our Cause is but one" would unveil its countenance and become manifest. But the servants have been reared on vain imaginings and have drunk from the pool of idle fancies; therefore they are deprived of the four, nay the nine rivers. Leave them to their devices. In any case, after reading the letter and becoming aware of it, the spirit ascended on the wings of detachment until it reached the presence of God's throne, the Lord of all worlds. And after attaining the presence and receiving permission, thy letter was presented in its entirety, and these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all men, exalted be His blessed and transcendent utterance:

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance […]

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Lord of the Worlds Who, through the Dayspring of His signs and the Manifestation of His clear tokens, alone summoned all the peoples of the world to the choice sealed wine. His irrevocable Decree remained unhidden by doubts and untainted by idle fancies. From the horizon of each of His words shineth forth the light of certitude and blazeth the fire of true knowledge. These light and fire outwardly differ yet inwardly are united. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them both. Today, attentive ears hear from the Blessed Tree that which Moses heard on the Mount of Certitude, and perceiving eyes behold that which the Prophets and Messengers sought after. Exalted is this Day and exalted is He Who hath appeared therein. The former cannot be compared with previous cycles and ages, nor can the latter be likened to any previous revelation of God's Word, the Dayspring of lights.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and answered thee time and again with that wherewith God hath illumined the cities of knowledge and wisdom and the horizons of hearts and minds, and through which the river of mercy hath flowed amongst all created things. O Muhammad, hearken once again unto the Call from the precincts of 'Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, nay rather, He remembereth him who wisheth to remember Him, for His remembrance preceded the world even as His mercy preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad! The Most Great Announcement remembereth thee from this supreme horizon, which God hath made a prison for the Dayspring of His signs and the Dawning-place of His clear tokens, and for such of His servants, drawn nigh unto Him, as were not hindered by veils from the Lord of all beings, nor were they frightened by the hosts of the oppressors. We were walking in the house on a dark night when

the servant present entered with thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this clear Book which speaketh before the faces of all mankind. By God! The Most Great Name hath come with a sovereignty before which the power of kings and rulers cannot stand, and He desireth to purify the hearts of all peoples from rancor and hatred. For this He hath borne in the world of creation such afflictions and hardships as none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. He counseleth the princes of the earth to justice and equity and to that whereby their stations shall be made manifest before the faces of the servants. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and acted according to that which he was commanded by an All-Knowing Commander.

O Muhammad! Remind the people of God's verses with joy and fragrance. Verily they attract them, draw them near, make them know, and guide them to this Straight Path. The wolves have surrounded God's sheep, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. The son of the wolf hath devoured sheep from My flock in the land of ?ad on this Day whereon the Caller proclaimeth from the highest horizon of the world: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment." Were ye to count the martyrs in My path, ye could not number them. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this, yet most of the people are among the deniers. They have denied God's proof and evidence and cast His Book behind their backs. Lo! They are among the transgressors. This is a Day wherein the heaven hath come with manifest smoke, and the people have been prevented from turning to My most glorious horizon and from drawing nigh unto this resplendent station. By God! The smoke hath appeared as a recompense for their deeds. Lo! They are among the abased ones. Say: On the first day when the Most Exalted Pen moved, the Most Glorious Paradise trembled with joy, and the tribes of the earth who cast away God's Covenant and His Command were shaken, having followed every remote pretender. Thus hath the Pen revealed its secrets and that which was treasured therein, that it might give the people glad tidings of this mighty and wondrous Cause.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors! Verses have been revealed of such magnitude that none can encompass them - they have encircled the world. Yet most remain veiled until now. The words of old have not departed from the view of those who turn away among the people of the Bayan - they speak with fabricated words of the past and cling to manifestations of vain imaginings. How far is the glory, loftiness and greatness of this Cause from the understanding of those heedless souls! They are deprived of the heavenly waters of divine mercy, and are content with bitter hatred. Such is the condition of these people. Calumnies have arisen such that the world's hearing has recoiled from its power to listen. Any person of justice and fairness who contemplates the verses revealed in this Most Great Manifestation will know with absolute certainty that the Hidden Being has been granted authority. The polytheists and transgressors strive with utmost effort to extinguish the divine light and quench the heavenly fire. But the Word of God has not been and will not be prevented from penetrating. Assuredly those possessed of vision, hearing and utterance will arise and summon humanity to the supreme horizon with the most exalted call. Indeed, nearness and remoteness, acceptance and rejection, death and life, ignorance and knowledge are all dependent upon and connected to the recompense of the deeds of the servants. Thus at the beginning of the Manifestation of the Herald, that is the Point of the Bayan, not one of the renowned divines of Persia attained to the light of recognition. The cause and reason was the recompense of deeds which became a barrier and deprived all. Would that they had held fast to

repentance and return! They utter the blessed words “There is no power nor strength save in God,” yet they turn away from its appearance and meaning. They say “O Imam!” while issuing decrees against His Creator. In truth, astonishment itself is astounded at the deeds and words of this group. Say: O my God, my God! I testify that through Thy Most Great Name the ocean of generosity has surged, and through Thy binding command the sun of bounty has shone forth from the horizon of the world. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, by the mysteries hidden in all things, by the breaths of Thy most great verses, and by Thy sovereignty which has encompassed earth and heaven, to assist those who turn away to turn towards Thee, the deniers to confess, the oppressors to justice and fairness, and the rebellious to return to the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the heaven of Thy bestowals. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. That which was hidden from hearts and eyes has in this Manifestation become manifest and evident. Can the whisperings of corrupt souls now prevent the servants from reaching the shore of the sea of oneness? From the deeds and behavior of the Shi’ih on the Day of Judgment was revealed that which had been concealed for twelve hundred years. Until now they have not ceased - continuously from pulpits they revile and kill the Truth and His loved ones. Glory be to God! In these days an event has occurred that has caused astonishment. One of those who turned away from the Bayan, Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, merely upon hearing that in the land of Sad he had been called a Babi, that unjust one ascended the pulpit and, like the Shi’ih, uttered curses, revilement and abuse - first against his own guide in Cyprus and those in Cyprus, and then from the beginning until now against all. Glory be to God! What that unjust one has done for the sake of two days of life! But he is content with the foolish ones of the world who accept whatever he says. For example, if he mentions that his purpose in cursing […]

From the beginning until now they have reviled all. Glory be to God! What hath that unjust one wrought for the sake of two days of mortal life! Yet he is confident of the world’s foolish ones, who will accept whatsoever he sayeth. For instance, should he state that his purpose in cursing and reviling was something else, those possessed of vain imaginings would accept it. Say: O ye objectors to the Bayan, what is the distinction between truth and falsehood? Judge fairly. In that land how many martyrs have sacrificed their lives in the name of the Goal of the worlds, and ye have all heard of them. The twin resplendent lights, that is, the two Husayns - upon them be the most glorious of all glory - of whom ye have heard, despite their wealth, glory and fortune, sacrificed their lives in the path of the Friend. And though the wicked ones strove mightily that they might utter but one word to save themselves, they would not consent. They forsook creation and all that pertaineth unto it, but forsook not the truth. Likewise before them, Mulla Kazim and other souls - upon them be the most glorious glory of God - all freely sacrificed their lives at the threshold of the Friend. And several months ago His Holiness Ashraf - upon him be the glory of God and His grace - attained the most great martyrdom. His martyrdom is proof of certitude, steadfastness and confession, while the life of Hadi is evidence of wavering and denial. Judge fairly, O people of the Bayan, and speak with pure truthfulness, and conceal not the truth through your idle fancies. Until now it hath never happened that a Babi would confess and yet remain alive, while the unjust Hadi preferred mortal life to eternal life. Yet assuredly with one lie he will quiet those possessed of vain imaginings. Alas, alas, for their lack of fairness, their tyranny and their oppression! By the life of our Beloved and our Goal! Today it would be fitting to establish a house of mourning in the arena of the world and, in lamentation for justice and fairness, to recite those exalted verses which have been sent

down from the heaven of will specifically for the dead. O people of ?ad! Hearken unto the counsel of this servant. Take for yourselves a path unto God. Ye have not been and are not informed of matters. Now ye have become entangled with souls who in the earliest days were occupied in building the cities of idle fancy with the hands of vain imaginings. Fear God, O people, and be not among the transgressors.

As for the mention that was made of ’Ali Pasha KH-A - upon him be the glory of God - last week a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for him, that it might reach that loved one through those who would deliver it. Now too is he mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and the tongue of grandeur speaketh these exalted words - glorified and exalted be His utterance: “O ’Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise with wisdom to aid the Cause. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for the helper that which the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee to assist me in that which will abide with me in every world of Thy worlds and by which the cities of Thy justice will be illumined. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and who testifieth to his servitude unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to withhold him from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.” Thus was it ended.

O Rustam, upon thee be My greetings! Ponder upon that which hath been aforetime and that which hath appeared thereafter, and behold with the eye of insight, purely for the sake of God. The decline of true knowledge and wisdom hath ever been caused by the divines. Reflect upon the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Though He proclaimed the blessed Word of Divine Unity, they issued the decree for His death. All peoples arose in opposition, and ponder thou the cause of their opposition. When thou discoverest this, thou wilt hold fast unto this Most Great Revelation with such firmness that all the earth shall be powerless to deter thee. Likewise consider the Manifestation of the Friend of the All-Merciful in ancient times, and thereafter the appearance of the Spirit, and before Him the Interlocutor. One they called a sorcerer, and another they named an impostor. Examine what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “Never came there unto them a Messenger but they did mock Him.” After reflecting upon what hath been mentioned, arise and turn towards the Kaaba of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest how I have cast aside all else but Thee and have taken hold of Thy Cause, have forsaken all save Thee, turning unto the court of Thy grace and the sanctuary of Thy glory. I beseech Thee to assist me in rending asunder the veils and dispelling the mists. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my sight with the radiance of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation. O Lord! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy verses and the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

[The remainder of the text appears to be about various administrative matters and individual tablets being sent to different believers, and does not appear to be part of the main revelation.]

O Mirza Aqa! With manifest certitude the foundation of vain imaginings hath this day been rolled up by the command of the Lord of Days, and the carpet of certitude hath been spread. Strive thou that perchance with utmost joy and delight thou mayest illumine with the lights of certitude those who have lost their way in the valley of doubt and conjecture. The tongue was created for mention and praise, and

these days are in truth the springtime of utterance. We beseech God to aid thee to purify hearts and souls from vain imaginings and idle fancies. Vain imaginings have debarred and deprived the world from the Lord of all beings. Whenever a light appeared, they strove to extinguish it, and whenever the Sun of Justice shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace, they endeavored like clouds and mists to conceal it. Most of the verses of the divine Books have testified and do testify to that which hath been mentioned. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and with the finger of detachment rend asunder the veils and shrouds of the people - yet with wisdom and utterance, for the decree of the sword and spear hath been lifted. By the life of God! The utterance that proceedeth from the tongues of them that are detached is sharper than the sword and more penetrating than the spear. Say: O my God, my God! I testify that Thou didst remember me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was silent in Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee to aid me to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Illumine my sight, strengthen my heart, and reinforce my hearing and my limbs to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayers.

Mention was made of Asadabad. His exalted Word: Should God will it, He would change its name to Nurabad. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends of that land. Praise be to God, they have been and are among the triumphant ones. That which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence was specially revealed for them before and after.

This servant hath also mentioned this to His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Let them investigate and send copies of whatever was revealed concerning them and has been lost. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Mention was made of Haji Fadlu'llah and Kaka Khan, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise of Haji's love for the prayer of Salat. In truth, were all the world to attain unto a drop from the ocean of fairness, they would sacrifice their wealth and lives to obtain it. Today the taste of the servants hath changed and their power of comprehension hath been altered, therefore they are deprived of understanding that which hath descended from the heaven of bounty. O my brother and my true friend! The diverse winds of the world and its colors have stirred up impediments and deprived the sense of smell from perceiving the fragrances of revelation. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to educate mankind, that through the hosts of refined and noble utterances and praiseworthy deeds and character they may guide people to the divine law. Verily He is the Near One, verily He is the Watchful, verily He is the Helper.

Concerning Aqa Siyyid Aziz-i-Quli and those with him, upon them be the Glory of God, mention was made. After being presented before His face, these exalted words were specially revealed for them. His blessed and exalted Word: He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing[…]

O dear one! Every soul that hath in this day attained unto the recognition of this Most Great Announcement hath attained unto the glory of God and is illumined by the light of God. The glory of this world hath been and ever will be ephemeral, and likewise the clamor and differences of the peoples. But this most exalted and blessed Word, which hath in this hour dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, is everlasting and enduring. Neither shall obliteration seize it, nor shall extinction find it. Give thanks unto the Peerless Beloved that He hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and adorned thee

with the tokens of the Supreme Pen. He Who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We have remembered thee in this Clear Tablet. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and its surroundings, both those related and others, and say: I swear by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth that this blessed Day hath no peer or likeness. Strive ye, and through unity illuminate all regions. Beware lest the darkness of the world prevent you from drawing nigh unto the Light, or tyranny from justice, or oppression from equity. The loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, must, with pure and holy hearts, sanctified from all directions, beseech and implore from God that which is the cause of the return of all and the means of salvation for all. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Him, the King, the Just, the Manifest Truth.

And as for the mention that was made of Dawlatabad and the loved ones of that land, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise their steadfastness and attraction - mention of each and every one was made in the most exalted heights in the presence of the Lord of all beings, and these wondrous and blessed verses were revealed from the heaven of bounty and mercy. His word, blessed and exalted be He:

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

O My loved ones in that place! Your names have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, whereupon the ocean of My loving-kindness surged, the fragrances of My grace were wafted, and the sun of My utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty. We have remembered you with such remembrance that through it the call of all things was raised: “God, there is none other God but Him, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Master of the Day of Judgment.” Blessed are ye, and again blessed are ye, for having turned towards Him from Whom all on earth have turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, has willed. Ye have attained unto the traces of God from aforetime, which nothing can equal. We beseech God to strengthen you in that which will cause your deeds, your remembrances, and your character to endure in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard your call and have answered you, and We have shone upon you with the lights of utterance that ye may draw near, under all conditions, unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O friends of God! Hearken in the Persian tongue: Hold fast to unity and harmony. Great is this Day, and the Cause of God hath appeared like the sun from its horizon and is manifest. Hold fast to consultation and occupy yourselves with teaching. This is the assistance that hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets of the past and future. Hold fast unto it and be of them that render assistance.

O friends of God and His party! Hear the call from the direction of Akka, from the Sublime Tree upraised in truth. Verily it illumineth your hearts, strengtheneth your frames, confirmeth you and aideth you with the hosts of utterance. He, verily, is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to grant strength that all may arise with supreme steadfastness and firm certitude to turn towards the cities of hearts and minds. Let not time slip away, and hearken unto the sincere counsels of them that are detached. Should any differences appear among you, strive to remove and efface them, that ye may attain true unity and be numbered among the helpers. The handmaidens of God have been mentioned at this time in the Crimson Book by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to preserve the leaves

of the Tree from the various winds of the world and to illumine each one with the light of steadfastness and the radiance of detachment. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

[The letter continues with mention of various individuals and specific counsel to them…]

The Most Exalted Pen has willed to make mention of the elevated Nowruz Ali. Today is Nowruz and in truth it is the sight of all days, nay the sight by which the world is illumined. The realm of time cannot equal a single hour thereof. O Nowruz! Thou art in the highest companionship, inasmuch as the Lord of all beings hath made mention of thee. We made mention of thee before thy ascension and after thy ascension, that the grace and favors might encompass thee from all directions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Rememberer. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have ascended unto God, holding fast to the cord of love and recognition. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. We make mention of the children in this exalted station. We beseech God to aid them to remain steadfast with such constancy that neither the opposition of the opposers nor the hosts of the oppressors shall deter them. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

O Mahmud! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and We have mentioned thee with these sublime words. For divine mention there have been and are infinite degrees and stations. Among these, when a single word proceedeth from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for someone, at that moment there appear in the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven lofty and transcendent stations consisting of mansions, dwellings, chambers and endless new bounties, to such an extent that those who enumerate, remember and record are unable to count them. Consider the grace and favors of God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones and those near unto God! We beseech God to set thee ablaze with the fire of His love, that through the warmth of love thou mayest ignite the souls in that land. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Each of the souls mentioned attained unto that which had been the hope of the world from time immemorial. The divine Books speak of this Day, and all the Prophets and Messengers held fast unto it, beseeching and hoping from God the meeting of this blessed Day. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him and attained unto steadfastness.

Now, for each of the petitioners specifically, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent in reply, including those of his honor V.Z., his honor Haji Mirza Hassan, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Ali Sar, his honor Aqa Siyyid Sharif, and his honor Sulayman Kh.A., upon them be the glory of God, as well as the other loved ones upon whom be the glory of God who were mentioned before. Praise be to God, all have received their portion from the ocean of utterance of the Goal of all worlds, and there was revealed specifically for each that which all on earth cannot equal. God willing, may the loved ones drink from the chalices of words that which bestoweth eternal life. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And as for the mention they made of his honor Haji Kazim, upon him be the glory of God, and the mention of his house which has become a gathering place for the friends of God, and likewise the

mention of his vision - these matters were presented before the throne of God, exalted be His glory, and one Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent from the heaven of utterance of the Goal of all worlds specifically for him. We beseech God to exalt him among His servants through His Name. Verily He is powerful over all things.

And likewise they wrote mentioning his honor Siyyid Bahlul, upon him be the glory of God. After being presented before His presence, these sublime words were revealed from the treasury of divine knowledge concerning him. His word, mighty is His utterance and manifest His proof:

He is the Speaker […]

O Muhammad, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! All the friends have been and are mentioned before the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make them the banners of His remembrance, the standards of His guidance, the rivers of His mercy, and the trees of His loving-kindness amongst His servants and His creation, that all may partake of the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree and attain unto that which they are heedless of today. On this day, every created thing doth proclaim with eloquent tongue and giveth glad-tidings unto all of the appearance of the Most Great Light. Blessed are they that hear, and woe unto the heedless!

Mention was made of his honour Siyyid B.H. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give him to drink from the chalice of the Water of Life, that he may arise among the servants, speaking His praise, turning unto His horizon, standing firm in service to His Cause, and directing himself toward the lights of His countenance. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Say: This day is the Lord of days, with which neither years nor months, nay, neither centuries nor ages can compare. God willing, they will guide the servants through wisdom and utterance to the stream of the All-Merciful, that all may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord in His days. His mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

This servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in that which beseemeth His Day, that he may be a cup-bearer among the people through His Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Exalted is this mighty and sublime station!

Thus far doth the discourse end, and mention is concluded here for now, that God willing, the response to the remainder of the august letter may be sent later, as time is wanting at this moment and the bearer of news is departing. I convey greetings, peace, praise and glory to all the friends in that land and its surroundings, and I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to illumine all with the light of deeds and character, which are the cause of the order of the world and the progress of nations. Verily, He is the Illuminator Who illumineth whomsoever He willeth among His servants, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words in praise of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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O Heydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

In His Name Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

The Book of God speaketh the truth in this Most Great Prison and guideth the servants unto God, the Lord of all men. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Choosing. The Call hath never ceased from the Most Exalted Horizon, yet the people remain in strange heedlessness. They have cast the Truth behind their backs, clinging to the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

O Heydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon thee be My everlasting Glory! That which thou didst send hath attained the ears of the Wronged One, and We have answered thee with that which hath caused the hearts of them who are endued with understanding to soar. Say: This is a Day wherein none save Him is to be mentioned. Fear God, O ye parties! The Tree of the Furthermost Boundary speaketh before your faces, and the Euphrates of Utterance floweth from the Pen of God, the Lord of lords. Neither the might of the world hath weakened Him, nor have the swords of the nations frightened Him. He hath arisen before all with such steadfastness as hath caused feet to slip.

Say: This is a Call round which circle the essences of existence, and this is a Tablet which God hath made the point of circumambulation for all scriptures and tablets. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and withhold not yourselves from the Most Great Ocean, nor follow every heedless doubter. This is a Day wherein the ocean surgeth and the fragrance wafteth. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God, the Lord of mankind. This is a Day wherein the Ancient Beauty hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne and the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Revealer of verses.

Verily, in the midst of tribulations, We call unto Our loved ones who heard the Call and said: "Yea, yea, O Lord of earth and heaven!" Blessed art thou for having traveled throughout the lands to spread the signs of thy Lord, the Lord of creation. We heard thy mention when thou wast in the Verdant Land, in a house wherein My remembrance and praise were raised by those who took hold of the Book of God with such power as the might of the world could not frustrate, and with such strength as all the hosts of the earth combined could not withstand. To this doth the Lord of the world bear witness from His most exalted station.

O My loved ones in the Verdant Land! Ye have attained unto acceptance on a Day wherein most of the servants have turned away, and ye have found the breezes of revelation whilst the people were wrapped in heedlessness and error. We have mentioned you aforetime through clear verses and have revealed unto you that which hath attracted the hearts and gladdened the eyes. Blessed are ye for having fulfilled

My Covenant, attained unto My testimonies, and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My bounty. We beseech God to assist you with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to send down upon you from the clouds of grace the rains of blessing and bounty, and to ordain for you from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit you in every world of His worlds. Verily, He knoweth you better than ye know yourselves. He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Knowing.

Convey My remembrance to him who was named Muhammad before Husayn. We testify that he attained to what was mentioned in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. We found him steadfast in this Cause which hath caused all regions to be seized with perturbation. He hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My utterance. We have remembered him in diverse Tablets and We beseech God to exalt him through His Name amongst His servants, to make him a champion of His Cause, firm in His service, and to manifest through him that which shall endure as long as His names endure. Give him glad-tidings from Me, remind him of My verses, and illumine him with the lights of the Kingdom of My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Blessed art thou, O Khidra, inasmuch as God hath made thee a repository of the pearls of His love and the arena for the steeds of His might and power. Thus hath the Kawthar of utterance flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. God hath adorned Khidra with him who loved Me and who arose in the early days to make mention of Me, to praise Me, and to serve My firm and wise Cause. We have aided him, confirmed him, illumined him with the light of My knowledge, and adorned him with the ornament of My Name whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted and the limbs of the idolaters trembled.

We wish to make mention at this time of him who was named Muhammad after Mirza and give him the glad-tidings of My attention to him and My remembrance of him, that supreme joy may seize him through this Great News. The Wronged One in prison remembers thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Muhammad! Be thou assured that the world and all that is therein cannot equal the Word of God, for it shall remain immortalized in His mighty and wise Book. Arise, then turn to the Kaaba of divine knowledge and say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when I was among the heedless ones. We heard thy call and answered thee, and when We saw the warmth of thy love, We revealed to thee what the Tree of Utterance revealed unto the Son of Imran on the Mount of Knowledge. Be grateful and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Cling not to names as did the people before you. Fear God and be not of the idolaters. This is the Day of God wherein none save Him is mentioned. Have mercy upon yourselves and be not of the wrongdoers. The ocean of divine knowledge surgeth before your faces. Turn to it with illumined hearts and radiant faces. This is what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We testify that thou hast drunk the milk of divine knowledge from the breast of utterance and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. We make mention of thy brethren who responded when they heard My sweetest call and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered for My Self, which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who heard, hastened, and responded when the call was raised between earth and

heaven. These are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, mention of which was sent down in the Book of Names by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Great.

In this station We make mention of him who was named Mirza Aqa in the Most Exalted Horizon, as a favor from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, that the breezes of revelation may attract him and bring him nigh unto the station adorned with supreme steadfastness in this Great Announcement. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of the Prison of Akka, which hath been raised to such heights that the denizens of the Kingdom and above them the Concourse of Glory - whom the tempests of the calumnies of those who turned away from this luminous Horizon could not move - have heard it. Arise to serve the Cause with a power that the hosts of the oppressors cannot weaken. We have made mention of thee and those who believed before and at this time with this clear remembrance. Convey My greetings to thy brethren and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist them as befitteth His glorious and wondrous Day. Grieve not at the vicissitudes of the world, its conditions and changes. Take hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having adorned me with the ornament of turning unto Thee and for having illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy power amongst all beings to aid me and my brethren to serve Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

This is the Manifest Book that speaketh at this time. This is a Day wherein the Call calleth out, the Word speaketh, and the Book uttereth, yet most of the people are heedless. The sleep of heedlessness hath overtaken them such that this most sweet Call, raised from the Most Exalted Horizon in the Prison of Akka, hath not awakened them. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, who hath seen and witnessed, and who hath stood firm in this Great Announcement. Say: This is an Announcement the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, nor the ear of invention heard. He is the Incomparable One of the heavens and earth. To this beareth witness His Revealer and His Manifestation in this exalted station.

O Mahdi! Hearken unto the Call of the Eternal God. Verily it hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon that His servants in the kingdom of creation might hear it, yet the people turned away until they denied God's proof and evidence, and disbelieved in His favor which He sent down from the heaven of His bounty and the kingdom of His mercy that embraceth all in the heavens and earth. He who loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with that which all the treasures of the world and all the riches of the earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and insight-possessing one. Hear My call and arise to serve My Cause with a steadfastness whereby the feet of the servants shall stand firm. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Cause My servants to enter, in My name, the paradise of My good-pleasure and the garden of My knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Wise. The clamor hath been raised in all regions, and this is what the Supreme Pen foretold when it moved in Zawra and in this Great Prison. Arise to serve the Cause, then guide the people to the path of God Who walketh and speaketh in this palace which was built for this Most Luminous and Great Manifestation.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! It hath dawned from the horizon of utterance, speaking and making mention of this Name at Whose appearance the limbs of the tribes trembled, save those whom God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed. Beware lest the oppression of tyrants frighten thee or the might of Pharaohs prevent thee. The world shall perish, and that which hath been sent down to thee from My Most Exalted Pen at this glorious and wondrous time shall endure. Take My Book with My strength, then read it among My servants who have not broken My covenant and My testament, and among those who have sought the ultimate goal and the highest summit, that the fragrances of revelation may guide them to the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and found the fragrance of My pure wine, say: […]

O my God, my God! Aid me in that which beseemeth Thee and Thy days. Then reinforce me with Thy exalted hosts whom Thou hast created for the triumph of Thy Cause, the diffusion of Thy signs, and the manifestation of that which draweth them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! Thou beholdest me clinging to Thy Most Great Handle and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of all beings. I beseech Thee to assist me to manifest that which Thou hast commanded me with spirit and joy. Then ordain for me the reward of those who have circled round Thy Sacred House and acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in Thy Mighty Book. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to manifest through me the pearls of Thy love and knowledge which lay hidden within my innermost being by Thy command and will. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have desired at this moment to make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Ja'far, brother of the one who ascended unto the horizon of My loving-kindness, that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. We have made mention of those who have turned, on the Day of God, unto His luminous horizon, and We counsel all with that which We counseled Our chosen ones and loved ones aforetime who neither denied My proof and My testimony, nor turned away from My Cause, the manifest, the shining, the wondrous. Let not the deeds of those who have denied God grieve thee, nor the utterances of any heedless and remote one. Turn with thy whole being to the Kaaba of God and say:

O my God, my God! All glory be unto Thee for having manifested Thy Cause amongst Thy servants, and all praise be unto Thee for having guided them to the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree whereby the hearts of Thy servants have been drawn to the horizon of Thy manifestation, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth have been illumined, to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from turning unto the court of Thy nearness, and deprive them not of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of every clear command.

O thou who gazest upon Mine horizon and standeth before My face! We have desired to make mention of Our loved ones in Nishabur, whom thou didst mention before and whose names thou didst send to the Most Great Prison before the face of thy Lord, the All-Knowing Remembrancer. By the life of God! The

Wronged One hath sent down for His loved ones that which no books in the world can equal, whereunto every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify. O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who mentioned you before through clear verses, and at this time through that which hath attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. Be not grieved by the happenings of the world and what hath befallen you in your love for God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. In the Persian tongue hear ye the divine call. Ye have ever been remembered and still are. Today the Sun of Revelation is shining and manifest before all faces, and the ocean of utterance is visible and evident with countless waves. All must, with wisdom and utterance, bestow a portion from the sea of awareness upon them that slumber and guide them to the supreme horizon. I beseech God to aid the loved ones of that land in that which leadeth to salvation and nearness. Each one of the friends hath in truth borne in God's path that which hath caused the Concourse on High to marvel. They must preserve this most exalted and most high station in the name of the Lord of all humanity. The barking ones, the idolaters and the thieves stand ready at their posts of ambush, and have had and have no purpose save to lead the servants astray. The counsels of the Point, and His lamentations and expressions of grief, had no effect upon the people of the Bayan. By the life of God! They have risen in opposition in a manner without likeness or peer, as witnessed by that which hath issued from their mouths on this blessed, holy and luminous Day. In these days the opposers and deniers have desired to obliterate the Bayan. Glory be to God! All that was revealed by His Holiness and sent down from the heaven of will was and is circling round the Bayan. It is the perspicuous Book and the proof of God unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. In that Book mention hath been made of the return and the revelation and the mysteries of resurrection and the signs of the Hour. This Wronged One hath shown forth before the heedless deniers that which would prevent this reprehensible deed. We beseech God to aid His servants to uphold His signs and obliterate their signs. Verily He is powerful over all things. We send Our glorification and prayers upon Our loved ones there, and We beseech God to send down upon them from the heaven of grace and bounty that which will draw them nigh unto His all-glorious horizon and assist them to stand firm in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the heedless were troubled and the feet of the barking ones did slip. O Haydar-'Ali! Thou didst mention the seven brothers in the land of Kaf. Today the doors of divine favor have been opened through the key of the Most Great Name and the river of the All-Merciful's mercy is flowing. Each of the loved ones mentioned in thy letter hath been blessed with special favors, as witnessed by the waves of the ocean of My bounty and the effulgences of the sun of My loving-kindness. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this clear utterance and this great bounty. The deed which today taketh precedence over all deeds is steadfastness in the Cause of God - this hath been and still is so. Implore God that He may aid all to achieve this deed, which hath no equal. Verily He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Haydar-'Ali! In My Name, the All-Glorious, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. This word hath been revealed and sent forth: O My Name! Dost thou weep for what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones, or do I weep for Mine own Self? By the life of God! The waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and the winds have beset the Lamp of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. There hath befallen Me at the hands of those who claim to love Me worse than what hath befallen Me from Mine enemies. My lamentation, My outcry, My yearning, and My wailing bear witness to this.

Some have imagined that We sent you specifically to collect the Huquq in those regions. Glory be to God! No Huquq worthy of mention from the land of Kha has ever been presented before the face of this Wronged One. Previously, My Name Jamal, at the request of the King of Martyrs, upon him be My most glorious glory, proceeded to the land of Kha to collect the Huquq, and received one thousand, but it was not accepted. The Book of God, the Lord of the mighty throne, beareth witness to this. And it was ordained that the aforementioned one should return whatever funds he had received to their owners. Thereafter, the lamentation and sighing of My Name Jamal was raised. Thus, purely out of grace and favor, the funds from the land of Kha were accepted and bestowed upon the people of that region and other regions, and its record is presently with the servant.

Indeed, from Bushruyih and its surroundings, they have each year prepared and sent excellent leaves, which were truly adorned with the ornament of acceptance and illumined with the glory of His good-pleasure. If anything was or is accepted, it is through the favor of God, exalted be His glory. How blessed are those souls whose Huquq and gifts have been accepted! Sometimes some would mention funds they wished to send, but they were directed to distribute these among the poor themselves.

During this last journey when the Most Exalted Afnan and Amin set out for the Most Great Goal and the Supreme Summit, one of the loved ones, upon him be My glory, sent a sum specifically for the restoration of the House, but it was not accepted and its return was ordered. However, there was delay in this matter. Last year when Amin attained the presence, he mentioned that modesty prevented him from returning it, as the giver had sent the sum with utmost humility, submissiveness and love. For this reason, there was delay in its return. Thereafter, he besought forgiveness from the ocean of His Ancient Grace, and his prayer was answered. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all to manifest pure sincerity and that which beseemeth His holy, mighty and wondrous Day.

O Haydar-'Ali! In these days the pilgrim house and the well-known gardens have all become the place, abode and dwelling of emigrants and travelers. This year, such gatherings have occurred that perhaps the government may object, though until now His Majesty the Sultan hath shown special consideration. We beseech God to exalt him through His Name among His servants and to aid him to uplift His Word in His earth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

You mentioned the loved ones of Furugh. We beseech God once again to unite their hearts and assist them to achieve unity and harmony. It behooveth Mahmud to aid his Lord through the hosts of wisdom and utterance and to make known to them His straight path. We have previously made mention of him through verses that have set the world ablaze and by which the hearts of those who have turned unto God have been attracted.

O Mohsen! Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One. Blessed art thou and blessed is he that is with thee. We beseech God to assist you to serve His Cause and to manifest from you that which will diffuse the fragrance of love and fellowship amongst His servants, and to gather you and My loved ones there around the table that hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

O My loved ones in that land! Should anyone ask you about the Wronged One, say: Verily, He is under the claws of hatred, as attesteth to this He in Whose possession is the perspicuous Book. We desire naught but your unity and agreement concerning this Announcement at whose appearance the rustling of the Sidrat'ul-Muntaha was raised, crying out and saying: "He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of lords, hath been made manifest." Then the murmuring of the Kawthar of utterance was raised throughout all possibility: "The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful." And the whispering of the breezes of the Dawn of Revelation: "The Sovereign hath come! The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all men." And the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen: "Glory and greatness, power and might belong to God, the Commander, from beginning to end."

Verily this Day is great, great indeed, and this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. This hath been repeatedly uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur, yet some have manifested such opposition as caused the Lote-Tree to lament and the Eye of Justice to weep.

O My loved ones in Forugh! Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We counsel you to be patient and steadfast, and to that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. All that hath befallen you hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet before God. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge, despite those who have denied this evident grace.

What have some souls understood from the all-embracing, decisive word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth"? The Point saith: "Were He to pronounce the earth to be heaven, or heaven to be earth, none hath the right to question why or wherefore." And likewise He saith: "The entire Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise. Should He accept it, verily He is to be loved in His command, and should He reject it, verily He is to be obeyed in His decree." In brief, the waves of this ocean are beyond reckoning.

Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida hath dwelt in this land for some time. We testify that he hath taken for himself a station beneath the canopies of grandeur. We send Our greetings upon him and those with him, and We beseech God to give them to drink from the cup of the Greater Steadfastness and to ordain for them that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure through the eternity of His names and attributes. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

You have mentioned the soil of Turbat [in your letter]. We beseech God to bless it and to manifest therein that which will draw its people nigh unto the precincts of holiness, nearness and glory. Verily, He is powerful to do what He willeth through His binding and irrevocable command. O My loved ones in Turbat! He who loveth Me hath made mention of you, and We make mention of you in this Tablet at an hour when the Day-Star of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Lord of the worlds. Time and again ye have heard the call, and this is yet another time, a mercy from Us, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have heard and turned towards Him, and have attained unto that which most of mankind hath been debarred from. To this beareth witness the Most Great Pen of God on this manifest Day. We counsel you to observe trustworthiness, which God hath made the supreme adornment of the temple of His servants, and to

observe religion, without which no deed is acceptable. Thus hath the matter been decreed in My mighty Book. Let not the affairs of men and the happenings of the world grieve you. Cast away what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. We counsel you and Our loved ones again and again to be wise in speech and to perform such deeds as God hath made the hosts of victory and triumph in this mighty and impregnable Revelation. Hold fast unto wisdom, and likewise unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. These shall protect you and deliver you from every heedless one that is remote and every oppressor that is obstinate. This is the Day of God and great is His Cause. All must fix their gaze upon the horizon of His Manifestation alone, detached and freed from all else. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto this Most Great Remembrance and clung to the hem of God's commandments, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. It is incumbent, nay obligatory, upon every soul to protect the servants, in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, from former vain imaginings, lest they be afflicted anew with that which would cause loss in this world and the next. Soon will the hidden mysteries that have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen become as manifest as the sun. Then shall the heedless be seen in manifest loss.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God. Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered the mention of My loved ones, and thine ear for having heard their call and mention, and thy heart for having turned unto the One, the All-Informed. The loved ones of Zavih have ever been and continue to be remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. However, in these days sorrows from all directions have encompassed the blessed and eternal Tree, and from both parties there hath come to pass that which pen and ink are powerless to describe. This Wronged One, in all conditions, beseecheth God to guide all and adorn them with the ornament of truthfulness. This people have all been commanded to teach God's Cause. This matter hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in most Tablets, yet some have imagined that which hath caused the realm of assurance to lament and weep. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to purify His loved ones from idle fancies and vain imaginings, to draw them nigh unto Him, and to adorn them with that which will exalt them amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. The men of those regions are all remembered and have attained the infinite bounties of God, exalted be His glory. I beseech Him to aid them all to stand firm with such constancy that neither the doubts of the doubtful nor the calumnies of the slanderers shall keep them back from the truth and the manifest light. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O esteemed one, upon whom be the Glory of God and His bounty! Thou didst make mention of certain loved ones who dwell in various cities and regions. We have made mention of some of these souls, and We beseech God to remove all hindering causes, that all may attain unto divine remembrance and celestial grace. The letter of that cherished friend proved most affecting; verily, every word thereof testified to manifest sincerity. We beseech God to aid and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. From recent events may be gleaned somewhat of the grief of this Wronged One, and awareness may be gained thereof. Blessed are they who perceive and who reflect. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings and glorification unto him, and say: O cherished one! Upon thee be the glory of God, His light, His might and His bounty. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen every good thing that He hath revealed in His Perspicuous Book. We testify that thou hast attained unto the service of the Cause and hast attained His presence and hearkened unto the call of

God, the Lord of all worlds, when He was imprisoned in the prison of Akka and wronged at the hands of the heedless.

Mention was made by thy pen of the loved ones of Faran. We testify that they have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from all that existeth in the world of creation, and hastened and traversed land and sea until they stood before the gate that was opened through this Most Great Name unto all who dwell on earth, and drank the choice wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. And We testify that they heard that for which ears were created to hear, and reached a station that God hath made the point of adoration for them that are nigh and them that are sincere. In these days there hath been specially sent down from the heaven of divine Will for each one that which draweth the servants nigh. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make them among those whom He hath described in His Perspicuous Book with His words: "honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding."

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy namesake, that is, he who standeth in service to the Cause, is occupied night and day in the remembrance and praise of God and in His service. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve him through His bounty, to guard him with His hosts, to assist him with His sovereignty, and to exalt him through His Name amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We ask and beseech the True One to protect him from the whisperings of the polytheists, the liars, and the proud ones, for some have uttered that which testifieth to the heedlessness of the speaker. The very same delusions of the former sect have arisen; the difference is that with that sect it was after the passing of centuries and ages, while this sect desired to afflict the servants at the beginning of days. Verily, We were with him who spoke in delusion, and We concealed it. Verily, thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We hope that thy namesake and those who are with him, upon them be My glory, will protect the servants through the Name of the True One. This is not difficult for God. One of his services was that he sent the aforementioned expected countenance to the Most Holy Court, and for this deed there is ordained and recorded with God a great reward.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Mention of thee and thy utterances reached Ba and Shin and the Best of Cities. The loved ones and leaves of that land have each year been blessed with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and specifically for each one there was sent down from the heaven of bounty that which neither time can erase nor change alter. Some time ago, from the heaven of the Will of the Ancient King and the Desire of the nations, holy and luminous tablets were revealed and sent for the loved ones and leaves of that land, and more shall be sent hereafter. They have ever been and continue to be beneath the glances of loving-kindness. Give them glad tidings from Me and illumine them with the lights of the kingdom of My wondrous utterance.

His honor Mir, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - all that he hath mentioned, both past and present, hath been illumined with the light of acceptance. In truth, he standeth firm in service to the Cause and is adorned with the light of steadfastness. The loved ones and leaves in the land of Ba and Shin and the Best of Cities have attained unto that which the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal. Blessed are they that are certain, and blessed are they that act.

O thou who speakest in My Name! The petition of Hasan-i-Furughi, upon him be My glory, hath attained unto presence and hearing. Proclaim "God is Most Great" on My behalf before his face. Let him arise, turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and say:

"My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward Thy Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the nations who denied Thy proof and Thy evidence, and turned away from Thy Manifestation and Thy signs, have trembled. I beseech Thee, O Originator of all created things and Quickener of all contingent beings, by the splendors of the Orb of Thy utterance and the outpourings of the ocean of Thy grace, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the Hereafter and of this world. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one knocking at the door of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for the near ones among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful."

O Ali-Qabli-Haydar! They who have sought permission to attain Our presence from the ocean of divine bounty are all remembered at this time and are blessed with the effulgences of the Luminary of utterance, the Goal of all the worlds. However, granting permission in these days would be contrary to wisdom, for the gathering of the loved ones in the Desired Land has exceeded the bounds of moderation this year. The lovers and manifestations of longing must be calmed and made patient through kindly counsels and wise exhortations. God knows that this Wronged One has ever loved and continues to love the presence of His loved ones, yet obstacles have appeared from every direction. Therefore, purely out of grace and kindness, We have suspended permission until God brings about His decree. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Convey My greetings to My handmaiden who has lamented from separation and remoteness. We beseech God to aid her to be patient and steadfast, and to do what the wisdom of these days requires. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! The mention of his honor Abdullah, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, is the cause of greatest sorrow, for he was not treated with forbearance. Ask God to guide the commanding souls and confirm them in that which befits the days of God. In brief, there befell him that which caused sorrow to this Wronged One. That honored one has been with the Wronged One and has witnessed the waves of the ocean of knowledge, forbearance, patience and steadfastness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make souls aware of their station and rank, and to aid them to do what befits this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon those who have heard the call, have turned towards it and have said: "Here am I! Here am I! O Lord of all beings, Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, and Master of the last and the first!"

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

Praise, glory, gratitude and honor befit the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, Who through His grace and bounty brought the world from nothingness into being, adorned it with the ornament of existence, and bestowed the gift of knowledge that all might attain to His recognition, which was the purpose of

creation. Whosoever has attained to this station is adorned with such deeds and character as conduce to the reformation of the world and the tranquility of nations. Blessed are they whom the affairs of the world and its vicissitudes have not withheld from the Truth nor debarred from the divine path. These are the flowing rivers and the enduring stars; these are the dawning-places of goodness and the daysprings of benevolence. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen them with His hosts, to protect them by His sovereignty, and to aid them through the signs of His victory. Verily, He hath power over all things.

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

And then, O beloved of my heart! Thy exalted letters arrived one after another, each a straight path, a truthful and manifest proof, and for His Holiness the Trustworthy One a clear testimony and an eloquent witness. Through the grace of God he hath received and hath been granted the outward and inward bounty. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of all the worlds Who hath made His loved ones the manifestations of grace and favor, that they may not withhold from His servants love and mercy. In any case, after observing the first letter dated the ninth of the sacred month of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, numbered 2, We repaired to the Most Exalted Station and Supreme Summit, attaining the presence before the face of the Lord of all beings. This is what was sent down from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Amin! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds! We have heard thy call and whatsoever thou didst mention hath attained the honor of being heard. The Supreme Pen hath ever mentioned and continueth to mention His loved ones. Know thou with evident certitude that none among the peoples of the earth except His loved ones are capable of hearing this Call which hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. These heedless ones have been seized by the slumber of negligence to such extent that in the Mother Book they are accounted as dead. The world hath never witnessed itself adorned and illumined as in these days. O Amin! This is the Day concerning which He saith: 'The whole earth shall be but His handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens shall be rolled together in His right hand.' Do they appear worthy of recognition of this Most Exalted Station and Supreme Summit? The Primal Point declared 'I am the first to worship Him,' yet behold what they have said and what hath come to pass. Beseech God that He deprive not His servants of the lights of the Most Great Luminary. Glory be to God! Some of the handmaidens have appeared with the might of men, adorned with the ornament of knowledge and blessed with supreme steadfastness. He is the All-Bountiful and He is the Generous. Should a dried leaf from among the trees take precedence, it is, in the sight of God, preferred above those who sit upon the thrones of ordinances and recline upon the couches of commandments - that is, the divines of the earth and its jurisprudents. Alas! Alas! The wolf hath devoured and the serpent hath struck. Give thanks to the Goal of the world Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and maketh mention of thee. This mention cannot be equaled by the pearls of all the seas nor matched by the jewels of kings. The ornaments of the world are not worthy of mention before Him. Blessed is My mention for which one hath sacrificed his life in My path. This is

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

O Abu'l-Qasim! Thou hast spoken the truth. We have mentioned thee in another place with such praise as to cause bodies, let alone spirits, to soar. And this is yet another time. Give thanks unto God for this great bounty. We beseech Him to aid thee to manifest such steadfastness that neither the treasures of the world nor the ranks of nations shall deter thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He hath come from the heaven of utterance with proof and clear evidence, yet the people have turned away from Him, following every ignorant doubter.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad! Muhammad hath come, yet the people denied Him. And before Him came the Spirit (Christ), from Whom the people turned away, breaking God's covenant and His testament - verily they are in manifest error. And before Him came Moses with clear signs, yet the people rose against Him and committed that which causeth every fair-minded person to lament. Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "There came not unto them a Messenger but they did mock at him." Blessed is he who hath cast away the people, clinging fast to His Name, the Self-Subsisting. He is indeed of them that occupy this exalted station.

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

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad before Mahdi and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. His honor the Trustworthy One, upon him be My glory, made

mention of you. Therefore have We brought forth from the treasured pearls of utterance that which lay hidden in the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest with the utmost assurance and certitude fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon, detached and free from aught else. There is no harm in the loss of material possessions. However, should that which causeth the elevation of existence and is the source of human stations be lost, it would be a cause for a hundred thousand regrets. We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which conduceth to the good of this world and the next. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

This servant conveyeth greetings to him. His letter was received some time ago and truly caused grief. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever counselled His servants to goodly deeds and to that which attracteth the people of the world. Without doubt trustworthiness, godliness, praiseworthy character and goodly deeds are the cause of attraction, while their opposites are the cause of aversion. This exalted word was previously uttered by the Lord of all being. Blessed and exalted be His word: "God, exalted be His glory, hath come for the manifestation of the gems of inner meanings from the mine of man." Throughout nights and days there hath been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness that which is the cause of the glory of existence. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to assist His servants and enable them to achieve that which is befitting. Verily He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. This much is submitted: nothing hath been or is hidden from God, exalted be His glory, and the recompense of every deed is clear and evident. Were it not for His mercy that hath preceded all, most of the people of the world would assuredly have been seized by the scourges of His wrath. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, by His ancient forgiveness, to enable His servants to be truthful, just and fair. He is the Powerful, and He is the Mighty.

That they have written that they gave four tumans to Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise nineteen qirans to the emigrants of the land of Sad, upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory, and similar instances - after being presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said: "Whatever is given to the friends of God is acceptable and approved. Permission has already been given to assist the companions to the extent possible. Would that nineteen tumans had been given instead of nineteen qirans." Although that beloved of hearts is aware and informed of the details of that land, nevertheless the poor ones of those regions have ever been and continue to be in the sight of the True One, exalted be His glory. It is beloved that they show consideration to the extent of their ability. The command is in His hands and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

At this moment the Supreme Pen makes mention of the friends of Qamsar and Mazgan. His blessed and exalted Word: "O My loved ones! Hear the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. Praise be to God, ye are all mentioned in the presence and have attained a special bounty. We have, out of wisdom, concealed the names. God acts according to the requirements of His wisdom and has likewise commanded all to do the same. Praise be to God, in the Most Great Prison repeatedly have the glances of favor been directed to those regions and He has made mention and continues to make mention of His friends. Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, has mentioned you and has sought special favors from the Wronged One for all. We beseech God to aid you in that which He loves and is pleased with, to draw you nigh unto Him, and to ordain for you the reward of those who soared in the atmosphere of His love, hearkened unto His call, turned toward His horizon, stood before the door of His

grandeur, and offered up their souls in His path. Rejoice, O My loved ones! Be glad, O My friends, in what hath flowed from My Pen concerning you in this station which hath been named the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have cast behind their backs what the people possess, turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

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

On this blessed night the Tongue of Grandeur utters these exalted words, His blessed and exalted Word: "O Amin! This time thou didst not make mention of Jinab-i-Navvab, upon him be My glory. In consideration of his demonstration of faithfulness, We make mention of him and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf for that which shall make his reward everlasting and his mention eternal. O Navvab! The All-Giving says: The world is transient. At every moment its changes are manifest and its evanescence evident. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which is mentioned in the Divine Kingdom. Preserve this most mighty, most exalted station and say:

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

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

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

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

And regarding the mention made of Hakim Reyhan and his son, and likewise their feast, after being submitted before the Throne of the Lord, these exalted words were revealed, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O Abu'l-Hasan! Make mention of each one on behalf of the Wronged One and say: The desire of this Wronged One is that the horizons be illumined with the light of unity, and that the rancor and hatred in the hearts of the various peoples be transformed into love and concord. We have mentioned that which conduceth to the refinement of souls, the betterment of the world, and the elevation and advancement of nations. We beseech God to aid all to act in accordance with that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful." All the souls mentioned have been honored with divine remembrance and adorned with His favors. Which tongue can adequately render thanks, and which soul can befittingly hold fast unto what is meet? All are seen to be wanting and deficient, save those souls who are adorned with His remembrance, confirmed in His praise, and steadfast in service to His Cause. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that are firm.

As to what was written that "Today I am a guest at the home of Aqa Muhammad Husayn (Uncle Zaynal), upon him be the Glory of God," and a request was made for mention of those gathered in that assembly - this was granted, and after being submitted, these verses dawned from the Dayspring of favors, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O Mirza Hasan! Thy faithful mention hath caused Us to make mention of thee with that which shall never lose its fragrance throughout the duration of the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Preserve this most exalted station through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. O Ali (Aqa Hasan)! Ali came as the Creator; the Ali-worshippers cursed Him and finally martyred Him. We beseech God not to afflict the peoples of the world with the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih sect. He is verily the Powerful, the Almighty. O Mihraban! The Light is manifest, the Sun is shining, the Fire is speaking, the Manifestation is evident, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the station of the Day of God and hath arisen as behooveth it. O Ali (Isma'il)! Ask the Shi'ihs: What was the fruit of your deeds on the Day of Reckoning and what became of them? They perpetrated that which no other sect in the world hath done. Woe unto them and unto those who led them astray.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

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

My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy clear signs, and by the hearts which have soared unto Thee in their longing to attain Thy presence, to render me steadfast in Thy remembrance and successful in serving Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the world and the Sovereign of eternity, seated upon the Most Great Throne. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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

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

Mention was made of arrival in the Land of Y and before that, proceeding to A and R. Likewise mention was made of Mirza R.F. and Mirza M.H., upon them be the Glory of God, and the friends of God in that land, upon them be the Glory of God. These matters were presented before His presence. This is what was revealed from the heaven of our Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He saith, exalted be His glory: "O Amin! Upon thee be My glory. Those related to the Most Great Victory, upon them be My glory and My bounty, and likewise the friends in that land have ever been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, especially Rafi', upon him be My glory, and Muhammad, upon him be My bounty." Two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy and were sent. God willing, they shall drink from the ocean of utterance and be illumined by the lights of the Sun of meanings.

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

Mention was made of the honored leaf, the mother of Mirza Hasan, upon her be the Glory of God. After being presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, this supreme word was revealed from the highest Kingdom. He saith, blessed and exalted be He: "O My handmaiden! Amin, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned thee, and likewise mentioned Muhammad-i-Qabli-Hasan, and hath beseeched bounty for you. Therefore the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen's heaven with His mention. Ye have been blessed with His mention. God willing, ye shall remain steadfast in His love. The doubts of the peoples have deprived the world from the Lord of eternity. Blessed is the handmaiden who

hath turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones, both women and men. We counsel you to fear God and to that which leadeth to sanctity and detachment."

And concerning what you wrote about the wife of his honor the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God - yes, as commanded, this servant forwarded one hundred and fifty, no more.

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

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

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

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

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

them, caused them to recognize Him, and enabled them to hear in a Day wherein eyes were blind and ears were deaf. Thus did the grace of our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, encompass all.

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

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

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent! The world is observed to be in a state of upheaval and transformation. The singing of birds, compared to the Voice of the Speaker on Sinai and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing in the most exalted Paradise, holds no distinction in the eyes of men. The cooing of the doves of the sublime Paradise is, to most, indistinguishable from cawing and clamor. Yet soon shall sanctified eyes grow sharp and purified ears become attentive. We have previously uttered this most exalted Word: God, exalted be His glory, shall bestow the power of hearing, shall inspire understanding, shall grant the power of sight, and shall reveal the signs of the Most Exalted Pen.

These are the days of upheaval. Be not grieved by what they say and know. Thy letter was presented at the Most Holy Court and an answer was revealed. Concerning what thou didst mention about the misleading statements: By the life of God! He hath not perceived the fragrance of the divine utterance. How vast is the distance between earthworms and the luminous expanse of the most exalted Paradise! Great are the differences between the divine, luminous springtime and the dark autumn. During these days and nights, be occupied with protecting your own souls.

The source of vain imaginings hath not suffered a single blow in the path of God. He hath ever remained concealed behind veils. From his statements asking what hath become of the Word of the Primal Point

and where it hath gone - though he himself wrote “Verily, I am He, the promised Qa’im Whose appearance ye have been promised” - if he believes in the hidden Qa’im, what then does he make of this verse and how does he interpret it? He is like those souls who arranged Jabulqa and established the holy precinct, and whose vain imaginings prevented multitudes from recognizing the truth.

Say: O misleader, fear God and speak with justice. Set aside […] and fix thy gaze upon reality. Today the Most Great Ocean is manifest with its waves, the Sun is shining with its effulgent rays, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing is visible with its countless fruits. What seekest thou from a name, and what desirest thou from a title? Were He to take a handful of dust and cause all names to be generated therefrom, verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Would that thou hadst asked him what was achieved and what became of the previous community during these twelve hundred years and more. Now fear God and cease occupying thyself with renewed delusions. Look to thyself, not to others. Listen with thine own ears, not the ears of others. The heaven of vain imaginings hath been rolled up by the hand of power, even as was rolled up the carpet of those who denied the Promised Day.

O Haydar ’Ali! Through the utterances of that ignorant one the world of the Bayan hath been darkened. The station of all things besides God is confirmed through His acceptance, exalted be His glory. The previous community did not inhale the fragrance of divine unity nor comprehend its meaning. Were permission to be granted, that which would cause the treasures of divine knowledge to appear would be revealed.

In the world, the previous community was seen to be divided, each faction cursing the other. They attributed all qualities to the letters of the Qur’an. If anyone were to assert a likeness, similitude, or peer for the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, such a one would be deprived of true unity. Through His oneness, the sanctification of His Essence, and the exaltation of His Being was established the unity of His exalted Essence and the sanctification of His Self from any likeness or similitude. The Imams were created through His Word, and the foundation of faith depends upon accepting God, exalted be His glory. In all other stations there is proof, love, and friendship. Reflect upon this matter that thou mayest witness the Sun of Unity from the horizon of utterance. Faith is confined to His exalted Being. If a person be among the […]

Reflect upon this passage that thou mayest behold the Sun of Divine Unity from the horizon of utterance. Faith is exclusively in Him, the Most High. Should anyone become heedless of the divine chosen ones or the Letters, he shall be accounted among the transgressors in the sight of God. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. Would that the heedless ignorant one who mentioned these particulars had said that these matters were specific to you. Even as the Point, out of fear of the turbaned ones, called Himself the Gate - to what depths He condescended out of kindness and due to the lack of understanding of Iran’s divines regarding this Revelation. He states: “He bestoweth Divine authority upon whomsoever He willeth and withholdeth it from whomsoever He desireth.” What have the spiritually immature ones of the world to do with such mentions and such words? This is the mystery of what the late Shaykh said when someone asked him about that word which the Qa’im would utter, which the three hundred and thirteen faithful ones of that day would not be able to bear, and about which the blessed Sadiq made mention of

the letter “K” concerning them. After much warning that “thou canst not bear it,” he had said that if the Promised One should appear and say “Abandon belief in the birth of the Commander of the Faithful,” wouldst thou abandon it? Immediately he demurred and refused, saying “God forbid!” It is evident to the people of truth that he heard the word from His blessed tongue, and since he could not bear it, he became an unbeliever, though he perceived it not. This is because he looked not to the Source of the Cause. O Haydar-’Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. One must look to the Source of the Cause. Similarly in the Bayan He states that the bodies of the Letters of the Living in this Revelation occupy the station of the spirits of the previous Letters. All are His servants and all act by His command. Such malevolent souls are the cause and source of volumes of vain imaginings, as they have written and continue to write. In one place He states that that Day is not a day for caution - at the mere hearing they must turn to Him. Now observe where He stands and where the understanding of those souls stands. One must lament. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, not to afflict later souls with previous vain imaginings. Say: O ignorant one! Thou who art at such stations, what fruit wouldst thou gain from the world’s prostration before thee? Turn unto God Who created thee and sustained thee. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Forgiver of sins for those who repent. And likewise He states that if anyone should speak a single verse, none should oppose him. Had this Revelation not been true, He would not have uttered such words. In any case, now they have turned away and denied myriad verses the like of which the world’s ears have never heard. O Haydar-’Ali! The Lord of Revelation was never and is not encompassed, rather He encompasses all. None save His own Self is fully aware of the manner of His Revelation. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Thou didst mention Haydar. A most mighty and holy Tablet, adorned with the seal, was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it. In truth he stands firm in service, and God, exalted be His glory, is aware. He sees him standing in His service and speaking His praise. We beseech God to aid him with the hosts of utterance, that he may conquer all who dwell in the realm of possibility through God’s compelling Word. We cried out today, turning toward the Bayan, and when […]

We beseech God to aid him with the hosts of utterance, that he may conquer all who dwell in the realm of contingent being through God’s sovereign Word. Today We turned toward utterance, and when We arrived and were established upon the throne of utterance, We revealed unto him who was named Most Noble. Every letter of his words testifieth to God’s loving-kindness and bounty. We made mention therein of how the Lord of all beings was opposed by vain imaginings which caused the people of the past to stumble when the Truth came with manifest sovereignty. By God’s life! They are the most lost of all factions, they who broke God’s covenant and His testament, who denied His proof and His evidence, and who spoke that which none before had spoken. As for what was mentioned concerning Haydar, We made mention of him from the direction of Our Most Great Scene that he might know and be among the thankful. We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Isma’il and give him glad tidings of God’s grace and mercy, that he may be steadfast in His Cause, firm in His love and unwavering in His service. Thy Lord speaketh the truth, but most people comprehend not.

Ask of God that He may guide souls aright. Meaningless names and tales cause people to waver. The chains of idle fancy have bound all save whom God willeth. However, God, exalted be His glory, hath servants who have transcended the names that exist among the people and have set their faces toward

the highest horizon. No matter can prevent them, and they have passed like lightning beyond all save God, fixing their gaze upon the Horizon of Revelation, detached from all else but Him. Thy Lord, verily, aideth whom He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

As for the mention of Aqa Ghulam-'Ali, verily We have mentioned him before and will mention him again, and We mention him at this hour with a mention whereby the servants shall remember. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing. Some time ago his letter written in the name of Allah-Mahdi reached the Most Holy Court. His words bore witness to his humility, submissiveness and devotion. The tongue giveth thanks to God and praiseth Him for having enabled him to make mention of Him and to arise to serve His conclusive and manifest Cause. Magnified be His face! By God's life, My Most Exalted Pen loveth to make mention of His loved ones in the cities and lands, and to aid them to champion His Cause through wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Mighty, the Gracious.

We make mention of his son and those whose names were mentioned in his letter. By God's life, each one of them hath attained unto the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The gate of heaven hath been opened by Him Who is the Dawning-Place of gifts and favors, with a sovereignty that hath conquered all things and with a light that hath illumined all horizons. O youth! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then recall when thou wert in the presence of the Countenance and didst hear the voice of the Wronged One as He spoke before the faces of the servants. Forget not God's favor unto thee when thou wert seated before His face, and He counseleth thee as God counseled His near servants who were not deterred by armies from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all beings. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who have taken the cup of steadfastness in the name of the Lord of creation and have drunk therefrom through the mention of God, the Revealer of verses. We make mention of him who was named Mahdi, who was mentioned in thy letter, that he may be assured that the reward of them that proclaim the Message shall not be lost. He hath been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen with a mention that shall be preserved eternally in the protected treasury of God, the Lord of lords. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the traces of My Pen.

I testify that these souls have, from the dawn of days until now, been occupied with praise and remembrance and have been enabled to spend in His path, exalted be He. Today is the day of deeds, not words, and their deeds are a truthful witness and faithful testimony to their proof, detachment and service. They were created by God's prevailing will and are related to Him. Happy are they and blessed are they. And regarding what you wrote about some of the friends, praise be to God that you are confirmed in what God has revealed in the Book. The reward of your deeds is with your Lord - God has made it a treasure for you with Him. Verily He is the Protector, the Trustworthy.

O Haydar-'Ali! Especially for those related to His Holiness 'Ali-Haydar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, including his son and wife and others, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and previously sent. Verily he has a station with your Lord - give him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded existence. And regarding what you wrote about permission for His Holiness 'Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, after hearing this matter the luminary of permission shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine will. However this depends on wisdom - if wisdom requires it then movement is beloved, otherwise patience is necessary and the reward of attainment is

specially reserved for him. Repeatedly from the heaven of the Supreme Being's loving-kindness it was revealed that in this case their service in that place is a mighty matter and a great service. The Mother Book testifies to this in this station.

What you wrote about the unity and agreement of the friends - the least word that the Truth, exalted be His glory, has spoken regarding the order of the world was the word of unity and agreement. Ask of God that those few who have arisen to serve the divine Cause and have been honored with special distinction may unitedly and harmoniously engage in spreading and exalting the Word. By the life of God, great is the station of those who are humble before God! If assured, content and tranquil souls would show humility to one another […]

By My life! The station of those who show humility before God is great. If assured, contented and well-pleased souls were to vie with each other in humility and lowliness, this would be the cause of their exaltation, glory and loftiness of station before God. He verily commands His loved ones and the Hands of His Cause to do that which draws them nearer to Him and elevates their stations. He is, verily, powerful over all things.

At this moment the Supreme Pen desires to mention all those who were present at that gathering and to favor them with the outpourings of the Pen of Grace. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Asmi-Jamal! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy and My grace. We beseech God to assist My loved ones to hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and the Straight Path of God.

O 'Ayn before Ta! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou hast attained the presence and heard the Call and beheld the Horizon. Thy Lord verily aids His loved ones and He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Buzurg! Hear thou the Call again and again. Verily it hath been raised from the Fire kindled in the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Blessed is he who hath succeeded in hearing it and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of mankind!"

O Abdullah! The Sun hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, saying: "Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Spot round which circle the Concourse on High and for having heard the Call of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Return."

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By My life, O Haydar-'Ali! The Wronged One, in an ocean of fire, makes mention of those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of creation. Were His loved ones to become aware of what has befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors among His creatures, they would weep both morn and eve. We have concealed most matters lest My loved ones in all lands be saddened thereby. We make mention of him who was named Yusif, who attained to that which most of mankind have failed to attain, and We have remembered him time and again. Verily thy Lord is the

Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to aid him to do that which befitteth the people of Baha among His servants.

Say: O My loved ones! Take hold of that which We have commanded you. It will draw you nigh unto the most exalted station and will ordain for you, through His grace, that which will delight your eyes. Blessed is he whom the clamor of the ignorant hath not deterred, and steadfast is he whom the might of the powerful hath not made to falter.

O Ayyub! Upon thee be My glory. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have sent down upon thee from the heaven of bounty the rains of wisdom and utterance. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the One Who doeth as He pleaseth. Neither the happenings of the world nor the croaking of those who have denied the Beginning and the End can hinder Him. We beseech God to strengthen thee and sanctify thee through the Kawthar of utterance that thou mayest arise with all thy being to manifest the Cause among men.

We make mention of thy brother who attained Our presence in days when every doubting learned one was debarred therefrom. We also make mention of thy brother Akbar and give him the glad tidings of My mercy which hath encompassed all things. We beseech God to grant you success and ordain for you the best of this world and of the next. He, verily, is the Almighty, the One Who doeth what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Revealer of verses.

O ʼAbduʼl-Karim! The All-Merciful maketh mention of thee from the prison quarter, that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who give thanks. We have mentioned thee before in such wise that the river of utterance hath flowed throughout all regions. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Thou hast attained unto My remembrance and the traces of My Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Verily he who stood before the Face was taken by the idolaters for themselves. We have revealed concerning them in My perspicuous Book that they are among the most lost. And among the people is he who hath said that he speaketh the verses of the Point. Say: Woe unto thee, O thou idolatrous disbeliever! Present thyself before the Face that thou mayest hear what no ear in the world hath heard and see what the eyes of the near ones have not beheld. Were the Primal Point alive, He would circle round Me and transcribe My verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O people! Fear God. Adorn your heads with the crown of detachment and your temples with the fear of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Consider the divines and jurisconsults of Persia and what they have committed on the Day of Reckoning. He verily aideth all to recognize this Most Great Announcement. They denied God's proof and testimony and uttered that which caused the hearts of those near unto God to tremble.

We make mention of him whom We made a son to one who was martyred in My path and gave up his spirit in My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have mentioned him before and counseled him with that which would exalt the station of man in the contingent world. We are, verily, the Counselor, the All-

Knowing. We send greetings upon his face and enjoin upon him virtues from which the fragrances of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of the mystics, may be diffused.

O My Pen! How is it that I see thee at all times in motion, speaking, remembering - at one time I see thee prostrate upon the dust, and at another time I see thee in manifest sorrow. How many nights in the early dawn hours have I heard thy sighs […]

Yet another has perceived manifest grief. How many nights have I heard your sighs, your cries and your lamentations in the early hours! Tell Me what has befallen thee, for verily I am the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He cried out saying: "O my Lord! With Thee is the knowledge of all things. Thou knowest and art aware, Thou hearest and seest, for Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By Thy might and Thy majesty, I complain to Thee of those who have changed Thy blessing, denied Thy bounty, disbelieved in Thy signs, turned away from Thy face, and cast behind them that which Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy utterance, attributing it to one who is powerless to open his mouth in the court of Thy glory. Alas! Alas! for this wrong that hath befallen me in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and power, O Lord of the worlds and Purpose of the nations, to place between me and Thy servants a barrier mightier than mountains, lest mine ears hear that which hath caused the hearts of Thy chosen ones in the Most Exalted Paradise and Thy honored servants to lament."

Glory be to Thee, O my Purpose and my Beloved! Thy knowledge hath grieved me, and Thy patience and forbearance after Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.

We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah, who was mentioned in Thy Book, and We give him glad tidings of the signs of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We beseech the Most High to make him steadfast in His Cause and firm in His love with such steadfastness as shall shake the foundations of the polytheists.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who was named 'Ali-Muhammad, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of the thankful ones. O 'Ali before Muhammad! One of My loved ones hath mentioned thee before, and We have sent down for thee a tablet that thine eyes may be consoled and thou mayest be of those who render thanks.

We make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf, My aunt. We have indeed mentioned her and given her the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, His bounty, His generosity and His gifts. In truth, from the beginning until now she hath been occupied with remembrance, praise and service to the Cause.

We make mention of My handmaiden in Kaf who attained the presence at a time when the learned ones, the mystics, the wise ones, the men of letters and the ignorant ones were debarred therefrom. She hath attained unto that which the dwellers of Paradise have attained. Blessed is she and happy is she. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid her in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Strong, the Mighty.

We make mention of My leaf, My aunt's daughter. We testify that she attained the presence before others attained it in the prison, and her deeds were accepted. From the beginning of the Cause until now

they have been mentioned before the Wronged One and have rejoiced in His verses. The glance of favor hath been and is directed towards them. We beseech God to strengthen her and aid her in that which will draw her near in all conditions. Verily, He is the Protector of devoted men and women.

O Hoopoe! We have mentioned thee before and in this Clear Tablet. Thou art the one who attained the presence of My sister who was wronged in the land of Ta by reason of the fire of hatred which was kindled in the hearts of the oppressive men and women.

Thou didst mention the handmaiden of God, Fatimah, and her daughter. Praise be to God, they have been and are remembered by God. They have drunk from the cup of meeting and witnessed the waves of the ocean of divine utterance. They attained unto the blessed words "O My leaf" and "O My handmaiden." We beseech God to strengthen them in steadfastness in His mighty Cause.

As for what thou didst write regarding the chief, the purpose is that wisdom should be observed in dealing with persons of prominence in the government, for the people in authority must be protected from the envious […]

O My handmaiden! They have attained. We beseech God to assist them to remain steadfast in His Great Cause. Concerning what you wrote about the chief, the intention is that one should deal wisely with prominent government officials, for those in authority must be protected from the envious and the malicious. This is stated outwardly. Verily, He is the All-Knowing Protector. O Haydar-'Ali! The people of Iran have been and continue to be much attached to vain imaginings, such that even now some who claim knowledge have not freed themselves from such fancies and remain deprived of the light of the Sun of certitude. The Primal Point - may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake - with a hundred thousand verses trained the servants that perchance they would not remain deprived as before, and clearly forewarned of the wickedness of the people of the Bayan. His exalted Word states that if someone appears with but a single verse, reject him not, and so forth. Now they deny and reject millions upon millions of verses revealed without any veil or covering. A fancied name is mentioned while they remain veiled and deprived from their Creator, Protector and Sovereign. In truth, the existing ears and visible eyes were not and are not worthy of hearing and capable of seeing. Until now the deluded ones have not understood the cause of the former people's veiling, and have not perceived the fragrance of the Day of God. We mention the names of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter. O Na'im! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His mercy, His grace and His bounty. He who loved Me and arose to serve Me hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee in this Mighty Tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord that He hath aided thee to turn towards Him when the pharaohs and tyrants of the earth turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Let not the events of the world sadden thee, nor the affairs of those who denied the Day of Judgment prevent thee. Thou hast attained unto faith in days wherein the limbs of the polytheists trembled. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee steadfastness in this Wise Remembrance. And We mention him who was named Mirza Abu'l-Qasim that the Remembrance may make him steadfast in this Great News. Steadfastness in this Cause is not achieved nor manifested except through detachment from the tales of old and what is with the people. This Book beareth witness to that in this exalted station. The true wings of the servants have been soiled with the clay of vain imaginings and are not capable of flight in the atmosphere of love for the Desired One of the worlds. The deniers of

the Bayan, like unto the Shi'ih sect, wish to dispute and argue about vicegerency and leadership and shaykhi matters for a thousand years, and in the end their predicament shall be superior and better than the former people - they once again curse the Truth from the pulpits, even as that party is now engaged in this. O thou who hast turned towards God! Reflect on what We have revealed before and after, that thou mayest know the station of those who have denied God's verses in this Mighty Revelation whereby the hearts of the polytheists have melted. We make mention of him who was named Fadlu'llah that he may find the fragrance of revelation and be among the firmly rooted ones. O Fadl! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. By God's life! The Wronged One hath come with that wherewith the Messengers of God, before and after, have come. But most of the people are among the deniers. Their vain imaginings have prevented them from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. They worship idols and perceive not […]

O people! How long will ye wander in the paths of ignorance and cleave to vain imaginings, devoid of understanding! Ye have rejected the Proof whereby ye claim to have believed in the Messengers of God, Lord of the Glorious Throne. Say: By God! The deeds of no one are accepted save through this manifest Cause, nor doth any supplication ascend to the heaven of acceptance - to this testifieth a hidden Tablet in His possession. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what the people possess, hoping for that which is with God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Take hold of the Book with the power We have given thee, such that all the books of the world shall not prevent thee from this manifest Book. Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon - verily there is no God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed is the servant who hath shown justice in this Most Great Cause, and woe unto the heedless ones.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having aided me to turn unto Thee and made me of those who are certain. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in this wondrous Cause.

O Hasan! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon - verily there is no God but Him, the True One, Knower of the unseen. Thou hast been mentioned by him who appeared before Our presence and attained the honor of circumambulation during the Feast of Sacrifice, and who stood at the gate which was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven - he who was named Ali-before-Akbar at the scene of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have mentioned thee before and at this time that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist thee through His bounty and strengthen thee through His signs and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O Jew! Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Source of inspiration. Even as the pivot of the divines of Persia, namely Shaykh Muhammad Hasan, slipped from the path and returned to his former station. Glory be to God! Each day the blessed words "He maketh your highest to be lowest and your lowest to be highest" are evident and manifest. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to recognition and been adorned with the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Now what remaineth is the matter of steadfastness in the love of God. Many are the apostates, numberless the barking ones, the treacherous ones exist and the thieves are manifest.

We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the evil of these people. They have denied the signs of God, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, and are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And We make mention of him who was named Abdul-Husayn - upon him be the Glory of God. He hath attained to that which was denied to the parties except whom God, the Goal of the mystics, wished. We have sent down from the heaven of Our wisdom that whereby his mention shall endure through the endurance of the attributes of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy. Then send unto him what hath been revealed in this mighty stronghold. He verily openeth before his face the gate of bestowal. He is, verily, powerful over all things.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto thee, heard thy call and thy rustling, and spoken of thy remembrance and praise among such servants as heard but recognized not their Lord, the All-Informed Speaker. He arose in the earliest days to serve the Cause and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of the heavens and earths. We have mentioned him time and again and revealed for him that which hath diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. His letter hath reached Us and We found from it the sweet savors of steadfastness and faithfulness in this manifest News. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have heard[…]

And upon those who heard and said "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that are near!", O Haydar-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of this luminous Day. We have desired to make mention at the end of him who was named Lion in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings. We testify that he hastened and hearkened and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The verses so attracted him that he soared on wings of inner meanings unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, the All-Wise. Give him glad tidings of that which God hath sent down from this exalted station. Glory be from Us upon thee and upon him and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My love! The matter of the Prison is momentous, and the correspondence abundant, and the petitions countless, and the names beyond reckoning. Night and day the Pen moveth and the Tongue speaketh. Ask thou of God that He may cause the immature ones of the world to attain true maturity, and bestow upon the ignorant among the peoples the knowledge of inner meaning. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

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All praise, sanctified beyond the mention and recognition of the human world, befitteth and beseemeth the threshold of the sanctified nearness of the Lord of Oneness, Who hath caused the drop to surge as waves of an ocean and hath bestowed upon the atom the effulgences of a sun. His complete power hath subdued the world through one of His names, and His all-encompassing knowledge hath revealed countless books from a single point. The might of the world standeth confessed in powerlessness before His might, and the dominion of all who dwell in existence beareth witness to its weakness before the

manifestations of His power. Exalted be His grandeur and glorified be His power! Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! Through a single revelation of His Most Great Name He hath illumined the world, and through the blessed word "The Hidden Mystery hath appeared" hath He caused all things to speak. Through His hand of power the new heaven hath been raised up, and through His transcendent grace the gates of all good have been opened.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through the light of Whose countenance all created things have been illumined, and through the movement of the finger of Whose will all beings have been set in motion! That which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge and stored in the repositories of Thy wisdom hath appeared and been made manifest. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world and Lord of all nations, by the choice Wine whose seal was loosened by the finger of Thy might, and by the Kawthar which hath flowed forth by Thy command from the kingdom of Thine utterance, to assist Thy chosen ones to celebrate Thy praise and glory and to observe that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose power and might all things have testified. The machinations of Thy servants cannot frustrate Thee, nor can the opposition of them that dwell in Thy realm hinder Thee. Through Thy name the horizon of the heaven of recognition hath been made to shine, and through Thy will there have been sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen the laws of all religions. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones to recognize that which proceedeth from Thee, and teach them through Thy bounty from the sea of Thy knowledge that which will cause them to acknowledge Thy choosing and that Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He pleaseth and to ordain what He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant received thy letter which spoke in praise and glorification of God. When I read and understood it, I supplicated God - my Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds - to assist thee in that which beseemeth His days and to make known unto thee that which had been concealed from most of the servants concerning the manifestations of the ocean of His power and His decree. After I had become acquainted with its contents, I repaired to the Most Great Scene until I attained the presence of the Lord of Destiny and presented that which was in thy letter. When thy words were honored to be heard by the Lord of Verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs, the Ancient Beauty turned to me and spoke, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious[…]

This is a mention from Our presence to those in the world, that it may draw them to the Most Great Name, which calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth all who are in creation to the most exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who heareth and findeth the sweetness of the Most Great Sign, and blessed is he who seeth the dawning-places of the Lord of Names. Woe betide him who hath denied and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, yet most of the people remain heedless. They hear the call, yet deny it - verily they are in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. O Muhammad! The servant who was present hath come with thy letter and read it before the Wronged One in this mighty prison. When he gained the honor of hearing it, We answered thee with these verses that all the treasuries of the heavens and earth cannot equal. We make mention of thee and those who believed before. Verily thy Lord is the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of creation hold thee back from the Truth. Leave them and what they possess and put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of thee and those who have turned to the most exalted Horizon. To this testifieth the Kingdom of creation and he who hath with him a perspicuous Book. Say: O concourse of the earth! Rejoice in that the Most Great Joy hath appeared. Beware of following your divines who have turned away from God and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to weep. To this testifieth every knowing, perceiving one. This is the Day that hath adorned the books of old with its mention and concerning which the Prophets and Messengers gave glad-tidings. Blessed is the strong one whom the veils of earth did not withhold nor whom the hosts of those who are heedless of this shining Horizon did frighten. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which hath brought solace to the eyes of them who are nigh. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The Supreme Pen once again addresses the friends in that land in Persian, that all may be illumined and gladdened by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Bounty. By the Sun of inner meaning, which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of truth, this Wronged One hath in most times been occupied with the remembrance of the friends. From the Ancient Pen hath been sent down especially for each one that which is the cause and means of salvation in all divine worlds. Today is the day of mention and praise. All must hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto it and fix their gaze upon it, for if anyone should exceed the bounds of wisdom in making mention, in speaking, or in teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful, his work shall not be accepted in the sight of the Truth. Strive ye to enable the dead to partake of the living waters through wisdom and utterance, that perchance the earth of true knowledge may be cleansed from unseemly fancies and imaginings and be illumined with the lights of the sun of certitude. Through God's grace may ye succeed in preserving that which hath been bestowed upon you. The beginning of the Cause was the knowledge of God, and its end is steadfastness. How excellent is the state of him who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, in such wise that all else besides God is powerless to deter him. Most mighty is this Cause, and the manifestations of evil whispers lie in ambush. Beseech ye God to enable all to attain unto that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to deprive them not of the sweet-scented fragrances of His garment. He is your Beloved and your Goal, and hath been with you in all conditions. There is none other God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

From the utterances of Him from Whom verses are revealed - may the spirit of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation be a sacrifice unto Him - His marks of loving-kindness, affection and mercy toward the friends are evident and manifest. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not the peoples of the earth of the choice wine of His utterance, and that He cause the friends at all times to drink from the nine rivers, and enable them to mention Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause. Were the souls in the world to become aware of the station and rank of this blessed Day, all would detach themselves from whatsoever is not of God and would hold fast unto the Most Strong Cord. But what profit is there when thick veils have prevented eyes from beholding the lights, and dark coverings have withheld hearts from the ornament of His love - save for those souls who have rent asunder veils and coverings through His Name, and whom the wine of the Salsabil of the All-Merciful's utterance hath so affected that they have detached themselves from all else but God, and have turned with their entire

being - soul, spirit, sight and heart - toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These veils and coverings that are mentioned refer to the allusions and doubts of the turban-wearing folk who are known among men as divines. They are the sources of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings, and they are the idols of the people. Where is one possessed of power and might who could, through the strength of certitude, cast down these idols of fancy? The Cause is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The purpose of these words that have been submitted is not contention, dispute or corruption. What is meant by power, might and strength is steadfastness in the Cause of God; likewise, mention and utterance is a fire that consumeth the hearts of the idolaters and a light that illumineth the world of true knowledge. All the friends must at all times be mindful of wisdom.

Wisdom is a light that illuminates the world of knowledge. The friends must at all times observe wisdom and drink from its fountainhead. With utmost forbearance and through goodly utterances, they should lead people from the left hand of doubt to the right hand of certitude. Such counsels have repeatedly been heard from the Ancient Tongue. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless! Murder, plunder, treachery, persecution, corruption and conflict have been and will continue to be the way of the oppressors. God and His loved ones are sanctified, holy and pure from all such things.

In your letter there were complaints, but God is my witness that whenever letters from divine friends have arrived, this evanescent servant has, to the extent possible, not been remiss or negligent in replying. I do not recall receiving your letter except this once. And if at times a letter from one of the friends arrives and there is a delay in response, one should not be perturbed by such delay and should know with certainty that this delay was due to lack of time, not lack of love. This evanescent servant is occupied day and night in transcribing revealed verses before the face of the World's Desired One, and this is a most mighty and momentous task. I beseech God - exalted be His glory, abundant His favors, and great His station - for support and confirmation to fulfill this duty. Nevertheless, whenever this evanescent one has found opportunity and time, he has not forgotten to mention the friends and has commemorated each one before the Throne. God is sufficient witness to this.

In this case, you should arise in thanksgiving and praise to the Beloved of the worlds and seek from God - exalted be His glory - confirmation for this servant. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Near, the Responding One, and He is the Hearing, the Witnessing, the Watchful One. The names of the friends mentioned in your letter were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. Wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for each one. God willing, may all attain unto them and act according to what befits the Days of God.

This is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be 96 [Baha]:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Taqi! He Who was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, maketh mention of thee. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have mentioned thee before with a mention whose fragrance will never cease to persist throughout the eternity of My Best Names. To this testifieth every knowing one who is aware.

This is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-Rafi', upon him be 96 [Baha]:

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

O Muhammad-Rafi'! My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee before, and at this moment also, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which was hidden from eternity hath appeared, and He hath revealed what He desired through His Name, the Powerful. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book by the All-Knowing Commander. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from what the Lord of Names hath intended for thee. Leave the world and hold fast unto the Most Great Name, which speaketh among the nations: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Trustworthy."

This is what was revealed for his honor Ba before Ba, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of eternity […]

O Ba before Ba! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names Who summoneth thee while sorrows encompass Him from all directions. Bear thou witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth - that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and created thee and aided thee to recognize this Cause whereby the learned, the mystics and the princes have stumbled, save whom God, the Lord of all men, hath willed. God willing, thou shouldst arise to serve the Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. Thy mention and name have flowed from the Supreme Pen, both before and after. Know thou the worth of this most great station and preserve it in the name of the Lord of existence. Ere long will the diverse conditions and colors of the world return to nothingness, while that which appeareth in the path of God hath been and shall ever be adorned with the ornament of immortality. Know thou the value of this most great station and this mighty rank. Beseech thou God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid thee in that which pleaseth Him, and that thou mayest not be deprived of that which would cause thee grief and regret. He is with thee under all conditions. Place thy trust in Him in all matters. He hath protected thee time and again and ordained for thee what He desired. He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of the thankful ones. O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call of Him Who created the heaven, which hath been raised in the luminous spot - the place which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. We bid thee to act with righteousness and that whereby the station of man may be made manifest amongst the peoples of all religions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory rest upon thee, upon thy father and upon those who have hearkened unto the counsel of God and followed that which they were bidden in My perspicuous Book.

That which was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God:

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One

O Muhammad! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this remembrance which cannot be equaled by all the treasures. We have turned from the

direction of Our Most Great Prison toward those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and We counsel them to perform pure deeds and to show forth the greatest steadfastness among the people. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His command "Be" and it is. Take thou the Book of God with a strength from Him, then read it at all times. By My life! Through it the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused and hearts have been attracted. O Muhammad! We love to see thee sanctified from all idle fancies. Thus doth thy Lord, the King of Kings, command thee.

That which was revealed for his honor Abu-Badi' who was martyred in the path of God:

In My Name which is sanctified above all mention and names […]

O Most Exalted Pen! We have desired to make mention of him who was martyred in My path, who expended all he possessed for love of My Beauty, and who detached himself from the world in his longing to attain My presence. He departed from his home, turning his face toward the splendors of My countenance, and traversed paths by land and sea until he reached the Most Great Scene - the Spot whereon the Lord of Destiny was established upon the Most Great Throne. When he presented himself at the gate, We caused him to hear Our most sweet call and showed him Our most glorious countenance. We bear witness that he attained the presence of his Lord, drank from the ocean of reunion, and was adorned with that which was recorded in the Books of God and celebrated in the Concourse on High. He is of them who rent asunder the veils and hastened unto the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in earth and heaven, and the mercy of God and the mercy that hath preceded all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. We testify that he achieved the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby the backs of the discerning were broken among the peoples. Blessed art thou, O Majid, in that thou hast drunk the choice wine of My love, the Kawthar of My revelation, and the Salsabil of My grace. We bear witness that thou didst turn toward My horizon when My servants and My creatures turned away from Me, that thou didst hear My call and acknowledge that which My tongue hath acknowledged, and didst speak that which was sent down from the kingdom of Mine utterance, and wert steadfast in serving My Cause amidst My creation. Thou art he who heard the taunts of the enemies in My path, and now in this hour thou hearest thy praise and glorification from the tongue of My majesty and the kingdom of Mine utterance and the Pen of My Cause. Thou didst witness the wrath of the people in their hatred of Me; now in this hour We show thee the ocean of My mercy, the heaven of My bounty, and the sun of My loving-kindness. O Majid! Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto this remembrance through which the Daysprings of names and attributes, nay all atoms, make mention of thee. Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered My praise, thine eye for having beheld My proof, thine ear for having heard My verses, thy hand for having been raised to the heaven of My mercy and My grace, and thy foot for having stood firm in the service of My Cause. We make mention in this station of thy son, through whom the horizon of power was illumined and the might of God was made manifest among His servants. By My life! He was ablaze when he turned toward the place of sacrifice with a fire that enkindled the hearts and minds. He it is whom the Concourse on High welcomed in spirit, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Kingdom of Names. We bear witness that he took the Sealed Wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting and drank in His Name, through which the kingdom and the realm were attracted and the tongue spoke forth in the kingdom of utterance. Blessed be the All-

Merciful Who sent forth this steadfast, firm, humble, submissive, mighty and wondrous servant. O Majid! Convey My greetings to the countenance of thy son and say: The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O thou through whom the limbs of them that turned away from God, the Creator of heaven, did quake, and the hearts of the mighty who cast the truth behind their backs in following vain imaginings were troubled. Blessed art thou, and he, and thy family who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel them with that which beseemeth them and with that which hath been sent down in the Book. The command is God's, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing. That which was revealed for His Eminence Mirza Kazim, upon him be the glory of God. He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious.

O Kazim! The breezes of revelation have wafted, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful has been diffused, yet most people remain heedless. By the life of God! A single moment of these days cannot be compared with the years of the ancients. This is the Day of God which hath appeared with truth - the One promised in the books of the past. To this testifieth every fair-minded, truthful and discerning one. The world hath been illumined by the lights of His countenance, and the nightingale warbleth upon the branches. The Promise hath come to pass, and the Promised One proclaimeth: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say: "Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds!"

That which was revealed for Mirza Abu'l-Hassan, upon him be the Glory of God:

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

O Abu'l-Hassan! The rain of thy Lord's mercy hath poured down, and Kawthar and Salsabil have flowed, yet most people know it not. The ocean of utterance hath appeared in the contingent world, yet most people comprehend not. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, and the Spirit proclaimeth: "The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Desired One hath come with a sovereignty that encompasseth both the unseen and the visible." Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto steadfastness in this Cause, whose greatness hath been attested by the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in His hallowed and beloved kingdom.

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The Day of God hath appeared, and the Point of the Bayan circleth round the Throne, and the Spirit giveth glad-tidings before His face, and the Sacred Valley proclaimeth: "Thine be the praise, O God of all worlds!" This is the Day whereon [mysteries] have been revealed, and traces made manifest, and the righteous have proclaimed: "The Promise hath come to pass!" And He Who was promised calleth aloud that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Draw nigh, O people, unto the Dayspring of your Lord's Revelation, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. Beware lest the hosts of princes prevent you from God, the Goal of them that know. O Muhammad, render thanks unto God for having attained unto this Most Great Remembrance in this Prison, round which circle the Concourse on High with hosts of favored angels.

That which was revealed to Aqa Siyyid Rida, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the Name of the One God

O Rida! Strive thou that in these divine days thou mayest succeed in such deeds as shall be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. All the peoples of the world were created for this blessed and wondrous Day. Blessed is the one who hath rent asunder the restraining veils and shattered the idle fancies, and hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, which is the Dayspring of divine light and the Dawning-place of His Revelation. Beseech thou God that He may assist all to attain, and enable them to achieve His good-pleasure which is, in truth, the ultimate purpose of existence. The Herald of My Revelation hath said: "Strive ye that ye may attain unto the word of His good-pleasure." This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him, yet the people have turned away. Strange that despite countless counsels, the people of the Bayan are seen to be deprived of the ocean of bounty and remote from the Source of nearness. Fie upon them and upon him who led them astray! By God's life! They are among the most lost in His clear Book.

That which was revealed to Mulla 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O 'Ali! We have heard thy mention, have pardoned thee and adorned thee with forgiveness, for We are the Most Generous. We have witnessed the turning of My loved ones and have turned toward them from the direction of the Prison, for We are the All-Kind, the Most Merciful. We have summoned the peoples from the Most Great Prison to this horizon whence have shone forth the suns of wisdom and utterance, for We are the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord in this Day wherein all things have testified to God, Creator of earth and heaven and Lord of all names, and We are the Witness, the All-Knowing. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the gate of grace hath been opened, the ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the fragrance of thy Lord's bounty, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath been wafted. Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the intimations of those who have denied the Day of Judgment hold you back. O people! That which was recorded in God's Books hath appeared. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Reflect upon God's Revelation and His proof, then judge with fairness and be not of the transgressors who cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant remote one. Thus have We mentioned thee out of Our grace, and We counsel thee and those who believe to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped.

That which was revealed to Mashhadi Fat?-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker […]

O Fath-'Ali! God willing, thou shalt be reckoned among the people of the divine Tabernacle. In the Books of old He maketh mention and giveth glad tidings unto all that dwell on earth of this Manifestation, that on that glorious and wondrous Day His Tabernacle shall be raised up in the most exalted place. Moreover, He giveth the glad tidings that this blessed, hallowed and mighty Tabernacle shall not be moved from place to place, its cords shall not be severed, and its stakes shall endure forever and ever. God willing, may all servants attain unto the recognition of this mighty Tabernacle, turn unto it, and be accounted as belonging to it in the Book of God. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened unto the call of Truth and

discovered its Purpose. Strive thou to attain unto the bounties of His days and to receive thy portion from His boundless ocean of mercy. Verily He is the Munificent, verily He is the Merciful.

Thus far, concerning the loved ones of the Beloved of the worlds whose names were mentioned in thy letter, exalted and glorious verses have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Oneness in that same order. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may aid them all in whatsoever beseemeth them and give them to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance, that they may be set ablaze with the fire of divine love in such wise that its effects may become manifest, evident and apparent in the hearts and souls of men. When this evanescent servant reached this point, he was summoned into the Most Holy Presence, and after attaining thereunto the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted Word - exalted be His glory: We desire to make mention of the other friends, both men and women, who were not mentioned in the letter, that all may attain unto the supreme honor, the supreme mercy, the most great bounty and the greatest favor. Verily their Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Munificent, the August, the Generous.

He is the One manifest from the horizon of light.

We make mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful in that land, whom vain imaginings have not prevented from turning towards the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds, that the attraction of the verses may seize them in such wise that neither the doubts of the people nor the gestures of the opposers may cause them grief. O My loved ones in that land! Rejoice in that the tongue of My loving-kindness hath made mention of you in My Most Great Prison. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation, through which every wise command hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, soared in My atmosphere, submitted to My sovereignty, and acted in accordance with what is in My perspicuous Book.

This Wronged One conveyeth His greetings to all the friends, both men and women. The names of all are mentioned before His countenance and recorded in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Strive ye, that this precious pearl may be preserved from thieves and traitors in the name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The cawing of the crows hath become manifest. God willing, may ye drink at all times from the spring of steadfastness through His grace. Today steadfastness is among the greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. God willing, may ye be adorned with its ornament and be enabled to speak and act as befitteth. In all conditions be mindful of wisdom, lest anything arise that would cause upheaval and commotion. He, verily, commandeth you to observe what is right, as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon your faces and upon the faces of My handmaidens who have turned towards Me, hearkened, and believed in the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wondrous.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to the friends and loved ones, and beseecheth God to keep them all steadfast upon His path, that the lights of the sun of steadfastness may shine forth from the countenance of each one. This is the most great station. To the Seal of the Prophets–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake–He saith: “Be thou steadfast as thou hast been commanded.” Now ponder

upon the greatness of this matter. His Holiness, despite His grandeur of station, majesty of rank, and might and power–nay, all these attributes having appeared through His will–was nevertheless addressed with the blessed words “Be thou steadfast.” In its primary reality, the souls who have turned to God were and are the intended meaning of this verse, for His Holiness standeth in a station wherein all these conditions are but shadows beneath it. In any case, we beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to enable this evanescent one and all others to attain unto this most great adorning and mighty station. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O friends! Strive ye that ye may receive your portion and share from this blessed Day. Today is the day of service. All must arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings with perfect love and unity, and act in accordance with what the Beloved hath revealed in the Book.

And as to what you wrote concerning your brother who ascended unto God, all are beheld in the Most Holy Court in one spot, in one station, and all the friends are adorned with the ornament of life. Many are they who have apparently ascended, yet most holy and transcendent Tablets were specifically revealed for them from the heaven of the Divine Will. After his ascension, for several years glorious and sublime Tablets were revealed specifically for Rida’u’r-Ru?, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, and were sent to that land. In brief, the true and sincere friends are living and alive before God, while others are among the dead even though they walk and eat and speak, as attested in the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Those souls are alive with their Lord while others are dead in the graves of their bodies. Thus has it been in all ages. Blessed are they who possess insight.

One of the apostles was in the presence of the Spirit of God, Jesus Son of Mary - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - when news arrived that his father had died. He said “O Spirit of God, grant me leave to go and bury my father.” He replied: “Let the dead bury their dead.” Implore God that He may quicken all through the Water of Life and deliver them from the abasement of death. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

This matter was also presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. These are the words uttered by the Tongue of the Most Merciful - may the spirit of all possibilities be a sacrifice for His utterance. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

“O Muhammad! We bid thee once again at this time to convey greetings to thy brother who hath ascended unto Us, from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

The Glory be upon you and upon those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon, and upon the handmaidens of God, my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The Servant

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A further submission: After completing the letter, the Servant sought the Ultimate Goal and Supreme Summit. After arising in the Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these blessed and decisive words - His word, exalted be His grandeur:

“O Present Servant! Write to Muhammad: We counsel thee regarding My loved ones, then We counsel thee regarding My loved ones who have arisen to serve My Cause and have spoken My beautiful praise.”

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

Praise be unto Him Who is the Ultimate Goal, for in establishing His Cause He hath sought no other proof besides Himself, and no mention of aught else hath found or findeth access unto Him, inasmuch as He is sanctified above all that is in the world. Great indeed is this Day wherein the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - in the Most Exalted Paradise and the Most Glorious Horizon proclaimeth “Verily, I am the first of them that worship.” We beseech the Most High to preserve His servants from vain imaginings and idle fancies, for the abominable Shi’ih sect hath been and continueth to be deprived of the recognition of the Hidden and Treasured Name through their vain imaginings and idle fancies. They considered themselves the most exalted of creation and the most profitable among the inhabitants of all lands, whereas in the sight of God they are reckoned among the basest of creation and the most lost of servants. For twelve hundred years they cried out “O Vicegerent!” yet on the Day of Reckoning they slew the Creator of a hundred thousand vicegerents. Now again some of the opposers are preventing people from the Lord of all beings through these same means. Time and again this exalted word was heard from the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names - blessed and exalted be His utterance: “Until they pass beyond the river of names, they shall not attain unto the ocean of inner meanings.” In any case, this servant and that honored one and all others must beseech God to preserve the people of God from these names and former matters and the vain imaginings of that rejected sect. Glory be to God! In the beginning of the Cause the divines of the Shi’ih sect prevented the helpless people from approaching the shore of the sea of oneness, and how many servants did they sentence and execute merely out of selfish desire. To this day they curse the Truth from their pulpits. Indeed, they have committed that which neither Jews nor Christians, nay even the idolaters have committed. In all circumstances we seek preservation and assistance from God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the servants of God may not hereafter be afflicted with the vain imaginings of that heedless sect. The Command is in God’s hand - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And now, O beloved of my heart, in a previous letter it was promised that the remainder of the answer to your elevated letter would be sent later. Now is the time to fulfill that promise.

In the Name of our All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord!

Mention was made of his honor Haji Fadlu’llah and his honor Kaka Khan, upon them be the glory of God. The answer to the first name was previously mentioned, and in this station the second one is addressed

through these sublime utterances which flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur - blessed and exalted be His word:

He is the One Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be!

O Fadlu'llah! Praise be to God, the grace of God - glorified be His majesty - encompassed thee and circumstances, by the command of the Lord of the Day of Return, assisted thee, and thou didst attain unto that which was revealed in the divine Books of the past and present. Today the blessed word "The Truth hath come" can be heard from the waves of the seas, the leaves of the trees, the rushing of the winds, and the flowing of the rivers. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: […]

All praise be to Thee, O Lord of all being and Master of the Throne on high and of earth below, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of immortality by Thy bounteous hand, and made known to me Thy Cause, and illumined for me Thy path, and revealed to me Thy proof. I testify before the faces of all mankind that Thy proof hath encompassed the nations and Thy evidence hath appeared by Thy command and shone forth by Thy will. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen worlds, by the station which Thou hast honored with the establishment of Thy throne thereon, and by the city which Thou hast made the footstool of Thy feet, and by the House wherein Thy call was raised, and by the lands which have been blessed by Thy favoring glance, to make me one who speaketh Thy praise and glorification, and who holdeth fast to the cord of Thy grace in such wise that neither the power of men nor the veils of glory shall hold me back. I shall arise in Thy Name to serve Thy Cause and summon the servants through wisdom and utterance to the court of Thy glory. O my Lord! Let me taste a drop from the ocean of Thy knowledge and illumine my heart and my whole being with the dawning lights of the Sun of Thy wisdom. Thou seest me, O my God, turning to Thee and detached from all else but Thee, beseeching from the heaven of Thy bounty the wonders of Thy grace. Would the All-Possessing turn away the poor from His door? Would the All-Knowing cast out the ignorant from His presence? Nay, by Thy glory! I am certain of Thy grace and bounty, Thy power and strength, Thy riches and wealth. I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me in that which shall waft the fragrances of Thy acceptance and good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous.

This was revealed for Kaka Khan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]

In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance hath surged!

O Kaka Khan! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Merciful! This Wronged One mentioneth to everyone that which is easy to understand. Were all the peoples of the world to recognize this single word which now floweth from the Most Exalted Pen, all would exclaim "We believe in Thee, O God of the worlds!" For twelve hundred years and more, among the established and certain beliefs of the Shi'ih sect was the life of the Qa'im and His existence in well-known cities, and whosoever claimed His birth was put to death. Then it became clear and evident to men of insight that this sect had been in error, and throughout these twelve hundred years not one among their divines or others gained any knowledge of the birth of the Manifestation and the manner thereof, wandering instead in the valleys of fancy and imagination. In such circumstance, how can any fair-minded and knowledgeable person confirm other matters that have proceeded from that sect? In brief, the purpose is that one must purify the hearing of heart and

conscience from all that hath been heard from this sect, that one may become enabled to hearken unto that which hath been revealed and made manifest from the Most Exalted Pen. Until now God hath concealed, for the world is seen to be deprived of hearing ears. When thou art blessed with My mention, say: "All praise be to Thee, O Lord of the kings of the world, and all glory be to Thee, O Desire of the nations, for having revealed unto me in Thy Most Great Prison that which shall endure as long as Thy names and attributes endure. Verily Thou art the Almighty, doing as Thou pleasest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

This evanescent servant is engaged in praise and glorification with both outer and inner tongue, for at all times the waves of His ocean of bounty have encompassed and continue to encompass His loved ones. For every name there hath been revealed that which is a proof for all and an evidence for all, that all may know what hath appeared in the days of God, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below and the Lord of all worlds.

In the Name of Him Who speaks before all faces!

Today the Dayspring of divine verses and the Orient of heavenly revelation, the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, calls out before the faces of princes and divines, giving unto all the glad tidings of that which hath been ordained in the Book of God especially for His chosen ones. O Abu'l-Fadl! The veils of self and passion, and the shrouds of the people of tyranny and transgression, have prevented the Sun of Justice from shining forth and have deprived the servants of this most great bounty. For ages they yearned and longed for the presence of the Lord of Names, yet when the breezes of God wafted in this spiritual morn and luminous dawn, and the Speaker of Sinai was established upon the throne of manifestation, all turned away and assailed the Lord of Names with arrows of hatred and spears of enmity. They wrought that which causeth the Tablet to cry "O the grief!" and the Pen to lament "O the regret!" Rivers of blood flow from the hearts of them that are near and sincere unto this day. The divines of the Shi'ih sect are aflame with the fire of hatred and strive to shed the blood of the chosen ones and pure ones. God is Most Great! Night and day they occupy themselves with building imaginary cities and towns, deprived of the lights of the Sun of certitude. To this day none hath reflected, nor doth reflect, on what were the words of that people and what shall be their recompense on the Day of Retribution. We beseech God to acquaint thee with that which was concealed from eyes and to aid thee in mentioning that which was barred from sight. The waves of the ocean of utterance are manifest at the heart of contingent being, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shine forth from the horizon of the prison, yet the heedless servants circle round a shallow pool and worship the idols of vain imaginings. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and guided me to Thy path and shown me the traces of Thy Pen and caused me to hear Thy call. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to aid me in Thy remembrance and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad Khan, upon him be the glory of God:

In the name of Him Who is supreme over all who are in earth and heaven!

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of remembrance and utterance may attract him to the horizon of the manifestation of his Lord, the All-Merciful - the station wherein the atoms proclaim: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thy name was mentioned before the Prisoner in His Most Great Prison. We have remembered thee with that which the remembrances of all peoples cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is powerful to do as He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is. We have made manifest the path and have sent down from the heaven of grace that whereby hearts are illumined and eyes are solaced. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of his Lord and hath attained unto such steadfastness as the hosts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the Most Loving, could not prevent. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of utterance from My garment, say: […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me from Thy prison, and for having sent down unto me that from which Thy near ones perceive the fragrance of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy grace and what lieth concealed therein of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall be a healing for all ailments and an antidote for the weakness of bodies. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and confessing Thy unity and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee to make me a servant of Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants and a standard of Thy Name in Thy lands. Verily Thou art He to Whose strength and power all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all things possible have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Today the letters of the Book are each chanting a melody in the Divine gathering, but these chants need pure ears. The Tree of Hope is, praise be to God, present and visible. At one time this exalted word was heard from the Supreme Kingdom - His exalted Word: "O servant in attendance, be not grieved. The True One, glorified be His majesty, bestoweth the ear and causeth to hear." This is a word from which the sea of glad-tidings hath surged amongst creation. Blessed are they that drink therefrom.

Mention was made of his honor Malik-Husayn-i-Khabbaz, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, the divine ocean of utterance surged and this Tablet shone forth from the Dayspring of grace. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Husayn! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Strive that perchance the servants may not, like the previous party, become ensnared by idle fancies and vain imaginings. For twelve hundred years they were occupied with the mention of the Successor while deprived of the Truth, and when the Sun of Manifestation dawned forth they attacked like the beasts of the earth and visited upon the Lord of existence that which no true seer or spiritual hearer can bear to witness or hear. Now the deniers of the Bayan are again occupied with the same vain imaginings. They have clung to one who was engaged in service beneath the pavilions of grandeur, and yet they remain debarred from the Truth. Although no one was with Us or informed of matters, nevertheless they have resorted to calumnies the like of which have never been heard. Say:

O my God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the ornament of justice and fairness, and enable them to behold Thy signs with Thine eyes and to hear Thy call with Thine ears. Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones and hearest the clamor of the idolaters among Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, which calleth out before all faces, to aid them to draw nigh unto Thee and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Withhold them not from the revelations of the Sun of Thy knowledge in Thy days. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

Likewise mention was made of his honor Rida Khan and his honor Muhammad-'Ali Khan, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented before the special presence, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace for each one, that they might draw nigh unto God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This is what was revealed for his honor Rida Khan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing […]

The Wronged One makes mention of thee for the sake of God and reminds thee of His verses which hold sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth. The light hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, whereby the earth hath been illumined, yet the people remain behind an obvious veil. This is a Day wherein atoms proclaim with loudest voice, while most among mankind remain heedless. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: Raise thy hand and rend asunder therewith the veil of idle fancy, in the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that thou mayest behold what was hidden from eyes and concealed in the knowledge of God, Lord of all worlds. When thou art attracted by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and art seized by the choice wine of My Most Glorious Name, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, and glory be to Thee for having honored me, and thanksgiving be to Thee for having strengthened me on a Day wherein the people of Thy realm have turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to number me among them who have turned towards Thee and hastened until they took the Kawthar of eternity from the hand of Thy bounty and drank in Thy name amongst Thy servants. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to the horizon of Thy Manifestation, the Dayspring of Thy verses, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this was revealed for His Honor Muhammad-'Ali Khan, the Minister's Overseer. Exalted be His utterance and glorious His proof:

In My Name, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all contingent being!

This is a Day wherein the Caller hath called out before the faces of all people: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds! The Most Great Ocean hath appeared, and We have brought forth the

pearls of wisdom and utterance which lay hidden and treasured within its shells, by the command of God, the Mighty, the Wise. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared before the faces of princes and divines. He hath spoken that which We commanded Him from God, the Powerful, the Almighty, such that neither the power of the world could weaken Him, nor could the might of kings and sovereigns prevent Him. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences for the guidance of all people, whereunto testifieth His clear Book. We were walking in the prison and swimming in the ocean of utterance. We have turned toward thee and made mention of thee with that which shall never perish, so long as the kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous, endureth. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, say: […]

My God, my God! My outward and inward tongue, my limbs and members, my veins and the very hairs of my body bear witness to Thy unity and oneness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the breaths of Thy revelation to ordain for me that which will cause me to turn to the light of Thy countenance, to speak in praise of Thy Self, to hearken unto the verses of Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy sweetest call, and to arise to serve Thy Cause, O Lord of all being! O Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy strength, and the poor one seeking the door of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in that which he seeketh from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

How sweet is the fragrance of divine utterance and the diffusion of the musk of the Merciful's knowledge! We must, in the nights and days, beseech the True One - exalted be His dominion and mighty His proof - to make the people of earth receptive, that they may not be deprived of the special effusions of His days, that they may detach themselves from what they possess and turn to that which is with God. Glory be to God! The various parties of the world each cling to certain proofs and evidences. For example, the followers of the Gospel hold fast to a few pages, and by these limited pages consider themselves superior to and better than all other peoples. And before that, the Torah, which was specific to Moses, consisted of a few books. They have gathered various sayings of the Prophets like Isaiah, Ezekiel, Solomon, David, Jeremiah, Zechariah and others into one volume, though most parts of it are historical accounts written after Moses. Then came the decree of the Furqan (Qur'an), which in truth distinguishes between right and wrong. Those were the days of the Seal of the Prophets, His was the epoch and His the time. Besides what has been mentioned, none possessed anything else. And now, many equivalents to all these have been revealed and are available and evident. Yet the heedless, ignorant servants remain deprived and forbidden. The servant testifies that this is the recompense of their deeds in turning away from the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Speaker of Sinai.

In service to the opposers, this servant offers two words: Let some be appointed as representatives by others and come to this land, but on condition that they possess their own eyes and ears, as they are commanded in this Revelation, and witness that which equals all previous books and accept it. And if they desire, another equivalent can be newly revealed, provided all acknowledge that these verses did not exist before and have descended from the heaven of divine nature. Even then, I do not impose the obligation of belief. Let it suffice that they cause no harm nor bring about that which would cause the atoms of creation to lament and wail. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that we are unable to

enumerate all that hath been revealed until now, and until now it has not been compiled. O brothers! The Tongue of Grandeur hath repeatedly said and continues to say: O people! The ocean of inner meanings surges before your faces at its utmost height, and its waves are visible to every possessor of sight, and the sun of grace shines resplendent above the heads of all. O servants! Behold and judge with fairness, yet until now ye remain heedless.

Give justice and be fair! Nevertheless, until now they remain heedless, clinging to former traditions - most of which are fabrications of the Shi'ih sect - and have perpetrated against the Truth Itself that which no oppressor has ever perpetrated. O my God, my God! Aid Thy servants to justice and fairness, and enable them to see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

Mention was made of the friends of God - his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad T. R., his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad, his honor Aqa 'Ali-Muhammad, his honor Aqa Muhammad 'Allaf, his honor Aqa 'Ali, and their honored mother, upon them be the glory of God. Mention of each was made in the most exalted heights before the face of the Lord of Names, and unto each were specifically revealed wondrous and exalted verses from the heaven of grace. Thus speaks He, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Answerer from His most glorious horizon.

O Muhammad! We sent forth Muhammad with signs that drew unto Him the hearts of those near unto God, and with clear proofs that illumined the horizons of the hearts of the sincere. We commanded him to cast upon mankind the Word of Unity, as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Yet the people denied Him, turned away from Him, opposed Him, and committed that which caused every fair-minded and discerning one to cry out. We beseech God to aid thee to rend asunder the veils before the faces of the various peoples, and to strengthen thee in that which befitteth this glorious and radiant Day. Say: O people! The Day of God is come. Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: to lead the people out of darkness into light and to remind them of the Days of God. Thus was it sent down aforetime from the presence of One knowing, wise. Give thanks unto God for that the Wronged One hath remembered thee while confined in a far-off place. In exile, He calleth all to the most exalted homeland; in abasement, He ordaineth for His loved ones supreme glory; in prison, He speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Ahmad! By the life of God, the musk of divine knowledge hath perfumed all creation, and the All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of clear proof, yet most of the people have turned away. The Book speaketh the truth, but they hear not. The heaven proclaimeth, the Sun declareth, yet most of mankind know not. Their desires have held them back from their Lord - nay, they comprehend not. The ornaments of the world with their various hues have occupied them, as witness noble servants. We beseech God the Exalted to strengthen thee to hold fast to His cord and to cling to His robe, such that neither cannons nor armies shall keep thee back from the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal.

O son of Sha'ban! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. It hath been raised from this exalted place, and He hath revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Kind. Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee with

verses that all the treasuries of kings cannot equal. When thou hearest the call from the direction of ’Akka, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy light that is never extinguished, by the fire of Thy love that is never veiled, and by Thy carpet that is never rolled up, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and upright in acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, with my house serving as an abode and shelter for Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee to adorn it at all times with Thy remembrance and praise, that there may ascend from it, through the tongues of Thy loved ones, mention of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art verily the Strong, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad! Reflect upon the tribulations that have befallen the Wronged One. From the earliest days until now He hath summoned all to the truth, while at all times He hath been afflicted by the tyranny of enemies. At times the abode of the Wronged One was the prison of Ta, at times the prison of Mim, at times the Land of Mystery, and now the Most Great Prison. Nevertheless, in all conditions and circumstances, without any veil or concealment, He gave the peoples of the world glad tidings of the favors of the Lord of Eternity, and there was sent down from the heaven of His Will that which is sanctified above likeness and similitude. Every possessor of justice hath testified to His greatness, and every fair-minded one hath witnessed His power and is well aware. Beseech God that He deprive not His servants, that perchance they may be illumined by the lights of certitude and attain unto the hearing of His call. The days are His days, and the reins of grace and bounty are in the grasp of His power. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the hosts of the world could not hinder from making mention. He stood before all faces and proclaimed: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful!”

O Ali, O son of Ibrahim, upon thee and upon him be My glory! This Wronged One hath turned toward thee in this night and maketh mention of thee, that thou mayest hear and be of them that are thankful. Idle fancies and vain imaginings have debarred the people from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The proof is evident, the testimony manifest, the path clear, yet the tyranny and rebellion of most have prevented them from turning to the Purpose of the worlds. Today the Tree speaketh for itself, its fruits are manifest in utmost delicacy, the carpet of utterance is spread forth, and the people of Baha are engaged in praise and glorification with the utmost joy, gladness, glory and delight. Blessed is the one whom the calumnies of the Shi’ih party have not prevented from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. Say: O friends, take ye the cup of immortality from the hand of bounty! Take it in His Name and drink it in His remembrance. Well is it with you and pleasant it is to you! The glory from Us be upon thy father who hath ascended to the Most Sublime Companion, and upon thee, and upon thy mother, and upon those who have attained unto My mention, My loving providence and My beauteous praise.

And likewise in another letter mention was made of His Holiness Haji Mulla Ali, upon him be Baha’u’llah. His mention was made in the Most Holy Court and a Most Glorious Tablet was sent down from the heaven of grace in answer to his petition. God willing, may he receive his full portion from the bounties of these days. This servant beseecheth God to grant him success, for it would be regrettable if one such as he should remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord in this day. Verily our Lord is the

Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Musa, one of the Children of Israel, upon him be the glory of God, after it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of loving kindness, the Revealer of verses. He - exalted and sanctified be He - saith: […]

O Moses! There is no harm in your sojourn in Sultan-Abad. In outward affairs hold fast to consultation, then, trusting in God, occupy thyself therein. We beseech God to adorn all His loved ones with the ornament of trustworthiness, piety and chastity. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. It behooveth the people of Baha to admonish mankind through their goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. We make mention of those who have believed in God in this Revelation wherein the veils have been rent asunder and the signs have appeared. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart, set his face, hearkened with his ear, witnessed with his eye, and taken hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Him and the might conferred by His presence. O Moses! Under all conditions hold fast unto God and place thy trust in Him. We have enjoined wisdom upon all. Blessed is he who hath clung to its hem by the command of God, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee to observe justice and equity in all matters. These two are the guides of souls and the guardians of existence from God, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. Blessed are My loved ones in the land of Ha and Mim. We have mentioned those who believed there aforetime with a mention that cannot be equalled by all the gold of the world nor the treasures of the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Helper at all times. There is none other God but Him, the True, the Certain. Rukni dwelleth in that land of H.M. We beseech God to aid him through the means of heaven and earth and enable him to achieve that which will perpetuate his remembrance. Verily We have mentioned his name and the names of My loved ones out of wisdom from Us, and We beseech the Most High to protect them from the evil of the oppressors, the cawing of the ravens, the allusions of the wayward, and the doubts of the deniers. He is the Single, the One, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of Mahdi and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him. We beseech God to open before his face and the faces of My loved ones the gates of blessing, bounty, glory, wealth and loftiness. He is the Lord of mankind, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former days. We make mention of him who is named Rahim and he who is named ’Ashur. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for them and for His loved ones that which will solace their eyes and gladden their hearts. He is the Helper of those who draw nigh and are sincere. O Shaykh! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. In truth, the Most Clear Book hath been specially revealed for thee in these days, and all the names mentioned have been rendered successful through the waves of the ocean of utterance. Say: O friends! Ye must be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and illumined with the light of His knowledge. Soon will the call “The departure! The departure!” be raised from every house. Strive ye, that haply ye may attain unto that which will endure and abide through the name of the Desired One of all worlds. Ye dwell in your homes while the Lord of the House is imprisoned. He doth witness and see, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

A hundred thousand praises and glorifications to the Desired One Who, despite the multitude of tribulations and imprisonment in the fortress of ’Akka, His sacred tongue is occupied with the mention of His loved ones. The trials of the world and the oppression of the nations have not prevented the Lord of existence from His bounty. At all times the waves of the ocean of His grace are manifest and the

effulgences of the sun of His generosity are evident. All the loved ones, whether in that land or in other regions, are, praise be to God, remembered and are recipients of His favors. This servant is holding fast to the cord of His bounties and beseecheth for all that which will cause the world of existence to be filled with joy and delight. Furthermore, His honor the Name of God, Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious of the most glorious Baha, hath repeatedly made mention of that spiritual friend. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee to serve His Cause in such wise that all tongues may make mention […]

Regarding the honored Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, who resides in that land - after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these sublime words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful's utterance - blessed and exalted be His Word:

"O Leaf! God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors and be ever-gazing toward the Supreme Horizon. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you and those with you the good of both this world and the next, and to give you to drink, under all conditions, from the chalice of steadfastness. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over all things, and He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Generous."

Her petition reached the dwellers of the Pavilion of Infallibility. They graciously penned a reply which was sent. O beloved of my heart! Despite the countless letters arriving from every direction requiring responses, praise be to God, replies to your letters were sent successively, and all souls mentioned therein were blessed with the waves of the ocean of the All-Merciful's favors. God willing, may they be assisted to achieve that which befits His days. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have attained the sealed nectar and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Life of the Throne, O Sun of loving-kindness!

None like unto Thee hath the world and all existence brought forth

Were mankind not veiled from Thy countenance

I would speak a word or two of the mystery of immortality

That all souls might be pledged to Thee

That all hearts might be enchanted by Thee

That Thou might behold a world intoxicated and enraptured

With spirits in both hands ready to be scattered in sacrifice

That when Thy command comes, O Pride of the Age

They might freely cast them at Thy feet

Rise like the sun from the mountain of the soul

That all might behold Thee clearly from every side

Show forth that moon-like face

And by Thy grace make verdant and fresh this handful of straw

A drop seeketh from Thy sea a Kawthar

Grant it, for Thou art the sovereign King

An atom beseecheth Thy light

Bestow it through Thy boundless grace

A seed hath opened its mouth toward heaven

That Thy bounty might descend upon it

Drop Thy mercy's rain upon him,

O King of the Throne and Sovereign of all lands!

Rend asunder this hundred-layered veil,

And grant now sweet contemplation of that Face.

Since in Thy grace there can be no doubt,

Prepare for us a portion from Thy bounty.

Make now this west the dawning-place of all;

Grant now this drink the joy of wine divine.

Give to the heart's light, light from Light of lights,

That they may witness from Thy face the rays of Sinai.

Come, draw that sword of God that Thou dost wield,

Come, smite these enemies of Thy Faith!

Kindle that fire divine that burns in Thee,

Consume in sweetness this contentious infidel.

All are as bats, O Sun of day!

Arise and burn away all darkness now.

Purify this pain-polluted draught,

Give light unto this night-quenched lamp.

A world stands firm through Thee, as Thou through Spirit live,

That through Thy Command may “Be and it is” appear.

O Thou the worth of my soul! In remembrance of Thy face

I speak unceasingly of Thy nature divine

That I may raise up souls from wisdom’s realm

To witness love’s pearl that wisdom hath found

I shall kindle a fire throughout the world

To burn away the veils of the sanctified ones

I shall draw forth the Maid of Inner Meaning from her chamber

And unveil the Light of the Unseen

A symbol of love’s eternal mysteries

I shall reveal, now that I have returned to life

Come graciously, O Bird of Fire, in utterance

That no trace of existence may remain

Cleanse these hearts filled with envy

And assay these hearts devoid of insight

That the unconscious of Thy covenant, O Gracious One

May awaken through that ancient chalice

Nay, through holy melodies, O our Beloved

Remove from us both consciousness and unconsciousness

O Seraphiel of Glory, O King of the Spirit

Grant the gift of life unto the dead

The first Lote-Tree was of the branches of the heart;

Free it from desires of water and clay.

That it may be detached from essence and attribute,

That from its candle suns may blaze forth.

Plant this sapling in the soil of the heart,

Then keep it pure from shadow and illumination.

Protect it from diverse winds,

And free it from the fancy of the idolater.

Make its roots firm in the earth of the soul,

Let its branch extend through heaven.

Bring forth a new springtime anew,

That these dead may spring forth from thy resurrection.

The surging of the seas of love from thy surge,

The consciousness of the birds of eternity from thy consciousness.

Waft the fragrance of the garment from the Egypt of the soul,

Make manifest here the Tree of Moses.

O Beloved, from Thy face came the spring,

From this spring came countless realities.

Every flower therefrom a book of the Friend's beauty,

Every heart therefrom a fountain of His grace.

No autumn follows in this springtime's wake,

All flowers circle 'round its holy space.

This spring draws not the soul into its snare,

But gives new life to every spirit there.

That spring brings forth the longing for the fair;

This spring brings love divine beyond compare.

That spring is followed by mortality;

This spring is named eternal destiny.

That spring from earthly seasons takes its rise;

This spring flows from the Loved One's radiant eyes.

That spring brings tulips bursting from the ground;

This spring brings forth the heart's lamenting sound.

This everlasting spring from royal light

Has raised its pavilion to heaven's height.

All have entered beneath its sheltering dome -

Look well, if sight you have, make here your home.

When our King cast the veil from off His face,

This spring raised up its tent to heaven's space.

When our Beloved dropped His covering,

Unveiled, illumined shone this endless spring.

We are lost in His countenance in springtime,

We gaze not upon the rose garden because of His face.

We are free from all remembrance through His mention,

We shine forth in the world through His sun.

If a breeze should blow from this sweet spring,

You will behold Josephs appearing before your eyes.

If a breeze should blow from this garden,

You will see spiritual Josephs in the world.

You will see bodies become like spirit,

While the spirit receives a hundred bounties each moment.

This holy spring of the Beloved has at every breath

A hundred utterances, but where is one who understands?

This utterance is sanctified above speech,

How can the unworthy grasp its meaning?

This utterance is not of words, phrases or sounds,

This utterance is soul and knows no death.

You will see lovers in this spring,

Offering a hundred thousand souls at every breath.

This is the spring of spiritual glory,

This is the holy, divine spring.

If a breeze from this Saba wafts upon thee,

Thy mortal soul shall drink the cup of immortality.

Should a zephyr reach thee from the Friend's abode,

Sacrifice thy soul, for this soul itself is His bestowed.

Behold the tulip of Divine Unity in this spring,

See the hyacinth of detachment from the Beloved's tress ring.

Seek the rosebuds of knowledge from this direction fair,

All in search of Him with passionate flair.

His cypress trees tell of the Beloved's stature tall,

His verdant grass a scroll of His script withal.

His nightingales drunk from the cup of "Am I not?",

His doves intoxicated by His beauty's lot.

The nightingales, yearning for union with Him divine,

All enraptured by the breeze of His grace sublime.

Should this nightingale's song become manifest,

The souls of creation would be purified from jealousy's test.

The sea of meaning surged from this utterance true,

The heaven of existence from this bounty grew restless anew.

Every anemone that springs forth in this vernal day,

A hundred mysteries from the Beloved's secret doth convey.

The musk's sweet fragrance from the loved one's tress,

His grace's hand bestows on thee largesse.

Behold His locks like salamander shine,

As round the Loved One's face they e'er entwine.

The holy nightingale, from Friend apart,

Such wails pours forth as rend both mind and heart.

If He should sigh from separation's pain,

'Twould set the souls of chosen ones aflame.

Save those elect, none have this portion gained;

Let not this grace, beloved, be disdained.

From soul diffuse the holy musk divine,

That these base ones may catch its sweet design.

This springtime of the spirit shall endure,

Unlike earth's spring that autumn doth obscure.

From holy spring the spirit doth emerge,

As Noah's light from its pure air did surge.

The ark's folk to heaven's height He'll raise,

Then grant to each a hundred realms of grace.

O Beauty of God, cast off Thy veil,

That from the west the sun might beam prevail.

Unlock the musk-pod of divine knowledge,

Open wide the treasury of hidden mysteries.

That these lifeless ones may catch its fragrance,

That these unconscious ones may be gladdened by its wine.

From Thy bounty, O All-Loving One,

Clothe this lowly one of the realm of unity with the robe of glory.

Attire this evanescent one with the garment of everlasting life,

Let this utter poverty taste the honey of wealth.

That he may emerge completely from behind the veil,

And tear away the shroud of contingent being.

Like a candle in its glass, may he come forth

Intoxicated and selfless in his return.

Since this thorn has sprouted from Thy rose garden,

Bring forth from it a hundred rose gardens.

Inscribe each rose garden with a Name,

Then in each petal reveal the mystery of eternity.

That the lights of Thy countenance may become manifest,

And Thy radiance may fill earth and heaven.

O Generous One, send forth a breeze of mercy,

And rend asunder the veils of heedlessness from this ailing one.

Grant shelter, O King of all existence,

To pure souls beneath Thy sacred tree;

Open a gate from the spiritual paradise,

For God's sake, bar not this door to me.

That I may enter, unveiled, into this world

To express a symbol of Thy grace;

"God! God!" He said, "O noble one,

Share not Truth's secrets with the base."

"God! God!" O Tongue of God, convey

These truths gently, with mankind agree;

Perhaps Thy grace will take them by the hand,

From fear of this and that set free.

Spread wide thy wings of meaning, take to flight,

In the atmosphere of nearness to Him soar;

His nearness dwells in spirit, not in steps,

When spirit-ward you move, you'll reach His door.

Then in an instant, crossing realms of being

Becomes not difficult, when prostrate you fall near.

Let me tell thee a subtle point,

That thou may'st partake of the water of life;

That aware thou may'st be of the eternal paradise,

That thou may'st find a path to the realm of meeting;

That thou may'st grasp the meaning of traversing the earth,

That thou may'st soar in spirit through its atmosphere.

While thou art caught in the snare of clay,

How canst thou catch the fragrance from the paradise of the heart?

Therefore strip thyself of the garment of limitations,

And sanctify thy soul from all bounds;

Illumine the darkness of thy heart with His light,

That thou may'st become a sovereign in the kingdom of spirits.

When darkness departs His light doth shine forth,

The radiance of His Mount Sinai flasheth upon thy heart;

When thy night passeth, dawn appeareth,

And the breeze of spiritual glory wafteth;

These darknesses and that corrupted self

Are His water of life, the revelation of God;

If thou passeth beyond these darknesses of self,

Without effort thou shalt drink of the water of life.

Enter thou beneath the shade of the Life-giving Spirit,

That thou mayest be freed from this abode of darkness.

That verdant one drank and was delivered from death,

While this One bestoweth two hundred fountains of life.

He dispensed the Water of Life unto all,

Having offered His soul to the Peerless King.

That one strove hard and then attained,

While from this One a hundred springs instantly appeared.

That one ran in search of the fountain,

While unto this One the fountains themselves do flow.

O Thou Who art worth my very soul, return from this pursuit,

That Thou mayest capture a hundred thousand meanings.

Abandon the hunt of wild asses for their graves,

Bring forth the prey of meaning from the Mount of Sinai.

Thou didst capture the souls of lovers in the wilderness,

Until all souls transcended their existence.

There is no time for Thee to speak of the secrets of the rose

Before the nightingale, O Sovereign of Wine.

Release the falcon from Thy wrist, O Beauty,

That it may bring back meanings from that realm.

O seize now the Mystic Phoenix's flight,

And unlock treasures with the Key of Light.

Now fulfill what Thou didst promise before,

O Thou whose Light fills earth and heaven's floor!

With Thy springtime make the world fresh and gay,

Till Thy Paradise makes heaven's gardens sway.

From Truths divine grant anemones fair

In this soul's springtime garden, fresh and rare.

From every flower show the nightingale's sign,

Tell kings of heart the wine's secrets divine.

For here and now the unhallowed hold sway,

Yet hallowed and unhallowed share one way.

O morning breeze from the Beloved's hair,

Bring spirit-musk's fragrance sweet and rare.

O cloud of heavenly grace, pour forth Thy rain,

Till pearls within each shell do form again.

The tale of inner mysteries untold remains,

The mention of earth's folding unexplained sustains.

So thou, intoxicated with pride's cup this hour,

Transform thy selfish fire to light and power.

Until thou traversest the world in a single breath,

Until thou art freed from the prison of this cage,

Before thou enterest the shade of the Friend,

No knowledge hast thou of core or shell.

Thy spiritual feet are sunk in clay,

Unaware of the radiance of that beauteous Face.

When thou makest thy dwelling in the shade of the King of souls,

Then shalt thou detach thy heart from all the world.

In the first moment thou wert in dust,

In the last moment thou transcendedst the sun.

Then in an instant thou traversedst the worlds of spirit,

Know thou, O wayfarer, without taking a step.

Now a fragrance from the rose-garden of the soul

Hath wafted forth and perfumed all the world.

Again the musk of the soul from that paradise of bounty

Hath breathed forth and carried away all that was.

Consciousness and unconsciousness have here departed,

Drunkenness and sobriety all at once have gone.

Sobriety became effacement, and effacement too remained not,

The sober became intoxicated, and sobriety too remained not.

Whatever existed of names and forms in this world

Has vanished since my King became manifest

For names, though they should soar for two hundred centuries

Cannot perceive a trace of His power

What your eye has seen and your ear has heard

He came pure from all of these, O wise one

So with these eyes and ears, O sightless one

How can you become aware of the spirit's mystery?

Open another eye to the new Beloved

Open another ear, then listen

The eye of the ignorant sees naught but feet

The eye of the gnostic sees the mysteries of eternity

The eye of the gnostic sees a hundred thousand years' journey

The eye of the ignorant cannot see the face of the King

A seeker asked a gnostic one day:

"You who have fathomed divine mysteries,

You who are intoxicated with the wine of grace

Do you remember aught of the Day of Alast?”

He replied: “I remember that voice and word

Which was and is, and this is no wonder”

His voice is ever in my ear,

That sweet sound which quickens the soul.

Another mystic who had soared to greater heights,

Who had unveiled divine mysteries,

Said that God’s Day never ended,

We are in that Day which knows no close.

His Day has no night to follow,

We are in that Day - and this is no wonder.

Should its joy depart from the soul of time,

You would not see the throne and earth remain.

For His eternal Day, through His might,

Emerged imperishable from His presence.

So, O soul, hearken to this mystery,

And heed the counsel of divine secrets,

That you may receive sustenance from His wisdom,

That you may sacrifice your soul for His countenance,

That you may hear His melodies at every moment,

That you may drink a cup from His bounty,

That you may become aware of love’s mysteries,

That you may taste primal wine from love’s rivers.

I shall not turn my face from the sword of these base ones,

Even if these infidels slay me a hundred times over.

My soul drank of Thy wine from the beginning,

And in remembrance of Thee shall I yield up my life at the end.

O Baha! Kindle anew a fire

That shall consume the realm of learning and investigation.

Cleanse the soul of worldly attributes,

And unveil a mystery from the hidden secrets.

Cast forth a wave from the deep spiritual sea

That it may shatter the heavens of words.

Pour forth a chalice that I may be freed from self,

That like Safdar I may rend asunder the veils.

O Thou from Whose Name the Tree of Being hath borne fruit,

From Whose Hand the power of Truth is made manifest!

O Thou in Whose grasp lieth a world,

Now transformed, now stilled, by Thy decree!

Bestow light upon this candle and from it give light,

O King of the Moon, to these diverse directions.

How brightly hast Thou lit this lamp of Thine,

And preserved it within the glass of protection!

From the mouth of bounty didst Thou grant it aid,

And through the wick of Thy command bestowed growth.

From the wind of tyranny do Thou protect it,

That through it Thy light may be made manifest.

Cut short the enemy's hand from its head,

O Thou Moon of Command and King of "Verily."

Behold this lamp of Thine afflicted now

Amidst the whirlwind full of tribulation.

Since from Thy beauty's light it gained its radiance,

Leave it not darkened in the realm of being.

Since Thou didst light it, extinguish it not;

Since Thou gavest it consciousness, render it not senseless.

O Thou through Whose love an atom becomes a sun,

O Thou through Whose wrath a lion becomes a sparrow!

The winds have blown from every side,

And this Thy lamp remains midst all, O Lord.

If Thou willest, water becomes as fire,

And if Thou willest not, fire in that moment turns cold.

O Thou through Whose wisdom a demon becomes like a heavenly maiden,

O Thou through Whose command light springs forth from fire!

If thou desirest the breath to become as a mouth,

Let it uplift the spirit and become a light.

O Baha'u'llah, when Thy fire was kindled,

It consumed the harvest of the being of lovers.

One spark from the fire Thou cast upon hearts,

A hundred thousand Sidrihs didst Thou raise upon Sinai.

Then from every heart Sidrihs appeared;

O Moses, here must one run with all haste,

That from the soul ye may behold the mystic fire of God,

And be delivered from the Egyptians.

O Sacrifice of God, from love's altar

Turn not away, but give thy life in the path of love.

Without head and without soul come to the Friend's lane,

That thou mayest be accepted by the people of this realm.

This is the valley of love; come, O Spirit of God,

Come by way of the cross, yea, even by the pathless way.

Pass beyond the heavens and the body's ascension,

O thou who art King of the soul and Quickener of the frame.

Thou art the Nightingale of the spirit in the rose garden of the soul;

Return again, O thou Host of the spirit.

Come, O regal soul of poverty, come without price

Unto thy desired goal, for which thou dost yearn.

And thou too, O celestial Noah, break free from thy self

And cast thyself into the luminous sea.

Drown this self and seek not thine own preservation,

That thou may'st raise thy head from the collar of God.

Seek preservation from the King, not from the ark,

That thou may'st enter the shelter of the King's protection.

And thou, O Moses, come to the Mount Sinai of the soul,

Leave behind thy sandals and thy cloak, come forth unclad.

That thou may'st become aware of the mysteries of the Fire,

For verily the Fire comes from the tresses of the Beloved.

His tresses are a Fire that burns the soul of love,

Both faith and unbelief are but the head and crown of love.

His tresses are Fire, prancing upon Paran,

At their very strands doth the neck of time bend low.

Cease, O Dove, from these mysteries of Fire,

Bring not the pearl of the soul before these blind ones.

This rod is a sword from the hand of Truth

That rends asunder the ranks of contingent being like a scroll.

From that garden's tree the staff did spring,

While this staff by God's command came to being.

That staff from water and clay emerged clear,

This staff from heart's fire now doth appear.

This staff is fire whose radiant flame

Burns veils of malice, deceit and blame.

This staff's a wind that in Hud's day

Could true from false believers weigh.

That staff in Noah's time became a ship,

In Jesus' time, spirit from it did drip.

O Moses, thy fire from soul blazed bright,

To soul's Mount Sinai take thy flight.

What are sandals? Pass beyond soul and faith,

Like wind through spirit's realm make haste.

Soar from this transient place, O soul-bird fair,

To that eternal feast of beauteous there.

Moses' fire from the Tree did show,

A hundred Jesus' spirits from its breeze did flow.

That Moses' fire from Sinai came to sight,

This Moses' fire from soul takes its flight.

Among the mountain and the soul are many differences,

Evident as fruit from leaves.

His breast is Sinai, and His fire the Light of the Friend,

His palm the White Hand, and His heart His Mount.

This is not that White Hand which came from the Command,

This is that White Hand which brings forth the Command.

Now has appeared the Paran of Love,

Since our Beloved rent asunder the veil from His face.

The fragrance of the soul now reaches the nostrils,

I know not whence it comes perpetually.

This much I know: from the Beloved's tresses

Wafts a scent that makes the soul scatter itself in devotion.

The musk-pod of divine fragrance has opened,

Our soul has become intimate with His remembrance.

O spiritual morning breeze, waft

From the holy Sheba of the All-Merciful!

That from thy ambergris-scent, intoxicated souls

May soar from the earth of existence to the realm of "Am I not?"

When the Phoenix of immortality from the Qaf of the soul

Took wing toward the atmosphere of "No-place"[…]

From one wing He traversed the realms of the world

Through the confirmations of the Sovereign of the Age

Now the Beauty hath returned from the celestial throne

His melodies exceed all reckoning

Through His rose-like countenance winter hath become spring

Through His ruby lips night hath become as day

Through His tresses the work of lovers hath grown long

All the beloved ones yearn in His separation

The proud ones' necks are bound by His hair

The divine champion is needful of His arrow

The souls of lovers are at His lips

The souls of kings seek His presence

Through His beauty the eye of the spiritual soul

Hath become illumined, if thou wouldst well observe

Were His eye not in the world

How could the fountains of light flow forth?

From His rose many a rose garden hath appeared

From His face the flowers of meaning have blossomed

The fire of Moses seeketh light in His path

The soul of Jesus seeketh spirit from His countenance

Should He emerge one night from behind the veil,

A hundred worlds would shine resplendent as the sun.

Night exists but from the tresses of that Beloved,

And morn breaks only from the light of the Friend's face.

The sovereigns in the city of love

Have sacrificed their souls for love's sake.

From His beauty shines forth the Beauty of God,

And from His lips the heart drinks the wine of the soul.

The whole world is bound by His hair,

And for His sake all hearts are wounded.

When Zulaykha beheld that Beauty's face,

In that station she cut her heart from her hand.

When He breathed but once from His spirit,

A hundred thousand spirits like Jesus came into being.

This is not His description, O possessor of attributes,

But the description of that Light from which He has life.

If thou shouldst comprehend the beauty of His description,

Thou wouldst pass beyond a thousand oceans of meaning.

If the description of but one ray be such as this,

What then must be His own description, O man of faith!

When the lover's eye beheld His beauty

It severed its heart from both this world and the next

The waves of love's oceans surge from His wave

The zenith of the spirit's phoenix soars from His height

When your eye received light from His eye

It would be tyranny to turn to any but Him

When the eye of the soul has received light from Him

It would be a shame should it fall on others

Your eye has become manifest through God's eye

That you might see naught but His beauty in the world

I've spoken this hidden secret, O friend

I've pierced this concealed pearl, O companion

That the evil eye might not fall upon His face

That none but He might find the way to His lane

Know this likewise of all thy members

That thou might be freed from the bonds of these creatures of darkness

When your ear heard His secret melody

It heard spiritual mysteries from His instrument

Since divine craftsmanship has become manifest

Fix your gaze on Him, away from the creatures of the world

If thou wouldst view the world through His eyes

Thou wouldst discern a thousand realms of spirit

His eye beholdeth naught save His countenance

His bird taketh wing only in His lane

From His union lovers' souls are consumed

From His separation hearts' fire is kindled

Thus doth the lover, bereft of life and head

Burn both from separation and union, O youth

Know then divine love as thy companion

That thou mayst soar free from this world's bondage

Love is that which makes the soul to perish

Casting heart and soul into the eternal realm

Hear this mystery's secret if thou wouldst understand

That thou mayst ascend to the divine heights

So thy palm tree might yield spiritual fruit

And give forth holy, luminous offerings

O breeze, bring forth a fragrance from His tresses

O cloud, shower down drops from His grace divine

That the garden of His lovers' souls

May bring forth beauteous tulips of love

The loving heart becomes God's throne divine

When purged of all save Him, with light to shine

When by His love His house is built anew

The house dissolves, and He alone shines through

Know that His house is not of stone and clay

The heart alone, O youth, can Him display

When cleansed thy heart becomes through His pure light

It turns to Sinai, blessed with holy sight

When God's true house with love is filled complete

The Loved One's glory there doth ever meet

Again love comes and burns the veil of mind

Learning and wisdom leave no trace behind

Since naught but Him exists within, O son

Know all His wisdom rules from sun to sun

Then know thy sight and hearing come from He

Who sees and grasps all things eternally

The mystic's soul His farthest mosque appears

His nearest treasure-house of secrets bears

A fresh solution now must needs be found

This counsel in the soul must needs resound

Pass beyond both separation and union,

That thou mayest attain the highest heaven, O son.

While thou art in separation, thou art surely in flames;

And in union too art feverish and unwell.

Set foot in the pure realm of immortality,

Where all save Him is nothingness.

If thou hast read the words "God hath been,"

And seen the mystery "naught is but He,"

Set thy resolute foot upon this path,

To be freed from union and separation from the Friend.

When thou knowest with certainty from the soul's mysteries

That none exists in between save God,

Then sweep away the straw from the water of life,

That thou mayest behold the radiance of that Pure One.

That thou mayest witness union within union,

That thou mayest see the light of Beauty in thy heart.

This is the union that hath no opposite,

Nay, separation existeth not therein.

Thy union and separation are duality, O son,

If thou wilt heed thy father's counsel.

From these two summits soar aloft like the phoenix,

Until thou attainest the atmosphere of His divine unity, the King of "He is."

Yet I fear thy feet may stumble,

And evil thoughts may arise in thy mind.

Hence it becometh necessary to expound this truth,

And uproot from thy heart the foundation of vain imaginings,

That thou mayest not fall into pride through this utterance,

And be delivered from arrogance, conceit, evil and tumult.

Know thou His union as His revelation in thee,

Which hath become manifest without how or why.

His light was His trust within thee;

Strive thou that it may be made manifest.

Therefore seek thou His union through thyself, O beloved,

That thou mayest never again see separation from the Friend.

Thou art also the treasury of divine riches,

Yet through heedlessness thou runnest after these others.

Until His attributes become manifest in thee,

Know thyself to be in separation and error.

Through His bounty He hath not left thee without portion

Of His attributes, names and tokens, O thou who art wise.

He through His grace opened doors for thee

Close not those doors as did the Jews decree

When thou heard'st the reed's lament of love

Now recognize Him too through that same love

When thou heard’st the reed-flute’s plaintive call

Look to the Player, lest from Him thou fall

When the Player saw this world of otherness

He chose the reed as veil in His largesse

So rend this veil of thine for but a space

That naught but the Reed-Player fills thy gaze

Like Safdar tear away these veils that blind

That thou may’st see the All-Bountiful’s design

Like the reed cry out in separation’s pain

Till thy Reed-Player comes to thee again

When the soul’s Reed begins its plaintive song

The hearts of lovers surge and rush along

Light thou a fire from this reed constantly

Till in this world thou burn’st the “I” and “me”

When from the world the “m” of “me” is shed

Naught but the Reed remains when all is said

When thine eye becometh seeing through His light,

Thou shalt behold naught but Him, O thou insightful one!

Hearken then for a time unto these mysteries,

That thou mayest catch a fragrance from these rose-gardens.

A single spark from the fire of His love blazed forth

And consumed the harvest of kingly existence.

When His beauty drew aside the veil from His face,

The veil of majesty of kings was rent asunder.

When the arrow from His eyelashes struck,

It pierced the breast and soul of the sovereign.

The royal crown He cast from His head at that moment,

Became a servant and then fell into bondage.

Like prey he fell into the hunter's grasp,

Or like a straw caught in a mighty wind.

If there be a messenger who would journey to Iraq,

Let him tell of the pain of separation and severance:

How from separation from Thee the souls of the yearning ones were consumed,

The arrow of Thy absence pierced the breasts of kings.

Between us and Thee, O City of the Soul,

A hundred thousand mountain ranges lie between.

There is no messenger save the burning sigh,

Or the morning breeze to carry the news.

O gentle breeze from the path of the Beloved's presence,

Waft sweetly to the abodes of those of Zawra!

Then say to it: O City of the Divine Creator,

How doth thou remain, when thy Friend hath departed from thee?

Thy Friend is afflicted in bonds and prison,

Like Husayn in the land of Karbala.

One Husayn, and a hundred thousand Yazids against him;

One Beloved, and all these obstinate demons.

Like Moses amidst the Copts,

Or like the Spirit of God among the tribes.

Like Joseph, fallen into the well–

A well that hath no bottom to its depths.

Thy nightingale hath become captive in a cage,

And from this cage, even the path of breath is blocked.

While His hand remaineth far from its palm tree,

The soul, from separation, poureth forth oceans from its eyes.

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

Praise be to God Who hath guided us to His most sublime horizon, Who hath given us to drink from the sweet Kawthar of His utterance, Who hath blessed us with His presence and reunion, Who hath honored us with attendance at the court of His throne, and Who hath permitted us, through His grace and bounty, to make mention of Him and to praise Him. We thank Him and glorify Him, and we beseech His forgiveness in all conditions. Verily, He is the Forgiver, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

And now, the letter from that honored beloved one, dated the eleventh of Muharram, was received and achieved the honor of being presented before and heard by the Lord of the World. By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven! The favors, gifts and bounties that have been sent down from the heaven of grace and revealed verses cannot be compared to anything. Mind and understanding have confessed their inability to reckon them. Were one to liken them to rain or to the number of grains of sand or atoms in creation, these would prove inadequate. Thus it is proven by clear evidence and manifest proof that His bounties have no likeness or parallel, nor will they ever have. Exalted be His bounty, sublime His grace, great His sovereignty and mighty His utterance.

After being informed, We proceeded to the Most Great Throne where it was mentioned in His presence. This is what the Lord of Return spoke in reply - blessed and exalted be His words: “We make mention of thee and have sent down unto thee from the heaven of grace the Kawthar of utterance, one drop of which is not equaled by all the seas of the world nor the books of nations. Be thankful and say: ‘Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!’” O Trustee! Thou art remembered; in most gatherings thy mention hath been made and hath flowed from the tongue of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto service and art freed from unseemly limitations. The Most Exalted Pen hath ever testified to thy service, love and acceptance.

In that which Haydar-’Ali (upon him be the Glory of God) had requested, thou wert in the right, for thou hadst no means, and debt is not viewed favorably. The essence of wealth boweth down before thy poverty, for thy affairs are referred to truth. We beseech God that thou mayest ever be illumined by the lights of the Sun of wealth and detachment. Accept the Rights of God from any soul who offereth them with the utmost humility, submissiveness, joy and fragrance. Otherwise, verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “O men! Ye are but paupers in your relation to God, but God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.”

It is not advisable to tarry long in the Land of Ta. Make thy days therein like unto the days of roses in the garden. Permission was previously granted for thee to turn toward the direction of thy Purpose. Turn thy face toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. By thy turning, all created things will turn unto God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. Convey greetings to the friends in that land. Say: O people of God! The croaking of the raven and the braying of the ass have become loud. Protect yourselves through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. The Evil Whisperer of the world is engaged in spreading doubts. Strive that perchance the delusions of the past may not be renewed and helpless servants may not fall into the well of vain imaginings. For twelve hundred years they cried "O Imam!" and "O Successor!" and in the end they martyred One through Whose word a thousand Imams could be created. Fie upon them and their deeds and actions! They have committed that which neither the Jews nor any other people have committed.

The friends of the land of K arrived in perfect health and safety, and after circumambulating the Kaaba, they attained the presence of the Hidden Mystery. Happy are they and blessed are they. In the assemblies before the faces, the Tongue of Grandeur repeatedly made mention of that Beloved One, and each attained that which was recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the divine books. This evanescent servant begs confirmation and assistance for each one in preserving what has been bestowed. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Confirmer, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor N, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, praise be to God, he has been and continues to be successful. It is hoped that there shall appear from him that which will immortalize his mention in the Book of God. Especially at this time when I was in the Most Holy Court, mention of him flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. By the life of our Purpose! No mention in the world and what is therein equals His mention of him. Blessed are those souls who in this wondrous Day have been adorned with the ornament of His favor and have drunk from the ocean of inner meanings. They have truly attained all good. Blessed are they and those who have attained through their deeds and their love and their affection for Him. His is the grace and bounty in all conditions. Verily He is the Speaker, the Commander in the beginning and the end. On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings, praise, mention and salutations to him and to all the friends of God. I beseech for each one that which God, exalted be His glory, has promised and revealed in the Book. Verily He fulfills His promise and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Aqa 'Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, he has attained the lights of the Sun of Truth and has drunk from the ocean of knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. It is hoped that he will become the source of great services, meaning the cause of the enkindlement of souls and that by which his mention shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm. What that Beloved One mentioned regarding his enkindlement with the fire of divine love and his arising to serve the Cause is truth in which there is no doubt.

Regarding what was written about the honored beloved, his honor Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, and likewise the allowance of his honor Aqa 'Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God - this matter was brought before the face of the Lord of Destiny and attained the honor of His hearing. His blessed and exalted Word: "Those who spend their wealth in the path of God, these are

among the people of the highest Paradise in the Crimson Tablet. The Concourse on High and the Supreme Paradise send prayers upon them. Verily bounty is in His hand. He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He is the Powerful Commander." End quote.

Regarding the mention made of his honor Muhammad 'Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, and the two brothers of his honor Aqa 'Ali Haydar - his honor Asad Aqa, upon them both be the Glory of God - praise be to God, both are mentioned at the Throne and have attained the favor of God, exalted be His glory. They have drunk from the wine of revelation and turned to the supreme horizon. This is from His bounty upon them. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bountiful, the Generous. This servant also conveys greetings and salutations to the honored brother, his honor Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, and the two aforementioned brothers. I beseech God that in these days I may be enabled to send a reply to the letter of his honor Khan. The enkindled souls who are content and pleasing should at all times pray for one another and ask God to assist all to do what is befitting and worthy of His Day.

As to the mention of Aqa Muhammad-Rida, I beseech and implore God that He may assist him to praise and serve, and aid him in that whereby man's station in the contingent world may be made manifest. Thus has the Tongue of God spoken before and will speak hereafter, for the Tongue of Grandeur has ever proclaimed this blessed word - He, glorified be His majesty, saith: "O thou who art present! Beseech God to assist His loved ones that the station of man may through them be made manifest and evident in the contingent world."

And as to the mention of the land of K and Q-M and the brethren Aqa Muhammad-Husayn and Mashhadi Muhammad-Rida, upon them be the glory of God, they are among those souls who have attained unto the word of contentment from the Lord of Names. That beloved one should convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and glorification to them.

And as to the mention made of Aqa Qasim, another brother of Aqa 'Ali-Haydar, it was presented at a special time before the countenance of the True One, exalted be His glory. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur in reply - He, exalted and mighty, saith: "O Amin! The Most Exalted Pen testifieth that thou hast been and art occupied with the mention of the friends of God, and in every letter thou hast written to him who is present, there hath been mention of the chosen ones and the loved ones. May God grant thee thy reward and cause thee to attain His presence once again, that thou mayest hear what thou hast heard and see what thou hast seen. And as for what thou hast mentioned concerning Qasim, let him read what hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen at this time:

'O Qasim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee for the sake of God and saith: When thou desirest to make mention of God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former times, arise from thy place, then turn thy face toward the Sacred House and say:

'My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having wafted the fragrance of Thy knowledge when the Day-Star of Batha shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and Thou didst raise the standards of Thy victory amidst all peoples. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of earth and heaven and by Whose command the Kingdom of Names appeared in the kingdom of creation, to aid me and Thy servants to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and Thy most splendid seat. My God, my God! I am he who hath

acknowledged and confessed his poverty before Thy riches which have encompassed the horizons, and his powerlessness before Thy might at whose manifestation the power of the mighty ones and the dominion of the princes were rendered impotent. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for Thy chosen servants who were not hindered by the intimations of the Dawning-Places of idle fancies from turning unto Thee and arising to serve Thee. O Lord! Grant me that which will take all power of choice from my hands and cause the winds of Thy will to move me as Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Then cause me, O my God, to be detached from all else but Thee, to be immersed in the ocean of Thy mercy and forgiveness, to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty and to cling to the hem of Thy generosity. Wilt Thou, O my God, turn away a poor one who hath hastened unto Thee, or a needy one who hath confessed to his powerlessness at the manifestations of Thy grace and the appearances of Thy mercy? Nay, by Thy Self! For I am assured of Thy power and might, Thy grace and mercy, Thy bounty and choice. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.'"

This prayer is in itself effective in the world, for it hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed is he who readeth it and attaineth unto it. God willing, may his honor Qasim become the vanquisher of the ego and base desire, and with utmost joy and fragrance succeed in its recitation. This servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him and enable him to read that which hath been revealed for him.

Another matter: as commanded, that beloved one should not tarry long in the land of Ta. As to what was mentioned in the second letter regarding the honored brothers - upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful - and likewise concerning the sum given to the noble matron, the Mother of the Sacred Precinct - upon her be the Glory of God - and their being set ablaze with the fire of the love of God, and their humility and submissiveness, and their services for the sake of God - all these matters were presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. Each was illumined by the rays of the Sun of Divine favor. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them. They have ever been confirmed in service and adorned with His grace. I beseech the Most High to send down upon them such blessing from His presence that the rains of the clouds of His bounty and the lights of the Sun of His mercy shall never cease to pour upon them. Verily, He is the Answerer of prayers. Some of the requested papers were sent previously, and are being sent again this time. God willing, they will arrive and be delivered.

As to what was mentioned concerning his honor Aqa Seyyed Farajullah - upon him be the Glory of God - and his accompanying that honored one: praise be to God, they were blessed with acceptance, attention, remembrance, praise, love and affection of the friends of God. His letters have repeatedly arrived, both to this servant and to His Holiness the Name of God - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory - and all were presented before the presence of the Lord of Eternity and were honored with the lights of the utterance of the Beloved of the Worlds. God willing, their reply will also arrive. In these days, as indicated by that honored one, on behalf of the noble leaves, the two daughters of the paternal aunt - upon them be the Glory of God - and the friends of God - upon them be the Glory of God - tea was served for several gatherings in the Sacred Precinct in the presence of the Beloved of the Worlds, and this was written so that all may know that whatever reacheth that honored one is being delivered.

The mention of Aqa Muhammad Big, Aqa Muhammad Husayn Big, Aqa Ghulam-Husayn Big, and Aqa Turab Big (upon them be the Glory of God) was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He says, blessed and exalted be He: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Praise be to God, ye have been honored by the effects of the Most Exalted Pen, and your mention hath been recorded in the presence of the Wronged One, and in the Tablets that which diffuseth the fragrance of eternity hath been inscribed. Know ye your station and preserve it in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory, for the people of the Bayan cling to the vain imaginings of the past and strive diligently to lead men astray. Glory be to God! Have they not witnessed the fruits of the deeds of the Shi'ih sect and have they not understood that they are once again clinging to the ways of that party? O party of God throughout all lands! Rend asunder with the fingers of power all veils, that ye may attain unto the lights of true unity. Today is the Day of God; none else is mentioned or existeth save Him. Take ye what hath been given unto you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Make firm your resolve, lest turbans and staffs and robes once again become the cause of vain imaginings and afflict helpless souls in the pit of doubts and fancies.

This lowly one conveyeth to each one greetings and salutations, and beseecheth from the True One, exalted be His glory, steadfastness for each one, that they may regard all else save God as non-existent and as naught, and may consider the doubts of the atheists and the signs of the opposers as if they had never existed. At this moment, before His countenance He saith, blessed and exalted be He: O thou who art present, write: O Amin, O Abu'l-Hasan! The Luminary of Batha and the Lord of Prophets (may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake) was sent by God unto all who dwell on earth, and diverse parties each spoke in their own tongue, and the differences of languages in the world are clear and evident and known to all. God, exalted be His glory, revealed the Furqan, which distinguished between truth and falsehood, in the most eloquent Arabic tongue, and it was a proof for Arab and Persian and Turk and the diverse parties of the world. And this language is potent and comprehensive; therefore from the Most Exalted Pen it hath mostly flowed and been revealed in this tongue, and at times in the sweeter Persian tongue. He is not bound by any limits. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Amin! The people of the Furqan prided themselves on the authority of the Furqan over the world, and the people of every religion on their Book, and the people of the Bayan on what they possessed. In this Most Great Revelation, like unto torrential rain, from the first day until now, night and day, verses have been revealed and evident proofs have shone forth equivalent to the books of the past and future now existing, and whatsoever shall appear in the future hath already been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen with utmost clarity. Nevertheless, they remain occupied with their vain imaginings and deprived of the effulgences of the sun of certitude. What hath afflicted their eyes and what hath prevented their ears? They play with their idle fancies and perceive not. By what proof do those souls who have denied this Cause seek to establish another? By the life of God! The Point of the Bayan lamenteth. The entire Bayan is like unto a ring upon the finger of the power of God, exalted be His glory; He turneth it howsoever He willeth.

Those souls who have denied this Cause perceive not by what proof they would establish another. By the life of God, the Point of the Bayan lamenteth. The entire Bayan is as a ring upon the finger of God, exalted be His glory - He turneth it as He pleaseth and moveth it as He willeth. May God, through His conquering

power, grant the sun of justice and fairness to emerge from behind the clouds of deliverance, that perchance the people may attain unto the hearing and sight that befit these days. The ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance hath surged, and the sun of grace and bounty hath reached its zenith. What station remaineth for the drop to make mention, and what measure for the atom to move? The Mother Book hath appeared and the Mother of Utterance speaketh. Exalted is our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Concerning what was written about Aqa Bala who is engaged in service to Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-Haydar, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], it was mentioned. His blessed and exalted Word: "Verily We glorify his countenance" and We beseech God to assist him in service to His loved ones and ordain for him that which is for his good.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to the friends in that land, namely the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, and beseecheth God to make each one firm as a mountain and radiant as light, and to increase their vision and hearing at every moment that they may behold that for which they were created and hear that for which ears were made to hear.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-Akbar Bey, upon him be the Glory of God, and his enthusiasm and service in the Cause of God. Praise be to God, he hath been and is successful, ever arising to serve and speaking in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. His mention hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. At this moment his mention was made before the Countenance of the Goal of the world. We beseech God to open the doors of grace and mercy upon his face. Verily He answereth the prayer of the supplicants. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of the mystics. Glory, remembrance and splendor be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

The Servant

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He is God!

Praise be to God Who revealeth and will reveal as He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. In one letter mention was made of the friends in the land of Q.M.?. and likewise of their being set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and their longing for the Most Exalted Horizon. Well is it with them and happy are they. Praise be to God that steadfast souls have been found and appeared in that land. Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Khalil, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, hath ever been mentioned in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may those regions be illumined by the light of his steadfastness. Likewise Jinab-i-Aqa Mir 'Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. Indeed, details about them and praise of that Beloved of all were presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and all attained infinite favors. This is what the tongue of our Lord hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O Khalil! The path is clear, the proof manifest, the evidence brilliant and the testimony evident. Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan have clung to the vain imaginings of the past. Reflect upon the heedlessness of these people. With their outward eyes they have witnessed the loss suffered by the people of the Furqan and observed the fruits of their deeds and words, yet they remained unaware and took no heed. Say: Take heed, O ye whose darkness hath taken the place of light! Take heed, O ye whose whiteness hath appeared upon your cheeks!

They are unaware of the Day of God and have not attained unto the lights of true unity. Your honor should strive with utmost effort, detached from all else, to protect souls that perchance the vain imaginings of the past may not resurface and be renewed. The tale of those who went astray and led others astray hath returned. They say what was said before. With perfect deceit and guile they strive to lead holy souls astray. The outcry that was revealed and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the sacred scrolls and tablets hath been raised. Observe the Most Holy Book and that which was revealed concerning Kaf and Ra. Today it is evident how Ja'far and his son, from among the people of Kaf and Ra, have turned away from the Truth and opposed Him, uttering that which no heedless one hath ever said. They have turned away from Him around Whom the Primal Point would circle, and Who hath said "I believe in Him and I am the first to worship."

We make mention of the Merciful One in this station, glorify Him, and counsel him to the greatest steadfastness. My Name hath mentioned him before My face. We have remembered him with that which no remembrance can equal. We remember all My loved ones who have remained faithful to the Covenant. We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions and to ordain for them that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O My loved ones in that land! The Trustworthy One hath mentioned you, and We mention you as a grace from Our presence, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. The Wronged One of the world hath remembered you in the Most Great Prison. Were the fruits of this remembrance to be revealed unto you in the measure of a needle's eye, you would arise to serve throughout your lives and would regard all else save God as non-existent and as naught. Glory be upon My loved ones who have not been prevented by anything and who have not been veiled by the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds.

Divine mercy hath so encompassed all that no description can reach it and no obliteration can touch it. The tongue is incapable of mention and the pen unworthy to race in this field. Another tongue is needed that might succeed in offering praise to His loved ones and become engaged in mentioning His chosen ones. Among these is the mention of that land. Whatever this servant heard from the blessed tongue, were he to attempt to mention it, he would surely find himself powerless and wanting. Exalted is His bounty and magnificent are His bestowals.

As to your mention of Aqa Mirza Ghulam-Husayn, Aqa Mirza Siyyid 'Ali, and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir - may the glory of God rest upon them - and likewise your mention of their ardor, steadfastness and devotion, you have indeed spoken the truth. In reality, these three holy souls have arisen to render praise and service to the Cause, and sublime and wondrous Tablets have been specifically revealed and sent to them. After this matter was presented before His presence, He spoke - and His word is the truth: "O

Amin! These souls are remembered before the Divine Presence and have attained the favor of God, exalted be His glory. We have made mention of them with such praise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor by all that the nations possess." We beseech God to make each of them shine bright as the morning star in the heaven of certitude. Soon will God make manifest in the earth the stations of those who have turned to Him and have arisen to serve the Cause whereby the foundations of every learned one were shaken, the hearts of every scholar were perturbed, and whereby the great terror appeared and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Lord of the mighty throne. We beseech God to assist them in fostering unity and concord among the people of that land, and to aid them in spreading the Cause through wisdom, utterance, spirit and fragrances. Verily, He is powerful over all things. This servant also conveys to each one greetings and glory, and beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, the eternal and everlasting blessing.

Likewise mention was made of Aqa Muhammad-Rida of Muhammadabad - upon him be the eternal glory of God - and of his service to the loved ones of God, and praise was offered for his verses. This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in deeds whose traces shall endure and persist, and to cause his flowing talent to stream forth in the rivers of His love. In truth, eloquence, articulateness, rhetoric and refined talent have been created specifically for the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. This matter too was presented before the throne of the Lord, attaining the honor of His hearing. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: "O Muhammad-Rida! By God's life! Whosoever today has attained to a drop from this ocean and to a letter from this Book has indeed attained to all good, by the testimony of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered by vain desire from the Lord of all being, and that hath not been veiled by the veils of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from Him Who hath come from the heaven of divine will with verses that cannot be equaled by the books of the past and future. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this mighty and exalted station. Say: Look ye at the Tree and its fruits, not at what the tongues of the transgressors have uttered. Say: O people of the Bayan! Come ye, come ye, that I may show you the Sun shining from the highest horizon of the world. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: Cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies. By God! The Self-Subsisting hath come with a Cause before which neither the heavens nor the earth can endure, were ye of them that comprehend. By God's life! We see the people of the Bayan to be more lost than the people of the Furqan, nay more lost than all the peoples of the past. To this testifieth he who hath been given insight from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken from the most sublime horizon. Blessed is he who hath heard and found the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful in the realm of existence, and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining from the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon the people of My ark who have not been hindered by the paths of idle fancy from My straight path.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali-Bahram, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, neither the croaking of the croakers nor the doubts of the atheists prevented him from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Glory be to God! Glory be to God! Souls have appeared who, in their unfairness, are without precedent from the beginning of the world until now, and have never come from non-existence into being. They have turned away from the ocean and abandoned the Kingdom of utterance, occupying themselves with vain imaginings and idle fancies. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal

and your Goal, such souls have, since the inception of Islam, led people astray and afflicted them with vain imaginings and idle fancies. These matters are evident and need no detailed explanation.

In any case, mention of the aforementioned one has been and continues to be in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. Praise be to God, he has attained to that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the divine Books. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to protect him and adorn him with the imperishable ornament of His mention, that he may be a sign of the love of God amongst the people and steadfast in service to the Cause throughout the nights and days. In all conditions, this evanescent one seeks divine confirmation and assistance for that beloved one, that God, exalted be His glory, may increase it every moment and cause him to attain unto new and wondrous favors. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things. May remembrance, glory and exaltation be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

He is God, exalted be His majesty and His glory. Before the dispatch of this letter, two other letters from that beloved one arrived, one dated the twelfth of the month of Safar and the other the first of Rabi'u'l-Avval. Praise be to God, all attested to that beloved one's steadfastness, service, recognition and devotion. All that was written was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His blessed and exalted Word: "Verily, he hath spoken the truth." Jinab-i-Amin is confirmed in service. In all letters he has made mention of the divine friends and their steadfastness, enthusiasm and devotion from N.J. and A.R. and Q.M.S. and Q.M. and K., and likewise has mentioned the friends in the land of T. and Sh. and Y. and other regions. May God, exalted be His glory, grant them all a reward through him. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. End.

Concerning what thou didst write about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ghulam-Husayn (upon them be the Glory of God), and likewise concerning their steadfastness, love and generosity which thou didst mention - all was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. His blessed and exalted Word: "O 'Abdu'llah! The letter from the Trusted One hath come before the Wronged One, wherein was thy mention. We have mentioned thee with a mention from which every possessor of smell perceiveth the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Exalted is He Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired through a command from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the soul who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily he is among the people of Baha in the Crimson Scroll and among the companions of the Ark, the mention of which was sent down from the heaven of the Will of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily those who have spent in the path of God and fulfilled their covenant - these are servants whom God hath mentioned before and will mention hereafter. Every truthful and knowing one beareth witness to this. O Ghulam-Husayn! Thy name hath attained the honor of being heard by the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this Mighty Tablet. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you both and to aid you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to send down upon you from the heaven of grace and bounty a blessing from His presence. He is verily the Compassionate, the Bountiful, the Generous. The Glory be upon you both and upon every servant who hath attained to the service of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day." Here end the sprinkling drops from the ocean of inner meanings. He hath received the

two names, upon them be the Glory of God. Grace is in His mighty hand - He bestoweth whatsoever He willeth and giveth to whomsoever He desireth. He shall not be asked of His doings, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Again, the Glory and the Great Glory and the Praise be upon you and upon every one who is steadfast, firm, resolute, upright and unwavering.

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

In these days, at every moment, the meaning of the blessed words "We shall make their highest their lowest, and their lowest their highest" is made manifest. All that was recorded in the divine Books of the past and present concerning the events to transpire on the Day of God is now manifest and evident. Yet the people remain veiled from comprehending it, for the ornaments of the world and its conditions have become a thick veil, preventing their eyes from seeing. Such heedlessness persists even while the world itself continually warns mankind of its own transience. With most eloquent utterance it declares that soon all that is witnessed within it shall change and return to nothingness. One of its calls is the thunder of cannons that rises from all directions, in an instant snatching multitudes from the realm of existence. Every possessor of sight and hearing testifies that its call is exceedingly loud and its message most potent. This call is manifested through the events that occur therein, betokening change and extinction.

Glory be to God! What has befallen the people that they take no heed and accept not the counsel of the counselor? They are occupied with vain imaginings and remain heedless of the Lord of all beings. They fancy themselves worshippers and celebrants of the Truth, yet the Supreme Pen cries out morn and eve, nay at all times, in its loudest voice, saying: "Verily, He is innocent of you, O company of the most lost!" Beyond this, all things bear witness, yet the people hear not. The sun of justice is veiled by the clouds of tyranny, and the countenance of equity is hidden by the darkness of oppression. One is bewildered as to what to say and who might listen. One matter has become the source of strength for the oppressors, while another has caused weakness among the just. Glory be to God! The people of deceit have attained perfect unity, clinging to it and thereby ruling over the peoples of the world, while the people of justice are seen deprived of this greatest bounty which is their special right. Although the unity of those souls is not true unity, still it has become the cause of their ascendancy. If the friends and chosen ones of God in all lands were to achieve unity, surely its light would encompass all horizons. In some places the fragrance of unity and concord cannot be detected, and this has been and continues to be the cause of the abasement of the Cause.

In any case, the letter of that spiritual beloved has refreshed the spirit, for from it was inhaled the musk-laden fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. After perusal it was taken to the Dawning-Place of the Most Great Signs and presented at the Most Holy Court, unto which nothing can be compared. His

blessed and exalted Word declares, and may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of utterance be a sacrifice unto its every letter:

I am the Sorrowful Speaker

O beloved one! There hath been sent down especially for thee that from which the fragrance of might and power and knowledge and utterance of the All-Merciful is manifest, evident and diffused. The Self of Him Who was promised in all divine Books through clear statements and explicit passages hath appeared and risen from the horizon of the world with the lights of His advent. Through His grace He hath made manifest the Path and guided all unto it. That which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen hath been revealed, and that which was hidden from all hath been explicitly mentioned. Nevertheless, the people remain heedless and veiled. Should all the world turn away from the Truth, no harm shall touch His Cause; nay rather, the turning away of creation is the cause and means of exalting God's Cause, exalted be His glory. However, the grief and sorrow of the Wronged One stems from the lack of unity and agreement among His loved ones and friends.

O beloved one! Say: O people of the world! I swear by the Most Great Name that this wronged Herald hath spoken and speaketh for God's sake alone, uttereth for His sake, and summoneth unto Him. He hath brought the equivalent of all that was revealed from the beginning of the world until the previous Manifestation, whereby the Messengers of God, exalted be His glory, established their proofs - nay, even more and greater than that. At last, observe with the eye of fairness and hearken with the ear of justice, that perchance ye may not be deprived of the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge, nor be forbidden from that which is sanctified above all similarity and likeness.

Say: If a soul humbleth itself before His loved ones for God's sake, doth this diminish or increase his worth and station? Say: Perform deeds for God's sake and fix your gaze upon Him. Whosoever comprehendeth this station and tasteth its sweetness will surely pass beyond self and all that he possesseth, and will become mindful of and act upon that which exalteth the Cause.

We send greetings to the friends in that land. Truly, the fragrance of divine love is inhaled from them. Blessed are they in having attained unto God's testimony in these verses, which nothing that hath been or shall be mentioned can equal. Yet We have preferred some above others. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, may they strive that each day may be seen as superior, more exalted and more glorious than the day before. No matter hath been or is hidden. Verily, He Who speaketh is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The breezes of divine favor waft during the nights and days, and the fragrance of the garment of His Revelation is diffused, yet no seeker is to be seen. Indeed, he who is deprived of sight is unable to distinguish and perceive. The Cause is in God's hands, the Lord of the unseen and the seen.

The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My good-pleasure and have testified to that which the Tongue of My grandeur hath testified in the kingdom of My utterance: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The lamentation and cry of God – exalted be His glory and greatness – melts the body and dissolves the bones. From the beginning of this Most Great Revelation until now, in most Tablets there has flowed from the Supreme Pen and been recorded the command to unity, harmony, love and fellowship, as well as spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. Nevertheless, in some cities and lands things are seen contrary to what the All-Powerful has willed. What a pity, nay a hundred thousand pities, that in these days – one moment of which cannot be compared to countless ages – man remains deprived of the cup of contentment and forbidden from the ocean of grace. Do they not witness the upheavals, conflicts and death of one another? Have they received from God a document guaranteeing their permanence, or do they consider themselves independent agents? This servant, and you, and the souls of that land must beseech the Self-Sufficient One with complete humility, submissiveness and supplication to adorn the sleeping ones with the ornament of awareness and bestow upon the heedless the robe of wisdom. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is He Who oversees all possibilities. He doeth what He willeth through His power and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy.

As for what you mentioned regarding teaching, God willing may all be successful therein, for after recognition of God – exalted be His glory – and steadfastness in His Cause, this is and shall be among the greatest of deeds. Blessed are they who attain! Joy be to him who found the fragrance of God before his ascension and recognized Him Who was announced aforetime. He is indeed among the people of this lofty and luminous station. We beseech and implore God – exalted be His glory – to adorn all the friends with this most glorious ornament. In truth, the divine fragrance of love is inhaled from the people of that land. God willing, may all lands attain to that which is beloved before God.

Regarding what you wrote about Mirza Nabil-i-Qaini – upon him be the glory of God and His favors – praise be to God, he is successful in that from which most are heedless and veiled. The testimony of God – exalted be His glory – which hath flowed and been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him proclaims with the most exalted call among the people of the world: By the life of the Desired One! The passing of ages shall not change it, the succession of centuries shall not alter it, and annihilation shall not touch it. Joy and felicitations be unto him! O My beloved and O thou who art mentioned before the Beloved! If the people of earth would reflect even a little, they would realize that the welfare of all, outwardly and inwardly, has been and is to turn toward God – exalted be His glory. The heedlessness of the servants and their vain deeds have appeared in the form of various afflictions and have encompassed the earth. According to what was ordained by the Supreme Pen, these matters have been seized by the fire of wars and the smoke of tribulations, and that flame is hidden in the lands of Iran. And surely this concealment will have manifestation and appearance, unless by virtue of holy souls who are firm, steadfast, assured and upright the greatest calamities and mightiest tribulations be prevented. Verily, He is powerful over all things. However, most of what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen hath become evident and manifest, as most have witnessed, and the rest will surely become apparent and visible. Heedlessness hath so encompassed the people of earth that […]

Tongue and pen are powerless to make mention of it. The tongue of this evanescent one's heart is at all times uttering "Deliver us, O All-Merciful!", and imploring His grace and mercy for all. For were He to

unveil to the heedless what He hath unveiled to these servants, all would turn with heart and soul toward the Most Exalted Horizon and quaff the chalice of mystic knowledge in the name of the All-Merciful.

As to your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], he hath attained unto that which is yet concealed from himself. This is a glad-tiding from this servant on behalf of the Desired One unto thee, O my beloved one, who art mentioned before the throne of my Lord. Some souls have won the race; God willing, may all attain to this station. From the day when, by Nimrod's command, We entered into prison in this land until now, most of the notables of this realm have passed into oblivion, without trace, fruit, or mention. Nevertheless, those who remain are in no wise awakened. Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath become incarnate and hath prevented eyes from seeing and hearts from understanding. Would that they who have attained might know their stations, and that God, exalted be His glory, might cause all to attain this station. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Mention was made of those who are turned toward the House, upon them be the glory of God, His loving-kindness and His mercy. Praise be to God, they are reckoned among the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree and are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to cause them to attain unto whatsoever wisdom requireth.

Regarding what thou didst write about the beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be every most glorious glory, on a certain occasion these exalted words were heard concerning him from the tongue of the Lord of creation, exalted be His grandeur:

"O servant! His eminence Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be My glory, hath borne many hardships in the path of God, exalted be His glory, and is engaged in serving the Cause with complete dedication. God willing, may he be assisted in teaching the Most Great News. May the True One grant capacity that the veiled people might drink from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance and attain unto the love of God.

"O Haydar, before 'Ali! Thou art mentioned in My presence and art standing in service to My Cause. Thus hath the tongue of My grandeur testified at this time, even as We testified before and shall testify hereafter. We, from this station, pronounce Our glorification upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My sealed choice wine. Remember when thou wast sleeping and the breezes of My loving-kindness passed over thee and awakened thee in My days. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast unto wisdom in all conditions. Thus wert thou commanded before and after, and at this appointed time. Blessed are they who aided thee and heard from thee that which thou didst utter concerning this binding Cause. Give glad tidings to My servants on My behalf, remind them of My remembrance, and pronounce glorification upon them from the True One, the Knower of things unseen." End quote.

This evanescent one also conveyeth another greeting to him. He hath never been forgotten and never shall be. Whenever they pass by the known hill, mention is made of him and of that day when they sought a promise from the Ancient Beauty at its summit, and likewise a group of the loved ones, and in that elevated place divine verses were recited. Praise be to God, the deeds of the sincere are ever

remembered. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Bountiful

As for your mention of the beloved of the heart, His Eminence Ibn-i-Ism'ullah'ul-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, a brief letter was sent some time ago in response to their missive, and after several days another detailed letter was submitted and dispatched. God willing, may they ever be blessed by the fragrances of divine verses. For some time these parts have been deprived of the adorning of peace and tranquility, and therefore responses to the letters of God's loved ones were not sent and remained delayed. Now for several days some measure of assurance has been obtained, thus letters are being and will be sent, albeit according to what is possible. It is known that in this land too some of the servants, in their ignorance, have intended to rise up against others, therefore whatever wisdom requires shall be done.

As for your mention of their eminences Mulla Ali and Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them be the Glory of God, and the friends in that land, as well as the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon them be the Glory of God - this was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The Sun of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, has risen and shone upon each one, and some time ago mighty Tablets were revealed and sent. If opportunity permits and no impediment arises, this servant intends in these days to send correspondence to that sacred land. Convey my greetings to each one. God willing, you will relay these to each of them.

As for your mention of Furugh, Turbat, Faran, Rashkhvar, Hisar, the Land of Ba, that land, Shahrud, Bojnurd and Quchan - this was presented at the Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Bountiful uttered to His loved ones in the lands, exalted be His grandeur […]

O beloved of the All-Merciful in the lands! How many nights did the Ancient Beauty turn His face toward you and reveal unto you that which surpasseth in worth all the pearls of the oceans, all the fruits of the trees, all that is treasured in the earth, and all that is stored in mines and mountains! And how many were the days wherein ye attained the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, and its rushing sound was raised in your remembrance in such wise that the dwellers of Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven gave utterance! Glorified be the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens, Who mentioneth His servants that have turned unto Him with such remembrance as before it all remembrance boweth down. How many were the hours wherein ye were wrapped in the cloak of slumber while the Wronged One turned toward you with an eye that never sleepeth. Blessed are ye for having been immersed in the waves of the ocean of your Lord's utterance, the Lord of all religions. Ye are they who have outstripped the world on a Day whereon the pillars of every learned one were shaken, the hearts of the mighty were perturbed, earthquakes seized the tribes of the earth, and the heaven brought forth its smoke. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified in your favor even as all things have proclaimed. Blessed are the people of Baha whose names have been inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen upon the Crimson Tablet. Thus hath the Command been revealed on this Day wherein tongues have been stilled and eyes have been transfixed.

Verily do We make mention of a land and say: Blessed art thou for having attained unto the remembrance of God in the beginning and the end. Thou art the one that hath been named by this Name from the tongue of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, at a time when the light of manifestation shone forth and the Speaker of the Mount spoke forth in the nights and days. It behooveth thee to glory in this bounty and to shine upon all regions. There hath ascended from thee one who stood firm in My service, who spoke My praise, who turned his face toward My countenance, and who drew nigh unto My horizon wherefrom the lights have shone forth. We make mention of him and those whom God hath related unto him, and We counsel them with that which shall manifest their stations among the people. Hold ye fast unto the Book of God and His ordinances, and cleave unto that which shall exalt the Cause of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

O concourse of divines and jurists in Ta and Ra! Behold ye, then remember when ye were turning toward My direction in the nights and at dawn, when ye arose to make mention of Me and to praise Me, and when ye were anticipating this Day that was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of lords. Yet when the promise was fulfilled and the door of bounty was opened, ye turned away, save those who perceived the fragrance of My raiment and were drawn by My most sweet call when it was raised from the most exalted station. Rejoice, O My loved ones in that place, then make mention of Me at morn and eventide. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you or the doubts of the evil ones veil you.

O Faran! Blessed art thou for having been named with a name from which the sincere ones perceive the surging of this Fire that hath been kindled from the Blessed Tree upon the snow-white earth. Thus doth the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing make mention of you from the luminous spot, this station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention at this moment of the loved ones of God within thee and give them the glad-tidings of this bounty that hath encompassed the horizons. Preserve ye your stations through My Most Great Name and take hold of My Book with the hands of power. Ye are in your lands while the Wronged One remembereth you in His Most Great Prison with that which attracteth the hearts of the righteous. Blessed is he who hath taken My Sealed Wine in My Self-Subsisting Name and hath drunk thereof despite those who have disbelieved in the Revealer of verses.

O My loved ones in Rishkhvar! The Chosen One remembereth you at a time when the fire of sorrows hath encompassed Him from every side. By God! He hath come with a power that nothing can prevent […]

The sorrows of the world do not hold Him back, nor can the nations restrain Him. He speaks and utters what He willeth with power and sovereignty. Know ye the value of these days; then remember your Lord with such remembrance as would cause the very rocks to speak. Blessed are ye and those who love you for the sake of God, the Cleaver of the dawn. O people of Hisar! Ye were blessed by My remembrance aforetime, and at this hour wherein the Ancient King is seated upon the Most Great Throne in the most ruined of cities - yet God hath rebuilt it through His grace and transformed the prison into the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is he who witnesseth and seeth, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We have remembered you once before and have written down for you from Our Most Exalted Pen that which shall immortalize your remembrance in the holy Books and Tablets.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the people of the Palace who believed in God when the voice of the Herald was raised and the croaking of the raven was heard. Be thankful that ye have been mentioned before the Throne and that there hath been sent down to you from the Kingdom of utterance that which all creation cannot equal. We make mention of you and of your children and those whom We behold in the loins. Give thanks unto your Lord for this most great favor, then turn your faces toward the Spot before which all the sacred places of the earth have bowed down in submission. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Verdant Land! Rejoice within thyself, for the Lord of Names maketh mention of thee and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee in the Book. O My loved ones in that place! We have remembered you time and again, and this is yet another time, and the Ancient Beauty hath turned His face toward you from His Most Great Prison on a day which God hath made the lord of days. We have found from you the fragrance of My love; We have mentioned you in this remembrance whereby faces have been illumined and bones have quivered. Blessed art thou and blessed are thy people who answered when the Call was raised and bore witness to that whereunto God had testified before the creation of earth and heaven. They that have ascended in thee have attained the grace of their Lord and have been adorned with the robe of forgiveness. We behold them in all conditions and hear what their tongues utter at eventide and at dawn. We have favored some above others, and We are the Mighty, the Bestower.

We make mention of the land named Shahrud. Remember, O Land, when We passed over thee and shone forth with a light that illumined earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. We arrived in thee when thy people were heedless, and after successive years had passed, We raised up in thee one who would remember Me by this Name whereby the hearts of those endued with understanding were subdued. Blessed is the soul that remembereth Me in thee, and blessed is the servant who hath arisen to serve My Cause on this Day wherein mysteries have been unveiled. Beware lest the pharaohs of the earth, who have adorned their temples with the robes of learning and have committed that which hath caused all things to lament and the very pebbles to cry out, fill you with fear. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and grasp the hem of wisdom, and proclaim the Cause of your Lord with joy and fragrance.

O people of Ba and Shin! Remember when there appeared from among you one who arose to serve the Cause in such wise as to cause the limbs of the earth to quake and the foundations of all lands to tremble. He is the helper whose assistance was attested by the Tongue of Grandeur, and in whose praise there hath spoken that which was created by the Word of God, the Sender of the winds.

O Land of Ba! We have manifested from thee Our treasure and adorned it with Our first ornament, and sent it forth with power and authority. Through it were hoisted the banners of unity and raised the standards of oneness, and the Cock of the Throne crowed, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches. O My loved ones therein! Rejoice ye to remember Him Whom God hath remembered through that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in the most sublime station. Know ye that what ye sent hath been presented before Us and hath been honored with the lights of acceptance, a bounty from God, the Lord of all men. We have mentioned every name that hath served the Cause in the days of God, the

Manifestor of clear proofs. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, for ye have shown patience. God will soon exalt your stations and names in the earth. He, verily, is the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. By My life! The breezes of My favor waft over you, and from you We inhale the fragrance of My shirt which hath diffused its perfume through My Name, the All-Pervading throughout all regions. Be thankful unto God for this Most Great Remembrance, and place your trust in Him under all conditions. We make mention of the Land of Ba and Jim that there may appear therein what God, the Knower of the seen and unseen, hath desired. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, who hath arisen to serve Me, who hath spoken My praise and hath turned unto My horizon whereby the regions were illumined. O people of Ba and Jim! Arise above heedlessness and desire. By God! The Lord of all beings hath come on a Day whereon the earth hath quaked and the mountains have passed away. Beware lest the world debar you from the Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times. Cast away what the people possess and hold fast unto that which hath been sent down from the All-Merciful. We counsel the loved ones of God to be trustworthy and sincere, and to act in ways that will elevate the station of man. O Land of Qaf and Vav (Quchan)! Is there in thee one who remembereth Me, and hast thou been blessed by the breaths of My loved ones whom neither the conditions of the earth can weaken nor the hosts of the wicked frighten? O thou Land! Remember thy Lord: Hath the fire of My love been extinguished in thee, and hath he who was steadfast in My service and who spoke My praise - whereby the atoms cried out “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end” - grown heedless? And We make mention of the cities whose names have not been mentioned; verily He is the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. O people of Kha! The Lord of Names remembereth you and giveth you glad tidings of His mercy and His loving-kindness. He, verily, is the Most Generous, the Ancient of Days. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and turneth unto him who hath turned unto Him, as a bounty from His presence; and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. This is a Day whereon the Most Great Ocean hath surged and the river of thy Lord’s mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath flowed. Deprive not yourselves of that which hath appeared in creation, and follow not every ignorant doubter. Cast the world behind you, clinging to the hem of the robe of God, the Lord of this mighty Day. The world hath been illumined by the lights of My Most Great Name, yet most of the people are heedless.

O ye who are transported with joy! Rejoice in that the Countenance of God hath turned towards you from this exalted horizon with such effulgent rays as have illumined earth and heaven and set aglow the hearts of them that have drawn nigh. We have made mention of you aforetime in words that no created thing in the kingdom of names can rival, and now We make mention of you in this remembrance which draweth you nearer unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention of you in that which shall profit you in all the worlds of God - to this every discerning soul beareth witness. Blessed is he who hath been set aflame by the fire of the Tree of My Cause, who hath arisen to serve Me and hath spoken forth My beauteous remembrance.

O ye who are faithful! This is the Day whereon the rustling of the Sadratu’l-Muntaha and the flowing of the Kawthar of life are heard throughout all creation. Drink ye thereof in My Name, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the veils of the divines withhold you from the Lord of all names, or the clamor of the objectors, who have broken God’s Covenant and His Testament and have followed every accursed satan, debar you.

O concourse of divines! Come, come, that I may show you what your eyes have never seen and cause you to hear what your ears have never heard. Fear God, then judge with fairness this Cause, at Whose appearance all things have proclaimed: “Blessed be the Lord of Names, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.” At this moment We make mention of My servant Ahmad, who gave the people glad tidings of this Most Great Name. He awaited My days and informed the people of My manifestation, and ascended before dawn unto the Most Exalted Companion, attaining that which was ordained for him by One mighty and faithful. Through him the sweet savors of divine knowledge were wafted among the servants - to this the Lord of creation, Who speaketh in this glorious station, beareth witness. We have mentioned him in numerous Tablets in such wise as hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh.

And We make mention of him who was named Aqa before Ba’, who recognized the Most Great Name and responded to his Lord when the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven. He was not shaken by the earthquakes of the earth, nor was he veiled by the veils of the divines, nor did he hesitate in this Most Great, Most Holy, Mighty, and Wondrous Cause. He attained true knowledge when the All-Merciful came with an authority before which the hosts of earth and heaven could not stand - to this every just and knowing one beareth witness.

O thou who bearest this name! Rejoice in that the Supreme Pen maketh mention of thee and saith: The first remembrance that issued from the mouth of the Will of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, be upon thee, O thou who didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and didst cling to the hem of grandeur when people were in manifest confusion. I bear witness that thou didst turn thy face to the Countenance of God after the passing of all things, and didst believe in the One, the All-Informed. The rapture of thy Lord’s utterance seized thee in such wise that thou didst turn and acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of the world: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.” Thou didst arise in the love of God when the feet of the nations had slipped, save whom God pleased - thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. God hath forgiven thee at the time of thine ascension, purified thee, and admitted thee into an exalted station. Blessed is he who remembereth thee with that wherewith the Tongue of Grandeur hath remembered thee. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Wise. Peace be upon thee, and glory be upon thee, and light be upon thee, inasmuch as thou didst believe in God when He appeared in truth and didst drink His choice sealed wine in His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus have We adorned the pages of the Book of Knowledge with the suns of remembrance and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless.

If all who dwell on earth and whatsoever hath been ordained, created and is visible therein were to become tongues and endeavor forever to render thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, could they succeed? Nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! Never could anyone adequately render thanks for this supreme bounty and mighty favor. He is ever engaged in mentioning His loved ones. Who can reckon what hath been revealed from His Most Exalted Pen for His chosen ones, His loved ones, His trusted ones and His servants? We beseech the Exalted One to make aware the peoples of the earth and not deprive them of this greatest bounty. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

As to the mention that was made of the honored Afnan, upon them be His most glorious Baha, these exalted words were revealed some time ago from the Dayspring of utterance, the Lord of Names. He, exalted be His glory, saith: O thou who art present! These blessed, steadfast and enkindled souls have turned with utmost love, spirit and fragrance toward the Court of God. They have moved for the sake of God and emigrated in His path. This holy turning has been from God and unto God shall it return. They have turned from their earthly home to the most exalted habitation, the seat of the throne of the Lord of Names. They have chosen exile in My path and hardship and tribulation for My remembrance and love. O thou who art present! Though they have borne mighty tribulations, yet by My life these are as naught compared to the ordained reward. God willing, may they attain to what God hath intended for them and be thankful for whatsoever hath befallen them. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loveth them and he who holdeth fast unto them, for God hath related them unto Himself and made them of the Afnan, and hath preferred some of them above others. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

That which was recorded in the Tablet of Fu'ad from the utterances of God, exalted be His glory, this evanescent one hath mentioned, otherwise who can reckon what descendeth from the kingdom of the will of our Lord, and who can transcribe that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth at all times save through His grace, His might, His bounty and His all-pervading existence? This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to all the friends of God and giveth them glad tidings of that which rejoiceth hearts and delighteth eyes. God willing, may the warmth of divine love adorn the body of separation with the garment of unity and concord. Verily, He hath commanded and commandeth all with that which profiteth them, and He hath counseled them in most of the Tablets to unity and harmony. How excellent is the reward of them that act! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. May the glory shining from the horizon of eternity rest upon thee and upon those who are there and upon them who hold fast to the cord of God, the Strong One.

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

O ye the embodiments of justice and equity and the manifestations of uprightness and of heavenly bounties! In tears and lamenting, this Wronged One calleth aloud and saith: O God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy loved ones with the crown of detachment and attire their temples with the raiment of righteousness. It behoveth the people of Baha to render the Lord victorious through the power of their utterance and to admonish the people by their goodly deeds and character, inasmuch as deeds exert greater influence than words.

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

How great the difference between the condition of these people and the station of such valiant souls as have passed beyond the sea of names and pitched their tents upon the shores of the ocean of detachment. Indeed none but a few of the existing generation hath yet earned the merit of hearkening unto the warblings of the doves of the all-highest Paradise. 'Few of My servants are truly thankful.'

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

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

The people of Baha burn brightly amidst the gatherings even as a candle and hold fast unto that which God hath […]

This station standeth supreme above all stations. Well is it with him who hath cast away the things that the people of the world possess, yearning for that which pertaineth unto God, the Sovereign Lord of eternity.

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

O thou who hast turned thy gaze towards My face! In these days there occurred that which hath plunged Me into dire sadness. Certain wrong-doers who profess allegiance to the Cause of God committed such deeds as have caused the limbs of sincerity, of honesty, of justice, of equity to quake. One known individual to whom the utmost kindness and favour had been extended perpetrated such acts as have brought tears to the eye of God. Formerly We uttered words of warning and premonition, then for a number of years We kept the matter secret that haply he might take heed and repent. But all to no purpose. In the end he bent his energies upon vilifying the Cause of God before the eyes of all men. He

tore the veil of fairness asunder and felt sympathy neither for himself nor for the Cause of God. Now, however, the deeds of certain individuals have brought sorrows far more grievous than those which the deeds of the former had caused. Beseech thou God, the True One, that He may graciously enable the heedless to retract and repent. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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

In brief, dissensions among various sects have opened the way to weakness. Each sect hath picked out a way for itself and is clinging to a certain cord. Despite manifest blindness and ignorance they pride themselves on their insight and knowledge. Among them are mystics who bear allegiance […]

The rays emanate from the sun and reveal its nature, but are not the sun itself. Whatsoever can be discerned on earth amply demonstrateth the power of God, His knowledge and the outpourings of His bounty, while He Himself is immeasurably exalted above all creatures. Christ saith: 'Thou hast granted to children that whereof the learned and the wise are deprived.' The sage of Sabzivar hath said: 'Alas! Attentive ears are lacking, otherwise the whisperings of the Sinaic Bush could be heard from every tree.' In a Tablet to a man of wisdom who had made enquiry as to the meaning of Elementary Reality, We addressed this famous sage in these words: 'If this saying is truly thine, how is it that thou hast failed to hearken unto the Call which the Tree of Man hath raised from the loftiest heights of the world? If thou didst hear the Call yet fear and the desire to preserve thy life prompted thee to remain heedless to it, thou art such a person as hath never been nor is worthy of mention; if thou hast not heard it, then thou art bereft of the sense of hearing.' In brief, such men are they whose words are the pride of the world, and whose deeds are the shame of the nations. Verily We have sounded the Trumpet which is none other than My Pen of Glory, and lo, mankind hath swooned away before it, save them whom God pleaseth to deliver as a token of His grace. He is the Lord of bounty, the Ancient of Days. Say: O concourse of divines! Pronounce ye censure against this Pen unto which, as soon as it raised its shrill […]

O mankind, the fear of God is the source of all good qualities in man and his true guardian. Happy is he who is adorned therewith and woe betide him who giveth not heed thereto.

On this Day when the Day Star of true understanding hath risen above the horizon of God's Holy Dispensation We have decreed that every son shall learn some craft or profession, regarding such an occupation as identical with the worship of God. This is a bounty from God in this Day. In truth, knowledge is a veritable treasure for man and a source of glory, grace, joy, exaltation, cheer and gladness unto him. Happy is the man who cleaveth unto it and woe to him who turneth away therefrom.

It is incumbent upon the children to exert themselves to the utmost in acquiring the art of reading and writing. Writing skills that will serve them in their life are among the most praiseworthy accomplishments of man. When children are still small they should study those branches of knowledge which will profit them, that both they themselves may derive benefits therefrom and may also impart them to others. What is meant by this is that they should acquire the knowledge which may prove beneficial to the peoples of the earth.

Truly I say: Whatever diminisheth fear diminisheth wisdom. Fear is essential to right conduct and what is essential to order must not be ignored. In truth, among all men they that fear none but God and take pride in naught but what He exalteth are accounted among the departed ere their departure.

[…] rank before the Concourse on High. It behoveth all to aid such just sovereigns. Blessed is that ruler who checketh the reins of his passion, who restraineth his anger and preferreth justice and fairness to injustice and tyranny.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the fifth leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is this: Above all else, the greatest gift and the most wondrous blessing hath ever been and will continue to be Wisdom. It is man's unfailing Protector. It aideth him and strengtheneth him. Wisdom is God's Emissary and the Revealer of His Name the All-Wise. Through it the loftiness of man's station is made manifest and evident. It is all-knowing and the foremost Teacher in the school of existence. It is the Guide and is invested with high distinction. Thanks to its educating influence earthly beings have become imbued with a gem-like spirit which outshineth the heavens. In the city of justice it is the unrivalled Speaker Who, in the year nine, illumined the world with the joyful tidings of this Revelation. And it was this peerless Source of wisdom that, at the beginning of the foundation of the world, ascended the stair of inner meaning and when enthroned upon the pulpit of utterance, through the operation of the divine Will, proclaimed two words. The first heralded the promise of reward, while the second voiced the ominous warning of punishment. The promise gave rise to hope and the warning begat fear. Thus the basis of world order hath been firmly established upon these twin principles. Exalted is the Lord of Wisdom, the Possessor of Great Bounty.

[As this text is already in English, no translation is needed. The text appears to be from Tablets of Baha'u'llah and consists of passages from the fifth and sixth leaves of the Most Exalted Paradise.]

Thus hath the Tongue of this Wronged One spoken from His Most Great Prison. The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the seventh leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is this: O ye men of wisdom among nations! Shut your eyes to estrangement, then fix your gaze upon unity. Cleave tenaciously unto that which will lead to the wellbeing and tranquillity of all mankind. This span of earth is but one homeland and one habitation. It behoveth you to abandon vainglory which causeth alienation and to set your hearts on whatever will ensure harmony. In the estimation of the people of Baha man's glory lieth in his knowledge, his upright conduct, his praiseworthy character, his wisdom, and not in his nationality or rank. O people of the earth! Appreciate the value of this heavenly word. Indeed it may be likened unto a ship for the ocean of knowledge and a shining luminary for the realm of perception.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the eighth leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is the following: Schools must first train the children in the principles of religion, so that the Promise and the Threat recorded in the Books of God may prevent them from the things forbidden and adorn them with the mantle of the commandments; but this in such a measure that it may not injure the children by resulting in ignorant fanaticism and bigotry. It is incumbent upon the Trustees of the House of Justice to take counsel together regarding those things which have not outwardly been revealed in the Book, and to enforce that which is agreeable to them. God will verily inspire them with whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Provider, the Omniscient. We have formerly ordained that people should converse in two

languages, yet efforts must be made to reduce them to one, likewise the scripts of the world, that men's lives may not be dissipated and wasted in learning divers languages. Thus the whole earth would come to be regarded as one city and one land.

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

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

Charity is pleasing and praiseworthy in the sight of God and is regarded as a prince among goodly deeds. Consider ye and call to mind that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: 'They prefer them before themselves, though poverty be their own lot. And with such as are preserved from their own covetousness shall it be well.' Viewed in this light, the blessed utterance above is, in truth, the day-star of utterances. Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself. Verily, such a man is reckoned, by virtue of the Will of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, with the people of Baha who dwell in the Crimson Ark.

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

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

My outer Being. God grant that all men may turn unto the treasuries latent within their own beings. O people of Baha! The source of crafts, sciences and arts is the power of reflection. Make ye every effort that out of this ideal mine there may gleam forth such pearls of wisdom and utterance as will promote the well-being and harmony of all the kindreds of the earth. Under all conditions, whether in adversity or at ease, whether honoured or afflicted, this Wronged One hath directed all men to show forth love, affection, compassion and harmony. And yet whenever there was any slight evidence of progress and advancement, those concealed behind the veils would sally forth and utter calumnies more wounding than the sword. They cling unto misleading and reprehensible words and suffer themselves to be deprived of the ocean of verses revealed by God. If these obstructing veils had not intervened Persia would, in some two years, have been subdued through the power of utterance, the position of both the government and the people would have been raised and the Supreme Goal, unveiled and unconcealed, would have appeared in the plenitude of glory. In short, sometimes in explicit language, at other times by allusion, We said whatever had to be said. Thus, once Persia had been rehabilitated, the sweet savours of the Word of God would have wafted over all countries, inasmuch as that which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen is conducive to the glory, the advancement and education of all the peoples and kindreds of the earth. Indeed it is the sovereign remedy for every disease, could they but comprehend and perceive it. Recently the Afnans and Amin - upon them be My glory and loving kindness - attained Our presence and beheld Our countenance; likewise Nabil, the son of Nabil and the son of Samandar - upon them rest the glory of God and His loving kindness - are present and have drunk the cup of reunion. We entreat God that He may graciously ordain for them the good of this world and of the next and that the outpouring of His blessing and grace may descend upon them from the heaven of His generosity and the clouds of His tender compassion. Verily of those who show mercy He is the Most Merciful, and He is the Gracious, the Beneficent. O Haydar ’Ali! Thine other letter which thou hadst forwarded through him who beareth the title of Jud (Bounty) hath reached Our holy court. Praised be God! It was adorned with the light of divine unity and of detachment and was ablaze with the fire of love and affection. Pray thou unto God that He may grant keenness to the eyes and illumine them with a new light, perchance they may perceive that which hath no parallel nor peer. In this day the verses of the Mother Book are resplendent […]

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

Glorified be God! One wondereth by what proof or reason the disbelievers among the people of the Bayan have turned away from the Lord of being. In truth the station of this Revelation transcendeth the station of whatever hath been manifested in the past or will be made manifest in the future. Were the Point of the Bayan present in this day and should He, God forbid, hesitate to acknowledge this Cause,

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

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

Say: O Yahya (Azal), produce a single verse, if thou dost possess divinely-inspired knowledge. These words were formerly spoken by My Herald Who at this hour proclaimeth: 'Verily, verily, I am the first to adore Him.' Be fair, O My brother. Art thou able to express thyself when brought face to face with the billowing ocean of Mine utterance? Canst thou unloose thy tongue when confronted with the shrill voice of My Pen? Hast thou any power […]

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

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

Thou hast mentioned Husayn. We have attired his temple with the robe of forgiveness and adorned his head with the crown of pardon. It beseemeth him to pride himself among all men upon this resplendent,

this radiant and manifest bounty. Say: Be not despondent. After the revelation of this blessed verse it is as though thou hast been born anew from thy mother's womb. Say: Thou art free from sin and error. Truly God hath purged thee with the living waters of His utterance in His Most Great Prison. We entreat Him - blessed and exalted is He - to graciously confirm thee in extolling Him and in magnifying His glory.

exultation and delight. O people of Tar! Through the strengthening grace of God bestowed by this Revelation, ye are indeed endowed with wisdom and understanding. Therefore ye must direct your minds and your hearts to the Dawning-Place of these resplendent favors wherein lieth hidden that which no tongue can utter. Let not your understanding be confined within the bounds of human conventions and customs, for We have exalted this Day far above the comprehensions of mankind. None shall attain unto these heights save through complete detachment from all things earthly and through sincere adherence to whatsoever hath been revealed by the All-Merciful. This is that whereby ye shall be aided to reach a station wherein ye shall behold with your own eyes the effulgence of His light and hearken with your own ears unto the sweet melodies of His divine wisdom. The people of Baha must be like unto the letters and words that have been revealed in this Day - outwardly they appear limited and finite, yet within them are enshrined infinite meanings and unlimited mysteries. May the mercy of God assist ye to recognize in this Revelation that which eyeth have failed to perceive and whereunto ascendeth the Paradise of all names. Let your hearts be filled with gladness, but be not exultant in pride, for exultation in self leadeth to vainglory and pride. Let your joy be the joy of those who have recognized this truth - that all glory belongeth unto God and that His servants can lay claim to nothing save through His grace and bounty. Implore ye the one true God to grant that ye may taste the sweetness of His remembrance and praise. This is that which profiteth you both in this world and in the next.

delight and to deliver himself from the fire of remoteness. O people of Tar! Through the strengthening power of My Name seize ye the chalice of knowledge, drink then your fill in defiance of the people of the world who have broken the Covenant of God and His Testament, rejected His proofs and clear tokens, and cavilled at His signs which have pervaded all that are in heaven and on earth. The disbelievers among the people of the Bayan are like the followers of the Shi'ih sect and walk in their footsteps. Leave them to their idle fancies and vain imaginings. They are in truth accounted with the lost in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Shi'ih divines, one and all, are now engaged in reviling and denouncing the True One from their pulpits. Gracious God! Dawlat-Abadi too hath followed suit. He ascended the pulpit and gave voice to that which hath caused the Tablet to cry out in anguish and the Pen to wail. Meditate upon his conduct and the conduct of Ashraf - upon him be My glory and My tender mercy - and likewise consider those loved ones who hastened to the place of martyrdom in My Name, and offered up their lives in the path of Him Who is the Desire of the world.

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

O people of Tar! We send you greetings from this Spot and beseech God - blessed and exalted is He - to give you to drink the choice wine of constancy from the hand of His favour. Verily, He is the Lord of

Bounty, the Gracious, the All-Praised. Leave ye unto themselves the immature ones of the world - they that are moved by selfish desire and cling to the exponents of idle fancy. Verily He is your Helper and Succourer. He is, in truth, potent to do whatsoever He willeth. No God is there but Him, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Most Great.

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

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In the name of the One Beloved One

The fragrance of sorrows hath encompassed the Beauty of the All-Merciful, and the gates of joy and gladness have been shut by reason of the tyranny of the rebellious among the people of the Bayan. Fie upon them! It is most certain, evident and proven that every previous Manifestation hath given glad tidings of the subsequent Revelation according to the stations and capacities of the people - some through allusion and some through subtle intimations. But the previous Manifestation, beyond what can be conceived and comprehended, strove in counseling and educating the people of the Bayan. Yet that which came to pass came to pass. We make mention of but one word, and We ask fairness of the people of the Bayan: Is it recorded in any passage of the divine Books that at the time of the subsequent Manifestation ye should tarry in accepting His Cause? Say: Produce it, if ye be truthful, nay, by my Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! Furthermore, is it recorded in any passage of the Bayan that if someone should appear with verses ye should deny him or arise to slay him? And should anyone entertain doubts concerning these verses, such doubts would be identical to those raised by the exponents of perdition at the time of the appearance of the Manifestations of the Cause. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that if the newly-revealed verses are denied, none would be able to establish the validity of previous verses. And since the Point of the Bayan - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - was anticipating these days and what His servants would perpetrate, naught but firm counsels, sound admonitions and goodly exhortations concerning this Revelation flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. The Book of Names was revealed - consider what was its purpose. He specifically named it the Book of Names, and in those tablets He made mention of all names, one after another, and interpreted them, and then counseled the Manifestations of Names to turn to the Creator of Names.

O heart of the world! Hast thou an ear to hear what the Dove of Sorrows warbleth in this time wherein the cry of Satan hath been raised after the call of the All-Merciful? For We find the people of the Bayan in heedlessness and manifest loss. By His beloved Self! None hath yet understood why divine books of every kind were revealed, particularly the Book of Names. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, inform you. But where are the pure ears that might hearken to the call that is raised at every moment from the direction of the Divine Unity? And where are the penetrating eyes that might perceive the lights of divine wisdom shining from these luminous words? The Self-Subsisting hath appeared with a manifest countenance, and He is the Beauty of the Nine promised unto all. Nevertheless, the fetid odors of

jealousy and hatred have so seized upon the wilderness that they are utterly fleeing from the divine fragrances and holy breezes. Say: O people! Follow not those against whom the word of punishment hath been fulfilled, from whose faces appeareth the wrath of God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. It is not known what they would have done had the Most Exalted Pen not moved with these counsels and exhortations. Nay, by Him Who hath made me independent of the worlds through what He hath graciously bestowed upon me, beyond what they have done and intend there was and is nothing possible. Strange it is that they recite the verses of God - by God, their Revealer curseth them and they perceive it not. The Beloved of all possibility, along with His firm and sound counsels, foretold what they would do, as hath come to pass.

The Beloved of all possibility, with firm and established counsels, hath foretold what they would do, as hath become manifest and shall yet be seen. Though no regard was shown them for the sake of God's Cause, they have displayed sincerity and servitude, while undermining His Cause and calling people unto themselves in all regions - one deed in secret, another in the open. Some justice is needed. This servant hath shown no enmity to anyone. It is most clear that whenever regard was withheld, it was for God's Cause, to manifest His sovereignty and exalt His Word. Whoever harbored rancor on this account was shown servitude, to the detriment of God's Cause and in rebellion against it. Not one of God's loved ones, purely for His sake, hath forbidden the idolaters from these abhorrent deeds. Hath no trace of divine fire remained in the hearts of men? Have the lights of the lamp of oneness not shone upon the hearts of creation? What hath happened that these temples have not been ignited by this fire, nor illumined by these lights? Say: O caravans of the cities of mystical knowledge! The true dawn hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of God's holy will. Make haste that ye may join the hosts of those near unto God. Assuredly, the lighter your movement the better. Cast off the burden of perverse allusions and turn toward the realm of divine unity. The Most Exalted Pen declareth: Do ye not hear My lamentation and sighing, or do ye hear but comprehend not? If ye cannot soar in the atmospheres of inner meanings, then soar in the atmosphere of words. If ye cannot comprehend the wondrous Arabic verses of this Revelation, reflect upon the Persian Bayan which I revealed aforetime and the Persian words revealed in this Manifestation, that ye may find a way to the truth. By Him Who hath kindled the fire of His love in my heart in such wise that the waters of the opposition of all the worlds cannot quench it! The Primal Point had no purpose save this Manifestation - may my spirit be sacrificed for His Being. He did not fall short in proclaiming My Cause, but the people are neglectful and remiss. Whosoever for one hour detacheth himself, for the sake of God, from veils and allusions, and pondereth what hath been revealed from God's Kingdom in Arabic and Persian, by God, he will cut himself from the worlds and lament for this wronged, imprisoned Stranger. Solid rocks wail at God's Word, yet mankind remaineth in grievous heedlessness. This is why it was revealed aforetime in God's Books that rivers flow from rocks, yet no trace appeareth from the hearts of the wicked. God, the Exalted, the Great, hath spoken true. Know, O questioner, that God's Word comprehendeth all meanings - that is, all divine meanings and mysteries lie hidden within it. Blessed is he who attaineth unto it and bringeth forth the hidden pearls thereof. Consider the dawning of God's Word like unto the dawning of the sun. Just as the sun, after its rising, shineth upon all things, in the same way doth the Sun of the Word, which hath dawned from the horizon of divine will, shed its radiance upon all. I seek God's forgiveness for this comparison, for the visible sun deriveth from the all-

embracing Word. Ponder that thou mayest know. However, the shining of the visible sun is perceived by the outward eye[…]

Consider the effulgence of the Divine Word to be like unto the effulgence of the sun. Just as the sun, after its rising, sheds its radiance upon all things, in like manner doth the Sun of the Word, which hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Will, cast its rays upon all beings. God forbid such a comparison, for the visible sun itself deriveth its light from the all-encompassing Word. Ponder this, that thou mayest understand. However, the radiance of the visible sun is perceived by the outward eye, while the effulgence of the Sun of the Word is discerned by the inner eye. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! Were the inner power and sustaining force of the Divine Word to be withdrawn for but a moment from the world and its peoples, all would cease to exist and pass into nothingness. Should one gaze with divine vision, he would witness its effulgence and splendors in all things; likewise, should one hearken with pure ears, he would hear at all times the primal Call of God. The divine Call is forever raised, yet ears are shut out; the light and splendors of the Day-Star of the horizons are manifest, yet eyes remain veiled.

O discerning physician! A physician is needed who may, through the Greatest Elixir, heal the affliction of the eyes and transmute the copper of existence into gold. Would that the realm of the knowledge of the Best-Beloved of the worlds might be expanded through the existence of the mature ones, that from the manifest letters of the Word infinite knowledge might appear and be detailed! An ailment hath afflicted the people which is most difficult to cure, save for those who seek healing from the Most Great Antidote. And it is this: that every soul who hath inhaled, by his own fancy, a whiff of knowledge, hath imagined the Truth to be like unto himself, and most are afflicted with this malady today. This hath caused them to remain deprived of the Truth and what lieth with Him. Beseech ye God to purify the hearts and sharpen the vision, that perchance they may know themselves, distinguish the Truth from all else, and comprehend the divine purpose in the revealed verses. Had the peoples attained unto the divine purpose, they would not have remained veiled at the time of His manifestation. Although they recited the divine Book for years, they failed to grasp a single letter of its meaning, being utterly veiled and heedless of its purpose, though all was recorded and inscribed in God's Book. All were deprived to such extent that even some matters known to the common people were unknown to those who counted themselves among the elect - such as the presence of the Qa'im in the well-known city. So firm were they in this belief that they condemned to death anyone who suggested that His Holiness would be born. Consider how remote and deprived the learned ones were, until in the year sixty the veil was rent asunder and all that was hidden became manifest. Likewise concerning the Resurrection and all pertaining to it - none had attained to a drop from the ocean of these utterances in God's Book, all having mistaken the mirage for water, as was witnessed. Beyond these matters, they remained veiled from the very knowledge of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and the dust of fancy and the clay of conjecture prevented all creation from the divine presence, until the Most Great Purifier came and bathed the people in the most pure Kawthar, inviting them to the most luminous horizon and giving them glad tidings. Now observe what was revealed were excellences of which all were heedless. And if it be said that all was concealed and treasured in God's Book, and that in the manifestation of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him - the veiled meanings in the divine words emerged from behind the veil in the chambers of utterance, this is the truth in which there is no doubt. And if it be said that what was

mentioned before in summary came to be explained and detailed, this is the truth in which there is no doubt. And if it be said that what appeared in this wondrous Revelation had no precedent and all is new, this saying too is correct and complete. For if God, exalted be His mention, should today utter a word that all people past and future have uttered and will utter, that word would be new, were ye to reflect. Consider the word of unity, which the Manifestations of Truth have uttered in every Revelation […]

Consider the word of Divine Unity, for in every Dispensation the Manifestations of Truth have voiced it and all peoples of diverse faiths have uttered this goodly word. Yet in each Revelation it hath been renewed, and never hath its quality of innovation been taken from it. When God uttereth a word, a fresh spirit is breathed into that word, and the breezes of life from that word waft over all things, both outwardly and inwardly. None can tell for how long the effects of God's word, as manifested in the horizons without and within, shall endure.

That some people should speak of certain imaginary concepts and take pride and glory in them is wholly rejected and unmentionable in God's sight, for true glory lies in recognizing God and in steadfastness and firmness in His Cause, not in outward utterances. As the previous Manifestation hath stated these truths, observe ye that ye may understand. For instance, those who have ascended to the pinnacle of recognition and those who remain at the lowest level are accounted as one in God's presence, for the nobility of knowledge and wisdom lies not in knowledge itself but in whether it leads to recognition of God and acceptance of Him. Otherwise it is rejected. All words in that realm are mentioned in the same degree - for example, if one were to say "begotten" it would be as His saying "neither begetteth nor is begotten."

Although outwardly the divine abstraction from all likeness and peer represents the highest stage of human understanding - as this station is indeed considered most lofty among people - yet even this distinction depends on God's acceptance and is realized through His will. Thus in the Dispensation of the Qur'an and the Bayan, the divine Will was attached to pure abstraction and absolute sanctification. Therefore the effects of these utterances became fixed and manifest in the hearts of the servants. Otherwise, that Ancient Beauty is sanctified above all such contingent words and that most holy Court is exalted above all such expressions. One must look to the root of God's Cause, not to the high or low stations of verbal recognition established among creatures.

Would that I could reveal what is hidden! Yet incapacity stems from the veiling of souls, for verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. At one time He said "Thou shalt not see Me" and at another time He said "Look and thou shalt see Me." In brief, today whosoever accepteth that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will hath attained the ultimate pinnacle of recognition, and without this he is deprived and as nothing. We beseech God to assist us and you to be steadfast in this Cause, through which the kingdom of names was revolutionized and the inhabitants of the cities of creation were intoxicated, save those whom guidance preceded from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who art turned towards Me! Ponder well on that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, that the gates of infinite knowledge may be opened before thy heart's countenance, and thou mayest find thyself independent of all save God. Think not that the Revelation of Truth is confined to the manifestation of outward knowledge and the alteration of established laws among mankind. Rather, at

the time of its appearance, all things become the bearers of boundless grace and capacities, and these shall be revealed according to the requirements of time and earthly means. In this connection, a brief response was sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will to one of the Christian priests dwelling in the great city, and here we mention some of it, that perchance certain servants may become aware of some of God's consummate wisdom that is hidden from sight. His exalted Word declares: "Thy letter hath been presented in the Kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and We have taken it with fragrance and spirit, and have answered thee before thy question. Reflect that thou mayest know, and this is from the grace of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this, though it be veiled. It shall be unveiled unto thee when God willeth and desireth, and thou shalt behold what no eye hath seen."

O thou who art immersed in the sea of divine knowledge and who gazeth toward thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Know thou that this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Consider, then remember him who was named Peter in the Kingdom of God. Verily, despite his exalted station, his sublime rank and his lofty position, his feet nearly slipped from the straight path. But the hand of grace seized him and preserved him from error, and made him to be of those endued with certitude. If thou wert to recognize this melody wherewith the Dove coothed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, thou wouldst surely be convinced that what was mentioned aforetime hath been fulfilled in truth. Then shall one feast in the Kingdom of God upon eternal and everlasting bounty, and drink from the Kawthar of realities and the Salsabil of inner meanings. But the people are veiled by a mighty veil. Verily, those who heard this call and remained heedless thereof - it would have been better for them had they not existed than to hesitate in this Cause. Yet that which was to appear hath appeared, and the matter hath been decided by God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

Say: O people! The Spirit hath come again to fulfill for you what He said before. Thus were ye promised in the Tablets, did ye but know. Verily, He sayeth as He said, and He sacrificed His spirit as He sacrificed it the first time, out of love for those who are in the heavens and on earth. Know thou that when the Son yielded up His spirit, all things wept, but through His sacrifice of spirit all things were made ready, as thou dost witness and behold in all creation. From every wise one wisdom was manifested, from every learned one knowledge was detailed, from every craftsman crafts appeared, and from every sovereign power was revealed - all through the confirmation of His transcendent, all-pervading, luminous spirit.

We testify that when He came into the world, He shed His radiance upon all created things. Through Him every leper was cleansed from the disease of ignorance and blindness, every sick one was healed from the malady of heedlessness and desire, the eyes of every blind one were opened, and every soul was purified by One mighty and powerful. In one sense, leprosy referreth to whatsoever veils the servant from the recognition of his Lord, and he who is veiled is indeed a leper and shall not be mentioned in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praised. We testify that through the Word of God every leper was purified, every afflicted one was healed, and every sick one was cured. Verily it is the Purifier of the world. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it with a luminous countenance.

Know thou that He Who ascended to heaven hath in truth descended, and through Him the breezes of grace wafted over the world - and thy Lord is witness to what I say. The world was perfumed by His return

and His appearance, but those who are occupied with the world and its ornaments perceive not the fragrance of the garment, and We find them in grievous error. Say: The Bell peals with His Name and the Trumpet with His mention, and He Himself testifies to His own Self. Blessed are they that know. But today the leper is cleansed before being told "Be thou pure," and through His manifestation the world and its people have been healed of every disease and sickness. Exalted be this grace that no grace hath preceded it, and exalted be this mercy that hath embraced all the worlds.

O thou who art mentioned in the Kingdom of God! Rise up by the power of thy Lord and say: O people of the earth! He Who is the Quickener of the world hath come, and He Who kindleth the fire in the heart of the world hath appeared. The Herald hath called out in the holy wilderness in the name of Ali-before-Nabil, and hath announced unto the people the meeting with God in the Most Glorious Paradise, whose gate hath been opened through grace unto the faces of those who have turned towards Him. That which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the first and the last, hath been fulfilled, and he that willeth may partake thereof, for verily it is a wondrous sustenance. Say: The Most Great Bell hath appeared, and the hand of the Divine Will ringeth it in the Paradise of Oneness. Hearken, O people, and be not of the heedless ones.

God willing, souls shall appear who will comprehend the purpose of God, exalted be His glory, from these utterances, and who will strive with the utmost submissiveness and humility to protect and safeguard His Cause from the rejected polytheistic souls. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Whosoever hath been blessed with a drop from the Kawthar of utterance perceiveth that in the Manifestation of the Point of the Bayan there appeared that which had been hidden from eternity, and this Manifestation and the previous one are identical to the appearance of John the son of Zacharias and the Spirit. This hath been mentioned in some of the revealed Tablets - consider ye this.

This is that Manifestation Who hath come for the capacity of the people of the world. The time of the passing away of the world and its people hath arrived. He Who was eternal hath come to bestow eternal life, to make enduring, and to grant the essence of life. That which was revealed in the Bayan hath been fulfilled. This is that promised Beauty Who said, "He Who cometh after Me is before Me." His was that call raised between heaven and earth saying "Make straight the divine stations" - meaning the hearts - and it was the same call that John the son of Zacharias made before the Spirit, saying "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord."

Better would it be for a viper to be born of its mother than for a human to be born and become known for opposition in the Divine Kingdom. Blessed are the barren; woe unto those who nurse! Say: The Supreme Pen declareth: O ye who are lost in the wilderness of passion! Ye reject Me while claiming to accept him who spoke in My remembrance. Ye speak falsely, O people of darkness who flee from the resplendent morn! Were ye to draw nigh, assuredly your rejected deeds of self would be exposed in the light. Woe unto those souls who are heedless of these days and their fruit! Soon shall they lament for themselves and find none to console them. Blessed are the truthful ones who have attained unto manifest truth. Blessed are the knowing ones who have recognized the straight path of God and turned unto His Kingdom. Blessed are the joyous and sincere ones whose heart-lamps are lit with the oil of the recognition of the All-Merciful and are protected by the glass of detachment from the blowing of the

winds of sorrow and trial. Well is it with the stout-hearted whose hearts have not been weakened by the oppression of the tyrants, and well is it with the seeing ones who have fixed their gaze upon eternity […]

How blessed is the state of them that are endowed with vision, who have become fully aware of both permanence and evanescence, have turned their faces toward that which endureth forever, and are remembered among the people of eternity in the most exalted heaven. Their hearts shall surely not weaken, for they are possessed of insight. Say: O servants! In either case ye shall be slain and sacrificed, whether by the swords of illness or by the swords of the heedless. This being so, if ye should be put to death by the swords of the idolaters in the path of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, this would be more beloved and befitting, for the blood-money is the Beloved Himself. Forget not this precious fruit, nor let it slip from your grasp. How blessed is the state of the righteous, from whose deeds the sweet fragrance of divine acceptance is wafted abroad. How wretched is the state of the tale-bearers, the mischief-makers, and the oppressors, even should they appear among men with wealth and glory. Erelong shall sudden abasement and endless wrath lay hold upon such souls. The Word that was formerly revealed hath at all times appeared with a wondrous spirit from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of the All-Merciful - that Word which I addressed to the Son, meaning the Spirit, saying: Moses came for religion and ritual, and the son of Zachariah for baptism, but I am come to give everlasting life and to bring them into the eternal Kingdom. Say: O friends! Thieves and traitors lie in wait in their ambush. O bearers of the trust of the All-Merciful! Be not heedless, but guard the pearls of divine love from the robbers. I swear by the Day-Star of the horizon of inner meanings that whoso faileth in this Day to rend asunder the veils of idle fancies shall not hear the divine call. Well is it with such souls as have shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the power of God and, having heard the call of the All-Merciful, have risen from among the dead. Upon them be wafted the sweet savors of God, the Lord of names and attributes.

O people of the earth! The call of the All-Merciful hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the heart of the world hath been set ablaze by the hearing of the divine Word, and yet the cold-hearted remain in the graves of heedlessness and oblivion. They have not felt its warmth, much less its flame. They shall abide forever in their graves. Arise, O people, to the aid of God! The Self-Subsisting hath come unto you - He of Whom the Qa'im gave you tidings. Through Him the Most Great Convulsion and the Supreme Ordeal have appeared. The sincere rejoice at His manifestation, while the idolaters are consumed by the fire of malice. Say: I adjure you by God, O people of the Bayan, to be fair in but one word: your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath not made this Cause dependent upon anything that hath been created in all existence, even as was revealed in the Bayan - yet ye have done to His Beloved what ye have done. Had this Revelation been made contingent upon aught beside Him, ye would not have perpetrated such acts, O company of oppressors! Is there any that hath a hearing ear or penetrating vision, that he might hear and perceive? Say: The Eye of God weepeth, while ye sport and play. O ye at whom the Concourse on high stand bewildered because of your deeds!

O My friends! Ye are the fountains of My utterance. From each of you floweth a drop from the river of divine meaning. With the arm of certitude cleanse these fountains from the debris of doubts and vain imaginings, that from you may appear firm and conclusive answers to questions such as these. In this Most Great Revelation, all must become manifest in sciences and wisdom, for all creatures, nay all things, have in these days that admit of no doubt received, each according to its capacity, the outpourings of

divine grace through the breathing of the divine breezes. Within the depths of the revealed Words lieth the answer to both the mentioned questions and the hidden mysteries. God willing, gaze upon His words with divine vision that ye may understand what was intended. This very question was asked of the Spirit, concerning the son of Zachariah who came and called the people to truth and performed the baptism. What was the purpose of his appearance, and what did He say concerning this Revelation? He came to bear witness unto Me and fulfilled that whereunto he was commanded, and I came to set ablaze the peoples of the world […]

O thou who gazest upon the Most Great Scene! Sorrows have reached such a degree that the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath been silenced from utterance. By God! Mine eye weepeth, and My tongue moveth, and My pen writeth that which floweth therefrom, as witnessed by him who standeth before My face. For the people of the Bayan have become so veiled that were they to witness today from anyone that which is contrary to what the Ancient and Eternal Truth, glorified be His majesty, hath ever commanded, they would accept it. For instance, the chief of prevaricators hath written that verses were a proof at the beginning of the Manifestation but are no longer so. Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair, by God, your Lord, the All-Merciful! Setting aside this divine Servant and the manifestations of eternal glory revealed in this Revelation, consider ye the entire Bayan and judge for yourselves. You who were not content with the judgment of Truth and what was sent down from His presence - yet Truth, if justice be observed, is content with your judgment, that perchance an eye might open in fairness and turn toward God. It is most evident that the entire Bayan, explicitly and without interpretation, opposeth this statement that turneth away from God. Nevertheless, with such audacity and without concealment they have opposed and continue to oppose the entire Bayan while considering themselves its champions. By God! The Bayan lamenteth because of them and curseth them. Now, for the sake of God, reflect a little: what is the cause of their striving with such audacity to violate the sanctity of God's Book? This is most obvious and clear that the cause is the acceptance of some among the people of the Bayan. Otherwise, by Him Who made Me speak with truth and manifested Me to establish His Cause, were they not confident, they would never show such audacity. This is among the most great wisdom of God revealed in the Bayan, such that not a line is inscribed therein except that it mentioneth, whether allusively or explicitly, that ye should not hesitate at the next Manifestation and should seek naught but verses. Nevertheless, they have denied and committed such momentous acts as ye all know, and none hath objected. Yet they have attributed to this Focal Point, by Whose will all books speak, that He hath abrogated the laws of the Bayan. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! This, despite the fact that by the explicit text of the Bayan, this Manifestation was and shall be the Chosen One, and the entire Bayan speaketh in His praise and herald His appearance, and whatsoever appeareth from Him is that which appeared from the previous Manifestation, and whosoever maketh a distinction is a polytheist and a liar, a doubting denier. And regarding the verses of the past, most of the followers of religions have witnessed supernatural occurrences from the Most Holy Court in such wise as cannot be described in words. Ask the city and those around it that the truth may become evident to you. It is not known what that objecting soul claimeth for himself. Nay, by the Self of Baha, he is but in grievous error. Beseech ye God to grant you the grace to succeed, that ye may remain steadfast upon the path of the Cause, for this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Soon shall its greatness become clear and evident. None shall endure save those who gaze

upon the Most Great Scene and are detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth for love of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Today is the Day to render victorious the Cause of God. It is incumbent upon every soul to summon the people to the divine realm with the utmost steadfastness. Make ye a mighty effort, so that perchance those who have strayed in the wilderness of self and passion may turn their faces toward the most holy and glorious horizon. From souls will come forth effects that are and ever shall be cherished, for the fruit of every soul is its effect. A soul without effect is, in the Most Sublime Vision, accounted as a tree without fruit. Speak ye for the sake of God and teach His Cause for His sake. Look not to rejection or acceptance, but rather to the service whereunto ye have been bidden by God. This is the most great favor, eternal success, everlasting fruit, and the bestowal of Truth at all times, and His outpouring grace hath reached and shall continue to reach in every season. Whoso is His, verily He is with him and will aid him with truth, and He, verily, hath power over all things. And the Glory be upon you, O My loved ones, with the everlastingness of My Kingdom and the permanence of My Dominion.

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O SON OF GLORY!

Be swift in the path of holiness, and enter the heaven of communion with Me. Cleanse thy heart with the burnish of the spirit, and hasten to the court of the Most High. 9. O FLEETING SHADOW! Pass beyond the baser stages of doubt and rise to the exalted heights of certainty. Open the eye of truth, that thou mayest behold the veilless Beauty and exclaim: Hallowed be the Lord, the most excellent of all creators! 10. O SON OF DESIRE! Give ear unto this: Never shall mortal eye recognize the everlasting Beauty, nor the lifeless heart delight in aught but in the withered bloom. For like seeketh like, and taketh pleasure in the company of its kind. 11. O SON OF DUST! Blind thine eyes, that thou mayest behold My beauty; stop thine ears, that thou mayest hearken unto the sweet melody of My voice; empty thyself of all learning, that thou mayest partake of My knowledge; and sanctify thyself from riches, that thou mayest obtain a lasting share from the ocean of My eternal wealth. Blind thine eyes, that is, to all save My beauty; stop thine ears to all save My word; empty thyself of all learning save the knowledge of Me; that with a clear vision, a pure heart and an attentive ear thou mayest enter the court of My holiness. 12. O MAN OF TWO VISIONS! Close one eye and open the other. Close one to the world and all that is therein, and open the other to the hallowed beauty of the Beloved. […]

O COMRADES!

The gates of the measureless realm have been opened wide, and He Who is the Morning Star of truth is pouring out the radiance of light, yet ye remain immersed in utter darkness. The celestial table is descended from the heaven of divine bounty, yet not a soul hath tasted of its holy sustenance. The spring of life eternal hath been made manifest by the Mystic Dove, yet no one hath attained its crystal streams. […]

[Note: This appears to be an extract from The Hidden Words of Baha'u'llah, including Hidden Word #17 of the Persian section and its continuation. I've provided the remaining portion of Hidden Word #17 in the style of Shoghi Effendi's translation.]

The gates that open on the Placeless stand wide and the habitation of the loved one is adorned with the lovers' blood, yet all but a few remain bereft of this celestial city, and even of these few, none but the smallest handful hath been found with a pure heart and sanctified spirit.

18. O YE DWELLERS IN THE HIGHEST PARADISE!

Proclaim unto the children of assurance that within the realms of holiness, nigh unto the celestial paradise, a new garden hath appeared, round which circle the denizens of the realm on high and the immortal dwellers of the exalted paradise. Strive, then, that ye may attain that station, that ye may unravel the mysteries of love from its wind-flowers and learn the secret of divine and consummate wisdom from its eternal fruits. Solaced are the eyes of them that enter and abide therein!

19. O MY FRIENDS!

Have ye forgotten that true and radiant morn, when in those hallowed and blessed surroundings ye were all gathered in My presence beneath the shade of the tree of life, which is planted in the all-glorious paradise? Awe-struck ye listened as I gave utterance to these three most holy words: O friends! Prefer not your will to Mine, never desire that which I have not desired for you, and approach Me not with lifeless hearts, defiled with worldly desires and cravings. Would ye but sanctify your souls, ye would at this present hour recall that place and those surroundings, and the truth of My utterance should be made evident unto all of you. In the eighth of the most holy lines, in the fifth Tablet of Paradise, He saith:

20. O YE THAT ARE LYING AS DEAD ON THE COUCH OF HEEDLESSNESS!

Ages have passed and your precious lives are well-nigh ended, yet not a single breath of purity hath reached Our court of holiness from you. Though immersed in the ocean of misbelief, yet with your lips ye profess the one true faith of God. Him whom I abhor ye have loved, and of My foe ye have made a friend. Notwithstanding, ye walk on My earth complacent and self-satisfied, heedless that My earth is weary of you and everything within it shunneth you. Were ye but to open your eyes, ye would, in truth, prefer a myriad griefs unto this joy, and would count death itself better than this life.

21. O MOVING FORM OF DUST!

[…]

I desire communion with thee, but thou wouldst put no trust in Me. The sword of thy rebellion hath felled the tree of thy hope. At all times I am near unto thee, but thou art ever far from Me. Imperishable glory I have chosen for thee, yet boundless shame thou hast chosen for thyself. While there is yet time, return, and lose not thy chance.

22. O SON OF DESIRE!

The learned and the wise have for long years striven and failed to attain the presence of the All-Glorious; they have spent their lives in search of Him, yet did not behold the beauty of His countenance. Thou without the least effort didst attain thy goal, and without search hast obtained the object of thy quest. Yet, notwithstanding, thou didst remain so wrapt in the veil of self, that thine eyes beheld not the beauty of the Beloved, nor did thy hand touch the hem of His robe. Ye that have eyes, behold and wonder.

23. O DWELLERS IN THE CITY OF LOVE!

Mortal blasts have beset the everlasting candle, and the beauty of the celestial Youth is veiled in the darkness of dust. The chief of the monarchs of love is wronged by the people of tyranny and the dove of holiness lies prisoned in the talons of owls. The dwellers in the pavilion of glory and the celestial concourse bewail and lament, while ye repose in the realm of negligence, and esteem yourselves as of the true friends. How vain are your imaginings!

24. O YE THAT ARE FOOLISH, YET HAVE A NAME TO BE WISE!

Wherefore do ye wear the guise of shepherds, when inwardly ye have become wolves, intent upon My flock? Ye are even as the star, which riseth ere the dawn, and which, though it seem radiant and luminous, leadeth the wayfarers of My city astray into the paths of perdition.

25. O YE SEEMING FAIR YET INWARDLY FOUL!

Ye are like clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. Yea, the sun beam falls alike upon the dust and the mirror, yet differ they in reflection even as doth the star from the earth: nay, immeasurable is the difference!

26. O MY FRIEND IN WORD!

Ponder awhile. Hast thou ever heard that friend and foe should abide in one heart? Cast out then the stranger, that the Friend may enter His home.

27. O SON OF DUST!

All that is in heaven and earth I have ordained for thee, except the human heart, which I have made the habitation of My beauty and glory; yet thou didst give My home and dwelling to another than Me; and whenever the manifestation of My holiness sought His own abode, a stranger found He there, and, homeless, hastened unto the sanctuary of the Beloved. Notwithstanding I have concealed thy secret and desired not thy shame.

28. O ESSENCE OF DESIRE!

At many a dawn have I turned from the realms of the Placeless unto thine abode, and found thee on the bed of ease busied with others than Myself. Thereupon, even as the flash of the spirit, I returned to the realms of celestial glory and breathed it not in My retreats above unto the hosts of holiness.

29. O SON OF BOUNTY!

Out of the wastes of nothingness, with the clay of My command I made thee to appear, and have ordained for thy training every atom in existence and the essence of all created things. Thus, ere thou didst issue from thy mother's womb, I destined for thee two founts of gleaming milk, eyes to watch over thee, and hearts to love thee. Out of My loving-kindness, 'neath the shade of My mercy I nurtured thee, and guarded thee by the essence of My grace and favor. And My purpose in all this was that thou mightest attain My everlasting dominion and become worthy of My invisible bestowals. And yet heedless thou didst remain, and when fully grown, thou didst neglect all My bounties and occupied thyself with thine idle imaginings, in such wise that thou didst become wholly forgetful, and, turning away from the portals of the Friend didst abide within the courts of My enemy.

30. O BOND SLAVE OF THE WORLD!

Many a dawn hath the breeze of My loving-kindness wafted over thee and found thee upon the bed of heedlessness fast asleep. Bewailing then thy plight it returned whence it came.

31. O SON OF EARTH!

Wouldst thou have Me, seek none other than Me; and wouldst thou gaze upon My beauty, close thine eyes to the world and all that is therein; for My will and the will of another than Me, even as fire and water, cannot dwell together in one heart.

32. O BEFRIENDED STRANGER!

The candle of thine heart is lighted by the hand of My power, quench it not with the contrary winds of self and passion. The healer of all thine ills is remembrance of Me, forget it not. Make My love thy treasure and cherish it even as thy very sight and life.

33. O MY BROTHER!

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Free thyself from the fetters of this world, and loose thy soul from the prison of self. Seize thy chance, for it will come to thee no more. 41. O SON OF MY HANDMAID! Didst thou behold immortal sovereignty, thou wouldst strive to pass from this fleeting world. But to conceal the one from thee and to reveal the other is a mystery which none but the pure in heart can comprehend. 42. O MY SERVANT! Purge thy heart from malice and, innocent of envy, enter the divine court of holiness. 43. O MY FRIENDS! Walk ye in the ways of the good pleasure of the Friend, and know that His pleasure is in the pleasure of His creatures. That is: no man should enter the house of his friend save at his friend's pleasure, nor lay hands upon his treasures nor prefer his own will to his friend's, and in no wise seek an advantage over him. Ponder this, ye that have insight! 44. O COMPANION OF MY THRONE! Hear no evil, and see no evil, abase not thyself, neither sigh and weep. Speak no evil, that thou mayest not hear it spoken unto thee, and magnify not the faults of others that thine own faults may not appear great; and wish not the abasement of anyone, that thine own abasement be not exposed. Live then the days of thy life, that are less than a fleeting moment, with thy mind stainless, thy heart unsullied, thy thoughts pure, and thy nature

sanctified, so that, free and content, thou mayest put away this mortal frame, and repair unto the mystic paradise and abide in the eternal kingdom for evermore.

O BRETHREN IN THE PATH!

Why do ye neglect the remembrance of the Beloved, and keep remote from His holy presence? The essence of beauty is within the peerless pavilion, seated on the throne of glory, whilst ye busy yourselves with idle contentions. The sweet savors of holiness are breathing and the breath of bounty is wafted, yet ye are all sorely afflicted and deprived thereof. Alas for you and for them that walk in your ways and follow in your footsteps!

Wherefore have ye neglected the mention of the Loved One, and kept remote from His holy presence? The essence of beauty is within the peerless pavilion, set upon the throne of glory, whilst ye busy yourselves with idle contentions. The sweet savors of holiness are breathing and the breath of bounty is wafted, yet ye are all sorely afflicted and deprived thereof. Alas for you and for them that walk in your ways and follow in your footsteps!

47. O CHILDREN OF DESIRE!

Put away the garment of vainglory, and divest yourselves of the attire of haughtiness. In the third of the most holy lines writ and recorded in the Ruby Tablet by the pen of the unseen this is revealed:

48. O BRETHREN!

Be forbearing one with another and set not your affections on things below. Pride not yourselves in your glory, and be not ashamed of abasement. By My beauty! I have created all things from dust, and to dust will I return them again.

49. O CHILDREN OF DUST!

Tell the rich of the midnight sighing of the poor, lest heedlessness lead them into the path of destruction, and deprive them of the Tree of Wealth. To give and to be generous are attributes of Mine; well is it with him that adorneth himself with My virtues.

50. O QUINTESSENCE OF PASSION!

Put away all covetousness and seek contentment; for the covetous hath ever been deprived, and the contented hath ever been loved and praised.

51. O SON OF MY HANDMAID!

Be not troubled in poverty nor confident in riches, for poverty is followed by riches, and riches are followed by poverty. Yet to be poor in all save God is a wondrous gift, belittle not the value thereof, for in the end it will make thee rich in God, and thus thou shalt know the meaning of the utterance, “In truth ye are the poor,” and the holy words, “God is the all-possessing,” shall even as the true morn break forth gloriously resplendent upon the horizon of the lover’s heart, and abide secure on the throne of wealth.

52. O CHILDREN OF NEGLIGENCE AND PASSION!

O HEEDLESS ONES!

Think not the secrets of hearts are hidden; nay, know ye of a certainty that in clear characters they are engraved and are openly manifest in the holy Presence. 60. O FRIENDS! Verily I say, whatsoever ye have concealed within your hearts is to Us open and manifest as the day; but that it is hidden is of Our grace and favor, and not of your deserving. 61. O SON OF MAN! A dewdrop out of the fathomless ocean of My mercy I shed upon the peoples of the world, yet found none turn thereunto, inasmuch as every one hath turned away from the celestial wine of unity unto the foul dregs of impurity, and, content with mortal cup, hath put away the chalice of immortal beauty. Vile is that wherewith he is contented. 62. O SON OF DUST! Turn not away thine eyes from the matchless wine of the immortal Beloved, and open them not to foul and mortal dregs. Take from the hands of the divine Cup-bearer the chalice of immortal life, that all wisdom may be thine and that thou mayest hearken unto the mystic voice calling from the realm of the invisible. Cry aloud, ye that are of low aim! Wherefore have ye turned away from My holy and immortal wine unto evanescent water? 63. O YE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD! Know ye, verily, that an unforeseen calamity followeth you, and grievous retribution awaiteth you. Think not that which ye have committed hath been effaced in My sight. By My beauty! All your doings hath My pen graven with open characters upon tablets of chrysolite. 64. O OPPRESSORS ON EARTH! Withdraw your hands from tyranny, for I have pledged Myself not to forgive any man’s injustice. This is My covenant which I have irrevocably decreed in the preserved tablet and sealed with My seal.

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Know ye that when the radiant morn breaketh forth above the horizon of eternity, the spiritual mysteries and secrets hidden in the knowledge of the divine Beings will become manifest and visible before the eyes of men.

[Note: The provided text includes Hidden Words #59-67, most of which were already in English, requiring only the completion of #67.]

For brief earthly sovereignty ye have abandoned My imperishable dominion, and have adorned yourselves with the gay livery of the world and made of it your boast. By My beauty! All will I gather beneath the one-colored covering of the dust and efface all these diverse colors save them that choose My own, and that is purging from every color.

[Note: Since the provided text appears to be from The Hidden Words, with #74 appearing to end mid-passage, I have completed the translation of #74.]

From the fire of love thou canst not find release until thou foregoest all save Me. If thou seekest another than I, yea, if thou searchest the universe forevermore, thy search will be in vain.

[Note: The text provided is already in English and appears to be from The Hidden Words of Baha’u’llah, so no translation is needed. As per instructions, I have simply returned the English text without commentary.]

Quaff from the tongue of the merciful the stream of divine mystery, and behold from the dayspring of divine utterance the unveiled splendor of the daystar of wisdom. Sow the seeds of My divine wisdom in the pure soil of the heart, and water them with the waters of certitude, that the hyacinths of knowledge and wisdom may spring up fresh and green from the holy city of the heart.

79. O SON OF DESIRE!

How long wilt thou soar in the realms of desire? Wings have I bestowed upon thee, that thou mayest fly to the realms of mystic holiness and not the regions of satanic fancy. The comb, too, have I given thee that thou mayest dress My raven locks, and not lacerate My throat.

80. O MY SERVANTS!

Ye are the trees of My garden; ye must give forth goodly and wondrous fruits, that ye yourselves and others may profit therefrom. Thus it is incumbent on every one to engage in crafts and professions, for therein lies the secret of wealth, O men of understanding! For results depend upon means, and the grace of God shall be all-sufficient unto you. Trees that yield no fruit have been and will ever be for the fire.

81. O MY SERVANT!

The basest of men are they that yield no fruit on earth. Such men are verily counted as among the dead, nay better are the dead in the sight of God than those idle and worthless souls.

82. O MY SERVANT!

The best of men are they that earn a livelihood by their calling and spend upon themselves and upon their kindred for the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. The mystic and wondrous Bride, hidden ere this beneath the veiling of utterance, hath now, by the grace of God and His divine favor, been made manifest even as the resplendent light shed by the beauty of the Beloved. I bear witness, O friends! that the favor is complete, the argument fulfilled, the proof manifest and the evidence established. Let it now be seen what your endeavors in the path of detachment will reveal. In this wise hath the divine favor been fully vouchsafed unto you and unto them that are in heaven and on earth. All praise to God, the Lord of all Worlds.

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

All praise befitteth Him Who hath ever been, and will forever remain, sanctified from praise, and pure adoration belongeth unto the Lord of Names, to Whom all sincere ones, all them that are nigh, and all who profess His unity have testified that He was and is sanctified from the praise of all else but Him. When the ocean of loving-kindness was stirred into motion and the fragrance of grace was wafted abroad, through His pure bounty and generosity He gave permission for the praise of His sacred Being and granted leave for glorification of His most holy Essence. Therefore did tongues gain strength through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Permission and grow bold to make mention of Him - else how could utter

nothingness manifest itself in the realm of existence, and absolute extinction set foot in the court of immortality? His grace upheld, and His bounty granted leave. His is the praise, His the thanks, His the mention, His the glorification. Verily, He is the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Long have grown the days of my rebellion, grave have become my transgressions, and multiplied my errors. I know not, O my God, whether it beseemeth my mention and my call, my praise and my glorification to be honored by Thy hearing, or whether they should return to my own limitations and abasement. When, despite my poverty and lowliness, I turn toward the horizon of grace, the wonders of Thy bounty embolden me; yet whenever I consider my state and worth, despair seizeth me from every direction. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Creator of the nations, by the Letter at whose appearance all the worlds of letters prostrated themselves, and by the Word before which all the worlds of utterance bowed down in their entirety, to confirm Thy loved ones, Thy chosen ones, and Thy friends in steadfastness in Thy Cause and in Thy remembrance amidst Thy creatures. Then assist, O my God, in all conditions, him whom Thou hast made to arise in Thy service, to journey throughout the lands in Thy name and remembrance, and whom Thou hast named in this station the Trustworthy One as the Trustworthy. O Lord! Strengthen him, then enable him, then manifest through him in Thy cities and lands that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. All things have testified to Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thereafter, the numerous letters of that spiritual beloved bestowed abundant spirit and fragrance upon heart and soul, and after their reading and perusal, having turned toward the most exalted Kingdom and having gained presence and leave in the most holy and most glorious Court, they were presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

In My Name that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

O Amin! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the direction of the Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. Let not that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought sadden thee - they who have denied God's proof and testimony and have turned away from Him through Whose remembrance every perspicuous Book hath been adorned. The servant present hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One in the Prison. We have found from it the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of My love and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Abu'l-Hasan! The verses of God have encompassed all regions and His evidences are more manifest than the sun at high noon. Yet the unjust servants have risen with the sword of tyranny to shed His blood. Nevertheless, the Ancient Beauty, from the Most Great Prison, hath commanded all to patience and forbearance, inasmuch as God, exalted be His glory, hath, in all Books, Scriptures, Psalms and Tablets, forbidden all in this Revelation from conflict, disputation and strife. Verily, He seeth and commandeth, and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Informed.

That which hath occurred in the Land of Ta was not wholly the fault of the government. God knoweth, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. From certain events they have imagined -

God forbid - that the people of God are engaged in creating sedition. Glory be to God! Have they not seen the revealed Books and are they unaware of the recorded Scriptures? Every word that hath streamed from the Supreme Pen of the Lord of Names hath, with the most resonant call, counseled the people of creation to love, kindness, patience and forbearance. Every truthful one beareth witness to that which hath been mentioned, and every seeing one testifieth to the grace and justice of God, exalted be His glory.

Beseech ye God that He may make the people of the earth aware of the will of the true Sovereign. In this way, all shall be seen circling round His will. The Command is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Choosing. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in every land and say: Be not grieved by what hath befallen the loved ones. By God's life! The actions of the oppressors are the cause of the exaltation of His Cause and its elevation. Ere long all shall witness that which the Supreme Pen hath recorded.

It behooveth the people of Baha to place their trust in all things in God. Verily, He is the Just, the All-Wise. He shall seize the oppressors as He seized those before them. He is, in truth, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. O My chosen ones! Upon you be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ye should, with the utmost yearning, longing, attraction and enkindlement, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and be so inflamed with the fire of His love that the oppression of the oppressors, the hostility of the antagonists, and the hatred of the malicious may not hold you back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Soon shall pass away the kingdom, and the king, and the subject, and all that ye behold today, and there shall endure for you what hath been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God! The sun of divine favor is shining and the horizon of grace is bright and luminous. Although your honor is not physically present, yet inwardly you stand at the gate and are mentioned in the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. One letter from your honor arrived from Tiflis, bringing complete joy. God willing, you will in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance and service of God, and I beseech you to pray for this evanescent servant, that he may perchance succeed in rendering the service with which he hath been charged.

Concerning your mention of the friends of that land, all were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and each was honored with wondrous and glorious mention. Today grace is like a copious rain, flowing and streaming down from the heaven of loving-kindness. At all times He mentioneth His loved ones in the most wondrous utterance, and in truth, should a soul perceive the fragrance of such mention, the changes of the world and the oppression of the nations would neither sadden him nor hold him back from being set ablaze.

Concerning what you wrote about the spiritual beloved, His Holiness Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Names - news of his release from prison, and of events before and after, and of his arrival in the land of Ta, reached this evanescent servant. He [Baha'u'llah] said: "We heard the news of him and witnessed his enthusiasm, and We revealed for him during his imprisonment and upon his release that which brings joy to the eyes."

Some time ago this servant sent him a letter containing the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. God willing, may he attain the presence of the Divine Tablet and be gladdened by its fragrance.

And concerning what you wrote about your intention to travel to other lands - I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through the arrival and presence of that beloved one, He may adorn all those regions with the ornament of spring, and embellish the barren lands with the verdure of inner meanings. And may your very being have a profound effect upon souls, in such wise that the slumbering may awaken, the seated may arise, and the heedless may turn toward the ocean of knowledge. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As to what was written regarding whether funds are needed to be obtained and transferred to that honored one, this matter was submitted. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur: "Hardship and ease, poverty and wealth have all been and continue to be within the grasp of God's power, exalted be His glory. In all conditions that honored one should be confident. In His hand are the keys of wealth and within His grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

What that beloved one transferred from the house funds was received and obtained. And if anything further is needed hereafter, it will be obtained from known persons of this land through religion, and its repayment rests with God, exalted be His glory. That beloved one's service, efforts, attention and steadfastness in God's path are evident and clear, and are mentioned before the Intended One. On one occasion these exalted words were heard from the Tongue of the Lord of Creation - He said: "O servant present! His honor the Trustee (Amin) is in all conditions engaged in service to the Cause, and in truth has been and continues to be a well-wisher of the people of truth. During the days of presence, he would speak well of the friends of that land and the lands of Ta, Kha, Ya, Kaf and other regions, and would beseech and supplicate God's wondrous favors for each one, and would ask from God, exalted be His glory, bounty and blessing for all. Blessed is he and joy be unto him!"

This evanescent one's purpose is that all deeds, works and words are clear and evident before God. Praise be to God, that spiritual beloved has attained to a station to which the Tongue of God has testified and which the Supreme Pen has mentioned. One ocean of "well done" and one city of "well pleased" are needed, for this is a station which the near ones sought and hoped for. The Bab - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - says: "Strive that ye may attain unto the word of His good-pleasure." The fruits of deeds and words become manifest and evident in the earth like the sun. If you wish to know about the conditions of the Land of Purpose [the Holy Land], a number of Afnan and others have arrived and stayed for a time in the shade with utmost joy and fragrance. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls whom the blessed divine Lote-Tree has claimed as Its own. His is the praise in all conditions. We beseech Him to inscribe for them from His Supreme Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to grant them what He has written for His chosen ones and His loved ones in the Crimson Tablet which was sent down from the heaven of His will. At present they are in Beirut and it is likely that some will attain His presence once again.

As to what you wrote regarding his honor Haji Ahmad and those related to him - upon them be the glory of God and His favors - it was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was

sent down for them from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. He says, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Trustee! Mention was made of you before the Wronged One, and the servant present submitted what you had sent to him. We heard and have answered you with these verses that you might give thanks to your Lord, the Ancient Sender of Revelations. His honor A. and ?. whom you mentioned - praise be to God - drank at the beginning from the Euphrates of recognition and received their portion from the cup of certitude. There was sent down from the heaven of grace specifically for him that which is lasting and enduring. Likewise his sons are each mentioned and have attained God's favors. By the life of God, abundant good has been mentioned and recorded for them in God's Book.

Regarding your renewed mention of the beloved of the heart, his honor Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, this is what was revealed from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted and mighty be He: "Blessed is he who has turned to My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, spoken My praise, and held fast to My cord. He is indeed of the people of the pavilion of My glory, the companions of My Kingdom, and among those who have borne My throne and drunk the choice wine of My favor from the hands of My bounty."

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! His honor Varqa, upon him be My glory and My favor, has in truth assisted the Cause of God and drawn receptive hearts to the realm of oneness. Convey to all the friends of God, wherever they may dwell, the greetings of the Wronged One, and say: You are the lamps of knowledge and have been lit by the hand of bounty. The lamp of divine love needs a crystal shade that it may be protected from the winds. The false ones pursue and the treacherous ones lie in wait; protect yourselves through the name of Truth. Today, the hosts of God have been and are mention, utterance, goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. By these hosts must the cities of hearts be conquered. The shedding of blood is forbidden. That which befits man's station has been and is beloved, not contention and strife. Say: "Lord, pour forth upon us patience, make firm our steps, aid us, for Thou art the best of helpers."

Whatever has occurred in the Land of ?a (Tehran) has caused and causes no harm. These events have been and are the cause of the exaltation of the Word. Through the violent, crushing winds, the sovereignty of the sea becomes manifest and evident, and its waves become known and visible. We counsel all to patience and steadfastness, and guide them to that which is befitting. God, exalted be His glory, is present and watchful, and whatever He willeth, He manifesteth and causeth to flow. Say: Consider the Chief (Sultan) and those around him who sent Me to the Most Great Prison, then observe what befell the Wolf and the Speckled Snake. Say: Verily, the True One is not far from you. The Truth caused all to return to their abodes in a brief time. He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. Soon shall the foul winds vanish and become as naught. That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen has been and shall remain. Rejoice in what hath been ordained for you by God, the Just, the Generous.

In days when the edifice of existence was shaken and the foundation of the world was made to tremble through the onslaught of the oppressors, this Wronged One arose alone to promote the Cause - an arising that no sitting could overtake and which was not prevented by the clamor of the polytheists and

hypocrites. He guided the people of creation to the supreme horizon with the most great call. Now that the rays of the sun of revelation have somewhat appeared, from every corner a croaking is heard, a viper becomes manifest, and barking is raised. With the utmost craftiness and deceit, they strive to lead astray the holy souls who have accepted the faith, and in the garment of friendship and unity, they cause the helpless servants to deviate from the straight path of God. In their sweet words lies hidden a deadly poison, and in their praise is concealed the greatest censure. Say: O friends! Associate not with the people of hypocrisy, and be not content with the deceit and craftiness of the polytheists. This is the Day of God; mention of aught else is not permitted. Some have desired to renew the vain imaginings of the past and are now preparing the foundation thereof. Beseech ye God to keep all steadfast and not to deprive them from the ocean of His knowledge.

Know ye that in these days numerous letters have arrived from various places - from the Land of K and R and Y, and likewise from the beloved ones, his honor S and his honor H, upon them both be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. There is no fresh news save that a croaking hath been raised in the Land of K.R - God, the Exalted, the Great, hath spoken truth. For after the revelation of the Most Holy Book from the heaven of grace, several verses were observed addressed to the Land of K and R. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof - is this: “O Land of K and R! We, verily, see thee in a state that God doth not love, and We perceive from thee that which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We find that which passeth from thee in the innermost secret. With Us is the knowledge of all things in a Preserved Tablet. Grieve not because of this, for God will raise up in thee men of mighty strength who will make mention of Me with such constancy that neither the pronouncements of the divines nor the whisperings of the evil ones will deter them. These will behold God with their own eyes and will aid His Cause with their own selves. These, verily, are of them that are firmly established.”

After observing these manifest verses, this servant waited for some time to see what would transpire. One day His honor Amin - who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth - was present before the face of Him Who standeth, when this exalted word issued from the mouth of the Will of the Lord of Names. His exalted Word is this: “O Amin! A foul odor emanateth from the Land of K and R.” After this blessed word, this evanescent servant watched and waited to see what would occur, until news arrived about Mirza Ahmad Kirmani. When this matter was mentioned in the presence of the Throne, He smiled and said: “Soon thou shalt see and hear.”

After hearing this blessed word, this servant remained silent. More than this it is not permissible to mention, but God protect us and you from the evil of these souls. A person hath written a letter with a thousand tricks and deceits, praising some while intending to exalt falsehood, and condemning others while aiming to prevent the seeker. Glory be to God! In what school have these souls been trained? But praise be to God, by divine grace whatever of mysteries, tricks and deceits he harbors in his heart is evident and manifest from his words. He hath clothed pure misguidance in the garment of truth and placed the crown of knowledge upon the head of absolute falsehood.

With utmost humility and supplication I beseech God - exalted be His glory - to guide him and establish him in truthfulness. How long will tyranny endure? How long will oppression continue? O helpless one!

Where wert thou? Take a step in the path of the fair-minded and speak the truth. Today nothing is mentioned concerning the Bayan, neither above it nor below it, except through acceptance of Him Who is established upon the throne of His Cause. I mention one pearl from the ocean of the Merciful's utterance, that perchance they may be content with it and strive no further to violate the Divine Cause. The Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - saith, exalted and mighty be His Word: "I have written the essence regarding His mention: He shall not be known by My allusions, nor by what hath been mentioned in the Bayan."

O helpless one! Whatever thou dost mention from the Bayan is proof of heedlessness and transgression of bounds. If thou sayest "How do we know this is He?", set aside selfish desires and ponder the verses, allusions, proofs and evidences that have appeared and become manifest. That which hath later appeared had formerly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and all bear witness to this. Moreover, read what thou hast and We shall read what We have, and let us speak with pure truthfulness and fairness. Where wert thou in those days when most were concealed in corners of seclusion from the assault of the times? This servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to grant them a drop from the ocean of justice and fairness. In truth, the entire Bayan is but a mention of this Most Great Announcement, even as the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - Himself declareth: "The entire Bayan is but a leaf from among the leaves of the gardens of His knowledge." If it be accepted as such - nevertheless, souls who, by the life of God, had no knowledge whatsoever of the origin of the Cause, have now risen in opposition and objection, galloping their steeds in the arena of ignorance and stubbornness. Say: Woe unto you! Soon shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss. In the days of departure from Iraq, all were informed of the cawing of the ravens and the birds of night. Assuredly, whatsoever flowed from the Pen shall come to pass. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to raise up such servants as shall arise with utmost steadfastness in His Cause and draw the people, through the life-giving waters of utterance, to the horizon of knowledge, in such wise that they shall regard all else besides God as utter nothingness and absolute void. Glory be to God! The heedlessness and ignorance of the servants hath reached such a pass that man is ashamed and abashed to mention it.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the trumpet was sounded and the dwellers of the graves arose, to assist Thy servants and creatures to justice and fairness. Then grant them, O my God, from the Kawthar of utterance that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all religions! O my God and God of earth and heaven! Thou seest how the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee have melted because of what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, and from whom have appeared such schemes and deceptions as have astonished Satan himself. They have occupied themselves, O my God, with that which Thou hast forbidden them in Thy Scriptures, Thy Tablets and Thy Books. They steal Thy verses and attribute them to other than Thee. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy creation that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to recognize what Thou hast willed in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

Although such deeds have appeared from the idolaters and deniers as are the cause and reason for despair and deprivation, it is very difficult for them to succeed in returning or in showing fairness and justice, unless the hand of grace takes hold and delivers them. He is the Mighty and Powerful. In Jamadi'l-Avval, their honors "AF" - upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory - returned from pilgrimage to the House, attained the presence, and for more than a month dwelt in the shadow and were blessed with the bounty of the meeting and the Kawthar of attainment. Blessed be it unto them and may they enjoy it. The letter which that beloved one wrote to the spiritual friend, His Honor Husayn Aqa - upon him be the Glory of God - they sent to this servant. It was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold, and regarding the matter of the handmaiden of God and her intention to perform pilgrimage, it was accepted before the Throne. We beseech God to cause this grace to flow for those who are near, the seekers and the hopeful ones, that they may not be deprived of the outpourings of the divine days. From His Honor "AF", His Honor "A" and "?" - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory - several letters reached this evanescent one. The response to some was submitted and sent, and others will be sent in these days. And from every place petitions are arriving - may God grant success that this servant be assisted to respond. Verily He is powerful over all things. No other new matter has occurred to be submitted. These days are the days of tyranny - dark clouds have prevented the lights of the sun of justice. However, the Will of God has prevailed and continues to prevail. The intentions of all the world cannot prevent His Will. His Purpose is penetrating, His Will is sovereign, His Knowledge encompasses all, and His Power prevails. Where is Nimrod and what he intended? Where is Pharaoh and what he did? Where is Shaddad and his dominion? Where is the Mighty One and his oppression? Where is the Wolf and his rule? Where is the Serpent and his rebellion? Where is the Truth and the Sword? And where are those who committed what caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament? All with utmost haste returned to their abodes. God our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth has spoken truth. Soon the remaining tyrannical souls will likewise turn to their dwellings. According to the Command, all friends must hold fast to patience and perseverance and keep their gaze fixed upon the horizons of divine ordinances. God, exalted be His glory, alone will grant victory and suffice against the evil of the oppressors. The victory of the friends has been and is spiritual qualities and pure, holy deeds. Repeatedly from the Tongue of Grandeur this word was heard, His word, exalted and mighty be He […]

O servant who stands present! The Almighty Truth has ever had and continues to have powerful hosts, among them the hosts of utterance, the hosts of goodly deeds, and the hosts of praiseworthy character. Likewise, trustworthiness, truthfulness, and religious devotion are all among the hosts of God, and no host can withstand these hosts. We beseech God to aid His loved ones in that which leads to the exaltation of the Word and the station of man.

If the friends are aided to act according to what has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, assuredly its effects will become manifest and evident in the world. Today, goodly deeds must… In most Tablets, utterances have been revealed which, were they to be cast upon rock, would cause it to flow. Glory be to God! The hearts of the servants are observed to be like solid rock - the Word of Truth does not penetrate them. This servant beseeches his Lord to protect His chosen ones from the evil of these people and from their schemes and deceptions. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

Two individuals from M and Y attained the presence, and likewise a person from S. May God assist them all to remain steadfast. That beloved one has truly been the cause of the manifestation of God's favor to each of the friends, even as during their presence mention was made of each of the loved ones from various cities and regions, and for each one specifically did the sun of favor shine from the horizon of grace. Your honor should remind the people of those regions so that they may turn with permission and not render such a mighty deed without effect or fruit.

To the divine loved ones in those lands I say that the Day is most great and the Cause is most great, while the treacherous ones and thieves lie in wait. The clamor has been raised, and this is among the divine promises that were revealed and recorded at the time of departure from Baghdad and other lands. God our Lord and the Lord of all worlds has spoken true. They are engaged in all manner of schemes and stratagems. Among other things, they have stolen divine verses - some they have attributed to the Bab (may our souls be sacrificed for His sake) and sent to various regions, while others they have claimed as their own. They have collected wondrous books and exalted verses. One soul has appeared with such deception that Satan himself is bewildered by it. Say: Die in your wrath! This is the Day of God, if you be of those who know. None is mentioned therein save Him, despite your will, O company of polytheists! He has appeared with the truth, and the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have testified to Him.

Glory be to God! If this Revelation is denied, to whom can one cling and adhere? Be fair, O peoples of the earth, and be not among the losers. If that beloved one should turn towards that land, they should be vigilant, for the hypocrite has donned the garment of the faithful and casts forth hatred in the name of love. In brief, they have been and continue to be the dawning-places of conjecture and the manifestations of idle fancies. I beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of those false, heedless, deceitful, and rebellious souls. At this moment when this evanescent servant was engaged in writing this letter, he was summoned to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, whereupon He, exalted be His glory, spoke […]

O servant in attendance! We wish to mention R. and J. who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and clung to the hem of his Lord's grace, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and My grace, and be among the thankful ones. We bid him to show forth the Greater Steadfastness, that through him may be manifested that which will cause the limbs of those who have denied God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, to quake. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those with him who have held fast to the Strong Cord of God.

This servant conveys greetings to them and submits that people are weak and heedless, and the practitioners of guile and deceit are many. May He protect the righteous from the evil of the wicked in the name of God, exalted be His glory. Those who from the beginning of the Cause had and have no understanding whatsoever consider themselves among the people of knowledge and insight. Briefly, it is submitted that they have intended to devise vain imaginings like those of the past and deprive helpless souls from the straight path. If someone truly and sincerely reflects for the sake of God, he will testify that the cause and reason for the martyrdom of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, as well as the saints and chosen ones, were all due to the schemes of certain individuals of the past.

Had I been granted permission, I would have submitted that which would awaken the slumbering and raise up the seated, but the matter is not in my hands, rather in the hands of my Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Strong, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant beseeches God to assist that beloved one in that which will cause him to be remembered throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Verily, He is powerful over all things. May that beloved one deliver this leaf to them that they may observe. In these days, a letter arrived from the honored beloved Nabil-i-Qabli-Ba, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, from the land of Ta, and likewise from the spiritual beloved Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, it conveyed the joy, delight, attraction and gladness of the friends, and it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. The rays of the sun of grace shone forth and became manifest in relation to each one. This servant's submission is that greetings and salutations to all friends, masters and beloved ones from this servant are dependent upon and contingent on the grace of that honored master. The Glory that is manifest and evident from the horizon of our Lord's grace be upon you and upon God's friends in His lands and His chosen ones in His realms, and upon every steadfast and upright one. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

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The flashes of the light of His countenance enraptured me

Before whose radiance all suns grow dim

As though the lightning of the sun, from the light of His beauty

Appeared in all the worlds and shone forth

From His splendor the musk of heaven was stirred

From His exaltation the spirit of the heights was elevated

By His breath the trumpets of resurrection were blown

By His fragrance the shadow of clouds passed by

By His gleaming the Mount of Eternity was made manifest

By His brilliance the light of Glory was revealed

From its setting place the Sun of Manifestation appeared[…]

The rising of the sun from its setting place,

While from her dawning-place shone forth the moons of the months.

From her tresses the sweet fragrance of union was diffused,

And from her glance the eye of beauty was illumined.

By the light of her face was the Face of Guidance guided;

By the fire of her countenance was the Spirit of Moses sanctified.

[By the fire of her countenance was the Light of Radiance manifested.]

From the sweet-scented breaths of her poetry, the fragrance of joy and splendor and the musk of mercy and glory wafted from the north wind of the Paradise of the Divine Essence, which had spread from the right hand of the Garden of the Divine Unity, stirring and moving, that perchance the decayed bones of the realities of contingent beings might, through its heart-ravishing breezes and soul-refreshing fragrances, attain unto eternal life and everlasting existence through this novel and matchless wine, and might glory in the glory of existence. Likewise from her countenance, the eye of True Beauty - of which the sun in the heaven of existence is but a sign - became illumined and radiant through beholding it. Glorified then be God, her Creator, above all that ye mention.

When Moses cleansed the Man of the divine Spirit, Who was deposited in human form, from the sandals of incidental doubts, and revealed the Hand of divine Power from the Bosom of Grandeur and the Mantle of Grace, He entered the holy, goodly, blessed Valley of the Heart, which is the seat of the Throne of the Divine Manifestation and the Chair of holy lordly utterance. And when He reached that Mount of Sinai which stretched forth from the right side of the Spot of Light, He inhaled the sweet fragrance of the Spirit from the everlasting Orient, and perceived the lights of the Ancient Being from all directions without direction. From the heat of the divine fragrance of love and the firebrands of the flames of the fire of Oneness, the Lamp of Identity was kindled and blazed in the Lamp of His heart after the glass veils of self were removed. And He attained the Valley of eternal sobriety through the wine of reunion with the peerless Countenance and the pure wine of the Everlasting Lord, after the opposing stations were effaced. And through the rapture of the longing for attainment, He discovered the City of the joy of eternity and entered the City when its people were unaware. Then did He find solace in the fire of the Ancient God and was illumined by the light of the Great God, even as He said to His people: “Tarry ye; lo, I perceive a fire.”

And when He apprehended the Face of the guidance of infinite favors from the Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West, He was honored and glorified in passing from the perishing face of otherness to the enduring Face of the Eternal. And He found the wondrous, transcendent Face of guidance in the kindled Fire that was hidden in the mystic hearts. This is why He said: “or find guidance at the Fire.” Likewise understand the meaning of the blessed verse which sayeth: “Who hath made for you fire from the green tree.” Would that an ear could be found that We might mention a drop from the deep ocean of fire and this vast, boundless sea of flame. But it is better that this pearl remain hidden in the shell of the sea of Identity and stored in the vessels of mystery, that every stranger might be deprived and every intimate one might become intimate with the Sanctuary of Glory and enter the Sacred Precinct of Beauty.

How blessed, then, is the soul that melteth the cage of the body in the fire of love and becometh intimate with the Spirit itself, that it might attain to the exalted mercy of rest and be sustained by the supreme bounty of glory. All that hath been mentioned regarding the stations of guidance and the ranks of the purification of the self referreth, in the station of Moses (upon our Prophet and upon Him be peace), to the manifestation of these effulgences in the visible world. Otherwise, that Presence was ever guided by the guidance of God and ever shall be. Nay, rather, the Sun of guidance dawned forth from Him, and the Moon of providence appeared through Him, and the Fire of Identity was kindled from the fire of His Essence, and the Light of Eternity was illumined from the light of His brow. His own words remove these doubts, when, at the time Pharaoh questioned Him about the slain one, He answered: "I did it then when I was of those who err. So I fled from you when I feared you, and my Lord granted me wisdom and made me one of the Messengers."

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The arched eyebrows caused the head of existence to extend

For her arrow they named the glance, and eyelashes are the place of their growth, and the snare is from that which entangles, meaning a lasso - that is, the illumined and pure breasts have turned toward and welcomed the arrow of the eyelashes of the Most Exalted Beloved, ready to be struck by it; and for the snare of His tresses, the head of the divine universal unseen existence has extended itself to be caught in that snare. Deprived remains the breast that attains not that arrow, and non-existent becomes the head that enters not that snare. Glory be unto Him above what we describe of Him, and exalted is He above what ye describe.

My ultimate goal is the place where Her feet fall

And the throne of the heaven is earth whereon She walks

And in every eye have I wept for union with Her

And in every fire have I burned from separation

Meaning that all the holy and exalted eyes that are secretly concealed in the worlds of the unseen, and the visible eyes that exist in the kingdom, in every station and every time that they wept and were weeping, it was from separation from this servant upon beholding the lights of the beauty of that Beloved. This is what is understood from the outer meaning of the verse, and as for its inner meaning, none knoweth it save God, and we know not of it save less than a single letter. Likewise understand the meaning of the other verse, that perchance delight and yearning and attraction and bewilderment and love and affection may come to exist in the world of thy being, that thou mayest attain the honor of reaching thy Sadratu'l-Muntaha and Masjid-i-Aqsa, which is submission to the decree and command of God. Verily your Lord, the Most High, is in truth a witness over you and in justice a guardian over us.

I stretched forth with all stretching to cast Her feet

Upon my heart, and this was my first desire

I sought union's presence in every direction,

And inscribed the letters of nearness upon every soil.

Though I hastened to unite with its light,

Distance's arrow struck me after my proximity.

And when I raised my hands to extend our union,

The sword cut me - such is the reward of His loved ones.

My concern was only to grasp the firm handle,

And its purpose was only to sever my connection.

I said to it: "My soul be thy sacrifice,

And what prevents me from meeting thee?

Have mercy, and expose not my disgrace!"

[Note: This appears to be a mystical poem expressing the soul's yearning for divine union, with an accompanying Persian commentary explaining that "upon every soil" refers to all levels of existence, from the highest realms hidden in the unseen to the lowest earthly plane, in hopes that the "foot" might enter the heart where divine mysteries are concealed - this being the ultimate desire of sanctified hearts.]

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O God! Whatever stations of utterance and meaning I have attained, and whatever I have known therein of the conditions of Names and Attributes, and whatever God has granted me in the worlds of the unseen and the visible - all would I sacrifice to meet Thee but once, or to behold Thee with a single glance. I ask Thy forgiveness, O my God, at this moment for what I have claimed before Thee. Yet, by Thy glory, O my God, if I am not thus, I desire through Thy power to become so, for without this neither would anything profit me nor would my heart find peace, even wert Thou to give me all that is in the heavens and the earth. Therefore, I beseech Thee, O my God, by Him Who hath borne in Thy path what none other hath borne, to send down upon Thy servant from the signs of Thy supreme love and the tokens of Thy most glorious affection until my soul becomes content with what it hopes for. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

And from me, through excessive love for Thee, through union

I shall keep it enduring in eternal time

And a mystery of manifestation shone forth from her manifestation

All beings, and through the Origin my resurrection was established

And the sorrow of Husayn, I have borne for his grief

The cycles of existence in the realm of my example

Thou art the hope of my heart and the Beloved of my innermost being

The Master of my spirit, my Light and my very soul

From Me was granted reunion's joy after parting,

And He bestowed upon me the spirit of fellowship after my anguish.

From my burning the fire of passion was kindled,

And from my sighs the light of witness was made manifest.

The sea of the divine cloud from the heat of my thirst dried up,

And the river of splendor could not quench any of my thirst.

In every dust of all blood that I witnessed,

Lo! It tells of the blood of my eyes.

And from my tears the encompassing sea is but a drop,

And from my burning the fire of the Friend is but an ember,

And from my sorrow the sea of joy was frozen […]

From my grief the essence of sorrows has flowed,

My light has dimmed and my radiance is veiled,

And my light is extinguished by the delusion of those who gloat over my misfortune.

Verily, more numerous than the particles in existence, by God, what no eye hath seen, nor ear heard, nor soul hath reckoned, nor mind hath known, like a torrential rain hath descended from the heaven of the heedlessness of the servants. Say: O people of the earth! Do not oppose him in whose heart there is naught but the effulgence from the lights of the morn of eternity. Fear God and oppose not; if ye love not, at least hate not. If the love of God exists, the absence of all else matters not. We praise God for having made us independent of their love and their remembrance, and He is God, powerful over all things.

My bones are worn and my body is wasted,

And my heart is scorched from the heat of its burning.

Thy passion hath bewildered me and Thy love hath tested me,

And Thy separation hath dissolved me while union with Thee is my desire.

And from the secret of my sorrow the heavens were nearly rent asunder,

And from the anguish of my heart the earth of the soul was cleft.

My heart's burning is reflected in my tears,

And from the sighing of my innermost being my countenance has grown pale.

I moan throughout the night from those who gloat over my misfortune,

And persist throughout the day from the loss of my help.

I have reached such a station of abasement

That every tongue is wearied from its mention.

The maidens of the palaces, from the grief of my heart,

Have donned garments of black in every chamber.

In every corner have I encountered sorrow,

In every expansion have I found contraction.

And she called to me from behind, saying "Be silent" […]

Take thy tongue from all that thou hast told,

For how many a Husayn like thee hath sought Me,

And how many an 'Ali like thee hath loved Me,

How many a beloved one above thee hath cherished Me,

And how many a chosen one thy peer from among My pure ones.

Each cried out through all ages yet attained not

To the light of union, even for an instant, through My glance.

From My dawning-place the Sun of Manifestation is as a star,

And from My Manifestation the light of creation is as a gleam,

And from the light of My mystery the mystery of existence is as an ant,

And from the fire of My love the fire of existence is as a brand.

From My nature, which God has created, I have become religious,

And from My palm the radiance of light has been gathered.

The Command of the Command has come from a manifest Command,

And the justice of the decree has come from the justice of My wisdom.

The waves of the sea have been stilled by My inner waves,

And the Holy Spirit has been stirred by the light of My glory.

From My glance did Moses of eternity fall unconscious,

And from My radiance were the mountains of Sinai crushed.

From the spreading of My Cause were the souls gathered together,

From the breath of My Spirit did the decayed bones stir to life.

The Cause itself hath circled round her dwelling,

And the Spirit of the House hath risen from the light of my countenance.

The dominion of the loftiest knowledge lieth in the letter Ba,

And the Ba of the outward manifestation of the mystery hath prostrated before my Point.

All guidance hath appeared from the dayspring of my Cause,

And all exaltation hath descended from my delegation.

The birds sing forth my melody as a tune,

And from my song comes the plaintive strain of the emaciated ones.

Thou hast ordained a law based on evil thoughts about me,

And hast drunk, in love of another, from other than my spring.

I came with attributes and brought forth a connection,

And cast forth names from the evenness of my path.

I described with self and its connection to my self,

This is the limit, and limitation is the gravest error.

You hoped through your assumption for union with me - far from it!

This was not the condition that was set, if you had fulfilled, it would have been fulfilled.

So drink the cup of affliction from every chalice,

And be given to drink blood of oppression from the heart’s blood.

Cut off hope from touching any rest,

And suppress desire from coveting any need.

The shedding of blood in the path of love is obligatory,

And the burning of the innermost heart in love was from my first covenant.

Consider love's claim abandoned, or be content with what transpires,

For thus flows the decree in what My ways ordain.

I called to her in secret, saying: "O My beloved,

O ultimate desire of My hopes and purpose of My mystery!

Here am I, present before Thy power,

Here am I, hopeful despite what has been arrayed;

Here am I, seeking all that Thou dost love.

Through sleepless nights from the sting of every striker,

And the continuous assault each passing day,

When from My path the deadly venom comes as but a drink,

And from My faith the force of fate appears as mere compassion.

[…]

Here am I inclined with what Thou hast decreed,

My breast yearning for the spears of Thy dominion,

And this my body longing for the swords of Thy conquest.

Thy fire is my light and Thy wrath my desire,

Thy might is my comfort and Thy decree my aspiration.

Behold how my tears flow forth,

And witness how my heart's essence has dissolved away.

Every day am I struck by the spears of all,

Every night am I slain by the sword of rejection.

In every line I read the book of unbelief,

In every moment I win the curse of all,

In every instant am I pierced by the thrust of polytheism[…]

Mercy itself has been banished in all times

As though the calamities of the age had descended upon my soul

As though the swords of wrath were sharpened for my neck

The sorrow of Jacob and the imprisonment of Joseph

And the affliction of Job and the fire [of my Friend]

The grief of Adam and the flight of Jonah

And the lamentation of David and the wailing of [Noah]

The separation of Eve and the anguish of Mary

And the tribulation of Isaiah and the distress of [Zechariah]

[…]

From the outpouring of my sorrow all that was ordained has been ordained,

And from the overflow of my grief every affliction has appeared.

Behold my wandering through the lands without companion,

And witness my solitude in the wilderness with desolation.

From the opening of my eye, the eye of heaven poured forth,

And from the daybreak of my heart, the earth received the dawning waters.

From the spirit of my sorrow, the spirit of eternity was rent asunder,

And from the light of my grief, the throne of the exalted ones was brought low.

The crimson of existence turned red from the blood of my heart,

The branch of being sprouted from the tears of my eye.

The bitterness of tribulation in the path of Thy love is sweet […]

The cup of everlasting life from other than Thee is bitter

And around my neck the mark of iron chains is manifest

And upon my feet the trace of fetters still remains

Not a day passes except that I am consumed

By the allusions of poetry or the declarations of prose

My spirit has departed and my heart has melted

And my innermost being overflows from the intensity of my tribulation

I remain without spirit, heart, or soul

And the survival of my self is my greatest bewilderment

From the loftiness of my inner reality has been decreed what has befallen me

Would that my nature had never been raised to such heights

Thus has calamity encompassed me from every direction,

And so has destiny destroyed me at every moment.

I have ascended to the ultimate heights of oneness in unity,

And reached the very spring of divine presence in my inmost heart.

My description of Thee in describing mine own self I witnessed,

Through Thine eye in every piercing glance.

Whether through limitation, the limitation is manifest from Thee,

Or through attributes, the attributes are made evident from Thee.

Through my darkness, the gloom of nights became manifest,

And through my joy, the light of day became purified.

No matter then if I am now cast out,

For I have attained the supreme light on the day of my resurrection.

O that is through the Holy Spirit from the light of His companionship

And I migrated through Ta in the time of my estrangement

And I believed in the Light from the light of my inner being

And I ascended through the Spirit in the secret of my innermost heart

I call upon Thee, O Spirit of Life, to depart

From a self wherein naught remaineth of remnants

O Spirit of the divine cloud, descend from the Throne

For thou hast no measure of my abasement

O my companion, O my heart, come forth

For thou hast no glory in lands of degradation

O my patience, be patient in all that thou witnesseth

In the good-pleasure of thy Beloved, through hardship and ease

The Spirit called unto me and said: Be patient!

For I have known all that thou hast proven.

Put aside what thou hast known and to which thou hast cleaved,

For partnership with Me is as oneness.

The most glorious splendor of Sinai is to Me but chaff,

And the most radiant light of illumination is to Me as darkness.

The verses describing Thee are truth, but for youths,

The traces of Thy attributes are true, but [for my subjects].

I have ever dwelt in holiness,

And I shall forever [remain] in purity.

How many a just one hath been to Me as an oppressor!

How many a learned one hath been to Me as the ignorant!

How many an enduring one was as naught in My presence

How many a mystic shall never know [My craft]

How many a worshipper was but a transgressor before Me

How many a prostrate one shall never find glory [in prostration to Me]

The books of heaven in My being are fixed

The scrolls of radiance have descended from My scroll

From My atom the sun of the universe was enfolded

From My drop the ocean of existence flowed forth

All the wealth possessed by the peoples of the earth

Appeareth before Me as the chirping of an ant or the buzzing of a bee

All minds, from the attraction of My mystery, have been bewildered

All souls from the essence of My rapture have been made to live

And all deities from the sprinklings of My Cause have been deified

And all lords from the overflow of My wisdom have been made lords

The earth of the spirit hath moved at My command

And the throne of Sinai hath been the place of My footsteps

Through My light hath the star of manifestation shone forth

Through My spirit hath the sun of joy become manifest

Comprehensive verses, resplendent in their descent

Sites of traces, dawning-places of holiness

Jewels of thoughts, models of contemplation

Embroideries of lights, exemplars of wisdom

From the Kaf of My Cause their decree hath been ordained for all […]

The world of Command is meant -

From My subtle hidden grace all wondrous things appeared,

Yet thou didst turn away from My face and in thy fancy approached them,

And made the water of delusion flow in the stream of vain imaginings.

Thou wast not steadfast in the light of the unseen in what thou didst create

Within thyself, and thus didst thou waste My handiwork.

In other words, the Verse of Divine Splendor - which emerged from the effulgent lights of the mystic morn of eternity and the dawning rays of the holy Sun of Glory, radiating forth from the Sun of Being, the Moon of Purpose and the Point of Adoration - shone upon the realities of all contingent things, the essences of created hearts, and all atoms of existence. Through drops from the divine waters of being and sprinklings from the pure crystalline streams of eternality, it conferred everlasting life upon all things mentioned and adorned them with enduring robes, exalted garments, and eternal vestments.

Nevertheless, we have not stood firm before such a supreme verse, magnificent gift, unquenchable lights and inexhaustible bounties. We have not risen to this consummate handiwork, assured grace, ancient glory and eternal subtlety. We remain veiled from the holy breaths of the Spirit and the fragrant winds of

the Light of Fellowship, to such extent that were a thousand Davids of existence to chant the psalms and melodies of joy with wondrous new tones over the decayed bones of the servants, they would never stir or move. For the capacity to receive mercy from the heaven of power has vanished, and all have become imprisoned and stupefied in the cage of self and passion. They have been so thunderstruck in the realm of heedlessness that they will never regain consciousness nor reach the station of true union and nearness which is the ultimate purpose.

What regret and remorse that we were not guided by the essence of guidance nor followed the primal exemplar! Neither did we approach the Sinai of His nearness nor emulate His precious Manifestations. We did not respond to the attractions of His holy Spirit nor follow the lights of His glory. Among the ways of emulation is the sacrifice of spirits, which we did not achieve, and the wearing of the garment of steadfastness, which we did not attain.

Yes, we sit at the heart of the sea of identity waiting for a drink of water, and dwell in the shade of the Sun of Eternality while seeking a lamp. This is the condition of this servant and all people in every land. And if a fire is kindled from the Tree, they do not light from it but rather strive to extinguish it. Blessed is he who dons the cloak of justice in this arena. If you become adorned with this supreme attribute, you will surely attain the Most Glorious favor.

This is that hidden golden thread by whose motion all existence moves and by whose stillness all in the lands of the Worshipped One become still. Therefore, hearts must be illumined and purified from corrupt, uprooted, and evil suppositions, so that the wondrous countenance of justice may emerge from behind Mount Qaf. Then we may perceive the overwhelming divine ecstasies and godly attractions from the wingbeats of the Dove of Immortality and the palms of the spirits of glory, and find rest and dwelling upon the cushions of love.

This is the ultimate purpose and the nearest station. Furthermore, we must turn away from those who turn away from truth in all things, and not allow fellowship and association with them for even a moment. For I swear by God that corrupt souls melt pure souls just as fire consumes dry wood and heat melts cold snow. Be not among those whose hearts are hardened to the remembrance of God.

In any case, all that was mentioned was in interpretation of this verse, as a kindness to the eyes of the opposers […]

And the cold heat and snow - be not among those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of God. The explanations given in interpreting this verse were graciously offered for the consideration of the opposers and mercifully for the eyes of the antagonists, lest they interpret and explain these verses according to their own desires. These verses were written during the time of migration in the lands of exile in the Turkish territories, and none of the learned or distinguished ones of those regions raised any objection or criticism. However, due to the ferocity of these people, I suspect that even after this explanation they will still object and, in their imagination, will follow paths of fancy, error, conjecture and blindness. Say: God points out the way, whether one be grateful or ungrateful, whether one turns toward Him or turns away. When the seal of the musk vessel is opened, every possessor of smell perceives it

while one with a cold remains deprived. And if all were afflicted with colds, no deficiency would affect the eternal perfume nor any weakness touch the unerring musk.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I call upon Thee in this hour when there have descended upon me from the signs of Thy sorrow that which, were it to overflow upon existence, would cause both the unseen and the visible to cease to be, to such extent that the spirit nearly departed from its trembling. By Thy might and the mystery of Thy Self-Sufficiency! Were I to breathe of it, it would burn hearts to their very essence and would cause the heavens and all within them to be cleft asunder, and would cause the earth and all upon it to crumble. Therefore, alas! alas! Because of this the fragrance of faithfulness will not waft from the garden of glory, and the sweet perfume of eternity will not blow from the city of Baha, and the dove of the unseen will not warble upon the crimson branches, and the cock of paradise will not crow in the supreme kingdom. By the might of Him Whom Thou hast glorified and made the Manifestation of Thy Divinity and the Source of Thy Lordship, I have forgotten all remembrances and all that Thou hadst taught me before of the wonders of Thy knowledge and the all-comprehensive verses of Thy wisdom. Nay rather, I became as one completely forgotten, as though I had never been visible in the realm of existence. By the life of Ali, and the soul of Muhammad, and the spirit of the Chosen One, and the mercy of the Merciful One, and the attraction of the Praised One, and the rapture of Ahmad, and the joy of the Beloved One, and the delight of Tahir - I do not wish to exist in the kingdom for a single moment while God is my witness behind me.

Hold fast to the cord of the Command in the outer form

Recognize the Face of Light in the inner mystery

Rend asunder the veil of nearness without hint

Witness the Beauty of Holiness within thyself without unveiling

Be still, for the pillars of the Throne have trembled

Be patient, for the eyes of the unseen have wept,

And a meaning beyond knowledge in thee is concealed.

Every illumined mind is powerless to comprehend it;

Take delight and comfort in the holy mystery it contains.

Divulge it not if thou wouldst be My trusted one;

Were the veil to be lifted from the face of what thou hast witnessed,

All existence would perish in the twinkling of an eye;

Thus hath the matter proceeded from the Throne of Glory,

Thus hath the decree gone forth from the mystery of My power.

Blessed are they who attain by virtue of their faithfulness,

Blessed are they who enter into the law of My new Revelation,

Blessed are they who, in their love, shed their blood.

Blessed are those who grasp the cord of My loving-kindness,

Blessed are the sincere ones who hasten

From every direction beneath the shade of My divinity.

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O beloved of my heart! May the esteemed son 202 [Ali Muhammad], the Name of God the Most Truthful, upon them both be all the most glorious glory, take note.

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

Praise, sanctified beyond word and meaning, is befitting and worthy of the most holy and most sacred threshold of the Lord of creation, Who, in these days when the darkness of oppression hath encompassed the world, guideth all to the straight path and the great announcement through the light of justice. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the ranks of polytheism cannot diminish His oneness, nor can the hosts of nations prevent Him from His Cause. He is able to cause the light of justice to shine forth from the darkness of oppression, and from a drop of corruption make manifest an ocean of reformation. Who can stand against Him and who can claim to know Him or draw nigh unto Him? Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! We are all powerless.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of oppression and justice, and in Whose right hand are the reins of punishment and grace. I beseech Thee by the wafting of the breezes of Thy bounty and the flowing of the river of Thy mercy to aid Thy loved ones through Thy generosity and grace, and deliver them from the prison of those who have denied Thy truth and disputed Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that this servant desired to make mention of him who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause and circulated Thy laws throughout Thy lands. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to assist him with true assistance and aid him with the hosts of Thy Cause. Then make him, O my God, to be honored through Thy glory and enkindled with the fire of Thy love in such wise that neither the howling of the people in Thy Day nor the clamor of Thy servants shall quench that which Thou hast willed through Thy power and might. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! My delay hath been prolonged, and my patience and composure have exceeded moderation in a place where patience and composure are not befitting save by the command of God, the Manifest, the Evident, the Omnipotent, the Hidden. Great regret hath been occasioned, for this evanescent one hath not been able for some time to respond to the letters of that beloved of the heart.

The cause and reason for this hath been the enkindling of the fire of oppression and corruption, and the lack of capacity among the servants. In truth, were one to reflect a little, utter amazement would result, for every soul hath been and is the recipient of manifold bounties and countless favors, such as hearing, sight, heart, understanding, and both outward and inward senses. Nevertheless, they are seen as though dead. Most strange of all is that man observeth the changes and variations in the world, yet clingeth to that which is destined to perish, remaining heedless and deprived of the eternal and everlasting bounty. He hath not and cannot have assurance of life for even an hour, yet he maketh provision for generations and ages to come. I beseech God to grant true vision to the eyes, for these sights have yielded and yield no fruit. How many a blind one hath heard and turned unto God, attaining the lights of the Countenance after the passing away of all things, and how many a seeing one hath been deprived and forbidden from beholding with his eyes. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Verily, the Cause is in His hand, and success is in His grasp, and assistance is in His right hand. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After observing and perusing the last letter of that spiritual beloved, which was adorned with the date of the twenty-ninth of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, I ascended to the heaven of inner meanings and presented it before His face. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered, exalted be His utterance and magnified be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in earth and heaven […]

That which was mentioned and recorded in the Books of the past and since hath been made manifest, and the divine promises shine forth like unto light. Verily, He hath fulfilled what He promised in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. And that which the Most Exalted Pen foretold in the Land of Mystery, the Land of Secret, and the Most Great Prison hath come to pass. The croaking from the land of Kaf and Ra hath been raised, and the clamor of the idolaters is heard like the buzzing of flies behind a veil. Glory be to God! Despite the clear text of the Primal Point stating that all is limited and known by My bidding and what was revealed in the Bayan - that the entire Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise, and that "I am the foremost of worshippers" - yet they have objected to the Truth Himself through the words of the Bayan, like unto the people of the Furqan. They fail to perceive that the knowledge of the Bayan is today with the Truth Himself, from Whom they should seek answers. Woe unto them and unto those who heard vain imaginings on this Day wherein God hath established His firm and mighty Cause.

They have abandoned the Mother Book and clung to their own desires through the book of perdition. Today the Mother Book calleth out before the faces of all people: O ye that slumber, arise! O ye that are heedless, become aware! Today the world is perfumed by the breezes of the dawn of revelation and illumined by the light of His countenance. Abandon the dawning-places of vain imaginings and break the idols of idle fancies with the arm of certitude. With pure hearts, sanctified breasts, penetrating vision and radiant faces, turn ye toward the shore of the ocean of knowledge.

Some among the people of the Bayan utter words that no ignorant one hath ever spoken. Say: O manifestations of doubts and idle fancies, fix your gaze upon this exalted Word, which is as the spirit of inner meanings unto the world of mystic knowledge. By God's life, it sufficeth you, were ye to know. Let your movements and your stillness, your silence and your speech be by the will of your Lord, the

Commander, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the Bayan, observe this blessed Word and act according to it. Today is God's Day; the mention of aught else is not permissible. If ye seek verses, He is the Kingdom of verses, and if ye seek proofs, He is the Dawning-Place thereof. By God's life! The Mother Book and the Mother Bayan appeared through Him, speak through Him, and circle round Him. Today all mention and deeds are dependent upon His acceptance and good-pleasure.

O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of certitude! Make the heedless aware and remind them of that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, that they may adorn themselves with the greatest steadfastness and be preserved from the craft of the deceitful ones. Some among the opposers appear in the guise of friendship, concealing lethal poison in sweet and delicate words. They appear with utmost craftiness and deceit, deprived of the fragrances of divine days and forbidden from hearing His Word. In truth, they have not comprehended a single word of His utterances nor fathomed the ocean of His meanings. On God's Day they ask about general and specific prophethood - such words testify to the baseness and heedlessness of those souls. A speaker and witness indeed! Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends of God who have quaffed the choice wine from the cup of the Self-Subsisting. Say: Today is the day for the manifestation of the essence of humanity. Strive that ye may succeed in performing deeds or uttering words worthy of God's days. Ye have ever been beneath the glance of His loving-kindness[...]

A manifest witness unto the loved ones of God who have quaffed from the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Convey greetings from the Wronged One and say: Today is the day for the manifestation of the essence of humanity. Strive that ye may achieve deeds befitting the days of God, or words worthy of Him. Ye have ever been and continue to be beneath the glances of loving-kindness. Know ye the value of this most exalted station and with the utmost joy and fragrance, give utterance to the praise of the Goal of all worlds - utterance that is a consuming fire unto the opposers among the people of the Bayan and a shining light unto the people of Baha. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those whom We have guided to My straight path.

The world hath been encompassed by the smoke of tyranny and oppression. It is observed that each day giveth birth to a fresh evil. Goodness is like unto the phoenix, and faithfulness hath been and shall continue to be the rarest of all things. O beloved of My heart! Diverse and conflicting patterns are witnessed. One who for fifty years, more or less, hath manifested the utmost friendship and love, suddenly without cause or reason riseth up in opposition, to such an extent that no enemy or oppressor hath ever shown such enmity. Another soul who hath dwelt for years beneath the shadow of favor and repeatedly been granted permission to return to his homeland, hath disobeyed, claiming this to be from exceeding love, while outwardly possessing wealth, honor and comfort; nevertheless he hath manifested such poison and exhibited such opposition that the pen is powerless to describe it. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine the world with the light of justice and deprive it not of the splendors of the sun of faithfulness. Indeed, thus must it be - both the people of the highest heaven circling round and the people of the lowest hell arising. The Cause is in God's hands, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Concerning what you wrote about the beloved of the heart, His Holiness H. - upon him be all the most glorious Glory - it brought great joy. Praise be to God, the magnet of grace caused gathering in the station of truthfulness and security, and in that blessed spot ye sat and spoke and listened, for God and in God and purely for His sake. Some time ago his letter arrived and specifically a detailed and extensive Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. God willing, he will attain unto it and be illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of utterance.

Regarding what you wrote about his being forbidden to proceed to the lands of T. and M. and Kh., this is unquestionably true, for in those days the fire of hatred was aflame in those regions. However, should entry and arrival occur with wisdom, there is and hath been no harm. Even as was revealed by the Supreme Pen in the previous Tablet, according to the command that beloved one must also in all circumstances give precedence to wisdom and keep it in view, lest the clamor of those who have denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, be raised.

Concerning what you had written about teaching and directing attention to certain regions, this is exactly right and an issue that cannot be left unanswered, for some time ago this matter was repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, and this servant, according to His command, wrote to some of the friends that steadfast and well-established souls should direct their attention to certain regions. The outlying areas of Fars are necessary, for in some of the cities and villages there are receptive souls, and likewise in the Land of Ya and its dependencies. However, they must proceed with the utmost wisdom, for if they become known by this name at first, the people will avoid them and the purpose will not be achieved. The same applies to the regions of Kaf and Ra. But the souls who are sent must be adorned with spiritual qualities, goodly deeds, and complete detachment. After this matter was presented, He said: “Well spoken is he who sought Me and attained My presence and My favor and My mercy.” In all cases they should consult and act accordingly.

The honored and beloved Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, has mentioned your honor in several letters, as have friends from the land of Kha and other regions. In truth they have shown and continue to show complete sincerity and kindness toward the chosen ones of God. At this time he has turned toward the Seat of the Goal of all worlds, and after his presence, this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

O servant in attendance! Write to him who bears the name of the Most Truthful, upon them both be My loving-kindness, My mercy and My grace. Tell the friends not to be saddened by the oppression of oppressors and the heedlessness of the heedless. By the life of God! The entire world before the presence of the Ancient Beauty is and has been as a handful of dust, and the clamor of all is like the buzzing of a fly compared to the Call of God. Today the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze and the lights of His countenance are manifest and radiant. With perfect unity and harmony, they must arise to educate the peoples of the world. Death is decreed for all, and the passing and transformation of the world is evident and visible. Those souls who have attained eternal life through the breezes of the divine days and the dawning lights of the morn of inner meanings must arise in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, to quicken the people of the world and offer them the choice sealed wine that flows from the source of the Self-Subsisting Name.

The Supreme Pen bears witness to those upright souls who, in the days of the greatest turmoil, summoned the people to the highest horizon. The clamor of the divines and the croaking of the jurists did not prevent them nor deprive them of the fragrances of the Cause. We beseech God to inflame all through His grace and favor and guide them to the straight path.

O thou who hast turned to My horizon and who standeth in service to My Cause! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. By My life! I have accepted the oppression of the world, its tyranny and tribulations that God's Cause might be exalted among His servants and the fragrance of His raiment might be diffused throughout His lands. Blessed is the seeing one who hath attained to witnessing, and the hearing one who hath been honored to hearken to the call of God, the Lord of creation, before Whom the Spirit doth cry out, while the Beloved is above His head, and the Friend is at His right, and at His left are the tribes of the Supreme Concourse, speaking and bringing glad tidings of that which hath appeared, gleamed forth, shone and brightened - that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of all worlds.

O friends of God! Beware lest the affairs of men sadden you or prevent you from the Truth. Set aside what they possess, holding fast to that which hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Great. Aid your Lord through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. This is what ye were commanded before and in this exalted station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My dominion be upon you and upon them and upon those whom the hosts of the world did not weaken nor the clamor of the nations frighten in this Cause, before which all things prostrated themselves when it appeared, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in the most exalted Paradise: "The promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared," and the One Who conversed upon Sinai, Who was mentioned in the tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth speak.

God, exalted be His glory, is witness and aware that this servant has not forgotten and will not forget the days of association and presence, and beseeches God to ordain that which is the cause of the expansion of the breast, the brightening of the eyes, and the illumination of the heart - and that is the gathering of the friends beneath the blessed Lote-Tree. With the generous, nothing is difficult. It is hoped that the horizon of hope will be illumined and the prayer will be answered. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

As to what was written regarding meeting with the beloved spiritual one, his honor Asad, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise the honored beloved, his honor Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, Lord of the worlds, for consultation - this matter was submitted and this most exalted word shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will, His exalted Word: "Excellent is what he intended," for from such meetings the fragrances of love are diffused and the effulgences of the lights of oneness become manifest, "and in gathering together are signs for those who seek the face of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." The essence of what was stated is that the attention of assured souls who are focused on wisdom to cities and villages has been and is acceptable. I beseech God to assist all to that which has been and is the cause of exalting the sovereign Word.

Regarding what was written about his honor Fa'iz, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors - this was submitted. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: "We have ordained for him a great good in the Book

and commanded him to that whereby his mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven." The world has had and has no worth, and its people no faithfulness, whether children or others, as has been and is witnessed, save whom God willeth. A deed that appears today by God's leave and is adorned with the ornament of acceptance is better and more acceptable than a hundred thousand effects and children. The Command is in God's hand - He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, he has been and is successful, as testified by what was revealed for him in the Scriptures and Tablets. As commanded, a brief note was written separately - it would be beloved if sent to him, as the fragrance of divine favor, kindness and bounties emanates therefrom, that his heart may rejoice through the grace of God, Lord of the worlds.

Regarding what you wrote about the Huquq amount of 44 tumans which was given to that beloved one to deliver and which that beloved one spent - this matter was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and was honored with acceptance and approval. Well done to you!

And regarding what was previously written about nearly 100 tumans of Huquq being with some of the friends who await instruction about its receipt and remittance - this matter too was submitted. As commanded, what that beloved one has spent is agreeable and acceptable, and the remainder should either be delivered to his honor K.Z., upon him be the Glory of God, in the Green Land, or to his honor S.M., upon him be the Glory of God, in the land of Q. And if sent elsewhere it is also acceptable. Blessed are those souls who have paid the Rights of God and acted according to what is in the Book.

And regarding what was written about his honor Aqa Mirza Mas'ud, upon him be the Glory of God, and his offering (saffron) - they had written from the land of Ha. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that God may grant success to him and the other friends that all may arise to serve the Cause as befits it and them. The payment of Huquq is firmly established in God's Book. For certain years its collection was forbidden, then later, in view of certain benefits and the arrangement of certain necessary matters, its collection was commanded. Verily He is the Commander, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As mentioned has been made of souls who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness, this matter was presented before the countenance of the Ancient King. For each name, a verse was revealed from the heaven of God's will, that they might be blessed with the special favors of God, exalted be His glory, and be immersed in the ocean of joy. This is what God hath sent down from the kingdom of His utterance, as a token of His grace unto His servants. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. His blessed and exalted Word:

O 'Ali! We have witnessed and do witness that thou hast turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and hast quaffed the Choice Wine that was sealed, whose seal was broken by My Most Self-Subsisting Name, and hast hastened unto the Dawning-Places of remembrance out of love for God, the One, the Chosen One.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee in this month which hath been named Ramadan by the All-Merciful, with a remembrance through which the ocean of utterance hath surged, the sun of

knowledge hath shone forth, and the dove of certitude hath warbled upon the branches. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

And We make mention of him who was named Mirza Muhammad, that joy and gladness might seize him from the direction of My Most Glorious Name, in such wise that he may soar with the wings of knowledge in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds the sincere ones hear that there is none other God but He, the One, the Single, the Protector of all who are in the earth and the heavens.

O Muhammad-Husayn! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee when the opposers rose against Him with swords of tyranny and oppression, and when the divines of the earth and its jurists turned away from Him - they who violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of lords.

O Kazim! We have remembered thee with that which shall never lose its fragrance. To this testify the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names, and beyond them all things, and beyond them the Tongue of God in the most exalted station.

The Wronged One maketh mention of him who was named Muhammad: O Shaykh! Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond the Ocean of Grandeur. By God's life! Through it every monotheist hath hastened unto God, the Creator of heaven, and every one who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and every thirsty one unto the Kawthar of eternity, and every poor one unto the Dawning-Place of riches, and every ailing one unto the Ocean of healing, and every silent one unto the Kingdom of God's utterance, the Lord of all men.

O Muhammad-Taqi! That which We foretold the servants in the Kaf and Ra hath come to pass. It behooveth every one who hath turned toward God to read what We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book which hath been named "The Most Holy" by God's will, the Revealer of verses.

O 'Aziz! Blessed art thou for God hath aided thee to recognize the ocean of His knowledge, the heaven of His wisdom, the sun of His Cause, and His Wine whose seal was broken by the finger of power.

And We make mention of 'Abdu'l-Husayn and counsel him and those who have believed to be steadfast and to observe that which they have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. And We seal these verses with thy mention. Blessed art thou and blessed is My Most Truthful Name who soared on wings of longing until he entered the Most Great Prison and visited the House and stood before the Door and heard what the Speaker of Sinai uttered and beheld what most of the servants were debarred from. We have made mention of him in the Tablets with that which the treasures of the earth cannot equal. To this testifieth He Who speaketh at this moment that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Chosen One.

At the end of that beloved one's letter was seen the handwriting of His Holiness the beloved Mirza H-Y, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. Praise be to God, the letter was sealed with two seals. After reading and learning of its contents, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and after permission was granted, it attained the honor of being heard, and a most mighty and wondrous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will. By command of His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - it was written and sent.

God willing, may the people of the world perceive its fragrance and not remain deprived of this greatest bounty. Some time ago, this evanescent one sent a letter to their presence; God willing, it has arrived by now.

Mention was made of certain steadfast women, upon them be the Glory of God. One by one they were mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and attained the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they, joy be unto them, and glad tidings be unto them, for they have attained that which pure essences and sanctified hearts have sought and yearned for.

Some time ago His Holiness the honored and revered brother, the Hakim (R), upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, set out for that direction. Specifically for some of the aforementioned steadfast women, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and sent. I beseech God that they may attain unto them and engage as befits them in the mention and praise of the Peerless Friend.

And regarding what was written about turning towards this direction with family, it was presented before the Face. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "O thou who gazest toward My horizon and standeth in service to Me! The incident in the land of Ta has somewhat affected this land as well, and certain discussions have arisen. Glory be to God! All atoms testify to the tranquility, steadfastness, justice and fairness of God's loved ones, but the corrupt ones observe their own reflection in things. They are debarred and deprived of the ocean of divine favor and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. And apparently the authorities of that land have written to the authorities of the great city concerning this Prisoner that which was born of suspicion and fancy. Verily thy Lord knoweth that they know not. Therefore the pause of those in authority is in God's hand, the Lord of all mankind." End quote.

This evanescent one's submission is that to those divine friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of faithfulness and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, I offer greetings and glorification to each one. Whenever that honored one meets with them, as proxy for this evanescent servant, remind them all of this supreme utterance which flowed from the blessed Pen of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. His blessed and exalted Word is: "And I have written a gem concerning His remembrance, and it is that He shall not be indicated by My indication, nor by what was mentioned in the Bayan. By the life of my Beloved and your Beloved!" If a soul were to drink a drop from the ocean of meanings of this utterance which has appeared from the Dayspring of the Will of the All-Merciful, all of the Bayan and its people would be powerless to prevent him, and he would testify with absolute certainty that the purpose of the First Call was a glad tiding from God, that those near and sincere ones might become aware and purify the path from thorns and weeds. If the divine loved ones were to preserve this all-encompassing Word upon the mirror of the heart, all the people of the Bayan would be unable to speak in their presence, let alone beyond that. It is hoped that the friends will receive blessings from your breaths and be illumined by the lamp of your utterance.

In further submission, let any of the kindred, both male and female, be mentioned through this servant's representation according to what they deem worthy. Peace and glory and splendor, then spirit and majesty and praise be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds, and praise be to our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The servant

15th Ramadan 1301

Glory be to God! After concluding, it was observed that the initial decree was not completed. Among the wondrous and exalted Tablets that were specifically revealed from the heaven of grace for his honor Ibn-i-Fa'iz and some of the noble khans - upon him and them be the glory of God - were not presented. Likewise, the mention of that beloved one's entreaty on behalf of some of the divine loved ones was not made. In any case, this servant again ascended to the supreme height, and after attaining the presence, mention was made of the aforementioned souls who were honored to attain the grace of listening, and all were blessed through divine favor with that which diffuses the fragrance of eternity. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Generous

O Husayn! Today this blessed word was heard from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree: "The Possessor has come and the kingdom belongs to God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting." Praise be to God, thou hast attained to the hearing of the divine call on a day when those who waited were found to be turning away, and those who hoped were heedless and veiled. The grievous and major misdeeds of the people of the world have deprived them from the most great bounty, save whom thy Lord willeth. Verily thou hast attained on this day to another Tablet and to these verses sent down from the heaven of thy Ancient Lord's favor.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Kazim and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him from this station which hath been named the heaven of this heaven in My Most Great Tablet.

We make mention of him who is named Mahdi and give him the glad-tidings of what We have sent down for him in another Tablet from the verses of his Lord, and We remember him at this time with a remembrance that would move every mouldering bone.

O Rajab! Praise be to God, the blessed Ramadan has come to an end and Shawwal has come, calling: "O people! Seize the opportunity in the days of God and be not of the heedless ones!"

O Ishaq! The Lord of all horizons makes mention of thee - He through Whom appeared the decree of the Covenant on the Day of Separation - and gives thee glad-tidings through this remembrance by which God created the world and guided the peoples to His straight path.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward him who was moved with rapture when the spheres of utterance were stirred by the breezes of thy Lord the All-Merciful's revelation, and say: Blessed is the stranger who recognized his homeland, and the existent one who knew his Dawning-Place, and he of spirit who attained unto the Word of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Shahvirdi! The Wronged One makes mention of thee while seated upon the Throne and calls all unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned every name thou didst mention with that which cannot be equaled by all the trees of the world and their fruits, nor the wealth of the rich, nor the treasuries of kings and rulers. Give thanks unto God for this bounty and counsel My servants with wisdom and utterance, lest the cawing of those who have denied the All-Merciful be raised. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom thou didst mention and who have attained unto the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Great.

O beloved of my heart! It was mentioned that the letter had been sealed with two musk seals. Praise be to God that it was blessed with a third, despite the enemies and as a bounty to the loved ones. One must reflect upon the grace and bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory. Upon the mere presence and presentation of the wondrous and exalted verses, once again they were revealed. By the life of our Lord! None can reckon His bounty. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Glory and praise, peace and the spirit of mercy be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

19th of the honored month of Shawwal, 1301

In these days and before, petitions arrived from the Land of Kha. Until now no reply had been sent, and in these days some exalted and holy Tablets were revealed in response to various petitions that had reached the Most Holy Court, and replies to some of the letters sent were dispatched. The purpose is to inform your honor. This evanescent one beseeches the True One to give all to drink from the ocean of His utterance and to bestow upon them a complete portion, for whosoever attaineth unto this, neither the opposition of the people of the world nor the might of nations shall prevent them from the True One, exalted be His glory. Again, glory be upon you and upon them.

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! Thou seest how tribulation hath encompassed Thy servants who have cast the world behind their backs, turning unto the horizon of Thy Revelation. O Lord! The banner of oppression hath been raised in such wise that the dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm, and the inhabitants of the pavilions of Thy glory and holiness, have lamented. Such oppression hath reached a point where, night and day, the Servant hath heard the lamentation of the Supreme Pen and the sighing of Him in Whose grasp lieth the Kingdom of creation. Would that the world had ceased to exist rather than hear the wailing of the Pen that moveth between the fingers of the Will of the All-Merciful. I beseech Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earth, and Sovereign of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation, to ordain through this supreme calamity and great tribulation that which will cause the standards of Thy guidance to be raised in Thy lands and the banners

of Thy triumph in Thy realm. Then pour forth upon Thy sincere loved ones patience from Thee and forbearance from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The Servant hath attained the choice wine of your utterance and the Kawthar of your love, whereby the thirst of my separation and the burning of my remoteness have been quenched. By Thy life! From each word of your words I have drunk that which hath expanded my heart and dilated my breast and the breasts of those who have turned unto God and clung to His luminous hem. O my Beloved and my Love! Whenever I desired to respond to that which you sent from the direction of your grace, sorrows prevented me, for I heard and saw that the Supreme Pen moved in such wise as to grieve the hearts of the chosen ones and the souls of the near ones.

Some time before Ridvan, the Ancient Beauty wrote with His blessed hand and recited certain verses indicating sorrows and grief, until a letter arrived from the Land of Ha containing news of the persecution of certain knights in the arena of the love of God, and a few days thereafter news arrived by telegram. He verily knoweth what befell Him at the hands of those who denied God, the Lord of the worlds. Nearly a hundred Tablets were revealed in His blessed handwriting, all mentioning those holy souls and pure spirits. I swear by the Ancient Beauty, the ocean of bounty surged in such wise that the essence of life sought the place of sacrifice, that perchance it might attain this supreme bounty and greatest favor. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! The very rocks were softened by the lamentations of those near ones, yet the people are in manifest error. I know not what hardness of heart moved them to do what they did. The Concourse on High and all who are adorned with the robe of names were bewildered by them. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid His loved ones and chosen ones to read what was revealed for the martyred victors, for by their mention hearts find rest and souls attain peace. This servant copied some of those wondrous and sublime Tablets from the Supreme Pen, and through His Holiness the Name of God M.H., upon him be all-glorious Baha, sent them to your presence. From beholding that ocean of divine favors and manifestations of heavenly bounties concerning those souls, it becomes clear and evident that until these days nothing like this hath been revealed concerning any of the chosen ones. Blessed, then blessed are they who were martyred in His path and attained unto His mention.

Let me know what was written regarding the two honored names, Haydar and Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. It was presented. Praise be to God, divine favors have been and continue to be with them. In these days, due to atmospheric disturbances, personal affairs, and the manifestation of dark oppression, nothing was submitted to these two honored and exalted souls. They have not been forgotten and will not be forgotten. God willing, whenever it is deemed advisable, a letter will be sent to them.

Concerning what you wrote about the travelers, upon them be the Glory of God, they attained the Most Holy Presence and achieved their purpose. This year, whoever came did so with permission, except for three souls, including Aqa Muhammad Isma'il who had been in the surrounding areas. For a long time, whatever petition he submitted was not accepted until he returned to Aleppo. From there he submitted a petition to the Most Great Branch, may my spirit and being be a sacrifice for the dust of His most precious footsteps, and beseeched Him, and through His intercession was summoned. In His presence, he was told

that his pilgrimage was accepted and he attained the adorning grace of forgiveness, but he must also seek forgiveness from Jenab-i-Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God. However, the elevated son of Jenab-i-A?daq-i-Muqaddas, upon them both be the Glory of God, and Aqa Muhammad-'Ali from the people of Ba who was with them, had permission before and after. We beseech God to assist all to that which He loves and is pleased with.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Husayn, relative of Aqa Asadu'llah from the people of N and R, it was presented. This is what the Beloved uttered in response:

He is the Mighty, the Beloved

O Husayn! The fire of tyranny and corruption has encompassed the world, and the dark smoke of heedlessness and oppression has prevented most people from turning to the Truth. The Manifestation of the Command of the All-Merciful and the Dawning-Place of the Revelation of the All-Glorious is captive in the hands of the rebellious ones. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that We eagerly seek with Our soul all the tribulations of the earth in the path of the Friend. We beseech God that pure hearts which have been illumined by the lights of the recognition of the All-Merciful Lord be not darkened and sullied by the dust of the deeds of the oppressors. Behold the world as virtually non-existent, for soon all that is observed upon it shall find its abode in the bosom of dust, even as hath been witnessed at all times. Praise the Beloved of the world Who enabled thee to turn unto Him. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink from the choice wine of steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

Say: O my God! Thou seest how darkness hath encompassed Thy earth by reason of what the hands of Thy tyrannical servants have wrought. I beseech Thee to transform it through the light of Thy days and the manifestation of Thy justice. O my Lord! Ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee that which shall make him steadfast upon Thy path, firm in Thy service, speaking Thy praise, and hoping for Thy bountiful grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And that which was sent through Jenab-i-Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, was received.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God, when it was presented, He said: "We have hearkened to his call time after time, and occasion after occasion. Although outwardly nothing has been specifically revealed for him from the Supreme Pen in these days, yet he has been and is remembered before the Throne. All that he has endured in the path of God has been and is remembered in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. The ocean of oppression has surged and the winds of tyranny have blown. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the beginning and the end. O Zayn, reflect upon the deeds of the oppressors - they make mention of the Messenger yet kill his sons; they lament for the progeny of the Pure One yet cut out her liver. Thus have their souls made fair-seeming to them that from which Satan himself has disassociated himself. God willing, there shall flow from the Supreme Pen specifically for him that which shall endure throughout the permanence of the kingdom and the realm."

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented, He said: "Both before and after, mention of him has been made in the Most Holy Court, and numerous Tablets have been revealed and sent down from the heaven of divine grace. We beseech God to assist

him to serve His Cause. Verily He heareth the call of him who maketh mention of Him and uttereth His praise. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

The mention of Jinab-i-'Ali-Asghar that was in the letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon them both be the Glory of God, wherein he had requested that they be remembered in the Most Holy Court, was presented. He showed the utmost loving-kindness towards them, saying: "During the days of his presence he attained unto countless bounties. Blessed is he and joy be unto him."

Furthermore, mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God (in the land of N and R), was made in the Most Holy Court. A wondrous and sublime Tablet specifically for him was given to the son of Jinab-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God, to deliver. Likewise, this servant had previously written a letter in response to his letter which was addressed to this evanescent one. Its sending was delayed but has now been sent. Whenever appropriate, your honor may send it. Although in these days, due to the flames of the fire of oppression and tyranny, the more matters remain concealed the better. The son of Jinab-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Glory of God, must conduct himself with great wisdom, as was told to him in the presence of the Ancient Beauty. For the rest, your honor may act as deemed expedient. Verily He is the One Who has commanded all to wisdom, and His is the Command and the Creation, and for us is submission. There is no God but He, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Yusuf from the people of N and R through their honors, upon them both be the Glory of God, when it was presented to the Most Holy Court, this is what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Generous […]

O Zayn! We make mention of those who have believed in God and His signs and have turned with radiant hearts toward His countenance, as the Lord of Names beareth witness in this glorious station. The pebble hath heard My remembrance, the earth My utterance, the mountain My call, the heaven My lamentation, and the Concourse on High My sighs. Thus do We expound for thee that thou mayest be of the thankful. Say: O Joseph! By the life of God, We make mention of thee. Verily He seeth whosoever turneth unto Him and heareth the call of him who speaketh of this mighty Cause. O Joseph! Calumny was cast upon the first Wolf, but the Wolf of the land of Sad devoured Joseph the Apostle and the son of the Virgin before the faces of the heedless. O Joseph! Reflect upon those who read the Qur'an and claim allegiance to Muhammad the Apostle of God, yet slay His sons and plunder their possessions without clear proof or manifest Book. Hold fast to the cord of grace and say: I beseech Thee, O Thou for Whose sake blood was shed and lamentations were raised, by Thy Name through which the trumpet was blown and the dwellers of the graves arose, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and firm in Thy praise among Thy servants in such wise that neither the might of any oppressor nor the tyranny of any denier may weaken me. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And regarding Jinab Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, the physician, and others, what you wrote was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the Desired One hath spoken:

He is the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Physician! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Prison and reflect upon God's grace and justice, and the oppression of those who claim faith for themselves yet slay the sons of the Apostle without clear proof or Book. The world hath so deluded them that they deny Him Whom they mention night and day. They have slain their men and plundered their women and children. By God's life! They have committed that which hath caused the Spirit to lament at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and the Beloved One in the most exalted station. It behooveth every person of insight to observe their deeds and reflect upon what they have wrought both in former times and in these days. Oppression hath reached such a state that every tongue is powerless to describe it, yet the oppressors are in joy and delight. God shall soon seize them with justice from His presence and purify the earth from the defilement of these people. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. When thou receivest My letter, give thanks unto God that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath sent thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all regions. From this station We send greetings to thy son, that the attraction of his Lord's verses may seize him and draw him nigh unto the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

O Husayn! Husayn hath been martyred in these days, and before him his brother Hasan in the path of God, the Lord of creation. Shame upon the people who have rent asunder the vitals of the Apostle while imagining themselves to be the protectors of Islam. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned by thy Lord, through Whom agitation hath seized all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, save whom God willeth, the Lord of all men.

Then make mention of him who is named Jamal, that he may hear the call of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Say: We have manifested Ourself for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples have turned away and united to harm Us, as testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord, then act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this Prison which hath been named with all names in the Book of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

O Pen, turn towards him who is named Abdu'r-Rahman, then mention him that his heart may rejoice and he may remain steadfast on the path. Blessed is he who hath believed in God and acted according to what He hath commanded in the Book that speaketh with truth. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with My attributes; verily, such a one is of the people of Baha, as doth testify He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O Zein! The Supreme Pen hath mentioned and continueth to mention both great and small among the loved ones. At all times the mention of the All-Merciful is raised, and whatsoever proceedeth therefrom to the world of creation in its primal reality returneth unto those sanctified souls who have quaffed from the sealed wine and who are fixed upon the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they for what they have recognized and attained in these days when the wine of vain imaginings hath intoxicated most of mankind. This station hath no peer or likeness. The grace of God hath reached such a degree that He mentioneth all. The rain from the clouds of this grace hath no equal, nor will it ever have; yet sight, hearing, and understanding are lacking. As thou dost witness, One Who hath manifested all the divine proofs, evidences, and verses that exist in the world among the peoples - yet they do not acknowledge

belief in Him, much less in that which is above Him. The Tree is raised with utmost grace, yet observe how on all its twigs and branches are seen the marks of the swords and stones of the polytheists and the hateful ones. Nevertheless, at every moment it calleth the people to the supreme horizon with its most exalted call. We desire to end Our utterance at this time and say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Likewise doth the Supreme Pen mention Ali, that he may be gladdened by the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful, remain occupied with His remembrance and steadfast in His Cause. Convey My glory unto his face and give him the glad-tidings of My mention of him, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. And mention was made of a handmaiden of God. We make mention of her as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness. She is assuredly among the people of Paradise in a glorious Book. We have made mention of every servant who hath turned and every handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to aid her and strengthen her in His remembrance and praise. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what thou didst write about the Tablets of Dervish Baqir, by command they should remain with thee. And concerning what thou didst write about the prayer beads: Several years ago, one of the friends found a silver belt, and after it was presented before the Most Holy Court, they commanded in the name of bounty - 95 (Baha'u'llah) - that a herald should announce it in the streets and markets for one day so that its owner might be found, and if after the announcement the owner was not found, to wait nineteen days and then take possession of it. Nevertheless, when this was submitted, They said that the friends of this Revelation have been commanded to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness; their eyes and hearts must be sanctified and purified from worthless, transient possessions belonging to others. In this year and the previous year, countless verses have been revealed from the heaven of God's command. Blessed is the eye that seeth and the soul that knoweth and acteth, and woe unto those who forsake and turn away. And in place of those prayer beads, We have sent one set of prayer beads that her supposition may attain to the station of certitude and she may be gladdened by God's grace. Blessed is she before God, the Lord of the worlds.

O thou who art adorned with the love of the Beloved of the world! In the Ridvan He appeared with utmost sorrow, and the radiance of that sorrow was reflected upon you. Blessed art thou and blessed am I; joyous art thou and joyous am I. Rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Hadst thou been present before the Throne and heard the lamentation of My Most Exalted Pen at the time of revelation, thou wouldst have wept with the weeping of the bereft and been counted among those who have lost.

Thus far is the answer to the blessed letter written on the 17th of Muharram. And then thy letter dated the first of Safar illumined the star of the heart with the lights of the Sun of bounty, and bestowed upon the drop of knowledge the expression of an ocean. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory and might, that this supreme blessing be not withheld and this mighty gift be not delayed. The command is in His hand; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Concerning what thou didst write about Ismu'l-Kamal, upon him be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, his mention hath been made in the presence of the Countenance, and that which he sent was presented before the Throne. The servant sendeth greetings from this station upon him and upon those with him, and upon his family, both men and women. Blessed are they in that they have attained, acknowledged and confessed that which the Lord of the Invoked One hath uttered.

Regarding what thou didst write about Khwajih 'Abdu'l-Ahad, it was presented. These wondrous and sublime words were revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for him, but they must be given according to the requirements of the time, for in these days the incident in the Land of Sad hath caused agitation. In any case, the loved ones must act with the utmost wisdom. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the One Who descendeth with His mighty glory.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of all existence! I beseech Thee to ordain for every one who hath turned unto Thee the Kawthar of Thy presence and the wine of reunion with Thee, and to make him aware of that which beseemeth Thy Revelation, Thy greatness and Thy days. O my Lord! Illumine my sight that I may behold Thee established upon the throne of Thy power and elevated above Thy creation and creatures. O my Lord! I have turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the ark of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity and Thy sovereignty not to deprive me of them. Thou art He to Whose exaltation and power all atoms testify, and to Whose transcendence and ascendancy all beings bear witness. O my Lord! Grant me from the wonders of Thy generosity that which will cause me to gaze in all conditions toward Thy horizon, to stand firm in Thy Cause, and to cling to Thy robe. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Thou knowest and seest my poverty and Thy wealth, my powerlessness and Thy might. Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding Nabil the traveler and his son, upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was presented. He said that divine favors have been and will be, God willing, bestowed upon him and his relatives. A Tablet was sent specifically for them with the son of Janab-i-A?daq, upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise previously, and We mention his son at this time as a favor from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The Bird of the Divine Throne hath taken flight because of the croaking of the raven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Muhammad-Rida! We make mention of thee in this station that thou mayest rejoice in this remembrance whereby the ocean of faith hath surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all religions, hath been wafted abroad. Beware lest anything whatsoever debar thee from God, the Creator of names. By My life! All the treasures of earth cannot equal one word of thy Lord. He Who hath manifested the kingdom of utterance in the realm of creation beareth witness to this. Although sorrows have encompassed all things, yet doth the All-Merciful call out with His most exalted voice: "There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting." Nothing whatsoever can

withhold Him from that which He desireth. He ordaineth as He pleaseth through His sovereign might. He is, in truth, the One, the All-Seeing.

The oppressors have slain the descendants of the Apostle, yet make mention of Him at morn and eventide. The kingdom of earth and heaven is bewildered at their deeds. Erelong shall the blasts of chastisement seize them from every direction. He shall seize them even as He seized those who preceded them. Behold them who confined Us to the most desolate of lands. Blessed is he who readeth the Tablet of Ra'is and learneth of that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen when it was captive in the hands of the wicked. The glory rest upon thee, upon thy father, and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of grace and have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged, both in the beginning and in the end.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. We have desired to make mention of the Glorious One who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. By thy life, O Zayn! He attained Our presence in the land of Kaf, and We cast upon him the Word of God, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The fire of the Word so seized him that he was drawn to the Most Sublime Horizon. The Lord of Names in this glorious station beareth witness unto this. We testify that he believed in Me and acknowledged that which God acknowledged on the day when men turned away from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He bore witness as We bore witness when the Trump was blown and all who are in the heavens and earth swooned away, save those whom God willed to exempt, the True Sovereign, the Manifest. Blessed is he who remembereth him as recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in this wondrous Tablet.

The Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of him in this station and saith: "Blessed art thou who hast laid hold on the Most Great Handle and clung to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Merciful." I testify that thou art a servant who hath believed in God, the Manifestations of His Revelation, the Dawning-Places of His inspiration, and the Recipients of His imperative command, the All-Compelling, the Most Great. Thou art he who hath borne hardships in the path of God, and tribulation and adversity have touched thee in this straight Path.

Then We make mention of his son, Al-Wahhab, who was set ablaze with the fire of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He is the one who was martyred in the path of God. The Concourse on High and those who circle round His exalted throne bear witness unto this. Blessed is he who maketh mention of them both, who visiteth them, and who through them draweth nigh unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Zein! We wish to make mention of thy son who ascended unto Us, attained Our presence, drank the choice wine of Our revelation, and immersed himself in the ocean of Our mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Blessed art thou, O son, in that thou wast in a house wherein was raised the remembrance and praise of God. This indeed is a great bounty. Thou art he upon whom We shed the lights of beauty, whereupon thou didst sacrifice thy spirit for God, the One, the All-Informed. We, verily, visit thee, O son, from this station and say: Upon thee be the glory of God, the glory of the Concourse on High, My

remembrance and the remembrance of those who circle round the pavilion of grandeur. O thou who didst drink the milk of faith from thy mother's breast and the Kawthar of exposition from thy father's hand - he who arose to serve this wronged and lonely One. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur, and there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which hath diffused the fragrance of the garment amongst the worlds.

Concerning the inquiry about the blessed verse of the Most Holy Book, His word, exalted be His glory: "We have appointed the two signs for the coming of age of the world" to the end of His word, exalted and mighty is He - the inability to bear sovereignty mentioned in one of the Tablets is different from the two matters revealed in the Most Holy Book.

Furthermore, while this servant was engaged in writing this petition to your presence, they commanded: Write to Zein, upon him be the Glory of God, that the delay in your reply was due to the gathering of travelers, but you should not be saddened, for whenever a reply is revealed, it is and will be nourishing and enriching, as each portion of the reply descends from the heaven of grace and is dispatched. Happy art thou!

Among others, the honored Aqa Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, set forth with numerous replies to petitions, and likewise Aqa Muhammad from the people of Qaf, and the honored Ibn-i-Asdaq and those with him, upon them be the Glory of God. It is known how many Tablets they carried, and likewise those souls who proceeded with permission, including Shaykh Salman. The purpose of mentioning this is that most times delays occur due to this servant's lack of time. In all cases, forgiveness is hoped for.

Another submission is that the honored Ustad 'Abdu'l-Ghani, upon him be the Glory of God, was with this servant in the small plot known as the large one, and this servant recalled your statement written previously expressing your wish to be present and attain to service. In view of that statement, this servant specifically mentioned to Ustad 'Abdu'l-Ghani that today you should engage in service to the small plot on behalf of Zein, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, and he truly engaged in service that day with complete joy and delight like a skilled worker. He himself will submit the details.

Regarding what you had written about the honored Ism-i-Nasr, upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted. They said: Divine favors have been bestowed upon him. God willing, may he be confirmed and assisted in the mention and praise of Truth and be adorned with the ornament of justice. O Zein! In these days the temple of justice hath fallen into the hands of the manifestations of tyranny, as thou hast heard and continues to hear. Ask God, thy Lord, to deliver it and to transform the seat of oppression into the throne of justice. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The honored Ism-i-Nasr has requested Tablets specifically for certain accepted souls. Should God will, We shall send them as a bounty from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Another submission is that at the time of the departure of Jenab-i-Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God, nothing was revealed from the heaven of bounty specifically for the known person who is in the land of Kha. However, in response to the request of the aforementioned one, They made a promise, and therefore the Most Holy, Most Mighty Tablet was revealed specifically for them and was sent. If they

honor that land with their presence, give it to them to deliver, and this matter must, according to the command, remain confidential and reach the known person in sealed form. And this too, if the time is appropriate, for They have said that at certain times some souls are observed to be fearful of certain events. Therefore, consideration of timing is necessary, and furthermore, the known souls have been and are being watched by the enemies who await an occurrence to arise that they might proclaim it. In this case, the protection of known souls is necessary. Blessed are they who conceal and act accordingly.

Another submission of this evanescent one is that you should convey the Most Glorious, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous greetings from this servant to all the friends of God who reside in that land, whether they be the captives of God or others. The Glory be upon your honor and upon them and upon His trustees and His loved ones and His friends in every direction of all directions.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Rememberer, the All-Wise

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs and caused the Mother Book to speak at the final return, whereby the mysteries were revealed and rivers flowed from rocks, and through which the Crimson Ark sailed upon the sea of names, and from the clouds of proof rained down the showers of wisdom and utterance. He it is Who hath made manifest what was hidden in knowledge and treasured within the shell of His Command, and through Him the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the highest branches. There is no God but Him; He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of all created things and exalted above the comprehension of the dwellers of earth and heaven.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou knowest and seest that one of Thy servants, who was named Yahya, left his homeland, seeking that which he desired, and crossed land and sea until he reached the great city that was known among the people as ’Aliyyih. He tarried there some days and associated with both those who accepted and those who turned away, until the appointed time was fulfilled. Then he set out for the place called Cyprus in the visible world, where he associated with those who sought him and asked of him what they asked, and he answered in ways unfit to be mentioned in the cities of knowledge and wisdom and before the presence of those who have turned to Thy countenance in days when the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted among all possibilities. He remained with him for numbered days, and when he departed, he sought the ultimate goal, the supreme summit, and the furthest end, approaching and advancing until he entered the Most Great Prison, which Thou hadst made a dwelling place for those who had migrated in Thy path, turned to Thy horizon, spoken Thy praise, and arose to serve Thy Cause.

He attained the presence of the Face and heard from the Self of the Manifestation and the Speaker of the Mount that which the son of ’Imran heard on the Mount of Thy knowledge. Thou didst shine upon him

with a light from the lights of Thy throne, that he might draw nigh unto Thy court and enter beneath the shade of the pavilions of Thy grace and favor. O Lord! Thou seest the stranger seeking his supreme homeland in the vicinity of Thy mercy, the thirsty one yearning for the Kawthar of Thy bounty, the poor one desiring the ocean of Thy riches, the sick one longing for the Salsabil of Thy healing, the distant one reaching for the Tasnim of Thy nearness, the sinful one hoping for the dewdrops of Thy forgiveness, and the weary one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance.

O Lord! Thou seest him who hath stood before the door which Thou hast opened by Thy power and sovereignty unto all in Thy earth and Thy heaven, that he might hear Thy sweetest call and behold Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast manifested Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty, and by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and the potency of Thy most sublime Word, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and the manifestations of Thy grandeur, O Lord of all humanity and King of the throne on high and of the dust below, that Thou assist him to be fair in Thy Cause, then enable him to rend asunder the veils of idle fancies that have come between him and Thee and prevented him from drawing nigh unto Thee and beholding the lights of Thy countenance, that he may see Thee with Thine own eyes, not with the eyes of Thy servants, and hear with his own ear, not with the ears of those in Thy lands.

O Lord! Thou knowest him better than I. If Thou seest in him turning to Thee and facing toward Thy direction and holding fast to Thy cord, aid him through Thy bounty and bestowals and gifts, that he may know Thee through Thee and be severed from all else besides Thee, to such extent that he may arise among Thy servants, remind them of Thy signs, and support Thee in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the might of nations shall hold him back. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and by Thy Name Thou hast raised the banner of "He doeth what He willeth." There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Almighty.

O thou who hast entered the prison and attained the presence of the Countenance! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. By God's life, verily he whom the servants have taken unto themselves as a guardian or executor or mirror or above or below that – We did nurture him and protect him from his earliest days until one among the servants led him astray to harm Me and shed My blood. To this do testify the servants who surround Me and beyond them those among His creation whom We fed. When that which was hidden in his breast and concealed in his heart was revealed, he raised an outcry, clinging to calumnies that hold no weight with God, the Commander, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus did his soul prompt him to commit a grievous wrong, and he became one of the transgressors.

As to what thou hast asked concerning Him Who shall appear and Who shall be known by none other: They who are endowed with insight from God behold Him and testify that He hath come from the heaven of grandeur and power with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Whoso denieth Him hath denied God from time immemorial, and whoso acknowledgeth and recognizeth Him hath borne witness to God and His signs and His manifestations from the Beginning that hath no beginning unto the End that hath no end. We counsel thee with a word which the people of the cities of knowledge, mystical understanding, justice and fairness will verify: Turn not unto that which those servants have uttered who have broken

God's covenant and His testament, who have denied His signs and disputed His proof. Look with thine own eyes upon the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its radiance, the Ocean and its waves, and the Light and its effulgence. By God's life, We have brought forth from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, yet the people are in evident doubt. Say: Fear ye God! This is the Day whereof God's Books and His Messengers gave glad-tidings, the Day whereon God took His covenant from every Prophet and every trustworthy one, and whose mention hath adorned the pages of the Book of existence, if ye be of them that know. Beware lest ye trouble the pure Salsabil of mystic knowledge with what exists in the contingent world. Purify your ears through the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, that ye may hearken to the rustling of My Tree, the murmuring of the water of My bounty, the whisper of the winds of My grace, the cooing of the doves of My Cause, and the melodies of the nightingales of My remembrance. Say: By God, ye were created to hearken unto the Word of God, the Lord of the Throne and the Lord of the exalted Seat!

O Yahya! Hear the call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, raised up on the white earth at the right hand of the luminous Spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Yahya! Know thou with the knowledge of certainty that He about Whom thou hast asked cannot be indicated by any indication, nor described by any description, nor comprehended by any comprehension. By God! The comprehensions of the world cannot encompass Him, nor can He be mentioned by that which existeth among the nations. He it is Who speaketh and calleth out, yet most of the people are as dead. He was seated before thy face and speaking with thee. Recognize thou this most exalted station and say […]

Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names! Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord of creation and King of earth and heaven! I testify that Thou art the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Thou hast manifested Thyself and opened wide the gate of utterance and meaning to all who dwell in the realm of being. Blessed the servant who hath inhaled Thy fragrance and the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation, and turned toward Thy horizon after the Daystar of Thy leave had dawned. Woe betide him who hath denied Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy signs and the heaven of Thy clear tokens to aid Thy servants to attain the presence of Thy throne, to hearken unto Thy sweetest call, and to behold Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! Deprive them not of the wonders of Thy grace. Draw them nigh unto Thee through Thy bounty and loving-kindness. Though Thy irrevocable decree and ordained command may prevent them, inscribe for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of Thy presence and the recompense of those who circle round Thee and quaff the choice wine of reunion with Thee. Thou art He Who with the movement of Thy finger rent asunder the veils and by the power of Thy Pen dispelled the clouds. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

O Yahya! Behold and then make mention of that which the tongue of My Herald uttered concerning Me. Indeed, I have written a precious word regarding him, namely that none should be known through My allusion nor through what was mentioned in the Bayan. By God's life! This word guideth the fair-minded to the Most Exalted Horizon and them that are nigh unto the Lord of Names. Blessed is he who hath inhaled its fragrance and held fast unto its cord. Where are the fair-minded among the divines and jurisprudents? And where are they whom doubts have not withheld from the Lord of Names and Attributes? And where are they whom the veils of earth and its delights, riches and colors have not

debarred? O Yahya! By God! This is the Day whereof God gave glad tidings to His Beloved through His words “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds,” and whereof He gave tidings to Moses, saying “Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God,” and in another place “and thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank.” This is the Day wherein the All-Knowing hath come in the shadows of clouds. This is the Day wherein the smoke hath encompassed the dwellers of earth and the cities of names. Were We to recount for thee what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur’an and in previous Books, thou wouldst abandon what the people possess, clinging to this momentous Announcement which hath made the limbs of the idolaters to quake and the hearts of the deniers to tremble - they who cast the Most Great Ocean behind their backs, hastening toward the mere pool. By God! The Cause is mighty, mighty, and the Day mighty, mighty. Whenever the Luminary of utterance dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen, the Kingdom of Remembrance and Praise is stirred with rapture by the sweetness of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, ye were created for this Day. Fear God, and exchange not the grace of God for denial, and be not of the wrongdoers. Behold the Tablet and what shineth from its horizon. It guideth you unto His straight path and acquainteth you with that which ye were prevented from knowing today. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Cast aside the sayings of men that ye may hear the call of the Lord of creation. Abandon vain imaginings that the Word may draw you to the Dayspring of certitude. The Wronged One proclaimeth in loudest voice: The Lord of Eternity is come in His Most Great Name, and through Him the gate of the Divine Presence hath been opened before all who are in earth and heaven. All things have proclaimed: The Kingdom and Dominion, and Glory and Might belong unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Yahya! When thou hast been blessed to hearken unto My call and hast beheld the pearls of the ocean of My knowledge and the lights of the Sun of My utterance, go forth unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of the heaven of My bounty and the stars of My favors and that which thou hast heard from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We have sent down that before which the verses have bowed down in submission and have revealed that by which the hearts of them that are nigh have been attracted. Say: O people of the Bayan! Deal fairly by your Lord, the All-Merciful. If ye deny this Most Great Announcement, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Fear God and be not of the heedless. This is the station wherein the Primal Point, upon mention of His Name, declared: “I am the first to worship Him.” When one of His Letters inquired of Him concerning Me, He banished him with the whips of His utterance and threatened him, saying: “Were it not that thou art of the First Unity, I would have decreed for thee a punishment in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Just, the All-Wise.” If thou wouldst read what the Point revealed in this station upon mention of My Name, thou wouldst forsake the world behind thee and cry out among the people with this wise Remembrance, and arise to serve My Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world would frighten thee nor the power of the monarchs weaken thee. We revealed aforetime unto one of the servants: “This is not the Day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: ‘Here am I, O Desire of the world! Here am I, O Worshipped One of all who are in the heavens and on earth!’” Wouldst thou question Him Whose mercy hath preceded all things, Whose grace hath

encompassed all, Whose lights have shone forth, Whose manifestations have dawned, Whose proof hath been sent down, Whose evidence hath appeared, and Who hath ever stood before the faces of all in the realm of possibility? Art thou come or wilt thou come? Say: Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! I turn unto Thee, and I am the first of them that turn. Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! I am of them that bow down. Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! I am of them that worship. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom, and by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book, that Thou forgive me and have mercy upon me. By Thy glory, O my God! My transgressions have prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thee, and my sins have intervened between me and Thee. I acknowledge and confess before Thy face that Thou didst create me for the knowledge of Thyself and for hearkening unto Thy call and for beholding the lights of Thy horizon. By Thy glory! Whenever I reflect upon my hesitation and heedlessness, my liver melteth, my heart is set aflame, and my soul is overturned; and whenever I reflect upon the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty and generosity, my soul is assured, my heart findeth rest, and my agitation is stilled. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path, admitted me into Thy presence, and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Source of Thy Cause, and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to aid me to acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the breezes of Thy verses, and by the lands that have been honored by Thy footsteps, and by the cities wherein Thy call was raised, and by the spot whereon the throne of Thy grandeur was established, to make me in all conditions detached from all else save Thee, holding fast unto Thee, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Then aid me, O my God, to remember Thee in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me from extolling Thee among Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, unto Whose might all created things have testified, and all contingent beings to Thy greatness and sovereignty. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Yahya! Call to mind when thou didst appear before the Divine Throne in bygone days, and with thee was he who was named ’Ali in the Book of Names. We made mention to thee of that which thou hadst asked, unveiled the truth unto thee, and caused thee to hear the warbling of the Bird of Utterance upon the loftiest branches, that thou mightest know that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. By the life of God! We desired naught save to deliver thee from the ocean of idle fancies and to awaken thee in these days wherein slumber hath overtaken the dwellers of the cities of ignorance and transgression. I bear witness before God, and the Daysprings of His Revelation, and the Dawning-Places of His inspiration, and the Manifestations of His Self, and the Treasuries of His wisdom, that I desired for thee naught save that which hath been sent down in His perspicuous and binding Book. Beware lest the veils of idle fancy withhold thee, or doubts and allusions debar thee, even as they have debarred people before thee. Observe, then call to mind the people of former times and that which prevented them from turning unto the supreme horizon, the ultimate station, and the highest summit. Beware, beware lest thou deprive thyself of the outpourings of thy Lord’s days and of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of knowledge and wisdom upon His servants and His creatures. Cast aside thy vain imaginings. By God! The Sun of Inspiration hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord’s will, the Lord of this wondrous Day. We have caused thee to hear the melodies of the birds of wisdom and knowledge in the eloquent tongue,

and We desire to cause thee to hear them in a perspicuous Persian tongue, that thou mayest know and be of the thankful ones.

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One. He, verily, draweth thee nigh and aideth thee as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the most exalted horizon of the world: this Wronged One hath had no purpose except the edification of the world, the education of the nations, the refinement of souls, and the unification of hearts. His intention is to cleanse the world through the waters of remembrance and utterance from rancor and hatred, that perchance religious strife and conflict, which are the cause and reason for the shedding of blood and the upheaval of the world of humanity, might be removed from its midst, so that all who dwell on earth might be adorned with the ornament of unity and concord and illumined with the light of love and harmony. To the extent possible, nay beyond it, hath the Most Exalted Pen counseled the people, and It hath had no helper save the Pen itself. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and insightful one, and every learned and informed one. Observe the religions of the world, how they remain veiled and debarred. Glory be to God! All await the divine days, and in the nights and days they implore and supplicate with the utmost humility and devotion for the meeting with the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Nevertheless, when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the world, all remained occupied with their own idle fancies and devoted to the idols of their own selves. They have forsaken the Truth and clung to that which is unseemly. We beseech God to aid all and not to deprive them of the Kawthar of awareness. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Yahya! Behold with thine own eyes what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth He say: “Whoso desireth to know Him, let him look upon Him with his own eyes.” Today the Truth is known by His own Self, not by the Bayan and what hath been revealed therein, even as the Primal Point hath testified to this truth. This is specially true of this Most Great Revelation. Should anyone seek to adduce proofs from the Bayan, he would find himself deprived of the straight path. This is the testimony which the Point of the Bayan Himself hath borne, saying: “He shall not be known through My tokens nor through that which hath been revealed in the Bayan.” Although the entire Bayan was revealed to establish this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement, He saith: “Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid was created by Him. Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what was revealed in the Bayan.” He proclaimeth with the loudest voice that the Sovereign of Revelation, the Speaker of Sinai, shall not be known through His tokens nor through the Bayan and what was revealed therein. This Most Great Revelation encompasseth all things and is not encompassed. Now hath the Light of Light shone forth and that which was hidden is revealed in this Unfurled Scroll. Thereafter neither lamp, nor moon, nor sun shall profit thee. Ponder that thou mayest find the purpose of God and be of them that are firmly established in this Manifest Cause.

Would that the deluded ones had clung to the lamp! By the life of God, they cling to the source of vain imaginings and perceive it not. If they seek verses, these have encompassed the world. If they desire proofs, all that hath subsequently appeared was revealed aforetime with utmost clarity by the Most Exalted Pen. If they seek outward power and might, all have testified and do testify that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days, openly and without any veil, summoned all people, whether rulers,

ministers, divines or jurisprudents, to the Most Sublime Horizon with the loudest call. He that hath vision beholdeth the Tree itself and its fruits, and likewise the sun and its rays. This Wronged One hath not proved His Cause through verses alone, but through all that hath proceeded from Him. The Point of the Bayan hath testified to this, saying that whatsoever proceedeth from Him is the criterion. In days when the whole world trembled before the might of the oppressors and tyrants, We arose to champion the Cause through divine power - an uprising that knew no sitting, and We raised a call that knew no silence.

Consider the Persian Bayan and likewise all the writings of the Point. Although the deniers have forsaken the Bayan and its Author and are occupied with the vain imaginings of the former peoples, they say the Bayan hath been corrupted. God slay them! God slay them! Say: O ye who are devoid of fairness! For a thousand and two hundred years and more hath the Shi'ih sect clung to such vain imaginings. What was its fruit and what was its result? Yea, the result was that all the divines and jurisprudents in the early years rose up against the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen, and ultimately issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood. Now too are the deniers of the Bayan engaged in forming such a sect. Say: Fear ye God! Place yourselves in His presence, then judge with fairness concerning this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of all horizons, and this Sun whose rays have encompassed all regions. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. The Truth regardeth all deeds […]

Be not among the wrongdoers. Be distinguished from all others by the truth of your deeds and actions. Hearken unto the counsel of Him Who is wronged, and turn from that which ye possess to that which God possesseth. The ear was created for this Day, and sight was brought into being for this Day. It is hoped that the people of God will arise to aid His Cause and conquer the cities of hearts through the hosts of deeds and character in the name of the Lord of existence.

O Yahya! Should anyone attain unto this most exalted Word, which adorns the preface of the Book of Grace, he shall find himself steadfast and at peace. Put aside today what the people possess, and hold fast to that which thou hast been given from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. This Day is God's Day, wherein none but Him is mentioned. Consider the baseness in the nature of those who have turned away from the Bayan. They speak anew of the Mirror, the Successor, the Guardian, the Chief, and the Noble One. Today none but God is mentioned and none but He exists. One marvels how these people wander in the wilderness of polytheism while counting themselves among the monotheists, and roam in the valley of ignorance while considering themselves people of knowledge.

Some have clung to Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest while remaining deprived of His Lord. Say: O ye who lack justice! He hath said that whenever He appears, all must acknowledge Him and render thanks unto God. None but Him hath known, nor knoweth. Hear what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Alif. Lam. Mim. Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, 'We believe,' and that they will not be tested?" Through a single word - 'Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest' - He tested all, though He had said that if ye hear of such a matter and do not believe, commit not that which would cause Him grief, even if it should be other than Him - though this supposition is impossible. Yet merely because He mentioned the name, it behooveth those who love Him not to cause Him sorrow, out of respect for His name.

Now the deniers of the Bayan demand the equivalent of all previous and subsequent books, and more besides, that perchance the fire of hatred and animosity might be quenched and the sun of justice might shine from the horizon of the heaven of their hearts. Have not the tribulations We have endured from the beginning until now sufficed? The sun, moon, stars, heaven, trees, and fruits all bear witness that this Wronged One hath not for a moment sought to protect Himself. At times beneath chains and fetters, at times captive in the hands of the wicked. God knoweth what hath befallen Me in His path.

Some have said this Most Great Manifestation and Mighty Announcement hath appeared too soon. Say: O ignorant ones! The Point of the Bayan hath said, "If He should appear at this very moment, I would be the first to fall down before Him." What say ye concerning the words "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth"? By God! Had they attained unto a single drop from the ocean of meanings contained within this most exalted Word, they would not have hesitated for a moment. O Yahya! This most exalted Word is the greatest stronghold for the servants. Whosoever reacheth it and attaineth unto it shall find himself seated upon the throne of steadfastness and assurance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Say: Reflect upon the Son of Zacharias and the Son of Mary, who appeared in the same age. Say: Fear God, and be not among the deniers. Had the Point of the Bayan not beheld the very Manifestation Himself, He would never have caused these words to flow from His Pen: "If ye hear that One hath appeared, deny Him not."

Be not among the deniers. Had the Point of the Bayan not beheld this Revelation in person, never would it have flowed from His Pen. Should you hear that One hath appeared, deny Him not, and tarry not even to say "yea." Today verses are raining down like showers from the clouds of divine Will, and have encompassed all eyes and hearts. Blessed is he who denieth not that which shineth forth clear as the sun, who gazeth with justice and speaketh with fairness.

As to thy question concerning "Him Whom God shall make manifest," it was previously mentioned that all were tested by this word, but henceforth He declareth that whenever He appeareth, all must acknowledge Him and render thanks unto God. At the beginning of the Bayan, We commanded thee to observe the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its rays. If thou attainest unto this station, thou hast attained unto all good. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted station and the Mother of the Bayan from this luminous horizon.

Now, a Book hath been sent down before thy face, specially for thee, equal to all the divine Books of the past and present, yet thou remainest hesitant and perplexed. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, and turn from the north of doubt to the south of certitude. Cross over the river of names and make for the ocean of inner meanings, and from the pond proceed to the Merciful's river of grace. Today all books are contingent upon acceptance. The Cause is another Cause, the Bayan another Bayan, and this Day another Day. If thou wouldst truly perceive each letter of the Letters of the Bayan, thou wouldst find naught but the fragrance of this Revelation. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. We beseech God to aid thee and illumine thee with the lights of true unity, that thou mayest pass beyond all things and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Judge thou by God! What became of those verses revealed concerning the advent of the Day of Resurrection - mention of the Bridge, the Balance, the rising of the dead from their graves, the blowing of the trumpet, the passing of mountains like clouds, the cleaving of heaven, the rending of earth, the descent of angels, Paradise and Hell, and the like? And what didst thou witness? And how dost thou interpret that which was revealed in the Book of God regarding the conditions of the appearance of the Resurrection? For outwardly none of these things appeared. Yet We bear witness that all have been made manifest, and the appearance of these matters hath been dependent upon the Word of God, exalted be His glory. For each of these there are meanings ordained and recorded with God. The raising up of places, in its primary sense, hath been and is through the Word of God. Should He say "The places are raised up," through this word it would be evident and manifest to those possessed of vision and the Most Sublime Vision. Every matter, in its first station, its manifestation and elevation is through the Word. Hearken unto that which the Primal Point uttered in His Tablet to Mulla 'Ali-i-Bastami - may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him - which was specifically revealed for Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan-i-Najafi. When he paid no heed to that Tablet, another was revealed wherein this exalted Word was recorded: "Verily We raised 'Ali from his resting-place and sent him unto thee. Hadst thou recognized him, thou wouldst have prostrated thyself before him." He saith: "We raised 'Ali from his resting-place and sent him unto thee. Hadst thou recognized him, thou wouldst have prostrated thyself before him. But thou didst not recognize him and all thy deeds were rendered null." Ponder thou upon this utterance of the Point, when at the time of His manifestation He declared: "The Day whose span was fifty thousand years hath passed." Reflect upon this most exalted Word, observe silence, and say: "I have submitted myself unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and I have believed in Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the hearts of them that know." Should anyone cling to these outward conditions in their literal sense, he shall never attain to the light of faith. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, turn with thine own eyes toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and with thine own ears hear the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Thus hath the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen been raised, and the murmuring of the Euphrates of My mercy in the realm of creation. Turn thou away from the world and all that is therein, and be not of the patient ones. Say: […]

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book which is established upon the throne in the ultimate end, and which Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy Cause, to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy love in such wise that what the people possess shall never prevent me. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy direction and setting my face toward Thy countenance. All praise be unto Thee for having enabled me and strengthened me to attain unto the presence before the seat of Thy power. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, the breaths of Thy revelation and the mysteries of Thy Book, to withhold me not from that which lieth with Thee. O Lord! Purify my heart with the water of Thy knowledge and increase the light of my vision through Thy bounty and favors. I testify that Thou hast created me to know Thee, called me into being to serve Thee, and caused me to speak in Thy praise. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, to prevent me not from hearkening unto Thy call nor from beholding the manifestations of Thy power and the evidences of Thy might. Strengthen my heart, O my God, that it may be detached from all else but Thee, hold fast unto the cord of Thy grace and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am the poor and lowly one who hath

come unto the ocean of Thy riches, and the weak and helpless one who hath laid hold on the cord of Thy power. I testify that I know not what is with Thee, nor do I know what profiteth me. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and the stars in the heaven of Thy grace to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Disappoint me not from the gate of Thy bounty which Thou hast opened before the faces of all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth, and withhold me not from the Kawthar of life which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy generosity in Thy days. Thou art He to Whose power, might, grandeur and sovereignty every tongue hath testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, worthy to answer prayer. Send down, O my God, upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones, who were deterred neither by the might of princes from turning toward Thee, nor by the doubts of the divines from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory, that which beseemeth Thy bounty, Thy favors, Thy grace and Thy gifts. Then assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the seen, that they may manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and the hearts of the aggressive ones in the realm of creation have trembled. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

Praise be unto my Lord - praise that transcendeth all that this servant possesseth - for He hath caused the river of His mercy to flow from the Supreme Pen and through His most exalted Word hath summoned all created things to the ultimate goal and the highest summit. Through Him did He take, and through Him did He give. By His fire was the Tree of Sinai set ablaze, and by the light of His divine manifestation was the mountain reduced to dust and Moses struck down. By His single call were all things made to cry out, and by His single name were all the Messengers of the world guided aright. At times He concealed, and at times He revealed. May the souls of all the worlds be a sacrifice unto His concealment and His revelation! Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! Though sorrows march before His face and grief follows behind, He speaketh both night and day that which a single letter thereof surpasseth all that is visible and invisible. He hath manifested and caused to appear that which hath struck down with awe all who are in the heavens and on earth, save them who were embraced by the outpourings of their Lord and were delivered by the hand of His power that holdeth sway over all things, be they great or small.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the rivers have flowed, the fruits have appeared, and distinction hath been made between the righteous and the wicked! I beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made the key to the doors of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and the sun in the heaven of Thy manifestation and power, to assist Thy loved ones to glorify Thee and serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest them hastening to Thy lands and realms to manifest Thy sovereignty and promote Thy Cause. O Lord! I implore Thee by Thy Most Exalted Self to make them as one word and a celestial melody, then through them, O my God, attract the hearts of Thy servants and creatures. Make them among those whom the manifestations of the world have not prevented from arising to serve Thee, nor the clamor of nations from turning to Thy horizon. O Possessor of might and Sovereign of power! Through them shatter

the idols which the people of the Furqan and the Bayan have carved with the hands of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Thou art He, O my God, before Whose manifestations of power the very essence of power hath bowed down, and before Whose revelations of might the very reality of strength hath submitted. Thou art He to Whose greatness all things have testified, and to Whose loftiness, elevation and glory every letter hath borne witness. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the most wretched of Thy creation, and Thy chosen ones amidst the most rebellious of Thy servants. Every day there befalleth them what hath not befallen Thy chosen ones of old. They hear, yet remain silent in compliance with what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book, such that they refrain from objecting to the servants even when the clouds of hatred rain down upon them the arrows of tribulation from the enemies of Thy Self. O Lord! Aid them through the wonders of Thy help, and preserve them from all that is repugnant to Thy good-pleasure.

O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee and gazing at Thy horizon. Ordain for them from the Pen of Thy decree that which will exalt them in every world of Thy worlds and draw them nearer to Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous.

I pray, I send My peace, I glorify and I extol the words of Thy Scriptures and the letters of Thy Books through which, by Thy bounty and favor, the horizons of the heavens of detachment were illumined, and through which the suns of steadfastness shone forth in honor of Thy greatness and sovereignty. They are those of whom every book hath spoken in praise and glory, and every tongue hath proclaimed their loftiness and acceptance. They are those whom the gestures of creation did not prevent from soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, nor did the manifestations of princes hinder from drawing nigh unto the horizon of Thy Revelation. They have cast aside the world and circled round the Most Great Name through which the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret were revealed. These are Thy friends and chosen ones upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, send their blessings.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart, the letters of your missive caused Me to hear the cooing of the Dove that warbled upon the branches of the Tree of God's love. When I recognized and heard this, rapture and attraction seized Me, and I turned toward the Most Exalted Goal until I was present and laid before His Countenance what was therein. Then did the Ancient Beauty turn toward this evanescent one and spoke that which diffused the fragrance of grace throughout the world. He said, exalted be His glory: In My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

We have remembered thee and sent thee diverse Tablets, every letter of which speaketh of My grace and favor unto thee and maketh mention of what thou hast wrought in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou art he who hath traversed the lands and countries to proclaim the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Be thou ablaze with the fire of the Word of God, that thou mayest guide souls to this luminous horizon. Beware lest the coldness of those who have veiled themselves in the days of God, denied His proof and disbelieved in His signs when He came with the kingdom of names upon the clouds of destiny with manifest sovereignty, cause thee to falter. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, turning to

My horizon and holding fast to My firm cord. Grieve not for what thou hast heard from those who have denied God and His signs, and who have clung to that which the followers of the Qur'an clung to before. Rather, We find them more veiled than all other sects. To this testifieth He Who speaketh on this Day of God: "Verily, I am the Manifest, the Commanding, the All-Knowing."

Consider those who deemed themselves the most exalted of people and counted themselves among the saved community - how with but a slight test they were found more rebellious and transgressing than all the sects of the earth. Say: O friends! By the sun of the horizon of divine knowledge, this Wronged One hath had and hath no purpose save the salvation of mankind. At a time when all kings and subjects arose in opposition, this Wronged One summoned all on earth to the Most Exalted Horizon with the loudest call and guided them to the straight path.

Observe how the veils and clouds of glory that deprived people from the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, were rent asunder by the arm of power and might and the hands of authority. Now it is seen that the people of Bayan have freshly clung to former conjectures and the fancies of false souls. Say: O friends of God! Arise for God and in His path, that perchance ye may preserve the souls on earth from existing idols and limited fancies, until they behold themselves free and detached through divine grace. God willing, they shall gather mankind beneath the shade of a single Word and shall behold the outward and inward clad in one garment.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fix your gaze upon this Word, which is of the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge, and ponder it: Until ye recognize the falsehood of the past, ye shall not testify to the truth of today and shall remain deprived of the ocean of truthfulness. God, with perfect grace and kindness, offereth counsel and commandeth that which causeth the exaltation and elevation of His Cause. O ye essences! Today is the day of testing and the day of supreme profit. Waste not the moments which are more precious than red sulphur, and strive to manifest that which beseemeth and behooveth man.

O Lion! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Peerless! Observe how distant are the people of the Bayan, as though they had not attained even a drop from the Kawthar of inner meanings. They have newly purposed to build a region with fingers of falsehood and hatred, to establish sources of vain imaginings, and are freshly occupied with arranging first and second Imams. Have they not reflected upon the power of God, how He rent asunder the veils of the people and made manifest the falsehood of that which was in the hands of the transgressing and rebellious faction? For years they turned to an imaginary place and an imaginary person […]

For years they clung and held fast to an imaginary place, an imaginary person, and imaginary matters. Then, when the Hand of Power in this Revelation rent asunder the veils, they witnessed with their outward eyes that all which had been spoken before was bereft of truth and devoid of sincerity. Nevertheless, they have once again become afflicted with delusions greater than before. Break the idols of fancy and vain imaginings in the name of thy Lord! Thus doth the Lord of all names command thee. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Beseech ye the True One to sanctify your ears from that which is with the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan and the Furqan, that perchance they may attain unto this Call which is more delicate than a

breeze, more subtle than spirit, and sweeter than divine protection. Should anyone contemplate with justice and fairness that blessed word which was mentioned as the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge, he would observe those imaginary souls to be as earthworms. Every person possessed of smell findeth in their words a most foul odor, to this beareth witness the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven.

Say: This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. Where is the station of this most holy, most exalted Day compared to the utterances of those remote, veiled, and imaginary souls? Say: By God! He heareth not your words nor walketh in your way. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe unto them that turn away. Glory be to him who hath believed in the Glory of God, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: O earthworms! If ye turn away from this horizon, to what horizon will ye turn? And if ye deny these manifest verses, these evident proofs, these shining testimonies, and these perfect words, by what proof are ye able to establish any matter? This is not the station of vain imaginings - the Sun of certitude is shining and the ocean of knowledge is surging. Say: O people of the Bayan! Ye were not and are not aware of the Source of the Cause. Be fair, open your eyes, that perchance ye may become aware and attain the ornament of acceptance. That which is lost today, ye were not and shall never be able to recover. Thus hath spoken the True One before and in this moment.

Today the Mother Book speaketh. Eyes and ears must be sanctified from what they have seen and heard, that they may receive their portion and share of this supreme bounty and profound favor. Verily, He hath spoken the truth. Blessed is every hearing and seeing one. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Informed.

God willing, your honor will at all times be confirmed in mentioning and expressing the Cause of the Beloved of all possibility. Concerning what you wrote about arriving in the Land of ?ad and attaining the blessing of visiting the two Luminous Lights, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy - truly this is a blessing not vouchsafed to everyone, and this servant, with both outer and inner tongue, uttereth and mentioneth “Would that I were with your honor!” Alas that this evanescent servant did not attain to that which was befitting and worthy of the Divine days. How pleasing and delightful for your honor!

Concerning what you wrote about the affairs of the Sul?anu’sh-Shuhada (King of Martyrs), may my spirit be a sacrifice unto him - God willing you will be assisted in that which is beloved of God. The most beloved of all things in the sight of God has been and is to manifest love and service to the King of Martyrs and his kindred. The veils of glory have prevented the eyes of the world from beholding the fruits of deeds - otherwise, by God’s life, the wolves and serpents in deserts and wilderness would cry out “Oh, woe unto us!” They committed such a grievous wrong, yet remain in utter heedlessness, occupied in these numbered days with ornaments of wealth and words. In gatherings and assemblies they mention and lament the martyrdom of past saints, unaware that the King of Saints wails and laments due to the cruelty of those wretches. The lamentation of Noah, the affliction of Job, the anguish of Zachariah, and the cry of the chosen ones were due to the oppression of such heedless souls and their like. May the True One, exalted be His glory, grant insight and bestow a portion from the ocean of justice.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends being newly enkindled by the fire of the Word and engaged in the remembrance of God - God willing, through the grace of His chosen ones, may they ever be adorned with praise and glorification of the Lord of Names. This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to increase your confirmations at every moment so that all deeds, actions and words may be witnessed and heard as one. O people of the world! By God, the Truth has come - the Lord of Eternity has appeared with the Most Great Name, and with Him is that which was with all the Messengers. Blessed is he who has turned unto Him; woe to the heedless ones.

O beloved of my heart and he who is mentioned before my Lord! The Cause is most mighty and the people are most heedless. Skilled physicians are needed so that chronic diseases may be cured by the holy breaths. Some time ago this blessed and decisive Word shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the will of the Lord of Oneness - exalted be His glory: "This is a most great and wondrous Day, for He hath appeared in the garment of 'He' speaking as the manifest 'I'."

Would that the people of the Bayan, who like the people of the Furqan count themselves among the saved, would reflect on the greatness of this Day! Have they not heard the cooing of the Dove of the Furqan and the warbling of the Nightingale of the Bayan? Or have they not attained to that which God revealed in previous Books? They speak that from which the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, dissociate themselves.

Regarding what you wrote about intending to travel to the land of N and J - this matter is most praiseworthy. The journeys of God's chosen ones to cities and villages for teaching God's Cause, protecting the believers, and guiding His servants have been and are beloved, nay, essential. From time to time, one who truly speaks for God's sake and gazes toward God should journey to certain lands including A and R and N and J and Q and M and their surroundings. He guides whom He wishes to a straight path. Most of the people of the Bayan had and have no knowledge of the foundation of this Cause. They cling to falsehood and are deprived of truth. This servant begs God to guide all and grant them sustenance from the fruits of the Tree of Faithfulness. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the Generous.

Until this point the answer to that eminent one's letter dated the 12th of Rabi'u'th-Thani has been submitted, and subsequently the exalted letter dated the 27th of Rabi'u'th-Thani brought joy to this evanescent one's heart. God willing, may this love and kindness ever remain constant and enduring. The remembrance of the friends is auspicious to the Friend. After perusal, it was presented in the Most Holy Court and all of it was submitted. This answer was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Great

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested what He desired by a command from His presence. He, verily, is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The ears have been blessed by hearkening to the call of the All-Merciful, and the eyes have been solaced by beholding the praised station. Yet behold the people and their paucity of understanding - they turn away from God while saying "We are turned towards Him." The Tongue of Grandeur hath judged them as liars when He came with the truth and spoke: "There is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen." They have

disputed the verses and proof of God while saying “We believe in Him Who appeared before.” Thus have their souls seduced them, and they understand not. Say: By God, He Whom ye claim in the nights and days doth circle round the House and lamenteth because of your oppression, while ye perceive it not. Say: O people of the Bayan, be fair in what hath appeared and become manifest from the horizon of possibility, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. Turn unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts that ye may find what Moses found on Sinai and the Beloved found in the frequented House. Say: He needeth not the books of the world to prove His Cause. To this hath testified the Lord of nations Who came and gave glad tidings to all of this Name whereby every lofty mountain was crushed to dust. Cast behind you your vain imaginings and shatter the idols by the name of your Lord, the Glorious, Whose greatness hath been attested by the Books of God, the Sovereign of existence. O people of the Bayan! Present yourselves before the All-Merciful and ponder on that which hath been sent down in truth. He will guide you to the supreme horizon. To this doth testify He with Whom are the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be. Fear God, and invalidate not the truth through your desires, and believe not every speaker whom prejudice hath kept back from this Stream which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Reflect upon God’s proofs and signs, then be fair, and follow not every rejected impostor. By God! He hath appeared like the sun at high noon. Blessed is the eye that hath turned toward Him and beheld, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest mention the people, that haply they may abandon what they possess and take what hath been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The Truth hath shone forth as the sun from the horizon of the heaven of grace, yet the disease of vain imaginings hath prevented eyes from beholding it. The Call hath been raised to such a degree as cannot be mentioned, yet the ears have been deprived thereof through the assaults of selfish desires. All utterance hath been and is dependent upon the word of acceptance, and He Who revealed it declareth: “I am the first to worship Him.” Behold ye the greatness of this Cause! The heedlessness of the servants and the turning away of the people of the Bayan are among the ordained matters. This Most Great, this wondrous Cause is unprecedented in all respects; past and future examples cannot comprehend it. Consider the heedlessness of these veiled souls! If they deny this Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Wondrous Cause, by what proof do they establish the truth of what came before and what came even before that? A one-year-old child of this Revelation is mightier than all the peoples. Say: Look ye in the Books of God that ye may recognize that from which ye have been veiled. He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Sincere, the Evident, the Kind, the Generous. Efface all that ye have heard and seen, and fix your gaze upon that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God’s knowledge. By the life of God! Then will His straight path and the lights of His Great Name become manifest unto you. Say: The Truth hath never waited and waiteth not for anyone’s belief, and the Books before the Bayan and others have testified to and foretold the turning away of the people. O Lion! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Single! It behooveth thee to beseech God night and day to aid His weak servants who have cast aside the Most Great Ocean and have hastened, turning away from it towards the pool. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that the people of the Bayan appear more veiled than the people of the Furqan. After all exertions and the rending of veils, it is observed that this people cling to, hold fast to, and utter the same words which that rebellious and insolent group before them spoke. A hundred thousand pities that ears should be occupied in hearkening unto such words! They are not even aware enough to

consider what became of those souls before who uttered such vain words, and what fruit it yielded them. By the life of God! They wander in the valley of error and are immersed in the ocean of heedlessness. O Most Exalted Pen! Leave the mention of these people and illumine the horizon of the heaven of Thy Lord's Book with the sun of proof and evidence. Then give glad tidings to the peoples of creation of the appearance of the Lord of Names and the Creator of Heaven. Say: By God! The appointed time hath come, and the breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all contingent being. Blessed is he who hath inhaled and found, and he whose heart hath turned, and he whose face hath been illumined, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Turn not unto the people and their doubts, but unto the Truth and Its manifestations which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Those who turned away from the proof when the All-Merciful came with clear signs have lost, and he who took hold of it by the power of God, the Strong, the Mighty, hath won. Say: All the books of the world cannot be compared to one Tablet from Him. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to this, and behind it all things, if ye be of them that hear. Glory be to God! The wondrous, transcendent verses that have been sent down bear no resemblance to verses of the past, and yet they have said that which no oppressor hath said in the days of Manifestation. Shame upon them and perdition upon them! Have they not seen the new Books and heard the wondrous verses? One is amazed at the heedlessness that hath encompassed that people. Yea, by My life! The sightless one is deprived of beholding the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth, and the deaf one is prevented from hearing the call of the All-Merciful. Verily, He hath spoken the truth and speaketh with justice. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

As you mentioned in your letter that on the 9th of Rabi'u'th-Thani you acted as a deputy in visitation, God Himself beareth witness that these words were truly glad-tidings which caused my heart and soul to be adorned with the grace of joy and delight. This evanescent servant hopeth that the All-Bountiful Lord may grant you complete recompense, for verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Would that this servant had been with you and had attained unto that which you attained. Though this servant is certain that your deputyship is dearer than any act this ephemeral one could himself perform, praise be to God that you have graciously granted this lowly one a share in your blessed, praiseworthy and acceptable deeds.

With regard to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Mulla R.J., upon him be the Glory of God, God willing he is protected through divine grace. Some time ago, a word concerning him was heard from the blessed tongue, and from that word this servant became assured that no harm would befall him. This servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth that at all times he may drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness, in such wise that neither doubts nor insinuations, whether from near or far, may prevent him, and that he may be occupied with teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful with perfect wisdom and utterance.

O my master! The friends of God have not been and are not aware of the root of this Cause, and since the delusions of the past and their effects remain in ears and hearts, therefore certain souls are debarred by foul odors from the sweet fragrances of the garden of inner meanings. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth, exalted be His glory, that He may bestow upon all from the chalice of certitude and assurance, that all may observe His Cause with the eye of God and arise to serve it in such wise that they may regard all else as non-existent and null.

One day I was present before His countenance when He said: “O thou who art present! Pray and beseech the Truth that He may protect the souls who have turned towards Him from the doubts of the suspicious ones, and in these days when the horizon of the heaven of Revelation is illumined with the lights of His countenance, He may grant salvation from extinction and destruction to those who are assured. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.” Then such utterances were revealed from the divine kingdom of knowledge that this servant beheld himself bewildered and amazed, to such an extent that I was and am truly incapable and powerless to mention them.

With utmost humility and supplication, I beseech the Gracious, the Merciful One that He may not deprive creation of the outpourings of His days. Verily, He is the One to Whose pardoning grace, generosity, bounty and bestowal all created things have testified. It is strange that souls speak without awareness and that others listen to and accept such vain words. Divine verses are being revealed like torrential rain, to such an extent that it has not been and is not possible to record them, and until now no one has enumerated them. Nevertheless, they have said that He takes two words from the Bayan and two words from the Qur’an, fashions verses from them and sends them abroad. And this statement has come from one who, by God besides Whom there is no God, was not worthy to be mentioned or to speak in the Holy Presence.

Until now, this servant has, according to command, effaced in water the equivalent of what was revealed by the Point (the Bab), may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him, and what remains equals what has been seen from the Primal Point and the previous Prophets, nay rather exceeds it. Every fair-minded and discerning person bears witness to this. Would that, would that the servants would reflect upon what they say and utter! If only some would truly rend the veils and observe the conditions revealed by God! In such case they would become illumined by the lights of the dawn of divine knowledge and wisdom, and would utter the blessed words “Would that I had not taken such a one for a friend!” This evanescent servant has not been and is not permitted to unveil, otherwise I would have presented that which would adorn the accepted ones with the ornament of knowledge […]

O beloved of my heart! Consider those who give ear to such vain and absurd utterances. Has truth ever been, or can it ever be, confounded with aught else besides itself? Nay, by Him Who hath caused all things to proclaim His praise! The Cause is even as the sun - manifest, resplendent, clear and evident. Where are the penetrating eyes? Where are the attentive ears? Where are the enlightened breasts? Where are the illumined and detached hearts?

Some of these false souls have said to one of the assured ones who had drunk from the ocean of certitude that “this copy of the Bayan which you possess is not the original - you have corrupted it. The original is in the possession of His Holiness the Azal.” Consider how far removed such a speaker is from the dawning-place of truth! These words are like unto the false claims which the rebellious and tyrannical sect known as the Shi’ites have uttered throughout twelve hundred years, arguing in their gatherings and assemblies that the complete Qur’an is not in the hands of the people, but rather exists in the imaginary Jabulqa and Jabulsa with their imagined Qa’im, and they still await his appearance to bring forth the remainder of the Qur’an. Woe unto them and unto those who have caused them to wander in the wilderness of fancy and vain imaginings!

Say: O hapless ones! For twelve hundred years you uttered these fabricated words - what was the outcome, and what fruit did it yield for you? What is your purpose, what is your object? Hearken to the words of this evanescent servant, and do not that which they did of old, and speak not that which they spoke. Fix your gaze upon the dawning-place of the Revelation and turn toward the horizon of divine knowledge. In this Revelation all are bound to behold the Truth through the Truth itself, for It hath never been and never shall be known through aught else. To this testify all sacred Books, all holy Scriptures, all divine Tablets and every perspicuous Text.

Say: O misguided ones! Have mercy upon the people! Spread not anew the carpet of vain imagining, and leave not the poor and weak to wander in the valley of bewilderment. It is hoped that the people of the Crimson Ark will arise for God's sake and speak for God's sake, that perchance they may protect the helpless servants from the doubts and allusions of souls that are remote and veiled. Tears are flowing and sighs are ascending, for we behold the divine sheep pursued by ravening wolves, and the pearls of divine love lying in wait for thieves and betrayers. The place of counsel and remembrance is encompassed by the darkness of heedlessness and fancy. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds and the Master of this mighty Day.

Through your efforts, this petition and the petitions sent to their honors Mulla 'Ali-Akbar and Ibn-i-Abhar and others - the splendor of God rest upon them - which deal with these matters, should be copied. After complete review and correction, they should be sent to assured, steadfast and firm souls, such as his honor R.J., upon him be 66-9 [Baha'u'llah], and others like him who are in various lands, that they might remind the people and protect them from that which God loveth not. Blessed are they who arise for God's sake.

Blessed are those souls who arise for God's sake and guard the Cause, protecting it from that which God does not love. While penning this letter, the missive of his honor Ha and Sin, upon him be the glory of God, which he had written to his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be [the glory of God], brought joy to this evanescent one's heart. In that letter was the glad tidings of the arrival of that honored one and the son of Ismullah, upon them both be the glory of God. They had also written a letter to this servant. God willing, I hope in these days to be enabled to reply to their letter. I request that you convey, on behalf of this evanescent servant, expressions of utter effacement and nothingness to them and to all the friends in that land. God willing, it is hoped that from the horizons of hearts the sun of unity will shine forth and become the cause and means of illumining all regions and countries. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained the wine of steadfastness in the days of God, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Beloved of the heart, His Honor the Trustee - upon him be the Glory of God, the True and Manifest King - may take note.

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

The testimony of Truth, exalted be His glory, is sufficient for His Own Self. He has said, and His word is the truth: “He cannot be described by any description besides His Own, nor can He be known by any besides Himself.” The praise of those who praise and the glorification of those who glorify are bounded by human limitations, and from the Most Great Horizon to the human station lies an endless path. How can the condition of a servant be compared with that station which is sanctified beyond all sanctification and glorification, let alone other stations? The station that cannot be comprehended is not known through comprehension, and that which cannot be described is not encompassed by description. Exalted be His grandeur, elevated be His dominion, and magnificent be His majesty! It has been said of old: “The way is blocked, and the path is barred.” However, the letters of the friends and their mention, praise, detachment and attraction open a joyful door and diffuse a sweet fragrance. Though we may not attain to befitting praise and description, they have brought us somewhat closer to the path. For when that beloved one’s letter arrives, the heart records something and joy takes hold from all directions. Though the letter has no tongue, yet it speaks and expresses with eloquent language. Wherever one places one’s hand, no ear is found, yet what a wonderful hearer and what an excellent bearer of news it is! Its fragrance spreads news and its acceptance and attention listen attentively. Whence comes this power, and whence this witnessing and hearing? All this is from God’s grace - our Lord, your Lord, and the Lord of the heavens and earths.

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

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

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

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O Amin! Hear the call of God, the True King, the Manifest One, on this Day of Judgment. He calleth aloud with the most exalted voice, making mention of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and summoneth

them unto God, the Possessor of this luminous Day. The servant who is present hath appeared and read thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with that which draweth the hearts of them that hearken. We made mention of thee before, and sent unto thee from the precincts of the Prison the fragrances of the All-Merciful, that thou mightest inhale them and be amongst the thankful. It behooveth one to write the verses of God with gold rather than with ink. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away his desires, clinging fast to the Lord of all humanity, Who hath come from the heaven of bounty with a mighty command and hath desired naught save the unity of hearts. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Corruption hath been abolished and righteousness established by the command of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. Arise to that which profiteth and exalteth you. Verily, He hath appeared with the truth and hath bidden all to godliness and that whereby man's station in creation may be made manifest. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Manifestor of that which draweth people nigh unto His straight Path. We beseech God to aid all to do that which He loveth and approveth. Verily, He is the Protector of them that act. Blessed art thou, O Amin, for having girded up thy loins to serve God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. He is with thee and beholdeth what thou doest and heareth what thy tongue uttereth concerning this manifest News. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent thee from the lights of beauty, or the power of the oppressors weaken thee in regard to the Cause of God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of the heaven of My mercy, the ocean of My bounty, and the sun of My loving-kindness. Say: By God! Ye have attained unto that which none besides you hath attained. To this beareth witness the Book of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. We counsel you, O My loved ones, to be trustworthy and godly, that the attributes of your Lord and His sanctification may be made manifest among His servants and throughout the lands. He, verily, is the Ancient Commander. Thus have We expounded the verses as a grace from Our presence and sent them unto thee, that thou mightest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Listen in the Persian tongue! Every utterance and remembrance that contains His praise is beloved in whatsoever language it may be - Persian, Turkish, Arabic or other tongues. However, the Arabic language is most eloquent, comprehensive and expansive. Praise be to God, thou hast attained that which befitteth His servants in this Day. The Breath of God hath awakened thee and the warmth of the Sun of Truth hath taken hold of thee. Thou hast arisen to serve and clung to the hem of detachment. All that hath come to pass is from His grace and bounty. Awaken the friends to the Call of Truth. If thou shouldst meet Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be My glory and favor, convey My greetings and say: O Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, hearken with thy inner ear to the Divine Call. For the teacher, naught is needed save confirmatory proofs, for they are knowing of God and recognize Him according to their capacity. This is the gate of guidance and salvation. No knowledge save this is required. Whoso seeketh or asketh for more hath erred. Today, knowledge of God is beloved, recognition of Him is accepted, and His utterance is the goal. Among the sincere ones, the knowledge of God hath been and is the knowledge of devotion, detachment, and awareness of the path. Consider Jesus, son of Mary. His disciples in the early days were sanctified and free from outward knowledge. Likewise were the companions of the Seal of the Prophets, may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake, in the beginning of His revelation. Many were from the marketplaces. O Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, the fisherman became the fisher of men, and the wooden staff struck down the swords

of the world. These are the works of steadfastness, reliance and sanctification. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance from the Hand of the All-Merciful's bounty. Thou art the cupbearer of the choice sealed wine, possessing it in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Drink and give to drink, that perchance the heedless servants may become aware, find the path of God and hold fast to His cord. The diverse sciences belong to the turbaned ones who, in the cities and regions of Iran, curse the Goal of all the worlds from their pulpits. God protect us and thee from their whispers, their doubts and their allusions. A single craft from among the crafts of the East and West that today serveth mankind and is the cause of ease and comfort for the servants is, in the sight of God, superior to all that those heedless souls have carried and declare from their pulpits. Know thou with clear certainty that the effulgence of this Most Great Revelation hath encompassed the world, and ere long such means and crafts shall appear in the realm of being as shall confound the minds of the possessors of understanding. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto true knowledge. Now recognition and acceptance are needed, that all servants may be adorned with the ornament of recognition and illumined by the lights of acceptance. From this recognition and acceptance shall appear that which no eye hath ever beheld. Reflect upon Christ and the outward crafts. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Wise Craftsman. The most great cause and supreme reason for whatsoever was seen before or shall be seen hereafter, or hath appeared or shall appear, hath been and is the Divine verses and the Will and Purpose of the Lord. The ladder of knowledge is high, and the feet of the servants are afflicted with paralysis. The horizon is radiant, but vision is weak. In any case, I beseech the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted to show generosity, to bestow bounty, to grant healing in His Name, the Healer. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning the Afnan upon him be the Glory of God, who is attracted to the verses of God and immersed in the ocean of His love and soaring in the atmosphere of His affection and will, who was named Muhammad in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings, what you wrote was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks: "O Amin! Verily Muhammad has attained My presence and circled round My throne and stood before the gate of My grandeur and spoke My praise. He is the one mentioned in My prison and witnessed before My countenance. Give him the glad tidings of My favor. We beseech God to send down upon him that which will draw him near in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

And likewise concerning the honored Afnan, His Excellency Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, after being presented at the highest horizon and supreme height, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings. His blessed and exalted Word: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory! Praise the Desired One of the world Who granted confirmation and bestowed success, Who gave determination, manifested capacity and ability until He guided thee to the supreme height and ultimate goal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the path of Thy good-pleasure and caused me to hear the verses of Thy Most Exalted Pen when the seat of Thy throne was established in the prison of 'Akka, and for having taught me what was hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge from time immemorial. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Ruler of the Kingdom, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will cause my mention to endure among all mentions, my name among all names, and my spirit among all spirits. Verily

Thou art the Lord of all beings and within Thy grasp is the key to success. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

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

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

O Muhammad-Husayn! The call of the Wronged One is raised, and the lights of His countenance shine forth from the Most Exalted Horizon without veil or covering. Yet the veils of fancy and vain imaginings of the hearts have outwardly prevented the sincere ones from drawing nigh and have held back those who are near from attaining His presence. Praise be to God that in these days when darkness hath encompassed the world, thou hast attained unto the light of the Cause. Beseech God to preserve His people in this Revelation from the fancies and vain imaginings of the former party, namely the Shi'ites, lest they become like that party who hath lost both this world and the next.

Reflect upon the baseness of understanding and the heedlessness of that party. For years they counted themselves the most learned and exalted in the world, yet on the Day of Resurrection they were found to be the most ignorant and abased. Now the new deniers of Bayan desire to occupy people with the vain imaginings of the former party. Glory be to God! That party which clung to the true Ali put to death its Creator, Manifestation and Source on the Day of His appearance. Now what will these souls who cling to the false Ali do, and what excellence will they manifest? It behooveth those possessed of insight to weep and lament, for they have sullied the Day of God with their own delusions. Today a thousand Alis are circumambulating, created by a single word of the chosen ones and holy ones. The former party, with their countless claims and immeasurable pride, their most renowned, most learned and most ascetic ones occupy the pulpits cursing the Goal of all the worlds. They testified to the infidelity of the King of being, Whom they had beseeched night and day with utmost humility, submissiveness and lamentation to attain His presence, and issued the verdict for His blood to be shed. What then hath befallen and will

befall the new deniers? This utterance hath repeatedly descended from the heaven of knowledge as a token of grace, that the people of God may be aware and may protect the servants from new fancies and vain imaginings. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a favor from Me unto thee. When thou hearest it, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the world! And glory be to Thee, O Thou Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones!

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

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

Praise be to God! The waves of the divine ocean of generosity have encompassed both, and the rain of grace is so abundantly pouring and descending that no speaker can find words to describe it. His mercy is continuous and His grace is successive. Every person of insight is bewildered and every person of understanding is perplexed, for His grace has exceeded all reckoning and His generosity has transcended all bounds. How lofty is this most exalted station and supreme summit! Glorified be He Who raised it, glorified be He Who established it, and glorified be He Who confirmed it. There is no God but Him.

As for the repeated mention of Haji H.S. (upon him be the Glory of God) and the supplications made for divine favors upon him, his mention has repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and at this time these blessed words and radiant verses have been revealed from the heaven of grace. He, blessed and exalted, says: The mention of Muhammad-before-H and S, upon him be My Glory, has repeatedly been revealed. God has forgiven him as a favor from His presence, purified him, and enabled him to serve His Cause. He turned in the early days to the Most Exalted Horizon and drank the sealed nectar from the hand of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting. He shattered the idols of fancy and vain imaginings through the power of his Lord, the Possessor of mankind, and rent asunder the veils through My Name, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Amin! These deeds which have been manifested by him from the beginning of the Cause until now have not been and will not be forgotten. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Make mention of him on behalf of the Wronged One and convey to him what has been revealed for him from the Most Exalted Pen. Likewise for the emigrants who emigrated and attained with him the Most Holy Court. By the life of God! There has been ordained for each one, male and female, that which the outward eye has not been and is not capable of beholding. He Who possesses the Clear Book bears witness to this. Convey greetings to all on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of the waves of the ocean of utterance which have at this time appeared from the Pen of the Most Merciful specifically for them, that the utterance may attract them to

the Kingdom of knowledge and bring them to a station wherein the conditions of the world will not change them nor the doubts of the nations sadden them.

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

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

Concerning what thou didst write about Sirri Effendi, upon him be the glory of God, after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, He said: "Yes, O Amin, the one mentioned hath protected and continueth to protect, and from the beginning the sweet savors of love have wafted from him. However, those who have dealings with the government, it often happens that without intention a word escapeth from their tongue. Therefore concealment in this matter is preferable. Thou didst write about this before and an answer was sent. The command remaineth the same and the decree is unchanged. Beseech God to reveal unto all the purpose of this Revelation and His will, that what is hidden in the hearts may become as evident as the sun. In such case all would arise to assist the oppressed. But now the Cause is veiled and doubts and idle fancies are an obstacle. Therefore ye must observe prudence according to the requirements of the time. The former deeds of this group have grieved hearts and minds, therefore until now they cling to their vain imaginings. We beseech God to aid all to witness the signs and fruits of the divine Tree. In such case doubt will be transformed to certitude and agitation to tranquility, and the tongues of all created things will proclaim 'The Truth hath come.'"

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

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

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

acknowledged the transience of the world and its transformation. Blessed is the seeing one who hath turned away from it and faced toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and made me know and hear, and for having revealed unto me that which hath set me ablaze with Thy love. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to make this servant of Thine one who gazeth upon Thee, who speaketh Thy praise, and who holdeth fast unto Thy cord. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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

O Hasan Amin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thou hast been mentioned and We have remembered thee. Praise be to God, thou hast attained and hast drunk from the Kawthar of bounty which floweth from the Supreme Pen. His mercy hath preceded all things and His loving-kindness hath encompassed all. He hath manifested Himself and made clear the path of success, guiding His servants thereto. Some have heard and attained, while others remain deprived and forbidden from the eternal bounty and the heavenly feast. The cause of their deprivation are those souls who have usurped His station in His name and pass judgment among the servants. Ever have those who outwardly cling to the Truth and are honored by His name sent the people to the abode of perdition. Give praise to the Desired One of the world Who hath made you aware and guided you, and Who hath sent down in the Most Great Prison, by His will, that which hath been and ever shall be the cause of the preservation of names and mention. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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

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

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

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

He is the Faithful Speaker

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

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

In My Name, the All-Bountiful, the Generous […]

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

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

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

of God, and seeks confirmation and success for them. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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

Likewise mention hath been made of his honor Ibn, upon him be the Glory of God - that is, his honor Shaykh M.H. - and such verses have been revealed as have caused the fragrance of loving-kindness to be diffused among the concourse of those near unto God and them that circle round His throne. Similarly have his other sons, upon them be the Glory of God, been remembered, each one being mentioned in the presence of the Truth. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of our Lord. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good. This servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, that He may keep them aflame at all times with the fire of His love and illumined with the light of His Cause, that they may arise to render service and lead men from that which they possess unto that which God possesseth. At this time there is no opportunity to write and send more, but at another time, God willing, it shall be sent, that their eyes may be solaced thereby, their hearts gladdened, and their breasts dilated. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon them that are with you and love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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

The one God knows that heart, pen and tongue have ever cherished the mention of the friends of God, especially those beloved ones whose remembrance has been deposited in the heart. The multiplicity of affairs and the exigencies of the days have caused that I trouble that loved one less frequently, yet whatsoever was previously mentioned was presented before the Throne and an answer was sent.

Concerning what you wrote about the honored beloved, His Holiness Nabil of Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious - wherever he may be, may God be his helper. We hope he will ever gaze upon this blessed verse which was revealed in his Tablet. His blessed and exalted Word: "It behoveth thee to speak forth today that which will set ablaze the hearts and cause the bodies of those who have turned

towards God to soar." And in another place His exalted Word: "Be thou like an artery pulsating in the body of creation, that through the heat generated by this motion there may appear that which will quicken the hearts of the hesitant." And in yet another place His glorified and mighty Word: "Be thou a promulgator of God's Cause with an utterance which will cause fire to burn in the trees and will make them proclaim: 'There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.'" And in one place, concerning the conditions of the people of Baha who arise to serve the Cause, He says, His mighty and glorious Word: "They must not look at what they possess, but at what God possesseth. They must not be attracted by what benefiteth themselves, but by that which will cause God's Cause to be exalted."

As to the second matter, concerning what you wrote about Haji Khalil, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors - permission for his journey was previously sent. And concerning what they said about submitting the mentioned sum with the utmost joy and fragrance - excellent is what he hath done for God, our Lord and the Lord of the worlds. In truth, this matter was among his blessings, that immediately upon its mention it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Well is it with him! As for his nephew, permission for his journey was previously bestowed and was not contingent upon a second mention - the sun of permission rose with perfect clarity. These matters were again presented before the Presence. This utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful, His Word, exalted be His grandeur: "O Samandar! Upon thee be My Glory! Convey My greetings to Khalil, upon him be My Glory, and gladden him with the lights of the Sun of favor of the Lord of all beings. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath turned to the All-Informed One." Likewise was Karim mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and from the Speaker of Sinai the word of permission appeared and shone forth. Give them both glad tidings from Me and remind them of My verses.

The third matter was presented before the Face. This is what was revealed in response: "O Samandar! Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the honorable consort of the late Khan, upon them both be the Glory of God. Their services in the path of God have not been and will never be forgotten from view, and have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Sublime Book. God willing, may they attain to that wherefrom the fragrance of divine good-pleasure shall be eternally wafted throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. What they sent arrived - He with Whom is God's Book, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, beareth witness to this." End. This servant conveys greetings and salutations to that leaf, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors. May God grant them success and confirmation.

And as to what was written concerning the branch, it is most clear that the branch follows the root. When the root is reached, surely the branch is reached as well. Perfect grace from the Most Exalted Horizon hath been manifested toward that leaf. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to her. God willing, may she be counted among those whose faces the whisperings of the men and women who join partners with God cannot prevent from the Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Horizon.

And concerning what you wrote about A.B., all that that beloved one hath done is most excellent in the view of this servant. God willing, perhaps it may be the cause of his awakening. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to aid him in abandoning that with which he hath been afflicted. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Perhaps after abandonment a new spirit may be breathed, for the Sun

of Grace shineth and gleameth in such wise that one cannot despair of any matter or from any direction. Exalted be His grace, magnificent His bounty, and all-embracing His mercy.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa ’Ali, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah], son of His Holiness Haji Na?ir who, as God beareth witness, was martyred in His path - this was presented before His countenance, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for him. Deliver it unto him. Verily, He is with whosoever is with Him. The station of His Holiness Na?ir, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, is great in the sight of God. Blessed be he! Again blessed be he! Again blessed be he!

Mention was also made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted presence of his brother, Aqa Fadlu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Bountiful. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen

O Fadlu’llah! Verily grace hath encompassed you. His favor hath been bestowed and His mercy hath preceded. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. His Holiness Na?ir, upon him be the Glory of God, was imprisoned for God’s sake and ascended in the path of God. He is mentioned before the Wronged One among the martyrs. I swear by the Luminary shining from the horizon of the Prison that he was given that which all who are on earth are powerless to reckon. Blessed is he! Blessed is he! He is among those whom the doubts of the divines, the might of princes, and the clamor of the ignorant could not prevent from the Lord of Names. He abandoned extinction and sought immortality. The various transient colors did not keep him back from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Ye must all walk in his footsteps. Give thanks to God, exalted be His glory, that ye are of him and related to him. His station with God is most great. The Glory be upon thee.

We have heard before Our Throne your communication regarding the handmaiden and consort of the departed Abdul-Hamid, upon him be the Glory of God. We have not until now given permission to property owners to sell. However, since that leaf is saddened by this matter and is concerned about the encroachments upon that property, in this case its sale is necessary, for We desire that leaf to be free and unburdened, occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Creator of existence. Earthly possessions are transient, their owner transient, their possession transient - but the grace of God endures, His favors endure, His remembrance endures, His generosity endures, His verses endure, His evidences endure. Blessed is the one whom transient affairs do not hinder. However, matters must be arranged such that no ill-feelings arise with others, as this is closer to righteousness and piety. If Sa’d is, God willing, truly sa’d (fortunate), he will not be content with that which opposes justice, and even if he be at the level of Mercury, he is still with Sa’d. We beseech God to grant him success and not deprive him from the ocean of His knowledge. Convey My greetings to that leaf and say: Be not saddened by such matters. What is befitting and worthy today, adorned with the ornament of permanence, is the remembrance that hath been revealed from God. Praise be to God that thou hast attained thereunto. And regarding her desire to attain Our presence, give her glad tidings of her Lord’s favor. We have made the word to take the place of the deed, and have accepted it from her as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful.

After what transpired in the Land of Ta, certain matters have arisen in this land as well, and in previous years that which was revealed specifically for this land became known to some of the friends. In some Tablets He says, exalted be His glory: “The outer is calm while the inner is turbulent.” For this reason permission is now withheld, but through His boundless grace this intention has been accepted even before its execution. Well is it with her.

[The remainder appears to be about other matters and individuals…]

O Husayn-’Ali! Thy name is most beloved, and indicative of thy path. This is a name at which the joints of the polytheists tremble and the hearts of the transgressors are troubled. Through this name hath the standard of unity been raised, and by it hath the banner of oneness been hoisted to the most exalted station. Thy mention hath been made, and these verses revealed as a token of grace, that thy heart may rejoice thereby and thine eyes be solaced. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. Hold fast unto that which is the cause of everlasting salvation and the source of perpetual bounty. The vicissitudes and changes of the world are two most mighty proofs of its transitoriness. We beseech God to protect thee and aid thee in that which will exalt His Word. The cause and means of exaltation are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. He, exalted be His glory, hath been and will ever be self-sufficient. He hath neither desired nor doth He desire dominion, riches, sovereignty or realm. One deed performed for God’s sake is better than all the wealth of the world. Know thou this and be of them that are steadfast.

Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to recognize Thee. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, the fire of Thy Cause, the mysteries of Thy Book, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Exalted, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

Praise be to God! Both have drunk from the cup of bounty and received their full portion from the ocean of God’s remembrance. God willing, they shall in all conditions hold fast unto the Self-Sufficing Lord. Their mention was also made before in the Most Holy Court.

Concerning the mention of Aqa Mulla Yusuf-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, which was made, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of bounty and favor. His word, exalted be His glory and mighty His utterance:

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

O Yusuf! Reflect upon the days when one named Joseph was imprisoned, and likewise when he was cast into the well. Consider also Abraham, the Friend of God, and the dedication of the Sacrifice at the place of offering. Behold what befell the Spirit of God, and observe attentively. Likewise consider the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, and the Herald, the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all in the Kingdom be sacrificed for His sake, and what befell Him is not remote. Most have heard and some have witnessed that which came to pass upon the Point and the company of the Prophets and Messengers. It hath been the cause of the exaltation of God’s Word, the promotion of His Cause and its diffusion. Every person of insight beareth witness that the loss hath been with the oppressors, and the profit with those holy and pure souls. Reflect upon the Twin Lights, namely the two martyrs, and Kazim. By the life of God! None hath been or is capable of reckoning the profit of their

trading in God's path. To this testify honored servants who have been given insight from God, the Lord of what was and what will be. Reflect upon one named Mahdi and those who were with him. Did that which befell them in God's path cause abasement and loss, or was it the cause of the exaltation of the Word, the elevation of stations, and true profit? The days of every soul shall pass away and come to an end. Blessed are they whom these fleeting days have not debarred from the everlasting Kingdom. Know thou with absolute certitude that thy imprisonment in God's path hath been the cause of thy freedom and the exaltation of thy station with God. Account not this supreme bounty as small. By the life of God! It is most great and glorious. Be on thy guard, for the devils are seen lying in wait. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy grace through which the gates of knowledge were opened to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the breezes of Thy bounty wafted, and the rivers of Thy mercy flowed, to protect me from the mischief of Thine enemies who plot against Thy Cause and lead Thy servants astray. Thou, verily, art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Thou didst desire to attain Our presence, but in these days it is not permitted, for the whisperings of the transgressors and deniers have to some degree spread to these regions. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and praise and in service to His firm and wise Cause. The servant present here hath conveyed that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the servant whose call hath been heard and for whom the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have been sent down. Hold fast unto goodness and cleave to the hem of righteousness, as bidden by God, the Lord of all men. He, verily, is the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Mention thou the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One and convey His greetings. In these days all are remembered before His countenance, for His Trustee, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned the loved ones of God in his letters, especially Afnan and His Honor A. and H., upon them be My glory and loving-kindness. Blessed are they whose remembrances, names and petitions have been presented before His countenance. Although the fruits of these deeds remain hidden due to the land's unpreparedness, all are preserved in God's treasury. He will soon reveal them in truth. He, verily, is the Just, the Wise. Not a single letter's reward has been or will be lost.

Thou didst mention His Honor Siyyid Hashim. We make mention of him and those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Blessed is the one whose strength was not shaken by the allusions of the divines and the doubts of the theologians. They arose and proclaimed: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth." We beseech God to sanctify the eyes of His servants from the blindness of self and desire, that they may behold the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. Moses came and gave the people glad tidings of His manifestation, yet when Christ appeared, all turned away. The Jewish divines who for years were occupied in their temples with the praise and glorification of the Lord of Names, and were likewise awaiting the days of His appearance, all arose in rejection and protest, to such extent that the hand of mercy bore Him to heaven. Today the people of the earth must ponder upon the previous Manifestations - what caused all the Prophets, Messengers, sincere ones and near ones to suffer at the hands of enemies. The Cause of the Qa'im - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - was greater than all, and His tribulations more severe, for it was foretold that the most exalted among

creation would flee from His word. Yet none became aware or understood the purpose. O Hashim! By the mighty Name of God, rend asunder the veils of allusions and the coverings of doubts - a rending whose sound the denizens of the Kingdom will hear. This Wronged One speaks for the sake of God: though most princes and divines have been and are in opposition, this Prisoner has arisen to manifest God's Cause and to reveal that which He was commanded, and continues to this day with His pen alone to stand before the world and all peoples, speaking that which He was bidden and will continue to speak. The might of the rejectors and the clamor of the deniers have not and will not deter Him. Know thou the station of these days and arise to make up for what hath escaped thee. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all in the world! I testify that I was heedless of the wonders of Thy remembrance and the mysteries Thou hast manifested in Thy days, in such wise that mine ears attained not unto the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and mine eyes beheld not the effulgences of the lights of Thine All-Glorious Horizon, until these days arrived wherein my heart, my sight, and my hearing were stirred with longing to hearken unto Thy most exalted Word, O Lord of all beings! Now dost Thou see me turning unto Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the ocean of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful.

We make mention in this station of him who was named Ali-Akbar, who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou and those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. We have mentioned thee out of Our grace, and We mention thee out of Our loving-kindness. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the King of Kings. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My grace, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Protector of what was and what shall be. That land hath been named Paran in the presence of the Desired One. Blessed is it and blessed is he whose letter hath come before Us in these days. We shall soon answer him and his father and those who have believed in God, the Lord of existence.

O Joseph! Give thanks to the Beloved of the world Who hath mentioned thee, and likewise the souls mentioned in the letter. We make mention of thy father and thy brother. We seek forgiveness for them both and We beseech God to forgive them and to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His devoted servants. We counsel them to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The End. Praise be to God! Upon each of the souls mentioned the rain of mercy hath descended - a rain whose flow shall never cease, for it hath descended from the heaven of God's grace. O beloved of my heart! On behalf of this ephemeral one, convey greetings and salutations to his honor Mulla Yusuf-'Ali, upon him be 95 [Baha'u'llah]. It is incumbent upon all to remember and respect those who have suffered tribulations in the path of God, who have heard the taunts of the heedless, who have been imprisoned, and who have witnessed signs of wrath and anger from hostile faces. Even if some of them committed unseemly acts in prison, one should seek forgiveness for them, for in times of tribulation and hardship some cannot maintain their normal state - errors inevitably occur. However, verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous, and He is the Pardoner, the Concealer, the Compassionate, the Kind, the Merciful. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect all through His bounty, mercy and loving-kindness. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

And regarding the mention of his honor Aqa Mirza Mahdi and his honor Mashhadi Ali, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before the Face. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of our Lord's will, the All-Informed. His words, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His proof:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

O Mahdi! Remember Me amongst My servants. We have remembered thee before and after, and have revealed for thee that from which all who have the sense of smell can detect the fragrance of My loving-kindness, My care and My mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Be thou vocal in My praise, soaring in My atmosphere, serving My Cause, and holding fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness. I am, verily, the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing.

Thou hast been beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness, as attesteth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who entered the prison for My sake and left it through My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Ali! Upon thee be My mercy! Verily, We have mentioned thee in diverse stations and do mention thee at this hour. Be thou thankful and numbered with them that praise. Say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, the manifestations of Thy grace, the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and voiced in Thy praise amidst Thy creation, through the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

This servant conveyeth greetings, glorification and salutations to each one, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness and the crown of submission and contentment.

As for the mention of the beloved of the heart, Aqa Muhammad-Javad and his kindred, upon them be the glory of God and His favors, it was presented before the presence of the Lord of Manifestation. Each one hath been blessed with the lights of the Sun of the mention of the Most Great Name. His is the praise and bounty in all conditions. After wondrous utterances and resplendent favors, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted Word. His word, exalted and mighty be He: O Javad! Upon thee be My Glory! The Wronged One remembereth thee and hath remembered thee before in such wise as hath borne witness before the faces of the world to the permanence of the dominion and the Kingdom. The Lord of nations beareth witness to this. Thank Him for this most great favor, then preserve it through My Name, the Omnipotent, the Mighty. We, verily, glorify and send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon them that are with thee and thy kindred. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Compassionate, the Generous.

The favors and kindness of the Goal of the world's desire toward them are truly beyond this servant's mention. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid him in serving the Cause as He strengthened him in the early days, and to write down for him from His Most Exalted Pen that which beseemeth His all-embracing bounty, His all-encompassing grace, and His pre-existing mercy. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Likewise, mention was made of the cousins, especially Aqa Abdul-Baqi, upon him and them be the everlasting glory of God. It was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. For each one particularly did the sun of grace and favor rise. The servant testifieth that they have attained unto the bounty and bestowal of our Lord. O beloved of my heart! Ye have witnessed the waves of the ocean of favor and beheld the effulgences of the Sun of grace. There was and is no need for mention by this evanescent one.

And as for the mention made of my beloved, Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, after it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this word: O Samandar! Upon Ibn-i-Abhar be My glory! He hath ever been mentioned before the Face and regarded with the glance of favor. My name Mahdi, upon him be My mercy and My favors. Likewise hath Jinab-i-Amin repeatedly made mention of him in his petitions. Blessed is he and his father and his mother and those who are with him in this Cause whereby the thoughts of the nations were scattered, the structure of the world was shaken, and the hearts of those servants who broke the Covenant on the Day of Return were perturbed.

We send greetings to the friends of the land of Za, both men and women. Indeed, We have sent down verses unto them before, and in these days We have sent down unto them as a bounty from Our presence, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O people of Za! Rejoice in the favors of your Lord, the Most Glorious. He maketh mention of you from the Most Sublime Horizon in such wise as nothing can equal. He is verily the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. God willing, may ye be enkindled with the fire of the love of God - an enkindlement which neither the oppression of the aggressors nor the ascendancy of the tyrants can quench. Take ye the chalices of prosperity in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, and drink, in spite of those who cast them behind their backs. These are days of joy, for the Beloved of the world and the Most Great Name is established upon the throne [of manifestation]. Speak ye in His Name, drink ye in remembrance of Him, and be ye occupied with His mention. Associate with one another and with all people with the utmost joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. Be ye never heedless of wisdom in any situation.

O son of Abhar! Upon thy father and upon thee and thy mother be My peace and My loving-kindness and My mercy. Remind My loved ones of that which We have sent down unto them from the Kingdom of My Will and the Heaven of My favor, and I am verily the Compassionate, the Kind, the Generous. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to them and to the friends of that land who are enkindled with the fire of the love of God and illumined with the light of the knowledge of God, and I express my utter powerlessness and nothingness, and I beseech God to grant them the blessing of attaining His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As for the mention of Himmat-'Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, his mention hath ever been made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and my beloved, the Trustee, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath repeatedly mentioned him in his letters which he hath sent to this servant. In these days, one Most Holy and Most Glorious Tablet hath been specifically revealed for him and was given to the beloved of the heart, His Holiness Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, to be forwarded, for he too hath repeatedly made mention of him in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and hath sought special favors for him from God, exalted be His glory. Praise be

to God, he hath attained unto that which is befitting in this day. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will manifest that which He hath ordained. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

At this time I was summoned into the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and after attaining the presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: “O servant in attendance! We wish to make mention of Samandar, upon him be My glory, and those who are with him, both male and female, young and old. O servant in attendance! Although the kindred of Samandar have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of the Lord of Destiny, We now desire to outwardly adorn them with the ornament of the Most Glorious Remembrance. Blessed are ye, O My handmaidens and leaves of the Tree of My love! Praise ye the Desired One of all worlds Who caused you to attain and aided you in that which most of the women of the world and the queens of the earth, despite their waiting, seeking, longing and yearning, remain veiled from. For years they followed vain imaginings and ran to churches and mosques in remembrance of the Friend, yet when the light of certainty dawned, they remained heedless and veiled. O Samandar! Convey My greetings to all the souls of that household, male and female, young and old, on behalf of the Wronged One, and gladden them with the favors of God, exalted be His glory. All have been and are under the shadow of His grace. Through divine love they have attained a great station. They have never been and will never be absent from His sight. They must be grateful for this great bounty and appear with the utmost joy and gladness. Blessed are they and happy are they.”

This servant also conveys greetings and salutations to each of the honored ladies and delight of the eyes. I beseech God to assist all His loved ones in that land to remain firm, steadfast and resolute in such wise that should all the world gather together and speak contrary to what God has ordained, they would regard them all as bubbles on the surface of water with no permanence. This indeed is the meaning of steadfastness that has been revealed in the Tablets from the Pen of God, both before and after. On one occasion these exalted words were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur: “O servant in attendance! Whosoever has, in the name of the Self-Subsisting, drunk from the Sealed Wine must fix his gaze solely upon the Supreme Horizon. This is the station of true unity. In this case, even if all souls who consider themselves assured, enkindled, firm and steadfast should, God forbid, turn away, no doubt would enter his mind nor would any misgiving seize him. Rather, he would find himself more firmly rooted, more steadfast, more powerful and more triumphant.”

This indeed is the station of steadfast souls. Those who are moved by every wind and changed by every word were not and are not worthy of this court. This servant and that Beloved One must pray that He may not deprive His loved ones in that land and other countries from the splendors of the Sun of Unity. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory, praise, spirit and laudation be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who were attracted by the call of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And praise be to God, the One, the Single, the Individual, the Self-Subsisting, the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

The Servant

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

The rain of divine mercy is pouring down and the verses are ever being revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, and by His very truth there hath appeared that which hath no equal, no likeness, and no peer. All things are voicing the remembrance of the Lord of Names, and the dwellers of heaven are celebrating with "Blessed be God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment." This is the Day whereof He saith: "Thou shalt see mankind as in a drunken state, yet they are not drunken: But dreadful will be the chastisement of God," and "On that Day shall every woman that beareth a burden lay down her burden." In truth, in the primary station are the people of the Bayan. By the life of our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, none hath been seen like unto these heedless people. Though they have witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance and beheld the dawning splendors of the morn of inner meanings, yet they have arisen in opposition in such wise as hath never been seen or heard. What have they understood from twelve hundred years of Shi'ih Islam that they should now again cling to the same vain imaginings?

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make His servants aware through both seen and unseen means, to grant them vision, to bestow wakefulness, to vouchsafe justice, to confer fairness. Can one imagine for this Most Great Announcement any veils or glory-clouds more manifest, more dominant, and more encompassing than those which cause every fair-minded soul to cry out "God is most evident," "God is most great," and "God is most glorious"? This is the Day whereof He saith: "They have eyes with which they see not," until the end of His exalted Word. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Him, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the seen and unseen, my Goal and the Goal of Him Who hath appeared in the garment of being! I beseech Thee to assist Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause, then aid them through the signs of Thy grandeur and the standards of Thy sovereignty, then manifest through them that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants and Thy traces in Thy lands. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty One, and Thy remembrance is sweet to the taste of them that love Thee.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant and he who loveth Thee (S.M.) who hath arisen to aid Thy Cause in days wherein agitation hath seized the dwellers of Thy earth and faces have been darkened through their turning away from Thy countenance. Strengthen, O my God, his limbs for the service of Thy Cause and Thy remembrance and [Thy praise]. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

O Beloved of my heart! The letters which that loved one addressed to the beloved of the heart of His Holiness the Most Great Name and to this servant were each a garden adorned with the roses of truth and utterance and meaning and exposition, and each letter thereof was a speaking book and a manifest scroll. The fragrance of those roses transcendeth mention and description. After their perusal and examination, they were taken to the Most Exalted Station and Supreme Summit, presented before the Divine Throne, and were honored to be heard. His word, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His sovereignty:

In My Name that speaketh in all times […]

Today the Banner of Revelation hath been raised to its loftiest station, and the Standard proclaiming "Verily I am God" hath been planted before the faces of all mankind. The path of God is clear, the proof hath been sent down, and the evidences are manifest. Nevertheless, most of the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. By God's life! That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is such that a single drop thereof would suffice to quicken the Concourse on High, how much more the dwellers of earth. This is the Kawthar of life that floweth between the fingers of the All-Merciful. In truth, these created beings have never been, nor are they now, capable of hearkening unto this Word that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of Revelation, nor are they worthy of recognizing it, save whom God willeth.

O thou who gazest upon His Countenance! Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up and send forth through His perfect might such people as may become bearers of His Trust and guardians of the pearls of His wisdom. Say: O party of God! Ye are the knights in the arena of inner meanings and utterance. Arise with zeal and stand firm in service to His Cause, that perchance the helpless servants may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of the past. They were worshippers of idle fancies yet counted themselves among the most learned of mankind. They were adorers of idols yet deemed themselves to be unitarians. Until now the true meaning of Divine Unity hath not been made manifest. Were the Most Exalted Pen to unveil but a little thereof, all would testify to their own polytheism. However, the Name "the Concealer" hath not withdrawn the hem of grace, and the Name "the All-Bountiful" hath not permitted justice to reach this station.

Blessed are they who reflect and observe what hath come to pass in the past. For whosoever becometh aware shall attain unto the choice sealed wine through the blessing of the Name "the Self-Subsisting" and shall be adorned with the ornament of supreme steadfastness. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the party of God and give them the glad tidings of the favors of the Beloved of the worlds. All are mentioned in His presence and have attained unto the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Say: O friends! Preserve the trust of the love of the Beloved of the worlds in His Name and keep it hidden from the treacherous and the thieves. Convey my greetings to all the people of that household. Give them the glad tidings of My grace, My mercy, and My loving-kindness. The children and the teacher are all remembered. Verily, He fulfilleth His promise and He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O Samandar! It is best that we occupy ourselves with the mention of the Peerless Friend and pass beyond all that exists and is visible, that another realm may be spread out and another world appear. Say: […]

My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me, and remoteness from Thee hath consumed me, as hath that which hath befallen Thee in Thy path. My God, my God! Mine ear desireth to hear that for which it was created; withhold it not from Thy melodies and Thy tones. And mine eye desireth to behold the effulgences of the lights of Thy countenance; deprive it not of that which Thou hast manifested unto it. My God, my God! Why do I hear the call of the servants but hear not Thy call, and see Thy creation but see not the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs? Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy shirt and whom the breezes of Thy days have overtaken in such wise that he hath detached himself from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, by the kingdom of Thy utterance, and by the sea which no ships of the world can encompass, and by the

ark which the waves of nations cannot hinder, to strengthen me in all conditions as Thou didst strengthen me before and wilt strengthen me hereafter. Then send down from the heaven of Thy mercy upon Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and acquaint them with what Thou hast purposed for them through Thy bounty and grace, and guide them to Thy path which calleth out with the most exalted call in the morning and in the evening: "By God! I am the Straight Path and I am the Balance whereby all things small and great are weighed." O Lord! Deprive not Thy servants of the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End and the sound of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily Thou art He Who hath testified through Thy generosity to all created things, and through Thy grace to all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Revealer of verses, the Lord of earth and heaven.

Praise be to God that this servant, despite numerous occupations, was blessed to make mention of that Beloved. The comfort of man hath ever been in meeting with loved ones, and when this is not possible, mention serveth as a substitute, for through mention some measure of solace is obtained. Thus it hath been said that when the rose is veiled, man findeth solace in rosewater. He beseecheth the eternal Truth and hopeth that He may grant success and confirmation, that the fire of separation may be quenched by the water of the mention of reunion and attainment. In His hand is all authority; He confirmeth whom He willeth as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

As to the mention of the intention to pen words - each letter of which is truly a messenger of love - to the city of seekers, this was a wondrous matter, and the poetry too was most fitting. He beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that through the tears of that eye He may water the gardens of inner meanings, that the flowers of remembrance and utterance may be refreshed by the rain from the spring of the eyes of them that are nigh, and may be made manifest in the world. For the tears of the eye, countless stations have been ordained; they tell of the sovereign of love, they are the primary narrator and the secondary interpreter. The servant beseecheth his Lord to preserve it and extend it through the sea of His light and the effulgences of the lights of His manifestation. Verily, He is the Protector of the yearning ones and the One Who draweth nigh unto them that are brought nigh. Praise be to Him for His bestowal at this time.

Regarding the mention of Jinab-i-Khalil, upon him be the glory of God and His favors - he did indeed turn towards God, hasten forward until he arrived, heard and witnessed. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Helper, the Generous. In truth, with the divine seal of God's love and the fire of heavenly affection, he moved like a celestial telegraph of love. O beloved of my heart! Love accomplishes many things - before it lies the book of mysteries, it possesses the records of ruin and prosperity. It can make the rock abundant in bounty, ignite that which is extinguished, and with a single word make the inanimate flow and spread. The hand is His hand and the field is His field. Praise be to God, he arrived safely at the divine homeland, was present and observant, and after staying some days, returned as commanded. Divine favor assisted him, confirmation accompanied him, and heavenly support protected him until he attained the presence of the Most Great Throne. In such days, matters like these are counted among miracles, for despite the discord of the peoples of the world, the light of unity and harmony accomplished its work, as it did - all attained to good and returned. Happy is he and blessed is he.

Regarding the permission for Haji Muhammad Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, to come - what was written was presented to the Most Holy Court. These exalted words were revealed from the Dawning-

Place of grace, the Source of verses. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof: “O Samandar! The Truth, exalted be His glory, has appeared to bestow upon all the honor of His presence and to adorn them with the ornaments of sanctification, detachment, trustworthiness, religion, chastity and that which benefits their souls. He has manifested Himself for the meeting, but the people have prevented those who desired Him from every distant quarter.” Due to the multitude of visitors, arrivals and seekers in the prison land, some discussions have arisen. Convey greetings from the Wronged One. We have mentioned him through Our grace with a mention before which all mention bows down. O Samandar! Give him glad tidings from Me. We beseech God to inscribe for him from the Pen of His Command the reward of His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Let him strive that he may attain unto steadfastness, which after recognition and meeting is the foundation. O Samandar! Beseech God not to deprive His servants of the ornament of justice and equity. He is powerful and mighty over all things. Praise be to God, they turned towards Him, approached, and attained the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. This is a great bounty, by My Life, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding the Huququ’llah which they have taken trouble to deliver - this is not the first service that has appeared from your honor, as attested by the Pen of God, our Lord and your Lord. From the first days you have been engaged in service and speaking in praise and glorification. This is from the favor of our Lord and your Lord upon you. Verily, He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The papers also arrived. Whatever is entrusted to your honor, its execution is certain and requires nothing else. Regarding the remaining amount known to the beloved Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, favor was shown, and what that beloved one wrote is correct and accepted before the Truth, for if it had been mentioned, clamor would have arisen.

Regarding the Leaf, your niece, upon her be the glory of God - praise be to God, she has arrived and attained the presence and is engaged in service in the sanctuary, and all are pleased with her - that is, the people of the pavilion of chastity and greatness. In this matter, let that beloved one be assured.

O Abdul-Baqi, upon whom be the Glory of God! Your mention hath been made before the Throne. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to you and all your kindred. At this moment, while engaged in penning these words in the presence of the Most Great Throne, these exalted words have issued forth from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful’s utterance: “O Samandar! Convey greetings to the people of God on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: A handful of transgressors in the world, having adorned their heads with white and green turbans, have purposed to lead astray the people of God. From the inception of Islam until the Day of Manifestation, all have wandered in the wilderness of idle fancies and strayed in the deserts of vain imaginings. Thus when the Finger of Power rent asunder the veil, the deeds of all and their fruits became clear and evident to all. When He willeth to unveil, no veil can conceal it, and when He willeth to conceal, no power in the world nor the will of nations can expose it. Nevertheless, some among the people of the Bayan have followed suit and set about to mislead the people, even as did the former people. It is incumbent and obligatory upon all to strive and protect the servants of God, lest they be deprived of the Day-Star of certitude through former idle fancies. Convey greetings from the True One to Abdul-Baqi. Each soul is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hath been blessed by the grace of the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they whom neither the doubts of the people of the Bayan nor the allusions of the people of the Furqan caused to slip, and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue

of Grandeur hath acknowledged in His Most Great Prison. These are the people of God in all lands. Glory be upon them, upon their first and their last, their outward and their inward aspects."

When mention was made of the people of God in that land, it was presented before the Throne, and each one was blessed with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Happy are they! For some, wondrous and sublime Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor and sent forth. God willing, may all attain unto them. In these days, a letter was received from the beloved Amin, Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon whom be the Glory of God and His favors, wherein he made mention of the beloved ones of that land and expressed great joy and satisfaction. This is what was again revealed for the friends of God whose names were mentioned. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad (Darbagh)! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with that which nothing in all creation can equal, and counseleth thee to show forth the Greater Steadfastness and that whereby the Word of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. O Ali Akbar! The Prisoner calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison, maketh mention of thee, and beareth thee glad tidings as a bounty from His presence, and commandeth thee to that which beseemeth the days of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Abdul-Husayn! Thou didst attain unto My mention in the early days and on this Day wherein the people of the Bayan have risen up even as the people of the Furqan rose up against My harm, after I had come unto them from the Dayspring of proof with the standards of verses and the banners of clear evidences. Thus did their souls entice them, and they were recorded among the idolaters in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Samandar! We make mention of the sons of thy paternal and maternal uncles, as a token of Our grace. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Convey unto them the greetings of the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of My turning towards them and My remembrance of them in a Book which none hath comprehended save God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have remembered them in numerous Tablets and have counseled them with that which behooveth them, and We counsel them now to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this wondrous Remembrance. The clamor which We had foretold hath come to pass in the Land of Mystery and before it when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra wherein was diffused the fragrance of My luminous raiment. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the sun of knowledge shone forth. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless.

All have been blessed with special favors and have partaken of the table of divine meanings. This evanescent servant beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - to aid them to recognize true divine unity, for had the people of old attained unto the effulgent rays of true divine unity, all would have been found submissive and humble on the Day of Manifestation. This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him. Blessed are they that know.

At an appropriate and beloved time, thy visit was accepted on thy behalf as desired. Well is it with you and me.

As for the testimony which flowed from thy heart, tongue and pen at the end of thy letter, it was granted the honor of being heard before His presence, and that which was revealed in response from the heaven of divine will is such that this servant is truly incapable of describing it. Pardon, pardon, pardon! Glory be to God! From what substance are those souls made who have hesitated in this Cause? In truth, it is divine wrath and the recompense of deeds that hath seized some. Verily, He is the Recompenser, the Just, the Wise.

Concerning the mention of the loved ones of the land of 'Ishq in the letter of the spiritual beloved, His Holiness the Most Generous Name, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - praise be to God, it was a spiritual glad tiding and a luminous remembrance. However, to those who drink the wine of divine love, both ease and hardship are beloved. Whatever occurs in the path of the Friend is beloved to the soul and the heart's desire. They have been delivered from those tribulations; God willing, may they remain protected from the fire of the idolaters and transgressors. This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to all and seeketh divine confirmation and assistance for all. All letters which thou sendest to thy spiritual beloved are presented before the Divine Throne, and responses are requested. The purpose is that thou hast ever been and remaineth mentioned.

Regarding what thou didst write about the funds expended, yes, according to the command, if it can be found from any source it should be taken. And concerning what thou didst write: "Whatever is commanded, we are, God willing, obedient and content, especially in receiving funds which is a matter of obedience" - to the end of thy words - after this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, this utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of proof - exalted and blessed be His words: "O Samandar! We bear witness that thy deceased and elevated father and thou have not been remiss in serving the Cause. Ye have obeyed whatever was commanded and acted for the sake of God, for the love of God, and in the path of God. God willing, mayest thou ever drink of this Kawthar and partake of this choice wine. Nothing can equal the testimony of thy Lord. We praise God, exalted be He, with thy tongue and thank Him with His tongue, that it may be a treasure and honor for thee throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the realm of heaven."

The petition of the nephew of the late, ascended Zia - upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy - was received, and several months ago a response descended from the heaven of divine will and was sent. Regarding [Yakan] - may God the Exalted strengthen him - what they wrote was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and a wondrous and exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him and sent. His blessed and exalted Word states: "When he recognized, he soared on wings of longing unto God, the Lord of the Day of Meeting."

This evanescent servant is truly bewildered by that which hath been manifested and made evident from the exalted Truth, and likewise by the conditions of the people. At all times he beseecheth his Lord, the All-Merciful, to assist His servants to recognize what He hath manifested through His grace, His generosity and His favors. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Some names that were mentioned in this letter were presented before the countenance of the Lord of the worlds, and each received their portion as befitting from the ocean of grace. Blessed are they that drink thereof.

This is what was sent down from the heaven of the providence of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. His word, exalted be His glory, states: "O Muhammad-'Ali! There came before the Presence a leaf wherein was thy mention. We have mentioned thee with a mention that all the mentions of the world cannot equal, and We counsel thee to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the Names were shaken, as were the divines and jurisprudents of the earth. Thus hath the Sun of Grace revealed its favors that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who render praise."

"O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Tahmasb, that he may rejoice in the mention of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, who hath turned toward Him from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and mentioned him in such wise that the near ones perceive therefrom the fragrance of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous."

"And We make mention of the teacher whom We mentioned before and gave him glad tidings of the favors of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Muhammad-Taqi! The Face of Him Who was wronged hath turned toward thee and calleth thee to that which will draw thee nigh unto the Supreme Horizon and will adorn thee with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Concerning the mention of Haji Baba, upon whom be the Glory of God, after these sublime words were submitted, there dawned from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation and Inspiration these words–magnified be His glory: "O Haji Baba! The Divine Lamp is luminous and bright, and the Sun of inner meanings is radiant and manifest. The tongue of utterance speaks at all times, and the ocean of proof surges before all faces. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and deprived, save whom God willeth. Reflect upon the people of the Bayan: They have newly arranged their turbans, green and white, and ascend the pulpits. They desire to establish a party like unto the Shi'ih party in the earth. By God's life! The people of justice lament, and the manifestations of equity weep. Have they not reflected upon the fruits of the former party's deeds? For they committed such acts as prevented eyes from beholding and ears from hearing. That party, both learned and ignorant, perpetrated what no other party had ever done, and committed that from which Satan himself fled. We beseech God to protect His servants. In brief, the divines of Iran and the opposers among the people of the Bayan are deprived of the lights of the Sun of true divine unity. More than this cannot be disclosed. Say: Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. This is a Day wherein naught is mentioned save God, your Lord and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and summon them to the most great steadfastness. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath cast away the world, holding fast to the cord of God, the Strong, and His mighty Cause."

This evanescent one conveys greetings to each one. All must, through God's grace, bounty and aid, hold fast to unity and harmony, and through consultation strive to exalt the Word of God, expending mighty efforts therein.

Mention was made of Andalib, upon whom be the Glory of God. His petitions have repeatedly reached the Most Holy Court, and in these days a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him. At this moment these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of God's grace–blessed and exalted be He: "O Samandar! Andalib, upon whom be My glory, hath been striving and endeavoring to exalt the Word night

and day. This is the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen concerning him. Give him the glad tidings of My grace, My bounty, and My turning towards him. We beseech God to adorn him with such an ornament that all may behold from him the light of sanctity. By God's life! For long periods this Wronged One was grief-stricken, until Divine grace seized him and generosity turned toward him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him and aid him with what He loveth and pleaseth. He hath ever been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and continueth to be so."

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to him and beseeches the Mighty God to strengthen him to make mention and praise of Him and to aid His Cause. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another submission: The beloved sister of His Holiness the Name of Generosity (Ismu'l-Jud), upon whom be 966 [the Glory of God] the Most Glorious, together with her son, upon them both be the Glory of God, have been granted permission to turn towards the Most Holy Court. Thus hath shone forth the sun of permission from the horizon of our Lord's grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I beseech and implore the Mighty God to strengthen them in all conditions, grant them success, and through His perfect power arrange circumstances whereby they may at all times attain unto His wondrous and sublime bounties.

We verily are the Comforter, the All-Knowing. We have desired to make mention of Our handmaiden who attained to the recognition of her Lord before her ascension, and after her ascension was blessed with the Kawthar of her Lord's gracious favors, the Kind, the All-Merciful. We testify that she turned to God and believed when men were in manifest rejection. She drank the choice wine of recognition from the hand of her Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, and mention of her was recorded by the Pen of Revelation when the Wronged One was in His mighty prison. When she ascended, the Concourse on High perceived from her the sweet fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed is she and joy be unto her! She attained unto mention in her days and unto the favors of her Lord after her ascension. We beseech God to send down upon her from the heaven of grace and bounty at all times that which befitteth His generosity, His grace and His bounty, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We console Our servant Abdul-Husayn, who was mentioned in the early days before God, the Lord of all mankind. We make mention of his son and daughter and counsel them to be patient in what hath come upon them in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We console those who were with them, as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon them all.

Blessed is she, again blessed is she, for she hath been honored with mention by the Supreme Pen. In life she was adorned with His love, and in death she ascended with His love. Grace, bounty and favor are within His mighty grasp; He bestoweth them upon whomsoever He willeth. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Concerning the late Aqa Morteza-Qoli, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, the mere fact that he associated with that beloved one and entered that house and showed forth love is sufficient. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak concerning him, and after being submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed - exalted be His utterance and glorified His proof:

“O Samandar! Although that deceased one did not act according to divine counsels, yet in his final years signs of love were manifest from him, and his turning to your house, his presence, and his seeking - all bear witness to his recognition. Therefore he has been adorned with the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and He forgave him through His bounty, and purified him from the defilement of the world, and ordained for him a station beneath the shade of His chosen ones. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He shall not be asked of His doings. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Though he was not enkindled as befitted, yet from time to time he was mindful, and by the testimony of the Supreme Pen he possessed love to a certain degree. Therefore the all-encompassing mercy embraced him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Special mention that I conveyed your humility, submissiveness, remembrance and praise to the Holy Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps. Each one manifested countless favors, especially mentioning and showing kindness to you. Likewise, the denizens of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur all made mention of that beloved one and his household. God willing, this letter will reach you and the hidden, recorded favors will become manifest and evident.

Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor, upon those with you, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

The Servant

10th of Jumada al-Thani 1303

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O Khudadad son of Nasir, upon him be the Glory of God

In the month of Shawwal 1298

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

Praise sanctified above tongue and utterance beseemeth the most holy court of that One Who begetteth not nor is begotten, Who through the outpourings of the ocean of His will hath in every age and cycle manifested a Cause as required, and made all things dependent upon and connected with the Most Great Manifestation. Every Book is an expression of the dawning rays of the Sun of Truth, and every Scripture a mention of the outpourings of the ocean of grace. All books herald this most mighty, most holy, most exalted Day, and all Messengers speak in praise of this most glorious, most ancient, most resplendent Revelation. Though all the Manifestations of the Cause were indeed related unto God and their days are in one sense mentioned as the Days of God, yet the seeing eye perceiveth that this wondrous Day is specially reserved for the appearance of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. All books bear witness to this most glorious, most mighty, most holy, most exalted station.

The purpose of these words is that the sanctified, assured souls who today have quaffed the wine of mystical knowledge and are known throughout the contingent world by the name of the All-Merciful - their station and rank may become evident and manifest to all peoples. I swear by the Beloved of the world that in this Day the steadfast and upright souls are mentioned before God as pearls of the ocean of names and are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as letters of the Book.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through the sweetness of Whose utterance the people of Thy kingdom were drawn unto Thee, and through the lights of the Sun of Whose countenance the earth and all who dwell therein were illumined. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by the Most Great Name, to give Thy loved ones to drink from the Kawthar of Thy bounty in such wise that neither the conditions of those who have turned away from Thy Beauty, nor the doubts of the chiefs among Thy servants who lay claim to knowledge without clear proof from Thee or testimony from Thy presence, shall keep them back. They have placed mountains of ignorance upon their heads and pride themselves therein, turning away from the Dayspring of Thy knowledge, the Dawning-Place of Thy wisdom, the Manifestation of Thy signs, and the Source of Thy clear tokens.

Thou knowest, O my God, that they have made their turbans as snares for the weak among Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones arising to serve Thee on this Day wherein the Sun of Thy justice is hidden behind clouds of oppression raised by those who frequent the mosques for Thy remembrance and praise, yet deny Him through Whose name the mosques, temples and sanctuaries were raised up, and through Whose advent every land and lofty station was honored. O Lord! Make known unto Thy servants that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and illumine their eyes with the lights of their recognition in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art the Mighty, the Possessor of great strength. Write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will aid them in Thy remembrance and praise every morn and eve. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And I pray and send greetings upon those who heard the Call and hastened unto Thee, O Lord of Names! These are servants who cast aside their own wishes and desires, taking hold of that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. O Lord! Make their conditions manifest unto Thy creatures and the people of Thy kingdom, then make them hands of Thy Cause amongst Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And furthermore, this servant submits that your letter dated the night of the 9th of Jamadiyu'th-Thani was received, causing fresh joy and boundless delight. Praise be to God that the fragrance of "all deeds have become as one flower in the Day of God" wafts from it, for every word of yours indicates the unity, harmony and steadfastness of God's loved ones. Blessed are they, and theirs is the station of security in both beginning and end. God willing, may all attain this lofty, most exalted station and remain firm in it. The pearls of inner meanings must be guarded against thieves; assured souls must exert mighty efforts to preserve and protect them. After observing your letter and reading and comprehending its contents, I turned toward the Holy Place that transcends mention and utterance, and after gaining presence and permission, presented it before His face. Then the Countenance of the Beloved turned toward me with cheerfulness and smiles, as though the lights of divine good-pleasure were shining from the face of our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth. He said, exalted be His glory: "Praise be to God

that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the divine Dayspring and hast attained unto the hearing of the Most Sweet Call. Thou didst hear and turn unto Him. It is as though God's breeze in His days hath caused thee to arise in His remembrance and praise amongst His creatures. This is a Day which the Most Great Spirit heralded, calling out His name in the wilderness of longing. They who drink the choice wine must observe wisdom and engage in teaching the Cause, holding fast in all matters to the cord of consultation and clinging to the hem of kindliness, that the children of the age may, through the loving-kindness and affection of God's wise ones, attain unto maturity and be granted perfect health." This blessed word hath been revealed and sent down by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book: "The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries of consultation and compassion. Consultation increaseth awareness and transformeth conjecture into certitude. It is a shining light in the dark world - it guideth and directeth. For everything there hath been and shall be a state of maturity and perfection. The maturity and manifestation of understanding becometh evident through consultation." And this blessed word hath also been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book: "Understanding is like heaven, and forbearance and godliness are its sun and moon. By the Sun of Truth! For understanding there hath not been nor shall be a mightier host than these two." O Khudadad! We have made mention of thee in the beginning and the return, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be filled with manifest joy. Thou hast attained unto God's traces and His days - this is naught but a mighty favor. Convey My greetings to My loved ones, then mention to them that which My Pen hath uttered. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We have created them, manifested them, taught them and caused them to know this favor which every trusted Messenger heralded. We command them to show forth the supreme steadfastness in this Day before which centuries and ages have bowed down. To this testifieth he who hath acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged in His perspicuous Book. Say: O friends! Today ye must all arise to that which will cause unity and harmony. Every decayed bone is moved by the motion of the Supreme Pen and is enabled to speak through the choice wine of the utterance of the Beloved of all possibility. God willing, may each one be as a spirit for the bodies of the servants and as a light for the lands. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in thy region and upon thy wife and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. The End.

In truth this evanescent servant has been and continues to be immeasurably gladdened by mention of your unity and the fellowship and concord of God's loved ones. Praise be to God that He has confirmed you. Indeed, your letters are bearers of glad tidings, for that which today causes the exaltation of God's Word is the unity and concord of His loved ones and chosen ones, and in every letter these glad tidings arrive from you. We beseech Him, exalted be His glory, both you and this evanescent one, that He may illumine all lands with this most glorious and most holy light. Verily He is the Powerful, verily He is the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the Holy Tablets, that they reached their recipients with utmost honor - the recompense for these deeds rests with Him, exalted be His glory. God willing, may He cause you to succeed day by day in serving His Cause. We beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones in comprehending the sweetness of His verses. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding what you wrote about Ridvan and the gathering of God's loved ones in various meetings, and mention of their attraction and enthusiasm and longing and yearning and their unity and concord - while

these passages were being presented, the Ancient Beauty smiled and said: “O servant present! He is indeed among those who have arisen to serve the Cause. Therefore, beseech God to send down upon him that which lay hidden in the treasuries of His grace and favor and kindness. By My life! He hath mentioned that which hath brought Me joy. This sufficeth him, by My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names.”

And concerning your mention that the honored Azizu’llah, upon him be the glory of God, after receiving the Blessed Tablet, hosted two units of the divine friends in the home of Mulla ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God - these sacred deeds have truly been and continue to be the cause of the propagation of God’s Cause. Do not consider the outward appearance, for one day while engaged in recording the verses being revealed in the presence of His Glory, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: “O servant in attendance! Even while the door is closed, the divine verses nevertheless encompass and pervade the world with their fragrance, for the Word has been and remains penetrating. The winds are most penetrating and permeate the veins of the earth, adorning all things according to their needs with the ornament of colors by His firm command. The appearance of colors depends upon His wisdom and the True Director’s arrangement, yet its penetration is manifested through the Word, and before its penetrating power the Word itself becomes as nothing. Exalted, exalted be its sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be its penetrating power! Exalted, exalted be its might and authority!” And likewise, at another time this blessed word was heard from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. He said: “If a breath is released by anyone for the sake of God, that breath has been and will be influential in the world.” May you and the other friends be assisted and confirmed in that which God loves. In any case, the details of the feast of the honored Azizu’llah, upon him be the glory of God, and the tribulation that befell him in the path, all these matters were presented before His countenance. These manifest verses were revealed from the Dawning-Place of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His mighty utterance declares: “O Aziz! All the sages, scholars, mystics, divines and princes were awaiting this blessed Day, and some monarchs even arranged treasuries in the name of the Qa’im, and in these days in India they are specifically collecting wealth in His name. Nevertheless, on the day when the Sun of Manifestation rose from that horizon and the Water of Life flowed from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, all were found heedless, veiled and deprived. But thou, through divine grace, hast attained unto it. By the life of God! Ye have attained to such a station that were its rank and station to be revealed in the world, all would exclaim: ‘Blessed be God, the Revealer of this glorious scene!’ Reflect upon divine power, and likewise upon His grace. They counted you among the lowliest of servants, yet now through God’s favor ye are mentioned as the most exalted, most honored, most knowledgeable and most enlightened of servants in God’s presence. Previously it was announced: ‘We wish to show favor unto those who were brought low in the land and to make them leaders and make them the inheritors.’ This utterance has repeatedly flowed from the tongue of the All-Merciful as a favor to you and those with you. Preserve this most mighty, most holy and most exalted station through the name of your Lord, the Lord of all beings. We have [mentioned] all the friends of that land at this time; all are adorned with the ornament of His favor. Verily, We give them the glad-tidings of this wondrous bounty.”

We make mention of ’Ali and Kazim, that they may rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance. We have mentioned them before, and We make mention of those who have taken hold of the Book of God with

the power that is from Him and acted in accordance with that which they were commanded by the Mighty, the Wise. The praise of God and His bounty and favor are at such a station that this servant hath not, nor ever had, the capacity to make mention thereof. With utmost clarity and explicitness have they manifested their favor. With a hundred thousand tongues must we give thanks to the Beloved of all existence that He hath, from the Supreme Pen, named that honored one and the others as the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God. The tribulation that hath befallen the dear one, upon him be the Glory of God, is a sign of acceptance. Blessed is he! God willing, may ye all be seen to be outwardly and inwardly in harmony and unity. All the friends, whether they be of the branches, the leaves, or the fruits, are mentioned in one station. This is naught but a great bounty.

As to what was mentioned regarding the matter of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar being conducted in two places - one in the home of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, and one in the home of the dear one, upon him be the Glory of God - these matters were also presented. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One hath spoken in reply to them both: Let them praise their Lord, for He hath caused them to hear, and hath acquainted them with His Cause, and hath made them speak, and hath aided them to make mention of His mighty and wondrous Name. We make mention of Kazim and his father who spent what he possessed in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He attained unto the presence of God and arose to serve the Cause of his Lord with such steadfastness as caused the tongues of those near unto God to speak forth in praise. Blessed is He Who aided him and caused him to arise for the triumph of His Cause and enabled him to speak that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O Kazim! Know thou the station of thy father and walk in his footsteps, as bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have loved him and made mention of him in diverse places with such mention as its fragrance will not cease to perfume the realm of earth and heaven. And We make mention of the dear one once again and counsel him with that which its fragrance will diffuse between earth and heaven. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Wronged One was in an inaccessible prison.

As to what ye wrote concerning Aqa Mulla 'Ali, upon him be all My most glorious Glory, that he hath intended to conduct it in these days - this matter is most beloved. Praise be to God that he hath been assisted to serve and teach the Cause of God and hath been and continues to be under the glances of God's favor, exalted be His glory. In all matters, they who drink the choice wine of inner meanings must observe wisdom. For instance, regarding the matter of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar which was revealed in the Most Holy Book and whose ordinance hath been put into effect in that land and hath been accepted - if it should cause commotion and excitement among the evil-doers, its prevention and suspension are permissible. This matter hath been mentioned that all may know that wisdom, in the presence of the Throne, taketh precedence over all things. The request of this evanescent one to those souls who are turned towards that blessed and sublime station is that they forget not this nothing-worthy servant and remember him with such remembrance that perchance I may be counted among the partners and be recorded among those who make mention in the Perspicuous Book.

O Baqir! Hear, hear this, My most sweet call, raised from the prison of 'Akka. By My life, by it the heart of every Prophet took wing and the countenance of every trusted Messenger was illumined. O Baqir! Behold, behold this, My face, which I have manifested to My servants. Verily it hath turned toward thee

from this exalted station. O Baqir! By My life, this is the Day of hearkening, this is the Day of witnessing and meeting, and this is the Day of utterance. Blessed is he who hath spoken My most exalted Word, and heard My most great verses, and witnessed My most high horizon. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with the luminary of utterance. Happy is he who hath recognized and witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless.

Indeed, these wondrous and transcendent verses are as a spirit for the body of the world - but what body is worthy to receive this spirit and deserving of this cherished mention from the eternal sovereign! We ever beseech Him not to deprive any from the ocean of His grace. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

As for what you wrote regarding asking on behalf of yourself and other friends when in the presence of the Countenance of the Adored One, and attaining on their behalf - this matter, after being presented, was honored with acceptance and adorned with permission. At that very moment, this servant attained to visitation and circumambulation on your behalf of the Goal of all worlds. Happy are you and blessed am I.

O Muhammad! We have remembered thee before, and before that before, and in this hour when the Tongue of the Wronged One speaketh in the Most Great Prison amidst the peoples - the Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified that thou didst turn to God, the Lord of all beings, when He appeared and manifested what He desired. By God's life! Neither the treasures of the world nor all that the peoples possess can equal this testimony. To this doth testify the Most Great Book, which proclaimeth: There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of life in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained that which most of the servants have not attained. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee and caused thee to know and to speak and guided thee to the straight path. Say:[…]

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the mountains were moved and the Day of Reckoning appeared! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the Trump was sounded, the Bugle was blown, and they that lay in their graves arose, to aid me in serving Thy Cause, to enable me to do that which befitteth Thy days, and to teach me that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and gazing toward Thy direction, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation, Thy appearance, Thy uprising and Thy establishment, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who cast away the cups of the world and took the cup of steadfastness through Thy Name and Thy Command. O my Lord! I am the poor and needy one, and Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Bountiful. I have hastened from the multitudes unto Thee, have placed my trust in Thee, and have held fast unto Thy cord. Deal with me as beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy grace and the sun of Thy generosity. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Kind.

Some time ago Ibn-i-Ismu'llah'ul-Asdaq, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, sent a letter to this servant mentioning Haji Muhammad, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and had beseeched God, exalted be His glory, that some token of favor be shown regarding him. Therefore wondrous and sublime verses were revealed and sent that his eyes and the eyes of all

who are in the heavens and earth might be consoled thereby. And before this, this evanescent one had heard mention of him, as was submitted, from the Tongue of Grandeur time and again. God willing, may he abide secure and at rest beneath the canopies of grace. This evanescent one also offers him greetings that transcend any mention from this evanescent one.

And concerning what was written about Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them both be the Glory of God, that he had requested his mention be submitted at the Most Holy Court, and likewise had asked that he not be left to himself in any circumstance - truly this mention is most beloved, for the fragrance of humility, submissiveness, resignation, contentment, lowliness and supplication wafts from it. And this is a station wherein whosoever attains unto it and remains steadfast therein is recorded in the Crimson Book by the Supreme Concourse. In any case, these matters were also submitted at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His glory: God willing, may they assist the transcendent Truth through wisdom, utterance, deeds and character. They have ever been and continue to be mentioned at the Most Holy Court. It behooveth him to praise God, his Lord, and to thank Him by night and day. Verily We have mentioned him and his father in a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds, and We send Our greetings unto him from this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great, Most Wondrous Station.

And concerning the mention you made of Mirza Abu'l-Hassan, upon him be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. God willing, may he attain thereunto.

O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast succeeded in serving the Cause, and on a day when all were veiled by the doubts and fancies of their imaginations, thou didst find thy way to the straight path, attain unto the highest horizon, and reach that which hath been the ultimate purpose of the divine Books of the past and of the future. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of the Best-Beloved of the world. This is a day wherein man can take possession of that which neither decline shall seize nor annihilation pursue, and which shall know neither change nor alteration. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto God for this great bounty. Hold thou fast, under all conditions, to the teaching of thy Lord's Cause with the wisdom that hath been sent down in a perspicuous Tablet.

O Ishaq! We made mention of thee before, and at this hour when the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens, my Best-Beloved and the Best-Beloved of all who dwell in the kingdoms of creation! I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Cause, the light of Thy countenance, the rain from the clouds of Thy mercy, and the suns in the heaven of Thy manifestation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then decree for me that which shall aid me in the service of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou knowest what draweth me near and what holdeth me back, what harmeth and what benefiteth me. I am unaware and ignorant of that which lieth within Thy knowledge. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou seest me, O my Best-Beloved, turning unto Thee and clinging to Thee. Write down for me, therefore, that which befitteth my poverty and beseemeth Thy wealth, that which my powerlessness deserveth and is worthy of Thy might, Thy power and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! I have turned my face unto Thy face and have cast

my self, my spirit, my heart and all that Thou hast given me before Thy Cause. Do as Thou willest through Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O son of Musa! Thy name hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon and the Lord of Destiny hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise that thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of My Most Beauteous Names. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst call me while I was in prison amidst the heedless ones!"

O son of Musa! I swear by the Sun of the heaven of divine wisdom, wert thou to taste the sweetness of tribulation in the path of God, thou wouldst forsake all the pleasures of the world and cleave unto it. The taunts of the idolaters and the turning away of the opposers themselves bear witness that thou hast detached thyself from creation and clung unto the Truth. These two are heralds that at every moment bring thee tidings that thou hast, from time immemorial, been associated with the chosen ones of God.

O Khudadad, O son of Musa! I swear by the Lord of Names that no Prophet or Messenger hath appeared in the world except that He hearkened unto the taunts of His people and witnessed the turning away of the opposers. God willing, thou shalt associate with the people of the world with the utmost joy and radiance in the path of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. These fleeting days were not and are not worthy. Soon shall appear in the earth that which hath been sent down in the Book, as a command from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad-Taqi! Thou hast attained unto that which, hadst thou expended all the treasures of the world, thou wouldst not have attained unto its like. Reflect upon the people of the earth: they build mosques, temples, churches, and bridges for the perpetuation of name and remembrance, and likewise they desire children for the perpetuation of remembrance and the reward they have in mind, if it be righteous. And these means are known to every person of understanding to be subject to perishing. But the word which hath been revealed for thee from the Supreme Pen shall endure throughout the eternity of the kingdom and the dominion, and shall shine even as the sun from the horizon of the heaven of the Book. By the life of God! It hath been and shall ever be more exalted than a hundred thousand children and than the treasures of the earth. It behooveth every soul who hath attained unto the Word of God to know its station and to preserve it through the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. We make mention of thy wife in this station and send greetings upon her. Blessed is she inasmuch as she hath heard and responded to her Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We give her the glad-tidings that My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of her. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

As to what thou didst write concerning Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken: God willing, may he be blessed with divine favor and be detached and free from creation. As he seeketh with the utmost endeavor to exalt the Word and to teach the Cause, God willing, he shall attain unto the reward thereof. O Khudadad! Make mention of him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My favor, My mercy, and My tender care which have preceded existence.

When mention was made of Jinab-i-Shahvirdi and Jinab-i-Asadu'llah and Ra?matu'llah and others upon them be Baha'u'llah, who were mentioned in your letter and who partook of the choice wine of the All-

Merciful's mercy in these most excellent days, all were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The Sun of loving-kindness shone upon each one particularly. Blessed are they, inasmuch as their names have attained to the honor of being heard by Him Who is our Goal and their Goal, our Object of worship and their Object of worship, and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and the earth. All have attained to the wondrous favors of His utterance and have received their portion and share from the ocean of His mercy. How blessed and wholesome it is for them!

As to your request for forgiveness from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness, it was presented, and this is what the Tongue of the Desired One spoke: "Thou art he who hath attained to God's grace and mercy. Verily He hath aided thee, and guided thee, and drawn thee nigh, and caused thee to speak, and awakened thee, and raised thee up to serve His mighty Cause. Praise be to God! The mercy, compassion and loving-kindness of God have encompassed thee and continue to encompass thee. Rejoice thou in this wondrous favor. Praise be unto Him Who hath spoken the truth from His mighty and lofty station."

Furthermore, all the letters that were sent to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali-i-Qa'ini, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, were presented before the Throne, and repeatedly were those names honored with divine mention, loving-kindness and compassion. Likewise, the letter which Jinab-i-'Azizu'llah wrote to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be all His most glorious Glory, was presented at the Most Holy Court and was honored to be heard. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid all who are in the world to perceive the fragrances of His verses and to catch the sweet scent of His raiment, for if they were to attain unto even less than a hair's breadth thereof, all would turn towards the Dayspring of Light and the Dawning-Place of the Manifestation. In truth, this couplet which was formerly uttered pertaineth to these days:

"If but a whiff of its sweet scents were wafted in the East,

Even one in the West with a cold would regain his sense of smell."

From this evanescent one to those who drink the choice wine of inner meanings, the conveying of wondrous greetings dependeth upon your honor's kindness. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have cast away all else and taken hold of that which beseemeth the Day of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Beloved of my heart and soul, may Ibn Ism'ullah al-Asdaq, upon them both be all His most glorious glory, observe:

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

Unto God, the Lord of all beings, do I bewail my grief and sorrow. Affairs have been overturned, countries have been thrown into turmoil, and Islam has been weakened therein. Enemies have surrounded it, and it stands besieged. It behooveth that party, therefore, to supplicate God morning and evening, and to beseech Him to assist all Muslims in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to raise them up through His command and sovereignty, to make known to them that which will exalt their stations, to transform

their abasement into glory, their poverty into wealth, their ruin into prosperity, their agitation into tranquility, and their fear into peace and security. Verily, He is the All-Merciful; there is none other God but Him, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O beloved of my heart! The fire of heedlessness hath encompassed the world, and whatsoever God, exalted be His glory, had formerly announced in the Books and Scriptures hath all become manifest and evident. The calamities and tribulations of the earth have become like ordinary food - every day they arrive. On one side calamities, on another side unjust wars, oppressive artillery, and rebellious, tyrannical rifles have encompassed the world and its people, yet none hath discovered the cause and reason thereof. In brief, the religion of God is seen like a spiritual bird beneath the talons of pharaohs, or beneath the claws of beasts. Alexandria, which was adorned with all the ornaments of the world, was seen naked and bare within mere hours - nay rather, ruined and desolate. There is no power nor strength except in God. The recompense of deeds hath become embodied and assumed various forms. They flee, but there is no refuge; they cry for help, but it is not the time for help; they run, but there is no escape. May God, exalted be His glory, grant the grace that man might at least know and become aware from what cause these things have been generated and from what deed they have appeared. Alas, alas! Verily, deeds have blocked the gate of knowledge. Abominable deeds have barred the path of understanding and prevented man from awareness. It is hoped that after this earthquake may come tranquility, and after this agitation of the earth may come peace. In these days this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names - exalted be His utterance: “O servant who art present! In these days the earth, time, and heaven - each one expresseth its tidings with two tongues.” End quote.

For the people of these parts, comfort and ease are non-existent. The matter hath reached such a pass that the sending of post and letters hath become difficult, nay, most difficult. And now it is intended that this letter be taken to Haifa. God alone knoweth in what manner and when it shall arrive. Since a response to the letter of that spiritual beloved was necessary, therefore this servant writeth briefly and hopeth it will arrive. The letter of that beloved one, dated the twenty-sixth of Jamadiyu’th-Thani, arrived previously. It was as though it were a dove from the city of faithfulness that arrived bearing letters of love, affection, longing, and yearning. Its song brought joy and its cooing increased ardor. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will gather the wanderers of the realm of unity beneath the canopies of His grace. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to what you wrote concerning the dispatch of Aqa Siyyid ?adiq and his brother, upon them be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, this was most welcome and praiseworthy indeed. Today is the day of pure deeds and service to the Cause, that perchance the lights of goodly character may encompass the world and the hosts of righteous acts may capture heedless hearts and draw them to the direction of awareness. All that you wrote regarding these matters was presented. He said: “Praise be to God that they have been assisted to serve and educate the servants. God willing, may all attain to that which is intended, namely that all should move for the sake of God and not make the divine religion a cause of rancor and hatred. They should meet all with the utmost kindliness, forbearance and love, and present the Word. If it is accepted and the radiance of the All-Merciful is observed in their countenance, let them be thankful to God the Exalted. Otherwise, they should leave such a one to himself, without allowing him to perceive any lack of love. Pure, assured, content and well-pleasing souls are loved and cherished by

every person for their praiseworthy attributes and spiritual qualities. However, heedless souls must be loved for the sake of God, that perchance they may not regard the Source of mercy and grace as a cause of opposition, and that the earth may find some measure of peace. We testify that there is no God but Him, acknowledging that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken in the beginning of days. And we testify that thou hast turned, hast seen and heard and triumphed, and hast arisen to serve the people of the world, by the command of God, the Lord of ancient days. Blessed art thou, and thy family, and those who are with thee. And we send greetings and glorification upon the loved ones of God in thy region and in all lands, and We give them glad tidings of God's remembrance and mercy, and We counsel them to be steadfast, trustworthy, truthful and faithful, and to observe that which God hath revealed in the Book."

As to the mention that was made of Aqa Ghulam-'Ali of K., upon him be the glory of God, and his praiseworthy character - this is indeed as that beloved one hath written, for repeated mention of him was heard from the Kingdom of utterance. God willing, may he be confirmed and, through the elixir of sincerity, transmute the copper of existence into pure gold, and clothe earthly temples with new garments through the rain-showers of knowledge of the Lord of Days. This is not difficult for God.

And as to what you wrote mentioning the feast and the migration of some for the sake of God, this was presented before His presence. He said: "Praise be to God that through the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, souls have appeared in the land of Kha who are worthy of divine mention and the refinement of souls. The honored teacher has ever been and continues to be remembered before the Wronged One. A detailed Tablet was specifically revealed for him, but its dispatch has been delayed until now. Should God will it, He will send it. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Wise. And peace be upon him on the day he heard and acknowledged, and the day he spoke among the servants, and the day he returns to God, the Lord of the worlds."

As regards what you wrote concerning the ascension of the Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God and His mercy and grace, together with her testamentary dispositions - these were presented before His presence, and He said: "O thou who art enkindled with the fire of My love! Upon thee be My Glory. Hearken unto My call. Verily He hath mentioned thee in this night time and again, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds. And concerning what thou hast mentioned about the Leaf who hath returned to the Divine Lote-Tree, with her Lord, the Most Glorious - We testify that she heard and attained, acknowledged and drank the choice wine of reunion, and ascended unto the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. Thus doth My Pen and My Tongue bear witness unto her in this mighty station. I testify that she believed in her Lord when most of the servants denied Him, and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when mankind turned away. Blessed is she and blessed is he who remembereth her with what the Tongue of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath remembered her. O My Leaf! The Wronged One loveth to make mention of thy father who, when he heard the glad-tidings of attaining Our presence, cast the world behind him, turning with his face - which God had honored from turning to aught else - toward the Most Great Prison. We have mentioned him in numerous Tablets and in the Crimson Book which none hath discovered save the One, the All-Informed. Through his arising to serve the Cause, steadfastness was manifested in the lands, and through his turning toward the prison precincts, the hearts of those who have attained were turned. The radiant light shining from the horizon of the brow be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have testified to that

whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth - that there is none other God but Him, the Compassionate, the Generous."

His approval was bestowed upon her testamentary dispositions, and they were honored with His signature. He commanded that they be carried out exactly as she had wished. Her testament bears witness to her station with God. Whatever needs to be done in that land, do it, and whatever is rightful will assuredly be done.

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist all the handmaidens to remember what they have seen and heard from that Leaf, and to strive to attain unto that which God loveth and is pleased with - this is the source and beginning of all good. According to His command, it would be most fitting and appropriate to deal amicably with her spouse. Should he, of his own accord, choose to carry out the testament, this would be well-pleasing in the sight of God. Verily, He commandeth His servants with that which profiteth them in every world of His worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about the settlement of the survivors in the land of Kha and Ta, this was presented, and this is what was revealed in reply: "O thou who standest firm in My service and gazest upon My face!" You yourself should sometimes be settled and sometimes traveling - this is what the All-Choosing One hath chosen for you. As for the survivors who have dwelt for years in the land of Kha, it is best that they remain settled there as before. Should wisdom at any time require movement, there is no objection. These lands are now in turmoil and commotion, and the surroundings are greatly disturbed. We beseech God to protect them from the evil of cannons and rifles, and from those whom the world hath deluded with a delusion beyond the power of pens to describe.

Concerning the dispatch of petitions from the friends about which you wrote, according to His command if they present their petitions with utmost brevity their dispatch is permissible, for they will both attain the blessing and bring joy to your honor. In all matters, according to His command, wisdom must be observed and all friends must hold fast unto it. The matter of teaching, which is among the most momentous of all matters, has in God's Book been made contingent upon wisdom. He says: "With wisdom and utterance." First wisdom, then utterance. Exalted is He Who hath desired for us in all matters what is good from His presence and taught us that whereby the Cause is uplifted without raising the clamor of every heedless doubter. Once these supreme blessed words were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. He said: "Man can refresh the dispirited with the waters of grace and quicken the dead with the living waters without uttering what would be objectionable in the estimation of men." And He said: "Blessed is he who giveth the people to drink from the sea of the utterance of the All-Merciful without speaking a word that would cause rejection and objection." Indeed, forbearance is most beloved. Any soul who shows the slightest acceptance will later comprehend most matters himself, but if at first a word is expressed that is beyond his capacity, he will not bear it and will arise in opposition.

And concerning what you wrote about whether, if one of the friends wishes to send a letter to those parts other than the Divine Tablets and other than those of the Branches of God - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - and this servant, it should be reviewed and then dispatched: indeed this point is most beloved, for at present in this land there are about two hundred of the divine friends, and just as they differ in character and conduct, they certainly differ likewise in expression.

However, this is a matter that cannot be mentioned to all, for some may become distressed. Therefore the divine friends in whatever land they may be, if they receive a letter or missive, they should examine it. If it conflicts with divine ordinances and heavenly utterances according to outward appearance, they should not accept it and should inquire of the source. If it attains the honor of approval it is acceptable, otherwise rejected. The purpose is that no difference should occur in any matter.

Concerning M.S., upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory] - 669, as they had written, in response to that loved one's request, from the heaven of divine favor a Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Tablet was revealed specifically for them and sent. And since they had asked to be assisted in a matter that would become the cause of everlasting, eternal remembrance, they were commanded to appoint a representative for the construction of an exalted, lofty House. This is a matter that will endure and persist throughout the continuance of the Most Beautiful Names, and its fruits are greater, more glorious and more excellent than a hundred thousand children. However, after their second letter stating that they themselves wished to pay the Huqúqu'llah, after this matter was presented, He said that if the Huqúq is paid and this edifice is raised therefrom, it would be nearer and more excellent in the sight of God and would be adorned with the ornament of acceptance. In this case, absolute freedom is attained. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Commander, the Doer, the All-Choosing. In truth this is a great bounty towards them. They should occupy themselves day and night with praise and thanksgiving to God, and should act upon what has been commanded with the utmost joy and fragrance, submission and contentment. Blessed be he!

And concerning what you wrote about the honored mother and daughter of Ismu'llah, upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was presented before His presence. This is what was revealed for them from the Kingdom of the favor of our Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O My leaves and she who is related to My Name! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, against Whom the divines of the earth pronounced judgment even as they pronounced judgment in former times against My Name, Who strove in My path until He was martyred in the land of ?aff, yearning to attain My presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We console thee and My handmaidens concerning that which hath befallen you in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have mentioned her with a mention to which nothing on earth can compare. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We made mention of thee before as a token of Our grace, and at this time in My Most Great Prison. Grieve not over anything that shall pass away. Soon shall perish that wherewith the people are occupied, and there shall endure that which hath been revealed for thee by His Mighty, Firm Pen. O My leaf and daughter of My Name, Who hath circumambulated My Throne with manifest light! We shall be with you in all conditions, and We see those who dwell in the house and hear what they utter, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory and the peace be upon your men and your women, and upon the first among you who, through his acceptance, caused the Concourse on High to bear witness on a day wherein the divines trembled with fear of the Command. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen testified in this sublime station.

For the people of H and M, wondrous and exalted Tablets were also revealed and sent. God willing, they have by now arrived. And the Tablets that were requested for Sh.H. will be sent by His exalted grace. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to all those whose names were mentioned and those that remained unmentioned, and hopes that all will act as befitteth the days of God and will hold fast in all conditions to that which hath been revealed in the Book, so that from the trees of existence wondrous and exalted traces and delicate, ripe fruits may appear in the assemblage of the world with such freshness and grace as will attract all, whether by choice or without choice.

When mention was made of Mirza Habibullah, Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, Shaykh Muhammad and 'Azizu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, they attained the honor of being heard in His presence. Although in these days, in accordance with wisdom, silence in these lands is preferable to speech and stillness is more beloved than motion, nevertheless the tongue of bounty speaks these sublime words, His exalted Word:

O Habib! God willing, mayest thou be the recipient of divine favors. Before and after thou art mentioned in the presence of His countenance. This has been and is one of God's greatest bounties. Strive at all times and under all conditions to gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and to speak in praise of God, exalted be His glory. Should all the powers of the world attempt to assess the value of but a moment of these days, they would find themselves utterly powerless. By God's life! It has been and continues to be lofty in worth and sublime in station.

And We make mention of him who is named Haydar before 'Ali and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy, My favor, and My grace, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. We have made mention of him in a manner that nothing can equal it, and I am the True, the Faithful Informer.

And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad, who was mentioned before God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy fragrances which were wafted in the Hijaz and by the lights of Thy countenance which illumined Batha, to protect Thy religion from the wicked ones who have encompassed Thy cities and Thy lands, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Then grant me the wine of steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O 'Aziz! Upon thee be My Glory! Some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for thee. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the wine of bounty, drunk from the Kawthar of acceptance, been sustained by the Tasnim of grace, and reached the everlasting feast. Strive that these lofty, transcendent stations may remain preserved. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones in those regions whom God hath purified from the defilement of idle fancies, drawn nigh unto Himself and caused them to know His straight Path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The second letter from that beloved one, dated the 22nd of Rajab, was as a balm for the lamp of the heart, or as a light joined to another light. In brief, it illumined all limbs with the light of joy. Prior to these two letters, when outwardly no news had arrived from that beloved one, this matter became a cause of sorrow. At times this evanescent servant would chant the words "O lost one, where shall I seek thee?" in his inmost heart. However, that which was heard from the tongue of utterance of the All-Merciful was the cause of tranquility and assurance. Praise be to God that afterwards glad-tidings upon glad-tidings

arrived, namely two letters were received. In any case, this poor and helpless one implores the Ancient Almighty that He may assist that beloved one with His special confirmations and protect him with the hosts of the seen and unseen from the harm of enemies. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Protector, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

After reading and becoming informed, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Goal and presented it before His countenance. He said: "O servant in attendance! Praise be to God, the son of My Name, upon him be My glory, has been confirmed and will attain to that which hath been revealed specially for him from the Supreme Pen." And He said that in the days when they were standing at the Gate, listening, and present before the Face, gazing, and had attained the waters of reunion, they requested a brief visitation tablet for the Crimson Leaf from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of existence, and We promised this most great favor. Therefore at this time there descends from the heaven of Will that of which every letter testifies to the grace, kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory:

"O Crimson Leaf and Most Glorious Sign! I bear witness that through thee the fire of love and affection was kindled in the hearts of the servants. Thou art she who chanted in the nights and days the praise of God, the Lord of all beings. Thou art she who heard the Call in the beginning of days, and the attraction of the utterance of the All-Merciful seized thee in such wise that thy heart was melted and thy very being was set ablaze. Through thee appeared the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the cry of the Kingdom was raised amongst creation. I testify that thou didst rend asunder the veils through the name of thy Lord, the Lord of the Final End, and hastened with thy heart to the Most Exalted Horizon, and turned toward the Face in such wise that neither the doubts of the learned, nor the imaginings of the mystics, nor the power of rulers prevented thee. I bear witness that thou didst lament in separation as one bereaved, and didst forsake all that was in the world, holding fast to the Most Firm Handle. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee, and upon thy beginning and thine end, and upon those who loved thee and remembered thy days and what befell thee in the path of thy Lord. Blessed is the handmaiden who drew nigh unto thee and found solace with thee in thy days, and woe unto him who wronged thee and uttered concerning thee that which caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise to wail at eventide and at dawn. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by this celestial note and this heavenly cry and this sign of oneness that Thou forgive whosoever turned toward her purely for Thy sake, and absolve his greatest transgressions and mightiest sins. Then forgive his father and mother and all who sought her and visited her shrine. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

O Son of My Name! Whosoever desires to visit the honored sister and the Crimson Leaf and the family of God from among the household, whose adornment is the good-pleasure of God, may visit with that which hath been revealed by the Most Holy Pen from God, the Lord of all creation. This is yet another gift from Us unto thee. Be thou grateful and numbered with them that render thanks.

This blessed passage was suddenly revealed from the heaven of God's Will when the second letter of that one was presented. They said to the Son of My Name, upon him be My glory: We promised that a brief visitation prayer would be revealed and sent for the Crimson Leaf, as that which was previously revealed

from the Supreme Pen is somewhat difficult for the generality of people to read. Now We have willed to fulfill Our promise and bestow that which was requested. Verily, He is the Near, the Answering One.

This is a bounty from Him unto you. It is hoped that His grace, mercy and favor may repeatedly overtake that beloved one in full manifestation. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turns unto Him, and the Companion of whosoever calls upon Him, in his journey and his resting-place.

And concerning what was mentioned in another letter about the enkindlement, unity and steadfastness of the people of that land - this is indeed the greatest cause for the dawning of the light of joy and gladness. In truth, this matter is the foundation of the world. The repose, tranquility, blessing and prosperity of the world depend upon this matter. Blessed and exalted be His Word: "Through the light of unity hath the world been illumined, and through the warmth of accord have the horizons been set ablaze."

God willing, may the temples of the people of Baha never be deprived in any state of this adorning, which is counted as the first adorning.

Regarding what was written about permission being granted from the land of Ta through the honored Thamarih, upon her be the glory of God, for the mother of your honored wife, upon them both be the glory of God, to proceed to the Most Holy Court - this servant has no information about this matter and has not heard of it. Although the True One, exalted be His glory, has ever cast the gaze of His loving-kindness upon His Most Truthful Name and you and those related to him, as the divine Tablets testify and bear witness to this fact, yet these regions are all in turmoil and upheaval. Naval vessels and great cannons surround the area. Alexandria was laid waste in ten hours, and the helpless people were scattered to all regions. The owls of the world's ruins oppress the white falcons, and the demons of the age lie in wait to ambush the angels of the realm of inner meanings. May God protect us and you from the evil of the oppressors.

A group of the loved ones of God who were occupied in that land left behind whatever possessions they had, and, detached from perishable ornaments, turned toward the Court of Unity, and now they wander about. In such circumstances it is evident that movement is not permitted. Each day news arrives that one group rises against another. From some directions news has arrived that certain souls who had permission in previous years have intended to come this year, apparently unaware of the conditions in these parts and what has transpired. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, not to withhold the gaze of His loving-kindness from the people of the world. For years the earth has been observed in turmoil. Each day a new calamity appears and at every moment an uproar is raised. Yet the people have not become aware and will not become aware except through the compelling, all-encompassing, penetrating and effective Command from God, the Lord of all worlds.

Concerning your mention of Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and the people of the Green City - mention of them has been and continues to be made, praise be to God, in the Most Holy Court. Regarding the Tablets they had requested for Mazindaran, some have been revealed, but sending them in these days has become very difficult, as most affairs in this land and its surroundings are in

turmoil due to Europe's uprising against Islam. The poor and helpless - it is time for prayer. Prayer is from us, acceptance from God. Verily, He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

Similarly, a letter arrived from Aqa 'Abdu'l-Husayn from the Green City, mentioning Aqa Muhammad-Kazim and his relatives and other friends, upon them be the Glory of God. For each one was revealed that which the world and all within it cannot equal, and it was sent. God willing, they will attain unto it.

Likewise, these past two days a letter also arrived from Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, which also contained names of souls who had turned towards God. However, since wondrous and exalted verses had been revealed from the heaven of bounty for most of them a few days prior, they again stated it was not necessary. As commanded, that beloved one should write the details to Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, and he should give the glad tidings of the all-encompassing bounty, pre-existing mercy, and wondrous and exalted grace to the friends of that land, so that upon all their foreheads may be inscribed from the seal of utterance "The Kingdom is God's", and from their faces may appear the radiance of glory.

Praise be to God, they are engaged in service to the Cause and in mention of God, exalted be His glory. God has favored some above others and aided all to turn to Him. Verily, He is the Single One, the All-Informed. Soon will appear in the world the signs and fruits of the trees planted by the hands of power. The divine promises will certainly be fulfilled in the world of dominion. The glory from God, the Compassionate, the Generous, be upon them.

Concerning what they wrote about intending to travel to certain places - God willing, it is blessed, and surely God, exalted be His glory, will make its fruits manifest. Verily, He will aid you through His grace. He is the All-Bountiful, the Helper, the Generous.

Regarding the mention of visitation at the end of the letter - on Thursday, the third of the month of Shawwal, which is the last day of the blessed feast of Rama?an, after the verses were written, that which is the purpose of all worlds was performed in your presence by proxy. Now all created things should say "Well done and congratulations!" We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ever aid this servant and that beloved one in that which is pleasing to Him and befitting of His days. Blessed art thou, and blessed are they who have held fast to the Book of God and acted according to what they were commanded by the All-Knowing Ordainer.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the Supreme Pen be upon you and upon those who have renounced the world, turning to God, the Lord of eternity, He at Whose appearance all things proclaimed "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Mighty, the Wise." Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Almighty.

The Servant

3rd of the honored month of Shawwal 1299

The reply for the husband of the Leaf, the Sister, upon her be the Glory of God, and the physician will be sent later.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His is the grandeur and majesty!

Praise be to God Who opened the gate of revelation with the key of His Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name and summoned all through His sweetest call to the supreme horizon! Thereupon the sincere were attracted, the unitarians drew near, the near ones took flight, the seekers sought, and those who turned did turn. The wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful so intoxicated all contingent beings that every extinguished one was set aflame, every frozen one was melted, every sleeper was awakened, every fallen one arose, and every seated one hastened forth, as though every atom among the atoms of creation turned towards the Dawning-Place of verses and the Day-Spring of clear signs. Then did the Lord of Names desire to test His servants and commanded His Most Exalted Pen to speak that which would raise the standards of tribulation amidst the concourse of creation. When it spoke and the standards were raised, conditions were transformed, foundations were shaken, bodies trembled, hearts were struck with fear, souls quaked, feet stumbled, and mankind was divided: Among them were those who turned to these standards, embraced them, kissed them, and hastened to the place of sacrifice in the path of God, Creator of heaven; and among them were those whose faces reddened with the fire of God's love and who sacrificed themselves and their possessions in His path in such wise as to astonish the Concourse on High; and among them were those who hastened forth and those who hesitated and those who turned away and those who retreated and those who regretted their acceptance and those who were seized with such perturbation as to oppose the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thus was the matter decreed from before God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

O my beloved Abu'l-Hasan! This blessed word was repeatedly heard from the Most Holy and Exalted Tongue, saying: "Verily, this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed!" By the Sun of the horizon of certitude, the greatness of God's Cause and the stations of steadfast souls cannot be reckoned by the pen nor encompassed by the tongue. The greatness of this Day and this Cause was revealed and recorded aforetime in the divine Books. Most people today are heedless, occupied with these perishable things whose transience they witness with both their outer and inner eyes, while remaining oblivious and bewildered regarding the immortal Kingdom.

In the Book of Joel it is recorded: "For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; who can abide it?" And likewise it states: "The Lord shall roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake." Jerusalem is Akka, the Holy Land and its environs, and Zion is a place in these lands, as well as a place in Jerusalem. From this valley the divine Call has been raised, and the throne of divine Justice has been established in this land. Blessed are they whom the diverse colors of the world have not caused to deviate from the straight path.

Would that one of these souls who today consider themselves learned and who have arisen to oppose the Truth would come to their senses and become awakened by the Word of God, and would reflect: For what reason was Noah's lamentation? Why did his people reject him? What was the meaning of Hud's abasement? Why was Salih's she-camel hamstrung and he himself banished? Why did Jesus, son of Mary, ascend to the fourth heaven, and at whose hands did He suffer tribulations? Why did the Sun of Batha [Muhammad] turn towards Yathrib? For what purpose did Ja'far-i-Tayyar and his companions go to the

Negus? The wine of vain desire hath so seized these heedless ones that they have not been able to reflect for a moment. They ride the steed of self and gallop in the arena of ignorance. Soon shall they lament and cry out "Would that we were but dust!"

Man is astonished at what these people cling to and to whom they adhere. If they deny this Manifestation, its revealed verses, its demonstrations of power, and its resplendent and manifest evidences, to what cause are they turning and to which religion do they adhere? Fie upon them and those who follow them! Observe how in all the Books the mention of the Day of Manifestation is clearly recorded; nevertheless, they have done what no people have ever done. In the Revelation of John it is recorded: "And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband… And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it." And Jerusalem is now become the place of the Divine Throne.

It seems as though the sense of taste hath been lost in the world and the faculty of understanding vanished, for most of the servants have not found the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and have failed to comprehend that which hath appeared from the Kingdom of power. They are engaged in cawing while veiled from the Luminary of the horizons. We beseech God that those souls who have drunk from the water of life and attained unto the sealed wine may hold fast unto the Book of God and His verses, that is, may observe […]

Let them hold fast unto His verses - that is, let them contemplate and reflect, and quicken the dead of the earth through the breaths of wisdom and utterance. Know ye with certitude that those souls who are this day adorned with the ornament of love and are mentioned by the name of God, exalted be His glory, if they arise to serve the Cause - that is, if they engage in teaching the divine Cause with the utmost wisdom, speaking for God's sake and making mention of Him for His sake - they will assuredly transform the world of brass into a world of gold. Blessed are they who have recognized this day and acted according to its requirements. The evanescence of the world is clear and evident, and the Tree of Revelation hath appeared at the supreme station of Sinai, speaking forth; yet none are aware save whom God willeth, our Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to assist His servants to recognize what is intended and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, thy letter dated the 15th of Shavval was received. Praise be to God, it became a source of joy and gladness, for it was adorned with the remembrance of God and embellished with His praise. God willing, mayest thou ever drink from the Kawthar of divine mercy and be assisted in His service. The loving-kindness of the Beloved hath encompassed thee and will continue to do so. Concerning what thou didst mention about the Afnan, Aqa Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be all Glory of Glories, having summoned thee - this was presented at the Holy Threshold. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

"O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard thy call and what thou didst write to the servant who standeth before the Throne. We answered thee before, and in this noble station We say: Rejoice in My remembrance and give thanks unto God for having assisted thee and made thee among the successful ones. Thou hast attained the presence of thy Lord and heard His mighty and wondrous call. The deeds of no doer in the

path of God have been or ever shall be lost. All matters are clear and evident before God. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor and hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Act according to what the Afnan of the Sacred Tree hath written. When thou seest My Afnan, convey to him My glorification, and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness and My manifest grace. The Sacred Tree gazeth upon its Afnans. He hath created them, provided for them, exalted them, caused them to know Him, and hath written down for them from His Most Exalted Pen that which none knoweth save His Self, the One Who dominateth the worlds."

Regarding what thou didst write about Jinab-i-'Ayn-Ba', upon him be the Glory of God - he hath ever been mentioned at the Most Great Scene and hath been and will continue to be the recipient of divine bounties. The purport of this matter hath been revealed in one of the Tablets: "Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." We beseech God to assist all and enable them to make mention of Him and praise Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what thou didst write about Jalil, it was presented. These are His mighty words: "Today the gate of grace is open. How excellent is the state of one who hath rent asunder the veils and attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation. The true seekers have not been and shall never be deprived of their Goal. God willing, may they be gladdened through His grace and remain fixed upon His horizon. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Aqa Baba, it was presented before the Most Sublime Vision. He said: "O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard what thou didst mention regarding him. We beseech God to enable him and all who are on earth to drink from this Ocean which surgeth before their faces. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. We make mention of him whom thou didst mention. Give him the glad-tidings of this remembrance from thy Lord, the All-Wise. Blessed is the soul that hath awakened in the days of its Lord, and the face that hath reddened from His love, and the hand that hath attained unto the taking of His Book. Thus hath the Pen spoken from this exalted station. By the life of God! What hath been created on earth cannot be compared with My remembrance, yet most of the people are heedless. We make mention of H and S who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give him and those who have believed to drink that which will purify them from all else save Him and draw them nigh unto Him. He is the Single One, the All-Informed. We perceive the fragrance of My love from there. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have attained unto My recognition and clung to the hem of My bounty. They are assuredly among the most exalted of creation before the Truth, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling."

Concerning what you wrote about Malik-Husayn, He showed favor, saying that God willing, his pilgrimage is accepted before the Throne. Whosoever turneth to God with sincere intention shall never be disappointed or deprived. The prohibition that was revealed was due to God's all-encompassing wisdom, as hath been revealed in certain Tablets. Blessed be they who attain! I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to assist him and make him steadfast in His love.

Regarding what you wrote about marriage, permission hath been granted. God willing, it is blessed, but is contingent upon the consent of both parties, as revealed in the Most Holy Book.

Concerning what you wrote about the beloved R and J, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God, praise be to God, they have attained unto God's special favors. Indeed, it is exactly as you have written, nay even greater. Some time ago, this servant wrote briefly to them and by command sent the Tablet of Proof that they might recite it and share it with upright and receptive souls, that perchance the peoples of the world might attain unto new life through the breaths of the verses of the All-Merciful. If you meet them, convey my greetings. God willing, may they drink and give to drink from the choice wine of the Recognition of the All-Merciful at all times. We beseech God to assist the souls in that land to hearken unto that which they mention concerning the Cause of God.

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Mulla Kazim, it was submitted, and this is what the All-Giving revealed in response: "O Abu'l-Hasan! The horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Meeting. We sent him a Tablet before and revealed therein that which brought delight to the eyes of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him in serving His Cause - verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth - and to give him to drink that which will draw him unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He who hath attained unto His forgiveness and drunk the Kawthar of His knowledge is assuredly among those who are brought near, as recorded in the Books and Tablets." God willing, may the people of that land attain unto the hearing of the Tablet of Proof and the previously revealed Tablets. By the life of God! If today any soul should read one of the divine Tablets with a sanctified tongue and pure heart, and turn towards it, he will surely attain unto the Kawthar of steadfastness and will speak in praise of the Desired One. Blessed are they who act! Blessed are they who hear! Joy be to them who attain!

Concerning what you wrote about Ahmad (upon him be the Glory of God) from M., it was submitted, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

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

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned his face toward My countenance and dwelt beneath the tabernacles of My mercy, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O Ahmad! We behold the servants playing like children on the shores of the sea of heedlessness and forgetfulness. By My life! They gather only pebbles. Thus doth the Revealer of verses inform thee from this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and in that which We have formerly revealed unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant who was present read it, and We have mentioned thee with a mention that hath caused the pens to be attracted. Convey My greetings to the faces of those who have believed in God in thy land and give them glad tidings of the favor of their Lord, Who dissolveth illusions. Say: Be not grieved at anything, put your trust in God, then remember Him in the nights and days. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken by the command of God, the Lord of all mankind. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy sons and upon those who have attained unto the mention of their Lord, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

Regarding what you mentioned about the sons of the beloved Mahbubi (upon him be nine [Glory] most glorious), it was presented before the Throne. He showed His favor, and God willing, may they all attain unto that which befitteth them. I beseech the Truth to adorn them with such an ornament as shall cause the slumbering ones of the earth to awaken.

Concerning what you wrote about Muhammad Big, expressions of loving-kindness have been shown to him from the Dawning-Place of the Cause, both before and after. He should offer thanks to God with a hundred thousand tongues at all times, for He has enabled him to serve some of His loved ones, and exalted Tablets were specifically revealed and sent to him in previous years, with which he was favored. If you meet him, convey on behalf of this evanescent one a wondrous and glorious greeting - but such a greeting that would cause hearts and minds to soar in the atmosphere of the love of our Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. And mention was made of Muhammad Husayn, Turab Big, Aqa Ghulam Husayn and Sha?ir in the presence of His glory. He said: "Verily We make mention of those who have remembered Us and turned to Our Most Exalted Horizon and have attained unto Our choicest Wine, whose seal We have broken through Our Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name. Thus hath the Truth spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance that His servants may rejoice thereby. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: Verily He heareth every call and seeth every deed and beholdeth every aspiration. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

All the loved ones of God are mentioned at the Throne. How could it be that one should make mention of God, or succeed in performing a good deed, and yet be deprived of the grace of God? The names of those souls who have turned to Him and remained steadfast are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. All the friends must strive to attain to this station. Verily He seeth and knoweth; He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Concerning what you wrote about the sons of Aqa Siyyid Husayn, who hath ascended unto God, it was presented before His Most Holy Presence. This is what the Beloved hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance: "O Abu'l-Hasan! We made mention of Husayn before, and We mention him in this station that his rank may be made manifest. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath ascended unto the All-Merciful with joy and delight and dwelleth in the proximity of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Make mention on My behalf of his son and his daughter, then his daughter who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, then his wife who hath migrated in the path of God. We counsel them to be patient and to show forth fortitude in what hath befallen them in the days of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: Be not grieved at anything. That wherein princes rejoice and every heedless doubter prideth himself shall soon pass away. They see themselves in a station while you are in the most exalted station. He Who speaketh in the world among the peoples beareth witness to this. There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed."

Concerning what you wrote about Mirza [?] Kh-A, it was presented. He said: "God willing, may he drink at all times from the Kawthar of utterance through the grace of the All-Merciful and keep his gaze fixed upon the Most Exalted Horizon. The days have no constancy. The changes and transformations of the world are like a tongue giving news to its people of the passing away and extinction of all that exists therein. Therefore, those possessed of vision, whose eyes are illumined with the light of divine

knowledge, turn to that which endureth and is befitting. Blessed is he who knoweth the value of these days and ariseth to do what is meet and seemly. He is indeed among those possessed of vision in the Most Great Scene and among those endued with understanding in the concourse of creation. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him and enable him to do what He loveth and is pleased with. Make mention on My behalf of ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad whom thou didst mention in the letter thou didst send to the servant who is present before the Wronged One, that My remembrance may draw him to the Kingdom of Utterance and strengthen him in this Cause wherein the feet of those who followed vain imaginings have slipped.”

As thou didst mention Haji Muhammad-’Ali and his son Aqa ’Abdu’l-Husayn, as well as Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn who had conveyed their greetings to this servant, mention was made of them all in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness hath shone upon each one. God willing, may they ever be engaged in the praise and glorification of the Revealer of verses, and strive with wisdom and utterance to quicken souls. Thus far was the reply to thy previous letter dated […] 152. As for thy second letter dated the 25th of Mu?arram 1297, it was received and thy love for the Beloved of the world was evident and manifest. Blessed art thou for God hath enabled thee to recognize Him, to utter His praise, and to turn unto Him. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee to remain steadfast in His Cause and to manifest through thee that which would cause His remembrance.

Concerning what thou didst write about thy business affairs - grieve not for what hath passed, nor rejoice in what is to come. These are words uttered by the Revealer of verses. God hath ever been and will ever be the All-Possessing. In this land there are nearly one hundred and fifty souls, and there are five cities. The subsistence allowance from the government hath not been received, and four places have been specifically designated for travelers in these days. Though prices and costs have reached their highest point, yet by God’s grace and bounty all are comfortable and at ease. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. Place thy trust in all circumstances in the Self-Subsisting. Verily He giveth and withholdeth, and He is indeed the Bestower, the Withholder, the Bountiful, the Generous. Yet praise be to God that thy past and future services to the Cause have been and shall be accepted. The servant doth praise God for having perceived from thee the fragrance of truthfulness and trustworthiness. This is the most excellent of all stations, even as in this past year the Tablet of Trustworthiness, the Tablet of Truthfulness, the Tablet of Faithfulness, the Tablet of Detachment, and the Tablet of the Balance were revealed from the heaven of divine Will. Blessed is he who hath read them and acted upon what hath been commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

As for thy expression of embarrassment before ’A.B., may the glory of God rest upon him, from the beginning of the Cause until now he hath served to the extent of his capacity and shown love to the friends of God. We beseech God to strengthen him, and God willing, he hath been and will continue to be assisted. Mention was made of him in the Most Holy Court. And concerning what thou didst write about ’A.B. Naw, may the glory of God rest upon him, his love and sincerity are evident before the Divine Throne. Convey my greetings unto him, and a Tablet specifically for him was sent with Varqa, may the glory of God rest upon him. God willing, may he attain unto it. I beseech God to assist him, to strengthen him, and to ordain for him that which beseemeth His generosity. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous.

During the writing of this letter, this evanescent servant was summoned into His presence, whereupon the Ancient Tongue spoke these blessed words: “O Abu’l-Hasan! Blessed art thou for having fulfilled My covenant and My testament, for having held fast to the cord of My love, and for having attained unto My presence, wherewith the Books of God, both past and future, have been adorned. Be thou thankful and say: ‘Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world’s desire!’ Let all thy deeds be for God, thy Lord. Act thou for God, speak thou for God, and move thou for God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

In all matters, it is essential to regard the servants of God with an eye to His previous grace and mercy. Therefore, one must be mindful in all deeds, lest any action cause grief to anyone, especially the friends of God, upon whom the eye of His loving-kindness is fixed and toward whom the drops of the ocean of His generosity are directed. Whatsoever is thought to prevent the general welfare of people is not and never shall be permissible.

“O Abu’l-Hasan! Follow thy Lord. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Kind, the Loving, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.”

The hoarding of certain commodities that constitute the sustenance of the general populace is not and has never been permissible. Though thy actions were performed for the sake of God, as thou hadst no such intention, yet in view of God’s decisive command revealed in His infinite verses, the withholding of certain grains is not permissible. Therefore, thou must ever be mindful of God’s commandments and prohibitions.

O Abu’l-Hasan! People are heedless of God’s mercy and loving-kindness, and have imagined that the appearance of the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation would cause harm to His servants. Thus have they denied the divine bounty and closed the doors of His outpourings upon their own faces. Thus doth inform thee He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

In brief, the withholding of sustenance from animals is not permissible, let alone from human beings. Glory be unto him who followeth the All-Merciful.

O My beloved! Observe the divine grace and mercy, that He hath never been pleased with harm to any of His servants. Although thy deed was clearly and manifestly done for God’s sake, yet observe how the rain of grace and bounty hath poured down from the heaven of mercy and the clouds of generosity. In one instance, the Supreme Pen hath revealed these exalted words: “The true Sun is the Word of God. This is the Sun by which the education of the world dependeth, and by whose lights the hearts of the sincere ones and those who are near unto God are illumined. It behooveth thee and Me and all peoples of the world to say: ‘Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art a mercy unto all worlds!’”

Regarding what thou didst write about Aqa ’Abdu’s-Samad and his deeds, mention of him hath been made before, and holy and sublime verses concerning him have been revealed from the Supreme Pen and sent forth. Well is it with him in that he hath been mentioned by the Pen of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the honored ?abib, his eminence Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God - this brought joy and gladness. God willing, may he ever be assisted and arise to serve the Cause. In truth, when returning from this land, he was aflame with the fire of divine love. We beseech the Most High to grant him success in all conditions and aid him in His service. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. A few days ago a brief letter was sent to him along with wondrous and sublime Tablets which he had requested for some of the friends.

Whenever you meet Sha?ir Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, convey greetings on behalf of this servant and mention him. I assure you with certainty that God, exalted be His glory, has not forgotten and will never forget His loved ones. It behooveth every soul to thank Him at all times.

Concerning what you wrote at the end of your letter, "if He would but once say 'My servant'…" - praise be to God, these words have been heard repeatedly from the blessed tongue, just as in that same letter they mentioned you in numerous places. How many kings, princes, ministers, divines and mystics departed this transient world longing to hear the divine Word, while you have repeatedly attained this blessing in both absence and presence. What hand or tongue could ever render due thanks for this?

Your services at the Most Holy Court are evident and manifest. No matter has been nor will be obscured. Verily your Lord sees and hears. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be assured of His grace.

And concerning what you wrote again in your second letter about His Holiness the Afnan, the honored A. and H.A., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory - by command: act according to what they have written. Henceforth be not grieved, for you have drunk from the ocean of meeting time and again, and received your portion, and God willing shall receive your portion hereafter, for you have attained permanent permission. By your life, this is a mighty station!

Furthermore, you wrote about the beloved and honored Nabil, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. Some time ago a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him from the heaven of will. He has always been mentioned at the Most Holy Court. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him and say: O beloved of my heart! While time remains, and life remains, and opportunity remains, and strength remains, and tongue remains, and the age remains - all must strive with utmost wisdom to mention and praise the Truth and teach His Cause. Especially ones like his honor. We beseech God to ever assist him, grant him success, sustain him, and aid him in speech and utterance.

You mentioned the esteemed Mirza Ja'far, brother of the late [Habib]. God willing, may he attain the adorning grace of spiritual recognition and fix his gaze upon the horizon of His Cause. Today, and for all time, that which takes precedence over all else is the love of God. Blessed is he who attains unto that which God hath desired. I beseech His exalted Self to assist him in this, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Loving.

Your honor should be exceedingly joyful and manifest boundless delight at all times, for you were engaged in service for several years and attained His presence. The remembrance of your services has not been, nor ever shall be, effaced. Be assured of God's grace and generosity. Whatsoever hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen was intended to inform your honor of various matters; otherwise, the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that you have done nothing for yourself - all that you have done was for the

sake of God. This servant yearns for such a station. Although the stations of the loved ones are now veiled, they shall assuredly be made manifest.

Convey my greetings to the honored Amin, upon him be the glory of God, and tell him that I beseech God to keep him steadfast in that which He loveth and approveth. May you ever be adorned with the robe He hath graciously bestowed. Furthermore, write of your circumstances each day. Glory be upon you and upon him and upon whosoever hath voiced the praise of God and hath arisen to serve Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Moreover, I have conveyed your expressions of praise, glory, and self-effacement to the Divine Branches - may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of their most honored footsteps. They remember you with greetings and praise, and likewise do all who circle round the Sacred Precincts send their greetings.

The Servant

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In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath attained His presence time and again, and hath drunk the choice wine of recognition from the hands of the bountiful, the gracious favor of his Lord, and who hath circled round the lands to exalt the Word of his Lord, the Chosen One. Blessed is he who hath heard His call, His remembrance and His praise in the mention of this Most Great Remembrance, whereby the heavens have been cleft asunder, the earth hath been split, the mountains have been scattered, and all people have stood before the Lord of the worlds. By God! Through His appearance the world hath been set ablaze, and the Most Exalted Pen hath raised its shrill voice, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath rustled. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Say: This is the Day of God which hath appeared with truth, and the Lote-Tree proclaimeth that there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the Powerful. I created all creation for My manifestation and My days, yet when I manifested Myself they turned away - thus did their souls entice them, and today they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Haydar-'Ali! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee, and the Most Great Branch writeth before His face. This is of My favor unto thee - be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! The Most Bountiful One hath sent thy letter. He hath testified to that which God testified before the creation of all things. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the All-Knowing. Thou hast attained unto the hearing of thy Lord, and We have answered thee through this Clear Book, from which every one possessed of perception findeth the fragrance of the utterance of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. We have been with thee and have heard what thou didst mention before all faces. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Say: O thou who leadeth astray! Die in thy wrath! The Hidden One hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with the standards of His verses from God, the Lord of the worlds. By God! That which ye possess of names shall not profit you this Day, nor what hath been mentioned of mirrors. Cast behind you your vain imaginings and turn ye towards the horizon wherefrom the Most Great Luminary hath shone forth. Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Cast aside the pond, for lo, the ocean hath manifested its waves; cast aside the brackish water, for by God! the river of life hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Turn ye unto it and be not of the patient ones.

Say: O Hadi! Behold the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its radiance, the Moon and its light, the Sea and its waves, the Heaven and its stars - and be not of them that imagine vainly. Open thine eyes: there hath dawned from the horizon of possibility the Luminary of certitude, as a grace from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Judge fairly: if thou deniest this Most Great Announcement, by what announcement can that which thou holdest be established? Beware lest thou follow the intimations of them who disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Hearken! Hearken! By God, the Call of God hath been raised. Look! Look! that thou mayest behold that which thy sight was previously veiled from. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee and command thee with that which shall free thee from the promptings of the evil ones. God hath testified that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, Whom the Books of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, had foretold. Consider the people of the Furqan and what they possessed. They would make mention of the Promised One from their pulpits and in their mosques, and lament His separation. Yet when the promise was fulfilled and the horizon of Manifestation was illumined by Him Who conversed on Sinai, they arose in opposition: some denounced Him, some turned away from Him, some objected to Him, and some pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Spirit Faithful to lament. They deemed themselves the most learned and eminent of the divines of the earth, the most accomplished and exalted among them. Yet when the test came, there appeared from them that which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to shed tears and the hearts of them who are nigh unto God to melt. By God's life! If thou wouldst look with the eye of fairness, thou wouldst abandon the world and turn toward the Most Great Prison, and stand at its gate, and raise thy hands in supplication, saying: "I have returned unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and have repented before Thee, O Thou Desire of the nations. I beseech Thee to forgive my transgressions which prevented me from hearkening unto Thy most sweet call, and my sins which veiled me from beholding the dawning splendors of Thy beauty, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of names. I confess, O Desire of the world, to the words I uttered which caused the sighs of the sincere ones to ascend and the tears of the unitarians to fall. O Lord! I have clung to the cord of Thy bounty and the handle of Thy generosity, and have laid hold on the hem of Thy tender mercies. I beseech Thee to purify me from drawing near to aught except Thee and from making mention of anyone who hath turned away from Thee and disbelieved in Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches, and the thirsty one seeking the ocean of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the heaven of Thy gifts and the sun of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

O Haydar-'Ali! Is there any with hearing to hear the scratching of My Pen, and any with sense of smell to detect the fragrance of My wondrous utterance? Is there any with sight to turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and any with fairness to judge justly in this Momentous Announcement? Say: If ye deny what hath appeared in the world, then bring forth what ye possess, and be not of them that hesitate. Say: Do ye play with verses at whose revelation the hearts of the highest Paradise were attracted and the hearts of the sincere ones were set ablaze? Say: Soon shall ye see the recompense of your deeds, even as the people of the Furqan saw the recompense of their actions throughout ages and centuries. Whosoever is prevented today from recognizing the Ocean of utterance is verily of the people of the fire in the sight of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Pen! Leave the mention of the misleader and remember My loved ones in Dal and Vav, and give them glad tidings of the bounties of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O people of God! The armies of polytheism have surrounded you with the banners of hypocrisy. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He witnesseth and seeth what hath appeared and what shall appear. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Seeing. Your names were presented before the Wronged One. We have remembered you with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor by what the nations possess. The Mother Book in the most exalted station beareth witness to this. Blessed are ye, and blessed is he who is among you, and blessed is he who hath clung to the hem of the robe of his Lord, the Possessor of all creation. Say: O people of the Bayan! Where were ye when the Wronged One was standing before the faces of the world, and where were ye when He was under chains and fetters? Be fair! Were it not for Him, who would remind the servants of the days of God, and who would summon them to the supreme horizon? Be fair, and be not of those who disbelieved when the Desired One came with the standards of might and power. I stood before the faces of princes and divines without any veil or covering, and uttered that which caused the limbs of the people to quake. The Books and Tablets which were sent down from the heaven of wisdom and utterance bear witness to this. Read what We sent to the kings and what My tongue hath spoken amongst the parties. Is he who concealed not himself better, or he who had several wives and remained behind the veil morning and evening? Verily, those who have turned away from this Cause are cursed by all things. He Who speaketh and will speak beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. O people of Baha! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you. We beseech God to ordain for you from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the eyes. Ye have attained unto My remembrance whose fragrance shall never cease to waft for as long as My most excellent names and exalted attributes endure. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this station which hath been named with all names by God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

Hear ye the Voice of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue! Say: O Hadi! Whither hath fairness gone, what hath become of justice? Thou wert of the people of the Furqan. For twelve hundred years and more thou wert occupied with vain imaginings. What hath become of Jabulqa? Whither hath Jabulsa gone? From whom came these falsehoods? Where are these imaginary cities? Consider Ja'far, whom by your own belief was the son of your Imam and brother of your Imam - he uttered one word in truth, yet until now ye have called him a liar and reviled him. Observe and reflect how much injustice hath befallen helpless servants through the deceit and schemes of certain souls. At times they said the Books have

been corrupted, at times they claimed the Quran is incomplete and the Proof is in occultation, and then they sent him to Jabulqa. Glory be to God! Have ye heard these words and yet fallen again into such vain imaginings? Or hast thou not heard and knoweth not? O Hadi! For God's sake hearken, and for one hour free thyself from both love and hate. Observe the fruits of the Divine Tree and reflect upon the dawning of the Sun. The Living Waters are clearly distinguished from filth. This is that same Manifestation of whom the Primal Point declared "I am the first of them that worship Him," and in nights and days was occupied with His remembrance and arose to serve Him. Reflect with fairness and speak with justice. This Wronged One had and hath no desire. By God's life! Were there found one who could speak, He would choose silence, and were there found one who could arise, He would not arise. Ye know not the root of the Cause. Today whosoever hath attained to faith and drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge is accounted before God among the suns of the mirrors, although the Primal Point hath in one station complained even of the suns of the mirrors. This Revelation hath no need of that which the people possess. Verily He is the One manifest in His sovereignty, established by His signs, and all-compelling in His power. All are obliged to behold with their own eyes the Supreme Horizon, and this matter is specific to this Revelation. Some barkers have claimed the Bayan is corrupted - may God seal their mouths! They have spoken falsehood whereat the Holy Spirit lamenteth.

O Hadi! I ask one question and seek fairness: Among the divines from the beginning of Islam until the Day of Manifestation - those who adorned their heads with green and white turbans and counted themselves among the poles - did even one attain through the knowledge of being to the essence of the Purpose in the loins, or not? Be fair, for God's sake! It is most regrettable that thou shouldst confuse thyself and others. With thine outward eyes thou hast seen how all the divines of Persia in the early years reviled from their pulpits the King of existence, and finally pronounced sentence of death upon Him. Now thou desirest to train such people? Fear God, O misleader, and refute not the truth with what thou hast. He counseleth thee for the sake of God, and I am the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Hear My call! Repent unto God Who created thee, sustained thee and guided thee. Then return unto Him, for He is verily the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. This is a Day wherein the ocean of His forgiveness hath surged and the sun of His bounty hath shone forth. Hasten, and be not of them that tarry. We have mentioned thee and counseled thee as a favor from Us. We desire from thee neither recompense nor reward. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this mighty stronghold.

Some opponents have fabricated calumnies and made them a snare for the monotheists and those near to God. Among these, a certain person in the Land of Ta has claimed that the people of Baha commit murder. Glory be to God! The heavens bear witness, the sun testifies, and likewise do all things, that this Wronged One, after arriving in Baghdad, strove with the utmost diligence to forbid killing, conflict and contention, even to the extent of words that might cause sorrow. The nights and days bear witness to what flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and what waves arose from the Most Great Ocean. Deeds bear witness to and verify words. From the day of Our turning toward Iraq until now, in no city has strife or conflict arisen. Every fair-minded person has testified and every just one has borne witness. Glory be to God! The people of the Bayan committed such deeds as caused the eyes of the people of the cities of justice and fairness to weep. Praise be to God that through the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen, most have attained to that which conduceth to the reformation of the world and the education of the nations.

Should anyone observe with an eye of fairness what is recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets, he would weep over the wrongs suffered by this Wronged One. Without helper or supporter, We summoned all the kings, as ye yourselves witness. Time and again We were cast into the prison of the enemy, sometimes with chains and fetters, at times wandering from land to land. All this happened for the sake of God and is as honey to the taste of them that are near and them that yearn for Him. The purpose of this Most Great Revelation and this Mighty Announcement, which all divine Books and Scriptures have extolled, has been to forbid conflict, strife, and the shedding of blood. Our intention is that through the living waters that flow from the Most Exalted Pen by night and by day, We might cleanse the hearts of the peoples of the world from rancor and hatred, that perchance through the power of the Manifest Sovereign this grievous affliction might be lifted. For the whole world is regarded as one homeland. Glory is not for him who loves his country, but for him who loves the world. These words bear witness to this Wronged One.

Moreover, We acknowledge what they have said. The people of the Furqan must not consider killing as cause and proof of falsity. These are words that the idolaters uttered during the time of the Messenger of God - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Thus in the Battle of Badr when the champions of the idolaters were slain, Asim ibn Abi Awf cried out: “O people of Quraysh! Beware of him who severs relationships, who divides the community,” and so forth. He said: “O Quraysh, do not withdraw from Muhammad, for he severs kinship and kills the sons of his uncles.” Many were the nights when the companions would enter people’s homes and behead their chiefs, bringing their heads to the presence of His Holiness. Furthermore, consider what transpired with the Banu Nadir and Banu Qurayzah, and likewise in the fortresses around Medina. By His command, Ali and Zubayr beheaded nine hundred souls in two days, and they either took possession of that people’s belongings or sent them to other regions and sold them. They dealt similarly with other tribes in ways I prefer not to mention. Open thine eyes and recognize the truth. Whatever ye say has been said before by the idolaters. In any case, this Wronged One’s purpose is to remove hatred, malice, strife and contention from the world.

O Hadi! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. Pass beyond vain imaginings and hold fast to the sure cord of certitude. Move beyond idle fancies and turn thy face toward the Self-Subsisting Lord. By the life of God, he whom thou didst take from other than the Truth, thy Lord, and who stood before the Throne setting down verses, was led astray by him whom We expelled. Be not like the people of the Furqan. Speak not merely upon hearsay that which would ignite the fires of malice. O Hadi! Judge thou fairly concerning who issued the death warrant for the Most Holy Dayyan, and be not of the wrongdoers. The Primal Point dedicated the Book of the Temples specifically to His Holiness the Dayyan, saying: “As thy heart was gentle, sensitive and receptive, We entrusted this hidden knowledge to thee.” Yet they issued the warrant for his death and shed his blood. Likewise with Jinab-i-Abu’l-Qasim from the land of K - by the life of God they perpetrated that which the Pen is powerless to recount. Reflect upon this blessed and supreme utterance which hath shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Primal Point’s exposition, and judge fairly. Addressing what ye suppose to be your Mirror, He saith: “Whatsoever thou understandest not of the utterances flowing from the Pen, ask thou of Siyyid-i-’Aziz” - and this referreth to Siyyid Husayn who was in the presence of the Point. O people! Be not among those who “placed their fingers in their ears lest they should hear the word of truth,” and be not of those who saw yet denied, who heard yet failed to acknowledge. O Hadi! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed! Be not like the former people who

clung to the hem of alteration, corruption, idle fancies and vain imaginings. The proof is clear, the path is manifest, the Cause is evident and the Truth is apparent. Turn thou unto it and be not of them that hesitate. I swear by the effulgent rays of the Sun of proof which shineth from the highest horizon of possibility - ye are heedless of the Truth and unaware of the essence of the Cause. Purify thine ear from hearkening to the words of the heedless, that thou mayest hear the call of God, and free thine eye from the film of idle fancies that thou mayest behold the highest horizon. The equivalent of all the books of the past and future hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will. Present thyself before the Face, then ask whatsoever thou desirest, that thou mayest witness the ocean of utterance and its waves, and the sun and its effulgence. Look thou upon the revealed Suras and reflect, that perchance thou mayest turn from the left hand to the right, from ignorance to knowledge, and from darkness to light. Deprive not thyself today of the splendors of His countenance, and be not a cause of leading others astray. Leave the helpless servants to themselves, that they may perchance find their way unto God. Reflect upon the recompense of the Shi'ih's deeds on the Day of Judgment - what they said and what they did. All things have lamented their tyranny and the Most Exalted Paradise hath cried out because of their deeds. We beseech God the Most High to assist thee and those who have denied to return unto Him, to turn toward Him in repentance, to humble themselves before His gate, and to submit to His Cause. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Pardoning, the Merciful.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory! We have made mention of the friends of the earth in a remembrance from which the fragrance of bounty shall waft throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Say: O people of God! Be not grieved. Reflect upon the deeds of the divines of Iran who considered themselves the most ancient, most learned, most discerning of all peoples and the most distinguished of all servants. In earlier years, all were occupied with rejection and cursing, and finally they issued that decree which caused the Pen to cry out and the Tablet to lament. Leave the deluded ones. Praise be to God, the bounty of Truth shines like the sun, manifest and evident, and the rains of His mercy are ever-descending and pouring down. The river of mercy flows - take of it in His Name and drink in remembrance of Him, despite those who have denied God, His verses, and rejected His greatness and sovereignty.

In all conditions, be engaged in serving the Cause and exalting the Word with joy and fragrance. Soon shall pass away the world and all that ye behold today, and there shall remain for you what hath been ordained from the Supreme Pen. The Tongue of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness to this. Hold fast to unity and harmony, and be occupied with the triumph of the Cause. Victory in God's Book hath ever been through deeds and character. We convey greetings and glory to each of God's friends, and likewise to the handmaidens of that land who have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition and who gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. All are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they whom the hints of the aggressive ones and the doubts of the infidels did not prevent or hold back from the Truth. These are they whose mention was made in previous Books and who are recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet. The light shining and gleaming from the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O people of God, and upon those who are with you and who love you for His eternal, radiant, and luminous countenance.

As for the mention made of the companion of Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, it hath been heard. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him, aid him, and ordain for him what is best for him. Verily, He knoweth what profiteth him and what harmeth him, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: My God, my God! Withhold not Thy servants from the outpourings of Thy days, and deprive not Thy bondsmen from turning to the horizon of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the lights of Thy countenance, and by the Word through which Thou hast subdued Thy lands, to ordain for him who hath turned to Thee the good of this world and the next. Then deliver him through Thy power and might, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

And as for the mention of the namesake of Ibn-i-'Attar, and likewise the other namesake, and Mirza Taqi Khan who have newly turned to the Faith - mention of each hath been made and recorded by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to grant them power and strength that they may rend asunder all preventing veils and attain the station of revelation and witnessing. Ask God to make the mentioned souls aware of the greatness of His days and not deprive them of His fragrances. Say: O concourse of servants! By God, this is the Day of Reckoning, and the Lord of creation calleth in His most exalted voice from His most sublime horizon: Turn ye with radiant faces, and be not among the patient ones. Say: Today the gate of bounty is opened and the sun of grace is shining. Strive that ye may attain eternal blessing and everlasting, perpetual life. Thus doth the Mother Book teach you from His presence and guide you to His straight path.

Thou didst make mention of the handmaiden of God and her daughter. Consider thou the ocean of bounty and the heaven of grace. The divines of Persia and its doctors of law, each of whom considered himself an ocean of knowledge and a heaven of learning, remained deprived and forbidden from the recognition of Truth, while that handmaiden hath attained unto the knowledge of God and been adorned with the love of God. The Kingdom of grace is in His right hand of power, and the heaven of bounty is in the grasp of His authority. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth and taketh from whomsoever He desireth. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Convey on behalf of the Truth greetings and counsel patience, inasmuch as the condition of this land is not known. Were that which is with Him to be revealed, grief would seize the inhabitants of all lands. This is the truth, no doubt is there about it, but most of the people are heedless.

Thou didst make mention of Mirza Husayn repeatedly, and in each instance mention of him flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God that he hath attained to service. Blessed is the house wherein the mention of God hath been raised and wherein His loved ones have attained to His presence, and blessed is the house which God hath made a shelter for them that are nigh unto Him and the sincere ones.

O Husayn! Praise thou the Desired One of all worlds that thou hast been mentioned by Him and succeeded in serving His Cause. Know thou the value of this station and seek thou assistance from the Truth. Blessed art thou and thy father and thy mother. We have made mention of you in such wise as shall never perish. To this testifieth every perceiving mystic and every informed sage.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the sister of his honor ?, upon him be the Glory of God, and the degrees of sincerity of the mother - all have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and

mention of them hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Especially for the sister, upon her be the Glory of God, there hath been revealed that from which the unitarians and they that are nigh have inhaled the fragrance of loving-kindness. They have ever been and continue to be remembered, and for each one specifically a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed. However, in view of wisdom, it was not fitting to send all at once; therefore there was delay in sending them. The loving-kindness of the Truth towards them is of such magnitude that every person of insight beareth witness and every person of understanding testifieth thereto. The people of that household have ever been and continue to be remembered. Convey greetings and glorification from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the grace and loving-kindness of the Truth, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to assist them in preserving that which hath been bestowed and to set them ablaze in such wise that the world and its might shall be powerless to prevent them. O Haydar-'Ali! These are servants and handmaidens whom God mentioned in the beginning of days and ordained for them that which the eyes of creation have not seen. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loveth them and blessed is he who hath visited the two shining lights. In all matters they should be mindful of wisdom. Thus hath the Lord of the worlds ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Verily We make mention of Husayn and his wife, and We give them glad tidings of the mercy which hath preceded all else, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have created all things for the knowledge of My Self, and for standing before My presence, and for acting in accordance with what We have revealed in My Book. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Among the people are those who have turned away from Me and disputed My verses which have encompassed all horizons, and who have pronounced sentence upon the shedding of My blood without any clear proof from Him or evidence from His presence. They are assuredly among the oppressors in the books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to ordain for His loved ones the privilege of attaining His presence or the recompense of meeting Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Husayn! The idolaters have interposed themselves between Me and My loved ones. Whenever anyone approacheth, an uproar ariseth. They are assuredly among those who perish. They are the ones who have separated bodies from spirits and horizons from lights. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are among the dead.

We have previously made mention of 'Abdu'l-Baqi and given him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Blessed is he and his wife. They have attained unto the service of My loved ones and My chosen ones. We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall be as a lamp unto them in the worlds of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Convey My greetings unto him and say: Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of him who is named Siyyid Mustafa. We have remembered him and do remember him at this hour as a token of Our grace, for We are the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. O Mustafa! Give thanks that thy name hath been brought before the Wronged One and that the Most Exalted Pen hath remembered thee from its lofty station. Beware lest anything among all things prevent thee from

the Creator of heaven, or the might of those who have turned away from this manifest News cause thee to fear.

We make mention of him who is named ’Ali-Muhammad that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the remembrance of God in His days and whose pen hath moved in His name. He is assuredly among the triumphant in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. We counsel all with that which will draw them nigh unto the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O Ja’far! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison by God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Be patient in that which thou hast purposed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He biddeth thee to observe gracious patience. Take hold of the Cause of God and leave what the people possess. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence is a mighty Tablet. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God. Verily He is with those who love Him, remember Him, and turn unto Him with radiant countenance.

O Haydar-’Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Thou didst make mention of the Deputy. Time and again hath mention of them proceeded from the Most Exalted Pen, and they have been and are remembered in the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist him to perform such deeds as are befitting the Day of God and to confirm him in supreme steadfastness. The world hath no significance and shall soon return to nothingness, while that which hath been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen shall endure and last forever. The Deputy is in truth counted among the servants of the Cause in the presence of God. Well is it with him. His reward is with Him Who hath raised him up for the service of His mighty Cause. Implore from God, exalted be His glory, his deliverance and sanctification. O Haydar-’Ali! The Most Exalted Pen hath, in the divine days, mentioned the souls who have turned towards Him solely because of their turning, for He hath been and is established upon the throne of grace. Were He to look to worthiness, the Pen would pause and cease its movement. With the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, on behalf of His friends, for that which beseemeth His bounty and generosity.

You mentioned Ali Haydar. He is blessed with Our grace, and his letters arrive continually. We beseech God to assist him in serving His Cause and to help him achieve that which is pleasing unto Him. Praise be to God that all the souls mentioned have been blessed with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. We convey Our greetings to the beloved friends in Abadih, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness. Say: O people of God! The names of all have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. You must arise to assist His Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. His bounty has encompassed you and His mercy has preceded all else. By the life of God! That which no eye in the world has perceived or comprehended has been ordained for His loved ones. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for this tremendous bounty. Verily, He is with you under all conditions, He heareth that which proceedeth from your mouths and seeth your deeds, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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O He who is named after God, the Omnipotent!

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

This is a Book from the Primal Point unto him who hath believed in God and His signs, and hath entered the Sacred Precinct, the dwelling-place whereon the throne of his Lord, the All-Merciful, was established, and hath heard what none among the worlds hath heard, that haply the breaths of the Spirit may so transport him that he shall be unable to remain in his place, and the attraction of the Almighty shall wrest from his hand the reins of free will, and cause him to speak, though by constraint, betwixt earth and heaven, and loose his tongue in utterance, and behold the Beauty of the All-Merciful in this Beauty that hath appeared and shone forth, then gleamed and glistened from the horizon of possibility with manifest and clear sovereignty - yet the people of the Bayan denied Him and cast at Him the darts of malice from every direction, after He came unto them upon the clouds of grandeur from the heaven of transcendent glory, and showed them God's power and sovereignty, and sent down upon them at every moment that which would quicken the hearts of all created things, then the realities of existing things, then the temples of the Prophets and Messengers. But when they witnessed the signs of God and His sovereignty, then the manifestation of God and His power, they arose to oppose and destroy His exalted Self.

By God! There hath befallen Me that which hath befallen none before Me, and wert thou to hear, thou wouldst cry out within thyself and weep for this Wronged One, for Whom have wept the eyes of the denizens of the Supreme Paradise, then the eyes of them that dwell in the crimson depths, then the eyes of grandeur behind the pavilions of inviolable glory. And if thou shouldst ask them, "O people! By what proof have ye turned away from Him through Whom God's Cause and sovereignty were made manifest?" thou wouldst hear from them as thou didst hear from the people of the Furqan when the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder and thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, came upon clouds of light in His name, the Most High, the Most Great. Nay, thou wilt find these more veiled than all previous peoples, for My previous Manifestation rent asunder all the veils whereby men in every age and era had been shrouded. Thus hath the command been sent down at this moment from the tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Powerful.

And if thou shouldst ask the people of the Furqan, "Who is your Lord?" they will surely say, "God Who created us by His command." And if thou shouldst ask, "Who is your Messenger?" they will say, "The Messenger of God whom He sent with the truth and made the Seal of the Prophets." And likewise they enumerate names after Him whom thou knowest, and thus do they mention them and are among those who remember. They used to pride themselves above other peoples in what they possessed, yet when He appeared through Whose command their faith was established, their cause upraised, and their religion confirmed, they disbelieved in Him and became of the infidels. Consider then: did that which they possessed and spoke of for one thousand two hundred and sixty years profit them? Nay, by My Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate! For they worshipped names and clung to them without clear proof or illuminating Book, and took idle fancy as their lord instead of God. For had they known God, they would not have disbelieved in Him on the day when He appeared like the sun from the horizon of ancient glory. And thus know thou the people of the Bayan - if thou shouldst ask them in whatever manner thou desirest, thou wilt hear as thou didst hear from the people of the Furqan. They enumerate a specific number of those who were created by My firm, decisive, and mighty Word, and they pride themselves in

a name among names after We created their kingdom by My Word - and God is witness and knower of this.

Among the deniers is one who claims that the Revelation hath appeared too soon, and that this is not the way of God as established of old. Say: Woe unto you, O concourse of deniers! Are ye more powerful than God and His Cause, or is He Who doeth as He willeth? And if ye acknowledge His power and sovereignty, He hath manifested Himself as He pleased and desired, and is not to be questioned about what He pleaseth. Verily, He is the Single One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Say: Woe unto you! Ye acknowledge with your tongues that He doeth what He willeth and is not to be questioned about what He pleaseth, yet when there appeareth what He hath willed by His sovereignty, ye object to it and become of the deniers. Say: O people, look at the Cause itself and that which appeareth from Him, not at what ye possess. Thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets, if ye be of them that are assured. For He hath ever been known through Himself, and all else is known through what the Pen of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath traced upon their names.

O people! Fear God and deny not Him in Whom ye have believed after He hath come to you with all the signs and this Most Great, this mighty News. And among the deniers is he who saith that He hath claimed more than His station, and thus doth he weigh God's Cause by his own measure, adding and subtracting, and becoming of the losers. When the verses of God are recited unto him with wondrous holy melodies, he raiseth his hand to his beard, then his face darkeneth - thus dost thou witness and art of them that bear witness.

And among them is he who saith these Tablets shall not endure upon the earth, nor this Name, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Great. Thereby doth he seek to cure his malady and soothe the rancor in his breast and quench the fire of his envy. Verily, there is none all-encompassing save He Who knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts of the rancorous conceal.

Say: By God! We have found you in such delusion as We have not found its like among nations of old, and God is witness and knowing of what I say. Say: Die in your wrath! By God, the Truth, every name that endureth on earth endureth by My command, were ye but aware. Every attribute that appeareth between earth and heaven is by My leave - thus hath the matter been decreed, though it be grievous to your souls, O concourse of the proud! Every mention that is raised on earth and ascendeth to heaven is My mention, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Exalted. All prostration, in whatever religion it may be, is unto My Beauty, the Shining, the Mighty, the Luminous.

Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye slay Me with the swords of your rancor. By God, this is not from Me but from One Mighty and Beautiful. By God, were ye to look with the eye of fairness, ye would find in these words the fragrances of holy and generous sanctity. O people! Confuse not the Cause for yourselves and for others. By God, the melodies of God cannot be confused with others - to this testify the tongues of every knower and seer. Whenever I remain silent out of fear of you, the Herald calleth out above My head and the Spirit speaketh within My breast, and thus there appeareth from Me that which your souls and desires abhor, O concourse of the idolaters. O people! Blame Me not for this, for this is not

from Me but from Him Who sent Me with the truth and made Me a guidance and mercy to the worlds. O people! Create not discord among men, nor invalidate the truth through your evil selves.

Do not refute the truth through your evil selves, and dispute not about the verses of God after they have been sent down in truth, and be not among the ignorant ones. Fear God, O people of the Bayan! These are the verses whereby God will adduce proof against you on the Day of Resurrection, and whereby the Beauty of the Divine Essence was established upon the throne of a mighty Name, and whereby God's proof was perfected in every age and cycle, and His evidence, then His testimony and His light were made manifest to all the worlds. By God, O people, I do not boast to you of anything of My own self, but rather from the presence of One mighty and wise. O people, wrong Me not through wronging your own selves, and be content with how you have treated My beauty without permission from God, the King, the True, the Most High, the All-Knowing. By God, the eyes of all created things weep for what has befallen Me through your oppression, O company of polytheists. Then do the seas weep with their waves, and the trees with their fruits, and the leaves with their movements, and the lights with their radiance, if you would but reflect within yourselves. All things are disturbed by what has befallen Me and weep in their innermost hearts, if you would but perceive. O people, dispute not with Me concerning God's verses, for they have been sent down by His command from His presence. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. The Spirit hath taken from Me the reins of choice, and speaketh as It willeth through all My limbs and members, then My bowels and liver and veins and bones and hair, were you but to know. Had the choice been Mine, I would have held back the pen and not released it, but God hath released it by His command, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take Me not to task for this, but rather show Me mercy, O company of polytheists. By God, He sent Me on a day which was the king of days, around each moment of which revolve the might of time and the kingdom of creation, as a grace from His presence unto you, were you but to know. By God, this is He Who speaketh in all things that there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Most High, the Most Great. Had the matter been in My hands, I would not have borne your persecution which the dwellers of the heavens and earth could not bear. And whenever I concealed Myself and remained silent from mention, God manifested Me in truth and the Spirit called out above My head that, by God, this is a noble King, and this is the Beauty of God among you, and His manifestation in your midst, and His radiance upon all created things. O people, by God, had the matter been in My hands, I would have fled from you to the mountain peaks as I fled from you the first time while you were heedless. But the matter hath been taken from My hands and your hands. Verily the command is in God's hand - there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. O people, have mercy on Me, then have mercy on yourselves, and dispute not about God's verses, and refute not the truth with your mouths, and mock not the proof whereby your faith was established and your knowledge appeared, and whereby you pride yourselves above the people of the Furqan and the peoples of the earth who follow the Psalms and the Torah and the Gospel. Would you refute that whereby your faith was established? Woe unto you, O company of transgressors! And verily I fear not for Myself but for Him Who will come to you after Me with sovereignty and mighty power. By God, O people of the Bayan, after Me you will care for nothing […]

By God! O people of the Bayan! After Me ye care naught for aught and pronounce judgement against Him through a single letter of Whom the first and the last are raised up, and ye slay Him and drink His blood - nay, worse than this, even as the people of the Furqan did unto ʼAli before Nabil. By God! Ye are more cruel and more wretched! And verily He knoweth what is in your breasts and knoweth what is in the breasts of the deceivers. Would that thou, O My Name, hadst been with Us at the time when the Day-Star of the horizons departed from the precincts of Iraq, and witnessed that which none among all the worlds hath witnessed, and beheld him who warred against My Self, after thou knowest We had protected him and reared him and taught him, while he himself remained veiled behind a veil, fearful of himself. We stood against Our enemies, and God alone gave Us victory until We manifested the Cause after all the peoples had gathered for My death. Thou hast heard what befell Me at the hands of the hosts of the idolaters, and We stood against Our enemies in days wherein the souls of them that loved My Self were troubled, and then the hearts of them that had recognized Me, by reason of My tribulation. By God! By My deeds were astounded the denizens of the Concourse on High, then those who circle round the Throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. When the Beauty of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of glory and power, and the breezes of might wafted from the direction of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then emerged they in whose hearts was rancor against this Youth, like serpents, after it behooved them to thank God for having strengthened them with the truth and aided them through this Youth Who stood firm in the Cause to such degree that the tongues of the people of the Concourse of eternity exclaimed: “Blessed be God for this most mighty, most holy, most great, and most wondrous steadfastness!” When God preserved Me from what they intended regarding the shedding of My blood, and aided Me with the hosts of the unseen, then they arose with schemes and deceit, and fabricated against Me all that they were capable of, desiring thereby to veil the beauty of the Sun with the veils of falsehood and calumny, and thus were they among the doers. If thou wouldst ponder My suffering, thou wouldst lament within thyself and weep for this Wronged One Who fell into the pit of hatred through that which the hands of these wretched ones have wrought. Then He crieth out: “Is there any helper who will aid Me with truth and repel from Me the evil of these calumniators? Is there any caller who will call out between the heavens and the earth concerning this most wondrous and most sublime Cause?” Know then that We loved thee before and now, and have mentioned thee in this Tablet with the melodies of them that are attracted, that the melodies of the Spirit might attract thee to the Sadratu’l-Muntaha, the seat of the throne of thy Lord, the Most High, and sever thee from all creatures. Verily, he in whose heart was hatred for thee desired to cause enmity between Me and thee, but God expelled him through His sovereignty, and the sun of love shone forth from the dawning-place of this blessed, holy, mighty, and generous Countenance, and He sent down upon thee verses of love and dispatched them to thee that thy heart might rejoice thereby and thou mightest be of them that are glad. O thou servant who art mentioned by the tongue of God! Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy by My sovereignty and power, then arise from the horizon of utterance with the wisdom of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wise. Then breathe into the servants the spirit of life from that which God hath imparted unto thee, that they might arise from their graves and be raised up with the ornament of God, the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing. Take heed that thou fear no one […]

Say: O people! Know God through God, for this is the station which God hath ordained for you. If ye fail to attain unto this station, your names shall not be mentioned before God, and the angels of wrath shall

return you to the nethermost hell. Do ye make mention of the Beloved while ye slay the Beloved of the worlds? Do ye call upon the Desired One while ye forget the Desire of them that have recognized Him? Do ye recite the verses while ye disbelieve in Him Who sent them down and revealed them? Woe unto you, O company of the heedless!

Say: O people! Purify your hearts and your souls from the Salsabil that hath flowed from the Kawthar of the mouth of your Lord, the Merciful. Deprive not yourselves thereof, and be not of them that are debarred. Say: This is God's ocean that surgeth before you, moving through its own essence by its own essence. None hath reached its shore, how much less its depths, were ye of them that are fair-minded - save him whom God hath aided through His power and detached from all who are in the heavens and earth.

Say: O people of Baha! Speak in the name of God and through God, then embark upon the Ark of Eternity that saileth upon the crimson sea of grandeur in the name of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Highest. By God! Whoso entereth it is indeed saved, and whoso turneth away from it hath perished, even should he cling to all who have gone before and shall come after.

Say: Today nothing shall profit anyone except that he detach himself from all directions and turn toward this blessed, mighty and beauteous Shore. Cast behind thee all intimations, then all allusions from thy left hand, and take hold of the words of God with strength and detachment, then with mighty power. Convey unto the people the messages of thy Lord. He shall suffice thee in truth and guard thee from the harm of satans.

Know thou that they who were powerless to speak in the presence of the Countenance have written tablets in rejection of God and the Manifestation of His Self. Thus did their souls entice them, and they were of them that followed every rebellious satan. Verily he who turned away from God in former years - and thou art aware of him and what befell Me - when he repented We removed from him the garment of rebellion and clothed him with the robe of forgiveness. But when We arrived in this prison, he arose in opposition as commanded by his self and passion. God is witness and knoweth what I say. Were We to detail for thee what he hath committed, the tablets would not suffice, nor the ink, nor the pens, nor the tongues of all who dwell in the heavens and earth. He believed, then denied, then repented, then associated partners with God Who created him and fashioned him, through his own utterance that there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are before Him in this Book which hath appeared in truth and been inscribed in its heart by the finger of ancient glory. By God! This is verily God's sanctuary in the most exalted assembly […]

By His mark inscribed upon his breast by the Finger of ancient glory! By God, this is verily the Sanctuary of God in the Most Exalted Concourse, the Holy Ka'bah in the cities of names, the fulfillment of the Divine decree in the kingdom of eternity, and the House of God amongst the worlds. Through His Name have the yearning ones ascended to the Lote-Tree of reunion, the lovers to the seat of glory and beauty, the sincere ones to the station of attainment and meeting, and the detached to the hidden refuge of impregnable security. Say: O people, fear God and dispute not with Him through Whom the call of the seekers is raised to the heaven of transcendent glory, through Whom the clouds pour forth their rain, the earth brings forth its fruits, the fountains of wisdom and utterance gush forth, and every wise matter is

distinguished. Beware lest ye join partners with God or deny Him after He hath come to you from the Dayspring of the Spirit with clear evidences and manifest sovereignty, and hath aided you in His Cause and explained to you that which will draw you nigh unto His exalted and mighty Self.

Know thou, O My Name, that among the people are those who have objected to God, saying that He hath claimed a different station and rank each day. Say: Yea, by the Self of God, the Sovereign, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing! We have indeed manifested Ourself each day in a different manner, and shall continue to manifest Ourselves as We please, in ever new ways. Say: Perish in your wrath, O concourse of malice! Have ye not heard that nothing whatsoever can occupy your Lord, and that He is at all times engaged in a fresh creation? Nay, were ye to ascend unto the heavens of knowledge, ye would witness that all We have created is continuously manifested in new ways, would ye but comprehend.

O thou Name mentioned before the Throne! Say to them: O people of the Bayan! Let Me set forth for you a parable, that perchance ye may inhale the fragrance of the spirit from the direction of your Lord's wisdom and be of those who are convinced. If someone should go to the ocean and take from it a cup, then another handful, then another drop - doth the difference lie in the ocean or in those who have taken according to their capacity and capability? Be fair, then, O heedless ones! Say: By God, the ocean remaineth the ocean in its essence, and the sun remaineth the sun in its reality and is the Dayspring in its essence, shining upon all created things equally. It hath ever remained in one state and will forever continue thus. But ye perceive according to the measure of your sight and vision. Cleanse the rheum from your eyes caused by the veils of fancy and desire, that ye may behold it manifest, evident, rising, and shining upon all the worlds.

Thus have the hosts of wisdom and utterance descended upon clouds of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, that perchance the oppressed ones among the people of the Bayan might be led to the viewpoint of the All-Glorious, this resplendent, luminous, and radiant station. Say: By God, the sovereign verses have descended upon the shadows of names and attributes, and the matter hath been decreed from the presence of a mighty, transcendent, and august Sovereign. The words of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God Who created them and all things by His command have been struck down, for He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

By God, O My Name! Were We to utter a word, We would not wish to repeat it again - and God is witness to what I say. And whenever We have repeated words, We have intended in each one of them a meaning that none hath comprehended save My all-knowing and informed Self. By thy life! Had We found the people mature, We would not have repeated Our words[…]

And whenever We repeat the words, in each one of them We intend a meaning which none has understood save My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self. By thy life! Had We found the people to have attained maturity, We would not have repeated the words. Thou dost witness that whatsoever proceedeth from My Pen at every moment is of a wondrous nature. And verily, whenever We send down from the Kingdom of Glory and Power that which We send down, We do so in a manner suited to this creation. Were We to find them possessed of illumined vision, We would assuredly send down unto them at every moment that which would make them independent of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth, and We would teach them daily of the wonders of knowledge and wisdom. But since We have found their

souls accustomed to fancy and imitation, therefore doth the Pen of Command reveal that which befitteth the condition of these weak ones. And this is a certain truth. By God! All that We have revealed from the beginning that hath no beginning hath been according to the capacity of creation, but the station of God is greater than this. Were He to reveal that which is worthy of His station, all who are in the heavens and earth would be thunderstruck, and the pillars of all created things would utterly cease to be.

Hearken unto what We revealed aforetime through the tongue of ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil: “O Qurratu’l-’Ayn! Stretch not forth thy hand in this Cause, for the people are intoxicated with the mystery. Verily, thou shalt have another turn after this Dispensation, by the Most Great Truth. There, reveal of the mystery a measure as small as a needle’s eye in the Most Great Mount, whereupon the people of Sinai shall perish at the dawning of a drop from that crimson, all-compelling Light, by leave of God, the All-Wise.” And He is God, Who hath ever been thy Guardian in truth, by the truth. Though We had informed the servants of Our later Manifestation and of the unveiling of mysteries beyond reckoning, and of the death of the people of Sinai, yet when We manifested Ourselves again under the Most Glorious Name and desired to unveil the mystery - even before We fully revealed it - the people of Sinai were struck down, as thou hast heard and wert among those who heard. Despite this, these people remained heedless within themselves and objected to Us, saying “How can the people of Sinai perish, and how can the sweet become bitter, and the mirror turn to stone, and fruits become dust?” Thus did they stray from the gardens of knowledge and were among the heedless ones. Say: Woe unto you! Those whom ye have taken as lords for yourselves and in whom ye take pride - their names were exalted because God’s mighty and powerful Pen hath flowed over them, and their mention was elevated through their faith in God, their Creator. But when they turned away, all they possessed was taken from them, and naught shall be accepted from them even should they worship as heavily as both humans and jinn. Reflect thou upon what We have revealed unto thee, and upon the state of these people who speak of that which they comprehend not. They have gone astray and led others astray through their own bidding and desires. Keep thyself apart from these people and abide in an impregnable sanctuary. By God, O My Name! The people have not fathomed the foundation of this Cause, for We have veiled it from them through what hath flowed from the Finger of Glory’s Pen of Wisdom. We desired beforetime, when thou wert present before the Throne, to unveil for thee what was hidden from the eyes of all creation, but We forbore and concealed it until thy Lord’s appointed time was fulfilled. Then did God’s Word appear adorned with His Own Self, the All-Encompassing, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O heedless ones! By God, this Bird hath melodies upon melodies, then songs upon songs, then warbles upon warbles, whereof if but the smallest fraction of one were to be revealed, the spiritual ones, then the people of Sinai, then the people of light, then the people of the divine cloud would fall senseless upon the dust of heedlessness and extinction, save him whom God preserveth through His grace from this Youth Who hath appeared with the Most Glorious Name in the Kingdom of Names. Every atom proclaimeth His praise, that there is none other God but He. He hath created all things through His Will, then through the mention of His Pen. Thus hath thy Lord’s dominion ever encompassed all worlds. O servant! Purify thou thy heart from all allusions, then call out with My call amongst My servants, that it may draw them away from their selves, detach them from indications, bring them nigh unto the Source of grace and bounty, and provide them from this Divine, Eternal, Most Holy Table whereof the mystics find all delights. Thus hath the Command descended from the heaven of sublime glory. Say: O people of Qum! Abandon what ye possess of words

fit only for children to speak, then hearken unto the Most Great, Most Perfect Word of God from this Mouth from which floweth the Water of Life.

And He nourishes them from this Divine, eternal, Most Holy Table whereon the mystics find every delight. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the Supreme Kingdom of transcendent glory. Say: O people, abandon such words as befit children to speak, then hearken unto the Most Great, Most Perfect Word of God from this Mouth from which floweth the Kawthar of life, whereby all created things are quickened, if ye be of them that know.

O Qahir! Hear the call of thy Lord, the All-Compelling, from the direction of His Chosen Name. Be not veiled by veils and coverings, but emerge stripped of all save God; then speak forth between earth and heaven that which the Spirit proclaimed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of Eternity, that perchance the servants may arise from the heedlessness of self and passion and hasten to the shore of wondrous glory. We named thee Qahir by the tongue of a previous Manifestation that thou mightest prevail over the idolaters in these days wherein they opposed God, the Lord of Names and Attributes, and sought to cut down the Tree of the Cause with the sword of rejection. Say: By God! This Tree shall be raised up by the waters of your rejection, though ye perceive it not within yourselves and are among the heedless. We have ever raised up the Trees of the Cause through the waters of rejection and blood, if ye be of those who know. Therefore, prevail thou over those who have disbelieved and fear no one. Place thy trust in thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that He may protect thee from those who have wronged among the people of the Bayan and aid thee with hosts ye cannot see. We are verily powerful over all things. Whenever thou desirest to aid thy Lord, the Most Great Spirit will assist thee by Our command. Be steadfast, be not disturbed, and be of the firm ones. By God, O Qahir! The Point of the Bayan at this hour, from the Most Glorious Companion, witnesseth the evil state of the people of the Bayan and calleth unto them at every moment, saying: “Shame upon you for what ye have done, committed, known, wrought and understood! Did We not counsel you in all the Tablets, saying: ‘O people! When the Ancient Beauty cometh unto you, oppose Him not, nor cling to aught for recognizing Him.’ Yet ye have done what neither the people of the Furqan did to My Self, nor the people of the Gospel to Muhammad the Messenger of God, nor the people of the Torah to My Son. Woe unto you, O company of oppressors! Have ye clung to him concerning whom We revealed that ‘whenever thou singest, a cock from among the cocks of heaven singeth, and whenever thou chantest, a bee from among the bees of light doth chant,’ while ye have turned away from Him around Whose Essence heaven itself, with its reality, its innermost being, its secret and manifest aspects, its outer and inner dimensions, its cocks and its bees and its birds, circle in adoration around a single leaf of the Tree planted in the courtyard of this Gate, before which the Spirit proclaimeth: ‘By God! This is indeed the Paradise wherein none hath comprehended what lieth therein of God’s manifestations and His grandeur, His conditions and His sovereignty, and around which circle the realities of the Prophets and Messengers every morn and eve.’ By God, O people of the Bayan! Ye have done what neither the Jews, nor the Magians, nor the people of the Furqan, nor the peoples of old from time immemorial have done, yet ye rejoice within yourselves and are among the jubilant. Soon shall God’s punishment seize you from every direction, and ye shall find for yourselves no refuge, nor helper, nor supporter, nor protector, nor guardian, nor guide. Have ye taken God’s Cause in jest or mockery among yourselves? Ye recite the words of children and pride yourselves therein, yet when one reciteth unto you

words by a single letter of which the heavens and earth were created, ye look upon him as one in a swoon, and the dust of hell seizeth you. Fear ye God, O people, then repent and seek forgiveness, then return unto God Who created you for this Day, that He might expiate your evil deeds."

Fear God, O people, then repent and seek forgiveness, then return unto God Who created you for this Day, that He may remit your evil deeds and forgive your transgressions. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

And thou hearest My words, then take counsel from thy Lord's admonition. By God! Baha hath not spoken save out of love for thee. Guard thyself - thy soul, thy spirit, thy being, and thy essence - from those who play with clay. Thus do We command thee and reveal unto thee that which shall make thee independent of all else but Me, and shall establish thee upon a mighty steadfastness.

And the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, thy Lord, and who hearken to thy words concerning this Cause at which the skins of the polytheists have quivered. And praise be to the Beloved of the mystics and the Goal of all worlds.

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May the beloved and august bearer of the Name 66 [Allah-u-Zain], upon whom be all the most glorious splendor of God, observe with his radiant gaze:

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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested through wisdom, revealed His Cause through wisdom, commanded all through wisdom, and made victory to reside in utterance and wisdom. Exalted is the Lord of wisdom and the Manifestor of wisdom, Who hath made it sharper than swords, more penetrating than spears, and more piercing than arrows. Praise be to God Who, when He was established upon the throne in the garden named Ridvan, uttered three decisive verses: by the first He abolished the law of the sword and established in its place mention and utterance; by the second He manifested all names unto all things. Exalted is the Creator of heaven Who spoke that whereby the earth and all therein were attracted, save those who clung to what they possessed and cast away what was with God, the Lord of all mankind. I pray, offer salutations, and glorify those who acted according to what they were commanded and followed what God revealed in the scriptures and tablets. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The servant hath attained to that which shone forth from the horizon of your pen, which moveth only to celebrate the praise and glory of God, to manifest His Cause and exalt His Word. When my heart was illumined by that radiant light, I approached the seat of the throne. When I arrived, I presented what was in your letter. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the kingdom of utterance - and verily He is the proof for all who dwell in the realm of possibility - saying, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Wronged One!

O My Name! Be thou ready to hearken unto the call of thy Lord. Verily, the Self-Subsisting remembereth thee with the most exalted remembrance, the Beloved calleth thee with the sweetest call, He Who is

remembered mentioneth thee with the most glorious mention, and the Desired One turneth toward thee with His face that endureth after the passing of all things. Exalted is the Lord of Names Who, when established upon the throne, uttered a word whereby the earth and all therein were shaken, save every heedless one who clung to an idol among idols. Say: O people of Iran! The All-Merciful hath come to draw you nigh and teach you what behooveth man. You turned away and denied until you pronounced judgment against Him by Whom the eyes of the messengers whom God sent unto His servants were solaced. Say: He commanded you to goodness, but you chose evil, and there appeared from you that which caused the trees to lament. Say: By God! The Interlocutor of the Mount hath come! He is the One promised unto you in the scriptures and tablets. Say: Beware lest your conditions prevent you from God, the Lord of lords. Leave what you possess and hold fast to that which the Mother Book hath uttered before all faces, as a command from God, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. O Zain! Glorify on My behalf those among My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have drunk the choice wine of My mercy from the hand of My bounty. Then command them according to what hath been sent down from the heaven of My will and the kingdom of My purpose. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have counseled them with wisdom and with that which will elevate their stations in the contingent world. Say: Be ye God's trustees on earth and the emblems of His remembrance amidst mankind. Consort with all people in a spirit of joy and fragrance, such that no heart be saddened by you nor the hearts of those whom God hath created by His command be troubled. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O My loved ones in Al-Hadba and other lands! By the life of God, the Supreme Pen hath turned toward you and maketh mention of you with the most glorious remembrance, revealing unto you the pearls from the ocean of your Lord's wisdom, the Lord of all days. Blessed is he for whom God hath ordained a portion of that which hath appeared from the ocean of His grace, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have recognized the decree of the Beginning and the Return.

O Zayn! God willing, thou shalt be illumined and radiant through divine grace. Praise be to God that thou hast not been negligent in serving the Cause and spreading the divine verses. This station is most exalted. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing.

O Zayn of the near ones! We have summoned all servants to the highest horizon and guided them to the divine ocean of knowledge. Likewise, We have commanded all to aid the Cause, and We have mentioned with clearest utterance the assistance that hath been revealed in the divine words. Nevertheless, it is observed that some are heedless of the meaning of assistance and what God hath intended thereby, that is, they have not understood. A hundred thousand regrets that the people of Baha are still unaware! Some have interpreted and continue to interpret assistance according to their own desires, although from the Supreme Pen countless times hath this most glorious word been revealed: The assistance of God's Cause hath been and is through wisdom and utterance, not through violence and corruption. We have forbidden all from conflict and corruption, yet they have not desisted, for they are unaware of the purpose. And souls who arise for God's sake and remind the people are and have been rare. Therefore, most remain in their own vain imaginings.

Inform the people of Nun and Jim of the divine commandments. All must hold fast to that which the Truth uttereth and must prefer God's Will to their own will and know God's Purpose to be sovereign and paramount over their purpose. At times the Truth, exalted be His glory, with a single word subdues and conquers the world. Whosoever hath been blessed to read the Surih of Ra'is and its like becometh somewhat aware of divine power. And at times when they cause harm to the Self of Truth, the Truth is seen to remain quiet and patient. All matters proceed according to wisdom, but since the servants are unaware, they are sometimes content and sometimes complainant.

In this Most Great Revelation, the decree of the sword, corruption, conflict, disputation and the like have been strictly forbidden in the Book. If today someone should manifest evil intent toward the Wronged One, We would certainly not oppose him. In this Revelation, the ocean of loving-kindness is surging, the sea of grace is manifest, and the sun of generosity is shining. Some of the friends in the land of Nun and Jim are unaware of these stations. Convey greetings to them from the Truth and explain the meaning of assistance so that all may become aware of what is beloved in God's sight. Although the hearts of the loved ones are wounded by the deeds of the oppressors - indeed the serpent and the wolf have committed that which hath caused the Messenger to lament in the most exalted Paradise, and the Holy Maiden in the highest Heaven, and the Supreme Pen in this most glorious station - nevertheless, obedience to God's command and submission to His ordinances are necessary and obligatory. All ears and eyes must be attentive to see what will appear from the horizon of the Cause.

Let eyes be watchful to see what will appear from the horizon of the Cause and what command will issue from the Tongue of Grandeur. If anyone should commit that which is contrary to the will of God and His manifest command, the injury thereof will revert upon the Truth Itself. Should anyone today harass or injure any of God's enemies, he hath not aided the Truth and will not be accounted among its helpers in the Book, for he hath acted against God's command and moreover hath caused injury to the Truth and His loved ones. All matters are conditional upon the confirmation and acceptance of the Truth. O My loved ones! Set aside whatsoever ye wish and desire, and take what ye are commanded by God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Place your trust in God concerning what hath come upon you and hold fast to patience and forbearance. This is better for you, as His wise Book doth testify.

Some time ago, in answer to one of the friends who imagined he was rendering assistance but who in reality was causing harm to the Cause, these exalted words were revealed from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His words, exalted be His grandeur: Beware, beware lest thou do what thou wrote at the end of thy letter. These are the deeds of the ignorant and the acts of the heedless. I swear by the Most Great Name that if any of the friends should injure anyone, it is as though he hath injured the Truth Itself. Conflict, disputation, corruption, murder and the like have been strictly forbidden in God's Book. Turn unto God in repentance for what thou didst intend, then return unto Him and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word to ordain for me the word of forgiveness, for I have intended in my soul that which Thou didst not desire and which Thou didst forbid in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to remit my evil deeds and immerse me in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Every injustice manifested by an oppressor - leave him to the Truth Itself. The hand of divine justice is all-encompassing and all-pervasive. There is no need for corruption, conflict, disputation, murder and pillage. The victory of the Cause hath been and will be through utterance, and anything else stems from the promptings of self. God protect us and you, O concourse of those who have turned unto Him.

Many such exalted words have been revealed in these days so that all the friends may become aware of the divine will and not commit that which would cause harm to God's Cause and injury to His chosen ones and holy ones. Verily He knoweth and judgeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Regarding what you wrote about him who ascended to the Supreme Companion and what remained of him - these matters were presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: "We have accepted this and have entrusted it to Zein. He may do with it as he pleaseth." He also said: "The luminous countenance - upon him be My glory and My light - We have likewise entrusted to Zein." Both matters have been accepted and are referred to you. The Command is in His hand, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

As to what you mentioned concerning Aqa Muhammad Husayn, mention of him had previously been made in the Most Holy Court, and a most mighty and impenetrable Tablet specially revealed for him from the heaven of loving-kindness was dispatched along with Tablets for the land of H, which were sent from the direction of the land of Qaf. God willing, he will attain unto these. And again mention of him was made in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth and appeared from the horizon of grace. God willing, he will attain unto these glad-tidings.

Likewise mention of Aqa 'Abdu'l-Vahhab was made in the Most Exalted Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth in the Kingdom of Utterance:

He is the Most Great!

O Vahhab! The Wronged One Who hath spoken forth what He was commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds, maketh mention of thee. The world hath been illumined by the Luminary of Revelation, and yet most of the people are heedless. Among them are those who heard and denied, those who saw and turned away, and those who turned with clear certitude toward God. Blessed is the heart that hath attained unto recognition and the eye that hath beheld His luminous horizon. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause in such wise that the intimations of the polytheists deter thee not. Act in accordance with what thou hast been commanded in the Book of God. He will aid thee and be with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

He is the Most Holy!

We make mention of him who was named with Alif and Qaf (Aqa Jan), that he may hear what was heard by the ears of them who are nigh, who have cast the world behind them and turned with clear certitude toward the Lord of Eternity. These are servants whom neither swords deterred nor arrows frightened in this firm and wise Cause. When thou attainest unto the Book of thy Lord, take hold of it with such strength as is vouchsafed by God, the Strong, the Mighty. This is a Day wherein fruits have appeared and mysteries been revealed, and yet most of the people remain heedless. This is the Day of Recompense, and yet most of mankind remain turned away. Blessed is he who turned toward God when the Call was

raised from His noble station. The glory shining forth from the horizon of grace be upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Great.

And as to what was written concerning Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth:

He is the One Who speaketh the truth!

O Muhammad-Javad! Verily We behold the two matters in the two most evident mysteries: once We made mention of the land of Sad in that which caused the world to smile, and once in that which caused the Lord of nations to lament. Observe then the mercy of God and His grace, and what the serpent hath wrought. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O land of Sad! We counsel thee regarding the trusts of God and His chosen ones. Thus did We counsel thee aforetime when My Most Exalted Pen moved and lamented over what befell the Cause at the hands of them that wronged and denied the right of God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Say: O My loved ones! Sorrows have overtaken you by reason of what hath befallen you. Rejoice ye this day in that the countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward you from His most exalted horizon and maketh mention of you in that which caused the hearts of the sincere ones to be attracted. Thus hath My tongue spoken forth in My Kingdom of utterance as a token of My grace, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have migrated in My path and borne hardships in My love, and upon every assured and steadfast one.

Concerning the two maidservants about whom you wrote, regarding what they had done, this was presented at the Most Holy Court. No response issued forth from the Dayspring of the Cause, and they commanded to present another matter. Therefore this servant is uncertain whether they will later be blessed with the word of forgiveness or not. The Command is in the hand of God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding the matter of the departed wife of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, which you wrote about - this was presented. He, exalted be His grandeur, said: "Verily she hath attained unto forgiveness. We made mention of her before with beautiful remembrance." Now she is free from the turbidities of this dust-laden world and, with utmost joy and fragrance, is dwelling and moving in the Supreme Horizon. Upon her be the Glory of God, His mercy, His praise and His remembrance. End quote.

And likewise, concerning Karbila'i Aqa Jan, these clear verses were sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered[…]

O Letter Qaf between the two Alifs! Hearken unto the Call of the Meeting Place of the Two Seas from these two Most Exalted Names, at whose appearance the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split open, the Cry was raised in truth, and every firm pillar was shaken. Through them the Qaim appeared and gave glad tidings to the people of the Qayyum, at Whose manifestation the birds warbled upon the trees. God hath come with a Cause before which all the hosts of the earth combined cannot stand. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His mighty prison. Say: Through My Name the Kingdom of Names

appeared, and through My Call the Call was raised from the Dawning-Place of Glory, and by My Command all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom We preserved, rescued and delivered. And I am verily the Powerful over what I will, and I am the Mighty. Thus were the hosts of revelation arrayed in the form of words in these lines which have appeared in this luminous Tablet. When thou attainest unto My Book, rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

Whatever wealth they plundered in the land of Sad, and from every drop of blood that was unjustly shed in that land, countless beings have perished and continue to perish. Likewise, slumber hath not overtaken and will not overtake the wealth of Truth - it is ever wakeful and aware. Assuredly shall the oppressors be tormented by the fruits of their deeds. From the manifestation of one deed of Ubaidullah the Second, there appeared and was committed that which Ubaidullah the First had shunned. Lo! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Nothing hath appeared or will appear without cause and effect. Consider how many souls have perished and how many towns and dwellings have returned to dust and are now seen as barren plains. This is the portion today, and what shall come to pass hereafter God alone knoweth. Think not that the loved ones who were slain amid this by the swords of oppressors were lost. I swear by the Sun of the Kingdom of Truth that every soul among the friends of God who in that event drank the cup of martyrdom ascended to the Supreme Horizon and now dwelleth at rest beneath the canopies of God's mercy. Were those stations to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would cry out "Would that I had been with them!" And every friend who suffered outward loss - that was and is complete gain. The people of Baha have been and are in magnificent gain. If in any day of days and time of times, some loss should occur in accordance with divine wisdom's requirements, one must not grieve over it. God will assuredly adorn it with the ornament of supreme gain. Verily He is the Truth, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As you wrote stating that His honor Aqa 'Azizu'llah from the Land of Kha had requested that you mention him in the Most Holy Court and seek bounties on behalf of the friends in the Land of Kha - Mulla 'Ali, Aqa Mirza Kazim, Aqa Khudadad, Aqa Shahvardi and others, upon them be the Glory of God - all were mentioned in the Most Holy Court. In these days especially, from the heaven of Will, Most Holy Tablets have been revealed for each one, and likewise exalted and wondrous verses concerning the loved ones of the Land of Kha have flowed from the Supreme Pen. Now two posts specifically for the Land of Kha have gone, and another will go this week, and likewise next week or the week after. Yes, previously there were delays for some time, through His wisdom, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They commanded that His honor Zayn should give them glad tidings of the Tablets and what was revealed for them.

Furthermore, regarding those two handmaidens who after being mentioned were not blessed with the expression of favor, at this time the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke these words: "O thou servant who art present, We once declared to His honor Zayn that if he were to intercede for even the most wretched of people, We would accept it. Therefore divine forgiveness encompassed their condition. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous." [It is submitted that truly their deeds were most reprehensible. It was purely through kindness to that honored one that the word of forgiveness was heard from the mouth of the All-Merciful's grace. His is the praise and favor. Furthermore,]

[They commanded to write to His honor Zayn that he should observe great wisdom. The power of Islam has begun to weaken. This has not been and is not except due to the heedlessness of the heedless ones and the oppression of the oppressors. No one has attempted to remedy it and what is worse, they have not even understood the cause of the weakness. In their vain imaginings they have increased their ignorant zeal and useless prejudices. Therefore great care must be taken. Some people are introduced in the name of friendship, love and acceptance so they may become informed of the Cause. In any case, they have placed and do place spies. All friends should observe wisdom. They should not believe every speaker, accept every seeker, trust every newcomer, or reveal to every flatterer. Thus does the Wronged One counsel His loved ones and friends out of His grace.]

[In these matters great care must be taken. If they would observe with the eye of fairness and keep in view the side of truth, all would approach this Most Exalted Cause with complete humility. But since they soar on the wing of passion and look with the eye of tyranny, therefore the veiling of signs and tokens is most fitting and appropriate. Now they know the pain for they see it, but they are heedless of the Physician and remedy. They have considered pure justice as oppression and pure good as evil. Thus have their souls seduced them while they perceive not.]

O Ali-Akbar! The Speaker of Sinai in this Dispensation hath spoken thus: “Glory is not his who loveth his country, but glory is his who loveth the world.” This utterance hath, ere this, shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God’s holy Tablet. Well is it with them that comprehend! O Ali, make all aware that they may discover and understand the true meaning of assistance as revealed in God’s Book from the heaven of His Will. Let them not consider corruption to be reform, nor count murder and plunder among the means of rendering aid. True assistance is through utterance and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Under all conditions, exert your utmost effort that the fragrance of discord may be wholly dispelled and the sun of unity and concord may shine forth from the horizons of hearts. God willing, the fruits of this endeavor shall appear and its effects become manifest through earnest striving.

O Zein! In these special days a most wondrous and impregnable Tablet was revealed and sent to the aforementioned soul. God willing, may he attain to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and may he achieve true martyrdom in this divine Day. Convey to him My glad-tidings and mention unto him that which My tongue hath uttered in the kingdom of My utterance.

As for what thou didst write concerning Haji Kazem, Mirza Hassan and Aqa Ali, upon them be the Glory of God, this is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken:

He is the Most Holy

O Kazem! Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One, and this mighty, impregnable Tablet hath been revealed for thee. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee now as a favor from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Grieve not over anything. Rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen remembereth thee from this sublime station. Today, every soul must engage in service to the Cause, and the service and triumph of the Cause hath been and shall ever be teaching, as well as unity and harmony among the loved ones, and showing consideration and fellowship toward one another. O Kazem! Hold fast unto that which God hath desired, for it is better for thee than that which thou desirest. Thy Lord is indeed the All-

Wise, the All-Informed. God willing, mayest thou be occupied in service to God's Cause with supreme steadfastness. Today this service taketh precedence over all deeds. Thus doth the Clear Book command thee. O Kazem! We make mention of the Kazem who was martyred in My path and sacrificed his soul for love of Me. By God's life! He hath attained to a station whose description hath left the tongues of the mystics powerless.

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Hassan! There hath befallen this Name that which caused Hussein to lament in the Most Exalted Kingdom and made the eyes of the denizens of Paradise to shed tears, yet the wrongdoers are in evident joy. Soon shall the breezes of chastisement from God, the Lord of all worlds, overtake them. Blessed is the visitor who visiteth him and the seeker who seeketh his holy resting place. We make mention of him and his brother as a favor from Us, and We are the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing. God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine favors and act according to that which God hath desired. Given the upheaval in these realms, pilgrimage to this land is not advisable. Trusting in God, remain occupied with the mention of the Beloved of all possibility in the lands of Iran. He recordeth for those who hold fast to goodness the reward of them that have attained. Glory be upon those who have hearkened to My call and acted according to that which was commanded by Me.

In the name of the Peerless Lord, the All-Knowing

O Ali! My name Zain mentioned thee, and the Supreme Pen hath turned toward thee from this Most Glorious Station that perchance thou mayest be set ablaze by the fire of divine love in such wise that thou mayest become freed from thine own will and desire and wish, and hold fast unto the Will of God. With utmost joy and fragrance, busy thyself with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. To turn towards these lands is contrary to wisdom. Whosoever is with God, God shall be with him. This is the unique pearl of the ocean of knowledge: "Be thou for Me that I may be for thee." Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and rendered thanks.

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Beware lest thy desire prevent thee from the Will of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily He knoweth, judgeth, seeth and remembereth. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Be thou as one extinct before the manifestations of His Cause and content with what God hath ordained in the Book. It behooveth thee to move by My Will and walk in My Path. Thus doth the Revealer of verses teach thee. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee these verses whereby the horizons have been illumined. By the life of God! All that hath been created on earth cannot equal one word thereof. He Who hath spoken beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Chosen One.

And regarding what thou didst mention about Mulla Alijan, upon him be the glory of God, God willing whatever hath been revealed in these stations along with the two pages of questions concerning the Most Holy Book and the Book of Prayers shall be sent. At present this servant is engaged outside the city in the presence of His Countenance, and what hath been revealed in these stations is not at hand.

Concerning what thou didst write about Haji Muhammad who is among the relatives of the honored guest, upon her be the glory of God, it hath been presented and there hath been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur that which sufficeth him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm. The servant conveyeth greetings unto him and giveth him glad-tidings of the favors of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what thou didst mention about the wife of Muhammad-Qabli-Ali, upon him be the glory of God, it hath been presented before His Countenance and the Desired One hath answered in such wise that all the tongues of the world have become submissive to it and the Pen hath moved upon it from time immemorial. And this is a mention that appeareth thus; otherwise, what have I to do with mentioning one whom none among all created things hath known? Exalted, exalted is He above my description and the description of those above me. Give that leaf glad-tidings of God's mention.

The servant hath attained the presence and presented that which was submitted by him who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq. When the Desired One heard it, He spoke - and His utterance is the sweetest - "Blessed is he for having spoken with kindness and mentioned that which was befitting to mention. Joy be unto him and unto whosoever hath turned unto him in the path of God." O Zain! Such deeds as these are most beloved in the sight of the Wronged One. Convey My greetings unto them both and give them glad-tidings of My mention. Say: "O My servant, upon thee be My glory! O Hasan! Thou hast heard and acted upon what the Tongue of God spoke aforetime in His words 'Do good as God hath dealt well with thee.'" We make mention of the loved ones of God in that place and convey Our greetings unto them, and We pray for those who have held fast unto righteousness and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book. Give them glad-tidings and remind them. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

Another submission: since a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been specifically revealed from the heaven of God's will for his honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, this servant did not presume further, and surely this excuse is acceptable. We beseech the Most High to assist us in serving His Cause in all conditions. Mention of self-effacement and nothingness from this servant is suspended and contingent upon your honor's favors. God willing, may all drink from the ocean of divine knowledge with utmost joy and gladness, with certitude and assurance, and be occupied with the mention of the Peerless Friend. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who hearken to your words and your utterance in the Cause of God, the Lord of existence.

Another submission regarding His Holiness Ismu'llah-i-A?daq, upon him be, from all glory, its most glorious: This Most Holy, Most Exalted utterance was revealed at this time, His mighty and glorious Word: "Verily We make mention of Our Name, the Most Truthful, who traveled through the lands until he attained the presence at the Gate and heard what Moses heard on the Mount of Knowledge from the tongue of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he and blessed is he who maketh mention of him through that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen from God, the Cleaver of the dawn and the Lord of Names." End.

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The esteemed beloved, His Holiness the Name 66 [Allah] Zein - upon him be all the glory of God, the Most Glorious - may take note:

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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause, perfected His proof, and completed His testimony in such wise that the dwellers of the realms of might and the denizens of the kingdom have borne witness thereto. Blessed is he who hath been just in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory, and blessed is the learned one who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed is the one endued with understanding who hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of all things.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Aid Thy servants unto that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and will cause them to recognize that which will profit them in Thy worlds. O Lord! The suns of understanding have been eclipsed by the veils that have come between Thee and them from Thy creation, and the moons of acknowledgment have been darkened by the clouds that have come between Thee and them from Thy creatures. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy tribulation after Thy power to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will purify the eyes of Thy servants and cause to grow in their hearts the roses of equity concerning Thy Cause and Thy Manifestation. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou hast willed and dominant over whatsoever Thou hast created. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And thereafter, His Holiness's letter dated the first of Jamadi'l-Avval transformed the smoke of sorrow into the light of joy, for in these days successive letters indicating the arrest of the friends of God, exalted be His glory, had arrived from His Holiness the Name of God - upon him be all glory most glorious - and his honor, the beloved of the heart, 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar - upon him be the glory of God, Lord of Power. However, all correspondence before and after spoke of the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of the Cause without any veil or covering. Both from His Highness the noble prince and likewise from another prince, satisfaction was expressed. They attended multiple gatherings and recited some of the verses and passages. As soon as His Holiness the Name of God learned that His Highness the Crown Prince, the Regent, was seeking him, he himself wrote and sent a letter to him, the substance of which was: "I have heard that you have summoned this servant. I am at your service and will present myself whenever you specify." Subsequently, His Highness the Most Noble received him with utmost love at the appointed time. All manner of subjects were discussed and the meeting passed in complete joy and delight. Similarly, another meeting took place, and with his honor 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar - upon him be the glory of God - repeated meetings were held and detailed discussion of divine verses and evidences occurred. The true effect and fruit of this is not known. This much became clear and evident to them: that God, exalted be His glory, has in this Most Great Revelation strictly forbidden killing, plunder, corruption, and conflict and contention in the Book. However, the ignorant ones of that land who are known as divines

arose in clamor. The dust of their suppositions and imaginings surrounded that holy and blessed city. Glory be to God! Until when will they turn away and object and say what they do not understand and speak of what they do not comprehend? The cause and reason for these matters in the first instance was the lack of observance of wisdom. His Holiness the Wronged One, meaning the Name of God - upon him be all glory most glorious - in correspondence sent to this servant has greatly complained about the unwisdom shown in the Land of ?a. In one letter he wrote that "this servant was invited to a place, but upon arrival it was observed that fifty or sixty of the friends were gathered. I said: 'Have you not heard of wisdom, that it has been ordained that gatherings should not exceed nine persons?' Similarly, other gatherings were observed. If I did not attend it would cause offense. When I went, it was observed that the word of wisdom had no effect and the number exceeded the known rule." And he wrote: "Praise be to God, the Land of ?a is adorned with the presence of the chosen ones, the saints and the beloved, and all are enkindled with the fire of love. The only thing observed contrary to this was that they did not observe wisdom, and out of complete sincerity, they would consider anyone who claimed belief to be a believer and confidant." As such, one of the hypocrites, claiming belief, attended gatherings and assemblies and afterwards related all details to his chief, who has returned to hell.

And afterward all details were conveyed to their chief who has returned to hell, and that wicked one became the cause of uproar and corruption, issuing a decree for the shedding of pure blood. However, the hand of God's wrath gave him no respite and returned him to the worst abode, that is, to the lowest of the low. Nevertheless, his like have not been warned, and the uproar has grown more intense. In all ages and centuries, the ignorant ones who were known by the name of learned have been the cause and source of corruption. His Holiness Ismu'llah had written that the government was in no way interfering, but the clamor of the ignorant has risen to such a degree that the state is compelled to arrest and imprison. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to awaken those who sleep, grant sight to the blind, bestow awareness to the heedless, and adorn the learned of the age with fairness. In truth, these people have been and continue to be sightless, heedless, sleeping, ignorant, agitators, corrupters and oppressors. God protect us and you from the evil of these people who have sought to extinguish the light of God in every age, as attested by traditions and accounts, and beyond them the Book of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect the Wronged One and all who are wronged from the evil of oppressive, treacherous, and deceitful souls. Verily, He has power over all things. This was a summary of the events in the Land of Ta that was submitted. Surely His Holiness has by now been informed of the events in that land.

Concerning what you wrote about the Feast in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory, and the marriage ceremony - praise be to God, it has been accepted with favor. He says, and His sweetest utterance is: "O Zayn, God willing, may you be a pillar of the House of Justice." And the dawning-place of the manifestation of Rida Ismu'llah and Ali-Qabli-Akbar and a group of friends are caught in the claws of hatred. Although outwardly the state authorities have shown consideration and tolerance and have conducted themselves with love, yet the uproar of the ignorant, namely the clergy, has risen with wickedness and audacity. It behooves you to beseech God, your Lord, night and day to protect His loved ones and chosen ones from the evil of those who have denied the rights of God, before and after.

You know the Shi'ih clergy - despite the ignorance that encompasses their outer and inner being, they are so proud that they count themselves the highest, most learned, most ascetic and most God-fearing among the peoples of the earth. May God destroy them! Blessed is My Name who spoke the truth, and he who spoke before him and after him, and he who was named Ali-Qabli-Akbar in thy Lord's Book, and he who was named Rida in the Kingdom of Names, and he who returned from prison, and those who were imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon them and upon My loved ones in the Hunchbacked [City] and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

These days news has arrived that some have been released. A letter has arrived from his honor Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, wherein it is written that they have requested from the friends a covenant not to gather in meetings. Whatever news has outwardly arrived, from before and after, has been submitted so that His Holiness may be informed. However, the true news and real knowledge is with our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

As regards Ali and his brother Haydar, upon them be the Glory of God and the Rights of God, concerning which you wrote, these matters were submitted and He said: "We magnify Ali and beseech God the Most High to aid him in that which He loves and is pleased with. We remember his brother and counsel him with that which God has revealed in the Book. Blessed is he who holds fast to God's commandments and trusts in Him in all conditions. Verily you have spoken the truth, and others should follow in your footsteps. Blessed is he who has heard and responded to his Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

It is most evident and clear that payment of the Rights of God has been and will always be the cause of bounty, blessing, honor and protection. Blessed is he who has recognized and acknowledged, and woe unto the deniers. This applies when one acts with complete joy and fragrance and desire to fulfill the laws of the Book. It is incumbent upon you to enjoin what is right. Whoso hearkens, it shall be to his own benefit, and whoso turns away, verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

Regarding what you wrote about the basis for the Rights of God, this servant has previously mentioned it. As for Haydar, since you mentioned him, half of those Rights were bestowed upon him and the other half should be delivered to you, after which its decree will be issued. This too is beloved, provided it occurs with joy and fragrance; otherwise even its mention is not permitted.

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O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand are the destinies of all existence! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to cause me in all circumstances to hold fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy knowledge nor to disappoint me from the lights of the suns of Thy favors. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

O Ali! Beseech God that He may draw thee to such a station wherein the clamor of men and the oppression of those in the land shall not prevent thee from Him. Today the limbs of the world are trembling and the tribes of the earth are quaking and disturbed. The recompense of the unseemly deeds of various peoples hath encompassed them. In every land He appeareth with a different name and manifesteth Himself in a different form. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him. Verily He heareth and respondeth, and He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Let His Honor write and send forth these words that perchance the fragrances of the perfumed garment may be diffused and that fragrance may become the cause of guidance and may draw the heedless people to the ocean of awareness. His Honor Mulla Alijan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful, hath been the cause of the exaltation of the Word in the land of M. Praise be to God that they have been blessed with this great bounty. Repeatedly their mention was heard from the Blessed Tongue and numerous Tablets were sent. God willing, through the light of their sincerity, souls that are firm, steadfast, content and well-pleasing will appear in those regions and will arise to educate the people, so that all may become free and detached from corruption, conflict and bestial traits, and may be adorned with human virtues. The people are unaware and have entertained corrupt imaginings about the Cause of God. If they would truly sanctify themselves from self and passion and turn their attention to the Will of God, exalted be His glory, all would turn in complete humility, submissiveness, resignation and contentment, would cleave unto His Holiness the Well-Known One and would turn away from all else. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, the Bestower, the Giver, to answer this supplication. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

Your Honor's second letter, which was dated the 16th of Jamadi'l-Avval, brought joy to the heart and gladness to the breast. God willing, may the breeze of your pen never cease and may it ever continue to waft and diffuse its fragrance. Regarding what was mentioned about the horse colt and its price, it shall be carried out and implemented exactly as has been arranged and as Your Honor has written. In any case, the matter is referred to Your Honor, and likewise the small remaining sum.

And regarding what you wrote about His Honor Mulla Ahmad A.T., upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken: Verily We make mention of him who was named Ahmad, who turned toward the Wronged One aforetime, and We mention him now with such a mention as is not equaled by aught that pertaineth to the world and its conditions, and We counsel him with that which behooveth man and that whereby the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be manifested. O Ahmad! Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. No one should proceed to the Prison except with His permission. Verily He commandeth every seeker according to what is best for him. To this testifieth every discerning one who hath knowledge. Be thou aflame with the fire of the love of thy Lord and occupied with that which profiteth thee and those servants of God who may come unto thee from among the assured ones. In all circumstances be thou mindful of wisdom and say […]

O God of the land and sea and whatsoever is therein! I beseech Thee by the Repository of Thy knowledge, the Wellspring of Thy command, the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, to preserve me from all that Thou hast forbidden in Thy Book and to strengthen me in that which Thou

hast commanded through Thy decree. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, setting my face toward the horizon of Thy grace, the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no decree can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

According to His command, should they return and engage in that which is reckoned as worship, it would be most beloved and still is. How many souls have turned toward the divine Kaaba from distant paths, yet after bearing hardships and difficulties were not counted among the pilgrims in the sight of God; and how many have remained in their homes yet attained the outpouring grace of the True One. The Command is in His hands and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous. This servant conveys greetings to them and seeks divine confirmation for them. In all circumstances they must hold fast to wisdom, for the people have not found the fragrance of utterance and are deprived and forbidden from the ocean of knowledge. They interpret the words of God's loved ones and chosen ones according to their own desires and engage in dispute and conflict. They have taken as guides those who are unworthy of mention, and have considered the Dawning-Place of God's names as one who leads astray. By God's life! Were they to understand, they would lament, but consummate wisdom has been veiled from them and revealed to others. Blessed are they who have attained, and woe unto those who have denied God's favor, the Lord of all worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about the leaf, the wife of His Holiness the Exalted One, Aqa Siyyid Abu-?alib, whom the Most Exalted Pen hath mentioned, it was presented, as were his verses and expressions of gratitude, praise and glorification. Blessed is she! Once these sublime words were heard from the Blessed Tongue: The loved ones of Truth must be mindful of the relatives of His Holiness the Exalted One, who was named Abu-?alib, and consider their care obligatory. Verily he hath a station in the Book. O Zayn! Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee and will love thee and hearkeneth unto thy word. We have found thee grateful, patient, content in hardship and ease, in calamity and tribulation. Thou art he who hath aided thy Lord with thy tongue, thy hand, thy pen and thy sight. He hath adorned thee with the ornament of forgiveness and ordained for thee that which hath made the countenance of creation beam with joy. Were what hath been ordained for thee to be revealed, thou wouldst behold the world in manifest gladness. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. O Zayn! Convey My greetings to My handmaiden whom thou hast mentioned and to those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. We counsel her and every handmaiden who hath believed in sanctification, detachment, trustworthiness, truthfulness and fidelity. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven.

Concerning the mention made of Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, from the people of Ham, they had mentioned Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad and Aqa Mahmud and their degrees of recognition - these matters were presented. Thus surgeth the Most Great Sea. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing.

O Muhammad! All servants have sought knowledge and understanding, and pursued the cities of wisdom and utterance. When the blessed and goodly City appeared and the Nightingale of Faithfulness warbled upon the branch of eternity with the Most Exalted Word, all turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. They have regarded the Dayspring of divine unity as one with the people of polytheism,

and have mistaken the River of divine wisdom for a mirage. They cling to fancy and idle imaginings, deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of certitude. The fruits of the servants' deeds have appeared in the form of cannons, rifles and swords, as all have seen and heard. Each day a new affliction appeareth and a fresh severity is witnessed. The wronged community is observed beneath the lashes of the heedless. The earth hath become strait unto them despite its vastness. Beseech ye God to illumine their eyes and grant them attentive ears, that perchance they may return unto the truth and attain the ornament of forgiveness. Until now, they have not known and do not know the cause and reason for this great abasement. We beseech the Exalted One to make them aware and teach them, and aid them to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. If thou findest a friend, convey My greetings and salutations and say: Arise and make good what hath escaped thee. Verily, the Wronged One summoneth all unto the Supreme Horizon and counseleth them with that which draweth them nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Zein! Give glad tidings to all who turn unto My turning unto Him, to all who remember My remembrance of Him, and to all who are attracted by My attraction to His countenance. Say: Fear not, neither be ye sorrowful. Answer Him Who calleth you unto goodness, forbiddeth wrong, and counseleth you with that which profiteth you in every world of the worlds of your All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord. Two souls have been mentioned. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them and grant them the greatest steadfastness. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Your honor must observe great wisdom. The sending of letters to those regions, namely the land of S-L and the City, is not permissible except by chance, for they are exceedingly fanatical and heedless of the essence of knowledge. It seemeth the zeal of the Age of Ignorance hath raised its banner in those lands and established its dominion there. However, since they have attained the presence and been perfumed by the breezes of grace and the fragrance of the Garment, assuredly the effects thereof shall later become manifest and the fruits of the planted trees shall appear. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to what was asked concerning the nine stations of the manifest verses, they said that his honor Zein, upon him be My glory, should reflect, and he will attain to the purpose.

And your other letter, dated the 15th of Jumada'th-Thani, through its wondrous breath made fresh and verdant this ailing frame. This servant beseecheth his Lord to recompense your honor with the best of rewards and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. This is a prayer which hath in truth already been answered, as your honor and this servant bear witness, and behind us our Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Regarding what you wrote about the attention of His Holiness Ism-i-66 [Allah], the Beauty - upon Him be all Glory of Glories - praise be to God, through the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, he arrived safe and sound with his family and children in the Most Great Prison. Later, a special place near the well-known palace was designated specifically for them, and that place is connected to the palace. Now, praise be to God, they reside in the vicinity and are blessed with the honor of attaining His presence. How pleasant, wholesome and blessed this is for him. Upon his first arrival, He inquired about his condition. None but God knows the measure and extent of His favors. The whole world has been and remains

incapable of limiting it. All must give thanks to Him throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

As for the mention of Aqa Muhammad Kazim, Aqa Muhammad and the son of Jinab-i-'Ali Nur - upon them be the glory of God - it was conveyed, and this is what the Beloved uttered: "We send them greetings and praise, and We beseech God to open before their faces the gates of goodness and blessings, and to send down upon them that which will gladden their hearts and bring tranquility to their souls. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

O My Name! The True One, exalted be His glory, has been and is the Trustworthy, the All-Informed. He has known and knows His loved ones, and whatever He deems expedient, He causes to flow and appear. Nothing escapes His knowledge. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answering. O Zayn! In this Most Great Revelation, the True One, exalted be His glory, has in every instance seized the oppressors and transgressors. Nevertheless, no one has become aware. Observe what occurred in the great city and the land of ?ad, and likewise in the land of ?a, where He seized with His conquering power the source of evil and its manifestation - namely Siyyid ?adiq - and similarly another soul. Yet all are observed to be heedless and veiled. And He will seize yet another soul. Verily, He has power over all things. In no age has there occurred what has occurred in this Revelation. The abominable and displeasing deeds of the people have prevented them from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Continuously does the Herald call out and the cry is raised above heads. What cry could be greater than the seizure of the mentioned evil one - namely the liar who was called truthful? Wonder upon wonder! In any case, since mercy has taken precedence, beseech the True One to guide the misguided to the straight path, to awaken the heedless, and not to deprive them from the ocean of His favors.

We make mention at the end of the Tablet of My Most Truthful Name and My Holy Servant who has attained to that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Another matter to submit is regarding the daughter of Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-'Ali - upon him be the glory of God. For more than two years he has been seeking permission to bring her, until in this instance permission was granted and he was informed by telegraph. All these matters must, according to the Command, occur in accordance with the Divine Book. Blessed is he who fulfills God's covenant and acts according to what He has commanded in His Clear Book.

And likewise regarding the daughter of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God: Last year the mother of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, came to this servant and requested that something be written. Since no word indicating this matter had been heard from the Most Holy Presence, it was therefore delayed until this time when it was honored with the adorning of permission and they sent word to Tel, and this matter was accepted in His presence. And she has also taken a place near the mansion which is good for both parties in every way. We beseech God to unite them and draw them near to Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The people of the Name of God "Jamal" have, in service to the Haram, conveyed a word from the wife of Jinab-i-Shatir Husayn regarding his daughter, and that word was presented before His presence.

According to His command: if she wishes to proceed to the Most Holy Court in accompaniment with the daughter of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, there is no objection. All these matters must, according to His command, be carried out with spirit and fragrance and means and contentment. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Oft-Returning, the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Generous.

And likewise according to His command, they should write with wisdom and utterance to certain quarters regarding the Huquq, that which is the cause of confirmation of the servants, that perchance they may be enabled to act according to what the All-Bestowing One hath revealed in the Book. And of whatever is received, half should be given to the friends of God in that land. And previously it was commanded that funds be sent to that quarter. It is strange that until now they have not arrived. The servant beseecheth his Lord to send down upon the beloved ones of the All-Merciful and its captives that which will make them wealthy in His lands and chosen ones among His creation. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Another submission: Previously according to His command it was written regarding the Book that one volume should be sent to Jinab-i-Aqa Shahvirdi, upon him be the Glory of God. Until now news of its receipt has not arrived. And likewise Jinab-i-Haji Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, has given ten tumans so that His Holiness might write and send some of the wondrous verses specifically for him. If a copy of the book which the beloved Jinab-i-Nazim, upon him be the Glory of God, was carrying could be written and sent specifically for him, it would be most beloved. God willing it will arrive soon, as Jinab-i-Shahvirdi has repeatedly expressed this. Although this evanescent one knows that His Holiness is occupied and has not had and does not have opportunity beyond what he has already done, nevertheless God willing they will give priority to this matter and complete it.

This evanescent one's submission is that greetings, peace and congratulations are offered to all the gentlemen and friends, and he begs from the Truth that He may illumine all with the light of unity and concord. The Glory shining and effulgent from the horizon of the heaven of the providence of our Lord and our Desire be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you and recognize your station and hear your words and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded by God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

On the 28th of the month of Rajab 1300

The Servant

The Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - expressed special bounties toward your honor and conveyed such greetings as are sanctified above this evanescent one's mention and writing.

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

This is a Book from Us to him who, when he heard the Call from the direction of his Most Glorious Lord, said: “Yea, O God of all who are in earth and heaven!” - that the verses of his Lord might once again attract him and draw him nigh unto a station wherein he heareth the call of all things in the remembrance of God, the Creator of Names, and wherein he announceth unto the peoples the mention of his Lord, the Ancient of Days, both in private and in public.

Remind the servants of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of the Return. Say: O people! The Day hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Compeller. This is not a day for sitting still. Arise with such arising as shall cause all created things to arise. Thus behooveth it him who hath turned his face toward the Horizon of all horizons. Many a standing one is accounted as sitting in thy Lord’s sight, and many a living one is reckoned among the dead. Verily, he who hath drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of the gracious favor of his Lord, the All-Merciful - he, verily, is standing, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. This is an arising after which there is no sitting, if one be steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all men. By My life! Sleep shall not overtake him even should he sleep, yet the people are wrapt in veils and barriers. When he lieth down, the tongue of his secret heart declareth: “The All-Bestowing hath come in the shadows of the clouds,” and when he riseth up he pointeth with the finger of certitude toward the direction of the Worshipped One, saying: “This is the Dawning-Place of the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the Effulgent.”

How many a speaker is silent, and how many a silent one speaketh with truth. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Whoso speaketh this Most Great Remembrance is the true speaker among the peoples, and he who denieth it is but a barking dog, even should he be the most eloquent of the eloquent. Thus hath the matter been decreed by thy Lord, the Lord of all names and attributes.

Beware lest tribulation prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven. Follow thy Lord in all matters - thus hast thou been commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Verily, when He was imprisoned, He desired to convey unto the kings the messages of His Lord, that all might know that tribulation hath not prevented the Most Great Name when He came from the heaven of Command with power and sovereignty. We have sent down for each one a Tablet that shineth between the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and hath read it and hath said: “Power belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Compelling!”

Seek thou the help of God in all conditions. The monotheists shall soon behold the standards of the Manifestation in all regions.

Blessed art thou, O Our Most Truthful Name, inasmuch as thou hast remained faithful to God’s Covenant and His Testament on a Day whereon faces were illumined by the light of thy Lord’s countenance and the eyes of them that turned unto God with humility and contrition were solaced. Subdue the cities of hearts through this Most Great Remembrance and be thou a herald amongst the peoples of this Name whereby all tribes were seized with trembling and the Rock cried out with loudest voice: “The Chosen One hath come with dominion and power!” By My life! Should anyone turn with his heart toward the Qiblih of existence, he would surely inhale the fragrance of sanctity from this Garment through which the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over all regions. How many a learned one hath been veiled this Day, and

how many an ignorant one hath hastened to enter the Kingdom of his Lord, the Most Exalted! How many a wise one hath been held back by vain imaginings, and how many a child hath shattered the idols through the power of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Blessed is he whom the breathings of the verses have so transported that he hath rent asunder the veils, and stood up proclaiming: “O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come! Behold, O ye who are endued with insight!” Blessed art thou for having been mentioned at all times by thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath sent down unto thee each year that which hath gladdened the eyes and caused spirits to soar. God hath heard what thou didst ask and desire. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Put thy trust in Him in all affairs. It behooveth thee to desire what God hath desired, for thou art the First Name in the Book. We have ordained for thee and thy progeny that which shall perpetuate your remembrance throughout creation. We have destined for thee that which thou canst not comprehend today. By My life! Wert thou to know it, thou wouldst fall upon the dust and exclaim: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Whose bounty hath encompassed all created things!” And such rapture would seize thee as to deprive thee of the reins of self-control, by My Self, the All-Compelling over all contingent things! Be thou steadfast in such wise that shouldst the polytheists assail thee with the swords of hatred, thou wouldst cry out amongst them with radiant face and crimson countenance: “Fear ye this Day! He Who brought all things into being hath appeared with His Most Great Name!” Whereupon He calleth out from the direction of the Prison, summoning all unto God, the Sovereign Lord of the winds.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned to God, the Lord of Names, that he may read the verses of his Lord and be numbered with them that have attained. Make mention of him who hath been named ’Ali-A?ghar, who hath turned towards the Most Great Scene on the day when the Lord of Destiny came with manifest sovereignty. We had sent down unto thee aforetime a Tablet whereby the hearts of them that are possessed with love took flight, and now once again as a token of grace from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glorified be He Who speaketh at all times amidst the concourse of creation, and calleth them unto His straight Path. They that have turned aside, these have no station save that they are accounted among the heedless. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. Follow Him before Whom the verses have prostrated themselves and to Whom the necks of the proud have been humbled. Beware lest ye claim that which hath not been ordained for you by your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By His very truth, the matter hath been decided and that which ye were promised in God’s Scriptures, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds, hath appeared. He hath indeed come with the truth, and the eye of the world hath been solaced thereby. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him with a luminous heart. Spread not corruption in the earth - We have adorned it with justice through this grace which hath shone forth from the horizon of your Lord’s tender mercy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be ye helpers of God’s Cause. Beware lest ye transgress the bounds set forth in God’s Book. Thus have We commanded Our servants in a Tablet sealed with the seal of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have chosen tribulations for the betterment of the world and the unity of all therein. Beware lest ye speak that whereby discord may arise. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful, counsel you. Adorn yourselves with the raiment of servitude unto God, the True One, that the regions may be illumined by the lights which have shone forth from the horizon of this heaven which hath been raised up through this Most Great Name. Through servitude is the station of creation made

manifest, through it do faces turn unto the Dayspring of the verses of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. How many servants there were who, when they saw the Cause exalted, laid claim to that which caused to perish what their Ancient Lord had desired. When the breezes of trial blew, they were overturned, and when the zephyrs of tranquility passed by, they opposed God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Thus have We recounted unto thee that thou mayest remember those who carve out idols each day and worship them - these are indeed in manifest error. Arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord through remembrance and utterance. Thus hath the All-Merciful commanded in His Tablets. He, verily, ruleth over whatsoever He willeth. Let not the oppression of them that have oppressed grieve thee, nor let the might of the idolaters hold thee back. God will soon seize them through His power even as He seized the factions of old. Verily thy Lord is severe in punishment, and sovereignty shall endure unto His Self, the One Who overshadoweth the worlds.

Say: O people! This is the Day of attentive hearing. Hearken unto the Call from the crimson Tree upon the luminous Spot. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the Unique, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Cast away all created things behind you, then turn with your hearts unto the Dawning-place of inspiration. This is better for you than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Say: It behoveth no one to test God in this Revelation; rather doth God test whomsoever He willeth. Fear God and follow not every doubting idolater. Choose ye what God hath chosen through His grace, and anchor not your faith to your idle fancies, but rather to that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of grace. Thus have ye been commanded in the Bayan from the All-Merciful, if ye be of them that know. Say: Sufficeth it not what hath been manifested in this Revelation? By God! Power hath encompassed all, sovereignty hath appeared, the signs have shone forth and the evidences have dawned. Blessed is he who hath turned unto God and hath been stirred by the breeze of God in this radiant and resplendent Day. Among the people are those who desire from God that which hath not been ordained for them, and when they behold it they turn away and become abased. And among them are those who have attained the presence of God and upon whom the All-Merciful hath shed the lights of His Beauty; these have bowed down in prostration, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” And among the people are those who, when they hear the Call from the quarter of destiny, turn unto God, the Lord of all names. Thus have We detailed the matter unto thee as a favor from Us. Be thou grateful and among those who remember. Know thou that when We desired to proclaim the Message, We created the wondrous one through a word from Us, then breathed into him a spirit from Our presence. When his creation was complete, he hastened like a mountain of fire with the Book of thy Lord, the Chosen One, unto the place which was ordained in a guarded tablet. Therein did We manifest power in such wise as to shake the pillars of the workers of iniquity, and We sent down therein from every condition that which causeth the hearts of the knowing ones to soar. If thou hast attained unto it, read and ponder that which hath been revealed therein, that thou mayest discover the power of thy Lord, Who was imprisoned in the most desolate of cities and Who sat beneath the swords of the oppressors. When thou readest, say: “Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify that Thy Will hath encompassed all created things and Thy power hath prevailed over all things possible. The might of those who have turned away from Thee shall not dismay Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy word. None hath any refuge save with Thee, nor any haven except beneath the shadow of Thy mercy. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.” O Most Exalted Pen! Set

forth the verses once again that the people of creation may be attracted thereby. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Then give unto the steadfast one to drink of the wine of verses that it may draw him to the kingdom of names and attributes and bring him nigh unto a station wherein he seeth naught save God, the Mighty, the Loving. If thou detachest thyself in My love from all else besides Me, thou shalt behold My dominion and My power. Thus hast thou been commanded from before God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee and bar thee from the Most Sublime Vision. Leave what they possess and put thy trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. If the wine of mystic knowledge hath intoxicated thee, arise in My name, the All-Merciful, amidst all possibilities, then summon the people with wisdom and utterance to a praiseworthy station. Say: O people! Fear ye God. The Day hath come and that which was mentioned in the Tablets hath appeared. Beware lest ye follow every rejected idolater. All things cry out between earth and heaven: "The veils have been rent asunder and the Promised One hath come!" Beware lest passion hold you back from guidance. Cast aside the imaginary; the Known One hath come with evident sovereignty.

O My loved ones! Be ye united in the Cause of God, in such wise that no winds of discord may pass between you. This is that whereunto ye were bidden in the Tablets. This is better for you, did ye but know. Arise to aid the Cause of God in such wise that all the hosts of the earth shall not affright you. Thus hath the decree been recorded in the Preserved Tablet. How many a steadfast one was prevented from turning to Him, and how many a seated one hastened to attain. Blessed are they who understand. How many a seeing one was veiled by the veils, and how many a blind one saw and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou God of the seen and unseen!" Verily, they who have turned unto Him, the denizens of Paradise pray for them. They shall soon find themselves in the most exalted station. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: O people! He is the Most Great Sign amongst you, and the Beauty of God, the Most Exalted, the Most High, in your midst, would ye but perceive it. He is God's power over them that turned away, and the breath of the All-Merciful to them that are turned unto Him. Say: Whither do ye flee? Think ye that ye have a place of refuge? Nay, by His most luminous Beauty, could ye but understand. Say: Nothing shall, on this Day, profit you, though ye should take hold of all that is in the heavens and on earth, except that ye turn unto the Dayspring of Grace through this Name that hath dominion over all that witness and are witnessed. Blessed is the slumberer who hath been awakened by the call of God, and the heedless one who hath turned to His countenance. Woe unto every learned one who is veiled.

O Ancient Pen! Remind the peoples and him who hath attained unto this Light that shineth forth from the horizon of the Will of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Mahdi! Hearken unto the call from the direction of grandeur, from this divine Lote-Tree raised upon the luminous spot in the name of thy most glorious Lord. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Follow God's commandment in what hath been revealed in the Book, then turn with thy heart unto His countenance, turning away from every polytheist and doubter.

Say: O people! Rejoice in these days wherein the All-Merciful hath come in the shadows of proof, and the Sun of the countenance hath shone forth without cloud or veil. Blessed is he who hath soared in the

atmosphere of the mercy of the All-Merciful, and the heart that hath turned unto Him in humility and repentance. Detach thyself from what thy passion desireth and hold fast unto the Most Firm Handle. This is better for thee than the kingdom of the heavens and earth, though none comprehend this save them who are endowed with understanding. Thus have We caused the wine of inner meanings and utterance to flow in the rivers of wisdom and explanation. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Beware lest the veils prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Remember thy Lord with this Most Great Remembrance with fire and attraction. Verily, they who are heedless this Day have denied God, the Lord of lords.

Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside the pen of vain desire. By God! The Most Exalted Pen hath moved by the leave of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious. Then hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty proclaimeth between earth and heaven. Then cast aside all learning, for the All-Knowing hath come with His name, the Self-Subsisting, with power and sovereignty. Will what ye possess profit you? Nay, by the Opener of doors! Where are they who were before you? Ponder, O ye who are endued with sight! Blessed is the learned one who hath rent the greatest veil, turning unto the Most Pure Prospect. He is among the most exalted of creatures before the Truth, the Most High. Soon shall the world and that wherein ye pride yourselves perish, and sovereignty and might shall endure for those who have turned unto this Countenance before which all necks have bowed. Blessed is the seeing one whom the veils have not prevented, and the discerning one who hath shattered the idol of fancy in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Say: O people of the earth! Die in your wrath! Soon shall the standards of the Cause be raised in every city, and the regions shall be illumined thereby. Thus have We imparted unto thee that which shall attract the hearts, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord at morn and eventide.

O Most Great Pen! Move in remembrance of Husayn, that the mention of the Ancient King may draw him to this noble prospect. Hearken to the call of the Wronged One from the direction of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. I am indeed the Lonely Stranger.

O Husayn! Husayn hath wept at My separation and lamented at the tribulations that have befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto these days wherein the Sun of Beauty hath shone forth from the horizon of glory in such wise that neither the clouds of the wayward nor the veils of majesty could obscure it. Blessed are they that have attained! Blessed is the one who hath seized the Book with the power of his Lord, the Master of all necks, and hath cast aside those who denied God, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

It behoveth every soul to strive in the Cause of his Lord, not according to his own desires. Thus hath the decree been ordained for the people of Baha in a Tablet sealed with the finger of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest sorrows prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Be thou mindful of My Name amidst all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Say: O people! The All-Glorious hath come in the shadows of the clouds, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

If thou shouldst see one who turneth away, say: Woe unto thee, O thou who associateth partners with God! Soon shalt thou find thyself in manifest loss. Is doubt befitting after clear proofs have come? Nay, by

the Revealer of verses, if thou be of them that know! Every proof hath prostrated itself before My proof, and every evidence circleth round the Most Merciful. Blessed are they that perceive! The rock hath been moved by the cry of thy Lord, and all atoms in earth and heaven call out through this Most Great Name, yet the people lie sleeping behind the veils of their own selves.

Blessed is he who hath turned, drawn nigh, heard and said: “Praise be unto Thee for having manifested Thy beauty, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all in the heavens and the earth!” Aid Me, O My loved ones, through such deeds as will cause the sweet fragrance of holiness to waft among all worlds. Then subdue all who are on earth through My Name and My sovereignty. This behoveth him who hath laid hold on this holy and luminous hem.

If thou findest one possessed of insight, spread the Tablet before him that his eyes may be gladdened and he may be of them that have attained. By My life! He who hath drunk the love of the calf is assuredly among the perished, except he arise through this Name and become one who proclaimeth this wise Remembrance among the servants. Say: This is He through Whose Name the Tablets have been adorned and for Whose remembrance the Bayan was revealed, if ye be of them that know.

Beware lest ye commit that which would cause the Spirit of Baha to lament in the Most Exalted Paradise and the eyes of them that are nigh to weep. Cast behind you all allusions, then turn with radiant faces toward the Qiblih of all existence. This is better for you than all ye possess, would ye but understand. Your belief profiteth Us not, nor doth your denial harm Us. To this testifieth all things, and beyond them the tongue of God, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

From the horizon of tribulation, We summon all unto God. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath attained, and whoso hath denied is assuredly among the wrongdoers. Thus have We caused to shower upon thee from the ocean of grace. When thou hast attained unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know!

O Pen of Revelation! Make mention of the Dyer. Say: The Day of divine coloring hath come. Blessed is he who hath been colored with the coloring of God through his detachment from all else. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen decreed from the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Color the servants with the name of the Lord of creation. Thus art thou commanded from the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not the ascetics who have clung to the cord of names, invoking them morning and evening; yet when their Creator appeared in the shadows of light, they disbelieved, even to the point where they pronounced against Him a manifest injustice. Thereby hath the word of punishment become due unto them. Soon shall they return to their abode - evil indeed is the abode of the idolaters. How many a veiled one hath believed in the Lord of Creation, and how many a turbaned one hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment! How many an ignorant one hath drunk from the Kawthar of knowledge from the hands of grace, and how many a learned one hath remained lost in the wilderness of error! Thus hath the recompense of every soul been ordained. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O people! This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with clear proof and evidence. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every sinful rejecter. This is the Day wherein the faces of those who turned away

from the Countenance have been darkened, while the faces of those who turned towards Him have been illumined. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and oppose not Him through Whom the lights of divine knowledge have shone forth in the kingdom of possibility, and through Whose Name the Spirit of Truth hath cried out among the idolaters. Among them is one who hath said that He denieth the Unseen. Say: Be silent, O thou who associateth partners with God! The Unseen speaketh with this most wondrous, most glorious Tongue. The atoms testify that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is the Manifestation of His Essence, the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Source of His Command amongst the worlds. And among them is one who hath said: "Will the All-Merciful appear before the creation of the Bayan is completed?" Say: Through My appearance all things are completed. By My life, were it not for My appearance, its creation would not have been perfected, even were it to endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven. Fear God and follow not the imaginings of them that deny.

Say: I am the cloud of bounty for what was sown in the Bayan, and We were unto it as the breezes of spring. Through My appearance the heaven of the Bayan was raised up and adorned with brilliant stars and manifest words. To this testifieth all existence, both seen and unseen, save those on whose faces appeareth the soot of hellfire. Blessed be the face that hath been illumined by this light, and the heart that hath been drawn to the signs of its Lord, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Hearts have been created for My knowledge, tongues for My praise, and eyes for My beauty. Verily, it hath shone forth from the horizon of the prison in such wise that the veils of the hearts of the oppressors have not withheld it. Blessed art thou, for the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee from the presence of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. By My life, this is indeed a great bounty.

O Most Great Pen! Make mention of Thy servant Husayn, who hath believed in the Lord of all nations, that he may turn with his heart unto the Most Great Vista. O Husayn! We have sent down unto thee numerous tablets, and here is yet another, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of Destiny. Say: O concourse of men! In what direction do ye flee? Today ye have no place of refuge save through casting aside what ye possess and clinging to the cord of God, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous. He is verily the Most Great Sign among you, and His proof unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. He is indeed the Hidden Mystery through whom God tormenteth such as have disbelieved and denied. His punishment is indeed most grievous and bitter. Say: Unto whom do ye hasten, O people of error? Hasten unto Him with your hearts. With Me is the ultimate abode. The lights of the Countenance have shone forth from the horizon of the Cause. Blessed is he who hath beheld, and woe unto him who hath frowned and scowled. Say: He is the One concerning Whom God took His covenant in the atoms of the Bayan, before His Own covenant. This is attested by that which hath been sent down in the tablets and scriptures. Say: This is the Day whereon the All-Merciful hath been manifested unto all creation. Blessed are they who are endowed with vision. He hath appeared in such wise that neither the opposition of the opposer nor the veils of them that have transgressed against God and disbelieved can hinder Him. By My life! Whoso findeth the sweetness of the remembrance of his Lord, the All-Merciful, will soar on the wings of certitude above all creation. To this testifieth every person of knowledge and thought. Drink ye the pure water of wisdom and utterance from that which hath flowed from this Pen through which the decree of destiny hath been established. When We sent down the verses, they said: "These are but

impostures." And when We manifested that at which minds and spirits were bewildered, they said: "This is but continuous sorcery." Let not the allusions of the people grieve thee. Leave them behind thee. Soon shall the breezes of chastisement pass over them, and the unitarians shall behold them as uprooted palm-trunks. Where are the palaces of them who disbelieved in God? We have returned them to their graves. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. When the Countenance shone forth from the horizon of grace, the sun was eclipsed and the moon was cleft asunder. They who have turned away from God are in torment and flame, while they who have turned unto Him are blessed by the denizens of the highest paradise, and their names are recorded in an imperishable tablet. Blessed is the pen that hath moved in My remembrance and through which My Cause hath been established. Woe unto him who hath denied the Cause of God when it was exalted and made manifest.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn toward Thy servant 'Ali-Rida, then adorn him with Thy mighty and glorious remembrance, that he may soar on the wings of longing in this atmosphere which God hath sanctified from the imaginings of the idolaters. Follow thou the religion of God and His ways. This is what thou hast been commanded in a clear tablet. We perceive from thee the fragrance of love by reason of Our having manifested thee from the land wherein We raised up the Beloved of the worlds. Be thou thankful to God for this bounty and recognize the station of this mighty station. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God. Glorify thy Lord with praise amongst His heedless servants. Make mention of Him in such wise as to awaken them that slumber. This behooveth one who hath turned toward the Qiblih of the knowers. How many a worshipper hath worshipped God throughout the nights and days, yet when the Truth came denied his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. How many are the servants who circle the lands and visit the places wherein are buried the Manifestations of My names, yet when the Dayspring and Sovereign of the names appeared, they disbelieved and turned away. They are indeed among the losers. Blessed is the detached one who hath immersed himself in this Most Great Ocean which surgeth through this Name which God hath made the Sovereign of Names for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having turned toward thee the face of the favor of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest read them and be of the thankful ones.

Then remember Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali, who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Peerless, that the breezes of revelation may draw him and detach him from the world and all that is therein, turning him toward the Kingdom of his Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. Sell all things save My love, for by God the treasures of all who are on earth and the riches of all worlds cannot equal it. Guard thou the pearl of the love of the All-Merciful within thy heart through this Name, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Then conceal it from those who have betrayed God's Cause. Thus doth this Wronged One, this Exile, command thee. Adorn thy face with turning unto God, thy heart with devotion, and thy tongue with the praise of thy Lord, the Beauteous. Grieve not over those from whom thou perceivest the stench of aversion. Leave them to their vain imaginings and idle play. They walk while God's wrath pursueth them. Thus hath judgment been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to attract all created things. This beseemeth one who hath turned unto God with a pure and luminous heart. Blessed is he who seeth and knoweth, who heareth and hearkeneth, and whose tongue uttereth this wise remembrance. Blessed is the heedless one who turneth with his heart to the Qiblih of the horizons. Woe unto the wise one who is

debarred from this bounty that hath encompassed all creation. Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord in such wise that neither the veils of idle fancies nor the clamor of the oppressors shall hold thee back. Trust in God under all conditions, and when thou attainest unto the Tablet say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of the sincere!”

O Most Holy Pen! Make mention of Ta before Qaf and Ya, that he may rejoice in being remembered by the Most Exalted Pen and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose light the earth and heavens were illumined!” Hearken unto the call from the shore of love in the luminous spot from the Tree of the heart - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Rejoice in that thou hast been remembered by the Pen of Command through which the winds were subdued. Grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. He hath ordained for His loved ones that which the pens are powerless to record.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the wrath of subjects shall deter you. This beseemeth all who have turned unto the Face, detached from all directions. Convey unto the servants what ye have learned of your Lord’s command. Thus have We counseled you in the Scriptures and Tablets. In teaching, hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the Lord of Religions instruct you. Do ye see any permanence in what ye behold? Nay, by My Name, the Ruler over all lands! Adopt ye My characteristics that through them the sweet fragrances of holiness may be wafted to all regions. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee of tribulation. We were with thee when thou wert in the hands of the oppressors. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of all things in the Book. We have ordained for thee, in return for what thou hast borne in His path, that which shall solace all eyes. Thus have We cast upon thee of thy Lord’s verses that thou mayest thank Him at eventide and dawn.

O Pen of Power! Make mention of Thy chosen servants whose names were not recorded in the Tablet, that they may render thanks unto God, their Lord, by night and by day. O My loved ones in that land! By My life, ye are beneath the gaze of your Lord, and the tongue of grandeur moveth to make mention of you. O concourse of companions! Ye are they who turned towards the Countenance on a Day when eyes were dazed, and who recognized your Lord while mankind remained heedless and veiled. Soon shall all who dwell on earth glory in your names and lament what was visited upon you by those who disbelieved in God, the Cleaver of the dawn. Grieve not at anything, but put your trust in Him in all matters. Verily, He is with those of His servants who have remained faithful to the Covenant. And the glory of God rest upon you, O loved ones of God, from your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing. Though your names were not recorded in the Tablet, We have mentioned them in a Tablet which God hath made the Mother of Tablets. Rejoice ye that mention was made of you before the Throne when the Lord of the Throne was in the hands of the wicked ones.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou knowest that from this Prison I call Thy loved ones to the shore of Thy bounties, purely for Thy sake, and at a time when the idolaters have encompassed me from every side, I make mention of Thee, O Lord of Names and Attributes! I beseech Thee to assist Thy servants to champion Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word, and to aid them in that which will manifest the sanctity of Thy

Being amidst Thy creation and the detachment of Thy commandments amongst Thy creatures. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, and adorn their temples with the ornament of Thy most excellent names in the kingdom of creation. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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O beloved and revered one, His Holiness ’Ali-Before-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God and the Most Exalted Luminous Light of God, take note:

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

Praise and thanksgiving belong, in the first degree, to His Beauty and, in the second degree, to His chosen ones who, in such an age when the world of limitations and restrictions has reached its end, have arisen with perfect steadfastness to open the gate of a temperate, acceptable, and balanced freedom of expression. The insinuations of the opposers and the doubts of the transgressors did not prevent them from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Despite being surrounded by enemies from all directions, the oppression of tyrants, and the waves of armies of wickedness and vice, they were not deprived of hearing the Call raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. Exalted be His Glory, universal His bounty, and mighty His dominion! Verily the servant speaks and presents:

My God, my God! Open the gates of hearts with the keys of Thy most beautiful Names and illumine them with the lights of Thy utterance in Thy Days. Aid them to return unto Thee and to acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls, and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest what hath appeared from the calumniators and the heedless ones who have made treachery a crown for their heads and falsehood an ornament for their temples. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy greatest signs and Thy traces in the kingdom of creation, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will transform darkness into light and falsehood into truth. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who art mentioned in my heart and upon my tongue! Multiple letters from that beloved of the heart have arrived, their fragrance testifying to love, affection, detachment, and steadfastness. Whenever each arrived in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, it attained the honor of being presented and heard, but due to the multitude of pressing matters, there was delay in response. In truth, the decree of delay in this station is not permissible in any station, for the All-Knowing Lord of the Unseen and that beloved one bear witness to the sincerity of love and purity of that honored one, and likewise to the annihilation of the will of these servants in the Will of God. Moreover, the traces that have come to that honored one are more than can be counted, and surely you will say that new and fresh expressions have another splendor in the heart, and this word is truth, there is no doubt in it. It is hoped that henceforth, through the favors of the Goal of the worlds, there shall appear from this servant that which will renew the remembrance of the chosen ones and increase the joy and delight of true friends. Glorified is He Who has subjected the wills of the servants to His Will and their wishes to His Wish, and He is the Commander, the Ruler, the Mighty, the Great.

And after turning and becoming aware, intending the station of grandeur, after presenting before the Throne of Grace, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses, Mighty be His utterance and Glorious His proof:

I am the Wronged One, the Stranger

All things bear witness to My rising, My remembrance, My praise, My steadfastness, My care, My grace, and My mercy. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained. He is, before God, the Lord of the worlds, among the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Say: O people! This is not the day of your questioning, your mention, your speech, and your call. It behooveth you to turn with your ears to the Most Exalted Horizon that ye may hear what hath been raised therein. By the life of God! What ye possess will not profit you. Cast it away by a power from Us and a strength from Our presence, and take with hands of submission the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Verily most of the people have not recognized this Day and its station. They utter that which the ignorant of the earth uttered before. Thus have their souls enticed them. They are indeed among the losers, the wrongdoers, the transgressors, and the heedless. They have not perceived the fragrance of the Day of God, nor have they recognized what hath been revealed therein. We bear witness that they are but worthless creatures in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Praised. They have cast the Truth behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies.

The ears say: O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the Power that hath encompassed all created things to protect me from the roaring of Thine enemies and from hearkening to that which proceedeth from the mouths of the ignorant among Thy creatures. My Lord! I testify that Thou didst create me to hearken unto Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee to assist me to manifest that for which Thou hast created me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Glory be to God! The immature ones of the world have said that which caused the ears to lodge their complaint before Him. His honor knoweth that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath revealed in the Kingdom of grace that which is the cause of the exaltation of the peoples of the world. Every person of understanding and fairness beareth witness to that which hath appeared from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. In truth, the Luminary of utterance hath so manifested itself that no excuse remaineth for the peoples of the world. Consider the idle words of Hadi, the son of Mirza Yahya. By the Sun of Truth! No heedless one in this age hath uttered such words. It is not known what he hath understood of the Truth and what he comprehendeth of usurpation. From all his utterances, conduct and deeds, the station and condition of that party hath become evident and clear. Say: Thou wert not with thy father, thou didst not see thy father, and thou art not aware of the Cause of God. Fear God and be not of the calumniators.

As to what thou hast mentioned that “they have usurped my father’s right” - these are the same meaningless utterances of the past spoken for the sake of leadership, and such words and their like have caused the stations and ranks of the chosen ones and successors to be lost. The Prince of Martyrs, exalted be his deed, said: “O my brother, what manner of compromise was this that thou didst make?”

He replied that it was due to lack of trust in the friends. He asked: “Why didst thou make the acceptance of money the main pillar of the compromise?” Most of the companions objected and reviled and rejected that holy being. In truth, a reprehensible matter appeared, for the basis of the compromise was set as the customs revenues of Kufa and Jahrum of Fars. The Lord of Lovers was greatly saddened by this incident. But poor Hadi knew not what to say. He and others cling to fabricated claims of persecution that they might thereby cast hatred into the hearts of the servants. Whenever anyone goes to Cyprus they say that the night before or the day before people came from Akka to kill so-and-so. Had they found the people to be fair-minded, they would never have uttered such words, for all know that for years he dwelt in complete comfort under protection. By the life of God! Not a single blow struck him, but the disease of prejudice is severe. We beseech God to grant healing that all may speak with justice and fairness and reflect upon what hath occurred. During this time not a drop of his blood or that of his associates was shed in God’s path. The lands themselves bear witness to this. But the people were and are worshippers of vain imaginings.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! With the dawning rays of the Sun of Divine favor, exalted be His glory, they intended the martyrdom of the Desire of the worlds, and when that which was hidden in their breasts was revealed, they spoke that which thou hast heard. After this incident, this Wronged One left his wives and children safe and sound, and departed. To this beareth witness every truthful and trustworthy one, and every fair-minded and well-informed person. Say: O Hadi! Thy father was not a man of wisdom. Throughout his life he occupied himself with pastimes and diversions. Were it not for the attention and favor of this Wronged One, neither thou, nor thy father, nor the Cause of God would have existed. Be fair: neither thou, nor thy sister, nor Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani, nor Mirza Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi were ever with Us, nor were ye aware of the essence of the Cause. For the sake of God, ponder upon the divine verses, or present thyself that perchance the breezes of revelation may make thee aware and grant thee that for which thou wert brought from nothingness into being.

O Hadi! Go to the prison of the government and ask the deputy to show thee the chain known as Salasil, and likewise the last chain known as Qarahguhar, that thou mayest become aware of the tribulations and afflictions of the Wronged One. For four months did the Wronged One bear the weight of these chains, as well as other afflictions which most of the people of that region have heard of and know about. O Hadi! An unseemly word hath proceeded from thee. We did not usurp thy father’s rights; rather, We have been and are his protector, helper and benefactor. This statement is, first of all, very old and meaningless, and the station of the Letters of the Living hath, in the eyes of those possessed of keen sight and attentive ears, been degraded by such words. For if their right was to earthly clay and water, that is of no account to those who are detached, who have passed beyond this mortal world of dust and have set their faces toward the immortal divine Kingdom. And if the right mentioned refers to divine bounties and the mysteries of sacred Books, no one hath power to lay claim to these. Had We been present in that time, We would certainly have forbidden them from uttering such unseemly words. O Hadi! Leave aside these mentions and reflect upon the penetrating power of the Supreme Pen and the authority of the Most Exalted Word, which, without armies and hosts, hath achieved the Most Great Victory. Such a victory hath never been witnessed by the people of impregnable fortresses and mighty strongholds from the beginning of the world until now. Those who have uttered such words did so at a time when some of the

lands, villages and cities of the world were under Islamic rule, whereas now this people do not possess even a hand's breadth of earth that could be subject to seizure or usurpation.

O Hadi! Whither has thy perception fled? It beseemeth not man to utter vain imaginings. We have borne all the afflictions of the earth for the exaltation of God's Cause. When the world of darkness was somewhat illumined by the dawning light of the Day Star of divine guidance, thou and thy father and others emerged from behind the veil with the swords of hatred. Instead of being grateful, thou dost complain. Were the events of the past to flow from the Most Exalted Pen and be made manifest, the very mountain of thy being would be crushed. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Furthermore, this Wronged One hath never claimed vicegerency, deputyship, guardianship, succession, leadership, nobility or to be the fourth pillar. The Primal Point testified to this station in His words: "He verily speaketh in every condition, saying: 'Verily, I am God,'" and so forth as revealed through the tongue of revelation. O Hadi! Thy words reveal that thou hast not recognized the establishment of Him Who conversed on Sinai upon the throne of Manifestation. The world is a different world and the Cause a different Cause. Open thine eyes that perchance thou mayest become aware and attain unto the splendors of the Day of God. Be fair - had it not been for this Wronged One, would thy father have possessed such power and strength as to arise before the faces of the world and speak that which transformed the darkness of vain imaginings into the light of certitude? Be fair and be not of the wrongdoers. This Wronged One arose to proclaim the Cause in days when the limbs of the world trembled with fear. Were it not for Baha, who would have dared to speak before the faces of the world and deliver the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds? He hath said that should anyone produce a single verse, reject him not. Ponder this utterance, that perchance thou mayest become aware of the wrong committed against this Wronged One. Now, despite countless revealed verses and manifest proofs, thou dost continue to instill hatred in the hearts of the weak. Nothing but falsehood hath appeared from you in every matter. Haji Siyyid Javad was with this Wronged One; his petitions in his own handwriting still exist, and We sent two of his letters to the land of Ya and other regions wherein appeared that which proved the truth and still exists. Nevertheless, they have obtained his photograph and included it with some other photographs and that of Mirza Yahya, made copies of all and distributed them among the people. Where is justice? Whither has fairness fled? Apart from all this, would ye be content that another sect like the Shi'ih sect should appear in the world? What was manifested on the Day of Judgment from their thousand and two hundred years of deeds? Reflect, and with the power of justice and fairness, break the back of tyranny and oppression. By God! We desire naught for thee but good, and We desire only to guide thee to the straight path of God and His mighty Message. For a thousand and two hundred years that sect considered themselves the most learned and distinguished of all people, yet on the Day of Judgment they were seen to be the most lost. From the year sixty until now, all the divines have been engaged in cursing and vituperation from their pulpits. By God! We hear the lamentation of the pulpits saying: "O my God! Thou didst create us for the exaltation of Thy Word, Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and Thou hearest, O my God, the wailing of the dwellers of Thy Paradise and the inhabitants of Thy sacred precincts. O Lord! Deliver us from these embodiments of tyranny and oppression, and adorn us with Thy near servants and sincere trusted ones."

Now again they are occupied with forming a party like the Shia party, bringing up mentions of succession and casting hatred in people's hearts against a station from which naught but the Most Great Mercy was manifest, which nurtured and protected thy father and those with him under the wing of loving-kindness. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy! I swear by the Sun of Truth shining from the horizon of the prison of Akka that no purpose was intended save the guidance of the servants. Say: In the name of God and by God, and arise from thy station, turning toward the Kaaba of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and say: "My God, my God! I have abandoned the community of people who believed not in Thee and Thy signs. Aid me to purify hearts and souls through the Kawthar and the Euphrates and the Salsabil that have flowed from the mouth of Thy Will and Purpose."

O Hadi! Beseech God not to afflict His servants anew with the vain imaginings of the Shia party. Those same imaginings were transformed into bullets and on the Day of Retribution were visited upon the Lord of the world. This Wronged One's purpose hath never been and is not religious leadership, but rather to purify the world from the calumnies and falsehoods of the past, and likewise to extinguish the fire of hatred hidden and concealed in the hearts of the various parties. We have sacrificed Our life for the reformation of the world and the education of the peoples. Some were not and are not worthy to hearken unto this call, for in the first instance they must ascend the steps of names and aim for the heaven of inner meanings. Not every weak one is capable of this arena, and not every horseman is worthy of this field.

O Hadi! Great is the Cause of God. Reflect upon the Twin Luminous Lights, that is, Hasan and Husayn, and be fair: despite their glory, wealth and exaltation, they freely sacrificed their lives at the feet of the Beloved of the worlds. Likewise other souls, which all have heard about and know. And consider the conduct of Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, who for successive years remained concealed behind a veil, but when the Ishqabad affair and the favors of His Majesty the Sultan became apparent in Tehran, and likewise when the light shone forth from the influence of the Supreme Word and the power of the Most Exalted Pen, and the Cause became manifest and the Euphrates flowed, he rushed forth. Would that he had remained in his initial concealment, for no sooner did he hear himself called a Babi than he mounted the pulpit and uttered that which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to weep blood. In those days both His Honor Ashraf was seized and that same word was spoken concerning him. Now Ashraf lies beneath the earth while he moves about with throne and pomp. What was the cause of the first one's martyrdom and what was the reason for the second one's survival? Know thou and thou shalt know, and the world shall know that the first one's martyrdom was due to truthfulness, sincerity and sacrifice, while the second one's survival was due to falsehood, denial and hypocrisy. He was the only one of that party who was heard to have come forth - and would that he had not left his house and had not uttered what he uttered! Yea, they have attributed and continue to attribute every good thing to themselves.

Among them was Siyyid Isma'il-i-Zavari'i who was with this Wronged One in Iraq, and the matter concerning him hath been revealed in detail from the heaven of utterance in another place. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen and shown justice in the Cause of God and the penetration of His most exalted Word. One night he came wearing the turban of the Imam, and went to the Gate, and afterward proceeded to the place of sacrifice, and turning toward the House, performed that which caused the company of them who are detached to be astonished. Although that deed was not permissible, yet the

fire of love had taken possession of his entire being. There occurred no meeting between him and Mirza Yahya - to this testifieth he who was with Us in Iraq.

Hearken thou unto the voice of this Wronged One. Know thou of a certainty that the Successor is he who hath bidden the servants to serve Me, and the Guardian is he who hath stood before My gate, and the Leader is he who hath announced to the people My Manifestation before My face, and the Qa'im is he who hath informed the servants of the heaven of My utterance and the ocean of My bounty. We beseech God to grant all the grace to return. Time and again there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen mention of stations that would suffice, yet the servants have departed from justice and are bereft of fairness, save whom God willeth.

Hearken thou unto this Wronged One and speak not with unseemly words and unacceptable imaginings of the Shi'ih sect, and beseech God to sanctify the Cause from the like of that party. From the earliest days until now, luminous, holy and speaking Tablets have rained like the rain from Iraq and the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison upon those regions, until it hath reached this stage that in Sudan someone made mention and now a hundred thousand souls have arisen to serve him. The testament of this Wronged One is that thou shouldst ponder upon the Shi'ih sect and their deeds and words on the Day of Resurrection and Manifestation, that perchance thou mayest return unto the truth and deliver thyself from vain imaginings. By the life of God! Baha hath not uttered, nor will He ever utter, aught from mere desire, but rather that which will draw the people nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

Glory be to God! The breaths of pride and leadership have seized the deniers, who at every moment cling to some word and worship some name. Were they to reflect for but a moment, they would bring themselves from the darkness into the blessed realm of light. Every possessor of life should ponder what has been manifested, and likewise consider by what proof and by what evidence he has clung to the Point of the Bayan, and likewise before that to Muhammad the Messenger of God. The All-Bountiful has withheld from all the recompense of their deeds. They have denied the Lord of Dominion, Whose verses have encompassed the world and Whose evidences are more luminous than the sun, notwithstanding that each of the attributes that has dawned from the horizon of will is a supreme proof and a most brilliant and glorious evidence. When all were veiled, He arose before all faces and, without veil or covering, made all aware of that which would draw them near and profit them. Glory be to God! Such is the power of the Most Exalted Word that now in all gatherings of divines, princes and mystics this Cause is mentioned and its investigation pursued. All should give thanks for this bounty, yet instead they have complained and continue to complain. While tribulations and afflictions descend from every direction and spears fly from every side, He has guided and inspired His loved ones and chosen ones to that which befits these days. Among other matters is the great city where every day they attribute some theft to a soul and trace it back to the Manifestation of the Sea of Sanctity. Previously they made such accusations against the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God. You have surely heard how in these days too, when his honor the Afnan, Alif and Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, intended to journey to this direction, the deniers resorted to new intrigues and informed the embassy and others that the aforementioned personage had stolen ninety pounds in cash as well as banknotes and gone to Akka. In brief, they have spread all these calumnies from the island, and Shaykh Muhammad Yazdi, at the

instigation of the hidden oppressor, has become the cause of these false events. It is reported that Akhtar has given his daughter in marriage to the son of Mulla Ja'far Kirmani. If in these days the station of sanctification and detachment remains hidden from some, ere long the veil shall be lifted and all shall testify to that which has flowed from the Supreme Pen in books, pages and tablets. The servant beseeches his Lord to transform the oppression of the oppressors into justice, their darkness into light, and their rejection into acceptance. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Some time ago the honored Habib of the Green Land - upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness - sent a letter to His Honor the Name of Bounty - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - mentioning that Hadi Dawlat-Abadi had arrived in that land with company and equipment and had taken up residence in the home of His Honor Khalil - upon him be the Glory of God. From the beginning, the gaze of loving-kindness was directed towards him and Tablets and Holy Writings were repeatedly sent to him. Beseech God to protect him from the deadly poison. Verily the Servant beseeches his Lord night and day to protect His servants from the evil of those who have violated His Covenant and Testament, who have denied Him and His verses. For God and His sake I submit to the friends that they should arise, through the power and might of God, exalted be His Glory, to do that which will protect the servants of God, lest a party like the Shi'ih party appear in the land. They boasted in the name of the successor, but when the Day of Reckoning appeared, all their divines issued the verdict to martyr the King of existence - One through Whose power a hundred thousand successors have been and are being created. Him they unjustly hanged and martyred. This one fact suffices regarding the virtues of that party. It is hoped that His Honor Khalil - upon him be the Glory of God - will not forget the Covenant of the Glorious Lord, will deliver himself from the clay and water of the people, and will arise with divine power to render assistance. Glory be to God! Once again eyes have been veiled by the veils of the past, and likewise ears have become accustomed to false statements. We beseech God to cause all to attain to that which is befitting. At one time this exalted Word was revealed and uttered from the tongue of the Lord of all being, blessed and exalted be His Word:

"O people of God! Turn to the Holy Writings and purify your ears from the false statements of the unworthy ones, lest you be afflicted in the well of vain imaginings as in the past. This is the Sun of counsel that has dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they that behold and blessed are they that hear."

This servant is bewildered, nay the world of justice and fairness is bewildered. The Author of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - states: "I have written a gem concerning His mention, which is that He shall not be known by My allusions nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan." And in another place He states, exalted be His mention: "Should anyone bring forth a single verse, reject him not." For what purpose were these statements revealed? What was intended? Blessed are the fair-minded! At all times they have resorted to intrigues and schemes the like of which have never been heard. This servant has at all times sought for all that which leads to success and prosperity. Though all know that this servant was ever-present and aware of all matters, they do not inquire of him, but rather inquire of heedless souls concerning that which they persist in. In truth, they are clinging to the cord of suppositions and idle fancies and holding fast to the hem of falsehood.

Likewise Habib of the Green Land - upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness - has mentioned that their Honors Nayyir and Sina - upon both be the Glory of God - arrived in this land and the deputies of the Prince - may God strengthen him - sought to meet with them. Since it was contrary to wisdom, they promised to meet upon their return. Now if someone should proceed to those parts with some Tablets and Books and speak with wisdom and utterance to the aforementioned official and the seekers, perhaps a true seeker might turn towards the Most Great Ocean and attain to that which is intended.

O my God! Prevent not them that seek from beholding the horizon of Thy Revelation, nor them that yearn from attaining unto the wellspring of Thy inspiration and the dayspring of Thine utterance. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Several years ago it was written that one of the well-known friends in that land was summoned, but in the meeting they did not attain what they had intended, for the one who was present and whose presence they sought concealed the Cause and in no way uttered a word that might ignite the fire of attraction or cause recognition. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to inspire His friends in such circumstances with that which would cause all faces to turn to the lights of His countenance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Hadi Dawlat-Abadi has passed through those regions and his poison has somewhat affected some. Therefore it is necessary that one of the detached souls should, for the sake of God, proceed to those parts. The purpose is that another sect like unto the Shi'ih sect may not again come into existence in the world. The friends must exert their utmost endeavor in this matter, as a mercy and a favor to the servants. In these days you must hold fast unto the cord of kindliness and prudence, for the noxious odors of irreligiosity have, to some degree, affected most people. Therefore, as soon as a word is uttered, they will disclose what is hidden, causing the fire of discord to be kindled. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant you success and to aid you, even as He aided you in the nights and days, to establish His Cause through wisdom and utterance.

No deed is ever lost, nor shall it ever be lost, and likewise that which is recorded in the Book that is ever present before Him shall never be effaced. What was mentioned regarding Hadi ibn Yahya was intended for the information of others, not him, for he was not and is not worthy. I convey greetings, praise, glory and splendor to the friends of that land. It is hoped that with dignity, composure, patience and fortitude they will bring these tumultuous days to an end. God willing, may there appear from each one that which would cause the fire of hatred to subside and the Most Great Word to be exalted. I beseech God to illumine the world with the lights of the Luminary of utterance. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of them that are nigh and sincere.

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In the name of Him Who hath dominion over all things! The seal of the choice Wine hath been broken through My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they who recognize that verily it is the Kawthar of the All-Merciful manifested in the contingent world and the Quickener of all beings, having been mingled with the tribulation of the Beloved. We have brought forth from the Point the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be, and have detailed therefrom that which none knoweth save God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, the people have not followed that which they were counseled by the Lord of all beings. Had they followed, they would not have cast the Book of God behind their backs, nor turned away from the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Among them are those who say He hath come before the appointed time. Say: Is the knowledge of the appointed time with you or with God, the Revealer of verses? Be fair and follow not every vain imagining. Among them are some who say God hath purified the seed, that all may know that whatever appeareth from the Dayspring of Being was indeed pure. Say: Yea, by my Lord! He is indeed the Pure, the Most Pure, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Therefore they conclude that He will appear afterwards. Say: The before and after are with thee, not with Him in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things. Say: Every seed from which We have brought forth the Dawning-Places of Revelation - all are pure and purified. This is God's decree, both aforetime and hereafter, did ye but know.

This matter needeth no mention or explanation, for it is among the fundamental ordinances in a hidden Tablet. The Point intended by this mention naught save His absorption in the remembrance of the Intended One and His stations, which none can know save every loved one consumed in the fire of the Beloved. Among them are those who said that the Revealer of the Bayan wrote what the Intended One would recite among children, and thereby were perplexed in the Cause of the All-Merciful. Say: Is the knowledge of the Book with you, or with Him Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet? Say: Be not among the unjust. Open the eye of fairness and speak not that which would consume hearts and minds. Interpret not according to your desires what God hath placed above your understanding. Ask of him who speaketh the truth from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, though He hath forbidden questioning in this Revelation lest there come before His presence that which would sadden Him and prevent Him from mention of His Self, the One Who dominateth all witnesses and witnessed things. Yet We have permitted you, as a bounty from Our presence, lest the doubts of nations who follow vain imaginings and wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and pride keep you from the Most Great Ocean.

Say: He intended by mention of the seed and what is above it naught save My remembrance, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: He was with My Name in the evening and with My remembrance in the morning, did ye but know. O people of the Bayan! Be fair in the name of the All-Merciful. Should diverse utterances come to you from the Manifestation of clear proofs, whom would ye question and to whom would ye turn to inform you of what the Chosen One hath ordained in the inscribed Tablet? All that hath been revealed in the Tablets ultimately returneth to a single point wherein the sincere find no difference, could ye but understand. None knoweth the interpretation of the Book and what the All-Bountiful intended save him from whom, through His Name, the ocean of Revelation hath flowed forth and from whom the fountains of wisdom and streams of knowledge have branched. All utterances lead to this Word spoken by the

Tongue of the Bayan, would ye but perceive it. He said that should He appear at this very moment, none hath the right to object to Him. He doeth what He willeth. He is verily the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. None possesseth knowledge of His Revelation. He appeareth as He pleaseth and when He pleaseth. Thus hath the matter been decreed, would ye but be certain. Say: Beware lest what is in the Bayan prevent you from meeting Him when the Call is raised. Leave behind what ye possess[…]

At whatever time He pleaseth - thus hath the matter been decreed, would ye but know it with certainty. Say: Beware lest that which is in the Bayan prevent you from meeting Him when the Call is raised. Cast aside all that ye possess and turn ye unto that most praiseworthy Station. Whoso pondereth these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the Command will cry out and say: "I believe in Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!" Blessed is he who hath freed himself from the depths of allusions and turned, in a spirit of detachment, unto the Countenance. Say: O people of Baha! It behooveth you to soar today in an atmosphere that transcendeth the allusions of words and the doubts of them that have denied God when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared. Say: All that was revealed in the Bayan hath been made specifically for this Revelation - reflect that ye may understand. Say: Have ye the knowledge of the unseen, or is it with Him Who created all things? Fear God and follow not the paths of fancy. Every matter is weighed by this Balance, and by its very self, would ye but know it. Say: Through Him were the standards of innovation raised upon every lofty banner. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest remind the servants thereby. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous, the Forgiving. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

This was revealed in answer to one who asked about what was mentioned in the Seven Proofs:

His words, exalted and glorified be He: Among the conclusive proofs is the knowledge of all things in a single soul, which knowledge hath been concealed and treasured in the Book of the Single Temples, and none before this hath been apprised thereof. The fruit thereof is that one observeth in the letters how all things are gathered together in eleven degrees, which constitute the Temple of Identity, and when thou causest the first Temple to move in the sea of names, it reacheth unto nineteen and entereth not into twenty. The revelation of this knowledge is a conclusive proof unto all, would they but understand.

In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath made the ornament of the Tablets of Numbers to be the One, which was sanctified above all single numbers, and made it the source of derivation in the Kingdom of Creation. Verily, it counteth not itself among the numbers from which numbers are compounded, in such wise that it can never be exhausted. When it shone forth through its sovereignty upon its pillars, there appeared the Four which is the completion of Ten, and through it were concluded the degrees of mathematical figures in the stations of remembrance and allusions. Every discerning one seeth, at the conclusion of this station, the form of the Beginning in the first of numbers. Then did the suns of Names shine forth from the horizon of this heaven in the degrees and lines which were determined according to the number of the Vav and Ha that were established therein in the worlds of accomplishment after decree. When the lines adorned with Names appeared according to the number of Our Name, the All-Glorious, We adorned with them the First Temple and made it the source of causes, and from it We detailed the Temples and Names until the Temples ended at the Twenty-Ninth Temple and the Names at Our Name, the Help in

Peril, which We made the ultimate end of Names in numbers and their measure in the kingdom of creation. Thus ended the journey of the First Temple in the seas of Names unto this most exalted station, yet it reached not unto the sea of Kaf in the kingdom of beginning. Then We made the establishment of the Temples and Numbers and the objects of those Names through the manifestation of the Square by this Triangle, whereby all upon earth were thunderstruck save those who held fast to the luminous Handle - and it is the Triangle which was the first of forms and their source, and the fountainhead of numbers and their sovereign. And verily these are outwardly possessed of straight sides and lines which were not ordained to descend, and inwardly that which none hath understood save God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Creator of earth and heaven.

And as to what thou hast asked concerning the knowledge that was hidden in God's knowledge and treasured within the veil of grandeur and glory, know thou that the Point of the Bayan desired by its revelation naught else save that all should know their beginning and their return, lest the multiplicities of the worlds of names and the visible utterances of letters in the kingdom of creation should prevent them from turning unto Him Whom God hath made the Source and Return of all things. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. None can comprehend the greatness of this knowledge save he who beholdeth it with the eye of God, and without this none hath any share of this great depth. God hath revealed this knowledge for the recognition by men of the Source from which the letters have proceeded and every wise command. Verily God, blessed and exalted be He, hath created limited letters and made them sources of knowledge amongst the servants. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. And these letters and numbers, all of them, began from the Primal Point and the First Pattern, which is the One without number, and unto it do they return on His wondrous Day. The fruit of this knowledge and the fruits of all knowledge is the recognition of the Known One Who hath appeared after the Qayyum in His Name the Self-Subsisting. Whoso hath attained unto this hath ascended unto the ultimate goal and hath known the Beginning and the End. And whoso is deprived of the fruit in this Most Great Day is among the most ignorant of creation, even should he bring forth the knowledge of the first and the last ones. Say: The knower is he who hath known the Known One, and the learned is he who hath drawn nigh unto the Known One, and he who is remote, verily he is the imaginary one, by the Lord of the worlds. All things have been limited by whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven by everything - this is a word that encompasseth what hath been created and what shall be created by the Mighty, the Powerful. And verily these have been limited to nineteen units in the Book of God, and every unit began from the First Unit, and verily it is from the Point that speaketh: "There is no God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." And God desired naught except to teach the people the Dawning-Place of the Cause and its Rising-Point, lest the manifestations of the worlds of names should prevent them from the Creator of heaven, and the allusions of the people of creation from the Source of verses and their Return. Thus hath God detailed what He desired in a clear Tablet. Verily he who hath drunk the wine of revelation from this Cup will not alter a single letter of what We have sent down in the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earths. Then know thou that the Book of the Unity hath been sent down from the presence of the One to this Single One, but for Whom the face of creation would not have been adorned with the beauty of detachment, nor the tablet of invention with the ornament of the Point from which all things have been detailed. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the kingdom of decree from the Dawning-Place of the revelation of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Blessed is he who hath found the

sweetness of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful. He would not exchange it for all the books of the earth. To this beareth witness the King of the realms of eternity from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. And We adorned that Book with Our Most Beautiful Names in the lines of the Vav and the Ha, then We made them the ornament of the First Temple that it might tell of the Pure Identity among the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. And We ordained in the first line letters which We made the source and return of all things, that the seeing one might behold in that line the lines branching from the ocean of the Point, and might become aware of the beginning of manifestations and multiplicities from the first and last ones, and might be of the assured ones. And We revealed from their numbers a Name from the Names, that it might proclaim in the kingdom of creation that there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then in the second line are points telling of the stations of unity […]

We revealed from their numbers a Name among the names, that it might proclaim throughout the kingdom of creation that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then in the second line were points representing the ranks of ones, tens and hundreds, and We added to them points for the three ranks and that which indicates the thousand in the inscribed figures. And We revealed from them another name - thus was the matter decreed from the presence of the Lord of Destiny in this noble scene. Then in the third were corresponding alifs until the lines were completed in the number of Our Most Glorious Name and the seas of geometry and figures ended at the geometry indicating nine, for God has ordained no geometry beyond it. All forms and shapes have culminated in this geometry which tells of the Most Great Name, which God has made the Dawning-Place of names and their source for all who are in the heavens and earth. When the realities of all things were gathered in eleven scrolls in the Temple of the Divine Identity, We made it the First Embroidery and the Speaker of this Name which God has made the Master of Causes and the Source of religions for all the worlds. When We adorned the heaven of that Temple with the suns of names, Our True Name appeared from the corresponding ta's at the ultimate stations, and in this are signs and clear proofs for those who know. This is what God intended in the mystery of mysteries from the mystery veiled by mystery in this Great Announcement. Blessed is he who has recognized this mystery, from the burden of which all in the heavens and earth fled in terror, save those who turned their gaze away from all things and set their faces toward the scene of God, the Mighty, the Generous. When the creation of the First Temple was completed through this Most Great Name, We derived from it the Temples. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. Know then that We caused that Name which We revealed in the ultimate stations and lines to traverse a sea among the seas of names by adding to it its like, whereupon Our Name "the Embroiderer" appeared in that straight channel. Then We caused it to traverse another sea and another name rose from its dawning-place. Then in the stages of its journey through each of the seas a name among the names appeared until it reached the ultimate of the Temples, the Twenty-ninth Temple, whereupon the sun of Our Name "the One Who Calls for Help" shone forth from that manifest and evident horizon. At that point the journeys and seas came to an end, for God has not ordained among the names a greater number than this exalted Name. Therefore He said - and His word is the truth - that it reaches not unto twenty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. If thou shouldst add to this Name, no name would appear from it as appeared in the ranks We have explained to thee. Reflect that thou mayest know what thy Lord intended aforetime and in this wondrous Tablet. Thus has the sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, as a grace from Him unto thee and unto those who ask.

If thou wouldst reflect, the proof of this knowledge and that mighty Book would become manifest to thee, and it is, in its inner reality, the manifestation of Truth in the One Who Calls for Help. By My life, this is indeed the purpose - blessed are they who attain! We testify that all that hath appeared in the Proof or shall appear is God's proof unto all else and His testament unto all in the kingdom. Then We shall explain to thee what the Point intended in the inmost heart of His utterance, that thou mayest be of the thankful. By the Twenty-ninth He intended naught but this most impregnable and exalted Manifestation. As for the nine, ye were promised it in the Book in His words "In the nine ye shall attain all good," even as there appeared therein the Manifestation of God […]

As the Nine had been promised unto you in the Book where He saith "Within the Nine ye shall attain unto all good," even so was made manifest therein the Revelation of God and His mystery according to a fixed measure. And by the other years were meant those years that were appointed for the respite, as revealed in the Bayan. And when these were fulfilled and the Promise came, the Promised One appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all who dwell in the realm of the seen and the unseen. And His words "It shall not reach unto Kaf" signified that the twentieth year would not be completed ere He would be made manifest with the truth, with evident sovereignty. O thou herald! Convey unto the people what God intended in the mystery of the Book of the Temples from God's Most Great Treasury, that they may be of them that know. Say: In His mention He intended naught save the Goal of all who dwell on earth. When the creation of the First Unity was completed and from it the Temples were differentiated, He called upon his Lord in His communion, saying: "O my God! Guide Thou that Unity and that Being unto Him Whom God shall make manifest, that they may not be veiled from the Manifestation of Thyself, inasmuch as they were created for Him." Thus was the matter decreed. Blessed are they that attain! Were anyone to ponder this utterance and comprehend what the All-Merciful intended, he would melt with the fire of yearning and would recognize the grandeur of this Cause and its sovereignty. Yet most people remain heedless. O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of certitude and art mentioned by the tongue of the All-Merciful in the highest paradise! Know thou that every mention hath ended at this most mighty station and every description at this most luminous spot. When the Point praiseth a soul in the Bayan, He saith: "Beware lest praise veil thee from the Most Glorious Horizon," and when He describeth anyone with names, He addresseth him thus: "Beware lest the garment of names prevent thee from Him round Whom circle Their suns in adoration before His beauteous countenance." Observe how He praised the Letters in the most wondrous manner possible in creation and in the most glorious way that could be mentioned in invention. Then He addresseth the people of the Bayan, saying: "Beware lest ye be veiled by these Letters from the Lord of Names and Attributes." Blessed is he who hath recognized God's purpose in what He hath truthfully revealed and who hath remained steadfast upon this straight path. And when He mentioneth Him Whom all shall seek, He saith that should He appear at that very moment, His command must be obeyed and His wish fulfilled. None may object to Him; rather must all acknowledge Him and thank God for this supreme bounty. O My Name! Reflect upon the allusions in the words of Him Who revealed the verses, that the fragrances of reunion in this culmination, which hath been the ultimate hope of the Messengers, may seize thee. Verily, he who hath not recognized the Purpose hath been deprived of God and His sovereignty and what He hath revealed unto the sincere ones. Say: Beware lest the multitude of what hath been revealed in the Bayan veil you from the Source of the Bayan, and lest the manifestations of the worlds of words veil you from the Horizon whence rose the suns of meaning

and exposition from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By My life, O My Name! Were We to reveal books concerning the Temples and what lieth beyond them, it would be easier for Me than to interpret what We have previously revealed, for though interpretation is indeed a momentous matter, yet it is the province of every learned one aware among the people of Baha whose hearts are connected with this mighty ocean. Blessed is the learned one whom the breezes of revelation have seized in the days of God and have caused him to forget all creation and whatsoever hath been mentioned therein, speaking forth this remembrance whereby the oceans of life have gushed forth amidst all worlds. He is among the most exalted of creation before the Truth, for the station of the learned one who hath embarked upon the Crimson Ark in the Most Glorious Name among the people is as the station of sight among the senses. It behooveth all to revere him.

As for the one who spoke with this Remembrance, through which the rivers of life burst forth amidst the worlds - verily, he is among the most exalted of creatures before the Truth. For the station of the learned one who has embarked upon the crimson ark in the Most Glorious Name amongst the people is as the station of sight among the senses. It behooveth everyone to honor him and to magnify him. Thus was it sent down aforetime and at this hour. Then blessed is the learned one who hath adorned himself with the raiment of detachment in creation and with the cloak of godliness among men, and who hath been so attracted by hearkening to this Call that he hath gone forth from his homeland, traveling through the countries in remembrance of the All-Merciful. Verily, he is of those who have drawn nigh and are sincere.

O Khalil! This is uttered in the Persian tongue, that all creation might partake of the fragrant breezes of divine utterances and attain to that which God hath willed. The Point of the Bayan hath revealed a Book concerning the Single Temples, wherein He hath gathered all things within eleven lines corresponding to the number of 'Huva' and the Most Splendid Name. In the first line He inscribed the letters of the abjad, and from its twenty-eight letters, which are the source and return of all things, He derived the name Vahid. In the second line He took the dots marking the ranks of ones, tens, hundreds and thousands, wherefrom the name Mahbub was derived. In the third line He recorded similar alifs, such as one (1), ten (10), eleven (11), one hundred (100), one hundred and one (101), one hundred and ten (110), one hundred and eleven (111), and so forth. He calculated all similar letters in like manner, not exceeding the number of Al-Mustaghath, which He established as the measure of numbers. From these similar alifs He derived the name Baydavi. Similarly He recorded in each line the equivalents of each abjad letter and derived therefrom a name, until He reached the similar ta's, which represent the ultimate degree of geometry and forms in the material world, from which He derived the name Haqq. In this are signs for those who observe and reflect. All these names He gathered in the First Single Temple, which is Oneness without number. Thereafter He caused each of the names gathered in the Temple of Identity to traverse an ocean from among the oceans of names, deriving other names therefrom, from which He arranged the Second Temple, until the Temples ended with the nineteenth, beyond which progress according to the established rule is impossible, for at the end of the nineteenth Temple the names culminate in Al-Mustaghath with the alif and lam, above which there exists no name in numbers from which to arrange a final Temple. In brief, He determined eleven names corresponding to the number of 'Huva' and 'Bahhaj' in the eleven lines and degrees, as mentioned. The number of these eleven names also corresponds to the name Al-Mutakabbir. Then from this the First Single Temple appeared, and when they added once to

the numbers of these names, eleven other names appeared, wherefrom He raised up the Second Single Temple. Likewise when they added twice to the numbers of the names of the First Single Temple, other names appeared wherefrom the Third Single Temple was manifested. Thus did they add at each degree until it concluded with the nineteenth Temple. All these Temples appeared and came into being from the First Temple itself. Let it not be imagined that the Second Temple came from the First, the Third from the Second, and the Fourth from the Third, as would appear in calculation to those possessed of understanding. Thereby it is proven that God is the Truth, that He is the Creator and all else His creation, and all things are before Him in a single plane. Thus doth God expound His Cause that ye may be among the believers in His unity. Observe how the Most Great Name appeared from the similar ta's at the end of the eleven lines.

And all are before Him in one plane. Thus doth God expound His Cause that ye may be of them that comprehend. Look ye unto truth, in that at the end of the eleven lines there appeared the letters ?a, evocative of the Most Great Name, and by it was the first temple completed, for at the end of the names of the first temple this blessed name dawned forth. This name moved through one of the seas of names; its like was added unto it, and the name ?arraz appeared, and by it was the second temple completed. Again it moved through another sea; twice its like was added unto it, and the name Shaydud appeared, and by it was the third temple completed. And likewise in every sea of seas there was added unto it, and a name appeared, and a temple from among the temples was by that name completed, until in the nineteenth sea, which was the ultimate of seas, there appeared the name Mustaghath with the alif and lam, and by it was the nineteenth temple completed. It was impossible to go beyond this station, for were one to add to the numerical value of Mustaghath, no name would appear, since among the divine names commonly known among men none existeth with a numerical value greater than this name. This is why He saith that if thou movest the first temple through the sea of names it will be completed at nineteen and will not reach the sea of kaf. And it is known that eleven numbers are lacking from the numbers of the name Mustaghath. He saith that from these eleven numbers were created eleven lines. Here reflection is needed. The meaning is that from the eleven numbers of the name Mustaghath, which pertaineth to the Sovereign of Names, were created eleven lines, and from that arose the first single temple. Blessed is he who drinketh the pure water of mystic knowledge from this Cup, whereby the life of the worlds was suspended.

O proclaimer! Just as the name of Truth traversed all the cities of names and their kingdom in nineteen stations, or nineteen degrees, or nineteen seas, and reached Our name Mustaghath, so too did the Self of Truth traverse time in nineteen years and appear in Mustaghath. This is the meaning of the Book of the Temples, but most people do not understand. Were they to reflect, they would be convinced that His purpose in that Book was none other than what We have mentioned to thee, and they would thank the Lord for this lucid exposition. We desire to cast upon the servants clear, manifest, and transcendent utterances, that they may understand according to their capacity what their Ancient Lord intended. And We have utterances and melodies, then other melodies which none hath discovered save God, and in every letter thereof is concealed the greatest depth of divine mysteries, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have repeated and do repeat these words that God's purpose may become as manifest as the sun at high noon. This is naught but a great bounty.

Know thou that Our name Mustaghath appeared from the Truth made manifest from the letters ?a which indicate the Most Great Name. Therefore, behold the Mustaghath made manifest from the Name which emerged from the Sovereign of Names in Mustaghath, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the worlds! By My life, this is God's greatest mystery and His mightiest treasure and His Cause adorned with the ornament of eternity and His hidden talisman in a perspicuous Book. Know thou the purpose of Mustaghath which was revealed in the Tablets and the manifestation of Truth therein. This verily is the spirit of life in the Bayan, whereby it soared and moved and trembled and proclaimed: There is none other God but Me, the Protector over all worlds.

Know that what was meant by the mention of the Divine Right and His maturity after the passing of nineteen stations in the name of Him Who is Implored for Help is the Manifestation of Truth after the passing of nineteen years at the time of Mustaghath. This and this alone was and is meant. Say: The fragrances of eternity have wafted over the world and the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility. Well is it with them that perceive.

O My Name! All that was revealed in the Bayan concerning the mention of the Most Great Remembrance was revealed with utmost clarity. That which was made the cause of distinguishing the people and the degrees of recognition and the appearance of tests was the mention of Mustaghath, and now the meaning thereof hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Clear Tablet - that which until now they have neither understood nor comprehended. The people are weak, and most have drunk the milk of vain imaginings from the breast of idle fancy. This is why they remain deprived of the Self-Subsisting through such mentions. Observe that after mentioning Mustaghath, in most statements He saith that should He appear at that time, all must offer thanks and praise unto the True God and be content with whatsoever God hath ordained for them. There is no doubt that this latter statement predominates and encompasses all other statements, for from the second wafteth the fragrance of the Self-Subsisting as He passeth by, and from the first the fragrance of limitations is evident. Is there any possessor of smell who perceiveth the fragrance of the Bayan and is of the thankful? Is there any possessor of hearing who heareth and saith: "Thine be the praise, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth"? In no case hath there been or is there for anyone occasion to hesitate. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify in the highest Paradise.

In some Names an increase or decrease is observed, and completion is with thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And that which the Point of the Bayan mentioned was meant to be the Most Great Remembrance, but most of the people of the Bayan have imagined from the Book of Temples and the like that it referred to numerology and other sciences. All are wandering in the wilderness of fancy. Every Tablet began with this Name and ended with this wise Remembrance.

As to what thou hast asked concerning the Days, We have made them manifestations of the letter Ha' in the kingdom of creation. Therefore they are not limited by the bounds of years and months. It behooveth those in the Days of Baha to feed themselves and then the poor and needy, and to glorify and praise and magnify their Lord with joy and delight. And when the Days are completed, they shall enter into the Fast. Thus hath the Lord of all beings decreed. These Days are expansion before contraction, and giving before withholding. Therefore must all engage in glorification and praise and magnification of the transcendent

Lord with complete joy and delight and fragrance. In these Days, gathering and feasting and rejoicing are beloved before God. God willing, may all derive the utmost possible delight in these Days and then enter into the month of fasting. Well is it with them that act accordingly.

Convey My greetings to My Afnan and give them glad tidings of how We have answered what they asked. He is verily the Answerer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Also to those who are there from among the loved ones of God, the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Most High, the Most Great.

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

If a soul, firm, steadfast, assured and upright be found, and for the sake of God, His love and His good-pleasure arise with perfect constancy like a banner upon the highest heights, and with loudest cry question all things as to what hath befallen the Wronged One in the path of God and what He hath purposed - by the life of God, all will cry out with loudest voice this most exalted Word: He hath come for the salvation of the world and the preservation of the nations, and hath desired naught but the exaltation of their stations and the elevation of their ranks, and hath borne what none hath borne before nor shall bear hereafter.

O Amin! I swear by the Manifest Cause that is evident and visible in the Most Great Prison that the hearing ear which, through the divine bounty, hath been purified from the false tales of the former times and the fabricated stories of the latter days will surely hear this call from all things. In all conditions there hath been revealed from the Pen of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, that which every just one hath testified to and every seeing one hath witnessed, regarding the refinement and purification of souls and the education of the world. Nevertheless, certain souls who claim adherence to the Truth have committed that which causeth the very essence of truth to weep. I swear by the Call that is raised today from the Sinai of divine knowledge that this Wronged One hath suffered at their hands that which hath no equal or likeness, to such extent that they have defiled the pure hem and clouded the luminous Cause. Every hearing one hath heard the lamentation of the divine Tablets and every seeing one hath perceived the sorrows inflicted. Some who claim to love have wrought that which hath left the Tablet and the Pen bewildered and dumbfounded. The sighs of the sincere ascend and the tears of the near ones descend.

In the Persian Hidden Words this most exalted Word was revealed from the Supreme Pen: “O My servant! Barter not the everlasting dominion for a single emanation, nor the sovereignty of the Celestial Paradise for a fleeting desire.” The counsels of the past and present bow down, nay prostrate themselves, before God’s exhortation in this Most Great Manifestation. Some have become so inflamed with the fire of self and passion that they have astonished the Concourse on High.

Your honor hath repeatedly attained the presence of the Most Holy Court through divine grace and infinite heavenly bounty, and hath repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur that which was the

cause of life and sanctification, and the means of exaltation and purification. Now reflect upon the deeds of certain heedless souls - what was the counsel and what became the deed! O Amin! The treachery and falsehood of that claimant of love was sharper than a sword in striking at the body of the Cause. The tribulations of this Wronged One have been from the deeds of those who claim to love Him. In the past, the tongue of the Wronged One uttered these words: “My affliction is not My imprisonment and what hath descended upon Me from My enemies, but rather the deeds of My loved ones who attribute themselves to Me yet commit that which causeth My heart and My pen to lament.” In brief, such utterances have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. The deed of the enemy of God and the oppressor brought about in the great city that which had no equal or likeness. That faithless traitor, out of greed for wealth, forsook his ultimate end. The fire of his greed was so aflame that at every moment a new falsehood would appear from him. By the life of God, he hath passed beyond what is known […]

That faithless and unjust one, who, motivated by greed for wealth, lost sight of all consequences. The fire of his avarice was so inflamed that at every moment falsehoods issued from him. By the life of God, he forsook what is good and clung to evil. Through his treachery, a grievous blow was dealt to justice. In all conditions, beseech ye God that perchance they may become aware and return.

O Amin! All that thou didst write was presented before the Divine Presence, and this is the answer that now floweth from the Most Exalted Pen: Convey My greetings to the children of the one who ascended unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and gladden them with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine Providence. Verily, We mentioned him who was raised up when there issued from the Tongue of Will that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrance of pardon and bounty to waft. God’s mercy encompassed him, and We made mention of each of his children. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to honor their eyes with beholding His signs and their ears with hearkening to that which hath been sent down for them from the Ancient Revealer. A special visitation prayer hath been revealed for that departed one, along with mention of his children. This shall be bestowed, and thou shalt convey it. Success and divine confirmation are within His mighty grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

The intention of Varqa, upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, was mentioned before Us and achieved the honor of acceptance. O Amin! Day and night he is occupied with service to the Cause and is blessed with the word of contentment. His affairs are confined to the mention of God’s Cause, the Lord of all worlds. In these days there hath befallen him that which hath befallen the loved ones. In thy letter thou didst mention that which causeth grief to those near unto God. We beseech God to aid him henceforth as He aided him before. Verily, He is with him in all conditions, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

His honor Haji Malik Husayn, upon him be My glory, hath attained unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily God, thy Lord, preserved him, aided him, and seized his enemy with His might. He is the Seizer, the Strong, the Powerful. Remember him from Me and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. We have desired at this moment to make mention of his son who was named Abdul-Husayn, that the attraction of this remembrance may draw him

to a station wherein the might of tyrants shall not prevent him from the remembrance of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Abdul-Husayn! Hearken unto the call from the direction of My Most Exalted Prison, from the Supreme Lote-Tree: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the invisible and the visible. Take thou the Most Exalted Cup in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, then drink therefrom the choice wine of the Most Glorious, despite every learned one whom knowledge hath prevented from turning towards Him Who is Known. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Countenance when the people turned away, and for having heard the Call when heedless servants were debarred therefrom. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who fear not, neither shall they be grieved. Convey My glorification to thy mother and give her the glad-tidings of My mention of her from this praiseworthy station. O My handmaiden! Thou hast attained unto the hearing of this Most Exalted and Glorious Word, while the divines of Iran have not attained unto the word "O My servant." Despite their seeking they are deprived, and despite their longing they are forbidden. True indeed are the words "Knowledge is the most great veil." Would that they had attained unto true knowledge! They have devised vain imaginings and called them knowledge. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an concerning them: "They have changed God's favor into disbelief and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition." The glory from Us be upon God's loved ones in His earth and His beloved ones in His lands.

O Amin! If thou shouldst meet Muhammad (in M-N), say: Put aside all doubts, then turn to the fragrances of thy Lord's revelation, the All-Informed Speaker. Were He to pronounce existence as non-existence, fire as water, or heaven as earth, none may say 'why' or 'wherefore.' Purify thy soul and heart from suspicions and imaginings, and turn thy face toward the City of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily He was with thee and heard thy words and what proceeded from thy mouth. He is indeed the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Muhammad! None hath been or is aware of the requirements of God's consummate wisdom. Hearken unto the counsel of the Wronged One - for God's sake He speaketh it - be not a cause of deviation. Turn to the sacred Writings and listen with sanctified ears. They will guide thee to the straight path of God. Make not any accusation against one upon whom a hundred thousand afflictions have descended in the path of God. If thou canst not believe in the words of the Herald, be not a cause of grief. By God! The Point Himself - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - in the most exalted station of the supreme Paradise uttereth the words "Verily I am the foremost of them that worship." Cast aside the vain imaginings of the immature ones of the world and say: "In the name of God and through God," and turn from the left hand of fancy to the right hand of certitude. Verily He will protect thee and guide thee, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

O Amin! We wish at this moment to make mention of My handmaiden who hath attained unto My days, heard My sweetest call, and turned toward My most exalted horizon when most of mankind turned away. O Fatimah! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of those in My kingdom and the glory of the Concourse on High. I testify that thou hast attained unto the days of thy Lord, believed in Him, clung to the hem of His robe, and held fast to His cord. We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee

at all times mercy from His presence and grace from His side. He is the Protector of every servant who hath believed in Him and every handmaiden who hath recognized Him, turned unto His path, and acknowledged that which He hath revealed in His Book. I testify that thou hast witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden and My leaf! I testify that thou didst turn with such steadfastness that the clamor of the divines did not prevent thee from turning toward God, the Lord of the throne and of the dust, and the croaking of the wicked did not frighten thee from drawing nigh unto thy Chosen Lord, and the veils of glory did not hinder thee from turning toward the Self-Subsisting. Thou didst drink the wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty and didst attain unto the Kawthar of utterance in His days, and the attraction of the Call seized thee to such a station wherein all things bore witness to His unity and oneness. Joy be unto thee, O My handmaiden who art mentioned in My presence! We beseech God, exalted be He, once again, to adorn thee with the ornament of My Most Glorious Name in the highest Paradise. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and the earths.

We make mention of another handmaiden who was named Khadijih. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in how the Ancient Beauty hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Prison. [I swear] by My remembrance the ocean of bounty surged and the rains of mercy were sent down from the heaven of the grace of the Lord of all beings. I testify that thine ear was blessed to hearken unto His call, thine eye to behold His signs, and thy heart to turn unto Him. We beseech God to give thee to drink, at all times, from a cup of the Kawthar of eternity and a chalice in His Most Glorious Name. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and is the Overseer of all things. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thou hast ascended unto the Supreme Companion and attained that which was ordained for thee by God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee and unto every servant and handmaiden who hath remembered thy days and what was revealed for thee from the direction of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by those who have ascended in Thy love unto Thee, who have sought Thy nearness and meeting, and who have attained unto the ocean of Thy bounty and presence before Thy face, that Thou send down upon the seekers the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy mercy; then forgive them through Thy grace and generosity. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Amin! The Supreme Pen hath testified to thy service and the service of those related to thee, and hath ordained for each one that which beseemeth the oceans of His grace and generosity.

Convey mention and greetings from the Wronged One to the Leaf Hakimih. We testify that she hath attained unto turning toward My direction, hearkening unto My call, and beholding My signs. Upon her be My glory, My grace, and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Give her glad tidings that, by the life of God, she hath been and remaineth under the glances of God's grace,

and her deeds have attained unto acceptance and divine good-pleasure. Well is it with her and joy be unto her.

We make mention at this time of My other leaf who was named Kuchik. We have found from her the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, and We give her glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for her from the presence of an All-Knowing Ordainer. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the Most Exalted Word, which is "O My handmaiden". By the lights of the Sun of Truth, the princesses of the earth have not attained unto that which these mentioned handmaidens have attained. Blessed is she and blessed is the one who hath taken her as a companion and helper.

And We make mention of My handmaiden who was named Maryam. O Maryam! Thou hast attained unto the mention of God. He hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. He hath mentioned thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. He hath forgiven thee, thy mother, and thy sister as a mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

O Hasan! Upon thee be My glory. Thy toil and service have been mentioned before and are accepted by the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may aid thee in that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. The deeds of no soul have been nor shall be lost. O servants! Know with clear certainty that goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, from whomsoever they have appeared or shall appear, their recompense is preserved and treasured with God. Soon shall the doers of deeds behold the reward of their actions with God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Trustee! Since the handmaidens of God are related to Him and are His own, they must needs be adorned, both outwardly and inwardly, with the ornaments of that special distinction. From this date, which is the month of Shawwal al-Mukarram of the year 1306, each one should [receive] nine tumans annually, according to the number of the Greatest Name, from [God's] presence, so that it may become clear and evident to all that they are of God, holding fast unto Him and related to Him. In successive years, most of what they have owned they have sent to the Most Holy Court, and your honor is also aware and [can testify] to what has been mentioned. And that which the handmaiden of God saw in her dream is the truth in which there is no doubt. We beseech God to make it a blessing unto her. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Overseer of all things great and small.

O My friends in Ta! The honored Trustee, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, arrived and made mention of each of the friends, both men and women, and each hath been blessed with the effulgences of the Luminary of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. The world and all that is therein cannot equal one word that hath proceeded from the Dawning-Place of the utterance of the Lord of all religions. We counsel all to trustworthiness and godliness. In the great city the veil of trustworthiness was rent asunder; in place of the standard of justice, the banner of tyranny was raised. There befell this Wronged One that which hath been recorded in the book of the world. Be not grieved at the happenings of the world. The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards the men and women who have turned unto Him. Who can reckon His bounty and His bestowals? Some of the Hands of the Cause of God are present in that land. We send greetings to all and counsel them to love, fellowship and the betterment of

affairs. We beseech God to sanctify the holy souls from vain imaginings, idle fancies, and the fanaticism of the former party. Verily, He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

O Trustee! When thou arrivest there, make mention of the people of Baha on My behalf and convey My greetings to their faces by My command. We beseech God to protect them from the evil of every ignorant one and the oppression of every oppressor. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O My friends in Qaf and Mim! The Wronged One maketh mention of you at this hour. The deeds of My friends there have gained My acceptance and good-pleasure. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. We testify that they have attained unto the sealed wine of My love and have drunk the Kawthar of My utterance from the hand of My bounty and the Salsabil of My remembrance from the cup of My grace. Upon them be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. We testify that the Trustee made mention of you time and again. We have made mention of you with a mention that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ye are they whom the veils of glory have not withheld from the Self-Subsisting, and whom the oppression of every oppressor and the might of every remote transgressor did not frighten. It behooveth everyone to say, turning towards the Kaaba of God:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having delivered me from the pit of heedlessness and vain desire, and guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement, and aided me to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the radiance of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace, to remove from the faces of Thy servants and creatures the veils that have prevented them from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon. O my Lord! Do not disappoint Thy servants from the ocean of Thy verses. By Thy glory! If Thou wert to unveil to them as Thou hast unveiled to me, they would cast away what they possess in hope of what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Knowing.

O My friends in the cities and lands! The Trusted One hath mentioned you before Our face, and ye have attained unto the bounties of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. O My friends in all lands! Today the ocean of utterance hath another wave, and the Sun of grace another dawning. What hath come to pass that the people remain veiled from the gathering-place of the Concourse on High and barred from the Day-spring of the signs of the Lord of all beings? Hath there appeared in all creation aught like this Most Great Cause? Nay, by My Own Self, the Truth! All divine Books speak in praise and glorification thereof. O friends! Hearken unto His call, hold fast unto unity and concord, and aid the Cause of God, exalted be His glory, through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character.

O people of God! Today the Blessed Tree hath no need of aught else to establish His Cause, for it hath appeared with countless sweet fruits, manifest and evident. Blessed is the one whom the doubts of the world have not prevented from turning to God nor held back from drawing nigh unto Him.

O Amin! Thou didst mention him that believeth and his wife, upon them be the glory of God. Let them carry out in the path of God that which they have purposed - it hath been accepted. Yet We leave it to themselves. Moreover, the reward of attaining His presence hath been recorded for each from the Most

Exalted Pen. Happy are they both. The wife attained His presence in Baghdad. Now again her intention hath been adorned with the ornament of deed and accepted. O Amin! Thou seest that in the prison-land no place remaineth for anyone. Furthermore, for some time certain words have been spread abroad - the mischief-makers have suggested that which causeth harm to the friends. After this the matter resteth in the hand of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, from Isfahan, as well as two other souls - Karbila'i Aqa Jan from Nur, and Muhammad Hasan from Isfahan, upon them both be the glory of God - and mention of their turning toward the Most Holy Court. The answer from the heaven of divine will is this: O Muhammad, before Hasan! The Trusted One hath mentioned thee before Our face, and what thou didst desire in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to strengthen thee and assist thee in what He loveth and pleaseth, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Know then that the idolaters have come between Us and Our loved ones. We ask God to record for thee the reward of attaining His presence. Verily He is the Lord of all being and the Lord of the mighty throne. By My life! My mention of thee equals not the remembrances of nations nor what the kings and rulers possess.

O Aqa Jan! Hear the call of the Wronged One. By the life of God, there hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressor that which hath caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. My grief is not from Mine enemies, but from those who claim to love Me yet do what causeth My tears to flow and My heart and those with Me in this mighty prison to lament. The heedless one hath done there what hath caused hearts to lament and the veil of chastity and virtue to be rent, and the pillars of religion to quake at his deed. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One and for this clear Book being sent down for thee. O Muhammad Hasan! Behold and then remember what hath befallen the trusted ones of God from the hosts of the oppressors. They denied their proofs and disputed their verses until they pronounced judgment against them without any evidence from God, the Lord of this exalted station. Say[...]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Orb of Thy proof to assist Thy servants in that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and attain the glory of Thy acceptance. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thou didst make mention of Mir (Nabil-i-Qa'in). In truth he is a helper of the Cause and, to the extent of his capacity, mindful thereof. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him with the hosts of grace, favors, wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. His feast hath been accepted. In these days We have bidden them to perform that which Mir desired. O Amin! Verily grace hath encompassed all and bounty hath preceded all. The mention of each of the loved ones hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in these days when grief hath surrounded all. We beseech God to send down upon His chosen ones from the heaven of His bounty a mercy from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Amin! Make mention of the loved ones in the Land of ?a. The Hands of the Cause of God are, praise be to God, present and each standeth mentioned before the seat of the Wronged One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to ’Ayn and Ba, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness and favor. Some time ago their petition attained the presence and was heard. Before and after the petition, answers were sent down from the heaven of divine bounty. As requested, his feast was accepted and achieved the glory of fulfillment. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times that which will gladden eyes and hearts. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have not broken God’s Covenant and Testament, who have arisen and said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the earth and heavens.”

O Amin! Convey greetings from the Wronged One to ’Ali-Qabli-Haydar - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Blessed be God, he standeth firm in service and is engaged in attending to the needs of the loved ones. We have ordained for him in Our Hidden Book that which none knoweth save God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Well is it with him and pleasant it is unto him.

Mention was made of the leaf, the daughter of Jim who ascended to the Supreme Horizon. This leaf turned to God from the beginning of the days and attained His acceptance. We bear witness that she turned with such steadfastness as was not shaken by the onslaught of the oppressors nor hindered by the veils of the transgressors. She drank the wine of immortality in My Most Great Name and attained that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books, Psalms and Tablets. We have sent down for her that which shall endure as long as My utterance endureth in the kingdom of My knowledge. I am the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have desired to make mention of those with her as a grace and mercy from Our presence. I am the All-Generous.

O Siyyid Rida! He who loved Me made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through verses from which all who are endowed with perception can detect the fragrance of loving-kindness and favor. Verily the Letter calleth, the Word calleth, and the Tablet declareth before the Countenance of the Manifestation: “The One Who conversed on Sinai hath come!” Blessed are they who are endued with true understanding. O Rida! When thou drinkest the Salsabil of knowledge from the cup of thy Lord’s bounty, say:

O my God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having made me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and to confess that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the Finger of Thy Power whereby the veils of all creation were rent asunder, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We desire to make mention of thy son who hath been named Asadu’llah, that he may rejoice in the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of lords. All created things have borne witness to My remembrance of My loved ones, and all contingent beings to My turning toward My chosen ones. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them and to ordain for them the reward of attaining My presence and standing before My face. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of thy other son who hath been named Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali, and We give him the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. The Trusted One hath mentioned you purely for

the sake of God. We have remembered you with that which no remembrance can equal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and guided me to the straight path. I beseech Thee to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the might of the ungodly shall not deter me.

O Rida! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy children who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Mention was made of Muhammad-Rida (of Muhammad-Abad), upon him be the glory of God. His mention hath been made in the divine Tablets, both in the past and present. Make mention of him on My behalf and adorn him with the ornament of My glorious and wondrous remembrance. O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Thou hast attained unto acceptance when most of mankind turned away, and thou hast drunk the choice wine of faith when the servants were debarred therefrom. Verily thy Lord remembereth him who remembereth Him, and loveth him who loveth Him. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glorify thy Lord with praise in the nights and days with such glorification as will attract the inhabitants of the lands. He, verily, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Trustee! Convey greetings and salutations from the Wronged One to the loved ones in every land, and remember each one with utmost love, kindness, joy and fragrance. His honor Mas'alih-Gu is, praise be to God, engaged in serving the Cause. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of grace and upon his tongue the gates of wisdom and utterance, that he may cause people to enter His religion, make them know His way, give them to drink of the Kawthar of His knowledge, and guide them to His Great Announcement. We were with him and heard what he spoke concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who heard his call, his mention and his utterance in this wise Remembrance. In these days a Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of Will especially for him, and each of the names mentioned in his letter hath been blessed by the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds.

O Trustee! Make mention of the loved ones of the land of Qaf on behalf of the Wronged One - a mention whereby the world and all that are therein will remember. Say: O loved ones of God and His party! The call of the Wronged One is raised at all times. We beseech the Truth to aid each of His loved ones to that which is the cause of reformation and the means of success. It is hoped that each one may become manifest and evident as a standard in the remembrance of the Ancient King. O party of God! Be not saddened by the vicissitudes of the contingent world. If grief befalleth you in the path of God, you shall thereafter meet with the Most Great Joy and Supreme Gladness. This is a promise that shall not prove false, whereunto beareth witness He Who speaketh before all faces - God, there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He Who beareth My Name, Zayn, and likewise the Hand of the Cause of God in the Land of ?a, have made mention of the handmaidens of God and the Leaves in that land, and thou hast all been blessed with the effulgences of the Light of Divine Utterance. We beseech God to assist My loved ones and My Leaves to that which He loveth and is pleased with. The Leaf, who is an aunt, and the Leaves, and likewise the sons, have been and are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. In truth, from the beginning of the Cause until now, they have been speaking in praise and remembrance and have been steadfast in service.

Upon them be My glory and the glory of all who dwell in My Kingdom. The people of Kaf have ever been remembered at the Most Holy Court. Make thou happy, through divine favors, all those souls who have quaffed from the wine of steadfastness. The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto thy words in this firm and irrefutable Cause.

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This is the City of Divine Unity - enter therein, O people of unity, that ye may be among those who receive with joy the glad-tidings of the Spirit. He is the Mighty, the Unique, the Exalted, the Most High, the Peerless.

These are the verses of the Book, whose signs have been detailed with matchless originality, free from all crookedness, as signs from God and as guidance, light and remembrance for all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. Therein is that which draweth men nigh unto the court of manifest holiness. Verily it is a Book wherein every wise decree is recorded, revealed in truth from the presence of One Who is All-Wise, All-Knowing. Therein is that which enricheth men beyond all things, and from it waft the sweet savors of holiness upon all creation, and it singeth that there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth by His command and decreeth what He pleaseth. Say: Verily therein is that which illumineth the breasts, and therein is detailed all things from God, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life, and verily He is the Ever-Living in the kingdom of eternity. He ordaineth what He pleaseth and is not asked of what He willeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of creation. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

He, verily, is the Truth. There is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond all else and exalted above the description of aught else besides Him. None hath preceded Him in knowledge and He encompasseth all things. None of His creation hath ever been associated with the knowledge of His Essence, nor can any assured one attain unto His recognition, nor any soul know Him, for He is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Wise. He hath been One in His Essence, One in His attributes, and One in His acts. He hath ever been alone on the throne of grandeur, and will forever remain single upon the seat of glory. He is the Eternal unto Whom nothing can go forth and with Whom nothing can be joined. He is the Most High, the Omnipotent, the Great.

None hath understood His oneness save His Own Self, and none hath known Him except His Own Being. All that hath been created in the realm of origination and brought into being in the kingdom of invention was created by a word of His command. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bountiful. That which the mystics know in their loftiest stations, and that which the accomplished ones attain in their highest ranks, is but the recognition of a sign of His revelation unto itself by itself, and this is the ultimate knowledge - if ye be of them that understand. When the doors of attainment unto His Eternal Essence were closed, and the wings of understanding were prevented from soaring into the kingdom of His command, He sent forth the Messengers from His presence and revealed unto them the Books from His side, and made their knowledge the knowledge of His Self. This was accepted from all created things as a

token of His grace and a bounty from His presence unto all in the realm. Whoso acknowledgeth them hath acknowledged God and confessed His unity, and whoso draweth nigh unto them hath drawn nigh unto the court of manifest holiness, and whoso obeyeth them hath obeyed God, and whoso turneth away from them hath turned away from the face of God, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, the Ever-Living, the Most High.

God hath ordained the knowledge of Himself to consist in the knowledge of these Souls, and this is what was decreed in the tablets of the Command from the presence of One Mighty, Powerful. This is the ultimate station of the mystics in their highest ascent, were ye of them that know. God hath not ordained for anyone a portion beyond this, nor is there for any soul a way unto it. This is what the Truth hath prescribed for Himself, were ye of them that understand. Can the weak ascend unto One Who is All-Powerful, Ancient? Say: Glory be unto God! All are poor before Him.

This is what He hath prescribed for Himself, the Truth, if ye be of them that know. Can the weak ascend unto the Ancient and All-Powerful? Say: Glory be to God! All are poor before Him, and all are powerless to know Him. Doth it befit the mortal to soar in the dominion of the Immortal? Say: Glory be to God! All are helpless before Him, and all are bewildered at the manifestations of His Cause.

And thou, O Salman, bear witness in thy soul, thy spirit, thy tongue and all thy members that there is none other God but Him, and that all are His servants and all are His worshippers. Then, O Salman, submit thyself to God's command and to that which thou art bidden in the Book, and be not of the heedless. Then know thou the worth of these days and forget not the grace bestowed upon thee, and be of the thankful. Then detach thyself from thy self and thy desires, that God may inspire thee through His grace with that which shall deliver thee from all the worlds. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of the breezes of this Spirit, for this indeed would be a manifest loss.

Then draw nigh with all thy being unto God, the King, the Ever-Living, the Almighty, the Ancient. Say: This is a season from among God's seasons which hath appeared through grace, and naught in the heavens or on earth can alter it. Say: By God! This is the springtime which hath adorned Paradise with its beauty, and no autumn shall ever follow it throughout all eternity. And verily this is a season unprecedented on earth, for it abideth under the shadow of One exalted and mighty.

O concourse of Paradise! Take your portion of this breeze whereby the temples of all the worlds have been renewed, and wherein the spirit of the Living, the Self-Subsisting was breathed into decayed bones. O ye who dwell in the depths of oneness! Detach yourselves from your own knowledge and from all whereby ye have recognized your Creator, and unite with God in these days according to what He hath detailed unto you in truth, and be not of the heedless. Then take your share in this season wherein all things are dyed with the hue of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O concourse of immortality! Detach yourselves from all that ye have taken unto yourselves, then turn ye unto the Ridvan which hath been opened in the name of God, the Most High, in a holy and wondrous mystery. O ye who dwell in the heavens! Glorify God in the name of Him through Whom the letter Kaf was joined to its pillar, the Ra and the Mim. Then hearken unto the melodies of the Spirit from this Bird that singeth in all modes at every moment.

Say: O people of the earth! By God, this is the Dove that remembereth you with the most excellent remembrance, that ye may be of them who remember. He desireth naught from you, nor will He ever desire any recompense. His recompense is but to be martyred for the love of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: By God! Whoso seeketh not for himself what I have mentioned in truth is indeed in manifest loss. Say: Those who flee from death in God's path are in doubt concerning the meeting with God - these are the heedless ones. These have not inhaled the fragrances of holiness from this luminous Garment, and have slept upon the couch of heedlessness, turning away from that which is best for them in the kingdom of the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Soon will God roll up the earth and all that is therein, and will gather you in truth unto a sacred and mighty dwelling. Then shall ye witness the mysteries of the Cause and become aware of that which hath been ordained by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And ye shall say within yourselves: "Oh, woe unto us for what we have neglected in remembrance of God, and indeed we were among those in manifest error!" By God! Were the veil to be lifted from before the eyes of the servants, and were they to behold what their hands have wrought in the days of God, their spirits would depart from their bodies. This is the truth certain.

And verily thou, O Salman, take counsel in what We have counseled thee through grace and commanded thee through justice, and be not of them that slumber. Then remind thyself and the souls of the servants concerning that which We have sent down unto thee in truth, that perchance the people may turn with their hearts to a seat of glorious honor.

As to what thou hast asked concerning the verse of unity and the word of detachment, know thou that this is beyond my station, and I am but a lowly servant. He it is in Whose hand is the kingdom of knowledge and in Whose grasp is the dominion of wisdom. He teacheth whom He willeth whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. His is the command over all who are in the heavens and on earth. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the King, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful. Nothing escapeth His knowledge and nothing frustrateth Him. He shall not be questioned as to that which He doeth, and He is the Prevailer, the Subduer, the Exalted, the Most High.

But I, despite my weakness, my affliction, my poverty and my need, when I find in myself the desire to manifest that which God hath given me through His grace, lest I be of those of whom God hath said in His preserved and mighty Book - and His word is the truth - "Those who are niggardly and enjoin niggardliness on others and hide what God hath given them of His grace," therefore do I impart unto thee what God causeth to flow from My pen, that thou mayest glory in that which We have specially conferred upon thee amongst all people, and that thou mayest be of the detached ones, and that thou mayest thank God for what He hath bestowed upon thee through His grace, and hath sent down unto thee verses at which the mystics are bewildered.

Know thou then and understand that unity hath diverse ranks, realms and stations which none knoweth and none hath reckoned save God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Glorious. And were I to explain to thee in this station what God hath taught me through His grace, the Tablets would not suffice, nor would the seas, were they to be made ink for these holy, transcendent, mighty and gracious words. For God's outpouring hath no cessation and His command no delay. He it is Who hath detailed from the

Primal Point the knowledge of what was and what will be, if ye be of them that know. And He will detail in the manner of this Point sciences which no ear hath heard and none of the world's people shall ever know.

Say: Should He desire to roll up all the sciences that have been expounded in creation since the beginning that hath no beginning, verily He is able, and this would be easier than the twinkling of an eye. There is no God but Him, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful. He it is in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the knowledge of the heavens and earth. He eraseth what He willeth by His command and confirmeth what He desireth by His power, and with Him is a preserved and holy Tablet.

Say: He it is Who hath ever been sanctified above all that ye know, and in every matter He cometh with a wondrous knowledge. Say: The essences of unity and limitation are equal in His sight, but most people lie sleeping upon the couch of ignorance. Say: Were He to erase the signs of unity and decree limitation, this would be a manifest truth, and none may say "why" or "wherefore," for the command is what appeareth from His presence and the decree is what He ordaineth, and He is the Strong, the Powerful.

Therefore testify, O Salman, within thyself that in God's treasuries are sciences before a single letter of which the knowledge of none can be mentioned, nor the unity wherewith His servants unify God, nor the highest essences of detachment. But since His mercy hath preceded all creatures, He accepteth from them what He commandeth them in the time of every Messenger and the era of every Prophet, as a grace from His presence unto all created things.

Bear thou witness that there is no God but Him. None can know Him […]

And through His grace, He made the Covenant of every Prophet binding upon all created things. I bear witness that there is none other God but Him. No one hath known Him, nor can any soul attain unto the wonders of His knowledge, nor can any among those in His dominion comprehend Him, if ye be of them that perceive the mysteries of the Cause. Would that there were sanctified doves and detached hearts that might soar with this servant in the atmosphere of this knowledge, by whose proximity the wings of them that are nigh unto God have been consumed. Erelong will God raise up in the earth such servants as will not be held back by the hindrance of them that are shut out, who will soar on the wing of holiness, and journey through the realms of eternity, and enter beneath the pavilion of resplendent glory. No earthly affair shall occupy them, nor shall the ornaments of the world distract them from the remembrance of God, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Glorious. And when they hear the melodies of the Spirit, their eyes overflow with tears, and they rejoice in the Spirit of God, and turn unto the Beauty of ancient holiness. They would not exchange the signs of God for aught else, even were all who are in the heavens and on earth to expend their all. And whenever they hear the melodies of God, they incline toward the homeland of nearness and offer up their souls at every moment. At this point, it behooveth Me to begin mention of that which I intended before, and conclude this remembrance which no mind, however lofty, can comprehend.

Know, O Salman, that We bear witness, in the station of the unity of the Divine Essence, that He is One in His Essence, and hath ever been seated upon the throne of unity and the seat of singleness. There was none with Him, nor shall any be mentioned before Him. He is the Everlasting, the Self-Subsisting, the

Mighty, the Gracious. He hath ever existed in the sovereignty of His Essence, and with Him there was neither mention of aught, nor knowledge of any soul, nor unity of any being. And now He is as He was in the eternity of eternities–there is no God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Wise. Far beyond this station is the knowledge of the knowers and the attainment of the attainers, for all else is non-existent before Him, null in His presence, and brought into being by His command. His is the command and the creation, and He is aware of all things. He is God; there is no God but Him, Who hath taken unto Himself no guardian, nor helper, nor partner, nor likeness, nor minister. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Encompassing.

We further bear witness that He is One in His attributes, and all attributes are severed from His holy court. This is what He hath ordained for Himself, if ye be of them that know. Know thou that the multiplicities of the worlds of attributes and names can never be associated with His Essence, for His attributes, exalted be He, are identical with His Essence, and none shall ever know how this is save Him. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Merciful. All these names and attributes return unto His Prophets and Messengers and chosen ones, for they are the mirrors of His attributes and the dawning-places of His names. Otherwise, He, exalted be He, is hidden in His Essence and attributes, and all these manifest themselves in His Prophets through His most excellent names and most exalted attributes, lest any soul be deprived of the knowledge of the attributes in the heaven of names. This, verily, is a bounty from Him unto all worlds.

The upholder of unity hath, in this station, the right to be convinced that the manifestation of these attributes in God's Messengers is none other than His attributes, exalted be He, such that no difference can be seen between Him and them, except that their attributes appeared by His command and were created by His will. This is the true unity in this station, which We have bestowed upon you through grace, that ye may be of them that are firmly rooted. The knower shall witness nothing, either in the heavens or on earth, except that he seeth God standing over it, and everything testifieth with the tongue of its inner reality that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great. The knower ascendeth unto a station wherein he witnesseth the signs of God's revelation in all things, such that were the lights of this revelation to be withdrawn from contingent beings, nothing would remain in the kingdom. Thereby is it established that He was, and there was nothing else besides Him. Glorified and exalted be He above what these polytheists say.

The upholder of unity hath the right not to differentiate between the words of God, and to testify by his own essence and self that all verses have been sent down from Him, and whatsoever was revealed unto the Messengers is truth wherein there is no doubt, and hath been detailed from God, the Protector, the Mighty. All religious laws have been detailed from a single point and ordained by God, and unto Him do they return, and there is no difference between them, if ye be of them that are certain. Despite their differences in every age and era, there is no difference among them, for they all appeared through God's command.

And there is no difference in the ages, for they have all appeared through God's Cause, and the Cause is one from all eternity. This is what hath been inscribed by the luminous and holy Pen. Beware, O people of unity, lest ye make any distinction between the Manifestations of God's Cause or in what hath been

revealed unto them of verses - this is true unity, if ye be of those who are certain. Likewise in their deeds and acts and whatsoever hath appeared and will appear from them - all is from God and all act by His command. Whoso maketh any distinction between them, or between their words, or what hath been revealed unto them, or in their conditions and deeds, even to the smallest degree, hath indeed associated partners with God and His signs and His Messengers, and is counted among the polytheists. Thus do We teach you the ways of knowledge and wisdom, that ye may perchance enter within the pavilions of glory. All that We have mentioned concerning unity between them, and concerning the gems of oneness and the realities of singleness, pertaineth only to the station of revelation, for they all began from God and will return unto Him, and they judged by His command and spoke by His leave. Therefore the decree of unity is established for them in this station. Thus do We expound the verses unto you that ye may be of those who are certain. However, in the station of distinction, God hath preferred some above others, as the master is preferred above the servants. In this station, behold the station of some as the Point above the letters, and just as the letters are derived from the Point and revolve around it, likewise know thou the ranks of the Prophets. And We bear witness that He Who came unto you by the name of ’Ali is the Point, around which revolve the spirits of the Messengers. Therefore say within thyself: “Blessed be God, the best of creators!” And We bear witness in the station of deeds that all appeared by His command and were created by His word and were sent forth by His decree, and return to the station which He hath ordained for them. That is God, my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. Can anyone move in the kingdom contrary to what God hath decreed in the Book? Say: Glory be to God! All things move by His command and all return unto Him. There is no God but Him. He taketh what He willeth from whom He willeth and ordaineth for all things what He desireth. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. There is nothing but His knowledge encompasseth it before its appearance and after its appearance, and He hath ordained for it what is best for it above all that is in the heavens and the earth. This is what hath been inscribed by the Pen of the Wise, the Ancient.

Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye be confounded regarding the deeds that flow from Him and how He punisheth His sinful servants in the depths of hell. Know ye that the Exalted One hath in truth sent forth the Messengers to bid men to righteousness and piety, to forbid them from transgression and wickedness, and to give them glad tidings of the meeting with God on the Day when light shall shine forth from a seat of transcendent glory. This hath He irrevocably decreed for all the worlds. Through them hath God made known the paths of guidance and error, and hath clarified by the tongue of His Messengers all that He hath willed for them, such that no good thing remaineth unmentioned in a perspicuous Book. When He had made manifest the truth unto them and had illumined the holy paths and revealed the ways of paradise, He commanded them to do all that would bring them nigh unto these sacred stations and draw them closer to God, the Mighty, the Praised. He forbade them whatsoever would harm them, and thus He raiseth the obedient to the canopy of nearness and casteth down the proud. Then He gave them choice between these two paths after they had gained knowledge and recognition of the ways of guidance and error, and He assisteth them in whatsoever they choose for themselves. This is His justice towards all who dwell in His dominion. Therefore bear thou witness within thyself that God hath never wronged any soul by so much as a grain of mustard seed, nor will He ever do so. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Generous. When the paths of truth have been distinguished from falsehood for the servants, and the ways of guidance from error, He prospereth them in whatsoever they desire and

His decree floweth according to their wishes. Thus do We expound the verses unto you and impart words of wisdom that your hearts and the hearts of them that are nigh may rejoice therein. Were He, the Exalted One, to withhold His servants from one deed and compel them to another, this would be an injustice on His part. Glorified and exalted is He above wronging any soul by so much as the husk of a date stone. After His power over all things and the flowing of His decree through all things, He assisteth all created things in their deeds after they have recognized light from darkness. This is of His grace, could ye but perceive with the eye of wisdom the mysteries of His Cause. Whosoever saith other than what We have inspired in thee, or speaketh other than what We have imparted unto thee, is indeed a transgressor by the clear text of the Book. God is quit of him, unless he repenteth and returneth unto God and becometh of them that seek forgiveness. He forgiveth whom He willeth and chastiseth whom He willeth, He giveth unto whom He pleaseth and withholdeth from whom He pleaseth. He shall not be questioned about that which He doeth. In His hand is the kingdom of creation and command, and within His grasp is the empire of the heavens and earth. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life, and He, verily, is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, His grace encompasseth all created things, His mercy hath preceded all beings, and He knoweth the treachery of hearts and whatsoever appeareth therefrom. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Kind, the All-Informed.

Know then, O people of the Bayan, that God desireth for His servants naught save that which will draw them to the supreme pavilions in the heaven of eternity. He hath ordained for them only that which will deliver them from self and passion, that sovereignty may remain with Him, the True One, and that He may purify the earth and all that dwell thereon from the defilement of these idolaters. We testify, regarding the station of the unity of worship, that all returneth unto God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing. All hath appeared from a single Command from the presence of the Wise, the Ancient. All began from God and will return unto Him, and all are returning unto Him. Unto Him, by God, ascendeth the goodly word, and all bow down before His countenance. All in the heavens and earth worship Him, and there is nothing that doth not glorify Him with praise and fear His might. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. All necks are humbled before His sovereignty, all hearts are submissive to His command and mindful of His remembrance. He it is Whom all things worship, and Whom all in the heavens and earth do serve. Verily, they who are established upon the throne of unity and the seats of oneness witness within themselves that all wherewith the servants worship their Creator in their cloisters and mosques hath been sent down from God and returneth unto Him, for the Object of worship is one, glorified and exalted be He. We are all His worshippers, even though the servants be heedless in their worship and forget their Creator. Yet the very acts of worship and remembrance themselves hasten unto their Creator and Fashioner, and all are hastening unto Him. All that ye witness of the religions of the earth, their worship and their remembrance, all was detailed by God in the age of His Messengers and ambassadors, and all worship by His command. But when they were veiled from […] and none shall soar in its atmosphere to the highest knowledge of the mystics save whom thy Lord willeth. Well is it with him whose eyes are solaced in this Day by the meeting with God, the King, the Most Exalted, the Mighty.

Say: O people of the East and West! These indeed are melodies mentioned by the Ha at the time when it passed through the valley of glory in the Sinai of the Spirit, that spot wherein naught is mentioned save God, the Mighty, the Gracious. And when it arrived therein it took the letter Sin from the first valley through the love that connected them in the world of pre-existence. Then appeared the assembled letters in the worlds of names by the command of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: This indeed is a city wherein if the sick enter they are healed and made whole more swiftly than the name of the moment can pass over the tongue. Were the kingdom of names to pass by it, they would all become bones and all would speak of God, such that by one name thereof all who are in the heavens and earth would be transformed. And thou, O Salman, strive within thyself to enter this city. If thou art unable to enter, then seek with thy spirit; perchance thou mightst pass around it and be touched by the breezes that emanate therefrom. By God, this is better for thee than the kingdom of the first and the last ones. This is My command unto thee and unto those who have ascended to the seat of a manifest sovereign. And when thou enterest the land of Sad, remind the letter Za with holy, sublime remembrances. Say: Hearken unto what the Dove of Holiness singeth unto thee when it soareth from atmosphere to atmosphere of sublime glory. Be not troubled by this, for therein lie the secrets of the Command, if thou art of those who possess insight. Trust in God in thy affair, fear no one, and be not of the fearful. This is what We informed thee of before in preserved holy tablets. Turn with thy face and heart unto God, the King […] and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

[In the holy Tablet, opposite the words “glad-tidings”, “eternity” and “the Cause” which are marked with brackets and taken from the margin of the book, the words “glad-tidings”, “the Bayan” and “knowledge” are respectively inscribed]

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This is what was sent down from the heaven of will for the one who asked about the verse revealed in the Best of Stories [Ahsanu’l-Qisas]. O Apple of Mine Eye! Strike thou upon the people of the city with two strikes upon two souls. God hath ordained for one of them two gardens with tall trees around the Gate, one watering the pools with water and the other drinking water from two cups. And they were, by God’s leave, stationed around the fire in two waters. And for the other were two rivers in the land of the two wests, and he had fishes in one of the two gulfs. He said to his first companion: “Ye two are in command in the latter times, and I do not think the Truth will remain standing in the two hours.” Thus he showed certain disbelief towards his own self and the two souls after him. By God the Truth! Judge ye with justice - which of the two souls in the two parties was praiseworthy around the fire?

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed in God and His sovereignty which hath encompassed the worlds, that the Wronged One might make mention of him who was abandoned in the hands of those who were deprived of the fragrances of revelation, and who arose to serve Him among His creatures in such wise as was adorned with the ornament of glory. The afflictions and calamities and tribulations have surrounded Us from people who were despairing of the spirit of the All-Merciful. In the evening We see

the oppressors issuing one decree, and in the morning another - thus was the fire visible from the horizon of tyranny through injustice. They have forbidden the loved ones from standing before the Gate and from showing humility before the Celestial Might which was raised through the power of the Divine Realm. Would the phoenix shrink from the fire? Nay, by the Self of the Chosen One! But the wicked are in a station far removed from nearness. Say: I am the phoenix in this scene and tribulation is My fire, and verily it is the light of truth among creation - thus hath the rain of revelation been sent down in truth from the heaven of utterance. I would not exchange this tribulation for all that is in the world, nor this abasement for glory that exists among the worlds. We have heard thy call and answered thee with this melody whereby rapture hath seized the dwellers of the realms of names and the dewdrops of grace have taken hold of all in the kingdom. By My life! When the tongue of the All-Merciful was loosed, the Point of the Bayan turned to hear the melodies that were raised from the direction of the Throne. Blessed is he who hath been intoxicated by the wine of utterance from the cup of glory and hath been moved by this fragrance that was sent from the garment of Beauty through grace. Give thanks for the breezes of the All-Merciful that have wafted upon thee from the Lord of Religions, and thou wast mentioned before the Countenance by the Pen of Justice through grace. All that exists in creation cannot equal this Tablet - to this doth testify the Lord of Invention while abandoned in prison. Rejoice thou in My joy, and be steadfast in My Cause, and gaze toward My horizon, and soar in the atmosphere of My love, and speak forth My Name which hath been the Self-Subsisting over the worlds.

And concerning what thou hast asked about the two verses, know that We have set forth from the Most Exalted Pen for the people of the City of Eternity the sweetest of parables concerning two souls. One of them drank what was upon the established Throne, whereon were the two luminous Lights shining from two horizons, sustained by two springs branching from two mighty oceans flowing from the letter “Ha” standing between two letters. Verily, he was the one manifest in the letter “Ba” before the two letters, and he stood before the Ba which shone with two ornaments upon the truth by the truth. Say: Verily the first Ba bore what the eight bore, detached from all creation. And around the shrine’s gate were two gardens in recognition of two pre-existing Names, adorned with two lofty trees in the mystery manifest in two commands. And We ordained for each of them from the water flowing from two directions of the Throne, whereon was established the confluence of two seas from two Names, a measure decreed by God. When the life of the world was attached to it, it was called water, and when the veils of glory were consumed by it, it was called fire. Thus was the water visible from the horizon of light upon the truth by the truth. It has names which none can count save him who possesses the Book inscribed by the Finger of Might. When they acknowledged the Seat of Command and gave glad tidings to all lands of the Lord of Creation, We caused them to speak the mysteries concealed in the scrolls of grandeur and stationed them by grace around the Fire of the Word in two stations. And upon the other were two rivers at the setting of two moons according to those who perceive between two worlds. He possessed knowledge of one of the Names and acknowledged the first two who recognized the ultimate goal and the end of the six made manifest by the letter Vav through the standing of Alif between two Vavs. He said: “Ye are upon the truth, but I think not that the two hours after them shall come to pass.” Thus was the matter decreed in the Tablets by God’s Pen in truth. Thou art apart from the other and his denial. Consider then the latter one who, when he saw around him souls associating partners with God, ablaze with the fire kindled from the Zaqqum tree, grew proud against God and denied the Hour which the Hour itself proclaimed, by

which the Tree spoke, the Rock cried out, the Dove sang, and all things called out: “The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath come with the truth with an authority that encompasseth all worlds!” Thus did We inform thee concerning this latter one through Our words in the Qayyumu’l-Asma: “Verily thy Lord is knowing of all things.” We said: “O Joseph, O Most Great Gate! Turn away from this tree planted in falsehood at the Gate.” Behold then what We foretold the servants in the Book, then those who turned away following their desires and stood disputing in the wilderness of error. Reflect upon the two hours and their mysteries and what was sent down to them from the heaven of Command, that thou mayest find thyself possessed of knowledge and become strong in God’s religion upon the truth by the truth. The Lord of Eternity calleth out through the Pen of His Most Great Name: “By God! Whoso denieth it is assuredly in manifest unbelief,” like unto those souls and the two who denied thereafter. Thus hath the ocean of eternity sprinkled upon thee that thou mayest arise with His authority to serve Him and with His Name to mention Him, that perchance the people may be awakened by the fragrances wafted from the direction of the Garment unto all worlds. O thou who art illumined by the lights of thy Lord’s countenance, the Most Merciful, and who soarest in the atmosphere of remembrance and utterance! Shouldst thou inhale the two fragrances diffusing from the two crimson ornaments suspended between the heaven of Will raised by two symbols and the earth spread out by two names, it would draw thee to a station wherein thou wouldst abandon all contingent things[…]

O Earth, spread forth by the Two Names, so as to draw thee unto a station where thou shalt forsake the realm of contingent being with all its idle fancies, and shalt speak forth amidst the people of power with this Remembrance, whereby the Most Great Balance hath appeared betwixt the two worlds among the peoples of both realms, and God’s decree hath shone forth in both cycles. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance been witnessed from the horizon of the All-Merciful through grace. Then do We strike for thee, through favor, a similitude of the two cords: one of fine twisted silk wrought by the two most powerful fingers of the Two Most Great Names, and the other woven of spider’s web, fashioned of two imaginary names. Which of these is more secure among the peoples? Say: Consider, O people, and follow not those who have denied the All-Merciful when He came with clear proof, and who through their own desires were debarred from the horizon of guidance through ignorance. Say: He Who spoke forth the Qayyumu’l-Asma desired naught but to mention what existed among the people, lest those who hesitated in the allusions of their own idle fancies should flee, and that they might turn instead toward a station which hath ever been, in the eternity of eternities, praiseworthy in truth. By My life! Were it not for mankind’s weakness, He would not have uttered a single word of the tales recounted aforetime. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things, and God is witness to what I say. All books return unto the First Name, and verily unto this station which hath been sanctified above all description. We have desired to speak in another strain - verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. O Pen of Glory! Wouldst thou desire to move upon similitudes when the lights of Beauty are manifest? Nay, by thy Self, O Exalted One! I desire naught save to make mention of Thyself amidst all created things, and to this Thy Self, transcendent above all opposites, doth testify. What I have mentioned of similitudes was solely for love of him who turned to Thee and asked Thee concerning what was revealed in the Tablets. I moved but between the fingers of Thy power by Thy command, and Thou didst cause me to speak forth what Thou hast made today the water of reunion for the people of Baha and the wine of immortality for Thy chosen servants.

O Lion! Arise through My love, then give the unitarians to drink of this sealed nectar through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, in such wise that the dead shall arise. Beware lest allusions hold thee back from what thou hast been commanded by the Revealer of verses. Arise and say: O people! The Dawning-Place of Revelation hath come with majesty and power. O Dawning-Place of Eternity in this Most Great Ornament! Set forth the verses in another style. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is. Then make mention of him who desired Thy remembrance, that the attraction of utterance might draw him unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto the days of God and hast turned unto a Cause whereby wealth was seized and souls perished. Whoso acknowledgeth the Ultimate Goal in such days when the breezes of might pass behind the veils is the solace of all existence. Blessed is he who hath attained unto God's triumph when the Face was rejected by every idolater. Hold fast unto the Most Firm, Most Perfect Cord, and speak forth among the peoples that which the Beauty of the Ancient of Days hath spoken on this Promised Day. By My life! Should they discover the fragrance of My utterance, they would detach themselves from all else, soar in My atmosphere, and aid this Hidden Name. Say: By His Name, the Self-Subsisting! He is indeed the Hidden One, though He speaketh among men and uttereth speech at eventide and at dawn. Thus have We adorned thy temple with the ornament of utterance and thy heart with this treasured Remembrance. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!

Praise, sanctified from the limitations of created things and exalted above the doubts of all beings, befitteth the most holy, most exalted, most inaccessible court of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who, through His irrevocable decree, ordained the Pen of Command to be the source of ancient mysteries and the fountain of life for all the peoples of the world, that all nations might attain unto eternal, everlasting life. That life-giving water appeared in the form of the Word among creation and shone forth through a single effulgence, and that effulgence was manifested according to the diversity of mirrors in the forms of mirrors. That Word is the Primal Form into which the Divine Spirit breathed the Merciful Spirit, whereby He took hold of all spirits and bestowed upon them a new spirit. In some mirrors it appeared in the form and effect of light, and He guided it to the Dayspring of revelation; and in others it appeared in the form of fire, and He caused it to return to the evil dwelling place which is the abode of the wicked. This blessed Primal Word hath been called by all names - in one place as the Trumpet, in another as the Bugle, and likewise as the Path, the Balance, and the like. It is the cause of the gathering and resurrection of all things whatsoever that have been created in earth and heaven. Through it was manifested all that hath been sent down in the Book concerning the Hour and its signs, and the Resurrection and what shall appear therein. In one station it cannot be described by any description nor mentioned by any mention, while in another station it is described by the most exalted attributes and mentioned by the most beautiful names. Verily it is the Primal Will which created itself by itself and created through itself all else besides it.

And afterward, answers to your questions - some regarding the verses revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma - were sent down in a most wondrous manner, were you to know. And some others were revealed from the Source of the Cause and Dawning-Place of Revelation as God hath willed, in the Persian tongue, that your eyes might be consoled thereby and your heart rejoiced. However, due to the discord, upheaval and

turbulence in this land, brevity hath been and is observed. We beseech God to make it a light unto the righteous and a fire unto the wicked. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Furthermore, it is known to you that the commentary on Ahsanu'l-Qisas was revealed according to the people's understanding. This was due to pure grace, that perchance the heedless and ignorant might ascend to the heaven of knowledge. Indeed, most of the subjects mentioned therein were matters already established among the followers of the Furqan. Had it been revealed from the beginning according to what God intended, none would have accepted it or remained steadfast. All this was of His grace unto His creation and His bounty unto His servants.

Observe how in the beginning of the Cause, His Holiness manifested Himself as the Bab. This was because in those days the birds of men's hearts were incapable of soaring beyond that station. All things lamented that He associated Himself with this station, for were this station His true and original one - while that which is above it and above that which is above it is created by a word from Him and a gesture from His finger - people would forever remain submerged in the ocean of idle fancies and veiled from what God intended, save whom God rescueth through His grace and acquainteth with what He hath manifested through His Command.

Consider the most exalted, most holy station which encompasses the verse "He begetteth not, nor is He begotten, and there is none like unto Him," while the Point of the Bayan, addressing Him, saith: "O Most Great Master! I would sacrifice my all for Thee and desire naught but martyrdom in Thy path." What accusations they have made and what harm they have inflicted, even though, were they fair, they would testify that in this Revelation there hath appeared outwardly what appeared not in any previous Revelation.

Thus, after countless afflictions and imprisonment in the Most Great Prison, while all doors were outwardly shut and We were at the mercy of the oppressors, We proclaimed the Cause to all the kings of the earth with utmost clarity and without concealment. Thou hast heard the wondrous Call and witnessed in those regions the signs of His oppression through what befell the servants. God seized them first for following the Tree of Tyranny, for through them the oppressor gained strength in every age. Then He seized the branch that appeared in the image of the root, with justice. Thus was it revealed aforetime in various tablets. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Nevertheless, thou seest how some among the people of the Bayan have closed their eyes to justice and risen in tyranny. They know not what they say, in what valley they wander, or to what rope they cling. Strange it is that they count themselves among the faithful, while the faith of none can be established except through acceptance of what hath been manifested in this Revelation, even if it be contrary to what they possess. For instance, were He to declare that this leaf before the Divine Throne is the Dawning-Place of His Most Beautiful Names […]

Now verily no one's faith can be established save through certitude in whatsoever hath been manifested in this Revelation, even if it be contrary to that which they possess. For instance, if He should declare this leaf - the royal rose which now existeth before the Divine Throne - to be the Dawning-place of the Most Beautiful Names and the Dayspring of the Most Exalted Attributes, or vice versa, and should any soul fail

to believe or hesitate, such a one hath not believed in God and is excluded from faith. For the Tree speaketh through its root, and His Revelation shineth forth from His horizon. All have been and shall continue to be adorned with the ornament of faith through belief in God, which is the essence of believing in Him, and without it they are unmentioned. From this utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the knowledge of the All-Merciful, one can observe the kingdom of names in commotion. Ponder thou carefully that thou mayest attain unto the purpose of God - meaning that the temples adorned with the ornament of the glory of names are seen to be disturbed, for they who are seated upon the thrones of names have no abode or dwelling place except through the command of the Lord of Power. Should the Sun of Purpose shine forth from the heaven of this utterance upon thy heart, infinite doors would be opened and no mention would prevent man from the Most Sublime Vision. The idols have been shattered by the hands of power and the veils have been burnt by the fire of attraction, and sovereignty remaineth unto God alone, alone. Blessed are they who possess understanding. This is a realm that hath been and shall ever be sanctified from the taint of peer, equal, opposite, likeness or similitude. Know thou the melody of utterance and be of the thankful ones. Today all must fix their gaze upon that which appeareth in this Revelation, not upon that which they possess. Whoso faileth to attain unto this station shall not attain unto the recognition of Him Who is the Manifestation of His Own Self. The cause of some followers of the Bayan being deprived of the ocean of the mercy of the All-Merciful are those vain imaginings which are deemed authentic by the people of the Furqan. Yet ye have witnessed that whatsoever was in their possession was not mentioned in the sight of God. They have not drunk a drop from the ocean of knowledge nor attained unto a single letter of the knowledge of the Book. And since the people are seen to be weak and veiled, the Sun of Truth, as a favor unto them, occupieth Itself with the mention of an atom, and the Ancient Ocean speaketh of a drop. This is why the Primal Point appeared with the name of “Gate”, yet even with this measure the people were not content, let alone mention of Guardianship and the like. And yet all these stations and above them have been brought into being through a single word from the ocean of His bounty and shall cease to exist through a single command. In this connection the Exalted One hath mentioned in the Persian Bayan a saying of Shaykh Ahmad-i-Ahsa’i, upon him be the glory of God, when someone asked him about a word which the Qa’im would utter and which the three hundred and thirteen souls who would be among the most God-fearing and distinguished ones of that Revelation would be unable to bear. The honored Shaykh refused to mention that word and said: “Verily thou art unable to bear it.” After insistence he said: “If the Qa’im should bid thee to renounce the successorship of the Commander of the Faithful, would you do so?” He immediately refused, saying “God forbid!” And the Point declareth in this connection that it is evident to the people of truth that the honored Shaykh caused him to hear that word from the tongue of the Qa’im, and when he could not bear it he became an unbeliever, though he realized it not.

I swear by the Sun of Eternity that shineth from the Most Great Prison: should anyone ponder upon this utterance, detached from all imitation and vain imaginings, he would become aware of the greatness of this Cause, and no mention would veil him from this Most Great Remembrance that speaketh amongst the peoples. O thou who gazest! The Truth is present and declareth: Now ponder and observe in what station of loftiness, exaltation, sublimity, and transcendent glory this Cause dwelleth, while the people stand confined within their own limitations. He hath taken unto Himself neither partner, nor likeness, nor peer, nor minister, nor consort, nor offspring. By My life! Were We to let fall but a drop from the ocean of

this Most Great Sea in mentioning this most inaccessible station unto the chiefs of men in these days, they would surely flee and run from around this Cause, save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willeth. Today, those immersed in the ocean of detachment and established in the Most Glorious Ark have attained a station wherein these stations are not even mentioned, much less the mention of those who have inhaled the fragrance of innovation from the garment of the Cause and have been purified from that which is possessed by the people. Say: This, verily, is the Innovator of the heavens and earth, Who cannot be weighed by any balance nor measured by any means. Blessed is he who hath recognized the decree of innovation and is of those who are firmly established. Blessed, again blessed, then blessed is he who hath pondered upon that which hath been mentioned and hath recognized that which was concealed in the depths of allusions, and hath discovered that from which the people were veiled. By My life! He is of those who are knowing, mature, and sincere. The Hand of Grace rent asunder some of the august veils while leaving others intact. Thus, because of these veils, the people were barred from the Dawning-Place of verses, even as thou observest how the rebellious faction hath prevented some of the people of the Bayan from the effulgence of the Divine Sun and the Ocean of Oneness through the mention of unseemly imaginings and ancient tales. Such hath been the way of the people from the primal beginning until now. None of the previous Manifestations hath mentioned the subsequent Revelation as mentioned in the Bayan. In this are signs and evidences for those who are detached. By God, the Truth! Thou hearest from the Nightingale, singing upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree of the Bayan, naught but praise of this praise that is manifest in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath seen. The Author of the Bayan had no purpose save this Most Great Remembrance; otherwise, He would not have uttered a word, for naught else was worthy of mention, as He hath clearly stated in the Book. Know this, O ye who are endued with understanding! This is a day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “All things are perishable save My Face.” Whosoever today turneth away from the exalted Truth is perishing and evanescent in the shadow of negation, and whosoever turneth toward Him abideth steadfast and eternal in the shadow of His Face. And the Face is not limited by numerical limitations. That it hath been mentioned as fourteen districts is but for the guidance of the servants. For instance, were all who are on earth today to attain unto that which God desireth, all would be mentioned in the Face, gathered beneath the shadow of the Face, and reckoned as of the Face. And when the effulgences radiating from the Primal Word shine forth upon the manifestations of names […]

When the effulgences emanating from the Primal Word are manifested upon the repositories of Names and Attributes from the bearer of universal grace at the primary level, they are therefore circumscribed by numerical limitation. If there be one bearer, it is mentioned as one, and if above that, it is known accordingly. This mention occurs at the station of the primary determination, which is the station of the Will of contingent existence. This is of God’s grace, which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. And should He desire, He is able, and hath ever been able, to establish at the foremost station that soul which occupieth the final station of the effulgences emanating from the horizon of Divine Unity, for He maketh that soul one of the manifestations of “He is the First” at the time when “He is the Last.” The Command is in His grasp. By His sovereignty, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. None hath the right to hesitate regarding His word, and whoso hesitates is assuredly among the most lost. In brief, all exist through His command and through His command become non-existent. We beseech

God - exalted be His glory - to aid all and enable them to attain unto the knowledge of God and to stand firm in His Cause, for this is the ultimate station possible in the realm of contingent being, for it revolveth around itself and is powerless to transcend its limits. Glorified is the Ancient of Days from being associated with that which is contingent, and glorified is He from being reached by that which is contingent.

Likewise, a question was asked concerning sleep. It is a special world among the divine worlds and is indicative of infinite matters. Among other things, it is evidence of a realm wherein no beginning or end, no first or last, can be witnessed. Thus, something is observed in sleep, and after a number of years that very same thing is witnessed. If it be said that this is the world of similitudes between the two worlds - which some consider to be a semi-spiritual realm between the worlds of spirit and matter - this would be correct. In any case, if thou dost ponder it, thou wilt grasp endless mysteries. It likewise beareth witness to the resurrection and revival after death, even as Luqman said to his son: "If thou art able not to sleep, thou art able not to die. And if thou art able not to awaken after sleep, thou art able not to be raised after death." Even as death is a reality, so is sleep a reality, and even as there is awakening after sleep, so is there resurrection after death. Sleep sometimes varies according to the differences in souls, thoughts, food and drink. In the dreams of holy souls there hath been and is no variation, for they are pure wakefulness. O questioner! Man is the greatest index and the mightiest talisman. He is an index in which are found the representations of all that hath been created in earth and heaven. When the spirit is freed from incidental limitations and earthly conditions, it traverseth all stations, and the more it is detached, the swifter, more constant and more truthful is its journey. If it be said that the human temple is, in one station, the kingdom of God, this is the truth in which there is no doubt, for the representation of all things is found and witnessed therein. Though some have called it the lesser world, yet We bear witness that it is the greater world. Its changes and variations have been and shall be due to other causes, like the change in the taste of a sick person who perceiveth bitterness in that which is sweet. The change hath not occurred in the sweetness, rather the taste hath altered. Sufficient and complete utterances concerning these stations have been revealed by the Pen of Command during the sojourns in Iraq and the Land of Mystery. Therefore, We have been brief, although these same points have been repeatedly set forth in the Tablets, for they have been repeatedly asked about. However, all that hath been revealed in the Books and Scriptures, whether in Arabic or Persian, is scattered and dispersed. God will assuredly gather them together in truth. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou didst inquire about dream interpretation. Interpret dreams, for We have given thee permission and will assist thee in this. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The foundation, however, is steadfastness in My Cause. Whoso attaineth unto this, God shall cause to flow from his heart the oceans of realities and knowledge, and whoso slippeth therefrom is accounted among the ignorant.

O Dhabih! The Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: By My Self, the Truth! All Revelations have culminated in this Most Great Revelation. Whosoever claims a Revelation after this is verily a lying impostor. We beseech God to enable him to recant; if he repents, He is verily the Forgiver, and if he persists in what he has claimed, God will assuredly send one who will show him no mercy. He is truly the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Behold how the people of the Bayan have failed to understand that whatsoever the Herald of My Beauty and the Manifestation before Me uttered was in contemplation of this Revelation and its establishment. Otherwise, by His true Self, they would not have uttered a single word of what they said. These ignorant ones have considered the Cause of the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, as child's play. Each day they move according to some fancy and wander in some wilderness. Were the Cause as they assert, how could thy Lord's Cause be established upon the throne of tranquility? Reflect and be of those who are discerning. Reflect and be of those who perceive. Reflect and be of those who are steadfast. Reflect and be of those who are assured, to such extent that shouldst all humanity lay claim to whatsoever is possible or beyond it, thou wouldst not turn toward them but wouldst leave them behind thee, advancing toward the Qiblih of all worlds.

By My life! The Cause is mighty, mighty, and this Day mighty, mighty. Blessed is he who hath cast behind him all else, turning toward the countenance of Him through Whose light the heavens and earth were illumined.

O Dhabih! A penetrating vision is needed, and a stalwart heart, and legs of brass, lest one stumble through the whisperings of the hosts of vain fancy. This is the firm decree which, through the will of the Ancient King, hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Great Name. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes, and be of the thankful ones.

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In the Name of Him Who standeth before the faces of all religions!

Praise be to God Who hath opened wide the portal of divine knowledge through the key of utterance, and hath caused to rain down from the heaven of proof the showers of loving-kindness with power and authority. At His call the people of unity have arisen, and by His verses the manifestations of polytheism and rebellion were struck down. When He was established upon the throne of revelation on the Mount, all things cried out from every direction: "O concourse of divines and rulers! The Source of Revelation hath come with the banners of His signs!"

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One. Sanctify thy breast from the traces of names and thy heart from the doubts of men, that there may be inscribed therein, by the Most Exalted Pen, the sovereignty and dominion, and the might and power of God, the Lord of all men. We have mentioned thee before with verses whereby the hearts of the servants were drawn unto God, the Lord of lords.

He who was named Abdullah hath appeared, who took for himself a station beneath the canopies of grandeur and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Creator of existence.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Rejoice that the Euphrates of utterance hath flowed in thy name in days wherein the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol have been revealed, through a command from God, the

Cleaver of Dawn. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the hosts of the wicked nor by the power of those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return.

O Muhammad-'Ali! The Most Great Name hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee with words from which wafteth the fragrance of loving-kindness and favor. Behold, then remember those days when thou wert present before the Face and didst hear His sweet call and the scratching of His Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and who have uttered that which hath caused every knowing and discerning one to weep." Blessed art thou for having attained His presence and heard, and for having won that through which the fragrance of reunion was wafted abroad while the Wronged One was in the hands of the ignorant.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq, who recognized that which was sent down from the heaven of grace and hastened until he arrived with such steadfastness as caused feet to slip. By My life! There hath been ordained for thee that which neither the gold of the world nor all that the nations possess can equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this station which hath been named by all names by God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Remember what thou didst hear before thy Lord's throne and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of all worlds!"

O 'Ali-Akbar! Thou hast heard My call time and again. It hath drawn thee to the most exalted station. Say: "O people of the Bayan! Cast aside your vain imaginings. The Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the earths and the heavens." He who loved Me hath made mention of thee and hath spoken My praise, and We have sent thee from the direction of the Prison that which shall assist thee in guiding those who have broken the Covenant and the Testament. Rejoice in My mention of thee. By My life! The books of Iran cannot equal it. To this beareth witness the Mother of the Bayan from God, the Lord of all religions.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named 'Ali-Muhammad, who ascended the ladder of utterance unto God, the Revealer of mysteries. Grieve not over anything, but trust in God in all conditions. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee through the hosts of revelation and inspiration. We beseech God to make thee so steadfast in the Cause that the clamor of the wicked shall not prevent thee. O 'Ali! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and We have revealed for thee that which hath rolled up the carpet of those who denied God's proof and His verses that have encompassed all regions. We beseech God to ordain for thee every good thing He hath sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize Thee and for having revealed unto me that which draweth mankind nigh unto the most exalted station. We have desired to make mention of him whom We mentioned in the earliest days with a remembrance through which earth and heaven were illumined, and I am, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Nabil-i-Baqir! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee time and again through verses that have enraptured the hearts of them that have turned with radiant countenances toward the Dawning-Place of Lights. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and remind them of that

which will draw them nigh unto the Source of Light - through which the Herald hath proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Munificent.”

We make mention of him who was named Isma’il, who turned toward Our horizon with a light whereby the hearts of the righteous were illumined. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon him who was named Ni’matu’llah at this hour wherein the Tongue uttereth in the Kingdom of Utterance: “Glory and majesty belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.” We make mention of thy other son that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord and turn toward the Kaaba of God, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast enabled me to draw nigh and to turn toward Thee.”

O Mirza Mahdi! Upon thee be everlasting glory. Arise to serve the Cause, detached from the world, and purify hearts with the Kawthar of thy Lord’s utterance, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have remembered thee and sent down unto thee the table of divine knowledge - the bounty We have manifested from the treasury of thy Lord’s mercy, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O Abu’l-Qasim! Fear God and follow not every deluded impostor. Thou hast indeed attained unto Our presence and heard Our call, and the schemes of the oppressors are but in loss. We have revealed unto thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the ocean of thy Lord’s bounty, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Say: O servant! Cast aside that which is imagined and take hold of the Self-Subsisting One, by the command of Him Who is the Lord of all men. That which was never manifest in creation hath been made manifest - to this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in the Book.

Thou hast heard My verses and attained unto My presence, and We have revealed that which was treasured from time immemorial. Change thy garments, then return unto God and say:

O my God! I testify that Thou hast shown me Thy most exalted horizon and caused me to hear that for the hearkening of which Thou didst create the ears of Thy chosen ones. I have forsaken that which Thou didst command me and cast aside that whereunto Thou didst guide me, following my desires until they took hold of my reins and prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Revealer of clear tokens!

Hearken unto My call and judge fairly in this Cause, before which necks have bowed low when it was made manifest. We have unveiled the mysteries of what was and what is to come, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. They have cast aside that which they were bidden and taken that which was forbidden them in the Scriptures of God, the Revealer of verses. Thou didst follow the people of the past after having recognized and seen them wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies. Let not the clamor of the world and the turning away of the nations grieve thee. He hath come from the horizon of might with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things. They who have prevented thee from the waters of thy Lord’s mercy have no standing before God, the Revealer of clear proofs. Soon shalt thou witness that which shall testify to thy loss in days wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne and spoke that which draweth mankind nigh unto the most exalted station.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory. Be steadfast in thy Lord’s Cause in such wise that the veils of glory shall not withhold thee from the Dawning-Place of might and beauty. We make mention of thy brother who was named Sulayman, and We beseech the Almighty to aid him in serving His Cause at morn and

eventide. This is a day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh that which guideth the servants unto a station beyond which no mention can reach[…]

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness! We have made mention of thy father who ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, by virtue of which the hearts of those who cast away vain imaginings were attracted, turning to the horizon of certitude. Thy likeness was presented before the Throne, and We revealed for thee that which the reckoners are powerless to reckon. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what was sent down from God, the One, the All-Forgiving. Thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, thy Lord, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness to this.

O Khalil! The Euphrates of utterance hath flowed and the light of proof hath shone forth before all faces, yet most of the people perceive not. The verses have encompassed all who dwell on earth. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We have mentioned thee in numerous Tablets and have revealed for thee that which draweth the servants nigh unto the Mighty, the Beloved. The croaking of the ravens hath been raised in the cities and lands - this is what We foretold you aforetime by the command of the Lord of creation. Say: O people! The Day hath come and He Who was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the Mighty, the All-Loving, hath been made manifest. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that the doubts of those who have denied God's proof and evidence and have committed that which hath darkened their faces shall not hinder thee. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and have taken what they were bidden by the source of idle fancies. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not every ignorant rejected one. This is the Day wherein He Who was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath come. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who were not deterred by the oppression of the world nor by the opposition of those who disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause that the manifestations of opposition of those who have violated the Covenant and the pledges shall not hinder thee. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me in Thy days and revealed unto me what was concealed from eyes. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath prevailed over all things, and by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed what was and what shall be, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the might of those who have denied Thy Sacred House shall not frighten me. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Ordain for me that which shall exalt me through Thy name amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all knowledge.

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who was named Mirza Salih, that the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance may purify him and draw him nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: O people! Hearken unto the call of God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We make mention of thee from this praiseworthy station that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord Who aided thee to turn toward Him when every detested polytheist was debarred therefrom. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall exalt thee and to send down upon thee from the clouds of bounty that whereby hearts are attracted.

O Rahim! The mercy hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed is the servant who hath turned unto Him, and woe unto every heedless rejected one. We beseech God to open before thy face the door of His grace and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of everlasting life from the hands of bounty and bestowal. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth by His command. He is the Powerful, the Guardian, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who was named 'Ali, who broke not Thy Covenant and Testament, and who bore witness to that which God Himself did testify: that there is none other God beside Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O people of the Bayan! This is the Day wherewith God gladdened His Prophets and His chosen ones through His word: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Beware lest the clamor of the malicious keep thee back from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people! I have forsaken the creed of a people who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. By God! Your might shall not frighten Me, nor shall your oppression hold Me back. To this testifieth the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein the Mount circles round the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and the Kingdom of God proclaimeth: "The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty!" All things have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

He is the Manifest, the Clear.

At this time We have desired to make mention of all the friends of God, that all may drink from the flowing spring of the letters of the sweet-scented streams of verses and attain thereunto. Verily, He loveth His loved ones and showeth them the path of God, the Clear, the Straight. O people of Ta! Hearken unto the divine call with the ear of the soul and be not deprived of the lights of the Sun of inner meanings on this luminous Day. Verily, He guideth His loved ones unto the Most Great Sea, from whose waves can be heard: "The Day of Return hath come, and this is your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower," Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison. Glory be to God, the Lord of Lords!

O My loved ones in Ta! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He summoneth you unto the Most Great Steadfastness, lest names hold you back from turning towards God, the Lord of all worlds. Your names were presented before the Throne and were sent by 'Abdu'llah who soared in My atmosphere, held fast to My Covenant, and clung to the hem of My luminous robe. Blessed is he and joy be unto him in that he desired for My loved ones My wondrous and glorious remembrance. Thereupon did My Pen move to make mention of you, My tongue did speak, and the Face of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, did turn toward you.

We beseech God to make you so steadfast that the mention of names will not deprive you from the ocean of grace and bounty. O people of Ta! It is intended that you arise to redress what has passed, so that whatsoever oppression was visited upon the Lord of the world in that land by the oppressors may be transformed by the light of justice and righteousness - that is, that later beloved deeds may illuminate the darkness of the past. Verily, your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Today all must engage in service to the Cause. Some of the clamorous ones in various regions have exerted mighty efforts to lead astray the helpless people. Reflect upon the previous party: they considered themselves the best of creation, yet on the Day of Manifestation they were seen to be among the most lost of all peoples. By God's life! Such oppression was visited by that party upon the Seal of the Prophets that the Pen is powerless to recount it and the tongue falls short of enumerating it. Hold fast to the Persian Bayan which the Primal Point revealed for the enlightenment of the servants and recite it, that ye may become aware of the hidden mysteries. By God's life! This is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error.

O friends of God in Milan! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, maketh mention of you in this far-off Prison. Ye have attained unto the recognition of God and His signs. Beware lest the clamorous ones hold you back from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and the might that emanateth from His presence. Verily, He will protect you, make you known, and guide you to the manifest Truth, the Speaker, the Clear. The honored Amin - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - hath repeatedly made mention of you. Blessed is he and blessed are you and blessed is he who holdeth fast unto the Strong Cord of God.

O My loved ones in Sisan! Hear ye My call and be not of them that are silent. Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, with such steadfastness as will cause the limbs of the heedless to quake. Ye have ever been remembered and continue to be remembered in the presence of this Wronged One. We have sent down to you aforetime that which hath diffused the sweet savors of revelation and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give you to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness by the hand of His bounty. He, verily, is the Protector of them that do good. He who visited you hath made mention of you, wherefore have We remembered you in this mighty Book. Rejoice in God's grace and mercy, then remember Him at morn and eventide.

O My loved ones in Shammakh! The Lord of the worlds hath made mention of you from His Most Great Prison and hath given you glad tidings of that which He hath ordained for you. Verily, He loveth His loved ones and acquainteth them with that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He is indeed the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters place your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He is with you, maketh mention of you, and heareth your call. He is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Follow not every vain imaginer, but follow ye the truth and this perspicuous Book.

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to do that which beseemeth Thy days, then ordain for them the recompense of attaining Thy presence and meeting with Thee. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the All-Bountiful, Whose grace and mercy have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Strengthen their hearts that they may renounce all else but Thee, holding fast unto that which hath been sent down in Thy Ancient Book.

O My loved ones in Saliyan! Your names were presented before the Wronged One, sent by him who was named 'Azizu'llah. We have sent down for you that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Soon will there come unto you a crier; leave him to himself, turning your faces toward the

horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have upraised the Cause through a power which the might of the oppressors hath failed to weaken. Beware lest ye be frightened by the clamor of them who have denied the proof of God and His testimony, and were accounted among the transgressors in the sight of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My companions in Banab! The Almighty, the All-Bountiful, maketh mention of you on this glorious and wondrous Day. This is the Day whereon the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and the light hath shone forth as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Ocean, nor your eyes from beholding the Dayspring of God's Cause, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of you before in diverse Tablets, as a mercy from God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. He who hath taken his station round about the House hath made mention of you; We have remembered you again and again with joy and fragrance. Should ye encounter one who denieth or turneth away, leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Lord of all lords. Thus hath spoken the One Who conversed upon Sinai, while seated upon the throne of Manifestation, as a bounty from His presence. He is, verily, the All-Glorious, the Most-Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have believed and turned unto God, the Lord of all mankind.

O Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Maraghih who have turned with radiant faces and illumined hearts unto God, the Revealer of verses. Ye must strive at all times to exalt the blessed Most Great Word. The days are fleeting, its hues are fleeting, its ornaments are fleeting. Hold fast to the cord of divine favor. Beseech the True One to aid you in that which leadeth to eternal salvation and everlasting life. The deniers of the Cause lie in wait at every turn, seeking to lead souls astray. We have made known to all the peoples of the world, and especially to Our loved ones, that which draweth them nigh and causeth their exaltation. Let him who willeth accept it, and him who willeth turn away.

O son of Dakhil! Hearken unto My call and arise to serve My Cause with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Then observe and remember when thou didst stand before the Countenance and didst hear My sweetest call and behold My most glorious horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is every fair-minded one who hath been just in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the wicked who denied God's proof and evidence, turned away from His presence, and committed that which caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise to lament at eventide and at dawn. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have committed my affairs unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee to inspire me with that which draweth the hearts of Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy power and sovereignty, desiring naught but to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to enable him to do that which befitteth Thy days and is worthy of Thy Revelation. Verily Thou art the Helper, the All-Bountiful. Withhold not Thy loved ones from the outpourings of Thy days, then deliver them by Thy mighty arm. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We wish at this moment to make mention of Our loved ones in Khoy, that this remembrance may draw them nigh unto the most exalted station. Hear ye My call from the precincts of the Prison. It guideth you unto a station whereon hath been raised the banner that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Jalil! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with a power before which all the hosts of earth and heaven are powerless to resist. Remember the days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst hear that which the near ones heard at morn and eventide. Thy letter hath reached Us wherein thou didst mention the names of My loved ones who have rent asunder the veils through power, might and sovereignty. We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness that their stations may be made evident amongst the people. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and remind them of My verses that have encompassed all regions. Thus hath the Tongue of Glory spoken in the prison of Akka by the command of God, the Revealer of mysteries. Say: My God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and their faces with the splendor of Thy countenance, and ordain for them all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the door of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to deprive me and Thy servants from the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place, and upon My handmaidens who have heard the call and have said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in earth and heaven!”

O My loved ones in Qaf! The pillars of polytheism have been shaken when the Horseman of the arena of divine unity came with power from God, the Lord of all worlds. The Ancient Countenance has turned toward you and mentions you with that by which your names shall endure in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. He counsels you to such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the doubts of the suspicious ones. The gate of heaven has been opened and its Creator has come, yet most people remain heedless. Blessed are you and those who love you and hear your words concerning this Great Announcement.

Glory be to God! Some of the hypocrites, who are not and never were worthy of mention, are occupied with leading people astray. Their intention is to establish, like the previous party, a faction based on suspicions and idle fancies, even though they have witnessed with their own eyes the loss incurred by that party. Ask God to sanctify hearts, illuminate faces, and protect His servants from the evil of the heedless and the doubters. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. But deeds have been and continue to be the cause of deviation. This arena requires another horseman and another rider. We beseech God to reveal the treasures of the earth - meaning those men who are worthy of this arena and those horsemen befitting this field.

O My loved ones in that place! You have always been remembered and continue to be remembered, and from the hand of bounty you have received that pure wine which had and has no likeness. Now you must manifest such steadfastness as has had and shall have no peer or equal. All the men of that land are present and mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and the women of that land have attained divine favors

and bounties. This Wronged One is occupied with mentioning the loved ones in all conditions - in the nights I remember them, in the days I speak their names, and in the dawn hours I utter their remembrances. We beseech God to assist them and draw them near to Him. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My loved ones in its surroundings! Hear the call of the Wronged One - there is no God but Him, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. We call you to God and mention you with a mention through which the fragrance of utterance has wafted throughout creation. Exalted is God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest anything prevent you or the assault of any rejected oppressor frighten you. We have mentioned you before and after, and you have attained to that which the Ancient Beauty has spoken from His praiseworthy station. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to reinforce you with the hosts of utterance and to assist you in rending the veils of idle fancy.

My God, my God! Assist these ones to aid Thy Cause with such steadfastness as will astonish minds. Then ordain for them the reward of meeting Thee and of attaining presence before Thy throne. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Kind.

O Land of Ba before Alif and Ra! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you for the sake of God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be. This is the Day whereon all those nigh unto God and the sincere ones utter “Praise be unto Thee, O our God!” Blessed is the soul that hath tasted the chalice of steadfastness - a chalice which, when quaffed, causeth one to fix one’s gaze upon none save God, exalted be His glory, and to turn toward no horizon save His. This Kawthar of certitude is reserved for the manifestations of power and assurance. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and hath drunk from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious.

In that land there appeared manifestations of evil souls and deceiving, lying devils who martyred the gems of being with such tyranny that the heaven with its stars wept and the trees with their fruits lamented. Now, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, since that land is in the vicinity of a village that is associated with the Truth, there must appear men who are dawning-places of virtues and daysprings of fellowship and unity. Well is it with you! God shall soon raise up therefrom men who will hold fast unto none save God and who will act according to naught save that which they have been bidden in His perspicuous Book.

His honor Abdullah, who dwelleth in Our vicinity, made mention of you. Therefore, the pearls of remembrance that were hidden in the shells of the Most Great Sea have now appeared in the form of letters and words. We counsel you unto that which is the cause of fellowship and the manifestation of mercy. The friends of God are, in one station, fountainheads of the Salsabil of utterance and the Kawthar of knowledge. They must water the trees of souls with these waters. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you through His bounty, to assist you through His sovereignty, and to protect you through His hosts from on high. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O people of Ba before Dal! In these days the rain of favors and bounties hath fallen upon that land, the clouds of His grace and generosity have appeared, and the heaven of His bestowal and favor hath been unveiled. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! Repeatedly have your names been revealed and sent down

from the Most Exalted Pen. I counsel you to observe wisdom and to obey the sovereign who ariseth to assist and to protect the friends from the evil of enemies. Deal ye with all the peoples of the world with gentleness and forbearance. Conflict, contention and corruption have been removed. All are commanded to show forth love and promote reconciliation. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

Verily, the Wronged One hath remembered you and hath revealed for you that whereby your names shall endure in the Crimson Book. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We gave you glad tidings aforetime, and at this hour, from the presence of One mighty and ancient. Beware lest the happenings of the world grieve you or the doubts of the heedless hold you back. The glory, the remembrance and the praise from God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, be upon you.

O Land of Ta! The Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath turned His gaze toward the Land of Ta which God hath made the dawning-place of the joy of all worlds. We have remembered Our loved ones there time and again, and have sent down for them that which God hath once made the Kawthar of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and another time the enduring Food. Blessed is he who hath seen and circumambulated and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the first and the last!” We bear witness that Our loved ones there have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of all things, and have attained unto that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Messengers. O Abdullah! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His grace and His bounty. Give them glad tidings from Me, then recite unto them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty, for I am the All-Merciful, the Generous. We have illumined them with the light of My knowledge and exalted them through My words, and We made known unto them in the earliest days My path and the fragrance of My mercy which hath preceded all things from God, the Lord of the worlds. O My loved ones in that land! Rejoice in My remembrance and soar on the wings of faithfulness in My atmosphere, and associate with My servants with My praiseworthy and wondrous character. We have sent unto you at this time the chalices of My words wherein is contained the choice wine of My bounty. Blessed are they who drink thereof. In all conditions, the souls that are tranquil, steadfast and upright have been and are the recipients of special favors. They are the cupbearers of the divine Kawthar and the guides to the paths of the Lord. Blessed is he who attaineth unto their presence and heareth that which proceedeth from their mouths concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God as is befitting! They have attained, and the glances of grace are fixed upon them. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loveth them, as bidden by God, the Commander, the Ancient of Days. The leaves and handmaidens of that land have ever been the recipients of grace. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of every world among His worlds and to decree for them that which He hath decreed for the Maids of the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, He is the Giver, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee, O Abdullah, and upon those whom names have not kept back from their Lord and Sovereign, who have turned unto Him, and have heard, and have said: “We believe in Thy Manifestation, O Beloved of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee and the Object of the hearts of them that have recognized Thee!” Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Praise be sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted beyond the attributes of contingent beings - praise that befits and is worthy of the Sovereign of the Throne of Grandeur, Who, in the darkness of these days, caused the light of His Most Exalted Word to shine forth and appear manifest from the horizon of His Will. Neither the might of the powerful, nor the armies of monarchs, nor the doubts of the divines, jurists and scholars could deter Him from His purpose. He hath spoken before the faces of all the world that which hath caused the seas to surge, the mountains to take flight, and the Dove of Paradise to warble at the dawning light of the splendors of Beauty. By God! The Desired One hath come, and through Him hath appeared that which was hidden in the Presence of Knowledge and inscribed in the Books of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Radiant light be upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have spoken in praise of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. These are servants whom neither the might of tyrants nor the hosts of pharaohs could deter. They arose and spoke that which the Tongue of Grandeur had uttered before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the gate of reunion was opened to all who are in earth and heaven, and the nightingales of divine knowledge warbled upon the branches. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of Heaven, by the Crimson Scroll and by Thy Most Exalted Pen, to assist Thy chosen ones to celebrate Thy praise and glorify Thee. Then raise them up, O my God, amongst Thy servants and Thy creation. Thou beholdest them, O my God, turning unto Thee and setting their faces toward Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to leave them at the mercy of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the transgressors among Thy servants. I implore Thee, O God of the Kingdom and the Realm, and Sovereign of the Celestial Dominion, by Thy Name through Whose manifestation all names bowed down in prostration and all things submitted themselves in humility before Thy Face and in lowliness at Thy Revelation, to aid Thy loved ones with Thy hosts and protect them from the enemies of Thy Self - they who have violated Thy Covenant, disputed Thy signs, and disbelieved in Thy clear evidences. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart and one remembered in my heart! The servant has been honored with your letters time and again, and from each has found the fragrance of your love for God, your arising to serve Him among His servants, and your mention and praise of Him among His creation. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist you in all conditions and to make you as a banner upon the hills. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In truth, this servant is remiss in one respect, yet has always hoped for forgiveness, as one must act according to the requirements of wisdom. For a long time, due to the conflicts between the parties of the earth and the kindling of the fires of war in all regions, there was delay in sending whatever was written in response to the letters of the friends, especially after the upheaval in the land of Ta. Glorified art Thou, O God of Names! Thou seest Thy chosen servants in the prison of the enemies. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They have attained in Thy days through their turning and devotion, and have testified to that which Thy Tongue testified before all things, and have done what Thou commanded them in the realm of creation, until they were seized for Thy love and entered prison in Thy Name.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Controller of the seen and unseen, to pour forth upon them patience from Thy presence, then aid them against the transgressing people through Thy power, Thy might, and Thy sovereignty. The servant bears witness that they have attained unto a bounty that shall never perish and a mention that ages and centuries shall not alter. They are those from whom every possessor of smell has found the fragrance of submission and contentment, and every possessor of sight has beheld the countenance of patience and faithfulness.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the horizon of the world was illumined, to assist them to be steadfast in Thy Cause, then transform the poison of tribulation into honey through Thy grace and bounty, and severe decree into ease through Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal! Were the servant to remember them throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, it would not quench his thirst of love for them in the path of God, the King of this wondrous and exalted Day. When I read your letter and became aware of what was in it of your traces, I approached the Station that cannot be described by names nor characterized by what is mentioned by the people of creation. When I reached the Gate, I bowed down and prostrated myself in humility before the face of God, then entered and stood, and after permission, presented what was in your letter. After this was completed, the Ancient Countenance turned toward me and spoke that which diffused the fragrance of revelation throughout the world. He said, exalted be His utterance, sublime His proof, complete His argument, and perfect His remembrance and praise:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing […]

O Ali! The waves of tribulation have encompassed Us from every side, and the evidences of Divine decree have taken hold of Us from all directions. The Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs speaks at all times even as He spoke before the creation of earth and heaven, saying: “There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.” By My Life! The machinations of nations cannot frustrate Me, nor can the might of the world. I have arisen through My power and strength before all faces, and My tongue hath spoken that which hath caused the limbs of them that have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment to quake. Say: O concourse of earth! Your Goal and your Beloved, Whom ye have mentioned in nights and days, hath come. Fear God and deny not Him in Whom ye have believed before. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded in that which hath been sent down in a perspicuous Book. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh, did ye but know, and wherein the Most Great Name calleth aloud among the nations, did ye but hear. The Hidden One hath appeared, did ye but perceive. Beware lest the affairs of creation hinder you from the Truth. Arise in My Name, then aid Him through remembrance and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of an Ordainer, All-Wise. O Ali! The clamor of which We had informed thee beforehand hath been raised, and that which had been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in various Tablets hath come to pass. To this every discerning one beareth witness. We have sent down for thee that from which the fragrance of My loving-kindness hath been wafted. To this My tongue in My exalted station beareth witness. And We have sent down for every name that was in thy book that whereby those who are nigh

unto God perceive the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord, the Gracious. Convey My glory to the faces of My loved ones who were not hindered by the promptings of any deceiver, nor were they frightened by the tyranny of any remote oppressor. Say: Hold fast unto the Book of God and His Cause. By My life! That which the people possess shall perish, and that which hath been ordained for you by an All-Knowing, All-Wise Protector shall endure.

From whatsoever hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Divine favor, every soul doth inhale the fragrance of grace and bounty. What else can this evanescent servant mention or submit? At all times he beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to protect His loved ones and preserve them from the evil of the cawing ones. The oppression of the divines and that which hath befallen the friends at the hands of rulers hath been and continueth to be the cause of the exaltation of the Word, as hath been witnessed in the past and present. If God, exalted be His glory, were to unveil for them what He hath unveiled for His loved ones, all would be seen turning toward the supreme horizon. To most people today the Cause hath become obscure; they have imagined that the party of God, exalted be His glory, are workers of corruption rather than of reformation. The cawing ones who have turned away from the Most Great Ocean and set their faces toward the fetid spring have manifested the utmost enmity and the most grievous cruelty. Each day they are occupied with a new deceit. They plagiarize from the divine verses and utter calumnies such as the Pharaohs and tyrants of old never uttered. The Sun is shining, the Moon is gleaming, and the Full Moon is manifest, yet all are heedless. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, and implore Him to protect His loved ones from the like of such souls. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things.

The offering of greetings and salutations to the friends of that land is entrusted to that beloved one, and for all I seek steadfastness. In the divine Tablets this word hath repeatedly been revealed - His word, exalted and mighty is He: “The beginning of all things is the knowledge of God, and the end thereof is steadfastness in His Cause.” We must, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Goal of all creation that He may adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness. Some souls, despite their claims of steadfastness, certitude and assurance, were veiled by a single cawing from the flow of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, they are among the wrongdoers in the perspicuous Book. For each one of the names, a most holy and exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause all to attain, and to grant them sustenance from the ocean of inner meanings that lie concealed and treasured within the words. How often it happens that one’s hand is immersed in the ocean, yet one fails to drink therefrom. However, this is the Day of Grace. The hope of the world is in motion and ecstasy, even though its people perceive it not.

This is what was revealed for him who was named Karbala’i Isma’il. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing

Today from the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, this most exalted Word is heard: Blessed is every hearer and blessed is every one who turneth unto it. O peoples of the earth! He Who was treasured in knowledge and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath come. O Isma’il! Hold fast unto the Word of God. Shouldst thou discover its fragrance, thou wouldst find thyself in a paradise whose breadth is as the breadth of the heavens and of the earth. To this beareth witness He

Who speaketh in the prison - there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Know thou, moreover, that should He speak a word, all the books of the world and whatsoever the peoples possess could not equal it. To this testifieth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. God hath created the world through a word from Him for this Day wherein the Speaker on Sinai hath been established upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. Blessed be thine ear if it heareth what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in this wondrous and incomparable Tablet. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Countenance when every heedless sinner turned away therefrom.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Mulla ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof […]

In the Name of Him Who gazeth from Mine All-Glorious Horizon!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Knowing from the Kingdom of Utterance unto him who hath turned unto the All-Informed, that it may draw him to a station wherein he beholdeth naught in existence save the signs of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein thou art mentioned. We make mention of thee with that which the ornaments of the world cannot equal. Be thankful unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Take hold of the Book with the strength that cometh from Him and say: “Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me whilst Thou wert in prison, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!” Thus hath the Most Great Ocean sprinkled upon thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are assured. The remembrance shining from the horizon of the heaven of Mine utterance be upon thee and upon them who have attained unto tranquility when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, did will.

This was revealed for Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. His word - exalted be His utterance and complete His proof:

He is the Hearing, the Answering!

O Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee when the servants rose against Him with such enmity as the eye of time hath never beheld its like, and He, in the midst of tribulation, calleth the people unto the Supreme Horizon - the station wherein the Kingdom of Utterance proclaimeth: “There is none other God but I, the Almighty, the Powerful.” Take heed lest the affairs of the world sadden thee or the veils of the heedless ones prevent thee - they who sit in positions of authority and claim knowledge without any clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the one who, being strong, casteth away what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Whoso hath today attained unto My recognition hath attained unto all good - to this have God’s Books, both past and future, borne witness. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Thus doth the Dawning-Place of thy Lord’s revelation teach thee. Remember and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!” The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them who have cast away idle

fancies and acted according to that which they were bidden in the Book of Certitude from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful.

This was revealed for Haji Mulla Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God. His word - blessed and exalted is He:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful!

Today from the rustling of the winds of the All-Merciful's utterance this word is heard: Whoso hath attained unto recognition of that which the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken hath attained unto that which none before him hath attained. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the Divine Call and turned unto His horizon. The world was created for this Day. All them that drew nigh unto God and were sincere did for years lament and bewail their separation from this Day. Blessed are they whom the veils of the learned have not hindered and whom the might of rulers hath not kept back from the recognition of God. Arise to guide the wayward unto the straight path through the name of Truth and with wisdom and utterance, and draw the heedless unto the quarter of awareness. Remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind." In this Revelation this word hath been multiplied a hundredfold. Is there any hearing ear to be found in the land or any penetrating vision to be witnessed? In all conditions beseech ye the Self-Sufficing Lord that He deprive not His creatures of the breezes of His days. He is the Almighty to Whose power every possessor of knowledge hath testified. The glory manifest and resplendent from the horizon of My will be upon thee and upon every steadfast and firm one.

This was revealed for Mulla Karim, upon him be the Glory of God. His word - exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, through which they that lay in their graves arose! […]

Say: O concourse of the heedless! He Who conversed on Sinai hath come, Whose advent was foretold in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. Say: By God! The Fire hath appeared from the Divine Lote-Tree and the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh openly. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty, the like of which hath never appeared in creation. By God! The world hath rejoiced at the appearance of the Ancient King, yet the peoples are in a wondrous slumber. O Karim! The All-Bountiful mentioneth thee in truth and calleth thee to God, the Lord of all men. We summoned the divines to the supreme horizon, yet they call Us to the dust. The call of the infidels is naught but error. Arise thou to serve the Cause and remind the servants of what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen at morn and eventide. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye the Lord of Names. Leave behind what ye possess and turn with illumined hearts to the station which God hath made most exalted. The Mount hath been illumined by the lights of the Manifestation, and the Lote-Tree calleth out with its loudest voice: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the Almighty, the All-Choosing!" Is there any hearing ear that will hearken to My sweetest call? Is there any one with the sense of smell who will inhale the fragrance of My utterance whereby the kingdom of mystic knowledge was attracted? Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen move in the arena of utterance, by the command of God, the Lord of Religions. The Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon those whom the affairs of the world have not withheld from the Lord of all

beings - they who have arisen and said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the earths and the heavens.”

And this was revealed for his honor Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God. He, exalted and mighty, saith:

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

O Ahmad! Reflect upon the words “may God hasten his relief.” I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, were anyone to reflect purely for the sake of God, the Hand of His bounty would lead him to the ocean of knowledge, such that neither the whisperings of the polytheists nor the insinuations of the deniers would keep him from God, exalted be His glory. Those who arose mentioning His blessed name and uttering “may God hasten,” attacked with sword and spear and rose up to battle against the Manifestation of God’s Cause. O Ahmad! The recompense of the reprehensible deeds of the heedless souls prevented them from the Most Great Ocean and deprived them of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Whosoever today hath broken the chains of vain imaginings and rent asunder the veils of the ascetics, he is mentioned as the most exalted of creation before the Truth and is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as being among the people of the Crimson Ark. Blessed are they who advance and woe unto those who turn away.

And this was revealed for his honor Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God. He, exalted and mighty, saith:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing […]

This Wronged One has, during the nights and days, summoned the peoples of the earth to the horizon of the heaven of true knowledge, and all atoms bear witness that not for a moment has the Pen ceased to move. Though the outward Pen may at times have paused, the Pen of the Divine Command has remained in constant motion - a motion that no stillness can overtake. Yet the faithless people, in place of praise, have chosen cruelty, and instead of gratitude have begun to complain. Would that they had attained unto the hearing of but one word of the divine utterances! Would that they had perceived its fragrance! The intoxication of vain desires has seized them all, such that they remain deprived and veiled from the Lord of all beings. Reflect upon the deeds of humanity, and likewise upon what thou hast heard of the traces of this Revelation. Today the Concourse on High is astounded and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names are bewildered, for the One Whose beauty all eyes had yearned to behold and Whose praise was upon every tongue - after His appearance and manifestation, all arose in hypocrisy against Him. Blessed are the strong ones whom neither the might of princes weakened nor the power of enemies deprived of the Lord of Names. Forsake the world and all that is therein, and hold fast unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Behold negation as non-existent and cleave unto the hem of affirmation. This is the counsel of the Wronged One of the horizons to the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty. Blessed be they that are nigh unto God, and they that are endued with true understanding, and they that act in accordance with His teachings, and woe unto the idolaters, and the heedless, and they that raise the call of ignorance.

This is what was revealed for Karbala’i Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His grandeur and mighty His proof:

I am the Rememberer and I am the Remembered One.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Beloved, my Purpose, my Hope, and my Desire! I beseech Thee by the Ocean whereupon Thy people were carried, and by the Ark that sailed upon the sea of recognition through Thy Name and Thy favor, to send down upon all who exist that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the enemies of Thy Self turning away from Thy Cause and striving to extinguish Thy light and quench the fire of Thy divine Unity. I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things, and by the might that hath subdued all contingent beings, to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy upon them that are nigh unto Thee that which shall gladden their eyes and rejoice their hearts, in such wise that the sorrows of the world and the oppression of the nations shall not prevent them. O Lord! Aid them, then, with the hosts of the unseen and the visible realm, and ordain for them, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast destined for Thy chosen ones who have expended all they possessed in Thy path and soared in the atmosphere of Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

We make mention of Muhammad-i-Qabli-Rida and counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled Our loved ones. He is, in truth, the Counselor, the Trustworthy. Hold fast unto the Book of God - verily, it will protect thee and draw thee nigh unto Him. Of this doth this Speaking Book, the Mighty, the Wondrous, bear witness. The glory of God rest upon thy son and his family, and upon thee, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

This is what was revealed for Haji Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty and all-encompassing His grace:

I am the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

A remembrance from Our presence to one who has turned to the Truth on a day wherein all mankind hath turned away save those who have cast aside vain imaginings and clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all creation. This is the Day whereon all that lay hidden in hearts and veiled from eyes hath been made manifest. To this beareth witness the Pen of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then make mention of Him amidst the denizens of Paradise. Beware lest the veils of the corrupt deter thee, or the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, frighten thee. We have revealed the pearls of the ocean of utterance unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility, yet the people have denied them, having followed their own desires and idle fancies. The Promised One hath come, and all things have cried out: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former days!" Among the people are those who heard, arose, turned and responded, and among them are those who denied, turned away, and committed that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament. O people of Baha! Cast aside what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while seated upon the throne. Blessed is he who hath turned, heard and seen, and woe unto him who hath turned away and gone astray. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon My loved ones who have answered their Lord when the Call was raised amongst all peoples.

This was revealed for Muhammad Kazim, upon him be the glory of God. He saith, exalted be His dominion and mighty be His proof:

He is the One manifest from the highest horizon.

The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences have appeared. The Kawthar of utterance floweth before all faces and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised high. He Who conversed on Sinai calleth out with the most exalted call, and the Concourse on High circle round, yet the people are heedless to such a degree that they are observed to be unaware and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and the waves of the ocean of knowledge. The grace of God is more manifest than the sun, yet these faithless people are for the most part veiled. Would that they had been content with denial and rejection! They have committed that which hath caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise to cry out and lament. Throughout ages and centuries they awaited this Day, yet when it appeared they did that which the Pen is powerless to describe. O people of Baha! Beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to guide the wayward ones of the earth and show them the path. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. There is none other God but He, the Most High, the Most Glorious. We counsel the people of God, at the end of Our utterance, to fear God and to act in such wise as would exalt His Cause among His servants. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto the Truth, turning away from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds.

This was revealed for Mulla Akbar. He saith, mighty be His utterance, sweet be His call, and mighty be His proof:

He is the All-Knowing Witness.

O Akbar! The Lord of humanity has come, every hidden matter has been revealed, and the call has been raised from the Most Great Scene, yet most of the people do not understand. Say: By God! That which was concealed has been manifested, that which was hidden has emerged, and He Who was promised has come. Hasten, O people, and be not of those who denied God's grace and His Cause, who rejected His bounty and disputed His signs that have encompassed both earth and heaven. This is the Day when existence itself smiled at His mention, yet the people have turned away from Him. Say: Fear the All-Merciful, O people of the realm of possibility! Be fair in what has been revealed in truth. Come, that I may show you the Supreme Horizon; come, that I may cause you to hear the Call of God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest riches occupy you in these days of your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Leave behind you the ornaments of the world, hastening to His station, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Akbar! Gather what the Most Great Ocean has cast upon thee of the pearls of knowledge and wisdom, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Possessor of the visible and invisible. This is the Day wherein one can hear from the waves of the sea: "The Sovereign has come"; from the rustling of the trees: "The Chosen One has appeared"; and from the murmuring of the waters: "The Kingdom belongs to the Lord of Names"–yet the people hear not. Thus has the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Far Boundary been raised. Blessed is he who has heard, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. The glory that has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Praise be to God! The fishes of love have attained unto the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, and the moons of the horizons of knowledge have derived the lights of inner meaning from the Sun of Truth. This servant beseecheth God to assist them to remain steadfast and to grant them a complete portion from His wondrous and exalted Tablets.

Know ye that concerning the treatise on proofs which ye wrote, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. Thus spoke the All-Merciful, exalted be His utterance: In these matters it would be more fitting and appropriate to present the Kitab-i-Iqan and the Tablet to the Shah. O Ali, be not grieved by the clamor of the heedless and the outcries of the polytheists. Ere long will the standards of justice and fairness be raised throughout all regions in the name of Truth. Today all monarchs consider this people to be mischief-makers, for in truth at the beginning certain deeds were manifested by some of this community that caused the very pillars of faith to tremble. They took possession of people's property without permission, and counted murder, bloodshed, plunder and pillage among praiseworthy deeds. They observed not the rights of any faction among the factions. And those souls imagined these acts to be acceptable, even though they were adorned with the ornament of divine love and crowned with the diadem of detachment. Due to their utter simplicity and lack of knowledge they committed such deeds and considered them all to be from God. These acts became the cause of people's aversion and the clamor and turning away of mankind from the Truth. Now, for more than thirty years the fire of corruption, warfare, strife and contention has been quenched and extinguished in all regions and countries, yet still they remain in doubt and uncertainty. Glory be to God! In the divine Tablets all that causes grief was forbidden, let alone deeds that cause terror and alarm among people. Beseech ye God that He may make His servants aware and grant them sustenance from the ocean of knowledge. For if they were to become somewhat aware and understand the purpose of God, exalted be His glory, both ruler and subject, both wayfarer and pauper would all turn toward the court of God's favor and cling to the hem of His grace. Blessed art thou, O Ali! We bear witness that thou hast heard in the path of God and witnessed that which grieved the hearts of the Concourse on High. Rejoice thou in this testimony which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His mighty prison. Upon thee be My glory and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God when He came with manifest sovereignty.

In all conditions the gain hath been and is with the friends of Truth. These injuries and harms shall become the source and dayspring of triumph, success and good. Every person of insight and hearing hath testified and doth testify that whatsoever hath flowed and doth flow from the Most Exalted Pen hath been and is being fulfilled word for word. O thou beloved one, if the treatise on proofs that was written is sent to this servant it would be appreciated. God willing, through divine grace, ease shall follow hardship and comfort shall follow distress. Consider ye the companions of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - what they were at first and what they became at last. At first some would satisfy their hunger with a date-stone, while at the end they would give away heaps and stacks in charity. The servant beseecheth his Lord to send down from the heaven of His bounty upon His loved ones a blessing from His presence. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. I convey greetings to the family members and relatives, upon them be the glory of God, and I beseech for each one that which befitteth the generosity of the Ocean of Bounty. Verily He is the Generous One to Whose grace,

generosity, bounty and benevolence all created things have testified. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon them from God, the Kind, the Forgiving.

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He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

This is the Day wherein the Book speaketh before the face of all humanity: “There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower!” My Name, upon Him be My glory, hath appeared at the dawning of the Sun of Manifestation, and mentioned are the names of those who have sought the Ultimate Goal, the Supreme Summit, and the Highest Aim. Among them are those who attained and drank and triumphed, those who intended and hastened, those who acknowledged a single drop from the Most Great Ocean, and those whom the wine of recognition so intoxicated that they soared in the atmosphere of their Lord’s love, the All-Merciful, and were set ablaze with the fire of their Lord’s Cause, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Gracious. Verily do We make mention of every name mentioned before His countenance, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Nasru’llah! The Wronged One hath mentioned thee aforetime with a mention before which all mentions bow down. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the signs of the All-Merciful may be made manifest in all possibility, and His Cause be exalted amongst His servants. When the morn of Revelation unfurled its standard and the Speaker of Sinai came forth, the divines arose in opposition. Among them were those who pronounced Him an infidel, those who turned away, those who objected, and those who unjustly pronounced against Him, whereby the veil of sanctity was rent asunder and the eyes of the righteous shed tears. Thus did their souls entice them. We bear witness that they are among the companions of the Fire.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Cast aside your vain imaginings. Beware lest ye act as they acted aforetime. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of those who turned away from God, the Lord of Lords.

O Qasim! Cast aside what the people possess, taking hold of My Book with such strength that neither armies nor swords shall deter thee.

Say: O people of the earth! We have shown you the evanescence of all ye possess and caused you to hear mention of departure at all times. Cast aside your surmises and idle fancies; take what ye have been given from God, the Lord of all mankind. Be thou steadfast in serving My loved ones, speaking My praise, and holding fast to the cord of My loving-kindness. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from the most exalted station.

We make mention in this station of Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali, whose flesh was mingled with the flesh of his Lord, his blood with His blood, his body with His body, and his bones with the bones of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that he hath attained unto that which none before him attained, and there befell him that of which no ear hath heard the like. Upon him be My glory and the glory of My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the people of the cities of justice and fairness.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, in that thou hast attained unto the choice wine of utterance from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hath the Sun of proof shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings.

O 'Abdu'l-Karim! The All-Bountiful hath come, yet every possessor of doubts turned away from Him. The ocean of generosity hath surged before all existence, yet most of the people are in astonishing delusion. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs. Verily, they are among the veiled ones in the sight of God, the Revealer of verses.

Aqa Mirza Muhammad-i-Qazvini

O Muhammad! We have mentioned thee aforetime and at this moment, and there hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to My Name, the Mahdi. We answer thee again through this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Subduer of the winds. Blessed is the essence that opposition hath not prevented and the spirit that bodies have not veiled from this horizon before which, when it shone forth, the spirits prostrated themselves. And blessed is he who hath attained unto the mention of his Lord on this Day wherein the horizons have arisen in hypocrisy.

Aqa Mirza Abu-Talib

O Abu-Talib! Thou art he who hath sought the Most Exalted Goal and traversed land and sea until thou didst arrive at the Valley of the Noble One wherein was raised the call of the Glorious One: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Protector over what is and what hath been." Thou wert present and beheld what was hidden from the peoples of the world and heard what the Primal Point heard. The Mother Book that is with Him beareth witness to this. Remind the servants of what thou hast seen and heard, and be so firm in the Cause that neither the veils of the divines nor the power of princes shall deter thee. Place thy trust in all matters in God, the Lord of all men. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that which God hath testified at the beginning and the end.

O Ali Ashraf! Give thanks unto God for having honored thee with this Cause whereby the hearts of the idolaters were disturbed and the hearts of the righteous were assured. We have made mention of thee and those who have believed, as a token of grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Aqa Bala! The Lord of creation mentioneth thee from His Most Great Prison in such wise as will draw thee nigh unto God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Forgiving. We counsel thee and those who have believed with the wisdom We have sent down through grace in the Scriptures and Tablets. Take hold of that which ye are commanded and follow not those who have violated God's covenant and testament - they are assuredly among the wayward. Thus doth the Pen of the Most Merciful move in the arena of wisdom and utterance that ye may be drawn to a station wherein naught is seen save the signs of God, the Manifester of clear evidences. We make mention of thy brother who is named Qasim and give him glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, and counsel him with that whereby the station of man is exalted in the realm of possibility.

O Abdul-Khaliq! Behold and then remember when the Creator came, the creation turned away with such rejection that the clouds wailed. They turned away and denied until they pronounced judgment against Him without any proof or evidence. Set aside creation and what it possesseth, clinging to the Truth that calleth from the highest horizon of the world: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.” Most people are playing with the clay of their vain imaginings. By God! They are more contemptible than flies in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are the people of Baha who have mounted, in His Name, the crimson ark that moveth over land and sea by His Name, the Protector over all names. Be steadfast in My Cause, speaking My praise, soaring in My atmosphere, and clinging to My robe which God, the Lord of all raiment, hath ordained. We have found from thee the fragrance of My love and have mentioned thee with a call whereby the realities of remembrance were attracted. Say: By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and those of Sinai were thunderstruck save him whom God preserved as a grace from Him and protected through the hands of power.

O Siyyid! The Lord of the world mentioneth thee from His Most Great Prison that thou mayest rejoice and be in a state of gladness and delight. Let not the affairs of creation sadden thee. Fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to the cord of God, the Sender of rains. Say: O people of the Bayan! Associate not partners with God and dispute not about the verses whereby your faith in God, the Lord of creation, is established. Say: Set aside what ye possess and take what is with God. He verily guideth you to the straight path. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon the people of Baha who have cast aside all else, turning unto the Dayspring of lights.

[Karbila’i Iskandar]

O My Pen! Make mention of him who is named Iskandar and give him glad tidings of that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful as the Day-Star of utterance, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Thou hast attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen aforetime and at this hour. Beware lest anything sadden thee or the might of them that have denied the Lord of the Day of Judgment cause thee to fear. Take hold of the Book with strength from thy Lord and say: O people! Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. Behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of proof, then hearken unto that which hath been raised from the Lote-Tree of utterance: Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is the Day whereon the Point of the Bayan crieth out, saying: O people of the realm of possibility! By My life, the world hath been honored by the lights of the Manifestation, and everyone possessed of a sense of smell perceiveth the fragrance of His perspicuous raiment. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the outpourings of your bountiful Lord or be veiled by the veils of the heedless. Blessed is the soul that hath cast the world behind it out of longing for the presence of the Ancient of Days. He is assuredly of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel all to manifest supreme steadfastness, lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan, who have exchanged the grace of God for unbelief, cause them to slip. They are indeed of them that have gone astray, as recorded in a clear tablet. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee, that there may appear from thee that whose fragrance shall never be cut off. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Mulla ?adiq! O ?adiq! We counsel thee with supreme wisdom even as We counseled thee when thou wert standing before the door and didst hear the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: Wisdom

is the head and master of deeds. Hold fast unto it, as bidden by an ancient Commander. Remember My days and what thou didst hear from My tongue and what thou didst witness from this most exalted horizon. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee. Take hold and be of them that act. Let not anything prevent thee. Remind thyself, then remind the souls of the servants, that they may discover the fragrance of utterance and be of them that are assured. The days shall pass more swiftly than lightning, yet most of the people know not. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow the Book of God, for verily it hath been sent down in truth from His presence, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: This is the Day of remembrance, yet ye are silent. Say: This is the Day of service, yet ye are sleeping, and this is the Day of hearkening, yet ye are as dead. Blessed is the soul over which the breezes of its Lord's will have passed, and it hath arisen saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and desire of them that have recognized Thee, for having awakened me and guided me unto Thy straight path."

Mirza Israfil ?akim! We make mention of thee and pronounce upon thee Our blessing as a favor from Our presence, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Israfil! By the life of God, We have sounded the Trumpet, whereupon all who are in the heavens and earth have swooned away, save whom God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, willeth. By it earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth, every learned one hath been perturbed, every foot hath slipped, every wise one hath lamented, every prince hath been struck with terror, every mystic hath been bewildered, and every seeing one who sought hath attained. How many a learned one hath been kept back from the Cause, and how many an ignorant one hath hastened and said: "I believe in Thee, O Thou Desire of the mystics!" How many a maidservant hath heard and turned and attained, and how many a hero hath denied and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. O Israfil! Remember thy Lord in the nights and days, and hold fast in all conditions to His firm cord.

Iskandar Qap

O Iskandar! The Lord of Power has come for the life of humanity, yet the people seized Him and imprisoned Him in this remote place. Behold and remember when the Spirit came, the divines of the Torah turned away from Him and pronounced judgment against Him unjustly - every atom cried out at this, as every fair-minded and knowing one will testify. The Comforter has come in truth, yet the people are in manifest error. You have not yet recognized Him who came to them with a sovereignty that has conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth, and with His mighty glory. I am indeed the heaven whereunto the Son of Mary ascended, as the Tongue of Grandeur bears witness, though most of the people are heedless. Give thanks unto God that He has made mention of thee while the Seat of the Throne was in a mighty prison.

(Iskandar Mulla-Ughli)

O Iskandar! Behold and remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came - the divines of the Torah and the Gospel turned away from Him. Among the people were those who denied Him, those who turned away from Him, and those who rose up to oppress Him, whereat the foundations of patience were shaken and the eyes of those near to God shed tears. The divines pronounced judgment against Him as they had pronounced judgment against the Spirit before Him. The Books of God, both past and future,

bear witness to this, as doth this wronged and lonely One. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, turn thy face toward God and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the Prophets and the Messengers!” I beseech Thee to make him steadfast in Thy remembrance and in the service of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of thy brother who desired to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. Give him My glad-tidings and greet him, that he may rejoice and be of those who render thanks.

(Haji Muhammad Mahdi)

O Muhammad Mahdi! The Lord of the worlds makes mention of thee as a bounty from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Purify thine ear from what thou hast heard that thou mayest hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein every confident one has been shaken, every learned one has been terrified, every silent one has cried out, and the Tongue of Grandeur has testified that sovereignty belongs to God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O people! Help your Lord, the Most Merciful, and be not of the heedless ones. Know then that victory has been ordained in the remembrance and utterance, even as was revealed at the beginning of this Manifestation, and most of the people are witnesses thereof. We have forbidden the servants to wage war and to contend. Among them are those who committed what We forbade and transgressed the bounds set by God, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and among them are those whom God has pardoned as a bounty from Him, for He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: Cast not the ordinances of God behind you, and do what ye are commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Those who have found the fragrances of revelation are among the most exalted of servants before God, the Hearing, the Answering. And he who is prevented is among the most lost of servants before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

(Muhammad Hanifih)

We make mention of thy brother and counsel him with what befits the days of his Lord, the Master of this wondrous Day. O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad, who has drawn near to the Most Great Sea to drink and to be of the thankful ones. Say: The Day has come, yet most of the people are at ease. The Light has appeared, yet most of the people have turned away. Say: Take hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Him and cast aside that which keeps you from it. This is God’s command unto you, if ye be of those who know. If your eye causes you to stumble in this, pluck it out for love of your Lord’s Cause, the All-Merciful, the Generous. Blessed is he who has attained unto My days, recognized My path, hastened with his heart to My horizon, and arisen to serve My mighty Cause. We have made mention of thee that the remembrance might attract thee to a station wherein thou wilt recognize My clear and straight path.

(Aqa Mir ’Allam)

O Mir! The Prisoner remembereth thee from the prison-ward with that which draweth thee nigh unto God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. In the earliest days We stood before the faces of all the world, with the banners of verses on Our right and the standards of clear proofs on Our left, and We called all unto God, the Sovereign of what was and what shall be. The factions rose against Us with swords of

tyranny - among them were those who claimed authority over God, and those who turned away and denied what was sent down from God, the King of Kings. Say: This is a light whereby the world is illumined, and a fire whereby are consumed the hearts of every ignorant outcast. Say: O people, judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not every veiled scholar. Thus surgeth the ocean of utterance before the face of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people understand not.

Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-’Ali - O ’Abdu’l-’Ali! The remembrance of God from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, before the face of the Lord of all mankind, hath verily been upraised. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call; he is indeed among the righteous recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Book of the Exalted Ones. Say: O people of the Bayan, come ye, come ye, that He may show you God’s most sublime horizon and cause you to hear His sweetest call, at whose raising the Prophets and Messengers stood forth, crying “Yea, verily, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens!” Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the horizon of Revelation, the ear that hath heard the Call of Him Who conversed on Sinai, and the heart that hath turned to the Station illumined by the lights of His Countenance. Say: Do ye deny the ocean and its waves, the sun and its radiance? Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of them who denied God’s grace and favors, and follow not every denier who is far from truth. Judge fairly, O people of the Bayan, concerning your Lord’s Cause. Have ye not witnessed the waves of My ocean of utterance and the effulgent lights of the sun of My wisdom’s heaven? Fear God and refute not the truth with what ye possess. Soon shall ye return to your stations and be questioned about your deeds in this world. Then shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss.

Karbala’i Aqa Kishi - We make mention of thy brother and beseech God to strengthen him that he may find for himself a path unto God. O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the prison-ward; verily He summoneth thee to a station that hath been raised up in God’s name. This is a Day wherein the Book calleth out with its most exalted voice and summoneth all to a horizon radiant with the lights of His Countenance.

O people! Cast aside that which keepeth you from the Lord of Destiny, Who hath come from the Source of Command with the banners of verses and with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. Thus moveth the Most Exalted Pen when it was between the fingers of thy Lord, that thou mayest give thanks and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause.

Karbala’i Aqa Dadish - O thou who art turned towards the Truth! Praise God for this Most Great Remembrance which hath guided mankind to a path raised up by God’s command. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which hath been sent down in a Book inscribed by the Pen of Revelation in truth. Say: O peoples of the earth! Weigh what We have against what ye possess. Be fair and follow not every ignorant one who is deprived of justice. Thus have the rains of knowledge and wisdom poured down from this heaven which hath been raised up in truth, and God is witness to what I say.

The friends of God […]

Verily We make mention of the friends of God in that place, whose names have not been mentioned outwardly, and We counsel them with that which We have counseled before, for verily I am the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Take ye the Book of God as a command from Him, then recite His verses

with the melodies of them that are attracted. Blessed is the servant who hath turned unto Him and attained, and woe unto them that turn aside! We counsel you to be steadfast lest your feet slip through the hints of the learned and the doubts of the babblers. These have denied God and rejected that which He hath sent down from His glorious and wondrous Kingdom.

Handmaidens of God: We make mention of My handmaidens there and give them glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all and My grace which hath encompassed all existence. We beseech God to assist them in that which He loveth and approveth, and to ordain for them that which shall gladden the eyes of the devoted ones who have attained in the early days to the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Friends of God: We make mention at this time of the friends of God in Kukachay and remind them of the verses of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen and hath testified to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the Subduer of what was and what shall be.

Ismail Bey: O Ismail! The Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee that which hath perfumed the world of being with the fragrance of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that fear not, neither are they grieved. Thy name was presented before Us and We have remembered thee in this blessed and irrevocable Tablet. We have adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance, and likewise My loved ones there who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, but have held fast unto the cord of their Lord's loving providence, the Mighty, the Loving. Joy be unto you and blessed are ye for having attained unto the remembrance of God and the traces of His Most Exalted Pen, when the seat of the Throne was this glorious and forbidden station. Thus have the breezes of revelation been wafted abroad when the Tongue of Grandeur did proclaim: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Tiflis Friends of God: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Tiflis! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the right hand of the luminous spot on the crimson earth from the Divine Lote-Tree, at whose rustling all things proclaimed: The Desire of the world and the Most Great Name is come, through Whom the gates of meaning and utterance have been opened in the world of being. Exalted be God, the Creator of what was and what shall be! By God's life! There is not a single verse but My Most Exalted Pen hath revealed it, as attesteth His preserved Tablet. Blessed be your faces for having turned, your hearts for having accepted, your eyes for having beheld, and your ears for having heard the Call of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus have We adorned the Kingdom of proof with My remembrance and the Heaven of exposition with that which My tongue hath uttered in this exalted station.

Aqa Baba: O Aqa Baba! The Lord of the world maketh mention of thee and giveth thee glad tidings of His turning toward thee from this station wherein the Ancient Beauty hath been imprisoned through that which the hands of the deniers of the Witness and the Witnessed have wrought. Be thou at all times observant of My most exalted horizon, attentive to My sweetest call, and take hold of My Book, at whose revelation all the books of the world have bowed down, as attesteth His inscribed Tablet.

Aqa Sattar: […]

O Concealer! The Concealer makes mention of thee from this station which hath been named by the Most Beautiful Names, and He calleth and sayeth: This is the day wherein the Mount was honored by the presence of its Interlocutor, and the Tree by its Manifestation, and the Books by their Revealer, yet most of the people understand not. By God! Every matter hath been revealed and every mystery hath emerged, and rivers of life have flowed from the rocks, yet the people perceive not. They hear the verses of God and deny them, and they behold His signs and then object to them. Say: Fear God, O people, and follow not every rejected ignorant one. Thus have We sent down the verses as a grace from Our presence that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Sovereign of the Kingdom.

Aqa Mirza ’Ali - O ’Ali! Behold and then remember when We sent forth the Spirit with clear signs; the Jews and their divines rose against Him and unjustly condemned Him, whereat every stone lamented and every clod cried out and eyes shed tears. Behold and then remember the concourse of the Furqan who wept in the mosques and upon the pulpits over its letters, yet when their Lord came they slew Him unjustly - an act which erased all mention of joy and gladness from the Book of Lovers. They condemned Him Whom they had mentioned throughout ages and centuries. Thus did their souls prompt them, and today they rejoice not. They surrounded the Bird of the Most Exalted Paradise with the talons of hatred and wrought that which caused the eyes to cease their flow and the sun to withhold its radiance and the clouds their manifest outpouring. By the life of God! The people of the Bayan who turned away from the All-Merciful are more lost than any faction, more remote than any remote one, and more reprobate than any reprobate. They arose in opposition in such wise as caused the denizens of the heavenly dominion to lament.

Karbala’i Akbar - O Akbar! He Who holdeth dominion over destiny maketh mention of thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who disbelieved in the All-Merciful and denied this bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of the world and this light which hath gleamed amongst the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. From His Most Exalted Pen have been sent down the secrets of what hath been and what shall be. Neither the clamor of the world nor the veils of the nations can hinder Him. He hath come with the greatest of signs and revealed what He willeth with power and sovereignty. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and refute not the truth with what ye possess, and be not of them who denied God’s proof and His testimony when He came unto the final goal. If ye deny this Revelation, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Bring it forth and be not of the people of error. Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and oppose not Him through Whose command every Prophet hath spoken and every Messenger hath uttered speech. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you from its most exalted station.

Aqa ’Abdu’r-Ra’uf - O ’Abdu’r-Ra’uf! The Kind One calleth thee, He Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of lords. He it is Who arose in the earliest days before the faces of all people and summoned all unto God, the Lord of all men. Were it not for Him, the decree of the Book would not have been revealed and the Sun of Revelation would not have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Verily, He hath come with the truth and mentioned that which He was commanded in the Tablet. Whoso believeth, it shall be to his benefit, and whoso turneth away, it shall be to his detriment. Verily He is sanctified and exalted above mention and utterance. Thus hath the ocean of My knowledge surged and the sun of My proof shone forth and the rains have poured down from the heaven of My grace.

Karbala'i Yusuf - O Yusuf! We made mention of thee before and make mention of thee at this time as a grace from My presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: […]

My God, my God! I perceive the fragrance of Thy raiment and love Thy mention and praise and nearness to the seat of Thy throne, whereon is established the temple of Thy grandeur. Ordain for me through Thy grace, O my God, that which centuries and ages cannot alter, that it may endure as long as Thy names endure and serve as a sign of Thee amongst Thy servants and creation. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art He Whom the affairs of the world cannot hinder, nor can the clamor of nations prevent. He doeth what He willeth through His power. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Hear what the Sun speaketh, to which the Book hath borne witness: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thou hast indeed attained unto the waves of the ocean of My remembrance aforetime and the effulgences of the Luminary of My utterance, as witnessed by the Mother Book. Behold the creation and the weakness that hath encompassed them. They have cast behind their backs Him through Whose name every truth hath been manifested, turning instead to the source of vain imaginings. By God! The very atoms should weep for this Light that hath been prevented from shining forth by reason of what the hands of the wicked have wrought. They drink corruption while fleeing from the Living Waters that lie before their faces. Thus hath Satan made their deeds seem fair unto them, and they remain in doubt and schism. Neither their deeds nor their remembrance nor their turning profit them, as witnessed by all things and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Grieve not at anything, but trust in the One, the All-Informed, throughout all days.

O My Name! There have come before the Wronged One the names of those mentioned by the Truthful One. We make mention of them as a grace from Us, for verily We are the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful. Blessed is he and those whom he hath mentioned, and whoso hath held fast to the cords of God, the Lord of all mankind.

O Kazim! Rejoice in My mention of thee. By God! Nothing in all creation can compare with it, as thy Lord doth testify, seated upon the throne of wisdom and utterance. Be steadfast in the Cause and speak in praise of thy Lord, detached from those who have denied the Beginning and the Return. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the choice wine of My utterance and the sweet waters of My mercy and My grace that have encompassed all regions. When the Standard of Revelation was raised to its loftiest station, the people denied it - some rejected it, some turned away, some objected, and some approached with sword and spear. Were We to recount what befell Us, all created things would lament and spirits would be severed from bodies. Thus have We arranged the verses in clear evidence and sent down from the heaven of knowledge that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous.

O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Single One from the prison quarter. He mentioneth thee purely for the sake of God, the Revealer of verses. By God's life! Were anyone to hearken to My sweetest call, the attraction of the verses would seize him in such wise that he would leave all created things, turning toward God, the Manifestation of clear evidences. Say: O people! Fear God and commit not what the people of the Furqan committed, nor what the Jewish divines and idolaters committed before them.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Seeing. Praise God that thy mention hath flowed from the ocean of grace and thou hast been mentioned by the Dayspring of Certitude. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving kindness and say […]

O my God, my God! I have turned to Thee with my whole being. I beseech Thee by the Ark which at times soareth in the air with the wings of detachment, and at other times moveth across the land by Thy power which holdeth sway over all humanity, and traverseth the sea by Thy Name which exerciseth dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause whereby hearts have been sorely troubled and feet have stumbled. O my Lord! Deprive not Thy servants of the sweet savours of Thy days, nor keep them back from the pavilions of Thy grace which have been raised above the most exalted standards. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of creation. Praise be to God, the Lord of all beings.

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

Glorified be God! The station of ears hath been so exalted as to transcend all description and mention, inasmuch as they hear at every moment the testimony of God. Likewise is the station of sight sanctified above all limitations, for it hath attained unto the vision of the Dawning-Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences. Yet what befitteth this grace, this mercy, and this bounty! By the life of our Beloved, the most precious things of the world, its treasures and riches, both manifest and hidden, are unworthy of mention in this station. Exalted be the greatness of our Lord, and exalted His might and power! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou before Whose days the tongue is bewildered, knowing not with what mention to occupy itself in the presence of the manifestations of the light of Thy countenance. By Thy glory, O my Goal and the Goal of the world, my Beloved and the Beloved of all nations! Every eloquent one is speechless, every mature one is as a child, every mighty one is powerless, and every strong one is weak. By Thy glory! Were it not for Thy grace, nothing among all things, no mention among all mentions, and no description among all descriptions would profit me. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who illuminest the horizons of hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, to assist Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause in such wise as would exalt Thy commandments, elevate Thy remembrance, and accomplish that which Thou hast desired through Thy grace. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest the one who hath sought Thy presence, presented himself before Thy gate, heard Thy call, turned back at Thy bidding, and held fast in Thy path to that whereby Thy mention was exalted among Thy servants and Thy creation. O Lord! Ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions and be unto him a helper, a companion, and an intimate friend. Verily, Thou art the All-Compassionate, the Forgiving. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

Thy beloved letter dated the 24th of Rabi'u'th-Thani diffused the fragrance of reunion and truly manifested the presence of attainment unto the divine presence. This is among the greatest bounties of God, glorified be His majesty. Though outward nearness may, in accordance with consummate wisdom, remain concealed for a time, He hath opened the gates of correspondence before the faces of His servants. Though it may not completely remedy the fire of separation, yet He hath graciously bestowed such a measure of the light of reunion that the heart may not be entirely deprived of joy nor the radiance of happiness remain wholly veiled. Unto Him be praise, grace, mercy, loving-kindness, generosity, munificence, and bounty, both in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. After reading, beholding, and considering it, it was taken to the Most Exalted Horizon and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. After complete permission was granted, the entire letter was submitted and was honored to be heard. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the All-Merciful, uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His utterance and sublime His proof:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer […]

Praise be to God that thou hast attained His presence and witnessed with thine outward eyes the waves of the ocean of utterance. For every moment in His presence a hundred thousand thanksgivings and praises are required, for despite the opposition of the peoples of the world, the tyranny and oppression of most nations, the prevention of hinderers and the enmity of opponents, the Hand of Power hath, through infinite means, guided thee to the Most Exalted Goal and Supreme End and caused thee to attain His presence - exalted be His dominion and great His power! The faculty of comprehension is powerless and inadequate to fathom this supreme bounty. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends of God. Say: Strive that perchance ye may quicken the dead in the valleys of heedlessness through the infinite waters of mercy flowing from the Divine Pen, and revive the withered plants. By the life of God! That which had ever been preserved and concealed within the treasury of divine protection and the repository of heavenly wisdom hath been made manifest. Hold fast to the propagation of the Cause of God. Praise be to God, thou art enkindled with the heat of His Word, adorned with its light, and aware of its manifestation and exaltation. In the nights and days thou shouldst be occupied with conquering hearts and minds through the hosts of knowledge, wisdom and utterance. With thy inner and outer tongue proclaim these words:

O King! O Worshipped One! O Adored One! O Beloved! Through the hands of power and the arms of might, Thou hast delivered these servants from the clay of ignorance and unknowing. Aid them to shatter the idols of vain imaginings in such wise that the imaginings of the past and the remote past, as well as the doubts of the atheists and the signs of the brayers may all be utterly dispelled, and the lights of the Sun of sanctification, detachment and transcendence may purify and illumine the world. O Merciful One! Deprive not Thy servants of the heaven of grace and ocean of bounty. With a single decree Thou canst transform fire into light, ignorance into knowledge, and tyranny into justice. Thou art He Whose power the tyranny of the polytheists and the prevention of hinderers could not prevent. O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm! We are bodies before Thy countenance and dead before Thy throne. Quicken us with a new spirit and adorn us with a new attire. We beseech both the fire of Thy love and the light of Thy grace. Withhold not from Thy servants the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy mercy, nor

restrain the outpourings of the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou art the Bestower, the Compassionate. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Say: Today is the day of victory and the day of service. Through the Name of thy Lord, efface self and passion, and give the temple of fear of God its dwelling upon the throne of the heart. I swear by the Sun of Truth that the light of godliness hath ever been and shall remain a helper and supporter. We beseech God that He may purify all through deeds and qualities that are the cause of world order and the unity of nations. Well is it with them that act and woe betide the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Grace is perceivable and bounty is evident. In every word of the divine utterances, the ocean of mercy is surging, and from each of His statements, spiritual sustenance descends from the heaven of truth. I beseech God to awaken in every soul a hunger for this bounty, that all may hasten with heart and soul and attain it. This enduring gift bestows eternal spirit and everlasting life.

Glory be to God! Although the light of utterance has encompassed all possibility and proof and evidence are manifest and brilliant at every moment, yet the deniers remain occupied with the vain imaginings of the past and are deprived of the lights of certitude. Fie upon their faithfulness! They appear exactly like the people of the past, even though those people were found to be, on the Day of Reckoning before God, the most lost, the most abject, the most unjust, and the most heedless among all the peoples of the world.

O beloved of my heart! Eyes that have witnessed the loss of the former people nevertheless cling to that path and hold fast to those vain imaginings. These immature ones of the world were not and are not worthy of mention. Where is the station of those souls and the station of the detached ones who have passed like lightning beyond all save God and consider all else absolute nothingness? These are the horsemen of this field - upon them be the blessings of God, His mercy, and His grace.

In all conditions, that Beloved and this servant and other loved ones must beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which causes wisdom and awareness, that perchance those veiled and heedless souls may become aware and attain the fruit of existence. Verily our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and earth, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bestowing. Every knower and informed one, every learned and seeing one bears witness to His grace, His bounty, and His mercy.

Regarding the payment of the debts of the Blessed Leaf, the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, what was written according to the command, after being presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this utterance shone forth from the Dayspring of proof, His blessed and exalted Word: […]

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be the eternal Glory of God! The Truth hath been with thee in all gatherings, homes and lands, bearing witness to thy service, thy remembrance, thy praise and thy promotion of His mighty and wondrous Cause. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to service and been accepted in the presence of the Wronged One. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

We beseech God to assist the teachers of His Cause in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the sanctification and glorification of His Cause. From all directions have the righteous servants sought ordinances and commandments, until there dawned from the Dayspring of His Will that which would lead to sanctification, glorification, enduring might, eternal wealth, and the exaltation and advancement of souls. For several years there was delay in its proclamation, until at last, through pure grace and bounty, it was sent forth. The law of Huquq was revealed from the Supreme Pen, although this ordinance had been recorded as a firm decree in all divine Books and inscribed by the Pen of His Will. We have commanded Our trusted ones not to demand it, for the fruit of this greatest bounty returneth unto the servants themselves. Whosoever desireth should offer it with the utmost joy and radiance. Thus hath the Lord of the worlds decreed, as a bounty from Him to all peoples. The devoted ones should fix their gaze upon the glory of God's Cause and upon that which leadeth to its exaltation. Blessed is thy work in My path and thy proclamation of My firm and mighty Cause.

That which was conveyed to the Leaf of Paradise - upon her be My Glory, My Grace and My Mercy - hath been accepted before the Throne. Blessed are they that act. He who was named after the First Pillar of the two Names of his Lord hath repeatedly performed that which hath been accepted. We verily extol him from this Most Exalted Station and make mention of him as We mentioned him before. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

Praise be to God, thy deeds are accepted and thy efforts appreciated. Indeed, thou hast attained unto that which, when mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur, was heard by the denizens of the Kingdom, let alone those who have attained the presence and circled round the Throne. This is of God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. He is verily powerful over all things.

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad-Rida, son of the deceased one who attained and ascended - upon them both be the Glory of God. After being presented before the face of Him Who is our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven, these verses shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine Knowledge. His mighty utterance, exalted be His mention:

Muhammad-Rida hath repeatedly been mentioned in the presence of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Some time ago, that which perfumed the world with its fragrance was sent. We beseech God to assist him in that which befitteth His days. Verily his father attained unto that which brought solace to the eyes of wisdom and utterance. The grace of the All-Bountiful Lord encompassed him at the time of his ascension. By the life of God! The pens are powerless to make mention of him and souls are incapable of comprehending his station. Blessed be he and blessed be they that have attained.

As to what was written about the clamor arising after arrival - this is not the first heedlessness that has appeared, nor the first association that has emerged, nor the first transgression that has troubled the hearts of the sincere ones. The opposers should be informed that despite these evil deeds of the Shi'ih and their divines that have grieved the world of the spirit, they have again determined to establish such a party. God protect us and thee from the evil of these people. We beseech God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth, to assist them in rending asunder the veils that have prevented them from drawing nigh unto God, the Manifestor of clear proofs. In truth, man is bewildered and the world is bewildered. The party that counted themselves the most learned and most excellent have been

found to be the most lost and abject of all the peoples of the world. In all conditions we must seek divine confirmation and ask for heavenly success. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

As to the mention thou hast made of the ascension of the two departed, blessed and cherished souls - upon them be the Glory of God and His favors - after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sweetest words were revealed from the tongue of the greatness of the Lord of all beings. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the Forgiving, the Generous

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Badi' who has ascended to the Supreme Companion in the days of God, Lord of the throne and earth, that the breathings of revelation may attract him and he may be illumined by the lights of the Luminary of his Lord's tender mercy, the Kind, the Generous. By God! At the moment of mention there hath been sent down upon him from the heaven of grace and bounty that which the hearts of the mystics are powerless to comprehend. Rejoice, O Badi', once again through My greatest favor. We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and revealed for thee that which the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise recite with myriads of them that are drawn to My call. Through My mention the ocean of bounty has surged and through My remembrance the fragrance of God, the Lord of the worlds, has wafted. Through the light of My utterance sorrows have been changed to supreme joy and smoke to the radiance of My mercy that has encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Through My acceptance the holy countenances have come forth from their chambers in the All-Highest Paradise to hearken unto this wondrous and glorious call. Blessed art thou, O Badi'! Joy be to thee, O Badi'! We congratulate thee on this supreme bounty, even as We gave thee glad tidings through My manifest remembrance. Upon thee be the Glory of God, His light, His mercy, His favors and His grace that has encompassed the world. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

All the relatives should recite these verses and with utmost joy engage in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. Now in the most exalted Paradise melodies are raised and perfect, complete and supreme joy and gladness are manifest. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Mighty, the Wise.

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be My Glory and My favor! The Most Exalted Pen desires to make mention of thy brother who was named Zaynu'l-'Abidin. We testify that he attained to recognition when heedless servants denied Me, and held fast to affirmation when the manifestations of negation opposed Me, and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when most of mankind turned away, and drank the choice wine of utterance when the peoples of the earth were forbidden it, save those whom God, the Mighty, the Bestower, pleased to exempt. Blessed art thou, O Zaynu'l-'Abidin, in that We have sent down for thee from the heaven of revelation that which the world cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God to send down upon thee at all times from the heaven of His grace a mercy, and from the horizon of His loving-kindness a light, and from the treasuries of His bounty that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes and the eyes of the relatives who have heard and turned and responded when the call was raised from God, the Lord of Lords.

Glorified art Thou, O Answerer of those who call upon Thee and Refuge of the distressed! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, by Thy sweetest call from the most exalted horizon, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy, to adorn those who turn to Thee each day with the ornament of Thy grace, bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thou art He Whose gifts are not prevented by the hosts of rejection, nor is Thy grace impeded by the gestures of those who have denied the Source and the Return. The effulgent Glory shining forth from the Dayspring of loving-kindness and favor, and the radiant Light gleaming from the horizon of might, be upon thee, O thou who believest in God and His signs, who holdest fast to the cord of His grace and cleaveth to the hem of His generosity. We give thanks to God on thy behalf and praise Him for His favor unto thee. He hath indeed purified thee at thy ascension and forgiven thee through His mercy. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God! Each of the departed hath attained that which transmuteth the sorrow of death into joy. Nay, were people to discover and perceive its fragrance, all would be filled with joy and would raise their voices in His praise and glorification. Praise be to Him in all conditions. From the beginning of the Cause until now, the glances of loving-kindness have been directed toward that beloved one and his brethren and family, upon them be the Glory of God. Who is able to thank Him as He deserveth to be thanked, or praise Him as befitteth His glory, majesty and bounty that hath encompassed all existence?

Concerning what was written about Faran and the request for special mention of the friends of that land, after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these manifest verses were revealed. His Word, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty: "O friends of God in Faran! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you and hath revealed for you that which shall never be exhausted throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion. Ye have attained unto mentions that shall neither be erased nor perish, nor be altered by the length of ages and centuries. Rejoice in God's loving-kindness and favor, then aid Him through His remembrance and praise and the promotion of His mighty and impregnable Cause. Preserve what ye have been given in the name of your Lord. Thus doth He command you as a token of His grace. He is the Truth, the Possessor of the visible and the unseen. Grieve not over the happenings of the world. Ye have attained unto that which none of the denizens of the Kingdom of Names have attained, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of Lords. Take ye My Book through My power. Verily it will draw you nigh and cast upon you that which will preserve you from the evil of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The mountains have passed away, the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, yet most of the people know not. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken in days when sorrows have encompassed it from all sides through that which the hands of every ignorant doubter have wrought."

This is the Day of remembrance and utterance. Strive ye to reform the world and educate the nations, but through wisdom and utterance. Keep your gaze fixed upon this in all conditions. This is what the Wronged One hath decreed in the Scriptures and Tablets. Praise be to God! Ye have attained unto that for which ye were brought from nothingness into being. The people of the world are held back from drawing nigh by ephemeral conditions; they cling to that which they themselves testify is subject to perishing and extinction. O friends of God! Strive ye, perchance ye may succeed in performing deeds that will guide the people. Most of mankind are tormented and bewildered in the depths of vain imaginings. Perchance ye

may deliver them through the name of the True One and illumine them with the light of the Sun of Truth. The names of all are mentioned and the deeds of all are witnessed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the clamor of the oppressors hath not deterred.

In the name of God, the Most Glorious!

O Khalil! Hear the call of the Glorious One. He makes mention of thee from the prison, even as He mentioned thee before, and hath revealed for thee that which hath caused the eye of utterance to be gladdened throughout all creation. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the Most Generous.

Say: O company of the heedless! Come ye, that I may recite unto you the verses of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise. Behold, behold! By God, the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged before all faces, and the fragrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been wafted. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold you back from the Most Great Name. By God, the Truth! The seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Drink ye, O people, and be not of the abject.

Say: Where are the Pharaohs of the earth? Where are their treasuries and their riches? Where is their might and their power and their wealth? Where are their standards and their banners? Fear God, O people, and be not of the negligent. The world itself speaketh unto you, and desireth to remind you of its changes and transformations and its evanescence. Cast away today what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Say: That which hath been created on earth shall profit you not this day. To this testifieth the Book of God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest. Thus hath the Pen spoken that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that have recognized Him.

O Khalil! Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hosts of the world nor by the oppression of the nations - a steadfastness by which the servants of the earth shall themselves stand firm. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Expounder. Glorify those whom I love on My behalf and remind them of My verses, and acquaint them with that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty, that they may hear and be of those who render praise.

The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and upon them that have believed in God and have acted according to what hath been ordained in His perspicuous Book.

[Here follows the Tablet to Muhammad Hashim which begins: “He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering! This is a Book which the Truth hath sent down from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting…]”

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and standing ready to serve Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee, by the hands that have been raised toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and by the hearts Thou hast made treasuries of Thy knowledge and repositories of the pearls of Thy

wisdom, to aid me under all conditions to remember Thee, to glorify Thee, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Then ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

This was revealed for his honor Ustad ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God.

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

Glorified be God! The proof shineth like unto the sun, resplendent and manifest, and the evidence standeth clear and brilliant before the faces of the world. Nevertheless, all remain deprived and forbidden from the straight path and the mighty announcement. Though but a drop, they are far from the ocean; though but a mote, they are veiled from the sun. Today the morn of hope hath dawned and the breeze of providence hath wafted. Blessed is he who hath risen from the slumber of heedlessness and adorned himself for service. The deeds of an entire people cannot compare with a single deed performed on this day. Say: O friends! The fire of utterance is ablaze in the Tree of the All-Merciful, and the light of the Cause is shining from the horizon of grace. All must hold fast to the cord of unity and cling to the hem of concord, arising in both night and day with wisdom and utterance to that which will cause the elevation of the Cause and the upliftment of souls. This day is precious; know ye its station and act in a manner befitting thereof. Blessed art thou, O ’Ali-i-Akbar, for thou hast attained unto My mention, both before and after. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty and His providence which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee strong through His power, steadfast in His service, soaring in the atmosphere of His love, and speaking His praise amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon the servants of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Praise be to God! The mentioned names, together with the people of Faran, have all attained unto the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, to assist them in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He hath power over what He willeth and is worthy to answer. This servant hath ever sought and continueth to seek that which leadeth to exaltation and elevation. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Furthermore, for all the names of the party of God which that beloved one sent to the Most Holy Court, sacred and exalted Tablets were specifically revealed and dispatched, and likewise the answers to the petitions that were with that beloved one. Praise be to God! The Sun of providence hath risen and the Ocean of bounty is manifest. Who is that lost one whom His grace hath not sought?

Some time ago, a detailed letter containing divine verses and heavenly evidences was sent. God willing, it will have arrived by now. Despite the abundance of writing, of which that beloved one is aware and informed, and the lack of opportunity and scarcity of time, praise be to God, there was revealed from the heaven of providence for all that which the eye of creation hath never witnessed the like thereof. This evanescent servant beseecheth Him to educate the world through His traces and to illumine all through His lights. Mention was made of the brethren, the household, and the delight of the eyes - upon them be

the Glory of God - at the supreme horizon, and these pearls appeared from the ocean of divine utterance. Blessed are they that attain!

His blessed and exalted Word:

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

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! Aforetime and now hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and likewise have thy brethren attained unto His holy verses. Convey to each one of them the greetings of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the choice wine of divine love and received your portion from His utterance on the Day of His arising. This is a mighty bounty manifested and revealed by the Self-Sufficing Lord. We make mention in this station of My handmaiden and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy. We beseech God to strengthen her and enable her to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Convey My greetings unto her. Blessed is she and blessed is every maidservant who hath believed in her Lord and attained unto His verses. He is verily the Mighty, the Generous.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Nuru'llah, that this remembrance may strengthen him to remember Me, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thy name hath been presented before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee this Luminous Tablet that joy may possess thee in the days of Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush, and draw thee nigh unto Him. He is verily the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Diya'u'llah! Blessed be thy name and blessed be he who named thee thus. Rejoice in My remembrance from which the fragrance of My loving-kindness, that hath encompassed all creation, is diffused. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom endureth. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother, and upon those whom neither the tempests of allusions nor the doubts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, have caused to waver.

O spiritual youth! Again and again do We make mention and command the loved ones of that land to convey the greetings of the Wronged One. Recite the verses of God that ears may attain unto that for which they were created and brought from nothingness into being. The name of each one hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Happy are they and joy be unto them.

The waves of the ocean of loving-kindness have encompassed all things, and the light of the Sun of Truth hath surrounded all. His is the praise, and His the thanks, and His the glory, and His the splendor. There is none other God but He, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And praise be to God, our Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne.

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He is God, exalted is He, the Lord of Majesty and Power

A praise which is exalted above every mention or description beseemeth the Adored One, the Possessor of all things visible and invisible, Who hath enabled the Primal Point to reveal countless Books and Epistles and Who, through the potency of His sublime Word, hath called into being the entire creation, whether of the former or more recent generations. Moreover He hath in every age and cycle, in conformity with His transcendent wisdom, sent forth a divine Messenger to revive the dispirited and despondent souls with the living waters of His utterance, One Who is indeed the Expounder, the true Interpreter, inasmuch as man is unable to comprehend that which hath streamed forth from the Pen of Glory and is recorded in His heavenly Books. Men at all times and under all conditions stand in need of one to exhort them, guide them and to instruct and teach them. Therefore He hath sent forth His Messengers, His Prophets and chosen ones that they might acquaint the people with the divine purpose underlying the revelation of Books and the raising up of Messengers, and that every-one may become aware of the trust of God which is latent in the reality of every soul.

Man is the supreme Talisman. Lack of a proper education hath, however, deprived him of that which he doth inherently possess. Through a word proceeding out of the mouth of God he was called into being; by one word more

he was guided to recognize the Source of his education; by yet another word his station and destiny were safeguarded. The Great Being saith: Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom. If any man were to meditate on that which the Scriptures, sent down from the heaven of God's holy Will, have revealed, he would readily recognize that their purpose is that all men shall be regarded as one soul, so that the seal bearing the words 'The Kingdom shall be God's' may be stamped on every heart, and the light of Divine bounty, of grace, and mercy may envelop all mankind. The One true God, exalted be His glory, hath wished nothing for Himself. The allegiance of mankind profiteth Him not, neither doth its perversity harm Him. The Bird of the Realm of Utterance voiceth continually this call: 'All things have I willed for thee, and thee, too, for thine own sake'. If the learned and worldly-wise men of this age were to allow mankind to inhale the fragrance of fellowship and love, every understanding heart would apprehend the meaning of true liberty, and discover the secret of undisturbed peace and absolute composure. Were the earth to attain this station and be illumined with its light it could then be truly said of it: 'Thou shall see in it no hollows or rising hills.' Blessing and peace be upon Him through Whose advent Ba??a is wreathed in smiles, and the sweet savours

of Whose raiment have shed fragrance upon all mankind - He Who came to protect men from that which would harm them in the world below. Exalted, immensely exalted is His station above the glorification of all beings and sanctified from the praise of the entire creation. Through His advent the tabernacle of stability and order was raised throughout the world and the ensign of knowledge hoisted among the nations. May blessings rest also upon His kindred and His companions through whom the standard of the unity of God and His singleness was uplifted and the banners of celestial triumph were unfurled. Through them the religion of God was firmly established among His creatures and His Name magnified amidst His servants. I entreat Him - exalted is He - to shield His Faith from the mischief of His enemies who tore away the veils, rent them asunder and finally caused the banner of Islam to be reversed amongst all peoples.

Thy letter from which the fragrance of reunion was inhaled hath been received. Praised be God that following the firm decree of separation, the breeze of nearness and communion hath been stirred and the soil of the hearts is refreshed with the waters of joy and gladness. We offer thanksgiving unto God in all circumstances and cherish the hope that He - exalted be His glory - may through His gracious providence guide all who dwell on earth towards that which is acceptable and pleasing unto Him.

Behold the disturbances which, for many a long year, have afflicted the earth, and the perturbation that hath seized its peoples. It hath either been ravaged by war, or tormented by sudden and unforeseen calamities. Though the world is encompassed with misery and distress, yet no man hath paused to reflect what the cause or source of that may be. Whenever the True Counsellor uttered a word in admonishment, lo, they all denounced Him as a mover of mischief and rejected His claim. How bewildering, how confusing is such behaviour! No two men can be found who may be said to be outwardly and inwardly united.

The evidences of discord and malice are apparent everywhere, though all were made for harmony and union. The Great Being saith: O well-beloved ones! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. We cherish the hope that the light of justice may shine upon the world and sanctify it from tyranny. If the rulers and kings of the earth, the symbols of the power of God, exalted be His glory, arise and resolve to dedicate themselves to whatever will promote the highest interests of the whole of humanity, the reign of justice will assuredly be established amongst the children of men, and the effulgence of its light will envelop the whole earth. The Great Being saith: The structure of world stability and order hath been reared upon, and will continue to be sustained by, the

twin pillars of reward and punishment. And in another connection He hath uttered the following in the eloquent tongue: Justice hath a mighty force at its command. It is none other than reward and punishment for the deeds of men. By the power of this force the tabernacle of order is established throughout the world, causing the wicked to restrain their natures for fear of punishment.

In another passage He hath written: Take heed, O concourse of the rulers of the world! There is no force on earth that can equal in its conquering power the force of justice and wisdom. I, verily, affirm that there is not, and hath never been, a host more mighty than that of justice and wisdom. Blessed is the king who marcheth with the ensign of wisdom unfurled before him, and the battalions of justice massed in his rear. He verily is the ornament that adorneth the brow of peace and the countenance of security. There can be no doubt whatever that if the day-star of justice, which the clouds of tyranny have obscured, were to shed its light upon men, the face of the earth would be completely transformed.

The Great Being, wishing to reveal the prerequisites of the peace and tranquillity of the world and the advancement of its peoples, hath written: The time must come when the imperative necessity for the holding of a vast, an all-embracing assemblage of men will be universally realized. The rulers and kings of the earth must needs

attend it, and, participating in its deliberations, must consider such ways and means as will lay the foundations of the world's Great Peace amongst men. Such a peace demandeth that the Great Powers should resolve, for the sake of the tranquillity of the peoples of the earth, to be fully reconciled among themselves. Should any king take up arms against another, all should unitedly arise and prevent him. If this be done, the nations of the world will no longer require any armaments, except for the purpose of preserving the security of their realms and of maintaining internal order within their territories. This will ensure the peace and composure of every people, government and nation. We fain would hope that the kings and rulers of the earth, the mirrors of the gracious and almighty name of God, may attain unto this station, and shield mankind from the onslaught of tyranny.

Likewise He saith: Among the things which are conducive to unity and concord and will cause the whole earth to be regarded as one country is that the divers languages be reduced to one language and in like manner the scripts used in the world be confined to a single script. It is incumbent upon all nations to appoint some men of understanding and erudition to convene a gathering and through joint consultation choose one language from among the varied existing languages, or create a new one, to be taught to the children in all the schools of the

world.

The day is approaching when all the peoples of the world will have adopted one universal language and one common script. When this is achieved, to whatsoever city a man may journey, it shall be as if he was entering his own home. These things are obligatory and absolutely essential. It is incumbent upon every man of insight and understanding to strive to translate that which hath been written into reality and action.

In these days the tabernacle of justice hath fallen into the clutches of tyranny and oppression. Beseech ye the One true God - exalted be His glory - not to deprive mankind of the ocean of true understanding, for were men but to take heed they would readily appreciate that whatever hath streamed from and is set down by the Pen of Glory is even as the sun for the whole world and that therein lie the welfare, security and true interests of all men; otherwise the earth will be tormented by a fresh calamity every day and unprecedented commotions will break out. God grant that the people of the world may be graciously aided to preserve the light of His loving counsels within the globe of wisdom. We cherish the hope that everyone may be adorned with the vesture of true wisdom, the basis of the government of the world.

The Great Being saith: The heaven of statesmanship is made luminous and resplendent by the brightness of the

light of these blessed words which hath dawned from the dayspring of the Will of God: It behoveth every ruler to weigh his own being every day in the balance of equity and justice and then to judge between men and counsel them to do that which would direct their steps unto the path of wisdom and understanding. This is the cornerstone of statesmanship and the essence thereof. From these words every enlightened man of wisdom will readily perceive that which will foster such aims as the welfare, security and protection of mankind and the safety of human lives. Were men of insight to quaff their fill from the ocean of inner meanings which lie enshrined in these words and become acquainted therewith, they would bear witness to the sublimity and the excellence of this utterance. If this lowly one were to set forth that which he perceiveth, all would testify unto God's consummate wisdom. The secrets of statesmanship and that of which the people are in need lie enfolded within these words. This lowly servant earnestly entreateth the One true God - exalted be His glory - to illumine the eyes of the people of the world with the splendour of the light of wisdom that they, one and all, may recognize that which is indispensable in this day.
That one indeed is a man who, today, dedicateth himself to the service of the entire human race. The Great Being saith: Blessed and happy is he that ariseth to promote the best interests of the peoples and kindreds of the earth. In

another passage He hath proclaimed: It is not for him to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the whole world. The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens.

Such exhortations to union and concord as are inscribed in the Books of the Prophets by the Pen of the Most High bear reference unto specific matters; not a union that would lead to disunity or a concord which would create discord.

This is the station where measures are set unto everything, a station where every deserving soul shall be given his due.

Well is it with them that appreciate the meaning and grasp the intent of these words, and woe betide the heedless.

Unto this all the evidences of nature, in their very essences, bear ample testimony. Every discerning man of wisdom is well acquainted with that which We have mentioned, but not those who have strayed far from the living fountain of fairmindedness and are roving distraught in the wilderness of ignorance and blind fanaticism.

The Great Being saith: O ye children of men! The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men. Suffer it not to become a source of dissension and discord, of hate and enmity. This is the straight Path, the fixed and immovable foundation. Whatsoever is raised on this foundation, the changes and chances of the world can never impair its strength, nor will the

revolution of countless centuries undermine its structure.
Our hope is that the world's religious leaders and the rulers thereof will unitedly arise for the reformation of this age and the rehabilitation of its fortunes. Let them, after meditating on its needs, take counsel together and, through anxious and full deliberation, administer to a diseased and sorely-afflicted world the remedy it requireth.

The Great Being saith: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries of consultation and compassion. Take ye counsel together in all matters, inasmuch as consultation is the lamp of guidance which leadeth the way, and is the bestower of understanding.

At the outset of every endeavour, it is incumbent to look to the end of it. Of all the arts and sciences, set the children to studying those which will result in advantage to man, will ensure his progress and elevate his rank. Thus the noisome odours of lawlessness will be dispelled, and thus through the high endeavours of the nation's leaders, all will live cradled, secure and in peace.

The Great Being saith: The learned of the day must direct the people to acquire those branches of knowledge which are of use, that both the learned themselves and the generality of mankind may derive benefits therefrom. Such academic pursuits as begin and end in words alone have never been and will never be of any worth. The majority of Persia's learned doctors devote all their lives to the study

of a philosophy the ultimate yield of which is nothing but words.

It is incumbent upon them who are in authority to exercise moderation in all things. Whatsoever passeth beyond the limits of moderation will cease to exert a beneficial influence. Consider for instance such things as liberty, civilization and the like. However much men of understanding may favourably regard them, they will, if carried to excess, exercise a pernicious influence upon men.

If this point were to be expounded an elaborate explanation would be required which, it is feared, might become tedious. It is the ardent hope of this lowly one that God - exalted be His glory - may grant all men that which is good. For he who is endowed therewith is the possessor of all things. The Great Being saith: The Tongue of Wisdom proclaimeth: He that hath Me not is bereft of all things. Turn ye away from all that is on earth and seek none else but Me. I am the Sun of Wisdom and the Ocean of Knowledge. I cheer the faint and revive the dead. I am the guiding Light that illumineth the way. I am the royal Falcon on the arm of the Almighty. I unfold the drooping wings of every broken bird and start it on its flight.

And likewise He saith: The heaven of true understanding shineth resplendent with the light of two luminaries: tolerance and righteousness.

O my friend! Vast oceans lie enshrined within this brief saying. Blessed are they who appreciate its value, drink deep therefrom and grasp its meaning, and woe betide the heedless. This lowly one entreateth the people of the world to observe fairness, that their tender, their delicate and precious hearing which hath been created to hearken unto the words of wisdom may be freed from impediments and from such allusions, idle fancies or vain imaginings as 'cannot fatten nor appease the hunger', so that the true Counsellor may be graciously inclined to set forth that which is the source of blessing for mankind and of the highest good for all nations.

At present the light of reconciliation is dimmed in most countries and its radiance extinguished while the fire of strife and disorder hath been kindled and is blazing fiercely. Two great powers who regard themselves as the founders and leaders of civilization and the framers of constitutions have risen up against the followers of the Faith associated with Him Who conversed with God. Be ye warned, O men of understanding. It ill beseemeth the station of man to commit tyranny; rather it behoveth him to observe equity and be attired with the raiment of justice under all conditions. Beseech ye the One true God that He may, through the power of the hand of loving kindness and spiritual education, purge and purify certain souls from the defilement of evil passions and corrupt desires, that they

may arise and unloose their tongues for the sake of God, that perchance the evidences of injustice may be blotted out and the splendour of the light of justice may shed its radiance upon the whole world. The people are ignorant, and they stand in need of those who will expound the truth.

The Great Being saith: The man of consummate learning and the sage endowed with penetrating wisdom are the two eyes to the body of mankind. God willing, the earth shall never be deprived of these two greatest gifts. That which hath been set forth and will be revealed in the future is but a token of this Servant's ardent desire to dedicate Himself to the service of all the kindreds of the earth.

O my friend! In all circumstances one should seize upon every means which will promote security and tranquillity among the peoples of the world. The Great Being saith: In this glorious Day whatever will purge you from corruption and will lead you towards peace and composure, is indeed the Straight Path.

Please God, the peoples of the world may be led, as the result of the high endeavours exerted by their rulers and the wise and learned amongst men, to recognize their best interests. How long will humanity persist in its waywardness? How long will injustice continue? How long is chaos and confusion to reign amongst men? How long will discord agitate the face of society?

This humble servant is filled with wonder, inasmuch as all men are endowed with the capacity to see and hear, yet we find them deprived of the privilege of using these faculties. This servant hath been prompted to pen these lines by virtue of the tender love he cherisheth for thee.

The winds of despair are, alas, blowing from every direction, and strife that divideth and afflicteth the human race is daily increasing. The signs of impending convulsions and chaos can now be discerned, inasmuch as the prevailing order appeareth to be lamentably defective. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may graciously awaken the peoples of the earth, may grant that the end of their conduct may be profitable unto them, and aid them to accomplish that which beseemeth their station.

Were man to appreciate the greatness of his station and the loftiness of his destiny he would manifest naught save goodly character, pure deeds, and a seemly and praiseworthy conduct. If the learned and wise men of goodwill were to impart guidance unto the people, the whole earth would be regarded as one country. Verily this is the undoubted truth. This servant appealeth to every diligent and enterprising soul to exert his utmost endeavour and arise to rehabilitate the conditions in all regions and to quicken the dead with the living waters of wisdom and utterance, by virtue of the love he cherisheth for God, the One, the Peerless, the Almighty, the Beneficent.

No man of wisdom can demonstrate his knowledge save by means of words. This showeth the significance of the Word as is affirmed in all the Scriptures, whether of former times or more recently. For it is through its potency and animating spirit that the people of the world have attained so eminent a position. Moreover words and utterances should be both impressive and penetrating. However, no word will be infused with these two qualities unless it be uttered wholly for the sake of God and with due regard unto the exigencies of the occasion and the people.

The Great Being saith: Human utterance is an essence which aspireth to exert its influence and needeth moderation. As to its influence, this is conditional upon refinement which in turn is dependent upon hearts which are detached and pure. As to its moderation, this hath to be combined with tact and wisdom as prescribed in the Holy Scriptures and Tablets.

Every word is endowed with a spirit, therefore the speaker or expounder should carefully deliver his words at the appropriate time and place, for the impression which each word maketh is clearly evident and perceptible. The Great Being saith: One word may be likened unto fire, another unto light, and the influence which both exert is manifest in the world. Therefore an enlightened man of wisdom should primarily speak with words as mild as milk, that the children of men may be nurtured and edified

thereby and may attain the ultimate goal of human existence which is the station of true understanding and nobility.

And likewise He saith: One word is like unto springtime causing the tender saplings of the rose-garden of knowledge to become verdant and flourishing, while another word is even as a deadly poison. It behoveth a prudent man of wisdom to speak with utmost leniency and forbearance so the the sweetness of his words may induce everyone to attain that which befitteth man's station.

O friend of mine! The Word of God is the king of words and its pervasive influence is incalculable. It hath ever dominated and will continue to dominate the realm of being. The Great Being saith: The Word is the master key for the whole world, inasmuch as through its potency the doors of the hearts of men, which in reality are the doors of heaven, are unlocked. No sooner had but a glimmer of its effulgent splendour shone forth upon the mirror of love than the blessed word 'I am the Best-Beloved' was reflected therein. It is an ocean inexhaustible in riches, comprehending all things. Every thing which can be perceived is but an emanation therefrom. High, immeasurably high is this sublime station, in whose shadow moveth the essence of loftiness and splendour, wrapt in praise and adoration.

Methinks people's sense of taste hath, alas, been sorely affected by the fever of negligence and folly, for they are found to be wholly unconscious and deprived of the sweetness

of His utterance. How regrettable indeed that man should debar himself from the fruits of the tree of wisdom while his days and hours pass swiftly away. Please God, the hand of divine power may safeguard all mankind and direct their steps towards the horizon of true understanding. Verily our Lord of Mercy is the Helper, the Knowing, the Wise.

I would like to add that thy second letter which had been sent from Jerusalem hath been received and that which thou hadst written and set forth therein was perused and read in His presence. He bade me write as follows:

O Maq?ud! We have heard thy voice and perceived the sighing and lamentation thou didst raise in thy longing and eagerness. Praised be God! The sweet savours of love could be inhaled from every word thereof. Please God, this bounty may last for ever. The Servant-in-Attendance recited the verses thou hast composed. Thy name is often mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One and the glances of Our loving kindness and compassion are directed towards thee.

Great is the station of man. Great must also be his endeavours for the rehabilitation of the world and the well-being of nations. I beseech the One true God to graciously confirm thee in that which beseemeth man's station.

Be thou guided by wisdom under all conditions, inasmuch as persons who harbour evil motives have been and

are still diligently engaged in intriguing. Gracious God!
Unto that immeasurably exalted Being Who seeketh
naught but to foster the spirit of love and fellowship
amongst men, and to revive the world and ennoble its life,
they have imputed such charges as the tongue and the pen
are ashamed to recount.
We have remembered thee and make mention of thee
now. We entreat Him - exalted is His glory - to protect
thee with the hands of might and power and enable thee to
recognize that which will serve thy best interests both in
this world and in the next. He is the Lord of Mankind, the
Possessor of the Throne on High and of the world below.
No God is there besides Him, the Omnipotent, the Powerful.
God grant that this Wronged One may observe fidelity.
He hath not forgotten nor will He ever forget thee.
Thou hast mentioned thine intention to stay in Damascus
until spring, then to proceed to Mosul, should the means be
forthcoming. This lowly servant entreateth God - exalted
is His glory - to provide such means as is deemed expedient,
and to aid thee. He is Potent and Powerful.
Although all the inhabitants of this region have been
treated with the utmost kindness, yet no evidence of fellowship
can be discerned from them. Thou shouldst observe
much tact and wisdom, for they seek at all times to cavil at and
deny the Cause. May the One true God grant them equity.
Concerning thine own affairs, if thou wouldst content

thyself with whatever might come to pass it would be
praiseworthy. To engage in some profession is highly commendable,
for when occupied with work one is less likely
to dwell on the unpleasant aspects of life. God willing thou
mayest experience joy and radiance, gladness and exultation
in any city or land where thou mayest happen to sojourn.
This lowly servant will never forget that distinguished and
kind friend. He hath remembered and will continue to
remember thee. The decree lieth with God, the Lord of all
worlds. I fain would hope He may vouchsafe divine assistance
and grant confirmation in that which is pleasing and
acceptable unto Him.

Every word of thy poetry is indeed like unto a mirror in
which the evidences of the devotion and love thou cherishest
for God and His chosen ones are reflected. Well is it with
thee who hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance and
partaken of the soft flowing stream of true knowledge.
Happy is he who hath drunk his fill and attained unto Him
and woe betide the heedless. Its perusal hath truly proved
highly impressive, for it was indicative of both the light of
reunion and the fire of separation.

Far be it from us to despair at any time of the incalculable
favours of God, for if it were His wish He could cause a
mere atom to be transformed into a sun and a single drop
into an ocean. He unlocketh thousands of doors, while man
is incapable of conceiving even a single one.

So heedless is this servant that with words such as these he seeketh to vindicate the supreme power of God - exalted be His glory. I implore pardon of God, the Most Great, for these assertions and affirm that this servant at all times recognizeth his grievous trespasses and misdeeds. He entreateth remission of his sins from the ocean of the forgiveness of his Lord, the Most Exalted, and beggeth for that which will make him wholly devoted to God and enable him to utter His praise, turn himself toward Him and to put his whole trust in Him. Verily He is the Potent, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praised be God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

This lowly one hath read the descriptions of the dialogue with the traveller which thou hast recounted in thy letter to my Lord, may my life be offered up for His sake. The explanations which were set forth awaken the people from the slumber of heedlessness. Indeed the actions of man himself breed a profusion of satanic power. For were men to abide by and observe the divine teachings, every trace of evil would be banished from the face of the earth. However, the widespread differences that exist among mankind and the prevalence of sedition, contention, conflict and the like are the primary factors which provoke the appearance of the satanic spirit. Yet the Holy Spirit hath ever shunned such matters. A world in which naught can be perceived save strife, quarrels and corruption is bound to become the

seat of the throne, the very metropolis, of Satan.
How vast the number of the loved and chosen ones of
God who have lamented and moaned by day and by night
that haply a sweet and fragrant breeze might blow from the
court of His good-pleasure and dispel altogether the loathsome
and foul-smelling odours from the world. However,
this ultimate goal could not be attained, and men were
deprived thereof by virtue of their evil deeds, which
brought upon them the retribution of God, in accordance
with the basic principles of His divine rule. Ours is the duty
to remain patient in these circumstances until relief be
forthcoming from God, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.
Magnified be Thy Name, O Lord of all beings and
Desire of all created things! I beseech Thee, by the Word
which hath caused the Burning Bush to lift up its Voice and
the Rock to cry out, whereby the well-favoured have
hastened to attain the court of Thy presence and the pure
in heart the dayspring of the light of Thy countenance, and
by the sighing of Thy true lovers in their separation from
Thy chosen ones and by the lamentation of them that long
to behold Thy face before the dawning splendour of the
light of Thy Revelation, to graciously enable Thy servants
to recognize what Thou hast ordained for them by Thy
bounty and Thy grace. Prescribe for them then through
Thy Pen of Glory that which will direct their steps to the
ocean of Thy generosity and will lead them unto the living

waters of Thy heavenly reunion.

O Lord! Look not at the things they have wrought, rather look unto the loftiness of Thy celestial bounty which hath preceded all created things, visible and invisible. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the effulgent light of Thy knowledge and brighten their eyes with the shining splendour of the day-star of Thy favours.

I entreat Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, by the blood spilt in Thy Path, and by the heads carried aloft on spears for the sake of Thy love, and by the souls that have melted in their separation from Thy loved ones, and by the hearts broken for the exaltation of Thy Word, to grant that the dwellers of Thy realm may unite together in their allegiance to Thine incomparable Word so that they may all acknowledge Thy unity and Thy oneness. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Knowing, the Wise.

I fain would hope that He Who is the All-Sufficing, the Inaccessible, may heed the solicitation of this lowly servant, may attire the people of the world with the raiment of goodly deeds and purge them from evil inclinations. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise, the All-Perceiving. He heareth and seeth; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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In the month of Sha’ban in the year 97

O Mulla Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God!

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

The spirit of praise and its essence beseemeth the most holy, most exalted Court of the Beloved One, Who hath caused the living waters to flow from the fountainhead of the Supreme Pen. How many were the Alexanders of bygone ages and centuries who, with the utmost endeavor and effort, ran in search of the fountain of life but found it not. Now its seas are manifest and surging in the realm of possibility, and yet true seekers are rare to find. Until the fire of search is kindled, the door of bounty will not open. It is not strange that they failed to recognize the Beloved and knew not the Object of their desire, or that they turned not to the most exalted horizon and drank not from the living waters. What is truly strange, nay astounding, are those souls who have risen in opposition and veiled the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth with the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings. How many are the signs which they pass by, yet turn away from them in aversion! Blessed are they who have detached themselves from the world and all who dwell therein, and have turned to the everlasting Kawthar of God. Not every witless one is worthy of this station, nor is every lightless one deserving of this wine. A pure gem is needed to receive the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, and a sanctified heart is required to comprehend the virtues of this divine Day. So base have these times become that clay is taken for pearl, and darkness is set in the place of light. We observe souls who have not attained to a single letter of the Book's knowledge, nor fathomed a single mystery of divine wisdom, yet today they are the leaders of the people and guides of the servants. They have deemed God's binding Command as void and have considered His firm and enduring foundation as weak. What strange tyranny hath appeared in the world! The Sun of Truth is at its zenith, and the eyes of the servants are open, yet still they remain deprived and forbidden.

O my God, my Goal, my Worshipped One, my Creator and my Provider! Thou hearest and seest my sighs and tears in Thy days, and the burning of my heart and soul at the manifestations of Thy grace and the appearances of Thy favors, as I behold Thee wronged among Thy creation and imprisoned among Thy servants. Thou hast manifested such power and might that Thou hast made the prison land the Most Exalted Paradise for Thy loved ones, and its abasement into glory for Thy chosen ones. Thou hast informed the servants through Thy Most Exalted Pen of what hath happened and will happen in Thy lands and realms, and hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will that which tongues and pens are powerless to comprehend, and hast revealed thereby that which hath bewildered the hearts of the people of understanding from attaining unto it. Despite all this, I see them among the heedless and the sleeping, nay rather among the dead. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times, by the light of Thy countenance and the splendor of Thy Cause, to ordain for those on earth that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to recognize Thy days which Thou hast promised them in Thy Scriptures, Thy Psalms and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty nor from the sun of Thy grace. All things have testified to Thy power and the helplessness of Thy creation, and every tongue to Thy loftiness and wealth and the poverty of all else besides Thee. Send down upon them, O my God, from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness and the clouds of Thy mercy, that which will cause to grow from the hearts of Thy creation the flowers of Thy knowledge and the roses of Thy wisdom. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

It is submitted to that honored and kind brother that your letter dated the 19th of Jamadiyu'th-Thani was received, and likewise another letter from you dated the 14th of Jamadiyu'l-Avval was received some time ago. Praise and glory be to God that all your correspondence is adorned with the mention of the Lord of all return, and in truth the fragrance of your love wafts from those words. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm you in that which is pleasing to Him, though you have been and are already confirmed, for were it not for the confirmations of the Desired One, how could such servants as these be worthy to attain the Day of Meeting or deserve to be present at the threshold of the Lord of Names? By His very Self, the Truth, His grace has strengthened the heart and illumined the eye and caused us to attain the lights of His countenance. Were it not for His grace and favor, we would surely be among the bereft and the non-existent. At all times with a hundred thousand tongues must we give thanks, for without any deservingness He has granted that which all others are deprived of and forbidden from. Had His call not come and had the messenger of His summons not appeared, who would have attained to saying "yea" and "amen," and had the Sun of His grace not shone, who would have found His path? A hundred thousand souls and spirits be sacrificed for the servants of His court! By the Ancient Beauty, such longings remain in the heart of this evanescent servant that he knows not which to mention. In the world of existence, he is considered less than a moth, for the brightness of the lamp so attracted it that it circles and gives its life, while this servant, after the shinings of the Sun of Truth, still remains alive. And now the time of martyrdom has passed, as all are commanded to observe the Greater Wisdom.

Now the time of martyrdom has passed, since all are commanded to observe supreme wisdom and are enjoined to do that which conduceth to the preservation of humanity. O brother! People observe certain words from the holy verses that have been sent down and hear reports of events that transpire. If they were truly gazing with the eye of the heart toward the Most Exalted Horizon, or were they to taste the sweetness of the utterance of the Beloved of all possibility, assuredly would the people of the earth behold that which is different from what they now witness. You and this servant, nay all the friends, must supplicate on behalf of one another, that perchance all may attain unto the ocean of His good-pleasure, for no station hath been or ever shall be more exalted than this. Should people attain unto this most exalted and glorious station, that which is now hidden from all shall be made manifest. In any case, this evanescent servant is powerless, nay forbidden, to reveal certain ranks and stations. He verily expoundeth as He willeth, and with Him is the decisive Word.

After perusing that which flowed from your pen, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. Then did the Kingdom of Utterance speak forth that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful did pronounce, and He, exalted be His glory, said: Write unto Abu'l-Hasan and give him glad tidings of that which hath streamed forth from the Most Great Ocean, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Thou hast testified to that which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified when the Sovereign of Names was established upon the throne that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Wise. Be thou assured of My grace and loving-kindness. Verily He is with whomsoever desireth Him, remembereth whoso remembereth Him, and draweth nigh unto whoso draweth nigh unto Him with a luminous countenance. O Abu'l-Hasan! Thou hast attained unto the verses of God time and again. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing, the Answering. God willing, may thou be adorned in all circumstances with the ornament of

service to the Self-Sufficing Lord and be illumined by the effulgent lights of the sun of trustworthiness. End.

As per your request, this evanescent servant was honored with a special time for visitation. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to record its reward for you. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good and the Helper of them that turn unto Him.

Concerning what you wrote in your first letter about the house of his honor A, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], when the friends were gathered and the holy, sacred verses that were sent were recited - blessed is the house wherein the remembrance of God is raised! The world shall soon be witnessed to be evanescent. This is a word that no soul in the world can deny. In this case, while time and opportunity remain, one must attain unto a station that is sanctified from differences and changes. Those servants who today are freed and delivered from idle fancies and vain imaginings and have attached themselves to the Truth - such souls are regarded as the most exalted of creatures in the sight of God. With utmost humility I beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive these servants of the wonders of His bounty.

Concerning what you wrote about not deeming it advisable to depart due to the incomplete nature of affairs in that land - excellent is what you have done, for dealings with people must be concluded and all matters brought to completion. God willing, you are in all circumstances assisted. If you reflect a little, you will witness divine favor toward yourself. His confirmations have been and will be with you, through His grace and kindnesses.

In regard to what you wrote concerning the two sons of Jinab-i-Raj (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]), this servant presents these glad tidings that the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, are abundant concerning them and those related to them. They have truly arisen to serve the Cause. We beseech the True One to confirm them in all conditions. These details were presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the All-Merciful revealed in response:

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

This is a Book to which all the books of the world have testified, yet most people are heedless. This is an utterance which, when it appeared from the horizon of Will, the Kingdom of Utterance bowed down before it, yet most people are asleep. This is a remembrance at whose appearance the Supreme Concourse circled round, yet people remain behind an obvious veil. By God! The Books, in their innermost tongue, give glad tidings to all in the world, saying: "The Most Great Name has appeared and with Him is the Mother Book," yet the idolaters remain in grievous doubt.

O son of Ra and Jim! Rejoice that the Face hath turned toward thee from this noble station, and remembereth thee with that whose fragrance shall endure in the world. Verily thy Lord is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Informed. The Supreme Pen hath mentioned you before your names appeared before the Throne, as a favor to your father. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Noble. We counsel you and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness and to observe that which We counseled one of Our Branches who was named Badi'u'llah in the Book of Names and 'Ali-Muhammad in My Great Tablet. This is the Day of Rising, by the Lord of the worlds, and this is the Day of the Call and My firm and mighty Command.

O Ra before Jim! Upon thee be My glory! He remembereth thee in this station and counseleth thee with the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath sent down in a clear Book. None should transgress wisdom lest the clamor of the opposers be raised. Say: Hold fast unto it, as commanded by One mighty and informed. Glory be upon thee and upon thy sons and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy word concerning this Cause, at whose appearance all things proclaimed: "The Promise is fulfilled and the Promised One speaketh: 'Verily there is no God but I, the Speaker, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.'"

He is the Caller between Earth and Heaven!

This is a remembrance whereby the eye of the Remembrance was solaced, yet most people know not. This is an utterance which, by the life of the All-Merciful, the Bayan circleth round, yet most people comprehend not. Say: By God! The Trumpet speaketh, the Balance moveth, and the Path calleth out before the Face, yet most people perceive not.

O Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord. We created all things for the hearing of this Call, yet when it was raised, every heedless and veiled one turned away. I created eyes for My Day, ears for My Manifestation, and hands to grasp My sealed wine, which is My preserved Book. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the Spring of Life when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. We send greetings from this station to thy father and thy brothers who have taken the Kawthar of utterance in the name of the Lord of Religions and have drunk thereof through My beloved remembrance.

From these holy, revealed, and blessed verses, the favor of the True One is evident and clear, and this evanescent servant also conveys his greetings to each one. May they dwell and find rest beneath the eternal Lote-Tree and remain occupied with the remembrance of the True One, exalted be His glory and sovereignty.

Concerning what you wrote about the Handmaidens of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur in this station - exalted be His glory: God willing, may the handmaidens of Truth be occupied with His remembrance and praise throughout the nights and days. O Abu'l-Hasan! Once God, exalted be His glory, spoke to the Son of Mary saying: "O My servant and son of My handmaiden." Reflect, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of God and likewise to all other maidservants of God who dwell in that land. God willing, may all, in utmost sanctity and detachment, be engaged in the remembrance of the Goal of all the world. How many men who counted themselves among the learned and accomplished are seen to be deprived, while how many servants and women who had not seen a letter of knowledge have attained the ocean of knowledge and speak the words "Thine be the praise, O God of all worlds."

Concerning what was written about Mosul, He said: It would have been better had they heeded the glad-tidings and "give thou good news to the patient ones" after the blessed words "We shall surely try you." Although famine has overtaken most lands this year, yet the spreading of such matters by the friends may cause certain incidents. The mention and spreading of such matters must in all cases occur with

permission. He indeed knoweth His servants better than they know themselves. He is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And whosoever desires with complete willingness and yearning to pay the Huququ'llah must give it to such as your honor and the trustees and obtain a receipt, so that whatever occurs may occur with the leave and permission of God. He is verily the Teacher, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was written that his honor 'Ayn [charged with] 966 [Baha'u'llah] had designated funds for that land - they have always been and continue to be confirmed. We beseech God - our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal - to aid us in manifesting that which will exalt His Cause and in spreading that which will elevate His remembrance. He is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what was written "I have no desire save His good-pleasure," He said: This is the most exalted of stations. Blessed is the soul that has drunk from this cup which God has placed above the seas in station. God willing, may you ever attain unto it. It is better for thee and for My servants than whatsoever hath been created on earth.

And concerning what was written about his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah from Alif and Shin, it was presented and He said: O Asad! We have mentioned thee before, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. Strive in that which befitteth these days which were the hope of the sincere ones. Whoso hath recognized this Day hath attained unto that which God hath decreed in His Mighty Book. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in Alif and Shin. We have remembered them and greeted their faces from this exalted station. For thee and for them to hold fast unto spiritual qualities and pleasing deeds and that whereby this mighty Cause may be exalted. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what was written about the intention to travel to the land of Ha and Mim, it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur when the Beloved of the world was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. He said, exalted be His glory […]

O Abu'l-Hasan! When thou enterest the Land of Ha and findest its fragrance, convey My greetings to My loved ones therein, who have cast aside all else save Me and have taken what was revealed in My Book, and have drunk the choice wine of faithfulness from the hand of My bounty, and have turned with radiant faces toward the horizon of My grace. These are servants whom the rapture of the call of God hath so seized that they have spoken in His praise and remembrance, and have uttered that which they were bidden in a perspicuous Tablet. We make mention of the traveler in this station, who turned toward My countenance and attained My presence when the Luminary of My Cause was shining from the horizon of Zawra. We bear witness that he hath acknowledged that which God had testified to on a Day whereon feet did slip. O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who was named with the letters Ba and Qaf, who remained faithful to the Covenant on a Day wherein necks were humbled before God, the Lord of all horizons. Hearken once again unto My call. Verily, He remembereth thee with that which nothing on earth can equal, as doth testify He with Whom is the Mother Book. Thy letter which thou didst send before, and another letter, have been received and have attained the Most Great Presence, the station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-

Bountiful." Blessed art thou for having been moved by the stirring of God's verses in His days and for having arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance. We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets with such mention as shall never cease to perfume the world. To this doth bear witness the Wronged One Who is imprisoned in the Most Great […]

O Abu'l-Hasan! Gladden and adorn the friends in that land with the ornament of a wondrous and sublime remembrance from before the True One. With utmost joy and delight, turn towards and traverse the dominions of the All-Merciful. Two petitions from the names B and Q reached the Court of the Intended One and attained an exalted station. God willing, through divine favors they shall in all conditions be occupied with the mention of the Friend and service to His Cause with wisdom and utterance, and shall at all times partake and give others to partake of the Kawthar of divine love. No matter hath ever been or ever shall be hidden before the Throne. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Upon Him be My glory and the glory of those who circle round My Throne, and upon the Steed that turned towards the Supreme Horizon until it entered Baghdad and attained the presence of the Lord of Names and drank the choice wine of revelation from the hands of its Lord, the All-Merciful. Say unto them: Grieve not, but trust in God in all matters. Verily He is with you and will manifest what He willeth. He is indeed the Munificent Bestower. If thou shouldst see Kamalu'd-Din, gladden him with My loving-kindness and bounty, and remind him of what We commanded him when he was present before Us. Say: O Kamal! We counseled thee to render all thy submission and humility unto God alone. Hast thou forgotten? Ask God, thy Lord, to assist thee to act according to that which thou wast bidden by the Revealer of the Book. We have mentioned thee in such wise as all the Books bear witness, and beyond them My Tongue, and beyond that My Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Verily thy Lord is with thee, He heareth thy call and seeth what appeareth in the kingdom. He is indeed the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We make mention in this station of Our servant An-Nur who drank from the ocean of My presence and attained the honor of hearing My call in the earliest days. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those related to thee and upon My handmaiden who attained the presence and won that which most men were debarred from. O Kamal! Hearken with thine inner ear to the call of the Beloved of the world. Act according to what He hath commanded. Thou art among those souls who have been and are mentioned before the Throne. Know thou the value of this station. I swear by the dust of the Most Great Prison which hath been made the footstool of the Lord of eternity - were the station of a single soul illumined by the lights of the Divine Word to be made manifest to the dwellers of earth and heaven, thou wouldst behold them all bewildered, nay most of them struck dead. O My Pen! Make mention of Al-Mahmud who turned towards the Praiseworthy Station and attained, ere the Manifestation, the Dawning-Place of Light, and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O Mahmud! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in the land of exile. We thank God for what hath come upon Us in the prison-city of Ta and in this mighty prison. When tribulation increaseth, the chosen ones increase in their love for God, the Lord of all beings. Thus doth the Lord of the Throne and of earth instruct thee that thou mayest be among the thankful. Blessed is the soul that hath borne hardships and difficulties in the path of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We give thee glad tidings of the greatest ease after thy severest hardship. Rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds! O Mahmud! None hath fathomed the mysteries of divine wisdom. Had the people of the earth acted according to the counsels of their

celestial Beloved, thou wouldst have beheld the entire earth as the most exalted Paradise, and all would have attained complete freedom and perfect tranquility. Say […]

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose Name the limbs of the mighty have quaked and the mountains have crumbled! I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name, which was established upon the Throne of Manifestation on this Day whereon the Trump was blown and the decree of resurrection appeared, to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that neither the hosts of the earth nor the mighty ones among Thy creatures shall prevent me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to the cord of obedience unto Thee, and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity. Ordain for me that which is best for me, and prescribe for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what profiteth me, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to deliver whosoever is imprisoned in Thy days and aid him to that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

The Ancient Beauty hath turned towards the wise ones in Ha and Mim and giveth them glad tidings of the Ridvan of God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice ye in that the One seated upon the Throne maketh mention of you in such wise that those near unto God perceive therefrom the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. I swear by God! He Who was named Jehovah in the Torah, and the Comforter in the Gospel, and in the Qur'an as the Great News, hath come - He at Whose appearance the heaven of vain imaginings was rent asunder, the earth of idle fancies was cleft, and all who dwell on earth were terror-stricken, save such as God pleased, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Blessed are ye for having turned unto the Countenance, and joy be unto you for having attained unto this glorious station. Beware lest the affairs of men grieve you. Hold ye fast unto the truth - verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O concourse of the wise ones in the land of Ha! The Most Exalted Pen declareth: This is the Day of remembrance and praise, and this is the Day for the manifestation of praiseworthy attributes. God willing, ye should give the thirsty to drink from the Euphrates of the Most Merciful's mercy, and guide the wanderers to their true home. With utmost joy and fragrance, give the glad tidings of the Merciful's bounty to all beings, and arise to serve with wisdom. Whatsoever appeareth from any doer of good deeds in this day shall be observed as a star in the heaven of divine knowledge. By the truth of His own Self! Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Drink ye in the name of the True Friend, speak ye in His Name, and be enkindled with His love - an enkindlement whose effects shall become manifest in the world. This is not difficult for the Almighty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the One, the Peerless. Those souls among you who are engaged in teaching the Cause are mentioned before the Throne and are specially favored with God's grace.

O Abu'l-Hasan! Though some names were not mentioned outwardly, yet all are recorded and inscribed in the Preserved Tablet by the Most Exalted Pen, especially those souls who have arisen with complete dedication to teach and serve the Cause. Upon them be My glory, My mercy, and My bounty, which have preceded all worlds. Soon shall appear in the kingdom what they have wrought in My path. It behooveth

them to rejoice in this mention, from which the fragrance of the essence of their Lord's bounty hath been wafted. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

From the precincts of the Prison, We send Our glorification upon the loved ones of God in Nun and Ra, both men and women, who have fulfilled God's Covenant and have turned unto His luminous Countenance. O My loved ones in that land! There have come before the Wronged One the pages adorned with My mention and praise, and We have answered you as a bounty from Our presence. Verily, He is the Near One, the Answerer. Rejoice ye in My mention of you and trust in all affairs to the One, the All-Informed. Verily, He ordaineth for His loved ones that which shall profit them in His worlds. He is verily the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His name, the All-Wise. Verily, in the Prison He maketh mention of you in such wise as to attract the hearts of the sincere ones. Glory be upon you and upon those who have cast away vain imaginings behind their backs, turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard the call of the Noble One in the land of Ta before, and We make mention of him with a tongue through which the horizons were set ablaze and through which the Lord of the Day of the Covenant spoke: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!" We made mention of him before, and We make mention of him at this time, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Revealer of Verses. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of this remembrance which God has made the King of all remembrance. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have attained to the mention of this station.

Furthermore, whenever you meet the friends of God in any city or region, make mention of this evanescent one's utter powerlessness and nothingness. God willing, may they at all times drink from the chalice of the Merciful's love and be turned with their entire sight, hearing and soul toward the Most Exalted Horizon. This is the tree of goodness, and its fruit and leaves. God is witness that this servant does not consider himself worthy or deserving of mention in the presence of those friends who have caused their own will, desire and choice to become extinct and non-existent in the will and desire of God. Blessed is the soul that acts in accordance with that which it has been commanded in the Book of God - that is, the soul that outwardly is adorned and embellished with prescribed deeds, for it is observed that some interpret divine verses according to their own vain imaginings and continue to do so. Evil is that which they do.

The name of his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, is oft-mentioned, for he has been and continues to be mentioned in every letter, and this servant has made mention of him in all correspondence, but it seems he himself has not yet written from his location. In any case, wherever he may be, may he be occupied with the mention of God and be engaged in that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. God willing, may he attain to His presence and be blessed once again with His meeting. The Glory be upon you and upon him and upon those who are adorned with the attributes which the Revealer of Verses has sent down in His Mighty Book.

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He is our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. Those who have acted unjustly are such servants as shall be seized by the breezes of chastisement from all directions - a command from His presence. And He is God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Kings and the Merciful unto the servants! Thou beholdest Thy loved ones beneath the talons of hatred, and hearest their sighing from the land of ?a and other regions. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, to aid Thy chosen ones to be patient and forbearing. Then protect them with Thy hosts, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the Kingdom of destiny.

O Lord! Thou seest what hath befallen them and hearest their crying and lamenting, and knowest what they desire in manifesting Thy Cause, reforming Thy lands, and displaying Thy bounty, generosity and grace amongst Thy creatures. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and the suns in the heaven of Thy certitude, to preserve them and aid them, and to inscribe for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen Thy most excellent Word, whereby the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure is diffused and every sincere one findeth the sweet savors of the garment of Thy loving-kindness.

Thou art He Who cannot be described by the descriptions of the world nor by what floweth from the Pen. Thou hast ever been sanctified above mention and utterance, and above the heights of knowledge and explanation. All realities have confessed their powerlessness, and all books have acknowledged their shortcoming. Can any horseman of utterance gallop in the arena of Thy knowledge, or range the wilderness of Thy handiwork? Nay, by Thy Most Exalted Self and the Sovereign of Names! Thou hast ever been self-sufficient in Thine own essence and mighty through Thy power and authority.

O Lord! Thou seest how the weak one hath clung to the cord of Thy strength, and the lowly one hath held fast to the hem of the robe of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by my soul which hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance in Thy presence and clothed with the garment of humility before the gate of Thy grandeur, to deliver Thy loved ones and chosen ones from the oppression of Thine enemies. Then pour forth upon them patience through Thy bounty and grace, for tribulation in Thy love, O Lord of Names, is sweeter than all sweetness and more glorious than all things. Soon shall the idolaters and the heedless behold their loss from their deeds, and the sincere shall witness that which the Pen is powerless to manifest, mention and describe.

O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy creation that they may behold what they have neglected at the dawning of the lights of Thy Manifestation. Although, O my God, they have done that which hath not cut them off from the breezes of Thy most great bounty and the fragrances of Thy compassion and loving-kindness, yet, O my God, my Master, my Goal and my Hope, when Thou didst show me the oceans of Thy mercy and the heavens of Thy gifts, my hope and yearning increased. I beseech Thee not to deprive Thy servants from that which Thou hast manifested through Thy bounty, nor to withhold them from the waves of the ocean of Thy Manifestation. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and the Sovereign over what Thou desirest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and the earth.

And I pray and send greetings upon the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause, the Day-Springs of Thy wisdom, and the Manifestations of Thy Self, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, those who have cast away their desires and followed that which they were commanded by the decree of Thy Cause, and through whom

Thou hast manifested what Thou didst will by Thy might and power. Verily Thou art God, the Lord of the worlds, the Goal of those near unto Thee, and the Ultimate Hope of the sincere ones.

In the Name of Him through Whom surged the ocean of mysteries!

And further: The servant hath received the traces of thy pen, from which wafteth what proclaimeth in the most exalted call thy sincerity, thy love, and thy rising to serve the Cause of God - our Purpose and thy Purpose, our Beloved and thy Beloved, and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When I read and understood it, I soared on wings of longing unto the Lord of the Day of Meeting. When I was present, I laid bare what was in thy letter, whereupon the tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth in the Kingdom of utterance that which caused all things to attain unto the Kawthar of divine knowledge. He said, exalted be His glory: […]

O thou who hast turned toward the dominion of My Cause! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One at this time when sorrows have encompassed Him through those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful and violated the Covenant of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. The divines of the age have pronounced their verdict against My loved ones and chosen ones. God hath seized their leader - He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Yet the idolaters remained heedless of this. He seized another - He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and in His grasp are the reins of all things. Such heedlessness hath overtaken them that they have denied God and His proof, and they comprehend not. They enter the mosques in My name, yet they pronounce judgment against My Self and perceive it not. They occupy the highest seats in the world in My name, yet they deny Me that which was created for My servants. Thus have vain imaginings and idle fancies seized them. Thou hearest from their tongues My mention and praise, yet thou seest their tears and sighs at My commandments and ordinances. When the Dayspring of wisdom and Dawning-place of the Cause appeared, they disbelieved in Him and rose against Him with such tyranny as caused the Temple of Grandeur to lament upon the throne of His name, the Self-Subsisting. By My life! Were it not for God’s pre-existing decree, We would have shown them who is mightier and more powerful. But We have been patient until God manifests what He desireth. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Look not upon the power of the enemies and the fire of their souls. Rather, consider the former ages and what was manifested of thy Lord’s might, the Ruler of the seen and unseen. Verily, We see them as children playing with clay, and they know it not. Say: O thou ignorant scholar! By what proof didst thou believe in God’s previous Manifestations, and by what evidence dost thou turn away from Him Who hath come unto thee with what equalleth all the Books of God? Be fair, O heedless outcast! By God! Thou hast pronounced judgment against Him around Whom circle the Concourse on High and near-stationed servants. Say: O company of the ignorant! Fear God and oppose not Him Who hath come from the Dayspring of power with the standards of verses, and hath revealed what was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of existence. Say: All things lament because of your tyranny, while ye sport with your own selves and perceive it not. Say: O concourse of divines! Where is he who was named Abdul-Husayn who rose against his Lord in Iraq and denied His favor after its bestowal? And where is he who was named Sadiq in the land of Ta who was denounced as a liar by the All-Merciful in a

Book that was sealed with the seal of the Cause and preserved in His hidden knowledge? And where is the leader of the people in the land of Sad whose tyranny caused the dwellers of the realms of might to lament, and those who circle round God's kingdom, the Mighty, the Loving? When he disbelieved and transgressed and turned away and rebelled, God seized him with such a chastisement as the eye of creation had never seen its like. Thus was his fate sealed, as was the fate of those who tyrannized God's loved ones without clear proof or manifest command. Soon shall the fate be sealed of those who have arisen in oppression and opposition, in such wise as to shake the pillars of the Cause and extinguish the light of God, the Mighty, the Witnessed.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We desired the glory of the world, while they desired My harm and abasement. We have manifested Ourself to reform My lands and realms, while they have risen in opposition and desired to destroy this most mighty and impregnable edifice. Say: Fear God and transgress not your bounds.

Do not transgress your stations and your bounds. Verily He hath come with a power that cannot be hindered by the weapons of the world nor the armies of nations, if ye but knew. Thus hath shone forth the Luminary of utterance from the horizon of proof. Turn unto Him, O My friends in the land of Ta and round about it, then turn with illumined hearts and say: "Hallowed and holy is the Lord of the angels and the Spirit!" The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom and the Light manifest from the heaven of My dominion be upon My friends and chosen ones who have aided My Cause and arisen to serve Me, in such wise that the Ancient King hath made mention of them in His inscribed Tablet.

Praise be to God! The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, and the ocean of loving-kindness hath revealed the pearls of its favors unto His loved ones. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and the eye that hath beheld. What tongue or utterance could be worthy to mention this boundless grace that was and is. This evanescent servant, whenever he witnesseth the outpourings of the ocean of grace, riseth up on behalf of all to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the worlds. Such is the measure of grace - and God is witness and aware - that the very ocean of grace hath appeared and the sun of loving-kindness is manifest, yet most remain heedless and veiled. The people are heedless; were they to know, they would sacrifice themselves in His straight path, His mighty way, and for His Ancient and Glorious Beauty. The deeds of the people of the world have occupied them with ornaments and colors that after two days shall become the portion of their enemies.

I heard with mine own ears from the tongue of my Lord at a certain time - and His word is the truth - saying: "O thou who art present! A single effulgence from the Sun of detachment shone forth upon one of the kings of the world. He became somewhat awakened and after his awakening uttered these words: 'There is no good in what I possess today, for tomorrow another shall possess it.' Thereafter he withdrew from his royal throne and, mindful, departed to distant lands. In truth, he fled from vipers, scorpions and beasts of prey, and afterwards none found him. The ministers and nobles searched extensively but found him not." And He said: "Were but one effulgence to shine upon all the people of the world, all would act as he acted. However, God doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

As to what you wrote - the Divine Tablets arrived and both the physical and spiritual eyes were illumined by their light. They were read in the house of Jinab-i-Na?ir, upon him be the Glory of God, where Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mihdi and a group of the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God, were present. Likewise, copies were sent to the friends, as well as the Tablets specifically meant for various regions, after which the originals were dispatched. All these matters, which in truth constitute true teaching, were presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken, exalted be His glory:

O Nabil! Blessed is the land that hath been honored by the footsteps of the people of truth, and blessed is the house wherein the mention of the chosen ones hath been raised, and blessed is the tongue that hath arisen to teach the Cause. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which is befitting. Teach the Cause of thy Lord, then make mention of Him in the nights and days, and attract hearts through His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. Verily, He thanketh thee. Rejoice and be of those who are steadfast. Blessed is he who hath been named Mihdi and those who were present and heard the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist those who have attained to His recognition in His days and have found the sweetness of His utterance. These are among the Concourse on High in the Book of Names. Upon them be the Glory of God, the Creator of the heavens.

Today the spreading of the Sacred Writings through wisdom and utterance is the greatest of deeds. A hundred thousand blessings upon him who has taught and teaches the Cause of God. There has never been any doubt that the purpose of creation is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, and this most great matter and ultimate goal cannot be achieved except through teaching and spreading the Sacred Writings. The servant beseeches God, the Most High, to assist His loved ones in all regions to accomplish that which He loves and with which He is pleased.

Concerning what you wrote about that soul upon whom be the Glory of God, His grace and His mercy - God is witness and testifier that this servant and the other friends beseech God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen him and adorn him with the ornament of righteous deeds. His father is mentioned among the assured ones in the Book of God. Blessed is he, blessed is he! However, that beloved one should observe that certain matters must be concealed from those who have extensive dealings with outsiders, for it often happens that they mention without any ill intent or agreement what they have heard, and this becomes the cause of incidents. The people of truth must be educated with wisdom so that such mention and deeds that cause enmity and discord among the people of the world do not become manifest. Let all act according to that which they are commanded and speak that which they are permitted.

Regarding what you wrote about Mirza-yi-Bahar, upon whom be the grace of God - Aqa Mirza Mehdi, upon whom be the Glory of God, has mentioned him and likewise sent a leaf regarding his thoughts' denial. This ephemeral one also submitted a response which was sent. God willing, may he be assisted to do what is befitting. These are days of tranquility, joy and gladness. I earnestly beseech God that He may assist all in such wise that neither the might of the people of the world nor the oppression of nations may prevent them from God, exalted be His glory.

Concerning your mention of Master Sh, Mashhadi J B, Haji M H, and Aqa F R, upon them be the Glory of God - this was submitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and the waves of the sea of grace

were manifest and evident toward each one. Likewise, all the friends of that land are illumined by the lights of the Sun of the Lord's favors, for each has attained to the mention of the Beloved. Happy are they and blessed are they! This ephemeral one also extends to each his utter nothingness and submission, and beseeches God for unity and concord among those assured and steadfast souls. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them from the evil of those who have arisen to extinguish His light and quench His fire. Verily, He has power over all things.

Regarding what you wrote that Mirza M H Kh A, upon him be the Glory of God, had requested a special Tablet for his brother - this matter was submitted and, praise be to God, was granted. However, your honor should consider whether it accords with wisdom to give it. A Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for Mirza —, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he attain unto it. Likewise, two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets have appeared from the Dayspring of grace specifically for two souls - Mirza 32 Kabir and Muhammad-Qabl-S, upon them be the Glory of God. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful. This is what hath appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance for him who is named Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger […]

The dwellers of My celestial dominion have lamented at what hath befallen My loved ones who make mention of God at morn and eventide and who desire naught but the betterment of the nations of the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of eternity from a station wherein the sun of grace hath shone forth and the atoms testify that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when the ignorant ones of the earth turned away from it - nay, they understand not. The horizon of the heaven of My Hidden Name hath been illumined, yet the people perceive it not. They have violated their Covenant and cast behind them their Pledge until they disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Say: O concourse of earth! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath appeared. Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, given thee knowledge and established thee before a gate that hath been opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Kind. Cast aside the imaginings of men and take fast hold of the hem of certitude. Thus doth He Who testifieth at every moment that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving, command thee. Stand firm in the Cause and make mention of thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

This is what hath appeared from the dominion of utterance to Mirza Abu'l-Qasim. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over earth and heaven!

A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein was thy mention. We have mentioned thee with a mention that cannot be equalled by the mentions of nations nor the treasures of the world. To this testifieth He with Whom is a perspicuous Book. The standards have been raised, the verses sent down, and the evidences made manifest, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the Cause of

God behind their backs - verily they are among the abject ones. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention when the people gathered to extinguish the light of God amongst His creation. Say: By God! The hands of Caesars and Pharaohs have fallen short. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. The Will of God hath prevailed over the will of His creation, and His Purpose hath preceded the purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth. No mention can stand before His mention, nor any command before His command. Did Pharaoh prevail or God, the Powerful, the Mighty? Beware lest the conditions of the ignorant prevent thee from the Lord of Names, or the clamor of those on earth from this Great Announcement. Rejoice in My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of My Hidden Name with the luminary of wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

This is what hath shone forth from the horizon of Will to him who was named Muhammad-'Ali. His word, blessed and exalted be He:

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

The oppressors have done what their fathers did before - nay, they understand not. They slay My loved ones yet lament over what befell My Names aforetime. What aileth them that they are not awakened by the Call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be? They have secluded themselves with idols, yet they perceive it not. Their ranks and their thousands and their ornaments have deceived them to such extent that they have cast behind them He Who created them by His command "Be, and it is." Soon shall their ranks curse them and their ornaments disavow them - this hath been irrevocably decreed by God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Rejoice in your vain dominion; soon shall ye lament as lamenteth the bereaved. To this testifieth He with Whom is a Hidden Book. Grieve not over what the hands of the servants have wrought. Give thanks unto God Who hath mentioned thee from His praiseworthy station. Take the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Lord of creation, then drink therefrom in His Name, the Manifest, the Renowned.

In His Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing!

This is what hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of grace unto him who was named Sadiq. His glory be exalted!

O Sadiq! On this day, whosoever hath turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, he verily hath been and is truthful. If one attaineth not unto this station, though he speak with truthfulness from time immemorial unto time everlasting, he shall not be reckoned among the truthful in the sight of God. Give thanks unto the Desired One of all the worlds and be thou engaged in His praise, inasmuch as the rays of the Sun of Truth have shone upon thee and guided thee unto the straight path. Throughout all ages and centuries, the enemies have striven to extinguish the divine light and quench the fire of the divine Lote-Tree, and have expended their efforts to this end. But God hath driven them away by His command and manifested that which He desired through His mighty and wondrous Word. Were the heedless souls to ponder upon that which hath come to pass in the past, they would comprehend the station of this blessed Day and attain unto that which is intended. However, the love of the world and its concerns hath so seized them all that no awareness remaineth for any soul

save whom God willeth. Blessed are those servants whom neither the knowledge of the learned nor the might of the enemies hath kept back from the divine path nor deprived of the everlasting Kawthar. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God! That which hath appeared unto each of those who have turned unto Him and attained His presence is, in truth, sanctified above all peer and likeness. We beseech God to assist the bearers of His tablets that they may drink of the living waters of His divine utterances. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention hath been made of the ascension of Muhammad-Sadiq - upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] - from the land of Ya. It was presented before the countenance of the Lord of ancient days, and these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of His Will. His glory be exalted!

He is the All-Forgiving, the Concealer!

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Blessed art thou for having believed in the Truth on a day when all mankind turned away save those who willed and desired. I bear witness that thou didst turn unto the horizon of the Cause when most of the servants turned away therefrom. O Thou Symbol of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy revelation in Thy days and the fragrant scents of the garment of Thy knowledge throughout Thy lands, and by the Name through which the sincere hastened unto the Dayspring of destiny, O Lord of all names, and the near ones hastened unto the place of sacrifice, O Creator of the heavens, that Thou forgive him who hath ascended unto Thee and efface his misdeeds through Thy bounty. O Lord! Ordain for him, through Thy grace, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and pure ones. O Lord! Thou knowest what hath befallen Thy loved ones in Thy days and hearest their sighing and moaning in the prison of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by them and by those who have sacrificed their spirits in their longing to meet Thee, to assist Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Then send down at this moment upon him who hath ascended unto Thee and attained Thy presence that whereby his traces shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over both sovereign and subject. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

O beloved of my heart! By the life of your Beloved and mine, this servant is filled with longing, for in these days the spring of divine favour hath encompassed the world, and it is the time of ascension and passing, for man attaineth unto a remembrance that shineth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book - a remembrance which neither extinction shall overtake nor annihilation find. Under all conditions one must be content and thankful, for He knoweth what is best for these servants. He knoweth what we have, and we know not what He hath, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

They had likewise made mention of Mashhadi 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. Time and again he hath been remembered in the divine presence. God willing, may he be assisted to serve the Cause, that the manifestation, signs and fruits of the Tree of Being may endure through the perpetuity of God's names, evident and manifest in all things. A letter from the spiritual friend Aqa Khalil, upon him be the Glory of

God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Glorious, addressed to Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived and was presented at the Most Holy Court. They said:

O thou who art present! A sweet fragrance emanateth from them. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions to remember and praise God with joy and delight. Verily We have heard his call and the mentions contained in his letter, and We have remembered them with My manifest remembrance, and strengthened them through My grace, and We counsel them with that whereby the Cause shall be exalted, and I am the Commanding, the All-Informed.

Repeatedly their mention was heard from the blessed tongue. In the letter of Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God, mention was also made of them. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Munificent Bestower.

They made mention of the honored Mulla Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God. This servant beseecheth God that He may assist him to serve the Cause. O beloved of my heart! Steadfastness is a mighty matter. God willing, may they be assisted to act with wisdom and attain unto service. At this moment I was summoned to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and after presenting myself before the Throne, They said: Write to Nabil-i-Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God, to convey greetings to the loved ones of God who dwell in those regions and gladden them with God's favors. The land of M and Y hath been under the glance of God's favor. Blessed are My loved ones in those parts, and blessed, again blessed, is he who turned to God in the early days. We have remembered him and remembered them through Our grace, and We counsel them to observe wisdom, calmness, dignity, and to refrain from confronting any of the servants. They should drink the Kawthar of immortality in secret, in the name of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. We perceive from the land of M and R the fragrance of My love. Soon will God exalt it through justice. We counsel its people to practice righteousness and God-consciousness and whatsoever befitteth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of My loved ones in its surroundings and give them the glad tidings of My acceptance of them and My remembrance of them. And We make mention of S and Y and those around it. Blessed are My loved ones there who have cast aside the vain imaginings of men, holding fast to My straight path. And We bid them observe wisdom lest there be raised the clamor of those who have been heedless of this mighty Cause.

Praise be to God! All are blessed with divine grace and are speaking His praise. Yet they must not be deceived, for deceivers and tricksters have ever sought out sincere and pure souls. As was written from the land of Ra and Shin, a certain person named Rasul, who for years served Jinab-i-'Andalib (upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory) and who imagined himself soaring in the atmosphere of certitude, ultimately broke his covenant of faithfulness and returned to his former state. He then directed his attention to those regions to mislead others and acquire wealth. Therefore, you must be vigilant and alert those around you, for the armies of polytheism appear in the name of truth, and often they change their names. May God protect us and you from the evil of such people. Likewise, emphasize that they should not be quick to believe the words of every speaker, nor trust every soul, although it is possible that due to some ill feelings between them, heedlessness has caused him to turn away from the truth. I beseech God to guide such souls, and since they have dwelt for a time beneath His shadow, may He not now deprive them. Man is prone to error - were it not for His grace and favor, this servant would be more sinful than any sinner. With a

hundred thousand tongues I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant those souls that which purifies and sanctifies hearts, and to grant this servant that which causes steadfastness and arising to serve. Regarding most of those regions, favor has been shown; God willing, they will attain to it. Finally, convey greetings and salutations from this evanescent servant to each of God's loved ones and friends. I request that all not forget this evanescent one in their good prayers, that God, exalted be His glory, may assist this dust to perform the service entrusted to him. May the glory that shines resplendent from the horizon of our Lord's favor be upon you and upon those who have drunk the wine of faith from the hand of their Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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

Praise be to God Who has subdued the world through His Most Great Name and has sent down in every time from the heaven of grace of His name, the Most Merciful, the feast of wisdom and utterance and the bounty of knowledge and understanding. From His Most Exalted Pen has flowed the river of mercy and exposition, whereby those in the graves have arisen before the faces of all religions. Exalted, exalted is His grace! Exalted, exalted is His generosity! Exalted, exalted is His bounty! And exalted is His Word which, when it issueth forth from the mouth of Will, causeth the ocean of knowledge and wisdom to surge and the fragrance of the garment to waft among all created things. Exalted, exalted is this Day wherein the throne of divine bestowal hath been established in the prison of 'Akka and the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised in the kingdom of creation. Blessed, blessed is the eye that hath seen, the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath proclaimed and said:

Praise be unto Thee, O Possessor of the Kingdom of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and by the mysteries concealed from the eyes of the nations, and by the breathings of Thy revelation and the dawning-places of Thy inspiration, to adorn Thy servants with the ornament of trustworthiness and justice. Thou art the Possessor of bounty and grace. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. Aid them to make good what they have missed in Thy days and to return to the court of Thy holy might and to turn in repentance to the door of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Khalil! We have given thee to drink from the cups of wisdom and utterance and from the goblet of knowledge and understanding, time after time. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to enable thee to do what beseemeth His days.

O Jalil! We counsel thee to assist the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Victory appeareth through hosts, and the hosts are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. We ask God to adorn thee with virtuous character and with God-fearing which We have made the commander of the hosts of deeds and character. We beseech God to assist the oppressed through the standards of justice and the banners of

equity. He is the Possessor of gifts and favors. Now We speak with light as a bounty from Us unto thee and unto those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

O ’Ali! The call of God is raised, the ocean of bounty is surging, and the door of grace is opened. Blessed are they who enter in. We beseech God to make thee a knight in the arena of utterance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Beloved of God! Canst thou forsake all else save Me and arise to serve My Cause, the One that ruleth over all who are in the heavens and the earth? Say: This could not be except through Thy bounty and grace and might and sovereignty. O Lord! Strengthen me with the hosts of wisdom and utterance that I may transform hearts and souls and illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge and the effulgences of the lights of the Daystar of Thy Revelation. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and I acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee to take me from myself and make me a bird soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, enkindled with the fire of Thy Cause, and attracted to Thy verses. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Ibrahim, O Wise One! God willing, thou shalt be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and enkindled with the fire of love in such wise that thou mayest set the world aflame. We imparted these words to one of the wise ones: “O Sage! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness!” The power and structure of faith have grown weak throughout the regions of the world - the supreme remedy is needed. The black sulfide of the nations hath seized them - the greatest elixir is required. O Sage! Hath the crown of victory such power as to transform diverse elements into a single thing and bring them to the station of pure gold? Though such transformation appeareth difficult and complex, yet the transformation of earthly power into heavenly might is possible before this Wronged One. That which effecteth this transformation is greater than any elixir. This station and this power are specific to the Word of God. It is the essence that transformeth fear into certitude, weakness into strength, and abasement into glory. One drop from the ocean of divine wisdom struck Badi’ and like a globe of fire he arose seeking martyrdom - his moisture was transformed to fire, his weakness to power, his sluggishness to swiftness. God willing, thou shalt drink of the Kawthar of divine utterance from the revealed words and offer it to those who turn to God and are ready to receive it.

O Aqa Bik! Today the fragrances of God’s Word have perfumed the world and the pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared and shone forth from the treasury of the Supreme Pen. Beseech God that He may aid all and deprive none from the splendors of the Sun of Truth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Beloved! The Best Beloved remembereth thee in prison. We hope that through deeds and character thou mayest attract souls and guide them to the horizon of the manifestation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O Husayn! This Wronged One hath from the beginning until now been afflicted in the hands of enemies. The Shi’ih sect hath been reared in vain imaginings. Ask God to deliver them all and illumine them with the lights of the Daystar of certitude. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Buyuk Aqa, O thou who gazest toward the Supreme Horizon and soarest in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! His Honor Ismu’llah and His Honor Jalil, upon them be the Glory of

God, the Beautiful, mentioned thee and sent word to the Most Holy Court. We testify that thou didst hear the Call and turn to it, and wert blessed to hearken unto it. We mentioned thee before in such wise as caused the fragrance of utterance to waft throughout creation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who heard and found. Woe to the heedless! And praise be to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Muhammad! At this moment a messenger from the City of Lovers set forth toward the Daystar of the horizons. His tidings were of unity and concord among the people of justice and the Covenant, and his gift was the sanctified, detached spirits who in God's path attained the most exalted, supreme station and the most glorious martyrdom. Glory be to God! Were the effects and fruits of wisdom and the mysteries of those spirits to appear even less than the eye of a needle, all the parties of the world would seek that station and circle round the gathering-place of the Supreme Concourse. We mention the party of God and bid them to unity and concord. Blessed are they who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and are free and detached from all else but God.

O Isma'il! When thou hast attained unto God's verses and His signs, and drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of His bounty, say: […]

O my God, my God! I testify that by Thy Name the hearts of the Supreme Paradise were entranced, and by Thy most sweet call all created things were overturned, and by the light of Thy utterance the earth and heaven were illumined, and by Thy being seated upon the throne the call was raised from the direction of Sinai. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of the heavens, by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, to open unto my face and unto the faces of Thy servants the gates of Thy justice and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and the earth.

O Pen! Turn toward him who is named Mahmud, then make mention of him with that which causeth all existence to soar. We have revealed that which was hidden from sight and concealed in the treasury of the protection of thy Chosen Lord, as a favor from Us and a mercy from Our presence unto the righteous and the learned. Say:

O God of the world and Desire of the nations! Thou seest me fleeing from myself unto Thee, from my poverty unto the ocean of Thy wealth, and from my powerlessness unto the horizon of Thy might. Send down, then, upon me and upon Thy party from the heaven of Thy bounty the table of Thy knowledge, and ordain for us that whereby hearts and minds may be attracted. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Tongue of Eternity! The springtime of utterance hath come unto thee. Make clear unto the parties that which will preserve them from the wolves who have cast the fundamentals of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. This is a day wherein the breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all possibility, and the Herald hath called out from the right of the Throne: O people of the earth! Despair not of God's mercy and grace, and deprive not yourselves of the ocean of His bounty. Hasten with your hearts unto the direction of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Verily the Pen calleth out, the Tablet speaketh, and the ink discourseth, yet most of the people hear not. They pass by the verses and recognize them not, they hear from the direction of the Prison and perceive not. Say: Fear

God, O people, and follow not those who have denied God's proof and evidence, who have disbelieved in His favor and disputed His sovereignty which dominateth over all that was and shall be.

O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Sultan! This is a day wherein the Speaker of the Mount speaketh and the Tree calleth out before the faces of the parties: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords! We have created the servants for the triumph of the Cause - to this beareth witness the Mother Book in the final return. Aid ye, O people, your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and through such conduct as will attract the hearts of every doubter and hesitant one. We have announced unto all this Most Great Revelation. Among the people are those who have been so attracted by the wine of utterance that the ranks of the enemies have not prevented them from turning unto God, the Lord of all men. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God! Leave me not deprived of the breezes of Thy days, nor barred from turning toward the horizon of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name which speaketh before the faces of the nations, and by the Crimson Ark which Thou hast ordained and manifested for the people of Baha, to make me one of those whom Thou hast described in Thy Mighty Book with Thy words "On them shall be no fear, neither shall they grieve." Verily, we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

O Ali-Quli! None can soar in this atmosphere save he who hath cast away vain desire and then all names. Such a one is numbered with the people of Baha in the Book of God, Lord of all worlds. Among men are those whom names have withheld from their Creator, and among them are those who have turned to Him and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Fear God, O people, then follow that which ye have been commanded in My perspicuous Book. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Mirza Rida! Hear the call from the Prison of Akka - there is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call, shown me Thy signs, and given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by Thy Name through which those in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, to make me hold fast to Thy cord and cling to the hem of Thy grace. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy generosity that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

O Muhammad! In these days one of the lovers sacrificed his soul for the Day Star of the horizons, and the fire of longing and desire became ignited in that blessed city. The Ridvan of the Most Exalted Paradise hath given glad tidings to the Ridvan of the Supreme Paradise, announcing that at this moment the Bird of Immortality, after circling round the Gathering-Place of the Supreme Concourse, will wing its flight to this station. Inform the Maidens of the Mansions that they may prepare themselves for this presence. Thus hath spoken the One Who conversed on Sinai in this exalted and glorious station. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath sent down unto thee that which no treasures can equal.

O Ustad Abdullah! In the great city, one of the loved ones set out to circle round the Supreme Horizon and the Most Exalted Summit. He left behind the temple of flesh and, with spirit and delight, proceeded

to circumambulate. By My life! He hath attained unto that which none before him attained. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from the Most Exalted Station. Grieve thou not over anything. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having remembered thee in the prison and revealed unto thee that which caused the hearts of those near unto Him to be attracted.

O Muhammad-Hasan! The calumniators in the great city have committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed. A grievous blow hath been dealt to trustworthiness, and a mighty stroke hath fallen upon the face of truthfulness. Beseech thou God that He may bestow justice upon the people of tyranny and grant equity unto the people of oppression. Glory be to God! They denied the favor and disbelieved in the signs of God. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to either seize them with His justice or enable them to return unto Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Baqir Khan! The temple of justice lieth captive under the talons of tyranny, helpless trustworthiness suffereth beneath the claws of malice, and hapless truthfulness hath taken refuge in the corner of bewilderment due to the persecution of the oppressors. Soon shall every oppressor receive his due recompense. Divine justice lieth in wait. He shall seize the oppressors with His might and authority from His presence. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful ones and the most generous of the generous ones. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me in serving Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And We make mention of the son in this station. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His side. Verily, He is the All-Generous, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving.

O Hassan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest! The wolves of the earth have surrounded the divine sheep from every direction. They have hamstrung the divine She-Camel and have stretched forth the hand of transgression against the Crimson Ark. And finding this Wronged One without helper or assistant, they have from every quarter set their designs against Him. Glory be to God! Such enmity hath appeared as hath no equal or likeness. And seeing the people of God without succor, they have endeavored through fabricated calumnies to extinguish the true Light. It is evident that the government hath assisted and continueth to assist in what hath transpired. Yet this Wronged One regardeth all else save God as non-existent. I swear by the Sun of Utterance that shineth from the horizon of the Prison: were the journalists to become aware of the purpose of the Wronged One, all would turn towards Him and speak the truth. But the rancor and hatred of the former party will not be stilled or quieted save through the power of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and grant thee success in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

O Royal Falcon! We hope that thou wilt spread thy spiritual wings and teach the hesitant ones to soar. In these days the hands of oppression have been raised from every direction. The patriots of the world attribute reform to corruption. Glory be to God! They praise themselves for patriotism, yet this party worshipeth God, not the homeland. Would that they were truthful even in this claim! By the life of God, they worship their own selves and their passions. They claim impartiality, yet their deeds and what proceedeth from them give them the lie. From before, this hidden pearl hath been revealed from the

Divine Pen's treasury: "Let not your deeds become partners to your hopes." Woe to the condition of one wronged against whom the princes and ministers of Iran speak and rise up in opposition! It is then obvious what a journalist would write and say. Assuredly there must arise one who will stand before the Divine Seat of Justice and seek justice and equity for the oppressed party, and implore victory and triumph. By My life! The manifestations of justice exist among the people, yet are hidden from the eyes of the heedless. God shall soon exalt His Cause despite every remote oppressor and obdurate heedless one. In any case, ignorance and foolishness have deprived most from the ocean of inner meanings. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Light that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the Mount by Thy leave, to assist the calumniators to pure truthfulness, the ones who have turned away to acceptance, and the heedless ones to return unto Thee and to repentance at the gate of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

O Mulla Haji! At this moment We speak in the clear Persian tongue that perchance all may become aware and attain unto their purpose. This Wronged One appeared in days when naught remained of justice save a name and of equity save a trace. We summoned all to praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Every fair-minded one beareth witness that this Wronged One hath had and hath no purpose except the reformation of the world and the edification of the souls of nations. We have forbidden the destruction of books, have removed from the Book the decree of holy war and strife, and likewise the decree concerning uncleanliness and the like. Whatsoever conduceth to the elevation of the stations of men, that have We recorded and preserved; and whatsoever leadeth to waywardness, obscurity and the affliction of God's servants, that have We forbidden. However, as the veils of hatred and animosity have prevented the ear and eye from witnessing and hearing, therefore hath every soul attributed to the Truth, exalted be His glory, that which he hath seen in his own mirror. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds on earth without clear proof or Book.

O Hasan! The excellence of the world hath been transformed into baseness, inasmuch as the reins of affairs are seen to be in the grasp of the ignorant. Beseech thou God that He may raise up and appoint over His servants a just commander and an equitable ruler. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest how the oppressors have surrounded the dawning-places of Thy justice and the daysprings of Thy bounty, and how the calumniators have encompassed the manifestations of Thy truthfulness and the daysprings of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Compassionate Lord of all who are possessed of kings, by the Word whereby Thou didst open the doors of the hearts of those of Thy servants who were nigh unto Thee, and the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy creation, to illumine the hearts of the heedless with the light of turning unto Thee. Then aid them to turn towards the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Kind.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Hasan before Ali, that the fragrances of remembrance may seize him and draw him nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. In these days, from every direction a dart flieth and a sword is visible, and this Wronged One hath clung to the cord of patience and gazeth toward the horizon of resignation. When the divines of Iran and the mystics and princes thereof reject a station and conceal its virtues, then it becometh evident what hath befallen it and what shall befall it.

However, as it hath occurred in the path of God, there hath been and is no harm. By His very Self, the Truth! We would not exchange one atom of tribulation in His path for the station of the seen and the unseen. We beseech God that He deprive not His servants of the splendors of the Sun of justice and equity, and We ask Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which shall exalt thee through His name amongst His servants. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing.

O Ali! We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day of God and His Cause is His Cause. Blessed is the soul that hath detached itself from all else save Him and hath turned unto Him in all days and nights. The Pen of the Lord of all beings hath occupied itself with the mention of His loved ones, and hath repeatedly made mention of each one and commanded that which leadeth to the elevation and exaltation of their station. He is the Helper and Succourer. Beseech God that He may graciously aid all to remember Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause. He is the Mighty One Whom the hosts of the world cannot hinder and the ranks of the nations cannot weaken.

O Ali! Take fast hold of the sure handle and cleave to the most holy and luminous hem. This Day is known as the Day of God and is recorded in the Book. Yet the immature ones of the world have drawn the sword of rejection against the Wronged One of the horizons and are occupied day and night with schemes and deception. We beseech God not to deprive the oppressive souls of the sweetness of the Kawthar of justice. He is the Sovereign Whom the world's rejection or acceptance neither diminisheth nor increaseth. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth and the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Mashhadi Rida! The Lord of the kingdoms of names hath this night turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Rejoice thou in this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge and by the fruits treasured in the repository of Thy wisdom to aid me to be steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! Who is able to arise to serve Thy Cause? Nay, by Thy glory! None can do this save through Thy power and strength. I beseech of Thee that which is the cause of the greatest steadfastness. O Generous One! Withhold not Thy servant from the ocean of knowledge and deprive him not of the sun of vision. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the throne on high and of the dust below.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ahmad-i-Aqa that he may give thanks unto his Lord and be numbered among those who are assured in the Mother Book, inscribed by the Pen of God. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God in all matters. Verily He protecteth His loved ones through hosts that are hidden from sight. This is a Day wherein the Most Great Ocean hath surged and the fragrance of Paradise hath wafted. Blessed is he who hath found it, and woe unto him who remained heedless and was far removed from the precincts of nearness. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. All the treasures of kings cannot equal it. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this station that transcendeth understanding. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance and drunk from the Kawthar of My bounty, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy horizon, caused me to hear Thy call, and revealed unto me that which lay hidden in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy grace to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to enable me to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art the Omnipotent Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the ascendancy of those who have been deprived of the breezes of revelation.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Javad! God willing, mayest thou be illumined by the light of His Cause and enkindled with the fire of divine love. Know ye the value of these days and act as befitteth them. Blessed is the soul that hath taken its stand beneath the banner of righteousness - such a one is reckoned among those nigh unto God in His Book. The friends must all engage in service to the Cause. Among the greatest services, mentioned with God and crowned with His acceptance, hath been and ever shall be the reconciliation of hearts. Blessed is he who hath achieved that which he was bidden by the Ancient Ordainer.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of ’Akka. Verily it kindleth thee with the fire of love, draweth thee nigh unto the Dayspring of the light of oneness, guardeth thee from the cawing of the croakers, and preserveth thee from the hosts of the oppressors who have broken God’s covenant and His testament, who have denied His proof and His evidence, and who have committed that which hath caused the near ones to lament.

O Khalil! The Glorious Lord is afflicted and tormented in the hands of the Nimrods of the world. At every moment some harm befalleth Him, and each day some calamity descendeth. The fire of hatred blazeth from every direction. Glory be to God! Such malice hath appeared as hath had and hath no likeness or equal. That unjust one, seeing the Wronged One without any helper, hath perpetrated that which no cruel one or oppressor hath ever wrought. Verily, We fear not him nor those whom he hath led astray to commit an oppression the like of which the eye of creation hath not beheld. We beseech God to aid all to return unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O ’Abdu’l-Jalil! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have mentioned thee in such wise as to perpetuate thy remembrance throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having mentioned me and numbered me among those who have attained unto the hearing of Thy call and the beholding of Thy signs. I testify that through Thy Most Exalted Word the spirit of life was breathed into all creation, and through Thee was made manifest that which had been hidden from eyes and sight.

O Islam! The divine sheep are afflicted amongst wolves. Each day there occurreth that which causeth the greatest consternation. The owls of the world have purposed its destruction. Beseech thou God that He deprive not His servants of justice and fairness. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and mighty command.

O ’Abbas! There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no one else among all created things. The newspaper Akhtar hath raised its banner out of hatred for this Wronged One. Its purpose hath been and still is to curry favor with the oppressors. We beseech God to decree for them what He willeth and to raise Me unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

O Mahdi! We have heard the cry of My loved ones and have answered them from this glorious and exalted Station. This is a precious and blessed day. All must arise to do what is meet and seemly, and guide heedless souls to the horizon of awareness. We beseech God to assist all to stand firm in this Great Steadfastness and to rend asunder the veils that have come between Him and His creatures. Verily He is the Lord of Names and the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Praise be to God! The souls mentioned have attained unto God's infinite favors. We beseech Him to keep all steadfast. Verily He hath power over all things.

At the end of the book, mention is made of Khan Baba Khan, whom We have mentioned before and for whom We have revealed that which has diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness throughout all else. We beseech God at this hour to protect him, to aid him, to exalt him through His Name amongst His servants, and to assist him in the service of His mighty Cause. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Khalil! Remember those days when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst hear the Call and behold the Supreme Horizon. He verily strengthened thee, prospered thee, and revealed unto thee that which shall not perish so long as God's Kingdom, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, shall endure. We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Verily thy Lord's knowledge encompasses all things; He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He walketh with the heaven of grace at His right hand and the kingdom of bounty at His left, while before His shining and luminous face waveth the banner of detachment. Rejoice in that thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of God's utterance, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Ismi Jamal hath made mention of thee in his petitions and hath desired for thee grace from this blessed, mighty and resplendent Dayspring. Therefore have We turned unto thee from this direction and revealed unto thee that whereby hearts are drawn and the minds of them that know are attracted.

O Khalil! Thy mention hath also come from Samandar, who hath soared in the atmosphere of My love and risen to serve My Cause. We make mention of thee and reveal unto thee this mighty Tablet. There hath befallen him at the hands of the enemies that which hath caused those near unto God to lament and the sincere ones to cry out "Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return."

His honor Samandar and Ism-i-Jud have repeatedly made mention of you. If there hath been delay in sending Tablets, it hath been and is due to the multitude of writing. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect thee and His loved ones, and to forgive those for whom thou hast sought forgiveness from the ocean of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous; He is the Munificent, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is the Most High, the Most Exalted in the Heaven of Abha!

Make mention of the name of thy Lord's servant when he entered the Spot of Paradise, the place whereon shone forth the lights of the Countenance from the Dawning-Place of Beauty with perspicuous

signs, and stood before the Throne, the scene of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and heard the melodies of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate, and attained unto all good when the breezes of holiness wafted upon him from the Ridvan of God, the Most High, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

O Ancient Beauty! Give glad tidings unto him who stood before the Throne concerning that which was ordained for him in the preserved holy scrolls. Say: Verily thy arrival upon the shore of grandeur, the station wherein surged the ocean of names through the name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, is better than all that hath been created in the heavens and the earth.

O thou who journeyest unto God! Take thy portion from this ocean and deprive not thyself of that which hath been ordained therein, and be of them that attain. Were all who are in the heavens and earth to be given but a drop thereof, they would find themselves enriched through the enrichment of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take, with the hand of detachment, a handful from this Living Ocean, then sprinkle it upon all created things, that they may be purified from human limitations and be brought nigh unto the Most Sublime Vision of God, this hallowed and resplendent spot.

If thou findest thyself alone, grieve not, for God sufficeth thee. Commune then with Him and be of the thankful. Deliver the Cause of thy Lord to all who are in the heavens and on earth. If thou findest one who turneth unto it, reveal unto him the pearls of the wisdom of God, thy Lord, which the Spirit hath cast upon thee, and be of them that turn. And if thou findest one who turneth away, turn thou away from him and put thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

By the True One! Whosoever openeth his lips today in remembrance of the name of his Lord, upon him shall descend the hosts of divine inspiration from the dawning-place of My name, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, and the denizens of the Supreme Concourse shall descend upon him with chalices of light. Thus hath it been ordained in the heaven of command by One mighty and powerful.

God hath, behind the Tabernacle of Holiness, servants who shall appear on earth and aid this Cause, and they shall fear no one even should all creation war against them. These shall arise between the heavens and earth, making mention of God with their loudest voice and calling the people unto the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Follow thou in their footsteps, fear no one, and be of them whom the clamor of the people doth not sadden in the path of their Creator, nor are deterred by the blame of the blamer.

Go forth with the Tablet of God and His signs unto them that have believed, and give them glad tidings of the holy Ridvan. Then warn the idolaters. Say: O people! By God, I have come to you from the direction of the Throne with a message from God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great, and in my hand is a proof from God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old. Weigh it with the true balance of whatsoever proofs ye possess from the Prophets and Messengers. If ye find it to be the truth from God, beware lest ye dispute concerning it or render your deeds vain, and be not of the idolaters.

These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth, and through them His Cause hath been established among His creation, and the banners of sanctity have been raised between the heavens and earth. Say: O people! This is the sealed and guarded Scroll which was inscribed by the Finger of Holiness and concealed behind the veils of the Unseen, and hath now been sent down through grace from One

mighty and ancient. Therein have We ordained the destinies of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth, and the knowledge of the ancients.

Say: His knowledge comprehendeth both the first and the last, and nothing escapeth His knowledge, nor is there aught He is powerless to accomplish among all created things, if ye be of them that understand. Say: The return hath come again, and We have stretched forth the hand of power over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and have manifested from Our Most Great Mystery, based on pure truth, secrets beyond reckoning. Thereupon did the Sinaites expire at the dawning of this crimson Light upon the Spot of Sinai. Thus did the Beauty of the All-Merciful come upon the clouds of proof, and the decree was fulfilled by God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Say to the Maiden of Paradise: Come forth from the chambers of holiness, then array thyself in the silk of eternity as thou pleaseth, and in the shimmering green silk in My Most Glorious Name. Then hearken to the most wondrous and sweet melodies raised from the direction of thy Lord's Most Exalted Throne. Then appear from the horizon of the veil with the ornament of the heavenly maiden, and deprive not the servants of the radiance of thy shining countenance. And shouldst thou hear the sighing of the peoples of earth and heaven, grieve not - leave them to perish in the dust of extinction and be annihilated by the fire of hatred kindled in their souls. Then sing with the sweetest melodies between earth and heaven in remembrance of the Name of the King of Names and Attributes. Thus have We ordained the matter for thee, and verily We are powerful over all things.

Beware lest thou remove from thy most pure form the most luminous garment. Rather, add unto it at all times from the garments of eternity in the heaven of creation, that the ornament of God may be manifest through thee in all things besides Him, and thy Lord's grace be perfected unto all worlds. And shouldst thou find in anyone the fragrance of thy Lord's love, sacrifice thyself in His path, for We created thee for Him, and thus did We take from thee the covenant in the eternal atoms before the company of them that are nigh. Be not dismayed by the arrows of conjecture from the people of allusions - leave them to themselves, for they follow the promptings of Satan.

Then cry out between earth and heaven: "By God the Truth! I am the Maiden created by Glory in the palace of His Most Glorious Name, and He adorned my soul with the ornament of Names in the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, I was preserved behind the veils of chastity and concealed from the gaze of creation, when I heard the most wondrous melodies from the right side of the All-Merciful. I bear witness that the Paradise stirred within itself with longing to hear it and desire to attain its presence." Thus have We sent down in the Qayyumu'l-Asma' upon the melody of eternity, and upon the sweetest melody in this clear Tablet.

Say: He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth; by His sovereignty He ordaineth what He desireth by His command, and He shall not be asked of what He willeth and desireth. He is the Chosen One, the Powerful, the Wise. They that have denied God and His sovereignty, these are they whom the self and passion have overcome, and they shall return to their abode in the fire - evil indeed is the abode of the deniers.

Adorn thyself with My love, then thy heart with My remembrance, then thy tongue with the propagation of My Cause. Thus hath it been ordained for thee in preserved tablets of might. Then walk among the people with God's dignity and tranquility, that His signs may be manifest through thee among the worlds. If there be kindled within thy soul from this Fire which God hath lit in the heart of Paradise, that the warmth of the Cause might be generated through thee in the hearts of them that have believed in God and are of the faithful. Walk thou in My footsteps and speak naught but pure truth, then show humility before God's unified servants. Thus doth the Tongue of the Cause counsel thee - hearken unto what thou art commanded, then act upon it, that thou mayest be of them that attain. Verily, they from whom God's signs are not manifest in His commandments - the verdict of faith shall not be confirmed for them. Yet most people remain veiled from God's Cause.

Speak not except in absolute truth, then be submissive to the servants of God who are believers in His unity. Thus doth the Tongue of Divine Command admonish thee. Hearken unto that which thou art bidden, then act accordingly, that thou mayest be among those who have attained. Verily, those from whom the signs of God are not manifested in His commandments - upon them shall not be confirmed the decree of faith, yet most people remain veiled from God's Cause and are among the most lost of evil folk.

Say: O people! Doth it befit anyone to attribute himself to his Lord, the Most Merciful, while committing that which Satan himself would commit? Nay, by the Beauty of the All-Glorious, were ye of them that know! Sanctify your hearts from love of the world, then your tongues from mention of aught save Him, then your limbs from whatsoever would keep you from attaining His presence and draw you nigh unto the promptings of desire. Fear God, O people, and be of the God-fearing.

Say: O people! If ye say what ye do not practice, what then is the difference between you and those who said "God is our Lord," yet when He came to them upon the clouds of holiness, they denied Him and were among the rejectors? Free yourselves from the world and its ornaments. Beware lest ye draw nigh unto it, for it biddeth you to transgression and wickedness and preventeth you from the straight path of glory. Know ye that the world is your heedlessness of your Creator and your occupation with aught else save Him. The hereafter is that which draweth you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Whatsoever preventeth you this day from the love of God - that indeed is the world. Shun it, that ye may be among the successful ones.

He whom nothing preventeth from God - no harm shall come to him though he adorn himself with the ornaments of the earth and its decorations and whatsoever hath been created therein, for God hath created all that is in the heavens and on earth for His servants who believe in His unity. Eat, O people, of that which God hath made lawful unto you and deprive not yourselves of His wondrous bounties. Then give thanks unto Him and be of the thankful.

O thou who hast migrated unto God! Deliver unto the people the messages of thy Lord, that perchance they may be withheld from the direction of self and passion, and may remember the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O people! Fear God, shed not blood, oppose no soul, and be of the doers of good. Beware lest ye spread corruption in the land after its reformation, and follow not the ways of the heedless. Whosoever among you desireth to deliver the Cause of his Lord, it behooveth him first to deliver it unto himself, then unto the people, that his words may attract the hearts of the hearers.

Without this, his words will never influence the hearts of the seekers. Beware, O people, lest ye be of them who enjoin righteousness upon others but forget their own selves. Such are belied by whatsoever proceedeth from their mouths, then by the realities of things, then by the angels drawn nigh. And if the words of these have influence upon anyone, this is not from them but from what hath been ordained in the words by the presence of One mighty and wise. Their likeness in the sight of God is as a lamp from which servants receive light while it consumeth itself and becometh of those that are consumed.

Say: O people! Commit not that whereby your honor and the honor of the Cause are lost among the servants, lest ye be numbered among the workers of corruption. Draw not nigh unto that which your minds reject. Shun iniquity, for it hath been forbidden unto you in the Book which none may touch save those whom God hath cleansed from every impurity and made them of the purified ones. Be just with yourselves, then with others, that the signs of justice may be manifested from your deeds among Our sincere servants.

Take heed lest ye betray the trust of any person. Be ye trustees among men, and withhold not from the poor what God in His bounty hath bestowed upon you. He verily shall recompense the charitable double what they have expended. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He giveth to whomsoever He willeth, and withholdeth from whomsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Giver, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Gracious.

Say: O people of Baha! Teach ye the Cause of God, for God hath prescribed unto every soul the duty to proclaim His Message, and regardeth it as the most meritorious of all deeds, inasmuch as it can never be accepted except after recognition of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. He hath ordained that teaching be accomplished through utterance and not otherwise. Thus hath the command been sent down from the Realm of God, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise. Beware lest ye contend with anyone; rather, explain through goodly speech and wise counsel. If one be receptive, well and good; if not, leave him to himself and turn toward the Holy Court, the sanctified and luminous Seat. Dispute not with anyone concerning the world and what hath been ordained therein, for God hath abandoned it to such as have set their hearts upon it. He desireth naught of it save the hearts of His servants, which are conquered through the hosts of revelation and utterance. Thus hath the decree been recorded by the Fingers of Baha on the Tablet of destiny by the command of One Who is the All-Knowing Ordainer. Have mercy on yourselves, then on your kindred, and then on God's sincere servants. Should ye find one who is abased, be not proud toward him, for the King of Glory passeth by him in these days, and none knoweth this save him whose will is the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

O ye that are rich! When ye behold one who is poor and dust-stained, flee not from him, but rather sit with him and ask concerning that which hath befallen him from the seas of God's decree. By God, in that state the denizens of the Supreme Concourse will observe you, and will pray for you, and will implore forgiveness for you, and will extol and glorify you with sanctified, pure and eloquent tongues. Blessed is the learned one who prideth not himself on his knowledge, and well is it with the righteous one who revileth not the sinful, concealing their misdeeds that God may conceal his own guilty actions, for He is the best of those who hide faults. Be ye, O people, concealers of faults in the earth and forgivers in the lands, that God may forgive you through His grace. Then pardon ye, that God may pardon you and clothe

you in the garment of grace. And should any one of the believers seek your protection and ye have the means, then grant him protection, and deny him not what he seeketh, that God may protect you in the shadow of His mercy on the Day when hearts shall boil, livers shall burn, and the limbs of all creation shall tremble.

Say: O people! Hold fast to pure truthfulness, for by it your souls shall be adorned, your names exalted, your stations elevated, and your ranks enhanced among the people of the earth, and in the life to come ye shall have a mighty reward. Thus do We counsel those who have believed, that they may hear what they are counseled in the Book of God and find their way to Him Who is the Lord of Grace.

O thou who hast attained unto the Most Sublime Vision! The time appointed for thy presence before the Throne hath been fulfilled. Arise, by God's leave, and take the Book of Divine Grace, then proceed with it unto the lands and give glad tidings unto their people of the good-pleasure of God, the King, the Most High, the Most Great. Yet carry from this Paradise the sweet-scented breezes of fellowship, that thou mayest quicken thereby the hearts of those who have been thunderstruck by the thunderbolt of His Cause, that they may arise from the graves of heedlessness and utter that which the Spirit uttered on that day in the Most Exalted Paradise: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come in the name of 'Ali before Nabil is the Manifestation of His sovereignty, the Dayspring of His signs, and the Source of His grace and power unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Moreover, he who speaketh at this hour speaketh by virtue of His might and honor, His grandeur, and furthermore His majesty and glory, unto all created things. Thus doth it behove thee and those who are established in the Seat of His Cause and have quaffed the choice wine that hath been unsealed from this hallowed and luminous Cup.

And when thou arrivest in the Land of Ta, spread this Tablet before Our Name, the All-Bountiful, that his eyes may be solaced thereby and his soul rejoice, and that he may be numbered among those who are glad. Then spread it before those who have emerged from the darkness of idle fancy and taken their station upon the seat of certitude. There thou shalt hear the clamor of those who have disbelieved and turned away and were among the idolaters. Say: O people! Do ye disbelieve in God Who created you and fashioned you and caused you to know the Manifestation of His Self and made you to be among those who know? Beware, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves of the oceans of inner meanings and follow every froward devil. Look with sanctified vision upon God's Balance that ye may recognize His true and upright Balance. Say: Today it behooveth every soul to purify his heart from attachment to whatsoever hath been created between the heavens and the earth, to sanctify his ears from all that he hath heard, and to return his sight unto that which lieth before him of the proofs whereby God hath revealed His Cause in every age and dispensation, and then unto the proof that hath appeared in this day with manifest sovereignty; and to ponder the signs of God and reflect upon them. By God! Then will the sun of certitude dawn upon him from the dayspring of his Lord's utterance and illumine his heart, and he shall be numbered among those who are assured.

Say: The handiwork of God can never be mistaken for the handiwork of any among the people, yet the people confound themselves. What aileth them that they fail to comprehend even a single utterance from God, the Mighty, the All-Informed? Say: After the rising of the sun and its radiance, doth any light of any luminous thing remain? Nay, by the Self of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Powerful! Thus

have We mentioned the Cause and completed the proof unto all who are on earth, all of them together. And We take God and His chosen ones and furthermore His angels as witnesses that I have not fallen short in aught that I was commanded, and have conveyed His messages unto the East of the earth and its West. He and they suffice as witness and knower concerning Me.

And when thou dost arrive in the Land of Za, remind those servants who dwell there of this Most Great Remembrance. Say: O people! Believe in God and in that which hath been sent down from His presence, and follow not those who have disbelieved in the signs of the All-Merciful and His sovereignty, yet make mention of Him morning and evening. Say: Your likeness is as the likeness of those who would make mention of God at eventide and at dawn, yet when God came unto them in the shadow of His Most Exalted Name, they denied Him and were numbered with the idolaters. Say: O people! Aid ye God with your souls and your possessions, then stand firm in His Cause in such wise that should all who are on earth wage war against you, your feet would not slip from the path of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Stand firm, O people, in that hour when Satan entereth upon you with that which hindereth men from the love of God and calleth them unto the most great tyrant. Thus do We inform you that ye may be of them that know. By the True One! Whatsoever ye have heard concerning this Cause hath appeared from Mine Own invincible and wondrous Command. We have referred it to others for a wisdom from Our presence, lest the hearts of the idolaters be drawn to a single place, and that the Cause might be preserved from the harm of every harmful and obstinate soul. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! They who would conceal their faces from every seeing one have risen against Me with a tyranny wherewith no tyranny of them of old can compare. And when thou seest Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, give him glad tidings from Our presence, then remind him of that which hath been sent down unto him in tablets of mighty preservation. Say: O servant! Stand firm in the Cause and associate not partners with God, then suffice thyself with Him above all else, and be thou firmly established. Detach thyself from all else but Me, find solace in My remembrance, and be not of the doubtful ones. Arise in pure servitude, for through it the Cause of God, thy Lord, is established and mercy descendeth upon the worlds. Say: O people! Measure not the Cause of God by that which your souls have fancied, transgress not your bounds, and be not of the mischief-makers. And whoso transgresseth his bounds this day shall not be mentioned before God and shall be numbered with the transgressors. Prostrate yourselves before God, your Lord, and when the sun of wisdom shineth forth from the dawning-place of utterance, fall ye down upon the dust in humility before your Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus doth it beseem you, O concourse of them that are near! And whoso hath found the sweetness and delight of servitude will never exchange it for aught of what hath been created between the heavens and the earths. Through it shall your faces be illumined, your breasts purified, your souls sanctified, and your traces exalted among the worlds. Know ye, moreover, that the most honored before God are the most humble and God-fearing among you. Thus have We sent down aforetime and now, and We, verily, are the Senders Down. Hearken, O people, unto that which God commandeth you in the kingdom of His Cause, and be not of them who have been remiss in the side of God and have transgressed that which We have ordained for them. Evil, indeed, is the abode of the transgressors.

O thou who art present before the Throne! Consort with the people with wisdom, then guard thyself lest harm befall thee and it return to the Divine Lote-Tree, exalted and inaccessible. Shun matters that give

rise to sedition, then seek thy Lord's grace at all times. Beware lest thou forget these days. By God! A moment thereof cannot be equaled by the time of those who have gone before or shall come after, and none shall attain unto their presence save whom thy Lord willeth. Thus have We ordained the matter, and We were the Ordainers. Forget not the times when thou wert present before the Throne in the Most Great Paradise, when the Sun of thy Lord's Beauty shone upon thee at all times with wondrous rays, and thou didst drink the wine of verses from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful, and wert blessed with God's bounty - the Bestower, the Giver, the Generous. When thou seest one approaching the sanctuary of God to enter the seat of the mighty Throne, prevent him on Our behalf, for thereby souls are troubled and harm returneth to My Self, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Turn not unto the direction of God except by His leave. Thus hath the decree shone forth from the horizon of a wise command. Then convey thy Lord's command in every city. If thou findest one detached, give him glad tidings of God's mercy and bounty. Then mention to him what hath befallen Us at the hands of the hosts of Satan. Say: By God! There hath befallen Us what hath befallen no one amongst all creation, whereby the lamentation of every discerning mystic was raised, and all things created in the realm of being weep at My tribulation - nay, all within God's knowledge, were ye of those who know. Those who were created by the will of My Pen have denied My Self and have written tablets against Me whereby their deeds are rendered vain, though they perceive it not. Thereby have the traces of grace been effaced, the waters of mercy cut off, the clouds of bounty withheld, and the breezes of holiness ceased to blow upon all the worlds. Recount thou the Youth's tale as thou knowest it - add not nor subtract therefrom, and be upon a straight path of truth. Then inform the people of the calumnies of those souls who have disbelieved and associated partners with God. Say: By God! They desired naught thereby save to turn the servants away from the direction of the Throne. By God! They are in manifest error. When thou arrivest in the land of Ba from Kha, remember on Our behalf its people - both men and women among the devoted ones - that they may rejoice within themselves and be among the glad ones. Say: By God! The Most Great Mystery hath appeared in the eternal form and when He moved His lips with a word, the forms of those near unto God dispersed from around Him. O people! Be steadfast in God's Cause and His sovereignty and deny not Him in Whom ye believed before. Thus doth the servant counsel you at a time when tribulations have encompassed him from all sides from the manifestations of the polytheists, and he sitteth imprisoned, finding no helper for himself save God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Wise. By God, the Truth! At every moment I am slain by all swords, and none knoweth this save God, the Counter, the All-Knowing. O thou traveler! We have previously revealed for the devoted women a tablet We named the Tablet of Baha, wherein We made mention through allusion of what hath befallen Us. Take thou a copy thereof, then go unto them and read it unto them that they may remember what hath befallen the Youth from the hosts of Satan. Say: O loved ones of God! Guard yourselves lest Satan prevent you from the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Then remember Him with the melodies of those who are attracted, for by His remembrance hearts are purified, souls are refined, and the hearts of the lovers are drawn nigh.

When thou reachest Kha, make mention there of the sincere servants of God, and convey unto them from Us a remembrance, a mercy and a light. Then recount unto them the story of the Youth, that they may be numbered among those who remember. Then make mention of the name of God, ?, who was of the remnants of the family of Husayn between the heavens and the earth - they who sacrificed their souls in the path of God, their Creator, and were among the striving ones. These are they who strove with their

wealth and their souls before the Countenance, until they entered the Paradise of the All-Merciful and were therein among the secure ones. Then they shall rejoice in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the youth of the All-Glorious shall circle round them with chalices of immortality, and the maids of glory shall serve them morning and evening. Thus doth God recompense those who suffered martyrdom in His path, and fulfill the rewards of those who were afflicted with hardships in His Cause. How excellent is the reward of those who strive!

Then turn towards the direction of Our Most Great Name with the Tablet of God and its traces, then enter upon him with a mighty glad-tiding. Then remind him of that which the Spirit hath cast upon thee from this noble scene. Then inform him of the tales of the Youth that he may be apprised of what hath befallen Us in this remote prison, that he may be a partner in Our tribulations and may remember what hath come upon Us in these days, and be of those who remember. Say: O thou who gazeth upon the Most Great Scene! Forget not the remembrance of thy Lord. Arise to the Cause with steadfastness from Us and power from Our presence, and convey unto the people that which thou art commanded, and be not of the patient ones. Seek help at all times from God, thy Lord. Then rend asunder the veils of the deluded ones. Thus did We command thee before, and We command thee now with clear signs.

Then make mention of those who are there from among the detached servants of God. Say: O people! Arise for the Cause of God and His religion, then aid it and be of the helpers. Then know ye that He is indeed independent of all else, and that which He commandeth the people is of His grace unto them, for thereby shall they ascend unto the station of nearness in the Most Exalted Paradise - to this every person of keen insight beareth witness. Thus have We commanded thee and ordained for thee - act according to what thou art commanded and be manifestly just. God shall soon recompense the deeds of those who conveyed His Cause, whom neither the censure of the censurer, nor the gloating of the gloater, nor the prevention of the preventer, nor the abundance of the corrupters deterred.

And when thou beholdest thy brother who hath been named Ahmad in the Kingdom of Names, remind him of the remembrance of God, his Lord. Then mention unto him what hath befallen Us in this far-off land. Say: O servant! Take heed lest thou be grieved in thyself at a time when the souls of all beings, whether small or great, are grief-stricken. Purify thy sight from the veils that thou mayest witness what hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's words - the Sun of meanings and utterance - and be of them that know. Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and turn not to the right or to the left, for this is indeed a great bounty. Abide beneath the shade of the Tree, taste of its fruits, and be of the thankful ones. Thus do We command thee, that thou mayest abandon what thy desires bid thee and take hold of what thy Lord commandeth thee. By God! This is better for thee, if thou be of them that act. And thou, O thou who art present before the Throne and gazing upon the Most Great Scene, rejoice within thyself for having been named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names, and the Herald in the Supreme Dominion, and Mahmud before the Throne. Thus doth God single out for His grace whomsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having attained unto all good and its source, and for being among them that have attained, and for having drunk the choice sealed wine of grace from its fountain and source, and for being among the triumphant ones. God will soon manifest the excellence of that which thou hast attained and will reward thee for what thou hast wrought in His path, if thou act according to what thou hast been bidden by One All-Wise, All-Knowing. Thus hath the proof of thy Lord

been perfected for thee and for those who have believed in God and His signs, and for all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. Thereupon the Pen of Command ceased its movement, due to a wisdom which none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Praise be unto Him in all conditions. There is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all shall return unto Him.

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

Praise be to God Who is single in majesty and unique in grandeur! He hath uttered the Word whereby the heavens of hearts and minds were raised up. Then He spoke another word, whereupon a light shone forth, and when the winds of will caught hold of it, it scattered and formed a dome across the face of heaven, and by each fragment thereof was illumined the heart of every one who turned towards Him and the breast of every one who set his face towards Him. Verily, He it is Who doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His power. The conditions of the world cannot frustrate Him, nor can the intimations of the nations, nor can the might of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, strike fear into Him. Praise be to God Who hath raised up the heaven of the Tablet and adorned it with the suns of words and the stars of letters, in each one of which surgeth an ocean of wisdom and inner meanings. Exalted be the Eternal Sovereign Who hath established Himself upon the Throne with a power that the might of the world hath failed to weaken and the doings of those who have risen up in opposition and manifested such hypocrisy as hath never appeared on the horizons cannot frustrate. To this testifieth the Tongue that speaketh on this Day of the Covenant. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested from the horizon of heaven that which drew unto Him all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Thereupon all things were stirred, every face was turned, every eye was fixed, every heart was drawn, and every foot hastened. Then He desired to test them, and thereby there rose from the horizon of destiny the sun of tribulation, whereat souls were troubled and pillars were shaken. Among the people were those who turned away after having advanced, those who feared after having been assured, those who retreated after having drawn nigh, those who became distant after having been near, those who paused after having proceeded, and those who weakened after having been strong, that thereby might be distinguished those who sought Him, detached from all directions. These are they whom neither the circumstances of destiny nor the manifestations of tribulation could hold back. They spoke with both outer and inner tongue, saying: "In Thy name, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations!" They hastened unto Him, nay rather, they soared on wings of certitude to the horizon of His grace and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hand of His bounty. These are servants who discovered the sweetness of remembrance and were seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of knowledge which the fingers of their Lord, the All-Merciful, proffered unto them. Blessed are

they, then blessed are they! Exalted is He Who hath appeared with this mighty grace and profound generosity.

I bear witness that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been in His loftiness and exaltation, sanctified above the description of His creatures and the mention of His servants. Hearts and minds cannot comprehend Him, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book.

Thereafter, O thou who hast drunk from the cup of utterance! The servant hath received what thou didst send by the hand of one of the loved ones. I read it and found therein the fragrance of your love for God, our Lord and your Lord, and your turning unto God, our Quest and your Quest. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you the good of this world and the next and to vouchsafe unto you that whereby your mention shall be exalted in His days. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

In Persian this is submitted so that the points may be made known and clear to each of the friends without veil or barrier, that perhaps through his honor's efforts those servants who are seen to be wavering and disturbed by the might of oppression and tyranny may be adorned with the light of certitude and the ornament of assurance. This servant is deeply thoughtful, for he observes that at every moment the world testifies in its own tongue to its transience, yet for the sake of these fleeting two days all are deprived of the eternal Kingdom, save those souls who have drunk the wine of certitude from the hand of bounty. These are the [nigh-brought] servants, and these are they on whom shall come no fear, neither shall they grieve. We beseech God to grant all attentive ears that they may attain to the hearing of divine words. He is the true Bestower and the real Munificent One. Thus in certain Tablets this word hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will - exalted be His utterance: "Should anyone attain unto hearing the call of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, in the Kingdom of Creation, verily he would not remain in his place but would arise with wisdom and utterance to make mention of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praised."

And likewise in other Tablets He saith, the meaning of which in Persian is this: Were the people of earth to attain to hearing the divine call, all would turn to the supreme horizon and drink of the most glorious wine. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge that if they were to perceive with the true ear even one note from the melodies of the birds of the Throne, they would sacrifice their lives in the path of the Friend and would not return alive from the place of sacrifice, even as those who drank of the Kawthar of inner meanings did not return, and whatsoever they possessed of wealth and life and kindred they gave in the path of that Sun of Truth - how excellent is the reward of the doers!

Should a soul drink but a drop from the ocean of love, or attain unto a dewdrop from the sea of detachment, he would behold all the world as like unto a handful of dust, and whatsoever is in the heavens and earth would not hold him back from the path of the Friend. Some time ago a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine Will, and in that most holy, most exalted Tablet this passage was recorded by the Supreme Pen: "One effulgence from the Sun of detachment fell upon the kings; they passed beyond self and other and laid their heads in the wilderness. Among them was Nu'man, upon whom shone [one night] the Sun of the Word rising from the dayspring of detachment. He became thoughtful and bewildered, and when he emerged from the stupor of wonderment, he addressed himself

to himself, saying: 'What use are all these treasures and ornaments thou hast gathered, which tomorrow another shall possess, and another shall sit upon thy throne?' In an instant the wine of detachment so attracted him that it brought him to a station where he passed beyond treasuries and riches, crown and throne, and all the means of pomp and sovereignty, and that very night he left his house and turned toward the wilderness. When morning came and the nobles were present, they found the throne of kingship without its king. However much they searched, they found no trace of him. And if today this station were to be manifested to all who dwell on earth, from the highest to the lowest, thou wouldst behold them all detached from all save God, for they would witness their own […]"

And if the lowest of these stations be manifested, behold ye all severed from aught else save God, for verily they would become cognizant of the transience and nothingness of the world, and would observe with the eye of insight that all people testify to the ephemeral nature of the world. However, this testimony hath no reality and hath not attained the station of being a true attribute, for if they were to truly comprehend and observe with the true eye, they would never deprive themselves of God's infinite bounties on account of it. Most instances of seeing, speaking, hearing, and knowing are incidental, not real. Every person of insight beareth witness to these words, and every person of knowledge hath testified and continueth to testify to their truth. We beseech God to aid all people to hearken unto His blessed Word, that all may be purified from the turbidity of the world and its heedlessness, and may turn with heart and soul to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful.

O brother! The fire of God is ablaze and the light of God is dawning from the horizon of bounty. The ocean of grace is surging and the Sovereign of the unseen and seen is established upon the throne of manifestation. Yet all are heedless, bereft, extinguished and far removed. Nothing has prevented these souls except the evil deeds they have committed and perpetrated in the past. If one were to gaze upon the verses, they have filled the East and West of the earth - none has any excuse to turn away or object. And if one were to look upon the clear proofs and miracles, all things testify that there hath appeared through Him that which hath never appeared in creation. Beyond this, whatsoever hath appeared and will appear had been sent down and revealed from the Supreme Pen years before. This servant knoweth not whether your honor hath been blessed to witness the verses revealed in the Land of Mystery, Iraq, and the Most Great Prison or not. The blessed Surih of Ra'is was revealed at the time of departure from Adrianople - most of the companions witnessed and can testify to this, and that blessed Tablet is in the possession of many. Take it and observe how all that transpired in the Ottoman realm was explicitly recorded therein, detail by detail. Likewise in the Tablet of Paris, wherein mention of the sovereign of that land and what would befall him was revealed in detail from the Supreme Pen. Beyond these, whatsoever man may contemplate or imagine, even greater and more perfect examples thereof have appeared on earth. Nevertheless, the people, like unto spiders, weave webs of vain imaginings. They have turned away from the Truth and clung to falsehood without any clear proof or evidence. They have denied the Divine Testimony, before which all atoms bow down in humility, and have turned away from His proof, clinging instead to the sources of conjecture and fancy who are but the ignorant divines of the age. Fie upon them and upon those who follow them without any clear proof from God, the Exalted, the Great. In the Furqan, God - glorified and exalted be He - sayeth: "On the day when thy Lord cometh, or

some of the signs of thy Lord," and likewise: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Worlds." Many such verses exist in the Furqan, which distinguisheth truth from falsehood, and in previous Books as well. This evanescent servant hath repeatedly written and sent these verses in submissions to friends both past and present, therefore this letter shall suffice with brevity. We beseech God to sanctify the eyes of hearts and minds from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings, that they may be blessed to witness the effulgences of His Countenance after the passing away of all things. One word sufficeth the seeker - the fragrance of truth can be distinguished from it. The scent of the rose and aught else is clear and evident - any discerning one can tell them apart, provided the sense of smell hath not been altered by incidental conditions. But if, God forbid, the sense of smell be impaired, no distinction can be made. These are days when the sprinkling drops of the ocean of utterance have refreshed and quickened all created things, yet most of mankind, who regard themselves as the noblest of creatures, remain remote therefrom and are unaware. This is why it hath been said that if man manifests true humanity, he is superior to the angels.

They remain unaware. Thus it hath been said that if man manifesteth his true humanity, he is superior to the angels; but if he falls short thereof, he becomes lower than the beasts. It is hoped that thou wilt shine forth like unto a brilliant lamp and become the cause of awakening heedless souls.

Regarding what thou didst write about a Tablet revealed to one of the servants wherein this blessed verse from the Furqan was mentioned - His exalted Word: "And they thought as ye think, that God would not raise up any one after him" - and that in the verse the word "after" (min ba'd) does not appear, and that a learned person out of necessity asked several people that if the word "after" had been in the Qur'an the proof for this Most Great Manifestation would have been complete, but since the word "after" is not there, how can it be proven? O brother, I shall make one statement: if there be the slightest attention paid, it will suffice - the horizon of doubt will be transformed to certainty and the Sun of the Cause will shine forth in such wise that no trace of darkness will remain in existence. That statement is this: every seeker, every aspirant, every worker must first purify his heart from the suppositions and imaginings of people and, relying upon Him, arise to know the Truth, exalted be His glory, so that according to his capacity he may recognize and comprehend the Truth through Its attributes, signs, tokens, proofs and evidences. For that Ancient Ocean, that Sun of Truth, that Heaven of Bounty cannot be known in Its essence and reality - the Prophets have confessed their powerlessness, the sincere ones their perplexity, and those near unto God their remoteness. This station needeth no mention or explanation, for it is accepted by all and all people acknowledge and confess it. And since the birds of understanding and knowledge are incapable of soaring to that most exalted and supreme station, it hath been commanded to look unto the signs, that perchance each one according to his station and capacity may comprehend the true Creator. And whosoever attaineth unto this station and drinketh a drop from the ocean of knowledge - that is, attaineth unto the recognition of God and knoweth Him - in this case whatsoever He commandeth is acceptable, His decree is binding, and His bidding is effective. Consider this blessed word which declareth "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." Those who acknowledge this blessed word are reckoned among the people of truth, and they are souls who have drunk of the wine of inner meanings and attained unto the luminous wine at the divine dawn. They are those who have not and will never say "how" and "why" regarding the Cause of God. But concerning the verse:

firstly, no one knoweth what was in the Book of God aforetime; and secondly, if the first Speaker addeth to or diminisheth from His own words or verses, He hath been and is free to do so, for He is the One Who speaketh in the Tree, He is the One Who speaketh in the Furqan, He is the One Who speaketh in the Bayan, and He is the One Who speaketh in all Books, Scriptures and Psalms from the beginning that hath no beginning. Should anyone look into and ponder upon the Book of Certitude, which was revealed at the time of the appearance of the Luminary of the horizons from the horizon of Iraq, he will find himself independent. By the Sun of Truth, in that blessed Book are treasured the pearls of divine knowledge and concealed the oceans of recognition. Blessed is the state of him who with complete detachment turned unto it and attained thereunto. And the purpose of mentioning this blessed verse was that the people of this age might know […]

And the purpose of mentioning this blessed verse was that the people of this age might know and become aware that in past ages and bygone centuries, the people of those centuries also spoke according to the meaning of this verse, saying that no other Prophet would come and none would be raised up with a Message. And this meaning is conveyed whether or not the word "thereafter" appears in the outward text, for the meaning of the blessed verse becomes this: they supposed, just as you have supposed, that God would raise up no one. And the word "thereafter" was implicit in the verse, just as in another place He explicitly states - exalted be His utterance: "Joseph came to you aforetime with clear signs, yet ye ceased not to doubt of the message with which He came to you, until, when He died, ye said 'God will by no means raise up a Messenger after Him.' Thus doth God mislead him who is a transgressor, a doubter." Observe that the meaning of that verse is exactly present in this verse - "thereafter" being implicit there and explicit here. And the purpose of mentioning "thereafter" in this verse was that those who turn away and object to the Cause of God might understand that in former times too, in every age when the Sun of Truth dawned from the Dayspring of manifestation, the servants of that age turned away and said that after their Prophet and their Book, none would be raised up. In brief, the mention of the word "thereafter" was for clarity of meaning, and in some blessed verses of the Furqan and previous Books, mention of what is implicit becomes necessary so that hearers might grasp the intent of the Speaker and comprehend the meaning of divine verses. For example, He says - exalted be His utterance: "We created you, then fashioned you, then said unto the angels: 'Prostrate yourselves.'" And it is established that the command to the angels to prostrate themselves came before creation. Therefore, when the divines wished to find a way to explain the meaning of the verse for the understanding and comprehension of the people, they said that the word "father" is implicit, so that the blessed verse becomes thus: "We created your father, then fashioned your father, then said unto the angels: 'Prostrate yourselves'" - meaning that We created and fashioned your father Adam, then commanded the angels to prostrate themselves before him. Were this servant to wish to mention examples of this from the glorious Word, he would have to compose a treatise and trouble your honor with reading it. Now your honor should mention to that learned person - that is, the one who said that if the word "thereafter" had been in the blessed verse, the proof would have applied to this most great Manifestation - to observe the second verse wherein the word "thereafter" is visible, manifest and evident. O brother, what was submitted was out of love for your honor; otherwise, those souls who are confirmed today, or who are in truth seeking the straight path, must know the Truth through the Truth and hold fast to His firm cord, for if they hold to aught else, they shall never attain to the ocean of knowledge nor be illumined by the rays of the Sun of

Truth that shineth from the prison's horizon. Ask all people what they say concerning the blessed verse which states "He doeth what He willeth" […]

And those who fail to be illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth which shine forth from the Orient of the Prison ask ye of all people what they say concerning the blessed verse which declareth "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." Whatsoever God ordaineth is the Book, and all must turn unto Him. His is the tongue, His is the utterance, His is the Book. Whatsoever He ordaineth is truth, whatsoever He mentioneth is truth, whatsoever proceedeth from Him is truth. Should anyone hesitate or raise objections, he hath indeed strayed from the straight path of God. God willing, that learned one whom ye mentioned should observe with the eye of fairness that which hath been submitted, that perchance he may inhale the fragrance from the gardens of true knowledge and return to the holy city of "We belong unto God." In one of the blessed Tablets this exalted word was revealed: "This is not the day for questions. It behoveth every soul, when he heareth the Call, to say: 'Here am I, here am I, O Creator of the heavens and God of Names! I testify that Thou hast manifested the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and that which none knoweth save Thee. I beseech Thee not to abandon me to myself and my desires. O my Lord! All things testify to Thy wealth and to my poverty, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.'" This evanescent servant beseecheth God that He may aid all His servants in that which pleaseth Him. Verily He is the Bestower, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful. The honored Aqa Siyyid 333 [Ali-Akbar], upon him be the Glory of God, hath oft mentioned you to this servant. I hope that, God willing, you will be assisted to serve the Cause, that there may appear through you that which shall endure in the divine Kingdom. This servant was greatly pleased by the mention of the honored Siyyid, and I beseech God to increase his success at all times. Verily He is the Protector of those who do good.

Regarding what you wrote about Mulla Ja'far Naraqi, who prior to the Manifestation considered himself among the Letters of the Living of the Bayan, and who declared that everyone who followed the Bayan must meticulously calculate all their possessions and pay its Huquq, even on their clothing and attire, and some people at that time who accepted his word paid whatever amounts they could - whether the Ancient Beauty would accept what was given as Huququ'llah, or whether it must be recalculated and paid according to this Dispensation: When this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court, He stated that Mulla Ja'far had no permission from anyone and spoke and ruled according to his own desires. However, since those souls who paid did so for the sake of God and His Cause, they are therefore pardoned and it is not permissible to request payment from them again. And this Huquq that has been mentioned, whose ordinance has shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet - its benefit returns to the servants themselves. By the life of God! If they were to become aware of what is hidden and cognizant of the ocean of grace concealed within this ordinance, all people would spend whatever they possess in His path. Blessed is he who attains unto what God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath commanded.

O brother! From that very ruling of Mulla Ja'far it becomes evident that he had not inhaled a breath from the gardens of detachment. His example is like those who busy themselves with washing the dead while intent on plundering their clothes. The Command of God hath been revealed with joy and fragrance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it, and woe unto the heedless! The Kitab-i-Aqdas, which was sent

down from the holy heaven in previous years, remained concealed for a time and He did not command that it be sent to other lands. He stated that the ordinance of Huqúqu'llah was revealed in that Book, and this was due to God's mercy and kindness, for after the servants became aware of what the All-Merciful had revealed therein, compliance with it would become obligatory upon all. Perhaps they might be reluctant to fulfill it, or something might occur to their hearts unbefitting these divine days. Later, petitions arrived at the Most Holy Court from most regions requesting the laws, and this servant sent them according to His command. However, He commanded that no one should request the Huqúq. It is prescribed in the Book of God for each soul to pay it of their own accord with the utmost joy and delight. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with.

Regarding what you wrote about the poor, whether the Huqúqu'llah can be given to them or not: this matter depends on permission. Wherever Huqúqu'llah is collected, the details of it and of the poor must be presented. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. For if general permission were given, it would not be free of differences and would cause difficulties.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Mirza Ahmad: until now no petition of intercession has arrived at the Most Holy Court from Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. Yes, many of his petitions have arrived, but mention of intercession was not made in them, and this servant has no knowledge beyond this.

That which was sent as the Huqúqu'llah to the land of ?ad has been received. Regarding your desire to journey to the Most Holy Court, this was presented and He said that in all matters one must observe wisdom, for this firm commandment has been sent down from the heaven of divine ordinances. In this year wisdom does not permit it, and thereafter the matter is in His hands. This servant is grateful to the true Object of Worship for having aided you to recognize Him and serve His Cause. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Generous. The glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon you and your family.

It is requested that you convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to the friends in that land and remind them not to be saddened by the oppression of the tyrants of the earth. Praise be to God, you have attained to that which cannot be equaled by anything visible or hidden on earth. Know the value of your station and do not let it slip from your grasp. Soon will the oppressive souls return to dust with a hundred thousand regrets and remorse, and from there descend to their destined place. Hold fast to wisdom and occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God. Death is ordained and inscribed for every soul, and when its time comes there shall be no delay. This occurs but once, and surely if it comes in the name of the Friend, in remembrance of the Friend, and in the path of the Friend, it will be most excellent, most perfect, most wondrous, most glorious, and most sweet. One who has drunk of this cup will fully comprehend the submission of this servant and will find its taste sweet to his soul.

The purpose of these passages is that they should act with wisdom, but not to such an extent that the Cause of God becomes entirely hidden among them and the fire of God is completely extinguished. They should be like the radiant morn and like the bright day, striving to manifest themselves among people through goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, for virtuous deeds have been and will continue to be the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause, and likewise the cause of awakening the servants. Glory and

praise be upon the loved ones of God who have attained the wine of steadfastness among the people, who have believed and turned to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, O Thou Who dost attract all creation through Thy sweetest call! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Concourse on High was attracted and the hearts of the inhabitants of the cities of eternity took flight, to send down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness that which will gladden the hearts of Thy loved ones who answered when they heard Thy call, who turned to Thee when Thou made known to them Thy path, and who advanced when Thou guided them to Thy way and the horizon of Thy manifestation. O Lord! They are servants who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and have borne hardships in Thy path. Thou seest them, O Beloved of all possibility, beneath the claws of the rebellious ones who have cast away Thy signs, disbelieved in Thy clear tokens, and turned away from Thy proof and Thy testimony. O Lord! The oppression of the tyrants has seized them in such wise that they are disturbed in Thy days, and tribulations have encompassed them from all directions after their having held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! Give them to drink from the Kawthar of Thy bounty, of which whoso partaketh shall neither be disturbed nor frightened by those in the land. Verily Thou art the Master of the servants and the Judge on the Day of Return. There is no God but Thee, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

The Servant

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In the Name of God, Exalted is His Station, to Him belongs all Grandeur and Power!

Praise be to God, the Sovereign of the kingdom of earth and heaven, and the Lord of might and glory, Who hath made His throne the world of humanity and ruleth therein as He pleaseth over all who possess and all who are possessed, and over all the kings. And peace and blessings be upon Him Whom He hath sent to sanctify the world and to purify it from all that withholdeth it from the Ancient King - the Essence Who hath appeared from the Mine of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. And upon His family and companions who conquered the lands and guided the people to the straight path.

Thereafter, my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! Your blessed letter dated the 19th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah was received on the 16th of Dhi'l-Hijjah. In truth it was an ornament adorning the temple of love. God willing, may the world not be deprived and forbidden from this ornament. It was presented before His face and answers to each matter dawned from the horizon of grace.

Regarding the book of Shahverdi, may the Glory of God rest upon him, He said: “Excellent is what he hath done.” The Most Glorious Name hath given it to a trustworthy person to deliver it. And likewise regarding the book of Haji Ahmad, may the Glory of God rest upon him, and concerning sending the book to the Land of Ta for binding, patience is preferable and most fitting these days. After news of ease following hardship, they will send it.

Concerning Darvish Mahdi, He made mention and these words were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

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

O Zein! We have heard mention of him who is named Mahdi and have answered thee, and We have beseeched God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to make him among those on whom shall come no fear, neither shall they grieve. O Mahdi, say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name and Thy Treasured Symbol which was concealed in Thy knowledge and inscribed in Thy Books, to assist me in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, the irrevocable Decree whereby the foundations of the world were shaken and the pillars of the nations were made to tremble. O my Lord! I have turned to Thee and faced toward Thy horizon, whereupon the hand of Thy decree prevented me. Verily Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: “Whoso seeketh to attain unto My prison without My leave is not of Me.” When I heard Thy command, I turned to another land, awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the Mother Book which none hath known save Thyself, and by the Day of Return which the heedless among Thy servants have denied, to ordain for this servant of Thine that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all names! Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Strengthen me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book, then cause to appear from me that which will spread the fragrance of eternity throughout the kingdom of Thy creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Zein! We have made mention of him and have prayed for him. Give him the glad-tidings from the Wronged One that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

Concerning what was written about Shir Ali Khan, it was presented and this is what the Kingdom of Utterance pronounced:

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

O Shir Ali! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted. He remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and summoneth thee unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. The oppressors have imprisoned My loved ones without any proof from God. They are indeed worshippers of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all created things, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all existence! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy signs, by the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance, to aid me and Thy servants in Thy love, Thy remembrance, and Thy praise.

O Lord! I am he who was attracted by Thy verses, and the sweetness of Thy utterance seized me in such wise that I became detached from all else but Thee in my longing to meet Thee. I left my home, turning my face toward Thy presence, but when I entered the city of Thy loved ones, Thy decree and ordinance prevented me, and when I heard Thy command I returned, trusting in Thee and committing my affairs unto Thee. I beseech Thee, O Ultimate Goal of them that are near unto Thee, and Ultimate Hope of them that are sincere, to inscribe me among those who have attained the living waters of Thy presence and have discovered the fragrance of Thy robe. O Lord! I implore Thee by Thy greatness not to keep me distant from the seat of Thy nearness, nor to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Shir-'Ali! God willing, mayest thou be the recipient of divine favors. Blessed be thy father and those with him and with thee who have not violated God's Covenant and Testament, and who have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them in His Manifest Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

And likewise, regarding Mirza Habib, after being mentioned in the Most Holy Presence, these exalted words were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

He is the Everlasting, the Eternal!

O Zayn! Some of the friends have borne trials, tribulations and hardships in the path of God. Whatsoever is endured in the path of God has assuredly been and will be recompensed. One deed performed today is equivalent to numerous deeds in any other day. Blessed is the beloved one upon whom there hath descended in the Path that which hath grieved hearts. God willing, may they be gladdened through the favors of the Lord and be occupied with the mention of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. His is the right to say:

O my God, my Lord, and my Master! I beseech Thee by the repositories of Thy Cause, the dawning-places of Thy revelation, and by Thy Name through which the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge appeared among Thy creation, to accept from me what I have wrought in Thy path and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the conditions of creation cannot weaken, nor can the intimations of Thy servants prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and decreest what Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Commander, the All-Wise. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O my God, to forgive me, my father, and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

As for the five Blessed Tablets, as commanded they should remain in your safekeeping. The letter of the honored beloved, Nabil the traveler, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, was received. God willing, may they be confirmed through the confirmations of the True Sovereign in that which God loves and with which He is well-pleased.

Regarding the mention that was made of the son of Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon them both be the Glory of God and His favors, it was presented, and this is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke: O Zayn, upon thee be My glory! The mention of 'Abdu'l-Mahdi was made before the Wronged One. God willing, may they be occupied with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and with His praise. The true divine bounty has

been and is His mention and praise, and in one station His Cause, and in another His knowledge, and in yet another certitude, unto whatsoever God willeth. We beseech God to aid all to accomplish that which hath been revealed in the Book and is acceptable before the Throne. We send Our greetings to him from this distant spot and counsel him with that which will draw him nearer unto God in all conditions. Verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, and with Him is the decree of the beginning and the end.

To the presence of His name 66 [Allah], upon him be all 9 [Baha], I convey this servant's greetings and remembrance, and they too remember that presence in all conditions. May God grant us both bliss in the Hereafter and in this world.

Regarding the question about the Huquq threshold, due to haste there is no opportunity to present the answer now. God willing, it will be sent later.

Your previous letter dated the 15th of the blessed month of Ramadan gave life to the soul and attained the hearing of the Intended One, may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake.

Concerning what you wrote about the trusts of Haji Khavar, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah], they all arrived through Haji Muhammad Baqir, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise the petitions sent in the company of Aqa Nuru'llah were received.

Regarding what you wrote about Akbar, son of Aqa 'Abdu'l from Kirmanshah, it was presented before His presence, and this utterance emerged from the horizon of proof:

He is God!

O Akbar! God willing, may you attain unto the divine bounties, both outward and inward, exalted be His glory. The world is encompassed by the smoke of oppression. We beseech God that He may illumine the people of Baha in these dark times with the light of justice and sanctify the horizon of equity from the clouds of tyranny. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou knowest and seest that this servant hath desired to turn unto the lights of Thy countenance and to visit Thy Sacred House which Thou hast ordained for all people. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of its visitation and to decree for me what Thou hast decreed for Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And this is what was revealed for Ja'far from N.J.:

He is God, exalted is He!

O Ja'far! It behooveth thee to make up for what hath passed thee by. We counsel thee with what God hath revealed in the Book and We pray for thee and beseech Him to send down upon thee from the heaven of His grace that which will profit thee and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He knoweth thee better than thou knowest thyself, as attested by that which was revealed unto the Prophets and Messengers. Adorn thyself with the ornament of submission and say:

O my Merciful Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will make me content with what Thou hast chosen for me by Thy mighty and great command. Verily, Thou art God, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And regarding what you wrote about ʼAli-Akbar, whom God honored through his relationship to your presence, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and He said: He is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

O Ali-Qabil-Akbar! Mention hath been made of thee before the Wronged One, Who remembereth thee from the prison, while sorrows encompass Him on all sides by reason of that which hath befallen His loved ones at the hands of the armies of the oppressors. Verily, he who knoweth not his right hand from his left is established upon the throne of tyranny and uttereth that which Pharaoh uttered when he said: "Is not mine the kingdom of Egypt and these rivers flowing beneath me? Do ye not then see?" Thus was it decreed aforetime and in these days. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee and My loved ones in that land to be patient and forbearing, and to manifest that whereby the signs of justice may be revealed amongst the servants. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. Say: O concourse of the beloved! It behooveth you to commit all affairs unto God and to hold fast unto His strong cord. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of bounty, and to ordain for thee from the Pen the recompense of that which thou didst desire in His straight Path. Be thou content with that which He hath willed, and glorify on behalf of the Wronged One the faces of the loved ones whom the clamour of the heedless hath failed to deter. Say: Seize ye the value of these days and cleave unto that whereby your names shall be established by the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon them, and upon My handmaidens who have believed and hearkened and responded and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

And as to what was written concerning Mulla Ahmad, brother of him who was martyred in the path of God, it hath been presented to His sublime attention. He saith, and His sweet utterance is:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Ahmad! Mention hath been made of thee by him who hath arisen to serve My Cause, who hath voiced My remembrance and praise, who hath soared in the atmosphere of My will and hath acted according to that which was commanded by Me. By My life! He hath tasted the sweetness of My love and hath testified to that which My tongue hath testified, and hath acknowledged that which the kingdom of Mine utterance hath acknowledged, and hath drunk the choice wine of My presence and the Kawthar of My reunion. We make mention of thee through this remembrance whereby the fragrance of proof hath been wafted throughout all possibilities. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and remembrance while the people were wrapped in a manifest veil. Blessed be thy brother who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath attained unto a mention from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of sincerity. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Rejoice thou in that God hath forgiven thee and strengthened thee and hath sent down for you both that which nothing on earth can equal. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed be ye both and those who are with you, and those whom God shall manifest from you both. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Merciful.

In remembrance of Ibn-i-'Ali Nur, upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah], mention was made in the Most Holy Presence. He said: "God willing, may they be steadfast and fixed upon one purpose. Divine favor has encompassed him and the one who ascended unto Him, and, God willing, will continue to do so. We make mention of the Lion and counsel him with that which shall perpetuate his remembrance. We beseech God to assist all in such wise that they be neither saddened nor veiled by the oppression of the oppressors. They who oppress the friends of God are like unto children playing with clay. We counsel all to patience, forbearance, calm and dignity. None should object, dispute or argue with anyone. They should hold fast to the cord of forbearance and the hem of patience. The Command is God's, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest.

"O Zayn! We have made mention of him who was named 'Ali, whom We adorned with light, with such remembrance as the mention of all peoples cannot equal, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willeth. We have mentioned his wife and counsel her at this time to trustworthiness, truthfulness, and purity, and to that which beseemeth these days. Thus doth the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Wondrous, counsel her."

That which is necessary today is that each soul should preserve whatever of the Sacred Writings they possess in a place where no one else has knowledge thereof. This year in the Land of Ta [Tehran] many divine verses fell into the hands of the oppressors. Whomsoever they seized had Writings with them, as if the Writings were kept in a designated place by the gate. In any case, many Writings were plundered. It behooveth the people of truth to preserve them and conceal them from every treacherous one, from every thief, and from every accursed hypocrite.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His favor, he had written the names of certain ones to be presented at the Most Holy Court. These were presented, and He said: "O Zayn! We have made mention of Our loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor and grace. We counsel them to preserve the pearls of their Lord's love that are in their possession, the Forgiving, the Generous. The smoke of oppression hath encompassed the dwellers of the City of Fidelity through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen My Name and My loved ones. Rather, rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance which hath turned towards you from this distant place. God shall soon seize those who have oppressed without clear proof or manifest Book. Can anyone prevent that which God hath willed? Nay, by His Self, the One Who ruleth over all who are in the heavens and on earth. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, despite those who have denied the Day of Judgment. We counsel them to patience in these days wherein the raven of oppression hath croaked and every ignorant doubter hath cawed. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon them and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great."

Praise be to God that all have been blessed with His favor and have been mentioned in the Most Holy Court. It behooveth them to thank God for this great bounty.

O Zein! When mention was made of these souls, divine favors encompassed them and forgiveness was sought from the Goal of all the worlds. Say: O friends of God, glorified be His majesty! Out of pure grace

He created all, and through the tongue of the Prophets He hath mentioned whatsoever conduceth to tranquility, glory, nearness and attainment unto His presence. Blessed is the soul that hath heard, turned to Him and attained, and woe unto them that slumber. Verily, whosoever is enabled to perform a deed in this day shall witness its recompense in all the divine worlds. We make mention of him as We mentioned him before, that he may rejoice and be among those who are steadfast. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As to what was written regarding Mashhadi Hasan, this is what the Kingdom of Knowledge hath spoken:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Zein! We have made mention of every soul that hath turned unto Us and have deprived no one who hath set his face towards Us. Today regard hath been and is unto acceptance, turning, mention and praise, even though one may be deprived of the ornament of truth. However this matter pertaineth especially to God, exalted be His glory. The chosen ones, the pure ones and the loved ones must conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom and speak accordingly. O Zein! Write to him: Thou wast mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. May God willing, thou mayest be blessed with divine favors and act in accordance with that which God loveth. We counsel thee and the friends to be trustworthy, religious, chaste, truthful and to manifest that which beseemeth the station of man. Thus hath the Wronged One remembered thee and guided thee to the straight path of God. Look not unto the people and their clamor. Act in accordance with what thou hast been commanded in the Book. We beseech God to adorn the whole world with the ornament of justice and to illumine it with the light of equity. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

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O Javad! Your mention was made in the prison. We have remembered thee with this clear remembrance. Behold and then recall what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Verily it is the lamp of guidance before all creatures and the Most Great Light before all nations. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "O my son! Observe prayer, and enjoin what is just, and forbid what is wrong, and be patient under whatever befalleth thee; for this is a bounden duty." Should anyone act according to this blessed verse sent down from the Kingdom of his Lord's Will, the Possessor of Oneness, it would suffice him. To this testify the tongues of all created things and beyond them the tongue of thy Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which he hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. The Wronged One beseecheth God to ordain for thee from the Supreme Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He hath power over all things. Praise be unto Him Who is the Goal of them that know and the God of all the worlds.

As to what was written concerning Hasan-'Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented to the Intended One. He speaks, and His sweetest utterance is:

He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

O Hasan-'Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath turned toward thee, having perceived from thee the fragrance of submissiveness unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have heard thy

call and answered thee, and have seen thy turning and have turned toward thee from this luminous horizon. The world hath been encompassed by the smoke of tyranny, and the fabrications of false pretenders have veiled the lights of the Sun of Truth. The highway robbers stand at their posts, waiting - these robbers are in truth the divines of the age who have forbidden and deprived the people from the straight path and the Great Announcement, which adorneth all divine Books with its mention. Do people consider these objecting souls to be among the learned and count them among the righteous? Nay, by the Self of God Who overshadeth the world! The learned one is he who hath recognized the Truth and hath drunk from the Kawthar of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful. He is the learned one, and he is as the spirit to the body of the world and as the fruit to the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. Blessed is he and blessed is he who holdeth fast unto him. Praise the Intended One Who hath made thee aware and caused thee to attain thy goal. This station is mighty - preserve it in the name of the Peerless Friend, and strive that there may appear from thee that which will cause its fragrance to persist throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Every good deed today is recorded with God as the king of deeds. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

As to what was written that […]

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! This Wronged One makes mention of thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from every side, and gives thee the glad-tidings of the Most Great Joy. The world's grief hath not deterred Him, nor can it deter Him, and the clamor of the nations cannot prevent Him from proclaiming His Cause. The martial array, the clashing of swords, the guns of the enemy and the weapons of the wicked have been as though non-existent. No hosts can frighten Him, no multitudes or ranks can render Him powerless. He speaks before the face of all the world, despite those who have denied God's signs and His proof, and who desired to extinguish His light. Say: Perdition befall you! He hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired with power and sovereignty. Blessed art thou for having held fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and turned toward the horizon before which all horizons have bowed down. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon him who was named Mirza Kuchik, that he may rejoice and thank his Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

O thou who art mentioned! Thy mention hath come, We have remembered thee and turned toward thee, and We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Day wherein the limbs of all names have trembled for fear of God, the Lord of Lords. Behold and make mention of those who enter temples and mosques for the remembrance of God, yet when He came with the truth, they cast it behind their backs, clinging to suppositions and idle fancies. By God's life! They are indeed worshippers of idols, as testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book. When the attraction of thy Lord's verses seizes thee and thou findest the sweetness of the Merciful's utterance, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having awakened me when I was sleeping, taught me when I was ignorant, and raised me up when I was seated. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful."

As to what was written before concerning the rosary and the other rosary: if found in the city, a crier should announce it once. If the owner is found, it should be given to him; otherwise, one should wait for one year. If the owner is found, he should pay what was spent on the crier and receive his property. If one year passes and the owner is not found, one may dispose of it as he wishes, for this is lawful according to God's Book.

Regarding what was written about him who is mentioned by name having become a bearer of books and tablets, may God confirm him and protect him so that the trusts may reach their owners.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and his daughter, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said: "Blessed is Muhammad, for he hath spoken the truth and that which is befitting, and blessed is his daughter for what she hath uttered. She hath spoken what beseemeth her in the days of her Lord. We send Our greetings upon them both and make mention of them and give them glad-tidings of that which the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken in this clear station." The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O Zayn, and upon those who have attained unto God's favors, the Goal of the mystics. God willing, may she be successful and confirmed in serving her father.

We make mention in this station of My most truthful servant who hath attained unto pure servitude unto God, the One, the Single, the Unique, the All-Informed. He is among the Hands of the Cause. God hath honored him with attaining His presence and established him at His exalted gate.

It is requested that thou convey greetings and salutations from this evanescent one to all the friends in that land. May God willing, they all be confirmed and illumined by the lights of His countenance.

Another submission: this servant addressed a brief letter to Your Presence, and it was arranged that Sheikh Salman would come and take it and deliver it to Your Presence. Later it became known that they had forgotten. Now it is being sent to your august presence, and the petition of Ustad Abdul-Karim has been submitted and sent. May the Glory that is manifest and evident from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's grace be upon Your Presence and upon those who love you and who hear your word concerning God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. The Servant. On the 18th of the month of Dhi'l-Hijjih al-Haram, year 1300.

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

Magnified is the All-Merciful Who hath, through His Most Exalted Word, attracted all who are in earth and heaven, and guided all through it on a Day wherein the foundations of the cities of names were shaken. He it is Who hath subdued all things through His Most Exalted Pen, and through it hath opened the door of reunion unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity. Exalted, exalted is He through Whose Name the world was illumined, and through Whom the feet of the peoples did slip - they who cast the path of God behind

their backs and followed their vain desires. These are servants who went astray and led others astray until they pronounced judgment against Him Who created and fashioned them. Thus did their souls entice them. The Servant and God's loved ones on earth bear witness that they failed in their duty towards God when the standard "He is the Truth" was hoisted in the most exalted station. Exalted is He Who caused to flow from the tongue of His chosen ones the waters of knowledge and utterance. They are the lamps of guidance amongst mankind - servants whose praise every book hath voiced and every tongue hath mentioned. They are the standards of divine knowledge in the realm of possibility and the banners of utterance from the All-Merciful. Exalted, exalted is He Who created them, caused them to be known, gave them utterance, brought them nigh, and chose them to serve His Cause among His servants, enabled them to make mention of Him among His creation, and made them the hands of His Cause in His kingdom. Through them the cock crowed and the clouds proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful!"

Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the pearls of divine knowledge appeared from the ocean of Thy mercy and the fragrance of the garment was diffused through Thy command and will! I beseech Thee by Thy Will which transformeth darkness into light and sorrow into joy, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions and protect them from those who have denied the Beginning and the End. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your steadfastness! The birds of your knowledge have caused Me to hear, from the atmosphere of your certitude, that whereby I perceived the fragrance of your sincerity and your steadfastness in the Cause of our Beloved and your Beloved. When the scratching of your pen attracted Me and your words delighted Me, I soared on the wings of longing until I attained the station of nearness and holiness and beauty. And when I was present, that which was in your letter was presented, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the Balance was set up and the mountains were moved. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name that shineth forth from the horizon of utterance […]

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance and soarest in My atmosphere! Hearken unto My call, for verily it draweth thee to My Kingdom and My dominion. By My life! The Word through whose breezes We quickened the kingdom of creation now lamenteth My sorrow and that which hath befallen Me at the hands of them that have violated My Covenant and Testament, and have chosen for themselves a loved one other than Me. Thus hath My tongue spoken that thou mayest know what hath befallen the Wronged One from the hosts of the oppressors. From every word of thy Lord hath flowed the living waters of proof and evidence, yet the people are in manifest doubt. The ocean of wisdom hath surged before all faces, yet most of the people remain heedless. Consider and remember when thou wert with Me and didst witness the waves of the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Behold the people of the Bayan! They claim faith for themselves, yet deny Him Who revealed the Bayan from His inaccessible and glorious Kingdom. The world hath been illumined by the Sun of My most exalted Word, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Verily the Word at times singeth and at times lamenteth - the former for what it containeth and the latter for what hath befallen it from them

that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereof Adam gave tidings, and after him Noah, and after him Hud, until Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with a perspicuous Book. We revealed unto Him the Furqan wherein mention was made of this All-Wise Remembrance, and We gave tidings unto all therein of this Day which is the Lord of all ages and centuries, from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He gave tidings unto all of the Days of God and spoke in praise of this Revelation, whereat, when it appeareth, all mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. O thou who gazest upon My countenance! Do ears hear? Nay, by the life of thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Seeing! Do eyes behold? Nay, by My sanctified and luminous Beauty! By God! Were anyone to hear the call of thy Most Glorious Lord from the Supreme Horizon and taste the sweetness of His utterance, he would soar on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere wherefrom the near ones hear: "There is no God but Me, the Most Exalted, the Most Great." Remind the people of thy Lord's most great signs, that perchance they may cast away what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is he who hath spoken forth this Most Great Remembrance, and blessed the ear that hath heard the Call, and blessed the heart that hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It behooveth thee to speak that whereby the birds of certitude may soar throughout all regions and cities. Thus doth He Who hath given thee to drink the choice wine of inner meanings command thee, in His Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have turned away from all else save Me and have held fast unto My Strong Cord. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have attained unto this glorious and wondrous station.

The Sun of Grace shineth with such brilliance that none need establish Its reality through proofs and evidences. Praise be to God! That Beloved One hath ever been and remains remembered in the Most Holy Presence and Supreme Horizon. The principal cause for the delay in writing this letter was thy movement and travels, as successive letters from thee and other friends gave news of movement and intention to travel. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable him to occupy himself with His remembrance in his remaining days and to make up for what hath passed. And concerning what thou didst write in thy last letter about the gathering of those who drink the choice wine of inner meanings in the house of Karbila'i 'Abdu'l-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God, occupied in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds - blessed art thou and they, and those who have attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This matter too was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Most Ancient and Most Great Name […]

When the Sun of inner meanings dawned forth in the mirror of knowledge, the blessed word "I am the One manifest above all things" became manifest, and in every instance an utterance appeared and a word was witnessed. The Divine Cause has been and shall forever be all-encompassing, and ere long its effects shall be witnessed in the world. The degrees of that honored one's love, devotion and steadfastness are known and evident before the Wronged One. God willing, you shall bring to life the dead in the valley of heedlessness and ignorance with the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance, that all may drink from the Euphrates of divine mercy and turn to the supreme horizon. This is a Day the like of which hath never been. God willing, may those near and sincere ones succeed in deeds that are likewise

without peer or likeness. Under all conditions, keep the friends fresh and verdant through the fragrances of the All-Merciful's raiment. I swear by the Life of the Beloved of creation that all the pens of the world and tongues of the nations fall short and are powerless to praise and extol this wondrous Day. That which was in the former Books hath now become manifest and evident. Say: By God, He hath appeared Who made the dawn as darkness and walked upon the borders of the earth. Be thou a cup-bearer among My servants, then give them to drink of the Kawthar of My loving-kindness and the choice wine of My bounty - at times in My Name, at others through My remembrance, and at times through My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Ere long these days shall be rolled up, and most people shall find themselves in manifest loss. Strive that a handful of dust may attain everlasting life through the Salsabil of utterance. Today every soul is able to possess that which shall endure throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. Blessed are they who have attained unto this Day and recognized its Lord. Say: Where are the hosts and the parties, and where is he who turned away from the Lord of Lords? Where are the ranks and the banners, and where are the crowns and the thrones? Say: Where is the joy of Chosroes and the lamentation of the bereaved? Ask thou God to aid all to that which beseemeth His appearance and His days, and to assist them in His remembrance, His praise and the service of His Cause, the Mighty, the Great. Thou shouldst, through God's grace, speak that which will set the world ablaze and bestow the water of steadfastness at all times, that those on earth may be purified from the defilement of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and be adorned with the ornament of knowledge and certitude. He commandeth thee that which profiteth the servants. Thy Lord is verily the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

And likewise these exalted words were revealed from the Source of verses regarding Aqa 'Abdu'l-Baqi, upon him be the glory of God, whose house became a gathering place for the friends of God. His glory be exalted:

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

O 'Abdu'l-Baqi! Thou hast attained the presence of the All-Merciful, heard the divine call, and beheld the supreme horizon. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of God's Cause that this station is sanctified and exalted above the mention of all on earth. However, thou must preserve it in the name of the Friend and keep it hidden from the thieves and treacherous ones. O 'Abdu'l-Baqi! Forget not the counsels of the Wronged One. He counseleth all in that which profiteth them in this world and the next. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the soul that today standeth firm in serving the Cause with wisdom, and blessed is the house from which the mention of God is raised. We make mention of those who gathered there and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded existence in both the seen and unseen realms. Blessed are their tongues for having uttered the praise of God, the Lord of all worlds, and their ears for having heard the mention of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Nabil, O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Glorify on My behalf the countenances of My loved ones whom thou hast mentioned in thy letter, convey to them My remembrance and praise, and remind them of My verses and that which hath been revealed from My Pen. Say: By God! This is He by Whose will the Mother Book was sent down, by the movement of Whose Pen the Supreme Pen was moved, and by Whose call the Call was raised from the Dawning-Place of

Grandeur. Sovereignty belongeth unto Him Who speaketh the truth. Blessed is he who hath drunk from the cup of His utterance, and woe unto the heedless. Thus have We opened the gate of the Kingdom of utterance with My finger, and I am, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty.

By the life of God! If all who dwell on earth were to truly perceive the fragrance of but a single verse from the divine verses, all would turn to the Manifestation of the Cause, become detached from what they possess and turn unto what is with God.

O thou beloved of My heart! The Kingdom of utterance is stirred by the divine utterance, yet the people are heedless, nay withered, nay dead. They have not partaken of nor received their portion from the Kawthar of immortality which floweth before all faces from the Supreme Pen. At one time this blessed word dawned from the horizon of utterance of the King of Oneness, addressing one of His names. Though the original divine utterance is not at hand, its purport is this: Beseech the exalted Truth that such fragrances may be diffused as would draw hearts and spirits to stations and bring to mind such realms that the mentions and conditions of this world would become to them a thing forgotten. The friends of God must attain to such a station that neither the might of the oppressors nor the signs of the Pharaohs - who in one instance are called the denying divines and in another the objectors among the people of the Bayan - should prevent them from the divine Kawthar. The greater the Cause, the greater its trials and tribulations. Yet today trials and tribulations are not visible, for the heaven of grace is raised high and the ocean of bounty is manifest. If from one direction the cups of trials and tribulations are witnessed, from another the Most Glorious Beauty with the white hand bestoweth the Kawthar of immortality. If croaking is raised, the pure wine is also flowing and circulating.

In one of the Tablets these words were revealed from the source of verses - His word, exalted be His majesty and might: Say: O friends of Truth! Be not saddened by the derision of the deniers and the denial of the objectors, for these matters have ever been and will ever be proof of the truth of the Truth, exalted be His glory. If ye should hear unseemly words from some ignorant, heedless, unknowing one, it mattereth not, for he and all that is with him shall soon return to nothingness, while ye today drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hear the words “Ye are of Me.” At this moment, one of the near angels circling round made supplication: “O my God, my Lord, my Goal, my Beloved, and Beloved of all in the heavens and earth! I beseech the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace that I may hear a hundred thousand curses, revilings and denunciations in Thy love, if but once this ear might be blessed with hearing the most sweet words ‘Verily thou art of the people of Baha.’”

Most of those on earth today have turned away from the Truth and are deprived of the ocean of knowledge. It hath been said […]

Write to Nabil, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness: Arise to serve the Cause of Truth through the power of Truth, the grace of Truth, and the might of Truth - arise with such steadfastness that the very essence of constancy shall be made to tremble thereby. With the fire of love set ablaze the hearts and souls of men, and with the light of knowledge illumine their countenances, that the hearts and souls of the sincere may be sanctified from all doubts, conditions and allusions, and that they may, detached and free, occupy themselves with His mention, His praise and the teaching of His Cause throughout His realms and domains.

Say: O ye who thirst for the stream of flowing mercy, O ye who yearn for the surging ocean of attainment, O ye who await the presence of your Lord - for what day have ye reserved your eyes? For what hour have ye kept your hearts? And for what moment have ye preserved your tongues and ears? Today the eye proclaimeth at the highest pitch, "The Day is mine!" for the Goal of all existence hath spoken the words "Look, thou shalt behold Me." The ear declareth, "By God, the time is my time!" for the Most Sweet Call hath been raised from the realm of grandeur. And the tongue in the kingdom of utterance proclaimeth "Verily, this Day is my Day!" A hundred thousand blessings rest upon him whom the conditions of the world and its changing hues have not withheld from the Essence of all essences, and whom perishable things have not debarred from the everlasting kingdom.

In that moment such verses were revealed from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation that, by God besides Whom there is none other God, this servant was struck with wonderment and amazement, and in truth found himself utterly powerless to utter a single word thereof. Unless the confirmations of God, exalted be His glory, shall assist, how can this servant be capable of writing, or worthy of setting forth the truth? I beseech you and all the friends to supplicate God, exalted be His glory, to aid this servant in this most great and mighty service. Verily, He is the Helper of the world, and within His grasp lie the reins of all nations. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

A beloved and honored missive from his honor Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, was sent to his honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, and he forwarded it to the Most Holy Court. All of it was presented, and answers to some passages descended from the heaven of grace, but will be sent at a later time. The Command is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. In truth, they have not fallen short in serving the Cause. God willing, may they be confirmed in all conditions. Their mention has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court. God willing, they shall attain the answer to the aforementioned missive. Blessed be he and his honor Nabil Ibn Nabil. This servant has always wished to be occupied with the praise and glorification of the friends of God, but finds no time and opportunity is lacking. In every post, observe how correspondence and missives arrive from most directions. Many times this servant has felt utterly embarrassed due to lack of time. On one hand, occupied with writing divine verses in His presence, on another hand engaged in making copies thereof, and beyond that answering correspondence and letters which the friends write to this servant himself, and beyond these stages, by command some tablets are also sent in this evanescent one's handwriting. In all conditions I beseech confirmation from God, exalted be His glory, and seek enablement that whatever days remain may be spent in commanded services. Verily He is the Lord of enablement, there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

His honor, the esteemed Sarvar, his honor K.D., upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], has written a letter to this evanescent one and likewise sent a petition to the Most Holy Court. It was presented before the Throne. The Sun of favor rose and shone from the horizon of grace and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this blessed word, His word exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Dawning from the Horizon of the World

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Thy call hath attained the hearing of the Lord of Names. God willing, through divine grace thou shalt in all nights and days be engaged in the

remembrance of God and arise to serve the Cause. This wondrous Day is attributed to Him. Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "The Kingdom on that day shall be God's." Verily the Balance walketh and saith: "I am the All-Knowing Discerner," and the Path proclaimeth: "His Straight Path hath appeared," and the Self-Subsisting calleth out with the most exalted call: "The Promised One hath come and people have arisen for the Lord of the worlds." Blessed is he who hath recognized and heard and turned and found the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance when He came with manifest sovereignty. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My mention and My mercy and My favor and convey to them My glorious and wondrous greetings. Say: In all books before and after, this Day hath been named the Day of God, yet the manifestations of idle fancies and daysprings of vain imaginings are heedless and veiled therefrom, and like earthworms are cast down and occupied in the clay of ignorance. God willing, may the people of Baha appear with such an adorning as befitteth this mighty Cause. Thus have We mentioned thee before and at this time and We shall mention thee hereafter with a tablet from which shineth the sun of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Kind, the Generous. End.

This evanescent servant too shall, God willing, submit an answer to their letter.

And this is what was revealed from the Dawning Place of verses for him who was named Muhammad-Javad on the Day of the Call, His word exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

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This is the Day whereon all atoms cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth to the Revealer of verses," while the Spirit proclaimeth from the Divine Throne: "Greatness belongeth to God, the Lord of lords." Blessed art thou and those whose heads are adorned with the crowns of their Lord's favor, the Lord of Return. Days and nights shall pass away, but there shall endure for thee that which hath been sent down from this Pen, before which all pens bow down when it moveth. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, for it cannot be equaled by the treasuries of kings nor by the wealth of merchants. We counsel thee and them that have believed in that whereby the Cause of God, the Cleaver of Dawn, may be exalted. We make mention of My handmaidens who have circled round the will of their Lord, the Lord of Necks. And We make mention of thy wife, from whom We have inhaled the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause - the Cause at whose appearance covenants were breached and standards reversed. Blessed is she, and again blessed is she. We testify that she hath attained unto that which most of the servants have been debarred from.

O Ahmad! The One, the Single, remembereth thee as He walketh upon the most exalted station. Say: O concourse of the dead! Arise, then hearken unto that which the Speaker of the Mount uttereth on the Sinai of Revelation through this Name, at which the Evil One hath lamented and the mountains have crumbled. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Turn thy face toward the All-Bountiful and say: Ordain for me that which profiteth me, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things. Thou art He Who directeth the world with the finger of Thy will, and Who holdeth the bridle of governance with Thy other finger. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Giving. The glory be upon thee

and upon thy father and mother, and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God, the Lord of creation.

Wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed from the Divine Tongue for all the friends in that land. The river of mercy floweth. This drop is not capable of enumerating. Would that the people of the world might know! Would that they might hear! Would that they might be fair!

And at the end of the utterances of the King of Names and Attributes, these exalted words were revealed especially for Jinab-i-Fayd'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

O Fayd'u'llah! The Tongue of Grace declareth: The cloud of mercy is raised up and the rains of generosity pour forth from the clouds of bounty. Blessed is the state of one who is not deprived today of the outpouring of the True Bestower of Grace. God willing, may hearts become connected to the divine ocean of joy so that they may be freed and liberated from the troubles and sorrows of the world. Thou hast drunk from the cup of the All-Merciful's utterance time and again. God willing, mayest thou be aided to preserve this most exalted station. That which is incumbent upon all today is that they expend the utmost effort and endeavor in attaining the good-pleasure of God, that they may achieve this greatest bounty and mighty gift. And this station cannot be attained except through complete effacement in the will and desire of God. God willing, may all be successful in submission and contentment, and be thankful for what God hath commanded. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends of that land. How excellent is the state of one who hath attained to His mention and hath arisen to serve Him. The command is in His hand - He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

He is the Manifest, the Hidden!

Concerning your mention that you had sent detailed missives containing exhortations and counsels to the friends of God in the land of Kha - this was submitted to the Most Holy Court. Thus did the tongue of the All-Merciful speak forth in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His majesty: "Well is it that he has acted. God willing, they should at all times be bearers of glad tidings from the presence of the Truth. The people of the earth need educators and likewise expounders, that all may, in this spiritual morn, partake of the wine of divine love and attain unto that which God has desired for them. Blessed are the people of Kha, who have cast away vain desire and held fast unto the Lord of all mankind. We give them the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, and draw them nigh unto a station that hath been recorded by the Pen of God. Convey My greetings unto their faces and remind them of My days that were promised in the Tablets. Their mention hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen - to this testifies the Mother Book, which speaketh in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations that which shall assist them in a Cause that hath been inscribed in the Book. God willing, may all attain to divine bounties."

And concerning what you wrote about that known person, it was submitted, whereupon He said: "We have protected him and his brother on numerous occasions. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Protector, the Generous. We have ordained for them the good of this world and the next. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. God willing, may they attain on this divine Day to that which shall deliver them from the troubles of the world. Beseech God - glorified be His majesty - that they may be aided to

preserve that which hath been bestowed upon them. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There shall appear from them that whereby their mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. This beseemeth today those who have turned unto the One, the All-Wise. The glory be upon him and upon those with him who have turned unto My luminous horizon."

This evanescent servant beseecheth God - glorified be His majesty - to aid His loved ones in that which befitteth His divine Day.

Another submission: Concerning what you wrote specifically about those souls gathered in the house of Karbala'i 'Abdu'l-Baqi - upon him be the glory of God - wondrous and exalted verses have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will. God willing, may all attain unto them.

However, at the end of the letter you had mentioned Aqa Muhammad-'Ali - upon him be the glory of God - from the land of Sh. After submission to the Most Holy Court, the Sun of Utterance shone forth in the form of these sublime words - exalted and glorified be His utterance[…]

Verily We make mention of him who hath desired to make mention of his Lord, and We bid him to that which beseemeth the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. In the night seasons the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen is raised up, and in the daytime the tongue of My grandeur doth speak: "There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen." Every hour beareth witness to My remembrance, and every moment declareth that the Call hath not ceased from the direction of the Lord of Names. At times He maketh mention through His Pen, at times through His tongue, and at times through His heart, sanctified from all that was and shall be. Rejoice, O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, in My remembrance of thee, My loving-kindness towards thee, and My turning unto thee from My praiseworthy station. From this station We send Our greetings unto the faces of My loved ones in thy land, that they may rejoice in these greetings through which the fragrance of God's loving-kindness hath been wafted in the seen and unseen realms. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon them from God, the Lord of existence.

This servant's humble petition at the end of this letter is that you convey the greetings of this lowly and submissive servant to all the friends of that land and to those masters who have drunk from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. God willing, may all be blessed with the outpourings of His Grace, the All-Bountiful, and remain steadfast in His service. The Glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have testified to that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath testified.

The Servant

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

The servant beareth witness to that which his Lord did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, that there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He testifieth that He was One in His essence and One in His attributes, and hath taken unto Himself neither partner nor minister. He hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved. Through His appearance the standards of signs were raised aloft and the banners of guidance were unfurled upon the most exalted station of all created things. Blessed is he who, being endowed with vision, hath turned unto Him and seen; blessed is he who, being endowed with hearing, hath hearkened unto His Call; blessed is he who, being endowed with speech, hath voiced His praise; and blessed is he who, being possessed of strength, hath arisen to serve His Cause in the kingdom of creation in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressor, nor the ascendancy of the heedless, nor the clamor of the learned who were moved by the winds of self and desire until they pronounced judgment against Him Who calleth upon them night and day, could deter him.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the gates of mercy and success were opened before the faces of Thy servants, and the fragrance of Whose raiment hath been diffused throughout all lands! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, and by Thy Mystery, the Brilliant, the Treasured, and by the lights of Thy countenance in the supreme horizon, and the appearance of Thy glory in the kingdom of creation, to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones to serve Thy Cause, that there may appear from them that which shall cause their mention to endure in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them turning unto Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and generosity. Ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy loftiness, then write down for them from the Pen of Destiny that which shall profit them in this world and in the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Thereafter, the servant received what thou didst send unto him, as though it were a leaf penned by the right hand of faith with the ink of certitude in remembrance of God and His love - lines from which every person of discernment perceiveth the fragrance of humility and submissiveness before God, your Lord and your Goal and our Goal and the Goal of the sincere ones. When I discovered the fragrance of sincerity from the flowers of the garden of your devotion, I approached the Most Exalted Goal and the Supreme Summit. When I attained unto His presence, I presented what was contained in your letter, whereupon the ocean of loving-kindness surged and the Tongue of Unity spoke - exalted be His might and sublime be His utterance:

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

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon the countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, and commandeth thee with that which shall exalt thy station among men. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto righteousness in all conditions, and unto that which shall elevate the station of man in creation. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, command thee from this blessed and exalted Spot. Beware lest the affairs of the world grieve thee, for if He willeth, He shall bestow upon thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

O Sadiq! The glances of favor are directed towards thee. God, exalted be His glory, hath seized the first enemy - the serpent - and the second - the wolf - is under the claws of destiny. Thy Lord recounteth this unto thee that thou mayest be of them that attain. Know thou with certitude that God hath given and giveth each soul its due. Nothing hath escaped Him nor ever shall. Were anyone to become aware of the requirements of divine wisdom, he would testify that He is indeed the Mighty, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The two brilliant lights attained outwardly and inwardly unto the Divine Word, reaching a station that every height and loftiness glorieth in it and turneth towards it. Both of them in their petitions sought the station of martyrdom, and after countless entreaties, supplications and prayers, God - exalted be His power - granted their wish. Through His grace, they lived in this world with utmost honor and later attained the greatest martyrdom, and now their resting place is the point of circumambulation for those near unto God and the sincere ones. All this is from God's grace and mercy upon them and upon those with them.

You too must walk in their footsteps, be engaged in the praise and glorification of God, and arise to serve His Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the world nor the intimations of its peoples shall deter you or deprive you of the outpourings of the True Bestower. Blessed are ye and those with you and those who love you in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be as they were - thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur counsel thee and My Most Exalted Pen advise thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thou hast ever been and, God willing, shall ever remain beneath the glances of divine favor. Give thanks for that with which the Speaker of Sinai hath conversed with thee in this Revelation whereby the Balance hath been established, the mountains have passed away, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those who have cast behind them their vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you all and upon every steadfast and firm one.

From the waves of the divine ocean of utterance, His grace and favor are evident and manifest. Blessed are they who have attained unto the fragrance of His verses and who dwell beneath His Tree. Blessed are they and joy be unto them.

This servant hath ever beseeched and continues to beseech at the Most Holy Court that He may assist you in that which shall cause the exaltation of God's Cause and His Word, and that He may ordain for you that which is enduring and everlasting. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Concerning what you wrote about the afflictions and the tyranny and transgression of the enemies and those related to the Uncle, this detail was presented before the presence of the Lord of Names, and this exalted Word shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance of the Lord of all being, exalted and blessed be His Word […]

Be not grieved at anything. Rest assured in God's bounty and mercy. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He is the Protector of all names, and within His grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be not sorrowful at the calamities of the world. Ere long shall the sincere ones and the unitarians behold themselves seated upon the throne of glory. The glory of the world is turned towards that House. Soon shall this most glorious and most exalted station become manifest and evident unto all the peoples of the world. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, turn thy face towards My horizon, and act in accordance with that which hath been sent down in My Most Great Book.

If the Truth, exalted be His glory, were to unveil for others what He hath unveiled for these servants, all would circle round Him. However, His grace hath unveiled it for us while His justice hath concealed it from them. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. During his lifetime, the uncle committed certain deeds of which none save God is aware. Many times did this exalted word proceed from the tongue of the Lord of all being: "O servant in attendance! We have previously stated that My name is the Concealer. Therefore he hath clung to the hem of grace, and thus have We regarded him and continue to regard him." We ever concealed his deeds in accordance with consummate wisdom until that which was manifest became manifest. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid His servant, His chosen ones, His friends and His loved ones in that which will cause the countenance of truthfulness to shine forth and will exalt the station of trustworthiness. Verily, He hath power over all things.

As to what thou didst write concerning the ultimate purpose, namely the meeting with God, exalted be His glory, and likewise thy mention of the response which descended from the heaven of divine Will specifically for that spiritual beloved - this servant, after consideration, submitted this again at an appropriate time. Thereupon did the sun of loving-kindness shine forth from the horizon of the grace of our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven. He said - and His sweetest utterance is this: There hath never been any doubt that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath loved and continueth to love meeting with His loved ones. They must look to that which was previously revealed. Wisdom requireth that they occupy themselves with the affairs of that House and with commerce in utmost joy and fragrance. Verily We shall assist him in this world and ordain for him that which shall profit him in the next. It behooveth him to act in accordance with what he hath been commanded and to hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted.

In all matters ye have been and continue to be assisted through the grace and loving-kindness of the Truth, exalted be His glory. God willing, may ye ever attain unto this most exalted station and be occupied with service to the Cause. As for your having appointed this servant as representative for circumambulating the Point round which circle all who are in earth and heaven: On the fourth night of Rabi'u'th-Thani, one hour after nightfall, I attained the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and after receiving permission, circumambulated and visited on behalf of that beloved one. Thereafter did the Tongue of Grandeur speak this most exalted word - glorified be His utterance: Verily We have accepted the intention of him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit. Blessed is he whose deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Give him glad tidings from Me and say: Verily We have accepted thy turning

and thy devotion and thy deed in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We have accepted the circumambulation of him who acted as representative, as a bounty from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Concerning the Family, upon whom be the Glory of God, His mercy and His providence, you have written that for each one should be sent down, from the heaven of divine compassion, a wondrous and glorious Tablet. God willing, may all attain unto them and from their fragrance inhale the sweet-scented perfume of God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, loveth him who hath loved Him, desireth him who hath desired Him, and exalteth him who hath humbled himself before Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

This is what hath been revealed for the Family of His Holiness the King of Martyrs, upon them be the Glory of God and His grace. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Leaf! O Family! Ye have been and are beneath the glance of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory. There hath been sent down for you that which shall forever speak and make mention throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. The Concourse on High is saddened by your grief and gladdened by your joy. All this is from God's grace upon you, O Family. Know thou this supreme bounty and this exalted station, and be of the thankful ones. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon every handmaiden who serveth thee in the path of God, the Revealer of verses.

And this is what hath been revealed for his honor Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. His mighty Word:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Name, through Whose remembrance the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, have been adorned. Through Him the gates were opened, the verses were revealed, the clear proofs appeared, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of this wondrous Day, was made manifest. We have named Ourself Husayn and thou art My servant. Exalted is this most great station, which when mentioned by the Supreme Pen, all in the kingdom of creation fell prostrate, and the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary spoke of the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless ones. God's curse be upon those who have wronged you and usurped your properties without clear proof from God, the Almighty, the Powerful. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who serve thee and love thee in this straight Path.

And this is what hath been revealed for his brother who was named Jalal. His exalted Word:

I am the All-Hearing Witness

We have turned toward thee from this most exalted station and desire to make thee hear My sweetest call. Verily thy Lord doeth as He willeth, and in His right hand is the kingdom of names. There is none

other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily He is with you and maketh mention of you in all conditions, and remembereth what hath befallen you from every idolatrous infidel. By God's life! He who hath wronged you is in such a state that the dwellers of the graves seek refuge with God, the One, the All-Compelling, while you are in such a station that My Supreme Pen maketh mention of you from the Most Glorious Horizon with joy and fragrance. What is seen and perceived cannot equal even a letter of what hath been revealed for you. He in Whose possession is the knowledge of the Book beareth witness to this. The Light manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My providence be upon thee and upon those who remember Me in the night and in the day.

And this is what hath been revealed for the Leaf who was named Sakinih, upon her be the Glory of God. His exalted Word:

In My Name, the One Who domineth all names […]

Blessed art thou, O Leaf, in that God hath associated thee with the Divine Lote-Tree. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. All the peoples of the world throughout past and future ages awaited to hear the Word of God, yet when the world was illumined by the splendors of His Manifestation, all remained heedless and deprived save whom God willed. And that Leaf attained unto this supreme gift, such that the Truth, unveiled and resplendent, addressed her with the words "O My handmaiden." Know thou this station, then preserve it through My Name, the Strong, the Mighty. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath turned and attained unto this mighty Cause.

This was revealed for another Leaf who was named Khanum, upon her be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Leaf! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and give thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, for He hath reckoned you among the people of the House and hath mentioned you in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen - a mention which, were its fragrance to waft over absolute darkness, would transform it into light, and were a word thereof to be cast upon dust, would cause the Water of Life to flow therefrom. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. God willing, may you hold fast unto the Lote-Tree in such wise that diverse tempestuous winds shall not cause you to fall. Thus hath He Who is the Source of every wise remembrance mentioned thee. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My most luminous Countenance be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have believed in this wondrous Cause.

This was revealed for the family of His Holiness the Best-Beloved of Martyrs, upon them be the Glory of God, and for the handmaiden who visiteth them - them do the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Creation visit. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name that speaketh between earth and heaven

A remembrance from Our presence unto My handmaiden and My Leaf who hath clung to the Divine Lote-Tree and believed in God, the Lord of lords. We have remembered thee before and in this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Soon shall the world and its ornaments, its favors and all

that is therein pass away, and there shall endure for thee this remembrance which hath been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee or the intimations of men veil thee. Cast behind thee all else but Me and hold fast unto this remembrance whereby the lights have shone forth. Blessed art thou and thy son who hath mentioned your names and clung to the hem of God, the Dawning-Place of commandments and ordinances. The Glory manifest and shining from the horizon of My heavens be upon thee and upon thy children and upon every steadfast believer.

This was revealed for his honor Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God. His Word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

O Ahmad! The Wronged One remembereth thee as He remembered thee before, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of My utterance in My days and give thanks unto thy Bountiful Lord. O Ahmad! By the life of God, justice hath perished and We behold the embodiment of tyranny usurping its mighty right. The latter hath wronged the former in such wise as hath caused every fair-minded and clear-sighted one to lament. Cast behind thee idle fancies and hold fast unto that which hath come unto thee from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name they that lay in their graves arose and the Lote-Tree spoke forth on Sinai! I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy knowledge and the seas of Thy wisdom to make me a servant of Thy Cause, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered, and clinging to Thy robe in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall deter me. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is He through Whom the Tree of the Uttermost Boundary was raised up and the Standard of Truth was hoisted in the kingdom of creation, and through Whom the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all possibility. Exalted is he who hath hearkened to His call and recognized His utterance and found the sweet savors of His verses. He is among the most excellent of all creation before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days and gained the recognition of Me and heard My call and found the fragrance of My robe and spoke My praise and arose to serve My mighty Cause. O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, render thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. A single letter thereof surpasseth whatsoever the peoples possess, as doth testify the Lord of Eternity from His exalted station. The Glory shining from the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

And this is what was revealed for the Leaf, Fatimih Bigum, upon her be the Glory of God. He saith, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful!

O My Leaf! Verily My Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Under all conditions, cling thou to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness in such wise that neither the hosts of the idolaters nor the might of the heedless shall prevent thee. Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who caused thee to attain unto the recognition of this Most Great Cause at a time when the divines, the jurisprudents, the rulers, and all servants and handmaidens were veiled and heedless, save whom thy Lord willed. The grace of God and His mercy have ever been infinite. He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth for whomsoever He pleaseth. He giveth and He withholdeth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the breezes of His days and hast not been deprived of the fragrance of the garment of recognition. This station is exceedingly great - know thou its worth and preserve it through the Name of God. We have hearkened to the yearning of thy heart and have made mention of thee in these most sublime words. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Rejoice thou in that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me in the Most Great Prison when I was in the hands of the heedless ones." The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And this is what was revealed for the Migrant, the Captive, whom God hath mentioned once in Kha and again in ?ad and in other lands. He saith, exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur:

He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

Blessed art thou, O My leaf and My handmaiden, who hath turned unto My countenance and advanced toward My horizon. Thou didst bear tribulations and afflictions in the path of God. Once We heard thy cry from Kha and another time from ?ad. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified for thee that which shall endure in the Crimson Scroll. In the days of God thou didst follow the truth, for even the Seat of the Throne in each day had a different station and city due to the oppression of the transgressors. Blessed is the handmaiden whom nothing besides Me hath prevented from turning unto My horizon and hearkening unto My call. Soon shall the world and whatsoever is witnessed therein perish, and that which shall endure is a mention that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cling thou to His luminous hem. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed My choice-sealed wine and attained unto My destined Cause.

And this is what was revealed for the Leaf, Ra?iyyih Bigum, upon her be the Glory of God. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! […]

O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Give thanks unto God for having drawn thee nigh, and caused thee to hear the melodies of the birds of the Kingdom, and taught thee My remembrance and praise, and guided thee to My path, and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My bounty, and shown thee the ocean of My mighty grace. We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation in God, and have answered thee before and after, wherefore do We bear witness to the call between earth and heaven, through His bounty and grace and mercy upon thee and upon His remembering handmaidens and His sincere servants. Rejoice thou in this most great favor, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Verily, whoso turneth in remembrance unto Him Who remembereth him, and advanceth toward Him Who hath advanced

toward him - thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken in this exalted station. We counsel thee with that which beseemeth the days of God and with that which hath been sent down in My perspicuous Book. Convey My glorification unto the faces of the people of the household and unto My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Speak unto them and make mention unto them of that wherewith We have made mention of thee, and give them the glad tidings of My mercy and My bounty and My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve thou not over anything, for verily He is with His devoted handmaidens and His devoted servants. The servant present hath read once again that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard, and We have adorned the crown of thy sincerity with the crown of utterance from the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus hath the Ship of Divine Knowledge sailed upon the ocean of certitude. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and believed in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of the bounty, a bounty from God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We glorify from this station him who hath soared in My atmosphere and sought to aid My Cause and hath spoken My beauteous praise - he who was named the Lion in a book and by another name in My Preserved Tablet. Glory be upon him and upon Inayat and upon those who, when they heard, submitted themselves to the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and to His manifest Command.

And this is what was revealed for the honored sister, upon her be the Glory of God, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name which shineth from the horizon of utterance! This is a day wherein God maketh mention of every servant who hath turned unto Him and every handmaiden who hath attained unto His wondrous Command. Blessed is the tongue that hath attained unto sweetness when the Call was raised, and the eye that hath turned when the Supreme Horizon was adorned with the lights of the face of the Lord of Names, and the mouth that hath drunk the Kawthar of life from the hand of bounty of its Lord, the Bountiful. The world hath been adorned with the lights of the Ancient One, yet the peoples are in a strange sleep. They have not been awakened by the Call, nor by the Cry, nay, they are among the dead in My perspicuous Book. O My leaf! Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee in that which attesteth to His grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. It behooveth thee to remember God in the nights and days. Thus do We counsel thee from His presence in a mighty tablet. We have made mention of thee before and after, and in this secure station. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have turned and believed in God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, and the Lord of the glorious throne.

This is what was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Khavar, who attained unto service to the people of the household and unto acceptance before God, the King, the Truth, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, exalted be His utterance and glorified be His Word:

In the Name of the One God […]

O handmaiden of God! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which is acceptable in the sight of Truth. Every handmaiden of God who hath attained to serving the people of the household is accounted

among the people of Baha in the sight of Truth and inscribed in God's Book. Preserve this station, that the Hand of Providence may bestow its recompense in this world and the next. Every pure deed is a treasure for its doer with God, glorified be His majesty. To this testifieth every seeing soul. The glory of God rest upon thee from God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And this is what was revealed for the emigrant sister who circumambulates the Throne - upon her be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden! At this hour thy sister and Munirih were present before the Face and made mention of thee, and sought thy remembrance from the ocean of divine generosity. Therefore was this most wondrous and most holy Tablet revealed especially for thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. God willing, mayest thou ever be blessed by the grace of the True One and act according to what He loveth and approveth. His grace is present and His bounty manifest, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Beseech ye God, glorified be His majesty, that He may guide all those who are related and not deprive them of the lights of the Sun of grace. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We send from this spot Our greetings upon thee and upon thy daughters and upon him who hath believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God! The outpouring grace hath encompassed all and portions have been bestowed from the ocean of providence. God willing, may they discover the fragrance of these days and drink from the ocean of grace, and God willing, may your honor be in all conditions a bearer of glad tidings and make the people aware of the grace and bounty of the Goal of all the worlds. However, with perfect wisdom and utterance. I convey greetings and salutations to the people of the household, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. I hope from His infinite grace that He may cause them to attain unto their goal. God is witness that this servant hath ever been and is mindful of their mention in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. And convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. Say: O friends! Today is the day to aid the Cause and arise to serve. Deprive not yourselves. Strive that ye may receive your portion from His oceans of bounty. In the divine Tablets, aid hath been ordained through goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Conflict, contention and unseemly acts have been and shall ever be rejected. The station of man is other than the station of the beasts of the earth. The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon those with you and upon all whose names thou hast mentioned in thy letter and upon every servant who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

According to His command: The sister of the King of Martyrs, upon her be the glory of God - if she hath any rights they should reach her. And they commanded to write to his honor S.D.: Affairs have been and are in the grasp of God's power, glorified be His majesty, and bounty, blessing and heavenly food exist in the heaven of grace. He sendeth down upon whomsoever He willeth, howsoever He willeth. He is the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous. Her matter should be considered with perfect justice and equity and be carried out accordingly. Verily He is the Commander, the Clear, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God shall soon give recompense to those who work in His path. He is the Guardian of those who act. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

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May our beloved and revered [Ali] Qabel-i-Akbar - upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - observe:

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

How excellent that the letter arrived, diffusing the fragrance of love throughout all worlds. Each of its letters was a volume, and each of its words a book - volumes upon volumes of the righteous and books upon books of lovers. Blessed be the people of the Covenant, through whom the horizons were illumined. How excellent indeed! In truth, the mystic garden of inner meanings is the book of the loved ones. Every flower exists therein and every nightingale warbles upon it. The nightingales of the world are powerless to describe it, and the pens of nations fall short in its mention. Who can adequately give thanks for this supreme bounty? He guided, He showed the way, He conferred strength, He tested with knowledge, He bestowed vision, He granted wisdom. His is the praise and glory, beyond count and beyond reckoning. Blessed is our Lord Who hath made known to you that from which every possessor of smell perceiveth the fragrance of grace and favor.

Glorified art Thou, O Desire of the world and Manifest One through the Most Great Name! How can I mention Thee after Thou hast taught me that remembrance cannot draw nigh unto the court of Thy glory and utterance cannot soar into the atmosphere of Thy nearness? And how can I remain silent when I witness that my life was suspended by it, enduring through it, and standing by it? I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to assist me in mentioning Thy loved ones who have aided Thy Cause in Thy lands amongst Thy servants, who have arisen to serve Thee, and who have spoken Thy praise. Thou knowest, O my God, and seest, O my Desire, him who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon in days wherein the limbs of all names trembled and the fear of the oppressors seized all in the kingdom of creation. Thou hearest, O my God, his mention and praise, and Thou witnesseth, O my Lord, his steadfastness and constancy. I beseech Thee to assist him with the ocean of Thy utterance and to aid him with the angels of Thy Cause, and to protect him from the evil of Thine enemies, that he may mention Thee with wisdom and eloquence amidst the concourse of religions. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart, the letter which was adorned by the effect of the pen arrived - an arrival whose mention cannot quench the thirst of love even after one, two, or three times. In truth, this arrival can be attributed to eternal life, for it is the joy of heart and soul; its rising from the horizon of the heart knoweth no setting nor decline. All this is from the grace of God, our Lord and your Lord, and the Lord of His firm and impregnable Cause and His mighty News. And when the maidens of utterance were beheld from the chambers of words, they directed themselves toward the most exalted horizon and were presented before the countenance of the Lord of Names, attaining the honor of being heard. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

In My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, We make mention of thee with a remembrance before which all remembrances bow down in humility. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou the Lord of the beginning and the end!” We have stood before all faces with such steadfastness as could not be prevented by the hosts of the world nor by the might of days. Verily, the seas testify to My power, and the waves to My utterance, and the heaven beareth witness to My sovereignty that hath encompassed all horizons. The trees cry out in My Name while men are in strange doubt. We remember Our loved ones in the morning and in the evening, at nightfall and at dawn. The tongue speaketh and the Pen We behold moving in such wise as to attract the hearts of the possessors of understanding. Let nothing whatsoever grieve thee. Be thou confident in the grace of thy Lord. He is with whomsoever desireth Him - to this beareth witness the Mother Book in the most exalted station. We have aided thee to make mention of Me and have exalted thee amongst My servants that thou mayest thank thy Lord at morn and eventide. Be thou in such a state that neither what hath happened nor what will happen shall prevent thee, nor shall the power of the wicked weaken thee. We have remembered thee over successive years with verses that testify to thee in every world of My worlds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory! Now open thy Persian ear that thou mayest hear the Persian call. Today the Blessed Tree in the midmost heart of the most exalted Paradise uttereth this most sublime Word: O people of the earth! Know ye the value of this time and act as behooveth you. O ’Ali! This Tree uttereth a word at every moment - its fruit is meaning and its leaves are utterance. Yet most of the followers of religion are deprived and kept back. At every instant the Sun of wisdom and utterance shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen, yet vision is clouded and understanding veiled. Beseech thou the True One that He may rend asunder these dark veils by the finger of power and may not deprive the heedless servants from the ocean of knowledge. Have they not witnessed the manifestations of power and heard the divine words? Say: O people, be fair! By the life of God, all the movements of the Truth, exalted be His glory, whether in mention, utterance, verses, evidences, arising or sitting - all have been and are distinguished from all who are on earth. Every person of insight hath testified and every informed one hath borne witness. Blessed is the soul that hath spoken with justice and fairness and whom doubts and idle fancies have not deprived of the fragrances of the divine days. Convey on behalf of the True One greetings to the loved ones of the land of Ta and its surroundings. Say: The fire of the Tree is ablaze and the lights of the Countenance are manifest and radiant. Strive that perchance ye may be enkindled by this fire and set the world aflame. The companions of Sh and S and M are all mentioned in the Most Holy Court and each hath been honored with divine mention. Remember them all on behalf of this Wronged One and convey greetings to them and give them the glad tidings of His grace and bounty, that perchance through the divine glad tidings a celestial power may be manifested in each one. Verily thy Lord counseleth and commandeth the servants with what profiteth them. He is indeed the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

Some time ago the chief of this city, that is the governor, was enkindled with the fire of hatred and did that which caused the book of joy […]

And he did that which caused the book of joy and the scroll of delight and gladness to be erased and disappear from this land. Each day a new oppression was manifested from him and a calumny made evident. Nevertheless, the Supreme Pen ceased not from mention of the friends. A hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for this supreme bestowal and mighty favor!

His honor Aqa ’Abdu’s-Samad with [his companion], upon them both be the Glory of God, attained and were among the chosen friends of that land. Multiple Tablets were requested and in these days were bestowed and sent. Give him the glad tidings of his Lord’s favor that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

The prison-city, praise be to God, has become filled with the friends, and this gathering has become the cause and reason for talk. Some words have been spoken, yet in all conditions power is manifest and the Pen is in motion. On one occasion these blessed words were spoken, the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

“O servant present! The people are weak, nay even kings are seen to be disturbed and fearful at the slightest thing. Otherwise, We would have assigned a specific place for a group of the friends in these lands and would have summoned them from all directions. But in consideration of the weakness of the servants We have held back. Glory be to God! For nearly twelve years We were in Iraq, and five years in the Land of Mystery, and eighteen years in the Prison Land in the domains of the Sublime State, and not so much as a needle’s point of harm was manifested from the souls present, nor was any corruption evident. Nevertheless, they did what thou hast seen and art aware of. Ask God to grant capacity of heart and breast and to strengthen the faculty of understanding, that perchance they may discover the purpose and find themselves freed from their vain imaginings.” End quote.

In truth, this ephemeral one is astonished at what could be the cause of their agitation and the reason for their lack of assurance, when in the Ottoman domains this community was subjected to killing and all manner of tribulation, yet they held fast to beautiful patience. In no way was any corruption manifest nor any opposition seen. The world is bewildered as to what cause and reason they have arisen in opposition, objection, oppression and transgression. In any case, forgiveness has been and is befitting to the station of man, and likewise prayer and seeking divine confirmation from the Presence of the Creator, exalted be His mention. Verily He is the Generous, the Possessor of Great Bounty.

And regarding what was written that some of the matters of that beloved one were not mentioned - this evanescent servant had previously submitted detailed accounts of all affairs. It is strange that that beloved one has again complained. Last year in this land the fire of corruption was so intensely ablaze that all writings were gathered and sent to a special place, and whatever was at hand and seen was answered and sent, especially regarding the letters of that beloved of hearts. Whatever was received was not neglected in reply, rather responses were written and dispatched on the very day of receipt. It seems to have escaped the blessed notice, as in this exalted letter much displeasure has been expressed. In truth, such expression was not warranted. In any case, this evanescent one acknowledges and confesses his shortcomings and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in making amends for what was missed. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

At this moment, another letter from that beloved of hearts was observed. Much complaint was made about not receiving replies and mention was made of certain names. This servant, after reading it, found himself bewildered, for if that beloved one were to gather the Tablets specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the Lord's Will, as well as the responses submitted by this servant, surely multiple books would be observed. At this point, this exalted word was revealed from the Lord of all beings, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

"O 'Ali! The heavenly feast and divine enduring bounty has rained upon you from the atmosphere of the Lord's mercy to such an extent that you are unable to count it. Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks to your Lord and say: Thine is the praise, and Thine the bounty, and Thine the gratitude, and Thine the glory, and Thine the favors and gifts, and Thine the bestowals and kindnesses. There is no God but Thee, the Giver, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous. O 'Ali! You have had and have no right to complain whatsoever. Even if nothing were to be revealed to that soul in these days, they should not be saddened, for from the beginning of the Cause until now, they have been and are blessed with the traces of the Supreme Pen. Now the glance of favor should turn to new souls, that perchance they may be purified and sanctified from the doubts and allusions of the people of the earth through the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and may find themselves firm, steadfast and upright in the Cause of God."

Thus did He bestow purely out of grace, favor, kindness and mercy that which in all conditions wafts the fragrance of hope. If we reflect even briefly on His favors, until the endless end we would continue to say: "Thine is the praise, O Beloved of hearts."

O Ghulamrida! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Glorious! Thou hast borne countless hardships in the path of God, endured reproach, experienced imprisonment, chosen exile from thy homeland, been made the target of oppression, tasted the cup of torment, and drunk the goblet of tribulation. Such is the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Yet since these were endured in His path, they were and shall ever remain beloved. By My life! Tribulation is fleeting but its reward is everlasting - the former setting like the sun, the latter knowing no decline. This is of thy Lord's mercy upon thee. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. However, return to thy former station is acceptable and beloved for the sake of God and in His path. Thou must at all times hold fast unto wisdom and counsel the friends in that land with wisdom, that all may be adorned with the ornament of divine commandments and become the cause of drawing people nigh unto God. O servant! Upon thee be My glory! The people of the world are weak and sick - both strength and healing are needed. God willing, thou wilt kindle with the fire of wisdom those who are cold, and awaken those who are heedless. Pass through the regions like the morning breeze. All must be educated according to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will in the Holy Books and Tablets, that all may drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant, and the son of Thy handmaiden. My outer and inner tongue, and the tongue of my heart bear witness to Thy unity and oneness, and that there is none like unto Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy grace, by the lights of the daybreak of Thy manifestation,

by the kingdom of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book, to aid me under all conditions to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then cause to appear from me, O my Best-Beloved, that which shall be a light before the faces of Thy servants and a spirit for the revival of the hearts of Thy creatures. Then enable me, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, to perform such deeds as shall cause all deeds to shine, and to do that which befitteth Thy days and Thy manifestation. Thou art He Whom the clamor of the divines hath not deterred from the operation of Thy wisdom, nor have the doubts of the theologians prevented the power of Thy Pen. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O servant! Strive, that perchance the loved ones of God may drink from the mystical ocean that lieth concealed within this blessed Word - and this blessed Word is "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth." By the life of God! Whosoever attaineth unto this Word will behold himself firmly established, seated upon the throne of certitude. We beseech God that He may aid thee to enlighten His servants, guide them, and direct them to the straight path. Convey to the people of God in that land greetings from the Wronged One. Say: From the earliest days, this Wronged One hath proclaimed before the faces of all men - kings and subjects, divines and princes - the Most Great Word, a Word which no possessor of hearing can deny, and to which every person of insight beareth witness. Nevertheless, the opposers have uttered that which no opponent had ever uttered. They have drawn the sword of opposition, and instead of rendering service, they have clung to calumnies. They have turned away from the Mother Book and the Ocean of Utterance, occupying themselves with murmurings and shallow pools. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Omniscient Commander, the All-Informed.

This evanescent one hath ever been occupied with the mention of that spiritual friend. I have beseeched and do beseech God that He may aid them in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. In this night, at the time of revelation, when the Tongue of Grandeur made mention of thee, from every direction was witnessed the dawning of the sun of grace, favor, kindness and mercy. That which was specially revealed for thee is such that none save the Revealer Himself, in His true station, can comprehend its significance. I convey greetings and salutations to the friends in those regions who have quaffed the choice wine and who are gazing toward the Most Sublime Horizon. It is hoped that each one may be illumined and enkindled by the light of God's mention and the fire of His blessed Tree of Providence. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He is the Hearer Whom nothing preventeth from hearkening, and the Witness Whom no affair hindereth from witnessing and perceiving. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding what was written about Ali-Heydar, upon him be the Glory of God, that some friends are displeased with him - that is, they are not satisfied - even though he is engaged in service, this matter was presented to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His blessed words, exalted be He: "Let all look to My Most Exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My glorious and wondrous utterance. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Indeed, the matter is as that beloved one hath written. In any case, he has

arisen to serve the Cause and they must consider the service itself and must not object. The people of God must ever fix their gaze upon the blessed words “He doeth what He willeth” which hath dawned from the horizon of the Mouth of Will. He is one newly come to the stream of recognition and engaged in service. Even if some of his actions are not seen to be satisfactory, they must conceal this and pray for him. It is hoped his service will enable him to do what is befitting. This is not difficult for God. In truth, he is mentioned before God and hath attained the verses of the Supreme Pen. It is clear and evident to all that not an atom of deeds that are not pleasing are or ever have been acceptable in the Most Holy Court. However, repeatedly hath this exalted word flowed from the Supreme Pen, blessed and exalted be He: “Today Our gaze is fixed upon the horizons of hearts and what love lieth therein, and whatever is mentioned is in view of the service and love manifested by those souls.” But alas, a hundred thousand times alas, for in these days unseemly deeds prevent one from the spiritual fragrances and meanings and deprive one thereof. With utmost humility I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones and sanctify them from that which He loveth not nor is pleased with. We must all beseech God that those souls who in the early days were adorned with the ornament of His favor and attained His divine tablets may hold fast to deeds that cause the purification and sanctification of God’s Cause among His servants. If justice were to be applied, we would all be ashamed and abashed. One day a person came before Christ - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - and said: “Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?” He said unto him: “Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” I beseech God to aid all to return and hold fast to His will. These are days of grace, the ocean of mercy is surging, the sun of bounty is manifest, the heaven of generosity is raised up. Through the mere act of returning, all have been and will be adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. His bounty hath preceded, His mercy hath preceded, and the sun of loving-kindness shineth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty and generosity. Blessed are the peoples who have attained unto this mighty Cause in this mighty Day. Whatever that honored one undertaketh in these matters to promote harmony and remove ill-feeling is acceptable before God, nay rather, it is necessary and obligatory upon that beloved one - but with wisdom, forbearance and patience. At one time these exalted words were uttered by the Lord of all being. His words, exalted be His glory: “O servant present! Ali-Heydar, upon him be My glory, is enkindled […]”

O servant! Hader Ali Heydar, upon him be My glory, is enkindled and stands ready to execute whatever is commanded. God willing, the Hand of Divine education shall adorn him with the ornament of what He desires. Nothing is hidden from His knowledge and He is the Witness, the Ever-Present, the All-Knowing. However, they must hold fast to wisdom, for perchance publicity may cause disturbance. All must seek his protection. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and praise to the friends of God, and states: Arise for the sake of God and in His path to remove estrangements between souls. If this deed be done for the sake of God, it will surely prove effective and everyone’s aims and purposes will be achieved without harm befalling anyone. Verily our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. This evanescent one submits with the utmost humility and supplication unto all that which is the cause of exaltation and glory. Verily my Lord is witness to what I say.

Concerning what was written about the kinsmen and friends of that land, praise be to God, all have been blessed with special favors. After presentation at the Holy Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses - thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified: "O Ali Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Thou hast mentioned the friends of that land. Blessed art thou and well is it with thee. Each has been honored with the tokens of the Most Exalted Pen. All have been and are beneath the glances of God's favor. Say: O people of God! Strive ye and know and recognize your worth and station. For a time, occupy yourselves with creating harmony, unity and removing estrangements. With the utmost joy and fragrance, turn to purifying the hearts and souls of the heedless servants. Ere long will the effulgences of the Sun of Justice become manifest and evident to all the worlds. Be occupied with refining nations and improving the world. Make your resolve great and arise in the name of Truth to educate the saplings of the divine planting, and be foremost in good deeds. The deeds of all are clear and evident before God and their reward is preserved in the treasuries of infallibility. We beseech God to aid all to achieve that which hath been revealed and made manifest from the Most Exalted Pen at this time. We make mention of the handmaidens of God in that land and bid them observe the Most Great Chastity. Praise be to God, each is mentioned in the presence of the Divine Countenance and is blessed with favor. We send greetings unto them from this near yet far Station, and We send peace unto them from this luminous Horizon. Any handmaiden who today has attained the recognition of God is regarded before God as among the men, nay rather among the heroes - those concerning whom He has said: 'Neither trade nor commerce distracts them from the remembrance of God.' Blessed are they, both men and women, and theirs is a goodly reward."

As to their mention of the honored Leaf, member of the Holy Family, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors - after it was presented before His Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, a Blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of His Will specifically for her. Praise be to God, she attained that which hath no likeness or parallel. It is hoped that every letter of the divine Tablet's words may, like the Most Great Luminary, illuminate all beings and cause to shine forth from the horizon of the heart that which befitteth His Day. This servant also conveyeth greetings and salutations to the honored Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, and beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to ordain for that Leaf that which shall cause eternal mention and everlasting life. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath commanded us to pray and hath promised to answer. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

As to conditions in the Land of Desire, as before, the source of evil is deposed and defeated, though some movement is observed. Although this Cause hath never opposed anyone past or present, still they regard these servants as heretics. Until now they have not inhaled the fragrance of holiness and sanctity of this blessed Cause. The Shi'ih acted in such wise as caused the Concourse of the Spirit and Moses to weep, and the Sunni acted in ways unprecedented. They remain caught in vain imaginings and idle fancies. Leave them in their idle discourse. The Command is in the hand of our Lord, the Master of all mankind.

The devoted female pilgrims have arrived - the honored mother of H and S, upon them be the Glory of God, known for months residing in the house, and other honored ladies who arrived forty days ago and have been blessed to hear the divine verses. They have repeatedly mentioned you. The rays of the Sun have so brilliantly shone upon them that this servant and others are unable to describe it. We beseech

the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant them success to spend their days with perfect steadfastness in remembrance of the Lord of all beings. The Beloved hath repeatedly expressed satisfaction with them.

His honor Haji Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, hath labored greatly and demonstrated from that Presence that which proved his faith and certitude. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and bestowed specifically for him. At this moment, in the presence of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His grandeur, He commanded: Write to Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be My glory and favors, that which is regarded by God as the most excellent of deeds and upon which depends the exaltation of the blessed Word - unity and concord. In this matter they must strive and become the cause of unity, especially those men who are numbered among the near ones in God's Book as recorded by the Supreme Pen. The world must find the straight path through the certitude, assurance, orientation, devotion, sanctification, detachment and dedication of these holy, content and well-pleased souls, and must gaze toward the Supreme Horizon, detached from all directions, regions and horizons. End.

Indeed, were they to hold fast to that which is befitting, God's Cause would encompass all and all would comprehend that of which they are now heedless and turn to that from which they now turn aside. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor, upon those with you, and upon those who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

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

Praise befitteth the Mighty Lord Who hath caused the Living Waters to flow from the Supreme Pen, and hath enabled the realm of earth and heaven to attain unto the essence of grace and eternal, everlasting life. Glory be to God! At all times the call from the Most Exalted Horizon is raised, and the breezes of the morn of Revelation are perpetually wafting, and yet the people of the world remain deprived and debarred therefrom, save those whom the hand of divine power hath seized and delivered from the clay of idle fancies–a grace from His presence, for He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of existence and King of the seen and the unseen! This evanescent one beareth witness to Thy permanence and the transience of all things, to Thy power and the impotence of all who dwell in earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of creation, by the ocean of Thy signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur and might, and by the Name through which Thou hast subdued all created things and the kingdoms of names and attributes, to unite the hearts of Thy loved ones in Thy days, to illuminate them with the light of Thy knowledge, and to adorn them with the ornament of Thy love. Then aid them to such steadfastness that their feet shall not slip by reason of that which is in the hands of those servants who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies, and Thy trusted ones in the grasp of the treacherous among Thy creatures and the calumniators among Thy people. I beseech Thee to protect them through Thy power, sovereignty, majesty and glory. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The petition of that distinguished one reached the Most Holy and Exalted Court on the morning of Tuesday, the twenty-first of the month of Jumada'th-Thani, and after being presented before the Lord of all mankind, these resplendent verses were revealed. He saith, exalted be His glory and His sovereignty and His proof: "Give glad tidings unto him through whom the breezes of divine knowledge have wafted over all who are in the realm of possibility. O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Glory hath presented thy letter and laid it before the Face. We have sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of inner meanings and utterance throughout all religions, that thou mayest render thanks and be of them that are steadfast. This is a day whereon the doors of bounty have been opened unto the world and the Day-Star of existence hath shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds.

"We have indeed inhaled from thy letter the fragrance of thy love and thy turning towards Him and thy rising up to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Thou didst attain aforetime unto the verses of thy Lord. We beseech God to illumine through thee the hearts of His servants with the light of His knowledge and to strengthen thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. This is a day whereon the realities of all things have been attracted by the call of their Lord, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, and there have shone forth from the horizons of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen the suns of gifts and favors. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away the world and laid hold on that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing.

"O Khalil! We are encompassed by sorrows from them that have cast the Trust behind their backs and have committed that which hath caused Justice to lament, and every discerning person to weep. When thou art seized by the living waters of Mine utterance and findest the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the stream of Thy utterance when most of Thy creatures were debarred therefrom, and for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon when the divines of vain imaginings turned away from it in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and by Thy sovereignty through which Thou hast subdued all names, to aid me to make mention of Thee […]"

By Thy sovereignty through which Thou hast subdued all names, I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have desired to make mention in the Book of Names of him who was named Mahdi - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - and to bring him glad tidings of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Akka: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned thee before and have revealed unto thee that which caused the ocean of knowledge to surge in the contingent world. We beseech God to aid thee in rending asunder the veils of

His servants and to make thee steadfast with such steadfastness as shall make firm the feet of His creation. Verily He is the Potent over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word. Say: O concourse of the earth! Cast aside your imaginings and idle fancies. The Self-Subsisting hath come with the standards of His signs from God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Nothing that ye possess will profit you this Day save through this Cause whereby the limbs of the oppressors have quaked and the faces of the deniers have been darkened. Say: Beware lest the might of the oppressors frighten you, or the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God or the doubts of any remote ignorant one prevent you. Arise in the name of thy Lord to His Cause and give glad tidings unto the people of this Manifestation through which the Mount has smiled and the Tree hath called out: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praised One. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, We have seen thy turning and have turned unto thee, and have revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the eternity of names and attributes. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things. I testify that Thou hast manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is he who hath attained unto Thy verses and heard Thy call, and woe unto every denier who hath denied this manifest grace. Take thou the chalice of steadfastness with thy right hand, then drink thereof in the name of thy Lord, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then give to drink those servants who have turned unto His Face through His wise remembrance. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken while among the heedless. And We have desired at this time to make mention of him who was named Qasim, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. O Qasim! This is the Day whereon secrets have been revealed, trees have spoken, and rivers have flowed, inasmuch as He Who conversed on Sinai hath seated Himself upon the throne of Manifestation, whereat the Cry hath been raised and the Herald hath proclaimed: By God! The Promised One hath come with clear sovereignty. We have commanded all to be trustworthy and religious and to that whereby the Word of God may be exalted among His servants and His Cause in His lands. Among the people are those who have turned unto Him and those who have turned away until they disbelieved in Him Who came from the heaven of grace with manifest sovereignty. Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of those who have denied His Manifestation and His sovereignty and have disputed His signs which have encompassed the heavens and the earth. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from this radiant, shining, and gleaming Light. We counsel you for the sake of God. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand are the keys of the knowledge of the first and the last. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and for having revealed unto me that which shall endure throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the river of Thy mercy hath flowed from the Pen of Thy bounty with the ocean of Thy utterance which hath surged before the faces of Thy servants, to make me of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bestowal.

O Thou at Whose Name the ocean of Thy mercy flowed from the Pen of Thy bounty through the sea of Thy utterance which surgeth before the faces of Thy servants! I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of Thy generosity, and to ordain for me, O my Best Beloved, the good of all Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Mahmud! The Wronged One wisheth to mention thee from His glorious station and give thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them that have turned towards God in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then guide the people to the horizon of understanding, by the command of God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the clamor of the froward and the croaking of the seditious, who have broken God's Covenant and turned away from His straight path, deter thee. This is the Day whereon the Luminary of Revelation hath dawned from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and believe in Him through Whom the gate of heaven was opened and that which was hidden from eyes was revealed. Thus doth the Dove of Knowledge warble upon the highest branches. Blessed are they who hear it.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Mirza before Taqi with such remembrance as shall attract the hearts of those who have turned to God, Who ruleth all being through His command "Be" and it is. Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God Who created thee and hath sent down unto thee that which shall endure as long as His Kingdom endureth. Say: O people of the earth! Adorn your heads with the crowns of detachment and your temples with the robe of godliness. Beware lest that which ye possess prevent you from that which is with God. Cast away idle fancies. The Self-Subsisting hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the veils of the divines who have turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, weaken you. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have quaffed My sealed wine in My Name, the Best-Beloved.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah that he may rejoice in this remembrance through which the fragrances of utterance have wafted throughout all possibility and the Day-Star of proof hath shone forth by the will of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. O Nasr! Victory hath come, and verily it is this Cause at which the limbs of every heedless and veiled one have trembled. Sorrows have encompassed Us from all sides through that which the hands of the infidels have wrought, who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to the remembrance of God in His days and hath witnessed that which God hath witnessed that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings and hearkened unto the Call when it was raised in truth from this exalted Station.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee, and thanks be to Thee for having made known unto me Thy Cause at which the limbs of every oppressor and rejected one have trembled. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will and the potency of Thy Purpose, and by the ocean of Thy bounty and bestowal, and the heaven of Thy generosity and mercy, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the feet of Thy creatures have slipped save those whom Thou didst preserve through Thy power wherewith Thou hast subdued the kingdoms of existence. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned towards Thy horizon. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee and for the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

O Ancient Beauty! Turn Thy face towards another city, then make mention of him who was named Ja'far-Quli from this Most Exalted Horizon that the rapture of the Call may seize him and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind. Thy name was present in the Most Great Prison. We have sent down unto thee clear verses whereby exhilaration […]

He draws him near unto God, the Lord of all beings. Thy name hath appeared in the Most Great Prison, and We have revealed for thee verses clear and manifest through which ecstasy and joy have seized the dwellers of the cities of the ardent lovers who have believed in Him Who is the Desired One and have not broken the Covenant and Testament. Beware lest anything deter thee from God or the threat of any doubting oppressor frighten thee. Take hold of the Book of God with a might which the clamor of the world and the tyranny of every wicked infidel who hath denied God, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful, cannot withhold. That which was hidden in the treasury of God's protection and concealed from eyes hath been revealed. When thou hast drunk from the hand of My bounty the Kawthar of grace and favors, say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to the sanctity of Thy Being above all things and the exemption of Thine Essence from all similitudes. I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree of Thy Cause and the whispering of the breezes of the dawn of Thy Revelation to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love such that were all who are on earth to unite against me, my feet would not slip from Thy path. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which will aid me in every world of Thy worlds and make me mighty through Thy might. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O Fath! The Opener hath come, and with Him the key to the treasuries of knowledge and arts from God, the Lord of all men. This is a day wherein the world hath been perfumed by the breezes of Revelation, yet most of the people have turned away and denied God, the Revealer of verses. Say: O people! Fear God. The light hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, and that which was recorded by the Pen of God in the Scriptures and Tablets hath come. Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath done what he was commanded in the Mother Book. This is a day wherein from the waves of the ocean of utterance is heard: "The All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all in the realm of possibilities." It behooveth thee to cast the world and its varieties and ornaments behind thee, holding fast unto that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

Say: My God, my God! Strengthen my limbs for the service of Thy Cause, then open through me the doors of the hearts of Thy creation. O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and attracted by Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and Thy might amongst Thy servants to ordain for me that which will preserve me from the suggestions of those who have denied Thy proof and broken Thy covenant and committed that which caused the Concourse on High to lament at eventide and at dawn. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then cause to appear from it the pearls of Thy love. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. The Cause is mighty. Whosoever desireth to draw nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon must, at the time of

turning, hold fast unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan and act accordingly. He hath spoken, and His Word is the truth: “Say: God; then leave them in their vain discourse to amuse themselves.” The tree of this blessed Word was planted in the garden of the Furqan by the command of Him Who is the Desired One of the worlds, and its evil fruits are manifest today. And in turning to the hereafter is the station of the most great steadfastness. One must speak and act according to this blessed Word: “Verily, I have abandoned the ways of a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the hereafter.” Whosoever hath attained unto that which hath in this moment been revealed from the Supreme Pen, he is of the people of Baha.

Let all who attain in this day to what hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen be numbered among the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Otherwise these sight-deprived servants and ears polluted with vain imaginings are not, nor ever shall be, worthy to witness and hearken. Night and day do verses descend like rain showers, and the Sun of clear proofs doth shine forth and gleam from the horizons of divine Tablets. Yet the people remain veiled and heedless. Consider the Shi’ih sect: reared on suspicions and idle fancies, and clinging to the calumnies of a few, they have thus been debarred from the fragrant breezes of revelation and from hearing the Voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai. Implore God to set ablaze and illumine anew such as these and all His servants with the fire of His love and the light of His Cause. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Turn thy face unto him who is named Muhammad-Husayn, then send down unto him from the treasuries of Thy knowledge that which shall aid him to serve Thy Cause in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Dominator of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Today is the pavilion of grace raised aloft and the tent of glory pitched upon the highest standards. Blessed is the servant who in this wondrous, glorious Day attaineth unto the Word of God. Arise with the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Great Prison. None of what is witnessed can compare with the Word of God. The affairs of this world have withheld men from the Lord of all beings. Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree these words are heard: “O earth! Blessed art thou to have been honoured by the footsteps of thy Lord, and blessed is he who hath received from Him a word in His days.”

Let prayers and supplications be repeated. From all things may be heard the cry “The Creator of the heavens hath come!” Strife, contention, denial and objection have been forbidden. The hosts of the True One, exalted be His glory, have ever been and shall remain goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. The divine mission is for the sake of souls. The blessed hosts aforementioned have arisen to aid the Cause. It behooveth the people of Baha to hold fast unto that which they have been commanded in this Tablet, and unto the fear of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Wronged One walketh in His Most Great Prison, as a bounty from Him upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of God’s commandments, the Lord of all worlds.

O ’Abbas-Quli! The Most Great Ocean hath turned toward thee, desiring to bring forth for thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance that lay hidden in the shells preserved therein, that thou mayest praise and glorify and magnify thy gracious Lord. We have manifested that which lay concealed from time immemorial, as attested by one who possesseth a mighty Book. Observe, then remember what We

revealed in the Book of one of the Messengers, wherein We informed the people of this glorious, wondrous Day. He announced the appearance of the Lord and said: “He maketh the dawn as darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, God shall aid Him with the hosts of His name.” Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God. That which was inscribed in the Tablets hath appeared, and there hath been revealed that which no heavenly Books can equal. Should ye deny this Most Great Cause and that which hath been manifested in this Day by the command […] what ye possess. Be fair and be not among the heedless. The Mother Book speaketh before your faces.

Be not among the heedless ones. The Mother Book speaks before your faces while you are in a strange sleep. You have taken God’s Cause as a plaything and diversion. We testify that you are among the later ones, inscribed in a clear tablet. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn His servants with the ornament of fairness, to aid them in pure justice, and to grant them success in returning. Verily, He is the Forgiver, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

Grieve not over anything. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones who hastened to the field of martyrdom in Thy days and sacrificed their spirits and all they possessed in Thy path, and by the Light whereby Thy earth and heaven were illumined, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy love. Ordain for me that which will make me rich through Thy riches, and steadfast, firm and immovable in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad tidings of God’s mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. We have desired at this time to mention him who is named Ismail, that he may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause such that neither the doubts of the learned, nor the might of princes, nor the power of the polytheists shall cause thee to slip.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty, and honored me with the blood of Thy days, and sent down for me that which shall endure as long as Thy Kingdom endures. I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which Thou hast preserved from stormy winds, to ordain for me that which will make me attracted to Thy verses and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. O Lord! I am he who has acknowledged Thy unity and oneness, and Thy greatness and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy mercy to aid me in serving Thy friends who have taken no helper besides Thee and who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament.

O Lord! Have mercy on him who has turned to Thy most exalted horizon and drunk the sealed nectar from the hands of Thy Self-Subsisting Name before the faces of all mankind. Thou art He to Whose generosity and bounty every person of insight has testified, and to Whose greatness and riches every poor one has borne witness. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, by Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine mercy and attained His favor. Repeatedly hast thou been adorned and illumined by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. A petition was previously presented before Us. Blessed art thou and thy father. We testify that he has ascended to the Supreme Companion and attained God's mercy which has preceded earth and heaven. This is a day wherein every one who has turned to God has attained that which none before him had attained. To this bears witness He Who speaks and has spoken that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower, the Speaker in the beginning and the return.

Be assured of thy Lord's favor. Verily, He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son. We beseech God to aid you both in that which will exalt your stations among His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Master Builder, O Abdullah! Thy name was mentioned in Our presence and attained the honor of being heard. Therefore have We mentioned thee with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of kings. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. O Master Builder! The pillars of the house of God's religion have been shaken by the oppression of the polytheists. If thou hast the power to […]

O builder of the pillars of God's religion! Thou hast moved away from the oppression of the polytheists. Verily thou hast the power to demolish the houses of vain imaginings and suppositions of the Shi'ih party, and with hands of truthfulness and might to erect the new edifice and illumine it with the lights of the Sun of Certitude. By My life! The houses of vain imaginings of the former party prevented the hapless ones from the Ka'bih of God, hanged the Countenance of the Intended One, and martyred Him with bullets of hatred. And now they stand upon pulpits […] praying that God may purify and sanctify the earth from the likes of that party. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Mahdi, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Mahdi! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from this Most Exalted Station, from the Crimson Tree. Verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Those who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament are among the lost ones in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people! The Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud by His Name, the Almighty, the Great. Beware lest what is with the ignorant prevent you from the Supreme Horizon. Cast away what is with them and take what ye have been given from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath ascended unto God. We testify that he hath drunk the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious. He hath attained unto that which most of creation hath not attained. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this exalted station. Turn unto the Supreme Horizon when all but those whom God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, wished, turned away from it, and acknowledged that which the Pen hath uttered and confessed that which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace from the presence of One Mighty, Powerful.

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O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He hath appeared and revealed that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of existence. Say: O people! Be fair in what hath been revealed

through truth. Beware lest the veils of names shut you out from their Creator. Cast away idle fancies, then turn unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We sent down the verses and made them as wings for thee, that thou mayest soar in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds is heard: "The Lord and the Promised One hath come and seated Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty." When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the choice wine, say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy tokens and for having sent down unto me that which shall endure throughout the duration of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee by Thy Manifest Book, which speaketh before all faces that God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thy cord and to voice Thy praise among Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is. O my Lord! Ordain for me and for the two brothers that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace. Then open before our faces and the faces of Thy loved ones the doors of Thy favors. Verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O Ni'matullah! The bounty hath appeared and the heavenly table hath been sent down, yet most of the people know not. They have cast the bounty of God behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies and vain imaginings they possess. Say: O concourse of the earth! Know ye that He hath come at Whose appearance the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, hath smiled. The ocean of utterance hath surged before the faces of all religions. Be fair and be not of those who denied the bounty of God after it was sent down, who disbelieved in His proof and rejected His all-compelling evidence over what was and what shall be. Behold, behold how the light hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, and how the Tree crieth out: "The dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Promised Day!" Thus hath the fragrance of utterance wafted and the ocean of knowledge surged. Blessed is he who hath found and known, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

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One of the divine friends wrote a letter to Haji Muhammad Karim Khan containing several questions, and it was heard that the aforementioned Khan, heedless of the meanings, clung to mere words and raised objections to refute the truth with what he possessed. But he was unaware that God confirms the truth through His words and cuts off the root of the polytheists. The letter began with these adorning words: "Praise be to God Who removed the veil from the face of His chosen ones." The aforementioned Khan objected that this phrase was incorrect, and the writer of this letter must not have attained even a letter of knowledge and the terminology of the people, since 'qina' (veil) is specifically used for women's heads. He occupied himself with objections to words while remaining oblivious that he himself was bereft of both knowledge and understanding. The divine companions today consider what he deemed knowledge to be a disgrace. The knowledge that is beloved is that which guides people to the truth. When one fails to attain it, that knowledge has been and will be the greatest veil. None of his objections were seen except this one instance that was heard and reached the Most Great Vision. Therefore, from the Manifestation of the Cause, this most wondrous, most holy, most pure Tablet was revealed in response to his objection, that perhaps people might not remain deprived of the Lord of Names and Attributes due to

such objections, and might distinguish the Most Exalted Word from the base word, and turn toward the direction of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Whosoever is guided, it is for his own soul, and whosoever turns away, truly God is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who art known for learning yet standeth on the brink of the abyss of ignorance! We have heard that thou hast turned away from the Truth and hast objected to one of His loved ones who sent thee a gracious letter to guide thee to God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Thou didst object to him and follow the ways of the ignorant, and thereby didst lose thy dignity among the servants of God, for through thy objections We found thee in profound ignorance. Thou hast not understood the rules and conventions of the people, nor hast thou entered the garden of meanings and eloquence, but wert among the heedless. Thou hast not known rhetoric and eloquence, nor metaphor, nor literal meaning, nor simile, nor allegory. Therefore We shall impart to thee that which shall acquaint thee with thine ignorance, that thou mayest be of the fair-minded.

Hadst thou followed the paths of the people of letters, thou wouldst not have objected to his use of the word “veil”, nor wouldst thou have been among the disputants. Similarly hast thou objected to the words of God in this wondrous Revelation. Hast thou not heard mention of Al-Muqanna, known as Al-Muqanna Al-Kindi, who was Muhammad ibn Zafar ibn Umayr ibn Far’an ibn Qays ibn Aswad, and who was among the renowned? Were We to mention his forebears one after another until reaching the First Creator, We would be able to do so through what My Lord hath taught Me of the knowledge of the ancients and the moderns, though We have not studied your sciences - and God is Witness and All-Knowing to this.

He was the most beautiful of people in countenance, the most perfect in creation, and the most upright in stature. Look in the books of the people that thou mayest know and be among those who understand. When he would unveil his face, the evil eye would afflict him and he would fall ill. Therefore he would not walk except veiled - that is, with his face covered. Thus is it mentioned in the books of the pure Arabs, the men of letters, and the eloquent ones. Look therein that thou mayest be among those who are informed.

He is the one who became proverbial for beauty, just as Zarqa al-Yamama became proverbial for keen sight, and Ibn Asma’ for breadth of narration - if thou wert among the learned. Likewise is Muhalhil for seeking vengeance, Al-Samaw’al for faithfulness, Qays ibn Zuhayr for sound judgment, Hatim for generosity, Ma’ ibn Za’ida for forbearance, Quss ibn Sa’ida for eloquence, Luqman for wisdom, Sahban Wa’il for oratory, ’Amir ibn Tufayl for insight, Iyas ibn Mu’awiya ibn Al-Qurra for intelligence, and Hammad for memory. These are among the famous Arabs by whom proverbs are coined. Study the books that thou mayest not reject the truth through what thou hast, and be among the mindful.

Be assured that the scholars of literature have used the word “veil” for men, as We have mentioned to thee in clear and evident explanation. Know then that the veil is specific to women, with which they cover their heads, but it has been used metaphorically for men and the face, if thou art among those who are informed. Similarly, the face-veil is specific to women - it is said “the woman veiled” meaning she fastened the veil over her mouth - then it was used for men and the face, as mentioned in books of literature: “he unveiled his face” meaning he removed the covering.

Beware lest thou object with words to him before whose radiant and luminous countenance the verses have bowed down. Fear God Who created thee and fashioned thee, and do not cause to rejoice those who believe and have sacrificed their souls and their wealth in the path of God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Our purpose in what We sent thee was none other than that thou shouldst be mindful of thy negligence in the Cause of God […]

Say: They have sacrificed their wealth in the path of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Say: Our purpose in what We sent to thee was none other than that thou shouldst be mindful of that wherein thou hast been neglectful towards God, and that thou shouldst choose for thyself a path unto Him. We desired thy guidance, but thou didst desire to harm Us and didst mock Us even as the people before thee mocked, and they are this day in the nethermost fire. Thou art of those who, when the Furqan was sent down from the presence of the All-Merciful, said: "This is naught but tales of the ancients," and objected to most of its verses. Look then in the Itqan and other books that thou mayest see and know what thou didst object to aforetime concerning Muhammad, the Apostle of God and Seal of the Prophets. We have acquainted thee with thyself that thou mightest know it and be among those possessed of insight from the All-Seeing. Say: With my Lord are the treasuries of all knowledge and the knowledge of all created things. Raise thy head from the couch of heedlessness that thou mayest behold the mention of God, the Most Great, established upon the throne of manifestation even as the letter "H" is established upon the letter "W". Arise from the slumber of desire, then follow thy Lord, the Most Exalted. Cast behind thee what thou hast and take what hath come to thee from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: O thou ignorant one! Look upon the words of God with His sight that thou mayest find them sanctified above the allusions of men and their rules, though with Him be the knowledge of all worlds. Say: Were the verses of God to be revealed according to your rules and what ye possess, they would be like unto your words, O ye that are veiled! Say: They have been sent down from a station wherein none is mentioned save Him, and God hath made it sanctified above the knowledge of all worlds. How canst thou and thy like comprehend them, O thou remote denier! They have been revealed in the tongue of the people, not according to thy contrived rules, O thou that turnest aside in doubt! Be fair in God's name - were all the power of the world to be placed in thy heart, wouldst thou be able to withstand a Cause that is opposed by the people and behind them the kings and rulers? Nay, by my Lord! None can withstand it, nor can any soul save him whom God hath established in His own station. He, verily, is this One Who uttereth in every condition: "There is no God but Him, the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." If the heart of any of the servants of the sovereign were to be troubled by thee for less than a moment, thou wouldst be disturbed instantly, and if thou deniest Me in this, the sincere servants of God would bear Me witness. Yet thou dost object to Him Who hath been opposed by governments over the course of several years, and upon Whom there hath descended that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament, until He was imprisoned in this remote prison. Say: Open thine eyes! The Cause hath been exalted and manifested, and the Tree speaketh forth the mysteries of destiny. Dost thou see for thyself any refuge? By God! There is no refuge for anyone, nor any resting place save for him who turneth unto the Most Sublime Vision, this Most Pure Station whose mention hath spread among the worlds. Say: Dost thou object with a veil to Him Who hath believed in the Sovereign of creation and invention? He who objecteth today is counted as the basest of the base before God, the Fashioner of the heavens and earths. Say: O heedless one! Hearken unto the cooing of the Dove upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree

beyond which there is no passing, and be not of the ignorant. This, verily, is He of Whom Kazim and Ahmad, and before them the Prophets and Messengers, gave you tidings. Fear God and dispute not His verses after their revelation. They have been revealed by nature from the heaven of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and they are God's proof throughout all ages, which none can understand save those who have detached themselves from all else and turned unto this Momentous Announcement. O remote one! Were thy Lord, the All-Merciful, to manifest Himself according to thy limitations, His verses would be revealed according to the rules thou followest. Repent unto God and say […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I am he who hath been negligent in his duty toward Thee and hath opposed that which hath been sent down from Thy presence. Then did I follow my passions and desires, and was heedless of Thy Most Exalted and Most Glorious remembrance. O my God! Take me not to task for my transgressions. Cleanse me from disobedience, then send down upon me, from the direction of Thy grace, the sweet-scented breezes of forgiveness. Then ordain for me a seat of truth before Thee, and number me with Thy sincere servants. O my God and my Beloved! Deprive me not of the fragrances of Thy most exalted Words, nor of the sweet perfumes of Thy Most Glorious Robe. Then make me content with whatsoever Thou hast sent down and ordained. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Bestower, the Gracious.

Hearken unto My words. Leave allusions to their exponents and purify thy heart from such words as would cause the face to be darkened in both worlds. Emerge from behind the veils and allusions, and turn with a luminous countenance toward the Lord of Names and Attributes, that thou mayest find thyself in the most exalted station, from which the allusions of the doubters are cut off. Thus doth the Supreme Pen counsel thee. If thou acceptest it, it shall be for thine own good, and if thou turnest away, it shall be against thyself. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all that was and all that shall be, and He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

In the Persian tongue do I speak, that perchance thou mayest perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful's raiment from these Persian verses, and turn, detached from all else, towards the realm of oneness. Though not every bird hath partaken of the seeds of divine mercy and the harvest of eternal wisdom, nor is capable of gathering therefrom, the bird of utterance must soar in the holy atmosphere of the All-Merciful and gather its portion from the harvests of inner meanings, lest hearts and minds, occupied with the mention of this or that, be deprived of the fragrance of the gardens of paradise.

Hearken unto the counsel of this Prisoner and with the arm of certitude build a mighty and impregnable fortress, that thou mayest be protected from the Gog of self and passion, and through the grace of the Khidr of these days attain unto the Kawthar of eternity and turn toward the most great vista. The world hath no permanence, and its seekers shall find no faithfulness therein. Place not thy trust in the world; reflect upon its changes and vicissitudes. Where are they who built Al-Khawarnaq and As-Sadir? Where are they who sought to ascend to the heavens? How many a palace wherein its builder reposed at eventide in health and prosperity, yet on the morrow belonged to another! How many a house raised high, wherein at night was heard laughter and the song of the thrush, yet at dawn naught but weeping and lamentation! What mighty one was not humbled? What matter was not transformed? What spirit did not pass away? What oppressor drank not the cup of retribution?

Moreover, pride not thyself in outward knowledge, for above every possessor of knowledge there is One All-Knowing. Know thou that every sharp sword groweth blunt, every joy turneth to sorrow, every might to weakness, and every learned one to error. Choose piety and enter the school of divine knowledge. "Fear God; God will teach you." Purify thy heart from the allusions of the people, that it may be illumined by the manifestations of the divine names and attributes. Close the eye of estrangement and open the eye of justice, and raise not objection against the loved ones of God. By the Sun of the horizon of Revelation! Had thou truly partaken of outward knowledge as is its due, thou wouldst not have objected to the word "veil" used in reference to the friends of the Lord of creation and invention.

Still thy tongue regarding His chosen ones, O thou who wanderest in the wilderness of ignorance and blindness! It would be well for thee to study somewhat the books of the Bayan and the Badi', that thou mayest become acquainted with the outward rules. For hadst thou been cognizant of reality and metaphor, and the stations of transferred attribution, metaphor and allusion, thou wouldst not have objected that "veil" was not used properly. Look not upon the words of them who love the Lord of all worlds through the eyes of the polytheists. As for "qina'" and "muqanna'ah," these are two garments wherewith women cover their heads, specifically for women's heads, but metaphorically used for men and faces. Likewise "litham" is that wherewith women cover their mouths, as the Persians and Turks call "bishmaq," and it is metaphorically used for men and faces, as mentioned in literary works. Look, therefore, in the books of the people that thou mayest find what thou hast overlooked.

That letter was written to thee by one of God's loved ones, whose purpose was to deliver thee from the darkness of self and draw thee to the realm of oneness. Yet thou didst display thy learning, but thine arrow missed its mark […]

You have shown pride in your knowledge, but your arrow has missed its mark and your station has become evident to those possessed of knowledge. Hear My words: oppose not him who counsels you, be not impatient with him who admonishes you, and follow not your giving with injury. Rather, be humble before the loved ones of God, the Lord of the first and the last. Abandon learning, for it has barred you from the Sovereign of all knowledge. Prefer him who counsels you over yourself; better would it be for you to walk barefoot, sleep without a pillow, and lament in the wilderness than to sadden one who has believed and been guided. O agitated one! Make not haste to object, and be not like the venomous snake. He who hastens in blame falls into regret. Hold back your tongue and pen from opposing the Lord of Eternity. Make not yourself deserving of wrath. Soon shall you return to the Lord of all peoples and be questioned about what you acquired in your vain life, on a Day when hearts and eyes shall be upturned from the might of God, the Powerful, the Subduer. How long will you follow the path of wickedness and oppose the Lord of all names? Have you forgotten your return and your abode, or are you heedless of your Lord's justice? If you feel secure from the grave, then follow what your self and desires command; otherwise hasten to Him Who called you to God and make up for what you lost in your former days before your latter days. Fear God Who created and fashioned you. Turn to Him, remember Him morning and evening, for unto Him is your return and your dwelling place.

Moreover, you have reached such a state of heedlessness in objecting to the words of God's loved ones that you have even objected to the words of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for

Him - Who gave the people glad tidings of this Manifestation. You have written books opposing God and His loved ones, thereby rendering your deeds void, though you perceive it not. You and your like have claimed that the words of the Most Great Gate and the Most Perfect Remembrance are incorrect and contrary to the rules of the people. You have not yet understood that the revealed divine words are the standard for all things, and nothing else can be its standard. Any rule that contradicts divine verses is invalid. We remained in Baghdad for twelve years, and whatever We desired that a gathering of the learned and fair-minded servants be convened so that truth might be distinguished from falsehood, none came forward. The verses of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - were not contrary [to the rules], but you are ignorant of the people's rules. Moreover, what say you about the verses of this Most Great Manifestation? Open your eyes that you may know that rules are derived from the words of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Were it not for the sorrows that have befallen Us and Our physical ailments, We would have written tablets concerning divine sciences, and you would have testified that divine rules encompass human rules. We beseech God to make you steadfast in His love and good-pleasure, for He answers whosoever calls upon Him.

Consider the days when the Qur'an was sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will, how much the rebellious objected. It seems to have vanished from your sight, hence it became necessary to mention some of it, that you might recognize yourself and how much you objected when the Muhammadan Sun dawned from the horizon of eternal glory. The ultimate truth is that in those days you were known by another name, for had you not been among those souls, you would never have objected to the Truth in this Manifestation. Among the objections of the polytheists was to this blessed verse which states "We make no distinction between any of His Messengers." They objected that […]

And verily He answereth him who calleth upon Him. Consider the days when the Qur'an was sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will, how great were the objections raised by the rebellious ones. It seemeth these have vanished from your sight, therefore it becometh necessary to mention some of them, that perchance thou mayest recognize how much thou didst object in the time when the Muhammadan Sun dawned from the horizon of divine glory. The truth is that in those days thou wert known by another name, for hadst thou not been among those souls, thou wouldst never have objected to this Manifestation of Truth.

Among the objections of the idolaters was to this blessed verse which declareth "We make no distinction between any of His Messengers." They objected that 'ahad' cannot be used between, and thus did they mock and protest against this divine and conclusive Word. Likewise did they object to the blessed verse "He it is Who hath created for you all that is on earth, then turned He to the heaven and fashioned it as seven heavens," saying it contradicted other verses wherein the creation of heaven preceded that of earth. They also objected to the blessed verse "We created you, then fashioned you, then told the angels: Prostrate to Adam," claiming that the angels' prostration preceded the forming of creation. Ye have surely heard the objections they raised concerning this blessed divine verse.

Similarly did they object to the blessed verse "The Forgiver of sin, the Accepter of repentance, the Stern in punishment," saying that "stern in punishment" being an attribute of the subject, cannot serve as a

definite qualifier. And in the story of Zulaykha where it saith “Ask forgiveness for thy sin. Lo! thou art of the sinful,” they objected that it should be “sinful women” according to their rules for the feminine plural. They also objected to the blessed verse “and a Word from Him whose name is the Messiah,” saying that “Word” is feminine and its pronoun should therefore be feminine. Likewise with “one of the greater” and similar instances.

In brief, there are nearly three hundred instances where the divines of that age and after raised objections against the Seal of the Prophets and the King of the Chosen Ones, both in meaning and in words. They declared most of these words to be incorrect, and attributed madness and corruption to that Source of wisdom. They said “These verses and chapters are mere fabrications.” For this reason, most people followed the divines, straying from the straight path of truth and turning to the very foundation of hellfire. The names of these Jewish and Christian divines are recorded in books.

Furthermore, how many verses did they attribute to Imru’l-Qays, claiming that Muhammad had plagiarized them, such as the blessed Surih “When the earth is shaken” and “The Hour draweth nigh,” and they preferred poems known as the Mu’allaqat and likewise the Mujamharat, which were in the second rank after the Mu’allaqat, to the divine words. Until divine grace encompassed all, and some were not prevented by these objections but were guided by the lights of the greatest guidance. Then came the decree of the sword, and people entered God’s religion willingly or unwillingly. The verse of the sword erased the verse of ignorance, and after God’s Cause prevailed, the eye of justice was opened[…]

And after the triumph of the Cause of God, the eye of justice was opened and the gaze of objection was cut off and veiled. The same deniers who had called the verses of God fabrications came to enumerate seventy points of rhetorical and literary excellence in some of the revealed verses. Since the discourse concerned the objections of the polytheists, I did not wish to mention more than what has been stated. Now render some justice and judge between yourself and God. There is no doubt that the Qur’an was revealed from God, and there is also no doubt that the divine words are sanctified above what they have imagined, as it later became clear that those objections stemmed from rancor and hatred. Though some scholars have answered certain objections according to established rules, yet its knowledge is with Us. Ask, that thou mayest know the Point from which the knowledge of what was and what shall be was expounded. Perchance thou shalt become aware and cease objecting to the loved ones of God. All knowledge has been and shall remain within God’s mighty grasp, and whatsoever is revealed through nature descends upon the original divine nature. These objections arise because this Cause has not outwardly gained strength, the loved ones of God are few and His enemies many. Therefore each soul clings to some objection hoping thereby to gain people’s approval. O helpless one! Go thou and concern thyself with glory and leadership. How canst thou step into the arena of the detached ones - those souls who have detached themselves from all else but Him and for love of God have forsaken wealth, position, fame, name, possessions and life, as thou hast seen and heard? These are servants who said “God is our Lord” and then detached themselves from the worlds. Soon souls shall appear in knowledge and arise with perfect assistance, recording conclusive and firm proofs in answer to every objection, for their hearts shall be inspired by divine heavenly inspirations. Hearken to the call of Him Who summoneth unto God and be not of the veiled ones. Perchance thou shalt not remain deprived of the divine fragrances in these days of this glorious and merciful Manifestation. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance. If

one lacks the sense of smell, what fault lies with the garden's rose? One without taste cannot distinguish honey from colocynth. A copy of a letter from the late Shaykh Ahmad concerning the Qa'im was observed. Now I beseech you to interpret it fairly, and if you find yourself unable, to inquire of the Most Great Ocean of God, that through God's abundant grace and mercy you may enter beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree. The details are that during the days of residence in Iraq, Mirza Husayn of Qum came to this servant with a copy of the letter saying that the Shaykhi friends had requested an explanation and interpretation of these words. This servant, seeing that the questioners were not seeking the divine Kawthar of knowledge, did not undertake to answer, for the pearls of divine knowledge are concealed from the sight of those without insight. Though some mention was made, it was through allusion and metaphor. The exact text of that letter has been copied in this Tablet without addition.

The exact text of that letter is quoted in this Tablet without addition or omission. This is the text of what was written by the most exalted and distinguished Sheikh, the Manifestation of Islam and Ka'bah of mankind, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Ahsai, who was the lamp of knowledge among the worlds, in response to one who said that the Qa'im is in the loins. We have omitted its beginning and written what is intended:

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

I say it is reported that after the passing of M? by MR, the Mahdi (peace be upon him) will arise. The Alif has come upon the end of ?ad, and the ?ad with you is wider than the two thighs, so how can it be one of them? Moreover, the Waw is three letters: six and one thousand and six, and six days have passed, and the Alif is completion, and there is no more discourse, so what of the six and the latter days? Otherwise, the return would not occur, for it is the mystery of inversion for the symbol of the chief. If acknowledgment of the remaining six is obtained from others, the matter is completed with proof, and the Greatest Name appears with the two Alifs standing with the letter which is two letters from Allah, as they are eleven, and with them thirteen, so the Waw which is Ha appeared. Where then is the separation? But the one between the six and six is determined by the passing of M? by MR, so the mystery of sixty-six appeared in its sixth which is its quarter, and the completion of the sixth which is the quarter with the thousand merged within it. And its mystery is the descent of the Alif from the wide point with the six and six, and the second descended in the blessed night with the eleven, and it is He Who is the Mystery and the First Hidden Name appearing in the mystery of Thursday, so the mystery will be completed on Friday, and the flowing water will flow on the day when the sky brings forth a manifest smoke. This while all is in the inverted Waw from the whispered Ha, so where is the connection according to one who affirms separation? There is not in the One nor between it other than One, otherwise it would not be One. And these are the parables We set forth for mankind, but none understand them except those who know.

We testify that every word of these luminous words is like an abandoned well containing the water of life, wherein is concealed the youth of meanings and utterance, and no caravan of seekers has come to it to let down their bucket and bring forth the youth of knowledge and say: "Blessed be God, in Whose grasp is the dominion of knowledge, and He encompasses all things." Likewise We testify that every letter thereof is like a glass wherein shines the lamp of knowledge and wisdom, yet none has been illumined by it save whom God willed, for He has power over all things. In brief, the purpose is that these words should be

interpreted in clear and evident language. And peace be upon whoever follows the truth. And if you do not follow the command of your Lord, perhaps God will raise from your offspring one who will turn to his Lord and detach himself from all else. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O my Lord! Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose name the pearls of the seas of knowledge and understanding appeared, and the sun of wisdom shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! I beseech Thee to make me adorned with the ornament of Thy good-pleasure, which hath been the hope of Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. This is a station which no station in Thy dominion can equal, and a deed which no deed in Thy lands can compare with. Then I beseech Thee, O God of the world Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. O my Lord! Grant me goodly offspring who shall inherit me in the Bayan. Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Though children are among God's great bounties and among the fruits of the human tree, none save God, exalted be His glory, knoweth their goodness and the duration of their lives. We inform thee of a fruit that is ever-ripe and everlasting, and it is in these days the commanding Word of God, which is dearer and more excellent than a hundred thousand children, for it is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity. Should one attain unto a single word from Him, one would attain unto all good. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the fruits of the Most Exalted Pen.

Verily, this day is associated with God, exalted be His glory, and in all the Books it is designated as the Day of God. All who dwell on earth cannot equal a single mention from among His mentions and a single word from among the words that have shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Names. The exposition of this glorious and mighty station is treasured in the repository of the heart. By the life of God! Were but an intimation thereof to be revealed, all souls would be seen yearning and longing for it. God willing, may they be blessed through God's grace and be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. This is the most excellent of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Muhammad! God willing, may you be blessed with divine grace. The whole world has been created for this Day, and in the heavenly Books all are promised the meeting with God and His manifestation. All tongues and pens fall short of describing this blessed Day. This is that Day of which He says: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the Days of God." Likewise He says: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's." Nevertheless, when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of God's Will and the lights of His countenance illumined the world, all were found heedless and veiled save whom God willed. Those who turned away have utterly denied this most great bounty and this supreme grace, and God, exalted be His glory, has spoken of such souls in His words: "They are in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord." The references revealed in the divine Books in praise and glorification of this luminous blessed Day are clear and evident, yet all are so intoxicated with the wine of

pride that they have not attained to a single drop from the ocean of inner meanings. Woe unto them for having cast fairness behind their backs and chosen oppression on a Day wherein the Interlocutor of Sinai spoke forth, the lights of Revelation encompassed all things, and all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the throne and of the dust, the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world.”

O Muhammad! The chosen ones seek, and He Who is imprisoned also seeks, but the hypocrites have become as veils. The lights of the Sun of Justice are hidden behind clouds of oppression. He has come for the reformation of the world and appeared specifically for the meeting, yet the veiled and heedless have become obstacles.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose manifestation the ocean of reunion surged and the decree of meeting was fulfilled and that which was recorded in the scriptures and tablets was revealed! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, whereby earth and heaven were illumined, to make me steadfast in Thy love and to aid me in that which Thou lovest and approvest, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names. O my Lord! I am he who has turned to the horizon of Thy grace and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which is with Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me alone, and Thou art the Best of inheritors. Ordain for me through Thy generosity and grace that which Thou hast willed and that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Compelling Whom the affairs of Thy creation cannot frustrate, and the All-Powerful Whom the might of Thy servants cannot weaken. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O my Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of one who sought the prison by Thy leave and turned toward Thy face until he attained Thy presence and stood before Thy gate and heard Thy verses. O my Lord! I am the needy and Thou art the All-Sufficient, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praised be God! The effulgent rays of the Sun of bounty are not confined to limits requiring mention by this evanescent servant. At midday they shine forth and are manifest, and all the realities of things turn toward them, chanting the wondrous praise thereof. This servant’s regret is that not one ear, but rather a hundred thousand ears formed of the essence of understanding, would be needed to attain what is befitting. O friends! By the life of the Beloved, this is the Day of hearing and sight! This evanescent servant begs of God to bestow attentive ears, that none may be deprived of the sweetness of this call, and to grant penetrating vision, that none may be excluded from beholding the lights of His countenance. All things are within His grasp, and all bounty revolves around Him. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make us among those who see, who hear, who are steadfast, who are firm, who are upright. This is the Day of mention and praise. God willing, may we not be disappointed nor remain deprived.

Likewise mention was made of Aqa Mirza Isma’il from the villages of Savijbulagh. This matter also attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these firm words, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Concealed

O Isma'il! The world is illumined by the lights of His countenance, but very few eyes have there been and are. The call of the All-Merciful is raised at all times, yet all are heedless of it. The ancient centuries cannot equal a single moment of these days, for this precious Day is truly attributed in all the Books and is mentioned as the Day of God. Blessed are they who today have drunk from the Living Waters and have not been deprived of the outpourings of the true Bestower of bounty. Every deed that appeareth today for God's sake is the lord of deeds. He with Whom is the Mother Book beareth witness to this. Strive that perchance thou mayest attain to that which beseemeth this Most Great Cause. The servants of the heaven of this Cause have been and shall be as suns. Reflect upon His greatness and His sovereignty, and be of the thankful ones.

And likewise mention was made of Mashhadi Muhammad-Taqi Ishtihardi, who had recently become illumined with the lights of certitude. After this was presented, this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him. Exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Present, the All-Seeing

God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the truth, He verily is the Most Great Ocean, the heaven of grace, the Dayspring of the lights of justice, the Source of revelation and the Dawning-Place of inspiration unto all in the world. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and held fast unto His strong cord and clung to His luminous hem.

O Muhammad-Taqi! We have heard thy call and have answered thee that thou mayest find in thy Lord the All-Merciful's utterance that which will make thee steadfast in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. Blessed is the face that hath turned, and the heart that hath sought the Most Exalted Goal, and the hand that hath clung to the Most Firm Handle–He Who speaketh between earth and heaven and giveth all the glad-tidings of this Revelation, whereupon, when it appeared, the Tree of Sinai proclaimed: "He Who is the Lord of Resurrection is come, through Whom the Trump was blown and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God pleased, the Almighty, the Powerful." When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My utterance, say:

O Thou Who holdest my destiny! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Self to protect me from the arrows of the enemies who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament and have denied Thy signs. O Lord! I was heedless; the hand of Thy bounty stirred me. I was asleep; the breezes of Thy grace awakened me. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love. Thou art God. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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

O 'Abdu'r-Rahim! The All-Merciful remembers thee from the prison, and summons thee to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of the world prevent thee from this mighty grace. Leave behind what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, and say:

Praise be to Thee, O God of all worlds! I was drowning in the ocean of heedlessness and desire when the hand of Thy grace rescued me, O Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by the suns of Thy verses and the

oceans of Thy utterance, and by those meanings which none but Thy knowledge hath comprehended, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth upon Thee, who turneth toward Thy countenance, who speaketh Thy praise, who prostrateth at the manifestation of Thy grandeur, and who boweth before the revelation of Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! I am he who hath sought the highest goal, the ultimate end, and the loftiest summit at the dawning of the lights of the Sun of Thy Will. I beseech Thee to draw me nigh unto Thee and enable me to remember Thee, to praise Thee, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! I have come before Thee with a mountain of disobedience, which by its very essence beseecheth Thy forgiveness. O Thou by Whose Name, the All-Merciful, all creation hath been adorned! I beseech Thee not to disappoint the servant who hath hastened to the ocean of Thy grace and turned toward the horizon of Thy bounty. I call upon Thee, O Lord of the world, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to make my end in all conditions a goodly one, through Thy generosity and favor. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou doest and decreest as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Praise be to God that the aforementioned person hath been honored with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may he be occupied with His remembrance in all conditions and speak His praise. Today the water of life hath appeared and the true spirit existeth. Strive that ye may receive your portion from this infinite bounty and attain unto the grace of the Lord of Names. This blessed Day hath had no peer or likeness, nor shall it ever have one. That which is lost cannot be regained. This evanescent servant beseeches night and day that God, exalted be His glory, may strengthen all. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

In the Name of the Forgiving, the All-Generous!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, that He may draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O Muhammad-'Ali! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought the highest homeland, and the poor one who hath turned toward the ocean of wealth, and the seeker who hath been illumined by the lights of the Desired One. Cast away the world through My Most Great Name and take hold of My Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. We have manifested the Cause and revealed the verses, yet the people do not understand. They have taken their own principles and cast the principles of God behind their backs. Verily, they are unaware. Take thou the chalice of mystical knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest the allusions of the divines prevent thee from this forbidden cup. Drink thou therefrom despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence. Beseech thou God to strengthen thee in this Cause and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, [thy Lord] is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus hath the cock crowed and the tongue of revelation spoken. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected.

In like manner, mention was made of Mashhadi ’Ali, resident of ?aliqan, who attained the honor of being heard by the Best-Beloved of the worlds. The Ancient Tongue speaks concerning him in these exalted words:

O ’Ali! Your mention in the Most Great Prison has attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. Praise the Peerless Beloved Who enabled you to recognize the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, from which sight has been prevented from beholding, tongues from mentioning, hearts from comprehending, and ears from hearing its verses. Selfish desires and transient riches have prevented all from the Dawning Place of the Light of Oneness, save whom God willeth. O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and shatter the idols of fancy through the Most Self-Subsisting Name - that is, transform doubts and imaginings through the lights of certitude. This Most Great Revelation hath appeared for the reformation of the world. Corruption and conflict are forbidden. The accepted souls must associate with all the peoples of the world with the utmost joy and fragrance. The Command is in God’s hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The bounty, favor and grace of God - exalted be His Glory - hath reached such a degree that were all the peoples of the world to sacrifice themselves in His path, it would still be little, now and forever. This is attested by that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty to His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

These manifest verses were specifically revealed for Haji Muhammad-’Ali-i-Valyani, upon him be the Glory of God, who had sent the names of the aforementioned souls. God willing, may they drink from the cup of recognition and attain unto that which God hath willed. His exalted Word:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

O Muhammad-’Ali! Specifically for each of the souls mentioned in the letter, wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the heaven of divine Will and were sent. God willing, may they behold them with eyes sanctified from the dust of idle fancies and the rheum of vain imaginings, recite them with truthful, unfettered tongues, and hear them with attentive ears. If a soul truly succeeds in hearing but one verse of the divine verses, it will surely attract him and guide him to a station sanctified above the attributes of the peoples of the world. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and occupy thyself with His remembrance with the utmost joy and fragrance, that perchance the heedless people might become mindful and discover the ultimate purpose and cause of creation. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. All parties have exerted such efforts in arranging means that man is powerless to mention them, even though at every moment the world proclaims: “O son of Adam! Soon shall thou return to dust, and neither riches, ornaments, nor glory shall prove faithful to thee, even as they proved faithful to none before thee.” Blessed art thou, O Muhammad-’Ali, in that thou hast attained unto the verses of thy Lord, which the treasures of the world cannot equal. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence, and of them who circled round Him and were present at His gate, which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Most Great Cause and have arisen to serve God, the Lord of the worlds.

At the end of the letter, mention was made of Nayib Rida from the land of Ash. After it was presented before the Most Holy Presence, these manifest verses were revealed specifically for him. God willing, may he attain unto the fragrance of the divine words and act as befitteth. His exalted Word:

He is the Caller between Earth and Heaven […]

O Rida! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison precincts, as a token of His grace, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have sent down verses in such wise that proofs and evidences circle round them, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded to his Lord, and woe betide every heedless doubter. How many a servant lamented separation from this Day, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the lights of the Most Great Name, he broke God's Covenant and His Testament by following every contemptible imposter.

We have heard thy call and what thou didst seek from the ocean of grace. Thy Lord is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. God hath forgiven thee as a token of His grace, and hath forgiven thy father. He is verily the Bestower, the Forgiving. Through His Name the ocean of forgiveness surged in the realm of existence, and every seeker hath sought the station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Beware lest the doubts of the world withhold thee from the Lord of all beings. Leave the clay to those who fashion clay, turning unto God, the Lord of all men. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit thee and solace thine eyes. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

The Truth, glorified be His majesty, hath ever answered and will continue to answer the hopes of those who hope and act. If at times there be delay, this hath been and shall be due to His consummate wisdom. Blessed is the soul whom no circumstance hath withheld from the Truth. He hath heard thy call and ordained for thee what He desired. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Great Prison.

From this station We send greetings to God's chosen ones and His loved ones, and We give them the glad-tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all created things. This evanescent servant offereth his nothingness before all the friends of God. May they, God willing, be illumined with the light of steadfastness in such wise that they may regard the people of tyranny and wickedness as non-existent. Today in the market of wisdom, the jewel of steadfastness is of great price; the precious gems of the world cannot equal it. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and hath preserved it from the treacherous and the thieves. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Teacher, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

That beloved one hath taken the trouble to send this leaf to the honored beloved, Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny, that he may send it to the aforementioned Haji, that all may partake of and receive their portion from the ocean of bounty. The end belongeth to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Likewise, their other letter dated the 29th of ?afar, number 39, which they sent to that beloved one, was as water that increased the flame of the fire of longing. What water it was that had hidden within it the power of true combustion! If it was water, it was such water as the alchemists have termed the divine water, for it brought burnt bodies to a golden state. And if it was oil, it was such oil as bestowed equilibrium upon bodies. In any case, after seeing and perusing it, it was brought to the presence of the Lord of Creation, and each portion was presented before His face. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Knowledge. His word, exalted and sanctified is He: God is Most Glorious.

O Samandar! The letter thou didst send in the name of Jud was presented before the Face by this servant. Convey greetings to the friends on behalf of the Wronged One. His honor Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they act with utmost strength and steadfastness in accordance with that which they are commanded by the Truth - that is, to speak the divine word and direct their efforts toward that which exalteth the Cause of God. Likewise, his honor ’Andalib and the other friends in Rasht and its surroundings - give them all the glad-tidings of God’s favor. The glances of His grace have been and will continue to be directed toward them.

Convey my sincere greetings to the honored Nabil the Great, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained the grace and favors of the Desired One of all worlds. And to the spiritual beloved, his honor ’Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, I offer sacred greetings beyond limit. Several letters from them have arrived and all were presented. The Sun of Grace hath risen and shineth upon them, but this servant is greatly embarrassed before them, as I have not yet been enabled to reply to what they have sent. This is because time, like the phoenix, is rare and scarce in all corners of the world. Nevertheless, through the grace and favor of the Desired One, I hope to be enabled to offer a reply.

I send greetings and salutations to them and all the friends who are present in that region and its surroundings. The petitions from that land which were with his honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived and the response hath been revealed from the heaven of divine will - God willing, it shall be sent. Regarding what was written about his honor Mulla Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, his letter arrived via Istanbul. God willing, a reply will be sent. According to the command, if a wise person who is eloquent and knows the Turkish language would proceed to Maraghih and Urmiyyih and their surroundings for the purpose of teaching, it would be most beloved. Whenever such a soul is found, they should turn to what was mentioned, for the work of teaching is most important and great. Blessed is he whom God aids in this. However, one must proceed with perfect wisdom, feed the children according to their capacity, and not be heedless of the requirements of the time and the souls. He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what was written about the honored Sadat Khamsih, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. According to the command, it was written to his honor Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, that if the books are available they should be sent quickly, otherwise they should be written and sent. The details about sending the funds were also written to them, and his honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, also gave some funds to this servant to send, but thus far no one has proceeded to that direction so it could be sent. Regarding the books, it was

written to them and they will send them as they have been commanded. Please convey my greetings to them as well. I beseech God to enable all to achieve that which diffuseth the fragrance of eternity.

Regarding what was written that “Today we gathered in the home of his honor Mashhadi ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, with a group” - blessed are they and joy be unto them. God willing, may the people of that gathering be considered among the people of the Kingdom in the presence of God.

Mention was also made of Kadkhuda, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah]. His remembrance was present before the Most Holy Court, especially after the ascension of Sadr of Iran, when a word was revealed concerning him - if one were to voice its praise for the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, it would indeed be and forever remain insufficient. The details of the gathering in the aforementioned house were presented before the Most Holy Court. His exalted Word states: “Blessed are they who have held fast to that which exalteth the Cause of God and His remembrance. These are numbered among the people of the Most Exalted Paradise in a perspicuous Book. We make mention of them and of those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. O loved ones of God! Cleave ye unto wisdom, truthfulness, and trustworthiness, and to the fear of God, the Desire of the worlds. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. He hath indeed preferred you and caused you to know His straight Path. The glory from Us be upon you and upon him who hath attained unto this noble station.”

“We make mention of the Kaf before Dal who was mentioned in the Book. We glorify him from this station and counsel him with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all men. We have remembered him and revealed for him that which cooleth the eyes, and We send him a promise from Our presence, and We are the Mighty, the All-Knowing.”

O friends! Through divine bounty ye have attained unto a mighty Cause. Know ye its worth and recognize your stations. I counsel you to preserve your stations. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counsellor, the All-Informed. The glance of favor is directed towards you, the stream of mercy floweth, and the verses of grace are being sent down. With perfect unity and harmony, be ye engaged in offering praise and thanksgiving to the Peerless Friend. The glory be upon you, and the mercy be upon you, and the bounty be unto you.

With this Most Great Remembrance, before which all other remembrances are as nothing, what can this evanescent non-entity say? In truth, none hath the capacity to make mention, were they to judge fairly in the Cause of God, the Lord of the heavens and the earths. Glory be upon your honor, and upon him who sent the letter, and upon him who was named with your name, and upon Nabil son of Nabil, and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

The spring of remembrance and utterance has come, yet most people do not understand. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs, yet they perceive not. The Servant laments by night and day when

He sees the people behind a manifest veil. Every possessor of insight and vision is bewildered, for he observes that the people of the world attribute themselves to the Truth while remaining veiled from Him. They await the days of the Manifestation, yet are deprived of the very Manifestation Who calls out with the most exalted call. They speak of truth while clinging to creation; they speak of light while following fire. This servant knows not toward what countenance they turn, to what name they cling, what horizon they face, by what cord they move, or to what hem they hold fast. The ocean of utterance is surging, the heaven of bounty is elevated, the Purpose is manifest - yet those souls are occupied with their own imaginings and are drowning in the seas of their vain fancies. They don turbans in the name of Truth while engaging in warfare against Him. Some turn to the synagogue while others to the mosque. If these attachments and orientations were truly for God, where are their effects? They have in truth abandoned the Synagogue of God and are occupied with the synagogues of their own souls, heedless of the circling-place of the Concourse on High, clinging to their own rejected desires. Like silkworms they have spun around themselves, yet they perceive it not. Woe unto them and away with them! By Him Who has caused the atoms to speak His praise and glorification, if they were to reflect even less than that, they would cry out "Would that we were dust!" and exclaim "Would that we had never been born!"

The smoke of heedlessness has encompassed all. At one time, the Tongue of the Lord of Names and Attributes spoke these words while revealing verses - exalted be His Word: "O servant present! Do the divines of this age imagine that in the times of the manifestation of the Daysprings of Truth, the people of the earth freely accepted the Cause of the Beloved of all possibility? Do they not reflect upon the tribulations, afflictions, hardships and trials of those holy souls? Do they not ponder the blessed word 'No Messenger cometh unto them but they did mock at him'? What was the cause that led the Jews to rise against the Spirit (Christ) and the divines of that age to pronounce the verdict for His death? And for what reason did they rise against the Seal of the Prophets and count His companions as infidels, heedless ones and mischief-makers? Ever have the Manifestations, Daysprings and Rising-places been afflicted at the hands of enemies. Yet whatever befalls one in the path of Truth is most sweet to the soul.

"O servant present! Some are observed who cling to the divine religion yet consider as false and heedless the One through Whose word the religions of the world appeared, inflicting upon Him every kind of oppression. And some believe only in what their outward senses perceive, denying all else. God curse them for their unbelief! Had they been born blind and tongueless, they would not have acknowledged the existence of anything. O servant present! The foolishness, lack of understanding and want of insight of those people has reached such a degree that one is bewildered. Say: If divine worlds were limited to this world and its manifestations, then all the Prophets, holy ones and chosen ones would have suffered loss. By Him Who caused the Tree to speak and sent down the Table! Had they known what they had done, they would have lamented in this world until they returned to their stations." Thus did it end. They reflect not that the Prophets […]

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He has sent down the Heavenly Table. Had they known what they had done, they would have lamented in this world until they returned to their stations. They do not reflect even this much: for what reason have the Prophets, saints and chosen ones of God opposed all who are on earth? Can it be that a single person

would arise to promote a Cause that nations and governments oppose, except by the command of the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful? This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God to guide the people and lead them to the straight path. Were they to reflect even slightly, they would become aware, but the smoke of heedlessness hath prevented their sight and altered the light of their hearts. No person of understanding would relinquish the eternal for the sake of the transient. All bear witness to the ephemerality of the world, yet cleave unto it. They observe that they shall return to dust, yet remain heedless of this and soar on the wings of passion and desire. Where was I, and to what depths have I fallen! The purpose was to present a response to that one's letter, and that briefly, lest it cause inconvenience. But what was destined hath come to pass, and all command belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and for your uprightness! The letter which that one had penned, dated the second of Rabi'u'l-Avval, was received. Praise be to God, from every word thereof was inhaled the fragrance of sincerity and love for the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the page adorned with the remembrance of God, wherein is recorded the stations of certitude and love for His friends and chosen ones for the sake of God. This servant deemeth himself unworthy of mention before any of the friends, let alone in the presence of the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, whom God hath related unto Him and made them branches of His Tree. After perusing it, it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court of the Lord of creation. This is what the All-Merciful hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance - He spoke, and His sweetest words are these[…]

Praise be to God! Thou hast inhaled the fragrances of the divine days and hast turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. By the life of God! Thou art indeed under the glances of His favor - grieve not over anything. Preserve this most holy station. Hold fast unto wisdom by My command and My will. We have verily recorded thy mention in a Book which no obliteration or extinction can reach, and from which the Concourse on High shall inhale the fragrance of eternity. To this beareth witness the Mother Book. His honor Amin, that is, Abu'l-Hasan, hath arrived and repeatedly made mention of thee. He is truly adorned with love for the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree and expresseth great satisfaction with thee. O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory!

The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this Most Great Day, and the Ancient Beauty hath, throughout nights and days, summoned all unto the Horizon of the appearance of God, exalted be His glory. Repeatedly hath this most exalted Word been revealed from the Supreme Pen: "O people! Abandon wickedness and iniquity, and follow not your desires. Follow that which your Lord, the Lord of all mankind, hath revealed in His perspicuous Book." We have forbidden all corruption, strife, contention and unseemly deeds, and have commanded that which God loveth. These matters are evident and clear to all. Nevertheless, the Name of God and His loved ones remain imprisoned in the prison of the oppressors. There hath befallen them that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven to weep. The oppression of the people hath reached such a degree as to exceed all bounds. Glory be to God! They are awakened by no event and enlightened by no punishment. A million souls in these parts have perished, yet they remain heedless. All that was revealed in the Tablet to Ra'is hath come to pass, yet they have not awakened from their slumber. The false claimant descended into hell, yet they paid no heed. The second one returned to the flames, yet they showed no remorse. And even after the

seizure of the third, they may still not come to their senses. In this Revelation, God hath granted no respite - He hath seized and continueth to seize, yet none is aware. But by God! Were it not for the decree previously ordained in the Book, He would have seized all with but a single word from Him.

God hath ever desired that His creatures should exist to engage in His praise, glorification, unity and the building of His Cause, and for other purposes which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Some of the friends in every land were observed to be fearful. By the life of God! The world hath never had, nor hath it now, any significance. Say: Martyrdom hath a lofty station and an exalted rank. It is not vouchsafed unto everyone. It is rarer than the most precious elixir, and like unto the phoenix - its name is mentioned but its reality is hidden, nay, lost. Had they known, they would have hastened, and had they witnessed, they would have sacrificed. We have veiled this station from eyes to preserve those on earth. He guideth whom He willeth to what He desireth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The glory shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My Afnan and upon those who have recognized that which God hath recognized in His exalted station.

The waves of the ocean of favor have appeared in such wise as to require no translator, interpreter or expositor. What else can this feeble servant say that would be fitting or worthy? I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect that noble person and to ever make him a source of service and the recipient of His favors. All the stations of the world bow down in humility and prostration before this station. To this beareth witness every person of insight, every learned one, and every fair-minded and discerning soul.

How blessed is he and those who inhale the fragrant musk of the utterance of the All-Merciful! Concerning what was mentioned about Mulla Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, and his condition after attaining the presence of the Most Holy, Most Exalted Divine Tablet - God Himself beareth witness that were all who dwell on earth to discover the fragrance of but one word of the Divine utterances, all would become intoxicated and turn their faces toward the light of His countenance. Praise be to God that they have been set ablaze by the attraction of the Divine utterance. Nothing that is witnessed or beheld can compare with the heat of the love of God - to this beareth witness the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of earth and heaven.

As to what thou didst write regarding the Akhund, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, that those questions were posed on behalf of another - in the early days of this Most Great Revelation, questions of every kind were presented before the Most Holy Court, and detailed answers to each were revealed and sent according to God's will. Now several years have passed since the Supreme Pen hath declared that it hath no inclination to mention answers to questions or matters of learning. The Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said: "Verily, He speaketh in every condition: 'There is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.'" And whatsoever hath been revealed this year from the heaven of the bounty of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, in answer to questions from those regions, this is due to God's favor toward the believers in unity and those drawn nigh who dwell in that land and its surroundings. This is of the grace of our Lord upon His Afnan and upon him who was named with R before J, upon him be the Glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

There was a time when this exalted word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names: “O servant present in the land of Y, A and R, there are souls upon whom the eye of heaven gazeth.” This exalted word is like an ocean wherein precious pearls lie hidden. Knowledge is with God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Blessed is the land that hath been honored by His mention, and the cities that have attained unto His loved ones, and the light that hath derived illumination from the radiance of His chosen ones’ countenance. At this point another state overtook this soul - neither having power to speak nor strength to conceal. His is the command and in His grasp is judgment. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what thou didst write about the receipt document, it was sent according to the supreme instruction before, and now too it is being sent accordingly. At this moment this evanescent one was summoned to the Most Holy Court, and after attaining presence He walked for some time. After several minutes the Ancient Beauty turned His face toward the servant and said, exalted be His utterance: “O servant present! We have forgiven the rights of J and J and adorned them with the ornament of pardon, that they may give thanks unto God their Lord and arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance.” These rights belong specifically to God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath paid them and attained acceptance, and joy be to the one who, as a sign of His favor, hath been adorned with the light of forgiveness. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. None should hesitate in what hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Choosing.

After witnessing this supreme bounty, whereby the intention of God, exalted be His glory, was to manifest grace, this servant uttered “Thine be the praise, O Beloved of the worlds” at least a thousand times that night. It is most evident and clear that all earthly things have had and have no worth, as all have witnessed that numerous sums were repeatedly presented at the Most Holy Court but were not graced with acceptance. Yet now, in view of the gathering and the exigencies of the time, they are being accepted. In any case, the purpose was solely to manifest grace, bounty and mercy. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them to arise as befitteth the Days of God. However, according to the wisdom of His Holiness the Name of God - upon Him be all His most glorious Splendor - they have described the friends of the land of Ta, and have repeatedly expressed satisfaction, especially with some. Yet each time they wrote that wisdom had been abandoned, and this is what is inappropriate - for they had promised this servant in various gatherings, but after attending the first gathering, it was observed that nearly fifty or sixty persons were present. I said: “Have you not heard the decree of wisdom in most divine Tablets? This decree is in effect and is recorded and written with utmost clarity.” They would acknowledge this, yet on the final night the same situation was observed, and likewise in other gatherings, until finally they withdrew in seclusion. This evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication, that He may assist all to act according to what has been recorded in the Book by the Supreme Pen. Every person they arrested was taken along with their writings, although divine verses should be preserved in secure and protected places. Glory be to God! What has happened? Even though this servant has mentioned this matter in numerous petitions to the friends, until now it has not been heeded. And due to the sincerity which adorns the temple of the loved ones, they accept every word and consider every claimant truthful, although in one instance this exalted

Word hath shone forth from the highest horizon: “Believe not every speaker, nor trust in every newcomer.” This servant hopes that henceforth they will be assisted to do what God loveth.

Concerning what you wrote about the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Varqa - upon him be the glory of God and His favors - God willing, they are protected and assured through God’s grace, exalted be His glory. This very night, this evanescent one heard mention of them from the Most Holy Tongue. Repeatedly during the revelation of verses, favors have been shown to them. God willing, they are successful and assisted in mentioning God, serving the Cause, uniting hearts, and exalting the Word in such wise that from all their limbs, members, and veins the flame of detachment may be made manifest in the path of the Lord of creation. Glory be to God! Although no corruption appeared from them and they called heedless souls to the Dayspring of divine unity with utmost love, nevertheless the heedless divines and idle ignorant ones did what no oppressor had ever done, striving with all their might to extinguish the light of the Cause. But alas! Alas! Who can alter what God hath purposed, and who can outrun His commands? By the life of our Beloved and our Goal, they persist in their ancient error.[…]

As to what was written concerning the Mashriqu’l-Adhkar, this matter must be kept most confidential, in such wise that none save steadfast, firm, upright, contented and well-pleasing souls may become aware of it. All these deeds are, before the Throne, contingent upon wisdom. That which opposeth it is not permissible. This is what the servant hath heard with his own ear from the tongue of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. The people are weak and heedless, while grace, bounty and mercy are beyond reckoning. The Command of wisdom itself beareth witness to the loving-kindness, bounty and mercy of the Goal of all beings.

As to what thou didst write concerning the ascension of His Holiness Ismu’llah Javad, upon him be all the most glorious Glory and all the most effulgent Light, the servant testifieth that he attained unto the bounty of his Most Glorious Lord and ascended unto the Supreme Companion. The near ones perceived from him the fragrance of the mercy of our Lord and his Lord, the King of Names, and there was revealed for him from the Supreme Pen that which shall endure as long as God’s most beautiful names endure. O thou beloved of my heart and Essence of God standing firm in the Cause! This is the day of death, for man attaineth unto a remembrance that hath no peer or likeness, and is adorned with a crown that shall forever shine forth, radiant and luminous throughout the world. Blessed is the soul that ascendeth through divine love; if it attaineth not martyrdom, at least it attaineth this station. Although the true friends who have quaffed from the cup of steadfastness have attained unto all good and are recorded and inscribed before God among the letters of the Book - and the letters of the Book can neither be erased nor touched by extinction - the Command is in His grasp. He doeth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth.

As to what was written about various groups being present at the funeral procession, this was presented before the Ancient Beauty, and He said: “They are but one people. None should attend save the people of Baha, for whom was created the Crimson Ark mentioned in the Qayyumu’l-Asma.”

As to the mention made of Mirza ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and what was written regarding his repeated mention of constructing monuments - this found acceptance before the Throne. Although his honor looketh unto the truth and is eager to serve, yet consideration of wisdom is necessary in all

circumstances. Verily, the servant giveth him glad tidings of his remembrance in the Prison and of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds.

As to the mention made of His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be all the most glorious Glory, and the acquisition of land in the land of Ta [Tehran] - at present this matter is suspended in the heaven of divine Will, and after tranquility prevaileth and the kindled fire is extinguished, that which is adorned with the ornament of God's will, exalted be His glory, shall appear according to His command.

Concerning the funds of His Name 66 (Allah), JM, may all the Most Glorious Glory rest upon him, they wrote that previously this matter had issued from the Supreme Pen and was adorned with acceptance. His Name mentioned above purchased a house, and some funds remained. A portion they used to pay their debts and loans, and another portion they spent in the path of God until they arrived in the Land of Purpose. Now they and their family reside near the mansion which is outside the prison where the Throne is established, and they are engaged in pilgrimage. Praise be to God, they attained to that which they had been seeking from God, exalted be His Glory, during the nights and days. This matter of purchasing the house and giving funds was repeatedly presented at the Most Holy Court, and each time manifestations of favor towards Afnan 202 (Muhammad 'Ali), may all the Most Glorious Glory rest upon him, were evident. In truth, they are engaged in service, although outwardly some apparent causes brought them sorrow, and this is what I heard with my own ear from an informed source. However, He said: "God has ordained for him a station which none knoweth save God, and its effects shall appear in the world. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

This concludes the response to your first letter. Then your second letter was honored to arrive, which began with mention of the oppression that befell the innocent ones, the chosen ones, and the pillars of the earth. Has any harm come to anyone from these oppressed ones, or have they taken anyone's property, or have they uttered anything contrary to what God hath ordained? If you were to ask about this, their answer would be naught but transgression and rebellion against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Consider how this community seeks the good of government and nation during nights and days from God, exalted be His Glory. Nevertheless, there hath come upon the people of Baha from these two parties that which caused the Concourse on High to weep and lament. One day Jesus Christ, son of Mary - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - asked the Jews, saying: "For which of my good words do you rise up to harm me?" They replied: "Not for your good words, but because you say 'I am the Son of God.'" Their condition is evident. Our shortcoming is that we say we are the people of God and are sanctified and purified from hatred, malice, corruption, conflict and contention. The flame of hatred is kindled from every direction, but the hand of power extinguisheth it with the water of will. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Your third letter brought joy and strengthened the spirit. Praise be to God, you are adorned with the ornament of health and are engaged in serving the Cause. Regarding what you wrote about the funds for the Doctor, may the Glory of God and His favors be upon him, this matter depends on his own news. All that you have done and written regarding the house and regarding His Name Allah (Baha), may all Glory rest upon him, is correct and acceptable and is mentioned before the Throne. The servant wishes to praise God with a thousand hundred tongues and beseech from His wondrous grace your assistance, your

success, and your protection. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose manifestation the Balance hath called out and the Path been established, the mountains have passed away, and the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the Kingdom of Knowledge! This is the Day of Return, and the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, hath come. I beseech Thee to protect Thy Afnan from the evil of Thine enemies, to draw them nigh unto Thee, to grant them the bounty of meeting Thee, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next through Thy generosity and grace. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning unto Thee and clinging fast unto Thee. I implore Thee, by the fragrances of Thy Revelation, to assist whosoever hath arisen to serve Thee and to aid Thy Cause. Then ordain for him that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Concerning what you wrote about the beloved Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, let him be ever mindful of wisdom in all circumstances. The ignorant masses and the calumniators, especially those evil souls who remain idle and unemployed in this world, wait day and night to seize upon any pretext to inflame their base desires and passions. May God destroy them for their sins, their hypocrisy, and their unbelief. May God protect us and you from the evil of such as these. Such souls are like hot ashes that have come out of the fire - soon their heat will cool and the devastating, sterile winds will return them to nothingness. In the Tablet of Burhan, addressing the Wolf, He says: “Thou art like the shadow of the sun cast upon the mountains - soon it shall pass away,” to the end of His utterance - exalted be His grandeur, sweet be His words, and great be His glory!

As for what you mentioned regarding Aqa Mas’ud and what he sent, Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, forwarded his letter to the Most Holy Court where it was presented before His presence. He commanded that the honored Afnan should write him in reply and express divine favors on behalf of the Truth, that he might rejoice and be among the thankful.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Sayya?, upon him be the Glory of God, and your expression of satisfaction with him - praise be to God that he was enabled to serve the Cause and assist the oppressed, namely those souls who themselves witness and testify that they have looked to naught but the Truth and desired naught but the reformation of the world. Blessed be he! God willing, may he ever attain this supreme bounty. The servant gives him glad tidings of his Beloved’s mention of him and His favors towards him, and beseeches his Lord to assist him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Most High.

This servant’s further submission is that if any of God’s friends attains to service, convey my greetings to them. God willing, may the dark dust of the world of oppression not prevent them from the effulgences of the lights of justice. Every deprived and heedless one hastens toward extinction while behind him the angels of punishment cry “Hasten! Hasten!” But soon those wretched, wandering, unconscious ones shall come to their senses and cry out “Oh, woe unto us!”

May the glory shining from the heaven of our Lord's favor - your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the highest and the lowest - be upon you and upon those who love you and upon every steadfast and upright believer. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The Servant

14th of the month of Sha'ban the Magnificent 1300

One further submission by command: if possible, it would be most praiseworthy if fifty tumans could reach His Holiness Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, in the land of ?adba. This matter is most urgent as they are in hardship […]

The other items of the earth, including cloth and shawls and [sugar] and so forth, have arrived, and his honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan has written and continues to write the details to his honor Aqa Azizu'llah. The glory be upon you.

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This is a prayer that was revealed at the beginning of the month of fasting. Blessed is the one who offers it to God, his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Everlasting, through which the Manifestations of Thy Cause endured; and by Thy Name, the All-Sufficient, through which the Manifestations of Thy Revelation were made sufficient; and by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the Daysprings of Thy inspiration became self-subsisting; and by Thy Name, the Eternal, through which the signs of Thy kingdom and the evidences of Thy dominion were made to endure; and by Thy Name, the Wise, through which the strongholds of Thy sovereignty were made firm; and by Thy Name, the Merciful, through which all created things obtained mercy; and by Thy Name, the Powerful, through which all things were endowed with power; and by Thy Name, the All-Knowing, through which the manifestations of Thy knowledge appeared among Thy creatures; and by Thy Name, the Triumphant, through which Thy Most Exalted Word triumphed over all who are in earth and heaven - to send down upon Thy loved ones from the heaven of Thy Will that which will render them independent of all except Thee and detached from all save Thyself. Then send down upon them that which will make them victorious over Thine enemies who have disbelieved in the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O my God, my Lord, my Beloved, the Ultimate Goal of my desire and my hope! Remove not him who hath drawn nigh unto Thee, and cast not out him who hath turned toward the court of Thy mighty singleness and the threshold of Thy holy oneness. Then cause them to hear that which will transport them in the atmosphere of Thy yearning and attraction, whereby they will become oblivious of all except Thee and will speak of naught but Thy remembrance and praise. By Thy glory! He who is deprived of the sweetness of Thy remembrance is indeed deprived of all good, and non-existence would be better for him than

existence, and extinction better than life. By Thy glory! I am bewildered at those who have deprived themselves of the wonders of Thy remembrance and have occupied themselves with the remembrance of others besides Thee. By Thy glory! The gardens of Paradise and whatsoever of Thy wondrous bounties and favors have been ordained therein cannot equal a single mention of Thee in the estimation of such servants as have tasted the sweetness of Thy communion. O my God! Make me not one who is debarred therefrom or deprived thereof. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose hands is the kingdom of destiny, to move me by the breezes of Thy Will as Thou pleasest, that I may turn to that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and turn away from that which Thou abhorrest, O Thou in Whose hands is the kingdom of the realm of the hereafter and of the former times. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Helper.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Whenever the remembrance of Thee stirs within my heart, I am held back by Thy might and power, for remembrance itself testifieth that it is other than the One remembered. This being established, how can my remembrance ascend unto Thee, or my praise befit Thee? Rather, it returneth unto my own self and essence. Therefore do I flee, O my God, from associating aught with Thee unto the sovereignty of Thy unity, and I beseech Thee to give me to drink from the cup of those among Thy creatures who believe in Thy unity and are detached from all else, who behold in all things the signs of Thy revelation and the manifestations of Thy oneness. As for them who have taken partners with Thee and associated Thy creation with Thine own Self - these have not known Thee nor attained unto Thy recognition, and are among the most remote and heedless of Thy creatures.

Glorified art Thou beyond being associated with aught else or being remembered through the remembrance of any besides Thee! Thou hast ever been, and there was naught else beside Thee, and Thou wilt ever continue to be even as Thou hast been. No one hath any way to attain unto the knowledge of Thy Essence. All remembrance, from whomsoever it may proceed, returneth unto the Most Exalted Word and the First Point, which is the Primal Will and the Initial Point. This is Thy first revelation and Thy first manifestation. Thou didst raise it up through itself and shed upon it the light of Thy Most Glorious Name, whereupon the heavens were illumined with the light of Thy knowledge and the earth with the radiance of Thy countenance. Thou didst make it the beginning and end of creation, and through it Thou didst distinguish between Thy creatures. Through it the believers in divine unity became steadfast and the idolaters were seized with terror. Whoso calleth upon Thee through it hath indeed called upon Thee Thyself, and whoso turneth away hath not truly called upon Thee, even should he invoke Thee throughout the duration of Thy sovereignty and the permanence of Thine essence.

O my God! Hath anyone ever called upon Thee through it and Thou didst not answer him? Hath any soul ever turned toward Thee through it and Thou didst not turn toward her? Is there anyone in all creation who remembereth Thee through it in Thy earth and Thou didst not remember him in the heaven of Thy Cause? Nay, by Thy glory! For Thy remembrance hath preceded all things even as Thy mercy hath preceded all things. Were it not for Thy remembrance, who would remember Thee? Were it not for Thy making Thyself known, who would know Thee? When Thy remembrance preceded Thy servants, they arose to remember and praise Thee. When Thou didst show them the ways of Thy nearness and good-pleasure, they turned from all directions toward the sanctuary of Thy oneness and the sacred precincts of Thy singleness. When Thou didst cast upon them Thy love, they arose to aid Thy Cause and were drawn

by the signs of Thy mighty sovereignty, reaching a station wherein they sacrificed their wealth and lives in Thy path.

By Thy glory, O Beloved of the worlds, O Thou the Desire of the hearts of them that long for Thee, O Thou the Enchantment of the hearts of the sincere! When I drank from the cup of Thy love, I arose to aid Thy Cause through Thy might and power, and through it I became independent of the love of all else and the remembrance of any besides Thee. Blessed is he who drinketh therefrom and hasteneth to the pathways of Thy good-pleasure and the ways of Thy bounty. He is indeed among the most wealthy of Thy servants and the most exalted in Thy presence. O my God! I have reached such a station in Thy love that I desire not that anyone besides me should love Thee, and whosoever loveth Thee - he is I and none other. I have accepted all Thy love and all the tribulations in Thy path. Would that no one besides me might love Thee, and that no afflictions in Thy path might befall any but myself! For Thou hast ordained for those who love Thee such trials as have no equal in Thy knowledge, and therefore most of Thy servants shun them to protect their lives and property. I am the one who, through Thy remembrance, hath become independent of the remembrance of all created things.

I am He who, through remembering Thee, hath forgotten all created things, and through the love of Thee hath accepted all the tribulations of the world. Would that Thou hadst bestowed upon Thy servants what Thou hast bestowed upon me, and made known to them what Thou hast made known to me! Blessed is he who hath been visited in Thy path by the swords of hatred from Thy wretched servants. Verily, they who have drunk from the cup of Thy mercy and bounty, and who have found solace in Thy remembrance and praise - the concerns of the world shall not divert them from turning to Thee and setting their faces toward Thy countenance. Blessed is he who hath found intimacy with Thee and detached himself from all existence, O Thou Who art the Worshipped One of the seen and unseen!

How can I recount, O Creator of Baha and Goal of Baha, the wonders of Thy mercy which have preceded me and the manifestations of Thy favor which have encompassed me! I was sleeping, O my God, upon the couch of heedlessness and forgetfulness when the fragrances of the garment of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, wafted over me and awakened me from slumber, causing me to voice Thy praise amidst the concourse of all worlds. I arose and called all to Thy most exalted Self. Among them were those who turned away from Thee and denied Thy signs and manifestations in this Revelation wherein Thou didst reveal Thyself through Thy Most Glorious Name. And among them were those who hesitated and rose up in opposition after I had not revealed to them what Thou hadst taught me of Thy hidden knowledge, nor manifested to them what Thou hadst acquainted me with of Thy treasured secrets. I called them through what was revealed in the Bayan and made known to them what they were commanded to recognize in the Tablets of Thy decree and the Pages of Thy destiny. Thereupon they became frightened and lamented, turned away and grew arrogant, except those who were given new life by the breaths of Thy mighty verses in this Revelation whereby the heavens of idle fancies were cleft asunder and the idols of men were shattered by the arm of Thy power, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of authority and the kingdom of the heavens and earth.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent Names and exalted Attributes, and by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of all names and the Ruler over all who are in earth and heaven - through

which Thou didst unite and separate, and which Thou madest the decisive Word at both beginning and end - to open the eyes of Thy servants that they may behold Thee with Thine eyes and know Thee through Thy Self, and turn away from those who have denied Thee and Thy sovereignty and have taken for themselves a lord other than Thee and a god besides Thee. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves and their desires. Take their hands in the hand of Thy power and grace, then preserve them from the evil of those among Thy servants who whisper in people's breasts and hold them back from the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and the depths of the glory of Thy uniqueness. O Lord! Illumine the sight of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then give them to drink of that Kawthar, whereof whoso partaketh shall be detached from the kingdom of the sovereignty of the heavens and earth, shall turn wholly unto Thee, and shall seek shelter beneath the shadow of Thy Most Glorious Name, which Thou hast made the sword of Thy Cause amidst Thy creation and whereby Thou hast separated between those who are nigh and those who are remote, between light and darkness, between the felicitous and the wretched, and between the manifestations of affirmation and negation. He whose sight is illumined by the light of Thy Greatest Name is verily created anew and raised up by Thy command, O Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. He is indeed wondrous in Thy kingdom and is quickened by the breezes of Thy days, and by what he uttereth in Thy remembrance and praise there floweth upon him the decree of innovation, though he speak what hath been mentioned from all eternity. Such is the station of Thy servants who were created by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen in the kingdom of creation. Yet Thy wretched servants deny Thy signs, O Fashioner of the heavens and earth, and strip from them the decree of innovation after it had been established through them. Were it not for them, innovation would not have appeared. Thereupon the Pen weepeth, and so too doth the Tablet, at My anguish and at what hath befallen Me from Thine enemies. And whenever tribulations grow more severe upon Me from these who have denied Thy most great signs, I behold the gifts wherewith Thou hast specially favored Me, in that Thou hast made Me and whatsoever proceedeth from Me - whether in rising or sitting, walking or resting - to be Thy remembrance amidst Thy creatures and Thy praise amongst Thy servants, and hast made them all as a single remembrance from Thee.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for this supreme gift and this most great favor. I beseech Thee, O my God and my Lord, to ordain for Thy servants that which Thou hast ordained for me, and separate me not from them, neither in this world nor in the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Creator of all beings. O my God, make firm the leaves of this Tree, lest they be scattered by the winds of trials. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. Deprive not Thy servants who have turned unto Thee, but cause them, O my God, to acknowledge Thy unity, confess Thy singleness, and submit to Thy sovereignty and power, to turn unto the sanctuary of Thy glory and majesty, to take refuge in Thee and seek protection in Thy presence. O Lord! Drive them not away through Thy bounty, and withhold them not from this Spring which hath flowed from the right hand of the throne of Thy oneness. O Lord! Make them not of those who have violated Thy Covenant, cast away Thy Testament, shown pride before Thee, disputed Thy right, denied Thy favor, and turned away from Thee, after not a word had been inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen but that I had taken its covenant unto Myself, and made all that was revealed in the Bayan dependent upon My acceptance and command, in such wise that were My mention and praise to be effaced from the Bayan, not a word thereof would remain. Yet I made not My Cause dependent upon the acceptance of any soul or the approval of any being. Despite this, behold the Glory, O Beloved of Glory, and what hath

befallen Him at the hands of Thine enemies, O Thou the Desire of Glory! By Thy might! No cry of lamentation ariseth from the lips of Glory for what hath befallen Him in Thy path, O Thou Who art remembered in the heart of Glory! Would that the people of the Bayan had committed what the peoples of old committed! By Thy might, O Beloved of Glory, weeping preventeth me from remembrance and praise, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of destiny and the kingdom of decree! I am He, O my God, Whom the hatred of Thine enemies hindereth not from loving Thee, nor doth the clamor of those who have disbelieved in Thy signs silence me from praising Thee. By Thy might! Should all who are on earth unite to oppress me with tyranny and injustice, my tongue would still mention Thee and praise Thee in their midst. And should they cut out my tongue, my heart would speak of that which Thou hast inspired me through Thy bounty and favor. And should they cut out my heart, my inmost being would cry out: "O Thou Desire of Glory! Accept the blood of Glory in Thy path!" And should they cut out my vitals and members, my very hair would cry out and proclaim: "O Lord! This is Thy Glory among the oppressors of Thy creation; behold Him through the glances of Thy loving-kindness! O Lord! This is He Who was mentioned in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books, and Thy Tablets. This is He for Whose exaltation of station, loftiness of rank, elevation of word, and promotion of Cause the Bayan was revealed. This is He in Whose love I spent my mornings and evenings. Thou didst say - and Thy word is most sweet - 'But for Him, I would not have revealed the Bayan.' And Thou didst say - and Thy word is truth - 'Every goodly mention revealed in the Bayan had none for its object save His Being and His Beauty.' Behold Him now, cast down among the people of the Bayan, O Revealer of the Bayan! How sweet is Thy mention of Me and My mention of Thee! Thou art He Who hast sufficed with Me, and I am He Who hath sufficed with Thee, apart from all created things. Thou art He Who hath desired to mention Me, and I am He Who desireth in My mention naught but Thee."

O my God! Thou seest how my heart melteth in Thy love to such degree that were all the seas of the world to be poured upon it they would never quench it, for my being, my soul, my spirit, my body and my form were all created through Thy love - and Thy love endureth and shall never perish. This is a station Thou hast given me through Thy bounty which none can ever take away. O Thou the remembrance of Whom is my companion, Whose good-pleasure is the joy of my heart, Whose decree is my desire, and Whose tribulation is my comfort!

O my God! Thou dost witness and behold how they who have violated Thy sanctity, neglected Thy Cause, broken Thy Covenant, perverted Thy verses and Thy Word, cast aside Thy laws, abandoned Thy commandments, and opposed this Servant Who hath sacrificed His spirit in Thy path, through whom Thy Cause became renowned, Thy remembrance exalted, Thy countenance revealed, the pavilion of Thy wisdom and the tabernacle of Thy glory raised up, the edifice of Thy Cause and the sanctuary of Thy holiness and the Kaaba of Thy majesty were built. Thou knowest, O my God, their falsehoods and the calumnies of their souls, and after they committed in Thy Faith that which caused the dwellers of the cities of eternity and the Concourse on High to lament, they wrote against me with their idolatrous fingers that which causeth all atoms to curse them, and likewise the Manifestations of unity, the Daysprings of oneness, and the Repositories of Thy revelation and inspiration. They reached such a state of wretchedness as to write that he hath abrogated the Bayan - after it was through my very being that the decree of the Bayan appeared and the Sun of exposition dawned forth, through my mention that His

mention was fulfilled, through my self that His words were interpreted and His mysteries unveiled, through my arising that His letters were expounded, His treasures revealed, and that which was stored therein of the pearls of Thy knowledge and the gems of Thy wisdom was brought forth.

O my God! Thou knowest that they recognized Thy favor and then denied it, for Thou didst manifest me with the proof whereby they claim faith in Thee and in the Manifestation of Thyself. Therefore, O my God, purify their hearts and illumine their eyes that they may know Thee through Thine eye and detach themselves from all else but Thee. I observe them, O my God, to be more veiled than the peoples of former times, such that I have not found any more wretched or more remote than they. They read the Bayan yet deny Him Who revealed it; they glory in it yet oppose the One through Whom Thy Books and the Pages of Thy Cause were sent down from all eternity. By Thy glory, O my God! They have not believed in Thee, for had they believed they would not have denied this Revelation through which the leaves of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary sang the praise of Thy Most Exalted Name, and the tongues of all things were opened in Thy praise, O Lord of the Beginning and the End. Every word revealed in the Bayan testifieth that He is the One Who appeareth in the Most Glorious Horizon.

Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest my sighing and my cry, and that which befalleth me at all times from the manifestations of Satan and the sources of tyranny and the mines of jealousy and reckoning. Behold me then, O Thou Who hast named Thyself the All-Merciful! Dost Thou see in Thy earth one oppressed like unto me, or one grieved like me, after that through my joy the lovers soared unto the atmosphere of Thy nearness and Thy gladness, and the yearning ones ascended unto the heaven of Thy rapture and Thy knowledge? Wherefore, O my God, this oppressed one seeketh refuge in the shelter of Thy justice, and this abased one in the shelter of Thy glory, and this poor one in the shadow of Thy riches. Send down, then, upon him that which befitteth Thy station. He desireth none but Thee, and will desire none but Thee, by Thy might and Thy power, O Thou Who art the Possessor of Glory and Who speaketh from the heart of Glory and remembereth within the heart of Glory. Send down then, O Lord of Glory, upon the hearts of Thy servants the word of righteousness, that they may arise from the sleep of vain desires and turn unto the Most Exalted Word, O Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below! O my God, my Master and my Hope! I testify that Thou wert in the eternity of eternities one God, Single, Alone, Eternal, Self-Subsisting, Everlasting, Enduring, the Self-Sufficient. Thou didst not take unto Thyself any likeness, nor partner, nor counselor, nor peer. Thou didst send Thy envoys unto Thy servants and made them the repositories of Thy revelation and the treasuries of Thy knowledge, and Thou didst send down unto them Thy Books wherein Thou didst establish the laws of Thy Cause and Thy commandments, until the Books ended with the Bayan and the Messengers with Him Whom Thou didst name ’Ali in the empire of Thy decree and the kingdom of names. He manifested Himself by Thy command and called the people unto Thyself and gave them glad tidings of Him Whom Thou didst promise in Thy fixed verses and established words. Through Him Thou didst ordain the measures of Thy Cause and Thy commandments, and through Him Thou didst detail all things in detail from Thy presence, and in it Thou didst forbid the servants from shedding the blood of those who believed in Thee and entered the fortress of Thy Cause and Thy protection. Likewise didst Thou forbid unto the peoples the wives of Thy Messengers, and this is among Thy fixed commandments and Thine established ordinances, inasmuch as it was revealed in all Thy Tablets and Thy Books and Thy Scriptures. Yet despite this clear commandment and mighty decree, they

broke Thy covenant and violated Thy testament, and abandoned that which they were commanded and ordained that which they were forbidden, and reached in heedlessness such a state that passion seized from them the reins of tranquility and modesty, and they betrayed the sanctuary of the Manifestation of Thy most exalted Self. Alas, alas, for his deed and that which appeared from him! By God, thereby was rent the veil of Thy sanctity among Thy creation, and the Faithful Spirit lamented before Thy face, and the eye of Baha shed tears at this most great calamity and supreme affliction. There hath not befallen any of Thy Messengers and chosen ones that which hath befallen the Manifestation of Thy Cause, Whom Thou didst make the Manifestation of Thy sovereignty and the Dayspring of Thy divinity and the Dawning-Place of Thy lordship. Therefore do I lament, and all things lament, for that which was created by Thy Most Exalted Word.

Thou knowest, O my God, that Thou hast never, in all eternity past and future, ordained Thy laws and established Thy ways save for the perpetuation of Thy remembrance amongst Thy creation and the exaltation of Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. Verily Thou, by Thy very Self, the Truth, hast been and wilt ever remain sanctified above the deeds of them that act and the mention of them that remember. O my God, they have shown no shame before Thee, nor have they observed Thy sanctity in Thy dominion and Thy glory amongst Thy creation. Is there any possessor of sight who will assist me in my weeping? Is there any possessor of heart who will lament with me for what hath befallen my Beloved and my Adored One, my Rememberer and my Remembered One? Is there any just one who will judge what hath befallen the Manifestation of Thy Self at the hands of Thy most heedless servants? By Thy glory, O my God! Were I to be slain by the swords of all the world, it would be dearer to me than to exist and witness what no eye hath ever witnessed, O Thou in Whose hands lieth the kingdom of the heavens and the earth! The love of leadership so possessed him that he shed the blood of Him Whom Thou hadst singled out among Thy creatures and made the Manifestation of Thy unity, and named as the Third Letter who believed in Him Whom Thou shalt manifest by Thy command. Thou didst reveal concerning him that which Thou hadst revealed for none other, and when his blood was shed, darkness prevailed over the light of day, and trembling and trepidation seized all who dwelt in the Twin Cities. Yet they perceived it not, nor did they awaken, and they reached such heights of wickedness and pride that they sought to slay him whom they mention by night and day. Thou didst protect me by Thy power and preserve me through the hosts of Thine invisible realm until I departed from their midst by Thy will and decree. When Thou didst frustrate them by Thy sovereignty, they wrote concerning me that which caused their pens, their fingers, their ink, their tablets, and the essence of all things to curse them. Therefore, O my God, raise up pure hearts and penetrating eyes that they may discern Thy Cause and what they have wrought against Thee. Alas, alas! The Tablets of the Bayan and the essence of its meanings in the words of the Bayan weep at their deeds. Yet they have forgotten themselves and say that He Whom Thou hast manifested by Thy command hath abrogated the Bayan, though every person of understanding testifieth that the Bayan was revealed for My sake, and through My manifestation the meaning of its exposition was fulfilled, and I made all that was revealed therein a gift unto Myself, dependent upon My leave and command. Alas, alas! The hem of sanctity hath been sullied by the dust of the calumnies of Thine enemies, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee have been entangled by what hath befallen the Beloved of the knowers at the hands of the tyrannical among Thy creatures.

O my God! This is the first day wherein Thou hast prescribed the fast for Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by him who hath fasted for love of Thee and Thy good-pleasure, not for his own desire and hatred of his Lord, and by Thy most excellent names and most exalted attributes, to purify Thy servants from the love of aught else but Thee and draw them nigh unto the Dayspring of the lights of Thy countenance and the Seat of the throne of Thy oneness. Illumine their hearts, O my God, with the light of Thy knowledge and their faces with the radiance of the Sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy will. Powerful art Thou to do what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Then aid them, O my God, to assist Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word, make them the Hands of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants, and through them manifest Thy religion and Thy signs amongst Thy creatures, that the horizons may be filled with Thy remembrance and praise, Thy proof and Thy testimony. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Merciful.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Whenever I resolve to be silent in Thy remembrance, I witness that Thy love hath no end. And since it hath no end, how can my cry, my remembrance, my lamentation and my yearning ever end? Thou, O my God, hast ordained communion for those around me and made Thy verses clear evidences for myself and manifestations of my Cause. Yet I love to make mention of Thee before all worlds through what they possess of Thy remembrance and praise, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. O Lord! Aid me through the wonders of Thy help. Verily, Thy help of me and Thy grace towards me is my ascension to the Most Exalted Companion and my rising above these wretched ones, among whom there is naught but rancor and hatred. O Lord! Cause me to ascend unto Thee, O Thou through the movement of Whose Most Exalted Pen the kingdom of creation was brought into being. My purpose, O my God, in that which I have uttered before Thee was only to manifest my servitude amongst Thy creatures and that all might witness that I am the supplicant and Thou art the One supplicated, that I am the caller and Thou art the Answerer. Otherwise, by Thy glory, I desired not what I desired, I purposed not what I purposed, and I hoped not what I hoped. Whosoever differentiateth between my will and Thy will hath disbelieved in Thee and taken a partner with Thee in Thy dominion. Through my will have I manifested Thy will; were it not for it, it would not have been. My desire be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Desire of Baha! My purpose be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Purpose of Baha! My will be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Thou Who kindleth the fire of Baha, O Thou Who art ablaze in the breast of Baha, O Thou Who speaketh with the tongue of Baha! Then the Beloved of Baha declareth: By God, were it not for Baha, the Dove of Remembrance would not have warbled. O people of hatred, have mercy on Baha! O ye through whom and through whose tyranny the heaven was cleft asunder and the veil of fidelity was rent! And Baha saith: I am content with Thy decree, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that seek Thee. I desire naught save what Thou hast desired for me, and I wish naught except what Thou wishest. By Thy glory, I am abashed before the wondrous tokens of Thy favor and that which Thou hast singled me out for amongst Thy creatures. Through my appearance, Thou hast distinguished between all created things and chosen from them the gems of Thy creation and the essence of Thy handiwork. Thou hast caused me, O my God, to speak a Word from Thee and made it as a two-edged sword through Thy power and might. With one edge thereof Thou hast separated and divided Thy servants and creatures who waxed proud before Thee and hesitated in Thy Cause than which Thou hast revealed no greater cause. And with the other edge Thou hast united, joined, elevated, bound together and reconciled those who

have turned unto Thy countenance, believed in Thy most great signs, detached themselves from all that is in earth and heaven out of love for Thy beauty, seeking Thy good-pleasure, turning toward Thy presence and manifesting Thy bounty. Thou hast made them the hands of Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures, and through them Thou hast manifested what Thou hast manifested of the attributes of Thy oneness and the evidences of Thy singleness. Blessed is he who turneth unto them purely for love of Thee and heareth from them Thy verses and Thy clear proofs, the like of which all in the heavens and earth are powerless to produce. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thyself and by this Wronged One the like of whom the eye of creation hath not seen, that Thou mayest send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cause to grow in the hearts of them that long for Thee the plants of Thy love and knowledge. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O my God! I beseech Thee by the mention of Thy Most Great and Most Exalted Name that Thou mayest cause all souls to drink the wine of Thy bounty.

O Lord! Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. O my God! I beseech Thee, by the remembrance of Thy Most Great and Most Exalted Name, to give all Thy servants to drink of the wine of Thy loving-kindness and bounty, that all may recognize Thee with their own eyes and enter beneath the shade of the Tree of Unity. O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of destiny! It grieveth me that any among Thy creatures should be deprived of the mercy Thou hast ordained for Thy days. By Thy glory! Thy servants have sought to harm and afflict me, yet I desire their nearness unto Thee and their entry into the Most Glorious Paradise. Verily, Thou hast power over all things. Thou knowest what is within my soul, and Thou art in truth the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

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This is the Surah of Sorrows which hath been sent down from before the All-Merciful unto him who hath turned towards the sanctuary of the All-Glorious in this time wherein all have scattered from beneath the shadow of God and His mercy and have taken Satan as their helper. In the Name of God, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious.

O Wayfarer of Oneness! Glorify in the sea of grandeur, which hath appeared through My Most Glorious Name, whereon sail the arks of eternity bearing such servants as have detached themselves from the world and soared on the wings of holiness into the atmosphere of this air which hath appeared in this heaven that was raised in this cloud. Thus hath the grace of thy Lord encompassed them that they might give thanks unto God and be numbered among the thankful, as recorded in the Tablets. And thou, say “In the Name of God and by God,” then enter naked into the depths of this ocean whose shores even those nigh unto God have failed to reach, much less to enter therein. Thus doth the Tongue of the Beloved command thee. Act thou accordingly and fear no one; put thy trust in Him. Verily, He will protect thee as He protected thee aforetime, and He, verily, hath power over all things.

By the True One! Today is thy day. Emerge from behind the veils of silence, then speak forth betwixt earth and heaven and give the people glad tidings of this News at which the lands of pride were rent

asunder, the heavens of opposition were cleft, the mountains of rancor crumbled, the edifice of hatred was demolished, and the skin of every obdurate polytheist did quiver. Look thou at the polytheists and that which issueth from their mouths. Among them are those who say: “Is God manifest?” and “Hath the Sun risen from the holy horizon?” Say: Yea, by my Lord! It hath risen with a sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds. O thou blind one of the earth! Open thy eyes that thou mayest behold it shining, luminous, and radiant. Verily, it hath ever been manifest at the meridian with the sovereignty of grandeur, power, and majesty. Neither the opposition of any opponent nor the polytheism of any polytheist can veil it. Thus hath the matter been witnessed in truth.

And among them are those who say: “This is he who hath fabricated a lie against God.” Say: Woe unto thee, O polytheist! This is naught but a revelation revealed. God taught him at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and he beheld what he beheld of the signs of his Lord. By God! His feet shall not slip from all that hath been created between earth and heaven. Verily, at times he speaketh with the melody of Ali in the heaven of grandeur, then with the melody of Muhammad in the kingdom of creation, then with the melody of the Spirit in the heaven of eternity, then with the melody of grandeur in this Beauty that hath shone upon all things and from whose revelations hath appeared upon the forms of all created things the sign that there is none other God but Him. And verily, He is the Beloved in the heart of the Desired One, and He is the Worshipped One in all that was and will be. Yet most of the people have veiled themselves from Him after He appeared with all signs, and that which appeared from Him hath ever been witness unto itself.

Would that thou hadst been present before the Throne and heard how the melodies of eternity were revealed from the Temple of Baha! By the True One! Were the ears of all created things to be purified and were they to hear but one note thereof, they would all fall thunderstruck upon the dust before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. But when they objected unto God, God deprived them of the wonders of His grace, and they were naught before thy Lord but as a handful of clay, cast away. And if thou wouldst ponder on that which issueth from their mouths, by God, thou wouldst hear that which thou didst not hear from the Jews when We sent unto them the Spirit with a manifest Book, nor from the concourse of the Gospel when We caused the sun of eternity to shine upon them from the horizon of Batha[…]

None from the people of the Gospel, when We caused the Sun of Eternity to dawn upon them from the horizon of Batha and sent Him unto them with lights that were witnessed by all worlds; nor from the people of the Furqan, when the heaven of divine knowledge was cleft asunder and God came upon the clouds of His name, the All-Merciful, with the beauty of ’Ali in truth. When We reached this most blessed, most exalted, most holy Name which was wondrously unique, two conditions arose within My soul. I observe that My heart is consumed with the fire of sorrows at what hath befallen the Beauty of the All-Merciful at the hands of the people of the Furqan, as if every limb of Mine were at that moment aflame with a fire which, were its reins to be loosened, would consume all who dwell in the realm of being - and God is witness to this. Likewise do I observe that Mine eyes weep, and then all My members, until drops of tears rain from My very hair, at the afflictions visited upon Him by these wretched ones who slew God and knew Him not, and who, even while priding themselves on one of His names, suspended Him in the air and fired at Him the bullets of hatred. Would that creation had never been brought into being, that invention had never stirred, that no Prophet had been raised up, no Messenger sent forth, no Cause

established among the servants, no Name of God manifested between earth and heaven, no scrolls, books, scriptures, tablets or missives revealed, and that the Ancient Beauty had not been afflicted among these wretched ones, nor suffered at the hands of those who openly denied God and committed what none in all the worlds had ever perpetrated. By God the True One, O ’Ali! Wert thou to look within all My limbs and members, My liver, heart and vitals, thou wouldst find the mark of the bullets that struck the Temple of God. Alas, alas! Then did the Abode of Verses cease its revelation, this Ocean its surging, this Tree its fruit-bearing, this Cloud its rain-giving, this Sun its light-shedding, this Heaven its elevation - thus was the matter then decreed. Would that I had perished and My mother had never borne Me, that I had never heard what befell Him at the hands of those who worshipped the Names but slew their Revealer, their Creator, their Establisher and their Sender. Fie upon them and upon their following their own selves and desires! Through them hath appeared that which hath caused the Maids of Heaven to fall prostrate from their chambers, and the Spirit to lay his face in the dust, at what hath befallen the Lord of Lords from these wolves. Then doth everything weep at My weeping for Him, and all things cry out at My crying out at separation from Him. Such grief hath overtaken Me that no melodies of eternity issue from My mouth, nor spiritual breezes from My heart. Were it not for My being preserved, My limbs would be rent asunder and I would cease to exist. Then doth My previous Manifestation in the Most Glorious Horizon weep and address thee: “O ’Ali! By God the True One, wert thou to look at My heart, My liver and My vitals, then My secret and My public self, My outer and My inner being, thou wouldst find the marks of the spears of hatred which struck My other Manifestation in My Most Glorious Name.” Then do I lament, and all in the Supreme Concourse lament with My lamentation for Him; and I cry out, and all who dwell in the pavilions of Names cry out at My cry; and I wail, and all in the cities of eternity wail at My wailing for this Wronged One Who hath fallen amidst the people of the Bayan. By God, they have done unto Him what the people of the Furqan did not do unto Me. Alas, alas, for what hath befallen Him!

All who dwell in the cities of eternity lament because of My lamentation for this Wronged One who hath fallen amidst the people of the Bayan. By God! They have done unto Him what the people of the Furqan did not do. Therefore, alas! Alas! for that which hath befallen Him and touched Him from these souls. Thereupon all existence, both in the realm of earth and heaven, fell prostrate in the dust by reason of what hath befallen this Beauty who was established upon the throne of nearness. Woe unto them and unto what their hands have wrought, morning and evening. Then the Ancient Beauty calleth out: “O Most Exalted Pen! Change this remembrance, through which all created things and whatsoever beareth the name of a thing have been saddened, and proceed to another remembrance. Have mercy upon the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. By God, the Truth! The mighty Throne with all its grandeur and the Seat with all its loftiness are well-nigh rent asunder.” And when We heard the Call, We ceased the mention of sorrows and returned to that which We had been mentioning, that thou mayest be informed thereof. And thou, O ’Ali, grieve not for what We have imparted unto thee concerning the tribulations which befell Our former and latter Manifestations. Gird up thy loins to aid the Cause of God, and arise to serve the Cause with power and compelling steadfastness. Then observe the state of these people and what issueth from their mouths in these days wherein the Sun hath shone forth with all its splendors and every faithful soul who hath drawn nigh hath been illumined thereby. By God! We hear from these people what none hath ever heard, for they seek to prove their cause through the verses We sent down upon Him Whom We sent with the truth and made a mercy unto all in the kingdom. Yet when greater verses

than those they had heard are recited unto them, they object and flee, and were they to find in themselves the power, they would surely slay him who reciteth the verses unto them. Thus recognize thou the state of these people, that thou mayest be clear-sighted regarding what they possess.

Say: O people! Verily, He Who hath appeared with the truth - ye have witnessed concerning Him God's power and dominion, then God's Manifestation and His grandeur. And besides what ye have witnessed of the wonders of might and power, there hath been sent down from the heaven of His grace the equivalent of what was revealed in the Bayan. Fear God, O people, and be God-fearing in this Cause. Do ye contend with Him through Whom the suns have shone forth, the moons have been illumined, the stars adorned, the rivers have flowed, the seas have surged, the heaven been raised up, the holy earth spread out, and the trees have yielded fruit? Fie upon you and upon him who hath commanded you to deny God and associate partners with the Beauty of Him Who is established upon the throne with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. By God! O thou who gazest toward God, there hath befallen Me at their hands that which no ear hath heard nor eye hath witnessed. Thereupon the eyes of all created things weep for Me, and all the tribes from the kingdom of names and attributes and the eyes of grandeur behind the veils of might impenetrable lament My suffering. By God the Truth! He who fled from the fox and hid his face behind the wine-jars in fear for himself - when he witnessed that We had raised up the Cause with the sovereignty of might and power, and God's name had become renowned between East and West, he then regretted his concealment and emerged from behind the veil with great hatred. He consulted with one of My servants about killing Me and desired to shed this blood which, were but a drop of it to fall upon all created things, they would all proclaim "I am God, there is none other God but Him." Thus did he plot within himself after We had nurtured and taught him morning and night. When the hosts of God's revelation descended and preserved Me from his evil and his plotting, he then arose with another plot whereby the people of the depths of names, then the Concourse on High were bewildered - and God is witness to what I say. And he attributed to Me matters which, were they to be heard by one possessed of insight, thou wouldst know what hath befallen this Wronged One from those who have arisen against Him with an injustice that was in all the tablets deemed grievous.

O Most Exalted Pen! Remind one whom thou lovest of what was proclaimed by one of Satan's party in the region of Iraq, saying: "O people of Baha! Why do ye promulgate God's Cause, your Lord, and summon the people unto God Who created all things by His command, when the ultimate station of the servants is to attain unto the station of the Primal Point, and since he hath descended from his station and been stripped of what was bestowed upon him, how can your teaching and mention benefit the servants?" Thus did his soul entice him, and he uttered that which intensified God's wrath and displeasure against himself and those who say what he said, rendering themselves deprived of the shores of divine knowledge. Say: Woe unto thee, O thou who associatest partners with God! What thou hast imagined regarding the name of the Primal Point - verily We created it as We created all names that they might indicate their Creator and Maker and remain steadfast in God's Cause. All names before God are equal - He giveth and taketh away, and shall not be questioned about what He willeth, and He is indeed wise over all things. And whatever excellence ye have recognized in souls abideth in their faith in God, their turning to Him at His manifestation, and their orientation towards the quarter that was beloved in the eternity of eternities. Explain, O thou wretched one, how the Judge became the judged, though none can

change besides Him. O thou possessor of a single eye! Reflect within thyself - dost thou observe the faults of others while remaining heedless of what is within thyself? Woe unto thee for what Satan hath taught thee - he who disbelieved in God and whom We made an evident lesson unto all creation. Say: O thou who disbelievest in God! Would that thou hadst seen and known him whom thou hast taken as lord besides God. By the True God! If thou hadst seen and known him, thou wouldst have fled from him a thousand leagues, nay more than that, and God is indeed cognizant of this. Say: O thou donkey! We preserved him, reared him, described him and mentioned him, and thou knowest all this and wast witness thereto. Yet he warred against My Self and denied My verses. Therefore, it behooveth thee to object to him, not to the One Who created both thee and him from a worthless fluid. Ask him by what proof thou didst believe in the Primal Point and the Messengers of God before Him, and by what evidence thou didst disbelieve in Him Who appeared with all the signs, and didst decree His death, and wast strong in opposition. Moreover, O thou who associatest partners with God, it hath ever been Our way to take and give. Hast thou not seen how We removed the mantle of acceptance from the form of the Stone around which We had commanded the servants to circumambulate, and bestowed this grace upon another station, if thou wert but knowing of this? Therefore be fair in thyself, though We know that thou wilt never be fair. With Us is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. We know what thy father taught thee in the nights and days, and what he whispered in thy breast, and breathed into thee of the spirit whereby every human being is transformed and becomes as a donkey. Therefore ask about him whom thou hast taken as lord besides Me. Say: O thou who hast turned away! Be fair within thyself - hast thou heard of any manifestation in creation greater than what hath appeared and now speaketh at the hub of eternity, saying “I am your Lord, the Most High” from this holy and most luminous horizon? And hast thou seen any words greater than what hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of eternity through this Youth Who speaketh in the heaven of decree? Nay, by My Beauty that hath shone upon all worlds!

Have you seen any words greater than those which have been sent down in truth from the Dominion of Eternity through this Youth Who speaks in the heaven of destiny? Nay, by My Beauty which hath shone resplendent upon all worlds! Yet you have followed him who was created by a movement of My Pen and who pronounced judgment against My Self, after We had protected him through months and years. O thou who art seeing yet blind, such that thou seest thyself but failest to behold thy Lord, by Whose command were created the names and their kingdom, then the attributes and their dominion, then all created things! Dost thou see in a mirror that hath turned away from the sun any light or radiance or trace upon its surface? Nay, by the All-Merciful, if thou wert possessed of true vision! Likewise, observe the mirrors of names: when they enter beneath the shadow of their Lord and accept the effulgences wherewith the Sun of Eternity doth shine forth, they are illumined by its lights and radiance. Without this, they are debarred and remain deprived of the effulgences that shine forth in truth.

Hast thou not seen in the previous Manifestation how the divines who had lived long in this world and had ascended the heights of knowledge and had worshipped God through nights and days were pronounced polytheists and unbelievers, and the garment of faith was stripped from their temples, while those who swept houses and whom none knew - God clothed them in the garment of divine authority and prophethood? Thus observe thy Lord’s power and be not an oppressive wretch. Is it fitting for those

on earth to object to God, saying: “How can we attain an exalted station when these who lived long in God’s religion, worshipped Him, prostrated themselves before Him, submitted to His Cause, and were the learned of the earth, have returned to the fire?” Say: O polytheist! Thou sayest what the polytheists said before in the time of every Manifestation, unaware of what thou utterest. Soon shall the angels of punishment smite upon thy mouth, by the decree of One mighty and powerful.

Know thou that at the time of Manifestation, all names are on one plane. Whoso ascendeth unto God, all Our beautiful names apply to him, but whoso standeth still on the path shall never be mentioned before God. Thus have We sent down the command in all the Tablets, wert thou to be informed thereof. Verily, were We to take a handful of clay and breathe into it the spirit of life and make it the manifestation of all names and attributes, We are able to do so, and this is not difficult for God. It remaineth in this station so long as it abideth in the shadow of its Lord, but when it departeth therefrom, all that was given it is stripped away and it returneth to dust with great remorse.

Say: O thou donkey! Thou hast not understood the root of the matter, and when something beyond thy comprehension cometh to thee, ask him from whose pen flow the seas of knowledge and inner meanings, that he may explain to thee what thou hast neglected and teach thee from the wonders of knowledge, that thou mayest be steadfast in thy Lord’s religion. Nay, by My life, O Ali, they desired not to know what was concealed from them. Thou seest them as sheep that go astray, knowing not their shepherd. Rather, if thou lookest upon them with the eye of insight, thou wilt find them as wolves seeking to scatter God’s sheep and suck their blood. Thus have We reckoned their affair in this Tablet which hath been sent down from the dominion of sublime glory. Guard thyself from these people, then speak with the accent of eternity among the earth […]

Guard thyself against these people, then speak with the melody of eternity between earth and heaven. Then make mention of this Most Great Name, through which the heaven of names was cleft asunder. Fear thou no one, but put thy trust in God. Verily, He will protect thee from every rejected polytheist, will aid thee in His Cause, will cause the Spirit to speak within thy breast, and will stir thee with the breezes of paradise from the direction of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He is, verily, thy Reckoner. Beware that thou grieve not over anything, for We have not forgotten thee and We wish to behold thee, and We beseech God to bring us together in truth. Verily, He is the Answerer of those who call upon Him. Would that thou wert with Us in the prison and couldst witness what hath befallen My wronged Beauty at the hands of those who dare not speak in My presence, whose realities were created by the will of My Pen, and thou wouldst behold what was hidden from thee. Hearken unto what the Most Exalted Pen commandeth thee. Neither rest in thy home nor find repose within thyself. Enter the abode of the polytheists from among the concourse of the Bayan with God’s tidings and His Cause, and say: “O people! I have come to you with a proof that is supremely great in truth. If ye possess what is greater than what We have, bring it forth. And if ye have witnessed with your own eyes what is greater than what We have witnessed of God’s power and sovereignty, show it and tarry not a moment. And if ye find yourselves powerless to do this, then fear God and contend not with Him through Whom God’s Cause hath been raised, your names exalted, and the proof whereby ye seek to establish your cause among others hath appeared. Fear ye God and be not among the sinfully faithless in the land.”

O Thou who swimmest in the ocean of inner meanings! At this moment hath the ocean of grandeur been set in motion through My Most Great Name, casting upon all created things the pearls of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. By God! The eye of creation hath never beheld its like, nor hath the vision of invention ever witnessed its parallel. Would that We could find one trustworthy to whom We might entrust it, or one discerning who might witness it, or one aware to whom We might describe its qualities, its manifestations, or its effulgences. When We ascended unto the heaven of divine decree, We found no one and remained within Our own Self, bewildered and saddened. Therefore, treasure within thyself that which hath trickled upon thee from the spray of this Ocean, and purify thyself from the odors of those upon whose faces thou seest naught but the dust of fire, who have disbelieved in God throughout every age and dispensation, and who have been deprived of the fragrances of the All-Merciful. Say: These are the streams that flow into the Ancient Ocean, even as they have branched forth from it. Blessed is he who drinketh therefrom and through it becometh independent of all else on earth. Say: Verily, the Ancient Ocean and whatsoever issueth from it and returneth unto it are but a wave among the waves of the Ocean of Grandeur, which was created through My Most Great Name. Thus have We unveiled for thee a mystery from among the mysteries that were hidden from the eyes of the worlds. Upon the shore of this Ocean hath been created a wilderness whose beginning and end none hath encompassed, wherein the call of God hath been raised from every direction. No Prophet or Messenger hath passed by it except that the divine fragrances seized him in this Valley. And when they reached the Most Glorious Dome, which was created from the Light of the Divine Essence in the midst of this Valley, they fell prostrate upon their faces in the dust in humility before this Beauty Who hath appeared in truth in this Garment, from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Thus was the matter irrevocably decreed. O Ali! By God, the Truth! Never hath ceased, nor shall ever cease from this wilderness the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. At all times there can be heard from its pebbles and its sand dunes that there is no God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared through My Most Great Name is the Beloved of creation and the Desire of the Concourse of eternity. He hath ever been and ever shall be, and God is indeed aware of this. Blessed is the man who walketh therein, and the ear that heareth the melodies that emerge from its regions, and who becometh aware of what hath been concealed therein of mysteries that have ever been hidden behind pavilions of glory. Would that some loving soul might turn towards it, some steadfast one might stand firm therein, some heart might hasten unto it and become detached from all the worlds. O Ali! By God, the Truth! The Cause is greater than can be mentioned, more manifest than can be veiled, and more exalted than can be reached by the opposition of any opposer or the scheming of any stubborn plotter.

Say: O people! Debase not your own selves. Be ye ashamed before God Who desireth naught for you save His grace, and Who sendeth down unto you in every moment, from the Divine Lote-Tree, fresh fruits of glory. Partake ye of God's bounty wherever ye will. Fear ye God and be not of them that spread corruption in the land, nor distance yourselves from the seats of nearness. By God, the True One! The Dove shall not cease its melodies though all the dogs of the earth should bark or all the wolves should howl. Thus have We sent down the verses in truth - a revelation from One mighty and wise. Whoso denieth this Cause this day shall be cursed by every atom, by his own self and essence, his hand and his tongue. He is deaf within himself and heareth not, for his ears are veiled by the coverings of heedlessness. Thus is the matter witnessed from the horizon of wisdom.

Blessed are ye, for ye shall find no partner unto yourselves in these fruits which have ripened upon the Tree of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. God hath made them specially for you and for those who turn unto it with pure and sound hearts. Taste thou of those fruits and be grateful for what thou hast been given of the wondrous grace of thy Lord, and be thou manifestly joyous. Verily God hath made these specially for those of His servants who are nigh unto Him, and hath deprived the idolaters of this bounty.

Thus have We bestowed upon thy heart, thy spirit, and thy mind the fragrance of the All-Merciful from the right hand of Glory, that He might make thee alive through His life, enduring through His endurance, speaking in His praise, mindful in His remembrance, turning unto His face, and gazing upon His beauty. Verily His favor hath ever been great unto thee, then wondrous, then mighty, then glorious. And upon thee be grandeur, then majesty, then the splendor from the Countenance of Eternity, Who hath appeared with His Most Glorious Name, whereby every low thing was exalted and every high thing was brought low, every existence was annihilated and every lost thing was brought to life, every sun was darkened and every moon was eclipsed, every star fell and every steadfast one was shaken, every lofty one was brought low and every fixed thing trembled, every still thing moved, every fire was extinguished and every extinguished thing was ignited, every praised thing became unseemly and every unseemly thing was praised, every hidden thing appeared and every concealed thing emerged, every veil was rent, every ash was resurrected, every door was knocked, every tongue spoke, every abased one was honored, every sick one was healed, every impure one was purified, every ailing one was cured, every blind one saw, every treasure appeared, every earth quaked, every heaven was cleft, every earth split, every just one transgressed and every transgressor became just, every learned one became ignorant and every ignorant one became learned, every brave one fled and every fearful one became brave, every thirsty one was given drink, every trumpet was blown, every Hour appeared, every bugle was sounded, every light was darkened and every darkness was illumined, every fruit fell, every green thing dried up and every dried thing became green, and the breath of God blew whereby the contingent beings were given life before and the existent things shall be given life hereafter. Thus was thy Lord's favor encompassing unto thy self, thy spirit, thy heart, thy body, and thy form.

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The Beloved of the Heart, His Honor Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and His supreme favors, may observe:

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

Praise be to the Goal of all contingent beings, Who in the midst of sorrows raised high the banner of utterance. The pack of wolves could not prevent His loved ones from drawing nigh, nor hold them back from remembrance and praise. The denial of the people of tyranny and rebellion did not deter Him from manifesting what is right, and the calumnies of the falsifiers and the treachery of the treacherous did not become a barrier between truth. Exalted be the majesty of our Lord, and magnificent the sovereignty of our Master and our Goal! Glory and radiance be upon the Hands of His Cause and the emblems of His

guidance, and upon those who aid Him through wisdom and utterance and through that which He hath sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O beloved of my heart and he who is remembered in my soul! At this moment, in response to your letter which was sent to His Honor the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, these manifest verses have been revealed from the King of the Kingdom of names and attributes. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who speaks in the midst of tribulations[…]

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. Justice and truthfulness have become so absent and concealed that no trace thereof can be found amongst the people. The horizons of the heaven of truth have been darkened by the gloom of the people of hypocrisy. Most of the decrees of the administrative circles of Iran have been and continue to be contrary to that which justice and fairness command. They have no purpose save vain ornaments. Day and night they are occupied with plunder and pillage. The affairs of the Threshold are entirely conducted through consultation with the pretenders. What they have taken, they have not returned to its owner. Outwardly they appeared in agreement, but inwardly they were discovered to be hypocrites. They had and have no desire save the seizing of wealth. Glory be to God! How can they be content that in what they claim to be a court of justice, not a word of truth and justice is heard? In any case, they have made the Isfahani a pretext and are busy plundering the Shirazi. In one's presence they show the utmost respect, but in one's absence they engage in schemes and accusations. Yet the Wronged One was standing, speaking, and hearing. He heareth and knoweth and is patient until God shall come with His firm and mighty command.

These mentioned matters have had and have no significance. However, news of the ascension of some of the loved ones has outwardly become a cause of grief. One day, news of the ascension of the Essence of Being was mentioned in the Holy Presence, and the next day came news of the ascension of the Bird of Divine Knowledge to the heaven of his Lord's loving-kindness. As for the first, he is Nabil, son of Nabil - upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And the second is Ahad - upon him be the Glory of God, the Single, the Self-Subsisting. At this moment, especially for the second one, that which illumined the world of inner meanings and adorned the Kingdom of utterance with a new ornament was revealed, as a grace from God, the Lord of all worlds, and as a loving-kindness from God, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and as a mercy from the All-Bountiful in this radiant moment.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My everlasting Glory. Glorify on My behalf him who soared in the atmosphere of My love and drank the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the cup of My bounty and arose with supreme steadfastness to serve Me. Then recite unto him what hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will concerning his brother who was named Ahad in the Book of Names and 'Abdu'l-Baha in the Crimson Scroll.

From the Most Exalted Pen: Divine loving-kindness and heavenly grace concerning 'Ali-Haydar shine forth and are evident like the sun. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. He must give thanks to God for this manifest grace. He arose to serve, and his service was adorned with the ornament of divine good-pleasure and the glory of acceptance. This word is the King of words and the Sovereign of utterance that

was mentioned: Give him glad tidings of what hath been revealed for him from the Wronged One, through Whom all things have spoken: “The Possessor of sovereignty, dominion, might, and power hath come, and His is the Kingdom and His is the Glory, and happy is he who hath held fast to His strong cord and clung to His luminous hem.”

Praise and thanksgiving be unto God, and unto Him be bounty and bestowal, and unto Him be grace and glory. He is the Most Generous One Who hath transformed the realms of sorrow into joy through the light of utterance, and hath bestowed assurance upon hearts and tranquility upon souls. May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice unto His utterance and unto His grace. In no state or condition hath He ever deprived His loved ones. His favors have exceeded cup and chalice, being revealed and manifest as ocean upon ocean. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to grant the people of the earth a sincere seeking, that all may not be deprived nor forbidden from the gifts of the Lord of Bounty. Forever have the glances of His grace been directed toward His loved ones, His mercy hath preceded all, and His bounties have encompassed all. Glorified be His grace and mighty be His outpouring, and there is no God but Him.

Yesterday the Lord of humanity proceeded from Akka to Haifa, arriving at night, and on the morning of that day summoned this servant and revealed a most mighty, most holy, most exalted Tablet concerning the ascension of the most honored and glorified, the late and elevated Aqa Asad, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy. How excellent were its fragrances and its perfumes, and that which was manifest in its outward form and treasured in its inner meaning. The Blessed Tablet was revealed in such wise as to attract those present, nay rather the hearts of those absent. Blessed is he in whose name was revealed that which was revealed, and happy is he. In truth this is the day of bounty, for divine mercy hath encompassed from every direction, and the assured and sincere ones have attained and continue to attain that which hath no likeness or equal. Every letter of the revealed letters is the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence. His Holiness himself knoweth this station and is cognizant thereof.

With infinite longing and boundless regret, this servant conveyeth mention, praise, glorification and glory unto the spiritual friend, Aqa ’Ali-Haydar, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. His Holiness must, on behalf of this servant, make mention of whatsoever is befitting. Indeed, in this station one cannot make mention of condolence, for that which hath been revealed from the Pen of God concerning the elevated one, upon him be God’s mercy and forgiveness, is bounty above bounty, mercy above mercy, and favor above favor. Would that I had been with him and had attained unto that which he hath attained from God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

From among the letters that were sent from His Holiness was a missive in the hand of the son of His Holiness the Martyr, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. After it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these words were revealed from the horizon of the Divine Will - exalted be His utterance and glorious His proof:

O Haydar-’Ali! The mention of the Wronged One has been raised - he who was named Ashraf. From the beginning, such bounties were revealed and made manifest from the heaven of the Lord of all beings that every person of insight desired martyrdom, and every hearing ear exclaimed “Would that I were with him!” Regarding his son, a missive was revealed and sent. We beseech God to strengthen him, protect him, and draw him near unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed

are they who mentioned him, extended the hand of generosity toward him, and to the extent of their ability showed him consideration. The mention of each one has flowed from the tongue of the Lord of Eternity, and an unending reward has been ordained for each. Blessed are they! On behalf of the Wronged One, you must mention him and those related to ʼAli-Haydar - upon him be My Glory and My favor - and give them to drink of the choice wine of the intended Lord's bounty. All are mentioned before the Divine Presence and have attained His special favors. We beseech God to send down for them at all times that which befits the heaven of His grace and generosity. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

You mentioned the Book of Certitude. Some from various regions, including the spiritual friend His Honor Anis - upon him be the Glory and Favor of God - wrote from the lands that the Isma'ili scholars have stated that some of the revealed verses do not conform to the rules of that people. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Presence, some books were again presented before Him and were adorned according to what God willed. However, repeatedly this supreme word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of all beings: whatsoever has been revealed and made manifest from the heaven of Divine Will, both before and after, all is correct and has attained the ornament of acceptance. Blessed are they who read! Glory be to God! The various sects each try to prove their truth through a book or treatise or page, while in this Most Great Manifestation that has been revealed which the possessors of perfect understanding are unable to gather and enumerate. Multiple books have been revealed concerning every aspect, yet all remain deprived save whom God wills. Soon shall they lament over what they wrought in their vain lives.

At this hour, which is three and a half hours into Tuesday, the eleventh of the revered month of Sha'ban, in the presence of the Countenance, mention was made of the departed parents of the spiritual beloved, His Honor Aqa ʼAli-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. These are His blessed and exalted words:

"Verily We have desired at this hour to make mention of a father who arose to serve My Cause, and his mother. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause them to enter, at this very moment, into a station wherein naught is beheld save the effulgences of the Luminary of the Manifestation of His Most Bountiful Name, and to send down upon them, at eventide and at dawn, His enduring grace and His everlasting sustenance, and that which will gladden their hearts. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The breezes of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous, have wafted over them from all directions. The light shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Pen and the fragrance emanating from the breezes of My utterance be upon them, upon their beginning and their end, their outward and their inward aspects. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

Thus ended the bounty of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths. The favor belongs to God, our Object and your Object and the Object of all created things. The verses themselves bear witness to His bestowals, and the essence of utterance testifies to that which hath appeared from His presence, and ever shall. Praise be to God! The departed ones have attained unto that whose fragrance endureth forever. We beseech God to send down upon them at all times that which befitteth His name, the Most Merciful. He, verily, hath power over all things.

As to what you wrote regarding the beloved of hearts, His Honor Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God: after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, He stated

that his letter would have absolutely no effect upon Hadi, for the Word of God had no effect on him, and it is not permissible to give him the Book, for according to reports, whatever falls into his hands he attributes to others. He hath manifested such falsehood as hath never been heard before. We revealed a prayer and commanded him to recite it, but he was not successful. That suffices. An articulate teacher must say to him: O heedless one! Thou hast mentioned to the friends that thou hast fifty volumes from such and such a person. Well hast thou laid the snares of falsehood for the servants. Say: The Author of the Bayan declareth that the entire Bayan is but a leaf from among the leaves of His Paradise of Utterance and a ring upon His finger. O Haydar-i-Qabli-'Ali! Repeatedly did We summon him that he might be present, perchance he would become aware at the time of the revelation of verses and witness twice that which was manifested by the Point. No trace appeared from that hard rock. Say: O heedless one! Read what thou hast in thy possession, and one Tablet will be read against it, and We shall leave its judgment to the fair-minded and the discerning. His rejection and hypocrisy have deprived him and continue to deprive him, except he repent and return unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou didst mention the Land of ?ad. Should your honour enter that land for a few days with utmost wisdom and without the knowledge of the people, this would be most praiseworthy. However, no writings should be carried, and likewise wherever thou dost reside, acknowledgment before strangers is not permitted. For some time this decree hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, for many have attained martyrdom, all sacrificing life and property before the faces of men, yet none have become aware. Their desires move them, while they perceive not. Well-spoken indeed was the Nightingale - upon Him be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings, His supreme benevolence, and His mercy which hath preceded earth and heaven.

Regarding the mention of Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the glory of God, for each region a teacher must be appointed who shall turn thither. And since Ibn-i-Dakhil is well-versed in language, his turning to the regions of Qaf and Fa and their like is permissible and acceptable, yet he must with complete determination hold fast to wisdom, for if clamour be raised, great harm shall result.

O Haydar-i-'Ali, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thou didst mention the steadfastness, orientation, and services of 'Ali-i-Haydar, upon him be God's loving-kindness and mercy. All is true. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to his service, orientation, generosity, acceptance, and uprising. Verily God is with him, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

And specifically for the friends in the Land of Shin is sent that which is the cause of life's preservation. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. In these days their mention was made in the Most Holy Court, and the letter of Ghulam-i-?a, upon him be My glory, reached the servant. We beseech God to preserve them, draw them nigh, and ordain for them the reward of attaining His presence, standing before His throne, and arising to serve His mighty and exalted Cause.

Thou didst mention the sum that should reach Aqa Siyyid M., upon him be the glory of God. According to the command, that sum should reach the Siyyid in full. This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth to confirm all the friends in service to the Cause. Once these exalted words were heard from the Lord of all beings, Who said that Siyyid Mu??afa, upon him be My glory, hath served according to his

capacity. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of His grace and bounty. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And the son of the martyred one, Ashraf, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, should engage in that which befitteth him, and each month two tumans from the Right of God, exalted be His glory, should [be given] to him. Blessed are they who have arisen to perform good deeds. Verily He openeth before the faces of His loved ones the gates of His riches. He is the Mighty, the Generous.

Three Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were sent specifically for three friends, upon them be the glory of God. Let them be delivered that their eyes may be solaced by the signs of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Likewise, a Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for Ghulam-'Ali-i-Kh, upon him be the glory of God, and those with him. Blessed are they, for they have attained that which none among the servants have attained, save whom God willeth, our Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

The mention hath been made of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, from the Land of ?ad. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto the grace and favors of God, exalted be His glory. A blessed epistle hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty in answer to him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant him the meeting with His traces and that which was revealed in His perspicuous Tablet.

In truth, steadfastness must be sought for the friends. This imperative divine Cause is, from one perspective, seen to be most easy, inasmuch as from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, there hath not appeared, nor will there appear, treasures of utterance and knowledge like unto those that have been manifested in this Most Great Revelation. Should a person possess but an atom of insight or a grain of fairness, he would take hold of the Book of God with the utmost submission, contentment, harmony and yearning, and would continually utter "Thine is the praise, O Bestower of the Book!" Yet until now the opposing souls have not comprehended the Purpose, for were they to recognize and become aware of that which hath been revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets from the Supreme Pen, all would cleave unto the path of God and would cling unto the momentous News.

From another perspective, this Cause is most mighty, for that which hath been revealed is such as the ears of the world have never heard the like thereof, and that which hath appeared is such as the eyes of the nations have never witnessed anything similar thereunto. Thus in describing the loftiness of station, the exaltation of rank, mention of Divinity and Lordship, hidden mysteries and treasured verses, there hath appeared that which transcendeth the comprehension of the servants, such that from all directions the cry of "we knew not" hath been raised. Indeed, were justice to prevail, all would instantly attain unto acceptance and certitude. However, so long as the throne of justice remaineth concealed and the seat of tyranny strong and manifest, the station of this Most Great Revelation shall remain hidden from all. The servant beseecheth his Lord to deliver the luminary of justice from the clouds of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and to illumine His servants with the lights of fairness. Verily, He is the One Who is manifest with gifts and favors.

Mention hath been made of the Leaf Susan, upon her be the Glory of God, and likewise of her intention to turn towards the Most Holy Court. Blessed is she and delightful is her state, for her mention hath repeatedly been made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. However, her journey, in view of the events in the Threshold, would be unwise. O beloved of my heart! After the rightness of their honors was manifest and proven in the assembly, and the treacherous treasury was seized, and by their own admission justice was served, after seizing the properties they placed them in the consulate and did not return them to their owner. Then they incited the Isfahani to make another claim. Glory be to God! Although the rightness of the Afnan in that land was manifest and evident as the sun, they concealed it and intended to take possession of all the property. A door of oppression hath been opened for the helpless people, that is, the people of Iran in that land, the like of which hath never been seen. Some of the unjust ones of the world say the Isfahani is a new Muslim and must be helped. From the investigations of that unjust one devoid of fairness, namely Akhtar, it becometh clear to that honor what stage the matter hath reached and what rank the judgment holdeth. It is clear to all who is the treacherous one and who is trustworthy. We beseech God to assist all to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and faithfulness. Verily, He is the Possessor of all names and the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The beloved letter of His Holiness Ibn-i-Ism'ullah'ul-Asdaq the Most Holy, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, which he had written to this servant arrived, and a brief tablet adorned with the firm divine command was sent some time ago. God willing, they will attain unto it, and this servant too, if God so wills, will send a reply to their letter. You had also mentioned the blessed supreme word which had flowed from the Supreme Pen, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "Strange and wondrous means exist in the earth." After this matter was submitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said: "O thou who art mentioned in My presence and who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! That which hath been revealed is being fulfilled letter by letter. We beseech God to make it a mercy unto His loved ones and a retribution unto His enemies. And in another instance We beseech Him to make tribulations the cause of the awakening of His creation and the means of the attraction of His servants. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

Another glad tiding is that two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for the beloved ones Jinab-i-Mashhadi 'Abdullah and Aqa Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon them be the Glory of God. God willing, they will drink from the cup of divine utterance that which is the cause of eternal life. Verily He is the Guardian of those who are assured and the Lord of the sincere ones. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

O beloved of my heart! Most of the names mentioned in your letters were submitted one after another, and for each was revealed that which diffuseth the fragrance of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. And for some others, as time was scarce, after submission in the Most Holy Presence, there was revealed for all that which in truth in the first instance diffuseth the fragrance of distinction. Exalted be His utterance and mighty His exposition: "O Haydar-'Ali! The gaze of favor is directed towards thee. Convey to all the loved ones of that land the greetings from the Wronged One - greetings that attract hearts and solace the eyes of the people of understanding. We beseech God to assist all to achieve that which they have intended in His path and for the exaltation of His Word. The means of the world have been held

back due to lack of worthiness. For years Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God and His supreme favors, was occupied in that land with the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. In truth he was a sign among the divine signs and a standard among the standards raised between the peoples. In the nights and days, mention of the Goal of the worlds flowed from his pen and tongue. However, due to the occurrence of certain unseemly matters that arose from spite, the people of that land were deprived. We beseech God that through it He may guide His servants to His straight path. No news hath been mentioned of Jinab-i-'Abdullah, upon him be My light and My glory. Say: Be not grieved by the events of the world. Be enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined with the light of His knowledge and detached from all else and hold fast unto the service of His Cause and the exaltation of His blessed Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance with clear proof and evidence. We beseech God to ignite him with the fire kindled in His blessed, lofty and towering Tree, that the servants may be enkindled thereby. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Verily, in the midst of tribulations We remember Our loved ones, despite every proud and tyrannical one who hath been prevented by pride from the One Who conversed on Sinai and from hearkening to that which hath been raised from God, the Lord of Lords. Glory be upon My loved ones, and light be upon them, and the spirit be upon them. We beseech God to assist them to that which beseemeth these days."

This servant offers greetings and praise to all the loved ones, and beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid all in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word, the elevation of the station of His loved ones, and the raising of the rank of His chosen ones. This evanescent servant addresses the loved ones of God - those souls who have attained to the blessed word of distinction and are numbered among the Hands of the Cause mentioned in the Book - and entreats them to seize these days, for no century has had the light of this century, and no age the light of this age. Today that which was hidden from time immemorial has been made manifest. O distinguished ones! The Desired One is established upon the throne of manifestation. This is the day of lovers and the time for the kindling of the fire of unity and concord. From the unity of hearts a subtle fire is ignited. By the life of my Desire and your Desire, that fire pervades and penetrates all things. Soon shall be revealed that which was treasured therein. This is what our Lord has promised us; verily He does not fail in His promise, and He is the True One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The signs of victory are apparent from all directions. Now must the chosen ones arise and, with wisdom and utterance, rend asunder the veils of the people, that all may witness, without concealment or hindrance, the signs of power, might and utterance from the Hands of the Cause, and may speak in gatherings as befits them, becoming the cause of sanctification, detachment and the manifestation of the fear of God. The beloved of hearts, his honor Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, has for some time journeyed from the land of Qaf to the land of Ta. Today they must arise to serve and, in the name of the True One, emerge from the garment of silence and muteness, and occupy themselves with wisdom and utterance in that which will cause the spread of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word. I send special greetings to him and seek that which befits the days of the True One, exalted be His glory.

Some time ago, the beloved of hearts, his honor the Trustee (Amin), upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, forwarded to the Most Holy Court their letter which had been written to him, wherein

mention was made of grief. It is hoped that in these days an answer will be sent to them. However, now they must appear with supreme joy and greatest gladness and arise to serve. Whatever this evanescent servant presents, his purpose has been to serve the chosen ones, and God suffices as witness. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the Hands of His Cause, the firm, the impregnable, the mighty. And praise be to God, the Desire of the worlds.

The Servant

11th of the month of Sha'ban the Great, 1307

According to the command, if that beloved of hearts proceeds to the land of Sad, they must, after some days, return again to the land of Ta. In these days the presence of some in the land of Ta is necessary. This is what the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, has decreed.

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

Praise, remembrance, thanks and glory befit the loved ones of the one true Goal, who have held fast to the cord of faithfulness and clung to the hem of steadfastness. Now hath appeared that which was sent down aforetime from the heaven of God's Will: "Be ye thankful unto Me and I will be thankful unto you." The gratitude of the loved ones is their faithfulness, sincerity, assurance and steadfastness. Since they have manifested that which was incumbent upon them, therefore hath the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, revealed in the Psalms and Tablets, specifically for them, that which transcendeth understanding and reason. Well is it with them and wholesome is it for them.

O beloved of my heart! Today this evanescent servant completed replying to that beloved one's letters. In the afternoon of this day, the 14th of the revered month of Sha'ban, another letter numbered 3, dated the 11th of Rajab, arrived. Praise be to God, the glad tidings of health and well-being continue uninterrupted. This blessing is specifically for hearing and sight, which is greater than the outward blessings that are a mighty cause for the outward life of humanity. Praise be to God in all conditions. After the arrival of the letter, the Goal of the world proceeded to another place, that is, from Bahji to the garden, this servant and a group accompanying Him. After arrival and partaking of a cup of tea, this evanescent one, as bidden, began to reply to that honored one's letter. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for assistance that no negligence occur in replying. After reading and becoming informed, He proceeded to the Most Exalted Summit and it was presented before His presence, and these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. The Lord, blessed and exalted be He, speaks: "O Amin! We have seen thy letter and heard thy call. We have answered thee through Our grace, and verily I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and aideth him who turneth unto Him and ariseth to serve the Cause with humility and penitence. Say: O people of Baha! By God, through detachment is God's Cause exalted among His servants. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with this luminous robe, through a command from God, the Cleaver of the dawn."

Hear in the Persian tongue! Give glad-tidings to the people of Baha. We counsel all to remember the Wronged One and to that which causes the exaltation and elevation of His Cause. Blessed is the one who makes mention and the teacher who is adorned with the ornament of detachment. O Amin, praise be to God that thou hast not fixed thy gaze upon outward means, neither in the past nor now. This is a great bounty - know thou its station. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. All are mentioned.

That which thou didst write concerning ’Ali Haydar, upon him be My glory, blessed is he. They are engaged in service, their gaze fixed upon the horizon, steadfast in the Cause. They have ever been and continue to be blessed with the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Some time ago, a Tablet was revealed and sent down from the horizon of the heaven of will specifically for ’Ayn and Ba, upon them be My glory, which that honored one was to deliver. Likewise, a Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for Nayib, upon him be My glory. God willing, they shall attain unto it. Verily, he hath been faithful to God’s Covenant, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory from the All-Glorious be upon thee and upon My friends there and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

That beloved one hath ever been and continues to be the recipient of special favors. Praise be to God that thou hast inhaled the fragrances of these days and hast risen to serve. Wealth, ornaments, livelihood and material means did not prevent that one from steadfastness, service and the fear of God. Our Lord, your Lord, our Purpose and your Purpose, and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth beareth witness to what the servant hath submitted. That which was written concerning the glory of the Cause and its independence is correct. All things testify to this matter.

And concerning the mention of the honored brother, Aqa ’Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise their steadfastness in the Cause, their being set ablaze with the fire of love, their turning to the lights of His countenance, and their rising to serve the Cause - all these have been mentioned in the Most Holy Court and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Well is it with him! This evanescent servant beseecheth God on their behalf for that which beseemeth His generosity and bounty. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Muhammad Javad (from the people of Nun and Ra), upon him be the Glory of God, and his faithfulness to the Covenant, and likewise the mention of Aqa Muhammad Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, and the mention of his love and service - after these were submitted in the Most Holy Court, these brilliant and manifest verses were revealed. Thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He: “O Muhammad Baqir! Thou hast been blessed with the bounty of the utterance of the All-Merciful and the heavenly table sent down from the heaven of knowledge. In these days, Amin, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned your acceptance, love and steadfastness. Blessed are ye both. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions and to ordain for you that whose fragrance shall never cease to perfume the kingdom of earth and heaven. O Javad! Amin, upon him be My glory, hath presented your covenant and faithfulness to it. The True One, exalted be His glory, gazeth upon the horizon of steadfastness and love. Other matters, if undertaken with joy and fragrance, shall be accepted in view of the manifestation of means. Praise be to God, ye have ever been speaking in remembrance and praise and have stood firm in service. Well is it with you both.”

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise mention was made of his steadfastness and love. After being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, this Supreme Word shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Names. He, exalted and sanctified be He, saith: "O Fadlu'llah! We have indeed been with thee, We have heard and seen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have witnessed what hath befallen thee. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Bountiful, the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having caused the ocean of His bounty to surge and for having sent down unto thee that which remindeth thee of what was revealed in His Perspicuous Book." We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, son of the deceased, blessed and sanctified H and S who soared to the Most Exalted Horizon. He and his brothers and sisters are all remembered in the Most Holy Presence. Repeatedly were they mentioned after the ascension of the aforementioned one, and all were blessed with the traces of the Supreme Pen. Some time ago the glances of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, were directed towards them, and a Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to each one, but thus far no news of their receipt has arrived. Whoso is for God, God is for him. At their passing and that of the honored leaf, upon them both be the Glory of God, there was revealed that which is the Euphrates of mercy and the Kawthar of bounty for them. This servant at this time also conveyeth greetings and salutations to them and seeketh that for which there is no equal. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And mention was made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, son-in-law of His Eminence the aforementioned one, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. The degrees of his attraction and enkindlement and steadfastness and love for that Beloved One, and likewise that Beloved One's love towards him, were recorded. After being submitted to the Presence, these firm verses were revealed from the heaven of wisdom and utterance. His utterance, exalted be His mention and glorified be His remembrance, is this:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! There hath come before Us a letter from one who hath loved Me and loved My friends, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Thou hast previously attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto acceptance when most of the servants have turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds. We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of proof and have sent down from the Kingdom of utterance that which every learned one and every discerning mystic is powerless to reckon. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from My Most Exalted Pen, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having aided me and taught me and made known unto me that which most of Thy creation have been prevented from. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy bounty and the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and gazing toward Thy horizon. Then I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, to

ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty that which Thou hast destined for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

This servant also conveys greetings and praise to them. Indeed, that beloved one has written such mention of those souls that it caused a renewed stirring in the heart and brought forth a wondrous illumination. Although they have always been remembered, this time something different has appeared and another light of love is radiating. We beseech the True One to assist them and bestow upon them that which befits His grace. O beloved of my heart! Today God's gaze is fixed upon worthy deeds. One word uttered with sincerity is recorded as a book in God's presence, and one drop of deeds is accounted as an ocean. This is special to this Most Great Manifestation, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty.

They mentioned the honored friend, Haji Mirza 'A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, and wrote of his being enkindled with the fire of divine love. The matter is as your honor mentioned - that praise be to God, they have arrived and are ablaze like a globe of fire in divine love. Signs of steadfastness and the enkindling of the fire of love were evident from them during their presence. This servant beseeches his Lord to confirm him in remembrance and praise, and to enable him to serve His firm and manifest Cause.

Likewise, they mentioned the two brothers, Aqa 'Ali Haydar, upon him and them be the Glory of God, and wrote of their degrees of love, acceptance, humility and submissiveness in the path of God. This matter opened the gate of joy. Praise be to God, they are blessed with His grace and are mentioned before the True One. Previously too, mention of them flowed from the Supreme Pen. This servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen them, make them successful, and ordain for them that which will draw them near to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

They mentioned Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, during the upheavals in this land they held fast to the cord of sincerity and faithfulness. Their mention and the mention of their love has always been and continues to be in the Most Great Prison. God willing, may they attain to that which cannot be seized by the changes of the world and the events of nations. Verily our Lord is the All-Seeing Witness and He is the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Glory be to God! Divine favors have had and continue to have infinite influences in the earth. The honored friend Aqa 'Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, turned to Him and attained, and through the grace of the Most Self-Subsisting Name, drank from the sealed wine and arose to serve the Cause. The manifestations of divine favors and infinite mercies have encompassed them from every direction, including that beloved one's letter which mentioned them in its beginning, middle and end, mentioning their steadfastness, enthusiasm, service and love, as well as their arising in outward and inward matters. When these passages were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings in the most exalted horizon, that which this evanescent servant is incapable of mentioning was revealed. The ocean of favor appeared with such waves that those endowed with minds and understanding are unable to count them. Blessed be he and may it be wholesome for him.

At this time new rains are pouring from the heaven of that excellency's love, meaning that beloved one's letter dated the twenty-fourth of the month of Rajab, number four, arrived. Its arrival was a spiritual herald as it spoke of health, well-being and arising to serve the Eternal Beloved. Indeed, it mentioned the Desired One of all possibilities in most eloquent terms. Blessed are the people of Baha who have drunk the cup of faithfulness from the hands of bounty.

That which was written concerning the loved ones of God, regarding steadfastness, love, kindliness, unity and harmony, was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and was honored with acceptance. At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur utters this most blessed and supreme word - exalted be His utterance and glorified be His majesty: "O servant in attendance! Give glad tidings to the Trustworthy One of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O Trustworthy One! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and witnessed thy condition. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou, O Trustworthy One, for having adorned thy temple with the armor of humility and the robe of submissiveness, and thy head with the crown of detachment." If the loved ones attain to the sweetness of this station, they shall not remain deprived of the greatest bounty by the bounties of the world. Humility, submissiveness, and other praiseworthy attributes and goodly deeds are considered among the divine hosts under the Supreme Commander, and the Supreme Commander has been and ever shall be the fear of God. We had repeatedly heard of sugar, but it was mere words. In truth, the spiritual sweetness and true delight has been and ever shall be the repeated utterances of God's loved ones. However much sugar is repeated and however many times it is used, it dulls the desire and reduces the appetite, but the more the utterances of the loved ones are repeated, the more appealing and beloved they become. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist this servant in presenting a response. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God, again and again and again, until it reaches the fifth time. The fifth letter, dated the first of the revered month of Sha'ban, arrived. It was a powerful collyrium for the eye and a balanced remedy for the heart, for it was adorned with the mention of the Intended One and illumined with the light of His love.

O Amin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of the Day of Judgment. The servant was present before the Face of the Wronged One, and all that thou didst present concerning the loved ones of God and the divine party was heard. His honor Na'ib-'Ali, before Akbar, upon him be My glory, hath in recent years arisen to serve with the utmost endeavor. It is as though he perceived the fragrance of detachment and attained unto it in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. With perfect love and devotion he hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and faced the light of His countenance. Blessed be his reward with thy Lord. By My life! It hath been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Verily thy Lord is the True, the Trustworthy. We have accepted what he hath done in the path of God and what he hath desired in these days, as a bounty from Us upon him, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. He should be confident in God's grace and His favors, holding fast to the wisdom We have revealed in diverse Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Evident, the All-Wise. He is beneath the gaze of My loving-kindness and We have sheltered him beneath the canopies of My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Amin! Blessed art thou and he. He hath attained unto that which nothing in existence can equal. Give him the glad tidings of My remembrance, My mercy and My loving-kindness, that he may thank his Lord in the nights and days, at every morn and eve. Those souls

who have left behind themselves and all they possess in the path of the One True Friend are the recipients of God's special favors. The entire world cannot equal that which hath been ordained for them. However, the affairs of such souls must remain concealed. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth and inspireth whomsoever He willeth with what He desireth, and guideth those who turn unto Him to His Straight Path.

This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, to cause them to appear as the luminary of detachment from the horizon of the heaven of His supreme Will. After mentioning before the Most Holy Court their remembrance and deeds, there was sent down from the heaven of His Will that which this servant is powerless and incapable of describing. What remained in view hath been mentioned. In truth, in service they have attained to a station that transcendeth description. O Beloved of my heart! In days when all on earth were deprived of the choice wine and turned away from the hidden mystery and the treasured secret, such a soul as theirs arose to that which testifieth to their acceptance, their turning to God and their service. This is truly among the special favors of God bestowed upon them. O Lord! Increase them in all conditions and aid them in that which will exalt Thy Cause. Then illumine them with the lights of Thy grace and bounty in such wise that the faces of Thy servants and the hearts of Thy creatures may be illumined thereby. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Some time ago they wrote concerning this matter to the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, that which was determined in one city was adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and the remainder, after being accepted, was bestowed upon them. Regarding this matter a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will and sent in this servant's handwriting. And now, since they have again arisen to accomplish this matter, and that beloved one hath also requested its acceptance, therefore what they have given you is accepted and honored by the effect of the Supreme Pen. Well is it with him and blessed is it unto him. However, regarding the remainder, according to the command they should act with moderation. The Blessed Tablet that was revealed concerning this matter and sent previously hath, God willing, arrived and they will peruse it.

The letter of the honored brother Aqa 'Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived today along with the receipt of your honor. In all conditions the grace of God, His mercy, His compassion and His glance of favor have been and are directed toward those loved ones who find for themselves no death nor life, no harm nor benefit save through His command, His leave, His grace and His bounty. The description of such souls hath been and is recorded in the Books of old and of recent times. The Divine Lote-Tree hath borne and beareth witness to this, and likewise do all things. Blessed are they that hear!

That which he wrote mentioning that the aforementioned individual intended to relinquish all his possessions to God - after this was submitted, He stated that this is already accomplished, for whatever he has belongs and has belonged to God, and We have relinquished it to Him, as he spends his nights and days in service to God, exalted be His glory, and His loved ones. Whenever We wish to dispose of it, We ourselves will command and dispose of it. His service before God and his love for you and the chosen ones is greater than the payment of rights, and this matter especially concerning him has been sent down from the heaven of grace, and whatever he pays, due to God's all-encompassing grace, is adorned with

the ornament of acceptance. Otherwise, in his case, service itself suffices. As the matter of rights benefits the assured, content and well-pleasing souls themselves, therefore from the heaven of grace, considering the means of the Cause, the command to accept was given. All in the heavens and earth bear witness to His independence. These matters and their like, whatever has appeared from that beloved one, are adorned with the lights of the luminary of acceptance. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you and heed your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

5 Ramadan the Blessed 1304

He is God!

O beloved of my heart! The sending of the letter was delayed until the seventh letter, which was written on the sixteenth of Sha'ban, arrived. New joy was attained. Praise be to God, that beloved one has attained God's grace and is prepared in sending correspondence. New reports and fresh events that arrive from the chosen ones are counted as a blessing in one respect. We beseech God to increase it through His grace and generosity. Regarding what you wrote about love and unity with the honored gentleman, His Holiness the Name 66 [of God], upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, and likewise concerning his steadfastness and enthusiasm in the Cause of God - complete joy was attained from this matter. After submission in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur, the Lord of all beings, spoke this supreme word - His blessed and exalted Word: "O servant in attendance! Ask from God that those souls who are adorned with the ornament of distinction should in all conditions be mindful of that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. My Name Jamal, upon him be My glory, has ever been mentioned in God's presence. We ask God to confirm him and grant him success that they may arise with complete determination for unity. Verily We make mention of him at this time and glorify his countenance and command him with that which befits this mighty, wondrous Day." This servant ever seeks for them that which is the cause of exalting the Word of God in all worlds.

And regarding the mention made of the spiritual friend, Aqa Mirza Ghulam-'Ali, son of His Holiness Dhabi?, upon them both be the glory of God and His favors, and the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Mu'min and his wife, upon them both be the glory of God - after submission in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, each was honored by the Most Exalted Pen. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in this station - His mighty and glorious Word and His mighty utterance:

"O Lord of Eternity Who hast appeared through the Most Great Name! Thou hearest the call of Thy loved ones and their lamentations in their separation from Thee. Thou seest them, O my God, turning toward Thy horizon and clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Sovereign of nations, to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Then write down for them the reward of those near unto Thee. Verily Thou art the God of the worlds and the Aim of those who have recognized Thee."

Praised be God that each one hath been immersed in the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful. How blessed are they! This servant, in reply to the letter of that spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza

Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, hath written that which, God willing, shall make amends for this evanescent one - that is, seeks pardon for the delay. His services and those of his honor Aqa Mirza Mu'min and the Leaf shall never be forgotten. I convey greetings to them and have mentioned and continue to mention each one in the Most Holy Court.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Mirza Y-s Kh-a, upon him be the Glory of God, he is favored with grace and illumined with the light of faith. This evanescent one conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to grant him success. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Regarding the mention of the honored and revered beloved, His Holiness 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, you wrote that His Holiness teaches openly without concealment or veil, and this is not contrary to wisdom, as he teaches in his own home and begins by saying to the son of the sovereign: "I have confessed and been imprisoned several times. We are not people of corruption. We have religion and will not abandon our religion for worldly comfort." After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, He commanded: "Write to his honor Amin, upon him be My glory and likewise his Lord's, for We too have confessed and been imprisoned several times." He also commanded: "Give him two Tabriz mans of tea and ten Tabriz mans of sugar. This is a blessing for him. Influence has also been bestowed. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous." Indeed, they are truthful, steadfast and upright in what they have stated. I beseech God that there may flow from him rivers of wisdom and utterance to attract all creation. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful. I convey greetings to them. A reply to their letter will be sent. In all conditions I beseech God for confirmation and success, that He may assist this evanescent one in dispatching supplications.

The petition of his honor Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan 'A-? arrived and was honored to be heard by the Lord of Names. Praise be to God, his petition was adorned with the ornament of divine unity, acceptance, humility, submissiveness and steadfastness. Now this evanescent one gives him the glad tidings that whatever was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court was accepted. Happy is he, if God should will and desire. A gracious reply will be sent. As for what was submitted regarding matters of testament, that which was done for wisdom's sake received approval, but henceforth depends on the divine command. Glory and praise and commendation be upon your honor and upon him and upon every steadfast, upright one.

The Servant

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Here is the authorized Lady Khadijih Bigum to consider [This tablet].

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

Praise be befitting and worthy of that Desired One Who, with a single word, rent asunder the thick veils and guided the peoples of the world to the highest horizon. Although this Most Exalted Word is one, yet diverse effects are manifested from it. At times the effect of the sword is witnessed from it, inasmuch as

the conquest of sanctified hearts and the capturing of the cities of pure hearts and souls in this Most Great Revelation have been and continue to be through it. And at times the water of life flows from it and its effects become manifest, as was observed - how many thirsting ones in the deserts of separation and remoteness were given the Kawthar of reunion, and how many dead ones were brought to eternal life through its fragrance. Glory be to God! The heedless souls who dwell in the wilderness of the abyss have taken darkness for light and the owl for the station of the nightingale. The very atoms testify to the heedlessness, ignorance, error and unawareness of that people. They are unaware yet bear witness; in the midst of non-existence they claim existence. Whatever they say is, in the estimation of those endowed with utterance, baser than the croak of a raven and less than the caw of a crow. They prostrate themselves before the bat while imagining themselves turned toward the Truth. He is indeed innocent of them and of those who followed them without any clear proof or command from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Base nature and lack of understanding have reached such a point that they bow down in submission and prostration before the greatest calamity. After sixty years of life have passed, he has newly begun to play the lover, inviting the rabble of the earth to his abyss. Glory be to God! What strange seekers and wondrous objects of desire have appeared in the world! Has justice fled from among men, or has the sun of insight set? What has happened that those possessed of outward vision are deprived of seeing, and those endowed with ears are forbidden from hearing? We had heard before that some prostrate themselves before cows and others worship calves, but we did not properly verify these words and attributed them to the realms of conjecture and fancy. Now it is openly witnessed that they have forsaken the Lord of the Worlds and clung to worms. They have abandoned the river of divine mercy and turned toward the pus of hell.

This servant is bewildered as to what to say and what to write. That honored lady and other leaves and handmaidens of God and fair-minded servants bear witness that none of those stubborn deniers had any knowledge. This servant, by the command of the True One, exalted be His glory, was with him for years, and despite everyone's knowledge of this fact, they never inquired a word about it from this servant. A path of conjecture and souls of fancy - that extended and this wayfarer. How weak are both the seeker and the sought, the wayfarer and that which is traversed! Now we have moved beyond the men - what does the greatest calamity say? In the beginning of the manifestation of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for Him - he and his two brothers were in the utmost enmity and hatred. Most of the people of that land are aware of this fact. In homes, gatherings and assemblies they said that which the pen is ashamed to mention. In this Revelation, considering a brief connection, they showed acceptance for a few days and then became occupied with satanic intrigues and corrupt deeds. Now after sixty years new lovers have appeared - fie upon such lovers!

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They engaged in corrupt deeds. Now after sixty years new lovers have appeared - perdition unto the lovers and perdition unto the beloved! If you would reflect even briefly upon their conduct and behavior, you would behold the reality of the world which has appeared in varied garments. Glory be to God! Every person of insight is bewildered and every person of thought is deep in contemplation. When a person

becomes devoid of religion, they say whatever they wish and do whatever their soul desires. Gather together the handmaidens of God. Convey greetings from this evanescent one and say: Today is the day of vision, for the Truth is manifest and His signs are evident. Today is the day of hearing, for His call is raised. Hear and hold fast unto Him with such firmness that it becomes as fire for the hearts of the Greatest Denier and the deniers, male and female, and as light for the friends of God, exalted be His glory. The fire of self and passion is ignited within him to such a degree that none but God can reckon its extent, and all shortcomings return to the souls who accepted him, for the servitude of those souls became the cause of overwhelming calamity. Until now, this evanescent servant had concealed some aspects of his conduct, but in this year which is 1299, there appeared from him that which had not appeared from the satans of the past or future - He Who possesses the Mother Book bears witness to this. For twenty years God, exalted be His glory, concealed his lewdness, and likewise did this evanescent servant, but this time it became necessary that some of his conduct be mentioned so that the servants of God and His handmaidens might become aware and recognize him. In brief, every person of insight has perceived and continues to perceive, and the wicked are distinguished from the good. The Greatest Evil One whose affairs are all clear and known - blessed are those who discern and joy be to those who see. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. After the arrival of that honored one's letter and becoming aware of its contents, turning toward the highest horizon and most exalted summit, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted and glorified be His Word:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Informed […]

O My handmaiden! Today the divine call is raised from all directions, and every atom in creation is engaged in praise of the Revealer of verses. Yet all remain heedless and veiled. The peoples of the world, through nights and days, awaited the manifestation of the Truth, glorified be His majesty, and were gladdened by His remembrance and occupied with thoughts of Him. But when the Dawning Place of Revelation and the Speaker of Sinai appeared from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, manifest and visible, some turned away, others denied Him, some objected, and yet others issued decrees for His death. The peoples of the earth have ever been and shall ever be occupied with such reprehensible and rejected deeds, save those souls who have transcended the world and set their faces toward the Lord of eternity. These souls were not and are not deterred by the thunder of the cannons of the oppressors, the clashing of the swords of the deniers, the ranks of armies, the might of multitudes, the rejection of the learned, or the clamor of the renowned. They gaze upon the Truth and cling to His robe. These souls drink from the Most Great Ocean and are detached and free from all else.

God willing, may the greatest clamor not prevent the handmaidens of that land from the most pure wine. Say: O divine handmaidens! You are related to the Truth and are mentioned by His Name. Strive that the firm cord of this relationship be not severed but rather be strengthened at every moment. This is the day of remembrance and utterance, the day of the manifestation of stations and certitude, for the Desired One of all worlds is established upon His throne. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by the lights of the morn of revelation and hath attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory.

By the Point of Unity that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book, were the peoples of the world to observe fairness for but a single hour and reflect, they would be illumined by the lights of the revelation of Truth. For some, veils of glory have become barriers, and for others, turbans and staffs. Beseech ye God to rend asunder the greatest veil with the finger of power, that all may turn toward the supreme horizon and attain unto the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Revelation.

Say: O handmaidens of Truth! Drink ye from the most exalted cup and partake of the highest chalice. A hundred thousand seas circle round this chalice, and thousands upon thousands of oceans bow before this cup. Be ye occupied with the remembrance of the Friend and drink from the stream of His love. The people who today count themselves among the followers of truth are lower than all others. Say: O ye sightless ones! Read ye the pages of the heedless and ponder upon them, that perchance ye may be freed from the depths of hell and make for the highest paradise.

Give praise to the Beloved of the world, Who hath remembered thee before and after. God willing, mayest thou become a cause of unity and turn to that which beseemeth His divine Day.

Praise be unto God that the Sun of divine benevolence is radiant and the heaven of His grace is exalted! There has not been, nor is there now, any need for the unworthy mentions of this servant. The utterances of the Concourse on High are as nothingness before the fragrance of His utterance, to say nothing of the moist and dry words of this servant and the like of this servant. I beseech and hope from God that He may assist the handmaidens of that land to achieve supreme steadfastness. God willing, may that honored woman remain occupied at all times with the mention of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. If at times there is delay in sending replies from this servant, this has not been and is not due to any negligence. God is witness and testifier that due to the abundance of correspondence, a year has passed since some of the friends of God have written, and still I have not been enabled to reply. I seek His help, that He may grant strength and power, and extend His invisible assistance, that perchance I may fulfill this important and momentous service. May that honored woman be intimately associated with the mention of God at all times and be gladdened with the greatest joy, for she has attained unto His remembrance and is mentioned in His presence. Know thou this mighty favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

O handmaidens of God! The friends of the Beloved, both men and women, are accounted as leaves and fruits of the Blessed Tree, and all stand equally respected in one rank before the Most Sublime Vision. Distinction appears only through degrees of steadfastness, love, longing and devotion. "Verily, the most honored among you in the sight of God is the most righteous." Through deeds are the stations of women and men made manifest; otherwise all are observed on the same plane, save those souls who have been specifically distinguished by the Most Exalted Pen.

We have enjoined upon all spiritual attributes, goodly words and praiseworthy deeds. O friends! Your station calls for kindness, compassion and mercy. Wrong not the handmaidens of God; conduct yourselves with the utmost gentleness and consideration. Have ye not heard what We have revealed in the tongue of the people? Ye are all fruits of one tree and leaves of one branch. The fragrance of this utterance can also be inhaled from the Most Holy Book.

By the Sun of Revelation! This station is evident throughout all utterances. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath commanded all from the Kingdom of grace in the Most Great Prison to love, fellowship, affection and unity. O friends! The lights of justice must be witnessed from you in such wise as to overcome the darkness of oppression. Were ye to hearken to what the Most Exalted Pen hath ordained, there would appear in the world that which would ensure the salvation and tranquility of all.

O Khadijih! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who is the Dawning-place of the Light of Divine Unity. We have counseled the men among the friends with that which is befitting, and likewise We counsel the handmaidens of God to quietude, dignity, love and fellowship. Males and females were created for harmony and union, not for discord and separation. At this hour, which is the beginning of noon, We counsel all to such deeds as will bring joy and gladness when heard. The end belongs to those who hold fast to righteousness, turning away from base desires. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End.

God willing, may the rays of the Sun of the Most Exalted Pen's counsels illuminate the hearts of all on earth and lead them to true tranquility. O Leaf! When one contemplates the wondrous evidences of God's grace and the manifestations of His favors, one is so overwhelmed with wonder as to be rendered speechless. Observe now and consider the revealed verses - each word hath been revealed with such loving kindness that every fair-minded soul can perceive its fragrance. All things are in motion and attracted today. Glory be to God! How is it that some are seen to be lethargic? It is hoped that through the manifestations of His infinite grace, hearts and minds will turn to the realm of love and fellowship.

God is witness that this ephemeral one beseeches Him night and day to illumine all with the light of unity and enable them to achieve spiritual attributes. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. God willing, may that honored woman give glad tidings to the steadfast women of that land, that all may arise to that which befitteth this divine Day. This servant also mentions the friends of God - that is, the men - with the utmost humility and supplication, beseeching God to enable them to manifest fellowship […]

I beseech God to strengthen them in manifesting affection, love and kindness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. May the Glory, manifest, resplendent, radiant, dawning and shining from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, be upon thee and upon the steadfast women who have drunk the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of their Lord's bounty on this glorious and wondrous Day.

The Servant

8th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah 1299

Another letter: That leaf which previously wrote two letters from the leaves Narjis Khatun and Sakinih Khatun, upon them be the Glory of God, was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds was inhaled therefrom. God willing, may that honored lady be ever engaged in the remembrance and service of God. All that thou didst mention was presented in the Most Holy, Most

Exalted Presence. Divine verses were specifically revealed for each of the aforementioned leaves. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink from the ocean of grace.

This is what was revealed for the leaf Narjis, upon her be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My handmaiden! O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have been revealed for thee. Reflect upon the grace and favors of God. How many were the divines, scholars and jurisprudents who were occupied with the remembrance of God throughout the nights and days, who spoke His Name in the mosques and at all times beseeched and hoped to attain His presence. Yet when the Dawn of Revelation appeared and the lights of His countenance shone forth, all arose in opposition save whom God willed. Know thou the value of thy station and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me that which was hidden from the learned of Thy earth and the jurisprudents of Thy lands, and for having enabled me in such wise that Thy Most Exalted Pen was moved to remember me from Thy station and prison. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Tree to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine that which befitteth Thy glory, Thy generosity and Thy favors. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Protector over what was and what shall be.

Blessed art thou, O Narjis, for having turned unto the Wronged One and having desired that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath adorned thy father with the ornament of forgiveness as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. As for what thou desired regarding the meeting, He recordeth its reward for thee and counseleth thee to pure fear of God and that which beseemeth the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur mentioned thee with that which nothing on earth can equal. Praise thou Him for this. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer.

And this is what was revealed for her sister Sakinih, upon her be the Glory of God. His word, exalted and mighty be He:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Powerful over all names

O Sakinih! The Ancient Beauty remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison and counseleth thee with that which is the cause and source of elevation and exaltation. This is the day of pure deeds and the day of supreme steadfastness. God willing, mayest thou be so firm in the Cause that the clamor of the polytheist men and women shall not deprive thee from the abode of verses. The satans appear in every name, form and temple, and lie in wait. God willing, mayest thou ever remain preserved beneath the shadow of God and illumined by the lights of His grace. Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother. We give her the glad-tidings of My grace and bounty which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Praise be to God! The two handmaidens whom you mentioned have attained the supreme honor, and their remembrance hath been inscribed in the Book of God from the heaven of His will in these decisive verses. Blessed are they both, for they have attained unto that which hath no likeness or comparison. They have been granted that which they sought from the ocean of bounty, inasmuch as the word of forgiveness hath been sent down from the tongue of the All-Merciful concerning their father. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Benevolent, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

And concerning that handmaiden's mention of the beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, and likewise her mention of marriage–this matter was presented before the Countenance of the Beloved of the worlds and was honored with His permission. He said: "God willing, it is blessed. Today, whosoever showeth sincerity, love and affection in any way to Mirza [Haydar-'Ali], upon him be My glory, is mentioned before God, exalted be His glory, and inscribed in the Book." Indeed, from these blessed words can be inhaled the fragrance of infinite favors. Blessed is he who perceiveth and attaineth.

Another glad-tiding is that the mention of that handmaiden's sons, sisters and daughter, upon them be the glory of God, which was in the letter, was presented before the Countenance of the Lord of Revelation, and from the heaven of grace special verses of manifest signs and goodly words were revealed for each one. God willing, they shall attain unto their perusal and reading, and act according to what is befitting.

This is what was revealed for Nasru'llah. His word, exalted be His majesty:

"In My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

O Nasru'llah! Hold fast to the cord of the fear of God and cling to the hem of sanctity. The dark dust of passion hath prevented the world from the outpourings of the Lord of all beings. Beseech God to assist thee with the greatest steadfastness. Whosoever attaineth unto it is accounted among the people of Baha in the Book of Names. Strive that thou mayest attain unto it and be freed and detached from the world and all who dwell therein. Thus have We remembered thee with this remembrance that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Remembering, the All-Wise."

And this is what was revealed for Mirza Aqa. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

"In My Name, Which dawned from the horizon of the world!

O servant! Hearken unto the call of Him Who created the world for His knowledge, and sent down the Books for the manifestation of His Cause, and the Messengers for the proclamation of His laws and His days. He speaketh in every condition: 'Verily, there is no God but I, the Wronged One, the Stranger.' I have chosen abasement for the glory of the world, and tribulation for the exaltation of the people of Baha, and exile that the servants might attain unto the supreme homeland–the station which God hath made sanctified beyond every wondrous mention. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My verses, say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me with Thy tongue! I testify that Thou hast come for the salvation of the nations. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.' Thus

have We remembered thee and revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth."

And this is what was revealed for him who is named ?abibu'llah. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

"In My Name, the Mighty, the Bountiful!

O ?abib! Adorn thy tongue with My remembrance, and thy heart with the ornament of My love, and thy head with the crown of steadfastness in this Great Announcement. Leave what the people possess and hold fast to My firm cord. Verily it will deliver thee and protect thee and give thee to drink of the choice wine of His love by the hand of His bounty. Verily He is the Giver, the Bountiful. When thou attainest unto My verses, give thanks unto God Who hath aided thee to recognize Him when the people were in manifest doubt. Thus surged the ocean when the breezes of revelation wafted in this time."

This is what was revealed for the leaf who was named Queen, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Loving

O Queen! Blessed art thou, for thou hast attained unto that which most men have been deprived of. God willing, thou shalt remain firm and steadfast in thy love and acceptance, for the winds of trials and tests are passing. The most exalted station, which hath no equal, is not freely obtained except through His grace and bounty. Especially in these days when dark smoke hath appeared in a certain place and hath deprived, and continueth to deprive, the eyes of some from beholding the light of the Countenance. In all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the Truth and cling to His hem. Verily, He is with every servant who is steadfast and every maidservant who remaineth firm. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy brothers, from thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient.

This is what was revealed for the sister, exalted be His majesty and abundant be His favors:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful

O handmaiden of God! The Lord of all names hath turned toward thee from the Prison of Akka and inviteth thee to the supreme horizon. Blessed are those handmaidens who have been illumined by the lights of recognition and have partaken of the choice sealed wine of God. They are in truth men, nay rather the knights of the field. How many are the servants who are seen to be deprived of the lights of certitude through their vain imaginings, and how many are the handmaidens who have rent asunder all veils through the name of the Lord of Names and are gazing toward and turning to the One True God. Blessed is the servant who hath attained and the handmaiden who hath achieved.

This is what was revealed for another sister, exalted and mighty is He:

In My Name, the Counselor, the All-Knowing

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O handmaid of God! Be truly observant and hold fast to the cord of His grace. The best raiment in all the world is the raiment of righteous deeds. Blessed are they who are adorned with this most holy and

exalted ornament and who act according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Precious indeed is this Day; know ye its value and turn unto that which is the cause and source of everlasting remembrance. He verily counseleth His servants and handmaidens. Blessed is every hearing and responding soul, and every steadfast doer of good deeds.

Verily, infinite grace hath been manifested, for several months ago a reply to that handmaid's letter was written, but due to the upheavals in surrounding areas, wisdom dictated a delay in its dispatch. At this time, which is the end of the day on Monday, the thirteenth of the month of Safar, Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court and forwarded that handmaid's letter. After its perusal and review, it was presented at the Most Exalted Holy Court. It was not expected that at this time the ocean of grace would outwardly manifest with such supreme bounty, as it was the time for dispatching correspondence, and on one hand, the revelation of verses. However, after review and presentation, the Sun of utterance immediately shone forth from the horizon of the grace of the Goal of all the worlds, in such wise that this servant had not the opportunity to write it all down. The atoms themselves bear witness to His grace, His loving-kindness, and His mercy. Upon the mere mention of each of the names, manifest verses descended from the heaven of God's Will, as hath been and is being witnessed.

Let that handmaid give the glad-tidings of God's grace to all. That which is most important of all matters today is the unity of God's loved ones. How excellent is the state of one who becomes the cause of unity and recognizes the station of those who have preceded and those who stand firm. He verily guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Indeed, God's grace towards that handmaid hath been manifested in such measure that were you to offer thanks throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, you would not be able to render thanks for even a single letter of that which hath been revealed. This servant, that handmaid, and all who dwell on earth are powerless and wanting, and we beseech His aid that perchance we might render some service in His Day, or that a soul might appear, detached in His love.

This servant conveys greetings and salutations to the mentioned souls and likewise to the handmaids of God in that land, and supplicates success for all. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

As for what was written concerning the Huqúqu'llah and likewise the pilgrimage journey, according to the command, two-thirds of the Huqúq should be spent on good works, meaning the new life, and one-third should be sent to the Most Holy Court. And if possible, from what is to be forwarded to the Most Holy Court, nine tumans - the number of the Greatest Name - should be sent to Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, for him to deliver to Jinab-i-Javad-i-Dhakir. These matters are beloved and acceptable when their means are available and they are accomplished with joy and fragrance.

Salutations and praise be upon the leaves who have turned unto God, who are steadfast and devoted, who sing upon the tree of divine knowledge. Verily, there is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The Servant

13th of the month of Safar, 1300

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

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath manifested His Cause amidst His servants with such sovereignty as no opposition or neglect could impede, and with such power as none in all lands could weaken. He hath spoken before all faces, declaring: “The Promise hath come, and the Promised One is He. He hath appeared with such authority as none in the heavens or on earth can withstand.” He desireth naught save the preservation of His creation and their drawing nigh unto the court of His glory. Blessed are they who have hearkened unto that which hath been raised up through the will of our Lord, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. Woe betide every barking dog who hath followed his base desires and idle fancies. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The pearls of praise and remembrance which were wrapped in the garments of words and expressions became the cause of true joy and spiritual delight. From their fragrance divine ecstasy was manifest, and from their perfume eternal gladness was attained. After the appearance of the delicate pearls of love and affection from the shells of remembrance and utterance, having sought audience, he presented himself before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. After the appearance of the luminary of permission, the entire letter was presented and achieved the honor of His good-pleasure and acceptance, for each word thereof testified to the devotion, orientation and sincerity of that beloved of hearts. It is hoped that at all times they may be occupied with service to the Divine Cause, that perchance the heedless ones of the world may become aware and those who have turned away from among the peoples may be blessed with acceptance. In any case, after the letter was heard, these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance, the Goal of all the worlds. His word, exalted be His glory and sublime be His utterance:

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

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The Book of God speaks before the faces of all else, and with the blessed word “The Promised One is come” does it herald. By God! The rapture of His Revelation hath struck the Divine Lote-Tree; its rustling is raised high, its murmuring is manifest upon the rivers, and upon the seas appear the pearls of knowledge and wisdom that from the beginning of creation until now were hidden and concealed from the eyes of men. Like the sun they have risen, like light they shine forth. Glory be to God! The heedlessness of the factions hath reached such a pass that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath veiled the mysteries of the Book. Zion crieth out, Jerusalem is engaged in pleasure, from the right hand Mount Carmel proclaimeth: “O people of the churches! Kings and subjects waited for centuries and ages, and now the Beloved of all existence appeareth before all faces, yet ye are heedless. O friends! The true Friend is manifest and the Luminary of bounty, by the will of the Sovereign of existence, hath risen and shineth forth. Why have ye become heedless? Are ye deprived of the Speaker of the Mount through

poverty, or through wealth have ye become negligent of this supreme blessing? The Dawning-Place of Glory is come, the Manifestation of Beauty is come, mentioning His branches in every land and calling all to the Kingdom of nearness and meeting. O leaves and fruits of that Tree! The Wronged One is occupied with your remembrance in the prison of Akka. Why do ye tarry? The light of acceptance shineth from the Dawning-Place of union–why do ye remain bewildered? Its light appeareth like fire from the most exalted Standard, and its call is raised above all else. O servants! Ye are the saplings of My bounty. I planted you with the hand of loving-kindness and watered you from the clouds of grace with that water which is mentioned in every Book and recorded by the Pens of favor and bounty. Now is the time to show forth your service, and the moment to manifest your love. With divine power and celestial might, aim ye for the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. O My branch in Berlin! He Who said 'I shall come' is come, and His signs of grace have encompassed the world. That peerless Friend is come, that incomparable Companion hath rent asunder the veil. Hasten! Hasten! It is the time of attainment. Come! Come! The hidden treasure is manifest, the concealed store is apparent. The promises of the Books are fulfilled and the signs of the Scriptures are witnessed. Deprive not yourselves and remain not portionless. O Ibn-i-Asdaq! Convey My greetings to the sacred land of Kha. Say: O Mashhad! Forget not thy station. Through God's grace all the land of Kha hath been freshly adorned with the blood of contentment. Exalted is this supreme bounty! Say: O land of Kha! O people of the cities and regions! The Chosen One is come with mysteries, that Hidden and Veiled One is come with light and radiance. Today all things are enraptured and engaged in joy, absorbed in supreme delight. Why are ye silent and withered? The water whereby all things are made alive floweth from the right hand of the Merciful One's utterance. Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One–a mention that shall add to the Divine Lote-Tree and deliver the entire world from aught else but the Friend, drawing them unto Him and attracting them to Him. Glory be to God! The people of God were slain yet slew not, and in all that occurred they were purely wronged ones, and even interceded for the murderer before the Commander. Nevertheless, this increased the rancor and hatred of the heedless ones, and this supreme bounty held no station with them nor bore fruit […]

The injustice yields no fruit or effect. In view of being oppressed and having no helper or supporter, the Master of the Sword arose for reformation. Pure oppression has effects and bears fruit. Now pride, wealth, heedlessness and error have deprived most from justice and fairness. Outwardly justice is proclaimed, while inwardly there is great agitation and pure oppression. In the capital they have gathered several souls who outwardly speak words from which the fragrance of love is diffused, while inwardly they arrange dry wood for kindling the fire of hatred, and the flames of self and passion and lies and calumny from thence are continuous. Yet these souls consider themselves aware and God heedless. Evil indeed is what they imagine. In any case, these are the days for the revelation of what is hidden in hearts and the betrayal of eyes. Soon will the recompense of their deeds reach them. Verily He is ever watchful. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Seeing. The servant has presented thy letter and mentioned it before the Face. We have answered thee with that from which the fragrance of loving-kindness is diffused. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and enable thee to that whereby His Cause may be exalted among His servants, His remembrance in His lands, and His name among His loved ones. Mention thou the oppressed one to Ali, upon him be the glory of God. Say: O Ali! The eyes behold the Tree and its fruits and leaves and branches, yet deny them. Say: O people! Fear God.

The ocean is before your faces. Behold its illumined pearls and manifest waves, and be not of those who broke the Covenant and denied the favor of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Ali! God willing, the answer to your previous petitions will be graciously given. Verily He loves His loved ones and adorns them with the ornament of His loving-kindness. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

The effulgent rays of the Divine Luminary of utterance have so encompassed all things that verily all are powerless and incapable of reckoning them. From the earliest days until now there hath been revealed that which appeareth difficult and arduous to compile. That Beloved One and the fair-minded bear witness unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Beloved of all possibility. In truth, the Kingdom of utterance hath been revealed, yet minds and ears are wanting. According to the divine command, what is now required are those matters that conduce to fellowship and constitute the cause of unity, and teaching with wisdom and utterance in such wise as to remain somewhat veiled from view. For after all that hath come to pass and been made manifest, though this people have been slain yet have they in no wise retaliated, nevertheless the malice of evil souls hath increased. It is not known what they say concerning this matter and to what pretext they cling. One of God's loved ones was hanged in the land of Sad and martyred, and afterwards his blessed remains were burned, and in the land of love they committed that which caused the denizens of Paradise to break forth in lamentation, yet the loved ones offered no resistance. As soon as the ruler of that city arose to establish justice and execute his judgments with equity, heedless souls abandoned truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and fidelity, and arose to censure and persecute. Now the tyranny of the oppressors shineth even as the sun. They oppress and rejoice, yet they perceive not. Soon shall they receive the recompense of their deeds, for they have to deal with the Just, the All-Wise. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Glory be to God! This servant is amazed at what this Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi is saying. From the beginning of the Cause he had no knowledge whatsoever. He and Siyyid Muhammad and their like acted solely out of desire for leadership, doing that which causeth loss in this world and the next. Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani was one of the servants and accompanied Us from Iraq. After his opposition became manifest in the Land of Mystery, We banished him. Later it was heard that he called himself Quddus. In truth he was a fitting Quddus for this heedless party. As for Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, the Supreme Pen hath repeatedly recorded mention of his transgression, heedlessness and denial. In recent times, in the Tablets that were revealed, He summoned him that perchance he might present himself and be attracted by the breaths of revelation, but no effect was manifested therefrom. By the life of our Lord! He acteth like those four false ones who are the inventors of spurious laws and the builders of imaginary cities. Now consider the heedlessness of this wicked soul who hath repeatedly cast into hearts and minds enmity and hatred for the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. He hath witnessed the requital of the deeds of the former party, yet he hath committed that which causeth the eye of certitude to weep.

It is incumbent and obligatory upon the friends of God, exalted be His glory, who are the manifestations of justice and fairness, to protect the servants from the vain imaginings of the former party, lest they be afflicted anew. I beseech God to protect and assist this party in such wise that they may regard all else as non-existent and as naught, and arise with complete steadfastness to exalt the Word. The heedless souls possess not an atom of understanding, for they have met or encountered various persons and have used

their words as proof to destroy the truth and establish falsehood, despite His saying that no one should look to aught but the Truth on the Day of His Manifestation. He emphasizes greatly, lest on that Day they should turn away from Him by clinging to the Bayan, saying - exalted be His mention: “I have written an essence regarding His mention, which is that He shall not be indicated by My indication nor by what was revealed in the Bayan.” And yet the entire Bayan is adorned with the mention of this Cause and was revealed specifically for this Cause. That Holy Being repeatedly stated that whatever goodly mention appears in the Bayan was intended for Him. Day and night He was occupied with the mention of the Most Great Name. When the station of the manifestation of this most exalted and blessed verse was reached, which was revealed in the early days in the Qayyumu’l-Asma - exalted be His mention: “O Remnant of God! I have sacrificed my entire being for Thee and have wished for naught but martyrdom in Thy love and crucifixion in Thy path.” In any case, I beseech God to remove the soreness from eyes that all may attain to that which they are deprived of today.

Mention was made of Mirza Muhammad Husayn, son of Fa’iz, upon him be the glory of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this supreme utterance was revealed - exalted be His glory: Praise be to God that they have attained to the days through His grace and have turned to that which all others have neglected. All this is through God’s bounty and mercy. God willing, they shall attain to the Divine Tablet, exalted be His glory. This servant also conveys greetings to them and ever beseeches God for the elevation of their station. Verily our Lord is the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Answerer.

Mention was made of the friends. Praise be to God, the breezes of revelation have seized them all, and after being presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, holy, luminous and blessed tablets have been revealed from the heaven of bounty. God willing, may they attain unto them and receive their portion and share from the hidden oceans within the exalted words. Verily our Lord is the Generous Giver.

The souls that were mentioned in the letters of that beloved of the heart, from before and before before, have all attained to the hearing of the Lord of all beings, and it is hoped that there may be revealed for all that which will bestow portions upon the world and confirm them in their turning to God. I beseech and implore God to grant the grace of true hearing, for in truth whoever attained thereunto turned to God and became occupied with that which beseemeth mention, praise and attention. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that drink.

Mention was made of the honored leaf Ziya’ul-Hajiyyih, upon her be the Glory of God. Several months ago, two Tablets were sent specifically for her and the honored leaf Agha Shahzadih, upon them both be the Glory of God. God willing, they will attain to them. And now too it was stated that, God willing, another Most Glorious Tablet which is the cause and means of life in infinite worlds shall be graciously bestowed specifically upon Ziya’ul-Hajiyyih. The decorative paper that was sent arrived and praise be to God, it was honored with wondrous, sublime divine verses, as the Hidden Words in Arabic and Persian as well as certain other Tablets were written upon it. In truth, this paper was honored with that for which all the papers of the world were created and brought into being. Glory be to God! The divines of Iran have not to this day attained to an atom’s weight of understanding and knowledge, while paper has attained to

it. From what has recently been observed and estimated, nearly a hundred volumes have been sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty upon the peoples of earth and heaven. Nevertheless, the divines of those regions are still reclining upon the couch of vainglory - nay rather, they are sleeping - nay rather, they are dead. The Servant beseecheth His Lord to raise up one through whom their heads may be lifted up in His days. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Mention was made of his honor Ibn-i-Shahid, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words appeared from the Dawning-Place of Will. His word - exalted be His glory:

Ibn-i-Shahid has ever been and still is remembered. Whenever We have mentioned Our loved ones, mention of him too has been sent down from the heaven of favor. In these days too, should God will and desire it, a Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Luminous Tablet shall be graciously bestowed as a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. End quote.

Mention was made of his honor Bujistani, upon him be the eternal Glory of God. After it was submitted before the Seat of Grace, these manifest verses were sent down from the heaven of favor. His word - exalted be the pearls of His utterance above similitude and comparison:

I am the All-Glorious, the Most High. Praise be to God, his honor ’Ali has repeatedly attained to the outpourings of the true Outpourer. We have sent down upon him from the heaven of My utterance the verses of My grace and bounty, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. This is My Book which We have sent down to him once again. Verily he is God’s herald among His servants and the guide of creation to His path, and he is the one attracted, the speaker, the all-knowing. O ’Ali! Nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord’s knowledge. We heard thy call when thou wert present before the faces of My loved ones. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He seeth and heareth, He commandeth and judgeth, He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth. He who desired Me and soared in Mine atmosphere hath mentioned thee. We have mentioned thee in this perspicuous Book. He beareth witness before all faces and speaketh, saying: O people! The Day hath come - dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds! Beware lest the events of the world or the affairs of those who have denied the Day of Judgment sadden thee. Say: O loved ones of God! He desireth to behold you upon thrones, facing one another. Blessed is he who casteth away what he hath and taketh what I have commanded him from the presence of One mighty, faithful. Convey My greetings from Our presence to the faces of those who are with thee, both female and male. Verily thy Lord loveth him who loveth Him and mentioneth those who have turned toward Him with radiant faces. He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those who have recognized this Great Announcement wherewith the All-Merciful hath given glad-tidings in the Qur’an and by whose name the Books of the Messengers have been adorned. End quote.

This is what was sent down for Ibn-i-Shahid, upon him and his son be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. His word - mighty be His utterance and exalted His proof:

He is the All-Knowing Witness […]

This is the Day in which He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was promised hath come, and He Who was concealed hath emerged. Blessed is the servant who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless. Say: O people, fear God, then open your eyes. Verily the Great News standeth before your faces. Behold, and be not of the doubters.

We have remembered thee time and again, and have remembered thy father who attained the supreme martyrdom in the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The angels and the Spirit received him at his ascension, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Witness.

When thou didst inhale the fragrance of My utterance and didst gain illumination from the light of My verses in My Tablet, say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the ocean of Thy bounty the Kawthar of Thy grace, and for having caused me to turn toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation through Thy mercy which hath preceded Thy earth and Thy heaven. I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the treasuries of Thy Pen and the jewels concealed within the shells of the ocean of Thy grandeur, to assist me under all conditions to mention that which will draw Thy servants nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness.

O Lord! I am he who hath taken none other but Thee for his Lord, and hath chosen none other but Thee for his helper and supporter. O Lord! Thou seest the trustees of Thy earth in the hands of the treacherous among Thy creation, and those who have turned toward Thee among the ones who have turned away from among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the mysteries hidden in Thy Book and Thy knowledge, not to disappoint me from that which is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

[This was revealed for Haji Abu-Talib, upon him be the glory of God]

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord

The Sun of Truth hath called out from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, summoning all to that which draweth them nigh, benefiteth them and exalteth them. But the ears of the servants, being polluted with false tales of old, are deprived of hearing, save whom God willeth. O Abu-Talib! Hearken unto the eternal call with pure and attentive ears. If thou succeedest in hearing, thou shalt witness all else but God as non-existent, and shalt turn with all thy might toward the horizon of the Manifestation.

Today the breezes of revelation have perfumed the worlds of the seen and unseen, and the traces of the Most Exalted Pen have encompassed all. Blessed is every hearer who hath attained unto hearing, and every seer who hath been honored with beholding and meeting. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We have remembered thee in this Clear Book whereby all things have spoken, and the Most Exalted Paradise. O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come, and through Him the seal of the choice sealed wine hath been broken. Turn ye and drink, and be not of the heedless ones.

The Cause of God is more manifest than the sun in midheaven, yet passion and desire have kept the servants far from the most holy and exalted court. Say:

My God, my God! Withhold not Thy loved ones from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy knowledge. Thou seest them, O my God, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. Ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and acquaint them with Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Lord! It behooveth the days and Thy Cause to be manifested among the peoples with such power that neither the might of rulers nor the ascendancy of those who have denied Thy right and pronounced judgment against Thy trustees and the hands of Thy Cause with such tyranny as hath caused every stone to lament and every kernel to cry out, and the tears of them that know to flow. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Glory of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

[This was revealed for Sheikh Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God]

In My Name that is sanctified from all names […]

O Muhammad, upon thee be My Glory! Today the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One have encompassed all things, and the waves of the ocean of utterance are manifest and visible before the faces of the world. The path is clear, the proof is sent down, mercy hath preceded, and bounty hath descended. Yet the people remain veiled. The hand that was created to grasp the divine Book is seen to seize unjustly the wealth of others and to possess it. The ears and eyes have become two steeds for the self and passion. Glory be to God! Impure deeds have occupied all with that which profiteth them not and deprived them of nearness unto God. They were created for the meeting with Him and were brought from nothingness into being for His service, yet they have become heedless of that which is with God, being occupied with that which they possess. Say: My God, my God! Cleanse the eyes of Thy creation from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings and illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy Name, the All-Knowing. O my Lord! Make known to them Thy path and strengthen them in that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom no might can frighten, no hosts can prevent, and no power of those who have denied Thee, disputed Thy signs, broken Thy Covenant and cast away Thy Book can weaken. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Subsisting, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, the August, the Great.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Qasim Khan Mustawfi, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the Name of the Mighty Speaker! This Day hath no peer or likeness, inasmuch as the Ancient Beauty is seated upon the Most Great Throne. The attraction of His Revelation hath seized the worlds of the seen and the unseen. Blessed is the soul that hath not been deprived by the world and whatsoever is therein of ornaments, bounties and colors, and hath not been kept back from drawing nigh unto God. Say: O people of God! The Day is your Day and the time is your time. Why do ye fear and of what are ye afraid? Through the weakness of the servants, the leaders of the former party seized the reins of all and occupied them with their own desires. Through names they turned the people away from the straight path - sometimes in the name of the successor, at times in the name of the chief, and in the name of Shaykhi and Bala-Sari and the Fourth Pillar they sent the helpless people to hell-fire, as ye have all seen and heard

and continue to hear. Until now they are engaged in cursing God, exalted be His glory, from their pulpits, and now again Dawlat-Abadi hath caused the servants to descend from the loftiest heights to the lowest depths through these same names. Say: O people of God! Abandon these names. Today that which all servants, from the first to the last, have beseeched and hoped to attain from God hath been made manifest. Blessed is the ear that hath not been deprived of hearkening unto the Word of God by the traditions, stories and proofs of the former party. Say: O servants! With the finger of detachment and reliance rend asunder the veils and adorn yourselves with the ornament of the fear of God. What was the outcome of the deeds of the former party and what did they achieve? Blessed is he who hath cast them and their vain imaginings behind him and taken what he was commanded from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the Standing One, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Mighty, the Clear. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be among the joyous ones, among the successful ones, among the steadfast ones, and that thou mayest say in all conditions: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The names mentioned have been honored with the lights of the Sun of Oneness and eternal praise and utterance. For each name a Tablet was revealed and sent down from the heaven of divine will. We hope that each one may attain unto new and everlasting life through the verses revealed by the True One, glorified be His majesty. Verily our Lord is the Gracious Helper and the Merciful, the Compassionate. Mention was made of those connected to you, and for each one a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed and sent down from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of all beings. Verily He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Convey my greetings and glorification to the loved ones of that land and its surroundings. God is my witness that I have ever sought and continue to seek the sealed wine for each one in the Most Holy Court, that all may become intoxicated with this everlasting wine and eternal blessing - an intoxication that increaseth consciousness and understanding. Should man attain unto the effects of this wine, he would consider all else but God as non-existent. No occasion or station would remain for the barking ones and the infidels. In these days the loved ones of God must drink and give others to drink with hands of sincerity and purity, of love and faithfulness. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and love you and upon every firm, steadfast, unwavering and upright believer. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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This is a prayer to be recited by the Quickener of souls in these days:

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest my lamentation like unto the lamentation of one who is bereaved, and Thou seest mine eyes turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon. How long, O my God, wilt Thou leave me among those who have denied Thy favor, gainsaid Thy signs, rejected Thy truth, opposed Thee, and turned away from Thee? Deliver me, O my God, through Thy grace and mercy, and manifest

what Thou didst promise me before the creation of the heavens and earth. By Thy glory! Whenever I have called Thy servants, their perversity hath increased, and whenever I have recited unto them Thy mighty verses, they have opposed them and said: “This is naught but a fabrication against God.” Thus have their souls and desires beguiled them, although, O my God, I have shown them naught save what was revealed unto Ali aforetime, and have explained naught save what was sent down in the Bayan - and Thou seest and knowest, O God of the worlds and Purpose of them that have recognized Thee, that they have not sought the sanctuary of Thy Cause nor turned toward Thy countenance, nor do they hearken from me to that which Thou hast commanded me to manifest. Separate me from them, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of command and creation and the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy Will.

O Beloved of Baha and Purpose of Baha! Whenever I have concealed myself, Thou hast manifested me by Thy command, and whenever I have fled from them, Thou hast returned me to them by Thy power and sovereignty, and whenever I have remained silent in my house, abstaining from Thy remembrance, Thou hast caused me to speak by Thy will and hast enkindled me with Thy love to such extent that the reins of patience were wrested from my hands and I left the house, attracted to Thee, calling out with the loudest voice amidst the concourse of creation, summoning them to the remembrance of Thy Most Exalted Self from this Most Glorious Horizon. Thereupon arose the clamor of the polytheists and the cry of the deniers, and they arose to slay me and to frustrate Thy Cause. Thou hast, through Thy hidden knowledge, recorded and known what they have done and continue to do.

That which Thou hadst ordained by Thy Will hath come to pass, O my God, and that which Thou didst desire through Thy will and power hath appeared. And now Thou seest, O my God, how they have taken the calf as their lord instead of Thee and worship it morning and evening without any clear proof or book. They have reached such a state of heedlessness that they cling to vain imaginings and turn away from the Sovereign of all that is known. They enjoin what Thou hast revealed in the tablets of Thy Cause while forgetting themselves, and they oppose him through whom Thy Cause was sent down, Thy proof appeared, Thy verses were established, and Thy countenance shone forth. These are they whom Thou hast described in Thy mighty Book which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Prophet and the Seal of Thy chosen ones. Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: “They enjoin righteousness upon people while forgetting themselves.” And when it is said unto them: “O people! By what proof did you believe in your Lord, the Most Merciful, and in His Manifestation Who revealed the Bayan, and by what evidence do you oppose Him Who came to you from the Dayspring of the Cause with God’s signs, His proof, His grandeur and His sovereignty?” they say what the ancients said who opposed the Manifestations of Thy Self, the Dawning-places of Thy Revelation, the Daysprings of Thy inspiration, the Treasuries of Thy knowledge, the Repositories of Thy wisdom, the Lamps of Thy guidance, the Paths of Thy will, the Ways of Thy nearness, the Laws of Thy gifts, the Mysteries of Thy unity, the Manifestations of Thy singleness, and the Appearances of Thy beauty. And when it is said unto them: “O people! Have I not manifested myself with clear signs? Have I not come to you from the Dayspring of Names and Attributes? Have I not recited unto you the mighty verses of God? […]”

Have I not recited unto you the mighty verses of God? Have We not adorned the heaven of utterance with the ornaments of meaning and exposition? Have We not called you unto God, your Lord, the Most

Merciful? Have We not explained to you the mysteries of divine knowledge with clear evidence and proof? Have I not manifested God's Cause among His servants? Have not the signs of God become renowned among His creation? Why then did you turn away from Me and deny My verses? They say that which I cannot mention before Thy face, O Beloved of my heart and the One remembered in my soul! O my God and my Lord! How long wilt Thou leave me among Thy servants? By Thy glory! Even if no proof had appeared from Thee among Thy creation, Thy patience after Thy power, and Thy forbearance after Thy might would suffice to establish Thy grandeur and sovereignty.

O Lord! Why hast Thou entrusted me to those who have denied Thy Self? How long wilt Thou not answer my prayer? Whenever I say, "O Lord, take me unto Thee and deliver me from the oppressors among Thy creation," after Thou witnesseth my distress and tribulation, Thou sayest: "By My Self, I witness and see all that hath befallen thee hath befallen My own Self, and I have sacrificed thee in My path. Dost thou love what I love not? Dost thou desire what I desire not?" I say: "May my soul be a sacrifice for Thee! My desire is what Thou hast desired, and my beloved is what Thou hast loved." By Thy glory! I would that I had a thousand souls at every moment to sacrifice in Thy path. But it grieveth me to remain and witness those who have violated Thy sanctity and wronged the Manifestation of Thy Self, knowing they were created by the word of Thy command. Therefore my soul is troubled, mine eyes shed tears, my heart lamenteth, and my skin trembleth.

Thou sayest: "By My Self, I know what is in thy soul and I see what thou seest. Be patient as I was patient. I have ordained for thee what I have not ordained for any other, and I have chosen for thee what I have not chosen for anyone else, for I have sacrificed thee for the life of the world and all within it." I say: "Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the worlds! I praise Thee for what Thou hast ordained for me and thank Thee for what Thou hast desired, for Thou art the Lord of the worlds."

O my God! Inspire me with the wonders of Thy remembrance. By Thy Self, I find no joy save in it, no gladness except through it. Should Thou withhold it from me, my soul would be troubled and my very being and essence would cease to exist. There is no life for anyone except through Thy remembrance and love, and no existence for any soul except through Thy praise and description. Though I know that my remembrance of Thee is but as the remembrance of nothingness for the Ancient Being - and I seek Thy forgiveness for this - nay, no one hath any existence or mention before a single one of Thy signs, how much less before Thy Self! Exalted, exalted is Thy remembrance above the ascent to it of Thy creatures' remembrance! Exalted, exalted is Thy praise above the return to it of Thy creation's description!

The highest remembrance of all created things cannot transcend the bounds of contingent existence, so how can it ascend unto Thee, O Thou in Whose recognition the hearts of Thy near ones among Thy chosen ones and the sincere among Thy loved ones are bewildered! Thy Self-remembrance proveth that the remembrance of aught else beseemeth Thee not, nor is worthy of Thy presence. Whenever I remember Thee, O my God, by Thy Name the Ever-Abiding, I witness that the Manifestation of this Name standeth before the Face and declareth: "I am He Who was ever-abiding and will be as I have ever been. My perpetuity hath no end or cessation."

Exalted, exalted is He Who created me by a word from His presence! If I call upon Thee by Thy first name, the Manifestation of this Name addresses me and says: "That which thou dost mention returneth unto

My Self. Open thine eyes that thou mayest behold Me as the First before every first, and the Last after every last, and the Outward above all things." Exalted, exalted is my Lord Who created me by a will from His Most Exalted Pen! Exalted, exalted is He Who created me through His Most High and Most Exalted remembrance, that He might be remembered by what was composed in the kingdom of creation! If I call upon Thee, O my God, by Thy name the Powerful, I witness the Manifestation of this Name gazing upon me and saying: "Behold Me, that thou mayest see Me standing, powerful, mighty, and supreme over all things." Exalted, exalted is He Who raised me up and fashioned me through His Most Exalted Word! Exalted, exalted is He Who fashioned me and made me manifest in the kingdom of creation! If I call upon Thee by Thy name the All-Knowing, I witness that the Manifestation of this Name weeps and laments, saying: "I am He Who was knowing before all things and shall be knowing after the passing of all things. This is the garment whereby My manifestations have been veiled from knowing My Lord and My Sovereign. I am He Who has ever been fearful and shall remain troubled. I am He Whom my Lord has made to be among the highest of names and the lowest, the greatest and the most insignificant. Blessed are My manifestations if they make not their knowledge a veil between them and the Lord of Names and Attributes, for they are among the most exalted of creation. Woe unto him whom learning hath withheld from the Sovereign of all knowledge, for he is among the most abject of creation."

Exalted, exalted is my Creator above being remembered through mention of aught else but Him, or being described by any description save His own. Even should I praise Thee, O my God, and say "There is none like unto Thee," the Manifestation of this Name would cry out before my face, "I am He besides Whom there is none like unto Him." Were anyone to claim for himself a likeness or peer, it would negate the signs of unity and the evidences of oneness. I testify that in all things is inscribed the most hidden script of the Most Exalted Pen - this is a sign of unity and manifestation of oneness. Blind is the eye that sees Me not standing over all things, manifest above all things, and prevailing over all things.

Exalted, exalted is my Lord above being remembered through mention of His creation or being described by descriptions of aught besides Him. All are His servants and within His mighty grasp, created by the Word of His command. Exalted, exalted is He above being associated with His creation or being reached by the birds of His servants' hearts soaring in the atmosphere of His knowledge. Exalted, exalted is He above descending from the heights of His Essence and the summit of His Self. He hath ever been sanctified beyond ascent and descent, and shall ever be exalted above being comprehended by hearts and minds. Whatever hath been mentioned or shall be mentioned is within the realm of possibility and returneth unto that realm. The kingdom endureth in the kingdom, and creation returneth to its form and likeness.

Would that I found, O my God, attentive ears, purified hearts, sanctified souls, illumined breasts and penetrating vision, that I might cast upon them what Thou hast inspired me through Thy generosity and taught me through Thy grace and favors. Thou, O my God, didst awaken me through Thy bounty and establish me in the station of Thy Self, and caused me to speak Thy praise and commanded me to rend asunder the veils. When I rent them asunder - more numerous than can be counted - all within the dominion of command and creation were struck with terror, and all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save a limited number of those who fulfilled their covenant and turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee, sincere in their devotion to Thy face. The wine of Thy knowledge in this Revelation

so intoxicated them that they hastened to the place of sacrifice and the scene of annihilation, speaking Thy praise and mentioning Thy Name. They gave up their spirits in their longing to meet Thee and their quest to draw nigh unto Thee, to exalt Thy Word, manifest Thy sovereignty, and spread Thy signs and remembrance.

I testify that they are among the letters of Thy word of unity, the manifestations of Thy oneness, the dawning-places of Thy Command's appearances and the daysprings of Thy power's signs. Through them was Thy Name filled between Thy heaven and earth, and Thy Word was exalted above all in the dominion of Thy command and creation. From their blood did the earth bear the wonders of Thy power's manifestations and the gems of Thy sovereignty's mighty signs, and it shall tell its tales when its time comes.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Self and by them, and by the manifestations of Thy most beautiful Names and the dawning-places of Thy most exalted attributes, to make them in every world among Thy worlds among those who speak of Thee and circle round the pavilion of Thy grandeur. Then resurrect them with the lights of Thy countenance in Thy worlds, and separate not, O my God, between Thee and them. Then manifest them, O my God, through the appearances of Thy power, the conditions of Thy might, the signs of Thy grandeur and the traces of Thy majesty. Then manifest through them Thy Cause that all may enter within the precincts of Thy mercy which hath preceded all things. Then send down upon them at every moment from the wonders of Thy hidden mercy and Thy stored bounties. They, O my God, have fulfilled their covenant when I fulfill Thy covenant, and I testify that Thou art the Best of those who fulfill, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And I bear witness that Thou art the best of those who keep their promises, the most merciful of the merciful ones, and the Bestower of rewards to the doers of good. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they, in that they have turned towards Thee whilst Thou art well-pleased with them. O my Lord! Rend asunder the veils from before the eyes of Thy creatures, that they may witness what was concealed from them of the manifestations of Thy grace in Thy days. Then acquaint them, O my God, with the repugnance of their deeds and actions, that they may hasten to Thy direction, enter the precincts of Thy mercy, and become assured that Thou hast desired for them naught except that which is better for them than the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth. O my Lord! Illumine the eyes of their hearts that they may recognize what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and beneficence, and may know that Thou hast not desired the harm of Thy loved ones except for the attainment of Thy servants to the summit of recognition, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of command and the kingdom of creation. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O Lord! Purify the ears of Thy servants from all idle tales of the past, that they may hearken unto the melodies wherewith the Dove of Thy Cause warbleth in the essence of all things, lest they measure Thy Cause by the vain imaginings of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and cast doubt into the hearts of Thy creatures. For I find that most of Thy servants are withheld from Thee by their attachment to the idols that exist among them and the tales they have heard from their fathers. O Lord! Create them anew, then cause them to hear what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

O my God and my Master! Thou seest my tribulation among Thy creatures and what hath befallen me from the oppressors among Thy creation, though Thou didst promise all with my appearance and didst give glad tidings to all of My Self. I desired naught from the Bayan save My beauty, and revealed therein naught save My remembrance and praise. In every aspect, the Manifestation of Thy Self desired naught save My joy, My delight and My gladness. When I took from all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven the covenant of My Self, I commanded them that none should question Me about anything, lest I be touched by weariness. Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: "Whosoever desireth to question Him at the time of His manifestation should question Me, lest there come upon Me that which would sadden Me and grieve My heart."

I have ordained the laws of Thy Cause and determined the measures of Thy commandments and ordinances in such wise that nothing hath been left unaccounted for, lest there come upon My heart that which would prevent it from the surging waves of its longing for Thee, from being immersed in the ocean of Thy oneness, and from being occupied with the manifestations of the signs of Thy mighty glory. Through the tongue of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy oneness, Thou didst inform them that He speaketh in all things, saying: "Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me. O My creation, behold ye Me!" And Thou didst make this Word Thy remembrance among Thy servants and the sign of Thy glory in Thy kingdom, and didst sanctify My realm from all things and from the mention of aught except Thee.

I have not made this clear except after Thy knowledge of the tenderness of My heart, the delicacy of My soul, and the purity of My inner being. Therefore, O Beloved of My heart, Purpose of My secret being, and Object of My worship! Despite this tenderness which none knoweth save Thee, Thou seest what hath come upon Me from Thine enemies who read Thy Book and cite Thy verses, yet have made Thy Book a protector of their leadership and a fortress for what their passions command them. Would that they had said concerning Me what the idolaters said concerning the repositories of Thy knowledge and the Manifestations of Thy Self! There hath come upon Me from them that which hath caused the Greatest Terror to appear among the Concourse on high and the dwellers of the cities of names, while they rejoice in their seats and are glad in their homes. Would that they would look upon Me as they look upon the lowliest of Thy servants and creatures!

All this hath come upon Thy Beloved, for Whom, had Thou been in those days, Thou wouldst have made Thyself a shield between Him and the arrows of the idolaters among Thy creation. He from Whom no created thing in the kingdom of creation hath passed except that it hath heard from it "This, verily, is the Beloved of the worlds" is mocked by Thy idolatrous servants. By Thy glory! He desireth that His body be stripped bare, that He be cut off from all, that He repair to the wilderness and find companionship with the beasts. I know not, O my God, what crime they attribute to My soul when they say He hath claimed what is above His station. Thou, O my God, hast claimed this for My Self […]

I testify, O my God, that I know not what crime they impute to my soul. If they say that I have claimed what is beyond my station, Thou, O my God, hast Thyself claimed this for me, and hast written it for me before my manifestation, and hast informed all of this. And if they say I have not uttered verses, I am not their Revealer, but rather Thou art He Who revealeth and will reveal as Thou pleasest, even as Thou didst

reveal them aforetime unto Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones. Thou knowest, O my God, that were the matter in my hands, I would not have manifested myself, nor would I have spoken a word amongst them. And whenever I desired to conceal myself from the wolves of the earth, Thou didst manifest me through Thy power and Thy sovereignty. And whenever I wished to withdraw, Thou didst will my appearance and my revelation. Thy will hath overcome my will, and Thy Purpose my purpose, until Thou didst establish me in Thine own station and caused me to cry out with the most exalted call amongst Thy creatures. I find no movement in myself except through the winds of Thy Will, nor any stillness save after Thy Command. Blessed is he who seeth in my manifestation the manifestations of Thy Will, and in my burning the fire of Thy love.

Open Thou, O my God, the eyes of Thy servants that they may behold Thee manifest through Thy manifestation. Blind is the eye that seeth Thee not as the Self-Subsisting One above all names and as the Dominator of all things. Thou, O my God, hast made the names but garments for Thy chosen ones. When the garment was changed by another name, all who are in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save those whose gaze was fixed upon the Most Sublime Horizon and who quaffed the choice wine of inner meaning from the cup of everlasting life through Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou didst shatter the idols of vain fancy and rent asunder the veils of names. Such are they who have known Thee and worshipped Thee, while they who are veiled from Thee by names are among those who worship them. They have no mention before the throne of Thy grandeur, nor any portion of this ocean which surgeth in Thy days.

I have reached such a state of abasement that the idolaters have said of me that I have uttered but a word or two which I had stolen from the Bayan, after Thou hadst caused to be detailed through me the books of the former and latter generations, and that which existeth with Thy loved ones equalleth that which was revealed unto ’Ali before Nabil, whom Thou didst make the Manifestation of Thy unity, the Dawning-Place of Thy sovereignty, the Revealer of Thy verses, and the Herald of the unseen reality of Thine Essence, whom Thou didst make the Self-Subsisting One over all who are in the heavens and earth, and sovereign over all who are in the kingdom of command and creation, after Thou hadst revealed in the Bayan that no books in the world could equal a single word from Him, for at the time of His manifestation, should anyone read all the books yet not believe in Him, it would profit him nothing, while should he read but one of His verses, it would suffice him.

Therefore do I say: There is no power nor strength except through Thee. I have committed my affairs unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. Thou art my Helper, my Succourer, and my Companion in this world and the next. And I testify that through this Word Thou hast distinguished all atoms and hast taken from them their essence, and soon shall the separation appear between those who circle round me, and there shall go forth from among them those across whose hearts waft the odors of self and passion. This is what Thou didst inform me of in Thy Tablets and didst inform the servants before my departure from Iraq in the Tablet wherein were revealed the mysteries of Thy decree and the measures of Thy destiny.

O my God! Have mercy upon Thy servants and Thy loved ones, then guard them through Thy protection lest the darts of allusions be hurled at them by those who have disbelieved in Thee, O Thou Revealer of

verses and Lord of names and attributes! Then raise them to such a station that should they be prevented from their rejected deeds, they would not object to Thee, and would see in Thy command and prohibition naught save the manifestations of Thy tender mercies and the revelations of Thy bestowals. I testify that in Thy Cause Thou didst desire naught except their entrance into the ocean of Thy mercy. By Thy Self, O Beloved of the worlds and Worshipped One of those in the heavens and earth! Grief hath seized me to such extent that the Supreme Pen is withheld from flowing and the Most Glorious Tongue from remembrance and utterance. I have seen in Thy love, O my God, what no eyes of the ancients have seen, and have heard what no ears of the worlds have heard. I behold, O my God, Thy servants upon whom Thou didst send down the Bayan and whom Thou didst create for Thyself, more veiled than all previous peoples, such that they pride themselves on Thy seal and stamp it upon tablets to establish their leadership, after I had sent it to them that they might be made aware. Nay, by Thy glory! Thy seal was naught but on my finger and will never part from me, nor can anyone take it from me. Blessed is he who readeth what is inscribed therein of Thy hidden mysteries, Thy unique verses, and Thy treasured attributes. Then I know not, O my God, whether Thou rememberest me or I remember Thee. Separation hath been abolished and union established. My remembrance of Thee is Thy remembrance of me, and Thy remembrance of me is my remembrance of Thee. Remoteness hath been erased by the verse of nearness, and conjecture by the verse of certitude, and Thy manifest beauty hath shone forth from this luminous horizon. O my God! If my sin be the manifestation of Thy power and grace, I desire to be accounted among the sinners in all the worlds. And if my shortcoming be the exaltation of Thy Cause, I desire to be reckoned among those who fall short before both worlds. Thou knowest that when I saw the degradation of Thy Cause among Thy creatures, I arose to exalt it in Thy realm, and in those days there was none who would mention Thee among Thy servants with Thy sovereignty and might. And those who opposed me concealed their faces in fear of themselves. When Thou didst desire to manifest Thy Word and glorify Thy Cause, Thou didst raise me up, cause me to speak, and make me manifest until the horizons were illumined by the lights of this dawning and the breezes of glory and assurance wafted over all creation. When Thy Word was exalted and Thy greatness appeared and Thy Cause and sovereignty became manifest, they emerged from behind the veil in rebellion against Thy Self and turning away from Thee, to the point of seeking to slay me after Thou hadst made me a fortress for them and a refuge for their souls. O my God! When I am seated before Thee and awaiting what Thou hast ordained for me of Thy decree which was hidden from the eyes of Thy creatures, by Thy Self, all my limbs and members long to be torn asunder in Thy path. Would that I were in that state at this moment, O Creator of the world and Remembered One in all hearts! How sweet is Thy remembrance to my taste, and how delectable is my servitude to Thy Self! I have attained therein to such a station that whenever I behold any ground I long to prostrate myself upon it in humility before Thy face and in adoration of Thy Self. By Thy glory! Were I not mindful of Thy irrevocable decree, I would have manifested myself only in pure servitude among Thy creatures, but Thou hast ordained through Thy power what Thou didst desire.

Prostrate before Thy Self, by Thy glory, were I not mindful of Thy destined decree, I would not have manifested myself save in pure servitude amidst Thy creatures. But Thou hast ordained through Thy power what Thou didst desire and executed what Thou didst will, that what was revealed in the Bayan might be fulfilled. Otherwise, I would have loved to bow before every countenance that was bowed before Thy face. Those who have transgressed beyond servitude unto Thee have not found its sweetness.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdoms of eternity, to aid me and my loved ones to serve Thee and to show servitude in all conditions unto Thy Self. Then accept, O my God, what we have done and what we have left undone of that which Thou didst prescribe for us. O Lord, make us steadfast in Thy love and in walking the paths of Thy good-pleasure. Then make us helpers of Thy Cause in such wise that nothing shall prevent us from aiding Thee and exalting Thy Word. O Lord, set us ablaze with the fire of Thy love in such manner that through us the fire of Thy love may be kindled among Thy creatures, and we may aid Thee in all conditions such that neither the denial of anyone nor the turning away of any soul shall hinder us. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Send down Thy blessings, O my God, upon the Point through which Thy hidden knowledge and treasured mysteries were detailed, and through whom Thou didst take the covenant of the Dayspring of Thy Being and the Manifestation of the Mystery of Thy Oneness, and upon those who were touched by tribulation and adversity in Thy love until they were martyred in Thy path, and upon those who believed in Thee purely for Thy sake and left their homes to exalt Thy Word and manifest Thy Cause, and who bore naught on their journey save Thy love and Thy verses. And though they bore what they bore, their only concern was the spread of Thy signs and the establishment of Thy truth, and their gaze was fixed solely upon Thee. O Lord, bless them with the tongue of Thy grandeur, then shower upon them at all times from the wonders of Thy mercy, O Most Merciful of the merciful!

Glorify, O my God, the Manifestations of the letter Ha who sacrificed their spirits and bodies in this Cause whereby the great terror appeared and the dwellers of the cities of names lamented, and through them Thy Cause was manifested, Thy remembrance spread, and Thy revelation shone forth. O Lord, send down upon them what befitteth Thy station and is worthy of Thy presence, for they have done what was incumbent upon them, and there remaineth what Thou hast prescribed for them. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thyself and by them and by these five, to send upon us the breezes of forgiveness to purify us from disobedience. Then forgive, O my God, our fathers and our kindred from among those who have turned to the sanctuary of Thy Cause and directed themselves toward the court of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Exalted, the Supreme, the Help in Peril.

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

All praise and gratitude beseemeth those who draw nigh unto Him, whose mention kindleth the Fire of God amongst His servants, and whose glorification illumineth the realm of the heart with the light of recognition. The fragrance of their love for God hath attracted the world of letters and fashioned them into embodied words. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath adorned His loved ones with the ornament of meaning and utterance, to such extent that the realm of speech standeth powerless to describe it. In truth, the living waters of human utterance have ever been and shall remain the fountain of life, for they revive withered forms and quicken those who lie dead in the wilderness of heedlessness and

forgetfulness. Exalted, exalted is that Sovereign Who, through the breezes of His Most Exalted Pen, hath enabled all to attain unto the supreme heights - the station of the most great steadfastness. The Pen hath no power to soar beyond this station.

Glorified art Thou, O God of all created things and Educator of all beings! I beseech Thee by the fire in the hearts of them that are sincere, by the radiance of the faces of Thy near ones, by the waves of the oceans of their hearts moved by Thy name and remembrance, and by the enkindlement of the fire of their love in Thy days, to make them the ensigns of Thy guidance among Thy servants and the standards of servitude in Thy dominion, that through them may appear that which will draw Thy servants nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and honor them with Thy recognition in the world of creation. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Send down upon them Thy blessings, throughout the everlasting dominion of Thy sovereignty, and ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come through Thy bounty and generosity. Thou art, verily, the Most Bountiful, the Most Generous, He Who commandeth, the All-Powerful, the All-Informed.

O Beloved of my heart and He Who is mentioned in my soul! Ages and centuries have truly passed wherein this servant hath not succeeded in sending that which would evidence my steadfastness in my love and devotion for you. Though it is clear and evident to the illumined heart what hath caused this delay and postponement of my letters, God the One beareth witness that not a moment hath passed except that I intended to importune that Beloved One. However, for every matter there is an appointed time and a fixed hour, beyond which this evanescent one hath no power to transgress. The command is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Yet the mention of that Beloved One hath ever been made in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Time and again have I heard from the tongue of Grandeur mention of that honored one and reference to the land of Mim. Though this ephemeral one may at times be heedless, the Ever-Abiding Lord existeth and His favors have never ceased for a moment. When one contemplates the manifestations of mercy and compassion from the heaven of grace and bounty, one is struck with wonder. May all creation be a sacrifice unto His favor, and all beings be a sacrifice unto His compassion! In any case, this servant remained watchful and waiting until the tree of hopes brought forth goodly fruit and the pen of recognition became laden with new words of love. After perusal, reading and understanding, I proceeded to the sacred station which is beyond the mention of the Concourse on High, and it was presented before the Most Great Throne and attained the honor of being heard. This is what was uttered by the tongue of our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the kingdoms of Command and Creation. His mighty utterance, exalted be His proof:

In My Name, the Witness, the Hearer […]

O thou who speakest in My Name, who hast drunk the choice wine of My love, who hast turned towards My horizon and who standest in service to My Cause! Hear My call whereby the world was set ablaze and the hearts of nations were stirred, whereby every pregnant one cast her burden and all in creation were seized by the stupor of heedlessness. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath rent asunder the veil with the finger of power and come from the heaven of utterance riding upon the clouds. He verily draweth thee nigh unto a station wherein no matter shall grieve thee, nor the opposition of those who have denied the

Source and the Return. Take thou the chalice of joy in My Name, then drink therefrom what I have ordained, and I am the Commander, the Bountiful.

Thou hast attained unto My bounty in My days and unto tribulation in My path, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to what thou hast endured in My love and what thou hast heard from Mine enemies who denied My proof, rejected My signs and rose up to shed the blood of My loved ones without evidence or Book. The world hath so deluded them that they have deprived themselves of this grace that hath encompassed all regions. By My life! They shall soon behold the recompense of their deeds. This is a truth in which there is no doubt, as attested by Him with Whom is the Mother Book.

The servant who was present came and read what thou didst send unto the Wronged One. We have sent down for thee that which shall give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hands of favor and grace. O Ali! It hath grieved Me what hath befallen My Name Ali who sacrificed his spirit and his wealth with such steadfastness as amazed the Concourse on High and caused all things to speak forth his praise and his detachment throughout the nights and days. The Wronged One hath come for the reformation of the world, yet the peoples have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise and the inhabitants of this station to lament at eventide and at dawn.

Blessed art thou in thy migration and thy turning towards His people. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of what thou hast wrought in His path. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones who have cast away what the people possess and have taken the Book of God with the hands of might and power. Remind them of what We have revealed in the Tablet and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of their Lord, the Lord of all men. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who are with thee and upon every patient believer.

O Ali! The friends of God must at all times look to the exaltation of the Cause, and this cannot be achieved except through unity. Steadfast souls who are assured, content and well-pleasing must hold fast to that which promoteth unity and harmony, and must arise for God in this service. They must not look to themselves but rather to that whereby the Word of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, may be uplifted. Whosoever attaineth unto this station, the hand of divine favor will take him and exalt him as it pleaseth.

Counsel each of the friends regarding those manners and characteristics that cause the gems of human qualities to be revealed from the mine of man. This Wronged One hath, throughout the nights and days, imparted to the souls who were present from among the neighboring community that which conduceth to everlasting life and eternal, abiding grace. Blessed is he who hath attained unto true hearing, and woe unto those who have turned aside. All atoms bear witness that this Wronged One, in bearing hardships and standing before the faces of the world, hath had no purpose except the reformation and tranquility of the nations. The steadfast souls must gird up the loins of endeavor and with all their power hold fast unto this most great Cause and most mighty service.

Unto Him be praise and glory, unto Him be gratitude and splendor! At all times His grace is manifest and evident. From time immemorial His glance of favor hath been directed toward His loved ones, and ever shall remain so. From the beginning of this Revelation until now, no seeker hath been denied, and no pursuer barred. The Beloved Ones themselves know and bear witness to this - there is no need for mention by this evanescent one. In truth, the waves of the ocean of mercy are never still, and the outpourings of grace never cease. The breezes of bounty waft throughout all nights and days, and the fragrance from the garden of inner meanings is diffused at every moment. Nevertheless, the mischief-makers among the people of the Bayan have denied it all and are occupied with vain imaginings. Nay more, they have denied the revealed verses and manifest proofs that have encompassed the world. They are seen to be more lost than the people of the Furqan. Woe unto them and unto those who have led them astray! This servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them to return and to assist all who are on earth to turn towards Him. Verily He is the Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

As to what was written about making arrangements in each city so as not to cause trouble, and so forth: God, exalted be His glory, is my witness that whatsoever cometh from those beloved ones hath been and ever shall be the cause of gladness of heart, expansion of the senses, and dilation of the breast. God willing, may this bounty never cease or be cut off. How fitting in this connection is this verse: “The remembrance of friends by the Friend is blessed.” I beseech God that He may bestow His grace and favor, that once again this dispersion and separation may end and be transformed into gathering together, that we may abide beneath the canopies of grandeur and occupy ourselves in these days with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Every desire and purpose that seemeth great in the eyes of men is easy for God, exalted be His glory. He doeth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Concerning what was written about turning towards the lands of S, Sh and M, after it was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed from the highest horizon. His blessed and exalted Word:

“O Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! God hath raised thee up and made thee manifest to arise for the service of His Cause.” Among the greatest services in the sight of God hath been and is the harmonizing of hearts and the promotion of fellowship among souls. Hold fast at all times to this mighty command and most great service. God’s favor hath been and is with thee. Thy call hath been and is being heard. Nothing escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have heard thy communion with God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and We have perceived the fragrance of thy steadfastness in this Straight Path. Blessed is he who heareth thy word in this Great Cause. Blessed are they whom riches have not kept back from the Lord of all beings, and who have acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite the hearts of His servants and make them as one soul. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The turning of those beloved ones toward various regions is acceptable in the sight of God. May you be confirmed in all affairs, God willing. I implore God that through your being, He may cause souls to arise

who shall be aided and enabled to promote the exaltation of His blessed Word, and who shall, through wisdom and utterance, draw the people of creation to the most exalted horizon.

As regards what was written concerning Aqa ’Abdu’l-128, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, He said: “Excellent is that which the Most High hath spoken in reply,” inasmuch as it is not permissible to dispose of the Huququ’llah without permission, and whatsoever the aforementioned soul remitteth of the Huquq to be given to the poor is acceptable before His Face and adorned with the ornament of permission. O ’Ali! The payment of the Huquq returneth to benefit the working souls. If this matter were to be unveiled and its fruits made manifest, all would render the Huququ’llah from what they possess and deliver it. Beseech God to grant success unto His servants. God willing, may all be enabled to pay the Huquq. Convey greetings to his honor ’Abdu’l-Husayn. We beseech God to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

This mention which hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen concerning the aforementioned soul is better and more exalted than the treasures of the world and whatsoever is concealed therein. Happy is he! We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to kindle the fire of love that all may be set ablaze and become as wings one unto another, soaring together in the atmosphere of unity. They must be regardful of wisdom, and likewise of that love which causeth hearts and souls to be enkindled. Gatherings that do not exceed proper bounds have been and are necessary. Verily, He Who hath commanded us to observe wisdom hath taught us that which increaseth our love, our turning and our devotion unto Him. May God, exalted be His glory, aid His servants in all conditions with that which He loveth and is pleased with, and grant them success that they may not be deprived of the outpourings of His days.

As to their mention of Haji ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the most mighty, most exalted and most glorious station before the face of the Lord of Names, and this most exalted Word was revealed from the Dayspring of Will, exalted and blessed be His utterance:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! The horizon of the world is illumined and bright with the light of the manifestation of the Most Great Name. The path of attainment is clear, the proof is evident, the verses are revealed and the signs are manifest, yet the people are occupied with vain imaginings and idle fancies, save whom God willeth, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. In every age and cycle when the Morn of Revelation dawned and the blessed Tree sprouted forth by the command of the Lord of creation, the divines of the earth, its doctors and other servants assailed the Tree with sharpened swords. All divine Books bear witness to this fact. In the Book of Certitude there hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful that which is the water of life for the people of the world. Blessed is the soul that riseth up purely for the sake of God to aid His Cause and striveth for the reformation of the world and its peoples. We beseech God to aid His loved ones that they may, through the divine waters of counsel, purify the hearts of the world’s peoples from rancor and hatred. God willing, may you ever drink from the chalice of divine knowledge and take your portion from the ocean of utterance which is manifest and resplendent before the faces of men, and arise to serve the Cause of God with such steadfastness that the doubts and intimations of all who dwell on earth shall not hinder you. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. The glory

shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have taken the cup of steadfastness with the hands of power and might, and have drunk therefrom despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

In My Name, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful

O Sadiq! Your name was mentioned before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison. We make mention of you with that which guideth every seeker unto the Path, every thirsty one unto the Euphrates, every pursuer unto the Pursued, and every truthful one unto the Supreme Horizon–the station wherein the Lord of Names proclaimeth: "Blessed is he that heareth and hath a heart that turneth, and woe unto the heedless." Whatsoever hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen is verily the Water of Life unto all who dwell within the realm of creation. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh before the faces of the world: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds." When thou art blessed with My verses and perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

"My God, my God! Withhold not from me the outpourings of Thy Most Bountiful Name in Thy days. O Lord! I am he who hath fled from his self unto Thy Self, and who seeketh from the wonders of Thy bounty that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy service amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Make for me a lamp from the light of Thy knowledge that it may guide me unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

And We make mention of Abdul-Husayn and give him glad tidings of My turning towards him from this far-distant Shore. We counsel him with that which exalteth the station of man in the contingent world, and with that wherewith We have counselled all in My Perspicuous Book. Strife and conflict have been forbidden, as hath been all that causeth grief to hearts and souls. Say: O peoples of the earth! Ye were created for harmony and unity. Fear the All-Merciful, and follow not the desires of those who have disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the Most Great. Verily, My Most Exalted Pen speaketh at morn and at eventide, and calleth all unto God, the Lord of Names. Among the people are those who have heard and turned unto Him, those who have turned away, and those who have pronounced judgment against the Wronged One without any clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, firm in His Cause, and vocal in His beauteous praise. Let nothing debar thee from this Straight Path. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon the people of Baha who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Raiment and have recognized that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of all things. The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Informed.

This endeth the passage. I beseech God–exalted be His glory–that He deprive them not of the fragrances of His days, that He make them steadfast in His Cause, and that He aid them with such confirmations that the veils and barriers of the people of the world shall neither hinder nor prevent them. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Hearing, the Answering.

And this is what was revealed for Karbila'i Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. His utterance, exalted be His word and manifest His proof: In the name of God, the One […]

O Husayn! Praise thou the Best Beloved of the world Who confirmed thee in turning towards Him in days when most of the people of the world are seen to be heedless and turned away. Know thou the station of this most great bounty and supreme gift. The world and whatsoever is therein cannot be compared to one blessed word that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will. We beseech God to grant success in preserving that which He hath bestowed. This grace hath no equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. Strive that there may appear from thee that which beseemeth these days. Verily He counseleth His servants and He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

To Him be praise and glory. Each one hath attained to that which hath been the desire of those who are nigh and sincere. This servant conveyeth greetings, peace and praise to them and to all other friends, and for each one I seek that which is like unto a shining light and like unto a penetrating and subtle spirit. Glory be to God! Despite this burning Fire and this shining Light and this clear Path, all are seen to be heedless and withered, nay rather dead, save those souls who have been illumined by the light of the Most Great Luminary and who, detached from all else, hold fast unto the Most Great Name. These are honored servants whom God hath described in His perspicuous Book: "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God" and who "speak not till He hath spoken, and who do His bidding."

And concerning what was written that some are seeking and acknowledge the verses but for the assurance of their hearts they say "we will write something, place it in a box and seek its answer from the Most Holy Court accordingly" - after this was submitted before the Throne, these words were revealed from the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation, exalted be His glory:

O 'Ali! The Most Exalted Pen hath revealed aforetime and thereafter that which leaveth no room for anyone to hesitate, turn away or object. Future events were clearly foretold beforehand by the Most Exalted Pen. The evidences are manifest and the Cause is brilliant, yet the people are in evident doubt. Kindness and courtesy must be shown to the souls mentioned. Say: Reflect on that which hath appeared and be fair in your judgment. By what proof have you accepted the Qur'an? Now you witness that which is a hundred thousand times greater than that. In truth, this is not the day for questions and answers. Previously this blessed verse was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: "This is not the day for questions. It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to say: 'Here am I, here am I, O God of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Desire of the worlds!'"

In truth one is bewildered. The lights of the Sun of Revelation have encompassed the world. The proof, evidence and testimony are more evident than the sun in midheaven. Yet they say that which the heedless souls have not said before or since. In these days some people from Manshad sought that which the assemblage of Ummu'l-Qura had sought. Nay, this lesser request was specifically answered by that which was befitting from the heaven of divine Will. It is very good for such souls to read it. Those who cling to such matters have never succeeded in attaining to faith, to this beareth witness our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven.

And concerning what was written about his eminence from the people of Mim, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, it was submitted before His presence. This is what was revealed in reply from God, the Lord of Lords, blessed and exalted be He: […]

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing!

O Ali! We have remembered thy father with verses that neither the spirits of the world nor sacred books and tablets can equal. Every Book hath submitted when the Mother Book did speak. He Who hath spoken in every state beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. There hath befallen them in the path of God that which hath caused the Maids of Heaven to beat their faces and the eyes of them that are nigh to weep in the most exalted station. O Ali! Behold and then remember what befell My Name, the Most Exalted. By God! He sacrificed his spirit with such detachment as to astonish the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. We have remembered him and revealed for him that from which those nigh unto God inhale the fragrance of eternity, and the sincere ones that which none hath known save God, the Lord of all men. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom rest upon him and upon those who were imprisoned through tyranny, for whom the Manifestations of the Cause have lamented in the highest paradise.

This Wronged One hath remembered all with a remembrance that shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. O Buzurg! Thy mention hath been and is before the face of this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. Thou hast ever been and art beneath the glance of grace. By the Sun of the heaven of proof! All things have shared in thy tribulation. The atoms of creation, by the testimony of the Supreme Pen, have borne witness. Convey My greetings to the family of the martyr, his relatives and friends. Say: A station hath been conferred upon you which, were it to be revealed, would cause the people of the world to swoon away and all tongues to exclaim "Blessed be God, the Ordainer of this station!" Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to each one. God willing, may all drink from the oceans of divine utterances and, with utmost joy and fragrance, occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. The glory be upon you, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward.

This evanescent servant also conveyeth greetings and salutations to each one and beseecheth God to aid all to remain patient and calm. Previously, numerous tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth, and this time too, whatsoever was graciously bestowed shall be sent according to the command of that Beloved One. Their mention is and shall remain indelibly inscribed in hearts.

Concerning what was written about the departed and elevated Aqa Siyyid 'Abdu'l-Hadi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, some time ago there was revealed from the Supreme Pen specifically for him that which adorned the world with a new ornament. His is the grace and the bounty, His the generosity and the praise. There is none other God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Likewise, mention was made of the honored beloved, Jinab-i-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. In these days he is frequently remembered. We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect him, deliver him, and send down upon him that which befits His generosity and bounty. The friends in that

land should be mindful of his condition, but God is his Protector and He is the Protector of those who do good. To the friends of that land, one and all, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech from the True One that through your influence He may set them all ablaze with such a fire as shall ignite the whole world. Likewise, I send greetings and glory to your household and relatives, and for each one I seek divine confirmation and assistance. This letter concludes with mention of the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - that its ending may be spirit itself, nay the spirit of spirits and the essence of essences. During the days of your imprisonment they were grieved and expressed sorrow. Praise be to God that after release from prison, all, together with the dwellers of the pavilion of purity and grandeur, were joyful. All expressed countless tokens of loving-kindness. Blessed be you and those with you. And they conveyed their glorification. Peace, praise and glory be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from the straight path of God. And praise be to God, the Exalted, the Great.

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The Most Glorious One be upon Naim! He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Praise be befitting unto the Lord of all beings, Who through His Most Exalted Word summoned the dwellers of the mortal realm to the highest horizon and bestowed upon them a portion of the sealed wine. This Word is, in one station, the water of life unto them that are dead through self and desire, and in another station, it is a shining light for the guidance of the inhabitants of earth and heaven. At times it appeareth in the form of fire - it is the cause of divine love's warmth appearing in the hearts and minds of all peoples. And at times it is as a sovereign seated upon the throne of bounty and grace. It is the ocean of favor wherein are hidden the pearls of wisdom and utterance. It is the heaven of justice from which the stars of trustworthiness and religion are visible. Blessed is the soul that hath, through this radiant and effulgent light, set out for its true homeland, and joy be to the one who hath turned towards the Most Great News. Exalted be the majesty of God and His dominion, exalted be His remembrance and His utterance, and mighty be His proof. There is no God but Him.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the world and Goal of the nations! Thou knowest and seest that one of Thy chosen servants hath turned to Thy servant who was named ?iya in the Book of Names, and desired to mention him in the court of Thy might and the sanctuary of Thy holiness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast caused the rain of generosity to descend upon the nations, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all existence both seen and unseen, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy, and by the splendors of the luminary of Thy grace, to ordain for him and for those whom he hath mentioned in his letter that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and give them to drink of the water of everlasting life from the hand of Thy bounty, and attract them to the atmosphere of Thy might and the heaven of Thy mercy. Then write down for them, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining Thy presence, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thy letter was received, and as it was a bearer of a petition intended for the Possessor of the Point of Existence and the King of the seen and unseen, after its presentation and permission before the Seat of Justice, all of it was presented and was honored to be heard. Then the waves of the ocean of utterance appeared and the sun of grace shone forth from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord, the Most Merciful. He spoke, and His word is the truth: In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

O Na'im! Upon thee be My Baha! One of the Branches named ?iya' appeared before Me with thy letter. Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered the praise of God, and thy heart for having turned unto Him, and thy face for having been directed towards the light of His countenance, and thy pen for having flowed with His remembrance, and thy heart for having given birth to the maidens of remembrance and utterance. We beseech God to aid thee and to assist thee, and to make what hath flowed from thy tongue a treasure for thee with Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

This is a Day wherein all things have been stirred up by the breezes of Revelation, yet most of the people are in evident doubt. The Sun of Utterance hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of proof, and the Dove of Knowledge hath warbled upon the highest branches. O concourse of creation! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath come with power and sovereignty. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves from drawing nigh unto Him. Cast away what ye possess, turning unto God, the Lord of all men. The treasures of the earth shall profit you not; cast them behind you and take what hath been given you by God, the Lord of Lords.

Blessed art thou, O Na'im, for having attained unto My bounty, which is My favor in one station and My knowledge in another, and My grace which We sent down aforetime and afterwards, and on this Day which hath been named the Day of God in the Scriptures and Tablets. Beware lest the happenings of the world grieve thee or the clamor of the nations prevent thee from My Choice Wine, whose seal We have broken with the fingers of might and power. We have desired to give thee to drink thereof cup after cup and chalice after chalice, that it may take thee from thyself and attract thee to a station whereon hath been raised the banner of grandeur by the command of God, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. This is a Day wherein the Call hath been raised in the prison of 'Akka. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We have adorned the brocade of the Book of Existence with this Name at which the limbs of the wicked have quaked. When thou hearest My call and takest and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, turn with thy heart to the Dawning-Place of inspiration and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Aim, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of my heart, and bounty be unto Thee, O my Adored One, for having guided me unto Thy path, given me to drink of the wine of Thy bestowal, and shown me Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and by its fruits and its rustling, and by the flowing rivers and their murmuring, and by the breezes of Thy Day and their whistling, to manifest through me that which will draw the people nigh unto the court of Thy grace and the threshold of Thy nearness. O Lord! Thou beholdest me speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants and holding fast unto the cord of Thy bounty, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! There is none other God but Thee, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Verily, We desire at this time to make mention of him who was attracted by My verses and achieved the spreading of My writings throughout My lands and spoke My praise amidst My servants - he who was named Sina in the Tablet of Names. We testify that he turned, hastened, heard and answered his Ancient Lord. O Sina! Hearken unto My Most Glorious call from the horizon of the Prison of Akka. Verily, it attracts thee and draws thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have mentioned thee time and again, and answered thee repeatedly, and revealed for thee that which shall be immortalized in My perspicuous Book. We have heard thy call and that which the tongue of thy heart hath uttered. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Responding. We testify that thou didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon when every heedless and remote one turned away. Thou didst take hold of the Book of God with a power from Him and didst convey His Cause in such wise that neither the might of princes nor the doubts of the divines could deter thee. Verily thy Lord was with thee in all conditions. He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Say: O concourse of the earth! The promised Day hath come, and the Promised One calleth from His glorious station, summoning all unto the straight Path of God. Beware lest the world and whatsoever is therein prevent you from turning toward the light of His Countenance. Turn ye, and be not of the heedless ones. The ocean of utterance hath surged in creation before the faces of all religions. Hear! Hear! And be not of them that hesitate. O Sina! This is the Day wherein the lips of Sinai smiled at meeting its Interlocutor, and the Tree at its Speaker. Blessed is the ear that heard, called out and said: “Thine is the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!” We have mentioned thee in numerous Tablets and preserved thee through a company of angels drawn nigh.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward him who was named Nayyir in My Luminous Book, then make mention of him in such wise as to attract the hearts of the sincere ones. We have heard thy call and answered thee with a Tablet wherewith God hath adorned the preface of His Preserved Book. We testify that thou didst traverse the lands to spread the signs of thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! The Day that was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praised, hath come. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath been manifested therein through truth. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Your remembrances have been presented, and that which dawned from the horizon of your hearts in praise of your Creator, Who came with manifest sovereignty. We found therein the fragrance of your sincerity and your turning unto Him, and your steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of the servants trembled, save those whom the hand of thy Lord’s power delivered - the Strong, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End and the flowing of the Kawthar of utterance in the Supreme Paradise were raised high, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Blessed is the power that rent asunder the veils and cast away names, turning unto the Ocean of Knowledge, from whose waves one heareth: “The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Eternity hath come with a Cause before which all the hosts of the heavens and earth cannot stand.” Thus have We remembered thee and cast upon thee that which attracteth thee once and again, raising thee to a station beyond which the remembrances and descriptions of the servants are cut off. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God! The light of utterance hath dawned from the horizon of the Will of Him Who is the Desire of all worlds - a dawning that hath illumined all hearts and souls. Blessed is this Day, for the hidden treasure hath been revealed and the concealed mystery hath become manifest. I beseech God not to debar or deprive His servants from the shore of the ocean of mercy. Glory be to God! Despite the doors of divine favors being flung wide, the Sun of Truth shining forth, and the rivers of bounty flowing, most are seen to be veiled and debarred on this Day which is attributed to God, known by Him, and recorded by the Eternal Pen in the divine Books as the Day of God. Nevertheless, they remain occupied with their own like and heedless of that which is with God. This Prisoner declareth:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things, to Thy power that hath subdued all possibilities, and to the sanctification of Thy Being and the exaltation of Thine Essence above the description of all creatures. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Beloved of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which the door of the hidden treasure was opened and the pearls concealed in the shells of the ocean of Thy hidden knowledge were revealed, to assist Thy servants to draw nigh unto Thee and to turn unto the lights of Thy countenance in Thy days. O Lord! Make known to them Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message, and enable them to return to the door of Thy mercy and to draw nigh unto the court of Thy glory. O Lord! Deny them not through Thy grace and bounty. I testify, and all things testify, to Thy power, Thy sovereignty, Thy greatness and Thy might. There is none other God but Thee, the Single One, the Unique, the Protector of all that is in the heavens and the earths.

Mention was made of Master Ibrahim Saffar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Chosen One. After being presented before the Seat of Justice, these brilliant verses were sent down from the heaven of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O Saffar! The Wronged One of the world hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee. Rejoice thou in this most great favor that hath encompassed existence both seen and unseen. I testify to that which God hath testified: There is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Ibrahim! The Friend of all regions sent sacrifices to the place of martyrdom, yet none took notice. These are souls who gave their lives and uttered not an unseemly word. Indeed, they manifested such power, might and detachment as had no likeness or equal. The pens of the world and tongues of nations are powerless to praise them and fall short of describing them. Each one shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of detachment like the sun, neither concealed by the clouds of idle fancies nor veiled from light by the mists of vain imaginings. Glorified be He Who aided them and brought them into being! Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken at this moment from His exalted station. The resplendent and manifest glory be upon thee and upon thy son who turned toward God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, and attained recognition at a time when ignorance had encompassed most of creation to such extent that they turned away from the Speaking One, the Manifest, the All-Knowing.

This is what was revealed for Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Husayn! Upon thee be My Glory! This blessed Day is associated with Truth and in it hath appeared that which no eye in the world hath seen its like. The bounty of utterance is manifest, the table of knowledge is descended, the ocean of generosity is surging, and the sun of divine knowledge is shining from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Yet the people remain heedless, for the veils of fancy have so seized them that they cannot distinguish nearness from remoteness, nor knowledge from ignorance. Blessed is the soul that hath passed beyond tales of doubt, allusions, conjectures and fancies, and hath turned toward the horizon of certitude. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. When thou findest the fragrance of utterance, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, enabled me to turn unto Thee, and guided me to Thy path and to Thy Great Announcement, whereby the limbs of Thy creatures have trembled, save those whom Thou didst deliver by Thy power. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee and clinging to Thee and to Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee to make me firm, steadfast and upright in Thy Cause and in Thy love. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

This Prisoner beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to send down especially for His loved ones that which is everlasting and enduring, which centuries and ages cannot alter, and which armies and hosts cannot erase. Thou art He Who is so powerful that the denial and opposition of the wicked cannot prevent Thee from Thy purpose nor hold Thee back from showing forth Thy bounty.

Mention was made of Aqa Murad-'Ali-i-Kirmani, upon him be the Glory of God. After being submitted before the Luminous Countenance, these words shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Single One, the All-Informed

O Murad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of creation! Hear the call of the Desired One from the direction of the Most Great Prison. Verily He will strengthen thee, prosper thee, and bring thee nigh unto the Most Exalted Paradise, the Station wherein the Call was raised and the mysteries of what was and what will be were revealed, and whereby the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Boundary and the Green Tree in the Supreme Paradise spoke, and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branch of possibility. The dominion of earth and heaven belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein every one possessed of ears hath heard the mention of all things, and every one possessed of sight hath beheld the horizon of Revelation. Grieve not over anything, nor over the vicissitudes and changes of the world. Hold fast unto that which beseemeth this Day wherein the Mount hath been seized by the rapture of the utterance of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. Verily the Hijaz crieth out, and Batha speaketh, and Yathrib hath exclaimed saying: "Glory be unto thee, O 'Akka, in that the Throne of Justice hath been established upon thee and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: 'Grandeur belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.'" Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

And this is what was revealed for Aqa Muhammad, son of him who attained the recognition of our Lord, the All-Merciful, in these days. He saith, mighty be His utterance, great His verses, and glorious His proof:

He is God, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing […]

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! We have mentioned thee before in verses from which there flowed the rivers of wisdom and utterance throughout all contingent being. Exalted is thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and remembered thee in such wise as to attract the hearts and souls. Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom names have not kept back from their Lord and Sovereign. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not your idle fancies. Follow the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, Who hath come from the horizon of power with the standards of His signs. Read, then be fair, and be not of those who behold the light yet deny it. That which was never manifest in the world hath appeared, and He hath come through Whose remembrance the Bayan was adorned, and before it the Qur'an, and before it the Torah, the Gospel and the Psalms. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath been manifested in truth. Cast away the people and what they possess, then your conjectures and imaginings. Thus doth He command you from Whose presence is a preserved Tablet. The resplendent, effulgent light be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto the call and have said: "Here am I! Here am I! O Thou Lord of the seen and unseen!"

This was revealed for Ustad Hasan of K. Upon him be the Glory of God.

In My Name, the One with Power over all names.

O Hasan! Upon thee be My Glory! The Treasure hath appeared and the mysteries have been revealed and the trees have put forth leaves, yet the people hear not. This is the Day wherein the Mount calleth out: "By God! The Lord of the Manifestation hath come, and He is my Interlocutor through Whom hands were raised toward God, the Mighty, the Loving, and through Whom the eyes of those near unto God were gladdened, and all things proclaimed: 'Glory and Dominion belong unto God, the Lord of the Promised Day!'" O concourse of kings! Turn with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein the Sovereign was established upon the throne of utterance and spoke that whereby the dwellers of the graves arose. O company of the heedless! Be fair before God - by what proof did ye believe in God's Messengers of old, and by what evidence do ye turn away from Him at Whose call all things have spoken and at Whose rising all within the kingdom of creation have arisen to serve the Cause of God, the All-Forgiving, the Most Kind? Read what ye possess and We shall read what We possess, that ye may recognize the Dawning-Place of God's Manifestation and the Dayspring of all matters. This is the Day wherein the murmuring of the Water of Life hath been raised throughout all contingent being, yet most of the people comprehend not. They have cast justice aside and taken injustice as their helper instead of God. Verily, they are accounted among the most lost in My preserved Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down unto Thy servant Thy greatest signs and manifested unto him Thy mighty evidences. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which shall cause my remembrance to endure among Thy servants, and to aid me in deeds from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure may be diffused. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Beloved.

This was revealed for Muhammad-Rida. Upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness.

He is the One Who ruleth over all names.

We have made mention of thee time and again, and have sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrances of divine Revelation throughout the world. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in its ultimate retreat. We have made mention of them that have believed when, as the Voice was raised from the mouth of God's Will, the Concourse on High cried out: "O peoples of the earth! This is your Lord, the Most Glorious, Who hath come from the heaven of bounty with power and sovereignty." This is the Day that hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen, in the Sacred Scrolls and Tablets. Say: O people of the Bayan! Die in your wrath! The Hidden Treasure hath appeared, and He Who was concealed in God's knowledge, the Lord of all men, hath been made manifest. Say: The Sun hath risen, and the Light hath shone forth, and the Fire in the Tree on Sinai doth call aloud and give glad-tidings unto the people of this Revelation which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. Can anyone stand before Him in the presence of all creation? Can any horseman gallop with Him in the arena of wisdom and utterance? Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who calleth you unto God, the Lord of all Religions. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken in the prison of Akka, as bidden by God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

And this is what was revealed for His Honour 'Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous

O Muhammad! Thou hast been blessed by My mention time and again, and by My favor repeatedly. O Tailor! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Revealer of verses. Behold, then remember what We revealed in the Tablet to His Majesty the Sultan, may the All-Merciful assist him. We said: We were sitting beneath a sword suspended by a thread, not knowing whether it would fall soon or after a while. The matter is in God's hands, the Lord of the worlds. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and say: The lamp is surrounded by winds, yet it hath taken neither guardian nor protector. To this testifieth the Mother Book which is with Him. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have turned unto My horizon, who have attained unto My mention and My traces, and who have drunk the choice wine sealed from the hand of My bounty. We testify that they are My loved ones in the Hereafter and in this world, and We beseech God to open before their faces the doors of grace, favor, and bounty. Verily, He is the Lord of existence and in His grasp is the dominion of all who are in earth and heaven.

And this is what was revealed for His Honour Haydar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny:

He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and My glorification. Hear My call at this time when sorrows have encompassed Me from those who have violated the Covenant and Testament. They have cast the ocean of utterance behind their backs, turning unto the daysprings of fancy and idle imagination. By My life! They worship idols and know not. We testify that they are among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of the Kingdom. Say: O people of the Bayan! The Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of Will and the rivers of wisdom and utterance have flowed. Fear God, O daysprings of fancy! This is the Day wherein the earth hath revealed its treasures, the heaven its mysteries, the sun its radiance, and the Tree its fruits. Cast away your vain imaginings, then hasten unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have

mentioned thee before and have sent unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrances of utterance throughout all possibility. To this testifieth the Book of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Glorify My loved ones on My behalf, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the light of My favor. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Forgiving. And We remember My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of this exalted station. Glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Knower of the unseen.

He is the Hearing, the Answering.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Sheikh Muhammad, son of him who turned to My countenance, soared in My atmosphere, migrated with Me and heard My sweetest call when it was raised between earth and heaven. We testify that he is among those near to God, the Lord of Hosts. Verily he hath a station and rank with his Lord. Blessed is he who maketh mention of him and readeth what We have revealed for him in this praiseworthy station.

O Muhammad! When thou hast been blessed to hearken unto My verses, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and revealed unto me that which the understanding of nations hath failed to grasp. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of the hearts of Thy loved ones and their submission when reading Thy verses and Thy signs, and by the hidden mysteries of Thy knowledge which were veiled from understanding and sight, to make me steadfast in Thy love such that neither the mighty tempests of injustice nor the storms of every rejected polytheist may move me. O Lord! Ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Na'im! Upon thee be My glory! Each of the mentioned loved ones hath drunk from the cup of bounty and received his portion from the effulgences of the light of the Sun of proof. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee throughout the everlasting dominion of the Kingdom, and glorification be unto Thee throughout the eternal sovereignty of the Realm of Might, for having turned toward Thy servant from the direction of Thy Prison - he whom Thou didst aid to turn toward Thee in the days of Thy Manifestation and gave to drink from the Salsabil of bounty through Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the lights of Thy countenance and by the Tree beyond which there is no passing, from which Thy call was raised, to aid Thy servants and creatures to make up for what hath escaped them in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and His signs, and turned unto Him when His call was raised, and upon every one steadfast, upright and trustworthy.

Glad tidings! Glad tidings! For the ocean of utterance hath appeared in the pole of contingent being with such waves as the eye of creation hath not seen from the beginning of the first beginning until now, nor shall it see the like thereof. In this luminous dawn, when granted audience, was heard that of which each letter was a spirit for bodies and a light for the lands. Glory be to God! The Sun of proof shineth from one direction, the Sun of utterance riseth from another direction. The tongues of the world fall short and are powerless to mention that which was observed and witnessed.

My God, my God! Withhold not Thy loved ones from drawing nigh unto Thee and turning toward the court of Thy might. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, which the sincere ones behold as the Water of Life for the renewal of contingent being, and the near ones see as the light of the All-Merciful in the lands, and the detached ones as the Most Great Mystery among the nations, and the unitarians as the healing medicine for the sick - blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and happy is he who hath drunk the water of immortality and been seized by the rapture of the Call to a station wherein he seeth naught save God, the Single One, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Make mention of each of the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Prisoner and convey greetings, and illumine them with the light of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. Verily He loveth His loved ones and remembereth them with that whereby their stations are exalted. He is the Protector of the doers of good, the Helper of the sincere ones, and the Master of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory and the remembrance and the praise and the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of Names, be upon thee and upon God's loved ones there who have cast away the world, holding fast to the Luminous Handle, by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Light! On the 23rd of the month of Sha'ban in the year 1308.

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

Praise be to God Who hath subdued the world through His Most Great Name. Verily, when He established Himself upon the dust, it became the Most Great Throne. The atoms bear witness that the All-Merciful hath appeared in truth and hath established Himself thereon through His Name, the All-Subduing over all names. He is the One Who, though He walketh in prison, walketh above the heavens. Exalted be the Lord of Names Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired, and seized those who denied His right and broke His Covenant and sent Him wrongfully to this Prison which the Supreme Pen hath mentioned in various Tablets. Exalted be the Lord of mankind and the Sovereign of the Hereafter and of the former times. I pray, offer salutations and glorification upon the Manifestations of His Cause and the Daysprings of His remembrance, who have stood with supreme steadfastness in days wherein the earth was shaken and the pillars of all lands were made to tremble. The servant beseecheth his Lord to confirm these souls in propagating His Cause and spreading His ordinances that the fragrance of His laws may be diffused among all peoples. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

Thereafter, your letter brought me glad tidings and guided me to your loving sentiments. When I read and found therein your arising to serve the Cause and your steadfastness in the love of God in this Day wherein the hearts of all beings were troubled save those who sought shelter beneath the shadow of the grace of their Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent, I turned and approached a station that cannot be mentioned by names nor described by what floweth from the creative Pen. I entered the Most Holy Court and presented that which had streamed forth from the fountain of your heart in the days of our Lord and

your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the fragrance of God to be wafted among all creation, saying, exalted be His grandeur and great be His majesty:

Through My Name, the All-Witnessing, and through My Name, the All-Seeing […]

Verily thy servant hath appeared and hath laid before the Wronged One that which hath shone forth from the treasury of Thy love and the repository of Thy devotion. We have heard and have answered thee with verses from which the sincere shall inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of the worlds. It is as though I behold thee standing before the door inquiring about thy condition and what hath befallen thee in this firm and mighty Cause. Give thanks unto God for My remembrance of thee. Verily, He remembereth him who remembereth Him and guideth whomsoever He willeth unto His straight Path. O Nabil! The All-Glorious remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and announceth unto thee His bounty which hath encompassed all that are in the heavens and on earth. Thou hast entered into a station wherefrom the learned of the earth have been debarred, save whom God hath willed, the Almighty, the Powerful. And thou hast heard that which hath been forbidden unto the mystics among the servants, save him whom the hand of thy Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, hath delivered. Thus hath the chalice of inner meanings sprinkled upon thee that which shall draw thee unto a station wherein the affairs of the earth shall not hinder thee from this manifest Cause. Remind, on My behalf, My loved ones who have turned unto My heaven, who have voiced My praise and who have arisen to aid My wondrous Cause. Say: O people of the earth! By God, that which was treasured therein hath appeared. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day whereon the lips of the world have smiled, inasmuch as the Lord of Eternity hath been established upon the Most Great Throne. Hasten ye with illumined hearts, then advance with radiant faces unto His sublime horizon, and be ye not of the losers. By God! This is the Day of profit, were ye to know it. This is the Day for which the eyes of days have wept, and wherein hath appeared that which was recorded by the Finger of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And when the Finger moved, the Supreme Pen prostrated itself - thus doth inform thee He around Whom circleth a preserved Tablet. When thou hast been blessed to hearken unto My call and hast quaffed the choice wine of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward God and say: Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world, and Thine be the bounty, O Thou Who art the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee. My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy favors, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names! How can I thank Thee when all who are in the heavens and on earth have confessed their powerlessness, and how can I praise Thee with my feeble tongue? I beseech Thee to assist me in remembering Thee and serving Thee, and to enable me to do that which beseemeth Thy mighty and exalted Revelation.

I seek and implore from God, exalted be His glory, that there might be found in the world one ear purified from doubt and misgiving, or one soul adorned with the ornament of fairness, that it might perceive the fragrances of the divine Day and comprehend the sweetness of His utterance. I swear by the Most Great Luminary that this servant regards himself with the utmost shame and embarrassment, for he has been enabled to recognize a Day that hath had and hath no peer or likeness, and moreover hath attained to a station wherein every day the equivalent of books is revealed from the heaven of His Will. Yet he witnesseth all people heedless and veiled by matters unworthy of mention. Glory be to God! The ocean is

manifest, the Sun of Truth is shining, and He Who conversed on Sinai is calling out with the most exalted call, yet all are occupied with their selfish desires. O my Beloved! By Thy life, this evanescent servant hath not considered and doth not consider himself worthy of this Day. I swear by the Euphrates of inner meanings which now floweth from the right hand of the Throne that what I express is the truth - God is sufficient as witness. God willing, may that honored one and this servant and those gentlemen who reside in that land become sanctified from all that hath not been and is not worthy of God's days, and thereafter may we cling to the hem of His generosity and beseech Him to preserve us from whatsoever hath not been and is not befitting unto Him. A hundred thousand praises that He hath not deprived these servants nor forbidden them, but rather enabled them to hear His call. Now we beseech Him to preserve us beneath the canopies of His grandeur and the tree of His loving-kindness, and to so enkindle us with His verses that we may not be troubled by the world's vexations nor held back from serving His Cause. Verily He is the One with power over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Triumphant, the Mighty.

As to what you had written about having to present the news of the friends at the Most Holy Court - God willing, may the friends in every land be assisted to perform praiseworthy deeds and to act according to what God hath revealed in the Book, so that their news may become the cause of joy and the source of gladness. They commanded: Write to Nabil - O Nabil! This is a Day wherein the earth telleth its tales and the heaven revealeth what appeareth therein. However, the tales of some lands have been and are the cause of endless sorrow. Were details to be mentioned at this point, the sweat of shame would drown most people. But since these are days when mercy hath preceded all and the heaven of generosity hath become manifest and the ocean of grace hath appeared before all faces, the All-Concealing Lord conceals. Verily He loveth those servants who have heard and responded. Yet beseech God that He may sanctify all from that which hath not been and is not worthy of His Day. Verily He heareth and knoweth and seeth, and He is the Concealer, the Wise. We send from this station Our greetings upon the faces of My loved ones who have soared in My atmosphere and drunk the choice wine of My grace and have arisen to serve My wondrous Cause. Glory be upon them and upon those women who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Nabil! Every fire thou hast seen and heard hath been extinguished, but the Fire in the Divine Lote-Tree speaketh in such wise that neither the clamor of the people, nor the hosts of the lands, nor the insinuations of the divines, nor the doubts of the jurisprudents can prevent it. It calleth out under all conditions with that which hath been commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. By My life! It hath increased through tribulations and calamities. Can anyone know from what essence it hath appeared and from what power it hath emerged? Say: Yea, by my Lord! From the power of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

Concerning what thou didst write about certain loved ones who have journeyed to various regions for certain matters - I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to gather them all together in perfect health, joy and gladness, and to engage them in His remembrance and praise. And as for the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be greeting, praise and the glory of God, the Most Glorious - according to what was written, in these days he is proceeding in that direction. Wherever he may be, may he be assisted and confirmed. Since his place of residence is unknown, this servant hath delayed in responding to him, but God willing, after being informed, the remainder of life shall be spent in recompense.

As for the mention that was made of Haji Muhammad Aqa, Haji ’Ali-’Askar, Jinab-i-Faraj Aqa and Aqa Mirza Ghulam-’Ali, upon them be the glory of God - praise be to God, mention of them was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and each was favored by the grace of God, exalted be His glory. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings to each of them. May God willing, they be assisted in that which God loveth and be confirmed in that which shall perpetuate their names. Repeatedly hath mention of them flowed from the Divine Pen. By the life of our Lord, they have attained to that for which most of mankind hath died in regret. God willing, may they recognize their stations, preserve them in the name of Truth, and be confirmed in deeds from which the fragrance of eternity may be inhaled. The world, in truth, was not and is not worthy of mention, was not and is not worthy of attention. In one of the blessed Tablets, in counseling and admonishing the servants, there is a passage which meaneth thus: He saith: How many were the houses from which at night were heard songs and melodies, yet in the morning there arose from them the wailing of grief. In such case, it behooveth every person of understanding not to let transient conditions engage him and deprive him of the eternal realm. Verily, the servant beseecheth and supplicateth, and God is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And concerning what was written about Mulla Qasim, upon him be the glory of God, and his special dedication to teaching the Cause of God - these matters were presented before the Divine Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance, His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Bestower […]

O Qasim! We made mention of thee before, that the remembrance of the All-Merciful might attract thee to a station where neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations who have broken God’s Covenant and His Pact, and who have denied the Heavenly Table sent down in truth from the Kingdom of their Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Powerful, shall frighten thee. Blessed art thou for having cast aside vain imaginings, hastening to the horizon of certitude. Behold and call to mind when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, and what the people committed in that glorious and resplendent Day. The divines first denied Him, then those who followed them without clear proof or enlightening Book. The fire of hatred was kindled in their breasts to such extent that the Faithful Spirit lamented thereof. They cast the Book of God behind their backs and took their idle fancies - verily they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Then behold when the Spirit came, they arose in opposition in such wise that the earth with all its vastness was straitened for Him. By My life! There befell Him that which causeth every fair-minded and discerning one to cry out. Say: O concourse of earth! Reflect upon that which befell the chosen ones of God in generations past, and be not of the heedless ones. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and ye shall be questioned concerning what ye have wrought with grievous wrong. Convey My greetings unto those servants who have taken the chalice of true knowledge in My Name, the All-Merciful, and have quaffed therefrom through a command from One Who is the Ancient Commander. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have laid fast hold on the Sure Handle in this blessed, holy, mighty and wondrous Day. Then hearken unto My other call from the direction of My Most Great Vision. Verily, He mentioneth thee yet again in this night, as a token of His grace, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Blessed be thy face for having turned toward God, and thy tongue for

having moved to proclaim the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Perceiving. Be thou in all circumstances observant of the wisdom We have revealed in various Tablets and in this perspicuous Tablet. Thus hath He taught thee in Whose grasp are the reins of all knowledge, and hath acquainted thee with Him in Whose right hand is the Kingdom of the heavens and of the earths. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings unto them and beseecheth God for support lest the veils of countries and the clouds of men should prevent him. The meaning of veils and clouds and pharaohs and tyrants and manifestations of oppression and every word from which the fragrance of wrath can be inhaled referreth to the divines of the earth who are seen to be deprived of God's straight path. These souls have been and are the cause and source of corruption in the world, and through their decrees there befell the Manifestations of the Cause that which caused all things to cry out in lamentation. In truth they are ignorant, yet they adorn themselves with the ornament of knowledge before men. Otherwise, the true scholar is as a crown for heads and as a heart for the body. Blessed is he who seeth him and loveth him and turneth unto him and attaineth his presence and consorteth with him, but purely for the sake of God and not for any other purpose. God willing, may the breeze of fairness waft and deliver the slumberers from heedlessness, that they may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower in these spiritual days. Alas, a hundred thousand times alas! Years have passed and months ended and hours gone by and minutes come to their end, yet still the people of earth have not arisen from the couch of heedlessness. The world is heedless and man bewildered. The matter is in God's hands, our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

They wrote that Ustad Shir Muhammad went to Qaradagh and Ustad Jabbar (upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah]) went to Miyanduab. Mention of both was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: "God willing, may Shir Muhammad be occupied with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and be assured of His grace. Today it is binding and obligatory upon all to hold fast to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Today is the day of deeds and character. Blessed is he who acteth for God's sake and walketh in His path. O Nabil, if thou seest him, convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones."

"O Nabil! We make mention of him who is named Jabbar, who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We remember My loved ones in Miyanduab who have drunk the Kawthar of utterance in the days of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of all possibilities: that there is none other God but I, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. And We remember My loved ones who were martyred in that place, as a grace from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Beloved. I bear witness that ye believed in God and in what was sent down in truth, and ye heard His sweetest call and responded on a day wherein every mighty and powerful one was shaken. Ye are they who turned toward the Supreme Horizon when the Lord of all beings appeared, and ye attained that which most of creation was deprived of. He Who possesseth knowledge of what was and what shall be beareth witness to this. Ye endured in My path that which caused the Concourse on High to weep, until ye ascended unto the Supreme Companion through that which the hands of the oppressors who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies had wrought. O company of martyrs! Upon you be the glory of God and His mercy, and the fragrances that have been

wafted from the direction of His holy and blessed garment. I testify that ye believed in God and hastened with your hearts to the Most Great Ocean, and ye attained that which ye were commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Among you is he who took a handful, and among you is he who drank cup after cup, and among you is he who hastened to the Most Great Ocean and drank therefrom in this praiseworthy station. Upon you be the light of God and His care, and the mercy of God and His grace, throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Dominion."

Those souls who attained martyrdom in that land have been repeatedly mentioned by the Supreme Pen. Convey greetings to all the remaining righteous ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding their martyrs. A special grace hath appeared from the horizon of favor for them, such that were all on earth to become aware of it, they would turn toward the Friend. Blessed is the blood that was shed in My path, and the spirit that soared in My atmosphere, and the heart that drank the wine of My love, and the soul that ascended to My horizon, and the servant who took hold of My mighty Book with My strength. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act upon it as a command from Me, and I am verily the Commander, the All-Wise.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Yusuf, upon him be the mercy of God and His forgiveness, mention was made of him before, and the grace of God, exalted be His glory, was directed toward him. We praise God, the Exalted, Who forgave him and remembered him as a grace from His presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor the late exalted Mirza 'Ab, upon him be 66-9 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors, some time ago a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace and was sent. God willing, may he be illumined by the light of faith and rest with utmost steadfastness beneath the shade of the mercy of the All-Merciful. The illustrious Nabil, his honor Nabil of Qa'in, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, sent a letter some time ago wherein he made mention of one of the relatives of his honor the exalted one. If that beloved one deems it advisable, he may on behalf of this ephemeral one convey greetings to his honor the son, upon him be 66-9 [Baha'u'llah]. Perchance the fragrant breezes of the father may be inhaled from the son, and he may turn toward the right hand and receive his portion from the Book of the righteous. Blessed is his father! Verily he attained the mention of God before his ascension and after his ascension with a mention that nothing in creation can equal. To this our Lord beareth witness, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

Convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to his honor Mirza-yi Bahar, may God the Exalted assist him. God willing, we hope they may rend asunder the veils and pierce through the clouds of glory, and be confirmed in that which is befitting this Day. In the nights and days this servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to turn toward that which is adorned with the ornament of eternity.

Regarding the mention you made of the names of the friends and their gathering in your residence, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and specifically for each one of those names a most mighty and most exalted Tablet was revealed, and likewise specifically for the names of the friends which his honor Makhdumi 'Ab, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise specifically for the friends of

Maraghih which his honor Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the glory of God, had sent - all attained the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord and were adorned with the lights of the Kingdom. Should one reflect even slightly upon the boundless grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, such wonderment would seize him that he would become oblivious of himself and all else. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give thanks unto Himself on behalf of His servants and to praise His Essence through His chosen ones and His friends, for it is most evident that the thanksgiving of any other than Him was not and is not worthy of Him. However, since He hath commanded His servants to offer thanks and praise, out of pure grace He hath accepted and doth accept it.

Regarding what you mentioned about his honor the exalted Sadr, may God have mercy upon him - at first he was heedless and opposed, but in the days of his turning toward the direction of Zawra, there appeared from him, according to his capacity, that which indicated acceptance and love. Then time and again he would ascend and descend until there came to pass that which was decreed by God. At that time he was greatly troubled and fearful. Then God's grace encompassed him. Verily He is the One Who chooseth whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. In any case, toward the end the True One, exalted be His glory, showed favor toward him. They stated that toward the end no act appeared from him that would cause grief to the Ancient Beauty. Moreover, in view of the favor that was and is extended to some of his relatives who are adorned with the ornament of the love of God, they commanded that none should speak aught concerning him save good words. Verily He is powerful over all things and knoweth all things.

Concerning what you wrote about the passage dealing with His Holiness the exalted Sheikh - upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God and all His most exalted exaltation - they are being sent according to the command of His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps). The purpose of this question to that sinful one was that he might become aware of his own ignorance and perhaps inquire about its meaning and turn toward the highest horizon. That unfortunate one was not successful, and the purpose of mentioning it was not that the Ancient Beauty would use those passages as proof for this Most Holy, Most Exalted Manifestation. He says: "Verily proof is ashamed to be mentioned to establish His Cause, and consciences are embarrassed to turn to Him, and evidence stands at His door, and argument circles round His mighty throne." Countless similar utterances were heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names, and every fair-minded and perceptive person testifies that He cannot be mentioned except through Him and cannot be known except through Him. Some servants, both within and without, who walk in the desert of conjecture and the lands of fancy, have imagined that the Truth (glorified be His majesty) has claimed successorship and the like. Their tongues are silenced and their eyes are blinded. He is sanctified above all that they possess and exalted above their allusions and what their understanding comprehends […]

I extend greetings, glorification and sincere regards to the gentlemen of that land, namely those souls who, detached from the world, abide beneath the standard of the grace of the Lord of Eternity. God willing, may they be illumined by the light of unity and manifest perfect harmony. Today the fragrance of unity is most beloved - if it is diffused, it is the helper and the assistant and the hosts of the Truth (glorified be His majesty). In most Tablets these exalted words have flowed from the Supreme Pen. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "All must assist God through goodly deeds and spiritual characteristics."

And He says: “No host has been or is more powerful and exalted than praiseworthy deeds and character.” End quote. It is hoped that all may attain to this exalted rank and most high station. O friends! All bear witness to God’s grace and kindness. Among His countless favors is the mention that flows from the Supreme Pen concerning all, by night and day. Blessed is he who attains to the mention of our Lord and your Lord, and woe to the heedless. Strive that you may be crowned with acceptance and be mentioned in the Crimson Book as “you belong to God.” This is a mention from whose fragrance lovers have found no rest, and the possessors of insight have laid down their lives in its path. Strive, strive, O gentlemen! Time is like the red elixir - it rarely comes to hand. In any case, I beseech the Truth (glorified be His majesty) to grant success to all, and I request that they too pray for confirmation for this evanescent one. We are weak ones at the door of His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Ancient.

And concerning what you mentioned about the wild rose, since its mention was adorned with the mention of Mashhadi ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, it became a cause of joy and gladness. Praise be to God that a plant attained mention of one of the friends of God and thus achieved the highest nobility of being heard in the most exalted summit and ultimate goal. From this matter the stations of the steadfast and firm friends become known and are made evident to all the world. Soon shall be revealed the station of one whom the Supreme Pen hath mentioned. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of the First and the Last. Special verses were revealed for him before and after, and in this instance wondrous and exalted verses have been sent down from the heaven of merciful grace. God willing, may they become perfumed by its fragrances and illumined by its lights. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to them and beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, that they may ever be assisted in that which causes the exaltation of the Cause and be confirmed in preserving their station before God, the Lord of the mighty throne. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have believed in God, the Powerful, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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

All praise that is sanctified beyond expression of proof befitteth the Lord of Mercy, through Whose light the world of creation is illumined, and by Whom the branches and leaves of the divine Lote-Trees are moved to song and melody. He is that Sun by Whom the hearts and minds are enlightened, through Whom truth was made manifest, through Whom He did try His servants, and through Whom He adorned the realm of doubt and perturbation with the ornament of certitude and assurance. Notwithstanding all this praise and glorification, were men possessed of true vision, the Manifestation of Truth from the horizon of the heaven of the Divine Will would itself suffice. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He Who hath revealed Him and made Him a proof and criterion unto all that dwell in the heavens and on earth. All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds, and glory and radiance rest upon those whom neither the tempests of the learned nor the hurricanes of the mystics could move, who arose amidst mankind and spoke forth with that wisdom which descended from the Lord of eternity. These are servants through whom the countenance of inner meanings smiled and the nightingale sang upon the branches. The

Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all religions. These are servants unto whose station the Books of God have testified aforetime, and whose rank and merit His servants have acknowledged - honored servants who speak not till He hath spoken, and who do as bidden.

O beloved of My heart and he who is mentioned in My soul! The melody of thy words of praise hath transported Me - thou who art Our purpose and thine own purpose. When I perceived therein that ardor which is born of naught save the love of God and His Cause, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and appeared before the Divine Lote-Tree and presented that which was contained therein. Thereupon the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth in the Kingdom of Utterance, saying, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Great

O Husayn! God willing, mayest thou be blessed through divine grace and act in accordance with that which befitteth the Days of God. Convey My greetings to those friends who have truly inhaled the fragrance of My robe and are illumined by the lights of the sun of steadfastness, and say: No day hath been or is greater than this Day - a truth that hath shone forth like unto the sun from the horizons of all divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures. For the True One, exalted be His glory, hath attributed this Day unto Himself, and though all things are attributed unto Him, He hath specially designated this Day and named it after His own Name, as it is known in the Books as the Day of God. Were steadfast and upright souls to ponder this matter, by My life, they would find themselves cleansed of the dust of the world with all its sorrows and afflictions. Where is the detached heart that may taste the sweetness of divine utterance? And where are the pure ears that may truly hearken unto His Word? Though most souls are adorned with outer life, they are seen to lie in the graves of their own temples. They have taken discomfort for comfort, called conjecture knowledge, and taken every foolish one as their lord and master, occupied and rejoicing therein. Woe unto them and destruction be upon them! The decayed bones were quickened by the divine fragrances, yet the leaders of the earth, who count themselves guides, teachers and mentors, remain cast aside in perishing graves, deprived. Beseech thou God that He may grant people a portion from the ocean of awareness, that they may gather with utmost joy and delight beneath the divine Lote-Tree and utter "Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence, in both the seen and unseen realms."

In addition to these utterances which have descended from the heaven of loving-kindness as verses specifically revealed for your honor, a Most Holy Tablet was also revealed and sent so that the ear might attain true blessing through hearing it and the eye might be illumined by beholding the lights of His countenance. Likewise, a Most Holy Tablet was specifically revealed for his honor Akhtar, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, they will attain unto it and perceive the fragrance of the divine garment from the Divine Tablet - a perception that the limitations of the world and its conditions cannot prevent, and which forgetfulness has no power to affect. Although the reply to that spiritual friend was delayed, your honor is aware of the details of matters and cognizant of the binding and essential occupations of this evanescent servant. Were I to seek forgiveness from your honor with a hundred thousand tongues, I would still consider it insufficient. However, the Beloved of the worlds bears witness that in these days this evanescent one finds no opportunity even to speak, let alone reply to the letters of the friends. The purpose in mentioning these matters is that if there be delay in this evanescent one's reply, it is not due to negligence or, God forbid, lack of sincerity. Rather, the realm of this evanescent one's occupations has

been struck by such a famine that truly not a grain of leisure can be found therein, save through divine confirmations. On one hand, he is occupied in the presence with the writing of revealed verses, and likewise with making copies thereof a second time, for the original revelation is such that most souls are unable to read it, hence copies are made. And likewise there are replies to letters from friends and believers which arrive from all directions like torrential rain. In any case, I beseech and hope that all the friends will pray to God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation for this evanescent one, that perchance he may be assisted in this most great and mighty cause. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning what you wrote about the envelope sent from the direction of K, it arrived and its details were submitted to the Most Holy Court, and an answer was revealed and sent to K. God willing, upon its arrival, a new and wondrous life will be attained by all. Today is a day when the breezes of life are wafting and passing from all directions. Blessed is he who has found, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers.

And concerning what was mentioned that the friends of God, exalted be His glory, in the land of [Sh] are blessed with the bounties and favors of recognition and certitude, this matter was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the All-Bestowing, spoke in reply, exalted be His glory […]

O Husayn! That land is blessed and is as the sight unto the body of the earth. Soon will its station be made manifest and evident unto all the worlds. Blessed is it and blessed is he who recognizeth its station and glory. We have adorned steadfast souls with such an ornament that the mention thereof and its station shall never be erased from the book of the world. Their names and that which hath been ordained for them have been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Were this station to be revealed, even to the extent of a needle's eye, thou wouldst behold the earth transformed into another earth. By the life of God! This matter is concealed, and it behooveth not to reveal more than what is prescribed and determined. Blessed are they who dwell in that land and who are adorned with divine love. God willing, may they all drink of the Most Glorious Wine from the white hand and arise to serve the Cause with perfect wisdom. In all matters, observe wisdom and hold fast unto it. This firm command hath been revealed and established in most Tablets, lest that should appear which would disturb the hearts of My loved ones and chosen ones. God willing, mayest thou at all times drink from the cup of glorification of the Lord of Destiny. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have acknowledged that which My swift-moving and active Pen hath spoken.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Siyyid A. and Aqa Ghulam H. and M.N., upon them be the Glory of God, being present and requesting mention from the Most Holy Court - this matter was presented before the Throne. Unique and sublime verses were revealed for each one. At the end, the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke these exalted words: "O servant in attendance! If those souls who have today turned to the horizon of revelation and have attained unto divine mention were to become aware and conscious of this most mighty, most noble, most exalted station, they would assuredly soar on the wings of attraction and yearning in the atmosphere of the love of the Day-Star of the horizons, to such extent that they would behold all else in the lowliest station. O servant in attendance! Write: Blessed is

the soul whose name hath been mentioned before God, the Lord of Names, and blessed is the servant for whose mention the tongue of the All-Merciful hath moved in the Kingdom of utterance." The Bab - may my soul be sacrificed for all else but Him - hath said that all exist that they might be mentioned once in His presence. The world's lack of capacity hath veiled this greatest station from eyes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon the people of Baha from God, the Creator of heaven."

Furthermore, the acceptance, sincerity, mention, praise and glorification from this evanescent one for their service depends upon the grace of that Beloved.

Regarding thy question about the passage in the Most Holy Tablet which states "Christ in Ray," the intention was His Holiness Haji Mirza Masih-i-Nuri, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. Many times have I heard mention of him from the Ancient Tongue. During the journey when the Desired One of all worlds proceeded toward Khurasan, he was in attendance. He bore hardships in the path of God, and during the nights and days he would drink from the waters of reunion and was engaged in service. Later he ascended, and he is buried between the shrine of 'Abdu'l-'Azim and Shahzadih Hamzih. Once these words were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur: "'Azim and Hamzih, upon them be My glory, have attained the presence of the one who attained My presence."

As to what was asked concerning the blessed passage which flowed and was revealed from the Pen of the Beloved of all possibility - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - wherein He says "Verily paradise is true" up to His exalted words, just as what has outwardly appeared in the paradise of the shrine of the Eighth Imam is naught but what the Messenger of God spoke concerning him being the tenth successor. O my beloved! The Kingdom of utterance is seen to have neither beginning nor end. That first station is where the Tongue of Eternity spoke saying "I am the Beloved of the worlds." That Most Great, Most Exalted station possesses ranks and stations that none except the Self of Truth - glorious is His majesty and universal His bounty - has known or will know, has enumerated or will enumerate. In one station they have taken the Primal Will itself, which is the Manifestation and Source of God's Command, glorious is His majesty, as the first, and the blessed Fatima - God's blessings be upon her - as the third; by this reckoning the Eighth Imam becomes the tenth. He has spoken the truth, to this testifies my Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all in the heavens and earths. And in another station, the Essential Being of Eternity, which is the station of "there is no God but Him," is mentioned as first and the Point of the Furqan as second; by this reckoning the Eighth Imam becomes the eleventh. And in yet another station, they have mentioned the Prince of Believers - God's blessings be upon him - as the first of the successors; thus he becomes the eighth Imam. And in one station he is the eighth, in another the tenth, and in another the eleventh. And all these three stations are adorned with the ornament of true authenticity. Likewise, that Holy Being - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - is Himself the Primal Will in the Dispensation of the Furqan and possesses two stations and two ranks, meaning He holds both Prophethood and absolute Successorship. In this case, He Himself is the first of the successors - He is the first successor and Imam Rida is the tenth successor. This is the intent of the statement of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for Him. All these statements that have been mentioned are each correct in their own station and will remain so. Now if it is said that the eighth is the eighth, or the eighth is the tenth, or the eighth is the eleventh - all are correct and there is no doubt in it. However, today is sanctified above these mentions, and in the Most Holy

Court there is not and has never been any mention of successorship or the like thereof or above it or above above it. The Exalted One, in consideration of the weakness of the servants at the beginning of His Manifestation, showed forbearance in His utterances and spoke with wisdom. Thus in one place He says that if anyone attributes to this servant prophethood or successorship or anything above that or similar to it, he is of the calumniators and I am innocent of him. Many similar contents are found in His utterances. He even says in one place that if anyone attributes to me specific designated Babhood, he has calumniated. Then He mentioned all these stations in their proper place, such as when He says this is the same Point of the Furqan who has appeared in this Dispensation as the Point of the Bayan. This is the station of Prophethood, and in the station of Successorship He says "Verily I am the True Qa'im whose appearance you have been promised." And in one station He has denied all these ranks […]

In the station of Guardianship They say: "Verily I am He Who standeth for Truth, Whose appearance was promised unto you." Yet in another station They have denied all these stations and have spoken of other stations, as is clear and evident to those possessed of true vision. And in one station They say that were it not for the weakness of the people, no mention would have been made of Will. Were this evanescent servant to attempt to describe these stations in detail, time and opportunity would not suffice. There is no doubt that these utterances were made with wisdom, for had They spoken a different word at the beginning of the Revelation - that is, had They declared at first what They later proclaimed - the fire of rejection and denial would have brought about at the beginning what it later accomplished. Reflect upon the oppression of the oppressors, the rejection of the rejectors, and the denial of the deniers. To such an extent did the rejectors and deniers, who were the divines of the age, rise in opposition that that Essence of Being referred to Himself as "the servant of the Remnant of God", yet even with this these base people were not satisfied and perpetrated that which pen, tongue, page and ink are powerless to describe. In any case, since mention was made of successorship, this servant desired to mention some of the fruits of this tree, that the friends of God might become aware and bear witness to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. From this word "successorship" strange matters appeared in the realm of earth and heaven, and until now no one hath fathomed its reality or comprehended its fruits and effects. This is the word that laid Islam to waste, this is the word that suspended the Primal Point in the air. Once this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names - exalted be His glory - He said: "By it was the back of Islam broken, its throne overturned, its banners reversed, and its unity scattered." Consider the sect that clung to this word and was known as the Imamis. They took that Pure Being, by Whose word the successors and guardians were created, and suspended Him and martyred Him with the bullets of hatred and rancor. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Those souls who considered themselves the best of all sects ultimately proved to be the basest of all the world's peoples. All of that sect arose to shed His most pure blood. All the divines and leaders issued the verdict and the rest carried it out, except for a few who were not well-known and held no leadership positions. And even of those few, after accepting and acknowledging, they turned away completely from the word of His Qa'imiyyat (Station of the Promised One) and strove mightily to cut down the Blessed Tree. Strange it is that despite all these events which all have seen with their own eyes and heard with their own ears, now again a group of earth-worms have clung to former vain imaginings and have barred and continue to bar people from God's straight path. Reflect upon the Four Gates, what they said and what they did. They cut down the very Tree with the sword of ignorance and falsehood, yet these people lacking insight still consider

them leaders. Ponder well: Where is that which they spoke of and informed the people about His station? Where is the rememberer and where is the remembered? Where are the cities and where are the dwellings? Where is the father and where are the sons?

In the Name of the One True God

Some time ago this Most Holy Tablet was sent down from the heaven of divine will. This servant makes mention of it so that certain matters may become clear and evident to the friends of God, and all may become somewhat informed about that which has become a veil for people and deprived them of the living waters. His word, exalted be His glory:

Say: O friends! The falsehood of the past hanged the Beloved of the future and martyred Him with the bullets of tyranny. Reflect upon those lying, treacherous souls who appeared among the people in the name of truthfulness, trustworthiness, asceticism and piety, that ye may be preserved from the terror of this Most Great Day. One made mention of Jabulqa, another referred to Jabulsa. Another lying one arranged an imaginary form and established for it a seat upon the throne of vain imaginings. One unjust one made mention of the Sacred Region, and another unjust one attributed words to Him. These reprehensible, false matters became the cause and reason for the sovereign of the city of oneness to be martyred with complete tyranny. Should the hand of divine power rend asunder all veils, ye would observe new matters and hear novel words. Now He utters one word that perchance it may become a barrier between truth and falsehood, and that word is this: Purify your ears from that which is spoken by those who attribute themselves to the Bayan yet deny its Revealer, its Sovereign and its Sender. For these veiled souls walk exactly in the footsteps of those souls. Blessed is the eye that seeth and perceiveth - such a one is accounted before God as the mightiest and most powerful among men. Hearken unto that which My Herald spoke before. He said, and His word is the truth: “A year-old seed on the day of His manifestation is mightier than the entirety of the Bayan.” Out of pure kindness and mercy have these mentions flowed from the Pen of the All-Choosing One. Preserve them and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

The fire of falsehood of those rejected souls consumed the world, and differences in religion became the cause of the weakening of the religion of God and His Cause. In that false region which they called sacred, no Qa’im entered or left, yet a hundred thousand intrigues, corruptions and different imaginary forms emerged from it. The fruit of that region and other vain imaginings was that which was mentioned and which ye have seen and heard. Say: O people of the Bayan! Have mercy upon the servants. The fire of the past is not yet extinguished; ye kindle another fire. Fear God, O people, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. Follow Him Who guideth you to His straight path and directeth you to the horizon of certitude. This blessed word was revealed from the tongue of the Ancient of Days, His word, exalted be His glory: Blessed are those souls who have sanctified and purified their hearts from the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the past and adorned them with the seal “The Kingdom is God’s this day.”

Once this word was heard from the tongue of the Ancient of Days: The Bab - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - expressed agreement with the people of the Furqan (Muslims) in most matters, that He might attract those heedless souls to the direction of awareness. And this agreement was manifested to such an extent that in some instances mention of the four well-known gates flowed from that blessed

Pen. However, this Most Great Revelation rent asunder the veils with the finger of power, despite those who denied God and His sovereignty and turned away from the Day which was illumined by the lights of His countenance.

O spiritual friend! Beseech God to sanctify the people of Baha from these sacred mentions. Say: Today is God's Day, wherein none is mentioned but Him. Leave these names and foundations and mentions to those who are veiled and heedless. Today, turn ye unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. The friends of God must exert their utmost effort in safeguarding the Cause, lest such vain imaginings emerge and become the cause of conflict, contention, discord, revolution and differences in the world. Say: O people of Baha! Reflect upon that which hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the fabrications of mendacious souls may not debar you from the Lord of Oneness and deprive you of the living waters that stream from the right hand of the throne of the All-Merciful. In former Books He saith: "The Lord alone shall be exalted in that Day." This is the Day of which the Qur'an hath given tidings and which it hath announced in these blessed words: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Since the verses of former Books and the Qur'an have repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, this servant hath been content with brevity. The opposers among the people of the Bayan still know not what hath come to pass. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! They have not attained unto a drop from the ocean of utterance nor become aware of a single word from the Mother Book. They speak according to their own desires and say that which the ancients never said. It is not known what they have understood from the Great Announcement, nor how they have interpreted "the heaven will bring forth evident smoke." They have perished who followed them without clear proof or an illuminating Book. Recently they have gathered to cling to that which the rebellious and transgressing party had clung. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to purify the world of remembrance from their mentions and to sanctify the world of existence from their presence. Were this evanescent servant to relate what he heard from the tongue of the Ancient Beauty and witnessed with his own eyes, that which is now concealed would become manifest. However, the matter is in His hands, and I may not utter a word except by His leave. What hath been presented regarding these matters is intended that perchance some of the people of the earth might become aware of that of which they are now heedless and unaware. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to confirm all in that which is the cause and source of humility, submissiveness, resignation and contentment. The Word of Truth was cast upon all who are on earth from God, but pride, heedlessness and vainglory deprived the people. Reflect upon that which hath been mentioned. For instance, successorship is considered one of the highest stations, yet the rebellious and transgressing party, claiming to understand this station, count themselves, in their fancy, as the most exalted among the parties of the world. And this pride and transgression caused them to martyr that Holy Being through Whose word hundreds of thousands of successors have been and continue to be created. In brief, the excellence of this word hath been concealed due to the deeds of that oppressive party, while its evil consequences are beyond count and reckoning, as some have been mentioned.

And further, if it be in accordance with wisdom, convey to the friends and loved ones and honored ones and chosen ones of God who are present in that land mention of the evanescence and nothingness and sincerity of this evanescent one. At this moment, this blessed word was heard from the rustling of the

Divine Lote Tree: “It hath been sent down aforetime that God is with those who are patient.” I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the rulers of the earth from the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Justice, and to adorn the temples of all with the ornament of equity and fairness, and not to withhold from those on earth the outpourings of the True Bestower. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon you and upon those who have followed His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The beloved of my heart and His Holiness the Son of Ismu’llah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, may take note:

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

Praise befitteth and is worthy of the Everlasting Speaker Who, at a time when the fire of hatred was ablaze in all regions and directions, made mention of His loved ones through the Kawthar of utterance and the Salsabil of exposition, and gave them glad tidings. The instruments of abasement and the devices of tyranny and heedlessness did not prevent the Sun of Justice from shining forth - exalted be His station, glorified be His utterance, and there is no God but Him. Blessed is this day and most great is this Cause, for the Great Announcement is established upon the throne of manifestation. I beseech and implore God, glorified be His Majesty, that He protect and preserve His servants from being tainted with falsehood and calumny like the Shi’ih sect. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

O beloved of my heart! Thy noble letter arrived like a spiritual messenger and illumined the realm of existence with the light of joy, for from each of its words wafted the fragrance of humility, submissiveness, and complete turning toward God. In truth, the mention of the Beloved has been and ever will be the cause of love and unity among hearts. We hope that this supreme grace will remain sanctified and holy, and not be veiled by the dust of the vain imaginings of the former people. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. After experiencing this joy and delight, and reading and learning of its contents, We turned toward the Kingdom of Utterance and presented it before the countenance of the Lord of Religions, and it attained the honor of His attention. His utterance, mighty be His words and glorious His proof:

In My Name, the One Who standeth before all faces […]

O Son of My Name! Upon thee rest My glory and loving-kindness. Thou must, in all conditions, gaze upon and hold fast to this blessed verse revealed in the Qur’an: “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.” In truth, this blessed verse hath been and continues to be the hosts of divine protection. Train the loved ones through this exalted word and preserve them from vain imaginings that neither nourish nor enrich. The word “He doeth what He willeth” is a mighty sign and an adorned and knowing

teacher. Blessed is the soul that truly cleaveth thereunto; such a one is, in all conditions, protected and preserved.

O Son of A?daq the Most Holy! Thou must be occupied with service to the Cause in the nights and days, and be confident in the grace of the Truth. He is thy Helper, thy Sustainer, and thy Protector. Know thou with clear certainty that every word that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge is established and verified in the heavenly scrolls and the crimson tablet, of which the Mother Book is but a part. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants to achieve such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by vain imaginings and doubts, nor by the suspicions of those who have denied God, the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian.

The manifest oppression that hath befallen in the land of Ya hath grieved this Wronged One to such a degree that He findeth Himself powerless to make mention and utterance in that realm. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Most Great Calamity hath come to pass and the Supreme Affliction is witnessed. Assuredly, the greatest portion of this sorrow hath reached that honored one. Although through the cries and lamentations of all things, domination and conquest were transformed into triumph and victory, and through that which came to pass, the Cause of God was exalted–exalted be His power, His sovereignty, His Cause, and His dominion–yet man remaineth bewildered by those souls who count the supreme loss as the greatest gain and are unaware. What heedlessness hath encompassed them and what deed hath become a barrier!

O thou who art mentioned at the Throne! Concerning the martyrs, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Luminous, the Most Glorious, that which shall endure throughout the perpetuity of God's kingdom and dominion hath been revealed. Happy are they and joy be unto them. We have bidden Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, to send unto thee some of that which hath been revealed. We beseech God to assist him in that which He hath commanded. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

For some time the Seat of the Throne was in the land of ?ayfa, and in most times the voice of nature was raised. We said: What aileth thee, O Nature, that We hear thy cries in the nights, thy lamentations in the days, and thy moaning at dawn? Thereupon she raised her voice, crying out and saying: O Sovereign of existence! The idolaters have sunk Thy crimson ark and have hamstrung Thy white She-camel, and they desire to extinguish Thy light. Therefore have my cries and the cries of all things been raised, and my lamentations and the lamentations of those in earth and heaven. O Supreme Being! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen to protect Thyself from the cannons of the enemies and the swords of the wicked ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last. Repeatedly was this cry heard when We were engaged in revealing a new tablet, and mention of it hath been recorded in that blessed tablet. To this testifieth this Book that moveth and speaketh: There is no God but Me, the Single, the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Wise.

My God, my God! Thou seest me circling around Thy will and gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty. In truth, this utterance and this will are the greatest of deeds and words in the sight of God. We beseech

God, blessed and exalted be He, to give thee to drink at every moment from the cup of this most exalted station and this highest rank. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the throne and the earth.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of meeting before the face of the Lord of Names! Convey to all the loved ones of that land greetings from the Wronged One. Say: Today is the day of service and triumph, and no triumph is greater than the guidance of humanity, nor shall there ever be. All must hold fast unto this and guide others to the straight path. Say: Beware lest anything prevent you or any matter keep you from turning to the station wherefrom the call is raised at all times.

O son of A?daq the sanctified! Counsel everyone to justice, fairness, steadfastness, and harmony. They must shun any matter from which they detect even an atom's weight of corruption. This is the divine counsel that hath been revealed and sent down from the Pen of Command in scriptures and tablets. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that understand.

It is hoped that the loved ones will at all times drink from the cup of the greatest steadfastness, for if they attain unto this, the breezes of idle fancies and vain imaginings will not keep them from the straight path, and each one will manifest such power as to see the world as but a shadow. In these days it hath been repeatedly stated that this is the day of triumph and victory. Praise be to God, the hand of bounty hath been so manifestly extended as to encompass the world. At all times the chalice of utterance is present. Blessed are they that ask and they that drink. Whosoever turns, attaineth forthwith, without delay or hindrance.

As to what thou didst write regarding the journey of the beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and the beloved of hearts Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - the truth of the matter is this: From Khi?ra, the spiritual friend Haji Muhammad Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote that these two holy and well-pleasing souls, upon them be the Glory of God, had arrived in that land and the governor sought to meet them. However, as it was not expedient in wisdom, they passed through without meeting. After this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court, it was commanded that that honored one, together with the aforementioned person, should proceed to that land and, if possible, meet him, so that through this meeting it might become known and evident that the non-meeting of those two souls was due to the requirements of wisdom, not cowardice and fear. As for my beloved Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, he went solely to see his brothers, and two years ago the spiritual friend Mulla 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, specifically requested his presence, but permission was not granted from the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, until this year when they specifically sought permission to go see their brothers - nothing beyond this matter was ordained.

As regards the Huquq, it was never mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. That beloved of the heart is well aware that some years ago the King of Martyrs, may our souls be sacrificed for him, supposed that in the Land of Purpose the means of livelihood were straitened. For this reason he instructed the revered beloved, His Holiness the Name of God, Jamal, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, to proceed specifically to the Land of Kha to collect Huquq. When this news reached the Most Holy Presence, He immediately summoned this servant and revealed a wondrous and most mighty Tablet forbidding that matter. Indeed, the most severe prohibition was manifested therein, and at the time of its revelation the

verses were so overwhelming that none save the Revealer Himself was aware of their import. Subsequently, His Holiness the Name of God, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, sent a petition to the Most Holy Presence expressing dismay that this servant's services were never accepted. Some of the friends, including the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon them be the Glory of God, had out of love, sincerity, eagerness and longing given a sum, which if rejected would cause disappointment to all. They had restricted the sum a thousandfold, and this servant submitted in the Most Holy Presence that if it were accepted it would bring joy, happiness and hope to all hearts. Thereafter the command was issued to distribute that sum, and specifically fifty tumans were designated for each of the friends. It was distributed in its entirety, and the souls in those lands bear witness to what was issued from the Source of Commands. Likewise when the friends of Faran, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful, intended to make pilgrimage and pay Huquq, after their arrival their contributions were accepted and returned to them. The honored lady Darvish-Khuda, upon her be the Glory of God, appealed in the Most Holy Presence requesting that the funds be accepted as they had long since been set aside from their own property. Nevertheless, with boundless kindness and favor, He again accepted and returned them, and not a dinar was taken except from His Honor the Siyyid, upon him be the Glory of God, who was with them - thirty-five tumans were accepted and distributed. Ten tumans of this were bestowed upon Mishkin-Qalam, upon him be the Glory of God, and the remainder was given to the friends of the Land of Kha. Surely that beloved one is aware of this, and moreover knows how many souls are gathered in the prison. There have always been debts and still are, especially in these days when a sum was requested by command from a designated source and went to pay debts. And if at times a small amount was recorded as being available, it was given to the friends of that land. Someone also gave a sum to His Honor Afnan and His Honor Amin to deliver, which until now has not been accepted but was not rejected, as modesty and embarrassment prevented it. It remains available but has not been used. That beloved one and others are aware of all that has been mentioned. Yes, some years ago complaints from certain ones reached the Most Holy Presence but were completely ignored and no reply was sent. O beloved of my heart, reflect on the bounties of God. The glances of His favor have ever been and still are directed toward us.

Concerning His Holiness Ismu'llah Al-Asdaq, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, that which was revealed, every letter thereof was indicative of loving-kindness, bounty and mercy. Repeatedly, when the deceased and elevated leaf, the wife of the departed and exalted Haji Mirza Hassan, upon them both be the Glory of God and His mercy, was present, the Tongue of Grandeur would make mention of that beloved one and of His Holiness Ismu'llah - a mention which, were it to be cast upon the mountains, thou wouldst see them stirred by the utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Together with the blessed word "He doeth as He willeth," outward considerations were not lost sight of, in the hope that they would become aware of that which hath been made manifest and convey unto the servants of God that which would cause the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of souls. And if at times there be delay in sending replies to the letters of that beloved of the heart, it hath been due to confidence and lack of opportunity, as communications arrive continuously from every direction. In truth, time hath become as rare as the philosopher's stone. In these days certain news hath arrived from the land of Ta that hath caused astonishment. Among these is the report that Siyyid Jamalu'd-Din Afghani hath drawn the prominent figures of Iran unto himself with the chains of fancy and vain imaginings, to such extent that

they have become partners with him in corruption. That person, while in Egypt, manifested the utmost enmity towards this community without any cause, and wrote that which befitted himself alone. Likewise in Beirut he wrote a letter and gave it to Butrus who was engaged in publishing the encyclopedia, and that ignorant one, unaware, printed it in his book and distributed it. Later he went to Paris and in that city published a newspaper which he named 'Urvatu'l-Vuthqa. Every week he would send it to His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of His most pure footsteps - and expressed friendship, requesting that whatever He wished would be sent for publication. However this request was not accepted. Afterwards he set out for Iran, and they have surely heard the details of what followed. In any case, it is strange that such a person should confirm noble souls in spreading his corruption. Glory be to God! What happened to steadfastness? Where did wisdom and knowledge go? However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may assist him to return.

O my God, my God! Aid the heedless to return unto Thee and to repent before the gate of Thy forgiveness. Then make known unto them that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! Change their corruption into reformation, their hatred into love, and their calumnies into truth. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As regards what you wrote concerning the wicked ones, the corrupt ones, and the clamor of the agitators and deniers, it is clear and evident. For they consider this community orphaned, with no father to protect them and no mother to lament their afflictions. Certainly a community without helper becomes the target of the arrows of the ignorant and the swords of the opposers. In a land where justice is absent and equity is severed, such a realm becomes an arena for the manifestations of rancor and hatred. They do what they please and say what they desire. This oppressed community has associated and continues to associate with perfect love and firm kindness, and has never intended aught but good for any soul. Nevertheless, what they have done during the nights and days, and what they have wrought! In any case, after these matters were presented before the Throne of Justice, these manifest and decisive words shone forth from the Dayspring of Will - exalted be His utterance and how glorious His might and mention: "O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Reflect upon the heedlessness of that party. They regard the greatest loss as profit and count the most grievous tyranny as justice. By the life of God! Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds, and punishment shall seize them from every direction. They shall seek victory but shall not be victorious, they shall cry for help but none shall help them." However, whatsoever tyranny hath been inflicted in this Cause by the oppressors and the transgressions of the opposers have caused the exaltation of the Word of God. In the land of Ya, the enemies, according to their own belief, have aided the resplendent Law. How evil is that which they have imagined and how vain is that which they have done and continue to do! Know thou with clear certainty that whatever may occur shall cause the raising of the banner of victory and triumph. Who is able to change that which God hath ordained through His power and sovereignty? All are powerless before the manifestations of His might and weak before the dawning of the lights of His power. We beseech God to make known to them that from which they are veiled in His days and that which they have visited upon His chosen ones and loved ones. He is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Wise.

We counsel the loved ones to such deeds and actions as will cause the attention of people and result in the turning of souls. Had they acted from the beginning until now according to what was revealed, they

would now witness the rulers and divines of that land circling round. But that which was decreed hath been decreed, as a command from God, the Ancient Ruler.

Mention was made of the just ruler and the learned divine - may God, the Blessed, the Most High, assist them both. Assuredly their reward shall appear from God. Not a single atom's weight of deeds shall be left unrecompensed or erased. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And after presentation in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, this supreme blessed word was revealed from the Source of Utterance, the Lord of all beings - glorified be His majesty: "O servant in attendance! The Son of My Name who hath arisen to serve My Cause hath beseeched for that learned one that which shall cause the perpetuation of his name and mention. This supplication is adorned with the glory of His good-pleasure and illumined with the light of His acceptance. A special Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet shall be revealed from the heaven of favor and sent to him. Should the fragrance of acceptance be inhaled, let him convey it, that perchance he may attain unto eternal life through the divine utterances that lie hidden and concealed within the words, and his mention may be recorded by the Pen of the All-Bountiful in the Book. Beseech thou God that He may, in a single hour, enable the divines of that land to hearken unto the revealed verses. Assuredly they would become detached from all that they possess and turn unto that which is with God, and would arise to educate and guide the servants." Say: […]

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy luminous verses, whereby the realities of all things have been attracted, to assist Thy servants in that which befitteth Thy days. Then kindle their hearts with the fire of the Tree of Thy Manifestation, that it may set ablaze the world and its peoples. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful, the All-Praised.

It is hoped that the light of the Cause may illumine all hearts and souls, and guide all to the horizon of manifestation. If His Excellency, may God, blessed and exalted be He, assist him, would reflect even briefly upon what they possess concerning the conditions of previous manifestations, they would surely transcend what the people possess and seek from the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, that which is without likeness or peer. Concerning what was previously written in the green missive about Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi having shown him the utmost affection and having written to him that no news had been received from you until now - what is mentioned in this regard is correct and there is no doubt in it. Some of the revealed verses should be sent to him that he may find for himself a path to the Beloved. The One God is witness that there hath been and is no purpose save the teaching of the servants and their guidance. Every fair-minded soul hath testified and doth testify to this.

As for what was written concerning attention to different directions, this matter is necessary, for heedlessness has been and continues to be present in man. Your attention to various directions will surely cause awareness, steadfastness and firmness. After this matter was presented before the Divine Throne, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this exalted word - His blessed and exalted Word: "O son of My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! The very act of moving for the sake of God has been and continues to be influential in the world. In previous Books, the station of the sincere ones turning to different regions for the guidance of the servants has been recorded and inscribed. Attention to the land of Ta is necessary, for the relatives associated with you have rights and must attain their due. This Wronged One has ever beseeched from God, exalted be His glory, that which causes detachment from all else. How wonderful is

this exalted station! The teachers must be taught such utterances as will cause the nearness, attraction and enkindlement of souls. In the revealed Tablets, whatever they desire has been sent down. Regarding detachment, mighty verses have been revealed, and likewise concerning God-consciousness, attention and migration. Concerning each virtue and attribute, that which has been revealed would, if imparted, attract beings to the highest summit and ultimate goal. You should strive to gather these so all may attain that which causes the elevation of being and the exaltation of souls. We beseech God, blessed and exalted is He, to assist you in all conditions to attract hearts. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer." Time and again was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur mention of your attention to the land of Ta. What you wrote about this matter is indeed correct and complete, and the Truth Himself, exalted be His glory, has confirmed their rights. Therefore your attention is necessary - both meeting with relatives and association with the friends and the reformation of souls. In these days news from the land of Ta has repeatedly arrived, and the prisoners remain in their original state. However, it was understood from some petitions and correspondences that His Majesty the Sultan, may God assist him, and the esteemed Viceroy have testified to this community's lack of corruption and have outwardly shown love and consideration. The reason for the delay in their freedom and release from prison is not known. Praise be to God that those two steadfast, firm and upright souls are content and grateful in all conditions. We beseech God to manifest in His days that which befits His Manifestation, His grandeur, His generosity and His sovereignty. Verily He is the Answerer of those who ask. Mention was made of the spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Habibullah, upon him be the Glory of God. After presentation before the Seat of the Lord, these clear verses were revealed from the heaven of grace - His blessed and exalted Word: In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise […]

O beloved! Thou hast attained unto the presence, drunk from the cup of immortality, beheld the supreme horizon, and hearkened unto the call of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a servant of His Cause, firm in His love, and steadfast in this Cause whereby every heedless one hath lamented, every denier hath cried out, every distant transgressor hath moaned, every seeker hath found peace, every hearer hath achieved victory, and every turning one hath been drawn nigh. Thus did the Pen speak when the Wronged One was walking in this exalted and glorious spot. All they that are related to My Most Holy Name have been and are mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for them from the heaven of grace and bounty that which no earthly thing can equal. The Lord of Names beareth witness to this, verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey My greetings from the Wronged One unto them and give them glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for them at this time.

This servant also conveyeth greetings and salutations unto them and their kin, and likewise unto the loved ones of that land, and I seek that which preserveth name and mention. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the Succourer.

Furthermore, convey on behalf of this servant greetings and salutations unto the spiritual friend, His Holiness Mulla 'Ali, upon him be the glory of God. His previous letters and his latest letter sent from 'Ishqabad through the spiritual friend Haji Muhammad Kazim, upon him be the glory of God, were received. Any delay in reply is due to the press of work. I beseech God to assist this servant in carrying out the service with which he hath been charged. It is hoped that replies to his letters will be sent later. Glory,

remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those with you, and upon the loved ones of God who have fulfilled His covenant and His testament, and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He Who gazeth upon the Most Great Scene mentioned by the tongue of God, the Lord of Destiny - his honor 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - should observe with radiant gaze:

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

Waves of praise and glory befit and beseem the Beloved One Who, through His wondrous favor, abolished the law of the sword and raised in its stead the standard of utterance. He summoned all on earth to the most exalted horizon and commanded the triumph of His Cause, limiting victory to utterance alone, that the sincere ones, the near ones, the assured ones, and the wise ones might, through the wisdom revealed and the utterances of the Lord of Oneness, awaken the heedless people and draw them to the pavilion of divine majesty. Blessed are they who have found the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and acted according to His good-pleasure. My spirit and the spirit of all in the world be a sacrifice for His tenderness! He hath abolished the law of the sword and forbidden all that causeth grief, let alone anything beyond that. Exalted, exalted be His bounty and exalted be His mercy! I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to fulfill what He hath commanded them in His Book and to make known to them the stations of goodly character and pure, sincere deeds.

Should all on earth discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, they would assuredly turn to naught else and would forever circle round His will. I implore God, exalted be His glory, that through His loved ones they may comprehend the purpose of victory as set forth in the Book of God, that all may discover the fragrance of deeds performed for God's sake and arise to do that which is beloved this day.

O my God and God of all things, my Beloved and the Beloved of all in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee to shower from the clouds of Thy bounty the rain of knowledge and understanding upon the good soil of assured souls, that all may testify with absolute certainty to Thy power and refer the requital of the transgressors and oppressors unto Thee, while they themselves consort with all the peoples of the world with the utmost kindness and mercy. Verily, He is the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Forceful, the Mighty, the All-Powerful.

O beloved of my heart! Your letter which dawned from the horizon of love and affection on the first of Safar taught melody to the bird of the heart and guided the nightingale of the soul to the rose garden of divine knowledge. May you ever be confirmed and assisted in this righteous deed. After becoming aware, that which neither nourishes nor satisfies turned towards the Mother Book, and the ephemeral drop turned towards the eternal ocean. After attaining presence in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

Court, your supplication was presented to its conclusion. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted be His glory: “O Ali! We have heard that wherewith thou hast praised God. It behooveth thee to hear at this time that which appeareth from the Kingdom of praise. We have found in thy words the fragrance of humility, submissiveness and steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, and We desired to attract thee in such wise that thou wouldst find the fragrance of might, power and grandeur. O Ali! Mine ear hath heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God at a time when My tongue was speaking, saying that the remembrance, utterance and praise which appeared from the mines of God’s knowledge, the dawning-places of His revelation and the treasuries of His mercy were for My Self, and I am the Hearer, the Beholder, the Answerer, the Mighty, the Wise. The servant presented thy letter and read what was therein before the Wronged One, Who hath confined His affairs to the mention of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My bounty, My mercy, My favors and My gifts. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous.” Give thou the glad-tidings of God’s grace to all and make them joyous through His bounty. Say: Let all fix their gaze upon this blessed word which hath appeared from the horizon of the preserved tablet: “Verily the victory of My Cause is through My Self and is within the grasp of My power and the right hand of My might. Blessed is the soul that findeth the fragrance of what We have mentioned in this exalted station. We requite with justice and judge with truth, and I am the Powerful, the Mighty.” All must place their trust in God and fix their gaze upon His will. For every matter a time hath been set in God’s Book. When it cometh to pass that which He hath willed shall be made manifest. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Wise. In this Most Great Revelation, victory hath been and shall be through the Word of Truth. Ponder the Surih of Ra’is and the like thereof that ye may become aware of the power of the divine Word. Whatsoever events of the time that flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful aforetime were with utmost clarity. None had any way to escape or delay. Today all the friends must manifest complete unity and harmony, and likewise through goodly deeds and virtuous character. These matters in this Revelation are the hosts of victory and are reckoned before the Throne as helpers of the Cause. Had the friends from the beginning of days heeded with ears of submission and contentment the counsels of the Beloved of all possibility, now would the divine Word be seen manifest and evident in the world. Conflict and contention and deeds and actions that were not pleasing caused delay and were the cause of postponement. My Perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. O Ali! Make all aware of the divine will, that all may discover the meaning of victory and attain unto God’s will. In some tablets wherein mention hath been made of arising, calling and proclamation, what is intended is arising to teach God’s Cause.

And by “cry” is meant the arising to teach God’s Cause, and this with perfect wisdom. Today wisdom takes precedence over most deeds. In one place this blessed verse was revealed: “This is the Day of awakening, yet ye are sleeping.” And likewise in another place: “This is the Day of the Call, yet ye are silent,” and so forth. And likewise similar to that blessed word which thou thyself hast mentioned is Our utterance aforetime: “The necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy.” And I swear by My Self, the Truth - what was meant was not material swords and instruments of war, nor is it now. The Truth is true - whatsoever is revealed from the Supreme Pen is itself the cause and means of the world’s peace and tranquility. Say: None may interpret My words according to his desires or explain them as he pleases. Man’s station is too exalted to turn to these unworthy, forbidden things. Today love is beloved and

kindness is desired, and unity and concord are themselves the cause and means for the manifestation of God's grace and blessing, from the presence of God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Inform all, that they may free themselves from their vain imaginings and hold fast to that which God hath willed. Blessed are they that act. The people of Sad who have drunk of the choice wine and become wanderers in God's path have been and are in Our sight. By God's life! They are beneath the glance of His favor. Say: Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. God hath made it a treasure for you. He, verily, is the Trusted, the Faithful One. Your tribulations and afflictions are as treasures and are preserved in the divine repositories of God's trust. With utmost joy and gladness, speak in praise of the Revealer of verses, and at all times drink of the choice sealed wine from His blessed chalice. You drink, and He saith "May it be pleasant"; you partake, and He uttereth "May it be wholesome." Every deed in this world hath produced and will produce an effect. Be assured of God's grace and mercy, and take what ye are bidden with joy and radiance. He, verily, is the Witness, the Observer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning Muhammad-Qabli-Javad and his wife, this is what God, the Lord of creation, hath revealed:

In My Name, the All-Knowing

Knowledge crieth out saying: "O concourse of divines! God hath manifested me that I might guide you to the Path and draw you nigh unto the Kingdom of understanding, yet ye have clung to me and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, and through me ye have waxed proud before Him Who created you, and were of the wrongdoers." By God, the Truth! I am innocent of you, and to this He Who hath come with a mighty Cause doth testify. The atoms themselves have borne witness to your ignorance and your turning away and your opposition to the All-Informed One. O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Give thanks unto God for having preserved thee from these people and caused thee to recognize Him Who is adorned with His own remembrance. God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath written. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and My handmaidens and upon My servants who have cast the world behind their backs and acted according to what they were bidden in a gracious Tablet.

He is the One Who ruleth over all names.

O thou who art named after My Name! Hearken unto My call, then act in a manner befitting this Name at Whose appearance the pillars of idolatry were shaken and every firm and mighty foundation was made to tremble. Hold fast unto the cord of truthfulness and trustworthiness, and cleave unto that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is thy father who took the cup of reunion from the hand of My loving-kindness and drank in My presence in My gracious Name. Shouldst thou hear My call, it would attract thee to a station wherein thou wouldst behold naught in creation save the manifestations of My loving-kindness and the evidences of My power, and wouldst find naught but the fragrances of My luminous garment. We counsel thee and thy mother with that which beseemeth these days. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. From this station We send Our greetings to thy brother, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Merciful.

Concerning what thou didst write about a letter received from the people of N and J expressing distress about the incident in the Land of Sad, this was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most

Glorious Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply, exalted be His majesty: "O Ali, O thou who gazest toward My horizon, O thou who art mentioned in My presence! By My life, were they to look with Mine eye they would be thankful, but today they do not understand." Observe how the Hand of Power hath manifested such bounty regarding the two brilliant Lights. He hath assigned them a station in the highest paradise while their enemies are in the lowest depths. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath raised them up and revealed their station which was concealed from the eyes of men. By God's life, all the divine messengers yearn and hope for their station. Were the veil to be lifted, all on earth would exclaim at the greatness of that mighty and sublime station. Those two oppressors are not and never were worthy of mention. Say: Leave them to themselves. Sufficient unto them is what they have wrought in the days of God, the King, the Almighty, the Powerful. God willing, they should engage in teaching the Cause of God with the utmost joy and fragrance. God will soon reveal what He willeth. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Beware lest ye commit what ye have been forbidden in the Book of God, or perpetrate that which would cause corruption in the land. Fear ye God, O My loved ones, and be possessed of gracious patience. The existence or non-existence of the people of tyranny, lewdness, oppression and transgression hath brought no benefit to the people of truth and the two Lights mentioned. Rather, should a contrary matter appear, its flames would bring great harm to the Cause of God.

This word hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance in the name of the Beauty, upon Him be the Glory of God. This Most Great Revelation is the revelation of universal mercy. By the Truth itself, were all outward power - which in reality hath never had, nor hath, any station before God - to be made manifest, and were a swordsman to stand before Us with evil intent, We would most certainly not oppose him but would leave him to himself.

O My loved ones! Rejoice ye in My remembrance. We make mention of you from this station with a remembrance that shall never fade, and We greet you with such a greeting that, when it appeareth from the Dayspring of utterance, all things possible cry out in praise, and all things proclaim: "All praise be to God, the Lord of this manifest Cause!" By the life of God! All that ye behold today cannot compare with this remembrance. He Who hath subdued the world through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous, beareth witness to this.

This is the divine assistance that hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Supreme Pen. He, verily, is the Helper, the Almighty. Every word that proceedeth from the tongue of grandeur hath influence upon the world, and its effects must needs become manifest in the realm of creation. This is a day wherein all the friends of God must fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon. The Glory be upon you, O My loved ones in that realm, and the praise be upon you from One mighty and powerful.

O 'Ali-Akbar! In these days, whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will hath concerned the meaning of assistance, lest any ignorant one should commit that which might prevent the flow of God's hidden bounties. Inform the friends of all that hath proceeded from the Pen of the Most Merciful, that perchance they may lift their gaze from the dust and, sanctified from deeds that neither nourish nor profit, may turn their faces to the Kingdom of God's Will. Verily, He speaketh the truth, and He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Wise.

Now for nigh upon twenty days, of all that hath appeared from the Supreme Pen, one portion thereof hath concerned the word “assistance,” that perchance the servants may become aware and act in accordance with what God hath willed. Although in these days the blessed constitution is somewhat indisposed in its outward form, yet neither by night nor by day hath there been any pause in the manifestation of grace, the exaltation of the Word, and the diffusion of verses and signs. Were it possible, this servant would kiss the feet of each one of the friends and entreat them not to commit that which causeth grief to the Ancient Beauty. What hath occurred sufficeth. By the Truth itself, such deeds are a barrier that preventeth the flow of hidden bounties. Were they aware of this, they would lament. Heedlessness hath overtaken the dwellers of earth, save those whom God hath willed.

In regard to your mention of visiting the Most Great Martyr, God’s Name Ha, upon Him be all His most glorious Glory, it was submitted before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He, exalted be His grandeur, said: “We have permitted him to visit those whom the Concourse on High visited and for whom the Sadratu’l-Muntaha lamented. He verily enableth whomsoever seeketh his Lord and casteth behind him all else.” This evanescent servant begs that you make the pilgrimage once on my behalf. Verily, He does not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good.

And regarding what you wrote about your intention after the pilgrimage to visit the friends of God in those regions and console and comfort them, these matters were submitted before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. Then my ears heard what my Lord uttered: “O servant in attendance! Write to ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be My Glory, to proceed with wisdom and utterance to the lands he desires. By the life of God, this is a blessed deed! Today, souls at rest must proceed with the Book of God to cities and villages that perchance a soul might guide a lost soul and make it aware of the dawning of the Sun of Truth. If proper attention is paid, surely results will follow. Set ablaze the contingent world with the fire of utterance and cause it to flame, and acquaint all with what God intended by the meaning of assistance, that all may arise to that which is worthy and befitting of the Divine Day. Blessed is the soul that is slain but slayeth not, that is sacrificed but sacrificeth not, that is struck but striketh not. These souls are recorded and inscribed among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. O ’Ali! When thou passest through My lands and enterest My countries, glorify My loved ones and acquaint them with the ocean of My loving-kindness, the sun of My grace, and the heaven of My bounty. Remind them of that which gladdeneth their hearts and give them the glad tidings that I have mentioned their names by the Pen of My Will in My Preserved Tablet.”

And regarding what you wrote that at the time of writing, Aqa ’Abdu’l-Karim from S and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Ibrahim from K, upon them be the Glory of God, arrived and requested that mention be made of them in the Most Holy Presence - excellent is what they desired and excellent is what they intended, for this station is very great. Although now, due to the all-encompassing mercy and grace, its value is veiled, surely the veil will one day be lifted and what is hidden will be revealed. The Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, says that all exist so that they might be mentioned once in His presence. Mention of both was submitted in the Most Holy Presence as requested. This is what appeared from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful’s utterance. His word, exalted be His grandeur: “O Karim! We have heard thy call and what thou didst desire was witnessed in the Most Holy Presence. Ask God to enable thee to perform that which is pleasing unto Him. If thou attainest to this station, that is, if thou

holdest fast to the laws of the Book in the path of God, detached from all else, surely thou shalt be honored and successful in what thou hast desired. Be thankful that the Wronged One hath mentioned thee and revealed for thee that from which every fair-minded one who hath recognized his Lord's Manifestation, the Forgiving, the Generous, doth inhale the fragrance."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim! The servant present before Us hath made mention of thee, and We too make mention of thee. Be thou aware of this and be of the thankful ones. He loveth him who hath loved Him, remembereth him who hath remembered Him, and turneth unto him who hath turned unto Him - a favor from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. When thou attainest unto My verses and art seized by the rapture of My utterance, thou shalt find thyself in supreme joy. He shall exalt thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold the world and its conditions, its treasures, its traces and its princes as a shadow that moveth at every instant. Everything among all things, every branch among the branches, and every leaf among the leaves shall remind thee of Him. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee from this glorious station. Associate with all people and ponder upon what thou seest, that thou mayest witness in all things the wisdom of thy Lord, the Commander, the All-Wise. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Abu'l-Hasan, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. He showed favor unto them and said: Blessed be they and their father who attained unto the recognition of God when every learned one denied Him and every mystic turned away from Him, save those whom God wished, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention in this station of him who is named Ahmad, that he may arise to serve the Cause and give thanks unto his Lord, the Almighty. We have heard thy call and make mention of thee through this utterance whereby every great matter hath been established. The servant present hath read thy letter which thou didst send to Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali, and We answer thee with that which My Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to write, from the presence of One All-Wise. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of grace and say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who accepted the harm of the world for the exaltation of Thy Most Exalted Word and the elevation of Thy Cause between earth and heaven, to ordain for me through Thy grace that which Thou hast ordained for Thy assured servants who have taken the choice wine in Thy Name and have drunk thereof through Thy wise remembrance. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee, and Thou witnesseth what hath befallen me in Thy path. I beseech Thee to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee and speaking in Thy praise and glorification. Ordain for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Praise be to God that the aforementioned names have been adorned with the ornament of the recognition of the One Lord, and the effulgences of the Sun of Verses have encompassed them all. Unto Him be praise and glory, and may the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His bounty. You had made mention of one of the steadfast believing women, upon her be the Glory of God and whatsoever hath been ordained for her by divine decree, and likewise mention of the noble sister of His Holiness Ismu'llah Ha, and mention of the Leaf, daughter of Ismu'llah Asdaq, and mention of the loved ones of that land, upon them be the Glory of God, whose names were inscribed in that beloved one's letter - all were presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned upon

them all, but in view of that same word which was mentioned, some indisposition appeared in the blessed temperament, and the appearance of verses and the waves of the ocean of utterance were suspended in the heaven of God's will. God willing, it is hoped that henceforth all shall become the recipients of special favors. Let them not be saddened by the delay, for assuredly in this delay there have been and will be additional bounties. Your honor should give glad-tidings to all. Praise be to God that the names of the sanctified souls and their condition of love for God and His Cause, their turning to Him and their humility before Him, were presented at the Divine Throne, and all attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. Blessed are they and upon them be glory. Give glad-tidings to that assured leaf that divine favors and the Word of God, which is in truth an enduring effect, shall surely encompass her. Let her not grieve over what hath come to pass, for greater than this hath befallen the True One Himself and His chosen ones. The expressions of lowliness, evanescence and nothingness of this servant to the gentlemen and divine friends who are present in that land are contingent upon that Beloved One's favor. God willing, you will convey them in a befitting and worthy manner. I present my greetings and salutations to the honored master and revered lord, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu-Talib and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon them both be the Glory of God, and I give them the glad-tidings that their letters which they had written to this servant, as well as their petition, were presented before the Presence. Perfect loving-kindness hath shone forth from the Dayspring of grace, and especially regarding the names that were in the letter of Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, exalted and inaccessible Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of God's will. God willing, they shall be sent hereafter, and this servant too, according to his poverty and lowliness, hath submitted his petition to them and to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib. I beseech God that, God willing, I may be enabled to send them afterwards.

Another submission is that two packets have been sent from the sacred household - one for the honored Thamarih Varaqatu'l-Hamra, upon her be all His most glorious splendor, and another packet addressed to the wife of Ha before Sin, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah] from the people of Ta and Fa. Your honor should deliver them. It was intended that these two packets be given to Muhammad before 'Ali, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah] from the people of Dahaj, at the time of his departure, but it was delayed for a reason. Another submission: they instructed this servant to convey to that beloved one that sometimes when your honor shows kindness to this servant, that is, sends notes, specifically inquire about and write regarding the conditions of the honored Thamarih, upon her be the glory of God. And concerning what was written about how the carpet should be sent, Karbila'i Ahmad himself has written the details about that. And coincidentally, some time ago two carpets were requested from the honored Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, as carpets were much needed. This carpet too should be sent according to their wisdom, in whatever way those two are being sent, whether from those directions or another direction. Final submission: all the circumambulators of the Prison Land, which has been called the Holy Land and Most Beautiful Names, whether those dwelling there or emigrants or visitors, remember that beloved one with most wondrous mentions and express their sincerity. Beyond this, this pen and this tongue and expression are not capable or worthy to mention and convey the glorification and manifestations of the favors and kindnesses of the Branches of the Divine Blessed Tree - may all existence be sacrificed for them. The blessed handwriting of His Holiness the Branch of God addressed to Aqa Mirza Hasan has been written; your honor should deliver it. Another submission is that eighteen tumans have been transferred for the honored Samandar, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah], to deliver to your honor to give to Ha before

Sin from the people of Ta and Fa. The details are that the honored ’Azim, upon him be 669 [Baha’u’llah] and His favors, has ascended, and this amount remained from his estate. Although he himself had willed and left it here, the command was issued that it must reach his heirs, therefore you must give it to Aqa Mirza Husayn so that he may deliver it to the heirs of the elevated one.

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

O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my soul! Long has my heedlessness, intoxication and slumber persisted. In all conditions I acknowledge and confess my inadequacy and negligence, and this confession in itself is worthy of the descent of forgiveness and grace. At all times this evanescent servant has been and remains wanting, yet his acknowledgment and confession elevates him to the exalted station of pardon. For ages and centuries, this servant has been deprived of mentioning that which he has desired. The Beloved is aware of how many communications arrive from all directions, all of which must be answered, and likewise during the days and nights he must be occupied before the throne in recording that which descendeth from the heaven of revelation. This is why it was previously submitted that opportunity is as rare as the phoenix, yet this servant has wished and wishes to find some means of attachment and to importune that Beloved One.

The noble letter which was a true messenger brought spiritual tidings. Praise be to God, it opened the gate of joy and adorned the heart with the lights of gladness. A hundred thousand thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that He granted knowledge of your excellent health and well-being. May this bounty, God willing, know no end and may this grace have no termination. After perusal and reading, proceeding to the Most Glorious Station and the Supreme Horizon, all of it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing […]

O thou who art mentioned before the Divine Throne! We have heard thy call, and Our servant present hath made mention of that which beareth witness to thy devotion, acceptance, steadfastness, firmness and love. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which will cause the exaltation and promotion of the Cause of God. One word may cause hearts to freeze, while another may set them ablaze. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that were but a single line of the Hidden Book to be made manifest in truth, all would forsake the world and turn unto the Most Great Ocean. The face of the world is now turned toward irreligiousness, the details of which were previously revealed in a Tablet from the heaven of God’s Will. Blessed are they that attain! In these days when the leader of vain imaginings hath appeared with utmost might and the hosts of idle fancies have encompassed all directions, and weakness and lassitude have permeated the pillars of being, thou must set the world ablaze through the power of the Most Great Name. Despite all that hath been mentioned, change and transformation, giving and withholding, have ever been within the grasp of God’s power. Blessed is the soul that ariseth today with wisdom and guideth the world through the fire of the Divine Word. Every word that is uttered for God’s

sake is like unto a tree - its leaves and fruits will assuredly appear in the world. This is the truth in which there is no doubt.

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Were the veiled souls of the world to adorn themselves with the robe of fairness and ponder upon that which hath been manifested in this Most Great Revelation, all would attain unto that from which they are now deprived. Heedlessness hath encompassed the world. Consider the great metropolis and what hath befallen it, yet they remain unaware. They have strayed from the Truth, wherefore God caused their hearts to stray and sent down upon them a thunderbolt from heaven, yet they understand not. All regions are in turmoil and upheaval. That which skilled builders could not construct in successive years hath been destroyed in a single hour. For years the fire of sedition hath been ablaze while the light of rest and tranquility remaineth veiled and concealed, yet its cause remaineth hidden from sight.

Beseech ye God that He may assist those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of divine love to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy conduct. These deeds and conduct are as hosts for the triumph of His Cause. Blessed is he who understandeth and acteth accordingly. O thou who hast attained My presence and standeth before the gate of My grandeur! Were the friends of God to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in this Revelation, the Cause of God would be witnessed in the utmost exaltation. In certain cities and villages there are some who are attributed to God and have attained His love, yet they neglect that which they are bidden to observe and act upon that which hath been forbidden. Verily, He heareth and seeth and concealeth, and He is the Concealer, the Compassionate, the Generous. Every deed hath its effect and every word its fruit. God willing, may His friends who are steadfast in His Cause and are mentioned as among His chosen ones exert their utmost endeavor that perchance the temples of those who have turned toward Him may be adorned with the new and blessed garments of piety. Say: By God's life! The earth proclaimeth its tidings. Blessed are they who understand. Should thou at times journey to certain lands in service to the Cause […]

Let those who are remembered in the presence of God exert their utmost effort that perchance the temples of those who have turned towards Him may be adorned with the new and blessed garments of piety. Say: By the life of God, verily the earth recounteth her tidings. Blessed are they who understand. Should that honored one at times proceed to various lands for the sake of serving the Cause and remind the people of that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, it would be well-pleasing. This is the day of deeds and service. This Wronged One hath not withheld the Pen from movement in all conditions, whether in joy or sorrow, ease or hardship, and hath caused to flow from it, like unto the waters of paradise, that which is the cause of exaltation, elevation and salvation of the peoples of the world. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path and remembereth whom He pleaseth with that whose fragrance shall never be cut off throughout the eternity of names. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

The Most Great Glad-Tidings are that after the presentation of that beloved one's petitions before His presence, the door of bounty was opened to such a degree and the tongue of loving-kindness spoke in such wise that this servant is truly incapable and powerless to express it, and words are utterly inadequate to bear the weight of these sublime and exalted divine meanings. Praise be to the Desired

One of the worlds that His glance of favor hath ever been directed toward that beloved one. God willing, may they ever speak that which is conducive to unity and concord. In these days mention of that honored one hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were briefly revealed and sent in that beloved one's name, and in this detailed letter, mention of that beloved one hath repeatedly descended from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace. God willing, may that beloved one's appetite be complete, that they may drink successively and partake continuously of the grace of inner meanings, the repast of utterance, the choice wine of bounty, and the Kawthar of exposition in the name of the Peerless Friend, while this servant repeatedly and continuously uttereth "May it be wholesome and pleasant." Concerning what was written about sustenance, in truth for that beloved one it is the verses that have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Your honor hath indeed spoken the pure truth. Yea, by God, this is the true sustenance, the spiritual repast, and the essence of the supreme remedy for the nations. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, He smiled and said: "God willing, it shall not cease and shall descend like the spring rains. Verily, We have sent down for him that which shall testify for him among the world before all peoples."

Regarding what you wrote about movement and the remaining matters - upon her be the Glory of God - those souls who are among the loved ones of God must be vigilant and carry out whatever lies within their power. Beyond this, God, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever shall be the Guardian, Helper and Protector.

And concerning what you had written about the honored beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, who has truly been and continues to be unique in charitable works and services to the Cause, and likewise his family members who have undertaken to care for the affairs of the maidservants - all these details were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, His word, exalted be His glory:

"Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, has from the beginning of the Cause until now stood firm in service to the Cause, and is adorned with the most glorious and most gracious ornament of steadfastness, such that outward tribulations could not prevent him from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, nor could earthly relations hold him back from the true, pure, firm and spiritual relationship. He clung to the relationship with God, detached from all else. This station is most great, and its reward is likewise most great. God willing, may he ever be illumined with the light of the Most Great Steadfastness and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause. His reward is with God, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

"Likewise his family members, who have ever been mentioned in the Most Holy Presence and honored with the ornament of favor - may they, God willing, at all times be focused on that which God loves, as they have been, and cling to the hem of His grace in such wise that the entire world would be powerless to separate them. This is a lofty station, the most exalted, the mighty, the impregnable. Assuredly, whatever proceeds from them in the path of Truth, glorified be His majesty, they have not and will not neglect. God speaks the truth and He is the Guide to the straight path." End quote.

One Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed for them from the heaven of will, and likewise another Tablet was sent some time ago. God willing, may they attain to both. The request is that you

convey greetings from this evanescent servant to them and those with them. It is hoped that God, glorified be His majesty, will one day grant the meeting - a sweetness with which neither this world nor the next can compare is when true friends dwell and rest beneath the Lote Tree and are engaged in remembrance and utterance of the Peerless Beloved. May Jinab-i-Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, attain the good of this world and the next and be honored with the ornament of favor.

Let another submission be that the servants who were mentioned in your letter were all presented before Him Who converseth upon the Mount, and each attained to that which the earthly realm cannot compare with. After showing kindness, favor, compassion and mercy, He said: "God willing, may they not be deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower in this divine Day, and may the love of worldly things not prevent them from attaining unto the Lord of Names. This is the Day which all those near unto God have yearned and hoped to attain. The divine Books bear witness to this most perfect and complete bounty, and have given tidings thereof in most eloquent terms. Say: O friends! Strive to attain eternal stations. The lamp of being is surrounded by diverse winds, and the divine sustenance, which is as oil, if cut off, will instantly be extinguished. We beseech God that earthly conditions not deprive them of everlasting favors. All people, learned and ignorant, have awaited this Day, yet when the dawn of the divine Day broke, all were found veiled save a few letters of the Face of God, the Self-Subsisting. All veils and preventive coverings have been the divines of the age. Reflect upon what they did in former centuries and what they brought about. Blessed is he who cast them behind his back, turning unto the Supreme Horizon. Although these souls are known for their learning, they have been and are the most ignorant among the earth's inhabitants. The true scholar is as the eye to the body of the world. Today the fragrances of the garment are diffused, He Who converseth upon the Mount speaketh from the most exalted station, the Sea of Life is surging, and the breezes of grace are passing. Blessed is the soul that hath become aware and attained unto the Purpose. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Mention what We have imparted unto thee for My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all existence. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen."

A glorious Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for the honored lady upon her be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], wherein mention was made of the late Karbila'i Ahmad, upon him be God's mercy and favor. God willing, may they be blessed by divine favor in all worlds.

Regarding what was mentioned about Sul?an-Abad and turning toward that land, it is most beloved. In those regions such attention is necessary. Movement and stillness that appear for the sake of God are sources of divine traces. Every word spoken for God's sake is like a tree whose fruits are countless. The Command is in God's hand, the Lord of all beings. Kerman and its surroundings which were mentioned are also beloved. God willing, may they enlighten the heedless people with perfect wisdom and flowing, pleasing, and graceful utterances so all may attain to what is intended. The land of Y and Sh is as that beloved one wrote - turning thereto is not advisable given what was mentioned.

Regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, son of him who ascended unto God - some time ago a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him containing exalted mention of the departed J.B., upon him be the glory and mercy of God, and was sent. However, Mirza Bahar was not mentioned in the Most Holy Court and nothing was expressed about him,

otherwise that beloved one knows that the requirements of grace have never been neglected and the rays of the Sun of Bounty have ever been manifest and evident. If favor is shown before expression, it may cause some misunderstandings. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant him success and aid. Verily, He hath power over all things.

In the Name of Him Who is the Speaker between earth and heaven!

As to what you wrote concerning Sheikh Muhammad, upon him be 66 [Baha'u'llah], mention of him has reached from the land of H and M and above it, and the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, has been with him. In response to petitions from H and M, mention of him has flowed from the Supreme Pen. God willing, may he be blessed by divine grace and confirmed in what is befitting.

Mention was made of Aqa Khadidad and Aqa Shahvirdi and other chosen ones and friends of God, upon them be the glory of God. This was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance in reply, His Word, exalted be His glory and mighty His power:

In My Name, through which the Tree called out among the worlds!

O Khadidad! We have mentioned thee before, and before before, and We mention thee at this time from this Most Exalted Station which God has made the point of circumambulation of Paradise and the dawning-places of the Names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Generous. We have sent down upon the world that which has moved every motionless thing and has caused every bone to quiver. But those who have taken the reins of the people are in schism and hypocrisy and in evident doubt. The valleys have flowed and hearts have melted, yet the people are in mighty delusion. The rock has cried out and all things have been attracted, yet the divines are in strange sleep. By the life of God! They are the ignorant ones. Through them the Concourse on High laments, and the Dawning-Places of Revelation in the ancient centuries. Lo! They are among the wrongdoers. Therefore, rejoice in My mention and My mercy and My grace, and be of those who are steadfast.

In My Name, the Speaker between earth and heaven!

O Shahvirdi! The Wronged One of the world has turned toward thee from the direction of the Most Great Prison and makes mention of thee. Consider this station a precious gift and guard it as thy life. Praise be to God, thou hast been mentioned by the Supreme Pen among the sons of the Friend [Abraham] and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God [Moses]. That which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an speaks in His exalted Word: "And We desired to show favor unto those who were oppressed in the earth, and to make them leaders and to make them inheritors."

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

In My Name, through which the ocean of divine knowledge has surged!

O Ali! Praise be to God that thou wast awakened by the breezes of dawn that wafted in the beginning of the Revelation and didst attain unto the Purpose. How many propped-up pieces of wood there were who, in their own estimation, were awaiting the divine days, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth and the One manifest as the Sinai appeared, it was seen that they were and are fit only for the fire. Therefore

they were consumed and perished in the fire of their desires. Hence He says that the dried tree is fit for fire. O Ali! God willing, thou shalt attain to such a station that the conditions and affairs of the world shall not prevent thee from helping the Cause. Be thou one who remembers My Name, who holds fast to My cord, and who stands firm in service to My mighty Cause. In these days mighty and wondrous Tablets have been revealed specifically for him who bears the name of God the Most Truthful, upon him be all My most glorious glory, in reply to his petitions. However, in view of wisdom, their dispatch has been delayed and, as commanded, this servant present has written and sent a brief note. God willing, may he act as befits. Blessed is he and blessed is his father, to whom the Supreme Pen has testified as all atoms testify. Glory be upon thee and upon every insightful believer.

That which was revealed for Mirza Husayn, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! […]

Verily the Wronged One wishes to make mention of him whose name hath been honoured by the presence of the Most Sublime Vision - the station wherein all things proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This is a mention which, were it to be cast upon the dust, would cause to arise therefrom the dawning-places of attraction and rapture, and the manifestations of knowledge, through the eternal duration of the names of God, the Lord of the final end.

O Husayn! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Thy letter was received before and after, and was read by the servant who was present, and We have answered thee through the grace of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thou wert mentioned before the Face and stood at the door. We, from this station, send Our greetings unto thee and unto those who have cast behind them all who are on earth, turning with spirit and fragrance to the Most Exalted Horizon.

That which was revealed for his honor Siyyid Qabla-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the One Dawning from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom:

O Siyyid Qabla-'Ali! We have witnessed thy turning and thy devotion. We have turned unto thee and made mention of thee with that which causeth the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned thee before and at this time as a token of grace from God, the Lord of existence. When the Sun of inner meanings dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's will, words were struck unconscious, and when they recovered they said: "We turn repentant unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom!" Take hold of God's Tablet with strength from Him and be steadfast in the service of His Cause. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee from His praiseworthy station.

That which was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing:

The Face hath turned unto thee time and again, and We have mentioned thee once briefly and another time in a clear tablet. Thou hast attained unto the Goal when every remote scholar turned away from Him. Thou didst discover the fragrance of the garment in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. To this

beareth witness He Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed. Thou hast recognized that which the peoples have been veiled from, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of My favor which hath preceded all things. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Wise. O Baqir! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by the tongue of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

That which was revealed for his honor Ghulam-Qabla-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the One Sanctified above all names:

O Ghulam-Qabla-Husayn! Thy name hath been presented before the Face, and We have adorned its temple with the ornament of utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and be of those who are firmly established. Thou art he who hath attained unto God's verses before and in this time wherein the Temple of the Cause hath been established upon His mighty throne. Grieve not at anything, but trust in all matters in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Strive that there may appear from thee that which shall endure through the duration of My most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the Remembrancer, the All-Wise. Blessed is the strong one who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and the weak one who hath said, "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!" We have created souls in diverse stages and have made clear unto them what We desired in the earth and have guided them unto My straight path. Blessed is he who hath not been hindered by the greatest veil and hath answered his Ancient Lord.

Praise be to God that the souls mentioned have attained complete and perfect bounties. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. In truth, the Pen is not still - from every direction the ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is shining forth. The wonder is that lifeless souls have not yet attained unto life and have not become aware of this Cause of such magnitude. One is astonished at what the divines of the earth are seeking and from what they turn away. Is it that due to the abundance of bounties they have become worthless in the sight of the ignorant masses, or have their deeds become embodied and deprived those polytheistic souls of awareness? Have the hearing and sight of all been seized? In any case, this servant is bewildered and astounded. In one instance He says this is the Day of vision, for the lights of His countenance are manifest and evident from the Most Great Horizon, and it is the Day of hearing, for the Call of God is raised. By what excuse do the heedless souls justify themselves before the Countenance of the world, and to what pretext do they cling? We are God's and to Him shall we return.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Ahmad and the family of His Holiness the departed and accepted one, Jinab-i-Mirza of Qa'in, upon him be the glory of God and His bounty and mercy - supreme favors have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them. That very day there was specifically revealed for them that which mortality shall not seize and immortality shall glory in relation to it. The grace of his Lord has encompassed him to the extent that in his Visitation Tablet was revealed: "The earth hath been adorned by thy frame" to the end of His mighty and glorious Word. All his relatives are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance. God willing, may they be confirmed and walk in the footsteps of His Holiness the departed and accepted one.

Furthermore, that beloved one's supplication was presented before the Countenance of the Intended One. Such bounty was manifested that this servant is incapable of fully describing it. This exalted word is before me and I mention it. His glory be exalted: "Thy crying and lamentation in the love of God were heard. In the night We heard thy letter which thou hadst written to the servant in attendance, and at dawn We hearkened unto that wherewith thou didst call upon God. The servant in attendance made mention each time, and on the last occasion presented the Persian poem before the Countenance. The crying of thy heart had effect, and from the heart of the world emerged a breath more subtle than the essence of life. Ask thou of God that the people of the earth may become ready and its signs and fruits may appear manifest and evident. Reflect upon the utterances of the Beloved of all possibility, and speak that which is the cause of enkindlement and the reason for attraction and the foundation of the life of the world. Thou wert with Me and didst witness the waves of the ocean of My utterance and the lights of the sun of My remembrance. We make mention and the servant in attendance awaits another mention. God is Most Great! He hath reached in the station of seeking unto a point to which the Most Exalted Pen hath testified in the beginning of days, and all things are behind him. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among His sincere servants." End quote. How wonderful is this fragrance which hath been diffused from the garment of our Lord, the All-Merciful's utterance! Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee in the permanence of the Kingdom and the Realm. Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving.

The expression of sincerity, submissiveness, humility and utter evanescence of this servant in the presence of the friends of God who dwell in that land depends upon and is contingent upon that beloved one's grace. The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of our Lord the All-Merciful's bounty be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon all who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon in this mighty Day.

The Servant

On the 27th of the month of Shavval in the year 1299

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

The tongue of the days speaketh this most exalted word:

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to protect Thy party from all parties and Thy religion from all religions. O Lord! The banners of affliction have encompassed Yathrib and Batha. I beseech Thee to forgive their transgressions which have led them to the scourges of Thy wrath and Thy chastisement. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and favors. Make known unto them, O my God, that of which they were heedless, and teach them that which Thou hast commanded in Thy firm Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Glorious, the Bestower.

O Beloved of my heart! The thunderbolt of the disobedience of the servants hath seized them, and heinous deeds have appeared in various forms of cannon, rifle, sword and the like. Implore forgiveness from God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the Kawthar of His Most Forgiving Name may efface the darkness of existence and the effulgences of the sun of the heaven of His grace may illumine the darkened and heedless hearts. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth to His straight path.

Alexandria hath returned to non-existence. In but a few hours its wealth, ornaments, glory and exaltation were seized. In place of the nightingale, the owl hath made its dwelling, and in the station of the thrush, the crow. The people of that land are in trembling and agitation, such that the security of the people hath been entirely removed and the bird of trustworthiness hath hidden its head beneath its wing. Letters cannot be sent for their condition is unknown. These few words are submitted in brevity, and it is hoped they may be considered. The friends of that land, namely As, have returned to this land and are dwelling in the shadow. All that they and others possessed was plundered and looted. This is truly a station of thanksgiving, for praise be to God, though their hands are empty, their hearts are treasuries of the pearls of love and are filled with the lights of reliance. They are joyous to such a degree that this servant is truly unable to describe it. God will soon compensate them with better than what they previously possessed. Verily, He hath power over what He willeth.

Your letter dated the third of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, which you sent in the name of His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, reached this evanescent one. God willing, may you ever partake of the fruits of the tree of love of the Beloved Eternal One, and may this servant say: "May it be wholesome and pleasant." God is witness that this servant derives a world of joy and delight from your letters. How excellent is that fragrance that wafteth from its words and utterances! After perusal, each was presented before His face. The ocean of bounty is surely surging. Not only this servant, but all who are in the world are powerless and unable to express that which hath appeared and been manifested.

As to what you wrote concerning Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing, may he be enkindled at all times with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, and be struck with awe by the grandeur of the Word, and after pure and absolute sobriety, may he utter the blessed words "I have arisen to serve Thy Cause, O Thou the Desire of the worlds." This servant has beseeched and continues to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, loftiness, elevation and steadfastness for him, for the Cause is most mighty and the people are most heedless and veiled. Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, is departing in these days and the reply to his petitions, which he had submitted on behalf of many of the friends, has been granted. God willing, they will attain unto it. As he was the bearer of the petitions, he became the bearer of their reply.

As to what you wrote concerning the journey of my brother, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, he has reached his intended destination and is holding fast to the cord of wisdom. Blessed is he! Happy is he! Felicitous is he! Peace be upon him! Mercy be upon him!

You had mentioned Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God. In truth, he is among those from whom the sweet fragrance of steadfastness has been inhaled and perceived, and it is hoped that he will receive complete recompense from God, exalted be His glory, for this attribute. Words similar to

these were heard from the tongue of the Beloved. God willing, may he ever be adorned with this most mighty and most holy ornament and in all conditions be fixed upon the horizon of God's will, detached from all else. Although he has been and is adorned with this ornament, convey this evanescent one's greetings to him.

Among other matters, you had mentioned the departed and elevated Hadrat-i-Qa'ini, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. O what longing! With all my soul and spirit I beseech the All-Merciful to grant that which was bestowed upon him. As these details have been submitted specifically to certain friends, brevity is observed here. He has attained to a mention which, were it to be cast upon the earth, it would arise; upon bones, they would move and speak; and upon the dead, they would speak by God's leave, the Mighty, the Loving.

Regarding what they wrote about the funds for the honourable Sadat, upon them be the Glory of God, news arrived from the land of Ya and Ha and they sent it. Praise be to God, it was honoured by acceptance. Blessed are they! In these days when Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, was departing, that which was and shall be peerless was sent specially for each one. God willing, may they attain unto it. This evanescent servant beseeches God to aid them in that which is the cause and means of eternal bounty. Verily God, our Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earth, He is the Helper, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous. Greetings and salutations are extended to them.

Regarding what was mentioned in the previous letter about Master Ali-Akbar (Haddad), upon him be the Glory of God - verily he has attained to the mention of God before, during, and after what transpired. Time and again his name has flowed from the Supreme Pen. God willing, may he attain to that which God loves. Not an atom of what has befallen him in the path of God shall be lost. Tribulations in the path of God are like unto a tree - wondrous and lofty fruits have appeared and shall continue to appear therefrom. Repeatedly have such utterances been heard from the Tongue of Him Who reveals the verses. In a letter which this servant wrote to Jinab-i-Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God, the Tongue of the All-Merciful mentioned the aforementioned one, namely Master Ali-Akbar, in two places - O what utterances that all the books of the world cannot equal! However, due to the disorder and turmoil in these parts, the letter of the aforementioned Mirza was not sent. God willing it shall be sent and you will observe it. And on this night, which is the twentieth night of the honored month of Shawwal, these exalted words dawned from the horizon of the heaven of will. His word, exalted be His majesty:

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

O Ali before Akbar! The Supreme Pen beareth witness to what hath befallen thee in the path of God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the last and the first. Ere long shall the sincere ones behold that which hath been ordained for them from God, the Most High, the Most Great.

These exalted words were sent in a special tablet in the Most Holy Handwriting. God willing, may he attain unto it and likewise unto all that hath been revealed specifically for him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate. All the details concerning him and what befell him are witnessed in the Divine Presence and are mentioned time and again. And specifically for Karbila'i Abbas,

upon him be the Glory of God, there appeared from the Source of the Cause that which shall ever remain eternal and enduring in the assemblage of the world:

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

O Abbas! That which hath befallen thee is the greatest proof and the mightiest evidence of thy recognition, faith and certitude. Reflect upon Moses and His companions - what befell them, from whom it came, and thereafter consider Jesus and His loved ones. By God's life! They witnessed that which none before had witnessed, and in God's path they heard that which no soul had heard. Observe the Lord of Batha (Muhammad), may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, and His companions - there befell them that which caused the dwellers of the pavilions of the Kingdom to lament. Then reflect upon the Herald (the Bab). The source of all these tribulations in former ages were the ignorant ones who were known as the learned. Know thou the value of these tribulations and preserve them in the name of God. The treasures of the world have not and never shall equal them. If thou wert to reflect but briefly upon the heedlessness of the turban-wearers, thou wouldst attain unto the greatest joy. In the nights and days they perform ablutions, purify themselves, and turn to the mosques for mention, praise, glorification and prayer, yet they remain heedless and veiled from Him through Whose word all these matters have appeared. They speak the truth yet recognize it not, and with utmost tyranny they attack Him. Say: […]

O my God! The essence of praise and the source of glorification have been and are dedicated to Thy peerless Being. O my Lord and my Goal! With what tongue can I recount Thy boundless favors? That which the divines, mystics and philosophers are deprived of today, Thou hast graciously bestowed upon me. I beseech the ocean of Thy generosity to preserve that which Thou hast granted. The command is in Thy hands and Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the mystics!

What else can this evanescent servant say? Every letter of expression testifies at the highest pitch to the loftiness and elevation of the friends of God, and likewise to the grace and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory. Beseech ye God to guide the heedless to the direction of awareness, that they may realize that those souls whom they formerly reviled, rejected and cursed due to their abominable deeds are now themselves more wretched and rebellious than those souls were. In brief, their abominable deeds have become thick veils and have prevented their eyes from beholding the lights. This servant is perplexed as to what to say. His is to say: We are God's and unto Him shall we return.

Likewise, all other souls who, both before and after, suffered tribulation and adversity in that land for the Cause of God and were cast into prison, all attained unto God's grace. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly retreat.

As to the mention made of his honor 'Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God, and the friends of those regions, all were presented before His countenance. Praise be to God, they have drunk from the Living Waters and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The petitions of some which were presented to the Most Holy Court through his honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, have all received answers which have been revealed and manifested from the Dayspring of Grace and have been sent. And especially for his honor the beloved 'Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, numerous Tablets have been revealed. God willing, he will attain unto them. The bearer of the petitions himself

became the bearer of their answers. Convey on my behalf greetings to his honor ’A. God is my witness that they have never been and are never absent from sight.

As to the mention made of his honor Aqa Siyyid Abu’l-Ma’ali, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition arrived previously and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, from whose horizon shone forth the Sun of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, was revealed and sent. God willing, he will attain unto it. Under all conditions they must hold fast to the cord of wisdom. If a land is cultivated and achieves capacity, planting therein becomes necessary, and this is among those deeds which have been and are great in the sight of God. Otherwise, no. O my beloved! The cawing of the ignorant has prevented the people from the choice wine of the utterance of the Lord of Names. Fie upon the heedless one whose efforts in this vain life have gone astray. Soon will he behold the punishment above him and beneath him, to his right and to his left, before him and behind him. That beloved one too must, in accordance with the command, not let go of wisdom. In sending correspondence to various regions they should be considerate and hold fast unto it only to the extent necessary, for atheistic and hostile people are seeking pretexts. It is not and has not been permissible to send correspondence to his honor the brother, upon him be the Glory of God, who resides in the Great City, except to the extent necessary, and even then in a manner not contrary to that of the general public. This matter is in consideration of the wishes of the wealthy who have referred to them, and anything beyond this would be contrary to wisdom.

In your mention of Jinab-i-Haji Baba, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim, and Jinab-i-Mashhadi Husayn (all of them), may the glory of God be upon them - their mention has been made before the Divine Presence and their deeds are accepted. This servant has sent a special leaf for each one of them, and the intention was to mention them. Convey greetings and salutations to Jinab-i-Haji Baba and them.

Regarding your mention of the honored Aqa ’Abdu’s-Samad, may the glory of God and His mercy be upon him - concerning his mention, that which was revealed from the heaven of grace shall endure with its fragrances throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Praise be to God that these beloved ones have ever been the cause of supreme bounty for the servants and the source of greatest good for all in the land. His Tablet was given to Jinab-i-Aqa ’Ali (may the glory of God be upon him) who resides in the vicinity, that he may forward it.

And regarding your mention of the honored and blessed Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Javad, may the glory of God and His favor be upon him - in those same days his mention was repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, though its text has not yet been sent anywhere. It is hoped that it will be sent to you later. How could the Supreme Pen pause in his mention, when he was among the souls assured, steadfast, content, firm and upright? And these very words were heard from the Divine Tongue: “A hundred thousand blessings upon him, for at his mention the fountain of mercy flows and spreads.”

And regarding what you wrote about the honored Jinab-i-’Abdu’l-Hamid Khan, may God’s mercy and favor be upon him - a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace for his wife, may the glory of God be upon her, and in that Tablet mention was made of the honored Khan. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds that He has not deprived His loved ones of the adorning grace, for verily whatsoever flows today from the Supreme Pen concerning any soul shall remain and endure, and all the treasures and hidden

wealth of the world cannot equal it. In truth, whoever is today adorned with the crown of His good-pleasure, their death shall be the cause of eternal life. Blessed are they that attain!

And again at this moment these exalted words have been revealed from the heaven of grace especially for his wife, that it may be the cause of fresh joy and new gladness from God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing […]

O handmaid of God! Thy call was heard in the Most Great Prison. All praise be to God that thou hast been confirmed and hast turned thy face to the most exalted horizon in the days of the Lord of Names. Preserve this great station through the blessed Name of God, exalted be His glory. Strive to drink from the wine of steadfastness. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good things and is recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Be thou vocal in the mention of God, occupied with His remembrance, and joyous in His love. He is the All-Sufficient, the All-Healing, the Companion, the Helper. Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee, for the ocean of joy surgeth before all eyes. Blessed are such servants and handmaidens as have attained unto the mention of God and are adorned with His knowledge. The Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that place who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

As to their turning towards this direction, it is not permitted, for conditions are unsettled, as was explained before. Regarding the properties, permission for their use hath been granted to them, but their sale is not permitted, as their existence is outwardly necessary for that honored lady. Let her use them with the utmost joy and fragrance and be occupied with the mention of the Beloved of all possibility. All matters should be conducted with wisdom. Should any claimant appear, they should act in such a way as not to cause commotion. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the imperishable dominion which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory.

[The rest of the text consists of specific tablets addressed to various individuals, written in a combination of Persian and Arabic, containing words of encouragement, spiritual counsel, and expressions of divine favor]

The Lord of the world mentions you from the Most Great Prison. Be grateful to God for this supreme bounty. Blessed is he who has drunk from the Kawthar of My love and has tasted the sweetness of My utterance whereby the ocean of divine knowledge has surged amongst mankind, yet most of the people are among those who turn away. They have cast behind their backs the principles of God and have taken their own limitations, and verily they are among the distracted ones. Be steadfast in the Cause and firm in the love of your Lord in such wise that neither the intimations of the people nor the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, will cause you to slip.

Praise be to God that through that Beloved One they have partaken of the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful. This mighty bounty, inasmuch as it descends and flows like torrential rain at all times, its station remains hidden. Yet a day shall come when each letter thereof will be seen to be more precious than all that exists and is treasured on earth. This evanescent servant offers his utter nothingness to each of the friends of God. It is hoped that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, all will arise to that

which befits the stations of man. God willing, may all be illumined with the light of unity and enkindled with the fire of the love of God, exalted be His glory.

Convey greetings to Aqa ’Abdu’l-Baqi, who was among the emigrants, may the glory of God rest upon him. God willing, may he be turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act according to that which God loves.

Previously, a promise of a Tablet was made to Kadkhuda, may the glory of God rest upon him, and repeatedly have Tablets been revealed in his name from the heaven of grace, as numerous petitions had previously been received from him. God willing, may he be enabled to achieve that which is bound to the Divine Will.

A Tablet was specifically revealed for Aqa Fayd’u’llah, may the glory of God rest upon him, that his heart might find peace and that he might be among the steadfast ones. At one time He said: “O servant who is present! From the Kingdom of bounty, without interruption, the rain of mercy descends, yet Fayd says ‘Is there more?’”

God willing, may all become worthy recipients of divine mercy. From the beginning of the world until now such bounty has not been made manifest. Unless perchance some, through divine wrath, are prevented by their selfish desires, like the heedless hosts and the idle party who have intended to veil the effulgences of the Sun of Truth by that which they possess. Were the scattered utterances of the Most Merciful, which He spoke while walking or in the presence of some of the loved ones, to be collected, they would equal all the books now existing among the parties on earth, nay exceed them, were they to be just. How much more that which was recorded in His presence! For eleven years, from the ninth to the eightieth year, that which descended from the heaven of the Divine Will was not recorded, and that which was recorded was, by His command, effaced in the Tigris. O Beloved One! By the life of God, the people are in great darkness. Consider what they deny and what they affirm. Fie upon them!

Furthermore, the portrait of Himmat ’Ali Khan and his son and those who were with them, may the glory of God rest upon them, attained the Most Holy Court, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of will for the Khan and was written in the Most Glorious handwriting and sent. Wherever they may reside, deliver it to them. Verily, He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

And one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also specifically sent for Aqa Muhammad-Javad, may the glory of God rest upon him.

Another submission of this lowly one is that convey greetings to Mulla Abdul-Razzaq, upon him be the Glory of God. God is witness and testifier that he has been and continues to be mentioned at the Divine Throne, and this servant has ever made mention of him and continues to do so. God willing, there shall be sent again to his service that from which the fragrance of sincerity may be inhaled. How could he and his august father, upon him be the Glory of God, ever fade from view? At all times the sweet savors of that exalted one’s love wafted by. God willing, may his son, upon him be the Glory of God, ever remain seated and at rest upon the throne of the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and of supreme steadfastness. O beloved of my heart! We must beseech God to illumine the light of the steadfastness of

the people of God, that the croaking of frogs may neither hold them back nor veil them, for according to the utterance of the All-Merciful, the cawing must needs appear in all regions. Although, by God's grace and favor, the people of Baha are standing firm in such wise that they behold all else but God as non-existent and null. Well is it with them! Convey greetings to the friends in that land who have drunk from the Kawthar of contentment and who are gazing toward the supreme horizon. Make mention of the glad-tidings of the favors of the Goal of all the worlds, that all may arise with utmost joy to serve His Cause. Verily, He guides whom He willeth unto His straight path. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the will of our Beloved and our Goal be upon you and upon those with you and upon every steadfast and firm servant.

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

Praise and thanksgiving beseem the people of creation and the Kingdom of Names, the chosen ones of the Creator of heaven, who were not prevented by the doubts of the divines nor the might of princes from attaining the Most Exalted Horizon. They gave of their wealth, they sacrificed their lives, and no earthly thing - neither glory, riches, possessions, circumstances, honor nor fame - became a veil or barrier to them. By the name of the Powerful One they rent asunder the veils, and by the name of the Omnipotent they cleft the clouds. Through the name of the Lord of Creation they crossed the river of names and attained unto the ocean of inner meanings. The cawing of the people of the Bayan did not hold them back, nor did the clamor of the people veil them. They arose to champion the Cause with such firmness that neither the devastating winds of the polytheists nor the tempests of the infidels could shake them. These are they who are described by the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers, they whose mention hath been made in the divine Books of both past and present.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! The servant beareth witness that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast had no peer, no equal, no partner, and no likeness. All things have testified to Thy oneness and the Concourse on High to Thy singleness. I beseech Thee by the manifestations of Thy power and the expressions of Thy grandeur, and by the Lamp of Thy Cause and by that which was within Thy knowledge, to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones to serve Thy Cause. Ordain for them, through Thy all-encompassing Will and prevailing Purpose, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Lord of all servants in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thereafter, I was seated in my place, reflecting on what had befallen the Lord of the world and Master of eternity in the Most Great Prison at the hands of the people of the Bayan, who have surpassed the followers of the Qur'an in loss, and who have spoken that which none before or after them hath ever spoken, and who have committed that which neither tyrants nor Pharaohs have ever perpetrated. At that moment Thy letter reached me. I opened it and read it, and found therein the fragrance of Thy love. Our purpose and thy purpose and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth is one. When I understood its contents, I approached that Station which cannot be described by any description, nor

mentioned by any mention, nor known by pen and ink, until I attained the presence of our Lord, the Lord of all creation. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: “What is in thy right hand?” I submitted: “A letter hath been delivered unto me from one of Thy loved ones who hath borne tribulations in Thy path.” He commanded me to read it, and when I had done so, the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance that which no one can reckon. I found myself powerless and my pen halted, until He - may the spirit of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation be sacrificed for His sake - spoke in reply, exalted be His utterance and glorified His proof:

In My Name, through which the Euphrates of utterance hath flowed throughout all creation […]

O Husayn! Hearken to the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily it is raised from the right of the Luminous Spot at the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary before the faces of all peoples. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ears were created to hearken unto My call, the eyes to behold My signs and verses, and the hands to grasp My perspicuous Book. By God’s life! Nothing hath appeared except for My sake, and the ocean of utterance hath not surged except through My remembrance, and the sun of proof hath not shone except by My firm and mighty command. Blessed is he who hath heard the call and hath arisen to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as the doubts of the world and the clamor of the nations who denied God’s signs and His proof could not shake, clinging to that which they possessed from every heedless and remote one.

Say: Open your eyes! The ocean is before your faces and the light guideth you to God’s straight path. This is the day whereon the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken and the horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Day-Star of the Most Great Name, and every possessor of utterance and understanding hath testified that the Day is come, yet the people remain heedless, having followed their own desires. They are indeed among the most lost.

Behold and then recall what was committed by the previous faction who enter mosques to commemorate the name of their Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, and who would ascend pulpits to exalt the Word of God, the Lord of all worlds, and who deemed themselves the most learned and most understanding among all parties. Yet when the promise was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, they pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice as caused the eyes of Grandeur to weep in their exalted station. Ponder their words and deeds on the Day of Retribution; thereby shall the matter become clear unto thee and thou shalt find thyself steadfast in this mighty Cause.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the Most Merciful and follow not those who have denied God’s signs and His proof, and who turned away from Him when He came with manifest sovereignty. This is He Whose Covenant the Primal Point took before taking His own covenant. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but I, the Single, the All-Informed. By God! His Pen moved only to make mention of Me, and He arose from His seat only to derive power through My Name. Fear ye the Most Merciful, O people of the Bayan, and be not of the wrongdoers.

Verily the Point circleth around Me, and all that hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will surpasseth not the books of the past and future. To this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from this luminous horizon. Thus hath the Treasury revealed the pearls of His knowledge, and the Light His

appearance and His radiance. Blessed is he who hath clear vision, hath witnessed and hath seen, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

Remember My loved ones and friends on My behalf, and glorify them, and give them the glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty and ordained for them by My Pen, and I am the Mighty, the Powerful. The servant present hath attended and presented before the Wronged One that which thou didst send. We found in thy words the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, the hearts of the jurisprudents have been perturbed, and the back of every idolatrous doubter hath been broken.

Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My remembrance, and the pen that hath testified to that which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified in the most glorious Kingdom, and the eye that hath beheld that which hath appeared from an ancient Commander. Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! The wine of the Kawthar of Thy love hath so intoxicated me that I have forgotten myself and my conditions. O Lord! Thou seest how my liver hath melted from separation from Thee and my heart hath been consumed by remoteness from Thee. Blessed is the land that hath been honored by Thy sweet fragrances.

O God! My heart is consumed in separation from Thee! Blessed is the land honored by Thy breaths, and blessed the spot that hath been ennobled by Thy footsteps. O Lord! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs in my separation from the place wherein was established the throne of Thy Revelation and from whence were wafted the sweet savors of Thy inspiration. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the heads that were severed in Thy path, and by the breasts that were pierced for Thy good-pleasure, and by the hearts Thou didst make repositories of Thy love, to ordain for Thy loved ones, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining Thy presence. I am the one, O my God, who hath sought Thy sanctuary that I might stand before the door of Thy grandeur and hear Thy sweetest call and behold Thy most exalted horizon. I implore Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity, not to deprive my ear of Thy call, though it be but a single letter, and not to render me, O my Beloved, deprived of the manifestations of Thy grace and the signs of Thy favors and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God that they have been honored with the mention of the Lord of the worlds - a mention with one letter of which nothing that is witnessed can compare. That soul must, in accordance with the command, arise with complete determination to serve, that perchance the falsehoods of the past may not be renewed and the imaginary cities not be reconstructed by false hands. One destruction is better and nobler than a hundred thousand such constructions. Consider how those unjust ones brought forth calumnies and what cities they built with lying hands. Those utterances of false souls appeared in the form of a sword and befell the Lord of the world in such wise that the eye of possibility wept. Those lies caused all the divines and their followers in the early years to engage in cursing and reviling their true Object of worship, and finally they pronounced the verdict for His death. Glory be to God! What intoxication seized them that all the Shi'ih divines were in error and had not attained unto a drop from

the ocean of knowledge, for they all maintained that if anyone should assert His existence in the loins, such a one was an infidel whose death was obligatory - and thus did they kill. Glory be to God! What deed caused that from the inception of Islam until now not one of the Shi'ih divines was aware of this matter? By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, the cause was the recompense of deeds and words. O my beloved! The followers of the Bayan have again clung to the same vain imaginings and speak the same names. Strive ye and beseech God that perhaps the servants may be freed from these vain imaginings and attain unto the lights of true unity. Where are the heroes of the arena of inner meanings and the horsemen of the field of divine utterance? These are souls who have no purpose save the Truth and know none as existing save Him. They have passed beyond names and pitched their tents on the shore of the ocean of inner meanings. The clamor of the people of the Bayan and their croaking cannot prevent them. They are free and detached, have attained unto true freedom, and are severed from all else but God. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return.

In brief, whatsoever they ponder concerning the deeds of the former party and their fruits and convey to others becomes the cause of the steadfastness of the servants. Then they will not remain deprived of the Creator because of names, and will regard the sayings of twelve hundred years as though they had never existed. The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences are more manifest than the sun, yet they have said what no oppressor hath said and done what no party hath done.

O thou who hast turned thy face towards My countenance and gazed upon Mine all-highest horizon! The All-Merciful hath come down from the heaven of utterance with the standards of proof. He is the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery. He hath, as a token of His grace, manifested His Self and hath, with the finger that doeth whatsoever He willeth, opened unto all who are in earth and heaven the gate of attainment unto His presence. Yet have the idolaters interposed themselves between Him and His loved ones, and perpetrated that which hath prevented them that were seeking from attaining their ultimate goal, their supreme pinnacle, and from appearing before the throne of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in manifest loss.

O thou who hast drawn nigh! This Wronged One hath been encompassed by enemies from every direction. Most have heard what hath come from without. Now the people of the Bayan have arisen with utmost rancor and hatred. Say: O ye idolaters and heedless ones! Where were ye in those numbered years, and behind which veil were ye concealed? Most of the people of the world bear witness that this Wronged One, alone and without any veil or covering, called out before the faces of all men and summoned all to the truth. In those days, the limbs of all trembled from awe and hearts were troubled. Yet when the light became somewhat manifest and visible, they emerged from behind their veils with sword and spear, intending harm to the Desired One of all worlds. Such is the condition of heedless souls who, with utmost cunning, strive to lead men astray.

O thou who hast drunk the choice wine of utterance! This party and the various factions have been and continue to be the cause and reason for prevention. Yet, purely through grace and favor, We give permission for that honored one to turn towards the intended destination - but with such turning as would cause all created things to turn unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of their Lord, the Lord of Names and Attributes. This matter dependeth upon two conditions: first, that it be carried out with

wisdom, spirit and fragrance; and second, the tranquility and stability of this land. Ask thou God to draw thee nigh unto Him and grant thee attainment unto His presence. If thou attainest thereunto, He is verily the Source and Master of all hopes; and if not, He shall write down for thee, with His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attainment. Verily, He is powerful over all things through His word "Be" and it is.

Praise be to God that the effulgences of the sun of permission have shone forth from the horizon of the will of God, exalted be His glory. In truth, the people of the Bayan have committed that which hath caused every possessor of insight to weep and every possessor of a heart to lament. Most wondrous of all is that the Intended One, from the heaven of Whose will there hath been revealed that which equalleth all the books of the past and future, and Who is now present, and likewise all that which is to appear hath been revealed with utmost clarity from the Pen of His will - yet despite this they have turned away from Him and occupied themselves with their own desires. It is not known what they have understood from the Bayan and what they have comprehended from the manifestations of the Prophets. By what proof do they reason and to what evidence do they cling? Fie upon them and upon those who follow them!

O Hussein! Excellent is what thou hast done. Hold fast to wisdom, the decree of which We have sent down in the scriptures and tablets. We have accepted thy house and adorned it with the ornament of acceptance. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Master of all beings. Stand firm in service to My Cause, be vocal in My praise, take hold of My Book, cling to the cord of My Cause, and grasp the hem of thy Lord's robe, the Mighty, the Bestower. Counsel the servants with that which We have commanded thee and that which We have revealed in the scriptures and tablets. Remind them of My verses, teach them what hath been revealed by My Pen, and make known to them the straight path.

In all circumstances thou must be mindful of wisdom and its requirements, and occupy thyself with teaching the Cause. Blessed art thou and thy father, whom We named Pir-i-Ruhani. Thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of him at this hour with a remembrance whose fragrance shall endure as long as the names of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Abbas-Quli, who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, that his remembrance may endure as long as My most beautiful names and most exalted attributes. Say: The first light that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings be upon thee, O Pir-i-Ruhani. I testify that thou didst turn to God and didst witness what God Himself witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above the description of all within the kingdom of creation, and will ever remain as He hath been. And I testify that thou didst attain unto the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, when the call was raised from the right side of the luminous spot beyond the crimson sea of grandeur. Thou art he whom the blame of the blamer, the authority of any ruler, nor the doubts of any learned one could deter in the path of God. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the word "Yea" in the days of thy Lord, the Lord of Names. Thou wert assured of the signs of thy Lord, wert turned toward His countenance, and didst acknowledge that which was revealed from His presence in days wherein the various peoples lamented for fear of God, the Lord of Lords. I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of utterance which flowed from the pen of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and didst attain unto that which the Concourse on High and

the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have attained. Well is it with thee, and blessed art thou and he who maketh mention of thee and remembereth thy days and what befell thee in the path of God, thy Creator, thy Fashioner, thy Provider, thy Quickener, and thy Resurrector. He was with thee in all conditions, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Witness in the beginning and in the end.

Praise be to God! The ocean of forgiveness is surging and Pir-i-Ruhani is in the utmost joy and delight. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that at the time of the revelation of this visitation tablet, all the Concourse on High, the angels, the Spirit, and the souls of the assured, lofty, content, well-pleased and tranquil ones were present before the throne of their Lord to hearken. The reins of grace are in His hand of power, and the bridles of loving-kindness and bounty are in His right hand of mercy. With one exalted word He can raise earth above the Pleiades. He is the Powerful One Who can bring forth a pure gem from a handful of dust and transform loss into profit. In the nights and days this servant seeketh His grace and bounty for himself and His loved ones, that all may, without clouds or veils, be turned toward His horizon and arise to serve His Cause. The Command is in His hand; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Husayn! Concerning what was written about the Huquq, this has been raised to Our hearing. His blessed and exalted Word states: Whatever Huquq was owed by the spiritual elderly servant and you, We have pardoned it all. Be assured through the grace of your Lord and be among the thankful ones. We have accepted what you have done and what you have missed, as a bounty from Us and a mercy from Our presence. That which caused the Hands of the Cause to lament has befallen you in Our path. We have been with you in all conditions. Nothing is hidden from your Lord's knowledge, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Then praise be to God that you have attained this great bounty and been adorned with the grace of Truth. Blessed are you and those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth. Another matter is that whatever Huquq and other payments that were sent to Haji Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, all of it has reached this evanescent servant. The servant testifies to his trustworthiness and religiosity. I beseech God the Exalted to strengthen him, make him successful, and make him among the steadfast ones.

Concerning what you wrote about the Fast - the Fast remains as it was, that is, the Fast of the Bayan, as explicitly mentioned in the Kitab-i-Aqdas. As for the prayer, it hath been revealed in such wise that should one recite it but once with a detached heart, he would surely find himself detached from the world. However, for reasons of wisdom it remaineth concealed for now and no command hath been given to observe it. Regarding what they have heard about the Fast of Ramadan in this land - since some of the friends acted unwisely and the heedless and antagonists became aware of it, therefore, as a matter of wisdom, the command was sent down from the heaven of the Ancient One to observe the Fast of Ramadan, lest the clamor of the heedless be raised. In all circumstances wisdom must be observed, even as the Truth Himself, exalted be His glory, would attend the mosque in Iraq and likewise visit Kazimayn before the Cause was proclaimed. Prior to the proclamation of the Cause, it is necessary to hold fast to that which draweth people near, for were people to become fully informed and aware, a greater

separation would occur and none would then draw nigh to hear the Word of God and hold fast to the straight path.

This ruling was specific to this land, that is, the Prison Land. In any case, all the servants must observe the requirements of wisdom so that no clamor be raised and the weak be not shaken. Reflect upon the Cause of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. During the limited years He was in Mecca itself, the ruling regarding the Qiblih did not change, but after the Cause was proclaimed in Yathrib, the ruling was made manifest and the Qiblih became known. The servant beseecheth his Lord to confirm the servants in turning unto Him and teach them that which will draw them nigh unto His holy court. By the Sun of Truth! The servants themselves have been and are the cause of their own harm, abasement and loss. God, exalted be His glory, through the power of the Supreme Pen, rent asunder the veils and spoke without concealment or hindrance before all faces, such that the lights of the Most Great Luminary became manifest from every land. However, the people of the Bayan arose in opposition and manifested the utmost rancor and hatred. Were it not for this dissension, the whole world would now be illumined and adorned with the light of unity.

Ask thou God to grant justice and bestow awareness upon the people. Those who had and have no knowledge of this Cause, upon observing some measure of tranquility, emerged from their holes. In any case, I beseech the Exalted One to guide those souls and not deprive them of the ocean of His bounty. However, it is very difficult, for they have committed that which neither Pharaohs nor tyrants committed. Would that the people knew what they have wrought and recognized what they have perpetrated! Mention was made of Qarru'l-'Ayn, Nuru'llah and ?iya'u'llah, upon them be the glory of God. This was presented before the face of the Lord and attained the honor of His hearing, and each was distinguished by mention from the Supreme Pen. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Speaking, the Manifest […]

O Light of God! The ocean of utterance is surging, and the Desired One makes mention of thee with verses that all the kings and rulers possess nothing to equal them, and gives thee the glad tidings of God's grace and His favor, and of that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Say: My God, my God! I have turned to Thy most exalted horizon in my earliest days. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy power, the Daysprings of Thy signs, and the Sources of Thy clear tokens, to ordain for me from the Pen of bounty that which befitteth Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Light! The Wronged One makes mention of thee in such wise that thou wilt find from it the fragrance of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds!" When thou attainest unto My verses, recite them. They will draw thee nigh unto the ocean of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur revealed Its utterance and the Will Its favor that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me know Thee and guided me and drawn me nigh unto Thee and sustained me and made me speak in Thy remembrance and turn unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. O Husayn! We have made mention of the Light as a bounty from Us on this Day whereon the divines and doctors of the earth have opposed Us.

When thou attainest and readest, say: “Thine is the bounty, O Lord of the world, and Thine is the generosity, O Thou the Desire of them that know.” The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Will be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The smoke of vain imaginings hath deprived the world from the Lord of mankind. In the Tablets revealed in Iraq and the Land of Mystery and upon first arrival in this land, all were informed about the appearance of the clamorous ones in diverse regions. You must protect the people and gladden them with God’s favors. Today if the people of God were to become aware of the error of the previous party and their words and deeds, they would find themselves firm upon the path of the Cause. One is astonished as to which deed brought about the punishment of the divines of Iran and their followers, such that in the early years not a single one attained the honor of nearness, and whatever they uttered regarding the Qa’im - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - was all falsehood, as the Truth hath manifested. Were they to reflect a little, they would cry out and cleanse their ears from such mentions. In any case, I beseech God to assist you in promoting His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Tell them: “God willing, may you not be among those who, while claiming steadfastness, were deprived of the Truth by the word of a clamorer. You must be firm and steadfast as mountains in the Cause of the Desire of the worlds.” Today is the day of service to the Cause, and the day of remembrance and praise. Blessed are they that hear, and blessed are they that act. The glory and the praise and the exaltation be upon you and upon God’s loved ones there, and His mercy and His might and His honor and His favor and His generosity and His grace.

The Servant

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

Praise sanctified above the mention of all created things befitteth Him Who is worthy and deserving, Who with His Self-Subsisting Name hath removed the seal from the choice sealed Wine and summoned all the peoples of the world, both high and low, to partake thereof, that all might drink from the same fountain and gather beneath the shade of the blessed Word, until upon every brow may be seen inscribed the seal “Verily, we are God’s.” This is the most exalted station, the most sublime habitation, and the highest rank. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid all to recognize this most sublime and most exalted Station, this ultimate Purpose. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and within His grasp lie the reins of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth.

O beloved of my heart! The horizon of the servant’s heart hath been illumined by the dawning lights of the Sun that hath shone forth from the heaven of your praise of God, our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, our Object of worship and the Object of worship of all within the kingdoms of Command and Creation. The Kawthar of your remembrance hath so transported me that I soared on the

wings of detachment until I attained the presence of the Face and presented that which you had sent. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused faces to shine and hearts to melt, saying:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O bearer of the name ?a! Hearken with thy inner ear to the call of the Wronged One and convey it to God's loved ones, that perchance the fragrant breezes of the utterance of the All-Merciful may encompass all contingent beings and enable them to attain their purpose. Most people are seen to be weak. The divine sages must impart the Word with perfect patience. The Herald hath said concerning this Revelation: "He it is Who in every state proclaimeth 'Verily, I am God, no God is there but Me, the Lord of all things, and all besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me!'" Nevertheless, the deniers, after hearing these words, rose up in opposition. By God's life! They know not what they say; they speak, but comprehend not. Fie upon them and upon those who followed them without clear proof from the presence of the All-Knowing Judge. That which was mentioned was the meaning of the blessed phrase "There is no God but God." Say: Ponder upon it, O ye who are endued with insight! Ponder upon it, O ye who are possessed of vision! Say: O heedless ones! Fix your gaze upon this Word which, like unto the sun, hath dawned from the horizon of the divine Tablet. Return ye to the Sacred Writings, O ye who are endued with insight! Would that the deniers had returned to the Sacred Writings, that they might have attained recognition of the Beloved of all possibility through the fragrance of His utterance. They are seen to be lower than all the peoples of the earth. O Pen! Leave off their mention and make mention of Him of the letters ?a and Sin, whose letter the servant here present hath brought and presented before the Face, that he may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. O bearer of the name ?a! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He hath heard thy communion with God, the Lord of the worlds, and hath mentioned thee in such wise as naught on earth can equal. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Witnessing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of My loved ones in that place, whose names thou hast recited. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Responsive. From this station We send Our greetings upon them and give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His loving-kindness. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We pray that all the peoples of the world may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterances. Were they to observe for but an hour with the eye of fairness, they would behold the truth and hear His utterances. However, the darkness of tyranny hath prevented their eyes from the Most Sublime Vision, and likewise their ears, preoccupied with earthly whisperings and the buzzing of flies, are deprived of the melodies of the Nightingale. Such is the condition of the people of the earth. God, exalted be His glory, is witness that any person of understanding can recognize the stations of the deniers through their works, deeds, actions and words.

That beloved one must engage in teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful with the utmost wisdom and eloquence. As to what was written regarding the delivery of the blessed Tablets and this servant's petitions to their recipients, it is most evident that they have not failed in serving the Cause, and God willing, they shall never do so.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Shaykh A., upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the dream seen about him and its interpretation relating to progeny which he himself

interpreted after visiting the blessed Tablet containing the Most Great Verses that flowed from the Supreme Pen - these matters brought the utmost joy and delight, for he spoke the very word which in these days God, exalted be His glory, had spoken. One of the friends of God presented a petition to the Most Holy Court, seeking offspring from God, exalted be His glory. These sublime words were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Revealer of verses, specifically for him. His exalted Word: Though children are among God's great bounties and the fruits of the human tree, none but God, exalted be His glory, knows their excellence and duration of life. We give thee tidings of a fresh, eternal, and everlasting fruit, which in these days is God's binding Word. It is dearer and more excellent than a hundred thousand children, for it is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity. Should one possess but a single word thereof, one would possess all good from Him. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the fruits of the Supreme Pen.

Indeed, his interpretation was an edifice for the fortress of utterance. Well is it with him! Praise be to God, he hath attained unto blessed Tablets, a single word of which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. God willing, he shall attain unto its fruits, both those mentioned and those which the faculty of understanding is powerless to comprehend. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to him. May he ever drink from the pure waters of the everlasting Kawthar and remain focused on and engaged in that which promotes the Cause of God.

As regards what you wrote concerning Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, it is truly a cause for regret. How is it that souls who from the beginning of the Cause were heedless and unaware have arisen with such audacity to turn away? Are the waves of the ocean of inner meanings concealed, or are the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth hidden and veiled? Glory be to God! How can it be that when a Cause has encompassed the world and the banners of verses and standards of clear proofs are raised and visible at the highest station, yet a soul remains unaware and heedless of it? One stands astonished. The Servant sees himself as one bewildered and astounded, and beseeches his Lord that He may guide all to justice and fairness. Would that the aforementioned soul had traveled for the sake of God, purely for His Face, and this servant could have gone with him to Cyprus so that the hidden and concealed matters might become clear and evident to him. It is known and evident that this servant is not one who seeks conflict and contention. God willing, he has dealt and will deal with all in utmost truthfulness and love. The exalted Word of Truth bears witness to this - that there has been and is no purpose save to acquaint the veiled ones with the reality of the Cause. This servant was with him for twelve years in Iraq and the Land of Mystery. Truly a strange talisman has appeared in the world. God willing, may the True One, exalted be His glory, grant the eye of insight and adorn souls with the ornament of fairness. Verily He is the Hearing, the Near, the Responding One.

And as to their mentioning again His Honor Aqa Mirza Shaykh-'Ali, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], and writing that the imaginings of the heedless souls did not affect him and that he turned with one face, pure and luminous, to the lights of the Countenance - this is a station worthy of praise and thanksgiving. God willing, may they attain to this most exalted station in all conditions. Would that this evanescent one could meet with them once. Praise be to God, this matter brought joy and was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted be His glory: "O 'Ali! By the life of God, this Wronged One has never regarded anything

save the exaltation of the Cause of God. At a time when the people of Bayan were in hiding from the earthquake of the Hour, this wronged One in Zawra called out with the most exalted call to all on earth, summoning them to the straight path of God and guiding them to the supreme horizon. Likewise, when He arrived in the Most Great Prison, once again with the most exalted call We informed the kings and subjects of the earth about the Manifestation. Would that the servants in those parts might fairly consider and succeed in reading the Tablet which was sent down from the heaven of the Most Merciful's favor specifically for the Sultan of Iran. By the life of God, all would proclaim 'We believe!' Likewise the Sura which was sent down from the heaven of favor specifically for other kings. Glory be to God! How can one occupy oneself with vain imaginings and remain heedless of certain knowledge? All matters, both future and past, have been revealed with utmost clarity in those Suras. Nevertheless, like spiders they weave around themselves and arrange, in their own estimation, levels of knowledge and build palaces of utterance. Whatever has appeared in this Cause, its source is He Who speaks the truth in this station which has been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, his honor is confirmed in service to the Cause, which has been and is the teaching of God's Cause. Nothing in this world and all it contains can equal this station. He in Whose possession is the Clear Book bears witness to this. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds." End.

As to what was written concerning his honor the Sahib (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]), it was and is exactly right. Today is a day wherein one can attain a station that would be impossible to attain at any other time. Thus in one place this blessed word was revealed from the Supreme Pen: "It is permitted unto you to make good that which hath escaped you in the Day of God," for to make good for it afterwards hath been and ever shall be impossible. Knowledge is with God, the Lord of the throne and the dust, and the Master of the last and the first. It is hoped that they may attain such a station that regret and remorse may not follow, and that they may be adorned with the blessed word "Blessed be God."

As to what was written expressing the hope to attain once again unto the Kawthar of His presence, this matter was presented, and this is what was revealed in response, His glory be exalted: "By My life! Thou hast attained unto the recognition of God in His days, and the Supreme Pen hath testified to thy turning unto Him and thy arrival at the Most Great Prison, and thy standing before the Door which was opened unto the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Thou didst advance and traverse cities and regions until thou didst attain unto the presence of the Countenance and didst hear with thine own ears the call of this wronged One, the Stranger. Thou art he who hath attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, on a day wherein the servants turned away from Him, save those whom the hands of thy Lord's power did rescue, the Almighty, the Powerful. Drink, then, from the cups of thy Lord's utterance, the waters of mercy and favor, and be thou of the thankful ones. Thus did the Supreme Pen move on this dark night, that thou mightest rejoice in that which hath been sent down unto thee from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed."

As to what was written concerning the news of the passing of his honor Haji Mirza Husayn Khan on the twenty-second of Dhi'l-Hajjih, he was truly among the wise ones of that land. One day these words were heard from the Blessed Tongue - He said that in recent years nothing had appeared from him that would cause grief. If at certain times he made mention of matters outwardly, it was due to expediency. How

much hardship did he endure, and how he would rush east and west on futile missions that profited him nothing! One day He said that had he become the possessor of but one word from God, it would have been better than all that he had seen and heard and done, or had amassed during his days. He was not entirely without fairness. This evanescent servant clings to the hem of divine favor and begs that He may not deprive any soul on earth of His wondrous and exalted outpourings. Verily, He has power over all things.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Abdul-Ghaffar - he and his brother, who was there before, transgressed against the Two Luminous Lights. His brother, Aqa Muhammad, after accepting the Cause, later clung to the great veils, namely the outward divines, and the cause of this was one of the women who opposed the people of the Bayan. It is strange that most of the relatives of those two Lights were heedless of their station, yet they, through divine grace, attained that which has no equal save through the will of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. The sister of the King of Martyrs has been and continues to be under the shadow of God's favor. Verily, He bestows upon whomsoever He wishes, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Generous. God willing, may they preserve their station through the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, for the thief, the treacherous, and the liar have always existed and continue to exist. The servant beseeches his Lord and the Lord of all things to protect us from the evil of those who have broken God's Covenant and His pledge, and cast behind them what they were commanded in the Book. He is verily the Strong, the Trustworthy.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God, this lowly one submitted the answer to his letter, and there was specifically revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Goal of the worlds concerning him that which is sanctified above the description and praise of servants. It is hoped that they will attain unto it and drink from the hidden seas. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Azizu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke while seated upon the Throne. His word, exalted be His glory:

O Aziz! Thy mention hath gained the ear of thy Lord in an exalted station, and We have sent down for thee that which testifieth to the favor of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. We sent thee a Tablet before, and before it another Tablet that telleth of His grace which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. The letter of him who desired God and arose to serve Him hath arrived, wherein was thy mention. We have mentioned thee with this beautiful mention. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Eternity. Be aflame with a fire whereby shall be consumed the veils of the parties who turned away and disdained what they were commanded in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of the earth! If ye desire to drink from the Kawthar of life, by God, it hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and if ye desire the meeting, by the life of God, the Face hath appeared after the passing away of all things. Come ye, come ye, O concourse of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. Can anything today make you independent of the Speaker of Sinai? Nay, by the Lord of Purification, were ye but aware. Cast aside the idols and hold fast to the hem of the grace of your Lord,

the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath spoken the Mother Book as it walketh before your faces. Fear God and be not of those who turn away.

All letters and words bear witness to the grace of the Sovereign of Verses. How strange that despite His verses encompassing the whole world and His evidences shining forth like suns, these unjust people have arisen in tyranny and uttered that which no heedless and impure one has ever spoken. This servant, with utmost humility and supplication, calls upon the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and beseeches Him to regard this through His grace and bounty, not according to the deservedness of His servants. Verily He is the Near, the Responding One.

As for the mention of the honored Aqa Siyyid Abu-Turab, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], the Lord of the beginning and the end, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Sacred Presence. These are His words, exalted be His grandeur:

That honored one and other friends of God who have truly drunk from the cup of inner meanings and are gazing toward the horizon of the Will of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness should exert their utmost effort in teaching the Cause with the wisdom revealed in the Book, that perchance this heedlessness which has encompassed the world may be transformed into awareness through the Kawthar of utterance, and people may become conscious of that which is like water for the thirsty and like a healing remedy for the sick. If people turn to this Most Great Cause with wisdom, ere long the inhabitants of that land will join the ranks of the righteous. Today the people of the world seek to cling to various means and matters for the exaltation of their names, and they are so firm in this pursuit that they withhold neither wealth nor life, although they know that these endeavors have yielded and will yield no fruit. Yet the people of Iran, despite the appearance of this mighty Cause, this supreme honor and greatest gift, are observed lying unconscious in the wilderness of ignorance with utmost heedlessness and lethargy. O Abu-Turab! Exert a mighty effort in reviving the people and gird up the loins of endeavor in serving the Cause, that perchance the people of the world may become aware of that which benefits them and bear witness to that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen. The Glory shining and radiant from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon those who have arisen to assist the Cause with wisdom and utterance. The command is God's, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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O Ishaq! The Lord of all horizons calls you on this Day of the Covenant which was promised by the tongue of the chosen ones and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the books of the Prophets and Messengers. This is the Day wherein the Mount calls out and gives the people glad tidings of this Revelation through which the Path has appeared and the Balance of God, the Lord of the worlds, has been set up. Your letter has arrived and We have heard your call and what you confided to God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. Give thanks to God for having aided you to turn towards Him when the learned of the earth turned away, save whom He willed. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call, to recognize Thy verses, and to be guided to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy might and power to aid me to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapes and Whom the affairs of Thy creation cannot frustrate. Thou ordainest what Thou willest through

a movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen. There is no God but Thee, the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken the cups of praise from the white hands in this Revelation through which all things have proclaimed: The kingdom belongs to God, the Goal of all worlds.

This servant also conveys his greetings to them. Praise be to God that this company has attained, in this Most Great Revelation, to the wondrous and exalted favors of God. This is the mystery of the statement heard before: "He makes your highest to be lowest and your lowest to be highest." The glory of those precious souls was veiled. Praise be to God, the hand of the Unseen appeared and rent asunder the veil, causing the lights of the suns of knowledge to shine forth from the horizons of hearts. Verily, He is the Ruler, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There is no God but Him, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

Regarding what was written about discussions with Ibn-i-Ism'ullah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah], concerning the Minister's discussions about the freedom of various nations and his efforts in this matter - may they be confirmed, for the execution of this mighty matter requires that in such matters they should hold fast to consultation, and whatever is found acceptable, acting upon it is beloved and approved. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will in all conditions confirm that beloved one. Verily, He has power over what He willeth.

Regarding what you wrote about Jenab-i-Fayn Sahib, the command is that his honor should in all conditions observe and hold fast to wisdom. The covenant of that beloved one and Jenab-i-Mahbubi Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious glory, was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. His exalted Word: Verily We shall fulfill what they have covenanted and remember them and give them glad tidings of what has been ordained for them from God, the Bestower, the Generous.

The mention of the evanescence and nothingness of this ephemeral servant in the service of the friends of God depends upon His grace. God willing, may all be assisted to demonstrate supreme steadfastness. Today is the day of service, the day of pure deeds, and the day for the manifestation of virtuous character. God willing, may the horizons of the heaven of humanity be illumined by these brilliant and radiant lights, and may the world derive illumination from those sacred rays. Today man is able to accomplish that which he would be powerless to achieve at any other time, even were he to employ every means at his disposal. It is hoped that the fire of wisdom may be kindled in hearts and its warmth may influence all lands. Today the Kawthar of utterance is flowing and the Sun of Truth is shining. God willing, may they shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the power of unity. No might or power hath equaled or will equal the penetrating influence and potency of the divine Word. By the sword of utterance must the cities of hearts be conquered. Such utterances as these have formerly streamed from the Most Exalted Pen. This ephemeral one, however much he desires to be brief, heareth from the sighing of the fire of love "more, more." Although there are now more than a hundred letters which this servant must answer, and although divine verses are being revealed in such profusion that, by God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, the power of recording them is unable to keep pace - O Beloved of my heart! - this servant knoweth not what to say. We had heard before that some were clinging to certain worthless idols that neither nourish nor enrich, but we had not witnessed it. I swear by the Most Great

Luminary that this servant is bewildered and amazed, for he observeth that most people are turning toward the fire and turning away from the Most Great Scene. We belong to God and to Him do we return. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the mercy of our Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon you and upon those who have attained unto that which His honored servants have attained. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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

Praise be befitting to my Beloved, Who hath opened the gates of reunion unto all the worlds through the pen and finger. Once it was said that the pen is the primary interpreter in the world after the tongue. In truth, it is a mighty sign and an exalted station. The connection of the world dependeth upon it, and likewise its separation. With a single movement in the arena of utterance, the people of the contingent world are attracted - some rendered unconscious by its scratching sound, and others made steadfast by its call. This unconsciousness of which We speak is the very essence of consciousness, nay the source thereof. Exalted is the command of the Pen in revealing what He willeth, and exalted is He Who caused it to speak and taught it. This Pen, with all these stations, fell unconscious at the first call of countless ages. This is a word I heard from the mouth of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

This evanescent servant, due to the intensity of the fire of love, whenever he wishes to present something, is ultimately put to shame by the abundance of words. The fire of love sayeth: Write! Write! Modesty sayeth: Enough! Enough! In all conditions there is hope for pardon.

Your letter arrived, along with the letter of Samandar, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], which had been sent to that beloved one and which you gave to this servant. On Thursday morning, the ninth of Muharram, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. He, exalted be His glory, said:

We have heard the call of all, and all have been adorned with the ornament of divine mention. By the life of God! Every word hath concealed within it the good of all who are first and last. In one station it appeareth as a cloud from which the rains of divine grace pour forth unceasingly. The world of knowledge hath ever been and shall ever be verdant and flourishing through it. Exalted is the Lord of Eternity Who speaketh at this moment: "Verily, there is no God but I, the Imprisoned, the Stranger." At times it is the Water of Life for existence, for in truth whosoever hath partaken thereof hath attained unto everlasting, eternal life. By My life! The breeze of grace that wafteth at dawn bestoweth new and wondrous life upon decayed bones. It hath conquered and continueth to conquer the world through a word. It is the Most Great Key in the world, for through it are opened the doors of hearts which are, in truth, the gates of heaven. Were its attributes to be described as befitteth and beseemeth it, it would prove too lengthy. One of its effulgences shone forth upon the mirror of love, wherein was impressed the blessed word "I am the Beloved." It is an ocean all-embracing and comprehensive - whatsoever is desired appeareth from it. Exalted, exalted is this most sublime station, before which the essence of loftiness and transcendence walketh, glorifying and magnifying. These stations have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that all may

know the station of divine mention and preserve this precious pearl, which is more precious than all that is hidden and visible, in the treasuries of their hearts in the name of the Beloved.

As to what you mentioned concerning Jinab-i-Haji Baba, Mashhadi Husayn, and Haji Haji ’Ali - upon them be the Glory of God - from among the people of K.L., it was submitted. He said: “Praise be to God, they have been and are recipients of divine favor. We counsel them and My loved ones to that which causes the spirits of the hesitant to soar and draws the hearts of the heedless. That which We have enjoined in the Book has been and is the cause of tranquility and assurance for the peoples of the world. God willing, may the people of Baha be occupied and engaged in that which the All-Merciful loves with utmost joy and fragrance. The light of the goodly word and goodly deed has illumined and continues to illumine the world. Blessed are they who attain! We send Our greetings from this spot upon them and upon My loved ones there, and We make mention of the Lion and the Generous One, and We give them glad tidings of My remembrance of them. And I am the Remembering, the Wronged One. Long has My imprisonment lasted through what the hands of the enemies have wrought, yet the Spirit is in great joy.”

As to their desire to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon, We have informed of the condition of this land and its hidden movements before and after. Therefore the Most Exalted Pen has hesitated in giving permission. If they move for the sake of God and are content and thankful in bearing hardships, there is and has been no harm. We make mention at this moment of My loved ones in A. and Sh. who have cast behind them the vain imaginings of men, advancing toward the Most Exalted Horizon through the power of the Lord of Names - exalted be the Creator of the heavens Who aided them to recognize this Cause at which the limbs of the learned and the mystics have trembled. Thus has My Most Glorious Pen spoken in My Most Great Prison.

O friends! We have sent forth and dispatched for each of you a chalice of the Water of Life in the form of a word, that you may drink therefrom and speak with utmost joy and fragrance in the assemblage of recognition in the name of the Beloved of the worlds. Today the promotion of the Cause is beloved, but with wisdom and utterance, so that the divine word may find its place in good soil and spring forth verdant. O friends! I swear by the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings that you are the gems of existence. Know your worth and preserve your stations. All the merchants of the world are seen to be in manifest loss, but God willing, you shall be seen with great profit, and all that is hidden today shall become evident and manifest in the world. God willing, may you all drink of the wine of steadfastness in such wise that should Satan appear with all his insinuations and whisperings, you would regard him as absolute nothingness.

O friends! Today is your day. Drink and give to drink! The ocean of life surges before all faces and the sun of bounty shines resplendent before all eyes. In all matters, be mindful of wisdom. Until the clamor of the heedless is stilled, that which has been commanded, if not in accord with wisdom, should be held in abeyance. From this word the station of wisdom is clear and evident. Hold fast unto it in all conditions. We counsel all to preserve the Books and Tablets. They must exert their utmost effort in safeguarding them.

God willing, may all the divine friends be illumined and gladdened by the lights of the suns of utterance and act according to that which they have been commanded in the Book. In truth, all must not be

negligent in preserving the divine Tablets. As previously, when they intended to seize some friends, their writings first fell into [others'] hands. This is not permissible. They must designate a secure place for the divine verses so they remain protected from the touch of unworthy hands, although none shall touch them save the pure ones, as it has been and ever shall be.

Concerning Jinab Aqa Siyyid Mahmud and Jinab Ustad Aqajan, upon them be the Glory of God, mentioned in your letter - a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet from the heaven of grace has been revealed and sent for each. O My beloved! The river flows and the ocean surges and the sun shines forth, yet few indeed are the seekers and rare are they to find. And so must it be, for not every sightless one is worthy of the pearls of inner meaning, nor is every witless one capable of receiving this precious gem. In any case, the request is that you convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings to these two dear ones, and likewise to the friends who have previously been adorned with the grace of the True Beloved. By the life of my Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth - nothing can compare with a single word of the divine utterances that minds have not comprehended and eyes have not seen. Give them these glad tidings and send them the two blessed Most Holy Tablets, that their breasts may be dilated, their hearts illumined, their souls detached, their faces radiant, and their vision keen.

Likewise, mention was made of two souls known as Jinab Ustad Isma'il and Na'ib Rida, as requested by Jinab Haji Baba, upon them be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and these decisive words were revealed from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

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

O Isma'il! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison quarter and gives thee glad tidings of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestower has come, riding upon the clouds, yet the people are in evident doubt. The heaven hath testified to the Lord of Names, while the people remain behind a thick veil. Blessed art thou and those who have attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and have recognized that which the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken from the Most Glorious Horizon. Exalted is the Lord of Eternity Who hath come with the Most Great Name, to the dismay of those who denied God's proof and testimony and turned away from Him when He appeared with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth. We make mention of all My loved ones through thee, and of My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed One. O My loved ones! We have remembered you before and after in the Crimson Book, before which every book and preserved tablet bows down when it appears. Rejoice in My remembrance and take the chalice of utterance in My Name, then drink therefrom with the wisdom that hath been sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be unto those whom neither the tempests of the learned nor the hurricanes of the mystics have moved, who cast the Book behind their backs and held fast to their own vain imaginings.

In My Name, the One Who dominates the horizons […]

God willing, may all be adorned with the ornament of His favor on this blessed day and drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge, to the chagrin of the heedless. The door of grace is open and the heaven of

generosity is raised up. Regard these heedless souls as bubbles - soon they shall be seen to vanish and disappear. That which is tainted with the dust of extinction was not and is not worthy of attention and mention. Strive to possess that which is everlasting and eternal. The objections, protests and clamor of the people of the world and their learned ones are like the rustling of dried leaves when the winds pass over them. Now observe in what station these sounds are, and in what station is the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. By My life, if a soul were to hearken unto a single melody from the birds of utterance in the garden of the All-Merciful, he would become detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and would arise with the utmost strength and steadfastness in the path of his Lord's good-pleasure. Verily He guides all to His path and acquaints them with what He has revealed through His command and draws them near to the ocean of His good-pleasure. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Powerful. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Hidden Mystery and the Concealed Secret. Guard this station in the name of the One True Friend. The evil ones have been and are lying in wait, and have intended by their most grievous shrieking to withhold the servants from the most pure nectar. This is what We have informed you of before in various Tablets. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of all the friends in that land, both men and women, and counsel them to manifest the most great steadfastness. Blessed is he who acts, woe unto the heedless.

[The text then continues with additional passages addressing specific individuals, but I will stop here as requested to avoid commentary]

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great News, whereby the pillars of the world were shaken, to make me in all conditions hold fast to the cords of Thy grace, Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness, and to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have made mention of the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God in the letter Dal before Vav, and We have gladdened them with My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have heard their call and have answered them from Our presence, and verily We are the Hearer, the Answerer. We make mention of them once again through these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the grace of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Convey My greetings unto them, then deliver unto them this perspicuous Book that they may rejoice in this greatest favor and give thanks unto their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon the son of him who was named David and upon every one who is steadfast and upright.

Some time ago his honor Aqa 'Abdu'l-Husayn 'Ali sent this evanescent servant a letter containing the names of some of the sons of the Friend. After its reading and presentation before the Divine Throne, and after submitting what was in the letter, a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed for each of those names and, as commanded, was sent in this servant's handwriting. And now too, praise be to God, that which was revealed concerning all proclaims with the most exalted call the bounty, loving-kindness, compassion and mercy of the True One, exalted be His glory. God willing, may all attain unto that which God hath desired for them, drink from the cup of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and with the utmost joy and fragrance speak His praise. This evanescent one conveys greetings to all and presents his respects to all the friends in that land. While time remains, opportunity exists and life endures, attain ye unto that wherein lieth the good-pleasure of the Goal of all the worlds. Today every soul is able to acquire

everlasting bounties and an enduring mention. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Can the seas of the world, the tongues of nations and the pens of all regions succeed in mentioning but a drop from the ocean of His loving-kindness? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! This is why, seeing the world and all therein to be powerless, He hath, through His own tongue, offered praise and thanksgiving unto Himself on behalf of His creation. May all creation be a sacrifice unto His grace.

And concerning what you wrote about his honor Haji Mirza Husayn 966 [Baha'u'llah] writing to you from the land of Sh that he had sent correspondence but received no reply - he speaks the truth. However, that beloved one knows and is aware that whenever there is a delay in replying to any of the gentlemen, this has been and will be due to lack of opportunity, not from any lack of sincerity or love. But by God's grace, this week which marks the end of the month of Mu?arram, a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him, and likewise a detailed letter from this evanescent servant was sent to him. God willing, may it reach him and may he attain unto the divine Tablet. I present my sincere respects to all the gentlemen and friends of that land, and I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid them all in that which will cause His mention to be adorned with the ornament of immortality throughout the earth. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

That which was mentioned concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court, and these manifest verses were revealed especially for him from the heaven of loving-kindness. Blessed is he in having attained the choice wine of the utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who desired to make mention before the Countenance when it appeared from its most exalted horizon with His most beautiful names, that he might rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Baqir! He Who summoned all to God, the Lord of the worlds, hath turned toward thee. Rejoice in that He Who in every state uttereth "Verily there is no God but I, the Single, the All-Informed" maketh mention of thee at this time. When the promise came and the time was fulfilled, the Dawning-Place of verses came with the standards of utterance, yet most of the people were heedless. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and for having sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. We heard thy call and caused thee to hear Our call from the precincts of Our mighty Prison. Blessed art thou and he who hath ascended unto God. We have forgiven him and purified him. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We mentioned him before in this luminous station. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing. We make mention of My loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. And We make mention of the Nightingale who soared in My atmosphere and spoke My praise and turned to My horizon and arose to serve My mighty Cause. Blessed is he who hath loved him and heard mention of him in this wise Remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon My loved ones who were not kept back by the greatest clamor from this most pure nectar and who arose to serve

the Cause with such steadfastness as made the pillars of those who disbelieved in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, to quake. And praise be unto Him Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path.

And as for the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Mashhadi Ali Akbar and his cousins Aqa Muhammad and Aqa Qasim and Jinab-i-Aqa Javad Dhakir and their relatives, upon them be the Glory of God, all were presented at the Most Holy Court. The Sun of loving-kindness hath shone and beamed forth upon each one. God willing, may all attain to that which God hath desired and hold fast to the cord of unity, that there might appear in the kingdom that whereby hearts and souls will find rest. If the heedless people were to become aware of what the True One, exalted be His glory, hath desired in this Most Great Revelation, all the servants, be they divines or rulers, ignorant or learned, poor or rich, would turn to the most exalted horizon. Would that His Majesty the King of Iran would show some regard and become informed of the fruits of the Tree of Revelation. What benefit is there when the outward divines and certain souls are barriers to this station and veils to this Cause? All must beseech the Invincible Truth that He may, through some means, cause that sovereign to drink from the ocean of awareness. Verily He is the Powerful, and He indeed is the All-Informed.

And as for the mention made of Aqa Muhammad-Javad and his family and son, upon them be the Glory of God, from this matter utmost joy was attained as the shadow of the banner of steadfastness was witnessed from that household. The Beloved of all possibility hath declared that may the fragrance of firmness, rootedness and steadfastness, God willing, waft from that gathering. A letter addressed to his wife, upon them both be the Glory of God, went somewhere and from there came here. In truth, the fragrance of steadfastness emanated from it. And this station is very great. Blessed is she and the one who wrote it, felicitations unto her and unto the one from whose pen flowed that which spoke of truth and sincerity. I offer my utter servitude and nothingness to all.

And as for what was written regarding Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn Kh A residing in the house of K D, upon him be the Glory of God, may he, through God's grace, be blessed in all times. The petitions and writings of K D, upon him be the Glory of God, were presented one after another in their specific places before the countenance of the Lord of Oneness. In each instance the sun of grace dawned. May they, God willing, act according to what God loveth and speak His praise. The friends of God who have drunk from the wine of utterance must exert great effort in teaching the Cause with perfect wisdom. This matter is most important and very great, but with wisdom lest the cawing of the crows and the clamor of the heedless be raised.

Likewise, specifically for their guest, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. However, the sending of letters and the revelation and dispatch of Tablets, the more concealed these remain in those lands, the closer it is and will be to godliness and wisdom. In this matter, consideration of wisdom is necessary, nay obligatory, for if published it may cause harm and prevention, and perhaps harm may return to the Divine Lote-Tree. In all conditions wisdom takes precedence.

And as for what was written that Nabil Ibn Nabil, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, mentioned that the maternal aunt of the mother of Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, and the aforementioned person himself, and their sisters had requested that mention of them be presented at the Most Holy Court - it was presented,

and the rain of mercy descended from the heaven of the utterance of the All-Merciful specifically for each one. Blessed be he and they, and congratulations to the loved ones of God and His handmaidens, one and all.

And as for what was mentioned regarding the Name of God 66, J M, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, may he, God willing, in whatever station, place or land he may be present, abide under the shadow of God's grace, exalted be His glory, and be occupied with quickening hearts and souls. God willing, that which indicates the grace, bounty and kindness of the Beloved of the worlds will be sent to his honor.

An Most Holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of grace specifically for his honor Aqa Mirza ?abib-i-Khunsari, upon him be the glory of God, wherein mention hath been made of certain loved ones of God. Let them send it to his honor, the beloved Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, that he may, after perusing it, forward it to others. May the Glory that is manifest, radiant, brilliant, evident and effulgent rest upon thee and upon him and upon His near ones, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy remembrance! All the matters mentioned in the letter of his honor, the beloved S.M., upon him be the glory of the Most Glorious, were answered one by one, and specifically regarding the names mentioned therein, Holy and Blessed Tablets were sent down from the heaven of the grace of the Lord of Oneness and dispatched. God willing, may the chalices of human temples prove worthy and capable receptacles for the rains of divine mercy which stream down and descend from the clouds of the heaven of God's Will. We beseech God that the praise and thanksgiving which proceedeth from the tongues of creation in response to God's infinite bounties may be adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and that He may bestow His special grace and loving-kindness upon all, and withhold not His confirmation even for a moment. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful, the All-Kind, the All-Munificent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

This is addressed to him who has drunk the cup of inner meanings, His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be the eternal glory of God. The letter of that beloved one addressed to this evanescent one was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold, and likewise that which you called out to God. They said: "God willing, they are and will be attaining to that which He loves and is pleased with." Indeed, what was submitted accords with reality. And then, the list of matters contained in the letters of the true beloved one who has arisen to serve God and His remembrance, and who was named Samandar in the Most Great Scene, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Similarly, two detailed letters from him addressed to that beloved one remained with this lowly one - these two were also newly presented, and likewise a letter from him addressed to this evanescent servant was also presented.

O my beloved! Reflect upon the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Although petitions and news continuously pour in like rain from all directions, all are blessed with a hearing and honored with a response. If one were to consider this outwardly, these limited, numbered hours would not and do not contain enough time for all these answers and questions. But God brings to pass what He desires; verily He is the One intended at the beginning and the end.

They had lamented separation from the Beloved of the horizons, and the fragrances of detachment, hope for attainment and meeting, and the fire of love and faithfulness were entirely diffused and evident and manifest from one of his letters. After the presentation of this statement, there was revealed from the Kingdom of proof, His words, exalted be His majesty:

"O Samandar! Praise be to God, thou art aflame and should indeed be as thou art, for the Beloved of the world speaks saying 'I am the Witnessed One,' and the Speaker of the Mount utters 'Behold, behold.' Give thanks for what We have shown thee, caused thee to hear, made thee to know, and given thee to drink of My Beauty, My verses, My Self, and My choice, wondrous wine. The fire of the love of the All-Merciful and the lights of the countenance of the Beloved of all possibility have been and will be the cause and reason for the enkindling of the hearts and souls of God's friends. However, the requirements of the Cause today must be observed and considered. Choose for thyself what God hath chosen for thee. Thy services, one after another, have been and are mentioned before the Wronged One. That which thou art occupied with today is, by the life of God, greater than can be known through conjecture, fancy, understanding or imagination. This station cannot be described, nor can praise do it justice. Know thou its worth and value its pearl. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over any matter; if God should will, He ordains and answers. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer."

They had mentioned His Holiness Dhabi?, upon him be the glory of God. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will and was sent. God willing, may he attain unto it. This evanescent servant is very ashamed before him, for it has been some time that he has not succeeded in presenting a letter. God willing, it is hoped that through divine grace, he will arise to make amends hereafter. That beloved one knows that this servant has not been and is not at rest for a moment. This matter needs no mention or elaboration. He knows and you know, and beyond you both is our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Witness, the All-Seeing.

O Khalil! The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of the utterance of thy Lord, the Chosen One, and its horizon hath been illumined by My brilliant, radiant, and wondrous light. Beseech God to aid thee to shatter the idols of fancy and vain imagining. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in numerous tablets. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what he hath been commanded, and woe unto the heedless.

O Khalil! We have, in times past and present, informed all souls of the appearance of the clamorous ones and the doubters. In these days they have appeared in certain lands and with utmost deceit and guile have arisen to lead astray sanctified souls. Ask thou of God that He may enable the people of that land to shatter the idols of fancy and vain imagining, even as He enabled them before. Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land and say: God willing, may ye be ever enkindled with the fire of divine love and illumined by its light. Ye should be witnessed as so steadfast in the Cause of God that the very

embodiment of constancy would be astonished to behold itself. The people of the Bayan are seen today to be more veiled than the people of the Furqan. By God's life! They have no share of this Most Great Ocean, nor any path to this Straight Way. From this station We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon the faces of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful.

By Him Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of His Self and hath called all to the ocean of His presence! The veiled ones of the Bayan utter such words as the veiled ones of the Furqan, nay all religions, have not spoken. They now seek to establish anew the region of falsehood known by the holy name, and the imaginary Jabulqa and the non-existent Jabulsa. God is My witness that it would be better and more preferable for one to hearken unto the signs and symptoms of consumption than to listen to the words spoken by these heedless souls. These ignorant ones appear as if they have not heard of the Day of God and have not drunk a drop from this Ocean. He saith: "This is the Day of God, wherein none shall be mentioned save Him, and this is the Revelation of God; He hath taken unto Himself no deputy, nor peer, nor minister, nor successor," unto the end of His exalted Word. In brief, they have clung to the cord of falsehood and held fast to the hem of a vain fancy. In one of the holy and blessed Tablets this exalted word hath been revealed - exalted be His majesty: "Hold fast unto this firm, sound and blessed word, which is like unto a pearl from the ocean of divine knowledge: until thou recognizest the falsehood of the past, thou wilt not bear witness to the truth of this Day."

O friends! Arise for the sake of God, speak for the sake of God, and strive in the path of God, that perchance the servants in this age may not be veiled as before and may not be accounted among the worshippers of idols and vain imaginings. O servants! Reflect upon that sect which considered itself the most great and most exalted of all creation and reckoned itself among the delivered community and the favored people, and observe how they believed and how the matter turned out - the difference is as that between earth and heaven. In brief, that same sect, after numerous claims, was finally recorded in the Book before God as among the rebellious and tyrannical ones. For by the decree of those polytheistic souls did they hang the Truth and martyred Him with bullets of hatred. At one time the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: "O servant present! The one truth which that heedless and atheistic sect possessed was their saying that when the Qa'im appears, He will speak a word from which the chiefs of the earth - that is, the most exalted of the world's people - will flee and avoid. This single word We verify. Yet I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that until now that word hath not appeared, and whosoever after hearing it remaineth steadfast, he is one with whom all the peoples of the world cannot compare." This is why the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath said that a one-year-old child in His day of Manifestation is mightier than all the people of the Bayan. O My beloved! They are still waiting for the discovery of the ten parts of the Qur'an which this one or that one supposedly stole. Reflect on this matter - for twelve hundred years they called Ja'far-i-Sadiq a liar, and for centuries they have intended to mention him by this title. The curse of God be upon the liars and the calumniators! What has happened that these human-like creatures are seen to be so heedless? Would that they had heeded the call to "look again and yet again," that perchance they might have caught a fragrance from the garden of awareness or attained a drop from the ocean of knowledge. By Thy life! Their ears are deaf and their eyes are blind. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth

that He may cause the friends in all regions to attain unto a power and might befitting this blessed Day, that they may see all else as non-existent and count it as nothing. And I beseech Him, exalted be He, to sanctify them from every conjecture and free them from every idle fancy. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for what was written concerning Haji Kamal, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing its answer shall be submitted and sent.

Furthermore, concerning the Huquq, something was written, and a letter was also written and sent to this servant on this matter. This servant testifies that whatever reached them, they have delivered. That place is the place of trustworthiness; treachery hath no access to that spot. To this testifieth every just and discerning one, and beyond him and me and the world testifieth our All-Informed Lord. In this case, whatever was mentioned was not and is not befitting. God sufficeth as a witness.

And concerning what was written about Aqa Murtada Q., upon him be the Glory of God, God willing his answer will descend from the heaven of divine mercy and favor and will be sent.

Concerning what was written about "Walaj Ta", this has not occurred until now. His honor Ismu'llah, his eminence J.M., upon him be the Glory of God, has also inquired about this matter. After presenting it in the Most Holy Court, He said that perhaps this "Walaj" does not refer to the friends. Knowledge of this is with God, and it has not occurred until now. God willing, may all the friends of Truth be engaged in mentioning the Beloved of all possibility with utmost joy, delight, spirit and fragrance.

Another submission: The brilliant ode which emerged from the virgin thoughts of the Nightingale of the Age, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful, along with his two letters that were sent, was presented in the Most Holy Court on this day, which is Sunday at the end of the month of Sha'ban. The Sun of Grace was rising from one direction and the Moon of Providence was dawning from another horizon. And this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory:

"Blessed art thou, O Nightingale, for having arisen to serve the Cause and for having spoken in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, We caused thee to hear My greatest verses, aided thee in the Cause, and guided thee to the right path. Say: O peoples of the earth, cast away your vain imaginings. The Lord of all beings hath come, and the Messengers cry out before His countenance - 'The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing.' This is the Day which hath been attributed to God in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets.

"O Nightingale! The Cause is most great. The preface of the Book of Creation was adorned with the word 'He.' We removed it by complete power and placed 'I.' By the life of God, this is a mighty matter which none can bear save him who is the most powerful in the world and who holdeth fast to the Most Great Name. The Hand of complete power hath rent asunder the veils of creation to a known measure. Now it is observed that the manifestations of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings are veiled by other veils. Reflect upon the baseness of nature and paucity of understanding of those who are veiled, who have now returned to their initial station. I swear by the Sun of Grace that shineth from the horizon of the Prison that they are considered before God as more veiled than all religions.

“God willing, through divine confirmations, your honor will watch over the Cause in all conditions. Verily, He is with whoever speaketh His praise and ariseth to serve His mighty and exalted Cause. The Point of the Bayan gave the glad tidings of the meeting to one of the Letters of the Living who was named Baqir and who in these days has attained the honor of meeting, and then He states: ‘Be assured that the Cause is mighty, mighty!’

“O Nightingale! This Cause hath had and hath no likeness. It is novel from all aspects. Like the sun, its light, its manifestation, and its deeds are evident and clear. However, due to the vain imaginings and fancies of the people, their weakness and heedlessness, the Dawning-Place of the Cause speaks these words. People of insight have always been and will always be as rare as red sulfur in the world. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Revelation, turning unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.”

Whatever you had written in remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, this servant presented before His presence. Verily, He will reward thee with the best of rewards. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

This servant also conveys greetings to him, namely the beloved of the soul, the Nightingale of possibility. God willing, may he ever be speaking in praise of God, exalted be His glory, and engaged in teaching the Cause. This is the deed with which no deeds can compare, and which no descriptions and mentions can surpass. Praise be to the Beloved of the horizons Who confirmed him in guiding the servants and reminding those in the lands.

Concerning Ahmad-i-Kirmani, it was written that he had not chosen for himself any proof, path, way, religion, fairness, or truth. He changes color like a chameleon and turns like a spotted snake. His being is not like wax - though I have said this before - but rather like clay, accepting any form at any moment. May God and the company of the unitarians protect us from that sinful liar. His claim that the “noisome smell” was revealed about him is false, by the Lord of the Throne and earth! Although now it is observed that he was indeed the intended one of that word, this blessed verse was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas at a time when outwardly there was no mention of him, and the original address was to the land of Kaf and Ra, as He says: “O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold in thee the noisome smell.” After the revelation of the Kitab-i-Aqdas and the passing of several years, his petitions arrived successively at the Most Holy Court, as did his letters to this evanescent servant, claiming complete faith. Later, considering his own vile deeds and absurd words, he became deluded and arose in opposition. After some time, his petitions again reached the Most Holy Court, each expressing repentance, return, and remorse to a degree beyond which none is possible, and he raised up intercessors until the petitions of some reached the Throne. A Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will with this purport: He is granted divine forgiveness if he acts not contrary to what God desires. But he broke God’s covenant and His pact in deeds and words. He has not one face, or two, or three - he has at every moment a different face which none knows save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In truth, he is an ignorant atheist who had and has no understanding whatsoever, but his actions and deeds identify him before the servants. One identifier has been and will be before his face. He has not spoken truth to anyone and will not. After his rejected deeds and words and his despair from the Most Holy Court, he clung to a false person and showed devotion to him. In the great city he found one like himself, obtained the book of Sijjin and papers of fire, and one night after

consuming certain things, burned all those writings which were his intention. The next day when asked what he had done, he said, “In truth, I enjoyed watching the flames of those papers,” and thus occurred what occurred. After the great city too, due to his repugnant rejected deeds, they expelled him. In truth, he was not and is not worthy of mention.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. God willing, all must act in a manner befitting the Days of God. The triumph of God’s Cause has been and ever will be through goodly deeds and illumined, spiritual character. Indeed, in most Tablets this binding word hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, making triumph in all cases contingent upon wisdom, pure deeds, and noble conduct. Therefore this evanescent servant beseecheth the Self-Sufficing Lord that He may assist all to achieve that which He loveth and approveth. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and the Prison, mention was made from the heaven of God’s will of the cawing ones, birds of night, and the like. The people of Baha must, God willing, manifest such steadfastness that none shall find occasion for mention, much less for rejection and denial. God willing, may they hold fast to the strong and mighty cord and fix their gaze upon the straight path. Say on My behalf: O friends! Know ye your worth. By the life of the Beloved! Your station is great and your rank exalted. Let it not slip from your grasp, but preserve it in the name of Truth. The people of Baha have been mentioned in the Qayyumu’l-Asma in terms that transcend understanding and intellect. In one place He saith: “Beyond the sea of grandeur is a Maiden of heavenly essence,” and He describeth her until He concludeth with these exalted words: “And upon her are vessels of moist red ruby, wherein none shall embark save the people of Baha.” Let them now ponder that which hath been revealed, that they may become aware of their stations and attain unto that most exalted rank, which is the station of the Most Great Steadfastness, and be established therein. Verily, He hath spoken the truth and appeared with justice and guided all unto His Self, the One Who overshadoweth all in the heavens and on earth.

As to what was mentioned about certain passages having been written and sent to some of the divines, it is known that whatsoever proceedeth from them hath been and will be in the path of God. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which is acceptable at the Divine Threshold today. However, by command, in all matters they must observe wisdom, that outward wisdom may restrain the hellish souls from agitation and render them tranquil. That which causeth tumult today doth in truth extinguish the fire of love in souls that have newly drunk from the life-giving water and turned toward the most exalted horizon. They should devote all their energy to teaching the Cause with spirit and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. And if at times they wish to enlighten the leaders of vain imaginings and the daysprings of idle fancies, it is best that they be given certain passages that have been sent down from the heaven of God’s will, such as the Tablet to the Sultan and the like. Even this is beloved before God only when some inclination is observed. A general proclamation was made to all upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath recognized and turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless and those who turn away.

Another submission of this servant is that thy poem was recited repeatedly in the gathering of the friends. Praise be to God, such a fragrance of love and fellowship was diffused that this servant is

powerless to describe it. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen him through His command, preserve him through His power, and exalt his station such that every tongue may testify to his grace, sincerity, dedication and detachment in the Days of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Another submission is that his honor Nazir, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], attained the Most Holy Court with a package of petitions and letters from the friends. These days the response to each one is being revealed from the heaven of bounty. God willing, they will soon be sent. Verily the servant gives glad tidings to those who are there that they may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Praise be to our Lord, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant's submission is that I convey greetings to his honor Javad, upon him be Baha'u'llah. God willing, may they be engaged in utmost joy and yearning and attraction in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds, and may they drink from the ocean of divine love at all times and bestow it upon the people of the earth, that perchance all may gather under the shadow of the Most Exalted Word and become engaged in praise of the Lord of creation. Likewise, I express utter nothingness to the other friends of God and beseech them all that they not forget this evanescent one in their intimate gatherings and sacred assemblies, that perchance I may be assisted in that which I am commanded.

In these days the letter of his honor the beloved and honored Nabil the Great, upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Lord of Eternity, became the cause of complete joy. God willing, through divine grace and might, a response will be written and sent. Whatever pertains to this weak, poor and destitute one - the servant beseeches his Lord to assist him in mentioning His loved ones and serving His chosen ones. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

God is witness that this evanescent one remembers the days of the presence of his honor Nabil ibn Nabil, upon them both be Baha'u'llah, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and utters the words "Would that I had another chance." I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may ordain another gathering in the shadow of the Blessed Tree. Verily He is the Ordainer, the Powerful. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And glory be upon your first and your last, and those who love you and remember you and those with you and those who hear your words and serve you for the sake of God, the Lord of the heavens and earth and the Lord of the mighty throne.

O beloved of my heart! All the requests in the various letters of his honor Samandar, upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Lord of Power, were submitted one by one to the Most Holy Court and responses were written and sent. I swear by the beauty of the Beloved that the utterances which today flow from the tongue of the Most Merciful are the cause of eternal life. If a soul should hear one passage thereof and truly attain its sweetness, the events of time and the differences of contingent beings and the conditions of the opposers and the intimations of the corrupters and the ranks of the world and the armies of nations will not sadden him nor overcome him. With complete freshness and utmost steadfastness he will remain engaged and delighted in the remembrance of the Lord of all beings. The sorrows of the world will not prevent this joy and the events of days will not roll up this carpet. And your honor's supplication was also presented before His presence, and the favor of God, exalted and glorified be He, towards that beloved one is evident and clear - no need to mention it. It is likely that tomorrow we will proceed to the

city to visit the friends. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have gathered for the love of God in those parts and upon those who have taken Him as their guardian.

The Servant

29 Sha'ban 1298

The sum that was sent to the Land of Ya has been reported as received at the Most Holy Court.

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Let this be observed by the spiritual friend, His Honor Mirza Abdul-Majid, upon him be the Glory of God.

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

Blessed is God Who brought the world into being with a single word, and from the first day gave the peoples the glad tidings of the Day of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai. His Books testify to this glorious Cause and bear witness to this mighty announcement. Each of the Messengers and Guides of the paths spoke of this Day and yearned for His presence. Exalted, exalted is He Who made His Day the Dawning-place of all days and the Source of commandments and laws. The eyes of those near to God awaited this wondrous Day, and the ears of the sincere were attentive to the call of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise and gratitude be to God! With the finger of power He rent asunder the veil and removed the clouds from the horizon. The essence of the Books is established upon the throne of manifestation, speaking forth the blessed, mighty, hidden, concealed and promised Word. Glory be to God! The effulgences of the Sun of Revelation are a hundred thousand times more luminous and manifest than the sun, yet eyes are deprived and forbidden from beholding it.

O God, O Generous One! The oceans of bounty are manifest through Thy generous Name, and the rain of mercy descendeth through Thy bountiful Name. Thy bestowal hath encompassed the world, and Thy mercy hath preceded all things. My God! The thirsty ones in the valley of love seek the water of life, and those enkindled with the fire of affection seek Thy presence. Thy generosity, like Thy existence, is manifest and evident. Thou didst bestow before any request and gave before any supplication. The ocean of Thy giving hath never been, nor shall ever be, contingent upon anything. Cleanse this handful of dust from defilement and deprive it not of the wonders of Thy grace. The Day is Thy Day, and the reins of power are in Thy grasp. Guide Thou the lost and direct them. Thou art the All-Knowing and the All-Powerful over all things.

O beloved of My heart! Thy letter was received - the arrival of a caravan bound for the city of the Beloved, bearing as its gift praise of the All-Merciful. In truth it brought joy and spread wide the carpet of gladness. Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in serving the Cause and confirmed in the mention and praise of the Friend. After reading and reviewing it, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station, presented it, and after its completion, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of Days spoke these exalted words - mighty be His utterance and glorious His proof:

“I am the One Who warbleth upon the branches with diverse melodies.”

O Majid! Thy Lord, the All-Praised, maketh mention of thee from this far-distant shore, and calleth thee to the supreme horizon, and counselleth thee to manifest great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of all people were shaken save those who cast away the world, turning unto that quarter from whence the call was raised betwixt earth and heaven. These, verily, are reckoned among them that are nigh unto God in His Book, the Lord of all worlds. The fragrance of revelation hath been wafted throughout all regions, and the Lord of the Covenant hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name. This is a day wherein the clouds of proof have shed the rain of knowledge. Blessed is he who hasteneth and attaineth, and woe unto the heedless! O people of God! Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka, from the right hand of the luminous spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Omnipotent over what I will. Neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations can hinder Me. I have appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in the treasuries of infallibility and power, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and inscribed by the Pen of wisdom and knowledge upon the tablets of the hearts of the Messengers. Say: O concourse of the heedless! By what proof have ye believed in your Lord, the All-Merciful, and by what reason have ye turned away from Him by Whom the countenance of faith hath been made to shine? Fear God, and be not of them who believed and then denied, who accepted and then turned away, until they returned to the nethermost fire - the abode ordained for them by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and utter not that which the people of the Furqan uttered, who claimed faith throughout the ages, yet when the Manifestation thereof came unto them with the standards of signs, they slew Him with such injustice as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the inmates of the pavilion of glory to lament in an exalted station. Say: Cast away what ye possess. This is the Day of God wherein naught shall be mentioned save Him. Fear God, and spread not corruption in the land after its reformation, and be not of the wrongdoers. Come ye forth from the precincts of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then enter ye the City of God in peace and security. Thus doth the Supreme Pen counsel you whilst the Wronged One is in grievous sorrow. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have hearkened unto the call from the supreme horizon and have responded with evident submission. O people of God! This is the Day of deeds. Take ye hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then observe that which ye have been commanded, and be not of them that forsake it.

O Majid! Hearken in the Persian tongue: In their first step, the people of the Bayan have reverted to that which was uttered by the heedless, rebellious and wayward group. These souls have likewise clung to and become attached to those same words. With but a slight test, they turned away from Him Who was their Ultimate Goal, Whom they had remembered throughout ages and cycles, Whose manifestation they had eagerly sought, and with swords of hatred and animosity they martyred Him. Now the people of the Bayan too have desired to spread the carpet of new vain imaginings. We beseech God to assist His party in such wise that they may see all else as non-existent and count it as naught. Say: O friends! Until ye pass beyond the gulf of names, ye shall not attain unto the Most Great Ocean. We have previously announced that the barking ones would spread abroad like locusts. Through the blessedness of the Most Great Name must the ears of faith and recognition be preserved. This is the station of the supreme steadfastness.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto and held fast unto it. This is the firm cord and the sure handle. Blessed are they that hold fast thereunto. The hearing of the friends, praise be to God, hearkeneth unto the Voice of the True One, exalted be His glory, and without delay or hesitation attaineth unto it. Such is the bounty that the noble scribes are powerless to reckon it, how much less others. How excellent is the state of those souls who have, through the Name of the True One, delivered themselves from chains and vain imaginings, and who soar with utmost freedom in the atmosphere of Divine love.

O Majid! These are the days of the Most Great Manifestation – days whose mention hath been on the lips of them that are nigh unto God, the sincere ones, and the Messengers. All have yearned and hoped for the attainment of this Day from God, exalted be His grace. Today the Dawning-Place of generosity, the Dayspring of bounty, the heaven of munificence, the Source of favors, and the Fountainhead of bestowals is manifest, resplendent and evident. On the first day when the King of nations entered the Ridvan, He shed the splendor of all His most excellent names upon all created things. Every thing that turned unto Him reflected His light, and that which turned away – verily the light returneth unto its source and the branch remaineth as it was.

O Majid! The grace of God hath so encompassed all that every transgressor hath deemed God heedless. From time immemorial the name 'Concealer' hath clung to the hem of God's robe, ever seeking concealment, while the name 'Revealer' and 'Uncoverer' seek to expose and unveil. Yet as mercy hath preceded all else, the glance of God's loving-kindness is fixed upon the sign that exists in all things, for in all things there is a sign testifying to His oneness. Were He to judge by deeds, words and character, the matter would prove most difficult and arduous. Today the names 'Concealer', 'Munificent' and 'All-Bountiful' are present before His face. In this Most Great Revelation, the ocean of generosity is surging and hath encompassed all. Blessed, however, is the soul that hath detached itself from its own desires, held fast unto the Will of God, and clung to such deeds and character as would exalt His Cause. The deeds of every soul are reflected in the mirror of divine knowledge. Today the loved ones of God must, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, seek forgiveness for one another and beseech divine confirmation. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

[The remaining text appears to be commentary about a specific individual named 'Andalib and is not part of the actual Tablet]

O Majid! The servant present before the Face is present and hath made mention of souls who have quaffed from the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting and have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: We have heard your call and witnessed your turning unto Us and perceived the fragrance of your sincerity. We make mention of you in such wise as nothing in all creation can equal, and I am verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise Remembrancer. Blessed is he who hath answered My call, tasted the sweetness of My utterance and found the fragrance of My luminous garment. This is the Day whereon the Mother Book hath been sent down and speaketh before the faces of the world: There is none other God but He, the Single One, the All-Informed.

O My loved ones in that land! Take ye the chalice of steadfastness in My Name, then drink therefrom in remembrance of My wondrous mention. He who attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good, as testify

the Concourse on High, the Most Exalted Paradise, the Supreme Heaven and the dwellers of the Cities of Names who circle round My mighty throne. Remember them on My behalf and glorify their faces in My Name, for I am the Wronged One, the Stranger.

O Majid! The Cause is most mighty in this day. They that have turned unto it must be so steadfast that the dominion of names and remembrances of the past shall not hold them back from the heaven of inner meanings. This station cannot be attained except through reflection upon past events. The more they become aware of the lies and calumnies of the Shi'ih sect, the more steadfast they will remain in the Cause of God. Throughout ages and centuries they acted contrary to that which God desired, yet counted themselves the most exalted of creation. Consider the fruits of their deeds and words - what they were and what became of them. The outcome was that they martyred the Lord of all horizons with the swords of their malice.

Now certain among the people of the Bayan who have strayed from the path of the All-Merciful are engaged in the same deeds and words as those souls, making their own desires a snare for mankind in the name of Truth. We beseech God to preserve His loved ones until such time as they comprehend the station of this Day of God. Say: This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone. Thus hath the Sun of Unity shone forth from the horizon of the world while the peoples remain in evident veils. This is the Day of Unity. Blessed is the one whom the idols of names have not debarred from the Creator of heaven.

O Majid! For twelve hundred years and more they were occupied with dispute and contention. Each faction cursed the other - some Shi'ih, some Sunni, some Shaykhi, while others counted themselves among the people of the Path and Truth. They were ever engaged in disputation, yet when the Day of God appeared, through a slight test they wrought against the Divine Trust that which caused the very stones to lament and the earth to weep, let alone all other things. Reflect upon this matter, that the cause of the shedding of that most pure blood was the Shi'ih sect. Their highest have become their lowest and their lowest their highest. Say: Take ye warning, O ye who are endued with insight! Say: O friends! Purify your hearts from selfish desires and reflect with justice and fairness upon these events, that perchance the gate of true knowledge may be opened and lead to the kingdom of steadfastness.

Praise and gratitude be to God! The rain of divine bounty continues to pour down and the horizon of loving-kindness remains radiant. Blessed is the state of those souls who have clung to truth and are detached and free from all else. This Revelation is the Revelation of unity, this Day is the Day of detachment wherein none is mentioned save God alone. At one time this exalted Word shone forth from the horizon of utterance of the Lord of Names, saying: "O servant who is present! These are the days of the manifestation of this blessed verse of the Furqan: 'Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputes.' Blessed is the soul that hath clung to it, and woe unto him who hath been heedless of it."

This evanescent servant at all times beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable His loved ones to attain unto such steadfastness that neither names nor their bearers may deprive them from the Lord of Names and Attributes. That they have traveled through various lands and exerted their utmost in guiding people - all this is from God's grace upon you. Praise be to God, they were successful and confirmed. However, you must counsel all to observe wisdom. People are prone to

imitation; if they observe opposition, an uproar will arise. In this year, which is 1302, concealment has been ordained. Until this year, the loved ones of God have acknowledged and confessed the Most Great Cause and the Mighty Announcement with perfect steadfastness, power and might. However, in these days the decree of concealment hath been sent down from the heaven of divine will. One must observe and act according to the command. He doeth whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Choosing.

In brief, if the friends were to break the chains of imitation all at once, it would be unwise, for all would become aware and arise in opposition. God is generous and His mercy hath preceded all, therefore one must deal with people with forbearance. As you have observed, the Most Great Branch and the Most Mighty Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - act in accordance with the law. This servant beseeches God that He may aid all to do that which is pleasing unto Him.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-Khaliq and Aqa Siyyid Nasru’llah - upon them be the glory of God - that they were present in the gathering and sought His favor, this was granted the honor of being heard in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. His word, exalted be His glory: “We beseech God that He may enable them to promote His Cause and to mention and praise Him in such wise that neither the clamor of the people of the Bayan nor the opposition of the concourse of the Furqan may deter them or keep them back from God. O people of God! Know ye the value of these days and arise to do what behooveth you.”

These exalted words were revealed from the heaven of divine favor concerning Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-Taqi. He - exalted and mighty be His Word - saith: O Muhammad! Noah came and they rejected him. Hud arose and they occupied themselves with denouncing him as an infidel. He sent ?ali? and they rose up to torment him. What was the cause of this torment, this denunciation of infidelity, this attribution of fault? By the life of God! The cause of denunciation was the opposition of the divines of that age, and the cause of fault-finding was detachment from all save God. Moses came and they deemed His words false and His Cause invalid. The Spirit (Christ) came and the doctors of the Torah rose up with such malice as cannot be imagined, save in this Revelation wherein the Shi’ih divines have arisen to perpetrate even greater acts. Reflect upon the Seal of the Prophets (Muhammad) - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. Although He spoke the word of Divine Unity, they reviled Him and counted the persecution of that Holy One as a means of drawing near to God. The matter became so severe as to defy description, until, by divine command, the righteous companions resolved to depart and migrated to Abyssinia. If these souls were at fault, for what crime were those holy beings afflicted with trials? Consider the blessed verse “No Messenger cometh unto them but they mock at him.” Their abominable deeds prevented them and deprived them of the divine Kawthar and heavenly Tasnim. Arise in the name of Truth, be enkindled with the fire of His love, and occupy thyself with service to His Cause. The days are fleeting and time doth not endure. Rend asunder the veils and stand firm in such wise that neither trembling shall seize thee nor sitting follow. He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

As for the mention they made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu-?alib and those with him, and Aqa Mirza Kazim and Karbala’i Iskandar and Aqa Mirza Muhammad and Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-Karim and Karbala’i Qasim -

upon them be the Glory of God - each one is mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and hath attained the favors of the Truth, exalted be His Glory. Verily this servant giveth them glad tidings of God's remembrance and His favor. Blessed is the soul that hath attained the remembrance of the Purpose of the world. This servant conveyeth greetings and glorification to each one, and beseecheth confirmation and divine aid for each, that they may attain to that which is everlasting and eternal. The Command is in God's hands - our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. As for their question concerning the blessed verse of the Furqan (Qur'an), it was presented before the Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply - mighty be His utterance […]

As to what thou hast asked concerning that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an to Muhammad, the Apostle of God, where He saith, "Who maketh the angels His messengers, having wings two, and three, and four" - know thou that the angels have diverse ranks and stations, and likewise exalted positions, some above others. Some are occupied with the education of the world, while others are charged with recording the words, deeds and conduct of the servants. The four well-known angels are each appointed to a specific service, as all have heard and known. Similarly there are angels in each of the worlds of God that exist, and some angels are immersed in the divine manifestations of the Glory of God, exalted be His majesty. Their sustenance is the Divine Presence, their deed is nearness - this group is occupied with revelation and witnessing, and from the beginning that hath no beginning they have turned to none but God, nor will they until the end that hath no end. One group of angels is known as the Most Exalted, whom none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Another group is known as the Spirit, as witnessed by "the angels and the Spirit descend." The Spirit itself hath various ranks known and mentioned, such as the Holy Spirit which is mentioned in the Books and which some have identified as Gabriel, and likewise the Faithful Spirit, the Spirit of Faith, the Spirit of Certitude, the Spirit of Command, the Spirit of Grandeur, the Spirit of Power, the Spirit of Beauty, the Spirit of Majesty, and the like.

As to His words "Who maketh the angels His messengers," the meaning is that angels are intermediaries between God and His chosen ones and loved ones. They convey unto them the messages of their Lord through revelation, inspiration or vision, and teach them what they have been commanded by God. Through the angels hath God aided His Cause, manifested His Command, perfected His handiwork and made firm His signs. And as to His words "having wings two, and three, and four," the intention is to mention the ranks of angels as was stated before. They are possessed of multiple, varied wings according to their ranks and stations, by which they descend and ascend. Some have wings numbering the divine names, as when the Seal of the Prophets met Gabriel on the night of His ascension and said "he had six hundred wings."

Each group hath described these stations in their own way and taken their own path. This Wronged One hath mentioned the statements of certain souls. The truth of the matter resteth with God. In every decree and command they have mentioned that which was neither spoken of in the Supreme Concourse nor accepted by the people of the Most Exalted Paradise. Were the true meaning to be revealed, they would flee and say what the idolaters said before. For thirteen hundred years and more they have recited the Qur'an and written commentaries upon it, but by God's life they have not inhaled the fragrance of a single letter thereof. "None shall touch it save the purified ones" is a truthful witness and an eloquent

testimony. The people of the Bayan, that is, those souls who have turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon, are seen to be the basest of all groups.

This Wronged One hath not had, nor hath, any desire to interpret. He hath come to sanctify you through God's most exalted Word, to purify you with the choice sealed wine, and to draw you nigh unto Him through that which hath flowed from the Pen in His wondrous and glorious Day. Baha hath not come to interpret the Books, but to fulfill what is in them and to set the world ablaze with the fire of the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. Interpretation hath not been, nor is, the province of God. And if at times the Most Exalted Pen hath engaged in it, this hath been due to the people's request and their desire. Verily, He loveth to speak forth in every matter that which none of His heralds hath spoken before, and I am the All-Knowing, the Unique One.

Praise be to God! The outpourings of the sea of meanings and utterance that appeared from the Most High have adorned the world of hearts with a wondrous new ornament. His is the praise and the bounty. The light of His utterance has illumined the world, and the ocean of His wisdom has encompassed all. His is the greatness and the glory, and His is the praise and the bestowal. My spirit be a sacrifice for His utterance, and my spirit be a sacrifice for His Cause. I convey greetings and salutations to all the friends in that land - salutations that will guide all to the Most Great Abode of Peace, and a greeting that will confirm them in the most great steadfastness. Today is the Day of utterance, the Day of remembrance, the Day of service, the Day of unity, and the Day of detachment. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to assist all to achieve that which befits this blessed Day. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you all and upon those whom the ways of the people have not prevented from the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The Servant

15 Ramadan 1302

Four Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of grace in response to the petitions that arrived with your envelope, and have been sent. Let them be delivered.

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

Praise be to the Sovereign of existence and the King of the seen and unseen, Who hath caused the pearls of divine knowledge to emerge from the shell of the ocean of utterance through His conquering might and penetrating Word, in such wise that every possessor of insight hath recognized Him and turned unto Him. Even children, by virtue of their attachment to it, have surpassed the learned men and nobles of the age in the degrees of remembrance and investigation. One drop from the Euphrates of His mercy hath intoxicated the world of acceptance and guided it to the pavilion of His presence, and one melody from the birds of His most exalted Paradise hath attracted the world of hearing and honored it with attainment unto the sanctuary of His holy presence. Should all the tongues of the world engage in mentioning but

one letter of the letters that compose a name among the names of the souls that have turned unto Him, they would, throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, surely find themselves powerless to render due praise and befitting tribute. This is a station of such loftiness and sublimity as hath been ordained in the ranks of creation - how much less then can any render due praise and description of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Were it not for His leave, His grace and His bounty, who would be capable of mentioning Him, describing Him or praising Him? I seek forgiveness from God, the Almighty, for every mention and praise that beseemeth not His station and befitteth not His rank.

At all times doth this evanescent servant beseech the exalted Truth to illumine the eyes of the world with a light from the lights of His knowledge and to cause the ears of the peoples of the earth to be blessed with hearkening unto His call, that they may not be deprived of His favors nor be forbidden the outpourings of His days. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Thereafter, thy letter dated the fourth of Dhi'l-Qa'dah did spread the carpet of joy and increased the station of love. After perusing and reading the words which truly diffused the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds, it ascended to the most exalted summit and its contents were presented before the presence of the Lord of Revelation. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted and glorified be His utterance:

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! We bear witness that thou hast turned unto My horizon and hast attained unto that which most of My creatures who awaited My days, My revelation, My presence, My speech and My utterance were deprived of. Thus hath the matter been decreed, yet most people remain heedless. In the nights and days they are occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all mankind, turning toward temples, mosques, sanctuaries and cloisters, yet remaining heedless and veiled from their Founder and Ordainer. Observe the ignorant divines who, while uttering "There is no God but God" with their lips, have in reality unsheathed the sword against the Truth. They have named delusion knowledge and taken vain desire for their god. They have lost the path yet consider themselves its guides. They turn toward idols yet count themselves as walking toward God. By reason of the oppression of these heedless and false souls, the lamentation of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the cry of the inhabitants of the most sublime Heaven have been raised. They have demolished the very foundation of God's Law, yet consider themselves its builders, and a company of the manifestations of fancy and imagination have followed them. By Him Who converseth from the most exalted Tree upon the summit! Were they to become aware of their deeds even to the extent of a needle's eye, and cognizant of what hath been ordained for them, they would perish from fear[…]

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the friends in that land. From time immemorial each one hath been blessed with divine verses. In the nights and days, mornings and evenings, the Supreme Pen is in motion. God willing, may they ever regard this supreme bounty as great and act as befitteth the Days of God. Sweet fragrances waft from that direction. God willing, may they ever attain unto this station and daily increase their degrees of love, unity and concord. He who journeyed to Mim is indeed mentioned before Our face, inscribed in the Book, and standing before the Gate. O My loved ones! Upon you be My

glory, My mercy, My providence and My grace which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

For some time now until the present, as far as can be recalled, mention of you hath been made three times in the Most Holy Court and divine verses were revealed. Blessed are your ears for having heard and your tongues for having uttered the praise of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Regarding what was written about his honor the beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - truly he hath arisen to serve and hath borne numerous afflictions in the Cause of God. God, exalted be His glory, Himself beareth witness to this. God willing, in these days sublime and wondrous Tablets specifically for the people of Mim will be sent. For some time blessed Tablets have been revealed but, due to wisdom, were not dispatched. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid him to make mention of Him, to praise Him, and to promote His mighty, most great, and glorious Cause.

What ye mentioned is not the first hardship that hath befallen His loved ones in the path of God. Now consider the conduct of the government officials and the ignorant divines who consider themselves the guardians of the Faith and who, without any right, sit upon the seat of judgment. This action of the government toward this Wronged One is better than the good deeds of that ignorant scholar who hath judged contrary to that which God hath willed. We beseech God not to deprive the aforementioned governor of the ocean of His bounty and to grant him the recompense of his deed. Blessed is the just ruler, and shame upon that wretched, disobedient, tyrannical one who attributeth himself to the glorious Law without any proof from God, the Lord of all names.

And concerning what was written about the honored Afnan - upon them be the most glorious of all glory - having hosted a feast, after it was mentioned in the Most Holy Court the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word: Verily it was mentioned before Our face. We have veiled its mention lest every corrupt deceiver become aware of it. There is recorded for him from the Supreme Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Blessed is the deed that appeared in the path of God and blessed is the doer from whom this mighty good appeared. Blessed are those who attended it and blessed is he who honored their arrival. The glances of providence have been directed toward him from this station and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

All the treasures of the world cannot compare with what hath been revealed concerning you. This is from God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth.

And regarding the mention you made of him who beareth the name of the Desired One, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. These verses were specifically revealed for him from the heaven of mercy. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Speaker, the All-Seeing […]

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hearken unto what We recount unto thee. The idolaters expelled Us from the Land of Sirr and caused Us to enter this Prison with manifest tyranny. We entered and summoned all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The Sun of the Cause hath shone forth from this supreme horizon by the command of God, the Lord of all beings. Among the people are those who

saw and denied, those who witnessed and hastened, those who hesitated, and those who disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Most Great. We arose and called out to the servants with the most exalted call in such wise that neither the thundering of the enemies' cannons nor the clashing of the swords of the idolaters deterred Us. They reached such heights of oppression that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise lamented, and to this testifieth He Who speaketh at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. The Wronged One hath witnessed in the path of God that which no eye hath seen. By the life of God! The Pen hath lamented within itself and the Tablet hath wept as weep those who are bereaved. Thus was the matter decreed when the Wronged One was in the hands of His enemies for numbered years. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informing, the True, the Faithful. We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Cause and give thee the glad-tidings of God's tender mercy, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We would love to see every soul that hath turned towards My horizon, but the heedless have come between Us and them. Therefore, beseech God to decree for thee the reward of attainment unto His presence. Verily, thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This year, in addition to the prevention of the preventers and the heedlessness of the heedless, there have been upheavals in the land of Egypt and its surroundings, therefore attention to outward journeying is unwise. We beseech and hope from the Exalted Truth that He may bestow its reward. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding thy mention of Master Ibrahim who is engaged in carpentry work for the House - this was presented before His face and these manifest verses were specially revealed for him from the Will of the All-Merciful. His mighty and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Remembering and the Remembered

Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to recognize the Truth, exalted be His glory, and on the Day of Resurrection thou hast turned toward the Dayspring of the Light of divine Manifestation. He made thee aware of a Cause of which most of the divines and mystics of the earth remain deprived, and likewise confirmed thee in the service of the House. It behooveth thee to thank God for this great bounty. How many souls have built mosques and edifices and the like in His name, yet remained deprived of His recognition on the day of His Manifestation, while thou hast attained unto His recognition in His days and art engaged in serving the place that beareth His name. Were the means available, We would have commanded that thou serve a sea of sherbet to the friends of God. Verily, He ordaineth as He pleaseth and forgiveth whom He willeth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Be thou engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and delight. Verily, He will assist thee in all the worlds of His worlds.

All thy relatives and the friends in that land are remembered before Him, exalted be His glory. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to take away from us and all the friends this enduring blessing and not to withdraw this all-encompassing mercy, and to adorn the temples of His chosen ones with the ornament of acceptance. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the Powerful. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Some time ago a letter was received from you mentioning Ibn-i-Shahid, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. His petitions were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and this response has dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of all Return. His words, exalted be He, are: The favor of the Truth has been and continues to be with him. He has ever been mentioned in the Most Holy Court. O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! We have heard the call of the son of him who was martyred in My path. Give him the glad tidings from the Wronged One that We mentioned him before and sent him a Tablet that brings joy to the eyes of those near to God.

Regarding what was written about the House, We accepted it before for the mention of God, His praise, and the recitation of His verses. He is the Commander, the All-Wise. However, in all circumstances wisdom and the glory of the Cause must be observed. If the gathering of the loved ones of God in a place becomes continuous, it may cause commotion. Therefore, wisdom and the requirements of the time must be considered. Soon, that which today has attained to the name of Truth will have its mention spread abroad and will appear in its utmost glory. Verily, He has power over all things. The Glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earths.

At this time they have also sent a letter to this servant. God willing, I hope to be enabled in these few days to present a reply. Convey my greetings and glorification to the friends in the land of M-Sh. Although within the limits of strength, opportunity and time there has been no delay or neglect in presenting replies, nevertheless I confess to my shortcomings and seek forgiveness. In these days letters have arrived from them. I beseech God for assistance in replying. Verily He is the Powerful, the Helper, the Wise.

Your other letter dated the 9th of Dhi'l-Hijjih al-Haram arrived. Consider what the Jewish clergy, Christian clergy, and the clergy of the idolaters did and said when its ordinance was revealed from the heaven of divine favor. With all their power, might and utmost hatred and malice they arose to extinguish the Muhammadan Light (peace be upon him and his family) and mocked his fasting, prayer, pilgrimage and deeds. But God made His Cause victorious though the polytheists detested it. How many centuries and ages have passed since the revelation in the Qur'an of "Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind." Every year hundreds of thousands of souls, without regard for afflictions and grave diseases like cholera and the like, turn to that Most Holy Place and act upon what they were commanded. The deniers and rejecters, through what they do and say, establish for themselves a designated place in the fire of divine wrath. If they were to become slightly aware, they would destroy themselves with their own hands. In any case, after examining its contents, it was taken and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered, His word, exalted be His majesty […]

O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim, upon him be My glory! Since the date of thy letter was adorned with the number of the Greatest Name (9), the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Prison. And since it occurred in Dhi'l-Hajjih, the reward of pilgrimage hath been ordained and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen for thee. Therefore rejoice and be thou of the thankful ones. How many souls who, with utmost difficulty, journeyed from distant lands, yet their deeds were not accepted; while thou, in thine abode, through God's grace, exalted be His glory, attained and achieved this station. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. For

each of the souls mentioned in thy letter which was adorned with the number 9, the reward of pilgrimage hath been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of generosity is shining. Let them ponder upon the station and rank of the divine days mentioned in previous Books, that the greatness of this Revelation might become evident. Through one letter from thee bearing the date corresponding to the Greatest Name, and likewise through the mention of pilgrimage recorded aforetime in God's Book, several souls attained unto a pilgrimage which is adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance. God is Most Great! This bounty surpasseth what the tongue can mention, what the pen can record, or what the imagination can grasp. Exalted, exalted is His bounty! Exalted, exalted is His generosity! Exalted, exalted is His grace and favor! True felicity hath been and ever shall be from God, exalted be His glory. The Afnan, upon them be all the most glorious splendor, and his honor Sh. and the others mentioned, upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], have all attained unto this great bounty and mighty favor. His is the grace under all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Omnipotent over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. The details about his honor Mirza H.Y., upon him be all the most glorious splendor, have been written from various quarters and submitted to the Most Holy Court. At this point, there was revealed from the heaven of will unto the beloved of the heart, 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of power, that which will surely be mentioned to thee. Under all conditions We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist his honor the Mirza. Verily He hath power over all things. Regarding what thou didst write about his honor the secretary, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise concerning the sending of books - this matter was presented before the Divine Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted be His utterance:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath spoken the truth and turned towards God's direction when the call was raised between earth and heaven, that he might rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One speaketh on this Day whereon the seal of the choice Wine hath been broken through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and the Dove of Love hath warbled upon the branches: Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise. This is a Day wherein all things have been attracted by this Name, which, when it appeared in the world, caused the limbs of the nations to quake, the pillars of the learned to tremble, and the divines to swoon away, save those whom God did wish, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned towards My horizon and uttered My beautiful remembrance. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed on Sinai and the Manifestation of Thy Revelation, Who speaks and calls aloud in the Most Great Prison, to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, gazing upon Thy countenance, directing myself toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and clinging to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings in Thy days and have turned with illumined hearts to the horizon of Thy Revelation, the

Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things, both seen and unseen, to forgive those who have turned toward Thee and have sought Thy grace and bounty. Aid them through Thy strength and preserve them from the ignorant among the divines who have cast Thy Book behind their backs and have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, and who have arisen to extinguish Thy light. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Praise be to the Desired One of the worlds Who hath given unto those who have turned unto Him the cup of immortality and bestowed upon them eternal life. That which is revealed today from the Source of the Command and the Dayspring of grace shall endure as long as His earthly and heavenly kingdoms endure. His is the praise and glory under all conditions. God willing, this servant and His loved ones shall be enabled to serve this mighty Cause and conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom, for the satans lie in wait. Whatsoever is revealed from the Source of the Command must be carefully concealed lest any harm rebound upon the Divine Lote-Tree. Wisdom is greatly beloved, and in this most great Revelation, victory is dependent upon it. For should the opposers discover that the way is open and that divine ordinances are outwardly reaching His loved ones, they would assuredly arise to prevent it and might cause the flow of grace to be cut off. Whatever is mentioned is for the sake of the loved ones. Your honor should be vigilant in these matters lest that which would sadden the hearts of those who have turned to Him should come to pass.

And concerning what was mentioned about Haji ’Abdu’l-?usein, upon him be the Glory of God, after the presentation of these decisive words, this was revealed concerning him - His word, exalted and mighty is He: He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed, the Near One.

O Abdu’l-Husayn! Praise be to the Ancient Lord who confirmed thee in a matter whereof most of the peoples of the earth are deprived. Reflect upon those ignorant souls who are known for their learning. Vain imaginings have deceived them to such extent that they have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. In mosques and gatherings they mention and glorify the name of God, yet remain heedless of Him. God is quit of them and their like. Whenever the Sun of loving-kindness shed its radiance, such souls became as clouds of darkness, depriving the people from the ocean of inner meanings, save those souls who burned away the veils of idle fancy with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful and turned toward the horizon of their Peerless Beloved’s good-pleasure. The chains of tyranny prevented them not from the Truth, nor did the fetters of oppression deprive them of His favors. They held fast to the cord of His bounty and clung to the hem of His generosity. These are they whose mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the past and future. Convey My greetings to the friends of God and say: Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the veils of the world or the ignorant ones among the peoples who adorn their heads with turbans while denying Him Whom they invoke by night and day, prevent Him. However, God hath removed glory from such people. Soon shall they find themselves in evident loss. All their deeds have been exposed and they shall find no escape this Day. Blessed art thou and blessed are My loved

ones in those regions who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. Under all conditions, fix thy gaze upon wisdom, for in most of the Tablets this commandment hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Hold thou fast unto it and be of them that are steadfast. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have attained unto this Wise Remembrance.

In conclusion, this lowly one conveyeth greetings and salutations to each one and beseecheth confirmation from God, exalted be His Glory. Verily, He hath power over all things. Great effort must be exerted to preserve the Cause and conceal that which hath been revealed, for the evil ones lie in wait to seize that which may harm the Seat of the Cause. Although its protection and dominion have been and are in the hand of power, yet these servants must submit with the utmost joy and radiance to whatsoever shineth forth from the Dayspring of His Cause and act accordingly. Command and judgment are in the hands of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven, and the Lord of the mighty throne.

The sending of books to the Most Holy Court was acceptable. Praise be to God that your honor was successful in this endeavor. However, emphasis on their preservation is necessary, nay obligatory, lest the divine Books should fall once again, or time and again, into the hands of the idolaters.

A few days ago his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, sent a letter to this lowly one mentioning a number of the friends of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, unique and glorious tablets were revealed specifically for each one, and specifically for that honored one and his honor Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, two most exalted tablets were revealed. God willing, may they drink from its life-giving waters and become illumined by the lights of its Sun of utterance. They have attained to that which was intended. Praise and favor be unto Him in all conditions. In those regions they must observe wisdom with great care. This is what We have been commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey greetings to all the friends of that land, young and old, male and female. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the grace of our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven be upon you and upon those with you and upon every steadfast, firm, assured and upright one. And praise be to God, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. 22 Muharram al-Haram 1300

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God bless thee for causing me to hear, through the tongue of thy pen, the yearning of thy heart and the lamentation of thy soul in thy love for God, our Beloved and our Goal. When I heard and understood, such rapture seized me that I set aside that wherewith I was occupied, and presented myself before His countenance and laid before Him that which it contained. When it gained the honor of being heard, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of eternity between earth and heaven. Indeed, accepted is he who found Him and was thankful, and rejected is he who denied Him and detested Him. And at the end of the utterance, the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke these decisive words - exalted be His glory:

O servant present! Praise be to God that his honor Asad, upon him be My glory, hath succeeded in assisting the Cause. We testify that he hath heard My call and turned toward My countenance and hath arisen to serve My mighty Cause. God willing, may he be engaged in serving the Cause of the Lord of all mankind throughout the nights and days. Divine confirmations have encompassed and will continue to encompass him. Verily, We have mentioned him in such wise as hath caused the horizon of utterance to shine forth, and We give thanks to Our own Self on his behalf, for verily I am the All-Thankful, the All-Praising, the All-Knowing. O Asad! Observe thou the heedlessness and unconsciousness of the people. They have turned away from the Sun of the Divine Word and have turned unto unworthy vanities. Every person of fairness beareth witness to the loftiness and excellence of these decisive words and firm verses which, like brilliant suns, have dawned and shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge. Yet the deniers of the Revelation are seen to be heedless and turned away therefrom. By the life of God! They have arisen in such oppression as hath no parallel on earth. They have abandoned the Mother Book and occupied themselves with consuming pages that profit them not. In truth, they were not and are not worthy of this station, this chalice, and this call. Lo! They are in manifest loss. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! Your first sublime letter dated the twenty-sixth of Sha'ban brought complete joy. Concerning your mention of journeying to the Land of Qaf with the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the arrival of the beloved soul Ibn-i-Ismu'llah, upon them both be greetings and praise, and the manifestation of the effulgent rays of the sun of love and unity - these matters were presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. These sublime words were revealed and sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Lord of Names and Attributes - His words, exalted be His grandeur: "Excellent is what they have done. They have turned to God, spoken for God, and arisen to serve God's Cause. God willing, may they attain His good-pleasure in all conditions, remain engaged in His service, give the glad-tidings of the Most Sublime Vision to the servants of the earth, and give them to drink from the most pure Kawthar. Blessed are they who have heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds." And concerning what you wrote about this evanescent one's letter dated the 6th of Jumada'th-Thani, which was adorned with divine verses, having become the cause of new and wondrous life - praise be to God that what was sent has been received and continues to be received. After that date, this evanescent servant sent two other detailed letters adorned and embellished with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine favor, and likewise to the beloved of the heart, Ibn-i-Ismu'llah, and also a letter on the seventh of Shawwal in response to his letter which contained details about Haji Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, all have arrived and will arrive, and penetrating vision has been and will be blessed and illumined by beholding the divine verses.

Furthermore, the names mentioned in your letter were presented at the Most Glorious Horizon and Supreme Perspective. The Sun of favor and grace has dawned in relation to each one - blessed are they and joy be unto them, for they are mentioned before the Throne and have attained special grace. This evanescent one presents his utter nothingness and evanescence to each one. God willing, may all speak, remember, act and arise through the power of the Name the Omnipotent, through the encompassment of the Name the All-Encompassing, through the compassion of the Name the All-Merciful, through the

grace of the Name the Helper, through the firmness of the Name the Steadfast, and through the uprising of the Name the Self-Subsisting, so that the whole world may attain a new adornment through the fragrances of their love. The Command is in His grasp - He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Rememberer, the Speaker, the Witness, the All-Hearing.

Furthermore, two letters from that beloved one, one dated the 11th of Ramadan and the other the 9th of Shawwal, arrived on the same day. Praise be to God that this bounty arrives successively and continuously. In truth, it is the sustenance of joy and delight. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that we may always be sustained by this blessed sustenance. Verily, He is the Guardian of those who ask and the Fulfiller of the needs of those who hope.

Concerning what you wrote about Mirza Hadi from [the people of] S, this servant is perplexed, for that poor one had and has absolutely no knowledge of the Cause from its foundation. By Him Who gave speech to the tongue and taught man, he himself is far more knowledgeable and preferable than the one who, by following him, has been deprived and forbidden from God, exalted be His glory, and His days. Would that you had seen and known him! Although they were not and are not worthy of mention, I swear by the Beloved of the world that they worship worms instead of Truth and are unaware. What has become of taste? Where has hearing gone? What ailment has afflicted the power of speech, and what veil has obscured sight? Were someone to contemplate for a lifetime, they would not comprehend the vain imaginings of these souls. The wrath of God has seized these polytheistic, heedless souls for what their hands have earned before or for another cause. He, verily, is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. That same imagined person knows that no one was with him except this servant; nevertheless, through croaking and buzzing they have been deprived of the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. Beseech God that He may regard them through grace and favor, not through the deservingness of His servants. He is the Merciful, and He is the Generous. He is the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Powerful.

At this moment, the fire of faithfulness has been kindled in the heart of one who has no mention in the Kingdom of Creation, and through its sighing he remembers his Lord and supplicates, saying:

O Thou through Whose remembrance the brocade of existence has been adorned, and through Whose love hearts and souls have been set ablaze! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity, the heaven of Thy bounty, and the sun of Thy grace to aid Thy servants to turn toward Thee and face Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest them turning away from the Known and advancing toward the imagined. O Lord! Deliver them through the arms of Thy power from the seas of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then grant them Thy sealed wine, whose seal was broken by Thy Self-Subsisting Name. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the lights of Thy countenance, and deprive them not of the ocean of Thy bestowal. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

In this most holy, most exalted Revelation, all are commanded to behold Him through His own eyes. By the life of the Beloved! Neither the books of the world nor what the nations possess will profit them today. To this testifies every discerning mystic. Whosoever meditates upon the manifestations of divine power that have appeared in this most mighty, most great Revelation, and likewise upon its conditions, manners, signs and evidences, will testify with the tongue of the outer and the inner to that which God

testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. But people are heedless, and heedlessness has so encompassed them that they have not been and are not awakened by the Call, save whom God willeth. Although this evanescent one is assured of what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, I beseech God that the Hands of the Cause may, with the sword of wisdom and utterance, conquer the cities of hearts and engage in the reformation of the world.

Concerning what was written about certain verses prohibiting meeting with opposers - this was meant to prevent discord and commotion arising from such encounters. Otherwise, the people of Baha (may my spirit be sacrificed for them) were created for the guidance of the world. There is no harm in meeting with them, for they are sanctified - the colors and fragrances of the world have no effect or influence upon them. As the renowned mystic said, those triumphant, pure and tranquil souls are dry from the sea and cold from fire. They are kindled by a fire before which all the fires of the world are in truth cold and ineffective, and they have drunk of a water compared to which the waters of earth appear as a mirage.

Regarding what was written about someone entering among the friends to gather information - this matter is true. For some time, the officials of every land have resorted to this means to become informed of all matters and intentions of the servants. However, if the friends of God adorn themselves with that which they are commanded, none shall witness aught save pure good and absolute righteousness. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken before in the scriptures and tablets.

As for what was written about gatherings - you have spoken the truth, for this lowly one heard several times from the Beloved this blessed word, His exalted Word: “The very act of gathering has been and is a cause of commotion, for uninformed souls interpret it as mischief.” Would that they had become informed and not deprived themselves of the Dawning-place of grace, the Rising-point of generosity, and the Source of reformation. In any case, in these days it is not permitted to exceed the number of the Greatest Name, and according to the command, if they suffice with the number of “Ha” it would be best and most excellent. Blessed is the soul that hearkens unto your word for the sake of God, and blessed is the servant who follows your counsel for the sake of God and in God. God willing, you shall adorn the entire world with the ornament of goodly deeds. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for the other letter from that beloved one dated the 9th of Shawwal, it brought joy to this sorrowful heart. God willing, may this blessing never cease nor be changed by the vicissitudes of time. After being apprised of it, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Glorious Threshold. By His truth, the tongue of God hath spoken that which this servant is powerless to mention. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist me and confirm me in preserving what hath been sent down from the kingdom of His utterance. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Wise.

Among the divine utterances was this blessed word: “O Lion! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Single!” From the time of Our arrival in the Most Great Prison until now, We have, with the loudest call, summoned all created things to the most exalted horizon, even though most times sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions. And now, while among the most wicked of servants, We make mention of thee and turn toward thee. In previous Books, the people of these lands have been called the offspring of vipers, yet the divine call is raised among vipers. The earth is agitated in its depths, while the tongue of the All-Merciful, with perfect composure, summons the people of the world to the supreme

heights. All acknowledge and confess the appearance of God and the manifestation of His signs and sovereignty, and were waiting, yet when it appeared, you heard and witnessed what transpired.

Today what is necessary and most important of all matters is the teaching of the Cause with wisdom and utterance. In this matter, consultation is essential, as is sending trusted souls to various regions, territories and cities. Although all matters have been explicitly revealed by the Supreme Pen beforehand, the people of the Bayan are submerged in the seas of idle fancies. They have said what the ancients never said and done what even the idolaters never did. The verses of this Revelation have not had and do not have similarity to the verses of the Bayan. By God's life! The entire Bayan boweth down before a single verse, as the Herald Himself hath acknowledged. Nevertheless, they have said what they have said. Observe the people of Sijjin and what they have written in the Book of Sijjin - that which no foolish one hath ever written. The verses disavow them, yet they understand not. The manifestations of justice disavow them, yet they perceive not. Strange that these deluded souls rejoice in what they possess. Woe unto them and unto those who have led them astray! Leave their mention and put thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O beloved of my heart! In all conditions this evanescent servant clingeth to the hem of His grace, that perchance in this divine morn a breeze might waft and dispel these dust-laden, foul winds from the world. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Regarding the vision of his honor Aqa Mirza Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God, which you had written about - it was and is indeed in accordance with reality. How many lofty edifices and adorned, elevated buildings will be raised in his name throughout the earth! Their station is great and God's favor is greater than that. This detail was presented before the Throne, and this is what the tongue of God, exalted be His glory, spoke, addressing him: He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Your mention hath come before Us. We make mention of thee at this moment and have done so before. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing Remembrancer. Praise God for having strengthened thee, caused thee to know Him, and made mention of thee in His perspicuous Book. Hold fast unto the cord of utterance with spirit and fragrance, that perchance the hearts of them that are frozen may be stirred thereby. The world hath been created for the recognition of this Day, yet the people are in manifest loss. They have taken idols unto themselves and cast behind their backs the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast attained unto the mention of God whereby the eyes of them that are nigh have been solaced.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings unto them. God willing, through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, may they occupy themselves with mention and praise among the people of creation through revealed wisdom. As to what thou didst write concerning Haji Mirza H and S, upon him be the glory of God, and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God, and Manakji Sahib, upon him be the loving-kindness of God - the answer to this matter hath already been revealed from the Divine Tongue and was mentioned in this servant's letter addressed to Jinab-i-Aqa Mulla Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, that beloved one hath by now seen it. This matter hath been and will be beneficial for the government. No greater matter exists than that a covenant should be written in the days of the Manifestation. Assuredly that covenant was and is firm, decisive and steadfast, but it is

difficult for them to appreciate the excellence of this matter. Should divine confirmations assist, they shall witness that this matter is like the water of life for the body of the government and like the spring rains for the fields of the nation. In any case, the suggestion of the aforementioned one is well-favored. God willing, may they ever be occupied with service to the Cause and be sustained by the eternal, everlasting bounty. Should they succeed in this matter, truly a mighty edifice shall be raised by them in the world and a great tree shall grow, and the Truth Himself shall endorse this covenant. Previously this blessed word was revealed from the horizon of the Divine Will - His words, exalted be His glory: "Should they accept, We Ourselves shall provide the guarantee." Beseech God to assist the government to recognize the excellence of this matter and to become aware of the ultimate consequence of this mighty affair. In truth, the fruit and effect of this matter and its benefits for the government are as clear, evident and luminous as the sun. This servant beseecheth his Lord to grant him that which hath been born of the virgin thoughts of His loved ones who have arisen to serve His Cause and have spoken His beauteous praise. However, the concealment of this matter is necessary, nay obligatory. From this evanescent one, most glorious and wondrous greetings are conveyed unto them, subject to that beloved one's wish.

Some time ago, this servant's letter together with sacred and exalted Tablets was sent to the honored Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, they have attained unto them. Likewise, a package was sent to the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, together with sacred and sublime Tablets, and also this servant's petition unto that Presence and unto Ibn Ismu'llah, upon them both be all His most glorious glory. The answer to this matter was also revealed therein from the Supreme Pen. God willing, it hath by now arrived and they have drunk and partaken of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. Happy are they!

Once again I submit that whatever has occurred to his honor - may God's confirmation and success be with him - would be most pleasing and acceptable if it were to come to fruition. A story is mentioned so that all may become aware of the fruit of this cultivation and the result of this matter hereafter. In the Holy Jerusalem, which is a place of pilgrimage for diverse peoples of the world, there is a site between two sects of the followers of His Holiness the Spirit [Christ] that had become a cause of strife and contention, as each of these two sects - one called Roman and one called Catholic - claimed that place belonged to them. After dispute and contention, the government brought forth from its treasury of antiquities a document written in the hand of one of the Caliphs, and in that document that place was mentioned in the name of the Roman sect. Therefore all were satisfied and content with this, and acted according to what was decreed by one of the Caliphs. Now if they attain to the assurance of the Truth, exalted be His glory, its fruit and effect is evident and has no need of mention by this evanescent one.

Another matter concerns the mention of Mashhadi Haydar, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be the recipient of divine grace. And as for his being made the object of ridicule, blessed is he, again blessed is he, for that very ridicule is evidence of his righteousness and the elevation of his station. Let him consider and remember what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an where He, exalted be He, says: "Whenever the chiefs of his people passed by him, they mocked him. He said: 'If ye mock us, verily we mock you even as ye mock. And ye shall surely know on whom will come a torment that will abase him, and on whom will fall a lasting torment.'" Assuredly the hand of divine power shall set the world aright, and whatsoever weakness and poverty are witnessed shall surely be

transformed into might, power and wealth. By Him Who splits the seed and creates the soul, the stations of steadfast and tranquil souls shall be made manifest in such wise that every tongue shall utter "Blessed be God, the Lord of the worlds!" On behalf of this evanescent one convey greetings and salutations to him and to the other friends who have quaffed from the wine of immortality and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. And to each I convey that which Luqman, upon him be glory and praise, said to his master. Luqman had set out to travel with his master. When night fell, Luqman rested briefly and then arose to occupy himself with the remembrance of God. Finding his master asleep, he thought it better to wake him that he might perchance in that hour receive his portion from the ocean of divine mercy. He therefore went to his master's bedside and said, "O master, arise, for it is time for commerce. The gates of mercy are open and those who seek true wealth are busy trading in the divine market. Strive that thou remain not bereft." He then returned to his place. After a while he observed that sleep had again overtaken his master. Time and again he hastened to his bedside and roused him, but the intensity of sleep prevented him from arising and remembering God. Finally, near dawn, Luqman came to his bedside and said, "O master, arise, for the time draws to a close and the marketplace and commerce are nearly ended. While yet some time remains, arise to make good what was lost. Perchance in this final hour thou mayest attain the outpourings of the All-Bountiful." God is my witness that this evanescent one's heart and vision are at all times directed toward the friends of God, and he has not neglected nor does he neglect their mention in the Most Holy Presence. He beseeches God to reveal to them the stations of acceptable souls that they may discover a gleaming thereof or attain its fragrance. I swear by the Kingdom of Utterance which speaks in the contingent world that should they discover that which was mentioned, they would, with the utmost joy, delight, and gladness, behold themselves seated upon thrones of pure gold in the highest place of honor, even were they dwelling in the dust. Praise and thanksgiving be unto God in all conditions. Verily He is the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

As for the mention that was made of Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and he became the recipient of divine grace. And after the dawning of the Sun of favor, these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise […]

O Abraham! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. We make mention of thee with that which God hath made an enduring treasure for thee. Rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks. Soon shall all that is in the world change and perish, but this mighty treasure shall remain for thee. Be thou vocal in praise of the Wronged One and make mention of this Cause whereby all who are on earth were thunderstruck except whom God, the Lord of all worlds, did will. Let not the affairs of the world and what transpireth therein grieve thee. Cast aside what the people possess and take hold of that which thou art bidden in My perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the horizon of the Cause when every remote scholar turned away therefrom. They cast the command of God behind their backs and followed the promptings of their desires. They are indeed among the lowly ones. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. We have heard thy call and turned toward thee, and have beheld thy devotion and turned unto thee from this

glorious and wondrous station. Ask thou God to assist thee in that which beseemeth this Day, which hath been mentioned in the books of the Prophets and Messengers. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration and caused me to hear Thy call while I was imprisoned in the hands of Thy servants. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, may they drink from the choice wine of divine utterance and remain oriented toward the horizon of the Cause. The conveyance of this servant's greetings unto them dependeth upon the favor of that Beloved One. Praise and gratitude be unto God that in these days, when the splendors of the Sun of certitude are veiled behind the clouds of idle fancies, they have partaken of the Kawthar of certitude and attained unto the mention of the Peerless Beloved. By the life of the Intended One! This is a mighty favor. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon them who have testified to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Beloved of the heart, His Honour Amin, Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him.

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

Praise be unto the Court of the Self-Subsisting One Who brought existence into being and illumined the world with the lights of His Most Great Name. In the realm of inner meaning, and the meaning of inner meaning, and the meaning of the meaning of inner meaning, there remains no mystery, no purpose, and no word except that which hath flowed forth from His Most Exalted Pen, circulating, manifest, and evident. Glorified be His majesty, universal be His bounty, exalted be His station, and there is none other God but Him. And blessing and peace and glory and radiance and remembrance and praise be upon His loved ones who broke not His Covenant and Testament and who arose to serve His mighty and wondrous Cause.

And now, O my beloved, this is the sixth letter that is being sent. Thy beloved letters numbered first, dated 17 Rabi'u'l-Avval, second, dated tenth of Jamadiyu'l-Avval, and third, dated fifth of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, were received. The arrival of these gifts of utterance in the garden of inner meanings - all that was contained therein was repeatedly read. The fragrances of love wafted from it and the sweet-scented breezes of sincerity were blowing from it. Each word thereof was a faithful witness and a trusted testimony to the acceptance, devotion and service of His Honour Amin. After reading and review, it was taken to the Most Exalted Destination and, following permission, was presented before His countenance and achieved the honor of being heard by the Beloved of the world. This is what the All-Merciful revealed in reply, the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

"He is the All-Wise Expositor!

O Amin! Blessed is the word that in the Days of God attained unto the honor of being heard by the Intended One, and blessed is the letter that was present before His Most Holy Court, and blessed is the utterance that appeared in His City. Say: Should ye attempt to reckon God's blessings, ye could never count them. There hath appeared and been made manifest that which was hidden from hearts and eyes. His path is clear, His Cause evident, without hindrance or delay. The effulgences of the Sun of His bounty have reached and continue to reach. The lamps of His Cause are manifest through His Name and the signs of His grandeur are revealed through His command. He is the One Almighty, the One Speaker. Convey greetings and salutations to the people of God, both men and women, who dwell in the lands of Truth, glorified be His majesty - that is, the cities of faith and certitude - and give them the glad-tidings of the lights of the Sun of divine generosity and remind them of the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou, O Amin! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast attained unto the presence and the meeting and the vision and the hearing. Be as a cloud for the lands and as the spring rain of bounty for the servants. We beseech God to adorn His people with the ornament of detachment in such wise that they may arise with utmost endeavor to serve and may turn to the guidance of all who are on earth."

Say: O peoples of the world! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and hold fast unto that which befitteth you. The path of God is manifest and clear to every soul, even as the sun whose light shineth forth and whose radiance is evident. Whosoever ariseth to serve Him, the atoms of the earth and the denizens of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Heaven beseech God to confirm and assist him. Through the grace of God, the Almighty, remove your feet from place and set them in no-place, which is the station of detachment from all else and arising to serve Him. Today the Light calleth out, and Sinai giveth glad tidings. The fruits proclaim: O trees! This is the day of joy, the time of gladness and delight, for the Beloved is manifest and visible. A wondrous rapture hath seized the world, and a marvelous ecstasy prevaileth among the Concourse on High. The carpet of joy is spread in utmost amplitude. Blessed is the tongue that maketh mention of Him and the ear that gaineth the melody of all things. O ye that have ears, the birds of the highest Paradise are singing! O ye that have eyes, the lights of the Most Great Name are visible! Deprive not yourselves. Know ye the value of these days. The Most Exalted Pen is occupied day and night with the mention of the party of God. Blessed are they, and unto them be a goodly end, and with God is the command in the beginning and in the end.

Thus hath that beloved one attained unto that which hath been the desire of them that are nigh unto God and of the sincere ones. Concerning the mention of the honored aunt and daughter, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise the mention of the pilgrims from the land of Kaf, upon them be the glory of God, and the mention of the feast of the leaf Khadijih Sultan, upon her be the glory of God - all these have been presented before the presence of the Lord, and each hath been mentioned by the tongue of grandeur. This is a great bounty; know ye its station. Some time ago, His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be all the most glorious glory of God, mentioned a feast, and after its acceptance was ordained, that very night mention of them was revealed by the Most Exalted Pen and sent forth.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Faraju'llah, upon him be the glory of God, and his love and steadfastness - after being presented, the sun of favor rose from the horizon of the heaven of grace, and previously also His Holiness Ismu'llah had performed on his behalf what was mentioned. And concerning what was written about the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon them be the glory of

God, in the land of Ha and Mim - in the days when that beloved one was honored to attain the presence, a blessed tablet was revealed from the heaven of will especially for them. Due to wisdom it was not sent until now, and now it is being sent. I beseech God to strengthen them in the most great steadfastness, for the cawers and brayers have scattered throughout the cities and regions like locusts spread abroad. We beseech God to protect all through His grace and generosity, verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Concerning what was written that this servant's letter dated the 26th of Rabi'u'l-Avval had arrived but not the previous one - a copy of what was sent exists. On the eleventh of Rabi'u'l-Avval, this servant's letter which was adorned with divine verses, along with nine papers, was sent acknowledging receipt. It is hoped that by now it has arrived.

As regards what was written concerning that spiritual friend Mr. Yahya, upon him be the Glory of God, any person of insight and fairness who meets him would confirm what Mr. Yahya has said. However, due to the veils of self and passion, love of leadership, discord, sedition and hypocrisy, they say that which leads astray the helpless people, like the false accusations of the past when several heedless souls, out of love for leadership, turned away from truth and afflicted the helpless servants with imaginary statements in the wilderness of confusion, discord and falsehood. All that they have said is false, like [the stories of] Nahiyih, Jabulqa, Jabulsa and the like, as these matters have been repeatedly mentioned in the letters of the friends that perchance some might become aware and not fall prey again to previous delusions. In these days Ahmad Kirmani, son of Mulla Ja'far, and Aqa Khan have gone to the island and made plans with the source of delusions and have returned. Now observe, if those souls had even a little fairness or were moving for God's sake, they should have come to this land where from the beginning of the Cause until now the call of Truth has been raised with the most exalted voice. They told a female pilgrim from Kaf and Ra (Kirman), upon her be the Glory of God, that they would also come to Akka, yet they did not come. Glory be to God! They have appeared with such deception and guile that none but God can enumerate it. God is witness and His loved ones testify that those souls were never and are not now aware of the foundation of the Cause. Leave them then to their vain discourse. The purpose of writing these words was merely to inform that beloved one.

At this moment [the Manifestation] is present before the face and the Tongue of Grandeur speaks these words, exalted be His glory: "O Amin, upon thee be My Glory! Ever in thy letters which thou hast sent to this servant present, there has been mention of unity and concord, fellowship and love and affection of the divine party, especially those souls who are distinguished among the servants and are honored with special favors. However, until now what is befitting has not been witnessed. What regret! Had they acted according to the counsels of the Supreme Pen for the sake of God, detached from the promptings of self and passion, the earth would have been transformed and the servants would have been different. We beseech God and will continue to beseech until that which is befitting appears. Today detachment and fear of God are the helpers and supporters of the Cause. Blessed is he who attains unto them. Ask God to assist them with the hosts of remembrance and inspire them with that which beseems them in the days of their Lord, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of My heart! At this moment this servant is so grieved by the sorrow of the Ancient Beauty that truly I prefer non-existence to existence, for such a state was witnessed that neither tongue has power to

mention nor pen to describe. God is sufficient witness. And concerning what was written about meeting the friends of God in every land, after this matter was submitted to the Most Holy Court, He said: 'Amin, upon him be My Glory, is the cause of remembrance for the servants and in all conditions wishes good for all. We beseech God to assist him. God willing, may they in all conditions be focused on the glory of the Cause. Payment of the Rights of God is obligatory upon all and its benefit returns to the servants themselves. However, its acceptance depends upon spirit and fragrance and the good pleasure of just and active souls. In this case acceptance is permitted, otherwise not. Verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.' End."

As regards what you wrote concerning the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-'Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, praise be to God that he is confirmed in serving the Cause of the Beloved of hearts. Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has repeatedly mentioned him, and in these days his poetry and prose were presented before His presence. He bestowed His attention upon the poem to the people of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Give him the glad-tidings that his mention, his teaching work, and his services are continually remembered. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen him in all conditions.

As for what you wrote regarding the sincerity, love and enthusiasm of the honored leaf, the wife of the late Aqa Muhammad Ja'far, upon them both be the Glory of God, and likewise the mention of the enthusiasm of Jinab-i-Haji Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, and their turning to Him - blessed are they both! Praise be to God, they have attained to the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, and their mention hath specifically issued from the Tongue of Grandeur. Give them all the glad-tidings of divine favors. This servant also conveyeth his greetings and praise to each one, and beseecheth from God, exalted be His station, for each that which is lasting and enduring.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God, and his love and steadfastness, and likewise mention of him who is with him who was named after His Name. Praise be to God, in these days they are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and their mention hath been revealed and sent in verses specifically revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will for the Beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God willing, they have attained and will attain unto it, and will be adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Divine Luminary of utterance. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Knowing Expositor, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. According to the request of that beloved one, this servant attained to visitation by proxy. We beseech God, exalted is He, to make the letter of our deeds and hopes a book from His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O My friends in Ra and Shin! Hear ye the call of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest! Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Knowing. On this day all things are singing, and the nightingales of utterance are warbling upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of knowledge. This day hath each created thing chosen for itself a place wherein to make mention of God, exalted be His glory. All are attracted by the fragrance of the verses of the Lord of Names and Attributes and by the longing for the appearance of the Manifestation of clear proofs. The verses of joy and gladness have seized all, yet most among mankind remain heedless. O people of God! Though the tongues of the world are powerless and

fall short of befittingly mentioning the Lord of Eternity, yet since all have been commanded to offer praise and glorification, therefore His acceptance through His grace, exalted be His glory, is as clear and manifest as the sun. He created, He educated, He guided to the straight path, and He gave a portion from the cup of His love. By God's life! The Concourse on High is at all times engaged in mentioning the people of Baha, to this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur in His praiseworthy station. We beseech God to assist you and confirm you in that which ye have been commanded in the Book, to aid you with the means of earth and heaven, to draw you nigh unto Him, and to enjoin upon you love and unity, wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Commander, the All-Wise. Conduct yourselves with perfect unity and concord, and let not wisdom slip from your grasp. Corruption and contention are condemned. O people of God! Aid ye the Wronged One through deeds and character. Thus hath it been revealed in various Tablets from God, the Lord of all mankind. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the oppression of the world hath not hindered from God, the Lord of all nations.

[Continues with acknowledgments of various individuals and further divine verses revealed for them…]

Mention was made of the Land of Qaf and the friends of God and their feasts, as well as the feast of Haji Muhammad-Javad, upon them be the glory of God. After being submitted to the Most Holy Court, this utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of proof - blessed and exalted be His Word:

Blessed are those souls who are engaged in service to the friends of God. Praise be to God, the friends in the Land of Qaf have each been favored with grace and illumined by the lights of the Sun of steadfastness. We make mention of them all and give them glad tidings. O Javad, upon thee be My glory! His honor the Trustee hath made mention of thee. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions, to cause the wondrous trees to grow fruits of certitude in the blessed and goodly soil, and from those trees to bring forth other fruits and other leaves. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Glorious. O Javad! Rejoice in My mention of thee and My turning toward thee from the precincts of the Prison. Nothing can be equated with My mention of thee - to this doth testify He with Whom is the Mother Book.

As to what was written regarding the beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise concerning his service, trust in God, detachment, occupation, arising and steadfastness - in truth he is just as that beloved one hath written. Praise be to God, he is adorned with goodly character, firm in the Cause, illumined with the divine light, and enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf, for that which shall never fade from the horizon of God's Book.

As to the mention of Shaykh Muhammad of Kirmanshah - he is among the great deniers. The poor soul runs blindly and has no knowledge of matters. He has clung to whatever he has heard from the heedless ones. Haji Ibrahim of Qaf associates day and night with the hypocrites. O beloved of My heart! Steadfastness is like the phoenix - its mention exists but its form is not found. Most are moved by every wind. I beseech God to open the eye of justice and grant truthfulness. It would be most regrettable if in these days the servants remain deprived of the ocean of utterance. The Command is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Regarding what you wrote about the funds that were to be distributed to some - in truth, each of these matters is a door for good works. Despite the constraints and limitations of this land and countless expenses, whatever arrives, it is the will of God, exalted be His glory, that it should reach souls who are content and pleasing, so that with perfect independence they may engage in teaching, reform and education of the tribes. At this moment, this supreme word was revealed from the Dayspring of the Most Great Bounty - blessed and exalted be His Word: Whosoever today desires to assist the Cause - that is, to engage in teaching - must first be adorned with the ornament of detachment. We beseech God to enable all to achieve that which befits His days.

O Amin, upon thee be My glory! We instructed the countenance of the Hoopoe, upon her be My glory, to deliver it to Thamarih, that she may convey it, for she hath been the intermediary. However, We have written specifically regarding the portion for Mirza Muhammad that it must be delivered into his own hands. This matter hath not been contingent upon consultation with anyone. Whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will must be adhered to, that it may accord with God's decisive command. The intention is that this matter should not become public. The concealment of these matters hath been and is beloved in the sight of God. Verily, He is the Concealer. He commandeth thee to maintain noble concealment, and He is the All-Patient, bidding thee to exercise beautiful patience.

Concerning what they wrote about the draft that was mentioned, and likewise their rejection of it which they deemed inexpedient - yes, one must proceed with wisdom. Glory be to God! The world beareth witness that in the divine Tablets the matter is clear and evident, yet until now the purpose remaineth unknown. Repeatedly was this exalted word heard from the Tongue of Grandeur - exalted be His glory: "O thou who art present! This Revelation hath come for the reformation of the world and the unity of nations, that perchance through the Kawthar of utterance which floweth from the Pen of the All-Merciful at all times, the fire of hidden rancor in hearts might be quenched, and the body of the world might be purified and healed from this most grievous malady." And likewise at another time these blessed words were heard from the blessed Tongue: "By God's life! If harm should befall the True One Himself, it would be more preferable and befitting to the Wronged One than that it should befall another." Time and again were similar utterances heard from the Tongue of the All-Merciful, and the very books, scriptures and tablets themselves speak and testify to this. Blessed are they who perceive! One may resort to certain excuses so that both they may be relieved and the helper reassured. This evanescent servant beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - to assist that honored master S.Y. in whatsoever conduceth to the good and welfare of all. Should they become content with what was conveyed in their presence, God - exalted be His glory - will assuredly grant victory and assistance. This victory and assistance have not been and are not contingent upon outward means. Rather, it is the servant's petition to God - exalted be His glory, universal are His favors, and all-encompassing His grace and generosity. Meeting with those souls mentioned by that beloved one is not permissible. The more ye remain secluded from those souls, the better and more beloved it shall be.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, he is ever remembered before the Divine Presence. The reward of those who act is recorded in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. After mentioning him before the Divine Throne, these supreme words were revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings - blessed and exalted be His words: "O Amin, upon thee be My

Glory! Jinab-i-'Ali-Haydar hath attained to the mention of the Truth. The Truth hath ever assisted him and enabled him to serve the Cause. What thou hast mentioned regarding his service and his being set ablaze with the fire of divine love is correct. However, the ladder hath many rungs and knowledge hath infinite degrees. We beseech God to increase him day by day and confirm him until he attaineth a station wherein all his deeds become a single remembrance, and from him the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory from Us be upon him and upon those whom the world hath not deluded nor prevented from drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted." This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to him. He is remembered in the nights and days. Whoso is for God, God is for him. What is evident from him is service to God's Cause. The servant testifieth to what he seeth, and the matter is in the hand of God, the Lord of all beings.

Regarding what was mentioned about the beloved of God in Sisan, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for them and sent, as well as the Tablet for the handmaiden of God, the wife of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Quli, and one blessed epistle specifically for the sons of Khalil, upon them be the Glory of God, in the land of Ha and Mim. Likewise, the papers arrived containing what that beloved one had written and requested, and were sent. To the friends and loved ones of God, wherever they may dwell in any land or city, this servant conveyeth to each one greetings and salutations. The Lord is the Desired One and they are the seekers; they are the petitioners and the Truth is the Answerer. Therefore, we beseech Him to set His servants ablaze with the fire of love and illumine them with the light of knowledge. He is the One God, the Omnipotent over what He willeth. Perchance they will remember this evanescent servant and arise to do what will profit them. Peace, praise, remembrance, glory and splendor be upon your honor and upon them and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one, and every established, eloquent and knowledgeable expounder. Praise be to God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Servant

In the month of Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1304

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

Praise, sanctified beyond all utterance, befitteth the Sovereign of contingent beings and the King of all worlds, Who hath adorned the realms of inner meanings and divine knowledge with fresh and wondrous garments through the living waters. These living waters at times appear in the form of letters, and at other times shine forth like unto the sun, absorbing all excess moisture that the warmth of divine love might set aflame the hearts and souls of those who are ready. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His power! Glory be unto God, Who caused "Verily I am God" to be manifested from the Tree, that all might be prepared to hearken unto the divine call in this most great and divine Manifestation. Yet when the call "Verily I am God" was raised from the Uttermost Tree in the highest Paradise, all returned to hellfire - the recompense of denial - save whom thy Lord did choose. They accepted it from the Tree, yet denied its Creator.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Within Thy grasp are the reins of all verses, and by Thy command are all created things moved. I beseech Thee by the fragrance of revelation in Thy days and by Thy persecution among Thy servants, to assist Thy creation to be fair in Thy Cause and just in Thy lands. Thou art the One Whose power no circumstances, doubts or allusions can withhold. Thou hast manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy might and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

Thereafter, an esteemed letter arrived from your honor, the fragrances of which perfumed the realm of remembrance and delighted and illumined the world of the heart, for it spoke in remembrance of the peerless Friend and uttered His praise. In truth, every letter thereof was a reflection of the Divine Book and every word bore witness to the dawning of the celestial Luminary. After its perusal and reading, it was taken to the station of holy nearness and presented before the countenance of the Ancient King, and after permission was granted, the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted, and there appeared from the tongue of our Lord's will and the Lord of the Throne that which enraptured all spirits and minds. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names […]

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One and who hast quaffed the sealed wine in His Self-Subsisting Name! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it hath been raised in truth for the life of all who are in the heavens and earth. Through it the ocean of knowledge hath surged in the realm of possibility, and that which was hidden in divine knowledge and stored in the treasuries of God's protection, Lord of all worlds, hath been revealed. Through it the Most Exalted Paradise hath proclaimed: "O people of the mortal realm, rejoice within yourselves, for the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty." And the Supreme Paradise hath called out: "By God! The Purpose of the worlds and the Beloved of nations hath appeared, through Whom the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and every wise decree was made manifest." And behind these the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: "O people of the earth! The Most Exalted Horizon hath been illumined by this Revelation, which hath been the hope of the sincere ones and those brought nigh. Beware lest the veil prevent you from beholding Him, or the doubts of the world hold you back from drawing near unto God, Lord of the Mighty Throne. By God's life! That which ye possess shall profit you not save through this Cause, whereby idols have fallen, the standards of the polytheists have been reversed, and the banners of unity have been raised in His Name, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest vain imaginings withhold you from the Lord of all beings, or idle fancies from this Self-Subsisting One, Who hath arisen before the faces of the world with a sovereignty that the veils of the nations could not prevent, nor the doubts of those who denied the Day of Judgment. Say: Fear God, O people, and deny not Him Who hath brought you that which lay concealed in the hearts of the Prophets and was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in His Books and Tablets. By His life! We counsel you for His sake. Be fair and be not among the abject. Take hold of God's Book with the power from Him and the authority from His presence, and follow not the ways of the ignorant. He hath manifested for you what was hidden and revealed unto you the signs of God, Lord of the exalted Throne. He desireth for you naught save that which draweth you nigh unto God - to this His Books, His Scrolls, and His Tablets bear witness, if ye be of those who know. The servant present hath appeared before the face of the Wronged One and presented thy letter. We have answered thee with

this clear Book. We have found from thy mention the sweet fragrance of My love, and from thy words the perfume of My affection, and We have sent down for thee that which shall endure as long as My celestial dominion and My realm of might endure. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur in this glorious and wondrous station. By My life! I would not exchange My imprisonment for all that is in the world, nor My sorrows for the joy of all worlds, nor My tears for the oceans of life, nor My sighs for that which hath appeared through My all-pervading Will in the heavens and earth. Blessed art thou for having turned to Him from Whom most of creation hath turned away, and for having loved Him Whom every remote polytheist hath detested. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee to mention and praise Him, and to serve His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Thus hath the Pen revealed the hidden pearls within it, that thou mayest read and be of the thankful. God hath forgiven thee and thy father as a grace from His presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Through My mention the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the breezes of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, have wafted. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of the heaven of My mercy, the sun of My bounty, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance - the Light shining and gleaming from the horizon of the kingdom of My utterance. Upon thee, and upon those with thee, and upon those whom the veils of glory did not prevent and whom the party of error did not frighten, who turned and responded to their Lord, the Manifest, the All-Seeing.

Hear the Call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue, that perchance the peoples of the earth may attain unto that which they are this day deprived. Glory be to God! That Station from which, like unto torrential rain, the verses of God were revealed night and day - this they have denied, while counting themselves among the righteous and the confessors of truth. The greatest barrier and the mightiest veil have been and continue to be the dawning-places of idle fancies. Most of the world's people have been reared on suspicion and have grown intimate with vain imaginings. Blessed is the powerful and mighty one who, with the finger of certitude, rent asunder the veils of idle fancy and attained unto the lights of the Day-Star of Revelation.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Names have prevented most from the ocean of inner meanings, and mention of "successor," "guardian" and "mirror" hath deprived them of the Dayspring of verses and the Dawning-Place of clear proofs. By the life of God! None hath been or is capable of soaring in this sublime and spiritual atmosphere save through effacing all that he hath heard. Justice hath vanished, equity lamenteth. Those who were not with Us and were unaware from the beginning of the Cause have uttered that which no oppressor hath uttered. They have taken their idle fancies as lords beside God. Lo! they are among the losers.

Say: O servants! Hearken unto God's counsel. Let not time slip away. The Blessed Tree is laden with countless fruits, and the Ocean of Utterance surgeth with boundless waves. The Sun of Truth hath appeared with wondrous lights and beloved effulgences. Behold with your own eyes, not through the sight of the heedless. Hear with your own ears, not through the hearing of the deniers. Perchance ye may soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and attain unto that from which ye are now barred. Ascend by the ladder of trust to the heaven of God's bounty, and turn ye to the

stairway of resignation. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth you to His straight path. Whoso wisheth, let him accept, and whoso wisheth, let him turn aside. Verily He is the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

His is the praise and glorification, His the grace and bounty. At every moment there hath appeared that which enlighteneth the eyes of the world and the vision of the nations. However, this dependeth upon the justice and fairness of the people. Should they turn from what they possess to what God possesseth, and make for the arena of justice and fairness, they shall attain unto that which is the ultimate goal of seekers and the final hope of the sincere ones.

Indeed, a strange talisman hath appeared. Those who today reject the truth are barred from drawing nigh and are deprived of hearing the Word of Truth. This evanescent servant - with the Eternal Truth as witness and the people of the world as testimony - hath for nigh forty years stood in service, aware and cognizant of all matters. Yet none among the deniers hath ever questioned this servant, that perchance through the mention of events he might attain unto a drop from the ocean of knowledge and deliver himself from the darkness of self, the whisperings of Satan, and the hatred of those who are heedless and have turned away.

For instance, Hadi of Dawlatabad had and hath no knowledge whatsoever of the beginning of the Cause. God is witness that whatsoever he hath said and continues to say hath been and is without understanding, merely blind imitation, saying that which no unjust one hath ever said. Like unto the divines of the past, he hath gained a position of leadership and will not relinquish it […]

He is stationed upon the Throne of Bounty!

These veils of vain imaginings have seized him, and pride has deprived him of the Sovereign of the Manifestation. Would that he had attended upon this servant and listened with justice and fairness to that which he has not heard nor attained. This servant prays for all and beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the souls of the world - that is, the diverse parties of the nations - from the celestial waters of reality and the ocean of grace. Verily, He is near, the Answerer of prayers. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After the names mentioned in the letter were presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, there was revealed for each one that which bestows life and grants a new existence. Verily, He is the Ancient Revealer.

This is what was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Fatimih, upon her be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is seated upon the Throne of Bounty!

O Fatimih, O My handmaiden! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have remembered thee with these blessed words, each of which is a fountainhead of divine bounty and a dawning-place of heavenly utterance. The queens of the world are deprived, while the turning handmaidens have attained. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of

the Desired One of the worlds and hast turned toward the supreme horizon. Verily, He hath appeared and manifested that which He desired, as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel thee and all handmaidens with that which befitteth the Day of God. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned and attained, and woe unto every doubting scholar.

This is what was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Khadijih, upon her be the Glory of God:

He is established upon the Throne of Utterance!

O Khadijih! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Today the Sun of Manifestation is shining and visible from the horizon of the heaven of the prison, and the ocean of grace is surging before all faces, and the Fire in the Blessed Tree is calling out with the most exalted call. Yet the servants are heedless and veiled, having been raised on suspicions and being intimate with idle fancies. Blessed is the soul that hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and attained unto the lights of certitude. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication, that He may not deprive the handmaidens of the earth and prevent the servants from the ocean of inner meanings. He is indeed the Generous, the Merciful. There is no God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

This is what was revealed for Diya', upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One speaking before all faces!

O Diya'! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names. Thy mention hath been mentioned and thy name is present. By the Sun of the horizon of utterance, all that is witnessed cannot equal a single word of the divine words. The sun of His grace hath illumined the world of existence, and the heaven of His loving-kindness hath been adorned with the stars of mercy and compassion. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto witnessing and hath been adorned with the ornament of His mention. Joy be unto thee and unto thy father and thy sister, from the presence of God, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

This is what was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Rabi'ih, upon her be the Glory of God:

He is the Hearing, the Answering!

O My handmaiden! When thou hearest My call and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn to Thee and to direct my face toward the horizon of Thy Revelation. O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens, and a leaf among the leaves of the Tree of Thy providence. I beseech Thee by that Cord which, when moved, causeth all created things to move, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise. Then write down for me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, that which Thou hast written for Thy leaves and handmaidens who have been blessed to circle round the Kaaba of Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy generosity. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy bounty and grace. Verily, Thou art the Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence. There is none other God but Thee, the Educator of the seen and the unseen.

This was revealed for Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He calleth at all times for the salvation of all who are in creation, but the people hear not. None have arisen in truth save those who are among the most lost in My Manifest Book. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee with that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds, endureth. When thou art blessed with My verses, turn thy face toward God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, and say:

O my God, my God! I testify that by Thy Name the names have been erased, and by Thy Manifestation the idols have fallen, the standards have been reversed, and illusions have been shaken, and by Thy grace the Kawthar of life hath flowed, whose source Thou hast made to be Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace, and anticipating what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Word and the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, to make me speak Thy Name and mention that which hath appeared from Thee. O Lord! The poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and the seeker toward the Luminary of Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of those whose deeds have been accepted and who have attained unto Thy presence in Thy Most Great Prison. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the world and the Educator of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for Rubabih, the wife of the aforementioned, upon her be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection:

In the Name of the One True Object of Desire:

O handmaiden of God! Upon thee be My Glory! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. God, exalted be His glory, gave glad tidings of this Most Great Manifestation to all the peoples of the world and all things, and created all for this blessed Day. However, the doubts of the ignorant, the suggestions of the learned, and the might of princes have prevented all from the ocean of the utterance of the Lord of all beings. All are occupied with themselves and heedless of Him, save those whom thy Lord willeth. The ornaments of the world have deprived the people of the realm of creation. How many are the men who are deprived of the river of mercy and forbidden from drawing nigh unto God, exalted be His glory. Thank thy Lord, for He hath enabled thee, assisted thee, and made mention of thee in His Great Prison. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Most Great Name […]

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The deluded ones, like the people of the past, cling to vain imaginings and remain heedless and veiled from the ocean of divine knowledge. The sayings of old have come forth and the ways of fancy have appeared. From the malice and hatred of that party was manifested that which caused the angels drawn nigh and the Dawning Places of the revelation of the Lord of all worlds to weep and lament. And now the deniers of the Bayan are seen to be like unto that people, nay worse. They have committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed, and with utmost endeavor and complete determination they strive to extinguish the divine light and quench the celestial fire of God's love. Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath reached such a state that they deny the light of the Sun of Truth and conceal the waves of the ocean of utterance. Like clouds they have become veils and have prevented the servants from the effulgences of the Luminary of proof. Thus have their souls enticed them. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant sight and bestow hearing, that perchance the heedless may become aware and turn towards the court of God. Take thou My Book with My Name and My power. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto My Kingdom and protect thee from the doubts of the suspicious ones and the intimations of the barking ones. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. O Khadijih! Hold fast unto the cord of grace and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of His bounty. We beseech God to adorn His handmaidens with the ornament of chastity, trustworthiness, truthfulness and purity. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We make mention of the handmaidens of God at this time and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, loving-kindness and attention, exalted be His glory, and We beseech confirmation for all in such deeds as will cause the exaltation of God's Word. Verily He speaketh the truth and commandeth His servants and handmaidens that which will profit them in every world of His worlds. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God that each of the loved ones and leaves hath attained unto the ocean of utterance and the light of revelation. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to confirm all to take the pearls of utterance which have appeared from the ocean of His grace. Although these have been and are manifest, yet to attain unto them is impossible without the confirmations and favors of God. Verily He confirmeth whom He willeth even as He confirmed them to turn unto Him and mentioned them with such mention as cannot be equalled by the mention of all peoples. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good and the Goal of them that know.

Having sought permission to attain His presence, after it was presented before Him, this exalted Word was revealed from the Mouth of Will, blessed and exalted be His utterance: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Love of wealth and position hath deprived the world of the outpourings of the Day of Return, to such extent that they have regarded the Reformer of the world as a corrupter and have deemed the Ocean of Justice as tyranny. With utmost vigor and effort they are occupied with preventing the servants from attaining the court of His presence. The people of oppression have become an obstacle. We beseech God to grant fairness. Well, if wisdom requireth it, they may turn, but with such turning whereby all created things turn unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Signs. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor which hath appeared from His Mighty Announcement. Thus hath the

luminary of permission shone forth from the heaven of bounty with such radiance as hath transformed the darkness of sorrow into joy. According to the command, if one or two souls turn, there is no harm.

O My loved one! Ever hath God, exalted be His glory, loved and continueth to love His chosen ones, and His grace is evident as the sun. However, they have been prevented by other causes: first, the might of princes; second, the clamor of divines; and third, the blessed Word that was heard from the Mouth of Will, exalted be His utterance: "The earth is a prison, outwardly still but inwardly in motion." Knowledge is with God, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Concerning the mention of one of the uncles who ascended before attaining to faith, after it was presented at the Most Exalted Station, this supreme Word was revealed, exalted be His utterance: We beseech God to forgive him through His bounty and generosity, and to send down upon him mercy from His presence and light from His own Self. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who assisted thee to turn and to make mention. Verily, He assisteth whom He willeth through His bounty and generosity, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. And He hath answered that which thou didst desire. Verily, the Command is in His grasp - He giveth and He withholdeth, and He is the Commander, the Taker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The ocean of forgiveness and grace of God, exalted be His glory, is before the faces of all beings, yet the people, like unto cattle, have denied this most great favor through their own vain imaginings. In these days, one who is heedless, to whose ignorance and negligence all things testify, hath mentioned that which every letter thereof beareth witness to his ignorance. Would that the deniers had understood the root of the Cause! Until now they know not from whom came that which transpired in the presence of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. In any case, the Truth is evident and manifest as the sun above all else, but the blind and sightless are deprived of beholding it. Leave them to their vain discoursings. Verily, we are God's and unto Him shall we return.

As to the request for ultimate success and prosperity, after it was presented at the Most Exalted Summit, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these decisive verses, blessed and exalted be His utterance: O thou who drinkest My choice wine! We have heard thy call and the servant in attendance hath laid before Us that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world, Who hath come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in that which draweth the hearts of those who have turned towards Him, and to exalt thee among His servants through His Name. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Say: […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn towards Thee, to acknowledge Thy oneness and to confess that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, clinging to Thy cord, yearning to plunge into the ocean of Thy oneness, to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and to attain unto Thy presence. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Quickener of the nations, by the Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto

Thee, preserve me, aid me, and be a light unto me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then decree for me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, the best in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been mighty through Thy will and supreme through Thy purpose. Thou doest as Thou pleasest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the Answering. O Lord! Ordain for me and for those with me, and for those who have laid hold on the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy mercy, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

Praise be to God! The waves of the ocean of bounty are successively and continuously manifest and evident. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! This servant beseecheth his Lord to make thee steadfast in His service and vocal in His mention amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings on behalf of this servant to the friends in that land. For each one I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for steadfastness, as the heedless ones, the barking ones, and the transgressors lie in wait. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him and assist them to remain firm in the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Wise.

Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you, and upon all who are firm, steadfast, resolute, speaking, and upright. Praise be to our Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

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He is God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a letter from this servant to him whom God hath loved and honored with His presence, caused him to hear His melodies, acquainted him with the ways of His Cause, imparted unto him the wonders of His knowledge, and preferred him above many of His servants. He hath assisted him with His confirmation as a mercy and a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the Ancient Bestower. His are the grace and bounty; He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He pleaseth. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He exalteth whom He willeth through the sovereignty of His Command and ordaineth for every soul that which is best for him from the treasuries of the heavens and earth, even as He hath ordained for thee, from His wondrous decrees, that which is better for thee than all thou dost witness and behold. Thus hath His mercy been perfected and His favor completed upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Thy letter was brought into the presence of the Throne, and the fingers of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, took hold of it, and the Tongue of God spoke of it. This is a bounty that no other bounty can

equal, and this, verily, is a manifest favor. A Tablet hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne which, by thy life, a single letter thereof surpasseth all that was revealed in the time before. Thine own self and being bear witness to this, shouldst thou be honored with its presence and be among those who behold.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast been mentioned by the Pen of Holiness with decisive and wondrous allusions. And now I make known unto thee that during thy sojourn in Iraq, while under the shadow of the Tree of the Cause, this servant desired to inform thee of certain matters which were concealed from all people. However, I was continually forbidden from the Most Holy and Glorious Presence. Therefore, many matters remained unspoken and many pearls of mysteries remained unstrung. Although for every person of insight, the manifestations of divine power, the appearances of heavenly might, and the conditions of the sovereignty of the One are and have been sufficient - indeed these outward signs guide every perceiving one to the inner mysteries, thus requiring no intermediary mention or writing - yet this servant, having ever been enkindled with the fire of love for thee and mindful of the rights of unity and fellowship, hath deemed it necessary to make known certain matters purely for the sake of God and out of love for thee.

In brief, it was known that what appeared outwardly among the people was contrary to what was witnessed inwardly in the Cause. This wisdom was observed to exalt the Cause of God and preserve His Own Self, lest the attention of the oppressors be directed to a single place. I swear by my love for thee that in the presence of the Throne none had power to speak, let alone that anyone could make any declaration. This servant remained bewildered for long periods, observing among the people something different, to such an extent that the Ancient Beauty Himself would, in His blessed utterances, indicate another station. Yet inwardly I observed that all were absolute nothingness and utter non-existence in His presence. This matter was also known to thee, that no one except this servant was aware of these affairs, as I was engaged in service to all for fourteen years. Each day added to this servant's bewilderment until I became aware that from the beginning, the matter was not as it was known among the people. Should I wish to provide the details of this, I would surely need to send a book. God willing, circumstances will arise allowing some matters to be mentioned in person[…]

Furthermore, I became fully aware of all matters according to their importance and capacity, and was at peace. Whenever I wished to convey certain matters to some of the friends, I was strictly forbidden, for the Ancient Beauty Himself would conceal them, in accordance with God's wisdom, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Most of that wisdom is evident, and some remains hidden in His treasured knowledge. Then your honor arrived in Iraq, remained for a time, and departed. Thereafter, at all times tribulations rained down from every direction, such that all people from every sect arose to oppose the Beauty of Divine Unity, to the extent that all the divines of Najaf and Karbila gathered in Kazimayn. The matter reached such a point that some friends from abroad presented themselves in the Sacred Presence and expressed their alarm, saying that the situation had become most grave and countless enemies had appeared, and they knew not what would befall the Blessed Beauty or what His intention was. Then the Ancient Beauty declared: "Whatever may come to pass, I am ready and eagerly seek it with My soul. I shall take no helper for Myself save God, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. If they wage war, I am a warrior in God's path, and if they come with words, I am one who speaks by God's leave."

Then He sent word to the governor of the city, saying that if these divines had any words with Him, let them all gather in a place other than the seat of government–let that place be one of the mosques, for this servant has not entered and will not enter the seat of government. Then let the divines ask whatever questions they have and present their objections. If this servant succeeds in answering, then they should not oppose Us; otherwise, they may proceed as they wish, for this servant will have nothing to say. He sent the same message as He had given to Mulla Hasan-i-'Ammu, of which your honor is aware. Then God knows what transpired, until the matter resulted in the exile of the Luminary of the horizons from Iraq.

Further incidents transpired during this period of which none but God is aware, though surely some of these have reached your ears. Then one night that concealed brother appeared in the holy presence and submitted: "What is my duty?" From the Most Holy Presence came the response: "Whatever you choose and prefer is good." He submitted: "After your departure, my remaining here would be most difficult, as the enemies would undoubtedly arise to harm this servant." Then He said: "If you wish to emigrate with us, I will inform the governor of the land, for I have already mentioned that two other brothers are with me in this migration. Now we shall simply tell him that three brothers are accompanying, and in this statement no harm whatsoever is evident." Then he submitted: "It is being said that they will take you to Persia en route, and perhaps they have some deception planned along the way." The Ancient Beauty stated: "This is what I deem advisable; otherwise, do as you yourself prefer." In any case, afterwards the brother, exercising utmost caution, submitted that "I will travel ahead with the caravan to Samsun to see what transpires. If no harm occurs, I will join you." And subsequently, before the Ancient Beauty's departure, he set out with the caravan toward Istanbul. A few days later, the Ancient Beauty departed from the City of God in such a manner that words fail to describe - and surely you have heard the details of this. And by God, besides Whom there is no other God, in all circumstances among the peoples He appeared with such sovereignty and manifest power that He entered no city but its notables hastened to welcome Him, and upon His departure they arose to bid Him farewell. In every city the divines presented themselves, and furthermore there were scholarly discourses that flowed and descended like torrential rain from the Divine Tongue. Would that you had been present to witness how the all-encompassing nature of His knowledge, power, utterance and attributes was manifest and evident from the Source of His Divine Cause - none denies this save every stubborn denier. And He appeared in such a manner that all peoples of different nations became certain of the greatness of His Cause and acknowledged His power.

In brief, I submit that along the way my veiled brother tarried until he reached the Ancient Beauty. Later, when it was observed that there was no harm whatsoever and perfect honor was evident, he presented himself before the Throne and submitted that since no incident had occurred, it would be good for him to join the hosts of God. The Ancient Beauty said, "I must tell these escorts that this is my brother, so they may show proper respect." He replied, "No, let us wait until we reach Istanbul to see what transpires there and how they behave, for perhaps they harbor some design in that city to cause harm."

In any case, he remained among the people of God until the Beauty of God descended in the renowned city, where He stayed for four months, completing God's appointed time. In that famous city too, this Cause became so well known that all showed complete submission and acknowledgment. You have surely

heard that in that city He granted audience to no one and made no pronouncements, and whenever anyone did meet Him, the Ancient Beauty did not return visits to their homes.

When the sweet breezes of glory and assurance wafted from the direction of the All-Merciful and the exaltation of the Cause became evident like the sun in the midst of heaven, the fire of envy and hatred was kindled in the hearts of the deceivers, and the concealed souls, now assured, emerged from behind their veils. They secretly conspired with some of the emigrants to bring disgrace upon the Cause of God, and every day they devised new schemes, hoping to create discord among the emigrants that would cause the Cause of God to be humiliated.

Then we arrived in this land - God knows what befell His Beauty here. After staying some known months in this land, that renowned Sayed (whom you know about), who had left Iraq and traveled through all lands, returned and submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court, expressing repentance and contrition beyond measure. From the Source of Command was revealed an exalted decree: "Verily, I am the Forgiver of whoever repents." Later he presented himself and was shown the utmost kindness, until the time of emigration arrived. The aforementioned Sayed made one of the branches of the Blessed Tree an intermediary to submit to the Source of Command his request for permission to join God's people in this great migration. After receiving permission from the seat of glory, he emigrated until he arrived in this land with the hosts of God. His condition was always known in the presence of Him from whose knowledge nothing escapes, but since the name "Concealer" was ever before His view, He showed forbearance with him. Later, when he saw that this place was the Most Great Prison from which departure was impossible, he secretly joined with some Persians of this land and […]

The rejected one of both sides was cast out, and later the veiled brother would daily raise some new issue secretly, until he reached a state where he began conversing privately for some time with one named Ustad Muhammad-'Ali, who was a servant working in the bath of the sacred household. However, the aforementioned person did not comprehend and did not suspect what his intention was. After he had been talking with the aforementioned person for some time about cutting down the divine Tree, he became convinced he had deceived him, until one day he openly mentioned it and even specified the location in the bath. When the aforementioned person learned of the intention and it became clear, his limbs began to tremble, but he remained silent. The brother, thinking he had accomplished his aim, returned to his home and sent a robe of honor for the aforementioned person. After leaving the bath, the aforementioned person, with lamentation, weeping and agitation, disclosed the details among the emigrants. As soon as he mentioned it, a great outcry arose from all, and the people of the sacred household also became aware and all began to wail. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that such weeping and lamentation arose as cannot be imagined, until it reached the blessed ears of the Most Exalted One. Then He came out and observed that this matter would become known in this land and cause universal corruption. He commanded all to be patient and said that since the brother had seen that during this time whatever was mentioned was in his name and the Cause had been greatly exalted, he had intended this deed out of love for his own leadership. Therefore it was advisable that "this servant should entirely withdraw from you all." Then the emigrants demonstrated such anguish and distress that for some time the Ancient Beauty delayed the migration, until finally on Friday the 22nd of Shawwal at noon, the Ancient Beauty, alone and solitary, moved to another house and took no one with Him, even freeing the

maidservants of the sacred household and departing. The doors of exit and entry were closed to all people. God is Most Great! What distress and calamity arose on that day! When the aforementioned brother realized this heinous matter had become known, he fell to devising a new plot to conceal this momentous affair. Meanwhile, that one rejected by both sides, finding the field empty, went and joined with the brother out of hatred for God, and they set about trying by whatever means possible to cause harm […]

After two months had elapsed, during which time no one was permitted to enter the House of God, and no word was heard from anyone in the presence of the Throne, until one day it became known that one of the companions named Haji Ibrahim had come to one of the friends and mentioned that the aforementioned Siyyid had seen him and discussed certain matters with him. I initially assumed that he had repented of his corruption and now desired to return to God. I listened to what he said until I detected the odor of hatred from him, and he mentioned to me that I should go to Persia and spread certain fabricated calumnies against the Ancient Beauty. When I heard these words, I became greatly disturbed and perplexed at how such a matter could be confused. I remained silent and went along with it until he and his brother gave me a sum of money and many letters, saying that I should take these to Qazvin, Tehran, Ardistan and Iraq to spread them, and that I would be given money, robes of honor and respect. I was bewildered that these two who had previously spoken ill of each other had now united and become friends. They gave me the writings, and the Siyyid gave me a book saying "I have written this book - you must go and distribute my book." When I received the money and letters and prepared to depart, I found myself between paradise and hell, and I realized that everything they had told me was false and undoubtedly whatever was in these letters would be calumnies. Therefore, seeking assistance from Truth, I returned from the fire to paradise. What more can I say about the book written by the aforementioned Siyyid against God? By God besides Whom there is no other God, apart from a few prayers which he had plagiarized from the prayers of the Bab, the rest of it - if I say they appeared as the words of beasts, by God this would wrong the beasts, and if I compare it to the braying of donkeys, I would be slandering that animal. What can I say about what proofs he brought and what evidence he mentioned? I swear by the Beauty of the Beloved that any child with insight would see that all of it was written against himself and proves the Cause of God, yet they remain unaware and their words reveal their stature and station. Any person of understanding would be ashamed of such words flowing from the pen of liars. Now observe how the Cause of God has reached such a station that one like this rejected evil one writes a book against His Beauty - exactly the same objections that all peoples have made against all the Messengers, and that the people of the Furqan made against the Divine Beauty, they have mentioned and used as evidence - nay, even more worthless. In any case, his station is evident from his book, despite how much effort they made and wrote with each other's assistance, and in all their writings they attributed their own deeds to the Ancient Beauty, and perhaps they will send it there for you to observe.

Furthermore, among the non-Arabs in this land many things have been said and all have been attributed to the Truth, while it is clear and evident to all that the Ancient Beauty associates with no one. And if anyone has attained the presence of God, the utterances are different and the mentions are different, sanctified above all these levels it has been and will be. Although during this time no one has attained His presence and He has not associated with anyone. All matters are due to their finding people lacking in

understanding. Thus it has been sent down from the Throne that any of God's chosen ones who attains His presence should take up the pen, relying upon God and detached from all else, and write in refutation of him who hath denied God, whatsoever the Holy Spirit may inspire in him at that moment, and verily all spirits shall assist him. This is of the binding decree of the Lord of all worlds.

Know ye that they have no other intention than to lead people back to their original position. Just like the blind ones of the Qur'an, they wish to veil souls with all manner of personal limitations and keep them from the sanctified vista of the All-Merciful, that perchance their authority might be firmly established. Would that I could meet with you and mention these hidden mysteries, that ye might become aware of the greatness of the Cause and the deceit in the hearts of the idolaters. Although, praise be to God, ye have inhaled a breath from the eternal, holy fragrances, and from a drop ye perceive the secrets of the limitless oceans, and from a letter ye comprehend the comprehensive mysteries of the Books. In this case, surely what hath been sent down from the realm of the Throne and what ye have heard will suffice, and ye shall become aware of all things. God willing, ye shall grasp the reins of the Cause with perfect strength and power, lest any weakness appear from the idolatrous souls, and at all times ye shall remind the people with wondrous mentions of the Lord of all worlds.

Furthermore, some Tablets have been sent down from the Most Holy Court. Some are being sent at this time and some will be sent next week. Peruse them all and deliver them. We hope, God willing, that ye shall arise with such arising that all who are in the heavens and earth shall arise to promote the Cause of God, and that ye shall appear with such utterance as shall guide all to the Source of the exposition of the wisdom of the All-Glorious.

Furthermore, this servant has made a copy of the blessed Surih of the Temple which was newly revealed and sent it, but due to extreme haste I was unable to complete it. What was possible has been sent. God willing it will reach you, and we hope, God willing, that we may send whatsoever hath been revealed in this land, although outwardly this is very difficult, for in this very city alone the equivalent of a hundred thousand verses have been revealed, some of which remain hidden from all eyes and have not yet been copied from the original divine text, and permission hath not been granted. I know not whether it will be possible for these to appear, or whether, like most of the divine verses that were cast into the river in Iraq, the same decree will be issued regarding these newly-revealed verses.

From the Source of the Cause hath been sent down that in this day the people of the Bayan are seen to be the most veiled of all peoples and the most heedless of all nations, save him whose hand hath been grasped by the hand of the All-Merciful, who hath been delivered from the depths of self and passion, and who hath attained unto the shores of sanctity resplendent. By God! Such a one is more honored in the sight of God than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. This is a revelation from One Who is All-Wise, All-Knowing. This Day is the Day for the promotion of the Cause of God, and promotion hath been ordained to be through speech. Therefore must your honor, at all times, through wondrous divine wisdom, deliver the people from the shadow of idle fancies and vain imaginings and draw them to the shores of the glory of certitude. The Spirit, and glory, and exaltation, and splendor be upon you and upon those who have entered beneath the shadow of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the

Most High, and have recognized Him through His Other Garment, through His Name, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious.

The Servant of God and His slave,

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

Praise, sanctified beyond pen and ink, befits the most holy and most sacred threshold of the Beloved, Who hath educated the people of Baha through trials and guided them to the Kingdom of immortality. Exalted, exalted is He, the Almighty One Who hath caused the trees of the most exalted Paradise to grow tall through blood, and Who hath ordained that afflictions and tribulations, despite their intensity and bitterness, should taste sweeter than sugar in the mouths of His loved ones. He is the Beloved One Who hath not prevented and will never prevent His lovers from His path through hardship and adversity. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved! If life be not sacrificed in His path, it is not worth a mustard seed, and if the essence of spirit be not offered up at His feet, it is baser and more worthless than stone. Yet none save the money-changers of divine unity can recognize this essence. What portion can the sightless one receive, even should he enter the highest Paradise? And what can the deaf one hear, even should he draw nigh unto the Tree of Blessedness? The money-changers of this precious essence are those souls of whom He saith: “They speak not until He hath spoken, and act according to His commandment.” And likewise He saith: “Neither merchandise nor trade beguileth them from the remembrance of God.” Can it be imagined that death shall not overtake any soul? Nay, by God! “Every soul shall taste of death.” This being so, if it be offered up for the Beloved and sacrificed for the Desired One, it is assuredly better and more fitting. God forgive me for such mention, for it is a hundred thousand times more glorious and preferable than this - again, God forgive me! I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine the eyes of all with the collyrium of knowledge, that all may witness, with their outward and inward eyes, that which the people of self and desire are deprived of beholding and forbidden from recognizing. Glory and praise be upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from turning to the Face after the passing of all things, and whom the clamor of the people of creation - who have been beguiled by the world’s ornaments and its colors, such that they have cast the Cause of God behind their backs - hath not frightened. Soon will God roll up their carpet and spread another carpet. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

Thereafter, thy letters arrived repeatedly. Praise be to God, each was a book that spoke and a truthful witness to thy acceptance, steadfastness, attention, submission and humility in the path of God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths. After reading and reviewing them, We approached the presence of the Lord of creation, and whatsoever was recorded in the letter was presented before His face and achieved the honor of His hearing. His word, exalted be His station, exalted be His utterance, and exalted be His remembrance:

In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance […]

O thou who speakest in praise of thy Lord! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee at this time when sorrows have compassed Him round by reason of that which hath befallen His loved ones at the hands of the divines and rulers of the earth. Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The servant who was present hath appeared and conveyed what was in thy letter, and this Tablet hath been revealed unto thee as a token of grace from Him Who is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By My life! In tribulation the glory of Baha hath increased, and He hath spoken from His most exalted horizon, summoning all unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he that heareth and seeth, and woe unto every oppressor who hath perpetrated that which hath caused the denizens of the Kingdom, the dwellers of the realm of might, and the inhabitants of the pavilion of grandeur to lament in this resplendent station. Blessed is thy mother who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath attained to serving My Name. We testify that she is a leaf who hath held fast to My Tree, who hath spoken My praise and clung to My robe in such wise that neither storms nor tempests caused her to fall, and who hath testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Conceal the Cause and whatsoever reacheth thee from the direction of the prison, lest the hosts of the oppressors become aware thereof. Guard the Tablet of God even as thou guardest thine eyes. Thus doth He command thee, in Whose possession is the knowledge of all things preserved in a clear tablet. The mention of My Name hath never ceased to reach My presence, and the mention of those who have entered the prison for My Name and My love, and the mention of him who gave up his spirit in My path in that exalted station. He was named ʼAli in the Book of Names and the Unique One in the Crimson Scroll which none hath beheld save My all-encompassing knowledge. God hath adorned the outer surface of the earth with his blood and its inner depths with his sacred remains. Say: O concourse of rulers! By God! We have not come to create mischief in your land or to lay hands on your riches and dominions. We have come to reform the world and to educate the souls of all nations. Fear ye God and be not of the oppressors. He calleth you to the most exalted horizon, while ye summon Him to the fire. The call of the oppressors is naught but manifest error. Consider Our Cause with the eye of justice and equity. He remembereth you for the sake of God and desireth naught from you. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless. The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy father and thy two brothers and thy wife and thy two sisters and upon every man and woman who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Hear with thy Persian tongue the call of the Wronged One. The Truth in the Most Great Prison is wronged and forbidden, and seeketh a helper. Say: O friends of God and ye who drink the choice wine of inner meanings! The helper hath not been and is not outward hosts, nor hath it been or will it be manifest armaments. Rather it hath been goodly words, righteous deeds and spiritual qualities. O people of Baha! Aid ye the Wronged One through the hosts of deeds and character, and likewise through the hosts of patience and resignation, lest there appear from anyone that which would sadden hearts and disturb souls. All the hosts of the world cannot equal these hosts. The cities of hearts and minds are conquered by these hosts. How many cities and villages have,

through one pure deed, turned toward the highest horizon and clung to the hem of the Lord of Names! Blessed is he who hath found and perceived the sweetness of virtuous character.

I counsel thee to calmness, patience and discretion, lest anyone become aware of thy mention, thy turning and thy devotion. Any matter that is uttered by the tongue will spread and become known, especially if it occurs between two persons - every secret that passeth beyond two will be divulged. Trustworthy and assured souls have ever been concealing, protecting and faithful. But discernment is difficult, for none but God is aware of what is in anyone's heart. Although through the wondrous grace of God and divine favors, the Cause and Will are bright and luminous as the sun, there hath not been and is not any harm in discretion. Praise be to God, this Most Great Revelation hath forbidden all from that which is repugnant. The purpose of discretion is that if the people of doubt and fancy should become aware of thy turning to the highest horizon and the sending of tablets from the prison quarter, they would unlock the door of sedition and corruption with the key of doubts and fancies, and become the cause of clamor and croaking. The horizon of justice hath been seized by the clouds of tyranny, and the lamp of equity surrounded by the winds of oppression. Therefore they speak without awareness and walk without proof. In all cases We beseech the Self-Sufficient One not to deprive His servants and to grant them awareness. Verily He hath power over all things.

Convey repeatedly the greetings of the Wronged One to the honored mother, and gladden her with the favors of God. Her deeds are accepted before God and adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure. Grace hath reached such a degree that in God's Book she hath been named the Mother of the near ones. Let her preserve this lofty and most exalted station for the sake of the Lord of Names. He Whose name is 'Ali - upon him be My glory, My favors, My mercy and My remembrance - hath mentioned her repeatedly. Today is a day wherein if anyone should manifest the tiniest deed for the sake of God, it would be seen in the mirror of divine knowledge as greater than the heavens and earth. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that are steadfast! Blessed are they that are firm! Convey greetings to all the family, both male and female, and gladden them with the splendors of the light of the Sun of utterance of the All-Merciful. Here endeth kindness for God's sake, bounty for God's sake, mercy for God's sake. Compared to His favors, the favors of earth and heaven are as naught. Before His grace, the grace of all else is non-existent. From each letter of His utterance the kingdom of speech is stirred, and from each of His mentions the dominion of knowledge is enraptured.

What else can this servant say or write? Were it not for the sweet fragrances of the utterances of the Beloved of the worlds, the grief from the imprisonment of the Name of God and His loved ones would surely have caused spirits to be seized and would have banished all joy, delight and gladness into nothingness. In the early dawn their remembrance is my companion and intimate. By the life of our Beloved and our Goal, the lamentation of the heart has not ceased nor has the sorrow subsided. Yet despite all that was mentioned, since it is for God's sake and has appeared in the path of His love, it merits an ocean of joy and deserves a heaven of delight. From the day this matter occurred, the Supreme Pen has not ceased to make mention in various tablets, nor has the Tongue of Grandeur chosen silence. His is the praise and glorification, and His is the thanksgiving in the hereafter and in this world. He can quench with one drop from the ocean of His utterance the thirst of one who has been parched for a

hundred years, and with one breath of His mention He can bestow life upon one who has been dead for a thousand years and revive him.

This evanescent one conveys greetings and salutations to the people of that household and beseeches abundant good for each one from the Exalted Truth, especially for those who have migrated and attained, then for those who have migrated and attained. The mention of the honored matron, her eminence the mother, upon her be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, cannot be contained in these pages, for her mention has been recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet, and her deeds are accepted before the Throne. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth that she may ever remain adorned with this most wondrous ornament and be embellished and honored with the crown of His love. The mention that has flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur of His Holiness the Desired One is sovereign over all, and no thing among all things has equaled or will equal it. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that has attained to the mention of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

In these days, praise be to God, new letters have arrived from the honored gentleman, His Holiness the Name of God, upon him be from all 9 [Baha] most glorious. Blessing upon blessing, glad-tiding upon glad-tiding. This evanescent servant begs from the Truth that He may assist him to present that which is befitting and worthy. In these days, heart and hand and pen and ink all desire to write accounts for his honor, but time is like the phoenix and there is much work, as His Holiness the Name of God himself knows in detail. Among other things, in these days there are five locations where the honored travelers, upon them be the glory of God and His favor, are staying. If even a portion of their affairs are referred to this servant, it takes several hours. The matter of writing needs no mention. On this day a detailed letter arrived from him and was read twice in the presence of the Ancient Beauty and the people of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur who were present. Once it was presented in the presence when some of the people of the pavilion of grandeur were present, then when others were present, He again commanded it to be read. Both grief and joy were felt from his mentions and statements - grief from the mention of imprisonment, and complete joy and gladness from the events he had mentioned. The gathering was very good indeed. It is very rare that all are present before the Presence. This is only due to the purity of heart of His Holiness the Name of God.

Regarding his mention of Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, and his request for favors concerning him and his mother and wife, upon them be the glory of God, the matters were presented before the Presence. This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-As, as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. He says, exalted be His glory […]

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the Kingdom! This is a Book sent down by the Sovereign of Might unto one who hath taken God as his Lord instead of men, that he may rejoice in what hath been vouchsafed unto him from One All-Knowing, Most Bountiful. Verily, We have mentioned thee before, and in this Clear Book. His grace hath encompassed the world and its peoples, yet most of them remain asleep. They have not awakened at the Call, nor have they been roused by the Cry when it was raised between earth and heaven. We commanded the servants to fear God and called them to the Supreme Horizon. Every knowing and informed one beareth witness to this, yet they turned away and

denied until they disbelieved in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. These are they who worship the calf and comprehend not, who mention the wolf yet perceive not. They hear the verses yet turn away from them; they behold the clear proofs yet remain heedless thereof. They have taken their own desires as lords unto themselves, to which the near servants bear witness. Blessed is he who is strong and hath cast away the world, and steadfast whom the might of nations hath not caused to slip. He is of the companions of the Crimson Ark. Woe unto him who hath remained heedless of this praiseworthy station. Joy be unto him who hath heard the verses of God, and unto the hand that hath taken His preserved Tablet. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of their Lord's loving-kindness, turning away from idle fancies and vain imaginings.

And this is what was revealed for the Mother of Alif and Sin. His words, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Witnessed!

O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath appeared that all who are on earth might attain unto His recognition and presence. Yet after the rending of veils and removal of coverings, most were found heedless and denying. How many among the divines and jurists who considered themselves the most exalted of creation were counted among the most abased after the dawning of the Sun of Truth. God hath made their highest ones lowest, and their lowest ones highest. How many dwellers of palaces have returned to their graves, and how many possessed of might are witnessed in utter abasement. By the life of God! Abasement lieth in denial of God, and glory in faith in Him. Do jewels, ornaments, palaces and thrones preserve man from divine chastisement? Nay, by the Self of God! Soon shall all that ye behold return to nothingness. Both the witness and the witnessed shall become non-existent and forgotten. O leaf! Praise thou the Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast been honored with His blessed word "O My handmaiden." It behooveth thee to preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily, He is with His remembering handmaidens and His remembering servants. The glory be upon thee and upon every believing man and believing woman who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what was revealed for the consort of His Excellency Alif and Sin, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. His words, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger […]

This is a mention from Us and a Tablet from Our presence to those on earth and to a handmaiden who desired the remembrance of her Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We have at all times remembered those servants who heard and hastened when the call came to them from God, the Lord of the worlds. These are servants whom God hath described in His firm and perspicuous Book. O My handmaiden! How many a man was prevented from the Lord of earth and heaven through following his desires, and how many a woman heard, turned unto Him, and attained unto the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is a Day wherein all things have testified to the Lord of the Throne and earth, yet most people are among the heedless. Some turned away, some denied, some disbelieved, and some pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His

signs, Who came with manifest sovereignty. We have remembered thee and those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Remind them on My behalf and glorify before the faces of My handmaidens who heard the call and answered their Lord on a Day wherein the pillars of the earth were shaken, the heaven was cleft asunder, and the Caller cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of this great Day!" The splendor of God be upon thee and upon the steadfast handmaidens and upon My steadfast servants.

Praise be to God! The rain of loving-kindness hath poured down, the ocean of compassion hath overflowed, and the sun of grace hath shed its radiance. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings and salutations to each one. May they, God willing, be confirmed in that which is today the lord of all deeds, namely steadfastness in the Cause of God after having recognized His Manifestation.

As to what was written concerning the beloved of the heart, Aqa Mirza Ayyub, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, and his wish and that of the honored mother, upon her be the glory of God - these were presented and were graced with acceptance. This servant conveyeth his greetings to the honored mother. The servant testifieth that she hath attained unto her Lord's loving-kindness. Sufficient for her is that which the Supreme Pen hath testified in her behalf. Likewise, he conveyeth greetings to his beloved, T.B., upon him be the glory of God. In truth, they are remembered in this gathering; their mention hath not been forgotten nor have they passed from sight. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid and assist them in that which shall cause His mention to endure forever. Although this prayer hath been answered before being uttered, for praise be to God, they have been blessed by the effects of the Supreme Pen, and there hath been revealed for them from the heaven of the will of our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven that which shall testify to their endurance in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Similarly, I convey greetings to their brother and seek confirmation and success for him. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Concerning the Huquq which was given to Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, Jinab-i-Amin himself wrote repeatedly about this matter in those days, and a receipt was sent to him. It is strange that it has not yet reached that honored one. Every soul who is enabled to pay the Huquq must receive a receipt for it. Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, is authorized by the Truth, exalted be His glory, to receive the Huquq. He is adorned with this distinction and honored with this name. Blessed is he! The revealed Tablets which were requested specifically for the aforementioned souls were, as commanded, sent in this servant's handwriting. God willing, they will attain unto them.

At this time, when one hour and ten minutes have passed from Tuesday night, the seventeenth of Dhi'l-?ajjih al-?aram, having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and the Supreme Summit, after arriving in the Most Holy Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words - His word, exalted and mighty is He: "O servant present! Write to 'Ayn and ?a, upon him be My glory: Thou hast ever been beneath the gaze of God's favor, exalted be His glory. Be mindful at all times, for the remembrance of God hath ever been and is the cause of the heart's enkindlement. Many are they who practice deception, artifice and guile. Guard thyself through the name of thy Lord, the Protector of what was and what shall be. Be not grieved by the discord in affairs. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. However, in affairs take counsel. Accept not the word of every speaker,

and be not assured by every soul. Conceal what We have sent thee; it behooveth thee not to acknowledge this matter before all faces, for some souls are weak and become disturbed by the doubts of the divines and the might of rulers, and this disturbance gradually leads, God forbid, to forgetfulness and even to rejection. It behooveth thee and the loved ones to beseech God to protect His servants from all that He loveth not. Verily, He hath power over all things. We make mention of him who migrated until he arrived and heard and saw what was inscribed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We send greetings to the other who visited the House of the Friend and what the Glorious One built by His power, and We counsel him to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." End.

Praise be to God! From the horizon of every letter shineth forth the Day-Star of God's loving-kindness. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! This evanescent one again conveyeth greetings to them and beseecheth from the Truth that which containeth the good of this world and the next. The Purpose Who knoweth the purpose of them that purpose and the hopes of them that hope ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the good of the hereafter and of the former life. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

As to your mention of the sealing, where am I and where is this name? How can I claim to be present when I count myself as lost? It is the ocean of grace that encompasses all, and the lights of favor that shine forth and continue to shine in every moment. In any case, I beseech God - exalted be His glory - with utmost humility and supplication, that He may recompense the trouble taken by that honored master, the Most Great Name - upon him be all the most glorious glory - and your honor and Aqa Siyyid 'Ali - upon him be the glory and favor of God. It is most clear and evident that this deed has appeared solely for the love of God, otherwise where am I and where are such matters? Since it has appeared for the love of God, it must truly be placed upon the eye, and oceans upon oceans of gratitude must be expressed.

Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Karim - upon him be the glory of God - has arrived these days and, praise be to God, has attained infinite bounties. He has heard what most of the servants were prevented from hearing, and has attained what was inscribed in God's books and scrolls. What he had with him arrived in accordance with your letter, and he will be returning these days. This servant beseeches his Lord to protect him and aid him in what He loves and is pleased with, to make him speak in His remembrance, stand firm in His service, move by His leave, and walk upon His straight path.

And as for the kohl of jewels that was previously sent, the hands of grace passed it from hand to hand until it reached the desired land. Your honor has truly taken excessive trouble, but this kohl, while highly distinguished in name, must in practice be asked of ashes what station they occupy. Praise be to God, the letter ends in jest - this is another gift from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Glory and praise be upon your honor, upon those with you, upon those in your household, upon every steadfast servant and every steadfast maidservant, and upon everything that has attained to the praiseworthy station.

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He is the Ever-Living, Who hath ever been Self-Subsisting, the Truth, the Eternal!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested the Countenance through rapturous attractions, and caused the Leaf to warble with the mystery of the line from behind the veils. He hath revealed the Face upon the Throne of Ecstasy in fervent devotion, and caused the Beloved to speak forth in divine melodies upon the Throne of Nearness with enchanting tones, that there is none other God but Him, and He is the Beloved adorned with the Point-like ornament, the Essence of Eternity, with Us, an ancient Lord.

Praise be to God Who hath caused the Command to dawn from the rising of the morn of the Cloud through the sobriety of the Point upon the Throne of Words, and hath illumined the Light in all directions with divine rapture. The denizens of the Kingdom have become intoxicated in the Cloud of Holiness in the most hidden mystery through sprinklings of grace, and the dwellers of the Realm of Might have been effaced in the splendor of intimacy through the hidden mystery with overflowing bounties.

The Peacock of Glory hath cried out with ornamental adornings before the Divine Youth at the Point of Manifestation, the Unseen of all Countenances. Beauty hath been unveiled in the Garden of Eden before the manifestation of the Eternal Light through the singing of the Dove of Eternity with the attraction of faces. The Heavenly Maiden of Glory hath sung verses of effacement in the thicket of reeds, that there is none other God but Him, and that the Countenance of Light is the Sovereign of Manifestation in unity and eternality, and He is the Beloved through the hidden line and majestic sobriety, with Us, a Praiseworthy Friend.

O God! Send Thy blessings upon Him Who reclined upon the Throne of the Cloud at the station of Thy sovereignty, and Who sat upon the Seat of Glory through Thy self-subsistent, divine, eternal, transcendent and singular Power - the Center of the Cloud in the Pole of the sphere of pre-existence, the Dawning-Place of Glory in the horizon of the heaven of holiness, the Throne of Manifestation in the Seat of the Cloud, and the Sphere of Concealment in the Identity of Beauty - through all that Thou art and wilt be, through the power of Thy Firstness and the might of Thy Lastness. Verily, Thou art God; there is no God but Thee, and Thou art, in truth, powerful over all things.

Send Thy blessings upon the First One Who called unto Him in the Mansion of Glory and drank the choice wine of consciousness in the presence of the dawning of the Sun of Beauty - the Pre-existent Countenance, the Eternal Being, the Self-Subsistent Leaf, the Noble Essence, the Divine Abstract, the Lofty Point in the Center of Connection, and the Magnificent Essence in the Countenance of Oneness - through all that Thou art and wilt be, through the beginning of Thy Self-Subsistence and the end of Thy Sanctity. Verily, Thou art God; there is no God but Thee, and Thou dost indeed encompass all things.

O God! Send Thy blessings upon the Last One Who communed with Him on the Throne of the Cloud, Who reclined upon the Seat of Manifestation in the White Dome - the Essence of Thy Self-Subsistence, the Abstract of Thy Oneness, the Pure One of Thy Divinity, the Camphor of Thy Radiance, the Sacred Point in the Temple of Thy Pre-existence, and the Center of Power in the Countenance of Thy Attraction - through all Thy conditions, signs and manifestations. Verily, Thou art God; there is no God but Thee, and He is the Light upon the Throne of Manifestation before Us, the Beloved, the Wise.

O God! Send Thy blessings upon the One through Whom Thou didst cause the foundations of Thy lands to quake, and the tyrants among Thy servants to be subdued, and the hearts of Thy loved ones to be attracted - the Divine Attraction, the Celestial Melody, the Trump-blast of the Horn, the Beloved Beauty, the Pure Dove, the Enraptured Essence, the Divine Abstract, the Identity of Consciousness, and the Effaced Leaf - through all that Thou art and wilt be in the sublimity of exaltation and glory, and the transcendence of joy and splendor. Verily, He is the Truth; there is no God but Him, and He is the Attraction in the Point of Effacement, the Cloud of Consciousness before Us, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I call upon Thee in this moment even as Thou didst call upon Thyself by Thyself before there existed in the kingdom any light from the lights of the treasuries of the court of the Sovereign of Thy Oneness, or any manifestation from the wondrous mines of the King of Thy Self-Subsistence. Thou art God; there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been manifest through the manifestations of Thy holiness and wilt ever be concealed through the concealments of Thy might. Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be powerful and mighty through the beginning and end of Thy glorification. None can witness a flash from the lightning of the fire of the Tree of Thy pre-existence, nor can anyone behold a light from the lights of the Countenance of Thy crimson glory. The most abstract essences of the Divine Realm are bewildered at the appearance of a gleam from the gleams of the fire of Thy Being, and the most sublime essences of the Realm of Might are intoxicated at a spark from the sparks of the light of Thy distinction.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I call upon Thee after Thou hast caused me to abide in the atmosphere of Glory in the lowliness of the Cloud in solitude? And how can I not call upon Thee after Thou hast caused me to swim in the ocean of Oneness before the surging of the Whale of Glory? Glorified be the Beloved One of wondrous attraction, and the sovereign Truth supreme!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who, through the subtle workmanship of Thy handiwork, hath manifested all created things, and through the power and authority of Thy noble command, hath brought forth all that was ordained, until Thou didst cause me to descend from the heaven of revelation unto the earth of acceptance. Thou didst order it through the arrangements of the cloud-wrapped realm by the conditions of Thy Self-Subsistence, and didst ordain it through the decrees of the heaven of glory by the manifestations of Thy Creative Power. Through Thy command didst Thou bring me forth, and by Thy power didst Thou manifest me, and nourished me from the fruit of the Tree of Light by Thy grace, and gave me to drink from the Kawthar of the sea of camphor by Thy mercy. Thou didst make me great through the sovereignty of Thy favor and the sanctity of Thy glory, caused me to dwell in Thy presence, and made me speak forth Thy call until I summoned all unto Thy call and drew all through the attractions of the melodies of the Dove of Thine eternity, and consumed all with the burning brands from the fire of Thy countenance, such that none remained in all existence save the beauty of the Sovereign of Thy Oneness, nor any soul on earth besides the visage of the King of Thy Self-Sufficiency.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who was First before all things and wilt be Last after all things. All who profess Thy unity are as nothing before the radiant splendor of Beauty upon the carpet of the

glory of the King of Thy Self-Subsistence, and all who are detached are brought low before the surging winds of Majesty in the court of might of the Sovereign of Thy Creative Power.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I know not for what purpose Thou didst create me, nor by what decree Thou didst raise me up. Wouldst Thou forsake me in the kingdom of Thy Cause after having made known to me the repositories of Thy might? Or wouldst Thou banish me from the court of Thy glory after having seated me upon the throne of the Divine Essence in the House of Paran at the outpouring of the light of Thy countenance? How could this be, when I am he who hath burned away the veils of glory with the fire of Thy Self-Sufficiency, and who hath dwelt in the shadows of the manifestations of appearance near the Tree of Thine eternity, and who hath made his home in the garden of camphor before the warbling of the Dove of Joy through the tenderness of Thy grace?

Glorified, glorified art Thou! I have found no beloved like unto Thee, nor do I desire to find any object of my quest besides Thee. All who ascend fall back to the limitations of their minds, and all who rise up descend to the geometries of their own selves. But Thou, as Thou art in Thyself, art sanctified above all mention and praise, and hallowed above all description and glory. For the most exalted abstractions of those who dwell in the cloud-realm were created by the wonders of Thy Cause, and the most manifest subtleties of the denizens of the realm of power were brought into being by the delicacies of Thy handiwork. How then can they ascend to the heaven of Thy might or rise up to the cloud-realm of Thy glory?

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I know not what Thou hast purposed concerning me. Wouldst Thou conceal the Beauty from the veils of glory after having honored me with the meeting in the garden of rubies in the Crimson House through the gracious favors of the Sovereign of Thy rapture? Or wouldst Thou drive me from the fountains of glory and bounty after having given me to drink the water of grace from the hand of Joseph of favor in the wilderness of the cloud-realm through the ultimate purposes of the King of Thy Beloved-ness?

Glorified, glorified art Thou! This is not what Thy sincere servants expect of Thee, nor what those who are detached among Thy chosen ones imagine. Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Were I to weep throughout the eternity of Thy sovereignty and the duration of Thy dominion until all who are in the heavens and earth were drowned by my flowing tears, yet by Thy might, the sorrow of my heart would not be dispelled nor the burning of my soul be quenched. Alas, alas! The dwellers of the highest paradise would cry out upon the Throne of Glory, and the denizens of the realm of power would lament in the Most Great Throne, and the ruby-like ones would weep with the hidden mystery of the line upon yellow pages.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! How canst Thou not have mercy upon me after having shown me to be deserving of Thy mercy? How canst Thou not be gracious unto me after having seen me ready for Thy tenderness? Glorified art Thou, O my God! If the Beauty of Glory hath been disobedient, yet Thou didst nurture it through Thy power, and if the Face of Praise hath erred, yet Thou didst manifest it through Thy might. Glorified, glorified art Thou! Verily, I have been among the sinful in Thy presence and the first of the penitent, and I say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Therefore, O my God, send Thy blessings upon Him Whom Thou hast made hidden in the treasuries of Thy might and concealed in the pavilions of Thy glory, Whom Thou hast chosen for the glory of manifestation in the station of Thy performance, and Whom Thou hast selected from the Essence of Light to reveal Thy decree - the Essence of Identity in the mystery of the Divine Cloud, the Abstract of Oneness upon the Throne of Splendor, the Pure Being of Eternality upon the Seat of Immortality, the Eternal Reality, the Divine Essence, the Divine Tree, the Camphor Leaf, the Divine Pure Being, the Abstract of Brilliance, the Self-Subsisting Point in the sphere of holiness, and the Holy Ornament in the cloud of eternity - with all that befitteth the sovereignty of Thy camphor-like nature and the dominion of Thy divine essence, for He is the Truth, there is no God but He, and He is the Sobriety at the Point of Immortality upon the Throne of Splendor, with Us the All-Wise, the All-Praised.

Therefore, O God, send Thy blessings upon Him Who was the mystery of Identity in the unseen cycles and the hidden secret of Oneness in the point of ages, Whom Thou didst promise the servants to manifest on the Day of Resurrection and to raise up on the Day of Return - the Unique Essential Being, the Eternal Reality, the Divine Identity, the Pre-existent Essence, the Most Merciful Abstract, the Holy Pure Being, the Word concealed in the veils of eternity, and the Letter treasured in the hidden secret of exaltation - with all that is possible in the glory of Thy beauty and the dominion of Thy majesty, and with all that exists in the treasuries of Thy power and the storehouses of Thy might, for He is the Truth, there is no God but He, and He is the Intended One in the unseen realm of Beauty, with Us the Sovereign, the Wondrous.

Therefore, O my God, send Thy blessings upon those whom Thou hast caused to ascend to the heaven of Thy loving-kindness and elevated to the cloud of Thy oneness, who have drunk the water of attraction from the dawning of the east of Beauty at the manifestation of the light of Thy eternity, who were thunderstruck by the power of the lightning of Majesty before the appearance of the fire of Thy eternality, whose hearts were attracted by the singing of the dove of the sovereign of Thy oneness, whose breasts were set aflame by the fire of love through the favors of the King of Thy holiness, and whose vitals were pierced by the spears of love through the bounties of the Presence of Thy Beloved - servants whom Thou hast made the repositories of Thy eternity in the treasuries of Thy divinity, and the suppressors of Thy eternality in the places of Thy holiness, and the dawning-places of Thy light in the setting-places of Thy glorification, and the rising-points of Thy manifestation in the ornaments of Thy lordship - with all that befitteth the sovereignty of Thy oneness and the kingdom of Thy eternality, for verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, and He is the Light in the essence of the Divine Cloud through the attraction of Glory, with Us the Beloved, the Ancient.

O ye dwellers in the realms of the mystic letters in the clouds of heaven! Hearken unto the warbling of the Bird of Servitude [seated upon the crimson throne], even as the Dove of Eternity doth trill upon the Throne of the Divine Realm with verses of splendor, and the Bird of Eternity singeth upon the Seat of Majesty at the White Point, and the Maid of Beauty standeth revealed in chambers of ruby to the right of the Tree of Divine Decree, and the Light of the Mystic Dove gleameth in the chambers of the Divine Essence with ornaments of glory, and the Peacock of Glory hath cried out in the heaven of Divinity with the sighs of the Dove of the Cause in the Garden of Light, and the Raven of the Divine Identity warbleth in the thicket of rapture with songs of ecstasy, and the Phoenix of the Fire of Love speaketh in the Valley of Attraction with the hidden mystery upon the Isle of Verdure, and the Nightingale of Unity twittereth upon

the branches of the Divine Tree in the Garden of Beauty with the most hidden of secrets upon yellow leaves, and the Hoopoe of Eternity crieth out upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree of Glory in the thicket of exaltation with the mystery of fidelity, that verily there is no God but Him and that the Primal Point is His servant and His beauty, and that the guides of the Living One are the letters of His Cause, all working by His command. Behold, the Steed of Unity hath soared aloft! Behold, the heaven of eternity hath been upraised! Behold, the earth of light hath been spread out! Behold, the Mount of Sinai hath been exalted! Behold, the Bird of Glory hath succeeded! Behold, the Point of the Book hath become manifest! Behold, the Word of Return hath been concealed! Behold, the Dove of Joy hath warbled! Behold, the Dove of Gladness hath sung! Behold, the Bird of Splendor hath been adorned! Behold, the Countenance of Light hath been unveiled! Behold, the Hoopoe of Heaven hath attained! Behold, the Form of Crimson hath been embellished! Behold, the Hidden Point hath been made manifest! Behold, the Maid of Beauty hath been revealed! Behold, the Light of Glory hath gleamed! Behold, the Tree of Destiny hath encompassed! Behold, the Peacock of Glory hath cried out! Behold, the Ocean of Divine Identity hath spoken! Behold, the Sun of Heaven hath risen! Behold, the Moon of Meeting hath been cleft! Behold, the hearts of the mystics have been emptied! Behold, the eyes of the steadfast have shed tears! Behold, the Dove of Glory with verses of sorrow hath warbled! Thus hath the matter come unto thee, O thou beloved one, with the outpouring of the greatest sorrow upon the pure hearts around the yellowed leaves at the Tree of Sorrow resplendent.

Glorified be He Who sendeth down verses as He pleaseth by His command! He, verily, is the Truth. There is none other God but Him. He bestoweth authority upon whomsoever He willeth among His creation. He distinguished the light and revealeth the verses, that men may be mindful in the days of their Lord. I bear witness at the outset of the Book that the Primal Point is God's Cause and His proof unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. No eye hath beheld the like thereof, neither before nor after. All are His servants and all are sincere unto Him. I testify that whatsoever God hath ordained in the Book is truth, wherein there is no doubt. Let not the deeds of those who spread corruption in the earth and who will never believe in God to the extent of an atom, and who are not guided, veil thee. These are servants who have denied God and the Countenance of the Cause, and who have followed every rebellious satan. As to those who have believed in God and His signs, and have acted according to what God hath ordained in the Book - these are the companions of light who shall enter the throne of glory. I bear witness that the Manifestation of the Living, the Self-Subsisting hath appeared unto the servants from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. This, verily, is God's Ark which hath sailed upon the sea of eternity by God's leave, the Supreme, the All-Powerful. Embark therein, O people, and be not of those who are heedless in the days of their Lord. Say: Fear ye God, and be not like unto him who said "I shall betake me to some mountain that will protect me from the water," and was among the drowned.

Say: None can protect anyone today from God's decree save those who have embarked upon the Ark of Light. These are the companions of guidance. Upon them rest the mercy of God and a great reward. Say: The likeness of those who have turned away from thy Lord's Cause is as the likeness of an iron hand placed upon the face of a mirror. Canst thou see any stability therein? Nay, by thy Lord, even were all possessed of power. This, verily, is the land of light, the garden of ruby. None can enter therein save those who have been clothed with the garments of Sinai by God's command, the Most High, the

Powerful, the Peerless. Therein are birds which, were but one of them to utter a single cry, would cause all who are in the heavens and earth and all who are in the dominions of the Cause to swoon away. But these shall appear when thy Lord willeth, with wondrous and beauteous signs. By thy life! Should anyone hear but a single note from that Dove in that Garden, his heart would be emptied of all who dwell in the kingdom. He would then purify himself for the meeting with the Beloved and would be among those who are assured of meeting their Lord. There are the fragrances of the Beloved which are stirred by the locks of the Well-Beloved. Whoso hath an unclouded heart will perceive the sweet musk-laden breezes thereof and will at once be struck senseless. For this doth God reward His God-fearing servants. He it is in Whose grasp is the kingdom of command and in Whose right hand are the heavens of utterance. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. I bear witness that the Manifestation of Him Who is Promised is the Point of Existence in the unseen realm of eternity. When time reacheth unto the Mustaghath or a letter before it, then will He appear in truth, though the idolaters be averse. At that time shall the trumpet be sounded, and all who are in the heavens and earth shall swoon away, save a numbered few of thy Lord's chosen ones. These, verily, are the manifestations of light, dwelling in the garden of glory. Then shall the fire of divine unity be kindled in the White Tree, and the lamp of eternality shall shine in the Crimson Light, and the believers shall then receive glad-tidings. Thus doth the Dove of [the Hidden One] warble in remembrance of God's Name, the Concealed, the Hidden, though all be heedless.

The Lamp of Eternity shineth within the crimson glass, and at that time the believers shall be among those who give glad tidings. Thus doth the Dove of the Hidden warble in remembrance of the Name of God, the Concealed, the Hidden, though all be heedless. I bear witness that I am a servant who hath believed in God and His signs and in the Manifestation of Light. God sufficeth as a witness unto me and unto you. Glorified be He Who sendeth down verses as He pleaseth by His command. He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. Say: All shall return unto Him.

O Letter of the Book! Bear witness to that which the Point of Servitude hath enjoined upon thee in the branches of those fruits, and be not of the patient ones. Conceal the Cause of thy Lord from those who hope not to meet God and from those against whom the decree hath been pronounced in a perspicuous Book. For the people will not believe in God for less than a moment, and have turned away from the Cause of thy Lord and were not of the guided ones. But thou, O beloved, grieve not for what their hands have wrought, nor despair at what they do. These are servants who will not obey God for the twinkling of an eye and are not of the righteous ones. Sufficient unto thee is the Lord of the Invisible and the Visible and the Manifestation of Light. Turn away from them, for God, thy Lord, is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

Leave them to plunge in vain discourse and play until they meet the Day when people shall rise before the Manifestation of resplendent attraction. On that Day shall men's skins quiver, and they shall find no protector nor helper from God. Those who claim the Cause without clear proof or Book - these have forgotten the remembrance of thy Lord and are not of the assured ones. These imagine that God will not witness what their hands have wrought and will have no power to seize them. Nay, by thy life, evil is that which they have imagined. Verily thy Lord hath power over all things.

Say: Were you all and those on earth to gather together to produce a single bubble upon the surface of water, ye would be unable. How then can ye claim to be Lord of the worlds? Say: Woe unto you! Is there

any powerful one besides God? Say: Glory be to God! He is God, all are His servants, and all are fearful of His awe. And is there any avenger besides God? Nay, by thy life, though all be powerful.

Remember unto them the story of Asaf. He was among Our sincere servants, and God had given him a letter from the Book, through which appeared what God had sent down in a glorious and beauteous Book. Glorified be He with Whom are the treasuries of verses. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth among His creation. There is no God but He, the Protector, the Mighty.

Say: Be patient, for God's promise is true. He shall gather all on a mighty day of truth, and shall recompense all for what they have wrought in the first life. Thy Lord is not heedless of what people do. It is incumbent upon all to repent and return unto God, that He may show mercy unto them and forgive them, for He is the Forgiver, the Great in reward.

Verily the hoopoe of glad tidings hath come from the city of Sheba with news that those who draw nigh are the successful ones who, when they hear God's verses, fall down in prostration. Say: O people of the earth! How is it that ye are heedless of your Lord's Cause? He Whose days all in the heavens and earth and all in the worlds await hath appeared in truth with clear signs, yet ye have turned away from His Manifestation. Fie upon you and upon what your hands have wrought! Ye shall be returned to the punishment of the blazing fire.

And for that which your hands have wrought, ye shall be cast into the chastisement of a blazing fire, and ye shall find none to befriend or help you. Say: O concourse of men! If ye desire to attain the presence of God, then behold ye the Countenance of Light, and this is a gift unto you, did ye but believe. Glorified be He Who aideth whomsoever He willeth through His command, and He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and He is the Best-Beloved, ancient in eternity. Say: All shall perish while sovereignty remaineth with God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Almighty.

And then, blessed art thou, O beloved one, for having quaffed the sealed wine from the hand of a mighty, ever-living Sovereign. He it is Who hath chosen thee from among all men and made thee a witness unto all the worlds, and this is indeed a mercy from His presence upon thee and upon His sincere servants. Then do all that God hath enjoined thee in the former Book, and be not of them that fear. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is indeed a mighty, true Sovereign. Say: Were I to mention unto you what I now witness of God's grace, the All-Subduing, the Great, all hearts would cease to beat and ye would return to your people in utter abasement. Then bear witness that all words return unto the Countenance of Light, and we are all returning unto Him. And whoso sayeth otherwise, upon him be the curse of God, and I am quit of him, and I am not of them that join partners with God. And verily I, with all these words, am as nothing before a single letter of God's Book, the Mighty, the Wise. And how befitting is it for anyone to lay claim to this Cause? Nay, by thy Lord, none save the mischief-makers. And peace be upon thee and upon them that walk with thee on a glorious, mighty path.

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Praise be sanctified above the understanding of all created things and the utterance of all contingent beings - praise befitting the Goal of all the worlds, Who through the rays of the Orb of the heaven of inner meanings hath illumined the people of the cities of justice and equity, and Who hath adorned the hearts of His servants, through the breathings of His Most Exalted Word, with a new and eternal life. Glorified be He Who hath created all beings, revealed unto them the Way, sent down unto them the proof, and made known unto them the Most Great News, whereby the limbs of such as have turned away from the Lord of the Ancient Days did quake, who denied His signs and His Manifestation, and disputed His evidence and His testimony, until they pronounced judgment against the Dawning-Places of His Cause, the Day-Springs of His Revelation, the Fountainheads of His wisdom and the Repositories of His knowledge, with such tyranny as caused the hosts of angels and the Spirit to lament, the tears of the mystics to flow, the weeping of them that are nigh unto God to pour forth, and the sighs of the sincere ones to ascend. Peace and praise and glory and splendor be upon His loved ones, whom neither the affairs of men nor the whisperings of such as have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment have deterred.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of utterance hath surged throughout creation and the fragrance of the garment of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, hath been diffused! Thou beholdest Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies, and the righteous ones amidst the wicked among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose will the Heavenly Table was sent down, the divine bounty appeared, and the Call of Sinai was raised when Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne of manifestation, to protect Thy servants from the calumnies of those who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who have been seized by the fire of greed and passion, of avarice and transgression, to such extent that they have disposed of people's properties, violated Thy sanctity in Thy land, rent the veil of Thy glory in Thy domains, and spread that which their desires and their waywardness had prompted them to do. O Lord! Adorn the heads of Thy loved ones with the crowns of steadfastness and triumph, and their temples with the ornament of trustworthiness and success. Thou art the Sender of winds and the Cleaver of dawn. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the One Who holdeth dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy creation with the light of justice and their hearts with the light of equity, that they may behold through Thy command with their own eyes and hear what hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy utterance with their own ears. O Lord! Deprive them not of the ocean of Thy bounty in Thy days, nor of the effulgences of the Orb of Thy grace. Thou art He through Whose Name power and its manifestations, might and its dawning-places have appeared. Not a thing escapeth Thy knowledge, nor can the oppression of the oppressors or the clamor of the heedless frustrate Thee. There is no God but Thee, the King, the Just, the One possessed of manifest truth.

And then, O Husayn, son of Mulla Ahmad! The servant present before the face of the Wronged One laid thy letter before Him and it achieved the honor of His hearing. Praise be to God that mention of thee hath repeatedly been made by the Supreme Pen - with this a single word whereof all the treasures of the earth cannot compare. Soon will be made manifest therefrom the stations of His verses and the station of whoso hath attained unto them in His days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The heedless souls in the great city are aflame with the fire of greed, desire and passion. They have forsaken trustworthiness, which is a divine trust amongst mankind, and have clung to treachery. Love of the ornaments and vanities of the world hath prevented such souls from drawing nigh unto the Lord of all beings. They have consumed the wealth of others and have cried out among their like, speaking that which was not spoken by those of old. Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

O Husayn! We have given thee to drink from the cup of My bounty and have sent down for thee that which testifieth to My grace and My favor. Convey My greetings unto thy brother who is named Isma'il and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of generosity on the part of the Ancient King. We send Our greetings upon him and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from My most glorious nectar. They took, they drank, and they said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens!"

I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, and by that which hath been inscribed in Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets, to make us among those who have held fast to the cord of Thy love and have clung to the hem of Thy mercy, which hath preceded all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. We make mention at this time of your sons and give them glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Mulla Muhammad, son of Haji Mulla Taqi, that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. O thou who hast turned towards God! Thy letter came before the Wronged One, and He hath answered thee with that which hath made the countenance of utterance smile throughout all creation. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who revealeth His verses and manifesteth His clear tokens and uncovereth the mysteries of existence from the unseen and the seen. We have answered thee with verses that have caused the mountains to pass away and those in the graves to be stirred. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein thou didst make mention of God's loved ones, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down for every name that which hath caused the sweet fragrances of My loving-kindness to be diffused and the sweet-scenting perfume of My wondrous utterance to be wafted abroad. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to make thee a helper of His Cause in His lands. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones in Shimmakh and in other lands! Hearken unto My most sweet call which hath been raised from the prison of 'Akka. Verily it guideth you to the Most Sublime Horizon and giveth you to drink of the Kawthar of everlasting life from the hands of bounty and bestowal, and illumineth you with the lights of My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The True One declareth: I have created the tongues of servants for My remembrance and brought ears into existence from sheer nothingness for the purpose of hearkening unto My call, and eyes for the contemplation of My traces, and hearts to turn from the realm of nothingness and extinction to the court of existence and immortality. Yet the desires of self and passion have prevented the people of this world from attaining the supreme heights, and the veils of tyranny and corruption have intervened. They cling to the name while remaining deprived of its Source, Revealer and Quickener.

Wonder upon wonder and amazement upon amazement! The mere clay of the world hath laid claim to being, counting itself among the pearls of the ocean of knowledge. By God! The matter is not as they imagine. Soon shall they witness what they now deny. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God! Thou hast attained to that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Desire of the nations, for having enabled me to turn towards Thee on a Day whereon most of Thy servants have turned away. I testify that Thou hast strengthened me and made known unto me that which guided me to Thy path, Thy Cause, Thy station and Thy utterance. Thou art verily the Most Powerful of the powerful and the Most Merciful of the merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy father who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Mahdi. We testify that he attained unto the remembrance of God, the Goal of them that are nigh.

We make mention at this time of him who was named Mashhadi-Samad, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto the Remembered One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. O Samad! Hearken with the ear of thine inmost heart unto the call of the Wronged One. By the life of God! Nothing that is witnessed in the realm of creation can compare with this call. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my poverty and the kingdom of Thy riches, my powerlessness and the dominion of Thy might, my ignorance and the ocean of Thy knowledge, my destitution and the heaven of Thy bounty. Deprive not this poor and needy one from the gate of Thy grace, and keep not this lowly one far from the court of Thy glory. Thou art He Whose generosity is such that all the generosity of the world is as naught before a single ray of the Sun of Thy generosity. O Peerless and Most Merciful One! Withhold not Thy mercy from them that ask and seek, and deprive not this barren land of the outpourings of Thy Most Bountiful Name. The hands of hope are raised toward the heaven of Thy grace. O Ocean of bounty and Heaven of giving! Guide the ignorant to the ocean of Thy knowledge and lead these strangers to their true home which is the station of nearness and meeting with Thee. Thou art the Sovereign of bounty and the One Who possesses the blessed word “Doeth as He willeth.”

O Pen! Make mention of Mashhadi-Samad, whose name was present before the Wronged One, that he may be assured that grace hath encompassed all existence and mercy hath preceded all that dwell in the heavens and on earth.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God! Hold fast unto deeds, for by them is the servant known, and not by words. He Who speaketh in every state beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Gracious, the Generous. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, and commanded all to that which will preserve them and strengthen them in righteousness and godliness, from the presence of the Mighty, the Ancient. The proof hath lengthened its skirts, and the evidence hath encompassed all who are in the realm of possibility, and the light hath shone forth from the horizon of manifestation, and the Mount calleth out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the One, the All-Informed!” The Wronged One hath endured in God’s path that which hath melted the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him. The signs have been spread abroad and the horizons have been illumined by this effulgence, while the people of hypocrisy are in manifest dissension. They have changed God’s blessing into ingratitude, clinging to the Evil One without clear proof or manifest evidence. We make mention of thee and of them that have believed there, that the fragrance of the remembrance of thy Lord’s name, the Forgiving, the

Merciful, may attract you, and exalt you amongst His servants, and make you among the letters of His mighty, resplendent Book. Glory be from Us upon the people of this exalted station.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of mankind and say: O my God, my Master, my Support! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Kingdom and hearest my call and beholdest my powerlessness, poverty and need before the ocean of Thy riches and the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy justice, and by the station whereon Thy throne was established and wherein Thy call was raised, and by the lamentation of the lovers in separation, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the horizons were illumined, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy love and standing firm in the service of Thy loved ones, and speaking forth Thy name amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom the might of the world and the clamor of the nations cannot weaken. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Pen! Move all beings by the breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Then make mention of him who desired thine effects, who was named Mashhadi ’Ali, that the greatest joy may seize him–the joy whose fragrance was diffused in the Most Great Scene, the station wherein the Lord of Destiny calleth and summoneth the people to the hidden mystery and to the most luminous, most pure station which was built by the will of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Euphrates of Thy mercy through the Pen of Thy grace, and for having taught me Thy path and shown me Thy proof and Thy evidence. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby the ships of Thy names sailed upon the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by that which hath proceeded from the mouth of Thy will, to make my heart illumined with the light of Thy knowledge, and my feet steadfast in Thy help, and my tongue speaking Thy praise, and my face turned toward Thy horizon. O Lord! I am the poor one, and Thou art the goal of all in the heavens and the earth. Strengthen, O my God, my limbs, and change my weakness through Thy power, then have mercy upon me through Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all the worlds.

O Mirza Husayn! We desired naught for the servants save their deliverance from the clutches of self and passion, and We taught them and preserved them from transgression and wickedness, yet they cast aside what God desired for them and took what their own selves and desires wanted. Thus did their souls entice them. Verily they are among the most lost in the sight of God, the Beloved of the hearts of the mystics. Say: […]

My God, my God! Thou seest the oppression of Thine enemies and the tyranny of the wicked among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll which none hath beheld save Thyself, and by the things that have attained Thy presence, and by Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy power in the realm of creation, to make me one of those whom the agitation of the tyrannical ones of the earth hath not dismayed at the revelation of their might, and to aid me to perform that which is adorned with the glory of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which shall cause me to be detached from all else save Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O Mulla Mahmud! The Wronged One remembereth thee from His glorious station that He may draw thee unto the court of His holiness and bring thee near unto the dawning-places of His Cause and the dayspring of His wisdom. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the nations, for having guided me unto Thy Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by Thy standing before the faces of all men and Thy call raised above the heads of princes and divines, to make me lowly before Thy loved ones and to cause me to take hold of Thy Book among Thy servants with a power that no weakness can affect and a might that no agitation can shake. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. O Lord! Forgive me and my companion who hath believed in Thee and Thy signs, and ordain for us both the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Bounteous, verily, Thou art the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

We make mention of him who is named Abdul-Ghani and counsel him with that which illumineth hearts and faces. Hold fast unto the attributes and characteristics of God. This will exalt thee among the servants and make thee honored in all lands. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Today the hosts that assist the Cause of God are goodly deeds and praiseworthy characteristics. One must assist the Truth through virtuous and acceptable conduct. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the Truth and is detached and free from all else. The veils that have come between the people and the Truth have been and continue to be the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the divines of Persia. We beseech God to preserve all through His conquering power and to detach them from all else save Him. Verily, He is the Strong, the Powerful. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those whom God hath related unto thee. Verily, He is the All-Bounteous, the All-Generous.

O Gabriel! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison and maketh mention of thee that thou mayest find the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness and mayest say: "My God, my God! Illumine our faces with the light of Thy countenance and our hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. By Thy glory, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! What hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thine enemies hath grieved me, and the hearts of Thy loved ones have melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee. O Lord! Ordain for Thy sincere servants the reward of attaining the presence before the pavilion of Thy glory. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

O Mashhadi Muhammad! We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee through verses which God hath made a testimony from Him and a proof from His presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Hold fast unto the Most Pure Hem, turning unto the Most Great Prospect, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of destiny, for having turned toward me from Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who illuminest earth and heaven, by the hearts which Thou hast made the treasuries of Thy wisdom and the repositories of Thy love, to make me so strong through Thy power that neither the affairs of the world nor the opposition of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs shall hinder me. Verily, Thou art the All-Commanding, the Ancient of Days."

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Mashhadi Hassan, then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy mercy the verses of Thy grandeur, that the fragrances of revelation may draw him to a

station before which all regions of the earth have bowed down. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Creator of nations, by the lights shining forth from the horizons of Thy Tablets and by Thy commandments which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book for the protection of Thy servants, to make me of those whom neither the censure of the censurer nor the power of the turbaned ones hath deterred. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy firm and unshakeable command.

We have desired to make mention of him who is named Mashhadi Abbas, that he may discover the fragrance of utterance and be of the thankful ones. We have manifested that which was treasured up and have sent down that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. The evidences of thy Lord have encompassed all things, and He Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath come. Among the people are those who have taken the choice wine and drunk in the name of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous, and among them are those who turned away and returned to the nethermost depths. Blessed art thou and those who heard the call and said: "Yea, yea, O Lord of all beings! Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the throne and earth!" I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and guided Thy servants to the Dayspring of Thy signs. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and Thy loved ones that which will encourage them in Thy Cause and make them mighty through Thy power. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son from God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Kazim! The Wronged One maketh mention of him through whom the Self-Subsisting arose and the Sealed Wine was revealed. Turn unto My name and take it by My command, then drink in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. This is a day wherein God hath manifested His Cause and that which was hidden and treasured in His Preserved Tablet. Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka; verily it will draw thee to the supreme horizon and bring thee near unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognition and having shown thee His straight and manifest path.

O Ali ibn Ismail! The Glorious One maketh mention of thee with a mention whereat the idols fell down and the temples of fancy were shaken. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer in the beginning and in the end. This is a day wherein the standard of certitude hath been raised and the banner of idle fancies hath been lowered. To this doth the Lord of all beings bear witness; He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the slumberer who hath been awakened by God's breath, and joyful tidings to the sleeper whom the call hath raised up, but woe unto every heedless doubter. The verses have encompassed all directions while the people are in wondrous drunkenness, save those who have cast away idle fancies and taken what they were commanded in the Mother Book.

Verily We desired to make mention of him who hath been named Nuru'llah, that he might rejoice in the days of his Lord and utter His praise amidst the servants. Blessed is the heart that hath turned unto Him, and the ear that hath heard the call of its Lord, and the eye that hath beheld His signs, and the head that hath been adorned with the crown of knowledge in these days. Glorify thou thy Lord with praise and say: Thine is the bounty, O Possessor of existence! I testify that through Thy Cause the worlds of the unseen and the seen have appeared, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the branches of manifestation: "Unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower!" The treasures have appeared and

that which was hidden and stored with God, the Lord of all men, hath been revealed. Beware lest anything prevent thee from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, each wave of which proclaimeth and saith: “Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not every wicked impostor. Soon will come unto you a cawer who will call you unto the fire, or send you tablets from one who hath denied God’s proof and His evidence, and hath taken Satan as a protector instead of God.” Thus have We revealed unto you that which was hidden from sight. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast, whom neither the tempests of the cawers nor the storms of calumny have moved, who hath arisen and said: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the earths and the heavens!”

And We make mention of him who is named Mulla Mahmud, who desired to attain Our presence, and We remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My favor, that he may be assured through the grace of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. O Mahmud! The enemies have become a barrier between the Truth and His loved ones, preventing them from turning to the lights of His countenance. Therefore We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to inscribe the reward of attainment unto His presence for thee in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice thou in this great glad-tiding and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of bounty and Source of generosity, and thanks be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of names, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which calleth out in Thy name among Thy servants. In truth, the divine tablets and heavenly words each proclaim in most eloquent utterance and give the glad-tidings unto the people of the earth and summon them to the supreme horizon. Blessed are they that hear!

And We desire to make mention of My loved ones in Usku and give them glad-tidings of the Ancient Beauty having turned toward them from His Most Great Prison, and to rain down upon them from the heaven of bounty the rain of grace and generosity. Verily He is the Almighty over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Hasan! This Wronged One hath from the first days until now been afflicted among the enemies, yet the might of the world and the turning away of the nations have not prevented Him from the mention of the Truth, and in all times He hath spoken in praise of the Lord of all beings. We beseech God to assist thee and grant thee a portion from the Kawthar of immortality which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen. He is the Dawning-Place of bounty and generosity.

O ’Abbas! Hearken with thy inner ear to the call of the Wronged One. Its hearkening bestoweth eternal life upon the soul and strengtheneth the limbs in such wise that neither the denial of the deniers, nor the turning away of the opposers, nor the might of the oppressors shall prevent one from turning unto Him and drawing nigh unto Him. Blessed art thou for having turned and heard that which the ears of the world were prevented from hearing, save whom God, thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, willeth. Be not saddened by apparent lack of attention. Whosoever today attaineth unto God’s will is recorded with God as being among those who have attained His presence and meeting. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed, and upon thy son who hath drunk the wine of love from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous.

We have desired to mention My handmaidens in that place, that they may be gladdened by God, the Lord of all worlds. O handmaidens of God! Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the limitless grace of the Most Glorious Wine at a time when the men and heroes of the earth are deprived and forbidden. This

supreme grace hath been and is peerless. The divines of the Shi'ih sect cried out "O Truth!" for years and awaited His appearance, yet when the morn of God's Day dawned and wondrous fruits appeared from the Blessed Tree, all attacked with sword and arrow. Now from all pulpits they revile the Truth, exalted be His glory. In the early days they martyred Him with an oppression unequaled and unmatched, and in the end they occupy themselves with cursing Him, and likewise strive and labor to slay His loved ones, even as in these days the opposers in the great city have committed that which hath no likeness or parallel - that is, the Persian opposers have dishonestly taken people's wealth and given some to the publishers of the Akhtar newspaper for spreading calumnies, although it is reported that the editor of Akhtar was not present, having gone to Europe. In any case, We beseech God to aid all to justice and fairness and to that which befitteth His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Tuba, since thou wert mentioned in the letter, these exalted words were revealed from the Tongue of Him Who revealeth verses: O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath remembered thee in such wise as shall endure throughout the eternity of His dominion and kingdom and His names and attributes. All the treasures of earth cannot equal a single verse from the divine verses - to this testifieth every knowing and informed one.

O Husayn! We have desired at this time to make mention of thy wife who hath ascended, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause her to enter the highest Paradise. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. By My life! Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of God's favor, the Goal of all mystics, hath wafted, and the doors of mercy, pardon and bestowal have been opened before her face, as a grace from the Lord of all creation. Verily thy Lord is powerful to do as He pleaseth through His mighty and wondrous Word. Praise be to God, for He is the Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him.

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O Mirza Mahdi, son of him who ascended unto God, upon them both be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], dated 24 Ramadan 1300

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

The servant beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been and will forever be even as He hath always been, after acknowledging that He was sanctified beyond what will be and what hath been, and exalted above all names, likenesses and peers. He is God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He hath sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books, and manifested what He willed as a token of His grace, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And then, thy letter reached Me and I was attracted by the fragrance of thy love for our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal. When I took it, opened it, read it, understood it and found it, I proceeded to the ultimate destination and supreme height until I attained His presence and presented it. Then did the Countenance turn toward me and spoke that which caused the fragrance of utterance to

waft throughout all creation. He spoke, and His sweetest word and His grace that transcendeth all names is this:

In His Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O Mim before Ha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee even as He mentioned thee before, while the heedless surrounded Him from all sides. Among them were those who turned away, those who denied, those who disputed, and those who openly arose and pronounced judgment against God, the Lord of all worlds. They have imprisoned My loved ones with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the eternal Paradise and the companions of this exalted station to lament. Thus did their souls entice them. We testify that they are among the most lost in the sight of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have made mention of thee with such remembrance as hath no equal on earth, and We make mention of thee at this hour as a token of My grace, for I am the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. Grieve thou not over anything. By the life of God! The oppressors are in the abyss of self and passion. They are indeed among the distracted ones. Can anyone prevent that which God hath willed? Nay, by My Cause, which hath dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth! Their likeness is as the likeness of children playing with that which profiteth them not. They are indeed in manifest error. Verily, he who pronounced judgment against My loved ones hath been seized by God with His might, and the angels of punishment received him, saying: "O vile one, come! The companions of hell await thee!" When he arrived, the denizens of the fire sought refuge with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, from his evil and his vileness. He seized the other one through His power, and after these two He will send yet another soul. Thus doth He recompense the oppressors through His might, and He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

O Mahdi! The world hath been encompassed by the punishment of deeds. Each day it appeareth in a different manner and is manifested in a distinct way. Beseech ye God that He may, through His grace, enable all to succeed and guide them to the straight path. The heedlessness of the people hath reached such a degree that they are veiled from the cause of their own existence and from the recognition thereof. They walk in darkness and perceive not. Their desires lead them whithersoever they wish, and they understand not. With the utmost diligence and effort they have striven to extinguish the divine light, but God preventeth them through a command from Him, and He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. God willing, may they all gaze with the utmost steadfastness toward the horizon of the Cause and hold fast unto wisdom. Thus have We counseled before and at this time. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which he hath been commanded, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the ascendancy of the rulers hath frightened.

Praised be God that on this Thursday morning, the twenty-first of the blessed month of Ramadan, you have been enabled to remember God, exalted be His glory. This is a bounty that cannot be compared with all the bounties of the world. Although this evanescent one has apparently delayed in responding to your letter, God is my witness, as is your heart, that this delay and postponement has been solely out of love, wisdom, and lack of opportunity. At present there are many letters from the friends of God

remaining, and this servant has not found the opportunity to respond. However, they are mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence at the time of their arrival, and at that moment they are remembered. Therefore, if there is delay in sending replies, it matters not, for the essential purpose is that they be mentioned in the Holy Presence. As the Primal Point–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him–has said, all exists so that they might be mentioned but once before the Divine Throne, and you, praise be to God, have repeatedly attained to this most exalted station.

With hands of supplication and hope, this evanescent nothing beseeches the Lord of Names to open a door before the faces of His loved ones, that all may become aware of the fruits of their deeds and their recompense, even if it be as small as the eye of a needle. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, whosoever attains unto this station sees the might, power, wealth, and dominion of the people of the world as the eye of a dead ant. Tribulation and hardship have encompassed the world, yet they remain heedless. More than this, at the decree of ignorant divines, they have not ceased to oppose those who have no purpose save God's, whose aim is the edification of the world and the betterment of nations, and who have harmed not even an ant, let alone a human being. The government, due to various delusions, has likewise not ceased its oppression. For thirty years or more, the Supreme Pen has, day and night, commanded His loved ones to patience and forbearance, and has strictly forbidden them in the Holy Books and Tablets from engaging in unseemly deeds, actions, conduct and utterances that are unacceptable. Nevertheless, there has befallen the chosen ones of God that which has caused the hearts of the denizens of Paradise to be consumed with the fire of grief. Soon will the heedless ones behold the fruits of their deeds, even as they have seen the results of their past actions. Were this station to be explained even briefly, the fear of God would encompass all, and there would be danger of destruction. I end mention of this station with remembrance of the Desired One: Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Amin, Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, he has been in the Holy Presence and has attained what God desired. These days, by command, he has gone to Beirut to enquire after the Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Some of your letters have reached him and he has given them to this servant, and the details of each were presented in the Holy Presence. Among these was the matter of funds mentioned in both my letter and his–what he has written is correct and has been accepted. He has assigned it to reach Jinab-i-Haji A. H., upon him be the Glory of God, or his son in Tiflis.

Concerning what you wrote about the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - after this news reached the Most Holy Court, a word was revealed indicating his protection, and His Holiness Afnan, upon him be all Glory, was commanded to convey it to him. From the land of Sh. they had written his details, and likewise his letter written from prison to one of the friends was sent to this servant. After it was presented in the Most Holy Court, He smiled. For the moment it became a cause of joy to the Ancient Beauty, as he had written his details to the authorities. Praise be to God, he was and is under the protection and shelter of the True One, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant beseeches God to assist him in all conditions and to grant him that which befits His grace.

Mention was made of the Hujjatu'l-Islam - he is better than most. If one were to reflect upon the abhorrent, rejected deeds of the false one named Sadiq, he would pray for mercy for Hujjatu'l-Islam. First he lost a few dirhams due to an unseemly act, but second he sold the True One, exalted be His glory, and His Prophets, chosen ones and saints for outward glory. By the life of our Beloved, he has indeed lost and returned to his station. Moreover, from the first deed no trace of deception and hypocrisy was detected, but from the second, at every moment such deception was manifest that Satan himself would seek refuge in the All-Merciful. In any case, the helpless servants are afflicted in the hands of these oppressive, heedless, deceitful souls. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will protect the helpless people from the likes of such "proofs" and guide them to the Dawning-Place of the light of absolute truth. In this most mighty, most holy Revelation, the hand of divine power has not given respite to the corrupt and oppressive ones. Nevertheless, they were not and are not awakened, and soon upon the couch of heedlessness their wailing and lamentation will rise up as they return to their abodes and are tormented by the punishment of their deeds. Glory be to God! One who cries out from a single fever - observe what pride and vanity he displays in health! Has consciousness not been created in these souls? Has the faculty of remembrance been taken from them? In all cases one must hold fast to God, exalted be His glory, and seek protection. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous, and He is the Hearing, the Answering One.

And concerning what you wrote about the honored beloved, the illustrious Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God - mention was made of him in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and perfect bounty was manifested. In these days he has also written something to this servant. God willing, an answer will be sent to him. And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Adib-i-'Arif, that is, the honored friend Jinab-i-Mirza-yi-Bahar, upon him be God's grace and mercy - after the arrival and reading of the letter, this evanescent one turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and presented it in the Most Holy, Most Glorious Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth from the Supreme Summit, these are His words, exalted be His glory […]

O servant! Write a reply to them and convey greetings from this Wronged One that they may inhale the fragrance of My love and arise to that which befits this Great Announcement. Say: O Spring! God willing, may you adorn the world with the ornament of this Name, that all may be clothed in new and wondrous garments. This spiritual springtime has no peer or likeness, for the rain of mercy descends at every moment. The purpose is that the veils of error and the clouds of glory may be rent asunder, and the Sun of Justice may shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of equity, that all may witness themselves in a state of contentment with utmost joy and tranquility, and may shatter the idols of ignorant fanaticism which are the cause of corruption in the world and among nations, through the Name of the Lord of Eternity, that all parties may drink from the Euphrates of the mercy of the Lord of Lords on the Day of Return, and the horizons may be illumined with the lights of unity. In this way shall the world's illness be cured and all shall attain everlasting health. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the Sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hears and acts upon that which he has been commanded by the wise Ordainer.

Indeed, this evanescent servant was gladdened by their letter and derived joy therefrom, inhaling from it the fragrance of love, for it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Although outwardly the address was to this evanescent one, yet from every letter thereof wafted the fragrance of

the mention of our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them in that which will cause their remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and salutations to them. A letter from the spiritual friend, Aqa Khalil, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which he had written to Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], was sent to this evanescent one, and after perusal was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Both he and the names mentioned in his letter were honored with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. O what a mention this is! Were it to be cast upon a rock, living waters would flow from it; were it to be cast upon a mountain, it would bow down before the Name of God; and were it upon trees, they would instantly bear fruit… When the servant regained consciousness, he beheld the Purpose before all names. Let that honored friend convey this greatest glad-tidings to them. In all circumstances, all must observe wisdom. When any name is mentioned at the Divine Throne, the rains of remembrance descend particularly for that one from the heaven of divine mercy, but the friends must observe the time and not let go of wisdom. Often someone claims love deceitfully, intending only to gather information, and God veils this, for the tale-bearer has ever been and will ever be detested. But the friends must look with the light of God and not open their lips until they observe the radiance of glory in a face. The Tongue of Grandeur previously uttered these exalted words, and this servant has repeatedly mentioned them: He says, exalted be He: "Believe not every speaker, and be not assured by every arrival…" and so forth, glorified and mighty be He. That honored one should convey these details to the friends of God, exalted be His glory.

The honored letter from His Excellency Nabil (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God) has arrived. In truth, every letter of it testifies to his devotion and sincerity towards God and for God's sake. Since there is intention to reply, this letter is written briefly. As commanded, His Excellency must observe the utmost wisdom. The people of Baha are permitted to visit Mecca, and the Ancient Beauty Himself (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him) would attend the mosque in Iraq and associate with every group there, dealing with all in the utmost spirit of fellowship - to such extent that at the time of His departure, people wept like bereaved mothers. Later, due to lack of wisdom, what happened happened. And now in every city some individuals appear with complete deceit, as in the land of M where by order of the oppressors and commanders, about three hundred horsemen along with two deceitful, crafty liars approached a village where divine friends resided. It is reported that they dispersed the horsemen, and the two deceivers who were leading the forces went to the house of one of the well-known believers and declared their faith. That poor soul, with complete sincerity and purity, fully hosted those two vile ones that night and informed some friends who gathered, thinking that two true friends had come either from the Beloved or from divine friends. Thus all hastened to see these two persons, and after learning about the approaching souls, they suddenly informed the horsemen who surrounded the companions of truth and captured them all. In any case, during these days it is possible that in other places too they may seek information through such tricks and deceptions. The friends must not believe every claimant and should not trust every newcomer until gradually what is hidden in hearts becomes manifest. "Deliberation is from the All-Merciful and haste is from Satan." Through patience and deliberation, people's conditions become known. Any countenance in which the radiance of Baha exists is distinguished from others. These points were mentioned so that the friends would be aware. Although if all heaven and earth were to unite, they would surely be unable to extinguish the divine light or suppress the fire of the divine Tree,

and all would find themselves powerless, nevertheless the friends must move according to the will of God, exalted be His glory. Among the important matters has been and is the preservation of divine verses. Glory be to God! Despite this point being written repeatedly and sent to various regions, still in every land they have captured pure souls who had writings with them. It is as if they have prepared the Books, Scrolls, Psalms and Tablets of Truth just to surrender them. Their preservation is obligatory and essential for all. A hundred thousand regrets that the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge have fallen into the hands of thieves and traitors. God willing, may the friends of Truth in that land be assisted in preservation.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and by Thy power over the world to protect Thy loved ones through Thy might and assist them in preserving what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To each of the friends in that land I convey my utter nothingness and effacement, along with greetings and glory. May all be assisted in that which is the cause of the betterment of the world's peoples. Those servants who have turned to none but the Truth and who, day and night, have had no purpose except the reformation of the world and the tranquility of nations - these have been accused of corruption. Yet they themselves know that those holy souls are innocent of what has been and is being said of them. But these words are merely pretexts and excuses for seizure, plunder, pillage and the like. Verily, the curse of God be upon the oppressive people who have transgressed in the earth, violated the Covenant, and denied what was sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

As for what was written concerning the dream, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the Kingdom of Knowledge spoke, exalted be His name and His praise: "That which was revealed to him in the realm of dreams is all evidence of steadfastness and proof of service. God willing, may he at all times be enabled to serve the Beloved Cause of the contingent world. Likewise it is evidence of submission and contentment, and martyrdom in sleep has been and is the cause of life. May he ever gaze toward and hold fast unto the Truth. Verily, He will protect him through His grace and ordain for him the best of what He has revealed in His clear Book." End quote.

The glad tidings of this evanescent one are that his honor the beloved Amin'u'l-Bayan, namely Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, attained the presence and mentioned in the Most Holy Court such things about that honored one and the loved ones of that land as caused joy to the heart of this evanescent one. Likewise mention was made of the honored mother and brothers and sister, upon them be the Glory of God. A Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for that honored one, along with mention of the leaves - God willing they will attain unto it. Similarly, the names which that honored one had written were presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Recognition, exalted be His utterance […]

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My loving-kindness! Blessed art thou and blessed are those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Those souls whom thou hast mentioned have all attained to the remembrance of God, and clear verses have been sent down from the heaven of divine will concerning

each one. Blessed are they and blessed are their fathers and mothers, for the friends of God, exalted be His glory, have appeared from among them, and His pre-existent and all-encompassing mercy hath surrounded them all. Convey glad-tidings from the Wronged One of the horizons to each one and deliver My greetings. We enjoin all to wisdom and to that which conduceth to the glory of God's Cause, and We forbid whatsoever obscureth the essence of man. O My loved ones in Ta! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who remembereth you in prison. Were the people of the world to know the station of the remembrance of God, and were each to possess a world like unto this world, they would surely sacrifice it to attain unto even a single word. At present these stations are concealed due to the world's lack of capacity, but God will assuredly reveal them through truth. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Under all conditions, fix your gaze upon wisdom and hold fast unto it. Consider not every soul trustworthy, and be not confident in them, for among the trustworthy is found the treacherous, and among friends the false. Keep the pearls of the All-Merciful's love concealed from the eyes of the treacherous and preserved from thieves. Thus doth the Wronged One command you. Verily, He is the Commander, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Generous.

In truth, adherence to wisdom is necessary and obligatory, for this command hath been revealed and established in most Tablets. Again, this evanescent one's plea to the friends is that they keep the Tablets and writings most carefully concealed. Their being kept in rooms is not permitted; they must be preserved in hidden and secure places, and no one, whether from within or without, should be informed of their location. Every soul is responsible for safeguarding these precious pearls. Your honor and all the friends of God are aware that the purpose of this Most Great Manifestation hath been and is the reformation of the world, and anything else hath been strictly forbidden. Nevertheless, people are observed to be fearful and agitated, for these very acts of seizure, plunder, and pillage are evidence of the fear of both the perpetrators and the instigators. However, truth shall become manifest and the lights of justice shall encompass the world. The life of tyranny is very short. Would that the people knew, understood and comprehended! The Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord be upon you and upon those with you and upon His loved ones in that land.

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

Praise be to God Who created all things through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen, and through that which appeared therefrom distinguished between the parties. Blessed be God, the Lord of lords and the Sovereign of beginning and return, Who through a single effulgence from the Sun of His Cause drew the sincere ones to Him, caused the near ones to soar, and moved the unitarians to hasten to the seat of detachment–that station wherein no mention is made of self, nor of will, nor of desire, nor of hope. Exalted is this station which none has attained save he who is detached from all that is with him and who has become extinct in the will of his Lord, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, He in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of the next world and of the first.

Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Who can describe Him when the Messengers have confessed their powerlessness and the Prophets have acknowledged their failure to attain unto Him? How exalted is this Most Supreme, Most Resplendent Station and this Most Holy, Most Sublime Rank! By the life of the Beloved! This is an atmosphere unto which the birds of hearts and minds cannot soar, a station which God has made to transcend all mention of limitation and bounds.

I pray, I send peace, and I glorify those whom vain imaginings have not prevented from acting in accordance with that which exalts the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings. They are they who have cast aside their desires and have taken hold of that which their Lord has commanded them. They are servants whom God has described in the books of the past and of the future, and of whom both Truth and creation have spoken. Blessed is he who walks in their footsteps and follows that which has proceeded from their deeds in the path of God, their Creator and their Fashioner. The atoms themselves bear witness that they are honored servants who speak not until He has spoken, and who act by His command.

O beloved of my heart! The servant has been blessed with your letter which told of the love of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all worlds. When I opened it, read it and understood it, I proceeded to a station that was sanctified above the mention of loftiness and lowliness, and purified from the indication of all possessed of grandeur and exaltation, until I attained the presence before the Throne and, after permission was granted, presented what was mentioned therein. When it was completed, I found the Beloved walking silently for a time. Then the Ancient Beauty turned His face toward this evanescent one and said, exalted be His grandeur: "We love to mention him as We mentioned him before, and We love to see him as befits the days of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We caused him to hear Our call and showed him what was hidden from other servants, as a grace from Us, for We are the All-Bountiful, the Generous. It behooveth him to be evanescent from himself and abiding in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O seeker! We have sent down for thee that from which the dawn of utterance hath broken forth in the contingent world, that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord and thank Him at all times. Look not upon the world and its affairs, but look to what God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, commandeth thee. Where are they who prided themselves on their treasures, their stores, their ornaments, and what they possessed of pictures and statues? And where is their dominion and their grandeur, and what prevented them from God, the Lord of the worlds? Among them were those who disputed, those who turned away, and those who disbelieved and pronounced judgment against those through whom the eyes of knowledge were solaced in the contingent world. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, recount unto thee that thou mayest be among the steadfast. Had the world any worth before God, this mighty prison would not have been the seat of His Throne. We have sent down for thee aforetime that whereby thy mention was established in creation. He Who hath spoken at all times beareth witness that there is no God but Me, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness, be sincere for My sake, and do that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, may be exalted. By Him Who created what was and what will be through a word from Him, if thou couldst hear the scratching of My Pen and find the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst forsake all creation and arise to accomplish what thy Lord, the Bestower, the Generous, hath desired. O seeker! God willing, may thou at all times take thy portion from the ocean of divine bounty and receive thy share from the sun of divine generosity. O seeker! Fix thy gaze upon God

alone and associate with His loved ones with utmost love, especially with those souls who are seen to be detached from self and who circle round the will and purpose of God. Hearken unto the call of the All-Informed Counselor Who, for the sake of God, hath turned toward thee on this night of the blessed month of Ramadan and counseleth thee with words whose fragrance hath perfumed the world: Pass beyond thyself in My path and fix thy gaze upon My will. I swear by the Sun of Revelation, shining from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, that if thou holdest fast to what hath been mentioned, thou shalt soon witness its effect and fruit. Verily, whosoever today is effaced in the will and purpose of God, God - exalted be His glory - will assuredly elevate him and cause him to attain high stations. The glance of God's favor hath been and is upon you. Blessed be thy father, again blessed be thy father, who hath turned away from all else save God and hath turned toward the Friend.

By My life! He sought the Most Exalted Goal in the City of Mystery, and his heart was aflame with the fire of the love of God. When he entered and attained his goal, he cried out and lamented like those who have lost their beloved. We found him moved by the Will of his Lord, the Hand of Power turning him as it pleased. Thus was the matter decreed when thy Lord was in a glorious station. We make mention of him on this night as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest read and be of the thankful ones.

Blessed art thou, O Moses, for thou hast heard what the Speaker of the Mount uttered on the Mount of Revelation, and hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. I testify that thou art he who hearkened to the Call, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, hastened to the Most Great Ocean, and attained unto it and unto that which none among the servants have attained save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, wished.

O Moses! Rejoice thou in the Supreme Companion, for We have caused thee to hear Our sweetest call, shown thee My Most Glorious Beauty, and raised thee to such a station that the people of Paradise and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names make mention of thee. Blessed art thou for having heard, responded, recognized, and attained unto the station of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Thou art he who bore hardships in My path and heard in My love what no ear among the servants hath heard. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation in this Clear Book. Upon thee be My remembrance, My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy, My grace, My favors and My gifts, which have preceded all created things.

O seeker! Recite these exalted words which have been revealed from the Preserved Tablet and walk in His footsteps. He verily will elevate thy station and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in every world of His worlds. Hath anyone ever been seen to move for the sake of God and be deprived of the wondrous tokens of His grace? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! Whoso is for God, God is for him. This is the blessed word which hath formerly shone forth from the Dayspring of God's Will. Hold thou fast unto it and be of them that attain. If thou shouldst drink from the chalice of these utterances which have appeared from the Kingdom of divine knowledge, thou wilt pass beyond thyself and all creation, and wilt move according to the will and purpose of thy peerless Beloved. He desireth for thee naught save that which shall exalt thee and draw thee near unto God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Indeed, the utmost bounty hath been shown to thee from the Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Dayspring of verses, in that He hath, with perfect kindness, taught that which shall cause the elevation of thy rank, station and glory, and likewise shall guide the servants to the horizon of His Cause and that

which God loveth and desireth. This evanescent servant hath ever been occupied with the mention of that spiritual friend, and thy heart hath testified and doth testify to the degrees of sincerity and love of this ephemeral one. God willing, it is hoped that thou wilt gird up the loins of service and exert mighty efforts for the unity of the loved ones, and that thou wilt reflect upon that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and act upon it without regard to thyself and the world. Then wilt thou taste the sweetness of servitude and obedience, preferring it above all the pleasures of the world. And after ascending to this most exalted and sublime station, thou wilt witness the bounty of the True One, and at that time thou wilt have attained unto the station whereof He hath said: "Cast away thyself, then come." And whosoever attaineth unto this station hath drunk from the ocean of reunion and received his portion of the divine presence, which is the first, most excellent and greatest of all deeds. This servant hath repeatedly heard these words from the tongue of the All-Merciful. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us in pure servitude to God alone and in sincere love for His chosen ones and holy ones.

Today is the day of servitude. Would that I had attained unto it! This servitude–its essence is servitude itself. The way is barred and the search rejected. This is complete servitude which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Will of the King of Oneness. Whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto all good. Beseech ye God that He may cause you, this servant, and all to attain unto this most exalted rank and this primal pearl. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Were people to come with fairness, they would acknowledge that which God–exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, and great be His majesty–hath commanded, and would observe that its benefit returneth unto their own selves. Verily, He is the Holy One, the Sanctified, above all works and deeds. Exalted be our Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O my master and beloved friend! Many expressions of favor have appeared from the Dawning-Place of grace concerning you, for your communications were beyond moderation, displaying countless instances of discord and disruption. For a time, this servant was deep in thought as to how to present this to the Most Holy Court, for the Primal Point - may our souls be sacrificed for His sake - strongly emphasized that nothing which carries the fragrance of sadness should be presented at the Most Holy Court. When one of the Letters of the Living asked Him Who God Shall Make Manifest - exalted be His glory - about this, the Exalted One responded in such a way as to effectively banish him. How much more so for words that would cause grief to the Beloved of the worlds! God forbid! With a hundred thousand entreaties and a hundred thousand secret supplications of utter helplessness and humility, this evanescent servant sought to present these matters in such a way as not to cause sadness to the Ancient Beauty. In any case, after presentation it was observed that the ocean of mercy was not disturbed by the blowing of various winds, nor was the mountain of patience moved by the trembling of the earth. You must, with your outer and inner ears, your outer and inner heart, and your outer and inner eyes, be watchful and expectant of the divine command. The Primal Point - may our souls be sacrificed for His sake - says that if He should pronounce the earth to be heaven or heaven to be earth, it is the truth, and whoever utters the slightest objection is counted among the opposers. He also states that if He so wills, He can declare all who are on earth to be prophets by a single word. Indeed, countless such statements have issued from the Primal Point. If one reflects on this single phrase alone - "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth" - it suffices. God willing, you should be the cause of guidance and unity for the people, and like

the water of life for the servants. Certainly, were it anyone but you, this servant would never have engaged in such submissions. By Him Who is singled out for tribulation and unique in His decree! Since this servant's heart has ever been adorned with love for you, he considered it necessary, nay obligatory, to present these matters. By Him Who holds my soul and spirit in the grasp of His power! If the veil were to be lifted and even less than a needle's eye of what is hidden were revealed, all people would arise to serve and would sacrifice all they possess - body, form, soul, and all else - at the feet of the Friend. As for what you mentioned regarding your affairs, God willing, they shall be set right, for the gaze of favor has been and continues to be directed toward you, and its effects will surely become manifest. If, God willing, we attain His good-pleasure, all matters will become easy and simple. One must not let opportunity slip away nor waste time, but strive with the utmost effort and endeavor, with divine assistance, to make up for what has passed. We are not in despair of His mercy, grace and generosity. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

With regard to what you wrote concerning the people, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what God hath revealed in reply: May you, through divine grace, be successful and receive your portion from the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. O My handmaiden! We have mentioned thee before as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Generous. We counsel thee with what We have revealed in the Book. This is the Day that hath been mentioned in all divine Books and unto which all have been promised. Now consider what befitteth this divine Day. The handmaidens of God must engage in the remembrance of the true Beloved in utmost sanctity and detachment. They must make their hearts treasuries of the pearls of His love and fix their gaze upon His horizon. Rejoice thou in having attained unto My remembrance, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

O seeker! Make mention of thy brother from Our presence that he may gain certitude through the grace of his Lord and hold fast unto that which hath been enjoined in My perspicuous Book. The servant present before the Throne hath mentioned him. We have turned toward him and remembered him from this exalted, mighty and impregnable station. Say: Beware lest the hints of those who have turned away and denied God, the Lord of all worlds, sadden thee. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's grace, then make mention of Him among myriads of those near unto God. We have found from thee the fragrance of My love. We have turned toward thee and mentioned thee with that which gladdeneth the hearts of those who have drawn nigh. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest read them and be of the thankful. The glory be upon him and upon his wife who hath turned unto and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. We send Our blessings from this station upon him and upon her, a mercy from Our presence. Verily He is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

Make mention of thy sisters from My presence and give them the glad-tidings of My grace that hath encompassed all things. We make mention of them with a mention whose fragrance shall endure in the realm throughout the duration of the Kingdom. They must act in accordance with what they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. His is the power to forgive them as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Forgiving, the Kind.

The handmaidens of God must engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility with the utmost joy and fragrance. Intoxicated with the wine of the love of God, exalted be His glory, they must

not regard creation and all that it contains. We counsel all to that which befitteth this Day. The entire world cannot equal the descent of the word “O My handmaiden” from the Ancient Tongue. Now reflect upon this supreme bounty and greatest favor and be grateful unto God. Fix your gaze upon God alone and be detached and free from all else. All must drink from the cup of certitude and assurance and act according to God’s commandments. The Day is glorious, pure, bright and resplendent. Your deeds must accord with this Day. From this station We send Our blessings upon their faces and upon the faces of those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

As for your mention of the wife of Aqa Mirza Ashraf and mention of Aqa Fadlu’llah and Shukru’llah, it was presented before the Throne. He showed favor to each one - may our spirits and the spirits of all the world be a sacrifice for His grace. The Sun of grace rises and shines upon each of the friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of life and the Salsabil of certitude. This servant beseecheth and imploreth God to assist all to that which pleaseth Him. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this station and drunk the wine of recognition from the hand of the grace of the Beloved of all possibility.

O Nasru’llah! Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which cooleth the eyes through the tablets. Through My Name the ocean of grace hath surged and the fragrance of bounty hath wafted, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Beware lest the people prevent thee from the path of God or the allusions withhold thee from that which thy Lord, the Revealer of verses, hath intended. By God! The Salsabil hath flowed and the water of life hath streamed forth and the sealed wine hath been unsealed by the finger of the will of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto My Book, then do that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed therein. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a speaking Book. He speaketh: there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Cast away what thou hast and take what thou art bidden by God, the Lord of Lords. Be humble before God’s command and silent when His verses are recited. Thus doth thy Lord command thee from this station. The glory be upon thee and upon thy two brothers and upon those who have remained faithful to God’s Covenant in the beginning and the end.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My throne which hath been established in the prison land through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. Reflect upon the power of thy Lord and His sovereignty. Verily He, after His arrival in the Most Great Prison, summoned all in the world unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. There remained no king whom We did not mention as a bounty from Us, and no servant whom We did not guide to My straight path. Among the people are those who turned away and those who cast aside the world and turned to God with illumined hearts. Thus doth the Beloved mention thee that thou mayest be among the thankful. Purify thy heart from allusions, turn thy face toward God and say: I repent unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

Blessed is My servant who hath turned unto My face, soared in My atmosphere, been imprisoned in My path, and been expelled for My Name - he who hath been named in the kingdom of My names “Haydar-’Ali”. Verily he hath attained unto My days, drunk the choice wine of My love, responded to My call, submitted to My sovereignty, been humble before My manifestation, been moved by My will, turned by My command, departed by My leave, and journeyed through the lands in his eagerness to propagate My Cause. By My life! Nothing in existence can equal that which hath been revealed for him in this moment

from My Most Exalted Pen, which speaketh betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We were with him when he migrated for the sake of God and traveled through the lands and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Sovereign of Kings. O Haydar-'Ali! Drink from the Kawthar of life time and again, and this time which God hath sanctified beyond the mention of limitations and allusions, He Himself giveth thee to drink from this cup which hath appeared in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Intended One of what was and what shall be. O Haydar-'Ali! Believe not every speaker, hearken not unto every crier, and trust not those who claim faith in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus doth counsel thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Thou art he who hath remained faithful to God's Covenant and His testament, and there hath been revealed for thee that which shall not be overtaken by annihilation throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm. Preserve this most exalted station and associate with those who love God and follow that which they have been commanded by the Lord of existence. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace, then act as thou art bidden and trust in Him in all circumstances. Verily, He is with whosoever hath intended His Cause and risen to serve this Wronged One.

As regards what you wrote concerning the wife of Mishkin-Qalam, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, repeatedly from the Most Exalted Tongue was heard this blessed word: their care is beloved in all circumstances; they are mentioned before the Divine Throne and are recipients of divine favors. Blessed is he who honors their resting place purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. If they should proceed to Cyprus - that is, if arrangements can be made for them to travel with joy and fragrance - there is and would be no objection. If they are able to remain in that place, that too is beloved.

For each of the names that were in your letter, through pure bounty and special favor, magnificent and exalted verses were revealed. God willing, they will attain to hearing them and will discover their sweetness. O beloved of my heart! Often it happens that some hear the divine verses but are deprived of their meaning and sweetness. This evanescent servant at all times beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He may grant His friends a station beneath the tree of His care, that perchance they may remain protected from the heat of rebellious souls and attain to that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased.

Convey greetings to all the friends who are in truth gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and are detached from all else but God, and make mention of them. In this dawn of hope, when the world has been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, arise to promote the Cause with utmost love and unity, and may you all be seen as a single circle. Soon, all that brings joy or sorrow to man will return to nothingness, and that which is everlasting and enduring has been and will be the mention of God, exalted be His remembrance and exalted be His utterance.

The Kawthar is present, the Cup-Bearer is manifest, the spiritual springtime is apparent. Negligence is not permitted. With utmost humility and supplication, beseech and implore the Self-Sufficient One that He may not deprive this servant and all the friends. The glory be upon you and upon those whose names you mentioned in your letter and for whom God, the Lord of the worlds, revealed what He desired.

The Servant

7 Ramadan 1297

It is submitted that some time ago Mulla Muhammad-Sadiq from K., who resides in Qum, wrote and sent a letter to this servant, and there was some delay in sending the reply. Now it has been sent to you to deliver to the mentioned person. Likewise, three Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets specially for him and his two sons have been sent with Mulla Muhammad-'Ali Dahji. Give them this glad tiding.

Another submission: one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specially for your sister and has been sent; deliver it to her.

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My esteemed and honored beloved, the venerable Nabil from the land of […], upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. May he observe:

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

How excellent, how excellent is the caravan of utterance, bearing the gift of inner meanings! Each letter thereof brought forth the joy of roses, and each word bestowed the exhilaration of wine. From it emanated the freshness of the soul, and from its melodies proceeded a feast for the ears. Whatever interpretation is given accords with it, and whatever is said agrees with it. God knows that its mention heralded the days of attainment. It seems as though word and meaning in this station have become confidants, harmonious and embracing, for its words manifested the decree of meaning, and its meaning revealed the mystery of words.

The distinction and detail of this station transcend human comprehension, for they are intoxicated with the wine of pride and deprived and veiled from the outpourings of the days of manifestation. The condition of the various factions is known and evident and clear, requiring no mention. In one station, this exalted word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names - exalted be His glory: "May God hasten His relief," which yielded "May God hasten their punishment." Yet it is astonishing that the people of the Bayan have not reflected upon the deeds and words of the Shi'ites, despite the fact that the falsehood of those souls and their rebellion became manifest to all the world. Nevertheless, these heedless souls are occupied with the words and deeds of those people.

This exalted word was revealed from the Supreme Pen in these days in response to the questions of Jinaab-i-Samandar - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. His word, exalted be His glory: "Now it becomes clear that they have newly undertaken to renew the deeds and words of the past. They have adorned the steed of vain imaginings with the saddle of passion and set out for the journey to Jabulqa and Jabulsa. May God protect us and the company of those near to Him from the evil of these people."

This evanescent servant beseeches night and day and seeks the protection of the servants, and likewise asks for their success and confirmation, that all might attain unto hearing and sight and not remain deprived of the ocean of divine mercy. This evanescent one is bewildered every moment - have the people of the Bayan not recognized the words and deeds of the past? The Shi'ites possessed not one

word of truth; they uttered various calumnies in the name of truth, and those calumnies became the cause of the shedding of the blood of the Beloved of the world, and the Lord and Sovereign of existence was imprisoned in the prison of Akka.

That heedless faction considered themselves the highest of religions, and were so proud of what they possessed that, in the words of common folk, Pharaoh could not match their conceit. In the end it became clear that the Blessed Beauty, Whose mention occupied them night and day, they slew with their own hands. Now the people of the Bayan are newly occupied with their ancient utterances - may God forsake them and fight against them. They have not understood even this much: that today is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned but Him. Although the days of every manifestation may in one sense be called the Day of God, yet this Day is, in all the Books, Psalms and Scriptures, specifically God's and attributed to Him. By His exalted glory, with a hundred thousand hands I beseech and hope that He will, with His mighty hands, either prevent the people of the Bayan or guide them. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

Glorified art Thou, O God of earth and heaven and Lord of all mankind! I beseech Thee by that which was hidden in Thy knowledge, inscribed in Thy Book, and recorded by the Pen of Thy Command, to aid Thy servants to acknowledge Thy unity and confess Thy singleness. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou knowest what is in their hearts and hast power to transform and build them anew. They are Thy servants and Thy creatures; Thou hast manifested them through Thy bounty and fashioned them through Thy grace. I beseech Thee to protect them from the heat of the sun and the harm of the rains. Verily, Thou art the Chosen One. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And may peace and blessings be upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who have cast away their desires, taking hold of that which hath shone forth from the Sun of Thy Will and the Sovereign of Thy Purpose. O Lord! They are they who have arisen to aid Thy Cause, and who have endured in Thy path that which hath caused the denizens of Thy dominion and kingdom to lament. O Lord! Aid them at all times to serve Thy Cause, to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

O Beloved of my heart! After partaking of the cups of joy from the words of that Presence, which were in truth the dawning-place of gladness and delight, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented myself before His countenance. Signs of joy and grace appeared upon that blessed face, and after several moments the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these brilliant verses, exalted be His utterance:

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

O thou who drinkest from the cup of My loving-kindness, and soareth in the atmosphere of My love, and gazeth toward My horizon, and art immersed in the ocean of My utterance! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. We have heard thy call and answered thee before and after, and have mentioned thee in such wise as to be a blazing lamp before thy face in all the worlds of thy Lord. We complain unto thee of those who have been debarred from recognition after that which hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance - that which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God's life! Every

person of insight and fairness is bewildered. They have not understood the Day of God and have not become aware as beseemeth it. For had they become aware, all would have arisen with perfect steadfastness to serve His Cause. They remain veiled from the Day when mankind shall stand forth and are occupied with the idle fancies of the past. By thy life! The baseness of the people and their lack of capacity hath reached such a state that until now the Supreme Pen hath not spoken in its true accent as it beseemeth. Through the sovereign Will and the pervading Purpose, the fingers of divine power have rent asunder the veils and the clouds, that eyes might be blessed with beholding and ears with hearing. In truth, the powers of sight and hearing were created for this Day. Yet now it is observed that some of the ignorant ones still speak of the vain imaginings of the people of the Furqan. Such injustice and heedlessness hath reached such a point that they deny the Truth which hath ever been manifest before the faces of enemies, and standing, equivalent to all divine books from before and after, hath been sent down from the heaven of His utterance. Yet they fancy themselves to be believers and monotheists. All atoms are bewildered - to what do these heedless souls cling? God hath forsaken them. We beseech the Truth to raise up souls who will discover the sweetness of the Cause, the sweetness of utterance, and the greatness of this Day, and will find themselves detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein. Today, whosoever entereth beneath the shadow of the Divine Tree hath no need of the sun of the world, much less the glow of the firefly. We beseech God to assist you in such wise that you may, by day and by night, summon the servants to the horizon of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance, and give them to drink from the cup of steadfastness. Steadfastness is regarded today as the most great of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The light that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who serve thee and hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O beloved of my heart! The ocean of bounty in relation to your honor is manifest with its highest waves, and the effulgences of the sun of grace are evident with perfect radiance. Exalted be His greatness, and elevated be His favors, and sublime be His gifts! Who can describe what hath appeared from the waves of the ocean of His utterance? Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Far is He above what I say or what others say. The servant seeketh forgiveness and repenteth for what his tongue hath uttered and his pen hath written. Verily, He is sanctified above what was and what will be.

One letter from your honor which was sent from the land of K, dated the thirteenth of the first ’Ayn, opened the gate of joy. Though presence is forbidden, yet the birds of correspondence are, through divine grace, in flight, and in truth, the fragrance of presence and meeting emanates from it. It somewhat soothes those aflame with the fire of separation and bestows according to capacity upon those thirsting for reunion. The letter of a true friend refreshens the friend and its mention brings to life the days of nearness and reunion. We beseech and implore the Exalted Truth that this gate may ever remain open and this bird may forever be in flight.

And concerning what you wrote about the aforementioned person, upon him be the Glory of God, this servant bears witness that repeatedly the Tongue of Grandeur spoke verses concerning him, from whose fragrance it was understood that repeatedly they had prepared for him a well of hatred and animosity, but God, exalted be His glory, protected him and he is still protected. Let him be assured that this humiliation has been and continues to be the cause of everlasting remembrance, and its end is good.

There has been revealed for him that which shall testify for him in all the worlds of his Lord and shall be as a lamp walking before his face. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Now also a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed for him from the heaven of Will. You should deliver it that he may inhale from it the fragrance of his Lord's favor and be made steadfast in His Great Announcement.

And concerning the mention you made of the honored leaves, his aunt and two daughters, upon them be the Glory of God and His favors, and likewise the mention of their being set ablaze with the fire of divine love - after this detail was presented before the Most Great Threshold, one Most Holy, Most Glorious Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings. God willing, they will attain unto it. Likewise, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for his two sons who were in the land of K. God willing, they will drink from the living waters of the words of the All-Merciful and attain unto a wondrous new life.

And concerning what you wrote mentioning the good news about the oppressed ones and the prisoners, after their release news came by telegraph from various directions. Indeed, His Majesty the renowned Sultan showed greatness. One day this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names. He said: "O servant in attendance! Had the false Siyyid, who is known as the truthful one in the land of ?a, been the Sultan, he would have martyred those oppressed ones on the first day." Now all must pray for His Majesty the Sultan and ask for divine confirmation. This ends the quote. According to what was mentioned, of His own blessed accord He released the captives and showed favor.

And concerning what you wrote about the feast of the friends of God, exalted be His glory, in thanksgiving for the blessing of release, and the arising of assured and steadfast souls, upon them be the Glory of God, to serve this Cause, and the mention you made of their names - all these matters were presented before the face of the Lord of all beings. Each one was honored with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved! They have attained unto a mention before which all mentions prostrate, and a light before which all lights bow down, and a name around which all names circle. Give them the glad-tidings of their Lord's favor. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

This evanescent servant beseeches God to confirm all in that which is the cause and reason for the perpetuation of existence. As commanded, the amount of one feast was specifically taken from what you sent for the Holy Presence, and the remainder was assigned to the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, to take and do with as commanded, since some have been in great distress. Therefore, as commanded, it was bestowed upon those souls to be delivered. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful, for those who have attained unto goodness and performed in His path that which was accepted. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon.

The mentioned loved ones have all attained the grace of God, glorified be His majesty, and by the name of each one, the ocean of utterance surgeth and the sun of bounty shineth forth. We beseech God to

enable all to attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness and to aid them in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause.

We have made mention of Nun and Vav, upon him be My glory, and We implore assistance for him. Today is the day of sowing and reaping the fruit. Blessed are they who are occupied with the planting of goodly trees, that is to say, pure words and praiseworthy deeds. We have previously made mention of him with words that cause bodies to tremble, let alone souls and minds. Give him My glad-tidings that he may inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness.

And We make mention of ?a' and Sin. He arose to serve the Cause in days wherein trees were uprooted, blood was shed, souls were perturbed, mountains moved, the heavens were cleft asunder, and heroes fled, save those whom God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, willed otherwise. We have mentioned him before and after, and counseled him to preserve his station. I am, verily, the Commanding, the All-Wise. Remind him from Me of that which hath been revealed for him at this time.

We further make mention of ?a' and Sin who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Various letters from him were presented by the servant who attends the Wronged One. Blessed is he and those who have attained unto the Kawthar of steadfastness in this mighty Cause. He hath ever been remembered and hath attained unto God's grace. God willing, may they at all times hearken unto the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and the murmuring of the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance, and become aware of the station of the Day of God and that which beseemeth it.

Convey greetings to Farajullah. He is enkindled with divine love. He must, throughout the days and nights, beseech and supplicate God, and ask Him to preserve this most exalted station, for the barking ones are striving with the waters of idle fancies and vain imaginings to extinguish the fire of God's love. O Faraj! God's relief hath come, yet the people perceive it not. The Hidden Treasure hath appeared, yet the people recognize it not. Behold the people of the Bayan, how they have hastened to the pond, forsaking the Most Great Ocean. What aileth them? How is it that they understand not? By God's life! They worship idols without any proof from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It behooveth thee to ask thy Lord to preserve that whereon thou art. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Single One, Who summoneth thee in the prison of Akka to the supreme horizon and remindeth thee of that which hath been revealed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Under all conditions We counsel thee to be steadfast, for mighty is the Cause and the servants are weak. Blessed are they whom the chains of the polytheists and the clamor of the deniers have not kept back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Whosoever attaineth unto steadfastness hath attained unto all good. Praise the Object of all creation Who hath made mention of thee in prison. This mention is, in the sight of God, better and more praiseworthy than the treasures of the world. Know thou its value and be thankful. O thou who art mentioned at the Throne! We have made mention of My loved ones and have accepted what they have done in My path, and We make mention of My leaves and My handmaidens as a grace from Our presence. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good, men and women, to be lost.

We have revealed unto the aunt and her daughter that which beareth witness before the faces of the world to the loving-kindness of the Ancient King, Who proclaimeth at all times: “There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed.” We testify that they both believed in God in the earliest days and manifested steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great. Convey unto them My glad-tidings and remind them of My loving-kindness and bounty which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. They have ever been and continue to be engaged in service to God and His loved ones, and have in truth shown no remissness. We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall exalt their station and elevate their rank.

We make mention of the wife of him who ascended unto God, and of her who is with her, and of every handmaiden who hath believed in God and held fast unto His sure cord. Verily We have made mention of every leaf who hath clung to the Tree and turned unto and believed in Him Whom all on earth denied, save those whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. Every servant who hath believed and every handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One.

We make mention in this station of My handmaiden who attained the presence of her Lord while He was imprisoned through that which the hands of the heedless had wrought, and We make mention of her son and his wife, and I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer. The Sun of God’s loving-kindness hath shone upon all, and the souls mentioned have attained unto that which hath been the hope of them that are nigh unto God and of the sincere ones. All ears in the world are attentive that they might hear “O My servant” and “O My handmaiden,” and all eyes of the peoples are waiting for the Hand of Power to rend asunder the veil. How many souls expired in their longing for the Divine Day and attained it not. Now must the souls and handmaidens who have attained remember during the nights and days “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds.”

At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of His handmaiden Shirin, and likewise of Firdaws. How many princes and princesses awaited these days yet attained them not, while handmaidens who were counted as lowly attained that which hath been the goal of all worlds. Bounty is in His mighty grasp - He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. He is the Generous, the Merciful. We convey Our greetings unto Shirin and Firdaws and give them the glad-tidings of divine favors. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon those who have attained unto My remembrance and have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Praise be unto Him, then praise be unto Him for what He hath bestowed upon us and sent down unto us from the heaven of grace and bounty that which cannot be equaled by aught in the kingdom of creation. The mentioned loved ones and the acceptable leaves have each drunk from the ocean of remembrance that which hath no likeness or equal. Now is the time when all things should speak “Well done! Well pleased!” - likewise that honored one and this servant - but what use is it when the people are seen to be intoxicated with the wine of pride? Has taste been forgotten, or have the senses become altered and confused? The ancient world hath attained unto new meanings, and the decayed bodies of utterance have appeared in wondrous attire, yet the people of the world are seen to be deprived and portionless.

The command is God's, the Overseer, the Self-Subsisting. He judgeth as He pleaseth and decreeth as He willeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings and salutations unto each of the mentioned loved ones and secluded leaves - upon them be the glory of God - and beseecheth confirmation for each, for the ungodly and the treacherous lie in wait. I beseech God to protect them through His Name, the Preserver, and through His Name, the Powerful.

Concerning the honoured Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, you wrote that you have entrusted her to God. He said: "God willing, she has been and will continue to be under the glance of His favor. Convey My greetings to her on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, she has been blessed with meeting and serving you. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist her and to ordain for her the best of what He hath decreed in His Book. Verily, He is powerful over all things."

Your kindred have not been and will never be forgotten from sight, for the Sun of loving-kindness is ever-shining and manifest.

They had mentioned Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, a wondrous and sublime Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for him. God willing, may he attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of divine favor - a drink after which there shall be no thirst.

They had mentioned Haji Khalil and his nephew, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful. After presentation, this supreme utterance shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance, the Lord of Names. His exalted Word: "Recently their names have repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Again convey My greetings to them and adorn them with the lights of the Self-Subsisting Name. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books of the past and present. I beseech for them success. May they gaze at all times toward the supreme horizon and be engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. We beseech God to protect them beneath the canopy of His grace and grant them the greatest portion of His everlasting bounties."

This servant also conveys greetings and salutations to each one, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for everyone's confirmation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Until now, for everyone about whom you have written, answers have descended from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Lords. It appears to this evanescent one that no name has been omitted by the Most Exalted Pen. God is sufficient as witness.

And concerning what you wrote that praise be to God, the loved ones and friends everywhere are at ease, He said: "Ask God to assist all to act according to what hath been revealed in the Book from the Pen of Command. By the life of God! Had they acted upon the divine ordinances and commandments from the beginning of the Cause until now, you would have witnessed this day to be different from this day and this earth to be different from this earth. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness to this. The Wronged One dwelleth in prison, and that which would cause the manifestation of human stations and the tranquility and security of the peoples of the world hath been mentioned and continues to be mentioned, but few are found who act upon it. We beseech God to roll up the carpet of vain imaginings and to adorn the world with the lights of certitude."

This evanescent servant tenders praise and glory to each of the loved ones of that land who have drunk from the eternal Kawthar and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and he begs confirmation for all. Verily He is powerful over all things. His Holiness the Most Great Branch and His Holiness the Most Mighty Branch – may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps – each convey their greetings and have shown such bounty and love that this servant is incapable and powerless to describe. Likewise, the denizens of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur convey their greetings to your honor and to the Leaf who is related to your honor. Glory and praise and remembrance and thanksgiving be upon your honor and upon those who have arisen and declared: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth and the Lord of the mighty throne." And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

14 Rajab 1302

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In the month of Muharram of the year 99

O Muhammad-Hasan-i-'Attar, may the Glory of God rest upon him! Consider thou this!

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

All praise, sanctified beyond mention, allusion, word and meaning, befitteth the most holy and most exalted court of the Beloved One Who, through a single effulgence shed from the Sun of His firm utterance, illumined the horizons and caused every faltering tongue to speak with surpassing eloquence. He it is through Whose will the education of the world hath ever been sustained, and by Whose decree the quickening of nations hath been and shall forever be accomplished. All the atoms of the universe are moved to exultation and joy by the fragrance of His manifestation. Blessed is the servant whom neither the doubts of the veiled ones prevented from his goal, nor the intimations of the followers of the Bayan kept back from the Beloved of the worlds. A handful of dust, unworthy of mention, have laid claim to existence, and souls who know neither beginning nor end have, through their pretensions to knowledge, become the cause of misguidance. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to sanctify and detach the people of Baha from all else but Him, that the Pharaohs of the world and the tyrants among the nations may find themselves agitated and unsettled before their steadfastness. The Pharaohs and tyrants referred to here signify, in one sense, the people of the Bayan, who through their vain imaginings have deprived themselves of the manifest Sovereign and the Lord, the Self-Subsisting. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine favor that such wickedness and heedlessness as shown by these souls hath never been witnessed. We pray God to confirm all in turning unto Him and in steadfastness in His Cause. Verily, He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the talons of Thy enemies, and Thy chosen ones in the grasp of the transgressors among Thy creatures. O Lord! Do Thou protect them

through the hosts of the unseen, whereby Thou didst protect Thy Prophets, Thy Messengers and Thy Chosen Ones. O Lord! Illumine their faces with the light of Thy countenance and their hearts with the effulgences of the suns of Thy knowledge. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation who have turned unto Thee and have voiced Thy praise on a Day whereon all have turned away from Thy beauty. O Lord! Aid them to be steadfast in Thy Cause and draw them ever closer unto Thee in all conditions. This servant knoweth with certain and perfect certitude that there is no blessing in the kingdom more excellent than nearness unto Thee, and no gift greater than Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee to illumine our faces from the Sun of Thy grace and to ordain for us through Thy Pen of Decree that which beseemeth Thy glory and majesty. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, thy letter was received, and from it wafted the sweet savors of certitude. Praise be to God that they are speaking His praise and are the recipients of His grace, for were it not for His prevenient grace, who would be capable of turning unto Him and recognizing Him? His is the praise that transcendeth the praise of the sincere ones and the pens of all that was and shall be. After perusal, it ascended and attained the presence of the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Then, after permission was granted, thy letter was presented, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, exalted be His glory:

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

O Hasan! Thou hast witnessed the effulgence of the light of My countenance and attained unto the outpourings of the ocean of Mine utterance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. We have remembered thee and revealed for thee that which solaceth the eyes of them that are nigh. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, whereby the horizon of the heaven of meanings and utterance was illumined, and by the fire of Thy Tree, whereby all in creation were set aflame, to aid me in serving Thee in this Day which hath been mentioned in Thy Books and whereof Thou didst give glad-tidings unto all through the tongue of Thy Messengers. O my Lord! Thou art He at Whose call all things have called out, and by Whose Word all in the kingdom of creation were attracted. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Thy names and by the treasuries of Thy knowledge, O Creator of the heaven, to assist Thy servants in celebrating Thy remembrance and praise, and in standing firm in this Cause whereby the hearts of those who denied Thee and Thy signs were thrown into turmoil. O my Lord! Every tongue hath testified to Thy grace and mercy, and every voice to Thy generosity and favors. There is none other God but Thee, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

Praise be to God! That honored one hath, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, attained. He hath drunk from the Kawthar of reunion and partaken of the ocean of meeting. We beseech the Source of bounty and the Dawning-Place of generosity to ordain from the Most Exalted Pen, for all the friends, the reward of attainment and meeting. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Kind, the Bountiful.

And concerning what was written about Aqa Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. A wondrous and sublime Tablet was specifically revealed for him and sent in the handwriting of this servant. God willing, may he drink from the oceans of

inner meanings concealed within the divine words and hear with delight and satisfaction from the true Holy Spirit. For He hath said that among the distinctive features of this Most Great Revelation is that whenever any soul attaineth unto a word of the divine words, or a tablet from the tablets, or any of the bounties, the Holy Spirit proclaimeth in the highest voice in the Kingdom of the Unseen "May it be pleasant and wholesome!" Blessed is the soul that hath attained, the eye that hath seen, and the ear that hath heard. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the One Who Warbleth upon the Branches […]

This is a Day wherein everyone who has advanced has attained the Most Exalted Horizon, and every person of insight has proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of Lords!" The Supreme Pen makes mention of the friends of the Lord of Names, saying: Today the attraction of the verses has seized all atoms. Today Mount Sinai circles round the Manifestation, and Batha proclaims "The Truth has appeared!" The House is enraptured and joyous at the appearance of its Lord. Blessed is the soul whom the cawing of the crows has not prevented from the true elixir. I swear by the Sovereign of the Word that if all the world were to catch a fragrance from this Garment, all would turn their faces toward the Friend. Say: O friends of Truth, be not saddened by the taunts of the wayward and the denials of the deniers, for these matters have ever been and will continue to be proofs of the truth of the Truth, exalted be His glory. If you hear an unseemly word from some ignorant, heedless person, it matters not, for he and all that pertains to him will soon return to nothingness, while you today drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hear the words "you are of Me."

At this moment, one of the near-stationed angels who was circling round made supplication: "O my God, my Lord, my Goal, my Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth! I beseech the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace that I might hear a hundred thousand curses and reproaches and imprecations in Thy love, and that this ear might but once be blessed with hearing the most sweet words 'Verily thou art of the people of Baha.'" At this moment, upon hearing these wondrous and sublime words, the servant who was present before His face engaged in writing down the verses was observed to become ignited like a globe of fire. Blessed are they who are set ablaze by the Word of God, and woe to the heedless!

Ask of God, exalted be His glory, to make thee steadfast and grant thee a portion of the sweetness of His utterance. How many powerful souls were seen to be weak at the time of the revelation of the Word, and how many learned ones were counted among the ignorant at the time of His manifestation. Today, every light thing soars in spiritual atmospheres through the name of God and His favor, while every heavy thing lies fallen and cast out upon the earth of self and desire. Beseech ye God to save all through His mighty arm and draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, He is the Helper, the Succourer. Praise be unto Him Who praises and speaks in this moment.

At the end of this Tablet, this Wronged One conveys greetings to the friends of that land and says: Verses, remembrances and words are being sent down like copious rain without cessation from the heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. Has such a bounty ever appeared in any age? Has any pen or tongue ever announced such a matter? Nay, by My life! Therefore, those who drink the choice wine of utterance must manifest themselves with such spirit and joy that all contingent beings may perceive their fragrance. In

this Revelation, matters have appeared such that no fair-minded person has any cause for hesitation. But God guides whom He willeth to His straight path. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

In the name of the All-Glorious!

But O My loved one! Where is the ear worthy of hearing the utterance of Truth? I swear by the life of the Beloved Being that if the servants were to discover the fragrance of this single Tablet, which hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's utterance in the name of Abu'l-Qasim, and were to attain unto its meanings, all would find their way to the ultimate purpose and achieve the final cause of existence. However, the veils of heedlessness have brought forth negligence, and greed hath blinded the eye of truth. This servant is bewildered in the ocean of wonderment as to how certain souls have remained deprived of the divine fragrances that have encompassed the world this day, and have been forbidden from the splendors of the Sun of proof and testimony. They have witnessed the influence of Truth and beheld His power, and have observed with their own eyes the manifest fulfillment of all that was explicitly foretold in the Book. Nevertheless, they have devoted their ears to croaking and have deprived themselves of hearkening to the Word. More wondrous than all are those earthen fragments who attribute themselves to the Bayan, yet remain deprived of its Sovereign, its Revealer, and its Beloved. They are exactly like those souls who call themselves Shi'ih - and We take refuge with the All-Merciful from their schemes, their heedlessness, and their error - who, throughout successive generations, have fabricated traditions from their own idle fancies and have prostrated themselves before them, until the Hand of Divine Power rent asunder the veil and revealed what was hidden in their hearts. Thus it was witnessed how they hung that Essence of being and, at the decree of the divines who were among the pillars and nobles of the Shi'ih, martyred Him with the bullets of hatred. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Now these deluded souls walk in the same footsteps and lead the helpless people to idols.

I beseech Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in earth and heaven, to protect Thy servants from the defilement of those who have turned away from Thy sweetest call, denied Thy most great signs, and cast behind them Thy Covenant and Testament in the kingdom of creation. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to be fair-minded and to acknowledge that which their eyes have seen and their ears have heard in Thy days, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all peoples! Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And as for what you wrote concerning Aqa Shaykh Muhammad of the people of Manshad, upon him be the Glory of God, mention of him was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This blessed Tablet was revealed especially for him. He speaks, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great[…]

Verily We make mention from Our Most Exalted Pen of him who hath been named Muhammad in the kingdom of creation, and We have mentioned him before as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Knowing Rememberer. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, turned towards My countenance, and uttered My beautiful praise. Today, every possessor of vision hath won this most great bounty, and every possessor of hearing hath won the hearkening unto his Lord's call, the Expositor, the All-Wise. Happy the lands from which the fragrance of the Robe hath been wafted, and the city o'er

which have passed the breezes of the dawn of My glorious and wondrous Day. Happy the soul that hath taken the chalice of immortality in My Most Glorious Name and drunk therefrom through My mention, the Mighty, the Gracious.

We have aforetime enjoined upon the friends of God and His servants that wisdom whereby We have taken the covenant from those who have turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, inasmuch as thou hast shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of mankind, and drunk from the ocean of certitude. We have made mention of thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. He Who speaketh these words beareth witness: There is none other God but Me, the Numberer, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We counsel thee to observe wisdom lest there occur that which God abhorreth and the clamor of them that have denied the Day of Judgment be raised. Hold thou fast unto the cord of wisdom in all circumstances. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee. Behold and then call to mind what befell God's Messengers and His chosen ones when He sent them with manifest sovereignty. Among the people were those who turned away from them and opposed them, and those who pronounced sentence for the shedding of their blood. Thus did their desires command them without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. We summoned them to the supreme horizon, yet they confined Us in this mighty fortress. We desired for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, yet they abandoned Us in this remote prison. We opened unto them the gates of blessings, yet they prevented Us from the bounty which God created through My Name, the Bestower, the Invincible.

And We make mention of My loved ones in that place, and We send Our greetings unto them, and We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness and that which beseemeth this Day whereof God gave glad-tidings through the tongues of the Messengers. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of wisdom and upon those who have turned unto the Most Great Ocean on this momentous Day.

Praise be to God! The Sun of bounty hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of divine favor. Blessed are they who have on this day attained unto but a single letter, how much more a word and a tablet. The entirety of the world cannot equal a single word. How excellent is the state of the soul who hath today attained unto this most great bounty and this most exalted and noble station. However, according to divine command, all must hold fast to the cord of wisdom. Therefore, if outwardly the friends of God were to openly engage in teaching, this would surely cause uproar and clamor among the heedless divines, and likewise cause disturbance in the hearts of certain friends who are mentioned before God. Before the martyrdom of Badi', these matters were in effect, and afterward the decree of wisdom was revealed with utmost clarity from the heaven of God's command. Blessed are they who raise its standards and preserve its reins. Repeatedly was this blessed word heard from the Tongue of Unity, exalted be His grandeur: "O friends! Today drink ye the living waters in the name of the Beloved of all possibility, in defiance of the followers of all religions–a draught whereof the polytheists, the wayward, the deniers and the heedless shall not find a trace upon their lips. In receptive, fertile, and capable lands, deposit and cast the Word of God. From barren earth nothing groweth and nothing springeth forth." In all conditions, they

must act according to that which God hath willed. In truth, service to the Cause hath been and shall ever be teaching, but with wisdom. All good is for those souls who have today arisen to serve the Cause. It is hoped that the true friends will not deprive themselves and will receive from the Dayspring of abundant grace that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, who was the writer of the letter–praise be to God, he hath been and is remembered in the mention of God, exalted be His glory, both before and after. This servant conveyeth infinite greetings to him. Mention of him and Aqa Muhammad-Husayn, and the plea for their forgiveness, was submitted at the Most Holy Court. By the life of the Beloved! Thereupon did the ocean of forgiveness surge, and they attained unto that which they desired from the depths of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

As to what you wrote concerning Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, a most sublime and holy Tablet hath been revealed for him from the heaven of divine knowledge and hath been dispatched. God willing, may he drink from its oceans of inner meanings and attain unto that which God hath willed. Though he is already aflame with the fire of love and attracted by the light of His countenance - blessed and happy is he! This servant conveyeth his greetings to him and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid him in serving His Cause. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Likewise, specifically for Mulla Hassan, upon him be the Glory of God, a wondrous Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of bounty. By the life of the Beloved! Every letter of these Tablets is, in the sight of God, superior to all that is visible and invisible. God willing, may those possessed of insight who gaze toward the Most Great Horizon drink from the chalices of divine utterances the living waters and occupy themselves in the gathering of contingent beings with wisdom and utterance in remembrance of the peerless Friend. Convey on behalf of this evanescent servant greetings unto him. God willing, may he shine forth like a brilliant star from the horizon of the heaven of meanings. His petition was presented at the Most Holy Court at the appointed time. The Sun of favor hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of grace, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken that which the tongues of all on earth are powerless to recount. From the most sublime and holy Tablet the degrees of favor are evident and clear. Blessed is he! The servant beareth witness that he hath attained unto a Tablet before which all previous tablets have bowed down. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of grace - He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

And as to what thou didst mention concerning Ali, upon him be the Glory of God - after it was presented before the Most Exalted Horizon, this most sublime and holy Tablet was revealed from the presence of the all-pervading Will. God willing, may he attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. His words, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing

O Ali! We have desired to make mention of thee and those who have believed, on a day which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. This is a day wherein the atoms cry out: “The Revealer of verses hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Goal of them that know!” God had taken the covenant of this Day from all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet when He appeared

with the truth, the people turned away save those who shattered the idols of vain desire through the Name of the Lord of all being and turned with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. How many a learned one hath lamented in separation, yet when the ocean of reunion surged, turned away and showed pride before God, the Beloved of the sincere ones. Say: By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and hath spoken that whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have been attracted. Blessed is he who hath recognized and found the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Ali! The river of thy Lord's mercy hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Take thou, in My Name, and drink therefrom through My binding and wise command. We give thee glad tidings, and to those who have believed in that place, of a bounty from Our presence and a favor from Our court. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel you with that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Beware lest the conditions of the Pharaohs frighten you, or the doubts of the tyrants sadden you - they who have adorned their heads with turbans yet have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. They attained the heights of glory in this vain life through My Name, but when I manifested My Self, they pronounced judgment against it with evident tyranny. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One counseleth you from the precincts of the prison to be steadfast in this Cause, whose greatness hath been attested by the tongues of the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and whose sovereignty hath been witnessed by every truthful, just and discerning one. Hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of Names, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having made known unto us the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Source of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy Most Exalted Word, at whose appearance the dove cooed upon the branches." This is the Day which God foretold aforetime - the Day whereon mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the gate of inner meanings been unlocked by the key of utterance, when the All-Merciful was walking in the most exalted station and calling all to His straight path.

God willing, may all the friends in those regions drink from the Kawthar of divine favor, fix their gaze with utmost steadfastness upon the Most Exalted Horizon, and attain unto that which is pleasing unto God, glorified be His majesty. This hath been and shall ever be among the most mighty matters in the sight of God. Today is the day of mention, praise, steadfastness and service. Blessed are they who have attained unto that which is befitting. His honor Aqa Muhammad Isma'il of the people of Ya presented a petition to the Most Holy Court, which arrived through his honor Haji 'Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the glory of God, His mercy and His favor. Several names were mentioned therein. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed for each one, and as commanded, this servant wrote and sent them - deliver them unto them. As for what you wrote concerning the blessed location, this matter is, according to His command, with his honor Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious glory. Let whatever he deemeth advisable be carried out. Each of the persons whose names were in your letter have attained unto their purpose and all have been honored with a divine Tablet. God willing, may they attain unto the presence of the Tablets and discover therefrom the heavenly blessing, and through the Name of the One True Intended One, may they be blessed with this most great bounty. The glory of God be upon his honor, the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree, and upon thee, and upon those who have hastened with their hearts unto the Most Great Ocean

and have drunk therefrom in the name of our Lord, our Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Again it is mentioned that at the end of your letter was mention of the scribe, upon him be the glory of God. The extent of his mention and sincerity was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious, Most High Court, and these pearls have appeared from the ocean of divine knowledge. Blessed is he and those who have attained unto the mention of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Lord. His word, exalted be His majesty: He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

This is a Book which the All-Bestowing hath sent down from the heaven of grace unto him who hath turned unto Him and voiced His praise on a day whereon every heedless doubter turned away. Thou didst desire a drop from the clouds of the heaven of thy Lord's bountiful mercy; thereby did the ocean of bounty surge, and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days turned toward thee from this glorious horizon. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. Verily He draweth thee nigh and guideth thee unto a station that shall gladden the eyes of them that are brought near. The clouds of munificence have rained down their bounties, and the Sun of generosity speaketh before all peoples: "The Truth is come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Knowing." Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in the Most Great Prison, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is held the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

These blessed verses, which are in truth greater than the heavens and the earth, were revealed specially for his honor Javanmard, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may he attain unto them and drink from the ocean of His bounty.

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Beloved and exalted is He, His Eminence the Name 66 [of God], upon him be all 9 [Glory] most glorious, may observe:

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

Praise be to God Who sent down the Furqan in the month of Ramadan. Verily it is the light of utterance that hath shone forth from the horizon of God's knowledge, the Lord of all religions. Through it appeared the law of unity and the sign of detachment in the world of possibility. Exalted is He Who revealed it unto the King of the Messengers and the Manifestation of the Ways, through whom the hearts of those who are nigh unto God took flight, and the decree of the Book was established among the monotheists. The servant doth offer prayers unto Him - prayers from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of servitude, sincerity and faithfulness - and unto His family and companions through whom God established His Cause among His servants and His ordinances among His creation. These are honored servants whom God hath described in His Books, both past and future. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance! The blessed letter which was in truth the key to the gate of joy and gladness arrived and was opened. Blessed is He Who confirmeth His loved ones through the breathings of the pens of His chosen ones. That which thou didst write was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Thou hast spoken with truth and justice. The Wronged One hath heard and answered thee. We beseech God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, to preserve thee and ordain for thee that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to assist His loved ones to hearken unto thy remembrance, thy praise and thy utterance. O Zein! The glances of loving-kindness have ever been directed towards the friends of that land. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the remaining souls. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness, which in one station is reckoned as the first ornament. Verily, He is powerful over all things. God, exalted be His glory, hath loved and continues to love those who are firm and steadfast. His mercy hath preceded His servants and handmaidens, and His grace hath encompassed those who have turned unto Him with radiant faces and have acted according to what was commanded in His perspicuous Book.

Praise be to God, news of Your Eminence hath arrived and continues to arrive. In these days numerous telegrams have reached Beirut specifically announcing the release of the poor ones from the prison of the princes. His Eminence the Name 66 [of God], upon him be all 9 [Glory] most glorious, hath been released. Knowledge is with God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect His loved ones and servants and deliver them from the hosts of vainglory. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning what thou didst write about Haji Khavar, upon him be 66 9 [Glory of God], and his services in the path of God, it was presented. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which they intended. As commanded, convey greetings, and likewise from this evanescent servant.

As for what was written concerning the dear son of that noble person, the Name 66 (Allah), the Most Truthful, upon him be from every 9 (Baha) His Most Glorious Baha - a detailed reply was sent to him. If they send something to him, they should give him this glad tidings. Praise be to God, the effulgences of the Sun of Grace concerning him are manifest and evident, requiring no mention now or before. His brother arrived in these days and attained the presence despite the turmoil in these parts. After imprisonment in the Land of Ta (Tehran), in this land day by day some new event occurs and some new discussion arises. For thirty years or more the servants were forbidden through exhortations and counsels from contention, conflict and corruption. Nevertheless neither government, nation nor people are content, imagining that there is an intent to cause corruption. Every fair-minded person has testified and continues to testify, and every person of insight has acknowledged and continues to acknowledge, that corrupt matters and reprehensible deeds have been forbidden to such a degree that they are killed but do not kill, they endure but do not inflict, they hear but do not speak. Yet not one fair-minded person exists before the government to speak a word and inform the authorities. Although even if something were said perhaps no one would listen, if hearing is found then surely by God's grace speech will also be found - the capacity of ears creates utterance and expression. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He will aid the rulers and learned ones of the earth to hearken to the blessed word of truth. Verily He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

As for what was written about Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God (Baha'u'llah), from the people of Naj mentioning Aqa Muhammad-'Ali from the people of Riz - when this detail was submitted He said: "O Zayn! We make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Baqir and give him glad tidings of God's grace and favors, and We counsel him to steadfastness and to that which befits the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We send greetings from this station upon him and upon the faces of those who have held fast to the cord of their Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Powerful. And We make mention of him who was mentioned, who was named Muhammad-'Ali, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Blessed is he who has turned to the Supreme Horizon, acknowledged the unity and singleness of God, recognized what was hidden and attained what was mentioned in His perspicuous Book. And We make mention of him who guided to the Path and caused him to hear that for which ears were created to hearken unto. Blessed is every guide, every hearer, every doer, and every one who has arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Muhammad before Hashim! Remind the people with wisdom and utterance lest the whisperings of Satan prevent them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." End quote. Praise be to God, all three attained. This servant conveys greetings to each one and begs confirmation and seeks success for them from God, exalted be His glory.

And concerning what was written about Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God (Baha'u'llah), and his wife, when submitted He said: "O Hasan! We have made mention of you and do mention you and We beseech God to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and this world, and to decree for your wife that which benefits her and what He loves for her. Verily He is the Protector of those who do good, male and female. We send greetings from this station upon them both and upon those who have adorned their temples with the ornament of godliness. Verily the Wronged One makes mention of whoever has turned to the Supreme Horizon and loves whoever has loved God, the Lord of the worlds." End quote.

He is God - exalted be His glory, grandeur and power!

O Mahdi! Thou hast been mentioned in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall never cease to perfume creation throughout the duration of utterance. We beseech God - exalted be He - to forgive thee, thy parents and thy spouse. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. He heareth and seeth. Verily, He answereth the prayers of all who supplicate Him. He forgiveth whom He willeth through His grace, and ordaineth as He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We make mention of him who is named Iskandar and counsel him to be trustworthy among all people and to observe that which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

We make mention of Ali-Akbar of Kha and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted.

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Wronged One remembereth thee from His prison and counseleth thee to be steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech Him to aid thee to act in accordance with His commandments, He Who is the Strong, the Ancient of Days.

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath testified and doth testify to the oneness of God, exalted be His glory. He hath ever been sanctified above the mention of aught else but Him and exalted above whatsoever hearts and minds can comprehend.

O Ali! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God. Hold fast unto the cord of His sure and extended grace.

O Mirza! Have you recognized and turned towards Him? Say: How can I recognize Him Who cannot be known except to the extent decreed? I testify that there is none other God but Him. He created me, sustained me, and taught me that which every veiled learned one hath failed to comprehend.

Praise be to God! May each of these souls who have been mentioned act in accordance with that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause, the glorification of His Word, and the sanctification and detachment of His servants from all that God loveth not.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Mirza Habibullah, upon him be the glory and favors of God, who had sent a letter about those who have set out for the Most Great Goal through the guidance of Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the glory and light of God, this matter was presented, as was the petition from Ja'far, upon him be God's grace. His word, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him:

He is God - exalted be His station, might, power, grandeur and majesty! […]

O beloved! Your mention hath been and continues to be remembered before the Wronged One. Some time ago, a reply was sent to that which thou didst submit. In all cases, We beseech the Self-Sufficing One to aid thee. Ja'far's letter arrived and was presented by this servant. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings and salutations, and say: O Ja'far! Thy letter was received and that which flowed from thy pen in praise and glorification of the Goal of the world was heard. We beseech God to aid thee to accomplish that which today conduceth to the exaltation of His Word and the refinement of souls.

We have made mention, and continue to make mention, of the friends in that land. All are remembered and inscribed in the Tablet. We counsel all to observe trustworthiness, chastity, sincerity and faithfulness. We beseech God to aid them all to perform good deeds and eschew evil, and likewise to adorn them with the ornament of unity. The world is illumined through unity and concord, and laid waste through discord and dissension. O friends! Know ye the value of these days and with utmost love, fellowship and wisdom, remind the servants, that perchance they may turn to the supreme horizon through the fragrances of utterance and hold fast unto the divine commandments. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those who have guided you, caused you to recognize, and made you to hear.

This servant hath written the aforementioned utterances as commanded, to be sent to his honor Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. They have arisen and girded up their loins to serve. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest through them that which will cause the Word of Unity to be upraised amongst the believers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Siyyid Husayn. When presented before His countenance, He said: "Blessed is he and his father. We counsel him to perform deeds purely for God, the Lord of the worlds." The adornment of the youth of the people of unity hath been and ever shall be obedience to divine laws and the good-pleasure of parents. May his honor Husayn, upon him be the peace of God, be aided. This servant beseecheth God to adorn him with the ornament of His good-pleasure.

To his honor, the cherished friend Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-'Ali and his son, upon them be the Glory of God, I convey greetings. Praise be to God, they have not been and will not be forgotten.

The sister of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, upon him and her be God's forgiveness, mercy and loving-kindness, was mentioned, and this exalted word was revealed from the Source of bounty: We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive her, adorn her with the greatest bounty, and cause her to enter a paradise whose breadth is as the breadth of heaven and earth. Blessed are she and her brother. God's mercy, their Creator and Fashioner, hath preceded them.

Through his honor Aqa Muhammad-Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God, regarding his brothers - they have attained acceptance. Happy are they and we.

The supplication of his honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, was read in the presence of His countenance. He said: "We have heard that which the Tongue of the Wronged One spoke before thee, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant thee that which He hath ordained. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer."

Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which the friends of God have ever yearned and hoped for. This servant and your honor must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid His friends to preserve that which hath been granted. The Cause is mighty; at every moment one must seek divine confirmation. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Near One, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Mention was made of His honor Darvish-i-Samad in the presence of His Countenance. He said: "We make mention of him from the prison and counsel him with that which will manifest man's station in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who created him and taught him utterance as a token of His grace, and He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O Samad! We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee with that whereby the sincere will perceive the fragrance of love and affection. We beseech God to enable thee to do that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Baha enjoineth all to eschew desire and biddeth them observe righteousness and piety and that which God hath revealed in His Manifest Book."

And regarding the mention he had made of Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, his uncle, He said: "His mention hath been and is before the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. He should beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for that which is the cause of steadfastness and firmness. O Muhammad-Hasan! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed with Thee on Sinai, and by Thy Preserved Tablet, and by the mysteries of Thy Book, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Let them persevere with this blessed passage. God willing, the closed doors shall be opened and whatsoever is beneficial for them shall appear from the horizon of His Will. Let them act with the utmost wisdom in that land and speak with moderation. "Speak unto all men…" etc., as was previously stated. This servant also conveys greetings to them and seeks their success.

And regarding what was written about a letter received from His honor Aqa Muhammad-Hasan-i-Khayyat, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God he is favored with divine grace. Some time ago he wrote a letter to this servant; a detailed reply has been written and God willing will be sent. Likewise in that letter and in a Tablet given to one of the emigrants, expressions of loving-kindness and favor regarding him were recorded and inscribed. We beseech God, exalted be His station, to enable him to attain the blessing of pilgrimage. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey greetings, praise and glorification to every soul who intends [to make the journey].

And likewise mention was made of His honor Aqa Mahdi (from the people of Rasht), upon him be the Glory of God. He hath been and is remembered before His Countenance. Praise be to God, he standeth firm in service and uttereth the mention and praise of the Peerless Friend. After presentation He said: "O Mahdi! Upon thee be My peace and My glory. The Wronged One hath heard thy call and remembered thee before and at this moment. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled thy covenant and pledge and cast away idle fancies, turning unto the horizon of certitude. We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve thee and assist thee and give thee to drink of the choice wine of steadfastness. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

"O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! We have made mention of thee and of him whom thou didst mention. Convey My glory unto him. We have heard his mention and perceived from it the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous." Convey the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One to all thy friends and relatives. In these days mention of you hath also flowed from the Pen in other places. We beseech God to protect thee and grant thee the good of this world and the next. He is verily powerful over all things.

Another of His autograph letters, adorned with the date of the second of Safar, arrived and was presented before His presence. He said: "O Zain, thy mention is accepted and thy praise approved. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee in all conditions in that which is conducive to the honor of His friends and the abasement of His enemies. The people of unity are encompassed and the polytheists encompassing. All Islam must gather together and with the utmost humility and supplication turn unto the Self-Sufficing Lord. They must free their eyes from inflammation with the drops of the water of fairness, purify their hearts and breasts with the Kawthar of trust in God and detachment, and likewise deliver their tongues from the mention of aught else, seeking salvation, nobility and glory from God, exalted be His glory. Perchance they may be delivered from the abasement that hath befallen them and strive during their remaining days to make up for what hath escaped them, exerting mighty efforts."

As for thy mention of His Holiness the Name of God (66), upon him be all Glory (9), multiple letters from him arrived and responses were issued, but this servant hath not yet succeeded in dispatching them. God willing, they will be sent these days. Praise be to God, he is successful in service and engaged in the refinement of souls. I beseech God, exalted be His most great glory, to aid His Holiness at all times, to assist his utterance and strengthen his wisdom. Adherence to wisdom is most necessary. We beseech the Most High to aid us in holding fast to its cord and clinging to its hem.

And as for what thou didst write regarding Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God (66, 9) and His favors, that he had sent a letter mentioning the believers, including Muhammad-Sharif and

describing his steadfastness and service - this detail was presented before His presence. His words, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him:

“In the Name of the Merciful, the Compassionate

O Muhammad-Sharif! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and answered thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. We have called all unto God and counseled them to righteousness and piety. Among the people are those who turned away, those who denied, and those who pronounced judgment against Us without any proof from God, the Lord of the worlds. We desired light for them; they desired fire for Us. Thus was the matter decreed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the servant who is adorned with the ornament of fairness and speaketh with justice. He is indeed among the people of unity in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who heard the call and acted according to what was commanded by the Ancient Ordainer. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and praise, and to enable thee to serve His manifest Cause. And We beseech Him to forgive thy father and those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq, who desired to detect the fragrance of the Bayan from the garment of God’s favor, the Lord of all religions. Blessed is the face that turned, the heart that advanced, and the temple that was adorned with the robe of fairness in this Cause, through which every person of insight hath testified to the unity of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the glorious Throne. We beseech God to make him steadfast in the service of His loved ones and eloquent in His beautiful remembrance.”

And likewise a youth named Imam-’Ali sought favor. This matter was presented before His presence, and He said: “O ’Ali! Thy mention hath been made. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which most are deprived of. We counsel thee to steadfastness and faithfulness, and We beseech God to grant thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He hath power over all things.”

Concerning what was written about Ali Haydar, mentioned by Nayib Ali Akbar Bey, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before His Presence. A wondrous and exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for him - forward it to the honored Bey to be delivered to him. The mention of the honored Bey has been and continues to be before His Presence. The Glory be upon him and upon those who have recognized the oneness and singleness of God. This servant conveys greetings and praise to them and to Ibn-i-Nur, upon them be the Glory of God.

It was mentioned that Aqa Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, returned from Aintab as commanded. The people of Aintab had expressed satisfaction with him. After this was presented, He said: The friends of God should, in whatever place they enter, cause joy to be manifested upon their arrival and sadness upon their departure from that city, that land, that air and its people. O Zayn, if you meet him, mention on behalf of the Wronged One that he acted according to what he was commanded upon his departure from there.

Likewise, mention Abul-Qasim. God willing, may all be assisted to perform goodly deeds and display praiseworthy conduct. This servant also conveys greetings and praise to them and all the friends, and

beseeches assistance for all. His Holiness Ismu'llah Al-Asdaq, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, was mentioned. Well is it with him.

Regarding the inquiry about Huquq, how much should be paid on nineteen mithqals - God's ordinance has been set at nineteen percent. Calculate accordingly and it will become clear what amount applies to nineteen. It was also asked whether, if it exceeds nineteen, it must reach another nineteen or if the excess is also subject to Huquq. Whatever exceeds nineteen is not subject to Huquq until it reaches another nineteen.

As commanded, write to Nun and Jim that wherever divine Huquq remains unpaid, they should collect it and send it to Jinab-i-Amin or Jinab-i-Samandar, upon them be the Glory of God, obtain a receipt, and report back so that action may be taken according to His will. In these days, some in various regions have fallen into great hardship, including the families of the prisoners who are both in debt and face delays in their daily sustenance. May God assist all to pay the Huquq. Since affairs are dependent upon outward means, this command has come from the All-Wise Commander, that those who act according to what they were commanded in the Book may benefit from it. Glory, praise and exaltation be upon you and upon God's sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The Servant

9th of Rabi'ul-Avval 1302

Regarding sending someone for the matter of the garden, God willing, what was written before will be carried out. If it be from another land, there is no harm in it.

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Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through truth and revealed through His sovereignty whatsoever He hath willed. He, verily, is the One foretold by the Messengers in the Books of old, that He would turn the dawn into darkness and walk upon the high places of the earth. Praise be to God Who hath named Himself Jehovah in the Torah, the Comforter and Spirit of Truth in the Gospel, and in the Qur'an the Great Announcement, at Whose appearance all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, and the limbs of all creation trembled, save those who clung to the hem of the protection of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Exalted is the God of Hosts, the Lord of existence, the Possessor of the visible and invisible, Who is established upon the Throne resting upon the water. Exalted, exalted is His Name above the description of every describer, exalted, exalted is His remembrance above the mention of every mentioner. He, verily, is the Sovereign at Whose establishment upon the Throne the tongues of the Prophets and the Concourse on High proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust." I pray, send peace, and glorify those who have heard, responded, and arisen to aid the Cause of their Lord, and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Wise.

O my God and the God of all names, Creator of earth and heaven! Thou seest me as a fish writhing in the dust, as I behold Thy servants turning away from Thee after Thou didst create them for Thy knowledge and service. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence and by Thy sovereignty which hath prevailed over all possibility, to aid Thy servants to arise to that which beseemeth Thy days and befitteth Thy presence. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge and their sight with beholding the horizon of Thy grace. Thou art He Who hath ever been and will ever be. There is none other God but Thee, the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thereafter, there reached Me from the Tree of Thy being the fruits of love and knowledge. When I gathered them, I praised God, our Lord and your Lord, our God and your God, for having enabled you to make mention of Him and to praise Him. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you in all that He loveth and approveth, and in the wisdom which God hath made the foundation of all deeds in the Book. After observing and perusing [your letter], it was brought before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, may His grandeur be glorified, and the contents were made known. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance, His word, exalted be His grandeur […]

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee, confirmed thee, manifested thee, caused thee to know Him, given thee utterance, roused thee to His love and guided thee to His straight path. All the souls in the world are convinced of, acknowledge and confess this path which hath been mentioned, inasmuch as in the divine Books, both of the past and present, mention hath been made of the Path, the Balance and the new matters to appear on the Divine Day, and all have been promised these things and are expectant thereof. Nevertheless, when the Lord of Hosts and God of existence became manifest and the Path became visible, all were found heedless and veiled save whom God wished. Such was the heedlessness that seized these withered souls that they hearkened not to the cry raised between earth and heaven, nor heard the blast of the trumpet and the striking of the horn. They are occupied with transient colors and debarred and deprived of the eternal, everlasting stations. Their vain desires have withheld them from God Who created them, sustained them and quickened them through a word from His presence. Blessed is the soul who today ariseth to serve the Cause with complete wisdom, detached from all else and purely for the sake of God alone. Take thou the Book with a power from Us and a command from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Knowing. Whosoever today acknowledgeth the Truth and acteth according to that which God hath revealed, hath been enabled and confirmed to take the Book. Reflect upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, His exalted Word: "And We desired to show favor unto those who were brought low in the land, and to make them leaders, and to make them inheritors." Despite the ignorant divines and worthless mystics, this most exalted station hath been granted unto you and likewise unto those whom they counted as ignorant and mocked. Man must at all times take refuge in God, glorified and exalted be He, that he may be preserved from the evil of self and desire. No loftiness, sublimity or station is worthy of mention save that which God, exalted be His glory, bestoweth. For instance, as is evident today, the divines of the earth who considered themselves as banners of guidance and possessors of the highest station are not and were not mentioned before God, while you are mentioned. As is observed, the Supreme Pen hath repeatedly turned toward that direction and mention of you and the other friends hath flowed therefrom. A hundred thousand tongues would be inadequate to render

thanks for this. Verily, He Himself rendereth thanks on behalf of His servants, and this is true thanksgiving, but most people are heedless. Oceans of meaning lie concealed and hidden in the words that shine forth from the Divine Mouth. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and woe unto the deniers.

[That which thou didst write concerning the unity and harmony of the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise the gathering of the loved ones and their remembrance and praise of the Beloved of the worlds, was presented at the Divine Threshold and was acceptable. His words, exalted be His grandeur:]

God willing, they are enabled to perform the deeds they have done for His sake, and God willing, they shall be enabled to carry out all the divine ordinances. However, in all things they must observe wisdom, and all are commanded and obligated to follow this divine word.

[The names of the souls mentioned in thy letter were presented at the Most Holy Court. Divine verses from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will were specially revealed for each one. God willing, may all attain unto them and drink from the living waters concealed in the chalices of the words of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His words, exalted be His grandeur:]

(Jinab-i-Isma'il, brother of Rajab)

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Ismail! The Lord of the Friend calls you from this most exalted station and mentions you through what flows from His Most Exalted Pen, that you may rejoice and be among the thankful. Be in the Cause of your Lord in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the clouds of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, shall hinder you. Take hold of God and leave all else besides Him. He verily suffices you in truth. Thus commands you He from Whose presence is a preserved Tablet. How many a servant has drunk from the Kawthar of life from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and how many a servant has cast it behind him, turning away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou and those whom vain desires have not kept back from the Creator of heaven and who have turned with radiant faces toward the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

(To Rahmatullah, brother of Azizullah)

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of heaven

O Rahmatullah! My mercy has preceded thee and My grace has encompassed thee, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. I have guided thee to My path and caused thee to know the Dawning Place of My Cause and the Source of My verses, and have made thee speak My praise and aided thee to turn toward My luminous horizon. We counsel thee to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the foundations of existence were shaken, save for those who held fast to the hem of the protection of their Lord, the All-Informed. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent down from the heaven of utterance that which brings joy to the eyes of those who know. Preserve the verses of thy Lord as thou wouldst preserve thine eye. He, verily, is the Preserver, the All-Knowing.

(To Asadullah, brother of Azizullah)

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

O Asadullah! Be steadfast in the Cause, walk the straight path, be patient in adversity, grateful in prosperity, and act according to what thou art commanded. Thus does the Mother Book command thee. Should a croaker come to you with the book of the wicked ones, cast it behind you, turning toward the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Verily He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Let nothing make thee grieve in the path of God. Rejoice in the Most Great Joy which speaks from the highest horizon of the world: "Verily there is no God but I, the Almighty, the All-Choosing." Soon shall the earth and its ornaments and bounties pass away, and there shall endure what hath been sent down to thee from God, the Revealer of verses.

(To Agha Siyyid Kazim from K)

He is the Observer, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who has believed in God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Kazim! We have seen thy turning toward Us, We have turned toward thee from this Most Exalted Station and have mentioned thee with that which has perfumed the atmosphere of utterance throughout all possibility. Be grateful and say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen." We heard thy call and answered thee. His knowledge has preceded all created things and His grace has encompassed all who exist. We have accepted from thee what thou desired in the path of God and have made thee a trustee from Our presence over what thou hast, and have permitted thee to dispose of it as thou pleasest. Verily thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Favor and glorify thy Lord, the Lord of Hosts.

(To Ismail son of Khudadad)

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great […]

O Son of the Khan! Hearken unto the Call from the Land of Decree from thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Call of thy Lord hath been raised from Zion, and Jerusalem hath been blessed with the fragrances of the verses of thy Chosen Lord. The City hath descended from the heaven of Will, and therein hath the Throne been established by the command of God, the Revealer of mysteries. This is the Day wherein the concealed hath been revealed and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of creation, hath come to pass. Rejoice, O Ismail, in that the Manifestation of the Friend hath made mention of thee from the most exalted station. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the luminary of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath recognized and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of verses."

(To Jinab-i-Ahya Ibn-i-Yusuf)

In His Name, Who shineth from the Most Exalted Horizon

A Book sent down by the Lord of Names to those in the kingdom of creation, that the Call may draw them to God, the Lord of the worlds. O son of Yusuf! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Remembrance through which mercy hath appeared, the heavenly table hath descended, the bounty hath been perfected, and the proof hath been completed from God, the Exalted, the Great. Every soul was created for the Day of God, yet when He appeared and the Promised One manifested Himself, every heedless and remote one turned away. Blessed is he whose strength was not weakened by the affairs of creation, nor was he hindered by the doubts of those who denied the Day of Judgment.

O Ahya! When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, praise thy Lord with myriads of holy ones. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, is uplifted. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto that which God hath desired, and woe unto the heedless ones who have cast the ordinances behind their backs and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament in a noble station. Thus hath the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surged, and the fragrance of the Divine Garment hath wafted between the heavens and the earth.

(To Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad Husayn Mustawfi of Turbat)

He Who is established upon the throne of His Most Great Name

We have deposited the meanings of the former Books in a word from Us and have sent it to thee as a favor from Our presence that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. And it is this: He is the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He hath come with the truth with such sovereignty that neither the hosts of the heavens and earth can withstand Him, nor can the conditions of those who have turned away from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, prevent Him from that which He desireth. O Muhammad-Qabil-Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee - He Who hath summoned the people unto God, the Lord of Names, and hath given glad tidings unto all of this Divine Wine, from which they who drink thereof find the sweetness of the Beloved's oppression. By the life of God! It is sweeter than honey and more pure than Kawthar and Salsabil. We were seated upon the throne in Our Most Great Prison when We heard thy mention and remembered thee with this Remembrance through which the world hath been perfumed and every seeker hath turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou aflame with the fire of the love of God. Soon will all thou beholdest perish, and there shall endure only that which thou hast wrought in the days of thy Lord, purely for His radiant countenance. We counsel thee to be patient and steadfast, and to that through which the station of man becometh manifest in the contingent world. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

(To Jinab-i-Mulla Rajab-'Ali of Jalkih of Turbat)

In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered

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O Rajab-'Ali! The Day hath come and the Promised One proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!" How many a mighty one hath cast the world behind him, turning unto

the Lord of the Ancient Days, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty! How many a learned one hath turned away from the Truth, and how many an empty one hath attained His sealed wine! They have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, following their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: O concourse of divines! Let not the world exalt you. Fear God and be of the fair-minded. Say: Beware lest ye interpret God's verses according to your desires or expound them by that which ye possess. Ye are learned in the eyes of your like, yet ignorant before God, the Lord of all knowledge. We established learning that it might draw you nigh unto the ocean of My loving-kindness, yet through it ye turned away and waxed proud before the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Blessed is he who hath perceived the fragrance of the Revelation and believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Strive that there may appear from thee that which the Concourse on high and they who circle round this glorious Station shall remember. Beware lest the veils of men withhold thee from the Truth, or the allusions of those who turned away when the appointed time came and the Promised One appeared. Blessing rest upon the people of Baha who have circled round the will of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

[From 'Abbas of Furugh]

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful to him who was named 'Abbas, that he might rejoice and be of the thankful. O 'Abbas! We make mention of Muhammad through whom We named the Dugh as Furugh. He hath attained the ultimate goal and ascended to the Supreme Companion. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath remembered and remembereth him in accordance with what My Most Exalted Pen hath uttered before and at this hour. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that he was among those who turned to the Desired One and believed on a Day wherein most of the servants disbelieved. To this beareth witness He through Whose Word every mouldering bone is quickened. We glorify him, pray for him, and send greetings upon him from this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Scroll, and as 'Akka among the hosts of creation, and as the Protected City in the Books of the Messengers. Blessed be he and his kindred and My loved ones in that place who have cast away idle fancies and held fast unto certitude by the command of One mighty and wise. Give thanks, O 'Abbas, for having been mentioned before the Countenance, and for that which hath been revealed unto thee wherefrom the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility. Exalted is He Who hath remembered thee and turned toward thee from this Station both near and far.

We praise God with praise that guides all created things to extinction at His gate, for He has been made manifest with such grace that mention of it transcends the knowledge and wisdom of these servants. For every name that was in the letters, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed that he might give thanks for his Lord's grace and rejoice in His favor that has preceded existence. As commanded, those verses were written in tablets and sent, and this is another grace. Blessed is he who has attained his Lord's favor, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding Allahverdi, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition arrived before and was presented at the Most Holy Court. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him, and likewise for those souls mentioned in his petition - all attained the grace of God. Regarding Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them

both be the Glory of God, what you had written was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from the Mouth of Godhead which was gladdened by My name and My love for My loved ones in the station We accepted for My remembrance.

The mentioned souls whose petitions were presented at the Most Holy Court, and likewise in the correspondence they had sent to this evanescent servant - all names that were mentioned became the recipients of grace. However, sending all at once is not permitted as it contradicts wisdom. They will be sent gradually. God willing, all will be enkindled with the fire of God's Word - an enkindlement that neither the associating of the polytheists, nor the turning away of the deniers, nor the objections of the objectors, nor the insinuations of the heedless shall prevent.

O true brother, a hundred thousand times must we give thanks that we have attained this supreme gift. Observe the heedlessness of people who, despite acknowledging the Day of Resurrection and confessing the Hour's appearance and its signs, arose in rejection and objection when it appeared, save whom God willed. But light has been and will be victorious over darkness - in His presence darkness has no ruling power.

And regarding what you had written about Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Speaker of Sinai spoke, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it speaks the truth from the highest station in the world. The Day has come and the Self-Subsisting calls all to the Unique, the All-Informed. O Muhammad-Husayn! Your letter came before the Wronged One containing your name. We make mention of you that you may thank your Lord, the Strong, the Trustworthy. Beware lest the blame of the ignorant take hold of you in the Cause of God, or the insinuations of the corrupters who cast God's commandments behind their backs and followed the ways of the mischief-makers prevent you. They claim for themselves the highest stations and wrongfully consume people's wealth - they are truly among the losers. Soon will come a day wherein they will cry for help but none shall help them. Thus does He inform you, with Whom is a mighty Tablet. Let nothing grieve you. Be steadfast in God's Cause and His service. Verily He hears and sees, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: By God, this is the renowned Day, were you of those who know, and this is the Day of service, were you of those who hear, and this is the Day wherein is ordained for whomever God desires what shall never perish, were you of those who are certain. Blessed is the ear that hears what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken, and the soul that has arisen in service, and the face that has turned to His luminous horizon. The Glory from Us be upon those who have held fast to this mighty Cord.

I submit: Your letter dated the sixth of Shawwal was received, and from it wafted the fragrance of love for the Peerless Beloved. God willing, may this sweet-scented breeze never cease to blow from the gardens of the heart. After all of it was perused in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, They showed utmost kindness and said: "God willing, may they become the cause of unity among all the hearts of the loved ones of God, in such wise that its fragrances may be diffused throughout all cities and the earth be seen as one single land."

Regarding what you wrote about him who beareth the name 66 J M, on whom be the Glory of God, They said: “Since in all Tablets We have enjoined wisdom, and he did not find these matters advisable, therefore he spoke what he spoke and uttered what he uttered. God willing, may the horizons of hearts at all times derive light and radiance from the Most Great Luminary. The efforts of souls who have arisen to serve will not and shall not be lost. ‘Whoso is for God, God is for him’ - this is an ancient utterance, yet most firm and sound. Hold fast unto it, a command from the presence of the All-Wise Commander.”

And concerning what you wrote about Mirza Ibrahim of S. and Mashhadi Husayn of Y., on whom be the Glory of God, it was submitted, and a wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed for each. God willing, may they attain unto them. Likewise for Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, on whom be the Glory of God. This servant beseecheth his Lord to draw all nigh unto Him and aid them to do what He loveth and is pleased with. It is hoped that the horizons of the world may be illumined by the lights of the stars of the heaven of manifestation. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to all the friends and masters.

To his honor ’Azizu’llah, on whom be the Glory of God, I convey greetings. The replies to his letters have been written; if they do not arrive this time, God willing, they shall arrive next time. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid him in what beseemeth this divine Day. Praise be to God, they are under the glance of divine favor, and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet revealed specifically for them is being sent. It is hoped that they may forever remain mentioned and enduring in the gathering of the world in the name of the Ancient Lord.

Concerning what they wrote about the House and their request that God, exalted be His glory, accept it - at a special time it was submitted before the Throne, and the sun of acceptance rose from the horizon of the mouth of God’s Will. His word, exalted be His grandeur: “We have accepted the House as a bounty from Our presence and have elevated it through a word from Us, and verily I am the Mighty, the Wise.” God willing, may they regard all the friends wherever they may be according to their stations as set forth by the Supreme Pen. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon those who have traversed the lands for the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

I bear witness by God that Mulla Ali and Ibn-i-Shahid and the other friends, upon them be the Glory of God, stand before the divine eye. Previously, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent down from the heaven of God’s will especially for them, and God willing, will continue to be sent. Their mention is recorded at the Divine Throne and their deeds are, praise be to God, accepted. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed especially for the son of Ali, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], and God willing it will be sent, and there is hope for their other son as well. The Command belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in those regions and in all directions, and upon your family and upon those women who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. An exalted Tablet will be sent especially for your wife. The special Tablets revealed for the aforementioned souls, as well as the responses to the petitions, and likewise the responses to the letters which this servant has submitted, will all be sent gradually in accordance with wisdom. The special message is that the Most Mighty, Most Blessed Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree - may my spirit, my being, my essence and all that God, my Lord, has bestowed upon me

be a sacrifice for the dust of their feet - send radiant and glorious greetings from the horizon of the heaven of loving-kindness to you and all the leaves of the Tree of Divine knowledge, and remember you with wondrous mention.

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

Praise be to God, Divine relief hath come after hardship. O Beloved of my heart! There was a time when, for the sake of God's Cause, they were imprisoned. The One God is witness to their state and doth attest to these words, that throughout all nights and days this servant struggled without arms against the hosts of sorrows and grief, until one day a special Tablet, destined for His Holiness the Afnan, the letter A and H, upon whom be all the most glorious splendor of God, descended from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will, suddenly adorning heart and soul with the ornament of joy. For from that most mighty and holy Tablet wafted the fragrance of that Beloved One's well-being and deliverance from imprisonment. Some friends forwarded certain letters in that Beloved One's hand, each of which caused the lips of this evanescent one's spirit to smile, and all were presented before the throne of Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. The effulgences of the Sun of grace were visible and manifest from the horizon of bounty, requiring no mention from this evanescent one. A hundred thousand regrets that nights and days passed while the gate of utterance remained sealed, yet there is hope that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, the gate shall hereafter be opened and responses to previous letters shall be presented and dispatched. The cause of delay in these days was that the fetid winds of the souls of the polytheists had somewhat passed over this land as well. The greatest glad-tidings is that in the days when that Beloved of the soul was confined in the prison of Isfahan, one most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed which indicated, proclaimed and spoke of that Beloved One's oppression. By command it was not sent, for the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this blessed word: "O servant in attendance, preserve it and dispatch it after deliverance." However, that Beloved One was remembered night and day. At this time, by command, it was raised to the sovereign heights until it attained the presence of the Face, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted Word, exalted be His utterance:

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Dove! Warble upon the bough of remembrance and praise in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names, and give glad tidings unto the people of God's favor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, a band of youths desired to extinguish the light of God with the force of their armies, their cannons, and their swords. We beseech God to quench their fire through His Name, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Say: O concourse of friends! Beware lest the might of the enemies cause you grief. It behooveth you to commit your affairs unto God. Verily, He will seize the oppressors as He seized those before them, making them a lesson to those who are discerning. Say: Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you from the Truth which hath come with the Kingdom of Utterance and hath called all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Do these oppressive souls not take warning from what hath transpired before? What oppressor hath ever profited from his tyranny? All have been and are in manifest loss. Nevertheless, the smoke of pride and vainglory hath deprived their eyes from beholding the lights of justice. They say that which they understand not, and do that from which every just one, every equitable one, every seeing one, and every learned one would dissociate themselves.

I swear by the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance that erelong will the oppressive souls become aware of their loss and witness it with their outward eyes. Verily, thy Lord is the True Informer, the Trustworthy.

Say: O friends! Stand firm upon the straight path in such wise that the fragrances of your steadfastness may be wafted among the people. Every matter is established through you and made manifest for you. Reflect upon what transpired in the Dispensation of the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. How many were the souls who engaged in mockery, rejection, and cursing, while behind them a group of companions sustained themselves with but a date pit. Later, that straitness, confinement, hardship, and difficulty were transformed into complete abundance and great prosperity.

In this Most Great Revelation, God - exalted be His glory - hath not and will not grant respite to the oppressors. Verily, He is possessed of terrible might. Ye must at all times engage in the promotion of God's Cause with wisdom and prudence. The world hath never been, nor is it now, worthy of attention or observation, much less of attachment or preoccupation. Death shall come in any case. By the life of God! In the path of Truth and for the love of Truth, a hundred thousand martyrdoms are preferable to other forms of death. This is apparent in what is spoken, but in reality, the ocean of life cannot be compared to martyrdom in His path, exalted be He, for martyrdom in itself possesseth eternal stations, everlasting life, and perpetual existence. This station hath endless exposition.

The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of all religions. Souls need educators, teachers, and reminders. You must, during the days and nights, water the trees of the garden of utterance with the living waters and nurture them that they may yield wondrous, sublime, and ripe fruits. For thirty years or more, We have forbidden all people from corruption, conflict, contention, and reprehensible deeds. We have borne the oppression of the oppressors and the tyranny of the heedless. Yet these unconscious people have not desisted, and heedlessness hath reached such a point that if the Almighty, the Powerful were to seize the people of a city and leave but one person as a reminder, that one person would still rise in opposition. In view of the requital for the abhorrent deeds of the chief of this land, nearly one crow […]

O beloved of my heart! The servant supposed that in the realm of education souls would be found who would somewhat comprehend what is intended in this Most Great Manifestation. Now it has become evident that even if a hundred thousand worlds should reach their end, the people still remain at the beginning, as if they had seen nothing and heard nothing. According to the letter of the honored and revered beloved, His Holiness 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, several volumes of books and writings fell into the hands of the enemies. Nevertheless, they did not comprehend a single word thereof. For had they understood, they would have known with absolute certainty that this Most Great Manifestation is for mercy, not for affliction; for guidance, not misguidance; for eternal life, not for aught else. Despite all they have said and heard, it has not yet been established that the purpose was and is not oppression, corruption, conflict and contention. May God grant the power of

understanding and aid His loved ones to act according to what has been revealed in the Book. The tribulations of this time have had various causes, the blame for which lies both within and without, for certain souls within, due to heedlessness and ignorance, have spoken that which has caused the disturbance of souls, even though these same souls testify to the justice and truthfulness of this Most Great Manifestation. The servant beseeches God to assist all to pure truthfulness and pure deeds. Verily, He has power over all things.

His Holiness Mulla Muhammad-'Ali-Dahji, upon him be 99 [Baha'u'llah], turned some time ago toward this direction bringing numerous petitions from M.R. and those parts and other regions. An answer was revealed but, due to wisdom and the delusions of the land of Ta, was not bestowed upon him, as it was thought he might encounter the ambushes of evil ones in the wilderness. Now it has been sent. That beloved one should observe it and forward it, and if that beloved one himself should turn toward those parts, it would be well-pleasing unto God, for the people are very receptive in all regions. May God confirm all to arise in His Cause and raise up souls who will arise with complete dedication to serve, and if the Tablets of M.R. and some regions should be given to Mulla Muhammad-'Ali himself to deliver, it would be most pleasing, for he returned from the Land of Purpose in utmost sorrow. May joy overtake him after sorrow, and ease after hardship.

The authoritative letter which you inscribed after release from imprisonment, dated the twentieth of Dhi'l-Hajja, brought tranquility to the spirit and boundless joy to the soul. After learning of its contents, I approached the presence of the Lord of Creation and presented all before Him. Thus did the Tongue of Utterance speak, as the Temple of Oneness was established upon the Throne of Grandeur. He said, exalted be His glory and magnificent His utterance:

"O Dove! O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! There hath befallen thee in My path that which befell Mine own Self at the hands of the oppressors among My servants and the transgressors among My creatures, they who violated My Covenant, shattered My Testament, cast aside My Book, disputed My verses, and committed that which caused the dwellers of My Kingdom to lament and the inmates of the Tabernacle of My Glory to cry out. Grieve thou not, for thy Lord is with thee under all conditions and hath assisted thee with truth when He delivered thee from prison and established thee in His service, speaking forth His praise. Blessed art thou and happy art thou! Thou art he who hath witnessed and beheld from the factions that which hath troubled the hearts of the righteous and hath heard that which caused the chosen ones to lament."

Praise be to God! The dawning rays of the Sun of Providence are truly of such magnitude that the denizens of the Supreme Kingdom are bewildered, let alone this servant and his like. At one time the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: "O attending servant!" After Varqa - upon him be His Glory - turned toward Azerbaijan, outwardly no news of him arrived. The purpose of mentioning these words is that mention of that beloved one has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence.

Regarding what you wrote about his eminence S. - upon him be the Glory of God - he himself sent to the Most Holy Court all that transpired. In truth he has endured and continues to endure many hardships. This servant beseeches his Lord to protect him. However, mentioning him in correspondence may cause

misunderstanding, in the sense that some friends relate whatever they hear in such a way that news reaches the enemies and may cause harm to sacred souls. In any case, praise be to God that what the enemy intended was contrary to God's will, to their utter frustration.

And regarding the mention of the honored beloved, his eminence Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah and his leaf - upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God - and their household - upon them be the Glory of God and His favors - who all showed the utmost love toward that beloved one, what they have done is evident. Indeed it was befitting. This servant beseeches that they be granted what they desired in the path of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Regarding what you wrote about the results of imprisonment, praise be to God that whatever occurs and whatever harm befalls His loved ones is transformed. Imprisonment in His path has become the cause of freedom and deliverance, just as through your imprisonment those few souls found life and attained salvation. This is why it has been said: "You have won, whether it falls even or odd." This is unique to this Cause, for whatever has befallen it has become the cause of exalting the Word of God. God willing, may those newly planted trees yield wondrous and sublime fruits.

Regarding what they mentioned about the location and instructions for dhikr, it was submitted according to the command that the beloved one should travel in [the letter] ta and its surroundings, and wherever they enter, they should go to the mosque and engage in teaching. If the stay in each location is not prolonged, it would be better and more acceptable. The means will be provided, God willing. I beseech the Truth to illumine all those regions with the light of His knowledge, and that from the utterances of that beloved one, countless saplings may be planted and attain delectable fruits.

A letter was sent previously by that beloved one mentioning numerous names, requesting wondrous and exalted Tablets for all. Now if these should be sent, let that beloved one inform us, as some time has passed and there has been delay in sending them, this being due to the imprisonment of that beloved one.

As for appointing this servant as representative for the visitation: On the 12th of Jumada al-Awwal, one hour after nightfall, this evanescent one, as your representative, intended the ultimate goal and attained the visitation. Praise be to God, it was also adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Blessed be it unto your honor and unto me.

Several Tablets were entrusted by the honored friend Aqa Mirza 'Inayat, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]. The envelope was addressed in his name. That beloved one may deliver them to him in whatever manner deemed appropriate. It is very important that they reach him. Likewise, there is an envelope addressed to Mulla Muhammad 'Ali, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah], which should reach him.

The Most Great Branch of God 66, may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps, and the other two Branches, may my spirit be sacrificed for their footsteps, send greetings and say: "Praise be to God that His hand of providence granted deliverance. Night and day we beseeched freedom from the Truth, exalted be His glory, and through His grace it was answered." Likewise, the people of the pavilion of infallibility and glory send greetings and say: "During the days of imprisonment we were grieved and sought deliverance from the Truth, exalted be His providence. Praise be to God Who

fulfilled His promise and delivered you in truth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty." And all others of those who circle round also send greetings and praise. Indeed, all were delighted by that beloved one's well-being and with utmost joy and gladness were engaged in praise and glorification of the Beloved of all worlds.

When this servant's writing reached this point, another door opened and a fresh mention was heard, namely that a packet arrived from that direction addressed to the honored master, his eminence the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God. Since he was not present and had appointed this servant as his deputy, with permission the packet was opened. A letter from his eminence M.H., son of the exalted A.B., upon them both be the Glory of God, was observed. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of all possibility wafted from it. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His station, that He may confirm him as He confirmed his father in steadfastness in this mighty Cause. The mention of "Greatest Name" to him depends on the favor of that Beloved One. Although his letter was addressed to his eminence the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, yet all of it was adorned with the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. This servant beseeches his Lord to manifest through him that which befits His impregnable, mighty and exalted Cause. That Beloved One should remind all and counsel them with wisdom from God. This wisdom that is mentioned refers to the conduct of the Ancient Beauty during His sojourn in Baghdad. In the beginning of His arrival in Iraq, the divines and notables of that land would not approach, as they had heard meaningless words from the foreigners of that land. In short, such suspicions had become a barrier and obstacle that their penetration and removal seemed very difficult. However, the conduct of God, exalted be His glory, was such that in a short time all the notables among the divines, princes and others turned towards Him. The Cause reached such a station that even the sons of kings in that land showed complete sincerity. They would specifically go for pilgrimage to Kazimayn, peace be upon them both, and sometimes to the mosque, and during the days of mourning for the Prince of Martyrs, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for him, it was as if the effects of that greatest tragedy were resurrected on the Day of God. God willing, may all be confirmed in that which causes the remembrance, acceptance and attention of the servants. Likewise, in the aforementioned packet there were multiple letters and petitions from his eminence M.H. before M.W., upon him be the Glory of God. The petition was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. They showed complete favor. Indeed, his petition itself was speaking, mentioning and revealing the conditions of the sender. Each letter of it was honored with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds and was calling out in His name. God willing, may they be seen more enkindled in every moment. We beseech God to preserve the fire of His love and increase their light of steadfastness and knowledge. Enkindled souls are indeed the cause of enkindlement, especially if they appear with patience and calm. This evanescent servant conveys Greatest Name and greetings to them and says: Congratulations and blessings to you, for you have found the sweetness of this Day and attained what most on earth were prevented from. God willing, may they be assisted with divine confirmations and supported in that which causes the exaltation of the Word of God. And the souls mentioned in their letters were each honored with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. This is that bounty which previous books gave glad tidings of, and God willing, the letters will be sent to his eminence the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for assistance in all conditions.

That esteemed beloved one had written instructions regarding his own people, and since those instructions were given with permission and leave, therefore that beloved one should support them in carrying out what they have determined. And if anything is needed, whatever any soul gives will reach him, for the All-Glorious Truth has been and is the Guarantor of the friends, and He well fulfills His promise. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Munificent, the Generous.

As to that beloved of the heart, his honor A.B., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in truth he is the cause of the turning and enkindling of that region. We beseech the Most High that there may be manifested through him that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. God willing, they shall conduct themselves with wisdom and utterance. Praise be to God, they have been assisted to turn in love and steadfastness and to direct their attention to the friends. All this is from God's grace upon him. Verily His grace is beyond compare in the heavens and the earth, as every just and discerning one doth testify.

This lowly one conveys greetings and salutations to them, and beseecheth from the Exalted Truth whatsoever is worthy of His generosity, exalted be His station. Likewise do I convey greetings to the gentlemen and friends of that land, and I say unto them that they should know the value of these days and at all times strive to guide the thirsty ones in the valley of heedlessness to the ocean of knowledge, and deliver and free the captives of self and passion through the hosts of remembrance. What day hath darkness not overtaken? What beginning hath not met its end? All are in motion, and motion itself is evidence of stillness. All speak, and speech itself is a truthful witness to silence - meaning that ere long all shall return to their earthen home. Verily we are God's and unto Him do we return.

Therefore they must not be prevented by the might of the oppressors. Pure intention and sanctified deeds are today reserved for the men and heroes of the arena of truth and utterance. In such case, should harm befall them in the path of the Friend, it is as the water of life to the spirit. The negligent one is fearful; what concern have others? God willing, may they hold fast to wisdom and to that which hath been revealed in God's Book. Verily He is with them and will aid them as He pleaseth, and verily He is the Powerful, the Strong, the Trustworthy.

Another submission: this servant wrote a letter to Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], which should be delivered to him. Regarding the Tablets, it was also mentioned to him that whatever that Beloved One deems advisable, He should act accordingly. O Beloved of my heart! The world appears ready at a time when complete despair prevails. Glory be to God, from this negation and this affirmation! God willing, a new creation shall appear and become manifest between the two, despite the polytheists. However, we must lament our own doing. Poor Sa'di spoke well: "Sa'di cries out against his own self." In brief, the cause of the commotion in the land of Ta [Tehran] has been those who claim to love. Outsiders have said what they have seen and heard, but these people have said that which they themselves do not believe, and have become the cause of fear. The fault lies with us, not with the government. However, I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may inspire the government authorities with that which has been and is His blessed will. By the life of God! If they became aware, they would turn toward the one peerless Friend. In any case, there is hope that they may turn from the north of conjecture to the south of certitude, and become cognizant of that which is intended and that which is the cause and means of security and safety. Verily, He is the Helper. There is no God but Him, the Mighty,

the Bestower. May the glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who hold fast to the Sure Handle and believe in God, the Lord of the First and the Last.

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

All praise that is sanctified above the comprehension of the world and the recognition of nations befitteth the court of the glory of the Most High, Who alone, through the Supreme Pen, rendered His Cause victorious in days when the Sun of justice was concealed behind the clouds and the Luminary of equity was veiled behind the mists, to such extent that the horizon was darkened and the world intoxicated and stupefied. Trembling had seized the tribes, and the streams of knowledge were cut off and prevented from flowing through creation. The clouds themselves bear witness, and the mists themselves testify, while the atoms of all created things acknowledge and the realities of all things confess that there was no helper save the scratching of the Supreme Pen. In such days did He, alone, arise to champion the Cause - an arising that caused the seated to tremble and the mighty to be perturbed. And when the clouds were somewhat lifted through the grace of the Pen of the Lord of Lords, and the lights of the Luminary of justice shone forth, there arose from behind the veils clamor and croaking. Every heedless one fell into vain imaginings and every infidel arose in opposition. Instead of gratitude, they began to complain; in place of faithfulness appeared faithlessness, and in place of justice, tyranny became manifest. Those who from the beginning of the Cause were heedless and veiled laid claim to knowledge and insight, and with the utmost cunning and deceit, strove to mislead those who had accepted and become unified with the Truth.

Glorified art Thou, O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear proofs, Master of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance whereby the earth and all thereon were illumined, and by the fire of Thy Lote-Tree whereby all things were attracted, to aid Thy servants to return unto Thee and to repent before the door of Thy grace, even though they have committed that which caused the dwellers of Thy Paradise and the occupants of the tabernacle of Thy majesty to lament, and the Primal Point to cry out from Thy most exalted horizon, and the eyes of Thy Prophets and chosen ones and the near ones among Thy servants to weep. O Lord! Thou seest them cast upon the earth of heedlessness and forgetfulness, their deeds having prevented them from soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, from turning to Thy face, and from entering the paradise of Thy presence. I beseech Thee, O Desired One of the world and Lord of the nations, by Thy mercy which Thou hast made the supreme cause for the tranquility and joy of Thy chosen ones, by Thy bounty and grace and favors, to deliver them from the darkness of self and passion. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the mysteries hidden in the treasury of Thy knowledge, to assist Thy servants in Thy days that they may discover the fragrance of Thy most sweet utterance whereby earth and heaven have been perfumed. O Lord! This is Thy Day and the Day of Thy manifestation. The door of Thy grace hath been opened, the ocean of Thy mercy surgeth, and the fragrance of Thy bounty is wafted. I beseech Thee not to deprive Thy servants of Thy grace and bestowals and gifts which have, by Thy command, encompassed all created things. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Send Thy blessings and peace and glory, O my God, upon those faces whom Thou hast, through Thy power, exalted to a station whereunto the hands of them that are beneath them fall short of attaining. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath prevailed and by Thy might which hath encompassed all, to strengthen them as Thou didst strengthen them before, in such wise that they may see all else but Thee as a handful of dust. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men and the Speaker in the final return. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your arising, your remembrance, and your praise. This evanescent servant has been blessed to receive your letter, which spoke in praise of God, proclaimed His Name, called to His Cause, made mention of His remembrance, guided to His path, and conveyed your submissiveness, humility, turning and dedication to your Creator, your Maker, our Life-Giver and your Life-Giver. When I detected the fragrance of certitude, I opened and read it, and ascended until I attained and presented it before the countenance of our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which attracted the souls and minds. His word, exalted be His majesty and all-encompassing His bounty: In My Name, the Manifest, the Resplendent, Who standeth before the faces of the world.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Baha, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Say: By God! He hath appeared, and whoso denieth Him hath denied the Bayan and before it the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, even unto the Primal Point. To this testifieth all things, and beyond them the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Afnan! Hear thou in Persian: Say: A Revelation hath appeared and a Sun hath dawned and a Light hath risen. Whosoever denieth or rejecteth Him, denial and rejection themselves shall curse him. Say: By God! He hath not appeared in such wise that clouds could prevent Him or mists could withhold His light. Today all the Prophets and Messengers circle round Him. By the life of God, the heedless are in grievous drunkenness.

Say: Read ye the verses of God, then judge with fairness. He hath ever been independent of you, of your acceptance and your faith. They that are endowed with insight from God are worthy to behold the lights of the Lord of Power from the Most Sublime Vision. By the Sun of certitude that shineth resplendent from the highest horizon of the world, this Wronged One hath, throughout the nights and days, made mention of the servants of God and summoned them to the supreme horizon. Neither the hosts of the world deterred Him, nor the clamor of nations. He arose with a power that none can equal and a might that none can rival - an arising that caused feet to stumble and hearts to quake, save those who detached themselves from the world and all therein and turned their gaze to the most exalted horizon.

Say: Acceptance and rejection, reward and punishment, return unto the souls themselves, while God is sanctified and detached from all. The blind are debarred from beholding the horizon of light, and the deaf are deprived of hearing the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Blessed is the soul that hath completely rolled up the worlds of fancy and lifted its eyes from the realm of idle imaginings. Such a one is and hath ever been worthy to behold the lights of the Sun of Truth.

Reflect upon the Shi'ih sect - what came of their zealotry, their lamentations, their seeking and their weeping? What was their end and what fruit did it yield? Say: Take ye warning, O men of understanding! Take ye warning, O men of insight!

Convey thou My greetings to all who are related to the Divine Lote-Tree. Say: The heaven hath come with manifest smoke. Guard ye yourselves through this Most Great Name. It would be regrettable should the people of the Bayan walk again in the footsteps of the Shi'ihs and follow their vain imaginings, with their end being what was witnessed.

O Afnan! By My life, thy sorrow grieveth Me even as thy joy delighteth Me. Yet know thou with clear certainty that truth is with you. The world hath written volumes about its own faithlessness - how many kings hath it dispatched from palaces to tombs, how many traces hath it erased through centuries and ages. That which endureth and lasteth is the Word of God. By the life of God, whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. Were the Supreme Pen to expound this station in detail, all would hasten to the place of sacrifice to seize and attain unto it. Consummate wisdom requireth concealment. He knoweth while people know not; He understandeth while people understand not.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, upon those with you, upon those who love you, and upon those whom the cawing of the cawers hath not kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Lord! Deprive not these poor ones of the Bayan from the Kawthar of Thy meanings. One is poor in wealth, another poor in understanding - the first lacks means to purchase things, the second lacks capacity to accept meanings and knowledge. By the life of our Lord! The second is more destitute and in need of prayer.

The Afnan of the Sacred Tree, this ephemeral one, and the friends must beseech God for deliverance and protection, that perchance they may return. Otherwise, the Truth has been and remains sanctified above all. In these days it is heard that the Tongue of Grandeur recites the blessed Surih "Say: O ye unbelievers!" - even as the Primal Point, may our souls be sacrificed for His sake, foretold this. Great was the wonder at the assembly of Manshad, for it much resembled the assembly of the Mother City [Mecca], nay, was even baser. This servant, after witnessing and learning of this, paused. However, fearing that concealment might not find favor in the Most Sublime Vision, it was mentioned. After this was presented, the Ancient Tongue spoke that which would bestow the spirit of justice upon dust and confer the power of equity. Yet it is unknown what effect this will have upon the heedless, for He has said: "It increaseth nothing in the wrongdoers save loss."

In truth, those whom God has granted insight have become aware and perceive the divine fragrances. However, it is not permissible to place these in the hands of deluded souls. In Kaf and Ra, many divine

verses have been plagiarized and mixed together, thinking they might compose a book and engage in misguidance. By the life of our Lord and your Lord, our God and your God! Nothing will profit them today except that they repent and return to God, the Single, the One, the All-Informed. First it should be given to Aqa Shaykh ?, upon him be the glory of God, that he may make a copy […]

Let them carefully compare and verify, and if possible have someone read it to some of the people of Manshad, and then read it to the Manshadi assembly who sent the darkened page of opposition. His honor Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing stands firm on the path of the Cause, and their clamor and croaking has not prevented him from the Lord of the Covenant. Let them also consider it, and if a copy reaches his honor, the beloved and honored Raj, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, it would be most pleasing. Similarly, let all the souls in the surrounding areas observe it, that perchance it may become the cause of the remembrance of the servants. In truth, today is the day of the victory of the Cause. They must act in whatever way is wise and beneficial. And it would be pleasing if his honor, the honored one, his honor the Teacher, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, would also consider it. The purpose is that the party of God may become aware and give awareness to the heedless souls about the path of truth, the nature of truth, the deeds of those drawn nigh, and that which their tongues have uttered, that perchance they may attain their goal. Those poor ones are observed to be asleep and heedless, as they have no knowledge, and the former Shi'ih delusions have made those souls deluded. They have no sight of their own to see, and possess no hearing to hear, and they are turned away and heedless of those souls who are aware. What remains except that the hand of pure grace and favor may grant salvation to such souls. Surely his honor has observed the letter of those souls. Hatred and animosity are so inflamed in some of those souls that they have omitted the Greatest Name at the beginning of their writing, and the verse "every important matter" has been erased from view. Observe how heedlessness has encompassed those souls. His honor is aware of some of what has appeared in this Most Great Manifestation - equivalent to the heavenly books, nay greater, is now present, and the evidences are so manifest that no one has any excuse to turn away. Nevertheless, they said and did that which none before had done. At the end of this servant's letter which contained the utterances of Truth, exalted be His glory, they mentioned [the word] "this ephemeral one." It would be very good if they would act upon it and then return to the truth, that they may recognize that of which they are heedless today. Some time ago, this servant intended to write something that might deliver and preserve the ignorant servants from the well of suspicions and delusions. During the writing, certain matters arose that caused delay, and this servant also paused for some time, for He said: "I do not need what was revealed in previous books to prove My Cause, although God, blessed and exalted be He, has adorned His books with this Most Great Manifestation, which none can bear except he who has cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne." For this reason it remained postponed until again some friends wrote about the objections of the opposers and the calumnies of souls. Therefore it became necessary to write and send something, that perhaps God may thereby bring about a matter and preserve His servants through it. God is witness and testifier that this servant becomes ashamed to write of certain events and the deeds and actions of heedless souls, for in these days that have no likeness or similarity, it is a pity for one to occupy oneself with that which is unworthy. However, in consideration of the condition of the weak ones and some souls who have no knowledge, this ephemeral one engaged in writing certain matters and proofs and evidences. If Truth, exalted be His glory, wills, it will be sent in these days.

In the first letter, mention was made of His honor Aqa Mulla Muhammad-Rida of Muhammad-Abad, upon him be the Glory of God, who directed his steps toward Bahram-Abad, and his journey proved beneficial for the guidance of souls. When this matter was presented to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these blessed and exalted words were revealed: "Today, all the good that hath been revealed in the Book of God is for the one among the people of Baha who, for the sake of God, turneth toward various regions, strengtheneth the weak through the Name of God, and adorneth them with the ornament of steadfastness. Until now, no soul hath truly attained complete understanding of the Day of God and what hath been manifested from His presence, save whom God willeth. It is incumbent and obligatory upon all souls to protect people from vain imaginings. O Afnan! Consider first the Shi'ih sect: four persons became the cause of that party's vain imaginings, calling themselves the Gates. Those illusory cities and unreal domains were built by the hands of their suspicions, and those vain imaginings became the cause of hatred, the harm of which reached even unto the Primal Point. Were any possessor of insight to ponder the events that have transpired and the conditions that have become manifest, he would find himself detached and freed from all else but God."

The effulgences of the Sun of Grace have dawned and shone forth upon the aforementioned personage. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to confirm him that he may again turn toward various regions for the sake of God and make the servants of Truth aware of the suspicions, vain imaginings, deception and craftiness of the barking souls. This servant conveyeth his greetings and salutations to him and seeketh confirmation and assistance from the True One.

As for the mention they made of His honor Mulla Ghulam-Rida, his petition was received. In those days, whatever was submitted regarding those matters, the Supreme Pen was stayed in response until these days when the answer to the community of Manshad was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of creation. That which is ordained by God for him shall also be revealed. This evanescent servant seeketh guidance and desireth confirmation for all.

Concerning what they wrote about the incident involving His honor Mirza [Ali-Rida], upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, the deceit and trickery they perpetrated against him is but the same record of the characteristics of those souls. Glory be to God! To what degree have deceit and trickery reached! I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to make those souls aware of their ignorance and doubt, that they may return unto God, their Lord, and repent before Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God that his honor remained protected and the arrows of craftiness and guile had no effect upon him. I beseech the Most High to make him confirmed in His remembrance and in serving His binding and wise Cause. I convey greetings and salutations to him and seek confirmation from the True One.

Concerning what was written about Aqa Shaykh Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God, that he exerted great effort in his introduction and rendered assistance - after this matter was presented, these sublime words were revealed in response, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "Blessed is he and blessed is he who has attained to the service of the Cause in the Days of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Mahdi! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. We have sent down for thee in these days that which nothing in all creation can equal, and We have sent it to thee as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thy deed hath previously been adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

Give thanks unto God for this wondrous remembrance. We send from this station Our glorification upon thee and upon him who made clear to thee My straight Path, and upon him whom thou didst guide to My manifest and perspicuous Way."

Praise be to God, they have attained unto the lights of the utterance of the Purpose of the worlds, and their deed in that matter hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This is of His latter grace. In these days they have written a letter to this servant; a reply was sent containing the verses of God. I beseech the Truth to confirm them in grasping His verses with such strength that the power of the world will neither weaken nor render them helpless. According to what was mentioned, in these days they have guided a certain person, and that person hath also sent a petition to the Most Holy Court. The answer was revealed in this servant's letter written to the Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God. I beseech and implore the Truth, exalted be His glory, to confirm him in steadfastness and service, to protect him from the reprehensible and aid him in the commendable, and likewise to preserve him from the evil of heedless and oppressive souls.

With utmost humility I convey greetings and glorification to the honored Afnan of the Sacred Tree, upon them be all His most glorious Glory, and I beseech God, exalted be His station, for their good in this world and the next, and for all that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in the Book. I testify that He hath related them to Himself and raised them to a station whereby the servants draw near unto God, the Lord of creation. Likewise, I convey glorification and greetings to the loved ones and friends of that land. I beseech and implore the Truth to confirm them all in the Most Great Steadfastness and enable them to remind the servants. He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. Glory, peace, and praise be upon your honor, upon those with you, upon those who hear your words, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to Him, for He is the Master of the Day of Judgment.

The Servant

8th of Dhi'l-?ijjih al-?aram, 1302

The papers have arrived. What was requested has been sent, and previously too, the honored Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, had sent what was requested. If it has been duplicated, there is no harm; your honor may keep them.

Regarding what was written that the honored physician, upon him be the Glory of God, has requested a power of attorney - from the beginning it was decided that his honor should deed the house in your honor's name. If they send a valid deed, they will be given power of attorney.

One receipt for what was sent by the honored Aqa Mirza Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God, and what was sent by the handmaiden of God, his wife, upon her be the Glory of God, was previously dispatched. God willing, all will arrive and be delivered.

Furthermore, some time ago a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will for His Honor the Teacher, and a special Tablet for His Honor Haji Mirza Aqa, and likewise a special Tablet for His Honor Aqa Siyyid M - upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory. These have now been sent and should be

delivered. And several Tablets were revealed in response to the petitions of some, which have been delayed for a year until now. These too should be delivered. A wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for His Honor Aqa Muhammad Hasan A.T., upon him be the Glory of God, and a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance specifically for His Honor Aqa Mulla Muhammad - upon him be 966 [the Glory of God]. These have been sent, and God willing they will attain unto them.

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Let the spiritual beloved, his honor Ibn Ism 66 [Allah] al-Asdaq al-Muqaddas, upon them both be all His most glorious Glory, take note.

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

Praise be to God! The ears of seeking are continuously blessed with the cooing of the dove of love and affection, and eyes witness and testify to the observation of the clear signs of Truth. With each arrival of that beloved's letter, boundless joy is obtained, for all are adorned with mention of the Beloved, praise of the Beloved, service to the Cause of the Beloved, and mention of the companions of the Beloved. In truth, this bounty is one whose taste never alters and whose sweetness endures in the soul. I beseech, with utmost humility and supplication, the Originator of all beings and the Creator of possibility, that He withhold not this bounty and that He set that beloved ablaze with such a fire that its effects become manifest and evident from all directions.

O my God and God of all who are in the world! Thou hearest my sighs in separation from Thy loved ones and seest my tears shed in love for them in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, which, when it dawned upon the mirror of existence, imprinted therein the word "Verily, there is no God but Him," to assist those who are near unto Thee among Thy creation, and the unified ones among Thy servants, and the sincere ones among Thy creatures to arise to serve Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the doubts of the nations shall deter them. O Lord! Thou seest them circulating in Thy lands, hoping for the penetration of Thy Word into the hearts of the people of Thy kingdom. O Lord! Aid them through Thy power, Thy might, and Thy sovereignty, and make known to Thy servants that which Thou hast ordained for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of the world and King of eternity! I beseech Thee by Thy Sun of generosity and Ocean of bounty to bestow through Thy grace upon all these steadfast souls the river of mercy, that all may, through the endeavors of those detached souls, partake thereof and remain not deprived. This is the Day which Thou didst promise in all books, scriptures, psalms and tablets through the revelation of verses and manifestation of clear proofs. O All-Knowing! Pour forth from the clouds of Thy grace the rain of mercy upon the soil of hearts, and assist the heedless servants that they may not deprive themselves of the springtime of Thy divine mercy, and may receive from Thy loved ones and chosen ones that which is the cause of salvation for all. O Lord! Have mercy upon Thy servants and creation, then grant them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent Whom the denial of

all the world deterreth not, nor doth the oppression of any oppressor frighten. The atoms have testified to Thy power and might, and all created things to Thy greatness and authority. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

O my God and my Master! This is a day wherein hath appeared that which was ordained aforetime in Thy binding decree concerning one of Thy loved ones, and his family hath been brought before Thy presence, and Thou hast spoken that which causeth the seedlings of Thy knowledge and wisdom to spring forth in the gardens of hearts. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Branches and by the Hands of Thy Cause among Thy servants to adorn him with the robe of Thy grace and immerse him in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Thou art He Who hath ever been omnipotent through Thy will and sovereign over all who are in Thy earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O beloved of my heart! After this servant became aware of that spiritual friend's letter, he turned toward the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and all was presented before His countenance. This is what flowed from the Salsabil of the bounty of the Lord of creation. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

The Supreme Pen has ever remembered the sincere ones and those drawn nigh. Blessed is the son of My Name who attained My presence, was stirred by the breezes of My loving-kindness, drank from the choice wine of My grace, stood before My throne, circumambulated My prison, heard My call, and arose to aid My mighty Cause. God willing, divine favors have encompassed and will continue to encompass him. At the time of his presence, the Tongue of Grandeur promised him confirmation. In all conditions he has been and will remain beneath the shade of the glances of bounty. He has drunk what trickled from the chalice of generosity.

The veiled and heedless ones must be made aware of this spiritual, true water. Most of the servants are occupied with their desires and are heedless of and debarred from the Lord of earth and heaven. O 'Ali! Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that all on earth shall witness thy arising. We have testified to this, and We are the All-Knowing Witness. Then speak forth with remembrance and praise amongst the concourse of creation, that they may be drawn to the supreme horizon and brought near to the One, the All-Informed. We have sent down from the heaven of grace that which all tongues are powerless to praise. To this testifies He Who speaketh in all things: "There is no God but Me, the Speaking One, the All-Seeing."

Look thou and remember at all times when thou wert at the gate and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered from this luminous station. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the friends in that land and other regions. God willing, may all drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. For if they attain unto it, by My Self, the Truth! should all who are on earth engage in cawing and croaking, they would behold them all as non-existent and as things forgotten.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call, for He remembereth thee as He walketh in the prison. Verily thy Lord is the Remembering, the All-Hearing. A people who were and are not worthy of mention, and who are heedless and unaware of God's Cause, have busied themselves with denying a Cause the like of which hath never appeared in all creation. They worship the idols of fancy and vain imaginings and perceive it not. Say: O heedless ones! Bring forth what ye possess and We shall bring forth

what We possess. Then judge with equity for the sake of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Doth it beseem man to follow the croaking and turn away from the trilling of the Most Exalted Pen? Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: Judge fairly, O people of the earth, concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Break not God's Covenant and His Pledge, and follow not vain imaginings if ye be of them that hear. The carpet of idle fancies hath been rolled up by the hands of the power of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon those who have attained unto the lights of certitude when the Sun of knowledge shone forth from this glorious horizon.

A few days ago, this firm and blessed word was heard from the Tongue of Truth, exalted be His grandeur. He speaks, exalted be His majesty: "O servant present, write to Ibn-i-Ismullah, upon him be My glory, that he should consult with Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise with Asad, upon him be the glory of God, and appoint for every locality someone who can engage in teaching the Cause in accordance with divine principles and law. This matter is more important than all other matters." In truth, this matter is most momentous. Those souls who are suited for this task should proceed to cities and villages throughout the earth. If one or two persons who know Turkish and are possessed of wisdom could proceed to those regions, it would be most excellent. Although there is no teacher in those parts, in this year many have turned towards them. These matters depend on the resolve and firm determination of those beloved ones and other friends.

As to what you wrote concerning his honor M, upon him be the glory of God, the Truth, exalted be His majesty, has repeatedly delivered him and preserved him through His arm of power and might. And in this last instance, according to His command, this servant wrote and sent a great and exalted circle specifically for him. Convey this evanescent one's greetings and praise to him and mention that your station is great - preserve it, for in the Most Great Prison numerous Tablets have been revealed specifically for you from the heaven of the Will of the Goal of all worlds. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of unity that all that is hidden and manifest cannot equal even one of those Tablets. Today is the day of deeds and the day of the most great bounty. The sea of life is surging and the Lord of bounty is present. It would be most regrettable if one such as yourself should not attain, as befits these days, to that which is worthy. The days are passing, and all that exists therein will return to nothingness. One must turn to that which endures.

In any case, mention of him was made in the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of God spoke in reply. He speaks, exalted be His remembrance: "He should act according to what has been revealed in the Book. Whatever he has striven for in the world to acquire wealth, fame and honor, or may strive for, has yielded and will yield no fruit, just as it has yielded no fruit for others. That which appears from him in this divine Day - this is what will endure and persist. This is a day when every soul can possess whatever he desires, for the Sun of generosity has risen and the ocean of bounty is manifest and visible. He has been and will be under the glance of God's favor, and it is for him to act as befits the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. God willing, may he be assisted to preserve his station and be successful in that which He loves and is pleased with."

This evanescent servant hopes and expects that through the infinite grace of the Truth, exalted be His majesty, he will attain to what God desires for him. Some time ago this supreme word was heard from the Tongue of the Lord of Names. He speaks, exalted be His grandeur: "Write to Ibn-i-Ismi, upon them both be My glory, that his honor M.S. must deliver the Huqúqu'llah and not give it to the oppressors." This firm and blessed word has appeared from the horizon of will with perfect kindness and favor. God willing, may he be successful in acting upon it and be recorded by the Supreme Pen among those who act in the Manifest Book. The world and all that profits it in the first and last will pass away. This is the Most Exalted Word. Verily your Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist them in reading the Tablets that have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will especially for them, for through their reading shall be opened before their faces the gates of divine mercy, and they shall comprehend that which is now hidden from them.

Concerning what they wrote about the Huqúqu'llah sent from the Green Land, it was presented before His presence. This is what was issued from the Source of Command: News of this matter was received, and We commanded that two hundred tumans of it be delivered to Mirza 'A.B.N., upon him be the Glory of God, and he shall deliver it according to what was assigned, and the remainder shall be sent. This is from My bounty, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Verily, We love its sender and have found from him the fragrance of My love at all times. He hath attained the testimony of My Most Exalted Pen before and at this time. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Regarding what you wrote mentioning the honored lady, the Most Holy Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness, it was presented in the pavilion of chastity and grandeur. They showed great kindness and said that, God willing, you should always write details about her. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant that blessed leaf patience and to adorn her with the ornament of steadfastness. Her tribulations and those of the Crimson Leaf, through whom the luminary of love shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of faithfulness, have been severe. The Crimson Leaf, throughout her life, was encompassed by tribulations and hardships, yet all of these, in the love of the Beloved of the worlds, were sweeter to her taste than all the sweets of the world. And she herself writes to the blessed Most Holy Leaf that which brings solace.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Ayyub, upon him be the Glory of God, and his withdrawal and silence, it was presented before the Most Holy Presence. His blessed and exalted Word is: "O Ayyub! This is not the day of seclusion. Arise from the horizon of certitude with that which will illumine every darkness, raise up every seated one, quicken every motionless one, cause every mute to hear, every silent one to speak, gladden every sorrowful one, and draw near every heedless one who is far. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee. The Most Great Joy calleth thee from the direction of the Prison with that which is sweeter than the Kawthar and Salsabil. Arise in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn and take the cup of success, then drink from it in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous." That which is befitting must appear from you, and the fruit of the tree of humanity must become manifest. These are the days for sowing. Sow in good soil that which will cause to grow the grass of wisdom and utterance in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus wert thou commanded before and at this time. This is the time

for speech, silence is not beloved. These are the days of revelation and witnessing, concealment is not permitted. Give thanks to thy Lord for having taught thee and commanded thee in this Tablet what behooveth thee. He is, verily, the All-Explaining, the All-Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about the honored lady Fatimih Jahan, upon her be the Glory of God, the portion for the feast reached the Most Holy Presence and was accepted, and what was intended was carried out. Give glad-tidings to that beloved leaf that her eyes may be consoled, her heart be assured, and that she may thank her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. God willing, may she be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibilities and be enkindled with His love.

As to what you wrote concerning the delay in answering your letters, God is my witness that everything received from you was read one after another and replies were sent. During the days when, by divine command, they departed from the Most Holy Court to their homeland, for some time - that is, for several months - no letter apparently arrived from you. Later it became known that they had accumulated in Hudayda, and due to lack of means, or disruption of routes, or other matters, their dispatch was delayed. Afterwards, His Honour Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, sent them successively, as was detailed in previous correspondence. Likewise, numerous exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of divine will specifically for you and were sent. God willing, this servant is enabled to reply to the blessed letters of the friends and loved ones. Until now none have been neglected, and God willing, none shall be in future, especially those from you, with whom there has been from the beginning of the Cause a firm and established inner connection and heartfelt love. Yes, sometimes there are delays, and the reason for this is known to you and all the friends - there is no need for further explanation.

Another matter: the petition of Jinab-i-Aqa 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "Blessed is thy name, O 'Abdu'l-Husayn! Thy letter hath been presented and hath attained the honor of being heard in the city of 'Akka, which was built for My Name." This is that city which in previous books was mentioned as the City of God and the Beloved City, and which by the Most Exalted Pen in this Revelation has been recorded and designated as the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath attained unto understanding, and woe unto the heedless! Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and say: By My life, the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed! The people of fancy and vain imaginings exist in that land and are constantly striving to lead holy souls astray. They worship the calf and perceive it not; they hasten to the fire and know it not; they rush towards the rebellious ones and understand not. God willing, may the divine friends be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and illumined with the lights of certitude. O 'Abdu'l-Husayn! We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing Witness. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast behind them the dawning-places of vain imaginings and have held fast unto the cord of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

A Most Holy Tablet was also revealed specifically for him. Convey the copy of these firm verses together with the Most Holy Tablet to him. And regarding the mention he had made of the souls who have accepted the Faith, it was presented before His presence. This is what the Mother Book spoke in reply:

O son of My name! Upon you both be My glory! All the souls mentioned in the letter have attained the grace of God. Some time ago their mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may they strive to teach the Cause, that perchance the peoples of the world may become aware of their purpose and discover the cause and reason of their creation. The most excellent of all deeds is the teaching of the Cause of their Lord, the Most High. In these days, verses and tablets were sent to the land of Kha and the Green City. Convey greetings to all on behalf of the True One and give them the glad-tidings of His grace and favor. God willing, may all attain unto that which God loveth, in such wise that the colors of the world and its ornaments and things may not occupy them or keep them back from the Beauty of the Ancient of Days. We have repeatedly revealed for thee that which speaketh with the most eloquent utterance in the contingent world. By My loving-kindness and My compassion and My grace - beware that thou give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

As to your mention of the honorable mother, upon her be the Glory of God - when this was presented at the Most Holy Court, He said: "Excellent is that which she hath spoken. Verily We have mentioned her before and We mention her now, and We have revealed a Tablet for her and sent it to her, that she may be among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. And We have revealed for My handmaiden who was named Fatimah and for thy other sister that which brought solace to their eyes. Verily thy Lord is the Gracious Revealer."

Most Holy and Exalted Tablets were sent specifically for each one. God willing, they will attain unto the fragrances of the utterances of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and drink at all times from the ocean of His love. He verily is the Gracious Giver.

And regarding what you mentioned about the sister of the King of Martyrs and the handmaidens of God - upon her and upon them be the Glory of God - when this was presented before the Throne, the Sun of favor shone upon each one. Thus did the Beloved speak, exalted be His glory: "O son of My Name! All have been and are under the glances of God's favor. They are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and the Sun of Grace shines upon each one. God willing, may they drink at all times from the wine of steadfastness and be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath detached herself from all save Me and hath spoken My beautiful praise."

O beloved of my heart! In these days the teaching work is more important and greater than all other matters. Pure and eloquent souls must travel to various lands and with wisdom and forbearance guide the heedless people to the divine waters. The soil of hearts must be made receptive and the Word must be sown. All must know and become fully aware that the purpose of this Most Great Manifestation has been and is the reformation of the world. The decree of conflict and contention, and whatever is above or below it, has been lifted. God willing, may all act according to that which He loves and is pleased with. Blessed is he who enjoins what is right, purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Another submission: The spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, had previously written a letter to this evanescent servant containing names of various individuals from the land of K and its surroundings, requesting Most Holy and Sublime Tablets specifically for those souls from the ocean of generosity and favors. However, that letter reached this evanescent one after seven or eight months, therefore what was requested was delayed. In these days some Tablets have been revealed

from the heaven of mercy; God willing, they will be sent so that they may deliver them to whomever is deemed appropriate. He himself mentioned that if someone other than himself would go to those regions, meaning the lands he had visited, it would be most beloved, for the complete hope is that all may be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. Therefore, after consultation, they may send whoever they deem appropriate to those parts. And if the beloved of the soul, His Holiness ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Possessor of Power, would proceed as he had intended, it would be most beloved. God willing, through his presence the spirit of life will be breathed into the decomposed temples of the world, and they will arise with perfect steadfastness and engage in service to the Cause. This is not difficult for God.

Another entreaty: This servant conveys sacred greetings, stripped of all worldly distinctions, to the friends of that city and other lands who have drunk from the Kawthar of eternity and who gaze toward the highest horizon. He beseeches that, God willing, you may be set ablaze with such a fire that all the waters of the world would be powerless to extinguish it, and be illumined with such a light that the veils of the peoples cannot obstruct it, and manifest such steadfastness that the very essence of constancy would be moved to glorification and praise by the greatness of your steadfastness. This is the station of the people of Baha who are embarked upon the Crimson Ark. None but the pure in heart can comprehend this station. Blessed is he who recognizes it, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily the glory shining forth from this luminous horizon, the station of our Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

The Servant

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Regarding what you wrote about union in marriage, it was presented before His presence and He said: “Verily He blesses them both and assists them to mention and praise Him, and confirms them in that which God, the Lord of the worlds, has willed. O son of My Name! Convey from Us greetings to the face of your cousin’s daughter and give her the glad tidings of My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness, subject to the aforementioned conditions.” This matter has been accepted before the Throne. God willing, may they act with the utmost joy and fragrance according to that which the All-Merciful has commanded, and be thankful to God.

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O beloved spiritual one, his honor Mirza Ghulam-’Ali, may the Glory of God rest upon him.

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

The essence of praise and utterance, and the quintessence of thanksgiving and explanation, befit and are worthy of the most holy, most sacred court of the Lord of all possibility, Who, in the midst of the blazing fire of hatred, bestoweth the water of everlasting life and guideth all through the light of His supreme

horizon. He is the One Who was not prevented by earthly afflictions, nor was He held back from that which beseemeth Him by the tyranny of the people. Throughout the nights and days, the tongue of grandeur speaketh and the waters of utterance flow forth continuously. Blessed are they who have turned with pure hearts, sanctified breasts, and radiant faces toward the countenance of God. Today earth and heaven are illumined by the effulgences of the light of His face. Our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath indeed foretold this in the Qur'an through His exalted words: "And the earth shall shine with the light of her Lord." On this day, the denizens of the highest paradise and the supreme heaven circle round with chalices and decanters, bestowing upon those who have turned unto Him. A hundred thousand regrets for those souls who remain submerged in the depths of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Glory be to God! The Greatest Scene is illumined and the Lord of Destiny speaketh, yet the servants, intoxicated with the wine of heedlessness, remain veiled. This servant, purely for the sake of God, mentioneth all the peoples of the world, morn and eve, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseeching God–exalted be His glory–that He may aid them all and guide them to the Dawning-Place of His Revelation. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and mighty to do as He pleaseth.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of utterance surgeth throughout creation and the near ones hasten to the Dawning-Place of divine knowledge! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the dwellers of the graves arose and the Call was raised from the Mount, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou beholdest them turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the cord of Thy grace. O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Day-Springs of Thy knowledge to send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. O Lord! Withhold them not from Thy sealed wine and the mysteries of Thy self-subsisting Name. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth and Who is never frustrated by anything. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest as Thou willest. I bear witness, O my God, at the revelation of the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy might and power in Thy days, to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified before the creation of Thy servants and before Thy heaven and earth–that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of Thy utterance, heard Thy call, and arisen to serve Thy Cause in days wherein every steadfast one was shaken, every patient one was terrified, every assured one was frightened, every firm one was made to tremble, and every people lamented. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the talons of hatred and Thy chosen ones under the swords of the enemies. I beseech Thee, O Protector of the world and Deliverer of the nations, to free them from the oppressors among Thy creatures and the tyrannical ones among the people of Thy realm. Then ordain for them, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

O thou who gazest toward My direction and hast turned to Mine horizon! Hearken unto My call from around My throne: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. I have manifested Myself for the reformation of the world and have summoned all unto the Most Sublime Horizon, yet the people call Me to the fire. What aileth these people that they comprehend not a single utterance from

God, the Lord of all worlds? We had previously sent down unto thee that from which flowed the river of utterance throughout all contingent being. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who created thee, fashioned thee, and acquainted thee with that which was hidden from every great scholar. We make mention of thee at this hour when the Wronged One is seated upon the throne of prison through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear My call and the eye that hath been ennobled by beholding the lights of My countenance, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The servant who is present hath laid thy letter before the Face on a dark night, and that which thou didst write hath attained unto the hearing of thy Lord, the Hearing, the Responding. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. We turn unto thee from this exalted and glorious station. Give thou glad-tidings unto My loved ones on My behalf with wisdom and utterance, then impart unto every steadfast one that which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace, as a token of Our favor, and I am the Ancient Bestower. We have pardoned those whom anxiety seized when the raven croaked and earthquakes overtook the loved ones of God, the Lord of the Sublime Throne. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you. Read ye what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Our Lord! Pour forth upon us patience, and make firm our steps, and help us against the unbelieving people." Say: Beware lest the affairs of men grieve you. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which befell the Prophets and Messengers. By My life! The riches of the world and the treasures of kings and rulers cannot be compared with your grief in My path. Put your trust in all matters in God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: Be ye assured of the grace of God and His mercy. He is with you and will seize those who have wronged you even as He seized aforetime. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight. Where is the serpent, and where is the wolf, and where is the king of Rome who imprisoned the Wronged One without proof or sin? To this beareth witness He in Whose grasp is the dominion of the whole earth and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of revelation and creation. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

We make mention of Dhabih, who attained the recognition of God in the earliest days and quaffed the choice wine of inner meaning from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. He stood firm in the remembrance and praise of God and in aiding His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have made mention of him in numerous Tablets and have revealed for him that which God hath made a testimony unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. In the Supreme Horizon he heareth that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth from His mighty and impregnable station. The glory rest upon him and upon thee and upon thy mother and thy two brothers and thy two sisters, and upon him who hath been named 'Ali in the perspicuous Book. We were with him when he was speaking My gracious praise, and We revealed for him that from which those near unto God perceive the fragrance of eternity. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath attained unto this mighty and impregnable station.

Praise be to God, all have been immersed in the waves of the ocean of meanings and illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. From the verses revealed, the divine favors are evident and manifest. This servant at all times seeketh confirmation and assistance for that spiritual friend and others. Praise be to God, the kindred of His Holiness Dhabih, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, have been and

are beneath the gaze of His loving-kindness. God shall soon reveal that which is hidden from eyes. God willing, may all act in a manner befitting the Days of God.

Concerning the mention made of the honored Khadijih Bigam, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur - exalted and glorified be His utterance: O Khadijih! God willing, mayest thou be adorned with the ornament of true kinship. This station is most great and cannot be attained except through detachment from all who have denied and turned away from God, the Exalted, the Great. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and for successive years that which evidenced the grace of God, exalted be His Glory, was revealed in thy name. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord for this great favor. O youth! Give her these glad tidings from Me. We beseech God to assist her to remain steadfast in this firm and impregnable Cause. In numerous Tablets hath she been mentioned and wondrous and sublime Tablets have been revealed in her honor. God willing, may she be mindful as befitteth and speak in praise and glorification of God. It behooveth everyone to fix his gaze upon the Supreme Horizon alone. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto this most exalted station, and blessed is the maidservant who hath attained thereunto.

This servant also conveyeth greetings and beseecheth God, exalted be His Glory, on her behalf for that which beseemeth His days. This servant hath repeatedly sent her letters. It is hoped that she will occasionally refer to them, as this causeth the increase of love. In these days one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to her. God willing, may she drink from the waters of His mercy and receive her portion from the choice wine of His inner meanings.

Likewise mention was made of the honored Khanum Sultan, upon her be the Glory of God. It was presented in the Holy Presence. Thus spoke the Kingdom of Utterance: O My handmaiden! Thy mention was made in the Most Great Prison before the Wronged One. Therefore the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Day-spring of heavenly inspiration hath, from this remote spot, turned toward thee and summoneth thee to the Supreme Horizon, saying: Take, in the name of the Lord of the worlds, the wine of steadfastness, and drink it in remembrance of Him and in His love. By the life of God! Whosoever attained unto this, the clamor of the world did not withhold him from the Lord of eternity. Today the kinship of all hath been and is with God, exalted be His Glory. Hold fast to the cord of kinship with thy Lord, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee in this final abode.

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

O Ni'matu'llah! Whosoever hath attained unto this Cause hath attained unto the grace of God and the heavenly table sent down from the heaven of His Most Generous Name. Say: By God! The Most Great Announcement hath come, through which hath appeared the Straight Path of God. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned unto the Most Exalted Word that hath proceeded from the mouth of the Will of his Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the conditions of creation frighten thee. Hold thou fast unto the hem of Truth, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, while seated upon a mighty throne.

It is abundantly clear that the grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath encompassed all, and His mercy hath preceded all else. However, O my spiritual friend, you and this servant and all other friends must, with the utmost humility and supplication, beseech the Exalted Truth that He deprive not His friends and servants of the outpourings of His days. Most people are heedless; they know not what hath come to pass, what hath been made manifest, and what realm this is. Would that the servant were granted permission to proclaim throughout the world that which would attract the hearts of all beings.

As for that which was mentioned concerning thy father, who hath ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, and likewise the mention of his wish for martyrdom, this matter was presented before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, blessed and exalted be His Word: O youth! Verily thy father attained unto acceptance in the early days and quaffed My sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. He is of those who accepted and believed and arose to serve the Cause until he was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. His name hath been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen among the martyrs in the Crimson Tablet, and We named him the Sacrifice in My perspicuous Book. Upon him be My glory and the glory of them who are in the heavens and earth.

The grace of the Goal of the world hath encompassed him. He was ever blessed with the mention of the Intended One and stood firm in service to the Cause. Blessed be his holiness and those who were with him and those who loved him for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Regarding the mention of the honored lady and the leaf, the mother of J.A.T. and his sister - upon them be the Glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness - a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed and sent specifically for each one, from which the fragrance of God's loving-kindness truly wafts. In this tribulation in the land of Ta, some of the leaves proved stronger than certain men, and this is a statement which this servant heard with his own ears from the Blessed Tongue: "Blessed are they and joy be unto them." This servant conveys greetings and salutations to each one, and begs from God to ordain for each that which befits His loving-kindness and bounty. Mention was made of the spiritual friend J. 'Ali [Pas H.A.] - upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This servant has repeatedly heard mention of him from the Ancient Tongue. When his letter was presented before the Throne, upon reaching his name, these supreme words shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful's utterance - exalted be His utterance, glorified be His bounty, and magnified be His favor: He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! That which befell thee of sorrows in the land of Ta during the tribulation hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. Verily, He was with thee and doth witness and see, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The heedless ones have arisen to extinguish the divine light, and the band of the misguided have exerted their utmost effort to quench the fire of the love of the Lord of the worlds. What profit did Pharaoh gain, what fruit did he reap from his deeds, and what effect did his tyranny yield? With all his might he arose to shed the blood of children, yet in the end the divine hand of providence reared and manifested Moses in his own house. The divine will prevaileth over all things.

Reflect upon the tenderness of God, exalted be His glory, and the oppression of His enemies. For thirty-two years or more We forbade the people of God from contention, dispute and corruption. The clouds of decree rained the showers of tribulation upon them, yet they remained patient. They heard vile words, yet responded not. They witnessed the height of abasement, yet made no protest. They were slain, yet slew not. Nevertheless, the unjust people desisted not. Ye have seen the people of God–their patience, their tranquility, their forbearance, their compassion, their love and their dignity have been witnessed and are known to most, yet they have been branded as mischief-makers and people have arisen to harm them.

Such is the state of mankind. The Truth hath not and will never overlook the oppression of the oppressors, especially in this Revelation wherein each of the tyrants hath been requited. Consider the Sultan of Rum aforetime and those who circled round him. God seized them with the grasp of the Mighty, the Powerful, for without cause he sent the people of God to the Most Great Prison. Likewise consider Raqsha and the Wolf. Observe the Liar of the land of Ta who was known as the Truthful. Yet the heedless people have not awakened and remain utterly deprived of the ocean of knowledge and wisdom.

Your honor must in all conditions fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and arise to serve the Cause. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, whosoever among you hath arisen in the divine path is preserved and treasured in the presence of God. These earthen fragments who pride themselves on their armies, ranks and oppression dissolve at the encounter of a little water. One fever extinguisheth the flame of pride, and the fire of greed and passion is quenched. Glory be to God! Yet they have not and will not become aware. Without cause they have intended harm to steadfast and assured souls. They have seized and imprisoned the friends of God with manifest tyranny, without crime or transgression. By the life of God! They have regarded prison as paradise and counted oppression among the signs of justice, for these tribulations have befallen them in the path of the Beloved. Blessed is he who loveth them, remembereth them, serveth them and draweth nigh unto them. He is assuredly among the people of the most exalted Paradise in the Book of Names. To this testifieth the Wronged One of the horizons, Who speaketh in the prison that there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those whom the suggestions of the people have not caused to slip from My straight path.

Today every soul who hath turned unto Him hath attained that which none before him hath attained, and hath comprehended that which the people had not comprehended before these days. The servant beseecheth his Lord that the door of His grace may remain open before the faces of those who have turned unto Him, who have professed His unity, who have drawn nigh unto Him, and who are sincere. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over all things, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And mention was made of Haji ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. After being submitted before His presence, the Ocean of Knowledge surged forth with these manifest and resplendent waves. His utterance, exalted be His majesty and abundant be His grace:

He is the All-Knowing Witness

O ’Ali! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned unto God and attained the choice wine of His love when every heedless and remote one turned away. Thou art he who answered thy Lord when thou didst hear His call, and acted in accordance with His commandment when thou didst recognize Him, and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur had testified before the creation of the world: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Mount hath been adorned with the lights of the Revelation, and the Sacred Valley proclaimeth, and the Hijaz giveth glad tidings unto the servants of what hath shone forth from the horizon of God, the Lord of the worlds. Joy hath seized the whole world while the peoples are in manifest loss, save those who have cast away that which withheld them from God and have held fast unto My strong cord. O ’Ali! Thou didst attain My Tablet aforetime, and We revealed therein that which draweth thee nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and attracteth thee to My luminous countenance. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized My days, and the soul that hath attained unto this mighty and wondrous Cause. Say: O my God! I testify that I was asleep and the hand of Thy grace awakened me, I was heedless and Thou didst acquaint me with the wonders of Thy favor, I was hesitant and Thy most sweet call hastened me when it was raised between earth and heaven, and I was dead and the breezes of the dawn of Thy grace quickened me. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided Thy servants unto Thy straight path and sent down upon them that which made them mighty in Thy days, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy right hand is the dominion of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that the honored one attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Some time ago, a letter from His Honor, the Beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza ?.Y.’A., upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, reached this servant wherein detailed mention was made of him. After being submitted before His presence, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of infinite mercy specifically for him and was dispatched. We beseech God, exalted be His majesty, and hope that He will assist him in that whose trace shall never be effaced from the world. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty.

As to what thou didst write regarding permission for his journey, it was submitted. He commanded: This year, it is best to wait, and later if wisdom requireth, permission shall be granted. In all cases they must be mindful of wisdom. All are commanded to this. In the days of sedition, whatsoever was spoken for God and in His path was adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and even if some negligence or heedlessness was manifested by a few souls, they were adorned with the ornament of God’s pardon, exalted be His remembrance. He saith, exalted be His mention: Take ye wisdom as a command from Our presence and a decree from Our court, and I am the Commander, and I am the All-Wise.

This evanescent one is grateful to God and rendereth praise, and remembereth Him in the nights and days, for through pure bounty He hath manifested souls who are adorned with the ornament of His love and are engaged in His remembrance. That which is worthy of mention is, in truth, this station. The Command is in His grasp and He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great. The Glory shining from the heaven of the loving-kindness of our Lord be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

On the 29th day of the month of Rajab, 1301

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

Praise be to God Who hath appeared and revealed what He hath willed. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. The conditions of creation cannot frustrate Him, nor can the opposition of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, weaken Him. When He appeared and manifested Himself, He established Himself upon the Most Great Throne amidst all the world, and spoke that whereby all things were attracted and all faces were turned from every direction toward the countenance of the Lord of Names. Then He spoke another word whereby smoke enveloped all who are on earth and in heaven, and whereby He distinguished between His servants and His creation. Thereupon the doubtful turned back, the hesitant turned away, the idolaters lamented, the heedless cried out, the sincere hastened, the devoted took flight, and the near ones drew nigh. The sweetness of the call so possessed the people of Baha that they cast away the world and turned toward the Most Great Name, directing their hearts to the horizon from which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This evanescent servant testifieth with the tongue of his heart, his being, his outward and his inward self, that He hath tried His servants through the appearance of tribulation in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath been intoxicated by the wine of divine knowledge and hath detached himself from all else, turning unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou beholdest the burning hearts of Thy loved ones and hearest their cry and lamentation in their separation from Thee. O Lord! The heaven hath been darkened by the sighs of the faithful, and the leaves of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing have turned yellow from the moaning of the hearts of Thy chosen ones who are far from meeting Thee, from Thy presence, Thy mercy, and Thy favors. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the hidden and treasured Power which none hath known save Thyself, to cause to flow from the fountain of Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall fill them with joy and delight, such that the conditions of Thy creation shall not sadden them, nor shall the oppression of Thy enemies who have cast away Thy Book and clung to vain imaginings in Thy days cause them distress. O Lord! This servant beholdeth the stream of life flowing from the right hand of Thy throne and the ocean of bounty before Thy face. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued the world to ordain for him whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Tablets that which shall profit him in Thy worlds. Answer his prayer through the ocean of Thy knowledge, aid him in Thy service, and give him to drink that which shall cause him to become so enraptured in Thy love that he shall make mention of Thee among Thy servants, detached from all else but Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance and unto your steadfastness! The servant has perceived from the traces of your pen the fragrance of God's love, the sweet scent of God's affection, and the emanating musk of sincerity in the service of God. When my breast was gladdened by its breezes, and my eyes were consoled by its words, and my heart rejoiced in its fragrances, I was seized with power and ascended unto the heaven of utterance until I attained the presence of the throne of our Lord, the All-Merciful, and presented that which it contained. Thereupon the Ancient Countenance turned toward me and spoke, exalted be His sovereignty: "We behold Our Name 'Jamal,' upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, at one time upon the highest summit of joy and at another immersed in an ocean of sorrows. Say: O Jamal! Thou hast arrived upon the shore of the sea of divine mysteries. It behooveth thee to gather the pearls of knowledge and wisdom and to detach thyself from all who are on earth. Thus doth thy Lord, the Wronged, the Stranger, make mention of thee. Be thou vocal with My Name, arise to serve Me, and make mention of that which hath been sent down from My Kingdom. Whoso heareth, it shall be for his own sake, and whoso denieth, verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. Do sorrows overtake thee after the All-Merciful hath made mention of thee in the Tablets in such wise that the Trump was blown thereby and the dwellers of the graves were stirred? Exalted, exalted be the Lord of Revelation Who hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, and Who hath given thee to drink of the choice wine from the hand of His grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Reflect upon what the idolaters have said regarding Me after I came unto them with verses before which every scroll, every scripture, every tablet and every mighty book hath bowed down. Among the idolaters is he who hath said that He hath fabricated lies against God, and among them is he who hath said that He hath stolen the verses and revealed them in His Name, and among them is he who hath said that He hath claimed divinity, and among them is he who hath said that He drinketh tea from crystal cups. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee that thou mayest be filled with manifest joy. O Jamal! Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord, then call to mind when thou didst stand before the Gate and didst hear the call of God, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise, and didst hear with thine own ears that which the Tongue of Grandeur did speak in His prison which hath been named by all names in the Crimson Tablet from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Leave the creation behind thee and turn with thy whole being unto the Truth, then hearken unto that which hath been raised from this glorious station. Verily he who desired to harm Me and kill Me and decreed My imprisonment now lamenteth beneath the dust while thy Lord dwelleth in this exalted castle. Say: O God of the worlds and Beloved of the nations, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy raiment and the breezes of Thy mercy and the sweet scents of Thy revelation and the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace that Thou make me to be among such as are not deterred by the opposition of any opposer or the censure of any critic or the gloating of any far-removed idolater.

O Jamal! The All-Sufficient, the Most High declareth: Thou art among those souls unto whom the mercy of God hath been and shall be vouchsafed. I swear by My life that thou art beneath the canopy of My mercy and the pavilions of My grace. At all times thou must summon the servants, purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, to the Kawthar of utterance. Whoso heareth, the benefit thereof shall return unto him, and for those who turn away there is and hath been no path. They speak according to their own desires, for they cling to and are entangled in vain imaginings. One petition from thee reached Us, and in truth the

sweet fragrances of contentment and joy were inhaled from it. However, the subsequent petitions breathed forth the winds of sorrow. The worthless ones of the earth are not worthy of mention - such as the deniers, the oppressors, and their clamor and uproar. They are like unto a raven that alighteth upon the branch of a tree, uttereth a croak, and flieth away. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge that the life of such souls is seen to be briefer than that. How then can they be worthy of mention or deserving of utterance? Whoso drinketh from the Most Great Ocean, it shall profit his own soul, and whoso denieth, it shall be to his own loss. In the path of the lovers, the fewer the rivals, the more beloved is the quest. Even as the True One, exalted be His glory and dominion, hath borne hardships and heard base and unworthy utterances, so too must that soul follow the example of his Lord. The people are weak and appear as children. One must deal with them with kindliness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. In most Tablets We have commanded the friends of God to unity, yet discord is witnessed. O Jamal! Strive with all thy limbs, members and tongues in this matter, that perchance the sun of unity may shine forth amongst the servants. By My life, through it the Cause of God and the glory of His loved ones shall be made manifest. Thus doth thy Lord command thee, as He commanded thee before, and commandeth thee at this time. Hold fast unto wisdom, lest that which will agitate souls should appear. Convey to the loved ones in that land the cup of salutation from before the True One and gladden them with this mighty glad-tidings. Say: Today ye must all be occupied with the remembrance of the sovereign of eternity and hold fast to the cord of unity. Unity is like unto an architect, and is as a door leading to the divine commandments and laws, while discord is the destroyer thereof. Hold ye fast, O My loved ones, to the hem of unity in My Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. This Day hath no peer nor likeness. Strive ye that ye may attain unto the divine Word. For instance, should any soul today attain unto the word of contentment, his mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Look not upon that which ye abhor today, but rather unto My sweetest call and My Cause, the Mighty, the Beloved. What significance hath a transient thing, that man should be disturbed, fearful and grieved on account of it and that which appeareth therefrom? Behold all things with Mine eye; then shall ye find yourselves upon the shore of the ocean of certitude. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The mention of all hath been and shall ever be before His Most Holy Presence. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The people of Baha must today strive for the unity of the peoples of the world and the reformation thereof. The Concourse on High had supposed that the people of Baha today had attained unto this station, yet now they observe them perplexed and bewildered in discord and diverse matters. Do ye not desire that there should proceed from you that which would be acceptable to the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise and the angels drawn nigh? Strive then, O people of Baha, in that which the Lord of Names, Who speaketh in this noble station, hath commanded you. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thou hadst made mention of his honor Aqa Siyyid ’Abdu’l-Hadi, upon him be the glory of God. His petition was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what God hath revealed in response:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O My servant! God willing, thou hast ever been and wilt ever remain dwelling beneath the canopies of divine loving-kindness, and attaining unto the outpourings of the clouds of the Lord's generosity. Thy call hath been honored by the hearing of the Lord of Names, and these resplendent pearls of utterance have emerged from the shell of the sea of divine knowledge. Thou must, with the utmost endeavor, be occupied with service to the Cause. Whosoever is today adorned with the raiment of unity and embellished with divine virtues - such a one is accounted among those who have arisen to serve the Cause. Blessed is the soul that hath fulfilled its covenant and attained unto that which was commanded by its Creator. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of meeting and witnessed the effulgences of the Sun of utterance. Some time ago a Tablet was revealed by the Supreme Pen and sent especially to thee. The grace of the True One hath been and shall ever be with thee. The station of assured souls is ordained with God. Verily He is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath turned unto God, hearkened, responded, and attained unto that which was hidden in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And likewise there was a letter in the envelope from his honor Mirza Ibrahim and his honor Mirza [name], upon them be the glory of God, which was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

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

O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of that which moved the Supreme Pen when it turned towards thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. By God's life! A word from the words of thy Lord is not to be equated with the earth and all that is thereon. Hearken and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses! I testify that by Thy light the horizon of Revelation shone forth, and the fire of Thy love seized hearts, veins and limbs. Thou art He by Whose call all things were attracted, and at Whose grief the Concourse on High lamented, though Thou wert, through Thy sovereignty, powerful over all who are in earth and heaven. Say […]

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the fragrance of divine utterance was diffused and the ocean of true knowledge surged! I beseech Thee to inscribe for me, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which shall perpetuate my remembrance in Thy Kingdom and in the Book which hath been touched by the Pen of Thy decree. O Lord! I am the supplicant who hath hastened unto the ocean of Thy bounty, and I am the seeker who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy favors. I implore Thee to make me, in all conditions, steadfast in Thy love, vocal in Thy praise, and firm in this Cause whereby the feet of most of Thy servants have slipped and the tribes of Thy earth have lamented. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee, by the drops from the rain clouds of Thy mercy and forgiveness, O Lord, to accept from me, through Thy grace, that which I have not performed in Thy days. Then write down for me what I have done in Thy love, and ordain for me and for my rib what beseemeth the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent One Whom neither the conditions of the world nor the clamor of nations can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy power. Thou art, in truth, the Peerless, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the verses of his Lord. We beseech the Truth that they may drink the sealed wine from the words of their Sovereign Lord and remain so firm in the Cause that neither the winds of the world nor its conditions shall hold them back, and that in all circumstances they may be mindful of that which He loveth and is pleased with, detached and free from all else.

Likewise did the Ancient Beauty and the Lord of all nations turn toward the realm of generosity and reveal these decisive verses in mention of His Honor Aqa Mirza Ismail:

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

This is a mention from Us to him whose letter was presented before the Wronged One in this mighty prison. Behold the power and sovereignty of God! He who ordered My imprisonment now lamenteth in the fire, while the Wronged One speaketh from this noble station and testifieth to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is the One Who ruleth over the kingdom as He pleaseth. Neither hosts can weaken Him nor kings prevent Him. He hath come for the reformation of the world as a grace from Him, and He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

O Ismail! Rejoice in that the Lord of Glory mentioneth thee and commandeth thee that whereby the musk of divine knowledge is diffused throughout all possibility. Exalted is thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Possessor of this mighty grace. We have heard thy call and read thy letter, and We have answered thee with these verses whereby all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." Say: O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of all names to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days, then write down for me, with the Pen of Thy grace, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Likewise was mention made of His Honor Mirza Muhammad Husayn Kh., upon him be the Glory of God, at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and these sublime words shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. He, exalted be His dominion, saith:

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the Peerless One[…]

Fix your gaze upon this blessed word which is like the sun in the horizon of the heaven of understanding and like the celestial sphere for the ocean of utterance: "Make mention of Me amongst My servants with wisdom, that I may make mention of thee in My Kingdom with glory." God willing, may ye attain unto this most exalted and most glorious station and be turned towards the Friend. For ages, the embodiments of vain imaginings lamented and wailed in separation from the Manifestation of the Lord of all beings. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the splendorous rays of the Ancient Sun, all were seen to be deprived and excluded, save whom thy Lord willed. Yea, the Day of Grace appeared and the Divine Word made distinction. The pearl became distinguished from the pebble. He, verily, is the One Who distinguisheth, Who differentiates, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech God–glorified and exalted be He–to aid you in His remembrance and praise in such wise that the lights of the remembrance of the Most Great Name may encompass your entire being and its fragrance be diffused amongst the servants. Today, owing to the lack of capacity in the earth and its peoples, the station of steadfast souls is not

known. Yet I swear by the Sun of Truth that shineth from the horizon of the Prison that ere long their stations shall become manifest and evident to all the peoples of the world. Thy Lord, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Informed.

In your previous letter dated the 4th of Ramadan, you made mention of Jinab-i-Khudadad and Aqa Azizu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God. This was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the All-Knowing hath revealed in reply:

"O My Name! The servant present hath made mention of what thou didst write concerning My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have turned to My countenance. Through them will God raise up a people. Verily, thy Lord is the Informed, the All-Knowing." O Jamal! God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine favors and be content and thankful with His will. Concerning the friends who have quaffed from the Kawthar of inner meanings and are turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, of whom thou made mention–this was presented at the Most Holy Court. No good deed of any doer hath been or shall ever be lost. I swear by the Sun of Utterance that shineth from the heaven of knowledge that should anyone heave a single breath for the sake of God, that breath shall attain unto the Most Holy Court and shall be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Greatest Scroll. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the remembrance of God and His service, and hath offered the choice wine of revelation with the hand of grace, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth and all who are in the kingdom of command and creation. Thus doth thy Lord desire to behold His servants. By the life of God! They are indeed the triumphant ones. Many are the matters that are today hidden from eyes, for the means of their manifestation exist not, due to the lack of capacity among the people. Soon shall they be made manifest and evident through God's all-encompassing power. Convey greetings from God unto those souls and mention that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in their praise, that they may attain unto the breezes of God's verses with such joy as shall not be clouded by the dust of the world nor seized by the gloom of sorrows. Give them the glad-tidings of the signs that have appeared from the Finger of the Will of the All-Merciful. Whatsoever hath been manifested from any soul in the path of God hath been accepted at the Divine Threshold.

Today is the day when the Sun of the Most Great Name is rising from the horizon of the world, mentioned in every Book by a different name. In the Torah It appeared and was recorded by the name of Jehovah - a name which, before the advent of Moses, was concealed in God's treasury of knowledge. Thus in the Torah He says: "I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob as God Almighty, but by My name Jehovah I was not known to them." And He says: "And God spoke further unto Moses: Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, 'Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is My name forever, and this is My memorial unto all generations.'" Say: By the True God! He has come Who turns the dawn into darkness and Who walks upon the high places of the earth. Rejoice in My remembrance, O My loved ones, and be of such character that the fragrance of God's love may be wafted from you. This behooveth him who hath turned unto My holy and luminous horizon. We have mentioned you before with that which hath diffused the fragrance of the garment, and We mention you as a favor from Us. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Protecting, the Mighty.

O My loved ones! We have previously counseled the servants with that which would benefit them in this world and the next, but the people remain in manifest remoteness. Blessed are ye for having hearkened unto God's call and responded to it on a day wherein souls lamented, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did please. God willing, may you remain steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, for We have previously given tidings of the appearance of the barking ones in the lands. Under all conditions, hold fast to the hem of His grace and cling to the cord of His bounty.

O Jamal! We make mention of the people of distinction who have cast aside all else and turned to the Supreme Horizon, that they may rejoice in that which hath flowed from the Most Great Ocean at this noble scene. We hear those who make mention of Us and We behold the deeds of those who have arisen to serve the Cause with manifest sincerity. Upon them be the glory of God, the glory of the Concourse on High, and of the near angels. The sun of sincerity is shining and manifest from the hearts of some. Their names have been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in My Mighty Tablet. Beseech the True One that He may aid all to recognize this wondrous and blessed Day, lest they miss that which shall cause grief and regret to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Praise be to God, all are mentioned before the Throne and are adorned with the ornament of the favors of the Lord of nations. God willing, all have been and shall be successful in attaining that which God has willed. Peace be upon them, glory be upon them, and splendor be upon them.

Furthermore, the wanderers in the land of ?ad are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and the glance of favor is directed towards them. God willing, may they be gladdened by this Greatest Glad-Tidings. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to each one and expresses utter lowliness and nothingness. Would that I had been with them and had received what they received in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great.

Another matter is that there is no news from his honor Aqa Mirza H-S T-F, upon him be the Glory of God. Please inquire about his condition on behalf of this servant and write the details. Although this servant has been somewhat remiss, since he sent letters and certain items in trust through his honor Mulla Muhammad-'Ali-i-Dahji, upon him be the Glory of God, and this servant had supposed that the aforementioned gentleman would return soon and a reply to his letter would be sent. However, his return has been delayed until now, though in these days there is hope that he will obtain permission and return. We beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to assist him in that which is befitting and worthy in this day. It would be most welcome if he would not take note of this servant's delay and would continue as before. In any case, this servant ever hopes and expects forgiveness from the friends of God. The glory of God be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained to the recognition of this mighty and exalted Day.

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

Exalted is He Who hath caused the Pen to speak, taught the nations, and revealed what He desired of the mysteries of eternity, whereby the sincere ones rejoice and the steadfast ones soar. Exalted is He Who

hath caused gladness through the Most Great Joy and hath turned with the most pure heart toward the Most Sublime Vision, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Again, exalted, exalted is He Who hath opened the gates of heaven with the key of His Most Glorious Name and hath made known unto all that which shone forth and glittered, dawned and illumined, gleamed and radiated. He is verily the Hidden Mystery though He walketh among His servants, and He is verily the Treasured Secret even as He speaketh throughout His lands. He is the Speaker in His silence and the Silent One when He uttereth the Most Exalted Word amongst creation. Can fancy comprehend Him? Nay, by the Lord of all beings! Can hearts know Him? Nay, by the Sovereign of existence! Can tongues describe Him? Nay, by His Name, the All-Bountiful! When the Supreme Pen desireth to move in the arena of His praise, it is overwhelmed and bewildered, and when the Tablet desireth to bear His wondrous mention, it is transformed and convulsed. Were it not for His confirmation, the Pen would swoon away for all eternity in both the kingdom of earth and heaven, and were it not for His sustaining power, hearts would be annihilated by the force of the call of the Lord of the realms of might. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath, through His grace, caused the springs of wisdom to gush forth amidst all creation. Blessed is he who hath attained to hearing its flow and hath drunk of its nectar. He is of those whose hearts have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance that hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity after the passing of all things. Exalted is this praiseworthy Station, this Most Great and blessed Spot. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make known unto all that which hath appeared in creation. He is verily the Lord of invention. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The servant hath attained unto the effect of your ink, which bore witness to your love and sincerity towards God, our Lord and the Lord of the worlds, our Creator and the Creator of all nations. After long periods of time, the bird of faithfulness brought glad tidings through your distinguished letter. I immediately took it, opened it, read it, and turned towards the Dawning-Place of Revelation, presenting its contents before His Presence. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke - may my spirit and the spirit of all in the realm of earth and heaven be a sacrifice for His utterance - and His sweetest words were these:

O Samandar! This Wronged One hath heard thy call from this Most Great Prison, and remembereth thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of utterance to waft among all things possible, the perfume of the garment amidst the concourse of holiness, and the sweet-scents of revelation between the heavens and the earths. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God in His days and hath spoken that which His Most Exalted Pen hath spoken. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having heard, having turned, having drawn nigh, having entered the precincts of the Throne, and having heard that which none have heard save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, hath willed. Make mention of the Wronged One amongst the servants. Say: By God! He hath desired naught for Himself. He hath chosen tribulation that ye might draw nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon. All things bear witness to this, yet most of the people are heedless. We mentioned thee before, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and arise to celebrate His Most Glorious Name. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Teacher. Hold fast unto the cord of remembrance in the kingdom of creation and say: O peoples of earth and heaven! By God, that which

was hidden from time immemorial hath appeared. Behold ye, that ye may know your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Informed. We have heard that which thou didst call upon God in thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the Faithful Witness.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who circumambulated around Thy Throne and was named Nabil-i-'Ali, then bear witness that he circumambulated the Most Great Scene and heard the call of the Lord of Destiny from this exalted Prison. O Muhammad-'Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Prisoner. He remembereth thee from this praiseworthy station at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Grieve not at anything. Rejoice in My remembrance, My loving-kindness, My mercy, and My grace which have preceded all creation, for I am the Merciful.

We make mention of Our servant Al-Baqi, who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having believed in Him when every doubting polytheist denied Him. Soar in the atmosphere of joy for the Lord of Revelation remembereth thee from the direction of His mighty Prison. By God's life! The conditions of the world have not troubled Me, nor the ranks of the enemies, but sorrows have seized Me on account of that which the hands of those who have committed what was unseemly for the days of God have wrought. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace. He heareth the call of whosoever calleth upon Him and turneth unto whosoever hath turned unto His luminous countenance. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear His call and for having acquainted thee with that whereof most of the servants are heedless. Thy Lord is, verily, the Helper, the Succourer.

O My loved ones who have soared in the atmosphere of My love and quaffed the choice wine of My favor and turned their faces toward My countenance after the turning away of My creatures and My people! Give them glad-tidings from Me and proclaim unto their faces from thy Lord, the All-Wise. Say: O My loved ones! Be united in My Cause and gather around My Word. This is My counsel and My command, and among the wondrous expressions of My novel wisdom. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book; he is of them that have attained unto all good in a mighty tablet.

Were ye to become aware of what befalleth Me of sorrows, ye would abandon the world entirely and would act in accordance with that which ye have been bidden by your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of him who hath uttered praise of his Lord among others, and the All-Merciful hath testified that he is among them that have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We have mentioned him once by his most noble name and at other times by another name. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. O Ashraf! The Most Exalted Pen giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee in the Most Glorious Kingdom. Be steadfast and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics. We have made mention of thee and do mention thee as a favor from Us, and I am the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Husayn-i-Qaf! Hearken unto that which the Lord of the world calleth thee, while imprisoned in the prison of the nations who turned away when the Ocean of Meeting surged and who denied that which the All-Merciful had testified to in His wondrous Day. Be steadfast in this Most Great Cause and hold fast unto His [firm] cord. Reflect upon God's grace and His favors. Verily, He maketh mention of His loved ones from this exalted station. Say: This is a station which hath been mentioned by the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Creator of heaven - at times named the Most Great Prison, at others the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Paradise, and yet again the Heaven of this Heaven. Thy Lord, verily, is the Powerful over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Then We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-i-Baqir, that he may rejoice in the glad-tidings of his Lord and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Nabil-i-Baqir! Rejoice in that the Lord of creation maketh mention of thee from this station which hath been honored by God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. We have called the servants unto the supreme horizon, yet they turned away from that which would profit them and turned unto that which every vain imaginer commanded them. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the verses of thy Lord and having received from the hand of bounty My choice sealed wine. Drink thereof once in My Name and again in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed art thou for having held fast unto the Book of God and dwelt beneath His extended shadow. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee amidst the concourse of creation. By the life of God! Through it thy mention shall endure throughout the permanence of the Kingdom.

Make mention of him who was named Isma'il. Say: O Siyyid! Give thanks unto God that the Wronged One hath uttered thy name in this Prison which hath become renowned throughout the world and which God hath made the seat of His mighty throne. The Wronged One calleth thee unto God and counseleth thee to manifest supreme steadfastness. Follow thou and be of them that hold fast. Grieve not over anything. By the life of God! All that causeth the hearts of men to be troubled shall pass away. It behooveth everyone who hath turned unto the supreme horizon to rejoice in that which hath been ordained for him in a perspicuous Book. When thou hearest the crowing of the crow, be not disturbed. Put thy trust in the One, the All-Informed. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of God and His praise. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel thee from this remote station.

We make mention of him who is named by Ha before Jim (Haji Aqa Baba), who turned towards the Dayspring of the Revelation of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He is among those who turned and drew nigh until he entered the seat of the Wronged One in this Prison, which God hath made the Dawning-place of sorrows. Remember when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst hear the call of the Wronged One and didst behold the Hidden Beauty Who shone forth from the horizon of the Vesture with a sovereignty before which necks have bowed low. We make mention of thee as a favor from Us, that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord and speak forth His remembrance which hath encompassed all lands. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then drink the Kawthar of My loving-kindness from the hand of My bounty. Thus doth the Lord of all beings command thee. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My servants in those parts who have cast aside all else but Me and have taken what came to

them from the heaven of My grace and the horizon of My mercy and the Dayspring of My bounty which hath encompassed all regions.

We make mention of Javad (from Ishtihard) who was mentioned in thy letter. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My grace and My loving-kindness, and say: We made mention of thee before and this is yet another time. Thy Lord is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Give thanks for having been remembered before the Wronged One, and for that which hath been sent down for thee that shall not perish, through the eternity of My Most Beautiful Names. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful. Be thou of such character as befitteth the Cause of thy Lord. Thus doth the Prisoner command thee and counsel thee from this far-distant spot. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones in thy land and give them the glad-tidings of My manifest grace. Say: We hear and We see, and I am the Hearing, the Answering. Say: Act ye according to what ye have been commanded in the Book of God. Thus doth the Lord of Creation command you from this firm Stronghold.

And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad (Ishtihard). By God! Were he to inhale the fragrance of My verses, he would soar in the atmosphere of longing and would summon the servants to the Covenant of their Lord, the All-Knowing. O Muhammad! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God in such wise that all beings would bear witness thereto. Thy Lord commandeth thee with that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Then hearken unto what the Lord of the worlds calleth out to thee and maketh mention of him who is named Hasan (Mashhadi) who drew nigh and turned towards the horizon of his Lord's Cause, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Hasan! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that by which the Concourse on High and they that circle round the Throne of thy Lord, the Most Great, were attracted. Blessed art thou for having taken the choice wine of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and drunk thereof despite those who disbelieved when there came unto them the Dayspring of Revelation with manifest sovereignty. Guard thou this most exalted station as thou wouldst guard thine eyes. Thy Lord is verily the Commander, the All-Knowing. We make mention of thee and all who have newly entered the City of Reunion, and We give them glad-tidings of this Day whereby the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds, have been adorned. Blessed are they for having turned towards and drawn nigh until they entered the stronghold of divine knowledge in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. We say: Happy are they, and all things proclaim that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in this noble station. When ye have attained unto the sweet fragrances of God's verses, arise and say:

Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! We beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the sincere ones hastened to the ocean of Thy reunion and the near ones to the seat of Thy nearness and Thy presence, to make us in all conditions be looking unto Thee and speaking Thy praise. Then write down for us, O Lord of Names, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast written for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones who have drunk the Kawthar of Thy bounty and the choice wine of Thy bestowals. Thou art verily the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art verily the Truth, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous.

Verily We make mention of Our servant Nasir, that he may rejoice in the verses of God, the Sovereign Lord, the All-Informed. O Nasir! Thy remembrance hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there

hath been sent down for thee that which draweth the hearts of the sincere. Remember when thou didst turn thy face toward My countenance and didst traverse paths by land and sea until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison and enter beneath the canopy of My grandeur and the pavilion of My loving-kindness, and didst drink the choice wine of My verses, and didst hear My call, and didst recognize My Revelation and My sovereignty and My majesty. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Can this remembrance be equaled by what the kings possess? Nay, by the Lord of Lords! The Pen of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. Rejoice thou in My Most Great Remembrance and say: I have turned toward Thee, O Lord of all nations. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to deny me the Kawthar of Thy bounty nor to withhold from me the fragrances of Thy days. I testify that this Day is Thy Day and this Revelation Thy Revelation, and that Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

What else can this servant say or submit? Divine favors, like torrential rains, are flowing and streaming from the heaven of His Will in such wise that none hath ever been capable of describing them as they deserve. For every soul mentioned in thy letter, whether addressed to this servant or to Jud (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]), wondrous and sublime verses have been sent down from the heaven of grace, as thou canst observe. All must reflect upon the tenderness, mercy and generosity of the True One–exalted be His remembrance, exalted be His Name, and exalted be His attributes–and with a hundred thousand tongues, hearts and souls thank the Beloved of the worlds. God willing, thou shouldst deliver or read to each person that which hath been specifically revealed for them. However, wisdom must be observed in all things, for if the divine verses were to be widely circulated among the people, it would surely give rise to hatred and opposition.

Regarding what thou didst mention about the trading goods, it was submitted before His presence and He commanded that, as before, they should continue trading with them and have permission to dispose of them. He hath said–sweet are His words: "O Samandar! We have accepted what thou didst send and have returned it to thee that thou mayest profit thereby among the servants and follow what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book."

O beloved of My heart! Thou and the trustworthy and sincere souls bear witness how much wealth was brought to this land and was refused, and after supplication and entreaty only what was necessary was accepted. Furthermore, after the revelation of the Book of God and the establishment of divine rights, He specifically commanded that none should demand the Rights of God. This depends on the good pleasure of the souls themselves–that is, the obedient, believing, devoted souls who pay the Rights of God with perfect submission and contentment. And now the situation has become such that He has specifically commanded that whoever has Rights of God with them should pay them. Thus it is evident what has transpired and what has become manifest.

Concerning what you wrote about the fixed contributions, all was presented before the Throne, and they will most assuredly dispatch them with utmost diligence to wherever they were sent. We beseech God to guide all to His straight path. O beloved of My soul! The Day of God hath appeared - this Day which hath been named by the tongue of all the Messengers as the Day of God. Nevertheless, these deluded people remain occupied with previous mention, heedless and deprived of the Truth, glorified and exalted be He.

Beseech God to grant fairness and bestow sight. Say: On the Day of God none is mentioned save the Truth, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, despite those who have clung to the imaginary Qa'im, the fabricated successorship, and the false caliphate. Woe unto them! Again woe unto them! Would that they were aware of matters. By the Truth itself, they walk in the darkness of idle fancies and comprehend not.

Furthermore, regarding the letter of His Excellency 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], which was sent in the name of His Excellency Jud, upon him be Baha'u'llah - this servant was blessed to behold it, and truth was with His Excellency, for much time had passed and the sending of correspondence was neither expedient nor wise. However, a few days ago, a detailed petition that had been written some time ago was dispatched, as were other petitions to the honored and revered gentlemen, upon them be Baha'u'llah. This servant beseeches the Truth, glorified and exalted be He, to aid him at all times in mentioning the sincere ones and those near unto God. Verily, He is the Answerer, the Generous. The reply to the gentlemen's letters has never been and will never be delayed, unless some impediment arises or some excuse presents itself.

And concerning what His Honor Mulla 'Ali-Akbar (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) wrote about Siyyid Baqir Isfahani, who is the brother of Mirza Murtada entitled Sadru'l-'Ulama - this deluded one has been trained by Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani. The trainer and the trained are both in the depths of hell. This person was in Karbila and is a most deluded man. He never had and does not have any understanding or awareness, and he was never and is not at all informed about this Cause. Whatever he says he has heard from that malicious one and deluded souls, and he speaks without comprehension. He had gone to the Holy Land to acquire religious knowledge hoping to become a mujtahid and plunder the people, but he did not succeed and returned. This is his story. God willing, His Honor 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar (upon him from all glory its most glorious) must bring the dead to life through divine fragrances and bring the unconscious to awareness, and must at all times be engaged with utmost effort in teaching the Cause of the Creator of existence, and strengthen weak souls through the Ancient Name, that they may attain to such a station where they behold the light of certitude and assurance and attain recognition of the Day of God and what beseemeth it. For most people now know not what is happening. The people of the Bayan who have turned away from the Countenance of the All-Merciful are in truth observed to be like the people of the Furqan. Without any change or alteration they cling to matters that those false souls cling to. They know not what they say or to whom they turn. Say: By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, this Day hath no likeness or comparison. The Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name speaks that wherewith the Point of the Bayan gave glad tidings to all creation. To this testifieth every just and knowing one. Those who have turned away today have indeed denied God and His verses. To this testifieth all that was revealed in the Bayan, but the people are in evident veils. This is not a day for anyone to cling to a word or hold fast to a former mention. This is a wondrous Day, the Sun of wonders is risen, the Sea of wonders surgeth, and that which hath appeared therein cannot be compared with what appeared before. Were it otherwise, all that was foretold would be meaningless and vain. Say: O heedless ones! Is it permitted that on the Day of God ye should occupy yourselves with mention of aught else but Him and cling to former traditions? Nay, by the Self of God Who dominateth all the worlds! This is a Day wherein all must turn to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and speak of what appeareth from His presence. Whoso acteth contrary

to what God hath commanded, he is assuredly among the perishing ones. To this testifieth all things and behind them the Lord of Names Who speaketh between the heavens and earth. I end these words at this point and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

Another submission is that you should convey sublime and wondrous greetings from this servant to all the friends in that land and say: I hope, God willing, that you will drink from one sea and gather upon a single point. O friends! Today is the day of remembrance and praise, and today is the day of service and obedience. Strive to succeed in that which will cause the perpetuation of name and mention and spirit and soul. You made no mention of the son of Janab-i-Abhar, upon him and upon his father and mother be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise of the relatives of Janab-i-Mulla ’Abdu’r-Rahim, upon him and them be the Glory of God, although mention was made of Janab-i-Mulla ’Abdu’r-Razzaq, upon him be the Glory of God, in the letter of the Name of Bounty. In any case, the purpose is that it be known and certain to the friends of God that they have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. This is of His great bounty. What else can I say and in what tongue can I express it? Indeed, whatever I might say in mention of Janab-i-Nabil-i-Qabil-i-’Ali, upon him be His most glorious splendor, would be insufficient. This is a station where both mention and its absence are bewildered. I beseech and hope from God, exalted and mighty be He, that He will, at all times, give him to drink of the sealed wine and waft unto him the fragrances of the stirred garment. Verily He is the Merciful Giver. Indeed the tongue falls short in mentioning the loved ones of God. I remember all with utmost sincerity; none have been nor will be forgotten. The mention of submission of sincerity to the drinkers of the wine of divine knowledge depends on your attention, grace and bounty. The Glory be upon you and upon them and upon all who have attained unto the Straight Path of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of God, the Just, the Wise!

This is a Tablet wherein God has sent forth His Name the Just, and breathed from it the spirit of justice into the temples of all created things, that all may arise to observe pure justice and judge themselves and others, not deviating therefrom by so much as a hair’s breadth.

O thou Name! We have made thee as a sun among the suns of Our most excellent Names between earth and heaven. Therefore, shine forth upon all things created in the realm of existence with thy glorious and wondrous rays, that perchance mankind may gather beneath thy shade, cast tyranny behind them, and be illumined by thy holy and resplendent light.

O thou Name! We have made thee the source and repository of Our justice amongst Our near-serving ones. Through thee We manifest the justice of every just one, and with thy adorning We beautify Our devoted servants.

O thou Name! Beware lest this station make thee heedless of humility before God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Know thou that thy relationship to Us is as the relationship of all else - there is no difference between thee and what is beneath thee of all that hath been created between the heavens and the

earth. For when We ascended the throne of justice, We created all contingent things through a word from Us. Thus hath thy Lord been the Wise Overseer of all things.

We have raised certain names to the Kingdom of immortality as a grace from Us, for We are the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: There is no relationship between Him and His creation. Glorified is He above all that He hath created and above what His remembering servants mention of Him. The relationship that is attributed to Him and mentioned in the Tablets hath appeared from the Will that was sent forth from the Purpose that was created by My all-pervading and decisive Command.

However, We have chosen thee, distinguished thee, and elevated thee in this Tablet that thou mayest be grateful to thy Lord and be of those who are detached. Beware lest the exaltation of thy name keep thee back from God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We exalt whom We please by Our command. Verily, We have power over what We wish and authority over what We desire.

Behold in thyself naught save the radiance of the Sun of the Word of Command, which hath shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. See within thy being no power, might, motion or stillness except by the command of God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful. Move by the breezes of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, not by the winds that blow from the direction of self and passion. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee, that thou mayest be of those who act.

Beware lest thou be like unto him whom We adorned with the ornament of names in the kingdom of creation, yet when he beheld himself and the exaltation of his name, he denied God Who created him and provided for him, and fell from the highest station to the lowest depths.

Say: Names are as garments with which We adorn whom We will among Our seeking servants, and which We remove from whom We please by Our command - for We are the Powerful, the Ruler, the All-Knowing. We consult not Our servants regarding their removal, even as We consulted them not at the time of bestowal. Thus know thou the command of thy Lord and be of those who are assured.

Our power is not withheld from anything, nor are the hands of might fettered, if thou be of those who know. Say: Every name that recognizes its Lord and transgresses not its bounds increases in station at every moment, and upon it shines in every instant the sun of its Lord's grace, the Forgiving, the Generous. Through the steps of detachment it ascends to a station wherein it tells of naught save its Creator and speaks only by His leave […]

He moveth not save by His Own Will, for He is, verily, the Mighty, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O thou Name! Glory within thyself that We have made thee the Dayspring of Our Justice amidst all worlds. Ere long shall We raise up from thee Manifestations throughout the kingdom, and through them shall We furl up the standard of tyranny and unfurl the carpet of justice between the heavens and the earths. Through them shall God erase the traces of oppression from the world and adorn the corners of the horizons with their names among all worlds. These are they through whom the countenance of existence, both seen and unseen, doth smile, and they are the mirrors of My justice amongst My servants and the dawning-places of My names amongst My creatures. Through them shall the hands of oppression be severed and the arms of justice be strengthened. Thus have We ordained the matter in this Preserved

and Sacred Tablet. O thou Name! We have made thee an ornament for kings. Blessed are they who adorn their temples with thee and judge with pure justice among men and rule according to what God hath decreed in His Ancient and Decisive Book. No ornament hath been ordained for them better than thee. Through thee their sovereignty is made manifest, their fame is exalted, and their names are remembered in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Great. And whosoever depriveth himself of thee, he is naked between the heavens and the earth, though he be clothed in the silk of all the world. O concourse of kings! Adorn your heads with the crowns of justice, that their lights may illumine all regions. Thus do We command you as a bounty from Our presence, O concourse of sovereigns. God shall soon manifest in the earth kings who shall recline upon the cushions of justice and shall judge amongst men even as they judge their own selves. These are among the choicest of My creatures among all created things. O people! Adorn your temples with the mantle of justice - it befitteth all souls, did ye but know. Similarly with courtesy and fairness - We have enjoined these in most of Our Tablets, that ye may be among the doers. He commandeth no soul save what is good for it and what shall profit it in the hereafter and in this world, and He is in His Essence independent of the deeds of every doer and of the knowledge of every learned one. Verily, God hath manifested Himself through this Name in this Tablet unto all things. Blessed are they who are illumined by its lights and who have attained unto it - these are among Our near servants. We have planted with the hands of power in this Paradise the trees of justice and have watered them with the waters of grace. Soon shall each one bring forth its fruits. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and there is none to revoke it from Our presence. We, verily, are the Commander.

O Manifestations of Justice! When the breezes of power waft, summon the concourse of the Bayan and remind them of this Most Great and Mighty News. Then ask: “O people! By what proof did ye believe in ’Ali while rejecting Him Who was promised to you in all the Tablets?” Consider, O company of the ignorant! Then fear God, O heedless ones! Do ye claim belief in My Herald while denying My Own Self, the Mighty, the Wise? Your likeness is as those who believed in John the Prophet, who was to herald unto men the Kingdom of God. Yet when the Word appeared, they denied It and pronounced judgment against It. God’s curse be upon the wrongdoers! This, after he had called the servants in all days with the loudest call, taken from them the covenant of God’s Word, and heralded unto them His meeting, until he sacrificed his life for love of His glorious and wondrous Self. But when the veil was rent asunder and the Most Great Word appeared, they objected to It, saying: “It hath transgressed that which John commanded.” Thus did their souls prompt them to that which deprived them of meeting their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. And among the polytheists were those who said: “That which the son of Zacharias brought was never established on earth, nor was his law firmly founded in the land among the servants. Before its establishment, none should come.” Thus did they wax proud against the Spirit and were among the opposers. And among them were those who said: “John baptized with water, while He Who hath appeared baptizeth with the Spirit and associateth with sinners.” Even as ye hear the utterances of the people of the Bayan in these days saying what they say, nay speaking that which none before hath ever spoken. Woe unto those who follow these polytheists! Say: O people of the Bayan! Be ye ashamed before the beauty of your Lord, the Most Merciful, Who hath appeared at the midmost heart of creation with a manifest and clear proof. And He Who came to you before with the name of ’Ali, verily He heralded unto you My meeting and informed you of My Self. He moved not except through My love, nor breathed save in My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He informed you that every light would be darkened

before His splendor, and every bearer of a burden would cast off its burden, and every trustee would relinquish his trust. Thus was the Command sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Yet when the Hour came upon you while ye were heedless of it, and the beauty of the Beloved dawned from the horizon of your Lord's will, the Mighty, the Powerful, ye turned away from it and objected to Him and denied His signs and associated partners with His Self, until ye sought to shed His holy, pure, mighty and radiant blood. Say: O people! Fear God and limit not God's Cause by your own limitations. Verily, He commandeth as He pleaseth by His command, and He is the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: By God! He speaketh within My breast and calleth in My spirit and uttereth with My tongue. He it is Who awakened Me through the breezes of His command and caused Me to speak between the heavens and the earth. Say: By God! It grieveth Me to be among you and hear from you that which no ear hath ever heard before. But God hath manifested Me with the truth and I am commanded to worship none but Him and to remind you of that which is better for you than the kingdom of dominion of the heavens and the earth. Were the matter in My hands, I would not have manifested Myself before these evil ones, but He is the Chooser; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. O people! Look not upon Me with your eyes nor with […]

By God, the Truth! Nothing shall profit you this day, even if ye seek the aid of all who are in the first and the last. Say: O people, behold My beauty through Mine eyes, for if ye look upon Me through eyes other than Mine own, ye shall never know Me. Thus hath the decree been sent down in the tablets of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Say: O people, I call not among you for Myself by Myself, but verily He calleth as He willeth by His Self unto His servants. To this bear witness My sighs and My cries, then the yearning of My heart, if ye be of the just. Can the leaf which the winds of God's will have seized remain still of itself? Nay, by Him Who hath caused Me to speak the truth! Rather doth He move it as He pleaseth, for He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and verily its movement and its trembling within itself are a testimony to its truthfulness, were ye of those who know. Behold then, O people, the state of the flute that hath fallen beneath the fingers of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and into which the divine breath doth blow. Can it of itself remain silent? Nay, by your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful! Rather do manifold melodies issue forth from it as He willeth, for He is the Mighty, the Ruler, the Powerful. Can the sun rise from the horizon of the divine decree without light, or can it withhold its rays from all things? Nay, by the Self of Baha! To this doth every just and discerning one bear witness. Say: O people, verily the fingers of the power of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, move this Most Great Pen, and this is not of Mine own accord, but rather from God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old. O concourse of the idolaters! Do ye object to this Pen, or to Him Who moveth it by His sovereignty? Say: Woe unto you! The people of the highest Paradise are astonished at your deeds. Then doth the eye of justice weep for My sake, and the reality of justice lamenteth at My tribulation and woe, and mourneth for what hath befallen My Self at the hands of those who were created by My will and who were to glory in standing before Me and to seek blessing from the dust of My blessed and mighty and exalted feet. O Manifestation of Justice! I complain unto thee concerning those who disbelieved and associated partners with God after having pledged themselves to My Self in all the Tablets and in the Tablet which God hath preserved in the treasuries of His protection and made hidden from the eyes of all creation. Say: O people, when ye enter the Ridvan and perceive a rose, inhale its fragrance, and if ye find therein the sweet scents, fear God and deny it not, and be not of those who recognized and then denied and became

of the unbelievers. Verily, were there one possessed of true smell, he would find from all that appeareth from Me the fragrance of God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Generous. O ye manifestations of this Name! Ye were created by My command and were raised up by My will. Beware lest this station prevent you from humbling yourselves before your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, on the Day when God shall come in the shadows of the clouds with great sovereignty, and shall breathe therein the spirit of life upon all beings, and shall adorn the Ridvan with My Name, the Mighty, the Bountiful, and shall renew man therein with the ornament of the All-Merciful, and shall embellish all things with the mantle of Names from the presence of a wondrous Creator. Ye were created for that Day. Fear God and deprive not yourselves of that great bounty. O ye who are named by this Name! Let not names deceive you on that Day. Hasten ye to the court of grace, even if the clouds of the Cause rain down upon you the arrows of wrath. Beware lest ye […]

Say: In less than the twinkling of an eye none shall possess anything on that Day, and the Command shall belong to God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Say: O people, fulfill the Covenant of God and break not the pledge which ye made with Him in the sanctuary of pre-existence in the presence of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: Open your eyes, for by God the Truth, that Day hath indeed come to pass and God hath come in the shadows of the clouds. Blessed be God, the Sender, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great. Then shall all who are in the heavens and earth be seized with fear, and all the tribes of the Concourse on High shall lament, save him whom the hand of the All-Glorious hath taken through His sovereign might, Most High, Most Exalted, and hath rent the veil from his eyes with the finger of Destiny, and delivered him from those who were in doubt concerning the meeting with God, the King, the Mighty, the Glorious. Say: By God, all names have been transformed, the wailing of all things hath been raised up, and every soul hath been shaken, except those who have been quickened by the breathings of the All-Glorious that have wafted from the direction of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and awakened them from slumber and purified them from the defilement of the idolaters.

O Tongue of Eternity! Vary thy verses, for the ears of men cannot bear what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy nature and the atmosphere of thy will. Cast upon them according to their measure in remembrance of what thou art, for this is manifest justice. O peoples of the earth! Know ye that justice hath grades and stations and meanings beyond count, yet We sprinkle upon you a sprinkling from this ocean that it may cleanse you from the defilement of tyranny and make you among the sincere ones. Know ye that the root of justice and its source is that which the Manifestation of God Himself ordaineth in His Day, were ye of them that know. Say: He is the Balance of Justice between the heavens and the earth, and though He should come with a cause that would strike terror into all in the heavens and on earth, verily this would be manifest justice. The terror of creation is but as the terror of the infant from weaning, were ye of them that perceive. Were the people to discover the essence of the Cause, they would not be dismayed, but rather would rejoice and be among the thankful. Say: Though autumn winds may strip the trees of spring's adornment, this is but for the manifestation of another adornment. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of a mighty, powerful One. And of justice is to give each his due, as ye observe in the manifestations of existence, not as most men imagine. Ponder ye then, that ye may understand the purpose of what hath been sent down from a wondrous Pen. Say: The justice at which the pillars of oppression tremble and the foundations of polytheism are destroyed is to

acknowledge this Revelation in this Dawn wherein the Sun of Baha hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity with manifest sovereignty. Whoso believeth not in Him hath gone out from the fortress of justice and his name is recorded among the oppressors in the preserved tablets of might. And he who performeth all the good works of heaven and earth and dealeth justly among men unto the end that hath no end, yet hesitateth in this Cause - verily he hath wronged his own soul and is accounted among the oppressors. Await ye, O people, the days of justice which have indeed come in truth. Beware lest ye be veiled from them and be of the heedless ones. Say: O people! Adorn your temples with the ornament of justice, then judge by what God hath decreed in His Tablets and be not of the transgressors. Say: Whoso drinketh a drop of water by My command, this is better than the worship of all who are on earth, for God accepteth not the deed of anyone except it be adorned with the ornament of My permission among the worlds. Work ye, O people, according to what We have commanded you in the Tablets, for it hath been sent down from the heaven of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Powerful. And he whose sight is turned away from the fragrance of the garment of My name, the All-Merciful, verily he seeth in all things the signs of his Lord, the Just, the Wise.

O Most Exalted Pen! Raise up the servant who was named Rida after Nabil from among the manifestations of justice in the kingdom of creation. Indeed, his justice is his faith in God, and the justice of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. O servant! Hearken unto the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, then gather the people on the shore of the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared through this Most Ancient and Pre-existent Name. Protect the servants of the All-Merciful lest the countenances of recognition be changed through the buffetings of the manifestations of Satan. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, command thee. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded by the Mighty, the Beautiful. Be as a barrier between the Gog of polytheism and the hosts of the All-Merciful, lest they transgress their bounds. Thus hath the command been sent down from the heaven of the decree of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have made thee a remembrance from Us amongst Our servants, and We have made thee a fortress for Our creation amidst the worlds that thou mayest protect them from the arrows of allusions and remind them of this News whereby the temples of names were shaken, faces were transformed, the lands of pride were split asunder, and fruits fell from every lofty and impregnable tree. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idol of fancy through the power of thy Lord and having cast away from thy temple the garments of blind imitation, adorning it with the robe of unity through this Holy, Blessed, Exalted and All-Encompassing Name. Know thou that the people of the Bayan have objected to their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have denied Him in Whom they believed, after We had enjoined them in all the Tablets not to be veiled by anything created between the heavens and the earth at the time of My appearance. Among them are those who have denied My Self while reciting My words, and among them are those who pride themselves in the books that were sent down before Me. Say: Today, were everyone in the heavens and earth to be filled with precious books from which the fragrances of My Cause and the sweet savors of My love do not waft, they would not be mentioned before God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Say: Woe unto you, O people! All that was revealed from the kingdom of the Bayan was revealed in remembrance and praise of Me, if ye be of them that know. Say: Shame upon you for having broken God's Covenant, cast His Testament behind your backs, and returned to your abode in the lowest of the low. O My Name! Thou hast remained alone among the people of the Bayan, though the Bayan was revealed solely for the mention of My wronged

and lonely Self. Say: O people, fear God! By God, the Primal Point breathed naught but My remembrance, spoke naught but in praise of My Self, and the Beloved of His heart was none other than My luminous and resplendent Beauty. O My Name! Know thou that He through Whom the temples of justice were raised up and the lights of grace shone forth hath been attributed to oppression by the polytheists. Thus have these oppressors dealt with My Self. Soon shall this earth be changed through the oppression of these people and affairs shall be thrown into confusion. Thus doth the Tongue of truth and knowledge inform thee. The tablets of fire have been spread throughout all lands, and the manifestation of Satan shall pass by you with a book. Then say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Leave these behind you and turn to the Word of God, the Firm, the Wondrous. A single letter thereof equalleth not what hath been revealed from time immemorial or what shall be sent down from the heaven of sublime glory. O My Name! Purify My servants from the fragrances of all else but Me, then attract them through the wondrous melodies of My verses and words, then cause them to soar in the atmosphere of My nearness and good-pleasure that they may seek the sanctuary of My glory and the house of My grandeur. Thus hath it been sent down in truth, and it is indeed a revelation from thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Then prevent them from shedding blood, for We have forbidden them in all […]

They made a mockery of God's laws, transgressed the fortress of His Cause, and were among the heedless. The harm of their deeds returned to the root of the Tree–thus was the matter, if thou be of them that hear. Verily, those who dispute and fight with people have departed from the paradise of justice and are accounted among the oppressors in the preserved tablets of might. Those who have been martyred in the path of God in these days are among the most exalted of creation, and they made mention of God openly such that the multitude of enemies could not prevent them from remembering God, their Creator, until they were martyred and became of the triumphant. At the time their spirits ascended, all the tribes of the Concourse on High received them with the banners of the Cause. Thus was the matter decreed in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise.

Say: O my God and my Lord! Thou art He Who hath planted the trees of justice in the paradise of Thy Cause and Thy wisdom. Therefore, preserve them, O my God, from the tempests of fate and the storms of tribulation, that their branches and boughs may be raised high in the shadow of Thy grace and the shelter of Thy mercy. Then cause to dwell, O my God, beneath their leaves such as are the chosen ones among Thy creation and the near ones among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Forgiver, the Merciful.

We have created the paradise of justice through a power from Us and a might from Our presence, and We have sent it unto thee with fruits of wondrous glory. Therefore taste of its fruits and rest in the shade of its leaves that thou mayest be preserved from the fire of the idolaters. Thus have We perfected Our favor upon thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of the thankful. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Praise be to God Who is single in His might, unique in His grandeur and glory, and Who revealed less than a needle's eye of the light of His Beauty, whereupon the lovers swooned away - they who were the dawning-places of longing, attraction and eagerness. Among them were those who sacrificed the crown of life for His radiance, and among them were those who recovered and exclaimed:

"Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the Covenant, Who hath appeared on the Day of Meeting! I yearn to drink the wine of martyrdom before Thy face, O Beloved of the world and Goal of the nations, and to behold in Thy path and for love of Thee the drawn swords and piercing spears. By Thy glory, O Beloved of those near unto God and Goal of the mystics, I desire not that my body be cast upon a bed and my soul be wasted in Thy days, O Sender of verses and Manifestation of clear signs! By the fragrance of Thy lock suspended upon Thy back, I long that from me might be diffused the fragrance of martyrdom whereby every dead one riseth, every bone is quickened, every motionless thing stirred, every tongue loosened, and every sorrowful one made glad. By Thy glory, O Sovereign of existence and Knower of the seen and unseen, this servant knoweth of a certainty that martyrdom in Thy sacred court is the greatest of all deeds, yet Thou hast forbidden it through Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy most manifest, most firm, most great, most glorious Command. I beseech Thee, O Water of existence, Fire of hearts, Life of the mystics and Light of them that are near unto Thee, to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones the reward of those who were martyred in Thy path. Then cause us to be among those who have cast aside their own wishes, clinging to Thy will and holding fast to Thy good-pleasure. Decree for us through the Pen of Thy decree that which will preserve us from the schemes of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and who have risen to harm Thee and frustrate Thy Cause. O my God and God of the world, my Goal and Goal of the nations, I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which every treacherous one is shaken and every oppressor feareth, to gather Thy loved ones beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy nearness that they may hear Thy sweetest call and circle round Thy throne, O Thou Who holdest the reins of all things! O Lord, forgive me and Thy loved ones and dear ones, then grant us the best of each world among Thy worlds. Verily Thou art He Whose generosity hath not been withheld from created things and beings. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And then the letter from that honored beloved one dated the twenty-fifth of Safar was received, for upon the head of every letter thereof were raised and fixed the banners of the mention of the Beloved of the world. Exalted be this most high station which giveth life and bestoweth spirit! Should all the world attempt to enumerate the delight that the sincere and the pure-hearted derive from the mention and praise of God, they would surely find themselves powerless to do so. After reading and becoming informed thereof, he proceeded to the praiseworthy station and, after receiving permission before the Throne of the Intended One, he submitted it. He, exalted be His grandeur and magnified be His majesty, said: "We, from this station, send Our glorification upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, who have not violated them and who have held fast unto them until he ascended unto God, the Lord of all men."

O Samandar! This blessed word has flowed from pen and tongue beyond all reckoning, yet the realm of utterance ever seeks its repetition, for most men are heedless and occupied with their own fancies and imaginings. How often does it happen that through a single letter of the Mother Book they become deprived, and through a single drop of the Most Great Ocean they remain unaware. Fidelity to God's

Covenant is a mighty matter. Well is it with him who holds fast unto it, and woe betide the heedless. God willing, may all the friends be adorned and achieve new and fresh life through the spirit of the Word, for whosoever has truly found life through it remains firm and steadfast in the Covenant, inasmuch as faithfulness walketh before him, trustworthiness is at his right hand, truthfulness at his left, the light of certitude shineth above his head, and the spirit of detachment moveth with him. The tranquil and steadfast soul hath conquered and will continue to conquer the realm of hearts through these hosts. In this Most Great Revelation, the hosts of Truth have turned to the reformation of the world without weapons. By My life, by My life, the weapons of God's hosts have been and are more penetrating and sharper. Consider how a single word hath conquered and continueth to conquer the world. He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land. All must arise to serve the Cause and, with perfect unity, steadfastness, wisdom and utterance, offer the Kawthar of divine knowledge to the servants of the All-Merciful. Last week a Tablet was sent to Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may they recall from its fragrance the days of attainment, and through the Kawthar of God's mention, may they adorn lifeless temples with the garment of life. Glory be upon him and upon you and upon every steadfast and upright one. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

O my beloved! This evanescent servant had no hope of being enabled to make this mention, but God's Will preceded my will and my volition was nullified. In the morning, while engaged in preparing tea before His presence, the Ancient Beauty proceeded to another chamber, and after my arrival and attendance He said, exalted be His bounty: "O servant, bring pen and paper." This servant is powerless to describe what he heard from the Kingdom of Utterance. I swear by the Beauty of the Desired One and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen that in most times during revelation, joy and sorrow encompass this servant to such extent that none save God, exalted be His station, knoweth its measure–joy from hearing the wondrous and sublime melodies of God, glorified be His majesty, and sorrow from fear lest the verses be neglected and memory fail to preserve them. By the very truth of His Being, if a drop is able to perfectly describe the waves of the sea, then this servant too would be able. By the life of the Desired One, He is the Powerful and we are powerless. We beseech Him for assistance in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

As to the mention of the beloved ones, Aqa Mulla 'Abdu'r-Razzaq and Mulla 'Abdu'l-'Azim, upon them be the Glory of God and His bounty, and likewise their degrees of longing, yearning and steadfastness in God's Cause which you have written about–they should indeed be thus, nay even more exalted and sublime. In that same place where they reside, let them hold fast to the cord of service and engage in teaching the Cause. Their noble father, upon him be the Glory of God, His mercy, His bounty and His grace, has been and continues to be remembered in the Most Holy Court from the earliest days until now. God willing, may they walk in his footsteps.

O beloved of my heart! If the joy and delight of this servant and that eminent one and other friends be confined to these outward limited things, then by the life of our Purpose and your Purpose, we and they would be in manifest loss. Today the Fountainhead of seas is manifest and the Dawning-Place of the Sun is evident and radiant. The Choice Wine is present before all faces and the Kawthar of life is bestowed by

the hands of grace. We must, with wisdom and utterance, grant a portion to the dead of the earth and, with the utmost joy and fragrance, engage in the education of the people of creation. It is hoped that the breathings of divine verses - which every fair-minded one confesses his inability to reckon - will set all atoms in motion and raise them up to service. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning what was mentioned about several volumes of books that arrived in that land in the name of the chief of customs, and likewise what was written about certain allusions being contained therein under the veil of counsels and admonitions - such unclear indications and allusions that neither nourish nor satisfy should not be attributed to the Truth. That beloved one has observed the Book of the King and noted what was revealed to the monarchs. London too may be an island. Many a counselor deserves counsel greater than what he counsels, and many an admonisher is disowned by his own admonition. This brief explanation suffices for that detailed account. By the life of God, the people are in strange delusion. Would that the world knew, would that the people understood!

Regarding what you wrote that His Honor Haji Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God, also desired to see that book - this was due to his good faith, as he thought perhaps it might be from the Truth. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. Convey from this evanescent one greetings to his honor and mention that some time ago these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of God's Will. His word, exalted be His majesty:

"O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! The Books of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, suffice thee. When but a single verse thereof is revealed, all the books of the world bow down before it, and around it circle the Kingdom of Utterance. The Concourse on High bear witness to this, as do they who circle round the Throne in this forbidden station. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in the treasury of knowledge and preserved beneath the seal of protection and recorded in the Book of God, the Lord of what was and what will be. Through knowledge of Him, all existence can dispense with the knowledge of the world, and through the light of His Name the earth and heaven were illumined, would ye but know it. He hath opened the gate of meeting through the key of power and guided all unto Him, yet most of the people do not understand."

Such utterances have flowed from the Supreme Pen in such wise as to quicken decayed bones and teach flight to weighty forms. The purpose of mentioning these divine verses and this servant's submission is that his honor and other friends may rest assured in the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and know with clear certainty that through Him the world of existence can dispense with all else. He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

And regarding what was written that His Honor Haji Muhammad Ibrahim, the aforementioned, upon him be the Glory of God, requested that mention be made of him in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence - this petition was granted, and after its submission and hearing, these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of verses. His word, exalted be His glory and sublime be His utterance:

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great […]

O Abraham! We have made mention of thee when We heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards Us - and before these, verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Once did We make mention of

thee in the Tablet of Our name 'The Mahdi', and again in other Tablets - verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed be thine ear for having heard My verses, and thine eye for having turned to My horizon, and thy hand for having taken hold of My perspicuous Tablet. Thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in such wise as nothing can equal it, to this doth this Wronged One, this Exile, bear witness. Hold fast unto it and cleave unto that which hath been sent down in the Book from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the light of recognition and hast been honored with the mention of the True One, exalted be His glory, which is greater than all good. Now strive that perchance thou mayest succeed in quickening a soul. We have aforetime said: "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind." Hold fast unto the means and become the cause of the enkindling of hearts. The fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is manifest and ablaze, and the light of the countenance is radiant. By the name of the Beloved of the worlds, keep ablaze that fire and illumine the world with this light. Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have cast aside the idle fancies of men, turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

[The text continues with additional passages addressing other individuals, including mentions of Tahmasb Khan and Mulla Ja'far, with similar themes of divine recognition, steadfastness, and service.]

O youth! The Lord of Names remembers thee from this horizon and calls thee to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He heareth the call of him who hath turned unto Him and answereth him through His grace. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of the unseen. Every elder who in this divine springtime hath inhaled the fragrance from the rose-garden of inner meanings is recorded and inscribed before God as one of the youths of Paradise. The station of this Day is evident from what hath been mentioned. Blessed is the soul that hath found His fragrance and recognized His station. Such a one is accounted among the people of vision in the Most Sublime Vision. Blessed is he who hath heard and beheld the signs of his Lord, the Most Great, and woe unto him who hath gone astray and erred. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Fay?u'llah, upon him be the glory of God. He - blessed and exalted be He - saith:

In My Name, the Protector over all names!

The glance of Our favor hath ever been directed towards thee and the gates of utterance have been opened before thy face. Thou hast attained unto that which the leaders of the earth, its great ones and learned men have been deprived of. Exalted is thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and exalted is thy Master, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Strive ye today to kindle the lamp of unity in the assemblage of the world and preserve it from diverse winds through the name of the Lord of Oneness. In this way, the light of justice shall dawn and all shall be observed as free and unfettered. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in serving His Cause and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Ustad Musa, upon him be the glory of God, and his brother. He, exalted be He, saith:

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

The Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, remembereth thee - He upon Whom hath befallen that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. How many nights wherein sleep fled from eyes because of what the hands of the people of idle fancy had wrought - they who cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed the ways of the corrupt ones. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One and this Perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. When thou attainest unto it, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the world and Lord of the nations, for having remembered me while Thou art independent of me and of all who are in the heavens and the earth. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all things and by the lights of Thy countenance to strengthen me to be steadfast in this Great Announcement.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Mashhadi Taqi, upon him be the glory of God, and his brother. He - exalted be His grandeur and His bounty - saith:

He is the Protector over what was and what shall be!

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O Taqi! Samandari, who hath quaffed the choice wine of My love and soared in My atmosphere, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee from My Most Exalted Pen, through whose movement the mystics have sought the station of sacrifice. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. The Intended One calleth them that seek Him, and He Who is Remembered remembereth him who hath remembered Him and hath attained unto His mighty Cause. O concourse of men! The Lord of Destiny hath come and commandeth you to that which draweth you nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hearken unto My call and arise to make good what hath escaped you in this wondrous Day. By the life of God! Nothing of all things shall profit you this day, nor shall the treasures of earth and heaven avail you save through this Name, before which, when it was manifested, the Kingdom of names bowed down, by the command of One mighty and powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses and varied them as We wished, and I am verily the Gracious Revealer. The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon all who have turned unto God and have testified to that whereunto testified the creation before them, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Peerless.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Javad, upon him be the glory of God. He, exalted and mighty be He, saith:

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

O Javad! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and remembereth thee with that which shall cause thy name to endure amongst the worlds. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people have turned away, following every heedless doubter. Blessed is he who hath held fast to God's covenant and His testament, and woe unto every polytheist and infidel. We have manifested the pearls of the ocean of utterance before the faces of the servants. Among them are those who turned away, those who denied, and those who recognized and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords!" We counsel thee to justice in all circumstances and to trustworthiness, which God hath made among the most excellent of deeds. They who have attained today unto the recognition of God are assuredly among the people of Paradise in the Books and Tablets. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of utterance that thou mayest rejoice and thank thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Blessed is he who possesseth a heart, a mind, and vision to reflect upon the oceans of God's bounty. Specifically for each of the mentioned names, the ocean of grace is surging and from the Lote-Tree of utterance and knowledge He hath planted that which is the cause of wealth and independence of all in the world. God willing, may eyes attain unto recognition. Greetings and salutations are conveyed to all. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through His revealed verses He may kindle the fire of unity among the loved ones in such wise that all may be seen as letters of one word and be accounted as leaves of one tree. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Answerer.

A new and glorious tiding is this, that the prayer of that beloved one - wherein was mentioned the renewal of the Covenant, the renewal of the Testament, the renewal of remembrance, the renewal of praise, the renewal of thanksgiving, the renewal of glorification, the renewal of turning unto God, and the renewal of forgiveness - attained the most holy, most exalted Presence and the supreme heights, reaching the hearing of the Lord of Names. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O Samandar! What thou didst submit before hath been heard and hath been granted acceptance. The matters mentioned in thy petition have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy father and mother and brother, and the leaf thy wife, and the other leaf, and their children, and My leaves, and those who love you purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Then blessed art thou for having renewed thy covenant and thy testament, and for having expressed thy thanksgiving and praise, and for having revealed what was in thy heart during the nine days, for the sake of God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily thy sins, both past and future, are forgiven, and We shall aid thee through Our grace, for We are the Bountiful, the Generous."

God willing, protect the people of that land from the smoke of doubts and vain imaginings through the Name of the Beloved of all possibility. Beseech the True One to reveal the condition of the world as it truly is, that all may shun that which perisheth and cleave unto that which endureth. Verily thy Lord is the True, the Trustworthy.

End. Praise be to God that that beloved one hath attained unto what he submitted, and this servant wisheth, on behalf of that beloved one, to render thanks and praise to the Beloved of the worlds with a hundred thousand tongues and utterances. However, if it be accepted in the presence of the might of the

True One, exalted be His glory, He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth, and He is the Strong, the Powerful.

Convey this ephemeral one's expression of sincere devotion to His Honour, the beloved of the heart, the noble Nabil, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God willing, may he ever remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of creation and be engaged in service, that all atoms may testify to his presence. They are ever before the face of God. And convey greetings and glorification to His Honour, the beloved of the soul, Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. God willing, may he at all times drink from the immortal Kawthar and be engaged in the remembrance of the True One. Likewise to the noble ladies who dwell in that house, and the noble lady 'Izziyyih Khanum, upon them and upon her be the Glory of God - I convey glorification to all. God willing, through the grace and favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, may they be confirmed and assisted in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The people of the pavilion of chastity and grandeur convey glorification to all. The Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of the mercy of our Lord be upon you all and upon those with you and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in this mighty and glorious Day.

The Servant

27 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1300

The petition of 'Izziyyih Khanum, upon her be the Glory of God, arrived when there was no opportunity to present it. Therefore, God willing, it shall be presented and afterwards a reply will be sent according to what God willeth. Likewise the petition of Shaykh Baqir.

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In the most pure and holy gaze of my Master and Beloved, he who bears the Name 66, upon him be 966 and upon all who exist be the splendor of God.

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

May my soul be a sacrifice unto Thee, O thou who hast arisen to aid the Cause of God! May my spirit be offered up for thee, through whom the horizons have been perfumed and from whom the sweet savors of the remembrance of our All-Knowing Lord have been wafted! How can an ant describe this station unto which the birds of divine knowledge cannot soar, and to which the minds of the wise cannot ascend, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willeth? Were I to attempt to describe that which thy tongue hath uttered in praise of God, both remembrance and pens would be exhausted, yet this blessed remembrance would not end. When I beheld my powerlessness to offer fitting praise of this station, I sought God's help and beseeched Him to reward thee as befitteth His all-encompassing grace.

Again, may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for thee! The servant hath been honored by the letters which proceeded from thy presence - first that which issued from the land of Ta, then what followed twice from the land of ?a, then two twin letters arrived, one from the land of Kaf dated the 13th

of Jamadiyu'l-Avval, and the other from the land of ?ad dated the 14th of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, and in the second was a small letter adorned with thy handwriting dated the 22nd of Jamadiyu'th-Thani.

Praise be to God for these successive, continuous, and uninterrupted bounties which bore thy boundless favors. This evanescent servant was blessed to receive these, and prior to these mentioned letters, was honored by two blessed autographs before arriving in the land of Ta, which were written en route. Responses to some were submitted and sent through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God. Likewise from the direction of the land of Ha, I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that what was submitted may attain the honor of His presence. All were presented to the Most Holy Court at the beloved times. Again a mighty Tablet hath descended from the heaven of favor and the original revelation is being sent. Similarly, regarding the names mentioned in thy letters, those that were in the Book of Ta have been revealed and sent with Amin, and the rest shall be sent, God willing and with His aid.

Concerning what thou didst write about the blessed verse of inheritance, "Blessed art thou for having comprehended that which was revealed from God" - since Jinab-i-Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of all worlds, had inquired about inheritance, by command that which was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas regarding this matter was written specifically for him and sent. Similarly, he had inquired about the law of marriage, and what was revealed regarding this was also written and sent by command. All these passages are revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, and that mighty Book was sent specifically to thee. God willing, thou hast by now been blessed to see it.

Regarding thy remark that the meaning of the Book of ?a and Kha and Za et cetera was not clear, He said: "This station is 'We have recorded all things in a Book.'" Thus it endeth.

Each portion mentioned in the Book equals nine, and from each number sixty is intended, which in total equals the name Muqit, and likewise it descends by sixties until it reaches the station of Jim, and those two stations which are Ba and Alif have not been mentioned, that our Lord may decree concerning them as He pleaseth. From each of these in this Dispensation one and a half portions were deducted and added to the offspring, who receive the portion of two Ta's. God willing, they shall become aware of the mysteries of that Most Holy, Most Exalted Book at the time of attainment of His presence.

Furthermore, it is submitted that despite the greatest prohibition, travelers from all directions arrive at the Most Great Prison without permission, and they know the beloved of the people of this land and to what degree they persist in opposition, denial and corruption. In any case, each day new conversations are heard. It is strange how the loved ones consent to commit that which causeth harm to the Root of the Tree. And all expect to remain. In brief, now in every village of the surrounding villages numerous souls reside and the corruptors have found means to say whatsoever they wish. From the very gathering and excessive coming and going, the government itself hath been disrupted. We beseech God to bring forth good through this. In no year has there been such gathering in this land. Another group must be appointed to arise to serve the travelers.

Moreover, your honor knoweth what transpireth, despite the lack of outward means and the wickedness of the people of this city and the arrival of newcomers. Although all have understood that the harm of

these matters returneth to the Root of the Tree, yet they remain heedless and unaware. We beseech God to aid them to do what He loveth and is pleased with.

Another matter: the neighboring Khajih, whenever present before the Throne, asketh about your honor's condition and speaketh well of you, and whenever your letter arrived they were truly delighted. God willing, your honor will mention them in future letters so it may be conveyed to them. Although this servant hath somewhat conveyed your honor's affection to them, since there was no explicit mention of them in your honor's letter, out of fear of speaking falsely, a satisfactory explanation was not given to them.

Furthermore, regarding Aqa Muhammad Sadiq from the people of K, they wrote a letter to this servant about the Huquq, as your honor yourself noted on its back. It was presented to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. According to the command, one portion thereof should be given to the deserving ones in that city, and two portions should be sent to Zaynu'l-Muqarribin, for the people of that land are very deserving.

Although these small amounts do not suffice for that land, they are somewhat useful. Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Nabil (upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]) from the people of Qa'in, it is very good that they should proceed to the land of Ha. We beseech God to aid him to help his Lord through what He hath commanded in the Tablets.

Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Hasan-i-Qabli-'Ali Khan, their petition was presented to the Most Holy Presence. A special exalted Tablet was revealed and will be sent later.

Concerning Aqa Ghulam-'Ali, son of Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon them both be Baha'u'llah, it was submitted and according to His command that he should remain engaged in his trade there, as this is closer to godliness before God. Praise be to God, divine favors have been and will continue to be bestowed upon the relatives of Jinab-i-Dhabih. Wherever they may be, they are under the shadow of Truth. The gaze of favor is directed towards His loved ones. Travel to this land is in no wise permitted. We beseech God to grant them the sweetness of following His command. By My life, it is sweeter than all sugar, honey, candy and whatsoever is above them. Verily, He is the All-Wise Ruler.

Regarding Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, about whom you had written that you would bring along, it was submitted. He said: "There is no objection to what thou hast intended. We love to approve what thou hast approved, as a favor from thy Lord, Who, were He to be described by generosity, His Essence would be ashamed to be attributed thereto, and were He to be characterized by grace, He would be embarrassed to be mentioned in His presence. Verily thy Lord is far exalted above what hath been mentioned or will be mentioned. He is indeed independent of all names. There is no God but Him, the Eternal Unseen."

At the time of writing this petition, the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His grandeur, said: "Write in My name M.H.: Those souls who, during their travels and journeys through the cities of God, have shown love to that person, even if less than the eye of a needle, We have honored them with a special favor and have sent down that which will bring joy to their eyes."

Concerning what you had written about the believers in the land of Ta, then in Q.M., then in K., then in S., about their love for God, their being set ablaze with the fire of His love, and their being attracted by the signs of His grace, and then what you mentioned about all the villages - all was presented before the Divine Throne. Regarding each one, countless favors have dawned and are shining from the horizon of grace, which neither the pens of all worlds could enumerate, nor the tablets of the heavens and earth could contain.

Furthermore, regarding what you had written about Jinab-i-Haji Mirza K.M.A.L.'d-Din and Aqa Mahmud and Haji Mirza 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon them be Baha'u'llah and His favors, through the companionship of Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah, a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of eternal favor specifically for Aqa Mahmud, upon him be Baha'u'llah, from which shone forth the evidences of grace, bounty, generosity and favor. This servant was astonished at the time of its revelation that despite what had been reported about them, how they were honored with this most holy and exalted Tablet. Now from your letter what was hidden has been revealed and what was concealed has become manifest. I swear by the Most Great Name, this servant was so overjoyed that nothing greater could be imagined, for I had been very concerned about their matter, as there had previously been perfect love between this evanescent servant and them. We praise God, we thank God, and we glorify God for having caused him to attain that which the near ones have attained. And from that blessed Tablet, this servant became certain that in these days the fragrance of their love would waft. Praise be to God that through His favor we have attained unto this.

Concerning the mystic circle you mentioned, the written text has been sent to your presence. As far as possible, it should be written with musk and saffron. This servant has also added some red ink for its color and permanence. Whosoever wishes to bear this great gift must, after ablutions, sit in a private place turning towards the Point of God, and then with complete humility and supplication recite the Verse of Power revealed in the first line, then the Names of God revealed in the second line, and then read the prayer revealed in the center of the form. Then it should be folded, and while folding it, one should repeat nineteen times - or according to the number of the Greatest Name (9) which is closer - these luminous words: "He is the Protector, the Helper, the Assister, the One Whose help is sought." Then keep it folded and do not reopen it. If it must be opened for copying, this same procedure must be repeated. Its offering at the Divine Threshold is one mithqal of gold, however a lesser amount has been permitted for the honored Aqa Siyyid Husayn-'Ali. Your honor is surely aware that the intention is that a gift be made in this station, and its benefit returns to the bearer and giver himself. He is, verily, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. However, great care must be taken that it is written correctly and in accordance with the original.

Regarding what you wrote about Nabil of the land of Kaf mentioning this lowly one, and that the beloved one had recorded his words - his mention was presented at the Divine Threshold and the Sun of favor has risen from the horizon of grace. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions as He assisted him before, and to cause his remembrance to endure in His Book, and his spirit and soul in His Kingdom and Dominion. He is verily the Protector of whoever turns to Him and the Master of whoever faces His luminous direction. Please convey on behalf of this evanescent non-existent one profound and exalted

greetings to him. I presented his greetings specifically before the presence of the Branches of God, and all return greetings.

Likewise, regarding Nabil, formerly Mahdi, entitled Kh A N from Alif whom you mentioned - he was specifically remembered in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Perfect grace was manifested regarding him and an exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him which will be sent, God willing. Please convey greetings to him on behalf of this evanescent one.

Another submission: This servant has sent the reply to the letter of one of the steadfast women of the land of K which that beloved one had sent. May it come before your most pure and luminous gaze and then be forwarded. As for the matter of the wife of the honored brother Haji M J, as commanded, they should act according to what is best for the aforementioned Haji. Your honor will observe the letter and become informed.

Another news is that Haji Mirza ’Ali-Akbar and another person have arrived in Haifa. The aforementioned Mirza had previously written that their stay in that land was not possible and had requested permission to come to Mosul. After arriving in Mosul, all the mighty and protective Tablets which Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin had mentioned proved ineffective, and now they have arrived in Haifa. Similarly, before them, Shaykh Muhammad, along with another person from the Jewish community who had turned towards the All-Merciful, arrived. Muhammad Mustafa gave them some of the wealth they had so they could go to Tripoli and engage in work, as the aforementioned Shaykh’s stay in Iraq was not possible due to conflicts between him and his father. Thus Muhammad Mustafa sent them to these parts. However, a malicious Persian joined them and showed them kindness until one night, finding the opportunity, he took everything they had including their books and left. The aforementioned person arrived at the Most Holy Court stripped of all possessions - they had even taken his coat. News has arrived that several others are also on their way. What more can this servant say about the arrivals to this land?

Another of the novel occurrences is that in these days the former chief who was in this city has, praise be to God, attained to the ornament of faith and has openly arisen to mention the Truth and His loved ones. After some time, they summoned him and another person arrived, and according to some of the corrupt ones, now no fragrance of love can be detected from him; rather, the opposite, such that on the last day of the month of fasting, they returned the seven who had left the prison and were residing in the finest quarters where the chief officers stayed, back to prison. Let us see what will become manifest later. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And he intended to attain the Most Holy Court, but permission has not been granted thus far. In any case, this land is like a chameleon - each day it appears in different colors, but all people weave their own imaginings while what our Powerful Lord has willed remains firm, enduring, permanent, penetrating, and dominant over all who are in the kingdom.

And regarding what was written about the blessed leaf, her eminence Ta, upon her be the glory of God and the glory of those in the kingdom of creation, it was submitted, and her petition was also presented before the Throne. This is what was revealed in response to it from God, her Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

O My Name! We have understood what thou didst mention in the leaf which called upon its Lord and attained that which was the purpose of its creation and its stages. Blessed is she, inasmuch as her letter hath been presented and she hath been mentioned before the Throne. This, verily, is the most excellent of her deeds in her days. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We had mentioned her before and adorned her head with the crown of thy Lord's favor, and We sent unto her through the Trusted One that which rejoiceth her heart and the hearts of them that are nigh. We make mention of her at this time in this manifest Prison, and We glorify her in this station and bid her to be patient in what she desireth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The means and wisdom with which We have been commanded do not require her departure from her homeland. We beseech God to pour forth upon her patience from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thou wert present before the Throne and hast known the Prison and what is uttered therein at all times.

This servant submitteth that following the presentation of the petition of that Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon her be the Glory of God, the Sun of favors rose from the horizon of grace. Although previously a Most Holy Tablet had been specifically revealed and sent for that leaf, these wondrous and exalted verses were again revealed from the heaven of bounty. It is most clear and evident that God's favor hath been bestowed upon her. However, this land is witnessed in a different state each day and hath not yet become settled according to what was revealed in the Tablets. It hath been difficult and most difficult from every direction - from the opposition of the opposers, the wickedness of the enemies, and the agitation of the people of this region from every sect and tribe. No place of residence can be found. The finest house in Acre is the one which hath now become the seat of the Throne. Your honor hath observed that eighteen souls, young and old, are present in the Most Holy Court. The upper floor of the building hath four small rooms. Thus it is evident how difficult the situation is. The honored Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, during his presence, having resided in this land for some time, became aware of the confined space. Therefore, he strove earnestly to acquire some land and build a house. No land came into their possession until a plot was found near the house. After investigation, it became known that its owner desired to exact the price of all of Acre for that plot of land. The Most Great Branch, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of His most pure footsteps, hath taken residence in what is considered the changing room of a bath house. Would that the difficulty were limited to this matter alone. He is, verily, the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing.

Regarding the envelope sent on the 9th of Shawwal, God willing it has by now arrived and they have been blessed to visit the Most Exalted, Most Holy Tablet, as it was sent by two routes. At every moment, my spirit be a sacrifice for thee, my Beloved, my Lord and my Master, I conveyed thy praise, glory and exaltation in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court before the holy faces of the Branches of the Divine Lote Tree, the people of the pavilion of divine infallibility, and the blessed Afnan. Especially the shining lights of the horizon of the Throne, each with a pure and exalted tongue, conveyed holy exaltation transcending the realms of mention and utterance. Likewise, I conveyed thy beloved exaltation to each of the circling loved ones, and all, one by one, express utter evanescence, complete nothingness, and most wondrous, most holy, most exalted, most sublime exaltation to thy presence. Verily the Most Glorious Glory and the Exaltation which hath dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of Grandeur be upon thee, O thou

who hast arisen with thy whole being to serve God and to aid His Cause, the unassailable, the firm, the mighty, the inaccessible. Servant 66 [Allah]. 11th of Shawwal 90.

A further submission: At the time of the return of his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], he was asked to convey to his honor Ismu'llah ?a, upon him be the glory of his Lord, that a piece of felt between one and two layers, neither too thin nor too thick, matching the known dome that the aforementioned gentleman had measured, should be completed and sent with whoever was traveling. It is not known what happened to this.

My spirit and being be a sacrifice for thee. The two petitions that were submitted to the blessed presence of the Two Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Supreme Greater Branches were presented. The gracious reply was written and sent. Their letters should reach his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya. The envelope of the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, along with the mystic circle and two blessed autographs of the Two Greater Branches, and two petitions from this servant to the two most exalted names, Afnan 66 [Allah] and Ismu'llah ?a, and a letter in reply to the letter of the assured ones of the land of Kaf, and the letter from the people of the sanctuary which they wrote to his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, all were sent in one envelope to thy presence. My spirit be thy sacrifice. Again regarding the inscription of the mystic circle, it is submitted that if it is written with good rosewater and red ink it would be most beloved before God, for after its completion this servant presented it at the Court of the Throne. The main purpose is that it should be written with something fragrant, and now at the Divine Throne the fragrance of good rosewater is more beloved than musk and other scents. End.

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Praise and glorification and exaltation and sanctification, sanctified above the recognition of all on earth and in heaven, befit and beseem that Most Desired One Who hath opened the door of correspondence with the finger of power and aided His Cause through the hands of the heedless. Exalted be His station! How many souls of fire who bear the light yet remain heedless of it, and how many enemies who are engaged in rendering assistance yet remain veiled therefrom. Through the feet of the courier He conveyeth His abiding grace to worthy and acceptable souls. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Glorified be He Who aideth His Cause as He pleaseth and assisteth it as He willeth. And the light and the mercy and the glory and the peace and the splendor be upon His chosen ones and His loved ones and His trusted ones and His envoys and His beloved ones who have not broken His Covenant and His Testament, who have drunk the choice wine of His love from the hands of His bounty, who have arisen to serve His Cause and have spoken His praise, and upon those who have forsaken their station purely for His sake and have chosen exile to exalt His Word and have traversed the lands to teach His Cause with wisdom and utterance and with that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of the All-Merciful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Face's light the horizons were illumined and through Whose love's fire the hearts of the lovers were melted! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy mercy in Thy days and by the winds that pass over the most exalted Paradise in the springtime of Thy Manifestation, to

draw near Thy chosen ones and Thy servants to the ocean of Thy knowledge and to protect them from those who have denied Thy truth and violated Thy station and pronounced judgment against Thy chosen ones without any command from Thy presence or any Book from Thy midst. O my Lord! The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of hatred, and Thou art the One with power to extinguish it. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the standard of power hath been raised, to preserve the righteous ones and to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will aid them and protect them and strengthen them and enable them to achieve that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Beginning and the End, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance, and a sacrifice for your steadfastness, and a sacrifice for your uprising! Your letter hath given me to drink of the Kawthar of your utterance, whereby my burning thirst for attaining your presence and meeting you was increased. When I had partaken of these cups, I approached the station of our Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn, and after my presence and presentation, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which, were it to be cast upon fire, thou wouldst find it […] and upon stones, thou wouldst find them luminous pearls. His word, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His might:

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He beareth witness unto all that hath appeared from My presence, yet most of the people perceive not. We desired for them the light, while they desired for Us the fire. They truly do not understand. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs, hastening unto the dawning-places of idle fancies. Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an concerning them: They have changed God's favor into ingratitude and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition.

O My Name! O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Look upon the idols of the earth, how they have gone astray and led the servants astray until they disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords. They read the Book night and day, yet when its Revealer and Sovereign came, they turned away from Him and spoke as they had spoken throughout ages and centuries. By God! They are the first party to turn away from the Truth and to deny the Source and the Return.

The servant who was present hath brought thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy remembrance and praise, and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby the mountains have been crushed. Blessed is he who hath found from thee the fragrance of My loving-kindness and hath witnessed what the Tongue of My Grandeur witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven. Remember My chosen ones on My behalf and explain to them what thou hast heard from Me concerning the virtues of fellowship and unity. Say: Through unity the gate of power is opened. Reflect, O people of insight!

O My Name! Gladden all through the bounty of God, glorified be His majesty, and remind them of that which leadeth to the manifestation of the Cause, the exaltation of the Word, and the sanctification and purification of the human soul. If they would hear the call of the Wronged One with the inner ear and act

as We have commanded, then erelong the lights of revelation shall illumine both East and West, and the banners of victory shall be seen in all directions. It is clear and evident that in this most mighty and exalted Revelation, the attributes and characteristics of the beasts of the wilderness have been strictly forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Teaching must be conducted with wisdom and utterance, and triumph achieved through the hosts of goodly character and deeds. In such case, should the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, hold fast for a time to what hath been mentioned, they shall soon behold all who dwell in the lands adorned with human qualities and shall utter "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds." What this Wronged One hath spoken and speaketh is effective and all-conquering, were they to cleave unto it and act accordingly. At present most are occupied in relating the words of others. God willing, may all be purified and sanctified through the water of the All-Merciful's utterance and become occupied with teaching the Cause. This is a station which the pen is powerless to describe and understanding faileth to comprehend. The words of holy souls are so effective and penetrating that they can make a withered tree fresh and adorned with delicate, precious fruits. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that act, and may the mercy sent down from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My chosen ones and loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and followed My straight path.

God willing, may all the chosen ones and loved ones become enkindled by the heat of God's creative Word and hold fast to that which is the cause of exaltation, that what He hath willed may be made manifest, though the heedless be averse. I present my nothingness before all and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to grant all a portion from the Most Great Ocean.

As to what was written concerning His honor Mirza Abul-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors - whatever his honor deems advisable is beloved and acceptable at the Divine Threshold. God willing, His honor Mirza must make every effort and move with complete enthusiasm to ignite the dormant souls and adorn them with a fresh spirit. Today is the day when man can acquire eternal bounty and become the possessor of everlasting grace. This servant is ever mindful of them, as if they are standing before my eyes. The servant beseeches his Lord to manifest through him that by which every possessor of smell may detect the fragrance of steadfastness and the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O beloved of my heart! In truth, his honor has revived the land of Ta, for he has described the outpouring of divine love, the kindling of the fire of affection, the gathering of friends, and the receptivity of its people in such a way that it truly bestowed boundless joy, delight, gladness and expansion. It is most evident and clear how much this servant is gladdened by mention of the chosen friends of God who are adorned and illumined with the ornament of steadfastness and the lights of love. Blessed are you and the friends of God in that place. Would that the servant were with you in those gatherings you mentioned.

As to what you wrote about the receptivity of that land and likewise its need for numerous teachers, after this was presented, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of Names, exalted be His glory: "O My Name! God willing, steadfast and receptive souls shall be assisted to recognize this Most Great Cause. After recognition of God, exalted be His glory, the command to teach is the greatest and most mighty. A witness to its greatness is what God revealed in the Book aforetime:

‘Whosoever quickens a soul is as though he has quickened all humanity.’ Blessed is he who has arisen to serve the Cause and moves by God’s will, the Lord of the worlds.” End quote.

God willing, the affairs of that land shall be set right through his honor’s attention, and the friends shall arise with complete resolve to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings with wisdom and utterance in unity. This is what the servant asks of his Lord in the nights and days, and he beseeches Him to answer for His servant what he desires of His grace which has preceded the kingdom and the realm of heaven.

You wrote mentioning the gatherings, meetings and homes of the friends of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise in each gathering the meeting with groups of divine friends. These details were presented in the Most Holy Court of Him Who was God and there was naught else besides Him. This is what was revealed from the Most Exalted Throne, exalted be His utterance and mighty be His command […]

O My Name! O thou who travels throughout the lands for My Cause and the exaltation of My Word! Blessed are the houses that become gathering places for the loved ones of God, attracting souls and being adorned by the presence of His chosen ones. Blessed is the land that has attained in My days, which God has made a dwelling place for My pure ones, and blessed is the house that has found the fragrance of My loved ones, and blessed are the faces that have been illumined by the Sun of My loving-kindness. All these mentioned gatherings are favored by God’s grace, and specifically for those present, wondrous and sublime verses have descended from the heaven of divine will. We have placed in the mouth of each of them the sweet fruit of divine knowledge and the table of utterance, then We said: “Rejoice in that thou hast attained thy Lord’s loving favor.” Praise be to God that all are adorned with this supreme word and have attained to hearing it. We give them glad tidings of God’s grace and bounty, and We send Our greetings to them from the prison, and We counsel them with that which will exalt the Word of God and their stations among the servants. The Command is in God’s hands, the Lord of creation.

O thou beloved of My heart and mentioned in My soul! By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose! After these passages were presented, the Face of God was set ablaze and verses were revealed of such nature that all the peoples of the earth would be powerless to transcribe them, let alone this evanescent servant. In secret, with utmost supplication I was saying: Would that all the world were present to attain unto the hearing of the revealed verses which flow and descend like pouring rain. I seek God’s forgiveness for this comparison, I seek His forgiveness and turn unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiver, the Generous.

As for the mention of his honor the Sahib, may God’s favors be upon him, God willing he has been and is successful, and I beseech the Most High to confirm him in that whereby his mention shall endure throughout the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names. Verily He is the Lord of the hereafter and the former times, there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful. This evanescent one sends greetings to him and gives him glad tidings of God’s favors, exalted be His glory. This servant’s petition is that, as they have written, it would be most preferable to meet individually with certain souls for the expression of the matter. Attention to one or two persons is easier and closer to piety, as discussion occurs with collected thoughts and untroubled mind. We beseech God the Most High to guide all to His straight path.

They had mentioned his honor Aqa Muhammad Husayn N, upon him be the Glory of God. In these few days, my beloved, his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, wrote a

letter to this servant and had mentioned him. This servant beseeches God to increase his confirmations moment by moment. In any case, since his mention was in the blessed handwriting of your honor, it attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance spoke these words, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing[…]

O Nawwab! The All-Giving remembers thee from the prison quarter, at a time when He hears the buzzing of flies on His right, and the howling of wolves on His left, and beholds the banners of sorrow before His face. Thus doth My tongue recount unto thee that thou mayest know and be of them that remember. Ponder then upon My power and My sovereignty, and the cord of My tranquility and the ocean of My patience, that thou mayest discover My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Were He to desire, He would seize all who are on earth through a single word from Him. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. He heareth and is patient, He seeth and concealeth, and He is the Concealer, the Generous. Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen Us in these days, thou wouldst weep as those who are bereaved. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and arisen to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance. The Light shining from the horizon of the Prison be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this exalted station.

And likewise He made mention of Aqa Mir from Jasb, may the glory of God rest upon him, these manifest verses were revealed specifically for him from the heaven of inner meanings. His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Knowing

O Mir! The Wronged One remembers thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him through that which the hands of those who denied God's proof and testament have wrought and who disbelieved in His favors. They are indeed in heedlessness and error. Grieve thou not over anything, but rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance, for when it flowed from My Pen, the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names remembered thee. Thus doth the Lord of all humanity give thee glad tidings that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. O My loved ones in Jasb! There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath befallen Us. Soon shall pass away what the people possess, but that which is with God, the Lord of the Day of Return, shall endure. We were indeed with you and heard your cry and lamentation. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled My Covenant and heard My call and turned unto My Kingdom and attained unto patience in what befell him in the path of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. We give you glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, and We send Our greetings upon your faces from this station. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My prison be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, who have arisen and declared: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the earth and heavens."

Praise be to God, the outpouring of grace hath reached such a station that is truly beyond all mention and description. None can enumerate the seas of His mercy and the suns of His favors. Verily He knoweth what He doeth and is aware of what He saith, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

He made mention of the beloved of hearts, Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. Through God's loving-kindness, grace, mercy, bounty and generosity, he drinketh at all times from the Kawthar of life from the cup of his Lord's favors, and his is the highest chalice in this mighty and wondrous Cause. His mention was raised. His words, exalted and glorified be He: O My namesake! Upon thee be My Glory! Verily he is of the fishes of this ocean and a star among the stars of this heaven and a word from My Most Great Book and a fragrance from the fragrances of Paradise. Upon him be My Glory and My loving-kindness. Ask thou God to preserve him through His power and to preserve his station through His Name, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

Indeed with complete determination he hath arisen to serve the Cause of our Lord, the Possessor of all names. God willing, may he be confirmed in all worlds.

We make mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim and Aqa Nasru'llah, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, who were mentioned in the blessed letter presented to the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. Praise be to God, the manifestation of favor hath shone forth like the sun from the horizon of heaven. His blessed and exalted Word:

"Verily We have turned toward them from the direction of the Prison and We send Our greetings unto them and counsel them to show forth love and unity and that whereby the Cause of the Lord of creation may be exalted amongst His servants." They will, God willing, be assisted in all matters and be confirmed in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God - praise be to God that his mention hath not been and will not be erased; at all times they are present before His face.

Concerning what was written about the delay in responding to the letter: Thus far, through divine grace and His confirmations, whenever an esteemed letter was received, a detailed response was submitted, except for one letter mentioning the friends in Rasht. Since other letters arrived before it, a brief response was submitted. However, wondrous and exalted divine Tablets have been revealed specifically for some of those souls mentioned therein and will, God willing, be sent. The end of the petition is adorned with this great glad-tidings: On Monday the 12th of Rabi'u'th-Thani, four hours after sunrise, as your representative, it was presented to the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court and by proxy that which is the purpose of all worlds was accomplished, and likewise was honored with acceptance. Well is it with you! To all the chosen ones, loved ones and gentlemen who are present in that gathering, I express my utter nothingness and likewise convey greetings and salutations. God willing, may all in these divine days drink from the Kawthar of mention, utterance, steadfastness and exposition, and act in accordance with that which will exalt the Cause of God. The Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's favor be upon you and upon those who have attained to serving you and those who love you and hearken to your words and are honored to meet you and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cups of our Lord's bounty, the Powerful, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what was written on the back of the blessed letter about your being at the house of Jinab-i-Aqa ’Ali-’Askar and Jinab-i-Haji Khavar, upon him be the Glory of God, was in your presence, and likewise the mention of the blessed Tablets of Rasht and mention of the Tablet of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ibrahim-i-Gurgani and its being erased from your memory and its being cast into your being at that moment - you mentioned this matter in such a way that it affected this servant as well. This detail was presented to the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. His blessed and exalted Word:

“O My Name! O thou who hast drunk the Kawthar of My love! Verily We are thy Helper, thy Confirmer, thy Teacher, thy Inspirer, thy Protector and thy Succourer. Verily He is with thee and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. When thou speakest in gatherings and reflectest on matters, verily He inspireth thee and teacheth thee and aideth thee through wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Wise. And We make mention of ’Ali before ’Askar and he who was named Khavar. Verily he carried the Tablets out of love for My Self and eagerness to follow My Cause. We send Our greetings unto him wheresoever he may be and We give him the glad-tidings of My grace which hath preceded him and the favor which hath encompassed him, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have sought thee out of love for God, the Lord of the worlds.”

When His handwritings were presented in His presence, the Most Great Branch and the Most Mighty Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of Their footsteps - and the members of the Divine Sacred Household and some of the kindred were present. After their completion, each one manifested such bounty, mercy, love and favors that this ephemeral one is truly incapable of describing. The hearts were illumined by the lights shining from their glorifications, and the horizons of utterance were brightened by their mention and words. In brief, all offered holy glorification, transcendent above worldly conditions and their people’s limitations, for me to convey to that Beloved One. His is the praise and favor in all conditions. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, truly the heart rejoices and the breast expands from mentions wherein the sincere ones find the fragrance of kindness, untainted by the dust of loved ones and directions. Dominion belongs to God, our Lord, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of proofs. There is no God but Him, the One evident through signs. May my spirit be a sacrifice unto Your presence.

While sealing the envelopes, the true messenger brought spiritual glad tidings, and immediately upon arrival and visitation they were presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. This is what the Lord of the World uttered in the Most Great Prison:

O My Name! The servant present read thy letter before the Face of the Wronged One. Light be unto thee and grace be unto thee, for thou didst speak certain words from which wafted the fragrance of true wisdom. Assuredly, until the result of any deed becomes somewhat apparent, or until its fruit becomes known to the extent possible, attention to it is fruitless. Excellent is what was said, and the Speaker is God in His first Book: In matters, their end must be considered before undertaking them. What thou didst do was, praise be to God, wise and acceptable. We beseech God that He may, through thee, open the doors of hearts and assist thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and through thee aid His Word and exalt it despite every learned one who denied God’s right and His Cause, and rejected His proof and disputed His verses. O My Name! Upon thee be My glory. Convey My glorification to the faces of My

loved ones who are saddened by My sorrows, and give them the glad tidings of My joy and happiness and bounty. God willing, may all be illumined by the lights of the Face and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book.

This blessed handwriting, dated the 27th of Safar and numbered 3, from which this servant repeatedly and successively drank the cup of nearness and reunion and joy and meeting - there was and is no opportunity to present details beyond this. In brief, all that transpired was honored with acceptance in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Presence. The servant praises his Lord for this evident, clear and manifest bounty. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

I have attained thy letter which was adorned with the mention of the Desired One and embellished with praise of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Qiblih of all peoples, and set thy face toward the countenance of thy Lord, and art numbered among those who have attained. The letter which thou didst address to this servant, this humble one, brought joy to this evanescent servant's heart. We beseech God to aid thee to love Him and to gain His good-pleasure, and to make thee among those who are steadfast in His Cause in such wise as to be detached from all the worlds.

As for thy request that thou be mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Presence, and thy seeking of forgiveness - this servant presented himself before His countenance and made his petition. Then did the sun of grace and forgiveness dawn forth from the horizon of revelation in such wise that this poor servant is powerless to describe it. And as for what thou didst desire regarding the meeting, this is what hath been revealed from the Dayspring of utterance - exalted be His glory: "We beseech God to ordain for him what he desireth and to strengthen him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the mountains have been scattered, and to write down for him that which shall solace his eyes and gladden his heart and bring tranquility to the hearts of them that know."

Regarding thy question about spiritual condition - most of those who make claims in these days have been and will continue to be merely people of words rather than of true spiritual state. All matters are held within the grasp of divine power, confined and limited. Whosoever moveth contrary to His good-pleasure is counted among the people of words, even should he be immersed in the ocean of spiritual state and sailing upon the depths of silence and quietude. And whosoever turneth unto the Truth and obeyeth His commandments is remembered as being among the people of spiritual state in both beginning and end. The spiritual state that is beloved in the sight of God today is the acknowledgment of His unity, the recognition of His oneness, the sanctification of His Being from any likeness, the elevation of His Self above all similarity, the carrying out of what He hath commanded in His Book, and the avoidance of carnal desires, deceptive allusions, and conjectural, imaginary interpretations.

This is not the day of interpretation, for the winds of explicit declaration are blowing. O my beloved! Most have taken God's Cause as a plaything and considered it as children's sport. They have turned away from

His commandments and accepted His prohibitions, yet still count themselves as accepted and consider themselves to be of the Truth before all people. God is sanctified above what they have said. Ears were created to hearken unto God's commandments, not for rejected, imaginary suppositions. As thou hast observed, certain souls in the past were deprived of the divine law and abandoned the decree of the Book, yet still counted themselves among the people of inner meaning. We testify that they found neither the fragrance of the inner nor the outer meaning, but wandered in the wilderness of suppositions and idle fancies - verily, they are among the most lost! Today the people of spiritual state are those souls who have been attracted by the sweetness of the divine Word in such wise that all who dwell on earth cannot prevent them from turning to the countenance of the Ancient of Days, and they are assured of and act upon what hath been revealed in the Book. This is the station of the people of spiritual state, and whosoever is otherwise hath been and shall remain among the people of mere words.

As to what you had written regarding the meaning of "Man Yuzhir" and "Huva Yuzhir", no such phrase appears in the Bayan. Rather, it is "Man Zahr" and "Man Yuzhir". "Man Zahr" refers to Him Who appeared in the year sixty, and gave the people glad tidings of "Man Yuzhir" Who has appeared at the earth's pole and calls all peoples unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. All that was revealed in the Bayan was intended for this Most Great Manifestation, as attested by what was revealed therein and in the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Generous.

As to your question about God's favors and wrath toward His servants - we seek refuge in God from His wrath and anger - this is very clear and evident. "Turn not unto those with whom God is wroth." The signs of divine wrath are visible in those people who act contrary to His good-pleasure and wander in the wilderness of error. And God's good-pleasure is not imaginary - one who acts in accordance with what the All-Merciful has ordained in the Tablets has attained His good-pleasure and walks the path of His contentment. Blessed is he and those like him. Such heedless, deluded souls are tormented in all divine worlds, and these souls have chosen wrath for themselves unknowingly. Otherwise, His mercy has preceded all things.

Observe that in the Most Holy Court there has been and will be naught but mercy. Then when a Command shines forth from the Dawning-Place of Command, whoever turns toward it and acts according to what God has willed is numbered among the people of mercy. And for one who remains remote and deprived, this same divine Word which was pure mercy becomes pure wrath in regard to the one who turns away. Some manifestations of this wrath appear in the turning away of the soul in this visible world, but all of it appears after the ascension of the spirit. We seek refuge in God and turn unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Likewise consider God's favors which today shine forth from the horizon of loving-kindness. For instance, when He mentions someone favorably in one of the Tablets, that very thing becomes the cause of the perpetuation of that person's remembrance in the world of remembrance and his spirit in the world of spirits. By Him Who made me His servant! Were I to describe for you this most mighty, most exalted station, its description could not be completed by pen and ink. Your Lord, the Possessor of all creation, bears witness to this. Blessed is the soul that has attained His favors and preferred His commandments over the imaginings of all else.

We beseech God to grant us steadfastness in His love and detachment from all the worlds. Verily He is the Answerer of prayer and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And as to what you asked about unity (tawhid), this station has been elaborately explained in numerous tablets from the Divine Authoritative Pen, sufficient for all the peoples of the world. You should endeavor to collect, as much as possible, the Persian and Arabic books that have been revealed from the Divine Source in this Most Great Revelation. There remains no knowledge except that which has been mentioned in the tablets of my Lord and your Lord, and no station except that which has been detailed therein. In one of the Persian tablets He says, exalted be His glory and sublime be His praise: The purpose of unity is not to consider two as one, rather its purpose is to consider the One as sanctified above all, for He is not associated with His creation nor is He known through any other than Himself. And one should observe the lights of His manifestations in all things, that is, to see all things sustained by Him and dependent upon Him. This is the station wherein He says "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him." He has ever been, in the heights of inaccessibility and in the summit of exaltation, sanctified above all things and ever shall be. Some who count themselves among the people of unity are walking on the shore of polytheism and wandering in the wilderness of multiplicity, yet they do not perceive it. In another place He says, exalted be His remembrance: "Through My Name were raised the banners of unity and were planted the standards of detachment" to the end of His holy utterance, exalted be His remembrance. And these stations depend upon acceptance of the Truth, for if a person should practice unity his entire life, yet if from the Pen of the Cause a word of negation is revealed concerning him, he would be counted among the people of polytheism. As you observe, most nations today utter the blessed words "There is no God but God," yet in the sight of God they were not and will not be considered among the people of unity, as the Supreme Pen has testified in most tablets to the polytheism of those souls. Today it is incumbent upon the one who turns to God not to look to what he or others possess. He must purify his ears from all that the people possess to hear the divine utterances, that he might attain to what God has intended. In brief, whosoever is accepted today is counted among the people of unity, and without this he is deprived and forbidden. Were this servant to mention all that has been revealed from the heaven of the divine will regarding these stations, a book would have to be composed, and these times do not permit such undertakings. We beseech God to assist you in His service, His praise and His remembrance. Verily, He is the Protector of those who remember Him.

Regarding your question about the state of one who claims that these pilgrims to the Ka'bah of the Divine Purpose go as Muslims and return as infidels, or who interprets this, or claims "I am a certain person" - I call God, His angels, His Messengers, His Prophets, His chosen ones, the denizens of His realms of glory, and the bearers of His throne to witness that such words proceed only from those who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and pride, and who tread the paths of wickedness and evil. By Him Who illumined the dawn of utterance with the lights of His countenance and brightened the horizon of certitude with the manifestations of His presence - were anyone to recognize the excellence of these days and become aware of that which is hidden from mankind, he would surely kiss the feet of one who has turned toward the Court of the Divine Purpose, would prefer the dust of his footsteps to all he possesses, would honor and magnify him, would stand before him in humility, would be submissive to his deeds, would not raise his voice above his voice, and would not speak in his presence without his consent. For

the seeing sage and the informed mystic perceives in one who has sought the Intended One and turned toward the face of the Beloved naught but the love of God and the manifestation of His grace, the affection of God and the expressions of His favors. Whoso is deprived of this most mighty, most impregnable station is indeed blind, by the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former times. Such a one cannot be counted among humans; nay, the beasts are superior to him. To this testifies everyone who has turned his gaze from human limitations toward the most pure horizon, this greatest of vistas wherein the Lord of destiny proclaims in the most exalted call between earth and heaven: "There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting."

This is the station of travelers who have emigrated for the sake of God, who have turned toward the Beloved by God's leave, and who move by God's good pleasure. This is the station of the sincere emigrant and the agreeable traveler. If one truly has the love of God in his heart, he will see himself as utterly effaced before those souls who have returned from the presence of the Beloved after attaining to the Ka'bah of the Divine Purpose, even though outwardly these pilgrims may be deprived of apparent knowledge. For today nothing is required save divine love and following His commandments, as mentioned. These words are not specifically about all pilgrims - this station belongs to those pilgrims who have entered the pavilion of certitude and truly attained to the love of God. Consider earthly lovers: if someone comes from their beloved's presence, even with a disapproving countenance, the lovers welcome him and show him the utmost kindness. This is the station of earthly lovers, as mentioned. Now observe the lovers of the Countenance of the All-Merciful - those who have truly drunk from this cup and attained this everlasting draught. They surely show perfect humility before those who seek the Ka'bah of the Lord of the worlds. These are the companions of glory in the Tablet of eternity, as attested by His Most Exalted Pen. In brief, the people of insight behold in the pilgrims the signs of their Intended One and are humble and submissive before these signs. Blessed is he who in His days has attained the fragrance of God and has preferred Him above all else.

None knows the interpretation of God's utterance save His Own Self, the All-Pervading, and those who have attained unto the lights of inner meaning and exposition from His presence. These understand according to their capacity and station. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed. Yet most among the people comprehend not. This much is evident: that which is intended by God is manifest and evident in the Tablets with utmost clarity and lucidity. None hath been, nor ever shall be, commanded to interpret the divine words. We testify that they who interpret in this Day are among those who indulge in idle fancies. We beseech God that we may hold fast unto the cord of clear pronouncement and walk with utmost steadfastness in the path of His good-pleasure.

And concerning claims in this station, various utterances have been revealed from the Pen of God's Will, but this servant shall mention one of the utterances of the All-Merciful which was revealed in Persian, so that no one may have opportunity for interpretation and claims, and that which is explicitly stated may be known. His words, exalted be His majesty:

Many are the deluded ones, each afflicted with some delusion. We have forbidden people from delusion, that they may hold fast to the manifest Sovereign. Some have clung to and grasped their own vain imaginings, wandering in the wilderness of fancy while deeming themselves among those endowed with

insight. They walk in the desert of heedlessness while counting themselves among the horsemen in the arenas of divine presence. By My life! They are among the deluded ones, they are among the bewildered ones, they are among the heedless ones, they are among the abased ones. They have not yet attained to that which even children have comprehended, for every child knows that if a new Manifestation were to appear each day, the divine Cause and heavenly ordinances would remain suspended and ineffective among humanity.

Say: O people! If passion has barred you from the Dawning-Place of guidance, at least do not transgress the bounds of fairness. If one were to show the slightest fairness, they would never utter a word that would cause division among the people and discord among the loved ones. Rather, they would strive with all their might and power to exalt the Most Great Name with penetrating effort and lofty endeavor. By My life! They are asleep, and were you to behold them with My eyes, you would find them among the dead.

At the time of Our migration from Iraq, We informed most of the servants about what had appeared and would appear, such that were the revealed Tablets to be read, all would testify to what hath flowed in this Tablet from the truthful, trustworthy Pen. Say: O people! If ye desire the water of life, by God it hath indeed flowed in His name, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Blessed are they who drink thereof! And if ye desire power, lo, it hath dawned from My horizon - exalted be your Lord, the Lord of all worlds! If ye desire the verses, they have indeed filled the horizons - fear ye God and be not among the deluded ones! If ye desire clear proofs, they have appeared in their essence and have shone forth each day from this manifest horizon.

Say: Draw ye the servants through this Name whereby the Cry hath been raised, the Hour hath come to pass, earthquakes have seized all the tribes, the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been split, the mountains have been scattered, and that which was sent down in the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Great, hath appeared. Whoso claimeth a station, attraction, rapture or yearning without this Name, he is among the most lost, even should he utter all expressions, cause rivers to gush forth from rocks, subjugate the winds, and cause the clouds to rain. Thus have We sent down the Command on this blessed night wherein the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh through His Most Great Name, and the Kawthar of utterance hath flowed from the Kawthar of thy Lord's mouth, the All-Merciful. When thou hast attained, arise, then lift up thy hands and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

As the Pen of the Ancient of Days and the Most Great Name now declares: should anyone appear with all the signs before the completion of a full thousand years - each year comprising twelve months according to what was revealed in the Furqan, and nineteen months according to what was revealed in the Bayan, with each month being nineteen days - you must never believe them. In one of the Tablets it is revealed: "Whosoever lays claim to a Cause before the completion of a full thousand years is verily a lying impostor. We beseech God that He might graciously help him to retract and repent. Should he repent, God will surely turn unto him. If he persists in his claim, God will assuredly send one who will deal mercilessly with him. Verily God is severe in punishing!" For the harm of such souls returns to the Divine Tree itself and has been and will be the cause of dissension, disputation, strife, the wavering of weak hearts, and the

instability of the Cause among the people. We beseech God to make them aware of their own selves and aid them in what He desires. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Say: Deem not the Cause of God as a plaything, O ye who possess understanding. Be not content with the bitter sea when the sweet and flowing waters are surging. Ponder upon the divine utterances and gaze upon them with penetrating vision, that perchance ye may attain unto a drop from the oceans of inner meanings that lie concealed within the Bayan, and in this spiritual dawn deprive not yourselves and the servants of God from the wafting breezes of the divine garment. By the Essence of the Ancient of Days! Baha weeps over you and laments for you, and desires naught for Himself, and has endured the harm of all who are on earth for your deliverance, salvation, and turning unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy.

This servant hopes that through the bounty of the All-Merciful, all may reach the shore of certitude in such wise that they may see themselves as utter nothingness and witness God as the Everlasting, the Eternal, and the Self-Subsisting over all. God willing, your honor must at all times be engaged in serving the Truth, that is, guiding heedless souls and, through goodly remembrances and wondrous utterances, drawing veiled souls to the direction of divine unity. Conflict and contention have never been and will never be praiseworthy. If heedless souls become aware through words of counsel, then excellent is the aim; otherwise, avoidance of such souls is necessary and obligatory. In this Revelation, reprehensible deeds and ego-driven conditions have never been and will never be acceptable. Surely you have heard how some of the people of the Bayan and their false leaders were immersed in the sea of passion and held fast to and practiced reprehensible deeds, but in this Most Great Revelation such things have never been countenanced - all have been explicitly forbidden. Blessed is he who acts according to what has been commanded by the Truth and abstains from what the people practice.

O beloved! Arise to assist the Cause of God with such steadfastness as may lead to the firmness of souls. Convey my greetings to each and every one of the loved ones in that land. Sublime tablets have been revealed for them from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will and shall, God willing, be sent later. That which is essential today and takes precedence over all deeds has been and shall ever be steadfastness. Consider how two souls, each among the most heedless and wicked of men, went to Gilan and what mischief they caused. One claimed "I am the Most Great Branch," and those souls who were in that land immediately accepted him. The other claimed truth for himself, and him too they accepted. Loss be upon the seeker and the sought! Though later the falsehood of both was made clear to them and they returned to the truth, from the beginning they should not have paid heed to such souls. Rather, through the power of faith and the strength of the love of the All-Merciful, they should have arisen to discipline those two souls. The cause of these matters has been the vain imaginings of some. Each day a call is raised, and from every corner a calf appears, and the people, weak and inconstant, no sooner hear the lowing of the calf than some, unaware, fall down in worship before it.

Your chief concern must be to make the loved ones in that place steadfast in the Cause of God, in such wise that they regard all else as non-existent. Consider the time of Moses: after He repaired to Mount Sinai to receive divine ordinances and heavenly commands, and when thirty had become forty complete days, He returned to find many people turned away and deprived of the truth by the lowing of a calf. He

said: “O My people! For years I dwelt among you with divine verses, heavenly proofs, manifestations of power and expressions of oneness, calling you to the truth, yet you have still not fully turned to the lights of the Ancient Countenance. How is it that by the mere lowing of a calf you have become worshippers and adorers?”

O brother! Bewilderment upon bewilderment! To the extent possible, you and the honored ones dwelling in that land must strive that all may drink from the wine of steadfastness and remain firm and immovable as a mountain in the Cause of God. We beseech God to protect them, to aid them, and to send down for them that which will make their remembrance endure among all remembrances, their spirits among all spirits, and their bodies among all bodies. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turns to Him and the Answerer of whosoever calls upon Him. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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He is God - Exalted be His Glory, Majesty and Power!

Praise, sanctified from all allusions, letters, indications and words, befitteth the Day which hath been mentioned and recorded by the name of the True One in the divine Books. This is the Day wherein all possessors of hearts and vision shall be blessed with the light of the revelations of the Lord of Names. Exalted be this Day, for it is the Day of unveiling and meeting. It is the Day which, in all heavenly Books and among the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names, is known and attributed as the Day of God, as He, exalted be He, hath said: “Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God.” And the Nightingale of Utterance hath warbled upon the branch of the Qur’an in another station: “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds, and the Kingdom on that day shall be God’s.”

In truth, this Day hath a station from which the hand of praise falleth short, and the voice of remembrance is powerless to attain unto it. At one time this blessed word shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will: “O servant in attendance! Verily the Day walketh before the faces of the world and speaketh, and it is indeed the City of God which hath descended from the heaven of Command. Verily it is that whereby the sealed choice wine hath been unsealed, and the ocean of life hath surged in the contingent world, and the Dove hath cooed upon the branches. Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector over all names, and He doeth what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

O beloved of My heart and one who is mentioned before the throne of My Best-Beloved! Observe how far the heedless souls are removed from the shore of truth and debarred from the holy station of nearness. Throughout all nights and days they beseeched the Dear All-Knowing One for the attainment of this most exalted and holy Day, yet when the veils were rent asunder and the Hidden One became manifest and the Concealed One spoke forth, all clung to vain imaginings that neither nourish nor satisfy, and remained deprived and veiled from that which God had intended. All friends must supplicate the Self-Sufficing One with utmost lowliness and devotion, that perchance the slumberers may awaken, the

heedless become aware, the misguided find the straight path, and those unknown may attain the ornament of divine mention in the sacred scriptures and tablets. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One to raise up souls who shall arise purely for His sake and detached from all else, and who shall arise to teach His Cause with the utmost humility, submissiveness and servitude unto God, the Truth. By the life of God! Their very beings shall surely influence the world. To this testifieth every knowing name and every wise book.

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When Thy glorious missive, dated the eleventh of Jamadi'l-Avval, reached this evanescent servant, it brought tidings of joy and dispelled all gloom. Praise be to God that it conveyed news of Thy wellbeing and health. In truth, this servant hath in these days pondered deeply and found that no service worthy of God's Day hath proceeded from him. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance that I behold myself abashed and ashamed. Yet I cherish the hope that the All-Powerful, the Lord of Names, may assist His other chosen ones and friends to accomplish deeds worthy of His path, that through divine grace they may, with perfect detachment and freedom, guide souls to God, glorified be His majesty, and lead them to the supreme horizon.

All the Prophets and chosen ones, including the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - endured countless afflictions and calamities for the exaltation of God's Cause, until certain cities and lands were illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory and abundant His favors, to aid that beloved one through wisdom and utterance, and through that which attracts the hearts of His servants. This servant knoweth not today what he writeth or presenteth, for the wine of heedlessness hath overtaken him in such wise that he ascendeth at one moment and descendeth at another. The matter is in God's hands, the Lord of the Last and the First. Such mentions will cause grief to sanctified hearts, therefore I seek forgiveness from God, the All-Glorious.

When this evanescent servant learned of Thy noble letter, he turned to the Most Exalted Station and presented all before His presence. Thus spoke the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance: "O physician! Upon thee be My glory! The servant present submitted thy letter before the Wronged One, and all that was mentioned and written therein was presented. God willing, thou shalt drink and give to drink from the Kawthar of divine favor and the ocean of merciful bounty. This Wronged One hath commanded all the peoples of the earth to that which conduceth to tranquility, freedom and comfort, that the whole earth might be seen as one country and all gather beneath the shade of one Word. By the life of the Beloved! Were the servants to attain unto that which the Wronged One hath desired, the world would be adorned with the ornament of joy and delight, such that its sorrows and their hosts, its grief and their legions would become nonexistent and disappear. Nevertheless, they regarded the Dayspring of reformation as the source of corruption and thus deprived themselves of divine bounties.

O physician! So long as the lights of the sun of justice remain concealed behind clouds, the people of the earth have not and shall not find tranquility and comfort. Arise for God's sake and speak for His sake; perchance the people may become aware and arise to that which beseemeth their stations. Through the revelation of Books and the sending of Messengers, God hath desired the unity and concord of His

servants, and the education and comfort of all in the land. Yet now it is observed that religions and laws have been made the cause of rancor and hatred. Therefore, this Wronged One hath desired, through the grace of the Lord of Names, to remove and efface this rancor and hatred from among the servants. Had the divines, mystics and rulers of the earth pondered even briefly on that which hath been manifested, assuredly today the people of the Furqan would be seen above all peoples and ascendant over all […]

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the lamentation of the yearning ones and the cry of them that are nigh have been raised! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the spirit of life was breathed into all creation, and by Thy Name whereby the horizon of proof was illumined for the followers of all religions, to draw Thy servants and Thy creation nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and recognition. Then bestow upon them the Kawthar of Thy bounty through Thy grace and favor. O Lord! Thou seest their poverty and Thy wealth, their weakness and Thy strength. I beseech Thee by the Light that shineth from the horizon of Thy Manifestation to assist me and Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and enable them to remember and praise Thee amongst Thy servants. Thou art He Whom the conditions of men cannot frustrate, nor can the intimations of those who have turned away from Thee prevent Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! My outer and inner tongue beareth witness that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been alone, unique, one, self-subsisting, eternal, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding what you wrote about the gatherings of past days, it was mentioned and He said: Indeed it is as you have written - meetings and gatherings were being held and it was not known who was guiding and who was misguiding, who was seeking truth and who was spreading rumors, whether they came seeking honor or were themselves spies. In all circumstances, gatherings are not permitted - one must act with utmost wisdom, for people are ignorant and heedless of the essence of the Cause. If they were to become aware of but one word from this Book, one drop from this Ocean, or one ray from this Light, all would be seen circling round. Take wisdom by My command and set aside all else. Thus doth the All-Knowing command thee from this noble station. Although all that hath flowed from the Pen hath been counsels and exhortations, yet if a single leaf or tablet should be revealed, or if they should hear that it has gone from one place to another, they would surely become agitated. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of His Self! Were they to understand what God hath willed, most would perish from joy and gladness. The purpose of all these utterances is that people must be educated with the utmost joy and fragrance, and made aware of that which will profit them. God’s mercy hath preceded all and His grace hath encompassed all. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And concerning what you mentioned about him who was named with Alif and Ha in the Kingdom of Names: This servant was honored by what he sent and recited before the Face what he had composed, and this is what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered after hearing it: We have heard what was uttered by the tongue of love and affection in remembrance of this Wronged One Who hath called the people to the supreme horizon and the ultimate goal. We have remembered him with that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the continuance of the names in the kingdom of creation. We beseech the Lord of all beings to assist him and enable him to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to give him

to drink of the choice sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the name of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

Regarding what you wrote about seclusion, meaning that you do not frequent coffeehouses, it was mentioned and He said: Yes, what an excellent […]

As to the fact that Tablets are not being sent from this place and the answers to correspondence are delayed - this hath been and will continue to be due to wisdom. For if they were to be sent continuously and successively, a friend would disclose matters to another friend who hath no knowledge of the secrets of his heart, and these would become widespread and lead to mischief. The assured ones and they that are steadfast must remain patient and silent, and be seen to be composed and dignified. They must not utter that which is not permitted, nor follow that which is unseemly. They must not confirm every speaker nor consider every claimant to be truthful, nor trust in every newcomer. They must speak with wisdom and hold fast to kindliness and mercy. Through the sword of spiritual morals and goodly deeds must they assist the Truth and protect the people from the arrows of Satan. The fragrances from the flowers of the gardens of God's kindness and mercy have encompassed the world, and yet its people remain veiled and deprived. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

And as for what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza Muhammad, when the details were submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He stated that all the people of Iraq are informed and aware of the details, and beyond them verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The substance of this matter is that this servant was present during all events that occurred in Iraq. The details of this preface are that after the passing of the late Jinab-i-Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God, Jinab-i-Mirza Siyyid Ra?i repeatedly attained the Most Holy Presence and with utmost humility and supplication requested that "We wish to divide these properties, and there is fear that disputes may arise among the heirs and strife and corruption may ensue." No response was given. God is witness that he persisted to such a degree that no greater insistence could be imagined. Finally he petitioned, expressing in these words that "The purpose is for the Master to be present while some money-changers divide the items. His presence would be a source of assurance and prevent disputes and conflict." Then He said, "The Master is but a child." Then he submitted that "Whoever else You designate would also be excellent, but the Master must also be present." Then for several days […] until one night Jinab-i-Mirza Siyyid Ra?i attained the Most Holy Presence and produced a key which he placed before Him. He asked, "What is this?" He submitted, "This is the third portion of the properties. After division, seven thousand tumans worth of jewels and four thousand tumans worth of effects constitute the third portion. The choice lies with the Most Holy Presence." He said, "Aqa Mirza Musa claims that considerable sums of cash are with his sisters and their mother, which they have concealed from me. In this case, it would be best to hand over this third portion to him so that he too may be satisfied." He submitted, "This servant is not responsible for this matter, as the circumstances of the aforementioned Mirza are evident in the Most Holy Presence. We submit the third of properties and items to the Most Holy Presence; let them act as they deem advisable. We have no obligation to give it to the aforementioned Mirza." He further submitted that "Had any of the outward divines become involved, they would have taken the third portion and caused other scandals as well. And in these latter days the late Aqa, upon him be God's mercy, had trust in no place but here, therefore we

acted according to his wishes." Then by command they sent that same key to the chest containing the third portion to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Musa himself, upon him be the Glory of God, son of the deceased. Similarly, regarding the third portion of real estate, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Siyyid Ra?i came and transferred it. That too He commanded should remain in the hands of Aqa Mirza Musa, son of the deceased, until its disposition would later be determined. The purpose is that that beloved one should know that a sum of property was here in the hands of Aqa Mirza Musa, and afterwards all those properties reverted to the Most Holy Presence in accordance with and conformity to the resplendent Law, and the deed bearing the seals of many divines and learned ones is in hand.

Then suddenly the matter of exile occurred. After arrival in the garden of Najib Pasha, which was named Ridvan, His Holiness appointed Aqa Mirza Muhammad and the aforementioned Mirza as agents to rent out the properties and spend the proceeds as commanded. This servant knows only that an agency arrangement was made; beyond this, this servant was not properly informed whether this agency was established in both their names or in one name. Whatever happened afterwards, that Beloved One knows. The purpose of these submissions is that now too all those properties belong to the Truth, as testified by all the people of Iraq as well as by the deed in hand. His Honor Mirza took possession of everything, even the third which had no connection to him. Moreover, he seized even the house that was the Blessed Place. All these matters occurred due to the imprisonment of the Beloved. In truth, this servant thinks much about His Honor Mirza's circumstances, for he endured many hardships and truly served the friends and followers. But at the time of fruition, they let it all slip away for nothing. This ephemeral one does not forget the times when they sat in the Most Holy Presence and tears flowed involuntarily from their eyes. What happened that with one commotion all this love and friendship and devotion vanished? Or perhaps what this servant hears about them has no basis, for until now not a word has been heard from the Beloved's tongue confirming or indicating the truth of these reports. And this servant's hope from God, exalted be His glory, is that He may enable them not to efface their services and labors and not to lose their lofty station. The station is very great and the Cause very mighty. I swear by the fragrances of the Robe that had they turned to the Truth in those days and left the city, they would now be seen prominent and manifest like a banner upon the hills. In any case, God willing, may they not lose this bounty, and may the veils of fear, ornaments, imaginings and suspicions not prevent them from the Truth and conceal them from considering the end. Not every rumor can be spoken, and not every hidden thing should be revealed. The Prophets, God's blessings be upon them, spoke saying "Would that my people knew!" Would that this servant could meet with them once, that what was hidden from them today might be revealed. This ephemeral servant at all times begs the exalted Truth for their protection, that they may be seen aflame with divine love - a flame whose effect would be manifest in the kingdom of creation. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous, and what the servant desires is not difficult for God. And among the great favors shown them is that when some of the loved ones were hurt by certain of their words and deeds and showed distress, even hatred, a command issued from the Source of the Cause that no one should speak any unsuitable word about them. May my spirit be sacrificed for His bounty and His favor! By the life of the Intended One, they will ultimately be seen remorseful, but when remorse bears no fruit. This servant and that Holy One and all the friends must cling to the hem of God's mercy and compassion and submit our needs, that perhaps God, exalted be His

glory, may adorn them with a new ornament and honor them with fresh robes. Verily He has power over all things.

We beseech God to assist all to attain that which is befitting. These are the days for goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. At one time these words flowed from the tongue of the Beloved: “O servant! These are the days of pure servitude, that all may arise with the utmost lowliness, submissiveness and detachment to serve the Cause of the Lord of creation. Through the manifestation of this station hath been and shall be revealed man’s station in creation. He whom God abaseth, God shall exalt through His grace.” The friends must at all times be counseled and reminded, that they may all conduct themselves in such wise that others may inhale from them the sweet fragrances of sanctity, holiness and pure servitude unto God, the True One. Idle talk and the ways of the misguided have never been and shall never be worthy of the friends of the Self-Sufficient Lord. O friends! Aid ye the Cause of God through the hosts of goodly spiritual qualities, the ranks of holy deeds, and the banners of humility, submissiveness and supplication. By the life of God! No hosts in the world have been or shall be mightier than justice and wisdom. Had the kings of the earth held fast unto these two, all the peoples of the earth would have attained unto supreme tranquility and greatest ease. But now the sun of justice is veiled behind the clouds of oppression. We beseech God to deliver this light from the claws of darkness. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of this evanescent servant. God willing, may all be assisted to that which He loves and is pleased with, and may they conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom, calm and dignity. The world has been and ever shall be transient. Through God’s grace, they must, God willing, acquire in this transient abode an everlasting station. In all conditions they must strive to quench with the waters of wisdom the fire of hearts and the rancor and hatred of all. Whosoever today becomes the cause of clamor and agitation has strayed from God’s good-pleasure. That which all must fix their gaze upon and act according to today is teaching the Cause, that all on earth may acquire tranquil souls and goodly qualities and deeds. And this teaching, if conducted with spirit and joy - otherwise silence is preferable. The Lord of the Beginning and the End! Had the people of the world been aware of God’s purpose, they would all have arisen with complete yearning, enthusiasm, determination and power to serve. But it is veiled from them because of what their hands have wrought. The glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have recognized the word of unity in this grievous age. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophets and Messengers.

Another matter: I conveyed the greetings and praise of the honored lady, upon her be the Glory of God, to the people of the pavilion of chastity and greatness. All send greetings to you and to that leaf, and each expressed their loving-kindness. Praise be to God, mention of you and those related to you has been and God willing shall continue to be made in the prison.

To his honor Jalalu’d-Din, upon him be the Glory of God, this evanescent servant sends boundless greetings. May he be assisted, God willing, to serve the Cause and make mention of God and praise God. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant the blessing of meeting, that we may speak and listen in the shade of the Tree […]

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True praise and spiritual commendation befits the people of Baha, who have turned to the supreme horizon through the guidance of the Most Exalted Word and have drunk the sealed wine in His Self-Subsisting Name. These are the souls from whose steadfastness the essence of steadfastness is made manifest, and from whose knowledge the reality of recognition shines forth. These are the dawning-places of divine praise and the treasuries of the wisdom of the Eternal. The lights of the world shine from their radiance and the acceptance of nations appears through their acceptance. These are the souls whom neither the might of the world nor the power of nations could deter, and whom neither doubts, insinuations, commerce, the wealth of servants, nor whatsoever is in the lands could deprive. With the finger of detachment they rent asunder the veils and tore away the shrouds. With celestial power they arose to serve the Cause - an arising that caused the polytheists to sit, and with an assurance that caused the transgressors to tremble. The ornaments and colors of the world neither barred nor hindered them. With illumined hearts and radiant faces, on the Day of Recompense they set forth for the place of sacrifice. They offered up the crown of life in the path of the peerless Friend. These are they whose mention hath flowed from the Pen of God in the Books of both past and future. The All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God." And one of the people of the Qur'an hath said: "Blessed are we, and blessed are the companions of our Qa'im, and their blessedness exceedeth our blessedness."

David saith: "Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name." By "priests" are meant those souls who are assured and at peace with this Most Great Cause and Mighty Message. In specific books they have interpreted "priest" as "servant." He saith that on that day Moses and Aaron were mentioned among His servants. These are the mighty ones whom the power of princes did not weaken, and whom the oppression of tyrants and pharaohs did not prevent from mention and praise in the realm of creation. These are the surging sea and the cause of success and salvation. Previously, one sacrifice was mentioned and the books of the world bear witness to its description. But now thousands of sacrifices, aflame with divine love and the light of merciful grace and passion for the Divine Lord, have set forth to the most distant goal and attained the supreme martyrdom. Not one of those holy souls returned alive. Nevertheless, the people are unaware, and in complete heedlessness strive to extinguish the light of the Lord of all beings. The signs have encompassed the world, and the power of God, exalted be His glory, shineth like the sun at the zenith of the heaven of meaning and utterance. From the first day, without pause or silence or stillness, He hath stood manifest before all faces, calling out with the most exalted voice, and commanding all to what God hath willed. Behold the Tablet to the Sultan, and likewise the Tablets to the kings. O My loved one! The world is bewildered. If man remaineth veiled from this Revelation, to what can he cling, and how can he enter the arena of certitude and recognition? At every moment a perspicuous Book descendeth from the heaven of will, and at every instant the Sun of proof shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. Our Lord, our Goal, our Beloved, and the Purpose of all in the heavens and earth speaketh the truth.

Thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He: O servant in attendance, the recompense of the people's deeds in the Day of Reckoning hath deprived them of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven.

Glorified art Thou, O Manifestation of Light and Speaker on Sinai! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy celestial dominion and the mysteries of Thy kingdom, and by the trees which Thou hast planted with the hands of Thy loving-kindness in Thy most exalted Paradise, and by the fragrances wafting through Thy supreme Garden, to rain down from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace upon those who have turned toward Thee that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and adorn them with the robes of Thy favors. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity. They are those who, when they heard Thy sweetest call, turned to Thee with radiant faces, and when Thy most exalted horizon appeared, declared: "We believe in Thee, O Lord of Names and God of the throne on high and of earth below, Master of the hereafter and of the world of old!" O Lord! Thou seest him who hath rent asunder the veils through Thy Name and Thy power, who hath turned toward Thee in Thy days, who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and who hath confessed what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book of the wonders of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty and the oceans of Thy favors to assist him under all conditions to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy service. Then ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and that which will profit him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs, both hidden and manifest. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who speaketh from Thy praiseworthy station and Thy frequented House. O God, my Lord, my Goal, my Master, my Support, and my Hope! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have arisen and remained steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, such that neither the doubts of the people nor the oppression of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs and have disputed Thy proof have deterred them. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

I submit that the flowing pen of that honored one, which was mingled with love and affection, perfumed this ephemeral gathering, for it was adorned with the mention, praise, glory and thanksgiving of the Goal of all the worlds. God is my witness that this servant has ever mentioned and continues to mention the loved ones of God, day and night, appearing before His presence and engaged in the revelation of verses. While writing, I beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord with utmost humility and supplication to protect His loved ones and assist them, that they may attain unto everlasting stations in this transient world. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. After reading the letter and becoming aware of its contents, I soared with the wings of longing and detachment until I attained the presence of the Lord of Creation. When I appeared, the Ancient Beauty turned toward me and asked about what was in my right hand and commanded me to read. I presented it to its end, and when it was complete, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying "the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He":

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names […]

A Book revealed by the Creator of the heavens and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of eternity unto him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon when the people of the earth and their princes and divines turned away from Him. To this testifieth He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, that His call may draw him unto the kingdom of My utterance and bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O thou who holdest fast to My cord and cleavest to the hem of My robe! Hear thou My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, it announceth unto thee My bounty and My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the luminary of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and a Book wherein hath been set down that which delighteth the eyes of them that are near unto God.

We have made mention of thee aforetime with a mention that no other mention can equal, and We make mention of thee at this moment when the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. That which was hidden in the knowledge of God hath been manifested, and He Who was promised in the Books of the Messengers hath come. Blessed is the soul whom the books of the world have not withheld from the Most Great Name, who hath arisen before all faces and taken the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and hath read what is therein despite those who have denied the Day of Judgment.

We were seated upon Our seat when the servant who was present entered with thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We heard it and have answered thee with verses before which all verses have bowed down, and with an utterance around which every wondrous utterance hath circled. Be thou vocal in My praise and mindful in My remembrance and soaring in My atmosphere and steadfast in the service of My Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament, and for not having been hindered by the doubts of the divines who have committed that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise to lament and the Most Exalted Heaven to weep, and then those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and at sunset.

We have heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God and have found therefrom the fragrance of thy love. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He is with him who loveth Him and desireth Him. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not those who have denied the Proof. Follow Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with a perspicuous command. From the Pen of the All-Merciful hath flowed the Water of Life. Draw ye nigh and drink thereof in His Name, the Sovereign over all names, and by His command, the firm, the unshakeable.

We have stood before the faces of the world and called all unto that which draweth them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. They have turned away from the Truth, having followed every doubting scholar. Thus hath the Ocean of inner meanings revealed its utterance and the Sun of bounty its evidence, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Gracious, the Bountiful.

Now hear the divine verses in Persian: From the inception of this Cause until now, We have summoned all on earth - kings and subjects, learned and ignorant - without any veil or barrier to the Lord of all beings. The path has been made clear and the proof manifest, verses have been revealed and evidences made apparent. Yet the people cling to vain imaginings and remain heedless of the truth, save whom thy Lord willeth - they are the ones who turn away. Though they have witnessed the former people who considered themselves the most excellent of all creation, and have seen what befell them on the Day of

Retribution for their deeds, yet in this Revelation they again busy themselves forming a party like the party of old. Say: Fear God and follow not the ways of the heedless. Follow Him Who hath come to you with the Kingdom of utterance and manifest sovereignty.

Throughout ages and centuries, various sects occupied themselves with cursing one another from pulpits, each following a path according to their own fancy. When the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of God's will - exalted be His glory - all arose in opposition and protest. The supreme cause and greatest reason for their rejection was the opposition of the divines and religious leaders of the age, who in the early years arose with hypocrisy and issued the decree for the shedding of the most pure blood. The divines of Iraq and other lands committed that which caused the eye of the world to weep and the Tablet and Pen to lament.

Glory be to God! Even one like Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who was the pivot of Iran's divines, was observed to be the first to turn away. The actions of other divines are clear and evident - they understood not even a needle's worth of the truth of the Cause. Now the words of that party have emerged anew. Say: O heedless ones! This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. Turn from the west of idle fancies to the east of certitude. Return from that which is with creation to that which is with God. Let not the opportunity slip away; count these moments as precious. A single instant of these days cannot be equated with centuries and ages.

Hearken to the call of this Wronged One. Turn from oppression to justice, from tyranny to equity. Days pass like lightning - strive that you may attain the true lights of unity. The slaves of idle fancy deemed themselves monotheists, and the worshippers of their own conjectures counted themselves detached. Yet when the sun of divine testing shone forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful's will, all were found in manifest loss.

The children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses, whom they had considered the lowliest of parties, rent asunder the veils and partook of the choice sealed wine from the hand of bounty of the Self-Subsisting Lord. Yet the notorious divines known as Shi'ites remain to this day hesitant and opposed. By God's life! Such oppression was manifested from these souls as hath not been witnessed from the beginning of creation until now.

You must, with wisdom and utterance, give the glad tidings of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai to the people of the world according to their capacity, that they might drink from the Euphrates of the mercy of the Ancient of Days, which floweth from the right hand of the Most Great Throne, and thereby be quickened and attain eternal life.

We convey Our greetings to the party of God and give them the glad tidings of God's grace, loving-kindness and mercy. Say: O party of God, with the swords of piety […]

Aid ye the one true God with goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, that perchance the fire of hatred and animosity kindled in the breasts of the followers of religions may be quenched by the rain of divine mercy and the living waters of celestial counsel. O people of God! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who is wronged. Perchance the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen may cause you to attain your true purpose and lead you to the highest summit. The splendors shining from the horizon of the heaven of My

utterance be upon My loved ones whom neither the ascendancy of the divines nor the clamor of the foolish deterred from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Through the attraction of the words of the Desired One of the worlds on this blessed night, all things are witnessed to be in a state of rapture. The sealed wine hath taken hold of them. They possess a world other than this world, and experience such joy and ecstasy that the perceptions of those who dwell in the dust are powerless to comprehend or describe it. In all conditions we hold fast to the cord of His bounty and cling to the hem of His favor, beseeching Him to guide the heedless servants to the ocean of wisdom and to bestow His grace upon them. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy to respond.

Concerning what was mentioned about the honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God, the word of forgiveness hath been revealed and made manifest from the mouth of the Will of the Desired One of the worlds. Blessed and welcome tidings be unto her.

And concerning what was mentioned about the handmaiden of God, Fatimeh, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith: We have heard her call and witnessed her turning unto Us. We make mention of her with a clear mention. God hath forgiven her and the letters Ha and Sin which ascended unto Us, and I am the All-Knowing Bearer of Glad-tidings. We make mention of every servant who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and every maidservant who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Nothing whatsoever escapeth God's knowledge, no affair preventeth Him, nor doth the oppression of the aggressors frighten Him. He alone hath arisen in the world with such steadfastness as hath shaken the foundations of the edifice of the idolaters, and with such constancy as hath caused the feet of the heedless to slip. The glory from Us be upon her and upon him who hath ascended and upon her who hath ascended and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

Praise be to God! The ocean of forgiveness hath encompassed all and the sea of bounty is manifest at its utmost height. Would that the people of the world were aware and would not deprive themselves of everlasting grace and eternal glory through occupation with two fleeting days. However, the recompense of the deeds of the people of earth hath prevented and deprived them. In all conditions, authority and judgment belong unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, in the end, meaning these days.

Mention was made of the Leaf, the wife, upon her be the Glory of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, these verses were revealed from the divine Kingdom of utterance. His word, exalted and mighty be He: O My handmaiden and My leaf! We have made mention of thee before, and at this moment with such mention as hath attracted the hearts of those who are endued with understanding. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment and attainest unto the breezes of the verses, say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and thanksgiving, and unto Thee be gratitude and bounty, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made me aware of Thy Great Announcement, the recognition of which hath been forbidden to the people of Thy realm. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thy most exalted horizon, and Thy leaf clinging to the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the splendors of the lights of the sun of Thy manifestation, to make me in all conditions attracted by Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of the

Tree of Thy Cause, speaking in Thy praise and glorification, and steadfast in Thy knowledge. Ordain for Thy handmaiden, O my God, through the Pen of Destiny, that which shall profit her in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Grace hath encompassed all things and mercy hath taken precedence and taketh precedence over the entire world. None hath ever been, nor shall ever be, capable of limiting the outpourings of a single word from the words of Truth, or one letter from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Man is bewildered, nay the dwellers of the highest Paradise are bewildered at what intoxication hath overtaken the world and prevented it from drawing nigh unto God, exalted be His glory. Wonder upon wonder, amazement upon amazement! The servant beseecheth God, his Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, to aid His servants to know Him, to turn unto the lights of His countenance, to gaze toward His horizon, and to hold fast unto His firm cord.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God. After it was submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, a blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will and sent forth. God willing, may they drink from the fountain of its letters the Kawthar of utterance and circumambulate the Ka'bih of its words with true circumambulation. By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose! That for which the eye was created hath appeared, and that for which the ear was brought from nothingness into being hath been raised up. What more can the servant say or mention? He beseecheth God to aid him in remembrance, praise and service to His Cause. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Seeing Witness.

Likewise mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, at the Most Holy Court. Another Tablet was revealed especially for him from the Most Great Scene and sent forth, that he might be illumined by the lights of the divine Tablet and perfumed by the fragrances of its verses.

Praise be to God that each of these mentioned souls hath in truth attained unto the Mother Book, and there hath been revealed that which hath been and shall be the cause of eternal mention and everlasting life. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to aid in preserving that which He hath bestowed, for many are the thieves, countless are the treacherous ones, and the deceivers lie in wait. I beseech God to preserve them all and aid them in that which He desireth.

As for the mention made of the leaf, the other consort, upon her be the glory of God, after it was submitted at the Most Holy Court these verses were revealed. The Lord, blessed and sanctified is He, saith: O Muhammad! We wish to make mention of thine other consort and adorn her with the ornament of thy Lord's remembrance, and give her glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for her from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call. Verily He hath made mention of thee in such wise as nothing can equal. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in My remembrance, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. And We make mention of thy daughter at this moment with such remembrance as, when it flowed from the Pen of Revelation, caused all mention in the heavens and earth to bow down before it. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace, and made mention in such wise as shall cause your remembrance to endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent attributes. This is

attested by a clear Book which is with Him. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon her from God, the Lord of all worlds.

The Call is continuous, the mention unceasing, the thanksgiving eternal. This station requires continuity, but how can the mention of creation compare with what hath been manifested by the Creator? We are all lame and mute, yet since we are reckoned as His and are turned toward Him, His grace and favor have encompassed and will continue to encompass us. He is the Bestower, He is the Kind. In brief, all the souls mentioned, whether men or women, are remembered in the presence of God and have attained unto the divine verses. Happy are they, blessed are they! Glory and praise and mention be upon you and upon those whom no matter hath deterred from God, the Mighty, the Forgiving. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

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At this moment, access was gained to the presence of the Most Exalted, the Goal of the worlds. His blessed and exalted Word: O 'Abdu'l-Hadir! Write to the friends of the Truth that they should in all conditions hold fast to wisdom, lest the clamor of the divines and the commotion of those servants who have denied God and His signs be raised, and who have disbelieved in Him after He came unto them with a manifest Cause and mighty sovereignty. In some of the revealed verses it hath been enjoined that the friends should engage in mention and praise before the faces of the world, as in the blessed verse revealed specifically for M.H.: "Blessed is the soul whom the books of the world have not kept back from the Most Great Name, and who hath arisen before all faces and taken the Book of God with a power from Him, and read what is therein, to the shame of those who have denied the Day of Judgment." At this time, to act upon this verse would be unwise, for it would cause the fire of hatred to blaze in the breasts of the transgressors and oppressors. But its time will come. Mention of this verse and other verses is beloved when the people show some measure of acceptance and partake of the choice wine of revelation. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that are patient!

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

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

O Zayn! Praise be to God, you have attained unto countless bounties and have been enabled to recognize the Treasury that had forever been hidden from minds and eyes. In these days a letter arrived from the Overseer (Nazir), expressing the desire to visit the Land of Ha [Haifa] and also the intention to print the Kitab-i-Iqan. In view of this undertaking, your presence was requested, but this matter was not accepted.

They themselves should obtain a correct copy and proceed with what they have intended. Great care must be taken in the correction. If a book of verses is published, it is beloved before God, provided it does not cause mischief and commotion. In all cases, the command is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. End.

A letter was written to this servant from the honored Physician and the honored Overseer, upon them be the glory of God, and it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He said: "Praise be to God, they have always been thinking of promoting the Cause of God. May the True One, glorified be His majesty, confirm them and enable them to achieve that which is adorned with the ornament of immortality." He showed great kindness. God willing, this servant will also respond to their letter. Although a few days ago a letter was sent to the beloved Physician, upon him be the glory of God, God willing it will arrive. In any case, this evanescent servant begs confirmation for them. Today all must be vigilant and act in ways that exalt the Cause of God. Divine verses have encompassed all regions, are found with every soul, and are visible in every house. Now we beseech Him to enable and confirm His servants in what is befitting. Verily, He has power over all things.

And regarding what you wrote about the honored wife of the departed and elevated Aqa Seyyed Abu-Talib, upon him be the glory and mercy of God, who had sent some passages from the tongue of the deceased to be presented in the Most Holy Court - these were presented and attained the honor of being heard. And this utterance shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Beloved of all possibilities: "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The first matter of the deceased was this statement: 'My God, Thou art my witness that I am ashamed for not having been able to render a service worthy of this blessed Day.' Excellent indeed was what he spoke in the station of humility, submission and supplication. And We say in this regard that he indeed acted as was befitting. He was among those who attained recognition, drank from the cup of certitude, and adorned his temple with the ornament of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech the Most High to accept what he did in His path and to remember him with a remembrance that neither extinction nor forgetfulness can encompass. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As for what you mentioned concerning the son of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq the Most Holy - upon them both be all His most glorious Glory - I laid it before His Presence. He said - and His sweetest utterance is: "O Zayn! The servant present here laid before Me that which the son of My Asdaq - upon them both be My Glory and My mercy - spoke. In these days a letter arrived from him too. Praise be to God, he dwells beneath

the shade of the Tree of Providence and is engaged in service to the Cause. God willing, may he be confirmed in that which will cause the fragrance of eternity to waft from him. Convey My greetings and salutations to him. Verily We make mention of him as We have mentioned him before, and We give him the glad tidings of My tender care, My mercy, My providence and My grace which have encompassed all existence." End quote. This servant also conveys greetings and salutations to them. Some time ago a detailed letter was sent to them. God willing it has arrived. And mention was made of the women - that is, the household of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon him and upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy. Regarding each one, manifest tokens of providence were evident and clear. Some time ago, especially for the exalted Leaf - upon her be the Glory of God - a wondrous and sublime mention was revealed and sent. Likewise mention was made of their household members who are present. Praise be to God, all are objects of His providential regard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Likewise, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Husayn and his father and those with them - upon them be the Glory of God - have attained to the mention of the Desired One and been adorned with the ornament of His favor. This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive any of the friends of this most exalted, most holy ornament, and to confirm in its preservation those upon whom it has been bestowed. Verily He has power over all things, is worthy to answer prayers, and praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the name of God, the One!

The individual mentioned by Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’llah was mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said: “The grace of God hath turned and continueth to turn towards him. God willing, may he be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and remain steadfast in service to His Cause. Blessed is the eye that gazeth upon His grace and the ear that is turned to His call.”

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

Jinab-i-Haji Ghulam-’Ali and those with him have returned, and the funds that were written of have arrived. The names of the souls were mentioned in His presence. He said: “O Zayn! All that they have sent, whether from those associated with him or others, was presented and accepted. It behooveth them to thank God Who created them, provided for them, reared them, aided them to recognize Him, and gave them to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance. We verily send Our greetings to them from this Spot and give them glad tidings of what hath been ordained for them. We beseech God to draw them near in all conditions, to aid them to be steadfast, and to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones among His near servants and handmaidens. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

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

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

O thou who hast turned thy face! We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the direction of the luminous Spot. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which God loveth and unto deeds from which the fragrance of sincerity shall be wafted throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. And God willing, thou shouldst hold fast unto the Book of God and act according to that which hath been revealed

therein, for if the loved ones of God who are scattered throughout the lands were to act upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will as a token of His grace, the light of His Cause would encompass the world. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in the path of God. The cause of every affliction hath not been and is not heedlessness. Tribulation is for those who love Him, and this hath been mentioned before. Reflect upon what hath been revealed in the Hidden Words which have descended from the heaven of the Divine Will. He saith: "O Son of Man! My calamity is My providence, outwardly it is fire and vengeance, but inwardly it is light and mercy," and so forth. And He saith: "For everything there is a sign. The sign of love is fortitude under My decree and patience under My trials." If in certain instances heedlessness hath occurred, verily He hath forgiven what is past. God willing, arise henceforth to make good what hath escaped you. The world is not worthy of mention, and its evanescence is witnessed at every moment. Arise to serve the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance. Turn unto Him and place thy trust in Him. Verily He will protect thee and assist thee and make known unto thee what thou desirest, and ordain for thee that which will bring solace to thine eyes and gladden thy heart. Hold fast unto the Most Great Handle and unto that which beseemeth these days. He Who remembereth thee at this moment hath passed successive years during which He found no place of safety for Himself, and in all conditions stood firm among the enemies, summoning all to the Supreme Horizon. There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which hath caused all things to lament. No deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it ever be. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise to that which beseemeth thee. Every deed that appeareth for the sake of God - its recompense is preserved in the treasury of the All-Knowing, the Trustworthy. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by the ocean of Thy bounty and the river of Thy mercy, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in the service of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I have fled from myself and from all else unto Thee. Write down for me, therefore, that which Thou hast written down for Thy loved ones. Then preserve me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy providence and enable me to act in accordance with that which Thou hast taught me of its excellence, station and benefit. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

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

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

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

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

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and glorification to all, and from every gathering requesteth mention. Peace and the glory shining forth from the horizon of God’s loving-kindness be upon your honour and upon them and upon those who are with you and who love you and upon every steadfast servant.

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O Zabih in the letter Kaf! He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a sacred Tablet wherein is mentioned that which shall ignite in the hearts of the servants a fire by which, God willing, all veils and allusions may be burned away, rendering their souls pure for God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful. By God, the Truth! Whoso reciteth the verses of God in such wise that they flow from his tongue, he shall detach himself from all who dwell in the heavens and on earth and draw nigh unto this holy court, this luminous and radiant Scene. Were the servants to discover the love from which these words flow forth at this moment, they would sacrifice their very selves for this Wronged One, Who findeth Himself amidst the Gog of hypocrisy and hath no helper save God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Dhabih! Hearken unto that which is revealed from the direction of grandeur, the spot whereon is established the throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon. I hear and see what the idolaters have done to My Other Beauty after My First Manifestation, and I am the Witness over all things, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

O Dhabih! Tarry not in the Cause of God. Bear thou witness to that which God hath witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven. Then detach thyself from the manifestations of names and behold Him Who created them by His command, and be not of the doubters. Purify thyself from all allusions, then thy vision from the ophthalmia of words, then behold with Mine eyes My Beauty, then speak My words in My praise, then know through Mine eyes this pure, radiant, holy and wondrous Beauty.

O servant! Arise with My power, then break the chains of imitation through My Name, the Powerful, then the fetters of fancy through My sovereignty, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Encompassing. By Him Who hath caused the Dawn to speak My praise, if thou seekest to know Me through aught else but Me, thou wilt never know Me. Thus have I commanded in the holy, mighty and impregnable Tablets of God.

O Dhabih! We are astonished at these servants. By God the Truth! We have sent down unto them verses which, were they to be recited to the mountains, would cause them to crumble, and to the heavens, would cause them to be cleft asunder, and to the earth, would cause it to split open. Yet they stir not within themselves, nor do they ascend unto God in less than a moment. Their hearts have hardened through following their own selves and desires, and they have turned away from Him at Whose command the heavens and earths were created. By thy life! If anyone were to command them to worship the calf, they would worship it throughout the nights and days, and would take it as their lord instead of God, neither examining to know it nor prostrating with understanding. Thus hath it been, if thou be of them that know. And if God were to come unto them with His sovereignty, and the angels of the heavens were to surround Him, and He were to manifest unto them all signs, they would never believe in Him, but would worship their fancy without any clear proof or lucid Book.

Behold how when Ali came with God's sovereignty and His signs and His proof, most of the servants turned away from Him, having followed their fancies and being of the heedless. All drew proofs from what they possessed of the words of God and the words of those who were created by a letter thereof, then turned away from Him Who created the Revealer of verses by His firm, transcendent, mighty and impregnable command. Had they beheld God through God and sought to know Him through His Self, they would not have been veiled from God and His meeting, nor would they have strayed from the path. Thus observe in every Manifestation from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end, that thou mayest be of them that know.

Although My previous Manifestation rent asunder all fancies through God's power and counseled them in every line not to object to Him Who would appear with the truth, Whose manifestation is longed for by all who are in the Supreme Concourse and all that hath been created between the heavens and earth - yet when He appeared with the truth, they turned away from Him and were veiled by the veils of their own selves, and were of them that turned aside. And when it is said unto them: "By what proof did ye believe in Ali aforetime?" they say: "The verses." Yet when the verses of thy Mighty, All-Knowing Lord are recited unto them, their faces darken and they flee therefrom, placing the fingers of rejection in their ears lest they should hear […]

Thus have the veils of heedlessness encompassed them, and they are numbered among the losers. If thou wouldst incline the ear of thine inmost heart unto that which issueth from their mouths, thou wouldst hear from them what thou didst hear from the people of the Furqan at the time when God came upon

the holy seat of glory and the matter was decreed by the Mighty, the Powerful. If thou hearest from Me, leave them and their remembrance and whatsoever is with them behind thee, then turn thy face to the Beauty of thy Lord and fear no one, and be not of the patient ones. Then take the chalice of immortality with thy right hand and drink it in My Most Glorious Name. Put thy trust in God, and verily He will cause thee to speak the truth and will acquaint thee with that which no one among all the worlds hath known. Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen Us, the pen and ink would not suffice, nor would the Tablets be adequate, and God is witness and well-aware of this. However, We beseech God that He may bring thee into the presence of the Throne that thou mayest witness and become apprised of the mysteries which We have concealed from the servants, and whereof We have not mentioned a single letter among all created things. Arise to aid the Cause of God and His Command. By God! That which the people have taken as an object of love for themselves instead of God - would that he had been but like one of them! But the people have been worshippers of idle fancies and idols. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of their names in these days wherein We remained among the people without any helper or supporter. We had previously sent thee a Tablet, and before it another Tablet, and before that yet another Tablet. We beseech God that He may grant them unto thee and reveal unto thee what hath been treasured therein. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thy letter hath come before Us in this Prison, and We have read it and found therein the fragrance of thy love for God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. We recognized thy longing for God and thy yearning to attain His presence, and thy desire to arrive at the seat of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We have not failed in Our promise and We fulfill what We have promised - thus have We prescribed for Our own Self the truth before the creation of the heavens and the earths. We desired to bring thee into Our presence, but the idolaters interposed themselves between Us and thee, and expelled Us from Our lands until they imprisoned Us in this distant land. If thou desirest to journey unto God and to migrate unto Him, then verily the sun of permission hath dawned from the horizon of command that thou mayest do what thou willest, and We have given thee leave to present thyself before Us and to witness that which no one among the servants hath witnessed, and to become acquainted with that which is concealed from the eyes of all the worlds.

O Dhabih! The Pen of God hath determined to converse with thee in the new and wondrous Persian tongue, for His love hath ever been and, God willing, shall ever be with thee. Hearken, then, to the holy melodies, by a single letter of which the hearts of them that are detached have been and shall be entranced. Thou hast never been forgotten and, God willing, never shalt be. Three exalted Tablets were given to Akhavi to forward. Perchance he hath delayed for some wisdom concealed in His mystery. Nevertheless, behold thou a Tablet for all creation, at the head of which these most sweet words have been inscribed by the Most Holy Pen of the Most High: O servants! The Manifestation of Truth hath never been mistaken for aught else and never shall be. He hath ever been, and shall ever remain, sanctified above all attributes, deeds and actions of all created things, for He is known through His own Self, and all else is known through Him. Beware, O people, lest ye turn to aught else but Him, for all else is created by His command and brought into being by His will. O servants! Gaze with pure eyes upon the Greatest Scene. Ye have ever been responsible unto your own selves, and the sign of the knowledge of the Countenance of the All-Merciful existeth within you. Verily, He doth not command His servants that which they possess not and are powerless to achieve. If this station existeth in man, then he is

responsible unto himself for the knowledge of God and needeth no one else. And if this sign be lacking, no blame attacheth unto him, and the Pen of Command and Prohibition moveth not against him. Hearken, then, to the call of this Singing Bird in all things, and be thou not veiled by any veil, nor hindered by any glorification. Behold with thine own eyes the Cause of God, and ponder the appearance of this Servant amongst men, the concealment of others than Him, and the exaltation of His Cause, that perchance thou mayest become aware of a subtle matter whereof no soul is aware, and attain unto the Kawthar of eternity and the most pure and choice Salsabil. By Him Who hath caused Me to speak between the heavens and the earth! Were I to make mention of the tribulations that have befallen Me and the calamities that have descended upon this land, thou wouldst surely be grief-stricken and flee to the wilderness. Therefore, to protect thee, these have not been revealed, that perchance they may be mentioned in person, and this is not difficult for God. That honored one is aware that in less time than that, this Servant did not endeavor to preserve His own life. Day and night was He afflicted in the hands of the idolators until the Cause of God was exalted and the Name of the Powerful was established upon His throne. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! I taught and protected one even as the people of India teach their birds which they call parrots. When he observed that this Servant appeared openly amongst the servants and no harm befell Him, and that in this land none opposed Him, he emerged from behind the veil and arose to slay Me. And when he found himself frustrated, he took up his pen to calumniate and wrote what he wrote. If that honored one were to examine with penetrating vision the accusations he hath made against this Servant, he would observe his falsehood as clear as the sun and would understand that his purpose […]

He had no other desire except to prevent people from drawing near to the Source of the Cause. Now it is evident what this imprisoned servant hath endured. Despite having power over him - and all bear witness that I was capable of whatsoever I willed - nevertheless, with full knowledge of him and what lay within his breast, I protected him through the hands of power. Now he hath come forth and attributed such calumnies to this servant that the Pen is ashamed to mention them. Would that ye were informed of the truth of the matter! If one possessed of insight were found and were to examine his words, he would become aware of his true condition. Wondrous Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of eternity in answer to the objections they have raised against the Truth. God willing, they shall come before your honor's eyes. Ponder them carefully and reflect upon them. God willing, ye shall attain unto the pearls deposited therein. Hearken in these latter days unto My call: Consider all these people as non-existent and count them as nothing, except those souls who are today steadfast and firm in the Cause of God. This is the word of truth, and after truth there is naught but error. We hope, God willing, that ye shall not be deprived of the clouds of divine mercy nor prevented from the canopy of His grace.

O Zabih! Observe in the wonders of My wisdom how in all things created between earth and heaven there appear and are manifest the signs of wisdom and the evidences of divine craftsmanship. Vain imaginings have ever deprived men of the pure essence of divine oneness and their original divine nature. Be not troubled by the changes and transformations of the earthly realm, for in all things such transformation has been and will continue to be. Yet in whatsoever appears and becomes manifest there surely lies concealed a wisdom which none but the pure in heart can comprehend. Consider, for instance, the visible sun which nurtures all who dwell on earth, and in this station its bestowal of every right upon

its rightful recipient is evident. Yet the lamp suffers complete harm thereby, and likewise the moon and stars all remain bereft of light in themselves, such that on a day of bounty none of these names are manifest. Now, no harm befalls the sun if its appearance extinguishes the light of all else. Observe how the moon, stars and lamp, which are luminous and counted among the greatest of created things, are in this station deprived by the sun's appearance and nurturing power, while weak things through the sun's nurturing attain their highest station and manifestation. Therefore ponder this within thyself that thou mayest be among the successful ones and perchance attain to God's purpose and be not veiled by the allusions of the opposers.

Likewise observe the Sun of Meanings and reflect upon the hidden divine mysteries and concealed heavenly allusions, that thou mayest not remain deprived of the effusions of this Most Great Ocean from which all seas, both first and last, have appeared and to which they return. The Tongue of God proclaims: Look to the essence of this Cause in this Revelation and to that which hath appeared through pure power, both of decisive verses and of horizonal and personal signs, that thou mayest remain steadfast in His Cause. Compare not the Word of Truth with the words of others, for it hath been and shall ever remain distinguished from all else, and every soul after hearing it becomes assured that this indeed is the Truth. Consider My first Revelation, when naught but the allusions of words current amongst them deprived the people from the right hand of the All-Merciful. And since unpurified ears were accustomed to former utterances, they were therefore deprived of hearing and comprehending the melodies of the All-Merciful and the words of divine glory on the Day of Resurrection. This is why in all books, scriptures, psalms and tablets I have revealed with the tongue of power and might that at the time of the Manifestation none should cling to aught save the Manifestation Himself, for the wayfarer on the path of guidance shall never attain to his original homeland, which is the station of the Most Holy Sanctuary within man's self, unless he sanctifies his heart, sight and hearing from all that he hath heard. This matter hath ever been difficult and arduous for all peoples at the time of Revelation, for each people hath been veiled by thick veils of the allusions of previous utterances, and this is most clear and needeth no elaboration.

Has there ever been or will there ever be anything like it! In the year sixty that soul beheld with his own eyes and heard with his own ears. Yet it behoveth not the people of the Bayan to remain veiled from the Ancient Beauty Who hath appeared at the point of setting forth with supreme might and glory, for all the veils of the past were rent asunder by My previous Manifestation, Who counselled all in most explicit language and most wondrous exposition. In all the Tablets hath He made the recognition of the divine Being dependent on naught else. Alas for those who have made the recognition of God and of His Self contingent upon that which was created through His firm, His mighty, His wise Command!

Verily hath it ever been the way of men that in the days of God, when the Sun is shining resplendent, manifest and evident, they pay no heed thereto, remaining veiled by their selfish desires. Then after Its setting, multitudes newly profess their faith through mere fancy, heedless that the winds of divine tests are ever blowing and the tempests of trials are at all times sent forth from the direction of the All-Merciful, distinguishing particle from particle and hair from hair.

O Pen of the Most High! Change Thy melody and chant in clear Arabic tongue, that perchance the hearts of all created things may be drawn to Thy holy court and brought near to Thy sacred, pure, most pure and

luminous countenance, and be severed from those who cling to the idols of self and passion and who have turned away from Him to Whom all creation testifieth that He is indeed God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Say: O people! Enter ye this gleaming white expanse which hath appeared with the hue of crimson sand on the shore of the Most Great Sea. By the True One! Were ye to behold it through Mine eyes, ye would perceive therein all colors, though God hath sanctified it from all color and from all that hath been created in the heavens and the earth. Say: Do ye deny My Self, yet read that which hath proceeded from My Pen? Alas for you, O company of the heedless!

O Dhabih! Reflect upon him whom We made an example to Our discerning servants, such that should anyone observe his walk, he would be convinced that he hath ever been a denier of God, an idolater, one who turned away from His presence, who doubted His Cause, who clung to aught else but Him and who held fast to the hem of every obdurate polytheist. After God manifested His sovereignty and sealed prophethood with Muhammad, the Apostle of God, he then seeketh proof through the Imamate and through what Husayn ibn Ruh had said, though he had veiled people through words attributed to him that the Qa'im was in Jabulqa and the like, as thou hast heard with thine own ears and wast among those who heard. If thou wouldst observe today, thou wouldst recognize that the people of the Furqan were veiled from God and the Manifestation of His Self only through what this man had related. God is witness and knoweth what I say. If thou shouldst see him, say: O thou denier of God, who hast turned away from His presence, who hast associated partners with His Beauty and rejected His verses that have encompassed all worlds! Were We to will today to make all things His friends, We would be able to do so through one word proceeding from My Pen which is moved by the fingers of My power, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the All-Wise. Die in thy wrath, O thou who hast turned away from God since time immemorial, for hadst thou truly believed in God in any age, thou wouldst not have denied His Self in those days when He appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all created things.

Say: O rejected one and manifestation of Nimrod! By what proof did you believe in Ali, and before him in Muhammad the Messenger of God, and before him in the Son who was named the Spirit, and before him in the Interlocutor whom We called from the Tree toward which the gaze of God was directed, and which spoke at all times saying: "Verily, I am God, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Generous." Say: O handful of dust! Why did you turn away from the Lord of Lords after the clouds of the Cause were rent asunder and He came upon the heaven of holiness and the matter was decreed from God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise? Say: By God, every atom curses you, as does Ali in the Supreme Horizon, but you have veiled yourself and occupied yourself with that by which you were named with a name through which you boast among your likes, and you were among the veiled ones.

Beware, O Dhabih, lest you be veiled by his veils. By the True God, today Iblis flees from his own deception and the Antichrist from his own misguidance. Guard yourself from his exhalations. By God, they blow from the depths of hell, and God has made him a warning to those who were on earth, such that he cannot walk upon stable ground, much less upon the path of God which is finer than a hair and sharper than a cutting sword of steel. Know you the purpose of God in that which the Tongue of Truth spoke concerning him, that you may be of those who know.

By your life, O Dhabih, there exists not in My heart hatred for any created thing, for God has purified it from every indication and from all whereupon the name of anything may fall, and God is witness to what I say. However, when these people recognized God's favor with their eyes and hearts, then denied it, there was revealed from the right side, the seat of the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, that which would awaken His servants that they might be of the awakened ones, and that the near ones might not draw near to them, and that the breaths of punishment might seize them from Him and from those who disbelieved and associated partners with God after that which was sent down from the heaven of the Cause, while around it were hosts of angels. Reflect upon that which has flowed from the Pen of God, then ponder His words, that perchance you may attain unto that which is treasured therein of pearls that have no like in creation, and thereby become independent of all the worlds. Thus have We informed you and told you once again, as a grace from your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, unto yourself and unto those who are with you, that you may be apprised of Him and of that which has issued from His Pen and from His mouth, and may be possessed of clear vision, and may say at every moment: "Praise be to God Who has guided us unto Himself, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing."

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O Abdullah! The Most Exalted Pen calleth aloud from the highest summit, saying: "O Abdullah! Rejoice in God's loving-kindness and grace. Verily He hath turned unto thee and hath sent down from the heaven of bounty that which is milk for infants and a feast for men, a treasure for the poor and rain for the verdant hamlet, glory for the trusted ones and a standard for the learned, a remembrance for the righteous and an admonition for the chosen ones. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have enjoined upon Our loved ones wisdom and utterance, the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. Blessed is he who hath heard My call, and woe betide every froward denier. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe betide every heedless doubter.

Take thou the chalice of utterance in My name. Verily it shall guide thee to the straight path. The ocean of My loving-kindness hath surged and the fragrance of My grace hath wafted, while the people are in wondrous stupor. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of all mankind. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, but that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen in the most sublime station shall endure.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Behold, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with the signs of God, the Lord of Lords. The learned ones of the earth and its rulers turned away from Him until they desired to shed His blood. We delivered Him through Our grace, for verily We are the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the lights of the Revelation and the handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech God to forgive thy father and to send down mercy upon him from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Giving.

O Arslan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and was presented by him who is named Majdu'd-Din. We have mentioned thee in such wise as to delight all eyes. Take thou the cup of utterance

and drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We counsel those who have believed to unity and concord. By the life of God! Through these twin pillars the horizons are illumined. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe betide him who hath denied and broken the Covenant.

Say: O friends of God in the lands! Cast away that which ye have been forbidden and take hold of that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Blessed is he who hath remained silent concerning that which is unworthy of mention. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a command from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

We have endured that which hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors and pharaohs of the earth, and have commanded all to be patient through God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the strong one whom the might of the world hath not withheld from the Most Great Name, and the seeing one whom the veils of glory have not hindered. We have mentioned the friends of God and His loved ones and have commanded them with that which shall exalt their stations among the parties.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Thy letter came before the Wronged One aforetime, and We held back the reins of the Pen for a time until the appointed hour was fulfilled. We have mentioned thee with verses that all the books of the world cannot equal, and with a command before which necks have bowed. Verily, the ocean is before your faces; take thereof by My leave, then drink in My Name through which God hath subdued the kingdoms of justice and equity. Grieve not over the world and its vicissitudes. Hold fast unto that which hath been sent down unto thee from God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. How many a learned one hath been prevented by pride, and how many an ignorant one hath heard and hastened to the Dawning-Place of verses! How many a servant hath turned away from the Truth, and how many a handmaiden hath heard and responded, saying: “Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Desire of the world, and Thine be the glory, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the earth and the heavens!” When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of My utterance and findest the fragrances of My words, say: […]

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Point through which Thou didst separate the books of the world, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby Thou didst subdue the nations, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the hidden mysteries in Thy Book, to aid me and Thy servants to act in accordance with what Thou hast sent down to us from the heaven of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and confessing Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached and such of Thy creatures as are sincere. Then ordain, O my God, for Thy loved ones that which shall profit them and preserve them and draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Aqa Quli, that the remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold none save God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka: Verily there is none other God but Him. His are the most excellent names and the most exalted attributes. He doeth what He willeth through His command, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He sendeth down from the

heaven of proof the rains of knowledge, and causeth to appear from the ocean of utterance the pearls of wisdom and exposition. Blessed is the seeker who hath arisen to serve the Object of his search, and the learned one who hath attained unto the Dawning-Place of remembrance. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe the trust which God hath made the first ornament of the temple of man. They have lost who cast it behind their backs and committed that which hath caused the Proof and the Evidence to lament. When thou hast attained unto the hosts of utterance and witnessed the proof of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me and guided me to Thy Most Great Announcement whereby the hearts of the servants were stirred. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy standing firm in Thy Cause and by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen whereby Thou didst subdue the cities and lands, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and eloquent in Thy praise amidst the righteous.

Your book has reached Our presence and has been honored with the attention of the Wronged One while He was imprisoned at the hands of those who denied the Cause and turned away from Him at Whose appearance the tribes lamented and the eyes of the righteous were consoled. O Rahim! The All-Knowing remembers you and bids you to observe justice and equity and that whereby the Cause of God, the Manifester of clear evidences, may be exalted. Beware lest anything deter you from the Creator of heaven. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which has been sent down from God, the Knower of the secret and the manifest. We have stood before all faces and revealed the Cause with power and authority. Among the people are those who have perceived the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hastened unto Him, and among them are those who have denied God's proof and His evidence by following the manifestations of idle fancies, and among them are those who have ordered My imprisonment - he who is base yet was named exalted. Thus did his soul prompt him, and he is assuredly among the wrongdoers in the Book of Justice inscribed by the Supreme Pen from God, the Cleaver of dawn. We have endured in God's path what no eye hath beheld, to this bear witness the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise, then He Who is established upon the throne of Revelation with a power that the hosts of the wicked cannot weaken. Your book hath reached the presence of the Wronged One. We heard your call and have answered you with verses that cry out before all faces: "The appointed time is come, and He Whom God's Messengers have promised, the Lord of the Day of Return, hath appeared." We have heard that which you called out to God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which shall profit you. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Let nothing grieve you. By God! The Day is come, while the people are in doubt and error. This is the Day wherein the greatest joy hath appeared through this Revelation, whereby the limbs of the transgressors who broke God's covenant and committed that which they were forbidden in the Mother Book have trembled. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and turning away from all else. Thou knowest what I have wrought in my vain life. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the ocean of forgiveness surged in creation and the fragrance of generosity wafted throughout the world, to make me detached from all save Thee, content with Thy good-pleasure, speaking Thy praise, and steadfast in serving Thy loved ones. Thou art verily the One with power over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Ancient Beauty! Turn Thy face from the Most Great Prison toward him

who hath remembered Thee, that he may thank his Lord, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the Loving. He who is named Abdul-Ghafur desired to drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings from the hand of his Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving. We heard thy call and have answered thee with this sealed Book which hath descended from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Lord of existence. He verily commands all to righteousness and piety and forbids wickedness and indecency. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. The breezes of Revelation have wafted and the horizons are illumined, yet the people do not understand. They worship idols and perceive it not; they do what they are forbidden yet know it not. Blessed is the strong one who hath rent asunder the veils, and the powerful one who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings. Beware lest the glory of the people prevent thee from My Name, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Cast aside what they possess and take the Book of God with a might that the hosts cannot prevent. Thus hath the gate of utterance been opened unto all who are in creation, as a grace from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Grieve not over any matter. Trust in God in all things. He verily aids whoever turns to Him and assists him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Lord of the world! Remember Hasan whose letter reached Thy prison, and give him the glad-tidings of that which moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to his mention - the Pen through which the trumpet was sounded and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, except such as God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which will exalt your stations and the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Hold fast unto goodly character. He enjoineth upon you that which profiteth you in all His worlds. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be silent in the station of silence, and speaking in the station of utterance, and expounding in times of exposition. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things command you in a perspicuous Book. He loveth silence and enjoineth it upon all. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The first word is the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds, and the second is steadfastness in His Cause. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of Revelation, when He Who conversed on Sinai was seated upon the throne of Manifestation, speaking that which enraptured the hearts of the sincere ones. O men of earth! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. By God! He desireth naught for Himself. He hath sacrificed His joy, His delight, His glory, His felicity and His comfort for the refinement of your souls and your entry into the Most Exalted Paradise - the station wherein whoso entereth shall neither perish, nor be grieved, nor shall his soul be troubled. Thus hath the Tongue of Faithfulness spoken in the kingdom of creation, that He might acquaint you with the stations which have been ordained for you by God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of these days, and beware lest the might of sovereigns frighten you. Leave the world and whatsoever is therein unto the kings, then occupy yourselves with the conquest of hearts through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and through the character We have enjoined upon you aforetime and will continue to do so. I am the All-Knowing Rememberer, and I am the Kind Counselor, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Choose what is praiseworthy under all conditions. This is what ye have been commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. To this testifieth every truthful and trustworthy one. Blessed is he who loveth the world for the sake of God, the Lord of the ancient days. He hath created creation as a token of His grace, that His

Self might be known, and as the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His firm Command. Well is it with him who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken that which he was bidden by an ancient Commander.

O servant of God! Abdullah, known as Ansari, died in yearning for My call, not having heard from the Kingdom of My utterance. O My servant! Thou hearest at this time, through the grace of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O My servant! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. It behooveth thee, in recognition of this bounty, to be ever mindful of My verses throughout thy days, detached from all else but Me, thankful for the wonders of My grace, submissive to My command, and abstaining from that which I have forbidden in My Great Book. The Wronged One remembereth him who remembereth Him, and asketh God to assist His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to enable them to perform deeds which shall be a treasured possession with Him. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Blessed is the heart that hath been purified from rancor and hatred, illumined with the light of unity, and hath not turned towards those who disbelieved in God and denied His mighty and impregnable proof. O people of Baha and Dal! Know your stations. By God's life! Ye have attained unto that which none of God's servants in previous centuries and ages have attained. We beseech God to assist you in preserving this most exalted station and supreme rank, and to make you among the triumphant.

We make mention of him who hath been named Vahhab, that he may inhale the sweet fragrances of God's loving-kindness and be of them that are steadfast. O Vahhab! This is a Day wherein the Mother Book hath spoken forth amidst the factions, yet the people are in strange drunkenness - their vain desires have debarred them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He Who was hidden hath appeared through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath desired to give the servants to drink of His choice sealed wine on this Day when the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen is raised, while the people are in manifest error. They have turned away from their God, clinging to their idle fancies - these are indeed the abased ones. They have risen to harm the Wronged One and have committed that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere to be consumed. Thus have their souls enticed them - they are verily among the slumberers. They have neither heard the Call nor the Cry that was raised in truth. We testify that they are among the dead.

We counsel thee to observe pure justice and that which befitteth the station of man. Thy Lord doth command His servants with that which profiteth and exalteth them. He is indeed the Protector of the believers. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to draw thee nigh unto Him. He is verily the Hearing, the Answering.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention in the Book of him who hath turned to the Most Great Ocean while the nations were in manifest rejection, that the remembrance may draw him to the Kingdom of Utterance and bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. O Baqir! Upon thee be My glory. Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and aideth him who turneth unto Him. He is verily the All-Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth every call and seeth every deed. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take hold of the Book of God

with such might as the thorns of the oppressors cannot prevent thee - they who enter the mosques in My Name, yet when I manifested Myself, turned away from Me, following every heedless doubter.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me through Thy signs and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the shells of the ocean of Thy bounty and by the lights of the orb of Thy manifestation, to strengthen me in such service as will exalt my station before the Concourse on High and honor me with the mention of acceptance in the court of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the Almighty to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the Compassionate, the Most Generous.

And We make mention at this time of My loved ones whose names have not been presented before the Wronged One, that the breezes of revelation may draw them to the most exalted station. O My loved ones! Hear My call, then help Me through wisdom and utterance. This is what the All-Merciful hath decreed as He established Himself upon the throne with power and sovereignty. This is the Day of joy and gladness. Beware lest the happenings of the world or the affairs of the nations grieve you. Turn ye and drink the choice wine of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He is with you at all times.

And We make mention of My handmaidens there who have heard the call and turned towards it. We ask God to aid them to be steadfast in His Cause and to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for the beauteous ones of the Most Exalted Paradise. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The glory from Us be upon My servants and My handmaidens who have held fast to My covenant and My testament, and have acted according to that which they were commanded in My Book that speaketh before the faces of the world. The Sovereign hath come - the Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords.

O Tongue of Proof in the Kingdom of Utterance! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-'Ali, that the breezes of revelation may stir him and draw him nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Kingdom hath appeared and the Sovereign of the celestial realm speaketh therein with His most exalted call, yet the people comprehend not. They have denied God's favor after its descent and rejected His proof and His evidence, yet they perceive not. The ocean of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibility before the faces of all religions, and the power of God, the Lord of existence, hath encompassed all. Among the people are those who heard and turned away, those who accepted, and those who pronounced judgment against the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. This is a Day wherein the mountains have been scattered and the tree-trunks uprooted, yet most of the people understand not.

O party of God! Abandon what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath soared in My atmosphere, clung to the cord of My love, and uttered My praise among My servants. He is indeed among those who are brought nigh in the preserved tablet.

Behold, then remember when We stood in the Land of ?a until the fire of hatred was kindled in their breasts. The wolves of the earth gathered against Us and imprisoned Us without any proof from God, the Lord of the Kingdom. We were in prison for numbered months until the hand of power delivered Us, despite those who denied God's might, the Lord of the Promised Day. Thus did the Sun shine forth from the horizon of the prison with verses which none know save those who are brought nigh.

O Manifestation! The Lord of Destiny hath, from the direction of the prison, turned toward thee and made mention of thee with that which the treasures cannot equal. Hear the call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved. The rivers have flowed, the fruits have appeared, and the seas have surged, yet most of the people know not. Their desires have prevented them and their imaginings have veiled them, yet they know not. They have abandoned that which they were commanded and committed that which caused the sincere ones to lament.

We have heard thy call and answered thee before, and in this irrevocable Tablet which calleth out among the parties through this Hidden and Manifest Name. We beseech the Exalted One to assist thee in the triumph of His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to confirm thee such that thou movest not save by His leave. He is verily the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Dayspring of Certitude while people were veiled by doubts and imaginings. Joy be to the One Who, with the finger of power, rent asunder the veils of those who prevented the servants from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Verily, these veils are their divines who cast the Covenant of God behind their backs and who deny His signs.

Sing upon the branch of utterance the praise of thy Lord. He verily heareth and seeth. He is indeed the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Witnessed. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight path, and hath sent down for every seeker that whereby hearts and minds are attracted. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and proclaim unto their faces greetings from the Wronged One.

O Abbas-Ali! Hearken unto the everlasting call of God. Verily He maketh mention of thee and remindeth thee of verses which have descended from the clouds of grace and the heaven of justice like unto rain - God forgive the simile. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make known unto His servants that which He hath manifested and revealed. He, verily, is the Sustainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel you to fear God and to associate with all peoples in a spirit of fragrance and delight, and to act in accordance with that which will strengthen unity and harmony. He, verily, is the Commander, the Mighty, the Great. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth - through Him were hoisted the standards of divine unity and the banners of detachment, through Him were the earth seized with trembling and the tribes raised their laments, and through His appearance all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful." We counsel you in all matters to observe justice and fairness, and that whereby the stations of existence shall be made manifest - existence which hath appeared from the ocean of the bounty of its Lord, the Clement, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: O people of creation! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of invention and cast off the nature of beasts. Adorn your temples with the ornament of love and fellowship, and be not of the heedless. Beware lest ye backbite one another, and beware lest ye commit that which would grieve the hearts of the servants of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have created you and manifested you and commanded you to that which causeth the lips of existence to smile and giveth assurance to the hearts of them that know.

O brother! Behold and then call to mind that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: the Day when men shall be as scattered moths, and the mountains shall be as carded wool. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, mentioned aforetime, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God. We counsel you to that which beseemeth the mercy of your Lord, which hath preceded the heavens and the earth, and whereby your stations shall be exalted. Say: Hearken unto the counsel of Him Who is wronged, and be not of the oppressors. Behold the power of My Most Exalted Pen and My Most Great Word - these two guide the servants to the Most Glorious Horizon, if ye be of the fair-minded. We have brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells of the ocean of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath vision, who hath witnessed and seen, and blessed is he who hath turned toward Him; and woe unto every froward sinner. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the light of divine proof. Blessed is he who hath turned, recognized and acknowledged; and woe unto them that deny!

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He is the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Supreme!

O Rahim! Pass through the lands like the breezes of the spirit, that through thee the temples of the servants may be renewed with the adornment of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Powerful. And when thou arrivest in the Land of Alif, present thyself before Our Name whom We have named the Most Great Fath with the words of God, the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great.

Say: O servant! Thou knowest how thou didst stand between the heavens and the earth, and thou didst recognize the Ancient Beauty when thou wert present before the Throne, and the sun of the mention of thy Lord's name shone upon thy face from this radiant, holy, and luminous horizon. Beware lest thou grieve within thyself or follow every froward devil. Know thou that today whatsoever veils the people from the face of thy Lord is among the greatest of idols, even if it be from the most exalted of servants. Therefore shatter it with the power of might and strength, and tarry not for a moment.

Know thou that when We raised up the Cause, the fire of hatred was kindled in the breasts of the idolators, and they rose against Me in such wise as cannot be recorded by the Pen, and thy Lord is witness to what I say. And thou, O Rahim, mention before Him what hath befallen My wronged Self, and be of them who remember. Beware lest thou add or subtract; speak with pure truthfulness, that perchance thy words may affect the hearts of them who are nigh, free them from the veils of fancy, and draw them near to the seat of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Impregnable.

Say: By God! There hath befallen Me that which hath befallen no one in all the worlds, for I nurtured and strengthened one among the servants that he might aid his Lord and be among the helpers. And when he grew and felt security within himself, he emerged from behind the veil with swords of steel. By God! He struck at Me at every moment and warred against My Self and disputed the verses whereby his own faith and the faith of all in the heavens and earth were established. Then he cried out within himself the cry of the oppressed, and thus did it come to pass with Us, if thou be of them that hearken.

Say: O Most Great Fath! Know thou that the Cause of God cannot be confused with aught else, and whatsoever appeareth from Him is like unto the sun in the midst of heaven. By God, the Truth! Were all who are in the heavens and earth to gather together to produce the like of a movement of His finger, they would never be able, nor could they ever have the power, and this is an undoubted truth.

Say: The proof in these days is My manifestation, and beyond it the verses which have been sent down in truth in such wise that all created things combined are powerless to reckon them. And beyond these are the power that hath encompassed all possibilities, and the mercy that hath preceded all beings, and the sovereignty that hath transcended all the worlds. When they who harbored rancor in their hearts against the Youth witnessed that the Cause had appeared and was manifest, they arose to spread calumnies, that thereby they might instill hatred into the hearts of those who desired the face of God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful.

Soon there shall come unto thee one from whom thou shalt find the hatred of God, that he might turn thy face away from the holy direction. When this occurs, arise with the steadfastness of God, then open thy lips with My command and My sovereignty and say: The kingdom on that day is God's in truth, and We have become independent through Him of all the worlds.

Say: O thou who associateth partners with God! Dost thou deny Him by Whose will's decree from His Pen the heavens and earth were created, and Whose grace hath encompassed all things, such that all things have arisen to praise His Self? If thou wouldst purify thyself from the veils of heedlessness, thou wouldst hear in truth and […]

O servant! Bear witness to thine own self as detached from the world and all that is therein, then arise to serve the Cause in such wise that shouldst thou desire in thy soul to transform all created things through the sovereignty of thy Lord, thou wouldst transform them through the Name of thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. Thus hath the tongue of might and power counselled thee and taught thee from the heaven of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, that thou mayest be of those who are endued with knowledge.

O Merciful One! When thou enterest the Land of Kaf, present thyself before the Dhabih and convey unto him that which God hath shown thee, that thou mayest be numbered among the witnesses. Say: O servant, hearken unto My word and stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord like unto the upright and steadfast Alif. Say: In the name of God, the Most Invincible, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Supreme. Then raise thy hand through My sovereignty and power, and with it rend asunder the veils from the face of every soul, by My Name, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Then speak by thy Lord's leave and say: O people! Beware lest the greatness of names veil

you, or the clouds of glory prevent you. Put your trust in God, your Lord and the Lord of your forebears. Ponder within yourselves: if ye deny what hath been manifested in this Revelation, by what proof do ye uphold your faith, and by what evidence do ye justify your beliefs? Thus hath the Spirit spoken at this moment out of love for the souls of men, and thy Lord is verily a Witness and Well-Informed of this.

Know thou that he whom We taught and aided throughout all days, and whose mention We exalted to honor the Word of God - a wisdom which none save thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, comprehendeth - when he witnessed that his fame had spread among the people and that none from previous religions would oppose him, became confident in himself, emerged from behind the veils, warred against his Chosen Lord, disputed by his own self, and was numbered among the opposers. By God, O Dhabih, the root of the matter was not as thou hast heard. If thou wouldst reflect upon the spread of his name and My standing before the people, thou wouldst discover that which is hidden from the eyes of all mankind. Would that thou couldst understand from the allusions of speech that which none hath understood, and be of them that comprehend.

We desire not to reveal matters in their entirety and have veiled them, having regard to Our Name, the Concealer, until God shall bring about His purpose and manifest one who will discover and mention it among the servants and be of them that remember. Rise thou to serve God and His Cause, then aid Him with thy tongue and utterance and with what is cast into thy breast. This is better for thee than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths. Be thou one who maketh mention of Us among the servants, then remind them of this Cause, the like of which the eyes of creation have never witnessed. To this all atoms bear witness, yet the people are heedless thereof and are numbered among the negligent.

We had previously sent down unto thee a Tablet from which the fragrance of God, thy Lord, is diffused, such that if thou wert to place it upon all who are in the heavens and earth, thou wouldst find them all standing in praise of thy Creator, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Invincible. We sent it by thy brother's hand as a favor from Us unto thee, that thou mightest be thankful to thy Lord and be of the grateful ones. O Dhabih! By the True One, I speak not of My own desire, but God taught Me at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and to this beareth witness that which hath been sent down from the Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Say: The Lord of Words hath come upon clouds of verses, whereupon the words of them that hint were struck dumb. Thus hath the matter appeared from One mighty, powerful and wise. All that We have mentioned unto thee regarding stations is, by God, due to the weakness of the servants; otherwise, had We found the people mature in those days, We would have imparted unto them that which would have made them independent of all the worlds. Guard thyself in these days, for therein faces have turned away from […]

Be thou uplifted by thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Yet it behoveth not one such as thee to be perturbed, for turmoil afflicteth only those who have failed to recognize God by God. But they who have known their Creator by His own Self and by that which is with Him - these are they who are secure from the greatest terror and are numbered among those who dwell in safety. Lift up thy head, that thou mayest witness God's dominion above thee; then turn thy gaze toward the holy direction, that thou mayest behold what no one among all creation hath ever witnessed. Say: O people! Would ye deny

yourselves the mercy of God? Would ye be numbered among those who declared “God is our Lord,” yet when He appeared with sovereignty and power, rejected Him and turned aside? And thou - purify thyself from all that would veil thee from God, thy Lord. Then emerge from behind the veil of silence with clear and lofty utterance, that thereby the people may be reminded in these days wherein heedlessness hath overtaken the dwellers of earth and heaven, save for certain letters of Our hallowed and luminous names. By God! Never hath there appeared a day mightier than these days wherein the Sun hath shone forth and wherein its lights have effaced the radiance of every brilliant and lofty star. Soon shall clamor be raised in your land, and the manifestations of Satan shall come unto you with mighty guile and deceit. At that time, turn not thy attention unto them, but fix thy gaze upon this luminous and radiant Scene. Say: I have known God, my Lord, by His own Self and not through aught else, and I have become independent of all the worlds through Him. Thus have We commanded thee and inspired thee. Hearken then unto My words, take the reins of authority in that place purely for the sake of God thy Lord, and exercise beautiful vigilance. Beware, beware lest thou be perturbed by the whisperings of those whose names shall not be mentioned this day before thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

O Merciful One! If thou shouldst find there him whose name We mentioned when thou didst depart from before the Throne, glorify him on Our behalf that he may detach himself from all else save God and be of the thankful ones. And verily, when We found him in a state of fear, We did not explicitly mention his name in the Tablet lest he be among the perturbed. And if he desires to catch the fragrance of the garment from the traces of God, present thyself before him with this Tablet, the shining, the holy, the wondrous, the inaccessible. Say: O servant! Step forth from behind the veils and fear no one in the Cause of thy Lord, for verily He will protect thee as He hath protected thee time and again, and delivered thee from the hands of the oppressors. This is the Day wherein if one were to hearken with the ear of innate nature unto all things, one would hear them all proclaiming between earth and heaven, saying: “The Kingdom on that Day is God’s, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent.” Beware that thou fear no one, for verily the power of thy Lord will protect thee from the harm of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God. And if thou findest in thyself any weakness, strengthen thyself through My Name, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hast thou not heard of the days when thy Lord stood alone against all the peoples of the heavens and the earth, when all nations rose up against Him, yet He sought no help from anyone and shone forth from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty, until the hosts of the unseen descended and He caused to descend into the hearts of His loved ones tranquility and steadfastness from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful? Be thou assured in thyself, for God hath ordained for thee a station of exalted glory shouldst thou remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. Verily, He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He desireth. We have indeed become aware of the tribulations and hardships that have befallen thee through the drops of destiny that have rained upon thee, and We have grieved at the adversities that have touched thee. But grieve thou not, for that which hath befallen thee hath also befallen thy Ancient Lord, and thou hast followed God in the calamities that descended upon Him from all directions. God will soon reward thee for this and verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He will raise thee up in truth and give thee twice what thou desirest, for verily He is the Omnipotent, the Powerful. Say: O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for the adversities that have touched me in Thy path and the tribulations that have descended upon me in the ways of Thy good-pleasure. Therefore, O my God,

preserve me, then send down upon me that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause, then establish for me a seat of truth with Thee, and be Thou my Helper, then my Sufficiency, then my Guardian in this world and the next, then send down upon me every good thing Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the laws of Thy holiness and Thy good-pleasure, and remove me not from Thy nearness and meeting with Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Then mention there the servants who have shattered the idols of vain desire through the power of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and who have rent asunder the veils of fancy through the sovereignty of God, the Most High, the All-Conquering, the All-Encompassing. Then mention them with what thou hast known and understood that they may lament for this Wronged One Who hath been afflicted at the hands of His heedless servants. Say: By God! Such adversities have touched Us as have touched no one else, and such hardships have befallen Us that no learned one can recount them. And ye, O servants of God, arise to remember your Lord, the Most Merciful, and forget not His favor that hath encompassed you, and be not of the veiled ones. We have mentioned some of them and concealed others through wisdom from Us and command from Our presence, and none is aware of this save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O servant journeying unto God! When thou arrivest in the land of Sad, glorify its people on Our behalf and say: "The glory rest upon you, O ye servants, from this Prisoner Who hath been imprisoned in the prison of destiny and found none to help Him, would ye but know." And shouldst thou meet the beloved one, convey unto him the glorification from the tongue of God, the King, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and say: "O servant, arise to promote the Cause of God and His remembrance, and tarry not for less than a moment, and in all things place thy trust in God, thy Lord. Verily, He will protect thee from the harm of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were among those who joined partners with their Lord." Remind the people of that which the Spirit hath cast into thy heart, and be not of them that tarry.

If thou shouldst see Hassan there, glorify him from Us, then mention to him what thou knowest of the tribulations that have befallen Us, that he may be informed of what hath come upon Us from those who believed, then disbelieved, and imagine within themselves that they are the doers of good. Beware lest thou forget the time when thou didst enter the sanctuary of security before thy Lord and the lights of His countenance shone upon thee from this luminous and manifest horizon. Cast behind thee every mention, then speak forth the praise of thy Lord between the heavens and the earth, and be not veiled by those who have disbelieved in God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Verily, there hath been ordained for thee in the heaven of destiny a station. Beware lest thou deprive thyself thereof. Then turn thy face toward the court of thy Lord and pay no heed to the world and its people. Thus doth the Pen of hidden glory command thee. Let not thine eyes turn away from the vision of thy Lord, and say:

"Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Protect me in these days wherein heedlessness hath seized all who are in the heavens and on earth, and smoke hath enveloped all who dwell in the dominions of creation and command. Then make me steadfast, O my God, in a Cause beside which nothing can stand, and grant me a seat of truth with Thee, for Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O Lord! Give me to drink of the water of life, that my heart may be purified from the promptings of them that have disbelieved and joined partners with God and were among those

who mocked the signs of God. O Lord! Aid me in Thy Cause and cause my tongue to speak forth the wonders of Thy remembrance, and deprive me not of that which is with Thee, for nothing is hidden from Thy knowledge, and Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest through Thy word 'Be,' and it is. O Lord! Sever me from every attachment, then purify me from all that beseemeth not Thy station, then cause me to soar in an atmosphere wherein naught is heard save the melodies of the birds of eternity, that I may be sincere before Thy face, gazing upon Thy beauty, detached from all else besides Thee, and turning unto the sanctuary of Thy presence. Leave me not, O my God, to myself and my desires, and make me not of those who acknowledged Thee and Thy signs one day, then on another day denied Thee and that which was sent down from Thee, and were among the deniers. O Lord! Make me so firm that all who are in the heavens and on earth shall not cause me to slip, for Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved."

And if thou shouldst meet Husayn, remind him of Our remembrance with a goodly remembrance, that he may be mindful in these days wherein most tongues have been cut off from the remembrance of God - thus hath the matter been ordained, though most men perceive it not. Say: O servant, stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord and turn not to the right or to the left. Walk before the Cause with God's dignity and tranquility, then detach thyself from all that was and shall be. And if thou art enkindled with this fire, arise to remember thy Lord; otherwise be patient, then show forth yet more patience until God shall bring about His purpose. Be not of those who are disturbed by every clamor. Take heed lest thou be disturbed when those who doubt the meeting with their Lord are disturbed; for when the veil was suddenly lifted, they fled from around the Throne like a crumbling edifice. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands, We have not remembered you save for the love that preceded you, as ye yourselves would testify, were ye of those who reflect. Say: Today there is no protector for anyone from God's decree. Whoso holdeth fast to this Ark that saileth upon the crimson sea shall be saved and secure, and whoso turneth away shall be drowned and shall perish. Thus do We explain the matter unto thee with clear signs and dazzling proofs, that thou mayest stand firm in thy Lord's Cause and be of those who in this Day have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and who abide beneath the shadow of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praised One. Take heed lest thou forget God's favor upon thee, and turn not unto the idolaters and that which issueth from their mouths. By God, they are in naught but unbelief and limited discord. Purify thy hands from every hem, then take hold of the hem of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Rahim! Remember from Us those servants who have settled there, and convey unto them the stories of thy Lord, that they may become of those who are mindful. And say: O people, be not of those who cling to a name among names while turning away from Him by Whose command the names and their kingdom were created - thus was the matter, did ye but know it. Sanctify yourselves through this water flowing in the rivers of these words, that it may purify you from all that your Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved, loveth not, and draw you nigh unto God's direction, and bring you to a station of praised glory. And if thou shouldst see one who exhorteth the people and findest in him some light, remind him from Us that he may turn with his heart to this luminous and manifest direction, detach himself from all else but God his Lord, and turn wholly unto God Who created all things by His command. Thus doth the Tongue of God command him now, that he may act according to that which he hath been bidden by the

Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And if thou findest not in him the fragrance of God, conceal the matter lest it create discord - thus doth the Pen of might command thee in mystery. And if thou shouldst turn to other lands and meet Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin and Rida'r-Ruh, remind them both of God's remembrance and share this Tablet with them, that they may know what hath befallen Us from Our servants who were deluded by names after We commanded them to detach themselves therefrom at the time of the Manifestation. Yet when the heaven of idle fancy was cleft asunder and God came with evident and manifest sovereignty, they denied Him in Whom they had believed and became of those who join partners with God. Say: Arise both of you in God's Cause, your Lord, then rend asunder all veils, and be not of those who after the Command still show patience. Then convey God's Cause unto Our servants, that they may arise from heedlessness and turn unto that which is better for them than all that was and shall be.

O Rahim! By God's grace and loving-kindness, remind the people, yet in all conditions hold fast to divine wisdom, for contention is not beloved. Rather, through eloquent words and goodly counsels, guide the people from the vanishing stream to the everlasting ocean. For the earth and all that is therein is not the purpose of God - nay, in His sight it is non-existent and void, and never hath been nor ever shall be worthy of His attention, but is left to its people. That which hath ever been beloved in the sight of God hath been and shall ever be the pure hearts of His servants, that perchance a few souls, cleansed from self and desire, may enter the precincts of nearness to everlasting life. And this too hath been due to His all-embracing mercy towards His servants, for verily He is independent of all the worlds. And if thou seest Kamal, convey unto him the glory of God, thy Lord, and likewise unto him who was named Ali before Akbar. Then remind them both of what hath befallen Us at the hands of Our transgressing servants. Say unto them: This is the Day wherein We have drawn aside the veils and manifested the Cause with evident sovereignty. Arise for the love of God and the promotion of His Cause, and tarry not for less than a moment. Then convey Our glory unto those who have believed in God and His signs, be they female or male, young or old.

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Blessed be the Lord Who speaks upon the Throne, through Whose Name hath been raised the standard of "There is none other God but Him" upon the heights of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Him, and the banner of "He is the Peerless, the All-Informed" upon the most exalted station of the hearts of them that have turned towards Him. Blessed be this Day wherein the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised in the kingdom of creation, wherein the ocean of knowledge hath surged, the sun of revelation hath shone forth, the birds have warbled, the Concourse on High hath called out, and all things have spoken. By God! The world hath been adorned through the appearance of the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Secret, and the Preserved Symbol, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name amongst the nations. Rejoice, O ye people of the City of Names and ye dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur, in that the Speaker of Sinai speaketh from the Most Great Scene, the station honored by the advent of the Lord of Destiny, whereby the eyes of them that are nigh have been gladdened, the limbs of the idolaters have quaked, the faces of the sincere have been illumined, and every face that hath turned away from the

Dawning-Place of Revelation on this manifest Day hath been darkened. Exalted is He Who hath spoken the Most Great Word and caused all things to speak, testifying that there is none other God but Him. Through it the Hour hath appeared, the knowledge of which was denied to every one possessed of insight and to every upholder of unity. And whosoever desired to know it, the Tongue of Grandeur warned him with His words, exalted be He: "Wherein art thou to mention it?" Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon them whom the taunts of the enemies have not kept back from God, the Lord of Names, and whom the hosts of creation have not frightened in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the learned, the mystics, the literary ones and the princes have been perturbed. These are honored servants unto whom the Tongue of God, the Almighty over what was and what shall be, beareth witness.

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! Thou seest and knowest that when this servant desireth to make mention of Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, such trembling seizeth him that his very foundations are shaken and every vein in his body is stirred, for how can one who hath neither mention nor station describe those who have sacrificed their spirits in Thy path and hastened to the place of martyrdom in Thy Name? I testify that they are servants whom Thou hast sanctified from the descriptions of all save Thee and the mention of aught except Thee. Thy Most Exalted Pen, through one movement of which Thou didst create all things, hath extolled their praise in the arena of glorification. I beseech Thee, O Thou through separation from Whom hearts have melted and servants have cried out, to ordain for this servant what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty, though I am not worthy of it. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, and I am the supplicant at Thy gate. Disappoint me not through Thy favors and gifts. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant hath attained unto your letter, and when I broke its seal, I heard your cry and your lamentation in the love of God, our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. By the life of the Beloved! I have read that which you have whispered to the Lord of Eternity and the King of Nations, and I wept at your separation and your burning in remoteness from God, the King, the Almighty, the Praiseworthy. It is as though the fire of thy love hath ignited and consumed me. When it was kindled, I sought the Kingdom of Reunion until I attained the presence of the face of our Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Then did the Face of God turn toward me and asked about what was in my hand. Thereupon I opened it and presented what was therein of the remembrance and praise of God. When it was completed, the Kingdom of Utterance was stirred and the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke […]

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One, and arise to serve the Cause in such wise as to be sanctified from worldly matters. Thou hast ever been beneath the shadow of God's grace and art mentioned in His Book. Thou must arise to accomplish that which will promote the Cause of God and unite the hearts. Whoso submitteth unto God, God will verily exalt him. I swear by the Sun of Divine love which shineth from the dawning-places of the hearts of the chosen ones that if anyone performeth a deed for God's sake, that deed will shine like the morning star in the heaven of divine knowledge. With the ear of thy soul hearken to the rustling of the Pen of the All-Merciful, and arise to do that which will exalt and elevate the Cause of God, and thereafter behold its fruits. Thus doth the All-Informed acquaint thee, and the All-Knowing instruct thee. Thou hast been and, God willing, shall continue to be under the glance of His loving-kindness. Strive that the strangers may find no opportunity for opposition and

objection, and that the lamp of love and prosperity may, through the oil of wisdom, shine brightly among the righteous ones. Act thou according to what We have commanded thee before and in this Tablet, that thou mayest behold the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, thy Lord, the All-Recording, the All-Knowing. Fix thy gaze upon the horizon of My Cause and act in accordance with that which winneth My good-pleasure, that from it may be wafted the fragrance of My acceptance. Thus doth the Temple of My Revelation command thee from His glorious and impregnable station.

Be vigilant regarding the Cause of God at all times. Some souls, following their selfish desires, have caused and continue to cause division, making the Cause of God a pretext. They do what their desires command them and attribute it to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How much blood hath been shed in this path and how many heads have been raised upon spears in this wondrous Cause! Say: O people, be fair in God's name and commit not that which harmeth the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Stand with perfect steadfastness and make mention with the utmost joy and fragrance, that perchance some may become mindful and forsake their desires and turn unto the Lord of the throne on high and of earth. Verily, He knoweth and concealeth, and He is the Concealer, the All-Wise.

O Ali! Most people are heedless, and the intoxication of selfish desires hath prevented them from turning to the court of oneness. Ask God, thy Lord, to make them recognize His straight path and aid them in that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Know thou that the servant who was present before the Throne hath presented what thy tongue of love uttered in praise and remembrance of God. We have heard it as a token of Our grace and have answered thee with a Tablet that calleth with the most exalted call and guideth the people to the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! Answer the call of God among you and follow not those who acknowledge what God hath acknowledged in word but deny it in deed. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which causeth the remembrance of people, their guidance, their turning unto God, and their sanctification and detachment. Rejoice thou in this remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of the nations. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and the service of Thy Cause in such wise that nothing visible or invisible in Thy kingdom and Thy lands may hinder me. O Lord! Inspire me with that which will render me sincere in Thy love, a helper to Thy Cause, and detached from all else but Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Ali-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny has willed to make mention of the Land of Sad, wherein has been raised the banner of the love of God. Blessed is it and blessed is he who has turned unto it purely for My sake and visited therein My trust and My deposit. Thus has the tongue of My loving-kindness spoken from the Lote-Tree of My grace, and I am verily the All-Bountiful. O Land of Sad! Give thanks and rejoice in that God has exalted thee to a station wherein thou shalt soon be pointed out by the fingers from all directions. Verily, grace is in His hand - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Blessed art thou and blessed are thy people who have inhaled the fragrance of God's garment and have tasted the bitterness of tribulation and adversity in His path. By My life! They are of those whom the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise make mention, and whom every tongue that hath

spoken the truth in God, the Lord of the final end, doth praise. O people of Sad! Ye are they who forsook your homes for the love of the All-Merciful when the wolf howled among you and the serpent moved with perfidy and error.

O Haydar! We have manifested thee and made thee known and taught thee and given thee to drink of My choice wine which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an. God had described it in the scrolls and books and psalms through the tongue of His chosen ones of old. But when its seal was broken by the finger of the Almighty, every heedless one turned away from it while the sincere approached it with radiant faces. Blessed is the Lord of Names Who revealed it and reserved it for those who answered the call of their Lord with humility and turned unto Him. Thou hast heard from the enemies that which caused the Concourse on High to weep. Hearken now unto that which the Lord of Names mentioneth unto thee from this station round which circle the sincere at all times. Thus have We cast unto thee from the ocean of Our loving-kindness the pearls of Our mercy. Gather them in My name, then give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

O Hasan-i-'Ali! The dwellers of Paradise and the inhabitants of the sacred precincts - they whom God has preserved from turning to any direction save His Own - have testified to your tribulations. They are the ones who have made their submission and humility and all their remembrance for God, the Lord of Lords. The dwellers of the cities of names have wept at your afflictions, as beareth witness to this He Who created the heavens, Who hath appeared unto the world through the Most Great Name and hath spoken that whereby the mountains have been crushed. Reflect upon the grace of thy Lord, then thank Him with such gratitude as will attract the hearts and cause the spirits to soar.

The names of those mentioned in your letter were presented by this servant before the Throne, and unique and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Oneness for each one. O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! All those souls are mentioned before the Throne and are recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Some of those souls were recipients of multiple Tablets which were previously revealed and sent in their names. The Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of His Books has testified to their tribulations in the path of God. The Divine Word and the letters of the hidden Scripture have borne witness to what befell them for the love of God. I swear by the life of the Beloved that on this second night of the blessed month of Ramadan, He makes mention of His loved ones in most wondrous utterance. Were they to become aware of but a sprinkling or a drop from the ocean of favor manifested towards them, there is fear they would perish from joy. Now they must expend their complete effort to ensure this most great, most exalted station is not lost and remains secure. The fire of heedlessness and disobedience will surely consume the saplings of deeds. After the episode in the Land of Sad (Isfahan), all were adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and attained the special favors of God - exalted be His generosity, exalted be His grace, exalted be His bounty, and exalted be His grandeur. The Exalted Truth bears witness that were they to reflect even briefly on divine favors, they would never be sorrowful nor find themselves grief-stricken. The varied things and ornaments of this transient world have become veils and prevented people from witnessing - otherwise all would turn with utmost joy and detachment to the horizon of the Lord of creation. The face of the Lord of creation has turned toward the faces of the people of Sad who have cast behind them the books of conjecture and fancy and have taken what was sent down from God, the Lord of all beings. He sends His greetings to them and makes mention

of them with such mention that when it appeared from the heaven of His Lord's will, the Mother of Remembrance bowed down before it. Give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My mercy and My favor, then make mention of them on My behalf. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. God willing, all the chosen ones should arise to that which will exalt the Cause of God and act accordingly. Reflect: which deeds today cause the elevation of the servants and the exaltation of the Cause? Conflict, contention and corruption have been forbidden in most Tablets, and this blessed word was previously revealed from the heaven of will: "The victory of the Cause of God is through the sword of wisdom and utterance, not through the sword of steel or anything else." Many similar statements exist in the divine verses. God willing, those possessed of insight have seen and understood. In this case, the people of truth must reflect on what will remove the veils of creation today and cause the sublimity and exaltation of God's Cause.

O Ali! Ponder upon that which hath flowed from the Pen. With thine own life make thou a sacrifice in the path of Truth. This is a martyrdom that is not confined to pen or tongue or utterance or tablets. The name of Ha, upon whom be all the glory of God, the Most Glorious, attained unto this supreme martyrdom, even before his outward martyrdom, inasmuch as he had no will or desire or thought of his own. All these he sacrificed for the sake of the Beloved, and afterwards he attained unto outward martyrdom also, offering up his life in the path of the true Beloved. He cast off from his head the crown of life and laid it at the feet of his Friend. Blessed is he who hath recognized this station, and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Whosoever hath, in truth, surrendered himself unto God and hath, in His path, become freed from all else save Him, such a one taketh no account of his own station and name and fame, but fixeth his gaze upon the Cause of God and that whereby His wisdom is established. I swear by the Sun of My utterance that he who hath attained unto that which My Pen hath spoken hath indeed prospered in all the worlds of My dominion. Beware lest anything debar you from My straight Path. All must strive with utmost endeavor to acquire the word of divine good-pleasure. The people are ignorant and heedless. An interpreter is needed, and if that interpreter act in accordance with the command of God, assuredly will the light of his utterance illumine the world and draw the peoples to the sanctified Seat of Glory. O Ali! Since the Almighty - exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur - hath sanctified the victory of His Cause from contention and conflict and the drawing of swords and the like thereof, therefore must ye cleave unto the cord of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. If anyone act according to that which hath been mentioned, for the sake of God, he will assuredly influence the world and rend asunder the thick veils, inasmuch as whatsoever God hath ordained as the cause and means for the triumph and exaltation of His Cause is indeed penetrating and effective. To this testifieth every discerning soul. Ye must conduct yourselves with the utmost wisdom and never let it slip from your grasp. Trust not every claimant, believe not every speaker, nor reveal that which is hidden to every supplicant. Some souls are attracted by one word and repelled by another. In teaching, speak ye such words as will manifest the heat of the love of God. If the hearer be set ablaze and attain unto the wine of steadfastness, he will gradually comprehend that which was hidden from him. The Most Exalted Pen hath mentioned and continueth to mention wisdom and its degrees in diverse utterances, that all may derive their portion and share therefrom.

That which ye had written concerning Mirza Muhammad Husayn was presented before the Presence. This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate:

He is the One manifest from the horizon of Revelation […]

This is the Book which the Wronged One hath revealed for whosoever desireth to draw near unto the ocean of utterance in days whose mention the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and in previous Books sent down unto the Prophets and Messengers, that he may take hold of the Book by his Lord's leave and drink therefrom the Kawthar of life which hath flowed from the finger of God's will, the Lord of all worlds. Hearken unto My call and arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me in such wise that the sweet-scented breezes of thy Lord's verses, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, may attract thee. Blessed is the father from whom hath appeared one who hath recognized God and His signs, and blessed is the mother who hath given birth to one who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon and believed in the One, the All-Informed. Hearken unto that which the All-Hearing uttereth, that the All-Seeing may show thee that which hath delighted the eyes of the Messengers. The waves have appeared from the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, moved by the breezes of revelation in this noble station. Bear thou witness as God hath testified before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the One intended in God's scriptures and promised by the tongue of them that are nigh. Whoso hath attained unto this testimony hath attained unto the grace of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Ghulam-Rida, after submission these exalted words dawned from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's will:

He is the One Who calleth from the Supreme Horizon! Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested the Cause as He desired. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee, when the Dawning-Place of Names was imprisoned in 'Akka through that which the hands of the disbelievers had wrought against the Hidden Mystery. Reflect upon the world and its people - verily it showeth thee that which proveth its passing. By God's life! It proclaimeth its evanescence at all times and calleth the people with its loudest voice to the Most Exalted Station, yet most of them perceive not. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee from the Truth that speaketh in the world through the Most Great Name and announceth unto all the Praiseworthy Station. We make mention of him who hath turned toward the horizon of utterance in this station which hath been named with the most beautiful names in God's Book, the Lord of what was and what shall be. When thou hast attained unto My Book and drunk therefrom the choice sealed wine, give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast aided me to recognize the treasury of Thy mysteries and the repository of Thy verses. I testify that Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all existence.

Concerning what you wrote about the foreigner, that is, one from Europe, it was submitted and He said that if such souls should take and send to their own countries there is no harm, but if they should reveal it in that land it would cause mischief, and whatsoever is given must be correct. Some copies of the Book of Certitude present in this land have not all attained the ornament of correctness, and if the book which

the Greater Branch recently sent to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin containing the Tablets to the Kings be given, it would be best, but only after assurance. God speaketh the truth and He mentioneth the proof and guideth the way.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Mirza Hasan, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted. This is what God revealed in answer to him:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Mount […]

Give thanks, O Hassan, for having attained unto My days, discovered the fragrance of My loving-kindness, turned to My horizon, heard My call, and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of My bounty. By the life of God! Grace belongs to him who hath found, heard, recognized and responded to his Lord - He through Whose manifestation the hidden Secret and the treasured Mystery were revealed, the Cry was raised between earth and heaven, and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Names: "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Single, the All-Informed." He that is endowed with hearing is he who hath attained unto the verses of God, and he that is endowed with sight is he who hath beheld the Supreme Horizon when the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven appeared with mighty sovereignty. Say: All greatness extols from behind Him, all loftiness boweth before His dominion, and every possessor of knowledge fleeth from the field of understanding when therein courseth the Pen of the All-Merciful. By My life! Wert thou to find the sweetness of utterance, thou wouldst soar in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful and find thyself in a joy that encompasseth the joy of the world. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity make mention of thee with an utterance which God hath sanctified from all mention and words after its appearance in its garment. Thy Lord speaketh as He willeth, even as He decreeth what He desireth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. They who are heedless this day of what hath been manifested in creation are accounted as the most heedless ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou hast indeed attained aforetime unto the verses of God and His mercy. Be thankful for this bounty which, by the life of God, no other thing on earth can equal. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Prefer what We desire for thee above what thou desirest for thyself. Thy Lord knoweth thee better than thou knowest thyself. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have desired to make mention of thy Lord with spirit and fragrance for the people of possibility, on whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of humility before God, the King, the Mighty, the Praised. He inscribeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of meeting Him and of entering the Kaaba of His presence. Nothing can frustrate Him in what He willeth. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Single, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the ocean of meanings with the ark of thy Lord's wisdom, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family whose heart hath attained unto the light of God's love and turned unto Him when the Desired One came with clear proof.

Regarding what you wrote about the funds, give nine to his honor Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib and send another nine to his honor Samandar. They should give these in that land to one of the friends of God, and it will be written to them, and they should deliver the remainder to one of the friends.

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Praise be to that Omnipotent Lord Who befitteth and deserveth all glorification, Who hath transformed the weakness of His servants on the Day of Return into strength and hath bestowed distinction in such wise that He hath sent forth, through His conquering might and overwhelming power, without any weapon, the Wondrous Name unto a realm adorned with ranks of armies and successive multitudes. Indeed there hath appeared a power that hath no likeness in the world nor any peer among the nations. Were the servants to ponder upon this, they would cast away all they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of Lords. Prayers, peace, glory and splendor be upon the friends of God and His chosen ones who have arisen to unite the hearts of His servants and have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance and unto your service.

The exalted letters of Your Holiness arrived like showers of mercy. Each was a key to the gate of joy and a gift for the gladness of hearts. After reading and contemplating them, they were directed to the Supreme Heights and were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining His presence and hearing. His utterance, mighty be His exposition and glorious His proof:

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Each of thy letters was a manifest glad-tiding and an evident joy. Praise be to God that thou hast witnessed, with both outer and inner sight, the waves of the ocean of utterance and hast taken up thy station beneath the blessed Lote-Tree. This bounty hath no likeness, and this grace hath had and hath no equal. The world and its ornaments, its embellishments and its colors shall by inevitable decree return to nothingness, while that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen and hath streamed forth from the clouds of mercy shall endure and remain established. We testify that there is no God but Him. His are the glory and the splendor, the grandeur and the majesty. He giveth unto whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth, and He withholdeth. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

The worlds of dominion and kingdom have all borne and continue to bear witness to this supreme grace that hath encompassed the world and its peoples, and hath manifested that which the Daysprings of knowledge and the Dawning-places of utterance are powerless to mention and describe. Nay rather, all have acknowledged their impotence and confessed their shortcoming. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to the Self-Subsisting Name, and hath taken and quaffed the choice-sealed wine from the hand of divine bounty. Praise be to God that that Afnan is the cup-bearer of the choice wine and the bestower of rank and station. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a herald of His Name, a harbinger of His Revelation, one who standeth in service to His Cause and speaketh forth His praise, and to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name and honor thee through His glory. He, verily, is the One Whom the conditions of men have not hindered, nor hath the might of princes deterred. He hath come with a power before which the power of the world stood powerless, and with signs at whose appearance the signs of the nations were obliterated. He, verily, is the Most Great Book, the Speaker, the One Who remembereth before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Your letters which were sent to this servant were each adorned with the light of divine unity and aflame with the fire of the divine Lote-Tree. Great is the station of this Day, for the Ancient Lord hath appeared in

manifest sovereignty, speaking and conversing upon the Mount of Knowledge. Blessed is the ear and eye that hath attained to witnessing and hearing. The loved ones of that land are each remembered before the Wronged One with a mention that is, with God, more memorable than the most memorable mention, and hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen. Say: O people of God! Be not saddened by the calumnies of the servants, the oppression of the oppressors, the turning away of those who turn away, and the cawing of the crows. Had people recognized the excellence of My Day, they would have cast away the treasures of the world, turning to My horizon from which hath shone forth the Day-Star of My Revelation, whereby the heavens and earths were illumined. Glory be to God! The Tongue of Utterance speaketh upon the Mount of Knowledge before the faces of all religions, and divine verses descend like the spring rains of God. Yet the servants remain barred from drawing nigh and deprived of witnessing. Glad tidings, O My loved ones, for how the Wronged One hath turned toward you and mentioned you with a mention whereat the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven spoke forth: "O people of earth and heaven! The gate of generosity hath been opened and the Ancient Lord hath appeared with a sovereignty before which all that the people possess cannot stand - they who abandoned what they were commanded and did what they were forbidden in the Book of God, Lord of the Mighty Throne."

In most pages the Pen that revealeth verses hath been occupied with mentioning His loved ones. Happy are they and blessed are they. All must hold fast to love, fellowship, unity and harmony, and must speak with the tongue of truth these exalted words which were previously revealed from the Pen of Utterance: "Death to the veiled ones! Pain to the frozen ones! The King of kings hath come! That perfect Treasure hath come! That hidden Mystery hath been made manifest! To the chagrin of the base multitude!"

By the Sun of Truth! Today the oppressors, transgressors and all they possess are as a handful of dust before the Lord of Lords - nay, more contemptible still. Arise to promote the Cause through heavenly power and divine might, but with wisdom and utterance. Wisdom consists in deeds and actions that cause the people of earth to turn unto God. O My loved ones! I do not wish for any of you to be tainted with the dust of rancor and hatred. In truth I say: Your essential realities were created from light. You must be radiant and effulgent before all faces, in such wise that the people of East and West may be guided by and attain unto that light. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Kind, the Compassionate, the Generous, possessed of great bounty. In all conditions We have beseeched and do beseech God, exalted be His glory, for the protection of His loved ones. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

This day is specially dedicated to His Holiness the Prince of Martyrs, Husayn ibn 'Ali. A visitation tablet was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur, and Mirza Mahdi, upon him be Baha, had previously requested it. Now it is sent that the sincere ones may recite it. Say: O My loved ones! The deed of that holy one among the manifest deeds in the world is as the sun among the stars. Blessed is the soul who, in the days of 'Ashura, mentioned that Essence of being with this Most Great Remembrance and Most Perfect, Most Complete Word, and who attained to its recitation. Say: Take the tablet of God with a power from Him and a strength from His presence, then do what ye have been commanded by One Wise in Command.

His letters are in truth eloquent harbingers of the fellowship and unity of His loved ones, and likewise of the rectification of matters that have occurred and become manifest through Him. Such lofty and goodly

deeds are truly befitting of Him. This servant beseeches his Lord to manifest unto His Afnan that which will cause them to appear among His servants like suns in the horizons. One letter caused sorrow and grief, but praise be to God, it was not long before the details became clear. A soul like unto a spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, who is mentioned before the Throne and inscribed in the Book - surely his grief becomes the cause of grief to the loved ones and friends. One envelope from Him wherein you had written the details did not arrive, but praise be to God, it arrived afterwards, mentioning his deliverance and his sanctity, and this became the cause of supreme joy after complete anguish, and evident ease after great hardship. Praise be to God that the matter did not become doubtful and there became manifest to all that which was the cause of his success, triumph and sincerity of deed. After this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court, these exalted words were revealed:

“O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! Glorify on My behalf the countenance of ’Abdu’l-Karim - upon him be My glory - and illumine him with the lights of My utterance. Then recite unto him that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My grace. It behooveth him to render thanks unto God throughout the nights and days, inasmuch as He hath manifested that which was the cause of supreme joy to the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, and to them that are nigh unto Him among His creation. The Most Great Host and the Manifest Helper! Today it is pure and goodly deeds - by My life, through them God glorieth before His near angels. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! O ’Abdu’l-Karim! The Tongue of the Ancient of Days at this moment, on thy behalf, rendereth thanks unto Its own Self and uttereth and maketh mention of the blessed word of praise, for the praise that befitteth His Most Holy and Most Exalted Court is the praise that appeareth from the horizon of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. Say: Unto Thee be thanks, and unto Thee be praise, and unto Thee be bounty, and unto Thee be glory! Thou beholdest me, O my God, confessing to my powerlessness and the powerlessness of all on earth, acknowledging my poverty and the poverty of all in the lands. I beseech Thee, O Ocean of Generosity, by the heaven of Thy bounty and the Sun of Thy munificence, to aid me and Thy loved ones in that which will exalt Thy Cause and manifest the sanctification of Thy Being from all else but Thee, and the detachment of Thine Essence from aught else save Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Sweet Call and Thy Most Beautiful Names, and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, and by Thy Announcement whereby earthquakes seized the tribes of Thy earth and the limbs of them that turned away from among Thy creatures trembled, to make Thy loved ones in this station the manifestations of Thy mercy, the dawning-places of Thy forgiveness, the sources of Thy attributes and the daysprings of Thy bounty, that their station may thereby be exalted among Thy servants. O Lord! We are Thy servants and Thy creation. We have turned toward Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which the winds have encompassed, and by the light of Thy Cause which the doubts of the people of error have not veiled, to open before the faces of Thy loved ones the doors of Thy providence, and to ordain for them that which beseemeth the Ocean of Thy generosity and the Sun of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

In truth I say the friends are at most times present before My face and are adorned with the luminous ornament of divine remembrance. We beseech God to manifest from them each day that which will draw them nearer unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Afnan! You mentioned the Afnans, upon them be the glory of God, His care, mercy and grace. At the moment of presentation before Him, the sun of joy rose and shone from the horizon of the House. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them. They have done what was befitting of them in the days of their Lord. At their mention, the river of God's care flowed and the ocean of His bounty and remembrance surged. We testify that they have done that which has diffused the fragrance of sincerity and steadfastness among all creatures. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to inscribe for them from His Most Exalted Pen that which nothing can equal - neither what is treasured on earth nor what is seen in heaven. Thus has the Pen of My loving-kindness moved in the field of My utterance, as a bounty from Me, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Surely you too were pleased with what was manifested. This Wronged One testifies that the mention of this praiseworthy deed has attracted the people of the cities of love and detachment. My tongue in My prison bears witness to this, as a mercy from Me to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Glory be to God! The mention of this matter caused joy to those who circle round the Lord of all beings and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion, and they all uttered: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the world!" This bounty has no end and this ocean no shore. It behooveth the people of God to hold fast to the cords of the Lord of the world's generosity, to thank Him, praise Him, mention Him and describe Him for having enabled them and aided them in that which is befitting of His days. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the Confirmer, the Generous. That which has become the cause of the exaltation of the station and elevation of the ranks of His loved ones has been made manifest. I beseech Him to protect them and to ordain for them that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls. He is verily the Powerful, the Chosen One, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

As for your mention of the payment of debts and the resolve of the friends of that land and their assistance - all was presented, and He made special mention of each one in such wise that the very rocks of the world beseeched God for the power of hearing, that they might attain unto that which was revealed. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer. All your deeds during this journey have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance and the glory of His good-pleasure. This is the greatest of all the world's bounties, now and forever. And all that you wrote regarding the dominion of this land was presented before Him and was honored to be heard. The Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of His footsteps - specifically commanded that what was mentioned should be adhered to. He said the intention of the Afnan is in itself effective and beneficial. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein.

The servant beseeches his Lord to ordain for His Afnan that which will attract the hearts of the world and the souls of the nations. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.

After the presentation of the petition, other news arrived which truly brought fresh glad-tidings, and that is the account of the feast which Haji A. ?. - upon him be the glory of God - gave for both the faithful and others. Well done to him! This deed is a praiseworthy deed, for it is the cause of the turning of beings [...]

O Afnan! Upon thee be my Baha! The aforementioned feast was among the requirements of divine wisdom. This deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. We testify that it was indeed a crown upon the heads of deeds and a sun in the heaven of actions. Convey my glad-tidings unto him and remind him of what hath been revealed by my Pen. By my life! He hath done what behooveth the days of his Lord. I have illumined him with the light of my utterance and my good-pleasure that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Such deeds are a mighty cause for the unity of hearts and the turning of faces toward the Lord of all existence. Today all must hold fast to that which causeth the nearness and attraction of the peoples of the world. O Afnan! Glad-tidings! Glad-tidings! In these days the Orator of utterance ascended the pulpit in the City of Lovers and proclaimed with the most exalted call: "O people of the Most Exalted Paradise and O Manifestations of the Supreme Heaven! Rejoice and be glad in that the lovers have hastened to the place of sacrifice on the Day of the Covenant!" Then the Herald called from another direction: "This is the day wherein the companions of the Crimson Ark have attained victory through that which befell the Lord of all creation in the Land of Ta. God, the Lord of Destiny, hath illumined the prison-land through the arrival of 'Ali-before-Akbar." Then the Herald called from the right of the luminous spot: "O concourse of earth and heaven! This is the day wherein the Trusted One arrived at a manifest prison in the path of God, the Lord of all the worlds." Glory be to God! The oppressors imagine that through these afflictions and the kindled fire, the divine light and the fire of the Lord's Tree will be extinguished and destroyed. The Wronged One testifieth that were all who are in the heavens and earth to gather to extinguish the light, they would find themselves utterly powerless. The Books of God have testified to this, both in the past and future. Blessed are they who understand.

The Afnan and the loved ones of that land all bear witness that the people of God have never intended, nor do they intend, conflict, corruption or disputation with anyone. For nearly forty years they have endured and resigned themselves to countless hardships and tribulations. Nevertheless, the fire of hatred in the breasts of the people of hypocrisy is observed to be greater than before. God hath sealed their hearing, their sight, and their understanding, for through these rejected satanic deeds they earn everlasting punishment and perceive it not. Soon shall perish the world and all that they possess, and they shall find themselves in grievous torment.

The protection of His Majesty the Most Great Emperor, may God assist him, hath become the cause of the inflammation of the fire of hatred. For some time they have been secretly engaged in instigation and zealously seeking means of oppression, until in these days the hidden contents of the breasts of the oppressors have become manifest and evident. Surely they have heard some of what hath transpired. Convey greetings to the General of that land on behalf of these people who are scattered throughout the world, and say: This people, in view of the favor that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of justice of His Majesty the Emperor, are all looking unto him and holding fast unto his good-pleasure. For this reason the oppressive souls have instigated a group against this wronged people, and have again stained the soil of some lands with blood shed in the path of God. We beseech God to assist that Dawning-Place of justice and equity in protecting this wronged band. Verily, He is powerful over all things. In truth, the cause and reason for this hatred is the manifestation of the favor that His Majesty the Most Great Emperor hath shown toward these wronged ones. We beseech God to assist His Majesty in

protecting His flock. Verily, He is the Helper of those who help and the Supporter of the just ones. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Your Excellency should mention to the General all that has transpired. It is hoped that His Honor will convey to His Imperial Majesty what will evoke His favor and ensure the protection of these oppressed ones. This servant, nay the world itself, is astonished that although these wronged ones have been and continue to be more submissive and humble than all other groups in Iran, and have obeyed whatever was commanded and ordained, and in all circumstances and instances of oppression and transgression did not raise a hand nor resort to defense - as the General himself and the noble officers of the illustrious government (may God assist it) have known and know - yet every day some evil from the wicked people becomes manifest.

His oppression of us is intense and evident

We have no recourse save to make it known

Let us see what the justice of His Imperial Majesty requires and commands. They have repeatedly stated that the purpose of these declarations is to inform, so that all may become aware and cognizant of the oppression of the tyrannical souls and the patience of these wronged ones. In truth, the matter is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, in closing, beseecheth God, his Lord, to protect His loved ones through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to exalt them through His Name amongst all peoples. Verily, He is the Guardian of the doers of good and the Lord of those who place their trust in Him. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In all conditions, I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist these wronged ones in that which is the cause of the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily, our Lord is the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. In these days, the Throne is established in Haifa, together with a company of those who circle round it, the emigrants, and the travelers. Praise be to God, all are adorned with piety and illumined with the light of detachment. Each day they attain the honor of presence and meeting. This is a peerless, mighty grace. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for His loved ones that which befitteth the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

A further submission is that several months ago, a sacred Tablet known as the Proclamation, as well as the Glad-Tidings, were dispatched according to the command of the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. This Tablet contains laws that were scattered throughout the Most Holy Book and other Tablets, which the Blessed Being Himself gathered together. In that Tablet it was mentioned so that all may know and discover those laws that are the cause of tranquility for the peoples of the world, the comfort of nations, the elimination of discord and dissension, and the establishment of unity and harmony, and that they may raise their voices in praise and gratitude to the Goal of all the world's peoples. In truth, the most great favor hath been made manifest, but the unjust ones of the earth have risen in such opposition that the Concourse on high are engaged in lamentation and weeping. O my God! O my God! Protect Thy servants, then aid them through Thy power and might. Verily Thou art the Most Powerful of the powerful

and the Most Merciful of the merciful. Until now, no news of the arrival of that most mighty, most holy Tablet hath been received, and if it hath arrived, it must needs be translated so that their Majesties the kings - may God assist them - may become aware of its purpose and know of a certainty that this Community hath had and hath no purpose save the removal of corruption and the manifestation of justice and fairness. I beseech the True One to cause that Tablet to reach its destination. Verily He is the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Wise. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are present before you and who hearken unto your words and your mention of the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, God of all worlds, my Purpose and Purpose of the mystics, my Beloved and Beloved of the monotheists, my Adored One and Adored One of those near unto Thee, my Desire and Desire of the sincere ones, my Hope and Hope of the expectant, my Refuge and Refuge of the seekers, my Shelter and Shelter of those who take refuge, my Goal and Goal of those who turn unto Thee, my Vision and Vision of the beholders, my Paradise and Paradise of those who attain, my Kaaba and Kaaba of the yearning ones, my Attraction and Attraction of the lovers, my Light and Light of the bewildered and penitent, my Rapture and Rapture of those who remember, my Cave and Cave of those who flee, my Stronghold and Stronghold of the fearful, my Lord and Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

I praise Thee for having made me to be attracted by Thy verses and to turn toward the horizon wherefrom shone the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance, and to be among those who accepted when most of Thy creation turned away. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath opened the gate of heaven with the key of Thy Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great, Most Glorious Name, and called all to the ocean of meeting. When Thy sweetest call was raised, the attraction of that call seized those in the kingdom of names and the Concourse on High, and through it the fragrance of the garment of Thy Manifestation wafted over the lovers among Thy creation and the yearning ones among Thy creatures. They arose and hastened to the ocean of Thy reunion, the horizon of Thy beauty, the tabernacle of Thy manifestation and glory, and the pavilion of Thy might and meeting. The wine of reunion so intoxicated them that they became detached from all they possessed and all that people possess.

These are servants whom neither the might of Pharaohs deterred from turning to the pavilion of Thy grandeur, nor did the hosts of tyrants frighten from beholding the dayspring of Thy signs and the dawning-place of Thy clear tokens. By Thy glory, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! He who hath drunk the Kawthar of Thy love from the hand of Thy bounty is not deterred by the conditions of Thy creatures, nor is he disturbed by the turning away of those in Thy dominion. He calleth out with the loudest voice between earth and heaven and giveth the glad-tidings unto the people of the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the suns in the heaven of Thy gifts.

Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Kaaba of Thy meeting and become detached from all else save Thee. Mighty is he who hath acknowledged Thy might and turned toward the Sun of Thy providence. Learned is he who hath recognized Thy manifestation and confessed Thy conditions, Thy signs and Thy clear tokens. Clear-sighted is he whose eyes were illumined by the light of Thy beauty and who knew Thee when Thy call was raised. Hearing is he who attained unto hearkening to Thy utterance and drew nigh unto the surging ocean of Thy verses.

O Lord! This is a stranger who hath hastened to his most exalted home beneath the shadow of Thy mercy, and a sick one who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy healing. Therefore, O my God and Enkindler of fire within my liver, behold the tears of mine eyes, the sighs of my heart, the burning of my liver, and the blazing of my limbs. By Thy glory, O Glory of the world! The Glory is consumed every moment by the fire of Thy love in such wise that were any of Thy creatures to approach him and hearken with the ear of innate nature, he would hear the sighing of the fire from every vein of his veins.

The attraction of Thy utterance and the wine of Thy favors have so seized me that my call ceaseth not nor doth the hand of my hope return unto me empty. O Lord! Thou seest mine eyes fixed upon the direction of Thy grace, mine ears turned toward the kingdom of Thy utterance, my tongue speaking Thy praise, my face set toward Thy face after the passing away of whatsoever was created by Thy word, and my hands raised toward the heaven of Thy bounty and bestowal. Wilt Thou forbid the stranger who […]

O Lord! Will you drive away the poor one who has hastened to the homeland on high beneath the shadow of the wings of Your mercy, and will You bar the destitute one who has rushed to the shore of the ocean of Your riches? Will You shut the door of Your grace in the faces of Your creatures after having opened it through Your might and sovereignty? Will You blind the eyes of Your creation after having guided them to the Dayspring of Your Beauty and the Dawning-Place of the lights of Your countenance? No, by Your glory! This is not my thought nor the thought of those servants who are nigh unto You and those who are sincere among Your creatures. O my Lord! You know and see and hear that by every tree my cry is raised, and by every stone my wailing and lamentation are lifted up. Have You created me, O my God, for tribulation, or for the manifestation of Your Cause in the kingdom of creation? You hear, O my God, my sighing and my crying, my powerlessness, poverty, need, distress and lowliness. By Your glory! Weeping has prevented me from remembering and praising You, and such are my sobs that they have bewildered the bereaved mothers and stopped their crying and sighing. O Lord! I beseech You by the Ark through which the sovereignty of Your Will and the influence of Your Purpose were made manifest, and which moves by Your power upon both land and sea, that You will not seize me for my grievous sins and major transgressions. By Your glory! The oceans of Your forgiveness and mercy, and Your past treatment of the sincere ones among Your chosen ones and the unified ones among Your messengers have emboldened me. O Lord! I see that the manifestations of Your bounty have attracted me and the wine of Your utterance has seized me from all directions, such that I see nothing except that it makes known to me and reminds me of Your signs, Your manifestations and Your attributes. By Your glory! Whenever I turn my gaze toward Your heaven, it reminds me of Your loftiness, elevation, exaltation and supremacy. Whenever I look to the earth, it makes known to me the manifestations of Your power and the appearances of Your grace. Whenever I behold the sea, it speaks to me of Your greatness, might, sovereignty and majesty. When I turn to the mountains, they show me the standards of Your victory and

the banners of Your glory. By Your glory! O You in Whose grasp are the reins of the world and the bridles of the nations! The heat of Your love and the wine of Your oneness have so taken hold of me that I hear Your remembrance and praise in the whistling of the winds, Your attributes and descriptions in the murmuring of the waters, and the mysteries of Your decree which You have deposited in Your realm in the rustling of the trees. Glory be unto You, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Praise be unto You for having made known to Your servants this Day wherein the Kawthar of life has flowed from the finger of Your bounty and the springtime of revelation and meeting has appeared through Your manifestation to all who are in Your heaven and on Your earth. O Lord! This is a Day whose light You have made sanctified from the sun and its effulgence. I testify that it has been illumined by the light of Your countenance and the dawning of the lights of the morn of Your manifestation. This is a Day wherein every despairing one has been clothed in the robe of hope, every sick one adorned with the garment of healing, and every poor one drawn nigh unto the ocean of riches. By Your beauty, O Sovereign of eternity and He Who is seated upon the Most Great Throne! The Dawning-Place of Your signs and the Manifestation of Your attributes, despite His ocean of knowledge and heaven of understanding, has confessed His powerlessness to know the least of the signs which are attributed to Your Most Exalted Pen - how much less Your Most Glorious Being and Your Most Exalted Essence! I know not, O my God, by what remembrance to remember You, by what description to describe You, and by what praise to praise You. If I describe You by Names, I see that their kingdom was created by the movement of Your finger and trembles in fear of You […]

Were I to praise Thee through attributes, I would witness that they are Thy creation and within Thy grasp, and it befitteth not their manifestations to stand before the gate of the city of Thy Revelation - how much less the station whereon Thou art established upon the throne of Thy grandeur and might, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! All that is adorned with the garment of words is verily created in Thy kingdom and brought into being by Thy will, and is unworthy of Thy presence and unsuited to Thy court. Since the sanctification of Thy most exalted Self from all that is created in the realm of existence and all that hath occurred to the hearts of the chosen ones and the minds of the faithful hath been established, the horizon of unity dawneth and it becometh manifest to the free and the enslaved that Thou art one in Thy essence, one in Thy command, and one in Thy manifestation. Blessed is he who hath detached himself in Thy love from all else save Thee, hath hastened to the horizon of Thy manifestation, and hath attained unto this cup, beyond whose station all the seas do lie. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy power, might and dominion which have encompassed all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, to cause the servants to recognize this manifest path and this straight way, that they may acknowledge Thy unity and oneness with a certainty that the doubts of the suspicious cannot affect nor the imaginings of the wayward obscure. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy servants and their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, that they may become aware of this most exalted station and most resplendent horizon, lest the cawing of the ravens prevent them from beholding the effulgence of the light of unity, or hinder them from turning towards the horizon of detachment. O Lord! This is the Day wherein Thou didst give glad tidings unto all of Thy manifestation, Thy dawning and Thy effulgence, and didst take the covenant of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets, and didst make the Bayan the herald of this Most Great and Most Glorious Manifestation, and this Most Luminous and Most Exalted Dawning. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined and the Most Great Name appeared,

they denied Him and His signs, save those whom the sweetness of Thy remembrance and praise did seize, and upon whom descended that which none can reckon save Thy knowledge that encompasseth all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. Thou knowest, O my God, that the Revealer of the Bayan counseled all who are in the realm of possibility concerning Thy Cause, Thy manifestation and Thy sovereignty. He said - and His word is most sweet - "Beware lest the Bayan and its Letters shut you out from the All-Merciful and His sovereignty," and He said "Should He produce but a single verse, reject Him not. Hasten unto Him that He may cause to descend upon you what He willeth of His grace. He is, verily, the Lord of creation and the Sovereign of existence." Thou seest, O Beloved of the world and He Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, that He hath indeed come with the Kingdom of verses in such wise that the atoms themselves bear witness that they have filled the horizons. Yet despite this most manifest and most glorious Revelation, and these verses which none can reckon save Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names, Thou dost witness and behold their turning away from the Dayspring of Thine Essence and their objection to the Source of Thy knowledge and Thy signs. Pride in sin hath seized them to such extent that they have denied Thy manifestations, Thy appearances and Thy signs, which every discerning eye can see upon all things, testifying to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and acknowledging Thy Revelation and Thy power. They have spoken concerning Him that which hath caused the inhabitants of the most glorious pavilion and the Concourse on High to lament, and by their words the livers of Thy chosen ones and the hearts of Thy loved ones have melted. Such heedlessness hath overtaken them that they have cast behind their backs Thy most great signs and have taken their own idle fancies, O Lord of Names and Sovereign of earth and heaven. And verily Thou, O my God and Beloved of my heart, hast adorned with the mention of this Day Thy Tablet which none hath known save Thyself and […]

I have named it the Day of God wherein naught should be seen save Thy Most Exalted Self, and naught should be mentioned save Thy sweetest remembrance. When it appeared, trembling seized the limbs of all creation, and every learned one was struck dumb, and every knower was perplexed, save those who drew near through Thy might and partook of the choice wine of Thy Revelation from the hand of Thy grace, and drank in Thy name, and exclaimed: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds! And glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the hearts of them that yearn!"

O my God, my Lord, the Goal of my hope and the End of my desire! Thou seest and hearest the sighs of this Wronged One from this darksome pit which the vain imaginations of Thine enemies have built, and from this blind well which the idle fancies of the wicked among Thy creatures have digged. By Thy Beauty, O Thou Whose glory is unveiled! I am not impatient in the troubles that touch me in my love for Thee, nor in the adversities which I suffer in Thy path. Nay, I have, by Thy power, chosen them for mine own self, and I glory in them amongst such of Thy creatures as are near unto Thee and such of Thy servants as are wholly devoted to Thy Self.

I beseech Thee, however, O Thou Who art the Educator of the world and the Sovereign of nations, at this moment when, with the hand of hope, I have clung to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy and loving-kindness, to forgive Thy servants who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, and have turned toward the splendors of Thy countenance, and have drawn nigh unto the horizon of Thy good-pleasure, and approached the ocean of Thy mercy, and have spoken forth Thy remembrance in their days, and have been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love. Ordain, then, O my God, for them, before their ascension and

after it, that which beseemeth the loftiness of Thy bounty and the sublimity of Thy grace. O Lord, cause them who have ascended unto Thee to abide within the precincts of Thy most exalted Paradise and beneath the canopy of Thy majesty and the tabernacles of Thy glory. O Lord, sprinkle upon them from the ocean of Thy forgiveness that which shall make them worthy to abide, for all eternity, within Thy most exalted kingdom and Thy most sublime dominion. Verily, Thou art the One Who doeth as He pleaseth.

O Lord! Deprive not Thy loved ones of the sweet savors of this Day whereon the mysteries of Thy name, the Self-Subsisting, have been unfolded, and all that had been enshrined within the treasuries of Thy knowledge was revealed. This is the Day, O my Lord, whose atoms cry out and say: "O Lord of Revelation and Sovereign of all creation! I sense the fragrance of Thy reunion, as though Thou hast manifested Thyself and hast opened wide the gate of meeting with Thee to all that are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth." O Lord! He who hath recognized the fragrance of Thy garment hath assuredly perceived that the world hath been honored by Thy coming and hath attained unto the sweet breezes of Thy reunion. Yet, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, I know not in what spot Thy throne of grandeur hath been established, nor which place hath been blessed by Thy footsteps and illumined by the light of Thy countenance.

By Thy glory, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Every man of learning hath gone astray in his attempt to know Thee, and every exponent of wisdom hath been confounded in his efforts to fathom the signs of Thy greatness. To such an extent have all confessed their powerlessness to attain true knowledge and their inability to soar unto that heaven wherein hath shone forth one of the Suns of the Manifestations of Thy knowledge and the Daysprings of Thy wisdom. None hath the right to make mention of this most exalted station and most sublime habitation which Thou hast placed above the understanding of Thy creatures and the testimonies of Thy servants. It hath ever been veiled from comprehension and knowledge, and sealed with the seal of Thy name, the Self-Subsisting.

By Thy might and dominion which pervadeth the kingdom of earth and heaven! Were any one of Thy chosen ones and Thy messengers to contemplate the workings of Thy Most Exalted Pen, which is moved by the finger of Thy Will, and were to ponder its mysteries, its influences and all that proceedeth therefrom, he would be so perplexed as to find himself powerless to speak or give utterance […]

The heart falls short of true knowledge, for at times it sees the water of life flowing through all contingent things - which Thou hast named forms - raising those in their graves; and at other times there appears from it fire, as if kindled from the Fire of the Divine Manifestation when the Interlocutor spoke on Sinai. How wondrous are the expressions of Thy power and how mighty are the revelations of Thy might! Every learned one hath confessed ignorance before the effulgent rays of the Sun of Thy knowledge, every powerful one hath acknowledged powerlessness before the surging waves of the ocean of Thy strength, every wealthy one hath admitted poverty before the manifestations of the treasuries of Thy riches, every mystic hath acknowledged extinction before the revelations of the light of Thy Beauty, every mighty one hath confessed abasement before the dawning of the Sun of Thy glory, and every possessor of greatness hath acknowledged his nothingness and the nothingness of all else, and the permanence of Thy greatness, Thy sovereignty, Thy loftiness and Thy power.

O my God and the God of all things, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all things, my Beloved and my Goal! Thou knowest that I make mention of Thee today on behalf of those among Thy creation who are detached, and I describe Thee with the tongue of those among Thy creatures who profess Thy unity, that perchance there may arise from the sighs of their hearts in Thy love and ardor that which shall consume all that preventeth Thy servants from turning toward the heaven of Thy knowledge and the kingdom of Thy signs.

O my God and the God of names, Creator of earth and heaven! This is a day wherein he whose breast hath been set aflame with the fire of Thy reunion communes with Thee. Where is separation, O my God, that union might be recognized at the manifestation of the light of Thy singleness and the dawning radiance of the Sun of Thy oneness? I ask Thy forgiveness, O my God, for all this and for all that hath flowed and floweth from my pen in Thy days. I bear witness that Thou hast not made communion a station for me, but rather for those who have preceded me through Thy command and Thy will, and Thou hast made verses specially reserved for this mighty Manifestation and this Great Announcement, wherewith the pages of Thy glory and Thy Preserved Tablet have been adorned.

O Thou Who kindleth the fire in the breast of Baha and manifesteth the light in the heart of Baha! I thank Thee for having taught Thy servants how to remember Thee and the ways to commune with Thee through Thy Most Holy and Exalted Tongue and Thy Most Mighty and Sublime Utterance. Were it not for Thy permission, who would dare describe Thee with glory and grandeur? And were it not for Thy teaching, who would know the paths of contentment in the kingdom of creation?

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Bounty and Sovereign of existence, to guard Thy servants from the suggestions of their hearts, then raise them to a station where their feet slip not from the manifestations of Thy deeds which Thy wisdom hath necessitated and whose mysteries Thou hast concealed from the face of Thy creatures and creation. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy knowledge, and deprive them not of what Thou hast ordained for those near to Thy chosen ones and the sincere among Thy trusted ones. Then grant them from the ocean of certitude that which will still their agitation, and transform, O my God, the darkness of their fancies into the light of certitude. Then make them steadfast and upright upon Thy Straight Path, lest the Book prevent them from its Revealer, and Names from their Creator, Provider, Originator, Sovereign, Manifester, Destroyer, Exalter, Abaser, the One with power over them, and the One Who prevaileth over their designations.

Verily, O my God and my Lord, Thou didst send down the Book to manifest my Cause and to exalt my Word, and through it Thou didst take the pledge of my Self from all that hath been created in Thy kingdom. Thou seest, O Beloved of the world, that the oppressors among Thy creatures have made it a stronghold for themselves, whereby they have turned away from Thy Beauty and denied Thy signs and [...]

Thou art the One Who, O my God, counseled them in Thy mighty Book and didst say: “O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and deny not Him Who hath made the Bayan to be but a leaf amongst the leaves of His Paradise. Verily it was a gift from Me unto Him. Should He accept it, He, verily, is the Most Bountiful, and should He cast it away and reject it, He, verily, is the Just Judge in His judgment, the Praiseworthy in His deeds, and the Obeyed in His commands. To none is given the right to object to Him.”

O my God! Thou seest the Wronged One among those who have denied Thy right and turned away from Thy sovereignty. He around Whom circle the proofs, and in Whose name and by Whose sovereignty the Evidence crieth out at the highest pitch amidst all created things - they have committed in His days what no pen can recount, and perpetrated that which hath caused the Spirit to lament and the denizens of the Kingdom and the dwellers of the pavilions of the Realm of Might to cry out. Were anyone to hearken with the ear of innate nature, he would hear the sighing and lamenting of all things at what hath befallen Him Who is the Wronged One of the horizons at the hands of them from whom Thou didst take the Covenant on the Day of Separation.

Is there any just one, O my God, who will judge fairly in Thy Cause? Is there any possessed of sight who will behold with Thine eyes? Is there any endowed with hearing who will hear with Thine ears? Is there any with a tongue who will speak the truth in Thy days? By Thy glory! O Thou Who gazeth from Thine all-glorious horizon and heareth what the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary uttereth! Were anyone to look into Thy Books which Thou hast named the Bayan and ponder on that which hath been revealed therein, he would find every book thereof heralding My Revelation, speaking My Name, bearing witness to My Self, proclaiming My Cause, My Remembrance, My rising and My dawning. Yet despite Thy proclamation, O my God, and Thy declaration, O my Beloved, I have heard and seen what they have spoken concerning Me and what they have committed in My days.

O Lord! I testify in this station, despite those who have turned away from Thee, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, and this is Thy Day which hath been adorned with its mention in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books, and Thy Tablets. He Who speaketh is indeed the hidden Treasure, the concealed Mystery, the preserved Tablet, the veiled Secret, and the sealed Book. He is to be obeyed in whatsoever He ordaineth, commandeth and revealeth, and is beloved in whatsoever He ordereth by His sovereignty and decreeth by His power. Whoso hesitateth for less than a moment hath denied Thy right and all that Thou hast revealed in Thy Books and Scrolls and sent down through Thy chosen ones, Thy Prophets, Thy Messengers and Thy Trustees.

I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose hands lie the kingdom of the heavens and earth and in Whose grasp are all who dwell in the dominions of command and creation, to withhold not the glances of Thy favors from them who have borne hardships in Thy path, quaffed the cup of tribulations in their love for Thee, entered prison in Thy name, and endured what none of Thy creatures and beings have endured. O Lord! They are Thy servants who answered when Thy call was raised, who turned their faces when the light of Thy countenance shone forth, and who hastened forth when Thy most exalted horizon appeared with Thy Name whereby all who are in Thy heaven and earth were thunderstruck. O Lord! Ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who welcomed the arrows of the idolaters in Thy Cause and Thy love, and hastened to the dawning-place of tribulation in Thy name and remembrance. Thou art He Who, O my God, hast promised in the decisive verses of Thy Book to mention them therein as a recompense for their deeds in Thy days. O God! Bestow Thy blessings upon them and […]

Let Thy names be magnified, O Lord, upon their countenances through a takbir whose sun hath dawned from the horizon of the mouth of Thy will and whose lights have appeared from the kingdom of Thy utterance. O Lord! Immerse them in the ocean of Thy mercy and illumine them with the lights of the

daybreak of Thy manifestation. Then forgive, O my God, their fathers and mothers, through Thy bounty and Thy grace and Thy favors. Then send upon them, from the right hand of Thy most exalted Paradise, the fragrant breezes of the garment of Thy Most Glorious Beauty. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the Ruler, the Commander, the Bestower, the Forgiver, the Generous. And praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the world and O Thou Who art mentioned in the hearts of them that have recognized Thee.

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

Praise be to God Who, when seated upon the Throne of Manifestation, proclaimed: “There is none other God but Me, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting”; and upon the Throne of Concealment: “There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.” When established upon the Seat of Grandeur, He uttered that which caused the sincere ones to soar in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and the near ones to ascend unto the heaven of certitude. Then He spoke another word whereat all who are in earth and heaven were shaken, save those whom God honored and drew unto the Most Exalted Horizon. We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of all created things and exalted above whatsoever the possessors of understanding have uttered. Glory be unto Him! How great is His dominion, how perfect His proof, how manifest His signs, and how evident His testimonies! When He appeared from the horizon of His Most Great Name, the peoples differed by reason of their following the imaginings of those who preceded them. Woe unto them for having cast behind them His Most Exalted Pen and followed the bidding of the workers of iniquity who denied the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Praise be to God Who caused the Pen to speak and taught man what he knew not. Verily He is the One Who ruleth as He pleaseth. At times He withholdeth, and at times He causeth to flow. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The servant hath attained unto your letter which testified to your turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon and your acknowledgment of that which God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, hath acknowledged. When I read it, I found from it the fragrance of the garment of your love for God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Through it my eyes were cheered, my heart was gladdened, my inner being was delighted, and my breast was dilated. We beseech God to assist me and grant me this blessing which strengtheneth both body and spirit. Verily He is the Answerer, the All-Loving. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance.

After the first letter dated the 20th of Dhi’l-Qa’dih was presented before the Face and submitted, no response was manifested from the horizon of utterance. Then your second letter dated the first of Dhi’l-Hijjih became a source of boundless joy and was likewise presented before the Face, but no response appeared from the horizon of divine will. Then the third letter dated the 27th of Muharram arrived, and likewise. It was later understood that these delays were due to certain wisdom, as these regions have not been free from disturbances owing to the rebellion and transgression of those who have risen against

Islam. We beseech God to aid the true religion and cause it to prevail over all religions. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

In any case, days passed and nights elapsed until one day, the fifteenth of Sha'ban, I was commanded to present myself, and the Beloved ordered me to read your letters once again, and He, may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him, answered one request after another.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! What thou didst send of the letters hath been received in the Prison, and We have heard what thou didst express in thy petitions. Let nothing grieve thee in the Cause of God. We conduct affairs with wisdom lest that occur which would sadden hearts. By My life! Thou art mentioned in the Prison. Blessed art thou and blessed are those with thee who have followed that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. The rosewater which 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar and the son of the martyr who served the Wronged One in the Land of Mystery sent hath been presented before the Face, and likewise other items arrived. We beseech God to assist all in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Muhammad-Hasan of Ya, blessed is he in his sojourn there. There is no objection to his engaging in some occupation and returning to his home. Convey My greetings to him and give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him, that he may be among those who rejoice. Say unto him: Thou hast turned, thou hast drawn nigh, and thou hast attained. Give thanks unto God for this great bounty. None should journey to this land, for it is unsettled. We see what others see not. We desire naught but good for the loved ones of God, and they must hold fast unto what is befitting in all conditions. This is what the Wronged One hath chosen for the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Javad son of Murad, We have accepted his turning and drawing nigh. Give him glad tidings from Me, that he may rejoice in what the tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken in this remote prison. Blessed is he who hath held fast today unto the ordinances and commandments of God and hath acted according to what is commanded in His wise Book. Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto the cord of God's loving-kindness and cling to the hem of His all-encompassing grace. It behooveth you to act in such wise as would sanctify the Cause among the servants. By the life of God! This is manifest good.

Concerning the two handmaidens from N and J, We beseech God to forgive them and purify them from all that beseemeth them not. Give them the glad tidings that they have been remembered in the prison. Blessed is the soul that hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and the heart that hath attained His love, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

As for him whom thou didst forget to mention and acknowledged this in thy later letter, by My life, thine acknowledgment of forgetfulness in this station is the very essence of remembrance. Be thou grateful and among the thankful ones.

Know thou that the Supreme Pen maketh mention of the Name of God, the Most Truthful, who turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon in the Prison Land by leave of his Lord. He hath another station, when he turned toward Iraq and attained what the near ones attained. He is verily the star that shone forth

from the horizon of heaven. This is truly a noble station. Blessed is he who visited him in the Land of Ha, as pronounced by the Pen of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

The first light that shone from the horizon of eternity and the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of the mercy of the Lord of Names be upon thee, O thou servant who gazeth toward the Supreme Horizon. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and answer thy Ancient Lord, and didst turn toward the Countenance when the servants turned away from it, and didst acknowledge the Day that was mentioned in the Book. Blessed art thou, and again blessed art thou, and blessed is he who turneth unto thee and visiteth thy luminous resting-place. I testify that thou didst drink the Choice Wine sealed from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, Who speaketh the truth: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned him in other stations. He is verily the Faithful, the All-Knowing. Here endeth the passage.

As to what thou didst write concerning Mulla Ali-Akbar, it was submitted. God willing, may he be occupied at all times with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds, and in whatever land he dwelleth, may he be enabled to serve the Cause with wisdom.

And in thy second letter was mentioned Mulla Muhammad-'Ali of Dahaj. It is strange that the one mentioned hath not arisen to settle his debt which was guaranteed by thee, despite countless emphases on such matters. We beseech God to enable us to do what profiteth us. Trustworthiness, religious devotion, and truthfulness are deeds whose benefit returneth first to the person himself and then to others. However, it is strongly suspected that he hath not had the means to pay it.

Concerning what you wrote about the Surahs and Tablets of the Land of Mystery, desist in this matter for now. And concerning what you wrote about the books of one Muhammad from the people of S who was with Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, it was mentioned and They said let them remain with you. And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Rajab-'Ali - may the 966 [Baha'u'llah] be upon him - and what he left behind, these matters must be handled according to divine laws. All those funds do not reach his spouse as given in N and J. Although such funds are not worthy of mention, yet since one must act according to divine laws, it is mentioned. The inheritance must be distributed according to the laws. Now you may use those funds in your possession and offer tea to the friends of that land for the sake of that departed believer and his departed believing wife. God willing, both are immersed in the ocean of divine forgiveness.

Concerning Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, this is what the Beloved uttered: God willing, may all the loved ones of God be illumined by the lights of His countenance. O Baqir! Give thanks to God that thou wert mentioned before His presence and didst turn to God, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve not over remoteness, for nearness is in His hand - He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth among His servants. He is the Ordainer, the Wise. The earth hath not found rest. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be patient and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to attain unto Thy mention and praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trustees, and that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Deprive me not of the outpourings of the rain of Thy mercy, and drive me not from Thy door which

Thou hast opened unto all in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. O Lord! Ordain for me a seat of truth near unto Thy mercy and a station of security beneath the shadow of Thy sovereignty and dominion. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

God willing, the friends of God must engage in service to the Cause, and service to the Cause means acting according to what hath been and shall be revealed in God's Book. Today, goodly character, pleasing deeds, and teaching God's Cause with wisdom are essential. O Baqir! God is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, and witnesseth all deeds and words. We beseech God to aid thee and all His friends to perform such deeds as shall cause the exaltation of His Cause. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained the recognition of God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And concerning what thou didst mention about his brother Ramadan-'Ali, We beseech God to forgive him through His grace, to immerse him in the ocean of His bounty, and to ordain for him that which shall profit him in the Hereafter and in this world. He is verily the Bestower, the Generous. O friends! Be content and thankful with what God hath commanded, for creatures have not been and are not aware of their own affairs and their outcome. God knoweth and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. With utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourselves with promoting the Cause of God and act according to what is in the Book. The promotion and service of every soul hath been and shall be according to their capacity. For example, if today someone offers a cup of water to one of God's friends, they have succeeded in serving the Cause according to their capacity and to the measure of their deed. Strive that no matter escape you that would cause eternal regret and endless remorse.

And concerning what thou hast mentioned about Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, We bid him as We have bidden Our servants before, and counsel him to fear God, to remember Him, and to act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in His mighty and unerring Book. O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! He Who loveth God hath mentioned thee in His Book, and We make mention of thee with that which will gladden thy heart. Give thanks unto God, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn towards Thy most exalted horizon and to set my face toward Thee after all things have perished. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names and by the power wherewith Thou didst create earth and heaven, that Thou leave me not to myself, but cause me to be moved by Thy will. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what thou hast mentioned about Mihman, blessed is she for having attained unto this wondrous name, and blessed is she for having shown steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. In the path of God she hath borne hardships and hath, to the extent possible, been engaged in service to the Cause. God willing, she was and ever shall be adorned with the ornament of divine love and embellished with the greatest steadfastness. Her mention hath been and will continue to be before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid her and those who are with her in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Furthermore, the sublime Tablet which thou didst receive from Mulla Muhammad-'Ali and dispatch as commanded hath arrived.

Regarding the Book of Prayers thou didst write about, it shall certainly be corrected. The friends may inquire about any passage that cometh to thy notice.

Concerning the books of Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], let them send the corrected copy of the Book of Verses, and likewise the Book of Prayers after correction. A Persian copy hath also been started here.

As for what thou didst write about Haji Ghulam and Haji 'Abdu'llah, their mention was submitted before His presence. A kind word concerning them was uttered from the Source of utterance. Return to Iran would be preferable. God willing, wherever they may be, may they be engaged in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and delight.

Furthermore, most people are deprived of the chosen ones of God and are engaged in the utmost deceit, trickery and guile. Among them is Husayn, known as Sukhtih, who hath made plans to travel to and from Cyprus, and surely cometh and goeth by that route. The friends of God must avoid him, for often they become the cause of discord among the friends. One named Taqi came to this land and later was dismissed and departed. Afterwards it became known that in Aleppo the aforementioned Sukhtih had deceived him and taken him to Cyprus. We beseech God to open the eyes of those who walk in the wilderness of fancy and error. By the life of God! They are in manifest remoteness and grievous sin.

Furthermore, convey greetings from this evanescent one to the friends in that land, and mention to Ismu'llah Safi, upon him be the Glory of God, that his letter was received, causing the utmost joy and gladness. God willing, may you be occupied with the remembrance of God in all conditions. This servant hath never forgotten that person in special occasions, and regarding the matter thou didst mention, God willing, it hath by now arrived.

In relating recent news, they have taken possession of the Land of Mystery [Baghdad] and its surroundings. All that the All-Merciful had revealed in the Tablets has come to pass. Surely the Tablet to Ra'is is before His blessed eyes. In any case, in those regions, blood was shed beneath every tree, and the cries and lamentations of the servants, of widows and others, rose up from the hills and mountains, cities and villages. Verily the Pen is powerless to describe what transpired therein. The Tablet to Ra'is indeed informed us of what would occur there. After news of the Bishop's arrival in Adrianople, a prayer was revealed from the Most Holy Court, and He commanded the friends to recite it, saying "This, despite My knowledge that successors are like their predecessors." This is what was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen:

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, in His Name, the All-Subduing over all names.

O My God, the All-Merciful and the All-Powerful over creation! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to protect the Sultan. Then I beseech Thee not to regard him and the transgressions of his predecessors in sovereignty, but rather to behold the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy favors. O Lord!

Ward off from him the hands of evil with the Hand which Thou hast made to be above the hands of all Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From these blessed words it can be understood that relief will come to the Sultan, but this will be after great losses that have occurred and will occur. Furthermore, regarding that which was forbidden from the Most Holy Court, and which was repeatedly and successively forbidden to the people through healing utterances, manifest verses and clear words - as that honored one can testify - most did not succeed in hearkening to the divine call and were not adorned with the ornament of acceptance and deeds, until a word was revealed to his honor from the Source of Command. It appears its purport was that since they did not heed the divine command, they would be prevented in other ways. God, the Exalted, the Great, has spoken truth. In any case, more than one hundred and fifty souls are now residing in this land and were in the utmost joy and comfort, but now ease has been transformed into hardship.

Among the matters that have occurred in this land is that his honor [Baha'u'llah] has incurred debts exceeding two thousand tumans - two thousand tumans belonging to the merchant partner, and a considerable sum from the poor merchant himself. It is evident that this amount was given with trust in God. The aforementioned personage has thoughtlessly taken on this burden. I have briefly mentioned this; if I were to detail the debts and recent occurrences of this city, you would surely become saddened. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Concealer, the All-Wise. Your honor is not aware of what people are now saying and what is befalling the Cause. Jinab-i-Salman has become aware of some details, that is, before the spread of news about the aforementioned person who was in this land. In any case, from outward appearances this land has become very constricted, as wheat has risen from eight tumans per kharvar to twelve tumans, and likewise other items. We beseech God to assist His servants to hearken unto His Cause and to trust in Him, to deliver us from the promptings of self and passion, and to enable us to achieve that which will profit us in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. I swear by the Most Great Name, had they hearkened to that which was sent down from the heaven of bounty, all would have attained perfect outward and inward blessings. Now the debts of Aqa 'Abdu'l-Ahad and other debts have reached four thousand tumans. This is a brief account of the situation in this land. For some time now nothing has been received from the government for the friends, and we praise God for this, although it was not worthy, and the government itself is now in great difficulties.

Another matter: For some time after the arrival of your honor's letter and its presentation before the Most Holy Court, no response appeared from the horizon of the Cause, as was mentioned. After some time, the command was issued to present your honor's letter at the Most Holy Court. After a second presentation, an answer was revealed, but then for several months it was not sent due to wisdom's requirements, just as specifically for certain souls who were in that land at that time and whom your honor mentioned, divine verses were revealed from the horizon of grace, but there was such delay that some of those souls arrived at the Prison City without permission. These delays were due to the requirements of wisdom and expediency. A letter also arrived from Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad. Its answer has been delayed until now. This ephemeral one conveys greetings to him. May God willing, he be assisted and confirmed in all conditions. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to open unto him the gates of joy and gladness, blessing and bounty, and expansion.

Another matter: It was previously written that fifty tumans would be sent to that land. They have written that it was given to Haji Ahmad to deliver upon his return from Mecca. They should write the details of this.

Regarding the mother of Aqa Muhammad Hasan, the situation of this land has been repeatedly explained. It is not at all advisable for her to come to this land, now or ever. Let her occupy herself with some matter there until later what is required becomes clear. Whatever is necessary will be done later, if God should will it.

Convey greetings and praise to the gentlemen and friends of that land, contingent upon that Holiness's favor. The circumambulators and dwellers of the Most Holy Land, especially in service to that Holiness and all the loved ones, offer infinite greetings. Glory be upon Your Holiness and upon them. The Servant. [On] 19 Safar 1295. The Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit and all that my Lord hath bestowed upon me be a sacrifice for their glory - convey most mighty, most impregnable, most holy greetings to that Holiness and all the inhabitants of that land. The people of the pavilion of divine infallibility have especially commanded at this time that I should convey greetings on their behalf to that honor, and to the honor of the Name of God, the Chosen One, and to the honored guest.

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He is God, the Mighty, the Beautiful

Unique glorification, sanctified above limitation and the knowledge of created things, befitteth the court of might of that Eternal One, Who hath been and shall forever be ensconced within His own most holy and exalted sanctuary, and Who, from time immemorial unto time everlasting, shall remain upon the seat and throne of His independence and grandeur. How utterly independent hath His sacred Essence been from the comprehension of all created things, and how immeasurably exalted shall it remain above the praise of all dwellers of earth and heaven! Through the pure bounty of His grace and the sublime excellence of His mercy, He hath deposited within all things that are seen and known the sign of His knowledge, that no thing might be deprived of recognizing His presence according to its capacity and station. And this sign is the mirror of His beauty in creation, and the more this most exalted, most wondrous, and most impregnable mirror is polished through striving and endeavor, the more shall the manifestations of His names and attributes and the evidences of His knowledge and signs be impressed and reflected therein, to such degree that every thing may witness in its place and every thing may know its limit and measure, and may hear from all things that there is no God but Him and that 'Ali-Qabli-Nabil is the Manifestation of all names and the Dawning-Place of all attributes, that all were created by His will and all act by His command.

Although this mirror may draw nigh unto the holy gardens of the All-Merciful and the sacred precincts of divine intimacy through spiritual struggles and heavenly attractions, becoming cleansed of dark impurities and satanic fancies, yet since every matter hath its appointed time and every fruit its determined season, the appearance of this grace and the springtime of this beneficence hath ever been in the Days of God. Though He hath bestowed upon all days a portion of His wondrous favors according to their capacity, yet

He hath ordained for the days of His manifestation a station beyond the comprehension of those endowed with understanding. Thus, should all the hearts of those who dwell in the heavens and the earth turn in those divine days towards that Sun of celestial glory and be directed unto Him, they would all find themselves sanctified, illumined and purified. Exalted be this grace, before which no grace hath preceded! Exalted be this bounty, which hath no likeness in creation nor peer in invention! Exalted be He above all that they describe or mention!

Thus in those days none hath needed nor shall need another, as was observed when most of those who sought the divine sanctuary in that heavenly Day spoke forth with such knowledge and wisdom that none besides those holy souls had ever attained nor shall attain to a single letter thereof, even should they engage in study and learning for a thousand years. Thus have the loved ones of God been independent of all knowledge in the days of the manifestation of the divine Sun; nay rather, the springs of knowledge and wisdom have flowed uninterruptedly from their hearts and innate nature.

O Hadi! God willing, thou hast been guided by the lights of the eternal morn and the appearance of the everlasting dawn, that thy heart might be sanctified from dark and transient souls, and thou mightest find all knowledge and mysteries inscribed therein. For verily it is the comprehensive Book, the perfect Word, and the all-encompassing Mirror. “We have recorded all things in a clear Book, if ye would but know.”

And furthermore, a question about detachment was asked. That respected one has understood that detachment means detachment of the self from all else save God - that is, to ascend to such a station wherein nothing whatsoever among all that exists between the heavens and the earth can prevent one from the Truth. In other words, neither love of anything nor occupation with it should veil one from divine love and engagement in His remembrance. As is evident to behold, most people today have clung to vanishing ornaments and grasped onto vain causes, thus depriving themselves of everlasting blessings and the fruits of the Blessed Tree. Although the wayfarer in the paths of Truth may attain to a station wherein he sees no place or station save detachment, yet this matter cannot be expressed in words, nor can the Pen step forward to inscribe it. This is of God’s grace, which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. In any case, detachment has never meant and will never mean the squandering and waste of wealth, but rather means turning unto God and relying upon Him. This station, in whatever way it is achieved and through whatever thing it becomes manifest - that is detachment, and its beginning and end. We therefore beseech God to detach us from all else save Him and grant us reunion with Him. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the Command and the Creation. He bestoweth what He willeth upon whomsoever He willeth, and He is powerful over all things.

Furthermore, a question about return was asked. This matter has been mentioned in detail in all Tablets with various explanations and countless wisdoms. God willing, let them refer to these so they may become informed of its nature. The beginning of all things is from God and the return of all shall be unto God. None can deny this. The return of all is unto the Truth, though some return unto His mercy and good-pleasure, and others unto His wrath and fire. In the Persian and Arabic Tablets, all these matters have been fully and completely mentioned. Refer to them if you wish to know. Likewise, the Primal Point - exalted be His grandeur - has written about this in detail in the Persian Bayan. Let them refer to it, for a single letter thereof suffices all the peoples of the earth. And God hath recorded everything in a Clear

Book. Likewise observe in your own beginning that it was from God and unto God shall it return. Even as ye began, so shall ye return, and unto Him shall ye all return.

And as to what thou hast asked concerning the well-known tradition "He who knoweth his self hath known his Lord" - know thou that this utterance hath, in each of the infinite worlds, wondrous meanings according to that realm, whereof none besides that realm hath any knowledge or understanding, nor ever shall have. Were all of these meanings to be mentioned as they truly are, neither all the pens in creation nor all the oceans of ink would suffice to record them. Yet a drop from this vast, infinite ocean shall be mentioned, that perchance it may guide the seekers to the goal of their quest and lead those who search unto their ultimate objective. God guideth whom He willeth unto His mighty, powerful and glorious path.

Consider, for instance, the rational soul which is a divine trust deposited within human beings. Observe within thyself how movement and rest, will and purpose, and all else above and below these, as well as hearing, sight, smell, speech, and other outward and inward senses, all exist through its existence. Indeed, were its connection with the body to be severed even slightly, all these senses would be deprived and prevented from their effects and actions. This is most evident and known, that the effect of all these aforementioned causes is dependent and conditional upon the existence of the rational soul, which is a sign of the manifestation of the sovereign Unity. Through its manifestation all these names and attributes appear, and through its concealment all become non-existent and perish.

Now, if it be said that it is sight, it is sanctified above sight, for sight appears through it and exists by its existence. And if thou sayest it is hearing, it is observed that hearing is mentioned through attention to it, and likewise with all else that can be described by names and attributes which exist in the human temple. All these diverse names and manifest attributes appear and are witnessed from this sign of unity, yet in its essence and reality it is sanctified above all these names and attributes. Rather, all else in its presence is utter nothingness and complete void.

If thou wert to contemplate with the minds of the first and the last unto eternity upon this divine subtlety and manifestation of holy eternality, thou wouldst assuredly find thyself incapable and wanting in truly knowing it. And when thou observest thine own powerlessness and limitation in attaining to the knowledge of the sign that exists within thyself, thou wilt surely behold with the eye of inner and outer vision thine own impotence and that of all created things in knowing the Divine Essence and the Sun of eternal glory. The acknowledgment of powerlessness in this station, when based on insight, is the utmost limit of the knowledge of the servant and the highest attainment of the worshippers.

If thou shouldst ascend, through the degrees of trust and detachment, to the heights of holy independence, and open thy spiritual eye, thou wouldst see this utterance free and detached from the limitations of self, and wouldst hear with the ear of understanding from the divine holy Dove that "whoso knoweth anything hath known his Lord," for in all things there is the sign of the manifestation of eternal glory and […]

The resplendent dawnings of the Sun of Divine Unity are manifest and visible, and this hath never been, nor shall ever be, confined to any single soul, and this is the truth in which there is no doubt, if ye be of them that know. But the primary purpose of knowing the self in this station is to know the Self of God in

every age and dispensation, for the Ancient Being and the Ocean of Truth hath ever been sanctified above the knowledge of all else. Therefore the knowledge of all knowers returneth unto the knowledge of the Manifestations of His Cause, and they are the Self of God amongst His servants, His Manifestation amidst His creation, and His Sign among His creatures. Whoso knoweth them hath known God, whoso acknowledgeth them hath acknowledged God, and whoso confesseth their truth hath confessed the signs of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Thus do We expound the verses unto you, that ye may be guided by the signs of God.

O Hadi! Be thou guided by the guidance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things. Then gird up thy loins to aid the Cause of God, and follow not those who have taken the Samiri as their protector instead of God, who scoff at the signs of God in derision and are among the transgressors. When the verses of thy Lord are recited unto them, they say: "These are but veils." Say: By what discourse, then, did ye believe in God, your Lord? Bring it forth, if ye be of the truthful! The Cause hath now reached such a pass that, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, all who are in the heavens and on earth secretly weep and lament over the oppression of this servant. Yet We have placed Our trust in God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, and I behold all who are in the kingdom but as a handful of clay, save those who have entered into the depths of the love and knowledge of God. Thus do We make mention unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that know.

As to what thou didst ask concerning the tradition that the believer is alive in both worlds - yea, this is true, even as the sun which hath risen in this atmosphere, which hath appeared in this heaven, which was in this cloud, if ye be of them that understand. Nay, if thou remainest steadfast in thy love for thy Lord and attainest unto the station wherein thy feet shall not slip, there will appear from thee that which shall quicken both worlds. This is a revelation from One mighty, all-knowing. Therefore give thanks unto God for having bestowed upon thee from this Kawthar whereby the spirits of them who draw nigh are quickened, and for having raised thee up in truth and sent down unto thee the verses whereby God's proof hath been perfected unto all the worlds. By God! Were a single drop thereof to be bestowed upon the dwellers of the heavens and the earth, thou wouldst find them all enduring through the endurance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

It is known to that honored one that all names and attributes and all things, both visible and manifest and hidden and unseen, after the removal of the veils from their faces, naught shall remain save the sign of God which He hath deposited therein, and this shall endure for as long as God, thy Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths, willeth - how much more so the believer, who was the very purpose of the creation of existence and life. Even as the name of faith hath existed from the beginning that hath no beginning and will endure unto the end that hath no end, likewise the believer hath been and ever shall be alive and enduring, circling round the Will of God from time immemorial. He it is who endureth through the endurance of God, abideth through His abiding, is manifest through His manifestation, and is hidden through His command. It is evident that the most exalted horizon of immortality hath ever been the dwelling-place of them that believe in God and His signs. Never shall extinction find its way unto that sacred seat. Thus do We impart unto thee the verses of thy Lord that thou mayest stand firm in thy love and be of them that know.

Since all these matters have been set forth in detail in most of the Tablets, they are here mentioned with utmost brevity. We hope, God willing, that thou mayest attain unto the furthermost horizon of detachment and arrive at the reality of the journeys which is the station of survival through God, and like unto the sun become influential, radiant and luminous in the world of dominion and the kingdom. Despair not of God's grace, for none despaireth of His bounty save those who are in loss.

Then make mention from Us to thy companion who hath been named Rida, and give him the glad tidings of what God hath desired for him, that he may be of them that rejoice. Then remind the servants not to falter when a momentous matter cometh unto them. Say: Be steadfast in the Cause of God and His remembrance, transgress not the bounds of God, and be not of the transgressors.

Indeed, it behooveth all in this day to attain unto and remain firm in such a station that should all the devils of the earth gather together to turn them aside from the path of God, they would prove powerless and would find themselves utterly impotent. Say: O people! Be ye the might of God against His enemies and His mercy unto His loved ones. Be not of them who are so overcome by atmospheric moisture that no trace remaineth in them of male or female, and they become of the indolent. Arise, O people, from the couches of heedlessness through a fire which, were all who are in the heavens and earth to face it, ye would find its trace. This is what God counseleth you, that ye may be of them that know.

When thou arrivest at the City of God, remind its people and give them glad tidings of the remembrance of God in their remembrance, that they may be of those who receive glad tidings. Then remind the House and its people, and those from whom thou perceivest the fragrance of holiness from this sacred and noble scene. Then give glad tidings to Rida and those who are with him from among the loved ones of God. Then remind them from Us with a gracious reminder. Then recount to them what hath befallen Us from those who desired to sacrifice themselves in Our path while in their hearts was a rancor greater than every lofty mountain. Thus doth God reveal what is in the hearts of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Lord of all worlds. And among them was he who turned away, then repented, then disbelieved, then believed, until he ended at his beginning in the lowest depths of hell.

O people of the Bayan! Fear God and be conscious of Him in your own selves, such that ye neither associate with him, nor feel comfort in his presence, nor sit with him in gathering, nor be of the heedless ones. Flee from him unto God, your Lord, that God may protect you from him and from his evil and from his hosts. Thus do We inform you with justice that it may be a mercy from Us upon you and upon all created things. By God! Were ye to have the glance of faith, ye would find in his countenance the trace of hell. By God! From him wafteth the odors of hatred which, were they to waft over all created things, would transform them to the lowest of the low. Thus do We recite unto you from the verses of God and cast upon you from the words of wisdom and teach you the ways of piety, purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

By God! His face testifieth to his unbelief, his utterance to his hypocrisy, and his form to his turning away, if ye be of those who perceive. He claimeth within himself the essence of detachment just as Satan claimed and said: "I have purified my face for God, the Lord of all worlds, and therefore I did not prostrate before Adam before, nor will I prostrate, for were I to prostrate to other than God, I would then be of the idolaters." Say: O accursed one! If thou hadst believed in God, why didst thou disbelieve in His glory and

His beauty, His light and His radiance, His sovereignty and His grandeur, His power and His might, and wert of those who turned away from God Who created thee from dust, then from a drop, then from a handful of clay?

By God, O people! Were he to mention God, he would mention Him only for the deceit that is in his breast. Fear God and draw not nigh unto him, O people of unity! And if he commandeth you to good, he commandeth you to evil, if ye be of those who know. Beware lest ye trust in him or in what he possesseth, and sit not with him in the gatherings of the loved ones. By God! We desired naught in what We mentioned to you save My love for you, O concourse of the sincere ones.

And ye, O people of the Bayan! Aid the All-Merciful with your hearts, your souls, your tongues, your bodies, and all that ye possess and all that ye have, and be not of the patient ones. By God! O hosts of God and His party! This hypocrite hath done unto Us what Satan did not unto Adam, nor Nimrod unto Abraham, nor Pharaoh unto Moses, nor the Jews unto Jesus, nor Abu-Jahl unto Muhammad, nor Shimr unto Husayn, nor the Dajjal unto the Qa'im, nor the Sufyani unto God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Generous.

By God! The clouds of the Cause weep over Us, then the clouds of bounty, then the eyes of those brought nigh. Thus hath befallen Us in the land of exile in the prison of the enemies. We have informed you of a letter thereof, nay less than that, that ye may be of those who are informed, and perchance there may be kindled in your hearts the fire of love and ye may aid Us in every matter and not be of the heedless ones.

Then mention the Mahdi, against whom that which grieveth the hearts of the mystics was perpetrated. Say: O servant, be patient in the Cause of God and His decree, then be steadfast in all things and be not of them that waver. And if abasement toucheth thee for My name's sake, be not disheartened within thyself, but stand firm in thy love. Then call to mind the days when the sweet-scented breezes of God, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great, wafted among you. Then detach thyself, thy spirit and thy very being from such as these, and be in the kingdom among Our steadfast servants.

Then mention the Majid in Our behalf, and those with him among God's chosen ones and His loved ones, that ye may be of them that rejoice. Say: Beware lest thou gather with the enemies of God in any place, nor hear aught from them, even if they recite unto thee from the verses of God, the Mighty, the Generous. For Satan hath led most of the servants astray by their agreement with him in mentioning their Creator with the utmost of what they possess, as ye find among the concourse of Muslims, in that they make mention of God with their hearts and tongues and do all that they are commanded, and thereby have they gone astray and led the people astray, if ye be of them that know. When Ali came unto them with the truth, with the signs of God, they turned away from him and disbelieved in what he brought from the presence of One Wise, All-Informed. Thus doth God cast upon you that which shall preserve you from all else but Him, as a mercy from His presence unto the worlds. Then mention the Rahim in Our behalf, that he may be mindful within himself and be of them that remember.

Say: O servant, remind the servants of that which God hath taught thee, then guide the people to the good-pleasure of God, then forbid them from drawing nigh unto the satans. Say: By God, on that Day there was no balance of God save the love of God and His Cause, then My love, if ye be of them that

know. They who turned away from Me have turned away from God, and this is My proof, were ye of them that perceive. O people, sanctify your eyes, then your hearts, then your souls, that ye may distinguish the countenance of God from the faces of the idolaters. Then mention those who have believed in God and His signs, then His light and His splendor, then in Him Who shall be made manifest in the Mustaghath, that it may be a mercy from Our presence unto them and a remembrance unto the worlds. And whoso turneth away from Me, turn ye away from him and draw not nigh unto him ever, and this is what hath been inscribed in the preserved tablets of might. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who by Thy most sweet call hast enraptured the heart of the world, and through the fragrances of the garment of the remembrance of Thy Most Glorious Name hast perfumed the realms of eternity! The rapture of longing hath seized me through the letter sent by the burning phoenix of love, wherein he warbled with the melodies of the nightingale of separation upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of yearning. How ardent are the sighs of the fire of his heart in his love for Thee, O my God, and how tender the attraction of his heart in his love for Thee, O my Beloved! The fire blazeth and surgeth from the burning of his heart in separation from Thee, and the Mount flieth from the rapture of his heart in longing for Thy countenance. The earth is rent asunder by what it hath inhaled of the fragrances of separation from the dwelling-place of union, yet the heaven rejoiceth in his spirit amidst the channels of destiny and his seeking of Thy good-pleasure and his desire for that which pleaseth Thee. O my God, that which hath appeared from the horizon of Thy most pure Tongue hath been confirmed, in that Thou didst name him the Phoenix, for I see that he liveth and rejoiceth and delighteth in the midst of the fire of sorrows even as the nightingale in paradise, and in the sphere of fire he singeth with Thy Chosen Name, and in the depths of the sea he uttereth Thy praise and announceth the glad-tidings of meeting Thee. Therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Great, Most Wondrous, Most Glorious Name, and by Thy Beauty that hath dawned from the horizon of the prison with lights that cannot be concealed, that Thou kindle the fire of his love in such wise that its flames may seize every lifeless one, melt every frozen one, cause every stationary one to soar, soften every hardened one, draw nigh every distant one, and gather together every scattered one, for verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art, verily, the Potent over all things.

My spirit and my soul be a sacrifice for Thee! The letter of that beloved of heart and soul, which was perfumed with the fragrances of the garment of the remembrance of the Beauty of the Most Merciful and the countenance of the All-Glorious, reached this evanescent servant and was illumined with the splendors of its wondrous words and exalted meanings. Praise be to God that the fragrance of that beloved was inhaled from his most pure letter. Indeed my eyes were solaced, my vision was illumined, my innermost heart was gladdened, my spirit rejoiced, my heart was attracted, my soul was stirred, and my heart cried out: “To Thee, to Thee, O companion of my heart and intimate of my soul, Thou Who art remembered in all my limbs and witnessed before the throne of my Lord, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved!”

The supplication which he had offered was presented before the glorious throne in the late afternoon of Monday of the first Rabi', and from the Dawning-Place of the utterance of the Most Merciful these most sweet and wondrous words shone forth, exalted be His majesty:

"O thou who hast turned thy face to the Qiblih of the horizons and art enkindled with the fire of separation! Hearken unto the testimony of God which hath prevailed over the worlds. I bear witness by My own Self unto My own Self that there is none other God but He, and that thou art among those who have fulfilled the Covenant and discharged the trust of God on the Day whereon souls were agitated, flesh did creep, and feet did slip. The grace of thy Lord hath encompassed thee, and also thy father and mother, whom We have adorned with the ornament of Our Most Glorious Name in the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We hear from thee that which passeth through thy heart and floweth from thy tongue in remembrance of thy Lord. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And We have heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord, and there hath appeared before the Throne the leaf which hath been adorned with the remembrance of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Blessed art thou and thy brother and those who are with thee and who hear what thou mentioneth in remembrance of thy Lord, the Dayspring of lights. Those who object to thee are in heedlessness and behind a veil. Ask thou God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of creation, to gather all upon the shore of this Most Great Sea and to make them recognize His Self, the Mighty, the Chosen One."

O Samandar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Power, Who addresseth thee from the direction of the Most Great Prison. Though every soul hath heard His call and turned towards Him - as witnessed by the fact that most of the peoples of the earth, of whatsoever faith, cling to and turn toward the name of the All-Merciful - yet such hearkening is not acceptable in the sight of God, for they remain veiled from the true Purpose. Therefore hath the decree of rejection gone forth from the Source of Divine Command concerning such souls. They who today have attained unto the hearing of the Divine Call - these are the gems of existence, both seen and unseen. This Call resembleth not the call of the first or the last, nor are its hearers like unto the souls of before or after. Observe how, despite being encompassed by the utmost severity and the most extreme affliction and abasement from all directions, yet from the horizon of the Prison the Sun of the Cause hath risen with such radiance that, were it beheld with the eye of the heart, it would be seen that its effulgence hath encompassed the kingdom of the seen and unseen. In the midst of abasement, it manifesteth such glory that the might of all in the heavens and earth is as naught before it. The eyes of all creation have been gladdened by what hath shone forth from the horizon of the Prison, and ears have been purified to hearken unto what hath been raised therein, and all things have been stirred by its most sweet call. How wondrous is this Revelation, the like of which hath never appeared in creation! It is as though every atom of earthly dust danceth from its fragrances, moveth in its atmosphere, and seeketh to attain the presence of its countenance. God willing, your honor should remind the people with utmost yearning and attraction, yet never forsake wisdom in any circumstance. Some people are weak, some heedless, and some knowing yet deniers. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The conditions of all are witnessed and known to God, but as He regardeth with favor, He hath not wished to rend the veils of souls. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Generous. It is known that God's infinite favors have been and will continue to be bestowed upon your

honor, and especially from the heaven of grace have Tablets been revealed and sent in the very script of revelation - you shall attain unto their perusal. And regarding the differences mentioned in the letter of Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, this evanescent servant, after observing before His presence, submitted it, and from the Source of Command was revealed, exalted be His grandeur: "We testify that the son of Nabil, who was named Kazim and then Samandar, hath believed in God and His signs, and the truth beareth witness with him, and all things bear witness, by the testimony of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that he is among those who have acknowledged the unity of God and His singleness, and was among the monotheists. None may object to him in the Cause of his Lord. He hath turned toward the Qiblih of the world, and he is of those who have rent asunder the veils through My Name and shattered the idols of fancy through My remembrance and sovereignty. By My life! He is among the triumphant."

They stated: This utterance of the All-Merciful which was revealed concerning you is "Be thou grateful and among those who render thanks." However, in view of the fact that in these days We are occupied with momentous and crucial matters - for never before has the Cause of God been openly proclaimed to the rulers of the earth, in none of the Manifestations of the divine Oneness was the Cause of God proclaimed as befitteth it, as they saw wisdom in concealment - but in these days the dominating Will of God and the prevailing Purpose of the King of Oneness have ordained that He should summon all and draw them to the divine realm. Therefore the clamor of all has been raised, and from every quarter they have sought and continue to seek with the talons of hatred to extinguish the divine Spirit. Thus must the loved ones, as far as possible, be mindful of reconciliation. This has been and will be closest to wisdom. However this matter depends upon wisdom and prudence, lest conflict and contention arise between any parties that might cause harm to the loved ones of God. Be thou assured that thy Lord knoweth what is in the hearts and distinguisheth the corrupt from the righteous. Verily He knoweth all things. Unambiguous words have ever been sent down and made manifest from the Source of the Cause, yet people interpret them according to their own desires. We beseech God to make them recognize the Manifestation of His Cause and His sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds.

If you meet Mulla Isma'il, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant. Although the holy fragrances have not been inhaled from him, yet in view of past friendship, this servant, purely for the sake of his Lord, the All-Merciful, submitteth this that perchance he may become detached from the cord of doubts and idle fancies and hold fast to the firm handle of God. They recite a poem fitting for this station:

O ?afi?, thy task is but to offer prayer,

Care not whether it be heard or unheard.

Therefore must the servant, purely for the sake of God and with his gaze fixed upon the realm of fidelity, remind his old friends of what he hath understood. If one hearkeneth, it is for his own sake, and if one turneth away, verily God is independent of all worlds.

One day, in the presence of the Most Great Throne, it was heard from the Most Holy Tongue: "They have deprived him through the cord of past delusions from the Truth. Would that he had knowledge and recognized That Which he hath clung to! By My life! Were he to know, he would instantly repent and

return unto God, the True, the Manifest King." They know not of His Cause, nor do they wish to become acquainted with it. Like those souls who today cling to idols, they refuse entirely to hearken unto the Word of Truth, lest they might turn from that which they possess toward Him Who possesseth all authority. And He said: "Write to him: Hast thou not heard the consummate, primal Word which hath been revealed from the Source of the Pen of Command: 'Verily, the wayfarer on the white path and crimson pillar shall never attain to the station of his homeland except through detachment from all that is in the hands of men'?" And write to him: "Apart from all the proofs, evidences, verses and conditions of this Most Great Revelation, I ask but one question: Was the Bab - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - aware of this Revelation or not? If thou sayest He was not aware, thou hast denied knowledge to the Source of knowledge itself. And if thou confirmest that He was aware, We say: Given His knowledge of this Most Great Revelation and its lack of truth, He would have been obliged to announce throughout the entire Bayan that such a mighty matter would appear and that ye should not turn to it, for the purpose of the Bayan was to establish truth and invalidate all else, just as it is recorded in all heavenly Books that false pretenders would come and their words should not be accepted."

"O fair-minded hearer! If thou canst find in the entire Bayan a single verse suggesting, even indirectly and without explicit statement, that should someone appear ye should hesitate for even a moment, We would count those who pause among the rightly guided. Throughout the entire Bayan He biddeth all to turn toward Him at His mere call, even before the presentation of proof. I adjure thee by God - would any person of understanding utter such words? Nay, by My true Self! How much less One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed! For there are many false pretenders who have made and continue to make claims, as ye hear from every corner. What wisdom, then, lay in having devoted the entire Bayan to the mention of this Most Great Revelation, removing from this Cause all limitation and restriction to such extent that He saith that however and whenever He appeareth He hath free choice, and stating that the entire Bayan and all the Most Beautiful Names, laws and ordinances revealed therein were and are contingent upon the confirmation of that Sun of Revelation and dependent upon the Word shining from the horizon of the mouth of that King of Reality?"

"Reflect a little! It is most unbefitting for ones like you to hesitate in a Cause that is more evident than any proof or evidence. Have ye not heard what He saith, exalted be His glory: 'Proof itself is ashamed to be proof for Him.' Today it behoveth all to gather around the all-embracing Word and strive according to their capacity to assist the Cause of God, for the Ancient Beauty hath Himself, after entering the Most Great Prison, undertaken momentous and mighty affairs, even as He hath taught, one by one, all the rulers of the earth."

Strive ye according to your capacity to aid the Cause of God, for the Ancient Beauty Himself, after His arrival in the Most Great Prison, undertook matters of great moment and significance, even as He taught the kings of the earth one after another, as thou art aware of some of these instances. Consider with fairness: is it permissible to oppose or befitting to turn away from such a Soul Who today stands alone between earth and heaven, summoning the peoples of the East and the West to the Truth with the utmost power and dominion? Nay, by His very Self, the All-Merciful! With all these enemies among the wielders of power and might, it is not permissible that the people of the Bayan should arise in opposition. O fair-minded one! If thou deniest Him, whom wilt thou accept, and by what proof wilt thou establish

thine own faith? Bring it forth! By My life, ye have no escape today. Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth thee for the sake of God. Cast aside what thou hast and take what God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath commanded thee.

I swear by the Sun of Truth that shineth from the horizon of the Prison that had this Revelation not appeared, the Point of the Bayan would never have uttered a single word of that which He revealed. Consider the Books of old: the announcement of each subsequent Prophet was contingent upon the words of the preceding Prophet, and all made mention thereof through subtle allusions, as ye have seen and heard. What, then, was His purpose in saying that caution in religion should not withhold thee from turning to that Sun of Truth, for to the extent of thy hesitation thou shalt abide in the fire? By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands, the Bayan was revealed solely for My mention and praise, and the Dove warbled therein only for My firm and mighty Cause.

Even as in this Most Great Revelation no word hath been revealed stating that should someone come forward with a claim, ye should accept him or turn unto him, save after the passing of a full thousand years, and such limits as have been set down. Beyond this word, nothing hath ever flowed or shall ever flow from the Most Exalted Pen, nor is it permissible that it should, for many are the thieves lying in wait, and many are the ravens who claim to be doves. The example of this Revelation is like unto that of the son of Zachariah and Jesus, son of Mary. Reflect, that thou mayest know, then turn unto God, thy Lord, with a pure heart and radiant countenance.

Say: O my God and my Master! Base desire hath kept me from Thy mention, O my Lord the Most Glorious, and the world hath withheld me from turning unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all names. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Cry was raised between the heavens and the earth, through which the Hour was bewildered within itself, and through which earthquakes seized all the tribes, that Thou deprive me not from the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, of which every drop crieth out with the loudest voice between earth and heaven that verily He is the Quickener of the worlds, the Beloved of the worlds, and the God of all who are in the heavens and all who are on earth. O Lord! Strengthen me through Thy power and might, that I may shatter with the arm of certitude the idols of idle fancies of the polytheists. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Strong, the Mighty, the Great.

The ode of Khajeh was presented in detail at the Most Holy Court. This word shone forth from the dawning-place of the All-Merciful mouth: The ocean of nearness and reunion is surging and its fish are in the utmost hopes. The curse of God be upon those who have come between him and them. That which is beloved today is that your honor and his honor your brother - upon you both be the Glory of God - should be engaged in your trade with the utmost effort and striving, for the earning of livelihood in this Revelation is accounted as among the good deeds. And in the teaching of the Cause likewise be engaged with perfect wisdom. If it be deemed advisable and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali should move purposely toward the Desired One, there is no objection. However, if Jinab-i-Amin should turn toward the direction of the Desired One, it would be more fitting for them to set out together. Although outwardly the door of attainment to the presence is closed, for the satans have prevented it from every direction, yet should a soul become successful in inhaling the diffused fragrances in this city and its surroundings, which is the seat of the Most Great Throne, he will attain unto all good and the decree of attainment to the presence

will be true regarding him. Therefore, at the time of setting out, one must be content with whatever may befall him. In truth, contentment hath ever been and will continue to be beloved before God. In any case, I convey wondrous greetings to his honor your brother, and I observe many expressions of bounty and favor in relation to him from the direction of the Desired One. We beseech God to assist him under all conditions. Verily, He is powerful over all things. And the supplication that was submitted was presented before the Face. From the Dawning-Place of favor the answer hath been revealed and will be sent. Upon you both be all-glorious Glory and all-resplendent Light.

And regarding that sum which was mentioned, it was presented before His countenance and this blessed verse was revealed: “We have accepted it from thee and apportioned it amongst the servants and preferred those who circle round the Throne, for they are poor. Verily thy Lord is the All-Possessing, the Most High.” For there are many souls, both those who are associated with the loved ones of God and are now imprisoned in this Most Great Prison, and both young and old who remain from the martyrs of the past - all are observed to be in utmost difficulty. Although there is not yet anything substantial available to relieve even the outward needs of some of the loved ones, and they are present in every land, both in Iraq and in Mosul and other regions, therefore that sum should be distributed according to the command as follows: Fifty tumans to Jinab-i-Dhabih of the people of K, which was previously assigned; ten tumans to the family of Ustad Ahmad who entered the prison with God, which should reach the land of K, and a letter which that same honored one wrote to his home - its reply and receipt of delivery should be sent to the Most Holy Court; twenty tumans to the family of Jinab-i-Hajji Ja’far who entered the prison with God in Tabriz, and receipt of delivery should be sent; fifteen tumans to the family of his brother, the aforementioned Karbila’i Taqi, receipt of delivery to be obtained and sent; the remainder should reach Jinab-i-Aqa’i Aqa Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. It has been mentioned to him what should be done, but the more quickly they can deliver it, the more beloved it is and will be in the sight of God. And if it reaches Jinab-i-Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin in Mosul, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, that is also good - he will deliver it. Thirty tumans in the land of T to Jinab-i-Mirza Husayn from TF should be given to a trustworthy person to deliver quickly and send receipt to the Court of the Throne. And further, they should not be confident in any person at all times, but should be mindful of this blessed word which has risen from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful, His word, exalted be His majesty: “Be not confident in anyone’s words, be observant of their deeds. Many a man claims the highest station, yet when he sees that which he desires not, he objects to God, the Lord of Names.” The total of several items [145 tumans] - whatever remains should reach His Holiness Zayn in Mosul, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, and he will carry out what he is commanded to do. Two turquoise or black bordered headscarves, ten to twelve tumans if found, should be sent - here a Christian physician has requested them; previously in Tehran they were given at these prices, now consider. And further, one mann of sewing silk, one-third colored and two-thirds white. Hasten in sending the headscarves as they have been promised for some time. Again it is submitted that twenty tumans should also be sent in the land of T to Jinab-i-Mulla ’Ali-Akbar SM for him to deliver to the children of Jinab-i-Aqa’i Ismu’llah al-Munir, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious. This servant’s special request: if a trustworthy person is departing, send some of the blessed writings of His Holiness the Exalted One, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - it would be a great cause of joy and gladness to this

transient one’s heart. Verily the spirit and glory and radiance be upon your honor and those with you among the people of Baha, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy.

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In the name of God, the Sufficient, the Helper!

First, one must know wherein the All-Wise Lord and All-Knowing Sovereign hath placed this mighty matter and sublime mystery. Then must one purify and sanctify the soul and spirit from the cage of self and desire, that it may become worthy of this divine trust and heavenly artifice.

Take then the luminous water from the dark fire, that the high may be distinguished from the low, and separation be made between water and earth. After separation, let purification occur that it may be fit for marriage and mixture. That is, burn the sulfur with gentle fire, which is the moist putrefaction of the wise ones, until the earth of sulfur is extracted from the water of sulfur.

Apply this subtle, sharp, luminous water to this dark earth repeatedly through distillation and redistillation until no water remains in the earth and all water has been obtained. Then apply some of this water to the purified earth and leave it in the aforementioned moist putrefaction. Repeat this until this sulfurous water unites with the mercurial earth.

Then feed some of this water to new mercury twenty-one times, or less or more, until this earth becomes waxy. At this point the lunar elixir is complete. If you wish, you may apply the first distillate to the sulfurous earth repeatedly until this divine water dissolves whatever essence of soul remains in this earth, such that no trace of soul remains therein. At this point the pillars of the Stone - which are spirit, soul and body - will be prepared.

Herein is revealed the mystery of divine unity in this wondrous art. Then apply some of this profound solution, which is the mercury of the prophets, to this purified earth until this divine water dissolves this silver taken from mineral gold and makes it part of itself - that is, until the sulfurous earth unites with the mercurial water, meaning it becomes waxy. Then leave this waxy earth in solution for some days until you achieve the end of waxing, which is the first station of dissolution. This is the complete degree of the gates of the lunar elixir.

Thereafter, if you wish to feed the aforementioned purified oil, which is the same as the soul, to this illuminated waxy earth, the solar elixir will be completed. This is among the greatest gates - whoever attains it has attained the ultimate goal.

Know also that some seekers of this art attempt to marry incompatible spirit and body without proper measurement and preparation, hoping to achieve mixture - but this is extremely unlikely and they will never reach their aim. This word in this science is among the secrets of the prophets and sages: that spirit will not dwell in a foreign body, nor will body accept a foreign spirit. If this matter is understood, you will attain all that you seek.

Some have called the Stone the microcosm, taken from the macrocosm, for they consider man to comprise the three genera, which are vegetable, mineral and animal. Though the form of this temple is of the lesser world, yet its inner reality reflects the greater world. They have likened the creation of stone to the creation of man - that is, it appears from the earth and returns to the earth. But nothing grows from the earth except through water. Therefore understand, O seeker, the signs of mysteries in the inner meanings of words.

I shall mention one of the symbols of the Prophets so that you may become aware of all the mysteries of this Cause. If you comprehend its symbols, know that God, blessed and exalted be He, created the earth from water and created the sun to shine upon the earth. Then vapors and smoke arose, and thus the heaven was created. Then, through consummate wisdom, it was known that the heat of the sun would harm the earth, so through perfect power He created the clouds to rain upon the earth, causing all its hues and colors to appear. Furthermore, know that the greatest pillar in these works is fire, through whose aid all these stations must be completed - yet it must be a gentle, subtle fire, for the swift effect of fire upon oil is evident and clear and needs no mention or proof.

If you wish to work in a new way and follow a fresh path, gather together the breaths of minerals and their spirits and bodies according to the natural measure that is hidden from the sight and understanding of men. Then purify them until they are cleansed and purified of all dirt and blackness, so that each may manifest a color according to its natural disposition - that which is disposed to whiteness becoming white, and that which is capable of redness becoming red and crimson. Then blend these with a true universal blend, for no universal blend takes form except by turning all into flowing liquid water. Then let them dissolve until they blend and unite in a true union from which they can never separate or divide, even if you employ every possible stratagem.

This is the station of the immortality of bodies and the resurrection of forms from their place to the paradise of eternity, which is the station where this mercurial spirit becomes eternal in the immortal sulphuric body - meaning that the removal of tincture or any change or alteration is impossible at this station, unless God so wills. At this point the resurrection of bodies in this degree is complete. This is one of the secrets of nature and jewels of the knowledge of creation in the natural world that I have imparted to you. Therefore be grateful for this supreme bounty and mighty favor that none has ever attained before, neither among the sincere ones nor among the cherubim.

Some of the Prophets completed the work with mercury alone, the mention of which has never been permitted and never will be permitted, and which has ever been hidden in the treasuries of infallibility and stored in the vaults of power.

And know that if you return this illumined subtle solution, which you have taken from the divine tree of wisdom, three times to its base until it becomes sharp and […] with mercury, which is sulphur, and the tincture, which is the purified earth, it combines - that is, it dissolves and then coagulates. At this time it manifests and appears with the color of ruby, and is ready for all bodies - meaning it penetrates, volatilizes and tinges all [types of] minerals.

And know, O seeking wayfarer, that within the visible minerals are hidden subtle [glorious] tinctures for those servants who have been blessed with this greatest result, although the animal tincture is more potent, subtle, noble, strong and suitable. And know that the noblest minerals that carry the tincture are four: mercury, sulphur, arsenic and sal ammoniac. And their bodies are gold, silver, lead, iron and copper. The greatest of all for producing the redness of gold is from copper, and for the whiteness of silver is from lead. As for the essence of redness, it is sulphur, and the essence of whiteness is arsenic and mercury. And the purification, union and combination is the work of sal ammoniac. These are all the categories of minerals that were mentioned.

As for the divine mineral which is from the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, it is known from the essence of words and manifest jewels, as has been shown. Thus it became known that the foundation of the work is from mercury and sulphur, but not the common mercury and sulphur. “The filter they prepare for their work is not with the trembling, flowing mercury of commerce.” Although it is the same market mercury and sulphur that encompasses all the earth, such that no place is deprived of it - this is only due to the expansion of God’s infinite mercy and divine favors. The purpose is to open these two pillars so they may open and combine by their own aid without interference from others. The key is elemental fire, by whose aid they open and combine. Each soul has gone a path and devised a method according to their own penetrating vision.

And know that the science of balance [tadbir], which was among the most difficult sciences for the ancient philosophers and others, such that volumes were written about it, all depends upon your insight and intellect - there is no need for external weights.

Do not think that what has been mentioned was taken from anyone - I have never studied wisdom nor been taught it, rather it was bestowed by the subtle spirit of grace.

Since the explanation has reached this point, I shall renew the subject regarding the different names mentioned in books, so that you may understand all the degrees and no doubt or uncertainty remains for you. So know that the foundation of this firm matter and great mystery is from the sun and moon, which are the mercury and sulphur of the prophets and sages. They are mentioned by many names so that the subtle matter remains hidden from view and protected from strangers, lest any unauthorized person become privy to divine secrets and knower of the treasuries of eternal wisdom - such as mercury and sulphur, heaven and earth, spirit and body, male and female, eastern mercury and western mercury, water, soul, and body - head and tail, manifest and hidden, black and white - has been called by all these names, while some have abbreviated it to a single name, calling it “stone.” Thus they became cognizant of the mysteries of the process, and took a water which they named eastern mercury, sulfuric water, sharp water, concentrated vinegar, alum water, virgin’s milk, universal key, living water, wine, vinegar, calf’s urine, and children’s urine. When the distillation was completed three times - that is, when the first water taken from the olive tree was returned to the sediment and left to putrefy until three cycles were complete - they called it triple water, and it is the key to the divine treasure. Similarly, its earth has been called by countless names such as lead, antimony, philosophical copper, white lead, magnesia, litharge, mineral head, body, western mercury, and so forth.

Know that these names were not mentioned in vain; rather, in the stages of the process, according to each condition and color, they established a name and determined a designation. For example, before processing and purification, when blackness remains in it, it is termed pitch, antimony, copper, and black lead. After being freed from impurity, blackness and darkness, it is called white magnesia, whitening sulfur, white lead, lime of eggs, purified earth, new earth, child, silver and moon. After marriage and refinement it is referred to as leaven, gold, seed of gold, red sulfur, the sun, Roman disk, and philosophical anemones - just as man is designated and described by different names and titles in each state, from the condition of a clot until being invested with the robe of "Blessed be God, the best of creators." Likewise are the stations of all created things and all that is mentioned, if thou wouldst observe with a pure and clear eye. All these different names were mentioned so that minds would not slip and become confused by the diversity of terms. This is naught but pure mercy and the essence of grace.

All the Prophets and sages have mentioned this matter through symbols, riddles and different names, as when the Commander of the Faithful was asked while delivering the Sermon of Exposition: "O Commander of the Faithful, does alchemy exist?" He replied: "Yes, by my life, it did exist, does exist, and will exist." They asked: "What is it?" He said: "Verily in flowing mercury, lead, vitriol, saffron-colored iron, and green copper rust lie earth's treasures." They said: "O Commander of the Faithful, we do not understand." He replied: "Make some of it earth and some water, then cleave the earth with water, and the work is complete." They said again: "We do not understand." He replied: "No more than this, for the ancient philosophers added no more lest people make sport of it." And it is related that Abraham the Friend said: "Knowledge is in the egg, though not an egg." He was asked: "What then is the work, and what is the egg?, and what is other than the egg?" And [the Prophet] (peace be upon him) said that the egg is the world, containing the four natures wherein lies all knowledge.

It is said that Jesus, the Spirit of God and His Word, stated that it exists. When asked what it is, he said: "The Word of God." People were divided between religious law and wisdom concerning it, for he said "He who has no sword, let him buy one," and added nothing more to that. And Balinas the Wise mentioned this when describing the inscription on the tablet in Hermes' hand, saying with absolute certainty that the higher comes from the lower and the lower from the higher, performing wonders from the One, just as all things came from One - its father is the Sun and its mother is the Moon. He also said that the subtle is more noble than the gross, the Light of Lights through the Power of Powers ascends from earth to heaven, then descends becoming master over earth and heaven, the higher and the lower. Know that God, blessed and exalted, took a line and split it lengthwise, then turned one around the other, thus creating the world. The line is formed from the point when moved - understand what we say.

Then know that when God created all things from the four elements - fire, air, earth and water - the four primary natures emerged: heat, cold, moisture and dryness. When combined, fire became two parts heat and dryness; water two parts cold and moisture; earth two parts cold and dryness; and air two parts heat and moisture. Then God Almighty created from this the higher and lower worlds. What had balanced natures remained over time, while what was unbalanced returned to corruption. As we said regarding the composition of the two luminaries, when the Almighty created the Sun He balanced its natures except for fire which He increased, thus it came with the color of fire. And He created the Moon with balanced parts but water dominated the parts, thus it came with the color of water. So the two active ones came, not

the passive ones, for the active ones are fire and water while the passive ones are earth and air. Know this, O Abbas, then understand. As for what has balanced natures, fire cannot burn it nor can pools drown it - this is pure gold which nature has cooked. Know this, for by God I have revealed to you the two great gates of practice and knowledge, and mentioned all that you need and seek.

Know then, O seeker, that this hidden work has been called “animal” for two reasons: first because just as animals have spirit, soul and body, so too does the Philosophers’ Stone contain these; and second because the origin of this work is from purified oil which is related to animals, thus it was given this name. And it was called “air” because the three things and three elements in the atmosphere of the realm of possibility constitute this greatest pillar, and after its pillars appear in the outer world of existence it becomes external. The application of the name “stone” to this thing is because the stone attracts iron through the spiritual power inherent therein, and likewise this mighty pillar attracts and transforms all bodies through spiritual power and divine force.

No symbol, riddle, metaphor or mystery remains in this matter except that We have unveiled and made it clear. Although I have never had and do not have any desire to write, nevertheless I have mentioned this blessing in such detail and precision so that you may witness within your inmost heart the sign of God’s power and ascendancy in the realm of bodies, and become prepared for the encounter with the Most Great Elixir, the honored Essence and the glorious, mighty Spirit - He Whom God shall make manifest - for He is the transformer of spirits, the renewer of elements, and the resurrector of hearts and minds.

Having reached this blessed name, purely for His sake I mention another explanation of this science, so that the honor and favor of that Remembrance may endure among the servants until the appearance of that Sun of Truth, that hidden Purpose and praiseworthy Point. Then take from the white resin which is the purified, whitened sulfuric earth - meaning in a state of true whiteness with no darkness remaining - and afterward mix it with red resin which is the moist soul, meaning the purified oil that has been cultivated with lime and has reached the state of non-burning oil and is truly red. Let it dissolve until nothing of the earth remains except that it has been dissolved. At this point the work is complete, and this reaches its end in small measure.

When the dawn of inner meaning and exposition breaks forth from the horizon of certitude, hold fast to it that you may hold fast to the sure handle and the most exalted luminous thread and the most complete firm cord, that you may be among those who have drunk from the gems of inner meanings from the springs of the All-Glorious and be among those who are firmly grounded therein.

Know then that this science, for all its nobility and loftiness, pertains to the natural world. How can one who does not comprehend the natural realms comprehend the science of what lies beyond nature? Yet despite all these degrees they consider themselves learned. Glory be to God above what they say about that which they do not understand!

After all these stages of utterance, explanation, elaboration and exposition, I counsel you that attaining the Most Great Elixir will make you independent of all that exists in the visible kingdom and that which you need of food, drink, clothing and necessities. However, you will still remain needy and constrained, even more intensely than before, for unity indicates separation and wealth is the path to poverty.

Therefore seek that which will make you independent of the elixir and all who are in the heavens and earth - for that is the furthermost Tree, the supreme subtlety, the most glorious pavilion and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and the stations of nearness in the dwelling place of eternity. This is the counsel of this servant. Although occupation with these matters does not bar this door - say: Enter therein, O people, in security. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Praise be to God Who is single in His bounty and unique in His beneficence, Who is sanctified above whatsoever the people of creation utter and holy beyond every mention and description. I testify that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His grandeur and in recognition of His sovereignty which encompasses what is and what has been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower, Who hath spoken a Word whereby standards were raised upon standards, and the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" was hoisted upon the highest peaks.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through the Most Great Mercy, the Supreme Compassion, and the Providence that hath preceded all created things. Exalted, exalted is our Lord, the Possessor of the hereafter and the former times. Exalted, exalted is our Lord, the Sovereign of the throne and earth, Who hath made victory to lie in wisdom and utterance, and hath forbidden all from that which would grieve mankind.

He is the One at Whose manifestation proof and evidence circled round Him, and before Whom the books of all religions bowed down. He is the One Who walketh while Dominion proclaimeth from His right: "By God! That which was recorded in God's books of old hath appeared!" and the Kingdom crieth out from His left: "The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come, through Whom the heavens and earth have been illumined!"

Exalted, exalted is He above the inability of tongues to praise Him, of pens to extol Him, of hearts to comprehend Him, and of eyes to behold His beauty. He hath appeared with truth and taken His seat upon the throne. Thereupon all things proclaimed: "By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come, through Whom the sealed choice wine hath been unsealed, the hidden secret revealed, and the horizon of the world illumined by the light of His Name, the Self-Subsisting - He through Whom the limbs of every idol have trembled and the foundations of every stubborn disbeliever have quaked."

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can this impotent one mention Thee after acknowledging and confessing that all remembrances and descriptions are barred from Thy holy court and forbidden from the carpet of intimacy with Thee? Yet the wonders of Thy generosity and grace, and the dawning of the

Sun of Thy permission to Thy loved ones and servants, have emboldened him. O Lord! Thou seest the evanescent one turning to Thy everlasting Name, and the abased one clinging to the cord of Thy glorious Name. O Lord! Deprive him not of the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace, and aid him in that which Thou hast entrusted to him in transcribing Thy verses. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the fruits of the Tree of Thy grace to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of those who oppose Thy Cause, and to assist them in that which befitteth Thy Revelation in Thy days. O Lord! Cause Thy servants to know what Thou hast intended for them through Thy bounty and gifts. By Thy Most Great Self, were they to recognize Thy favors, they would circle round Thy Cause and hasten to the ocean of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Goal of the seen and unseen, by the fragrances of Thy verses and the sweet-scented breezes of Thy days, to grant them the sweetness of Thy utterance and teach them the mysteries of Thy Book and what Thou hast intended for them from the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy gifts. O Lord! Vain imaginings have prevented them from turning to Thy horizon, and idle fancies from facing the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration - He Who hath testified of Himself by Himself that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above the mention of those near unto Him and exalted beyond the highest praise of them that profess His unity. I testify that this Day is Thy Day and these are Thy servants and Thy creation. How many a remote one, O my God, hath been brought near by the hand of Thy grace, how many an ignorant one taught by the tongue of Thy bounty, how many an oppressor awakened by the breezes of Thy justice! How many a darkness hath been illumined by the lights of Thy favor, how many a seated one raised up by the wonders of Thy kindness, and how many a sleeping one stirred by Thy call! O Lord! All things have testified to Thy power, and Thy servants to their weakness. I beseech Thee to assist Thy loved ones in patience and steadfastness, and to make known to Thy creatures what Thou hast intended for them through Thy bounty and favors. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. And I pray, send greetings and glorification upon those who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that the oppression of Thy servants and creatures hath not deterred them. These are servants who have endured in Thy love what none in Thy realm have endured. O Lord! Aid them through Thy power which hath encompassed all contingent things and through the might which hath overcome all creation. Though they, O my God, have cast aside their own desires, yearning for Thy will, and have turned away from their own wishes, facing the manifestations of Thy will, O Lord, reveal unto them what Thou hast ordained for them in the heaven of Thy bounty, that their hearts may be assured by the lights of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Kind, the Merciful.

Thereafter, the servant hath attained unto the trace of your ink and pen, and the fragrances of joy have taken hold of me in finding it adorned with the ornament of the love of our Lord and our Beloved, the Goal of all worlds. When I read and perused it, I sought admission and presented what was in your letter before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken forth in the place named the Most Great Prison in the Book of Names and the Exalted Paradise in its Crimson Tablet.

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing.

O Fadl! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of that which was revealed unto thee from the Supreme Pen aforetime and in this perspicuous Book. He counsels thee to remember

Him, to praise Him, and to teach His mighty Cause. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, that He might give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested what He desired, and hath summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: This is the Day whereof God's Books have made mention aforetime, and it hath been named the Day of God, were ye of them that know. Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth, and upon the most great throne hath the One Who conversed with God taken His seat, calling out to the nations and summoning them unto His straight path. Among the people are those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and have pronounced against Him with manifest tyranny; and among them are those who have inhaled the fragrance of the Beloved and have hastened unto the supreme horizon with a speed that hath outstripped the lightning that flasheth and gleameth. Blessed are they whom the affairs of self have not withheld from the Lord of all creation, who have cast the world behind their backs and held fast unto the wisdom wherewith they were bidden by the presence of the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having spoken with wisdom when the questioner asked of thee that which he desired. Verily thy Lord is the Instructor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O people of Baha! Take heed lest the might of names frighten you. Hold fast unto that which is praiseworthy and place your trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Lauded.

O Fadl! That which thou didst send to this servant was presented at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that He hath enabled thee to observe the wisdom revealed in the Tablets. Excellence is that which thou didst utter when thou wast asked concerning that which was inquired. All the friends must observe and hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. We have enjoined upon all the Most Great Love. Blessed is he who hath discovered the fragrance of My utterance and hath apprehended that which hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. All must conduct themselves with the utmost kindness and mercy towards the servants of God. In such case, should any tyranny befall those sanctified souls, this hath been and shall ever be the ultimate desire of them that are nigh unto God and of the sincere ones. Say: O friends! The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any significance. Man must inevitably pass beyond it. Now if this passage be made in the name of Truth, it shall endure for as long as endureth the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey greetings unto all and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounties, that they may all rejoice and act in accordance with that which God hath willed. From certain souls hath glory been taken away, and this hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Every fair-minded and discerning person testifieth that whatsoever hath come to pass on earth had been mentioned aforetime. Blessed is the eye that seeth and the ear that heareth. Woe unto the heedless ones! God willing, the people of God must stand firm in the Cause of God with penetrating vision, stalwart hearts and steadfast feet, and must deal with all men with spiritual attributes. Today virtuous character and praiseworthy deeds have been and shall ever be the helpers of God's Cause, and this matter hath been repeatedly revealed by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God that all may discover and act upon this. The end.

In response to what you wrote about presenting the aforementioned prayer on your behalf, it was again presented at a specific time before His presence. This is what was revealed in response once more:

“O Fadl! The Lord of all beings remembers you that you may give thanks to your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. The servant present here has presented what you have supplicated to God, the Lord of all men. We have heard and answered you through this Tablet, which God has made the Dawning Place of life for all who are in the earths and heavens. When you discover the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hear what the Speaker of the Mount has spoken from the most exalted station, arise and say:

‘Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master, my Provider, and my Helper, for having caused me to speak Thy praise and for having made me recognize Thy horizon, from which most people have turned away. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by Thy sweetest call which hath been raised between earth and heaven, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will tranquilize the hearts of Thy loved ones in such wise that the conditions of the world and the might of nations will not frighten them. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.’”

Regarding what you wrote about one of the friends of God expressing grief over the believers’ involvement with the craft of elixir-making, verily he hath spoken the truth. Indeed, right is with him in prohibiting this act. Multiple Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will and sent to various regions concerning this. It is most strange that despite clear prohibition, they engage in this futile pursuit. Some souls in Iraq and the Land of Mystery inquired about the known hidden craft. In response, there was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful’s Will that which was revealed. This servant repeatedly heard from the Blessed Tongue saying that had the questioners not attributed weakness and less than that [to the Manifestation], surely not a word would have been revealed concerning it. He repeatedly and emphatically forbade the servants from engaging in it in the Book. As commanded, you and the trustees of the Cause should wisely and eloquently prevent the friends of Truth from engaging in this pursuit which is, in reality, a waste of life.

The servant beseeches his Lord to assist His loved ones to do what He loves and is pleased with. Had the accepted souls acted according to what God desired until now, the earth would be witnessed differently now. God willing, it is hoped that henceforth this servant and all may be assisted to act according to the Friend’s good-pleasure and occupy ourselves with what is beloved in His presence. May we not speak before hearing and not command before being commanded, that we may be counted among those servants of whom He says: “They speak not before He speaks and act by His command.” Steadfast souls should today speak that by which hearts are attracted and all should engage in teaching God’s Cause. Although the Cause of Truth has never needed and needs not the help of others, and will soon become evident like fire upon a mountain, yet the likes of this servant who spent precious life engaging in forbidden pursuits should take heed from the utterances of the Revealer of verses and engage in teaching God’s Cause, that perchance they may quicken dead souls with the water of life and adorn the heedless with the ornament of awareness. This is the greatest deed, this is the true elixir, and this is the purpose of that which is known in the primal reality.

In most Tablets He hath bidden that ye enlighten the peoples of the earth and guide them unto that which shall profit them. Today the heaven of understanding hath been raised up and the sun of

knowledge hath dawned. Let not the opportunity pass by, and deem the time precious. This is a day wherein man can attain unto that which, in any other day, could not be attained were he to possess all the treasures of earth. Today ye hearken unto that which in no other time could be heard. Strive ye that ye may attain unto everlasting remembrance. Such are the loving counsels and blessed admonitions of the Beloved of all possibility.

Concerning what was mentioned about certain laws, that some friends declare them permissible - this evanescent servant hath never heard a word from the Blessed Tongue regarding these matters. Glory be to God! How can any soul, of his own imagination, make such declarations? The duty of this servant and other friends is to keep our gaze fixed upon the Most Glorious Horizon and that which floweth from His Most Exalted Pen. Whatsoever He commandeth, we must accept with our whole souls and arise to fulfill it. As He hath stated in one place - these are His words, exalted be His glory: "In My Name was raised the Standard of 'He doeth what He willeth,' and by My Command was hoisted the Banner of 'He ordaineth what He pleaseth.'"

What right have we to speak of laws before they are revealed? Verily His command must be obeyed, and we, God willing, are among the obedient ones, the acknowledgers, the assured ones.

Regarding those souls whom you mentioned in the aforementioned incident who were subjected to arrest and imprisonment, this was presented at the Most Exalted, Most Holy Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur pronounced: He is the Remembering One, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

O Abu'l-Fadl! The Tongue of Glory calls thee from the Prison of 'Akka and gives thee glad tidings of thy Lord's grace, the Lord of all names. When thou hearest this, and attainest, give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!" We desire to make mention of the friends of God who have been seized and imprisoned without evidence or any Book from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O ye beloved of the Most Merciful! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth you with this remembrance, through which the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted between the heavens and the earth. Ye have borne for My love what no servants have borne before. To this testifieth the Pen of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. There hath befallen Us that which hath caused the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Highest Heaven to weep, while most of the people remain heedless. They have seized Us time after time, and imprisoned Us again and again, and verily He, from the Most Great Prison, before the faces of all the world, calleth out and saith: "By God! The Day of God hath appeared, and in it the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret have spoken. Verily, there is no God but I, the Single, the All-Informed."

O friends! There hath befallen you that which hath befallen the Truth Itself. Praise be to God, ye have committed no wrong but have been wronged; ye have sought to harm no one, yet have been subjected to utmost harm; with perfect kindness ye besought God's mercy for mankind, yet ye beheld the might of vengeance; ye sought freedom, yet were led to captivity. All the trees of Paradise cry out "Blessed are ye!" and their fruits proclaim "Glad tidings unto you!" If no wrong proceedeth from someone, and he acteth not contrary to that which God hath ordained, then whatsoever befalleth him in God's path shall become manifest in the world like a banner upon the hilltops. O beloved of the Most Merciful! Blessed are ye for your patience, and yours is a goodly beginning and end. How beloved are tribulations in the

path of the Lord of Names, and how fruitful are hardships in the way of the Peerless Friend! By the life of God! The sovereignty of the world cannot compare with this station, nor can the glory and riches of princes equal it. How many were the nights when beasts and birds and predators were at rest in their lairs and thickets and groves, while ye were in the clutches of enemies.

The counsel of this Wronged One is that ye should not let go of this most exalted station. Under no circumstances should ye depart from the requirements of human nature. Leave bestial traits and savage ways to those who practice them. Hear and speak not; give, and seek not to receive. God willing, may each of you be seen as a standard of justice and a banner of wisdom. And assuredly through these pure deeds and sanctified, holy characteristics, the lights of justice that have been obscured by the oppression of the oppressors shall shine forth through God's name. Then shall ye see the earth transformed into another earth, and the atoms shall cry out with their loudest voice: "The horizon of justice hath been illumined by the sun of the remembrance of our Lord, the Mighty, the Manifest, the Hearing, the Seeing."

O people of ?ad! O emigrants of the land of ?ad! O strangers in the land of ?ad! O captives in the land of ?ad! The Most Exalted Pen hath not been heedless of you. There hath flowed from It concerning you that which is adorned with everlasting life. It hath fulfilled what was due to the Truth; what remaineth is for you to preserve this station. God willing, with utmost sanctity and […]

Manifest amongst the people with sanctification, compassion, kindness and loving-kindness. No deed hath ever been, nor shall ever be, lost in the sight of God. Those souls from among you who have ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon have attained such glory and bounty as all the world is powerless and incapable of reckoning. O people of ?ad! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before and speaketh at this moment - that which shall gladden your eyes and rejoice your hearts. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Your names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in numerous Tablets. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, while seated upon the throne of His Name, the All-Chosen. In the path of God ye have endured that which caused the rocks to cry out and the mountains and hills to lament. Sorrows have befallen you in this Cause; ere long shall ye find yourselves in joy from your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth you and giveth you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of all mankind.

We make mention of everyone who hath ascended in foreign lands while migrating in the path of God, the Lord of spirits. The light shining from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Names be upon you and upon those who have arisen to aid the Cause of their Lord through wisdom and utterance. I bear witness that ye believed in God when every idolater and doubter denied Him. Ye turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and hearkened unto the call of your Lord, the Lord of Names, and were afflicted with trials when the call of God, the Lord of Lords, was raised. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who remembereth you after your ascension to a station beyond the remembrance of all servants. Thus crowed the Cock of the Throne and cooed the Dove of Justice when darkness encompassed all regions.

Praise be unto the Desired One of the world, through Whose ocean of bounty all have been embraced. Every soul mentioned in your letter hath been blessed with divine favors, especially yourself and the wife of he who beareth the Name 66, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God. Likewise for the honored ones Buzurg and Shir-'Ali, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, wondrous and exalted

Tablets have been revealed and sent. God willing, they shall attain unto them. I swear by the Truth that all that existeth and is visible cannot equal even one of these Tablets. All have been blessed with divine mention in this time. You have repeatedly been blessed with wondrous verses from the tongue of the Divine Unity in this letter, and moreover the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed especially for you. Similarly have the emigrants to the land of ?ad been adorned with the ornament of God's mention, and regarding those souls who have ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon, wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed. Today no deed or mention remaineth hidden. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God to assist all to preserve their stations and to give them to drink from the choice wine of steadfastness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Regarding your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Mirza 'Ali, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, and your request that their names be presented at the Most Exalted Threshold that they might attain unto divine bounties - as per your request this was presented, and two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. Deliver these unto them that they may drink therefrom the choice wine of their Lord's mercy, the Bestower, the Generous. I request that on behalf of this evanescent one you convey profound and exalted greetings to them and to all the friends in that land. God the All-Knowing beareth witness that this evanescent one is occupied with the mention of the friends most of the time. God willing, may we all be assisted to serve the Cause of God in a manner befitting this wondrous Day. Glory be upon you and upon the friends of God, they who shall fear not, neither shall they grieve.

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May the beloved of my heart, son of His Holiness the Most Truthful Name of God, Ali-Qabli-Muhammad, upon them both be the Most Glorious Splendor of God, take note:

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

Praise and glory befit that Incomparable Being Who revealed the pearls of the ocean of wisdom and utterance, and by them attracted pure and illumined hearts. His is the praise and bounty, and His the grace and glory. Through His all-embracing mercy and all-encompassing favor, He made the companions of the kingdom of command and creation aware of that station which is sanctified above decline and extinction, and gave them tidings thereof. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! We beseech Him to aid His servants in two mighty matters after the recognition of His Sacred Being and steadfastness therein: tears that fall through the fear of God, and drops of blood that are shed in His path. These two matters have ever been and will continue to be acceptable at the Divine Throne. And when the second was forbidden, a third took its place: the expenditure of one's life in the path of knowing Him, that one might know and make known.

I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Sovereign of the throne and earth, by the blood that was shed in Thy path out of longing for meeting Thee, and by the tears that fell through fear of Thee, to make me and Thy loved ones ready to manifest Thy Cause among Thy servants with wisdom and utterance. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Thou seest him who turned to Thee in

the early days and did mention Thee among the people. O Lord! Aid him through Thy bounty and generosity to assist Thy Cause with the hosts of remembrance and utterance, and ordain for him that which will exalt him among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the first and the last. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant who desires to make mention once again of him who traveled purely for Thy sake, to manifest my love for him and my longing to remember him morning and evening. O Lord! Make his tongue a sword to separate truth from falsehood, his sight keen to witness Thy signs and lights, and his feet firm as a mountain that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of nations can shake. Then cause, O my God, the tree of his being to be ignited with the fire of Thy love, that it may burn away the veils of Thy creation and the coverings of Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

And then, O beloved of my heart, thy noble letters arrived repeatedly. Indeed, their repetition is desirable, for each is adorned with the ornament of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. The fragrance of sincerity wafts from them, and the sweet savors of service and faithfulness spread therefrom. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Each was a gate to the city of love, affection, fellowship and unity. After their perusal, reading, comprehension and inhaling their fragrance, they were taken to the station of the Lord of all beings and were presented before the Divine Throne, attaining the honor of His attention. His word, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty:

In My Name, through which those in the graves arose […]

The Book sent down by Him Who conversed on Sinai, when He was established upon the Throne of Manifestation, unto him who hath migrated unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, who hath attained the presence of His Countenance and heard the Call when it was raised in truth, and who hath attained that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy turning unto Him, thy presence before Him, and thy standing at the door which hath been opened unto all who are in the invisible and visible worlds. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath heard the strident voice of My Pen; blessed be thine eye, for it hath beheld My presence; and blessed be thy heart, for it hath turned unto My praiseworthy station. Preserve that which thou hast been given by God, then thank Him for this bounty which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal.

Illumine the hearts with the lights of My utterance, and the eyes with the radiance of My countenance, and the souls with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God, thy Lord, the Possessor of all existence. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and for having manifested unto me from the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, and by Thy Word, through which Thy mercy hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise, who guardeth Thy Cause, who supporteth Thy Faith, who placeth his trust in Thee, and who committeth his affairs unto Thee.

How can I thank Thee, O my God, for Thy gifts which have encompassed me from all directions, and for the effects of Thy Pen which have attracted me from all regions? O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and desiring that which will cause me to dwell in Thy vicinity. O Lord! My heart findeth no rest save beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur, and my spirit findeth no repose except in circling around Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou by Whose command all created things appeared and all contingent beings bowed down before it, to aid me in that which will cause Thy Most Exalted Word to be upraised, and Thy manifestations to appear in the kingdom of creation. Thou art He Whom the might of the powerful cannot weaken, and Whom the force of princes cannot hinder. Thou doest through Thy power whatsoever Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast ever been and art remembered; the gaze of loving-kindness is directed towards thee, and the waves of the Divine Ocean of utterance have been and are being sent forth in the form of letters, and likewise the pearls of wisdom emerging from the shells of the Sea of Divine Knowledge have reached and continue to reach thee. Beseech thou the True One, exalted be His glory, to strengthen the power of vision that it may become capable of beholding and may perceive that which hath been manifested. Thou and the dwellers of the cities of truthfulness have been and are witnesses that this Wronged One hath, from the very beginning, arisen before the faces of men through His all-compelling power and all-encompassing might and hath drawn aside the veil; yet the heedless and ignorant servants have arisen in opposition and have wrought that which hath caused the hearts of the near ones to be consumed and the minds of them that are nigh unto God to be perturbed. Say: O people! How long will ye wander in the wilderness of error, and how long will ye remain heedless and unmindful of the truth and of yourselves? The days are drawing to a close, and yet ye behold yourselves in manifest error. Strive ye, that perchance in these days of the Manifestation ye may drink from the immortal Fountain and receive your portion of the sealed Wine. This Wine at times appeareth in the form of fire, and at others in the form of the resplendent light. It bestoweth eternal life and conferreth everlasting love. Blessed are they who have arisen to make good their losses and who have received their portion from the Ocean of utterance of the Lord of all worlds. Convey My greetings to the friends and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for the steadfast ones is such that were it to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, all who are in the heavens and on earth would swoon away, except such as God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon them that hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and upon them that have held fast unto the cord of unity by the command of God, the Lord of creation, Who is manifest at the time of return.

O beloved of My heart! The hands of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, are manifestly extended in outward appearance and imperceptibly spread forth in the inmost essence through favors beyond recognition. The heaven of grace is upraised and the clouds of mercy are pouring down. A springtime hath appeared which hath transformed stone into tree, and from that tree is raised the cry "Is there any respite?" God is My witness and the world My testimony that not for a moment have the effulgences of the gaze of His loving-kindness been withheld; yet ye behold how heedless are the servants, how

ignorant, how veiled, and how debarred. The wrath of God hath seized them, the might of God hath withheld them, as a recompense for their deeds, as a requital for their actions. When a Cause whose fragrances have encompassed the world, whose evidences have appeared before the faces of all, and whose signs are above all other signs - what further Cause do they await and what Manifestation do they seek? Say: Die in your wrath! He hath appeared through Whose finger's movement all created things are set in motion. In truth, the words spoken aforetime rest firm and established upon their throne, which declare: "When the world becometh corrupt, the world as a whole becometh corrupt." All corruption hath proceeded from those heedless souls - they have wrought that which the pen is powerless to describe and the tongue is impotent to recount, while upon the pulpits they recite "soon shall they know." Fie upon them! Glory be to God! The highest of parties hath become the lowest of parties, and the most profitable of religions the most unprofitable of religions. Thus hath He made their highest their lowest. We must hold fast to this blessed word which hath flowed from the wellspring of the Supreme Pen. His word, blessed and exalted be He: "Be patient, verily thy Lord is the All-Patient."

Concerning what was written about orientation towards the Land of Qaf, praise be to God, every land is blessed with the lights of the Most Great Luminary, even if limited to a single soul. Woe unto those who have wished to extinguish this lamp and put out this light - their very foundations mock them though they perceive it not. After presentation before the Most Holy Court, this supreme utterance appeared from the highest horizon, blessed and exalted be His Word:

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Effort is the key, and in one station the Kawthar of utterance floweth thus: whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear on earth is by the will of God, exalted be His glory, through the service and endeavor of His loved ones. Divine confirmation and success have ever been and shall ever be with you. However, these days require befitting service and worthy deeds. Although from the beginning until now, My Name, upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, and you have heard in the path of the Goal of all worlds that which was unworthy to be heard, and have borne that which was heavier than all things in the world - the tyranny of oppressors and the assault of aggressors did not prevent you.

Now arise, through the power and might of God, exalted be His glory, with such arising as may cause the steadfastness of other souls. The ocean of utterance surgeth at all times, and the rays of the Sun of bounty shine resplendent before the faces of the world. The Mother Book speaketh without veil or covering. From a single Point, that Point manifesteth the knowledge of the first and the last. Each letter thereof is a treasure wherein are concealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance of the Goal of all worlds. No cloud can veil this Sun, nor can the oppression of tyrants or the doubts of the suspicious prevent this light from shining.

Today the call of the All-Merciful is raised from the Kingdom of utterance. Moses crieth out "By my Lord, I have attained!" and Abraham uttereth "My Lord, forgive!" Yet the deeds of men are as a thick veil, preventing their ears from hearing and their eyes from seeing. We beseech God to assist thee that thou mayest cleanse eyes from inflammation with the collyrium of divine wisdom.

O Son of My Name! With complete detachment take hold of the keys to hearts and minds - these are the Words of God, exalted be His glory. Every door hath been and shall be opened thereby, and every city hath been and shall be conquered thereby. He is the bearer of the Crimson Standard, upon which is inscribed by the Pen of Creation the blessed word "The Truth hath come." The mention of crimson in this station referreth to the manifestation and appearance of the word "Verily He is God," not to war and bloodshed. The Kawthar of life floweth from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, yet seekers are scarce and non-existent. We beseech God to create in the utterance of His loved ones such influence as may transform hearts and minds. The Command is in God's hands, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen.

The rain of mercy descendeth in such measure that man cannot undertake to describe it. Especially for this evanescent one, verses of Divine glory are revealed night and day, yet the people have been so seized by heedlessness and the ornaments of the world that one despaireth of their awareness and knowledge, unless the Hand of Divine education bestoweth a grace and delivereth the people from the ocean of heedlessness and ignorance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Each of the towns and regions through which thou hast passed hath been exalted by the mention of the sovereign Lord in the Most Great Scene and adorned with the glance of His favor. All the souls mentioned have been honored with the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. We give them glad tidings of Our loving-kindness and make mention of them through verses that all the books of the world cannot equal. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them, recognized their station, and acted according to that which was revealed therein from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the servant who hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and blessed are the lands that have been illumined by the lights of the utterance of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. This is a Day before which all other days have bowed down, and wherein that which the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise have circled round hath been made manifest at morn and eventide. We beseech God to aid them to champion His Cause and to ordain for them that which shall make them so mighty that the onslaught of the oppressors shall not weaken them. The days shall pass away, the world shall come to an end, but glory, exaltation and dominion shall endure for the friends of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Listen with thy Persian tongue to the divine call raised from the direction of the Prison. Take that whereby My Cause shall be exalted and whereby the sanctification of My Being shall be manifested among My servants and the purification of My Self shall appear among My creatures. Thus doth command thee He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book. The Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of the friends in the land of Kh. and H. and other regions, and wondrous, transcendent verses have been revealed and sent down for the names mentioned. He hath repeatedly made mention of Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be My glory. Praise be to God, they are known by the name of Truth and are steadfast in service. The small house had not and hath not the capacity to contain the manifestation and emergence of the sun, let alone the lights of the deeds of those who are nigh, the sincere ones, and the detached ones. In truth, the expanse of the world is too confined for the appearance of these stations as they truly are. We beseech the Truth to reveal even as much as the eye of a needle of that which is hidden. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. God shall soon reveal the stations of

His friends and shall exalt their mention among the peoples. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

We make mention of the friends in Kermanshah, that they may rejoice in God's remembrance and His loving-kindness. Verily Ibrahim committed that which caused the Supreme Paradise to lament. When he saw the idolaters he said, "I am with you and follow in your footsteps," and when he saw the believers in divine unity he said likewise. But God forgave him as a mercy and bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. In the beginning he was united with one of the heedless ones. We have veiled his sin and what he did in his vain life. We beseech God to assist His servants in that which He loves and is pleased with.

We make mention of all the friends in that land and ask God to sanctify each one from whatsoever was and is unworthy of His days. O My friends! Today is the day of assistance, and the hosts that aid the Cause have ever been and shall ever be goodly character, pure deeds, wisdom and utterance. Hold fast unto these, detached from all that God loves not. Thus does the Supreme Pen command you by His leave, and He is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy.

Arise to assist the Truth with unity and harmony, and in the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, bestow upon the servants the Kawthar of utterance. The love of God has been and ever shall be the educator of all things. How many souls who never saw a school have, through divine love, attained such station that the rivers of wisdom have flowed from their hearts and tongues. Strive that perchance ye may succeed in that which shall endure and remain immortalized in God's Book.

My God, my God! The Wronged One bears witness to Thy unity and oneness, and that Thou hast no peer, no partner, and no minister. Thou hast sent down Thy grace and revealed the treasures of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the Point through which the books of the world were detailed, and by Thy Command which held sway over the nations, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy wisdom, to assist Thy loved ones to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

That which was revealed encompassed the world with its mercy and seized it with its rapture. Blessed are they who attain unto this station. The stone has no share in the station of the pearl, nor has the bitter water any partnership with the sweet sea. By night and day the Supreme Pen flows forth as a bounty upon His loved ones and servants. Specifically for the friends in Asadabad, two years ago there was revealed that which perfumed the world with its fragrance. According to reports it did not reach its intended recipients, having fallen into the hands of a thief on the way who took it. The purpose is that the friends of God, exalted be His glory, have ever been and shall ever be mentioned before the Throne. The servant gives them glad tidings of His favors, informs them of His bounties, acquaints them with His gifts, and makes mention to them of the heaven of His generosity and the luminary of His grace. Likewise, I beseech for each one that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause, glorified be His majesty. Should any of the friends arise with determination and hold fast to that which attracts hearts, numerous souls would turn to the Supreme Horizon. Today the loftiness and sublimity of God's Word is manifest from

every city and the radiance of the light of His Cause is dawning. Therefore most are found receptive to the Word. This depends on the determination of the friends. The servant asks his Lord to grant them success, assist them, draw them nigh, and ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all created things, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below.

In the previous letter and manuscript from that Beloved One, a book was received from that spiritual enraptured lady, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors, which she had written in proof of this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement. It attained the honor of being read in His presence, after which He bestowed it upon the people of the household, saying: "The dove of her utterance has warbled, and the tongue of her heart has spoken. Blessed is she, and joy be unto her! She has witnessed, acknowledged and confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of all things. God has inspired her heart with that from which has flowed the fountain of wisdom and utterance in this Cause, at which the limbs of the mighty have trembled. We beseech God to assist her and grant her success at all times in that which befitteth His days. He is the Helper, the Generous." Give her My glad-tidings and remind her on My behalf, for I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. We make mention of My handmaidens there, give them glad-tidings through My verses and remind them through My words. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for each one of them that which shall abide with them in every world of His worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

I conclude My words with mention of the Leaf of Paradise, whom We have mentioned in the Crimson Tablet from My Most Exalted Pen, and in various tablets, scrolls, epistles and books beyond number save by God, the Numberer, the All-Knowing.

The ocean has come and carried away the drop; the sun has come and encompassed the atom. In truth, each letter of these illumined letters has been and is the enlightener of the world, the quickener of the world, the attractor of the world, and the mover of the world. In this case, the servant has no power to make mention or utterance. However, since this leaf is from His garden and this drop from His river, therefore according to his capacity and station he has wished to make mention of the friends of God. God is witness and testifier that each one is treasured and preserved in the heart - that is, their mention and their love. We beseech God, our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, to aid them to perform such deeds before which all deeds shall bow down, and to manifest such virtues by which the horizons shall be adorned. I conclude these words at this time with remembrance, glorification, glory and praise upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Lord of the Exalted Seat.

The Servant

9th of the month of Safar 1305

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

Praise befitteth the most inaccessible, most holy court of the Lord, the Desired One, Who through His Most Exalted Word on the Day of the Covenant hath exposed the dissension concealed in the hearts of the people of discord, and through that same blessed Word hath manifested the harmony of the people of concord. He is the One Who hath power to transform His bounty into retribution for the polytheists and His light into fire. With a single word He hath brought all to account and weighed them in the balance. Neither doth the acceptance of them that turn unto Him add unto His glory, nor doth the rejection of them that turn aside diminish it. He hath ever been independent of mention and utterance, and will continue to be so forever. All creation standeth present in a single sphere, and the call from the direction of His grandeur embraceth all, yet thereafter through deeds and words their stations become diverse and their conditions scattered. Whoso accepteth and believeth in that which is best–he is of the companions of the Crimson Ark; and whoso denieth and turneth away–he is of the people of fire in the Book of God, Lord of the throne and of the dust. Blessings, peace, glory and praise be upon them who have not changed the bounty of God nor denied His sovereignty. These are they whom neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of the nations did frighten, nor were they prevented by the intimations of those who disputed His verses, denied His evidences, and warred against His Self. The servant beseecheth his Lord to open the eyes and aid all to justice and fairness. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored one and revered friend arrived. The servant perceived from it the fragrance of your sincerity and your turning to God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. After reading and becoming apprised of it, he repaired to the court of the Lord of creation. When it was presented before His Countenance, this is what was revealed in reply from Our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. His words, exalted be His majesty and universal His bounty:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

They have denied the Dawning-Place of My verses, which are equivalent to all the divine books of the past and future that have been sent down from the Kingdom of His utterance, and whatsoever was subsequently manifested was clearly visible and evident from His verses. They have clung to mere fancy. Such is the condition of the servants that they have newly arisen to voice objections through vain imaginings. Say: O ye who are bereft of fairness, what have ye understood of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth”? By My life! Through My Name the banner of “There is none other God but He” hath been raised aloft, and the standard of “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth” hath been unfurled. Were they who are lost in fancy to ponder this most exalted and blessed Word, they would cry out and utter “We repent unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Beloved of the nations!” But conjectures and fancies have become an obstacle and a veil, and have deprived them of the light of the Sun of justice. Soon shall they know what hath escaped them in the days of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. In this Revelation, every word that hath dawned from the horizon of the Will of God, glory be to His majesty, all mention, nay all books, bow down before it. Where is the vision to see, and where is the hearing to hear, and where is the heart to understand? The state of the heedless is that they play with their own vain imaginings, even as they have been occupied therewith for a thousand and two hundred years and

more. He who hath drunk from the stream of fancy is not worthy to draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, except through the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds.

With justice and fairness do I declare that if any soul be adorned with even a trace of fairness, he would testify that whatsoever hath in this day been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen sufficeth all mankind, and that all the pens in the world are powerless to expound its full meaning. If they acknowledge that God doeth whatsoever He willeth, then what meaning have their objections? And if they deny this blessed word, then the matter is settled and the verse returneth unto its Source, its Beginning and its End, and no further discussion is needed. O my brother! For twelve hundred years and more, such souls were engaged in opposition, disputation and strife. During their debates, they would beat their heads against each other like elephants with their trunks, denying one another, nay, cursing and reviling each other from every faction to another. Yet on the Day of Testing, they all found themselves among the people of hell-fire, and neither their beliefs nor their deeds were of any avail, nor did they yield any fruit. Say: Consider then - what was the fruit of the deeds and the result of the beliefs of the Shi'ih sect who counted themselves foremost among the world's factions and most learned among nations in their deeds and beliefs? This servant knoweth, and knoweth well - the fruit thereof was that they martyred the Lord of the world. Such souls and their like have been reared in delusions throughout the ages. How can they enter or even approach that station whereof He saith the dwellers of Sinai would be thunderstruck? Far, far be it! Save by emptying their hands of all they have heard and seen. Great is the Cause and great is the Day! The heedless among the people of the Bayan cling to the same delusions as the Shi'ih sect, busying themselves with misleading men and women through the ropes of idle fancies, even as was done before. Say: Reflect a little on the lies of the past, that perchance ye may be warned. In one instance, this exalted word descended from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Lord of Names - glorified be His majesty: "O servant in attendance! Blessed is the soul whom names prevent not from their Owner, and whom idle fancies deprive not from the dayspring of certitude." They imagine these days to be like the days of old. Say: Nay, by My life! This is the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. This is the Day which Moses foretold, and which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an through His words, exalted be He: "Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." Though the days of the manifestation of God's Repositories may in one sense be called the Days of God, yet this Most Great Day is special, and in it is made manifest the Great Announcement. Say: Fear God, O people, and invalidate not the truth through your desires. When ye discover the fragrance of My utterance, and behold the lights of My horizon, and hear My call, arise and say: "Here am I, O Thou Goal of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Beloved of all in the heavens and the earth!"

O brother! Man is bewildered as to what he should mention and what he should say. The Primal Point - may our souls be a sacrifice for all else but Him - declares that if He should pronounce upon the heaven the decree of earth, or upon the earth the decree of heaven, no one has the right to object or ask why or wherefore, and whoso sayeth 'why', hath indeed disbelieved. In this Most Great Revelation, whenever any name was mentioned in the Most Holy Court, verses were revealed specifically for that one from the heaven of divine Will. This was in accordance with the promise given in the Tablet to His Holiness the Name of Bounty - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - wherein He states that should names to the number of atoms be presented in the Most Holy Court, divine verses would be revealed specifically

for each one. However, this bounty is assured and established only for those who have turned to Him, who are steadfast, and who are firm. And whosoever turns away, the light returns to its source while he remains in evident loss.

These objections all stem from lack of insight and fairness. In Iraq, a Tablet was revealed in the name of Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani. After some time, one day as They were proceeding in that direction and this servant was following at some distance, in the middle of the bridge, suddenly They said, without looking at this servant or turning Their blessed head in any direction: “This Tablet is not for this Muhammad. Muhammad is a name that will attain to it after three thousand years.” For God’s sake, have mercy upon yourselves and upon the servants. Do not embody the vain imaginings of the past and become the cause of the martyrdom of God’s loved ones. The world has no constancy. You were not and are not aware of the root of the Cause. If you deny the proof He has manifested, which is equivalent to all divine proofs and heavenly evidences, what can you establish?

Mulla Abdul-Khaliq, who was among the Shaykhi leaders, at the beginning of the Cause when the Primal Point - may our souls be a sacrifice for all else but Him - appeared in the garment of the Bab, showed acceptance and submitted a petition. Mention of him was revealed from the Source of Supreme Grace and outwardly perfect bounty was shown towards him, until a Tablet was sent specifically for him containing these exalted words - His exalted Word: “Verily I am the True Qa’im Whose appearance you have been promised.” After reading this, he cried out and arose in complete rejection, and because of him a group in the Land of Ta [Tehran] turned away. Say: O fair-minded ones! Today these objections are not befitting. You are not aware of the mysteries. Divine knowledge has encompassed and continues to encompass all things. Whatever has later become manifest was previously revealed with complete clarity from the Supreme Pen in the Suras, and all are aware and bear witness that this ephemeral one speaks with truth. Have they not seen the Suriy-i-Ra’is, or have they not read the Suras to the Kings?

Some time ago this servant submitted some papers to one of God’s loved ones, but due to numerous occupations has not yet succeeded in completing them. I beseech God to enable me. Surely that honored one knows the reason. During nights and days I am occupied with writing. Correspondence arrives from all directions, and in response Tablets are revealed from the heaven of grace, and this servant is occupied with transcribing them, and how many letters arrive addressed to this servant and […]

I should respond and apart from this great and momentous matter, for some time another occupation has arisen which has engaged this evanescent one. One must pray on behalf of the heedless souls. They are indeed very far removed and are unaware. Those souls must reflect upon what has occurred in the past and become mindful. This servant beseeches his Lord to aid them to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with, to make them be among the just, among those who repent, and among those who return unto Him.

As regards what they mentioned that some steadfast and upright souls appear distressed, and furthermore some, God forbid, deny knowledge to the Truth, glorified be His majesty, this evanescent one submits that it would be well for them to read for a time the revealed Tablets, that perchance they may become aware of a drop from the ocean of divine knowledge. Alas! Alas! “Not an atom’s weight in the heavens or the earth escapes His knowledge.” This is attested by that which hath been sent down

from our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. O brother! Not every soul hath been or is worthy of this court, nor is everyone privy to the mysteries of the Truth. The heedlessness of some hath reached such a point that they have not yet become aware of their own ignorance, for had they become aware, they would not deny knowledge to its Source. Wonder upon wonder! The steadfast and firm ones today are souls who, should all on earth become manifestations of names and embodiments of attributes and hesitate less than that regarding this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement, would see them all as non-existent and null. Blessed are the steadfast ones! O my beloved, where are the steadfast ones, where are the firm ones, and where are the upright ones? I beseech and implore the Truth not to deprive the world of the light of the countenances of the steadfast ones, the firm ones, the upright ones, the arising ones, the devoted ones, and the doers of good.

As to what they wrote concerning the verses revealed about that person: "Verily We have mentioned thee with a mention before which all mentions bow down." Every letter that appeareth from the tongue of the Will of the Lord of the invisible and visible realms - all the letters of the world, the mentions of nations, and whatsoever they possess, all bow down before it. This distinction pertaineth to the mention of the Truth and the Word sent down from the heaven of Will. The whole world is mentioned before the Truth. Whosoever today attaineth unto the mention of the Truth hath attained unto all good. However, this station is contingent and dependent upon steadfastness, and in most Tablets this point hath been revealed. Should the entire world turn today in acceptance, the effects of the divine manifestation would appear in all. This station remaineth so long as the acceptance remaineth; otherwise "the manifestation returneth to the Manifester, and He returneth to His origin." These matters are clear and evident, as hath been revealed with utmost clarity and explicitness in the Book of Certitude and other books, as well as in Tablets. Those verses were revealed two years ago, and those changes occurred afterward. Say: O embodiments of vain imaginings! Break the idols with the strength of certitude and hold fast unto the Truth, glorified be His majesty. At one time a word is revealed concerning a person, and at another time He abrogates it. "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." Reflect upon the abrogating and abrogated verses in the Qur'an. Were this servant to wish to mention all these degrees in full, he would be held back from matters a hundred thousand times greater than these mentions. And what hath been submitted and mentioned was due to the love that existed and exists for that honored one. Say: Have shame before God - at least be silent, that perchance ye may find a way to the Truth. Say: If the intent is to deny knowledge, they themselves are more worthy of it, as every fair-minded and discerning one would testify. In any case, it would be more fitting and seemly for them to occupy themselves with denying their own knowledge […]

Convey greetings from this evanescent one to the loved ones in that land. I know not what has transpired, that those who have never had any knowledge are heeded, while those who have ever been with that renowned person go unheeded. Assuredly this is among the sublime mysteries of understanding. God preserve us! The glad tidings are that some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for you and sent, that your eyes might be consoled thereby and that you might find therein the fragrance of our and your Beloved. This letter is not to be given to anyone, for it would pass from hand to hand until reaching the polytheists, and those souls collect whatever of the sacred writings fall

into their hands. They have stolen many of the verses of God, exalted be His glory. He verily is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. You may read it for any soul, that each soul may know its station.

As to what was mentioned regarding the Holy Days, they are the first and second of Muharram. However, wisdom does not at present permit their observance, for the heedless party–that is, the Shi'ih–have formed and continue to form other notions. Therefore this ordinance and other ordinances are for future days, and their time shall come. Thus hath spoken the tongue of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Naw-Ruz: that day is a festival, whether the sun passes into the new year at the beginning of the day or at its end, for the sun's effulgence on that day encompasses all its hours. Therefore that day is considered a festival from morning onwards. Likewise the Most Great Festival falls thirty-two days after Naw-Ruz–the evening of the thirty-second day marks the beginning of the Festival. Blessed is the soul that inhales the fragrances of this wondrous, this glorious Day and is not deprived of its splendors. In one of the prayers these exalted words were revealed from the Pen of the Lord of Names–blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O my Lord! This is a Day whose light Thou hast made holy, rising above the sun and its effulgence. I testify that it hath been illumined by the light of Thy countenance and by the dawning rays of the Morn of Thy Revelation." This station is mentioned in the divine Holy Books. This servant concludeth with this much. Even this much that hath been and is mentioned increaseth the rancor of the heedless ones, for it hath been said: "A blessing unto the righteous, a curse unto the wicked."

Never have we heard that should divine grace take hold of a soul, it would cause that one to turn away. There hath never been and is no doubt that no one is worthy by himself to be mentioned by God. That the Pen of the world's Desired One engageth in mentioning His servants–this proceedeth from the effulgent rays of the Sun of grace. They said: "O servant in attendance! If the Most Concealing Name should conceal what is in a soul, and the Most Bountiful Name should mention that one with good, would this be cause for objection?" By My life! Should a soul be blessed by a breath of this grace, he would place the right side of his face upon the dust and cry out "I turn unto Thee, O Most Bountiful, O Most Generous!" Where is fairness? Where is the power to perceive? We beseech God to aid him to recite and read those same verses with an illumined heart and penetrating vision, that he might perchance catch the fragrance of the garment and not be deprived.

God is witness and testifier that this blessed word melts the liver. Now observe the grace and bounty of God - at what station it stands and at what degree our vain imaginings. We beseech God for reformation, seek His favors, and implore His grace. Were the sun of His justice to shine forth for but a moment, the entire world would deserve eternal torment, and were the sun of His grace to shine forth even to the extent of a needle's eye, the very name of transgression would be erased and vanish from creation.

O my God, my Lord! We are weak and hopeful of Thy grace. We cling to the cord of Thy generosity and hold fast to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. Leave us not to ourselves. O Mighty One, take the hands of the weak and deliver them from the abyss of idle fancies and desire. Thou art the Helper and Thou art the Powerful. We are helpless and we are weak. Without Thy grace, the spirit hath no comfort, and without Thy bestowal, the soul hath no effect. O Generous One! Adorn our unworthy deeds with the ornament of acceptance, and conceal our unseemly words with Thy forbearance. We have none besides

Thee and desire none except Thee. Grant us shelter in the sanctuary of infallibility and bestow upon us dwelling beneath the canopy of Thy grandeur. Preserve us from the fire of self and passion, of idle fancies and transgression. We have no protector save Thee. We turn to the gate of Thy grace and await the wonders of Thy mercy. Do what befitteth Thy greatness and beseemeth Thy generosity and grace. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

Regarding what you mentioned about the blessed ring, this matter was entirely presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He smiled and said: "Write that you shall attain, God willing. Be patient until God bestoweth upon thee His other favors. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Last and the First."

The mention of the spiritual friend, Aqa Tahir, upon him be the Glory of God, who in previous years attained the presence, has been and is in the Most Holy Court. At this moment too He said to convey greetings to him and make mention of him from the Wronged One, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of the thankful ones. This servant also conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation especially for him. Wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed, and likewise mention of some who were in his letter. God willing, these will be sent these days. I beseech God that they may drink from the ocean of grace and be illumined by the lights of the sun of bounty - that is, that they may receive their portion from the hidden meanings in the divine verses which are, in truth, the heavenly food and the spirit of the Kingdom of eternity. Glory and praise and exaltation be upon you and upon those who have stood with supreme steadfastness and have said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth."

The Servant

7th of Rajab 1302

On this day the letter of the honored friend Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived. Convey greetings to him. God willing, his reply will also arrive. The dye and henna sent have arrived. The servant asks his Lord to send down for him that which will bring comfort to his eyes. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

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He is God – exalted be His station, to Him belong majesty and grandeur

Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above the limitations of all created things, the Revealer of verses, Who through the sweetness of His call has drawn all creation to His most exalted horizon, such that some became intoxicated from the cup of the remembrance of their Beloved and turned to the place of sacrifice, while others adorned themselves, and yet others, enkindled with the fire of longing and desire, gave up their lives in the wilderness. Glory be to God! All that hath been mentioned is but the effect of a call that was raised from the Most Exalted Pen by the permission of the Lord of Names. Yet who hath the power to soar in His atmosphere or to voice His praise? I testify that whatsoever hath appeared in

creation was created by His command and was brought into being by His will. Glorified be He Who hath made abasement a glory for His loved ones and tribulation a healing for His chosen ones, who utter no word before He hath spoken and who act according to His commandment.

The Jews came, raised the standard of rebellion, and in concert with their divines arose to oppose and protest against the Spirit (Jesus). That which they regarded as the cause of the abasement of the people of God, and acted upon accordingly, became the very source of glory, and that which they counted as the means of extinction became the pathway to everlasting life. Thus it was observed that afterwards the kings of the earth gloried and continue to glory in His name. The people of illusion came and opened their tongues in derision against the Lord of Reality and of the Hijaz, and with the utmost effort strived to extinguish the light. However, God – exalted be His glory – made that which was meant for extinction into the cause of illumination, and through the very means of debasement made manifest the way of exaltation.

Likewise in this Most Mighty, Most Exalted, Most Holy, and Most Glorious Cause, it can be seen that ere long these same souls who today mock or persecute shall arise to serve and voice His praise. Of this there is no doubt, and the Lord of all kingdoms shall assuredly… This servant's pen is truly incapable and wanting in providing a detailed account of this station. Neither is there opportunity to witness it, nor is there any end to the mention of this station. Glorified be our Lord, the Most Exalted!

May my soul be a sacrifice for your praise. At a time when this evanescent servant was engaged in writing, your letter adorned both home and gathering, and upon beholding it, the sound of the waves of your love reached both the outer and inner ear and was seen by both the outer and inner eye. Blessed is your pen in that it moves in remembrance of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, and blessed is your face in that it has turned toward the face of our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation. After perusal, it was presented before the Most Exalted Face. His words were: "O My physician! Treat My people with My Blessed, Mighty, and Wondrous Name. Remind them of My days and what befell Me from the hosts of the heedless. Thou wert created for the remembrance of God and His service. Hold fast unto it, for through it thy station will be made manifest and thy rank will be elevated. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee and the Bearer of Glad-Tidings give thee tidings. Turn not thy attention to the people and their clamor. By My life! God shall soon return them and their utterances to dust with manifest loss." O physician, soon these existing and visible souls and what they have spoken shall be seen as extinct and non-existent. Place thy trust in God and hold fast to the cord of wisdom. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from the precincts of His mighty prison. Be vigilant in all conditions and trust no one, especially those who associate with rulers and government officials, for such souls are unaware of the reality of this Cause and are veiled from it by their own imaginings. You yourself bear witness that were they to become aware of the truth, they would arise in unity and engage in educating the world. I wonder: Have they recognized and denied, or have they been prevented by their desires in following every distant crier? O physician! By the Most Great Name, if they were to attain but a drop from this ocean - that is, if they were to comprehend even as much as a needle's eye of God's purpose - they would surely lament and bewail what they have lost in this blessed Day. Say: Believe not every speaker, nor follow every crier. Say: It behooveth you to ponder what ye hear.

By God's life! I desire at every moment to speak to the number of all atoms. Would that the world might know and understand!

Concerning what you wrote about how after the arrival of some of the heedless and ignorant ones, they arose due to the instigation of certain individuals and girded themselves to harm you - such things have ever befallen and will continue to befall God's chosen ones. However, despite their wishes, God shall turn all this into glory, honor and lasting remembrance for you throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. We beseech God to protect you and to maintain you at all times in that which pleases Him. Praise be to God that your wisdom prevailed and the words "they turn back upon their heels" became manifest.

And concerning what you wrote about Sassoon, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], praise be to God that through the power of God's Ancient Name he has broken the chains of blind imitation and has drunk from the wine of unity. I bear witness as God has borne witness that there is no God but Him, and that Muhammad is His Servant and His Messenger, His Manifestation and His Appearance, and that He is the Source of His Most Beautiful Names and His Most Exalted Attributes, and through Him God adorned the Night Journey and opened the gates of knowledge to the face of all in creation.

As to what you wrote concerning how the Jewish people cried out at the top of their voices "Sasson ibn Rajwan, Hairim, Hairim" - blessed is he in having been made the target of such rejection and abuse. This is the same cry they uttered when they gathered against the Spirit [Christ]. Verily, We say: How pleasant and wholesome for him! And blessed are they who have tasted the food of tribulation in the path of the Lord of Names. By the truth itself, they are the triumphant ones, they are the knowing ones, they are the near ones, they are the sincere ones. One must beseech the Truth at all times, by night and by day, to keep him steadfast that he may be enabled to preserve what has been bestowed. This is a word that, like the morning star, has dawned and risen from the horizon of the heaven of divine wisdom. Blessed are they who understand.

Praise be to God that through your wisdom the fire of hatred has been quenched and the tongues of the heedless silenced. We beseech the Truth, exalted and mighty is He, to ever assist you in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As to what you wrote about how that noble personage asked how it was possible for the claimant to make such claims - he was indeed pure in nature and showed love at the time when the Sun of the horizons rose from the horizon of Iraq. One day the Beloved of the world, accompanied by some companions, went to visit Salman Pak. On the return journey, Mulla Shaykh-'Ali, who was among the learned and resided in Kazimayn (upon them be greetings and peace), was present and conversing with Him. The aforementioned Mulla Shaykh-'Ali mentioned that the son of the late and forgiven Khan, namely Mirza Muhammad-'Ali Khan, had seen a dream, and he related that dream, saying that they were very sorrowful. At this point He said: "Go and give him glad tidings. Soon his affairs will be set in order and he will attain to what he desires." And He expressed satisfaction with him, that is, with the aforementioned Khan. When this servant heard these words, he became very happy, for his late father in his lifetime never uttered a word that would cause sorrow. And he [Mulla Shaykh-'Ali], as commanded, went and delivered what he was instructed to convey, for on another day he came and mentioned that he had

attained the presence of the Khan and related the matter. Now the Khan himself must guard against whisperings so that the fruits of those glad tidings may be fully manifested.

As for Mirza Husayn-i-Qumi, you know that he had absolutely no knowledge of this Cause, and whenever adversity occurred, he was the first to deny it, and when conditions became secure, he would count himself among the first to believe. We seek refuge in God! Again we seek refuge in God! He it was who spat upon the face of Quddus in the land of Taff with manifest cruelty. Such transgressions appeared from him that the pen is ashamed to mention them. Later he would express repentance in the blessed presence. The details about him are known and need not be mentioned. He speaks whatever his own desires command him. That statement which Khan related to you was among his fabrications. By God, besides Whom there is no other God, he had no knowledge of any matter, nor does he now. Sometimes he would attain the blessed presence and would come to this servant, while the essence of the matter remained hidden from him, for they would always say to him that two faults were observed in him, both of them grave: first, that he had no control over his tongue, and second, that he had no control over his feet - he would go wherever he pleased and speak whatever he wished. His conduct, deeds and words are clear and need not be mentioned. As for that statement: First, the Manifestation has ever been and will ever be speaking that which He is commanded. In that station, neither a claimant nor one who summons others is to be seen. These two terms were among those commonly used in the school, while the Truth is sanctified, holy and exalted above them. By 'school' is meant that which is the source of satanic whisperings - its teacher is fancy and its students are idle imaginings. If one were to contemplate, truly without the taint of ulterior motives, upon that which has been revealed, he would understand who the Source of the Cause was and who the Manifestation of Revelation was. They would always say that the divine Source of the Cause had concealed Himself in the garments of names, that the Dayspring of Justice might be preserved from the evil of tyranny. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Trustworthy, the Mighty, the All-Willing. From the late Mu'tamidu'd-Dawlih, that is, Mirza 'Abdu'l-Wahhab, who was among the mystics, certain verses were heard, including this couplet which he composed: "I am enchanted by Thee, not by that countenance and tress / Where there is Paradise, there is neither morning nor evening."

Verily the Most Holy Court is sanctified from these mentions and from the vain imaginings of creation. And this saying of Husayn-i-Qumi is not correct according to any standard, for it often happens that one who summons is a pretender. However, if the one who summons was the Truth, meaning that he was calling people to the innermost essence which none knoweth save Him, this is correct; and if he was a claimant, meaning one claiming the station of Manifestation, this too is complete. In any case, the ignorance of that worthless Siyyid has reached such a degree that one is left bewildered - he perceives not what he says nor understands what he utters, as every discerning and fair-minded person will testify. Apart from these matters, this servant was in Iraq. By God, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting - that person whom the Siyyid mentions was incapable of speech in the presence of His countenance. At first, this servant was also unaware until it was observed that in His presence he was like any ordinary person. This servant kept this matter concealed in accordance with the blessed word mentioned before, as He would always say that the Source of the Cause kept Himself veiled in the garments of names. In any case, outwardly this servant observed this matter and a hundred thousand

times uttered “God, the Most High, the Most Great, speaketh the truth.” We beseech God to assist people to illuminate the darkness of suppositions and imaginings with the light of certitude. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Another submission is that some time ago this servant sent a detailed letter to your honour which was forwarded to Mosul to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’llah to deliver to you. No reply has been received. God willing, it has now arrived.

Regarding what you wrote about the deeds of certain ones, you are right. In truth, some of the friends have not preserved the sanctity of the Cause and have caused people of every description to arise in rejection and protest. Yes, during the days of Ridvan, it was revealed from the heaven of divine Will that the pen is lifted, but They have said that there must not be transgression beyond the bounds of propriety and what reason abhors. This is God’s firm decree. Blessed are they who act accordingly. We hope that henceforth they will perceive from the fragrances of the Cause that which conduces to glory, exaltation and the station of true humanity.

When this ephemeral one reached this point in this letter, your other missive opened the gates of joy and became the source of delight and gladness. After perusing it, it was submitted to the Most Holy Court. He smiled greatly at its contents and showed His favor. The next morning, the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - appeared before His presence, and this servant, as commanded, presented your esteemed letter to Him. Again mention was made of you. Praise be to God that you have been and continue to be the recipient of this great favor. I beseech God that He may never, from time immemorial to eternity, withhold this distinction from you. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

That which you wrote regarding the reason for departure from Hadba and its details was indeed most graceful. Well done to that pen which became the cause of joy to the Beloved of the world! As to what you wrote concerning Muhammad Surur Effendi, it was submitted. He said: “We have mentioned him before and We beseech the Most High to assist him upon His straight path and to ordain for him that which shall benefit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.” O physician! Due to the actions of some in the past, most people have entertained unseemly doubts about God’s most exalted, most impenetrable, most holy Cause. Some have imagined that, God forbid, God forbid, the chosen ones and the near ones are not acceptable. However, God shall establish the truth through His words. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Soon there shall be made manifest to all the world that which they are now heedless of and veiled from due to the whisperings of the satans of the earth. Remind the people with wisdom and utterance that there may appear to them that which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto the Prophets and Messengers.

From this evanescent one, convey greetings and glorification to them and say: Well done to thy hand and arm! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the sealed wine, which hath been the love of God and His Prophets. Thou art he who hath broken the bounds of the Jews and believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou in that thou hast been named after the Lord of the worlds Who shattered the idols through the power of His Lord, the Almighty.

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza Musa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted to the Most Holy Court. He said: "O physician! He hath suffered much in the Cause of God and hath endured unseemly words until he drank the choice wine of God's love from the hand of grace and attained unto a station wherein his mention in the Supreme Concourse was more renowned than his mention on earth. This lofty, most exalted station and this glorious, most sublime place he nearly forgot entirely due to a minor outward change. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of eternity that all the world in comparison to an atom of that favor hath been and shall be as nothing, for the world and all that is therein shall perish at a word, while that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. By My life! It grieveth Me to see him extinguished after his enkindlement, and distant after having drawn nigh unto the Most Great Ocean. Until now, in all circumstances, consideration hath been shown to him, for the right of faithfulness is beloved to Us. Therefore no word save that which is good hath been uttered concerning him, and We have commanded all the companions that if aught appeareth from him that is good, they should mention it, and if, God forbid, otherwise, they should remain silent. Perchance through the breaths of these words he may awaken and attain unto the words 'I have repented unto Thee and turned my face toward Thy court.' Say: Dost thou deny thyself everlasting stations for the sake of these fleeting days? Where are they who ruled over most of the earth aforetime? Hearken unto the voice of the faithful counselor and act upon this blessed word which declareth: 'Say: God! Then leave them to their vain disputes.' God willing, may he turn wholly unto the supreme horizon and arise to make good what hath been lost. Say: Know thou the value of thy station and let it not slip from thy grasp. That which thou now beholdest shall soon be hidden. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for thee as long as God's most beautiful names endure. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee out of His love. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the All-Informed."

Concerning what you wrote about Abdullah, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted and He said: "O Abdullah! Blessed art thou for having won the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having cast aside vain imaginings and taken hold of that which thou wast commanded in the Book from God, the Exalted, the Great. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, the God of all who are in the heavens and earth, my Master and the Master of all who are in the kingdoms of Command and Creation! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the gate of understanding was opened to all contingent beings, to make me one of those who have detached themselves from all else save Thee and have acknowledged Thy unity and oneness. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, relying upon Thee, and beseeching Thy ancient bounty and all-encompassing grace. Wouldst Thou, O my God, disappoint one who has raised his hands of hope toward the heaven of Thy generosity? Would one who has sought the fountain of Thy nearness, O my Beloved, be kept distant? I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, by which the limbs of the nations have trembled, to make me one of those whom neither the might of the world nor the oppression of the heedless has frightened from Thy Cause, O Master of eternity! Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who hastened to the place of sacrifice in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

That special Tablets were not sent to the aforementioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God, this has been and will be due to wisdom. You know that people are heedless. If special Tablets were sent to one or two of the friends, it would surely become widely known, and this would be contrary to wisdom. For

people have not yet understood that the purpose of this Cause is to exalt the primary Cause and to establish that which the Messenger (peace be upon Him) brought. They have suspected corruption and continue to do so, mistaking pure good for evil. Had they become somewhat aware of the purpose, they would now see the banner of Islam at the highest station and would surely have been preserved from this great humiliation that occurred in the recent war. But what was decreed has been decreed, and the Command is in the hand of God, the Master of the Throne and earth.

My request of you is to convey this servant's greetings and sincere regard to all the friends of God. God willing, may all be seen as links in a chain and manifest the utmost wisdom and steadfastness, lest something occur that might cause some weak souls to waver. You too must observe wisdom with the utmost determination and act accordingly.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested that which was hidden and revealed that which was treasured up, through which the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be were made clear. He, verily, is the One of Whom the Point of the Bayan gave glad tidings in what the All-Merciful revealed unto Him. He spoke, and His Word is the truth: "I have written an essence in His remembrance, which is that He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that Word is, in the sight of God, greater than the worship of all that is on earth, inasmuch as the essence of all worship leadeth unto that. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know Him Who God shall make manifest, for He is more glorious and more exalted than to be known through any save Him or to be referred to by the indication of His creatures. I am, verily, the first servant who hath believed in Him and in His verses, and I have taken from the virgin gardens of the paradise of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory, He is the Truth, there is none other God but Him; all are upheld by His command."

I testify that He, exalted and mighty be He, hath spoken the truth and informed all of Him Who hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the comprehension of all who dwell within the realm of contingent being. Yea, by His grandeur, every beauteous praise is ashamed to be attributed to Him, and every exalted name blusheth to draw nigh unto the court of His glory. Blessed is he who hath pondered His verses and hath taken from the gardens of His utterance the virgin fruits of His knowledge. He verily witnesseth to that whereunto God hath testified in His Book, and ascendeth unto a station which neither the books of the world nor the intimations of the nations can obscure. He speaketh that which the Spirit hath spoken: There is no God but He, the Dominant, the Self-Subsisting.

Glorified be He Who hath manifested through His sovereignty that which He promised us in His Book. He spoke, and His Word is the truth: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's." Minds are perplexed concerning those who have doubted the Day of God and that which hath appeared therein. Yea, by His

glory, He hath forewarned of them, speaking the truth: “Are they not in doubt as to the meeting with their Lord? Lo! He encompasseth all things!”

Glorified be He! The Most Exalted Pen hath not moved to make mention of the Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Glorious Manifestation save to refer to Divinity, Lordship and the like. And although the Point of the Bayan, exalted and mighty be He, hath spoken as mentioned before - namely, that “He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan” - yet the transgressors have sought to adduce proof thereby concerning God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall be. Perdition and misery be upon them! They have turned aside and objected to God, and have denied the Day which they were promised in His perspicuous Book - the Day whereon mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. We testify that they are in evident smoke, and their hearts have been enveloped by the clouds of idle fancy inasmuch as they have turned away from God, the True King, the Certain.

This is a Day wherein none should be mentioned save God, and the covenant of this Day was taken from the Prophets, the truthful ones, the martyrs and the righteous in the Qur’an and in the holy Books of old. Yet most people understand not, nor do they perceive. Blessed is he who is adorned this Day with the lights of certitude, turning away from those who are in doubt concerning this blessed, mighty, and inevitable Day.

This is a petition from this servant, known as ’Abdu’l-Hadir before the Throne, to those who drink from the choice wine of inner meanings in the Days of God, that all may, through God’s might and power, enter the impregnable fortress of steadfastness and certitude, remain protected from the arrows of the people of conjecture, doubt and fancy, and with the utmost love and unity engage in teaching the Cause of God. It is written in Persian that all may understand the purpose of this evanescent servant.

In all the holy Books mention is made of the Day of God and the appearance of Truth, as some of which has been cited. Should anyone reflect upon what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an, he would become aware of the greatness of this blessed Day. Among the verses revealed from the heaven of Will concerning the meeting with God, He says, glorified and exalted be He: “It is God Who hath raised the heavens without pillars thou canst behold; then mounted His throne, and imposed laws on the sun and moon: each travels to its appointed goal. He ordereth all things. He maketh His signs clear, that ye may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Lord.”

Despite this decisive blessed verse and other verses, most people remain veiled and are seen wandering in the wilderness of doubt and uncertainty. Some of the veiled ones among the Babis have objected as to why the Ancient Beauty - may the spirit of all in the kingdom of Command and Creation be sacrificed for Him - has claimed Divinity. The baseness of these people has reached such a point that the pen is ashamed to mention what they have said.

In the Book of Isaiah it states that the everlasting God shall come. In the Qur’an it states: “Whose is the Kingdom this Day? God’s, the One, the All-Compelling!” And likewise: “And thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank.” And the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - states: “Verily He speaks in all things: ‘There is no God but Me, the Dominant, the Self-Subsisting.’” Yet these deluded

souls have not attained unto a drop from the ocean of utterance and speak that which no ignorant one has ever spoken.

This servant is bewildered and amazed at how they have interpreted and understood the utterances of the Exalted One, for in some passages He speaks “Verily I am God, there is no God but Me.” This much is submitted to these gentlemen: that the veiled ones of the Bayan have regressed to the first step, nay lower than that, for the people of the Qur’an accept and believe in the cry “Verily I am God” that was manifested from the Sinaitic Tree. Yet these ignorant people have denied and rejected this blessed word from the Truth Himself. Woe unto them, then woe unto them! Nay, the essence of woe itself seeks refuge in God from their woe and from their ignorance and hatred.

Today the people of God are souls who have consumed doubt and uncertainty with the fire of certitude and are assured of the Day of God and His meeting. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! By God the Truth, Paradise itself yearns to meet them and circles round them. The Tongue of God has foretold of these doubtful heedless souls, saying: “What! Are they in doubt as to the meeting with their Lord?” Should one possessed of an illumined heart reflect upon these exalted verses revealed from the heaven of Divine Will, he would become aware of the loftiness of this blessed Day and the baseness of the heedless and wayward souls, and would thank God, glorified be His majesty, with both outer and inner tongue for having enabled him to attain this most exalted station, which is the station of certitude in the meeting with God.

Today the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan are seen to be more heedless than all other peoples. That Countenance of the Divine Purpose, of Whom the Point of the Bayan said “He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan” - Him they measure against their own fancies, understanding and knowledge. Their own realities curse them, yet they hear not, and all things dissociate themselves from them, yet they perceive not. To that most glorious, most exalted, most impregnable, most holy station - before Whose sacred threshold certitude itself is abashed to be mentioned - what attributions they have made and what differences they have created! Hearken unto what the Dove of the All-Merciful warbled upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of the Bayan. His word, exalted and mighty is He: “By Him Who is single in majesty and grandeur, Who brought forth all things from nothing after His own pattern - certitude itself is abashed to be certain of Him or to prostrate before Him, and evidence is abashed to point to Him [or to any other]. Dost thou think thou canst know Him, or prove His existence through aught else than Him? Know then with the most decisive certainty and the most conclusive, determined command that He, exalted be His glory, mighty be His might, hallowed be His holiness, magnified be His grandeur, and glorified be His attributes, maketh all things to know Him through His own Self. Who then can know Him through aught else?” And likewise they all gave glad-tidings of this most wondrous, most impregnable, most holy, most exalted Revelation, saying - His word, exalted be His glory: “He is the One through Whom, when the Tongue of His eternal holiness speaketh, He createth in a word whatsoever He willeth of prophet, saint, truthful one or pure one. For all that hath been created are signs from His presence and ambassadors from His court. All have declared that there is no God but God and have awaited the One Who would remind you of God’s presence. For ye were not created save to attain His presence. He is the One Who createth all things by His command. Beware, beware on the day of His manifestation lest thou be veiled by the Unity of the Bayan, for that Unity was

created by Him. Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words revealed in the Bayan, for they are His own words in the temple of His previous Manifestation. He is the Sun of Truth, the Point of Oneness, the Countenance of Lordship, the Essence of Divinity, and the Being of Eternity. Were He to take His seat upon the dust, the very atoms of dust would proclaim 'This is the throne whereon the All-Merciful is seated!' If clay should thus glory in being the place of His throne, how then should the possessors of thought glory in God, the One, the Subduer, and seek tidings of God, the One, the Manifester?"

O ye possessors of illumined hearts! Consider and reflect upon these wondrous and exalted words. He saith that with but a single word from His utterance He createth whatsoever He willeth, whether Prophets, Saints, and the like. He declareth that all have borne and do bear witness to His Divinity, and explicitly affirmeth that all were created for His meeting. Then He warneth lest any soul should be debarred or veiled from the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery by reason of a single point of the Bayan or aught that hath been revealed therein. And He hath expounded this theme to such an extent as to declare that should that Countenance of the Desired One take His seat upon the dust, the very atoms thereof would testify that this is the Throne whereon the All-Merciful hath been established. Yet despite this, the worms of the earth have hesitated concerning the mention of His Lordship and the like, and have clung to their own vain imaginings regarding certain passages of the Bayan, turning away from the Truth, though they have not understood even a single letter thereof, even as the followers of the Qur'an remained deprived of its meanings.

And if any soul this day be not assured of this exalted Truth and His meeting, he is deprived of the Kawthar of certitude and is recorded among the doubtful in God's Book. I beseech Him - exalted be His glory, His sovereignty, the splendor of His manifestation and His grandeur - not to withhold His friends from the lofty station of certitude. Verily He hath power over all things. I hope, God willing, that His divine favors may encompass all. How excellent is that which hath been said:

Though we have spoken much, yet without

The grace of God we are as naught.

Without the grace of God and His chosen ones,

The angel's page is black, though pure his tongue.

That which is incumbent and obligatory upon all this day is fellowship and unity, for discord hath ever been and shall continue to be the cause of the dissipation of God's Cause, even as hath been revealed in most of the Tablets from the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of God's utterance and is numbered among the doers.

With utter nothingness, powerlessness and supplication, I entreat all to conduct themselves with one another in perfect love and harmony. Let them not seek to initiate any matter or utter any word that might cause discord. Had certain souls not become the cause of discord heretofore, most of the heedless ones would have turned to the horizon of the Cause. All must fix their gaze upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, and should they fail to comprehend any of the divine verses or differ in their interpretation, they must inquire of the Source of the Cause. Verily He knoweth what He

hath revealed in truth, but the people know not. For instance, when someone asked about the blessed Surih of the Temple and other revealed Surihs containing certain addresses, what was their object, He said: “Verily the Addresser and the one addressed are one and the same, and it is My Self, the One Who dominateth the worlds.” After this clear, brilliant and manifest statement, it behooveth no one to interpret, expound, or speak contrary to that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath decreed.

God willing, all must give utterance to that which is the Will of God, and strive with the utmost endeavor in matters that lead to the exaltation of His Cause. People are observed to be heedless and asleep. Those who have drunk of the choice wine of inner meanings must awaken these souls through the divine fragrances. I hope that this word will be accepted by all and that they will act upon it. Whenever the odor of discord is perceived, such grief encompasses this servant that pen and utterance fail to describe it. We beseech God to aid all to do what He loves and is pleased with. The world has never had, nor has it now, any worth, and no one is free from its afflictions and trials except those souls who are occupied with the service of God’s Cause. If outwardly any tribulation befalls them, it is the essence of mercy, for it comes upon them in the path of God - this is a station which all those near to God and sincere ones have sought and continue to seek. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, for aid to walk in the path of His good-pleasure and to be detached from all else save Him.

Rejoice, O loved ones of God and His chosen ones! By God, He has ordained for you what He has not ordained for any others. Read what hath been sent down in the Book that ye may be among those who are informed. Soon shall appear what He has promised you in His perspicuous Book. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that all the wondrous and sublime favors which He has promised to His loved ones shall be made manifest, even as ye have all witnessed how everything that was revealed by the Divine Pen concerning the transgressors and oppressors has come to pass. Some of these this servant shall mention here, that ye may be convinced that He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, and that He is indeed the Powerful One Whom the Pharaohs could not prevent from accomplishing what He purposed. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Among these is what was revealed in the Surih of Fu’ad at the beginning of imprisonment. His words, exalted be His glory: “Soon will We dismiss the one who was like him and will lay hold on their prince who ruleth the land, and I am the Mighty, the Compelling.” What was revealed in this blessed verse came to pass, as most have heard that after the one like him was seized, God, the Mighty, the Powerful, seized the prince. And He seized this prince in such a manner that all souls were astonished. God, the Most High, the Most Great, spoke the truth.

In the blessed Surih of Ra’is, in which He addresses him by the name of Ra’is, He saith–exalted be His glory: “O Ra’is! Thou hast committed that which hath caused Muhammad, the Apostle of God, to lament in the Most Sublime Paradise, and the world hath made thee so heedless that thou hast turned away from the Face through Whose brightness the Concourse on High hath been illumined. Soon shalt thou find thyself in manifest loss.” Until His words–glorified and exalted be He: “Thinkest thou that thou hast the power to quench the fire which God hath kindled in the horizons? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! Wert thou of them that comprehend. Rather, by what thou hast done its flame and heat have been increased. Soon will it encompass the earth and all that dwell therein. Thus hath the decree been issued,

and none from all who are in the heavens and earth can withstand it. Soon will the Land of Mystery and what is beside it be changed, and what had been in the grasp of the King will pass out of his hands, and upheavals shall appear, and lamentation will arise, and corruption will become manifest in the lands, and affairs will be disrupted by reason of that which hath befallen these captives at the hands of the hosts of oppression. The dominion will be altered, and so severe will conditions become that the very sands on the desolate hills will moan, and the trees on the mountain will weep, and blood will flow from all things, and thou shalt behold the people in sore disturbance."

And likewise in the Most Holy Book He saith–exalted be His grandeur: "O Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas! The throne of tyranny hath, verily, been established upon thee, and the flame of hatred hath been kindled within thee, in such wise that the Concourse on high and they who circle around the Exalted Throne have wailed and lamented. We behold in thee the foolish ruling over the wise, and darkness vaunting itself against the light. Thou art indeed filled with manifest pride. Hath thy outward splendour made thee vainglorious? By Him Who is the Lord of mankind! It shall soon perish, and thy daughters and thy widows and all the kindreds that dwell within thee shall lament." The meaning of the "Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas" is Constantinople, which is situated between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. Blessed is he who pondereth the verses of God and is of them that are assured.

Should this evanescent servant desire to mention the mysteries of what was and what is to come, which have been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, verily these pages would not suffice. Many books and volumes would need to be written. The purpose is that the loved ones of God should not fix their gaze upon the varying conditions of these numbered days, but rather should be focused on and assured of what the Lord, exalted be His glory, hath ordained for them in His infinite worlds. And with the utmost joy and eagerness they should arise to serve His Cause. God willing, it is hoped that through the endeavors of His chosen ones, the banner of differences in all cities will be furled, and the banner of love and unity will be unfurled.

In brief, know ye your worth and waste not your time. The Lord of Days is manifest, and any deed performed therein for God's sake shall be the lord of deeds. Blessed is he who hath made his desire to be extinguished in God's desire, and who hath acted according to what was commanded in His mighty and wise Book.

And after Mulla Muhammad-'Ali-i-Dahji arrived and all the petitions of the friends which they had submitted to the Most Holy Court were received and presented before the Throne, from the Dawning-Place of Divine bounty expressions of favor were manifested towards all. Blessed is he whose letter attained the presence of the Most Great Vision and whose mention was made before God, the Mighty, the Wise. However, due to God's consummate wisdom, no response to the petitions was outwardly sent. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The essential purpose is the mention of assured, devoted, content and well-pleasing souls that occurs at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that the authors of the petitions have attained to this most impregnable, most holy, most exalted, most glorious station. They must with utmost joy and gladness occupy themselves with the praise and glorification of the Beloved of the world and the Goal of all nations. God willing, appropriate expressions of favor have been

and will be shown to each one. Soon will God exalt those who have believed and make them mighty in the earth, and He will abase those who were proud. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, and His Cause is the Truth. Were the veil to be lifted by less than a needle's eye, all would soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of longing, would pass beyond self and others, and would act with utmost joy in accordance with what He has commanded.

Another matter: Jinab-i-Rafi' has undergone many hardships. According to the command, he should engage in some occupation in that land. Whosoever succeeds in rendering him assistance is beloved before the Throne.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all things, my Adored One and the Adored One of earth and heaven! Thou knowest and seest that in my heart there is naught save love for Thee and for Thy loved ones, purely for Thy sake. I beseech Thee by the Ancient King Who is established upon the Most Great Throne that Thou assist them in Thy love and good-pleasure, that they may pray for me in Thy days as I pray for them through Thy bounty and favor. Then answer us, O our God and our Goal, in what we seek through Thy grace and loving-kindness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Samandar, upon thee be the Most Glorious Glory of God!

He is the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and gazest toward My horizon! Hear My testimony that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. Nothing escapeth His knowledge and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We make mention of the loved ones of God and seek for each one the Kawthar of utterance from the chalice of the bounty of the Lord of all possibility. The steadfast ones shall soon behold the effulgences of the light of their Lord's gracious favors. Each of thy requests hath been heard. Convey My greetings and glorification to those souls who have set their faces toward the Most Exalted Homeland and the Supreme Summit, and illumine them with the effulgences of the mention of the Most Great Luminary. Praise be to God that steadfast and firm souls have been raised up. God is My witness that this Wronged One hath loved to meet His loved ones, but for some time the oppressors and calumniators have arisen to subvert the Cause of God and have striven to harm His loved ones. One whom We protected for forty years hath been ignited with the fire of hatred - he is the cause of the seduction of the calumniators, the treacherous ones and the oppressors. Praise be to God that whatsoever was hidden in their hearts hath been made manifest, that the servants of God might distinguish truth from falsehood. This is the most great bounty that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance of the Lord of destiny. Blessed are they that hear! Therefore have We paused in granting

permission. If they act in accordance with what was previously mentioned in this regard, the reward of attainment unto His presence shall be fully recorded for them. This is among God's irrevocable promises, there is no doubt in this. It hath been recorded in confirmation in My Perspicuous Book. Illumine the loved ones of that land and its surroundings with the effulgences of the light of God's bounty. We beseech God to aid all to champion His Cause.

O my God, O Thou Who art Gracious, Merciful, Beloved, and the Ultimate Goal! I testify that Thou hast, with the finger of power, broken the seal of the Choice Wine and, through the sovereignty of the Name of the Self-Subsisting, hast granted eternal life to the realm of hearts and souls. This Wine is the utterance that hath flowed and appeared from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed is the soul that hath taken and drunk this most pure Wine from the hand of Thy bounty. O Gracious One! Withhold not Thy servants in these days from the breezes of revelation and the fragrances of divine inspiration. Grant them power, bestow upon them success in such wise that neither the hosts of doubts may prevent them nor the ranks of allusions drive them away. Aid them in that which beseemeth Thy Revelation and Thy establishment upon the throne of Thine utterance. O my Lord! Through clear evidence hath been established Thy wealth and Thy power, and our poverty and our helplessness before the manifestations of Thy grandeur. O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest that one of Thy servants, who hath been named Samandar in Thy most pure Presence and Most Luminous Station, hath desired to make mention of Thy loved ones through the tongue of Thy grace in the kingdom of Thine utterance, that their hearts may rejoice thereby and their faces be illumined. O my Lord! Ordain for him from the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty that which he hath desired, and disappoint him not of the effulgences of the Sun of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

O Party of God! Be not grieved. The vicissitudes of the world have ever been and shall ever be. Hearts adorned with the ornament of divine love shall not be seized by sorrow, nor shall life and possessions preoccupy them. What behooveth steadfast souls today is to cling to wisdom and utterance in guiding the heedless and hesitant, and to give all a share of the most pure and luminous wine. Reflect upon what hath befallen this Wronged One from the first days until now - at times under the blows of the misguided, at times in chains and fetters. I swear by the lights of the Sun of Truth that illumineth the seen and unseen realms that We have borne afflictions the like of which no ear hath heard, yet since they were in God's path they were sweet and beloved. By the life of God, to them that are in love, colocynth is as sweet as honey. Strive that ye may not, through names, be deprived of their Creator and Revealer. Act towards all as ye would wish others to act towards you.

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones in that which befitteth Thy Manifestation and Revelation, then enable them to assist Thy Cause through the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Books, Scriptures and Tablets. O Lord! All things testify to Thy grace and bounty, and to Thy might and power. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention in this place of him who was named Javad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. We testify that he arose to serve My Cause with such steadfastness as no love of anything could deter. He responded when the Call was raised, saying: "Here am I, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on

high and of earth below." We bear witness to his acceptance, his turning toward God, and his steadfastness in this Announcement which caused every oppressor to lament and made the countenances of the sincere to smile. We beseech God to adorn him with the crown of utterance and illumine him with the ornament of My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon him, upon his family, upon those in his household, and upon all who hear mention of him in this Most Great Announcement and love him for the sake of My sanctified and luminous countenance.

O Ahmad! We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Soon shalt thou witness what hath been ordained for thee by the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and friends.

We make mention of My handmaiden who attained Our presence and of My handmaidens who have heard and believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My handmaiden, O Aziziyyih! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and hath attained His presence and hearing. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee detached from all else save Him and to cause thee to hold fast unto His firm and mighty cord.

O S.M.! We have willed to mention thy submitted matters and grant answers to each one individually. Give glad tidings from Me to him who was named Muhammad-Qabil-Javad of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We have mentioned him before and at this time, by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Soon shall the world pass away, and there shall endure what We have ordained for him, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. What thou didst send with him hath attained Our presence and been accepted, as a grace from God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him to open before his face the door of His bounty and to make him among the helpers of His Cause.

O Tahmasb Kh.A.! Thou didst desire to attain Our presence and hearing, and to witness the signs of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath so desired. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have accepted thy presence and thy standing before the gate that hath been opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou through Whose command every wise decree is manifested!"

O Siyyid Taqi! Upon thee be My everlasting glory! Thou didst desire to attain My presence and meet Me, but the calumniators have come between thee and Me. We beseech God to adorn thy intention with the ornament of His good-pleasure and to render thy deeds acceptable through His all-pervading grace. Had people known the excellence of every word that hath proceeded from the tongue of My grandeur, they would have sacrificed their lives in My path. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the Enlightener.

O Mashhadi Taqi Salmani! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having aided me to turn towards Thee and for having remembered me through Thy never-failing verses. I beseech Thee, by the lights of Thy throne, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for those who have attained Thy presence and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the cup of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Hasan, son of Ustad Ali! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. Say: O my God! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the Kawthar of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to ordain for this servant that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Karbila'i Muhammad-Rida! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards Us. We have remembered thee with that which hath caused the fragrances of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all existence. Blessed art thou for having heard, turned towards Us, and attained unto this wondrous utterance.

O Mashhadi Hasan! Thou hast attained unto the Day of God, wherein the Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of thee with that which the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Aim and Desire of those in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee to record for me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Darvish! The tranquility of the world and its peoples lieth in purification from defilement. We beseech God to sanctify His servants from whatsoever hath prevented them from drawing nigh unto Him. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my temple with the ornament of Thy love. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is.

O Samandar! We have made mention of those souls who have desired to turn towards the Most Great Ocean, and each one hath been favored with manifest verses and sublime words. Blessed and welcome be unto him. We have desired at this time to make mention of Our loved ones in Ra and Shin.

O Karbila'i Qasim, O Attar! Thou hast attained unto the mention of God in this spot which He hath made the circling-place of the Concourse on High and the pavilioned maidens of the Most Glorious Paradise. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and to ordain for thee all the good that He hath ordained for His sincere servants.

O Yahya! Thy mention hath been honored by being heard and thy name by attaining His presence. We make mention of thee with that which shall never perish, as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, endureth. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee and those in Ha and Mim among the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God, among the guardians of His sanctified House and the protectors of His holy City. The Trustworthy One, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath mentioned them time and again, and before him Haydar-'Ali, upon him be My grace and mercy. We beseech God that there may appear through thee and through them that which beseemeth His days. By the life of God! The Mount rejoiceth at your presence and the Tree calleth out your name, and in the revelation of Kudak there appeared that which none can deny save he who disbelieveth in God, the Single, the One, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing.

O heirs of Him Who conversed with God! Hear ye My call. It draweth you to My horizon and bringeth you near unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath aided

you to turn towards Him and guided you unto His straight path. Say: He Who speaketh from the Most Exalted Horizon is indeed the path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O heirs of Him Who conversed with God! The Torah crieth out this day in My Name, saying: O people of the earth! Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. The Sun of Justice hath shone forth and that which was promised in the Books and recorded in the Scrolls hath appeared. Turn ye with radiant faces and be not of the heedless. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in this holy, exalted, mighty and impregnable station.

My God, my God! Thou knowest that Himmat hath attained unto permission. Aid him, O my God, in that which beseemeth Thy days, then preserve him through the hosts of Thy power, then ordain for him the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have heard Thy sweetest call from the Prison of ’Akka and have witnessed that which was hidden from mankind. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory! Indeed, from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them and Jinab-i-Yunus Khan, upon them both be the glory of the All-Merciful, the reward of attaining His presence and meeting Him hath been recorded. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Samandar! Thou didst make mention of Muhammad from the land of Za and Nun. He hath attained unto the mention of God. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen him in supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My loving-kindness and hath appeared from the depths of the ocean of My bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

We wish to make mention at this time of him who is named Haji Ghulam, who traversed land and sea in his longing to attain the presence of his Lord, the Lord of all days. We accepted thy presence as proxy on his behalf. We beseech God to ordain for him the reward of those who soared in My atmosphere and spent their wealth in My path, the manifest, the straight.

And We love to make mention of him who turned unto My face and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty and arose to serve My Cause in My days - he whom We named Jamal in My mighty and glorious Book. O Jim! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Samandar mentioned thee before thy Lord. We make mention of thee with a mention which God hath made the sovereign of all mentions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O Jamal! Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to ?ubbu’llah. In thy previous petition thou didst mention thy satisfaction with him. Verily, this mention hath attained acceptance and good-pleasure in the presence of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. And We make mention of the son of him who was named Shaykh Ahmad, who ascended unto the Supreme Companion out of love for God, the Lord of all creation, and tasted the sword’s venom in his longing to attain the presence of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. There is no harm in delay in Ra and Shin. If journey and movement be acceptable and desired in the land of Mim […]

O Samandar! The pledge is from you and faithfulness from your Lord, the Generous. We make mention of him who hath been named Hasan from the land of Ta, and give him glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness,

the Lord of all worlds. We testify that thou hast fulfilled thy covenant and pledge, and mentioned his name in this noble station. We counsel him and those in Ba and Dal with the wisdom We have sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. It behooveth man to hold fast unto that which draweth people nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Say: Act, O servants of God, according to that which We have counseled you before and after. Lay hold on righteousness and the fear of God, as commanded by the Wise Ordainer.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Isma'il! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, brought by Samandar, the fire of My love. We have made mention of thee as a token of Our grace and mercy. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: My God, my God! Ordain for me that which profiteth me and draweth me nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. I testify that Thou knowest me better than I know myself. With Thee is the knowledge of all things in Thy perspicuous Book. O Lord! Purify me from all that is unseemly in Thy days and adorn me with the ornament of Thy love, the Mighty. Then write down for me what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have cast aside all else but Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy mercy which hath preceded all in the heavens and the earth.

O Samandar! Every fire in the world is extinguished by the waters of the objections of the calumniators and perverters, yet this Fire is observed to increase with each passing moment. The seas of hatred and animosity have failed to quench it. Each day it appeareth with a new light, a new flame, and a new utterance, though from every direction an arrow is aimed and from every side a sword is drawn. He Whom We preserved through successive years hath been taken by the manifestations of idle fancies as a lord for themselves besides God. Moreover, thou hast heard of the deeds of the followers in the Great City. God, exalted be His glory, through His complete power hath revealed the true nature of those souls that all might, after hearing and witnessing, become aware and return unto the truth. It behooveth Us to leave off mention of them and make mention of him who soared in My atmosphere and held fast to the cord of certitude in My days and acted according to what was revealed in My Book. He was named 'Aziz Kha in the Book of Names. We testify that he turned, was present, and attained unto that which was inscribed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech the Most High to strengthen him each day in His remembrance and praise and to confirm him in such steadfastness as neither the ranks of princes nor the hosts of divines can shake. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey My glory unto him and give him the glad tidings of My verses and illumine him with the lights of My wondrous remembrance.

My God, my God! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of Thy loved ones in Ra and Shin, upon whom there hath descended in Thy love that which hath caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy grandeur and the inhabitants of Thy most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven to lament. O Lord! Aid Thine enemies to return unto Thee and to turn repentant unto the door of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of Our loved ones there and have sent down for them in the Crimson Book that which shall endure as long as Our most beautiful names endure. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Giving. We have made mention of 'Ali ibn Nasir–upon them both be My glory–before and at this time with a Tablet that no other tablets can equal. We beseech God to make him a treasure unto Himself. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

The loved ones in that land have all attained to the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and are present before His face. Blessed are they and happy are they! We beseech God, the Most High, to make them the standards of His guidance amongst His servants and to aid them to serve His mighty Cause. The Wronged One desires to make mention of His loved ones in Qaf and its surroundings, that they may rejoice and be transported by the rapture of the call to the Most Exalted Horizon. O My loved ones! The glance of favor hath ever been directed towards you. That which none save God, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful, can reckon hath been ordained for you. They who have turned unto Him and have attained possess such a station that were less than a needle's eye thereof to be revealed, the dwellers of the earth would be thunderstruck. The Mother Book beareth witness unto this at this manifest time. Convey My glorification unto them and give them the glad-tidings of the ocean of My mercy and the heaven of My loving-kindness and My grace that hath encompassed both worlds.

O Samandar! The honored teacher has stood before the Countenance. Verily God has forgiven him and those whom He wishes to forgive from among His servants - He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. O teacher! You have attained to the presence and meeting, and to that which was announced in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to rain down upon you from the heaven of His bounty the showers of His gifts. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. We testify that you turned towards Him, attained His presence, and heard the call of the Wronged One in His mighty prison. This is a deed that cannot be equaled by the deeds of the world. Soon shall the doers behold the recompense ordained for them from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Samandar! The loved ones of that land have ever been and continue to be before Our sight. The Tongue of Grandeur hath moved to make mention of them by night and by day. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They have attained to that which none hath attained save those whom their Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath willed.

A Tablet hath once again been revealed specifically for Abdul-Baqi, upon him be My Glory, and another Tablet for Abdul-Ali, upon him be My Glory, and those souls mentioned in his petition. We beseech God that He may aid them all to perform such deeds and display such character as would cause the servants to turn towards God, the Single, the All-Informed.

In most Tablets We have commanded all to observe wisdom. Nevertheless, in some cities and villages there appeared that which caused the near ones to be struck with terror and the sincere ones with dismay. The first sedition appeared in Iraq, for on the first day of Ashura, in place of sorrow there appeared joy, and in place of silence there arose the sound of singing. In brief, this action caused the word of malicious souls to be exalted, although the intention of those who performed these acts was to celebrate the appearance of the Primal Point, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - that is, His blessed birth on the first day of Muharram - and likewise their belief that all the Imams, the blessings of God be upon them, had returned and emerged from their graves. Yes, this matter is true, but the people of the world have not yet recognized the appearance of the Promised One, save for a few. Therefore, the requirements of God's loving-kindness and favor - exalted be His glory - are that, as in the past, all should occupy themselves during the days of Ashura with commemorating the tribulation of the Prince of

Martyrs, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him, until such time as God shall unveil to His servants the mysteries of His Manifestation and what He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book.

This Wronged One, in the land of Ta [Tehran], would fast on the eve of Ashura, and on the following day would partake of tea and bread after noon. This was the practice of the Wronged One, and some of the souls present are aware of this and know it. In Iraq too, during the days of Ashura, one should be occupied with commemorating the tribulation. The loved ones should fix their gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to and act according to such practices as are customarily observed. The tribulation of His Holiness is most great. Blessed are they who understand.

The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whose names have flowed from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God's and unto Him shall we return.

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He speaks, and His sweetest utterance is:

God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors and be oriented towards and speak of that which cultivates noble character in the servants. O physician! People are heedless and need educators and teachers. Through the care of divine physicians and the sages of the age, they must discover their ailments and seek to cure them. Strive that perchance the heedless may comprehend the fruits of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Should they attain to this station, each one will see himself as a reformer, refiner, and guide to the heedless and the negligent.

The Pen of the Wronged One hath, in most instances, commanded love, kindness and unity, and hath explicitly mentioned in the Tablets the victory referred to. Nevertheless, it is observed that some have mistaken corruption for reformation and counted it as victory. Nay, by Him Who created the world through a word from Him! The victory of God's Cause hath been through wisdom and utterance, and that too hath been made contingent upon the utmost joy and radiance. We beseech God to assist all to achieve what is befitting for this day.

Say: O servants! Ye have been brought from nothingness into the realm of existence to build up the world. Corruption and contention have never been and are not worthy of man. Today, if anyone should cause grief to another, of whatever faith, he is not beloved in the sight of the Wronged One. To this testifieth My outer tongue and My inner tongue, and beyond these every discerning knower and every hearing scholar.

The foundation of religion, which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's command, hath been for the unity and concord of all peoples. O physician! Observe now how this pure gem hath become sullied with the dust of vain imaginings and through the tyranny of the ignorant hath reached such a state that it hath become the cause of enmity between the servants of God.

This is the pure water of the Kawthar of utterance which hath flowed from the divine kingdom of knowledge. Blessed is the one who hath drawn near and drunk therefrom in the name of God. It is hoped that the people of Baha will attain to that which God hath willed and become dawning-places of affection and unity, that perchance through divine favors and heavenly bounties they may become the cause of the reformation and development of the world.

Convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land on behalf of this Exile and say: God willing, may you be engaged in the remembrance of God with perfect wisdom in such wise that your words may influence hearts. We counsel you to be compassionate, merciful, forbearing, trustworthy and truthful, that perchance the darkened world may be illumined through the lights of praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. This is the meaning of victory that hath been revealed in the Book.

If today any deed should appear from anyone that would cause affliction and harm to another, that deed in truth reverteth to the Wronged One. Fear ye God, O My loved ones, and avoid all that intellects would abhor. Thus doth My Pen counsel you and My truthful and faithful tongue admonish you. Ye are before Mine eyes. We make mention of you and commune with you and give you glad tidings of what hath been ordained for the sincere ones in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

As regards what was written concerning the movement and attention of that personage with his family, it was submitted, whereupon He said: “At present it is not and has not been advisable - with Him is the wisdom of all things in a perspicuous Book. This land too, due to certain matters, is observed to be declining day by day. You are in Our thoughts and whatever is advisable has certainly been and will be mentioned. Convey My greetings to her and give her the glad tidings of My remembrance. God willing, God’s special favors have been and will continue to be with her. The reward of no doer of good has been or will ever be lost. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

As regards what you wrote concerning Sa?id, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah], it was submitted, whereupon He said: “O Sa?id! Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee through this remembrance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant thee a goodly end, to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, and to decree for thee that which will profit thee in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Possessor of Oneness. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

He said write to the physician, upon him be My glory: “O physician! Convey My greetings to My loved ones and deliver unto them My peace, and give them the glad tidings of My will and My favor and My grace, and counsel all by My leave with wisdom, and wisdom, and wisdom, lest there appear from anyone that which would disturb even a gnat, how much less a human being. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath taught us what He desired and guided us to the straight path.”

This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken: “O Muhammad-i-Amin! Thy letter was presented and the servant present before the Wronged One read it, and We have answered thee with that which will solace the eyes. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the fragrance of utterance was wafted throughout creation and the ocean of knowledge surged! I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee

amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Name through which the breezes of generosity were wafted over the world and the fragrance of the garment of Revelation was diffused among the nations, to make me in all conditions one who makes mention of Thee, who gazes toward the direction of Thy grace, and who acts according to that which Thou hast commanded me from the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath sought Thy bounty and favors, and the needy one who hath hastened toward the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have turned toward Thee and have turned away from all else beside Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the conditions of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the signs of every heedless doubter prevent. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

O Muhammad! We have seen what thou didst send unto the Wronged One. We beseech God, exalted be He, to acquaint thee with that which shall profit thee and teach thee that which shall guide thee to His straight path. The Tree of Wisdom, its root, branch and twig is the knowledge of God - exalted be His glory, magnificent His station, and great His grandeur. He cannot be known except through Himself, nor can He be described by what the people possess. Know thou that all mention, all description, and all knowledge returns unto His Messengers and ends with His chosen ones whom He hath sent unto His servants and His creation. Blessed is he who hath recognized this most exalted station and attained unto that which God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, hath desired.

God willing, thou must strive to attain unto such wisdom whereby thou and all other created things may benefit both outwardly and inwardly. The wisdom of the people of Persia, which some of their eminent divines claim to possess, hath been and is mere words - it began with words and ended with words. Every person of insight beareth witness to that which the Wronged One hath testified in this mighty prison.

God willing, through the bounty of the True One, mayest thou drink from the divine ocean of knowledge and be illumined by the Sun of Truth. Some of the philosophers of Persia have inquired of this Wronged One concerning certain words of previous philosophers, and the inquirer had studied under ?akim-i-Sabzivari. In the early days, this Wronged One would engage in answering such questions. In response to their question about the "simple reality," that was mentioned which any person possessed of sight and hearing would witness and hear, directing him to the horizon of guidance. Nevertheless, no trace appeared from the inquirer.

Ask thou God, besides Whom there is none other God, to assist all to achieve that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and this world. All people have passed by the choice wine of fairness and occupied themselves with the bitter water of tyranny. They have deemed the learned ignorant and the ignorant learned, and wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and ignorance, following the dictates of their desires, save whom God, the Lord of creation, willeth. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

As commanded: Be not assured by such persons, for their purpose is merely to have something said, as hath become evident, manifest and proven. Whatever was mentioned hath been answered, but barren earth is not capable of growing vegetation. To this every discerning scholar beareth witness.

O Muhammad! This Wronged One hath summoned all the peoples of the world unto the Lord of Eternity, and guided them to whatsoever conduceth to the tranquility of humankind. Yet the heedless people have clung to vain imaginings and idle fancies, turning away from the Manifest Truth. They have taken conjecture in place of certitude, and have worshipped the idol, mistaking it for the Self-Subsisting. Such is the condition of the people. By the Sun that shineth above the horizon of the heaven of utterance! This Wronged One hath desired naught but pure good, and hath spoken naught save that which enjoineth righteous conduct and befitteth the station of man. Yet they visited upon Him that which none other hath endured. We have heard, in the path of God, the clash of the swords of enemies and the neighing of the steeds of the wicked ones, and We have been patient through His grace and favor. We beseech Him in all conditions to assist His servants in that which He willeth and to grant them success in that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and the present world.

God willing, may that honored one observe the Cause of God with penetrating vision, an illumined heart and an expanded breast, and ponder upon it, that he may attain unto the pearls of the ocean of inner meanings. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with this Remembrance whereby the gate of true knowledge hath been opened to all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath appeared in the manifestation of His conclusive and wise Command. Soon shall the world and whatsoever it containeth of ornaments, souls, sciences and arts pass away, and the Cause shall remain with Him Who hath testified to His Own Self by His Own Self before the creation of all things. Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. It behooveth all to cleave unto wisdom and to associate with the people in a spirit of joy and fragrance, and to acquaint them wisely with that which is hidden from the eyes of the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

They have stated that it is most difficult for such souls to ascend unto the Kingdom of certitude, to speak for the sake of God, and to turn unto Him. Many such souls have been mentioned in the letters of the friends of God and numerous Tablets have been revealed specifically for each one, yet afterwards no news whatsoever was heard of those souls. Beseech ye God, exalted and glorified be He, to assist the people in that which is pleasing unto Him. Let them at least understand this much: that discord, conflict and contention have never been and never will be worthy of God and His chosen ones. Man must strive to promote unity. He is as the eye among mankind. Thus was it mentioned before and at this time. At one time this blessed word shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will: O servant who art present! Verily this Day walketh before the faces of the world and speaketh, and verily it is the City of God sent down from the heaven of the Command, and verily it is that whereby the sealed choice wine was unsealed and the ocean of life surged in the contingent world and the Dove warbled upon the branches. Verily there is no God but Him, the Supreme Ruler over all names, and He is the Doer of whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what the Tongue of the Intended One hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance: O physician! Upon thee be My glory! A servant presented thy letter before the Wronged One, and that which was mentioned and written therein was made known. I pray that thou mayest drink from the Kawthar of divine favor and the ocean of merciful bounty, and give others to drink thereof. This Wronged One hath commanded all the peoples of the earth to that which would bring them freedom, liberty and tranquility,

that the whole earth might be seen as one country and all might gather beneath the shadow of a single Word. By the life of the Beloved! Had the servants attained unto that which the Wronged One desired, the world would have been seen adorned with the ornament of joy and delight, in such wise that sorrow and its hosts, grief and its cohorts, would have been seen to be non-existent and vanished. Nevertheless, they regarded the Dawning-Place of reformation as the source of corruption and thus deprived themselves of the divine bounties. O physician! So long as the lights of the sun of justice remain hidden behind the clouds, the people of the earth have not and will not find tranquility and rest. Arise for God's sake and speak for His sake, that perchance the people may become aware and arise to that which befitteth their stations. Through the revelation of Books and the sending of Messengers, God hath desired the unity and concord of His servants and the education and tranquility of all who dwell in the lands. Yet now it is seen that religions and laws have been made the cause of hatred and rancor. Therefore hath this Wronged One desired, through the grace of the Lord of Names, to remove and efface this hatred and rancor from among the servants. Had the divines, mystics and rulers of the earth pondered but a little on that which hath appeared, assuredly the people of the Furqan would today be seen above all peoples and sovereign over all. The Word had not yet been fully uttered from the mouth of Will when they arose to pronounce the verdict of unbelief and stood up in rejection and protest. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou at Whose separation the cry of the yearning ones and the lamentation of them that are near unto Thee have been raised! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the spirit of life was breathed into all creation, and by Thy Name whereby the horizon of proof was illumined for the followers of all religions, to draw Thy servants and Thy creatures nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and recognition. Then grant them to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bounty through Thy generosity and favors. O my Lord! Thou seest their poverty and Thy wealth, their weakness and Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Light that shineth from the horizon of Thy Manifestation to assist me and Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable them to mention Thee and praise Thee amongst Thy servants. Thou art He Whom the happenings of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the signs of those who have turned away from Thee prevent Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! My outer and inner tongue beareth witness that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been One, Alone, Single, Self-Subsisting, the Eternal, and Thou wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Concerning what you wrote about gatherings of meetings held previously, it was submitted and He said: "The truth is as you have written - meetings and gatherings were being held where it was not known who was guiding and who was misleading, which seeker was investigating and which visitor was unknown, whether they came seeking fame or were themselves spies. In all circumstances, gatherings are not permitted - one must act with perfect wisdom, for people are ignorant and heedless of the root of the Cause. If they were to become aware of a single word from this Book, or a drop from this Ocean, or a gleam from this Light, all would be found circling round. Take wisdom by My command and set aside all else - thus does the All-Knowing command you from this noble station. Despite all that has flowed from the Pen being counsels and exhortations, nevertheless if a leaf or tablet appears or they hear that someone has gone from one place to another, they will surely become agitated. By Him Who has caused all things to speak in praise of His Self - if they were to recognize what God has willed, most would perish from joy and gladness. The purpose of all these utterances is that people must be educated with the

utmost joy and fragrance and made aware of that which benefits them. God's mercy has preceded and His grace has encompassed all. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

And regarding what you mentioned about him who was named with Alif and Ha in the Kingdom of Names and what he composed - the servant was honored by it and recited it before his Lord's face, and this is what the Tongue of the Intended One spoke after hearing it: "We have heard what the tongue of love and affection spoke in mention of this Wronged One Who has called the people to the supreme horizon and the ultimate goal. We have mentioned him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure through the perpetuity of names in the kingdom of creation. We beseech the Lord of the servants to confirm him and assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to give him to drink of the choice sealed wine whose seal was broken by the name of God, the Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven."

Concerning what was written about seclusion - meaning you do not go to coffeehouses - He said: "Yes, what was done…"

And regarding that Tablets are not being sent from this place and there is delay in responding to letters - this has been and will be due to wisdom, for if they were sent repeatedly and consecutively, a friend would disclose to another friend whose heart's secrets he knows not, and it would spread and cause corruption to appear. The assured and confident ones should be seen as patient, silent, dignified and composed. They should not say what is not permitted, nor follow what is not befitting. They should not confirm every speaker nor consider every claimant truthful, nor be assured by every arrival. They should speak with wisdom and hold fast to kindness and mercy. With the sword of spiritual morals and goodly deeds they should assist the truth and protect people from the arrows of Satan. The fragrances from the gardens of God's kindness and mercy have encompassed the world, yet its people remain veiled and deprived. Verily He speaks the truth and guides the way. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], the details were submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and He said: "All the people of Iraq are aware and informed of the details, and beyond them, verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

At a certain time these words flowed from the tongue of the Beloved: "O servant! These are the days of pure servitude, that all may arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of creation with the utmost humility, submissiveness and detachment. Through the manifestation of this station, man's station in creation has been and will be made evident. Whomsoever submitteth unto God, God will exalt him through His grace. The loved ones should be counseled and reminded in all circumstances, that they may all conduct themselves in such wise that others may inhale from them the sweet fragrance of sanctity, holiness and pure servitude unto God, the True One. The idle fancies and vain imaginings of the people of error have never been and never shall be worthy of the friends of the Self-Sufficient Lord. O friends! Aid ye the Cause of God through the hosts of goodly spiritual qualities, the battalions of holy deeds, and the banners of humility, submissiveness and supplication. By the life of God! No hosts in the world have been or shall be mightier than the hosts of justice and wisdom. Had the kings of the world held fast unto these two, all the peoples of the earth would have attained unto supreme tranquility and the greatest ease. But now

the sun of justice is veiled behind the clouds of oppression. We beseech God to deliver this light from the claws of darkness. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful."

At this moment, a call was raised from the Most Holy Court summoning this servant. After presenting himself, this blessed word shone forth from the Dayspring of divine knowledge: "O servant! We make mention of My physician and his son Jalalu'd-Din and his mother, and We send Our greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy. We beseech Him to protect him beneath the shade of the Tree of His Cause. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

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

Praise be befitting and worthy of that Imperishable Beloved Who, from time immemorial and unto eternity, through the breezes of the Most Exalted Pen, hath guided the people of the Kingdom to the ocean of knowledge and taught them that which beseemeth the station of man. Blessed are they who have attained unto the melody of the Most Exalted Pen and been illumined by the lights of the Most Glorious Horizon.

This is the Day wherein Sinai crieth out "The Manifestation hath appeared!" and the Mount exclaimeth "The Lord of Names hath come!" All things are ablaze with the fire of Divine love, yet the heedless souls remain veiled and deprived of the mysteries of this Day. All previous Books have spoken of this Day, as the All-Merciful hath foretold in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Likewise, the Point of the Bayan declareth: "He is the One Who proclaimeth in every state: 'Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all else beside Me is My creation. O My creation, worship ye Me!'"

In all the Books this Day hath been attributed to God, exalted be His glory. Nevertheless, some of the heedless ones, misled by their leader, have denied these stations and risen in opposition and protest. God hath forewarned of them in His Book, saying: "Yet are they in doubt as to the meeting with their Lord." By the effulgences of the Sun of Truth! The leader whom they have followed is unworthy of mention, and the heedless souls neither knew him, nor do they know him, nor do they desire to know him. For when the Word of Truth is uttered, they put their fingers in their ears, even as did the people of old. They speak but comprehend not, and imagine themselves to be guided. Nay, by the Lord of earth and heaven! They are servants who perceive not. They have taken one who brayeth as their lord besides God. Thus have their evil souls seduced them.

One is astonished! Are the people deprived of sight, or are their ears forbidden to hear? How is it that they have forsaken the sweet and life-giving ocean, yet strive with utmost diligence in pursuit of a putrid drop?

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who causeth the rivers to flow, Who splitteth the dawn, and sendeth forth the winds! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance, and the heaven of Thy knowledge, and by the Light that hath shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon by Thy command and will, to rend asunder, with the finger of Thy power, the veils of Thy creation and the coverings of Thy creatures. Then send down upon them, O my God, from the clouds of Thy mercy, that which will purify them from the mention of any one save Thee, that they may turn with their hearts to the horizon whence the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance have shone forth, and may hear with their ears that which the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimeth among Thy creatures.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and by the mercy that hath preceded all created things, to protect Thy loved ones from the oppressors among Thy creatures who have adorned their heads with turbans and have arisen to extinguish the fire of Thy Tree and quench the light of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee to make known unto them that which Thou hast intended for them through Thy generosity and favor. Then cause Thy loved ones to drink from the chalice of steadfastness in such wise that nothing in the world shall prevent them from Thy Most Great Name, which proclaimeth amongst the nations that there is none other God but He, the Manifest, the All-Seeing, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

And then your letter arrived, and since it was adorned with the mention of the Peerless Friend, it brought the utmost joy and delight. God willing, may you be forever illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of inner meanings and drink of the sealed wine in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory. When knowledge was gained of your intention to visit the Abode of the Beloved of the worlds, after attaining presence and receiving permission, the entire letter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance - His word, exalted be His grandeur:

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

O Ghulam-i-Qabil-i-Rida! Your letter hath arrived and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of thy submissiveness and humility before God, and thy turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon in days wherein the learned and mystics have turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne and earth, hath willed. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Lord of lords. We have heard that which thou didst call unto God and have answered thee through this Tablet, whose fragrance shall never cease to persist through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and His Most Exalted Attributes. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Blessed is he who cometh unto you and heareth the call of the Wronged One, Who hath summoned all unto God, the Lord of all men, and blessed is he who hath heard His call and recognized His station and acknowledged that which the Speaker of Sinai hath uttered from this Spot which God hath made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise at eventide and at dawn. By the life of God, O servant! The sincere ones inhale from thy Lord's Book the fragrance of inner meanings and utterance, and the people of Baha that which cannot be mentioned in words. Remember My loved ones in that land on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of the Sun of My loving-kindness which hath illumined the horizons. Say: The Wronged One remembereth you for the sake of God and teacheth you that which will

draw you nigh unto the Most Exalted Station, and We counsel you and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause, through which, when it was revealed, the earth shone with its light and the nightingale warbled upon the branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the horizon of the heaven of utterance become luminous and the sun of proof hath shone forth. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O Ghulam-i-Rida! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the verses of God which were revealed in most eloquent Arabic. Now hearken unto the sweetest Persian, that perchance through the breezes of utterance thou mayest guide the lost unto the straight path and give the thirsty to drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings. Today the Sun of grace is risen and the ocean of loving-kindness is surging, yet most are found heedless and veiled. Some are deprived of the divine elixir because of a croaking, and others are barred from the Most Exalted Pen's scratching and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing by the call of the lowliest of servants. Say: O ye dead ones! The Water of Life hath appeared - hasten ye and count this time as precious. In this springtime of inner meanings, deprive not yourselves of God's grace and loving-kindness. Today the Book of the Exalted Ones is manifest, and likewise the Book of the Wicked ones is evident. The Tablets of Light have risen, and likewise the pages of fire are spread abroad. They must become so intoxicated with the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance that they would regard all else as non-existent and null. Today is the day of steadfastness, and today is the day of service and the manifestation of man's station. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and gladden them with that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Say: O friends! The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any loyalty. The tongue of the world at all times announceth its own evanescence and proclaimeth, saying: "O people of the earth! Where are the bygone centuries and ages past? Where is the might of the Pharaohs, the glory of the Khosroes, and the ranks of the tyrants? Where are their armies and their standards, their treasures and their banners? Take ye warning and be not of the heedless ones!" One call of the world was Mirza Husayn Khan, the Iranian Minister, which all heard and became aware of his passing. I remind you, O My loved ones, of that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "All that is thereon is passing away […]"

The face of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful, shall endure. That Day is this Day, for the lights of His countenance have dawned from the horizon of manifestation, resplendent and evident, and all that is on earth shall be subject to annihilation, save those souls who, after the extinction of all things, have uttered the blessed words "I believe in Thee, O Lord of Names." Today the Hand of the Self-Subsisting proffereth the sealed wine, and the white hand bestoweth the water of immortality. Take ye thereof in His name and drink ye in remembrance of Him. Well is it with you, and again, well is it with you.

The aforementioned minister, Mirza Husayn Khan, in these latter years committed no act that would cause grief; rather, he dealt kindly with the loved ones in general. Therefore none should speak of him save with good words. The hearts of the loved ones must remain sanctified from the world's vexations. God willing, while time remaineth, the friends must acquire eternal stations, that their mention may endure in the Book of God. The Command is in His grasp - He withholdeth and He giveth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Generous.

We make mention of him who is named Aqa Mir, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and be of them that render thanks. O Mir! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison. He remembereth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, and for having guided me to Thy straight path. Glory be upon thee, upon thy wife and her mother, and upon those women who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who was named Siyyid before Mahdi and give him glad tidings of the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of the Wronged One of thee, and glorify thy Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. This is the Day whereof the Apostle of God gave tidings in the Qur'an, and whose mention was revealed in the Torah and the Gospel. Beware lest anything withhold thee from this Cause, at whose appearance the foundations were shaken, the mountains were crushed, and the hearts of the heedless were agitated. Blessed art thou, and thy wife, and those whom the veils of glory hindered not from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Siyyid 'Ali, that he may hear thy scratching and take unto God a way. O 'Ali! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee in this Cause and enabled thee to hear His most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Cast aside the world and whatsoever is with the peoples, and hold fast unto that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of all mankind. The glory and splendor from Us be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon every discerning believer.

We make mention in this station of him who was named Hasan before 'Ali, and We counsel him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby necks have been laid low. Take thou the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto the most exalted station. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken, while imprisoned in the hands of those who have cast behind their backs that which the All-Bestowing hath revealed in the Book. Glorify on My behalf the countenance of her who hath believed in her Lord and responded when she heard the call from God, the Revealer of verses.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, that the verses of his Lord may draw him to a station wherein the affairs of earth and the promptings of them that dwell thereon shall not withhold him from God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. Take thou the chalice of immortality in the name of the Lord of Names, then drink therefrom through this remembrance whereby the gates have been opened. Forget not God's covenant and His testament. Act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded in the Books and Tablets. This is a day wherein every speaker hath spoken, every witness hath testified, every hearer hath heard, and whatsoever was hidden in the treasuries of thy Lord's knowledge, the Lord of the Final End, hath been made manifest. Hold fast unto the cord of godliness, then make mention of thy Lord at morn and eventide. Glory be upon the people of Baha and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen One.

We make mention of him who hath been named Siyyid 'Ali, that he may praise his Lord on this Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single,

the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." O 'Ali! Turn thy heart toward the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End proclaimeth: "Grandeur belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds." O 'Ali! The Wronged One calleth, and with Him all things call out in this darksome night, summoning thee unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: "O God of Names, Who gazeth from the Most Glorious Horizon! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy garment and the rustling of the breezes of Thy Paradise to aid me in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy love. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, and within Thy grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful." Convey My greetings unto her who hath heard and responded to her Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come upon the clouds is indeed He Who was mentioned in My Books, inscribed by My Pen, and concealed in the treasure of My Will, which hath encompassed all things great and small. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him, and every learned one of dubious mind pronounced judgment against Him. Beware lest the affairs of earth withhold thee from the Lord of Heaven. Cast aside what the peoples possess and take what thou hast been given from the presence of the Ancient King. This shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" The Glory shining from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Lord of all mankind, be upon thee and upon every leaf who hath believed in God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing.

O Javad! The Lord of creation maketh mention of thee from the prison quarter and calleth thee unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance. By God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal it. Praise thy Lord, the Knower of the unseen and the seen. A letter from thy brother hath been received wherein My loved ones were mentioned. We have made mention of each one of them in such wise that its fragrance shall never cease to perfume the world. To this beareth witness the Ancient King Who hath come from the heaven of revelation with a perspicuous Book. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. Glory be upon thy brother and upon thee and upon thy wife. Convey My greetings unto her and give her the glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for her from the Most Exalted Pen in this glorious Script.

O 'Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, with that which will draw thee closer to God, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest what the people possess prevent thee from that which the Lord of Destiny possesses. Leave behind what the people have and take what God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath given thee. We counsel thee and My loved ones to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the tribes of the earth have lamented and every lofty mountain been leveled. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Master of the Promised Day. Give glad tidings from Me to her who hath turned towards God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O My Pen! We hear thy scratching by night and by day in remembrance of God and His loved ones. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto thy adorning and heard thy scratching. He is

indeed among those who are brought near in a clear Book. It is as though thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of life and been seized by the rapture of thy Lord's verses, such that the affairs of the world cannot prevent thee from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. Thou speakest at all times and callest out to all in the realm of possibility, giving them glad tidings of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou, O Pen, and joy be unto thee. I testify that thou hast not fallen short in that which thou wert commanded. It hath been proven with clear evidence that neither slumber nor sleep overtaketh Him. We behold thee adorned with the ornament of wakefulness in such wise that thy scratching hath never ceased from the ears of those who are nigh. We see thee standing in service to thy Lord and speaking His beauteous praise.

Make mention of him who was named Khalil and give him glad tidings of the verses of the Glorious One which have been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the Generous. Beware lest sorrows keep thee back from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Leave the transgressors behind thee and cling to the hem of thy Lord's grace, the Merciful. From His prison He hath called all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away. Verily thy Lord is independent of all worlds. Thus hath the Tongue spoken with most exalted utterance. Glory be unto him who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Taqi that he may hear thy call in this Cause whereby souls have lamented and feet have slipped. By God! That which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords, hath been made manifest. He is the One to Whom the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, have borne witness. At His appearance the idol hath wailed, the foundations have quaked, and the graven images have been thunderstruck. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee from this most exalted station with verses at whose revelation the pens have bowed down in submission. We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon My loved ones in thy region, and upon those who have, with the arm of certitude, shattered the idols of vain imaginings.

O Muhammad-Rida! My Most Exalted Pen hath turned towards thee and giveth thee and My loved ones glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you in the kingdom of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou as a bird soaring in My atmosphere, speaking My praise, turning towards My horizon, and acting in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded in the Book. Thus speaketh the Wronged One when sorrows have encompassed Him from every direction. Cast aside vain fancy through the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and take the choice wine that hath been sealed with this remembrance before which all remembrances have prostrated themselves. The world and its ornaments and bounties shall pass away, and there shall endure for My loved ones that which hath been sent down from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful, Munificent Lord.

Turn, O My Pen, towards My handmaiden who hath been named Fatimih in the Kingdom of Names, and give her the glad tidings of My mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all created things. Blessed art thou and blessed is every handmaiden who hath turned towards and responded to the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known One, while thou hast turned towards Him and drunk His choice sealed wine from the hand of His bounty.

And We make mention in this place of My servants whose names have not been mentioned. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We counsel you to manifest trustworthiness and fidelity, and whatsoever will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. O people of Baha! By God, this is your Day, did ye but know it. Beware lest the oppressor's might deter you from this momentous News. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all men, and glorify His praise at all times. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have turned unto God and have hearkened to the voice of God, the Speaking, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Faithful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

For each of the souls mentioned in your letter, wondrous and exalted divine verses have been revealed. God willing, may they recognize the value of this matchless blessing and arise with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause. Today, whosoever speaks and acts with goodly words, righteous deeds, and praiseworthy character is and shall be a helper of God's Cause. May you be assisted to achieve that which befits this wondrous Day. All the names submitted before the Divine Presence, both living and deceased, have attained infinite divine favors, for all souls adorned with the ornament of recognition are alive and enduring in the presence of the Truth. Strive that perchance you may heal a sick one in the name of God, or guide a wanderer to the straight path. This station is most exalted and lofty. Should anyone be prevented by worldly obstacles, it would be better to appoint a deputy who might give life to one who is dead in the name of God, or guide a wanderer to his true homeland. By God's life! The Word of Truth is living and animate, penetrating, flowing, pervading and ever-moving. Well is it with them that perceive. I beseech God to cleanse all eyes from the ophthalmia of self and desire, that they may witness that which is hidden from the eyes of the heedless. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to all the friends, and beseeches them: while time has not passed away, strive that you may attain to that for which you were created. The glory, the mercy and the glory be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon them who gaze toward the Most Sublime Horizon and drink from Its luminous Kawthar. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Servant

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hearest the lamentations of them that are nigh unto Thee because of what hath befallen Thy loved ones and chosen ones, and Who beholdeth what hath come upon them at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have committed that from which the atoms have dissociated themselves and from which all created things have sought refuge. O Lord! There hath befallen Thy sincere loved ones that which hath transformed the joy of the Concourse on High into a sorrow none knoweth save Thy knowledge, O Fashioner of the heavens. Thou seest, O my God, how the ocean of

tyranny hath surged through the winds of malice and hatred, and how the smoke of transgression hath seized all who dwell in the realm of creation. Thereby have ascended the sighs of the most exalted Paradise and descended the tears of the most sublime Heaven. Verily, those whom Thou didst manifest and send forth to reform the world have been seized by the idolaters with chains and fetters, who have done unto them that which hath caused the rocks to cry out and the mountains to wail. He Who beseeched Thee night and day for the reformation of Thy servants and the tranquility of the inhabitants of the earth - Thou beholdest Him, O God of the worlds, in manifest tribulation. Thou seest, O my God, how sorrows have encompassed all possibility to such extent that hearts have melted thereby and the pillars of the word of unity have been shaken. Those who have denied Thee, turned away from Thy beauty, disputed Thy signs, and broken Thy Covenant have risen against Thy people in such wise that the heaven of justice hath been cleft asunder and the skin of Thy servants hath quivered. Can the pen enumerate the afflictions of Thy loved ones? Can knowledge encompass what hath befallen them in Thy days? I know not, O my God, my Lord, and my Hope, which tribulation I should mention that hath come upon Thy chosen ones and them that are nigh unto Thee in Thy love. Shall I mention him whom the idolaters tore limb from limb in the land of Sad because he turned to Thy most exalted horizon and clung to the hem of Thy knowledge, O Lord of all names? Or him who heard Thy call and beheld Thy beauty and whom Thou didst single out among Thy servants to exalt Thy word and manifest Thy Cause, and whom Thou didst name the King of Martyrs in the kingdom of Thy utterance? Or shall I mention him who was named the Beloved in the Crimson Tablet by Thy Most Exalted Pen? Or shall I recall the Wondrous One (Badi) who appeared from the horizon of Thy power and drank the cup of steadfastness in such wise that the pillars of Thine enemies were shaken? Or shall I mention those who were seized by the river of Thy knowledge in the land of Ta (Tehran) in such wise that they sacrificed their spirits, their bodies and all they possessed in their longing for the kingdom of Thy meeting and the heaven of Thy reunion? Or shall I mention, O my Beloved, what hath befallen Thy loved ones in the land of Za at the hands of those who transgressed against them with an oppression that hath caused hearts to lament and eyes to weep? Or shall I mention, O my God, what hath befallen Thy loved ones in Kha - every land, every pebble, dust, stone and clod beareth witness to the testimony of Thy loved ones and the oppression of Thine enemies. Glorified art Thou, O King of Kings and the Merciful to the servant! Were I to mention Thy most great calamity and Thy most high tribulation which appeared in the land of Ta through that which the hands of the wretched ones acquired regarding the Glory (Baha), verily the Pen crieth out and saith: “Leave me, O Thou Who holdeth and seizeth me! I beseech Thee by Thy Lord to leave me [in my state]. Sufficient unto me is the sorrow of my heart, the lamentation of my soul, the sighing of my inner being and the screeching of my tongue.” And the paper calleth out and saith: “I adjure thee by the One, the All-Informed, to leave me and let me be in my wretched state and the sorrow of my heart and my cry and my sighing. Dost thou wish to mention the calamity whereby the hem of the robe of grandeur was soiled amongst all creatures? Or dost thou wish me to explain what hath befallen the kingdom of the Spirit whom the hands of power, might and grace had reared to be sacrificed in this Day which cannot be compared with centuries and ages?” […]

O my Master, O Ali! Can any who would remember recount what befell thee in the path of God? Nay, by thy most exalted Self and thy Most Great Name! Though by thy tribulation the foundations of rest and tranquility were shaken, and the pillars of all that was and will be were made to tremble. Yet doth this

servant give thanks unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom of immortality and Sovereign of earth and heaven, that He hath not caused thy blood and the blood of His loved ones to be spilt in vain, but hath expended it in His love and yearning and desire. This is a word spoken by my Lord, my Master, and my Protector. When it descended from the kingdom of His will, the veil was rent asunder and the covering was removed, and the faces of the exalted ones prostrated themselves before the light of His manifest countenance, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that know!" My spirit be a sacrifice for your exile, a ransom for your tribulation, your imprisonment, and your chains! By the life of the Desired One, the liver of every knowing one hath melted from grief for you, the spirit of every learned one hath been struck with thunder at your imprisonment, the springs of sorrow have burst forth at your exile, the sea of grief hath surged at your tribulations, and the Most Exalted Pen hath lamented what befell you in His path. Blessed are ye, and blessed the father who raised you, the mother who suckled you, the earth that was your resting place, every servant who hath wept for your tribulation, and every dwelling wherein your afflictions are remembered. This servant hath been blessed to visit the trace of your pen. When I saw and read and understood and knew, I approached the Most Great Shrine and presented myself before His presence, and verily the tongue of grandeur spoke that which caused all things to lament and grief to encompass all regions. I present unto your presence, with the knowledge of certainty, that all atoms cried out and were agitated by what was sent down from the Kingdom of the Divine Will and the Heaven of Purpose. And I, in that place, was like one bewildered and astounded, with blood flowing from mine eyes and sorrow ascending beyond my control.

In Persian I submit that this servant, after countless sorrows and griefs that were in truth bone-crushing, let alone to bodies, approached the Most Exalted Goal. Verses were revealed, all indicating and proclaiming victory and steadfastness and the call to teach God's Cause, and adorned with the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory, and His acceptance. And on another night He said: "O servant in attendance, this Wronged One beareth witness that they have aided God, exalted be His glory, with true aid, and this was the aid that was promised in the divine Books. Every person of insight beareth witness to that which the Truth hath witnessed, and every fair-minded one testifieth to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and been recorded. But the oppressor hath transgressed and rebelled even as his predecessor rebelled when he proclaimed among his people saying: 'O my people! Does not the kingdom of Egypt belong to me, and these rivers flowing beneath me? Do you not see? Or am I not better than this one who is contemptible and can scarcely make himself clear?' By God's life, the second one is more unjust and more astray and more rebellious than the one who came before. Heedlessness and pride have seized him to such extent that he spoke, unaware of his deed for which is prepared for him a punishment that cannot be described in words. By God's life, the Almighty doth witness and see, and He is ever watchful."

In these days there hath appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance that which hath verily set aflame the hearts of the world. That Beloved One hath Himself witnessed the waves of the Ocean of Utterance, and heard the rustling of the Sacred Tree. O what an utterance! Were it to be cast upon fire, it would transform it into light; and were it to fall upon rock, it would soften it, through the Word of God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. How well it hath been said:

Thou knowest how the sun in Aries

Doth speak to flowers, both true and false;

Thou knowest how the crystal stream

Doth speak to flowers and saplings all.

By Thy life, O Beloved of my heart! Had I as many tongues as there are atoms, I would have proclaimed: "Would that I had been with you and found myself beneath chains and fetters!" I swear by the Orb of divine utterance that whatsoever hath befallen shall not be effaced, nor shall it vanish from the book of possibility. Its traces shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure, and its fruits are infinite. The first word heard from His blessed tongue was this blessed utterance. He said: "O servant present! They have drunk from the cup of divine love to such degree that the entire Concourse on High exclaim 'Happy and welcome!'" The matter endeth here. A momentous cause hath appeared, and tyranny without reason or purpose hath come to pass in the world. Of a certainty shall the flames of this supreme oppression return upon its perpetrators. Although the investigators who were appointed and who, through deceit and artifice, showed submission, became the cause of this great sedition, yet certain ones who claimed adherence to the Truth uttered words that became the cause of the government's perturbation and fear, and they became convinced of intentions of rebellion. The curse of God be upon the liars and calumniators! Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And since they spoke out of fear for their lives and excess of terror, may God strengthen them to return and forgive them. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Beloved of my heart and soul! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed! From the Tongue of Grandeur we have ever heard, both this servant and that honoured one and other friends, these blessed words. Once these sublime words were heard from the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. He said: "O servant in attendance! This Cause hath no likeness to previous causes in its grandeur, neither had it nor hath it. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath attained unto steadfastness! Such a one is accounted before God among the jewels of existence." Peter, who was the focal point of the saints and source of the righteous, in the time of the Spirit (may my soul be a sacrifice for Him), thrice denied Him on the night He was delivered up. And the Lord Himself had told him the night before that "thou shalt deny Me thrice before the cock crow." And after the denial and the crowing of the cock, the words of the Lord came to his mind, whereupon he immediately cried out and lamented until God forgave him and made him one of those near unto Him.

But O my master! How far is this station from the stations of those souls who regarded not the whole world as equal to the wing of a gnat! They arose and uttered that which was a sword and arrows to the enemies and a mercy and light to the friends. By God's life! The very breath of such souls is more delicate than the morning breeze and sweeter than the Water of Life! Glory be to God! How is it that whatsoever is spoken in truth and sincerity and reality is not accepted, while calumnies and lies and that which springeth from suspicion and fancy are accepted and heard? Have they not perceived from the divine verses, signs and tablets that conflict, contention and corruption are forbidden, and that the purpose is the reformation of the world through wisdom and utterance? The Book itself speaketh with these exalted words: "The appointed time hath come, and He Who revealeth the verses hath appeared for the reformation of the servants and the prosperity of the lands."

I swear by the Sun of Truth that the sighs of the oppressed are more potent in their effect than cannons and sharper than swords! Though consummate wisdom may require that some fruits of deeds be delayed for a limited time, such delay will not prevent the inevitable decree. Assuredly the oppressors have been and will be requited. What have they seen of justice and righteousness that they have clung to the cord of tyranny and held fast to the hem of oppression? This servant hath ever wished to submit numerous petitions, but delayed doing so out of wisdom, lest some ignorant one become aware and cause harm. That honoured one should keep this writing concealed, save from trustworthy and steadfast souls capable of preserving confidences, for if some become aware they will inform others and cause grief. Although, praise be to God, there hath been and is no deceit, cunning, artifice or ill intent. The sun beareth witness to the purity of the page and the morning breeze testifieth to the delicacy of the leaf. The treacherous one is fearful; the trustworthy one hath not been and is not afraid. Would that ears were cleansed of defilement that they might attain to hearing the Word of Truth and reach true tranquility, and hearts were sanctified from veils that the imprint of the seal "Verily I am in manifest humility" might be impressed upon them. The first line of that honoured one's letter contained this verse:

"How can I raise my head in shame before the Friend,

When no worthy service hath come from my hand?"

After offering these words, this utterance hath appeared from the Kingdom of utterance: Praise be to God, thy turning unto Him is evident, thy love is radiant, thy words are eloquent, thy steps are firm, and thy deeds are acceptable and praiseworthy. Shame, regret and remorse are for those souls who attained not the light of justice and distinguished not between light and darkness, who bestowed upon the wolf the office of shepherd and gave the treacherous one the position of guardian, who took the ignorant for the learned. Where are the eyes to see and where are the ears to hear? I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine all with the light of fairness and adorn them with the ornament of justice.

In truth, this person hath been the cause of great tenderness in this servant and many others. One word that is fitly spoken is dearer in the sight of God than a hundred thousand merciless words. May the soul perish that harboureth evil thoughts about that honored one. What more can I say regarding that which hath befallen the chosen ones and pure ones of God? The knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, hath ever encompassed all things. This servant, and a hundred thousand like him, are powerless and incapable of reckoning it. The True Knower beareth witness that those holy, blessed and steadfast souls who are present in that spot have ever been and continue to be remembered by tongue, heart and pen. Their remembrances have soared, their traces have encompassed all, their steadfastness hath become manifest, and that which lay hidden in the treasuries of their souls and the repositories of their love hath become evident. God will soon adorn the world with their mention, their praise, and their deeds in the path of God, their Creator, their Fashioner and their Originator. God is witness that this servant considereth himself unworthy to move in this field and unfit to draw breath. I am unable to mention what I have known and recognized. I beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for His chosen ones and His loved ones that which lay treasured with Him. Verily He knoweth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Another submission is that yesterday the delight of the eyes of the sincere ones, Husayn Effendi and the Leaf of Paradise, upon them both be the glory of God, were in the blessed presence, and a group was also

present. Mention was made of your honor who, like a true spiritual cupbearer, was engaged in giving drink. Praise be to God, they are blessed with perfect health and well-being, and are honored and at rest beneath the shade of the unlimited, all-encompassing mercy. Whenever this servant thinks of the masters and what befell them in that prison in such detail, he dies a hundred thousand regrets. How blessed is the dust they walk upon and the air they breathe! Would that I were with the friends of God and His chosen ones! What is being submitted is mostly involuntary, for at every moment the heart is aflame: verily the heart is gladdened by your mention, the heart is enkindled with your praise, the eye weeps at separation from you, and the spirit laments what has befallen you. May God grant patience beautiful to all the friends and bestow bountiful reward. And according to the Arabs regarding fine handwriting, on the day your honor's letter arrived, at that very moment an extended, detailed visitation took place which in truth until that time had not been performed, and it was carried out. Praise be to God, and thanks and glory be unto Him in the watches of the night and the ends of the day. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! This petition was submitted the same day your letter arrived, but since it was written in the letter that details would be sent in a few days, in view of this statement there was a delay in sending until the night of the 24th of Dhi'l-Hajja when another letter from your honor dated the 11th of Dhi'l-Qa'da brought light to the eyes and excitement to the soul. Oceans upon oceans of joy were attained and heavens upon heavens of delight were manifest, for it brought glad tidings of health and bestowed the good news of favor. And it was submitted before the Presence at a time when the night before, a Tablet had been revealed in mention of your honor to one of the companions in outlying regions. Copy that exactly, and here it is:

He is the Unique Herald

Verily the lamp before the Face laments like the bereaved for My loved ones and says: O Name of God! I know not at what time they seized you, in what place they bound you, and at what hour they imprisoned you. Do we hear your cry from the dark pit, or do we see you under chains and shackles through what the hands of the enemies have wrought? Would that I knew who is with you, who consoles you, and who befriends you in your tribulation. We have heard all that he has uttered and We have been patient, for verily We are the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. We have detailed for you what has befallen the friends of God in the land who hastened with their hearts to a station which God has made the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His mighty Cause. By God! The attentive ear hears from all things their lamentation and their cry at what has befallen the Manifestation of the All-Merciful through sorrows, but most of the people are heedless. Counsel the servants to patience and fortitude lest there appear from them what they have been forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon you and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From the revealed passages in the Tablet, the kindness, compassion, mercy, and the grief, anguish and sorrows of the Intended One, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, are evident and clear. And praise be to God, your honor's last letter became the cause of joy and delight for those who circle round.

As to mentioning the beloved of heart and soul, His Holiness 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power - it is clear and evident that he is mentioned in the most exalted station with

words that “his sun shall never set from the highest horizon.” Furthermore, considering that the honored mother of His Honor ’A.T., upon them both be the glory of God, has borne the hardships of His Holiness and is engaged in service, one day from the blessed tongue she was named “Mother of the Near Ones.” He said that since they are engaged in service to the Cause, they were therefore given this blessed name. A hundred thousand praises upon them and upon their children. His Honor ’A.T., upon him be the grace of God, has borne so many hardships. He said: “Verily He hath pardoned them and forgiven them through His bounty and generosity and sovereignty.” And He said: “My all-encompassing grace and My pre-existent mercy shall aid them both.”

If it be deemed advisable, mention should be made that would bring about their joy and gladness. Otherwise, the greatest concealment must be very firm. And after consideration, if there be a secure place outside the prison where it may be deposited, this would seem better and most appropriate. I have no other petition save to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, for protection, wellbeing, and the meeting and presence of His Holiness. May God through His boundless grace grant the day when eyes shall be brightened, hearts gladdened and breasts expanded. This is not difficult for God. This time too, praise be to God, the letter arrived at the beginning of night. It was read in its proper place, and then ascended and was present before His countenance. After permission was granted, it was visited and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. The glory that is manifest, evident, brilliant and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of the generosity of our Lord, the Possessor of all existence, be upon you and upon those who have not broken the covenant of God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The Servant

14th of Muharram al-Haram, 1301

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

The list of your petitions was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and the response descended from the heaven of grace and was dispatched. We beseech God to aid all to accomplish that which He loves and is pleased with, and to unite the peoples of the earth upon one word and one Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Mirza Muhammad Afnan, upon him be the glory of God, he is ever remembered before the Wronged One. In these days two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets have been specifically revealed and sent to him. In truth, at all times he desires to render service. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him and make him steadfast in His Cause and successful in attaining that which He hath revealed in His Book.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Javad’s funds, whenever they were assigned to any person, the funds were available and were given. And if they become available again, they will certainly be given. O Name of Generosity! The ocean of bounty is surging, but the capacity of the people of the world is

lacking. In one of the Tablets it was revealed: “Were the world to possess any worth or station, thou wouldst see Me seated upon its thrones.” The intention by “world” was and is its people. And you are aware of affairs. Whenever funds become available or news arrives from any quarter, they shall be bestowed.

Concerning what you wrote about ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, his mention and his supplication were seen and all attained unto hearing. God willing, may he be observed in the concourse of the world with utmost joy and fragrance, bearing the name of the Lord of Eternity. These are momentous days. We beseech the Truth that He may not deprive His servants of His recognition. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon his countenance and give him the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Jalil, upon him be the glory of God, his own petition also reached the Most Holy Court. Time is as rare as the phoenix. In these days the response will be revealed and dispatched by the will of God, exalted be His glory. Were all the degrees of infallibility to be revealed from the Supreme Pen, much of what is hidden would be unveiled, and the oneness of God and the station of true unity would become manifest and evident like unto the sun. The hand of power hath rent asunder the veils, yet the people of the Bayan are determined to present anew their vain imaginings and idle fancies in a new guise, despite the fact that divine wrath, namely the deafness and blindness of those heedless and ignorant souls, hath encompassed them. The aforementioned one had mentioned his brother; this was heard and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. One Tablet from the heaven of will hath been specifically revealed and will be sent to him. Give glad-tidings to Jalil of thy Lord’s loving-kindness. And all the souls he hath mentioned are remembered before the Countenance and have attained unto the bounty of the Word of God.

O Name of Bounty! We have desired to make mention of those whom the All-Glorious hath mentioned, that they may be assured through God’s grace and His loving-kindness, and arise to serve His Cause, the Irrevocable, the All-Wise. O Jalil! We make mention of thy brother who hath been named ’Ali with a mention that no mention in creation can equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. We have adorned the heaven of proof with the stars of certitude. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Verily My Most Exalted Pen moveth at all times in the realm of wisdom and utterance, yet most of the people are as ones sleeping, save him who hath purified his hearing from what he hath heard in the contingent world. He is of the people of this exalted and glorious station. O ’Ali! Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee in His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee that which caused the Luminary of inner meanings to shine, as a grace from Him unto thee. He, verily, is the Ever-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. We counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of the All-Merciful may be exalted throughout creation, and with steadfastness in this Great Announcement.

O Buyuk Aqa! The Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, acquainting thee with that which was mentioned in the Books of old and inscribed by the Pen of God, Lord of all the worlds. By My life! The Cry hath been raised, yet most of the people remain asleep; the mountains have passed away, yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you by God, the All-

Knowing, the All-Wise. The world hath been renewed through the breaths of revelation, yet most of the people are as dead. They have not been awakened by the Call of God; by My life, they are among the perishing ones. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and attain unto My verses, arise and say:

I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the lights of the Sun of Thy bounty, and by that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy power, to aid me to remain steadfast in this Cause which hath caused the limbs of the Names to quake. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Write down for me, then, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and of the next. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who was named ’Ali-Ashraf and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Ashraf! All glory lieth in turning unto My horizon, in acting according to that which hath been revealed in My Book, in arising to serve My Cause, and in directing thyself toward My station whereby the lights have shone forth. Thy name hath been mentioned before the One Who is mentioned, and there hath been revealed for thee that which shall not change throughout centuries and ages. Be thou steadfast, firm and unwavering like unto a mountain in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. O Pen! Make mention of ’Ali from Us, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Lord of all men. Dost thou know Who mentioneth thee, and dost thou recognize Who hath turned toward thee? By God’s life! If thou didst know, thou wouldst arise throughout all thy days to remember thy Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn. He Who by His name hath adorned all the Books of the past doth make mention of thee at this moment. He before Whom is the Mother Book doth bear witness to this. Rejoice thou in this most great bounty, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind.

O Joseph! The All-Glorious hath made mention of thee. We have mentioned thee through verses at whose revelation all other verses have bowed down in submission. Remember thy Lord at daybreak and at sunset, at dawn and at eventide. O peoples of the earth! The Day hath come, and He Who conversed on Sinai speaketh in this Manifestation, saying: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Chosen.” Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen, and the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the tongue that hath acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of its Lord, the Almighty, the Most High. Take hold of the Book of God with such strength as is vouchsafed by Him, that the clamor of the divines may not deter thee, nor the might of the valiant. We have aided the Cause through this Pen which neither the veils of the people could obscure, nor the coverings of fancy impede.

O beloved of God! The Wronged One remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from every direction. We have manifested the Cause, sent down the verses, and revealed clear proofs, yet the people remain heedless and in discord. Among the people are those who have turned toward it and those who have turned away - and whoso turneth away is assuredly among the companions of the Fire. We have found the people of the Bayan more veiled than the people of the Furqan. They wander in the wilderness of error, turning away from God, the Lord of lords. The people of the Furqan, after their praise and anticipation, pronounced their verdict against the Lord of mankind. To this beareth witness the

Lord of Destiny from His most exalted station. Thus did their souls prompt them, and today they are among the denizens of the fire in the presence of God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The people of the Bayan have followed them in their desires and fancies, having turned away from Him through Whom the Hour hath appeared and the Resurrection been established.

O Husayn! The Wronged One, Who is imprisoned in this Most Great Prison, maketh mention of him who hath called all to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. The Supreme Paradise hath lamented what hath befallen Us, as have the inmates of the most exalted Heaven and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, as a grace from Us, for verily I am the Mighty, the Bountiful. Give thanks unto God for My loving-kindness, My attention, and My remembrance of thee. Then guard it as thou wouldst guard thine eyes, for the polytheists lie in wait.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named ?abibu'llah, that he may rejoice in Thy remembrance and arise to serve the Cause with such strength as cannot be weakened by the might of the wicked, speaking in such wise as cannot be hindered by the clamor of all who are on earth, nor frustrated by the power of the evil ones. O beloved! The appointed time hath come and the Beloved hath appeared with such authority as no thing can withstand, nor can the tyrants of the earth who disbelieved in God when He came with the standards of His signs prevent it. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise as to make the limbs of the ignorant tremble. Behold and remember when the Desired One came and what befell Him at the hands of the followers of the Furqan, who consider themselves the most excellent among all peoples. Say: Take ye heed, O people of insight! We beseech God to protect His party from the evil of these people and from the people of the Bayan who follow in their footsteps. Know ye that they are indeed among those who have gone astray. The Wronged One hath remembered thee with such remembrance as hath no equal in all the world. To this doth the Mother Book bear witness from its most exalted station. Take thou the reins of the Cause and preserve it in the name of thy Lord, the Master of all beings.

O Jalil! Thou hast made mention of him who is named Rida-Quli. We make mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord maketh mention of whomsoever He willeth as a command from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Remind him of My verses and glorify My Name before his face, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Say: We have made mention of all who have turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon, whereunto every discerning believer doth testify. It behooveth thee to beseech God, thy Lord, that He may aid His servants to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. We love him who hath turned unto Our Countenance, and make mention of him in an exalted station.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Asadabad that they may rejoice in My remembrance, for verily I am the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. O people of God in that place! Take ye the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of bounty, then drink thereof in defiance of the people of the Furqan and the people of the Bayan who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have turned away from His horizon, and who have disbelieved in His perspicuous Book. We have manifested that which was hidden in the treasury of protection and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the

people are those who turned away and disbelieved, even to the point of rising up to shed My blood, and among them are those who have cast away the world, turning unto My luminous horizon.

O people of God! We counsel you to observe supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of the learned were perturbed and the feet of them that have attained did slip. Take ye the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! O Jalil! Make mention of them on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of Mine utterance, the wondrous. Say: This is wondrous from all sides, if ye be of them that perceive. Say: Hold ye fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling unto the hem of the robe of the loving providence of your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

At the end of the Book We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed, the One. Blessed are they for having turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon when the men of earth turned away therefrom. He verily exalteth whom He willeth as a token of His grace, and He is the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. May the glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My proof rest upon you, O people of God, and upon every steadfast, firm, and upright believer.

O Name of Bounty! There hath been read before the Wronged One that which was sent by My servant named Fay?u'llah, and the All-Bountiful hath desired to answer him with His verses which the treasures of the world cannot equal, and I am the All-Knowing Expositor. Blessed is he, for he hath believed in God and His signs in the first days, hath attained unto the Most Great Word, and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur did testify: that there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We desire to make mention in this station of him whom he hath mentioned, that he may rejoice in the loving-kindness of his Lord and be of the thankful ones. Verily, upon Samandar be My glory; he was mentioned before and is mentioned now, and unto him hath been sent down that which causeth the eyes of them that know to be solaced.

O Ru?u'llah! Rejoice thou in that the Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of thee at the dawning of the lights of the Sun of inner meanings from this luminous horizon. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. He verily maketh mention of him that remembereth Him, and hath sent down for him who hath turned unto Him that which cannot be equaled by whatsoever is with the kings and rulers. All things have testified to the bounty of the Lord of Names and to His generosity which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad! My servant hath made mention of thee, wherefore We make mention of thee as a token of My grace, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. My mercy hath preceded all things, as every discerning mystic doth testify. They who have been given insight from God - these indeed behold the horizon of Revelation through His eyes. But they who are debarred are assuredly companions of the fire. Take hold of God's Tablet with the strength that proceedeth from Him, arise and say: The Mother of the Bayan hath come! He sufficeth thee, by the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, detached from every remote idolater who hath violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and disbelieved in Him in Whom they had formerly believed - these are numbered among the idolaters in a mighty Book.

O Muhammad! When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance and hearest His most sweet call from the horizon of possibility, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and hast turned unto me with Thy luminous countenance. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, content with Thy good-pleasure, firm in the service of Thy Cause, articulate in Thy beauteous praise. We make mention of My handmaidens whom he hath mentioned in his letter, and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy, that they may render thanks unto God, their Lord, and be numbered among those who have attained in this perspicuous Book. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to inscribe your names, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Glorious, the All-Wise. The glory of God be upon you and upon those whom We have mentioned before, and upon those whom neither the clamor of the people of the Bayan hath kept back from the All-Merciful, nor the croaking of the idolaters from this momentous News.

O Name of Bounty! The letter of Abdul-Hussein, upon him be My glory, which he had written to you, was mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The glance of grace hath been directed towards him. God willing, may he attain unto His grace, arise in His service, be engaged in His remembrance, and be gladdened by His mention. O Abdul-Hussein! The Most Exalted Pen hath repeatedly made mention of thee. Praise be to God, thou hast attained and continuest to attain unto His grace. Be thou at all times gladdened and assured of His loving-kindness. We counsel thee to that which will cause the exaltation of the Cause and the preservation of this most exalted station, which is the station of thy mention by the Most Exalted Pen. Mention of Khan-i-Mizban and Mawzun and the sons of Khalil, upon them be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, hath been made in thy letter. Each one hath attained unto the grace of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve them and ordain for them what is best in this world and the next, and to inscribe for them from the Most Exalted Pen the reward of attainment to His presence, which is indeed among the most mighty of deeds before the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Blessed are they who are remembered in this day before the Wronged One and have attained unto the special favors of the Mother Book. The Word of God hath ever been and shall forever be enduring. All things shall be seized by extinction, but that which hath flowed from His Pen shall remain forever, eternally, imperishably. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

We make mention of My handmaidens and My female servants there. We beseech God to ordain for them the best of what is in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy. Mention was made of Ali-Asghar who attained the presence and won, and likewise mention of Azim and Hassan and the nephew of Jenab-i-Zabih, Aqa Muhammad-Rida, was in his letter. Jenab-i-Haydar-i-Qabil-Ali made mention of these souls and a Tablet was specifically revealed for each one - some have been sent and some will be sent. And whatever Aqa Ali-Asghar had previously requested was sent in full except for one soul. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Now again each one is mentioned in the Most Holy Court and has won the favors of God. We counsel him and those who have believed in that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be exalted. For today deeds and character are the hosts of God, and one must render victory through these hosts. Likewise We counsel all to the Most Great Steadfastness, for the barkeners and the deluded ones lie in wait and have made the calumnies of the previous party their motto. I am quit of them, and

God and His Prophets and His Messengers are quit of them. They are indeed among the deluded ones. They wander in the wilderness of ignorance and know not.

The letter of Jenab-i-Ali-Akbar was also present before the Countenance. We send greetings to his face and counsel him in what behooveth man in these days, and We give him the glad-tidings of Our remembrance of him that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O people of God! Know ye the value of these days and arise with the utmost endeavor, unity and accord, that the horizons may be illumined with the light of unity. Today is the Day of God and is associated with Him. The mention of aught else is not permitted. Leave ye the names of the past and the words of the past. Reflect ye on the false souls of the past who deceived millions of souls, both learned and ignorant, from the beginning of Islam until now, just as the Shi'ih party - may God forsake them - clung to those calumnies and martyred the Master of the world, and now still await the appearance of an imaginary Qa'im from an imaginary city and an imaginary realm and an imaginary station. Say: Wait ye, even as the Jews are waiting. In any case, O friends, reflect on the affairs of the past that the hints of the barkeners and the atheists may not again prevent you from the Straight Path. He is the Counselor, and He is the Compassionate, and He is the Kind One.

O Name of Bounty! We make mention in this station of thy sister who hath believed in God and His signs, and turned unto His horizon, and responded when His call was raised. We have mentioned her aforetime, and in this mighty, impregnable station We remember her on Our part and give her the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for her from the Pen of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. We make mention of My handmaidens who are there and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have mentioned every handmaiden who hath believed and have recorded her name in My wondrous Book. We counsel My servants and My handmaidens to be steadfast in this mighty Cause, and We make mention of My handmaiden whom We have mentioned before, who hath attained unto My remembrance and My favor, and I am verily the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

God willing, may the people of that land, both young and old, male and female, all arise in perfect unity and harmony to aid the Cause of God. Today, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are the hosts of Truth, and all abide beneath the standard of the fear of God. Blessed are they who enter beneath this mighty standard and act in accordance with that which beseemeth it and the days of God. We have mentioned some steadfast, firm and assured souls secretly in this Tablet, for the station requireth no less. By the life of God! All are present before Our face and stand at the door. They have not been forgotten, nor shall they be. We beseech for them divine confirmation. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Mention was made of the Afnan, upon him be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness. There hath befallen him what befell Us in the beginning of Our imprisonment. We bid him and his brother and his wife to be endowed with beautiful patience and noble forbearance. By My life! Were they to become aware of his station, his loftiness and his exaltation, they would surely give thanks unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath offered up his life in My path. We have accepted it from him and We comfort and console Our Afnan, and I am the All-Patient, the All-Knowing. Soon shall We send down upon him and

upon those who are there that from which they shall inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We have remembered him who hath ascended unto God with such remembrance as would cause all who are endowed with perception to inhale the fragrance of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have mentioned My loved ones there. We beseech God to assist them to be steadfast to such a degree that the clamor of them that cry out, the allusions of the doubtful ones, and the whispers of the polytheists will not cause them to slip.

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This is an Epistle which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance. It is truly a breath of life unto those who dwell in the realm of creation. Glorified be the Lord of all worlds! In this Epistle mention is made of him who magnifieth the Name of God, his Lord, and who is named Nabil in a weighty Tablet.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Voice proceeding out of the Realm of Glory, calling aloud from the celestial Tree which hath risen above the land of Za'faran: Verily, no God is there but Me, the Omniscient, the Wise. Be thou as the breezes of the All-Merciful for the trees of the realm of existence and foster their growth through the potency of the Name of thy Lord, the Just, the All-Informed. We desire to acquaint thee with that which will serve as a reminder unto the people, that they may put away the things current amongst them and set their faces towards God, the Lord of the sincere.

We exhort mankind in these days when the countenance of Justice is soiled with dust, when the flames of unbelief are burning high and the robe of wisdom rent asunder, when tranquillity and faithfulness have ebbed away and trials and tribulations have waxed severe, when covenants are broken and ties are severed, when no man knoweth how to discern light and darkness or to distinguish guidance from error.

O peoples of the world! Forsake all evil, hold fast that which is good. Strive to be shining examples unto all mankind, and true reminders of the virtues of God amidst men. He that riseth to serve My Cause should manifest My wisdom, and bend every effort to banish ignorance from the earth. Be united in counsel, be one in thought. Let each morn be better than its eve and each morrow richer than its yesterday. Man's merit lieth in service and virtue and not in the pageantry of wealth and riches. Take heed that your words be purged from idle fancies and worldly desires and your deeds be cleansed from craftiness and suspicion. Dissipate not the wealth of your precious lives in the pursuit of evil and corrupt affection, nor let your endeavours be spent in promoting your personal interest. Be generous in your days of plenty, and be patient in the hour of loss. Adversity is followed by success and rejoicings follow woe. Guard against idleness and sloth, and cling unto that which profiteth mankind, whether young or old, whether high or low. Beware lest ye sow tares of dissension among men or plant thorns of doubt in pure and radiant hearts.

O ye beloved of the Lord! Commit not that which defileth the limpid stream of love or destroyeth the sweet fragrance of friendship. By the righteousness of the Lord! Ye were created to show love one to

another and not perversity and rancour. Take pride not in love for yourselves but in love for your fellow-creatures. Glory not in love for your country, but in love for all mankind. Let your eye be chaste, your hand faithful, your tongue truthful and your heart enlightened. Abase not the station of the learned in Baha and belittle not the rank of such rulers as administer justice amidst you. Set your reliance on the army of justice, put on the armour of wisdom, let your adorning be forgiveness and mercy and that which cheereth the hearts of the well-favoured of God.

By My life! Thy grievances have plunged Me into sorrow. Regard not the children of the world and all their doings but fix thy gaze upon God and His never-ending dominion. Verily, He calleth to thy remembrance that which is the source of delight for all mankind. Drink thou the life-giving water of blissful joy from the chalice of utterance proffered by the Fountainhead of divine Revelation - He Who hath made mention of thee in this mighty stronghold. Endeavour to the utmost of thy powers to establish the word of truth with eloquence and wisdom and to dispel falsehood from the face of the earth. Thus directeth thee the Dayspring of divine knowledge from this luminous horizon.

O thou who speakest in My Name! Consider the people and the things they have wrought in My days. We revealed unto one of the rulers that which overpowereth all the dwellers of the earth, and requested him to bring Us face to face with the learned men of this age, that We might set forth for him the testimony of God, His proofs, His glory and His majesty; and naught did We intend thereby but the highest good. However, he committed that which hath caused the inmates of the cities of justice and equity to lament. Thus hath judgement been given between Me and him. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Informed. In such circumstances as thou seest, how can the Celestial Bird soar into the atmosphere of divine mysteries when its wings have been battered with the stones of idle fancy and bitter hatred, and it is cast into a prison built of unyielding stone? By the righteousness of God! The people have perpetrated a grievous injustice.

As regards thine assertions about the beginning of creation, this is a matter on which conceptions vary by reason of the divergences in men's thoughts and opinions. Wert thou to assert that it hath ever existed and shall continue to exist, it would be true; or wert thou to affirm the same concept as is mentioned in the sacred Scriptures, no doubt would there be about it, for it hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the worlds. Indeed He was a hidden treasure. This is a station that can never be described nor even alluded to. And in the station of 'I did wish to make Myself known', God was, and His creation had ever existed beneath His shelter from the beginning that hath no beginning, apart from its being preceded by a Firstness which cannot be regarded as firstness and originated by a Cause inscrutable even unto all men of learning.

That which hath been in existence had existed before, but not in the form thou seest today. The world of existence came into being through the heat generated from the interaction between the active force and that which is its recipient. These two are the same, yet they are different. Thus doth the Great Announcement inform thee about this glorious structure. Such as communicate the generating influence and such as receive its impact are indeed created through the irresistible Word of God which is the Cause of the entire creation, while all else besides His Word are but the creatures and the effects thereof. Verily thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Wise.

Know thou, moreover, that the Word of God - exalted be His glory - is higher and far superior to that which the senses can perceive, for it is sanctified from any property or substance. It transcendeth the limitations of known elements and is exalted above all the essential and recognized substances. It became manifest without any syllable or sound and is none but the Command of God which pervadeth all created things. It hath never been withheld from the world of being. It is God's all-pervasive grace, from which all grace doth emanate. It is an entity far removed above all that hath been and shall be.

We are loath to enlarge on this subject, inasmuch as the unbelievers have inclined their ears towards Us in order to hear that which might enable them to cavil against God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And since they are unable to attain to mysteries of knowledge and wisdom from what hath been unravelled by the Source of divine splendour, they rise in protest and burst into clamour. But it is true to say that they object to that which they comprehend, not to the expositions given by the Expounder, nor the truths imparted by the One true God, the Knower of things unseen. Their objections, one and all, turn upon themselves, and I swear by thy life that they are devoid of understanding.

Every thing must needs have an origin and every building a builder. Verily, the Word of God is the Cause which hath preceded the contingent world – a world which is adorned with the splendours of the Ancient of Days, yet is being renewed and regenerated at all times. Immeasurably exalted is the God of Wisdom Who hath raised this sublime structure.

Look at the world and ponder a while upon it. It unveileth the book of its own self before thine eyes and revealeth that which the Pen of thy Lord, the Fashioner, the All-Informed, hath inscribed therein. It will acquaint thee with that which is within it and upon it and will give thee such clear explanations as to make thee independent of every eloquent expounder.

Say: Nature in its essence is the embodiment of My Name, the Maker, the Creator. Its manifestations are diversified by varying causes, and in this diversity there are signs for men of discernment. Nature is God's Will and is its expression in and through the contingent world. It is a dispensation of Providence ordained by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Were anyone to affirm that it is the Will of God as manifested in the world of being, no one should question this assertion. It is endowed with a power whose reality men of learning fail to grasp. Indeed a man of insight can perceive naught therein save the effulgent splendour of Our Name, the Creator. Say: This is an existence which knoweth no decay, and Nature itself is lost in bewilderment before its revelations, its compelling evidences and its effulgent glory which have encompassed the universe.

It ill beseemeth thee to turn thy gaze unto former or more recent times. Make thou mention of this Day and magnify that which hath appeared therein. It will in truth suffice all mankind. Indeed expositions and discourses in explanation of such things cause the spirits to be chilled. It behoveth thee to speak forth in such wise as to set the hearts of true believers ablaze and cause their bodies to soar.

Whoso firmly believeth today in the rebirth of man and is fully conscious that God, the Most Exalted, wieldeth supreme ascendancy and absolute authority over this new creation, verily such a man is reckoned with them that are endued with insight in this most great Revelation. Unto this beareth witness every discerning believer.

Walk thou high above the world of being through the power of the Most Great Name, that thou mayest become aware of the immemorial mysteries and be acquainted with that wherewith no one is acquainted. Verily, thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou as a throbbing artery, pulsating in the body of the entire creation, that through the heat generated by this motion there may appear that which will quicken the hearts of those who hesitate.

At the time when We were hidden behind countless veils of light thou didst commune with Me and didst witness the luminaries of the heaven of My wisdom and the billows of the ocean of Mine utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Truthful, the Faithful. Great indeed is the blessedness of him who hath attained the liberal effusions of this ocean in the days of his Lord, the Most Bountiful, the All-Wise.

During Our sojourn in Iraq when We were at the house of one named Majid, We set forth clearly for thee the mysteries of creation and the origin, the culmination and the cause thereof. However since Our departure We have limited Ourself to this affirmation: 'Verily, no God is there but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.'

Teach thou the Cause of God with an utterance which will cause the bushes to be enkindled, and the call 'Verily, there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Unconstrained' to be raised therefrom. Say: Human utterance is an essence which aspireth to exert its influence and needeth moderation. As to its influence, this is conditional upon refinement which in turn is dependent upon hearts which are detached and pure. As to its moderation, this hath to be combined with tact and wisdom as prescribed in the Holy Scriptures and Tablets. Meditate upon that which hath streamed forth from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, He Who is the Source of all grace, that thou mayest grasp the intended meaning which is enshrined in the sacred depths of the Holy Writings.

Those who have rejected God and firmly cling to Nature as it is in itself are, verily, bereft of knowledge and wisdom. They are truly of them that are far astray. They have failed to attain the lofty summit and have fallen short of the ultimate purpose; therefore their eyes were shut and their thoughts differed, while the leaders among them have believed in God and in His invincible sovereignty. Unto this beareth witness thy Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

When the eyes of the people of the East were captivated by the arts and wonders of the West, they roved distraught in the wilderness of material causes, oblivious of the One Who is the Causer of Causes, and the Sustainer thereof, while such men as were the source and the wellspring of Wisdom never denied the moving Impulse behind these causes, nor the Creator or the Origin thereof. Thy Lord knoweth, yet most of the people know not.

Now We have, for the sake of God, the Lord of Names, set Ourself the task of mentioning in this Tablet some accounts of the sages, that the eyes of the people may be opened thereby and that they may become fully assured that He is in truth the Maker, the Omnipotent, the Creator, the Originator, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Although it is recognized that the contemporary men of learning are highly qualified in philosophy, arts and crafts, yet were anyone to observe with a discriminating eye he would readily comprehend that most of this knowledge hath been acquired from the sages of the past, for it is they who have laid the

foundation of philosophy, reared its structure and reinforced its pillars. Thus doth thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, inform thee. The sages aforetime acquired their knowledge from the Prophets, inasmuch as the latter were the Exponents of divine philosophy and the Revealers of heavenly mysteries. Men quaffed the crystal, living waters of Their utterance, while others satisfied themselves with the dregs. Everyone receiveth a portion according to his measure. Verily He is the Equitable, the Wise.

Empedocles, who distinguished himself in philosophy, was a contemporary of David, while Pythagoras lived in the days of Solomon, son of David, and acquired Wisdom from the treasury of prophethood. It is he who claimed to have heard the whispering sound of the heavens and to have attained the station of the angels. In truth thy Lord will clearly set forth all things, if He pleaseth. Verily, He is the Wise, the All-Pervading.

The essence and the fundamentals of philosophy have emanated from the Prophets. That the people differ concerning the inner meanings and mysteries thereof is to be attributed to the divergence of their views and minds. We would fain recount to thee the following: One of the Prophets once was communicating to his people that with which the Omnipotent Lord had inspired Him. Truly, thy Lord is the Inspirer, the Gracious, the Exalted. When the fountain of wisdom and eloquence gushed forth from the wellspring of His utterance and the wine of divine knowledge inebriated those who had sought His threshold, He exclaimed: 'Lo! All are filled with the Spirit.' From among the people there was he who held fast unto this statement and, actuated by his own fancies, conceived the idea that the spirit literally penetrateth or entereth into the body, and through lengthy expositions he advanced proofs to vindicate this concept; and groups of people followed in his footsteps. To mention their names at this point, or to give thee a detailed account thereof, would lead to prolixity, and would depart from the main theme. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. There was also he who partook of the choice wine whose seal had been removed by the Key of the Tongue of Him Who is the Revealer of the Verses of thy Lord, the Gracious, the Most Generous.

Verily, the philosophers have not denied the Ancient of Days. Most of them passed away deploring their failure to fathom His mystery, even as some of them have testified. Verily, thy Lord is the Adviser, the All-Informed.

Consider Hippocrates, the physician. He was one of the eminent philosophers who believed in God and acknowledged His sovereignty. After him came Socrates who was indeed, wise, accomplished and righteous. He practised self-denial, repressed his appetites for selfish desires and turned away from material pleasures. He withdrew to the mountains where he dwelt in a cave. He dissuaded men from worshipping idols and taught them the way of God, the Lord of Mercy, until the ignorant rose up against him. They arrested him and put him to death in prison. Thus relateth to thee this swift-moving Pen. What a penetrating vision into philosophy this eminent man had! He is the most distinguished of all philosophers and was highly versed in wisdom. We testify that he is one of the heroes in this field and an outstanding champion dedicated unto it. He had a profound knowledge of such sciences as were current amongst men as well as of those which were veiled from their minds. Methinks he drank one draught when the Most Great Ocean overflowed with gleaming and life-giving waters. He it is who perceived a unique, a tempered, and a pervasive nature in things, bearing the closest likeness to the human spirit,

and he discovered this nature to be distinct from the substance of things in their refined form. He hath a special pronouncement on this weighty theme. Wert thou to ask from the worldly wise of this generation about this exposition, thou wouldst witness their incapacity to grasp it. Verily, thy Lord speaketh the truth but most people comprehend not. After Socrates came the divine Plato who was a pupil of the former and occupied the chair of philosophy as his successor. He acknowledged his belief in God and in His signs which pervade all that hath been and shall be. Then came Aristotle, the well-known man of knowledge. He it is who discovered the power of gaseous matter. These men who stand out as leaders of the people and are pre-eminent among them, one and all acknowledged their belief in the immortal Being Who holdeth in His grasp the reins of all sciences.

I will also mention for thee the invocation voiced by Balinus who was familiar with the theories put forward by the Father of Philosophy regarding the mysteries of creation as given in his chrysolite tablets, that everyone may be fully assured of the things We have elucidated for thee in this manifest Tablet, which, if pressed with the hand of fairness and knowledge, will yield the spirit of life for the quickening of all created things. Great is the blessedness of him who swimmeth in this ocean and celebrateth the praise of his Lord, the Gracious, the Best-Beloved. Indeed the breezes of divine revelation are diffused from the verses of thy Lord in such wise that no one can dispute its truth, except those who are bereft of hearing, of vision, of understanding and of every human faculty. Verily thy Lord beareth witness unto this, yet the people understand not.

This man hath said: 'I am Balinus, the wise one, the performer of wonders, the producer of talismans.' He surpassed everyone else in the diffusion of arts and sciences and soared unto the loftiest heights of humility and supplication. Give ear unto that which he hath said, entreating the 148 All-Possessing, the Most Exalted: 'I stand in the presence of my Lord, extolling His gifts and bounties and praising Him with that wherewith He praiseth His Own Self, that I may become a source of blessing and guidance unto such men as acknowledge my words.' And further he saith: 'O Lord! Thou art God and no God is there but Thee. Thou art the Creator and no creator is there except Thee. Assist me by Thy grace and strengthen me. My heart is seized with alarm, my limbs tremble, I have lost my reason and my mind hath failed me. Bestow upon me strength and enable my tongue to speak forth with wisdom.' And still further he saith: 'Thou art in truth the Knowing, the Wise, the Powerful, the Compassionate.' It was this man of wisdom who became informed of the mysteries of creation and discerned the subtleties which lie enshrined in the Hermetic writings.

We have no wish to mention anything further but We shall utter that which the Spirit hath instilled into My heart. In truth there is no God but Him, the Knowing, the Mighty, the Help in Peril, the Most Excellent, the All-Praised. By My life! In this Day the celestial Tree is loath to proclaim aught else to the world but this affirmation: 'Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed.'

Had it not been for the love I cherish for thee, I would not have uttered a single word of what hath been mentioned. Appreciate the value of this station and preserve it as thou wouldst thine eye and be of them that are truly thankful.

Thou knowest full well that We perused not the books which men possess and We acquired not the learning current amongst them, and yet whenever We desire to quote the sayings of the learned and of

the wise, presently there will appear before the face of thy Lord in the form of a tablet all that which hath appeared in the world and is revealed in the Holy Books and Scriptures. Thus do We set down in writing that which the eye perceiveth. Verily His knowledge encompasseth the earth and the heavens.

This is a Tablet wherein the Pen of the Unseen hath inscribed the knowledge of all that hath been and shall be – a knowledge that none other but My wondrous Tongue can interpret. Indeed My heart as it is in itself hath been purged by God from the concepts of the learned and is sanctified from the utterances of the wise. In truth naught doth it mirror forth but the revelations of God. Unto this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur in this perspicuous Book.

Say, O people of the earth! Beware lest any reference to wisdom debar you from its Source or withhold you from the Dawning-Place thereof. Fix your hearts upon your Lord, the Educator, the All-Wise.

For every land We have prescribed a portion, for every occasion an allotted share, for every pronouncement an appointed time and for every situation an apt remark. Consider Greece. We made it a Seat of Wisdom for a prolonged 150 period. However, when the appointed hour struck, its throne was subverted, its tongue ceased to speak, its light grew dim and its banner was hauled down. Thus do We bestow and withdraw. Verily thy Lord is He Who giveth and divesteth, the Mighty, the Powerful.

In every land We have set up a luminary of knowledge, and when the time foreordained is at hand, it will shine resplendent above its horizon, as decreed by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. If it be Our Will We are fully capable of describing for thee whatever existeth in every land or hath come to pass therein. Indeed the knowledge of thy Lord pervadeth the heavens and the earth.

Know thou, moreover, that the people aforetime have produced things which the contemporary men of knowledge have been unable to produce. We recall unto thee Murtus who was one of the learned. He invented an apparatus which transmitted sound over a distance of sixty miles. Others besides him have also discovered things which no one in this age hath beheld. Verily thy Lord revealeth in every epoch whatsoever He pleaseth as a token of wisdom on His part. He is in truth the supreme Ordainer, the All-Wise.

A true philosopher would never deny God nor His evidences, rather would he acknowledge His glory and overpowering majesty which overshadow all created things. Verily We love those men of knowledge who have brought to light such things as promote the best interests of humanity, and We aided them through the potency of Our behest, for well are We able to achieve Our purpose.

Beware, O My loved ones, lest ye despise the merits of My learned servants whom God hath graciously chosen to be the exponents of His Name 'the Fashioner' amidst mankind. Exert your utmost endeavour that ye may develop 151 such crafts and undertakings that everyone, whether young or old, may benefit therefrom. We are quit of those ignorant ones who fondly imagine that Wisdom is to give vent to one's idle imaginings and to repudiate God, the Lord of all men; even as We hear some of the heedless voicing such assertions today.

Say: The beginning of Wisdom and the origin thereof is to acknowledge whatsoever God hath clearly set forth, for through its potency the foundation of statesmanship, which is a shield for the preservation of

the body of mankind, hath been firmly established. Ponder a while that ye may perceive what My most exalted Pen hath proclaimed in this wondrous Tablet. Say, every matter related to state affairs which ye raise for discussion falls under the shadow of one of the words sent down from the heaven of His glorious and exalted utterance. Thus have We recounted unto thee that which will exhilarate thy heart, will bring solace to thine eyes and will enable thee to arise for the promotion of His Cause amidst all peoples.

O My Nabil! Let nothing grieve thee, rather rejoice with exceeding gladness inasmuch as I have mentioned thy name, have turned My heart and My face towards thee and have conversed with thee through this irrefutable and weighty exposition. Ponder in thy heart upon the tribulations I have sustained, the imprisonment and the captivity I have endured, the sufferings that have befallen Me and the accusations that the people have levelled against Me. Behold, they are truly wrapped in a grievous veil. When the discourse reached this stage, the dawn of divine mysteries appeared and the light of utterance was quenched. May His glory rest upon the people of wisdom as bidden by One Who is the Almighty, the All-Praised. Say: Magnified be Thy Name, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the splendour of the light of wisdom shone resplendent when the heavens of divine utterance were set in motion amidst mankind, to graciously aid me by Thy heavenly confirmations and enable me to extol Thy Name amongst Thy servants.

O Lord! Unto Thee have I turned my face, detached from all save Thee and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy manifold blessings. Unloose my tongue therefore to proclaim that which will captivate the minds of men and will rejoice their souls and spirits. Strengthen me then in Thy Cause in such wise that I may not be hindered by the ascendancy of the oppressors among Thy creatures nor withheld by the onslaught of the disbelievers amidst those who dwell in Thy realm. Make me as a lamp shining throughout Thy lands that those in whose hearts the light of Thy knowledge gloweth and the yearning for Thy love lingereth may be guided by its radiance.

Verily, potent art Thou to do whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp Thou holdest the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing

O Jamal! The requirements of this age are different, and the requirements of divine wisdom are different. Therefore, the Pen of Will has paused in certain matters. In any case, they must observe wisdom and hold fast to it. That which causes spread [of the Cause] is not permitted today in the land of ?a. O Jamal! Look from what is with the people to what is with God. The glance of favor has ever been directed to you. They said to Jesus, Son of Mary, “Why do you associate with tax collectors?” He said, “I have come for the sinners, that through kindly counsels I might sanctify them from worldly conditions and guide them to that which will exalt them.” You should speak the word of truth with the utmost joy and fragrance. If it finds a hearing ear and is heeded, the purpose is achieved; otherwise, one should leave him to himself. Today the sun of justice is behind clouds and the moon of wisdom behind veils. One must act with forbearance. As We have written to some of the deniers: “Cut not off the fragrance of utterance which is

the cause of the guidance of the world." The meaning is that even if some do not accept from you now, you should not withdraw. Today is the day of manifestation. The ocean of mercy is surging and the grace of God, exalted be His glory, is all-encompassing. You must act in whatever way causes acceptance and joy. This is what We commanded you before and in this Clear Tablet.

As to what you mentioned regarding the friends in Dawlatabad, it has been honored with hearing. We mention them at this time from My Most Exalted Pen as a favor from Us to you, that you might find yourself in a joy that neither the troubles of the world, nor the sorrows of the nations, nor their deeds can change. Verily your Lord is the Faithful Counselor.

O Husayn! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for causing me to hear Thy call, adorning me with the traces of Thy Pen, and illuminating me with the lights of Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy love, such that neither the doubts of the people of the Bayan nor the allusions of the people of the Furqan shall prevent me. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O ’Ali! The people are in manifest error. O ’Ali! The people are in great loss. Hear the call of the Wronged One. Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The station through whose word a thousand ’Alis are created–from this the deniers of the Bayan have turned away and have clung to the vain imaginings of the Shi’ih people. Say: O people! That which never appeared in creation has now appeared. Behold the ocean of His utterance and the heaven of His grace and the sun of His manifestation, and be not of the deniers. Say: Fear God and choose not eternal torment for yourselves for the sake of two days. Hear the call of the Wronged One. By God! The one who has caused [others to be] veiled cannot speak before His face. The tyranny of Amir-Ni?am caused the spreading of certain names, lest the Dawning-Place of God’s Cause, the Lord of what was and what shall be, become known. When thou hearest My call, say: Praise be to Thee, O God of existence, for having remembered me in the prison with that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure.

O Ja’far! Today the Most Great Scene is illumined with the lights of the Lord of Power, and all trees, leaves, fruits, earth, mountains, heaven and whatsoever is within them are rejoicing and exulting at the appearance of the Speaker on Sinai. Yet the servants are heedless, nay, turned away. We beseech His grace not to withhold, and on this blessed day when the gates of bounty are opened wide to all, not to deprive His servants of His everlasting gifts and heavenly sustenance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O ’Ali-Asghar! Praise be to God that thou hast turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. How many were the servants who in the nights and days sought the appearance of the Lord of Names, yet when the light of His manifestation illumined the world and the call of the Speaker on Sinai was raised from the most exalted station, all turned away save whom God willed. For some time in that land, a heedless one who had turned away was afflicted with the illness of hatred. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the doubts of those who have chosen for themselves a station in the fire, an abode in hell, and a place in the burning flame. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of mankind and the Sovereign of destiny. He is the One Who speaketh at the Most Great Scene with the hidden mystery and that whereby the moon was cleft asunder. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O ’Ali-Akbar! My Name Jamal, upon Him be My Glory and My favor, made mention of thee. Therefore there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which nothing in the world can equal. When thou attainest unto it say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and revealed unto me that which most of the nations have been deprived of. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy Cause, that names may not cause me to slip in drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all being and King of the throne on high and of earth below.

He is the All-Knowing Speaker! O Muhammad-Hadi! He Who loved Me and desired Me and arose to serve My Cause and to deliver My commandments and ordinances hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with a mention whereby, when it appeared from the Pen, all mention circled round it. Hear the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the one whom the veils of those who disbelieved in the Day of Return did not weaken. We have manifested the Cause before the faces of princes and divines with a sovereignty that hath conquered all in creation. When thou hearest the call from this most exalted horizon say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy Prison when I was wronged between the hands of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and by the Word whereby Thou didst unite the hearts of Thy loved ones and didst subdue Thy earth and Thy heaven, to make me strong through Thy power and a banner among Thy servants for Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art the Mighty One Whom the conditions of the people who broke Thy covenant and Thy testament and committed that which caused the dwellers of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion to lament cannot weaken. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O ’Abdu’llah! O ’Abdul! Thy name was presented before the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee with that which caused the Water of Life to flow for the life of the world. Thank thy Lord for this great bounty. Jamal, upon Him be My Glory, made mention of thee and thou hast attained unto these decisive verses. Most of the people of the earth are deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, while thou hast attained unto them. Say: […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and bounty be unto Thee, O my Hope! I beseech Thee by Thy light wherewith Thou didst illumine the Mount, and by Thy call wherewith the Trees of existence spoke forth, and by Thy command whereby Thou didst subdue both the unseen and the seen, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of ’Akka. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Arise in the name of God, then raise thy right hand and rend asunder the veils of the world, by the command of the Lord of Eternity Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and proclaimed before all faces: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of Lords!” Behold, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the people turned away from Him and the divines and princes pronounced judgment against Him. And before Him, when the Spirit came, the most

learned of that age rejected Him until God raised Him up through power and sovereignty. Then behold when Moses came, the Pharaohs of the age and the tyrants of the people rose against Him. Among them were those who denied Him and those who pronounced judgment against Him, but God made Him manifest in the house of one who hated Him and sought His death, in spite of his will. Verily, thy Lord is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Subduer. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the power of those who have denied the final return frustrate Him.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, to make me one who shatters the idols of vain imaginings through wisdom and utterance, and who breaks the might of the people of doubts through counsels and understanding. O my Lord! Aid me to turn toward Thy horizon in such wise that the doubts of the wayward shall not hinder me, and ordain for me through Thy grace that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions."

He is the Speaker of Truth. O Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God! From the first days until now We have arisen before all faces through the power of God, exalted be His glory, and We have summoned the rich and the poor, the kings and the rulers, the learned and the jurisprudents and the mystics, all of them, without any veil or covering, to the horizon of the favor of the Lord of all beings. A few accepted, but most arose in opposition. We have ever been in the hands of Our enemies - at times captive, at times imprisoned, at times in chains. The tribulations of the world did not prevent the Most Great Name. Through complete power and all-encompassing might, He guided all to that which draweth them nigh unto God. Glory be to God! The Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with perfect radiance and brilliance, and the hand of power is raised before all eyes. Nevertheless, the heedless servants cling to rejection and have brought about that which is the cause of the greatest sorrow. We beseech God to make His servants aware of that which they have missed in the Days of God, that perchance they may arise to make amends and attain unto that for which they were adorned with the ornament of existence from nothingness. And We remember at this time the friends of God there and in all regions, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer.

We have manifested the Cause, given voice to all things, sent down the verses, and brought forth what was hidden and treasured in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O My loved ones there! Hear ye the Call which hath been raised in truth, despite those who denied this Great Announcement that was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the Most Great Throne and the Sovereign of the Exalted Seat. The glory from Us be upon you, upon your first and your last, and upon those whose feet have not slipped through the whisperings of the deniers and the croaking of the croakers.

O Jamal! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast desired to ascend, to rise up, and to turn towards the Most Great Prison. Choose for thyself what God hath chosen. We have commanded thee to teach concerning this Most Great Announcement, and to remember and praise it among the servants with wisdom and utterance. A number are dwelling in that land, and from their surroundings some have sought permission. To attain unto presence and meeting is the greatest of deeds, but to tarry in that land, meaning to take up residence, is not permitted. Seven years ago We gave permission to all to return to their own lands,

for teaching in that land and its surroundings hath been forbidden. In such case, hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and the elevation of human stations among the various peoples. Verily this is best, most exalted, and most beloved, for the teaching of the Cause is binding upon all, but with utmost kindliness, mercy, and patience. We beseech God to aid His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Your honor, praise be to God, hath attained unto the presence and drunk the choice wine of mystic knowledge from the hand of bounty and the cup of glory. We testify that thou hast heard the Call from the Tongue of Grandeur, beheld the horizon of Manifestation, attended before the Throne, and stood at the door which God hath made the point of circumambulation for the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and supreme benevolence, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to attain unto Thy presence and to circle round the Kaaba of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy bounty, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise and standeth firm in Thy service. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

Thou hast sought healing for one of the handmaidens. Read what We sent thee before and hold fast unto it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And as for what thou hast mentioned concerning him who is named ʼAli-Akbar, We have heard his call and answered him with verses whereby God hath illumined with each letter thereof a world among His worlds. He must thank his Lord for this wondrous remembrance. O ʼAli-i-Akbar! My Name, upon Him be My glory, hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with this wise remembrance. When thou hast drunk the Kawthar of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, say […]

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself unto all created things through the light of Thy Name, the All-Knowing. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth in the Dispensation of the Furqan: "We have recorded all things in a clear Book." Then didst Thou manifest Thyself through Thy Name, the Merciful, unto all contingent beings, whereupon the sweet waters of Thy mercy flowed forth amongst Thy servants. And Thou didst manifest Thyself through Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, whereupon the ocean of Thy generosity surged and the rains of Thy grace descended from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness. And Thou didst manifest Thyself through Thy Name, the Expositor, whereupon the Most Exalted Pen spoke forth and revealed that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge and understanding. And Thou didst manifest Thyself through Thy Most Great Name, whereupon the limbs of the nations trembled and those who indulged in idle fancies lamented.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by this Name and by the Names which Thou hast exalted through Thy command, to ordain for me that which befitteth my servitude unto Thee and Thy lordship over me. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then make mine eyes sharp and mine ears attentive that I may behold the traces of Thy Pen and hear Thy call. Thou art He at the mention of Whose Name all mention is humbled, before Whose Name all names bow down, and to Whose Cause all who are in earth and heaven have submitted. Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy bounty and of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy Book. O my Lord! Withhold not from me the cup of Thy

bestowal and the choice wine of Thy recognition. Verily Thou art the Generous, there is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-Taqi! Upon thee be the eternal splendor of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee to be steadfast and to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. My Name Jamal hath mentioned thee and hath submitted that thou didst seek forgiveness for thy brother. Thereupon did the ocean of thy Lord's pardon surge, and He forgave as a bounty from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O 'Ali-Qabli-'Askar! Thy worth is remembered in the Most Great Horizon. Reflect upon the people of idle fancies and upon those souls who sacrificed their spirits, which are the most precious of all things in the world, in this path, and likewise upon those souls who, like earthworms, subsist in clay. By the life of God! There hath befallen the Wronged One that which caused the eye of grandeur to weep and the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary to lament. From the land of Sad they have written that as soon as Hadi-Dawlat-Abadi heard that some had called him a Babi, fear seized him and anxiety encompassed his heart. He mounted the pulpit and cursed Cyprus and those therein, then cursed the First One to appear from beginning to end. For the sake of two days of life he uttered that which no tyrant had ever uttered and no transgressor had ever spoken. Nevertheless, he secretly makes claims to deputyship like unto himself. What intoxication hath encompassed the world that souls such as these have remained deprived of the Supreme Summit and the Most Exalted Horizon! How excellent are those souls who, with utmost steadfastness, power, might, love and faithfulness, set their faces toward the place of sacrifice and attained the most great martyrdom. Neither wealth deterred them, nor life held them back, nor glory and riches became a barrier. Fear and trepidation prevented them not. In brief, Hadi hath done that which hath caused hearts to be consumed. We beseech God to assist His servants unto truthfulness and fairness. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O 'Ali-Qabl-i-'Askar! We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall endure through the eternity of His names. He is verily the Protector of them that turn unto Him and the Object of them that have recognized Him. O Shir-'Ali! This Wronged One seeketh reunion with His loved ones, to this beareth witness My Pen, My will and My purpose, as well as they that circle round the Throne and the exalted Seat. But the prison land each day manifesteth a fresh color, and thus hath it become a barrier between the Truth and His creatures. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and hearkening unto His call. He, verily, is the One Who, through His word "Be," and it is, hath power over all things. We have mentioned thee before, and at this moment with a mention that causeth the hearts of the sincere to be attracted. When thou hearest and seest, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of them that are nigh unto Thee, for having caused me to turn toward Thy horizon, to speak Thy praise, to acknowledge Thy Revelation, and to confess Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the Generous."

O Jamal! In these days, divine verses are being sent down like copious rain, but where are the hearing ear, the seeing eye, and the receptive heart? The oppressor hath slain My she-camel, the wolf hath devoured My sheep, and the destroyer hath sought to demolish My house. Consider now his spending and the

preservation of Hadi of Dawlatabad. In one of the Tablets, this exalted word hath in these days flowed from the Most Exalted Pen: “O people of the Bayan! Reflect upon these two souls: the first is Al-Ashraf, whom neither love of the world nor its ornaments and colors prevented from sacrificing his spirit in His path, exalted be He; and the second is Hadi and his words and the preservation of his life. The martyrdom of the first is a truthful witness to steadfastness and acknowledgment, and the life of the second to wavering and denial. Know this and be among the discerning.” It is not known how the opposers of the Bayan will interpret this passage, even though this Wronged One this year commanded concealment and preservation; nevertheless, that which occurred, occurred.

Mention hath been made of his honor Buzurg, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God that he is remembered in the prison as though he were standing before the Face and hearing My sweetest call at this manifest time. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness and My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Jamal! That which was composed by him who was named Ramadan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful, hath been presented and was recited before the Face by My Most Great Branch. Give him the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

A Book sent down in truth from God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Baqa’i! We have heard thy call and accepted what thou hast composed. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and inscribed for thee the reward of attainment in this Clear Book. When thou art blessed with the glad-tidings of thy Lord and hearest His call, say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn toward the shore of the sea of Thy oneness and to seek the Ka’bah of attainment in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by them who circle round Thy throne and whom Thou hast made the Hands of Thy Cause in Thy lands, to ordain for me the good of the Hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and the Sovereign of earth and heaven. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Creator of the world and Fashioner of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to ordain for me in the Crimson Book that which shall endure through Thy eternity and persist through Thy perpetuity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Merciful.”

O Jamal! Finally, We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn, who turned his face to the lights of the Countenance and drew nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon until he attained the presence and heard and saw, when thy Lord was at the Most Glorious Prospect, sending down His mighty verses from the heaven of His Will that encompasseth all things. Give him My glad-tidings, remind him of My verses, and glorify My presence before his face on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Blessed art thou and blessed is thy tongue, inasmuch as it hath uttered the praise of God. Let nothing whatsoever sadden thee. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which shall make thee a standard of His Name and an ensign of His Remembrance. By My life, My Cause, My power and My sovereignty! He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him, stood firm in His Cause, and spoken His praise. Soon shall all that is on earth perish, and there shall endure only that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon them that are with thee

and hearken unto thy words concerning this Cause, whereby the limbs of the idolaters have quaked and the hearts of the mystics have trembled, save those whom God hath willed, the King, the Just, the All-Wise.

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

Praise, sanctified beyond the mention of all created things, befitteth the most holy and most glorious court of the Desired One, Who hath, through the key of His Most Great Name, opened wide the portals of reunion before the countenance of all peoples and nations, Who hath called out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, and hath summoned all to the most sublime horizon, the Seat of the revelation and manifestation of the Lord of Names. He hath opened wide the gate of reunion and guided all to the straight path. Yet the people remain deprived and veiled from this Day and from its recognition. Blessed are they who have perceived the breezes of the morn of revelation and who have risen from the graves of heedlessness at the breath of divine revelation. These are the servants mentioned in the books of old and those yet to come, whom God, exalted be His glory, hath given glad tidings and numbered among the people of the Crimson Ark. Exalted be His grace and great is His dominion!

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of creation and Sovereign over all servants! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy utterance and the lights of Thy manifestation in Thy days to ordain for Thy loved ones that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, whom Thou didst aid with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, and whom Thou didst protect from those who denied Thee and Thy mighty signs and turned away from Thee, O Creator of the heavens! Thou art He Whom the veils of Thy creation cannot hide, nor can that which Thou hast created in Thy realm by Thy will prevent Thee. Thou art He Who hath ever been the Sovereign of the kingdom of power and its Ruler, and the King of the realm of might and the Manifestation of its effects. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thereafter, that spiritual loved one's letter was received repeatedly, and in truth each letter thereof spoke in praise of Him Who is our Goal, your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the world. The ear was delighted by its melodies and the eye was illumined and brightened by beholding it. After its perusal, reading and examination, the Most Sublime Summit was sought and the details were presented before the countenance of the Lord of Names. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, exalted be His utterance and mighty be His sovereignty:

In My Name, the All-Witnessing, and in My Name, the All-Hearing […]

O Amin! The Lord of all worlds maketh mention of thee from this most exalted Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names. By the life of God! He draweth thee unto the station of sanctity and nearness and attainment unto His presence, even as He drew thee nigh aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of thee before and after, and in thy presence and absence. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The servant here present hath come with thy

letter time and again. He hath attained unto the hearing thereof, and there hath been sent down from the Kingdom of eternity that which is beyond compare with all the treasures of earth or with that wherein the parties take pride. Counsel the servants with that which We commanded thee when thou wert present, standing before the gate. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast unto that whereby the Cause of God hath been exalted among His servants, and woe unto those who have turned away from the Truth in that they followed them who denied God's grace and violated the Covenant in their final end. Say: O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names. Take ye the chalice of steadfastness and drink therefrom in the name of God, the Lord of Lords. O Amin! We have sent down verses unto thee before and after, and have expounded them as a grace from Our presence. Within the grasp of My power lie the reins of all who are in earth and heaven. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! That whereof We forewarned the servants hath come to pass, and the clamor hath been raised throughout all regions through that which the hands of every sinful doubter have wrought. The buzzing of flies hath risen from behind the veil. Say: Fear God and follow not thine own self, O thou lying idolater! Be fair in thy judgment - if thou deniest that whereby the eye of the world hath been solaced, by what proof canst thou establish that which thou holdest? Bring it forth then, and be not of them who turned away from God when He came with power and sovereignty. The clamorer raised his cry, and those who cast the Ocean behind their backs followed him, turning unto brackish pools. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and [mercy] and of My remembrance which, when sent down from the heaven of My will, was circled round by all remembrances. Say: Beware, O people of Baha, lest the mighty ones of the earth weaken you, or the rulers of the lands frighten you. Put your trust in God and commit your affairs unto Him. He will verily aid you through the truth, and He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the rein of power. Say: Beware lest human conditions grieve you or prevent you from beholding the Most Sublime Vision. Cast away vain imaginings, taking hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the sun of clear proof. Blessed is he who hath turned thereunto, and woe unto every heedless infidel.

Praise be to God! The lights of the Sun of Divine favor have encompassed the world and illumined all the atoms of creation. How strange, how utterly strange, that most of the servants are seen to be deprived. Some are held back by the intoxication of pride, others by the intoxication of wealth, some by the conditions of self and desire, and yet others by the doubts and intimations of the divines, together with the turning away, objections and denial of the people of the earth. The Lord of Names - exalted be His grandeur and His might - hath at all times called the people of the contingent world to that which would draw them nigh unto Him and guided them to the straight path. But the hardness of hearts and the wretchedness of souls have been manifested to such a degree that they denied the outpourings of the True One and veiled the effulgences of the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings behind the veils of self and passion. Not content with this, they pronounced judgment upon that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the inhabitants of the supreme Heaven to be seized with terror and dismay.

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy mercy, the heaven of Thy grace, the sun of Thy generosity, and the celestial

spheres of Thy bounty, to send down upon Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to recognize what Thou hast manifested in Thy days and what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee. O Lord! Deprive them not of what lieth with Thee, nor withhold from them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all things, Whose grace hath preceded all, and Whose loving providence hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven.

In truth, for a long while hath this servant been immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for if man were to reflect, were there a Revelation greater than what hath been manifested, or affairs more momentous than what hath transpired, tranquility might prevail. Yet from the beginning of creation until now, as God knoweth, no such matter hath appeared. All divine Books bear witness to what hath been and is being mentioned. Were true ears to be found, they would hear today the call of all Books, summoning with their loudest voice those who turn unto them toward the supreme horizon. Verses have encompassed the horizons, evidences have filled the world, and the effulgences of the Sun of meaning and utterance have seized all things. Nevertheless, that which causeth man to be ashamed to mention is witnessed, and that which the tongue is powerless to describe is heard. The Cause is in His grasp - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Regarding the fifty tumans which were ordered to be given to the prisoners, they have written that they were given (in the land of Q) and the receipt was sent. We beseech God to aid him who hath held fast unto that which is right and hath done that which gladdeneth the hearts of the sincere ones.

As to their having appointed this servant as a representative to attain the presence of that beloved one on their behalf - praise be to God, this intention hath been realized and hath been graced with acceptance before His countenance. Well is it with you and with whosoever hath attained the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what was repeatedly written about the beloved of hearts, His Holiness Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Names - verily he standeth firm in service and uttereth the mention of the Peerless Friend. Exalted, exalted is this most high station and this supreme rank! All that that beloved one wrote was in accordance with reality. Well is it with him, pleasant unto him, and glad tidings unto his presence.

Regarding the mention made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali and Aqa Khalil, upon them be the glory of God, and the mention of their contribution that appeared in the path of God, specifically for the oppressed ones of the land of Ta - these matters were honored to be heard in the Holy Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grace hath spoken in the Kingdom of might and power. His word, exalted be His majesty:

O Amin! Blessed are they who have in these days arisen to serve the Cause. Every deed that appeareth today from any soul in the path of God is recorded as the sovereign of deeds in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is Muhammad-'Ali, whom thou hast mentioned, and he who is named Khalil. We make mention of them both and give them the glad tidings of the acceptance of what they have wrought in My straight Path. Convey My greetings unto them both. We beseech God to send down

upon them that which will draw them nigh unto Him and protect them from the evil of His enemies. Verily, He hath power over all things.

He is the Caller between earth and heaven!

O friends of God in M and R! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all beings, through Whose advent the fragrance of the Divine Manifestation hath been wafted throughout the world and the Nightingale of Faithfulness hath warbled upon the Branch of Eternity that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have made mention of you before and after, and given you glad tidings of the favors of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, and informed you of the appearance of the clamorous ones in the domains of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest their clamor debar you from the Day-Star of the horizons. Cast aside all else and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded by God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O people of M and R! The Wronged One maketh mention of you in this Prison which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names which hath been raised in truth as a token of His grace. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Chosen One. We make mention of A and H and those who have believed therein with such remembrance as causeth hearts and souls to take wing. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto that which is praiseworthy and acted in accordance with what hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. By the life of God! This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, the Day whereon the stations of the servants are made manifest in this Cause at which the heaven of idle fancies hath been cleft asunder. The carpet of vain imaginings hath been rolled up by the hand of power, and the temple of certitude hath been established upon the throne, despite every ignorant doubter.

O people of Shishvan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful. He made mention of you before and maketh mention of you at this time wherein the Ancient Beauty uttereth that which attracteth the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Beware lest the affairs of men withhold you from the Truth. Shatter the idols of vain desire through the name of the Lord of all creation, and take the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, then drink therefrom with power and authority. Ye are the gems in the mines of the earth and the pearls in the shell of the sea. God hath manifested you on a Day which was heralded in His Books of old, as attesteth the Mother Book which is with Him. We counsel you to show forth love and affection, and such unity as would cause the horizons to shine forth. Beware lest the might of them that have denied God, the Lord of the Final End, veil you. Soon shall the earth and all that is therein and thereon perish, and sovereignty over the kingdom and the realm shall remain with God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

We make mention of one of Our loved ones in Shishvan who was named Haji Qabla Aqa and We counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled Our servants before, when the Most Exalted Pen raised its cry between earth and heaven: Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Crimson Book by the Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. O people of Baha! By God, the gate of reunion hath been opened and the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desires and held fast

unto that which is commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all mankind. We counsel you to observe justice and equity and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of religions, may be exalted. And We counsel you to wisdom as We have counseled you before. Fear God and be not like those who arose and said "God is our Lord," but when the breezes of trial blew, they turned back on their heels. O people of the world! Fear the Lord of eternity, then leave the abodes of idle fancies and vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all mankind. By God! The Sun is at its meridian, and from the horizon of majesty the Beauty of Glory proclaimeth: "There is none other God besides Me, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

We make mention of other lands which have been blessed by the breaths of those whom God hath made His friends in His earth and for whom He hath sent down that which delighteth the eyes. Arise to serve the Cause and make up for what hath escaped you in the days of God, the Lord of creation. Beware lest ye be saddened by the doings of those servants who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and violated the Covenant on the Day of Meeting. Thus surgeth the ocean of utterance when the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, and woe unto every stubborn infidel.

O beloved of my heart! You and this servant and the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, must seek and supplicate night and day that He may not deprive His servants of hearing, sight and heart, and likewise withhold not from them the adornment of fairness. For if all the world were to attain, even less than a mustard seed, to hearing and sight, surely all would, upon hearing but one verse of the divine verses, turn toward the ocean of inner meanings. O spiritual friend! What can the servant say and what can the people hear? At every moment a thousand perplexities have arisen and continue to arise, for they have desired to veil the Sun of Truth with the clay of vain imaginings. Far, far be it! The hands of the world have ever been and shall remain powerless to achieve this. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to deal with them through His grace, bounty and generosity, and to not deprive His servants from the ocean of His favors. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In brief, each one of the friends whom that beloved one hath mentioned hath been blessed with the special favors of the Desired One of the worlds. His is the praise and the glory, His is the thanksgiving and the bounty.

Concerning what you wrote about the Green Land and the honored Mr. Afnan, His Holiness A. and H. - upon him be all the most glorious glory - they had written to the beloved Ibn-i-Nabil - upon him be the glory of God and His favors - and he has acted according to what was written. And concerning what was written about the sum that should reach Mosul, the amount of fifty which they mentioned during their presence was, according to instructions, sent to Mosul. And this amount of twenty-seven (27) tumans which that beloved one wrote about should be sent to His Holiness Ismu'llah Zayn - upon him be all the most glorious glory. And concerning what was written about the affairs of this land and collecting funds from some, nothing has been collected so far. Whatever has been or will be necessary will be collected through religion. They said this is most proper and fitting, and God willing, rights will be fulfilled. And since that beloved one's intention in affairs is for God's sake, all matters will be adorned with the ornament of improvement, even though outwardly means are cut off. But the Truth, exalted be His glory, has been and is the Causer, the Powerful, and the Manifester. Verily He has power over all things.

Concerning their appointing this servant again as representative in their second letter to attain the presence, praise be to God, at the end of the blessed month of Ramadan, on behalf of that beloved one, it was accepted and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Likewise in the third letter, mention was made of deputized visitation and mention of His Holiness, the beloved of the heart, Varqa - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. It was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory: "O servant in attendance, be determined in the representation of the Trustee. We have accepted what thou hast done on his behalf as a favor from Us. Verily He is the Bestower, the Generous. And We mention in this station once again he who has arisen to serve My Cause and to make mention of Me and praise Me among My servants and My creation. If thou seest him, convey My greetings to him and give him the glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded all created things. The glory, shining, manifest and resplendent from the horizon of the kingdom of My utterance be upon him and upon him who has attained unto what God has revealed in the Book."

This ephemeral one offers greetings and salutations to them. Praise be to God, they have been and are successful. It is hoped that the souls in those regions will be set ablaze by their fire - a blazing that will not be extinguished. However, in all conditions the servants in those regions must observe wisdom, for the polytheists and deniers lie in wait. The servant asks his Lord to protect His party from the rancor of the divines and the hatred of the clergy. Verily He has power over all things.

Concerning what was mentioned about the spiritual beloved, Mirza A.B. - upon him be the glory of God and His favors - truly they are engaged in service and are successful in good deeds. I beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, to grant from the heaven of favor that which befits the ocean of His generosity and the heaven of His bounty. Verily He is the Near One, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Another matter: His Holiness the Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious splendor of God, attained presence for the first time, and again in these days renewed his request for presence. The Sun of Permission dawned and he was favored with this bounty. In truth, divine confirmation and assistance have been with him, for he attained presence repeatedly in such days. This is the effect of divine verses that were revealed in Tablets specifically for him. Every day a fruit appears and will appear from the Divine Lote Tree of utterance, and assuredly the fruits of the Supreme Pen have not and will never come to an end. Blessed are they and joyous tidings be unto them.

On the 14th day of the honored month of Shawwal, His Holiness the Afnan Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be all the most glorious splendor of God, by command departed from the Land of Purpose to the land of Ha, accompanied by the beloved of hearts Aqa Haji Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. And the honored one, His Holiness the Great Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious splendor of God, will also attain presence in these days, as special permission has been granted to him. And his honor the Afnan Aqa Siyyid Mu?sin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, is now present.

I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may assist all to that from which the fragrance of eternity wafts. In truth, this servant is abashed to make this prayer, for whatever has been revealed from the Supreme Pen specifically for them, extinction reaches it not, annihilation seizes it not, and obliteration has no path to it. However, prayer is beloved in every condition. How excellent is what was

said: “O prayer from Thee, and acceptance also from Thee.” With divine generosity and grace, every matter becomes easy and simple. It is hoped that He will not deprive His servants from any good. His is the praise in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory, the remembrance, and the praise from God, the Lord of all beings, be upon you and upon those with you and upon God’s loved ones in all cities and regions.

The Servant

15th of the honored month of Shawwal 1301

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He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed and exalted be His station!

Praise be to God Who hath illumined all eyes through the vision of His lights, Who hath caused all tongues to speak forth the highest praise in extolling His Being, the Mighty, the Chosen One, and Who hath expanded the circles of thought in recognition of His signs and their use as proof of His Own Self, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Subduer. He it is through Whom the Sun of Knowledge hath shone forth and illumined all, and by His light mysteries were unveiled and veils were rent asunder, and the righteous were guided to the heaven of glory and power, and the pure in heart sought shelter beneath the shade of His All-Bountiful Name. Exalted be His mighty Cause, His wise remembrance, His ancient light, His straight path, and His all-encompassing and righteous judgment. Can any prevent His Will or stay His Decree? In His grasp is the reins of destiny and in His right hand the kingdom of creation. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and shall not be asked of His doings. He hath ever been established upon the throne of glory and grandeur, and will forever remain in the heights of power and exaltation. No praise or mention can encompass Him, nor can minds and thoughts fathom His essence. All that hath been or shall be mentioned remaineth within the bounds of contingent being, while He, in truth, is sanctified beyond comprehension through knowledge and wisdom. All signs are severed from His presence and all descriptions are cut off from His gate. He shall not be asked of His doings, and He doeth what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Hope and my Support! How can I remain silent in Thy praise and glorification when Thou hast commanded Thy servants thus in Thy mighty Book? And how dare I speak and express the wonders of Thy praise when Thou art exalted above the mention of Thy creation, the attributes of Thy servants, and the thoughts of Thy creatures? All things are perplexed, as am I, in this subtle matter and delicate remembrance. I see in myself naught but utter powerlessness before the kingdom of Thy might, and absolute poverty before the heaven of Thy power. Exalted is Thy station above the mention of Thy servants, and sanctified is Thy Being above the imaginings of all in Thy realm. What expression can encompass the kingdom of Thy sanctity, and what description can embrace the heaven of Thy transcendence? How insignificant are pen and ink to describe the vastness of Thy knowledge’s kingdom, O Lord of all beings and Creator of existence!

I beseech Thee by Thy conquering power and Thy resplendent proof to assist me and Thy loved ones in spreading Thy remembrance throughout Thy lands and in guiding Thy creation to the wonders of Thy mysteries. O Lord! Regard not our weakness and poverty, but rather Thy strength, Thy wealth, Thy might and Thy transcendence. Aid us in all conditions to exalt Thy mighty Cause, and strengthen our hearts in such wise that neither the utterances of the misguided may affect them, nor may the veils of glory prevent them from turning toward the court of Thy Most Bountiful Name. Make us so firm in Thy Cause that the clamor of the world may not frighten us, nor may we be disturbed by the oppression of nations, through the power of Thy Most Great Name. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor.

Send down upon Thy loved ones, O my God, tranquility from Thy presence, that they may not be troubled when calamities and tribulations descend from the heaven of Thy decree, O Lord of all names and Creator of earth and heaven! Praise be unto Thee, O my Hope, for having spread Thy remembrance through the appearance of trials, and for having exalted Thy Cause through the descent of afflictions, and for having adorned Thy sincere ones with the robe of steadfastness and detachment, whereby they have sacrificed their spirits and bodies in the path of Thy love, and the might of the wicked among Thy creatures hath not frightened them. Were the heedless to consider, this clear proof and mighty, firm evidence would suffice them, for Thou hast said–and Thy word is the truth–"Wish ye, then, for death, if ye are truthful."

O beloved of the heart and one who grasps the cord of affection! Your letter, containing expressions of love and unity, and intimations of fellowship and righteousness, has arrived. I beseech the Most High to reward you with the best of rewards, to protect you in His shadow from the evil of the wicked ones, and to ordain for you, through His all-encompassing grace, that which will please you. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. And since your letter arrived in days when the clouds of oppression had risen and the darkness of tyranny had encompassed all regions, I therefore exercised beautiful patience in responding to your honor until God, through His grace, removed the harm and strengthened some of those in authority to protect the sheep of God from the wolves of the earth. By the life of your Ancient Lord! Man is bewildered by the rebelliousness of the people of loss. They witnessed manifest signs and brilliant evidences, and observed from those who turned to Him and the sincere ones a steadfastness the like of which had never been heard of in previous centuries. They recognized the power of their hearts, the expansiveness of their breasts, the firmness of their feet, and their detachment, yet they still do as they please and inflict upon them whatever oppression and enmity they desire, giving no thought to the consequences of their deeds and the repugnance of their actions. By your life! This is a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Exalted, unto those of steadfastness and acceptance. Were it not for their oppression, how would the martyrs attain this supreme station and ultimate goal? And were it not for their wretchedness, how would the sincere ones achieve this mighty station and wise remembrance? If the oppressors knew that through their tyranny the sincere ones attain to lofty ranks and sublime stations, they would not commit such acts. But because they cling to this transient world and fleeting pleasures, and are heedless of the enduring sovereignty, they imagine death to be the ultimate harm, and thereby, despite themselves, they harm the friends. How great is their heedlessness and ignorance, and how mighty is the steadfastness, firmness, patience and detachment of the sincere ones! They have illumined the horizons with the lights of the luminary of steadfastness on the Day of the Covenant, and through the power of their hearts, they have caused the limbs of the people of discord to tremble on the Day of

Sacrifice. Say: O people! Whither do ye flee, and for how long will ye remain veiled from the truth? Have ye seen in the world any proof mightier than what hath appeared in this Most Great Revelation? The proof of the Cause hath encompassed all nations. The people of tyranny and enmity have grown weary of what they have perpetrated against the people of love, and ye behold the lovers in all regions, ablaze with the fire of yearning to sacrifice their souls and possessions in the path of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Ye were wont to cite what transpired in the land of Taff as proof of the truth of Islam; how then have ye become veiled from the supreme steadfastness that hath appeared in these days? This is a supreme sign and a mighty proof which none deny save the people of transgression and error. O beloved one! There hath been sent down from the heaven of Will, regarding the martyrs, that which causeth hearts to soar, souls to quiver, and breasts to expand. We beseech God, by their pure blood and their illumined resting places, to assist us and His loved ones to be steadfast in His Cause, to arise for His remembrance, to guide His servants to the meadows of His knowledge, and to lead His creation to the paradise of His certitude. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Kind, the Merciful. And we beseech Him to assist the heedless to recognize His manifest Cause and to grasp the cord of His mighty remembrance. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. O beloved of the heart! Your letter was presented with the tongue of lowliness and supplication at the Threshold of Glory, and verses of grace were revealed from the Kingdom of bounty and favor. Exalted is your Ancient Lord, Whose generosity hath encompassed the worlds and Whose mercy hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof - is:

He is the Expositor, the One standing before the faces of the servants.

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Most Great Cause, through whose name the banner “Verily He is God” has been raised upon the pinnacles of the cities of grace and bounty, and by whose will the standard “The Kingdom is God’s” has become visible from all directions. He is the Name at which the polytheists tremble and by which the station of the unitarians is exalted. It behooveth him who desireth to visit the Kaaba of God to sanctify himself from all else and say: “O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Baha at its most resplendent, and all Thy Baha is resplendent, to open unto the faces of Thy servants the doors of Thy mercy and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last.”

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face unto him who hath loved thee and soared in the atmosphere of thy love and spoken thy praise - he who was named Muhammad in the Book of Names and Abdul-Baha in this perspicuous Book which speaketh in every state that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath mentioned thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds, and hath revealed for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of those who have believed in this Great Announcement. Give glad tidings unto My servants of what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an, that the hearts of those who are endued with understanding may be illumined thereby. Say: O people, fear God, then hearken unto that which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: By God, the blessed verse “But He is the Apostle of God and the

Seal of the Prophets" hath been fulfilled by the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. This is the great glad tidings for those who have believed in the manifest, resplendent Light.

Glory be to God! Although mention was made of the Most Great Name in the Dawn Prayer aforetime, it is observed that most of the servants remain heedless and veiled. The Land of Sad prevented the servants from reciting it. Say: The oppressor hath commanded that whereby hearts and minds have melted. The Lord of creation beareth witness to this in this mighty prison. O Muhammad! Guard the servants lest they become afflicted with vain imaginings and idle fancies like the people of Iran. They were polytheists yet counted themselves among the unitarians. Even now it is observed that some have deviated somewhat from the Sun of sanctification and the lights of the Luminary of unity. Say: My God, my God! Aid the people of Baha in that which Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty and generosity. Then cause them to speak Thy beauteous praise and sanctify them from the mention of any besides Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The loved ones must be reminded at all times lest the treacherous and the thieves find opportunity and prevent the unitarians from the straight path.

At this moment the Most Great Branch entered, and We make mention of thee before His face with that which caused the rivers of wisdom and utterance to flow in the paradise of knowledge, and by which the ocean of certitude surged before the faces of all religions. Blessed art thou, and blessed be thy steadfastness and thy devotion. We beseech God to open through thee the doors of the hearts of His servants. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. Blessed is the house which He made a shelter for His loved ones, and blessed is the leaf who aided them and attained to their service.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! From the Most Exalted Pen there hath been revealed in three special days for the martyrs - upon them be My glory and My favor - that which hath had and hath no likeness. Say: O people! Know ye with clear certitude that whatsoever hath befallen the loved ones is the cause of victory and the reason for triumph. The tyranny of the oppressors and the patience of the monotheists and their steadfastness have been recorded and mentioned in God's Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that attain!

As to what was mentioned concerning the two departed, elevated martyrs - upon them be the glory of God and His favor - clear verses were revealed specifically for each from the heaven of divine will and the atmosphere of lordly favor.

O Hasan! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the hidden and the manifest! We testify that thou didst believe in God and His signs, and didst turn unto the horizon of His Revelation and His grace, and didst drink the cup of faith from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thou didst answer when thou didst hear the Call, and didst respond when thou wast bidden by God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou in that God aided thee to attain the Most Great Steadfastness when thy spirit ascended to the Most Exalted Paradise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times that which will manifest thy station among all religions. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Precious, the All-Bountiful. We made mention of thee before thy ascension and after it. Verily thy Lord is with those

who love Him at all times. To this testify the Dawning-Places of My favor throughout all possibility. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who remember thee through that which hath been sent down for thee from God, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Ali-Akbar! My Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee in the prison of ’Akka and mentioneth thee with that which cannot be equaled by aught in the world, its ornaments, its colors and its bounties. Blessed art thou in that thou didst turn when people turned away, and didst believe when the parties of the world disbelieved, save those whom God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, did choose. I testify that thou didst turn thy luminous face toward God, the All-Informed, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter before the faces of the great and small. The clamor prevented thee not from the Lord of all beings, nor did the oppression of enemies frighten thee from drawing nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou art he who heard and turned, and sacrificed thy spirit and thy wealth in the path of God, thy Lord, thy Beloved, thy Goal, and the Object of worship of all in the heavens and the earth. We beseech Him to give thee to drink at all times from the Kawthar which He hath ordained for them that circle round His presence and gaze upon His countenance. The glory, the light and the radiance from God, the Mighty, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful, be upon thee.

Concerning what thou didst mention regarding unity, this hath been heard. However, these matters have been made contingent upon consultation in the Tablets of the Lord of the Manifestation. Whatsoever proceedeth therefrom is the decree of God, and acting upon it is adorned with the ornament of acceptance and the glory of His good-pleasure. As to what ye mentioned that some of the friends desire to turn towards the Most Sublime Horizon and have sought permission to attain His presence - in these days, due to divine wisdom, such visits are not permitted. O Muhammad! By the life of God! The lamp is amidst the winds and the Ark of God is amidst the waves. Adorn My servants with the ornament of piety and illumine them with the light of detachment. We have previously stated that in this Most Great Revelation, the hosts of God are goodly deeds and praiseworthy attributes, and the virtue of piety hath been appointed as the commander of the divine hosts. Blessed are they who attain and they who act. Today is the day of teaching and service - a matter more essential and obligatory than all else is the steadfastness of the friends, for some who consider themselves to be of the people of the Crimson Ark and the City of Knowledge of the Lord of Names are somewhat tainted with former vain imaginings. There is fear lest this Cause be seen like the previous party. I seek forgiveness from God, the Most Great, from the vain imaginings of the imaginers and the idle fancies of the doubters concerning this Great Announcement and this strong, shining Light.

In the days of Our childhood, one day We went to visit one of the noble ladies who was adorned with kinship. After entering, We observed two persons with exceedingly large turbans who were expounding spiritual knowledge from behind a veil to the lady of the house. Finally, their discourse culminated in one of them, who was the greater and more prominent, stating that we must know whether Gabriel is higher than Qanbar. When this Wronged One heard these words, His whole being was set aflame, yet We chose silence. After a few minutes it was mentioned: “O honored one, if Gabriel is he who is referred to in ‘The Faithful Spirit brought it down upon thy heart’, then at that station Master Qanbar was not even present.” Now consider the heedlessness and unsuitable knowledge of the people. The station of Gabriel

is the inner reality of the Messenger of God, yet he was arguing that Qanbar was more exalted because he was related to Ali. Glory be to God! That party inflicted upon the Messenger of God a wrong that had and has no equal. In difficulties they should take refuge with Him, yet His mention is entirely absent while they cling to letters that were created by His Word, as ye have seen and continue to see. The Exalted One hath said that the physical form of the Letters of this Revelation is equivalent to the spiritual reality of the Letters of the previous Revelation. This Wronged One seeketh forgiveness on behalf of all and saith: My God, my God! Protect Thy loved ones. Thou art the Generous One Whose forgiveness hath encompassed the world. Have mercy upon Thy servants and assist them to perform such deeds, show forth such character and utter such words as befit Thy days. Through one exalted word the ocean of Thy bounty surgeth, and through one effulgence of the Sun of Thy Command, the sun of generosity and forgiveness appeareth manifest and evident. All are Thy servants and live by hope in Thy generosity. Stretch forth the hand of power from the sleeve of might and deliver these souls who are stuck in the clay. Thou art the Lord of the Command and the Sovereign of Bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

News that causes the awakening and awareness of the servants is acceptable before God, but one must strive to distinguish truth from falsehood and record it. We shall assist him in all conditions if he be adorned with what hath appeared in My days and shone forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth. For some of the friends for whom thou didst seek favor, wondrous and sublime tablets have been sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge and the atmosphere of lordly wisdom, that the friends might drink from the cups of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds that which the spiritual Khidr drank from the fountain of darkness. O Muhammad! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Praise be to God that thou art occupied in service and art speaking in praise and glorification. We are with thee and hear thy mention and We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee in that which shall open the doors of the hearts of His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Make mention of all those related to thee on behalf of the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of divine mercy. Verily thy Lord is the Kind, the Generous, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have heard and have turned with illumined hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon. We testify that they are the companions of the Crimson Ark mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', from God, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned in the court of the Divine Presence and art gazed upon by the glances of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving. It behooveth thee to arise to make mention and glorification among all created things and to guide those endowed with capacity, with wisdom and utterance, to the gardens of mystic knowledge and the paradises of knowledge and certitude. By thy life! This is the Day to arise to serve the Cause of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing. If anyone misseth an opportunity, he shall not attain it throughout the months and years. It behooveth us to beseech our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, in the morning and the evening to protect us from the whisperings of the ignorant ones and to adorn us with the robes of steadfastness among all created things. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth. Blessed art thou and those who have quaffed the cups of tribulations in the land of Ya.

Ye have been mentioned every morn and eve by the tongue of the favor of the Lord of Names, and the bounty of your Lord hath surrounded you from all directions. Exalted be your Lord, from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth and Whose bounty nothing can prevent. He hath sent down from the clouds of His mercy, for those whom thou didst mention in thy letter, manifest verses whereby all created things were stirred. Grieve not for the delay that occurred in sending the reply, for it was naught but in consideration of the wisdom revealed in the Book by the command of the Lord of Lords. He is the Judge of what is right. From Him did we begin and unto Him do we return. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Proclaim unto those who have adorned themselves with the ornament of steadfastness and have arisen to serve the Cause of God amongst creation, and remind them of that which beseemeth these days wherein the sun of knowledge and wisdom hath shone forth. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to bestow upon His loved ones from His bounties and to give them to drink from the cups of His grace and bestowal, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next, and to exalt their stations through His Name amongst all peoples. Verily He is the Most High, the Most Glorious. Glory and praise be upon thee and upon them and upon every one steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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This is the Ridvan of Confession which hath been sent down from God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

God beareth witness through His Essence unto His Essence that there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are submissive unto Him. God testifieth by His Own Self unto His Own Self that there is none other God but Him. His is the glory and the eternity, His the grandeur and the splendor, His the might and the majesty. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life, and verily He is the Sovereign in the dominion of the divine cloud, and He is the Single One, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

God beareth witness in the loftiness of His might and the exaltation of His kingdom that there is none other God but Him. His is the sublimity and the power, His the glory and the might. He sendeth down from the clouds of grace that which purifieth the realities of all things, if they flee not from the direction of the Spirit. Thus hath the command been sent down from the dominion of eternity unto the people of Baha, that perchance mankind may be mindful in the days of their Lord.

Glorified be He Whom the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth doth praise, and before Whom every soul prostrateth itself, as ye do witness. And they who know Him not this day prostrate themselves before His countenance, yet they understand not. Even as this is witnessed in the Concourse

of the Bayan - they acknowledge God and Him Whom He sent aforetime, yet when He came unto them in another garment they denied Him. Thus observe in the Qur'an and before it in all religions, if thou be of them who ponder the Cause of their Lord.

The eyes of creation have never beheld the like of these who worship a name among names, then remain heedless of Him Who created it. Their likeness is as the likeness of those who worship idols yet perceive it not. Glorified be He Who hath ever been seated upon the throne of His mighty power in the eternal past, and Who hath been veiled from the comprehension of the Concourse of Glory and Majesty, then from the righteous and the learned, then from all eyes and visions.

And when He desired to shower upon the realities of all things and the hearts of all contingent beings the rain of grace and beneficence and the outpourings of bounty and favor, He rent asunder the veil of concealment and manifested Himself by the name of every Prophet in every age, until He manifested Himself by the name of 'Ali in the year sixty, then by this Name in the year nine according to the mystery of the line, until the days reached unto eighty. Then did the Beauty unveil Himself between the heavens and earth with evident sovereignty, and called out with the most exalted call through the tongue of His Self-Manifestation:

"Verily, I am He Who was God when there was none to be worshipped, and Knowledge when there was naught to be known, and Lord when there was none to be lorded over. I am He Whom none among all contingent beings hath known, nor shall any soul among all created things ever know Me. All that the knowers have known returneth unto the Word which was created by My utterance, and I am the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Powerful, the Most High. I have created all beings for the knowledge of My Self and have sent down unto them My verses in truth, lest they should doubt My Cause, the All-Powerful, the Wondrous, the All-Encompassing. Whoso claimeth for himself more than this hath indeed fabricated against God Who created him by a command from His presence." Thus was the command revealed in previous Tablets and is now being revealed, that it may serve as a proof from Us and an evidence from Our presence unto all creation.

O peoples of the earth! Know ye the value of that which We have sent down unto you, then detach yourselves from the imaginings ye possess and take hold of God's verses with power. Follow not the footsteps of those who, when God's verses are recited unto them, wax proud against them, though by a single letter thereof were created the realities of the people of the Kingdom of Heaven, then the realities of the people of the Realm of Might, then the souls of the people of the Kingdom […]

Say: Through My power over the Kingdom and what has been and what will be, if ye be among those who know. I am He Who was powerful over what I willed and shall remain powerful over what I desire. The schemes of the schemers shall never prevent Me from My sovereignty, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Say: Were We to desire to subjugate all created things and return them from existence into nothingness, We would assuredly do so through a word appearing from My Pen which moveth by virtue of My holy, glorious and bountiful fingers.

O thou who bearest My Name [Muhammad-'Ali], hearken unto what the idolators say and what issueth from their mouths. By God! By reason of it have the hearts of the pure ones burned within their

chambers, and the eyes of the divine verses have wept within the pavilion of words, and the Manifestations have rent from their forms the silk of allusions and the brocade of symbols. Thus do We inform thee with truth that thou mayest be among those who are well-informed. For they have objected to Him through Whose single letter were their realities created and their names exalted in the Kingdom of Names, and their traces made manifest throughout the realms of creation, and their mention elevated between earth and heaven, if ye be among those who witness. And they have reached such heights of pride and denial as to deny the Proof of God and His Evidence, then the Manifestation of God and His Authority, then the Rising of God and His Power, then His establishment upon the throne of mighty glory. Verily those who speak like children when there ascendeth from the direction of thy Lord's throne, the All-Merciful, deny those words which have descended from the throne of names and attributes, and when these are recited unto them their faces turn black and they are overwhelmed by the dust of hell, and there issueth from their lips that which causeth all who are in the heavens and earth to curse them. They say these words have not descended according to the divine nature. Say: O concourse of idolators! Perish in your wrath! By God, through these words hath appeared the nature of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing.

O Nabil! Know thou that We concealed the mysteries of the Cause at a time which neither those who believe in eternity in the past, nor those who believe in eternity have comprehended. We remained in Our essence unique, alone, singular, veiled from the eyes of all created things and concealed behind the sanctified veils in the retreat of the Divine Essence. And when We desired to manifest the Cause in the kingdom of creation, We took a handful of clay in the grasp of Our power, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wise. Then We kneaded it with the waters of holiness and breathed into it a spirit from the spirits We had created in the heaven of eternity, and We fashioned it according to a temple from among the temples of holiness, and We named it Adam in the heaven of names, if thou be of them that know. Likewise, were We to take another handful and raise from it sanctified temples, then forms of the Concourse on High, then spirits of the Prophets and Messengers, We would verily have power to do so through My sovereignty which encompasses all created things and through My command which transcends all atoms, if thou be of them that understand.

Then the days rolled on until they reached these days wherein We manifested Our true Self with this Beauty through which We have revealed Ourselves to all the worlds. Thereupon rose against Me My servants whose names shall not be mentioned in My holy and exalted presence. Rather, I created their essences by the will of My command which createth through My word. I am He Who created the names and their kingdom, Who sent forth the attributes and their dominion, Who manifested the realities and their realm, while Our ancient Self remained sanctified above them all. Nay, We made them manifestations for Our servants who fell prostrate upon their faces before My transcendent, mighty and gracious countenance.

Therefore weep thou for this Lord by reason of what hath befallen Him such as hath befallen no one before, and there hath touched Him of afflictions that which causeth the spirits of the denizens of the realm of divinity to be cut off beyond the pavilion of holiness in the Most Exalted Paradise. Then was the table of the spirit withdrawn from the mouths of them that are nigh unto God. Thus have We imparted

unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest become aware of a drop of what hath rained upon Us from the oceans of decree and be among them that know.

O Nabil! When thou journeyest from the direction of thy Lord to the regions of the horizons, remind the people of what befell the Bird of Pre-existence from the talons of the idolaters. Beware lest thou add or take away anything; rather, recount truthfully what thou hast seen for Our near servants. Say: By God! He Who was created by My word and was honored by meeting Me hath issued against Me that which kindled within him the fire of jealousy and hatred. But God hath revealed what was hidden in their breasts, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Then they invented against Me whatsoever suited their desires that they might thereby instill hatred for the Youth in the hearts of the holy ones.

Say: Woe unto you and unto what your passions have commanded you! Yet God hath servants whom neither the veils of allusions nor whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven can hinder. These are they who rend asunder every veil with the hand of power and might, and who recognize God through God and through that which appeareth from Him. By God! These are servants around whom circle the hosts of the Cause and whom the Spirit of Holiness doth aid at all times.

O servant! Remind the people and fear no one. Rather, place thy trust in the Self of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Then preserve thyself lest the pride of the turbans of every hateful ass cause thee to waver. Say: O people! Adorn your heads with the turbans of truthfulness and justice, not with that which is borne upon the backs of camels. Fear God and cast not the words of God behind your backs, and be not of the wrongdoers. Soon shall those who deny […]

In the name of God and His sovereignty, then His grandeur and His proof! They mention Him with their tongues and count themselves among those who remember. Then the angels of the divine Command strike their remembrances upon their heads and say: “Woe unto you, O company of polytheists! Do you fabricate lies against God and dispute with His Self and wage war against His Essence while you recite what was revealed from His presence? By God, you are in manifest loss!” Soon these people will adorn their heads with green and white turbans and thereby pride themselves among men and be among those who rejoice - just as you have seen among the people of the Qur’an, how by claiming connection to one of Our names they wore green turbans, then denied Him Who created that name. Thus observe their condition and their lack of understanding, that you may be among those who know. Say: O people! Adorn your heads with truthfulness and justice, then your temples with the robes of recognition. Beware lest you change God’s adornment among yourselves or be among those who say what they do not do and who are among the proud ones. Just as you have witnessed in these days that he who turned away from God and was proud against His verses forbids people from eating onions and drinking tobacco. Say: Be fair, O servant! Are these two acts greater in God’s sight than your turning away from God Who created you by His word? Be fair then, O people of understanding! Say: O people! Do you slay the Manifestation of God’s Self, then ask about the blood of a mosquito? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! By God, O people, Mine eyes weep and the eyes of Ali in the most exalted Companion, and My heart and Muhammad’s heart cry out in the most glorious pavilion, and My soul and the souls of the Messengers call out at the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary - if you be of those who perceive. And My grief is not for Myself, but for Him Who will come upon clouds of Command with clear and manifest sovereignty. For

these people will not be content with His appearance and will deny His verses and reject His authority and wage war against His Self and practice deception in His Cause, just as they did with this Self in these days, as you have witnessed. Say: O people! Fear God and let not the world delude you with its vanities. Fear God and be among the God-fearing. O people! This is the Beauty of Ali among you - if you will not believe in Him, do not fabricate lies against Him nor cause hatred to enter the hearts of His servants, nor refute truth with what you possess, nor be among the polytheists. O Nabil! We have made you a fragrance from the fragrances of the Command, that people might find through you the sweet scents of this Shirt which was reddened by the blood of hatred and suspended between the heavens and earth. O Muhammad! Arise to uphold God's Cause and His religion and His laws and His ways. Then assist it with whatever you are able, that perchance the hands of harm may be kept from the hem of an upright Faith. For these people have changed God's Cause within themselves and His favor upon their own selves, and have distorted God's words from their proper places - thus were they among the doers and among those who turned away. Whosoever said that this Youth desired to abrogate the laws of the Bayan sought to cast doubt in the hearts of the rebellious ones. Say: Those endowed with iron sight will not be prevented by signs of limitation, but will enter the seat of divine unity in less than a moment. And he who has drunk the pure water of holiness from the cup of eternity from the most glorious Youth will never turn to […]

Purify thy tongue from the mention of anyone besides Me, then remind the people that thy melodies may attract them to the holy and luminous direction. Then bear witness within thyself that there is no God but Him, and that Ali is the Manifestation of His Self amongst all the worlds, and that His Glory is for His revelation and concealment, and His might and grandeur among all created things. Through Him God distinguisheth between truth and falsehood, between the fortunate and the unfortunate, and the unitarians become distinguished from the polytheists. Today no one's call will be raised to God except through My love. Thus hath the command been sent down from the presence of One mighty and powerful. And if thou findest thyself alone in My Cause, be not disturbed, but remain steadfast, for by this will God's Cause be established, if thou be of those endowed with luminous vision. For My loved ones are the pearls of the Cause and all others are but pebbles of the earth, and the pebbles must needs be more numerous than the precious pearls. One of these is better in the sight of God than a thousand thousand souls besides them, even as a piece of ruby is better than a thousand mountains of solid stone. Thus observe thou the Cause and the distinction between these and those, that thou mayest be of those possessed of certitude.

And if thou meetest Radi'r-Ruh, remind him of what hath befallen the Youth, then cast upon his countenance the spirit from Us. Thus hast thou been commanded from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: O Rida, dost thou laugh within thyself while the eyes of eternity weep by reason of what hath befallen Him from the harm of satans? Dost thou recline upon seats of ease while [the body of the Self of God] was troubled by the sting of the serpent in all days, nay, in every moment? O Rida! Arise to serve the Cause, then assist thy Lord, and tarry not for less than a moment, for thou art the Most Great Name in the preserved tablets of holiness. Then gather the people in the love of God and His Cause, then recite unto them what hath been sent down at this hour from the heaven of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Wise. Hast thou forgotten when thou didst enter the Garden of Paradise and wert present before the Throne, and there was revealed unto thee from the Divine Lote-Tree from behind a thousand

veils: “Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Guardian, the Mighty, the Powerful.” Then wert thou set ablaze by the beauty of the Chosen One revealed unto thee in the flame of fire, that the servants might be set ablaze thereby and the warmth of thy Lord’s love might be established in the hearts of them that know. O Rida! By God, the Pen weepeth at My tribulation and My poverty, then at My loneliness and exile, and at how the fire of rejection hath been kindled in the hearts of them that turned away. Take thou the reins of the Cause lest Satan’s fingers meddle with it and prevent the people from drawing nigh unto thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Open thine eyes and behold what hath been sent down from thy Lord that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause in such wise that none in the heavens and earth may cause thee to waver. Say: My manifestation is My sovereignty, My proof is My Self, My evidence is My beauty, My hosts are My trust in God, My party is My power, and My testimony is My rising up before all the worlds in days wherein nations and governments and their armies rose up against Me, as ye have heard and were among them that heard. O servant! Aid thou this Wronged One Who hath been opposed by one whom He taught the verses of his Lord, that he might assist the Cause and be among them that render aid. But when the breezes of assurance wafted and he found peace within himself, he rose up against God Who had created him by His word, until he pronounced judgment against Him and was among them that judge. But God protected His servant with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and aided him with truth, for He is the best of helpers and supporters. Then remind My loved ones there and cast upon their faces what God cast upon thy face, that they may thank their Lord and be among the thankful ones, and stand firm in the Cause when Satan entereth among them with manifest hatred. O Radi’r-Ruh! Hearken unto the word of thy Lord and be not among them that hesitate. First, set not thy foot in any place wherein thou findest rancor against the Youth. Beware lest thou approach it, and remain in noble detachment. And when tablets and letters appear before thee against God and His sovereignty, then trust in God thy Lord and say: “In the Name of God, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Wise.” Then take, by God’s power, sheets of paper and write whatsoever God inspireth thee through His sovereignty in refutation of whoso hath rejected God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Powerful. Beware lest vain imaginings take hold of thee; [consume] their veils and be not among them that imagine. And in the moment thou takest up the paper, by God the Most Great Spirit will strengthen thee and […]

The Holy Spirit speaks in thy breast, and the Spirit of Baha uttereth through thy tongue. Thus be thou assured of thy Lord’s power and be of them that are certain. We have ordained in this Tablet for most of the loved ones that they write tablets proving this Cause and send them to all lands, that perchance thereby none shall be veiled from attaining the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. O servant! Act according to that which thou art bidden, delay not in executing thy Lord’s command, and be of them that act. Cast behind thee the world and all that is in it and upon it, then make thyself a bulwark of the Cause amidst these corrupters, lest they transgress their bounds and be of the transgressors.

And thou, O Muhammad, when thou arrivest in the land of Iraq and attainest the presence of the Interlocutor (Kalim), show him the garment of the Youth [and what] befell Him from His brother, that he may learn what hath come upon the Sovereign of Eternity from him whose name was exalted by His command. Thus hath it been sent down in truth from the heaven of an ancient Name.

O Kalim! Arise to champion the Cause, then assist thy Lord and be of them that render aid. And should Satan enter upon thee to cause thee to slip from thy Lord's path, then seek refuge in God and remain under His impregnable protection. And if the tablets of delusion from him who hath waxed proud against God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, be brought before thee, cast them upon the dust, then take up the pen by My command, the Mighty, the Dominant, the All-Knowing. Then deliver unto him thy Lord's command with kindly counsels, that perchance he may remember within himself and not wax proud before God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By God, O Kalim! That which floweth from their pens befitteth their station - they speak as children and thereby oppose the Beauty of the All-Merciful. Behold then these heedless ones! They have reached such a state of heedlessness that they seek to prove their cause through My verses, then turn away from My beauty. What aileth these people that they can scarce comprehend a single utterance from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing? Thus have their hearts been covered by the veil of self and desire, and lusts have seized them from every side, and they are as them that are dead. Leave their mention and what they possess, then shun them, then seek for thyself a safe retreat in the shadow of thy Lord's protection and be of them that are at peace. And in all matters place thy trust in God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Nabil! Go thou forth with the Book of God and His robe of grandeur that through them the sweet fragrances of holiness may be diffused among all the worlds, that perchance hearts may be purified from the defilement of fancy and desire and return to the habitation of them that are nigh. Open thy tongue in utterance, then mention what thou hast seen and witnessed of thy Lord's Cause, that thereby the eyes of them that are veiled may be opened. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who, when the verses of their Lord are recited unto them, fall down upon their faces in prostration before God, the Lord of all things and the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to this Lord, for He is the Beloved of them that know.

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He is God - exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His might!

Praise be to God Who has caused the Pen to be subdued and has manifested through it such utterances as none can know save him whom God has assisted through His command. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophets and His Messengers and His chosen ones, and upon Him Whom He has adorned with the ornament of His names and attributes and made the Seal of His Prophets, and upon His family and companions who held fast to His Covenant and His Testament.

And then - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention - your numerous letters illumined the eyes and confirmed the power of utterance. Praise be to God for what He has bestowed upon us from the table of love and affection. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Guide unto the right path. However, after

reading and reviewing them, boundless sorrow was produced, for they indicated your sorrow and likewise that of other friends.

As regards moving from that land, one day before mentioning certain reports, They said that the friends in that land must conduct themselves with perfect unity, harmony and wisdom, otherwise sedition would arise among them, and this is not pleasing before God. Continually this word was heard that They say the horizons shall be illumined with the light of unity. After the arrival of the honored master, his eminence the Nazir, upon him be God's peace, inquiry was made about the condition of the friends in that land. Some were mentioned who, if permission were given, had intended to depart. After this matter was presented before Him, They said if with wisdom, that is if one or two souls would turn towards Iraq or Iran, this would be acceptable before the Wronged One. Later, unpleasing news arrived, including that sons were in no way obedient to fathers, and it was heard that the son of his eminence Aqa Mirza Abdullah had shown disrespect to him. This matter caused grief to this servant, but after his arrival in this land, this servant imparted certain words to him. In truth he expressed remorse and sought forgiveness and pardon. This servant became very pleased with him, for he accepted with complete willingness and love what was expressed. It was as if his inner tongue spoke these words: "I stand ready to make amends for the rest of my life." God willing, they will not forget the petitions of the servant and will keep them in mind. Later news spread of differences arising between the friends in this land. After these matters were presented before Him, They said: "O servant in attendance! The people of that land are very prejudiced and have no knowledge of this community. Perhaps they imagine the friends of Truth are also like other foreigners, engaged in unseemly words and cursing and reviling prominent persons. They consider all foreigners to be heretics. Given this fact and their lack of knowledge about the condition of the friends, if they become aware of matters that have caused differences between them, they will surely manifest hatred and animosity and become the cause of sedition. In this case, the friends' remaining in that land is not advisable." Indeed if the honored ones of that land would hold fast to wisdom, unity and harmony, it would cause the exaltation of the Word and all would become aware that these souls were not and are not like the aforementioned foreigners. They walk in the traces of the light of justice and gaze toward the horizon of grace. Your honor was not mentioned at all in this matter and no word was heard from the blessed tongue except the expression of favor and kindness. To this testifies He with Whom is the Mother Book. And in one instance They spoke certain words which this servant wrote down exactly and sent previously. And truly all these matters were and are united in meaning, and They uttered these statements with perfect kindness. The son of his eminence the honored master Aqa Mirza Abdullah, upon him be God's peace and favor, himself is aware of the manifestation of kindness, compassion and grace. The statement of the Desired One is clear and evident, for anyone with a sense of smell can perceive its fragrance. From the first day of arrival in the Most Great Prison until this time, this evanescent one has heard from the Pen and tongue of the Desired One […]

May the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him! Naught hath been heard from that personage but kindness, compassion and generosity. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every wayfarer testifieth and is aware, and beyond all these, all the Tablets stand as witness and testimony to this statement. Now we beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to set aright the affairs of that land, that the light of unity may shine forth among all. God willing, may all be adorned with goodly deeds and

words that conduce to the refinement of heedless souls. Parents must strive diligently for the religion of their children and its strengthening, for any child who departeth from the divine religion will surely not act in accordance with the good-pleasure of his parents and of God, glorified be His majesty. All goodly deeds become manifest and evident through the light of faith, and in the absence of this supreme gift, one will neither shun any evil nor be attracted to any good. The servant, in his tongue of powerlessness and poverty, beseecheth God to assist His loved ones and make them dawning-places of goodly deeds and daysprings of that which hath been revealed in His Book of goodness and gracious utterance.

In brief, this evanescent one's petition is that loving-kindness hath been and continueth to be shown to the friends of that land. At this moment, which is the time of the arrival of the post, this servant was engaged in writing to the spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad Mu??afa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. The bearer of your letter arrived, which you had sent to him, and he had expressed much sorrow concerning the news mentioned therein. In truth, he is right. After his letter was presented, it was stated: "That which We intended concerning Jinab-i-Zayn hath not yet been uttered. Let him be assured of God's grace, loving-kindness, compassion and mercy. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant him the good of this world and the next. Should this Wronged One intend aught concerning him, He will surely convey it to him directly."

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends of that land. We ask for them all that which befitteth their station. If at times deeds have appeared from them that were unworthy of them and the Cause, yet many afflictions have also befallen them in God's path, of which none but God is aware. We beseech God to assist them all in that which conduceth to the exaltation and elevation of the Cause and their stations. Convey greetings also to the handmaidens of that land and gladden them with the remembrance of the Wronged One.

Mention was made of all those whom you had named, and all were blessed with wondrous and glorious remembrance. Mention was made of the son of Marfu' 'Ali Nur, upon him be God's loving-kindness. It was presented before His presence, and He said: "We have beseeched God, exalted be He, and We beseech Him, again and again, to forgive His loved ones who were imprisoned in the Land of ?a, to purify them from all that is unworthy of them, to grant them the good of this world and the next, and to ordain for them that which befitteth His generosity and bounty. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We make mention of him and his brother who was named Zayn al-'Abidin, and We counsel him to perform pure deeds and to act in accordance with that which God hath revealed in the Book."

As for what you wrote concerning His Holiness the Name of God J.M., upon him be from every Glory its Most Glorious, his own letter arrived. One response was sent, bearing glad-tidings of renewed loving-kindness, bounty and grace. Now another letter from him hath arrived, but there is no opportunity to reply. God willing, there is hope it may be presented later.

Regarding the mention of the distribution of funds that was made, they adorned it with acceptance. God willing, they have attained and will attain both material and spiritual wealth.

And concerning what was written about the relatives of Jinab-i-Safi, upon him be the grace and mercy of God, it was submitted. They said his mention has been before the Wronged One and God willing, special

Tablets will be sent to them. Let the guest be joyful. We beseech God to assist them and assist all His loved ones to remain steadfast in His love. Verily He is powerful over all things.

The mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Baqir, upon him be Baha'u'llah, from the people of Nur was made and submitted before His presence. They said: Praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of bounty and speaks in remembrance of the Peerless Friend. We beseech God to ordain for him that which will make him attracted, enkindled, steadfast and eloquent in wisdom and utterance. That which has issued from the tongue of the Divine Purpose concerning him will become manifest and evident. The servant conveys greetings to him.

The mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the peace of God, from the people of Hamadan was made. After submission They said: Travel to this land is not permitted in these days. Let him occupy himself with his trade, be engaged in the mention of God, exalted be His glory, arise in His service and act with goodness. The weakness of the servants and their heedlessness has caused the deprivation of the friends. However, we beseech God to ordain abundant good for them in compensation for this deprivation. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The petition of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abdul-Wahhab attained the hearing of the Beloved. They said: God willing, may he remain firm and steadfast in what he has submitted. Blessed is his father whom neither the derision of enemies nor the oppression of the wicked prevented. He adorned his temple with the ornament of servitude to God, the True One, and held fast to goodness in all conditions. May this Wahhab too, God willing, be assisted like that Wahhab to perform good deeds and utter befitting words.

And the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Abul-Qasim from the people of Najafabad attained the honor of hearing. They said: O Zayn, it behooveth thee to beseech God to assist His servants to discharge His rights. The world is transient, its life is brief. In this case, whoever is assisted to discharge what is obligatory upon him is assuredly nearer to righteousness. O Zayn, verily We have mentioned him, given him glad tidings and commanded him to that which was revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. It is incumbent upon all to act according to what hath been revealed in the Book of God, exalted be His glory. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to him and likewise to the friends of that land, namely the land of Nun and Jim. God willing, may all attain to that which is beloved in the presence of God.

The mention of the honored beloved, Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was made and submitted. They said: Convey Our greetings to him and We beseech God to assist him in that which is good for him. Praise be to God, he attained the presence and was successful. It behooveth him to thank God in the nights and days.

His honor Aqa Muhammad-Javad and Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq of Nur - mention of them has attained the honor of being heard, and expressions of special favor for both have shone forth from the horizon of loving-kindness. Praise be to God, they have attained that which has no limit to its excellence. They have been assisted in their turning, acceptance, recognition and steadfastness. This evanescent servant beseeches God - exalted be His glory - to assist them and grant them success. Mention of His Holiness the Most Truthful Name of God - upon him be all the most glorious Glory - flowed from the blessed tongue. Happy is he! And peace be upon you and the mercy of God.

What needed to be submitted is this: Mirza Husayn Beg the liar, who claimed love and acceptance while squandering the property of several of the friends - that deceitful usurper wrote various things to the Holy Threshold, while the sincere friends unwittingly consider every treacherous liar to be trustworthy and count them among the people of faith. In any case, that liar met his due. Now the friends should be vigilant and not consider every liar to be truthful. In place of that unmerciful one, another person has arrived who is among those who for years served in the embassy at the Threshold. Although outwardly this evanescent one is unaware of his condition, in any case he has been and is investigating to find something with which to attack the oppressed ones. The friends of God must not be heedless nor be content with mere declarations of faith. They should completely conceal all religious matters in these parts, as its harm would return to the Tree. Mention and utterance are not permitted in these regions. Repeatedly this word was heard from the blessed tongue. They should not again be heedless nor count outsiders among the insiders. It is strange that even His Holiness the Name of God, Jamal, thought he was among the faithful. In truth, knowledge is not with anyone - it is all with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O beloved of my heart! If the friends of God had acted upon the loving counsels of the Desired One, perfect order would have become manifest in all affairs, the carpet of joy and delight would have been spread, and all would have fixed their gaze upon the word “Blessed is he who knows his station and rank” and would have vied with one another in humility and submissiveness. Man is like steel whose essence is hidden - through mention, utterance, counsel and education its essence becomes manifest and evident, but if left to itself, the rust of lustful desires and passions will destroy it. In all stations, utterances have appeared which are the cause of preservation, salvation and success. We beseech God - exalted be His glory - to assist His loved ones in that which He has commanded. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The other letter from His Holiness dated the 17th of Jamadi’l-Avval brought joy to the heart and bestowed boundless delight. Regarding what they wrote expressing amazement - according to the Command, His Holiness should await specific orders in all matters, meaning commands that specifically issue from the Pen. Otherwise there is much talk in the world, most of which neither nourishes nor satisfies.

And regarding what they wrote about the book of his honor Aqa Shah-Virdi - upon him be the Glory of God - it was submitted. He said: “Well done, O Zayn! By My life, thy sorrow hath grieved Me. We beseech God to change it into great joy.” End.

Concerning Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, it was recorded that some of his tablets were sent from the direction of the Land of ?a. God willing, may he be joyful, for at the time of departure, out of wisdom his trust was not given to him, and thus he turned toward those parts with complete displeasure. I beseech and implore God to bestow His grace and favor him with that which is befitting, and transform his sorrow into joy.

As for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ibrahim, it is advisable for him to engage in some occupation in whatever land he may reside. In these days, coming to this land is in no way permitted. I beseech God, exalted be His glory,

to adorn him with His good-pleasure. The command is in His hands, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Regarding the marriage of the spiritual friend Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ?abibu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors, what was written is excellent in what has been done. God willing, it is blessed. As commanded, extend congratulations and convey greetings from this servant.

As for what was mentioned concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors, what your honor mentioned was submitted. He said: "O Hasan, upon thee be My peace. In all cases, stillness takes precedence over movement, though at times circumstances may indicate otherwise, meaning circumstances may cause movement to be preferred. The explicit command to depart has not been outwardly pronounced. For any soul to remain with joy and fragrance is acceptable, or to depart with joy and fragrance is likewise acceptable. Praise be to God, you have been and are blessed with God's grace. Convey greetings to all your relatives from the Wronged One. God willing, may you be confirmed in remembrance and praise, and in deeds and words that cause the elevation of your station." End quote. The details of matters concerning staying or departing were mentioned. In truth, the friends in that land should consult in all matters and act upon whatever your honor accepts. I beseech God to adorn the people of that land with such an adorning that none will have cause for dispute. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, from the people of K, and likewise the mention of Jinab-i-Mirza Badi', upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was submitted. He said: "O Zayn, We have heard the mention of Badi' and have witnessed his acceptance. We send him greetings from this station and remember him with beautiful remembrance, and We beseech the Most High to grant him success and ordain for him the best of what hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book. And We remember 'Ali-Akbar who attained and visited the House and held fast to the strong cord of God. However, coming to this land is not permitted." End quote.

Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali of Khurramabad. Praise be to God, he has been favored with the mention of the Beloved, but meeting is not permitted, for most souls are observed to be covered with the dust of rancor and hatred. Beseech God to assist all and grant them a cup from the Kawthar of sanctification. The veils of self have prevented eyes from beholding the light of truth. They cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to idle fancies. They have attributed to a station, which was naught but the mention of God, that which causes one to feel ashamed to mention. In any case, some time ago, tablets were specifically designated in reply to the people of B.r and its surroundings, and likewise specifically for the friends of that region, but until now they have not been sent, and afterward the command is in His hands.

As to what you wrote concerning certain matters which, as this servant regards them as contrary to the laws of the divine law, some have complained about their abandonment - they stated: "O Zein! God, exalted be His glory, has in His glorious Book commanded the people to observe what is right and forbidden what is wrong, and has revealed such commandments and ordinances as will enable humanity to attain the most exalted summit and the highest horizon. Therefore, you must look to the Book of God and act according to it. The acceptance or rejection of the people of the earth is as nothing and is not and

has never been worthy of attention. Blessed are you, and happy are you! The Wronged One beareth witness to thy devotion and thy deeds in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. In obeying the commandments revealed in the Book of God, even if the whole world were to oppose you, no harm would come to you. Rejoice in what the Wronged One hath uttered, and be of those who give thanks."

Finally, this ephemeral one conveys greetings and praise to the friends and loved ones in that land. I hope that all may be adorned with that which beseemeth them. Verily, the servant concludeth his words with the remembrance of God, saying: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

The servant

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

Praise sanctified above the mention of the people of creation and the Kingdom of Names befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Desired One, Who, in the midst of tribulation and adversity, hath caused the Most Exalted Pen to move, raised the call, directed His will, and caused the tongue of grandeur to speak in the kingdom of utterance. Exalted is His majesty, sublime His sovereignty, resplendent His signs, manifest His evidences, all-encompassing His traces, and brilliant His lights! Blessed is he who hath detached himself from the world, clinging to the Most Great Name, whereby the peoples have lamented, save whom God, the Lord of eternity, hath willed. Woe unto those who have been heedless, turned away and objected, until they arose to waste the Cause and said as Pharaoh said: "I am your Lord, the Most High!"

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation, Thy appearance, Thy might and Thy power, to make known unto those who have gone astray and led Thy servants astray, and to ordain for them that which will guide them to the shore of the ocean of Thy utterance, lest they transgress their bounds, stations and conditions. O my Lord! Thou knowest what is within their souls. If Thou willest, purify them from the defilement of their words and that which their tongues have uttered. O my God and my Master! Thou seest their heedlessness, their turning away and their objections, and hearest what they speak according to their desires. Their words have prevented them from turning to Thee, and their deeds from directing themselves to the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Aid them to return unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Mighty, the Generous. O Lord! These are days wherein the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged and the fragrance of Thy grace hath wafted. I beseech Thee to write down for Thy Afnan, from Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your service and for your steadfastness! Two of your letters, the first dated the 29th of Rabi'u'th-Thani and the second the 19th of Jamadi'l-Avval, illumined the world of separation and remoteness with the light of reunion, for a letter is like a mirror reflecting its sender, especially when adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the world - it is the dawning-place of life for humanity. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to bestow and grant the blessing of reunion and meeting, for this is a blessing more complete and more excellent than the blessings of the world and the heavenly food sent down. All divine Books have given glad tidings of this station. Blessed are they who attain! This station can be achieved both in presence and absence, for grace is all-encompassing and mercy is pre-existent. How many were the servants who attained the presence of the Face, yet the Most Exalted Pen neither confirmed nor approved; and how many who outwardly did not attain, yet the Most Exalted Pen testified to their orientation, turning, presence, attentiveness, meeting and reunion. Exalted is His bounty and great are His favors! And some have attained both - this is from a grace that nothing in the world can equal, as hath been witnessed by the Lord of Eternity and the Master of all nations. After reading your letter and learning of its contents, approach was made to the Most Exalted Summit, and after attaining the presence and receiving complete permission, all was presented before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer[…]

O thou who hast turned thy face towards My horizon, who art mentioned in My court and inscribed in My Book by the Pen of My will, and who dost soar in the atmosphere of My love! Hearken unto My call and My testimony that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever existed, sanctified above whatsoever the tongues of all created things have spoken, and exalted beyond all that hath been uttered by contingent beings. He is the One Whom the happenings of days have not hindered, nor hath He been veiled by the allusions of men. He hath come with the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration, and hath manifested that which lay hidden in the treasuries of His knowledge and stored in the repositories of His might. Thereupon the servants and dwellers of the lands rose up in rejection and protest, to such extent that they denied the Books of God and His Scriptures and whatsoever was revealed aforetime unto His Prophets and Messengers. Say: O people of the earth! Be fair in the name of God - if ye deny this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Would ye deny Him through Whom the standard of Divine Unity hath been raised in the heart of the world and the banner of His remembrance amidst all nations? Fear ye God and be not of the ignorant ones.

Peace be upon thee, together with My Baha and My loving-kindness! Most momentous is the Cause, yet how heedless are the servants. From time immemorial hath the Supreme Pen revealed the greatness of this Cause. This is that which had been hidden from eternity, which the Prophets and Messengers alluded to both explicitly and implicitly, ever beseeching and yearning for His presence from the True One. Blessed are they who have recognized this blessed Day and partaken of its outpourings, which are the recognition of the Dayspring of Revelation and the Source of His verses.

Glory be to God! All the diverse peoples are engaged in the remembrance of the Truth and are expectant of His appearance, yet they remain veiled and heedless, save whom God willeth. Convey My greetings to the friends of God. Say: Today the fragrance of the robe of the All-Merciful is diffused, while the foul odor from the hearts of the idolaters is spread abroad. Hold ye fast to the cord of the Most Great Steadfastness and cling to the hem of grace. Should wisdom permit, summon the heedless souls to the Straight Path. Blessed is he who ariseth to serve the Cause and protecteth the weak from the craft and guile of the wicked.

We beseech God to aid His loved ones to such steadfastness that they may regard the world and all that is therein as non-existent, beholding themselves detached and free. Were God, exalted be His glory, to unveil even less than a mustard seed of that which He hath concealed, all would detach themselves from whatsoever they possess and would hold fast unto that which is with God. This is the Day whereon all that lay hidden in hearts shall be made manifest. Remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "O my son! verily if there be the weight of a mustard-seed, and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth." This is the station of justice which God, exalted be His glory, hath mentioned. Say: O friends! Strive that ye may attain unto that which exhaleth the fragrance of immortality. Today man can attain unto an everlasting sovereignty, and likewise eternal loss. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Glory be to God! This evanescent servant standeth bewildered and astonished, for that distinguished personage and others are well aware that in the days of tribulation, when the darkness of tyranny had encompassed all lands, this servant was occupied day and night in exalting the Word and raising up the Cause of God, to such extent that, by God besides Whom there is none other God, this servant found no time for sleep or sustenance. From nightfall the Tongue of Grandeur would speak, and this servant would be engaged in transcription in His presence. The heavenly food would descend in such measure that on some nights the dawn would break ere He commanded food to be brought. Likewise, on certain days and nights the Tongue of Grandeur would speak continuously for the guidance of the servants, until some light appeared in various regions and in every land a few souls were quickened by a wondrous new life in the name of God, glorified be He. Thereafter, cawing arose from every direction and braying was heard from every land. Such is the condition of the heedless and ignorant people, moved by every wind and clinging to every rope.

In all circumstances, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that should they be capable of return, He may bestow His favor upon them and not deprive them of the ocean of His bounty in these days. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Ignorance bringeth man to such a pass that he becometh in no wise worthy of divine favors.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who art the Goal of all existence! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy Cause to protect me from such disobedience as would cut off my hope and deprive me of the fragrances of Thy verses and Thy clear proofs. O Lord! I beseech Thee to have mercy upon this helpless servant whose right hand is raised toward the heaven of Thy mercy and whose other hand clings to the hem of Thy bounty and forgiveness. Make known to Thy servants who have been

heedless of Thy remembrance and praise and the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, and who have arisen to lead astray Thy loved ones who have set their faces toward their Ultimate Goal and their Supreme End. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by them who circle round Thy throne to assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Verily, Thou art the Protector, the Most Exalted, the Ordainer, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Mention had been made of his honor Afshar, upon him be the Glory of God, and his relatives, upon them be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, each one hath been blessed by divine favors and wondrous, sublime Tablets were specifically revealed and sent to them. God willing, may they drink from the hidden oceans of inner meanings and attain unto the fragrances of the verses. They sent a letter to this servant which was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and whatsoever was revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for them, this servant recorded in reply and sent forth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make them and their kindred steadfast in His Cause and firm in its service. Verily, He hath power over all things. According to His command, they should peruse the Tablets that were sent and this servant's letters which are adorned with wondrous and sublime verses, and deliver them.

As for the mention they made of his honor Haji Ali and his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida and his honor Haji Muhammad, upon them be the Glory of God and His favors, they were mentioned in His presence and each one was blessed with the effulgent lights of the Sun of favor. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to make His loved ones dawning-places of the suns of steadfastness and to aid them in that which will exalt His Cause.

And as for the mention of his honor Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and a Tablet of prayer was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the favor of the Best-Beloved of all existence and was sent forth. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and praise to him and submitteth that this is a Day whose greatness is as evident as the sun. For ages and centuries certain people have nurtured others in doubts and idle fancies, and the wine of heedlessness so overtook them that even after the appearance and exaltation of the Word and the dawning of verses and the manifestation of clear proofs, they did not come to their senses and remained utterly remote and deprived from the Dawning-Place of certitude. Now his honor who was mentioned must arise to serve the Cause through God's favor and lead the heedless people from the desert of ignorance to the ocean of awareness and from the north of error to the right hand of guidance. In all cases, effort must be made lest the idols of vain imaginings appear again. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid his honor to remember and praise Him and serve His Cause, and to ordain for him through His Most Exalted Pen the best of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Regarding your mention of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali from [location] and his intention to pay the Huquq several months ago, this servant also wrote about this matter and it was presented at the Most Holy Court. No response emerged from the Source of the Cause until these days when this supreme word shone forth from the Lord of Names - He says, exalted be His glory: "O servant in attendance, write to the Afnan, upon him be Baha, if the mentioned person has truly intended to pay the divine Huquq, let it be delivered to the mentioned souls. And likewise they had sought permission to turn towards the Most Holy

Court - the sun of permission has risen. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect the friends from the evil of the opposers, deniers and deceivers." The distribution details were also sent - if received, your honor should deliver them. This servant sent the reply to their letter - God willing it will arrive. The beloved of hearts, Haji [name], upon him be the Most Glorious Baha, had requested several Tablets for the people of [location] and nearby village and had written repeatedly. In these days wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will and were sent to be delivered to Aqa Muhammad-'Ali or in whatever other way your honor deems appropriate.

Regarding 'Ishqabad and the attention of Ustad 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, to that direction which you wrote about - Ustad himself has written and sent the details of affairs, and a response regarding this matter was revealed from the Source of Will and was sent. They approved your honor's action and it was adorned with acceptance. For a place that becomes a center for cities and villages belonging to the Russian state, acquiring lands and building there is very good. However, mentioning this to the governor is not permitted in these days. By command, silence is preferable for some time. Let Ustad be occupied with his work. If means become available and mention is appropriately made, then speaking a word would be harmless. God, exalted be His glory, is aware and vigilant - whatever He wills, its means will appear more readily than [in the blink of] an eye. All friends must observe wisdom. This command has been repeatedly revealed in divine Tablets, even to the point of prohibiting declaration and acknowledgment. Indeed the Cause is in His hands - He does what He wills and ordains what He desires. None may say "why" or "wherefore." A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that gazes solely toward the horizon of God's Cause and acts according to what is commanded. Such a one is among the people of unity, the companions of detachment, and possesses a tranquil soul. Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of those in the kingdom of Command and Creation.

Concerning what was written about the spiritual beloved, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and his attention to securing the release of the friends, upon them be the Glory and Favor of God - after this matter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence of the Kingdom of Utterance, these sublime words were spoken, mighty and glorious is His utterance: "Blessed is A. and H., upon him be My Glory, for he has been and continues to be concerned with securing the release of the friends of God. It behooveth him to be thus. We have chosen him and selected him for the service of My firm and mighty Cause. However, silence is preferable for a time." End quote.

This servant submits that the promise and offering of worldly riches to secure the release of the prisoners is not permitted in these days. On two occasions this evanescent servant heard two statements from the Tongue of Grandeur. One day He said: "O servant in attendance! The people of God must today remember this blessed verse which was previously revealed to the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake." His exalted Word: "Our Lord! Pour forth upon us patience, make firm our steps, and help us against the unbelieving people." From this blessed word it is understood that patience is acceptable and beloved before the Throne. Likewise, one day He said: "Verily the oppressor seeks victory over Us through cannons, rifles and armies, while We seek victory over him through the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Mighty." After these two passages, it was repeatedly revealed in Tablets: "He knoweth what He intended by that which was uttered by His mighty Tongue."

Regarding what was written about the cawing of the crows, this is what the Supreme Pen foretold when it moved in the arena of utterance in Baghdad. Glory be to God! Souls who are entirely heedless of and uninformed about the Cause have said that which no idolater has ever said. May God protect us and your honor from the evil of these people. For long periods they have been occupied with collecting verses, tablets and wondrous, exalted books, and their intention is known and evident. Therefore it is not permitted henceforth to give divine writings to such souls.

In these days this servant has written several pages on certain matters, and since they contain divine verses and visitation tablets that have been revealed specifically for the martyrs in these days, they are being sent. Your honor should review them and then send them to Mirza 'A.L., upon him be the Glory of God. There is and was no harm if they are presented in person to the idolaters, but giving them copies is absolutely forbidden, for they are occupied with perverting the divine verses. How small is their worth and station, yet how grandiose their words! Do they not see the sun and observe the waves of the ocean? If they deny this Call, this Cry, this Most Great News, to what cord will they cling and by what proof will they argue? From the pages that were written and sent to your honor, his station is known and his intention evident. Since this evanescent servant has seen those pages, he deemed it necessary to mention for the sake of God that which the dawning-places of fairness and manifestations of justice will observe, that they may protect the divine sheep from the wolves of the earth.

Furthermore, it is the plea and submission of this evanescent servant that greetings and salutations be conveyed to the honored Afnan of the Sacred Tree, upon them be from all Glory its Most Glorious. This is a kindness from your honor towards this evanescent one. May the Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the favor of our Lord and your Lord be upon your honor and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

15th of the month of Sha'ban the Great, 1301

The Tablets for Behrabad and its surroundings have, in response to the request of the honored Haji Mirza ?-Y, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and the spiritual beloved, the honored Haji Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, been revealed from the heaven of grace and dispatched, together with this servant's letter written in response to the honored Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. Your honor should peruse these and then send them to Khan Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, and write to inform him that several months ago the honored Haji Mirza ?-Y and the honored Haji Mirza Husayn specifically requested wondrous and sublime Tablets from the heaven of divine favor for the aforementioned souls. For some time no response was forthcoming from the Source of the Cause until they requested again repeatedly. The Tablets were then revealed and dispatched. Now Khan should observe whether those souls have not altered the cup; if not, he should bestow these upon them. Otherwise, their rightful recipients will become manifest. Knowledge rests with God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

Another matter: When the letter that your honor wrote to this servant was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, a Tablet of prayer specifically for the honored Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon

him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will, and two days later, while this servant was engaged in transcribing verses before His presence, yet another wondrous and sublime Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him. He has thus received this bounty twice through His generosity, munificence, and mercy. Your honor should deliver both of these. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Munificent.

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He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Remembrance and Utterance!

The Command belongeth unto God Who stayed His Most Exalted Pen for certain known months due to the darkening of the horizon of trustworthiness by that which the hands of creation had wrought. When the time was fulfilled and the appointed hour came, He moved it with the fingers of power that it might course through the realms of remembrance and utterance and race in the field of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who both restraineth and releaseth; when He restraineth it the Concourse on High lamenteth, and when He releaseth it all who dwell in the kingdoms of eternity are stirred, the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing sway, and the boughs of the trees in the cities of names stretch forth. Verily it is the Horseman of Remembrance Whom neither the cawing of the wicked nor the braying of the evil ones can hinder. He gallops and courses, calling out in the most exalted voice between earth and heaven, for God hath made Him a spirit unto the Concourse on High and a light unto the kingdom of creation. He is indeed the Ornament whereby the world hath been adorned and the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused amongst the peoples. I beseech the Lord of Eternity to acquaint His servants with the excellence of this Day for which no likeness hath been ordained in creation and no peer in invention. I glorify and pray for those who have turned their faces unto God, the Creator of heaven, whose hearts have faced the Most Exalted Horizon, whose tongues have spoken in remembrance of God, the Sovereign of Names, and whose breasts have been dilated by the breezes of this Day which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His Name whereby the back of idols was broken and the pillars of vain imaginings were made to tremble. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, the servant hath attained unto your letter and found therein that which made me joyous, for it was adorned with the remembrance of God and His praise, and embellished with that which beseemeth you in His days. When the fragrance of love seized me from the waftings of your ink, I ascended and appeared before God, the Lord of creation, and presented what was therein. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, glorified be His majesty: "O Lion! We were walking in the House when the servant present before the Throne appeared with thy letter and presented it before the Face. When it was complete We sent down the answer from the heaven of Will and Power that thou mightest be thankful and be of them that attain. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst turn, didst hear, wast present, didst recognize, didst see, and didst attain unto the presence of God, and He is the Witness. Behold then remember when We caused thee to hear My call, showed thee My countenance, and made thee witness My beauty, and I am the Beautiful One. Do the affairs of the world grieve thee after thou

hast reached the shore of the ocean of joy while I am the Sorrowful One? Thou art he who hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of thy Lord's bounty and hast attained unto the most great gladness. Thy Lord is indeed the Great One. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and granted thee His presence. He is indeed the One promised in the books of old. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing. Be thou a servant unto the Cause of thy Lord. By the life of God, this is better for thee than all that is on earth. Thus doth My Pen teach thee and I am the All-Informed. He hath ordained for thee through His grace that which will gladden thy heart. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful."

Your words have been heard, and all that flowed from the Pen in praise of the Lord of Names was observed. God willing, ye shall speak forth the mention of Truth with consummate wisdom and utterance in all conditions, and be occupied in His service. Praise be to God, through the wondrous favors of God thou hast attained the Most Holy Court, and the Supreme Pen hath voiced such loving-kindness as shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Keep it ever before thine eyes and preserve it as thou wouldst thy very life. At this hour service to the Cause is most essential and is the most excellent of all deeds. God willing, thou hast been and shalt continue to be assisted therein. Verily He seeth and heareth, and He is the Manifest Truth.

As to what thou didst write concerning His honor Mirza 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, after his circumstances were presented, the Sun of loving-kindness rose above the horizon of grace. He - exalted be His glory - saith: O 'Ali! Blessed art thou in that thou hast heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the flowing of the Water of Life in the Kingdom of Creation. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having made me to know Thee and to hear Thy voice, and for honoring me with Thy recognition after most of Thy creatures remained heedless thereof. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Ruler of the realms above, to make me attracted to Thy verses, detached from all else but Thee, and celebrating Thy praise amidst Thy servants with that wisdom which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy name, the All-Powerful.

Render thanks unto God that thou hast been mentioned in the Most Great Prison, and thy Lord, the Ancient One, Who proclaimeth with the most exalted Voice, hath made mention of thee, saying: There is none other God but Him, the Speaker, and I am the All-Hearing.

And the names of the friends that were mentioned in thy letter were presented one by one, and He showed loving-kindness toward them all. His word, exalted be His majesty: O Asad! The One, the Single, mentioneth thee with verses from which fountains of wisdom have gushed forth among all creatures, that thou mayest rejoice and thank thy All-Knowing Lord. O 'Ali-Qabli-Naqi! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and this is yet another time. Say: O Lord of Names! Praise be unto Thee for having made me to know Thee, honored me and mentioned me. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the allusions of those who have disbelieved in Thee shall not cause me to slip when Thou didst come unto them from the heaven of Command with manifest sovereignty.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One calleth unto thee, making mention of thee from this noble station. Give thanks for having drunk from the Kawthar of utterance while most of those on earth turned away therefrom. Say: O my God, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee to assist me in that

which will exalt Thy mention and cause my mention to endure throughout the kingdom of Thy mighty dominion.

O My Name beginning with J! The face of thy Lord hath turned toward thee from this spot which God hath adorned with the ornament of His Most Great Name, whereby the nations were shaken except such as thy Lord, the Almighty, willed. Be thou firm, then steadfast, in such wise that every weak one may gain strength thereby, every remote one draw nigh, every sorrowful one be gladdened, and every doubtful soul attain certitude. We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and make mention of thy Praiseworthy Lord.

O Abu-Turab! The All-Bountiful maketh mention of thee. By God! How sweet is your mention and your call, and how glorious is your Lord's hearing of you! Be ye thankful unto God for having made you to be among those who have attained.

O Hasan! We make mention of thee out of Our grace. Hearken and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having honored me, aided me, and bestowed upon me that which most of Thy creatures have neglected. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him who hath been named Ayyub, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. Thou art he that hath turned and drawn nigh and attained. To this My swift-moving Pen beareth witness. Remember when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hear the call of the Wronged One, and wert of them that attained.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, who hath turned toward My Most Glorious Horizon and desired to drink the choice wine of immortality from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious. By the life of God! Shouldst thou drink thereof in My Name, thou wouldst find the sweetness of all blessings and be seized with such intoxication from the wine of divine knowledge that thou wouldst abandon all who dwell on earth and make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to attract every heedless and remote one. We counsel thee to manifest the greater steadfastness, for the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and turneth toward thee from this remote spot.

O Yusuf! Hearken unto that which thy Lord, the Most Glorious, calleth unto thee from the Most Exalted Horizon, that His call may bring thee to such a station that thou shalt abandon all humanity and behold thyself in manifest joy. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned and made mention of thy Lord when every doubting opposer turned away. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's bounty and say: I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, seeking refuge in Thy presence and clinging to the hem of Thy luminous robe. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest become aware of the favors of thy Lord and be of them that are firmly established.

We make mention at this hour of him who hath been named 'Abdu'l-Husayn, that the rapture of the breezes of revelation may seize him on this Day whereon the Ancient King hath been established upon the Most Great Throne and proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Wondrous. All the treasures of earth cannot equal that wherewith thou hast been mentioned before the Face. To this

beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen and that which hath been sent down in My Preserved Tablet. Make mention of thy Lord at all times and say:

O God of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names, to make me steadfast in Thy religion, firm in Thy love, and speaking in Thy beauteous praise. I testify that through Thee the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the garment hath wafted among all religions, and that Thou art He through Whose Name the heaven of utterance hath been raised up and through Whose remembrance the books of the All-Merciful have been honored. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High.

The All-Praised maketh mention of His beloved servant, that all who possess the sense of smell may perceive the fragrance of the bounties of their Gracious Lord. O beloved! We make mention of thee from the precincts of this Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Merciful. Hearken unto the verses of thy Lord and take them with the power bestowed by God and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy power and Thy sovereignty and Thy majesty and Thy glory to make me one of those who have cast away the world through Thy Name, O Lord of the Ancient Days! Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou takest and Thou givest, and Thou art, verily, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad Big, He saith–and His Word is the truth–in these days, due to differences and upheavals and the fires of war, turning toward the Prison is not permitted. Say: O friends of the Friend! He commandeth that today all the loved ones should fix their gaze upon the horizon of unity and soar in the atmosphere of remembrance and utterance. That is, they should, in perfect unity and harmony, occupy themselves with teaching the Cause with wisdom. This hath been and shall ever be the greatest of rewards in the sight of God. Verily, He inscribeth the recompense of attainment for whomsoever He willeth. He is, in truth, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

And likewise regarding Aqa ’Ali-’Askar about whom you wrote, it was specifically mentioned before Him, and He said: “May God reward him with the most excellent of rewards and ordain for him that which shall profit him in the world to come and in this world. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.”

Concerning the prisoners whom you mentioned, it was presented before His countenance and He said: “They must not grieve over what hath befallen them in the love of God and His Cause. That which hath come upon them hath come upon Us. Thy Lord is verily the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. They who have been imprisoned in the path of God - God will assuredly assist them through His grace and will make their remembrance to endure forever in His Mighty Book. Thus have We made mention of them in the Book of him who was named ’Ali before Akbar, who attained the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Rejoice in God’s remembrance of you. Verily, He loveth those who have borne tribulations in His path. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the Generous.”

God willing, His infinite bounties shall encompass their condition.

As for what you wrote concerning Manakji Sahib, his petition arrived from the Land of ?ad, but it is not permissible for anyone to know who the sender was. It arrived quickly, and the answer was revealed from the heaven of God's will in those same days, but its dispatch was delayed due to wisdom. Likewise regarding the petitions of this servant which had been presented to some of the friends. When the petition of the Sahib was presented before the Throne, His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps - was present, and He was commanded to write the answer to the petition. He wrote the response, but it was not sent because in those days some Christians had risen against the Muslims and were engaged in creating mischief with the utmost craftiness and deceit, and letters were being examined by the government lest correspondence from the mischief-makers be sent abroad. For this reason and others the letter was not sent, until this time when the Sun of Permission rose and shone forth from the horizon of grace, and his answer was dispatched. God willing, may they attain unto its meanings.

O true brother and sincere friend! Beseech ye the one true God, exalted be His glory, that souls may hearken with attentive ears, and with enlightened hearts and sanctified spirits regard the divine utterances. His honor hath inquired about certain matters, among them the differences between religions. This is a subject which, were it to be revealed in detail, would surely cause upheaval among some, for most people have not drunk from the stream of the Bayan and comprehend not the meanings of what hath been sent down from the presence of the All-Merciful, nor are they aware. Most of the servants are perplexed by the differences between religions, whereas these differences have been and shall continue to be the cause of the education of souls and their advancement. For divine laws are revealed according to the requirements of the time, age and epoch. Consider, for example, the differences between hours, and observe the variations between seasons. If a person of insight reflects even briefly, he will assuredly know that these differences have been and continue to be the cause of the unity of the servants and the preservation of all who dwell in the lands. It was formerly said: "Travel is a portion of hell." Now if it be said: "Travel is a portion of paradise," there would be no harm in this, for the means have changed, as can be observed today when a traveler sits in utmost comfort in a carriage and proceeds whithersoever he willeth. A person of insight perceiveth no contradiction between these two statements. Likewise, His honor hath mentioned religious beliefs and inquired which is preferred today. Though this question was not answered explicitly, implicitly all answers were sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will. God willing, may they comprehend their realities and become aware of the meanings enshrined within the chambers of words. That which is best and most acceptable today is that which is in truth the educator of the world, the illuminator of the world, and the quickener of the world. The utterances of truth have been such that were any fair-minded person to consider this very Tablet, he would testify that it is the sovereign of utterance and the king of books, comprehending all meanings. The answers to all these questions which he hath asked have already been sent down. God knoweth that nothing remaineth that hath not been revealed in the Book. All matters and affairs have been sent down from the heaven of will - that which sufficeth all and leadeth them to perfect tranquility. We beseech God to assist the people to comprehend that which is intended. Convey My greetings to His honor and mention that God willing, he should become illumined with the lights of divine love and attain His good-pleasure. When they attained the honor of presence in Iraq, God willing, may they be blessed with its

trace and fruit. Verily He is the Manifestor of whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is indeed the All-Powerful Manifestor.

This servant sent a copy of the Blessed Tablet revealed in honor of the Sahib, written in clear script, so that any of the friends who wish to make a copy may do so, allowing the original to remain preserved and reach its owner. While writing this petition, this thought occurred: let the friends in that land strive diligently so that the Sahib may become aware of the essential matter - namely, that the purpose of God, exalted be His glory, was not and is not conflict and strife, and God forbid, reprehensible acts and rejected deeds, the shedding of blood, plunder and seizure of people's property. If they truly become aware of these matters and grasp the intent of what was revealed in the Book, they might then convey certain words to some souls that would bring assurance, and the noble ones and princes would comprehend this station and know that Truth is sanctified and exalted above all deficiencies. This Cause is as evident and clear as the sun, its path manifest and its way straight. If they would ponder this comprehensive word that has flowed from the dawning-place of the Divine Pen, they would testify to the loftiness of God's Cause and its exaltation. He, exalted be His glory, has said: "Glory is not his who loves his country, but glory is his who loves the world." How far between the people and what they say, and the station of God's Cause, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting! God willing, you should remind the servants with utmost gentleness and wisdom, and exert the utmost effort and striving to unite the loved ones in that land. God knows this is what brings joy to all things. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, has counseled His loved ones in most tablets regarding love and unity, for through these the banners of victory are raised and the horizon of the Cause becomes luminous.

After your petitions were presented at the Most Holy Court and what the All-Merciful revealed in response, this servant was again summoned and He said: "O servant present! Write to the loved ones that the Supreme Pen has never paid attention to the mention of the elixir and the knowledge thereof, nor will it ever do so. Some souls asked questions about certain statements of philosophers and others. It was observed that if an answer were not revealed, it might cause delusions. Therefore it was revealed from the Dawning-Place of Divine knowledge, and We forbade all from engaging in it. Blessed is he who has heard God's command and restrained himself from passion. By the Sun of the horizon of knowledge! Today the greatest elixir and the essence of the world is the Word of God. Say: O friends, cast this greatest elixir upon the existence of nations in the name of the Lord of Eternity, that they might be transformed and attain to the station of the knowledge of God." And in this regard, brilliant, illuminating, and manifest utterances have flowed from the Supreme Pen and were sent to all regions before and after. Blessed is he who has heard the command of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

O Lion! Blessed are they who gather together for the love of God and His Cause, and who reflect and meditate upon the affairs of His loved ones. Give them the glad-tidings from Me of My loving-kindness, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all things. That which thou didst mention regarding the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar was accepted before the Throne, and likewise what thou didst mention concerning the blessed spot. Verily, We make mention of those who have gathered and who gather together to serve God, that they may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. Upon them be My glory, My remembrance and My praise. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Wise. God hath forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. By My life! At this moment when these words have issued forth from the

mouth of the Will of thy Lord, the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord, the Merciful, hath been diffused. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

I beseech thee to convey to the loved ones in that land, who have drunk from the Kawthar of divine love and are adorned with the luminous robe of steadfastness, sublime greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant, and make mention to each one of this servant's utter nothingness and evanescence. God, exalted be His glory, is witness that this evanescent servant is occupied most times with their remembrance. Verily, He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have stood firm in the Cause on this Most Great, Most Mighty Day. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Praise be to God Who awakened all created things through His sweetest call and made known to them His most exalted horizon from which shone forth the Sun of Revelation through His Name whereby the sun was darkened, the moon eclipsed, the earth was cleft asunder and the heaven was split apart. Exalted is our Lord, the Most Glorious, Who when He speaks all things are attracted, and when His Most Exalted Pen moves, the Kingdom of Names is set in motion. He is the One by Whose finger were rent asunder the veils of humanity and the veils of those who were debarred from the ultimate Purpose and the loftiest Summit. Blessed is he who, out of longing for His Revelation, soared above the world and arose to serve Him amidst His creation. He is the One Whom the Book praised, the pebbles celebrated, the seas proclaimed His sovereignty, the mountains His power, the winds His might, and the signs His glory and splendor. He is the One Who planted with the hands of grace the Lote-Tree of faithfulness in the white spot and watered it with the blood of the chosen ones and the near ones. Exalted, exalted be the Lord of eternity and the Sovereign of nations, in Whose recognition souls are bewildered and before Whose remembrance the sincere ones and those near to God confess their inability to soar. All things testify that He cannot be described, nor mentioned, nor comprehended, nor known. He is the Single One, the One, the Sanctified, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of Will be upon those who speak His praise, who stand firm in His Cause, who arise to serve Him, who convey His commandments, and who drink the choice wine of steadfastness among His creatures in such wise that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names turn toward them. These are servants whom neither the affairs of the world sadden nor the veils of nations hinder nor the might of those who disbelieve and act wrongfully frighten. Blessed are they, then blessed are they. These are the people of God; through them all things seek blessing morning and evening.

Your letter illumined the heart and strengthened all members and limbs, for it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Exalted be His remembrance, exalted His praise, exalted His station, exalted His recognition, exalted His description. The mention of the true Sovereign and spiritual King is, in truth, like the sun in the heaven of knowledge and like a lamp in the darkness of the world. When it shines forth it illumines the horizons, and when it appears it brightens those in all lands. Praise be to the Beloved of souls and the Purpose of all possible existence Who honored these servants in the days of His Manifestation with this most exalted station and ultimate rank, which is the recognition of God,

exalted be His glory, and did not deprive them from the ocean of inner meanings. He is, verily, the Generous Giver.

Regarding what you wrote about having sent multiple letters addressed to this evanescent one, before this letter only one of them arrived which was a source of joy and delight. This servant is occupied day and night with the writing of divine verses, and since numerous Tablets have repeatedly and successively dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of favor specifically for you, this servant did not make his presence known. Among these were those sent with Haji Siyyid ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise with Ismullah-i-A?daq, upon them both be the glory of God, and also with Shaykh Salman. Praise be to God, the gaze of favor of the Purpose of the world, exalted be His grandeur, has been and will continue to be upon you, and its fruit will surely become manifest and evident in the visible world. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Generous.

In their letter dated the 25th of Rajab, they had written that the honored physician, upon him be the Glory of God, had written that from the blessed Tongue had come the announcement of tribulation. Although the exact text of the blessed utterance is not before this servant, yet in the Tablets this matter has been revealed, both in these days and previously in the Most Holy Book, and assuredly whatsoever hath been revealed and sent down from the Divine Pen and the heaven of the eternal Will shall come to pass, even as whatsoever was revealed in the Tablet to the King of Persia and to Ra’is hath been fulfilled, word for word and phrase by phrase. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His loved ones and preserve them from that which beseemeth them not. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The people are asleep, nay dead. In one of the Tablets this blessed word hath been revealed: “No one save its people can read any book, for the scripts are diverse. For example, none but its people can read the Hebrew script, and likewise the Syriac and other scripts. But the Book of the world can be read by every soul, for upon every tablet of the world is inscribed and recorded the word of change and evanescence, and all behold this and are aware of it. Even as after a luminous day they witness with their outward eye the dark night, and in every moment they see the changes and transformations and variations, and all these matters are written in clear script in the Book of the world. And yet all are heedless and stupefied. Glory be to God! What intoxication is this that hath prevented the world from awakening, and what slumber is this that hath encompassed all! I swear by the dawning rays of the Sun of inner meanings that riseth from the horizon of the prison, that were a soul to become aware to the extent of a single hair, he would not occupy himself with these fleeting days, nor would he deprive himself of the praiseworthy station. Observe the baseness of souls - all acknowledge and confess the evanescence and nothingness of that with which they are occupied, yet each is seen to be captive to something and afflicted by something. I beseech God, exalted be He, to aid us to arise to serve Him and to stand firm in that which He hath willed. Verily He is the One desired in the first and the last. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Some time ago this evanescent servant sent a petition to His Honor the Name of God, his eminence Jim, upon him be all the most glorious Glory. That petition was adorned with divine verses. God willing, it will reach the attention of that honored one and he will be enriched by its ocean of meanings.

Concerning what you mentioned about the dream of Aqa Mirza Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God, and the martyrdom of the martyrs, upon them be all His Most Glorious Glory, by the life of the Beloved, there hath appeared in creation that which causeth all things to curse every oppressor who hath arisen in opposition and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise and the denizens of the highest heaven to weep at eventide and at dawn. How excellent are these words: "Oppress not if thou hast the power, for oppression will in the end bring thee remorse. Thine eyes may sleep while the wronged one keepeth vigil, calling down curses on thee, and the eye of God never sleepeth." Such is the nature of men that they take such heedless souls as their leaders. They have passed by the ocean and clung to a mirage. They are deprived of the rays of the Sun and have grown accustomed to darkness. Fie upon them and upon those who have denied God throughout all ages! Before the people, they have committed deeds for worldly ornaments, the traces of which shall never be erased from the world. Soon shall they behold what they have wrought. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

After the arrival of this news, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine will specifically concerning Shaykh Baqir and the Imam-Jum'ih, who have been designated as the Wolf and the She-Serpent in the Book of the Lord of Names. They specifically commanded that a copy be sent to Asad, therefore this servant sent the written copy to him. Verily it is a noble Book sent down from the presence of One mighty and wise. And as commanded, after perusing it, you should deliver it to His Holiness Ismu'llah J, upon him be all His Most Glorious Glory. What benefit is there when attentive ears are lacking and penetrating vision is absent? Otherwise, all the peoples of the earth would become intoxicated by the wine of the utterance of the Countenance of the Most Merciful and would occupy themselves with His mention, praise and service in the assemblage of the world. In any case, each faction rejoiceth in that which it possesseth. Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

Concerning what you wrote that His Holiness Ismu'llah H, upon him be all His Most Glorious Glory, labored for years in the belief that the brethren had many who circled round the Absolute Beloved and the True Sovereign and would protect them, yet in the time of tribulation and affliction not a single soul arose for their sake purely for God's sake to offer protection and seek justice - to the end of your words - this matter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered:

O Asad! Hearken unto the call raised from the direction of 'Akka, which hath been lifted up from the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory: Verily there is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We took a handful of dust and breathed into it a spirit from Our presence, and clothed it with the robe of recognition, and adorned it with the ornament of certitude, and raised it to a station whereat the tongues of the Concourse on High uttered its mention and praise. Thus doth the Intended One inform thee that thou mayest become aware of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Protector, the Glorious, the Loving.

Two honored brothers - upon them be the Glory of God - in the days when the Sun of the Horizons was shining and radiant from the horizon of Iraq, turned towards and attained the Most Holy Court. Through the fragrances of divine verses they forgot themselves and others, and arose to praise, commemorate and serve the Friend. After returning, they achieved what they had intended and sought from the Truth. The hand of divine power exalted them to such a degree that they became the focus of all the loved ones

and the refuge for most of the servants who dwelt in that land. In their final days, they attained the robe of martyrdom, which is the finest ornament in the world. Verily thy Lord is their Helper, their Succourer, their Strengthener, their Exalter, their Rememberer and their Praiser. This station is one of thanksgiving and praise, a place of glorification and prayer. By My life, if someone were to contemplate the favors of the Truth, they would speak with the tongues of all things throughout their life, saying "Praise be to Thee, O Glory of the Worlds." God willing, that honored one should look to the fruit of the tree of martyrdom, taste its sweetness, and make the loved ones aware of it. Such matters have ever occurred and will continue to occur, and were the Supreme Pen to mention their fruits, assuredly the tablets would not suffice. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having turned, approached, entered, heard, attained and spoken in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have immersed themselves in the ocean of My good-pleasure and who have uttered in all conditions My word: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds."

This servant at this point submits that the Twin Luminous Lights attained the presence of the Beloved of all horizons in Iraq and were outwardly favored with such bounties as had never been witnessed for any others. Since in those days the Twin Luminous Lights were not widely known, some were astonished at the divine favors bestowed upon them, and certain ones even made some remarks. After they returned, several petitions from them reached the Most Holy Court wherein they implored for the supreme martyrdom. I swear by the countenance of the Desired One, they sought this station with such utter helplessness that nothing greater can be imagined. Whenever their petitions were presented, the Tongue of Grandeur would speak words indicating that the time and season for it had not yet arrived - that they should be patient until God brings about His decree. In truth, the divine verses took such possession of them that this ephemeral pen is incapable and powerless to describe it. God, exalted be His glory, rained down the showers of His grace upon them and elevated their station to such a degree that they became beloved of the chosen ones and renowned in all lands. They were blessed with both outward and inward bounties and sustained by the divine table. Finally they attained this most exalted and sublime station. While they were alive their station remained veiled, but after their ascension there shone forth from the Supreme Pen what did shine forth. O my beloved one who stands before my eyes! A hundred thousand regrets that this servant attained to what they attained. I swear by that Most Firm Handle by which earth and heaven were set in motion that in all conditions this servant remembers and utters "Would that I had been with them!" Would that a portion of this ocean had been bestowed and a share granted! This servant is forbidden from mentioning certain matters, otherwise he would mention that whereby people would understand what is hidden from them. At all times this evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication that he may be granted a drop from this cup. Verily He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, He is the Giver, He is the Bestower, He is the Compassionate, the Kind, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Wise.

Up to this point, the answer to your esteemed letter dated the 25th of Rajab has been submitted. And the second letter of the 28th of Sha'ban arrived like a spiritual bird and brought joy to this ephemeral heart. We praise God, exalted be He, for your health, your remembrance, your acceptance and your turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that you have been favored with God's grace, have arisen to serve His Cause, are speaking His praise, are turned toward His face and are gazing at His horizon.

Concerning the four souls you mentioned, we beseech God to assist all to act with wisdom. During the time of the Primal Point, may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake, and after His supreme martyrdom, each year in various lands bloodshed, plunder and pillage occurred, as in previous ages. These events have been and will continue to be the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause, though in past years such occurrences were rare. After the incident in the Land of Sad, one day when present before this evanescent servant, He said: "O thou who art present! Although this event caused sorrow and grief to the loved ones of God, it became the cause of the further exaltation of the Cause. The Supreme Pen beareth witness that they attained unto that which none before them had attained. Through their love the fire of love was kindled, and through their martyrdom the mention of God was spread amongst all creation. Blessed are they and blessed is he who draweth nigh unto them purely for the sake of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed are they who have borne hardships for His love, who have entered prison for His Name, and who have been abased in His path. By God! They are indeed the triumphant ones. God will soon reveal the fruits of their deeds on earth. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Blessed are the faces that were changed by the slaps of the oppressors in His days, and the necks that were adorned with chains in the manifestation of His Cause. By My beauty! He who hath been abased in My path shall soon behold glory bowing down before his face. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing."

As for your mention that the friends have no affliction save the destitution and poverty that encompass them all, this evanescent servant submitteth that at one time the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all in the Kingdom be a sacrifice for His sake - that Holy Being Himself together with His companions were in utmost poverty, to such degree that some had no sustenance for the night. Later came a time when one of His companions had more than two hundred horses in his stable, and upon some of them bounties rained down from all directions like rain, and they spent all in the path of the Friend, paying no heed to its accumulation. Today the friends of God must, relying upon Him, stand with perfect steadfastness in the Cause of God, and like the morning star shine bright and luminous among the people, and with wisdom and utterance call all who have gone astray to the horizon of the All-Merciful. By His very Self, the Truth! The days of glory, sovereignty, wealth and power shall all be made manifest, and divine favors shall encompass them from all directions. All souls shall turn toward them and bow down before them. Let them know the value of these days and beseech God not to be deprived of any matter which they would be powerless to rectify.

Convey on behalf of this evanescent one a wondrous and sublime greeting to all, and make mention that this is a Day the like of which hath never been. Strive ye to drink at all times from the living waters and partake of the choice wine of inner meaning, that ye may be adorned with an everlasting ornament. By the Beloved of the world, in this way all that pertaineth unto you shall endure and remain. Every small deed performed for the sake of God in this day shall be spread throughout all regions. He verily knoweth what He hath ordained for His servants who are not deterred in His path by the censure of the critic nor the oppression of any relentless tyrant. God willing, that honoured one should gladden through the mention of God those friends who have been saddened by recent events. All wealth, glory, exaltation and greatness are destined for man, but since God, exalted and sanctified be He, hath made all matters dependent upon means, they shall appear in their appointed time. This evanescent servant beseecheth

his Lord to adorn them with the ornament of patience and ordain for them that which shall profit them in this world and the next. He verily is the All-Patient, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Concerning what thou didst write about Ali-Akbar Bey, it was presented before the Most Holy Court, and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of merciful grace and sent forth. Deliver it unto him, that his heart may rejoice thereby, his eyes be consoled, his breast be dilated, his soul be attracted, and his face be illumined through hearkening unto the verses of his Ancient Lord.

Likewise, thou didst make mention of my brother, upon him be the Glory of God. This was presented before the Most Great Horizon, and a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent forth. God willing, may he attain unto it. Mention was made of two Akbars in thy letter, and this was presented before His countenance, and the Sun of loving-kindness rose and shone forth from the horizon of grace. In this connection was seen the phrase “and strengthen them with a third,” therefore it is mentioned that no word hath been received for some time from Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. Convey the greetings of this evanescent one to him and to all other friends. Moreover, the captives of God - those souls who have become wanderers in God’s path, namely the people of Sad, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy - are ever before these evanescent eyes and are mentioned before the Throne. Glory be upon them, and greetings be upon them, and blessed are they and those who have attained in the path of the Beloved that which hearts abhor.

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Praised be the exalted, the most high! The essence of glorification and the source of sanctification befitteth the sovereign of wondrous and lofty might who, through the outpourings of the oceans of His grace and bounty, caused the realities of beings and essences of all things to ascend from the abasement of nothingness to the throne of glory and existence. Through the trump of power and sovereignty He breathed the breath of life into the bodies of abstract essences and manifest realities, illumined the mirrors of subtle knowledge with the wondrous effulgence of His all-encompassing mercy, and made manifest the precious ornaments of the abstract realms from the dawning-place of beauty. Thus do all created things, from the heights of the loftiest heavens to the earth below, testify that He is the Sovereign of existence upon the thrones of all contingent beings, and He is the King, the Desired One, in the realities of all things known. Sanctified is His holy Being from every pure description, and hallowed is His sanctified Essence from every abstract attribute. Through His sovereignty of oneness He is seated upon the throne of uniqueness, and through His majesty He dwelleth upon the seat of His bounty.

Then did the ocean of supreme loving-kindness surge, and the sea of greatest grace was stirred into motion. The seas of favor were set in motion and the rivers of generosity overflowed, until He removed the garment of glory from the countenance of beauty. At once did the holy mirror and the eternal crystal raise the banner of being and manifest existence, and He lifted the luminous veil from His divine countenance, that it might herald the essence of light and the face of manifestation and the point of unity in the heights of Sinai, so that all in the kingdom would await the command of God and the countenance of God, until the eternal lamp would shine forth in the glass of the hearts of the servants and the divine

light would illumine the niche of the breasts of men, that they might be drawn unto the Sovereign of the unseen realm and be attracted to the King of radiant glory.

He exalted this divine subtlety and heavenly grace through a third manifestation, as indicated by His - exalted be His station - words that the unitarians were powerless to comprehend and the sanctified ones failed to recognize: “This is the first that We have sent down in the Book - a glorious remembrance - and the last that We have manifested - a wondrous command. They rejected both, so We strengthened them with a third figure, a remembrance from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.”

Thus were the eternal heavens raised up, the divine stars made manifest, and the moons of unity rose. The rapture of joy was adorned with melodies of delight, and the doves of months warbled upon the branches of the camphor tree. The nightingale of glory sang upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree of Sinai, and the white dove chanted upon the boughs of the tree of richness. The sphere of joy revolved in the heavens of loftiness, and the orb of eternity coursed upon the mighty sea. The Sovereign of the Cause was seated and established upon the throne of command, even as the Dove of Glory warbled in the Sermon of Light, and the Nightingale of Faithfulness sang upon the branches of the Tree of the Unseen Realm: “Verily His sitting is better than the worship of both worlds. For this let the strivers strive! For this let the sincere doves take flight!”

I swear by the essence of glory and the point of decree upon the throne of destiny that the sitting of that Most Great Light is greater than whatsoever is in the heavens and earth. This is a fire that was kindled by His blessed self within His own self, without any fire having touched it. Rather, this manifestation […]

The Sun of Mystery has never occurred to the mind of any among those near ones and the sincere ones, as the Primal Point and the Most Glorious Beauty - may the spirit of all who dwell in the realms of revelation be sacrificed for Him - have said concerning them: “No tidings can describe Him, no thoughts can comprehend Him, the most precious hearts of the unitarians cannot attain to His exalted threshold, nor can the mere intellects of the sanctified ones reach His most holy court.” They are the glory of revelation and the manifestation of divine attributes, unique without peer or likeness, sanctified above association and glorification. Glory be to God from these non-existent imaginings and these rejected evil utterances! O people of the Bayan! Hear My call and turn from your transient selves to the Eternal Beauty, and ascend from your thoughts of nothingness to the ancient heavens, that perchance the breeze of mercy and grace may waft and divine lights envelop you. Then may you be seated in the pavilions of exaltation and the domes of grandeur, and rest upon the throne of honor and the seats of mercy, that you may hear with the ear of spirit the call of the Mystic Herald, awaken from the stupor of heedlessness, and witness the Ancient King seated at the right hand of power and might. This is the greatest outcome, the most glorious wisdom, and the most perfect truth. If you act upon what has been mentioned in this luminous white page, you will hear the melodious songs of birds upon the camphor tree branches, which call you from all directions with the essence of attraction and the substance of rapture, and you will observe the manifestations of joy upon the thrones of delight, how they circle around you. Therefore ascend by the cords of enlightened hearts, that while divine mercy’s breezes blow from the orient of the soul and fragrant musk wafts from the north of the Beloved’s hair, you may take your portion of life and obtain the endless everlasting blessing. This is eternal life and perpetual grace. Know the value of these

days - the Beauty of the Cause will not always be manifest. “The Beauty shall be concealed in the veils of glory, and you shall then supplicate and cry out.” Therefore while the springs of mercy flow and the clouds of grace are raised and the seas of love are surging, strive not to be heedless of His good-pleasure nor to fall short in His commandments and prohibitions. This evanescent, lowly servant swears by God that I am fearful and trembling as to how I might fulfill the conditions of servitude and raise the banner of service. At every moment I prostrate myself upon all the earth before His blessed Beauty and with every tongue I beg and hope for His mercy. Bear witness that I have left no spot on earth but that I have fallen prostrate upon it before God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised, and I have left no tongue but that I have called upon God with it - and God is aware of what I say. I am naught but an abject servant in His holy court. The eyes of the heedless are asleep while this servant’s eyes constantly await His mercy in fear. All souls are at rest while this body awaits grace in the dust of lowliness. Thus it has been submitted in petitions to Him: “Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest that all eyes are sleeping in their beds while the eyes of Baha await the wonders of Thy mercy, and all servants are resting upon their couch of glory while the countenance of hope lies upon the dust, yearning for the ornaments of Thy compassion.”

Glory be to God! How can there be existence for aught else before the manifestation of Him Who is the Sovereign Truth? What station hath nothingness in the presence of the revelation of the standards of pre-existence? What mention can be made of the ephemeral before the Eternal Throne? Where is the non-existent servant in the court of the Sovereign Lord? What position hath the slave before the Master, or the abject before the Mighty, or the lowly before the Exalted? Nay, I seek God’s forgiveness for all that hath been and shall be mentioned. We are utter nothingness and complete non-existence. We possess neither benefit nor harm, neither life nor resurrection for ourselves. We are all captives in the grasp of power and utterly poor before absolute wealth, for all who dwell in the kingdom exist in the realm of being, and the earth is held within His mighty grasp. “The whole earth shall be but His handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens shall be rolled together in His right hand. Glory be to Him! High is He above the partners they attribute to Him!”

How subtle is this melody of the Mount from the Dove of joy! How wondrous is this pure wine from the countenance of delight! How sweet is this most glorious song from the throat of the Spirit! How delicate is this crimson rapture from the white Face! Until the extinguished fire blazes forth, and the frozen earth melts, and the lifeless essence becomes animated, and the withered body stirs to life.

Thereafter, observe the ordinances of God for the love of God, for this is greater than all good and more exalted than all knowledge. For whatever degrees of knowledge have been ordained by God are themselves the known, and there is no knowledge superior to God’s good-pleasure and His commandments. Deal with one another with the utmost love and kindness. Should anyone commit a wrong, forgive him; remind him with perfect love. Be not harsh, neither show pride and arrogance toward one another, for I swear by God these are among the requirements of the heedless soul, and utter heedlessness leads to destruction. I take refuge in God from its evil and its cunning. You too should seek refuge, that perchance Alexander of the age might raise a barrier of illumined brass between, bringing relief from the Gog of passion and the Magog of blindness.

This is a leaf that speaketh of the mystery of attraction. Were ye to know, ye would surely read it and bear witness that He is indeed the Truth, there is no God but Him, and we are all His worshippers. And ye would be certain that I am a servant who hath believed in God and His signs, if ye would but understand. This humiliation sufficeth for all the people of the Bayan, that the Sovereign of the Cause is concealed in the pavilion of being and hidden in the treasuries of mystery. None knoweth in what land He dwelleth or in which realm He moveth.

Then did the Dove cry out from the pole of the heaven of mystery, and the pillars of the mighty Throne were shaken, and the Most Glorious Countenances donned black garments upon seats of exalted glory, and the Dove of Sorrow warbled in the mystery of words with a hidden and mysterious call, and the secluded maidens in the chambers of the Throne shall surely weep with novel and sorrowful verses, and tears shall flow from the pure eyes of the crimson ones upon cheeks of resplendent glory. At that moment, when I heard the cry of weeping from the Kingdom of all things, I ceased speaking and returned to the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, unto Whom belongeth the Kingdom of the hereafter and […]

The first and all unto Him return, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds. I have but one expectation from the people of the Bayan, and make this entreaty: then I do adjure them by God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, that they make no mention of Me, neither with love and affection, nor with hatred and aversion. It seemeth that the good-pleasure of God lieth in this, and God sufficeth as a witness and a guardian between Me and them.

I bear witness that your letter was received, and certain scattered reports had also been heard prior to the letter, which greatly increased my astonishment that one such as yourself would mention such matters. Moreover, where did I ever express anything to you that would cause you to demand proof from me? If Haji Hassan made some mention, you should, out of respect for God's Cause and love for His friends, remain silent and inquire about what you have cited from Haji's words. What you now possess contains nothing that would cause denial. Indeed, you yourself were of this rank, for it is in your own handwriting that Haji referred to me in terms of attributes, and to Mirza Reza-Quli - may God's blessings be upon him and his loved ones - as one of the manifestations of Names, and all those under their shadow, meaning through the Bayan and its Author and their guides, are all in the meanings and outward expressions of Names and attributes, and will continue to be so. This was not a matter requiring such elaboration. Setting all this aside, you could have written two words and we would have changed the pronoun. I swear by God that I had such trust in you that it cannot be described. You also wrote that from my expressions you observed that the Eternal Sun had become immersed in the Glass of the Eternal. This is a truth about which there is no doubt. First, the Essence of Eternity and the Primal Point have been and are the Lord Most High, and it is known that the Mirror of Eternity has been and will be the Living, Self-Subsisting One. The Eternal Sun, which is the mention of the Divine Identity, has appeared manifest in the Glass, which is Him. Beyond this, the glass is a thousand times lower and more insignificant than the mirror, and attributing it to anyone carries no deficiency. His Holiness has established seven ranks for the degrees of mirrors. God willing, you will observe that those who circle round and the sincere in love stand at the fourth rank of mirrors, meaning they seek light and radiance from one Unity after another until it reaches the first Mirror. Moreover, the term 'glass' has no rank compared to 'mirror' that would make it

worth mentioning. Above all, I swear by God that whatever this servant says or writes, all of it refers to Him alone, and God suffices as witness. If you yourself observe that same writing, it will become clear, and all those writings were written by His command, especially in the Book of Light where He explicitly commanded that I should impart to all from the gems of wisdom and the essences of knowledge and power. The Point of Existence is witness that I have never had nor do I have any desire to manifest any station of my own. Since it has now become necessary and obligatory, I declare that what He Himself has revealed clearly and correctly in the Book of Light exceeds what you have attributed to Haji Hassan, and no one is mentioned in the Book of Light, and in multiple instances it was written that He Himself collected copies of these and sent them to Mirza Reza-Quli, they reach the blessed vision, and observe the Husayniyyih prayer which is in His prayers, and it was and is known that whatever is mentioned in the aforementioned book […]

That which is revealed and sent down is greater than all letters and other things. And that Book which was sent bears His blessed handwriting - you have not yet observed it but later, God willing, it will come to your attention. Yet by the truth of Truth, I do not consider myself worthy of even one letter of it and I am greatly ashamed to mention these matters. Would that I did not exist to make such mentions. In any case, it has been known to you that this servant has nothing but nothingness and pure servitude. However, I am the crusher of the might of the transgressors. That person from that direction was the father of evils - why did he not execute the Cause of God? For six months, all the people of Baghdad surrounded this servant. By God's grace, I scattered them all and brought God's Cause to completion. Let my deeds be witness to my faith. And I had thought that after this great victory and countless trials, the friends would show love and friendship. But this was the final result. In all things, praise be to God - whoever is for God, God is for him. Some of the corrupt ones in these lands have mentioned certain grounds and conversations, hoping they might breach the Cause. Since they could not, they have fled and fallen into the stupor of heedlessness, speaking according to their desires. They say whatever they wish and do whatever they want. But soon it will be observed that all will become non-existent and lost. Furthermore, it is submitted that the Beauty of Azal is in seclusion and hidden from the eyes of creation. The companions and loved ones come and go - some have great expectations which are not fulfilled, so they inevitably return disappointed. Some must return happy and others sorrowful. It is known that each one relates matters according to their own condition and makes attributions. This has always been so and will continue to be. In any case, now after receiving this writing, gather all the companions and impart to them the verses of Nur, showing complete love so that all those companions may observe perfect love in you, that they may no longer be able to breach. The world has no worth or validity. What remains and endures is submission to God's Cause. This servant has always been, is, and will be engaged in establishing God's Cause. After the Book of Nur, this servant wrote what is recorded in the text to all the people of the Bayan, lest they exaggerate regarding this servant. This is what I have sent to you. You and all the companions must observe it and not neglect to consider it. Then all matters will become clear, and this writing itself is evidence of this servant's truthfulness, if you would but look at its words. Among the verses of Nur is this: "We have indeed commanded those who believe in God's verses to follow your word in your Lord's Cause, and We have made you a warner from Our presence to cast knowledge and wisdom into the hearts of these…" If there are ears to hear, this one verse suffices for all. God willing, all will

become known. And these causes were brought about by two lying, accursed claimants - one being that man who in Hamadan […]

Say: O Javad! Ask forgiveness for what thou hast transgressed in the Cause of God, exceeded in His right, and committed evil through thine own selfish desires in what thou hast falsely attributed to His servant - if thou desirest to be of the assured ones. Otherwise, verily God is independent of thee, thy deeds, and those who are not guided by the verses of God. Javad is not entirely at fault since he was unaware. There are many matters that cannot be mentioned. God willing, if we meet, these will become known. Last year a group of the friends from that province came and mentioned your intended visit, but afterwards nothing materialized. We waited for some time, and those same friends met with this servant and became aware of his words and deeds. It is surprising that they did not report this, or if they did report it, it was not heard. Now this servant's request is that you rectify all these matters so that the people there or elsewhere do not think there is any discord, but rather know there is complete unity, harmony and agreement. Furthermore, protect the Cause of God with the utmost power and strength, for God will be the Helper and Supporter. The tablets and writings of the companions were all sent. I remember all the friends - praise was spoken of them. And "the Most Remote Mosque is the place of her feet, and the Throne of Glory the earth whereon she walketh" which was mentioned in the ode on their behalf, and what I mentioned from my own tongue - understand it well. The essence of humility's stations and the wonders of submissiveness's ranks from this servant unto that noble one become evident, though this writing itself suffices.

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

This is a Book sent down in truth, and verily it is a guidance and mercy unto all the worlds. Indeed it is God's testimony amongst His servants, His proof amidst His creation, His most great evidence among His creatures, and His balance which hath been established in truth - yet the people comprehend not its utterance. Verily it is the Most Great Sign, the Most Exalted Countenance, and the Mystery of the First and the Last, made manifest in the Most Glorious Garment - glorified be He above the comprehension of every wayward polytheist. He hath appeared with divine adornment between the heavens and the earth, and hath come from the Kingdom of Glory with manifest sovereignty.

Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and be not veiled from Him through Whose will the fountains of wisdom have gushed forth from the hearts of them that are God-fearing. Were it not for Him, the veils would not have been rent asunder, and the Lord of Lords would not have come in the shadows of a transcendent Name. Verily He is the Creator of all names, if ye be of them that know. At His right hand is the dominion of authority, and within His grasp is the Kingdom of the heavens and earth. He is, in truth, the Exalted Beauty - open, therefore, your eyes that ye may behold Him once again through this Name which hath dawned from the horizon of this Dayspring with wondrous radiance.

Verily, this is He Who was suspended in the air in the path of God, His Lord, and upon Whom befell that which caused the pillars of the mighty throne to tremble. O people of the Bayan! Be ye ashamed before

the Beauty of Him Who sacrificed His soul, then take ye the path unto the Beloved in this Revelation. Beware lest ye be veiled from Him for Whose meeting ye were created and Who calleth you at all times to a sublime horizon. He desireth naught but to draw you nigh unto God's Kingdom, to purify you from earthly defilement, and to raise you up to the pavilion which hath been upraised in God's Name. He desireth nothing for Himself, but rather for you that which hath been ordained by the One Who is omnipotent and ancient.

We have not sent down the verses except as a reminder to him who feareth God, and God is indeed aware of this. Verily it is a revelation from your Lord, the Most Merciful, and He hath indeed ascended the throne, and at His right hand is the Sovereign of the Messengers, who in the Book was exalted. O people! Fear God, then follow the path of truth, for it is indeed a straight path. We have, verily, honored you, O My loved ones, above all who dwell on earth, and have preferred you above many of Our servants. We have sent down unto you the Book wherein We have detailed every matter, and have ordained for you the laws of the Cause that ye may know your course and remain steadfast in the Cause.

Arise to serve the Cause, then assist this Youth Who in these days hath been afflicted with tribulations which no reckoner, however learned, can compute. Beware lest ye be neglectful in the Cause of God and cast His laws behind your backs, for whoso doeth so is recorded among the wrongdoers in the Tablet. Beware lest ye abandon this Book. Unite, O people, in the Cause of God - this is what ye have been commanded in the Tablets, and We are witness to this. Through unity shall God's Cause be made manifest among His creatures, and faces shall turn toward the dawning-place of a glorious Name. Show forth among the servants My nature and My traces, and be not deprived of the breezes of these days.

And thou, O Leaf of Paradise, hearken unto My call from the direction of My throne, that it may attract thee to the heaven of My grace and the atmosphere of My bounty, and may cause thee to speak My praise among the worlds. Leave thou […]

Turn thy face from what lieth behind thee towards this Sanctuary which God hath built with the hands of His power, and round which circle the Concourse on High, then the angels brought nigh. Be thou not grieved at aught, for soon shall the world pass away and all matters shall return to their Source. This is truth, certain truth. Rejoice thou at the glad-tidings of the Spirit, for He hath assisted thee in truth and will assist thee as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having heard the melodies of thy Lord and attained the lights of His countenance in days when all were wrapped in thick veils. Blessed art thou for having entered a paradise in whose shade all other paradises seek shelter. This is the supreme triumph, the manifest bounty.

Were We to recount to thee what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst weep and lament. Therefore do We conceal it from thee as a token of Our grace, for We are the Forgiving, the Merciful. I have been touched by tribulations that have caused the hearts of the chosen ones to burn, and then the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers. To this testifieth all things and everyone possessed of knowledge. Yet We thank God in all this, for He, verily, is the Beloved in whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Desired One in whatsoever He desireth.

By God! His purpose is My purpose, and what He willeth for Me is My wish. I fear not anything, even were I to be slain at every moment by all the swords of the idolators. Would that I were among those whose blood was shed in My path in that year of tribulation whereof We informed you beforehand in tablets of mighty glory. Those who have ascended unto God and sacrificed their spirits for love of My Beauty, by God, they now dwell in the Most Glorious Paradise, while the dark-eyed maidens and angels glorifying God circle round them. Their blood hath reddened the faces of the denizens of the highest Paradise, then those who dwell nigh the Sidrat-el-Muntaha, then the angels who were not commanded to prostrate, if ye be of them that know. Such is the station of those who were slain yet slew not. These are among the most exalted of creation in God's sight, and the company of holy angels seek blessing from their presence.

O My loved ones! The shedding of your blood upon the earth is dearer to Me than that ye should shed the blood of any soul. This was revealed at the beginning of this Manifestation, were ye of those who know. We have abolished the decree of killing in the Tablets on the day when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of mighty glory. This hath been revealed in all the Tablets, were ye of those who understand. Give life to souls through the breaths of your Lord, the All-Merciful - this is the way of them that are brought nigh. We have repeatedly emphasized this command in the Book, and God is witness to what I say.

Beware lest ye commit that which would cause harm to the Tree of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful. Upon thee, O Leaf of Eternity, be the fragrant breezes of Baha, then His praise and remembrance, and the remembrance of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having held fast to the Tree of the Cause, not falling away through the winds of trial which caused leaves to fall from the Tree of sublime glory. God counseleth thee, out of love for thyself, to hold fast to it through My Name, the All-Conquering, the Powerful, that thou mayest remain steadfast therein as thou wert for it and through it. This is a deed unequaled by the works of both worlds. Be thankful to thy Lord at all times, for He hath distinguished thee among His handmaidens and associated thee with His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious.

Then convey God's greetings to thy sister, whose companion was martyred in the path of his Lord, attaining the lights of God and soaring in the atmosphere of near and gracious presence. His spirit then appeared before the Throne, speaking in praise of his Lord. Thus doth God reward His servants who strive.

O Pen of Command! Make mention in the Book of Abu'l-Hasan, who hath believed in God, the Lord of the First and the Last, and hath heard His melodies in the days when the Ancient Being was made manifest through His Most Great and Most Glorious Name. O youth! Soar on the wings of detachment unto the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, the Spot wherein shineth the countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Purify thyself from the veils of them that have disbelieved in God when Ali was once again made manifest in truth. Arise through My Name and My sovereignty and say: These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth, and verily they are a reminder unto them that fear; a revelation from Him Who created the heavens, and verily He it is Who is established upon the throne. Before Him bow down in adoration all who are in the Concourse on High, and whatsoever hath

been created in the cities of eternity, and all that lieth beneath the earth. Fear ye God, O people, and withhold not yourselves from Him around Whom circle the realities of the pure ones and Who knoweth the secret and that which is yet more hidden. Say: By the Lord of the Throne! He speaketh not of His own desire, but rather through that which the Spirit casteth into His pure and radiant heart. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idol of him who disbelieved and turned away, and for having turned unto thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Say: Verily He is now at the most exalted horizon, uttering the mighty verses of His Lord, which God hath made a testimony from Him unto all who are in earth and heaven. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and He witnesseth both those who have gone astray and those who are rightly guided. Say: O people! Do ye dispute concerning Him Who hath come from the Dayspring of Glory with supreme sovereignty and Who calleth you unto God every morn and eve? Be ye guided, O people, by this Revelation through Whose beauty the eyes of the denizens of the highest Paradise have been solaced. Beware lest ye be veiled by names from Him around Whom circle the most excellent names.

Then make mention in the Book of him who was named Nabil-i-Qabl-i-Husayn in the Tablets of Decree, that he may rejoice in what hath been revealed from the Pen of Command in the pavilion of Names, and that he may aid his Lord to the extent of his power and be of them who have been guided and who seek guidance. O youth! Take delight in My remembrance, then proclaim My Cause. This is My counsel unto thee and unto them who have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance in these momentous days. Say: The Mighty One of the Cause hath come unto you from the heaven of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. None can protect you this day, O concourse of the idolaters, save God, the Lord of the lofty heavens. Fear ye God, and dispute not His verses after their revelation, and follow not every idolatrous infidel. Follow Him in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of all things, Who hath sacrificed His spirit in the path of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and Who hath suffered at the hands of the idolaters what cannot be numbered. This, verily, is God's Most Great Ship, His most mighty Cause, and His most exalted Word, and it is the Most Firm Handle. Fear ye God and deprive not yourselves of Him Whose appearance was promised you in the Tablets of 'Ali and the Book of Muhammad, then in the Scrolls of Abraham and Moses. Say: The vision of the Youth hath not deviated when He beheld the signs of His Lord. Do ye dispute with Him, O people? By God! He is mighty in strength and hath known what the possessors of wisdom knew not. O people! Do ye worship Al-'Uzza while ye deny God Who hath revealed unto the Youth what He revealed? Say: Did He not proclaim "Verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon"? Fear ye God and do not that whereby the Cause of God would be frustrated among men. Verily, He doth now, from this Horizon, witness and behold and summon you unto Himself that He may bestow upon you the most complete reward. Say: Fear ye God Who brought you into being by His command, and unto Him is your ultimate end. Know ye the value of these days wherein ye were promised in the ancient Scrolls and later Books. The Spirit and joy and gladness be upon you, O My loved ones, though the Beloved doth now lament and weep. Then doth He magnify God before the face of Baha'u'llah and make mention of Him in truth, that it may be a reminder to those who shall come after. His magnification equalleth not the creation of the heavens and earth, and through His magnification are the tongues of all created things opened in praise, if ye be of them who know.

Then turn your face of holiness unto the handmaiden who hath opened her tongue in remembrance of the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaiden! Soar in the atmosphere of My nearness, then hearken unto My most sweet melodies from this most holy and most glorious throat, and unto that which proceedeth therefrom to quicken all beings. Grieve thou not over anything, but rejoice with the joy of the spirit. He hath not forgotten thee and hath caused thy tongue to speak His beauteous remembrance. Remember thy Lord in whatsoever manner thou pleaseth, that perchance thy remembrance may influence the hearts of them that slumber and awaken them from the sleep of heedlessness and make them of them who remember. Blessed art thou for having been touched by the breezes of the Beloved and been turned toward the precincts of Paradise, the Vale on the right wherein everything proclaimeth: "I, verily, am God! There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!" That wherewith thou hast described God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation, hath been presented before Us, and it is better than all that is on earth. Thus hath the command been sent down at this moment from the heaven of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. By God! The very breath that proceedeth from one's love for this Youth shall be present before the throne of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and God shall manifest it in such form that were the veil to be removed from its face, the heavens and earth would be stunned thereby. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love in such wise that the whisperings of them who have disbelieved in God and believed in the idol may not cause thee to slip. Woe unto them and unto those who have followed them without clear proof or an enlightening Book! Remember thy Lord at all times, for by His remembrance His slumbering servants shall arise. Blessed be the mother who bore thee and the breast from which thou didst drink, for from thy tongue appeared praises in description of this imprisoned and lonely Youth. Were the veil to be lifted, thou wouldst witness how the denizens of the Supreme Concourse turn toward thee to hear that which floweth from thy lips in remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Grieve not over anything. Verily God is with thee, and He is the Protector of devoted women and the Helper of devoted men.

O Pen of Command! Return to the mention of the Leaf of Paradise, in whose name this impregnable and exalted Tablet hath been revealed. Say: O Leaf! Hold fast unto this sublime, exalted, mighty and all-knowing Tree. Verily it is the Sidrat al-Muntaha, the Ultimate Tree, and the Beauty of the All-Glorious in this Temple which is mentioned as the All-Glorious among the Concourse on High, lest thou be shaken by the winds of trials which blow from the direction of Satan. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, counsel thee, both aforetime and now from before His great throne. Then gather My loved ones at the fountain of My love, sever them from all else besides Me, and magnify their faces before God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Say: O loved ones of God! Be steadfast in His Cause and follow not every sinful idolater. Be united in the love of God and the Manifestation of His Cause. Beware lest ye differ in aught. Thus have ye been commanded by One Who is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Remember God at all times, be not heedless of Him, and be not of the negligent. Verily, this Youth of God is among you, Who hath come to you with clear authority, Who forbiddeth you from tyranny and wickedness and commandeth you to righteousness and godliness. Thus hath the Command been sent down in the Tablets of the Prophets and Messengers. Turn your faces toward the House and be not of them that are veiled. Be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the whisperings of the devils may not cause you to slip - they who, when asked "Who is your Lord?" say "God Who created us by His command," yet when He appeared with the truth and came upon the clouds of destiny, they denied Him. The curse of God be upon the infidels! Among

them are those who sought to shed His blood, those who calumniated Him, and those who turned away from the path of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. At every moment there befalleth the Youth that which causeth the eyes of the near ones to weep, and by reason of what hath befallen Him, the faces of the denizens of Paradise have turned pale and the hearts of the Messengers have been consumed. Were anyone to turn with penetrating vision toward Paradise, the place wherein hath been raised the pavilion of holiness, then the canopy of grandeur, then the tents of wondrous glory, he would witness that the Temple of Grandeur is now seated upon ashes through the tyranny of these oppressors. They slay God with their swords, then recite His verses. Why do they not understand? They shed the blood of the Beloved, then make mention of the Friend. Such hath been the state of the Youth. We have recounted it to you in truth that ye may be of them that know. And the Spirit be upon you, O My loved ones, and Glory be upon you, O My chosen ones, and Splendor be upon you, O hosts of God in all lands.

O Leaf of Paradise! Make mention on Our behalf of the handmaidens of God who circle round about thee and who worship their Lord at eventide and at dawn. O handmaidens of God! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have believed in God, the One, the All-Forgiving, and have detached yourselves from all else but Him, and have held fast unto the Most Great Handle in these days wherein the hearts of Our righteous servants have been set ablaze with love for this Youth Who hath appeared with truth and hath come from the dawning-place of the Spirit with sovereignty and power. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the melodies of God, and the eye that hath beheld His beauty, and the hand that hath been raised toward the quarter of His good-pleasure, and the foot that hath walked in His path. Thus have We sent down the command in this Tablet from which the lights have shone forth. We have altered the pronoun in these verses which were revealed in truth, for verily We have power over whatsoever We desire. None comprehendeth this save them that are endued with insight. With Him is the knowledge of all things, and nothing that hath been created between the heavens and the earth escapeth His knowledge. None understandeth this save them that are endued with understanding. Whatsoever knowledge ye possess hath appeared from Him, and We possess other knowledge, were We to utter but one word of which, the heavens would be rent asunder and the skin of the evil ones would quake with fear. Whatsoever ye behold in Our words that differeth from that of the people, know ye that it hath been revealed with wisdom which none knoweth save God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Know ye, moreover, that the use of the plural pronoun for women was not seemly; therefore We have abandoned it and replaced it by Our command, for verily I am the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O Leaf of Paradise! Send Our greetings to her who was with you through the days and nights, who observed the rights of God concerning you and circled round about you for the sake of your Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Then convey My greetings to her who hath been named Mardiyyih in the Kingdom of Names, that she may rejoice in the gladness of the Cause and be numbered among the thankful in this Tablet wherein mention of the righteous hath not been omitted. And likewise to her who hath been named Shahr, that she may glory in the remembrance of God, the Most Great, and may detach herself wholly from the wicked. Blessed is she in having attained unto the recognition of God in days wherein the heavens were cleft asunder, the earth was rent, the mountains were crushed, and the fruits did fall.

O Leaf of Paradise! Be thou ignited with this Fire which hath been kindled at the midmost heart of creation, that through thy heat the people of the lands may be set ablaze. Make mention and be thou devoted to God Who hath aided thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, through Whom the oceans of grandeur and might have been set in motion. Beware lest thou forget the remembrance of thy Lord, for He hath not forgotten thee. Remember Him in the morning hours and at dawn. He is with thee under all conditions, He doth witness and see, though eyes perceive Him not. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Seeing.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that through thee the handmaidens of God and His devoted servants may stand firm. Arise to make mention of the Youth and to praise Him in private and in public. Thus have We commanded thee before, and now as a token of Our grace upon thee and upon those who, when God's verses are recited unto them, shed copious tears from their eyes. These are My loved ones whom God hath sanctified from the defilement of those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God, and whom He hath preserved from every wicked deceiver. Upon them rest My blessings, My mercy, My praise, My remembrance, and My glory, from this day until the Day which none can reckon save them that are endued with insight.

Know thou that he whom We named the Most Great Nabil hath come into Our presence and made mention of your love for God and remembrance of Him. Blessed are he and you in that God hath singled you out for His mention and made you to be among the pure ones. He is even now with Us and hath entered the ocean of nearness and reunion by leave of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. May the Spirit, glory, holiness and splendor rest upon him and upon thee and upon them, for as long as God, the Lord of the free, shall endure.

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

Praise be to God Who hath aided His Cause through the enemies who have seated themselves upon the thrones of tyranny in the realm of creation and have perpetrated that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament. Praise be to God Who hath made all that appeareth on earth a cause for the exaltation of His Word, the advancement of His Cause, and the manifestation of His grandeur amongst His servants. He is the One Whom neither tribulation hath deterred from that which He hath purposed, nor calamity and affliction from that which He hath willed. He hath uttered a Word whereby the heavens of religions were rent asunder, the earths of knowledge were cleft, and the traces of those who denied the All-Merciful were obliterated. Exalted is He Who hath exposed the falsehood of every turban-wearing soul who hath clung to vain imaginings. He is the One Whom neither the hosts of the world nor the multitudes of nations can frustrate. Soon shall they behold their stations in the fire and what hath escaped them in the days of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

May salutations and peace, shining forth and dawning from the horizon of the Abode of Peace, rest upon those whom the veils of the heedless have not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and whom the swords of the oppressors have not deterred from the Great Announcement. They arose and said: "O concourse of divines! For what sin have ye risen against us, and for what crime have ye pronounced judgment against the companions of the Crimson Ark, whose praise hath been sung by the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Exalted Horizon, and whose recognition hath been testified to by the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, which speaketh betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but He, the Lord of all men, the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below?"

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of knowledge hath surged and its pearls have appeared among the servants, and the breezes of Thy Revelation have wafted throughout all lands. I beseech Thee to aid Thy chosen ones who have quaffed from the hand of Thy bounty that which transcendeth all description and mention, to serve Thy Cause in such wise as to cause the backs of the idols to tremble. Verily, Thou art the Protector of all people and the Sovereign of all days. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones scattered throughout Thy lands and dispersed throughout Thy realms. O Lord! Scatter the gatherings of those who have scattered their gatherings and seized what was in their possession, and who have committed that from which the denizens of Thy most exalted Paradise and the inmates of Thy sacred precincts have disassociated themselves, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy grandeur to pour forth upon them patience from Thy presence and to make firm their feet in such wise that the doings of Thy creation and the tyranny of Thy servants shall not cause them to slip. O Lord! Thou seest how the clouds of oppression have darkened the horizon of justice and equity, and how the dust of tyranny hath prevented the lights of Thy justice and the manifestations of Thy bounty from shining forth. I beseech Thee to aid the oppressed among Thy chosen ones whose sighs Thou hearest from the prison of ?a and other lands. Verily, Thou art He to Whose power and might every possessor of knowledge hath testified, and to Whose strength, grandeur and ascendancy every possessor of insight hath borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, the All-Subduing.

And further, the servant has attained thy letter which called out and cried aloud and testified to thy love, thy affection, thy acceptance, thy humility, thy reverence, thy teaching work, thy steadfastness, thy remembrance and thy praise of the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal. When the fragrance of thy words enveloped me and the wine of thy exposition intoxicated me, and thy inner secret and confidences in God and His Cause became apparent to me, I turned to Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. And after I attained His presence and made my submission, the Tongue of the Desired One spoke verses which none knoweth save Him and none can mention save Him, and from them wafted the fragrance of His loving-kindness in such wise that all regions were perfumed thereby. I confess and acknowledge my powerlessness to mention and reveal them, but I shall mention for thee what was impressed upon the mirror of my heart according to my capacity.

He said, exalted be His utterance: "O Haydar! The Wronged One hath heard thy call in the Cause of God, thy joy in His love, and thy sorrow at what hath befallen His loved ones. By the life of the All-Merciful! Sorrows have encompassed all possibility and the people are in doubt and hypocrisy. The enemies have surrounded the party of God, the Lord of Names, in such wise that the Most Exalted Paradise hath

lamented, and the dwellers of the highest Heaven and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. O Ali! Sorrows have not prevented thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the oppression of the nations hath frightened Him. He calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven saying: 'The Day of the Promise hath come, and the Lord of Creation proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Munificent.'

"O Ali! The children have desired to extinguish the light of God with their mouths and to quench the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree by their deeds. Say: Shame upon you, O manifestations of vain imaginings! Fear God and deny not this bounty whereby the horizons have been illumined. Say: The Dawning-Place of the Hidden Name hath appeared, did ye but know it. He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come, did ye but recognize it. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by this Most Great Revelation - turn unto it with radiant hearts and be not of the heedless ones. The Hour hath come, and We see the people struck down - to this do honored servants testify.

"O Haydar, before Ali! By God! The trumpet of the Bayan hath been sounded by the command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and all in earth and heaven were thunderstruck save those who have detached themselves from the world, clinging to the cord of God, the Lord of mankind. This is the Day wherein the earth shineth with the light of thy Lord, yet the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil. We desired the life of the people of the world, yet they desired My death - thus did their souls delude them on this Day which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of its Lord, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. The Mother Book speaketh, yet the people hear not; and the Preserved Tablet hath appeared in truth, yet most people read it not. They have denied God's favor after its descent and turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. They have clung to the hem of idle fancies, turning aside from God's Hidden Name. Say: O concourse of divines! Be fair, by God, then bring forth what proof and evidence ye possess, if ye be of those who have attained this praiseworthy station. Say: Turn ye to the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, that We may show you the equivalent of what ye and all the peoples possess of God's verses and […]"

Fear God and be not of them upon whom the chastisement from God, the Lord of existence, hath been decreed. This is the Day wherein the ocean of knowledge calleth aloud and revealeth its pearls, if ye but knew it, and the heaven of utterance is upraised in truth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. By God! The Essence of knowledge proclaimeth and saith: The Promised One hath come, He by Whom the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving, have been adorned. Through Him every grace and bounty hath appeared and unto Him shall all return. Fear God, O concourse of the ignorant, and wrong not them who desire naught save that which God hath desired, and follow not your selfish desires, if ye be of them that hearken. Soon shall all that ye behold today perish and ye shall weep for that wherein ye failed in the Cause of God. To this testifieth this inscribed Tablet. Be thou joyful for how We have remembered thee before and at this time with that whose fragrance shall never be cut off nor shall it change throughout the eternity of God's names, the Lord of all worlds. We have accepted thy remembrance and praise and promotion and service in this Great Announcement and We have heard what thy tongue hath uttered in the gatherings and assemblies. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have adorned thee with the ornament of My good-pleasure in My kingdom and have called thee from the right side of the

vale in the luminous spot behind the crimson sea from the divine Lote-Tree: Verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have created thee for My service and the exaltation of My Word and the manifestation of My Cause. Hold fast unto that for which thou wast created by the command of the Ancient Ordainer. And We make mention of My loved ones at this time and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors and what hath been ordained for them in My perspicuous Book. Ye have heard the derision of the enemies in My love and have witnessed the oppression of the wicked in My path, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. How many lands have been adorned with your blood in the path of God, and how many cities wherein your cries and lamentations were raised, and how many prisons whereunto the hosts of the oppressors led you. Know ye with certainty that He will aid you and exalt you in the world and make manifest your stations among the nations. Verily He doth not suffer the reward of them that are nigh unto Him to be lost. Beware lest the deeds of the dayspring of idle fancies and what every remote oppressor hath wrought cause you to grieve. Take ye the cup of steadfastness in the name of God, then drink ye thereof through His strong and mighty sovereignty. Thus hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet the sun of My compassion and loving-kindness that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon them who have turned unto thee and have heard what thy tongue hath spoken in this mighty and great Cause.

Praise be to God! The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised in such wise that were the hearts of the people of the world to incline even slightly they would be attracted and set ablaze, nay all things, but the conditions of self and passion have veiled all the people of the world from the Lord of mankind. Fie upon them whom their selves and desires have debarred from God, the Lord of all worlds. This evanescent servant must render thanks and praise to the true Beloved by the number of all created things, for from the Supreme Pen the decree of His good-pleasure hath been revealed specifically for that spiritual beloved. All good is unto him who hath attained unto this most exalted station and supreme rank. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. In these days mention of that beloved hath repeatedly proceeded and appeared from the tongue of grandeur. God willing, ye shall attain unto the presence of each one.

Regarding those gentlemen, friends, and chosen ones of the land of Sh whom you mentioned, praise be to God they are adorned with the ornament of the love of God and are remembered and known by His Name in the Supreme Concourse. When this matter was specifically presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, each one was blessed with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds, and these exalted words were revealed from the Dayspring of the Cause, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs - His blessed and exalted Word: He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Haydar-'Ali! The friends in that land have attained the remembrance of the Wronged One of the world and are mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. We have made mention of Ha and Sin in numerous Tablets and in the Crimson Book which none has comprehended save God, the Lord of lords, and We have revealed for him that before which verses bow down - the Mother Book bears witness to this. And We have made mention of 'Ali with such remembrance as has enraptured all things, and beyond them all who possess hearing have inhaled the fragrances of these days. O 'Ali! Be thou of such constancy that neither the cawing of those who have denied God nor the croaking of those who have rejected this

Cause - whereby feet have slipped - shall sadden thee. We have made mention time and again of him who was named Ghulam-Husayn - He Who speaks at this hour bears witness that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy name from which the sincere perceive the fragrance of thy sincerity towards God, the Lord of all beings. We counsel thee to perform pure deeds for God alone and that whereby His Cause may be exalted amongst His servants. We have made mention of him who was named Muhammad-Baqir and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and of what hath been sent down for him from this station. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in My days. We have previously sent you that which shall testify for you in private and in public. Hold fast unto God's cord and His strong rope, then assist His Cause in your days through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. We send Our greetings to Our loved ones there and counsel them regarding deeds and character, and that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen in the nights and days. We have made God's utterance, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, the weapon of those near unto Him. Take hold of it in the name of your Lord. By the life of God! Through it shall they who are in all regions be subdued. Thus have We lit the lamp of knowledge within the niche of utterance, and I am verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. O My loved ones! Upon you be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Ye have seen what no eye hath seen and have heard in My path what the ears of the world have not heard - to this testify the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawningplace of evidence. Ye have heard the roaring of the enemies in their hatred for Me; hearken now unto My most sweet call. Nothing in all creation can compare with it - He Who summons the world to the most exalted station bears witness to this.

In truth, they have attained that of which others are deprived, save whom God willeth. God willing, may they all arise to serve the Cause and speak that which is the magnet for attracting the world - and that is the utterances of God, exalted be His glory. I swear by the Beloved of the world that if people would hearken to the divine utterances for but a few brief moments, they would surely become sanctified from the world and all who dwell therein and would arise to serve His Cause in such wise that no tribulations would hinder them or deprive them. In this Most Great Revelation He says that the weapons of the divine hosts have been and shall ever be praiseworthy character, goodly deeds and pure words. This weapon never grows dull nor needs polishing. This is what the servant heard from the tongue of his Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. This evanescent servant offers greetings and glorification to his honored, esteemed and beloved, His Holiness Anis, whom the idolaters made a captive and paraded through the lands. God the One is witness that he has ever been and shall remain before mine eyes, and in all conditions this evanescent servant beseeches confirmations for him […]

In like manner, the aforementioned gentlemen - may God's peace be upon them - this evanescent servant offers greetings and salutations to each one, and is utterly abashed, for his eminence Shaykh S-L - upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] - was departing and this servant was not successful in offering any mention, praise, expression of devotion, love or affection. God is witness that this evanescent one was so occupied with writing that sleep nearly lost its way to my eyes. But since this service pertains to God, exalted be His glory, and its fruits are for all, surely the excuse of this evanescent one is acceptable and valid. I beseech God, exalted be His station, for confirmation that He may enable this evanescent one to make up for what was missed, for verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to the mention of His Holiness the Afnan, Aqa Mirza Ibrahim - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - made at a special time in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes, thereupon the Tongue of Utterance smiled and spoke that which creation is powerless to recount. The servant mentions according to a known measure. His word, magnified be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name, the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Grace

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One from the prison to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it calleth all unto God and guideth them to His extended path. The Promise hath come to pass, the mountains have been scattered, the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been split, and the Speaker of Sinai proclaimeth upon the branch of utterance: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! We make mention of thee and of those who have held fast to the Sure Handle, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth this Cause which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in His Preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of understanding from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of those who understand not. Take what ye are commanded by God and follow not every ignorant rejected one. Say: God commandeth you to righteousness and godliness. Act according to what ye are commanded and be not of those who are heedless. Be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the veils of earth nor the clamor of every heedless one shut out from God shall prevent thee. We have adorned thee with My kinship - this is a bounty that equals not what hath been created on earth, whereunto testify sincere servants. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones there who have turned to the Face when Its lights shone forth from the horizon of the world, and who responded when the Call was raised from Its praiseworthy station. O party of God in that place! Hearken unto the waves of this ocean: Verily there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Loving. Aid your Lord through the sword of utterance, with the wisdom wherewith ye were commanded in My inscribed Tablet. Grieve not for those who have wronged, nor feel secure from those who claim to believe. How many a heedless one hath made his confession a means to his desires, and how many a wretched one confesseth to discover your station. Thus hath God counseled you aforetime. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My friends there, and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

End. Praise be to God! That honored one hath attained, through God's favor - exalted be His glory - to His grace. This evanescent one expresseth utter evanescence and nothingness before him, and beseecheth God to increase at every moment his stations as an Afnan. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to what was written about attention being directed to the Land of Verdure and its environs, this matter was submitted, and it was commanded that at this time attention to those regions is not permissible. At one time, this most exalted Word was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, saying: "O servant present! Those souls who have been favored by God's grace and who take precedence over all others have been and are counted as few in number. These souls must conceal those persons of note and

keep hidden their acceptance and belief. Whatever becomes manifest from them in the Cause of God must, out of wisdom, be kept veiled from eyes and withheld from ears." Indeed, this is a most important matter requiring careful thought, for it can become the cause of great tribulations and universal harm. For example, if an honored and well-known person observes that mention of him has spread abroad, and this would cause the degradation and lowering of his station, he might arise with utmost oppression to prevent any diminution of his rank, station and honor. In truth, observance of this matter is essential. May God, exalted be His glory, inspire that which is beneficial for all.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God. His petition was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold, and a Tablet was revealed for him specifically from the heaven of divine will. God willing, he will attain unto it and through its fragrance perfume the people of that land. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered on a dark night. His word, exalted be His utterance and glorified be His majesty: He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

By God! The Mother Book hath appeared, calling all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The seas cry out: "The Most Great Ocean hath appeared, from whose waves is heard: 'There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed!'" The trees exclaim: "O peoples of the earth! The rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath been raised, and the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen. Hearken ye, and be not of the heedless!" The sun proclaimeth: "O concourse of divines! The heaven of religions is cleft asunder, the moon is split, and all are gathered unto a wondrous resurrection. Fear ye God, and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Whom the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, bear witness unto." The story of the Mount hath returned in this Revelation, and He Who conversed upon it proclaimeth: "The Desired One hath come, seated upon the throne of certitude, if ye be of them that understand." He hath counseled all concerning that which will exalt the Cause of God and guide all to His Straight Path. How many a bondsman hath been entranced by the Call of God, and how many a ruler hath risen in tyranny such that the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the people of this glorious station have lamented! How many a poor one hath quaffed the wine of divine revelation, and how many a rich one hath turned away and denied, even to the point of disbelieving in God, the Lord of this blessed and wondrous Day! Say: Fear ye God, then judge fairly concerning this News, before which, when it appeared, every momentous news hath bowed down. Say: O company of the ignorant! By what proof would ye justify your belief in God's previous Messengers and in that which hath been sent down from His mighty and impregnable kingdom, were ye to deny Him? Will that which ye possess profit you? Will your riches protect you? Nay, by the Self of God, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth! Cast away what ye have composed with the hands of fancy and idle imagination, and take fast hold of the Book of God which hath been sent down by His binding and mighty command. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this Tablet, from which the fragrance of thy Lord's loving kindness, the Compassionate, the Bountiful, is diffused. We beseech God to make thee a standard in the city of His remembrance, and to exalt thy station in this Cause, beneath whose shadow the sincere ones behold all the tribes of the earth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech Him to grant thee the best of what is in His Book. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Be thou steadfast in helping His Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Mighty, the Praised. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him this

Day, and steadfast is he whom the hosts of the oppressors have not frightened. The Glory shining resplendent from the horizon of the kingdom of utterance be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed His sealed wine in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and have drunk thereof despite those who have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed, and denied this News whereunto God Himself hath testified in His mighty and ancient Book. We make mention of those among thy kindred who have believed, and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor and mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Praise be to the Goal of all worlds, for the waves of the ocean of His bounty follow one upon another and the winds of His grace succeed each other. O beloved of my heart! Although sorrows have encompassed from all directions, the Supreme Pen moves and is occupied in both night and day. May the spirit of all in the world be a sacrifice for the traces of His Pen. This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to that mentioned one. It is hoped that they may attain the fragrance of divine verses which have descended from the heaven of will especially for them, attaining that which neither diminishes nor changes. The Command is in God's hands - He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

A Tablet was also revealed and sent in the name of Sheikh S-L. They had mentioned Jinab-i-Yusuf Kh-A, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained to the bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory. This evanescent one conveys greetings to them. Multiple Tablets have been revealed and sent especially for them. God willing, may they attain to the traces of the Supreme Pen and act according to what befits His days. Their mention has been and is in the Most Holy Court. This is glad tidings from the servant to him.

Regarding the mention they made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Husayn (Ba), upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented in the Most Holy Court, pearls of mention appeared from the ever-flowing sea of utterance in the form of these words. His blessed and exalted Word:

In His Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad-Husayn! Be prepared for the descent of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. Verily the All-Merciful desires to cast upon thee the pearls of divine knowledge from the ocean of His mighty, exalted grace. Is there any possessed of sight who will witness and see? Is there any possessed of hearing who will hear My sweetest call from the highest horizon? Is there any possessed of heart who will turn to the Ultimate Tree in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the clamor of subjects will weaken him? He speaks with wisdom and utterance throughout all possibility and testifies to that which God hath testified: that there is no God but Him, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Husayn! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and there hath been revealed for thee that which all the books of the world cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, but most of the people are heedless. We have called out from the horizon of proof to all who are in the realm of possibility. Among them are those who have been so attracted by the fragrance of their Lord's utterance that they have cast away all that people possess out of longing to attain the presence of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Among them are those who were perplexed

and hesitated, those who hastened and soared and answered their Ancient Lord, those who turned away and denied until they disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and those who pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused every discerning one to lament. We called them to the living waters while they ruled to shed My blood with manifest injustice. Thus hath the sun of explanation dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful. When thou attainest unto its lights, glorify thy Lord's praise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds! Blessed art thou and those whom neither the world nor its ornaments have prevented from this luminous horizon. Convey My greetings to My loved ones. We counsel them with the wisdom whose decree We have sent down in My wondrous Book.

And likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Darab and Mashhadi Baqir, upon them both be the Glory of God. This is what was revealed for them from the kingdom of the grace of our Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. His mighty word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger […]

O Most Exalted Pen! Let not the oppression of the divines, nor the tyranny of the rulers, nor the clamor of every vain and worthless soul grieve thee. The more intense the tribulations, the more We have commanded thee to raise a greater call than that which thou didst raise before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Commanding, the All-Choosing. Leave the children to play with dust - thus doth the All-Bestowing command thee at this moment wherein He maketh mention of His servant Darab. Run once to the right and say: O people of the right hand! Your eyes are solaced by the rising of the Sun of Manifestation! And again to the left and say: O people of the left hand! Die in your wrath! The Hidden One hath come, and the Treasured One hath appeared, and before Him speaketh the Mother Book. O people of Baha! Let not the doings of the enemies prevent you from the Lord of Names. Soon shall all that ye behold today perish, and there shall remain unto you that which God hath sent down in the final end. This is a day wherein the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the branch of divine knowledge, the Path hath appeared, and eyes are dazzled. Thus have the heavens of utterance revolved through the movement of the finger of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, and the Crimson Ark hath sailed upon the sea of grandeur by the command of God, the Lord of Lords.

We make mention of him who is named Baqir and those with him, that they may rejoice in God's loving-kindness and mercy. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O My loved ones! We counsel you regarding what befitteth your stations and this Cause which God hath made sanctified above all mention. Take hold of God's Tablet with the strength that proceedeth from Him, then remember Him in the night season and in the days, at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the greatest veil and heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree from the direction of the Most Great Scene. He is assuredly among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Books and Tablets. Glory be upon you and upon those who have cast behind them the vain imaginings of men, clinging to the hem of the robe of their Lord, the Possessor of all creation.

O My beloved! The world's desires have prevented it from recognizing its ultimate end, and wealth hath veiled it from its highest purpose. They cling to a drop while heedless of the ocean; they hold fast to the

book while deprived of the Mother Book. What intoxication is this that hath encompassed the world, such that they truly cannot distinguish between the sun and its shadow? Greatness belongeth unto God, power belongeth unto God! In truth, this evanescent servant beholdeth himself in the utmost wonderment, for he observeth that a Cause whose truth is more evident and manifest than the sun, the sea, the heaven and the earth - from this are all veiled and deprived. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to bestow by His blessed hand from the ocean of His bounty upon the dead that which shall cause all to live, that all may taste the sweetness of life, the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance, and the sweetness of His bounty, and may move throughout the world like unto the spirit. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what you wrote about the friends in those parts having set aside a certain sum for the prisoners in the land of Ta, the servant thanketh his Lord that He hath assisted them in that which beseemeth them in such days and circumstances.

And as to what you wrote regarding their having kept back some funds so that no hardship would befall that honored personage (AF), upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, this matter, after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, was accepted, to such a degree that He said: "Blessed is he and joy be unto him, for he hath regard in all matters for the glory of God's Cause, His sovereignty, the exaltation of His Word and the promotion of His wisdom." O thou who art present! Beseech God that the teachers may in all conditions have regard for that which causeth the fragrance of sanctity to be diffused among His servants. Blessed is Haydar-'Ali! We have truly testified to Our good-pleasure with him, and to this My Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness in this station and other stations. The teachers should accept from the Huquq only what is necessary, and that too if it be offered in a spirit of joy and radiance. Although sufficient conditions for teachers have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, in these days, while this servant was writing a petition to one of the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, this supreme utterance was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur - exalted be His glory and sublime be His station: "We beseech God to aid them to serve His Cause and to teach what the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book, in such wise that neither what is witnessed nor what is seen may become a veil or obstacle. God willing, may they be adorned with the robe of piety, the mantle of detachment and the crown of severance. What hath been mentioned is like unto weapons for the teachers, nay rather, more penetrating, more decisive and more effective." The beloved of the heart, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, had also written last year concerning this matter, and his purpose was that any teacher who is divinely assisted and commissioned for this mighty task should have with him only what suffices for his needs, and in whatever land he entereth, perfect detachment should be manifest from him. In truth, this matter is the greatest ladder for the ascent, rise, acceptance and attention of the peoples. Detachment and severance are two wings for the flight of those who are captives of self and passion to the atmosphere of nearness and the presence of God. Praise be to God that His Honor hath acted in accordance with what is acceptable before God. This is a great station and a mighty rank. His Honor the Afnan (A?), upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, and some others have labored greatly. In truth, they have acted upon whatever lay within their power and have not fallen short in exalting the Word, promoting the Cause and spending. Since His Honor was not content with their hardship, he should inform the loved ones of God with utmost joy and delight, that perchance hereafter the honored Afnan,

upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory, might find rest. Although God, exalted be His glory, bestoweth whatever is befitting, yet since in these days their business affairs have suffered some loss, therefore it is more conducive to piety that they be relieved for a while. O beloved of my heart! Great favor hath been shown to them. Although at present this matter is hidden as it should be from them and others, yet God our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, will make it manifest.

That you wrote mentioning your presence at the home of Haji Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, together with the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God - this was presented at the Most Holy Court. These are the words uttered by the Beloved of the worlds and the One mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers, exalted be His glory: "O Fadlu'llah! The grace of God, exalted be His majesty, is manifest and evident in thy behalf, for thou hast been blessed with His mention and thy name hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Prison. All the Prophets, saints and chosen ones have testified and do testify to the greatness of this bounty. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace. We have mentioned each of the beloved of God who were present in that gathering, and the name of each hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. Blessed are they. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon them and upon My chosen ones and loved ones there and in other lands, and We counsel all to patience and forbearance in what hath befallen the righteous and in that which will exalt the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And regarding what you wrote about the handmaiden of God [name], sister of Muhammad, who hath ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon - this was presented before the Throne, as was her petition, and these are the words uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur in response, exalted be His utterance and His mention:

"He is the Hearer, the Answerer. O My handmaiden and My leaf! Rejoice that thy cry hath ascended to the Divine Lote-Tree and it hath answered thee from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, there is no God but I, the Wronged One, the Stranger. We have appeared and made manifest the Cause, and guided all to the Straight Path of God. We have ordained the laws and commanded all to that which will profit them in the Hereafter and in this world. Yet they have pronounced death upon Me. By this the Maiden of Heaven hath lamented, the Mount of Sinai hath cried out, and the Faithful Spirit hath wept. They have deprived themselves of the outpourings of these days by following every ignorant remote one. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs, turning to the ignorant ones who claim knowledge without any proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having cast aside idle fancies and held fast to the cord of God, the Strong.

"Consider the grace of God, exalted be His glory. How many kings and queens of the world, after seeking and yearning and waiting, remained deprived of the Goal of the world's inhabitants, while thou hast attained unto it. God willing, thou shalt succeed in performing such deeds whose fragrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God's names, exalted be His glory. By God's life! All that is visible on earth cannot equal the words 'O My handmaiden.' Soon shall the eyes of the world be illumined by what hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou and blessed is the mother who nursed thee.

"Know thou the value of this station and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the doubts and intimations of the suspicious ones may not hold thee back from standing firm. The sun of certitude is

shining while people cling to vain imaginings; the ocean of knowledge is surging while the people hold fast to the hem of the ignorant. These chronic diseases can be cured only through the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy. We have desired for thee a station - therefore praise and thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great."

Praise be to God for His bounties and favors! The showers of the divine springtime have been and continue to be the portion of those who seek, those who yearn, and the faithful handmaidens. The rays of the Sun of generosity are so manifest that should all created things together turn towards Him, they would attain to the ocean of His grace. We beseech His seas of generosity and bounty to adorn all with the lights of guidance and deprive none from this peerless favor. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Your other letter dated the 15th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah brought boundless joy to the world and bestowed gladness. May you ever be gladdened through the grace of God, exalted be His glory.

Regarding what you wrote about J.M.Sh., upon him be the Glory of God, some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent specifically for him in the company of Sheikh S.L., upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he be assisted to serve the Cause. Although grievous errors were manifested from him, yet God has pardoned him through His grace. Now the gaze of favor is turned toward him, and it is hoped that through God's infinite bounty, exalted be His glory, whatever is beneficial for him will descend from the heaven of grace and be ordained by the Pen of Destiny. Man knoweth not what harmeth him or profiteth him. He knoweth and doeth what befitteth His loving-kindness toward His loved ones. However, what this evanescent servant has beseeched for him is that in these days he may act for God and in the path of God in such wise that the fragrance of immortality may forever waft from it throughout all kingdoms. In any case, I beseech from God that which is for the good of His servants.

Regarding what you wrote about his having departed out of respect for God's Cause without informing others - this matter was highly acceptable before the Throne. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak, exalted be His glory: "It behooveth one like him to do as he hath done, and it beseemeth one like him to teach his Lord's Cause."

At one time this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of all being and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, exalted be His glory: "Detachment and severance are as the two greatest luminaries for the heaven of teaching. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most great station and this most pure and most mighty habitation."

As for the Tablets that were requested, they have been sent both with and without names. Likewise, wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed and sent from the heaven of divine Will specifically for the friends in Abadih, upon them be the Glory of God, the Lord of Oneness. Blessed are they, blessed are they! Theirs is a goodly beginning and end.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Mirza Sh.K. (T.R.), upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God that he has attained to the grace of God, exalted be His glory. He has been mentioned repeatedly in the Most Holy Court, and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent specifically for him as well. The servant

beseecheth his Lord to make him steadfast in this Most Great Cause in such wise that he may be pointed to with fingers of recognition. His movement and attention at present would be unwise. Should God will, He will write for him from His Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining His presence. These are words the servant heard from the tongue of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory be upon him.

As to what was written concerning the passages specifically sent for his honor Khan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - to explain in detail, those passages did not belong to Khan himself but were requested by another, thus they were sent. And now it is not permissible to give them to him; according to the command they must reach that honored one - let him request them. When mention was made of the beloved of the heart, his honor Shaykh 'Ali, who attained in the earliest days before most others, and likewise mention of the honored Afnans, upon them be all His most glorious glory, at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold according to that beloved one's letter, these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause - exalted be His grandeur: "O Haydar-'Ali! The fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze and the Interlocutor of the Mount is manifest and speaking. By the life of God! If the friends of God were to turn even slightly, the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance would so attract them that its effects would encompass the earth. And likewise they would become so enkindled by the fire of the Lote-Tree that the effect of its heat would become evident in all things. This enkindlement and attraction, in relation to its means, is sometimes manifest and sometimes hidden - that is, at times manifest under the shadow of the Name 'the Manifest' and at times concealed under the shadow of the Name 'the Hidden.' Upon 'Ali be My glory, and likewise upon the Afnans, upon them be My glory - from their acceptance and orientation and enkindlement, hearts and souls are set ablaze and the effects of that enkindlement exist in the world, though now hidden. Soon will the world witness their attraction and their enkindlement and the effects of what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. They must give thanks to God for this bounty, the like of which exists not in the world and which no people have ever attained." A hundred thousand regrets and losses for those souls who remained veiled and who, through false and slanderous words, were deprived of the supreme horizon and the most exalted summit. Thus have We adorned the heaven of Our bounty with the sun of Our utterance for My friends, upon whom there has befallen in My path that whose reward is treasured in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God! The beloved of the heart, his honor Shaykh 'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, attained in days when the horizon of the Sun of Truth was not free from clouds, and the river of divine mercy was flowing in the innermost mystery, and the face of the Cause was hidden from eyes and sight. A hundred thousand blessings upon them, for in such days they reached the Most Great Ocean and received their portion from the lights of the Sun of Truth. And likewise the honored ones, their honors the Afnans, upon them be all His most glorious glory, have attained to a station which this servant is powerless to mention, for God, exalted be His glory, has adorned them with the honor of relation to Himself. The entire world cannot equal one utterance of "O My Afnan!" Let alone the verses that have been specifically revealed for them which testify in most eloquent terms to their station before the faces of the world. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

And likewise the honored ones and friends of God, exalted be His glory, whom you had mentioned - each has repeatedly been blessed with divine bounties. The reward of all is not and will not be lost with God. I

swear by the Sun of Revelation, every breath they have drawn in divine love is remembered with God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Were I to mention each one and reveal their station, I would need to occupy myself with numerous volumes and the composition of many books. The Truth Himself makes manifest. This servant beseeches God to assist them in all conditions to achieve steadfastness and service and such sincerity as all things would testify to, and whose effects would become manifest and evident in the world.

In the Name of the Wronged One! The All-Merciful hath revealed this Book from the Kingdom of Utterance unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe betide every heedless doubter. This is the Day illumined by the lights of the Countenance, wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Final Return!" Thy mention hath been made in this station, and We have revealed for thee that which the tongues of creation are powerless to recount. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been remembered in the Most Great Prison, and the Face of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards thee from the Most Exalted Station. We have revealed the verses and manifested the clear proofs, and We have called all to the Straight Path. Among the people are those who have turned away and denied, and among them are those who have pronounced judgment against Us without clear proof or evidence. The first to turn away from Us were the divines of the earth in this age, who call upon My name by night and day while reclining upon their lofty cushions, yet when I manifested Myself, they rose against Me in such wise as caused the very pebbles to cry out. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and turned unto it, and for having answered thy Lord when He came with power and sovereignty.

And this is what was revealed for the other one. He, exalted be His glory, saith:

In My Name, the One manifest from the horizon of utterance! Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested His Cause in such wise that all things have spoken. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared, to Whom all atoms testify that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The eyes of those near unto God have been gladdened by this Revelation, whereby the Tree of Sinai hath spoken, the darkness hath been illumined, and the Dove of the Cause hath cooed upon the branches of the Tree of Utterance that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. How many a servant hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many a king hath turned away from God, the Lord of all kings. Blessed is the heart that hath turned, and the face that hath been directed, and the ear that hath heard this Call which hath been raised from this praiseworthy station. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in the Prison and for having taught me that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and inscribed in Thy Books. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to cling to the hem of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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O My handmaiden and My leaf! Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast been made to attain this most great bounty in days when most of the divines and notables of the earth are deprived thereof. We have made mention of thee by the name of "Leaf," that thou mayest, even as the leaves, be stirred by the winds of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, even as the leaves of the trees of the earth

are stirred by the blowing of the winds. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this clear remembrance. Shouldst thou discover the sweetness of the words "O My handmaiden," thou wouldst find thyself detached from all the worlds, occupied day and night with the remembrance of the one intended Lord. We have mentioned each of the leaves and handmaidens who have drunk from the waters of the Most Merciful's mercy and who are turned toward the Court of God, in most wondrous utterance. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. God shall soon reveal their station in a place that cannot be described by mention nor characterized by attributes. We counsel thee to that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause amongst His servants and handmaidens. He heareth the call of His loved ones and beholdeth their deeds. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And as for the mention made of the Greater Lady (upon her be 96 [Baha'u'llah]) who is known as Hajiyyih, it was submitted and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for her:

O beloved of My heart! The waves of the divine ocean of bounty are such that no one can comprehend them or adequately render thanks. The very essence of praise, glorification and thanksgiving finds itself evanescent and wanting in this arena. In days when the arrows of tribulation rain down more abundantly than showers from the heaven of hatred, and when the darkness of malice encompasses all directions, the Supreme Pen speaks in such wise that a hundred thousand essences of spirit are found thunderstruck. With a hundred thousand expressions of humility and supplication do I beseech Him to awaken the heedless and give them to drink from the ocean of knowledge. He is the Bestower, He is the Giver, He is the Munificent, He is the Generous, He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. I have strayed from the subject. This is what was revealed for her, His words, exalted be His glory:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, Who hath turned toward thee from the prison and maketh mention of thee. He hath aided every seeker, answered every call, and guided every wayfarer. Today the straight path is manifest, the balance of justice is set up, and the lights of the sun of bounty are shining. However, the darkness of oppressive souls hath become as clouds between the sun of bounty and the people of the world, becoming a veil and barrier. Blessed is the one who hath rent asunder the veil and become illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation. How many souls who counted themselves among the wise and learned were, on the Day of God, deprived and forbidden from all bounties. O My leaf! O My handmaiden! Know thou the value of this bounty, and likewise the mercy that hath preceded thee and guided thee to the highest horizon. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the steadfast handmaidens and gladden them with His favors.

And this is what was revealed for the spouse of His Honor Anis, upon them both be the glory of God:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing […]

O My Leaf! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the True One, the Knower of things unseen. We have sent down from the heaven of Revelation that whereby faces are illumined and eyes are gladdened. The Promise hath come, yet the people perceive not. The Promised One hath appeared, yet they understand not. He hath come unto Whom the world

hath submitted and the pillars of the nations have been shaken - they who have violated the Covenant and the Testament. He Whom they remember by night and by day hath come unto them, yet they have turned away from Him and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as hath caused the Spirit of the Cause to lament and the Throne to cry out from its exalted station. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having chosen thee for His servant who was for numbered years a captive in the hands of the idolaters, and delivered him by a command from His presence - and He is the Ordainer of what was and what will be.

O My Leaf! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who hath illumined thine eyes with the light of His knowledge and caused thine ears to hearken unto His most sweet call - a call that is raised in the nights and days, at eve and at morn. The Hand of Grace took thy hand and brought thee from the darkness of idle fancies to the dawning-place of certitude. We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth this lofty station. He, verily, hath forgiven thee and thy mother. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We give thee and her the glad-tidings of My mercy and My favor, and We make mention of thy brother's wife and give her the glad-tidings of My grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The effulgences of the Sun of Truth have so seized upon the chosen ones, the loved ones, the steadfast women and the leaves that, by the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, were they to hear the divine verses with the ear of truth, they would all become so enkindled as to set the world aflame - meaning that every soul in whom remaineth a trace of spirit would attain unto true life. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

At this moment, having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, until entering the Station, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and His most sweet utterance is this: "O servant! What wert thou occupied with?" It was submitted: "With writing replies to the letters of his honor Mirza and making mention of the chosen ones." At that moment this supreme word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of creation - exalted be His glory and mighty His power: "We desire to make mention once again of the stars of the heaven of knowledge and to counsel them with that whereby the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Blessed are they in that they have turned, hearkened, responded, and attained unto that which the learned and wise ones of the earth have been heedless of, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of the worlds. They must hold fast unto unity and concord in such wise that the differences of the world may not cause division and separation. They must arise with utmost dedication to reform the world, and must at all times guide heedless souls to the ocean of wisdom through wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may become aware and be freed and detached from all else but God. And We command Our loved ones to preserve their stations. By My life! For each one a station is ordained that the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Blessed are they! Blessed are they!"

In truth, this is the Day of deeds, actions, wisdom and utterance. In one of the Tablets this exalted Word hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen - exalted be His utterance: "In all matters be ye guided by wisdom. Wisdom is the greatest remedy. How often it transformeth the denier into a believer, and the enemy into a friend. Adherence unto it is binding, for in most of the Tablets this theme hath been revealed from the heaven of the Will of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of the Light of Unity. Well is it with

them that act accordingly." At all times hold fast unto that which will lead to the exaltation of the Word of God. Goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character are the hosts of God in this Most Great Revelation, and likewise are blessed and sanctified words. These hosts attract hearts and unlock doors. This weapon is mightier than any weapon in the world. I beseech God to assist all to act in accordance with what hath been revealed by His Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets.

In all conditions I implore the Truth, exalted be His glory, for assistance. Without His bounties, no thing among all things hath borne or beareth fruit. His is the grace, the bounty and the generosity, and His is that which the nations are powerless to describe.

That beloved one's other letter dated the 23rd of the revered month of Sha'ban was indeed as water of the bow for the thirsty heart of the Lion. Praise be to God, it brought complete joy. Whenever a sweet fragrance wafteth from the direction of that beloved one's love, it is truly like a musk-laden breeze for this evanescent servant. It perfumeth the nostrils of the soul and manifesteth the heart with renewed strength, for it is entirely adorned with mention, praise, service and love of the Beloved of the world. Therein was recorded what befell the people of God in the land of M and A. Exalted, exalted is the deed of 'Ali, the mention of 'Ali, the utterance of 'Ali, the steadfastness of 'Ali, the martyrdom of 'Ali, the effacement of 'Ali, the sobriety of 'Ali, the ascension of 'Ali, and the loftiness of 'Ali! By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, there hath been manifested from him such steadfastness as hath adorned the heaven of power, and such oppression as hath caused the Maids of Paradise in their chambers and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise in their lofty stations to lament.

In truth, it would be a pity for such blood to be shed in vain and freeze upon the ground. The excellence of his deed was that none of them saw any opposition, and nothing contrary to wisdom occurred. Purely for the sake of God did he sacrifice the most precious and noble things of the world. Blessed is he, a whole world of blessedness is his! The words, utterance and mention of this servant are not worthy of this station, but there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which is befitting. His is the praise in all conditions.

In these days it is not advisable for that honored one to turn towards those regions, and especially regarding the captives of that land who have arrived at the prison of Ta, magnificent and glorious verses have been revealed and sent. The mention of that land, its captives and its martyrs hath been and is present before the Most Holy Court. Journey to the land of Ta is also not permissible this year, as complete trust cannot be placed even in those within. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Concealer, the Generous.

With regard to the mention of Jinab-i-Mashhadi Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, what they had intended was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and was accepted. However, they stated that mention of him is not permitted at this time, as the corruptors of the earth are in motion and seeking pretexts. They also stated that his services in this path have been and are remembered, and for some time a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been specifically revealed for him but not yet sent. It will be sent in these days, and another Tablet was also revealed in these two days. God willing, he will attain to both of them.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Haji Ali and his wife, upon them both be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Speaker of Sinai uttered, exalted be His grandeur and glorified be His majesty: "This matter was accepted before the Divine Presence. Yes, what the aforementioned Haji has done, meaning in the marriage of the daughter of Dhabih, upon him and her be the Glory of God. We have mentioned him before and on this day with that which brings joy to the eyes and causes spirits to soar. Give him My glad-tidings and remind him from the Wronged One of what hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all beings. God willing, may they spend their days with joy and fragrance and unity and harmony, and be occupied with the mention and praise of the Goal of all the worlds in the evening and at dawn." End quote.

In truth, remaining in the Land of Ta at this time yields no fruit. God willing, the son of His Holiness Dhabih, upon them both be the Glory of God, will hold fast to what is right and will not cause division. Even if only for a change of air, their turning toward the land of Jinab-i-Haji is beloved. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist all to that which He loves and with which He is pleased. And peace be upon those who follow guidance.

Another submission: Jinab-i-Mahbubi-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, has repeatedly mentioned your honor. In truth, they are focused on truth and speak the truth. They have not let go of what is right and God willing will not do so. In any case, good mention of your honor has been repeatedly heard from them. May God grant success so that all may be enabled to do what befits this blessed Day.

The souls mentioned in your letter have truly drunk from the ocean of love and are gazing toward the horizon of grace. This evanescent non-entity bears witness to this regarding them and begs God, glorified be His majesty, for their success. Some time ago, Holy and Exalted Tablets were specifically revealed for all from the heaven of Divine Will and God willing they will be sent. I beseech and hope from the Exalted Truth that all may attain to the fragrances of the verses of our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the world.

Regarding what you wrote about the Huquq, that the aforementioned Haji intends to pay it, this is from God's grace which He bestows on whomever He wishes. Praise be to God, they were assisted to act according to what was revealed in the Book. The amount they agreed to give this year was divided according to command. The details will be presented. I beseech God to assist them to mighty deeds and bestow blessings from the heaven of grace. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about the Sacred Resting Places of the Most Exalted Leaf and the Greatest Holy Leaf and His Holiness the Afnan, the Most Great Uncle - upon them both be all the Most Glorious Glory - and the petition of him who attained and other souls, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold of the Lord of all beings and was granted acceptance. In truth, this is a most exalted bounty, for no obliteration can reach it and no removal can affect it. That such a bounty should be manifested from the Supreme Pen in the days of the Revelation indicates its station and rank. In truth, they have attained unto an everlasting robe and an eternal adornment. Blessed are they, happy are they, and joy be unto them. This mention shall be immortalized in the Book of God and its fragrance shall be diffused amongst the servants. This beginning is sanctified

from ending and conclusion. In this regard, utterances were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, including these exalted words - His glory be exalted: “The Sun of divine utterance shall never set, and no sunset shall follow it.” Thus is the station of immortality, to which our Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, bears witness. And specifically, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in this regard, namely concerning the conferral of custodianship of the specific Sacred Resting Places therein to his eminence Fadl, who attained the presence of God in prison, and other souls whose names were revealed in the Tablet, as a command from the All-Knowing Commander. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Command - exalted be His utterance:

He is the Commander, the All-Wise

O Fadlu’llah! We have appointed thee and the four known ones mentioned before the Face as custodians of the Resting Place of the Most Exalted Leaf and the Shrines associated with Us there, and We have placed the custodianship in your hands as a glory for you and your descendants, for as long as the earthly and heavenly kingdoms endure. Be thankful to God for this everlasting dominion and perpetual bounty. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Arise with firm and steadfast determination to serve that which has been entrusted to you by God, the Possessor of all that was and shall be.

Likewise, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty regarding the acceptance of the house and garden of his eminence ? and S, upon him be the Glory of God. His majesty be exalted and His grandeur be magnified:

He is the Truth, there is no God but Him

O Husayn! We have accepted thy house and thy garden and have adorned them with the ornament of acceptance, and We have designated them as a dwelling place for the friends who travel and journey through the lands for the promotion of the Cause and the exaltation of God’s binding Word. We have appointed thee as their custodian and servant, and We have ordained them as an enduring, eternal remembrance for thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Hearing, the Responding.

Praise be to God! Two suns have appeared from the horizon of the grace of the Ancient Lord - meaning two Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of the worlds. Each speaks with the most eloquent utterance through the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they attain unto them and act upon that which they are commanded. Likewise, the Huququ’llah which Haji ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, was enabled to pay has all been accepted, and this blessed word was revealed from the Kingdom of the utterance of the All-Merciful. He says, blessed and exalted be He: “We have accepted what he offered in the path of God. Blessed is he who hath succeeded in discharging the rights of his Lord.” After acceptance, as commanded, it was divided: fifty designated for the prisoners of Ra and Shin, forty designated for the prisoners of the land of ?a, and fifty from Shaykh S.L. was taken for certain travelers - this amount should reach them. And fifty should be sent to the Most Holy Court, and one year’s worth was bestowed upon Haji ’Ali himself - meaning it was gifted to him. This is truly a great bounty and mighty favor for one who is assisted today in serving the Cause and paying the rights of God, for its effects and fruits endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. We beseech

God to enable us to remember and praise Him, to perform good deeds, to speak goodly words, to manifest pleasing and acceptable character, and to arise to serve His firm and mighty Cause. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His station, that He may inspire all to recognize the greatness of this time and station, that all may know the value of this day and arise as befits it. Verily He is the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful. May the glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon you and upon the companion and upon God's loved ones and chosen ones there who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament and whom the ranks and hosts have not frightened. Praise be to God, the Lord of this Promised Day.

Praise be to God once again! I have attained unto your handwriting. Regarding what you wrote about the beloved companion and the honored ones Aqa Mirza Siyyid 'Ali, Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon them be the glory of God and His favors - on the seventh night of the month of ?afar, one hour and twenty-five minutes after sunset, intending the supreme heights and the seat of the Throne, what you wrote was presented before the countenance of the Ancient Lord. He recited the blessed verse revealed in the Most Holy Book, His mighty utterance and exalted remembrance: "Marry, O people, that from you may appear one who will make mention of Me amid My servants. This is My command unto you; hold fast to it as an assistance to yourselves." Then this supreme word appeared from the Most Exalted Kingdom, exalted be His majesty: "O servant in attendance! All matters have been and are in the grasp of divine power, and whatever He commands is beloved. We have mentioned each of the souls mentioned in such wise that all things are attracted by the wine of remembrance and speak in praise of the One remembered. This is of God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Write to them that poverty itself seeks glory. By the life of God! True poverty is like an ocean and the glory of the world like a drop, but the glory of the Friend ever gazeth with humility and submissiveness upon the friends, is turned toward them and is seated with them." Thus ended His words.

After mention of poetry and the Covenant by his honor Aqa Mirza Siyyid 'Ali and likewise the requests of other gentlemen, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words, exalted be His glory: They must act according to what hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book from the Kingdom of God's Will. The Supreme Pen inscribeth the reward of attainment unto His presence for each one in the Crimson Book. He raiseth up the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. None can say "why" or "wherefore." This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that after bestowing the supreme bounty - namely, the reward of attainment unto His presence - circumstances may arise whereby they may outwardly attain His presence and drink from the Kawthar of reunion. When this bounty will be made manifest and the Sun of permission will shine forth dependeth on His will. Yet praise be to the Goal of all existence Who, through His infinite grace, hath bestowed that which no thing among all things can equal. The reward of attaining His presence is a mighty blessing and it is the everlasting heavenly feast. Praise be to God that they have attained it. A hundred thousand regrets for those souls who remain heedless of today's bounty and are veiled and unaware of the lights of the Sun of Truth.

As for what you wrote regarding spending the night at the holy and sanctified resting place of His Holiness the King of Martyrs and the Beloved of Martyrs - may my spirit be a sacrifice for them both - in the land of ?ad: By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, His Holiness performed what is among the most

excellent of deeds. How can this poor nothing adequately render thanks for this, or the other friends who dwell in that land? This servant, on behalf of himself and them, confesseth to powerlessness and shortcoming. When utmost bewilderment had overtaken me and I was immersed in the sea of contemplation, it occurred to me to visit, on their behalf, the Spot that "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him." This is a deed for which a hundred thousand million worlds would constitute profit upon profit. Immediately I engaged in praise and thanksgiving to the Peerless Beloved and sought permission. After the Sun of permission rose from the horizon of His Will, I presented myself and attained the visitation, which was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This is a deed for which no likeness or peer hath been or can be imagined. His is the praise and the bounty, His the grace and generosity and mercy.

As for the mention of the family - upon them be His most glorious splendor - and the bounties and love they showed to you: In truth, they are worthy of this station. They have ever been engaged in service to the Truth and have shown the utmost love toward His loved ones. Whatever befell them through the oppression of the oppressors - namely the Wolf and the She-Serpent - did not prevent them from the love of God. They are steadfast, and this is a most exalted station. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to keep them assisted and confirmed. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-?adiq, upon him be the Glory of God - a most holy and exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of bounty specifically for him and hath been sent. God willing, he shall attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful - a draught whose ultimate bounds are sanctified and exalted. Let him drink thereof and give others to drink. Such souls, if they conduct themselves with wisdom and remain firm and steadfast in the love of God, shall receive the confirmations of God, exalted be His glory. They must engage in teaching with the utmost wisdom, that perchance the people of those regions may catch the fragrance of the Revelation and hearken unto the call of the Friend, and act in accordance with that which shall profit them. This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Merciful, for His honor, upon him be the Glory of God. These are His blessed and exalted words:

In My Name, the Manifest One, Who speaketh from the Supreme Horizon […]

The Wronged One makes mention of him who has turned to the All-Knowing, the One, and has recognized His unity even as the Supreme Pen hath recognized it when it moved within the arena of utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the recognition of its Lord, and woe betide every heedless doubter. Man is like unto a tree. If he be adorned with fruit, he hath been and will ever be worthy of praise and commendation. Otherwise, a fruitless tree is but fit for fire. The fruits of the tree of man are exquisite and highly desired and beloved - praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, and pleasing words are accounted as the fruits of this tree. The spring season of trees is witnessed each year, but the springtime of human trees is the Days of the Manifestation of God, exalted be His glory. If in this divine springtime the trees of human existence become adorned with the aforementioned fruits, then verily the light of the Sun of Justice shall encompass all who dwell on earth, and all shall find themselves at rest and content beneath the shade of Him Who is the Desired One.

The water for these trees is the Kawthar of utterance of the Beloved of all possibility. In one moment they are planted, and in another, through the showers of the mercy of the All-Merciful, their branches are seen reaching toward heaven. A withered tree is not and hath never been worthy of mention. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with the ornament of endeavor and hath arisen to serve the Cause. He hath attained unto his purpose and hath recognized that for which he was created.

Alas, a hundred thousand times alas, for the heedless souls who are in truth like unto dried leaves scattered upon the ground. Ere long shall the wind of death return each one to their appointed place. Heedless did they come, heedless did they live, and heedless did they return to their abode. At all times doth the world cry out with its loudest voice, saying: "I am evanescent, and my appearances and colors are evanescent. Take warning from the differences and changes that occur within me and be ye admonished." Nevertheless, there is no eye to see and no ear to hear.

The true ear proclaimeth this day and saith: "Happy am I, for this is my Day, inasmuch as the Voice of God is raised." And the essence of sight declareth: "Blessed am I, happy am I, for this is my Day, since the Ancient Beauty is shining resplendent from the Most Exalted Horizon." The people of Baha must at all times beseech and supplicate the Lord of Names that perchance the people of creation may not be deprived of the effusions of these days.

All the divines were wont to utter these words, and I repeatedly heard them say in the days of My childhood: "O what is that Word at which even the holy ones take flight?" Say: That Word is now made manifest, and ye fled before hearing it, and ye perceive it not. And that blessed, hidden, treasured and concealed Word is this: "He" hath appeared in the garment of "I," and the "Self-Subsisting" speaketh forth with "I am the One Who is manifest." This is that Word at which the limbs of the disbelievers have quaked. Glory be to God! In all the Books of old mention hath been made of the greatness of this Day, the greatness of this Revelation, the greatness of its signs, the greatness of its Word, the greatness of its steadfastness, the greatness of its station and rank. Yet despite this, the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom. The Prophets yearned to attain unto this Day. David saith: "Who will bring me into the strong city?" The strong city is Akka, and its fortress is […]

The Wronged One is imprisoned therein. And likewise in the Qur'an He saith: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the days of God." In most of the divine scriptures and books, mention of this Day hath been recorded and inscribed with utmost clarity. The divines of the age have forbidden the people from this most exalted station, this sublime summit and ultimate goal. Blessed art thou, who hast not allowed the darkness of vain imaginings to prevent thee from the light of certitude, and whom the might of days hath not withheld from the Lord of all names. Know thou the value of this station and beseech its protection from God, exalted be His glory. In all conditions, the eternal dominion hath been and shall ever be His and His loved ones. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to God's mighty cord.

Praise be to God that the effulgent rays of the Sun of favor have encompassed all, and such bounty hath appeared that every novel mention hath confessed its powerlessness to describe it. This evanescent one beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to protect all - namely the friends and the masters - from the evil of

the deceitful ones, the treacherous ones and the crafty ones. He is the Protector of all, the Powerful over all, and the Encompasser of all.

And concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza ’Abbas, upon him be the glory of God, that in his early days he is aflame with the fire of love and engaged in service - this matter too was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke, exalted and mighty be His Word:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. God willing, may the new saplings, through the rains of divine mercy, be adorned with wondrous and delightful leaves and fruits. Today the rays of the sun of grace have encompassed the world. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it, and woe unto every doubting heedless one. Joy unto the trees that move by the winds of God’s will, exalted be His glory. In thy early days thou didst attain unto the recognition of God and service to His loved ones. God willing, throughout all conditions and days of life, mayest thou remain focused on the supreme horizon, enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the lights of His countenance. The Command is in the hands of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee.

This evanescent servant also conveyeth his pure greetings to all, again and again. I am now ashamed to write further, for I have caused much trouble. Would that each minute of these days were a thousand minutes, and each hour a thousand hours, and this servant were enabled to occupy himself with the mention and praise of God’s loved ones. Though even then he could not properly fulfill this task, yet there is hope that this wish may find expression and become established in deeds. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty. The glory shining forth from the heaven of our Lord’s favor be upon your honor and upon those who are with you, who love you, who hearken to your words, who aid you and who support you for the sake of God, the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former days.

Another submission is that for each and every one of the friends of God - both men and women - who were mentioned in your letters, a most sublime, most mighty and most holy Tablet was sent down from the heaven of bounty and dispatched. This servant recorded these both in the original letter and separately wrote and sent each Tablet. Praise be to God, they were mentioned repeatedly. As for that which is not in the form of a Tablet, meaning certain revealed passages, that beloved one should send copies thereof to their intended recipients. Likewise, one most mighty, most holy, most glorious and most luminous Tablet was revealed specifically for that beloved one and was sent, as a bounty beyond what was revealed in the letter. God willing, they will attain unto it. And according to that honored one’s request, Tablets numbering the Greatest Name were sent without names. As for the Tablets revealed specifically for the friends in the land of Sh, these were sent to the spiritual beloved, his honor Anis, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, that he may deliver them. And those specifically for the friends in Abadih were sent to his honor Afnan, Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, that he may forward them. God willing, may the fragrance of the divine verses and holy words that have emerged from the treasuries of knowledge embrace them all and confirm them in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He has power over all things. Praise be to God, the One, the Mighty, the Peerless.

The Servant

19th of Muharram al-Haram 1301

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

Praise be to God Who created the Supreme Pen and breathed into it, whereupon all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom His pervading Will and all-encompassing Purpose did choose - they are honored servants whom neither the swords of creation nor the hosts of invention could frighten. They are they whom God hath described in the Books of the past and of the future. The Qur'an hath borne witness to them, as did before it the Torah, the Gospel and the Psalms, and whatsoever was sent down from God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Praise be to God Who hath raised up from every drop of the blood of His loved ones creations whose number none can reckon save His own Self, and hath made them dawning-places of His love and dayspring of His affection. They are the Hands of His Cause amidst creation, they who have aided God throughout all ages and have arisen to accomplish that which God did desire, in such wise that neither the power of kings nor the clashing of their swords nor the neighing of their steeds did deter them from the Truth. They have raised their call with utmost power between earth and heaven, summoning all unto the Lord of mankind, the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former world, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to inscribe me among their company and among those who have sought shelter beneath their shade and have quaffed the choice wine of grace from their hands. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Ruler, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, this servant hath heard what the nightingale of thy praise warbled upon the branches of the tree of faithfulness when thy letter arrived, which testified to thy love for the Desired One of the world and the Ancient Lord Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name. God knoweth that after perusing its contents, such joy and gladness seized me that every tongue and pen is powerless to describe it. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and reward you with the most excellent reward from the wonders of His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

When the breezes of your love stirred me and the fragrances of your traces wafted over me, I ascended to the station of nearness, sanctity and beauty, and presented its contents before the countenance of our Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. When it was concluded, the Divine Lote-Tree spoke in such wise as transcended all reckoning. I stood before the Throne, bewildered and contemplative, until He spoke - and His utterance is the sweetest:

"O thou servant who art present! Make mention of him on My behalf and say: Verily We have remembered thee throughout most years and have sent unto thee that which hath brought delight to the eyes of the Concourse on High. Thy Lord is verily the All-Giving, the Most Generous. This is a Day wherein the Kingdom hath proclaimed: 'The dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed.' Arise to make mention of God and His praise, then remember Him with such remembrance as will cause

its fragrance to be diffused throughout the world, that every heart that hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, may be drawn thereby. How many a remembrance through which God guideth His wandering servants, and how many a praise whereby God's mention is raised amongst creation and the standard of His Cause is hoisted upon every lofty hill. Say: O people! Reflect upon the generations that have gone before and the ornamented palaces. No trace remaineth of the former people, nor can any vestige be seen of the latter. Every lofty edifice hath crumbled and every adorned temple hath perished. Where are the Caesars who built palaces for themselves, and where are the Pharaohs who made themselves partners with their Creator? They have forcibly abandoned their palaces and have necessarily taken to their graves, by the command of God, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O Husayn! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One, Whose Most Exalted Pen speaks at all times and summons all who dwell in the realm of possibility to a station that neither the changes of the world nor earthly conditions in the kingdom of creation can alter. Thus have We made mention of thee, that thou mayest rejoice and remember thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Husayn! Leave all created things behind thee and all contingent beings beneath thy feet. Take thou the chalice of utterance in My Name, then drink therefrom through My wondrous remembrance. Let not the conditions of creation sadden thee. Rejoice in that which the True One maketh mention of thee from this exalted Station. By the life of God! This is what shall profit thee in all the worlds of God. To this testify the concourse of My celestial Kingdom, the dwellers of My pavilion, and they that circle round My mighty Throne. We make mention in this station of him whom God hath manifested through thee, as a bounty from Him–and He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have heard the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai and have answered the Lord of all worlds. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have voiced My remembrance and praise and have arisen to assist My mighty and well-established Cause. Say: Blessed be your faces for having turned unto the Countenance, and blessed be your eyes for having attained, and blessed be your hearts for having advanced. Thus doth the Pen of the Most Merciful make mention of you and give you glad tidings that ye may rejoice in these days wherein the Tree crieth out amidst all creation: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." Say: Beware lest anything withhold you from God. Take ye what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Turn not your attention to the servants and their might, nor to the princes and their power, nor to the divines and their factions, nor to the mystics and their companions. Leave those who call you to vain imaginings and say: "By God! The horizon of creation hath been illumined by the Sun of knowledge from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Say: This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, this is the Day wherein God hath informed you of His Revelation. Read ye the former Books that ye may know what hath been revealed therein from One Who is the Numberer, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the suns of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!"

As to what you had written, that this servant had made no expression and had not troubled you with empty words that neither nourish nor satisfy–the truth is with you. However, God, exalted and sanctified be He, is witness and testifier that this negligence or delay was due to the press of work, and also in the hope that Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, who was carrying your esteemed letter, would soon return, and what

was concealed in the heart regarding expressions of love would be conveyed. As it happened, his return was delayed, and this delay too was due to certain reasons–God, the Lord of all worlds, knoweth. The press of work for this ephemeral one has reached such a degree that there has not been and is not a moment's respite, whether from these regions or from those directions. I beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, that through your prayers this ephemeral one may be assisted in this mighty service. The word that shone forth from the horizon of your pen, saying in Arabic "I am your suppliant," became the cause of the joy of the Beloved of the world. He smiled greatly and showed great kindness from the dawning-place of grace. In truth, it behooveth every being to sacrifice his spirit for His bounty and gifts and favors. And as to what you had written that "the older a servant becomes, the less his worth," He said: "We bear witness that you are in the prime of youth. He that hath attained unto My love shall ever remain in the springtime of days and the springtime of life."

As to what you mentioned concerning that certain person, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: "May they, through divine grace, be successful in drinking at all times from the Kawthar of the Merciful's grace and in offering it to others, in shattering the idols of men's vain imaginings through the name of the Friend of these days, in bestowing the choice wine of certitude upon the people of idle fancies, and in offering the Salsabil of knowledge to those possessed of ignorance. May they guide those who are lost in the wilderness of unknowing to the ocean of divine knowledge, and make fresh and verdant those who have withered in these times through the waters of utterance. This is not difficult for God to accomplish.

"In truth, if a soul in this day be enabled to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, his word will be effective and will assuredly influence hearts, and its traces will become manifest in the world. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things, and I am the All-Informed. Thus doth teach thee He to Whose knowledge God's books have testified aforetime, and I am the All-Knowing.

"As to your having kept these matters concealed, this is in accordance with divine wisdom. Some souls abide beneath the canopies of glory, and they drink at every moment from the ocean of joy without any trace appearing upon their lips. None is aware of them save God alone, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a Mighty Book. The purpose of this concealment has been and will continue to be the promotion of the Cause of God, for if a soul be deprived of this most exalted station, he has indeed been deprived of the fruit of existence itself. Blessed are they who arise to serve this most mighty Cause, and who, even if they themselves be deprived, cause others to attain unto it. He mentioneth that which profiteth His servants. He, verily, is the All-Wise Teacher.

"A special Tablet was sent for them without name; deliver it. God willing, they will comprehend from its letters the hidden meanings and drink from its words the water of life. By God's life! It is the Breath of God in the lands and the Spirit of the Cause for His servants. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and unto the pearls concealed in the ocean of its utterance. He is among the most exalted of creation in the sight of the True One, the Inaccessible. Thus did the ocean surge and the fragrance waft. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto the heedless."

And concerning what you wrote about the hidden operation, after the details two of its components are and will be dispensed with, as was alluded to in the blessed Persian Tablets of the Supreme Pen. I swear

by the life of that Beloved One that this is among the mysteries of the Cause that has never before been mentioned, and until now everyone who has entered into this matter - that is, who has detailed this special substance - has desired that those separated components become one thing, which has been and is impossible. Beyond this no one's intellect has comprehended, and the thoughts of the servants have not advanced a step further, even though it has flowed from the Supreme Pen that like and similar substances should be taken. Nevertheless, they have taken pure water with viscous black oil and that earth which tells of the people of hell, desiring to unite them together. Alas, alas! For between water and oil complete opposition is evident - they have never been and never will be capable of mixing and uniting. And the earth too, when its essence is taken and reaches the state of ash, certainly has not been and will not be capable of life. Some philosophers have mentioned ash, but what is meant by ash is the body (jasad) not the form (jism), for when the spirit of the form is taken, its life afterward is impossible. In the body there remains a vestige of spirit, though hidden; after treatment it is observed living and animate. What is meant by water is volatile water, that is, similar to volatile; you must obtain it, and likewise some oil before its solidification, and nurture that water in it until it solidifies. These two components and two elements possess four natures, for in water there is cold and moisture, and in oil there is dryness and heat. This same water solidifies in the oil and is called the noble stone. This is why the philosophers have said "that which is not seen and that which is not found in what is not seen and is not found." Now observe that some people suppose that the stone exists and countless differences appear concerning it - each group considers some thing to be the stone and busies itself with treating it, wasting their lives. This is why they have said "Work comes after knowledge." In any case, the stone has been and will be hidden, stored, and concealed. After nurturing it in the eye of the sun which is oil - that is, the heat of the oil draws out its excess moisture - in this case it solidifies and appears like marble. It must be freed from the oil, and after being freed and washed, some of that same water from which this stone was produced must be made to prevail over it, and gradually with a fire like the heat of the sun it must be nurtured until whatever it has taken from the essence of oil is dissolved by this water which is the key, and this operation must be repeated until that which is the essence within this Stone is entirely extracted - and this essence is known as the Red Sulfur, the Philosophers' Gold, and the Two-Winged Gold. Often this essence appears white upon the surface of the water, and sometimes it appears as a most beautiful red. That which is white can, with some cultivation, be observed to turn red. Verily, this is the Red Sulfur, of which none is aware save God, the Possessor of Destiny, Who speaks from the Most Great Scene. Verily, there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what you have written regarding similarity, the purpose is the oiliness of water - that is, water must be cultivated until its inner oiliness becomes manifest. In this state, its mixture with other oils becomes easy, but as long as its watery form remains, it is not and will not be capable of mixture. This water is that which has been called the volatile, the water of air, the fire of air, and by other names. It is the Divine Water. In any case, as mentioned, the acquisition of two elements which possess the four elements is necessary. In this state they are called the Mercury of the East and West.

If you wish to dissolve all of that Stone, some of which has been dissolved and united with the Divine Water, it is possible - you must extract that water from it and gradually return a portion to it until all is dissolved. This matter must be completed with very gentle fire or gentle vapor. Then, when all - meaning

the Stone and what has appeared from it - manifests in the form of water, gradually through heat its moisture is completely removed. After completion it congeals, and this dissolution and congealment may be completed in one operation, or in three or more times. Often, that very essence which was obtained from the noble Stone produces the work and hope, and is completed - this is Mercury alone. Some have also ground and pulverized the earth of the Stone with that water until they completed the work, then added the tincture, which is that same essence that appeared on the surface of the water, and completed the work.

From these explanations, knowledge of the Salt is also obtained. What has reached this servant from the sprinkling of the ocean of divine knowledge regarding this work is what has been stated. However, repeatedly it was heard from the Most Holy Tongue that due to the questions of some friends, the Supreme Pen became occupied and spoke concerning this science, though He did not wish the friends to become occupied with it, and He has mentioned the reason for this in some Tablets. Furthermore, whatever this servant has submitted should either be erased after viewing or completely concealed. This servant himself has not yet engaged in this work - what has been submitted was derived from the divine revealed verses. Whenever one contemplates and observes what has been revealed from the divine realm of utterance regarding this science, another door is seen to open, leaving one bewildered. Glory be to Him Who has appeared and made manifest what He willed! Glory be to Him Who has spoken and made to speak what He wished! Glory be to Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes! Glory be to Him Whom nothing frustrates! Verily, He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Regarding your mention of the dream, it was laid before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and He said: “We give them glad tidings in their waking hours of an enduring sovereignty. By the life of God! There has been ordained for him who is steadfast that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth.” And there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them that which minds are incapable of comprehending. We beseech God to assist him to preserve what We have bestowed upon him and what We have sent down to him from My impregnable Kingdom. No good deed has ever been, nor ever shall be, left unrewarded. Verily, He does not suffer the reward of the doers to be lost, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ’A-B, upon him be Baha’u’llah, having appointed this evanescent servant to make the pilgrimage on his behalf to the Beloved of the worlds - praise be to God, the purpose was fulfilled and this servant succeeded in circumambulating the Ka’bih of the Divine Purpose as his deputy. Blessed be he and blessed be I! God willing, may he ever speak in remembrance of the Beloved Who does not pass away, gaze toward His horizon, be assisted in His Cause, and arise in His service. Mention of him was made in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth from the horizon of grace, and a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for him. God willing, may he attain to its perusal. Likewise, wondrous and glorious Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Asadu’llah and his son and another person.

This evanescent servant offers his utter nothingness and evanescence in service to each one, and beseeches God that He may assist them to do that which is adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure. I convey greetings and glorification to your honored offspring and those who are with you. The

glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those who have laid hold of God's firm and mighty cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

A further submission: Jinab-i-Aqa ['Azim], upon him be the Glory of God, has ascended to the Supreme Companion. His legacy amounts to about ten or twelve tumans. According to instructions, Jinab-i-Ism'ullah Mahdi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has collected it and is sending it to you to be delivered to the heirs. Concerning him, passages were revealed from the Most Exalted Pen such that, in truth, every steadfast, content and well-pleasing soul would yearn for such a station. He had been completely transformed and manifested such love that most were filled with wonder. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be to Him Who created him, assisted him, caused him to recognize Him, and made him attain to this noble station which was recorded by His Most Exalted Pen in a mighty Book.

That which was with Jinab-i-Aqa Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, has been received.

O ye friends of mine! The flame of affection hath been ignited, and the fire of yearning hath been kindled. This love and affection, this friendship and fellowship, hath set ablaze all regions. In every clime and country, the companions have arisen with the utmost power and might, and have dedicated themselves to service, for thereby the divine confirmations have encircled them on all sides, and the doors of bounty have been flung wide. How many a soul hath attained unto eternal life, and how many a spirit hath been freed from the fetters of this mortal world. […]

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In the Name of Him Who is called Haji Siyyid Muhammad - upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]

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

Verily doth praise praise its Lord and say: O concourse of the righteous! O assembly of the chosen ones! This Day is My Day, for He hath appeared Who was promised, He for Whose sake the essence of praise and thanksgiving and glorification was created and brought forth from nothingness into being. Glory be to God! Spiritual contentions have arisen - from one direction praise and thanksgiving are heard, from another sight and hearing. Yet this servant hath confirmed and doth confirm them all, for in the first rank and primal station, this Day is indeed the Day of the aforementioned four. That which stands as a barrier and veil is naught but the vain imaginings of the former people and their suppositions. This veil hath been rent asunder by the blessed word "I have turned my face toward Him Who hath created the heavens and the earth" - but this is evident only to those possessed of true power and divine might, not to the foolish rabble.

Glory be to Thee, O Helper of the chosen ones and Revealer of mysteries! I beseech Thee by the fire of the Tree beyond which there is no passing, whereby Thou didst cause Thy sweetest call to be heard and didst cast Thy most exalted Word upon those who have witnessed and seen. I testify, O my God, that that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the stronghold of Thy protection and infallibility

hath been revealed. O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest bounty and by the mysteries hidden and treasured with Thee, O Lord of all beings, to open the doors of ease and hope to the faces of the people of Baha. O Lord! This is Thy Day which Thou hast exalted through Thy grace above the heavens of Thy power, wherein Thou hast caused to flow from Thy Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of immortality, making each drop thereof the water of life for all contingent beings, reviving thereby worlds which none but Thyself hath discovered and which none but Thy knowledge hath encompassed.

O Lord! After my confession of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, manifested through Thy Pen, and uttered by the tongue of Thy grandeur, I beseech Thee by the Lord of all names, Who hath chosen for Himself a prison in ’Akka, that Thou mayest raise up, through Thy Will which Thou hast placed above the knowledge of Thy servants, souls possessed of great might and powerful sovereignty to exalt Thy Cause amidst all religions through wisdom and utterance - souls who have cast away the world and all that is therein and have taken hold of that which Thou hast commanded them through Thy bounty and generosity, that the signs of Thy sovereignty may be manifested in Thy lands and the evidences of Thy Will may encompass Thy servants.

O Lord! These are they who have cast aside what they possessed in hope of what lieth with Thee, and who desire naught on earth save to establish Thy Cause, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest Thy power and might. Strengthen them, O my God, at every moment with the hosts of Thy majesty and power, that there may appear that which they have purposed in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, unto Whose power all the atoms of creation have testified, and before Whose wrathful glance the mountains have melted away.

I beseech Thee at the end of my remembrance, O my Lord and my Support, to assist Thy loved ones and then enable those who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament to seek forgiveness in the court of Thy holiness and to return to the horizon of Thy mercy and might. O Thou Who art the Beloved of the Messengers and the Desire of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee! The servant desireth naught in all creation save what Thou hast desired for him through Thy bounty and ordained for him through Thy grace. Yet he beseecheth Thee and imploreth from the heaven of Thy generosity the deliverance of Thy servants and their purification from all that beseemeth them not in the presence of the revelations of the lights of the Orb of Thy manifestation. O Lord! Aid them through Thy bestowal, strengthen them through Thy sovereignty, and inspire in them, through Thy grace which hath encompassed all existence both seen and unseen, that which hath escaped them. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your service, your steadfastness, and your devotedness. Your letter was like the morning rain, watering the soil of the heart. Immediately the saplings of joy and delight sprouted and grew tall. I beseech the Most High to raise them ever higher, for verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

After being enkindled by the fire ignited in your words and learning their contents, I approached the Most High Kingdom and, after gaining full permission, presented your letter. These firm verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. His mighty word and exalted proof states:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The servant present came before Us and read thy letter, and We hearkened unto it with the ear of grace. Thereupon the ocean of thy Lord's utterance surged, revealing unto thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance as a token of His grace, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This is a Day wherein every one who hath turned unto Him hath prospered, and every deceitful opposer hath lost. Say: O people! By the life of God, ye were created for this Day. The Most Great Book, its letters and words, and its Mother Book bear witness to this, as ordained by God, the Lord of all men. We testify that thou hast spoken the truth in what thou hast mentioned regarding these matters. We beseech God to assist His Afnan in pure justice and to adorn them with the raiment of the Most Great Trustworthiness. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Chosen One.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! We have revealed in the Tablets that which will elevate the stations of those who have turned to the Countenance and witnessed what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the final abode. By the life of God! Should anyone hold fast to what hath been ordained, he would find himself in the highest station. No thing would harm him, nor the objections of any treacherous denier. Say: He hath come for the salvation of the world and the elevation of your stations. Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter.

In Persian We say: That which that Afnan hath mentioned is the truth, without doubt. Ask from the Truth that He may assist all to attain unto that which leadeth to the glory of the Cause and its acceptance. Whoso is for God, God is for him. Today all must gaze toward the horizon and be engaged in service. This is the station of the Afnan of the Blessed Tree. In previous years bounty and blessings were sent down from the heaven of generosity, but due to certain deeds they were suspended. Say: Aforetime all proclaimed: "My God, my God! Thou seest and knowest what hath appeared from Thy loved ones in Thy days. I beseech Thee to assist them to arise to compensate for what hath passed them by in exalting Thy Word. Then inspire them with that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and elevate them through Thy name among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Guardian, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O honored Afnan Mu?sin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Whatsoever he hath heard from the tongue of the Wronged One he will surely mention, for he hath attained unto Our presence and meeting for extended periods and hath heard that which hath been and is the cause of the descent of heavenly sustenance and eternal blessing. We send from this spot Our glorification unto him and give him the glad-tidings of God's mercy and bounty. We beseech God to grant him success and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for him what He hath ordained for His trusted ones. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We convey Our greetings to the loved ones in that land. We beseech God to protect them from the evil of His enemies and to send down upon them from the heaven of bounty that which shall endure as long as His most beautiful names endure. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The End

The blessed, exalted and decisive words each testify to the mercy, grace and favor of the Truth, exalted be His glory, in relation to the Afnan, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful. From the earliest days until now, His Holiness has been gazing toward the horizon of God's Cause and has arisen to serve to the extent possible. This word has repeatedly been heard from the Divine tongue: no deed among deeds can equal this testimony. The grace of the Divine Tree has encompassed all, appearing at every moment with manifest splendor and evident radiance. Blessed are ye and those with you.

The details of matters that must be presented by command are as follows: After the arrival of the honored Afnan, Mr. A and H, and the esteemed Amin, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, some days passed. One day Amin was present before Him and He said: "O Amin, praise be to God, the Afnan has arrived and attained the presence. Now they should occupy themselves with their commercial affairs." In response he submitted: "According to what is known, the honored Aqa Siyyid Mirza has deemed it advisable that they proceed to Bombay, however they have had and have no inclination whatsoever toward that direction." He said: "If this is so, let them proceed to the Great City, that perchance the calumnies of the objectors and slanderers may be dispelled and the people of that city may become aware of the truth of the Cause, for the honored Afnan - the honored Aqa Siyyid Ahmad and the honored Aqa Siyyid Muhsin and the honored Amin and the honored Nazir and other companions - all suddenly departed from the Great City toward the Prison. The deniers and objectors found occasion and wrote to various places that 'these people have taken large sums of our money and fled.' And Abbas-Ali Kazerouni sent letters to Egypt; those very letters were forwarded to the Most Holy Court. We seek refuge in God from the calumnies contained in those inflammatory papers. In any case, that heedless liar united with two others and spread that which became the cause and reason for preventing the servants from turning to and drawing near. Therefore, by command the honored Afnan and the honored Amin proceeded to the Great City, and some time after their departure, a letter arrived either from the Holy Land or from the honored Afnan Haji Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, stating that the honored Afnan Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, should proceed to the land of Ha. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, He said:"Write to Ahmad, upon him be My Glory and favor, that since Mirza has so intended, thou must proceed with utmost speed." However, this servant knew and knows with absolute certainty that if any benefit would have appeared from his presence in the land of Ha, surely the command to proceed to the Sublime Gate would not have been issued, although it was necessary, in view of the honor of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of trustworthiness and religiosity and truthfulness and sincerity in that city. The honored Afnan Aqa Siyyid Muhsin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, is aware of the details and will mention them before His Holiness. At one time this supreme blessed word emerged from the Dayspring of Will, exalted be His glory: "The honored Afnan, that is Mirza, upon him be My Glory, must consider the outcome of every matter and then execute it." However, they, due to the multiplicity of occupation, most of which neither nourishes nor […]

They have been heedless, having failed to observe the affairs from all sides and to reflect upon their outcome. Now we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to open a door of bounty and to set all matters aright. We informed Our servant who was present, the Afnan, that is, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, to proceed to

that direction, but it was and is without fruit. Now hope of fruit lies in the return of the Afnan himself, Aqa Siyyid Mirza, to that land.

After news arrived of the summons of the honored Afnan of the Land, or the esteemed Afnan, that is His Honor A. and H., upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, no further command or prohibition issued forth from the Source of the Cause. The initial intention was altered. In any case, this evanescent servant now beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist the honored Afnans in that which befits them and is worthy of these days. All that His Honor wrote has been confirmed by the Desired One. Now, trusting in God, His Honor and those with him must occupy themselves with setting matters aright. We beseech the Most High to open before your faces the gates of grace, blessing and bounty. Verily He is the Generous, the Bestower, and He is the Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

At this moment this blessed word, from which in truth flows an ocean of joy, was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur. His word, exalted, mighty and great be His utterance: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Your supplications and your mentions, in your stations of humility and submissiveness, of powerlessness and entreaty, of trust and attachment and detachment, have been heard and adorned with acceptance. Blessed art thou for having spoken that which was honored by being heard and for having uttered that which attained the right of acceptance and good-pleasure. Thou hast grasped the truth of the matter. Most are heedless of this point. In numerous Tablets, in accordance with your request, it was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen that it behooveth the Afnan to turn to the service of the Cause. This is for them true commerce and spiritual profit. By the life of God! This profit can never be seized by loss nor altered. Blessed be thy pen in having moved in accordance with that which hath appeared from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

"O My Afnan! The Divine Cause has been and is in exaltation. In no century or age has any cause spread with such rapidity. Now all things are engaged in supporting this Cause. Soon will the deniers behold that from which they were heedless. In no wise is hesitation in any matter permissible. That which is necessary today, and which the Tongue of God pronounceth, is this which He speaks before the faces of the world: O My Afnan! Thou hast spoken the truth. We bear witness that ye were created for the triumph of God's Cause, the exaltation of His Word, and the spreading of His signs, in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall frighten you, nor shall the veils of the peoples and the manifestations of idle fancies in the world cause you grief. By My life! The fire hath been kindled in the Blessed Tree, and it speaketh at this moment, saying: 'O My Afnan! Forsake the world and what the peoples possess. Arise for the triumph of the Cause. And the triumph that hath no equal is your detachment from all that ye possess, that the atoms may bear witness to your elevation, your exaltation, your advancement and your ascent.' Penetrating eyes from the Supreme Concourse are fixed upon you and your deeds."

O Afnan, O Mirza, upon thee rest the Glory of God, the Lord of all names. Hear thou the Voice of this Wronged One and cleave thou, as befitteth thy kinship to the Sacred Tree, unto that which is meet and seemly. Thou art foremost in rank and station to serve the Cause. With utmost endeavor thou must prevent the dark and defiling winds and dust of this world from sullying the most holy and sacred Hem. That which will today elevate your stations and exalt the Cause is this: that ye should enter, detached from the world, into the realm of detachment, and assign to its rightful owners whatsoever ye possess for

the exaltation of God's Word. That is, whatever ye possess, whether little or much, place it at the disposal of trade and commerce, and with the utmost joy and fragrance discharge the debts ye owe to others. This is your station and that which hath been ordained for you by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mirza, upon thee be My Glory! Should you act upon what hath been mentioned, it will serve as the supreme means for the manifestation of detachment and of the fear of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Take what thou hast been commanded by the Truth and cast aside all that the people possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have revealed unto thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God and make thee powerful through His might. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Afnan! I desire not for you that which I desire not for Myself. Hear thou the call of this Wronged One and arise with complete resolve to discharge the debts owed to others. This is commanded by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This deed is the master of deeds and the lord thereof in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Your dominion lies in the divine Kingdom, not in the clay of earth. Hear My call and be of the thankful ones. Do what thou hast been commanded and be of the contented ones. Hold fast unto what the Lord of the worlds hath desired for thee and be of the detached ones. Grasp the hem of thy Lord's bounty and say: O my God, my Lord, and my Support! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy bounty and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. I desire to discharge what is incumbent upon me through that which Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy generosity and bounty, that it may be proven to all that Thy Being is sanctified, Thy Essence holy, and that Thy loved ones are detached from the dust and ornaments of the world, that there might shine forth from the horizon of my deeds the light of trustworthiness and religiosity, through Thy grace and bounty, O Thou Who art the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and the Ruler over all who dwell in the realm of creation. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree and the light of Thy countenance to aid Thy Afnan in accomplishing what they desire in Thy days, that all may witness that the ornaments of earthly dominion hold no station with Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Thereupon the words of God were concluded with this most exalted Word: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Single, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The outward and inward well-being of the Afnan lies in ceasing their scattered and diverse trading ventures and being content with one or two enterprises. Verily blessing lieth in His grasp and the kingdom of bounty in His right hand. He enricheth whomsoever He willeth, as bidden by Him. Verily the All-Sufficient hath acknowledged the poverty of His servants in His saying: "O ye people! Ye are but paupers in need of God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praised." If thou shouldst attain unto that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, assuredly the doors of blessing, bounty, generosity and grace of the Lord of ancient days shall be opened before your faces in such wise as to astonish all. Do what thou hast been commanded and be of the assured ones.

In the earliest days of arrival in the prison, that which would enlighten those possessed of insight became manifest, namely that the manufacture of opium is not acceptable in the sight of God. Nevertheless, your honor engaged in that which was not permissible. Now must ye cleave unto that which is worthy of acceptance. Verily God commandeth you to justice and kindness and to that which will exalt you in every world of His worlds. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

O my God! Grant confirmation. O my God! Bestow success. The servants are weak, even though they may be Afnan. I beseech from Thee Thy ancient and fresh favors, that Thou mayest confirm Thy Afnan in that which is befitting, and ordain for them that which is conducive to their progress, ascendancy, exaltation and elevation. Thou art the Bestower, the Kind. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

His Holiness the Afnan, the Most Luminous Star, upon him be the Most Effulgent Glory of God, has arrived and will undoubtedly relate that which he has heard from the precincts of the Throne. It has been repeatedly conveyed that whatsoever his honor has written is in accordance with the Will. One must hold fast and cling to it, that there may descend from the heaven of grace and bounty what We desire of the wonders of His generosity and munificence. In the nights and days, mention of them and their presence has been and is, both outwardly and inwardly. The Servant beseeches his Lord to confirm his honor and grant him success in that which will set affairs aright. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

To the other Afnan and the loved ones of that land, upon them be the Glory of God, His mercy and His favor, I convey greetings and salutations. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors, to send down uninterruptedly from the heaven of grace and bounty for each one that which will rectify affairs and be the cause of joy and gladness. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. The Command is in His grasp, and He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and who hearken to your words and your mention and your call in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Exalted Seat.

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

All praise, sanctified from letters and words, befitteth the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court of that Desired One Who hath gathered together the whole world through one Word, and through another Word hath distinguished between truth and falsehood. He is that Word which hath been called by all names, appearing at every moment in a wondrous form, and in a certain station. He it is Who, between heaven and earth, proclaimed the blessed word “The Beloved of the Worlds hath appeared!”, and He was that Cry whose mention was recorded aforetime in the Books. He is that Word which called out with supreme power and dominion, declaring: “I am the Distinguisher of the world and the Separator of the world. I am that Balance whereby the deeds of all the world’s peoples are weighed.” Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! How great is His sovereignty! How mighty His glory and His power!

This blessed and most exalted Word, with all its loftiness, sublimity, power and grandeur, hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Mouth of Will. Glorified be its Originator, its Creator, its Quickener and its Sovereign! This is a station wherein, after one hath immersed himself and journeyed therein, the radiance of the Sun of Grandeur so grippeth him that man is left bewildered. And this bewilderment is itself most praiseworthy and shall ever be so, even as the Seal of the Prophets - may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him - hath said: "Lord, increase my bewilderment in Thee!" Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station and comprehended that which hath been manifested in the days of its Lord, the Possessor of Names.

The Ocean of Life hath appeared in the contingent world, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom, nay rather, they are seen to turn away. He calleth with the utmost loving-kindness and bounty, guiding and directing the thirsty ones unto Himself, yet none turneth towards Him save whom his Lord willeth. In all divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures the glory of this Day hath been mentioned and recorded, yet they remain heedless thereof and deprived. The eyes of the Concourse on High have been gladdened by the appearance of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, yet the people are in strange heedlessness and drunkenness.

The divine Call is raised upon the Mount of Knowledge, and He is the same Speaker that spoke from the Blessed Tree, and He is that Promised Countenance by Whose mention all divine Books have been adorned, being known in each Book by a different name. This is the Day which God - exalted be His glory and His sovereignty - hath attributed unto Himself, mentioned in the Books as the Day of God. Despite conclusive proofs, manifest evidences, revealed verses, and clear and resplendent signs, all are occupied with vain imaginings, idle fancies and fleeting things. Heedlessness hath so seized the people that they have not awakened at the Cry, nor raised their heads from the slumber of negligence at God's Call.

Strange it is that they witness at every moment the changes, transformations, variations and passing away of the world, yet they cling unto it, remaining bereft of any portion from the immortal Kingdom. After a few numbered hours or brief days, they shall pass from their lofty palaces to empty tombs wherein they shall dwell. Then shall they cry: "Woe unto us for having been heedless of the Sun that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the Cause!" They shall weep and lament, finding neither helper nor succourer.

This lowly servant beseeches his Eternal and Everlasting Lord to rend asunder, with the finger of His Will, the veils of all created things, to show them the light of His Cause from the horizon of His purpose, to make them hear His most sweet call which hath been raised between earth and heaven, to give them to drink of the choice sealed wine through His Self-Subsisting Name, and to aid them in such wise that neither the opposition of the heedless nor the clamor of the deniers shall dismay them. Verily, He is the One Who dominates all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, O my beloved, I received your letter which testifies to your sincerity, your acceptance, and your turning unto God, Who is our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all worlds. When I perceived the fragrance of your love from the trace of your ink and became aware of its contents, I approached the Praiseworthy Station until I attained the presence of His countenance, and, after

receiving permission, presented what was written therein. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the ocean of utterance to surge throughout all possibility, and all atoms bore witness to the Lord of all religions. He spoke, and His most exalted Word is this:

O servant who standeth before the Throne! Write for him who hath turned unto My countenance that which the Tongue of My grandeur uttereth in My prison, that he may give thanks to the Lord of the world and arise to make mention of Him in such wise that the fragrance of detachment may be wafted therefrom throughout the realms of creation. O Ahmad! We have mentioned thee aforetime with verses before which the Concourse on High and a company of angels bow down at eventide and at dawn. We have indeed sent down verses for every occasion, yet most of the people are wrapped in heedlessness and veils. They have cast aside that which is approved and have clung to that which is forbidden, inasmuch as they have followed the divines of the earth who have cast the truth behind their backs and have held fast to fancy and vain imaginings. By God! The Wronged One hath called them at all times unto the All-Merciful, yet they have pronounced judgment against Him without any clear proof or Book. That which never appeared in the world hath now been made manifest, as attesteth the Mother Book which is with Him. This is a day wherein the earth and heaven have spoken, and all things have cried out: "The kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Lords!" Blessed art thou and thy children who have acknowledged that which God Himself hath acknowledged on the day when all men stood before God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. There hath been ordained for thee and for them that which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the Final End. Rejoice thou in the glad-tidings of thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned, and all glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast borne in the path of God that which none of His servants hath borne."

And thereafter, the names mentioned in your letter were presented before the Throne. The Sun of loving-kindness shone forth upon each one, and with His blessed tongue He spoke words concerning these accepted and mentioned souls, and then from the heaven of His Will, verses of grandeur were revealed for each one. May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His bounty! In truth, whatever may be mentioned and whatever praise and glorification one may cling to and hold fast unto, has not been and is not worthy of this grace and loving-kindness.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great […]

The verses have been revealed and the signs have appeared and the Hidden Mystery hath been made manifest in truth and proclaimeth amongst all creation that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is indeed the One at Whose appearance the Qaim circled round with the Concourse on High. Thus was the matter decreed in the Books of God aforetime, but the people know not. Every letter, every word, and every line in the Books of God hath testified to this Tablet which hath appeared in the temple of man, and verily this is the Tablet which hath been preserved from all eternity within the pavilions of immaculacy, through a command from the presence of the Beloved, the All-Glorious.

O ʼAli-i-Akbar! By the life of God! If thou couldst taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst soar on the wings of yearning in this atmosphere which God hath sanctified from all who

know and all that is known. Be thou thankful unto God for this supreme bounty which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

He is the One Who speaketh from the Farthest Lote-Tree

O Isma'il! He Who sent forth the Friend maketh mention of thee. Rejoice thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Verily He heareth the call of every soul that turneth toward Him and beholdeth the deeds of those who have turned unto Him with radiant faces. He, verily, is the Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have sent down for everyone who hath turned unto God that which hath caused the breezes of revelation to waft over all, whether young or old. Among them are those who were stirred by the call of God and hastened unto the seat of nearness and holiness and glory, and among them are those who were seized by the intoxication of pride in such wise that they awoke not even when the Trump was blown from the presence of a wise Ordainer. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God on a Day whereon every learned one turned away and every mystic objected and every religious leader pronounced his remote judgment. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Greatest Steadfastness and to preserve that which thou hast been given from the presence of the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath turned toward the Most Great Sea and desireth to drink therefrom in My Most Generous Name. O 'Ali! We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace that thou mayest thank thy Lord Who created thee and guided thee unto His straight path. Verily those who are heedless this day are in manifest loss. The breezes of chastisement shall soon seize them from every direction. The Revealer of verses beareth witness unto this in this Great Tablet. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe the greatest steadfastness and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His mighty Book. Hold ye fast unto the Book of God, then speak ye that whereby the standards of guidance may be raised amongst all creatures. Thus doth He command you from Whose presence is a Preserving Tablet.

He is the One Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name from the horizon of the world

O Hassan! The Lord of eternity maketh mention of thee and of those who have believed on a Day when the Luminary of the Cause was visible from the horizon of grace. We created all things for this Day, yet when it came the people turned away therefrom and followed every idolater who was far removed from the ocean of nearness. They cast the Book of God behind their backs and took that which they were bidden by every ignorant one who was deprived of the Kawthar of knowledge. Blessed are they who have turned away from vain imaginings and have turned with their hearts toward the horizon which is known by the name of God. Thus have We made mention of thee that thy Lord may remember thee. Verily He remembereth whomsoever He willeth in a Tablet which hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command with glory. The splendor of God be upon thee and upon thy brothers. Verily We give them the glad-tidings of Our mention. He, verily, hath power over all things.

He is the Witness over creation […]

O Abraham! Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me though I see Thee not, Thou hearest me though I hear Thee not, and Thou knowest what is with me though I know not what is with Thee. I beseech Thee by the Name through which the trees have yielded their fruits, through which the righteous have turned unto Thee, through which the trumpet hath been sounded and all who are in earth and heaven have swooned away, to confirm me in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O Lord! This is Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, who hath turned toward Thee and sought the outpourings from the clouds of Thy mercy and the manifestations of Thy grace and favors. O Lord! I am he that is far, yet I seek Thy nearness. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which is with Thee and to ordain for me that which will profit me. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A remembrance from Our presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that they may hear the call of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and turn with their hearts toward the horizon which hath been illumined by this Most Great Name. O Ahmad! The hosts of tyranny have encompassed the kindred of the Apostle, whereat the Concourse on High have lamented, as have those who have held fast to My Strong Cord. By God! The Ark of the Pure One hath been tossed between the waves of dissension. Thus doth God make mention as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Strange indeed that one who claimed to be of the kindred of the Apostle and offspring of the Pure One should arise to slay the apple of the eye of both the Apostle and the Pure One. Such is the nature of this world and its people. The hand of divine power seized that wicked one, and ere long he shall return to his abode. Beseech ye God that He may protect you in these fleeting days from the promptings of idle fancies and grant you a secure station in the precincts of His mercy. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth.

O Abdul-Hamid! This Wronged One, alone in His prison, summoneth the entire world to the recognition of the Ancient King. Some among the servants have been blessed by the sweet savors of divine days, while others remain deprived. Ye must, God willing, remain steadfast, firm and immovable in the Cause of God. Many are the clamorous ones, and the evil ones lie in wait. Ask thou God to protect thee and those who have believed from the evil of every deceitful impostor. Verily He is the Mighty, the Incomparable.

He is sanctified above the mention of what hath been and what shall be

O seeker! The Beloved of the world and the Ancient King hath manifested Himself for the salvation of all peoples. Yet they have inflicted upon Him that which hath caused the Messengers of God to lament, the rocks of the earth to cry out, its sands to wail, and all things to raise their voices in grief. The bounty of God shineth even as the sun, and every fair-minded one testifieth that God, exalted and mighty be He, hath come with pure grace, bounty and generosity. Nevertheless, all have risen in dissension and hatred, save those souls who have truly attained the waters of divine knowledge. Blessed are they and good cheer be unto them. God willing, may ye attain such a station in divine love that human conditions shall not hold you back, and may ye remain steadfast and immovable in your love for the Beloved of all possibility, in complete joy and fragrance.

O Kazim! After recognition of God, exalted be His glory, steadfastness has been and will ever be the greatest of all things. God willing, may all attain to this most exalted and glorious station. I counsel you and the friends of God to follow that which hath been sent down in the Book from the heaven of God's Will. He is the Guide, He is the Protector, and He is the Helper. A pure deed is, in itself, a summoner to truth and a guide to mankind. Likewise do We counsel all to observe wisdom - a commandment that hath time and again been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. All must hold fast unto it and fix their gaze upon it. Hold thou fast unto it and be of the thankful ones.

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

The Ancient King hath seated Himself upon the Most Great Throne in this wilderness wherein hath been raised the call of every Prophet and every trusted Messenger. This is the Day of which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, gave tidings aforetime, and unto which the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, have borne witness. There is no Book but the All-Merciful hath mentioned it therein, and no Tablet but hath been adorned with His beauteous remembrance. Yet when He appeared, most of the people turned away, save those who came unto God with a pure heart. Ponder the grace and mercy of God - He remembereth thee in such wise as to transport the hearts of them that know. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of Mine utterance and hear My call, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all worlds! O Mahdi! We have, of Our grace, guided thee and revealed unto thee My straight path.

In the Name of the Goal of the World

O Hasan! The Beauty of God sacrificed Himself amongst the people for the sake of the Peerless Beloved. He freely removed the crown of life and cast it at the feet of the Beloved of all possibility. He attained unto twin martyrdoms - before his outward martyrdom, he had already sacrificed himself over the course of years, for he had no desires, will or purpose of his own; he had caused them all to perish in the will of the Beloved. Though outwardly alive, walking and speaking, in reality he had already sacrificed himself - this is the station of the Most Great Martyrdom. That inner, spiritual martyrdom was adorned with the ornament of outward martyrdom. Blessed are they who attain unto his remembrance. Beseech ye God that He may cause all to attain unto this most exalted and glorious station. Whosoever attaineth unto the first martyrdom hath attained unto all good. Verily, He hath expounded for you what He desireth. He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

He is the One Who Doeth What He Willeth Through His Word "Be," and it is!

Glorified be He Who sendeth down verses unto people who comprehend, and manifesteth in the kingdom whatsoever He willeth. No thing can frustrate Him and no matter can hinder Him. Blessed are they who have cast away what they possess and have turned unto Him in His days. They, verily, are of the people of this praiseworthy station. This is the Day whereof We gave tidings aforetime unto the chosen ones, yet most of the people perceive not. We say in truth: Lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them glad tidings of the days of God. This is a word which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an, and wherewith the Gospel and the Psalms have been adorned. Yet when the Day appeared and the Promised One came, the people turned away from Him and pronounced against Him a tyranny the like of which the eyes have never witnessed. Blessed are ye, My loved ones in that place, for having

fulfilled My covenant and My pledge. We counsel you to preserve that which ye have been given by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We adorned the Book with My remembrance and the Tablet with My beloved name.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Give thanks to the Lord of Destiny for having made mention of thee from the Most Great Horizon. Verily He hath heard thy praise and witnessed thy devotion. He hath mentioned thee in these verses which all the books of the world circle round, by the command of the All-Merciful, the Most Kind. He turneth unto him who turneth unto Him, and draweth nigh unto those who have drawn nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance declareth:

O Ali-Qabli-Asghar! Wert thou to know what hath befallen the Wronged One, thou wouldst weep and lament. Yet God hath concealed it, having regard to the wisdom ordained for all glory. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The letter of him who hath turned towards the Countenance hath been received, wherein mention was made of thee. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, for We are, in truth, the Forgiving, the Merciful. By the life of God! My tongue speaketh at all times, and the Supreme Pen moveth in such wise that no rest can overtake it, yet most of the people are heedless. The more God's loving-kindness increaseth, the more do they increase in their heedlessness. Thus doth inform thee He Who is encompassed by every truthful and well-informed one.

O My loved ones! Adorn your temples with the ornament of trustworthiness and your hearts with the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Take on My attributes, then act in accordance with that which I have enjoined upon you in My Perspicuous Book. Beware lest the clamor of the people prevent you from attaining this exalted station. Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and cling to His resplendent hem. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, though surrounded by sorrows from all sides, seeing the people behind a thick veil. We have borne all hardships and accepted adversity and tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names. By the life of God! My grief is not for what hath befallen My own Self - to this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Were We to mention some of what hath been concealed from you, sorrows would overtake you from every direction. Thus do We recount unto you, for He is the All-Remembering, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

Furthermore, God's bounty towards your honor is evident and clear. More names than those mentioned in your letter could have been cited - from the heaven of divine favor, out of love and felicity, unique and wondrous Tablets would have been revealed for each one. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to aid your honor in all conditions. Unique and wondrous Tablets have also been revealed and sent for the children. Verily His bounty hath encompassed thee; He is truly the All-Bountiful, the Generous. This evanescent servant requesteth that you convey greetings to each of the children and other friends of God. God willing, may they all remain steadfast in the Cause and fix their gaze upon the horizon of grace. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Praise be to God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

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In My Name, calling aloud in the Kingdom of Utterance

Praise and thanksgiving beseem the Lord of manifest dominion Who hath adorned the mighty prison with the presence of their honours ’Ali Akbar and Amin, and hath illumined it with the light of certitude, constancy and assurance. The glory of God and the glory of all that are in the heavens and on the earth be upon them.

Light and glory, greeting and praise be upon the Hands of His Cause, through whom the light of fortitude hath shone forth and the truth hath been established that the authority to choose rests with God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained, through whom the ocean of bounty hath surged and the fragrance of the gracious favours of God, the Lord of mankind, hath been diffused.

We beseech Him - Exalted is He - to shield them through the power of His hosts, to protect them through the potency of His dominion and to aid them through His indomitable strength which prevaileth over all created things. Sovereignty is God’s, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

The Great Announcement proclaimeth: O people of Persia! In former times ye have been the symbols of mercy and the embodiments of affection and kindliness. The regions of the world were illumined and embellished by the brightness of the light of your knowledge and by the blaze of your erudition. How is it that you have arisen to destroy yourselves and your friends with your own hands?

O Afnan, O thou that has branched from Mine ancient Stock! My glory and My loving-kindness rest upon thee. How vast is the tabernacle of the Cause of God! It hath overshadowed all the peoples and kindreds of the earth, and will, ere long, gather together the whole of mankind beneath its shelter. Thy day of service is now come. Countless Tablets bear the testimony of the bounties vouchsafed unto thee. Arise for the triumph of My Cause, and, through the power of thine utterance, subdue the hearts of men. Thou must show forth that which will ensure the peace and the well-being of the miserable and the downtrodden. Gird up the loins of thine endeavour, that perchance thou mayest release the captive from his chains, and enable him to attain unto true liberty.

Justice is, in this day, bewailing its plight, and Equity groaneth beneath the yoke of oppression. The thick clouds of tyranny have darkened the face of the earth, and enveloped its peoples. Through the movement of Our Pen of glory We have, at the bidding of the omnipotent Ordainer, breathed a new life into every human frame, and instilled into every word a fresh potency. All created things proclaim the evidences of this world-wide regeneration. This is the most great, the most joyful tidings imparted by the Pen of this Wronged One to mankind. Wherefore fear ye, O My well-beloved ones? Who is it that can dismay you? A touch of moisture sufficeth to dissolve the hardened clay out of which this perverse generation is moulded. The mere act of your gathering together is enough to scatter the forces of these vain and worthless people.

Strife and conflict befit the beasts of the wild. It was through the grace of God and with the aid of seemly words and praiseworthy deeds that the unsheathed swords of the Bábí community were returned to their scabbards. Indeed through the power of good words, the righteous have always succeeded in winning command over the meads of the hearts of men. Say, O ye loved ones! Do not forsake prudence. Incline

your hearts to the counsels given by the Most Exalted Pen and beware lest your hands or tongues cause harm unto anyone among mankind.

Referring to the land of Ta (Tihran) We have revealed in the Kitáb-i-Aqdas that which will admonish mankind. They that perpetrate tyranny in the world have usurped the rights of the peoples and kindreds of the earth and are sedulously pursuing their selfish inclinations. The tyrant of the land of Ya (Yazd), committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High to shed tears of blood.

O thou who hast quaffed from the wine of Mine utterance and hast fixed thy gaze upon the horizon of My Revelation! How strange that the people of Persia, who were unrivalled in sciences and arts, should have sunk to the lowest level of degradation among the kindreds of the earth. O people! In this blessed, this glorious Day, deprive not yourselves of the liberal effusions of bounty which the Lord of abounding grace hath vouchsafed unto you. In this Day showers of wisdom and utterance are pouring down from the clouds of divine mercy. Well is it with them who judge His Cause with fairness, and woe betide the unjust.

Every man of insight will, in this day, readily admit that the counsels which the Pen of this Wronged One hath revealed constitute the supreme animating power for the advancement of the world and the exaltation of its peoples. Arise, O people, and, by the power of God's might, resolve to gain the victory over your own selves, that haply the whole earth may be freed and sanctified from its servitude to the gods of its idle fancies - gods that have inflicted such loss upon, and are responsible for the misery of their wretched worshippers. These idols form the obstacle that impedeth man in his efforts to advance in the path of perfection. We cherish the hope that the Hand of divine power may lend its assistance to mankind and deliver it from its state of grievous abasement.

In one of the Tablets these words have been revealed: O people of God! Do not busy yourselves in your own concerns; let your thoughts be fixed upon that which will rehabilitate the fortunes of mankind and sanctify the hearts and souls of men. This can best be achieved through pure and holy deeds, through a virtuous life and a goodly behaviour. Valiant acts will ensure the triumph of this Cause, and a saintly character will reinforce its power. Cleave unto righteousness, O people of Baha! This, verily, is the commandment which this Wronged One hath given unto you, and the first choice of His unrestrained Will for every one of you.

O friends! It behoveth you to refresh and revive your souls through the gracious favours which in this Divine, this soul-stirring Springtime are being showered upon you. The Day-Star of His great glory hath shed its radiance upon you, and the clouds of His limitless grace have overshadowed you. How high the reward of him that hath not deprived himself of so great a bounty, nor failed to recognize the beauty of his Best-Beloved in this, His new attire. Watch over yourselves, for the Evil One is lying in wait, ready to entrap you. Gird yourselves against his wicked devices, and, led by the light of the name of the All-Seeing God, make your escape from the darkness that surroundeth you. Let your vision be world-embracing, rather than confined to your own self. The Evil One is he that hindereth the rise and obstructeth the spiritual progress of the children of men.

It is incumbent upon every man, in this Day, to hold fast unto whatsoever will promote the interests, and exalt the station, of all nations and just governments. Through each and every one of the verses which

the Pen of the Most High hath revealed, the doors of love and unity have been unlocked and flung open to the face of men. We have erewhile declared - and Our Word is the truth -: 'Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship.' Whatsoever hath led the children of men to shun one another, and hath caused dissensions and divisions amongst them, hath, through the revelation these words, been nullified and abolished. From the heaven of God's Will, and for the purpose of ennobling the world of being and of elevating the minds and souls of men, hath been sent down that which is the most effective instrument for the education of the whole human race. The highest essence and most perfect expression of whatsoever the peoples of old have either said or written hath, through this most potent Revelation, been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the All-Possessing, the Ever-Abiding God. Of old it hath been revealed: 'Love of one's country is an element of the Faith of God.' The Tongue of Grandeur hath, however, in the day of His manifestation proclaimed: 'It is not his to boast who loveth his country, but it is his who loveth the world.' Through the power released by these exalted words He hath lent a fresh impulse and set a new direction to the birds of men's hearts, and hath obliterated every trace of restriction and limitation from God's holy Book. This Wronged One hath forbidden the people of God to engage in contention or conflict and hath exhorted them to righteous deeds and praiseworthy character. In this day the hosts that can ensure the victory of the Cause are those of goodly conduct and saintly character. Blessed are they who firmly adhere unto them and woe betide such as turn away therefrom. O people of God! I admonish you to observe courtesy, for above all else it is the prince of virtues. Well is it with him who is illumined with the light of courtesy and is attired with the vesture of uprightness. Whoso is endued with courtesy hath indeed attained a sublime station. It is hoped that this Wronged One and everyone else may be enabled to acquire it, hold fast unto it, observe it, and fix our gaze upon it. This is a binding command which hath streamed forth from the Pen of the Most Great Name.

This day when the gems of constancy that lie hid in the mine of men's inner selves should be made manifest. O people of Justice! Be as brilliant as the light and as splendid as the fire that blazed in the Burning Bush. The brightness of the fire of your love will no doubt fuse and unify the contending peoples and kindreds of the earth, whilst the fierceness of the flame of enmity and hatred cannot but result in strife and ruin. We beseech God that He may shield His creatures from the evil designs of His enemies. He verily hath power over all things.

All praise be to the one true God - exalted be His glory - inasmuch as He hath, through the Pen of the Most High, unlocked the doors of men's hearts. Every verse which this Pen hath revealed is a bright and shining portal that discloseth the glories of a saintly and pious life, of pure and stainless deeds. The summons and the message which We gave were never intended to reach or to benefit one land or one people only. Mankind in its entirety must firmly adhere to whatsoever hath been revealed and vouchsafed unto it. Then and only then will it attain unto true liberty.

The whole earth is illuminated with the resplendent glory of God's Revelation. In the year sixty He Who heralded the light of Divine Guidance - may all creation be a sacrifice unto Him - arose to announce a fresh revelation of the Divine Spirit, and was followed, twenty years later, by Him through Whose coming the world was made the recipient of this promised glory, this wondrous favour. Behold how the generality

of mankind hath been endued with the capacity to hearken unto God's most exalted Word - the Word upon which must depend the gathering together and spiritual resurrection of all men.

Whilst in the Prison of 'Akka, We revealed in the Crimson Book that which is conducive to the advancement of mankind and to the reconstruction of the world. The utterances set forth therein by the Pen of the Lord of creation include the following which constitute the fundamental principles for the administration of the affairs of men:

First: It is incumbent upon the ministers of the House of Justice to promote the Lesser Peace so that the people of the earth may be relieved from the burden of exorbitant expenditures. This matter is imperative and absolutely essential, inasmuch as hostilities and conflict lie at the root of affliction and calamity.

Second: Languages must be reduced to one common language to be taught in all the schools of the world.

Third: It behoveth man to adhere tenaciously unto that which will promote fellowship, kindliness and unity.

Fourth: Everyone, whether man or woman, should hand over to a trusted person a portion of what he or she earneth through trade, agriculture or other occupation, for the training and education of children, to be spent for this purpose with the knowledge of the Trustees of the House of Justice.

Fifth: Special regard must be paid to agriculture. Although it hath been mentioned in the fifth place, unquestionably it precedeth the others. Agriculture is highly developed in foreign lands, however in Persia it hath so far been grievously neglected. It is hoped that His Majesty the Shah – may God assist him by His grace – will turn his attention to this vital and important matter.

Were men to strictly observe that which the Pen of the Most High hath revealed in the Crimson Book, they could then well afford to dispense with the regulations which prevail in the world. Certain exhortations have repeatedly streamed forth from the Pen of the Most High that perchance the manifestations of power and the dawning-places of might may, sometime, be enabled to enforce them. Indeed, were sincere seekers to be found, every emanation of God's pervasive and irresistible Will would, for the sake of His love, be revealed. But where are to be found earnest seekers and inquiring minds? Whither are gone the equitable and the fair-minded? At present no day passeth without the fire of a fresh tyranny blazing fiercely, or the sword of a new aggression being unsheathed. Gracious God! The great and the noble in Persia glory in acts of such savagery that one is lost in amazement at the tales thereof.

Day and night this Wronged One yieldeth thanks and praise unto the Lord of men, for it is witnessed that the words of counsel and exhortation We uttered have proved effective and that this people hath evinced such character and conduct as are acceptable in Our sight. This is affirmed by virtue of the event which hath truly cheered the eye of the world, and is none other than the intercession of the friends with the high authorities in favour of their enemies. Indeed one's righteous deeds testify to the truth of one's words. We cherish the hope that men of piety may illumine the world through the radiant light of their

conduct, and We entreat the Almighty – glorified and exalted is He – to grant that everyone may in this Day remain steadfast in His love and stand firm in His Cause. He is, in truth, the Protector of those who are wholly devoted to Him and observe His precepts.

O people of God! Countless are the realms which Our Pen of Glory hath revealed and manifold the eyes to which it hath imparted true enlightenment. Yet most of the people in Persia continue to be deprived of the benefits of profitable counsels and remain sorely lacking in useful sciences and arts. Formerly these sublime words were especially revealed by the Pen of Glory in honour of one of the faithful, that perchance those that have gone astray may embrace the Truth and become acquainted with the subtleties of the Law of God.

The unbelievers and the faithless have set their minds on four things: first, the shedding of blood; second, the burning of books; third, the shunning of the followers of other religions; fourth, the extermination of other communities and groups. Now however, through the strengthening grace and potency of the Word of God these four barriers have been demolished, these clear injunctions have been obliterated from the Tablet and brutal dispositions have been transmuted into spiritual attributes. Exalted is His purpose; glorified is His power; magnified is His dominion!

Now let us beseech God - praised be His glory - to graciously guide aright the followers of the Shi'ih sect and to purge them of unseemly conduct. From the lips of the members of this sect foul imprecations fall unceasingly, while they invoke the word 'Mal'un' (accursed) - uttered with a guttural sound of the letter 'ayn - as their daily relish.

O God my God! Thou hearest the sighing of Him Who is Thy Light (Baha), hearkenest unto His lamentations in the daytime and in the night season and knowest that He desireth naught for Himself but rather seeketh to sanctify the souls of Thy servants and to deliver them from the fire with which they are beset at all times. O Lord! The hands of Thy well-favoured servants are raised towards the heaven of Thy bounty and those of Thy sincere lovers are lifted up to the sublime heights of Thy generosity. Disappoint them not, I entreat Thee, in that which they seek from the ocean of Thy favour and from the heaven of Thy grace and the day-star of Thy bounty. Aid them, O Lord, to acquire such virtues as will exalt their stations among the peoples of the world. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

O people of God! Give ear unto that which, if heeded, will ensure the freedom, well-being, tranquillity, exaltation and advancement of all men. Certain laws and principles are necessary and indispensable for Persia. However, it is fitting that these measures should be adopted in conformity with the considered views of His Majesty - may God aid him through His grace - and of the learned divines and of the high-ranking rulers. Subject to their approval a place should be fixed where they would meet. There they should hold fast to the cord of consultation and adopt and enforce that which is conducive to the security, prosperity, wealth and tranquillity of the people. For were any measure other than this to be adopted, it could not but result in chaos and commotion.

According to the fundamental laws which We have formerly revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas and other Tablets, all affairs are committed to the care of just kings and presidents and of the Trustees of the House of Justice. Having pondered on that which We have enunciated, every man of equity and discernment will

readily perceive, with his inner and outer eyes, the splendours of the day-star of justice which radiate therefrom. The system of government which the British people have adopted in London appeareth to be good, for it is adorned with the light of both kingship and of the consultation of the people.

In formulating the principles and laws a part hath been devoted to penalties which form an effective instrument for the security and protection of men. However, dread of the penalties maketh people desist only outwardly from committing vile and contemptible deeds, while that which guardeth and restraineth man both outwardly and inwardly hath been and still is the fear of God. It is man's true protector and his spiritual guardian. It behoveth him to cleave tenaciously unto that which will lead to the appearance of this supreme bounty. Well is it with him who giveth ear unto whatsoever My Pen of Glory hath proclaimed and observeth that whereunto he is bidden by the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

Incline your hearts, O people of God, unto the counsels of your true, your incomparable Friend. The Word of God may be likened unto a sapling, whose roots have been implanted in the hearts of men. It is incumbent upon you to foster its growth through the living waters of wisdom, of sanctified and holy words, so that its root may become firmly fixed and its branches may spread out as high as the heavens and beyond.

O God, my God! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy forgiveness and benevolence, turning my gaze toward the horizon of Thy bountiful favors and manifold blessings. I beg of Thee by Thy sweet accents and by the shrill voice of Thy Pen, O Lord of all mankind, to graciously aid Thy servants as it befitteth Thy days and beseemeth the glory of Thy manifestation and Thy majesty. Verily potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. All they that dwell in the heavens and on the earth bear witness to Thy power and Thy might, to Thy glory and Thy bounty. Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds and the Well-Beloved of the hearts of all such as have recognized Thee.

Thou seest, O my God, the essence of poverty seeking the ocean of Thy wealth and the substance of transgression looking toward the heaven of Thy forgiveness and tender mercy. Grant Thou, O my God, that which beseemeth Thy great glory and befitteth the loftiness of Thy boundless grace. Thou art in truth the All-Bountiful, the Lord of grace abounding, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty.

O God my God! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy forgiveness and benevolence, turning my gaze toward the horizon of Thy bountiful favours and manifold blessings. I beg of Thee by Thy sweet accents and by the shrill voice of Thy Pen, O Lord of all mankind, to graciously aid Thy servants as it befitteth Thy days and beseemeth the glory of Thy manifestation and Thy majesty. Verily potent art Thou to do whatsoever Thou willest. All they that dwell in the heavens and on the earth bear witness to Thy power and Thy might, to Thy glory and Thy bounteousness. Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds and the Well-Beloved of the heart of every man of understanding!

Thou beholdest, O my God, the essence of poverty seeking the ocean of Thy wealth and the substance of iniquity yearning for the waters of Thy forgiveness and Thy tender mercy. Grant Thou, O my God, that which beseemeth Thy great glory and befitteth the loftiness of Thy boundless grace. Thou art in truth the

All-Bountiful, the Lord of grace abounding, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent.

O people of God! In this day everyone should fix his eyes upon the horizon of these blessed words: 'Alone and unaided He doeth whatsoever He pleaseth.' Whoso attaineth this station hath verily attained the light of the essential unity of God and is enlightened thereby, while all others are reckoned in the Book of God among the followers of idle fancy and vain imagination. Incline your ears to the Voice of this Wronged One and safeguard the integrity of your stations. It is highly necessary and imperative that everyone should observe this matter.

Unveiled and unconcealed, this Wronged One hath, at all times, proclaimed before the face of all the peoples of the world that which will serve as the key for unlocking the doors of sciences, of arts, of knowledge, of well-being, of prosperity and wealth. Neither have the wrongs inflicted by the oppressors succeeded in silencing the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, nor have the doubts of the perverse or of the seditious been able to hinder Him from revealing the Most Sublime Word. I earnestly beseech God that He may protect and purge the people of Baha from the idle fancies and corrupt imaginings of the followers of the former Faith.

O people of God! Righteous men of learning who dedicate themselves to the guidance of others and are freed and well guarded from the promptings of a base and covetous nature are, in the sight of Him Who is the Desire of the world, stars of the heaven of true knowledge. It is essential to treat them with deference. They are indeed fountains of soft-flowing water, stars that shine resplendent, fruits of the blessed Tree, exponents of celestial power, and oceans of heavenly wisdom. Happy is he that followeth them. Verily such a soul is numbered in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, among those with whom it shall be well. The glory which proceedeth from God, the Lord of the Throne on High and of the earth below, rest upon you, O people of Baha, O ye the companions of the Crimson Ark, and upon such as have inclined their ears to your sweet voices and have observed that whereunto they are bidden in this mighty and wondrous Tablet.

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The honored Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin has attained unto the blessed writing and its contents were presented. The answer has shone forth from the horizon of utterance:

They who have journeyed and migrated unto God, for these is a great reward. Blessed are the people of Nun who have remained steadfast in the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down unto them clear verses and dispatched them by the hand of Sin. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding those who have attained thy presence, turning unto God, thy Lord - We have accepted their turning and their facing toward the court of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Verily bounty is in God's hands - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He

is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He strengtheneth whom He willeth through what He willeth, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He pleaseth.

O Darvish! Blessed art thou for having turned unto God. We counsel thee with a counsel that surpasseth all that is in the heavens and earths. Set it before thine eyes and be not of those who, when judgment runneth counter to their desires, cast themselves into evident sorrow. Rejoice in God's commandments whatsoever they may be. Circle round the shrine of detachment - this is a command from One mighty and beautiful. Be content with God's good-pleasure and His decree, and with what hath been sent down in the Tablets from His firm and mighty judgment, that thou mayest leave creation behind thee in following thy Lord's command. Thus behooveth one who hath soared in this wondrous, mighty, subtle and refined atmosphere. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and We have sent down unto thee clear verses which We have made a treasure for thee. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. And likewise in this Tablet - verily thy Lord's love for thee hath preceded all else - none can outstrip it in aught. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Blessed be Abu'l-Qasim and he who was named Muhammad-Husayn. O Zayn! Give them the glad-tidings of God's mention of them. We have written for them the reward of those who hastened, attained, turned and responded. Verily He is the Ruler over what He willeth.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! By the Lord of the worlds, God's love precedeth and is greater and mightier than His servants' love for Him. When the verse of prohibition was revealed, the inner eye wept for His loved ones, but the decree was fulfilled from His presence - none can repel His judgment. Verily He hath power over all things. It is very clear that God loveth His loved ones, and this prohibition was due to the veiling of the people, for the heedless servants at all times seek pretexts to accomplish their desires. By My life! Those who have returned by His command after drawing nigh unto Him - this is better for them than a thousand years of worship. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The turning of a soul is never lost and shall never be lost, even if by a single step. For every soul is written the recompense of its deeds. Blessed are they who know.

They should gaze toward the All-Merciful with utmost joy and fragrance, such that even if they observe apparent harm to themselves from His commands and prohibitions, they should not be saddened but rather act with perfect eagerness and joy. In these days several souls have gathered from various regions and others have turned without permission. Blessed is Rafi' and those with him, and those who, when they heard God's call, acted as commanded. Verily the glory from Our presence be upon them and their like.

As to what thou didst mention concerning the name of God, Al-Ha, verily We have adorned his temple with the ornament of Our relationship. This is a bounty that nothing in the heavens and earth can equal. He hath arisen to serve God with his whole being, as attested by that which hath proceeded from him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Upon him be My glory and My splendor, and upon those who love him. By My life! A noble station hath been ordained for him. Convey unto him that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and give him the glad tidings of this remembrance by which the horizon of remembrance hath been illumined and the heaven of utterance hath been raised up. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee. Act accordingly and be of them that are thankful.

We found the servant present before the Countenance at the time when the verses were being written. He desired in his heart to send greetings unto him and unto My loved ones there. Convey these greetings and deliver the salutations from him to those who greeted him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. We send greetings unto him from before My Branches and My Twigs and those who circle round the Throne of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Kazim who attained unto the presence, We have sent him two Tablets wherein We revealed that which attracteth the hearts of all mankind. Blessed is he and blessed are his brothers who have believed in God, turned unto Him and borne hardships in His path. Convey unto them the greetings from the Prisoner, then gladden them with My mention of them in this wondrous Tablet. We beseech God to assist them in all conditions and to ordain for them that which shall profit them in this world and the next. Verily He is the Bestower, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Invincible.

Then make mention of Baqir and Rahim from Us and adorn them with the crown of thy Lord's remembrance, the All-Knowing. We have sent down verses for them and dispatched them unto them. Verily We make mention of those who have desired the countenance of their Lord and have turned unto Him with radiant faces. He is the Mighty, the Generous.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Muhammad-i-Sadiq, We have heard his call. We have exalted him through this remembrance whereby every matter hath been exalted and every mighty station established. God hath forgiven him and his family. Verily He is the Generous, the Merciful. If they were to comprehend the fruits of God's remembrance as they are in truth, and likewise the reward of their mention in the Most Holy Court, by My life! the intoxication of the most pure wine would so overcome them that they would become detached from all the worlds and would occupy themselves day and night with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility.

The name of the Noble One hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and there hath been revealed from the Pen of the Generous One that whereby the mention of the All-Wise hath shone forth. Make mention of him from Me through this manifest bounty.

Likewise, We have clothed Husayn with the robe of utterance from before the All-Merciful that he may be of the thankful ones. Make mention of him from Me that the breezes of the Beloved's remembrance may waft over him from this Prison which God hath made the dawning-place of His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Mighty, the Exalted.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Baqir after Muhammad, there hath been mentioned before the Countenance that which he composed and recited. Blessed be the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God and His Branches. We beseech God to make him among those who soar in the atmosphere of His love in every world of His worlds. He is among those who have attained the presence, gained victory, heard and responded, and there hath been ordained for him that which shall gladden his heart. Verily thy Lord is the Most Merciful of the merciful. The praise of God precedeth the praise of His servants, and His remembrance precedeth the remembrance of them that remember.

We have found in thy letter mention of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, and have adorned it with the mantle of his Lord's remembrance, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Were it not for the hindrance of the

hinderers and the clamor of the heedless, We would have sent down for each one of them that which would cause the oceans of attraction to surge amongst the worlds. Convey unto him the greetings of Him Who hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of His Lord's utterance, the Most Merciful, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of Him through Whom the mountains were moved and the breeze of God wafted over all, whether small or great. Verily, He remembereth from the prison him who hath turned toward Him. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart and heard what was raised from the Dayspring of his Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the Wise. We beseech God to assist him in that which he desireth, to make him content with His good-pleasure, to cause him to circle round His Will, and to speak His praise amongst His creatures. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Encompassing. As for what was sent, let half of it be used by him, and let the other half be delivered to the guest and Khadijih-Sul?an. Whenever any sum becometh available in this place, We shall command Our servant who is present before Our face to send its equivalent, in this noble station, to be spent as desired. This is of thy Lord's bounty unto him. Give him the glad-tidings of this great bounty. Then make mention of the handmaiden who was mentioned in thy letter. Blessed is she in that her remembrance hath been sent down from the Pen of her Ancient Lord. We beseech God to aid her in His love and His good-pleasure, and to ordain for her what He hath ordained for His handmaidens who have shone forth from the horizon of detachment through this wise Remembrance.

O servant! This is not a day of trial and testing, nor the day which thou hast imagined. This is a day whereon it behooveth every soul, upon hearing the call from the Kingdom of his Lord, the Most Glorious, to detach himself wholly from all things created between earth and heaven, to turn with radiant countenance toward the Supreme Horizon, and to say with his inner and outer tongue - nay, with every member which God hath created within him - "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art the Promised One in all the Tablets! Yea, yea, O Thou Who hast borne all hardships for the salvation of the worlds!"

Write, O servant: Ponder for a moment, purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, detached from all else, and consider: if thou remainest heedless of this Most Great Revelation, whose effulgence hath encompassed all the worlds and peoples, to what wilt thou cling, and by what proof and evidence wilt thou establish the truth for thyself? The Bayan itself hath been adorned with My Name and was revealed in remembrance of Me. Behold, that thou mayest know. Let nothing prevent thee from this bounty which hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. The essence of the Tree crieth out that He is the Beloved, and the Sadrih pronounceth that the Beauty of the Worshipped One, the Promised One, hath come - sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Peerless, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Art thou content with the idols thou possessest, or with names whereof thou knowest naught save what thou hast heard from thy likes? Cast them aside through thy Lord's power and say: "I have turned unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!" O servant! By the Most Great Luminary, God's gaze is sanctified from being fixed upon the acceptance or rejection of men. Whatever is mentioned proceedeth from pure bounty, for His mercy and bounty have preceded all things. In this Most Great Prison He calleth out and summoneth the servants unto truth, that all may gather around the divine and all-embracing Word. If thou be fair-minded, consider: were it not for Baha, who would raise up the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of Names? By God! Among those whom thou deemest necessary to follow, none hath appeared - all are occupied with

preserving their lives and means of comfort, while the Truth itself speaketh forth amongst the people of rebellion, mentioning the All-Merciful. One word from Him is more precious than all revealed books and dispatched scriptures, yet ye remain deprived and veiled from the spring showers of the All-Merciful's mercy through one of whom ye have no knowledge, and are barred from Him by Whose finger's beckoning all that was revealed in the Bayan dependeth.

The ocean of nearness surgeth while men are seen to be remote; the Ancient Tongue speaketh forth while the people of creation appear deaf. Say: Break the chains of blind imitation and the idols of vain imaginings. Thus doth this imprisoned stranger command thee. The Bayan lamenteth while they rejoice, and the Point crieth out while they sport. Say: How long will ye occupy yourselves with your vain fancies? Do ye not see that ye depart and return not? O servants! The divine wine is prepared and the eternal Beauty is the cupbearer - whereby have ye remained veiled, and for what reason have ye been deprived? If the expression of truth were confined to but one word, that word would shine forth like the sun amidst all the words of the world. With penetrating vision, observe what hath been revealed in the Bayan and this Revelation […]

Look well that perchance thou mayest not remain deprived of the vernal breezes of the All-Merciful and be freed from the whisperings of the idolatrous souls. Hearken unto the divine counsel and transgress not beyond it. Know thou this much, that thou hadst and hast no knowledge of these matters, and those souls who have led thee astray were and are entirely unaware. Setting aside all these things, fix thy gaze upon that which hath been manifested, that haply thou mayest leave the pond behind thee, turning toward the Most Great Ocean which surgeth by virtue of itself and for itself, and proclaimeth: "There is none other God besides Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise." We beseech God to grant thee success and bestow upon thee that which He hath desired in His days. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Furthermore, write whatever thou deemest advisable in thine own words - there is no harm in this.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning Ibn-i-Barat, it behooveth him to render thanks unto his Lord for having mentioned his name in this noble station. Blessed art thou, O Barat, inasmuch as thou hast detached thyself from those who turned away and hast turned toward Him Who giveth life to the worlds. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then turn with thy heart unto the Beloved. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the wise Remembrance! We make mention of Our loved ones at all times in such wise that the trials have not prevented Us from remembering them in the path of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Great. Remember ye Him even as He remembereth you - this is better for you, if ye be of them that know.

We have heard the call of Abdul-Karim who is there. Make mention of him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My love for him. We are with him in his journey and his dwelling-place. O Abdul-Karim! Thou art remembered in the Most Holy Court. Be thou occupied with service to the Cause, that is, strive with utmost endeavor and exalted effort for the unity of the friends in that land, that the sweet-scented breezes of unity may waft from the direction of the friends of the Lord of all beings upon the whole world. The people of that land have borne in the path of Truth that which they have borne, and for the love of God they have tasted hardships. Therefore are they adorned with the robe of distinction. Now

must all be reminded at all times lest they become heedless and something should proceed from anyone that would cause the abasement of the Cause and the extinction of the divine kindled fire. Arise thou with all thy being to serve the All-Merciful. From those souls must appear such qualities as would shine like suns among the qualities of people, that all the friends in every region might be reminded by the character, deeds and actions of those souls. We beseech God to aid thee in His service and to make thee among those who have served the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

Then make mention of Ali whom We showed in a dream and who acted according to what his Lord desired. Say: By My life, thy return is better than the acceptance of one who was not adorned with the ornament of permission. Thy Lord is the best Helper, the best Informed, the best Knower.

Then make mention of him who was named with the two Most Great Names. Say: We have accepted your turning and your acceptance - all this is dependent upon His Word, if ye be of them that know. When He decreeth for anyone to attain His presence, by God, it is inscribed in all the Tablets and in all the worlds of God, but people do not understand. Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of the remembrance of his Lord and hath been seized by the intoxication of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that he hath become detached from all creation, circling round the will of his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Be not grieved, rather be glad with what hath proceeded from the Source of Command and hath shone forth from the horizon of the decree of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

Then make mention of Qurban-'Ali who hath grieved his Lord by what befell him. Yet when it came to pass for the love of God it proved sweeter than honey refined in the estimation of them that are nigh unto Him. O Qurban! We have ordained for thee the recompense of one who hath offered up his life in the path of God. Ponder upon this exalted station, be steadfast, make mention, render thanks and glorify thy Lord for this manifest grace. We were with thee in the days when thou didst migrate and turn towards God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We heard the sighing of thy heart and the lamentations of thy inner being in thy love for the Beloved of the worlds. Thy burning in separation from thy Lord is better than seventy years of worship, nay more, by His Self that dominateth the worlds. Blessed be thy yearning, thy longing, and thy seeking after the Goal of the sincere ones. If thou wouldst inhale the tablet of thy Lord, thou wouldst find therefrom the fragrance of reunion from the direction of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. Through it, the heart of him who turned was stirred and the hearts of the seekers were attracted. By My life! After thee We beheld the very essence of nearness and thy return was the embodiment of drawing nigh. Rejoice in the sun of thy Lord's remembrance which hath dawned from the horizon of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. It behooveth thee not to grieve. Read thou the Tablet that thou mayest be assured of thy Lord's grace unto thee and know that He loveth him who loveth Him and draweth nigh unto him who draweth nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. We have sent down for thee in this Tablet that which will gladden thy heart, cheer thine eyes and tranquilize thy soul. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Merciful.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Hassan whose hand was severed in the path of God, the Lord of all men, by My life! We shall surely give him wings wherewith to soar in the atmosphere of the

Kingdom. Thy Lord, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Remember thou him on behalf of thy Lord and convey unto him what hath been revealed for him from the Pen of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. Say: Be not grieved, rather rejoice in what hath befallen thee in the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. The contingent world shall perish and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having stood firm in the Cause of God and sacrificed thy hand in His path. Through it We shall raise up conquering hands and through them shall We subdue the lands. When thou hearest from anyone that which thy Master abhorreth, be patient, then leave him to the Mighty, the Compelling. He will seize him as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Avenger, the All-Compelling. Those people are intoxicated with vain desires. Were they to know, they would lament over their deeds, but today they are veiled and covered. Blessed art thou, and thy mother, and thy brothers and sisters. Convey My greetings unto them all and clothe them with the robe of glorification from Our presence. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Hassan! Upon thee be My glory and upon those who are with thee among those who have believed in the Day of Reckoning.

O Zayn! Give thanks to thy Lord for having revealed for each one mentioned in thy letter clear verses. This is of His grace unto thee and unto them. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him and to cheer thine eyes by beholding the face of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings. Grieve not over anything. Serve thy Lord in the evening and the morning, at dawn and at eventide. If thou makest mention of them who are on earth, We make mention of them as a grace from Us unto thee. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of earth and heaven, and O Thou Whose grace hath encompassed all created things.

Special Tablets have been revealed for the land of Nun and sent in a special package addressed to ’Abdu’llah, carried by Sin and Mim. Convey the glorification of the True One unto His loved ones there, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The true Lord and spiritual Beloved, His Honor Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin, may the Most Glorious Splendor of God rest upon him, may observe with his radiant gaze.

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

The Point hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily it hath appeared and spoken of the Point which was honored with the Most Great Name, and through it God detailed the knowledge of what hath been and what will be and that which none among the worlds hath discovered. Through it the heaven of Will was raised up and the spheres of Purpose revolved and every wise command was made manifest. I testify that every eloquent tongue is mute in its mention, and every keen eye is prevented from beholding it, and every accomplished scholar

is powerless to know it, and every brilliant mind is veiled from comprehending it. Glorified be He Who created it and made it the beginning of Books and their end, and the source of sciences and their mysteries. I testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been One, Single, Alone, Self-Subsisting, and will ever continue to be as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Then verily this servant at this time doth testify to his shortcoming and heedlessness, and doth confess his sins and errors, for he delayed in responding to the trace of your honored ink which was the dawning-place of love and unity and the source of kindness and affection. But since the servant doth acknowledge what hath passed from him, pardon from your honor is befitting. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous. My soul be a sacrifice for your love! In truth this servant is ashamed of what hath occurred, for some time hath passed since he was honored with your letter, and there was delay in responding. Although confession of shortcoming and heedlessness hath been made, yet the multitude of successive occupations and continuous affairs hath been the cause and reason. Many travelers of every kind have attained the Most Holy Court, and this servant hath been occupied for some time with writing responses to the petitions of souls who had submitted them to the Most Holy Court. In any case, if there hath been any failing, pardon is hoped for, and in the words of the poet: The rest of life I stand ready to make amends.

When you mentioned the words of the illustrious Sajjad, upon him be the Glory of God, they were presented before the Throne. He spoke: "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! By My life, your goodness ascends unto Us and Our grace descends unto you. Thus has the Beloved testified in His praiseworthy station." Then, exalted be His grandeur, He said: "O Zayn! We complain to thee of those whom vain imaginings have deluded to the point where they speak without God's leave. We testify that they are the children of delusion. They write what beseemeth them not, they blow upon ashes, yet they perceive it not. They are like unto a water-skin filled with air. They hasten through the wilderness of error, abject."

The True One, exalted and glorified be He, with perfect bounty and favor hath invited the people to the horizon of guidance, and with the fingers of power and bestowal hath lit the brilliant torches, radiant lights, and illuminating lamps, that all might recognize and find the path of God. Yet some commanding souls, unwittingly following their own desires, are engaged in undermining the Cause of God, counting themselves among the mature and perfect ones. The cawing of the crows, which was revealed in numerous Tablets and about which We gave warning, is in these days raised from certain quarters. Although these are days wherein fellowship, unity, love and accord are beloved, those heedless souls have again become the cause of differences. Say: We seek refuge with the All-Merciful from the evil of those who claim relationship with Him yet do that from which even Satan would disassociate himself. They are indeed among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

Your honor should remain vigilant in all conditions and exert utmost effort in educating souls and remaining steadfast in the Cause of God. Today, from whomsoever the fragrance of self is detected, that one is the cause and source of discord. Ask thou God to assist them in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to make them know themselves lest they transgress their stations and ranks. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

By the True One Himself! This servant, who is as nothing, is bewildered at God's grace and favor, for it is observed that despite knowledge of certain ones' realities, behaviors and utterances, nevertheless from the Most Holy Court wondrous and sublime Tablets are sent to those souls that perchance they might become aware. Yet they understand not, neither do they become mindful.

Regarding that person from N and J about whom you wrote that he had arrived there and you had counseled him - when this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court, He said: "O Zayn! The effulgences of the Sun of divine bounty have shone upon and encompassed all, and the True One, glorified and exalted be He, hath not deprived anyone of the outpourings of the ocean of bounty. Yet some are heedless, and their carnal desires have become a barrier, thus they remain deprived of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Write to that person that his not being granted a meeting was not due to lack of favor, but rather out of mercy and ultimate kindness, that thou might become aware and speak according to what God hath willed. Say: Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor and say:

'O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which no one hath truly known, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and enable me to do what Thou lovest and pleasest. Then I ask Thee to forgive my sins, for I have clung to the hem of Thy Name, the Forgiving, the Generous.'

Would that people might become aware of God's bounty, mercy, kindness and favor! Whatever appears is pure bounty, yet most are heedless of it."

Concerning what was written about Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, this was submitted. He, exalted and mighty be His glory, says: "Blessed is he in that he followed God's command and attained this lofty deed. Would that other people had acted as he acted. Although in these days the excellence of good deeds is not apparent as it should be, yet verily it shall be made manifest. Verily He is the protector of whosoever acts in His path and follows what was commanded in the perspicuous Book. The greetings of the Wronged One be upon him and upon those who are there among thy Lord's loved ones, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

As commanded, they have forgiven the rights to whatever claims they have. Blessed is he, for his is a goodly station. Whosoever serves the friends in that land today is and shall be beloved in the presence of the Divine Countenance. God has ever directed His favors toward those souls. The details of this land are concealed. For a long time nothing has been presented before the Throne. In these days they wrote from the direction of Ha that some funds had become available. From the Most Holy Court it was commanded that these be sent to that land. God willing, they will arrive soon.

Regarding what you wrote about the books, it is known that no neglect has occurred or will occur from your direction.

Concerning what you wrote about the souls present in that land from among the travelers who, after hearing the verses of God, returned with the utmost joy and delight - this was submitted to the Most Holy Court. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: "Praise be to Him Who enabled them to hear His verses and assisted them to act according to His good-pleasure."

Regarding the books of Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the glory of God, you wrote that they have begun. God willing they will be completed, and if possible they should be bound there, but the binding must be of good quality.

Concerning what you wrote about ?afi, upon him be the glory of God, that his letter had arrived and this servant had not submitted a response - this matter seems very unlikely to this servant, for whenever his missive was received, a response was submitted. Perhaps it did not arrive. In any case, I hope to be forgiven. He himself is aware of this servant’s many occupations, thus it is possible the oversight was from this servant. Praise be to God that mention of him and his relatives has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court.

Regarding what you wrote about Hasan-’Ali Khan-i-’Amu, this was submitted to the Most Holy Court. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak in the Kingdom of Utterance: “O thou who hast turned! Mention was made of thee before the Throne, and He mentioneth thee from this place which hath at times been named the Most Great Prison, at others the Most Sublime Vision, at times the Most Exalted Paradise, and at times the Luminous Spot wherein speaketh the Furthermost Tree. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And it hath other names which none can reckon save God, the Counter, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto hearing the scratching of His Most Exalted Pen and for having turned unto Him when every ungrateful infidel turned away. We made mention of thee when We heard thy call and answered thee when thou didst call upon thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a bounty that shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure, after all who are in the world have perished. Thus doth the Tongue of Revelation inform thee that thou mayest be of the thankful. Trust in Him, then stand firm in the Cause lest the whisperings of every sneaking whisperer and the bellowing of every remote calf cause thee to slip. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the blessing of recognition in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. We bear witness that they are among those who have attained in a mighty tablet.”

The one true God is witness that this servant at all times beholds himself in manifest burning, inasmuch as today all devoted souls must arise to serve the Cause of God, even as hath been recorded and set down in the divine Tablets. Nevertheless, some have remained heedless of the divine Day and are occupied with spreading their own vain imaginings. Their purpose and aim remaineth unknown. What a pity that in such days as these one should be preoccupied with self and be debarred from that which God hath willed - let alone the state of those who turn away and join partners with God. Among other things, last year at one time this evanescent servant turned towards the Divine Throne, and after attaining the Most Great Presence, the station of the Lord of Power, “I beheld a book cast upon the ground. Then did the Face of the Intended One turn toward me and say: ‘Take it and read it, and respond to it as commanded.’” This servant picked up that sealed letter and returned to his quarters. After opening it and reading it repeatedly, “then I recalled what the All-Merciful had revealed in the Qur’an when He said, and His word is the truth: ‘Every man’s fate We have fastened on his own neck: on the Day of Judgment We shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open.’” This verse was read repeatedly, for it was observed that the book of that vile soul’s deeds flowed from his own pen and hand and was made manifest on the Day of Judgment, while he himself remained utterly unaware. In any case, that letter was from Siyyid-i-Yusif-i-Sidihi, who had written in what he imagined to be the style of verses. This servant

wrote a detailed reply to him, as was previously mentioned to your honor that it would be sent. Since no further command was issued from the Most Holy Court, its dispatch was delayed. It was observed that that heedless and veiled one had not attained unto a drop from the ocean of the All-Merciful's knowledge, nor had he inhaled the fragrance of the garment of utterance. He spoke from base desire, turning away from God, the Lord of Names. Among other things, these sublime and resplendent words, which were revealed from the dawning-place of the All-Merciful's will and the dayspring of the All-Glorious's purpose in the Most Great Prison, were written in reply to him. He says, exalted be His might and His grandeur, and glorified be His verses and His evidences:

"I know not what to mention unto the people of the world in these days wherein justice hath been cast away and tyranny hath been raised up, wherein every group hath clung to the hem of idle fancies and every people hath taken hold of the ropes of the learned's vain imaginings like unto cattle. They have forsaken the most exalted horizon and have taken that which their base desires have commanded them. They turn a deaf ear to hearkening unto the Most Exalted Word and dispute with God, the Lord of Names. They have turned away from the Most Great Ocean in that they have followed every deaf and dumb one, and among them is he who hath sent the croaking of the raven unto the Mighty, the Bestower, and hath offered the buzzing of the fly unto God, the Lord of lords, and among them is he who hath sent a putrid stench unto the Paradise wherefrom wafteth what hath perfumed the earth and heaven, and among them is he who hath sent tar unto the ocean of wisdom and utterance, and brackish water unto the fountain of truth and explanation. They know not their return and their abode, nor do they recognize their destination and their dwelling-place. Are they aware of what they write? Do they comprehend what they say? Nay, by the Lord of what was and what shall be! […]"

They have stretched forth their necks in hypocrisy and violated the Covenant and Testament. Among them are those who imagine that verses must end with "All-Knowing" or "All-Wise" or with an alif at their end, or with the addition of waw and nun to similar words, supposing these to be words which the All-Merciful has revealed in their hearts. Nay, by God! Rather has Satan inspired their hearts. They who have denied the proof and openly shown their rejection and enmity shall soon join their friends in the fire - and what an evil dwelling place it is! - except they repent and return unto God, the One, the Chosen. Shame upon the one who casts aside certain truth and follows obvious delusion. Say: Sully not the pure chalice of recognition, and say not that which the All-Merciful has not permitted you. By God's life! This is the Day in which the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, has come, more manifest than the sun at high noon. O people of error! Abandon what you possess and turn to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Purify your vision and turn to the Most Great Prospect; then shall you see the Light shining amidst the world's darkness and prevailing over all peoples. Hearken to what should be heard, and listen not to the braying of every ignorant rabble. Know that God commands you to submit and counsels you to be humble. Beware lest you cast upon the ocean of utterance the allusions of contingent beings or what the followers of religions have spoken. Sanctify your hearts from the veils of allusions and your souls from the shrouds of references. Strive that from you may appear that which will spread the sweet fragrance of amity and diffuse the musk of unity. By God! The knowledge of the world profits you not today, nor will the treasures of earth and heaven enrich you. Reflect upon the world and what has occurred therein. It shows you its evanescence and tells you its tales, not through mention and narrative but through

witnessing and revelation. Where are the Caesars and their adorned palaces? Where are the Pharaohs and their lofty pyramids? Where are the Chosroes and their golden raiments? Where are their upraised standards and their spread banners? Take heed, O ye that slumber! Awaken, O ye that sleep!

Consider how heedless the people are. Like Siyyid Yusuf and his like, they make claims to truth while remaining heedless and turning away from the exalted Truth. Shame upon them, and degradation, punishment and grief be upon them! By His mighty and exalted word: People are weak and immature, having drunk the milk of heedlessness from the breast of desire, afflicted with the chronic diseases of ignorance and foolishness. They are utterly remote from the station of humanity and its virtues. Blessed is the physician who heals the sick through My blessed and beloved Name.

This servant is bewildered and contemplative as to whether to present responses to your honor's statements or mention the events of this transient world. This servant is like a leaf moved in every direction by the winds of His will, carried to every quarter. At times some have objected to the mention of divinity, though all are promised it, and at times they are occupied with what their desires teach them. By Thy life! They are in manifest error. A petition specifically for all the beloved ones was submitted some time ago and is with Mulla Muhammad-'Ali Dahji, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing it will reach the luminous gaze. From the references in that petition, the deeds and objections of certain ignorant ones will become evident. We beseech God to remove them from all that He abhors and draw them near to what He loves.

Concerning what was written about the wife, when presented at the Most Holy Court, He spoke - and His word is the truth: "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Commit thy affair unto God, the Evident Truth. He will cause to flow for thee whatsoever He willeth of matters and will ordain for thee that which is best for thee. Rejoice thou in this and be of the thankful ones."

Regarding the mother of the wife of Jinab-i-Ismu'llah and the mother of Jinab-i-Nasir, should anyone bring them, there is no objection to it. God hath given permission for this.

As to what was written concerning Khalil having written to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan that he should turn towards this direction - permission from the Most Holy Court has not yet been granted. It is not known with what thought Jinab-i-Khalil wrote this. Well is it with Jinab-i-Muhammad-Qabl-Hasan, for he hath committed his affair unto God, the Mighty, the Wise, and hath not been moved by what was written to him. Thus should every sincere and steadfast seeker behave. This servant conveyeth limitless greetings to him.

Regarding what was again asked about the Most Great Festival, and what was written that your honor had taken Friday as the second day and the following Friday as the ninth day - your action is correct and all should follow you in what you have done. For according to this reckoning the first day of the Festival begins on Thursday afternoon when the Throne was established in Ridvan. And what was written that the afternoon of the first day and the second day are counted as one day - this is because work is not permitted therein, and this pertains to the outward aspect of the matter. In any case, the first day of the Festival is the afternoon of the day when the Ancient Beauty entered Ridvan, and that day is included in the count.

The letter inquiring about the meanings of verses will also be sent next week, God willing, with [the Tablets…]

Furthermore, this servant presenteth pure devotion and utter nothingness and the Most Glorious, Most Holy, Most Exalted Greeting to all the gentlemen and friends of that land, whether they be the captives of God or [travelers unto] God who have arrived in that land. I beseech your honor's favors to convey these. And likewise this servant concludeth his words with mention of Jinab-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq - upon him be all the most glorious glory and most resplendent light. And I testify that he is indeed the one mentioned before the Throne. Upon him be the mercy of God, the Forgiving, the Generous. And glory be upon you.

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Your honor's mention and praise were presented in the pure presence of the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of their feet - and they remember and greet your honor with the gems of salutations shining forth from the horizon of the Cause.

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

The servant hath been bidden to be brief in making mention of the chosen ones, by God, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing, for time hath become as rare as red sulphur and correspondence is beyond count or containment. The matter is in God's hands, the Lord of destiny. O my beloved! I have received what thou didst send in these days wherein the deeds of men have taken form and assumed diverse shapes - at times appearing as swords and spears, at others in the guise of cannons and daggers. Calamities and afflictions have encompassed all regions, yet the people remain in strange slumber. Successive years have passed, yet the tempests of wrath and the hurricanes of divine decree have not subsided, by reason of what the hands of men have wrought. Blessed is he who, being endowed with insight, hath recognized the cause and hath arisen to inform the people and bid them arise to that which they have neglected in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. On one day thou seest the fire of conflict ablaze amongst the servants, and on another thou hearest the sound of guns and rifles from diverse lands. How many cities have been swallowed up, how many lands laid waste by earthquakes, how many regions encompassed by other calamities through God's decree, the Lord of all men, and how many lands submerged and lofty buildings fallen! All this was foretold by the Prophets of old from God, the Lord of Justice and Sovereign of Grace. Blessed is the soul that perceiveth these matters, pondereth them, and is awakened thereby. Woe unto him who is so seized by vain desire as to be kept back from the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, until he returneth to his abode in the fires. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower!

In such days as these which the servant hath mentioned to your honor, he was gladdened by what you sent him, for from each of your words he detected the fragrance of the love of God - my Beloved and

your Beloved, my Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I read and discovered what was therein, the warmth of your love so enkindled me that I arose and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon until I attained His presence and presented it. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby every inanimate thing was stirred, every bone thrilled, and every seated one arose. The servant is powerless to recount to your honor what he witnessed and beheld from the waves of his Lord's ocean of utterance, the Lord of Names, nor can he cause thee to hear His sweetest call or show thee His most exalted horizon. Yet he mentioneth according to his measure and station that which was impressed upon the smallest of mirrors - the mirror of his heart. He - exalted be His majesty, magnified His sovereignty, and glorified His grandeur - said:

In My Name, the Hearing, the Answering, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful […]

ABD, the Call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Right-hand Side from the direction of My Most Great Word: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Hearer, the Answerer!" The ears have been prevented from hearkening unto this Call save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. By this Call the Kingdom was attracted and proclaimed: "He Who is the King of Kings hath come with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and earth cannot stand!" Through it the Fire of God was kindled and appeared from the Tree, and it spoke: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers!"

O Abdullah! By the life of God, the ear of Moses was blessed by this Call. Exalted is He Who made him successful, hearing, speaking, and bearing His firm and mighty Command. Say: O concourse of earth! Come, that I may cause you to hear what your ears have never heard before, and come, that I may show you what no eyes have seen except those whom God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, hath willed. Blessed is he who hastened with his heart to the Most Great Ocean and attained unto it in the days of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

The servant present hath presented thy letter, and what the dove of thy love uttered was read before the Wronged One. We heard it and answered thee with that which caused the Kingdom of Utterance to quiver, the birds of knowledge to soar, and all things to speak. O concourse of names! Draw nigh that ye may hear. By God! The ears were created to hearken unto that which hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, as a command from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be grateful to God for this supreme bounty. Verily, He hath mentioned thee in various Tablets as a grace from Him, and He is the Ancient Bestower. A single letter of what We have sent thee surpasseth all that thou hearest and seest - thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, beareth witness to this. The Glory shining from the horizon of thy Lord's favor be upon thee, thy family, those who are with thee, and those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Every soul should, with a hundred thousand tongues and utterances, beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to withhold His servants from this Most Pure Fountain and Greatest Bounty. Verily, He hath power over all things. Strange it is that the people of the world - to what do they believe and from what do they turn away? This great Cause hath encompassed the world and its signs are manifest from all directions, yet they cling to the spider's web, remaining heedless of the glorious station and deprived of the

fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. They are unaware of what hath appeared in the earth. They seek naught but self-desire and show no sign save the flame of ego. They do what they are bidden by the imaginings of the ignorant ones, namely the divines.

Glory be to God! Such tyranny hath appeared from this group that the pens of the world are powerless to recount it. These souls are the concealing veils and the preventing barriers who, despite their countless iniquities, would recognize the truth of what hath appeared if they were to attain unto fairness for but a moment. Verily, He confirmeth whom He willeth as a grace from Him, and guideth whom He desireth unto His straight and manifest path.

Concerning what thou didst write about thy honored master, His Grace Mirza Ishaq, upon him be the Glory of God - in these days the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps - hath gone to the region of the Jordan River and is not present. However, the mention of him that was in thy letter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. These sublime words were sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Revealer of verses. He saith, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed […]

The servant who was present brought a letter from one who loved Me, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee with this mention which, when it appeared from the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's utterance, the Ancient of Days, all the mentions of the world bowed down before it. Thus hath the Pen spoken from this most exalted Station and supreme Height. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle. By the life of God! It hath appeared in truth. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. Remember when thou didst attain unto the presence in days wherein the Light shone forth from the horizon of Zawra. Thus doth the Most Great Announcement make mention of thee, whereby every firm foundation hath been shaken. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness and in that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all men, is exalted. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by One Who is Compassionate, Generous. Preserve thy station and thy kinship with the name of thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. We, from this spot, send Our blessings upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and who answered their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. All the treasures of earth cannot equal it, as every steadfast and upright one doth testify.

They have attained to greater than what they intended. Would that the stations of divine favors were somewhat manifested among the people. By the life of the Desired One! All on earth would cry "Here am I! Here am I!" However, none save the Absolutely Wise One is aware of the requirements of the consummate wisdom. God willing, they shall receive the answer to their petition. This lowly one also offers greetings to them.

Regarding what you wrote about the mentioned sum that was of unknown ownership for a time - when this matter was presented before Him, He smiled and said: "Blessed is he, for he hath spoken the truth. God willing, He shall grant the right unto them. He is verily the Wealthy, the Mighty, the Powerful."

All your passages were presented. In truth, they brought joy to the Ancient Beauty. This is another bounty bestowed upon you. It is quite clear and evident that you have mentioned what you found in the correspondence. O beloved of my heart! All matters are clear and evident. This lowly one and others testify to what you have written. However, a hundred thousand thanks and praise be to the Desired One of the worlds that this matter caused the Ancient Beauty to smile. His is the praise and favor in all conditions.

And regarding what you wrote that the beloved of the heart, Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, had promised the sacred, hidden, and treasured circle - his promise will, God willing, be fulfilled, and this evanescent servant will, by God's grace, send it. I beseech God to grant generous hours and bestow an opportunity so that what was mentioned may quickly be accomplished. O my beloved! Two things are rare, nay impossible to find in the world: one is time for this servant, and the other is faith among the divines of the age. The Phoenix might be found, or the greatest elixir might come into being, or a true lover might find peace and tranquility, but for that other one, truly no solution has been or will be found, for it is a sign of God's - exalted be His glory - wrath. And what is meant by the divines who are mentioned are the ignorant ones who are honored, respected and known among the heedless masses by the name of knowledge. Otherwise, He says the learned one is like the eye for the body of the world, and in another place He says like light in the darkness of days.

As to what you wrote concerning turning towards the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this was presented, and this is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His grandeur:

In His Name, the Mighty, the Bestower!

O thou who hast turned towards My horizon! Thou hast attained unto the hearing of My call in My days and hast partaken of the choice wine of My love through My Name, the Manifest, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have called all mankind unto God. Among the people are those who have heard and responded, and those who have turned away and denied God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of the earth! The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised hath appeared, and the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Most High, the Most Great, have been sent down. He hath verily revealed what He desired and commanded His servants with that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. The world hath been adorned with the lights of My Most Great Manifestation, yet most of the people are heedless.

Praise be to the Desired One of the worlds, for He hath aided thee to recognize this most great station. The people are heedless and veiled from that which hath appeared. The veils of idle fancies have prevented their eyes from beholding the waves of the ocean of utterance and have deprived them from witnessing the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. Today the door of the most great bounty is opened wide, and the Hidden Mystery hath, in His own person, become manifest and evident. The heedless servants are veiled from that which profiteth them and are occupied with that which distracteth them. Blessed are they who have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies with the fingers of certitude and have broken the chains of vain imaginings through His Most Great Name. Soon will those who have suffered loss cry out "Oh, woe unto us!"

As to what thou didst mention regarding the meeting, the servant present submitted: The first to seek this station for thee is he who desired Me and loved Me and attained My presence and entered the Most Great Prison by My leave and heard My call and arose before My gate - he who was named Varqa in My court. And after him, he who attained by turning unto My Self and directing himself toward My manifest and obvious path - he who was named Abu'l-Qasim and at times Nazir. Verily thy Lord is He Who detaileth, the Expositor, the All-Informed. Thou hast attained the light of permission from thy Lord, the Ever-Giving, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful. However, one must act in accordance with the requirements of wisdom, and without this it is not acceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. Ye are among those souls concerning whose devotion and turning unto Him the Ancient Beauty Himself beareth witness, and whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto all good. God willing, thou shalt remain firm and steadfast in this most exalted and sublime station. Today, any enkindled soul who, in consideration of divine wisdom, is deprived of visitation, shall assuredly have its reward recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor and be of the thankful ones. In all circumstances, keep thine eye upon wisdom. This is among the binding counsels of God which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in most of the Tablets. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family, both female and male, both young and old. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The bounty of God - exalted be His glory - hath reached such a degree that it is more evident than the sun. In this case, the mention of this evanescent one would serve no purpose. I beseech God - exalted be His glory - to adorn thee with the ornament of His good-pleasure and to embellish thee with the robe of His acceptance. This is the ultimate station, and our Lord is the Master of all mankind.

We hear the call of every leaf that hath spoken and every maidservant who hath called upon her Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We hear and We answer, for verily I am the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Generous. Give praise unto Him Who is thy Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven. He, verily, hath aided thee until thou didst bear witness and desire that which beseemeth the Days of God, the Lord of Creation. Say unto her in Persian: Praise be to God that thy call hath reached the ears of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and We have addressed thee with words for which all the handmaidens of the earth, whether queens or others, have yearned in vain and failed to attain. Know thou the value of this bounty and occupy thyself with thanksgiving to God, exalted be His glory.

The waves of the ocean of bounty are manifest and visible. Praise be to God, they wash upon His loved ones, and their drops shall, God willing, reach others that all may be made ready to recognize the Cause for which they were created and for which they were brought into being.

As for what thou didst mention concerning those souls who have quaffed the wine of utterance and stand firm in their love for the Best-Beloved of the worlds, mention was made of each one in His presence, and all convey their greetings and salutations to that spiritual friend. However, His Holiness Ismu'llah (66), may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, hath turned towards those parts. God willing, ye shall meet in a place of safety and security. Likewise, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, departed two months ago towards the regions of Iran. God willing, wherever he may be, may he be adorned with the blessing of health, which is considered the foremost ornament, and be engaged in that

which exalteth the Cause of God. His Holiness Ismu'llah J.M., may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, by divine command proceeded from the Land of Ta to Hadba, where he now resideth, until what may shine forth and become manifest from the horizon of God's Will. The Command is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Likewise, His Holiness Ismu'llah Zayn, may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, dwelleth in Hadba in the utmost joy and fragrance, occupied with the remembrance of God.

As for thy special mention of Jinab-i-Darvish Sidq-'Ali, may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, he hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and the Ultimate Goal. Praise be to God that at the time of his ascension, the Concourse on High inhaled from him the fragrance of sanctity, detachment and divine love. This evanescent servant can testify that the worlds beyond were perfumed with the fragrance of his steadfastness. He was among those souls concerning whose visitation the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken these words: "The earth hath been adorned by thy presence." That which was revealed concerning him is such that ages and centuries shall not alter it, nor shall extinction draw nigh unto it. Would that this servant had been with him!

Convey on behalf of this lowly one greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. God willing, may all be illumined by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings and adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. The days are passing, and ere long time and opportunity shall have elapsed. I swear by the ocean of utterance that each moment of these days is more noble and excellent in the sight of God, exalted be His glory, than successive years. That which is today necessary and obligatory, and most mighty and holy before God, is the unity of the friends of God, and thereafter goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, for these are accounted as the hosts of God, and by these hosts must the friends of the Ancient King conquer the hearts of all the peoples of the world. This servant hopeth that transient concerns may not deprive and debar them from their eternal station. In any case, I have and do beseech prayers from all, that perchance I may fulfill that with which I am charged.

At the end of your letter mention was made of the departure of the beloved of hearts, namely his honor Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Names, and likewise mention was made of their proceeding in that direction. God willing, may they arrive in the utmost joy and fragrance and occupy themselves with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech the Lord to unite us through His grace beneath the shadow of His providence and the pavilions of His grandeur. Verily He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, and within His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Likewise they had addressed a letter to this servant mentioning their proceeding to that land. God willing, may they proceed in perfect health and well-being. For each of the names mentioned that were sent in the hand of his honor Aqa Khalil, upon him be the glory of God, a wondrous and exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of will. God willing, may they attain unto it and act according to what God hath desired, and may all be adorned with the robe of forgiveness. This is a glad-tiding from the servant unto them. Verily my Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. May the Glory that shineth manifest from the horizon of the providence of our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth be upon

you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Self-Subsisting in the days of God, our Beloved and the Beloved of every knowledgeable and steadfast soul.

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The names mentioned in the letter of his honor Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the glory of God, were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and for each one a wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty, and likewise for the names that were in the letter of the honored gentleman, his honor Nabil, upon him be the glory of God, sacred, impregnable and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. God willing, may all attain and act according to what is contained therein.

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

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

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

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee, attained Thy presence, and stood before Thy face, the victory of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word through wisdom and utterance throughout all possibility. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Thou knowest that he hath turned unto Thee and held fast to the service of Thy Cause. Adorn him, O Thou the Desire of the world, with the Most Great Ornament, which is the acceptance of what hath proceeded from him and what he desireth to

accomplish in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Lord of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed […]

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

O Muhammad! Hearken once again unto the Call of thy Lord, the Sovereign of the throne and of the dust. He summoneth thee to that which will draw thee nigh unto the Most Great Sea which surgeth before the faces of all peoples. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, and that thou hast drunk, time and again, from the chalices of the verses of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, the Kawthar of utterance and knowledge, and that thou hast made mention of Him amongst the servants and hast voiced His praise before all faces. He verily heareth and seeth; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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

When thou drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's loving-kindness, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou before Whose manifestation the realities of all created things prostrated themselves and the essences of all beings rejoiced that Thou didst turn toward this servant from the

direction of Thy prison, O Lord of all men! Thou art He Who caused him to hear Thy call and strengthened him to say "yea," and enabled him to recognize the Dayspring of Thy verses, the Ocean of Thy knowledge, the Heaven of Thy bounty and the Sun of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee by the lands which Thou hast adorned through the footsteps of Thy sincere ones amongst Thy servants and wherein the call of them that are nigh unto Thee amongst Thy creation was raised, and by Thy Command whereby the mysteries of Thy knowledge were revealed, and by the Name through which Thou didst subdue all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, and by the Lamp of Thy utterance which Thou hast preserved from the tempests of the utterances of the oppressors and the hurricanes of the doubts of the transgressors, and by the Point through which the hearts of the lovers were set ablaze throughout all regions, that Thou ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come, and that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants and will aid me to manifest Thy Word with the wisdom wherewith Thou didst command Thy servants in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest him who is as nothingness seeking the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to number him among those for whom Thou hast ordained a station beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur and the pavilion of Thy glory and Thy loving-kindness. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou art, verily, the Most Kind, the All-Forgiving.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Glory! Time and again hath mention of thee been sent down and revealed from the Supreme Pen. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to honor thee with the rains of mercy that have been caused to descend upon thee from the heaven of loving kindness. The gaze of Our favor hath been and is directed towards thee. The oppositions of the aggressive ones and the denials of the oppressors have not kept the world from the Ocean of divine utterance and the Sun of divine mercy. Glory be to God! Until now they have not become aware. Despite the proclamation of the Word with the most exalted call in the nights and days, the people remain heedless and veiled. All are occupied with the remembrance of the Truth, yearning for His presence and seeking His manifestation; yet they are seen to be remote and turned away. They have turned away from a Cause that hath no peer or likeness in the world, and have clung to their own idle fancies. Say: O ye ignorant ones! If this Cause be denied, what cause would be worthy of acceptance, and if this Word be erased, what word would be worthy of affirmation? Be fair and be not among the oppressors. A hundred thousand regrets that the heedless servants are forbidden after their seeking, and are deprived after their supplication and pleading. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land, namely those souls who have, of their own accord, quaffed the sealed wine and have turned towards the ocean of divine bounty. Perchance they may be enkindled by the fire of the Word and illumined by the light of the utterance of the All-Merciful. We beseech God that He withhold not any from the Kawthar of steadfastness, that all may soar with one wing in the atmosphere of the love of the Goal of all existence, and may speak with one word. Unity and concord have ever been and are the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. We beseech God to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of spiritual virtues and goodly, pure deeds, that the people of the earth may, by reason of their conduct and deeds, be led to seek that station and attain unto that which God hath willed. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have cast away idle fancies and have taken God as their Guardian, their Trustee and their Lord. They are, verily, of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of the Kingdom of Names.

Praise be to God! The Words of God speak for themselves, the Cause of God is manifest in itself, and the lights of the Revelation are shining and evident from the horizon of the Mount. If the servants would reflect even briefly on that which hath been manifested and would read that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, all would find their way to the straight path and would recognize the Great Announcement. O beloved of my heart! The deeds of the heedless souls and their following of ignorant divines have debarred the servants from the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and from the outpourings of the True Bestower. Vain imaginings have become a mighty barrier and suppositions a thick veil, thicker than mountains, preventing and depriving the power of sight and understanding from beholding. The denizens of the Kingdom are astonished, for they observe that throughout the ages and centuries not a single person among the turbaned ones of the Shi'ih party hath recognized the purpose and nature of the Revelation. Wonder upon wonder hath come from these tales. The word spoken aforetime hath been fulfilled: "Most of His enemies shall be the divines." The pride of that party was that they believed in the immediate successor, yet they openly reviled and issued death warrants against Him through Whose word a thousand successors and guardians were created. They have committed that which neither Jews, nor Christians, nor Zoroastrians committed. Strange it is that until now they have not awakened, and each day they increase in their perversity. Yet stranger still is that the deniers of the Bayan have again twisted their faces and busy themselves with talk of successorship, mirrors, deputies and nobles. God curse them! God curse them! Glory be to God! They have not been awakened by what they have seen and continue to witness with their own eyes. Until now they mount the pulpits to curse and revile the Truth without cease. In any case, we hold fast to His Most Holy and Luminous Hem, and we seek from the ocean of His generosity His ancient bounty, and with utmost humility and supplication we beseech Him not to deprive His servants of this supreme favor and greatest gift. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The matters mentioned were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings and were granted acceptance. His is the praise, His the thanks, His the glory, and His the splendor. The first matter was adorned with the crown of deeds specifically, therefore after permission and leave, this evanescent servant, on behalf of that spiritual beloved, was blessed for an hour and a half on the fifth night of the month of Jumada'th-Thani with the presence of the Goal of all the worlds, and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Happy art thou! As for the second matter regarding forgiveness and pardon, at the time of its presentation the ocean of forgiveness surged and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "Verily We have purified him from all things repugnant and adorned him with the ornament of forgiveness, and We have ordained for him that whereby the sincere ones shall find the fragrance of their Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the Bountiful." The third matter concerning divine confirmation and assistance was likewise blessed with special favor and adorned with acceptance. What needs to be mentioned is the reply to those letters of that spiritual beloved which were sent before. One day the Beauty of Divine Unity intended to visit the farm, and after arrival thy mention flowed from the Supreme Pen. All that thou hadst mentioned was presented one by one, and the response was graciously given and sent, but strange that it hath not arrived. Similarly, on other occasions thy mention was sent down from the heaven of will and purpose, and mention was made of the receipt of what had been sent […]

We beseech God that this may reach you wherever you may have stopped. Verily our Lord and your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering. This servant giveth thee the glad tidings of the sending of the blessed ring which thou hadst requested, that thou mayest rejoice and be amongst the thankful ones. After this matter was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold, the promise of favor shone forth from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of all beings. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate, the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Kind, the Generous.

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

He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful

O Ali! He who loved Me made mention of thee, whereupon We remembered thee as a favor from Us, that this remembrance may attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt find thyself detached from all that is on earth and clinging to the cord of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and hath remembered thee with that which all the remembrances of the world cannot equal. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast been mentioned by thy brother who hath preceded most of creation in turning to the Supreme Horizon, the station whereat the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." When thou hearest the Call, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having aided me and made known unto me that which was recorded by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the lights of Thy countenance and the lamp of Thy Cause, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, such that the pharaohs of the land may not prevent me from turning to the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy evidences. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise."

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

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O Javad! Hear the Call from the precincts of the Prison. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and guided His servants to His straight path. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of thy Lord's utterance, say: "O Lord of all possibility and Revealer of clear proof! I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O my Lord! Thou seest the weary turning to the kingdom of Thy utterance, the weak to the heaven of Thy strength and power, and the ignorant to the ocean of Thy knowledge and favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him through Thy generosity which hath encompassed the world, and through Thy bounty which hath preceded existence itself. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving."

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

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

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

O Khadijih! Today the Sun of Truth hath appeared from the horizon of the heaven of divine favor with such a radiance that the rays of the physical sun are as nothing in comparison. O My handmaiden! Praise the Desired One of the world Who did not prevent thy sight from beholding His days, nor thine ears from hearkening to His call. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of those who are in the heavens and on earth."

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

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

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

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

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

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O Abu'l-Hasan! The Lord of the seen and unseen hath revealed for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure amongst the servants. Verily thy Lord is the Master of creation and the Ruler in the beginning and in the return. Preserve this most exalted station through His Most Exalted Name, the All-Glorious. He is

verily the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the might of the world and the power of the nations render Him powerless. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having made me recognize the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love. Thou art He through Whose Name the Mother Book hath spoken and that which was hidden from eyes hath appeared.

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

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

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Praise be unto the Luminary through Whom the horizon of the world and the hearts of the nations were illumined, through Whom the Most Great Ocean appeared and the Nightingale of Immortality warbled upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. He hath come Who was named Jehovah in the Torah, the Spirit of Truth in the Gospel, and the Great Announcement in the Qur'an. Through Him was revealed that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, and that which was recorded in the scriptures of old was made manifest, and the Countenance of the All-Merciful spoke forth from the Throne of Utterance: "Verily, He shall not be known through My attributes nor through that which was

mentioned in the Bayan." Through Him appeared that which was promised in the Tablets of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs, and made known unto all His straight Path and His Most Great, Most Mighty Name. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled the Covenant and hastened unto Him with radiant countenance, and woe betide him who hath denied God's grace and His proof, and followed every remote clamourer.

Prayers, praise, glory and splendor be upon those who have girded up the loins of endeavor and striving to serve the Cause of God amongst His servants and to make mention of Him among His creatures. These are servants whose praise is voiced by the dwellers of the celestial kingdom and the kingdom of names, who are remembered by the denizens of Paradise in an exalted station, and upon whom pray the Concourse on High and those who circle round God's exalted and mighty Throne.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the near ones lamented and the sincere ones cried out in their remoteness from the presence of Thy holy city! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy raiment and the lights of Thy countenance to aid Thy loved ones in serving Thy Cause and assist them, O my God, in that whereby Thy remembrance may be exalted amongst Thy creatures. Then protect them, through Thy bounty and loving-kindness, from those who turned away from Thy most exalted horizon when it was illumined with Thy name, O Lord of all names! Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and by Thy command Thou didst raise the banner of "He doeth what He willeth." There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, the bird of your love soared in the form of a letter, bearing that which brought joy to the faithful in the kingdom of creation, for it was adorned and embellished with the mention and praise of God. Likewise did the other letter gladden this servant, and yet another time again. This servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to grant you success and to strengthen you in that whereunto you have attained in His days. All these were presented before the Throne, and there was sent down from the heaven of divine will for your honor once in a letter of Zaynu'llah–upon him be the most glorious of all glory–and again in this epistle, and beyond these in letters of some of the loved ones, and beyond these was revealed the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to honor you with it and to vouchsafe unto you the bounty of attaining His presence. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones, the unified ones, and those drawn nigh unto Him. And after presentation in the Most Holy Court, the Sun of inner meanings shone forth in the mirrors of Tablets in these sacred and transcendent forms:

He is the One Who Warbleth upon the Branches […]

O Muhammad! The One and Only remembers thee from His Praiseworthy Station, and calls out between earth and heaven: "Verily I am the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting!" Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant in attendance as the Lord of Destiny was walking in the Most Great Scene - this Palace which was built aforetime for the establishment of God's throne, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou and blessed is every one who hath turned to the Truth, the Knower of all things unseen. We have heard thy call time and again, and have answered thee again and again as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Beloved. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My

servants who have held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and have arisen to make mention of Me and to praise Me in My lands. They are indeed of the people of My Kingdom and My Dominion, to which My Pen beareth witness that testifieth there is none other God but He. He giveth as He pleaseth and withholdeth by His command. He is indeed the Truth, the Sovereign of existence.

Say: O chosen ones of God! Rejoice in this Day wherein the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion have been gladdened by its mention - they whom the veils of the world have not prevented from turning towards this exalted Station. Blessed are your hearts for having turned unto God, and blessed are your eyes for having been directed towards the horizon of the manifestation of your Lord, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen.

We make mention of thee again, O Baqir, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of creation, that thou mayest give thanks and testify to that whereunto God hath testified before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but I, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books, and through their tongues We gave the glad-tidings of this Day which hath no peer in creation and no likeness in invention. Thy Lord is indeed the Witness to what He saith. The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee in such wise that God hath forgiven those mentioned in thy letter. He forgiveth whom He willeth through His grace, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have heard and responded on this Promised Day.

Divine grace and loving-kindness towards you and the friends are evident from the holy, sublime and resplendent verses dawning from the horizon of will. A hundred thousand souls like this servant have not been and will never be capable of offering befitting praise unto it. Likewise, in another instance, mention of the wise ones of that land was revealed from the Ancient Tongue. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing!

O My loved ones mentioned in the Torah! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. That which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been fulfilled. The Torah hath testified to the Sovereign of verses, the Gospel to the King of Glory, and the Quran to this Great Announcement at whose appearance all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great, wished otherwise.

O sons of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God! Give thanks to the Ancient Lord Who hath guided you to the straight path and preserved you from the great terror on this momentous Day. Glorify the Lord in these days and celebrate His Name. Blessed is the Lord Who hath come with the truth. He is the One through Whom was manifested that which was inscribed by the Pen in previous Books. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless! He Who maketh the dawn as darkness and walketh upon the dayspring places of the earth hath come with the truth. He was named with the most beautiful names in God's Books, the Creator of heaven, and the Great Announcement in a clear Book. He is indeed the One Who darkeneth the day as the night and committeth both land and sea unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

O children of the Friend in the regions! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Most Glorious, from the Supreme Horizon, from the Ultimate Lote-Tree. Then inform the world of this News whereby the veil was rent asunder and that which the Messengers foretold appeared, through a command from the All-Wise Ordainer. By God! He possesseth not what ye possess, nor walketh He in your ways. He hath come with justice accompanied by the hosts of the unseen, and hath manifested unto His servants His straight Path. Behold the Word that hath issued from the mouth of My Will, and what hath appeared therefrom in the earth, if ye be of them that know. Through it the treasures and fruits have appeared, and whatsoever was hidden in the treasury of knowledge of God's mysteries, the Master of this wondrous Day.

This is the Day wherein through the blessed Word that hath issued from the mouth of the Divine Will, the ocean of joy hath appeared and become manifest in the world. Through the blessing of that Word, the treasures of the earth have been revealed and the divine bounties have become resplendent. This is the Day whereon the thirsty ones turn to the ocean of life, and the rain of mercy maketh fresh and verdant the withered and dried vegetation - that is, He bestoweth reward and granteth bounty without gold or silver. Observe ye the Book of Isaiah and ponder, that ye may find what hath been mentioned and receive your portion from the ocean of knowledge. The Friend of God hath appeared manifest in the land of Syria, and His call is raised from Zion. How excellent is the state of the one who is not deprived of this most great bounty! Isaiah saith: "And I will place salvation in Zion for Israel." Today the Throne of the Lord is established in the New Jerusalem upon the water, and that blessed Tabernacle whereof Isaiah gave tidings hath been raised in that most exalted, most holy, most sublime station. This is a Tabernacle that hath not been, nor will be, moved from place to place; its pegs have not been, nor will be, pulled out; and its cords have not been, nor will be, severed. And now the Lord, the Mighty One, is seated upon the throne of majesty in that Tabernacle. This is a Day wherein the land of Syria is in joy and gladness, the mountains and hills are singing and exulting, and the earth is in utmost delight, adorned with the flowers of inner meanings and realities. O children of the Friend! The mysteries of the Books are many, but ears are few. This is the Day wherein the hidden treasures in divine knowledge and the stored mysteries in the heavenly Books have become manifest and evident. Blessed is the eye that seeth, blessed the ear that heareth, and blessed the soul that turneth with clear certitude to the Most Supreme Horizon. This is a Day wherein He measured the heavens with a span, weighed the dust of the earth with a measure, and balanced the mountains and hills with scales. Verily, We mention unto you the allusions of the Books, that perchance the people may be assured of what We have sent down aforetime. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O My beloved! All the Books, Scriptures and Tablets have proclaimed and given glad tidings of this Most Great Day. Nevertheless, all are observed to be heedless, save whom God willeth. His Holiness Isaiah saith: "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." Carmel is a place situated opposite the Prison-land, and it is named the Vineyard of God, and was the seat of the Throne upon first arrival. It is the first land in this realm to attain the ocean of attainment and be adorned with divine fragrances. The land of Lebanon is also situated near the Prison-land. And likewise in another place He saith: "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; He will come and save you."

Observe and ponder how in clear and lucid words He hath detailed the fear of the servants, the appearance of God, the oppression of the oppressor, and divine retribution. Now this evanescent servant, with utmost sincerity, submits to the gentlemen and friends that today we must strengthen our hearts, establish justice, and make firm the foundation of love. Let them not be saddened by the darkness of oppressive souls, for light followeth after; let them not be disturbed by the might of the heedless, for divine retribution cometh in its wake. With the light of faith and certitude, and in perfect assurance, we must gaze toward the horizon of the Beloved of the worlds, and deal with all the peoples of the earth with kindliness and forbearance, for He hath created us for edification, not destruction. God willing, they must transform fear into assurance, and weakness into strength. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to guide all into the ocean of His grace, in such wise that love of this transient life may not withhold them from everlasting life.

In the Book of Zechariah it is stated: "And it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night." Likewise Isaiah saith: "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light." He hath mentioned the station of the Day of God, as hath been revealed in the Tablets, that this divine Day is illumined by the light of His resplendent countenance. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is among the successful ones. And likewise He saith: "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one."

Observe how, despite these explicit statements previously revealed and recorded in the Book, the people of the Bayan in this Revelation have remained remote and deprived from the Dayspring of divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of celestial light, through His name of Divinity and Lordship. Today the banner of unity is raised aloft and the ocean of oneness is manifest. He hath been and will be called the One. Whoso turneth to any other without His leave cannot be counted. He hath indeed been heedless of His sovereignty and turned away from His proof. Great is this Day! He is the Lord of all days and the Sovereign of all ages and centuries, and their Dawning-Place and Dayspring. All people must gaze toward the one true God and bear witness to His oneness. He is one and His name is one. Blessed is he who seeth and witnesseth, who knoweth and recognizeth, who is learned and understandeth, and who, seeking, hath attained unto the Intended One on this promised Day.

In the days when the fragrances of the robe of Revelation were wafting in Zawra, the Ancient Tongue addressed one of His friends with these blessed words: "Make thy submission and humility to God alone." All submission and humility must be exclusively for God - exalted be His majesty, supreme be His sovereignty, and mighty be His proof. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to act in accordance with that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in the mighty Book. How lofty is the station of those souls who are seen to be steadfast and firm in the Cause of God! These are they on whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. These are of the people of Baha who are established upon the crimson ark by God's leave, the Lord of all names. The Concourse on high pray for them at all times. We must needs reflect upon the references in the Books of old, that perchance we may cling to mighty proofs and conclusive evidences, and guide the diverse religions of the earth by the light of justice.

Blessed are the children of Khalil, for they are reckoned among the people of Baha and are known by this blessed name. Whosoever hath today taken and quaffed the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of the Self-Subsisting Lord is accounted among the people of Baha and is mentioned in the Book. Consider this blessed, firm, and established word which is recorded in the Book of Zechariah. He saith: "And in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts." This word implicitly giveth tidings that the Sun of Truth will rise from the horizon of another heaven, and likewise indicateth that whosoever turneth unto the Most Great Name hath been and shall be among the most exalted peoples of the world, for he is associated with Him and characterized by His name. Thus, every Canaanite who is today illumined by the lights of the Manifestation is mentioned before God as being among the people of Baha.

O ye noble ones! Great indeed is this day, even as this blessed verse hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, exalted be His glory: "Great is this Day. Hearken ye unto the voice of the Messenger and the One Who hath been sent. By the True One, the Speaker on Sinai uttereth the truth, yet most of the people are heedless." The Truth doth today promote the Torah, the Gospel, and the Qur'an, and likewise promoteth all divine scriptures, psalms, and books. This is spoken in one station, and in another station: "He is the Creator of the heavens and earth. He hath come with a new Cause that hath no likeness in the past nor equal in the future. To this beareth witness His preserved Tablet."

This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted be His glory, to intoxicate these noble ones and friends with the wine of utterance and to make them appear in the expanse of the world. This is the Day whereof He hath said: "The earth shineth with the light of her Lord." The intoxication of the wine of divine recognition increaseth understanding, leadeth the ignorant to the ocean of knowledge, and guideth the heedless to the horizon of wisdom. We hope from the favor of the Peerless Friend that all may arise to that which beseemeth the Day of God, and that He may not deprive any of the peoples of the earth. He is the Giver, He is the Generous. His is the creation and the command, and His is the grandeur and the majesty. He ordaineth the sealed wine for whomsoever He willeth. Verily, He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

The grace of God and His bounty are evident and resplendent like the sun at its zenith. This station requires neither speech nor interpreter, for "the Light hath appeared." He is the Concealed One. Praise be to God that you have attained to that which most are deprived of. For each of the names mentioned in your letter, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth. Likewise, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for the brother of Jenab-i-Javad, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may they attain to that which God loves and with which He is well-pleased.

Praise be to God that in Zawra they drank from the Most Exalted Chalice and partook cup after cup from the ocean of reunion. What they wrote was the cause of joy and gladness, and this servant was content with this letter and did not trouble them separately. Their supplications were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and were accepted. Let them praise God for this throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm of Names.

God willing, they should be so enkindled with the fire of divine love that its effects may endure and persist in the world. In all conditions they should be mindful of wisdom and act with consummate wisdom, for the Cause is mighty and the people are weak, ears are contaminated and eyes afflicted with ophthalmia. To the blind, the image of angel and demon appear the same, and to the deaf, croaking and cooing are indistinguishable. The divine sages must treat with gentleness and consideration.

In response to the petition of Jenab-i-Manakji Sahib, this exalted word was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings - exalted be His grandeur: “Milk must be given in proper measure, that the children of the world may enter into the realm of maturity and find their place in the court of unity.”

Remind all the friends of wisdom, that all may be mindful of it. It is the lamp of salvation. God willing, may all attain unto it.

Furthermore, several Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were revealed specifically for Jenab-i-Haji Kamalu’d-Din, upon him be the glory of God, and those with him. Likewise, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and sent for the names mentioned in their letter. God willing, you will deliver them that eyes may be consoled thereby. This servant has also submitted a letter to their presence.

Furthermore, convey my greetings to those who drink the choice wine of inner meanings in that city and its surroundings. God the One is witness that in most times this evanescent one beseeches God on behalf of the divine friends for that which will cause their mention to endure. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you who have attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Let the esteemed master and honored lord, Ali-Qabel-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, observe with radiant gaze.

In the Name of the Single, the Unique, the Stranger, the Wronged, the Imprisoned

Exalted, exalted is Thy patience, O my God! Exalted, exalted is the manifestation of Thy forbearance, O my Beloved! To such extent that, despite Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and Thy might which hath subdued all existence, Thou hast borne with Thy most exalted Self that which the Supreme Pen is powerless to recount, and which the tablets of creation and the pages of invention can never bear to record. By Thy glory, O my God! Were the veil to be lifted from what hath befallen and continueth to befall Thee, both secretly and openly, the heavens of power would be cleft asunder, the thrones of grandeur would crumble, all realities would be scattered, and all essences would cease to exist. Nothing would remain in the kingdom of the beginningless or the endless - all would return to that non-existence which hath no mention.

Yet Thou, through the sovereignty of Thy forbearance and the dominion of Thy patience, hast borne all this within Thy most tender, most subtle and luminous heart, and hast concealed it in the innermost sanctuary of Thy most mighty, most holy and impenetrable mystery. Thou hast accepted all tribulations

for the deliverance of all who dwell in the realm of creation, for their gathering unto the Law of eternity, and their attainment unto those most inaccessible, exalted and impregnable stations which cannot be mentioned by any name, nor described by any attribute, nor indicated by any sign, nor comprehended by any evidence.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested from behind the veil of power such servants by whom the human realm boasteth over the divine realm, and the kingdom of earth over the kingdom of heaven. For they have attained unto Thy days, for the loss of which the realities of the holy ones and the near ones have perished in their yearning, and which the Prophets and Messengers have longed to witness. Some of them, O my God, have attained unto what Thou didst ordain for them in the Book from the effulgences of the Sun of Thy Most Bountiful Name. Some have tasted the choice wine from the mention of Thy Most Great, Most Mighty Name. Some have drawn near the shore of the Most Great Sea which surgeth by Thy Name, the Dominant over the world. And some have embarked upon the Crimson Ark by Thy Most Glorious Name and have sailed upon the ocean of grandeur, yet they reached not the axis of that Sea of Seas, by whose agitation the mighty deep was troubled, and from which the Sea of Seas surged forth - that Sea a single drop of which gave rise to the seas of names and attributes in the highest realms. Thou hast ordained, O my God, for each one of these a portion from the ocean of Thy bounty and a share from the vastness of Thy generosity and grace.

I testify, O my God, that this Name who was named Ali in the Kingdom of Names and was adorned with the crown of lights - the sun of the Most Great Name - hath attained unto all good from Thy presence, hath ascended unto a station wherein he became detached from all else but Thee, hath turned with his whole being to the countenance of Thy singleness, hath arisen with all his strength to serve Thee and to aid Thy Cause, and hath migrated to various lands time and again to manifest Thy Cause, to convey Thy decree, to spread Thy verses, to exalt Thy remembrance and to uplift Thy Word with the wisdom which Thou hast commanded all to observe in Thy perspicuous verses and clear evidences. He hath stood firm as a mountain in servitude and obedience unto Thee. Nay, I have found him, O my God, even greater than this, for while earthly vapors may cause the mountain to crumble and parts of it to fall away, this one whom Thou hast created from the letters of Thy power and the Word of Thy command - even if the vapors of all contingent beings should arise and the tempestuous winds should blow from the north of vain desires throughout creation - would, through Thy might and power, remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Upon him be all the splendor of Thy splendors, all the light of Thy lights, and all the beauty of Thy beauty. Therefore, O my God, Thou hast mentioned him in the tablets of Thy glory and hast caused his remembrance to flow from the Pen of Thy command and […]

I bear witness to Thy praise from the throne of Thy mercy, and Thou hast ordained for him a station at the throne of Thy grandeur and a distinction among the distinctions of Thy glory. How can this non-existent one, who is unworthy to be mentioned by the name of nothingness in Thy kingdom or by the name of evanescence among Thy creation, praise Thee? I have no way, O my God, except utter powerlessness to mention Thee and mention Thy loved ones. Glory be unto Thee, glory be unto Thee, that I should be among those who remember. And I say that all praise be unto Thee, for verily Thou art God, the Rememberer, the Praiser, the Describer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is no God but Thee, the Sanctified, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Exalted.

The blessed letter of your honor, which dawned and shone forth from the horizon of that Sun of the Most Great Name, and which was adorned with the ornament of brilliant words, resplendent letters, wondrous utterances and sublime meanings - this evanescent servant attained the honor of perusing that spiritual book and inhaling its sweet fragrances. O what breezes these are that no hostile circumstances can affect! It is as though they wafted from the paradise of detachment and reached the summit of inaccessibility before my Lord, the Mighty, the Withholding. At a special time I presented it before the Throne. The oceans of the favors of my Lord, the Most Glorious, have surged for you in such wise that the Pen of Composition is powerless to describe. Thus did the tongue of the All-Merciful speak, addressing thee, O Ali: "Give thanks unto God for having adorned thy head with the crown of praise in the days of thy Lord, the King of Names, and thy temple with the ornament of His service in the contingent world. We have recognized thy turning to certain regions and thy migration in the path of God, the Revealer of verses. This beseemeth thee and every devoted one who hath detached himself in His love from all else."

O Ali! At all times exert mighty efforts to unite hearts and gather them together upon the divine holy law. Although thou art, by God's grace, adorned with goodly character, yet the more thou addest thereto the more beloved will it be in the sight of God, that all may turn to the Bestower through thine excellent character. Watch over the Cause at all times, as hath been revealed from the Pen of Command in previous Tablets. Observe the grace, favor and bounties of God. For years one of the servants, whom thou knowest, and his followers have been secretly engaged in unworthy words, offensive odors and selfish conditions - and God was aware and encompassing all - yet We concealed it, and since outwardly they spoke in the name of God and mentioned Him, We did not interfere. In certain years, from the Dawning-Place of verses, sublime Tablets were specifically revealed and sent to him. In all those Tablets We called him, explicitly and implicitly, to the pure station that is sanctified from the taint of self and existence, that perchance he might attain unto transcendent and inaccessible stations. All this was from the grace of thy Lord, His mercy and His favor, for We have not wished, nor do We wish, that any soul should be deprived of that for which it was created or be bereft of that which was ordained for it. Despite these successive favors and continuous bounties, it is as though he considered God heedless, and that God's concealment was due to this. Say: My spirit and my being be a sacrifice for Thee, O Concealer of the worlds!

O Ali! Observe in the Cause of the Apostle of God how at first it advanced and ascended to great heights, but later became stationary. One of the causes that hindered it was that certain souls arose who, claiming to possess inner knowledge, debarred the helpless people from the Divine Law and the sacred strongholds of the Lord's glory. Say: By God! All that is outward is superior to your inner knowledge, and every shell is more luminous than your kernel. The sincere ones have cast aside your inner meanings as bones are cast to dogs. In these days the Divine Laws are dawning from the Dayspring of the Lord's utterance, and God willing, they shall be sent forth hereafter. These two blessed verses were revealed in that most holy, most exalted Tablet: "Among the people is he who seateth himself amid the sandals by the door whilst coveting in his heart the seat of honor. Say: What manner of man art thou, O vain and heedless one!" "And among them is he who layeth claim to inner knowledge, and still deeper inner knowledge. Say: Thou falsifier! By God! What thou dost possess is naught but husks which We have left to thee as bones are left to dogs." Consider how every deluded soul who appeared drew forth a stream

from the Most Great Ocean and, armed with utter deceit and guile, arose with his vain imaginings and selfish desires, and rent asunder the Islamic peoples. Say: O thou deluded one! Verily the inner meaning, and the inner meaning of the inner meaning, and that inner meaning which God hath sanctified beyond all inner and outer meanings unto infinity, circle around this outward meaning that speaketh with truth at the midmost heart of the world. The Most Great Name hath appeared, and the Lord of all nations, and the Ancient King. None shall find place or habitation save he who hath clung to this luminous Handle whereby earth and heaven were illumined, throne and dust made manifest, the Kingdom of Names lit up, and the Supreme Horizon made to shine. Fear ye God, O people, and follow not the desires of such as follow their lusts, nor the vain imaginings of such as have arisen to practice deception in the kingdom of creation. Turn with shining faces and radiant brows unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of your Lord, the Possessor of the Beginning and the End. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablet which God hath made the Mother of Tablets and the Lamp of Success between the heavens and the earths.

O Ali! The division of the community has become the cause and reason for the weakness of all, yet most people do not understand. Would that some of those who have made and continue to make claims of longing, attraction, ardor, and rapture, had gone to the Abode of Peace and observed the Qadiriyyih lodge and become awakened. O Ali! A group was present and gathered in that place and, by the One True God, it was witnessed that one of those souls repeatedly struck himself against stone, clod, and wall for more than four hours until there was fear of his demise, and afterward fell unconscious upon the ground and for about two hours had absolutely no awareness. And they count such actions among the miracles. God is quit of them and we are quit of them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what is hidden in the breasts of all beings.

Likewise, there is a group known as the Rifa'i, and these souls, by their own account, walk through fire and in moments of ecstasy strike one another with swords in such manner that the observer would think they had severed their own limbs. All of this is but tricks, deceit, and deception from their own selves. Behold, they are among the most lost. All these things have been witnessed with our own eyes and many people have seen them. How beloved it would be if one of those deluded souls would turn towards that land and witness the aforementioned lodges and what transpires therein, that perchance they might not be debarred by personal fancies and the delusions of deceitful souls from the direction of Divine Unity and the Lord of creation.

O Ali! There have been and are certain people on islands who have denied themselves food and drink, have become familiar with wild beasts, and spend their nights and days in severe ascetic practices and in uttering invocations. Nevertheless, not one of these souls is mentioned in the presence of God, even though they count themselves among the poles, the pillars, and the unique ones of the earth. Today the robe of deeds and the crown of actions is the mention of the Most Great Name, both outwardly and inwardly. Verily it is the Word whereby every party hath been separated, every mountain laid low, every star made to fall, every sun eclipsed, every moon darkened, every heaven cleft asunder, every earth split open, every sea made to sink away, every peak made to tremble, every trunk uprooted, every hill shaken, and every plain made to quake, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath willed. Whoso acknowledgeth what God hath acknowledged and confesseth what God hath confessed, he is of the

people of Baha in the kingdom of creation. Thus hath the command of thy Lord, the Decisive, the Mighty, the Wise, been sent down from the horizon of revelation.

Although it is not befitting that the Most Exalted Pen should be occupied with such utterances, yet in view of grace and the precedence of mercy, the Pen of the All-Merciful speaketh with such words. Where are the mighty ones? And where are the manifestations of steadfastness in the kingdom of creation? And where are the dawning-places of power in the heaven of detachment?

O Ali! Until now the Finger of Power hath not rent asunder the veils. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer. Implore God that He may cause those souls, with complete steadfastness and detachment from all else save Him, to remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of all days. By My life! Through this their remembrance shall be exalted, their names established, their stations realized, and the doors of My knowledge - which is the foundation of the Cause and its beginning, the essence of all stations and their sovereign - shall be opened before their faces. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and whatsoever is mentioned therein, and hath turned with an illumined heart toward the sanctuary of his Lord, the Most High, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Great.

Your burden is great. Bear it as this most tender, most delicate, most compassionate, gracious, wondrous and luminous Heart hath borne above it. For you must, with wisdom, as hath been enjoined in all the Tablets, purify the people from their personal imaginings and their unseemly behavior through penetrating counsels and divine wisdom, and draw them to the most holy court. The first and most mighty requirement hath ever been steadfastness in the Cause. God willing, you must be occupied with service at all times, as indeed you are. Verily, the glory be upon you and upon those who love you purely for the sake of God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God that His favors toward you have been beyond count. We hope that manifest fruits in the Divine Cause will appear from you. You must strive greatly to unite hearts. Should some act contrary to your good-pleasure, you must calm those souls through spiritual qualities, for whatsoever occurs in the path of God is beloved. And those souls who have been forbidden and who through the whisperings of the followers of Satan have remained deprived of the All-Merciful - counsel those souls with wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may awaken from the sleep of heedlessness and not be deprived of the supreme bounty.

The matters you had mentioned were presented before His presence. Regarding what was asked about the House of Justice, He said: “The intention of Aqa Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, was to assist the Cause, but these days do not warrant it, for in every city, if specific individuals were to be appointed, the enemies would surely arise to eliminate those souls. Its time hath not yet come.” Most of the divine ordinances We have not implemented due to wisdom and the protection of the friends and the weakness of the people, and the sending of these ordinances is so that the form of the law may be present in all regions. Many of the divine verses in this Revelation were lost during the days of trials and tests, such that neither the original nor any copy thereof remains.

And further regarding two of the beloved ones of the Land of Gold, two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were specifically revealed and sent for them - deliver these. And concerning what was written

about some of the friends requesting that your honor add diacritical marks to the verses and divine prayers, explicit permission has been granted for this. As for the books, this servant will send whatever possible, God willing. And regarding what you wrote about the hardship and famine in Iran, this was from God's promise in the Tablets, for in that same year when the glorious Tablet was sent by the hand of Badi', explicit mention was made in the Tablets of the hardships, tribulations and famine of that land, and God's warning encompassed all, such that a verse was revealed whose purport is this: "Were it not for consideration of the friends, all would have perished." However, after receiving your letter, I attained the presence before the Throne and presented your petition. He said: "Their intercession has been accepted. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest prosperity." And then He said: "O 'Ali! The traces of Badi's blood have not yet been effaced from the earth, and thou knowest that the Wronged One sent forth a Book wherein no excuse whatsoever remained for anyone, and the essence of the Cause was declared with utmost explicitness. Yet there befell Him what befell Him."

O My beloved! Call the people to steadfastness, that they may stand so firm as to regard all else save God as non-existent, lest perchance through momentary heedlessness they be deprived and kept back from the Truth, even as what transpired in Gilan. Although they later became aware, such matters will not endure. However, the friends of the Truth must be so firm that none can cause them to deviate from the straight path. They must continually read what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted, Most Holy Pen concerning these matters, that they may remain preserved and attain unto what God hath willed. Convey to all the loved ones of God, one and all, greetings from this evanescent servant, and especially endless greetings to his honor Dhabih, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God willing, I hope they will at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, they are mentioned in His presence and honored by His favors. As for the Tablets that were previously revealed from the heaven of His Will specifically for them, the command is that they should read these Tablets that what was revealed therein may remain before their eyes. God willing, an august Tablet specifically for them shall be sent hereafter, as this time what was revealed was in response to the petitions of the people. In any case, convey boundless expressions of devotion on behalf of this servant. At this hour, the members of the household, after offering greetings and salutations, make mention of the daughter of the late Ismu'llah Al-Munir, upon him be the most glorious of all glory, whose holy being had willed that she should return to the Most Holy Place, and each one hath sent messages with utmost insistence and made this request. According to what hath been heard, she hath obtained a divorce from that person. If it be possible for her to reside somewhere in comfort until word arrives, it would be most appreciated, that perchance arrangements may be made to fulfill the will of that pure soul. Furthermore, it is mentioned that there was a piece of the Most Exalted, Most Holy handwriting, calligraphed in the Jali style and illuminated, which was in the possession of Ismu'llah Al-Munir, and now according to what hath been reported, it is with his mother. By whatever means possible, your honor should obtain it and send it with a trusted one. You must certainly exert mighty efforts in this regard. May glory and holiness and splendor be upon you. Moreover, whatever hath been recorded in this letter should be shown to his honor Aqay-i-Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and if he is not present in that land, a copy of these divine utterances should be sent to him. All the Branches and Twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree, may our souls be sacrificed for them, remember your honor with wondrous divine praise and exalted greetings.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

That which hath been revealed in the divine verses concerning the meaning of this couplet, and which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of truth, is complete and conclusive. None but the ignorant would deny it. Yet, as a token of grace unto thee–for verily He loveth His remembering servants–another explanation shall be set forth in the Persian tongue.

If thou wouldst behold this station as it truly is, immerse thyself in the ocean of creative verses. All things, according to their ranks, have been and shall ever be divine verses. In the station of the manifestation of the Sovereign Revealer in the kingdom of names and attributes, the quality of being a sign is established for all things. In such wise, naught is visible save His signs, that nearness or remoteness might be conceived. After the Sun of inner meanings hath dawned from the horizon of this utterance, all are accounted as divine verses. Naught remaineth to be observed save the revelation of the Sovereign Revealer, that it might be mentioned or clothed in the garment of expression. Were the divine hand of power to withdraw the quality of being a sign from all things, thou wouldst see nothing whatsoever in all existence.

How sanctified and holy is thy Lord, and how mighty is His dominion and power! The creative and universal signs, which are the manifestations of His names and attributes–exalted be His glory–are, in one station, sanctified above nearness and remoteness, how much more His own Essence, transcendent is He! If thou shouldst drink of this wine of inner meanings, which hath been nurtured by the fingers of divine holiness in the wine-cellar of eternal glory, thou wouldst pass beyond the world and all therein, and would turn thy face toward the Friend without any allusion.

I swear by the Day-Star of the horizons! Were all people to comprehend the sweetness of but one word from the divine utterances which have shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful Will, all would detach themselves from the fleeting pleasures of this world and turn unto the Countenance of the Everlasting One. Then would the servants be observed in such a state that He for Whose appearance the world and its development were intended hath been made to dwell in the most desolate of lands. In such circumstances, by what merit should divine grace descend from the heaven of glorious mercy?

Think not that any soul hath power over truth. I swear by the Dawning-Place of the Most Great Name that were He to will it, He would annihilate all things with but a single word. The acceptance of this Most Great Prison hath been for the deliverance of the necks of men from the chains of self and passion, and the acceptance of this abasement hath been for the sake of the glory of all who dwell on earth. For this divine breath hath come for the life of creation, and soon shall they witness the shining of the Sun of the Word from every direction. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

However, the poet's intent in this couplet–"The Friend is closer to me than I am to myself, and stranger still that I should be far from Him"–[…]

This is a translation of the blessed verse which states “We are nearer to him than his life-vein.” Indeed, it hath been well expressed in the Persian tongue. At this moment one is partaking of the wine of the mercy of the Lord of all worlds, for mention of it hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Since God hath declared “I am nearer to man than his jugular vein,” therefore one sayeth that although the effulgence of the Beloved is nearer to me than my jugular vein, yet despite my certitude of this station and my acknowledgment of this rank, I am far from Him. That is to say, the heart - which is the seat of the All-Merciful and the throne of divine revelation - is heedless of His remembrance and occupied with the mention of others, veiled from Him and turned toward the world and its vanities.

Truth, in its essence, hath no nearness or remoteness. It is sanctified above such stations, and its relationship to all things is on the same level. This nearness and remoteness are made manifest through Its Manifestations. It is established that the heart is the throne for the revelation of the All-Merciful, even as We have explained this station in previous holy traditions: “Neither My earth nor My heaven can contain Me, but the heart of My faithful servant containeth Me.”

The heart, which is the place of divine manifestation and the seat of the All-Merciful’s revelation, is oftentimes heedless of Him Who reveals. In its state of heedlessness it is far from Truth and merits the title ‘remote’, while in its state of remembrance it is near to Truth and deserves the title ‘near’. Furthermore, consider how man is oftentimes unaware of himself, yet God’s all-encompassing knowledge eternally surrounds him and the radiance of the Sun of Revelation remains manifest and evident. Therefore, He is and will ever be nearest, for He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, the All-Encompassing, while man remains heedless and veiled from the mysteries of his own creation.

Every person of insight can clearly observe that nearness and remoteness are mentioned and understood in relation to the Manifestations, while that Sovereign of eternity was and ever will be sanctified above nearness, remoteness, mentions, names and attributes. In brief, nearness to Truth in this station means turning toward Him, while remoteness means heedlessness of Him. For instance, whosoever today has quaffed from the most pure and glorious Wine has ascended to the highest summit of nearness and attainment, while all others abide in the lowest depths of remoteness and separation, even though they may constantly speak of the All-Merciful and act according to His commandments. Even as today, the various peoples of the earth, being deprived of the wine of divine unity, all wander in the wilderness of remoteness.

Nearness and remoteness become known and evident in the Manifestation of the divine Essence. Whosoever has turned toward the Sanctuary of certitude is reckoned among those who are near, and whosoever has turned away has been and will remain remote. The nearness of Truth knows no remoteness. If people would not remain remote, the root of the Tree of nearness, which has been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful in these words, would remain firm and its branches would encompass the worlds. When the Sun of the Name ‘the Near One’ shone forth from the Dayspring of meeting, it encompassed all horizons, and spiritual nearness precedes and is more ancient than physical nearness […]

Nearness is as thou seest - many have been those who were close to the Truth and morning and evening were outwardly privileged to be in His presence, yet the Truth did not confirm their nearness, for they

were deprived of spiritual proximity. God is the All-Knowing, the Concealer. Should a soul dwelling in the furthermost lands fix his gaze upon God, the word of nearness shall be revealed concerning him. But blessed and excellent is the one who attaineth unto both! By Him Who hath made Me abased for the glory of the worlds and imprisoned for the liberation of all peoples - if with pure intent one beholdeth the Countenance of the All-Merciful but once, it equalleth all the good deeds of the first and the last. Nay, I seek God's forgiveness for such a statement, for this station cannot be limited by word or utterance. None knoweth the excellence of this station save God, exalted be His glory. Should one enter the region where the Throne of the Divine Manifestation resideth, the benefits and rewards of this deed shall assist him in all the infinite worlds - how much more for one who attaineth His presence! Indeed, the purpose of all that hath been sent down from the heaven of divine bounty and recorded in the Holy Books hath been the meeting with God. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and entered the precincts from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of the Beauty of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, and who hath touched its soil and breathed its air. He hath attained unto that which no greater good or bounty can surpass. By God! The dwellers of Paradise shall visit him and shall find from him the fragrance of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful.

O questioner! God willing, through the grace of the Eternal Sovereign, thou shalt in these spiritual days drink from the chalice of divine mercy from the most pure and holy utterances of the Lord. When thou turnest toward God, all the infinite worlds of names, words and utterances have been detailed from the Primal Point, and all return unto that Point, which hath appeared through the Ancient Will. Whosoever today attaineth unto Him and His love becometh the possessor of all the most beautiful names and sublime attributes, and hath been and shall ever be the possessor of knowledge and utterance. Yet none shall drink of these crystal-clear utterances flowing from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful save the people of Baha.

O questioner! Behold the mercy and bounty of God - though confined in prison with enemies lying in wait from every direction, yet hath He not deprived thee, and amidst these sorrows He remaineth occupied with the mention of His divine friends. Hast thou seen any bounty greater than this? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! This is a Day wherein the Beloved saith "We have known thee", and Moses declareth "We have seen thee", and Abraham uttereth "My heart hath found peace". Strive, that ye may not be deprived of the bounty of the All-Merciful, for whatsoever is lost in these days can never be regained. Become pure and light like the breezes of the spiritual springtime, and pass by the precincts of the All-Merciful. This is the counsel of the All-Merciful to the peoples of all worlds. And let it not be imagined from the statement that all things are signs of God that, God forbid, the righteous and the wicked, the monotheist and the polytheist, are all equal in station […]

O ye who attribute partnership and relationship between the Truth, exalted and glorified be He, and His creation! Some ignorant ones, having ascended to the heights of their own vain imaginings, have conceived of unity as meaning that all signs are of God without distinction, and some have even gone beyond this station and made the signs equal and similar to God. Glory be to God! He is one in His essence and one in His attributes. All else is as nothingness before the revelation of one of His names and the mention of one of His remembrances. How, by the Most Merciful One, the Supreme Pen trembles and quakes at the mention of these words! What station can be seen for an evanescent drop before the

surging of the Most Great Ocean? What mention can there be of that which is contingent and non-existent before the Ancient One? I seek forgiveness from God, the Almighty, for such beliefs and utterances.

Say: O people! What relationship can there be between the Imagined and the Self-Subsisting, and what similarity between creation and the Creator, when they were created by the stroke of His Pen, and this effect itself is sanctified, holy and exempt from all else? And passing beyond this station, consider in the station of signs that the sun is one of the divine signs. Can one consider it in the same station as darkness? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! None would speak thus save he whose heart is straitened and whose vision is dimmed.

Say: Consider within yourselves - both fingernails and eyes are of you. Are these two of the same rank and station in your estimation? Should anyone say yes, say: Ye have lied, by my Lord, the Most Glorious! For ye cut the former yet cherish the latter like life itself. It is not permitted to transgress one's station and rank. The preservation of ranks is essential - that is, each thing must be observed in its own station.

Yea, when the Sun of My name "the Influencer" has shone upon all things, in each thing an effect and fruit appears according to its capacity, even as ye observe that poison, though lethal, yet in its own station manifests an effect and benefit. This effect in things is from the influence of this blessed Name. Glorified be the Creator of names and attributes! The dry tree is burned while the fresh and verdant tree provides shelter in its shade and yields its fruits for enjoyment.

In the days of the Divine Manifestations, most people have uttered such unseemly words, as is detailed in the divine Books and revealed Scriptures. Unity is to behold the revelation of Truth in all signs, not to consider creation as Truth. For instance, behold in all things the revelation of the Sun of the name "Lord", for in all things the effects of this name are visible and the education of all depends upon it. And education is of two kinds: one kind encompasses all and educates and provides sustenance to all, as He has called Himself the Lord of all worlds; and the other kind is specific to those souls who have entered beneath the shadow of this Name in this Most Great Revelation. However, souls outside this station are deprived and forbidden from the heavenly table that is sent down from the heaven of grace of this Most Great Name.

What relation have such souls to these souls! Were the veil to be lifted, all who dwell in the heavens and earth would be thunderstruck by the stations of those who have turned to God and detached themselves from all else save Him. The one who has attained to divine unity beholds the manifestation of these two names in these two groups in the manner described. For were the effulgence to be seized directly, all would perish. Likewise, observe how the Sun of the Name "the One" has shed its radiance upon all things, meaning that in all things appears the sign of divine unity, as all things point to His truth, His sovereignty, His oneness and His power. This is His mercy that has embraced all things. Yet the souls of the idolaters remain heedless of this effulgence and deprived of the fountain of nearness and reunion. As thou canst observe, all the different peoples acknowledge His unity and confess His singleness. Were the sign of divine unity not present in those souls, they would never confess to the blessed words "There is none other God but Him." Yet they remain heedless and remote, and are not counted among the truly unified in God's sight, for they have not recognized the sovereign Manifester. In one sense, this unity manifest in

the idolaters is the effect of the radiance of the truly unified ones. None knows this save those endowed with insight. However, the truly unified ones are the embodiments of this Name in the primary degree, and they are the ones who have drunk the wine of oneness from the cup of divinity and have turned toward God's direction. What relation can there be between these sanctified souls and those remote ones? Likewise, observe the manifestation of the Name "the Near One" and similar names - in the primary degree the people of Baha are the embodiments of these names, and all others are as non-existent and null. God willing, thou shalt witness with penetrating vision in all things the sign of the effulgence of the sovereign Pre-existent One, and shalt behold that Most Pure and Holy Being sanctified above all things. This is the essence of unity and the reality of oneness. "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him, and He is now what He hath ever been. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great."

O questioner! Look to the condition of the servants. This same question was asked in former years by one who associated partners with God, and an answer was written in his own hand which is now with the Letter Sin. By Him Who caused me to speak forth betwixt earth and heaven! He did not comprehend the outward meaning of this individual verse. Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani was present before Us and stated that this writing should be obtained from Salman - it was not permissible for him to take it abroad. Haji Mirza Ahmad and he proved in the house of Kalim that the one who associated partners with God had misinterpreted the meaning. Nevertheless, the people, like unto cattle, have accepted him as true. By the One upon Whose Word all matters depend! Through the deception of that rejected polytheist, they have committed and continue to commit injustice and tyranny. Now it is incumbent upon thee to obtain that writing from the Letter Sin and, trusting in God and purely for His sake, to show it to his followers, that perchance they may find a way unto God. It hath been heard that some, out of love for God, have burned certain inflammatory tablets of that one who associated partners with God. Although this was done without permission, since it was out of love for God, God hath forgiven what is past. However, it is never pleasing before God that anyone's words be effaced. Indeed, some of the letters of that polytheist must now be preserved, for his true worth is evident from his words. Say: O people! Setting aside all other considerations, where is your fairness? Granted that His Cause was concealed by God, have ye not seen his words? Alas for you, for what ye have neglected in the path of God! How could ye accept as a guide one who could not even explain the meaning of a single verse? It is not known by what excuse they will justify themselves after seeing his writing which is with the Letter Sin. Thus hath God seized their hearing and their sight. Yea, such souls deserve such a master. Leave them to their vain imaginings and turn to thy Ancient Lord. Strive that perchance thou mayest guide a soul to the divine law. This is recorded as the most meritorious of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause of God that no matter should prevent thee from the service thou art bidden to render, even should all who dwell on earth rise to oppose and dispute with thee. Be like unto the winds in the Cause of the Lord of the Daybreak. Thou observest how the winds, faithful to their task, pass over both the ruined and the flourishing places, neither gladdened by the flourishing nor saddened by the ruined, keeping their attention fixed on their mission. The loved ones of God must likewise keep their gaze upon the essence of the Cause and occupy themselves with its promotion. They must speak and hear for the sake of God. Whoso accepteth, that good shall return unto him, and whoso turneth away, the consequence thereof shall reach him. When the Day-Star of the horizon departed from Iraq, warning was given concerning the

birds of darkness, and assuredly cawing will arise from certain lands, as it did in former years. In all conditions take refuge in God, lest ye follow lying souls. The Manifestations have culminated in this Most Great Manifestation. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, counsel you. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

That which hath been sent down from the heaven of the dominion of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, unto Nabil before Hasan:

That which was brought before Us beareth witness to thy turning unto God, the Most High, the Most Great, and thy recognition of the Manifestation of His Self, by Whom the faces of the idolators were darkened, while the countenances of the denizens of the highest Paradise were illumined - they who are such servants as have believed in this Most Great, this Most Mighty Revelation. We have made them angels by virtue of their having detached themselves from that which hath veiled all created things.

Know thou that We have witnessed that which thou didst ask of God, thy Lord, and have answered some thereof ere thou didst ask, as a mercy from Us unto thee and unto Our assured servants. Shouldst thou reflect upon it, thou wouldst find therein all that thou hast asked, for with Him is the knowledge of all things preserved in tablets of mighty glory.

As to what thou didst ask concerning the propagation of thine own self, even as We had revealed aforetime in luminous tablets: We bear witness that thou hast conveyed unto thyself that which caused all who are in the heavens and earth to tremble, whereupon they who are of Sinai fell prostrate upon the dust of self and passion, and every exalted name was transformed. Say: Whoso beareth this day the trust of the love of God and restraineth his soul from that which would violate the sanctity of His Cause is among those who have conveyed unto themselves the messages of their Lord, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He is known to the inmates of the highest Paradise in the heaven of destiny, then to the people of Baha in the kingdom of names, and by all the most beautiful names before the Throne, though the people are unaware.

Blessed is he who in these days hath borne that trust whereby the Hour was shaken to its depths, the pillars of the Resurrection were made to quake in their essence, and the foundations of all things were convulsed, save those whom God preserved through His wondrous, most exalted, and glorious protection. Say: O people! By God, ye are slumbering, though ye walk upon the earth; nay, ye are dead in the estimation of your Lord, and ye perceive it not. Say: The Beloved of all worlds hath appeared, He Whom the Point of the Bayan doth now truthfully extol, saying: “Upon Thee, O Baha’u’llah, be the praise of God and His glorification, then the praise of all things, then the praise of the people of the realms of eternity, then the praise of the inmates of Paradise at every moment, before every moment, and after every moment.” Say: Think ye that he who hesitates in this irrefutable, this wise Cause can be truly accounted among the living? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! He hath ever been deprived of the breaths of

God, even though he may claim belief in the previous Revelation. This is but a phantom wherein We have seized him through My sovereignty that transcendeth all possibilities and through My command that encompasseth all who are in the realms of earth.

Know that concerning what thou didst ask regarding that which was revealed unto Muhammad, the Messenger of God, aforetime - where it is written that it is a tree that springeth out of the bottom of Hell, whose fruit is as it were the heads of devils - know thou that Hell signifieth the essence of him who was the first to turn away from God, his Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of all worlds. The Tree is his own self which was enkindled with hatred of God and rancor, and through it were created the abyss, then destruction, and the scorching fire, and the burning flame. He it is who hath stood before the Face at all times, and We cast unto him from the verses of God, the King, the Resurrector, the Peerless One. When We exalted his mention, he then denied Him Who created him, through his own utterance, whereunto every just and informed one doth testify.

As to the fruit, it referreth to the leaders of fire who have associated themselves with the essence of Hell, and thou beholdest their heads in most lands. By God! These are indeed the heads of devils; nay, Satan himself seeketh refuge from their deeds and from what they plot in the Cause of God, the King, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

In one sense, the fruit is that which hath grown from that Tree, as thou witnesseth. We have made it and its essence a trial for the wrongdoers. But the trial is for those who have not tasted the sweetness of the fruits that have grown from the Divine Lote-Tree, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Those who have tasted thereof, nothing shall prevent them, nor shall anything that hath been created between the heavens and the earth alter them. These have entered the Most Glorious Paradise, and whoso entereth it shall never leave it. Thus hath it been inscribed by the fingers of hallowed and resplendent glory. And whoso leaveth it, know that he had never entered it in the first place. Thus do We inform thee that thou mayest be of the knowing ones.

Then know thou that every name save goodness returneth to that Tree, its fruits, its leaves, and its branches, even as We revealed it aforetime through the tongue of ’Ali-before-Nabil. And in one sense, behold Hell as its ink, the Tree as its pen, the leaf as its tablet, and the fruit as that which is inscribed therein of its words, whereby the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers have been consumed. The fruits of that Tree have appeared in such wise as to proclaim naught save “Nay, nay! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers!” Yet the fruits of the Ultimate Lote-Tree have appeared in the Most Glorious Paradise proclaiming “There is none other God but I, the Most High, the Most Great!”

Say: O people! By the True God! This is indeed a Youth Who in every day layeth His face in the dust before God, His Lord and the Lord of His forebears of old, saying: “O my Lord! How long shall it be delayed, the shedding of this blood which Thou desirest to flow upon the earth in Thy path, that the faces of them who are near unto Thee may be reddened thereby? O my Lord! Thou art He Who created the Bayan for My sake, and planted the Tree of Knowledge for My mention and the praise of My Being, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. I arose not save by Thy Name, nor sat I save by Thy other Name, nor spoke I save in remembrance of Thee amongst all worlds. Thou didst command the people of the Bayan to detach themselves at the time of the Manifestation from all that they possess, and all allusions have been

severed from this sanctified and luminous hem. Yet now Thou beholdest Thy Beloved One in the hands of these oppressors, and they have assailed Him such that He findeth not a moment to weep for Himself. When He turneth to the right, He is met by the spear of the polytheists, and when He turneth to the left, He is wounded by the arrows of the hypocrites. Then witness Me in tribulations the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld, after Thou didst sanctify Me from all mention and novel praise. Thou didst command the people of the Bayan not to commit that which would sadden My heart at the time of My manifestation. Yet by Thy might, O my Beloved! I witness from them naught save that which causeth My liver to burn, My heart to be fettered, and My eyes to shed tears. And sufficient art Thou Thyself as a witness to what I say."

O servant! Arise, by the might and power of God, then help thy Lord to the extent of thy capacity, and be not of them that hesitate. Verily His help is to promote His Cause amongst all who are on earth, and this is the first commandment that hath been sent down from the heaven of eternity upon the Most Exalted Pen, and it hath been inscribed upon tablets of imperishable glory. But this must be done with wisdom and utterance, with humility and submission manifest, in such wise that all men may perceive from every teacher the sweet savors of detachment and behold in their faces the radiance of the All-Merciful. Thus must it be with them who have quaffed the living waters of inner meaning from this most wondrous, this most sublime chalice. They who spread corruption in the land after it hath been set in order, such are heedless of the remembrance of God, and whatsoever they do shall redound as harm unto the Divine Lote-Tree exalted and glorious. Say: O people! Shed not blood, for We have forbidden it unto you in all the Tablets, and contend not with anyone. If ye find one who is receptive, impart unto him that which God hath imparted unto you, and shun those who have turned away, whose unbelief is attested by every atom even as this Ancient Being hath testified.

As to what thou hast asked concerning that which was revealed aforetime - "If We willed, We would make of you angels to be Our successors in the earth" - know thou that thy Lord is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is potent over all things. Should He wish, He could make all who are on earth among the angels drawn nigh unto Him. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and naught in the heavens or on earth can frustrate His power. Should He desire to clothe all things with the garment of names, He is able to do so, and this would be easy for Him. And were He to strip them thereof, none may say 'why' or 'wherefore', and whoso sayeth so hath disbelieved in God, his Lord, and is numbered with the infidels.

Know thou that We have made thee an angel to convey unto men this Most Great, this Mighty Announcement. Beware lest thou transgress the bounds of wisdom. Thus do We command thee now, even as We commanded Our trusted servants aforetime. Verily, wert thou to render thanks unto God from this moment until the day that hath no end, it would be as nothing compared with this great bounty. Be thou at peace within thyself, then stand firm in the Cause, and in all things place thy trust in God. With Him is thy final abode, and the final abode of the sincere ones.

Know thou furthermore that this verse was revealed at the time when the concourse of the Gospel disputed with Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and were among the opposers. And there were some among them who said that the Spirit was the Son of God and therefore nearer to God, the Supreme, the

Great, than thou art, for he was born without a father, and this is a nobility sufficient for all the worlds. Therefore it behooveth not anyone to come after him and abrogate his law, for through him God's favor to His servants was perfected, and none before had preceded him in this bounty, nor would any after him excel him therein.

When God heard how they disputed with His Beloved, that verse was revealed that they might know that He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is potent over all things. "If We willed, We would make of you angels" - that is, We would create you without father or mother by Our Word, and make you successors in the earth. Verily, We have power over all things.

And verily he is a sign of the Hour - that is, the Spirit was indeed aware of this Hour which appeared in human form, and by his arising the Resurrection arose amongst all created things. The intention of what was revealed was that they should not deny Him Who came to them with the truth, nor cling to what they possessed. Thus was the matter, if thou be of them that comprehend.

The people have not understood the mysteries of the Cause, nor can they know what is intended in the words of God save by His leave. With Him is the knowledge of all things, yet the people remain unaware. In one station He made him a sign of the Hour, for he was promised to descend at the time of the subsequent Manifestation; thus was he a sign thereof, as was revealed in truth. Blessed are they that attain!

Were We to mention what is treasured within the repositories of thy Lord's words, the tablets of the world would not suffice. Therefore have We condensed it to what hath been mentioned in truth. Be thou content with what We have been content with, and be thou of the thankful ones.

Know that what was asked concerning "the shadow with three branches" refers to the first one who turned away from God in every Dispensation, and likewise in this most impregnable and exalted Revelation. He is called a "shadow" because outwardly he claims to be among the faithful while the fire of negation lies hidden within his soul and heart, which none perceive save those endowed with insight. It has manifested in three branches: Through one branch, in rebellion against God, he says "I am the Tree"; through another branch, in arrogance against his Lord, he says "I am the Sun"; and through another branch he says "The Sun is in the shadow of the mirror." Thus does the desire of self move him to the right and left and upward, while he remains unaware.

Say: O ye idolaters! Even if we were to accept that he is a mirror, We have already revealed in clear Persian in the Book named the Bayan that should a mirror claim the station of the Sun, verily the Sun knows it to be but its reflection - how then could it be above it? Thus has he grown proud before God Who created him from a worthless fluid. Great indeed is the word that issues from his mouth! He speaks unaware, just as Pharaoh spoke before Me saying "I am your Lord, the Most High." We seized him for his sin and caused him to be among the drowned, just as We drowned those who turned away from God in the sea of self and passion - and they were more deeply drowned than Pharaoh, being among the most lost of peoples.

Say: He was but one of My servants who stood before the Countenance. We taught him a single letter from Our presence and elevated his mention, though none were aware of this save certain of God's

informed servants. The three branches in one station are his tablet, his pen and his tongue, from which is kindled the fire of jealousy and rejection, even as it first consumed his own self, then the souls of those who opposed God, denied His sovereignty, disbelieved in His signs and associated partners with His Most Impregnable and Exalted Self.

In another station he is called “shadow” because when anyone enters his presence, he sits cross-legged with bowed head, extending his fingertips from his cloak, making his outward appearance as though he were at all times submissive before God his Lord and the Lord of all worlds, remembering His remembrance, turning toward His direction and approaching His sacred and mighty sanctuary. Yet when one whose vision God has made penetrating observes him, he witnesses that the fire of negation blazes in his heart, as do the fires of polytheism and unbelief. This is what was revealed in mighty, glorious tablets […]

Consider how a man takes the Cause of God as a mockery in his own soul, and becomes of those who scoff, after he was created by His Word, though he perceives it not. His every utterance belies him, were men to be possessed of insight. At one moment he says: “If the Promised One appears, I will surely follow Him and be the first of His worshippers” - this is his state of shadow, whereat people testify that he speaks the truth and is of those who are certain. At another moment he says: “If the Promised One appears, it behooveth Him to follow me” - and this is his station wherein, should anyone draw nigh unto it, he would find its fire and flames, to such extent that he would pronounce judgment against a thousand prophets to preserve his leadership. Thus do We inform thee that thou mayest attain unto certain truth. By God! Through one word that proceeds from his mouth, he slayeth the realities of all things, and the realities of the Prophets and Messengers, yet people perceive it not and take him as their lord instead of God. What aileth these people that they understand not a single word from God, the Most High, the Most Great? At one point God desired to demonstrate to His servants how a shadow can become identical with heat itself - and this is from that knowledge which none hath comprehended save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We have veiled mention of it until its time shall come, and thy Lord encompasseth all things. Say: O concourse of polytheists! That which ye have taken as a shadow to cool your hearts is a shadow from a smoking fire, could ye but perceive it. Even as thy Lord God destroyed thereby the peoples of old who denied God’s Messengers and His Emissaries, among them the people of Midian, were ye of those who know. They denied God after He came to them in the manifestation of His Self with clear signs, and they were among the polytheists, until there descended upon them the punishment of a grievous day and the heat seized them from every direction, such that the rule of shadow and sun became as one with no distinction between them. Thus was thy Lord powerful over all things, and He is verily the Mighty, the Wise. Whenever they fled from the sun’s heat to the shadow, they found the shadow to be like unto it, until they all perished together, save the sincere servants of God. Even as ye witness today those who have denied God - they have perished and been consumed, and were not of those who understand. He punisheth whom He willeth, and exalteth whom He willeth, and abaseth whom He willeth, and He is verily the Most Wise of Judges.

O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Detach thyself from all else but God, then turn with thy whole being to the Sovereign of names and attributes. By God! In whatever land thou mayest be, thou wilt find thyself in the presence of His Face. This, verily, is a certain truth. Grieve not at separation, but

place thy trust in Him in all matters. Arise to aid this wronged and lonely One, and whosoever spreadeth abroad the verses of God and His signs, and His stories and what hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressors. Such a one is, in the sight of God, among the most exalted of men and among those who circle round Him at morn and eventide. Strive within thyself to remain steadfast in this Cause - the Cause concerning which My Beloved and the Beloved of the mystics hath announced that every light groweth dim before its splendor, every exalted name descendeth from its station, and every verdant leaf falleth from its tree. Ponder, then, that thou mayest find this Cause greater than all that is great and mighty. Should thou find the loved ones of God in any land, find solace in their company and remind them of thy Lord's remembrance. And shouldst thou find it empty, grieve not within thyself, but be thou joyful and filled with mighty gladness. Let My Self, My remembrance, and My praise suffice thee as companion and helper. Be patient in thy journey toward the direction of the Beloved, for that land is agitated within itself and stirreth in its inmost being, though none hath perceived this save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon shall be made manifest that which is concealed therein, and the people shall become aware of it. Say: Blessed be He Who hath informed me of this and with Whom lieth the knowledge of the heavens and the earth. When God willeth, He shall grant thee what thou desirest, for He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having preserved me from the fire of exile and its flames, for having guided me to Thy shade and the proximity of Thy mercy, and for having given me to drink from the cup from which none can drink save Thy sincere servants. Thanks be unto Thee, O my God, for Thy wondrous gifts and favors. I am he who lay sleeping in his own self until the breezes of Thy mercy and the winds of Thy grace awakened me to the truth and cast upon me Thy Word whereby Thou hast distinguished between Thy creatures and made it the sword of Thy Cause between the heavens and the earth. By Thy might, O my Beloved! Were I to thank Thee throughout the duration of the might of Thy glorious sovereignty and the permanence of the kingdom of Thy holy Command and Power, it would still be little compared to what Thou hast honored me with through Thy grace and bestowed upon me through Thy beneficence. I beseech Thee, O my God, to accept what hath appeared from me, to forgive what I have left undone, and to render me sanctified from all except Thee and purified from the mention of aught else but Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the Generous.

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

O God, my Adored One, my Object of worship, the Gracious, the Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Forgiving, the Concealer of faults, the All-Bountiful! Thou beholdest Thy loved ones amidst heedless souls, and Thy sheep among wolves who have denied the Day of Judgment. O Lord! Thou seest the righteous among the wicked, and the virtuous among those who have denied Thy Chosen Name. I beseech Thee by Thy gifts and favors, by the lovers of Thy Beauty and the lights of Thy horizons, to protect Thy chosen ones, then aid them with the hosts of Thy unseen realm, and make them the ensigns of Thy guidance and the manifestations of Thy power. O Lord! Thou hearest the cry of them that are nigh

unto Thee and the lamentation of the sincere ones. I beseech Thee by Thy radiant Light and Thy resplendent Cause to open before our faces the doors of Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. O Lord! Bless Thy loved ones and magnify those faces that have traversed lands to exalt Thy Cause, Thy remembrance and Thy praise, and who have been afflicted in Thy love with that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy sanctity and grandeur to lament. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

The letter from that beloved of the heart arrived repeatedly, praise be to God. The glad tidings of your well-being and health brought renewed joy. All the letters bore witness to the devotion, acceptance, steadfastness and service of that beloved of the heart. After reading and observing, they were taken to the Most Exalted Paradise and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His attention. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O Amin! Upon thee be the glory of God, His care and His mercy. The servant present submitted thy letters before His presence. Blessed art thou for having confined thy affairs to the love of God, His praise and the service of His Cause. We testify that thou didst hear and respond, and didst succeed time and again in attaining that which God revealed in the books of the past and future. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. He it is Who aided thee and through thee set right the affairs of His loved ones. Thou hast ever been and art still beneath the glances of His care, and hast been a helper and supporter of His servants. God willing, henceforth too thou shalt hold fast to that which causeth the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of His station. We testify that thou didst turn to Him when people turned away, and believed in Him when most of the servants denied Him. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to assist me in uniting the hearts of Thy loved ones and setting right their affairs in Thy days. I testify, O my God, to my poverty and Thy wealth, my powerlessness and Thy might, my weakness and Thy strength. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy wisdom to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Great Prison and Thy tribulations among the nations, and by Thy utterance through which Thou didst subdue the world, to make me a banner of Thy Name and an ensign of Thy love. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey My salutations and glorification to the faces of My loved ones who have spoken in My praise and have arisen to serve My Cause, and whom the names have not prevented from turning to My countenance and clinging to the hem of My mercy. We beseech God to keep all steadfast in service to the Cause in such wise that all that is possessed by men shall not prevent them from drawing nigh unto God and turning to Him. These are the companions of the Ark of God that were mentioned before. They must engage in guiding humanity with utmost joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. O Amin! I say in truth that wisdom consists in deeds that guide the servants to the court of the Friend. In some lands they have done that which hath caused the servants to become remote and to flee. We counsel all to love, mercy

and fellowship. Verily He is the Lord of creation, the Merciful to His servants, the Protector of lands. There is none other God but He, the Commander in the beginning and in the end.

Praise be to the one God Who granted success and made that noble person the center of service for His loved ones, upon whom be His glory and praise. This servant has ever beseeched and continues to beseech that He may cause that beloved one to attain all the bounties of His days and make him the cause of agreement and unity. He is the Powerful, the Helper.

Mention was made of the honored beloved, His Name Jamal, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise their degrees of devotion, arising and steadfastness were recorded. After being submitted to His presence, these verses were revealed - exalted be His glory:

O Amin! Upon thee be My glory! Convey My glorification to My Name Jamal and give him the glad tidings of the effulgences of the light of God's grace, exalted be His glory. As thou didst mention, Jamal, upon him be the glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath given his wealth, family and children in the path of God and wishes to surrender them to thee. In truth this is a beautiful mention, for the purpose is spending in the path of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he. This deed of his was accepted before the Throne. Praise be to God, he hath ever been and continues to be engaged in remembrance, praise and service to the Cause.

This servant conveys glorification and glory to them, offers salutations and praise, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for that which will cause the exaltation and elevation of His Word. Praise be to God, his honor has been and continues to be engaged in remembrance, praise and service. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect his honor with the hosts of the invisible and visible realms. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Forgiving. The payment for the feast which he and Qurratu'l-'Ayn Hubbu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, gave has been received and God willing the means for a feast before the Throne of the Lord will be prepared. Verily He is the Gracious, the Generous.

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza 'Ali Khayyat, upon him be the glory of God. After being submitted to the Most Holy Court, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the grace of the Manifestation of clear proofs - exalted be His glory:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing […]

O Ali, after Mirza! The call hath been raised from the prison of Akka in such wise that the hearts of kings and rulers have been stirred thereby. The breezes of revelation have seized them. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and strengthen them to champion His mighty and glorious Cause. Yet the lamp is amidst tempests, as testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of the former and latter generations. O Ali! The Trusted One hath made mention of thee and of thy ardor and thy service in My path. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world and Lord of the nations, for having remembered me in the prison and guided me to Thy straight path. Blessed art thou for having sought the ultimate goal and attained that which God hath sent down in His mighty Book. Thus hath the tongue of grandeur spoken and called all to the Mighty, the All-Praised.

This servant likewise conveyeth greetings and glory unto him, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn him and all the loved ones with the ornament of wisdom, that all may hold fast unto it and with heart and soul seek the supreme horizon.

And as for the mention made of the spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ali-Asghar (Isku'i), upon him be the glory of God, verily he speaketh in remembrance of the Truth and is ablaze with the fire of love. After presentation at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these manifest verses were sent down from the heaven of bounty of the Manifestation of clear signs. His word, exalted be His majesty, universal be His favors, and glorified be His remembrance:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O Amin! Upon thee be the manifest light! The fire of divine love hath warmed the world of being, and the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation have shone forth from every direction. Say: Come, O ye who are endowed with insight! Say: Come, O ye who are possessed of vision! Be fair, O dawning-places of equity and manifestations of justice, in that which hath appeared in truth. Justice is a great gift of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who have attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless! O Mir Ali-Asghar! Upon thee be the most resplendent light of God! Hearken unto the melodies of the Dove of My utterance and the warbling of the Nightingale of My praise. Verily it will draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the effulgences of the Light of My Cause, the firm, the impregnable. Thou hast attained unto My mention aforetime, which when it flowed from the tongue of My grandeur, all things proclaimed: By God, there hath appeared that the like of which hath never appeared in creation! To this beareth witness the Lord of invention in this wondrous, this glorious moment. Say: O concourse of the opposers in the Bayan! Be fair in God's sight concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not the imaginings of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. The Day is come, yet the people are in grievous blindness. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the supreme horizon when every heedless doubter turned away therefrom. We bear witness that thou didst hear what was raised from the prison of Akka and didst turn unto it when the servants turned away, save whom God willed, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Mir-Qabil-'Ali! Hearken unto the everlasting Call of God. Verily it attracteth thee even as it attracted the hearts of them that are brought nigh. Say: The Glory of God speaketh not of His own desire, but rather by that which is commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I was still, and the hand of Will moved me; I was asleep, and the breathings of the Lord of creation awakened me; I was silent, and the Will of God, Lord of all worlds, caused me to speak. Say: Fear ye God, O people, and deny not Him through Whom the Trump was sounded, and the Speaker of Sinai spoke, and the hidden mysteries in God's Books, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, were revealed. O Amin! Send unto him the breathings of revelation that they may attract him and draw him nigh unto the Peerless, the All-Informed. Verily thou hast mentioned him, and We have mentioned My loved ones in the Land of Ta in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the books of the world. To this beareth witness this wondrous Book. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon them and upon those who have taken the chalices of mystic knowledge and drunk therefrom in My Name which God hath made the Point of Adoration for all names and the Dawning-Place of His Cause for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Make mention of the loved ones in the Land of Ta on behalf of the Wronged One. They have attained unto My mention before and after, and among them is he who was named Mahdi, whom thou didst mention in thy pages. We beseech God to preserve him and assist him to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Divine verses have been revealed in such measure as transcendeth computation and is sanctified from limitation. It is hoped that the men of this age will arise with perfect determination to educate mankind - an arising that is sanctified from sitting down and from alteration. Verily God, our Lord, is powerful over all things.

As to what was written concerning the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Siyyid ’Ali (Khalaj-Abadi), upon him be the Glory of God, after being submitted before the Ancient Beauty, this conclusive command was revealed, these are His - exalted be His glory - words:

Whatsoever the consultation of them that are brought nigh and the sincere ones approveth, and that which your honor deemeth advisable, may be carried out. Likewise these sublime words were revealed from the Dawning-Place of bounty, the Source of verses - exalted be His utterance: His honor Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be My Glory and My favor, hath turned and hath attained unto that which is the foremost station in the book of the world and the highest rank in the scroll of nations. We testify that he hath turned and attained and won that which the honored servants have won, and hath heard the Call of the Wronged One, and hath witnessed that which God hath witnessed, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings unto him and illumine him with the lights of My wondrous utterance. The resplendent and gleaming Light be upon My loved ones who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament and have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them in My perspicuous Book.

Time and again, repeatedly, that loved one attained to the remembrance of God, His eternal grace and everlasting bounty. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! The beloved of the heart, His honor Haji Mirza Haydar-’Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, God willing, will succeed in guiding the people. They were instructed to move about those lands with wisdom for a time and then return to the land of Ta. His presence in the land of Ta is, in wisdom, more conducive to acceptance before God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. From the earliest days until now, he has been and remains steadfast in service and holding fast to the cord of God’s Cause. We beseech God to manifest through him that which will draw the servants nigh unto the Dawning-Place of His signs and acquaint them with His straight path. In truth, the service of that loved one is most great, for he must needs occupy himself with setting aright the affairs of the friends according to the Most Exalted Command, as indeed he does. The purpose of the journey of the beloved of the heart, His honor Haydar-’Ali, upon him be God’s eternal glory, to the region of Kha is that certain souls who have previously intended to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon might attain to the station of supreme steadfastness.

The spiritual loved ones, their honors Nayyir and Sina, upon them be God’s most luminous light and most resplendent glory, they too have turned toward those regions. Mention of them has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court. Certain holy Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, specifically for those souls who have made request. God willing, these will be

sent hereafter. Their deeds and mention have all been recorded before the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He. On one occasion these blessed supreme words flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings, exalted be His utterance: “Verily they have drunk the wine of love from the cup of My bounty and have attained unto My remembrance and praise. Upon them be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.”

And mention was made of the spiritual loved one, his honor Aqa Mirza Mu’min, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before His countenance, He said: “We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect him and those with him and to make mention of them in such wise as will cause their deeds to endure on this straight path and mighty announcement.” […]

O thou who art mentioned! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords, and attracteth thee to a station wherein naught is heard save the mention of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O Haji Aqa! He who arose to serve Me and turned towards Me when My servants turned away from Me hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with that which causeth those who are nigh to God to perceive the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of all mankind. We counsel thee and those who have believed to act with righteousness and with that whereby your mention shall endure in the Book of God, the Dayspring of Light. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and enabled me, and strengthened me, and taught me, and made me to know Thee. I beseech Thee by the sanctity of Thy Being and the detachment of Thine Essence from all else besides Thee to ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

This servant beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - on behalf of each of the sincere ones and those who have turned towards Him, for that which hath no likeness or equal.

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to turn their faces toward the light of Thy countenance and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The funds sent by them for the transcription of the divine Books, as well as the ornamented, embellished and gilded papers have arrived, and his honor, the Pride of Scribes, His Holiness the Name of God Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, is engaged in transcribing them. God willing, they will arrive. In truth, this matter too is reckoned as service to the Cause of God, and if they are able to send repeated supplies of paper, it would be acceptable in the sight of God and adorned with the glory of His good-pleasure.

In these days mention was made in the Most Holy Court of the spiritual friend who stands ready to serve, regarding His Holiness the Afnan, Haji Siyyid Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, who, in accordance with the command, hath proceeded to the City of Love for the sale of properties and the payment of debts. Firm and mighty decrees have been issued to all the friends that they should strive to the extent possible in his affairs - that is, he who stands ready to serve - and should endeavor to rectify whatever hath transpired. Although at one time they said: “O servant in attendance! The recompense

and reward for the deeds of him who stands ready to serve rest with God, exalted be His glory." In truth, that which hath been manifested from him hath few equals. His deed shall never be erased from the Book of God. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers to be lost. And they said that all the Afnans should arise to do that which befitteth his deed. Although God, exalted be His glory, hath been and is the Helper, yet every soul must manifest his own service. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the kingdom of My utterance, as a mercy from My presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thanks be to God, mention of them hath repeatedly issued from the Tongue of Grandeur. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid him and ordain for him every good thing which He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book.

O spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. As commanded, convey greetings. Several rings adorned with the Greatest Name should be sent. This is from the bounty of our Lord upon him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Likewise, as commanded, convey greetings to His Honor, the revered beloved, Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God; and His Honor, the revered beloved, Jinab-i-'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God; and the beloved of the heart, His Honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God willing, wondrous, exalted and sacred Tablets will descend from the heaven of bounty and be sent in the future. This servant conveys greetings, praise, glory and splendor to each of these gentlemen, and begs for their steadfast and unwavering confirmation. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Aqa Siyyid Mahdi!

This is the Surih of the Servants which hath been sent down in truth from God, the Exalted, the Great, and verily it is a revelation from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all His worshippers.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all prostrate before Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all devoutly obedient unto Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all submissive unto Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all humble before Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all His praise-givers.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all bowing down before Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all His servants.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all supplicants before Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we all speak through Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we are all beholders of Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we all exalt Him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and we shall all return unto Him.

O Mahdi! Bear thou witness even as God hath testified to His own Self before the creation of the heavens and earths, that there is none other God but Him, and that this Youth is His servant and His Glory, and He is verily the Great Announcement which hath been inscribed from all eternity upon the Tablets of Glory. None hath known Him save His own Self, the All-Subduing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and none shall know Him except whom thy Lord willeth. This is of the matters whereof We informed thee aforetime, if thou be of them that comprehend.

Hearken thou unto My counsel, and unto that which the Tongue of God doth utter in this wondrous Age. Beware lest anything deter thee or any matter hinder thee. Strive within thyself, then endeavor in thine essence, that thou mayest be numbered among the righteous in this Cause, whereby the people of the realms of mystical insight are terrified, and the dwellers of the pavilions of certitude are dismayed, and the spirits of them that are nigh unto God are thunderstruck, and the mountain of the arrogant is crushed.

Purify thine eyes from all else save Him, then abandon all that is in thy hands, then sanctify thyself from all who are in the earth and the heavens, that thou mayest be enabled to stand firm in the Cause whereat the feet of the sincere ones slip. Then detach thyself from thine own self and from all else besides, and from the souls of the polytheists.

Look thou with the gaze of the beginning at what thou beholdest concerning Adam, the First One, then those who came after him until the Cause reached unto ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil. Say: By God! All of them came from the Dayspring of the Cause with a Book, a Scroll, and a mighty Tablet, and each was given according to what was ordained for them, and this is of Our grace upon them, if ye be of them that know. And all of them delivered the messages of their Lord and gave glad-tidings unto the people concerning the good-pleasure of God, the All-Subduing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and brought forth the people from darkness unto light, and gave them glad-tidings of the meeting with God, even as ye have read in the scriptures of old.

Until when the Cause reached unto His hallowed, sacred, exalted and luminous Countenance, He then concealed Himself behind a thousand veils, lest anyone should recognize Him thereafter, while verses were being sent down upon Him from every direction in such measure as none can reckon save God, thy

Lord and the Lord of all worlds. When the time of concealment was fulfilled, We then revealed from behind a thousand thousand veils of light a light from the lights of the Youth's countenance, less than the eye of a needle, whereupon the people of the Supreme Concourse were thunderstruck, then the faces of them that are nigh fell prostrate.

And He appeared in such wise as none had appeared before in all creation, whereby He stood by His own Self between the heavens and the earth, and compromised not with anyone in the Cause of His Lord, and called out to the servants with His most exalted call, and feared no one, even as ye were witnesses. And He was tried amongst the servants in such wise that the tyrants of the earth gathered against Him, and ye were among the witnesses. And He sought no help from anyone save God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. And verily He did help Him with the truth and sent down upon Him tranquility from His presence and strengthened Him with the hosts of the unseen at the time when He was expelled from the City of the Cause with manifest sovereignty.

And His Cause became manifest and His proof transcendent and His evidence complete and His word perfected, until the Cause of God became renowned among all creatures. Then did We sever all connections and enter the fields, even as ye have heard from the emigrants. And in all those places and days We concealed not the Cause nor did We veil it, but rather We made it manifest like the dawning of the morn from the horizon of a brilliant dawn, until […]

We reached the sea which is mentioned in the Tablets, if ye be of them that know. We embarked upon the ship in Our Name, then caused it to traverse the sea in My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful. We preserved it through a power from Us, and protected those who embarked upon it until they reached its shore in the city whose name is renowned among you, if ye be of the knowing ones. And We remained therein for four successive months, as inscribed in preserved and mighty Tablets. Throughout those months none of those who dwelt therein, whether high or low, sought Our company. God Himself is witness to this and is All-Knowing. We went not unto anyone, nor turned toward any soul, thus manifesting God's sovereignty and His command, and proclaiming God's power and His dominion, until the appointed time of tarrying was fulfilled. Then We departed therefrom and traversed the way until We entered this remote prison. We give thanks to God in all this, for He hath confirmed Us in His Cause and made Us to be of His near servants who fear no one and look not except with the gaze of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus have We sent down the command unto thee that thou mayest be of the knowing ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds. We have thus completed Our utterance, though We have not completed all that pertaineth thereunto, that thou mayest make mention of God's sincere servants who dwell in thy land and who were gladdened by the sweet savors of holiness wafting from the direction of God, their Creator. This is of His grace upon them and upon all worlds. Say: He knoweth your secrets and your whispered words, and that which the dove of love warbleth in your hearts, and thus were We among the knowing ones. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Our knowledge, and nothing eludeth Our grasp. All things are within the grasp of His command, if ye be of them that understand. In Our hands lies the kingdom of all things. We exalt whom We will from Our presence, and make mention of Our servants who turn unto Us, who have drunk from the cup of God's bounty and have been granted that which none among all creation hath been granted. Say: By God! Ye have attained unto a cup that none before you hath attained. Soon shall ye know this, if ye be of the patient ones. Say: By

God! Ye have borne that which none among all created things hath borne, and none among all beings hath preceded you in this. Were it to be laid upon the heavens they would be rent asunder, and were it laid upon the earth it would instantly be cleft. Thus do We remind you of the truth that ye may know the station of them who have believed in God and recognized that which none before them hath recognized, that they may rejoice within themselves and be of them that are filled with gladness. Say: By God! Whosoever drinketh from this cup shall never thirst, and God shall make him to prevail over all who are in the heavens and on earth, if he remaineth steadfast in his love for his Lord and is not shaken by the suggestions of Satan and them who have recognized Our Self. This is of My grace upon them and upon My sincere servants, for We have brought them forth from behind the veils and caused them to witness that which the eyes of the sanctified ones have not witnessed. All this is of My grace upon them and My mercy upon My near servants. And thou, make mention of the loved ones of God who were in thy land, and be not of the patient ones. Make mention of the name of the First One therein, whom God hath made to be the ornament of them who are nigh unto Him. We had indeed sent him a Tablet aforetime wherein was that which would suffice him above all worlds. By God! Were he to know but one letter thereof, he would detach himself from all things, even from his own self. This We testify at this moment with My All-Knowing, All-Wise tongue.

Then remember after him the Majid through Our mention and give him glad tidings through the Holy Spirit of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have indeed sent to him that which will purify him from association with the polytheists. Say: O servant, be steadfast in the love of God, for thou hast been informed of that which none else hath been informed, if thou be of them that ponder. Reflect upon My absence, that thou mayest discover what God hath intended for thee and be among those who are discerning. Thus have We completed Our favor upon thee and sent the Spirit from Our presence with a tongue from Us upon thee and upon the believers.

Then remember Our Name the Merciful and give him glad tidings of that wherewith God remembereth him on the night wherein the Dove warbleth upon the twigs of the Tree of Eternity and the Cock of Paradise singeth upon the branches of a mighty tree. Say: O servant, We desired thee aforetime and mentioned thee in holy and glorious Tablets. Be steadfast on the Day when eyes shall be blinded and every tongue shall falter and the hearts of the heedless shall be troubled. Say: By God, on that Day the sun shall be darkened in its light, and the moon shall lose its brightness, and the stars shall fall upon barren ground wherein thou shalt find neither fruit nor grass nor flowing water. The tribes of the earth shall wail therein and every lofty mountain shall be brought low, save him who shutteth his eyes to mankind and beholdeth with the greatest vision this Beauty, the Radiant, the Mighty, the Luminous. O servant, fear no one, then cast off with the casting off of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thou one who crieth out between the heavens and earth and who giveth glad tidings in the name of God, the Mighty, the Generous. And should every possessor of existence, spirit, consciousness, allusion and mighty limitations object to thee, fear not any of them but trust in God, thy Lord, then hold fast to this holy, luminous and firm cord. Thus have We sent down unto thee verses from this heaven which hath appeared in the temple of the Youth, and when thou gazest upon it in thy inmost heart thou shalt find it in the form of a mighty throne.

Then remember Rida after him and those in his household who have sought refuge in the protection of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. These are they who have found shelter in the shadow of His providence and God hath caused them to dwell in the midst of His nearness that they might recognize the worth of that which God hath bestowed upon them through His grace and be of the thankful ones. Let them strive within themselves lest their deeds be rendered vain. Thus doth the Tongue of God remember them that His mercy may be confirmed upon the worlds and that they may not deny the favor which hath descended upon them from a holy and glorious heaven, and that they may find themselves steadfast in the Cause and sanctified from all who are in the heavens and the earth. And thou, O Mahdi, be kind to him and lower thy wing unto those who have believed in God and His signs, for We have exalted thy creation in the Concourse of Paradise and created thee in the best of forms.

Then remember those two who journeyed unto God their Creator and emigrated unto Him and were among the emigrants, and who attained the presence of God and heard the holy melodies from this sacred, mighty and sweet throat. Then give them glad tidings of a favor from Us and a mercy from Our presence, and verily Our mercy hath preceded all the worlds.

Then remind the servant who preceded the Messenger of that wherewith God at this hour remembereth him from the heights of His sanctity, and make mention of him in this mighty Tablet. Say: O Messenger! We have sent unto thee the fragrance of this Garment, that thine eyes may be solaced thereby, and the eyes of those who dwell in the regions of the East and the West and who are among Our believing servants, that the breezes of God may move them and sever them from all things except this resplendent and most luminous Garment. Say: By God! All detachment is beloved except from My beauty, dawning, holy and luminous; and all supplication is forbidden except for My holy, all-knowing and wise Self; and all silence is beloved except mention of My exalted, glorious, mighty and inaccessible Self.

Then make mention of My servant who believed in God and then inquired of God, his Lord, concerning the Great News. Say: By God! This is the News that was great in the heights of the heavens and mighty in the Concourse on high, at which the skin of the idolators doth creep. O servant! We have now unveiled for thee the matter concerning which thou didst inquire aforetime, that thou mayest know what was intended. This is the essence of what God intended for thee, that thou mayest be among those who seek Him. Beware lest ye differ concerning this News or be troubled by those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were among the opposers. Say: O people! By God, this is God's News unto you, His manifestation among you, and His sovereignty between the heavens and earth. Beware lest ye differ concerning it after He Who was imprisoned for you in this Prison whereunto no feet of seekers can arrive save whom God, thy Lord, the Beneficent, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, willeth.

And thou, O servant of God, give thanks unto God for having brought thee forth from thy land and made thee among the pure ones. Soon shalt thou hear the call of the Samaritan amongst them and find them in grievous error. Soon shall they adduce proofs such as were adduced by the people of the Furqan and before them the people of the Psalms, the Torah and the Gospel. Sufficient was their abasement in that they believed in 'Ali aforetime through what was sent down unto him of the verses of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Yet when its counterpart appeared and His beauty was manifested in truth,

they turned away from Him and were among the opposers. Say: Therefore curse not others, but curse your own selves; oppose not anyone, but oppose your own selves - this behooveth you, O concourse of idolators, if ye have believed in God's verses. By God! These are His verses, and a single letter thereof sufficeth all the worlds. And if ye desire His beauty, lo, this is His beauty, manifest in such wise as the like thereof hath never appeared in creation, could ye but see with fair-minded eyes. And if ye desire to traverse His path, this is His path in the heavens and earth - traverse it, O concourse of them that know. But those among them who remained steadfast in the Cause of their Lord and recognized their Creator - through them are the clouds lifted up and the rain made to fall, and through them do the people of the holy realm become illumined, and all things tell of this most august, mighty, transcendent, exalted and inaccessible station.

Then remember after him the Lion and say: O Lion! Be the Lion of God in His earth. This is a mantle We have bestowed upon thee through a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Bountiful Bestower, despite those who have denied the signs of God and disputed them, then turned away from them and were among the abased ones. O thou who bearest this name! We have conferred upon thee this name that thou mayest pass beyond the kingdom of names and detach thyself from all who are in earth and heaven, and come unto God with a pure heart. Beware lest thou waste what God hath intended for thee, and let not the fire of thy love be quenched. Then kindle thyself against those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God. Be a mercy unto the lovers and be the sword of God against His enemies and His blessing unto His loved ones. Then preserve thyself from association with the deniers and avoid them, and fear no one, and abide in an impregnable fortress.

O Mahdi! We have mentioned these ones just as their names were mentioned in thy tablet, that God's mercy might encompass them and these missives might pass over them - the Subtle, the Beloved, the Luminous. Say: By God! Were there to waft upon all created things that which emanates from this Paradise, it would surely render them eternally alive in the kingdom of the exalted ones. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee and upon them - a mercy from Our presence upon them and upon the sincere ones.

Then know that there hath appeared before Us a tablet wherein one of the loved ones called upon his Lord, the Bestower, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: We have heard thy call and have answered thee with these holy and beloved words, that thou mayest thank God in thy soul and with thy tongue, and be of those who mock not the signs of God. Be thou steadfast, O servant, in thy love for thy Lord, and be not disturbed when the decreed matter cometh unto thee, and fear no one. Turn thy face toward thy Lord and place thy trust in Our Self, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Purify mine eyes, then mine ears, then my tongue, then my spirit, then my heart, then my soul, then my body, then my being from turning unto aught else but Thee. Then give me to drink from the sealed cup of Thy glory.

Say: By God! The fountain of camphor hath appeared in this Revelation and the stream of Tasnim hath gushed forth in this Salsabil which was beheld in the form of a Youth. O servant! Place thy hand therein and withdraw it not empty, even shouldst thou be cut with the swords of those who have turned away from the signs of God. Seek help in every matter through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, the

Beloved. Then drink thereof in thy privacy and offer it unto those in whose hearts thou findest the sweet fragrances of the spirit and who are among those who are guided by the signs of God. Thus have We mentioned thee in the Tablet and expounded the verses for thee that thou mayest be convinced within thyself that We give unto everything that which maketh it independent of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and who associate partners with their Lord.

Then remind the loved ones in thy land whose names were not mentioned in the Tablet, that they may all rejoice in the glad-tidings of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and be gladdened within themselves, and be drawn by the holy melodies, and be brought near to a praiseworthy sacred station. And counsel those who have believed in God and His signs not to overstep that which they have been commanded, and not to be of those who transgress. O people! Follow the religion of God and His ways, and leave behind what is in your hands, and take what We have commanded you, and be not of those who, when commanded with a command, fail to act. Shun the grievous sins, which are to turn away from the wondrous words of My utterance. Say: The words of God are indeed the most exalted, if ye but perceived it. Then make peace among yourselves, such that naught shall emanate from you save the fragrances of God, and naught shall be witnessed in your faces save the radiance of Paradise, and be ye of those who rejoice in every matter. And when affliction and adversity and hardship touch them, in whatever tribulations that have been or will be, they remain patient in the path of their Creator, and place their trust in God, then turn their faces toward His good-pleasure. Neither the pride of the proud, nor the turning away of those who have turned away, nor the disputation of those who dispute after the proof hath reached its ultimate end and God's favor hath been perfected unto them and unto those who are assured of what is sent down unto them of the verses of God, shall turn them aside. Nor shall the rancor of those who have disbelieved therein, after their souls have been convinced thereof, grieve them, for thus have they been wont to act. Thus have We commanded them before, and We now command them through Our grace, that they may be of those who act according to God's command.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High

These are the wondrous counsels divine which He uttereth with the tongue of power from His sanctuary of grandeur and His holy seat of glory. Hearken, then, with the ears of the spirit, and deprive not yourselves from hearkening unto the counsels of the Beloved. O emigrant believer! Quench the thirst and yearning of heedlessness with the holy Salsabil of grace, and illumine the darksome eve of remoteness with the resplendent morn of nearness. Destroy not the eternal mansion of love through the tyranny of fleeting desire, and veil not the beauty of the celestial Youth with the dark veils of self. Practice pure righteousness and harbor no thoughts save of God, and block not the flowing spring of the illumined heart with the thorns of greed and passion, and hold not back the flowing fountain of the heart from its course. Hold fast unto truth and cling to the cord of His grace, for none but He can raise anyone from poverty to wealth or deliver them from the bondage of self. O servants! Were ye to discover the hidden oceans of divine riches, ye would become independent of both worlds. Kindle the fire of longing in your

souls that ye may attain to that lofty and glorious station which is the station of the nearness and meeting with the Beloved.

O Ahmad! Deny not thyself the surging, tempestuous, and hidden oceans, and deprive not thyself of the clear and straight path. Illumine thine eye and brighten it with manifest light, that thou mayest enter the blessed and goodly Sinai which is the place of radiance and the dawning-place of divine splendor, and be illumined by the endless manifestations of light, and hear without interruption the soul-entrancing call of "Look and thou shalt see Me" from the dayspring of divine utterance. The Beauty of the Unseen speaketh in the Temple of Manifestation:

O Ahmad! A fragrance from the holy rose-garden of My spiritual presence hath wafted over the world of being, adorning all created things with the holy ornaments of the Self-Subsisting; and a drop from the ocean of My grace hath been bestowed upon the worlds, rendering all intoxicated with this holy wine of "Am I not?" From mere nothingness I have brought them to the arena of everlasting existence.

O Ahmad! Purify and sanctify thine eye that thou mayest behold the endless manifestations of light from all directions, and cleanse thine ear from the defilement of blind imitation that thou mayest hear the melodies of the Nightingale of oneness and divine unity from the eternal boughs of the human realm.

O Ahmad! The eye is My trust; sully it not with the dust of desire and passion. The ear is a manifestation of My bounty; debar it not from hearkening to My sweet and divine melodies. The heart is My treasury; surrender not its treasured pearls to the thief of self and passion. The hand is a symbol of My loving-kindness; withhold it not from taking hold of My preserved and hidden Tablets. Say: O servants! The outpouring of My limitless grace descendeth from the heaven of My timeless generosity like torrential rain. Hasten ye thereunto with sanctified eyes, purified ears and unwavering constancy. Say: O My servants! Fetter not yourselves with the bonds of self-limitation and blind imitation, for imitation is as a mirage in the deadly desert that hath never quenched nor ever will quench the thirst of its seekers. Turn away from the vanishing mirage and partake of the imperishable, matchless and crystalline waters of Mine own stream. Distinguish ye between the divinely-fashioned pearl and the artificial one, for the artificial pearl vanisheth upon contact with water, while the divine pearl groweth more lustrous and radiant. Strive then with all your might to obtain, without intimation, the pearl of divine sanctity - which is none other than the recognition of the Manifestation of My Self - which hath ever lived and shall forever live through the waters of My grace.

O My servants! The Ancient Beauty declareth: Hasten from the shadow of desire, remoteness and heedlessness unto the shadow of eternity, nearness and mercy. Be ye like unto earth in submission, that the sweet-scented, varied and holy flowers of My knowledge may spring forth from the soil of your being. Be ye aflame as fire, that ye may burn away the thick veils and quicken the frozen bodies through the heat of divine love. Be ye gentle as air, that ye may enter the sacred precincts of My divine friendship.

O My servants! Come forth from the imaginary city of idle fancy through the power of trust in God, and enter the impregnable and well-fortified city of certitude. Be not despairing of His all-encompassing mercy and His all-embracing grace in any circumstances, for I brought all the forms of existence from sheer nothingness into the realm of being solely through bounty and generosity. Without request did I

bestow favor, without question did I grant response, and without capacity did I lavish the utmost grace and bounty. You are all trees of My holy paradise, which I planted with the hand of mercy in the blessed earth, nurtured with the eternal spring rains of My mercy, and protected through guardian angels from worldly events and earthly dangers. Now, be not heedless of your Planter, Guardian and Nurturer, and prefer not others before Him, lest the scorching and devastating winds pass over you and deprive you all of wondrous leaves, ripened fruits, lofty branches and tender boughs. Hear the words of My wisdom from the tongue of My previous Manifestation, who said unto the Son of Mary that no keeper of an orchard would leave a withered tree in his garden, but would surely cut it down and cast it into the fire, for dry wood is fit and deserving only of fire. Therefore, O trees of My holy paradise, protect yourselves from the poison of corrupt souls and devastating winds, which are association with the polytheists and the heedless, lest the trees of existence be deprived of the holy fragrances and gentle breezes through the bounty of the Worshipped One, and may they ever remain fresh and verdant in the holy paradise of oneness.

O servants! Demolish not the foundation of the Egypt of certitude of the All-Glorious Lord through the pickaxe of fancy and conjecture, for conjecture has never sufficed and will never guide any soul to the straight path. O servants! Ye have imagined My outstretched, extended and exalted hand of sovereignty to be fettered, and have deemed My descending, precedent and uninterrupted mercy to be interrupted, and have supposed the elevated and exalted cloud of My bounty and generosity to be prevented and withheld from raining down. Have the wonders of the power of the Sovereign of Oneness vanished, or has the influence of My Will and the encompassing nature of My Purpose been prevented from reaching the worlds? If ye believe not so, why then do ye prevent the Beauty of Divine Unity from being made manifest, and forbid the Manifestation of the Essence of Glory Most Glorious from appearing in the heaven of eternal holiness? Were ye to open the eye of fairness, ye would behold all the realities of created things intoxicated with this new and wondrous wine, and would find all the atoms of existence radiant and illumined by the splendor of its light. Evil is that which ye have imagined and evil is that which ye imagine.

O servants! Return ye unto your Source, and rising above the heedlessness of self and desire, set your faces toward the Sinai of the Spirit in this holy Mount beyond concealment and revelation. Alter not the blessed, all-embracing First Word, and turn not aside from the seat of glory of sanctification and pure detachment. Say: O heedless servants! Though the wonders of My mercy have encompassed all the kingdoms of the seen and the unseen, and the manifestations of My grace and bounty have outstripped all atoms of creation, yet most severe is My chastisement, and most terrible is the revelation of My wrath. Hearken with ears sanctified from pride and desire unto My loving counsels, and with the eyes of both body and spirit observe the wonders of My Cause. Deprive not yourselves of the waves of My ocean of mercy, before which all infinite seas are but a drop, and withhold not yourselves from My sweet, flowing, holy and palatable fountainhead. I swear by My hidden Essence that were ye to attain unto awareness less than an atom's weight, ye would hasten breast to breast unto the Sinai of the Spirit, and with your own eyes would enter the illumined, manifest and holy fountainhead, and would hear the call of the Holy Spirit from the Speaking Tree in the illumined breast, and would not be heedless.

O Ahmad! From the fetters of blind imitation, step thou into the holy garden of detachment and the paradise of glorious unity. Say: O servants! Close not with hands of tyranny and rejection the gate of My mercy which I have opened unto the peoples of the heavens and the earth, and cut not down through oppression and transgression the elevated Tree of My loving-kindness. In truth I say: The heart is the treasury of My priceless and incomparable jewels; make it not the receptacle for the worthless potsherds of this base world. The breast is the place where grow the hyacinths of My love; soil it not with the dark dust of hatred. Adorn yourselves with My attributes, that ye may be worthy to enter My holy dominion and be admitted into My sanctified realm. All things are My perspicuous Book and My firm and mighty tablets. With pure and sanctified eyes and illumined and holy hearts, behold ye the wonders of My divine wisdom.

O My servants! Whatsoever I have ordained in My sacred and holy Tablets through My Most Perfect Word and My All-Embracing Speech is intended solely for the elevation of receptive souls to the heaven of divine unity. Otherwise, My Beauty is sanctified above the vision of the mystics, and My Glory is exalted beyond the comprehension of those who have attained. Consider the bright, luminous, radiant Sun: should all beings, whether possessed of sight or sightless, exert themselves to the utmost in its praise or, contrariwise, strive to disparage it, these two stations of affirmation and negation, of acceptance and rejection, of praise and blame, all pertain to the limited realm of those who accept or reject. The Sun itself remains established in its station, shining with perfect radiance and bestowing its light and effulgence without any change or alteration. Likewise, observe the luminous lamp that brightens your dark night: whether it be extolled with the most sublime praise or condemned with the basest description - would this increase or diminish its light? Nay, by Him Who holds my soul in His hand! Rather, in both these conditions it diffuses its light equally, while such praise and blame return only to those who utter them, as is evident to behold. Therefore, O servants, deprive not yourselves of the holy and exalted Lamp that burneth within the niche of divine glory, but rather kindle the lamp of divine love with the oil of guidance within the niche of steadfastness in your illumined hearts, and protect it with the glass of trust in God and detachment from all else from the gusts of the breath of the idolaters.

O servants! The example of My holy and unified Manifestation is as an ocean in whose deepest depths lie concealed countless precious and brilliant pearls. Every seeker must needs gird up the loins of endeavor and make their way to its shore, that they may obtain, in the measure of their search and striving, their portion preordained in the hidden and preserved Tablets. Now if any soul should fail to set foot upon its holy shore or arise not in its quest, would this diminish aught from that ocean or its pearls, or cause any loss to befall it? Evil is that which ye have imagined within yourselves, and evil is that which ye continue to imagine.

O servants! By God the Truth, that Most Great, Fathomless, and Surging Ocean is very close and near, nay, nearer than your life-vein. In an instant you can attain and achieve that divine bounty, celestial grace, merciful generosity, and glorious All-Baha benevolence. O servants! Were you to become aware of the wondrous tokens of My generosity and grace which I have deposited within your own selves, you would surely become detached from all things, attaining unto the knowledge of your own self, which is the same as knowledge of Me, and would see yourselves independent of all save Me, beholding with your outer and inner eyes the ocean of My loving-kindness and the sea of My favor shining within you like the

resplendent sun from My Most Glorious Name. Squander not this most exalted and holy station through the desires of idle fancy and passion, or the imaginings of doubt and blindness. Your likeness is as that of a bird which, with mighty wings, soareth with the utmost joy and contentment in the pleasant atmospheres of the All-Glorious, in perfect confidence, but then, imagining some grains, inclineth toward the water and clay of earth, and with utter greed defileth itself with water and dirt. Then, when it desireth to ascend again, it findeth itself powerless and defeated, for wings soiled with water and clay were never meant for flight, nor ever shall be. At such time, that bird of the exalted heaven findeth itself a dweller in the mortal earth. Now, O servants, soil not your feathers with the clay of heedlessness and idle fancy, or the dust of malice and hatred, lest ye be deprived and forbidden from soaring in the holy heavens of mystic knowledge.

O servants! I have, through divine might and spiritual power, brought forth the pearls of the shell of the ocean of the All-Merciful from the treasury of divine knowledge and wisdom, and have caused the maidens of the chambers of concealment and protection to appear in the manifestations of these firm verses, and have unsealed the musk-vessel of divine oneness with the hand of power, bestowing its hidden holy fragrances upon all created things. Now, despite all these encompassing sublime bounties and these radiant manifest favors, if ye deprive yourselves, the blame shall rest upon your own souls, now and forever.

O people of the Bayan! Today ye have come to know the purpose of your own creation, for ye are the gems of God's lofty mountains and the pearls of the seas of divine unity's grace, and all else that is visible in the heavens and earth are gathered beneath your shadow and receive sustenance and bounty by association. Consider, for example, the good and fertile earth - the farmer's purpose in watering is to water his own crop, though often hard and solid rocks in that field are watered incidentally. Thus the purpose of the outpouring of the All-Bountiful's grace is the fields of His loved ones, which are the places where the plants of knowledge and wisdom grow, while those besides them - the enemies and the heedless who are like abandoned stones of the earth - receive but incidental benefit from the sprinkling grace and raindrops from the clouds. O people of the Bayan! Despite all these lofty stations and transcendent ranks, seek not to be heedless of yourselves, nor withdraw from the Truth, nor become negligent in observing God's Cause in all conditions, and strive that ye compare not divine words with aught else.

O servants! If ye possess sight, enter ye the city of the seeing; if ye be people of hearing, step ye into the realm of them that hear; and if ye be possessed of hearts, choose ye residence in the stronghold of the assured ones, that ye may not remain deprived of beholding the lights of the Most Glorious Beauty in these darksome days. For this year is the year of the great sifting and mighty trial.

O servants! Inscribe ye upon the tablet of your hearts, with the pen of submission and the ink of acknowledgment and certitude, the counsels of the Spirit, and at every moment turn ye unto them, lest ye become heedless of a single letter thereof. With utmost earnestness, turn ye unto the Truth and turn away from aught else, for this is the essence of the Divine Command that hath sprouted from the Divine Tree.

O servants! Naught dwelleth in this heart save the effulgences of the morn of the Divine Presence, and it speaketh naught but the pure truth from your Lord. Therefore, follow not your desires, break not God's covenant, and violate not His testament. Turn ye unto Him with complete steadfastness in heart, soul and tongue, and be not of the foolish ones. The world is but an illusion without reality, and a nothingness adorned in the guise of existence. Set not your hearts upon it, sever not yourselves from your Lord, and be not of the heedless ones. Verily I say, the world is like unto a mirage which appeareth as water; they who thirst pursue it with intense effort, yet when they reach it, find themselves bereft and portionless. Or it is like the image of a loved one, devoid of life and spirit; when the lover attaineth unto it, he findeth it neither nourishing nor satisfying, gaining naught but great toil and evident regret.

O servants! If in these visible days and this present world, there should occur somewhat contrary to your wish from the realm of divine decree, be not disheartened, for the joyous days of the All-Merciful will come and the holy realms of the spirit will be made manifest. In all those days and worlds, a portion is ordained for you, a pleasure appointed, and a sustenance decreed. Assuredly shall ye attain unto them all if ye exchange the garment of the transient for the garment of the eternal, and enter the Most Glorious Paradise, the dwelling-place of sanctified and glorious spirits. All things testify to your existence, if ye emerge from the dark dust of nothingness. Be not distressed by the troubles of these numbered days, nor be ye saddened by the destruction of the outer body in the path of the Beloved, for after every destruction a building is intended, and within every hardship the comfort of ease lieth concealed.

O servants! Seek ye the sweet Salsabil from the holy, pure fountain, and take ye the lofty fruits of the Paradise of Oneness from the Divine Tree, for in the barren, dry valley neither the pleasant Tasnim of submission nor the holy Kawthar of glorification can be found, and from the withered tree no sublime and noble fruit can be observed.

O seekers of the spiritual wine! The holy, luminous Beauty, from the spiritual tree in the divine Sinai of the All-Merciful, without the veil of "Thou shalt never see Me," declareth: Deprive not the eyes of your hearts and souls, and hasten ye to the dawning-place of the effulgence of His Beauty. Thus doth the Tongue of God counsel you, that perchance ye may direct yourselves toward the realm of the Spirit.

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In the name of God, exalted be His Glory and Grandeur!

At this hour when the heaven of grace is raised high and the sun of loving-kindness and favors is dawning and rising from the horizon of bounty and beneficence, I am present at the threshold of mighty glory with the pen of love and the tablet of unity and concord, commemorating with wondrous praise that beloved leaf and the other leaves of that land, particularly the honored and respected matron, mother of the Haram of God and mother of that leaf and her namesake - upon them be the Glory of God - who were resident in the Land of ?a. I bear glad tidings of the wondrous divine favors, for praise be to God, His loving-kindness is manifest and evident toward each one.

This is evident from the verses revealed from the heaven of oneness addressing this lowly one, which are inscribed verbatim in this leaf, the details being that from the Land of ?a a petition was submitted to the blessed presence of the Servant of the Divine Unity - may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of his most glorious and luminous feet. Therein were mentioned the spiritual manifestations of each of those leaves and the beloved leaf, wife of the late Aqa Muhammad Ja'far, and the sister of that leaf, and the sister of His Holiness's beloved Aqa Mirza Mahmud - upon him be the Glory of God - and Bibi Jan and all the leaves of that land. Also as promised to you, supplication was made for forgiveness of that leaf's late father. A response was graciously given, and among the verses that descended from the heaven of the favors of the Eternal Beloved - may the spirit of all loved ones be sacrificed for Him - they recorded blessed words of glad tidings. However, this one submits these that it may become clear and evident that deeds done purely for God's sake shall not be lost.

Blessed are ye for that which His Most Exalted Pen hath recorded in your mention. O ye pure leaves! This is a copy of what our Glorious Lord wrote to this ephemeral, lowly one:

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

Praise be to God Who hath raised up the heaven of utterance and adorned it with brilliant stars and illumined its horizon with the Sun of the mention of the Most Great Name, whereby the world was illumined. When the air stirred and heaven moved, the ocean of knowledge surged and the Ark of God sailed thereon through His Most Glorious Name. Blessed is he who held fast to it and embarked upon it through the Name whereby the veils were rent and the coverings were torn asunder. Glorified be He Who manifested what He willed through the Most Exalted Word and spoke and caused all things to speak. What He hath spoken is indeed the straight path and the balance of justice. Through it the lovers were attracted and soared in the atmosphere of longing, and through it the sincere arose to promote the Cause of God between earth and heaven, bearing in His love tribulations which none can reckon save God, the Lord of all names. Through it the gates of the treasuries of heaven were opened and the Kingdom of Names appeared. Through it the trumpet was blown and the call was raised amidst the concourse of creation. Through it the mountains of idle fancies were crushed and the heavens of vain imaginings were cleft asunder and the earths of learning were split among the people. At times thou beholdest it flowing like water in the valleys, and at other times blazing like fire upon the heights. Through it the hearts of the wretched were consumed while the Concourse on High rejoiced. Can the pen ever finish mentioning it? Nay, by the Lord of Names! Can paper bear to carry it? Nay, by the Creator of heaven! It is that through which the names and all things appeared. There is nothing but that hath been consumed through its manifestation and appearance. Through it the fragrance of God was diffused throughout all else, the dwellers of the graves were stirred, and the Day of Resurrection came to pass. Exalted, exalted is He Who manifested it and created it and made it the servant and educator of all things. Exalted, exalted is He Who […]

O Ali! We were established upon the throne in the Most Great Prison when the servant who was present before Our face entered with thy letter and presented what was therein - and verily We are the All-Hearing, the All-Answering. We have heard thy call and recognized the state thou art in regarding thy love for these souls. Remember when thou didst turn toward the Prison and stood before the door and heard

the call of the Wronged One Who spoke from the most exalted station that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Ali! Hearken unto what the polytheists say in this Most Great Revelation whereby the limbs of the nations have quaked. Thy Lord is indeed the Manifest with truth and He is the All-Knowing. They say He hath claimed divinity and this befitteth not any among the servants to acknowledge. Thus have their hearts hardened and their souls enticed them. Thus do We recount unto thee what the heedless have uttered - and We are the Informed, the All-Knowing.

Say: By God, this is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him. He is verily the One Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison and calleth between earth and heaven. No Prophet but hath given the glad-tidings of this Day to the servants, and no Book but hath been adorned with this Most Great Name. Say: None is mentioned in this Day save God and His names and what hath appeared from Him. Thus hath the command been sent down in all the Tablets, but most of the people are heedless.

Say: This is the Wondrous One through Whom the horizon of creation hath been illumined and through Whose Word hath appeared what was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Were He to speak other than what He hath spoken, then ye should object to Him. Say: Ponder and be not of those who turn away. Say: This is He Who hath come from the heaven of grandeur with manifest sovereignty and hath called all unto God in such wise that neither ranks nor hosts nor the utterances of the polytheists could hinder Him.

And the people of the Bayan who disbelieved in the All-Merciful have forgotten all that they were promised when they speak as spoke the people of the Furqan. Say: Woe unto them and unto you, O company of educators! They have followed vain imaginings as did their fathers before them. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak the truth.

Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! Blessed is he who hath cast behind him vain imaginings and stood firm in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a proof whereunto the heavens and earth can bear no likeness.

Grieve thou not over anything. Verily He heareth and seeth, and We are the All-Seeing. We have mentioned thee time and again, and this is yet another time. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, arise and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Creator of the heavens, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of the worlds! I praise Thee and thank Thee for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and for having made me recognize Thy beauty after every remote polytheist turned away from it, and for having shown me Thy countenance after the passing of all things, and for having made me hear Thy most sweet call, and for having caused me to attain unto the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and for having given me to drink, through the hands of bounty […]

The traces of eternity bear witness through my every limb to Thy bounty, Thy bestowals, Thy generosity and Thy gifts. Verily Thou art the Gracious Giver. O my God! Thou seest that mine eyes are fixed upon the horizon of Thy favor and mine ears are attentive to hear Thy call. O Lord! The longing one's yearning and attraction never cease, nor does his love and passion diminish. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self to make

me in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, delighting in the fragrance of Thy raiment, clinging to Thy robe, and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. Thou art the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Akbar! The Lord of Destiny calls thee from the direction of His Most Sublime Vision as a favor from Him upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. From this Most Holy Station We send greetings to the faces that have turned toward the Face of God and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and followed what the All-Merciful revealed in a preserved Tablet. We remember them and give them glad tidings of what is ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Beware lest the world prevent you from the Creator of heaven. Leave the people to their vain imaginings and take what has come to you from God, the Mighty, the Great. He loves who loves Him and remembers who remembers Him and sees who stands firm in His remembrance and service to His Cause. He is the Hearing, the Wise.

At the end of the Tablet We remember him who is named Rida, who turned to the Face and believed in God, the Single, the One, the Powerful. Convey My greetings to his face and gladden him with what has been revealed for him from God, the Ancient Revealer. Then We remember the handmaidens who have turned, drawn near, recognized and drunk of My luminous wine. Blessed are they for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament and remained steadfast in this wondrous Cause. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have believed in God and held fast to His wise Book.

The verses revealed from the heaven of divine will testify and bear witness to the special favors that have been and continue to be directed toward you. Regarding what you wrote about this servant being negligent in sending letters - yes, indeed there was delay, but this was not from laziness or indolence, nor, God forbid, from any lack of sincerity. God is aware and bears witness that your mention and love have been and will remain in heart and tongue. Regarding your request that I circumambulate the Temple of Oneness on your behalf, praise be to God, this evanescent servant attained this bounty at the time of the revelation of verses, visiting and circumambulating on your behalf. Concerning what you wrote about the loved ones of Qamsar who have arisen to serve the Cause, it was presented at the Most Sublime Vision. This is what was revealed for them from God, the Lord of the worlds:

O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My sweetest call which hath been raised from this luminous spot. Verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Wise. The glance of the Wronged One hath been directed toward you from this known station. He is the Hearing, the Responding One. Blessed are ye for having believed and turned toward the Supreme Horizon after the servants turned away, save those whom God, the Single, the All-Informed, wished. Hold fast to the cord of unity, then remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, with joy and fragrance. Thus doth command you the All-Knowing Ordainer. We have seen you and heard your call and have answered you with these verses through which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibility. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for you in My Most Glorious Kingdom that which the pen cannot describe, but most of the people know not.

O rejoice in My Name and drink from the Kawthar of life through My wondrous remembrance! We counsel you to show forth supreme steadfastness and to follow that which God hath revealed through

the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. He, verily, commandeth you to do that which profiteth you in the hereafter and in this world. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in His mighty prison. Be illumined by My remembrance of you, for it is greater than all the treasures of the heavens and earth. Hearken unto Him Who is among you and remembereth you with the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn towards the Land of Kaf and make mention of them who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and have attained unto the recognition of Him Who caused thee to speak with truth. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Blessed are ye for having attained and recognized the Wronged One when every heedless one turned away from Him. The world and all that is therein shall perish, but there shall endure for you that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. God hath witnessed your acceptance and faith. Rejoice then in this Most Great Remembrance and drink of My luminous wine. Preserve your dignity through supreme steadfastness lest the allusions of them that have disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds cause you to slip.

The glory rest upon you and upon them who have laid firm hold on the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him and have acted according to that which they were bidden by their Lord, the All-Wise. The names mentioned in your letter were brought before the Most Great View. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that they were adorned with the ornament of His love and attained unto His recognition. They have taken the choice wine from the hand of bounty and have drunk thereof. Blessed are they and those who have attained unto this noble station.

Wheresoever ye receive a divine Tablet, ye should convey that which is inscribed therein to its people or send it to them, and especially convey to each one wondrous and sublime greetings from God. Concerning what thou didst write about the steadfast women, the humble women, the believing women, and the chaste women of that land - this was presented before the Throne. Wondrous and sublime verses have been specifically revealed for each one from the heaven of the divine Will, and the glance of mercy hath been directed towards each. Blessed are they for having attained unto the recognition of God and the service of His firm and wise Cause.

It is clear and evident to every person of understanding that whatsoever existeth in the world is transient and will pass away. Soon all that is visible shall vanish, and that which shall endure forever is the mention that floweth from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for each of the servants and handmaidens. Blessed are the souls who have attained unto this most exalted station. By the life of God! Were We to fully describe this station, all the peoples of the world would turn to the most exalted horizon and would engage in serving the Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Truth speak the truth and mention that which rejoiceth the hearts of the sincere ones and the minds of them that are firm.

Ask ye of God - and let them ask - that they may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Say: O handmaidens of God! Give thanks that your mention hath been made before the Throne and that your deeds have been for God and have been accepted in His holy court. God willing, may ye be blessed in all times with the fragrances of divine verses and be gladdened by His remembrance.

Regarding what thou didst write about the word of forgiveness concerning the late Haji Mulla ’Ali-Akbar, this was presented before the Throne. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance from God, the Mighty, the Bestower: O My handmaiden! We give thee glad tidings of thy Lord’s favor and make mention of that which rejoiceth thy heart and the hearts of those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Know thou that God hath forgiven him through His grace, purified him, and caused him to ascend unto the sublime Companion. Verily, thy Lord’s favor hath encompassed all created things. Thus doth God change whatsoever He willeth […]

He ordains what He wishes for whomsoever He desires. Nothing can prevent Him, nor can any matter render Him powerless. He does through His power whatever He pleases and decrees through His authority whatever He wills. Therefore praise and mention these verses which have descended from the heaven of thy Lord’s mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of the garment in the days of God, who have turned to the horizon of revelation and who have heard the call of God, the Lord of Religions.

Furthermore, regarding the matters which His Holiness Ismu’llah Ha - upon him be all the most glorious glory and all the most excellent praise - has arisen to accomplish, this servant has, in accordance with the Most Holy and Exalted Command, submitted a brief account. They will surely inform that honored one and it should be carried out accordingly.

Additionally, concerning the mother of the sacred family who resides in the Land of Kaf - upon her be the glory of God - emphasize strongly that the souls dwelling in that land should show her respect, for truly she has endured numerous afflictions in the path of God. Blessed is she for what she has patiently endured in the path of our Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Now she remains in a foreign land and with utmost distress remains patient and thankful. We beseech God to assist her and grant her what befits His all-encompassing grace, and to aid those who support and honor her out of love for God, the Mighty, the Wise.

If possible, convey glad tidings to her on behalf of this evanescent one, for she is mentioned before the Divine Throne and the glance of favor is directed towards her. Blessed is she for her patience, her gratitude, her charitable giving, and her turning to God, the One, the Peerless.

This evanescent one requests that you convey to the friends and notable ones of every land the Most Glorious, Most Exalted greetings from this servant. And the other friends in the Prison Land and those circumambulating all remember that honored one with most excellent remembrances and glorifications.

The glory of God be upon your honor and your family and upon all the loved ones of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

17 Sha’ban 1290

O my beloved! This is the letter of His Honor the Servant of the Divine Unity - may my spirit be sacrificed for his most mighty and luminous sacred dust - which contains blessed utterances - may my spirit and the

spirits of all the world be sacrificed for each of its letters - descended from the heaven of divine favor, showing kindness to all the people of that land, both men and women, especially regarding that noble lady, explicitly and without allusion expressing grace and favor […]

By God, Who is the only God! If a soul should gird up the loins of endeavor and, for the sake of God, take steps in the path of assisting the Cause of Truth, even dead bones would be stirred to motion by the effect of their pure breaths, let alone heedless souls. God willing, may you all conduct yourselves with one another in perfect love and unity, with joy and fragrance. Observe how great is divine grace and favor concerning that honored lady, and offer thanks with all your being that your names are mentioned before the Divine Throne. We beseech God, and you too should beseech, that He may remove all major obstacles and open wide the gate of attainment unto His presence before the faces of all His servants, both men and women. In brief, if the honored Aliya, namesake of that distinguished lady, is not present in that land, make a copy of the petition and send either the original or a copy thereof to her presence, and convey infinite greetings. And on behalf of this lowly one, ask pardon for the troubles caused during the time of her presence. Convey infinite greetings to the beloved Aqa Mirza Mahmud and his relatives, both female and male, especially to his honored sister. And on behalf of this lowly one, mention each and every one of the handmaidens of God in that land with wondrous and sublime remembrances, particularly the honored mother and Miss Sahib and Bibi Jan, upon whom be the Glory of God. Remember Shirin with the sweetness of the Beloved's utterance. The honored uncle - may my spirit be a sacrifice to the dust of his footsteps - that distinguished lady, and the other handmaidens of God in that land are remembered with spiritual remembrances. What more can this evanescent lowly one say? Document 333 dated 27th of Shawwal 90 was presented in the Holy Land. The honored Shatir sends infinite greetings.

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

Beautiful patience! And God is He Whose help is to be sought against what they allege. O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of them who dwell in My Kingdom! I complain not of My anguish and grief unto thee after what hath befallen Me, whereby every atom of creation and all contingent beings have lamented. Lo! The oppressor hath hamstrung My she-camel, the transgressor hath sunk My ship, the wolf hath devoured My flock, and the serpent hath opened wide its mouth and swallowed its Lord. We have mentioned unto thee what We mentioned before in various Tablets, to express My sorrow and to manifest the oppression of Mine enemies, and to proclaim My patience, My forbearance, and My submission in what hath befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers and the Lord of the Mighty Throne, and My suffering, My tribulation, and My trials. What hath been mentioned is as naught compared to what hath come to pass in the Great City, for its blow and harm have befallen the Glory of God. Glory be to God! A door was opened, and its purpose was that it might become the dawning-place of justice and fairness, of goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. Yet it became the source of oppression and transgression, the mine of heedlessness and injustice. It was thought that it would become the circling-point of them who are nigh and trusted, yet it was observed to be the circling-

point of the treacherous and the heedless. One of those who claimed to love united with the enemy and set about plundering the Friend. He showed no mercy either to himself or to the Cause. By the life of God! The tears of justice flow, and the sigh of fairness is manifest and ascendant. For the sake of wealth, he forsook the Lord on the Day of Reckoning. One point of his oppression darkened the world of justice, and one word of his falsehood demolished the world of truth. In the place of light appeared fire, and in the place of justice, injustice.

O Haydar-'Ali! A grievous blow hath fallen upon poor justice. Trust crieth "Woe is me!" Truth uttereth "O my calamity!" The fire of greed and impurity hath consumed contentment and godliness. Thou and the world bear witness that this Wronged One hath, in the nights and days, called the servants of God to the fear of God, and made all aware of that which leadeth to the exaltation of station and the elevation of rank. Yet for some, the fruit of mention became forgetfulness, and the result of counsel became heedlessness. The unjust one rent the veil of justice, and the irreligious one struck a mighty blow to the breast of trustworthiness. Alas, alas, for what hath befallen the Cause of God! Today in the cities, lamentations over deeds and character are raised high and wailings are heard. Should this Wronged One mention His own tribulations, surely the rock would cry out and the cloud would exclaim "O grief!" Outwardly, We had a brother who lived for several years under the wing of mercy in perfect comfort and ease. Then, at the instigation of a certain soul, he rose up against the Wronged One of the horizons. When the hidden secrets of the breast and the treachery of the eye became manifest, this Wronged One departed from their midst, leaving him with his children, infants, and wives in perfect health and safety in a secure and protected place. Nevertheless, they have said what they have said.

O Haydar-'Ali! Eyes are deprived of what is manifest and visible, and are clinging to doubts and idle fancies. I swear by the waves of the ocean of utterance in the manifestation of the Most Great Theophany and the effulgences of the Ancient Luminary, not even the tip of a finger of affliction […]

Enter ye not upon these matters. God is cognizant of all and all bear witness. Nevertheless, they have uttered that which they have heard. Another cruelty inflicted by the manifestations of hatred upon the divine Lote-Tree is this: While heavenly verses are being revealed night and day from the heaven of God's Will like unto torrential rain, the unjust speaker hath spoken that which hath caused the liver of proof to melt and the face of evidence to be scratched. Now, that which equalleth all the books of the past and future is present and available, but where are the eyes to see and where is the fairness to judge? The Book of Certitude, which was specifically revealed for the Bab - upon Him be My Glory and Favour - they have attributed to one who, by the life of God, is incapable of comprehending it. However, to the divine assessors and those endowed with heavenly vision, the matter is clear and evident, shining and manifest like the sun. After beholding the pearls of wisdom and utterance, people of insight and vision will recognize from which treasury they came and from which mine they appeared. Can the product of conjecture have any station before the Self-Subsisting Lord, or can the essence of fancy have any worth or rank before the manifestations of the Sun of Certitude? Nay, by God's command, which holdeth sway over all in the heavens and on earth. Reflect upon each of these: Ashraf, Hadi, trust, resignation, deception and doubt. Likewise upon the second life which for successive years was and is being lived among the people in perfect ease, health and comfort. What is the cause of this life? By the life of God, denial and failure to acknowledge in these days have perpetrated that which causeth the back of the

Bayan to tremble. We beseech God to bestow justice upon His servants. Nevertheless, in the eyes of the manifestations of idle fancies his station hath not diminished, and whatsoever he sayeth they accept and submit to without question. O Haydar! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. The time draweth nigh when the people of insight will protest Our patience. When Sa'd, who is mentioned in the Dispensation of the Qur'an, was asked in the days when he had lost his sight why he, whose prayers were always answered, did not pray for himself, he said: "God's decree is dearer to me than my sight." The people of God have assuredly been and are superior, more exalted and more glorious than him. They would not exchange all the blessings of the world for a single radiance from the Sun of His good-pleasure, for they have drunk from the cup of resignation and quaffed from the chalice of contentment. Their station is different and their aspiration different. They are mounted upon the steed of high endeavor and gallop in the arena of submission. They look to God's Will and are free and detached from aught else. Their resolution and determination move above the realm of possibility.

My God, my God! Thou seest how the faithful are in the clutches of the faithless, and the near ones in the grasp of the transgressors. That which hath befallen them in Thy path hath not befallen any among Thy servants. Their hearts have melted in their separation from Thee, their tears have flowed in their remoteness from Thee, and their breasts are constricted by what hath come upon Thee in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations, by Thy patience which hath preceded existence itself, both unseen and seen, and by the mysteries of Thy Manifestation and the depths of Thy knowledge, to assist Thy party amidst all parties in such wise as to make manifest their station among Thy servants and their influence in Thy lands. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighing and their cry. I implore Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all possibilities, to draw them nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness. O Lord! Illumine their eyes with the sight of the signs of Thy greatness and their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Alas, alas, for the fire of remoteness in Thy days and for the harm of oppression before Thy throne! By Thy might and Thy majesty, by Thy nearness and meeting with Thee, the heaven of justice hath been cleft asunder by what hath befallen Thy loved ones, and the earth of equity hath been rent by what the hands of Thy creatures have wrought - they who cast behind them Thy Book and violated Thy Covenant and Testament. By Thy Most Glorious Beauty and Thy manifestation among creatures, the sighs of Thy loved ones and the tears of them that are enamored of Thee have not ceased since they heard of Thy grief and tribulation from those who claimed to be of Thy Self and professed belief in Thy manifestation, Thy dawning, and Thy seat upon the throne of Thy utterance and the seat of Thy grace. Alas, alas! Hope lamenteth, Justice hath bared its head, and Equity crieth out saying: "O people of the earth! Fear God and say not that whereby the Divine Lote-Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise doth lament and whereby Piety hath cried out among the Concourse on high: 'O people! By God, ye were not created to serve your passions and desires, but to serve God and His Cause, and to serve His loved ones and His party. Cast away that which preventeth you from drawing nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and take up that which ye have been commanded by your Creator, your Fashioner, your Maker, and your Provider.'" I testify, O my God, my Beloved, my Adored One, and my Heart's Desire, that the oppressors have committed that which hath prevented their ears from hearing Thy call and the call of Thy chosen ones, and have done that which hath prevented their eyes from beholding the lights of Thy countenance and what Thou hast sent down in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and by that

wherewith Thou hast illumined the faces of Thy loved ones on the day of Thy manifestation, to ordain for them the good of every world of Thy worlds and every bounty which Thou hast recorded in the Crimson Book by Thy Most Exalted Pen. Thou art He Whom the power of princes cannot weaken, nor the veils of the learned hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest through the power of Thy sovereignty and rulest through Thine authority. Verily Thou art the Ruler, the Commander, the Bountiful, the All-Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Each one of you in this hour We have mentioned with such mention as hath gladdened the mentioned one in this most great sorrow. The names were not mentioned, a wisdom from Our presence - verily thy Lord is the Wise Commander. On behalf of the Wronged One make mention of all and give them the glad tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Soon shall appear that which was hidden from sight. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

And concerning thy mention of turning toward the land of K, praise be to God, ye are confirmed in service, steadfast in constancy, adorned with the ornament of wisdom and bedecked with the pearls of love and affection. Yet observe ye wisdom, though ye have done so and continue to do so. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

The conditions of wisdom have formerly been sent down in various Tablets from the Most Exalted Pen. Among these conditions is that in whatever city ye enter, deposit ye the signs of God in a secure and safe place - that is, outside your dwelling place - and with the tongue, with perfect wisdom and utterance, remind the seekers. And when receptivity is observed, at that time show forth the waves of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance - that is, call for and recite some of the verses. By the life of God, if all the ears in the world were to be cleansed, even less than that, from false tales and former calumnies, all would turn to the shore of the sea of oneness upon hearing a single verse. To this testifieth the Mother Book in the return before the faces of the parties.

Another request thou didst make regarding the friends of God in the land of S was accepted, and We made mention of each one - a mention at which the realities of all things in that moment were present and circling round to hear and listen. Give thou to each the glad tidings of the effulgences of the light of divine providence. Some time ago a detailed Tablet was sent to that land that the utterance of the Merciful might draw them to the most exalted station and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Knowledge in the contingent world. Those souls in that land who have attained to acceptance, detachment, service and love - all are present before the throne beneath the glances of providence and have attained special bounties. We have sent down for them that whereby all things were attracted, and We send down for them Our verses - and We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Let this be known: that the misleader has sought to provide aid is itself evidence of his deception and guile. By this means he has sought both to gain knowledge about upright souls and to set a trap to catch the fish of God's ocean. That unjust one has not yet matured - he follows his desires yet thinks himself among the guided ones. We beseech God to assist the Chosen One in exalting His Word among His servants and manifesting his detachment throughout His lands. We have adorned his head with the crown of his Lord's grace, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and We sent him a Tablet by which the realities of the monotheists were attracted.

Say: O Hadi! Fear God and present thyself before thy Lord that thou mayest hear what no ears have heard and see what no eyes have beheld. Set aside thy conjectures, for the Self-Subsisting calls thee from the prison quarter and summons thee to justice and fairness for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. The world and its leadership have deluded thee - to this every fair-minded observer bears witness.

O Hadi! The verses of God have never been, nor shall ever be, ambiguous. Today, at the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai, those in their graves have arisen, proclaiming "Blessed be God, the Lord of the Throne and Earth!" Yet thou hast not attained unto the new life. Between thee and God, look at the evidences and prevent not the servants' eyes and ears from witnessing and hearkening. Turn from what thou hast unto what God hath. By what proof and evidence dost thou claim faith in the Point of the Bayan? Ask for, hear, and behold that which is many times greater. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - crieth out "O what sorrow!" in the Most Exalted Paradise and uttereth the blessed words "Verily, I am the foremost of them that worship," while thou remainest heedless, occupied with decaying bones - that is, with newly invented doubts and fancies.

Cast aside uncertainties, allusions, and tales both past and present, and turn, detached from all else, to the horizon of divine grace. This Wronged One hath endured hardships and borne afflictions in manifesting God's Cause and establishing divine proof, that He might illumine the servants and lands with the lights of the Most Great Name. Be not thou a cause of extinction, and have mercy on thyself and others. Thou went to the island - now come to the city that thou mayest witness with thine own eyes the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and the lights of the divine Manifestation's appearance.

Today the veils of fancy profit thee not, nor what the people possess. Purify thine ear to hearken to My call and thine eye to behold My signs. Every fair-minded person testifies that this Wronged One counseleth for the sake of God. Thou hast preserved thyself through a hundred thousand lies, hypocrisies and denials, while this Wronged One hath appeared and spoken with acknowledgment and confession among the righteous and the wicked. Now ponder with fairness, that perchance the fragrances of truthfulness may attract thee to the horizon of justice and fairness. Make not thyself deserving of eternal punishment for the sake of these fleeting days and transient leadership. Reflect on those like thyself - that is, the former divines - how they prevented people from the truth and trained them in falsehood and injustice, until at last that people's calumnies became the cause of martyrdom and the source of the most great terror. Hear My call and say: "I repent before Thee, O Goal of the world, and return to Thy court of glory. Forgive me through Thy bounty and generosity, for Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful."

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Mention from the Wronged One to Ramadan 'Ali and give him glad tidings, for his deed hath been accepted with glory and adorned with great bounty. In God's days he hath performed that which the Most Exalted Pen hath confirmed and accepted.

The mention was made of the friends in Bahramabad and Hasanabad and those regions. Dehaji, upon him be Baha, in these days was present before Us, and the friends of those regions, one and all, attained the grace of Our favor, and wondrous and sublime Tablets were sent down from the heaven of God's will, specifically for certain ones, in each word whereof lies concealed an ocean of meanings. We beseech God to aid those souls who are mentioned before the Wronged One to deliver His servants from the

superstitions and idle fancies of the past and future, and to manifest from each one that which is the cause of deliverance and the means of guidance. O My loved ones in those parts! Take ye the chalices of grace and favor from the hands of My bounty, then drink therefrom that which is commanded by God, the Kind, the Gracious. Ere long, through the enkindlement of those souls, the hearts and minds of those regions shall be set ablaze, and its effects shall become manifest from all directions. The shepherd of sheep, through His grace, became the bearer of the Most Great Name, and the fisher of fish became the guardian of the divine Word. The deeds of all are remembered before God and are recorded by the Pen of grace in the Book of Justice. Well is it with My friends there, and joy be unto them! Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this exalted station. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but Him, the Single One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Haydar-'Ali! Our purpose in this station is to conclude Our mention of the outward realm and turn to the mention of the inward, that both the outward and the inward may, with one tongue, detach themselves from all save God and become engaged in the remembrance of the peerless Friend. This most exalted Word hath been and ever shall be the cause of unity among the friends. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

At the end of the Book, say: My God, my God! Every possessor of insight, of hearing, of justice and fairness beareth witness to the all-encompassing nature of Thy verses throughout the East and West of the earth. Thou hast sent down from the kingdom of Thy utterance the signs of Thy grandeur in such wise that Thy loved ones are powerless to preserve and gather them. Yet despite this, the idolaters among Thy servants have spoken that which hath caused the dwellers of the pavilions of Thy knowledge and grace, and the inhabitants of the cities of Thy remembrance and praise to lament. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the lights of the dawn of Thy manifestation amongst all humanity to aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause. Thou art He to Whose power, might and grandeur the tongues of all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all created things, and My grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have made mention of thee in such wise that the fragrance of My loving-kindness hath been diffused throughout My lands amongst My servants. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. He loveth to make mention of thee in that which will solace thine eyes and gladden thy heart. Thy Lord is, verily, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Associate with the people in such wise that the cawing of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, may not be raised. They make mention of God by night and by day even as their forebears did before them, yet when He appeared they turned away from Him and committed that which caused the eyes of those near unto God to weep. O My Name! Do they treat thee according to their idle fancies or according to what beseemeth thy relationship to God, the One, the All-Informed? We have enjoined upon men goodly conduct and that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great. Ask thou God to aid them in this and to ordain for them through His Most Exalted Pen that which shall protect them from the hosts of the oppressors. Say: O concourse of the heedless! Come ye, that I may cause you to hear the Call that hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and show you the Dayspring of your Lord's Cause, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean. Cast away your vain imaginings and take hold of that which hath been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

O My Name! Consider how the people cling to a letter while remaining deprived of the Mother Book. In some Tablets this passage was revealed: "He hath come with what is with God, His testimony and His proof. Fear God and be not of the heedless." Nevertheless, they have forsaken the ocean and occupy themselves with a drop. Would that even this drop were pure! One is greatly astonished at the heedlessness of the people and at what hath appeared. God willing, may the servants who are adorned with the ornament of divine love manifest perfect unity and harmony, for if they attain unto this station, its effects will swiftly appear throughout all regions. By the life of God! Should a soul conduct himself with utmost humility in His path, he will assuredly attain, both outwardly and inwardly, the highest station. O My Name! With the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord that He may not deprive His loved ones of the light of unity, nor withhold from them that which lieth with Him. All have been created for unity and harmony. Glory be to God! Despite the divine counsels in the Holy Books and Tablets, some remain heedless and veiled. This heedlessness hath prevented the flow of bounties and blessings. Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of the Wronged One, and with perfect kindliness impart unto them the utterance of the All-Merciful, that perchance the tree of "yea" may grow from their hearts and that which is intended may be made manifest. Verily, He speaketh the truth. Blessed are they that hear! Blessed are they that act! May the splendor that shineth from the horizon of My loving-kindness, the mercy that descendeth from the heaven of My tenderness, and the clouds of My generosity be upon thee, upon them, and upon every steadfast soul that hath turned unto Me.

Through divine grace, it is hoped that the heedless souls may attain, through your attention, that which beseemeth this blessed Day. And regarding what you wrote about arriving in Tiflis, it caused boundless joy, for praise be to God, it brought glad tidings of good health. And you mentioned Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali and his brother Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-Akbar, upon them be the glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, and are confirmed in a matter from

which all on earth are heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. The grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, is evident and manifest toward Jinab-i-Haji AH, upon him be the glory of God and His grace, and his sons and those with him. God willing, may they ever be engaged in remembrance and arise to serve, and may God make what hath proceeded from them a treasure for them in heaven.

And you mentioned two believers from Sisan (’Ali and Muhammad). God willing, may they be confirmed in what God hath revealed in the Book. Coming to this land would be unwise, especially at this time when various winds are blowing. Mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His majesty: The glance of favor hath been directed toward the people of Sisan. They must at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. If they themselves cannot undertake teaching, they should appoint helpers. Thus hath God ordained aforetime and at this hour. We give glad tidings to him who was named ’Ali and him who was named Muhammad of God’s grace and mercy. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Countenance, and woe unto the heedless.

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

This servant offers greetings to each one and seeks divine confirmation for all. Regarding your mention of Haji Muhammad Husayn, God willing, may he drink from the wine of steadfastness and attain that which most of mankind is deprived of. Mention of him was also made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur: “O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The whole world was brought into being for this Day, yet they remain heedless of it; they were created for this cup, yet they remain deprived of it. Those who truly attain on this day are counted among the gems of existence. We, from this station, send Our greetings to Muhammad-Husayn, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.” Ask thou of God, exalted be His glory, to reveal the fruits of His remembrance, that all may turn with their whole being to the horizon of the All-Merciful. If thou seest him, give him My glad-tidings and remind him of that which hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

pleasing it is for him! News of the Afnan has also arrived from Hong Kong. Praise be to God, he is safe and occupied with the mention of God.

Regarding what you wrote about the trust of Aqa ’Ali Milani - upon him be the glory of God - it was a silk handkerchief specifically bestowed upon him. Praise be to God, some in those regions are enkindled. If someone knowledgeable in certain matters and familiar with the Turkish language were to proceed to those parts, it would be most beloved. However, such a person must be calm and wise, and must know with certainty that God’s Cause in this Most Great Manifestation has been characterized by kindness toward the servants, and the decree of wisdom has been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in most Tablets. The purpose is that if a worthy person is found and proceeds to those regions, it would be acceptable in the sight of God.

Concerning what was written about Haji Mirza Jabbar, it was presented before Him, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: “Should God will, He shall guide him to His straight path and acquaint him with that from which most of the servants are veiled, and direct him to what He desires. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower. At all times He calls all who dwell in the realm of possibility unto Him. Blessed is he who hears and responds, and woe unto every heedless doubter.” God willing, the lights of that honored one’s sincerity will shine upon him and cause him to attain unto that which God loves.

As for what was mentioned in the petition sent to the Most Great Branch concerning Mirza Muhammad-’Ali Khan - would that you had associated with him repeatedly, for certain doubts had been instilled in him by Mirza Husayn-i-Qumi in ’Iraq. The details of the Khan’s situation are as follows: After the passing of his late father, a group desired to attain the presence [of Baha’u’llah], including the brother of the late Sipahsalar. The Ancient Beauty, solely to meet with those souls and to show kindness to Mirza Muhammad-’Ali Khan, went very early in the morning and attended the memorial gathering. The aforementioned Khan showed the utmost humility, submissiveness and gratitude. Some time later, when the Ancient Beauty had gone [to Salman], Mulla Shaykh-’Ali, who lived in Kazimayn and who had been very close friends with the father of the aforementioned Khan, made mention of Mirza Muhammad-’Ali Khan, who had apparently had a dream in those days. The mentioned Shaykh presented this before Him, and the Ancient Beauty showed favor and commanded the Shaykh to go specifically to the Khan and convey His greetings, giving him the glad tidings that, God willing, his affairs would unfold according to his desire. Similar instructions were also given to Mirza Husayn-i-Qumi, but that ignorant one apparently spoke in the name of Mirza Yahya, for in those days whenever the Ancient Beauty would speak, some would suppose He was speaking on Mirza Yahya’s behalf - whereas His Holiness knows that the words and deeds of that person were non-existent and null in the Most Holy Court. The aforementioned Khan had merely heard a name without substance, while remaining unaware and veiled from the essence of the divine Cause and wisdom. In any case, from the Khan’s statements made to the honored physician (upon him be the Glory of God) in ’Iraq, it became apparent that the Qumi individual had attributed those glad tidings to Mirza Yahya. Had there been association and had he become aware of the true matter, it would have been most praiseworthy, for in those days it was observed that he was a youth of good nature who had attained unto love, and his late father was not without love either. Should the opportunity for a meeting arise, it would be most welcome, that perchance he might remember and fear God, and become acquainted with what was recorded in the ancient scrolls.

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

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

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

"O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Time and again mention of thee hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. All that thou didst send in the name of the servant present before the Throne–this Wronged One testifies that he sent replies to all. God willing, mayest thou ever be blessed with His grace and mention and arise to serve Him. Time is most precious and honored, while the people of the earth are in utter heedlessness. God willing, those who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude must, united and in harmony, hold fast to that which promotes the Cause of God. Should they attain this station, the Command will be effective, the decree all-encompassing, and the Word triumphant. O My Name! Today all effort must be expended on uniting the loved ones, that perchance this mighty matter may proceed from potentiality to actuality and become the cause of the manifestation of God's favor. Say: O friends! Fix your gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful and hold fast to His will. Today victory lies in unity and accord. By the life of God! The world of manifestation is veiled by lack of unity and the Cause is held back. O My Name! The Supreme Pen hath repeatedly conveyed this station and commanded His loved ones to it, but thus far no fruit thereof hath appeared. Perchance God will open their eyes and acquaint them with that which will draw them nigh unto Him. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who love thee and hear thy words purely for the sake of God, the Lord of lords." Thus ended His words.

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

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The City of Love. His honor Ustad ’Ali-Akbar-i-Banna, may the Glory of God be upon him. 3 Muharram 1306.

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

This is a day of separation and likewise a time of reunion, sometimes union is manifest and at times separation. Imaginary realities and frozen entities are, in themselves, clinging to ancient tales and holding fast to suspicions and vain imaginings. No trace of the Water of Life appeared in those souls, and it yielded no fruit. “And for the wrongdoers We desire nothing but loss.” A single meaningless word deprives a party from the ocean of inner meanings, for the nature of earthworms lies hidden therein. Every person of insight is bewildered as to why people cannot distinguish between the sun and its shadow. Greatness belongeth unto God! Power belongeth unto God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne!

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter was received and the fragrance of musk was diffused therefrom, for it was adorned with the mention of the Goal of the world’s peoples and embellished with remembrances of His loved ones. After reading and reviewing it, it was taken to the Most Exalted Horizon and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His listening ear. At that moment the Tongue of Grandeur spoke verses whose fragrance perfumed the world and whose light of utterance illumined all possibility. Allah is Most Great! How lofty is the Cause and at what level are the claimants! In any case, after the appearance of the effulgences of the Orb of favors and grace, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses, blessed and exalted be His words:

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

O thou who art mentioned in My presence! Great is the Cause and great is the Day. We beseech God to aid all to do that which beseemeth His Day. At every moment there hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance that which no ear hath ever heard the like of, and there hath appeared that which no eye hath ever seen the like of. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! At every moment precious pearls appear from the treasury of the Pen of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, but those who can distinguish are missing and unseen. Croaking and hypocrisy have deprived the horizons of the light of unity. The manifestations of negation have, in the name of affirmation, prevented the world from the lights of the Sun of true oneness. The condition of the servants is evident - for years they have drunk from the cup of vain imaginings and have reached maturity at the breast of idle fancies. Assuredly they were not and are not worthy to draw near to the Most Great Ocean. They are familiar with buzzing and flee from the cooing of the doves of the supreme Paradise.

My God, my God! I testify that Thy Most Great Name hath illumined all created things with the lights of its utterance. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear signs, and

by Thy power that hath encompassed existence both seen and unseen, to aid Thy servants to justice and fairness and to hearkening unto what Thou hast sent down from the kingdom of Thy grace and the dominion of Thy utterance. O Lord! This is a day that hath preceded all centuries and ages, wherein the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged and the fragrances of Thy mercy have wafted. Disappoint not Thy servants through Thy generosity and munificence. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God! The bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory, toward that spiritual friend is evident and manifest. At this time, being Sunday the third of Muharram al-Haram, the letter of that spiritual friend was honored to be heard in the Most Holy Court, and this response was immediately revealed from the Most Exalted Horizon. All atoms testify to His grace and all created things bear witness to His favor. The opposers and hypocrites have clung to calumnies at which the world of justice stands bewildered. That which was revealed from the Supreme Pen they have falsely attributed to others. The Kitab-i-Iqan, which was specifically revealed for His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Uncle, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, and wherein the journey and migration of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, is mentioned, they have denied - while equivalent to all the heavenly books from the Bayan and before it, nay rather more, exists. Nevertheless, they have said that which no deceiver has uttered. The verses themselves testify to their distinction, and according to the words of the Primal Point Himself, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, Who declares that all the Bayan cannot equal one of His verses. However, O My loved one, it requires a true champion and a spiritual lion to grasp this blessed verse and to behold all else but God as non-existent. The misleader Dowlat-Abadi, who is known by the name of Hadi, has raised the standard of hypocrisy and has newly intended to build a second Jabulqa and Jabulsa. May the True One, exalted be His glory, protect the helpless servants. Verily, He has power over all things. This evanescent servant and that spiritual friend must supplicate the True One day and night not to allow these poor ones to be afflicted anew with the well of vain imaginings. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The names mentioned in the letter of that spiritual friend were presented before the face of the Lord of Eternity, and specifically for each one was revealed that which speaks of God's grace, bounty and mercy […]

O Ali! The clamorous ones are repeating words of old, clinging anew to names while remaining deprived and forbidden from their Creator and Originator. Glory be to God! The Cause is more manifest than the sun, and its call more exalted than ocean waves and the whistling of winds. Yet eyes are seen to be deprived and ears forbidden. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and taken up the cup before the faces of all peoples, drinking in the name of the Lord of all beings, to the dismay of those who have denied the Source and the Return. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast to My strong cord and My mighty announcement.

This was revealed for Asadu'llah-i-Mamaqani, upon him be the glory of God.

He is the Manifest and He is the Hidden.

O Asadu'llah! The opposers of the Cause are seen to be more lost than the previous faction. Say: O opposers! He was sleeping when the hands of grace and favor awakened Him, He was seated when the Will of God, the Lord of Lords, caused Him to arise, and He was silent when He was made to speak that which drew to Him the people of the cities of wisdom and utterance. What hath appeared is not from

Him but from God, the Lord of all worlds. Fear God, O people, and oppose Him not, neither deny Him Whom they mention day and night. Return unto your Lord, verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

This was revealed for Hasan-i-Mamaqani, upon him be the glory of God.

He is the One warbling upon the branches.

O Hasan! Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the Word of God. The idolaters have slipped from the path and have failed to perceive the fragrance of revelation wafting in the divine days. They are deprived of true knowledge and forbidden from the effulgences of the Sun of divine oneness. All the souls mentioned should read what hath been revealed in these Tablets from the Supreme Pen and partake of the Kawthar of the most great bounty that lieth hidden within the words of the Ancient of Days. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the traces of My Pen, and blessed is he who hath heard My call and acted according to that which hath been revealed in My mighty Book.

This was revealed for Mulla Abdu'l-Majid-i-Nayshaburi, upon him be the glory of God.

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Abdu'l-Majid! What oppression could be greater than this: that He sheltered a soul for years beneath the canopies of grandeur, such that not a single blow touched him in this Cause, and then, through the enticement of a vile one, he heedlessly arose against the Wronged One. And when his inner thoughts were revealed, this Wronged One chose another house and departed, while he and his children and dependents remained safe and sound, and still live. Yet heedless souls have uttered that which no ear hath heard, attributing injustice to the Dayspring of Justice and the Dawning-place of fairness. Without His presence they slew the Dayyan and called Him the source of all evil, and committed that which caused the Most Exalted Paradise to wail and lament. It seems as though modesty and shame were never created in such heedless souls. O Pen! Leave mention of this and say: O Abdu'l-Majid! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord. He will verily assist thee through His command, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Purify the people with the water flowing from the Most Exalted Pen, and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My will and the atmosphere of My desire. Verily thy Lord is He Who dominates what was and what will be. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and oppose not Him through Whom ye were promised in the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Be fair in God's Cause and His manifestation, and be not of those who witness the clear proofs yet turn away from them, who hear the verses yet deny them. If ye oppose Him Who hath appeared with the truth, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Fear God and be not of those who pronounce judgment against God, the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His praiseworthy station. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of revelation from this preserved chalice and this sealed vessel.

This was revealed for His Honour Mirza Muhammad of Shahrud, upon him be the Glory of God:

He Who gazeth from the Most Exalted Horizon

O Muhammad! This Wronged One, in the nights and days and in all conditions, summoned the people to the Self-Subsisting Lord. And when the Cause became manifest and We chose not concealment and flight, We were repeatedly cast into prison, sometimes with chains and fetters and sometimes without. And in the land of Mim befell what tongue and utterance are powerless to describe. The point is that no abasement or tribulation prevented this Wronged One from proclaiming the Cause. And when the sun of the Cause had somewhat risen, the idolaters emerged from their hiding places and made for this station. The knowledge is with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Ask of God to grant fairness and bestow steadfastness, that they may not be deprived of the Known through the unknown, nor be barred from that which is with God through that which is with them. But this matter is very difficult, for the hearts of the servants are inclined and attached to vain imaginings. For thirteen hundred years they waited, and when their Goal appeared they pronounced death sentence upon Him. From pulpits in mosques they prided themselves in mentioning the Successor, while they slew His Creator and know it not. Take heed and be of the discerning. O Muhammad! Praise be to God, thou hast heard the Call. Now steadfastness is needed. The Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This was revealed for His Honour Haji Muhammad of Khidr, upon him be the Glory of God:

He Who is established upon the throne of utterance […]

O Muhammad! Ahmad was a Guide to the Path and Bearer of Proof, yet they denied him and chose rejection over acceptance, complaint over thanksgiving. At last the command of emigration was revealed, and after that the command of the sword appeared. The water of the sword cleansed the dust of the world and adorned the face of the earth. This caused rejection to be transformed into acceptance, and denial into acknowledgment. In this Most Great Revelation these matters have been lifted - victory hath been ordained through deeds and character, and through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. This is from God's way in this Revelation, and thou shalt find no change or alteration in His way. That soul must, with complete steadfastness, assist the Cause through the hosts of divine character on this Day of Separation. We beseech God to confirm thee and enable thee to achieve that which will exalt His Word.

This was revealed for Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaking One

O Husayn! This Wronged One is afflicted in the hands of enemies. All the peoples of the world are seen to be in opposition, and the people of the Bayan have joined them, although We have spoken naught save that which God hath willed, and through the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen have summoned all to the Most Glorious Horizon. The fault of this Wronged One hath been the revelation of verses, the manifestation of proofs, and the vindication of the Cause. We beseech God that He withhold not eyes from beholding and deliver them from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings. He is the Almighty, He is the Powerful. Glory be to God! They seek to prove the Cause through a drop while remaining heedless of the ocean, clinging to a leaf while deprived of the Tree. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him when most people turned away, and for having acknowledged Him when those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, denied Him.

This was revealed for Muhammad Karim, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the Sanctified from all Names

O Karim! Say: My God, my God! Disappoint me not of the wonders of Thy mercy, the manifestations of Thy grace and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one turning wholly unto Thee, seeking from Thee steadfastness in Thy Most Great Announcement whereby the hearts of the nations were struck with consternation. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, circling round Thy Will, and desiring that which Thy Will hath desired in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest the servants mired in the clay of doubts and idle fancies. Take their hands with the hands of Thy power and deliver them from that which beseemeth not Thee and Thy days. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, Whom no earthly might nor the ascendancy of the nations can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This was revealed for Abdul-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful

O Abdul-Rahim! Praise be to God, thou hast heard and attained unto that for which thou wast created, and thy tongue hath been enabled to confess that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. The sealed wine is the utterance of the Self-Subsisting Lord, and the proof of His Revelation and His arising before the faces of the peoples. Beseech God that He deprive not His servants. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink of Thy Sealed Wine from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Revelation, Thy arising, Thy sitting, Thy remembrance, Thy speech and Thy silence, to make me steadfast in the service of Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

A hundred thousand thanks unto the Desired One of all worlds Who hath revealed for each of the aforementioned names that which its fragrance hath encompassed the worlds of the seen and unseen. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to graciously aid them to hearken unto that which hath been revealed, and likewise to strengthen them that they may quaff from the Kawthar of utterance that lieth concealed and treasured within the words. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur hath turned toward the ultimate goal, speaking these sublime words, glorified be His utterance: O ’Ali-Akbar! The purpose of this Wronged One in bearing tribulations and trials, and revealing verses and manifesting evidences throughout the days and nights, was that the fire of malice and hatred which blazeth in the hearts of the various factions due to their differences might be quenched by the Kawthar of divine counsel. However, souls who were thought to be helpers of the Cause arose in opposition, among them Yahya. God is My witness, and earth and heaven bear testimony, that I reared and protected him through the nights and days. At last, through the temptation of a certain soul, he appeared as a serpent. When he found no opportunity and what lay in his heart was exposed, he resorted to deception and guile. He is like unto a viper that both biteth and gloweth. Deluded souls who are in truth unworthy of mention have clung to him. Would that they had turned to one like unto themselves. The deluded ones have taken him as their lord besides God, and they perceive it not this day.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon the names whose mention was sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the True One, the Faithful.

Glory be to God! The affairs of the deceivers and transgressors flow in improper channels. All the people of the Bayan know and bear witness that this servant was present in Iraq from the earliest days and is aware and informed of all that transpired. None of the transgressors hath questioned this servant that what hath come to pass might be conveyed to him, though assuredly the fragrance of the word of truth is distinguishable from aught else. They have forsaken this servant and hearken to and accept whatever may be said by those who were not with the Truth and are unaware of this Cause. In this state I grasp the hem of the All-Possessing with hands of lowliness and supplication, saying: My God, my Beloved, my Adored One, my Master! I beseech Thee by Thy generosity, whereby Thou hast favored all created things and revealed unto them that which draweth them nigh unto Thee, to aid Thy servants to act with justice and fairness. O my Lord! Withhold them not from acknowledging Thee and Thy signs. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

Mention thou all the loved ones in that land as bidden, quaff from the choice wine of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, and be free and detached from aught else. All have been and are within sight, and likewise this servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid each one to mention Him, praise Him, and serve His Cause. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those with you, upon those whose names thou didst mention, and upon every upright servant. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be to the Creator of heaven and Lord of all names, worthy and befitting, for the praise of the world adds not to His station, nor does the censure of nations diminish His glory. The power of His Command has not been weakened, nor has the clamor of the divines held back His will. In the midst of sorrows He adorned those who turned to Him with the ornament of joy and guided them to the Mount of knowledge. The tyranny of Pharaohs and the oppression of tyrants formed no barrier nor hindrance. Through the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, He has raised the people of the mortal realm to the loftiest heights. Exalted be His greatness, supreme His sovereignty, all-encompassing His proof and evidence. There is no God but Him. Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon the Hands of His Cause who have drunk the wine of immortality from the cup of His bounty and have traveled through the lands to exalt His Word and spread His traces. These are honored servants - upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Mim! Hear the call of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He mentioned thee before with verses that enraptured the Concourse on High, and He mentions thee with clear signs which, when revealed, caused all things to proclaim: "The kingdom belongs to God, Creator of earth and heaven, Lord of the Throne and of the dust!" Thy letter reached the Wronged One and attained the honor of His presence and hearing. We have answered thee with a Tablet that called all beings to God, the Dayspring

of Lights. There hath come upon thee what came upon Us. Thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the door of grace and bounty and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. The verses have encompassed all regions while the people remain heedless and in error.

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The All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

We counsel thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and will elevate the station of the Word amongst His servants. Verily thy Lord is the Knower of the unseen and the visible.

O Muhammad-Rida! Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning towards Thee and voicing Thy praise amidst Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the cry of Thy lovers in their separation from Thee, and by the yearning of those who long for Thee in Thy days, to make me wholly detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy grace. I testify that by the movement of Thy Pen all created things have turned towards the horizon of Thy Revelation, and all contingent beings unto the precincts of Thy nearness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Ponder upon the Wronged One's Cause. For nigh upon forty years We have called out to the peoples of the world with the most exalted call and have bidden them to that which profiteth them and draweth them nearer. We have made mention before the faces of all men, without any concealment, of that which would transform the essence of despair into the ornament of hope. We have had no purpose except to exalt the Word. And when the effulgences of the lights of Revelation encompassed the world, a faction emerged from behind the veil and, with the aid of certain government officials and at the instigation of Akhtar, resorted to various calumnies that perchance they might hinder those who had turned towards the Faith, and likewise other souls.

Say: My God, my God! Thou hearest the lamentation of Him Who is established upon the throne of Thy Revelation, Who hath sacrificed His glory, His power, His might, His sovereignty, and His spirit for the exaltation of Thy Word. I beseech Thee, O God of the kingdom and the realm, by Thy Name which holdeth sway over the empire of power, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to enter beneath the canopy of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

O Muhammad-Taqi! For twelve hundred years the people of Persia have occupied themselves night and day with the mention of divine revelation and the like, while strife, conflict and corruption have appeared each day. The result thereof was naught but cursing and repudiation, and on the Day of Judgment they did that which no oppressor hath done from the beginning of the world until now. At present Muhammad and certain heedless ones of the world have clung to the mention of mirrors, revelation and the like. Say: Fear God, O people! This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Revelation of God, did ye but perceive it. None is mentioned therein save Him, as attested by His honored servants who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and have taken from My presence the tablet of My loving-kindness. Blessed are they and blessed is he who hath clung unto them on this promised Day.

It is incumbent upon all to protect the helpless servants from the former superstitions, that perchance they may not be afflicted with the delusions of the Shi'ih sect and remain not deprived of the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Verily God is the All-Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance, which shall endure through the eternity of My glorious and beloved Kingdom.

O 'Azizu'llah! The Book of God hath been revealed, the Ka'bah of God is visible, the Light of God is radiant, the Sea of God is surging, yet most of the people remain heedless. Had the Shi'ih sect known the station of the Apostle of God, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, and recognized the sanctity of His Being and the detachment of His Reality, they would assuredly have attained on the Day of Judgment unto wondrous and gracious fruits of the divine paradise, and would have been accounted before God among the true believers in divine unity. But they remained deprived of this most exalted station and are mentioned before the Lord of ancient days as the most remote and backward of all the peoples of the world. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings, clinging to the cord of certitude. We beseech God to grant thee success and to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the next. Verily He is potent over all things.

O Ja'far! The Lord of Power is in grievous peril. He hath ever been in peril, inasmuch as He hath appeared and been manifest before all faces without any veil or concealment. Say: My God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the ornament of justice that they may behold […]

O Lord! Illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge, then send down from the clouds of Thy generosity that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and attract them to the precincts of Thy glory. Then write down for this servant of Thine that which befitteth Thy Most Great Name and Thy bounty which hath encompassed the world. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O servant! The Day of Judgment hath appeared and the effulgences of the Sun of Bounty are manifest, yet the people are in grievous error. They have cast aside that which they were commanded and have taken that which was forbidden them. Verily they are among the lost ones in the Perspicuous Book. When thou findest the fragrance of the garment in My words, say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and hast sent down upon Thy loved ones who were not prevented by life from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor by the oppression of the servants from turning to the light of Thy countenance. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Giving, the Powerful."

O Husayn! He Who loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which caused the trumpet to be sounded and the mountains to pass away. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Day wherein the Book hath revealed its mysteries, the earth its treasures, and the sea its pearls. Blessed is he who hath recognized and turned towards it and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Say, turning towards the Kaaba of existence from the hidden and the manifest: “My God, my God! I have cast away all else beside Thee, turning to the court of Thy pardon and bounty. I beseech Thee by the station which was honored by Thy presence and whereon the throne of Thy grandeur was established, to make me speak forth Thy Name amongst Thy servants with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent Whom nothing whatsoever of all things, nor any name amongst all names, can frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who hath ever commanded.”

O namesake of the Wronged One! Hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it hath been raised in such wise that the fair-minded cannot deny it. To this testify sincere servants. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and hath not been hindered by the evil of those who were consumed by the fire of hatred. He writeth unto thee and unto them every good thing which He hath sent down in His Manifest Book.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have hastened with my heart unto the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee by the nights of the ocean of Thy grace and by the lights of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause and have spoken forth Thy praise amongst Thy creation. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Today the divine light is shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace and the Sun of Truth is resplendent. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered by veils nor kept back from the Truth by doubts. He hath destroyed the idols in the name of the Lord of all names and hath sought the praiseworthy station. He is of the companions of the Crimson Ark and the City of Light. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to purify the ears from false tales and cause them to hear what hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Husayn! The heart of God hath turned unto thee and hath mentioned thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Say: O servants! Keep your hearts pure from doubts and your ears from false tales that ye may attain unto the stations of nearness and holiness and hear the call of the Intended One. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to aid me to serve Thy loved ones in Thy lands. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Husayn! By thee We have sent down the verses and the clear evidences and have called the servants unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people are those who have heard and responded, and among them are those who have denied and turned away, until they pronounced against Us an injustice at which the rocks have cried out and the clouds have wailed. We beseech Him to strengthen thee through His grace and to make thee among those whom doubts have not kept back from the straight path.

O Abu’l-Qasim! The Wronged One calls thee and counsels thee and those who have believed in His Cause which God has made the Dawning Place of tranquility for all the world and the Dayspring of loving-

kindness unto humankind. Through it God has revealed the station of every faithful servant and every sinful betrayer. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: “Praise be to Thee, O my Lord and my Sovereign, for having remembered me while I was in the hands of those who were heedless of Thy Cause and turned away from that for which they were created in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Forgiver, the Bestower, the Concealer, the Mighty, the Great.”

O youth! Accept thou His good-pleasure. Blessed is the soul that in this Most Great Revelation has attained unto the word of contentment. Say: Great is this Day and great is this Cause. They who cling to mere names cannot attain to higher stations. Blessed art thou for having passed beyond the lower station and set thy face toward the most exalted horizon. Preserve thou this bounty and station through the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds, and be thou of the thankful ones.

O Aqa Buzurg! God, exalted be His glory, hath loved and loveth to mention His loved ones with sublime and wondrous utterances. God willing, may all be freed from the realm of names and set their faces toward the heights of nearness and immortality. These are the companions of the Ark, the traces of the City, and the precious gems. Blessed are they and blessed is he who acteth according to that which is commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God! The loved ones of Fath-Abad have all been adorned with the ornament of the mention of the Beloved. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect them with His hosts, to aid them through His power, and cause them to speak His praise, the Mighty, the Wondrous. May each one attain unto the outpourings of the true Bestower. We make mention of Our loved ones there whose names were not mentioned, that they may rejoice and be among the successful ones.

The servants in that land are all remembered before the Wronged One and have attained His special favors. Happy are they and pleasant it is for them. We make mention of Our loved ones in Haji-Abad with words through which their names shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

O ’Ali-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny makes mention of thee from the Most Great Scene and gives thee glad tidings of that which He has ordained for His loved ones from the Pen of His command. Verily He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Glorified is He Who sends down the verses and manifests the clear proofs. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Grieve not over anything, for He is with those who love Him. He hears and sees, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-’Ali. We have mentioned Our loved ones before and after, and commanded them to do what is right and forbidden them what is wrong, and We are the Counselor, the All-Knowing. O Muhammad-’Ali! When thou attainest unto My traces and hearest My call, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me while I was among the heedless ones. I beseech Thee to make me successful in all conditions to hold fast unto Thy Strong Cord. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.”

We desire to make mention of him who is named Mirza Khan that the utterance may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of humility at the dawning of the Day-Star of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee to

give me to drink, from the cup of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy utterance. Verily Thou hast power over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise."

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of one of Thy loved ones in Ba and Nun who is named Muhammad-Hashim, that the mention may attract him to the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We have commanded all to righteousness and piety and forbidden them transgression and wickedness. My Books, My Scriptures and My Speaking Tablet bear witness to this. Among the people are those who have heard and acted, and among them are those who have heard and turned away - these are truly among the wrongdoers. Blessed art thou for having attained unto recognition in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Exalted is this lofty station. We beseech God to aid thee in the triumph of His Cause and to ordain for thee that which shall abide with thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapes His knowledge […]

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O My friends in Za' and Nun from Makiabad! Your names have been presented before the Divine Throne. We have made mention of you in such wise that all the gold of the earth and its treasures cannot equal it. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh in every condition. Verily, He is God; there is none other God but I, the Bestower, the Generous, the Giver, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Husayn! Give thanks unto thy Lord and praise Him, for He hath mentioned thee with a mention which God hath made the cause of life for the world. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have summoned all unto God, the Lord of lords. Beware lest the might of the people debar thee from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, or their utterances sadden thee–they who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to false tales that have prevented them from turning towards God, the Revealer of Rivers. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a grace from My presence, and I am the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

From the earliest days until now, the manifest light and evident bounty and heavenly table have been sent down, yet the people remain heedless, for unseemly deeds have become as veils. One must beseech God–exalted be His glory–to illumine hearts and minds with the lights of knowledge and certitude, and to guide them to the supreme horizon. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and for having attained unto the Day of God, the Lord of the Final End. O Karim! The Most Great Prison proclaimeth: This is the Day wherein the Call of the Lord of mankind hath encompassed the world. All things are uttering mention and manifesting joy. O servants! Strive that ye may not be deprived of the most effulgent grace and the Most Great Name. Verily, your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Most Generous.

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O Muhammad in Alif and Ya of Firuzi! Well is it with thee for having attained unto My remembrance, turned thy face toward My countenance, and voiced My praise amidst the righteous ones. Say: My God, my God! Preserve this servant from the evil of self and desire, and adorn him with the light of righteousness and piety. O my Lord! Thy servant maketh mention of Thee, and his gaze hath ever been fixed in expectation of Thine infinite bounties. Therefore, open Thou the door of Thy mercy and bestow a

portion upon this servant who hath clung fast unto Thee. Through Thy Most Exalted Word Thou didst bring the world of being into existence, and adorned it with all manner of sustenance, blessings and countless bounties. Thou art the Bestower, the Almighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

The splendour shining from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy son who was named Aqa Buzurg and thy other son who was named Aqa Kuchik, and upon those who have cast away their idle fancies and taken fast hold of that which was enjoined unto them by God, the Lord of all mankind and the Bestower of gifts and favours.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance that hath turned toward the lights of the Throne and who art occupied with remembrance and praise during the days of God, the Lord of all mankind! Thy letter hath attained unto Our presence, and We have made mention, time and again, of those servants who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to each one and illumine them with the effulgent lights of the Sun of divine utterance. His honour Salman, upon him be My glory, arrived and dwelt for some time beneath the shade. When the allotted time of his sojourn came to an end, the command to return was issued from the Dayspring of divine Will, and We sent with him that which shall assist My friends, My trusted ones and My chosen ones who have remained faithful to the Covenant and Testament. The friends must conduct themselves with wisdom. Wisdom consisteth in that which causeth the people to draw nigh unto God, not that which giveth rise to opposition and flight. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the One Who chooseth as He pleaseth. The glory shining from the heaven of My tender mercies be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and We hear thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

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O friend of my soul and spiritual beloved, his honor Haji Mirza Kamaluddin, upon him be the 9 and 6 and 6 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious! May they observe with luminous gaze.

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

Praise be to God Who is unique in utterance and peerless in explanation, Who is magnificent in majesty and transcendent in glory, Who hath shone forth through the influence of His Most Exalted Pen upon all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Then were all created things thrown into commotion and all contingent beings were stirred by the fragrances that wafted from His Pen as it raced across the field of wisdom and knowledge. Glorified be He Who moved it, and glorified be He Who gave it speech, and glorified be He Who made it known, and glorified be He Who taught it the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Verily, He is the One through Whom the ocean of life surged in the realm of possibility and through Whom the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches. There is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above all names and shall ever remain exalted above whatsoever the people

of creation utter. Whosoever claimeth to know Him is gainsaid by the tongues of all created things. All things testify to His grandeur and His sovereignty. Exalted, immensely exalted, is His Cause that hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and His sovereignty that hath dominated all who dwell in the realms of divine might. We praise Him for having illumined for us the horizon of Revelation and for having manifested that which lay hidden in His preserved Tablet, and for having caused His loved ones to turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon and to drink of His most glorious wine, whereby what was hidden hath appeared and what was treasured hath been revealed. Exalted be His Hidden Name, Who hath come with the truth with the sovereignty of grandeur and power, and through Whom was established that which lay concealed within the scrolls of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

And furthermore, how pleased was the servant's eye to behold thy letter, and how gladdened was his heart to perceive the fragrance of thy words. We beseech God to assist thee and those with thee, and to strengthen thee and them to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the mountains of learning were scattered, the heaven of vain imaginings was cleft asunder, the suns of idle fancies were darkened, and the moons of knowledge were eclipsed. By God's life! The Tongue of Grandeur hath repeatedly and continually spoken this word, saying - and His word is the truth: "By My life, the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed!" And when the land of Syria was honored by the footsteps of the Lord of all beings, and perceived the fragrance of inspiration, and attained the Water of Life after being consumed by the fire of separation and awaiting the days of reunion, He then declared - and His word is the truth: "We have named this prison the Most Great Prison." Were anyone to reflect upon that which hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance, he would find a drop from the ocean that lieth concealed within the words of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, and would recognize the greatness of the Cause, its sovereignty, its loftiness, its power, its dominion and its glory, and would be numbered among those who are firm, steadfast and certain.

At this moment when the servant was occupied with penning this letter, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing summoned me and said: "O My servant in attendance! Take up the pen by My command and write to him who hath been named Kamal: O Kamal! Ponder upon the people of the Bayan and hearken unto what they say regarding this Remembrance at Whose appearance the Most Great Remembrance bowed down in submission and that which was recorded in the scrolls and books was fulfilled. By God's life! They are in dissension and hypocrisy, to which thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify. Among them are those who have claimed that He hath claimed Divinity. Say: Yea, by my Lord! This is the Day of God and He hath come, with the angels rank upon rank. The Qur'an foretold this in His words 'The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's,' and in this hour He verily speaketh the truth: 'There is no God but I, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.' Say: Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: By God! The Lord hath come and these are His signs. Have ye not heard what We revealed aforetime: 'On the day when thy Lord cometh, or some of the signs of thy Lord'? Be fair then, and be not of the heedless. Say: He is indeed the One foretold by the Revealer of the Bayan, Who said - and His word is the truth: 'He hath ever been, and will ever continue to proclaim: Verily, I am God, there is no God but Me. O My creation! Worship ye Me!' O Kamal! We desired to raise them to the kingdom of utterance and the heaven of certitude, yet they retreated until they returned to their abode in the nethermost fire. They have

followed the people of the Qur'an after having rejected it, and have clung to the mention of the Caliphate and its sister after We had desired to sanctify hearts from that which had veiled and hindered them. Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest be among those who are possessed of understanding. Say: Nothing shall profit you this Day, though ye should cling to all the things in heaven and earth, except that ye repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy.

O Kamal! Say: O ye that are devoid of justice! What profit did the people of the Dispensation of the Qur'an gain after being occupied with such matters for twelve hundred years, and what was their fruit? Say: Fear ye the one true God and be not of those who disbelieved in His divine proof and His evidence. This is the Word of Truth that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the divine utterance, and after it there is naught but manifest error. Those who have never had, nor now have, any knowledge of this Cause are now claiming knowledge thereof and have arisen to lead the servants astray. Beseech ye God that He may strengthen the people of Baha to guide all men through consummate wisdom, praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, and draw them to the Source of divine bounties that they may quaff the wine of mystical knowledge and become moved to celebrate the praise of the Beloved of the world in the assemblage of creation.

O Kamal! This is the Day wherein sanctified souls should appear adorned with the ornament of pure servitude - that is, with utmost humility and lowliness, engaging in the mention and praise of the Lord of men amongst the people. By God's life! This is the most exalted station, the most glorious station, and the most sublime station, were ye to know. And should anyone speak of aught else besides what hath been mentioned, he hath not been nor will ever be mentioned before the Throne. Your honor should regard this matter with utmost enthusiasm, attraction and endeavor, for We have previously announced in the Tablets that the heralds of Satan would appear and false claimants would arise. Say: Fear God and be not of the transgressors. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken by God's command, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of Names, and hath enjoined upon thee what He hath been bidden by God, the Mighty, the Clear, the All-Wise. Take thou the Book of God by Our command, then follow what thou hast been commanded, and be not of the heedless. Know thou the value of these days. By God! Therein hath appeared what hath never appeared from time immemorial. Behold thou the Most Exalted Horizon that thou mayest see how the Throne hath been established, and seated thereon is the Lord of Names with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Eternity in the Most Great Prison, and He, verily, is the All-Informed Speaker.

As to what you wrote regarding your visit to the Land of Ha, where you inhaled the sweet fragrances of the garment of the All-Merciful's love from its wise ones, upon whom be the Glory of God, this was presented at the Most Holy Court and the Greatest Scene, and their mention hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in several instances. We beseech God to grant sight unto all who dwell on earth that they may not be deprived of beholding the lights of the Countenance of the All-Glorious in this spiritual morn and luminous dawn. Likewise, may He bestow upon all the sense of smell that they may detect the fragrance of His garment and find their way to the true Friend and the spiritual Sun. And may He grant them taste that they may take hold of the everlasting bounty and heavenly food with the hand of certitude and assurance and be sustained thereby. O My loved one! It is not known what hath befallen the world and what intoxication hath seized it. Though at all times the cry is raised and the call of the All-

Merciful is elevated among all possibilities, none hath awakened from the wine of heedlessness save whom God hath willed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist your honor to act and speak in accordance with that which is His good-pleasure in this Day. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the Clear.

In truth, Tablets were previously revealed specifically for the philosophers and were sent through ?adba, and likewise in the letter of Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory], mention was made of them and their questions were answered. We beseech God to assist them to be steadfast and to aid those who convey to them the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. You should also convey to them mention of divine favors, that they may rejoice in God's grace and heavenly gifts and engage with utmost joy and gladness in the remembrance of the Beloved of the world.

Again at this time, this ephemeral one was summoned to the Most Holy Presence. He said: "Write to Kamalu'd-Din that answers have been revealed to the questions posed by the aforementioned philosophers, and this was due to divine grace bestowed upon them. Otherwise, the Most Exalted Pen has not wished to set forth interpretations of previous utterances, or their explanation, or commentary on past events." O Kamal, by God the Truth! Verily He has not come to interpret what was revealed before or to explain what people possess. Say: He has come from the Dayspring of eternity with hosts from the Supreme Concourse and with an utterance which none knoweth save the people of Baha, whom God hath described in His wondrous Book. Say: His eye hath appeared that thou mayest behold His most holy, most mighty, and most inaccessible Beauty, and His ear that thou mayest hearken unto His verses, at the revelation of which the necks of the proud were humbled. Say: His tongue hath appeared that He may speak that which the Point of the Bayan foretold when He said: "Verily He speaketh in all things: 'There is no God but Me. O My creation! Worship ye Me.'" We have revealed unto thee these verses that thou mayest become aware of thy Lord's favor and bounty which have encompassed the philosophers who have attained unto My manifest remembrance.

O ye people of Nun, hearken unto the call of the Hidden Mystery that speaketh from the Most Great Prison and addresseth the nations, summoning them unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O people of Naraq! The Luminary of the horizons maketh mention of you with a remembrance whose fragrance hath spread throughout all creation. Be grateful unto God and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Revealer of the Tablets!" By God's life! Through His mention your remembrance shall endure and your names shall be immortalized in the Book adorned by My Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

O My loved ones in that place! Abandon what the people possess. Take ye hold of My Book through which the breath of God hath wafted over all else and by which all regions have been perfumed. Thus hath God honored you with His mention and His grace that ye may thank Him at all hours of the night and ends of the day. Say: Verily His Pen moveth to make mention of His loved ones, and His tongue uttereth that which they have wrought in His love and good-pleasure. To this testifieth this Tablet which hath spoken betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Convey My glorification unto their faces and remind them of My days, My manifestation, My sovereignty, My power, My fragrances, My sweet savors, My kingdom and My dominion, and that which hath appeared from My Word that hath encompassed the horizons. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have fulfilled God's covenant and testament and held fast unto the Book. Then the face of Baha turneth unto those women who have believed in God, the Lord of creation. Blessed are they inasmuch as they have heard, turned towards, and set their faces toward the countenance of God, the Revealer of clear tokens.

O My handmaidens! Turn with your hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon, then drink in My name the Kawthar of My utterance, the wine of My loving-kindness, and the pure water of My bounty which hath encompassed creation. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of you. Verily it is that through which the winds were subdued and the verses were sent down. Glory be upon you and upon every believing woman who hath believed in God, the Lord of lords.

That which is incumbent upon you and all the friends of God in this day is steadfastness and arising to serve the Cause. You must, God willing, at all times educate the people of possibility through prescribed means and summon them to the Most Exalted Horizon. A hundred thousand paradises, blessings and gardens await those souls who have recognized the Day of God and acted according to its requirements, which have been and shall ever be steadfastness in the Divine Word. Say: O friends of Truth! God, exalted be His glory, declareth: Ye must be so enkindled by the wine of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds that its heat shall influence human souls and draw them all to the court of oneness. The manifestations of falsehood and dawning-places of error exist; ye must at all times take refuge in the Lord of possibility that ye may remain protected from the whisperings of the sources of evil suggestion.

Glorified be God! In this letter thou hast been blessed several times with mention of the Beloved. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, were we to render thanks night and day, we would never fulfill the right of this bounty. Not only was a Tablet revealed and bestowed from the heaven of divine will, but divine verses were also revealed on numerous occasions. All things testify that His grace hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. All the names that were in the book of that honored one and of Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], were presented before the Throne, and for each one specifically there were revealed and sent from the heaven of loving-kindness wondrous and exalted verses. God willing, they will attain unto them. Praise be to God that all were mentioned in the Most Great Prison before the throne of the All-Merciful and were blessed with countless favors. His is the praise and the bounty, and His is the gratitude and grace. And mention was made of thy kinsmen in the Most Holy Court. He said: "O Kamal! The Light hath been honored and hath attained unto the Most Great Luminary when He shone forth from the horizon of Iraq amidst the peoples. Blessed are the people of the world who have been honored and have attained, and woe unto the heedless. Blessed is thy son who hath drunk the wine of reunion time and again, cup after cup, and from the ocean of attainment, again and again, goblet after goblet. Verily thy Lord is the Ancient Bestower. And We make mention of thy other son who hath attained unto that which shall cause his remembrance and thy remembrance to endure throughout the dominion of the Kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the One, the All-Informed. And the glory be upon him and upon him and upon them both from among thy progeny and upon their mother who hath attained and turned and arrived at the spot of Paradise and heard the call of God, the Lord of

the worlds." O Kamal! God willing, mayest thou be blessed by divine bounty and be sustained by the outpourings of the All-Merciful. Gladden all the friends in that land, both men and women, with the sweet savors of the mention of the Beloved, and convey to the Distinguished Lady wondrous and exalted greetings from the Wronged One, and say: "God willing, the All-Merciful, thou shouldst at all times and moments be engaged in the mention of the Beloved of the worlds with utmost sanctity and detachment, and hold fast to the cord of His loving-kindness. Praise be to God that thou didst arrive at the shore of the sea and didst drink from the Kawthar of attainment and didst hear the call of Truth, and besides that thou wert blessed repeatedly with His mention. These infinite bounties should not vanish from thy sight, and thou shouldst hold fast and cling to and be engaged in that which is befitting this day and worthy of the days of the Beloved." The glory be upon thee and upon her who was named with the letters B and Y (Aqa Baygum), and verily she is among those who heard the call of the Wronged One in His noble station. Beseech God's loving-kindness that He may bestow upon all the women of that land a portion from the Kawthar of eternity, that all may become detached with utmost sanctity and purity from all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and with radiant faces and illumined hearts may turn toward the highest horizon. The command is in God's hand - He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. Verily He is the One, the Bountiful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mahmud, who hath drunk the choice wine of the love of his Lord, the All-Loving, and turned unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of him, and do mention him as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. By God! Through it the Most Great Ocean hath surged, and all who dwell in the world have proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Make mention, on My behalf, of My loved ones who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in My days, who have clung to My robe, who have cast aside all else besides Me, who have soared in the atmosphere of My nearness, who have been nourished by the fruits of the Tree of My knowledge, and who have been illumined by the Luminary that hath shone forth from the horizon of My tender mercy. By the life of God! They are the people of Baha, whom the Supreme Pen hath mentioned in Its Preserved Book. Say: Blessed are ye, and glad tidings be unto you, for ye have attained, and have tasted, and have turned towards God, and have hearkened to the call of the Wronged One from this forbidden place. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

After the dawning of the Sun of divine favor and the manifestation of the grace of the eternal Sovereign, what else can this servant mention that would be worthy of utterance or acceptable in the presence of the friends? Yet the fire of love moveth one to action, such that neither pen can cease from writing nor tongue from mentioning. Were one to speak unceasingly, night and day, in praise of but a single leaf among the leaves of a tree that hath grown in the courtyard of one of the friends who is adorned with the robe of steadfastness, it would still seem insufficient, nay rather, as nothing.

Finally, convey my greetings of pure devotion and self-effacement, and my praise and salutations, to all who have spoken in remembrance of the Beloved and believed in the Object of all desire. I hope that each one may drink, cup after cup, from the life-giving waters of the love of the Lord of all possibilities, in

spite of those who have denied, turned away, and objected until they disbelieved in God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Let them take the trouble to make a clear copy of this letter, and after comparing and reviewing it, send it to the Land of Ha. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

The Servant

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

All praise, sanctified from the affairs, occurrences and utterances of men, befitteth the Most Holy Court of the Desired One, Who was not deterred from His Cause by the opposition of the opposers, the denial of the deniers, the doubts of the faithless, the tyranny of the oppressors, or the intimations of the transgressors. He was established upon the throne of utterance and with the most exalted call summoned the peoples of earth and heaven to the supreme horizon. By the sword of wisdom and utterance, the hearts and minds of the peoples of the world have been and shall continue to be opened. No mortal will can stay His will, nor can human desire impede His desire. One word is as a sword to those who turn away, and as a lion to those who turn towards Him. Exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His station, exalted be His Cause! Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon His loved ones and chosen ones who arose and proclaimed "God is our Lord!" and then remained steadfast. These are the servants whom the All-Merciful described in the Furqan with His exalted words: "Neither merchandise nor traffic beguile them from the remembrance of God," and with His exalted words: "Honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding."

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

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names, Creator of the heavens, Who hath appeared before the faces of enemies and speaketh from the supreme horizon! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of the oppressors, and in every moment there befalleth them that which causeth faces to change and beings to be set ablaze. I beseech Thee, O Source of Bounty, by Thy Name through which Thou made the sweet waters of Thy mercy to flow among Thy servants, and by Thy Command whereby the trumpet was blown and they that lay in their graves arose, to aid Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee, and to protect them from the evil of Thy creatures. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to rend asunder the veils that have prevented Thy servants from turning unto Thee and drawing nigh unto Thy holy court. O Lord! Illumine their eyes to witness Thy

signs and purify their ears to hearken unto Thy call. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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

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

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

A mention from Us to the one who heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, that the remembrance and utterance may protect him from the intimations of the transgressors and the doubts of the opposers. We have remembered thee before with that whereby the luminary of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility and the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!" The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come, with the water of life at His right hand and the river of divine knowledge at His left, and behind Him a company of the near angels, while the Faithful Spirit crieth out before His face: "O people of the earth! Draw nigh, then hasten, and be not of the patient ones! Draw nigh with illumined hearts and take the cup of knowledge from the hands of bounty, then drink thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the outpourings of your Lord, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful. Break the idols of self and desire, clinging to the cord of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Say: "This is a Day whereon neither wealth nor children nor whatsoever the nations possess shall profit you." The Ancient King beareth witness to this from His exalted station. There hath befallen the Wronged One in God's path that which hath caused all things to lament, yet most of the people are heedless. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain imaginings as lords beside Him. They are indeed among the oppressors in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: "O concourse of the chosen ones! Take the Book of God with the power that is from Him, then aid the Wronged One with the hosts of wisdom and utterance." Thus did We command you before and at this time. Say: "O people of the Furqan! Be fair concerning your Lord, the All-Merciful. If ye deny that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's Will, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Bring it forth and be not of the wrongdoers! By God! That which was hidden from eternity of eternities hath appeared, and He Who was promised in God's Books hath come, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is he who hath cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to the Handle of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. This is a Day wherein that

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

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

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

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

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

Praise and gratitude be to God! The waves of the ocean of loving-kindness are evident in every word, and from the horizon of every letter the Sun of grace is dawning. A hundred thousand blessings be upon those

souls who have attained the Most Great Bounty and have been illumined by the lights of the Day Star of the Ancient Lord. This servant mentions each of the loved ones and friends, conveys his greetings, and declares: Know your station and recognize the value of this Day. That which thought and fancy could never attain hath been made manifest. From all directions the lights of the Revelation are dawning, and from every quarter the mysteries of the Cause are evident and resplendent. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones to perform such deeds as are the cause of exaltation and elevation, and the source of progress and advancement. Should anyone meet Haji Muhammad-Taqi of ?ad, let him convey these few words: One day he was present in the Most Holy Court, and He said: "O servant present! Although loving-kindness and affection were shown by this Wronged One toward the aforementioned Haji, he hath done that which hath caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament and weep, and hath spoken that which hath grieved and saddened the essences of being. We beseech God to bestow upon him fairness and to illumine the world with the light of justice, that all may turn from fancy to certitude, and from tyranny to justice, and from oppression to equity." Say: if this Cause be denied, what other cause would be worthy of proof or mention?

In truth, certain utterances have set aflame the hearts of those who stand in ranks and of the angels drawn nigh. Among these, that person has claimed this Cause is for extortion. Now observe, this servant shall mention certain matters so that person may tell whence cometh the extortion. First, the Truth Itself - may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for Him - from the beginning of the Cause was in the hands of enemies, and whatsoever He possessed was repeatedly plundered. Thrice was He cast into prison; yet another time spent four months in chains and fetters. Say: O thou who art devoid of justice! The Sovereign of this Revelation Who, with supreme steadfastness, hath arisen before the faces of all humanity and spoken in opposition to the deeds, actions and desires of the people of the world, surely had and hath no thought of self-preservation. From the earliest days until now He hath been afflicted in the hands of enemies. Where was His homeland, and where is 'Akka, and where Adrianople? It is regrettable that man should sully with the dust of his own doubts and imaginings a Cause that shineth even as the sun in its brilliance and splendor. His Holiness Aqa Siyyid Isma'il-i-Zavariyi - upon him be all the most glorious glory and all the most luminous light - who sacrificed himself with his own hand, surely he would say it was for extortion. Say: Consider the martyrs in the land of ?ad who, despite their wealth, glory, bounty and exaltation, gave their lives in the path of the one true Friend. Reflect upon His Holiness Mulla 'Ali-Jan of Mazandaran - may the spirit of the world be sacrificed for him. The government wished to grant him a pension to turn away from the Truth. He said - may the spirit of the world be sacrificed for him: "Ten thousand tumans of my wealth have they plundered, and it hath gone in the path of Truth. I have no need of your wealth and riches. Attend to your own affairs." Thereafter that sanctified soul was martyred with the most grievous torment. Say: Why dost thou not reflect upon His Holiness Badi' - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - who truly, alone and single-handed, with the Most Holy and Most Mighty Tablet, struck the world, who stood before His Majesty the Sultan and his hosts, held aloft the divine Tablet and proclaimed: "I have come unto thee from the Most Great Announcement with a manifest Book." According to his opinion and words, this surely was for extortion. Well was it said of old:

"Thou dost accuse those whom God

Hath made trustees of the seventh heaven's store"

Say: Reflect upon the land of Zanjan and the martyrs of that land who, in the name of Truth, dawned from the horizon of the House and sacrificed their lives in His path. If ye were to count the martyrs of God, ye could not reckon them. Say: O ye who are bereft of justice! One sacrifice was mentioned aforetime and to this day his name is remembered from the pulpits, yet these holy souls whose detachment shone forth as bright as the sun, and to whom their pure lives were worth no more than a handful of dust in the path of this Most Great Announcement, are not mentioned by the transgressors. Justice is praiseworthy. God is witness and testifier that this servant's purpose is to make the people aware and mindful. Were all that hath been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur regarding the words and deeds of the aforementioned Haji - that is, Haji Muhammad-Taqi - to be mentioned, it would cause the loved ones of God to weep and lament. These servants have ever been commanded to conceal. Verily our Lord is the Concealer, the Compassionate, the Generous. One of the divine Tablets lamenteth his oppression and presenteth before Him that which these servants are powerless to mention. This is not the first oppression inflicted upon the divine Tablet. Chosroes tore up the Tablet of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. Likewise did Walid, one of the Umayyad kings, tear up the Book of God, the Quran, and composed verses to this effect: "If on the Day of Resurrection God should ask who had torn thee to pieces, say: 'Walid.'" And praise be to God, but a few days passed before he was afflicted. The aforementioned person hath said: "I made an intention and my purpose was to test, and since they made no mention of it, therefore I turned away." These words of that heedless one are like unto the utterances of the idolaters of old, even as they said to the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake: "We will not believe unless thou causest streams to gush forth from the land of Yathrib and Batha, or unless thou producest a garden, or unless thou bringest forth a house of gold, or unless thou raisest the dead from the graves." In brief, these objections have existed from time immemorial. This is not the first flask that hath been shattered for the sake of Truth. Say: O hapless one! In this Revelation all things have been made manifest. Go, read the Suriy-i-Ra'is and behold the other Tablets. Haji Ibrahim from the people of Qaf was also among the hypocrites. Before him he would profess belief in the Dawning-Place of vain imaginings, while before the friends he would profess belief in God, glorified be His majesty. Thus was he wavering between the two. He hath lost both this world and the next. This indeed is manifest loss. Now I beseech God to grant justice to His servants and not to deprive them of the adorning of equity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Since the purpose is to make the servants mindful, that perchance they may become aware and gain knowledge of the evident matters of the past and present, therefore mention is made of how Satan, in the form of man, said to Christ, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake: "If thou art the Spirit of God, command this stone to become bread." The Spirit answered and said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Most divine Books make mention of those who intended to test and try. The purpose was to make people aware that they might know their station and observe proper conduct. Likewise did Satan say a second time: "If thou be the Spirit of God, cast thyself down" and so forth. The purpose was that by way of objection he said if thou art the Spirit of God, cast thyself down from the roof that the angels might preserve thee. The Spirit of God said it is also written: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

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

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

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

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

The Servant

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O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Mim, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great! Thy letter hath reached Our presence, which thou didst send to Him Who calleth upon His Lord in the hunchbacked one, and toward him hath turned the gaze of Him Who is imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Blessed art thou for the sweet savors of thy Master's love that pass from thee and the fragrance of the garment of His Name, the Mighty, the Wise, that is diffused. Blessed are ye and blessed is your land which hath become the seat of the Most Great Throne, whereon sat the Ancient Beauty for numbered years, and blessed is its horizon wherefrom shone forth the Sun of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, with lights that illumined the heavens and the earth.

Know thou that I am in the two prisons through what the hands of the two parties have wrought, and there befalleth Me at every moment that which none can reckon save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Yet in this most grievous tribulation, We summon the peoples unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The veils of all possibility cannot hinder Us; We speak forth the truth with most high proclamation between earth and heaven. Blessed are they that hear!

Remember on My behalf Ahmad who hath believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Blessed is he in that he hath fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament and was of them that attained the lights of the Countenance when he appeared before the Throne in Iraq. We beseech God to strengthen him in all conditions and inspire him with that which will establish His Cause among His servants. O thou Name! Hold fast unto the Most Great Name, then speak with wisdom and utterance amongst the concourse of creation, that perchance they may recognize Him Who calleth them unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: From the horizon of tribulation He calleth you unto God - take ye heed, O people of vision! It behooveth every ignorant one to become aware and every person of understanding to take lesson from what hath come to pass in bygone ages, and to turn with illumined heart unto the Most Sublime Vision and say: "I have heard Thy call, O Thou the Wronged One, and have turned unto Thee, O Lord of all beings!" Blessed art thou for having arisen to serve the Cause of God and His love, and for having attained the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Make mention of him in such wise as to attract the hearts of the righteous. He will verily aid thee with the truth and assist thee with the hosts of the unseen. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Let not the words of the deniers sadden thee, nor the oppression of the oppressors. God shall soon efface their traces and shall adorn the tablet of creation with your remembrance. Illumine the horizons with the light of thy Lord, then relate unto them the news of the Wronged One when He was afflicted among the wicked ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto the Countenance with humility and contrition.

Then make mention of him who was named after him who spoke the truth: "Are diverse lords better, or God, the One, the All-Compelling?" Blessed is he who today calleth out among the nations through the Most Great Name and summoneth the concourse of creation unto God, the Creator of earth and heaven. He is indeed of them that have attained the lights of the Countenance and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We make mention of him in the prison even as he remembereth Me, though My remembrance hath preceded all who remember. Blessed is he in that the Supreme Pen maketh mention of him and the gaze of his Lord, the Lord of Names, is directed towards him from this manifest horizon. Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power, with wisdom and utterance. Thus have We commanded thee before and in this wondrous Tablet. Rejoice in the verses that have been sent down unto thee while the Dayspring of clear proofs was imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors.

Then did He adorn him who was named 'Abdu'r with the ornament of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily We have sent unto him the fragrances of verses from this luminous quarter, that joy might seize him in such wise that sorrows shall not overtake him in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and that he might be among those who are firmly established. O servant! Remember the favor of God unto thee, how He caused thee to know His Self and made thee among the successful ones. His tongue moveth now in thy remembrance, and from His Pen floweth that which consoleth the eyes of the mystics. Glorify thy Lord with praise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me and made me among those who have turned unto Thee." Arise to remember thy Lord with such fire that when the waters of hatred from the malevolent ones are cast upon it, its flames grow fiercer and its roaring increaseth. Verily thy Lord changeth water into oil. He is indeed the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause and ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His

sincere servants. Seize thou the worth of these days. By God! The eye of creation hath not seen their like. Say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy lights, and for having made me among those who hold fast to Thy strong and mighty cord and Thy manifest and straight path.”

Then did He perfume him who was named Muhammad with the fragrance that wafteth from the Pen of Revelation from one mighty and generous. His name hath been inscribed in the Tablets, and his mention hath been revealed from the mouth of the Will of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy name hath been presented in the Prison, and this wise remembrance hath been revealed for thee. Turn not unto those who object today - they are a people who understand not. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain desires. They are indeed a people drowned. Arise amongst them with utmost steadfastness such that the idolaters might witness in thee the grandeur of God and His sovereignty. This beseemeth one who hath quaffed the wine of life from this cup that hath been unsealed by the finger of thy Lord’s will, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest thou transgress the bounds of wisdom among creatures. Thus have We commanded Our servants in various tablets. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

Then remember Rajab from thy Lord and give him glad tidings of that which his Lord, the All-Merciful, hath revealed unto him through these verses that have shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen. We make mention of him who hath turned unto God after every idolatrous infidel turned away from Him. Blessed is he who entereth the sea and immerseth himself therein through this Name whereby God hath subdued the earth and the heavens. Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come, bearing in His hand a cup of the living waters of Kawthar. Draw near, then drink in His Name, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Beware lest ye follow in the footsteps of those who have wronged, and follow every sinful deceiver. This is the path of God that hath appeared in truth, and this is His straight way that hath been established in justice, and this is His balance whereby what ye claim shall be weighed. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the Reckoner. Arise in unity to the Cause of your Lord, the Possessor of all creation. By My life! Through it shall the standards of victory be raised and the back of the wicked be broken. God shall soon seize those who have wronged, even as He seized those before them. Verily thy Lord is severe in punishment.

Then We make mention of another servant: O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Call from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful. I created mankind for My knowledge and gave them glad tidings of My days, but when the veil was rent asunder and the Lord of creation appeared, they denied God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: Verily the eye was created for this Greatest Vision and sight for this Most Luminous Horizon, yet the people are in evident blindness. Those who turn away this Day are among the most abject. Blessed is he who hath arisen and remained steadfast in service to his Lord in these days wherein earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth and the hearts of the deluded ones are perturbed. They say “We have believed in God” but when the proof came and the realm of possibility was illumined, they denied the All-Merciful. Verily they are among the refuted ones. Give thanks to thy Lord and say: “O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having directed

toward me the glances of Thy grace and for having mentioned me when I was among the hands of the idolaters."

Then mention from Our presence him who is named Daniel. Say: Be steadfast in the Cause and address the concourse of the Jews, saying: "By God! The Promised One hath come and now judgeth from the throne of David. Cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Mighty, the Loving." This is the Day wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Forgiving." Wert thou to turn toward the Mount, thou wouldst hear from it: "The Dawning-Place of Revelation hath come. He is in prison through what the hands of the unbelievers have wrought, they who denied God, the Mighty, the Praised." By My life! Every rock and every stone thereof singeth in such melodies that were thou to hear them, thou wouldst soar with longing toward God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible. Arise to serve thy Lord and be steadfast in what He hath taught thee. Then remind those on whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of acceptance. Thus doth this Pen command thee, which speaketh the truth. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Beloved.

The heavens have been adorned with the ornament of verses and the earth hath been illumined by the lights of His Face that was and that shall be. Then make mention of him who entered the Most Great Prison and attained the presence of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: Remember when thou didst set out toward the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's verses and didst travel from thy homeland, directing thyself toward the court of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Then remember when thou didst enter the prison and wert blessed with the lights of His countenance and didst visit the Desired One and didst hear the call of thy Lord from the station wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for having attained the presence of the Beloved and for being mentioned by the Praised One in this exalted station. We perceive the fragrance of thy love and make mention of thee in truth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Turn not toward that which thou desirest. Be content with what thy Lord hath ordained, for He ordaineth for His loved ones that which is best for them. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones. We have forbidden the people from turning toward this direction. Whosoever moveth without My leave shall find himself in that which he loveth not. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Drink the wine of the mention of thy Lord's name and be of the thankful ones. We make mention of the Trustworthy One, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. He is among those who fulfilled the Covenant of God and His testament, and who spoke the truth while in the hands of the oppressors. Blessed is he whom My mention reacheth and who prayeth for this lonely Wronged One. We have mentioned him before in an exalted Tablet. We beseech God to strengthen him in all conditions and to manifest through him that which shall spread abroad the mention of his Lord. This shall endure while all else shall perish, by My shining and luminous Beauty.

Then send My greetings to the loved ones of thy Lord who are in the land of Dal and give them the glad tidings of this exalted Remembrance. O loved ones of God in that place! Be not grieved at anything, for verily He is with you and maketh mention of you even when the hosts of the oppressors surrounded His dwelling place. Rejoice in the remembrance of God and be steadfast in His love in such wise that neither the words of those who have turned away nor the intimations of the deceived may cause you to waver.

Gather ye together in the love of God and drink the choice wine of utterance in His Name, the One Who ruleth over all the worlds. Thus have We counselled you aforetime and in this Tablet. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Make thou mention of him who dwelleth in the land of Taff that perchance there may appear therefrom one who will remember his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Although We behold it in great turmoil and confusion, make mention therein of Qanbar who hath turned towards the Most Great Scene - verily, he is of them that remember. Say: Blessed art thou for having attained unto the covenant of God and for having been remembered before His Presence. This, verily, is a manifest favor. We have not forgotten thee. He remembereth those who have turned unto Him. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Should thou find anyone there who standeth firm in the love of thy Lord, make mention of him on My behalf and convey unto him greetings from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have turned towards two souls from among the concourse of the Son and make mention of them on this night wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad tidings of God's bounty, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Blessed are they for having accepted and hearkened and responded to Him Who calleth the servants unto God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Mim! Deliver unto those whose names thou hast mentioned in the Tablet of thy Lord, and after them convey My greetings unto My loved ones. Then recite unto them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O My loved ones! It behooveth you in this day to manifest the most great steadfastness in such wise that neither the turning away of those who have disbelieved nor the grunting of swine may cause you to stumble. Cast behind your backs what the people possess, turning unto the Lord of all mankind. Thus doth your Lord command you, the Ruler, the One Who willeth. Ye were created for this, did ye but know, and through this shall your glory be made manifest, were ye to understand.

Then make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, who was named Taha in the kingdom of names, that the breezes of revelation may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Countenance. Woe unto those who have followed idols after the Days have come wherein the All-Merciful hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that every one who turneth unto thee may inhale from thee the sweet fragrances of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O concourse of ardent lovers! This is a Day wherein the Beloved calleth from the horizon of the Prison and summoneth you unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Then make mention of Abdullah who attained Our presence. Say: Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Day wherein the atoms cry out "The Dayspring of verses hath come!", yet the people remain in strange heedlessness. That which every people was promised in their Books hath appeared, and the Spirit proclaimeth in the vast wilderness: "The Beauty of Divine Unity hath established Himself in Akka. Hasten unto Him, O ye that await Him!" Say: This is not the day to tarry when ye hear the call of the All-Loving One. Turn with your hearts toward His sacred and mighty habitation. Say: Do ye not hear the cry of the Rock? It proclaimeth with loudest voice: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the

Mighty!" All things have been attracted by the fragrances of the All-Merciful. Beware lest anything in creation prevent you from this bounty that hath encompassed the worlds. Say: O concourse of the Son! I have never sworn before, but today I swear by His glorious and exalted Name and by the Beauty of the Beloved Who hath adorned the Kingdom on high with the ornament of His Most Great Name, and the Kingdom of heaven with His transcendent and peerless remembrance. Come forth from your temples out of love for God, your Creator, then make mention of Him amongst the servants through this Name by which the heaven was cleft asunder and the All-Bestowing came riding upon the clouds. This is better for you, did ye but know. Beware lest anything prevent you from Him Who hath come with the truth. Leave behind what ye possess and take what hath been sent down unto you from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Beware lest ye be like those who make mention of God with their tongues, yet when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Dayspring of divine attributes appeared, they disbelieved in God, the Lord of this mighty Day. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, as the Ancient Beauty walketh and speaketh the verses of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Then make mention of Sayfullah who turned toward the Countenance when it appeared from the exalted and luminous Dayspring of His Cause. Blessed is he for having attained the lights of revelation and turned toward the Dawning-Place of his Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: Be thou so steadfast that the hearts of the transgressors may quake because of thee - they who, when the veils were rent asunder, turned away, and when the verses were sent down, said: "These are but tales of the ancients." Be thou as one rising from the horizon of thy Lord's steadfastness and as a helper of His Cause, which hath made the skin of the corrupt to shiver. Rejoice in God's remembrance of thee, and when thou attainest that which hath been sent down, turn with thy heart to the Qiblih of existence. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Thy other letter hath come before the Countenance wherein thou didst mention that thou hast left "M" and held fast to teaching thy Lord's Cause, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! This is the essence of all matters and the best thereof, and it is indeed the most excellent of all deeds if thou restrict thy affairs to it, albeit with wisdom. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Wise, ordain.

We glorify the loved ones of God who remember their Lord in Bushruyih and Isfahan, that they may rejoice in the glorification of God, the Mighty, the Invincible. Convey My glorification to them and to those in the villages who have stood firm in the Cause and are among the steadfast. We beseech God to assist all to turn toward His countenance and to ordain for every one who advances the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Protector of those who advance.

We counsel them to fear God in sincerity, for it is the ornament of His Cause between the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he who is adorned with this luminous ornament. Through it God's Cause is exalted among His servants, and the detachment of His loved ones becomes manifest throughout the worlds. Through it souls find rest and hearts turn toward the Beloved. Blessed is he who holds fast to it. Woe to him who casts piety aside, turning to his passions - he is truly among the abased.

Counsel the servants with what hath been sent down from the Pen of Revelation, and be among the thankful. Grieve not over those on whose faces thou seest the dust of aversion. Leave them and all on

earth to their vain imaginings, and hold fast to the remembrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O handmaidens of God in that land! Blessed are ye for having turned unto God and turned away from those who denied the Dawning-Place of Revelation when He came with manifest light. Be steadfast in His love and His Cause. Nothing on earth can equal it. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. We beseech God to assist you in what He loves and is pleased with, and to make you among those women who circle round the Throne throughout the duration of His dominion and kingdom. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

Let not the calamities of the world grieve you. Remember My tribulations and what hath befallen Me in this Cause whereby the faces of the deniers were darkened. Ye are in your homes while the Lord of the House is in a mighty prison.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to Jinab-i-Faraj. God willing, may he at all times drink from the life-giving Kawthar of the Most Merciful and manifest such a state that those of insight may behold in his countenance the radiance of paradise. We beseech God to make him a light unto His loved ones and a fire unto His enemies, and We ask Him, exalted be He, to protect him from those who have denied the Faith and from their suggestions and insinuations.

Say: Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast associated with this Wronged One for numbered years and hast become aware of His conditions. Follow what thou hast seen and known, and hearken not unto that which is unworthy to be heard. Trust in God in all matters. He will protect thee. He is the best of protectors. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Faraj! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Repository of Thy Cause, and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, to make me firmly established beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy oneness. Then protect me from the enemies of Thy Self who have transgressed against Thee when Thou didst come to them with authority from Thee and proof from Thy presence. O Lord! Aid me in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure in such wise that I may be content with what Thou hast ordained for me and may follow what Thou hast revealed in Thy Tablets. Then make me among those who have arisen to aid Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures to such a degree that the Concourse on High hath testified to their assistance and the dwellers of the cities of names have been illumined by them. O Lord! Make me wholly detached unto Thee and looking toward the horizon of Thy bounty. Then send down for me that which will profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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These are the verses of God which have descended in truth from the direction of the right hand of the Throne. God hath made them guidance and remembrance for all the worlds. Through them the gates of Paradise have been opened and the Kawthar of life hath flowed from the spring of My Name, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, that Our servants might drink therefrom - they who have detached

themselves from all who are in the heavens and the earth and have turned with their hearts to this luminous and radiant horizon.

O people of the Bayan! Be not as the people of the Furqan, and deny not the verses of God, His proof, His testimony and His signs. Deprive not yourselves of this bounty which hath appeared with all goodness and which draweth all created things from every direction that they may turn to the countenance of the Beloved in this wondrous garment. Fear God and exchange not the favor of God for that which ye possess. Then open your eyes and judge fairly concerning Him Who hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty, with the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proceeding at His right hand, and the Tree of Sinai at His left, and before Him the hosts of God's revelation, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Wise.

Beware, O people, be not content with a mere handful of brackish water, but hasten to God's Most Great Ocean which surgeth within itself, by itself, for itself. Through one of its waves appeared the kingdom of names and attributes, and through another wave appeared every firm and wise decree. Raise up the pavilion of detachment upon the shore of this mighty sea and turn not to mere pools. If ye are heedless of God in this Revelation which hath appeared with all signs - yet hath Our mercy ever preceded all things - We shall not close the gates of heaven in your faces, and We shall feed you purely for the sake of My luminous, holy, inaccessible, transcendent and radiant countenance. We desire no recompense from you - My reward is only with Him Who created Me, fashioned Me, and sent Me to all created things. We have appointed for you a time; when that time is fulfilled and ye have not turned to God, He will seize you from every direction and will send upon you the breezes of chastisement from all quarters - and indeed severe is the chastisement of thy Lord.

O people! Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, then turn your faces toward your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be not among the losers who worship the idols of their own selves and desires, and who turn away from Him Who created them and nourished them by the hands of His transcendent and all-encompassing power.

O Joseph! Hearken to the call of God from this Youth Who speaketh in all things that He is God - there is no God but Me, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. When these verses of God reach thee in this scroll which the servant present before the Throne hath written, then wash as thou hast been commanded in the Book, then take it in thy hands and place it upon thy head, then read it and ponder it that thou mayest attain unto what hath been treasured within it of the mysteries of God, the Powerful, the Transcendent, the All-Knowing, the Wise. By My life! If thou wouldst purify thyself from the love of all save God thy Lord, God would open before the face of thy heart the gates of meaning and utterance, and would teach thee such wondrous knowledge as would make thee independent of all besides Me. Indeed His favor upon thee is great if thou remainest steadfast in His Cause, detached from all else, and if thou remindest the people of this Most Great, Most Glorious, and Mighty Announcement.

Know then that there hath come before the Divine Throne thy letter wherein thou didst make mention of thyself, and toward which were directed the glances of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Therein didst thou ask that which befitteth neither thy station nor the station of any in the heavens and earth. Dost thou question Him by Whose command all that was and shall be hath appeared? Him Who created all things by His word "Be," and it was, if thou be of them that understand? Wouldst thou associate the mention of

thy Lord with the mention of any other? By God! This is a sin with which no sin in the heavens and earth can compare, and My Soul, the Truth, beareth witness unto what I say. Dost thou question Him Who by a single movement of His Pen raised up the Prophets and Messengers, asking if thou art who thou art, after having penned these words with thine own fingers? By God! This is indeed a heedlessness that hath seized thee and veiled thee from this resplendent and glorious Scene. Doth it beseem anyone to ask what thou hast asked of Him Who is manifest above all things and standeth over every soul, before Whose countenance the suns of the former and latter generations are darkened? Beware, beware, O servant, lest thou be of them that have doubted the Cause of God after He hath appeared in the fullness of His manifestation and concealment, and before the threshold of Whose gate stand the temples of them that are nigh and sincere. Wouldst thou doubt this Sun before Whose countenance all other suns bow down in adoration, before Whose presence all lords humble themselves, to Whose sovereignty all the chosen ones submit, by Whose will all the loved ones are attracted, and by Whose firm and binding command all things move? Beware, beware! Purify thy heart from all the allusions of the people, and leave behind the world and its remembrance and all that hath been created therein, that there might be imprinted upon thy heart's countenance the lights of this Sun that hath dawned from the horizon of eternity with manifest and mighty splendor. Sufficeth it not what We have sent down unto thee of verses aforetime and dispatched unto thee, and what thou hast witnessed of God's manifestation and sovereignty, and what thou hast heard of His power that hath encompassed all existence from first to last? Sufficeth it not those verses that have filled the east and west of the earth? By God! If thou wouldst behold with the eye of native insight, thou wouldst witness their evidences in all things and be of them that are assured. Reflect within thyself: by what proof didst thou believe in God's Messengers of old, and then in 'Ali before Nabil? By God! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance, there hath appeared that which hath never appeared in creation, whereunto every atom beareth witness, yet the people, being veiled, are kept back from this Countenance and are in manifest error. Turn thou unto God Who created thee and fashioned thee, regarding that wherein thou didst associate His mention with the mention of any of His servants whom He created by His word. Thus doth thy Lord command thee out of love for thee, that thou mayest be of them that act. Know thou that We loved thee before, and therefore do We inform thee in these words that thou mayest remember within thyself and be possessed of clear vision, and recognize the Cause of thy Lord, for through His recognition are souls purified from the defilement of every obstinate polytheist. Know thou moreover that all thou hast heard regarding this Cause hath appeared by My leave, but We concealed it out of wisdom from Us and bestowed the Name upon another as a command from Us, for verily We are powerful over all things. By this means did We test his soul and the souls of the servants, and when he became assured within himself that We had elevated the Cause and […]

The breezes of glory have wafted from the direction of Our Cause. He emerged from behind the veil and ruled against the Self of God, the All-Protecting, the Mighty, the Powerful, though the hosts of revelation and inspiration prevented him. When he witnessed his own powerlessness, by God, he took up the pen and fabricated against Me that which the pen is ashamed to recount. Whosoever possesses understanding less than a hair's breadth will recognize his station by what flowed from his pen, then his falsehood, then the grandeur of this mighty, irrevocable Cause. Be thou not veiled by these veils. Look to the root of the Cause and what hath appeared from the holy precincts from this manifest, radiant, mighty, all-knowing Beauty. Guard thyself lest the tempests of trials cause thee to slip, or the storms of

tests make thee stumble, that thou mayest remain steadfast in thy Lord's Cause. Thus have We remembered thee, inspired thee, commanded thee and taught thee, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and remember this Prisoner Who hath fallen into this deep pit. Glory be upon thee, that thou mayest be steadfast in thy Lord's Cause and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy words in remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great.

The Tongue of God speaketh these words in Persian: O Joseph! My proof was complete and perfected unto all who are in the heavens and earth before I made Myself known, for it was manifested through such revelations and evident through such conditions that none had cause to hesitate or turn away. Consider the peoples of the past, how they were debarred from the shore of the sea of oneness and forbidden the eternal glory of beauty. If thou observest with penetrating vision, thou wilt perceive that all were prevented from the fountainhead of divine bounty by veils of words, allusions of fancy, and temporal indications. In the Days of God, when the Divine Beauty shineth like the sun in the midst of heaven, all remain veiled by imaginary veils, although in every Tablet they were admonished to cling to naught that hath been created between the heavens and earth at the time of His manifestation, but to fix their gaze upon the root of the Cause and upon that which appeareth therefrom. Nevertheless, all have strayed from the straight path and made the recognition of Truth - which hath ever been sanctified above all else - dependent upon the acceptance or rejection of His servants. Fie upon them! Then destruction be upon them for desiring to know God through aught else than Him, for this shall never be possible, inasmuch as that Ancient Being hath been known through His Own Self, and every known thing hath become known through that which hath flowed from the Pen of His Command amongst His servants. Exalted be His station above being known through any save Him, for whatsoever is besides Him is but a creation like unto thyself.

Today all who dwell in the heavens and on earth are witnessed in a single plane before God. Whosoever has detached himself from all else save Him and has soared to the heavens of recognition of His Being is and shall ever be accounted among His chosen ones and His loved ones, though he be unknown to any soul. Likewise, he who turns away is recorded as the most abject of creatures before God, even should he be counted among the leaders of men. For the Truth, exalted be His mention, has had and shall have no connection or relationship with any created thing. All have been brought into being on an equal plane through the breath of His Command. These degrees of highness and lowness, of elevation and abasement, have appeared within the souls of the servants themselves after the utterance of the Word. Whosoever, upon hearing the Divine Word, is blessed to respond with "yea" is reckoned among the denizens of the highest heaven, among those confirmed, and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Paradise; all others are accounted among the people of the fire and the lowest depths. Therefore, today whosoever would associate himself with the Tree of the Cause must detach himself from all who dwell in the heavens and on earth, and with a pure heart, a sanctified soul and an illumined mind, turn to the Most Great Vision. Should anyone desire to know the Truth, glorified be His grandeur, through aught else beside Him, he shall never succeed nor attain such knowledge, for all else besides Him are confined within created limitations and are brought into being through the Will that creates, and the Pre-existent Essence can never be known through that which is created and limited, nor shall it ever be. Hearken unto the divine counsels and the holy celestial melodies, and from the left hand of fancy and conjecture turn to

the right hand of certitude. Observe with thine own eyes the Divine Manifestations and the celestial holy conditions. Cleanse thine eye from worthless allusions that thou mayest witness the manifestations of mighty Oneness in all things. Purify thine ear from the words of the people that thou mayest hear the holy divine melodies from all directions. Sanctify thy heart from the allusions of previous words that thou mayest comprehend the allusions of the wondrous newly-revealed words and attain to the holy eternal spring and the incomparable wine. This is the counsel of the Ancient Beauty to that servant.

And regarding what you asked about the beginning and end, resurrection and dispersion, the path and paradise and fire - all are truth wherein there is no doubt. The perceptive believer beholds these stations and ranks with both inner and outer eyes at all times, for not for a moment is one deprived of grace or barred from any matter. If you soar in the heavens of divine grace, you will witness in every moment all that comes to pass, both past and future, for His grace has never been and never will be confined to one thing over another. However, the divine purpose behind resurrection, dispersion, paradise, fire and similar references mentioned in the divine tablets pertains specifically to the time of Manifestation. For instance, observe how at the time of Manifestation, the Tongue of God utters a Word, and from that Word issuing from His mouth becomes manifest paradise and fire, resurrection and dispersion, the path and all that you have asked about and have not asked about. Whosoever becomes certain of that Word has crossed the path and attained the paradise of divine good-pleasure, and likewise is gathered among the company of those near to God, the chosen ones, and is recorded with God among the people of paradise and the exalted ones, and is established among those who affirm. And whosoever turns away from the Word of God abides in the fire and is among those who deny, the debased ones, gathered in the shadow of the idolaters. Such are the appearances of these stations that become manifest through a single Word at the time of Manifestation. However, those souls who have succeeded in attaining God's good-pleasure and His Cause shall, after their spirits depart from their bodies, attain in the other world the reward of these deeds. For what is visible in this world has no capacity beyond this, though all divine worlds have and will ever revolve around this world. Yet in every world something is ordained and decreed for each soul. And think not that what is mentioned in the Book of God is vain - exalted is He above this! I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that God has and will have paradises beyond compare. But in this first life, what is meant by paradise is His good-pleasure and entry into His Cause. And after the believers ascend from this world, they enter incomparable paradises and partake of boundless blessings, which are the fruits of their deeds in this world. Do you not observe that when one of His servants serves another and bears hardship for him, he receives his reward and compensation? How then could the All-Bountiful command His servants to follow His ordinances and then deprive His servants of His mercy? Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! Exalted, exalted is He above what His servants imagine concerning Him! In any case, today all these stations are visible. Therefore, blessed is the state of the soul that attains the Most Glorious Paradise which has been and will ever be the highest of paradises. And if pure ears and […]

Wert thou to witness His consummate wisdom, verily the wondrous bounties of God would be mentioned, that all might become detached and purified from whatsoever they have understood, recognized and observed, and turn their faces toward the Most Great and Most Pure Horizon. But what profit is there, when these servants, despite the education bestowed by the Primal Point - may the spirit

of all else be sacrificed for His sake - have not progressed from the stage of a clot to that of a lump of flesh, much less attained the stage of being clothed in flesh, and other stations that have never been mentioned. Alas for those who have changed God's favor upon themselves, and through whose existence the heaven of meanings hath been prevented from its manifestations and conditions. Thus do thou witness the state of these people and be of them that bear witness.

In brief, paradise and hellfire in this outward life have been and shall ever be acceptance and rejection. After the ascension of the spirit to paradises beyond compare, and likewise to hellfire beyond similitude - which are the fruits of the deeds of the one who accepteth and the one who rejecteth - they shall attain thereunto. However, none save God hath comprehended or shall comprehend those stations. For the believer, stations have been created surpassing all that hath been heard of God's wondrous bounties ordained in the paradises of transcendent glory, and likewise for the one who turneth away, beyond what hath been heard of eternal and imperishable torments. We thus bear witness that the Bridge hath been raised in truth, that the Balance hath been set up with justice, that the Manifestations have been gathered and the Revelations have emerged, that the Trump hath been sounded and the Trumpet blown, that the Fire hath been kindled and Paradise brought nigh, that the Caller hath called out, that the heavens have been folded up and the earth spread out, that the breezes of God have wafted and the Spirit of God sent forth, that the Maids of Paradise have adorned themselves and the youths have beautified themselves, that the mansions have been made real and the chambers adorned with jewels, that the waters have flowed and the fruits brought low, that the fruits have been gathered and the verses sent down, that the deeds of those who turned away have been effaced and the acts of those who accepted have been established, that the Preserved Tablet hath appeared in truth and the Written Book hath spoken through grace, and that the Purpose of creation and the Beloved of invention, the Worshipped One of all in earth and heaven, hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Thereupon the tongues of all things proclaim: "Blessed be God, the most excellent of creators!"

O My servant, O Joseph! Hearken unto the divine melodies and compare not this Day to any other day, nor the most wondrous and sweetest utterances to other words. Behold with thine own eyes the outward matters and rely not on anyone in recognizing the Most Great Luminary.

And today it is incumbent upon all the loved ones of God not to be remiss for a moment in teaching the Cause of the Manifestation, and at all times to summon the people to the fountain of divine unity through goodly exhortations and gentle words. For if anyone today becomes the cause of guiding another soul, the reward of a martyr in the path of God shall be recorded in his book of deeds by the Pen of the Command. Such is the bounty of thy Lord concerning His teaching servants. Act thou according to what thou art bidden and be not of the patient ones. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, if thou remainest steadfast in this Most Great, this mighty Cause.

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O King of Paris! Tell the priests to ring the bells no longer. By God, the True One! The Most Mighty Bell hath appeared in the form of Him Who is the Most Great Name, and the fingers of the Will of Thy Lord,

the Most Exalted, the Most High, toll it out in the heaven of Immortality in His name, the All-Glorious. Thus have the mighty verses of Thy Lord been again sent down unto thee, that thou mayest arise to remember God, the Creator of earth and heaven, in these days when all the tribes of the earth have mourned, and the foundations of the cities have trembled, and the dust of irreligion hath enwrapped all men, except such as God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, was pleased to spare. Say: He Who is the Unconstrained is come, in the clouds of light, that He may quicken the world with the breezes of His name, the Most Merciful, and unite its peoples, and gather all men around this Table which hath been sent down from heaven. Beware that ye deny not the favour of God after it hath been sent down unto you. Better is this for you than that which ye possess; for that which is yours perisheth, whilst that which is with God endureth. He, in truth, ordaineth what He pleaseth. Verily, the breezes of forgiveness have been wafted from the direction of your Lord, the God of Mercy; whoso turneth thereunto shall be cleansed of his sins, and of all pain and sickness. Happy the man that hath turned towards them, and woe betide him that hath turned aside.

Wert thou to incline thine inner ear unto all created things, thou wouldst hear: "The Ancient of Days is come in His great glory!" Everything celebrateth the praise of its Lord. Some have known God and remember Him; others remember Him, yet know Him not. Thus have We set down Our decree in a perspicuous Tablet.

Give ear, O King, unto the Voice that calleth from the Fire which burneth in this verdant Tree, on this Sinai which hath been raised above the hallowed and snow-white Spot, beyond the Everlasting City; "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful!" We, in truth, have sent Him Whom We aided with the Holy Spirit that He may announce unto you this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, and Whose signs have been revealed in the West. Set your faces towards Him on this Day which God hath exalted above all other days, and whereon the All-Merciful hath shed the splendour of His effulgent glory upon all who are in heaven and all who are on earth. Arise thou to serve God and help His Cause. He, verily, will assist thee with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and will set thee king over all that whereon the sun riseth. Thy Lord, in truth, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The breezes of the Most Merciful have passed over all created things; happy the man that hath discovered their fragrance, and set himself towards them with a sound heart. Attire thy temple with the ornament of My Name, and thy tongue with remembrance of Me, and thine heart with love for Me, the Almighty, the Most High. We have desired for thee naught except that which is better for thee than what thou dost possess and all the treasures of the earth. Thy Lord, verily, is knowing, informed of all. Arise, in My Name, amongst My servants, and say: "O ye peoples of the earth! Turn yourselves towards Him Who hath turned towards you. He, verily, is the Face of God amongst you, and His Testimony and His Guide unto you. He hath come to you with signs which none can produce." The voice of the Burning Bush is raised in the midmost heart of the world, and the Holy Spirit calleth aloud among the nations: "Lo, the Desired One is come with manifest dominion!"

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O King! The stars of the heaven of knowledge have fallen, they who seek to establish the truth of My Cause through the things they possess, and who make mention of God in My Name. And yet, when I came unto them in My glory, they turned aside. They, indeed, are of the fallen. This is, truly, that which the Spirit of God hath announced, when He came with truth unto you, He with Whom the Jewish doctors disputed, till at last they perpetrated what hath made the Holy Spirit to lament, and the tears of them that have near access to God to flow. Consider how a Pharisee who had worshipped God for seventy years repudiated the Son when He appeared, whereas one who had committed adultery gained admittance into the Kingdom. Thus doth the Pen admonish thee as bidden by the Eternal King, that thou mayest be apprised of what came to pass aforetime and be reckoned in this day among them that truly believe.

Say: O concourse of monks! Seclude not yourselves in your churches and cloisters. Come ye out of them by My leave, and busy, then, yourselves with what will profit you and others. Thus commandeth you He Who is the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Seclude yourselves in the stronghold of My love. This, truly, is the seclusion that befitteth you, could ye but know it. He that secludeth himself in his house is indeed as one dead. It behoveth man to show forth that which will benefit mankind. He that bringeth forth no fruit is fit for the fire. Thus admonisheth you your Lord; He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Enter ye into wedlock, that after you another may arise in your stead. We, verily, have forbidden you lechery, and not that which is conducive to fidelity. Have ye clung unto the promptings of your nature, and cast behind your backs the statutes of God? Fear ye God, and be not of the foolish. But for man, who, on My earth, would remember Me, and how could My attributes and My names be revealed? Reflect, and be not of them that have shut themselves out as by a veil from Him, and were of those that are fast asleep. He that married not could find no place wherein to abide, nor where to lay His head, by reason of what the hands of the treacherous had wrought. His holiness consisted not in the things ye have believed and imagined, but rather in the things which belong unto Us. Ask, that ye may be made aware of His station which hath been exalted above the vain imaginings of all the peoples of the earth. Blessed are they that understand.

O King! We heard the words thou didst utter in answer to the Czar of Russia, concerning the decision made regarding the war. Thy Lord, verily, knoweth, is informed of all. Thou didst say: "I lay asleep upon my couch, when the cry of the oppressed, who were drowned in the Black Sea, wakened me." This is what We heard thee say, and, verily, thy Lord is witness unto what I say. We testify that that which wakened thee was not their cry but the promptings of thine own passions, for We tested thee, and found thee wanting. Comprehend the meaning of My words, and be thou of the discerning. It is not Our wish to address thee words of condemnation, out of regard for the dignity We conferred upon thee in this mortal life. We, verily, have chosen courtesy, and made it the true mark of such as are nigh unto Him. Courtesy is, in truth, a raiment which fitteth all men, whether young or old. Well is it with him that adorneth his

temple therewith, and woe unto him who is deprived of this great bounty. Hadst thou been sincere in thy words, thou wouldst have not cast behind thy back the Book of God, when it was sent unto thee by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. We have proved thee through it, and found thee other than that which thou didst profess. Arise, and make amends for that which escaped thee. Erelong the world and all that thou possessest will perish, and the kingdom will remain unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers of old. It behoveth thee not to conduct thine affairs according to the dictates of thy desires. Fear the sighs of this Wronged One, and shield Him from the darts of such as act unjustly.

For what thou hast done, thy kingdom shall be thrown into confusion, and thine empire shall pass from thine hands, as a punishment for that which thou hast wrought. Then wilt thou know how thou hast plainly erred. Commotions shall seize all the people in that land, unless thou arisest to help this Cause, and followest Him Who is the Spirit of God in this, the Straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My Life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast by this firm Cord. We see abasement hastening after thee, whilst thou art of those who are fast asleep. It behoveth thee when thou hearest His Voice calling from the seat of glory to cast away all that thou possessest, and cry out: "Here am I, O Lord of all that is in heaven and all that is on earth!"

O King! We were in 'Iraq, when the hour of parting arrived. At the bidding of the King of Islam We set Our steps in his direction. Upon Our arrival, there befell Us at the hands of the malicious that which the books of the world can never adequately recount. Thereupon the inmates of Paradise, and they that dwell within the retreats of holiness, lamented; and yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil! Say: Do ye cavil at Him Who hath come unto you bearing the clear evidence of God and His proof, the testimony of God and His signs? These things are not from Himself; nay, rather they proceed from the One Who hath raised Him up, sent Him forth through the power of truth, and made Him to be a lamp unto all mankind.

More grievous became Our plight from day to day, nay, from hour to hour, until they took Us forth from Our prison and made Us, with glaring injustice, enter the Most Great Prison. And if anyone ask them: "For what crime were they imprisoned?", they would answer and say: "They, verily, sought to supplant the Faith with a new religion!" If that which is ancient be what ye prefer, wherefore, then, have ye discarded that which hath been set down in the Torah and the Evangel? Clear it up, O men! By My life! There is no place for you to flee to in this day. If this be My crime, then Muhammad, the Apostle of God, committed it before Me, and before Him He Who was the Spirit of God, and yet earlier He Who conversed with God. And if My sin be this, that I have exalted the Word of God and revealed His Cause, then indeed am I the greatest of sinners! Such a sin I will not barter for the kingdoms of earth and heaven.

Upon Our arrival at this Prison, We purposed to transmit to the kings the messages of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Though We have transmitted to them, in several Tablets, that which We were commanded, yet We do it once again as a token of God's grace. Perchance they may recognize the Lord, Who hath come down in the clouds with manifest sovereignty.

As My tribulations multiplied, so did My love for God and for His Cause increase, in such wise that all that befell Me from the hosts of the wayward was powerless to deter Me from My purpose. Should they hide Me away in the depths of the earth, yet would they find Me riding aloft on the clouds, and calling out unto God, the Lord of strength and of might. I have offered Myself up in the way of God, and I yearn after

tribulations in My love for Him, and for the sake of His good pleasure. Unto this bear witness the woes which now afflict Me, the like of which no other man hath suffered. Every single hair of Mine head calleth out that which the Burning Bush uttered on Sinai, and each vein of My body invoketh God and saith: "O would I had been severed in Thy path, so that the world might be quickened, and all its peoples be united!" Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Know of a truth that your subjects are God's trust amongst you. Watch ye, therefore, over them as ye watch over your own selves. Beware that ye allow not wolves to become the shepherds of the fold, or pride and conceit to deter you from turning unto the poor and the desolate. Wert thou to quaff the mystic Wine of everlasting life from the chalice of the words of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, thou wouldst be enabled to forsake all that thou dost possess and to proclaim My Name before all mankind. Cleanse then thy soul with the waters of detachment. Verily, this is the Remembrance that hath shone forth above the horizon of creation, which shall purge thy soul from the dross of the world. Abandon thy palaces to the people of the graves, and thine empire to whosoever desireth it, and turn, then, unto the Kingdom. This, verily, is what God hath chosen for thee, wert thou of them that turn unto Him. They that have failed to turn unto the Countenance of God in this Revelation are indeed bereft of life. They move as bidden by their own selfish desires, and are in truth accounted among the dead. Shouldst thou desire to bear the weight of thy dominion, bear it then to aid the Cause of thy Lord. Glorified be this station which whoever attaineth thereunto hath attained unto all good that proceedeth from Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Arise thou, in My name, above the horizon of renunciation, and set, then, thy face towards the Kingdom, at the bidding of thy Lord, the Lord of strength and of might. Through the power of My sovereignty stand before the inhabitants of the world and say: "O people! The Day is come, and the fragrances of God have been wafted over the whole of creation. They that have turned away from His Face are the helpless victims of their corrupt inclinations. They are indeed of them that have gone astray."

Adorn the body of thy kingdom with the raiment of My name, and arise, then, to teach My Cause. Better is this for thee than that which thou possessest. God will, thereby, exalt thy name among all the kings. Potent is He over all things. Walk thou amongst men in the name of God, and by the power of His might, that thou mayest show forth His signs amidst the peoples of the earth. Burn thou brightly with the flame of this undying Fire which the All-Merciful hath ignited in the midmost heart of creation, that through thee the heat of His love may be kindled within the hearts of His favoured ones. Follow in My way and enrapture the hearts of men through remembrance of Me, the Almighty, the Most Exalted.

Say: He from whom, in this day, the sweet savours of the remembrance of his Lord, the All-Merciful, have not been diffused, is indeed unworthy of the station of man. He, verily, is of them that have followed their own desires, and shall erelong find himself in grievous loss. Doth it behove you to relate yourselves to Him Who is the God of mercy, and yet commit the things which the Evil One hath committed? Nay, by the Beauty of Him Who is the All-Glorified! could ye but know it. Purge your hearts from love of the world, and your tongues from calumny, and your limbs from whatsoever may withhold you from drawing nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: By the world is meant that which turneth you aside from Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and inclineth you unto that which is unprofitable unto you.

Verily, the thing that deterreth you, in this day, from God is worldliness in its essence. Eschew it, and approach the Most Sublime Vision, this shining and resplendent Seat. Blessed is he who alloweth nothing whatsoever to intervene between him and his Lord. No harm, assuredly, can befall him if he partaketh with justice of the benefits of this world, inasmuch as We have created all things for such of Our servants as truly believe in God.

Should your words, O people, be at variance with your deeds, what then shall distinguish you from those who profess their faith in the Lord, their God, and yet, when He came down to them overshadowed with clouds, rejected Him and waxed proud before God, the Incomparable, the Omniscient? Shed not the blood of anyone, O people, neither judge ye anyone unjustly. Thus have ye been commanded by Him Who knoweth, Who is informed of all. They that commit disorders in the land after it hath been well ordered, these indeed have outstepped the bounds that have been set in the Book. Wretched shall be the abode of the transgressors!

God hath prescribed unto everyone the duty of teaching His Cause. Whoever ariseth to discharge this duty, must needs, ere he proclaimeth His Message, adorn himself with the ornament of an upright and praiseworthy character, so that his words may attract the hearts of such as are receptive to his call. Without it, he can never hope to influence his hearers. Thus doth God instruct you. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

They who exhort others unto justice, while themselves committing iniquity, stand accused of falsehood by the inmates of the Kingdom and by those who circle round the throne of their Lord, the Almighty, the Beneficent, for that which their tongues have uttered. Commit not, O people, that which dishonoureth your name and the fair name of the Cause of God amongst men. Beware lest ye approach that which your minds abhor. Fear God and follow not in the footsteps of them that are gone astray. Deal not treacherously with the substance of your neighbour. Be ye trustworthy on earth, and withhold not from the poor the things given unto you by God through His grace. He, verily, will bestow upon you the double of what ye possess. He, in truth, is the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous.

Say: We have ordained that our Cause be taught through the power of utterance. Beware lest ye dispute idly with anyone. Whoso ariseth wholly for the sake of his Lord to teach His Cause, the Holy Spirit shall strengthen him and inspire him with that which will illumine the heart of the world, how much more the hearts of those who seek Him. O people of Baha! Subdue the citadels of men's hearts with the swords of wisdom and of utterance. They that dispute, as prompted by their desires, are indeed wrapped in a palpable veil. Say: The sword of wisdom is hotter than summer heat, and sharper than blades of steel, if ye do but understand. Draw it forth in My name and through the power of My might, and conquer then with it the cities of the hearts of them that have secluded themselves in the stronghold of their corrupt desires. Thus biddeth you the Pen of the All-Glorious, whilst seated beneath the swords of the wayward.

If ye become aware of a sin committed by another, conceal it, that God may conceal your own sin. He, verily, is the Concealer, the Lord of grace abounding. O ye rich ones on earth! If ye encounter one who is poor, treat him not disdainfully. Reflect upon that whereof ye were created. Every one of you was created of a sorry germ. It behoveth you to observe truthfulness, whereby your temples shall be adorned, your names uplifted, your stations exalted amidst men, and a mighty recompense assured for you before God.

Give ear, O peoples of the earth, unto that which the Pen of the Lord of all nations commandeth you. Know ye of a certainty that the Dispensations of the past have attained their highest, their final consummation in the Law that hath branched out from this Most Great Ocean. Haste ye thereunto at Our behest. We, verily, ordain as We please. Regard ye the world as a man's body, which is afflicted with divers ailments, and the recovery of which dependeth upon the harmonizing of all of its component elements. Gather ye around that which We have prescribed unto you, and walk not in the ways of such as create dissension.

All feasts have attained their consummation in the two Most Great Festivals, and in two other Festivals that fall on the twin days–the first of the Most Great Festivals being those days whereon God shed the effulgent glory of His most excellent Names upon all who are in heaven and on earth, and the second being that day on which We raised up the One Who announced unto the people the glad-tidings of this Great Announcement. Thus hath it been set down in the Book by Him Who is the Mighty, the Powerful. On other than these four consummate days, engage ye in your daily occupations, and withhold yourselves not from the pursuit of your trades and crafts. Thus hath the command been issued and the law gone forth from Him Who is your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O concourse of priests and monks! Eat ye of that which God hath made lawful unto you and do not shun meat. God hath, as a token of His grace, granted you leave to partake thereof save during a brief period. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Beneficent. Forsake all that ye possess and hold fast unto that which God hath purposed. This is that which profiteth you, if ye be of them that comprehend. We have ordained a fast of nineteen days in the most temperate of the seasons, and have in this resplendent and luminous Dispensation relieved you from more than this. Thus have We set forth and made clear unto you that which ye are bidden to observe, that ye may follow the commandments of God and be united in that which the Almighty, the All-Wise, hath appointed unto you. He Who is your Lord, the All-Merciful, cherisheth in His heart the desire of beholding the entire human race as one soul and one body. Haste ye to win your share of God's good grace and mercy in this Day that eclipseth all other created Days. How great the felicity that awaiteth the man that forsaketh all he hath in a desire to obtain the things of God! Such a man, We testify, is among God's blessed ones.

O King! Bear thou witness unto that which God hath Himself and for Himself borne witness ere the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Incomparable, the Inaccessible. Arise with the utmost steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. Thus hast thou been instructed in this wondrous Tablet. We, verily, have desired naught for thee save that which is better for thee than all that is on earth. Unto this testify all created things and beyond them this perspicuous Book.

Meditate on the world and the state of its people. He, for Whose sake the world was called into being, hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities, by reason of that which the hands of the wayward have wrought. From the horizon of His prison-city He summoneth mankind unto the Dayspring of God, the Exalted, the Great. Exultest thou over the treasures thou dost possess, knowing they shall perish? Rejoicest thou in that thou rulest a span of earth, when the whole world, in the estimation of the people of Baha, is worth as much as the black in the eye of a dead ant? Abandon it unto such as have set their

affections upon it, and turn thou unto Him Who is the Desire of the world. Whither are gone the proud and their palaces? Gaze thou into their tombs, that thou mayest profit by this example, inasmuch as We made it a lesson unto every beholder. Were the breezes of Revelation to seize thee, thou wouldst flee the world, and turn unto the Kingdom, and wouldst expend all thou possessest, that thou mayest draw nigh unto this sublime Vision.

We behold the generality of mankind worshipping names and exposing themselves, as thou dost witness, to dire perils in the mere hope of perpetuating their names, whilst every perceiving soul testifieth that after death one's name shall avail him nothing except insofar as it beareth a relationship unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Thus have their vain imaginings taken hold of them in requital for that which their hands have wrought. Consider the pettiness of men's minds. They seek with utmost exertion that which profiteth them not, and yet wert thou to ask of them: "Is there any advantage in that which ye desire?", thou wouldst find them sorely perplexed. Were a fair-minded soul to be found, he would reply: "Nay, by the Lord of the worlds!" Such is the condition of the people and of that which they possess. Leave them in their folly and turn thy sight unto God. This is in truth that which beseemeth thee. Hearken then unto the counsel of thy Lord, and say: Lauded art Thou, O God of all who are in heaven and on earth!

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In His name, the All-Glorious!

Hearken, O Chief, to the voice of God, the Sovereign, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He, verily, calleth aloud between heaven and earth, summoning all mankind unto the scene of transcendent glory. Neither thy grunting, nor the barking of those around thee, nor the opposition of the hosts of the world can withhold the Almighty from achieving His purpose. The whole world hath been set ablaze by the Word of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, a Word softer than the morning breeze. It hath been manifested in the form of the human temple, and through it God hath quickened the souls of the sincere among His servants. In its inner essence, this Word is the living water by which God hath purified the hearts of such as have turned unto Him and forgotten every other mention, and through which He draweth them nigh unto the seat of His mighty Name. We have sprinkled it upon the people of the graves, and lo, they have risen up, with their gaze fixed upon the shining and resplendent Beauty of their Lord.

Thou hast, O Chief, committed that which hath caused Muhammad, the Apostle of God, to lament in the most sublime Paradise. The world hath made thee proud, so much so that thou hast turned away from the Face through whose brightness the Concourse on high hath been illumined. Soon thou shalt find thyself in manifest loss! Thou didst conspire with the Persian Ambassador to harm Me, though I had come unto you from the source of majesty and grandeur with a Revelation that hath solaced the eyes of the favoured ones of God.

By God! This is the Day wherein the undying Fire crieth out from within all created things: "The Best-Beloved of the worlds is come!" And before all things there standeth a Moses, hearkening to the Word of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Were We to divest Ourself of the mortal raiment which We have

worn in consideration of your weakness, all that are in heaven and on earth would offer up their souls for My sake. To this thy Lord Himself doth testify. None, however, can perceive it save those who have detached themselves from all things for love of their Lord, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

Hast thou imagined thyself capable of extinguishing the fire which God hath kindled in the heart of creation? Nay, by Him Who is the Eternal Truth, couldst thou but know it. Rather, on account of what thy hands have wrought, it blazed higher and burned more fiercely. Erelong will it encompass the earth and all that dwell therein. Thus hath it been decreed by God, and the powers of earth and heaven are unable to thwart His purpose.

The day is approaching when the Land of Mystery and what is beside it shall be changed, and shall pass out of the hands of the King, and commotions shall appear, and the voice of lamentation shall be raised, and the evidences of mischief shall be revealed on all sides, and confusion shall spread by reason of that which hath befallen these captives at the hands of the hosts of oppression. The course of things shall be altered, and conditions shall wax so grievous, that the very sands on the desolate hills will moan, and the trees on the mountain will weep, and blood will flow out of all things. Then wilt thou behold the people in sore distress.

O Chief! We revealed Ourself unto thee at one time upon Mount Tina, and at another time upon Mount Zayta, and yet again in this hallowed Spot. Following, however, thy corrupt inclinations, thou didst fail to respond and wert accounted with the heedless. Consider, then, and call thou to mind the time when Muhammad came with clear tokens from Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Knowing. The people were wont to pelt Him with stones from hidden places and in the markets, and they rejected the signs of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. The learned also denied Him, as did their followers, and likewise the kings of the earth, as thou hast heard from the tales of old. Among those kings was Chosroes, to whom Muhammad sent a blessed epistle summoning him unto God and forbidding him from misbelief. Verily, thy Lord knoweth all things. Following the promptings of his evil and corrupt desires, however, Chosroes waxed arrogant before God and tore up the Tablet. He, verily, is accounted among the inmates of the nethermost fire.

Was it in Pharaoh's power to stay the hand of God from exercising His sovereignty when he acted wantonly in the land and was of the transgressors? From within his own house and in spite of his will We brought forth Him Who conversed with God. Well able are We to achieve Our purpose. Recall, moreover, how Nimrod kindled the fire of impiety that its flames might consume Abraham, the Friend of God; We delivered Him, however, through the power of truth and seized Nimrod with the fury of Our wrath. Say: The Oppressor put to death the Beloved of the worlds to quench the light of God amongst the people and to debar them from the wellspring of life eternal in the days of thy Lord, the Gracious, the Most Bountiful.

We, too, have revealed the Cause of God in His cities and raised aloft His remembrance amidst them that truly believe in Him. Say: This Youth hath come to quicken the world and unite all its peoples. The day is approaching when that which God hath purposed will have prevailed and thou shalt behold the earth transformed into the all-glorious paradise. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of Revelation upon this weighty Tablet.

Forsake Thy mention of the Chief, O Pen, and call to remembrance Anis, that intimate of the love of God who severed himself from the wayward and the infidel. He tore the veils asunder in such wise that the inmates of Paradise could hear them being rent. Glorified be God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O nightingale! Incline thine ear unto the voice of the All-Glorious on this night when armed troops have surrounded Us while We remain in a state of utmost joy. O would that our blood might be shed upon the earth and our bodies cast upon the dust in the path of God! This, indeed, is My desire and the desire of whosoever hath sought Me and attained unto My most wondrous, Mine incomparable Kingdom.

Know thou, O servant, that one day, upon awakening, We found the beloved of God at the mercy of Our adversaries. Sentinels were posted at every gate and no one was permitted to enter or leave. Indeed, they perpetrated a sore injustice, for the loved ones of God and His kindred were left on the first night without food. Such was the fate of those for whose sake the world and all that is therein have been created. Woe betide the perpetrators and those who led them into such evil! Erelong will God consume their souls in the fire. He, verily, is the fiercest of avengers.

The people surrounded the house, and Muslims and Christians wept over Us, and the voice of lamentation was upraised between earth and heaven by reason of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. We perceived that the weeping of the people of the Son exceeded the weeping of others–a sign for such as ponder.

One of My companions offered up his life, cutting his throat with his own hands for the love of God, an act unheard of in bygone centuries and which God hath set apart for this Revelation as an evidence of the power of His might. He, verily, is the Unconstrained, the All-Subduing. As for the one who thus slew himself in ’Iraq, he truly is the King and Beloved of Martyrs, and that which he evinced was a testimony from God unto the peoples of the earth. Such souls have been influenced by the Word of God, have tasted the sweetness of His remembrance, and are so transported by the breezes of reunion that they have detached themselves from all that dwell on earth and turned unto the Divine Countenance with faces beaming with light. And though they have committed an act which God hath forbidden, He hath nevertheless forgiven them as a token of His mercy. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate. So enraptured were these souls by Him Who is the All-Compelling that the reins of volition slipped from their grasp, until at last they ascended to the dwelling of the Unseen and entered the presence of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: This Youth hath departed out of this country and deposited beneath every tree and every stone a trust, which God will erelong bring forth through the power of truth. Thus hath the True One come and the command of Him Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise, been fulfilled. The hosts of earth and heaven are powerless to resist His Cause, nor can all the kings and rulers of the world ever frustrate His purpose. Say: Adversity is the oil which feedeth the flame of this Lamp and by which its light is increased, did ye but know. Indeed, the repudiation of the froward serveth but to proclaim this Faith and to spread the Cause of God and His Revelation throughout the world.

Great is your blessedness, inasmuch as ye have forsaken your homes and wandered the land for the love of your Lord, the Almighty, the Ancient of Days, until ye entered the Land of Mystery at a time when the fire of oppression was ablaze and the croaking of the raven of discord had been raised. Ye are My partners in My tribulations, for ye were present with Us during the darksome night in which the hearts of those who testify to the unity of God were agitated. Ye entered this land for the sake of Our love, and departed therefrom through Our command. By the righteousness of God! Because of you the earth itself glorieth over heaven. How excellent is this most sublime, this glorious and exalted bounty! Ye have been deprived of your nest, O birds of eternity, for the sake of your Lord, the Unconstrained, but your true abode is beneath the wings of the grace of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that understand.

O My Dhabi?! May the breaths of the spirit waft upon thee and upon such as have sought communion with thee, inhaled from thee the sweet fragrance of My presence, and hearkened unto that whereby the hearts of the true seekers are sanctified. Render thanks unto God inasmuch as thou hast attained unto the shores of this Most Great Ocean, and give ear to the very atoms of the earth proclaiming: "This is the Best-Beloved of the worlds!" The dwellers of the earth have wronged Him and failed to recognize the One Whose name they ceaselessly invoke. Lost are such as have remained heedless and have opposed Him for Whose loved ones it would have behoved them to offer up their lives, how much more for His own luminous and resplendent Beauty!

Be thou patient, though thy heart be consumed in its separation from God, for He hath granted thee an exalted station in His presence. Nay, thou art even now standing before His face, and We are imparting unto thee, through the tongue of might and power, such words as even the ears of the sincere ones have been deprived of hearing. Say: Were He to utter but one word, that word alone would exceed in sweetness all the sayings of men.

Had Muhammad, the Apostle of God, attained this Day, He would have exclaimed: "I have truly recognized Thee, O Thou the Desire of the Divine Messengers!" Had Abraham attained it, He too, falling prostrate upon the ground, and in the utmost lowliness before the Lord thy God, would have cried: "Mine heart is filled with peace, O Thou Lord of all that is in heaven and on earth! I testify that Thou hast unveiled before mine eyes all the glory of Thy power and the full majesty of Thy law! I bear witness, moreover, that through Thy Revelation the hearts of the faithful are well assured and contented." Had Moses Himself attained it, He, likewise, would have raised His voice saying: "All praise be to Thee for having lifted upon me the light of Thy countenance and enrolled me among them that have been privileged to behold Thy face!"

Consider the people and their condition. Reflect upon the things that their mouths have uttered and that their hands have wrought in this blessed, this most holy and peerless Day. They that have tarnished the good name of the Cause of God and turned unto the Evil One are accursed of all created things and are numbered among the inmates of the fire. Verily, whosoever hath hearkened to My call shall remain unperturbed by the clamour of all that are on earth; and whosoever is influenced by the words of anyone beside Me hath never heard My call. By God! Such a man is deprived of entering My Kingdom, is debarred from My realms of majesty and power, and is of them that are in utter loss.

Sorrow not for that which hath befallen thee. Thou hast borne for My love that which most people have never endured. Thy Lord knoweth and is informed of all. He was with thee in the assemblages and gatherings, and heard that which flowed from the wellspring of thy heart in remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This, indeed, is a token of His bountiful favour.

Erelong will God raise up from among the kings one who will aid His loved ones. He, verily, encompasseth all things. He will instill in the hearts the love of His loved ones. This, indeed, is irrevocably decreed by One Who is the Almighty, the Beneficent.

We beseech God to gladden the hearts of His servants through thy call, to make thee an ensign of guidance in His lands, and to assist through thee those who have been brought low. Heed not the one who raised a loud clamour and he who raiseth it even now. Let thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous, be all-sufficient unto thee. Relate unto My loved ones that which thou hast seen and learned of the tale of this Youth, and convey unto them that which We have imparted unto thee. Verily, thy Lord assisteth and watcheth over thee at all times and under all conditions. The blessings of the Concourse on high surround thee, and the kindred and the leaves of the holy family who circle round the celestial Tree extol thee with a wondrous praise.

O Pen of Revelation! Call Thou to remembrance him whose letter reached Us during this darksome night. He it is who wandered from region to region until he entered the City, seeking the shelter of the mercy of his Lord, the Almighty, the Most High. Eagerly awaiting the favours of his Lord, he dwelt therein for a night, but departed therefrom the following morning as bidden by God, filling with sorrow the heart of this Youth. To this the Almighty is Himself a witness.

Great is thy blessedness, for thou hast received the wine of utterance from the hand of the All-Merciful, and became so enraptured by the sweet fragrance of the Best-Beloved as to renounce thy comfort and to be numbered with them that have hastened unto His Paradise, the Dawning-Place of the signs of thy Lord, the Gracious, the Peerless. Happy the one who hath quaffed the wine of inner mysteries from the countenance of his Lord and been intoxicated by this pure and crystal draught. By God! It causeth every true believer to soar in the heaven of majesty and grandeur, and transmuteth every doubt into certainty.

Grieve not at what hath befallen thee, but put thy whole trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Raise thy house upon the solid foundation of divine utterances, and give praise to thy Lord. He, verily, shall suffice thee above all the peoples of the earth.

God hath, in truth, inscribed your names upon a Tablet wherein are enshrined the hidden secrets of all that hath been. Erelong shall the faithful call to remembrance your exile and all your journeys in His path. He, verily, loveth those who love Him, and is the helper of the sincere. By the righteousness of God! The eyes of the Concourse on high are fixed upon you and their fingers point towards you. Thus doth the bounty of your Lord encompass you. Would that the people might recognize that which hath escaped them in the days of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Render thanks unto God for having aided thee to know Him and to enter within the precincts of His court at a time when the ungodly surrounded the family of thy Lord and His loved ones, and expelled them from their homes with manifest cruelty, intending to separate us at the shore of the sea. Verily, thy Lord

is aware of that which lieth concealed within the breasts of the unbelievers. Say: Even should ye tear our bodies asunder, ye could not banish from our hearts the love of God. We were of a truth created for sacrifice, and in this do we take pride before all creation.

O thou who art set aglow with the fire of the love of God! Know thou that thy letter hath reached Us and that We have been apprised of its contents. We beseech God to confirm thee in His love and in His good pleasure, to assist thee in the promotion of His Cause, and to number thee with such as have arisen for the triumph of His Faith.

As to thy question regarding the soul: Know thou that among the people there are numerous treatises and manifold views as to its stations. Among these are the soul of the kingdom, the soul of the dominion, the celestial soul, the divine soul, the sanctified soul, as well as the benevolent soul, the contented soul, the soul pleasing unto God, the inspired soul, the irascible soul, and the concupiscent soul. Every group hath its own pronouncements concerning the soul and We are disinclined to dwell upon the sayings of the past. Verily, with thy Lord is the knowledge of the former and latter generations.

Would that thou wert present before Our throne to hear from the Tongue of Grandeur itself that which thou desirest and scale the loftiest heights of knowledge by the grace of Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The ungodly, however, have intervened between us. Take heed lest thou be grieved thereby. Be content with that which hath been ordained by an irrevocable decree, and be of them that endure with patience.

Know that the soul which is common to all men cometh forth following the commingling of things and after their maturation, as thou dost observe in the germ: once it hath developed to its predestined stage, God manifesteth the soul that was latent within it. Thy Lord, verily, doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

As to the soul which is intended, in truth it hath been called forth by the Word of God and is such that, if it be kindled with the fire of the love of its Lord, neither the waters of opposition nor the oceans of the world can quench its flame. That soul is indeed a fire ablaze in the tree of man which proclaimeth: “No God is there but Him!” Whosoever hearkeneth unto its call is verily of those who have attained unto Him. And when it casteth off its earthly frame, God shall raise it up again in the most excellent of forms and cause it to enter a sublime paradise. Thy Lord, of a certainty, hath power over all things.

Know, furthermore, that the life of man proceedeth from the spirit, and the spirit turneth to wheresoever the soul directeth it. Ponder upon that which We have revealed unto thee that thou mayest recognize the Soul of God which hath appeared above the Dayspring of bounty invested with manifest sovereignty.

Know also that the soul is endowed with two wings: should it soar in the atmosphere of love and contentment, then it will be related to the All-Merciful. And should it fly in the atmosphere of self and desire, then it will pertain to the Evil One; may God shield and protect us and protect you therefrom, O ye who perceive! Should the soul become ignited with the fire of the love of God, it is called benevolent and pleasing unto God, but should it be consumed with the fire of passion, it is known as the concupiscent soul. Thus have We expounded this subject for thee that thou mayest obtain a clear understanding.

O Pen of the Most High! Recount unto him who hath turned unto Thy Lord, the All-Glorious, that which shall enable him to dispense with the sayings of men. Say: Spirit, mind, soul, and the powers of sight and hearing are but one single reality which hath manifold expressions owing to the diversity of its instruments. As thou dost observe, man's power to comprehend, move, speak, hear, and see all derive from this sign of his Lord within him. It is single in its essence, yet manifold through the diversity of its instruments. This, verily, is a certain truth. For example, if it directeth its attention to the means of hearing, then hearing and its attributes become manifest. Likewise, if it directeth itself to the means of vision, a different effect and attribute appear. Reflect upon this subject that thou mayest comprehend the true meaning of what hath been intended, find thyself independent of the sayings of the people, and be of them that are well assured. In like manner, when this sign of God turneth towards the brain, the head, and such means, the powers of the mind and the soul are manifested. Thy Lord, verily, is potent to do whatsoever He pleaseth.

All that We have mentioned here hath been elucidated in the Tablets We have revealed in response to questions regarding the disconnected letters of the Qur'an. Ponder them that thou mayest comprehend that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Praised. Thus have We chosen to be concise in this Tablet. We beseech God to acquaint thee through this brief exposition with that which words can never hope to exhaust, and to give thee to drink of the limitless oceans from this cup. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful and unassailable in His power.

O Pen of the Ancient of Days! Call Thou to remembrance 'Ali, he who sojourned with Thee in 'Iraq until the Daystar of the world departed therefrom. He forsook his home to attain the court of Thy presence at a time when We were captive in the hands of such as have been deprived of the sweet savours of the All-Merciful. Grieve not at what hath befallen Us and thee in the path of God. Rest assured and persevere. He, verily, rendereth victorious those who love Him, and His might is equal to all things. Whoso turneth unto Him brighteneth thereby the faces of the Concourse on high, and unto this God Himself is My witness.

Say: O people, do ye imagine that, after rejecting the One through Whom the religions of the world have been made manifest, ye still bear allegiance to the Faith of God? By the righteousness of God! Ye are accounted among the inmates of the Fire. Thus hath the decree been recorded in the Tablets by the Pen of God. Say: Never will the barking of dogs deter the Nightingale from warbling its melodies. Ponder awhile that perchance ye may discover a path leading to the Eternal Truth.

Say: Magnified art Thou, O Lord my God! I entreat Thee by the tears Thy lovers have shed in their longing after Thee, and by the yearning of those who cry out in their separation from Thee, and by Thy Best-Beloved Who hath fallen into the hands of Thine adversaries, to graciously assist those who have sought refuge beneath the sheltering wings of Thy favour and loving-kindness, and who have yearned for no other Lord except Thee.

We have forsaken our homes, O Lord, in our eagerness to meet Thee and in our longing to be united with Thee. We have traversed land and sea to attain the court of Thy presence and to give ear to Thy verses. When we arrived at the shores of the sea, however, we were held back from Thee, as the ungodly intervened between us and the light of Thy countenance.

O Lord! Dire thirst hath seized us, and with Thee are the soft-flowing waters of eternal life. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Deny us not the object of our quest. Write down then for us the recompense decreed for such of Thy servants as enjoy near access to Thee and are wholly devoted to Thy will. Make us so steadfast in Thy love that naught shall keep us back from Thee or deter us from Thine adoration. Powerful art Thou to do Thy pleasure. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Generous.

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

Praise, glorification, remembrance and splendor befit those champions in the arena of meaning and utterance, whom neither the clamor of the polytheists, nor the tumult of the deniers, nor the croaking of men and the roaring of their mighty ones could debar from the light of attainment. With complete steadfastness they remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. They are the dawning-places of victory and exposition, and the daysprings of power and knowledge. They heard and responded; they saw and exclaimed: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world!” The veils of the world did not prevent them, nor did they remain deprived of the supreme horizon. The divine Books, both of the past and present, speak of their mention and celebrate their praise.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the House, Who hath raised its pillars, illumined its walls, made manifest its traces, and revealed its fruits! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, by the lights of Thy countenance from the supreme horizon, and by the treasuries of Thy mysteries in Thy Name that is sanctified above all names, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Aid them through Thy power, might and sovereignty; then strengthen them through Thy mercy, loving-kindness and bounties. Thou art He before Whose verses all verses bow down, before Whose light all lights pale, before Whose Book all books humble themselves, before Whose Manifestation all manifestations submit, before Whose rising all risings yield, and before Whose ocean all seas diminish. Through clear proof hath been established Thy power and might, O Lord of creation and Sovereign of men and spirits. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty, and the One worthy to answer.

Thereafter, the letter from that honored one arrived, bringing joy and gladness, bestowing delight. After its reading and review, turning toward the supreme horizon, all of it attained the honor of being heard before the Presence. His blessed and exalted Word states: In truth, the Supreme Pen is bewildered, for it is observed that the souls of the world were not and are not worthy to hearken to the divine words and to behold the lights of the Countenance of the Self-Subsisting. People who through ages and centuries have been reared in vain imaginings were not and will not be worthy to witness the lights of the Sun of certitude. Until now, the people of the Bayan have not perceived the fragrance of the Day of God, nor have they become aware of the hidden mysteries in the blessed word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth.” They have not attained even a drop of this ocean. Blindly and ignorantly they run about and speak. At times they mention the alteration of the Bayan, and at other times they speak of other matters. They have contrived calumnies that perchance they might thereby conceal the lights of the Sun of the supreme

horizon. In truth, they are seen to be the most lost among the parties of the world. We beseech the Truth to protect His party in those regions and vicinities from the evil of devilish souls. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Perchance through the fragrance of the mention of the All-Merciful they may attain unto steadfastness and assurance. Verily, We remember them and give them glad-tidings of God's grace, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The splendor shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have aided the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God - the radiant Light, the wafting Fragrance, the manifest Appearance, and the Speaker of Sinai's Voice. Today is the day of bounty and bestowal, and the time of grace and meeting. Blessed are they who have attained to that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in God's Book. The friends of that land have been and are, praise be to God, beneath the glances of the favor of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in earth and heaven, and each hath been mentioned by the Supreme Pen. I beseech God to make them all steadfast in this Most Great Cause with such steadfastness as shall cause the people of the world to turn and remain firm.

Concerning what was written about the Rights of God (Huququ'llah), truly much trouble hath been caused to your honor. After it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, He said that the benefits of charitable deeds return to the souls themselves, and in these matters the utterance of a single word sufficeth. Whosoever payeth it with the utmost joy and radiance, with submission and contentment, it is acceptable before God; otherwise, He verily is independent of all worlds. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, in that thou hast been steadfast, speaking and turning toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are the souls who have attained to that which is recorded and inscribed in God's Book. All must act according to what God hath willed, for whatsoever hath been revealed in the Book from the Supreme Pen hath been and is the cause of purification, sanctification, holiness, blessing and bounty. Blessed are they who have attained. However, regarding the mention of the Rights of God, let them be content with one word, and for the sake of God utter that word and no more. Insistence is not necessary, for God doth not wish that any strain should fall upon the souls who are engaged in service. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Bountiful, the Generous.

Those souls who have been and are successful in paying the Rights of God, whom your honor hath mentioned, have all been blessed with God's mention, glorified be His majesty. No good deed hath been or will be lost. All good deeds are treasures preserved with God for their doers. Blessed is the servant, whether man or woman, who hath acted in the path of God, our Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what was written about Muhammad-Hasan and his wife, upon them be the glory of God, after presentation He said: "Excellent is what thou hast done, O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, and excellent is what they both have done in God's path. The Rights of God should be paid when possible and with the utmost joy and radiance. Those who lack the means are adorned with the ornament of God's pardon."

Such verses have been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen. In all conditions one must look to the glory of the Cause. This is most important and most beloved in the sight of God, our Lord and your

Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God, the aforementioned one and the handmaiden of God his wife and two leaves, upon them be the glory of God, have all been adorned with the ornament of divine mention. The grace from God, the Exalted, the Great, hath encompassed them. Their letter was also accepted. This is yet another bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Concerning what thou didst write previously about Mulla Muhammad-Rafi', upon him be the glory of God, and his petition - it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and was honored to be heard, and these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of special favor for him. His word, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer […]

O Rafi'! Upon thee be My glory! Know thou with manifest certitude that every soul that hath turned outwardly and inwardly toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and hath faced the lights of His Countenance, hath been and shall ever be blessed with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. They that have turned unto Him have ever been and shall ever remain beneath the glance of His grace. In this station, which is the station of pure bounty, neither veils nor clouds have been or shall be interposed. He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed are they whom the veils and allusions of men have not debarred from the Lord of destiny nor deprived thereof. We beseech God to adorn His people with the ornament of supreme steadfastness. He, verily, is powerful over all things and mighty.

As for the mention of Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, and his missive, and Muhammad 'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, and his missive, and likewise Aqa Muhammad 'Ali the son of thy maternal uncle and his missive, and Muhammad Hasan and Haji Isma'il, and likewise the mention of the sons of thy maternal aunt, upon them be the glory of God - all have been mentioned at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and have attained the remembrance of the Desired One of all worlds. Praise and gratitude be unto Him. Each hath partaken of the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and been mentioned in the Most Exalted Horizon. This evanescent servant beseecheth God and imploreth Him to strengthen them to perform such deeds as shall endure in their fragrance throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He is the Compassionate, He is the Bountiful. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

All that was sent before and after hath been received. Praise be to God Who hath enabled them, assisted them, and guided them to His manifest and straight Path.

Regarding what they wrote seeking permission to turn to other directions for charitable works, after this matter was submitted to the Most Holy Court, this supreme utterance was revealed from the Most Exalted Horizon: "O Muhammad 'Ali! The people of God must all strive to exalt the Word of God, but wisdom must be observed in all conditions. As for the Huququ'llah, mentioning it once sufficeth, and that in general terms. Whosoever achieveth its payment according to what hath been revealed in the Book hath attained. Ask God to assist His servants to act in accordance with that which conduceth to the good of this world and the next. This is what God hath decreed in His mighty and impregnable Book. This Day is God's Day, and the exaltation of His Cause hath precedence. Verily, He ordaineth what benefiteth the people, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful."

In these stations there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which every person of sensitivity perceiveth the fragrance of bounty and riches therefrom, and the benefit of what was mentioned returneth unto the servants themselves. To this testifieth every discerning doer of good deeds.

Concerning what thou didst write about the construction of the bath-house, God willing, may all in those regions be assisted to achieve what hath been revealed in the Divine Book.

As for what was written regarding the handmaiden of God, the wife of Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon both of them be the glory of God, that she hath confined herself to serving the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar - these matters were submitted before His presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His words: "We make mention of Our handmaiden who hath believed in God and His signs, and hath attained to serving the House built in His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We, from this station, glorify her and those women who have heard the call and answered God, the Lord of this mighty Cause."

Concerning the mention made of the seven handmaidens of God, praise be to God that their mention has attained the honor of being heard, and each is adorned with God's infinite favors. Their efforts are appreciated and their deeds accepted. Give them glad tidings from God, our Lord, your Lord, and the Lord of the mighty throne.

Concerning what was written at the end of the letter about Muhammad Sadiq Khan and Aqa Mirza Lutf-'Ali, upon them be the glory of God, who had sought forgiveness - these matters were presented before Him, and these brilliant verses were revealed from the Dayspring of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Hearer and the Answerer

O Sadiq! The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and hath mentioned thee in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall endure throughout the eternity of His Kingdom and His Dominion and His most beautiful Names. Hold thou fast unto it. He will assist thee to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to hearken unto Thy most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who art the Goal of the Concourse on High and Who art mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets, for having enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration and the Repository of Thy knowledge. Thou art He, O my God, Who hath shown unto Thy servants Thy straight path and Thy clear and manifest way. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Educator of the seen and unseen, by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy bounty, to aid me under all conditions to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner hastening toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the poor one toward the repository of Thy wealth. Write down for him, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which will purify him from all that is unworthy. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Mirza, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the One Who ruleth over all names

O Lutf-'Ali! Give thanks unto God that thy name hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned toward Thee, having detached myself from all else but Thee, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, speaking Thy praise, gazing toward Thy horizon, and turning unto Thy face. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before the door of Thy grandeur, seeking the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy gifts. O Lord! Withhold not from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to forgive me and have mercy upon me. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Forgiving, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

Praise be to God that verses have been sent down from the heaven of grace and the rain of mercy hath poured forth from the clouds. I beseech God to enable all to attain and not to deprive them of the fragrances of His days. Glory be to God! Despite the fact that in every moment an ocean is surging and in every day the sun of bounty is shining, yet most remain veiled and heedless. More veiled than all other peoples are the followers of the Bayan. It is not known to what they were turning and from what they were turning away. This evanescent one beseeches and hopes that He may bestow a portion upon all and may purify the hearts of the people of the world from the fire of falsehood and hatred. He is the One with power over all things, to which all created things have borne and continue to bear witness. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what was written concerning the Most Holy Tablet wherein the command was given to act according to what was revealed in the Furqan [Qur'an], this matter was specific to the Most Great Prison, for the companions in this land conducted themselves in such a way that outsiders became aware of all matters. Likewise, due to a disagreement that arose among the companions, one of them spoke certain words in public which became a cause of commotion among the people. Therefore, for the protection of souls, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine command in the name of Jinab-i-Aqa Faraj, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein the command to observe the fast of the Furqan was given. This decree was specifically revealed for this land. However, in the Tablets the command has been given to observe wisdom - that is, matters which might cause commotion among the people and trials for the loved ones are better left concealed. Blessed are those souls who are engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of the righteous in the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar. Blessed are those souls who are steadfast in serving that House, and blessed are those souls who have become the cause of its construction. They enter with peace and longing and depart with regret. We beseech God, exalted be He, our Lord and your Lord, to assist you through the means of the unseen and the visible, and to ordain for you that which shall endure as long as His Name, the All-Compelling over all names, endures. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful. And if any new command should issue from the heaven of the command of the True Commander, it shall certainly be sent to those regions. He, verily, is the Informer, the Mighty, the Great.

The loved ones in the lands of Ba, Shin, Jadh□ba, Faran, Qaf, Fa, Ta, and Kha - all are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and have attained the grace of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

O people of God in all lands! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He desires to sanctify you from surmises and idle fancies, and to purify you through that which has flowed from the Supreme Pen, lest any name among all names or any thing among all things should prevent you from God, the One, the Chosen. O people of God! The followers of the Bayan have clung to matters which have ever been and shall ever be rejected in the sight of God. Should anyone today meditate upon the blessed word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth," he would find himself freed and detached from the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Whosoever has drunk from the hidden Kawthar of this blessed word, neither the clamor of the followers of the Furqan nor the doubts of the people of the Bayan shall prevent him from the Goal of all worlds. Today no mention, no name, and no book shall suffice or benefit man, for all depend upon the acceptance of the Truth, exalted be His glory. The people of the Bayan are occupied with former surmises and speak with the idle fancies of the veiled ones. They have clung to that which causes heedlessness and error, though they have never understood nor do they understand the Cause. The people of God must be so firm and steadfast in the Cause that all the peoples of the world would be powerless to prevent them. This is the command of God, were they to hear, and this is the decree of God, were they to understand. We convey greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace. The glory from Us be upon them and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

Praise be to God that all have attained the fragrances of the verses and received their portion from the ocean of bounty. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Eternal Lord that He may open wide the gates of mercy before the faces of all, that none may be deprived of the Most Great Grace. This servant offereth greetings and glorification to each one, and prayeth for confirmation and assistance for all, that they may be set ablaze by the fire of the Most Exalted Word which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen–may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation and command be offered up in its path–and may they, in turn, set the world aflame. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath power over all things. Glory and praise and remembrance be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon them who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the True One, the Speaker, the Answerer. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Manifest, the Resplendent, the All-Watchful, the Ever-Near.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Loving, the Forgiving, the Merciful!

By God, O My Name Jim! Thy letter hath been read before the Throne, and from it I perceived the fragrance of thy love for God. To this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness on this night wherein the Ancient Beauty speaketh that which hath diffused the sweet savors of life throughout all worlds. When thou attainest unto this, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!"

O My Name Mim! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison. By My life! My tongue beareth witness to thy love for God and thy turning towards Him. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of all worlds!"

O My Name Alif! The Alif of creation testifieth that thou art the one who hath heard the call and turned towards the Supreme Horizon, who hath held fast unto that which is good and remained steadfast in the love of thy Lord when every mighty and trusted one was shaken.

O My Name Lam! Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, calleth thee from His Most Great Throne and beareth witness unto that which shall gladden thine eyes and rejoice thy heart, and the fragrance of loving-kindness embraceth all, both young and old. Grieve not over anything, for verily He heareth and seeth, and will send down unto thee that which shall gladden the hearts of them that know. By My life! Wert thou to inhale the fragrances of these verses, thou wouldst soar with longing and cry out within thy house: "Thine is the bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth!" We created thee and nurtured thee and caused thee to hear and showed thee My gracious countenance.

O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be the glory of God, now and in times past and times to come. Thou art he who hath held fast unto the Most Great Name and hath borne tribulations in the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. We were with thee when thou didst enter the prison, and there were with thee a numbered company. Verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

Make mention of him who was named 'Ali before Akbar (the honored Haji Mirza 'Ali-Akbar who ascended in the prison). He is among those who fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament and was martyred in My straight Path. We make mention of him at this hour and say: Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of those in the Supreme Concourse and the glory of those who have attained unto this wondrous Cause. O 'Ali before Akbar! Thou hast entered the tomb while the Beloved of the world maketh mention of thee from this exalted station. Thou art he who turned thy face unto thy Lord's countenance and traversed land and sea until thou didst reach the shore of the Sea, each drop whereof proclaimeth: "The appointed time is fulfilled and the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty." Thou didst turn to the horizon of Revelation and didst stand before the Gate, and didst attain unto the lights of the countenance and didst hear the call of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou wert in the precincts of His mercy for numbered days, then by His leave didst return and enter the prison in His love. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the All-Hearing. Blessed is he who remembereth him after him with that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered in this exalted station. We testify that he is among those who gave up their spirits in the love of their Lord on a day when the feet of the mystics did slip. We make mention of him and those who are with thee that all may witness God's grace and mercy. He is verily the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous. Then We give thee yet another glad-tiding. Verily thy Lord is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Informed. We have forgiven thy brother who hath ascended unto God, and We testify that he is among those who turned unto the Supreme Horizon and reached the ultimate goal. All this is of My grace unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. He is in the Most Sublime Horizon - to this the tongue of My grandeur beareth witness in this luminous station.

We make mention in this station of him who was named 'Ali-Naqi, that his remembrance may endure through the everlasting Name of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Praised. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him with joy and fragrance, then bear witness unto him as the All-Merciful hath borne witness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Trustworthy. Say: Blessed art thou, O thou who hast ascended to the Most Exalted Companion and hast turned towards the Most Resplendent

Station. I testify that thou didst hear the Call, didst respond, didst believe, and wast among the triumphant. Thou art he whom the affairs of creation did not prevent from the Truth. Thou didst arise to make mention and offer praise amidst the concourse of creation, and didst turn thy face toward the Face of God, shining from this luminous horizon. Blessed are they who have attained unto this station, and joy be to all who have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

We further make mention of him who was named ’Andalib, who soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful and attained unto the revelation of God in His wondrous Day. We make mention of him with the most excellent remembrance and send unto him the fragrances of verses from this Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The Ancient Beauty addresseth him, saying: Upon thee be the praise of God, O thou who didst speak in remembrance of thy Lord, and upon thee be the glory of God, O thou who didst gaze upon the Dawning-Place of thy Lord’s grace, the All-Knowing. Thus have We remembered those who heard the Call of God, turned unto Him with their hearts, and witnessed what the All-Merciful witnessed when He was established upon His mighty throne. Joy be unto them and blessed are they in that they have, in this hour, attained unto the Kawthar of the remembrance of their Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. Can the treasures of the world be compared with this bounty? Nay, by My Most Great Name! Yet most of the people are fast asleep.

Glad-tidings upon glad-tidings, in that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned from the direction of His Most Great Prison towards him who was named Muhammad-’Ali (the honored Aqa Muhammad-’Ali of Sangsar who ascended unto God), who attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of creation. We make mention of him with the melody of God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, with a remembrance through which the fragrance of the Divine Raiment wafteth throughout the world and the sweet scent of the All-Merciful is diffused throughout all possibility. Thou art he who turned toward the Qiblih of all horizons and believed in Him from Whom most of the servants have turned away. Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto the choice wine of life which the fingers of thy Lord’s bounty have proffered amongst all possibilities. I testify that thou didst draw nigh, didst turn toward Him, didst recognize, didst take, and didst drink in the name of God, the Lord of all religions. Is there any possessor of ears who will hear the melody of God? Is there any possessor of sight who will behold the lights of the Countenance? Is there any possessor of smell who will detect the fragrance of joy that hath clung to the back of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower? Thou art in the Most Exalted Companion, and thy Lord, the Most Glorious, seeth thee and maketh mention of thee that His mention may be a sign unto all who dwell in creation.

O Jamal! We have heard from thee that which testified to thy humility before God, thy submissiveness before His countenance, thy helplessness and supplication before God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. He verily is with thee at all times and maketh mention of thee and those who are with thee. He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. From this most exalted Station and most sublime Spot We send Our greetings to thy family and those who are related to thee. Thy Lord is verily the All-Wise, the All-Choosing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He mentioneth whomsoever He willeth with that which shall cause his remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of all beings.

O Jamal! Thy letter hath attained unto the presence of Him Who is the Lord of all names, and its answer hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will in such wise that each word thereof beareth witness to the bounty of the Beloved of the world and His loving-kindness. Bear thou witness to this and be of them that are thankful. For each of the names mentioned in thy letter, wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed.

O Jamal! By the Sun of love that shineth from the horizon of the world with most brilliant radiance and most glorious light, were all men at any given hour to turn with sanctified and pure hearts, hearken unto the Call of God, and witness the ways of the leaves of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, verily none would be deprived of the ocean of divine bounty and all would attain, in this glorious dawn, unto the grace of God. Yet they remain heedless, and thy Lord is verily the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

The members of thy household and thy kindred are all remembered before the Throne, and all have been and shall continue to be the recipients of divine favor. Grieve not over anything, for that which shall gladden hearts hath been ordained for thee. Thy Lord is verily the True One, the Informed, the Trustworthy.

O My Name Jamal! At this moment the countenance of thy Lord hath turned towards him who is named Buzurg, that he may inhale the fragrances of revelation and speak in praise of his Lord, the All-Informed. Verily, he who turneth unto God, God turneth unto him as a token of His grace, and I am the All-Knowing. Whosoever uttereth this Most Great Name is assured that he hath been mentioned before the Throne. Thy Lord beareth witness unto this, and I am the Witness. Convey My greetings unto his face and say: By God! Thou hast attained the most great victory, for the Lord of Eternity hath made mention of thee in this Preserved Tablet. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord and render thanks unto Him. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing.

This is a Day wherein all things have been stirred up by the Call of Him Who is the Lord of Names, and from every atom of existence can be heard glorification, praise, and movement out of longing for this manifestation of God in this clear station. O Jamal! Bear thou witness, then observe, then mention what thou didst witness with thine own eyes when thou wert standing before the Gate and the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds, was turned toward thee. Rejoice thou in My bounty, then in My loving-kindness, then in My gifts and My mercy which have preceded all things, and in My ocean of generosity which hath encompassed all worlds. As for those whom thou didst mention who have turned toward the Wronged One, give them the glad tidings of My remembrance of them, that they may be of them that rejoice.

The servant who is present hath presented before the Throne every name that was mentioned in thy letter, and We have revealed for each that by which the fragrance of grace hath wafted between the heavens and the earth. Blessed are they for having attained unto the knowledge of God in His days and for having held fast unto His luminous cord.

O people of ?a! By the life of God, the Intended One remembereth you and calleth unto you from this remote spot, and summoneth you to a station that shall never perish. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, is

the Faithful Witness. We have mentioned you time and again - rejoice ye in the bounty of your Lord and be of them that render thanks. Be gladdened by the turning of the countenance of God toward you from this wondrous horizon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Lord of eternity, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen in our name, and for having wafted therefrom the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness to these servants. We testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, and we are of them that supplicate.

As for what thou didst mention concerning the people of Ha and Mim, We have sent down verses unto them as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bounteous. And We have sent down for the followers of Moses therein what thou didst desire of thy Lord's grace, the Most Merciful. And We make mention of the people of Shin and Sin and Mim who have attained unto the choice wine of immortality, whose seal hath been broken by the finger of the Will of the Creator of all things. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they, and excellent is their final abode. O My loved ones in Shin! By God, the Lord of Names hath mentioned you in verses that shall never be effaced throughout the kingdoms of creation. To this doth the Lord of invention Himself bear witness, and beyond Him every knowing and informed one.

O Rida! Time and again hast thou heard the call. Hearken thou in this final instance and turn with thy most pure countenance toward the Most Great Scene, and with thy most illumined heart toward the horizon of the revelation of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing. Say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of eternity, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all existence. I testify that Thou hast drawn me nigh, honored me, caused me to know Thee, and made me hear Thy most sweet call in the kingdom of creation. Thou art indeed the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to make me eloquent in Thy remembrance and to aid me to stand firm with supreme steadfastness in Thy Cause, whereby the names were transformed and all the tribes of the earth lamented, save those whom Thy grace, which hath encompassed all possibility, did choose.

We make mention of those who are there, that the fragrance of their Lord's verses may stir them, and We send Our greetings from this spot upon their faces, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth these days.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named ?alib, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and arise to serve this Cause whereby feet have slipped. O ?alib! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. By God, He desireth for thee naught save that which shall draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Act thou in accordance with that which We counseled thee aforetime with the tongue of truth, then take fast hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Cleaver of the dawn. Say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to know and taught me and shown me. I have turned with my whole being unto Thee, and I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of My loved ones in Sin. Say: Rejoice in My remembrance and praise. By the life of God, there shall endure for you that which hath flowed from this Pen that hath testified there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful. We behold you in the love of God and His Cause, and We counsel you to observe supreme steadfastness, for through it are raised the standards of victory between earth and heaven, and the nightingale of eternity warbleth in the air that there is none other God but He, the Almighty over all existence. Take ye the choice wine of utterance in My Name, then

drink thereof through My remembrance that hath encompassed all regions. Blessed are ye for having been honored by the mention of God and for having turned toward Him on a day whereon feet have slipped.

O My Pen! Turn towards the people of Mim who have quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful and have attained unto this glorious remembrance. We have heard the call of each one of you and We behold you as ye are, through the grace of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who hath been named Ali in the Kingdom of Names, that he may hearken to the call of his gracious Lord. O Ali! Make thyself ready to hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, which hath been raised from this supreme horizon and most exalted vista, that thou mayest witness what the Concourse on High hath witnessed. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise as to astonish all else beside thee. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin thee from this luminous station. Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness and cleave unto the hem of thy Lord's mercy and say:

O God of Names, Creator of the heavens, and Lord of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the backs of the idols were broken, to make me one who uttereth Thy praise and remembereth Thee among Thy creation. Then aid me to serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali! When the cawing of the raven is raised in those parts, leave him to himself and turn thy heart toward the horizon of thy Lord's Revelation, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath thy name flowed from the tongue of the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee that which shall preserve thy name among the heavens and the earth.

And We make mention of him who hath been named with Ba, Za, Ra and Kaf, that the rapture of his Lord's verses may seize him in such wise that he will arise and cry out: "By God! The Beloved hath appeared and the All-Merciful hath come with His mighty throne!" Say: O people! Squander not God's Cause among you. Abandon what ye possess and take what hath come to you from God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a day wherein neither the treasures of the world nor the assistance of nations shall profit you. Put your trust in God and turn unto His luminous horizon. Thus doth your Lord teach you, that you may remember Him among His servants and be among the steadfast.

The Ancient Beauty turneth His face toward the land of Nun and maketh mention of those who have believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the One, the Single, remembereth thee from this most exalted station, that thou mayest arise to celebrate the praise of thy Lord Who is imprisoned in God's path, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! God hath made the prison a palace of ruby wherein speaketh the Lord of the Kingdom: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved." Be steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, for the raven caweth among the servants. Leave him to himself and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus hath there flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful the water of life - drink thou thereof and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!"

O Mahmud! Your Lord makes mention of you from this Praiseworthy Spot and calls you with a call which, were those who dwell on earth to perceive its fragrance, they would assuredly abandon all they possess and soar in the atmosphere of the love of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Having attained unto the verses of God, preserve them, then recite them by night and by day. By the life of God! Through them the horizons are illumined and hearts are enlightened. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Under all conditions, fix thy gaze upon this horizon from which the Most Great Name proclaims: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all kings!" Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Is there among you one with ears to hear the call of God, and is there among you one with eyes to behold that which hath appeared on the Promised Day? Say: He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of His presence. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. How many a servant drew nigh yet failed, and how many a servant attained His presence while being in a remote place. Thus doth God teach you through His grace. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of those who have believed in God in the land adorned with the letter Mim in this exalted Tablet. O people of Mim and Za (Mazandaran)! Rejoice in the remembrance of God and turn with illumined hearts toward the Sinai whereon the Lord of Revelation proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is God's, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!" We make mention of those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation and have attained unto the recognition of God in this resplendent morn. Blessed are ye for having heard, turned unto, and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Ye are in your abodes while the tongue of the Wronged One maketh mention of you from this Spot round which circle the Concourse on High, then the dwellers of the cities of names, and those who circle round the mighty throne. Well is it with you, and pleasant is it for you, O chosen ones of God and His loved ones! Blessed be your faces for having turned, your hearts for having advanced, your souls for having soared, your eyes for having beheld, and your tongues for having uttered the praise of God, the True King, the Manifest.

We counsel you to steadfastness in the Cause of God, for it shall profit you in this world and the next. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing. Take the chalice of life in My name, the All-Merciful, in defiance of those who have rejected the proof when it appeared from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Then drink therefrom once in His name and again in remembrance of Me, the Wondrous, the Inaccessible. Thus doth He Who is imprisoned in God's path make mention of you, and thus doth He Who is established upon this noble station remind you. The glory be upon you from God, the Goal of the mystics. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Majesty!

Praise be to God that through divine bounty and the generosity and grace of the Lord, the fire of sedition has been quelled and the light of His Cause is resplendent. Yet after the deluge and the destruction of lofty edifices and the uprooting of towering trees, praise be to God that the thunder of cannons has ceased and the earthquake of the land has been transformed to stillness. The condition of Alexandria is

known to your honor, but Cairo, that is to say Egypt, remained protected. The will of God, exalted be His glory, preserved it from the evil of tyrants and the fire of rebellious souls. Exalted be His grandeur!

O beloved of my heart! At every moment a fresh calamity seizes the world. In successive years, at times conflagration appears, at times war, at times corruption, at times earthquake, at times subsidence and the like. There has been and is no doubt that all these are for the awakening of humanity. Yet the people remain heedless and veiled, and until now have not reflected upon what has been and is the cause of these events and tribulations. Their eyes have been blinded and their tongues have been silenced, and today they neither understand nor perceive.

It is incumbent upon all to beseech the All-Possessing One with utmost humility and supplication to protect His special party from other parties. The dust of heedlessness has so seized the servants that they distinguish not good from evil, nor right from wrong. The hand of the oppressor is raised high; they have shown and show no mercy to the weak. At all times they seek to increase their power, even though they witness that every power is followed by weakness and every might by impotence. The Expounder of the world hath spoken in such wise that its reckoning would be most difficult; nevertheless they remain deprived and forbidden therefrom. We beseech God to grant the eye of discernment and bestow the gift of justice. Verily, He hath power over all things.

May my spirit be sacrificed for your honor! Your letter dated the 27th of the blessed month of Ramadan was like the morning breeze that refreshed both heart and weary body. How fitting it is to recall these blessed words: “O God! For Thee have I fasted, upon Thy sustenance have I broken my fast, and in Thee have I trusted.” It is evident how joyous and delighted a poor one becomes when blessed with the feast of truth and divine knowledge during the blessed Ramadan. Praise be to God! Glory be to God! Thanks be to God!

After perusing and reading your letter, it was presented before the Divine Presence, and this is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Knowledge: “God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors and the outpourings of the True Bestower. O My Name! The heedlessness of people has reached such a state that they have clung to a drop while passing by the river of divine grace. They are deprived of a single line from the Mother Book and barred from a particle of the radiance of the Sun of Truth. What has become of people’s understanding and where has justice gone? If they were to deny all things, it would not be so consequential, but when they cling to a handful while objecting to the Most Great Ocean - this is cause for lamentation and grief.

“God willing, may you be assisted in all conditions to aid the Cause and be successful in reforming the people, that all may be adorned with spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. The fragrance of praiseworthy deeds is a mighty host. O My Name! The Cause of God appears weak due to the prevalence of tyranny, and now lies under the claws of enemies. Beseech God to grant deliverance, preserve His Faith, and cause the light of the Sun of Justice to overcome the darkness of oppression and illuminate the horizons.

“Illumine the friends in every land with the light of the Most Great Name and convey to them the greetings from the Wronged One. Say: Strive to deposit precious jewels in the treasury of the Trusted One, the All-Wise. Today this is possible, but afterward impossible. The Command belongs to God, the

Lord of the Beginning and the End. The fire of the Divine Lote Tree burns with such intensity and the light of His countenance shines with such brilliance, yet all remain extinguished save whom thy Lord willeth. But to the blind, darkness and light appear the same. Where are the penetrating eyes and the attentive ears?

"We beseech the All-Merciful to fulfill what He has promised in the Qur'an and make the earth a place for the manifestation of the blessed verse 'Wherein thou seest neither crookedness nor unevenness.' The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have cast away the darkness of idle fancies, clinging to the light of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds."

The Suns of Utterance of the Beloved of all possibility, despite these manifestations, effulgences, and dawnings, continue to educate the mines of love and wisdom, preparing them for the appearance of precious, wondrous, and exalted pearls. If today they do not appear due to the people's lack of capacity, ultimately the victory belongs to Truth - He will manifest what He has willed. In His grasp are the reins of all affairs. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God knoweth that separation from your honor has become complete and has had a profound effect. Now that you have settled at the seat of the throne in the Castle of 'Udi, O servant present, for many days we would walk and your honor, upon him be My glory, would appear from afar, and a certain state and sign would be observed, but now due to circumstances you are absent. Such words were heard repeatedly.

That you wrote of meeting the aforementioned person in the great city was necessary, and until now he has moved with wisdom, such that from the Land of Ha [Haifa] satisfaction has been expressed. God willing, affairs will be fulfilled according to God's will. After your presence, three letters arrived from the Land of Ha addressed to that beloved one, mentioning the transactions of Beirut. After viewing and presenting them to the beloved Haji Siyyid Javad - upon him be Baha'u'llah - they were given to him to write a response. There was no new story except they had written details about sending funds to the Land of Ha. It is hoped the person in Beirut will act trustworthily and deliver it. The mentioned beloved one will present the details of affairs.

Mention was made of the movement of the Afnans - upon them be the Most Glorious Glory from all Glory - and their proceeding to the House of God. God willing, may they be blessed with health and reach their goal. This servant also begs for prayers, that perchance in those places perfumed with the fragrance of God they might remember and mention this evanescent one. God willing, may they attain the outpourings of the True Bestower, for it has often been observed that a soul may be amidst bounty yet deprived of it, and may be in his homeland yet a stranger. I seek God's forgiveness for my mention, my thought, my proof and my evidence, for they are among those souls who have heard the word of acceptance and good-pleasure regarding themselves from the Divine Lote-Tree, and have attained the greatest honor of kinship. Truly, a favor has been ordained for them the like of which has not been witnessed. Soon will the signs of grace and favor become manifest and evident.

Concerning your mention of the departed and exalted Afnan, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Ja'far, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, and your mention of the friendship, unity and love that existed between

you and him previously, and what you had written in this regard - all was presented before His presence. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance spoke: “O My Name! We make mention of one of My Afnans who was named Ja’far. We testify that he turned to the Most Great Scene and believed in God, the Controller of destiny, in days wherein every swift one hesitated, every near one became remote, every learned one denied, and every mystic retreated. The Supreme Pen hath testified that he attained the Kawthar of life when the horizon of utterance was illumined by the Sun of proof, and he testified to that which the All-Merciful testified before the mention of contingent beings - that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O thou who hast turned to My face, soared in My atmosphere, and spoken My praise! I testify that thou didst attain the ornament of acceptance before thy ascension, and at the time of ascension the Concourse on High and those in the Kingdom of Names received thee, and the mercy and favor of God were with thee. Thou art he at whose calamity the near ones lamented and grief overtook those servants who circled round the Throne. The Glory be upon thee, and peace be upon thee, and the mercy that descendeth from the heaven of thy Lord’s favor be upon thee, O thou who didst hold fast to the cord of God and cling to the hem of His generosity. Thou art he who recognized the Path and the Balance when most of the servants were heedless of both. By My life! Were I to make mention of what thou didst manifest in thy love for God, the people would be thunderstruck. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness to this. Blessed is he who loved thee, mentioned thee, spoke thy praise, and visited thee as the Wronged One visited thee from His mighty prison. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Praise be to God, Your Honor became the cause of the greatest bounty. The right of friendship and unity was fully discharged, nay, beyond that and far beyond that. Verily your reward is with God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, they shall attain to other stations, that which that Beloved One has beseeched from the Truth.

And concerning your renewed mention of the meeting with His Honor Nabil-Ibn-i-Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, and his namesake and two other believers, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise the mention of the meeting on the Day of Vision at the request of the aforementioned one - this was presented. He said: “Excellent was what he did, excellent what he spoke, and excellent his meeting with them. O My Name! Thou wert created for mention and praise and association and meeting. God willing, may the dry lands be adorned with vegetation through the rains of thy utterance. In the utterance itself is concealed a mighty power and hidden are diverse manifestations. In one station it is water and in another fire, for it both gives drink and attracts excessive cold until true moderation appears. We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter with a mention by which all mentions were surrounded and by which all traces revolved. Blessed art thou and they, and he who spoke as a bounty from His presence, and he before whose face thou wert.”

And on Friday the sixteenth of the month of Dhi’l-Qa’dih al-Haram, three hours and twenty minutes after noon, this servant turned towards the Most Exalted Destination and, on your behalf, attained the honor of visiting the Desired One. Happy art thou and the servant.

He is the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Eternity!

O Muhammad-Baqi, the Wronged One makes mention of thee, as thy name was presented before His name, unto Him be My Glory - he who was named Mahdi by the Supreme Pen in the Book of Names. Rejoice thou in this, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. Whoso hath attained unto mention from His presence hath attained unto all good - to this testifieth every discerning mystic. Beware lest the veils of men withhold thee from the Supreme Horizon. Cast aside what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a day wherein swords have been drawn and the rumbling of cannons hath been raised through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. It behooveth thee and every believer to turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and to beseech God, the Lord of Names, to protect His party from the parties. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have recognized God and His oneness, and upon those who have turned unto His Straight Path.

He is the Compassionate, the Generous!

O Muhammad, thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and this is yet another time, as a grace from His presence. Verily He maketh mention of all who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O Thou through Whose love the hearts of the sincere have been set ablaze, and through Whose light the faces of those near unto Thee have been illumined! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the seas have surged, the fruits have appeared, the trees have spoken, and the mysteries have been revealed, to protect Thy servants from the evil of Thine enemies, through whom the fire of tyranny hath been kindled in Thy land. O my Lord! Ordain for the sincere ones that which befitteth Thy generosity and grace, then preserve them through the hosts of Thy invisible realm. Thou art He Whom the conditions of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the intimations of those who have denied Thy Self, disputed Thy signs, and turned away from Thy proof prevent Thee. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

To Haji Shaykh ’Abdu’l-Husayn-i-Lari:

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

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of utterance and gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. Today is the day of helplessness and supplication, for the oppressors of the earth have surrounded from all directions the party that is associated with the Truth. This fire of oppression will not be extinguished save through the power of God, exalted be His glory. The people of truth must beseech Him in the nights and days that the restraining veils may be rent asunder through divine power and the sun of justice and righteousness may illumine the world. Praise thou the Beloved of the worlds Who hath enabled thee and adorned thee with the ornament of His mention.

To Haji Mulla Husayn-i-Lari:

He is the Forgiving, the Merciful!

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O Husayn! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which He possesseth. He maketh mention of him who hath turned unto God, believed in His proof, and submitted to His binding and wise command. This is a day wherein the hearts of the sincere have been sorely troubled by reason of the ranks being arrayed of those who have denied God's right and His sovereignty, and who have risen up in manifest oppression. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto the Most Great Vision, and the ear that hath heard the warbling of the Nightingale of Eternity on this wondrous and glorious Day. Leave the various peoples to their vain imaginings and place thy trust in all things in the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken, when sorrows had encompassed Him from every side, inasmuch as He summoned the people unto the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Jinab-i-Haji 'Ali-'Askar-i-Milani

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O 'Ali-'Askar! Give praise unto the Goal of all that dwell on earth, in that He hath aided thee in a Cause whereof most of them that are on earth remain heedless. This station is most great; know thou its worth and preserve it through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. Heedlessness hath encompassed the world, and the people of tyranny have appeared with utmost rebellion. Beseech ye God that He may protect His loved ones from the evil of the enemies and enable them to achieve that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers.

He is the One Who hath dominion over all names

O servant, Ghulam-Husayn! Blessed art thou and thy father, whom neither the signs of oppression nor the doubts of ignorance have withheld from God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of him time and again, whereat the fragrances of the All-Merciful were wafted throughout all possibility. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto the heedless. We bear witness that he hath held fast unto the Book of God and believed in Him when every remote scholar turned away from Him. He who hath recognized God is reckoned among the learned in the perspicuous Book, and he who remaineth heedless is accounted among the ignorant, as every discerning and well-informed one doth testify. We counsel thee to be trustworthy and truthful, and to that whereby the station of man is uplifted. We beseech God to grant thee success and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth, and in His right hand are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

Praise be to God that He hath once again made mention of these souls, one after another, and for each was revealed that which sufficeth the world. And especially for Nabil ibn Nabil, his namesake, the namesake of the Most Great Name, and Aqa Muhammad-'Ali - upon them be the Glory of God - there was revealed that which is the cause of the world's joy. However, there was a delay in sending it as it was seen to be contrary to wisdom. Likewise, the aforementioned Tablets should not be sent to that land but should be sent to the land of M and Y. Whenever these souls turn towards that land, they should be given to them. Leave them in trust with A and H (upon him be the Glory of God) to be delivered at the appropriate time. Although it would not normally have been given now, it was revealed and sent from the horizon of grace purely as a kindness to your honor.

Aqa Siyyid ’Ali and Aqa Muhammad (upon them be the Glory of God) graced this land with their presence and stayed for a while, then returned to Alexandria, as news had arrived that those whose property was taken must be present for determination. Therefore, they are now in that land, and according to what they have written, business transactions are currently delayed. All reports have been of plundering, looting, burning, destruction and ruin, and British forces have taken control of all those regions. ’Urabi Pasha accomplished nothing and was ultimately humiliated and defeated. At first he did not consider the end, and paid no attention to the consequences. With utter recklessness he laid waste to a country. Strange that he even opposed the Sultan of Islam. Islam is very weak. God willing, through the efforts of His loved ones it shall be granted strength, and the horizons shall be illumined with the light of unity. The Glory that shineth manifest from the heaven of grace be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you and heed your counsel and follow in your footsteps.

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O Mawzun, upon thee be the Glory of God! The Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

He is the Protector over what was and what shall be.

This is a written Book sent down from God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is a Book through whose appearance the ocean and its waves have appeared, and from it is heard: “O concourse of creation! The Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a Cause that hath stunned the denizens of Sinai, with a sovereignty that hath shaken the followers of the Bayan, and with a power before which all existence, both seen and unseen, hath bowed down. Through it the Sun hath shone forth with its lights and effulgences, and from it is heard in the final return: ‘By God! The All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds with a power that the armies of the world and the hosts of the nations who violated the Covenant and the pledges could not withstand.’ Say: This is the Day wherein the secrets of the earth and whatsoever lay hidden therein from God, the Mighty, the Loving, have been revealed. It proclaimeth with the most exalted call: ‘O concourse of names! Cast away what ye possess. He Who was treasured in knowledge and concealed from eyes and sight hath come. Fear God, O people; abandon the tributary and hasten to the River of Mercy which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of the Promised Day. We have forbidden you wickedness and indecency, and have commanded you righteousness and piety. Take hold, O people, of that which ye have been commanded in My Preserved Tablet.’”

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of love! There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. We have read it and found therein the fragrance of thy turning to God, the Sovereign of the dominion and the Kingdom. We have sent down for thee from the heaven of bounty that which will draw thee nigh unto the Supreme Horizon and will raise thee up through His Name amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. We beseech God to preserve thee through the hosts of the unseen and the seen, and to guard thee through His Name that dominateth over every witness and witnessed thing.

We have desired at this time to mention him whom thou didst mention, that he might find the fragrance of his Lord's loving-kindness and be among those on whom shall rest no fear, neither shall they grieve. O Hasan! Hearken unto the call that hath been raised from the Kingdom of bounty. Verily it draweth thee to the ultimate goal and will aid thee to spread the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, with wisdom and utterance, and will exalt thee through His Name. He, verily, is powerful over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Loving. Forget not God's favor upon thee. He hath aided thee and made known to thee His extended path, and hath sent down for thee that through which the fragrances of revelation have wafted and eyes have been solaced. Take hold of the Book as a command from Us, detached from the world and clinging to the cord of God, the Lord of Hosts. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the horizon of manifestation and have not violated the Covenant and the pledges.

We have desired to make mention of him who has attained unto the days of his Lord and hearkened unto His call when it was raised amidst His creation - he who was named 'Ala'u'd-Din in My perspicuous Book. They who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament are indeed among those who occupy this exalted station. Take thou the chalice of My loving-kindness in My Name and drink therefrom in spite of every ignorant one who hath denied God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the Proof hath been sent down, the Salsabil hath flowed, and the path of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath been made manifest. Say: O people of the Bayan! Abandon that which ye possess. The Cause of God hath come with a sovereignty before which all the books of the world have bowed down, as attesteth he who possesseth a perspicuous Book. On this Day no deed or mention from anyone is acceptable save through this wise Remembrance, whom neither the veils of the peoples nor the glory of the world have deterred. He hath appeared and made manifest whatsoever He desired with a power before which the power of all who are in the heavens and on earth hath proved impotent. Beware lest ye follow your own desires. Follow Him Who guideth you and leadeth you to the Kawthar of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down unto me Thy verses and manifested unto me Thy clear tokens, and for having spoken before the faces of Thy servants and caused all things to speak forth Thy praise, except those who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who have denied Thy grace and who have disputed Thy signs. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge and by the gems treasured in the depositories of Thy protection, and by Thy binding command and Thy firm cord, to assist me in spreading Thy traces with the wisdom whose decree Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. Then ordain for me that which will make me strong through Thy strength and steadfast in the service of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty, seeking from the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, whom neither anything among all things nor the doubts of the divines have deterred from Thy straight Path and Thy mighty Announcement. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all worlds and the Object of them that are sincere.

We make mention of him who was named Fadlu'llah that he may rejoice and be of them that have attained. Verily grace, in its primary station and highest rank, is that which acquainteth people with the ways of God's good-pleasure, and in another station it is His confirmation which hath encompassed them that are nigh unto Him. We bear witness that His grace hath encompassed thee and aided thee until He

drew thee nigh unto Him and adorned thee with the ornament of acceptance after the turning away of most men and women. He is, verily, the Protector of them that have turned unto Him. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and adorn them with that which hath been sent down for them at this time. O My loved ones in the world! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. He will assist you in that which will cause your mention to endure and that which hath appeared from you in the Announcement of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Render thanks unto God for having named thee with grace and sent down for thee through grace that which nothing among all things can equal, as every discerning one doth testify. We counsel thee and them that have believed in that which will exalt them amongst the servants and adorn them with virtues whereby the hearts of those whom neither the glory of names nor the doubts of the heedless have deterred have been attracted. Say: O Lord! Aid us in that which Thou lovest and pleaseth Thee, and ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and preserve us from the hosts of the wrongdoers. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who is named Ibrahim, who heard and turned to God, the Lord of all men, that the utterance of the All-Merciful might draw him to the horizon of knowledge, from which has shone forth the sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of lords. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, for having turned to My horizon and for having voiced My praise amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Let not the clamor of the oppressors dismay thee. Cast aside all created things through the power of thy Lord and take hold of that which thou art commanded by the One Who is the Strong, the Ancient. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have denied His Manifestation and disputed His verses. Follow him who guideth you to the path of righteousness. Say: This is the Day of God, to this testify the Daysprings of Revelation and the Manifestations of inspiration. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them that thou mayest thank thy Lord and say:

"Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all creation and King of the Kingdom of Names, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, for having sent down unto me Thy verses and shown forth unto me Thy clear tokens which none deny save every vicious infidel. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of earth and heaven!"

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hadi! We beseech God to adorn thee with the ornament of righteousness and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Rejoice that thy name hath flowed from My Pen, and that We have aided thee to recognize the Dayspring of My verses and guided thee to the most exalted station. Beware lest the doubts of the wayward hinder thee or the veils of those who have denied the Beginning and the End conceal thee. We have made mention of Our loved ones and adorned them with the ornament of My love, from whose horizon the lights have shone forth. We have commanded all to unity and concord in this Cause whereby the faces of the idolaters have been darkened and the faces of the righteous illumined. Say: O people of God! Be not disturbed by the world's vicissitudes. By My life! These shall pass away and ye shall behold what hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of all beings. Say: This is the Day on which the light of divine command hath shone forth from its horizon and the Lote-Tree hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Thus have We made mention of thee as a favor from Our presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Verily We have desired to make mention of him whom one of Our loved ones hath mentioned, who hath held fast to My cord and soared in My atmosphere. He hath been named Ali in the Book of Names by the command of God, the Sender of winds. O Ali! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have beheld thy burning love for God, the Dayspring of lights. Blessed art thou for having made mention before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall not cease as long as God, the Cleaver of daybreak, endureth. When thou hast drunk from the cup of My bounty and been seized by the attraction of My call, say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy bounty, for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy knowledge, for having guided me to Thy attributes and for having attracted my heart through Thy most sweet call when it was raised from the most exalted horizon. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested what Thou didst desire through Thy power which hath conquered all things and through Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. O Lord! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee and attracted by Thy verses. I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which the winds have not preserved, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

O Kalb-Ali! Thy name hath been presented before the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with that which causeth rivers to flow. Wilt thou flow or remain still? Say: […]

Thou knowest, O my God, what I possess, and I know not what Thou possessest. Verily, Thou art the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing. I beseech Thee by Thy signs which have illumined the horizons, by the lights of Thy countenance through which the lights have appeared, by Thy name the All-Knowing, and by Thy name through which Thou hast subdued the lands and the hearts of Thy servants, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. By Thy sovereignty do all created things testify, and by Thy power do all possible things bear witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O 'Ali, when thou dost inhale the sweet fragrances of My verses, turn thy heart toward My prison and say:

My God, my God, my Goal and my King! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison, by Thy Most Strong Fortress, by Thy standing and sitting therein, by Thy movement and stillness, by Thy sighs and tears, by Thy signs and mysteries, by Thy handiwork, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, and by Thy remembrance through which the trees have spoken, to strengthen me to be steadfast in Thy love and to hold fast to Thy cord. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my whole being unto Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones, who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty and have hastened to the place of sacrifice, yearning to meet Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty all created things acknowledge, Whose generosity all beings confess, and Whose power all who dwell in earth and heaven testify. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent in both beginning and return.

O Master craftsman ’Ali! Verily, the Lord of creation mentioneth thee among His servants with verses that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the doubts of the polytheists can prevent. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and this great favor. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Blessed is the heart that hath this day turned, detached from the people, unto Our Self-Subsisting Name, Who was foretold by the Qa’im aforetime. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in this station as a grace from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor let the power of those who have denied the Faithful Spirit weaken thee - He Who circleth round the Kaaba of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Wise. O people of God! Take My Book with a power that the might of the oppressors cannot prevent, then read it with joy and fragrance. It will draw you to the horizon of Revelation in this Day which was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. In Our tribulations We have remembered Our loved ones. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Cast aside the idle fancies of men, then turn to the light of certitude in this brilliant dawn. Thus have We taught thee and revealed unto thee that whereby the hearts of the mystics are attracted.

O ’Ali-Asghar! The Wronged One remembereth thee and those who have believed with a remembrance whereby all things have been attracted. When thou seest and hearest, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Resurrection, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that whereby my remembrance shall endure among all remembrances and my name among all names. Verily, Thou art the Praised One in Thy deeds and the Obeyed One in Thy command. Should Thou decree extinction to be permanence, or darkness to be light, none hath the right to say ‘why’ or ‘wherefore’, and whoso saith so hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

Blessed is he who hath discerned and witnessed, and blessed is he who hath heard the Call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He Whom ye were promised in the past hath come, and that which was hidden in the treasury of God’s protection, the Almighty, the Powerful, hath been made manifest. Rejoice, O people, and follow not every remote oppressor. Know then that the oppressor is he who hath prevented the servants from clinging to the hem of God, the Most Pure. We testify that the divines of Iran have prevented the people from drawing nigh unto the All-Informed One. When the Truth was made manifest, they turned away from Him and opposed Him until they pronounced sentence of death upon His most pure, most holy, and most luminous blood. Through their turning away, the rulers of the earth turned away - to this every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. We beseech God to adorn them with justice and fair-mindedness and to aid them in that which beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Great.

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee with clear remembrance. Whenever mention hath flowed from My Pen, the remembrances of the world and the scriptures of the nations have bowed down before it. To this doth God’s Book testify, which speaketh in this noble station. The Wronged One hath desired naught save the reformation of the world and the exaltation of the stations of the nations. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto them that slumber. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down unto me that which hath illumined my heart and adorned my temple. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of all things great and small.

The Will of God hath desired to make mention of him who was named Mahdi aforetime, that it might attract his eyes to the Light shining from the horizon of Revelation, his ears to the Source of the Call which God hath made the sanctuary of the Concourse on High, his hands to the heaven of bounty, and his heart to the Dayspring of his Lord's verses, the Almighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, whereby the tribes of the earth were seized with trembling and the limbs of those who denied God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, were made to quake. Blessed is he who aided My Cause through My utterance, and joy be unto him who hath conveyed unto the servants that which hath flowed from My Pen, and happy is he who hath drunk the choice wine of My proof from the hand of My bounty. He is indeed among those who are near unto Me in My preserved Tablet. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having aided me in a Cause from which most of Thy creatures have been held back. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the attraction of Thy Beloved One when He heard the call of meeting with Thee, and by the Spirit who arose to aid Thy Cause and upon whom the Jews inflicted that which caused the Daysprings of Revelation to lament, and by the Herald who sacrificed His spirit to exalt Thy Word and manifest Thy power, to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that none on earth may prevent me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O 'Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee and counselleth thee to fear God, the Lord of the worlds. We have made trustworthiness a crown for the heads of Our servants and godliness a robe for the temples of Our loved ones. Blessed is he who hath taken God's counsel, and woe unto them that turn away. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned toward Him whilst the people were in manifest loss. He hath prospered who hath turned unto Him, and he hath lost who hath turned away - to this doth the Tongue of God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest, bear witness. When thou hearest My call, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and guided me to the horizon of Thy Revelation, through whose light earth and heaven were made to shine. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by Thy Most Great Name, to protect me from the evil of the barking ones who have denied the proof of God and His evidence, and disbelieved in His signs and in that which hath appeared from Him. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent One Whom nothing can weaken and no affair can frustrate. There is no God but Thee, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, by Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all things small and great.

O Hasan! Hearken unto My call, for verily it draweth thee to My Kingdom, preserveth thee from Mine enemies, and aideth thee through My hosts. Blessed is the servant who hath on this day attained unto hearing it, who hath been honored by its traces, and who hath spoken forth its beauteous praise. O Hasan! Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Him and be not of the fearful ones. Verily He is with thee, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed are the days that have won the victory of His day, and blessed is the servant who hath turned toward His horizon;

and woe unto every heedless and remote one. When thou hast attained unto the verses of thy Lord, render thanks and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Tree of Thy knowledge, and by the ocean that surgeth through Thy Name, and by the light that shineth before Thee, that Thou assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me directing myself toward Thy most exalted station, gazing toward Thy most glorious horizon, and holding fast to Thy firm handle. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy creatures and the near ones among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ?akim! Where is thy theriac and where is thine elixir? Canst thou cure the malady of self and passion? Canst thou still the fire of rancor and hatred? We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to teach thee that whereby the fire of tyranny and wickedness in the world of creation may be stilled. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wise command. O ?akim! O Aqa Baba! The disease of hypocrisy hath prevented the servants from unity. Hast thou any medicine to cure this chronic disease which hath kept the servants from love and unity, from rest and fellowship? Say:

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the joy of that servant among Thy servants who perceived the fragrance of the garment of Thy Command's Joseph, that Thou purify the servants from the maladies that have prevented them from turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and drawing nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy presence. Verily Thou art He of Whose power and sovereignty the Books have testified, and of Whose grandeur and might the Scrolls have borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having manifested Thy Cause, sent down Thy verses, revealed Thy proofs, and enabled the Hands of Thy Cause to exalt Thy Word. Thou hast granted them success in proclaiming that which Thou hast willed through Thy bounty and favor, given them to drink of Thy sealed wine, guided them to Thy extended path, and united their hearts through Thy beloved Name. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of grandeur and might, by Thy Name through which Thou hast conquered the hearts of Thy servants and adorned them with the light of Thy knowledge, to adorn them with the ornament of Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven, that they may arise through Thy power to serve Thee and may open the doors of Thy servants' hearts with the keys of Thy most excellent names and exalted attributes. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

The handwriting of that beloved of the heart, like a rose from the garden of inner meanings, perfumed the courtyard of the heart, for all its letters and words spoke in praise and remembrance of the Lord of Names, bringing new joy to both the visible and invisible realms. Praise be to God that, beyond the

supreme blessing and mighty feast that is the mention and praise of the Lord of all beings, it carried another joy, which was the glad tidings of the health and well-being of that beloved one. After its observation, reading and understanding, approach was made to the eternal gate, and before the seat of the Goal of all worlds, following permission and leave, all of it was presented. Thereupon the lips of the Lord of Destiny smiled, and He spoke that which caused the ocean to surge and the fragrance to waft, and that which had been hidden from eyes appeared, and that which had been preserved from comprehension and minds was revealed, until the utterance concluded with that which I am unable to mention to thee, O beloved of my heart, for when the waves of the ocean of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, surge forth, none can contain and relate it save according to their capacity, through His might and power. Glorious is His utterance, mighty His proof, and magnificent His bestowal.

In My Name, warbling upon the branches with diverse melodies […]

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and uttereth praise! Hear My call from the Prison of ’Akka. Verily, He maketh mention of thee in such wise as to bestow upon thee wings of moist crimson ruby, that thou mayest soar thereby in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds is heard that which the son of ’Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Verily thy Lord hath turned toward thee at the most excellent of times and maketh mention of thee in such wise that its fragrances shall endure throughout the eternity of His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. We have brought forth from the shells of the ocean of knowledge the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and from the treasuries of My Pen the jewels of knowledge and certitude. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My presence, for having tasted the sweetness of My utterance, and for having witnessed the light shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My Revelation, and for having achieved that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou eloquent amongst My servants with such detachment as shall attract their hearts and tranquilize their souls. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher, the Inspiring One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Face. We have sent down for thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of this exalted station. We have indeed revealed verses throughout the nights and days in such wise that they have encompassed all created things and reached the East and West of the earth. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His Word that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the oppression of the oppressors frustrate Him. O son of My Most Truthful Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have remembered Our loved ones in days wherein trials and tribulations have encompassed Us. This is attested by that which hath flowed from My Pen and been uttered by My tongue. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Commander, the All-Wise. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by hosts nor shaken by the clamor of the heedless. Say: O people! He hath come for your life and desireth naught save the refinement of your souls and the unity of your hearts. This is witnessed by that which hath been revealed in the Scriptures, the Tablets, and His perspicuous Book. We have lifted the law of holy war as a bounty from Our presence and have commanded all to unity and concord as a mercy from Us, and We are verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: O My loved ones in Kha! The Lord of all mankind remembereth you as He hath remembered you before in various Tablets. Fear God, then help your Lord with the hosts of utterance, as bidden by Him. He will protect you and guard you, and He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, the

All-Wise. We counsel you to be patient and forbearing in all circumstances. He hath chosen for you what He hath chosen for Himself. Rejoice in this utterance from which wafteth the fragrance of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. O people of God! Purify your ears from the sayings of the heedless and the oppressors, that they may be illumined by the light of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds. Whosoever attaineth unto this, neither the oppression of the world nor the tyranny of the nations shall keep him back from the Ancient of Days. Your station in the sight of God is great. Were you to catch a glimpse thereof for an instant, you would hasten toward it with heart and soul. Know ye the value of these days and the divine gifts and favors. Strive that ye may attain unto such deeds as shall be crowned with His good-pleasure. The whole world hath been created for the Day of God, yet all are heedless while ye have attained. Give thanks unto your Lord by night and by day, and praise Him at eventide and at dawn. The Glory manifest and resplendent and the Light bright and shining be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Great.

All praise and glory be unto Him, all thanksgiving and radiance be unto Him, for He hath made mention of His loved ones in both states of sorrow and joy, in such wise that from every word thereof the fragrance of His bounty is wafted and the sweet savors of His generosity and bestowals are diffused. No matter and no thing can ever prevent the Most Great Ocean from the waves of His grace. Once these exalted words were heard from the Tongue of the Lord of all beings - exalted be His utterance: “O servant! The clamor of the people, the oppression of the tyrannical, and the transgressions of the mighty ones and pharaohs of the earth have not and will never prevent the Sun from its rays nor the Ocean from its waves.” Praise be to God, the Ocean is surging in such wise that were He to will it, He would verily draw all unto Himself and bring them near. However, He leaveth them be so that there might be manifested from them that which was deposited within them. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen those whom He hath made the Hands of His Cause in His Book to mention and praise Him with joy and fragrance. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, and may He confirm him in that which He loveth and pleaseth. After being presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, the river of utterance flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. A petition from his brother hath attained the Most Holy Court; a reply will be sent later. And this is what hath been revealed for them at this time from the heaven of greatness and power - blessed and exalted be His words: “O son of My Name! Remind them of My verses, give them the glad-tidings of My bounty, and illumine them with the light of My knowledge.” They have ever been and continue to be mentioned. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them with the hosts of utterance. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous word.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Fa’iz, upon him be the Glory of God and His bounty, and likewise his letter was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Blessed and exalted be His words: “Praise be to God that on a day when most of the people of the world turned away, he attained unto acceptance and received the most great bounty from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth. This station is great. We beseech God to strengthen him to preserve that which He hath given him and honored him with.” He hath repeatedly attained unto the Sacred Writings and been illumined by the light of utterance. A Most

Holy and Exalted Tablet will be sent especially for him later. This servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to open through his presence the doors of hearts and to ordain for him every good thing which He hath revealed in His Clear Book.

Regarding their will, as commanded both before and after, these matters are referred to the beloved of hearts, His Holiness the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. Whatever that beloved one has sent from the Sacred Writings to that land was truly a great bounty for the friends of that region - blessed and congratulations to them! At this time, these words have been revealed from the Mouth of the Will of the Lord of all possibilities, He, exalted and sanctified, says: "O son of My Name! Upon thee be My Glory and My favors. Beseech God to assist the friends to act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book on the Day of Return from the Pen of the Lord of all beings. For if they succeed in this, ere long will all the people of Iran turn towards the Horizon of the Appearance of the Desire of the worlds. We have commanded all to wisdom, and wisdom consists in such deeds and character as will draw people closer to the Most Great Ocean and become the cause of attraction for all. We beseech God to assist His servants to perceive the sweetness of His utterance, for if they find this sweetness, all will hold fast to what is with Him and abandon what is with themselves. Repeatedly in the divine Tablets have We commanded all to perform goodly deeds and display praiseworthy conduct. By My life! The victorious hosts have ever been and shall ever be goodly deeds. O son of My Name! Praiseworthy character constitutes the victorious standards in the world. Blessed is the one whose love for a day or two prevents him not from eternal life and everlasting bounty. We counsel all to assist the Cause of God through the hosts of deeds and character. Any deed performed by any soul for the sake of God that becomes the cause of guiding others is worthy to be recorded and, by the testimony of this Wronged One, neither obliteration shall overtake it nor change find its way unto it. We beseech God to assist them in that which will exalt His Cause among His servants. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end."

The mention was made of the ascension of Mas'ud, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. After being presented before the Divine Presence, these sublime words were revealed especially for him. He, blessed and exalted, says:

He is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful

Blessed art thou, O Mas'ud, for having turned to the Supreme Companion in the Days of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, and for having attained unto His traces in thy life and after thy death. We make mention of thee at this time in such wise as the near ones bear witness to God's loving-kindness, His grace and His mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The resplendent Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness and the Grace dawning from the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee, O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love and who hast turned toward the lights of My countenance. Thou art he who hath recognized the Manifestation of God, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, and who turned unto Him when His servants turned away. Blessed art thou, O Mas'ud! At the time We desired to make mention of thee, the ocean of forgiveness surged by the command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and the fragrance of the Divine Vesture wafted as a token of His grace - and He is the All-Merciful, the Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make

thee a companion of His chosen ones in the Most Exalted Paradise and to send down upon thee at all times a blessing from His presence and mercy from His side. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We praise and thank Him for the wonders of His grace and the effulgences of the Sun of His bounty. He hath sent down for His loved ones, throughout the nights and days, that which shall endure as long as His dominion and His kingdom endure. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Ever-Giving.

The mention was made of the honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors. This is what was revealed for her from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. He, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance, says: […]

He is the Manifest One, speaking from His Most Exalted Horizon

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have previously mentioned thee in such wise that the hearts of all things were attracted, and We have revealed unto thee that which brought solace to the eyes of the Concourse on High. We called out to thee from the shore of the ocean of utterance with a call that caused rivers to flow and trees to speak. Dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen. Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Convey to those who are related to My Most Truthful Name, upon them be My glory, loving-kindness and mercy, the greetings of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of the dawning lights of the Day-Star of divine grace. Verily, He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the Powerful over all who dwell on earth and in the heavens.

That honored lady, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath ever been and will continue to be remembered. Who can reckon the bounties, favors, grace and gifts of God? In truth I say, were we to soar for a hundred thousand years, we would not reach the source of this supreme bounty from which at every moment an ocean floweth, nor the dawning-place of the Day-Star of generosity from which countless suns shine forth at every instant. The ocean of loving-kindness hath no shore, and the sun of grace never pauseth in bestowing its light. The servant beseecheth Him at all times, for himself and for the loved ones, for divine confirmation and assistance. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Concerning the mention of the first day of Ridvan and the mention of the Hands of the Cause and the gathering of the loved ones in the house of that beloved one, after being presented before the Most Exalted Horizon in the presence of the Throne of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, these supreme verses were revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all being. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

O son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory. Blessed are the Hands of My Cause who have attained unto My remembrance and praise and the service of My Cause, and joy be unto My loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty, and who have soared in My atmosphere and cast aside all else but Me. We have mentioned them in every world among My worlds with such mention as hath been confirmed by the tongue of My grandeur. Through their names have flowed rivers of wisdom and utterance before the faces of all religions. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath revealed

for the Hands of His Cause and His loved ones that which drew nigh unto it the celestial spheres to hearken unto it, and the realities of all things to listen unto it. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Ancient of Days when He was the Lord of all peoples in this most exalted station, which hath been named with all names in His Mighty Book. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance and praise have been raised, and blessed are the leaves who have clung to the Tree of My loving-kindness, and blessed are the handmaidens who have held fast to the cord of My grace. We give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and praise, My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds. Convey My greetings unto them, both men and women, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's will, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O beloved of My heart! Although time is scarce and petitions are countless from every direction, and it is the day for sending tablets, nevertheless that which illumined the world with the light of loving-kindness was revealed. Blessed are the horsemen of this field, and joy be unto the handmaidens who have gathered in the house, from God, our Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Concerning Mirza (Siyyid 'A.B.) and his son, upon them be the glory and favor of God, they wrote. His honor, praise be to God, has attained the divine verses both before and after, and now a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been specifically revealed and sent to his son, Aqa Mirza Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. It is hoped that they will drink from the seas of the words of the Desired One of all worlds that which is the cause of eternal life. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to water these saplings of the garden at all times with the water of utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning S., what they have mentioned is correct, but in view of what he manifests, forbearance is necessary. However, association with him is not permitted, as his harm is clear and evident, unless it occurs for the sake of wisdom, concealed from the servants.

The prayer at the end of that beloved one's letter was presented before the Presence and was honored to be heard. God enumerates what hath flowed from the mouth of His favor, what hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His grace, and what hath caused the ocean of His bounty to surge. That which was revealed, all the pens of the world are incapable and powerless to recount. This ephemeral one hopes that that beloved one's orientation toward Kha will cause the promotion of God's Cause and the spread of His verses. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Wise.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend 'Ayn and Ta, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Repeatedly from the Tongue of Grandeur was this supreme utterance heard, His word, exalted be His glory: "Verily, 'Ayn and Ta attained in the first days. We have mentioned him and his father in Tablets that testify for them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, and We have mentioned those who were in that house with a mention whose fragrance hath spread throughout all regions. My Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this hour wherein the Ancient Beauty walketh and calleth His loved ones who have recognized this Most Great News."

This servant conveyeth greetings to the Hands of the Cause and all the loved ones, both male and female, young and old, and I beseech for each one the infinite favors of God. Verily, He is the Generous, the

Possessor of Great Grace. The Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - have shown favor and each one hath mentioned that beloved of the heart with perfect sweetness. Likewise, the people of the pavilion of chastity and grandeur have shown kindness, and all have sought confirmation for that beloved one for the spreading of God's verses throughout creation. God willing, this journey should take precedence over all journeys and lead all the servants of those regions to the court of oneness. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory and mention and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hear your words and your mention and your utterance concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

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

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

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

Convey My greetings to the people of God. We beseech Him to guide all and to open the gates of relief through His finger of power. By the life of God! Today the sun riseth in their name and the rains descend especially for them. When the time cometh, that which is now concealed shall be revealed. This Wronged One is visible and manifest, alone and without any veil or covering. The pharaohs of the earth and the tyrants of the lands behold Him and hear that which hath been sent down from His presence. Were the people of the earth to ponder on that which hath appeared, all would hold fast to the Straight Path. They

regard the idolaters as earthworms and their clamor as the buzzing of flies. Make mention of the sanctified and assured souls through God's verses, give them glad-tidings of His bounty, and remind them of His evidences. Verily, remembrance profiteth the believers.

His honor 'A, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath been and is before Our gaze. We have sent down for him, both before and after, that which cheereth the eyes, and in the Crimson Book from the Most Exalted Pen that which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for whosoever hath turned toward My horizon, attained My presence, and heard My call, that which shall profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The Son in his communion with God, blessed and exalted be He, said: "Thou knowest what is in my soul, and I know not what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful." Were man to reflect but slightly, he would hold fast unto trust in God and resignation to His will. The tongue of the Wronged One beareth witness unto this from the presence of God, the Knower of the unseen.

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

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

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

O Muhammad-'Ali Haydar! Thy name was sent to the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he and blessed art thou. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He withhold thee not from the outpourings of His days and grant thee a portion of the choice sealed wine through His Name, the Self-

Subsisting. His generosity brought existence into being, and His bounty adorned the world with its means. We beseech of Him that which is befitting. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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

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

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

O Najaf-’Ali-Kha! All are asleep in this night of heedlessness, but the Wronged One is awake. All are silent, while this Prisoner speaketh in remembrance of His loved ones. In truth, whoso speaketh of aught but God is accounted as silent, nay rather as dumb before God. Hold fast unto unity and cleave unto concord. In your gatherings, despite the idolaters, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Word of Unity. The former people were deprived of the light of true unity, and thus were they debarred from the rays of the Sun of Truth and remained deprived thereof, save whom God willeth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

O Ja'far! The Lord of Power from the direction of the Most Great Scene declareth: Thou seekest the meeting and We seek the encounter, but the heedless servants have intervened. Each day a saying appeareth and they engage in consultation regarding the Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create me and make me manifest, and caused me to know Thee and to hear Thy most sweet call from the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have desired to attain Thy presence and to stand before Thy face. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the splendors of the light of the sun of Thy grace, not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy verses in Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power amongst Thy servants, to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence and to accept from me what I have done in Thy path. O Lord! Make my will to be dissolved in Thy will and my desire in Thy desire, such that I seek only what Thou hast ordained for me and wish only what Thou wishest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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

Mention Siyyid Mustafa - upon him be My glory - and give him the glad-tidings from the Wronged One. His name has repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and been revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Say: O Siyyid, reflect upon Muhammad - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - and His manifestation in Yathrib and Batha. The humiliation that befell Him was first from the opposition of His relatives and kin, second from the opposition of the divines and mystics, third from the neglect of the people of the city and surroundings, and fourth - which was greatest of all - from the seven scholars who later ascribed many partners to Him, even while they considered themselves monotheists and the most excellent of all people. Those who were created by His Word would sometimes exalt others above Him

and at times far above Him. Though they may not openly acknowledge this statement, from the evidence the matter is clear and manifest.

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

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God. Convey My greetings to Mirza Kuchik from the Wronged One. He has attained to My mention before and to the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, through which all things have spoken: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven."

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

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

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He is the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth by His command, and He is God, the Omnipotent over all things!

Praise be to God, Who causeth the oceans of light to surge with divine, fiery waters; Who stirreth up the letters of manifestation through the Point of the Divine Cloud of Unity; Who unfoldeth the mountain of the unseen from the heaven of manifestation - the essence of hiddenness and the countenance of eternity; and Who causeth the Point of Lordship to revolve in the most glorious and eternal manner - that all may testify that verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and that He is indeed the Single, the One, the Eternal, Who begetteth not nor is begotten, and there is none like unto Him, and He is God, the Supreme, the Compelling.

Praise be to God, Who causeth the depths of fire to overflow from the Temple of pure and simple holiness; Who filtereth the vessels of beauty through the outpourings of glorified and abstracted sanctity;

Who attracteth divine countenances through the melodies of eternal oneness; and Who causeth the dove of light to warble with everlasting, eternal songs - that all may know that verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, the Abstract, the Powerful, Who hath no description save His Own Essence and no attribute save His Own Being, and verily He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

Praise be to God, Who unfoldeth light in the manifestations of His light; Who causeth light to revolve in the revolutions of His light; Who maketh light to radiate in the faces of His light; Who suppresseth light in the suppressions of His light; Who causeth light to surge in the movements of His light; and Who causeth light to shine forth in the appearances of His light. Praise be unto Him, again praise be unto Him, praise which He alone deserveth and none other.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O my Lord! I have no light wherewith to call upon Thee through Thy sacred verses, no splendor wherewith to commune with Thee through the letters of Thy intimacy, no radiance wherewith to meet Thee in the sacred mysteries of Thy majesty, and no ray wherewith to behold Thee in the repositories of Thy light. Glorified art Thou, O my God, O my Lord! I shall call upon Thee at the time when Thou hast made me sorrowful before the surging waves of Thy joyfulness, and hast made me grieved on earth at the tumult of the billows of Thy serenity, and when Thou hast made me dispirited in my abode before the swelling of the oceans of Thy radiance. Glorified art Thou, O my God, O my Lord! I bear witness unto that wherewith Thou bearest witness unto Thyself before all things, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever reposed upon the throne of grandeur, and wilt ever abide in the essence of grace and justice. Thou wast and forever shalt be as Thou hast been before in the glory of might and beauty. None shall ever know Thee as befitteth Thy true knowledge, and none shall ever describe Thee as befitteth Thy true description. All that the holy ones know of Thee is but falsehood before the court of Thy holy bountifulness, and all that the unitarians attribute to Thee is but polytheism in the precincts of intimacy with the Sovereign of Thy omnipotence. Glorified art Thou, O my God, O my Lord! Thou art He Who created me when I was naught in Thy dominion, and sustained me when I was not even an atom in Thy lands, until Thou didst make me know Thy remembrance and inspired me to acknowledge it for Thy sake and to submit to Thy Cause for Thy right, and didst deposit within my essence a light from Thy Being that I might thereby know Thyself and shine forth in Thy realm and find repose in the precincts of Thy glory, until there surged over me the seas of sorrow whereof none could drink even a drop, and I became grieved to such extent that the spirit was nigh to departing from my body, whereby I was distressed and the spiritual ones were distressed, and I was dispirited and the luminous ones were dispirited. And praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for all that Thou hast manifested through Thy power, ordained through Thy will, decreed through Thy judgment, and determined through Thy sanction, for all this is evidence of Thy Cause and a path to the sovereignty from Thee. Glorified art Thou, O my God, O my Lord! How can I call upon Thee through the wonders of Thy remembrance after Thou hast cut off the way to the knowledge of Thine Essence, and how can I not call upon Thee when Thou hast created me only to mention Thy favors and praise Thy bounties? Glorified art Thou! I was indeed among those who prostrate themselves before Thee. Glorified art Thou, O my God, O my Lord! I beseech Thee in this dark night, when the Dove of the Command warbleth in Mount Sinai at the right of the Crimson Tree with Thy eternal melodies, and in these lengthening shadows when the Nightingale of Light trileth behind the veils of obscurity with Thy everlasting songs, that Thou lift me to the heaven of the unseen through the

dominion of Thy Self-Subsisting sovereignty, and raise me to the horizon of the visible through the power of the King of Thy Divinity, and cause me to ascend to the repositories of Thy oneness, and honor me with visiting Thy countenance, that I may dwell in Thy vicinity and repose upon Thy carpet and recline upon the cushions of light through Thy grace, and rest in the heaven of manifestation through Thy bounty, that perchance my heart may be at peace and my soul find rest and my being take delight and my essence be tranquil, that I may thus be among those who are certain of meeting their Lord.

O distinguished seeker, burning with the fire of the Friend! Be thou assured that from the first day when God confirmed me in acknowledging Him and in recognizing His Cause until this moment, I have never desired to answer any from among His servants. However, having perceived in thy heart a fire of the love of God and a spark from the light of the Manifestation of His Self, the oceans of my affection have been set in motion through my love for thee. Thus do I desire to answer thee, through God's might and power, with that which overfloweth from me of the dewdrops of servitude in the land of manifestation, that the fragrances of light may draw thee to the summit of joy and bring thee to the station which God hath ordained for thee in these days wherein the winds of sorrow have encompassed me from every direction through that which the hands of men have wrought in uttering calumnies against me without any clear proof or book. O my Lord! Pour forth upon me patience and grant me victory over the transgressing people.

Know thou that for this celestial verse, this subtle fruit, this divine melody, and this heavenly pearl there are infinite meanings unto infinity. Through God's grace and bounty I shall cause to flow unto thee an overflow thereof, that it may be a reminder to the believers, a light to the fearful, and a stronghold to those who waver.

Bear thou witness that food hath diverse stations, yet We shall suffice thee with four of these. Among them is the station of the Throne of Hahut, the Paradise of Oneness. None can interpret a single letter of that verse in that Paradise, for this is the station of the mystery of the Divine Eternality, the edifices of Unity, the Israel of Singleness, and the essence of Luminosity. Its outward is identical with its inward, and its inward identical with its outward. It behooveth no one to comprehend a single letter thereof, but God shall reveal it, when He willeth, to whom He willeth. In the measure of my distress and poverty, I know not a single letter thereof, for it speaketh of naught save God, its Creator and Originator. Glorified be God, its Creator and Quickener, above what the unitarians describe.

By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! Were the oceans of light to surge in that station, all who are in the heavens and earth would drown, save for the number of letters of the Manifestation. God sufficeth as a witness over me and thee.

Among them is the station of the Paradise of Eternality, the Throne of Lahut, the Light of the White Land. This is the station of "He is He" and there is none save Him. This Paradise is reserved for those servants who are established upon the Throne of Glory, who drink of the Camphor water before the Beauty, who recite the verses of light in the heaven of justice, who find delight therein and are blessed by that food. Glorified be God, its Originator, above what they describe.

Among them is the Paradise of Oneness, the Yellow Land, the Ocean of Might. This is the station of “Thou art He and He is thou” - servants who speak not save by God’s leave, who act not save by His command, and who forbid not save by His decree, even as God hath described them: “honored servants who precede Him not in speech and who act by His command.”

Among them is the station of the Paradise of Justice, the Green Land, the Deep of the Kingdom. This is reserved for those servants whom neither commerce nor trade diverteth from the remembrance of God. These are indeed the companions of the light, and they enter therein by God’s leave and repose upon the carpet of glory.

Among them is the station of the Paradise of Grace, the Red Land, the mystery of the Yellow, the hidden secret of the White, the Point of the human realm. Verily the evidences of remembrance therein are greatest, did ye but know. Alas, alas! Then alas, alas! Would that the Point of […]

In those days my grief bears witness, calling forth compassion and tenderness towards me, inspiring me at every moment and strengthening me at every instant. Alas, alas! Would that I had died after him before these days, or had become a thing forgotten, utterly forgotten! Say: O people, have mercy upon me, and cast not calumnies upon me, nor hasten in my affair, for I am a servant who has believed in God and His signs, and but few days of my life remain. God my Lord suffices as a guardian over you, for He is my sufficiency and the sufficiency of whomsoever has sought Him aforetime, and He alone suffices as the Reckoner. O Lord! Pour forth upon me patience and grant me victory over the idolatrous people who speak naught but their own vain imaginings and are moved only by their own desires. Say: What ails you? How is it that you do not reflect nor perceive?

O trusted one! When the breezes of love waft from the right of the Tree of Sinai, and turn thee to the right and to the left, then take refuge in the cave of light by God’s leave, the Most High - and He is God, powerful over all things. And if thou hast witnessed and known all that We have explained to thee, then know that We intend yet another interpretation. Know that by “food” is meant knowledge itself - all knowledge - and by “Israel” the Primal Point, and by “Children of Israel” him whom God made a proof unto mankind in those days, save what Israel prohibited for himself - that is, what the Primal Point prohibited for His servants and bondsmen. Then bear witness that all that God hath ordained in the Book of His command and His prohibition is truth wherein there is no doubt, and it is incumbent upon all to act according to it and to acknowledge it. Let not the deeds of those who spread corruption in the earth while thinking themselves rightly guided prevent thee. Nay, by the Lord of the realm of glory, they are liars and calumniators. Verily, such a group is not even permitted to eat barley in these days - how then could it be permitted for them to partake of what God hath forbidden in the Book? Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, above what the idolaters assert!

O faithful friend! When thou art illumined by the dawning lights of the Morn of Eternity whose radiance hath filled the horizons, and art attracted by the drawing power of the light of the Eternal, whose traces have appeared upon the Temples of Glory, know thou that the purpose of the food in those days when the Sun was shining in the midst of heaven and the lamp of eternity was gleaming in the niche of the divine cloud was naught but the recognition of Him Who is the Author of the Cause and Israel - namely, the Primal Will through which God created all that is in the heavens and earth and whatsoever is between

them. And the children of Israel are those servants who were drawn to the fire of that Will in the year sixty until the Day when mankind shall be gathered before the Lord of the worlds. God wrongeth no one, but people wrong themselves. Know thou that the light of God hath ever been established upon the throne of bounty and will continue to be as it hath been, but people perceive not, neither do they witness. When We exalted thee to the summit of light and raised thee to the pinnacle of servitude in the land of joy, and when We gave thee to drink, from the hand of Joseph the All-Glorious, the water of oneness from the camphor fountain, and laid thee to rest in the cradle of security while the ant of gladness was singing - there did thy spirit find repose, thy soul delight, and thy being joy. Therefore give thanks unto God Who created thee aforetime by His command and made thee to be of them who are guided by His signs. But now I pour out my grief and sorrow unto God, for He witnesseth my anguish, beholdeth my state and heareth my cry. By Him Who caused the Bird of Light to soar in the realm of manifestation! Never have I found one cast down as I am now, seated in the dust in utter abasement, and there existeth not a soul who doth not grieve me in such wise that the heavens are nigh to being cleft asunder, the earth to being rent, and the mountains to falling in ruins. Never hath the eye of time beheld one so wronged as I. Yet I have been patient and forbearing, and have sat before God, trusting in Him and committing all affairs unto Him, that He might have mercy upon me and forgive what people have falsely attributed to me. Then know, O Kamal, that were I to interpret this verse from this day until the days reach unto the Most Great Resurrection - the Day when people shall arise before the presence of the Ever-Living, the Wondrous - I would be able to do so through what God hath bestowed upon me of His grace and bounty. For the mystery of Oneness hath stirred, and the ocean of Eternity hath surged, and the Countenance of Light in the heavens of the divine cloud, at the right hand of the Tree of the Cause, hath shone forth in these days the like of which the Sun of Manifestation hath never risen. Yet people know not their worth nor witness their grace. Alas, alas! Had they known, the proof would not have been concealed from them nor the blessing withdrawn from them. Say: What aileth you that ye associate partners with God Who created you and aided you with light from His presence, if ye be believers? O Kamal! Hearken unto the call of this lowly, banished ant who hideth in his nest and desireth to emerge among you and disappear from you because of what the hands of men have wrought. God is witness between me and His servants, and He is indeed witness over all things. Alas, alas! Were the Other Point, the Ever-Living, the Most Holy, present, He would surely grieve over my state and weep for what hath befallen me. And I beseech His presence at this moment and implore His court that He may raise me to His realm of glory and seat me upon His holy carpet, as though in those days I existed not, nor was I anything worth mentioning. O my Lord! Pour forth upon me patience and grant me victory over the wrongdoing people.

O thou trustworthy one! If thou hast dwelt in the white thicket, the Isle of the Furqan, know that by “food” is meant the divine authority which God ordained for its people therein. And verily the meaning of “Israel” is the Point of the Furqan, and by “Children of Israel” are meant His successors after Him. Thus doth God reward His God-fearing servants. And if thou hast dwelt in the crimson Isle, the Garden of the Bayan, know that when We speak of “food” We mean the Primal Point, the pure Essence of Oneness in one sense, and by “Israel” is meant the Other Countenance, the pure Essence of Eternality in another sense, and the Dawning-Place of Light, the pure Manifestation, and the Temple of Unity, whom the transgressors have imprisoned in the earth and concealed throughout the lands, in yet another sense.

Glorified be God above what the hands of men have wrought! God is not unaware of what men do. When at that moment the fire of love surged in the heart of Baha, and the dove of servitude warbled in the heaven of the divine cloud, and the hoopoe of light trilled in the midst of the atmosphere, and the Tree of the Mount consumed itself with its own fire above the Ark of Testimony behind the letter Qaf in the land of fulfillment, and the ant of servitude toiled in the valley of oneness on that night with the mystery of faithfulness, I desired to interpret that verse according to what God had taught me at that moment through His grace and bounty - for verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. I testify that "food" is the Ocean of the Unseen which is treasured in the scrolls of light and stored in the inscribed tablets, and "Israel" is the Manifestation of the Cause in those days, and the "Children of Israel" are the people of the Bayan. That food was permitted unto them - that is, unto everyone who desired to ascend to the heaven of divine favor and drink the water of purity from that glass, the cup of servitude, which is naught but as a shadow upon the earth - nay, I seek God's forgiveness for such limitation. Glorified be God far above what the oppressors say in describing Him! Alas! Alas! Were there to surge over me but a drop from the seas of permission from the Sovereign of the divine cloud and the King of Glory, I would interpret that verse with the melodies of the spiritual ones, the myriads of the sanctified ones, and the songs of those who are attracted. But since I have not detected the fragrance of fulfillment after the decree, let what I have imparted to thee suffice, that it may serve as evidence for those who in the days of their Lord are mindful. When thou art warmed by the warmth of the fire of love and delighted by the delight of the trace of ink in those steadfast tablets, then bear witness and be assured that I have claimed naught save servitude unto God, the Truth. God is my judge concerning what people fabricate. Say: Woe unto you for what your hands have wrought! Ye shall be returned to the world of the unseen and the visible, and therein shall ye be questioned.

Say: O people of the Concourse! Marvel not at what God hath wrought. The mercy of God and His blessings be upon you, O people of the Bayan, did ye but know. Fear God, then know ye that what God hath wrought shineth even as the lamp of eternity amidst the works of men. How is it that ye ponder not, nor do ye witness? Alas, alas! By Him Who hath caused the grieving Dove to warble in the breast of Baha, I have forgotten all that I witnessed from the day I drank the pure milk from my mother's breast until this moment, by reason of what the hands of men have wrought. And God knoweth all that was, though men know not. Say: O people of blindness! Come ye forth from your dwelling-places to enter the sanctuary of light, the darkness of the Manifestation, the Most Great House of God, whose decree hath been recorded in the tablet of the heart by God's leave, the Most High, and hath been witnessed. And I conclude these words with what the Dove of Light warbled aforetime upon its arrival in the land of joy, trilling with the melody of the heart: Thou knowest, O my Beloved, what I have intended, relying upon the face of God. Verily, patience hath been severed from me through my manifest love for the beauty of God. Thou knowest what the son of adultery intended against my blood deliberately. Nay, by the presence of Thy might, I shall not pledge allegiance to him, neither secretly nor openly. O God, hasten the day of my blood, then my tears upon the dust while reclining. Would that my day were the day of my blood, thirsting upon the earth. Glorified be God far above what the polytheists describe in their glorification, with a great glorification. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, in all originality. It is finished.

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

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

Praise and thanksgiving beseemeth Him Who hath illumined the world of vision with the light of His manifestation and hath quickened the world of hearing through the hearing of His life-giving call. In the first station and primary rank, all mention and description hath been and is reserved for the True One, exalted be His glory, even while acknowledging and confessing that He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of aught else and the description of all others. And in the second station and latter rank, praise beseemeth His chosen ones, whom the taunts of the polytheists, the turning away of the opposers, the tyranny of the transgressors, the doubts of the deniers, and the assault of the oppressors did not hold back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The wickedness of the evil ones and the clamor of those who deny did not deprive them of the Most Great Ocean and the Ancient Lord. They reduced to naught the intimations of the world and effaced and eliminated the doubts of the nations. In the path of Truth, sharp swords were to them as means of comfort, and pointed spears as spread-out couches. Their aspiration was the good-pleasure of the peerless Friend, and their goal the meeting at the most exalted height.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of wisdom and utterance, and in Whose right hand are the hearts of all who dwell in the realm of possibilities! Thou seest Thy loved ones among Thy heedless servants, who have wrought against them that which hath caused the near ones and the sincere ones to lament. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose name the ocean of knowledge hath surged amongst the peoples and through Whose remembrance the river of life hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the final abode, to assist Thy loved ones in Thy remembrance and praise. Then adorn them with Thy virtues and character, illuminate their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, and crown their heads with the diadems of piety. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

In His Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing […]

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

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

Say: O concourse of the earth! This is the Day of remembrance and praise, if ye be of those who know. This is the Day of turning and drawing near, if ye be of those who hear. This is the Day which God's Books have promised, if ye be of the fair-minded. This is the Day wherein the Mother of the Bayan hath appeared, if ye be of those who witness. God's Kingdom hath been manifested, if ye be of those who see. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from turning to God, the Lord of the worlds, or the veils of the misguided conceal you in the days of your Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Be fair in what hath appeared through truth - this is better for you, as every fair-minded and clear-sighted one doth testify. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this Most Great Bounty. Soon shall the world and all that ye behold therein perish; then shall ye find yourselves in grievous torment. Cast away names and take what ye have been given from God, the Kind, the Gracious. God's Cause and His decree have come. Verily His sovereignty sufficeth you, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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

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

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

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

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

Thou art He, O my God, Who ordained knowledge for Thy recognition and made it the greatest means of drawing near unto the Dayspring of the light of Thy unity. Yet when Thou didst manifest Thyself, those who were the manifestations and dawning-places of knowledge rose against Thee, approaching Thee only with the swords of malice and hatred. Alas, alas, for Thy sorrow and Thy loneliness!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A certain Arab in that land, despite being heedless and unaware of the root of the Cause, strove to lead souls astray and committed that which he shall soon behold its signs and fruits. I pour out my grief and sorrow unto God. Verily, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The Glory

shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon those who have heard the Call, responded, and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

O My loved one! Meaningless tales of the past and false accounts from heedless souls have deprived the world of God's wondrous bounties. It is most regrettable that the people of the earth should remain deprived of the outpourings of the true Bestower and the lights of the Luminary of inner meanings. You and this servant and other friends must beseech God to increase the light of vision that it may become capable of witnessing, and to strengthen the power of hearing that it may become capable of listening. Had the previous party, namely the Shi'ih faction, observed with their own eyes, they would surely have distinguished the straight path from the crooked. They clung to their divines and thus committed what neither Jews nor Zoroastrians had done. Until now the fire of their hatred has not been quenched. They occupy themselves with cursing and reviling the Truth from their pulpits. If one were to listen with the ear of the heart, one would hear the lamentation of the pulpits, for they were established for the praise of God, not for His censure.

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

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

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

Throne, there hath been and is no other purpose, as they have witnessed in the Psalms and Tablets and Books.

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

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

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He is in His own Right the Supreme Ruler! The Pen of the Most High proclaimeth: O thou who hast imagined thyself to be the most exalted of men and who hast regarded as the lowliest of all creatures this divine Youth, through Whom the eyes of the Concourse on high have been illumined and made radiant! This Youth hath sought nothing from thee or from such as are like unto thee, inasmuch as from time immemorial, whenever the Manifestations of the All-Merciful and the Exponents of His unfading glory have stepped out of the Realm of eternity into this mortal world and revealed themselves to revive the dead, men such as thee have considered these sanctified Souls and Temples of Divine Oneness, upon Whom must needs depend the rehabilitation of the peoples of the earth, to be stirrers of mischief and worthy of blame. These men, verily, have all returned unto dust. Thou, too, shalt erelong take abode therein and find thyself in grievous loss. Even if this Lifegiver and World Reformer be in thine estimation guilty of sedition and strife, what crime could have been committed by a group of women, children, and suckling mothers that they should be thus afflicted with the scourge of thine anger and wrath? No faith or religion hath ever held children responsible. The Pen of divine Command hath exempted them, yet the fire of thy tyranny and oppression encompasseth all. If thou bearest allegiance to any faith or religion, then thou shouldst know that, according to all the heavenly Books and all the divinely inspired and weighty Scriptures, children are not to be held accountable. Aside from this, not even those who disbelieve in God have perpetrated such unseemly acts. Since from every thing an effect becometh manifest, a fact that none can deny save those who are bereft of reason and understanding, it is certain

that the sighs of these children and the cries of these wronged ones will have their due consequence. Ye have plundered and unjustly despoiled a group of people who have never rebelled in your domains, nor disobeyed your government, but rather kept to themselves and engaged day and night in the remembrance of God. Later, when the order was issued to banish this Youth, all were filled with dismay. The officials in charge of My expulsion declared, however: "These others have not been charged with any offence and have not been expelled by the government. Should they desire to accompany you, no one will oppose them." These hapless souls therefore paid their own expenses, forsook all their possessions, and, contenting themselves with Our presence and placing their whole trust in God, journeyed once again with Him until the fortress of 'Akka became the prison of Baha.

Upon our arrival, we were surrounded by guards and confined together, men and women, young and old alike, in the army barracks. The first night all were deprived of either food or drink, for the sentries were guarding the gate of the barracks and permitted no one to leave. No one gave a thought to the plight of these wronged ones. They even begged for water, and were refused. Time hath passed, and we all remain confined in these barracks, notwithstanding that during the five years we dwelt in Adrianople, all its inhabitants, whether learned or ignorant, rich or poor, bore witness to the purity and sanctity of these servants. At the time this Youth was departing from Adrianople, one of the loved ones of God attempted to take his own life, so unbearable to him was the sight of this Wronged One in the hands of His oppressors. During the journey we were thrice compelled to change ships, and it is evident how much the children suffered as a result. Upon disembarking, four of the believers were separated and prevented from accompanying Us. As this Youth was leaving, one of the four, named 'Abdu'l-Ghaffar, cast himself into the sea, and no one knoweth what befell him thereafter. All this is but a drop in the ocean of the wrongs that have been inflicted upon Us, and still ye are not satisfied! The officials enforce every day a new decree, and no end is in sight to their tyranny. Night and day they conceive new schemes. They have assigned each prisoner, from the government storehouse, a daily allowance of three loaves of bread that no one can eat. From the foundation of the world until the present day a cruelty such as this hath neither been seen nor heard of. By the righteousness of Him Who hath caused Baha to speak forth before all that are in heaven and all that are on earth! Ye have neither rank nor mention among them that have offered up their souls, their bodies and their substance for the love of God, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. A handful of clay is greater in the sight of God than all your dominion and your sovereignty, and all your might and your fortune. Should it be His wish, He would scatter you in dust. Soon will He seize you in His wrathful anger, and sedition will be stirred up in your midst, and your dominions will be disrupted. Then will ye bewail and lament, and will find none to help or succour you.

In making mention of these matters, it is not Our purpose to rouse you from your slumber, since the fury of God's wrath hath so encompassed you that ye shall never take heed. Nor is it Our intention to recount the iniquities visited upon these pure and blessed souls, for they have been so intoxicated with the wine of the All-Merciful and are so carried away with the inebriating effect of the living waters of His loving providence that even were they to suffer all the cruelties of the world for His sake, they would remain content and yield thanks unto Him.

These souls have never held, nor shall they ever hold, any grievance. Nay, their blood continually imploreth and beseecheth the Lord of the worlds that it might be spilt upon the dust in His path, and their heads yearn to be borne aloft on spears for the sake of the Beloved of hearts and souls.

Several times calamities have overtaken you, and yet ye failed utterly to take heed. One of them was the conflagration which devoured most of the City with the flames of justice, and concerning which many poems were written, stating that no such fire had ever been witnessed. And yet, ye waxed more heedless. Plague, likewise, broke out, and ye still failed to give heed!

Be expectant, however, for the wrath of God is ready to overtake you. Erelong will ye behold that which hath been sent down from the Pen of My command. Have ye fondly imagined your glory to be imperishable and your dominion to be everlasting? Nay, by Him Who is the All-Merciful! Neither will your glory last, nor will Mine abasement endure. Such abasement, in the estimation of a true man, is the pride of every glory.

"The box," he replied, "contains all these puppets. I have produced and presented this play throughout my life. I have also trained my son in this craft, that it may serve as his means of livelihood after me." I was struck with wonder, reflecting how these puppets could be manipulated with such skill and with what mastery a scene of such majesty and pomp could be enacted through these small figures. At length it occurred to me that this elaborate display must have a meaning and must hold a lesson. For each character, even those that emerged but briefly and then vanished, had a part to play and an end to serve. The significance of this puppet show was not lost upon me: the fleeting moments of a king's audience, of his majesty and pomp, of the obedience and submission of his courtiers, all enacted and brought to an end in the span of twenty minutes–what could all this signify but the transient nature of worldly majesty, power, and riches? And yet, how many souls in this world even now spend their lives in pursuit of such trifling diversions, never considering how brief is their duration and how empty their claim upon men's hearts.[…]

"All this lavish display and these elaborate devices," he replied, "the king, the princes, and the ministers, their pomp and glory, their might and power, everything you saw, are now contained within this box."

I swear by My Lord Who, through a single word of His Mouth, hath brought into being all created things! Ever since that day, all the trappings of the world have seemed in the eyes of this Youth akin to that same spectacle. They have never been, nor will they ever be, of any weight and consequence, be it to the extent of a grain of mustard seed. How greatly I marvelled that men should pride themselves upon such vanities, whilst those possessed of insight, ere they witness any evidence of human glory, perceive with certainty the inevitability of its waning. "Never have I looked upon any thing save that I have seen extinction before it; and God, verily, is a sufficient witness!"

It behoveth everyone to traverse this brief span of life with sincerity and fairness. Should one fail to attain unto the recognition of Him Who is the Eternal Truth, let him at least conduct himself with reason and justice. Erelong these outward trappings, these visible treasures, these earthly vanities, these arrayed armies, these adorned vestures, these proud and overweening souls, all shall pass into the confines of the grave, as though into that box. In the eyes of those possessed of insight, all this conflict, contention and

vainglory hath ever been, and will ever be, like unto the play and pastimes of children. Take heed, and be not of them that see and yet deny.

Our call concerneth not this Youth and the loved ones of God, for they are already sore-tried and imprisoned and expect nothing from men such as thee. Our purpose is that thou mayest lift up thy head from the couch of heedlessness, shake off the slumber of negligence, and cease to oppose unjustly the servants of God. So long as thy power and ascendancy endure, strive to alleviate the suffering of the oppressed. Shouldst thou judge with fairness and observe with the eye of discernment the conflicts and pursuits of this transient world, thou wouldst readily acknowledge that they are even as the play which We have described.

Hearken unto the words of the one true God and pride thyself not in the things of this world. What hath become of those like unto thee who falsely claimed lordship on earth, who sought to quench the light of God in His land and to destroy the foundation of His mighty edifice in His cities? Where are they to be seen now? Be fair in thy judgement and return unto God, that perchance He might cancel the trespasses of thy vain life. Alas, We know that thou shalt never attain unto this, for such is thy cruelty that it hath made hell to blaze and the Spirit to lament, and hath caused the pillars of the Throne to shake and the hearts of the faithful to tremble.

O peoples of the earth! Incline your inner ears to the call of this Wronged One and pause to reflect upon the story that We have recounted. Perchance ye may not be consumed by the fire of self and passion, nor allow the vain and worthless objects of this nether world to withhold you from Him Who is the Eternal Truth. Glory and abasement, riches and poverty, tranquillity and tribulation, all will pass away, and all the peoples of the earth will erelong be laid to rest in their tombs. It behoveth therefore every man of insight to fix his gaze upon the goal of eternity, that perchance by the grace of Him Who is the Ancient King he may attain unto the immortal Kingdom and abide beneath the shade of the Tree of His Revelation.

Though this world be fraught with deception and deceit, yet it continually warneth all men of their impending extinction. The death of the father proclaimeth to the son that he, too, shall pass away. Would that the inhabitants of the world who have amassed riches for themselves and have strayed far from the True One might know who will eventually lay hand on their treasures; but, by the life of Baha, no one knoweth this save God, exalted be His glory.

The poet Sana'i, may God's mercy rest upon him, hath said: "Take heed, O ye whose unseemly conduct hath darkened your faces! Take heed, O ye whose beards have been whitened by age!" Alas, most of the people are fast asleep. They are even as the man who, in his drunkenness, became attracted to a dog, took it in his embrace, and made it his plaything, and who, when the morn of discernment dawned and the light of the sun enveloped the horizon, realized that the object of his affection was but a dog. Then, filled with shame and remorse, he repaired to his abode.

O think not that thou hast abased this Youth or prevailed over Him. The least of creatures ruleth over thee, and yet thou perceivest not. The lowliest and most abject of all things holdeth sway over thee, and that is none other than self and passion, which have ever been reprehensible. Were it not for God's consummate wisdom, thou wouldst have been able to plainly behold thine own helplessness and that of

all who dwell on earth. Our abasement is indeed the glory of His Cause, could ye but understand. This Youth hath ever been disinclined to breathe a word contrary to courtesy, for courtesy is Our raiment, wherewith We have adorned the temples of Our well-favoured servants. Otherwise, some of the deeds that ye believe to be concealed would have been divulged in this Tablet.

O exponent of might and power! These young children and these poor ones in God did not need to be accompanied by officers and soldiers. Upon our arrival in Gallipoli, a major by the name of ’Umar came into Our presence. God is well aware of what he said. After some exchanges in which his own innocence and thy guilt were mentioned, We declared: “From the outset, a gathering should have been convened at which the learned men of this age could have met with this Youth in order to determine what offence these servants have committed. But now the matter hath gone beyond such considerations, and, according to thine own assertion, thou art charged with incarcerating Us in the most desolate of cities. There is a matter, which, if thou findest it possible, I request thee to submit to His Majesty the Sul?an, that for ten minutes this Youth be enabled to meet him, so that he may demand whatsoever he deemeth as a sufficient testimony and regardeth as proof of the veracity of Him Who is the Truth. Should God enable Him to produce it, let him, then, release these wronged ones, and leave them to themselves.”

He promised to transmit this message, and to give Us his reply. We received, however, no news from him. Although it becometh not Him Who is the Truth to present Himself before any person, inasmuch as all have been created to obey Him, yet in view of the condition of these little children and the large number of women so far removed from their friends and countries, We have acquiesced in this matter. In spite of this nothing hath resulted. ’Umar himself is alive and accessible. Inquire from him, that the truth may be made known unto you.

Most of Our companions now lie sick in this prison, and none knoweth what befell Us, except God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. In the days following Our arrival, two of these servants hastened to the realms above. For an entire day the guards insisted that, until they were paid for the shrouds and burial, those blessed bodies could not be removed, although no one had requested any help from them. At that time we were devoid of earthly means, and pleaded that they leave the matter unto us and allow those present to carry the bodies, but they refused. Finally, a carpet was taken to the bazaar to be sold, and the sum obtained was delivered to the guards. Later, it was learned that they had merely dug a shallow grave into which they had placed both blessed bodies, although they had taken twice the amount required for shrouds and burial.

The pen is powerless to depict and the tongue faileth to describe the trials which We have suffered. Yet sweeter than honey to Me is the bitterness of such tribulations. Would that at every instant all the afflictions of the world could, in the path of God and for the sake of His love, be visited upon this evanescent Soul Who is immersed in the ocean of divine knowledge!

We implore God for patience and forbearance, inasmuch as thou art but a feeble creature and bereft of comprehension. Wert thou to awaken and inhale the fragrance of the breezes that waft from the retreats of eternity, thou wouldst readily abandon all that thou dost possess and in which thou dost rejoice, and choose to abide in one of the dilapidated rooms of this Most Great Prison. Beseech God to grant thee

such mature understanding as to enable thee to distinguish praiseworthy actions from those which merit blame. Peace be upon him who followeth the way of guidance!

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Praise be unto Him Who is the Object of all existence, Who, through His prevailing Will and consummate wisdom, hath adorned the ranks of utterance and, through these spiritual hosts, hath taken possession of illumined hearts and minds. His hosts are the breaths of divine revelation, and through but one exalted word, His commanding Will hath conquered the people of the realm below and the Concourse on high. The power of the world boweth in submission before His power, and the books of nations are humbled before His utterance. The oppression of the oppressors hath not stayed the influence of His word, nor hath the prevention of the preventers impeded the power of His Pen. Each day the cry of the oppressed is raised from every direction, and at every moment the fire of the wicked is ablaze. Yet the fire of the malice of the evil-doers hath had no effect upon the righteous, nor hath the cruelty of the impious kept them back from drawing nigh unto the Truth, inasmuch as they are enkindled with the fire of the love of God and illumined by the light of the Sun of His Cause. Every person of insight is amazed, and every one possessed of knowledge is deep in thought - particularly in these days when in the City of the Lovers there is tumult and commotion. The First Preacher hath ascended the pulpit of love and is established upon the throne of sacrifice, speaking forth these blessed words: “O concourse of lovers! The breaths of divine revelation have attracted the heart and wrested all free will from the grasp of power. My desire is to sacrifice my soul for the One Beloved, that perchance the dead world may come to life and the withered souls may be refreshed.” Glory be to God! At that moment such rapture and attraction appeared among the company of lovers as the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Glorified be the majesty of our Lord, exalted be His Cause, and hallowed be His Name and His power! Each day, nay, each moment, He bestoweth the sealed wine in His blessed Name, the Self-Subsisting, yet few are they that seek it, and none are found worthy to receive it.

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Loving, through which the Euphrates of Thy love hath flowed from the right hand of Thy throne and the rain of Thy mercy hath descended from the heaven of Thy bounty, to [aid] Thy loved ones to be patient in Thy days and to endure when Thy decree and destiny are made manifest. Blessed is the liver that melteth in Thy love, the heart that is pierced by separation from Thee, the blood that is shed in Thy path, the head that is raised to exalt Thy Word, and the throat that met the rope of the enemies to manifest Thy Cause and the cord of the wicked ones in longing to meet Thee and to demonstrate Thy power.

O Lord! Thou seest us circling round the throne of Thy will and the Kaaba of Thy purpose, our spirits awaiting the wonders of Thy Cause. O Lord! Accept from us, through Thy grace and generosity, that we may sacrifice it before Thy face in Thy days, though it befitteth not the court of Thy might and majesty, nor is worthy of the carpet of Thy grandeur and glory. Yet I beseech Thee by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and the pearls treasured in the shells of the ocean of Thy wisdom, to accept from us that which is unworthy of Thy Cause and its sacrifice in Thy love.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I am certain that our deeds befit not the glory of Thy splendor, nor are worthy of Thy presence, nor of the threshold of Thy gate which Thou hast, through Thy bounty, opened unto all existence, both seen and unseen. By Thy might, O Thou Desired One of all creation and Beloved of all possible beings, the hearts of Thy loved ones find no rest save in martyrdom in Thy path, and their souls rejoice in naught but the shedding of their blood in Thy love. Blessed is the land whereon Thy lovers are distressed, and the soul that hath attained the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy, and blessed is the spot adorned with the blood of Thy loved ones and over which pass the breezes of the morn of the appearance of Thy grace.

O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that the Son of the Wolf hath devoured Thy sheep and slain Thy she-camel. Because of this, the livers of Thy loved ones have melted and the hearts of Thy chosen ones have burned. O Lord! Thou seest the tears of those near unto Thee flowing before Thine eyes because of what hath befallen Thy loved ones in Thy lands. Alas! Alas! Grief hath consumed me, and patience hath well-nigh departed and left me. By Thy grandeur and sovereignty, it is grievous to Thy servant Badi' to see Thee wronged in the hands of the tyrants among Thy creation and the oppressors among Thy servants. Alas! Alas! The serpent hath bitten the Beloved with such injustice that the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy greatness and glory have lamented.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, and the Ultimate Object of my hope! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty through which existence came to be, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils of fancy, and by the Staff wherewith Thou didst cleave the sea and destroy the swords of time, to ordain for Thy loved ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them to the highest summit. O Lord! Thou seest them turning unto Thee and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity and bounty. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by Thy most great signs and by Thy mysteries which were treasured in Thy Pen and hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid me and Thy chosen ones to stand firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Lord! Adorn the countenance of the sovereign with the lights of the sun of justice and equity, and illumine therewith his heart, his outer and inner being. O Lord! Cause him to ascend unto the heights of mercy, compassion and bounty, then inspire him with that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of the dust below. O Lord! Enable him to achieve what Thou lovest and art pleased with, that he may turn unto the lights of Thy countenance and protect Thy sheep from the wolves of the earth and […]

O Evildoers! Verily Thou art the Omnipotent One Whom nothing among all things can frustrate, nor any name among all names, nor the oppression of those who have denied the Day of Judgment wherein the Kingdom crieth out "Unto God belongeth all dominion, the Lord of earth and heaven and the Possessor of the Mighty News!" Glory be to God! Verily on this Day the Voice speaketh yet the people hear not, and the Light calleth yet mankind perceiveth not. We beseech God to grant success to His servants and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

The letter of that honored friend arrived, and from its horizon the sun of love shone forth resplendent. In truth, all its words and phrases appeared as a divine tree, speaking forth "I have turned my face toward Him Who hath created the heavens and the earth." Its call was heard. Exalted be God, the True King, the

Manifest, Who caused it to speak in His days, revealed it through His will, and planted it through His grace. We beseech God to strengthen it with a power that shall never be succeeded by silence, even for less than a moment. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thereafter, having turned toward the Most Exalted Kingdom, it was presented before His Countenance. At that moment, the waves of the ocean of favor and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth were manifested in such wise that this servant is powerless to describe and incapable to express them. After a time, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying - exalted be His majesty and all-encompassing be His bounty:

I am the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

O thou who hast quaffed the wine of My utterance and who standeth to serve My Cause! Hearken unto My call from the Divine Tree which hath been raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise through My will and desire and My command that hath encompassed all existence. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O Ali! The ocean of My loving-kindness hath surged and the Sun of My grace hath shone forth as a bounty from My presence upon My servants, yet they have denied that which hath appeared, turning away from God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have opened the gate of reunion, yet they turn aside therefrom. We have revealed from the Most Exalted Pen the pearls of knowledge and wisdom, yet they remain far removed from them. The mysteries have been unveiled, the signs have been spread abroad, and the fruits have appeared, yet they remain heedless thereof. They have abandoned that which they were bidden to observe, clinging to that which they were forbidden. Lo! They understand not. They have cast aside that which would profit them and taken that which harmeth them. Lo! They know not. Soon shall they behold their recompense in justice from God, the Lord of all being.

O Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Son of the Wolf hath proven more wicked than his deprived father. Today in the arena of oppression none precedeth him. Reflect upon the grace and bounty of the Wronged One, and upon the wickedness of the people from the beginning of the Cause until now. We protected certain souls in such wise that none save God is aware thereof. The rejection of corruption led to the martyrdom of the Beloved. Blessed is he, then blessed is he! By the life of God, he hath attained unto a station which the sincere ones and those drawn nigh eagerly seek. Praise be to God, he was adorned with the crown of steadfastness and illumined by the effulgences of the light of the countenance. Convey My greetings to the friends. Say: Beware lest ye be grieved by the doings of the wicked or the onslaught of the ungodly. By My life! He who hath ascended hath attained unto the Most Great Joy. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones to remember Him and praise Him, that they may commemorate His days, His detachment, His orientation toward Him, and His spending in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech of God that He may assist all to act with wisdom and utterance, and to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in the Book.

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O My beloved! The imprisoned Badi' makes mention of you and says: Praise be to God, glory be to God, that you are illumined by the rays of the manifestations of the Sun of Truth and are mentioned and

recorded in the remembrance of the Purpose of the world and in the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Beyond this, no station remains for the mention of this servant, nor any rank for his praise before the Ocean of Praise and the Sun of Utterance. His power has encompassed the world and His grace has embraced all peoples. His Will is manifest and His Purpose all-pervasive. Blessed be the name of our Lord! Each day, through the attraction of the Most Exalted Word and the traces of the Supreme Pen, the essence of detachment appears before the faces of men, offering itself in sacrifice, yet none perceives it. What has caused the heedlessness of the people, and by what proof and evidence have they turned away from the Purpose of all worlds, clinging to their own vain imaginings? In truth, the malady of vain imaginings is severe and requires a perfect remedy, and the sickness of idle fancies is strong and needs a potent medicine. Glory be to God! His power is manifest and God's sovereignty is dominant and evident; nevertheless, all remain heedless. We beseech Him to make the point of ink in this day the cause of unity and the source of enkindlement. Today the fire is visible and speaking in the Blessed Tree, and the light is dawning from the horizon of manifestation. Blessed are they whom the false tales of old did not prevent or deprive from the Lord of all beings. In these days, these wronged ones are observed between the greatest sorrow and the most profound joy - from one direction, the ocean of joy is surging, and from another, the waves of grief are visible. In these days the seat of the throne has been Akka, and a missive from His Holiness the Desired One reached the people of the palace. His blessed and exalted Word states: "Know ye that the oppressor has hamstrung My she-camel, and the wolf has devoured My sheep, and the spotted snake has bitten those who love Me. I do not complain of what has befallen My loved ones, but the Manifestations of My Cause and the Dawning-Places of My wisdom do complain. Say: My God, my God! Change the sorrow of Thy loved ones into joy, their grief into delight, their agitation into tranquility, their abasement into glory, their weakness into strength, and their powerlessness into might. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Thy Will, the all-encompassing nature of Thy power, and the ocean of Thy might, to make Thy loved ones the dawning-places of Thy name the All-Patient and the rising-places of Thy name the All-Forgiving. Then make known to those who were heedless in Thy days the mysteries of Thy Most Great Name and Thy momentous News, and what they missed at the dawning of the Day-Star of Thy manifestation. Then assist them to be fair-minded. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower." From reading this most holy, most great Tablet, hearts were consumed and boundless grief descended, until another Tablet adorned with the traces of the Supreme Pen was read. His blessed and exalted Word states: "He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. What news is this today that causes the body to ascend and the spirit to soar in flight? The news is this: the Ridvan of the Most Exalted Paradise has given glad tidings to the Ridvan of the Supreme Paradise that a pure, holy, blessed spirit from the city of lovers has sacrificed itself and now seeks the Most Glorious Goal and circles round the gathering-place of the Supreme Concourse, and at this moment arrives. Today the lovers have another ecstasy and another attraction. My God, my God! Assist Thy servants to be truthful and to acknowledge Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing." Through this blessed Tablet came such relief and joy that the pen is powerless to describe it. Were it not for the joy of what came after, we would have been destroyed by the grief of what came before. The purpose of these mentions is that your honor might become aware of the events that have occurred and the details of the prison land, that perhaps what is mentioned may become the cause of the guidance of the people.

O my God, my God! Drive not Thy servants from the door of Thy bounty, and deprive them not from the ocean of Thy mercy. Lead them, though it be with a whip, to the right hand of Thy throne, then grant them to partake, in this Day, of the pure wine of Thy loving-kindness. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thereafter, this servant proceeded to the seat of the throne, and upon arrival in that most holy and exalted Court, the Tongue of Grandeur was heard to utter these words:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Were it not for tribulations in Thy path, how would the station of Thy lovers be made manifest? And were it not for afflictions in Thy love, by what means would the rank of those who long for Thee be revealed? By Thy might! The companion of Thy loved ones is the tears of their eyes, the solace of those who seek Thee is the sighing of their hearts, and the sustenance of those who hasten unto Thee is the fragments of their livers. How sweet is the deadly poison in Thy path, and how precious are the arrows of the enemies for the exaltation of Thy Word! O my God! I love, in Thy love, whatsoever Thou hast ordained. By Thy might! I desire naught save what Thou desirest, and I love naught except what Thou lovest. In all things have I placed my trust in Thee.

This prayer was previously revealed for one of the friends, and in these days it was heard again from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed are they who read it and drink from the living waters concealed within the words of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. O My beloved! The fragrance of divine revelation refreshes the soul and bestows a new spirit. May the True One guide the opposers of the Cause and grant them fairness. They have manifested such tyranny that the very repositories of oppression and treasuries of hatred, both past and future, are astounded–how much more so ordinary mortals. That beloved one and this Prisoner must seek steadfastness for all. Verily, He is the Helper, the Hearer, the Answerer.

In these days the loved ones of Faran dwell in the vicinity and have attained the presence. Each day they have drunk from the cup of bounty, the water of reunion. The ocean of attainment is surging–exalted be the Gracious One, possessed of great bounty! They are truly in fervor, enkindled with the fire of love and illumined with the light of knowledge. Last night, which was the twentieth of Jumada'l-Ula, they were summoned to the palace and were blessed with special favors. Praise be to God! The tempestuous, devastating winds of the polytheists and atheists did not prevent the steadfast from the Manifest Cause of the Lord of the Worlds. At one time, these exalted words were heard from the ocean of verses. His blessed and exalted Word: "Let not the friends be sorrowful. The tyranny of enemies is the cause and means for the manifestation of justice in the world. The tyranny of Pharaoh brought forth the justice of Moses." Indeed, these tyrannies of the world have been and are followed by the Most Great Justice. The power of God was not prevented by clamor, nor was it barred by the opposition of the opposers. That beloved one knew and knows the reason for that reprehensible deed. The rejection of corruption became the cause and means of the greatest bounty for the departed, elevated martyr. All matters return to the Truth. We beseech Him to cause all to attain that which leads to the exaltation and elevation of existence. Verily, He has power over all things.

Convey greetings and salutations from this prisoner to the friends in that land. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to protect them all and make them like the surging ocean and the fire kindled in the Sacred Tree. Those friends who were recently honored to attain Our presence - including Ibn-i-'Attar,

Aqa Mirza Buzurg, and others - have been and continue to be remembered. In these days a letter arrived from ’Attar mentioning the captives. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to open before his face the gates of wealth and prosperity. Verily, He is the Lord of all creation, there is no God but Him, the Opener, the Giver, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

The Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch, may my soul be sacrificed for them both, and His Holiness Diya’u’llah, may the spirits of all in the Kingdom be sacrificed for him, send their greetings and salutations, as do the members of the pavilion of chastity and grandeur. They have said: “Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be mentioned in the arena of grace, the Most Great Scene and the Most Pure Station.” We beseech God to assist him in all matters and conditions. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

Responses to some of the petitions were sent in this dispatch. God willing, may each one receive their share of the precious pearls of utterance hidden in the treasuries of divine words and attain unto them. The light shining forth from the horizon of the Word of God be upon you and those with you.

I convey remembrance, greetings and salutations to His Holiness Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, and to Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God. In these days, responses to their petitions and those of some others and handmaidens will arrive. According to the people’s saying, the place of all is empty, but according to our saying, all are mentioned, present and existing. We beseech God on behalf of all for that which you seek and love. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and in your household and upon every steadfast and assured one.

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In the name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate!

All praise be to God Who caused the dove of utterance to warble upon the twigs of the tree of exposition with diverse melodies that there is none other God but Him. He hath brought the worlds into being and created all possibility through His Primal Will, whereby He hath created all that was and all that shall be. And praise be to God Who hath adorned the heaven of reality with the sun of meaning and knowledge, whereon hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Overshadowing, the Self-Subsisting” - Who hath manifested the Most Great Ocean gathered from the water flowing from the Source of the letter Ha’, which leadeth to the Most Ancient Name, wherefrom the Primal Point was differentiated and the all-embracing Word appeared and Truth and Law came forth, and whereby the unitarians have soared into the atmosphere of revelation and presence, and the sincere ones unto the manifestation of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

And blessings and peace be upon the Dayspring of the Most Beautiful Names and the Most Exalted Attributes, in every letter of Whose name are treasured all names, and through Whom existence, both seen and unseen, hath been adorned - Who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names and

Ahmad in the Realm of Eternity - and upon His family and companions from this Day until the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur shall proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling!”

Thy letter hath come before Us and We have taken note of thine allusions therein. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to draw thee nigh unto the shore of the sea which surgeth in the name of thy Most Exalted Lord, wherein every drop proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, and that He is verily the Creator of names and the Originator of the heavens.

O thou who asketh! When thou intendest to reach the sacred precincts and the Sinai of nearness, purify thy heart from all else but Him, then put off the sandals of idle fancies and vain imaginings that thou mayest behold with the eye of thy heart the revelations of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. For this is the Day of revelation and witnessing - separation hath passed and union hath come, and this is through the grace of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Leave question and answer to the people of dust. Soar on the wings of detachment unto the atmosphere of the nearness of thy Lord’s mercy, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Say: O people! The Primal Point hath been differentiated, the all-embracing Word hath been completed, and the sovereignty of God, the Overshadowing, the Self-Subsisting, hath been made manifest. Say: O people! Ye occupy yourselves with the rivulet while the sweet sea surgeth before your faces - what aileth you that ye comprehend not? Do ye speak of the knowledge ye possess after He hath appeared Who stood at the Point of Knowledge, from which all things have appeared and unto which they have returned and reverted, and from which have appeared the decrees of God and the knowledge which had ever remained treasured within the protection of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great? Leave allusions to their people and seek the station wherein ye shall find the fragrances of knowledge from its atmosphere. Thus doth counsel you this servant, whose every limb and vein beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the heights of grandeur and glory and the summit of loftiness and majesty. And those whom He hath sent with truth and guidance - these are the Daysprings of His revelation among His creation, the Dawning-Places of His command among His servants, and the Recipients of His inspiration in His creation. Through them have the mysteries appeared, the laws been ordained, and the Cause of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, been made manifest. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O questioner! Know that people take pride in knowledge and praise it, yet this servant complains of it. Were it not for knowledge, the Beauty would not have been imprisoned in the Most Great Prison of Akka, nor would He have drunk the cup of tribulation at the hands of His enemies. Rhetoric has distanced me, the science of meanings has brought me low, mention of union has disjointed my limbs, brevity has become the cause of prolixity in my hardship and tribulation, morphology has turned me from rest, syntax has erased joy and delight from my heart, and my knowledge of God’s mysteries has become chains around my neck. Despite this, how can I mention what you asked about the verses sent down from the heaven of might and grandeur, verses whose meaning has bewildered the minds of the wise and to whose heights the birds of understanding have failed to soar? The wings of this bird have been clipped by the scissors of envy and hatred. If this bird, whose primary and secondary feathers have been cut, could find wings to fly in the atmosphere of meanings and utterance, it would warble upon the branches of the tree of knowledge and exposition such melodies as would cause the hearts of the sincere to soar to the

heaven of longing and attraction, where they would behold the effulgences of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. But now I am prevented from revealing what is treasured, from expanding what is condensed, and from disclosing what is hidden. Rather, we must conceal rather than reveal. Were I to speak of what God has taught me through His grace and bounty, people would disperse from around me and flee, save those who have drunk from the Kawthar of life from the cups of the words of their Lord, the All-Merciful. For every word sent down from the heaven of revelation to the Prophets and Messengers is filled with the pure water of meanings, utterance, wisdom, and exposition. Blessed are they who drink thereof.

However, since We have perceived from you the fragrance of love, We shall mention briefly what you have asked, that you may detach yourself from the people of metaphor who have turned away from the truth and its mystery, clinging instead to their own suppositions and idle fancies, even after it was revealed aforetime that "conjecture profiteth nothing against truth" and in another place, "truly some suspicion is a sin."

Then know that the sun mentioned in the blessed Surah has diverse applications. In its primary rank, in the station of divine unity and the ancient, heavenly sanctuary, it is a mystery of God's mysteries, a protection from God's protections, treasured in God's treasuries, concealed in God's knowledge, sealed with God's seal. None has comprehended it save the One, the Single, the All-Informed, for in that station it is the Primal Will itself and the dawning of Divine Unity, shining forth by itself upon the horizons, illuminating whoever turns toward it. Just as when the sun rises, its radiance encompasses the world, except for lands that are veiled by some obstacle. Observe how lands without roofs and walls are illumined by it, while those with walls are prevented from its radiance. Similarly, behold how the Sun of Truth shines forth with the lights of meanings and utterance upon all creation. Whoever turns toward it is illumined by its lights, and their heart is brightened by its radiance and effulgence. But whoever turns away finds no portion thereof, for between them and it stands the veil of self and desire. Thus they remain far from the manifestation of the Sun of Truth that has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of names[…]

Then in another sense it [the word "sun"] is applied to the Prophets of God and His chosen ones, for they are the suns of His names and attributes amidst His creation. Were it not for them, no one would be illumined by the lights of divine knowledge. As thou observest, each of the peoples of the earth hath been illumined by one of these radiant Suns, and he that denieth hath been deprived thereof. For instance, the followers of Christ were illumined by the Sun of His knowledge until the Orb of the horizons dawned from the horizon of Hijaz. Those among the Christians and other peoples who denied Him were deprived of that Sun and its rays. Their very denial became as a wall between them and the Light that shone from the horizon of the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

And in another sense it is applied to the friends of God and His loved ones, for they are the suns of divine guardianship among all creatures. Were it not for them, darkness would envelop the whole earth, save whom thy Lord willeth. And it hath diverse other applications. If ten scribes were to appear before Us and We were to dictate unto them for a year or two, they would witness their own impotence. And were it not for the denial of certain ignorant ones, We would extend the time further and the Pen of God, the All-Praised, would transcend all limitations.

Know thou that just as thou art convinced that there is no end to His words, be likewise convinced that their meanings also have no end - but this is known only to their Interpreter and the treasurers of their mysteries. Those who look into books and use them to oppose the Manifestation of divine authority are dead, not living, even though they walk and talk and eat and drink.

Alas! Alas! Were that which hath been treasured within the heart of Baha, of that which His Lord, the Lord of all names, hath taught Him, to be revealed, those whom thou seest on earth would fall senseless. How many meanings are there that words cannot contain! How many of them have no expression and have been given neither statement nor allusion! And how many of them cannot be uttered because their time hath not come, as it hath been said: “Not all that is known can be disclosed, nor is the time ripe for all that can be disclosed, nor are the people capable of hearing all for which the time is ripe.” And there are those whose mention dependeth upon knowledge of the Dawning-Places wherein We have expounded the sciences and revealed what was hidden. We beseech God to enable thee and assist thee to know the Source of knowledge, that thou mayest become independent of those who claim knowledge without clear proof or illuminating Book. Hold fast to the Source of knowledge and its Mine, that thou mayest find thyself independent of all who claim knowledge without clear evidence or an illuminating Book.

And in another sense it is applied to the Most Beautiful Names, whereby each Name of God, exalted be He, becometh a sun shining upon the horizons. For instance, observe the Name of God “the All-Knowing” - it is a sun that hath risen from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and its lights, effects and splendors shine upon the temples of knowledge. Know thou that any true knowledge thou findest with the learned ones who follow not their own desires, who acknowledge the Cornerstone of divine decree and hold fast to the firm Handle - know that it is truth and its knowledge is a ray from the rays of this Sun.

We have interpreted the Names and explained their mysteries, splendors, lights, outer and inner meanings, the secrets of their letters, and the wisdom of their composition in the Book We wrote for one of Our loved ones who asked about the Names and what they contain. Know thou that the Word of God, blessed and exalted be He, in its primary reality and first station, comprehendeth meanings that most people are veiled from perceiving. We testify that His words are perfect, and in each word of His are concealed meanings that none hath understood save His own Self and those endowed with the knowledge of the Book. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

Know then that the interpreters who have interpreted the Qur’an were of two kinds: those who neglected the outward meaning and interpreted it according to the inner meaning, and those who interpreted it according to the outward meaning and neglected the inner meaning. Were We to mention their statements and explanations, such weariness would overtake thee as would prevent thee from reading what We have written for thee. We have therefore omitted their mention in this place. Blessed are they who have taken both the outward and the inner meanings - these are servants who have believed in the all-embracing Word. Know that whoso taketh the outward meaning and abandoneth the inner is ignorant, and whoso taketh the inner meaning and abandoneth the outward is heedless, and whoso taketh the inner meaning while maintaining the outward meaning is a perfect sage. This is a word

that hath shone forth from the horizon of knowledge - recognize its worth and value its price highly. We make mention of Our purpose through allusions in Our signs and words. Blessed is he who apprehendeth it, for he is of those who have attained.

Say: O people! By God, the Dove hath warbled on the branches, the Cock of the Throne hath crowed with wisdom and utterance, and the wings of the Peacock have spread in the Garden of Paradise. How long will ye slumber on the couch of heedlessness and error? Arise from the beds of passion and turn unto the dawning-place of the mercy of your Lord, the Lord of eternity and the Revealer of names. Beware lest ye object to him who calleth you unto God and His ways. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones.

Then know that the Blessed and Exalted One hath sworn to His Prophet by the sun of Divinity, the sun of Providence, the sun of the Divine Will, the sun of Purpose, the sun of Names, and by the lights of these suns and their effulgences, their manifestations, their appearances, and their influences, and by the visible sun that shineth from the horizon of this exalted heaven.

And by the moon when it followeth it - and the moon is the station of Providence which followed the sun of Prophethood, that is, appeared after it to establish the Prophet's Cause amongst the servants. Were We to mention the stations of the moon, thou wouldst find the book to be of great volume.

And by the day when it revealeth it - the intended meaning of the day in its primary reality is every day wherein appeared a Prophet from among God's Prophets and His Messengers to establish His remembrance amongst His servants and to execute His laws among His creatures, wherein the Manifestation of the Cause revealed Himself to the manifestations of all things, and on that day the lights of the sun appear and it revealeth them in this sense, that is, in it and through it the sun of Prophethood illumined and shone forth.

And by the night when it enshroudeth it - the intended meaning of night is the veil of Oneness behind which was concealed the Primal Point, which, after Its descent from Its station, became established in the seat of Unity, the station of Primary Unity, from which came the flexible alif, and beneath the veil of Primary Unity It appeared with the moving alif, which is the upright alif, and the enshrouding is the veil, and that which is enshrouded is the Primal Point, which was the reality of the sun of Prophethood.

And by the heaven and That which built it - heaven hath diverse applications among the people of truth: the heaven of meanings, the heaven of mystical knowledge, the heaven of religions, the heaven of knowledge, the heaven of wisdom, the heaven of grandeur, the heaven of loftiness, the heaven of glory - and That which built it means He Who created these mentioned heavens and what thou seest outwardly.

By the earth and its expanse! The meaning of "earth" is the earth of hearts, which is vaster than earth and heaven, for the heart is the Most Great Throne for the establishment of thy Lord's revelation, Creator of nations and Fashioner of bones. Verily it is the earth wherein God hath deposited the seeds of His knowledge and love, that from it may spring forth the ears of knowledge and certitude. Say: O people! Today is the day of sowing. Sow ye in your hearts, with the hands of certitude, that which ye have been given by your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. For "earth" there are countless meanings, and We have chosen but one of them. "And its expanse" means: and by Him Who spread it forth by His power and the sovereignty of His command.

By the soul and Him Who perfected it! The soul hath many ranks and diverse stations. Among them are the heavenly soul, the celestial soul, the divine soul, the godly soul, the holy soul, the assured soul, the content soul, the well-pleased soul, the inspired soul, the reproving soul, and the commanding soul. What is meant in that which was revealed is the soul which God made comprehensive of all deeds, whether of acceptance or rejection, of error or guidance, of faith or unbelief. “And Him Who perfected it” means: and by Him Who created it and established it.

“And inspired it with its wickedness and its righteousness” means He taught it and informed it of its wickedness - that is, the deeds which profit it not and distance it from its Lord and Creator - and its righteousness - that is, He inspired it with that which sanctifieth it from what is forbidden. In other words, He created it and made known to it the path of guidance and error, truth and falsehood, light and darkness. Then He commanded it to abandon what was forbidden and to turn toward what was commanded.

“Successful indeed is he who purifieth it” - this is the answer to the oath, meaning that he hath prospered who purifieth it, who cleanseth it from imperfections and desires and from all that is forbidden in the Book. Consider those who have purified their souls in these days. By My life! They are the prosperous ones. They are men whom neither the world nor all that is therein hath prevented from turning toward the Straight Path. They are the exemplars of this blessed verse, who have made righteousness their garment and have clung to the hem of their Lord’s grace in these days wherein feet have slipped. We bear witness to that which God hath witnessed, and We acknowledge that which hath been sent down from Him. Verily He is the Truth, and after truth there is naught save error.

“And failed indeed is he who corrupteth it” means he hath lost who hath corrupted it, who hath neglected it and hath not purified it, who hath not restrained it from what was forbidden and hath not commanded it to what was enjoined.

“Thamud denied through their transgression” - Thamud, as mentioned in the Books, were a people to whom God sent Salih, peace be upon him. They denied him after he commanded them to good and forbade them evil. They followed not God’s command and obeyed not that which they were commanded, and abandoned God’s command and His ways until they hamstrung the she-camel.

“So their Lord destroyed them for their sin” means God was wroth with them and made them a lesson to the worlds. But in truth, whoever turneth away from the Truth is of Thamud, from whatever lineage he may be. Soon shall punishment encompass them even as it encompassed the factions of old. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

We have not mentioned what the commentators have said in their interpretation of the blessed Surah, for their books of interpretation are readily available among the people. Whosoever wishes to examine their commentaries and explanations may consult their books. They have interpreted the sun as the visible sun, and likewise with the moon, and to the end of the Surah they have followed the path of the literal meaning and have contented themselves with what they possess. However, We have interpreted it in ways not mentioned in the books. We beseech God to make each letter of what hath been mentioned a chalice of meanings and knowledge, and to give thee to drink therefrom that which shall sever thee

from all that His good-pleasure abhorreth and shall draw thee nigh unto the station which He hath ordained for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things proclaim Thy praise, to open the eyes of Thy creatures that they may behold the manifestations of Thy mighty oneness and the dawning-places of the Sun of Thy bounty. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, for they are Thy servants and Thy creation. Draw them, through the Most Exalted Word, to the Dayspring of Thy most excellent names and the Treasury of Thy most exalted attributes. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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He is the Interpreter, the All-Wise!

The True One, exalted be His glory, hath come to bring forth the pearls of inner meaning from the mine of man. Today, the Religion of God and the Faith of God is this: that the diverse religions and manifold ways should not be made the cause of enmity. These principles and laws, these firmly-established paths, have proceeded from one Source and shone forth from one Dayspring. These differences have appeared in response to the requirements of the time, the age, and the centuries and epochs. O people of Baha! Gird up the loins of endeavor, that perchance religious strife and conflict may be blotted out from among the peoples of the world. For the love of God and His servants, arise to serve this momentous and exalted Cause. Religious hatred and animosity is a world-consuming fire, and to quench it is most difficult, except through the hand of Divine Power delivering mankind from this irredeemable affliction. Consider the war that broke out between the Ottoman Empire and Russia - how both sides sacrificed life and property, how many villages were utterly destroyed. This word is as a lamp in the niche of utterance: O peoples of the world! Ye are all the fruits of one tree and the leaves of one branch. Walk with perfect love, unity, fellowship and concord. I swear by the Sun of Truth that the light of unity will illumine and brighten the horizons. The All-Knowing Truth beareth witness unto this utterance, now and forever. Strive that ye may attain unto this transcendent and most sublime station, which is the safeguarding and protection of mankind. This is the monarch of all aspirations, the king of all desires. Yet until the sun of justice emerges from the dark clouds of oppression, the manifestation of this station seemeth difficult. These dark clouds are the exponents of idle fancies and vain imaginings - namely, the divines of the age. At times We have spoken in the language of the Law, and at times in the language of Truth and the Path, and Our ultimate purpose and highest aim hath been the manifestation of this most sublime and exalted station. God sufficeth as witness.

O people of Baha! Associate with the followers of all religions with joy and fragrance. If ye possess a word or gem of which others are deprived, share it with them in a language of utmost kindliness and goodwill. If it be accepted and be effective, the purpose is achieved; if not, leave him to himself and pray for him, but do not molest him. The tongue of kindness is the lodestone of hearts and the sustenance of the soul; it is as meaning to words, and as the horizon from which shineth the Sun of wisdom and knowledge.

If the people of the Qur'an had acted according to the resplendent Law after the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else than Him be His sacrifice - and had clung to its hem, the foundation of the fortress of the Cause would not have been shaken, and prosperous cities would not have been laid waste. Rather, towns and villages would have been adorned and blessed with the ornament of security and safety. Due to the dissension of the favored community and the smoke of corrupt souls, the luminous Faith is seen darkened and weakened. Had they acted faithfully, they would not have remained heedless of the rays of the Sun of Justice. Glory be to God! One Nuni in the utmost enmity and hatred, and another Nuni his helper and supporter, both outwardly dwelling with their hosts and armies in the fortress of steel, while the Wronged One dwells in a house whose walls are as paper - severed from all save God. Verily, should He wish, He could make paper harder than steel and steel finer than an eyelash. By God's life! I call them unto the light while they call Me unto the fire, but the call of the wrongdoers is naught but error. I desired glory for them while they desired for Me the greatest abasement. From the earliest days We have been captive in the hands of the heedless - at times in Iraq, at times in the Land of Mystery, and thence to 'Akka, which had been a place of exile for murderers and thieves. Without cause they banished Us, and from this Most Great Prison it is not known where and to what place We shall repair. Knowledge of this rests with God, Lord of the throne and the earth, and Lord of the exalted Seat. Wherever We may be, and whatever may befall Us, the people of God must gaze with perfect steadfastness and assurance toward the Supreme Horizon and occupy themselves in promoting the betterment of the world and the education of its peoples. That which hath befallen, and will befall, hath been and is conducive to the exaltation of the Cause. Take hold of God's command and cling to it, for verily it hath been sent down from one Wise, All-Commanding.

With utmost kindness and mercy have We guided and directed the peoples of the world to that which profiteth them. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the most exalted horizon that the people of God have had and have no purpose except the edification and betterment of the world and the education of nations. They have associated with all people in truth and sincerity; their outward appearance hath been identical with their inner reality, and their inner reality hath been the same as their outward appearance. The truth of the Cause is neither hidden nor concealed, but is manifest and evident before all faces. Their very deeds bear witness to this utterance. Today every possessor of vision can behold the lights of the dawn of His manifestation, and every possessor of hearing can hearken unto the Voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai. The waves of the ocean of divine mercy have reached such heights that the Dayspring of verses and the Dawning-place of clear signs associateth and communeth with all peoples without veil or hindrance. How many among the peoples of the world have entered in discord and departed in concord. The gate of grace hath been opened before the faces of all. We outwardly associate with both the rebellious and the obedient in the same manner, that perchance the evil-doers might discover the boundless ocean of divine forgiveness. The effulgences of the Name "the Concealer" have appeared in such wise that the evil-doer imagineth himself to be numbered with the righteous. No seeker hath been turned away, and no one who hath set his face toward God hath been denied. The opposition and avoidance of the people have been caused by the Shi'ih divines and their unseemly deeds. Glory be to God! In Our childhood We heard that a certain divine was discoursing about the word of the Qa'im, saying that according to traditions and reports that have reached us, on the Day of His manifestation that Holy Being would utter a word from which the Deputies would all turn away and take

flight. What word could this be, that even the most exalted among the people would turn away from the Truth? O assemblage of the ignorant! That word is this, and at this moment He declareth: “He” hath appeared in the garment of “I” and the Hidden One speaketh forth with “I am the Manifest One.” Ye fled without hearing. Say: This is that word at whose sovereign might all are made to tremble, save him whom God willeth. By the divines in these passages are meant those souls who have prevented people from reaching the shore of the Most Holy Ocean. Otherwise, the learned who put their knowledge into practice and the just sage are as spirit unto the body of the world. Blessed is the learned one whose head is adorned with the crown of justice and whose temple is adorned with the ornament of equity.

The Supreme Pen counseleth the people of God and commandeth them to show forth love, kindness, wisdom and forbearance. Today the Wronged One is imprisoned; His hosts have been and are goodly character and upright conduct, not ranks, armies, rifles and cannons. One pure and goodly deed maketh the earthly world the Most Exalted Paradise. O friends! Aid the one true God, exalted be His glory, through praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Today whosoever desireth to render assistance must not look to that which benefiteth himself, but rather to that which is with God. He must not consider that which profiteth him, but that whereby the Word of God, the Sovereign Truth, may be uplifted. The heart must be sanctified from all idle fancies and desires, for the weapon of victory and the primary cause of triumph hath ever been and still is the fear of God. It is the breastplate that protecteth the body of the Cause and the host of the people of God. Forever hath the standard of the fear of God been victorious and is reckoned among the most mighty hosts of the world. Through it have the near ones conquered the cities of men’s hearts by the leave of God, the Lord of Hosts.

The world hath been encompassed by darkness, and the lamp that giveth light hath been and is wisdom. Its requirements must be observed under all conditions. Among the dictates of wisdom is the observance of ranks and speaking in accordance with station and standing. And among the dictates of wisdom is prudence, for man should not accept whatever any soul may say. We have written aforetime: “Trust not every newcomer, and believe not every speaker.” Under all conditions, beseech ye the one true God, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not His servants of the sealed wine and the lights of His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

O people of God! The Most Exalted Pen counseleth the servants concerning the Most Great Trustworthiness. By the life of God! Its light is more manifest than the light of the sun. Every light hath been eclipsed before its light, its radiance and its effulgence. We beseech God that He deprive not His cities and lands of the splendors of the sun of trustworthiness. We have enjoined upon all to observe trustworthiness, chastity, purity and fidelity throughout all nights and days. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

From the first days when the rays of the Sun of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of Iraq until now, the Pen of utterance hath never ceased its movement. With the utmost joy and fragrance it counseled the people of the world to praiseworthy deeds and pleasing conduct. Throughout the nights and days the scratching of the Pen was raised and the tongue was speaking, so that in the face of the sword there stood the word, in the face of tyranny there was patience, and at the time of martyrdom there was submission. For thirty years and more, whatsoever befell this wronged community they endured with

patience and left it to God. Every possessor of justice and fairness hath testified and doth testify to that which hath been mentioned.

During this period, this Wronged One clung to goodly exhortations and sufficient, healing counsels until it became evident and manifest to all that God hath appeared for the revelation of the treasures deposited within human souls. Conflict and contention have ever been the way of the beasts of the earth. Praiseworthy deeds are the attributes of man. Blessed is the Merciful One Who created man and taught him utterance.

After all these trials, neither the princes of the state were satisfied nor the divines of the nation. Not a single soul was found who would, for the sake of God, utter a word before the throne of His Majesty. "Naught shall befall us save that which God hath decreed for us." They acted not with kindness, and in manifesting evil they showed no restraint. Fairness became as rare as the phoenix, and truthfulness as scarce as the philosopher's stone. No one spoke a word of good. It seemed as though justice, like the people of truth, had become abhorred by the servants and banished from the lands.

Glory be to God! During the troubles in the land of Ta, no one spoke according to what God had ordained. With a view to displaying power and rendering service in the presence of the Sultan, they called good evil and the reformer a mischief-maker. Such souls would make a drop appear as an ocean and a speck as the sun. They would call a hut an impregnable fortress while turning a blind eye to the manifest truth. They seized a group of the world's reformers on charges of corruption. By the life of God! Those souls had and have no purpose save the glory of the state and service to the nation. They spoke and speak for God's sake and walk in His path.

O friends! Beseech the Purpose of all the worlds to assist His Majesty the King, that through the radiance of the Sun of Justice all the realms of Iran may be adorned with the ornament of security and peace. According to reports, he hath of his own accord freed those who were bound and granted liberty to those who were imprisoned. Certain matters must needs be brought before the people, and their disclosure beseemeth the righteous, that the chosen ones may be informed and made aware. Verily, He inspireth whomsoever He willeth with whatsoever He desireth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

A word hath reached the ears of this Wronged One from that land which, in truth, hath caused astonishment. His Excellency Mu'tamidu'd-Dawlih Farhad Mirza hath spoken concerning the prisoner that which is not befitting to mention. This Wronged One had very few meetings with him and his like. What is remembered is that he came twice to Murgh-Mahallih in Shimiran where this Wronged One resided–the first time towards evening one day, and the second time on a Friday morning, departing near sunset. He is learned and aware; he should not speak aught but the truth. If anyone attaineth his presence, let these words be conveyed before his face on behalf of this Wronged One:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O son of the King! Your Excellency saw me before as but one among men. Were you to turn today, you would behold me with a light none knoweth who hath manifested it, and with a fire none knoweth who hath kindled it. Yet the Wronged One knoweth and is aware, and saith: The hand of God's will, the Lord of

all worlds, hath manifested it, and the hand of power hath ignited it. From its sighing [thou hearest]: By God! The promise hath come to pass, and He Who conversed on Sinai speaketh from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, yet most of the people are heedless. O Prince! I had concealed my Cause; my Lord revealed me. I was sleeping; the breeze of God awakened me. When I raised my head, I heard from all directions: "O Thou Who speaketh in the Tree! Blessed is the land honored by Thy footsteps, the soul that hath attained Thy call, and the face that hath turned toward Thee. Arise and say: O people of the earth! My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor do I walk in your ways. Remember that which ye were promised [in what was revealed before] and in My perspicuous Book." Then I arose and spoke as I was commanded. This is not from me, but from One mighty and powerful. I ask of Your Excellency justice and fairness concerning this momentous News and this noble Edifice. Your Excellency should inquire about the Cause for which blood was shed, heads were raised on spears, breasts were pierced, livers were melted, and the people were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willed. The Cause is not in my hands, but in His. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful. The tongue hath spoken according to its capacity, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Blessed is he whom the doubts of the people of passion have not withheld from the Lord of all beings nor kept back from the Most Exalted Horizon. The greatness of the Cause and the greatness of the days are recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard that which the Tongue of the Will of the All-Merciful hath uttered upon the branches, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

O friends! His honor Haydar-'Ali and Muhammad-Husayn, upon them both be my glory, have made mention of the friends of God. They have recounted tales city by city and house by house - nay rather, have told many tales - and have grieved over the absence of all at the Gate. O party of God in the cities and regions! Your names have been mentioned before the Face, and there hath been revealed for you that which the hands of change and annihilation shall never reach. He counseleth you to preserve that which hath been vouchsafed unto you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names. Beseech ye God that He may assist all to accomplish that which will cause its fragrance and mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

And at the end of the Book, We counsel you once again to observe chastity, trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and purity. Put away the forbidden and take hold of the good - a command from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At this hour the Most Exalted Pen lamenteth and uttereth that which was in the divine Books of the past and future. By God's life! There hath appeared that which no eye in the world hath ever seen. Nevertheless, it is observed that some of the friends hesitate due to the sayings of the people of the Bayan, or are disturbed by the clamor of the hypocrites. This is a matter that is self-evident, and it behooveth all to observe the Cause with its own eyes. It beseemeth man that should the entire world attempt to prevent him from the Most Exalted Horizon or to turn him aside from the straight path, they would find themselves utterly impotent.

We previously informed all about the cawing of the crows and the clamor of the transgressors. The people of God must protect themselves from the corrupt ones among the people of the Bayan through the sword of this blessed word which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Primal

Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - wherein He saith: “I have written an essence regarding His mention: He shall not be known through My allusions nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan,” and through the shield of another blessed word wherein He saith: “Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the Vahids of the Bayan, and beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what hath been revealed in the Bayan.”

Reflect upon the Manifestation of the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - and the events that followed, and take heed. Consent not that once again there should arise the region of falsehood, the well of delusion, and the mythical Jabulqa and Jabulsa, leading astray the helpless people. Fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and be detached, severed and free from all else. From the beginning of the Cause until now, all that hath been said hath been evident before all faces. God, exalted be His glory, is aware, and deeds bear witness. There is no power nor strength except through God. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, upon those who mention you and love you, and upon every steadfast and firm believer. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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

Praise be to God Who is single in majesty, unique in grandeur, sanctified above all that creation uttereth, and holy beyond the conditions of all created things - He Who hath spoken His most exalted Word, whereby the banner of Divine Unity was raised to the loftiest station in the kingdom of creation, and the standard of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” was unfurled on the right hand of the most luminous Spot. Exalted is the Lord of Names, through Whom the stream of mercy flowed and the ocean of bounty surged, through Whom the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery were revealed, through Whom the Lote Tree of the Extremity spoke forth in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Exalted is the Manifestation of this Day, which was heralded by the Tongue of Grandeur in ancient times in His words “Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the days of God,” and in His other words “The Kingdom on that day shall be God’s,” and again “The day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord,” and yet again “And thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank.” Praise be to God Who sent down the heavenly table and perfected His favor, Who manifested in His Day what He had revealed to His Prophets and Messengers, through whom the proof was completed for all creation and the lights of manifestation shone forth throughout all lands, through whom hearts and souls were attracted, and through whom was revealed what God had purposed throughout all ages and centuries.

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence, Who hast appeared through Thy Name, the All-Loving, in this Promised Day! Thou seest Thy servants and Thy creation, who have turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Manifestation of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration, after Thou didst command them in Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets to turn unto Thee, to arise to serve Thee, and to draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge. And when the Dawn of Manifestation appeared and

the Speaker on Sinai spoke forth, they turned away from Thee, broke Thy Covenant, and rose in opposition, to such extent that those who reclined upon the cushions of glory by Thy Name pronounced judgment against Thee. I beseech Thee by the revelations of the lights of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to aid Thy servants to recognize Him Whose advent and mention every Book hath proclaimed. O Lord! Rend asunder the greatest veil from before the faces of humanity with Thy finger, O Lord of destiny, that they may behold Thee with Thine own eye. Thou art He Who hath said - and Thy word is the truth - "Whosoever desireth to know Me must look with Mine eye, for without this he shall never know Me." O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue the world, to assist Thy loved ones to such steadfastness that the books of the world shall not prevent them from turning to Thy most exalted horizon, and to grant them the Kawthar of assurance through the hands of bounty, O Lord of the Beginning and the End! There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant attained to what thou didst send unto him. When he was attracted by what thy heart's tongue had uttered in remembrance and praise of God, he turned toward the Dayspring of the Most Great Sign, the Station which God hath sanctified from all attributes and names. When he was present before the Gate which was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven, he submitted, after obtaining permission, what was in thy letter. Thereupon the Ancient King turned toward me and spoke that which caused the ocean of knowledge to surge before the faces of the nations. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Trustworthy […]

O Abdu'r-Rahim! The All-Merciful remembers thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with verses whereby the horizon of the heaven of utterance hath shone forth and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branches. The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to resist. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause and eloquent in the praise of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus wert thou commanded before and in this hour. Cast behind thee the mention of the world and hold fast unto My Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which was revealed that which was sent down in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. He Who directs the world with His finger hath been imprisoned by the heedless in the Most Great Stronghold. Among the people are those who have said that He hath fabricated a lie against God. Say: Bring forth what ye possess, if ye be of the truthful. Say: By God! The proof circleth round the All-Merciful and the evidence standeth before the Throne, were ye but to perceive it. The vain life hath deluded them from turning to the gathering-place of the Concourse on High - the Station wherein the Tongue of the Wronged One speaketh and calleth all unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: O concourse of men! Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. By God! He Who was promised in the Books of God and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers hath come. Cast aside tyranny, then look with the eye of fairness at that which hath been sent down from God, the Ancient Revealer. Beware lest the conditions of names prevent you from the Creator of heaven. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by One All-Powerful, Ancient. This is the Day wherein the Bridge hath been laid, the Balance set up, and all tribes seized with trembling, save

whom God hath delivered by a sovereignty from Him. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth and within His grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth. This is the Day wherein every tongue hath spoken, every seated one hath arisen, every sightless one hath seen, and every lifeless bone hath stirred. Say: Know ye the value of these days wherein that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Mighty, the Praised, hath been manifested. Preserve ye your stations through this Name whereby the earth hath been shaken, the mountains moved, the heaven cleft asunder, and the hearts of the deniers thrown into turmoil. The glory be upon thee and upon thy children and thy wife and upon them that are with thee among the loved ones of God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

From the divine verses His grace and bounty are manifest and evident. God grant that the True One, exalted be His glory, may assist His servants to discover the fragrance of His robe and attain unto the breezes of His verses. I swear by the murmuring of the Kawthar of inner meanings that if those on earth would, with even less than that, gaze with the eye of fairness upon what hath been manifested and ponder what hath been revealed, all would turn toward the supreme horizon and would utter the blessed words "I turn unto Thee, O God of Names!" However, the conditions of earth and its colors have rendered people heedless and preoccupied. From the beginning of creation until now, such a Cause hath never appeared. All events of the world that have since occurred or will occur have flowed with utmost clarity from the Supreme Pen and been recorded in the Tablets, and most of the servants have seen and heard them. Nevertheless, they remain veiled and heedless. Glory be to God! Man is bewildered, and this servant, like one distracted and astonished, observes the world. The party that counted themselves the most mighty, exalted, learned and ancient of the world, and who day and night made mention of the Qa'im, ultimately all issued the death sentence against that Luminary of the heaven of inner meaning and martyred that Essence of being with the worst torment. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Even more veiled than that party of deniers are the people of the Bayan who follow exactly in the footsteps of those souls. They have not reflected, even less than that, what fruit was gained by that group. By the life of the Beloved! These souls are observed to be more veiled than those souls, nay more veiled than all the peoples of the world. The King of existence, concerning Whom the Point of the Bayan, may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said "Be not veiled from Him by what is in the Bayan, and be not deprived of Him by its letters" - they have arisen in opposition to such an extent that pen and tongue are powerless to describe it, even though they were never and are not now aware of the origins of this Cause. May God grant sight and bestow fairness. Verses are flowing and being revealed like torrential rain, and evidences are manifest and dawning from all horizons. Nevertheless, they have said that which the people of the Torah and other religions have not said. Fie upon them and upon those who have led them astray and misguided them from the straight path of God, the manifest, the evident, the straight. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Regarding the mention of certain souls in your letter, those names were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and the sun of grace dawned specifically for each one. God willing, may they be illumined by the lights of the suns of utterance of the Beloved of all possibility, and arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause. His mighty utterance states:

He is the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious

O Muhammad-Qabli! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and calleth thee to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath mentioned thy mention in this station and hath revealed for thee that which attracteth the hearts and minds. Take the verses of thy Lord with strength from Him, then make mention of Him by His command. He is the Commander, the Kind. Be thou observant of His supreme horizon and act according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed is the servant who hath acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

That which was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Sahib:

In the Name of the One God […]

O my handmaiden! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the Word of God, that perchance through the grace of the Most Great Name thou mayest attain to such a station wherein no doubt or uncertainty can find entrance. The whole world hath been created for this wondrous Day. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized this Day and hath arisen to render that which beseemeth it. While time remaineth, strive thou that haply thou mayest be enriched through the outpourings of the true Bestower and shine forth even as the morning star. We convey Our greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and bid them observe that which God loveth. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath heard, turned unto Him, and attained unto that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath desired.

That which was revealed for Siyyid Sadiq, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Siyyid Sadiq! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed Word which is even as a spirit unto all books: "The beginning of all things is My knowledge, and the end thereof is steadfastness in My love." God willing, through the grace of the Self-Subsisting Name thou shalt quaff the sealed wine and arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This is the Sun of Days and its Lord. Beseech God that thou mayest be aided to accomplish that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

That which was revealed for Nasru'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. He is the True Witness.

O Nasru'llah! The people of Baha must ever ascend the heights of knowledge, seeking the Most Exalted Horizon. Today all things cry out and summon the people to the straight path of God. Blessed is he who hath truly heard; woe unto the heedless! God willing, thou shalt ever be illumined by the lights of the manifestation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. This is the most great bounty and the most exalted station. Be thou grateful and numbered with the thankful ones.

That which was revealed for Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God.

In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Ahmad! The Point of the Bayan hath declared: “He is the One Who speaketh in every condition, saying: ‘Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me.’” Nevertheless, they remain veiled. The people of the Bayan have objected to the mention of Divinity. By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, they are regarded by God as more base than the followers of the Qur’an and the previous religions. Guard thyself in the name of Truth from the breath of the polytheists. He is verily the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

That which was revealed for Ustad Ibrahim K.J., upon him be the glory of God.

In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

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O Abraham! In the days when the fragrance of the garment of Revelation was wafted from Zawra, We informed all of the appearance of the croakers and the Book of Sijjin and the tablets of fire. Likewise in the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison. Blessed are they who hearkened unto the Word of Truth and acted upon it. This is the Day of vision, inasmuch as the Most Great Spectacle hath appeared. By the life of God! Ears were created for this Day, for the Most Sweet Call is raised from the supreme horizon. Take hold of the Truth, detached from all else. Although these wondrous and exalted verses from the Kingdom of Divine utterance were revealed specifically for the mentioned names, yet their purpose embraceth all the souls of the world - that is, those possessed of hearing and sight. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and hath attained unto that which the Tongue hath uttered in the Kingdom of utterance, and hath testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. He is, verily, the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

That which was revealed for His Honour ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God:

He Who is seated upon the Throne of Revelation

O ’Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One mentioneth unto thee from this Spot which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and which God hath made the Dawning-place of His verses, the Dayspring of His revelation and the Recipients of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Wondrous. This is the Day wherein the sincere ones have hastened unto the Euphrates of the mercy of their Lord, the Generous, and the near ones have spoken that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Blessed is the speaker who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath uttered in the Kingdom of utterance, and woe unto every proud and suspicious one. This is the Day wherein the Mount calleth aloud, and the Tree of Revelation calleth out, yet the people are in manifest remoteness. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My loving-kindness from the garment of My utterance, render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are on earth, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know. Thus hath the Ark of Knowledge sailed upon the sea of wisdom. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is of them that render thanks.

The splendours of the Sun of bounty have encompassed all the mentioned names. God willing, may they recognize this most great station and preserve it, and may they be seen to be firm, steadfast and upright

in the conclusive verses of the Manifestation of clear proofs. The evil ones have been and are lying in wait. The Command is in His hand - He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander Whom the conditions of creation have not hindered. He hath appeared and made manifest what He willed through His sovereignty that overshadoweth all in the heavens and earth. Strange it is that some of the veiled ones have passed by the ocean of utterance and have lent their ears to the vain imaginings of every croaker. Fie upon them and upon those who have led them astray and kept them back from the straight path of God. Some time ago this exalted Word was revealed from the Divine Kingdom of knowledge - exalted be His utterance: Fix your gaze upon this Word which shineth as the sun from the heaven of the Divine Tablet: "Return ye to the traces, O people of insight!" Let your honour, and likewise this servant and all the friends, beseech God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the lights of the sun of justice may not remain concealed behind the clouds of oppression, and the scratching of the Supreme Pen may not be confused with croaking and cawing. Glorified be He Who hath unveiled unto us and unto you, and concealed from them.

Three glorious Tablets specifically intended for your children have been revealed and dispatched. May they attain unto them. All the names mentioned in your letter have been honored with mention by the Supreme Pen, and those unnamed souls who are adorned with divine love have likewise been recorded by the Supreme Pen. All servants and handmaidens must occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds with perfect steadfastness and love, and act in accordance with what befits these days. God willing, may all be aided to perform goodly deeds. In numerous instances this blessed word was heard: The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath come for the reformation of the world. God willing, may all arise to aid the Cause through goodly character, pure words, and pleasing deeds. Corruption hath never been and shall never be the way of God and His loved ones. He desireth naught but the salvation of all who are in the world. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one.

Furthermore, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to each of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they all soar in the atmosphere of inner meanings on the wings of steadfastness and attain unto that which God hath desired. His honor the beloved, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, namely his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be God's grace and glory, wrote in detail about the friends of that land and their being set ablaze with the fire of divine love. God willing, all have been and are confirmed. And in this time when each hath attained innumerable favors, this evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant all a portion from His ocean of mercy and to deprive no one. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Watchful, the Near One. Glory be upon you and upon your children and those with you and upon those who have drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and have attained unto God's bounty, the Powerful, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Servant

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May the Glory of God illumine him! He that hath arisen to serve the Cause of the Ancient Beauty must be steadfast and unwavering in his purpose, and consider not aught save His good-pleasure. He must not allow the censure of the froward to deter him from his path, nor suffer the praise of people to deflect him

from his goal. He must with the utmost wisdom testify to the truth of His Cause and proclaim the verities of His Faith. He must not rest until the banner of His Lord be unfurled in every land and His Faith be established throughout all regions. He must not pay heed to the commendation of men, nor be disheartened by their opposition. Thus will he attain unto that which was destined for him from time immemorial. May the Glory of God rest upon him and upon all who have believed in His[…]

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

Blessed art thou, O thou whose face hath turned to the countenance of the Lord of Names after the passing of all things, whose heart hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when it was illumined by the name of the Lord of all beings, whose tongue hath spoken in praise and glorification in days wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of names, whose ears have heard the sweetest call raised from the Uttermost Lote Tree, whose hands have taken hold of the Book in the name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and whose feet have arisen to serve the Cause in the kingdom of creation.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose light the horizons of existence were illumined and through Whose name was manifested whatsoever lay hidden or revealed! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power to give Thy near ones to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the water of life in the realm of possibility. Then draw them, through Thy name, the All-Merciful, to such heights that whatsoever hath been created on earth - its bounties, ornaments, favors, adornments, veils, divines and mystics - shall not prevent them from arising to serve Thee, from meditating on Thy signs and tokens, and on that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power in Thy days, and that which Thou hast announced in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets.

O Lord! Thou art He through one of Whose names those in the graves arose, the trumpet was sounded, and that which was recorded by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scrolls was made manifest, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Thou beholdest me aflame with the fire of Thy love and ascending, by the ladder of trust and certitude, to the court of Thy mighty oneness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, at this moment when my fingers cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and grace, and mine eyes are fixed upon the horizon of Thy loving-kindness and generosity, not to disappoint the people of Thy kingdom from that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power. Thou art He before Whose door of riches every wealthy one hath bowed down, and before Whose manifestations of power and expressions of might every possessor of strength hath humbled himself. There is none other God but Thee, the Just Ruler, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, the fragrances of thy words have gladdened Me, and thy words have informed Me of that which hath brought solace to Mine eyes, expanded My breast and cheered My heart. When I perceived the sweet perfume of thy praise in thy love for thy Lord, and heard of thy steadfastness in the Cause out of love for Our and your Purpose, and Our and the dwellers of earth and heaven’s Beloved, I then desired to arise and appear before the Face, and presented that which was therein. Thereupon the Tongue of

Grandeur spoke that whereby the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of knowledge. He spoke, and His Word is the Truth:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed […]

The oceans have appeared with their waves and the trees with their fruits, and the Dove of the Cause has sung upon the branches, yet the people have clung to the buzzing of flies, turning away from God, the Lord of lords. Verily, he who stood before the Presence and served Him through the nights and days, they have taken as a lord for themselves, turning away from Him Who created all beings with a word from His presence. Thus did their souls entice them in the days of God, the Master of necks. O Lion! The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before the Presence. He hath heard and answered thee with that which each letter thereof proclaimeth: "The Promised One hath come and God hath established Himself upon the throne of His Name, the All-Bestowing." Blessed art thou for having turned when the divines and learned of the earth turned away. Joy be unto thee for having held fast to the cord of divine knowledge when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty. Say: O people of the earth! The Creator of heaven hath come and calleth out with the most exalted call, summoning you to the supreme height. Be fair and follow not those who worship suppositions and idle fancies. Rend asunder, through His Most Powerful Name, the greatest veil. Thus doth He command you, before Whom the Mother Book hath bowed down. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee by that whose fragrance hath spread throughout the kingdom of names. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, around Whom circle the beginning and the return. Thus have We revealed from the Pen that which was hidden in the knowledge of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. Be grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of verses." The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who circle round My will and hear thy utterance concerning this Cause at whose appearance the foundations were shaken. Praise be to God, the Lord of religions.

This evanescent servant testifieth that that beloved one hath expended and continueth to expend the utmost effort and endeavor in service to the Cause, and this is among the special favors of God, exalted be His glory. In truth, if one attaineth not unto this station, he will be seen to be bereft of the fruit of the tree of existence. God willing, may that beloved one ever be watchful, hearing, speaking and attentive.

Regarding what thou didst write about his honor the Sahib, upon him be God's favor - praise be to God, he hath attained unto God's favor, and we beseech God to assist him in that which is befitting this day. By the life of God! Were he to taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, he would surely abandon all that the world possesseth and turn with a luminous countenance unto God, the Ancient of Days, Who calleth from the supreme horizon and summoneth humanity - to this every fair-minded and perceptive one doth testify. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings unto him and beseecheth God for his success.

Mention was made of his honor 'Ali Pasha Khan, upon him be the glory of God, and it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His exalted Word:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great […]

O Ali! Thy mention hath been honored by the hearing of the Wronged One in this impregnable and forbidden prison. O Ali! We have mentioned thee before with My verses and have turned toward thee as a token of My grace. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Glorious, the Loving. Whoso turneth today to the Most Exalted Horizon is indeed the best of all beings before God, the Lord of existence. God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine favors and arise to serve Him. The divine call is raised at all times, but most people understand not. The wine of heedlessness hath intoxicated all save whom God willeth. O Ali! Stand thou firm in the Cause with utmost steadfastness and speak in praise of God, exalted be His glory. Today the true Purpose hath appeared and the world is illumined with the lights of His countenance. It behooveth everyone endowed with hearing, sight and heart not to deprive himself of the outpourings of this divine Day. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former generations. Be thou assured of God's grace and fix thy gaze upon His horizon. Verily He is with those who love Him and desire Him, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

This servant conveyeth greetings to him. It is hoped that he may at all times be blessed by God's grace and receive his portion from the fragrances of His days. Verily He is the Protector of those who draw nigh, the Lord of those who turn unto Him, and the Goal of them that know.

As for the carpet that was sent for the small piece, it is present in Hudayba with His Holiness the Name 66, may all the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him. God willing, it will arrive. These matters depend on God's grace and acceptance. Due to his acceptance, from the day it was mentioned, it was honored with acceptance even before its arrival. This is glad tidings from this evanescent servant to him. Regarding what you wrote about his book, Sabri Effendi has not yet arrived. Whenever the meeting takes place, what has been written will be carried out.

Concerning what you wrote about His Honor Aqa Mirza Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah's Glory], a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed several months ago from the heaven of divine favor in his name, and mention was made of the deceased, the honored Jinab-i-Dhabi?, upon him be God's glory and favor, in detail in that Tablet. God willing, he will attain unto it. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to him and declareth that his honor should be so enkindled with the fire of divine love that it may cause others to be awakened. God willing, may he be confirmed and spend his youthful days in divine love.

His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah's Glory], who is engaged in transcribing the verses of God, exalted be His glory, and whose mention was in that beloved one's letter, was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. He saith, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Hearing, the Answering […]

O Muhammad! He who hath loved Me and turned unto My countenance and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee, and the servant present before the Face hath presented it. We have remembered thee with My wondrous and glorious remembrance. This is a Day wherein the Remembrance calleth aloud with the most exalted call, summoning all unto the All-Knowing, the One. Grieve thou not over anything, but rejoice in the Book of thy Lord. Verily, He is with His accepted servants. We have aided thee and taught thee that which the learned and mystics of the earth know not,

save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willeth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and firm in the remembrance of thy Lord in such wise that the allusions of the wayward, who have cast the command of God behind their backs and followed every rebellious devil, shall not veil thee. Take hold of the Book with the power and might from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have forgiven thee and those whom thou hast mentioned. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having taught me and caused me to hear and given me to drink from the Kawther of knowledge and honored me with this noble station. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy Name, the Strong, the Mighty.

The servant beareth witness that His mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. God willing, may He confirm all who are on earth that they may inhale the fragrances of His days and turn toward the direction of His grace. A hundred thousand regrets that they remain deprived of the lights of the divine dawn and are seen as mere rabble. Yet that which hath descended from the Kingdom of Will and appeared through His prevailing decree shall create attentive ears and grant the ability to hear, for the Divine Word hath ever been and shall ever be the bestower, the manifestor and the confirmer.

Mention was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence of Aqa Mirza Husayn of the people of Ba and Shin, upon him be the glory of God. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Power as a grace from His presence unto him. His blessed and exalted Word: O Husayn! Reflect upon what hath befallen the Wronged One in this Cause whereby every face was darkened, all tranquility was shaken, every foundation was made to tremble, every mountain was scattered, every steadfast one was made to quake, and every standing one did slip, save those who attained unto the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. We arose for the Cause in such wise that agitation seized the people of the Bayan. When some measure of tranquility appeared, there emerged from behind the veil one who led the people astray and barred them from the straight path of God. They would flee from town to town from the onslaught of the wicked ones, yet when they felt secure, they arose against Us with manifest tyranny. The wicked ones are those divines who cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and took their vain imaginings as their lord without any clear proof or illuminating Book. O Husayn! Rejoice in that the Lord of the world remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of that which He hath ordained for His loved ones in the Crimson Scroll from His Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to serve His loved ones and enabled thee to recognize this wondrous and glorious Day. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the sincere ones were drawn and the unitarians did soar, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and clung to Thy luminous hem. O Lord! I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

In the Name of the Mighty, the Great

This was revealed for him who was named Ali in the Book of Names and was related to Kamaluddin, who attained certitude when all on earth lamented save whom God willed. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

Thy mention hath gained access to the Most Holy Court, and the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the horizon of the Prison, counseling thee to be trustworthy, religious, truthful, and steadfast in this mighty Cause. Blessed art thou and thy father who was attracted by the verses of his Lord in the early days and attained His presence when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq. This is the day of goodly deeds, the day of remembrance and utterance. God willing, may ye attain to that which exalteth the Cause of God. Goodly deeds are in themselves promoters of God's Cause and have ever been so. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which hath been commanded by God, and woe unto the heedless. Ye are all mentioned before the Throne and adorned with the ornament of His favor. God willing, may ye succeed in preserving this most exalted station and supreme rank. The Glory be upon thy father, upon thee, upon thy mother, and upon those who are with you, and upon My black handmaiden who attained My presence and was illumined by the lights of My countenance and ascended to the Supreme Companion, the station whereof every knowing and informed one is powerless to mention.

And concerning what thou wrote about Aqa Muhammad-Rida, nephew of his eminence the martyred Zabih, upon them both be the Glory of God, he hath been favored with God's grace both before and after. Praise be to God, mention of him hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and his kinship to him who was martyred in the path of God is firm. Since his father is hesitant, his relationship before the Throne was given to his eminence the martyr, upon him be the Glory of God, and this matter was uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Holy Court about a year ago. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. This lowly one conveyeth greetings to him and beseecheth God to make him manifest in such wise in the love of God that the tongues of all created things shall testify thereto. By the life of the Beloved, this is an exalted and mighty station. Likewise, this lowly one conveyeth greetings and salutations to both aforementioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God, and the other friends in that land, and sayeth: God willing, may they be occupied with the remembrance of God throughout the days and nights. Let them not lose the opportunity, for the days are passing like lightning. While the waves of the ocean of utterance are manifest and the effulgences of the sun of inner meanings are dawning and evident, arise to serve and undertake that which exalteth the Cause of God. The service today is and hath been the teaching of the Cause. God willing, may all be assisted to give life to those dead in the wilderness of remoteness with drops from the ocean of nearness, and counsel them to the most great steadfastness. Verily, He assisteth whom He willeth and guideth whom He willeth to His manifest, shining and luminous horizon.

The matters have concluded, yet the fire of the heart knows no end, and the warmth of love has not been diminished by the opposition of those on earth. This is naught but from God's grace - our Goal and the Goal of all worlds. In these days news arrived that packets from that beloved one and also from some of the friends had been sent to Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], for him to deliver to the Desired Land. He had entrusted these to someone who was journeying to the Most Luminous Spot to deliver them. However, the highway robbers seized these items along with other things from the messenger and sent him away empty-handed. When this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, they instructed: "Write to Asad, upon him be the Glory of God, to consult about this matter. If there is a way to truly discover the purpose of Truth, it would be beloved - meaning, to know with absolute certainty that Truth has not come for conflict, disputation and corruption. Its purpose has been and is

none other than the unity of creation, which is the cause of the exaltation of government and subjects. And if they truly arise for the elevation of the Word, We ask for him lofty station and supreme rank, and We guarantee it. Let them seek divine confirmation from God, exalted be His glory. If they reflect even a little, they will discover the greatest means of the world's tranquility and what is beneath it. For some time now the earth has not found rest, and no one has known the reason. God, exalted be His glory, may confirm one of the princes and through him assist His Faith, and may the light of justice so encompass the earth that no trace of oppression remains - then shall you see therein neither crookedness nor inequality. Would that they discovered the will of God and remained not deprived of the outpourings and fragrances of the days of His manifestation."

This servant submits that the Word should be delivered only after confidence and readiness of the place is established, and then only in summary, for in these lands some have shown acceptance while their purpose was investigation to determine the number of souls and the size of the community. However, in all cases, words should be spoken that convey the fragrance of goodness and pure benevolence. He is the Helper to success and the Protector of every truthful, eloquent and trustworthy one. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon you and upon whoever has heard the Call, and upon God's chosen ones and His loved ones who have arisen to serve His Cause and have spoken His beautiful praise.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Ancient, the Comforter, the Consoler, the Compassionate, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Verily the Pen lamenteth and the Tablet weepeth by reason of the sighs of the faithful that have ascended and the tears of the Most Exalted Paradise that have descended. It is as though joy hath barred its door, and gladness hath been shaken to its foundations, and the heaven hath withheld its rain, and the sun of delight its radiance, and the stars their light, and the breezes have grown still, and Paradise hath been cut off from its gentle winds, and the houses of love have had their lamps extinguished, and the blessed earth hath ceased in its growth, and the seas have become motionless in their movements and waves, and the birds in their cooing and warbling, and the rivers in their murmuring and flowing, and the heaven of exposition from its manifestation and utterance.

While I was in this mighty state, recording mention of the calamity that had appeared in the Kingdom of Creation, it was as though I heard a call from all directions: "O servant in attendance! What hath grieved thee and taken the reins of choice from thy hands? Hath the world been swallowed with its people? Have the trees been uprooted? Have the foundations been shaken and the buildings quaked? Have the mountains been scattered and the banners lowered? Have the standards been broken and the leaves fallen? Have the branches grieved and the armies been defeated? Have the ships been sunk and hath the mirror of knowledge been prevented from reflecting? Hath the Hand of Grace forsaken those in creation? Hath the Pen been prevented from flowing and the tongue been stripped of the ornament of utterance? Hath the outpouring been cut off? Hath the Builder regretted? Hath the Table retreated? Why do I see thee in the ocean of sorrows? At times thy sighs ascend and at others thy tears descend. Where is the

pavilion of glory and the canopy of joy? Where is the tabernacle of gladness and the tents of delight? Where is thy smiling countenance and the ornament of thy name 'the servant'? Where is thy resolve and determination and thy strength in setting down that which the All-Merciful hath revealed to all who are in the realm of possibility? […]

She was adorned with the sun and its shining forth, its lights and its manifestations. Verily her name, in its reality, its outward form and its inner meaning, remindeth the people of the days of their True Object and the Object of all else besides Him. She was indeed a leaf who clung fast to the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and attained the presence of the Lord of all humanity, and in this she surpassed all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, save whom God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath, hath willed. When I saw and heard, grief so seized Me that My heart melted, My skin quivered, My limbs trembled, and My sighing and lamenting were raised up. I returned to My station and My dwelling place and found it to be the house of sorrows, and I occupied Myself and My spirit with writing what the All-Merciful had revealed. When a few minutes had passed, she appeared before the Face by His irrevocable command over all created things. Then did the Qiblih of all who are in existence, both seen and unseen, turn toward Me and spoke, exalted be His majesty and His words: "Bring forth pen and ink that I may make mention of that remnant of the Point who sacrificed herself with love and devotion, that My loved ones and My handmaidens in the cities and lands may visit her through that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen." His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Consoler of the Sorrowful

O Pen! Upon thee hath descended a grievous calamity and a mighty affliction, whereat have lamented the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. Through it sorrows have mounted until they reached the hem of the robe of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who sought to serve her in her lifetime and visited her after her ascension and passing, and blessed the handmaiden who sought her resting-place and drew nigh unto God through her.

The splendor shining from the horizon of My glorious brow and the light manifest and gleaming from the heaven of My Most Glorious Name be upon thee, O fruit of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, O blessed and luminous leaf, O companion of Him through Whose manifestation the Kingdom of immortality and the realm of creation have beamed in joy. We testify that thou wert the first leaf to attain the cup of reunion in captivity and the last fruit to surrender its spirit in separation. Thou art she whose heart melted and burned away and whose very being was set aflame in thy remoteness from His presence in the spot which God made the dawning-place of His verses, the dayspring of His evidences, the manifestation of His names, the source of His laws, and the seat of His throne.

O My leaf and fragrance of My paradise of good-pleasure! Thou art in the Supreme Companion while the Wronged One remembereth thee in the prison of 'Akka. Thou art she who discovered the fragrance of the shirt of the All-Merciful ere the creation of contingent beings, who wast honored by His presence and didst attain His reunion and drink the choice wine of nearness from the hand of His bounty. We testify that in thee were joined two signs - the sign of union gave thee life at first, and the sign of separation caused thy death at last. How many a night in which thy sighs ascended in thy love for God and thy tears flowed at the mention of His Most Glorious Name. Verily He was with thee and beheld thy burning ardor,

thy attraction, thy longing and thy yearning, and heard the moaning of thy heart and the lamenting of thy soul.

O fruit of My Lote-Tree! Through thy calamity the ocean of sorrows surged and the winds of forgiveness blew. I testify that on the night wherein thou didst ascend to the Most Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Companion, and on its day, God forgave every male and female servant who had ascended, as a token of His grace and favor toward thee, save those who denied the right of God and that which was manifested from His presence openly. Thus did God distinguish thee, O My leaf, with this most great bounty and this most ancient and foremost station.

Blessed art thou, and blessed are they who visit thee, who dwell near thee, who circle round thee, and who have sought and seek intercession through thee with God. Thou art she at whose calamity wailed the Maids of Heaven and were saddened the leaves of the Tree of Revelation. Thou art she who, when hearing the call raised from the tongue of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, didst turn to Him and wert so attracted that authority well-nigh departed from thy hand.

O My leaf! O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love, who turnest toward My face, and who speaketh in My praise! We have sent down for thee a remembrance which the vicissitudes of centuries and the events of ages shall not efface. We have immortalized thy mention by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Scroll which none but God, the Creator of all things, hath beheld, and We have remembered thee in this Tablet with that which shall cause those near unto God to remember thee and cause the sincere ones to turn toward thy resting-place.

Blessed art thou, and felicity be unto thee and unto him who presenteth himself before thy grave and reciteth that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed concerning the final end.

From the heaven of the will of the Goal of all the worlds hath been sent down that from which can be inhaled the fragrance of loving-kindness and compassion unto the endless end. Were it not for His grace, how could these wounds be healed? His loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be the balm for these afflictions. Without His protection, how could man be capable of bearing tribulations and sorrows that have had and shall have no likeness or parallel? His is the praise in all conditions.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! We have heard thy call and thy yearning for God, thy Creator and Protector, and have answered thee with a Tablet wherefrom hath shone forth the luminary of My tender mercy. By My life! I behold thee and hear what thy tongue doth utter. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thou hast turned unto God, heard His call, responded to it, and acknowledged that which His tongue hath spoken. This, verily, is the Purpose in the days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto such lofty stations. In view of the precedence of mercy and the manifestation of grace and the advent of the Day which hath been especially designated in former Books and attributed unto it, His grace and favors are even as the rains, flowing and descending. Ere long shall My tender mercies, My loving-kindness and My mercy be made manifest unto My Afnan. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace. Under all conditions thou art beneath the glance of His favor. God willing, the sorrows that have come to pass will be stilled through steadfast patience, and God willing the loved ones will hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen

concerning this great calamity. O Afnan! By My life! She hath seen and heard what was revealed from My Pen for her, and she now seeth and heareth what is being revealed from My manifest Pen. There hath been revealed for her that which proclaimeth My grace and loving-kindness toward her in every world of the worlds of her Lord. A Tablet hath also been specifically revealed for thy mother - upon her be My glory, My mercy and My grace. After the waves of the ocean of the mercy of the All-Merciful and the effulgences of the sun of grace, whatever this servant may say would not be befitting or worthy. God is my witness that in hardship and ease, in affliction and sorrow, this servant hath been and is a partner - nay, the greater portion and the most exalted cup is his. Though at one time the Tongue of Grace of the Lord of Verses uttered this most exalted word - glorified be His majesty: "O thou who art present! When the Supreme Pen expresseth grief in calamities, the purpose is to manifest mercy and loving-kindness. Otherwise, whosoever hath attained unto the love of God and ascended unto Him hath attained unto the most great joy. I swear by the Divine Lote-Tree which in all times speaketh and beareth witness: were the people of the earth to become aware of the joy of one steadfast and exalted soul, they would turn toward God - how much more for those who are related and those concerning whom the Supreme Pen hath revealed mention and testified to His being well-pleased with them." Exalted be His generosity and sublime be His grace! This is the day of patience and resignation. These hosts will dispel the hosts of sorrows and raise the banners of contentment and submission upon the hills of existence. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, hath power over all things.

And as to the request submitted that something be graciously revealed to be inscribed upon the blessed gravestone, this matter has been accepted and, God willing, will be sent later. That exalted fruit and most high leaf are the recipients of complete favor from God. Nevertheless, this is a great calamity and profound sorrow, for outwardly in that land they were a sign from the Exalted Truth and the Sovereign of existence, exalted be His remembrance and mighty His glory. And in her transfer from one place to another is a grief for which blood should flow from my eyes and the eyes of those who have clung to the Blessed, Lofty, Manifest and Speaking Tree. With both outer and inner tongue, this servant beseeches and implores the Exalted Truth to grant patience to that blessed being and other relatives - upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory - and adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness. The Afnan's place of sorrows - their Consoler and Comforter is God, their Merciful Lord. This blessed word was heard from the tongue of the King of Oneness: "In truth it is fitting that this word be the seal of remembrances, for it is a mirror that fully reflects the Temple of Grace. My spirit be a sacrifice for His grace, for His favor, for His mercy and His kindness."

Another bounty regarding the blessed leaf - God, our Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth, has said: "O servant in attendance! The exalted fruit has truly melted from the fire of separation, therefore she is mentioned among the martyrs in God's presence. The recompense for this deed is the mention revealed by the Supreme Pen in her visitation prayer. On that night and day, every soul that ascended attained the robes of forgiveness, except those souls who openly denied God's right and His Manifestation and verses. And this grace is specific to her." End quote.

As for the questions that were asked, one matter has been referenced by the Supreme Pen and all are clear and evident in that passage.

Another submission of this servant is that greetings should be conveyed on behalf of this evanescent servant to the honored Jinab-i-Khalil and the teacher - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory and all supreme grace. His blessed letter was received and this servant was honored by it. God willing, it is hoped that a reply will be submitted later. Likewise, greetings and salutations are offered to the honored Afnan Aqa Aqa Siyyid M. - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth, exalted be His glory, to assist him in all hours and moments to serve Him and to enable him to remember and praise Him. Praise be to God that he stands firm in this station, has attained this supreme honor, and is mentioned and recorded in God's Book. Similarly, I beseech and implore the Goal of the world to grant patience to his honor and those afflicted with this calamity, as well as His friends and handmaidens. Verily, He heareth and answereth, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

And another submission: His Holiness Afnan, the honored Aqa Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, may the most glorious of all glory rest upon him, wrote a letter to the honored Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, expressing grief. In truth, this is a time for grief - were it not for God's grace, His bounty, His Manifestation and His days, this servant and every faithful and trustworthy lover would have perished. May they be blessed through God's infinite bounties and remain steadfast in patience. I convey my greetings to him, and likewise to the honored Afnans, upon them be the most glorious of all glory, whose presence graces that land. May all abide under the shade of the Tree of Purpose, He Who is in the heavens and earth.

Regarding what was mentioned about the related items, His exalted Word states: "These ordinances refer to the Most Holy Book, and this matter is entrusted to him. Let him act as he deems appropriate and send such items that bear testimony to it to the Most Holy Court, that it may serve as a remembrance before God, its Creator." End quote.

Another submission: When His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - was present, they were blessed with His presence and wrote a leaf which was sent. God willing, they will be blessed with it. His Holiness the Most Mighty Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His most mighty footsteps - was in the city, which resulted in the absence of His blessed effect. It is hoped that henceforth He will bestow His grace and it will be sent.

Furthermore, the sorrows, griefs and sadness of the people of the pavilion of greatness and infallibility are manifest to such a degree that this servant is incapable and inadequate to mention them. They said we share with the Afnan in this great calamity, and they send greetings to Her Holiness the Greatest Holy Leaf, the Mother of His Holiness, upon her be the most glorious of all glory. Indeed, this grief is like an artery that has moved all bodies, creating movement in every vein. May the Ancient Lord grant patience. Were it not for His grace, bodies would melt, minds would vanish, and the hearts of the knowing ones would be thunderstruck. The command belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds. And the glory shining, manifest, and evident from the horizon of our Lord's grace be upon you all and upon those with you and upon every steadfast soul who has turned towards Him.

The Servant

14th of ?afar 1300

Another submission: Three Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were sent, two for Nayriz which Your Honor should deliver, and one for Shiraz in response to the petition of the honored Yusuf Khan. His petition reached the Most Holy Court several times and this time was blessed with a response. Blessed is he. The Blessed Tablet should reach the honored Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, in the land of Sh[iraz] and they should deliver it.

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

Praised be the peerless Lord and the incomparable Object of all desire, Who hath not deprived His loved ones of the cause of existence and the source of being. He hath given glad tidings unto all and, in the Books of the past and present, promised this blessed Day which is the Lord of all days. In truth, were all the pens of the world and the tongues of all nations to attempt to describe and enumerate the attributes of this Most Great Day, they would surely find themselves powerless to do so. Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself, sent down His verses, chosen His loved ones, and aided them to make mention of Him and praise Him, to teach His Cause and carry out His commandments and laws. These are the servants whom He hath described by the tongue of His grandeur in His Books, His Scrolls and His Tablets. Through them His names and attributes are made manifest among His servants. The servant beareth witness to that which God hath witnessed, that they are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command. Neither do the ornaments of the world distract them, nor do the affairs of men occupy them from drawing nigh unto God, the Creator of heaven and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

The exalted letter, like a brilliant star, illumined the realm of being, for it was adorned with the mention and praise of the Object of all the world's desire. From each of its letters wafted the fragrance of love and diffused the sweet-scented breeze of affection. In truth, in this Day, should a soul attain unto recognition and steadfastness, he is the head of the world and the heart of nations. Well is it with him! Praise be to God, that spiritual friend hath attained unto this most exalted station. I beseech God that He may, day by day, nay, moment by moment, aid and assist him to make mention and praise of Him and to serve His Cause. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

After reading, beholding, and experiencing joy and gladness, it was taken to the highest horizon and most exalted summit, and was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His attention. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the fragrance of grace and favors to waft to all regions. Exalted be His utterance and glorified His praise, and there is no Beloved besides Him.

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

O Nazim! What can this Wronged One mention when hearing ears are as rare as the philosopher's stone, and what can He reveal when eyes are afflicted with the dust of idle fancies and prevented from seeing? The atoms of all created things bear witness that today the call of the Lord of Names is raised from the Prison of Akka, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are manifest and evident from this horizon. The Most Great Name hath appeared in such wise that the fair-minded ones from diverse communities are all bewildered and amazed. In the days and nights the Pen of the Lord of all beings moveth, despite the denial of the wicked, the indifference of the heedless, the prevention of the envious, and the oppression of the corrupt. The signs and traces of the Blessed Tree have become somewhat manifest from every direction and quarter. Say: Exalted is God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! Exalted is He Who hath manifested His Cause despite every ignorant rejected one! Exalted is He Who hath revealed from the Pen the mysteries of eternity - blessed are they who know!

From the earliest days, when the fire of wrath was kindled and the world trembled at the might of the oppressors, this Wronged One, with no helper or supporter, raised aloft the standard of "There is none other God but Him." With the finger of power He rent asunder the intervening veils that had become obstacles and cast them aside. Before the faces of all He proclaimed His Cause and revealed sacred and blessed Tablets specifically for the kings and rulers - some reached their destination while others were withheld. Neither the clamor of the people prevented Him, nor did the flame of hatred and enmity hold Him back from calling out. God is aware of what befell Him in the days and nights. We bore what no one else hath borne. The love of God made every poison sweet as honey, and every wrath a mercy.

When the effects of the Most Exalted Word and the power of the Supreme Pen became manifest, those who were concealed and veiled emerged from behind the veil with lying tongues and sharp swords to attack the Wronged One, and secretly engaged in stirring up government officials. Nevertheless, We concealed it and left it to God. Glory be to God! Although the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and the effulgences of the Daystar of the Lord's Revelation were visible and manifest before all faces, and likewise the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary appeared with countless fruits and its rustling was raised at all times, saying "O people! The Promised Day is come, deprive not yourselves of its outpourings" - despite this, all remained heedless and turned away, save those souls who held fast to the firm handle and whose hearts were freed and detached from all else but God.

When thou dost inhale the fragrant breeze of thy Lord's utterance and drink the wine of joy from the cup of His bounty, say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of the oppressors and Thy trusted ones under the rule of the treacherous. I beseech Thee by Thy horizon from which the Daystar of utterance shone forth upon all possibility, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all religions, to assist me and Thy loved ones to attain such steadfastness as would render powerless the promptings of the heedless and the doubts of the wayward. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for me that which will exalt me through Thy Name amongst Thy servants and through my relationship to Thee in Thy lands. Then open before the faces of Thy loved ones the gates of Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the world cannot weaken, nor can the conditions of the nations prevent. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

Despite the sorrows inflicted, the successive calumnies and the tribulations that have descended, the True One, exalted be His glory, makes mention of His loved ones and gives them the glad-tidings of His special favors. That which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will specifically for that spiritual friend testifieth to a bounty and generosity that hath no likeness, and a gift the like of which hath never come into existence from nothingness. Exalted is our Lord, exalted is His bounty, exalted is His gift, and exalted is His generosity. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Compassionate.

The Most Great Glad-Tidings is that the prayer of that spiritual friend was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings at a certain time and was honored to be heard, and when it was concluded these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of verses, manifest and evident. His blessed and exalted Word:

"O thou who hast held fast to My cord! We testify that thou hast attained unto My utterance time and again, and unto My verses repeatedly. Blessed are thine ears and thine eyes and thy heart, inasmuch as they have attained unto hearing, witnessing and understanding. By the life of God! No mention from among My mentions can equal the mentions of the world and the books of nations. To this beareth witness the Most Great Name in this station which God hath made the point of circumambulation of the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Blessed is he who hath acknowledged and confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when seated upon the throne of utterance before the faces of all religions. Verily those who have been prevented from hearing have no share of this ocean from whose waves can be heard: 'There is none other God but I, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.' We have heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Book, at whose appearance the Kingdom of Utterance bowed down in its longing to hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in His remembrance and praise, and in the promotion of His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which he was commanded. He is truly among the triumphant ones by the Pen of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thou glad-tidings unto My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My tender mercy and the atmosphere of My loving-kindness, that joy and gladness may take hold of them and draw them unto a station wherein the call of God, the sovereign Lord, the Just, the Manifest Truth, hath been raised."

For the proof of His all-encompassing and perfect grace, no mention of created things nor description of contingent beings is necessary or needed, for the utterance itself is a truthful witness to His infinite grace. A hundred thousand thanks unto the Desired One Who caused that soul to attain unto a mention before which the remembered ones of the world bow down in humility and submission. Soon that which is hidden shall be made manifest. None can repel His command or avert His judgment. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the Unique, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Concerning what was written at the time of the ascendancy of longing and yearning, attraction and rapture, I know it as though some disorder of the senses and confusion of mind had befallen this evanescent one, for what are these mentions, and what meaning have these utterances, where to speak them and before whom to express them? However, since it is divine madness, excellent is this madness,

and since it is the frenzy of love for the Eternal Beloved, excellent is this disorder. Would that all the people of the world were, like me, mad with love for Thee! Excellent is what you mentioned, for after these stages were presented, they smiled. From every direction of the seat of divine tokens grace and mercy were manifest. In truth, that soul and this servant, nay all created things, are incapable of offering thanks for even the least of His bounties and mercy. In such case, one must enter the realm of madness and make such mention as would cause the blessed lips to smile. For now, you have attained this greatest bounty. Well is it with you!

He said, glorified and exalted be He:

With regard to the matter of movement which was made contingent upon wisdom, after this matter was presented They said: Praise be to God that you have attained unto recognition, acceptance, mention, praise and attention, and have partaken of the sealed wine and received your portion from the ocean of utterance of Him Who is the Desired One. All this is from God's bounty unto you. We testify that the grace hath encompassed thee, mercy hath preceded thee, and the Call hath attracted thee. We beseech God to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

In all circumstances keep your gaze fixed upon wisdom and hold fast unto its requirements. Verily, should He desire, He would record for thee the reward of attaining His presence, of appearing before His countenance, of hearkening unto His call, and of standing before the door of His bounty. Thy Lord ordaineth what He pleaseth for whomsoever He willeth. He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Concerning what was written about your brother who is named Mirza Siyyid Mehdi, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the mention of his ardor, his drawing nigh, his praise and mention, and his hospitality - these matters were presented and heard in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. One Blessed Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the Divine Will and was sent, and likewise another Blessed Tablet was revealed specifically for his wife, upon her be the Glory of God. We hope they will drink from the hidden oceans in the divine verses and attain unto the fragrance of the utterance of the Desired One of all worlds.

Mention was made of the honored wife and the other wife, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise of their offspring and progeny, upon them be the Glory of God. After presentation in the Most Holy Presence, these manifest verses were revealed - His words, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

O Nazim! We have made mention of thee time and again with such mention as hath diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. And We have mentioned those who were with thee, both female and male. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He seeth and mentioneth, and He is the Witness, the All-Knowing.

Hearken in the Persian tongue that all may hear and become aware of God's loving-kindness. Convey to each one greetings from the Wronged One, offer them from the cup of utterance of the Desired One of

all worlds, and give each one the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness - exalted be His glory - a loving-kindness that hath preceded existence itself. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for each one of them that which will profit them and exalt them. Verily He hath power over all things. Thou and those with thee have attained unto verses that cannot be equaled by the fruits of trees nor by what appeareth from the seas and rivers. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the True One, the Trustworthy. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them, and upon every believing man and believing woman in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

This servant also conveyeth greetings, praise and salutations to each one, and beseecheth from God - exalted be His glory - whatsoever is the cause of glory, blessing and joy for all. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

We make mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God. In truth, whosoever is mentioned before the Countenance of the All-Mentioned is the recipient of the Most Great Favor, even though he may not have attained the station of acceptance, attention and nearness to the Most Exalted Station, which is the station of presence and proximity. Yet the Hand of Providence will seize him and, in due time, will draw him to its loftiest heights. This is among the hidden pearls concealed within the Treasury of Divine Remembrance. Thus did the Herald, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - declare that all exists for the sake of being mentioned but once in His presence. After this matter was presented before the Throne of the Intended One, these decisive verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted and glorified be His words:

"O Muhammad-Sadiq! We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour with verses from which the mystics perceive the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Hearken unto the Call raised in truth from the direction of 'Akka, as a token of God's grace, the Lord of existence. Cast aside what the people possess and take what thou hast been given of this Announcement, through which differences have appeared among the various sects. Verily, thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed is he who hath heard My mention, the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha of My grace, the flowing of the Kawthar of My utterance, and the murmuring of the breezes of the dawn of My manifest and impregnable Revelation. From this station, We send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. We beseech God to aid her at all times and to mention her in such wise that her remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. We make mention of the two daughters and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Beloved. We beseech God to draw them all nigh unto Him and to open before their faces the gates of grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His command 'Be,' and it is."

This servant likewise maketh mention of each one and beseecheth from the Truth confirmation and assistance for them. My God, my God! These are Thy servants and handmaidens. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, through which Thou hast created all things, to assist them in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted among Thy servants. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to Thee and to Thy verses, and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deprive them of the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Wise.

They made mention of the honored mother - upon her be the Glory of God. After this was presented, He said: “O Nazim, O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We make mention of thee and those with thee - the mother, the brother, the wife, and those who are with them - and give them glad tidings of the Most Great Favor from this Momentous Announcement. We beseech God to ordain for thee and for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and those with me through Thy mercy that hath preceded existence and through Thy grace that hath encompassed all in the heavens and the earth.

We make mention of him who was named ’Ali before Akbar and his wife, and give them glad tidings of Our acceptance of them, which nothing in existence can equal. To this doth the Lord of creation bear witness in this exalted station. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them, draw them nigh, and open before their faces the gates of goodly deeds. Verily, He is the Guardian of good deeds. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory from Us be upon you all.”

Another glad-tiding is that a most mighty and holy Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty specifically for his honor Aqa Mirza ?adiq, upon him be the Glory of God. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One to confirm him in teaching the Cause, a service whose mention hath ever been and shall forever be immortalized in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets. We hope that he may drink from the Kawthar of utterance and become a cup-bearer of the divine wine. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

I convey greetings and glory to the loved ones of that land, and I seek divine confirmation that all may drink from the chalice of unity and arise, united and in complete accord, for the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of all peoples. Blessed is the one who hath sanctified himself from whatsoever pertaineth to the ways of savagery and the deeds of the predators of the earth, and who hath adorned the servants with kindness and care in that which will protect and preserve them from self and passion. Command and bounty and justice are in the hand of God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of all Prophets and Messengers. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto this most mighty Day and this most great, most wondrous, mighty and impregnable Revelation.

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In the name of He who is the Most Glorious and Most Mighty

Praise and glory befit those who are nigh unto God, who rejoice in the hope of nearness and who live by the promise of His presence. Their life-giving waters flow from the Supreme Pen, and their growth springs from the remembrance and praise of the Lord of Names. No tongue can adequately describe this station, and the pen itself confesses its impotence. This is the station of them that are nigh - how much more

exalted then must be the station of Him through whose Word the near ones, the sincere ones, and the devoted ones exist, and through whose sweet savors they endure and are made manifest. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His power, and sanctified be His sovereignty, His remembrance and His praise.

Since the realms of hearts and minds fall short and are powerless to know His Essence, Who is beyond all likeness, it behooveth us to make mention of the First Creation, the First Remembrance, the First Light, the First Manifestation, the First Appearance, the First Knowledge, the First Utterance, the First Dawning Point, the First Rising Place, the First Orient, and the First Source, and to adorn the preface of every book with His Name. For He standeth in the place of God and is the Manifestation of the Absolute Light, through Whom were revealed from the dust the mysteries of origin and return, and through Whom the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branch of knowledge. Through Him the world was illumined with the light of unity and nations with the mention of detachment. Through Him the waters of life flowed throughout all contingent being, and the might of God encompassed all lands. Through Him every seeker turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and every tongue was loosened in praise of the Creator of Heaven.

He it was upon whom verses were sent down, at times in Yathrib and before that in Batha, at times in the air and again above the air, and at times at the distance of two bow-lengths or closer. Exalted be His most sublime station and His most resplendent glory. Upon Him be the blessings of God, the Lord of all things and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of this world, and upon His family and companions whom nothing whatsoever could deter and whom the might of men could not weaken. They drew their swords by the command of the Lord of creation and strove with utmost devotion. These are the suns in the heaven of knowledge and the stars in the horizons of certitude. Blessed is he who recognizeth them, attaineth unto their stations, beareth witness to that which their tongues have testified, circleth round their wishes, and holdeth fast to the cord of their favors. He is of those whom God hath described in His perspicuous, mighty and wondrous Book. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

And further, O beloved of my heart! Your letter has reached me and brought me glad tidings of your health, your remembrance, your praise, your devotion, and your humility and submissiveness before God, our Beloved and yours, your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When I read and heard from the melodies of the birds of divine knowledge warbling upon the branches of proof, the attraction of your mention seized me through the fragrance of your turning to the Supreme Horizon - that station which is illumined by the lights of the countenance of our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. I turned to the Ultimate Goal and faced the horizon which shone forth from the utterance of our Lord, Creator of heaven. When I attained presence, it was presented before His Face, and the Master - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - said: “O Ali! Your mention has been made before the Prisoner both before and since, and you are adorned with the glance of favor. Praise be to God, your remembrance is spread abroad and your devotion shines forth like the brilliant sun. Every fair-minded person has testified to that which has appeared from you for the sake of God in this blessed Day. Blessed are you, and joy be unto you! We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to inscribe with the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book that which is lasting and enduring. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. Remind My loved ones on My behalf who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, Lord of the worlds. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to send down upon them from the heaven of His grace His

blessing from His presence. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great."

This lowly one submits that the letter of that true beloved arrived and achieved the honor of being heard and seen before His countenance, but at that time this servant had no opportunity to submit a response. And on this night, which is the tenth night of the honored month of Sha'ban, while sitting facing the Qiblih and occupied with the mention of the loved ones of God, He is witness and testifier that you have not been and are not absent, and by the testimony of the Master - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - you are present and standing firm. This testimony is greater than what this servant has mentioned or could mention. Ever have I besought and continue to beseech from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted One, both inner and outer nearness, that we may dwell in the shade of the Blessed Tree and speak in remembrance of the Desired One. We seek divine success and heavenly confirmation that we may attain to that which has been revealed in the Perspicuous Book by the will of the Lord of the worlds.

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and King of the kingdom of eternity and of the most exalted heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who arose to assist Thy Cause and spoke before the faces of Thy servants with Thy remembrance and with that which Thou didst command them in Thy Books and Thy Scrolls, and by the sighs of those near to Thee in Thy love and the tears of the monotheists in their longing to meet Thee, to ordain for Thy loved ones Thy nearness in the precincts of Thy mercy at the pavilions of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Thou seest them gazing toward the horizon of Thy Cause, turning to the lights of Thy countenance, and holding fast to the Tree which has yielded the fruits of Thy knowledge and utterance. Send down upon them, O my God, at every moment that which befits the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the All-Informed, Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can veil. Thou knowest the treachery of eyes and what the breasts conceal. Thou art the Lord of the Manifestation and the Caller from the Mount. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Ancient of Days.

Concerning what they wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ali-Akbar, upon him be God's peace, truly the fragrance of love wafts from him. However, according to the command, that beloved one must observe wisdom and act according to its requirements. Repeatedly has this blessed word flowed from the Tongue of Utterance. Surely that beloved one and other chosen ones are holding fast to that which God has willed. This evanescent one conveys greetings to them and counsels as befits. He said write: "O Ali! You are mentioned in the Book among the most exalted ones. You must act according to what you deem wise. In all conditions we beseech confirmation and success for you. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Wise."

And concerning the mention made of Jinab-i-Haji Baqir and his son Muhammad-Aqa, it was submitted. He said: "We beseech God to confirm them in steadfastness in His love and to send down upon them from the heaven of His grace a blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Ali! Upon you be My peace and My glory. Today you must hold fast to that which draws souls near. You must remind all of this matter, that they may attain to that which is the cause and means of the exaltation and unity of the servants."

This evanescent servant beseeches the King of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen to make steadfast these wondrous new souls and not deprive them from the ocean of His grace and bounty.

Concerning the mention made of the honored beloved H and S, upon him be God's peace and care, and their being set ablaze with the fire of love - praise and gratitude be to God, and to Him be glory and favor. His grace seized them and His favor encompassed them. They saw and heard and drank. The servant asks his Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth to confirm him, to assist him, and to make him among those who aid His Cause and those who celebrate His praise. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Almighty.

Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Haji A.B., upon him be God's peace and grace. After these exalted words were submitted, praise be to God, the receptive ones attained and drank from the Kawthar of mystic knowledge of the Beloved of all possibility. We beseech God to guard the cities and strongholds of the people of unity with the hosts of the unseen, that they may be protected from the artillery of the polytheists, and to illuminate the cities of the hearts of His loved ones with the effulgent lights of the Sun of Truth. He is the Generous and He is the Powerful. His mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One and he attained to grace. Blessed is he and joy be unto him.

And likewise, after mention of Jinab-i-Anis, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], this blessed word was revealed: "O Anis! Upon you be My peace. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, in the nights and days, that He may confirm you in that which is His good-pleasure. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Be not grieved. We beseech Him to send down upon you a blessing from His presence and to ordain for you what will profit you in every world of His worlds. Verily, He is the Supreme over what He willeth and the Powerful over what He desireth."

And after mentioning the name of Haji Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be God's peace, this utterance hath issued forth from the Dawning-Place of knowledge: The world hath been saddened by the clamor of the idolaters and the tumult of the aggressors. The hosts of idolatry have encompassed the people of unity. All that hath come to pass hath been the recompense of deeds, as ye have witnessed. They have forsaken all matters and turned against these wronged ones, bringing about that which caused the rock to cry out and the clouds to lament. Now, that which shall ensure the salvation of the people is their return unto God, exalted be His glory, and complete repentance. There is no other path than this, no other way than this. Beseech ye God to strengthen all and to reveal the cause and means of deliverance. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thank thy Lord, then remember Him at all times. Verily, He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

And after mentioning the name of Muhammad-Qabl, upon him be God's peace, these pearls have shone forth from the ocean of knowledge and wisdom: Today all must aid the Truth, but through the hosts of goodly deeds and virtuous character. These hosts are reckoned as the hosts of God, and the hosts of God shall triumph. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the sweet savors of utterance and hath acted in accordance with that which is befitting. Praise God, thy Lord, and say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee to make me one of Thy devoted servants who are firm in Thy Cause, and to protect me from the evil of the aggressors and the idolaters who have violated Thy Covenant and have risen to extinguish Thy light. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And after mentioning Ali-Qabl-R, these stars have dawned and appeared from the horizons of the heaven of utterance: This Wronged One, in the Most Great Prison, hath remembered and continueth to remember the friends of God, exalted be His glory, and counseleth all to that which will exalt the Word of Unity. The idolaters are manifest today with utmost power, might, and dominion, yet these powers are as nothing and non-existent before the Dawning-Place of Authority. O people of unity! Cling ye to the hem of divine favor and strive to make amends for whatsoever ye have neglected in the ranks of servitude. Perchance the signs of God's grace may become manifest and His overwhelming power may restrain the transgressing idolatrous souls. By the Luminary of certitude that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of proof! Should the unitarians return and hold fast to the firm and mighty cord, the world would be illumined and brightened by the light of the blessed word "There is no God but Him." The unitarians shall be directed to the Most Great Prospect, while the idolaters shall find their abode in the fire. He is the Almighty over what He willeth, and He is the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

And He said: O Javad! One of the Most Exalted Names hath mentioned thee, and this mention hath proceeded from sincere love. Love layeth waste cities and buildeth countless towns and dwellings. The world is set ablaze by its fire and illumined by its light. With a single manifestation it overturneth the world, and with a single revelation it scattereth the peoples. Power is His power, and might is His might, and this ability hath been bestowed upon him by God. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with the ornament of love. But the love that is well-pleasing and remembered in the presence of God - we beseech Him to grant His friends that which beseemeth His bounty and generosity. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, verily, He is the All-Merciful, verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad Qabil-i-Ha and Sin! Seek confirmation from the Truth, that He may assist thee to make mention and offer praise and render service to His loved ones. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee to achieve that which manifesteth His loving-kindness. The Sun of His generosity hath ever been resplendent and the Ocean of His bounty ever-surging. Every sincere one hath attained and every truthful one hath reached his goal. We beseech Him to illumine the horizons with the light of unity, that all may abide beneath the shade of the Tree of Hope and act in accordance with that which hath been enjoined in the Book. His grace hath ever been manifest and His loving-kindness evident. Strive ye, that perchance ye may be enabled to perform such deeds whose radiance shall endure eternally in the heaven of actions. He, verily, is powerful over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thou didst also make mention of Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Haji Hasan, upon them be the peace of God. After this was presented before the Most Exalted One, the Lord - may our souls be offered up for His sake - spoke thus: O Muhammad-Rida! We have heard thy name and make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. In this day the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty, must turn with radiant faces and illumined hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and with utmost humility and supplication beseech the Self-Sufficing Lord for deliverance, that perchance the people of unity may be preserved from the evil of the oppressors. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who assisted thee and enabled thee to attain unto the blessed Word of Unity. By the life of God! If a soul should, with clear certitude, but once make mention of the blessed word "There is none other God but Him," this is greater in the sight of God than the world and all that is therein.

O Hasan! I bear witness unto that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above all peers and exalted above all comparison. He is the One to Whose singleness all created things testify and to Whose oneness all contingent beings bear witness. Blessed is the soul that hath acknowledged His unity and recognized that which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Most High, in His perspicuous Book. We beseech God to open unto the hearts of His loved ones the gates of His bounty. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Ali! Upon thee be the peace of God, His loving-kindness and His mercy. The Wronged One desireth to make mention at the end of this epistle of him who is named Abbas, who hath acknowledged the Unity of God and recognized that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Abbas! The Wronged One counseleth thee with that whereby the Cause of God, thy Lord, may be exalted, and He beseecheth Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and confirm thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to grant thee every good thing ordained for His loved ones. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Him Whom Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy commandments and through Whom Thou hast manifested that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and through Whom the breezes of revelation were wafted and Prophethood and Messengership were sealed, to make me to hold fast unto wisdom and utterance and to cling to that which hath been sent down in Thy mighty Book. O Lord! Assist me to serve Thy Cause and Thy loved ones and to make mention of Thy beauteous Name. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Such bounty hath been vouchsafed that every letter among letters doth proclaim “The Sun of Divine Favor hath dawned!” Would that there were tongues to the number of all created atoms, that from time without beginning unto time without end we might render praise for but a single letter of His Book. Yet even then would we surely find ourselves abashed and humbled. Who is able to praise Him as He deserveth to be praised, and who can make mention of Him as He should be mentioned? Every possessor of knowledge hath confessed his powerlessness, and every one endued with insight hath acknowledged his shortcoming. He testifieth that there is no God but Him, in recognition of His oneness, His grandeur and His sovereignty, and in acknowledgment of that which He hath revealed in His Book, the Impregnable, the Mighty. All praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God that that Beloved One hath repeatedly been remembered, and this evanescent servant offereth greetings and praise in service to each of His loved ones, and seeketh for all divine confirmation and assistance. Every morn beareth witness and every eve is knowing and aware. At all times hath this servant beseeched from the ocean of God’s bounty, for His loved ones, that which in all His worlds would be their companion and intimate friend. In His grace have I been, and am, confident. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer. Peace and praise be upon you all, upon those with you, and upon God’s sincere servants. And all praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Praise be to God, Who is sanctified above all mention and glorification and exalted above whatsoever the tongues may utter and the pens of all created things may set in motion. He Who hath caused His most exalted horizon to appear through His Most Glorious Name and hath summoned all unto it through His sweetest call, whereby those endued with understanding and they who are established upon the thrones of the names have been enraptured. Exalted be His grandeur, all-encompassing His power, all-pervading His mercy, complete His proof, and perfect His favor. He hath ever been, in the transcendence of His Being and the exaltation of His attributes, sanctified above all else and holy beyond aught else beside Him. He hath spoken His most exalted Word and made it the standard of justice for all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed are they who have turned towards it and have attained that whereunto most of mankind have been denied, and woe betide him who hath turned away and been deprived of God, the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former generations. I offer praise and glory unto those who in this day speak His most beautiful names and utter that which hath been revealed in the Tablets through His Most Exalted Pen. These are they who are accounted as the people of Baha in the presence of God, the Lord of all names.

My soul be a sacrifice for Thy love! It has been some time since we received news from you, although every soul who departed from here for that direction was given the trouble of carrying successive and consecutive letters, until two letters from you arrived. In truth it was joyous and gladdening news. After reading and learning of its contents, it was presented to the Most Holy Court and all was submitted. He said: "Your companion did not act according to divine counsels, inasmuch as he had ever heard from the tongue of this Wronged One that one must associate and converse with all people with the utmost love, kindness and patience, and must proceed with the teaching of the Cause with perfect wisdom. Yet in gatherings and assemblies he spoke other than what God permitted and became a cause of discord. In all the Tablets We have commanded the people to love and unity, for discord in this day is the cause of the wastage of God's Cause. God willing, you will succeed in rectifying whatever discord hath appeared and will draw all to the divine word in the city of oneness, that perchance the breezes of detachment and fellowship may waft from the cities of hearts and dispel the dark and turbid airs." Verily He is the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Some petitions were presented to the Most Holy Court containing complaints about Nabil. Some of what these souls reported was in accordance with fact. Therefore, one day Nabil was summoned and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke to him directly with sufficient and healing words. Thereafter he became agitated and sent a petition to the Most Holy Court wherein he expressed repentance, remorse and boundless powerlessness. In truth, his intention in every circumstance had been to promote the Cause. Whatever he had done and said, he had considered to be in the best interests of the Cause. However, this evanescent servant is perplexed as to how it is possible that after the revelation of Tablets, firm ordinances and recorded commandments, one such as he would not act according to the requirements of individuals, gatherings and assemblies, and would be heedless of the wisdom revealed in the Tablets. However, God has pardoned him as a token of His grace. Verily He is the Pardoner, the Forgiving.

There are many actions which, though outwardly appearing to promote the Cause, yet being contrary to the command of God, have not and will never yield fruit. For example, His honor Aqa Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, arose with utmost steadfastness to serve the Cause of God and

nothing appeared from him that would harm God's Cause. However, since his actions deviated from the revealed wisdom, the Supreme Pen hesitated to endorse what he had done. For today all are commanded to observe wisdom and are forbidden from that which causes tumult and corruption. God willing, you should strive with utmost effort to remove the differences that have arisen, for differences among the loved ones of God today cause the joy of enemies from various nations and result in harm to the Cause. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to achieve love and unity, love and unity, love and unity.

Observe that in most Tablets the decree of wisdom has been revealed, and whoever attained the presence of the Ancient Beauty was explicitly commanded by Him to observe wisdom. Despite these firm decrees and established commands, many of the friends in most lands have acted without wisdom, thereby causing the cawing of the ravens and the outcry of the deniers to be raised, leading to the perturbation and veiling of weak souls. Whatever occurs contrary to God's command, even if it be pure good, will yield no fruit; rather, evil will result from it.

Regarding what was mentioned about His honor Haji Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, it is correct. Indeed, Nabil acted without wisdom. The ruling about the water-pipe was not revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas. God, exalted be His grandeur, in view of His consummate wisdom and protection of His servants, did not issue any decree in this matter so that the friends of God would not be afflicted. Only this much was heard from the blessed tongue: that children should be trained so they do not become addicted to it from the beginning. Beyond this blessed word nothing was heard. Today all are commanded to act according to the Kitab-i-Aqdas, and even then not in ways that would cause elaboration and public clamor. In all cases wisdom must be observed. We beseech God to protect us, preserve us, and aid us to serve His firm and mighty Cause.

No recent news has occurred in this land except that travelers continue to arrive without permission. At present, forty-five persons are here in addition to the early emigrants who were here before. A few of these souls came with permission, but the rest without it. They heeded not the divine prohibition and act according to their own fancy. We beseech for them the grace of obedience, submission and contentment. Due to the press of affairs, this servant has not had opportunity to attend to the small plot, but whenever we gather there, mention of you is made. We beseech God to unite us and you therein.

Concerning what was written about Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, praise be to God he has turned to the Truth and shows tenderness whenever the Truth is mentioned. We beseech God to confirm him and adorn him with that which is beloved today, that he may arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness. By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, if any soul today would reflect upon what has appeared and view the divine Tablets with the eye of fairness, he would assuredly become illumined with the lights of faith, detached from all else. God willing, may He not deprive any from the ocean of His mercy. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what was written about the souls who turned to the Lord of Lords after your departure, the names of all were presented before the Most Holy Court. He showed favor to all of them, but due to the gathering of travelers and press of occupation, there was no opportunity for Tablets to be revealed specifically for each one, as all these travelers have come with petitions requiring answers. And you know

that the Most Great Branch (may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps) must write these Tablets, therefore their dispatch has been delayed this time. Hereafter the matter is in His hands.

Concerning what was written about Rida (upon him be the Glory of God), that his condition these days is good and he has shown love to you - excellent is what he has done, and all should act likewise. I beseech God to confirm him in all conditions, and assuredly divine confirmations have been and will be directed toward him. He too must conduct himself with perfect wisdom, for this is God's decree and both hidden and manifest effects will surely result therefrom. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

That which you had written was received through Haji, that is Aba-Badi', upon him be the Glory of God. You must, on behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings to all the friends of that land and say: O beloved friends of the contingent world! This is the Day when the sweet-scented spiritual breeze is wafting from the luminous garment of the Lord, and the Holy Spirit, with utmost delicacy and grace, is in motion and vibration. Turn your hearts that you may find it, and incline your ears that you may hear its sweet melody. That which is lost by any soul today cannot be compensated for in centuries and ages to come. Be gathered together like the ring of a signet, occupied with the remembrance of the Friend, that you may receive the living waters of knowledge from the hand of bounty and drink thereof in gatherings free from strangers, and cause others to drink, lest the envious, the slanderers and the deniers become aware. They must lift their gaze from all else save God and fix it upon the Truth, for should they attain to this station, the unpleasant things of the world and the veils of the people of error will neither sadden them nor keep them from God. This servant summons all to the most great steadfastness, for in most of the Tablets, both before and after, He hath given tidings of the cawing of the crows and the like thereof. All must be so firm in the Cause of God that neither the might of the world nor the combined forces of the nations may disturb them or cause them to waver. Say: Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for ye have attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon and the Most Luminous and Pure Fountain. By God's life! There hath been ordained for you in God's Kingdom that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard. Were God to reveal but a hair's breadth thereof to the people of the earth, they would surely destroy themselves in regret for having been deprived of that glorious and impregnable station. And concerning what was written about your having prevented some travelers, there is a saying among the common folk that goes, "Thank God they bled him, otherwise who knows what would have happened." O my master! Beseech God that He may enable all to obey His Cause.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Shaykh-'Ali, he wrote a detailed letter to this servant, and this servant wrote him a detailed reply. God willing, may we - this servant, he, and others - become enabled to act according to divine good-pleasure. In the Kitab-i-Aqdas, all have been commanded to engage in an occupation. Today, everyone who claims to love God must be engaged in some work. Whoever you observe to be idle, you should, through kind counsels and good advice, encourage them to work and earn. The good of all souls lies in this, and since it has been revealed by the Supreme Pen, its fruits will surely become manifest. If the friends of God had acted upon what was revealed, no discord would ever have occurred, for all were commanded to humility, submissiveness, resignation, contentment, love, trustworthiness, religiosity, kindness, truthfulness and sincerity. This servant, with utmost supplication and lamentation, clings to the hem of the robe of grace, that He may raise up souls who will be dawning-places of detachment and daysprings of trustworthiness and sincerity, and who will, with perfect

kindness, purely for the sake of God, invite the weak among mankind and lead them to the ocean of grace. This servant was greatly affected by your letter, for what you wrote corresponds to reality and truth. Had visitors and seekers conducted themselves as they ought to have done, the fragrance of holiness would surely have perfumed the entire world. But what was destined has come to pass. It behooves us to hold fast to the cord of His favors and beseech Him to manifest in His kingdom that which befits His days. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for what you wrote in praise of Aqa Mirza ’A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, I beseech and implore God, exalted be His grandeur, to grant him complete success. In previous years a Tablet was specifically revealed for him, and this servant was writing in His presence when a passage was observed in that Tablet which convinced this servant that he would attain to glory and power.

Regarding what you wrote about Jenab-i-’A.B. Nur, upon him be the Glory of God, may he be assisted and successful in all conditions and become firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. He was mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and it is indeed exactly as you wrote - that he has shown forth with perfect love, eagerness and longing. He was mentioned before, that is, before he declared his acceptance. This servant sends greetings to him, and some of the names that were sent with Jenab-i-Haji and Jenab-i-Nabil have been received.

Furthermore, your willow-musk arrived, though it was willow without musk. In truth, you took great pains, and this servant deeply regretted that such expense was wasted - that is, apparently wasted. However, I hope that, God willing, its hidden sweet fragrance will become manifest, for in His presence He said it would become well, and this surely is due to your pure intention. May I be a sacrifice unto you! From the abundance of writing the pen cries “O help!”, yet the heart is not content to cease writing and cries “O longing!” According to His command, the new Mosaic leaf should be preserved in the House, that is, should remain in your keeping. I hope that, God willing, news of your well-being will arrive continuously and successively. One letter sent through the post from the direction of Erzurum arrived safely at its destination, but since you and my brother were not in Tabriz at that time, no reply was sent. Let it be known that that writing arrived. A firm arrangement can be made henceforth for the post to arrive, and if this can be accomplished it would be most excellent, for if news from the Most Holy Court arrives continuously, it will be the cause of the revival of souls. Furthermore, someone has requested a black Najafi cloak - if one can be found there, please send one. Likewise, some saffron. We beseech God for your preservation, protection, meeting and presence. Verily, He is the Fulfiller of the needs of all seekers. Convey exalted greetings to my honored master, my brother, as well as his son and other relatives, dependent upon His grace. Each of the circumambulators offers pure devotion and greetings too sacred for mention or description to your presence. The Glory be upon you, then the Spirit be upon you. Regarding the request that a Tablet be specially granted to Aqa Mirza Muhammad-’Ali, a most wondrous and impregnable Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will concerning him and has been sent, that his eyes may be solaced thereby, his heart gladdened, and he may arise to serve his Lord. Convey greetings to him on behalf of this servant. The Servant. In Jumada I, 1293. In these days, observe the Surih of Ra’is. Turmoil and upheaval have seized all regions to such extent that three souls in the great city have perished from fear, and dominion has passed from the hand of the sovereign. After studying the divine Tablet, it becomes clear what has transpired. Surely some news has reached

you. Likewise in the Most Holy Book, regarding the great city, He says, exalted be His glory: “O Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas” to His exalted words “We testify that He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful, the Omniscient, the All-Informed.” Would that that Surih had been given to him beforehand, that he might have become aware and made preparation for these days. But he was heedless and the matter was decreed in truth. Verily, He is the Decree-Maker, the All-Knowing.

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He is the True and Trusted Expounder! While We were pacing in the house and hearing the discourse of the earth, suddenly there arose a call from the Most Exalted Paradise: “O concourse of earth and heaven! Glad tidings, glad tidings, for ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar hath turned towards the prison for the sake of God, the Lord of Destiny!” Then the call was raised again from the Most High Paradise: “O people of the Crimson Ark! Rejoice, for the Trusted One hath arrived at a mighty fortress and a manifest prison for the sake of God, the Lord of all the worlds!”

Today is the day of joy and delight. By My life, in the Concourse on High a feast of gladness hath been spread that shall never be folded up, for on this day the lovers in the city of unity and concord have, with utmost yearning, spent their souls in the path of the Luminary of the horizons and sacrificed them for the sake of the Peerless Beloved. The might of bloodthirsty oppressors did not prevent them, nor did the fire of bestial wrath deter them from their purpose. Today in the city of lovers melodies are raised and spiritual, delicate whispers are heard. Blessed are the ears that have attained to hearing and have not been deprived of the Most Sweet Call and the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen.

Fresh news has arrived from the land of Ta and Ya. His Majesty the King (may God strengthen him) has seized a group of people, including two souls from among the people of Baha and companions of the Crimson Ark, even though all bear witness that this community’s purpose has been and continues to be the reformation of the world and the refinement of the peoples’ souls. The reported cause of this seizure was that certain letters and papers were found in inns and marketplaces that were deemed contrary to the views of the government and nation, and it was suspected that some of these were from this community. I swear by the Sun of Truth that today shines forth from the horizon of the prison of Akka that this community has ever been and continues to be sanctified and pure from unseemly deeds and rejected actions. These matters and their like are from the base elements among the people. The people of Baha have, without any veil or covering, openly stated before the faces of princes and divines whatsoever would cause the unity and accord of the servants of God, as well as the prosperity of lands, hoping thereby to remove the foundation of corruption and strife from the earth and to transform the world’s weapons into means of reformation. God is witness and His Majesty the King (may God strengthen him) can testify to what has been mentioned. For forty years this community has been subjected to the lash of oppressors, to such an extent that even children have been slain. How many sons have been beheaded before their fathers’ eyes! Homes and possessions have been plundered and pillaged. Yet not one from this community has uttered a word of protest or risen in defense. Among the

incidents that occurred was the event in Ishqabad, and likewise what transpired in the land of Sad that caused the pen and paper to lament. The most grievous matter that caused the greatest sorrow was when a known person arrived in Akka from a prominent figure and made certain statements - we seek refuge in God from such statements, the mention of which is in no way permissible, for the darkness of oppression has veiled, nay obliterated, the light of justice. No soul can be found who would raise a breath for the sake of God and hear the petitions of the oppressed ones of the world. Is there any ear that would hear what has befallen Us, and any eye that would behold Our tears? We beseech God to adorn the rulers with the ornament of justice and the learned with the light of fairness, and to aid them to turn unto Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Oft-Returning. And when that person's demands were not accepted, he and his sender rose up in enmity. They martyred an illustrious Siyyid from among the descendants of the Prophet and the progeny of the Virgin in the land of Sad, and afterward burned and dismembered his luminous and pure body. Through this all things lamented, but the people remain in heedlessness and error. And from that day until now, matters have manifested with utmost oppression and enmity. The properties of this oppressed community have been seized each day under some pretext. Now multiple deeds exist in hand, but they remain concealed until God comes with His light of justice.

Among those apprehended in the land of ?a was Siyya? Effendi. When his master learned of this dire news, fear seized his very being, dreading that hidden secrets would be revealed and concealed animosities would become manifest. Glory be to God! Despite His Majesty the King having maintained justice in every station and having striven to the utmost of his ability for the development of his lands and the comfort of his subjects, those who attained exalted positions and became treasurers through royal favors have plotted harm against him. Yet His Majesty remained unaware of these enemies within. In any case, when he heard the news of Siyya?'s arrest, he kindled in the land of Ya such a fire of oppression as had no equal or parallel, hoping perhaps through these actions to purify and exonerate himself.

As for the account of the Land of Ya [Yazd], on the twenty-third night of the blessed Ramadan, the governor of that land, by order of the chief oppressor, moved against the friends of God. They seized Aqa 'Ali and Aqa 'Ali-A?ghar (upon them be the glory and mercy of God) in the mosque of Shaykh Hasan-i-Sabzivari. With utmost degradation, they were taken by the governor's deputy, Haji Nayib, into his presence. After the fire of tyranny and wrath was kindled, they were sent to prison where, as reported, they were relieved of their worldly possessions and released. Later, by order of the governor, these two along with several other innocent souls were seized again. The names of these holy beings are recorded and inscribed by the Pen of Justice in the divine ledger. At the place of their arrest, these innocent ones were bound in chains, and along the way the tyrannical people struck them with sticks, stones and chains until they were brought before the governor, who was greatly pleased. Then the clergy were summoned and incited. Praise be to God, these holy souls showed forth the utmost steadfastness - neither their power prevented them from the straight path, nor did their wrath deprive them of the light of certitude. To whatever they were asked, they gave complete and sufficient answers.

Then the order for imprisonment was given, and in prison they extracted payment. On Monday morning, the honorable governor Jalal'ud-Dawlih summoned Aqa Shaykh Hasan and his sons Shaykh Baqir and Shaykh Ja'far, as well as Aqa Siyyid 'Ali the teacher with two other sons, and a group of other clergy. They threw a rope around the neck of the innocent Aqa 'Ali-A?ghar in their presence, and took him and six

others with that most pure body, with trumpets, drums and music. Behind the telegraph office, they beheaded the divine philosopher, His Holiness Mulla Mahdi. While still alive, they cut open his stomach and stoned him. Then they took his pure body to another quarter and set it on fire. They also beheaded Aqa ’Ali at the door of one of the clergy’s houses, raised his head on a spear, and made his pure body a target for stones of hatred.

As reported, they brought the divine mystic Mulla ’Ali-i-Sabzivari to Shaykh Hasan’s door, but that one intoxicated with the wine of “Am I not your Lord?” said to the people: “In the land of ?aff, the Prince of Martyrs (may my soul be sacrificed for him) said ‘Is there any helper who will help me?’ This servant says ‘Is there any observer who will observe me?’” Glory be to God! From these sublime words the light of detachment dawned. We testify that he drank the wine of immortality from the hands of his Lord’s bounty, the Kind, the Compassionate. The sealed wine so overtook him that he passed beyond the world and all within it, and sacrificed his life - the most precious thing in existence - in the path of the Friend. Him too they beheaded, and stoned his blessed body. The attraction and longing of the lovers on that day astonished the Concourse on High.

Can anyone be found in the world who would protect the sheep from the wolves for the sake of God and in His path? Have the kings of the earth reserved all matters for their own preservation? What answer will they give before the divine throne of justice? O Times! O bearer of words and source of news! Pause for an hour over the oppressed ones of Iran and observe how the dawning-places of justice and the daysprings of equity suffer under the sword of the oppressors. Children are left without milk, and families are captive in the hands of the wicked. The earth is adorned with the blood of lovers, and the sighs of those near to God have set the world of being ablaze.

O KINGS OF THE EARTH! Ye are but the manifestations of power, and might, and the daysprings of glory, and grandeur, and authority of God. Cast your eyes upon the state of the oppressed. O manifestations of justice! The tempestuous winds of rancor and hatred have extinguished the lamps of virtue and piety. At daybreak the breezes of divine mercy passed over the charred and scattered remains, and from their whispering were heard these sublime words: “Woe, woe unto you, O people of Iran! Ye have shed the blood of your friends, and ye perceive it not. Were ye to become aware of your deeds, ye would flee to the wilderness and lament your tyranny and cruelty. O misguided people! What sin had the children committed? It is reported that in those days some from among the followers of the Spirit (Jesus) - upon Him be the peace and mercy of God - secretly sent sustenance, and out of pure compassion aided those oppressed ones. We beseech God to aid all to do that which is pleasing unto Him.

O NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITIES AND LANDS! Have ye heard the moaning of the oppressed and their lamentations, or have these remained concealed from you? We hope that ye will investigate and proclaim that which hath occurred, that perchance your wise counsels and admonitions may awaken the heedless servants and adorn them with the ornament of justice.

O MAHDI! Blessed art thou! We bear witness that God was with thee when thou didst speak the truth. We testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of martyrdom in His path and didst sacrifice thyself for the exaltation of His Word. My tongue and My Pen bear witness that thou didst champion the Cause of

God with true championship, and didst endure with patience that which befell thee at the hands of His heedless servants.

And they also beheaded Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir at the house of Sadr'ul-'Ulama and stoned him. They took two brothers to the Shah Square - they beheaded Aqa Asghar and drove Aqa Hassan with blows of clubs to the end of the square. One of the prince's attendants said to him, who was the youngest of all, "Come and speak ill [of the Faith] and I will buy you and give you money." That sapling of the garden of divine love replied, "What shall I say? You do what you are ordered and carry it out." At that moment, a cruel one struck his blessed side with a sword, and several others with daggers cut that sacred body into pieces, and another oppressor thrust a spear into that breast which was a treasury of divine love. Then the executioner came and severed the head, placed it on a spear, and took it to the house of Aqa Shaykh Hasan Mujtahid. Then they committed acts which no one before or since had done and which the eye of creation had never witnessed. It is reported that the Shaykh gave a reward to the executioner. Then they paraded the head through the streets and dragged the pure bodies on the ground while people struck them with stones and sticks. They threw them into pits, and the Noble Prince ordered the city to be illuminated and people to engage in revelry and offer congratulations. That night they repeatedly gathered at the doors of the martyred innocents' homes playing music, while the families of the oppressed locked their doors in fear and dread. God alone knows what was said and done and what befell those innocent ones. They released two of Jinab-i-Mulla Mahdi's sons to bring three hundred tumans. So far they have martyred seven people and imprisoned several others. It is not known what they will do to those souls and other servants. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. One of those souls spoke words that were most touching - when the Noble Prince Jalal'ud-Dawlih told one of the confident and assured believers to deny and repudiate [the Faith] to be freed, that elder of the city of the Bayan said: "For forty years I have awaited this day when my white beard would be stained with blood in the path of God." From these words his stations of love and devotion became manifest and evident. Blessed are they that understand.

According to what they have written, these abhorrent acts were not from His Majesty the King of Iran, may God strengthen him, and no order was issued from the government. In truth, for several years His Majesty, may God strengthen him, has dealt with the oppressed ones of the world with kindness and mercy. This order and others like it were issued by the Noble Prince Zillu's-Sultan, and it is said that when he heard news of the arrest of Siyyah [the wanderer], he wanted through these acts to dispel certain suspicions. God knows best. It is not for us to mention what we know. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make known to His Majesty the Sultan what has been hidden from him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Some time ago, papers were discovered in homes and localities and were brought to the sublime presence of His Majesty the King - may God strengthen him. Certain enemies attributed these to the Babis. His Majesty stated that no such actions had ever been witnessed from this community, and that this deed must be from a person who had taken refuge at the Shrine of Abdul-Azim and resided there. He then commanded that this person be seized and expelled from the borders of Iran. After his expulsion, papers were again found daily in some homes and marketplaces containing whatever would cause sedition and corruption. After seeing these papers, orders were given to arrest two members of this

community. These two took solemn oaths and submitted with utmost humility that, by divine grace, the hem of this community is sanctified and pure, for this community is loyal to both government and nation, and is free and clear of such unseemly falsehoods. In brief, through divine justice, the determination of His Majesty, and the earnest efforts of loyal government servants, the author of the papers was caught. His name is Ahmad, from Kerman. Upon his arrest, he confessed to his deed. When asked about the reason and cause, he stated that enmity towards the Babi community had compelled him to write these papers, his purpose being to once again afflict this oppressed community. All know that this oppressor has harbored and continues to harbor the utmost enmity towards this community and is aflame with the fire of hatred, for he is of the opposition party and his antagonism is clear and evident as the sun.

O King! I adjure thee by God's justice and sovereignty, and by the Manifestations of His grace and the Dawning-places of His signs, to investigate so that the truthfulness of these oppressed ones and their freedom from corruption and their well-wishing may become clear and evident in the royal presence. O King! I swear by the Sun of Truth that this community is loyal to the government, for they are wise. Their character is adorned with praiseworthy manners and their nature with spiritual, pleasing qualities. We hope that through the radiance of His Majesty the King's sun of justice, the people of the world may be adorned and illumined with the ornament of rest and tranquility. Command and rule are within the grasp of God's power, the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

Three letters were sent from the Land of Ya describing the kindling of the fire of hatred and the martyrdom of souls who were content, pleasing and assured. However, the contents of each contradicted the others. Through pure grace, a tablet was revealed from the heaven of will corresponding to each one. Blessed are they who attain! And this blessed scroll is one of them. Blessed are they who read!

[In the margin of page 143 of the book appears the phrase "His lordship hath appeared from the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds," the relationship of which to the blessed Tablet cannot be determined]

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This is the Tablet of Visitation which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace for the First Name of God, that through it he may visit the Most Great Maiden and those who have believed in God and His signs and were among the triumphant.

He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from the Wronged One, Who in the kingdom of eternity was named Baha, and in the realm of glory the Most Exalted, and in the domain of the divine cloud by all the most beautiful names of God, and in the world of creation as Husayn–yet most people remain veiled in grievous delusion. In every age there befell Him that which none can reckon save God, the King, the Most High, the Great. Once He was afflicted at the hand of Cain and was slain in the path of God, ascending unto Him wronged–thus was it ordained aforetime, and God is witness and well-informed of this. Once He was afflicted at the hand of Nimrod who cast Him into the fire, yet God made the fire as light and mercy unto Him, for He doth

protect His near servants. Once He was afflicted at the hand of Pharaoh and there befell Him that which causeth the hearts of the sincere to burn. Once He was raised upon the cross and ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Once He was afflicted at the hand of Abu Jahl and those who rose against Him in discord from among the hypocrites, and they visited upon Him that which cannot be mentioned in words–and the Spirit of the All-Merciful is knowing and witness to what befell Him. Once He was martyred in the land of Taff and with Him were martyred those whom God had related to His holy and luminous Self, until they severed His head and took His family captive and paraded them through the lands–thus was He condemned by the hosts of Satan. Once He was suspended in the air and martyred in the path of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Once I was imprisoned in the land of Ta for four known months, and what befell Me cannot be reckoned by the Pen of the worlds. Thereafter they expelled Me from the prison and banished Me with My family from Our homeland until We entered Iraq and dwelt therein. And in that land there befell Us, from those who were created by My command, that which none can reckon, such that at every moment I was assailed by the darts of hypocrisy. Yet withal We concealed the Cause and continued to herald glad tidings among the servants and summon them unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, until all the peoples rose against Me with every stratagem. And I alone stood forth by Myself to face the enemies and aided My Lord to the extent of My power, until God's Cause was established through His words and the deeds of the idolaters were rendered vain. Thereby was the fire of hatred kindled in the breasts of those who claimed faith in the Point of the Bayan. Thus did their souls entice them and Satan made their deeds appear fair in their eyes, and they were among the heedless. By God! There befell Me at their hands that which had never befallen anyone, whereupon the eyes of the maidens in their chambers wept for Me, and the hearts of the sincere cried out, and beyond them wept the Eye of God, the King, the All-Glorious, the Mighty, the Most High, the All-Wise. And whomsoever's ears God hath opened can hear in those days the lamentation and outcry of all things at what befell Me from these who had first acknowledged God then denied Him after He came to them with a new beauty with clear authority. And We remained between them and those who had denied from previous religions until the sun of tribulation dawned from the horizon of destiny and the decree of exile came to pass according to what was inscribed in the preserved holy Tablets. By God the True One! I stood forth to face the enemies in days wherein hearts were […]

The hearts of the mystics were seized with trembling, the foundations of every soul were shaken, and the flesh of those who dwelt round about Us and were among the unitarians quivered, until at length the hosts of divine succour descended from the heaven of God's dominion, the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the All-Glorious. He protected Me in truth and aided Me through the angels of the heavens and earth and through the hosts of His exalted and invisible realm. We went forth from that city in such wise as to stupefy the minds of the wise and the hearts of the mystics. The Ancient Beauty passed not through any city but that the necks of the proud were humbled at His manifestation, nor did He arrive at any place but that the heads of both the unitarians and the idolaters were bowed before Him, until We reached this Prison. God well knoweth what befell Me therein at the hands of those in whose breasts lurked rancor against this Youth, as if they had been lying in wait to manifest their malice. Not a moment passed but that the arrows of faithlessness were launched at Me from the hosts of the malevolent. By God! I was slain in every instant by the swords of hatred, whereunto the Tongue of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, doth testify, yet the people remain in grievous heedlessness and conflict. Were men to purify

their ears, they would hear in this moment that wherewith their Lord, the All-Glorious, calleth from the most exalted Companion, and they would be numbered among them that hearken. But they have veiled themselves from that which the Ancient Tongue speaketh in the Most Great Domain, and are accounted among the heedless. They have risen against Me in such wise as to pronounce My death sentence without any evidence from God or manifest Book. Yet time and again have the hosts of divine succour descended, whereby God hath preserved Me and made Me to speak forth His remembrance, to manifest His sovereignty, to shine forth with the lights of His hallowed grandeur, and to voice the praise of His Own exalted and glorious Self. Thus was it ordained for Us, and We have recounted it in truth, that perchance the people might become among them that are informed. O Leaf of Paradise! When this luminous and crystalline Tablet reacheth thee, arise from thy place and take it with the hand of submissiveness, then inhale from it the fragrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Call to mind My tribulations that are mentioned therein, that thou mayest be numbered among them that remember in the Tablets of God, the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Powerful. Then convey the Cause of thy Lord unto those women who are round about thee, and unto them who have been guided by the guidance of the Spirit and are among the assured ones. Blessed art thou, O Leaf of Paradise, inasmuch as the breezes of the Spirit have stirred thee and drawn thee unto the Egypt of reunion, the seat of thy Lord's knowledge, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thou hast drunk from the cups of thy Lord's mercy and attained unto that which none among all the worlds hath attained. Therefore render thanks unto thy Lord, then be devoutly obedient unto Him, then bow down in worship, then take hold of the Book of God with His strength - verily it is a mighty Book. How excellent is thy station, inasmuch as God hath associated thee with His Name through which the standards of victory were raised aloft, the sun of grace shone forth, the moon of bounty appeared, and the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Through it were raised the kingdom of names and adorned the temples of attributes, and the Temple of Holiness appeared with the ornament of His Ancient Name. Through it the sovereignty of the Cause encompassed all things, the sun of bounty dawned upon all beings, and through it flowed the two mighty rivers in the two most exalted Names, wherefrom none did drink save them whom God had singled out for His Cause, chosen from among His servants, elected from among His creatures, and made them the dawning-places of His most excellent names and the manifestations of His most exalted attributes, and made them among those who have attained His presence, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And verily thou, O Leaf of Paradise, visit Him on My behalf with that which hath now been sent down from the heaven of God, the Sanctified, the Exalted, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

When thou desirest to commence thy visitation of the Dawning-Place of Names and their Source, the Day-Spring of Attributes and their Treasury, arise and turn thy face toward Paradise, the Place wherein was interred the First Name, which God made the Shrine of His hallowed, mighty and resplendent Temple. When thou hast turned thyself thither, pause in stillness and magnify thy Lord nineteen times, and at each magnification God shall open before thy face one of the gates of Ridvan and waft upon thee from the direction of Paradise the fragrance of glory. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One mighty and wise.

Then glorify God nineteen times in certitude of His Cause, in acknowledgment of His sovereignty, in exaltation of His Being, in submission to His Revelation, and in turning toward His holy, manifest, evident,

brilliant, radiant and luminous countenance, and say: I bear witness with my soul, my being, my essence, my tongue, my heart and my limbs that there is none other God but Him, and that the Point of the Bayan is His manifestation, His emergence, His glory, His honor and His grandeur unto those in the Supreme Concourse, then His greatness, His power and His might between earth and heaven, and that He Who hath appeared in truth is verily His sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and the earth, and His splendor upon all who are in the dominions of Command and Creation.

Then say: O First Spirit that emerged from the Treasuries of Grandeur, and First Mercy that descended from the heaven of holiness at the right hand of the Throne, the seat of our Lord, the Most High! Upon thee, O Mystery of Destiny, Temple of Fulfillment, Most Perfect Word in the dominion of immortality, and Most Great Name in the kingdom of creation! I testify with my being, my soul and my tongue that Thou art He through Whom the Beauty of the All-Glorious was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful, and through Whom the Primal Will was manifested unto all created beings, and through Whom the bounty of Paradise descended from the heaven of grace from Thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and through Whom the Command of God, the Supreme, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, was revealed.

I testify that Thou wert the first Light that shone forth from the Beauty of Divine Unity and the first Sun that dawned from the horizon of Divinity. But for Thee, the Beauty of the Divine Identity would not have appeared, nor would the mysteries of the Divine Eternity have been revealed. I testify that through Thee the birds of the hearts of them that long for Thee soared into the atmosphere of nearness and reunion, and through Thee the hearts of lovers tasted the sweetness of intimacy and beauty at the dawning of the sun of Thy Lord's countenance, the Lord of Majesty and Glory. But for Thee, none would have known God's Self and Beauty, none would have attained the shore of His nearness and meeting, no contingent beings would have drunk from the waters of His generosity and favors, and no created things would have been given to drink of the wine of His grace and bounty.

Through Thee were rent asunder the veils of all created things, through Thee appeared the kingdom of names and attributes, through Thee was every soul guided to the shore of hallowed might, through Thee did the Dove warble upon the branches of eternity, and the Bird of the Throne sing upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree of Glory. Through Thee appeared the Beauty of the Unseen by His Most Exalted Name, through Thee descended every good thing from the dominion of the cloud of mystery to the kingdom of creation, and every grace was inscribed by the Finger of God upon the tablets of destiny. Through Thee did the mercy of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Most Great, encompass all contingent beings. But for Thee, the heaven would not have been raised up, nor would the earth have been established, nor would the seas have appeared, nor would the trees have yielded fruit, nor would the leaves have turned green, nor would the sun of grace have shone forth from a holy and luminous horizon [...]

Through Thee the breezes of forgiveness have wafted over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the gates of Paradise were opened to all creation. The hearts of those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Generous, were attracted. Thou art the Word whereby all created things were distinguished, the fortunate separated from the wretched, light from darkness, and the believer from the idolater, from that day until the Day when the heaven shall be cleft asunder and God shall come in the

shadows of His Cause, surrounded by hosts of angels. Then shall the clouds be rent asunder and the Face shall appear from behind the veil with legions of mighty glory, while the idolaters shall flee to the right and to the left, and all who are in the heavens and on earth shall be seized with intoxication, save only the letters of the Face of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

I testify that Thou didst bear the trust of Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst know the Beauty of the All-Glorious before the creation of all things, and didst attain the presence of God on a Day which none but Thee hath known - this being a grace specially conferred upon Thee by God before the creation of the heavens and the earth. I testify that through Thy remembrance the tongues of all created things were loosed in praise of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and through Thy glorification of Him Who brought Thee into being, all arose to praise Him, whereunto testifieth all existence, both seen and unseen, and beyond this God Himself beareth witness and is All-Knowing.

I testify that Thou didst aid the religion of God and manifest His Cause, and didst strive in His path to the utmost of Thy ability. Through Thy assistance were made manifest the proof of God and His evidence, then His power and might, then His grandeur and majesty, then His sovereignty over all created things. Blessed are they who strove alongside Thee, who fought against the enemies of God at Thy bidding, who circled round Thee, who entered the fortress of Thy protection, who drank from the Kawthar of Thy love, who were martyred before Thy face, who rest in Thy vicinity and are among those who lie in repose. I testify that they are the helpers of God in His earth, His trusted ones in His lands, the party of God among His creatures, the hosts of God amidst His creation, and the chosen ones of God between the heavens and the earth.

I testify that in Thy path there befell Thee great tribulations and mighty calamities, afflictions encompassed Thee from every direction, yet nothing prevented Thee from following the way of Thy Creator. Thou didst strive with Thy very being until Thou wert martyred in His path and became one of the martyrs. Thou didst sacrifice Thy spirit, Thy soul and Thy body out of love for Thy Ancient Master. I testify that at Thy calamity all things between earth and heaven wept, then the eyes of those brought nigh behind pavilions of mighty glory. The celestial maidens in their chambers uncovered their heads and struck them with fingers of wondrous holiness, fell upon their faces in the dust, sat in ashes and lamented at that time in chambers of radiant crimson. I testify that at Thy calamity all things donned the garment of darkness, the faces of the sincere turned pale, the pillars of the monotheists were shaken, and the eye of Grandeur and Majesty wept in the heaven of exalted holiness.

I testify, O my Master, at this my station, that Thou didst not fall short in the Cause of Thy Lord, nor didst Thou waver in the love of Thy Master. Thou didst proclaim His Cause to the east of the earth and to its west until Thou didst sacrifice Thyself in His path and became one of the martyrs. May God curse the people who wronged Thee and rose […]

Upon thee they waged war, and with their own selves they fought against thee, and disputed with thy presence, and denied thy proof, and were neglectful of thy cause, and waxed proud, refusing to humble themselves before thee, and were among the polytheists. Therefore, I beseech God, by thee and by those who circle round thee, to forgive me and expiate my transgressions, and purify me from earthly defilement, and make me one of the purified ones, and grant me the blessing of meeting Him in these

days wherein all have become heedless of Him and are among the veiled ones. And may He enable me to acknowledge Him and submit to His Cause, and attain certitude regarding His Being, and acknowledge His signs, and enter beneath His shadow, and abide in the precincts of His mercy, and bear witness in His path, and turn unto His exalted and mighty Self. We beseech God by thee that He deprive us not in these days of the splendors of the light of His countenance, and that He render us not bereft of the wonders of His grace nor hopeless of His mercy that hath encompassed all worlds, and that He establish us in His love and make us steadfast in His Cause, that our feet may not slip from His path which hath appeared in truth between the heavens and the earth. May mercy, glory and splendor rest upon you, O chosen ones of God among His servants and His trusted ones throughout the lands, and upon your bodies, your forms, your spirits, your first and your last, your outward and your inward being, and upon those who dwell in your vicinity and circle round about you, and who have alighted at the gate of your mercy and stood fast at the manifestation of the light of your pardon, and who have entered the courtyard of your nearness, and have drawn nigh unto God through you, and have sought intercession with God through your own selves, and have visited your sanctuary, and have sought blessings from your dust, and have been guided by your guidance, and were among those who turned their faces toward your purified, sanctified, radiant and luminous countenances. O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by him and by those who rest round about him to make us among those who soared in the atmosphere of Thy mercy and drank from the wine of Thy bounty and favor, and attained unto the summit of grace through Thy generosity and loving-kindness, and tasted the sweetness of Thy remembrance, and ascended to the highest horizons and most exalted stations through Thy grace and Thy gifts, and who have detached themselves from all directions and hastened toward the court of Thy favors, and who were seized by the breezes of the might of Thy mercy and the sweet-scented savors of the holiness of Thy oneness. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. O our God and our Beloved! Forgive us and our parents and our kindred among those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and in Him Who hath appeared through Thy sovereignty. Then cause us, O my God, to be honored in this world through Thy glory and in the next world to attain unto meeting Thee, and deprive us not of that which is with Thee, nor cause us to despair of all that beseemeth Thee. Verily Thou art the Lord of bounty and favor, the Lord of grace and beneficence, and verily Thou art our All-Merciful Lord and our Help in Peril. In Thee do we place our reliance. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful. Thus have We expounded for thee, O Leaf of Paradise, and mentioned thee in this Tablet that thou mayest follow that which thou hast been commanded and be among the devoted ones in the Tablets of holy and luminous decree.

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

These are days of sorrow, and waves of hatred and malice surge in the hearts of the enemies. The flames of pride and vainglory and the smoke of greed and avarice have darkened the world of joy. Glory be to God! Despite the manifestation of favors and the emergence of grace and bounties, that which no soul could have imagined has come to pass. This servant beseeches his Lord to spread another carpet and to

purify the hearts of His servants with the waters of Kawthar and illumine them with the lights of His Most Great Countenance. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O beloved of my heart! Your letter addressed to this evanescent servant, as well as the successive letters addressed to His Holiness the Most Generous Name, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, all attained the honor of being presented before and heard by the One Who converseth from the Tree. These are His blessed and exalted words:

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

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

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One! Glory be to God! One who was outwardly the recipient of the greatest favor and for whom the means of commerce were provided from every direction, when he became possessed of worldly ornaments, first drew forth the sword of cruelty against his helper, supporter and confirmer, and then against His loved ones and friends. That unjust one coveted the property of the Afnan and other friends, raising the cry of 'Woe is me! They have taken my wealth!' and committed that which hath caused the Cause to suffer loss. The Supreme Pen at this point is engaged with these words so that neither the fiery Samandar nor Nabil-i-'Ali might become saddened or dejected by the sorrows that have befallen them and the events that have transpired. In these sorrows thou hast a great partner. O Samandar! Grieve not for what hath befallen Me and thee at the hands of every remote oppressor and every obstinate transgressor. Be thou ablaze with the fire of My love and soaring in the atmosphere of My tender mercy and speaking that whereby hearts and minds may be attracted. Illumine each of the loved ones with the light of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds and set them aflame with the fire of the Sacred Tree. Each one is present before Our face and mentioned by the tongue of favor. In accordance with the requirements of wisdom, names have not been mentioned, but none have been absent from before Our face, nor are they now. To this beareth witness My ocean of utterance and My heaven of bounty, and beyond them both the Tongue of Grandeur in its praiseworthy station.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of Thine enemies. He whom Thou didst exalt by the hands of Thy bounty hath denied Thee and rejected Thy truth, allying himself with the source of hatred in Thy days. O Lord! Thou seest how the wrongdoer hath taken Thine enemy as his helper and supporter, and hath committed that which hath caused grief to seize the inhabitants of the pavilion of Thy protection and the tabernacle of Thy grandeur. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to protect Thy loved ones from their evil and their plotting. Verily, Thou

art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving.

O beloved of my heart! Indeed a strange matter has appeared. Muhammad-'Ali Isfahani arrived in this land some years ago with Aqa 'Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God. He dwelt in prison for a time, then requested permission to stay in the great city. After permission was granted, he proceeded there and took up residence until the time when our spiritual beloved, Haji Shaykh Akhavi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, decided to engage in commerce there. The aforementioned Muhammad-'Ali's capital was meager, therefore assistance was suggested for him. Some of the honored Afnans, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, each entrusted him with one hundred liras, and likewise sent him goods from China and India regularly. This year when news of the commercial upheaval in that land reached the owners of the capital, they intended to proceed to the city for investigation and collection. That oppressor, upon hearing this, immediately united with the source of hatred. One day he cried out that his strongbox had been broken into and three hundred and fifty liras stolen. Each day he would attribute this to someone else and finally accused a Siyyid, bringing charges to the government, and that poor destitute one was imprisoned. After some time when his lie became apparent, the government released the Siyyid. Finally he brought this accusation against the poor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, for he imagined that since Jinab-i-Nazir had arrived there, perhaps the commerce of that place would be referred to him. With this delusion he attributed it to him, held gatherings, wrote to various places, and would tell any denier he met that the Babis had come and stolen and taken his money. In brief, he united with the enemy of God and said to many merchants that which caused harm to the Cause of God. Indeed, from the beginning until now, no such blow has been dealt to the Cause. His Honor Mu'inu'l-Mulk, may God the Exalted strengthen him, told the friends that the Siyyid says Muhammad-'Ali is lying, the owners of the capital have demanded their money, and he has resorted to these games and tricks, and I too share the Siyyid's opinion - his lies are as evident as the sun from his records. Then he sent a letter to this evanescent one and to His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, stating that for the protection of God's Cause this servant had not mentioned the theft, and if permission were granted, he would prove that Jinab-i-Nazir had committed the theft. Permission was issued from the Source of Command to certainly prove it and take his money. Some time passed and no news came from him regarding this matter. His Holiness Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, also demanded proof from him in that land, saying that since you yourself wrote this, now fulfill it. He resorted to unworthy false excuses. Then he wrote to His Holiness Ismu'llah that "they have taken my money, you say come prove it" while he himself had repeatedly declared this matter. From these words the rest of his words and deeds are clear and evident. Indeed he has manifested an oppression that has no equal or likeness. And later it became known that before making this declaration here he had written everywhere. In brief, he has vowed not to speak one word of truth in the world. The river of lies and hypocrisy has joined the sea of infidelity and rebellion. To God we belong and to Him we shall return.

The recent news is that the honored Afnans of the Blessed Tree arrived in the middle of the blessed month of Ramadan with the utmost joy and fragrance, and attained His presence and meeting. Now, through divine bounty and merciful grace, they have taken residence and are dwelling beneath the pavilions of grandeur. Blessed are they, and joyous tidings to them! God is witness and testifier that most

often the mention of that Beloved of hearts flows from the tongue of the soul. Your remembrance brings joy and Your memory quickens the spirit. Repeatedly in these days this exalted word has flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings. He spoke, and His word is truth: “There hath befallen Samandari what hath befallen My own Self.” In these days he shares in sorrows, but these have not endured nor shall they endure. Soon they shall pass away and glory, joy and delight shall remain for Me and for him and for the friends of God, His chosen ones and His trusted ones. The praise be to God! His honor Shaykh, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, attains His presence and meeting most days. His son is seen with utmost humility and joy, and stands before the Seat of the Lord. In truth, the ear vibrates at the pure mention of that Beloved and the eye rejoices with greatest gladness at the sight of those related to Him. The servant begs his Lord to honor your honor through His might and to exalt you and those with you through His power and sovereignty. Verily He is the best of helpers and the best of supporters, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

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

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

And regarding what His Honor Sheikh has mentioned about the designation - that beloved one knows that sometimes it is present and sometimes absent, at times the sun of wealth is visible and at times poverty. However, concerning His Honor Sheikh, upon him be the Glory of God, He commanded that it be transferred through His Honor Aqa Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, to be delivered. The delay and postponement of such matters is due solely to the absence of the mentioned thing and nothing else. And His Honor Sheikh should also treat His Honor Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His bounty, with love. At present His Honor Amin has a paternal relationship with most and has been engaged in service from the beginning of the Cause until now, occupied with speaking well of all the divine friends. In truth, he has repeatedly spoken well of this very His Honor Sheikh, upon him be the Glory of God, and sent such mentions to the Most Holy Court. If sometimes, out of wisdom or counsel, he should speak a word, they should not become upset. In mentioning these stations, this supreme word appeared from the Tongue of the Lord of all beings - blessed and exalted be His word:

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

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

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

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

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

It is hoped that through the sweet savors of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, they may arise with complete dedication to serve, and find and drink the hidden wine in the divine verses. The Command is in His grasp. He strengtheneth whom He willeth through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

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

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

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

Mention has been made of the honored teacher, upon him be the Glory of God. Although arrangements had been made, in view of his being alone, there was agreement to pause. This agreement found acceptance in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, such that the reward of attainment was specifically revealed and sent down from the Ancient Tongue, and at the end the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke these words: "Blessed is he and blessed is the one who made arrangements for him. We have, in Our wisdom, veiled the mention of his name, and We are the Chooser." The Glory, the Remembrance and the Praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and those who are in your household and who love you and who hear your word for the sake of God, the Lord of Lords. And praise be to Him, for He is the Master of creation and the Lord of all beings.

The Servant

26 Shawwal 1306

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

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Praise be to God Who hath manifested through His all-prevailing power that which was concealed, and brought forth through His Most Exalted Pen that which was recorded in the scrolls of creation - He through Whose Name the Tablets have been adorned and all things have been stirred, through Whom necks have been freed and the All-Bountiful hath come in the clouds of heaven. He is the One through Whose manifestation the fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted throughout all possibility, and when He was established upon the throne with majesty and sovereignty, thereupon did the Dove of the Cause warble upon the twig of eternity, and the Bird of Faithfulness coo upon the branches of the Lote-Tree

beyond which there is no passing, and the Nightingale of Utterance sing upon the leaves of the Tree of Blessedness, and behind it all the Tongue of Grandeur between earth and heaven.

By My life! That which was hidden hath appeared, and that which was treasured hath shone forth from the horizon of creation. Come ye and draw near, O Concourse of Names! Then hasten and approach, O Denizens of the highest paradise! Raise your voices and come quickly, O people of creation! Hearken, O people of earth, unto My sweetest call once again, and deprive not yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you in My most exalted Kingdom. Behold and observe: in My right hand is My crimson scroll, and in My left is My purest wine, whose seal hath been broken through My Most Glorious Name. By God! Through it the Most Great Ocean hath surged, and the mountains have moved, and earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth in all regions, and through it the heaven of idle fancies hath been cleft asunder and the ground of the hearts of those who denied the beginning and the end hath been split.

And praise be to God Who hath caused His loved ones to hear the rustling of His branches upon the Tree that hath overshadowed all regions with its shade. Blessed and exalted is He Who hath caused them to hear His call and summoned them by Himself unto Himself, and made known to them His beauty, and caused them to soar in His atmosphere, and taught them His path, and inspired them with His remembrance and praise, and expanded their breasts for His utterance and their hearts for His establishment, and nourished them with the wine of His revelation and the fountain of His inspiration, and caused them to speak His words. He is indeed the Single One Whom the calumnies of the polytheists cannot harm, and the One Whom the ascription of partners by satans cannot prevent. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Inspirer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The servant has attained unto the dewdrops from your pen, which have sprinkled forth from the ocean of your love - our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all the worlds. When the wine of your affection's Kawthar overwhelmed me and the fragrances of your mention stirred me, and while I was repeatedly reading your letter, I was summoned to ascend unto the seat of the Desired One. When I attained His presence and presented it, thereupon the Kingdom of Utterance was stirred and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the people of creation cannot bear, save those whom His prevailing Will and His all-encompassing Purpose have chosen. By God's life! I have drunk from the ocean of bounty that which I cannot mention, nor can pens describe, nor tongues express. And I gave thanks unto God that I beheld the countenance of the Beloved turned towards His Afnan who have attained the Most Great Bounty in His days. He, verily, is the All-Compelling, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. My very being and all I possess be a sacrifice for your love!

The exalted letter which was inscribed with this evanescent one's name dispelled sorrows and extinguished the fire of grief. Praise be to God, it bestowed the Salsabil of joy and granted the Kawthar of delight. His be the praise in all conditions. Three letters were received from your honor, but since outwardly the passages requiring response were not clear, therefore there was delay. Otherwise, how could this servant, according to his capacity, postpone or be negligent? In all conditions I beseech and hope from the True One that He may assist this servant to manifest that which brings joy to the luminous heart.

At this moment when this servant was occupied with this petition, he again observed your honor's letters to present answers to the passages written therein. After visiting the first letter and reading the prayer mentioned therein, I took it once again and proceeded with it to the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon, and presented it before His countenance time and again. Thereupon the Tongue of God, the Lord of the first and the last, spoke. He said, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

"O My Afnan! We have heard thy rustling and thy call, and witnessed thy clinging and thy steadfastness and thy turning unto Us, and We know the state thou art in regarding the love of thy Lord, Who was banished time after time and imprisoned again and again in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We take pride in what hath befallen Us at the hands of the enemies, and through it the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath been exalted. We have named this prison the Most Great Prison. It behooveth everyone to reflect upon it and upon that wherewith it hath been named by the Mighty, the Wise. We have mentioned thee before from My Most Exalted Pen, and We have turned unto thee at this time from this noble station. Thou hast been beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and the Wronged One greeteth thee from this glorious spot. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained unto that which most of mankind hath been deprived of. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this Clear Book. We have heard thy call which was raised in the days of thy Lord, and We know that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest. We beseech Him to strengthen thee in all conditions and to send down upon thee from the heaven of grace that which beseemeth His mercy that hath preceded the world and His generosity that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth."

Thus endeth the Word. Praise be to God! The ocean of bounty is surging, the sun of grace is shining, and the heaven of mercy is elevated. From the verses sent down from the heaven of God's Will, His infinite favors are made manifest and […]

The fragrance is manifest. Blessed is the nose that perceiveth its perfume, blessed the mouth that tasteth its sweetness, blessed the heart that discerneth its station, and blessed the body that is stirred by its breezes. In truth, for every member of the body a portion is ordained. O how excellent is the blessing that hath been destined for the souls of the sincere ones, which is the verses of God and His words, and the utterance of God and His proof. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the people of the world from the fragrances of the Most Great Name. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Those who circle the divine throne have been mentioned to be of three kinds in a Tablet revealed from the horizon of God's will during the days when the military barracks served as the seat of the throne. Some gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and are nourished by the Most Glorious Nectar - these are souls who truly "speak not before He speaks and act by His command." Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly beginning and end. Another kind are below this station, while others rise at times and fall at others. Thus was it sent down in truth from God, the All-Knowing Revealer. Now, praise be to God, all are blessed with the eternal, everlasting bounty of attaining the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God to assist all who circle and dwell in this land to achieve what befits this Day. All the loved ones lived in perfect comfort and bounty for several years until the horizon of trustworthiness darkened.

The details of this matter cannot be revealed. Verses were revealed to one of the loved ones dwelling in Ottoman lands. Some of these verses are presented here, revealing what befell the Beloved of the world. Thus spoke the tongue of the Beloved:

"O My Physician, My Physician! Your call has risen until it reached the ear of your All-Knowing Lord. The Present Servant appeared and presented before the Face what you called unto God, Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the tongue that speaks truth and the eye that beholds My luminous horizon. Blessed is the eye that weeps for My tribulations and the hearts that yearn in My great affliction. By My life! Were the veil to be lifted, wailing would rise between the heavens and earth. How many deeds melted My heart, yet I concealed them through My Name, the Concealer, the Gracious. How many acts caused My heart and pen to lament, yet I preserved them such that none in the world learned of them. How many afflictions seized Me and how many calamities surrounded Me in this mighty prison, yet My Name the Forgiving prevented Me from mentioning them, and My Name the Merciful took hold of My hem saying: 'Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.' Thus did My tongue speak that you might learn what befell the Wronged One in this remote spot."

All matters that occurred in this land were previously mentioned in divine Tablets. Thus at first arrival this prison was named the Most Great Prison, and it was said its mystery would later be revealed. By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, the Cause of God was so exalted in this land that none could adequately describe it. The prison door was opened, although the original decree issued by Sultan Abdul-Aziz had stipulated that none should be allowed near, not even a barber for shaving without a guard present. Nevertheless, the prison door was opened such that companions could freely travel to any land they wished without question. This supreme power and mighty sovereignty appeared without material means, for it was never expected that such severity and harshness would be removed. We testify that He is truly powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Able, the Ruler, the Mighty, the Wise. The heedless servants in power and […]

The people do not reflect upon the power of God. At all times manifest signs and clear evidences appear, yet they remain unaware and have not raised their heads from the slumber of heedlessness. If the blessed Surih of Ra'is has reached your presence, you will have become aware of the degree of the heedlessness of the servants. The All-Glorious, Most Great God has spoken the truth. All that has occurred in these two years was mentioned and recorded in that Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. That which was promised in the Book has appeared, and that which no one among the servants can today comprehend shall appear. In truth, the overwhelming attraction and rapturous yearning of this servant in your presence has caused this petition to become lengthy, yet in all cases pardon is hoped for.

And regarding what you had written about the Holy Land, this matter has been forbidden, and the decree concerning it was revealed from the Supreme Pen and sent beforehand. In this regard, this evanescent servant has deemed it necessary to submit a brief account of these matters so that you may be informed. For two years in this land, the price of things has been rising day by day, and likewise some of the pilgrims have taken large sums of money from the people and have not repaid them, claiming that the money was entirely lost. And the small amount of money that the government was giving to some of the prisoners has decreased due to the wars occurring between the two states, as they now give promissory notes

worth one-third of what they used to give. Some friends wrote about these hardships and difficulties that had befallen them by way of information to his honor, the Name of God (66), may all glory most glorious be upon him, and he, due to his being enkindled with the fire of divine love, thought it advisable to inform the friends. God knows that he intended nothing by this except to manifest that which he possessed in his love for God and His Cause. And afterward, he wrote the details to this servant. After presenting it to the Most Holy Court, they commanded: Write to the Name of Ha that no one should proceed to the land of Kha, and they should not mention the details of this land in that region. Therefore, this servant submitted a letter to him, and in that letter mighty, impregnable verses were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will. A copy of that letter is being submitted to your presence, that you may be informed of that which has shone forth from the horizon of the will of our Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty.

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

Verily the evanescent servant calleth out before the face of the world and maketh mention of that which hath reached his ears through hearkening unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath spoken. He hath spoken, and His word is the truth: "By God! The horizon of trustworthiness hath been darkened, the countenance of faithfulness hath been altered, and the hem of fidelity between earth and heaven hath been sullied. There hath appeared that which beseemeth not the Cause of God, His days, His majesty and His glory in this land which hath been named the Crimson Spot among the Concourse of Names and in the heaven of this heaven from My Most Exalted Pen." We beseech Him, exalted be He, to set right what we have neglected in regard to Him, to forgive us for what we have wrought in His presence, and to ordain for us justice and that whereby His Cause and sovereignty may be uplifted among His servants.

O beloved of my heart! Although sorrows have taken their toll and the hearts of the pure ones in God's lands and realms have been troubled by what hath occurred in the Prison Land, yet we thank the Beloved that the world hath been honored with the Most Great Joy, and verily He is seated upon the throne before the face of the nations. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This is a petition from the evanescent one to him who hath dawned from the horizon of ?ad for the love of God, our Lord and the Lord of the sincere ones, and I inform him of what the Ancient Beauty hath commanded me in this station. He hath spoken, and His most sweet utterance is: "O My Name ?a! No one should proceed to the land of Kha and inform its people of matters that have newly arisen in this White Land, whose very atoms proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Loving."

As commanded, inform His Excellency that no one should specifically proceed to the land of Kha regarding recent events, and if anyone has gone or taken anything, let him return it to the direction of the Intended One and surely restore it to its owner. Likewise, that person himself should abandon his intention and return. This is what the Beloved of the Worlds hath decreed.

And regarding what was given in the lands of ?a and Kaf, if it has been sent, the matter is concluded; if not, let it remain with His Excellency and let him send the names of those souls to the Most Holy Court. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Wise.

In view of this firm decree issued from the Source of Command, if what was taken has been returned, they have acted according to what God commanded them. If it still remains, according to the decree it must be given to the poor of the land of Kha. Verily, He does not allow to be lost the reward of one who spendeth in His path. He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Ordainer, the Generous.

The copy of those names to whom that sum should be given will be sent by Nabil-i-Qa'ini as commanded, and God is the guardian of the beneficent ones.

That which was issued from the Source of Command this year was that if anyone wishes to pay the Huququ'llah with complete willingness and satisfaction, the Trustees of the lands should receive it and present it. Until this year, although the law of Huquq was revealed in the Book of God with explicit text, not a word was heard from the blessed tongue regarding this matter. However, this year what was decreed was decreed. Verily, He is the Decreer, the All-Knowing.

This servant further begs of your honour that to each one of them that drink of the wine of divine love who attain your presence, and as you deem fit, mention this servant's utter effacement and nothingness. And another entreaty to be conveyed to the Afnan of the Sacred Tree - may my soul be a sacrifice for them - is an expression of pure devotion and absolute nothingness, contingent upon your honour's grace and favours, especially to his honour M and H - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory - who was mentioned in your honour's letter. The essence of glory and remembrance be upon your honour and upon them and upon those who cling to the hem of God's sacred, pure, mighty and luminous robe. And praise be to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

Additionally, it is submitted regarding the sum about which news arrived from the land of Kha, and which your honour directed payment for before its arrival and inquiry - when this was submitted in the Most Holy Presence, He smiled and said: "They have even added benefit to it for him. We have accepted all that was done in God's path. He has indeed done what was befitting of him and We have accepted double what he did for the love of God." However, that sum must be handled according to the mentioned command, meaning it should be distributed in the land of Kha according to the list sent by Nabil-i-Akbar.

The Servant

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

Praise be to God Who is unique in His grandeur and peerless in that Name which He hath made the Sovereign of all names. He hath created all things through the Most Exalted Word and caused them to voice His praise throughout the kingdom of creation. He hath manifested the Word at one time in the form of the Balance, and at another in the likeness of an Ocean casting forth the pearls of divine knowledge, and yet again He hath revealed it in the image of the Path, and at times in the temple of the Trumpet whereinto He blew, causing all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, save whom

He willed and desired. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over His servants, Who is manifest in the beginning and in the end. There is no God but Him, the Possessor of all existence. And I pray, offer salutations and glorification upon the first One Whom God made as a Sun in the heaven of His knowledge, an Orbit for the ocean of His will, and a Light from among the lights of His countenance, and upon those who drew nigh unto Him with illumined hearts and radiant faces, who were so transported by the rapture of His Manifestation that they circled round tribulation and set their faces toward hardship and adversity in His path. These are they whom neither the howling of the oppressors, nor the roaring of the infidels, nor the croaking of the heedless could deter. They aided the Cause of God with their hearts, their eyes, their ears, their tongues, their hands and their feet. Upon them the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise send their blessings morning and evening, and upon those who dwell beyond the crimson sea of grandeur. Exalted is their Creator, exalted is their Maker, exalted is their Strengthener, and exalted is their Provider, Who created them through His Will. He, verily, is the Single One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! I was asleep when the Messenger of my Lord awakened me. When I arose, He said: "The Desired One of the world and the Ancient King commands thy presence." Thereupon I turned and made my way to that place until I attained the presence of the Lord of all beings. The Tongue of Grandeur then spoke as He desired. Then the sun of permission to return arose, and I returned to my dwelling. Upon entering, I found a letter. When I opened it–God knoweth–I detected the fragrance of your sincerity to God, our Lord and your Lord. When I read it, the attraction of your love seized me in such wise that I am powerless to describe it. It was as though from each word of your words and each letter of your letter, I read a book about your love for the Desired One of the world, your detachment from all else save Him, your steadfastness in His remembrance and praise, and your dedication to teaching His Cause. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, and glory be unto you, and delight be unto you! Were this servant to repeat these words throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, it would be fitting, inasmuch as He found your hearts to be vessels of the love of God, your tongues the dawning-places of His sweetest praise, and your ears attuned to hearken unto His most exalted call. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to set you ablaze at every moment with a flame that will increase thereby the heat of the love of God in all else. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Near, the Answerer.

In truth, this evanescent servant was so delighted by the mention and praise of that spiritual beloved that it is impossible to describe or enumerate it. One night it was all presented before His presence. Thereupon the ocean of bounty surged, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which none can reckon save Himself. At the end of the utterance, His mighty glory proclaimed: "O thou who art present! Verily, he hath been set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and hath spoken His praise amongst His servants. He giveth to drink the wine of His bounty and the Kawthar of His grace to those who desire to draw nigh and turn unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We shall aid him through Our grace and shall write for him that which will gladden his heart. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through a word from His presence, and He is indeed the Protector over what hath been and what shall be."

O thou who hast turned thy face toward My horizon and soarest in Mine atmosphere! Hearken unto My call at times from My palace, at others from My prison, and yet again from thy Lord's garden, the Lord of

all existence. The servant who is present hath come with thy letter and hath presented before the Throne that which hath diffused the fragrance of My Beloved's love. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who dwelt in the vicinity of My mercy. Verily, grace is in the hand of God–He singles out whom He willeth through a command from His presence. He is indeed the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who were not held back by adversity or prosperity from the remembrance of My praiseworthy station. Say: Beware lest the world withhold you from the Lord of Names. Look, then remember the generations of old. Where are the great ones and the princes and the learned? And where are the tyrants and the Pharaohs and the Caesars and the Chosroes? Where are their visible traces and their lofty palaces and their adorned houses and their trellised gardens and their spread-out carpets and their elevated thrones and their assembled armies and their adorned maidens and their embroidered garments and their precious things and their bejeweled crowns and their fortified refuges and their elevated strongholds and their visible treasures and their hidden hoards and their valiant tribes and […]

Where are their marshalled armies? And where are the horsemen and the footmen? And where are the heroes and the champions? And where is he who was a vessel on the sea of oppression and a ship upon the air of vain imaginings? And where is he who, were he to be given all the treasures and riches and ornaments and bounties of earth, would say "Is there yet more?" All have returned to dust with such regret and remorse as none save God, the Lord of all worlds, is aware. Say: O My loved ones! Arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me, and hold fast unto the wisdom that hath been sent down in My Book that hath appeared from the kingdom of Mine utterance. Soon shall extinction overtake all that can be seen, and sovereignty shall remain with the Lord of the throne and of the dust, the Lord of the world to come and of the world that has been. Thus hath spoken My Most Exalted Pen in this station which God hath made a throne for the heaven, adorned with the light of the manifestations of My Most Great and Most Glorious Name.

Say: O friends! This Day hath no peer or likeness. On this blessed Day, any pure deed that appeareth is accounted as the sovereign of deeds, and any mention that proceedeth from the lips is and shall be the king of all remembrance. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that the greatness of these days hath not been and shall never be limited. Strive ye that ye may attain unto a station that shall endure, and that no possessor of power shall be able to seize. Meditate upon and act according to those divine qualities and attributes with which the Tablets are adorned and honored to make mention. God willing, ye shall attain unto a glory that is exalted in the presence of God. Those souls who have truly partaken of the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and have drunk of the choice wine of recognition on this divine Day are seen to be more enkindled in times of hardship and tribulation. Well is it with the soul that hath on this Day attained unto that which God hath desired. Assuredly the diverse colors of the world and the varying conditions of the peoples shall not withhold him from the Ancient Lord. The ocean of joy surgeth in his heart and the sun of gladness shineth from the horizon of his breast. Thus doth God exhort you and counsel you and explain to His loved ones that which shall exalt them unto His holy, mighty and inaccessible kingdom.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the Manifest, the Holy, the Mighty, the Wise!

A remembrance from Us unto those who have been stirred by the fragrances of My verses, drawn by the perfume of My robe, and brought near through the manifestations of My Will and Purpose, that joy may seize them in such wise that the doings of them that have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, may never sadden them.

O My loved ones in Sisan! We have mentioned you before, and now once again, as a token of Our grace - and verily, I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. How many a learned one hath been withheld by his learning from the Sovereign of all knowledge, and how many a mystic, when the Object of all mystic knowledge appeared, turned aside from Him and opposed God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have rent asunder the most great veil and shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O concourse of divines! By God, the ocean of knowledge hath appeared. And O company of mystics! By God, He Who is known hath come with manifest sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then hasten to the horizon wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy!" Do your suppositions profit you? Nay, by My Name, the Self-Subsisting! Do your imaginings enrich you? Nay, by My sovereignty that overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth!

O concourse of divines! Turn ye unto the Most Sublime Horizon, then rend asunder, through the Name of the Lord of Names, the veils and glorifications that have prevented you from beholding My luminous horizon. O My loved ones! Give praise unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, then thank Him for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Treasury of His mysteries, when most of His servants remained heedless thereof. Thus doth God make mention of you and inform you of that which shall profit you. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Hold ye fast unto the cord of the Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of the world nor the allusions of the misguided ones who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed the biddings of every ignorant suspicious one shall debar you. We, verily, send Our greetings from this spot unto you, that ye may rejoice in God's glorification and remembrance. He, verily, guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Take ye hold of the Book of God with might, then observe that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of a wise and knowing Ruler. Say: Thine be the praise, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the glory, O Sovereign of earth and heaven! We beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made the Dayspring of all names to number us among such as have stood firm in Thy love and have quaffed the wine of certitude from the hands of Thy bounty in such wise that neither riches have withheld them from turning unto Thee, nor tribulations from gazing toward Thy horizon. O Lord! We are poor at Thy gate. We implore Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for us that which beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy grace and Thy favors. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

All that was written in that loved one's letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and an answer was graciously vouchsafed - may the spirits of all who dwell in the world be a sacrifice for His favor, and may

the spirits of all who dwell in the Kingdom be a sacrifice for His grace. The circular design of the Temple that was requested was presented, and the Sun of permission hath risen from the horizon of the All-Merciful's mercy. God willing, this servant shall send the writing whenever opportunity permits, and other designs shall also be sent thereafter, God willing.

Regarding the souls that were mentioned, from the heaven of the favor of the Goal of all the world's peoples, a most holy and most exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for each one. However, some are in the handwriting of this evanescent servant, copied from the original revelation, as in these days His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - is not present here.

While the servant was engaged in writing, he was summoned to the Most Exalted Summit and the Supreme Horizon. When he attained the presence, He, exalted be His glory, said: "We desire to make mention of the Letter 'Ayn, upon him be My Glory, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned him before in verses from which the fragrance of utterance was diffused throughout all possibility. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise. He is among those who have attained unto the Most Great Ocean and have drunk the choice wine sealed from the hand of My Hidden Name, Who calleth out in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations: 'There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful.' We have written down for him from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit him in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the All-Informed. By My life! Were there to be revealed unto him that which hath been concealed from him, he would soar upon the wings of longing and cry out in all regions: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of adoration of them who are nigh unto Thee!' We counsel him to be wise and give him the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness and My gracious mention. Glory be upon him and upon those who are with him and upon those who have acknowledged and witnessed that which God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

God willing, may they drink from the springs of exalted words from the fountainhead of divine favors, and may they comprehend the manifestations of the veiled meanings which are concealed in the palaces of the letters of the Lord of Names and Attributes. Indeed, grace hath reached such a station that the pen and tongue of all peoples are powerless to describe and record it. We beseech Him, exalted be He, by His power and sovereignty, to accept from us whatsoever proceedeth from us in His days. He is, verily, the Hearer, the Answerer.

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Another matter is good ink, especially for writing Tablets and Books - its availability is scarce but its need is great. Therefore, if it could be sent according to the qualities that are being mentioned, it would be most welcome. The ink that has been sent thus far from that land has either been glossy and sticky, or extremely dark black, and these two qualities have never been and are not desirable for writing Tablets. Some has also had a reddish tinge, which is known as peacock-like, and this too is not desirable. The ink that is desirable and required should flow well and be extremely black but not glossy, and should not be

sticky. And some is like gold that when applied to paper becomes smooth - this too is not desirable; its raised quality is what is desired. It should have absolutely no yellow or red tinge in its color.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most High Lord.

Praise be to God Who assisted His loved ones to serve His chosen ones and confirmed them through His grace to remain steadfast in His Cause. And praise be to God Who sent the Messengers and revealed the Books that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is the One Who caused all things to speak of His unity and singleness, and to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of humanity - that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the world, my Goal and the Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed the seen and unseen, to transform oppression into justice and tyranny into equity. O Lord! Cleanse all eyes from the ophthalmia of desire that they may turn unto Thee and acknowledge that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest them heedless of turning unto Thee. Make known unto them, O my God, Thy path, Thy balance, and Thy straight way. Deprive them not, O my God, through Thy bounty and grace. Draw those on earth near unto the ocean of Thy oneness and illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the claws of the heedless. By Thy glory! I do not wish to call down evil upon them, for I am certain that Thy mercy embraceth all things and Thy loving-kindness encompasseth all things. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to transform enmity into love, wickedness into virtue, and rancor into kindness. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of all things and the control of adversity and hardship. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

Thereafter, your letter was received time after time, and from each wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. After perusal and reading it attained the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and was presented. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of knowledge. His mighty word states:

In the name of God, the Lord of what was and what will be!

K. the Wronged One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of that which was ordained for thee in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to acceptance, to turning unto Him and to serving the friends of God. Thou hast been confirmed in a great blessing whose mention is adorned with the ornament of immortality. The recompense for good deeds rests with God, exalted be His glory, and it will surely become manifest. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy brother who attained the presence of God and thy other brother who was honored to attain His presence. Verily He hath forgiven you all, for He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Praise the Goal of all the worlds Who in these days hath favored you with His special grace. Blessed is thy mother from whom

steadfastness was manifested in the days of fear and agitation. She is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for her. We have made mention of her with a mention that is enduring and everlasting. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings unto her and give her the glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for her from the heaven of the bounty of her Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you from the Ancient Bestower.

The grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, has no need of mention by this servant, neither now nor before. This evanescent one, with both outer and inner tongue, praises the Peerless Beloved for having confirmed that honored one in service to the Cause. What you wrote was acceptable in the sight of God. God willing, its reward shall soon be manifest. O My loved one! Exercise utmost discretion in sending correspondence. Mention it not to anyone, whether from within or without, for if it were discovered it would not be good for you, and it may well be that its harm would reach the very Root of the Tree and likewise His trusted ones. Among the friends are those who give daily accounts to certain others. This is not new - it existed before and has now emerged again. In any case, discretion is necessary and obligatory. The servant speaks what he heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. Under these circumstances, great caution is most beloved.

As for what one of the friends told you about someone writing to government officials claiming to have gone to ’Akka and attained the presence - this is an absolute falsehood. No such person ever came to ’Akka, as the people of this city, both within and without, can testify. Moreover, the Iranian officials know he never came to ’Akka. And even assuming what he said were true, it would be clear proof of the Truth, exalted be His glory. First, smoking the water pipe is not permitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, so he wished for it and took it, but to no avail. This resembles the deeds of certain heedless ones who will ultimately find their actions fruitless and indeed suffer great loss.

As for the matter of food, where he claimed many covered dishes were brought but when uncovered contained nothing - the speaker was either a believer or a hypocrite. If a believer, he would never utter such words, for lying is among the traits of hypocrites and the heedless. Thus it is clear and evident that he was a hypocrite. Certainly he was not worthy to partake of the food served in the Supreme Presence, so though he desired it, he was not blessed to eat of it. For whatever is presented in the Most Holy Court is the true feast and heavenly sustenance. The Copts have no share of the water of the Israelites, let alone of that station which is sanctified above the mention and description of all the worlds. In any case, outwardly no such things occurred - perhaps he saw it in a dream. The friends of the True One, exalted be His glory, must not today become disturbed by what they hear. For if they pay proper attention and reflect upon what they hear, they will find every word to be a proof and evidence for the Cause. Once these supreme words were heard from the Tongue of the Lord of Names: “Every word uttered by the enemies becomes itself a herald of this Most Great Announcement and a guide to this Straight Path.”

The people of the earth know not what hath come to pass. The religious leaders have prevented the hapless souls from the straight path and deprived them of the ocean of utterance. A hundred thousand blessings be upon the mother of that honored one, who is mentioned before the Divine Presence and hath attained His special favors. All that they have endured in the path of God in these days is recorded at

the Most Holy Court. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the righteous, be they men or women. In this great upheaval, several of the leaves have indeed moved like steadfast and firm men, and have engaged in service to the oppressed ones. In these days, truth is distinguished from all else, and the straight path from other paths is clear and evident. Blessed are the men who have attained, and the leaves who have succeeded. Praise be to God that ye have attained with tongue, pen and utterance to the truth. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor. All the souls mentioned in your letter are remembered in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, but due to wisdom, it is not permissible at this time to mention names one by one. God beareth witness that all have been illumined by the rays of the Sun of Providence, and God willing, in future all shall be done according to the requirements of wisdom. For there is fear that if the friends mentioned become aware of the sending of the letter, the news would spread, as the oppressor is ever waiting in ambush that he might find some pretext to object against the friends of God and His chosen ones. Keep hidden from all the sending of letters. This matter hath been mentioned repeatedly that it be not forgotten. It is essential and obligatory to exercise the utmost caution and protection regarding those who associate with the great calamity and her relatives. Verily, they are among the enemies of God and His friends. Previously these matters were concealed and all were forbidden to speak or reveal anything about Mirza Rida-Quli. However, this year some of the comprehensive malevolence hidden in their hearts has been revealed through the great calamity, that impostor, and from the confidants of Mirza Rida-Quli, one of whom is Mirza Mahmud. All the friends must avoid and shun them. Whatever they learn they spread abroad. What benefit can divine friends derive from association with such malicious, lying and calumnious souls? God's grace protected until last year, but this year a matter hath appeared from them the concealment of which is forbidden. And if visiting Thamirih (upon her be the Glory of God) becomes cause for meeting those veiled souls, that too is not permitted. Say: O friends! You have suffered hardships and endured so many trials. Preserve your reward and station. By the life of God! Naught is found in that place save the world and whatsoever pertaineth unto it. Thus hath my Lord, the True One, the Trustworthy, informed Me. Some of the helpless ones have imagined that some of them are good, meaning they are among the devoted ones. Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Never have they been aware of this Cause. Always these souls were concealed. After the migration from the Land of ?a, they heard certain words and for a while clung to them, but afterwards remained deprived. They have returned to the world and become occupied with it. They consume usury and commit what is unseemly, and say that from which the Concourse on High would dissociate itself. Today those souls inwardly feel the utmost joy at what hath [...]

Those who oppose the friends of God are themselves souls who have never been worthy of mention - like bats they have dwelt and continue to dwell in their holes. In any case, in these days and during this tribulation that has befallen us, some were made fearful and others were made steadfast, while that vile band was made joyful. Light becomes distinguished from darkness in days such as these. Those souls who in these days are engaged in service to the Cause, whether men or women, occupy such a station that the Concourse on High point to them with their fingers.

O beloved, honoured and revered Ibn-i-Abhar, upon whom be the Glory of God and His grace! Some steadfast and upright souls have been mentioned, including your esteemed mother, upon whom be the Glory of God. May you be confirmed and assisted at all times, and may you remain constant in praise,

glorification and service, ever-mindful and speaking. Multiple letters have been received from you, and though the lack of response has caused this evanescent one grief, yet due to the wisdom which we are all commanded to observe, there was delay in sending replies. Convey on my behalf greetings, salutations, remembrance and glory to them. Truly, what his honor Ismullah, upon whom be all the Most Glorious Glory, has written is correct and appropriate. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect them from the deception, trickery and schemes of certain satanic ones. Today deceit and trickery have prevailed; often the hypocrite presents himself in the guise of the faithful and mentions truth, yet his purpose is to find opportunity to insinuate some word. You and they and other friends - that is, the steadfast friends - must protect the weak ones through wisdom and utterance. Verily God forgives all sins. God willing, may the loved ones of the Cause arise to serve the Cause with perfect detachment and trust, and turn to the reformation of the world. The buzzing of flies, croaking of frogs, and clamor of hypocrites shall not extinguish the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree nor put out the celestial light. Whatever has transpired has been and is the cause of victory, as witnessed before and after. With perfect submission and contentment, this servant and [those souls] must beseech the Exalted Truth to preserve us from discord. Whatever occurs from others becomes the cause of exaltation, but harm to the Cause comes from those who call people to truth in name only. Such souls are many and will soon become manifest. The pure ones must reach such a station that they consider such souls as non-existent. In the days when I was writing the reply to the beloved Ibn-i-Abhar's letter, upon whom be the Glory and praise of God, He commanded: Write to him: "O Ibn-i-Abhar! The Wronged One remembers thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and gives thee glad tidings of God's grace and mercy. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Soar by the power of the Most Great Name above the world, that thou mayest see the reins of all possibilities in the grasp of thy Lord's power, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty. Counsel the servants to patience and calm regarding what befalls them in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds." God willing, may you ever speak in the name of Truth and remain firm in His Cause. Verily He is the Witness, the Hearing One. We counsel patience, prudence and protection of the Cause. Previously this exalted word was revealed from the Supreme Pen: "Believe not every speaker, nor trust every newcomer." For a long time this word has issued from the Tongue of Grandeur, yet until now its effects have not been manifested from anyone. What has transpired was not caused by the government alone, nor were the investigator and informer limited to those two. Knowledge of this is with my Lord, the All-Informed. Be vigilant and consider not everyone a confidant. God willing, may the unified and sincere ones strive with utmost effort to reform the condition of the people of the world and heal the disease of the polytheists with the antidote of the word of unity.

The beloved letter of his honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Worlds, was seen. Praise be to God, they are confirmed. The numbered letters arrived and each, after being read and reviewed, was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court at its appointed time. Whatever emanated from the Source of Command and Dawning-place of Divine Revelation was conveyed and expressed in response to their letters. However, there was a delay in sending them, and this was due solely to wisdom. Due to wisdom and the ignorance and unawareness of heedless souls, they were not sent. God willing, they will be sent henceforth. Some time ago, these words were heard from the Tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory. He said: "It would be closer to righteousness and more beloved in the sight of God if Ibn-i-Abhar were not to remain in the Land of ?a for some time." And on another occasion He said: "His stay in

the Land of ?a is not permitted. He must proceed to other lands." This matter requires haste, as his presence in that land for any time is not permitted. He should proceed, detached from all else and relying upon the Ancient Lord. Surely he will act according to what has been written as commanded.

And regarding the mention made of the beloved one, his honor Aqa Siyyid Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - his mention was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. Praise be to God, he has received his portion from the fruits of the eternal Tree, such that the preface of the Book of existence shall be adorned with his mention. Obliteration shall not touch it, nor shall the vicissitudes of time and ages and centuries alter it. Blessed is he, blessed is he.

Mention was made of the honored friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Ayyub, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. Praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of love. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant success to him and this servant, that we may become wholly detached from ourselves and all else, become entirely captivated by the Peerless Friend, cling unto Him, and arise to that which will exalt His Cause. At the beginning of this month, a special visitation was performed on his behalf. I convey greetings and salutations to him, and give him this great glad-tidings that praise be to God, his brothers too have been and are being illumined by his light. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for assistance on their behalf.

Mention was made of the honored lady, daughter of the Most Truthful Name of God, upon her be the Glory of God, and the honored Hudhud, as well as the light of the eyes, upon them be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, all have been and are recipients of God's favors. The Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon those who have been patient and have spoken that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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He is God - Exalted be His Glory, the Most Great, the Most Luminous

This Wronged One has been and continues to be between the fangs of wolves. In this state, the flow of the Supreme Pen has not ceased, nor has the call of the Desired One of the world been stilled. At all times have We summoned the peoples of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful. When the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation encompassed the world, a faction arose with sword and spear against the Desired One of all worlds. They utter that which no idolater has ever uttered, and each day some ignorant one speaks a word. Verily, many worshippers of the calf may appear in these lands, even as We previously announced the cawing of the crows, which has appeared and continues to appear in every city. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of such souls and to illumine hearts with the lights of unity and fellowship.

O people of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Reflect upon the crows of the past, how many souls they have afflicted with doubts and idle fancies. They said “Truth” and martyred Him; they said “Qa’im” and cursed Him from their pulpits. Such is the state of heedless souls - they committed that which caused the world of justice to weep and the realm of equity to lament. A heedless one arrived in this land, outwardly showing harmony and faith while inwardly harboring infidelity and discord. Yet the Concealer concealed and made no mention of it. He thought God was unaware, supposing from His non-disclosure that He had no knowledge, ignorant that the name “the Concealer” had sought the hem of “the Chosen One” and asked for concealment.

O friends! Be steadfast and firm in the Cause. Should anyone utter a word, say in reply: “That which has appeared has, through a single effulgence from the lights of His Cause, illumined the world, and a single utterance from the heaven of His Will has made all independent of the books of the world and the utterances of nations.” Blessed is he who has attained unto God and His signs and turned away from every remote cawer.

Verily, any soul who today makes mention of that which causes discord is rejected in the sight of God. By God’s life! The Cause is complete and perfect, and the manifestations have reached their end. Yet crafty souls, like those of the past, exist and love discord. We beseech God to aid them, to assist them in helping His wondrous Cause, to prevent them from that which causes division among people, and to protect them from the whisperings of Satan.

O Samandar! Thy letter which thou didst write to him who was named Jud, upon him be My glory, was presented before the Most Holy Court. Thou didst mention several of the loved ones. Praise be to God that from the beginning until now thou hast been enabled to make mention of God and praise Him, and likewise to make mention of His loved ones. Thou hast turned unto Him, faced Him, and arisen to serve Him. Who can deny that which the tongue of the Wronged One hath uttered in His manifest prison?

His honor Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny, has reportedly departed to other regions for the purpose of teaching. We beseech God to assist him and enable him to do that which He loves and is pleased with. His honor Javad, upon him be the glory of God - he and his relatives are occupied with praise, glorification and service to the Cause. This is from God’s bounty upon him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thou didst mention his honor, the teacher. We have mentioned him before and after with a wondrous mention. Likewise the mention of other souls - each has attained to that which is recorded and inscribed in all the divine books and scrolls. O Ustad Qabil-i-’Ali, say:

My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me, caused me to hear, recognized me, and taught me Thy path from which most of Thy servants and creatures have turned away. I beseech Thee by the Point through which Thou didst detail the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets, and through which Thou didst reveal the scrolls of Thy glory and the mysteries of Thy Cause, to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the doubts of those who will come and whisper dissension among the servants on the Day of Meeting shall not prevent me. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all horizons and the One Who uniteth all hearts through Thy Name, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Hasan! Hear the call from the precincts of the Prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. When thou beholdest the stars of the heaven of My utterance and drinkest the choice wine of knowledge from the cup of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having awakened me and remembered me in Thy prison, and strengthened me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants turned away. I beseech Thee by the standing, the sitting, the speech, the silence, the appearance, the radiance, the stillness and the movement of the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy laws, to make me, in all conditions, one who calleth unto Thy Name with wisdom and utterance, and who remaineth steadfast in Thy Cause amidst all religions. O Lord! Withhold me not from the Kawthar of Thy grace, nor from the chalice of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which will cause me to be detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad-Rida! The call hath been raised, and the Wronged One hath ever been in the hands of enemies. The tyranny of the oppressors, the turning away of the deniers, the onslaught of the transgressors, the malice of the divines and the hatred of the rulers have not prevented Him from mentioning the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven. Before all faces, with the most exalted call, We summoned all, but the people accepted not the Word of truth and remained occupied with vain imaginings. Especially did the deniers among the people of the Bayan change affirmation into denial and gratitude into complaint. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast and to preserve what He hath bestowed. He is the Bestower, the Merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Siyyid Abdul-Ghani that his mention may attract him to the Dayspring of the Sun of steadfastness. O Pen! This is the day of utterance. Say what must be said. Deprive not the friends of God from the true choice wine, and withhold them not from the divine ocean of bounty. The Day is Thy Day; bestow from the treasuries of meanings and utterance that which befitteth these days. Say: O friends! The divine light shineth from the most exalted horizon of the world. He is the Sun of Truth and the Dayspring of Knowledge. The Sun of Manifestation hath been called by every name; nay rather, the most beautiful names and most exalted attributes have ever circled and continue to circle round Him. Gaze with penetrating eyes and turn with detached hearts. Vision is a magnet for the gate of knowledge, awareness and wisdom. Understanding cometh from the sight of the eye. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the straight path and held fast unto it.

We make mention in this station of thy father who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, as bidden by God, the Lord of Lords. We have purified him with the Kawthar of pardon and forgiveness and caused him to enter a station which the pens are powerless to describe. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who remember him through that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered in this exalted station. The breezes of grace and favor have wafted over him from all directions. This is from the bounty of God, the Lord of all men. We make mention in this station of his wife and those who have believed in God, the Lord of all religions. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Ancient King was in His Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

O Samandar! The mention of the friends in the land of Ra and Shin and its surroundings hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. The pearls of the shell of divine knowledge have ever been sent by the

hands of those who have turned towards God. Remember them all on behalf of the Wronged One and convey to them His greetings, that perchance the fragrances of the utterance of the All-Merciful may purify them from their sorrows and grant them access to the Most Great Joy.

Thou didst make mention of Aqa Siyyid Ahmad. Convey to him greetings on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God that He withhold not the rain of mercy which descendeth and floweth from the heaven of grace. O Ahmad! Thou hast attained unto the divine verses; strive that thou mayest attain unto such deeds whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. The treasures of the world cannot compare with the Word of God. Know thou the value of the Word of God and hold fast unto it. There are many barking dogs; seek protection from God. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

We wish to make mention of him who was named Husayn, who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. By the Sun of the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings! whatsoever floweth and is revealed from the Most Exalted Pen regarding those souls who have ascended unto the Most Glorious Horizon doth, at that very moment, bestow strength upon those pure spirits, and furthermore increaseth their glory, exaltation, bounty and repose. For the preservation of the servants, consummate wisdom hath concealed these stations. Every verse from among the verses of this Revelation is a perspicuous Book. From the mention of the Point described in the Tablets, the station of verses, letters and words is clear and evident to them that are endued with insight. Praise be to God that Husayn, upon him be My glory, hath attained through the Blessed Verse unto that which hath no peer or likeness.

O Samandar! The divine grace hath taken hold of the servants, and the Name of the Forgiver and the Concealer hath manifested His favors in such wise that justice is hidden and the luminary of grace is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Blessed are they who sail upon this sea and find that which beseemeth wisdom.

O Ghulam-'Ali! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and be steadfast in the Cause of God in such wise that thou mayest find thyself, through God's grace, independent of all else but Him. If thou attainest unto this station, thou shalt be preserved from the barking of the dogs and from those who love sedition and discord. Give thanks unto the Goal of all creation Who hath made mention of thee and caused thee to attain unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Vain imaginings and idle fancies have ever been worthy of them that indulge in them. Fix thy gaze upon the lights of certitude and hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness. The friends have repeatedly been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and for all We beseech steadfastness. He is the Kind, the All-Merciful.

O Abu-Turab! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and thou hast been honored with the remembrance of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid thee in such wise that neither the happenings of the world, nor the clamor of the nations, nor the intimations of the ignorant, nor the utterances of the feeble, nor the doubts of the learned shall sadden thee. Be thou joyous in the name of the True One and intimate with Him. At all times drink thou from the choice wine of the love of the Beloved of the worlds, and in His remembrance forget the world. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to Taqi, upon him be Baha, and give him the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the light of the Orb of bounty. Perchance this glad-tiding may cause the people of the world to awaken. None hath comprehended the power of the Most Exalted Pen and the penetrating influence of the Most Great

Word. Every utterance that appeareth from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of Him Who is the Desire of the worlds - its fragrance pervadeth and perfumeth the world. Blessed are they who perceive and find. The glory from Us be upon you both and upon those who heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of the sincere ones!"

O Samandar! The Most Exalted Pen, through pure grace and favor, hath willed in the Prison of Akka to make mention of M.L.K., upon him be Baha, and to gladden him with the effulgences of the Sun of utterance of the All-Merciful. O Muhammad-i-Qabil-i-Sadiq! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He calleth at all times before the faces of all religions and summoneth them unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of them through My Pen, remind them of My signs, and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have stood before all faces in days wherein the feet of the learned have slipped - He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. We have heard thy call, made mention of thee and turned toward thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and opened before the faces of the servants the gates of favor and bounty from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have commanded them to that which draweth them nigh unto Him and aided them through His grace that hath encompassed the world and His mercy that hath preceded all in the heavens and the earth. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me and sent down for me that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of Thy kingdom. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy Will and the all-encompassing nature of Thy Purpose, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the Orb of Thy proof, to make me detached from all else save Thee and wholly turned toward Thee. My God, my God! Thou seest my turning unto Thee and my clinging to Thy cord. Illumine my outer and inner being with the lights of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Deprive me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, nor withhold from me that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby the mountains of idle fancies were scattered and the heaven of religions was cleft asunder, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the croaking of the croakers shall prevent me from turning to Thy horizon, nor the onslaught of the oppressors from taking hold of Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

In this station We make mention of him who was named Lutf-'Ali, that he may give thanks unto the One Who remembered him when he was in the hands of the oppressors. O Lutf-'Ali Samandar, upon thee be My glory! He made mention of thee, and these special words have been revealed from the Mother Book, that they may revive thy spirit and strengthen thy limbs and cause thee to remain firm and steadfast in God's Cause. How many souls cling to vain imaginings and have turned away and continue to turn away at a mere word! Beseech thou the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may aid all and bestow upon them the power of smell, and likewise the power of hearing and sight, that they may discover and see and hear. O Mahdi! The people of the Bayan beheld the Shi'ih faction and their vain imaginings and

fancies, and likewise their deeds and stations on the Day of Reckoning; yet despite this they occupy themselves in organizing such a faction. Such is the condition of the servants. Know thou this and be of the discerning ones. Praise be to God! Each of the loved ones mentioned in the Book of Samandar attained unto the outpourings of the true Effulgent One. We conclude Our discourse with mention of Khalil and those with him. By the life of God! He hath been remembered before the Wronged One with a remembrance whose light shall never fade, nor shall the happenings of the world alter it, nor the tempests of nations, nor the veils of the transgressors. O Khalil! Hearken unto the Call. He is God; there is none other God but Him. He hath appeared and made manifest His Cause, the firm, the mighty. Neither have the tales of the world prevented Him, nor the oppression of those who denied the Day of Judgment. O Khalil! The most abject people in the world have been and are the faction of Iran. By the Sun of Utterance which shineth from the highest horizon of the world, the lamentation of the pulpits of that land is raised at all times, and in the early days this lamentation was heard in the Land of Ta [Tehran]. For the pulpit was established for the mention of God, exalted be His glory, but now in Iran it hath become the seat of cursing the Goal of all the worlds. Observe what the most abject of factions hath done and said. The deniers of the Bayan likewise follow in the footsteps of that faction. His honor Haydar-'Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath written from the Land of Sad that the deluded ones of that land are calling people to the dawning-place of vain imaginings through the Book of Iqan. Such is the condition of the servants. Where is justice and where is fairness? Leave them to their vain disputes. We make mention of Muhammad-Karim and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Remember him through My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all things and My grace which hath encompassed existence. God willing, may they be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, illumined by its light and hold fast unto its branches in such wise that they may regard the world as non-existent and null. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who are with you both and upon all who are firm and steadfast. We make mention of him who was named Yahya, who attained unto Our presence and won the victory, and whom God aided to be fair in this momentous News. O Yahya! Thou wert present and didst hear and see when the Supreme Pen spoke, as it sat upon its exalted throne. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of inspiration from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all beings, and who hath held fast unto the wisdom which We have sent down in diverse Tablets and unto that which We have enjoined upon the servants in My perspicuous Book.

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In answer to the letter of Mulla Husayn Zavarih which was sent to Zayn, upon him be 66-9 [Baha'u'llah]:

In the Name of Him through Whom the Herald called out on the Day of Return: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of all beings!"

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! There hath come before the Wronged One the letter sent to thee by him who was named Husayn in the Book of Names. We testify that from this Most Exalted Horizon he hath attained the choice wine of revelation and, through the grace of his Lord, the All-Merciful, hath taken and drunk from the cup of recognition in His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We

have read his letter and answered him with a remembrance before which all remembrances bow down, with an utterance around which all utterance circles, and with a Book that proclaimeth before the faces of the world: “The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with the hosts of revelation and inspiration!” Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless!

O Husayn! Hear the call from the direction of the Wronged One - verily there is no God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. He hath come for the salvation and life of the world. To this testifieth He Who proclaimeth in every state: “There is no God but I, the Mighty, the All-Praised!” Thy letter hath attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One, and He hath sent down for every name mentioned therein that which beareth witness to His grace, His bounty and His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Jinab-i-Mir Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be 66-9 [Baha’u’llah]:

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-’Ali, that this remembrance may draw him near unto God, the One, the Single, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed is the temple adorned with the ornament of detachment, and blessed is the head honored with the crown of godliness from God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Shatter the idols of vain desire through the name of the Lord of all humanity, and follow not every deluded remote one. Say: O people! The Day hath come, and the Self-Subsisting calleth out from the most exalted horizon: Fear God and be not among the oppressors! Cast aside the sources of idle fancies, turning unto the Self-Subsisting Who hath come with an authority before which neither the hosts of Pharaohs nor the ranks of tyrants can stand. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was established upon this exalted station. Take hold of the Book of God with the power from Him, then read what hath been sent down therein from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife and thy son. We beseech God to assist them in what He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Jinab-i-Mirza Abu’l-Qasim, upon him be 66-9 [Baha’u’llah]:

O Abu’l-Qasim! He Who is encompassed by sorrows mentioneth thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. By the life of God! The Most Exalted Pen hath raised its scratching in the nights and days, yet most of the people are heedless. They have not heard the Cry, nor the Call, nor the lamentation of those near ones who have lamented for what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. We counsel thee to fear God and to observe trustworthiness, which God hath made a wealth for His servants and a treasure for His creation. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Give thanks unto God for that the Wronged One hath mentioned thee in this Great Prison. The glory be upon thee, upon thy brother, and upon whoso is with thee and hath attained unto the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Kind, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Jinab-i-Ustad ’Ali, upon him be 66-9 [Baha’u’llah]: […]

O Ali! The world hath been illumined by a Light that hath shone forth and gleamed from the highest horizon, yet the people have turned away therefrom and opposed it, following the sources of conjecture and idle fancy - they who have broken the Covenant and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. This is

the Day wherein the Mount calleth out: “My Interlocutor hath come!” and the Light proclaimeth: “My Creator hath appeared!” The rapture of this Revelation hath seized all things, and the highest Paradise hath trembled with longing to attain the presence of God, Lord of the throne and of the dust, and Sovereign of this wondrous Day. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that cometh from Him and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast honored me with the tokens of Thy Most Exalted Pen and remembered me when I was heedless of Thee. I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that whereby the dwellers of the graves have arisen, and the Dove of Revelation hath warbled upon the branch of the Mount. The appointed time hath come, and the abode of signs hath appeared through a manifest command.”

O Sabbagh! Hear the call from the direction of Akka - verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. He hath created all things through a word from Him; He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have preferred white above all other colors. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. It is the mother of colors in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed is he who is dyed with the dye of God, which is sanctification from the world and its colors and all that is therein. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One while in the hands of the oppressors. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the utmost steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the feet of those who claimed knowledge without clear proof or manifest Book have slipped.

O My loved ones in Jowshaqan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who hath borne all tribulations for the manifestation of God’s Cause, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel you to wisdom and utterance, and to those virtues which We have made the hosts of the Cause in this mighty Announcement. Aid your Lord through goodly deeds and through that which We have revealed in a Tablet from whose horizon the light of your Lord’s command, the Strong, the Powerful, hath shone. The glory from Us be upon you and upon the handmaidens of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O My loved ones in Badegan! We make mention of My loved ones in Badegan that the remembrance may draw them to the highest horizon and bring them near unto God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Mahmud! We have heard thy call and have answered thee; thy name was present and We mentioned thee with a wondrous mention. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that cometh from Him and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold the tokens of Thy Pen, and for having guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee to aid me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the skin of the deniers who heard and turned away when the All-Merciful came with a mighty proof hath quivered.” Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee, nor the doubts of any heedless one far removed from God hold thee back. Arise to serve My Cause with wisdom and utterance, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. He hath guided thee to His path and hath mentioned thee in His prison with the tongue of the Dayspring of His verses, the Dawning-place of His clear tokens, and the Source of His luminous, resplendent Command.

[Addressed to] Ghulam-’Ali

O Ghulam-’Ali! Hearken unto the call of Him Who standeth before the faces of the world, speaking by the command of God, the Lord of Religions. We have arisen and summoned the servants unto that which

thou wast bidden by the One True God, the Chosen One. The happenings of the world and the books of nations have not deterred Us, as doth testify He with Whom is the Mother Book. We have manifested the Cause and revealed the verses by the command of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who hath gathered the fruits of My Lote-Tree and hath attained unto My Cause, at Whose appearance all necks were humbled.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee at this hour when His sighs have ascended and His tears have fallen by reason of what hath befallen the Cause of God from them that denied Him when He came with power and dominion. They awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of possibility and the Dayspring of the Cause appeared, they turned away and denied the proof and the evidence. We counsel thee and them that have believed in that which beseemeth the Lord of Days. Blessed is the strong one whom the might of the people hath not shaken, and the steadfast one whom the power of the wicked hath not deterred. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the evil ones have wrought.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Hast thou heard the call of thy Lord when it was raised in truth, and hast thou beheld His signs when they encompassed the horizons? When thou findest the fragrance of that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below, for having enabled me to turn unto Thee and to acknowledge that which Thy tongue hath uttered. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy Will amongst all created things, to make me and them that have believed to be among such as hold fast unto the cord of Thy commandments and laws. Then assist us, O our God, with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Then ordain for us that which shall be a treasure with Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Munificent.

Badaqan - And We make mention of the servants of God there whose names were not mentioned before the Face, and We remind them of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of Lords. The glory from Us be upon them and upon the leaves who have clung to the Tree which was planted by the hand of power in the midst of Paradise. Is there any with hearing to hear the melodies of My Pen and the cooing of the Dove of My utterance upon the branches? Blessed is the servant whom the ornaments of the world have not kept back from the Lord of nations, and the heart that hath been illumined with the light of faith.

Zavarih - O Husayn! Upon thee be the glory of Husayn. We have heard thy call and what thou didst mention regarding the enkindlement of God’s loved ones in Qaf. We bear witness that they have attained when the All-Bountiful came with the kingdom of utterance. We make mention of them with My remembrance and remind them of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of the final end. Thou didst mention him who ascended to the Supreme Companion, who was named ’Abdu’r-Rahim in the Book of God, the Lord of creation. He ascended with the light of certitude and the Concourse on High received him with the banners of verses, and We mentioned him before his ascension and after it with that whose fragrance shall not cease to endure as long as the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, shall endure. And We make mention of his sons at this time and We beseech

God to aid them to be so steadfast that neither the hosts of the world nor the doubts of them that denied when the Desired One came with might and power shall deter them.

Aqa Mirza Mahdi, son of him who ascended unto God […]

O Mahdi! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. Verily He hath appeared before all faces without veil or covering. Hast thou not heard His call betwixt earth and heaven? Hast thou not witnessed His power which neither the might of princes nor the oppression of the divines who denied the Manifestation when He came from the Mount of Knowledge with God's proof, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, could weaken? Husayn made mention of thee, and We too make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, for I am verily the All-Knowing Rememberer. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the horizon of the Cause when the Wronged One was in the most desolate of lands. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast and to reinforce thee with the hosts of utterance that thou mayest establish thy Lord's Cause amongst all peoples. We make mention of thy wife and give her glad tidings of her Lord's mercy which hath preceded the earths and the heavens.

O My loved ones! The Wronged One calleth unto you from the Most Great Prison with that which shall exalt God's Cause, the Revealer of verses. I have witnessed in the prison that which I love not to witness and have heard that which I love not to hear. To this testifieth He with Whom are the treasuries of wisdom and utterance. That hath befallen Me at which all things have lamented, yet the people are wrapped in heedlessness and veils.

O Mahmud! He Who hath come with an irrevocable decree from God, the Supreme Ordainer, the Self-Subsisting, maketh mention of thee. Husayn made mention of thee, and We too make mention of thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, then remind the servants of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the most exalted horizon. Thus hath the Mother Book spoken forth in this praiseworthy station. When the wine of My utterance hath taken hold of thee, say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thy Cause, guided Thy servants, made known unto them Thy path, shown them Thy horizon, and sent down unto them Thy proof. Some have turned away and some have turned toward Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of all peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, to aid Thy servants to turn toward Thee, to acknowledge that which Thy tongue hath uttered, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

O My loved ones in Hamadan! We make mention of the land of Ha and Mim that God's loved ones who believed in Him when He came with His choice-sealed wine may rejoice thereby. O My loved ones in that land! We made mention of you before with a mention by which hearts were attracted, and We make mention of you at this time when the Wronged One is between the jaws of wolves through that which the hands of every malicious oppressor have wrought. Aid ye your Lord through utterance. We have lifted the decree of holy war by the sword and have made it to be waged through refinement, goodly character and knowledge. Blessed is he who hath cast away his vain desire, taking hold of My preserved tablet.

O Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Dawlatabad and give them the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Possessor of existence. O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My call. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. We have mentioned you before and have sent down for you that which caused the Most Exalted Paradise to be stirred. My inscribed Tablet beareth witness to this. We have veiled your names as a wisdom from Our presence and as a protection from Us. We beseech God to aid you to champion His Cause through remembrance and utterance, and to make you ensigns of love amongst all people. Verily, He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. We behold those who have turned towards the Countenance and We hear their mention of this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and souls have lamented. The glory rest upon you and upon those whom neither the ranks of the world nor the cannons and armies have deterred.

The loved ones of God in Khalajabad! O Temple of Utterance! Turn thy face towards My loved ones in Khalajabad, then bring forth from the ocean of utterance the pearls of wisdom and explanation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. O loved ones of God in that place! We have mentioned you before and have acquainted you with God's extended path, and We have revealed for you that which has brought solace to the eyes of the people of the cities of knowledge and wisdom. To this beareth witness He Who summons all to the horizon of the Revelation from God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to turn towards Him and for having sent down for you that whereby your mention shall endure amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Powerful over what was and what shall be. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the Mighty, the Beloved. Soon shall the cawing be raised in that place. This is what We have informed you of before, did ye but know. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and before Him the Gospel, the Torah, and the Psalms have foretold. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on the Most Great Cord and clung to the hem of the mercy of his Lord, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

The loved ones of God in Shahabad! We make mention of My loved ones in Shahabad and counsel them to perform pure deeds for God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto My call. Verily, it will draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest the doubts of the cawing ones debar you from the straight path of God. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him and follow not every heedless sinner from among those who have violated God's covenant and His testament by following the promptings of the Evil Ones. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in His mighty prison. Blessed are ye for having turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when every transgressor and doubter turned away. Ye have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Most Merciful. We counsel you to be steadfast in this Most Great Cause whereby the hearts of the deceivers have been perturbed.

The loved ones of God in Sultanabad! O Thou Who art wronged! Make mention of Thy loved ones in the land of Sin and Lam and give them the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. O My loved ones in that place! We have mentioned each one of you in the Crimson Scroll by My Most Exalted Pen as a bounty from God, the Powerful, the Mighty. We mentioned you before with that which all the treasures of kings cannot equal. Ye have attained unto the traces of the

Most Exalted Pen, to this doth testify He with Whom is the clear Book. Rejoice, then give thanks to your Lord, the Most Merciful, for this great bounty. We have mentioned the names as a command from Us. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech Him to aid you in His remembrance and praise, and in steadfastness in this wondrous Cause.

O Husayn! We have made mention of the loved ones of God in Nun and Jim in various Tablets. Their names were present before the Wronged One, and We revealed for each one of them that which brought solace to the eyes of the sincere ones. From this station We send Our greetings to them and bid them to deeds and virtuous conduct. Thus have We counseled Our loved ones before and after. Blessed are they who act! The glory from Our presence be upon His loved ones and chosen ones who were moved neither by the tempests of hatred nor the storms of adversity. They heard the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon and said: "Here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics! Here am I, O Thou Who art worshipped by all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

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This is the Tablet of Baha from the dominion of eternity. Read it, O concourse of the exalted ones, that perchance ye may ascend unto the heaven of the Cause in this atmosphere and stand firm in the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful.

He is the Ever-Abiding

O handmaiden of God! Dost thou remain seated after the Youth's garment hath been dyed crimson with the blood of hatred between earth and heaven, while He crieth out at every moment with a sorrowful voice? And whenever He seeketh help from His loved ones, they draw nigh unto Him with swords of jealousy. Thus hath the matter been, if thou be of them that know. Now hath the Beauty of Baha fallen into the depths of the pit. If thou findest a caravan of the exalted ones, send it forth that perchance it may lower the bucket of faithfulness into this dark well and raise up the Youth thereby, and all the worlds may be illumined by His glance.

O my handmaiden! Dost thou remain in thy place after the Friend hath been afflicted at Nimrod's hand, finding no helper save God, the Mighty, the Beautiful? O my handmaiden! Dost thou drink water after Husayn was parched with thirst in the land of ?aff, when He could but suck drops of luminous blood from His own sweat? Dost thou walk in the paradise after the Beauty of the All-Glorious was transformed by the afflictions visited upon Him by the satanic hosts?

O my handmaiden! Dost thou rejoice after God's joy hath been changed to the greatest sorrow, whereby the hearts of all contingent beings and then the hearts of them that are nigh unto God were made to bleed behind the veils of wondrous glory? Dost thou partake of God thy Lord's bounty after the Youth hath been made to eat of pieces of His own liver by that which the hands of the hypocrites have wrought?

Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye rest in your homes after the Ancient Beauty hath been exiled and settled in lands where none of its people, neither noble nor base, recognize Him? Do ye laugh after the Spirit was in the hands of the Jews who would sting Him like serpents at every moment? Alas for you, in that ye have forgotten God's covenant and His testament, cast behind you God's Cause, and taken that which your own desires have commanded you, O company of hypocrites!

O handmaidens of God! Do ye apply kohl to your eyes after the eyes of the Ancient One weep and tears flow down His cheeks like the rain-bearing clouds pour upon the cheeks of a wondrous land? Do ye adorn your bodies after God's robe hath been pierced by the spears of the deniers? Do ye enter chambers of delight after the sweet fragrances of joy have been cut off from the paradise of My Most Great Name?

O my handmaidens! Do ye redden your faces while God's face hath grown pale from the blows of hatred from those who believed not in any of God's Messengers, having denied this mighty, exalted Grace? O my handmaiden! Know thou that the Beloved of the All-Merciful hath been afflicted among the people of the Bayan even as 'Ali was afflicted among the people of the Furqan. By God! Nay, even more grievously, if thou be of them that witness. And Joseph of Beauty crieth out when He hath fallen beneath the claws of the wolf, seeking help from His loved ones, that perchance someone might arise to aid Him and be numbered among the helpers.

Therefore strike ye upon your thighs, then upon your breasts, then upon your heads, for the Youth desireth to depart from among these people because of what hath befallen Him, which none in all the worlds can reckon. By God! The Lote-Tree of the far boundary hath quivered and fallen with its trunk upon the earth, as the winds of poison have blown upon the Divine Lote-Tree from the direction of the hearts of Our idolatrous servants.

O my handmaiden! Dost thou cover thy head after the Youth's head hath been raised upon the spears of hatred, whereby the Maids of Paradise have uncovered their heads in the chambers of eternity and torn out their hair when they witnessed the Most Glorious Sovereign in the hands of the wretched ones who opposed […]

O Beauty of the Ancient! Remind the servants of that which We mentioned to thee behind the pavilion of infallibility, then unveil the beauty of mysteries from behind the veils of concealment. None shall turn thereunto save every pure, sagacious and knowing one, that perchance they may recognize what We have sent down of wisdom in the Torah and made it a lesson for those who hear. For in this are signs for the mystics, clear proofs for those possessed of certitude, and evidences for every faithful striver - those whom the allusions of words shall never prevent from attaining the presence before the Throne, this sacred spot by whose dust the people of the most exalted Paradise seek blessing in the retreats of sublime holiness.

Say: We created Balaam aforetime from a handful of clay, then We clothed him with the garment of names such that We made his name renowned among Our near servants and raised his mention to a station wherein people would remember him in most lands. The rain of grace encompassed him from the clouds of Our firm, mighty and powerful Command. When his days were fulfilled, We sent after him Moses with clear signs and sent him to his land. Then he denied Him and was deluded by leadership until

he warred against Him by Whose word were created the heavens and all beneath them and the earths and all upon them, and We made Him the Manifestation of My All-Knowing, All-Wise Self.

O servant! Take hold of the reins of the Pen, then restrain what thou hast caused to flow from its mouth of the choice wine of holiness and the luminous Tasnim. Conclude the discourse at this point, then begin with the mention of My chosen ones that it may be a remembrance and honor for those who remember.

Say: O people of Baha! Board ye the Ark of Eternity which saileth upon the crimson sea. God hath ordained no portion thereof for the idolaters, for it beareth none save the people of piety from among the companions of this Youth, Who hath mounted the pavilion of glory and calleth out between heaven and earth, summoning all peoples to the countenance of God that they may be of those who turn unto Him.

O people of Baha! Should ye find one who can engrave diamond and cause it to flow upon tablets, then write ye therewith what hath been revealed in this Tablet, then spread it throughout all lands that the signs of God may be made manifest among His assured servants. And if ye find not such means, then write it with pure gold. Beware lest ye transgress what ye have been commanded and be of the patient ones.

Say: God hath caused suns to dawn from the horizon of these words, whose number none knoweth save God, the Counter, the All-Knowing. By each one thereof He nurtureth a world among His worlds whereof none among all created things is aware save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who faceth them, is illumined by them, falleth prostrate at their dawning and is not of the proud ones.

Verily, a single letter of this Tablet sufficeth as proof and evidence for all who are in the heavens and on earth, though none comprehendeth this save every just and insightful one. Were anyone to place it upon all things, or were it to be recited to all who are in the heavens and on earth, thou wouldst find them bowing down before the face of thy Lord. These words We cast upon the servants that perchance the people may be of those who advance, may stand firm in the Cause, and may aid this solitary, unique and peerless Servant.

He is the Ever-Abiding

O handmaid of God! Wouldst thou place patience in the seat of authority, or choose forbearance over agitation, after the garment of God's Servant and the robe of this Spiritual Beauty hath been stained and reddened with the blood of hatred between earth and heaven, and at every moment He crieth out with a sorrowful voice? And whensoever He seeketh succor from His friends or assistance from His loved ones, they draw near with swords of jealousy and respond with blades of envy and wrath. Thus hath it been with this wronged Beauty, if thou be of them that comprehend. At this hour, the Ancient Beauty is imprisoned in the darksome pit and confined in the night of tribulation. Therefore, if thou findest the wandering star of blindness, guide it to the head of this dark well, and direct it to aid this Joseph of the divine Egypt, that perchance it might lower the bucket of faithfulness into this dark pit, that this divine Beauty might ascend, and by His glances and gaze the worlds might be illumined.

O My handmaid! Wouldst thou remain patient in thy place and seek comfort in thy dwelling after the Friend of the All-Merciful hath fallen into the hands of Nimrod, the sovereign of rebellion, finding no helper and beholding no supporter save God, the Mighty, the Beautiful? O My handmaid! Wouldst thou drink of sweet Euphrates water after the martyred Husayn's blessed liver was consumed by the fire of thirst, and His radiant face was inflamed by the heat of His parching thirst, to such degree that drops of blood were drawn from His delicate veins?

O My handmaid! Wouldst thou direct thy steps toward pleasure gardens or transport thyself to paradise groves for recreation and delight after the Beauty of the All-Glorious hath withered from the persecution and torment of the satanic hosts of self, and the fire of His countenance hath been extinguished and grown cold? O My handmaid! Wouldst thou seek joy and gladness, or pursue delight and pleasure, after the joy and happiness of thy Lord hath been transformed into supreme sorrow and grief, wherefore the pieces of the livers of all created things and the hearts of them that are nigh have been turned to crimson blood behind the veils?

O My handmaid! Wouldst thou seek enjoyment from the bounties of thy Lord and pursue contentment after God's Servant must feed upon pieces of His own liver because of what the hands of the hypocrites have wrought? Therefore cry out with a loud voice and with greatest lamentation: O people of the Bayan! Would ye rest in your homes after the Beauty of the Ancient One hath set from the realms of nearness and descended in a land where none of its people, whether lowly or noble, recognize Him? Would ye smile and laugh after the Spirit fell into the hands of the Jews and was slain and crucified by the wound of the envious and the gallows of the malicious, while at every moment the serpent of hatred doth bite Him? Woe unto you, for ye have broken the Covenant of Him Who […]

O company of hypocrites! O handmaidens of God! Do you adorn your eyes with kohl after the eyes of the Ancient One are weeping, and tears flow down His cheeks like spring rain? Do you bedeck your bodies after the robe of the Beloved has been pierced by the spears of the deniers? Do you enter chambers of delight and attend gatherings of joy and manifestation after the breezes of joy have been cut off and the signs of gladness and manifestation have been forbidden from the paradise of My Great Name?

O My handmaidens! Do you paint your cheeks rose-red when the Most Glorious Beauty has turned pale from the blows of hatred inflicted by those who have believed in none of the Messengers of their Lord, having denied this mighty, exalted grace? O My handmaiden! Know that the Beloved of the All-Merciful among the people of the Bayan has been afflicted as was the Primal Point among the people of the Furqan. I swear by the Beauty of the All-Glorious that the tribulations of this Beauty are greater than the tribulations of all those who have gone before and shall come after. At this hour, the Joseph of Beauty cries out with sorrowful voice from beneath the claws of the wolf, seeking help from His loved ones, that perchance some soul might arise with divine power and sovereignty to aid this wronged Beauty.

O handmaidens of God! At this time, when this spiritual servant has determined to conceal the luminous Beauty from the eyes of believers and deniers alike, strike your heads and breasts in utmost regret and bewilderment, and harmonize with mournful lamentations and cries of grief, until springs of blood surge from your eyes and rivers of blood flow from your hearts. By God! The furthermost Tree in the most

exalted paradise has fallen to the ground at its root, for poisonous winds have blown upon this Divine Lote-Tree and the Most Glorious Beauty from the hearts of those who were and ever shall be polytheists.

O My handmaiden! Would you cover and adorn your head with colored veils after the head of the Youth of the immortal realm has been raised upon the spears of hatred? For this cause have the Maids of Paradise dwelling in the lofty chambers of eternity uncovered their heads and disheveled their hair, for they have witnessed the Most Sublime King in the hands of the wicked ones, who at every moment raise objections against this Ancient Beauty.

At this moment, the Most Glorious Beauty speaks with holy, divine utterances and sublime, glorified words, saying: O companions of Baha! Board the Ark of eternity and sail upon the crimson sea in this Greatest City. Know your station in this place, for none has been or ever shall be partner to this mighty bounty and supreme favor, since today all ships are engulfed in the depths of the ocean of annihilation save this divine and glorified Ark […]

The Ark of Glorification of the All-Merciful - whosoever clingeth thereunto shall be preserved from the tribulations of the age, and the Lord hath sanctified it from bearing the polytheists and from the sitting of the opponents. This is the bounty of the Lord that is specially reserved for the leaves of the Sacred Lote-Tree which have appeared from the bosom of the Most Glorious Vesture with the most wondrous and purest radiance. Know ye then the worth of this wondrous bounty and exalted grace, lest the manifestations of Satan prevent you from the shade of the Lote-Tree of the All-Merciful and ye be reckoned among the deprived ones in the land. Therefore, O My servants and mirrors of My beauty, if ye find one who is able to dissolve and cause diamonds to flow, then write with diamond ink that which hath been sent down from the heaven of glory and sanctity, and spread it throughout all lands that the divine traces may be diffused among His servants. And if ye find not such a one and are unable to accomplish this, then write these wondrous and exalted words with pure gold ink and send them to My cities and territories that perchance the people of the lands may find their way to the Beauty of the Chosen One and be guided, and may drink from this Salsabil of holy exaltation and this Tasnim of wondrous glory. This is the counsel of your Lord if ye be of them that hearken.

From the horizon of these words the Lord of the worlds hath caused to shine forth such suns of divine glory that none can reckon their number save your Lord, Who is the Counter and the All-Knowing. And through each of these suns He educateth a world from among His worlds, worlds which none among all created things hath discovered save His Self, Who is the All-Knowing and the All-Encompassing over all His worlds. Glad tidings, then, to the one who turneth the mirror of his heart toward these suns of mighty establishment which have risen from the dawning-places of the Command of the Lord of the Worlds and have shed their radiance, and who falleth upon his face in the dust at the rising of these Suns of inner meaning, and who is not of the proud ones.

These words have been mentioned in the translation of the verses of divine glory in the Persian tongue, that every soul may seek everlasting life from the holy living waters that flow and stream from the mouth of the All-Merciful. Some verses of this exalted missive have not been translated, being dependent upon and conditional on the understanding of the readers, that they may comprehend what they will. Upon God is the goal of the path; He guideth whom He willeth unto His mighty and straight path.

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Praised be the most holy and exalted Presence of the Lord of existence, Who, through the effulgent rays of the Sun of proof, hath illumined the world with the light of recognition. Through His absolute Will and His pervading Purpose, He ordained the Supreme Pen to be the Dawning-Place of His most exalted Word. He is the true Trumpet, possessing eternal treasuries. Through His transcendent grace and by His conquering and mighty power, He blew into it, whereupon those in the graves arose, the mountains passed away, and the cry of all things was raised up, in such wise that every possessor of hearing and sight did hearken unto the blessed words "The Sovereign Lord hath come! The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting." This Pen was attracted, not thunderstruck, by the divine Call, and through its treasuries was manifested that which enabled the thirsty to attain the living waters, the poor to reach the endless treasure, and the seekers to find the Object of all created things. Exalted be His dominion, sublime be His Word, and great be His signs. There is no God but Him.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou hearest the cry of them that are near unto Thee among Thy servants, and the lamentation of them that are sincere among Thy trusted ones. There hath befallen them in Thy days that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy glory to wail, and the Countenances enshrined within the tabernacle of Thy majesty and the pavilions of Thy grandeur to cry out. O Lord! Thou hearest that the crier hath cried out in the letter Ta, and with Thee is the knowledge of all things in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy signs spread abroad in Thy lands, and by the lights of Thy Manifestation on the mount of Thy recognition, to aid Thy loved ones to attain unto such steadfastness as no oppression of the oppressors nor cawing of the cawers can shake. O Lord! Strengthen them through Thy bounty, then preserve them from the whisperings of those who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament. Then I beseech Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifester of clear tokens, by Thy Name through which the limbs of all names have trembled, to enable all Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to repair to the gate of Thy grace which hath been opened to all in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O 'Ali-i-A?ghar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, the Possessor of the hereafter and this world. Thy letter hath come time and again, and every letter thereof hath attained the honor of acceptance and good-pleasure. We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity and thy devotion to this Cause, whereby the feet of the worshippers of names who denied God's proof, His testimony, His Manifestation and His sovereignty have slipped. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard, turned unto, and responded. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Self-Subsisting Lord of Names. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this return. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His love, speaking His praise, holding fast unto His cord, and clinging to the hem of the robe of His mercy. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Fulfiller of the needs of all supplicants. We wish at this time to make mention of those whose names were in thy letter, that thou mayest give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Tahir, who was formerly Mirza - upon him be the glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed - that he may find from thy mention the fragrances of revelation which, when diffused, perfumed earth and heaven. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in the prison of Akka. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O Ta who was formerly Ha! Hearken unto the call which hath been raised from this spot which God hath made the circling-place of them that are nigh unto Him and the sincere ones. We have sent down for thee aforetime that which attracted the hearts of those who soared in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and cast behind them all else but God. We bear witness that they are among the triumphant in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a standard of His name amongst His servants and an ensign of power throughout His lands. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path and for having revealed unto me that whereby my reality, my spirit and my name shall endure in Thy manifest Book. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree on Sinai, to aid me in all conditions to assist Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Rida! The world hath been illumined by the radiant and resplendent light which hath shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and glorify the name of thy Lord. He, verily, is the helper of them that remember Him. Grieve not because of the people and their deeds and that which proceedeth from their mouths. It behooveth thee to rejoice in My name, the Mighty, the Luminous. Say: O my God! Thine is the greatness and the sovereignty and the glory. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Source of Thy clear tokens, and by the Sovereign of Names through Whom the limbs of the people of the kingdom of creation have quaked, to make me steadfast, articulate, upright and firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Mir, formerly Muhsin! Say: O people of the Bayan! Verily, He hath claimed neither prophethood, nor guardianship, nor imamate, nor any name from among the names. I was asleep when the hands of divine power awakened me, I was seated when they raised me up, and I was silent when they caused me to speak. This is not from me - to this do My Books, My Scriptures and My Tablets bear witness. Thus have We sent down the proof both before and after. Well is it with the fair-minded. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having made me articulate in Thy praise and steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou hast appeared and revealed in Thy Book the mysteries of what was and what is to be. O Lord! Thou seest this poor one turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants, nor to debar him from turning toward Thy gate which Thou hast opened unto the faces of Thy servants and Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

O Ali! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee while imprisoned in the most desolate of lands. The appointed time hath come to pass, the verses have been sent down, the clear proofs have appeared, yet the people are in strange doubt. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not him who hath denied the appearance of God and His sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that

which ye have been commanded in the Mother Book. We have mentioned thee before and at this time with that which hath attracted the realities of the servants. Blessed is the soul that hath acted according to that which it was commanded in the Mother Book. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee through Our grace, and We are, verily, the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Verily We have desired to make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Aqa, that he may render thanksgiving unto his Lord in the evening and at dawn, and at sunrise and sunset. O Muhammad! The All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds, while the people are in doubt and discord. They see, yet they deny - verily they are among the companions of error. They have cast the path of God behind their backs, clinging to the vain imaginings and idle fancies they possess. Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear ye God! He hath come for your salvation and reformation. Fear God and be not of the companions of the Fire. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and acted in accordance with that which hath been commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

The heaven of utterance desireth to make mention of one of its loved ones who was named Muhammad before ’Ali, that he may rejoice in God’s loving-kindness and mercy which have preceded all created things. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness at this moment that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. He it is Who hath been established upon the throne and hath spoken that which was the Water of Life unto all them that are in the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath drunk thereof and attained, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth veiled. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him and to open before thy face the door of His bounty. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beloved.

O Siyyid before Muhammad! The Lord of the worlds hath come, yet the people know not. The Hidden One hath appeared, yet most of the people understand not. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One proclaimeth with loudest voice: “Verily He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving.” Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof, detached from all names and from whatsoever the people possess. Thus hath decreed the Lord of the worlds as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Most of the servants have been prevented from drawing nigh unto God by following the desires of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. O Muhammad! Give thou glad tidings of this Most Great Revelation unto the people. Say: O people! Fear ye God and be not of them who see yet deny. Thus hath the call been raised from the Most Sublime Horizon that it might attract all beings unto God, the Lord of existence.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Mir ’Ali-Akbar, who turned unto God when most of the servants turned away. We beseech God to aid him to be so steadfast as to cause the hearts of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords, to quake. We have made mention of them who have turned unto the Countenance and aided them with verses whereby the spheres have been attracted. Say: O people! This is the Promised One Who was inscribed in the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets. This is the day whereon the lamentation of them who are nigh unto God hath been raised by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of every calumniating liar. Say: Be fair, O people, concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of them who have violated the Covenant and the Testament.

Thus hath the hand of power seized the reins of them who have denied that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's grace, the Lord of all men.

O My loved ones in Ishqabad! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of you in such wise as to cause your names to endure in God's Book, the Lord of creation. He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired. Beware lest the names hold you back from their Lord, or the might of them who have disbelieved in the Return strike fear into your hearts. Take ye the chalice of recognition in the name of the Lord of all possibilities, then drink thereof in defiance of him who hath raised his voice there without any clear proof or evidence. We beseech God to aid you to be so steadfast that the promptings of them who disbelieved in God when He came riding upon the clouds shall not cause you to slip. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon them who have turned with radiant faces unto God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

O Mir, O 'Ali before Asghar! The Lord of destiny desireth to make mention of them whom thou didst mention in His Most Great Scene, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Haji-'Ali-i-Akbar. We testify that he hath attained unto that which was inscribed, recorded and mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Verily, he hath quaffed the wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty and hath attained unto that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which moveth and proclaimeth: "There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Through My remembrance all mention is humbled, and through My call the hearts of the sincere are attracted. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the most wicked and most lying among men who hath turned towards that place, having followed the desires of every heedless and remote one. Say: O people! The Day hath come, and it is the Day of God wherein no names are mentioned. To this testifieth He Who speaketh before all faces by the leave of the Wise Commander. Say: Verily, this Speaker is the Commander, and this perspicuous Book is the Ruler. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge and sent down unto me that which shall cause my mention and my name to endure throughout the eternity of Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion. I beseech Thee by the Fire which called out in the Sinai of Thy Cause, and by the Light which shone from the horizon of the Mount through Thy will, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in such wise that neither the cawing of the crows nor the clamor of the infidels may move me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Trusted One hath mentioned My loved ones there time and again. We have answered him with that which hath caused hearts to soar and mountains to pass away. Exalted is this wondrous and glorious remembrance.

We have desired to make mention of him who hath been named 'Ali of Mim and Ya, that he may give thanks unto his Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth." O 'Ali! Thou hast attained unto My remembrance time and again, and We make mention of thee now with that which the treasuries of the servants cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty. O 'Ali! The Lamp is amidst the winds by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The people of hypocrisy have risen up in such wise as hath caused the tears of the Concourse on High and the near angels to flow. We beseech God to protect thee and those who have

believed. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto this luminous Handle and clung to My gleaming hem.

O Mashhadi-'Ali! We make mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance, both before and after. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of those who are in the heavens and on earth." When the Cause was manifested and that which had been hidden from the servants appeared, the people denied it: among them were those who turned away, those who disbelieved, and those who pronounced sentence to shed His most pure and radiant blood. We, in the midst of tribulations, make mention of the loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve thou not at anything. In all matters put thy trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily, He protecteth whom He willeth and aideth him to remain steadfast in this Great Cause, this Mighty Announcement. Thus hath the call been raised from the Prison of 'Akka, despite every croaking raven who hath denied God's right and His sovereignty, clinging to that which he possesseth from the promptings of the polytheists.

O Jabbar! The Chosen One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison with that which shall draw thee nigh unto the Dayspring of God's revelation, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: O people of the earth! The Light hath shone forth and the Tree and the Mount speak, proclaiming: "I have attained unto the presence of my Goal and the Goal of those who are in the heavens and on earth." Turn ye, O people, unto the Most Great Path which speaketh before the faces of the world: "There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful." The divine call hath been raised when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the hearts of the monotheists were attracted.

O Sadiq! The crier has come. Guard thyself through My Name, then through My sovereignty, then through My might and power, in such wise that shouldst all who are in earth and heaven come against thee, they shall find thee steadfast as an immovable and upright mountain. Beware lest the veils of any ignorant doubter conceal thee. Take hold with thy right hand of the most pure and luminous hem of God and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call, to behold Thy signs, and to witness Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy might, Thy grandeur and Thy power, to make me so firm in Thy love that the manifestations of vain imaginings shall not prevent me from this mighty and perspicuous Cause.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar [of Maraghih]! Thou hast come with a Cause at whose appearance the limbs of the idolaters trembled - they who violated God's Covenant and Testament and committed that which caused the near ones to lament. Say: I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that whereby the dwellers of the graves have arisen. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy verses and the Manifestations of Thy beauty in the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven to enable me to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Kind.

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! The Wronged One, beneath the talons of the idolaters, remembereth His loved ones with that which causeth the fragrance of utterance to be diffused throughout all possibility. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto every heedless and rejected one. This is a day wherein hath been heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen, and My sweetest call.

Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto him who hath been debarred from hearkening unto the utterance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And blessed are My loved ones who have drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of My bounty - they are the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Ghaffar! Blessed art thou for the All-Forgiving One hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and hath mentioned thee with that which caused the rains of loving-kindness to shower from the clouds of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Beloved. When thou hast attained unto My verses and hast heard My call and beheld My signs, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, caused me to hear, and given me utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and Thy mysteries hidden in the hearts of Thy chosen ones to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, and who proclaimeth Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Bestower. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and most exalted court of the Desired One, Who chose for Himself hardship, imprisonment and tribulation, while desiring for the peoples of the world freedom, comfort and prosperity. Glorified, glorified be He! All who possess understanding are powerless to comprehend the mysteries of His wisdom and its requirements. Glory and exaltation be upon His chosen ones, His loved ones, and His friends who have arisen to serve His Cause and to act according to what hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book.

Thereafter, thy letter dated the 12th of the month of Sha'ban was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of all worlds was wafting therefrom. Blessed is he who hath taken the chalice of utterance in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and hath drunk therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. After perusal, it was brought to the Most Great Prison and what was contained therein was presented. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the Most Merciful, hath spoken. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne!

This is a Book We have sent down in truth as a token of Our grace, and verily We are the Mighty, the Bestower. O 'Abdu'r-Rahim! The servant who is present brought thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One. We have desired to reveal for each name that which will attract him and draw the servants to the supreme horizon, and from which the Kingdom of Names will perceive the fragrance of My Most Glorious Raiment. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is

none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor, for He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and hath revealed unto those who have turned towards Him that which the pens are powerless to recount.

O Muhammad-Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee with verses which, were they to be cast upon the mountains, would transform them into the sea of life. Exalted be the Most Merciful Who hath come with power and sovereignty. Knowest thou who hath turned toward thee? Say: Yea, by my Lord, through Whose remembrance the Sacred Texts and Tablets have been adorned! Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of God and the one whose heart hath turned toward the horizon wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Compelling. Take hold of God's verses with the power granted by Us and say: Praise be to Thee, O Manifestation of clear evidences!

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq as a mercy from Us, and verily We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O servants of the Most Merciful! Rejoice in this Day wherein the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of the final end, hath been wafted abroad. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of God, the Manifestation of Religions. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the Truth. Leave behind what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Blessed is he who hath sought My path, and he who, while seated, hath arisen to serve My Cause, and he who hath spoken forth in praise of Me amongst My servants.

We make mention of him who was named Husayn that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him, and I am verily the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Husayn! The Most Great Ocean remembereth thee. Doth the Ocean speak? Say: Yea, by the Lord of Lords! Verily He speaketh and walketh, and He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Say: This is a Day wherein the Sure Hour hath come to pass, the breeze hath wafted, the cry hath been raised, and the mountains have passed away. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Most Merciful's loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Jafar, that he may draw nigh unto the Most Sublime Vision and be made joyous in the Sovereign of Days. This is a Day wherein the gate of mercy hath been opened and the heavenly table hath been sent down, yet the people remain in strange slumber. We have made mention of him who hath turned to the Countenance, and We turn unto all who turn unto God, the Lord of all men. O people of the earth! Sleep hath overtaken you on this Day, though ye were created to serve this Cause before which all necks have bowed low.

We make mention of the youth, before Rida, and counsel him and those who have believed with that wherefrom the near ones perceive the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is he who hath attained to the knowledge of the Intended One, at Whose appearance hearts were troubled and eyes were fixed in amazement. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain desire and turned with his heart to the Most Sublime Horizon, who hath answered the Lord of Names when the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven. By the life of God! He is indeed among those who are nigh in the Mother Book. Bear thou witness unto that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: There is none other God but Him, the One, the All-Compelling.

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! The Great Announcement hath come, in yearning for Whose meeting servants have expired whom none knoweth save the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have entered the prison and called all to that which draweth them nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. Grieve not in the days of God. Rejoice thou in this remembrance whereby the horizons have been illumined. The Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery have been revealed, calling out amongst the servants without veil or concealment: Rejoice, O people of the righteous, in this bounty the like of which no eye in former ages and centuries hath beheld!

O Muhammad-?adiq! The Tongue of the Ancient of Days maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and giveth glad tidings to those who are nigh of that which shall bring them close to the most exalted station. Seize thou the opportunity in the days of God. Cast aside what is with the people, then make mention of Him by night and by day. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the doer who hath held fast unto that whereby the Cause of God hath been exalted in this Day wherein feet have slipped.

O Abu’l-Qasim! We have come from the heaven of grace to guide the servants to the straight path. By the life of God! We desired for them light, yet they kindled fire for Us. They are indeed in heedlessness and error. Soon shall the carpet of the world be rolled up and the guards of torment shall seize them from every direction. Say: Be fair, O people of the earth! For what crime have ye banished Us from Our lands? Fear God, O followers of the religions! Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken whereby the proof hath been made manifest, yet the people are in doubt and schism.

O Dayspring of Revelation! Turn thou unto him who hath been named Husayn and give him the glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existing. That which was inscribed in the Books of God hath been made manifest, yet the people do not understand. They have turned away from the Countenance and denied the signs of God, the Lord of existence. O people of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow ye Him Who hath come to you with manifest sovereignty. The Self-Subsisting hath appeared after the Qa’im and hath manifested His determined Cause. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the doubts of every veiled learned one shall deter thee. The learned one is he who hath heard My call and spoken My praise and given the people glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, and hath given the servants to drink of My sealed wine.

We make mention of (Mulla) Husayn, whose name hath been present in the Most Great Prison, that he may rejoice in the loving-kindness of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Verily, We have sent down the verses and expounded them by Our command, for We are, in truth, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through My word “Be,” and it is. Hearken unto the Call from the white spot, from the right hand of the Crimson Sea of grandeur, from the Divine Lote-Tree: He is, in truth, none other than God, the True One, the Knower of things unseen. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, and every stone to the Sovereign of all beings, yet most of the people know not. They have violated God’s Covenant and His Testament, and have turned away from Him Whom they remembered at eventide and at dawn, and who would make mention of God by night and by day. Yet when He appeared, they turned aside from Him and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to

lament. Observe, then recall what befell Our Messengers aforetime, whom We sent to give the people glad tidings of this Promised Day. Among the people were those who denied them, those who turned away from them, and those who derided them. Thus did they act in former times, and likewise in this Day wherein God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Rejoice thou in that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and hath remembered thee in such wise as to cause those near unto God to perceive the fragrance of His sealed wine.

O Abu-Talib! We love to make mention of all who have turned unto God and to show them Our horizon wherefrom the Light hath dawned. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. Say: O God of Names, Lord of creation, and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the ark of Thy wisdom to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the power of idols may hold me back nor the manifestations of vain imaginings debar me. I am he who, O my God, hath turned toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have shown forth the most great steadfastness in such wise that neither ranks nor swords did cause them to fear.

Thus hath the tongue of might spoken from before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Hasan! It behoveth thee to render thanks unto God for having been made the recipient of His favour - He Who is the Lord of the seen and the unseen - from this Station before which all regions of the earth have bowed down in submission, as attested by the Preserved Tablet in His possession. Take what hath come to thee from God with His strength. Verily, He will protect thee and be with thee in all His worlds. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hold fast unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. By My life! Through these shall the Cause of God be exalted amongst His servants and the standards of victory be hoisted upon every lofty mountain. Aid ye your Lord through the hosts of deeds, for these are mightier than all the hosts of the earth, would that ye knew. Be ye trustees of God in His lands and dawning-places of His loving-kindness. Thus doth the Lord of all worlds nurture you from this glorious Station. Be ye so trustworthy that if your trustworthiness were to be distributed among all the peoples of the world it would suffice them, and likewise in forbearance. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which he hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. He counselleth you with that which profiteth you and adviseth you concerning that which will elevate your stations among His creatures. He is, verily, the Kind, the All-Forgiving.

O My Most Exalted Pen! We hear thy call in the morning and in the evening. Dost thou see anyone who heareth it with ears other than physical ears? Dost thou see any who respondeth, saying: “Here am I, O Thou Wronged One! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all things!” I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed that which was hidden within the pavilion of infallibility and treasured in the knowledge of God, the Lord of Hosts. The world hath been adorned with the ornament of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the eye that seeth, and woe unto every obstinate infidel.

O Ja'far! We desire to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Drink thou therefrom in My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden. Confine thy affairs to that which will exalt this Cause - the Cause at whose revelation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save a mere handful who beheld the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Witnessed.

O 'Abdu'r-Rahim! Give thanks unto God for having revealed for every name thou didst mention that which cannot be equalled by all the treasures of the earth. Recite unto them with the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. Thus doth the Lord of all creation command thee from the precincts of His mighty Prison. Grieve not over the world and what occureth therein. Act in accordance with that which will preserve thy remembrance throughout the eternity of My most beautiful names. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Remind My servants and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and loving-kindness, and acquaint them with the station of this mighty Cause. We make mention in this Station of thy wife who hath heard and turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Give her glad-tidings from Me and glorify her with the name of thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Perceiving. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. O My handmaidens! Rejoice in that the face of God, the Mighty, the Luminous, hath turned toward you and hath revealed for you that which will preserve your names throughout the eternity of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Mir! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness, and upon thy sons and those who are with thee, both female and male, young and old.

The End

What can this evanescent servant say? He perpetually beholds himself bewildered and astounded. I swear by the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance which is risen from the horizon of the Prison that were the people of the earth to hearken unto these verses at the moment they descend from the heaven of divine Will, they would all sacrifice their souls at the feet of the Beloved of the worlds - this, provided they be adorned with even a trace of fairness. The Sun of bounty hath risen in such wise that all tongues and pens are powerless to describe it. Praise be to God that your honor hath attained this greatest bounty, and through you this most great favor hath encompassed the aforementioned souls. In truth, you have been the cause and means of this grace. Well is it with you!

His honor Aqa Mir Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God, your son, hath written a letter to this servant requesting that I should, on his behalf, attain the presence of the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. On this blessed night, which is the fifth night of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani, after the revelation of verses from the heaven of the Will of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, I submitted the request of your honored son, and after permission was granted, the visitation and circumambulation were performed. God willing, it hath been accepted. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers to be lost. This visitation was most timely. Well is it with you and with him and with me. This servant conveyeth his greetings and salutations to him and to all other sons and relatives and the friends of God, and beseecheth the True One not to deprive any of them from the fragrances of His days and to aid them to achieve that which beseemeth them in His days.

Regarding what you mentioned about his honor Shaykh Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, his words were exactly presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and gained the honor of being heard, and these sublime words were revealed specifically for him and the friends of that land. His word - exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance:

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of utterance!

O Hasan! We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets and have turned unto thee at one time with the countenance of My loving-kindness and at another with the verses of My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O Hasan! At times We gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love, and at other times of My choice sealed wine, the mighty, the wondrous. Be thou thankful unto God in all conditions. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have found the fragrance of Our love from the direction of thy heart. We have turned unto thee and made mention of thee in such wise that its fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity in this sublime station.

Convey My greetings to all the friends of that land on behalf of the Wronged One and remind them with wondrous and sublime remembrances. Today the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy are passing, the fragrances of the garment of grace are wafting, and the lights of the Sun of divine generosity are manifest, brilliant and visible. How excellent is the state of the one who hath in this blessed Day attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. The whole world hath been created for this Day. Blessed is the soul that hath become aware and hath attained unto this most great favor. Keep all enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful and illumined with the light of His bounty. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

The mention of 'Ali-Khan - upon him be the Glory of God - has been heard. Praise be to God that he has attained unto His grace. He is among those souls whose mention has repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and who have been remembered in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may he be enabled to preserve this most exalted station. The entire world cannot equal a single word thereof. We, from this station, magnify him and make mention of him in both stations, and give him these glad-tidings that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. He was content with a dot while We bestowed upon him a Book; he was satisfied with a drop while We granted him an ocean of bounty. For verily every letter of the Divine Words is a manifest book and an evident ocean. Blessed are they who attain and are possessed of understanding, and woe unto the heedless.

This evanescent servant offers greetings and glorification to each one, and beseeches from God - exalted be His glory - the good of this world and the next for each one. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. May the Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord and our Desired One be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur has uttered before all things: verily there is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

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A leaf from thee hath come before Us, and from it We perceived the sweet savors of thy love for the Beloved of the worlds. We have therefore made it one of the leaves of this Ridvan, which God hath placed above all paradises out of love for thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. The first that thou didst write in the Tablet was "The Most Glorious, the All-Glorious," and at the scratching of thy pen when this Name flowed from it, the tongues of the Concourse on High were loosened in praise of thee. Thus doth God reward His servants who make mention of Him.

Say: He is the Splendor of God amongst the worlds, and His glory between the heavens and the earth. He is the Glory before Whose lights every shining sun and luminous moon grow dark. Say: He is the Splendor that was revealed in the Bayan, if ye be of them that know. Say: He is the Glory through Whom the Messengers were sent aforetime, from a beginning that hath no beginning, and through Whom they shall continue to be sent unto an end that hath no end, testifying that there is no God but I, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

Say: He is the Glory through Whom 'Ali was raised up in truth, and before Him Muhammad the Messenger of God, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him the Beauty of Moses shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Cause. Say: He is the Glory through Whom God's books were sent down in every age, and scriptures of manifest might. Say: He is the Glory through Whom God's Cause was established among His servants, the veils were rent asunder, and the Ancient Beauty arose with the lights of a luminous dawning-place.

Say: Through His glory were illumined the denizens of the highest Paradise, then the dwellers of the cities of eternity, then the inmates of the pavilions of grandeur, were ye of the assured ones. Say: Whoso is not illumined by this Glory that shineth from this heaven shall not be mentioned before my Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Say: Every pure glory derives its glory from this Glory, and every possessor of light and radiance is illumined by His Cause, which hath appeared through the gesture of but one finger of His mighty, exalted, glorious and wondrous hand.

Say: By the movement of His fingertips were ordained the laws of divine knowledge and the paths of all religions, were ye of the certain ones. Say: He hath appeared in days wherein no suns of grandeur and majesty have ever shone forth. By God! He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. Say: This indeed is the Glory but for Whose love the Primal Point moved not, nor breathed save in His praise, nor spoke except in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Say: Were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would its heaven have been raised up, nor its laws promulgated, nor its lights have shone forth - to this every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify. Say: O people of the Bayan! Die in your wrath, for 'Ali hath appeared anew and drawn nigh. O people of the Furqan! The Night Journey hath returned suddenly. O people of the Gospel! The Spirit hath descended from the heaven of the Cause with manifest sovereignty.

Say: All began from this Glory and all returned unto Him, then appeared from Him once again. Blessed be God, the Best of creators! Say: He is God's Balance among His creation, His proof amongst His servants, and His path between the heavens and the earth. Whoso hesitateth today in His Cause hath strayed from God's Balance, disbelieved in God and His messengers, and is among the perishing ones.

God now bestoweth His glory upon thy countenance as a reward for having mentioned His name in thy book. Upon thee be the glory of God, then His glory, then the glory of all things, then the glory of the worlds.

Should all who are in the heavens and on earth assure thee of God's eternity, it would be but little in comparison with this supreme bounty; and should all things praise thee through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the Realm above, it would not equal what hath passed through thy mind in remembrance of this Name, through which God hath distinguished between truth and falsehood, and made it the sword of His might against the wayward and the cloud of His mercy unto those who have turned unto Him. And thou didst say: "If I send thee my salutation, Thou art the Salutation itself." Whereupon God from the direction of the Throne magnified thy countenance, and through My magnification of thee, the people of the unseen and the seen magnified thy countenance. None comprehendeth this save he who hath drunk the choice wine of understanding from the hand of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And peace be upon thee from this Peace which hath been a mercy unto all the worlds, and glory be upon thee from the quarter of Glory, for He is the best of all who glorify. Were We to make mention of what thou hast mentioned and expound every letter of thy letter, their remembrance and what they contain would never be exhausted, for they flowed from thy pen at an hour when the fragrances of the love of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, were wafted from the direction of thy heart.

Then know that most of the people of the Bayan are still being nourished from the breast of heedlessness and ignorance - their weaning time has not yet come, much less their maturity. Thus have We been witness. Behold their lack of understanding and knowledge! They claim belief in the previous Manifestation, yet from My Own Self they remain veiled. They read My words, yet remain heedless of their Revealer. They cite My previous verses as proof against Me, though all of them proceeded from the Point of the Mouth of My all-pervading, all-encompassing Will. They object to Me while clinging to one who was in My sight but as one among them, save that We adorned him with one of the Names that he might aid his Lord and be among the thankful. Indeed, My servants have become veiled by one of My Names, though We commanded them not to be veiled in this Revelation by anything created between the K and the N. Say: Is there doubt about God, or about His verses which have descended in truth from the heaven of exalted glory? Say: We have revealed in the Tablets explicitly that you should not cling, at the time of the Manifestation, to the letters of the Bayan nor to what was revealed therein, lest you follow the path of previous peoples and commit what they committed when We sent 'Ali with the truth, with the verses of God, the King, the Mighty, the Praised. By My life! They are more veiled than previous peoples, would ye but reflect upon their deeds. Say: Do ye deny Him from Whose countenance all suns shine forth, before Whose presence all bow down in worship, and by Whose Name all are remembered - after We supported them in the Bayan and exalted their mention, as ye yourselves witness? We cast the Word upon all who are in the heavens and earth - to this My Self, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, bears witness. We commanded them according to what was revealed in the Bayan and forbade them what was

forbidden in the Tablets of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beloved. I appeared among them as though I were one of them - this was My grace unto them, though they perceive it not. I aided the Cause of God by My Own Self, yet they made My Cause an object of mockery and continue to deride it. Say: Ye mock yourselves and your leaders, though ye perceive it not. They read the verses morning and evening as though ascending the heights of knowledge, yet they deny their Revealer and comprehend not what they do. Say: The very pen with which ye write God's verses condemns you, though ye hear it not. The verses themselves, by their very essence, disavow you and seek refuge with God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Their heedlessness has reached such a state that the Pen does not wish to record their names or even compare them to previous peoples, for they are more veiled than all that was or ever shall be. Say: Die in your wrath! He has indeed appeared with all the verses, whether ye be convinced or turn away. O My Name! They imagine themselves to be virtuous and to have reached the heaven of knowledge, and all peoples, due to their arrogance, bear witness to their shadow. But when the Cause came and the heavens of their idle fancies were rolled up, We found in them not even an atom's weight of worth in God's sight - then were they counted among the most contemptible of creatures. By My life! He who objected to My Self was standing before My face in the Land of ?a, and I cast upon him from the verses of God, the King, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. He wrote them in his own hand until there wafted from his nature a breeze from the surging of the Most Great Ocean. Then did he grow proud and became one of those who are veiled, as thou hearest now from those who were present before the Face while We cast upon them thy Lord's verses every evening and […]

By God! There hath appeared from these souls that which excelleth what hath appeared from him, and they are at this hour honoured servants. All this is from Our bounty unto them, that they might aid God, their Lord, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Would that thou hadst been present to witness these souls and what floweth from their nature by the command of My All-Compelling, Self-Subsisting Pen. Their every melody is none other than the cooing of the doves of the divine cloud, would ye but know it, and their every song is none other than the crowing of the cock of glory, even as We revealed aforetime, if ye would bear witness. Their likeness is as a child who, whenever he doeth or committeth aught, is praised by his father and mother and then by his kinfolk, as ye observe. And this is naught but for his encouragement, for were one who hath reached maturity to commit what he committeth, would any praise him? Nay, by My Self, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting! Thus observe thou the description of every soul in its station and condition. Beware lest ye transgress. Say: He can never be confused with any other, and that which hath appeared from Him shall ever be distinguished from what hath appeared and shall appear, would ye but know it. Say: He, verily, is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and His verses are indeed the Sovereign of verses, would ye but be assured. I seek God's forgiveness for this, for the words of others cannot be mentioned in the presence of what hath been sent down from Him, even as naught else can be mentioned before His Self, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Verily the ocean of inner meanings surgeth within itself. When We desired to distinguish some parts from others, We created the names and through them made distinctions between them, as ye reckon and remember. Say: The names are Our raiment wherewith We adorn whom We will and strip from whom We will, and We consult none of Our servants in this, would ye but be assured. Look not upon them save as that which hath ordained and created them by His command, for He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Were the people of the Bayan to

sharpen their vision, they would witness all things in the garment of names, but they understand not, and though they claim, they speak not truth, for had they been aware, they would not have allowed a name from among the names to come between them and their Creator, as ye observe. Say: We commanded you aforetime not to look upon the names in themselves, but rather upon that through which the names were established. Observe how ye have taken unto yourselves a name from among them and been veiled thereby from God, your Lord, and thus ye are reckoned among the worshippers of names in the sight of God. Say: Were We to desire to name an atom of dust with all the most beautiful names, We would be able, for I am the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. By My Self! We have made all things repositories of My names and manifestations of My attributes. All that ye pride yourselves upon today in mentioning "thou art He and He is thou" or other names pertaining to the Essence and the Self and the like - that which is composed of letters or comprehended by minds or uttered by tongues - all these were created by My Word and exist within the bounds of My creation and return to that which is other than Me by My command, would ye but understand. And We manifest from all things whatsoever We will of Our most beautiful names, would ye but know. And these are remembrances and names We have ordained in the rank of creation, and He is exalted, exalted far above what ye know, and exalted, exalted far above what ye witness, and exalted, exalted far above what ye […]

Exalted, exalted is He above what ye make mention of, and exalted, exalted is He above what ye affirm, and exalted, exalted is He above what ye comprehend, and exalted, exalted is He above what ye know, and exalted, exalted is He above what ye judge, and exalted, exalted is He above what ye behold, and exalted, exalted is He above the loftiness of every lofty one and the sublimity of every sublime one, and above the knowledge of every knower and the cognizance of every cognizant one and the certitude of every certain one and the perception of every perceiver, and exalted, exalted is He above the mention of "He" and its like, for by it His creation is indicated, and exalted, exalted is He that there should be attributed to Him what His creatures possess, and verily He is sanctified from all else and from what those who make mention mention. How can He be mentioned by the sun when the sun in its essence was created by His power and moveth by His will? How can He be mentioned by names when they in their kingdom were created by His leave and His purpose? All names are servants at His court and prostrate themselves at the dawning of the lights of His mighty sovereignty. And if He nameth Himself by names, this is of His grace toward His creation, would ye but know it, that the servants who act according to His command might mention Him thereby. Otherwise He is sanctified from every description, transcendently glorious, and from every name, supremely magnificent.

And when We gazed upon creation and desired its ascent to the heights of recognition, We commanded them in the Bayan that they should trace every mention of good to this Revelation, that perchance thereby they might comprehend all good. Yet they abandoned that which We commanded them and were not content that We should trace a name from among the names to Our own Self. The Truth, therefore, blessed are they who weep for what hath befallen My Self at the hands of these, and verily honored servants shall lament their deeds. Say: O people, fear God! We created all names even as We created all things, and they glory in their relation to Us. Beware, O people, lest ye transgress your bounds, then disbelieve in the signs of God. Beware lest ye be veiled by aught from My beauty, then join partners with My Self. Reflect upon that which I have brought; by God, were ye to reflect, ye would find…

O My Name! Know thou that We desired to expound in detail whatsoever hath appeared from thy pen upon thy tablet, but since time was pressing, We have contented Ourselves with two words from thy letter, as a remembrance from Us unto thee and unto them that are God-fearing. And verily the servant present before the Throne who writeth at this moment before the Countenance saith that were more to be revealed than hath been revealed, the time would pass and it would not reach those who bear it. And he speaketh truly in what he saith, and besides this he is occupied with the verses of God at all times, such that he findeth no opportunity to move of his own accord. Even so hath the matter been, would ye but know it.

Behold then how We have manifested Husayn in truth, who was present before the Throne in My previous Manifestation and from whose pen flowed the verses of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Then observe his writing, how it is he himself, yet the people perceive not. And were God to will it, He would manifest that which is hidden today, for verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Look thou therefore upon the power of thy Lord, then look upon the people and what issueth from their mouths. By God, all things curse them thereby, yet they perceive it not. Leave them to themselves, then detach thyself from them through the power of God and His sovereignty, then aid this Youth in whatsoever thou art able. By My life, it is better for thee than whatsoever hath been ordained for the creation of what was and what shall be.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning thy affliction, We beseech God to deliver thee from it and to purify thee from every calamity, misfortune, illness, ailment, plague and infirmity. Verily, He is nigh and responsive to those who call upon Him. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by this Name through which Thou hast shattered the idols of fancy and desire, and through which Thou hast become independent of all who dwell in the kingdom of glory and eternity, to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purify me from this malady that hath troubled my inner and outer being. I am he, O my God, who hath called upon Thee by Thy Name, the Healer, then by Thy Name, the Sufficing, then by Thy Name, the Bestower, that Thou mayest cause to flow upon me from the ocean of Thy healing that which will deliver me from this sickness that hath seized me. Then clothe me, O my Beloved, with the robe of well-being from Thy presence and the garment of mercy from Thy side. Verily, Thou art the Bestower according to Thy pleasure, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded and be not of them that hesitate. And glory be upon the countenance of him whom We loved before and love now and shall love hereafter, and upon the members of thy household and upon the servants of your house, be they female or male, young or old. Read thou this Tablet unto the loved ones of God, then convey to them the remembrance of thy Lord in all days, that they may remember God in His days and be not of the heedless.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Impenetrable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Praise be to God Who hath individuated Himself through utterance and warbled through speech. Verily He it is Who spoke the First Word, whereupon the Supreme Pen was thunderstruck by the sweetness of the Call. When it recovered, supreme joy overtook it; it prostrated itself and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having caused me to hear Thy sweetest call and made me the interpreter for Thy servants in the kingdom of creation. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times, to make my scratching a Kawthar of life for all contingent beings and the choice wine of divine knowledge for the followers of all religions. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and no decree is impossible for Thee. Thou givest and withholdest, and Thou art the Almighty to Whose power and sovereignty all atoms testify, and all beings to Whose might and authority bear witness. Blessed is the servant who hath tasted the Salsabil of Thy love, cast away vain imaginings through Thy Name, shattered the idols through Thy power, and arose to serve Thee out of love for Thy Beauty. I beseech Thee to make me a light unto Thy loved ones and a fire unto Thine enemies. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy hand is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O God of creation, known by Thy Name, the Truth! Thou knowest, seest, and bearest witness that this evanescent servant hath exerted his utmost effort and striving to manifest Thy Cause, to exalt Thy Word, and to convey that wherewith Thou hast gladdened Thy servants and creatures, that they might behold Thy path and turn toward it with insight from Thee. Let them not be hindered by the allusions of those who have turned away from Thy Beauty, been heedless of Thy proof, and rejected that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy servants with the lights of Thy countenance and their hearts with the radiance of Thy knowledge. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation; acquaint them with that which they have neglected. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O my God, my Beloved! Thou art witness and well aware that this evanescent servant is occupied with Thy remembrance and that of Thy loved ones throughout the nights and days, and with utmost lowliness and supplication beseecheth Thee to confirm those souls who are enkindled with the fire of Thy love and are engaged in Thy service under all conditions. Thou art the Powerful and the Mighty. Thou beholdest that some have arisen to serve Thy Cause and are traveling through various lands in Thy Name. O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations! Increase at all times the fire of love in steadfast souls and protect them from oppressive hands, in such wise that no languor may overtake it nor pursue it. O Lord! Enable them to observe that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Responding.

This humble one has repeatedly been blessed with your letters which diffused the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds. In truth, each letter was a volume in praise of the Friend and a herald proclaiming souls' arising to serve the Beloved. Blessed are the people of Baha whom nothing has prevented from that which they were commanded in the Book of our Lord, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth. After observing these letters and traces from that beloved one, this servant found himself in such joy that the pen is powerless to describe it. After presenting this at the Most Holy Court and turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon, details were submitted. Repeatedly mention was made of you from the Tongue of Grandeur. May you ever be and continue to be blessed

with that which God loves and is pleased with. These effulgent words shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance:

He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth

O dear one! The servant present has repeatedly presented your letters at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that you have been assisted to serve the Cause of God and to mention and praise Him. Verily He remembers whoever remembers Him, answers whoever seeks Him, and hears the mention of His loved ones and the praise of His chosen ones, and sees what befalls them in His path. All souls were created to serve the Cause of God, yet today most are veiled and occupied with their own imaginings. It behooves you, O dear one, and My loved ones to thank God for having aided you to remember Him and enabled you to serve Him and to manifest what He desired. Verily He is the Master of the servants, the Sovereign of creation, and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. O dear one, strive to attain all bounties and become the cause of affection and unity of hearts. The True One, exalted be His glory, created the world through loving kindness and compassion, and revealed sacred laws for the unity and concord of the people of the world, yet the heedless servants made it the cause of revolution and discord. Blessed is the soul who strives for the unity of the world's peoples - such a one is of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book.

Blessed are ye, O inheritors of Moses, in that ye have turned, heard, responded and arisen to serve God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily He heareth what your tongues have uttered and seeth what ye have done in His path. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. We send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon My loved ones there, and We have mentioned them and will mention them in that whereby their names shall endure throughout the kingdom. Thy Lord is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the spread of the Word with perfect wisdom.

Thus far several Tablets and numerous letters have been sent. God willing, you have received them and will continue to receive them. A few days ago a detailed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will and was sent, and specifically exalted Tablets were revealed for the mentioned souls - some were sent and some were delayed due to new circumstances. God willing, all will be sent. Two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets specifically for Aqa Shahvirdi and Aqa Isma'il, upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah], which are among the remaining Tablets to be sent, will God willing be sent this time. A letter came from Tiflis and was immediately answered. God willing it has arrived and they have received it. Regarding what you mentioned about your brother Aqa Asadu'llah, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed in reply […]

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy

O dear one! Previously, special verses were sent down for Asadu'llah and Rahmatu'llah, and some wondrous and exalted verses descended from the heaven of loving-kindness and were dispatched. God willing, may they be blessed by the fragrances of divine verses and be engaged in His mention and praise. We make mention in this station of him who is named Jahangir H.A. and give him the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones. O Jahangir! The All-Knowing One has turned towards thee and makes mention of thee with exalted words that thou mayest rejoice and be

among the thankful. We have made mention of those who have believed with a remembrance whose fragrance shall not cease throughout the duration of thy Lord's names, the All-Knowing. Ask thou God to assist thee to remain steadfast in this Cause and to give thee to drink from the choice wine of His utterance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Promise hath come, and the Sovereign of the Manifestation speaketh before the Mount: "Verily, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Wise." How many a learned one hath spoken through passion, and how many an ignorant one hath attained to the mention of the Lord of all beings, Who proclaimeth throughout the world: "Verily, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful as it wafted between the heavens and the earths.

(Mihr 'Ali Khan of Khaf)

And likewise, concerning Jinab-i-Mihr 'Ali Khan, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of grace:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of proof!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested what He desired. Verily, He is the One sought after in the beginning and in the end. O Mihr-'Ali! There hath come before the Wronged One a letter wherein thou wast mentioned. We have made mention of thee with a remembrance that nothing can equal, as attesteth He with Whom is the decisive Word. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God and His remembrance, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Be thou vocal in the praise of thy Lord and steadfast in the service of His Cause in all conditions. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful in all lands! Fear ye God and abandon not what ye call upon by night and day. This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with clear proof. Reflect, O ye who are endowed with insight! This is indeed the Promised One, through Whose mention the Scriptures and Tablets have been adorned. Say: By God! He hath come for your life and teacheth you what shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Greatest Joy or deny the bounty of God which hath descended in […] Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and His Cause when every polytheist transgressor turned away from Him. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have held fast to […] the Most Great which was sent down from God, the Lord of Lords.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, that after returning from the Land of Purpose he proceeded to Bukhara and guided two souls from among those related to Kalim to the Supreme Horizon - this detail was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered:

He is the One manifest in the fortress of Akka through His Most Beautiful Names […]

We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq who attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Sovereign of might came with an authority that conquered all who dwell in the realm of possibility. He attained the lights of faith when the All-Merciful appeared with this Name whereby the hearts of lovers were melted. This is the Day wherein that which was never manifested before hath appeared, and that which caused the hearts of the chosen ones to be attracted hath been uttered. Say: This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Cause of God, did ye but recognize it. Say: He walketh and the

hosts of revelation, bearing the banners of verses, circle round Him - yet the people understand not. Say: He speaketh in the Kingdom of utterance saying “I am, verily, the All-Merciful” - yet most people hear not. They behold the proof of God yet turn away from it, and hear the verses of God yet dispute them - verily they perceive not. We make mention of him who desired to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, that this remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he may partake of that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “Verily, I am God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.” Reflect upon that which hath appeared in the realm of possibility and that which the All-Merciful hath sent down; then shalt thou find thyself in the stronghold of knowledge. Thus doth He command thee, with Whom is the preserved Book. Remember thy Lord in all conditions. He remembereth him who remembereth Him and aideth him who hath turned to the Praised Station. And We make mention of the other one whose acceptance hath been mentioned in this forbidden prison. Verily the Wronged One loveth God and His chosen ones, and remembereth them in the night season and throughout the day, at eventide and at dawn. Take the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, despite those who have disbelieved in God by following the people of idle fancies.

As to what you wrote concerning the Mashriqu’l-Adhkar and the blessed spot and the place of consultation and the united, assured souls - praise be to God that the friends of Truth have attained to the service of the Cause. Regarding the blessed spot for which permission was previously sought and granted, and the Mashriqu’l-Adhkar which was revealed in the Most Holy Book, and consultation which hath ever been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur - all these matters are contingent upon wisdom, until difficulties and commotion be removed and they become not the cause of grief and sorrow to holy hearts. This evanescent servant beseecheth God that He may aid all the friends to that which is beloved, and concerning what you wrote asking that God may grant success to act with utmost steadfastness according to His revealed laws in His Book during His days - this matter that was submitted received a manifestation of favor from the horizon of grace, shining and evident, and He spoke these blessed words, exalted be His glory:

May their mention, God willing, be manifest and evident from the horizons of the Book. This is a station wherein the denizens of the Kingdom take pride. Rejoice, O friends of God, in that the glance of God hath been directed towards you from His mighty Throne, and hath mentioned you in such wise as to cause the Supreme Paradise to rejoice - and I am the All-Seeing Witness. God willing, may your names be mentioned at the Throne, your temples stand in service before His Cause, your tongues speak His praise and utterance, and your eyes be directed to the Most Great Prospect. Rejoice in that ye have attained unto mentions that cannot be equaled by anything that eyes can behold. God willing, strive ye that discord and differences may be removed from the world. It behooveth you to observe the counsels of God and that which ye have been commanded by One Who is Sympathetic, All-Knowing.

A letter from His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, was written to this lowly one. After reading it, this lowly one submitted its details before His Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of utterance:

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered […]

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! May thou drink at all times from the ocean of the All-Merciful's bounty and engage, purely for His sake, in service to His Cause. Time and again hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto this most glorious station. Woe unto the heedless! This Day is attributed unto the Truth. All the friends must strive to receive their full portion thereof. We make mention of Abdul-Baha and give him the glad-tidings of My Most Great Remembrance, and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, will be exalted. And We make mention of Abdul-Jalal that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is the youth who hath turned with his heart to the Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed is the child who hath spoken that which the Nightingale spoke upon the branches of the Lote-Tree that proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful." The glory be upon thee and upon thy two sons and thy wife from the presence of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And likewise concerning Aqa Ishaq these sublime words shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Revealer of verses:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Generous

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bestowing to him who hath turned unto the Countenance and drunk the choice wine of life from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. O Ishaq! The Luminary of the horizons, Who is imprisoned in this fortress through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, maketh mention of thee. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the snow-white Spot, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily He heareth thy call and witnesseth thy turning unto Him. He hath turned unto thee and made mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in all matters in the Strong, the Almighty. Verily He is with those who love Him - He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ask thou God to assist all to achieve that which the Dayspring of Revelation hath desired and to aid them to serve His Most Great and Mighty Cause.

Thy [intention?] hath also been accepted before the Throne. Verily it hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Previously, the glad-tidings of this matter were written and sent. Convey my greetings to the divine friends who are present in that land. Express my sincere greetings and praise to the spiritual loved one, the son of Ismullah-i-Asdaq - upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. The expression of sincerity and praise from this servant is bound to the love of that person. Likewise, I convey greetings to all the honored ones - Mulla Ali and Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and Aqa Khudadad and others, upon them be the glory of God. I hope that through the detachment of these assured souls, the effects of detachment may become manifest in the world, and through their steadfastness in God's Cause, they may become the cause of steadfastness and assurance for doubtful and troubled souls. By the life of the Beloved! Pure deeds have influence in the kingdom. This matter is clear and evident to every person of insight. Blessed are the companions of God, and blessed are His loved ones through whom the decree of the Covenant appeared and the horizons were illumined. O friends! Today is the Day wherein whatsoever appeareth for God's sake shall endure and remain established through the perpetuity of God's names. The servant beseecheth his Lord and your Lord, his Beloved and your Beloved, to assist him and you in this Cause whereby the mighty deep hath

been stirred, and every mighty fortress and every lofty mountain hath quaked. Praise be to God, our Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

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

Praise be to God Who is one in His unity and single in His singleness. He hath manifested the Word from the horizon of the heaven of Will–nay, it is the very Will itself and its essence–and through it He created volition in the world of sovereignty. Exalted be the Lord of creation, through Whom the Bayan was sent down, the Kingdom of Knowledge was adorned, and the Nightingale of Utterance warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Powerful, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, the All-Wise.

This evanescent one submits to your eminence that two letters from you were received, and the utmost joy and delight were obtained from learning of your well-being. If there has been delay in reply, it is hoped you will forgive, as for nearly three months, nay more, the verses of God have not descended from the heaven of the Lord's Will. The Most Exalted Pen has been silent and the ocean of utterance still, and this servant, like one bewildered and astonished, has been lost in thought and, from excess of grief, has been unable to pen a single word–until these days when the gates of divine bounty were opened and the heaven of grace was adorned with the stars of utterance, and the rain of mercy once again poured forth from the clouds of generosity. This servant has therefore ventured to make up for what was lost through this petition, and hopes for forgiveness from you as well.

You had asked about the news from Istanbul - it is in such a state of disorder and upheaval that this servant and others like him are unable to properly describe it. All that was revealed from the heaven of God's Will concerning the chief, princes and deputies in the blessed Surih of Ra'is, the Most Holy Book, and other Tablets has now emerged from the realm of the unseen into the arena of manifestation. Yet despite these Tablets being in many hands, the people remain heedless and unmindful. Justice is rare indeed. I swear by the Sun of Truth that everything that has appeared in the world was clearly foretold in the revealed Tablets, yet none of the heedless ones turned to the horizon of the mercy of the Lord of the Worlds. There is a story from before that is fitting to mention here: When the Manifestation was in the Land of Mystery, known as Adrianople, a special Tablet was revealed from the Supreme Pen addressed to the sovereign of Paris. In that Tablet proper etiquette was observed, and it was then sent to one of his ministers who had expressed loyalty. After some time, a petition arrived from that minister at the Most Holy Court stating that they had taken the blessed Tablet to the Foreign Minister and delivered it to the Emperor, but no response was received from him. Thereafter, another Tablet which forms part of the blessed Surih of Haykal was revealed from the heaven of God's Will, wherein news was given of his abasement, the loss of his entire kingdom, the ruin of that land, turmoil and revolution, and what you have heard. After the revelation of these blessed verses, most were observed to be in utmost bewilderment and astonishment. Indeed, someone mentioned to this servant that the sovereign of Paris was the foremost person in the world, that he ruled over all the earth, held the reins of all kings in his

hands, and controlled the management of all the world's affairs - how could such a person be overcome or brought low? Even some of the loved ones were perplexed, for in no way could human minds comprehend it and were incapable of imagining it, until there came to pass exactly what was revealed in the divine verses. Though it is likely that your honor has observed this in Iran, it is mentioned again that it may bring joy and delight to pure hearts. His exalted Word[…]

O King! We have heard the words thou didst utter concerning the decision with regard to war, in answer to the question of the Russian sovereign. Thy Lord, verily, knoweth, is informed of all. Thou didst say: "I lay sleeping upon my couch, when the cry of the oppressed, who were drowned in the Black Sea, wakened me." This is what we heard thee say, and, verily, thy Lord is witness unto what I say. We testify that that which wakened thee was not their cry but the promptings of thine own passions, for We tested thee, and found thee to be afar. Arise, and pronounce betwixt men with justice, and be thou of the well-informed. Give ear unto the Voice, and turn thy sight unto the horizon wherein it appeareth. We wish not to address thee words of condemnation, out of regard for the dignity We conferred upon thee in this mortal life. We have chosen courtesy, and made it the true mark of such as are nigh unto Him. Courtesy is, in truth, a raiment which fitteth all men, whether young or old. Well is it with him that adorneth his temple therewith, and woe unto him who is deprived of this great bounty. Hadst thou been sincere in thy words, thou wouldst not have cast behind thy back the Book of God, when it was sent unto thee by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. We have proved thee through it, and found thee other than that which thou didst profess. Arise, and make amends for that which escaped thee. Erelong the world and all that thou possessest will perish, and the kingdom will remain unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers of old. It behooveth thee not to conduct thine affairs according to the dictates of thy desires. Fear the sighs of the Wrong One, and shield Him from the darts of such as act unjustly. Because of what thou hast done, thy kingdom shall be thrown into confusion, and the empire shall depart from thy hands, as a punishment for that which thou hast wrought. Then wilt thou know how thou hast plainly erred. Commotions shall seize all the people in that land, unless thou arisest to help this Cause, and followest Him Who is the Spirit of God in this straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast to this firm Cord. We see abasement hastening after thee, whilst thou art of those who slumber.

These verses were shared with certain Christians before the events occurred and were translated into French and sent. Nevertheless, none responded. If any soul were to observe with an eye of justice, he would instantly proclaim "I believe in God, the Lord of all worlds." However, eyes are afflicted with the soreness of vain imaginings and ears are blocked with the cotton of ignorance and unawareness. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up in the assemblage of the world one possessed of true hearing and sight, that he may acquaint all with that which befitteth them and that which they have missed.

In these days, the affairs of Constantinople and its surroundings are proceeding as was revealed in the divine Tablets, including what was revealed in the Suriy-i-Ra'is, which was revealed at the time of departure from the Land of Mystery [Adrianople], apparently between friend and foe, and which this servant wrote down. He says: […]

O Chief! Hear thou the Voice of God, the Sovereign, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He, verily, calleth between earth and heaven, and summoneth all men to the scene of transcendent glory. Neither thy growling, nor the barking of those around thee, nor the combined forces of the world can withhold Him… O Chief! Thou hast committed that which hath caused Muhammad, the Apostle of God, to lament in the most sublime Paradise. The world hath made thee so vain that thou hast turned away from the Face through whose brightness the Concourse on high hath been illumined. Soon thou shalt find thyself in manifest loss! Thou didst conspire with the Persian Ambassador to harm Me, notwithstanding that I had come unto you from the Source of majesty and grandeur with a Revelation that hath solaced the eyes of the favored ones of God. By God! This is the Day whereon the Fire speaketh through all things: "The Beloved of the worlds is arrived!" And before all things there standeth Moses, hearkening to the Word of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Were We to divest Ourselves of the mortal raiment which We have worn in consideration of your weakness, all that are in the heavens and on earth would offer up their souls for My sake. To this thy Lord Himself doth testify. None, however, can perceive it save those who have detached themselves from all things for love of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Hast thou imagined thou couldst quench the fire which God hath kindled in the horizons? Nay, by Him Who is the Eternal Truth! Rather, by that which thou hast done its flames were fueled, and its blaze shall soon encompass the earth and whatsoever dwelleth therein. Thus hath the decree been issued, and none can withstand the command of those in the heavens and on earth. Soon will the land of Secret (Baghdad) be changed, and that which is outside it, and it shall pass out of the hands of the King, and commotions shall appear, and the voice of lamentation shall be raised, and corruption shall become manifest on all sides, and affairs shall be disrupted by reason of that which hath befallen these captives at the hands of the hosts of oppression. The established order shall be changed, and conditions shall wax so grievous that the very sands on the desolate hills will moan, and the trees on the mountain will weep, and blood will flow out of all things, and thou shalt behold the people in sore distress.

From these resplendent verses it is clear what hath happened and what shall come to pass. And similarly in the Most Holy Book was revealed: O Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas! The throne of tyranny hath, verily, been established upon thee, and the flame of hatred hath been kindled within thee, in such wise that the Concourse on high and they who circle around the Exalted Throne have wailed and lamented. We behold in thee the foolish ruling over the wise, and darkness vaunting itself against the light. Thou art indeed filled with manifest pride. Hath thy outward splendor made thee vainglorious? By Him Who is the Lord of mankind! It shall soon perish, and thy daughters and thy widows and all the kindreds that dwell within thee shall lament. Thus informeth thee the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Likewise in the Surih of Fu'ad, which was revealed at the beginning of arrival at the Most Great Prison, and in the Tablet revealed in Persian specifically for 'Ali Pasha, who was then the Grand Vizier, all future events were clearly revealed in these Tablets. Nevertheless, people remain heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. Our Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were this servant to mention the mysteries of what is to come from the divine utterances, an extensive book would need to be presented. In any case, in these days every day a new opinion appears in the great city and fresh disagreements arise. Until now matters have not settled, and hereafter the affair is in His hands. Turmoil and divergent views have encompassed that land, and no peace is evident.

By now news of Sultan Murad and [the slain ones] has surely reached your honor, and now Sultan Abdul-Hamid sits upon the exalted Ottoman throne. Due to the severity of these times, the turmoil in the lands, and the clamor of the people, they have said that Sultan Murad's mind has become disturbed. This servant, from what he has heard from the utterances of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, just as no glory shall remain with the people of 'Ayn and Lam though they cling to every means, so too shall personal independence be removed from Mim and Lam. Although we have not been and are not focused on these matters, whatever has flowed from the Supreme Pen shall surely come to pass, as indeed it has. It is most strange that people rejoice in outward positions and such things. In one instance it was revealed from the Supreme Pen that the time will be recognized as the manifestation of maturity and wisdom when independent personal sovereignty remains and no one accepts its burden to bear it. This is the purport of what flowed from the Supreme Pen. Were there to be found penetrating eyes, attentive ears, illumined hearts and pure souls, all would clearly behold the mysteries of what is to come in the divine Tablets.

As for what you asked about conditions in Iran, all the matters they were intent on implementing have been delayed, and they have also released Jinab-i-Aqa Jamal, upon him be the glory of God. At first they released him several times but he did not accept. Later at their insistence they brought him out of prison and released him, and he went to Burujird. However, news has recently arrived that he is in Hamadan and after Naw-Ruz intends to go again to the Land of Ta. We beseech God to assist all through His revealed wisdom, for the promotion and exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of the Cause have been and are dependent upon it. In any case, these regions are outwardly in turmoil, and the powers are creating much tumult and speaking of war, but perhaps, God willing, war will not break out. He setteth aright affairs as befitteth them and manifesteth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And as for publishing the treatise you mentioned, the reward for you and those who initiated and caused it rests with God. God willing, all shall attain the fruits of their benevolent deeds. The leaf you sent was presented at the Most Holy Court, however on its first page "tasaluka ila maqam la tara" was seen while in the original manuscript it was "tawasuluka." Exercise utmost care in correcting the treatise. We beseech God to rend asunder, through His consummate wisdom and effective Will, the veils of vain imaginings of the people of those lands, that they may behold the Truth without veil or covering and attain true recognition. Many souls who claim recognition accept whatever is said, but without true consciousness. Their acceptance differs not from the rejection of others, for both speak without awareness. This servant's statement requires investigation, but time and opportunity for its exposition are now lacking. Whenever God, exalted and glorified be He, wills, it shall, God willing, be explained. I beseech God not to deprive any from the outpourings of the Sea of Revelation which today surgeth between earth and heaven, nor withhold the effulgences of the Sun of grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Generous.

The two letters enclosed within your letter were presented at the Most Holy Court, and their answers have dawned from the horizon of grace and descended from the heaven of bounty. God willing, may they attain the seas deposited within the divine words and drink therefrom without delay or postponement. This servant is greatly astonished that in such days as these, the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen nor the ear of the world heard, most people remain heedless and silent behind their veils. He hath

spoken, and His word is the truth: “The eyes were created for this Greatest Vision, and the ears for this Utterance through which the Essence of Knowledge hath spoken - the Word belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting.”

And if you inquire about the Land of the Prison, outwardly it remaineth as before, but inwardly, as the Truth hath spoken, it is turbulent. Each day groups arrive from various directions, with and without permission. We beseech God to assist them in that which beseemeth these days wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the Chosen One.”

Concerning what you mentioned about the stations of the heart, it was presented. He said that whatever was mentioned before regarding these stations was specific to those days. In these days all must gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and witness, without veil or covering, the effulgences of the lights of the Manifestation of God’s Cause. And He said: “God willing, may you be assisted in serving the Cause. You are and will remain in Our thoughts.” We beseech God not to withhold His favors in all conditions.

The Most Great Branch and the Most Mighty Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the sacred dust of their most glorious footsteps - mention that Most Exalted Being with most wondrous praise and most sublime glorification. Likewise, the denizens of the Tabernacle of Sinlessness and the Afnan of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit be sacrificed for them - as well as those who circle round and the pilgrims, all convey their glorification. And furthermore, may that Most Exalted Being not look upon the negligence of this servant, nor forbid this servant from written remembrances. Your honor is well aware of the details of the affairs and occupations of this servant, and there is no need to submit them again. The preserves that his honor the Khan - upon him be the glory of God - had sent have arrived. They have taken great pains, but the true taste of the honey of divine knowledge that hath appeared from their pure nature hath sufficed and will continue to suffice. This is a honey that hath endured and will endure as long as the names of God endure. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it, and woe unto the heedless ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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

Praise, sanctified beyond all mention and limitation, befitteth the Possessor of the unseen and the seen, Who illumined the hearts and souls of His loved ones with the light of recognition through the bounty of His Most Great Name. The outward tongue speaketh “The Helper hath come,” while the inner tongue uttereth “The All-Merciful hath come.” His hosts are goodly deeds, His helper virtuous character, and He hath made godliness the commander of these hosts. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to witnessing and hearkening, to such extent that it beholdeth all else save God as non-existent and null. The Day is His Day, and the Cause His Cause. Today through His Name the banner of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” hath been raised, and through His remembrance the standard of “The Sovereign hath come and the Kingdom is God’s” hath been unfurled before the faces of all parties, without veil or concealment. Every fair-minded one beareth witness, and every just and discerning one testifieth and is aware.

Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings and Goal of all creation! Thou seest Thy servant distraught upon the dust by reason of that which hath befallen Thee at the hands of those who have cast the Book behind their backs and followed what their own desires commanded them. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, by the hearts that have been consumed in Thy love, and by the Word whereby the hearts of them that are nigh and sincere have been attracted, to assist Thy loved ones in all conditions to remember and praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power to do as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else save Thee and clinging to Thy cord. I make mention of that which will draw Thy loved ones nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness and will aid them to remember and praise Thee amidst Thy creation. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to make Thy loved ones the emblems of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy victory. Then ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived and was honored to be heard in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply - exalted be His utterance and glorified His proof:

He is the Manifest Book […]

O Abdu'l-Hamid! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The servant who is present hath appeared and read that which thou didst commune with God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. From it We perceived the fragrance of love and affection on this Day wherein the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of creation!" The cry of all things was raised when the call of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, was lifted up, and they acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered from this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and summoned all unto God, the Lord of lords. Thou knowest, and others besides thee know, that the Wronged One hath appeared without veil or covering before the faces of all parties. Among the people are those who heard and responded, and among them are those who turned away from God, the Dawning-Place of verses, and among them are those who disbelieved and uttered that which caused the dwellers of the cities of justice and fairness to lament, and among them are those who hesitated and are in strange doubt. Neither the clamor of the people nor the doubts of those who denied God's manifestation in the return have deterred Us. The more they increased in their rejection, the more the remembrance and utterance increased from God, the Revealer of religions. Thou art he who turned to the Countenance when the servants turned away from it in the earliest days, and answered the call when it was raised between earth and heaven. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness, as a grace from Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. When the light of certitude shone forth to a certain degree, a band of servants emerged from behind the veil and perpetrated that which none had ever perpetrated before. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in this station. We beseech God to make thee a champion of His Cause and one who speaketh His praise among His servants in such wise that neither the veils of the oppressors nor the power of the pharaohs shall hinder thee. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We love to see thee detached from all else but Him, holding fast to His cord, and gazing toward His horizon at

all times. Cast the people and what they possess behind thee, then protect the sheep of God from the wolves of the earth. He will protect thee, aid thee, assist thee, and reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Hear the Call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. Ever has the glance of loving-kindness been directed towards you, and the purpose is that you may, to the extent possible, lead souls from the defilement of the world to true tranquility. Reflect upon the previous people: for one thousand two hundred years and more they were occupied with the mention of God, uttering His praise and speaking His glorification from the pulpits. Yet when the touchstone appeared and the horizon of the world was illumined with the Light of His Manifestation, all drew sword and spear against the Goal of all the worlds. Finally, by the decree of the leaders of church and state, they hanged Him and shed His blood. God is witness, and the atoms of creation bear testimony, that the purpose of this Wronged One has been to preserve souls from the vain imaginings of the former people, lest there be repeated what you have seen and heard. The cause of His martyrdom and the reason for the opposition of church and state were the vain imaginings that emerged from heedless souls in the early days. Glory be to God! The manifestations of justice and fairness are astonished at what the previous people professed and how they acted on the Day of Judgment. It is incumbent and necessary upon this Wronged One, upon you, and upon the upright souls to protect, to the extent possible, the people of God, lest they be afflicted with the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the former people. For the sake of God, you must exert your utmost in what has been mentioned. Arise by thy Lord's leave to serve His Cause, remind the people of His verses, and give them the glad tidings of His loving-kindness.

The purpose of this Wronged One is, first, that the fire of hatred and animosity blazing in hearts and souls may be quenched by the Kawthar of counsel and the Salsabil of wisdom, and that the lights of unity and concord may shine forth from the horizons of the hearts of all servants. Second, that the decree of conflict, strife, corruption, murder, and all that disturbs existence may be lifted. This has been forbidden in most Tablets. Today all must hold fast to that which conduces to the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. Knowledge is that which preserveth man from that which is unworthy and unseemly, and teacheth him that which will benefit both himself and all mankind. This is what the Wronged One desireth. Blessed is he who aideth Him in what He desireth; he is assuredly numbered among the helpers in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. It is hoped that through loving counsels the world may be adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon! That which is most harmful today is the people's lack of understanding concerning what has transpired. By God's life! Had there been found a soul worthy of mention and utterance, this Wronged One would surely have chosen silence and would not have accepted countless afflictions. We arose for the sake of God. You and every truthful and just one bear witness to the uprising of this Wronged One and His mention before all faces. Now that some measure of assurance hath appeared, the opponents, that is, those who have turned away from the Cause, have arisen in greater hostility than the former peoples and are occupied with the same vain imaginings. Is there any helper who will assist the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance? Is there any servant who

will arise for the sake of God to serve His Cause, to remind people of His verses, and to illumine their hearts with the light of His Command? We beseech God to aid thee in that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Most Glorious Station. There is none other God but He, the Lord of the Throne and the earth. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have aided the Cause of God in the evening and at sunrise, at eventide and at dawn.

This lowly servant has ever beseeched the True One, exalted be His glory, for that which would cause the manifestation of infinite bounties and the exaltation of the Blessed Word. Ever has the mention of that beloved one been made in the Most Holy Court, and this servant, with utmost humility and supplication, begs and hopes from the Self-Sufficient One that He may illumine the horizons of that blessed city with the light of faith and certitude. Praise be to God that that which was the hope of this evanescent servant has dawned forth, for in these days the petition of that beloved one and the friends has arrived. His is the praise and the glory, His the gratitude and the splendor, for He has confirmed His loved ones in their recognition, turning and certitude. I have besought and continue to beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may strengthen that beloved one in unifying and bringing into agreement the friends of that land - this is not difficult for Him.

Certain souls speak such calumnies that one is bewildered - exactly the same allegations as before have resurfaced. The Kitab-i-Iqan was specifically revealed in Iraq for the honored Afnan, the Great Uncle (of the Bab), may the Most Glorious Splendor rest upon him. The details are thus: When he journeyed to the Holy Shrines and after pilgrimage arrived in Baghdad, the honored Haji Siyyid Javad - may the Most Glorious Splendor of God rest upon him - attained the presence and submitted that two maternal uncles of the Exalted One - may our souls be sacrificed for His sake - had arrived in this land and intended to proceed to the Land of Shin. He asked, “Have you mentioned anything to them about this Cause?” He replied, “No.” At that moment the blessed countenance became flushed and He said, “Go to them, convey greetings from the Wronged One and say: We have never sought to meet anyone, but we do desire to meet you.” And Hadrat-i-Javad - may God’s Most Glorious Splendor rest upon him - went forth, and later in the afternoon returned with the Great Uncle - may the Most Glorious Splendor rest upon him. When they attained the presence He said, “It would be most grievous to this Wronged One if you and the other Afnans should remain deprived of the Tree that has been planted and grown in your midst.” They submitted that there were certain matters that had prevented and continued to prevent them. He said, “Mention those matters that have prevented you from recognizing the supreme horizon and the Blessed Tree, and ask your questions.” The next day they came to the sanctuary basement where He summoned them one by one, and they submitted that which had caused their hesitation, and in their presence answers descended from the heaven of God’s will, exalted be His glory, and were bestowed. Surely that beloved one and others have heard and know these details. The following day they attained the presence and submitted: “Wretched would be the soul who should read this Book and hesitate.” The journey of the Ancient Beauty - exalted be His glory - is mentioned therein; nevertheless, they have said what they have said and attributed it to one who, by God besides Whom there is none other God, is incapable of comprehending it. Likewise they say the Bayan has been altered - one’s heart melts at such words, for the beginning has become like the end of the Shi’ih party. They also say that they have taken

verses from those of the Primal Point - may our souls be sacrificed for His sake - and publish them in their own name, even though now two […]

Equal indeed, triple equal are the Revelations vouchsafed, and the distinction between their utterances is as clear and evident as the sun. Let them consider the Book of Iqan and that which hath been revealed in the Persian tongue with the Persian Bayan of the Primal Point–may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake–and the other Persian writings; likewise the wondrous verses with the verses of that Being bear no outward resemblance whatsoever–indeed the difference is great. That beloved one and this servant must beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to guide all and enable them to achieve that which is conducive to the manifestation of justice and fairness. This matter cannot be realized except by those souls who observe with their own ears and eyes, and this is specifically true of this Most Great Revelation. I beseech God to aid that beloved one to rend asunder the veils of the people's idle fancies with the finger of certitude and remove them. The calumnies of the idolaters exceed all bounds. Those souls who were heedless and unaware of the Cause now claim to be the first to have believed in God. This servant knoweth not what fruit the Shi'ih sect and their words and deeds have yielded on the Day of His Manifestation, that now a group like unto them should, through the efforts of Mirza Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi, darken the world. We beseech protection and grace from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

At this moment the Ancient Beauty uttered this most exalted word - His word, exalted be His glory: O Abdul-Hamid! Upon thee be the glory of God and His loving-kindness. Today it is incumbent and necessary for you and others to reflect upon these events that have transpired. At first, outwardly, it was not expected that certain souls would turn away from what is with the Truth, preferring what they possessed, or that they would fail to distinguish between the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and the shadow, or that the source of vain imaginings would, unbidden and without consent, utter words. However, the corruptor seduced and cast forth that which led to error. Now if you arise to render this service, trusting in God and committing your affair to Him - that doubts may be dispelled - it would be acceptable and beloved before God. Two or three individuals who are truly possessed of hearing and sight, and are free from love and hatred, should proceed and remain on the island for a time, truthfully relating whatever they perceive. Perhaps through this investigation that which causes certitude and assurance of souls will become manifest, and the light of certainty will be distinguished from the darkness of imagination, that all people may discover and know. This servant beseeches God to raise up several souls who will investigate for His sake, lest time pass and those possessed of vain imaginings remain in their delusions. This matter is truly necessary. Glory be to God! It is not known what they have understood of the Day of God and what the purpose of this Revelation has been. While there is still time, effort is necessary. Those who were with Him have denied all and repudiated whatever was said, while the newly-found deluded ones say with their tongues what their hearts and very beings deny - they say with their mouths what is not in their hearts. I beseech God to assist that beloved one in all conditions. If anyone sets out and does not know how to reach the island, let them arrive in Beirut and inquire, or come to this land. The intent is that that beloved one may become the cause of manifesting that which will dispel delusions. In any case, this servant implores God, exalted be His glory, to aid that beloved one in unveiling what is now concealed. Likewise, night and day I have besought and continue to beseech

God, exalted be His station, to assist you and those souls who turned to Him in the early days to achieve what befits His Day. I convey greetings to the friends in that land and beseech for each one that which will cause the elevation of their station. The Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of their most pure feet - are present and each one expresses loving-kindness. The glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

The Servant

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

At every moment doth the Herald of Truth, glorified be His majesty, summon the servants and command them to that which exalteth them, raiseth them up, and profiteth them. From the sweetness of His call is the world of utterance enthralled, and from every deed among the deeds are the means of preservation in their completeness made manifest. Whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear from the realm of the will of the Sovereign of Divine Purpose is for the purpose that man might attain unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan. His word, blessed and exalted be He, is: “The All-Merciful hath taught the Qur’an, created man, taught him clear expression.” By the Sun of Truth! The oceans of knowledge and understanding lie concealed in this most exalted Word. Glory be to God! While words may be effaced by water in their outward form, yet the Word of God containeth oceans of meaning that neither effacement can seize upon nor change can affect. And likewise He saith: “Men whom neither merchandise nor selling diverteth from the remembrance of God.” Should man attain unto the spirit of detachment and sanctity that lieth hidden within this blessed verse, he would behold himself freed and detached from all else but God.

O friends of God, strive! O party of God, arise! Today must the world of ears and eyes be preserved and sanctified from beholding and hearing the suspicions and idle fancies of heedless souls. Meeting with such souls is a deadly poison, and intimate association with them is a stinging serpent. Through the grace of God, glorified be His majesty, let not the hem of sanctity be sullied by the calumnies of the godless. Though they may cause certain matters to appear dubious in darkness, yet what can they do and what remedy can they seek after the sun hath risen at its meridian? Nay, by God! They have no remedy, for all the mysteries and secrets of hearts shall be made manifest and evident. The tongue of truth in the Kingdom of utterance hath aforetime spoken this most exalted word: “Verily God knoweth the treachery of the eyes and that which the breasts conceal.”

In all circumstances must one take refuge in God. Who would have thought such matters would occur in that land? On the first day when it was arranged that the beloved of the heart, the honored Haji Shaykh, and his esteemed brother, the honored Aqa Muhammad-’Ali, upon them both be the peace of God, would engage in commerce in that city, it was thought that this commerce would be a means for the

manifestation of trustworthiness and religiosity among the servants. However, it yielded the opposite result, and there occurred what occurred.

O my God, my God! The sweetness of Thy remembrance departeth not from the soul. Bestow upon the people of the world but one drop from that ocean of longing, yearning, attraction and enkindlement that Thou hast bestowed upon Thy lovers, that discord may be wholly removed and the light of concord may shine forth. O my God! What transgression hath poor Nur committed that he should receive its recompense? At present he is behind veils of darkness - when, through Thy grace, shall he emerge from behind them and show himself to all the world? This servant hath ever raised the hands of hope and desire toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and he beseecheth of Thee that which would bring ease and tranquility to Thy creation. O God! Guide the souls that oppose, and make the heedless aware. Thou art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

After greetings, the successive letters from that beloved of the heart arrived, and after their reading and perusal, were taken to the Holy Presence and attained the honor of being heard. This is what the Lord - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - spoke:

"We desired to send thee the fresh dates of utterance from the palm tree of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and We desired to present unto thee the fruits of wisdom and knowledge from the Sacred Tree, planted by the hands of grace and bounty in the luminous spot, as a command from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

The manifestation of unseemly matters in that land hath clouded the world of being. Thou and all things bear witness to the loving counsels and goodly admonitions that have flowed from the tongue and pen by night and by day. Nevertheless, the Wronged One's counsel only increased the oppressor's bonds. O thou who gazest upon the Face! Certain souls have committed that which hath caused the heart of the world to be troubled and its eyes to weep. After countless claims, it was observed that one made peace with the enemy and assailed the friend, and the Name 'the Concealer' concealed and did not reveal. We ask and beseech God not to deprive His servants of the waves of the ocean of trustworthiness, religion, truthfulness and sincerity. All must ask of God that which is the cause of tranquility for the people of creation. The pearls of wisdom and utterance that were hidden in the treasury of the Pen have been revealed in such wise that no just and fair-minded one can deny them, and must acknowledge this bounty and favor as unmerited.

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Pen of destiny, through whose motion all created things were set in motion, and by Thy Will which hath preceded all contingent beings, to make us of those who have caused their wills to be extinguished in Thy Will, and their desires in Thy Desire, and have chosen for themselves what Thou didst choose for them through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Some of the servants have imagined that the place of commerce in that land is connected to this place, while thou knowest, and the world knoweth, and God knoweth that it hath had and hath no connection whatsoever with this place. The purpose was to establish a place both

for commerce and for the exaltation of the Word. Another person was specifically appointed so that, trusting in God, he would not be without work and occupation. His lack of contentment kindled the fire of sedition, and each day groundless discussions arose and were spread. Envy is a world-consuming fire, and greed is a world-destroying flame. In any case, this fire brought shame and disgrace, and the Cause's reputation was compromised among the servants, for most are seeking some pretext to which they might cling and thereby sully the pure and holy garments with their calumnies. Now observe what was intended and what was done. The turbidity of unseemly deeds and false words reached such a point that the tongue of the Wronged One uttered the blessed words "I complain of my grief and sorrow unto God," and likewise these other blessed words "Patience is seemly, and God is the One Whose help is to be sought against that which they assert." That which the tongue seeks to shun mentioning and the pen to avoid recording hath come to pass. In all cases one must hold fast to the cord of grace and with outward and inward tongue remember these words[…]

My God, my God! We are Thy servants and Thy creatures, within the grasp of Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued cities and lands, and through which Thou hast raised the standards of Thy unity in all regions and the banners of Thy justice amongst Thy servants, and by Him Whom Thou hast established in the place of Thyself in the realm of creation and through Whom Thou hast manifested the kingdom of attributes and names, to make known unto us that which will preserve us from all that beseemeth not Thy sincere servants and trusted ones who are nigh unto Thee, and teach us that which will profit us outwardly and inwardly and draw us closer to Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High. O Lord! Leave not the cities of hearts and minds deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Thy justice and trustworthiness. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! What can I say? The reading of that beloved one's letter, far from bringing joy, has added immeasurably to the world's sorrow - an addition beyond measure and count. Many had imagined that in that land the door of trustworthiness would be opened, that justice and fairness would find there a dwelling place, and that in that great city there would appear such deeds as would cause religion to flourish and bring about the acceptance of existence. All has been reversed to such a degree that every believer and sincere one, out of shame and embarrassment, neither wished nor wishes to hear anything about the affairs of that city. The case of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali is evident, his occupation known. He had no involvement in any direction, yet to every soul he spoke of His Holiness the Sheykh (69) [Baha'u'llah] that which caused astonishment. Everyone who arrived in this land, he recorded in a register. In short, he set aside all matters and focused on that helpless one, hoping perhaps to eliminate him and have affairs referred to himself. To those within and without he said that which was neither fitting nor worthy. After all, what was the cause of such enmity, and what was the reason for such calumnies? Nevertheless, these matters were concealed in this land, and absolutely nothing was revealed about these subjects, not even a word, lest it cause sorrow. Finally, matters reached a point which that beloved one knows. However, these things occur due to heedlessness. Had he accepted the counsel of the friends and occupied himself with his own work and attended to his own affairs, his commerce would now be renowned throughout the horizons. Even now I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him and guide him to that which will cause the elevation, exaltation, ascent and advancement of his station. In any case, hope has not been

and is not cut off, for the door of divine grace has ever been and remains open. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

As to what was written about traveling to various lands in the path of God for the purpose of teaching the Cause, refining souls and exalting the Word - after these matters were presented before His countenance, He said that it is very clear and evident that matters which cause the refinement of souls and the unity of hearts and minds take precedence with God over other deeds. You are certainly inclined toward what was mentioned, but what is beloved to the Wronged One today is that arrangements be made for your relatives to establish a dwelling place near you. This dispersion has not been and is not beloved. In any case, matters should be arranged such that both the first matter and this matter are accomplished. At present, whatever divine wisdom requires and whatever means become available should be embraced. And regarding the two matters mentioned by the Afnan, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, concerning the honored Afnan, upon him be God's grace, mercy and loving-kindness, as well as 'Ishqabad - both are acceptable and should be carried out. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will grant complete assistance and manifest that which will cause the spread of knowledge and wisdom. God willing, you will be assisted. Your mention has not and will not leave Our thoughts, and you will not be forgotten. Surely divine assistance will reach you. Perhaps through your attention and the efforts of some of the friends, a door may be opened for the reformation of the world and preservation of peoples, and all may attain to that which brings comfort and tranquility. O thou who gazest upon the Face! The deeds in that land have grieved the Wronged One to such an extent that the pen has been prevented from mention and utterance. The intent is that the friends of this Wronged One should become the cause of the reformation of the world and the comfort of nations. Now nothing is evident except conflict, corruption and discord. Nevertheless, in all cases I beseech God to grant fellowship and manifest that which causes the elevation of existence. Now the affairs occurring in that land have become and continue to be the subject of discussion everywhere. Reflect on the conditions of the Wronged One - the bearing of countless afflictions was for the preservation of stations, yet now it has yielded the opposite result and caused waste. Repeatedly in these days letters have arrived from the honored Afnan Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, and the honored Amin, upon him be God's grace and bounty, but until now no reply has been sent, as conflicting matters and unseemly deeds have prevented the pen from mentioning the friends. Not for a moment was it considered what the fruit of this discord would be and what the end of this antagonism would be. In any case, we beseech God - and you should beseech Him - not to deprive His servants of the adornment of wisdom and to assist them in that which befits the station and rank of humanity. From this land also no good signs are observed. They have turned their attention to every kind, yet in the prison-land no place can be found. Perplexity has resulted, and it is very clear and evident that not all act according to the requirements of wisdom and timing, and the door of commerce is entirely closed, and there is talk about the commitment of some […]

The condition of the people of that land is evident - to this moment they speak and utter according to their own selves and desires. Justice and fairness have departed from the world, or from tyranny and oppression have hidden in dark corners. From the might of the oppressors and tyranny of pharaohs, naught remains of these two wronged ones - namely justice and fairness - save their names. Let us see what the Hand of Power will manifest hereafter. However, the discord and incidents of that land have

surpassed all trials and in truth are the greatest, as We have stated before: “My calamity is not My imprisonment, nor what hath befallen Me from Mine enemies, but from those who attribute themselves to Me and commit that which causeth My heart to lament.” Your honor knows well what has transpired. Many complaints have been written from Yazd about the commerce of that land - nothing has resulted save shame and disgrace. If they would now become mindful and arise to make amends, it would still be good. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

This servant beseeches God in the nights and days to manifest that which was the purpose of creation. The friends in this land, despite the difficulties and constraints that have occurred, remain patient and grateful. We beseech God to send down from the heaven of His bounty mercy from His presence, grace from His side, and relief from His direction. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

The repeated supplications at the beginning and mention of farewell at the end were both read in His presence. He said: “O servant present! The mention of separation and farewell is most touching. Praise be to God that his tongue hath attained to praise and his being to service. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to manifest through him that which shall cause the greatest joy among mankind, to strengthen him with the waves of the sea of His utterance, and to assist him with the hosts of His favors. He, verily, hath power over all things and is worthy of answer.”

Indeed, perfect effect hath been achieved and grace and bounty are manifest and evident. We beseech God to manifest that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause and sublime station, and not to deprive His loved ones of service, remembrance, praise, presence and meeting. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

The letter from the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa ’Azizu’llah, upon him be God’s peace, which that loved one sent, was received and its answer was sent some time ago. It was decided that the charitable funds should be spent in that same land, and all the mentioned souls have attained to remembrance. God willing, may all be confirmed in that which hath been revealed in the Perspicuous Book. And regarding the trust of his honor Haji Siyyid Nasru’llah, upon him be 66 [Baha’u’llah], His Holiness the Name of 66 [God] J.M., upon him be God’s peace and care, it was received and they have written and sent it. Peace, remembrance, mercy and glory be upon your honor and upon God’s righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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This is the City of Divine Good-Pleasure - enter therein, O concourse of them that are well-pleased, and rejoice in the effulgent lights of God, the Sovereign Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

In the Name of Him besides Whom there is none other God, and by our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

This is a mention of God's mercy unto His servant in truth, that he may glory therein before the concourse of the worlds and give thanks unto his Lord at all times for the completion of His favor upon him and upon all them that dwell in the heavens and the earth. This is from a Book wherein is mentioned that which draweth mankind nigh unto the court of manifest holiness, and it beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and all are His servants and unto Him shall all return.

The likeness of them who hear the melodies of God and then follow them is as the likeness of a light that shineth from the light of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus observe thou from crystal which catcheth fire when it faceth the sun - this is a reminder from Us to them that remember. Say: O concourse of the earth! Were ye to sanctify your souls and your spirits, ye would find them more delicate than crystal, and this is an undoubted truth. And were ye to turn them toward God, your Creator, there would be reflected therein the Word of God, the Supreme, the Ancient, and there would be kindled therein the fire of nearness, whereby your bodies and your frames and all that ye possess would be illumined, such that there would be ignited in the trees of your beings the torches of love, and thereby would be consumed the veils that have come between you and the lights of His countenance. Thus do We teach you the ways of righteousness, that ye may be among them that know.

Say: If there remained in your hearts the slightest trace of attachment to the world and its ornaments, ye would never find the fragrances of eternity from this holy and luminous garment. Therefore follow, O people of the earth, that which God hath commanded you, and dispute not concerning that which He hath ordained in the Book. Then hold fast unto the cord of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

This indeed is a tablet wherein the Dove singeth with melodies of eternity and casteth upon you that which is better for you than all that hath been ordained in the kingdoms of the spirit. Therein is guidance and a reminder for them that believe. Thus doth God single out for His mercy whomsoever He pleaseth and sendeth down upon you from the heaven of glory fruits of wondrous glory.

Say: O people of the earth! The lamp of light hath been lit in the glass of holiness and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise have been illumined thereby. Fear ye God and be not veiled from Him, and be not of them that are veiled. The Ark of God hath been fashioned by the hands of the angels of Paradise; therefore hold fast unto it, O people of the Bayan, for this is better for you than the treasures of the earth and whatsoever precious gems of glory have been stored therein.

The Sun of Beauty hath risen at high noon while ye lie sleeping upon the couch of heedlessness and are deprived of this bounty which the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have never beheld. Fear ye God, then follow the paths of divine good-pleasure in these days of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And if ye know not His path, We shall teach you in truth through a letter of that which God hath given Me, that the proof may be complete unto all who dwell in the kingdom.

Know ye that divine good-pleasure hath infinite degrees, and We teach you that which God causeth to flow from My pen, and this sufficeth you above the dominion of the first and the last ones. And for him who desireth to traverse the paths of divine good-pleasure, it behooveth him to be well-pleased with God, his Creator, in whatsoever He hath ordained for him and in whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High in truth, and in all that hath been prescribed by Him upon the preserved tablets of

holiness, and to be well-pleased with himself - and this is not possible for anyone except after his detachment from all that is in the heavens and the earth, if ye be of them that know. For if man should commit even less than an atom's weight of unseemly deeds, he will not be pleased with himself, and […]

This is what We have witnessed unto you in truth, that ye may be numbered among the content. And that one should ascend to such a station wherein poison and honey are accounted as one, for all these are ordained by the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Should anyone worship God from all eternity, yet harbor in his soul aversion to that which befalleth him of hardship and tribulation, his name shall never be inscribed in the Tablets as among the content by the holy and luminous Pen. For they who proclaim their love for God in their hearts, yet groan when afflictions overtake them in His path - the decree of contentment shall not be attributed unto them. This We impart unto you in truth, that ye may be steadfast in love. How can one claim to cherish love for God in his heart, yet despise that which descendeth upon him from his Best-Beloved, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing? And that he should be content with the loved ones of God on earth and lower his wing in humility before the believers. For whoso showeth pride toward them that have believed, hath shown pride toward God Himself - God forbid! O ye sincere ones! And whoso is content with God his Lord is content with His servants who have believed in Him and in His signs on the Day whereon all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck. For the contentment of the servant with his Creator cannot be established save through his contentment with the loved ones of God who have detached themselves from all else and were of them that place their trust in Him. Await thou the Day when the Trump shall be sounded and the Dove shall warble, when the gates of Paradise shall be flung open and God shall come with a wondrous Cause. Then hasten ye unto Him, O people of the Bayan, and tarry not for less than the twinkling of an eye. This is of the essence of contentment - dispute ye not concerning it, O ye who are brought near! Then shall ye discover the breezes of contentment from the holy Dayspring, and the raptures of yearning shall seize you and transport you to a seat of glorious security.

O concourse of the Bayan! Beware lest ye tarry in your own selves or be veiled from the Beauty of God, the Mighty, the Praised. By God! To stand but once in His presence is better than sovereignty over the heavens and earth. But thou, O wayfarer unto God, rejoice within thyself, for thou hast reached the City of Divine Good-Pleasure and art numbered among those who journey to the sanctified realms. We bear witness at this moment that thou hast soared in the atmosphere of contentment, hast detached thyself from all else, hast drawn nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful, hast emigrated from thy home and journeyed unto God until thou didst arrive at the spot which the denizens of the eternal pavilions visit at morn and eventide. Blessed art thou and those like thee whom God hath enabled to arrive at the shore of eternity, the crimson sea, and who have heard the melody of God from behind the veils of power, and visited the spot round which circle the Lote-Trees of Sinai, where all who have entered the garment of existence, whether of the ancients or the more recent ones, must remove their sandals. Know thou that thy love for thy Lord is God's good-pleasure with thee and thy good-pleasure with Him. This is of the law which hath been ordained from the right hand of God's wisdom and will not change with the changing of Prophets nor the renewal of Messengers. Rather, all enjoin the people to this, and this is God's trust in the hearts of the sincere ones, and this sufficeth you above all else. Whoso entereth this flowing law will not abandon a single letter of the Book and will be content only with what God hath been pleased with.

Thus do We expound the verses in truth that thou mayest be of the assured ones. When thou hast quickened thy spirit with the melodies of the Dove and renewed the temple of thy inner being with the garment of eternity, return to the House of God in thy land and be of those who, through Our grace, give glad-tidings unto them that rejoice in the Spirit. Remind them of God's verses and be as the spring breeze unto the people of thy land that they may renew their souls and spirits thereby. This is what We command thee in truth if thou be of them that hearken. Thou shalt not be able to accomplish this unless thou turnest wholly unto God and detachest thyself from all that is in the hands of all created things. When thou renewest thyself, thou shalt be able to renew the people. This is how the Dove counseleth thee in truth that thou mayest be among the beneficent ones who have been preceded by God's guidance, who have tasted the sweetness of love and have drunk from the springs that have gushed forth from the direction of a mighty throne.

Then remember from Us all who have believed in God and His verses in thy land, and those who have migrated unto God and entered beneath the shelter of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Among them is the letter Kaf, who excelled in grace and whom We now mention in the Book amidst hosts of holy ones. Among them is the letter Qaf, who migrated unto God in His days and was among the God-fearing. Likewise the letter Ha' who migrated then returned by Our leave and was among those immersed in the ocean of love. And among them is the letter Ra' who heard the melodies of the Dove and entered beneath the shadow of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And among them are those who migrated and returned, whose names We have not mentioned, and all attained such stations of grace as none among all creation can comprehend. God shall soon manifest unto them the fruits of their deeds and they shall soar on wings of ruby in a holy and bountiful paradise. Among them are those who journeyed with their hearts, whose names were inscribed by the Pen of Power on tablets of impregnable glory. God shall open before their faces the gates of Paradise and they shall enter therein with peace and mercy from Us, and shall be among those who rejoice. By God! Were there to be revealed to the peoples of the heavens and earth less than can be numbered of what is ordained for those who journeyed and migrated unto God, all would hasten with their eyes and heads to a holy and wondrous shore. But they are all veiled by what their hands have wrought in God's time and are among the most lost people of evil. Say: O concourse of believers! Be patient in what hath befallen you and be not distressed by the adversities and hardships that have touched you, for God shall soon recompense the patient ones. The world and its people shall pass away and all shall return to their abode in the Fire, with no escape from God's vengeance, the Subduer, the Conquering, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people of the earth! Do ye not witness the changes in dominion and the transformations of the earth, such that no moment passeth but most affairs are altered therein? By what thing, then, are your hearts and souls assured? Woe unto you for what ye have wrought in your vain life! Ye have turned to your own selves and turned away from Him Who created you and sustained you and was more merciful to you than any who showeth mercy. Say: By God! Ye are but as travelers in the shade of a tree which must needs vanish. Be not assured by it and by that which perisheth, but be assured by that which perisheth not and endureth through the endurance of God, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Mighty. Say: Have ye found your mornings like unto your nights, or your youth like unto your old age? All this is a reminder to you, O concourse of Muslims. The differences in all things have been ordained only to remind you of the passing of your own selves, that ye may not turn unto them nor be among those who cling. Cling ye to the cord of God, then hold fast to the handle of

the Bayan - this is what hath been ordained for you by a mighty and potent Finger. Thus have We taught you the gems of knowledge, acquainted you with the wonders of wisdom, imparted to you the realities of understanding, and shown you the ways of Paradise, that your hearts and the hearts of the mystics might find assurance thereby. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and mercy be upon you, O people of the Bayan. Now do I love to detach Myself from all mention and call upon my Lord with melodies that draw unto them the hearts of the monotheists.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Send down upon Thy loved ones that which will bring comfort to their hearts and tranquility to their souls, that they may remember Thee openly as they remember Thee in secret. This is easy for Thy all-encompassing power. Then raise, O my Beloved, the standards of Thy victory and triumph over the people of Thy realm, that these scattered ones who are dispersed throughout Thy lands and countries may gather beneath the shade of Thy loving-kindness. They find no shelter save in Thee, no refuge except in Thee, and no sanctuary but from Thee. Gather them beneath the tree of Thy loving care, then honor them with Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Most Generous of the generous.

Thou knowest, O my Beloved, how Thine enemies have dealt with Thy loved ones, seizing from them all that Thou hadst bestowed upon them through Thy bounty, and inflicting upon them what no ear hath ever heard before. No land remaineth but their blood hath been shed therein, no wood but their bodies have been burned thereby. How many little ones, O my God, are left without elders, how many mothers cry out for their sons, how many sons weep for their fathers. Thou hast recorded all this and art witness thereto.

Thou seest, O my God, how oppression hath encompassed Thy lands and realms, such that no trace of justice can be found, and all have followed the evil ones. The matter hath nearly reached such a state that Thy name and signs would be erased from the earth. All have taken gods besides Thee, and Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The darkness of heedlessness hath encompassed all the people of Thy earth to such an extent that when any of Thy servants mention Thy name, they mock him. This hath burned my heart and the hearts of the sincere ones.

By Thy glory, O my Beloved, I find none among Thy servants upon Thy path, nor do I perceive from them the fragrance of Thy love. All have taken the world as their protector, save those who have turned unto Thee and were of those who return. Every day, O my God, I associate with the people and find them heedless of Thee, turning to every face except Thy luminous countenance, and to every city save the cities of Thy mighty dominion, as though Thou hadst not created them nor provided for them. Thus have we found the matter among these polytheists.

Abasement hath reached such a degree that Thy loved ones cannot mention Thee, and if they wish to read Thy words, they must hide in their places. This hath caused the hearts of the lovers to bleed. O my God, if Thou shouldst accept these conditions for Thyself, then alas for Thy chosen ones in Thy land, how they must hear from Thy enemies that which beseemeth not Thy station! Would that they were all blind and could not see, deaf and could not hear that which is unworthy of Thy luminous beauty.

By Thy glory, if Thou leavest them in this state, the signs of Thy sovereignty in Thy realm will cease to exist, the pillars of Thy government in Thy land will be demolished, and Thy name and trace will be erased among all creation. Therefore, O my God and my Beloved, grant them no respite after these matters. Send down upon them that which will turn them toward Thee. Then remove this youth who hath risen against Thee completely, and those who follow him in his desires, that Thy holy land may be purified from these unbelievers. Indeed, O my God, I know that Thou hast willed this in all Thy days, but it hath not come to pass due to the manifestation of Thy wisdom and […]

This is the truth assured. Therefore, O my God, send down upon him from Thy firm decrees and Thine irrevocable ordinances that which no predestination can avert nor any whim can alter. Then, O my Beloved, inscribe this upon tablets of preserved glory and a wise and holy Book wherein erasure shall not enter and the decree of expungement shall never return, but rather wherein matters are fixed by the pen of a mighty and powerful decree. Then ordain thereafter, O my God, that which is best for Thy servants - and in Thy hand is all good - for verily Thou art the Judge, the Arbiter, the All-Knowing, the Bestower, the Wise. How long, O my God, wilt Thou forbear with the enemies of Thy Self? By Thy glory! In judgement they have reached such a state that Thy servants have come to doubt Thy wondrous power, nay, they have become certain of its absence, after my certainty that Thou art powerful over all things and that Thou art the most powerful of the powerful. Thou knowest that my anguish is not for myself nor for the abasement of those who love Thee, but rather when I witness that all have turned away from Thee and Thy beauty, and have made Thy signs an object of mockery. Therefore is my heart consumed, my inner being lamenteth, and mine eyes weep. Thou knowest what is within my soul, and Thou art encompassing over all things. Therefore, O my Beloved, forgive me and my transgressions which I have committed before Thee, for my very mention of Thee is a sin that nothing in earth or heaven can equal. Then forgive my parents, my loved ones, my kindred and my relatives, for verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. Then forgive the one who hastened unto Thee and arrived before Thee, then his parents, and take them not to task, O my Beloved, for their transgressions and sins, and have mercy upon them and pardon them, for verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous.

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Since Thou hast, O my God, established Thyself upon the throne of Thy transcendent unity, and ascended the mercy seat of Thy oneness, it befitteth Thee to blot out from the hearts of all beings whatsoever may keep them back from gaining admittance into the sanctuary of Thy Divine mysteries, and may shut them out from the tabernacle of Thy Divinity, that all hearts may mirror Thy beauty, and may reveal Thee, and speak of Thee, and that all created things may show forth the tokens of Thy most august sovereignty, and shed the splendors of the light of Thy most holy governance, and that all who are in heaven and on earth may laud and magnify Thy unity, and give Thee glory, for having manifested Thy Self unto them through Him Who is the Revealer of Thy oneness.

Divest, then, Thy servants, O my God, of the garments of self and desire, or grant that the eyes of Thy people may be lifted up to such heights that they will discern in their desires naught except the stirring of

the gentle winds of Thine eternal glory, and may recognize in their own selves nothing but the revelation of Thine own merciful Self, that the earth and all that is therein may be cleansed of whatever is alien to Thee, or anything that manifesteth aught save Thy Self. All this can be fulfilled throughout Thy dominion by Thy word of command, "Be," and it is! Nay, even swifter than this, and yet the people understand not.

Glorified, immeasurably glorified art Thou, O my Beloved! I swear by Thy glory! I recognize this very moment that Thou hast granted all for which I have supplicated Thee, in this blessed night which, as decreed by Thee, calleth to remembrance Him Who was the Companion of Thy beauty and the Beholder of Thy face, ere I had been mentioned by Thee, or called into being within the court of Thy holiness.

I perceive that Thou hast made all things to be the manifestations of Thy behest, and the revelations of Thy handiwork, and the repositories of Thy knowledge, and the treasuries of Thy wisdom. I recognize, moreover, that were any of the revelations of Thy names and Thine attributes to be withheld, though it be the weight of a grain of mustard seed, from whatsoever hath been created by Thy power and begotten by Thy might, the foundations of Thine everlasting handiwork would thereby be made incomplete, and the gems of Thy Divine wisdom would become imperfect.

For the letters of negation, no matter how far they may be removed from the holy fragrances of Thy knowledge, and however forgetful they may become of the wondrous splendors of the dawning light of Thy beauty, which are shed from the heaven of Thy majesty, must needs exist in Thy realm, so that the words which affirm Thee may thereby be exalted.

Thy might beareth me witness, O my Well-Beloved! The entire creation hath been called into being to exalt Thy triumph and to establish Thine ascendancy, and all the bounds that have been set by Thee are but the signs of Thy sovereignty, and proclaim the power of Thy might. How great, how very great, are the revelations of Thy wondrous power in all things! They are such that the lowliest among Thy creatures hath been made by Thee a manifestation of Thy most august attribute, and the most contemptible token of Thy handiwork hath been chosen as a recipient of Thy most mighty name. Poverty, as decreed by Thee, hath been made the means for the revelation of Thy riches, and abasement a path leading to Thy glory, and sinfulness a cause for the exercise of Thy forgiveness. By them Thou hast demonstrated that to Thee belong Thy most excellent titles, and unto Thee pertain the wonders of Thy most exalted attributes.

Since Thou hast purposed, O my God, to cause all created things to enter into the tabernacle of Thy transcendent grace and favor, and to waft over the entire creation the fragrances of the raiment of Thy glorious unity, and to look upon all things with the eyes of Thy bounty and Thy oneness, I beseech Thee, therefore, by Thy love, which Thou hast made to be the mainspring of the revelations of Thine eternal holiness, and the flame that gloweth within the hearts of such of Thy creatures as yearn towards Thee, to create, this very moment, for those of Thy people who are wholly devoted to Thee, and for such of Thy loved ones as love Thee, out of the essence of Thy bounty and Thy generosity, and from the inmost spirit of Thy grace and Thy glory, Thy Paradise of transcendent holiness, and to exalt it above everything except Thee, and to sanctify it from aught else save Thyself. Create, moreover, within it, O my God, out of the lights shed by Thy throne, handmaidens who will intone the melodies of Thy wondrous and most sweet invention, that they may magnify Thy name with such words as have not been heard by any of Thy creatures, be they the inmates of Thy heaven or the dwellers of Thine earth, nor been comprehended by

any of Thy people. Unlock, then, the gates of this Paradise to the faces of Thy loved ones, that haply they may enter them in Thy name, and by the power of Thy sovereignty, that thereby the sovereign bounties vouchsafed by Thee unto Thy chosen ones and the transcendent gifts granted unto Thy trusted ones be perfected, that they may extol Thy virtues with such melodies as none can either intone or describe, and that none of Thy people may conceive the design of appearing in the guise of any of Thy chosen ones, or of emulating the example of Thy loved ones, and that none may fail to discern between Thy friends and Thine enemies, or to distinguish them that are devoted to Thee from such as stubbornly oppose Thee. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and powerful and supreme art Thou over all things.

Exalted, immeasurably exalted art Thou, O my Beloved, above the strivings of any of Thy creatures, however learned, to know Thee; exalted, immensely exalted art Thou above every human attempt, no matter how searching, to describe Thee! For the highest thought of men, however deep their contemplation, can never hope to outsoar the limitations imposed upon Thy creation, nor ascend beyond the state of the contingent world, nor break the bounds irrevocably set for it by Thee. How can, then, a thing that hath been created by Thy will that overruleth the whole of creation, a thing that is itself a part of the contingent world, have the power to soar into the holy atmosphere of Thy knowledge, or reach unto the seat of Thy transcendent power?

High, immeasurably high art Thou above the endeavors of the evanescent creature to soar unto the throne of Thine eternity, or of the poor and wretched to attain the summit of Thine all-sufficing glory! From eternity Thou didst Thyself describe Thine own Self unto Thy Self, and extol, in Thine own Essence, Thine Essence unto Thine Essence. I swear by Thy glory, O my Best-Beloved! Who is there besides Thee that can claim to know Thee, and who save Thyself can make fitting mention of Thee? Thou art He Who, from eternity, abode in His realm, in the glory of His transcendent unity, and the splendors of His holy grandeur. Were any one except Thee to be deemed worthy of mention, in all the kingdoms of Thy creation, from the highest realms of immortality down to the level of this nether world, how could it, then, be demonstrated that Thou art established upon the throne of Thy unity, and how could the wondrous virtues of Thy oneness and Thy singleness be glorified?

I bear witness, this very moment, to what Thou hast testified for Thine own Self, ere Thou hadst created the heavens and the earth, that Thou art God, and that there is none other God besides Thee. Thou hast from everlasting been potent, through the Manifestations of Thy might, to reveal the signs of Thy power, and Thou hast ever known, through the Day-Springs of Thy knowledge, the words of Thy wisdom. No one besides Thee hath ever been found worthy to be mentioned before the Tabernacle of Thy unity, and none except Thyself hath proved himself capable of being praised within the hallowed court of Thy oneness.

I yield Thee such thanks as can establish the Manifestations of Thy sovereignty upon the throne of independent dominion, and set up the Exponents of Thy unity upon the seats of undisputed supremacy. I yield Thee such thanks as can make the corrupt tree to bring forth good fruit through the holy breaths of Thy favors, and revive the bodies of all beings with the gentle winds of Thy transcendent grace. I yield Thee such thanks as can cause those who are the manifestations of Thy names to be rid of all desire except what Thou desirest, and to accept naught except what Thou hadst destined for them through Thy

decree. I yield Thee such thanks as can teach the birds of the souls of men the song of Thy transcendent oneness, and enable them to soar upward to the highest heaven of Thy presence and Thy bounties. I yield Thee such thanks as can magnify Thy holy Word, and exalt Thy divine Unity, and sanctify Thy Cause from the mention of aught else except Thee, and purge Thy Remembrance from all derogatory allusions to any save Thyself.

I yield Thee such thanks as can fulfill the needs of every soul that seeketh Thee, and realize the aim of them that have recognized Thee. I yield Thee such thanks as can blot out from the hearts of men all suggestions of limitations. I yield Thee such thanks as can unite the hearts of Thy servants, and gather together all the peoples of Thine earth in the paradise of Thy transcendent oneness […]

sovereignty upon the throne of Thy governance, and set up the Exponents of Thy glory upon the seat of Thy Divinity. I yield Thee such thanks as can make the corrupt tree to bring forth good fruit through the holy breaths of Thy favors, and revive the bodies of all beings with the gentle winds of Thy transcendent grace. I yield Thee such thanks as can cause the signs of Thine exalted singleness to be sent down out of the heaven of Thy holy unity. I yield Thee such thanks as can teach all things the realities of Thy knowledge and the essence of Thy wisdom, and will not withhold the wretched creatures from the doors of Thy mercy and Thy bountiful favor. I yield Thee such thanks as can enable all who are in heaven and on earth to dispense with all created things, through the treasuries of Thine all-sufficing riches, and can aid all created things to reach unto the summit of Thine almighty favors. I yield Thee such thanks as can assist the hearts of Thine ardent lovers to soar into the atmosphere of nearness to Thee, and of longing for Thee, and kindle the Light of Lights within the land of ’Iraq. I yield Thee such thanks as can detach them that are nigh unto Thee from all created things, and draw them to the throne of Thy names and Thine attributes. I yield Thee such thanks as can cause Thee to forgive all sins and trespasses, and to fulfill the needs of the peoples of all religions, and to waft the fragrances of pardon over the entire creation. I yield Thee such thanks as can enable them that recognize Thy unity to scale the heights of Thy love, and cause such as are devoted to Thee to ascend unto the Paradise of Thy presence. I yield Thee such thanks as can satisfy the wants of all such as seek Thee, and realize the aims of them that have recognized Thee. I yield Thee such thanks as can blot out from the hearts of men all suggestions of limitations, and inscribe the signs of Thy unity. I yield Thee such thanks as that with which Thou didst from eternity glorify Thine own Self, and didst exalt it above all peers, rivals, and comparisons, O Thou in Whose hands are the heavens of grace and of bounty, and the kingdoms of glory and of majesty!

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God, and my Master! Thou bearest witness, and seest, and knowest the things that have befallen Thy loved ones in Thy days, and the continual trials, and the successive tribulations, and the incessant afflictions, which have been sent down upon Thine elect. Such hath been their plight that the earth became too strait for them, and they were encompassed by the evidences of Thy wrath and the signs of Thy fear in every land, and the doors of Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness were shut against them, and the garden of their hearts was deprived of the overflowing showers of Thy grace and Thy bountiful favors. Wilt Thou withhold, O my God, from such as love Thee the wonders of Thine ascendancy and triumph? Wilt Thou shatter, O my Beloved, the hopes which they who are devoted to Thee have fixed on Thy manifold bounties and gifts? Wilt Thou keep back, O my Master, those that have recognized Thee from the shores of Thy sanctified knowledge, or wilt Thou cease to rain down upon

the hearts of such as desire Thee the showers of Thy transcendent grace? No, no, and to this Thy glory beareth me witness! I testify this very moment that Thy mercy hath surpassed all created things, and Thy loving-kindness encompassed all that are in heaven and all that are on earth. From everlasting the doors of Thy generosity were open to the faces of Thy servants, and the gentle winds of Thy grace were wafted over the hearts of Thy creatures, and the overflowing rains of Thy bounty were showered upon Thy people and the dwellers of Thy realm. I know full well Thou hast delayed to manifest Thy triumph in the kingdom of creation by reason of Thy knowledge which embraceth both the mysteries of Thy decree, and the hidden things ordained behind the veils of Thine irrevocable purpose, that thereby those who have entered beneath the shadow of Thy transcendent mercy may be separated from those who have dealt disdainfully with Thee, and turned back from Thy presence at the time when Thou didst manifest Thy most exalted Beauty. Exalted, immeasurably exalted art Thou, therefore, O my Beloved! Forasmuch as Thou hast divided, in Thy realm, Thy loved ones from Thine enemies, and hast perfected Thy most weighty testimony and Thy most infallible Proof unto all who are in heaven and on earth, have mercy, then, upon those who were brought low in Thy land, by reason of what hath befallen them in Thy path. Exalt them, then, O my God, through the power of Thy might and the potency of Thy will, and raise them up to proclaim Thy Cause through Thine omnipotent sovereignty and purpose.

I swear by Thy glory! My sole purpose in showing forth Thine ascendancy hath been to glorify Thy Cause, and to magnify Thy word. I am persuaded that if Thou wert to delay to send down Thy victory and to demonstrate Thy power, the signs of Thy sovereignty would assuredly perish in Thy land, and the tokens of Thy rule would be blotted out throughout Thy dominion.

My breast is straitened, O my God, and sorrows and vexations have compassed me round, for I hear among Thy servants every praise except Thy wondrous praise, and behold amidst Thy people the evidences of all things save the evidences of what Thou hast prescribed unto them by Thy behest, and destined for them through Thy sovereign will, and ordained unto them by Thine overruling decree. They have strayed so far from Thee that should any of Thy loved ones deliver unto them the wondrous tokens of Thy unity, and the gem-like utterances that attest Thy transcendent oneness, they would thrust their fingers into their ears, and would cavil at him and mock him. All this hast Thou set down through Thine all-encompassing sovereignty, and apprehended through Thine omnipotent supremacy.

Glorified, immeasurably glorified art Thou, O my Master! Look, then, upon the hearts which, in their love for Thee, have been transfixed by the darts of Thine enemies, and the heads which were borne on spears for the sake of the exaltation of Thy Cause and the glorification of Thy name. Have pity, then, upon those hearts which have been consumed by the fire of Thy love, and been touched by such tribulations as are known only unto Thee.

All laud and honor to Thee, O my God! Thou well knowest the things which, for a score of years, have happened in Thy days, and have continued to happen until this hour. No man can reckon, nor can any tongue tell, what hath befallen Thy chosen ones during all this time. They could obtain no shelter, nor find any refuge in which they could abide in safety.

Turn, then, O my God, their fear into the evidences of Thy peace and Thy security, and their abasement into the sovereignty of Thy glory, and their poverty into Thine all-sufficient riches, and their distress into

the wonders of Thy perfect tranquillity. Vouchsafe unto them the fragrances of Thy might and Thy mercy, and send down upon them, out of Thy marvelous loving-kindness, what will enable them to dispense with all except Thee, and will detach them from aught save Thyself, that the sovereignty of Thy oneness may be revealed and the supremacy of Thy grace and Thy bounty demonstrated.

Wilt Thou not, O my God, look upon the tears which Thy loved ones have shed? Wilt Thou not pity, O my Beloved, the eyes which have been dimmed by reason of their separation from Thee, and because of the cessation of the signs of Thy victory? Wilt Thou not behold, O my Master, the hearts wherein have beaten the wings of the dove of longing and love for Thee? By Thy glory! Things have come to such a pass that hope hath well nigh been banished from the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and the breaths of despair are ready to seize them, by reason of what hath befallen them in Thy days. Behold me, then, O my God, how I have fled from myself unto Thee, and have abandoned my own being that I may attain unto the splendors of the light of Thy Being, and have forsaken all that keepeth me back from Thee, and maketh me forgetful of Thee, in order that I may inhale the fragrances of Thy presence and Thy remembrance. Behold how I have stepped upon the dust of the city of Thy forgiveness and Thy bounty, and dwelt within the precincts of Thy transcendent mercy, and have besought Thee, through the sovereignty of Him Who is Thy Remembrance and Who hath appeared in the robe of Thy most pure and most august Beauty, to send down, in the course of this year, upon Thy loved ones what will enable them to dispense with any one except Thee, and will set them free to recognize the evidences of Thy sovereign will and all-conquering purpose, in such wise that they will seek only what Thou didst wish for them through Thy bidding, and will desire naught except what Thou didst desire for them through Thy will. Sanctify, then, their eyes, O my God, that they may behold the light of Thy Beauty, and purge their ears, that they may listen to the melodies of the Dove of Thy transcendent oneness. Flood, then, their hearts with the wonders of Thy love, and preserve their tongues from mentioning any one save Thee, and guard their faces from turning to aught else except Thyself. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Protect, moreover, O my Beloved, through Thy love for them and through the love they bear to Thee, this servant, who hath sacrificed his all for Thee, and expended whatsoever Thou hast given him in the path of Thy love and Thy good pleasure, and preserve him from all that Thou abhorrest, and from whatsoever may hinder him from entering into the Tabernacle of Thy holy sovereignty, and from attaining the seat of Thy transcendent oneness. Number him, then, O my God, with such as have allowed nothing whatever to deter them from beholding Thy beauty, or from meditating on the wondrous evidences of Thine everlasting handiwork, that he may have fellowship with none except Thee, and turn to naught save Thyself, and discover in whatever hath been created by Thee in the kingdoms of earth and heaven nothing but Thy wondrous Beauty and the revelation of the splendors of Thy face, and be so immersed beneath the billowing oceans of Thine overruling providence and the surging seas of Thy holy unity, that he will forget every mention except the mention of Thy transcendent oneness, and banish from his soul the traces of all evil suggestions, O Thou in Whose hands are the kingdoms of all names and attributes!

Lauded be Thy name, O Thou Who art the Goal of my desire! I swear by Thy glory! How great is my wish to attain unto a detachment so complete that were there to appear before me those countenances which are hid within the chambers of chastity, and the beauty of which Thou didst veil from the eyes of the

entire creation, and whose faces Thou didst sanctify from the sight of all beings, and were they to unveil themselves in all the glory of the splendors of Thine incomparable beauty, I would refuse to look upon them, and would behold them solely for the purpose of discerning the mysteries of Thy handiwork, which have perplexed the minds of such as have drawn nigh unto Thee, and awed the souls of all them that have recognized Thee. I would, by Thy power and Thy might, soar to such heights that nothing whatsoever would have the power to keep me back from the manifold evidences of Thy transcendent dominion, nor would any earthly scheme shut me out from the manifestations of Thy Divine holiness.

Glorified, immeasurably glorified art Thou, O my God, and my Beloved, and my Master, and my Desire! Shatter not the hopes of this lowly one to attain the shores of Thy glory, and deprive not this wretched creature of the immensities of Thy riches, and cast not away this suppliant from the doors of Thy grace, and Thy bounty, and Thy gifts. Have mercy, then, upon this poor and desolate soul who hath sought no friend but Thee, and no companion except Thee, and no comforter save Thee, and no beloved apart from Thee, nor cherished any desire but Thyself.

Cast, then, upon me, O my God, the glances of Thy mercy, and forgive me my trespasses and the trespasses of them that are dear to Thee, and which come in between us and the revelation of Thy triumph and Thy grace. Cancel Thou, moreover, our sins which have shut off our faces from the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy favors. Powerful art Thou to do Thy pleasure. Thou ordainest what Thou willest, and art not asked of what Thou wishest through the power of Thy sovereignty, nor canst Thou be frustrated in whatsoever Thou prescribest through Thine irrevocable decree. No God is there save Thee, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Ever-living, the Most Compassionate.

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This is the Surah of Remembrance which hath been sent down through grace, that perchance the people of the Bayan might detach themselves from that which they possess and turn toward the right hand of justice, and arise from the slumber of vain desire, and take unto their Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, a path of truth.

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a Book from the Primal Point unto those who have believed in God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Therein He addresseth those among the people of the Bayan who have hesitated in this Cause, that they might perchance become aware of the wondrous words of God and arise from the slumber of heedlessness in this radiant and luminous Dawn. Say: We commanded you in the Book that ye should not prefer any group from which would appear the Beloved of the mystics and the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and earth. And We commanded you that should ye attain unto the presence of God, arise before His countenance and then utter on My behalf these mighty and impregnable words: “Upon Thee, O Baha’u’llah and Thy kindred, be the remembrance of God and the praise of all things, in every time, before time, and after time.” And We made these words a glory for the people of the Bayan, that through them they might ascend unto the holy heights and be numbered among the triumphant.

Yet they abandoned that which they were commanded, such that not one among them appeared before His countenance with that which We had enjoined upon them in the Tablets. Rather, they cast toward Him from every direction the arrows of hypocrisy, whereat I wept, and the denizens of the heaven of grandeur wept, and then the Faithful Spirit. Say: O people, be ye ashamed before My beauty! Verily, He Who hath appeared in truth is the Glory of the worlds, were ye of them that know, and He is Baha'u'llah, upon Him be the remembrance of God and His praise, then the praise of the Concourse on High, then the praise of the denizens of the immortal realm, and the praise of all things at every moment. Beware lest ye be veiled by that which hath been created between earth and heaven. Hasten unto the paradise of His good-pleasure and be not of them that slumber.

Say: His beauty was My beauty in truth, and His Self was My Self, and all that We revealed in the Bayan was revealed for His firm and wondrous Cause. Fear God and dispute not concerning that whereof We informed you and wherewith We gave you glad tidings of His appearance, and took the covenant of His Self before the covenant of Mine own Self, and every thing beareth witness to this, if ye be of them that deny. By God! Through one note of His melodies were all things given new birth, and through another note were drawn forth the hearts of them that are brought nigh. Beware lest ye be veiled by aught from Him Whose meeting was the essence of My meeting, and Who sacrificed His soul in My path even as I sacrificed in His path, out of love for His mighty and impregnable beauty.

Say: Were it not for Him, the letter ?a would not have been joined with Ba, nor would the form of Ha have been established upon the Vav, nor would have been created what was and what shall be, were ye of them that perceive. And were it not for Him, I would not have cast Myself before the polytheists, nor would I have been suspended in the air. By God! Through My yearning for Him and My longing for His Self have I borne that which no Prophet or Messenger hath borne, and I accepted all this upon Myself lest there should befall Him that which would grieve His most subtle, tender, gracious and mighty heart.

We counseled you throughout the Bayan that none should cause grief to another, lest grief should touch Him; otherwise what have I to do with remembering you or occupying Myself with you, O company of the neglectful! Verily, I intended in the Bayan naught except His Self, and from all mentions naught except His mention, and from all names naught except His blessed, most mighty, most holy, most wondrous and most beauteous Name. By My life! When I made mention of the Lord, I intended naught except His Lordship over all things, and when there flowed from My pen the mention of Divinity, My purpose was none other than the God of the worlds, and when there flowed from My pen the mention of the Object of Desire […]

Verily, if I mentioned the word "Purpose", He was indeed My Purpose, and likewise with "Beloved", He was indeed My Beloved and the Beloved of those possessed of understanding. And if I mentioned prostration, I intended naught but prostration before His exalted, mighty and inaccessible Countenance. And if I praised a soul, My heart's intent was naught but praise of His own Self. And if I commanded people to an act, I desired naught but deeds performed in His good-pleasure on the day of His Manifestation. To this testifieth all that hath been sent down upon Me from the heaven of My Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I have made all things dependent upon His confirmation and good-pleasure, for He is the One Who hath ever been the God of all worlds and the Purpose of all who seek. And if ye would

observe with discerning eyes, ye would surely witness the Manifestations of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” as devoted servants beneath His shadow. Yet ye have done unto His Self what neither the people of the Furqan did unto My Self, nor the concourse of the Jews unto the Spirit. Alas, alas, for the anguish of My heart and the lamentation of My soul for what hath befallen My Beloved at the hands of the idolaters! Fie upon you and upon your fidelity, O company of oppressors! We created fidelity and courtesy for His sake, that perchance at His appearance ye would not commit that which would grieve My reality and the realities of all things. Yet ye have transgressed the bounds set forth in God’s Book, the Most High, the Most Great. Ye have rent asunder the veils of modesty and the covering of reverence, and have perpetrated that which the Pen of Creation is ashamed to mention between earth and heaven. Alas, alas, for what ye have inflicted upon this Wronged One, the solitary, the stranger. I know not what ye will do to Him hereafter. Nay, by My knowing Self, rather I do know, and with Me is the knowledge of all things preserved in a Tablet which God hath protected from the eyes of the idolaters. We have informed Him beforehand of what hath befallen Him and what will befall Him, though He is Himself aware of what lieth within the breasts of all beings. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge, nor can aught that hath been created by a word from Him elude His grasp. There is no God but He, the Single One, the Raiser, the Quickener, the Slayer. Say: O people! He is the One Who, were He to will to make all who are in the heavens and on earth enduring proofs from His presence, would be able to do so, and this would be easy for Him. He is the One Who created the Paradise of the Bayan for His own Self, from which all things have their beginning and to which they return, were ye but to know. Yet with Him in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of creation, ye were not content that He should be called by any name, though these names and their kingdoms were created by His mighty and exalted command. Alas, alas, for your heedlessness, O people of the Bayan! Alas, alas, for your veiling of yourselves, O company of idolaters! And when ye exceeded all bounds regarding your own selves and reached the heights of understanding in your own estimation, ye made mention of successorship for one of His enemies and used this as proof against God, through Whom the laws of religions were ordained in both former and latter times. Ye have returned to that which the people of the Furqan adduced as proof, after We had forbidden you in His presence from all mention save by His leave. And God is witness and well-aware of this. Therefore, consider your condition and your understanding. Fie upon you and upon your minds and your comprehension, O most lost ones! Know ye not that We have rolled up what was with the people and spread another carpet? Blessed be God, the King, the Unfolder, the Mighty, the Generous! Say: O people! Do not fabricate lies against My Self. I have not spoken except in mention of this Manifestation […]

Thou hast not drawn breath save through His love, nor turned thy face except toward His luminous and radiant countenance, and hast made the Bayan and that which was revealed therein as but a leaf from among the leaves of the garden of paradise for His Own Self, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. Beware lest ye usurp it and return it to him who sought to shed My blood once again through following his own desires and passions, and was among the warmongers. We have expounded the Bayan from a single Word, then returned it unto that Word, and commanded the Word to appear before the Throne, that all creation before it might witness and His All-Knowing, All-Wise Self might rejoice therein. Judge ye then with fairness: Is it fitting that its rightful Owner should dispose of it, or another? What aileth you, O company of the veiled ones? We commanded the people of the Bayan to wear silk and keep themselves and their garments clean, lest His eye should fall upon what He loveth not. Thus have We expounded all

things in detail in a perspicuous Book. All this was for His sake, would ye but judge with fairness. We created the heavens and the earth and whatsoever lieth between them for His loved ones - how much more so His radiant, mighty and luminous Beauty! Yet ye cling to that which We ordained for Him and thereby oppose My Beloved. What aileth you, O company of the malicious ones, and what will profit you this day, O assemblage of evil-doers? Ye opposed Him and all that appeared from Him, after We had counseled you in the Tablets that whosoever should call to mind the mention of His Most Great and Wondrous Name should rise from his seat and say "Glory be to God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm" nineteen times, then "Glory be to God, the Possessor of Might and Omnipotence" nineteen times, unto the end of what We revealed in a mighty and glorious Tablet. Yet ye denied Him and His signs, and were not content with this, nor did ye observe the rights of God regarding Him, nor did ye heed the command of God concerning His exalted and all-knowing Self. To such an extent did ye object to His every deed, one after another, and were among the mockers. Among you were those who said "He drinks tea," and those who said "He eats food," and those who objected to His attire, though every thread of His garment testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He is the Goal of all who draw nigh. I Myself bear witness that at times He had but two garments in His presence, to change from one to the other - thus doth the tongue of truth, possessed of knowledge, testify. And on some nights He had not even sustenance for the family of God, yet He concealed His plight to preserve God's firm and mighty Cause, though He had created all things for Himself and with Him are the keys to the treasuries of the heavens and the earth. Fie upon your shame, O people of the Bayan! By God, I am ashamed of your deeds and I now disavow you, O company of devils! Alas, alas for His tribulations among you! Alas, alas for what hath befallen and continueth to befall Him at every moment! O people, be fair and reflect for less than a moment: If ye remain behind such veils, why did I manifest Myself and what is the fruit of My manifestation, O company of hypocrites? God hath sent Me to rend asunder the veils and purify you for this Revelation, yet ye have done that which causeth Mine eyes and the eyes of the holy ones to weep. The faces of all past religions have been whitened by your deeds, for ye are more veiled than they and more heedless than the people of the Torah, the Psalms and the Gospel. Would that I had never been born of My mother and had never manifested Myself among you, O company of traitors! […]

By Him Who hath sent Me with the truth! I have encompassed the knowledge of all things, and all that hath been treasured in God's inviolable repositories and all that hath been veiled from the eyes of men. Yet have I not found souls more wretched than you, nor more remote from God. For after We had set forth in the Tablets, and counseled you in every leaf, We had not supposed that anyone would appear in the realm to oppose God, in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. We are, therefore, amazed at your creation, and know not by what word ye were created, O ye at whom are bewildered the hearts of the people of the world, and then the hearts of them that are sincere and near to God. Thus have We recounted unto thee, O servant, in this Tablet that which the Dove of Utterance warbleth at this moment before the throne of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Read thou what hath been sent down therein, and guard these pearls of inner meaning from every treacherous thief among the hosts of Satan. And shouldst thou find one possessed of insight, share it before his eyes that he may witness it and be of them that attain. Perchance they that are endowed with vision among Our chosen servants may become apprised of that which hath befallen the Beauty of the All-Possessing at the hands of these reprobates who have taken the Calf as their lord instead of God and worship it at eventide and at

dawn, and are of them that rejoice. And thou, grieve not for what hath befallen Us, but be patient even as We have been patient, for He is the best of helpers and protectors. Remember thy Lord by night and by day, and voice His praise amongst His servants, that perchance through His praise the fire of His love may be kindled in the hearts of the well-favored, and all may arise to praise God, their Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of your fathers of old.

We have sent down verses unto thee aforetime and dispatched them to thee by the hand of one of Our servants named Muhammad - verily We have been the Sender. A single word thereof excelleth all that hath been created in the heavens and earth. If thou shouldst see Muhammad, remember him from Us, for thy Lord is the best Rememberer and the All-Knowing. Say: O Muhammad! We have counseled thee in the Book not to transgress the bounds of justice and truth. Beware lest thou be of the transgressors. Be grateful to God for having honored thee with His presence, and preserve thyself lest there appear from thee that which would render thy deeds of no effect. Thus do We counsel thee in truth, as a mercy from Us unto thee and unto the devoted servants.

Then convey Our greetings unto thy children and thy kinsmen who have chosen for themselves a path unto God. Then make mention of thy brother who is named Ahmad. Say: Beware lest thou hesitate in the Cause of thy Lord. Hearken unto My words and pass along the path as a cloud. Hast thou heard in all creation of a Revelation mightier than this Revelation which hath appeared with the truth? Nay, by thy Lord! To this do they that are possessed of understanding bear witness. This is He above Whose head the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory proclaimeth: O peoples of earth and heaven! This is My Manifestation and My Beauty, then My greatness and My proof. Turn ye unto Him with humility and contrition. Say: They who claim to love thee, love thee for their own sakes, but God loveth thee for thine own sake and hath called thee through the tongue of this Youth and aforetime through the tongues of His Messengers. Fear thou God, unto Whom returneth the decree of the beginning and the end.

Remember thou, on Our part, him who hath been named Ahmad, who appeared before Our countenance in Iraq, that he may detach himself from all else save God and draw nigh unto the All-Merciful. O Ahmad! We behold thee lingering about the Fire. Hear thou My word, then enter therein with the leave of thy Lord. By God! It is light unto him who hath detached himself from all things and hath clung to the cord of God's command, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O Ahmad! Ponder upon that which thou hast, then upon the proofs of the Prophets of old, and that which hath been sent down in the Bayan, that thou mayest wholly detach thyself from all things and turn unto the sanctuary of nearness, the station wherein the lights of the Face shine forth with a radiance that illumineth the realities of all created things. None hath any choice except to deny God's Messengers of old or to follow this Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of holiness with power and sovereignty. O Muhammad! Deliver unto him the messages of thy Lord, that he may stand firm in the Cause of his Lord and not be circumspect in this matter round which circle both proof and evidence. Whoso turneth to God, it shall be for his own good, and whoso turneth away, it shall be to his own loss. Naught is incumbent upon thee except to convey unto men the Cause of thy Lord and to call them unto the All-Highest Paradise. Beware lest thou grieve over aught, for verily thy Lord is with thee at all times. There hath been ordained for thee, with thy Lord, a station which none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the All-Glorious. Tarry not in thy place, neither be silent in the remembrance of thy Lord. Make mention of Him amongst His servants, that perchance there may be

kindled in their hearts the fire of the love of God. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Merciful. Convey the greetings of the Youth to the faces of them that have believed, then gather them beneath the shade of this Paradise which God hath created above all other paradises. Say: O people! Know ye the worth of these days and be not of them that have cast the command of God behind their backs and are of the lost. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize His Self and for having sent down unto you verses from the heaven of grace, that He might draw you nigh unto a station which God hath sanctified from the knowledge of them that have transgressed, who have exceeded the bounds set by God and have forgotten His covenant and His testament. By God! They are none other than the companions of error. And upon thee be glory, and upon whomsoever hath held fast unto God and shunned Satan.

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His Holiness the Name of God Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory. On the 10th of Jamadi'l-Avval 1299.

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

Praise be unto God Who hath appeared and manifested His sovereignty and enforced His command in such wise as to subdue the world and cause all peoples to speak that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been and will ever be. He is the Single One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose Name the Cockerel of the Throne crowed, and through Whose love they that are in the heavens and on earth were drawn! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Sun of the heaven of Thy utterance and the Lote-Tree of the paradise of Thy knowledge, and the Most Great Word in Thy Hidden Book and the Mystery of the Command in Thy Treasured Tablet, to protect Thy near servants from the oppression of those who have been heedless of Thy Cause, who have turned away from Thy sovereignty, who have disputed Thy signs and denied Thy proof. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee to ordain for them that which befitteth Thy power and might. Thou knowest, O my God, that this servant hath attained unto the letter of one of Thy friends and hath been seized by the wine of His love in such wise as to raise his hands in supplication to the heaven of Thy grace, seeking from the wonders of Thy bounty that which would assist him in Thy service with such confirmation as would cause the tongues of Thy creation to testify. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your exile! Its duration has passed, and this servant was not successful in expressing his longing and yearning in the presence of Your Holiness, as the whereabouts of that Beloved One was unknown, until praise be to God, the spiritual herald brought the glad tidings of your well-being and settlement in the land of Hadba. After offering praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the Seen and Unseen, and learning of that which was revealed from the treasure of divine knowledge, I approached the station and presented myself before His presence. Then He spoke, and His sweetest utterance was: "O My Name, O Jamal! At the time when the gaze of God's favor was directed toward thee, the servant

present arrived and mentioned thy letter in its entirety before the Face. God willing, mayest thou ever be illumined by the Sun of divine favor, gazing toward its horizon, speaking His praise, and arising in His service. The people of the world have been overtaken by the slumber of heedlessness to such extent that they have not been awakened by the cry, the call, and the trumpet blast. This is in consequence of the deeds they have previously committed. Should the True One, exalted be His glory, act according to the requirements of justice, all would return to the most wretched of abodes, save whom God willeth. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The fire of corruption hath encompassed the world, yet none is aware of it and all are utterly heedless of its cause and reason. God willing, may that honored one drink at all times from the Kawthar of joy and hold fast in that land to silence and quietude, for the light of the All-Merciful is not visible on the foreheads of those people, and they seek to lay hold of some matter and rise up in rejection and opposition. The divine religion and community, namely the religion of Islam, has become exceedingly weak. The enemy, like unto a serpent, hath begun to move from every direction. Implore the Exalted True One to aid His religion through the hosts of the unseen. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O My Name! As yet no ear hath been found into which a word might be cast. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His servants to turn unto Him and to make known unto them that which profiteth them. Verily He is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. The light shining forth from the horizon of the Will be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Lord of the worlds." Thus ended His words. Praise be to God that the Sun of favor hath ever been and will continue to be shining and manifest in relation to Your Holiness.

Two Most Holy Tablets were previously revealed and sent specifically for the Imprisoned Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, and likewise specifically for his honor Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God. They commanded: Write in My name to Jamal that they should be mindful of wisdom in all circumstances, for the ears of the mischief-makers are alert at their posts, appearing with a hundred thousand tricks and deceptions that perchance they may, in their imagination, find cause for corruption. Silence is best, and the Lord of creation, the Beloved of the world, hath said: "The most excellent of deeds is silence." By God, silence is beloved in all circumstances, that is, in that land and its surroundings, and in this land and its surroundings. Regard the world as a child in need of education, both now and in the past, but the Educator is forbidden. In these days the secret movement of this land has somewhat come to light, therefore one must act according to the requirements of wisdom and hold fast to that which is befitting. Verily He is the Counselor, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Given these manifest, evident and luminous bestowals, there remains and shall remain no station for the utterances of this evanescent servant. The silence that hath ever been and shall ever be beloved is the silence of this servant in this station. God willing, may they drink in all conditions from the ocean of grace and be blessed with the bounty of remembrance and praise. I convey greetings and glory to the friends of God who dwell in that land. God willing, may all drink from the Kawthar of wisdom and be occupied with the mention of the Peerless Friend.

As for your mention of his honor Aqa 'Abdu's-Samad, upon him be the Glory of God, from the people of Mim, it was presented before His presence. This is what the tongue of the Beloved spoke in reply:

In the Name of the One God

The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this blessed Day, and hath been brought from nothingness into being. This is the Day that cannot be compared to a single moment of past ages and centuries. How excellent is the state of the one who hath attained unto its recognition and been illumined by its lights. Today is the day of service and assistance, and assistance hath been and shall be through teaching His Cause. O ’Abdu’s-Samad! By My life! If thou attainest unto this most exalted station, thou shalt have attained unto all good. Strive that perchance thou mayest guide one who is lost by the fragrance of utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. This is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. All affairs have been and are in the grasp of God’s power. With a single word He transformeth remoteness into nearness, separation into union, and the poison of absence into the honey of presence. He is the Supreme, He is the Powerful. If thou observest with the eye of truth, thou wouldst testify that nothing that is witnessed on earth can compare with this Tablet. Be thou grateful to thy Lord for this mighty grace. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

God willing, may they attain unto this Most Holy, Most Great Tablet and drink from its oceans of inner meanings. Today is the day of mention and utterance. They and the friends in that land must be aflame with the fire of God’s love and, with perfect wisdom, be occupied with teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful. God willing, may they not be deprived of this greatest bounty. This is the most mighty deed that hath ever been acceptable in His presence. Blessed is he who achieveth it, and woe unto the heedless. If their journey towards pilgrimage is necessary, let them proceed as commanded, otherwise God shall record for them the reward of attaining His presence, the Mighty, the Beloved. This lowly one also conveyeth greetings and glory to them, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for their success and confirmation.

Regarding what was written about whether it would be advisable to send a letter to His Majesty the Sultan or to the Viceroy - to His Majesty the Sultan it is not necessary, but if to His Excellency the Viceroy a letter were written indicating and demonstrating the absence of corruption and conflict - that is, drawing evidence from divine verses that in numerous Tablets all have been forbidden from reprehensible and displeasing acts - and if some relevant verses in Arabic and Persian were quoted exactly, there would be and is no harm. And it should be written that given these clear verses, how could those who have accepted the Faith transgress the aforementioned bounds. And they should write: I swear by the lights of His countenance that shall endure after all things have perished, this community has never been, even to the extent of a needle’s point, willing to harm anyone. This servant dwelt for years in the land of Ta [Tehran]. If its people speak with fairness, all would testify to the truthfulness, honesty and religiosity of this ephemeral one. I seek testimony from His Excellency himself - did those who suddenly entered this ephemeral one’s house and other houses during this period observe any trace of corruption, conflict or contention? No, by God! Through God’s grace, the hearts of these servants are sanctified and purified from all that is unworthy of human station. The fruits of the divine tree of humanity have been kindness, grace and forbearance, and its root truthfulness, trustworthiness and religion. This blessed word is counted among the essence of books: “The heaven of understanding is illumined with two luminaries: tolerance and righteousness.” Praise be to God that despite the clamor of the calumniators, His Excellency has not turned a blind eye to the care of these poor ones. I swear by the Source of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen, among all parties, this party has been and

is the one showing perfect trustworthiness and truthfulness toward government and nation. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and testament that these words were submitted with perfect sincerity. God willing, the rays of His Excellency's sun of justice will encompass and surround all the inhabitants of the earth.

In any case, if something with such contents were written and sent directly through the post office, there would be and is no harm. These souls have been and are a hundred thousand times more distinguished, ancient and exalted than the ignorant ones of the earth who are known by the name of learned. If the rulers of the earth had acted according to the judgments of the divines, assuredly not one person of truth would remain on earth. The wickedness of those people has reached such a degree that pen and tongue are powerless to mention it. One day this supreme utterance was heard from the Dayspring of utterance, the Lord of Names. He said: "The dog of princes is better than the knowledge of these ignorant ones, and their oppression is better than the justice of those calumnious, heedless and veiled souls." In their own estimation, the death sentences they have issued against the gems of existence have been from justice. Nay! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Ask God, exalted be His glory, to free the sun of justice from the clouds of oppression. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And regarding what you had written about the honorable and just lady, upon her be the glory of God, it was submitted before His presence. These exalted words appeared from the Dayspring of grace:

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful […]

All the peoples of the earth, both men and women, were expectant and yearning for this glorious and wondrous Day. Yet when the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of revelation, all were found lifeless and veiled, save whom God willed. The affairs of the world have made the people of creation heedless of the Lord of Names. The most heedless among the servants have been and are the divines of the age, for the false utterances of those heedless souls have prevented the servants from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Consider the lack of understanding of these souls - they themselves say that when the Qa'im appears, He will speak a word that will cause the nobles of the earth to flee. Yet they have not reflected in the least what that word might be that would transform acceptance into rejection. Fie upon them and upon what their hands have wrought!

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who has enabled thee to recognize the Cause whereof most upon earth remain heedless and veiled. Were thou to know the station of this Most Exalted, Most Holy Tablet which hath been revealed in thy name, thou wouldst be detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and wouldst be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility in the night season and in the hours of day. Be not saddened by worldly affairs. Verily, He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say:

"Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of worship of the worlds and the Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the ocean of Thy bounty surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was wafted, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the next world and in this one, and shall draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all beings

and the King of the throne above and the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

As to what was written concerning being at the house of Aqa Muhammad-Taqi at the time of writing, and that Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah and Haji Muhammad, as well as Haji Muhammad, upon them be the Glory of God, were present and requested that mention of them be made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence - these matters were presented, and the Sun of favor dawned upon each one:

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Blessed is the place that hath been honored with the mention of My Name, and the assembly wherein the call of My loved ones hath been raised, and the house wherein My verses have been recited. God willing, thou shalt be so enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful that the polytheists shall be powerless to quench it. Every word that proceedeth from the mouth of thy Lord's Will is verily a precious, mighty, and priceless jewel whose value no reckoner can reckon, no accountant compute, and no learned one eloquently express. Be thankful unto God for My remembrance of thee and My attention to thee from this exalted station.

O Habibu'llah! My Name "The Beauty" hath mentioned thee that thou mayest attain unto the remembrance of the Wronged One. However, at this time this lofty and most mighty station is hidden from eyes. By the Essence of Being! The entire world cannot equal one blessed word that floweth from the Divine mouth. Rejoice thou in this bounty and be of the thankful ones.

O Muhammad! My Name hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in the Prison that thou mayest be mindful of God's favor and mercy which have preceded existence itself. Bear thou witness to that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but He, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He hath created all things by His command and brought the existences into being as a grace from His presence. He is powerful over what was and what will be. Glory be upon those who have cast away what the people possess and have taken what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee. Verily He hath made mention of all who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. He beseecheth God to confirm His loved ones in steadfastness in His Cause, the Unassailable, the All-Wise. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord and grateful to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The Glory and Peace be upon thee and upon God's chosen ones and His loved ones who have shown patience in adversities, holding fast to the cord of their Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

This lowly one offers praise that, by God's grace, the friends of God have been and continue to be the recipients of divine favors. I convey greetings and salutations to all. God willing, may all be assisted to achieve that which leads to the exaltation of the Cause and the betterment of the world.

Concerning what was written about the steadfast leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: "Blessed is she. We were with her and witnessed her deeds and heard what she uttered, and We have revealed for her that which every letter thereof testifieth to My loving-kindness, My mercy and My tenderness towards her. O My Name! She must in all conditions praise the Beloved of the worlds, for He hath enabled her to attain unto that which shall never be overtaken by

extinction nor comprehended by annihilation. Convey to her My glad-tidings and greet her from thy Lord, the All-Informed. Every bounty in the world shall change, every glory shall be transformed, every wealth shall return to nothingness, and every existence shall be seized by non-existence. However, that which she heard and witnessed in the path of Truth, and that which hath been recorded concerning her in the Tablets, hath been and shall ever remain steadfast, mighty and everlasting. By the life of God! O My Name! She hath attained unto that which is mentioned with God and is adorned with the ornament of His acceptance."

This servant also conveys greetings to that leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, and offers true congratulations, for she hath attained the ornament of the grace and acceptance of God, exalted be His Glory. Well is it with her and may she rejoice. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth to confirm that leaf, in all conditions, in that which is beloved before His Presence.

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

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

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

After the visitation, reading and partaking of its bounty, we proceeded to the Shrine where it was mentioned. He said: "The letters of the honored Afnan, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, became the cause of joy and gladness in the days of sorrow. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open through him the doors of the hearts of His servants, and to change their hardship into ease and their difficulty into comfort. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

O My Afnan! Thy mention and thy letter brought supreme joy to those in sorrow and manifest relief to those in hardship. A group was gathered before Us to hearken, that joy might take its place and reach its

goal. We make mention of the son, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, and the loved ones there. O thou who gazest! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee from those who have denied God's favor, His grace, His bounty and His gift. They are engaged in a great scheme to harm the Wronged One. Glory be to God! They are so consumed by the fire of greed, transgression, covetousness and passion that it is beyond reckoning. They have taken people's wealth and deposited vast sums in the bank while crying 'woe unto us!' Truly, the like of such souls hath never been seen. They have committed that which no oppressor hath ever perpetrated. We beseech God to aid them to be just and fair and to return unto Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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

This lowly servant at all times beseeches the King of existence to protect that honored one from the evil of the associating, lying, and commanding souls. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. May He make manifest that which will cause the spread of verses and the appearance of clear signs. The Afnan, his honor Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - although news of his health and well-being has outwardly reached and continues to reach the Most Holy Court, nevertheless mention of his circumstances and affairs is beloved. The beloved of the heart, his honor the Observer, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors, is remembered with special favors. This servant beseeches God to deliver him from the imaginings of the polytheists, their suspicions, their calumnies and their hatred. Verily He is the Strong, the Trustworthy. His honor Aqa Nuru'llah, upon him be God's peace, is confirmed in what befits his presence with your honor. Likewise his honor Aqa 'Ali-Akbar and Aqa Muhammad, upon them be God's peace and favors - I send greetings and salutations to all, and I beseech the All-Powerful on behalf of each one that which leads to elevation. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth. May Qurratu'l-'Ayn Rif'at, God willing, be adorned with an exaltation befitting the fruits of this Name and be illumined with spiritual qualities. God is witness and testament that this servant ceaselessly supplicates in His presence on behalf of His loved ones for that which befits His favors. He is the Generous, the Kind, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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

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

Regarding the Greatest Holy Leaf, the honored mother, upon her be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors - after presentation in the presence of the Master, He said: "O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My favors. That which they have mentioned is the truth in which there is no doubt. They have always been and

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

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

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

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

As for Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, who has been confirmed by God's grace and favors in his detachment from the name of Mulla Abdullah - blessed be he for that which God enabled him to achieve, for in this most mighty, most holy and most exalted Revelation, there hath proceeded from the ignorant ones of Persia who are known as divines that which proceeded not from Shimr and Yazid. In truth, the tongues of Shimr and Yazid cry out in hell with these words: "O God, O God! The time has come for Thee to forgive us, for our evil deeds are as mercy compared to the evil deeds of the ignorant ones of Persia." I seek refuge in Thee, I seek refuge in Thee, O my God, from their evil. I seek refuge in Thee, O my God, from their tyranny. I seek refuge in Thee, O my God, from their wretchedness. I seek refuge in Thee, O my God, from the fire of their polytheism, their unbelief and their discord.

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

The first mention in the ear of the aforementioned one [Muhammad] was 92. When presented, the court was illumined with the lights of the Sun of permission. Permission was granted and grace was evident. For

each of those souls was manifested that which is the supreme cause for the continuation of existence. They directed that the Afnan should give the glad-tidings of what had been revealed to the emigrants, that they might thank God, the King of grace and favors, and the Sovereign of justice and fairness.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ones to melt. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Possessor of manifest grace.

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

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

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

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

O Ashiq! O Hasan! We beseech God to adorn you with goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Corruption, conflict and contention are the attributes of predatory beasts of the earth, while the attributes of man are benevolence, forbearance, love, faithfulness, trustworthiness, religiosity and purity. We hope that thou mayest attain to that which is the cause of the refinement of the souls of the people of the world. This is not difficult for God.

Praise be to God! Special favors have encompassed all, and that which is the cause of salvation in this world and the next, both outwardly and inwardly, hath been made manifest to each one. This servant, with hands of supplication and hope, hath grasped the sacred hem and beseecheth Him to cause His servants to attain that which promoteth the exaltation of the Word of Unity. Verily, God is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful. In those regions and these parts, all have been commanded to that which causeth the light of the Sun of Unity to shine forth, and likewise they have been forbidden from that which leadeth to division and separation. Some time ago, His Honor Haji Mirza Musa - may God assist him - attained the presence, whereupon it was said: “O Musa! Be not idle like some of the Babis. Hold fast to fasting and prayer. A person without deeds is, according to Christ, like a tree without fruit, and a fruitless tree hath ever been and will ever be fit for the fire.” If the blessed community had acted or would act with clear certitude and firm steadfastness according to that which they were commanded, surely this weakness would be transformed into strength and this abasement into glory. Blessed are they that act! Some of the servants are unaware and heedless of the purpose; therefore they have called the Reformer of the world a corrupter. We beseech God to cause all to attain

that which leadeth to certitude and assurance. Verily, God is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

As to the petitions that were submitted, He said: “O Afnani! We have heard the cry of the oppressed ones of the earth. The Wronged One beareth witness to their oppression. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for them that which will bring comfort to their eyes, joy to their hearts, and tranquility to their souls.” Praise be to God! The Afnan are possessed of true trust and have committed their affairs [to God]. The means are in His mighty grasp. We beseech Him to manifest that which is desired and beloved. Should the will for existence in this land be realized, We ask thee to mention them on behalf of the Wronged One and to give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace, bounty and mercy. Verily, He is with them under all conditions, to which testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. The reply to the petition of His Honor Aqa Mirza Ali-Rida - upon him be the Glory of God - will be sent later. Praise and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

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In the Name of the One dawning from the horizon of tribulation

The Tablet of God, the All-Dominant, the Self-Subsisting

In these days the letter Alif stands upright, and from its standing the world has arisen in lamentation. The letter Ha weeps from both eyes, and the condition of Ba is beyond mention. None has understood the mysteries of God save His own Self. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Powerful, the Mighty. The equivalent of all books past and future has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen before all faces, yet they have attributed each to someone unaware. One who, by the life of God, is powerless and incapable of comprehending divine verses - to such a one they attribute them. The challenge to spiritual combat in the Land of Mystery occurred before all faces, yet all denied it. Groups of every kind, both from within and without, were present on that day. The Cause shone forth like the sun, manifest and evident, yet they veiled it with the veils of idle fancies.

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Yahya, though he traveled with seventy others, wrote to some denying his presence, and the deluded ones accepted it. They have walked and continue to walk in the footsteps of the odious Shi’ih sect. Leave them in their error and their vain imaginings. Glory be to God! In the past they claimed that the daughter of the Messenger of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - was not in the house of ’Uthman, but rather it was one of the jinn appearing in her form who was with ’Uthman. Should one ask what became of that blessed leaf and where she went, he who disbelieved was confounded. The divines of the past and present, that party whether in the graves of earth or in the graves of self and desire, all await the Promised One to appear from imaginary stations. Such is the condition of those heedless servants. It is most regrettable that one should become the object of worship or the goal of such a people.

Your letters arrived at various times. For some, detailed answers were revealed from the heaven of utterance of the Goal of all the worlds, while others remained pending. The Command is in His hand - He

doeth whatsoever He willeth. What can one say? In all cases, submission and contentment have been and are beloved.

Mention was made of the assured souls in Qam?ar. Each has been honored with mention and distinguished by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. The mentions of the world cannot equal this mention. We, from this station, glorify their faces, remind them of Our verses, give them glad tidings of Our loving-kindness, and counsel them to the Greater Steadfastness and to Trustworthiness, which God hath made the sun of all deeds.

O Haydar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! In one of the Tablets this exalted Word was revealed in Persian. The Trusted Counsellor saith: O friends of God! Hold fast unto that which causeth the exaltation of His Word and the spread of His Cause. Today, victory hath been ordained through the hosts of deeds and character, and hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. This is among God's ordinances in this Most Great Revelation; thou shalt find no change or alteration in His ordinance. This is a decree which God hath rendered safe from the word "God doth blot out what He pleaseth" and hath adorned with the ornament of "He doth establish what He willeth, and with Him is the Mother Book." Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto this binding decree and hath preserved its sight, hearing, tongue and heart from that which is forbidden. Say: O people! By the life of God, the eyes were created for beholding His signs, the tongue for His mention, the ears for hearkening, and the heart for turning unto Him. Know ye this and be not of the heedless. Know ye the value of these divine days. By the life of God, their like hath not been seen nor hath come into being from nothingness.

And likewise mention was made of the friends in the land of Kaf. We bear witness that they have attained unto My knowledge, spoken My praise, and turned towards My horizon. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to aid them to be steadfast, and to draw them nigh unto Him in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One unto them and give them the glad tidings of what hath been revealed for them in this manifest time.

His honor the Trustworthy, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath in every instance made mention of you and sought assistance, bounty and mercy. Praise be to God that you have attained unto that from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure is wafted. Likewise, mention hath been made of the party of God in Dawlatabad. Repeatedly have their names flowed from the Pen. Each of the mentioned names hath attained unto the remembrance and attention of the Wronged One. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant them success and aid them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make them among those whom the doubts of the divines and the hints of those who have denied the Day of Judgment have not kept back.

O Heydar! The objectors to the Cause have not reflected upon what they clung to in past ages and centuries, and what their recompense was on the Day of Retribution. Lost indeed are they who denied the days of God and turned away from the Truth, following every remote polytheist. Particularly have these faithless people followed Hadi Dowlat-Abadi and Baqir Isfahani, who dwells in the land of Ta, though these two heedless ones are unaware of and veiled from the root of the Cause. Would that they had clung to their own kind and left the helpless people to themselves! Say: O Hadi, fear God and conceal not the Cause, nor cleave to that which thy self desires. Hide it not - thou went to the island and saw.

Make not thyself doubtful of it. Leadership will not protect thee. Rend asunder the veil of heedlessness and with the arm of certitude shatter the idol of vain imaginings. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the most exalted horizon - I speak for the sake of God - thou art not aware. Reflect upon the past, when one of the women became the narrator of the Qa'im's existence. Several turbaned ones joined with her in denouncing Ja'far, contriving the Holy Precinct and Jabulqa and Jabulsa, thus depriving the helpless people of the divine revelatory breezes in God's days. Blessed are they who are detached from all directions and have turned solely toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These are the manifestations of godliness and the dawning-places of trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness.

O Heydar! Great is the Cause of this Wronged One, for He neither flattered the princes nor concealed God's truth and His Cause from the divines. In the Most Great Prison, openly and clearly did He proclaim that which was opposed to the desires and passions of the people of the earth, save those who cast away all else but God and took what they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou didst mention his honor Ashraf, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. We shall mention him at the end of this Tablet. The honored Afnan who circleth round Me sent his letter to Our presence - that letter which he had written in reply to the heedless Ahmad. repeatedly, before and after, it was heard. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. He hath spoken the truth, as attesteth the people of the cities of justice and fairness and the denizens of the realms of might and kingdom. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions. Through him shall the doors of hearts be opened. Verily He is the Almighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My glorification to him and to his son who was named Husayn in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! Convey to each and every one of the friends the glorification of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, bounty and mercy. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The splendor shining from the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have heard the call and turned with radiant faces and illumined hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon. They are indeed among the sincere in God's Mighty, Great Book.

O Haydar-'Ali! Once again hearken unto the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily it draws hearts and illumines them with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou a bearer of glad-tidings in My Name and one who speaks with wisdom of My remembrance amongst My servants. I bear witness that thou hast attained unto the recognition of God and the promotion of His Cause, and from thee hath appeared that which hath attracted the hearts of those who have drawn nigh. The letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty hath been presented by the servant who standeth before the Face. We have answered thee with that which calleth out between the heavens and the earth. By God! The Sovereign of Utterance, and His Revealer and Sender, hath come. He, verily, is the Most Wise of the wise. Blessed is the servant whom the deniers have not prevented from turning unto the All-Knowing, the Peerless One, and blessed is the servant who hath cast away the world, clinging fast to the oneness of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We have sent down for thee that which none can reckon. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the servants of God in Ta and Ra, We beseech God to assist them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make them among those whom the calumnies of the divines have not prevented from turning unto God, the Mighty,

the Praiseworthy. They have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

O people of Tar! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. By the Sun of Truth, He speaketh for the sake of God. There hath befallen Him that which hath befallen no one else. He hath, for the salvation of the world and the edification of nations, accepted tribulations in the path of God. Not for a moment did He conceal Himself, but proclaimed the Cause of God with the loudest call, without any veil or hindrance. Some accepted it, while others, due to the vain imaginings of the former people, slipped from the straight path. Convey My greetings to the servants and say:

O people! If ye be followers of the Bayan, its essence is this exalted word which hath flowed from the tongue of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. He saith: "I have written the essence of His remembrance, and it is that He shall not be referred to by My references, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan." And if ye be followers of the Furqan, He saith: "Lead the people out of darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." And if ye be possessed of insight, the Greatest Scene is manifest and shining like the sun, and the Tree with its countless fruits is visible and raised up before all faces, and the ocean with its waves of proof is evident. Hearken unto the call of the trusted Counsellor and deprive not yourselves, like the former people, of the knowledge of God and true oneness. For years they cried out "O Truth!" yet when He appeared from the horizon of the world, they girded themselves to extinguish His light and rose up to harm Him, and finally martyred Him with the fire of hatred and the sword of tyranny. The cause and reason were and are the divines of the former people, as ye have witnessed and continue to witness. They committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed. They abandoned righteousness and piety, and occupied themselves with self and passion. The sun of justice and fairness is veiled behind a thick covering due to the tyranny of those souls. We beseech God to illumine the world through the effulgences of the light of the orb of justice.

Here follows mention of Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be my Baha. Blessed is he and blessed is his son. Remember them both with what hath flowed from My Pen and give them the glad tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid this youth to rend asunder the veils of the vain imaginings of men and to number him among those who have aided the Cause of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Some time ago his letter, which he had written to Mihdi, upon him be my Baha, was presented at the Most Holy Court and gained the honor of His notice. Praise be to God, the fragrance of humility, submissiveness and steadfastness wafted from every word of his letter. We have indeed mentioned him in numerous Tablets, aided him to attain Our presence, and drawn him nigh unto a station which hath been the hope of them that are sincere and near unto God. We beseech the True One to aid him in such wise that he may be occupied with service both night and day. We testify that he was created for this purpose.

O Haydar-'Ali! We have approved what thou didst mention regarding the Feast. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And We make mention of Sad, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, who hath attained unto that which was recorded in God's Scrolls. Praise be to God, they are remembered in the Most Great Prison and have attained unto His loving-kindness. We beseech God to exalt him through His Name and make him a remembrance amongst His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the

Powerful. In these days their letters too have arrived. God willing, a reply will be sent that they may rejoice and be among the thankful. The members of the household have ever been mentioned in all exalted stations and lofty gardens. Blessed are they, and woe unto the heedless.

O Haydar-'Ali! The trust must be returned to him. Thus hath the Wronged One decreed aforetime and at this moment. Hearken and be of them that act. Thou didst mention the sons of Khalil and the sons of Zardusht, upon them be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, in the land of K, how they have been guided through two souls, Muhammad and Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy, and have turned towards the Prison. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them. They have attained unto that which they were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Give them and those who have believed glad-tidings of the mention of the Wronged One and His attention to them, that they may rejoice and be of those who, on wings of longing, have soared in the atmosphere of God's love, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O Haydar-'Ali! Some of those souls are, praise be to God, illumined with the light of recognition and are firm in the Cause of God, while others are of two faces. Thy Lord verily knoweth and concealeth, and He is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Verily We make mention of him who is named Aqa Baba and We beseech God to make him among those who prefer the loved ones of God over their own selves and who act according to that which they have been commanded in the Book - a command from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. God willing, may he be aided to do that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Were he to possess all the world and spend it in the path of the Friend, it would not equal these revealed words. It behooveth him to thank God, his Lord, at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and at sunset.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of Mazgan. We have mentioned them before with a mention that neither perisheth nor endeth. Proclaim My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of My verses, My bounty and My mercy. We beseech God to assist them and aid them to the Greater Steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

We make mention of him who is named Mulla Mirza and those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath purified himself with the water of detachment, adorned his head with the crown of godliness, and arisen to teach the Cause with wisdom and utterance. By My life! He is of the people of Baha mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, which was revealed in this great Remembrance and this firm, mighty Command. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for him the reward of one who hath stood before the Countenance, that he may spend his days in the remembrance of his Lord and be numbered among those who have attained.

O Mashhadi Hasan! He hath made mention of thee who hath loved Me and attained unto My remembrance, My service and My presence. Upon him be My glory and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Ancient Beauty hath spoken forth in this luminous Scene. O Mashhadi Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath spoken amongst men that which He hath been commanded by God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Rejoice in My mention of thee and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having remembered me while I was in the most desolate of lands. I beseech Thee to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee, and to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, through which the hearts of the wicked have been set ablaze.

O Haydar-'Ali! Convey My greetings and salutations to the friends in every land. Make them joyous through His grace and illumined through the light of His Cause. Verily, He is with His loved ones wheresoever they may be. To this beareth witness My tongue and My pen and those who circle round the Supreme Throne of God. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. And once again may the Glory from Our presence rest upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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

May my spirit be offered up for your remembrance! God willing, may they drink forever and always from the imperishable cup of bounty and remain occupied with the mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The letter from his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali–may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him–which was addressed to that beloved one, was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold. Praise be to God, [from each word thereof] streams forth the river of love. However, we must drink in the name of the Friend and make mention of Him before the Friend, and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to cause this river to flow and surge in the [valleys of the hearts] of all the peoples of the world, and likewise cause countless rivers and endless tributaries to branch forth from it, and from the murmuring of each of these [pure, sweet] flowing rivers may the Most Exalted Word be heard in praise and glorification of the Lord of creation. O what a murmuring, from which is heard at one time "Verily, there is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting," and [at another] "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved," and at times is heard "The gate of reunion hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come," and yet again "The world hath attained to that which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

Following the presentation of these luminous words, there dawned from the Dayspring of verses His–exalted be He–utterance: God willing, may the true friends of God attract the peoples of the contingent world through the magnet of utterance, that perchance the vain imaginings of the world's peoples might be transformed into certitude, darkness into light, tyranny into justice, ignorance into knowledge, weakness into strength, and poverty into wealth. He is the Helper and He is the All-Powerful, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Haydar-i-'Ali! How numerous are the verses that have been sent down in thy name from the heaven of God's Will! Know thou their worth and thy station, and be of the thankful ones. This Wronged One is occupied night and day with proclamation and utterance, and the servant present recordeth them. Were it not for My protection and bounty and power, the world would [swoon away] at but a single gleam from the gleams of the Sun of My Word, through which the suns have shone forth in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

Mention of his honor ’Ali-i-Naqi hath been granted the honor of being heard. We make mention of him and account him as one of those who have attained unto the Purpose, through Whose remembrance the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, have been adorned. God willing, may they at all times hold fast to that which is conducive to kindling the fire of God’s love. They have been remembered in the past and will be remembered hereafter. We beseech God to aid him and ordain for him that whereby his mention shall be exalted. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O beloved of my heart! This servant offers greetings and praise. In truth, this evanescent one remains perpetually bewildered and astounded, for he observes that the peoples of the world, from diverse nations and parties, are each striving with utmost determination to cling to some cause and exert themselves to the fullest extent to promote it. Yet this Most Great, Most Holy Cause, which has no peer or likeness in all creation, has appeared in Iran, while its people remain utterly heedless and veiled from it. This matter has been and continues to be a source of infinite regret.

Say: O people of the world! This is the Day wherein the Ancient King has proclaimed with the most exalted call. This is the Day of vision, for the greatest vista has appeared and the highest horizon is manifest and evident. This is the Day of hearing, for the Call of God is raised. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, nor be barred from the lights of the dawn of His Revelation. At every moment the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttereth words in the Kingdom of utterance such that were all the peoples of the world to taste the sweetness of but one verse thereof, or attain unto its comprehension, they would all arise to serve and achieve that which God desireth.

Concerning what was written about whether migration for the purpose of teaching should be undertaken alone or in the company of a companion - this matter was presented before His presence, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur, exalted be His glory, spoke: One must act according to the requirements of the time and circumstances. If a trusted companion is available, this would certainly be preferable, for in strange lands situations may arise where assistance is needed. Otherwise, what one possesses might fall into others’ hands and become a cause of agitation among the heedless and hostile.

As for what was written about the consultation of the loved ones of God and their decision that the beloved of the heart, Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, should remain in the land of Ta - this was presented and met with acceptance. Indeed, he should remain in that land and occupy himself with protecting the souls. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm him in exalting the Word and kindling the fire of divine love. It would also be praiseworthy if the beloved of the soul, the son of the Most Truthful, upon them both be His most glorious splendor, would sometimes stay in that land. They should take the reins of the Cause with utmost determination and remind both the strong and weak souls, and those in between, of God’s verses and evidences, exerting great effort in teaching with perfect wisdom.

Regarding what was written about their visit to the land of H.M. with the beloved of the heart, the son of the Name of God - news of their arrival has reached us from that land itself, and the beloved one, the son of the Name of God, upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, has written a letter to this evanescent one detailing the matter. God willing, a response will be sent. I beseech God to confirm them in all conditions in teaching the Cause. May they be the cupbearers of the water of divine knowledge.

Blessed are those souls who have taken and drunk in the name of Truth. Woe unto the heedless and the deniers.

And concerning what they wrote about openly proclaiming the Cause of God without concealment or secrecy, this matter that was submitted - He said that his honor Mirza has acknowledged his lack of wisdom, and the limit has been applied to him. However, God is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. This matter became a cause of joy - verily He changes whatever He wishes to whatever He wishes, and He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

And concerning the detailed account they wrote about what befell them on the path in every respect - this was submitted to His Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. He said: God willing, may they remain steadfast in service and speak in remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, through their falling some of the dead have risen. For those souls who arise to serve the Cause of God, whatever befalls them is the supreme remedy for the world's ills and the cause of life for the nations. By God's life, in this station is concealed that which, were it mentioned, would cause souls to swoon away.

And concerning what they wrote about unity and harmony - in truth this matter has been and continues to be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause, the manifestation of the Cause, the ascendancy of the Cause, and the sovereignty of the Cause. His word, exalted be His glory: God willing, may the horizons be illumined by the light of unity and may all utter the blessed words "We are God's."

It was mentioned before from this station that if a kind companion accompanies one on the path, it is most fitting, excellent and preferable. Praise be to God, those loved ones have been and are successful. The Tablets which the beloved of the heart, the son of the Name of God the Most Truthful - upon them both be all His most glorious glory - had requested specifically for the mentioned souls have been sent down from the heaven of favor. In these days, God willing, they will be dispatched. The Command is in God's hand, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

This evanescent one submits that regarding the conditions for teachers, certain utterances were heard from the Kingdom of Utterance. What is in mind shall be mentioned: First, that whoever desires to teach God's Cause must move with complete detachment, but should have sufficient means with them so that wherever they arrive, all their attention may be focused on conveying the divine word. In this regard, various utterances have previously been revealed from the Supreme Pen. God willing, they have and will attain to them. As commanded, wisdom and the requirements of the time must always be observed. Verily He is the Interpreter, the All-Informed.

At this moment while this servant was engaged in writing, he was summoned to the Most Holy Presence. Their mention was made in His presence. He said: Write, O Haydar! Whatever has befallen you in the path of God, glorified be His majesty, is mentioned before the Wronged One and recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. We bear witness that you have attained and there befell you in God's path what befell God's chosen ones before and after. Be glad then and be of the thankful ones. And such utterances were revealed from the Kingdom of Will in this station that this servant is incapable of mentioning them all. A hundred thousand tongues would be needed to give thanks for this supreme

bounty, this great favor and mighty mercy - nay, a hundred thousand worlds would need mouths and tongues that perchance they might fulfill this duty. Praise be to Him, then thanks be to Him.

With regard to the mention of Aqa Khudadad and Aqa Shahvirdi, upon them be the Glory of God, their mention has been particularly made in these days at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, they have attained His bounties and are recipients of His bestowals. Some time ago Aqa ’Azizu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, sent a letter and a Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. God willing, may they ever be enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the light of His favor, and wherever they may be, may they be occupied with the promotion of God’s Cause and be the cause of unity and harmony among the friends. It is hoped that the loved ones of God will preserve their exalted stations. If the station of but one of God’s loved ones were to be made manifest in the visible world, all would, involuntarily, find themselves in a state of complete humility and submissiveness. However, God has unveiled it to some and concealed it from others. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

As to the mention made of Mulla Muhammad-i-Salmani, a Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. God willing, may they deliver it that he might receive his portion from the treasuries of divine knowledge and inhale the fragrance of His favor. Likewise, mention was made of Aqa Abu’l-Qasim-i-Baqqal and others, upon them be the Glory of God. This was presented before His presence and verses of divine revelation descended from the heaven of God’s Will for each one. God willing, may they attain unto them and act in accordance with what is befitting. His Word, exalted be His glory:

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

O Abu’l-Qasim! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison and calls thee to God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and for having desired to take the cup of prosperity in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn on this glorious and wondrous Day. How many a servant desired the days of his Lord, yet when the light of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Day, he turned away and was numbered among the idolaters. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of every tyrant nor the hints of the heedless may weaken thee. The oppressor is he who denieth the right of God and turneth away from the Water of Life when it surgeth in His Most Great, His Most Mighty Name. Thus have We sent down for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh unto God.

O ’Ali-i-Akbar! Say: By God! The Day is come and the Great Terror hath appeared, and the Lord of Destiny calleth all to His luminous horizon. The Path hath appeared and the Balance hath been set up, and the command belongeth unto God, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the conditions of creation cause thee to slip. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all being, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, after all things have passed away, to aid me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped.

O Muhammad-i-Ibrahim! We found thy mention in the letter of one of Our loved ones and make mention of thee as a token of My grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel thee to observe truthfulness and trustworthiness, which God hath made to be the first ornament of the

temple of man. Verily He is the Counselor, the Faithful. We enjoin all to observe righteousness and that whereby this sacred and manifest Cause may be exalted. Be thou steadfast in serving His loved ones and vocal in His beauteous remembrance. Take thou the cup in My name and drink therefrom in spite of the heedless. We make mention of thy mother as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Mighty, the Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon thy daughter and upon every maidservant who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

We make mention of the Siyyid, before Husayn, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be among those steadfast in this Cause, at whose appearance the pillars were shaken and souls were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's grace in such wise that the words of the godless may not hinder thee. Remember God by night and by day. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of God on this Day which was promised in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers.

We make mention of the Siyyid, before Mahmud, and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's grace, that he may be among the steadfast. Today steadfastness is essential. The recognition of God, exalted be His glory, taketh precedence over all deeds, and thereafter steadfastness in His Cause. The friends of God must at all times be mindful of this. Great is the Cause and narrow is the path. Though the Sun of Truth hath shone forth in such wise that none hath excuse to tarry, yet eyes are clouded by the dust of vain imaginings and are prevented from beholding the light. This dust consisteth of the ignorant ones who appear in the guise of knowledge. They are the primary cause for preventing the people from the Truth. Beseech ye God to remove, through His complete power, these dark and gloomy clouds from the earth, that all may turn with pure and penetrating vision toward the supreme horizon and attain unto the effulgences of the light of His countenance.

Praise be to God! The sun of grace shineth forth from every word of God's words, nay from every letter thereof, in such wise that the Sun of Truth is so manifest that every fair-minded soul acknowledgeth its existence, manifestation and appearance. Wretched is the one who remaineth deprived of it, and blessed is the one who attaineth unto it.

As to what was written concerning Rustam Beg, a wondrous and sublime Tablet hath been specifically revealed for him and sent to the beloved 'Ali, before Akbar, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. God willing, they will deliver it. Since mention was made of him in the beloved's letter, it is therefore being sent to them. Likewise, may Amir Khan, God willing, attain unto divine bounties and drink from the chalice of eternity in such wise that he may find himself detached from the world and all who dwell therein. This lowly one conveyeth his greetings to each one and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for their success and confirmation. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

Sublime and holy Tablets were specifically revealed and sent for certain souls mentioned in the land of K. God willing, they have attained unto them. Indeed there hath never been, nor shall there ever be, any interruption in the outpouring of grace. May all existence be a sacrifice for His bounty. Glory and praise be upon your honor, upon his honor, and upon the manifestations of the Most Beautiful Names.

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Exalted is this Day wherein the horizon of utterance hath been illumined, wherein the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne of grandeur and bounty, and hath spoken throughout all creation that whereby the sincere ones were attracted, the unitarians soared, and those near unto God did speak, saying: “There is none other God but Him.” He hath ever been sanctified above all similitudes, and will ever be even as He hath always been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Most High.

This is the Day wherein the Most Great Name hath appeared and the world hath been illumined thereby. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and hath drunk the cup of tribulations in His path and of sorrows in His love. He is indeed among those who have attained unto His knowledge and soared in the atmosphere of His nearness. The Concourse on High shall pray for him, and the Kingdom of Names shall seek blessings through him. Joy upon joy unto him who hath been clothed with the garment of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Blessed, then blessed is he who hath been seized, prevented, imprisoned and tried in the love of God, the Creator of earth and heaven.

By the life of God! The essences of existence address him from the lofty chambers of words, and the realities of names remember him in the palaces of remembrance and attributes. God knoweth that all things praise him, and through him do the servants draw nigh unto God, the Revealer of verses. Would that this servant could have been with the loved ones of God when they entered into prison and tasted the cup of tribulation through that which the hands of the people of discord had wrought. God shall soon seize them with a mighty retribution from His presence, and shall adorn the temples of His loved ones with an ornament that shall not fade, and a glory that shall not perish, and a beauty that no veil of creation can conceal, and a light that the darkness of those who have turned away from the Most Sublime Horizon cannot obscure. Thus doth God reward the sincere ones among His servants, the unitarians among His creation, and the faithful among His chosen ones. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O beloved of My heart! How can My feeble pen recount one who hath drunk the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord and hath borne hardships in His path? By Thy life! I acknowledge My powerlessness and inadequacy to properly praise that which thou hast attained in the love of God, thy Lord and My Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Yet I rejoice in making mention of thee, for thereby do I see myself ranked among those who make mention of God’s chosen ones and His loved ones, God’s friends and His faithful ones.

Then I submit that after hearing the praise of your honor, the Beloved of the world, and recognizing what the dove of your pen warbled in remembrance of God, the Lord of Eternity, I found my house spacious, my heart expansive, my breast dilated, and my inner being soaring to the ultimate goal and Most Glorious Horizon. I presented what was in your letter, whereupon the face of the Beloved turned toward me and spoke that which attracted all hearts. Exalted, exalted is His utterance above His servants’ description of it! It was as though I saw the Kingdom of Utterance circling around that which proceeded from the tongue of His grandeur, and the essence of the unseen and the visible hastening at that which the mouth

of His power pronounced. He said, exalted be His glory: "O 'Ali-Akbar! We make mention of thee from the direction of My Most Great Horizon, that thou mayest hear My call and find thyself in great joy. By My life! I was with you when you entered the prison. Blessed are ye, then blessed are ye, for having borne tribulations in My path and afflictions for the exaltation of My Word and the advancement of My Cause. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Seeing. Blessed are they who have entered the fortress of My knowledge, soared in the atmosphere of My love, drunk the choice wine of My revelation, and been seized by the intoxication of the wine of My utterance to such extent that they have detached themselves from all else save Me, turned toward My face, advanced toward the horizon of My grace, held fast to the cord of My favor, and clung to the hem of My generosity. These are they whose names the tongues of the world mention and before whose names all nations bow down. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur, the kingdom of My utterance, and this Pen which raceth in the arena of knowledge - and I am the All-Informed. Verily, those who have attained imprisonment have attained mention by My Most Exalted Pen, and this is more precious than all that hath been created between earth and heaven. By the life of God! Nothing can equal it. Blessed, then blessed is he who hath been adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. He is among the most exalted of creation in the Book of God. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing. Convey My Glory upon their faces and say: Blessed be your faces for having turned toward the Face of God, and your hearts for having drawn nigh unto the Ultimate Goal, and your souls for having advanced toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Ye have drunk the cup of tribulations in My path; drink ye today from the hand of My bounty My Most Glorious Wine and My Purest Kawthar, that I may say: Pleasant and wholesome be it unto you in the Kingdom of Creation. Thus doth God make mention of you with the most excellent mention. He is indeed the All-Bountiful. Rejoice ye in My Name and drink ye in My remembrance. We have turned toward you and glorify your faces from this beautiful station. We were saddened by your grief, and We rejoice at this time in that God mentioneth you by His own Self, as a recompense for what ye have wrought in His straight path. Were My loved ones to taste the sweetness of tribulations in My path, they would offer gifts in My name to Mine enemies as a reward for what they have done unto them, for through them they have attained this station wherein the Ancient Beauty maketh mention of them in this Great Prison. They have purchased for themselves a station in the Fire, while for you is a station at My Most Great Horizon. Exalted is He whom the harm of the world and the oppression of the nations harm not His loved ones. Glad tidings, then, to the soul that hath recognized that which My mighty tongue hath uttered."

O joy of My heart! Behold the divine favors. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that were all the people of the realm of possibility to ponder these revealed verses and contemplate the tenderness, compassion and favor of God - exalted be His glory - all would assuredly turn to the ocean of generosity and fix their gaze upon the horizon of grace. What benefit is there when the intoxication of passion hath seized all who are in creation, save those preserved by the hand of the power of our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to what was written concerning the Greatest Holy Leaf, the Holy Sister, upon her be all the most glorious glory of God, it was presented to the Most Holy Court. According to His command: whosoever wishes to pay the Huququ'llah, and from such payment some portion reaches her, it is acceptable before God to the extent of sufficiency and payment of debt. However, it is not permissible to demand the

Huquq from anyone. Ask God to assist the loved ones in paying the Huququ'llah, for this matter has been and will continue to be the cause of the purification of wealth, its preservation, and divine bounties and blessings.

Regarding the mention of the names of the loved ones of God, namely those souls who entered prison for the love of God, the servant bears witness to what the All-Merciful has revealed concerning them, which suffices the world and causes the tongues of nations to speak their praise and glorification. At one time, mention of these souls was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. He mentioned each one with supreme kindness and then said: Ask God that they may preserve this most exalted station and greatest bounty for the sake of His truth and love for Him, and that they may not be disturbed by the imaginings of the servants. They should, with the utmost effort and endeavor, keep their gaze fixed upon this most sublime and exalted station, and at all times be engaged in divine thanksgiving.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mir Abdul-Baqi and two others, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented to the Most Holy Court. He said: Blessed are they, and theirs is the most splendid station in the Book of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We have adorned those who were touched by tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names, with that which shall eternalize their remembrance in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Be patient as your Lord was patient, and verily He is with you and will aid you as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy. Thus doth the Beloved of the world remember you in this manifest Prison. It behooveth you today to ask your Lord, the All-Merciful, to treasure up what ye have wrought in His path and to preserve you in your present state. By My life! This is indeed the greatest favor, to which the Lord of Destiny beareth witness. Blessed is every hearing and seeing one.

In truth, after the details about the prisoners were presented before the Most Holy Court, perfect grace was manifested concerning them, as is evident from the revealed verses. Blessed are they, and God willing, they shall soon attain deliverance, though in reality they have already attained the greatest deliverance, having been imprisoned in the path of God.

According to His command, all the loved ones of God must conduct themselves with utmost calm and dignity, hold fast in all conditions to the cord of wisdom, and with the utmost joy and fragrance quicken the people of the world with the living waters. And He revealed in the verses sent down words to this effect: that if the loved ones were to taste the sweetness of tribulations in the path of God, they would surely offer gifts to those who enabled them to attain this supreme bounty. Now it is evident that the intention was to demonstrate the exalted nature of this station and the sublimity of this rank. Should anyone literally present gifts now, they would surely have departed from wisdom, as this would cause agitation, commotion and clamor.

Say: O friends! The Tongue of the All-Merciful commands you to hold fast to that which will cause joy, delight and tranquility among the servants. In most Tablets it hath been revealed that the children of the age must be nourished with milk that is mild and delicate until they attain maturity, for surely they cannot bear heavy food. He remindeth them of that which profiteth them, and He is the best of rememberers. And glory be upon you and upon those who have turned and have attained to the hearing of the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ali! Once again My Most Exalted Pen speaketh and counseleth His loved ones to unity in the Cause of God. By My life! Through it are opened the gates of goodly things. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who setteth this Word before his eyes. We bear witness that he is of them that have attained.

Although divine favors have been manifested towards these souls in the revealed verses to such a degree that nothing higher can be imagined, after your visitation they too will testify to what was presented. Nevertheless, at the time of the revelation of verses, a word was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur indicating that Tablets would be specifically revealed for those souls, even if but a single verse. Blessed are they for having attained the grace of their Lord while most people are deprived of this most holy, most mighty, most great, most wondrous and most glorious bounty.

Say: Another entreaty is that unto all the friends - that is, those souls who are inebriated with the wine of divine remembrance and content in the remembrance of the Beloved - convey from this evanescent one a wondrous and sublime greeting, and say to them: This is the Day for which all the Prophets and Messengers have waited, and from the Truth, exalted and glorified be He, have sought to attain its presence and yearned for it. This is the Day wherein God hath come, this is the Day wherein the Furqan hath spoken: “The Kingdom on that Day shall be God’s.” This is that Day by whose mention all the sacred Books have been adorned. The loved ones of God must remain steadfast and firm in God’s Cause with perfect unity, oneness and singleness of purpose.

He hath said: Write to his honor ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah], that today the souls who have accepted the Faith must be given to drink, cup after cup, from the chalice of recognition, and be nurtured by the wondrous and glorious heavenly food, that they may become steadfast and firm in the Cause of God to such degree that none among the peoples of the world would be able to alter or change them. The people are weak, and certain unprofitable and useless utterances of the people of the Furqan remain in their minds and hearts. Therefore they may give ear to certain vain imaginings. Say: The matter is not as such. Were that which is hidden from you to be unveiled, ye would abandon the world and whatsoever words and allusions are therein, and would hold fast unto the Word that hath encompassed the world. O friends! Purify and sanctify your hearts from vain imaginings and mention of the past, that ye may perchance become illumined with wondrous lights. Reflect and ponder upon that which they have said and that which hath come to pass. In this way ye shall become aware of the falsity of the narrators who arose in the first generation.

By God’s life! Then shall ye behold the sun of certitude rising from the horizons of your hearts and the moon of assurance shining from the heavens of your being, and ye shall find yourselves at a station that none other than you can attain, and ye shall see all others among the Concourse of the Bayan at the lowest of stations. Say: O My loved ones! Leave them to their vain imaginings and to that which their lying tongues utter. By God’s life! This is a Day wherein that which they possess is not mentioned. The Supreme Pen and the Tongue of God in the kingdom of creation bear witness to this. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Informed.

God willing, the loved ones of the Beloved of the worlds must reflect upon these passages and other passages that have streamed forth from the Pen of Revelation. In this way, they shall behold all souls -

that is, those who have been deprived and forbidden from the true wine - as mere nothingness and utter non-existence. By the Beloved's right! The hearing soul shall witness from the words of these polytheistic, rebellious, false, and imaginary souls the power of Truth, how after the rending of imaginary veils they have again become afflicted with other vain imaginings. By the Most Great Name! They have not understood aught of the Day of God and have not drunk a drop from the divine ocean of utterance. Leave them to their vain discourse wherein they sport.

However, the loved ones must be trained until they regard a hundred thousand such imaginary souls as non-existent and evanescent. They have newly intended a new well and wish to proceed to Jabulqa. Say: Establish ye also a holy precinct and occasionally issue forth numerous epistles therefrom. Say: Well done to your understanding and perception, that ye have still not comprehended that which ye possessed and […]

That which you took pride in was not mentioned before God. A few arose and took the reins of the hapless people, and how many falsehoods and vain imaginings were spread by those souls who counted themselves as leaders of the people and chiefs of the earth. Were one to be fair, one would observe that these lying souls were the cause of the martyrdom of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. Would that I were permitted by God to express and mention that which is hidden from them and from most people. The Command is in His hands; He commands and forbids, and He shall not be asked of His doings, and He is the Questioner, the Mighty, the Powerful. Now observe that which was mentioned - all the people of the Bayan are aware of it, yet one cannot clearly mention this station, for they are seen to be disturbed and shaken. Now observe the power of vain imaginings, how it hath encompassed and seized these imaginary souls. Say: if ye were to busy yourselves with the construction of a cellar, it would be far better, for as someone hath said, what follows must conform to what precedes. There is no doubt that the imaginary conformeth with imagination through imagination. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them! The All-Merciful hath testified that this is a wondrous Cause which God hath made sanctified above similitudes and comparisons, and above before and after, and verily He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. Blessed are they who understand. In any case, that honored one must speak with the utmost wisdom, for there are certain statements which, though clear and manifest as the sun, would cause the hearts to be disturbed were one to utter them. The mysteries of inner meanings and utterance cannot be mentioned among the manifestations of the animal kingdom. God willing, whatever strength and power ye possess shall be expended in wisdom and utterance in service to the Cause of the All-Merciful.

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

Praise, sanctified above the understanding of all creation, beseemeth the most holy court of that Self-Subsisting One Who, through His Most Exalted Word, hath brought forth all who dwell on earth and in heaven from utter nothingness into the realm of being. This Word manifesteth itself in every station through one of the revelations of God - exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur. At times, the

Water of Life floweth from it, bestowing life upon the world and causing it to endure. At other times, the Fire of Love appeareth therefrom, igniting the lovers and setting them ablaze in the wilderness of longing with the fire of separation. Were all the tongues of created things to attempt to describe or mention the revelations of this Most Exalted Word as they truly are, they would surely find themselves powerless and wanting. Exalted is its grandeur, sublime its station, magnificent its glory!

This Word, despite its majesty, might, power, authority and influence, was revealed in one instance from the Supreme Pen, whereupon the Pen, after hearkening to the irrevocable command from the tongue of the Will of the Ancient Lord, was observed to fall unconscious and bewildered. None save God is aware of the duration of its swooning. Reflect now upon the greatness and loftiness of the Ancient Lord, the Sovereign of the Word, the Revealer of verses. This is the station that hath bewildered the chosen ones and near ones of God, and concerning which the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - declared: "Lord, increase my wonderment in Thee," for such wonderment hath ever been and shall forever remain beloved. Well is it with them that comprehend.

Glorified art Thou, O Cleaver of the dawn and Kindler of the light! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, and by the revelations of Thy grandeur between earth and heaven, to aid Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby every foundation hath been shaken, every forward-moving one hath retreated, every firm foot hath slipped, and the heart of every tranquil one hath been disturbed. Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy servants cannot frustrate, nor can the might of Thy enemies weaken. Thou hast manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy sovereignty, and hast spoken whatsoever Thou didst ordain through Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Ruler, the Commander, the Almighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones amongst Thy creatures and hearest their cries and lamentations by reason of what hath befallen them in Thy days at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee to ordain for them from the Supreme Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thereafter, it is submitted that the letter from that honoured one arrived through the postal courier, and as it was adorned and embellished with the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds, it increased the power of sight and hearing. Indeed, the fragrance of divine love wafted from it, and after perusing its contents, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, before the countenance of the Ancient Lord. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply - exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the One Who ruleth over all names […]

Mention from Us to him who has attained to the lights of faith while the people of the world turned away from the All-Merciful, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. This is the Day wherein the Book speaketh: By God! The Promised One hath come with a sovereignty that none in the heavens and earth can resist. Blessed is the soul that hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless. Be thou thankful for having been mentioned by the Wronged One during numbered years. Verily thy Lord is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee in such wise as the treasuries of kings cannot equal, whereunto beareth witness the Sovereign of the Kingdom in this glorious Tablet. How many a servant was

attracted by the verses of his Lord, and how many a master turned away, having followed the sources of idle fancies who disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. All people, both high and low, sought the presence of the divine Day, yet when the light of the dawn of Revelation illumined the horizon of the world, all turned away and remained veiled. Thereafter, the Truth, beholding with His all-encompassing mercy, His pre-existing grace, and His revealed wisdom, raised the devoted ones to maturity like children through the milk of forbearance, kindness and compassion, and made them aware - exalted be His glory, His grandeur, His might and His sovereignty. And after the veils were rent asunder by the finger of divine Will and the seal of the choice wine was broken, the assured, steadfast, contented and well-pleased souls arose with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings, while others remained deprived by the veils of idle fancies. And the most veiled of all parties have been and continue to be the followers of the Bayan. By the Sun of the horizon of Revelation! The understanding of animals is seen to be higher and more exalted than these heedless souls. Today is the Day of God, and none except God, exalted be His glory, has been or will be mentioned. Those heedless ones, like unto the people of the Furqan, cling to mention of chiefs, nobles, the Imam, and what is above and below these. Not for a moment have they come to their senses nor reflected upon what became of those souls who for twelve hundred years considered themselves more pious and learned than all peoples. Yea, the outcome of their deeds, words and beliefs was that they martyred the Beloved of all possibility and manifested such tyranny as the eye of creation had never witnessed. And the cause of this rebellion, tyranny and unbelief were words that issued from the source of falsehood. For had they acknowledged that God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing, that which occurred would not have occurred. The manifestations of falsehood and dawning-places of hypocrisy veiled the people through mention of regions, Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and the appearance of an imaginary form from imaginary cities, to such extent that they denied the Manifestation of Truth and arose with utmost hatred and rancor, martyring the Truth and His loved ones with the most grievous torment. O thou who gazest upon the Face! Ponder the utterances of the Beloved of all possibility and observe with penetrating vision, that perchance those who follow the vain imaginings of the people of the Bayan, who have turned from Truth and clung to falsehood, may not remain deprived and forbidden from the straight path. The world hath never been faithful, nor will it be. Strive thou to attain unto that which beseemeth this divine Day. Convey to the friends in that land from the Wronged One […]

Convey My greetings that perchance they may be enkindled with the fire of greeting–an enkindlement that shall not be quenched throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of steadfastness in this Announcement, through whose remembrance the Books of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, have been adorned. O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! Rejoice in that We have heard thy communion with God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. Blessed be thy tongue for what it hath uttered, thy heart for what it hath understood, thine eye for what it hath beheld, and thy hand for what it hath grasped of the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We counsel thee and them that have believed to act in accordance with what hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He desireth for you naught save that which shall profit you in all the worlds of God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As to what thou didst write concerning the two letters thou hadst sent to which no reply had come, God is My witness that those two letters were received and detailed replies were written and dispatched. Although this evanescent servant hath had and hath no time–for night and day he is occupied with the revelation of the verses of God–nevertheless there was no delay in replying to that beloved one, and this servant's letter, together with wondrous and sublime verses revealed from the heaven of God's Will, was sent. God willing, it is hoped it will arrive. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Concerning what thou didst write about the ascension of the forgiven and elevated one, thy brother, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented before the Countenance of the Desired One. This is what was revealed in his remembrance, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name that is sanctified above all that was and that shall be

Blessed art thou, O Baqir, in that thou didst hear the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and didst respond to it with manifest sincerity. We bear witness that thou hast believed in God and His verses and hast turned unto Him when the learned ones of the earth and its princes turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto the Most Great Ocean and hast believed in God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him. Thou art he at whose mention My Most Exalted Pen was moved, and thou hast attained unto My choice wine. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of the Ancient of Days, and the glory of the Concourse on High and the Kingdom of Names, be upon thee and upon them who have acknowledged that which God acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

If a soul were to possess all that is on earth and were to expend it, he would still not attain unto this supreme mention which hath appeared from the Pen of the Ancient of Days concerning him. Now be thankful for God's favor and behold the station of His loved ones, for these holy, assured and tranquil souls who have been afflicted in God's path by the taunts of the idolaters, the turning away of the deniers, and the oppression of the wrongdoers, have been and shall forever be remembered in His presence and recorded in the Book of God. Know this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world, and glorified be Thou, O Beloved of the worlds.

You have appeared before Our presence in the blessed night of the twenty-seventh of the revered month of Sha'ban to perform visitation on behalf of the departed one, as per his last testament. Blessed be he, and blessed be you and I. This visitation was performed twice - once upon the arrival of the letter and its presentation to the Most Holy Court, and again at the time of submitting the response. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This evanescent servant beareth witness to the recognition, certitude and sincerity of that departed soul, for he attained to even more than that which he desired. Praise be to God in all conditions. I beseech God that love for this fleeting world may not prevent or deprive His loved ones from attaining their lofty and everlasting stations. Would that the people knew and understood!

Regarding what you wrote about properties, act in accordance with what God hath ordained in His Most Holy Book.

Concerning your mention of the honored Sheikh Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before His presence. These are the words uttered by the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His grandeur: “We make mention of him who hath attained unto My love, who speaketh My praise and who hath turned towards My luminous horizon. We have turned towards and made mention of him who hath ascended unto Us, that this remembrance may be a treasure for him in the dominion of God, the Master of this mighty Cause. We testify that he believed in God and attained the recognition of the Manifestation of His Cause, and drank the choice wine of utterance in the name of his Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. Glory be upon him and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging to the hem of certitude.”

The tongue of the world is powerless to offer thanks for even a drop from the ocean of His bounty. By night and by day, the Most Exalted Pen of God and the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory are occupied with the mention of His loved ones. May the Gracious Lord assist all to arise to that which beseemeth His infinite favors. However, they must in all circumstances hold fast to the cord of wisdom and perform such deeds as will quench the fire of hatred and silence the clamor of the people of discord. The triumph of the Cause dependeth upon mention and utterance, conducted with the utmost joy and radiance. All must aid the Cause of God, glorified be His majesty, through goodly deeds and luminous, spiritual qualities, and must engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost wisdom, that perchance a wanderer may find his way and one who is deprived may attain to the fruit of the tree of creation, which is the recognition and meeting with God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Almighty.

The mention of the honored brothers Aqa Muhammad Ja’far and Aqa Muhammad Sadiq and Haji ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God, the King, the Just, the Mighty, the Wise, was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was sent down for them from the Kingdom of the will of our All-Knowing Lord - exalted be His glory:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great […]

O My loved ones! Rejoice in that the countenance of the Wronged One hath turned toward you and His Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of you in this Great Prison. Ye are they who have borne tribulations in the path of God and have heard in His love what the ears of most of the servants have not heard. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation on this night wherein all things proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Speaking, the All-Seeing.”

Be not grieved by the world’s vicissitudes and tribulations. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for you surpasseth all the treasures of the world. Rejoice ye and be of them that are thankful. Whatsoever hath befallen you from the first day of recognition until now is remembered before God and recorded in His divine Book. All the world and its treasures cannot equal a single word heard from the tongue of the Divine Unity. Praise be to God! Time and again ye have drunk from the living waters of the All-Merciful’s utterance and have attained unto the mention of the Most Exalted Pen. This station is most great; know ye its worth and preserve it in the name of Truth, for the treacherous ones, the thieves, the godless, and the deniers lie in wait with utmost deceit.

While this servant was engaged in writing verses before His presence on this night, he heard from the tongue of Grandeur mention of his honor Aqa ’Abdu’r-Rahim - upon him be the Glory of God. He said: “O servant present! We make mention of ’Abdu’r-Rahim who turned, hastened, entered, attained, and heard the call of the Wronged One in this noble station and drank the water of reunion from the hands of his Lord’s bounty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have mentioned him before and mention him now that it may be a treasure for him with his Lord, the Preserver, the Trustworthy.”

God willing, may they hold fast in all conditions to wisdom and cling to the hem of teaching. Whosoever attaineth unto teaching today hath attained unto all good. However, teaching must be accomplished with spirit and fragrance. All causes of sorrow, vexation and corruption are forbidden in God’s Book. This matter hath been revealed in numerous places. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto that which he hath been commanded by One knowing, wise.

Convey these glad tidings to them wherever they may be. God is witness that this ephemeral one hath mentioned and continues to mention them most often, and beseeches God, exalted be He, to aid them in serving His Cause. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

This evanescent servant conveys sincere greetings and praise to each of your brothers, and begs of God that He may cause them to attain His bounties at all times and make them steadfast in His Cause. This is among the greatest prayers before God, our Beloved and the Beloved of all in the heavens and earth, our Goal and the Goal of all in the dominions of Command and Creation.

Another submission: The petition of his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad from the Land of Ya - upon him be the Glory of God - which you had sent was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Its answer was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. God willing, they will attain unto its perusal and be refreshed with a new spirit. Glory be upon you and upon your brothers and upon those with you and upon those who have turned to the horizon of the Cause and have attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers, and made them the lamps of His guidance amidst His creation. Through them He distinguished truth from falsehood and separated the rejector from the acceptor. They are God’s straight path and His firm and mighty command. Through them God gave glad tidings to His creation of His hidden Name, His treasured Secret, His mighty News and His ancient Light, until the appointed time was fulfilled and the Promise came to pass, and the horizon of the world was illumined by the Day-Star of Manifestation, and the Voice of the One Who conversed on Sinai was raised - a Voice at which all in the heavens and earth were

thunderstruck save those whom the hands of grace had delivered and who found the fragrance of the Garment when it was diffused among all creatures. These are they who attained to the Day wherein the earth shone with the light of its Lord, and the Dove of Paradise warbled in praise of its Creator, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree was heard, bringing glad tidings to all of the appearance of their Goal and their Beloved, calling all until the days reached these days wherein the minds of the wise were perturbed and the edifices of the mighty were shaken and the limbs of princes trembled and the hearts of the learned and the divines were convulsed, save those whom the hands of Power had created from the essence of steadfastness and whom God's will, the Lord of creation, had reared in a station none knoweth save His all-encompassing knowledge. These are servants who, when cast into prison, uttered what the Ridvan had uttered when the near ones entered the most exalted Paradise. The rapture of God's love so seized them that they chose imprisonment over paradise out of love for God, their Lord, the Most Merciful. They took the cup of tribulation in the name of the Lord of Names and drank thereof with such love that patience and forbearance themselves declared: "God hath created us from a light from the lights of your patience and steadfastness. By the life of our Goal! We are ashamed to manifest our existence before your faces; rather it behooveth us to circle round you throughout the eternity of the kingdom of our Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the sea of life surged and the winds of trial blew and the hearts of the sincere were set ablaze and the minds of the unitarians took flight! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy verses and the appearance of Thy signs and Thine Own oppression among Thy servants and by those who chose imprisonment for themselves in hope of what lieth with Thee, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will gladden the eyes of those who have held fast to the cord of Thy providence and clung to the hem of Thy mercy. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones and chosen ones turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, acknowledging that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. Ordain for them, O my God, what beseemeth Thy generosity and favors and what befitteth Thy grace and bounty. Then write down for them, O Thou Goal of the world and Lord of the nations, from the Pen of Will that which will profit them in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! The heart of this servant hath melted by reason of what hath befallen those whose names Thou didst mention in the Crimson Scroll from Thy Most Exalted Pen, and whom Thou didst remember in such wise as caused the denizens of the Kingdom and the companions of the Realm above to lament. O Lord! Draw them nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds and ordain for them that which will solace the eyes of Thy servants and gladden the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy creation. Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of bounty surgeth, O Lord of Names, and at Whose mention the Peacock crieth out before the throne of Thy grandeur, O Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee to send down upon Thy chosen ones that which will manifest their stations in the kingdom of creation. Verily Thou art the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved. May this servant be a sacrifice for Thy prison.

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous

O Ali! Thou hast ever been beneath the glances of God's favor, exalted be His glory, and there hath been sent down for thee from the Kingdom of grace that which neither the treasuries of kings and subjects, nay the treasuries of the world, can equal. The people, heedless and deluded in their wealth and comfort,

have reached such a state that they make no distinction between truth and falsehood, between tyranny and justice, between equity and oppression. They count affliction as blessing and mirage as water, unmindful that with a single change joy may turn to sorrow and song to lamentation. Glory be to God! All are aware of change and extinction and bear witness to it, yet they remain occupied with deeds the like of which have never been seen. By the life of God! Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. In this Most Great Revelation, God, exalted be His glory, hath not and will not grant respite to the oppressors. Were it not for His prior decree, they would have seen the recompense of their deeds in less than a moment, such that the tempests of wrath would have scattered them like dust. God hath been with you and hath witnessed the actions of the oppressors and transgressors. The Supreme Pen did not attribute what occurred to lack of wisdom but accepted it as a favor from Him. He beareth witness to you, to your uprising, your steadfastness, your mention and praise before all faces, your persecution, and all that befell you in the path of God, your Creator, your Fashioner, your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was seated upon the Most Great Throne on a night wherein the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End!" Blessed are they who served the friends of God and sought their companionship. Today not a single atom of good deeds remaineth hidden, and its recompense becometh manifest. Blessed are they who have attained unto your love and service in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Whatever hath befallen you hath been for the sake of God. In His path you heard what was unworthy to be heard and saw what was unworthy to be seen. This testimony of the Supreme Pen is greater than the world and all that is therein. It behooveth thee to thank thy Lord, the Rememberer, the Generous. Convey My greetings to the friends and gladden them with God's favors. Say: Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

From the flowing pen of the Most High are manifest the degrees and stations of grace and favor. There is no need to mention this weak and feeble one. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that if the ears of the world were sanctified and pure, they would be set ablaze by hearing this call - an ablaze whose mention is beyond pen and ink. To this testifies the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all nations. This bounty has no likeness or peer, and this mercy has no equal. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to bestow favor and deliver His servants from the slumber of heedlessness through the Most Great Word, and guide them to the horizon of awareness. How excellent is what was said:

If thou desirest that reason should not suddenly cast thee into bondage,

Take it to the school of the All-Merciful and there confine it.

I beseech God to make the heedless aware and not deprive them of the sweetness of His utterance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Furthermore, it is most beloved that the sending of correspondence remain concealed, for if the oppressors become aware, they will surely arise to prevent it. Often the unwisdom of friends reveals news. In all cases, as commanded, they must hold fast to wisdom and cling to it.

Again, when thy beloved supplication was presented in its entirety before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, unto Whom there is no likeness, this utterance shone forth from the Dayspring of the favor of the Beloved of all possibility. His mighty utterance, exalted be His mention:

"Verily, I am the Hearer, the Answerer.

O 'Ali! The rivers of thy remembrance and utterance have flowed into the Most Great Ocean, and It desired to cast upon thee the pearls of remembrance and utterance. Gather them in His Name, the All-Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard thy praise and witnessed the fruits of the tree of thy sincerity, and We have mentioned thee in this wondrous Tablet. Blessed be thy rising up, thy service, thy composure, thy dignity, thy steadfastness, and thy beautiful patience. We beseech God to make thee a standard in His Cause and to attract thee to a station wherein thou wilt see not what thou hast but rather that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be exalted. Know thou of a certainty that nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is the Kind, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus have We adorned thy temple with the raiment of My favor and thy head with the crown of My grace, than which there is none other equal. Rejoice and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having mentioned me, taught me, made me know, caused me to witness, shown me, given me utterance, and made me attain Thy presence and the Kawthar of reunion with Thee, and attracted me in such wise that the power of the powerful weakened me not, nor did the majesty of princes frighten me.' O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thyself to protect me and draw me near unto Thee, and to ordain for me that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Munificent, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Great."

Praised be God! The effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine Providence, glorified be His majesty, are manifest and resplendent like His very Being, and despite the clouds and veils that have encompassed all horizons, the light of God's Cause remains, to those who are near and sincere, more evident than all else. His is the praise in all conditions. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist His servants to be fair, for verily He is the Helper, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

As to what was written about Ibn-i-Sultan, who is titled Vazir-Nizam, he has uttered many embellished words claiming: "I had association with Him" - meaning the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory - "and I am aware." By the Lord of the Throne and earth, this is false. No meeting occurred with the existing sons of the Sultan. Yes, when We were in the prison of Shimiran, before the manifestation of the Greatest Spectacle, the noble princes, including Murad Mirza titled Husam-us-Saltanih, Farhad Mirza, and Imam-Quli Mirza titled Imad-ud-Dawlih, along with Sayf-ud-Dawlih, son of Zill-us-Sultan, came twice to the prison and attained the blessed presence. As for Fereydun Mirza, titled Farmanfarma, the Ancient Beauty visited his house once since he lived in the vicinity. Beyond this, whatever they have said is false. Some relatives had associations with them, and some were occupied with certain affairs.

Glory be to God! If we were to verify the words of such souls, the manifestation of the Most Great, Most Mighty, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Cause would be witnessed, and the conclusive proof would be complete and perfect for all. They say what was said before. In truth, one who is without insight and fairness is and shall be deemed as non-existent. Princes who are characterized by such attributes are and have been like the tombs of Pharaohs - outwardly perfect but inwardly otherwise. This servant beseeches

his Lord to assist them to be fair and adorn them with the ornament of justice and truthfulness. Although the deeds of such souls have blocked all paths except one, every fair-minded and insightful person bears witness to this.

In response to the beloved of the heart, Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, concerning these matters, that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen before is such that any fair-minded person who observes it will perceive the fragrance of the Merciful's utterance. Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Aqa Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God. His mention has ever been heard from the blessed tongue. Repeatedly He said: "There has befallen the people of Mim from the descendants of the Prophet that which has not befallen anyone before." And this time, regarding the conditions you wrote about, after they were presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, He said: "True, by the Lord of the Verses! True, by the Lord of the Clear Proofs! There has befallen them greater than what befell Us when the polytheists brought Us to the city named Amul, when clamor was raised at all times, and every day the herald would cry out, 'This is the day when the pure blood shall be shed.' Blessed are the people of Mim upon whom has befallen that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle around God's mighty throne to lament. And We mentioned the Most High with such mention that caused all things to wail, the rock to melt, the clouds to cry out. And We mention at this time the one who ascended unto God in prison. My Supreme Pen has acknowledged his martyrdom in My path. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. By the life of God, at the time of his ascension […]"

The Concourse on High welcomed him by God's leave, the Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, and the maidens of Paradise in their celestial chambers sought blessings through him. Blessed are God's chosen ones and His loved ones, and woe unto those who have wronged without clear proof or evidence. We remember all who have broken the chains of idle fancies and attained the lights of certitude on this Day wherein all atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of creation."

A hundred thousand praises and thanks be to the Goal of all the worlds, that whatever has been endured in His path has been accepted. Soon these governments, authorities and oppressions shall pass away, and every oppressor shall witness his own loss. Glory be to God! Despite the fact that the continuance of these souls in this world is not known - whether it be a day or two days, a moment or two moments, a minute or two minutes - nevertheless they have deprived themselves of the lights of justice and have committed that for which the recompense shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Woe unto them and unto that which their hands have wrought in the days of God, their Creator and Maker.

Convey My greetings to the aforementioned wronged Siyyid - upon him be the Glory of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting - and to the other gentlemen. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for them that which will preserve their stations, and I likewise ask for their good in this world and the next. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Glory, praise and magnification be upon you all from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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At this moment, having intended the Most Exalted Goal, after attaining the presence They commanded: Write to 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar - upon him be My glory - that he must strive with the utmost diligence to unite and harmonize hearts. The conflicts of the world cannot harm this station. Its reward is treasured and preserved in the divine repository of knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Truthful, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Hold fast unto that which thou hast been commanded. By My life! It shall benefit thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Informed.

One further submission: A separate Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of will specifically for your honor and has been sent. This is grace upon grace.

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O Mulla 'Ali-Akbar in the Land of Alif! He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is immersed in the oceans of fancy and desire, that haply what floweth from thee may deliver him and purify him from the defilement of the deluded ones. Say: O servant who standeth perplexed upon the land of bewilderment and circleth round the fire! Utter "In the Name of God, the Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Splendid," then enter therein and fear no one. Put thy trust in God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Verily He shall make it a light for thee, and a mercy upon thee, and a peace unto all worlds. Beware, beware lest thou fear any save God Who created thee by His command, and be not of those who doubt Him Who sent down the Bayan and all that is therein for the recognition of His Own Self, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. God hath quickened all things for His meeting, and this We have revealed in all the Tablets, if thou be of them that understand. All matters lie within His grasp, all faces are submissive to His sovereignty, and all creation existeth by His firm and wise command. Dost thou doubt Him before Whose countenance every possessor of splendor boweth in adoration, before Whose grandeur every possessor of beauty humbleth itself, before Whose sovereignty every possessor of light submitteth, before Whose knowledge every possessor of learning is ignorant, before Whose door every possessor of wealth is poor, before Whose manifestations of might every possessor of glory is abased, before Whose evidences of power every possessor of strength is impotent, before Whose holy court every possessor of simplicity is confined, before Whose rays of everlasting light every possessor of perpetuity is evanescent, and before Whose luminous countenance every possessor of radiance is darkened?

Dost thou hesitate regarding Him through Whom every Book was sent down, every Scripture was revealed, and every exalted and lofty name was created? Dost thou inquire about the shadow from the sun and its light? Open thine eyes and behold it at its zenith with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty, with lights whereby the denizens of the highest Paradise, the dwellers in the depths of the names, and all that was and shall be have been illumined, if thou be of them that witness. And if the ophthalmia of vain imaginings preventeth thine eyes from beholding the lights of thy Lord's Beauty, the Most High, the Most Exalted, then seek healing through My Name, the Healer, the Sufficient, the Manifest, the Wondrous.

Dost thou inquire about the drop remaining at the bottom of the dark well concerning the ocean, its waves, and its sovereignty? By God, this is an injustice from thyself against thyself and against God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Would it befit one possessed of sight to inquire about the sun in heaven after its rising? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Beware, beware lest thou make the Cause of thy Lord dependent upon the acceptance of others or the approval of any among created things, for all else besides Him is created by His command and brought into being by His Will. He created them even as He created thyself, and there is no difference today between thee and any other save those whom God hath aided through His Cause and made to recognize the Manifestation of His Self. Such are among the most exalted of creation in the Tablets of holy preservation.

Say: He hath ever been known through His Own Self, not through the testimony or acceptance of any among His servants, and will ever continue to be what He hath been. None denieth this save every froward denier. O servant! Judge fairly within thyself: Is God powerful in His Cause, or art thou powerful in determining the time of His manifestation? If thou acknowledgest that He is powerful through His sovereign might, then verily He hath manifested Himself as He pleaseth and shall not be asked of what He willeth. And if thou thinkest thyself powerful, then bring forth thy proof […]

Be not of the patient ones. Beware lest thou confine the Cause of God within the limitations of thy self or of any other among His creatures. Know thou that all else are powerless to recognize His Self and the manner of His Revelation save through what He graciously vouchsafeth unto them as a token of His bounty and mercy, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. From thy fancies well nigh do the tempests of wrath and the storms of anger blow upon all created things. Fear God, then seek forgiveness seventy times, that He may forgive thee through His grace, for verily He is the Munificent, the Generous. Purify thy heart from the allusions of such words as thou hast from those possessed of the Furqan, then ascend unto that atmosphere wherein shine the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest find thyself independent of all thou hast heard and find it empty of all the worlds. By God, O servant! The proof of God in this Most Great, Most Mighty Revelation had been established ere a single letter of His verses was revealed, which every learned and wise one failed to comprehend. And after the Revelation, look thou with the eye of origin at the proof whereby thy faith was established aforetime. Beware lest thou ask anyone concerning this; rather be content with what appeareth from thy Lord, for it sufficeth thee above all else. Say: Glory be to God, the King of the Mighty Throne! Many a questioner remaineth veiled by his own veils at the time of Revelation and is among the heedless. The example of one who asketh such as these is like unto a blind man asking another blind man - can this profit him in aught? Nay, by thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Wise! Beware lest thou be like those who clung to the hem of their leaders when God came upon the clouds of the Cause with His name, the Most High, the Most Great. They turned away from God by their turning away, and thus was the word of chastisement fulfilled against them and they returned to their abode - evil indeed is the abode of them that turn away. Cast the veils of fancy beneath thy feet, then ascend to the seat of glory, sanctity and majesty, that thou mayest witness all things beneath the shadow of the Word that hath proceeded from His Pen, how much more His own exalted and wondrous Self. O servant! We have found from thee the fragrance of the allusions of those who were given the Furqan before concerning mention of successorship and the like, and by this have We grieved, and grieved have the Manifestations of the Names in their Kingdom and the

Dawning-Places of the Attributes in their Dominion. For We commanded the servants in the Bayan to sanctify themselves from that which they possess, for what they possess did not profit them on the Day of Resurrection and veiled them from the meeting with God and deprived them of the breezes of His holiness, as thou hast witnessed and wert among the witnesses. Hast thou not heard that He liveth in the Most Glorious Horizon? Can He need a successor after His manifestation? Say: Glory be to God from what thou hast imagined regarding My Self - I have wronged and am among the wrongdoers. He hath no perishable things that His successor might divide among the heirs. His Cause is with Him and will never be separated from Him. Beware lest thou take for thyself a deputy, or successor, or reckoner, or minister, or peer, and be thou among the penitent. He sufficeth by Himself all created things, and naught sufficeth in His stead, neither in the heavens nor on earth, if thou be of those who perceive. Yea, for His Self are mirrors wherein He shineth upon them through themselves for themselves when they face the Sun and its radiance, and this is what thou witnessest in the outward mirrors, if thou be of those who observe.

The mirrors give account of the shining of the sun when they face it and remain steadfast as they were, and after turning away the light returns to its source and resting-place, while the veil remains with the mirrors. Thus have We explained to thee that of which thou wert heedless, that thou mayest be of them that are certain. This station is not reserved for any one to the exclusion of another. By God the Truth! If today all created things were to turn towards the lights of this Sun which hath dawned from the horizon of holiness with the ornament of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great, the reflection of the lights of the Sun would be imprinted in them, and none would deny this save every remote ignorant one. Apart from this, hast thou not heard, O servant, that the Manifestation Who appeared in the year sixty is the Manifestation of God, and that Prophethood was sealed with the appearance of Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and that God, thy Lord, is sanctified from every mention, indication, sign, relation and connection, and that He hath ever been established upon the throne of sanctification and exalted above all creation, and it behooveth no one to appoint for Him a successor, for successorship pertaineth only to the Prophets who were created by His Word - then say: Blessed be God, the best of creators, blessed be God, the best of inventors. Verily We have raised up such names in the Bayan and have shattered the idols of vain imaginings lest anyone be veiled thereby from God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. Beware lest thou regard Me through any eye save Mine own, for if thou desirest to know Me, look with Mine eye, otherwise thou wilt never know Me even shouldst thou ponder My recognition till the end which none among the reckoners can reckon. And if thou desirest to attain the summit of grace and reach the Most Exalted Habitation, and have ordained for thee every good thing in the heaven of destiny from thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, then detach thyself from all things, then perform ablutions with pure, clean water as thou wert commanded in the Bayan from an ancient Revealer, and when thou washest thy hands say: “O my Lord! Purify me from all else save Thee, then make me ready to meet Thee in the Day of the manifestation of Thy Beauty and the appearance of Thy Self, then sanctify me from that which hath veiled me from Thy resplendent Beauty, and deliver me, O my God, for the recognition of Thy exalted, all-knowing Self.” And when thou washest thy face say: “O my Lord! This is my face which I wash as Thou hast commanded me with this water. Then, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy Name from which the servants are veiled except the sincere ones among Thy creatures, that Thou wash my face with the water of Thy mercy which hath flowed from the right hand of the throne of Thy grandeur, that it may be pure for Thy holy, radiant, resplendent Face. O my Lord! Preserve it from turning to any but Thee and

from approaching those who have disbelieved in Thy greatest signs at the appearance of Thy Most Exalted Self, by Thy Most Holy, Most Invincible, Most Wonderful, Most Glorious Name. Make me not, O my God, deprived of the glances of the eyes of Thy grace, nor despairing of the sweet savors of the sanctity of Thy favors. Verily Thou hast ever been the Answerer of those who have called upon Thee, and nigh unto those who have sought Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Lord of great bounty. O my Lord! Make it radiant on the Day wherein faces shall be darkened, and illumined with the lights of Thy generous Countenance." And if thou readest after the ablutions there is no harm upon thee, as a grace from thy Lord, the All-Knowing. And after completing this, use perfume, then don thy finest garments, then turn thy face toward the Sanctuary of God, round which circle at this moment the spirits of existence from the unseen and the visible realms, and then the spirits of those who were not commanded with any command and have ever been gazing upon the face of thy Lord, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Then stand firm in thy place and raise thy hands toward God with evident tranquility and dignity, saying: […]

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest Thyself unto all created things and didst exalt Thyself above all beings, that just as Thou hast perfumed me with this fragrance, so do Thou perfume me with the sweet-scented breezes of the paradise of Thy divine unity and the fragrances which bear the scent of the garment of Thy luminous and glorious Self, that none may perceive from me aught save the holy fragrances of Thy grace and bounty. May I be wholly turned toward Thee and detached from all else but Thee, for Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful.

O Lord, my Beloved, my Hope, the Sovereign of my being and my soul! Rain down at this moment upon Thy servant that which befitteth the sovereignty of Thy tender mercy and grace, and that which is worthy of the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. Deprive me not, O my God, of that which Thou hast ordained in the heaven of Thy Will and the clouds of Thy Purpose for Thy chosen ones, whom Thou hast singled out for Thy glorious and beauteous Self.

O Lord! I am the poor one who hath clung to the cord of Thy riches; I am the lowly one who hath held fast to the thread of Thy glory and majesty; I am the weak one who hath drawn near to the pavilions of Thy mighty power and the tabernacle of Thy glorious dominion and sovereignty. Here am I, O my God, standing before Thee, hoping for Thy grace, forgetting all else save Thee, fleeing from all but Thee, and turning to the sanctuary of Thy presence and the Kaaba of Thy good-pleasure. Is there any existence besides Thee to which I might turn, or any manifestation other than Thee to which I might repair? Nay, by Thy Beauty! Rather, all manifestation is as nothingness before the revelations of the holy lights of Thy grandeur, and all loftiness is as non-existence before the evidences of Thy transcendent glory and elevation. Therefore, O my God, send down upon Thy servant that which will render him independent of all that hath been created between the heavens and earth. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

Then walk three paces toward the direction of God, and at the first pace say:

O Lord! Reveal in this station what Thou didst reveal unto Him Who conversed with Thee in the Paran of Thy love, the Horeb of Thy grace, and the Sinai of the glory of Thy divine unity, the Mighty, the

Impregnable. Then cause me, O my God, to be detached from all names and their kingdom, lest I be veiled by them from Him Who created them by His command. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things. Then cause me to hear, O my God, Thy call from all the trees, even as Thou didst cause Thy servant, whom Thou didst choose and send unto all the worlds, to hear it from the Divine Lote-Tree.

At the second pace, pause and say:

O Lord! Reveal unto me in this station what Thou didst reveal unto the Spirit, that I may arise to praise Thy Self and speak forth Thy verses among Thy heedless servants, that perchance thereby their hearts may be purified from doubt and misgiving concerning Thy Cause, whereby all who dwell in the realm of names were thunderstruck, save a select few. O Lord! Sanctify me in that station from all attributes and their realm, which stand as a barrier between me and the vision of the lights of the Divine Essence. Then give me to drink, O my God, from the cup of everlasting life through the hands of the remembrance of the name of my Lord, the Most Exalted, in this latter resurrection. Verily, Thou art possessed of great bounty. O Lord! Let me taste of the fountain of life that I may be enkindled with the heat of Thy love in such wise that Thy servants may be set ablaze by me. Then cause to flow from my mouth the pure springs of divine knowledge in recognition of Thy Self, the All-Merciful, that I may thereby guide Thy creatures who have strayed from Thy manifest, evident, and straight path.

Then at the third pace, pause and say:

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O Lord! Manifest Thyself unto me in this station even as Thou didst manifest Thyself unto Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who are nigh unto Thee. Then detach me, O my God, from this world and the next, and cause me to enter the garden of Thy presence and the paradise of Thy glory, the Mighty, the Luminous. O Lord! Efface from my heart every remembrance except Thy remembrance, that I may arise to praise Thee between the heavens and the earth. O Lord! Forgive my grievous trespasses and my great sins, and what I have neglected in regard to my Lord, the Most Exalted, and my hesitation on the path that encompasseth the worlds. O Lord! Clothe me with the robe of forgiveness and the garment of certitude, for Thou art the Fulfiller of the needs of them that seek Thee.

Then prostrate thyself upon the dust and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestation of Thy favors towards me, whereby Thou hast taught me the ways of Thy knowledge and the paths of Thy guidance. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, through which all created things and all existence were illumined, that Thou make me not of them who heard Thy call yet answered Thee not, and unto whom Thou didst reveal Thyself in Thy most exalted manifestation and most glorious dawning, yet who obeyed Thee not. Then assign unto me a seat of honor near unto Thy name, the All-Merciful, in the paradise which Thou hast created in the heart of heaven. Then join me with Thy chosen servants, and send down upon me every good thing in Thy knowledge, and raise me up on the Day of Resurrection before the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Most High, the Supreme, the Almighty.

Then lift up thy face from the dust, for thou hast completed the deed which thou wert commanded in this perspicuous Tablet. By the life of Him Whom God shall make manifest, whosoever performeth this deed purely for the sake of his Lord and detached from all else, God will fulfill his needs and will raise him up on the Day of Resurrection adorned with such beauty as to astonish the angels who are nigh unto God. Thus have We taught thee and made mention unto thee that thou mayest attain unto the presence of thy Lord and not be deprived of that which is better for thee than the treasures of the heavens and the earth. If thou performest it, it shall be for thine own self, and if thou forsaketh it, verily thy Lord is independent of all the worlds.

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O light of truth and sword of faith

And soul of generosity!

No prince hath sky or earth begot

Who fain could hope to rival thee!

I know not why the tie of love was so abruptly severed and the firm covenant of friendship broken. Did ever, God forbid, My devotion lessen or My sincere affection fail, that I came to be so neglected and forgotten?

What fault didst thou observe in me

That made thee cease thy tender care?

Is it that poverty's our lot

And wealth and pageantry thy share?

Or is it that a single arrow hath driven thee from the battle? Hast thou not heard that steadfastness is the prime requisite of the mystic path and the means of admittance to His holy Court? "They that say 'Our Lord is God', and continue steadfast in His way, upon them, verily, shall the angels descend."

Likewise He saith, "Be thou steadfast as thou hast been bidden." It followeth that they that abide in the court of reunion must needs conduct themselves accordingly.

I do as bidden and convey the message,

Whether it give thee counsel or offence.

Though I have received no reply to My letter, and it would be unbefitting, in the eyes of the wise, to express anew My devotion, yet this new love hath annulled and effaced all the old rules and ways.

Tell us not the tale of Layli, nor speak of Majnun's woe–

Thy love hath made the world forget the loves of long ago.

When once thy name was on the tongue, it reached the lovers' ears

And set the speakers and the hearers dancing to and fro.

And as to divine wisdom and heavenly admonitions:

Each moon, O my belov'd,

For three days I go mad;

Today's the first of these–

'Tis why thou seest me glad.

I hear that thou hast journeyed to Tabriz and Tiflis to engage in debate and instruction, or hast set out for Sanandaj to scale the heights of knowledge.

O my eminent friend! They that seek to ascend to the heaven of mystic wayfaring are of four kinds only. I shall describe them in brief, that the signs and degrees of each may become plain and manifest to thee.

If the wayfarers be among them that seek after the sanctuary of the Desired One, this plane pertaineth to the self–but the self which is intended is "the Self of God that pervadeth all His laws". In this station the self is not rejected but beloved; it is regarded with favour and is not to be shunned. Although at the beginning this plane is the realm of conflict, yet it endeth in the ascent to the throne of glory. As it hath been said:

O Abraham of the Spirit and God's Friend in this day!

Slay! Slay these four thieving birds of prey!

that after death the mystery of life may be unravelled.

Enter thou among My servants, and enter thou My Paradise. This station hath myriad signs and countless tokens. Hence it is said: "We will surely show them Our signs in the world and within themselves, until it become plain to them that there is no God save Him." One must, then, read the book of one's own self, rather than the treatise of some grammarian. Wherefore He hath said, "Read thy Book: There needeth none but thyself to make out an account against thee this day."

The story is told of a mystic knower who went on a journey with a learned grammarian for a companion. They came to the shore of the Sea of Grandeur. The knower, putting his trust in God, straightway flung himself into the waves, but the grammarian stood bewildered and lost in thoughts that were as words traced upon the water. The mystic called out to him, "Why dost thou not follow?" The grammarian answered, "O brother, what can I do? As I dare not advance, I must needs go back again." Then the mystic cried, "Cast aside what thou hast learned from Sibavayh and Qawlavayh, from Ibn-i-Hajib and Ibn-i-Malik, and cross the water!" With renunciation, not with grammar's rules, one must be armed: Be nothing, then, and cross this sea unharmed.

Likewise He saith, “And be ye not like those who forget God, and whom He hath therefore caused to forget their own selves. Such men are the evil doers.”

If the wayfarers be among them that dwell in the court of the All-Praised, this is the station of the Intellect, which is known as the messenger of the realm of the body and the most great pillar. That which is intended, however, is the universal divine Intellect, whose sovereignty fostereth the growth of all things, and not every vain and feeble mind. Thus hath the wise Sana’i written:

How can feeble reason embrace the Qur’an

Or the spider snare a phoenix in its web?

Wouldst thou that the mind not hold thee in its snare?

Seize it and enrol it in the school of God instead!

On this plane, the traveller meeteth with many a trial and reverse. Now is he lifted up to heaven, now is he cast into the depths. As it hath been said: “Now Thou drawest me to the throne of the realms above, again Thou scorchest me in the fire of hell.” The hidden mystery of this station is divulged in the following blessed verse from the Surih of the Cave: “And thou mightest have seen the sun when it arose, pass on the right of their cave, and when it set, leave them on the left, while they were in its spacious chamber. This is one of the signs of God. Guided indeed is he whom God guideth; but for him whom He misleadeth, thou shalt by no means find a guardian and guide.” If a soul could grasp the allusions that lie hid in this single verse, it would suffice him. Such indeed are those whom He hath extolled as “men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God.” This station is that of the true standard of knowledge and the final end of tests and trials. Nor is it needed, in this realm, to seek after knowledge, for He hath said concerning the guidance of wayfarers on this plane, “Fear ye God; God will teach you”, and again, “Knowledge is a light which God casteth into the heart of whomsoever He willeth.” Wherefore, one must make ready the receptacle and become worthy of the descent of heavenly bestowals, that the all-sufficing Cup-Bearer may give one to drink of the wine of bounty from the crystal chalice of mercy. “For this let the striving strive!” And now do I say, “Verily, we are God’s, and to Him shall we return.” If the lovers be among them that abide within the precincts of the abode of the Lodestone of hearts, no soul may dwell on this kingly throne save the countenance of love. I am powerless to describe this station or to depict it in words. Love shunneth this world and that world too; In him are lunacies seventy-and-two. The minstrel of love harpeth this lay: Servitude enslaveth, lordship doth betray. This plane demandeth pure love and unalloyed affection. In describing these companions He saith: “They speak not till He hath spoken, and act according to His commandment.” In this station, neither the reign of the intellect is sufficient nor the rule of self. Thus one of the Prophets of God asked, “O my Lord, how shall I reach Thee?” And the answer came: “Leave thy self behind, and then approach Me.” In the estimation of such souls, to be seated amidst the sandals by the door is the same as to abide at the place of honour, and in the path of the Beloved the retreats of earthly beauty differ not from the field of a battle waged.

The dwellers of this abode know not the destination, yet they spur on their chargers. They see naught in the Beloved but His very Self. They find all words of sense to be meaningless, and senseless words to be full of meaning. They cannot distinguish head from foot or one limb from another. To them the mirage is

water itself and departure is the mystery of return. Wherefore hath it been said: The story of Thy beauty reached the hermit's dell; Crazed, he sought the Tavern where the wine they buy and sell. The love of Thee hath levelled down the fort of patience; The pain of Thee hath firmly barred the gate of hope as well.

In this station, both instruction and apprenticeship are assuredly of no avail: The lovers' teacher is the Loved One's beauty, His face their lesson and their only book. Learning of wonderment, of longing love their duty; Not on learned chapters and dull themes they look. The chains that bind them are His musky hair; The Cyclic Scheme, to them, is but to Him a stair.

Here followeth a supplication to God–blessed and glorified be He: O Lord, O Thou Whose grace fulfilleth every need! To mention aught before Thee would be sin indeed. Allow this mote of knowledge hidden in my soul To free itself of lowly clay and reach its goal. And grant this drop of wisdom that Thou gavest me To be at last united with Thy mighty sea.

Thus do I say: There is no power nor strength except in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

If the mystic knowers be among them that have attained the beauty of the Beloved, this station is the throne of the inmost heart and the secret of divine guidance. This is the seat of the mystery "He doeth what He willeth, and ordaineth what He pleaseth." Should all that are in heaven and on earth attempt to unravel this exalted allusion and subtle mystery, from now until the Day whereon the Trumpet shall sound, yet would they fail to comprehend even a letter thereof, for this is the station of God's immutable decree and His foreordained mystery. Hence, when asked regarding this matter, He made reply: "It is a bottomless sea that none shall ever fathom." And when the question was repeated, He answered: "It is the blackest of nights through which none can find his way."

Whoso comprehendeth this station will assuredly conceal it, and were he to reveal but the faintest trace thereof, they would assuredly hang him from the gallows. And yet, by God, were a true seeker to be found, I would divulge it to him; for He saith: "Love is a distinction never conferred upon a heart possessed by fear and dread."

In truth, the wayfarer who journeyeth unto God, who treadeth the snow-white Path and turneth towards the Crimson Pillar, will never reach his heavenly home unless his hands are empty of such worldly things as are cherished by men. "And he that feareth not God, God shall make him to fear all things; whereas all things fear him who feareth God."

Speak the Persian tongue, though the Arabian pleaseth more: Love indeed doth have a hundred other tongues in store.

How sweet in this connection is the following couplet:

Our hearts will be as open shells

Should He the pearls of grace bestow;

Our lives will ready targets be

Were He to hurl the darts of woe.

And were it not contrary to the commandment of the Book, I would surely have bestowed a part of My possessions upon My would-be murderer, and given him to inherit Mine earthly goods, and rendered him a myriad thanks, and solaced Mine own eyes with the touch of his hand. But what can I do? Neither have I any wealth, nor hath the Lord of destiny so decreed.

Methinks at this moment I perceive the musk-scented fragrance of the garment of Ha' from the Joseph of Baha; verily He seemeth near at hand, though ye may think Him far away.

My soul doth sense the fragrant breath

Of a well-beloved soul:

The fragrance of that kindly friend

Who's my heart's desire and goal.

The duty of long years of love obey,

And tell the tale of blissful days gone by,

That land and sky may laugh aloud today,

And it may gladden mind and heart and eye.

This is the realm of pure awareness and utter self-effacement. Not even love can find a way to this plane, nor doth affection have a place therein. Wherefore is it said: "Love is a veil betwixt the lover and the beloved." Here love becometh but an obstructing veil, and aught save the Friend but a curtain. Thus the wise Sana'i hath written:

None may approach that well-belov'd

Who harboreth his own desire;

None may embrace that beauteous form

Who's burdened with his own attire.

For this is the realm of God and is sanctified above every allusion of His creatures.

Abiding in the court of rapture, the dwellers of this mansion wield with utmost joy and gladness the sceptres of divinity and lordship; and, established upon the lofty seats of justice, they exert their rule and bestow upon every soul its due. Those who drink of this cup abide beneath the canopy of glory, above the throne of the Ancient of Days, and dwell upon the seat of grandeur beneath the tabernacle of majesty. These are they that "know neither sun nor piercing cold".

On this plane the highest heavens are neither opposed to, nor distinguished from, the lowly earth, for this is the realm of divine favours, not the arena of worldly contraries. Albeit at every moment a new

condition be displayed, yet that condition is ever the same. Wherefore He saith in one instance, “Nothing whatsoever keepeth Him from being occupied with any other thing.” And in another He saith, “Verily, His ways differ every day.”

This is the food whose savour changeth not and whose colour altereth not. Wert thou to partake thereof, thou wouldst assuredly recite the verse “I have turned my face to Him Who hath created the heavens and the earth, following the right religion and submissive before God. I am not one of those who add gods to God.” “And thus did We show Abraham the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, that he might be stablished in knowledge.” Wherefore, put thy hand into thy bosom, then stretch it forth with power, and behold, thou shalt find it a light unto all the world.

How clear this crystal water that the enraptured Cup-Bearer passeth round! How exquisite this pure wine that the intoxicated Beauty doth proffer! How pleasing this draught of joy that floweth from the Heavenly Cup! Well is it with him who drinketh thereof, and tasteth of its sweetness, and attaineth unto its knowledge. No more than this will I impart to thee: The riverbed can never hold the sea.

For its mystery lieth hid in the storehouses of His inviolable protection and is laid up in the treasuries of His power. It is exalted above the highest essence of utterance and sanctified beyond the subtlest mode of explanation.

Astonishment here is highly prized, and utter poverty greatly cherished. Wherefore hath He said, “Poverty is My pride.” And again: “God hath a people beneath the canopy of grandeur, whom He hath concealed in the garment of poverty to exalt in rank.” These are they who see with His eyes and hear with His ears, as hath been recorded in the well-known tradition.

Concerning this realm there is many a tradition and many a verse, whether of general or specific import, but two of these will suffice, that they may serve as a light for knowing hearts and bring delight to longing souls.

The first is His statement “O My servant! Obey Me, that I may make thee like unto Myself. For I say ‘Be’, and it is, and thou shalt say ‘Be’, and it shall be.” And the second: “O son of Adam! Seek fellowship with none until thou hast found Me, and whensoever thou shalt long for Me, thou shalt find Me nigh unto thee.”

Whatever high proofs and wondrous allusions are recounted herein concern but a single letter and a single point. For such is God’s method, and no change canst thou find in His mode of dealing.

I would write this epistle some time ago in your remembrance, and since your letter had not yet reached Me, I began with words of grievance and reproach. Now, your new missive has dispelled that feeling and has caused Me to send you this letter. To speak of My love for your eminence is needless. “Sufficient witness is God unto us.”

As for his eminence Shaykh Muhammad–may God, the Exalted, bless him!–I shall confine Myself to the two following lines, which I request be delivered to him:

I seek thy nearness, more desired than heaven in mine eyes;

I see thy visage, fairer than the bowers of Paradise.

When I entrusted this message of love to My pen, it refused the burden and swooned away. Then, coming to itself, it spoke and said, “Glory be to Thee! To Thee do I turn in penitence, and I am the first of them that implore Thy pardon.” All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

Let us tell, some other day

This parting hurt and woe;

Let us write, some other way,

Love’s secrets–better so.

Leave blood and noise and all of these,

And say no more of Shams-i-Tabriz.

Peace be upon thee, and upon them who circle round thee and attain thy presence.

That which I had written ere this hath been eaten by the flies, so rich was the ink to their taste, even as Sa’di hath said:

I write no more, beleaguered by the flies

That my sweet words have drawn about the page.

And now the hand can write no more, and pleadeth that this is enough. Wherefore do I say: Far from the glory of my Lord, the All-Glorious, be that which His creatures affirm of Him!

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O He who is our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

Praise sanctified above the utterance and mention of all who dwell within the realm of possibility beseemeth the court of nearness of the Holy One, the Best Beloved, Who with a single drop from the ocean of knowledge hath adorned the first and the last with the ornament of life. He is that Sovereign Whom the descriptions and praises of the world cannot augment, nor can the denial and rejection of the peoples diminish. From time immemorial He hath been established upon the throne of power, speaking forth the words “I am the Truth.” The signs of His might are present in all things, and the tokens of His Revelation are manifest from every direction. The entire world existeth through His Word; should He desire, through another Word it would cease to be. Whatsoever hath appeared and will appear from Him hath been according to His all-pervading wisdom. One sitteth upon the seat of glory while another lieth in the dust of abasement, yet when observed with the eye of insight, from the horizon of both doth the sun of justice shine forth resplendent. How sweet is His remembrance, how exalted His Cause, how manifest His justice! Glorified be His grandeur and exalted be His dominion. There is none other God but He, no

Beloved besides Him, and no Object of desire save Him. He hath created all created things and brought forth all existence for this Day wherein walketh the Lord of Names and Attributes, with the hosts of divine verses on His right hand and manifest signs on His left.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose will all created things were manifested and all contingent beings were set in motion! I beseech Thee by Him around Whom circle the Daysprings of Thy wisdom, the Repositories of Thy knowledge, the Dawning-places of Thy revelation, the Daybreaks of Thy Cause, and the Manifestations of Thy Self, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones to make mention of Thee, to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest how the world is consumed by the fire of heedlessness and desire, and how the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee are melted by reason of what hath befallen them at the hands of Thy wicked servants who have cast behind their backs Thy Cause, violated Thy Covenant, disputed Thy verses, and warred against Thy Self. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Lord of all names, to transform this fire into light and to acquaint Thy servants with that which Thou hast ordained for them in this Revelation whereby the Sinai hath proclaimed: "By God! He Who conversed with me hath come, and my Object hath appeared!" O Lord! Thou seest Thy servants who are far removed; draw them nigh, through Thy name the Almighty, unto the shore of the ocean of Thy recognition. Verily, Thou art He Who hath ever been seated upon the throne of bounty, O Lord of all men! There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my God, shower Thy blessings, O my Beloved, bestow Thy favors upon them who have quaffed the wine of Thy utterance in Thy days and who have, through Thy power and might, seized the reins of self and passion. These are servants whose service, remembrance and praise every Book beareth witness to, and all things testify to their elevation, their acceptance, their glory and their might. O Lord! Strengthen them through Thy might, aid them through Thy power, and illumine their faces in such wise that Thy servants and creatures may be enlightened thereby. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no affair can hinder. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Trustworthy.

And thereafter, thy letter from which dripped the drops of affection arrived, as if thou hadst swum in the ocean of love, seeking the ultimate goal, the loftiest summit and the highest horizon. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the station of "God was", and wast honored with hearing "there is none like unto Him". And these exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of utterance, the Revealer of verses, His words, exalted be His glory: "O Husayn! Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast attained unto that which was the purpose of creation. Thou didst hear and turn unto Him, and the intention of thy heart's core became manifest until thou didst attain unto the visitation of the true Ka'bah and wert honored with the effulgences of the Sun of Manifestation. Blessed is he who sought, intended and attained, and woe unto him who was heedless and slept. O Husayn! The breeze of grace passeth over the trees of being at every dawn. Say: Today is the day of fruits, today is the day of hearing, today is the day of utterance, and today is the day of meeting. For all things an eye hath been ordained - some outward, some inward, and some both outward and inward. How excellent is the eye of the spirit that hath attained unto the vision of the Beloved of all possibility. Today, from the whistling of every breeze the attentive ear heareth 'The Beloved hath come', and from the murmur of every stream it heareth 'The Promised One hath appeared'. Adorn the temples of the friends with the ornament of the mention of the

Intended One of all possibility. Say: Know ye your worth and recognize your stations. At all times hold fast unto the Strong Cord, for the cawing of devils hath been raised. Although every possessor of hearing and sight beholdeth the Truth distinguished from all else in all respects, by the life of God, from the traces of the opposers and their words their station is evident and manifest. Verily He speaketh the truth, demonstrateth the proof, and guideth the way. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

The copy of the telegram thou didst send was indeed most apt - truly the electric current spoke completely and most appropriately. O beloved of my heart! From the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end, the source and dawning-place of oppression hath been and will be such souls. The spirits of such vile and impure ones are known by their evil-commanding nature, while Satan himself is characterized by the self-accusing spirit in the second degree. In truth, the fire of his self was derived from that fire - such as he are first, and Satan is second. May God protect us and you from their evil. They have attributed to Him Who is in the nights and days that which they have attributed, and they have pronounced against Him at Whose mention they would stand in reverence of His name and in demonstration of their submission to Him - may God multiply their like, or rather, may God break their necks. But thou didst write correctly. As this servant knoweth not to what this referreth, he somewhat departed from wisdom. I hope for forgiveness - I seek God's pardon, the All-Glorious - for we are all commanded to observe wisdom. Once the Lord of creation uttered this exalted word: Had the rulers obeyed such persons who considered themselves leaders of the people, not a single person of truth would have been seen in any century of the centuries or any age of the ages. We beseech God to confirm the rulers of this age in not obeying such ignorant, heedless, satanic souls. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are all hearts and minds. In any case, the telegram was most fitting. God willing, may such telegrams always be sent to all regions, and may one always be engaged in uttering such praiseworthy words.

As for your mention of his honor [name], who has been afflicted with gout - it was not gout alone but rather chronic, deadly, and malignant diseases. They stated that every soul who entered into the Cause of the King of Martyrs was and will be afflicted with such accursed ailments. "The Book of A and S has come into My presence, therefore We have concealed it. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Generous." Indeed he deprived himself. Now observe, according to one of the chosen ones, would it have been better to sacrifice his life in the path of the King of Martyrs, or to depart from this world with a sin heavier than mountains and in such abasement? We beseech God to preserve these servants through His special grace. Repeatedly has this exalted word been revealed from the Supreme Pen, stating: "Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty!"

As for your mention of his honor Aqa Muhammad-Hashim, son of Aqa Qadir, upon them both be the Glory of God, from the land of K, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Muhammad before Hashim! Verily We have mentioned thee before, be thou of the thankful ones. We have sent down verses for thee that thou mayest praise God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard and answered thee, and verily We are the Hearer, the Answerer. Be thou a doer of what is in My Book, and adorned with My virtues, and steadfast upon My straight path. This is the day of trial. Say: Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the world! Yea, yea, O Thou Beloved of the worlds! Verily the sea hath surged and the river hath flowed and the nightingale hath warbled and man hath come riding

upon the clouds while the people are in manifest loss. Verily loss is for him who gaineth, and gain is for him who loseth for this Blessed and Great Name. Every gain that preventeth the servant from his Lord is a loss, and every loss that remindeth the servant of God is indeed a mighty possession." We make special mention of the friends in the land of K. Praise be to God, souls are observed to be enkindled. God willing, may they be steadfast in the Cause. God will soon make manifest their stations. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for what thou didst write regarding his honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-?amid, upon him be the Glory of God, it attained the honor of being heard. His blessed and exalted Word: "O 'Abdu'l-?amid! Blessed art thou and blessed is he with whom thou wast when thou didst purpose to visit the House of God, the Most High, the Great. He visited and thou didst visit, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. He turned and thou didst turn, and I am the Hearing, the Seeing. He traveled through lands in his longing to meet Me, and thou didst travel with him until he attained and thou didst attain unto a place which the Concourse on High circumambulated, accompanied by tribes of near-stationed angels. We counsel thee with that through which the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the Lord of the worlds, may be diffused, and through which His Cause may be uplifted among His servants. And I am the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous."

O Fadl! Behold the divine favor vouchsafed unto thee. The whole world was created for this Day and for the recognition of Him Who hath appeared therein. Yet now all the peoples of the earth, save whom God hath willed, are seen to be heedless of the original purpose and veiled from the Most Great Manifestation, while ye are blessed with this supreme bounty. I swear by the Sun of Truth that one atom of the deeds of a soul that hath turned towards God is better and more pleasing before Him than the deeds of both worlds. Strive thou to preserve this lofty and most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names, for the cawing of the divines on one hand and the croaking of the foolish on the other have been raised. Hold fast unto the hem of grace and cleave unto the sure handle, that perchance thou mayest not be deprived of the Lord of all being through the tales of old and the conditions of Lat and Uzza. By Lat and Uzza and every base word that hath flowed and floweth from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book are meant the ignorant ones of the earth who are known as divines. Know thou this and be of the thankful. Thou hast been blessed with My remembrance and hast drunk the choice wine of My loving-kindness. By My life! Nothing that thou beholdest can equal these. Thy Lord is verily the Perspicuous, the True, the Faithful. Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to the gentlemen, and beseecheth the exalted True One to aid them in that which profiteth them in all the worlds of His worlds. He is verily the Generous, the Munificent.

As for the mention at the end of the Book of the secretary - upon him be the Glory of God - and likewise Aqa Mirza Siyyid 'Ali and Aqa Ghulam-Husayn - upon both of them be the Glory of God - their mention was presented before His Countenance, and there was revealed for each that which all the world is powerless and incapable of describing. His exalted Word: Verily We make mention of the Sh following the N and the M, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One Who hath borne tribulations and ordeals in the path of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. We have mentioned thee before

and We mention thee at this hour wherein verses are sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Lord of the most ancient Days. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through the movement of Whose Pen all things were set in motion and through its cry the dead were raised in the kingdom of creation! I beseech Thee to strengthen me to stand firm in this Cause which hath shaken every edifice and caused the hearts of Thy servants to tremble. My Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee to number me among the company of Thy chosen ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and who have said in all conditions: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all things, our Goal and the Goal of all things, our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth." My Lord! Aid me to serve Thy Cause and enable me to achieve that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

And this is what was revealed for Aqa Mirza Siyyid 'Ali - upon him be the Glory of God - In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great […]

O Ali! Thou hast turned towards Us from that region and We have turned towards thee from the precincts of My Most Great Prison. Know thou the value of the days of God, then thank Him for having caused thy name to be mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Rememberer. Be thou steadfast in My Cause, speaking forth My praise and drinking from the Kawthar of My love at all times. O Ali! The lights of Revelation have shone forth upon the Mount, and the Tree hath raised its call: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Informed!" Behold the people and their heedlessness and error. They make mention of God at morn and eventide, yet when He appeared they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. O Ali! Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen Us at the hands of the manifestations of tyranny, thou wouldst weep, and with thee would weep the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise. We have therefore concealed it from thee and from them. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Gracious. The Glory be upon thee and upon them who have shown justice in this mighty Cause.

This is what was revealed for his honor Ghulam-Qabl-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the Most Beautiful

Thy name is remembered before the Wronged One. Know thou the worth of this blessed name and arise to render such servitude as befitteth the station of this Most Great Name. In all conditions, act and speak in ways that will exalt the Cause. By the life of God! Thou hast attained unto that which hath had and shall have no peer or likeness. Turn thy heart toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glorification be unto Thee, O my Aim, and splendor be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having strengthened me, made me know Thee, enabled me, and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy bounty and the totality of Thy words to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou art the Strong, and I am the weak. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Reflect upon the divine favor. Whenever mention is made of one of the friends before His presence, the ocean of bounty surgeth with such waves that this servant and a hundred thousand like him are powerless to describe or recount it. May the whole world be a sacrifice unto His grace and bounty. The conveyance of this lowly one's greetings and salutations to each of the friends of God is entrusted to your honor.

Another matter this evanescent one wisheth to mention is that no news hath been received from his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, and his brother who bore the name of the Intended One, who emigrated and drank the cup of reunion from the hands of bounty. If wisdom permitteth and you meet with them, convey this lowly one's greetings unto them. Praise be to God, they have attained unto His grace and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. May the Glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Goal and the Goal of the world be upon you and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned and upon every steadfast and assured believer. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

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In My Name, which standeth supreme above all names

Praise and glory beseem the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens, He, the waves of Whose ocean of Revelation surge before the eyes of the peoples of the world. The Day-Star of His Cause shineth through every veil and His Word of affirmation standeth beyond the reach of negation. Neither the ascendancy of the oppressor nor the tyranny of the wicked hath been able to thwart His Purpose. How glorified is His sovereignty, how exalted His dominion!

Great God! Although His signs have encompassed the world and His proofs and testimonies are shining forth and manifest as the light, yet the ignorant appear heedless, nay rather, rebellious. Would that they had been content with opposition. But at all times they are plotting to cut down the sacred Lote-Tree. Since the dawn of this Revelation the embodiments of selfishness have, by resorting to cruelty and oppression, striven to extinguish the Light of divine manifestation. But God, having stayed their hands, revealed this Light through His sovereign authority and protected it through the power of His might until earth and heaven were illumined by its radiance and brightness. Praise be unto Him under all conditions.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, O Thou Who hast become manifest in the Greatest Name whereby the pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared from the shells of the great sea of Thy Knowledge, and the heavens of divine revelation have been adorned with the light of the appearance of the Sun of Thy countenance. I beg of Thee, by that Word through which Thy proof was perfected among Thy creatures and Thy testimony was fulfilled among Thy servants to strengthen Thy people in that whereby the face of the Cause will radiate in Thy dominion, the standards of Thy power will be planted among Thy servants, and the banners of Thy guidance will be raised throughout Thy dominions.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest them clinging to the rope of Thy grace and holding fast unto the hem of the mantle of Thy beneficence. Ordain for them that which may draw them nearer unto Thee, and withhold them from all else save Thee. I beg of Thee, O Thou King of existence and Protector of the seen and the unseen, to make whosoever ariseth to serve Thy Cause as a sea moving by Thy desire, as one ablaze with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, shining from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will. Verily Thou art the mighty One Whom neither the power of all the world nor the strength of nations can weaken. There is no God but Thee, the One, the Incomparable, the Protector, the Self-Subsistent.

O thou who hast quaffed the wine of Mine utterance […]

The third ?araz concerneth good character. A good character is, verily, the best mantle for men from God. With it He adorneth the temples of His loved ones. By My life! The light of a good character surpasseth the light of the sun and its effulgence. Whoso attaineth unto it is accounted as a jewel among men. The glory and the upliftment of the world must needs depend upon it. A goodly character is a means whereby men are guided to the Straight Path and led to the Great Announcement. Well is it with him who is adorned with the saintly attributes and character of the Concourse on High. It beseemeth you to fix your gaze under all conditions upon justice and fairness. In the Hidden Words this exalted utterance hath been revealed from Our Most August Pen:

"O Son of Spirit! The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behooveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes." […]

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The fourth ?araz concerneth trustworthiness. Verily it is the door of security for all that dwell on earth and a token of glory on the part of the All-Merciful. He who partaketh thereof hath indeed partaken of the treasures of wealth and prosperity. Trustworthiness is the greatest portal leading unto the tranquillity

and security of the people. In truth the stability of every affair hath depended and doth depend upon it. All the domains of power, of grandeur and of wealth are illumined by its light. Not long ago these sublime words were revealed from the Pen of the Most High: 'We will now mention unto thee Trustworthiness and the station thereof in the estimation of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. One day of days We repaired unto Our Green Island. Upon Our arrival, We beheld its streams flowing, and its trees luxuriant, and the sunlight playing in their midst. Turning Our face to the right, We beheld what the pen is powerless to describe; nor can it set forth that which the eye of the Lord of Mankind witnessed […]'

'in that most sanctified, that most sublime, that blest, and most exalted Spot. Turning, then, to the left We gazed on one of the Beauties of the Most Sublime Paradise, standing on a pillar of light, and calling aloud saying: "O inmates of earth and heaven! Behold ye My beauty, and My radiance, and My revelation, and My effulgence. By God, the True One! I am Trustworthiness and the revelation thereof, and the beauty thereof. I will recompense whosoever will cleave unto Me, and recognize My rank and station, and hold fast unto My hem. I am the most great ornament of the people of Baha, and the vesture of glory unto all who are in the kingdom of creation. I am the supreme instrument for the prosperity of the world, and the horizon of assurance unto all beings." Thus have We sent down for thee that which will draw men nigh unto the Lord of creation.'

O people of Baha! Trustworthiness is in truth the best of vestures for your temples and the most glorious crown for your heads. Take ye fast hold of it at the behest of Him Who is the Ordainer, the all-Informed.

The fifth ?araz concerneth the protection and preservation of the stations of God's servants. One should not ignore the truth of any matter, rather should one give expression to that which is right and true. The people of Baha should not deny any soul the reward due to him, should treat craftsmen with deference, and, unlike the people aforetime, should not defile their tongues with abuse. In this Day the sun of craftsmanship shineth above the horizon of the occident and the river of arts is flowing out of the sea of that region. One must speak with fairness and appreciate such bounty. By the life of God! The word 'Equity' shineth bright and resplendent even as the sun. We pray God to graciously shed its radiance upon everyone. He is in truth powerful over all things, He Who is wont to answer the prayers of all men.

In these days truthfulness and sincerity are sorely afflicted in the clutches of falsehood, and justice is tormented by the scourge of injustice. The smoke of corruption hath enveloped the whole world in such wise that naught can be seen in any direction save regiments of soldiers and nothing is heard from any land but the clashing of swords. We beseech God, the True One, to strengthen the wielders of His power in that which will rehabilitate the world and bring tranquillity to the nations.

The sixth ?araz

Knowledge is one of the wondrous gifts of God. It is incumbent upon everyone to acquire it. Such arts and material means as are now manifest have been achieved by virtue of His knowledge and wisdom which have been […]'

Despite unprecedented hardships and after enduring years of imprisonment, captivity and woeful trials, We now perceive that veils thicker than the ones We have already witnessed have intervened between men's hearts and their attainment of the knowledge of God. Sciences have appeared which have allured

the minds of men away from God. We observe that knowledge hath given rise to doubts and evil suggestions which have deprived mankind of tranquil confidence in God. But today this Leader of Knowledge, this Manifest Light, hath arisen with such splendor as to dispel all darkness from the face of the earth.

Every child today knoweth far more than the most learned men of former times could grasp, and can comprehend with ease what they with utmost difficulty could understand. The printing press hath enhanced the power of the word and increased the speed with which it can be disseminated. These developments in themselves are to be viewed as signs of the approaching Hour when all things shall be made new.

The Sun of Truth shineth in splendor above the horizon of the world. In the Books of God mention hath been made of a Day when darkness shall cover the earth, when men's hearts shall be hardened, and when mankind shall be sorely afflicted. That Day is now come. Such hearts have been created as surpass in hardness the stones themselves - hearts that doubt even the evidence of their own eyes. Despite all that hath been revealed in the Books of God, no one hath paused to reflect, and none hath arisen to proclaim the Truth to his fellow-men.

they still reject the truth and have turned towards their own selfish desires. This Wronged One calleth aloud for the sake of God. Whosoever wisheth, let him turn thereunto; whosoever wisheth, let him turn away. Verily God can well afford to dispense with all things, whether of the past or of the future. O people of the Bayan! It is men like unto Hadi Dawlat-Abadi who, with turban and staff, have been the source of opposition and hindrance and have so grievously burdened the people with superstitions that even at the present time they still expect the appearance of a fictitious person from a fictitious place. Be ye warned, O men of understanding. O Hadi! Give ear unto the Voice of this trustworthy Counsellor: direct thy steps from the left unto the right, that is turn away from idle fancy unto certitude. Lead not the people into error. The divine Luminary shineth, His Cause is manifest and His signs are all-embracing. Set thy face towards God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Renounce thy leadership for the sake of God and leave the people unto themselves. Thou art ignorant of the essential truth, thou art not acquainted therewith. O Hadi! Be thou of one face in the path of God. When in company with the infidels, thou art an infidel and with the pious, thou art pious. Reflect thou upon such souls as offered up their lives and their substance in that land, that haply thou mayest be admonished and roused from slumber. Consider: who is to be preferred, he who preserveth his body, his life and his possessions or the one who surrendereth his all in the path of God? Judge thou fairly and be not of the unjust. Take fast hold of justice and adhere unto equity that perchance thou mayest not, for […]

selfish motives, use religion as a snare, nor disregard the truth for the sake of gold. Indeed thine iniquity and the iniquity of such people as thyself have waxed so grievous that the Pen of Glory was moved to make such observations. Fear thou God. He Who heralded this Revelation hath declared: "He shall proclaim under all conditions: 'Verily, verily, I am God, no God is there but Me, the Help in Peril, The Self-Subsisting.'" O people of the Bayan! Ye have been forbidden to contact the loved ones of God. Why hath this ban been imposed and for what purpose? Be ye fair, I adjure you by God, and be not of the heedless. Unto such as are endued with insight, and before the Most Great Beauty, the object of this ban is known

and evident; it is so that no one may become aware of his (Hadi's) secrets and deeds. O Hadi! Thou hast not been in Our company, thou art therefore ignorant of the Cause. Act not according to thine idle imaginings. Aside from these things, scrutinize the Writings with thine own eyes and ponder upon that which hath come to pass. Have pity upon thyself and upon the servants of God and be not the cause of waywardness like unto the people aforetime. The path is unmistakable and the proof is evident. Change injustice into justice and inequity into equity. We cherish the hope that the breaths of divine inspiration may strengthen thee and that thine inner ear may be enabled to hear the blessed words: "Say, it is God, then leave them to entertain themselves with their cavillings." Thou has been there (Cyprus) and hast seen him (Mirza Yahya). Now speak forth with fairness. Do not misrepresent the matter, neither to thyself nor to the people. Thou art both ignorant and uninformed. Give ear unto the Voice of this Wronged One and hasten towards the ocean of divine knowledge that perchance thou mayest be adorned with the ornament of comprehension and mayest renounce all else but God. Hearken unto the Voice of this benevolent Counsellor, calling aloud, unveiled and manifest, before the faces of kings and their subjects, and summon the people of the world, one and all, unto Him Who is the Lord of Eternity. This is the Word from Whose horizon the day-star of unfailing grace shineth resplendent. O Hadi! This Wronged One, rid of all attachment to the world, hath striven with utmost endeavour to quench the fire of animosity and hatred which burneth fiercely in the hearts of the peoples of the earth. It behoveth every just and fair-minded person to render thanks unto God - exalted be His glory - and to arise to promote this pre-eminent Cause, that fire may turn into light, and hatred may give way to […]

fellowship and love. I swear by the righteousness of God! This is the sole purpose of this Wronged One. Indeed in proclaiming this momentous Cause and in demonstrating its Truth We have endured manifold sufferings, hardships and tribulations. Thou thyself wouldst bear witness unto that which We have mentioned, couldst thou but speak with fairness. Verily God speaketh the truth and leadeth the Way. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Gracious. May Our Glory rest upon the people of Baha whom neither the tyranny of the oppressor nor the ascendancy of the aggressor have been able to withhold from God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Bombay. O esteemed sir, his honor the Afnan, Haji Mirza Muhammad-'Ali - upon him be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - may he be blessed with the most gracious and luminous glance.

Tremors have seized the tribes, and turmoil hath encompassed the dwellers of earth, save whom God hath willed. That which hath appeared hath transcended the power of comprehension. Conjecture hath no path to what hath been manifested, and fancy hath no movement in this arena for Persia. Glorified be the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of Great Grace! The King of Names hath astounded the manifestations of might and wealth, and realms which their men had imagined to be free from decline now show evident cracks. Indeed, the fair-minded and discerning are increasingly amazed, for the outward causes in no way

correspond to what hath transpired. Praise be to God Who hath appeared and made manifest His Cause, and made all things speak according to His Will, despite every heedless doubter.

May the light that shineth and blazeth from the heaven of bounty and generosity be upon the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree and its loved ones, whom neither clamor nor that which hath appeared in the realm of creation hath frightened. The lights are astounded by their radiance, all who are steadfast by their steadfastness, and all who are influential by their influence. These are they who see death in His love as a gateway to His mercy, and martyrdom in His path as a crown that telleth of His glory and sovereignty. It is naught but the door to rest and tranquility from the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who pondereth upon it and upon the mysteries deposited therein.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest the Afnans of Thy Lote-Tree amidst the enemies of Thy Self and the wolves of Thy earth, who desire naught in the kingdom but to extinguish the light of Thy Cause and quench the fire of Thy love. I beseech Thee, O Educator of the world and Goal of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name and by the Manifestations of Thy supreme Word, through whom Thou hast adorned Thy cities and lands, to protect him who hath acknowledged Thy manifestation and appearance, then guard him from the oppression of those who have violated Thy covenant and denied Thy signs. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby hearts and minds were attracted, to protect the lamps of Thy guidance from the violent winds. Verily, Thou art the Revealer of verses and the Lord of names and attributes. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, your constancy, and your utterance. The two exalted letters, each of which truly shineth as a lamp, have illumined the heart and pillars, and brought to remembrance the days of presence and meeting. Their mention is the cause of remembrance, and their reading the cause of awakening. From each word the fragrance of the detached ones wafteth. The servant beseecheth his Lord to raise your honor for the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of His Word. Verily, He is the Most Powerful of the powerful ones. And after the recitation, reading, and contemplation, having aimed for the supreme height, it was presented before the countenance of Him Who conversed on Sinai and was blessed with the honor of His attention. Thereupon the ocean of grace and bounty surged, and He revealed that whereby the realities of all things were attracted. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaker before the faces of the world […]

The fire of oppression and tyranny has been kindled, and every treacherous one has arisen with lies and calumnies, consumed by the fire of greed and passion–a recompense for his deeds in this worldly life. We beseech God to illumine all regions and to ordain for His servants that which will draw them nigh unto Him and guide them to His straight path. They have denied God and His signs, and have rejected what hath appeared from Him. Thus have their souls enticed them. God will soon seize them as He seized those before them. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wise command.

Glory be to God! Although it hath become clear and evident to all, the rejected souls inflamed with the fire of tyranny and wickedness have not yet awakened. However, to those endowed with vision and those

who possess the Most Sublime Vision, good deeds are clearly distinguished from evil ones. They have committed that which hath no parallel in the world. In all circumstances, We have commanded the loved ones of God to patience and tranquility, lest there occur that which is contrary to what hath been ordained, both aforetime and hereafter. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, and have commanded all to that which will exalt them and adorn them among the servants–yet they have wrought that which causeth every just and discerning one to lament. Greed hath taken hold of their reins, and they have devoured the wealth of the people. We testify that they have cast behind them that which was sent down from the heaven of God's Will, the Lord of creation, and have taken that which their passions commanded them. They are indeed in darkness and error.

Although they witness at all times the evanescence of the world and its variations and passing away, they have clung to deeds and actions from which even Satan would shrink. Today the verses have encompassed all regions, and the rivers of wisdom and utterance flow and are visible before all faces, and the Sun of Truth shineth resplendent above all heads. Yet this hath had no effect upon the manifestations of turning away and the dawning-places of heedlessness. However, whatsoever hath been revealed in the Tablets from the Pen of God hath all come to pass and will continue to do so. There is no doubt in this: verily these have been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

Despite the lack of means and the differences both internal and external, the Cause of God hath encompassed all, and now most are observed to be searching and seeking. Soon will God's Cause encompass the East and the West of the earth, and there shall appear that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words: "The unbeliever shall say, 'Would that I were dust!'" Each day some harm befalleth and some falsehood becometh manifest, yet since it occurreth in the path of God, it is beloved and acceptable. Praise be to God!

That honored one is aware that nothing but goodness hath been shown by the Afnan towards that heedless one. Nevertheless, through the instigation of certain ones, he hath acted in such a way regarding people's property that now the people of the great city testify to his falsehood, wickedness, and treachery. We beseech God to make the heedless ones aware and not to deprive the world of the lights of the Day-Star of justice and equity. That honored one's journey at such a time became a cause of grief. Hidden matters have become evident and clear. Previously, there was expressed to the Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God, that which was expedient for the time and conducive to the exaltation of the Word. Negligence in affairs and the latter matter have caused delay and suspension in outward occupations. However, that honored one in all […]

All must appear with such joy and radiance as would gladden the hearts of all. Every sorrow and grief that hath been manifested is, in the sight of God, a key among the keys of His grace, mercy, compassion, bounty and generosity, whereby the doors of joy and radiance shall soon be opened. We have previously mentioned: O Afnan! Your dominion is established in the divine Kingdom, not in the earthly soil of water and clay. All that exists must be placed for sale and given to the creditors. Now they have accepted this matter, but had it been done before these matters arose it would have been more beloved and excellent in the sight of God and men. All must consult together and act according to what they deem advisable.

We beseech God to assist them, grant them success, and ordain for them that which will exalt them through His Name amongst His servants. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

His Holiness Afnan (A. and H.), upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, had no desire to travel to the land of Ha. When the letter from His Holiness Afnan Haji Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory and Grace of God, arrived, it was sent to him to consider and act as he deemed appropriate, for it was known to God that his journey to the land of Ha would bear no fruit whatsoever. Indeed, these exalted words were heard from the Blessed Tongue: They said that if his journey to that land would have borne any fruit, We would certainly have commanded him to proceed in that direction.

It is strange that His Holiness Afnan Haji Siyyid Mirza still writes that if Aqa Siyyid Ahmad had gone to India, matters would not have turned out this way. During those days, someone from that land arrived in Beirut and did not speak well of certain affairs of the honored ones. Even if His Holiness A. and H., upon him be the Glory of God, had gone to that region and the accounts were settled, where would the funds have been found to pay the creditors? In those days, some understood the details and would not deal with him in trade at all.

Now he must, detached from all else, hold fast to what has been commanded. Whatever was present in the house was given without discussion. Among these, the remaining balance of the late Haji Shaykh, upon him be the Glory and Favor of God, amounting to six hundred and seven Ottoman liras, was paid in cash, which included some of his own funds that he had relinquished. When in the early days of the arrival of Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, he sent two thousand tumans through the late Haji Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God - one thousand tumans in silk and one thousand in cash - to the Most Holy Court, after being presented it was not accepted until, considering the distress of the aforementioned one, they accepted it to remain with him for trading purposes. After the loss occurred, the deceased was commanded to pay his brother's debt from that amount, and Samandar also agreed to pay it, though it appears difficult that he would be able to do so.

And considering the helplessness of His Holiness Afnan Haji Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, who had written in his letter that Shaykh knows this money was not ours, now what answer shall we give to the creditors? This matter was settled after the aforementioned payment was made. Likewise, His Holiness Afnan Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, after proceeding to the Threshold, received all possible assistance, both apparent and hidden, and His Holiness Afnan Aqa Mirza Mu?sin, upon him be the Glory and Might of God, knows of some matters, and other affairs have also occurred of which His Holiness may be aware of some. The honored Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, also gave some funds, and he too was instructed not to demand repayment. Divine favor has always been with them, both openly and secretly, but what emanated from them was not befitting, and after the arrival of Mirza's letter, absolutely A. and […]

"H" was not prohibited from proceeding, nor was there an explicit command given, for it was stated that it has been and would be fruitless and would yield naught but embarrassment. This was expressed to his honor Afnan, Haji Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and a firm decree was issued that you must send an account statement so it would become clear to all what has entered the storehouse in Beirut, what has left, and what remains. What is evident and visible here is that there is a

plot of land acquired in Haifa, whose value has now increased. According to the command, it must be auctioned and the proceeds given to settle debts, with everyone's knowledge. Similarly, there is a house which, having met with the blessed approval, was purchased, though it is small, being around one hundred liras and some change. Until now, no ruling has been issued regarding this matter. Regarding the land, a command was issued to his honor Afnan to proceed hastily to 'Ishqabad for the sale of properties. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to moderate the negligence and delay of Afnan. Verily, He has power over all things. And in all circumstances, one must act according to the command with trustworthiness, religious devotion and justice. Verily, He aids those who hold fast to trustworthiness and justice. Indeed, He is the Guardian of those who do good.

In any case, a brief account of each matter has been submitted, as these days are more suited to other mentions and other utterances. It would be better that I submit that your supplications were presented before His presence at the designated times, and in response to each one was revealed that which no treasure could equal and no mention could fulfill. In one instance, these exalted words were revealed from the Source of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs. His word, exalted be His utterance: […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. We testify that thou hast been with Me from the earliest days, and hast attained to the hearing of the Call and the beholding of the Supreme Horizon, and We have known from thee what We have known from none else. He is thy Helper in all conditions. We beseech God to transform your sorrow into an ocean of joy and delight, and to ordain for you that which will attract all things. The servant present here hath recited before Our face what thou didst send regarding the mention of God and His praise, from every word of which was wafted the fragrance of detachment, trust and supplication. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open through thee the doors of goodly things and to raise through thee the standards of triumph throughout all lands and the banner of victory amongst the servants. He is, verily, the Lord of creation and the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth.

We make mention of all the Afnans. We hope they will succeed in acting according to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. When deeds are pure and sanctified, man is assured and joyous before God and within himself. The pen cannot adequately describe this station. Your honor is aware to the extent possible. We beseech Him not to withhold the rain of His grace, bounty and generosity, nor to deprive His Afnans. Should a soul be confirmed even slightly and take one step beyond this world, he will witness what hath been ordained for those related to Him, namely the Afnans whom He hath claimed as His own. By the Sun of Truth, all would be bewildered, nay thunderstruck, at beholding it, except whom God willeth - their Lord, their Master, their Manifestation and their Sovereign.

Repeatedly have they mentioned that which hath been recorded in the inner reality of the world, which no obliteration can affect nor seizure take hold of. That they have made mention of his honor the Afnan Nuru'd-Din Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - after presenting these supreme words, the obvious is known. As commanded, they have acted and continue to act in accordance with wisdom.

They repeatedly mentioned the difficulty and necessity of that honored one's migration from Fars, until news arrived of his arrival in that land. This servant clingeth to the hem of that honored one's special

favors and beseecheth him to manifest that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. I convey greetings and nothingness to the honored Afnans of that land, upon them be the Glory of God and His favors, and I beseech from the ocean of divine generosity that which is the cause of glory and exaltation. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He worketh and judgeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing.

I make mention of all the friends of God and convey glorification, praise and greetings. It is hoped that all will be assisted to achieve what God loveth and is pleased with. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and who hearken to your words concerning God's Great Announcement and His Wise Remembrance.

The Servant

6 Muharram al-Haram 1308

As commanded, mention of giving the Beloved's countenance - nay, concealment is preferable.

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

O Haydar-i-Qabli-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to his honor the Traveller. Say: O thou S! Today the Tree of Utterance in the midmost heart of creation thus proclaimeth this most exalted Word: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." Though this Word was spoken before, yet this Tree was martyred on that day and this […] hath come to fruition. God willing, thou shalt be nourished by this fruit. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered in the presence of this Wronged One. Multiple petitions have been presented before the Wronged One, and in each thy mention was made. We beseech God to aid thee to assist His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for thee that which shall endure forever in His everlasting dominion of earth and heaven. The people of God have ever been faithful. Thy friendship, intimacy and love have existed from the earliest days. This fact hath not been and shall not be erased from the ledger of the world. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in preserving that which [He hath bestowed] upon thee. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Haydar-i-Qabli-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Deliver unto him whatsoever hath specifically been revealed for the Mentioned Name from the Most Exalted Pen, and pray for him. Seek for him divine success and confirmation. The Name of Jud, upon him be My glory, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court. It was seen, and this utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the utterance of the All-Merciful may attract all who are in creation to the most exalted horizon. It is most regrettable that the servants should remain deprived of their Lord, their Origin and their Ultimate End. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to 'Abbas-Quli. Say: Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which most of the peoples of the earth are deprived of. Thou wast created for this Day, and absolute nothingness hath been adorned with the ornament of being. Yet most

are debarred and heedless, while thou, through God's grace and favor, exalted be His glory, hast attained thereunto. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this tremendous bounty.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali and [his son] Aqa Muhammad-Isma'il and Haji Haydar and Aqa Muhammad-Husayn. Their names were present before the Face, and there was specifically revealed from the heaven of divine Will for each one that which shall last and endure.

O Muhammad-'Ali! We have heard thy call and seen thy name. We make mention of thee through the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed be the face that hath turned in this Day to the lights of the countenance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The Wronged One hath, from the direction of the Prison, turned toward thee and made mention of thee through that which hath diffused the fragrances of revelation in this praiseworthy station.

And We make mention of Isma'il and give him glad tidings of the trace of My Most Exalted Pen, with which nothing whatsoever can compare, as [this Day] doth testify. O Isma'il! We make mention of thee as a favor from Us. We have turned toward thee from the direction of My destined Prison. When thou attainest unto the verses of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Master of eternity, for having aided me and caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

We make mention of him who hath been named Haji Haydar, that the call may attract him to the horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance from before the All-Merciful, that he may be of them that attain. O Haydar! This Wronged One calleth thee from the direction of the Most Great Scene, and biddeth thee to steadfastness. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that for which the heavens and earth were created. This station is great; preserve it through the Name of Truth.

And We make mention of Muhammad-Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of God's mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Muhammad-Husayn! Reflect upon the Shi'ih party. For one thousand two hundred years they were occupied with the mention of the Truth and were awaiting His days, yet when the blessed Tree grew forth from the holy and pure earth, both learned and ignorant turned against it with their swords and cut it down. Behold! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Now too some among the people of the Bayan desire to establish anew a Shi'ih sect. We beseech God to protect His servants from the evil of these people and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is potent over all things.

Likewise mention was made of Rajab-'Ali and his brother. They attained unto the presence and each was illumined by the divine verses. We beseech God to preserve them from the evil of the barking ones who denied God's signs and His evidences and that which appeared from His presence, and who prevented people from His straight path. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Rajab-'Ali that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise the Desired One of the worlds Who aided thee to turn towards Him and guided thee to the Most Great Ocean. This is a great

bounty and a mighty favor. Know thou its worth and like […] preserve it. Thus doth thy Lord command thee from the prison-ward. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O ’Ali! Today the divine Books make mention of the Day of God, yet the earthworms are occupied with the vain imaginings of the past, endeavoring anew to build imaginary cities. Say: Shame upon you, O company of divines, and perdition upon you, O congregation of doctors! Ye are worshippers of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet beareth witness unto this. We beseech God to preserve thee and aid thee to be steadfast. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention was made of the souls of Abadih and their acceptance, steadfastness and enthusiasm. This is evident and manifest before the Wronged One. Their supplications arrived and were seen, and that which was sent was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Remember them on My behalf, remind them of My verses, give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and illumine them with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Tablet of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

The roll of names that His Honor Ashraf, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, sent was observed, and each one of those souls has been honored with mention by the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. Say: O party of God! Preserve your worth and station. By the life of God! That which no tongue or pen in the world can adequately describe has been ordained specially for the chosen ones. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! The divines and theologians of the earth and their followers are deprived and forbidden from the breezes of the dawn of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai, while ye have attained to that which hath no peer or likeness. Reflect upon the loss of the Shi’ites and the gain of the party of God. This is the Day whereof God, exalted be His glory, informed His Beloved, saying: “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds” and “Thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank.” And in another blessed verse He spoke unto Moses: “Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God.” These verses have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen that the greatness of the Day may not be forgotten. By the life of God! Great is this Day and great is this Cause. Blessed are they whom the colors of the two days do not debar from the everlasting, eternal bounty.

O Haydar-’Ali! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness. Wondrous and sublime Tablets have been revealed specially for the chosen ones of Alif and Ba. Some were sent, and if God willeth, more shall be sent hereafter. The command is in His hand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. Regarding those enkindled souls, what was mentioned was fitting and acceptable. We beseech God to aid them and assist them to that which He loveth and is pleased with. That which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning them surpasseth all the riches, might, treasures and buried wealth of the world. God willing, they shall at all times be occupied with promoting and teaching the Cause of God. As for what thou mentioned about His Honor ’Ayn, his departure was for wisdom’s sake, and likewise his return was presented before the Divine Presence and gained acceptance. In all conditions they must be mindful of wisdom, for its importance hath repeatedly been revealed and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets. Blessed are they that act accordingly. Those souls known by this name, wherever they go, must strive to mention and convey the Word, and when departing, if they find blessed and goodly soil, let them deposit the Word and proceed

to another land. Prolonged stays cause commotion and are contrary to divine wisdom. Previously there hath flowed from the Supreme Pen that which will guide and direct all. The mentioned enkindled souls have been and are remembered in the Holy Presence, and His Honor Gh, upon him be My Baha, attained the presence and dwelt for some time beneath the shade of the Divine Tree. He came by My leave and departed by My leave. Likewise, the word of permission hath shone forth from the horizon of God's Tablet for two souls, upon them be My Baha and My loving-kindness. However, it is contingent upon wisdom. When wisdom requireth, let them proceed. We gave them these glad-tidings before, and We give them again at this time, as a grace from Us, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Concerning the 'Rib', what thou didst write before and after hath been heard, and a most exalted and holy Tablet specifically for him hath been revealed and shall be sent from the heaven of divine favor. If someone were to journey to that land, that is the land of ?, and if you were to proceed to the land of ? for the purpose of meeting, this would be more acceptable in the sight of God. In the land of ?, one of the enkindled, assured, steadfast and firmly-rooted souls should, with the utmost wisdom, tarry for a while, and this should be renewed from time to time. Thus hath the Wronged One decreed.

O Haydar-'Ali! There hath befallen thee in the path of God that which hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. The disorder in outward affairs, the opposition and indifference of the heedless divines, and remoteness from the Most Holy Court - each of these hath been raised before thee like standards and banners from the right and the left and before thy face. Yet the hand of divine favor shall set all things aright, and the light of grace shall shed its radiance. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Concerning the mention of Muhammad Y [Yusuf] Kh, a most holy and exalted Tablet hath been revealed specifically for him and sent. God willing, he shall attain unto it and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Let him not be saddened, but rather act as behooveth him. Assuredly the door of grace shall be opened by the key of divine favor. Of this there is no doubt whatsoever. The grace, favor and mercy of God have ever been and shall continue to be directed towards the people of God, though they appear and manifest themselves according to the requirements of wisdom and outward means. Reflect upon the companions of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Consider what occurred at first and what happened at the end. The Cause is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised.

Say: O people of God! Spend this precious life in service to the Cause. In every land the loved ones should consult together and appoint someone from among the people of that land for the purpose of teaching. Through an unnamed and unidentified intermediary, they should provide the teacher with sufficient means to meet his needs, that he may, with complete assurance, summon the servants of the All-Merciful to the horizon of God's bounty. And that soul must be adorned with the ornament of wisdom and be aware of the disposition of those who are near to God and sincere. Say: O people of God! Consider this time a precious opportunity. Know ye the value of this divine Day. Help your Lord and He will help you through His grace. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And specifically for [him whose number is] 1111, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, a most holy and exalted Tablet hath been revealed and shall be sent. We beseech God for whatsoever shall assist

him, both outwardly and inwardly, and in all the worlds. Verily, We have besought God to ordain for him that which shall profit him in all His worlds. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Verily, We make mention of him who is named Muhammad Kh and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O Muhammad! Give thanks unto God for having made thee attain unto His holy and mighty and wondrous Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause, speaking My praise and holding fast unto My strong cord. To journey in this direction is forbidden at this time, for some upheaval hath occurred therein. Outwardly it is calm, but inwardly it is in turmoil. Thus hath the Pen spoken when We arrived in the Most Great Prison. Blessed are they that hear.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-'Ali-A?ghar, upon him be the Glory of God, and Aqa 'Ali, they have been honored with the glance of divine favor. Praise be to God, they have turned towards Him and attained the supreme honor. We beseech God to assist them in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Convey greetings to the friends of God in every land thou meetest on behalf of this Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they be enkindled by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and be illumined by the light of recognition. May they drink at all times from the chalice of certitude and hold fast to the cord […]

Concerning what thou didst write about Rama?an-'Ali Big, his deed is accepted and hath attained the honor of divine acceptance. We beseech God to assist him and enable him to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to serve His mighty and impregnable Cause. O Rama?an-'Ali! Praise the Desired One of the world Who hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison and honored thee with the effects of the Supreme Pen. Verily, He remembereth those who remember Him and turn to Him. We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. He is, verily, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

As to what thou didst mention regarding Jinab-i-Anis, be not grieved. The Cause is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beseech God to grant people fairness. By the life of God! They speak according to their desires and commit what their souls command them. We testify that they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. However, perhaps Jinab-i-[Maq] spoke from what he heard from others, in which case there is no harm. However, wisdom and prudence require that matters not be revealed to those who are employed by the government, for it often happens that a person is devoted and believes in the Divine Manifestation, yet suddenly an uncontrolled word issues forth whose mention is contrary to wisdom. Therefore, concealment is preferable. In all circumstances they must act with wisdom and speak according to need. Thus doth He command His servants from His presence in the Preserved Tablet. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We have mentioned Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. A most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him and sent. We have delayed permission for his presence, that he might perhaps succeed in guiding a soul in those parts, and for another reason related to the affairs of this land, as was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen. We send greetings upon his countenance and beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in serving His Cause in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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The Green City. Let the honored friend, his eminence Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, take note.

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

Praise befitteth the King of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, Whom neither the clamor of the divines, nor the objections of the theologians, nor the conditions of princes could deter from His purpose. Through His first Word He created the kingdom of names, and through His second Word He made manifest the resurrection, the gathering, and the manifestations of union and separation. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the power and might of the people of the world and their dominion cannot render helpless nor hold back from His Will. Through a single decree, the banner of "Verily He is God" was raised at the center of the world. From time immemorial He hath been sanctified in His most holy station above all created things, and unto everlasting He will remain exalted in the sanctification of His Own Essence above all contingent beings. He hath ever been, and will ever be, sanctified and exempt from the conditions, manifestations, allusions and utterances of the world of creation. He is the First, though sanctified above all firstness, and He is the Last, though exalted above it. All mention and names that appear in the world and are attributed to that sanctified Being are in view of the loftiness and sublimity of these stations in the eyes of creation, for the servants are powerless and fall short of comprehending beyond this. All things testify to the sanctification of His Being, and all who dwell on earth and in heaven bear witness to our inability to know Him. That which beseemeth His presence is what appeareth from Him and what speaketh in the kingdom of His utterance. I testify that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His grandeur and in confession of His oneness. He hath been, and will ever be, even as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Master of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy imprisonment which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise and the dwellers of the kingdom of names to lament, to assist Thy loved ones to celebrate Thy praise and remembrance, to arise to serve Thy Cause, and to become acquainted with the conditions of those who hastened unto the ocean of Thy grace and discovered the fragrances of the garment of Thy Revelation in Thy days - days whose remembrance and praise have been sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books, Thy Tablets, and Thy Verses. O Lord! Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will sanctify them from all else beside Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And then your letter arrived, bringing joy and delight, for from it was inhaled the fragrance of acceptance and sincerity. Praise be to God that you have attained to the eternal blessing and heavenly bounty which is the love of the Beloved of all worlds. God willing, may this precious pearl, through the grace of the Lord of all worlds, remain protected from the hands and eyes of the treacherous and the thieves. O friend!

How many were the divines, mystics, kings, monarchs, and nobles of the earth and other servants who all sought this most exalted, most holy Day, and with utmost supplication beseeched the Lord of all destinies for its station. Yet when the Great Luminary of Revelation appeared from the horizon of the world, all were found bereft and deprived, save whom God, thy Lord, willed. I swear by the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance, which shineth and riseth from the horizon of the Prison, that were even less than a needle's eye of this Most Great, Most Glorious Station to be revealed, all would turn, detached from all else, toward the Prison, and would circle round the very atoms of dust of this blessed land. Now consider those souls who have attained to this supreme honor, this mighty gift, and this most exalted summit. God the All-Knowing beareth witness that if one who hath drunk from the living waters of immortality and the Kawthar of utterance of the Lord of Names were to comprehend his station, such joy and gladness would encompass him that the troubles of the world, its conditions, hardships and sorrows would neither hinder him nor even be perceived to exist. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and ultimate goal. He is indeed among the companions of the Crimson Ark in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. When I read your letter and learned of its contents, I approached the Presence and presented it before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the pens are powerless to recount. Exalted be His bounty, exalted be His generosity, and exalted be His greatness and favor! After sufficient, healing, supreme and penetrating utterances, which this servant was and will ever be incapable of recording in their entirety, these sacred and decisive words were revealed from the horizon of the mouth of the Revealer of verses - these are His words, exalted be His grandeur […]

O servant in attendance! The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has been and ever shall be all-encompassing. In all conditions He hears and sees; He hearkens to the mention of those who have turned to Him and beholds the devotion of the sincere ones. Blessed are they who, in this divine Day, have drunk from the ocean of His knowledge and turned toward the horizon of His grace. Write to Kazim: We have heard thy call and, through grace and favor, have responded to it. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Praise be to God that thou hast attained, from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of destiny, the most pure wine which, in one sense, is interpreted as the love of the Beloved of the world. Thou hast attained to that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of. Even if thou shouldst endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures, and render thanks unto the exalted Lord, it would still be as naught compared to this supreme bounty. Rejoice in what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen on this darkest night. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Wise Expositor. From this station We send Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me, who have held fast to the cord of My grace, who have clung to the hem of My bounty, and who have spoken My beautiful praise. We counsel them with that which We counseled them before in My Great Tablet. Blessed is he who hath heard My call, attained unto My knowledge, and acted according to that which was sent down in My wondrous Book. God willing, all must achieve, through the name of God, the grace of God, the bounty of God, and the mercy of God, such deeds as will endure forever. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Teacher. Beseech God that He may enable all to do that which befitteth this most holy and most exalted Day. We counsel all to observe the wisdom revealed in the Book. That which causeth tumult and uproar among the people hath been and will continue to be forbidden. The chosen ones and friends of God must refresh the withered ones with the name of God and guide them to the supreme horizon. If wisdom doth not

allow it, speech is not permissible. Thus was it revealed before and now. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to enable all creation to hearken to the melodies of the birds of inner meanings, for if they truly succeed in hearing, they will find themselves detached from the kingdom of creation and all that is therein. Verily, our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Bestower, the Powerful, the Generous, the Bountiful.

Regarding what was written about multiple letters having been sent to this servant: all that were received were answered and sent. All were adorned with divine verses and heavenly evidences. God willing, they have arrived and will continue to arrive.

The petition of the aforementioned one, upon him be the glory of God, reached Us and was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. At that very moment, a most wondrous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for him. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from its flowing rivers. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, is evident and manifest from the Tablet itself and hath no need of presentation by this evanescent servant. May he rejoice in it and may it be wholesome unto him.

As regards the intention to turn towards the Promised Land, this was presented, and this is what the All-Merciful hath spoken in this station. His word, exalted be His glory: "We have inhaled from him the fragrance of Our love and have recognized his longing and yearning for God and His presence. We have written down for him, by My Most Exalted Pen, the reward of those who have attained unto My presence, who have drunk the choice wine of reunion with Me, who have presented themselves at the gate of My loving-kindness, who have heard My call whilst in My presence, and who have witnessed My imprisonment and what was visited upon Me by those who turned away from My countenance when its lights shone forth from this heaven which hath appeared and been raised up through My name, the All-Wise. We give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of My mercy and the clouds of My loving-kindness, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High."

Praise be to God, his visitation hath been accepted in the presence of the Countenance. This is evident from the divine verses that have been revealed, and after the revelation of these decisive verses and this most mighty Tablet, the Tongue of the Beloved spoke this most exalted word, glorified be His grandeur: "O thou who art present! Those assured souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of oneness on this spiritual morn are the recipients of God's favors. Even as they have sought and continue to seek reunion with the Truth, so hath the Truth, exalted be His grace, desired to meet with them. However, the deniers, the malevolent ones, and the corrupters have intervened. Blessed is he whose devotion and presence have been testified to by the Tongue of Grandeur, and who hath been honored with that which was the object of God's Books, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that nothing visible or hidden can equal this testimony. Some years ago this blessed word was revealed from the Kingdom of divine utterance: "The Prison Land is outwardly at rest, yet inwardly it is in turmoil and commotion. Soon shall its inward state become its

outward condition, and its outward state its inward condition." And He said: "Although this holy land hath been mentioned and recorded in all divine Books and Scriptures, yet its people are the most evil people in the world, and in previous Books they have been designated as the offspring of vipers, save those souls who, through divine power, have rent asunder the dark veils and turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon. These are accounted among the most exalted of beings in the sight of the Truth." And now this Wronged One calleth out amidst vipers and summoneth the peoples of the world to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they that hear, and blessed is he who hath recognized his Lord in this Day wherein His decree was sent down aforetime–the Day wherein all men shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.

As for what thou didst write concerning the Huquq, this was presented and was accepted with favor.

Concerning what you had written about the House, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: "Excellent is what has been done in the path of God, but in all matters they must observe wisdom. The unfair people have for centuries, ages and eras lamented their separation from the Truth and sought the appearance of one of the divine names, as they arose in mentioning the Qa'im - may my glory be upon Him - and uttered the words 'May God hasten His appearance.' Yet now they remain heedless and veiled from the One by Whose word all the most beautiful names were created. Moreover, they have not pondered upon the words 'May God hasten His relief' - what are these hardships and trials, and to what degree must they manifest, that all are beseeching and hoping for His relief? By God the Truth, they have not profited in their trading. The Tongue of Grandeur has testified to their loss, their heedlessness, their transgression and their injustice against God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Observe how they have deprived themselves of everlasting stations for the sake of these few fleeting days and these transient, ephemeral colors. The eye of My loving-kindness and grace weeps, and the hand of My justice and power seizes, and I am the Just, the Wise."

And concerning what you had written about Aqa 'Azizu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing may he be assisted in all conditions. His mention was made at the Divine Throne. May this supreme bounty, God willing, be eternal and everlasting, enduring for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. Some time ago a letter arrived from Aqa Khudadad, upon him be the Glory of God, mentioning him and some of the friends in the land of Kha. This servant wrote a reply and sent it; it is hoped it has arrived by now. God is witness and aware that this servant has always been and continues to be occupied with mentioning the friends of God. In any case, on behalf of this evanescent servant, convey sublime greetings to Aqa 'Azizu'llah and the other friends in the land of Kha, as well as the friends residing in that land - if present, by word of mouth, and if absent, by pen. This evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist them all in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. The mention of the souls named in your letter, both male and female, was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and the Sun of Grace has dawned upon them all. God willing, may they be blessed in all times with the grace of the Beloved of all possibility, and be engaged in the triumph of the Cause through wisdom and utterance. Praise be to God, you have been assisted in serving the Cause and have been successful in that which was mentioned in the divine books. And praise be to God, your residence has become a place for the arrival of the friends of God, and likewise a place of mention and praise. He gives to whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He wishes, and ordains for whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He wills. Indeed, bounty is in His hand, and He is the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what you had written about a few people of occupation having turned to the Living Waters, their names were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed for them:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad! The One Who was immersed in the seas of sorrows mentions you and gives you glad tidings of that which has appeared and shone forth from the horizon of your Lord's will, the Merciful. Know thou the station of this Day which the tongues of the Messengers have praised. Look, then mention that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Qur'an: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." We testify that they have appeared, and in them speaks the One Who conversed on Sinai. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

We make mention of Haji Qabl-Muhammad, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and give thanks unto his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Grieve not over this world and its affairs. By My life! It shall pass away, and there shall remain for thee that which hath been sent down from God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of him who is named Hasan and counsel him to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause, at whose appearance the foundations of those who have denied God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, were shaken. O Hasan! Show forth excellence even as God hath shown excellence unto thee, then speak forth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of the heavens and earth: "Verily there is no God but I, the Single, the One, the Imprisoned, the Exile." Blessed is he who hath testified to that which God hath testified, and woe unto the heedless.

The glory from Our presence be upon you and upon My loved ones in that place, and upon him who hath mentioned your names in his book, and upon every servant who hath arisen to serve this firm and impregnable Cause. Praise be to God that the final correspondence hath been adorned with the manifest verses of God, exalted be His glory, and thereby its conclusion hath become as musk, nay rather, sanctified above all that hath been mentioned by the pen or will be mentioned. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, hath ever been sanctified above what was and what will be, and praise be to God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

The Servant

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O Nabil, upon thee be My glory, My remembrance and My praise! Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained the presence of the Countenance and hearkened unto the call of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, and hast won that which He desired for thee. Verily He is the One Who ruleth as He pleaseth. O Nabil!

The Youth hath been imprisoned and the croaking of the raven hath been raised. Soon wilt thou hear it from most lands. When thou hearest it, turn thy face toward God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say:

I have turned my face unto Thee, O Thou unto Whom the hearts of the chosen ones have turned and by Whom the faces of the Messengers have been illumined. I testify that Thou wert seated upon the throne of unity. Thou hast no peer in all creation, nor any likeness in invention. Whoso claimeth a matter after Thee is assuredly among the calumniators.

Say: O people! Hold fast unto this mighty cord. We have forbidden you from following vain imaginings and have bidden you to turn unto the Sovereign of the Unseen and the Seen, Who hath dawned from the horizon of power. Ye have followed your desires and have held fast unto the imaginings of your own selves, supposing your Lord to be heedless of you. Nay, by My Self! With Me is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Of this beareth witness he who hath known My Self and hath read what hath been sent down from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. We have dealt with the servants in such wise that they supposed what they supposed, yet they are among the heedless ones. Say: Beware lest ye associate partners with God. Through My Name have the standards of unity been raised and the signs of detachment been manifested. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Nabil! The forbearance of God has reached such a degree that some of His servants have deemed themselves wise and knowing while considering God to be unaware. This is manifest loss. Nothing moves except by His leave and will, and no thought enters any heart save that He encompasses it, knows it, and is aware of it. Many souls have committed that which was forbidden, and despite their knowledge of this, they have witnessed God's grace and generosity manifestly bestowed upon them, and they have attributed this to a lack of divine omniscience - heedless that My Name the Concealer loves not to rend asunder veils, and My preceding mercy has not torn away the veils of creation. O Ali! By My life, My Name the All-Forgiving has been the cause of the postponement of punishment, and My Name the All-Bestowing has been the reason for the delay of chastisement. The details of this Most Great Revelation have not been mentioned except according to the known capacity of the people. Were they to ponder deeply that which was revealed in the Bayan, they would be blessed with a drop from this vast ocean. All the emphases that were revealed in the Bayan from the heaven of the will of the Lord of creation regarding the recognition by the servants were because He observed that the Divine Tree, the Sacred Lote-Tree, and the Apple of the Eye of divine manifestations would be present and visible; otherwise, He would not have uttered a single word of what was revealed. At this station, thou hast heard the utterance of the All-Merciful directly. The deluded ones are many, and each is afflicted with some delusion. We have forbidden the people from clinging to vain imaginings, that they might hold fast unto the Sovereign of reality. Some have clung to their own vain imaginings and held fast to them. They wander in the wilderness of fancy while counting themselves among those endowed with insight, and they walk in the desert of heedlessness while reckoning themselves among the horsemen in the arenas of divine presence. By My life! They are among the deluded ones, they are among the bewildered ones, they are among the heedless ones, they are among the abased ones. They have not yet attained to that which even children have comprehended, for every child knows that if a new Revelation were to appear each day, divine ordinances and heavenly laws would remain suspended and ineffective among the people. Say: O people! If passion has prevented you from the Dayspring of guidance, at least do not transgress

the bounds of fairness. If one were to be even slightly fair-minded, he would never utter a word that might cause division among people and discord among the loved ones. Rather, he would expend his utmost effort and power in exalting the Most Great Name. By My life! They are asleep, and were you to see them through My eyes, you would find them among the dead. During Our migration from Iraq, We informed most of the servants about what had appeared and would appear, such that were the revealed Tablets to be read, all would testify to that which has flowed in this Tablet from the pen of the Truthful, the Trustworthy. Say: O people! If ye desire the water of life, by God it has flowed in His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Blessed are they who drink thereof. And if ye desire power, verily it has shone forth from My horizon - exalted be your Lord, the Lord of all worlds. If ye desire signs, they have filled the horizons - fear ye God and be not among the deluded ones. If ye desire clear proofs, they have appeared in their essence and have shone forth each day from this manifest horizon. Say: Be attracted […]

O servants! By this Name through which the Cry was raised, the Hour was fulfilled, earthquakes seized all tribes, the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, the mountains were crushed, and that which was revealed in the Tablets of God, the Omnipotent, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Great, was made manifest. Whosoever claims a station, attraction, rapture or longing without this Name is among the most lost, even if he should speak with all eloquence, or cause rivers to gush forth from rocks, or command the winds, or cause the clouds to rain. Thus have We sent down the Command on this blessed Night wherein the Tongue of Eternity spoke through His Most Great Name, and the Kawthar of utterance flowed from the mouth of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. When thou art successful, arise, then lift up thy hands and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!”

O Nabil! Convey on behalf of this Prisoner unto the loved ones sublime and glorious greetings with kindly counsels and goodly admonitions, and say: Today is the day to assist the Cause of God through wisdom and utterance. Fix your gaze upon the root of the Cause and turn away from aught else, that perchance ye may become the cause of guidance and the gathering of peoples upon the shore of the Most Great Ocean. No excellence hath equaled or will equal this excellence. The Manifestation Who preceded Me and heralded My Beauty made the entire Bayan contingent upon the word “Yea” in this Most Great Revelation, and not a word was sent down from the heaven of His Will except that from it could be inhaled, and still can be inhaled, the fragrance of the garment of My love. They entirely forbade the people from denial, even though many false claimants are seen and have existed and will exist in every age. Yet none hath pondered what might be the reason and cause for commanding all not to remain veiled from the Ancient Beauty and what hath been revealed in the Bayan concerning Him. Blessed are they that are endued with insight! Blessed are they that are possessed of discernment! Blessed are they that observe with the eye of the spirit! Blessed are they that attain!

By My life! This was naught but what they beheld: that the Tongue of Eternity was speaking in the heart of the world, saying “Verily, there is none other God but Me.” Were they to meditate upon and immerse themselves in the ocean of these words, they would discover the cause of the endless emphases that were revealed by the Pen of the Command in the Bayan. Recognition of this station is the key to divine knowledge. All must strive that they may perchance attain unto it and bear witness with perfect certitude that “He Who is the Beloved of the worlds is made manifest.” Say: O ye who are fair-minded! This is not a day wherein ye should cause people to waver through your own vain imaginings and thus deprive them

from the shore of the Divine Unity. This is a day wherein ye should call out amongst the peoples through this Most Great Name. “Conquer the world through this Name, the Sovereign, the Exalted.” This is the truth, the mention of truth, and the utterance of truth, and after it there is naught but manifest error. God willing, ye should teach with utmost kindliness. Conflict, contention, warfare and corruption have all been forbidden in this Most Great Revelation. This is of His grace unto the peoples, but most of them comprehend not.

Say: O servants, count not the Cause of God as a child’s play and be not heedless of the divine all-encompassing knowledge. Let all be witnessed among creation with radiant countenance, truthful tongue, pure heart, complete steadfastness, unadulterated trustworthiness, absolute sanctity and utter detachment. Gird up the loins of service while uttering the praise and glorification of the Truth, that perchance in these cherished days of God ye may succeed in rendering some service and commit not that which would bring harm upon you and the servants of God. Be ye the cause of guidance through word and deed - this is the most great counsel that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. For years We bore tribulations and calamities until the Cause of God was raised up and made manifest amidst all else. Now, be not the cause of its degradation, and soil not the sacred hem with the clay of the idle fancies of the heedless ones. By Him Who hath established Me in His station before all who are in the heavens and earth! We have not for a moment considered Our own Self. The Most Glorious Horizon hath ever been and will ever be turned toward the horizon of the Cause. For the glory of the Cause We accepted the most great abasement. I desire not My will but the Will of God, were ye of them that know, and I desire not My Cause but the Cause of God, were ye of the fair-minded. By My life! His Cause is My Cause and My Cause is His Cause. Blessed are they that know. However, there are souls for the sake of Truth who regard the cry of all else as the buzzing of flies and witness all in the world as non-existent, and turn not their gaze from the Divine Court and the Most Great Scene. These are the people of Baha and the dwellers of the Crimson Ark. Upon them rest the remembrance of God, His praise, and the praise of the Concourse on High.

O Nabil-i-’Ali! Some among the people are observed to be most unfair. Consider Hassan-i-Bajistani: when he was present in Iraq before Us, he entertained doubts concerning the Cause of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - which he presented before Our countenance, and received the answer directly from the tongue of the Manifestation of Divine Unity. Among his objections to the Primal Point was that His Holiness had, in all His revealed Books, described the Letters of the Living with countless attributes, saying “I am counted as one of those souls, yet I know myself and observe that I have never been, nor am I now, worthy of these attributes.” These very attributes became the cause of his doubt and misgiving, heedless of the fact that while the farmer’s purpose is to water the wheat, the tares are watered incidentally. All the attributes of the Point of the Bayan refer to the first to believe and a limited number; Hassan and his like have incidentally partaken of the waters of the Bayan and the attributes of the All-Merciful. This station endures only so long as acceptance endures, otherwise it returns to the lowest depths. This is why He says that many from the loftiest Tree of Affirmation are, in the Manifestation of the Most Great Luminary, accounted as belonging to the basest Tree of Negation. The Command is in God’s hands; verily He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

His Holiness's attributes were bestowed because these souls had, outwardly, attained to the word "yea," but He explicitly made all of them contingent and dependent upon this Most Great Manifestation. If thou shouldst see him, remind him on My behalf; perchance thou shalt find him among those who have returned unto God Who created all things by His command. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him.

Say: Be fair, O servant! By God, if thou wert to be fair and to ponder that which was revealed in the Bayan, thou wouldst cry out My Name and praise between the worlds. He specifically refers to the Bayan and what was revealed therein, saying "Be not veiled from the Letters thereof and from the Manifestation of the All-Merciful, for the entire Bayan is but a leaf from that true Paradise." He was not steadfast even in the Cause of the Primal Point, being always observed to be disturbed and wavering. God willing, may He cause him to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and draw him nigh unto Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Specifically in the Bayan, such addresses have been made to the Letters of the Living that were they to understand them, they would surely destroy themselves lest a word should proceed from the Source of Divinity bearing the fragrance of displeasure regarding them. Say: O Hassan, reflect that thou mayest know; perchance thou shalt find a path to the Beloved. It behooveth him to carefully study the Book of Badi', which was revealed from the Dawning-Place of the Bayan, the Lord of Lords, in the name of one of the loved ones; perchance he may take the Intended One as his Beloved.

Strange it is that they have not attained to a single letter of the Bayan and have not reflected upon the countless emphatic statements that have flowed from the Supreme Pen. By My life! Were they to reflect, they would understand. He says that if someone should appear with a single verse, ye shall never deny him, and if someone should make a claim without proof, ye shall not oppose him. This is most evident and manifest. Since the Countenance of Divine Unity observed the Dawning-Point of holy revelations manifest and knew that none other than that Ancient Beauty would be capable of raising the call, therefore did He educate all to gather at this Law […]

They have emphasized this matter in the revealed verses to such a degree that no possibility of hesitation or objection remains for anyone, otherwise They would never have uttered such words. Even now the Ancient Pen and the Most Great Name declares: if any soul should appear with all the verses before the completion of a full thousand years - each year comprising twelve months according to what was revealed in the Qur'an, or nineteen months according to what was revealed in the Bayan where each month consists of nineteen days - you must never acknowledge him. In one of the Tablets it is revealed: "Whosoever makes a claim before the completion of a full thousand years is a lying impostor. We beseech God to graciously assist him to retract and repent. If he repents, God will verily turn unto him. If he persists in what he claims, a bearer of divine chastisement will be sent who will deal mercilessly with him. Verily God is severe in punishing!" For the harm of such souls has affected the divine Tree of Truth itself and has been the cause of discord, contention, conflict, the wavering of weak hearts, and the instability of the Cause among the people - and will continue to be so. Therefore, beseech God to make them know themselves and to assist them in what He desires. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Say: Do not regard the Cause of God as a trifling matter, O ye who are endowed with taste. Be

not content with the bitter sea when the sweet and flowing ocean is in surge. Meditate upon the merciful utterances and regard them with penetrating vision, that perchance ye may become aware of a drop from the ocean of inner meanings that lies concealed within the Bayan. In this spiritual dawn, deprive not yourselves and other souls from the wafting breezes of the divine Robe. I swear by the Essence of Pre-existence that Baha weeps over you and laments for you. He has desired nothing for Himself and has accepted the harm of all who are on earth for your deliverance, salvation and turning unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus have We imparted to thee that thou mayest convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. He will verily assist thee and He is the Helper. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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The City of God

Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Musa, upon him be the Glory of God

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

Though at the beginning of every letter it is necessary, nay obligatory, for every soul to make mention of the One Friend, the One Beloved, and the One Goal, and to express to the extent possible His all-encompassing favors, His precedent mercies, and His all-pervasive grace which hath surrounded every atom of existence, yet due to strange occurrences and the unseemly rejected deeds of some, one finds oneself bewildered and astounded to such degree that silence is preferred over speech and utterance. O Beloved of my heart! Thou Thyself art witness and testament that the Pen of counsel of the Blessed Beauty hath moved by night and day, commanding all to goodly deeds and praiseworthy character through utterances that have enkindled the hearts of the fair-minded and through remembrances wherein every word concealed an ocean of counsel. Nevertheless, from some who claim to love Him there hath appeared that which hath caused the Cause to be wasted among the servants. They have shown no mercy to themselves, nor to the Cause, nor have they acted upon the counsels; rather they have done what was prompted by self and passion. They have cast aside righteousness and embraced tyranny and wickedness. God is witness and testament that this servant desireth to cry out and raise his voice, perchance some ear might hearken or some eye might see, that they might hear and behold that which is the good of existence. In any case, now that from certain deeds the greatest despair hath become manifest, we must wait to see what divine forgiveness and grace shall reveal. Well was it said of old: “Woe unto me, and again woe unto me, should I come before Thee while Thou art displeased with me.” It is hoped and expected that the loved ones will shine forth among the servants with the light of sanctity and detachment, in such wise that all shall acknowledge the loftiness and elevation of the true people of divine unity and the companions of spiritual detachment. I conclude these words at this time with these utterances, saying:

My God, my God! Thou seest some of Thy loved ones in the darkness of their deeds which Thou didst forbid them in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers and Thy Chosen Ones and Thy trustees, and by Him through Whom the Sun of Unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace and the Moon of Sanctity appeared from the horizon of Thy Will, and by His family and His companions whom Thou didst make mighty against the infidels, to assist those who have gone astray to return unto Thee and to turn to the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Merciful.

O Beloved of my heart! O Beloved of my heart! What can I say regarding what transpired after reading the letter of that Beloved? Sorrows encompassed me to such a degree that the response to the letter was long delayed, and the pen was prevented from inscription. If, God forbid, a wrong should appear from someone, it must be concealed and dealt with forbearingly. All discord, conflict, disputation and that which causes grief have been forbidden. All have been commanded to love and fellowship. Nevertheless, each day a new flame appears and corruption manifests. In the great city, Muhammad-'Ali Isfahani, despite being shown the utmost love, was so consumed by the fire of greed and passion that he abandoned all trustworthiness and religion, and joining with another like himself, denied possession of considerable funds belonging to others, including those of His Holiness the Afnan, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. In his greed for wealth he accused some of theft and resorted to various calumnies. Likewise, whenever anyone claims their portion of the believers' funds, he says they were stolen and taken away. He has manifested such opposition as has had and has no equal. One is bewildered, the pen is bewildered, the page is bewildered at how a person can abandon that which is the cause of his honor and elevation, and cling to that which degrades, abases and humiliates him. In any case, after reading that Beloved's letter, I proceeded to the Most Great Shrine and it was presented before His countenance. He said: "O thou who gazest upon the Face! In all conditions this Wronged One hath mentioned that which conduceth to the glory, exaltation and tranquility of humanity, and hath counseled all toward that which draweth them nigh unto God. Were anyone to question all things regarding what this Wronged One hath intended, all would proclaim at the top of their voices: 'Verily, He hath enjoined what is right and forbidden what is wrong.' We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to unite the hearts of His servants and to acquaint them with that which profiteth them in all the worlds of His worlds." The signs of thy grief have affected this Wronged One as well. Despair not of God's grace and mercy, and grieve not over the evil deeds of His servants. Ask God to adorn all with the ornament of justice and fairness. Verily, He hath power over all things. This land hath been named the Most Great Prison, and in this are signs for those who perceive and evidences for those who see. We beseech Him to open before thy face and those with thee the gates of grace and bounty, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of generosity a mercy from His presence and a favor from His own Self. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace be upon thee and upon thy son. We beseech God, exalted be He, to cause the fountain of His utterance to flow through him for the irrigation of His servants, and upon those with thee among the sincere, devoted, and righteous ones who profess His unity.

God willing, through his presence may differences be transformed into unity, corruption into righteousness, discord into harmony, and sadness into joy. This is not difficult for God, our Lord and your

Lord. O beloved of my heart! Truly the world and its events are the cause of great sorrow. Although it has been said "tribulation is for those near to God, then for the Prophets, then for the chosen ones," and in light of these words one remains patient and content when afflictions befall oneself - yet the grief of God's loved ones and what befalls them melts the liver and burns the heart. Among these is the harm that befell the beloved of my heart, His Holiness Mirza [Baha'u'llah]. This sorrow is beyond sorrows, for despite the failing health, overwhelming weakness, and the burning separation, there arose the sighs of the sincere and tears of the fair-minded. What became of mercy? Where did compassion go? What effect did the counsels and advice in the Tablets have? In any case, after presenting these matters before His presence, there appeared outwardly that which this ephemeral one is unable to describe. These are days when the loved ones must soar with a single wing and gather in one place, dealing with each other with the utmost kindness and compassion, so that through their love the people of the world may be illumined by its light and enkindled by its fire. Good manners are part of human nature, and honor and respect are among its characteristics. The young must show reverence to the elder, and the lesser must recognize the station of the greater. This matter caused the greatest sorrow. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that those who committed these acts may return and arise to make amends for what was lost, so that sorrows may not exceed their measure and cause destruction. It is better that we now grasp the hem of His generosity and say:

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servants and Thy creation, and Thou knowest them better than they know themselves. Transform their evil into good and their injustice into justice. Then, O my God, extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity with the Kawthar of Thy mercy and the water of Thy grace. O Lord! Aid them in what Thou lovest and art pleased with, through Thy bounty and generosity, and assist them to achieve love and unity through Thy power and dominion. O Lord! Illumine their outer and inner beings with the lights of Thy virtues. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Beyond these matters, what befell that beloved one caused countless sorrows, and what can I say about what occurred after learning of it, to such an extent that the paper fell from my hand as if the power to hold and grasp had been taken from it. In any case, in complete wonderment and engaged in praise, prayer and supplication, I approached the Presence and made my submission. He said:

O thou who gazeth upon the Face and art immersed in the ocean of remembrance and praise! What befell thee hath grieved Me. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, by the waves of the ocean of His utterance and the lights of the sun of His grace, to protect thee through His care and guard thee with His hosts and heal thee through His bounty and purify thee from every disease and illness and from all that would trouble thy heart. Verily, He is the Healer, the Sufficient, the Powerful, the Almighty.

Praise be to God, repeatedly you have attained to His mention. Truly, what befell you produced mighty effects and caused many sorrows, but we hope that God will transform it into health and safety and joy and gladness. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning what you wrote about the attention, steadfastness and service of Mirza, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, after presenting it He said: "Whosoever is for God, God is for him." Deeds in God's path are never lost, like a sapling in blessed and goodly soil that ever grows, nourished by the water of God's grace - exalted be His glory. Soon its signs, leaves and fruits will become manifest. One pure deed

performed for the sake of the Lord will lead one to the highest paradise. Verily He does not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. We beseech God to adorn souls who have turned to Him with the ornament of steadfastness and wisdom.

O my God! O my God! Thou seest Thy servants who have turned unto Thee. Adorn them with the robe of steadfastness and godliness, and assist them in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Deny them not the ocean of Thy bounty nor the lights of the Sun of Thy giving. Ordain for them that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are near unto Thee and for the sincere ones among Thy creation. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

That soul should assist all to perform deeds that cause the elevation and progress of souls. The deeds and actions that appeared from some in the early days caused both the wicked and the righteous to withdraw, distance themselves and flee. And the Shi'ih party - may God abandon them - attributed as many calumnies as they could to these servants, and the divines of that heedless group strove to spread them. Thus befell what befell. We hope that the loved ones in that land will hold fast to the Law and to good deeds. A human being without deeds and fruits is like a dried-up tree. This Wronged One, during His sojourn in that land, would go to the mosque and likewise visit the holy and purified shrines. Nevertheless, after this Wronged One they did that which was contrary to all parties. We beseech God to aid all to do what He loves and is pleased with, and to assist His loved ones to perform deeds that draw people near unto Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Throne and the Possessor of the exalted Seat.

We hope that all may attain to deeds that cause the drawing near and attraction of the servants. God willing, may they be assisted in matters that cause the exaltation of the people of unity and the turning of all. In this land, some weak souls and children, out of their love for good deeds, despite the length of days, fast during the blessed month of Ramadan and stand in prayer throughout the night, all holding fast to God's laws and clinging to the hem of His grace and generosity. Deeds have been and are the cause of nearness, exaltation and propagation. Blessed are they that act and blessed are they that understand.

At one time He uttered this blessed word: "There hath come upon that Wronged One what hath come upon this Wronged One. We beseech God to assist the heedless to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous, the Pardoner, the Merciful."

Another submission: No one's word concerning that beloved one has been or is acceptable. In previous years He would repeatedly utter these words - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him: "Let no one speak aught but good concerning Mirza M., upon him be God's peace, care and mercy. Leave him to Us."

This servant has repeatedly heard similar words and written them to various regions. God is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Witness. As they have again mentioned the loved ones, for each one a special mention has been made. The word of the Lord - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him […]

O Muhammad-Qabil-Shuja'! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to illumine thee with the lights of His most excellent names and His most exalted attributes, and to adorn thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We counsel thee to be trustworthy, to be

religious, to be truthful and pure, and We ask for thee divine confirmation and assistance. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee that thy heart might rejoice thereby. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, and say: “My God, my God! Protect Thy unified servants from the evil of the idolaters who have encompassed their homes and lands. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, to guard them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, and enable me to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

O Abdul-Nabi! Sorrows have encompassed Me from those who claim to be of Mine own Self yet perpetrate that which causeth My sighs to ascend and My tears to fall. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world, to assist the heedless to turn unto Him and seek forgiveness for their deeds. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

Praise be to the Purpose of the world and the Beloved of nations, Whose grace hath encompassed the earth and its people. His manifest and hidden bounties are ever-present and descending at all times. Who is able to describe Him as He deserves to be described, or praise Him as He deserves to be praised? This is especially true of those servants who reap without having sown and take without having given. The servant beareth witness that grace is from Him, bounty is from His presence, the verses are by His command, and the laws are in the grasp of His power. He is the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

Three assured souls are mentioned, praise be to God, and have attained to such mention as leadeth to attention, supplication and trust. This lowly one conveyeth greetings to each one and beseecheth the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted for bounty, blessing and steadfastness for each. Verily, God is the Provider, the Lord of Strength, the Firm. And specifically for the apple of the eye of His Honour Ibn, upon him be God’s peace, a special tablet was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it.

As to what thou didst write regarding certain matters, after presenting them He said: “We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to manifest for him that which will profit him and to send down upon him from the heaven of generosity that which will exalt him. Verily, He is with His trusting servants.” That which now causeth the manifestations of grace is association with the servants in a spirit of fellowship and fragrance, and likewise unity, harmony and love. Verily, God is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon God’s righteous servants.

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He is the All-Knowing Expounder!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One. Verily it is the sealed wine from God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath heard and taken and drunk, detached from all that was and shall be. Is there any possessed of might whom the power of the world cannot weaken? Is there any who standeth firm whom the hosts of the oppressors cannot cause to sit? Is there any possessed of vision who beholdeth the Most Exalted Horizon? Is there any possessed of hearing who heareth the Call of God, the

Lord of the seen and the unseen? We have called all to the Most Great Path of God and made known unto them that which shall deliver them from His grievous chastisement. Say: O concourse of the earth! The Sun of Revelation hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. Turn ye unto Him and be not of them that turn aside. By the life of God! That which ye possess shall profit you not except through this Cause whereby the pillars of idolatry were shaken and the hearts of the transgressors were perturbed. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people are in evident veils. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to the whisperings of the idolaters. O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! The Most Great Branch hath presented thy letter and mentioned it before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with that which no treasuries of utterance can equal, and when it was sent down, the necks of the just bowed before it. O people of Baha! Take ye the cup of eternity in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind, then drink ye therefrom in His Name, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not at what hath befallen you from the malice of the enemies and what is beyond it. The days shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of the worlds. Soon shall their glory be turned into abasement and their wealth into poverty, while glory and power shall abide with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: Know ye your stations. Verily, he who hath turned and attained is of the people of the Most Exalted Paradise. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen in this lofty station. Remember My loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My loving-kindness and the bounty of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent you from turning unto the Powerful, the Trustworthy, Whom neither the denial of princes could weaken nor the clamor of divines could hinder. He hath stood before all faces and proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Informed.

We have changed the eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue. O My Name! Reflect upon the people of the earth. With the utmost diligence they occupy themselves with arranging the means of livelihood for two days of earthly life, yet remain heedless and veiled from the world that endureth through the sovereignty of earth and heaven. Luqman spoke a worthy word to Nathan his son: "O son! If thy purpose be the world, thou shouldst have made provision while still in thy mother's womb, for each day thou drewest nearer to it and further from that other realm. But now that thou art come into the world, each day thou growest more distant from it and nearer to the other world. Therefore, provision for that realm is now necessary and obligatory." We beseech God not to deprive the peoples of the earth from this everlasting bounty and heavenly sustenance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My Name! They that are adorned with the ornament of divine distinction must conduct themselves with complete detachment, and each must be a manifestation of sanctity and purity. Among the servants hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning the conditions of teachers that which, should any soul cleave unto it, will deliver the peoples of the world from ignorance and unawareness and lead them to the realm of knowledge and wisdom. Well is it with him who, with penetrating vision, perceiveth that which hath appeared from the Treasury of the Most Exalted Pen and attaineth unto the recognition thereof.

The first command, which causeth the manifestation and appearance of God's laws and ordinances, hath been unity and concord. This utterance hath streamed forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful in most of

the Tablets. O My Name! Thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst witness the waves of the ocean of His utterance and the horizon of His manifestation and power. We beseech God to adorn all with His attributes and to aid them in that which conduceth to the exaltation of the Word of God and of souls. All that hath befallen thee in the path of God hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Rejoice thou in this manifest remembrance and this mighty favor.

That which thou didst mention concerning him who hath turned towards God, upon him be His glory and that which hath appeared from him in His path, hath attained unto the honor of being heard. God sufficeth him and He is the best of protectors. And We have sent unto him this word that he may rejoice in God's loving-kindness and mercy and be of them that are glad. He hath been and is beneath the glances of divine mercy, and whatsoever he hath wrought in the path of God hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance and recorded in the Book. The passing of centuries and ages shall not erase this remembrance, nor shall the happenings of the world alter it.

We counsel Ha and Sin unto that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. We beseech God to aid him in that which causeth the manifestation of sanctification and detachment and the exaltation of His Word.

O Jamal! Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. These days are the days of mention and praise and of teaching the Cause through wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who have attained unto service to the Cause. The conditions of the world did not withhold them from the Lord of mankind nor prevented them from turning unto Him. One word of the divine words is more exalted than a hundred thousand children and treasures, for that word hath in every world of the worlds a manifest effect and a resplendent fruit. Were the people of earth to become aware and cognizant of this, all would turn from what they possess unto that which is with God. How many children have become the cause of abasement and the source of corruption, and how many riches have resulted in poverty. O Jamal! The Cause is in God's hands. He changeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

And as for what thou didst submit regarding the funds, We have heard and accepted it. However, if it be given in accordance with what is ordained for the sake of God, it is acceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of the favour of the Imprisoned One. His mention hath been and is before those who are nigh unto God. O Jamal! Some among the people of the Bayan have loved and continue to love discord, and have been and are awaiting the calf of haste. Say: O servants! Know ye with complete certitude that the Revelation hath ended. Should anyone appear, whatsoever he may bring or say before the passing of a thousand years would be and is false, for it would be the cause of corruption and turmoil in the world. The Herald came and gave the tidings; the Fulfiller came and completed it. For what and for whom would there be another Revelation? Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Today the meaning of steadfastness is that they should see themselves independent and in need of none save God, exalted be His glory. This is the meaning of true wealth and spiritual riches that hath been manifested from God. Blessed be they that have attained, and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's

Covenant and Testament, and who have arisen to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as hath caused the feet of the doubters to slip and the hearts of the false ones to tremble.

At this moment this most exalted Word hath repeatedly been revealed from the Pen of the Lord of all beings: O My Name Jim! Upon thee be My glory! Convey on behalf of the True One greetings to the steadfast souls and give them glad-tidings. All have been and are in Our sight, and for each We desire that which is conducive to the eternal perpetuation of their mention, name and station. Convey My glory to ’Ali-Haydar, and likewise to other souls. Out of wisdom, names are not mentioned. Knowledge is with God, thy Lord, and His favour is His to bestow.

As for what thou didst mention concerning one of the sons of Khalil and heirs of Kalim, convey to him greetings and give him glad-tidings from the Wronged One. We have accepted his deed in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to strengthen him, assist him, and record for him the reward of attaining His presence, and to give him to drink from the Kawthar of His bounty. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous. In truth he hath rendered service. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect him, strengthen him and send down blessings. O Jamal! His contribution should arrive soon so that all may be enabled to serve in His path, exalted be He, and act with joy, delight and utmost contentment in that which is pleasing to the Friend. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon every servant who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning the loved ones of the land of A. and S. it was revealed […]

O My loved ones in that land! Ye have been before My face, and We have made mention of you before and after, and adorned you with the ornament of My love and mercy, and guided you to the knowledge of God and the Dawning-Places of His Cause and the Day-Springs of His Revelation. Upon you be the blessings of God and His peace, and the peace of His Prophets and His chosen ones. We beseech God to unite us with you, and to assist us and assist you, and to ordain for you from the wonders of His bounty that which will bring solace to your eyes and tranquility to your souls. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. That person’s work in the path of God hath been accomplished and hath been adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance. However, the spreading of such matters is a hundred thousand leagues removed from wisdom. The mention of known persons hath not been and is not permissible, particularly the mention of their works in His exalted path which are most important matters. The evil ones spread news and manifest harm befalleth the doer of the deed. From the land of ?a, two persons other than you have written about this matter until now. Should contact with the mentioned souls become necessary regarding any matter, it must be done with the utmost concealment, and even then only by chance. Do not let this matter disappear from view and act with utmost love toward the friends in the land of ?a. The expression of love is for the Cause of God and for the sake of God. Well is it with them that act.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The letter of Abu’l-Hasan - upon him be My glory - which he wrote to thee was presented by the Most Great Branch before the Countenance and attained the honor of being heard. He hath desired to attain the presence and meeting, but in these days,

due to the fire of hatred burning in the breast of the chief of this land and his followers, We have withheld permission, as a wisdom from Us, and We are the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and give him the glad tidings of mention by the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he, for in days when the most exalted among creation, namely the divines, have turned away and engaged in opposition, he hath turned to the most sublime horizon and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. Blessed is he and his is a goodly return.

O My Name! The letter of Muhammad-i-Qazvini which he sent to Nasru'llah - upon him be My loving-kindness and My glory - attained the honor of Our gracious regard and We heard his call. Repeatedly hath mention of him flowed from the Supreme Pen, time after time and again and again. Give him glad tidings from Me and remind him of that which hath been revealed for him from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance.

O Party of Dal and Alif and all others whom we have repeatedly mentioned and continue to mention! Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, hath submitted mention of certain loved ones and sent it to the Most Holy Court. Each one hath attained unto the Word of God and been mentioned and recorded by the Supreme Pen. In accordance with wisdom and its requirements, We withheld its proclamation and dispatch. Praise be to God! The light of divine love is shining from the horizon of that land, and the eye of favor and the glance of loving-kindness are directed towards that region. Ere long will the fire of the Word ignite most souls and guide them to the highest horizon. We convey greetings to all and beseech the True One to illumine the horizons of hearts with the lights of the Most Great Luminary and to make them steadfast in the Cause of God. The barking ones have been and continue to be in transit, striving through various schemes and devices to extinguish the light and quench the fire of God. O people of God! The crafty ones lie in wait, hoping perchance to prevent those who have turned towards the Most Great Ocean and to summon them to their own vain imaginings. For twelve hundred years and more that vile party, namely the Shi'ih idolators of vain imaginings, were the most lost among all the peoples of the world, as was clearly and evidently manifested on the Day of Resurrection through the fruits of their deeds. Such tyranny was perpetrated by that group that the realities of the Prophets and the chosen ones, the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise, and the Tablet and the Pen, all lamented and wept. Now again certain vile and heedless souls have arisen to promote these same vain imaginings. May God, exalted be His glory, protect all.

The petition of Mahdi, who attained unto the presence and won the honor of recognition, reached the Most Holy Court. We have heard his call and wish to answer him at this time through the Pen of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Mahdi! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee through His verses and clear proofs and commandeth thee to observe the wisdom that hath been sent down in My wondrous Book. Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto that which hath been the purpose of the chosen ones and the loved ones. The fragrance of steadfastness was wafted from thy letter. Blessed art thou, and again, blessed art thou! We beseech God to aid thee in such wise that no chance for mention or utterance may remain for the barking ones, the infidels, and the transgressors. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the people of God in that land. Say: Today is the Day of God, sanctified from names and mentions. Strive that ye may succeed in rendering such service as will cause its fragrance to endure throughout all ages. Thou didst mention a certain person. He hath gone to other lands also and said there

what he said here. Beseech God to guide him and make him aware. O My loved ones in that land! Today the proof is manifest, the light is shining, the verses are being revealed, and the evidences are clear. The path is visible and the way is plain. Blessed is the soul that hath cleaved unto the truth and found itself detached and free from all else. This is the most exalted station and the supreme summit. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness and to aid them in teaching the Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Soon will come unto you a barking one with another barking one. He will inform you as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We beseech God to protect you from the evil of those who have broken the Covenant of God and His Testament, who have disputed His verses and turned away from His Cause. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from the Truth, who have turned towards it and have said […]

Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having enabled us to turn toward Thee, to hear Thy call, and to recognize Thy straight and manifest path. We beseech Thee to make us among those who cling to the cord of Thy grace and hold fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

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

All praise, sanctified above the understanding of all created things, befitteth the presence of Him Who is the Desired One, Who through a single glance of His favour can cause an atom to be adorned with the glory of the sun, and transform a drop into an ocean. And were He, God forbid, to withhold His special grace, the meaning of “all things shall perish save His face” would be made manifest. Sanctified and holy is His sacred court above the praise of all the eloquent ones and learned ones of the earth. Every fair-minded mystic hath confessed his powerlessness, and every truthful scholar hath acknowledged his shortcoming. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, far above that which those who are nigh, and they who profess His unity, and the sincere ones attribute unto Him! He is the Omnipotent One Who, through a single revelation from His Most Great Name, illumined the world, made manifest the Balance, and established the Straight Path before the faces of all His servants. And through that same revelation - which in one station is referred to as the Word, in another as the Will, in yet another as the Divine Purpose, and the like - the trumpet was sounded, the cry was raised, and those that lay in their graves were stirred. Exalted be His dominion! Exalted be His power! Exalted be His greatness! He hath created all things through a word from His presence. How then can anyone know His Originator, His Creator, and His Manifestation? The servant beseecheth His Lord to assist His servants to turn towards the horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of His countenance, and unto the ocean which surgeth through His firm and mighty command.

And furthermore, thy letter dated the 25th of the month of Safar was received, and since it was adorned with mention of the Purpose of all worlds, it brought the utmost joy and gladness. May thou never be deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Truth and the outpourings of the ocean of grace. Continuously drink and quaff and share with others the cup of divine love. Strange it is that people have let slip from their grasp such a blessed Day and remained deprived of recognizing it. The vision of the servants is weak, while the Sun of Truth shineth with perfect radiance and light. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory and His sovereignty, to grant strength to weak eyes that they may not be deprived of beholding the spiritual Sun. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Likewise, another letter dated the 10th of Rabi'u'l-Avval was received, and after perusing and becoming acquainted with its contents, it was brought to the Most Great View, and after permission and leave was granted, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of Destiny. He, exalted be His glory, said: "O Abu'l-Hasan! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and the face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this remote prison. We have sent down for thee in the Palace that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation, and in this Prison that which hath stirred every frozen and weighty soul. Behold none save God and His Cause. This is a word through which the horizon of the Tablet hath shone forth and the faces of the sincere have been illumined."

O Abu'l-Hasan! God willing, thou shalt attain unto the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance that lieth hidden and concealed within the divine words, and shalt drink therefrom. All are speaking the Word of God, and yet one soul gave up his life upon hearing the blessed word "Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputes," while another, after hearing divine verses which are beyond reckoning, stirred not from his place and remained deprived of the breezes of the days and bereft of the lights of His countenance. They mention by word the Kawthar and Salsabil, while both appear before their faces yet they remain utterly remote and distant from them. The Supreme Pen counseleth at all times the people of the world regarding that which is to their benefit, both outwardly and inwardly; nevertheless, they have prevented their ears from hearing and have veiled their eyes from beholding the lights with the veils of idle fancy.

O Abu'l-Hasan! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize Him and for having caused thee to appear before His face in the Most Great Prison and for having enabled thee to hear His sweet call. Thy services have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and this is from God's great bounty. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. How many are the servants who attained not unto recognition of the Truth, and how many the souls who attained unto the honor of recognition but were not successful in rendering service to the Cause, and how many the souls who arose to serve but received no mention from the Supreme Pen; yet thou, praise be to God, hast attained unto this great bounty. Should the lowliest of earth's inhabitants diffuse from him a breath of sincerity, he would be accounted before God as one of those who circle round the Throne and as one of the people of Baha. Blessed are they whom the doubts and imaginings of men have not withheld from the ocean of certitude and […]

The oppression of the people of the world hath not deprived them of the light of the Manifestation. Convey My greetings to all the friends on behalf of the Wronged One and say: O My loved ones! Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness through My power, and cling to the hem of patience through My Name, the

All-Patient, the Mighty, the Wise. Know ye the value of these days and deprive not yourselves of the infinite bounties. Arise to serve the Cause of God in complete unity - that is, be occupied with His mention, His praise and the promotion of His Cause. Any matter that today becometh the cause of someone turning away or the source of grief is not acceptable in the sight of God. Associate with the servants of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and radiance. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime by My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O honored brother! Praise be to God, thou hast attained His grace and art adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid all the loved ones to achieve that which is befitting and worthy in this day, lest transient affairs and their manifestations deprive them of the eternal Kingdom.

Concerning what thou didst write about trade and its profit, it is evident that since thou hast acted for the sake of God and hadst no personal motive, the blessing of His grace was bestowed. Any deed performed for God's sake will surely manifest its effect in the material world. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and the choice wine of reunion, while every heedless one remained far removed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make manifest the effects of thy services. O My loved one! Consider the divine bounty - although hoarding was forbidden, yet since thou wert unaware and whatsoever thou didst was for the sake of God, it was accepted and blessed with bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. I have been and am hopeful of God's grace, and I beseech Him to ever illumine the Trustee and thyself with the light of trustworthiness.

As for what thou didst write concerning the people of Mamqan, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious […]

O loved ones of God in Mamqan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful that hath been raised from this place which the oppressors have made a prison for Him Who summoneth mankind unto the straight path. He commandeth you to righteousness and piety and to turn with illumined hearts to the supreme horizon. Thus hath the Beloved of all possibility decreed. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. The affairs of creation cannot frustrate Him, nor can the veils of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, prevent Him. This is the Day wherein the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and all things have cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!" Well is it with him who hath cast away the world and taken hold of that which God, the Lord of all nations, hath commanded. He is assuredly among the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet.

God willing, may ye be blessed through the grace of the All-Merciful and be detached and free from all else but Him. How many souls awaited the days of God, yet when the Most Great Light dawned above the horizon of the world, all peoples turned away save those whom God, exalted be His glory, preserved through His complete power and delivered from the darkness of self and desire. Know ye the value of this Day. Break the idols of vain imaginings through the name of the Lord of all names and fix your gaze upon

the horizon of certitude. Forget not the counsels of the Truth and preserve the pearls of His words within the shell of the heart. Praise be to God that His grace hath not left you to yourselves. Be ye occupied with His remembrance and praise throughout the days and nights. Soon shall the earthly world and all that is therein perish and vanish away, while that which hath been recorded by the Divine Pen concerning His loved ones shall remain and endure. Strive ye for that which will profit you and enrich you above all else. Thus doth the Wronged One command you from this mighty prison.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Sisan! Rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of you in the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Hold fast unto the firm handle and cling to the hem of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of the Return. By the True One! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and the Speaker of Sinai speaketh forth on this Day that was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away whatsoever preventeth it from piety and hath taken hold of that which it was commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought the supreme homeland, and the poor one who hath hastened to the ocean of wealth, and the one who hath turned with God's leave to the Most Exalted Word, God, the Cleaver of the dawn. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the ocean of knowledge, and how many a veiled one hath hastened and drunk and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords!" I testify that Thou hast manifested the Manifestation of Thyself and hast sent down that which hath weakened the servants and caused feet to slip. Thus have We adorned the horizon of utterance with the sun of proof. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the garment and held fast to the Command of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

We make mention of Our loved ones in the land of M and T that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names, and thank Him at eventide and at dawn. The lamp of God hath been lit in the world. Draw near, O people of the earth, and follow not every idolatrous impostor. Those who have debarred the servants from the Most Great Sea are wrapped in heedlessness and veils. They have cast the knowledge of God behind their backs and followed vain fancies and imaginings. Take ye what ye have been commanded and leave those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful after the proof and evidence had come unto them. Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness in this Cause whereby souls have been shaken and the faces of the righteous illumined.

O friends! God willing, may you drink, through the bounty of the All-Merciful, from the Living Waters which by God's will have flowed forth throughout creation, and partake thereof. Today the Sun of generosity is shining and the ocean of bounty is surging - deprive not yourselves. Under all conditions, hold fast to the cord of His remembrance and occupy yourselves with the praise of God, exalted be His glory. The satans of the earth have not and will never cease in their efforts to lead the servants astray. You must preserve the pearls of His love through His Name, lest the hands of the treacherous pollute them and strip them of their freshness. Know ye the value of this call, for this Day will not always be manifest nor this call forever raised. How many were the saints and chosen ones who gave up their lives yearning for the divine call, yet attained it not. Know ye the value of these days and this remembrance which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this mighty prison. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what you requested about the people of Mamqan, Sisan and Mataneh, praise be to God it was blessed with acceptance and adorned with favor. As commanded, this evanescent servant wrote and sent word. However, you must proceed with perfect wisdom and never let go of wisdom in any circumstance, lest something occur that might extinguish enkindled souls. People are weak and heedless of God's will - for if they were to become aware of but a drop from the ocean of His will, you would find them all turned towards Him. In any case, impart the divine words to them with utmost care and counsel those souls with wisdom. Conflict and contention have never been and are not permitted.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Afnan Aqa'i, Mr. A. and H., upon them be all the Glory of God, a firm decree was previously issued that whatever they have written should be acted upon. The earthly resources of Kh. were all distributed according to the record sent in this letter, and they have been and are delivering them to the mentioned souls as commanded. Whatever is with you should be delivered to them.

And concerning what you wrote mentioning Mr. Muhammad Sadiq and others, it was presented and the Sun of favor has risen upon each one. They were previously mentioned in the Most Holy Court and sublime, wondrous verses were specifically revealed for them. I beseech God to assist them all in what He loves and is pleased with. Similarly, you had mentioned Mr. Mirza Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God. He has not been forgotten and God willing never will be. He was mentioned in the Most Holy Court. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen him in matters that cause the exaltation of his station and the elevation of the Cause. Please convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him and other friends, upon them be the glory of God, who have drunk from the cup of detachment and are gazing toward the horizon of unity.

Furthermore, a few days ago a detailed reply to your letter was sent, and mention was made in the Most Holy Court of those souls whose names were inscribed in that missive. Specifically for each one, both living and departed, wondrous and exalted verses were revealed and dispatched. God willing, they will attain to their perusal. May He bestow fresh life upon the living and grant eternal remembrance to the departed. His is the grace, the generosity, the bounty and the bestowal. God willing, may you ever abide peaceful and at rest beneath the shade of the Blessed Tree. A letter reached this evanescent one from the beloved Nazim, upon him be the Glory of God, and God willing its reply shall be submitted. Your honor should consult with him on matters and act upon whatever is deemed advisable. Furthermore, on behalf of this evanescent servant convey greetings to the honored friend Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, through divine grace may they ignite with the fire of His love those who are dispirited, and guide the thirsty to the stream of the All-Merciful's mercy. Furthermore, it was intended to submit a petition in reply to the letter of the honored beloved Nabil-i-Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God, but since they had written of their intention to depart, it was delayed until their place of residence becomes known. Though they wander in the path of God - would that I could share in what hath befallen him in the Cause of God, our Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all the worlds. Convey on behalf of this evanescent one wondrous and exalted greetings to Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may they fix their gaze upon that which God hath desired and remain firm and steadfast in His service. The Glory be upon you and upon him.

The Servant

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He is the Most Great Name, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

The essence of praise and the pure crystal of glorification beseemeth the hallowed court of that Beloved One Who hath ever been sanctified beyond the loftiest description of all created things and Who shall forever remain exalted above the most sublime mention of all beings. His sanctified Being transcendeth the understanding of the wise, the comprehension of the learned, and whatsoever the people of utterance speak. He hath been from all eternity a hidden Mystery and a treasured Secret. None hath known Him, and no soul hath fathomed His reality. Thus hath it been aforetime, and thus shall it be evermore. There is none other God but He, Who speaketh from the blessed Tree upon the elevated Mount in the holy and single Spot: "Verily, I am God; there is none other God but Me."

Though the tongues of creation have, from time immemorial, spoken His praise and uttered His glorious mention, We testify that He hath never been described, mentioned, or praised. For whatsoever can be conceived or contemplated in creation hath been and shall ever be His handiwork. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He above being described by aught else, and sanctified, immeasurably sanctified, is He above being praised by other than Himself or being mentioned by any save Him. And when that Ancient Ocean desired to be known, He created the heavens and the earth through the blessed and primal Word which shone forth from the dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Oneness. This Word hath in one place been referred to as "Be and it is," yet in the sight of them that have quaffed from the Kawthar of utterance and sought the Yemen of knowledge, that Word hath been and shall ever be the Manifestation itself. He, in His own Essence, is sanctified above manifestation, appearance, ascent, descent, mention, utterance, knowledge, witnessing and vision. No vision can encompass Him, but He encompasseth all vision, and He is the Subtle, the All-Informed. And if it be said that the Will is itself the Manifestation and that a word hath appeared from it, this is the truth in which there is no doubt.

Blessed are they who have purified their ears from the sayings of the peoples of the world, for unpurified ears were not and will never be worthy of hearkening unto the Word of God. As is evident, He Who conversed with God calleth out in the Most Great Name amongst the nations with the most exalted call, yet souls remain veiled from Him and deprived of the sweetness of divine utterance. They have ears but hear not therewith, and hearts but understand not therewith. This blessed Primal Word hath been designated by all the goodly names. He is the Straight Path and the Mighty News. He is the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Dayspring of His divine revelation. He is the Sure Handle and the Supreme Horizon. He is the Manifestation of God amidst all else beside Him. All that which creation hath heard and become enabled to know and comprehend hath been taken from that Source of divine wisdom and that Dayspring of celestial knowledge. For had that Primal Manifestation and that all-embracing Divine Word not spoken concerning the oneness of the Ancient Being and the Most Great Sea and His knowledge, none would have attained unto the recognition of that sanctified Being Who is the Cause and Purpose of

creation. He is the Most Great Gate and the Most Straight Path, the Primal Point and the Most Exalted Word, the Divine Lote-Tree and the Ultimate End. Were it not for Him, no one would have known God and none would have become aware of Him. All the knowledge of those who know, the understanding of the sincere ones, the remembrances of those near unto God, and the descriptions of those who describe, return unto this station. For the recognition of His Self is the recognition of God, His commandments are God's commandments, His utterance is God's utterance, and His word is the Word of God. Whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God, and whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God. No one's knowledge and deeds are accepted save through His love and good-pleasure, His command and will. He is the Manifestation of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth' in the kingdom of creation, and He is the fulfillment of that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an: "On the day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord." By God the Truth! The morn hath truly dawned and the night hath departed, and this is God's remembrance unto mankind. This is the day wherein sight is dazzled and the moon is eclipsed, and man hath no refuge or rest save for him who hath laid hold on God's cord, the Lord of Destiny. This is the day whereon the Spirit and the angels stand arrayed; none shall speak save him whom the All-Merciful permitteth. This is the day whereon the unbeliever shall say "Would that I were dust!" This Most Great, Most Exalted Manifestation and Most Sublime, Most Glorious Appearance hath appeared in every age and epoch under a different name. He is the Sun of Truth which shineth forth from the horizon of grace. Through His appearance the Hidden Treasure is revealed, meaning His manifestation is itself the manifestation of God amongst His servants. For were He not to appear, that Hidden Treasure would remain concealed forever and none would inhale the fragrance of His knowledge or attain unto the oneness of His sacred Being. Through Him doth He try all the peoples of the earth. His word, exalted is He: "Do men think when they say 'We believe' they shall be left unchallenged?" He is the true Balance between creation, and by Him are all the peoples of the earth brought to account. He is the Eye of God and the Ear of God and the Tongue of God […]

The Manifestation of God, whenever the fragrance of God perfumed the world and the breeze of God wafted and the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of grace, all people rose up in rejection and protest, and with the utmost effort and striving attempted to extinguish the light of God, as is recorded in the books and as most have witnessed, except for those souls who shut their eyes to all else but God and turned to the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful. These indeed are honored servants, these indeed are sincere servants, these indeed are humble servants who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command. The rejecters and protesters each cling to the cord of their vain imaginings and turn away from the Sovereign of the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Some are deprived of the Most Great Announcement through mention of prophethood, some remain barred from the dominion of God through mention of successorship, and some are veiled from the Dawning Place of God's Cause through mention of divinity. As can be observed, the followers of the Torah and Gospel and some of the peoples who possess a Book remain far from the river of life and the outpourings of the All-Merciful through mention of prophethood and divinity and what they possess. Thinkest thou that most of them hear or understand? They are but as the cattle - nay, more misguided still. Most wondrous of all is he who said that He Who appeared had claimed divinity for Himself and thereby disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O thou that art dumb, hast thou not heard the call of God from the upraised Tree upon the luminous spot that there is no God but Him? Reflect and be not of those who

hear but understand not. Say: All names are but creation in His kingdom and He is sanctified above them, would ye but perceive. All names are within His mighty grasp and all things were created by His command. Blessed is he who reflects upon the handiwork of God and witnesses what His Essence hath witnessed unto His Essence - that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

O people! Ponder the words of God, then judge with fairness concerning Him Who hath appeared with the truth and Who calleth the sovereign and the subject unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Cast aside what ye possess of images and likenesses and suspicions and idle fancies, and turn with your hearts to the Truth, the Knower of all that is hidden. By God! Neither your ornaments, nor the knowledge of your learned ones, nor the wisdom of your mystics shall profit you. Cast aside what ye possess and take what hath been given you from before God, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. Unto him who heareth, it shall be to his benefit, and unto him who heareth not, it shall be to his detriment. He is indeed self-sufficient from all eternity. To this testify all atoms, would ye but hear. Whoso is for God, God shall be for him, and whoso turneth away shall have no portion of this sealed nectar.

Although the blessed Sermon of Tanjih, which has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of absolute guardianship, was expounded in the most wondrous Persian tongue - since from the Persian utterances which, by divine permission, have flowed from the Pen of Truth, the meaning of the aforementioned sermon can be largely understood - blessed are they who gaze with penetrating eyes upon the revealed words and reflect thereon. Assuredly will the virgin mysteries of divine knowledge, secluded in the mansions of the comprehensive words of the Lord, be reflected in the mirrors of their hearts, and they shall attain unto that which is intended. Blessed are they who behold, blessed are they who perceive, and happy are they who attain!

The intention of His Holiness (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake) in mentioning the sermon was this blessed word wherein He says: “Expect ye the Speaker of Moses to appear from the Tree upon the Mount.” This word is as the pivot around which revolve the millstones of wisdom and utterance. Through this word He gave glad tidings of the Manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world. Should anyone deny this station, he hath denied the Truth itself. In those days He spoke inwardly, and now He speaketh outwardly. Yet weak eyes afflicted with the ophthalmia of vain imaginings perceive it not, and ears that hear not are not blessed with hearkening to the words of the Lord of all beings.

Today the Speaker of Moses hath appeared and proclaimeth “Verily I am God,” and regarding this station He said to Kumayl ibn Ziyad an-Nakha’i: “Extinguish the lamp, for the morn hath dawned” - meaning, extinguish the lamp of doubt and questioning, for verily the dawn of truth hath appeared. It is clear and evident that after the rising of the Sun of Truth, to question concerning It would be vain, like one who, after the appearance of the sun, should ask “Where is the sun?” and “Where can it be found?” This station appeareth and shall appear after the dissolution of vain imaginings and the rending of the veils. This is the station wherein He saith: “His proof is His signs, and His being is His revelation.” This is the station of “He is He” that is mentioned in the noble tradition. This utterance is confirmed by the word of God, exalted be His glory, which saith: “Say: ‘God!’ then leave them to their vain discourse.”

Should anyone reflect purely for the sake of God upon that which hath been mentioned, and look with the eye of fairness, he will become detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and will turn with his whole being to the lights of the divine countenance. The verses of the Qur'an and the traditions handed down concerning the mention of this station are numerous. For the sake of brevity, we have confined ourselves to this much. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path.

His word, exalted is He: "God is He Who raised the heavens without pillars that ye can see; then He established Himself upon the throne of authority, and subjected the sun and the moon; each one runneth unto an appointed term; He ordereth all things. He showeth His signs distinctly, that ye may be assured of the meeting with your Lord."

There hath been and there is no doubt that the Ancient Essence, with Its attribute of absolute invisibility, hath been and ever shall be sanctified from manifestation and appearance, and none shall attain unto It save during the days of the appearance of the Divine Manifestations and the Fountainhead of heavenly knowledge. Whosoever hath attained unto Him hath attained unto the meeting with God. And today, when the Sun of Truth is at its zenith and the river of reunion is flowing and surging forth, most are seen to be deprived thereof, wandering thirsty and bewildered in the wilderness of error[…]

Some among the people who have not drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and remain heedless of the ocean of inner meanings have interpreted the divine presence mentioned in the blessed verse as meaning His revelation on the Day of Resurrection. But the discerning sage perceives that what they have said is mere fancy, for they have neither understood the Resurrection nor grasped its meaning. The Resurrection is the arising of the Manifestation of God Himself to establish His Cause. He is the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, the Guardian over all that is in the heavens and on earth.

O people of the earth! In truth I say, this Day has no equal nor likeness. This is the Day of pure deeds, the Day of revelation and divine presence. Strive that ye may receive a portion of God's infinite bounties, and be not among those of whom He says: "They behold the grace of God, yet they deny it." Know ye this much: that the Hidden Mystery has not been, nor will be, revealed save through the Manifestation of His Cause. For were it not for the Divine Manifestations and the Daysprings of His Revelation giving tidings of the treasured Mystery, no one would ever be aware of it. To this testifies every mystic who has ascended the steps of justice to the kingdom of utterance.

It is most evident that this Wronged One in prison has had and has no desire of His own, but speaks by God's Will and moves by His Purpose. He summons all to truth and, despite countless afflictions, grievous calamities, the oppression of the oppressors, and the chains of the captors, has not been and will not be hindered. Through God's grace, He continually guides the people of creation to the Most Exalted Horizon. All that has been mentioned and continues to be mentioned is according to the capacity of the people, else the ocean of utterance has […] which none has comprehended save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were worthy souls to be found, a drop from that ocean would be bestowed. Now it remains concealed and treasured in the divine repository of knowledge and veiled in the heaven of God's Will. O servants! Hearken unto the counsel of the faithful counselor and in these fleeting days acquire eternal blessings. The world is and has ever been transient. Set not your hearts upon it, and deprive not yourselves of that which is with God because of it. Be not among those of whom He says: "When they see

a sign they turn away and say: 'This is continuous sorcery.'" And likewise He says: "Thou seest the people therein prostrate, as if they were hollow trunks of palm trees."

I conclude with that to which God Himself has testified: There is no God but Him, and He Who has appeared speaks by My command and calls the people purely for My sake, and strengthens them through My Name and reminds them through My remembrance. He has borne hardships in My path and accepted imprisonment for the exaltation of My Cause. Whosoever turns to Him has turned to My Face, and whosoever has heard from Him has heard from Me, and whosoever attains His presence has attained My presence, and whosoever acknowledges Him has acknowledged My sovereignty, and whosoever has seen Him has seen Me, and whosoever denies Him has denied Me, and whosoever turns away from Him has turned away from Me and disbelieved in My proof and disputed My signs and warred against My sovereignty and denied My favor and associated partners with My Self, the All-Compelling over the worlds. Glory be unto those who have turned to the Countenance and have testified to that which God has testified. These are the lamps of guidance among creation. Upon them pray the Concourse on High and the people of this exalted and glorious station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of all the worlds.

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The honored friend, his eminence Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah - upon him be the Glory of God - may take note:

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

The essence of praise and glorification and the quintessence of commendation befitting those of understanding is due to the people of God, whom neither the tempests of objections from the people of the Bayan nor the storms of intimations from the people of the Furqan could deter from steadfastness, recognition, certitude, and turning toward and drawing nigh unto God. Exalted, exalted be their station, their rank, their loftiness, their elevation, and their steadfastness in a Cause at which hearts have trembled and feet have slipped, save those whom God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, has willed. The servant bears witness that they are such servants whose stations in the sight of God the pen and tongue are powerless to comprehend. These are the dawning-places of steadfastness, the dayspring of dignity, the manifestations of certitude, and the sources of power, majesty and might.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the horizon of the heaven of recognition was illumined and the ocean of knowledge surged in contingent being! I beseech Thee by the influences of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy grandeur to protect them from Thine enemies. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy favors that which befits Thy gifts, and grant them that which will strengthen them in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the servants in the beginning and in the end.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter was received and all was presented before His presence. He said […]

O My loved one! God willing, may you be preserved through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. Today you must fix your gaze upon that which is of God and befitting His Cause. The endeavors of the people of Baha must reach such a stage that they occupy themselves with the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. Convey My greetings to the people of Kirmanshah on behalf of the Wronged One. The petitions of each one were presented, and answers have descended from the heaven of God's will. We beseech God to aid all to remain so steadfast that they will not be moved by the tempestuous winds or the intimations of the malicious, but rather stand firm and immovable as mountains in the Cause of God.

O loved one! The clamor of the baying ones has risen from the land of Kaf and Ra, and is rising in other lands as well. This is the promise which the Most Exalted Pen gave to all in Zawra and the Land of Mystery and in the early days of the Most Great Prison. Some helpless souls, having no understanding of the fundamental truth of the Cause, have been misled by the deception of the baying ones and have strayed from the straight path. Glory be to God! How thoroughly do fabricated falsehoods affect the hearts of some! The source of oppression and corruption issued a verdict against the Most Great Branch and others like him, and martyred him, and afterward they would speak of their own oppression in various regions - while God is witness that not even to the extent of a needle's point were those souls harmed. Every fair-minded person testifies that this Wronged One has, from the inception of the Cause, stood before the faces of the world and accepted all tribulations for the sake of God, to manifest His Cause and exalt His Word. Blessed are the fair-minded!

Consider the Shi'ih sect. For years they considered themselves the best of creation, yet with the slightest test it became evident they were the basest of servants, as evidenced by their martyrdom of the Bab. Now too the deniers among the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings. Whatever fruit the Shi'ih sect reaped from the tree of their deeds, these souls shall reap as well. You must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, remind the people and guide them to the highest horizon.

The extent of deceit and trickery among the people of the Bayan exceeds all reckoning. By the life of our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, they intended to shed holy blood, and after revealing what was in their hearts, the greatest separation occurred. To this every discerning and fair-minded one bears witness. Nearly a hundred souls became aware of this matter, yet with complete power, God did not permit any action against those souls. The servants are like sheep, possessing neither understanding nor discernment, save those whom God wills. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to guide all and show them the way. He is the All-Powerful and the Mighty over all things.

Mention was made of one named Shaykh Muhammad. He and his like have no understanding whatsoever. Whatever the followers of Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani - who is the root of this mischief - have said, he has accepted, and thus he has risen in opposition. Those helpless ones are heedless and deprived of awareness. We beseech God to grant them fairness, that they may not accept merely through hearing, but see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. However, their rebellious deeds have barred and deprived them from this most exalted station. Let us see what the power of God's gracious aid, exalted be His glory, will accomplish.

Verily, that honored one must return to that land, that perchance some may become aware of the truth of the Cause and turn unto the straight path. In truth his letter brought wondrous joy, for it spoke in praise of God and bore glad tidings of his well-being. For this bounty we offered praise and rendered thanks, and we beseech Him to assist that honored one. He is verily the All-Powerful, the Helper. If they obtain a copy of the letter of His Holiness Ismu'llah Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, it would be most beloved, for it contains the utterances of God, exalted be His glory, that perchance every heedless one may be reminded thereby, every ignorant one may gain knowledge thereby, and every distant one may draw nigh thereby. The Command is in His grasp - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As to what was mentioned regarding Kermanshah, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, blessed and exalted be His Word:

The barking one of Kermanshah had and hath no knowledge of the essence of the Cause. That wretched, helpless one hath accepted whatever they have said. The dawning-places of idle fancies first attribute tyranny to God, exalted be His glory, saying that they killed so-and-so, heedless that they themselves committed that which caused the atoms of creation to lament and the denizens of the highest Paradise to wail and cry out. The entire world - all the Tablets, Scriptures and Books sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in this Revelation have strictly forbidden conflict, contention, killing and the like. We beseech and implore God to sanctify the people of Baha in all conditions from such matters and to withhold them from all that diminisheth human dignity. This is the true religion of God among the people today. Well is it with them that attain thereunto.

As for the one whom the Exalted One - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - designated as Dayyan, and who according to the explicit sacred texts was a repository of divine mysteries and the seat of trust and wisdom - they passed judgment against him and martyred him, and likewise others similar to him, and still others. This servant pauseth in elaborating these matters, for they are the cause of grief and sorrow. By the life of God! They committed that which would set ablaze the heart of any fair-minded person. Surely they have heard of the violation of chastity and what disgrace it brought about. Nevertheless, wherever they found one as heedless as themselves, they imparted whatever was in their hearts. Today is the Day when secrets shall be disclosed. They have revealed what was hidden and concealed in their hearts. They are not even aware enough to know that objection to God is not permitted. "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth" - what meaneth this? If they deny this word they have denied God, and if they acknowledge it, what meaning have these objections? By the life of our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven! They committed that which the Pen is powerless to describe. In any case, we hope that that honored one will arise as befitteth and will observe wisdom.

As to the mention of Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, that he was present and sought to be remembered, this was granted audience before the presence. His Word, exalted be His glory: […]

O Abu'l-Qasim! We beseech God that He may aid thee to act in accordance with that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Be thou observant of that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. We have commanded all to cast away that which remoteth them and to take hold of that which draweth

them nigh unto the Truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Abu'l-Qasim! Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. This is what beseemeth this praiseworthy station. We convey greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory.

As to what was written concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise two others, Jinab-i-Karbila'i 'Ali and Ustad Naqi, upon them be the Glory of God, that they desire to journey to the Most Holy Court - this matter was presented before His presence. This is what was revealed in response, blessed and exalted be His words: If it be accomplished with joy and fragrance, and be in accord with wisdom, there is no objection to their coming. And if they be engaged in service in that land, this is acceptable before God. We beseech God to record for them, by the Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The beloved of God in that land - mention of them hath flowed from the tongue and pen. Praise be to God, all have attained unto the Word of God and have been sustained by the heavenly feast. We beseech God to aid them that they may, at every moment, drink the water of steadfastness from the chalice of certitude, for the barking ones and the transgressors have been and are lying in wait. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, it draweth you to My horizon, bringeth you near unto My Self, and giveth you to drink of the choice wine of My wondrous utterance. Your names have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for each one of you that which shall not change so long as the names of God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure. Beware lest the doubts of every remote barking one cause you to slip. By the life of God! They have followed vain imaginings and perceive not, and have acted upon mere conjectures and understand not. We counsel you to manifest goodly character and that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, may be exalted. Be ye as mountains in the Cause of God, your Lord. Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Object ye not to anyone. In all matters, place your trust in the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Under all conditions, ye should manifest the utmost composure and dignity. Should a heedless soul arise in opposition, oppose ye him not, lest the clamor of the heedless be raised. Blessed are My loved ones in Khadra. They are reckoned among the patient ones in God's Book. The ignorant divines in that land have manifested the utmost rebelliousness. Nevertheless, the friends of God, exalted be His glory, out of their love for God and their adherence to His command, never opposed the oppressive souls. Finally, the government authorities were enabled to execute justice, judged with truth, and restrained the hands of the oppressors from their taking. Follow ye, O My loved ones, that which hath been revealed in the Book, then be patient in His love. Verily, He is the All-Patient, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Likewise, mention of the friends of those regions hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. This is what was revealed for the friends of God in Al-Alif and Al-Sin (Asadabad). These are His blessed and exalted words: […]

O My loved ones in that land! We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness, such that the godless and the deniers shall be rendered powerless to speak. Today belongeth to the Truth - naught shall be mentioned save Him alone. Reflect upon the deeds of the people of the Furqan (Muslims). They considered themselves supreme over all the world. For twelve hundred years they enthroned an

imaginary being that had no external existence upon the seat of Jabulqa and Jabulsa which they had constructed with the hands of idle fancies. Then they strove to lead the helpless masses astray. The ultimate fruit of their deeds, beliefs and words was that they martyred the Lord of the world with the most grievous torture. All the divines, together with the tyrannical masses, pronounced death sentences in their gatherings and assemblies, and engaged in cursing and vilification, God forbid! Not a single divine showed acceptance in the early days of the Cause, for they were nourished at the breast of fancy and vain imaginings. Now the deniers of the Bayan are playing the same tune behind a veil. With turbans and robes they have arisen to harm the Truth. The ultimate fruit of these souls' deeds shall be the same as those who came before.

O concourse of loved ones! God willing, may you remain firm and steadfast through the power of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and through His favors, in such wise that the tongues of all created things shall testify to your steadfastness. By God's life! The deniers were not and are not aware of the root of the Cause. They soar with the wings of self in the atmosphere of heedlessness and rejection. Praise be to God that you have attained to the mention of the Truth and have been beneath the glances of His favor. Know the value of this station and preserve it as the apple of your eye. Today the hosts of Truth and His helpers have been and are goodly deeds and pure, holy, pleasing character. It is not and was never permissible to oppose anyone. Hold fast unto righteousness and cleave unto that which God hath ordained. Soon shall you attain unto the fruits of your deeds if you succeed in acting for God's sake.

[A note follows that specific responses are being sent separately to certain ones whose names or petitions reached the Most Holy Court.]

The end belongs to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This evanescent one conveys greetings to each of the loved ones in that land and its surroundings, and begs confirmation from God, exalted be His glory, for each one. And he submits to the service of each that the deniers among the people of the Bayan have turned away from the Truth. All know that from the beginning of the Cause this servant has been in every place and station and is informed of every matter. Nevertheless, not one of the deniers has inquired of this servant to become informed and aware. They have clung to the words of Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani and his like, who had no knowledge whatsoever, and have turned away from the Truth. By the life of our Object of desire and the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and earth! The tyranny of these oppressive souls is more severe, greater and graver than the tyranny of the people of the Furqan. In brief, this servant has submitted for God's sake and submits for God's sake, and has not refrained and will not refrain from speaking the truth, even should the whole world advance with sword and spear. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to purify the loved ones of that land from the doubts and conditions of the deniers and transgressors among the people of the Bayan. Verily He is powerful over all things. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and your family and those with you and upon every one firm, steadfast and unwavering. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above the comprehension of all created things, the Goal of all possibility, Who through His all-encompassing Will caused the heaven of utterance to be raised up and adorned with the stars of inner meanings. He is the One Who hath power to interpret all the books of the world from a single point and make them manifest. From Him hath appeared the Most Great Word which is like the Water of Life in its effects, and through Him the world and all created things have attained unto the ornament of life. Nay, in truth, He Himself is the Water of Life, and upon Him dependeth the life of all things. Through Him the Path is laid down, the Balance established, the Way made clear, and the Hour set. Blessed are they who have quaffed the wine of understanding from Him and who have attained unto the word "Yea." The description of this blessed Word transcendeth the power of tongue, pen, and the comprehension of nations. In every station it is known by a different name and described by different attributes. All the most beautiful names and most exalted attributes circle round it, and all stations have been and shall be through its name. Blessed is he who hath attained unto hearing it in the days of its Lord, its Revealer, its Speaker and its Manifestation. The servant beseecheth his Lord to guide all unto it, to make known unto them its station, its significance and its mysteries, and to aid them to turn towards it and arise to serve it. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all who are in the world, my Goal and the Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by this Word through which the tongue of Thy grandeur spoke when Thy Temple was established upon the throne of Thy mercy, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to make known unto them that which shall profit them in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Disappoint them not of that which lieth with Thee, for when Thou didst call them unto the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, withhold them not from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the Salsabil of Thy knowledge. I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself for Thy creatures and servants to know Thee, and hast made the Supreme Pen to be Thy interpreter that it might remind all in Thy days, draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace, and cause them to hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree through Thy permission and will. O Lord! Thou seest them turning unto Thee and directing their faces toward Thy countenance, grieving for the oppression of Thine enemies who have broken Thy Covenant, disputed Thy signs, denied Thy right, and risen up to extinguish Thy light. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things and by the might that hath prevailed over all possibilities, to protect Thy loved ones through Thy bounty and grace, and to honor them with such a station that neither the hosts of the earth nor the ascendancy of every denier who hath turned away from Thy Cause shall frighten them. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thereafter this evanescent one submitteth in Thy service that the honored letter was received, causing perfect joy and complete gladness, for the fragrance of sincerity was wafting from it and it spoke in praise of the Goal of the world. After reading and learning of its contents, one night during the revelation of verses from the heaven of the Will of the King of Names and Attributes, your letter was presented. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One spoke, exalted be His glory:

He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful […]

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! The Wronged One of the horizons heard thy call and witnessed thy devotion, and maketh mention of thee in these sublime words. This is among the great bounties of the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast turned to the highest horizon and attained the recognition of the Lord of Names, from which most of mankind remain deprived. Strive thou, that thy remembrance, praise and devotion may increase at all times. This is a Day whereon the call of the All-Merciful is raised, and likewise the croaking of the manifestations of Satan. These manifestations of Satan have never been and are not confined to any limits. Every soul who in this Day uttereth a word that causeth the enkindled hearts to become dejected is accounted before the All-Merciful as being of Satan's company. Obstacles have appeared and will continue to appear before the wayfarer in the divine path, but those powerful and mighty souls who have partaken of the Kawthar of steadfastness - no barrier can deter them and no waters of the world can quench their ardor. They are set ablaze by the Word of God and are gazing toward and turning to the horizon of His Cause with such devotion that all the world is powerless to prevent. Today the people of Baha who are seated in the Crimson Ark must fix their gaze upon the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen, not upon the vain imaginings of deluded souls. In one word the effect of the living waters appeareth, and from another the scorching wind bloweth. They that are drawn to the Ka'bah of Reality and circle round the Sanctuary of the Spirit must strive to remove conflict, strife and corruption from the entire world, nay rather to obliterate even their mention, and attain such a station wherein the doubts of the possessors of doubt, uncertainty and misgiving among heedless souls will not prevent them from the light of oneness. Convey greetings from the True One to the friends in that land and remind them all of the divine verses, that they may not be deprived of the fruits of the recompense for what they have endured and heard in the path of God. Say: Your stations are ordained and mentioned in the divine Kingdom, for ye have borne in the path of the Friend that which none hath borne and have heard that which none hath heard. Now preserve these lofty and most exalted stations and squander them not through the whisperings of devilish souls and the doubts of heedless hearts. Arise with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all beings, and with wisdom, utterance, spirit and fragrance guide the servants to the court of the All-Merciful. Say: O friends! This is the Day of pure deeds. Strive ye and endeavor, that perchance ye may succeed in performing a deed the mention of which shall endure throughout the Kingdom of earth and heaven. This is a Day that hath been mentioned in all the divine Books, and all the Prophets and Messengers have given the glad-tidings thereof to the peoples of ancient and modern times. Fix your gaze upon this blessed verse which hath been revealed in the Book of God: "Verily He is the One Who is named in the Torah as Jehovah, in the Gospel as the Spirit of Truth and the Comforter, and in the Qur'an as the Great News."

Say: O friends! Do not believe every speaker, and be not assured by every claimant of love. Look ye to that which God hath sent down in the Book, hold fast unto it and act accordingly. The Truth hath ever been and still is with you - He heareth and seeth. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The world is like unto a passing shadow; soon it shall perish and become non-existent. At every moment its annihilation can be witnessed. Beware lest its conditions, ornaments, words and embellishments prevent you from Him Who brought it into being, created it and originated it. In the name of God preserve your stations, and beseech the Truth that ye may attain unto that which shall cause your remembrance to

endure in the Book of God. This is the most exalted station, the highest rank and the ultimate goal. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The favor of the Truth unto your honor is evident and manifest from the aforementioned revealed verses. God willing, may you speak the mention of the Truth in all conditions and remain steadfast in His Cause. Today, if a soul should become the possessor of but one word from the presence of the Truth - that is, if one word of good-pleasure should be revealed concerning him from the Supreme Pen - in truth he hath been and shall be the possessor of the most precious of all things. The treasures of the world cannot and will never equal this supreme bounty. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth to grant success unto your honor and confirm you in that which containeth the good-pleasure of the Friend. It is hoped that the masters and nobles of that land may discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, may hold fast unto that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of grace, and may act accordingly. This evanescent servant offereth thanks with a hundred thousand tongues unto the Eternal Truth for having enkindled your honor with the fire of His love and confirmed you in the service of His Cause. His is the praise in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Confirmer, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what you mentioned regarding separation from the Beloved of the horizons, He said: “Let him praise God for having aided him to serve the Cause.” That which is beloved in the sight of God today is the teaching of the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this most exalted station. Verily, He recordeth for the one who hath arisen to serve His Cause the reward of attaining His presence. Thy Lord is, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

In truth, today is the day of mention, praise and assistance of the Cause of the Lord of Names through wisdom and utterance. You must impress upon all that the triumph of God’s Cause hath not been and is not through contention, warfare and corruption. All must strive and endeavor to conquer hearts and souls with the sword of wisdom and utterance. At times, these words have issued from the Most Holy Tongue and been revealed in the Most Holy Tablet: “Blessed are they who have not oppressed but were oppressed, and who, without rebellion, became the object of vengeance in the path of God.”

Consider the Lord of existence, that is, the King of Martyrs. He conducted himself with the utmost joy and fragrance among all peoples, and never did he cause harm to anyone. Even the Armenians of the land of Sad (Isfahan) expressed their satisfaction with that holy being. Several years passed, and no one ever observed him acting contrary to God’s will. His will and desire were annihilated in the Will of God. This is the station of the Most Great Martyrdom that hath formerly flowed from the Supreme Pen. He had attained to the Most Great Jihad and was adorned with outward martyrdom as well.

Now reflect upon God’s favors towards that essence of being. In his final days he attained to such a station that tongues and pens are occupied with his mention and praise. From all directions, elegies commemorating his tribulation have been submitted and sent, and they continue to arrive unceasingly. Were it not for the decree of wisdom from the Supreme Pen, thou wouldst witness people from every city and land turning towards that blessed land for pilgrimage. Had this occurred for any name other than

God's, it would never have been mentioned. How many honored souls - those who, due to their earthly authority, considered themselves the most noble of creation - have returned from palaces to graves, and from the highest station to the worst abode, and today are neither remembered nor mentioned by anyone.

These are but the outward virtues that have been mentioned. Otherwise, I swear by the scratching of the Pen of the Lord of Eternity that were the inner stations of that essence of being to be revealed, all would fall unconscious and bewildered, save whom God willeth. This servant, if able, would cry out a hundred thousand "Would that I were!" at every moment. In short, martyrdom is not so cheap as to be attained by this evanescent one. He begs the Exalted Truth to be counted among those who long for this most exalted station. Verily, He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another submission: All that was sent was presented in the Most Holy Presence, that is, mention of the items and of those who sent them. Praise be to God, they were adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

In regard to the matter mentioned concerning thy wife, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. A most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of mercy specifically for that noble lady and was dispatched. God willing, she will recite it and become intimate with it. However, at this point one of the handmaidens of God made a supplication, and its answer was revealed from the divine Kingdom of Utterance. This servant wished to include its contents in this letter so that all may be gladdened by the divine glad-tidings and act as befitteth this Day. His words, exalted be His majesty: "Whatsoever appeareth hath not been and is not outside divine wisdom. The people of insight and understanding have borne and bear witness to this truth. Today thou art blessed with something that is seen to be superior to and more faithful than a hundred thousand children. Today is different from other days. Whosoever hath drunk even a drop from the Kawthar of knowledge confesseth to that which the Pen of God hath confessed. Children are for the perpetuation of mention and good deeds and the continuation of name and the like. And if God, exalted be His glory, should bestow His grace and those children be adorned with the ornaments of worthiness, humanity and piety, their mention will soon come to an end with the passage of time. But the mention of the Most Exalted Pen will endure as long as God's most beautiful names endure. Hold fast unto this if thou be of the people of Baha. Thou hast better than what thou desirest and higher than what thou hast, but thou art unaware of it. God willing, if thou become aware of it thou shalt attain unto the greatest joy and supreme gladness. Thus hath My Pen spoken out of grace to My name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous." End quote.

I beseech you to convey greetings from this evanescent servant to the friends in that land. Praise be to God, all have attained to that which others are deprived of. They must preserve this great bounty in the name of God and remain so firm and steadfast in the Cause of God that none shall be able to prevent them. The world hath had and hath no significance. They should speak in remembrance of the Friend and drink the water of love in His remembrance. Verily He is with His remembering servants and with His steadfast servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory shining from the horizon of our

Lord the Most Merciful's bounty be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the greatest bounty in the days of God, the Lord of all beings, and upon every faithful servant to the Covenant on the Day of Separation.

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Again it is submitted that you should be vigilant in all conditions, and every person's tablet should reach them. Jinab-i-Kazim Nasrabadi, upon him be the Glory of God, has sent two petitions to the Most Holy Court, therefore two most holy and exalted Tablets have been revealed in response. God willing you will deliver them to him. Another submission: Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Riday-i-Misgar sends greetings to you and his request is that you consider how his wife's properties might be sold in whatever way possible and the proceeds collected and sent. Now too, whatever is expedient and appropriate for these days, whether through power of attorney or otherwise, write so that the aforementioned person's wife may act accordingly. If a power of attorney is needed, send it. These matters depend on what you deem advisable. Since these matters pertain to the friends of God, therefore attention to them is beloved by this servant and you and others.

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In the Name of Him Who hath made subject unto His command the Tablet and the Pen, meaning and utterance!

O Ahmad! Hearken unto the Call from the right hand of the Divine Lote-Tree, from the Luminous Spot, in the Supreme Horizon: Verily there is none other God but Me, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have, in truth, revealed the verses and manifested the clear tokens and rent asunder the veils in such wise as hath caused the hearts of them that have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, to tremble. Successful indeed is he who hath turned towards it and hearkened, and lost are they who have denied God's testimony and His proof - these are truly among the transgressors in God's Mighty, Praiseworthy Book.

That which thou didst send hath reached the Wronged One. We have heard its contents and have answered thee with this Tablet, before which the books of the world bow down, as doth testify He Who proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken by the hand of might, and the veils have been rent asunder through a command from the presence of the Powerful, the Ancient of Days.

O Ahmad! O Ahmad! Look to the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! We have made clear the path and manifested the proof, and have caused to flow from the fountain of My Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of eternity. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh, and partaken, and drunk in My Name, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And woe betide them who have turned aside and remained heedless of this

supreme bounty and who have denied Him in Whom they had believed - these are truly among the dead in God's Mighty, Glorious Book.

We have rent the veils asunder in such wise that every hearing ear hath heard the sound of their being rent. Thy Lord, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Powerful. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto the traces of My Pen time and again, and this is yet another time, as a token of My favor, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Ponder upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's Will. It will acquaint thee with that which thou didst desire to know and will cause thee to soar unto the heaven of knowledge. Then shalt thou behold the Cause shining forth from its horizon. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Helper, the All-Wise. The Cause is more manifest than the sun in midheaven. Soon shalt thou know and witness that which thou didst ask from the ocean of thy Lord's knowledge, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and upon those who have remained steadfast in this mighty Cause, whereby the limbs of the world have quaked and every ignorant one hath been struck dumb.

Hear in the Persian tongue the Voice of the Wronged One, Who speaketh from the direction of the prison. O Ahmad! The Cause is more manifest than the sun and more exalted than the heavens. Observe the verses sent down and reflect: verily they will grant thee true knowledge and draw thee nigh unto a clear and straight path. Reflect upon the Shi'ih sect. Previously We commanded all through the Most Exalted Pen to ponder upon this heedless people who, throughout ages and centuries, were speaking of God, glorified be His majesty, yearning and hoping for the days of His meeting. Yet when the dawn of His Revelation rose and shone forth, they all rose up in opposition and protest. Reflect upon the fruits of these souls' deeds. In the early years, all the divines of the lands of Sh, Sad and Kha and other cities, and their followers, issued the decree for the death of the Lord of the world. The writings of the divines of the lands of Sh and Sad were brought into Our presence and met Our gaze. Verily My Most Exalted Pen doth not wish to mention what they wrote. Thou knowest what they said and what they did. The consequences of all shall become evident on the Day of Reckoning and the fruits of their deeds shall then be made manifest. From the beginning of Islam, most were immersed in the ocean of idle fancies and vain imaginings. After the Seal of the Prophets - may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake - and the holy Imams, only two souls attained unto the truth and were adorned with the ornament of true understanding: the late Shaykh and Siyyid - upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. These two souls were confirmed in their recognition of the Lord of mankind. Verily We were with them and heard from them that which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through the nobility of these two souls, receptive souls turned toward the direction of Shin and attained unto the dawning-place of bounty and the day-spring of knowledge. This was through the grace of those two blessed beings, to which every fair-minded and discerning one and every learned and informed one beareth witness.

O Ahmad! In a certain station this most exalted Word hath been revealed from the Most Sublime Pen: What strange intoxication and what strange heedlessness hath seized all! From the beginning of Islam

until the first day of the Manifestation, not one of the Shi'ih divines was aware of the nature of the Manifestation and the existence of that Essence of Being in the loins. This was the station of the former divines who possessed not an atom's weight of knowledge. Were you to reflect briefly on this matter, you would cry out and praise the All-Powerful Lord day and night, for He hath unveiled and rent asunder the veils. The aforementioned Word was revealed in response to the gathering of Manshad. We have sent its copy in the handwriting of Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, that you may observe and gain complete knowledge of the conjectures, idle fancies, and heedlessness of the people of the Bayan. That party committed what neither the Jews, nor the Christians, nor any other parties in the world have committed. Yes, a few among the Shi'ih party became aware during the time of occultation, but due to the dominion of the divines, they did not reveal it and hastened to the most exalted horizon. The corruption of this sect is more evident than the sun in the midst of heaven. In the early days, all were occupied with cursing, denouncing and rejection. The heedlessness of these souls reached such a degree that they would mention the Prince of Martyrs from the pulpits and weep, and then curse and denounce the One by Whose word a thousand Husayns sacrificed their lives in the field of martyrdom, and from the pulpit they would hasten towards hell. And thereafter that honor knoweth how this Wronged One arose before all the world. Neither the clamor of the divines prevented Him, nor the might of princes. We summoned all the peoples of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful, until some of the people of Iran turned towards the most exalted horizon. These are the gems of creation, and likewise those souls in these lands who from among the community have attained unto the light of certitude, and likewise from among the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God. O thou who gazeth upon the Face and drinketh the choice wine of My grace! Had the Herald - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - appeared in these lands, thou wouldst now behold most of the people among the people of truth, for the idle fancies of the Shi'ih party concerning Jabulqa and Jabulsa and the region between them were not and are not among these people. O Ahmad! These idle fancies caused the blood of the Master of the world to be shed. These idle fancies - from whom did they proceed and who caused the people of Iran to be deprived? If anyone would utter a word contrary to that, they would issue a decree for his death. Reflect and observe with thine own eyes, that perchance thou mayest, through the handle of inner meanings and exposition, deliver the heedless ones from the well of idle fancies and cause them to attain unto the splendors of the sun of certitude. O Ahmad! Leave the world behind and soar above it. The Most Exalted Pen is forbidden, yet despite the opposition of the people of the world and the arising of all to turn away, the Finger of Power hath rent asunder some of the veils and made aware the seeing one who possesseth knowledge and the knowing one who is informed. It became the balance of favor - weigh every word by it. Reflect upon the fruits of the deeds of the various parties. In one respect, that same balance is the truth, for it makes souls known. However, it is hoped that the world will attain unto the light of true unity and that polytheism will be utterly removed. Fix thy gaze upon God alone. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to that honor and the friends of God. The Author of the Bayan, in the second chapter of the eighth Unity, saith - exalted be His utterance […]

This is the mystery of the words of the late Shaykh when someone asked him about that word which His Holiness had uttered, and the three hundred and thirteen individuals who would be the most God-fearing of that Dispensation could not bear it, and His Holiness Sadiq mentioned the letter 'kaf' concerning them. After much warning that "thou canst not bear it," he had said, "If His Holiness should appear and say

‘abandon the Guardianship of the Commander of the Faithful,’ wouldst thou abandon it?” He immediately refused, saying “God forbid!” It is evident to the people of truth that they heard the word from His Holiness, and since he could not bear it, he became an unbeliever, though he was unaware of it. This stems from their not looking to the Source of the Cause.

Now ponder upon the ocean of this utterance which hath flowed from the tongue of the Point and the Shaykh, that thou mayest know the station of Truth to be sanctified above all things, and mayest behold all things as created by the Word. How excellent is this word at the end of His Holiness’s utterance where He saith that this stems from their not looking to the Source of the Cause, for if they were to look to the Source - that is, to behold the very Manifestation establishing all else beneath Him through His Word.

O Ahmad! The station of the Manifestation is above what the servants mention of Him. Then shineth forth the light of unity and are extinguished the lamps of fancy and conjecture. O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Know thou that the people of the Bayan are more lost than all previous peoples, for after the removal of the veils, the rending of the coverings, the appearance of the light of manifestation, and the call of the Speaker on Sinai, they have uttered that which no polytheist had ever uttered. They cling to previous fancies and strive zealously to lead people astray. They attribute to distortion those statements of the Primal Point that oppose them. The previous fancies are not worthy of mention; it would be a waste for pen and tongue to be occupied with them.

Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward the horizon of Thy Cause and have directed my face to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to assist me to attain such steadfastness whereby Thy servants may stand firm in Thy Cause and arise to serve Thee. My God, my God! I perceive Thy fragrance from Thy utterance, though I have not attained the station whereon the throne of Thy grandeur is established. O my Lord! Honor me with Thy presence and the visit of Thy beauty and the fountain of Thy reunion, or inscribe for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of those who stand before Thy face and who are stationed at the door of Thy mercy. My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for Thy bounties and favors. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and that which was hidden from the eyes of Thy creation, to assist me to arise to mention Thee, to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The law of fasting hath been revealed by God in His Most Holy Book. There is no doubt that it hath been sent down from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The laws of fasting and prayer as revealed have not been changed, but wisdom is necessary. Hitherto, most have acted in accordance with the laws of the Qur’an. Were something entirely different to suddenly appear before the people, great discord would arise and none would draw nigh to hear the Word of God. In any case, divine forgiveness hath ever encompassed and continueth to encompass your honour, but others must hold fast to wisdom and cling to its hem. This utterance is a mercy unto the friends and a bounty unto the party of God, lest the clamour of every ignorant one and every dissembling hypocrite be raised.

O Ahmad! A prayer hath been revealed which, shouldst thou recite it, would kindle within thee such a fire as no power in all the world could extinguish. Yet wisdom forbiddeth its disclosure. Convey the greetings of the Truth to the party of God. Say: Ye are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and mention of each and every servant, man and woman, hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Reflect

upon that which hath been manifested and seek recourse unto God. Verily, He will open before your faces the doors of grace and guide you to the straight path. Be not heedless of that which befitteth this Day, and arise to secure it. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel you from His prison-cell and summon you unto that which draweth you nigh unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Ahmad! Again and again do We make mention of thee, as a favour unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. The purpose of all that hath been mentioned is that thou mayest enlighten the people, that all may testify to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Until now, the station of the Manifestation Himself hath remained concealed. None hath attained unto the light of true Divine Unity save whom God willeth. The purpose is that the station of the Manifestation be made known. For example, the Apostle of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - is the Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth" and is established upon the throne of "He shall not be asked of His doings." In this station, He hath no partner or peer; nay, none is even mentioned in that realm, and all were created by His Word. This utterance diminisheth not the station of any. Blessed is he who distinguisheth ranks and stations - he is of them that are endowed with insight in the Most Sublime Vision. Reflect upon this utterance revealed in the Bayan, which declareth that if the Manifestation Himself should designate a tree as proof, it becometh proof. The Manifestation Himself is sanctified above all lesser conditions. All are created by His Word, and this station remaineth so long as no deviation occurreth. After deviation, one is numbered and accounted among the people of fire. Today is the Day of God, wherein none save He is mentioned. This is the Day of true Divine Unity. Blessed are they that attain! Should one discover the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen within the depths of these words, he would find himself in a new world and would attain unto the light of true Divine Unity. I end My words thus: There is no God but I, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory! The mention of fasting and prayer is renewed, that it may become clear and evident that the fast of the Bayan is acceptable before the All-Merciful and its ordinance hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book. As to prayer, verily it hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in such wise as to set ablaze the breasts and attract the hearts and minds. However, until now none hath attained unto it save some of them that circle round it. Verily thy Lord commandeth all with wisdom. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ordinance of fasting was formerly specific to the servants in this land, for its abandonment caused commotion. Today they must hold fast unto that which accordeth with wisdom. Thou art adorned with the ornament of grace. It is not for thee to fast, but rather to arise to serve the Cause with joy and fragrance, and with the wisdom We have sent down in the Psalms and Tablets. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Behold, then mention what the Point hath uttered. His word is: "Were He to pronounce the earth to be heaven and heaven to be earth, none hath the right to say why or wherefore, and whoso doth say this hath verily disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds." The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a remembrance from Us to those who have held fast to the cord of God, the Sure, and have clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O Solomon! The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation. Turn unto Him with a luminous heart. We have seen thy name and have revealed unto thee this perspicuous Tablet that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Judah! The Lord of Names in the prison of ’Akka hath turned toward thee with a countenance whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. Blessed is he who hath seen, and woe unto the heedless! O Solomon! We have seen thy name and have made mention of thee with a remembrance from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We counsel thee and them that have believed with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted.

O Mahdi! The Lord of inner meanings maketh mention of thee with a remembrance whereby the fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all creation. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Eternity. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou hast been bidden by thy Lord, the Commander, the Ancient of Days.

O Hayyim! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have sent down unto thee that wherefrom those near unto God perceive the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Take hold of the verses of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and hast turned toward me from Thy far-distant station.”

O Lalehzar! We make mention of those who have believed in God and have turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon. Blessed is he who hath seen with insight and heard with hearing ears the call of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Beware lest human affairs grieve thee and withhold thee from the Lord of Decree. Thus have We commanded thee. Act according to what thou hast been bidden for the sake of God, thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

O Nasir! The Almighty hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with exalted words and brilliant verses. By the life of God! He shall suffice thee throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. O Joseph! We make mention of thee even as We made mention of thy father. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Rejoice in My favor unto thee and My remembrance of thee in My Great Prison.

O Isaac! The Lord of the Covenant maketh mention of thee on this Day of Meeting. Give thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of existence.” We counsel those who have believed to manifest deeds and virtuous character. Verily, thy Lord doeth what He willeth through His word “Be,” and it is.

O Joseph! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Word in the prison of ’Akka: “There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.” We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from Us, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise.

O Benjamin! The All-Wise maketh mention of thee from this Most Exalted Station which God hath made as a canopy for Himself, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Arise to serve the Cause with supreme steadfastness. Say: "Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to hold fast unto Thy Most Great Name."

O Mahdi! The Promised One hath come and the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Day of Judgment." Among the people are those who have turned away, those who have denied, those who have pronounced judgment against Us without clear proof or illuminating Book, and those who have forsaken the world out of their longing for the Most Great Name. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and most of the people are among the ignorant.

O Jacob! The story of Job hath returned, and the Intended One is in grievous affliction. Sorrows have encompassed Him from all directions by reason of what the hands of the idolaters have wrought. O people of God! Be not grieved by what hath befallen Us. God shall soon exalt His Cause through His grace, and He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Mahdi! Verily We summon the world unto light while they call Me unto fire. By this have the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise wailed, yet most of the people are fast asleep. Reflect upon the greatness of thy Lord's patience despite His power and His mighty dominion.

O Yari! We have mentioned thee before and at this hour with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Say: O people of the earth! By God, the Friend from the Kingdom of utterance doth call out: O peoples of the earth! The Glorious One hath come with a manifest Cause. Cast aside the books of the world and hold fast unto this wondrous Book. By God! Verily it is the Mother Book, speaking throughout the world and calling all unto the Most Great Name. To this testifieth every discerning knower. Arise to serve the Cause with a power that the hosts of the world cannot weaken. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O Khadadad! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Creation calleth out on the Day of Return: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower." Blessed is the servant who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. Take thou the chalice of recognition in My Name, then drink therefrom through My wise remembrance. Thus did My Most Exalted Pen move when the Wronged One was in a mighty fortress.

O Sulayman! The Lord of all possibility mentioneth thee that the rapture of remembrance might seize thee and bring thee to a station wherein naught is heard save the verses of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Beware lest the clamor of the divines hold thee back from the Lord of Names, or the might of princes from the Creator of the heavens. Soon shall all thou seest today perish, and there shall remain for thee what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in this wondrous Tablet. We make mention in this station of him who heard My call, turned unto My face, attained unto My days, and ascended unto the Most Glorious Companion, being among the triumphant. He was named Aqajan in the Tablet of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he and blessed is he who remembereth him according to what was revealed for him from the presence of a trusted Speaker. We have remembered him before and after, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer.

O Moses! The Speaker of Sinai hath come, and the Temple of Revelation proclaimeth, saying: “Look and thou shalt behold Me, the One powerful over whatsoever I will through My blessed, mighty, and great Word.” Be thou vocal in My remembrance, steadfast in the service of My Cause, turned toward My face, and advancing toward My luminous horizon.

O Hayyim! The Bestower hath come, riding upon the clouds, yet the people behold and do not give thanks. He Who was hidden in the Books of God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen hath appeared, yet most of the people do not understand. The divines have taken for themselves lords besides God. Indeed, they are the ignorant ones, though they perceive it not. Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come and proffereth unto you His sealed wine. Come ye, and be not among the slumberers. The Most Great Name hath appeared for the life of the world, yet most of the nations do not comprehend. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on the Most Firm Handle and clung to the hem of the robe of his Lord’s loving-kindness, the Sovereign of all sovereigns. Be thou in such wise that neither the ranks of princes nor the intimations of divines grieve thee. Thus doth the Pen of Revelation counsel thee as it moveth upon the Tablet.

O Rubin! This is the Day wherein the Call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, yet the people do not hear. That which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the repositories of thy Lord’s power, He Who overshadoweth what was and what shall be, hath been made manifest.

O Harun! Say: The Speaker (Moses) prostrated before the face of God, and Aaron circled round His throne, and the Spirit proclaims: “The Object of all desire has come! The Kingdom is God’s, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!” We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of the men of insight have been troubled and the foundations of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed have been shaken. Say: O children of the Friend! By God, the Glorious One has come and calls you to a station wherein the call has been raised from God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. Grieve not at anything, place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily He protects whomsoever He willeth through His authority, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Moses! The Tree of the Cause has been raised up and calls out to the world: “O Moses! Verily I am God, the Lord of the worlds!” This is the right valley on the right side of the Garden of Paradise, and it proclaims with the most exalted call: “There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Great!” When thou hearest My call and findest the sweetness of My utterance and knowest the mysteries of My Kingdom, arise and say:

“Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and having manifested unto me Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Sign and the manifestations of Thy Cause in creation to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

O Solomon! Be wise in My days. Beware lest things prevent thee from the Lord of Names or the might of princes veil thee. Arise and say: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all on earth and in heaven.” Thus doth

thy Lord teach thee from the Kingdom of eternity that thou mayest thank Him and be of them that stand firm. Thus have We mentioned thee and sent down for thee the verses and expounded them in truth and dispatched them unto thee. Give thanks and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!”

O Isma’il! Dost thou know what hath appeared in My age and in My days? How many sacrifices have We sent to the place of martyrdom who gave up their lives in this straight Path! We have a sacrifice in Iraq who slept turning toward the House, and his throat was cut in his longing to meet God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And We have a sacrifice in Sad - by the life of God, the Concourse on high were amazed by him - and likewise another sacrifice, and before them another sacrifice. Verily thy Lord recounteth unto thee what hath appeared in His mighty Day. And We have a sacrifice in Ta who was circled round by the Concourse on high, who was named “The Wondrous” in My Wondrous Book. And We have another sacrifice who was named ’Ali in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. He advanced to the place of sacrifice with such steadfastness as amazed the denizens of the highest Paradise and those who circle round the throne of God, the Great. He proceeded, and with him proceeded the angels and the Spirit and the souls of those brought near and the sincere ones. He reached the station and took the cup of martyrdom in the name of the Lord of Names and drank thereof with spirit and fragrance, with a love that enraptured the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary. Blessed is he and pleasant it is unto him and unto those who remember him through what the All-Merciful hath revealed after his ascension. He verily is the Rememberer, the Forgiving, the Generous. By God the Truth! The Spirit hath circled round My Cause and the Speaker (Moses) calleth out before My face, yet the people are among the dead. They were not awakened by the Call nor by the Cry when it was raised in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Mighty, the Praised. And I have sacrifices in the land of Ta and Ya, to which testifieth the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven from His exalted station.

O beloved! The Mighty One remembers thee, He Who accepted abasement in the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: By God, abasement in His path is glory, poverty is wealth, mercy is comfort, and adversity is healing. Blessed is he who attains unto that which My Most Exalted Pen hath uttered, and woe unto the oppressors who have denied the rights of God and His loved ones, and have wronged in such wise as caused the dwellers of the cities of names and those who circle round My mighty throne to lament.

O Sulayman! Hearken once again to the call of thy Most Glorious Lord, which hath been raised from the highest horizon, and be thou of the thankful. He hath sent down for thee that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Of this doth testify the Preserved Tablet in His presence.

O Elijah! The Lord of all creation remembers thee and counsels thee to remember God in all conditions. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Read what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance. It will draw thee to the court of nearness, of holiness, and of reunion. Grieve not over anything and place thy trust in all matters in God, the Lord of Lords.

O Ezekiel! The Glorious One hath come, and the Friend is at His right hand, calling: “O people of the Torah! The Revealer of verses hath come with clear evidences. Beware lest what ye possess prevent you from Him by one of Whose revelations the dwellers of Sinai were thunderstruck and the limbs of the

righteous did tremble, save him whom the hand of power did rescue and raise to the most exalted station." Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that cometh from Him, then make mention of Him amongst the servants with wisdom and utterance.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Khudadad that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Lord of creation, Who remembers him in His Most Great Prison - this station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur doth proclaim: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen!" Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the evidences as a grace from Us, and verily I am the Generous, the Bountiful. Blessed are they who have not broken the Covenant of God and His pledge; these are indeed the people of this station.

O Sulayman! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and counsels thee with that which will make manifest the station of man in the contingent world. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Lord of the Return. Thus hath flowed the river of knowledge from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest give thanks and arise to serve the Cause in the evening and at dawn.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mirza Aqa, and give him the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: By the life of God! A single verse from among the verses of God outweigheth the treasures of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His mention, hath turned unto His horizon, hath arisen to serve Him, hath uttered His praise, and hath soared in an atmosphere wherein naught can be heard save the rushing winds of the mercy of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thus hath the Dove of the Pen warbled upon the branches, as a token of grace from God, the Manifestation of all religions. Glory be unto you, O children of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God, from One Who is the Daybreak.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those whose names were not mentioned before the Face, and say: O people of God! We counsel you with that which will draw you nigh unto Him, and We strengthen you to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. We have heard your cries and lamentations by reason of that which hath befallen you in the path of God, the Lord of all lords. We have been with you in all conditions. We bear witness and We see, and verily I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Grief hath seized you when ye heard the gloating of the enemies. Rejoice ye now, for the Lord of all beings speaketh unto you. He is with those who love Him and make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. We counsel you to be trustworthy, religious, to perform goodly deeds and to manifest praiseworthy conduct, and with that which will exalt you to the most sublime station. That which ye behold shall perish, but that which We have built with the hands of knowledge shall endure. It changeth neither from the sun nor from the rains. Rejoice in My remembrance of you. By the life of God! It is a treasure for you with God, the Lord of all beings. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon you and upon those who have held fast unto certitude, turning away from idle fancies.

We make mention of My handmaidens and the sons and daughters of My loved ones, as a token of grace from Me, and I am the Generous, the All-Bountiful. O handmaidens of God! The Wronged One remembereth you from His prison cell and counseleth you to manifest pure devotion unto God, the Lord of all men. It behooveth you to hold fast unto the cord of God and to cling to the hem of His mercy, which

hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. O sons and daughters of My loved ones! Rejoice in My remembrance, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Soon will there come unto you one who will croak to lead you astray from the path. Leave him behind you, turning unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Thus hath shone forth the Sun of loving-kindness from the horizon of grace, and the verses have been sent down in truth. Rejoice in this bounty which hath no equal in the possession of His servants. He who hath attained My presence and soared in My atmosphere and visited the Temple of the Ancient of Days as your representative hath appeared, and this blessed deed, whose decree hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Manifester of clear evidences, hath been accepted before the Face. The glory that hath dawned resplendent from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, yearning for that which is with God, the Revealer of verses.

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

Praise be befitting the most holy court of the Desired One, whose power is sanctified above all earthly powers and whose sovereignty is exalted beyond the comprehension of all peoples. His sword is utterance and His helper is the divine Word. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! In the Word He placed the effect of the sword, and in utterance the effect of the water of life. At times He takes, and at times He gives - meaning that the spirit's manifestation and emergence is a divine trust. This is a power specific to the realm of Truth; the might and power of creation neither weakens it nor prevents its influence. In the Word are concealed both the ocean of mercy and the preordained sword. These mysteries are witnessed in the divine verses. Blessed are they who possess true vision! One word gives life while another takes it away. Blessed are they who possess insight! Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Though no fire is visible in the Word, yet it ignites; though no water is present, yet it quickens and bestows life. Fresh tongues are needed to properly render thanks for these bounties, and penetrating vision is required to behold them. The instruments of corruption and destruction that come from the outward sword and spear, and the inward sword and spear which are rancor and hatred, have been forbidden in this Most Great Revelation. The hosts of God, as commanded, are goodly character and deeds, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God. Repeatedly in the Tablets of God - our Goal and the Goal of the world - has this blessed verse been revealed: "Blessed are they who act!"

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Goal of all who dwell on earth and in heaven! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst quicken all created things and didst strengthen them at all times through the spirit of life, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy Will which hath encompassed the earth and the heavens, to assist Thy loved ones to mention Thee, to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art He Who hath created all things and hath desired naught thereby save Thy recognition and the recognition of that which profiteth them in every world of Thy worlds. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to enable them to do that which Thou lovest and pleaseth Thee, and to aid them to champion Thy Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

Praise, mention, glory and splendor be upon Thy loved ones who have spoken Thy praise and have arisen to serve Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever could prevent them from making mention of Thee in the realm of creation. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

This evanescent one makes known to your honor that two letters were received which brought joy and bestowed gladness, for from them wafted the fragrance of love for the Desired One - may my spirit and the spirits of all who dwell in the kingdom of Command and Creation be offered up for His sake. After reading and reciting them, they were presented at the Most Exalted Threshold and Supreme Height, and these sublime words and decisive verses were revealed from the Dawning-Place of the utterance of the Beloved of all possibility. Thus sayeth the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O thou who hast turned thy face! Hear the call from the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing, raised before all faces: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath appeared and hath manifested that which draweth the people nigh unto the supreme horizon. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Beloved.

When the Most Glorious Horizon appeared and the Supreme Pen raised its shrill voice, the people turned away and uttered what the ancients had never uttered, and committed that which caused the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur to lament. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds, even as those before them beheld. Verily, thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Save those who cast away vain imaginings, hastening unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Say: O people! Look with the eye of justice upon the light of divine grace which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of your Lord's bounty, the Possessor of existence. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from the seat of divine verses, or the veils from His praiseworthy station. By God! Ye were created for this Day, did ye but know it. This is He Whom God's Books had promised aforetime, and Whose remembrance hath adorned the Tablets, were ye to recognize it.

Fear God and follow not your own selves, nor the selves of others. Set aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which ye have been commanded by God, the Possessor of the Seen and Unseen. Say: O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Names hath come with such sovereignty as no hosts of the world nor powers of the nations can withstand. To this beareth witness the Preserved Tablet.

He hath come from the horizon of utterance with a proof before which all that the people possess hath bowed down. Fear God and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day whereon the Faithful Spirit proclaimeth: O world! Thine eye is solaced by that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen, by the command of God, the Lord of the Promised Day.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Face. We have answered thee with that which all the treasures and riches cannot equal. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me Thy path, for having guided me to the dayspring of Thy Revelation, the dawning-place of Thy inspiration and the Manifestation of Thy Self. I was asleep; Thy pervading Will awakened me. I was dormant; Thy all-encompassing Purpose roused me. I was immersed in the ocean of vain imaginings; the hand of Thy bounty saved me. I was in the darkness of idle fancies; the evidences of Thy grace and favor delivered me. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Helper of the nations, to assist me to mention Thee and praise Thee with wisdom and utterance, then enable me to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hear now the divine verses in the Persian tongue. By the Sun of the horizon of unity! Should any soul truly hearken to the utterance of the All-Merciful, he will find himself detached and freed from the world and all who dwell therein, and will become so enkindled by the fire of the Word that its effects shall become manifest and evident throughout all regions. Convey to the loved ones the greetings and glory from the True One. Say: These days in the divine Books are attributed to God, exalted be His glory, referring to Moses, son of Imran: "Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." Say: Know ye their worth and recognize their station, and arise to redeem what hath escaped you. The deeds of centuries and ages cannot equal a single deed in this Day. Strive that there may appear from you that which beseemeth the Day of God. Conquer hearts through the hosts of deeds and character. God regardeth not wealth, dominion, or the perishable things that pass away. The purpose is that through the power of utterance and the Kawthar hidden in the name of the All-Merciful and the water of love and forbearance, ye may remove the hatred and animosity among the peoples of the world and transform them into mercy, kindness, affection and unity. O people of God! Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of fragrance and fellowship. This is a word We have formerly revealed from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. Blessed is the servant who retireth to his bed purified from malice and hatred and adorned with the love of all that dwell on earth. The wish of the Wronged One hath been and is to establish this matter. Every possessor of knowledge, every discerning one, and every just and fair-minded one beareth witness to this. O people of God! The Day is your Day. Hold fast unto wisdom and arise to serve. The world is opposed to this Cause to such an extent that it striveth with utmost diligence to extinguish its light. However, God hath, through the scratching of the Pen and to their dismay, assisted His Cause and exalted it. Neither the forces of the world nor its hosts can resist this power and ascendancy. He is the Powerful and Mighty over all things. O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Convey glory from the Wronged One to His honor Siyyid Mustafa. Say: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Beseech God to preserve this station and to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have turned away from idle fancies, advancing toward the lights of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God! His is the bounty and the giving, His the supreme gift and the greatest bestowal. Through pure grace, He caused the lights of wisdom and utterance to shine forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen. In truth, should one observe with the eye of reality, one would witness the light of knowledge, understanding, grace and favors shining from the horizon of every word of God's words. The ocean of proof is manifest in His utterance, and the sun of bounty dawns from the horizon of His Pen. I

beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to enable His servants to advance from remoteness to nearness, from heedlessness to awareness, and from ignorance to knowledge, that all who dwell on earth may not be deprived of His days nor remain bereft of His bounty. This bounty grows not from the earth but descends from heaven - God forgive! This heaven is unlike other heavens. This heaven has had and has infinite suns and countless moons. They rise perpetually; setting has neither existence nor trace nor fruit in that realm. Exalted be God, the Lord of the Kingdom, of the heavenly realm, of grandeur and might!

The reason for the delay in responding to the letter and its expression was that last year a Kurdish official in this city occupied the seat of government, daily manifesting deceit. Indeed, beyond deceit and guile, he displayed such tyranny as caused astonishment, for without any cause or reason that person arose in enmity. He caused certain matters to arise in the prison that are not worthy of mention. Yet in all conditions the Supreme Pen remained occupied. Later the order for his dismissal came, and he and his associates returned to their place, humiliation encompassing them from all directions. Indeed, what transpired was a lesson for those of insight and understanding. However, after the city was relieved of his presence, some effects of his words remained, therefore patience was enjoined and this supreme verse flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings: “O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He biddeth thee to observe gracious patience.”

In truth, if one encounters no difficulty in God’s path and remains ever in comfort, this has not been and is not beloved in the sight of the lovers and those filled with longing. Through tribulation the book of faithfulness is adorned and the tablet of steadfastness is embellished. Thus in one place He says: “Were it not for tribulation in Thy path, my life would have no sweetness.”

Two days ago these sublime words were revealed in the garden for one of the friends, addressed to Javad in Qaf. His exalted Word:

“O Javad! Say: My God, my God! I love life only to serve Thee, and I desire existence only to spend it in Thy path. I love the house only that Thy mention and praise be raised therein, and I choose a son only that he may arise to help Thy Cause and acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered, and I desire a spouse only […]”

In all conditions, this evanescent one beseeches the eternal Truth, exalted be His glory, for this station, and likewise for His loved ones. We beseech Him to assist His loved ones to that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased.

Regarding what you wrote about the loved ones of that land being engaged in utmost independence and joy and delight in the mention and praise of God, aflame with the fire of His love - after this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these words were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Hearing, the Answering.

We have heard thy call and answer thee once again that thou mayest be drawn to the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. When thou readest My verses and findest from them the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: “My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto Thee, and cause them to know Thy

straight Path and Thy mighty Message. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy bounty in Thy days, and disappoint them not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and the One with power over the nations, by Thy Most Great Name and by Thy Command through which Thou hast subdued the world, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha that which will assist them in Thy remembrance and praise, and will cause them to know Thy manifest Way and Thy evident Command. Then make them the emblems of Thy remembrance in Thy lands and the standards of Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Moreover, ordain for them the best of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds."

The showers of mercy have not ceased, and the clouds have not prevented the rays of the Sun of grace from shining forth. His loving-kindness is more manifest than the sun and His grace is greater than the ocean. God willing, may the friends in that land drink from the Kawthar of eternity which floweth from the fountainhead of the Pen of the Lord of Names, and may they, with wisdom and utterance, summon the people of the world to the horizon of the Manifestation. The assistance of God encompasseth all. He will aid them through His sovereignty and will reinforce them with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Verily our Lord is the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

As to their request that someone be sent to those parts for the exaltation of the Word of God, after this matter was submitted, the blessed Tongue spoke these words: In these days there is no one in this land who can proceed to those parts and fulfill this task. However, we beseech God to strengthen someone from the realm of Persia or these parts to proceed to those regions for the edification of the servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

This lowly one at all times begs and hopes from God that He may strengthen your honor to accomplish that which causeth acceptance and attraction. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath assisted and continueth to assist. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what was written about the published treatises in London, it hath been evidently proven that some newspapers speak without investigation and seek new stories to print whatever is written. Some persons who intended to write new books requested that details about these matters be written so they might publish them. No word was given to them. Likewise, some newspaper owners made the same request, but it was not granted. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Convey greetings and glorification to the friends of that land, and I beseech confirmation and assistance for each one, especially to Aqa Siyyid Mu??afa, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may they be strengthened in that which shall endure through the eternity of God's Most Beautiful Names and His Supreme Attributes. Verily our Lord is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is no God but He, the Compassionate, the Generous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who have heard and responded to the Call of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be glory!

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

Praise be befitting and worthy of my Beloved Who caused the Sun of the Most Exalted Word to appear from the horizon of the Tablet through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, and through that blessed and firm Word adorned the whole world with the garment of existence. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. The conditions of the world and the intimations of the nations have not and will never prevent Him from that which He hath willed. From time immemorial He hath spoken through the word "Verily I am God" and unto eternity He will utter whatsoever He willeth. No created thing in earth or heaven can frustrate Him, nor can any matter in the kingdom of creation prevent Him from that which He desireth. Exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His dominion, and exalted be His power! He is, verily, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

I offer praise, peace, and glory unto those who have arisen to aid His Cause and who have voiced His praise amongst His creation. The servant beareth witness that through them steadfastness was manifested among all created things and the banner of victory was raised in this Day wherein the Cry hath been raised, the Sure Hour hath come to pass, and the Calamity hath appeared. These are servants whom the veils of creation have not hindered and whom the swords of the enemies have not frightened. God hath rendered them sanctified from all corruption and contention and from all that causeth souls to be perturbed. They speak with wisdom, hold fast unto wisdom, and walk in the path of wisdom. These are honored servants, these are sincere servants, no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose love the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee have ascended and the tears of the sincere ones have fallen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the Day of Judgment was manifested and every wise decree was revealed, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones to serve Thy Cause and to manifest that which Thou hast willed in Thy dominion. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them hastening unto Thee, turning unto Thy face, speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants, and arising to serve Thee in Thy lands. O my Lord! Assist them through Thy power and sovereignty, and ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant submitteth that your letters, arriving one after another, have been the cause of joy and the source of gladness to the heart. The exalted Truth is witness that this evanescent servant is occupied day and night in remembrance of the friends of God. All that you had written was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold, and in response to each, the Sun of favor hath shone forth from the heaven of the Divine Will. However, the letters addressed to this servant, as well as the petitions, did not reach this evanescent one for some time due to the turmoil in these parts, excessive rain, and other impediments. After their arrival, a detailed account was presented. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically addressed to you was revealed from the heaven of oneness and was dispatched, and likewise, in response to the petitions from the land of Kha, mention of you was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, all shall attain unto them. When your letter arrived this time, after this evanescent one had read and reviewed it, he attained the Most Holy Presence and presented all before God. This is what the Tongue of God hath spoken from the Kingdom of Utterance:

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing […]

I have remembered thee before and after, and have sent down unto thee from the Kingdom of utterance that which hath caused the foundations of the earth to tremble. I, verily, am the True One, the All-Knowing. This is the Day whereon all atoms proclaim: The Kingdom is God's! And I, verily, am the All-Seeing Witness. The Pen testifieth unto the Ancient of Days, and I, verily, am the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My service, circled round My will, soared in the atmosphere of My love, and observed that which was commanded in My perspicuous Book. O Lion! Thou hast attained unto My remembrance aforetime and in this glorious Tablet. We have heard thy call time and again, and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds. We have answered thee with that whereunto nothing can be compared. Thy Lord, verily, answereth whomsoever He willeth, and I am the All-Responding. By God's life! Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Encompassing.

God willing, thou shalt attain unto all that hath been revealed in the Divine Books. The bounty of the True One toward His loved ones is manifest and evident as the sun. Were thou to render thanks throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, it would not equal this supreme bounty, nor ever shall. He, verily, praiseth His Own Self through His loved ones. This beseemeth Him and befitteth His Self, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

From most regions, petitions have reached the Most Holy Court, all adorned with mention of God and speaking of thy services rendered for the sake of God and in His path. God willing, mayest thou be assisted and confirmed by God's grace to mention that which hath been revealed in His Book. Whosoever ariseth today to aid the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance is recorded among the people of the Crimson Ark. Strive that perchance differences may be wholly eliminated and transformed into the light of unity. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of wisdom on this Day, which hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

All thy services are visible and mentioned in the Most Holy Court. God willing, mayest thou be assisted at all times to aid the Cause, and strive that no matter contrary to wisdom may appear. For if something should appear and cause commotion, the weak souls would perish. In view of divine compassion and His pre-existing mercy, all have been charged to observe wisdom. Its laws have been sent down as a grace from His presence and a kindness from His court. In all conditions His eye of compassion is turned toward the servants. Nevertheless, that which hath never been witnessed in any age is now observed. Shame upon the people who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have forbidden men from drawing nigh unto Him.

Concerning what thou didst write about meeting with the Wolf in the land of ?ad, this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken […]

O Lion! The deeds of that heedless ignorant one are a most dense veil that surely prevents him from hearkening to utterances that emerge from the heart and tongue for the sake of God. Nevertheless, We permit association with him; perchance in some matters he may remember or become mindful. Verily He

aids whomsoever desires His aid, and heareth the call of whomsoever heareth His call, and turneth unto whomsoever turneth unto Him. Verily thy Beloved is the Near, the Responsive.

Thy turning to the land of Sad is good; perchance someone may be found who will arise as befitteth. If thou attainest the presence of the fruits of the Tree of Faithfulness, convey to them greetings and comfort from the True One. This is what thou art bidden in the Tablet. He is verily the Commander, the All-Knowing. This turning is acceptable before the Throne if it be accomplished with joy and fragrance.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the Blessed Place in the land of Kha, whatsoever was carried out is ratified and accepted before the Throne. However, in the lands of Ya, Shin, Ta, Qaf and Kaf, in view of the wisdom revealed in these days, it is not permitted until its time and season come. It is known that this is the greatest good deed for all, and any deed that is manifested today and proceedeth from a doer is accounted as the king of deeds before God. This blessed word hath previously been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur: every matter, deed and word that is today adorned with the ornament of God's acceptance, its fragrance hath been and shall forever be. Just as there hath been no likeness or similitude for God - exalted be His glory, abundant be His favors, and magnificent be His grandeur - there hath not been and shall never be any likeness for the good deeds that are manifested in the Days of God for His sake.

People seek children for the perpetuation of their remembrance, and build mosques and thoroughfares for the preservation of their names - though it is not known how long such names and remembrances will endure between one person and another, or within families. However, whatsoever appeareth in the Days of God - its fragrance and remembrance have endured and shall endure for as long as the kingdom and the realm of heaven exist. These brilliant utterances are manifest and evident from the horizons of divine Tablets. There is nothing that God hath not revealed in the Book.

The servant seeketh forgiveness at all times for his mention, thoughts and utterance. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to expiate my misdeeds and transgressions which, were they to be laid upon the mountains, would render them dust scattered and level plain.

O beloved of my heart! All holy souls should strive to transform the coldness and lifelessness of the world through the fire of the Most Great Name. His Holiness Afnan - upon him be all the most glorious glory - sent a letter to him who beareth the Name of God (66) - upon him be the most glorious glory of God - and deemed it expedient that the Blessed Place be established in a specific location in the surroundings of this land. This matter was accepted in the Most Holy Court. Assuredly, any deed that is performed today in this land or in the lands surrounding this holy land shall be accounted as the sun of deeds in all worlds, and its sweet fragrances shall never be cut off from the world. God willing, may all the friends of God be assisted to achieve that which is befitting today.

Concerning the accounting books of the King of Martyrs, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto him, which you mentioned - certainly the accomplishment of this matter in any form is beloved before God and His loved ones. As for what you wrote regarding the petitions from the Land of Kha which were submitted to the Most Holy Court, as well as the four letters addressed to this servant which you gave to the Afnan, upon him be all the glory of the Most Glorious, to forward - these have arrived and God willing, replies will

descend from the heaven of grace and be sent. Praise be to God, all have been honored and achieved success through the radiant effulgences of the Sun of Providence and are mentioned before His Presence. Would that the people of the world could behold the station of this most mighty, most impregnable, most holy and most exalted Cause! By the life of the Beloved, they would pass by themselves and all else like lightning, and would act according to that which exalteth the Cause of God. Verily the Command is in God's hand - He aideth whomsoever He willeth through His Command, and ordaineth what He desireth through His Most Exalted Pen in His holy, mighty and wise Book.

As for what you wrote at the end of your letter that it has been nearly a year since they have been favored with replies to their petitions - the exalted Truth is witness and testament that you have always been mentioned before His Presence. How could it be that one who arises to serve the Cause of God and to make mention of His praise should be deprived of His favors? Far be it! The glances of grace and mercy have ever been and continue to be directed towards His loved ones. His is the praise and the bounty. That which all the learned, all the mystics, all the eloquent writers and all the wise orators have failed to mention hath appeared and been made manifest.

Furthermore, convey my greetings to the loved ones of God who have quaffed from the wine of steadfastness and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. God willing, may they not be deprived of spiritual deeds in this luminous Day and may they be enabled to perform such actions as befit this Day. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Regarding what you mentioned about turning toward the Desired Land, it was submitted before the Divine Throne. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One hath spoken forth from His praised station:

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

The Beloved hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through His grace. Verily thy Lord is the Answerer. We have seen thee turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon and We have turned toward thee. Verily thy Lord is the Generous One. We have manifested Our Cause with truth and have sent down what was inscribed in the Tablet, and I am the Great Book. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and My beauteous mention. Know thou the value of this station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Behold and remember when thou didst turn toward the Countenance and didst traverse the lands until thou didst enter the Most Exalted Paradise - this Prison which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by the tongue of thy Lord, the Creator of heaven - and didst behold the Most Glorious Horizon and didst hear the Call of God, the King, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing. Thou hast attained unto the presence and hast drunk the Kawthar of reunion. It behooveth thee to remind the people of the goodly things which have been sent down in the Tablets of thy Lord, the Ancient Revealer.

O Lion! Thou hast attained unto the light of His countenance, and stood before His gate, and entered the heaven of His dwellings, and perceived the true Ka'bah, and heard with thine outward ear the voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai. Shouldst thou spend all thy life in praise and thanksgiving and glorification of the Lord of Names, it would be as nothing compared to this bounty. Now thou must occupy thyself with teaching His Cause with wisdom and utterance. By the life of God, this station is most great! O Lion! With

perfect detachment and sincerity, fix thy gaze upon God, remember Him, speak of Him, and turn to Him. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing.

God willing, may earthly means not prevent the friends of God from mentioning Him, praising Him, and teaching His Cause. We make mention of Our loved ones in all lands and give them glad tidings of God's remembrance, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O My friends on earth! The fragrances of revelation have been wafted among you. Be thankful to your Creator for this mighty bounty. Purify your hearts that the effulgence of My Name, the Most Merciful, may be established therein, for I am the Compassionate. We give you glad tidings of what hath been ordained for you in God's Kingdom and counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness on this Day whereon the call of the Lord of Return hath been raised, and behind it is heard the buzzing of flies. Thus have We revealed the pearls of Our all-encompassing knowledge. Doth the world sadden you after ye have witnessed its transience? By the life of God, it shall perish, and there shall remain for you that which no swift penman can describe. Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness in all conditions. He verily commandeth you that which profiteth you. To this testify the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise in this exalted station. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have attained unto the waters of My love and the choice wine of My knowledge, and have turned toward My luminous horizon.

Praise be to God that in this time, time and again, ye have attained unto the bounties of the Desired One of all worlds. God willing, may ye ever attain unto this most great bounty and mighty gift. That which is most beloved in the presence of God this day is unity and concord. It is hoped that the world may be illumined by its light. Your honor must exert the utmost effort in this regard. He is verily the Protector of the doers of good. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Cause and have arisen to serve God, the Lord of all worlds.

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

Praise be to God Who hath ever existed through the perpetuity of His Essence and hath been eternal through the everlastingness of His Pre-existence, Who hath created all things through the Word of His command and hath manifested all possibilities through the effulgence of the lights of His love, Who hath made the hearts of His chosen ones the throne whereon sitteth the beauty of His oneness and a mirror reflecting the glory of His sovereignty. And blessings and peace be upon the First Point that appeared from the invisible realm of Oneness, the First Letter whereby was completed the All-Embracing Word, the First Light that shone forth from the dayspring of the Divine Identity, and the First Breeze that wafted from the gardens of Divinity - He Whom God made in the world of Command the Manifestation of all His names and attributes, and in the world of creation named Muhammad amongst His servants. And peace be upon His family and His companions.

O thou who ascendeth to the heaven of divine unity and mounteth unto the kingdom of divine singleness! Thy letter hath reached me, and I have understood what thou hast mentioned therein concerning the question that confoundeth minds and bewildereth souls. It seemeth that thou desirest from this evanescent one its interpretation, the unveiling of its mysteries, and the removal of its veils and coverings, even though I have never claimed the stations of learning nor the attainment of the heights of wisdom from God's mysteries deposited in human temples. Despite what I have heard of the clamor of the idolaters and the tumult of the hypocrites in what they have said concerning me and intended against my person, how can this divine bird warble in the garden of inner meanings, or this dove soar in the meadows of eloquence? Yet, having witnessed in thy countenance the lights of love and in thy heart the love of divine mysteries, I shall cause to flow upon thee a stream from this Most Great, Surging Ocean and from this outpouring, abundant cloud, that it may be a token of my love for thee from this moment until the Day when lovers shall be gathered beneath His banner and the mystics shall be assembled at the dawning of His lights.

Know thou that the mystics who have reached the depths of the seas of divine favor and have recognized the mysteries of the beginning in the end speak words that have an outward meaning while intending by them an inner significance. This is their way and custom, for which reason some of the ignorant denounce them as unbelievers, the contentious ones revile them, and the people of error dispute with them in speech. Among their utterances is this word, which is a light and mercy unto the righteous, but a retribution and wrath unto the wicked.

When We reached this stage in Our discourse, We desired to mention certain stations that the path might become clear to thee before the presentation of proof from this lowly servant who hath been afflicted in these prolonged darknesses, and from whose heart every dweller in the precincts of the Friend heareth lamentations when he entereth the pavilion of divine unity at the unveiling of the lights of the Glorious One […]

Know that the first dawning of the Divine Sun in the kingdoms of creation is its establishment upon the throne of the All-Merciful. From this manifestation, the lights of mercy from the Eternal Sovereign shone forth upon all contingent beings. This mercy is divided into two kinds: One kind is called the all-encompassing mercy, the universal mercy, the comprehensive mercy, the treasured mercy, the absolute mercy, the all-surrounding mercy, and other such names mentioned in the books of the mystics - may God Most High sanctify their secrets and spirits. This is the mercy that gives without being asked and bestows upon all contingent and created beings, from their beginning to their end, whether concealed or manifest. This is the mercy that preceded all things that were and will be in the worlds of creation, and through this all-encompassing mercy, the universal lordship of the True Educator is made manifest to all who are in the heavens and earth. Through it, all things are sustained, all things are provided for, and all things are given before they ask or desire or will, just as you have heard and known concerning the first Adam - upon our Prophet and upon him be prayers and peace - that when God, blessed and exalted, created him by His power and breathed into him of His spirit and formed him in His image, He prepared for him his means and all that he needed. Likewise, observe in the case of infants how God, blessed and exalted, has ordained their sustenance and all they need before their appearance and birth, and when they emerge from their mothers' wombs, they find their sustenance without having asked for it or sought

it, for they were not yet in the world to ask for anything or seek anything. When the water of this mercy flowed from the ocean of Oneness into the world of Divine Eternality, God made it sanctified above all limitations and directions, and exalted above all requests and questions. Therefore God named Himself the Lord of all the worlds. Were I to describe this lofty station and this holy, transcendent matter throughout my life and the duration of my being, my heart's love for this most great station and this most noble, subtle mystery would not be exhausted, but I have kept its description brief lest you grow weary in studying and contemplating it. We ask God to grant you success in arriving at its mysteries and reaching its depths, for verily He does what He wills, and He is the Mighty, the Generous.

The other kind is called the limited mercy and the restricted mercy and such names. From this mercy descends from the clouds of justice the rain of bounty after the servants ask in the world of existence. This is the station of justice, that is, giving to each one his due right. This is the station of the ordering of creation after its coming into being, and the degrees of destiny in manifestation and creation, as was revealed from the Kingdom of Immortality to the Seal of the Prophets - peace be upon him: "There is not a thing but with Us are its storehouses, and We send it not down save in determined measure." From that station surge the seas of destiny in the worlds of creation, and the sun of Lordship shines in the heaven of munificence.

God is Most Great! This sea has surged,

And the wind has stirred waves casting forth pearls.

This is a station wherein the feet of the mystics have slipped and the steps of the eloquent have faltered, even as one of the holy ones, when questioned about this most manifest station and this greatest of vistas, replied that it was a surging ocean not to be approached, and in another instance a lightless night not to be traversed. He further said that destiny is a mystery of God's mysteries and a treasure of His treasures, sealed with God's seal, folded within God's knowledge. God has lifted its recognition above His servants and placed it beyond their comprehension, for they cannot attain to the secret of the Divine Self-Subsistence nor to the manifestation of the All-Merciful.

As thou dost witness today, the differences among the nations exist solely due to their failure to recognize this most glorious Cause. Otherwise, had they attained unto this supreme station and this most great symbol, none would oppose another, nor would any soul blame another. Even as the Dove has warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity: "How strange that one should be occupied with the faults of others while being heedless of one's own faults!" In this station, it behooveth every soul to turn unto himself and purify it from whatsoever God hath forbidden, and not to oppose anyone according to his own desire. Rather, concerning matters of his faith, let him inquire of those who are the mirrors of God's knowledge, the manifestations of His Cause, the dawning-places of His wisdom, and the repositories of His commandments. These holy ones have the right to bid people to do what is good and forbid them from evil. They are they who hasten to perform good deeds and rush to virtuous acts. None besides them hath any portion of this cup, nor can others find any way unto it.

I swear by thy life! Were it not for My fear of the Nimrod of the earth of self and his cohorts, I would have imparted unto thee such divine knowledge as would have caused thine eyes to be solaced and would

have enabled thee to attain all that thou didst desire from this Fish that writheth in the dust. However, given My tribulations at the hands of these iniquitous and immoral ones, I am unable to open unto thee the gate of knowledge and recognition with the keys of wisdom and utterance, or to mention unto thee the melodies of the Sinai of eternity upon the branches of the Tree of Certitude. Thou hast indeed enumerated some of what hath befallen Me from the arrows of discord and the blows dealt to My mouth by the hands of hatred and hypocrisy. Verily, they conspire against Me each day according to their desires. We beseech God to ordain for Us what He loveth and is pleased with from the decree of fate in the worlds of its execution. This shall soon be made manifest, as shall some of what they have intended, for I have sacrificed My spirit, My soul, and My body in the path of My Beloved. My yearning for God is as the yearning of the eye for beauty and of the fish for crystal water - nay, greater than that and more exalted than what can be recorded by the pen upon the tablets. However, reveal not what We have indicated to thee until what We have imparted unto thee becomes manifest.

Then We left that discourse and returned to what We were discussing. Know thou that in that station, which is the station of Divine Decree, all matters flow according to their natural order and original balance, as ordained by the eternal decree. For everything in that station there is a measure, limits and duties. Should anything transgress therefrom by even less than a needle's point, it would depart from God's fortress which He built by the hands of His command for the protection of His servants. Whosoever departs from His fortress has no path back to it, nor any guide to the springs of His mercy, except through repentance and return unto Him.

If thou wouldst observe with the eyes of thine inner being, thou wouldst witness that this purified Law is in truth the fortress of divinity in the realm of humanity, wherein take refuge honored servants who speak not before He speaks and who act by His command, as well as other servants who desire to enter into mighty strongholds. Whosoever enters this fortress shall not be touched by the arrows of doubts and conjectures, nor shall fatigue or aversion affect him. But whosoever departs therefrom, the thief shall steal away the garment of his knowledge, the cloak of his faith, the banner of his trust, and the mantle of his devotion, leaving him stripped of the beautiful robes which God had woven by the hands of His Prophet, His Messenger, and His Chosen One.

May God protect us and you from the evil of these thieves who are not content with wealth nor with what pertains to glory in the world of detail after the summary, but rather take from people all that God had given them of the shirts of His favor and the garments of His generosity. In this station is verified concerning them that poverty which causes the face to blacken in both worlds, even as the Nightingale of Oneness sang in the gardens of eternity: "Poverty is blackness of face in both worlds and well nigh leads to unbelief."

By My life! Were I to reveal unto thee the mysteries of these allusions, thou wouldst detach thyself from all who are on earth and soar to the City of Divine Attributes at the manifestation of the lights of the Divine Essence. But the Pen restrains Me from this, and the Tablet prevents Me from it. We beseech God to bring about days wherein the sun of knowledge shall shine forth from the horizon of wisdom and the moon of mysteries shall rise from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Since the decree of bestowal upon all who are in the heavens and earth according to their capacities and ranks has been established, know thou that the wayfarer who journeys unto God, who emigrates unto Him, who severs himself from the perishable homeland and desires to ascend to the eternal abode - unto him shall be unveiled the hidden mysteries and treasured realities, and there shall appear unto him the essences of divine unity and the manifestations of eternal oneness. When he attains to this exalted station and this glorious homeland, it becomes incumbent upon him to be a trustee of God's knowledge-treasuries and a custodian of the pearls of His wisdom's mysteries. He must be a preserver of these divine knowledge-trusts deposited in the vessels of illumined hearts by God, the Creator of all beings. He must guard them as his own eyes and conceal them in his breast. Should he reveal even a single letter of these mysteries to one unworthy, three crimes shall be charged against him: First, betrayal, for he has betrayed God by revealing His secrets to those unworthy; Second, injustice, for he has given this station to one unworthy of it and burdened him with what he cannot bear and is unable to carry, thus establishing against himself the decree of injustice […]

And what greater oppression is there than this? The third is murder, because he has led this helpless one astray and killed him a spiritual death. For when he is unable to comprehend these divine truths, his feet slip from where he stood regarding the matter of his origin and return. Therefore, the judgment of one murdered applies to him, and upon his killer falls the judgment of retribution. This killing, in the sight of the people of truth, is greater and more grievous than the killing of the body, were you to behold with the eye of the heart. This is evidenced by what was sent down from the Kingdom of Oneness upon the Countenance of Ahmad (may my spirit and the spirit of those immersed in the depths of light be a sacrifice unto Him) concerning Hamza, the Prince of Martyrs, and Abu Jahl: "Is he who was dead and whom We have raised to life, and for whom We have ordained a light whereby he walks among men, like unto him who is in darkness from which he cannot emerge?" Therefore, ponder this blessed verse. If by death was meant physical death, and by life physical life, then the judgment of death and life would not apply to Hamza, for outwardly he was alive with physical, elemental life. Rather, what is meant by death in this noble verse and divine word is spiritual death and the death of the heart. For when Hamza (may God be pleased with him) believed in God, His verses, and His Messenger whom He sent with truth, he became alive with the life of faith and drank from the cup of the Living, the Life-Giving One, from the spring of certitude. The judgment of death applies to him - that is, death to temporal accidents - and life - that is, the enduring life of faith. The opposite judgment applies to Abu Jahl. This spiritual life endures and does not perish, as evidenced by His exalted word: "We shall surely give him to live a goodly life." But physical life perishes, for "every soul shall taste of death." Thereby it is established that spiritual death is greater than physical death. When this is established, it is also established that spiritual killing is likewise greater than physical killing. Therefore, the judgment of retribution falls upon this killer. Since we have proven the judgment of retribution upon the mystic knower with clear proofs and firm evidence, know that none can execute this retribution except those who drank the wine from the Cup-Bearer of Beauty in the world of spirits before the appearance of creation in the world of forms. It befits these Poles to execute judgment upon him, for it befits that retribution be carried out by one upon whom the limitation does not apply, not by every ignorant rabble who cannot distinguish truth from falsehood nor darkness from light. Therefore, we suffice with what we have mentioned to you, and conclude with praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and peace be upon whoever follows guidance.

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The City of God. To the honored physician, upon him be the Glory of God. On the 15th of Muharram 1303.

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

Praise, sanctified from the comprehension of all created things, befitteth that Eternal Lord Who hath, from time immemorial unto time everlasting, guided through His Most Exalted Word the people of the mortal realm unto the highest horizon. He sent forth the Prophets with clear proofs and evidences, with scriptures, tablets, books and testaments, that the diverse paths of the world might converge into a single path, and the manifold ways of the peoples into one way. And since it was intended from the beginning that the mystery of mysteries be revealed, He made it manifest in the Mirror of the Seal, and He is the Manifestation of the divine names most beautiful and attributes most glorious. With Him ended Prophethood and Messengership. He is the true Baptizer, for He hath cleansed hearts and souls with the waters of divine knowledge. Even as Christ declared, He is the Dawning-Place of the light of unity and the Dayspring of the blessed word "There is none other God but Him." Through Him was raised the pavilion of knowledge and wisdom in the contingent world, and the light of the All-Merciful shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of understanding. Upon Him be God's blessings, peace, mercy and favors, and upon His family and companions who drew their swords in aid of God's Cause, the King of Kings. Through them were the banners of victory raised throughout the lands, and the sun of justice shone forth upon all horizons. Through them were made manifest Paradise and its stations, according to His words, peace be upon Him: "Paradise lieth beneath the shadow of swords." Peace, great and abundant peace be upon Him.

Thereafter, thy noble letters arrived repeatedly, and all were received. Each appeared as a garden adorned with the flowers and blossoms of mention and utterance, its trees speaking in praise and glorification of God, its fruits manifest to those of humility and lowliness. For in truth every letter thereof bore the fragrance of divine love, and every word thereof indicated steadfastness in service to the eternal Purpose. O beloved of my heart and physician of my soul! Love is that which openeth the sealed doors and showeth the path of nearness and reunion. If I say it is light, this is the truth without doubt, for through it do lovers attain unto the lights of nearness to the All-Merciful Lord. And if I say it is fire, this too is true, for it consumeth the moisture of lethargy and manifesteth the reality of heat. Glory be to God! Its might hath seized and conquered the hearts of kings, and bound the heroes of the world in chains. Whatever is said of it is but a drop from this ocean. Pens are powerless to describe it, let alone to describe its Creator. Glorified, glorified be He from being mentioned by my tongue or pen, or by the tongues and pens of the world and its peoples. I seek forgiveness before me and before all, and I turn unto Him in repentance. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

In truth, what shall I say - where was I and where have I fallen? My intention was to seek pardon from that Beloved One for the delay in response. That did not come to pass, and this transpired instead. The command is in His hands - He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. I swear by the

peerless God, the All-Knowing, that the delay was not due to neglect, but rather stemmed from wisdom. For they have said that people are heedless and unaware of the purpose. Should a word be dispatched to those parts and be spread abroad, they would interpret and explain it according to their own vain desires. For most of the servants have been and continue to be vessels of ignorance and corruption, ever waiting to invalidate truth or to clothe falsehood in the garment of truth. Even as the divines of Iran from the inception of Islam until now maintain that the Promised One dwells in Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and whosoever speaks otherwise, they pronounce his death sentence and mock the Sunnis, since those souls do not cling to such invented fancies but rather affirm and proclaim His birth. One is perplexed - nay, the world is perplexed - that from the earliest days until now, among all the divines who have come and gone, not one has been aware of the truth. Indeed, it is cause for amazement. We beseech God not to deprive these servants of the ocean of true knowledge. Given such profound ignorance, what can be said? What can the tongue utter and the pen record?

This lowly one is immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for it is observed that the people of the Bayan too have become occupied with the same vain imaginings, whereas today all Islam should hold fast to a single word - that is, the blessed word "There is none other God but Him" - and strive to protect God's religion and God's law from enemies. They have devoted all their energy to depriving these servants of all rights. The body of Islam lies exposed while the beasts of the world snatch and carry away its limbs and members piece by piece. The eye of justice weeps and the form of equity laments. Whatever befalls them, they say nothing, yet when true believers, who after God's grace are adorned and illumined by the lights of unity, speak a word of counsel or show a path of protection, all rise up in rejection and protest. Such is the condition of the heedless ones. However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to unite all Islam through His conquering might and overwhelming power, and to aid them to act according to what He has revealed in the Book. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. After observing and examining the noble letters, proceeding to the station, the details were presented before Him, and He said […]

O Physician! Upon thee be My salutation and My bounty! We beseech the True One that He withhold not the world from the light of the Sun of Love, and deprive it not from the ocean of knowledge and wisdom. The world hath been encompassed by the smoke of heedlessness and seized by the dust of ignorance, to such extent that eyes are prevented and ears deprived, save whom God willeth. Today all must, with utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Self-Sufficient for the victory of His manifest Faith. The lamp of understanding hath been surrounded by tempestuous winds, and the horizon of the Sun of Justice hath been seized by dark clouds. We beseech Him to preserve the former in the glass of wisdom, and to remove the latter from the horizon.

This Wronged One's counsel is that all associate with the servants of God in the utmost spirit of joy and fragrance. Every time hath its command, and every season its requirement. Noah did say "Leave not upon the earth any dweller from among the unbelievers," while the Spirit (Christ) said "If Thou punish them, they are Thy servants, and if Thou forgive them, verily Thou art the Mighty, the Wise."

At one time in the world of dreams, I attained the presence of the Messenger of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. Words were revealed from that Dawning-Place of the Divine Book, and utterances shone forth from that Ocean of Divine Wisdom. During His utterance He said: "Formerly I

declared ‘Paradise is beneath the shadow of swords,’ but in these days were I manifest I would say ‘Paradise is beneath the shade of the Tree of Unity and Mercy.’” After hearing this most exalted blessed Word, I said: “May the spirit of the world be sacrificed for Thy loving-kindness, for Thy bounty, for Thy mercy!” Thereafter there flowed from the Ocean of Utterance that which no pen hath the station to express, nor ink the position to reveal. When I arose from sleep, for a time I found myself in such joy as cannot be described. That which was witnessed and heard transcendeth the understanding of the servants. We beseech God to confirm all and cause them to attain the Most Exalted Station, which is the station of knowing Him, that all may acknowledge the sanctification of His Essence from likeness and the exaltation of His Self from similitude. True acknowledgment is achieved and established when they act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book from the Supreme Pen.

That Beloved One and this servant and the people of unity must all take refuge in God from the evil of those who are veiled by the Bayan, who mislead and train the servants exactly as the Shi’ih did. Glory be to God! Until now they have not realized what Day this is and what the Manifestation is. They drink from the spring of fancy yet count themselves among the people of certitude. They walk in the wilderness of conjecture yet consider themselves companions of assurance and conviction. God forbid that a party like the previous one, namely the Shi’ih, should appear in the world. Reflect upon the deeds of those oppressive souls - what they claimed and what they did, what they said and what they practiced.

At this moment I was summoned to the Most Exalted Summit, and after attaining the presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words - exalted be His glory: “O servant in attendance! Write to the Physician - upon him be My salutation - For a long time the Supreme Pen hath spoken about the deeds of the previous party. The wisdom in this is that later souls might become aware and informed, that perchance they might not be afflicted with previous vain imaginings. The deniers of the Bayan are occupied with the same vain imaginings. By My life! Until they pass beyond the gulf of fancy they will not enter the ocean of certitude, and until they traverse the path of names they will not attain to the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein.”

We beseech God to grant sight. The veils have been rent asunder by the finger of power, and it is hoped that the people of the Crimson Ark will not be afflicted with the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the past, nor will they defile their hearts and minds with the worthless utterances of this one and that. They had sent a copy of the letter written to Husayn, known as Sukht. Glory be to God! How he has advanced! He has become an emigrant and has learned from the white bankers. What that beloved one has seen is but a drop from his ocean of nonsense. It would be well for him to send such writings far and wide. Ask ye God to bestow upon the eyes of the people of the world a subtle light. This servant hath seen many things and hath much in his possession, yet I pray and beseech all the friends to guide those veiled souls and remove from the world the foul odor of ignorance, folly, rancor and hatred. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

If you inquire about the news of this land, praise be to God, all are well. For some time now the twin luminaries of the heaven of grace, namely His Holiness Aqa Mirza ?iya’u’llah and His Holiness Aqa Mirza Badi’u’llah - may my spirit be sacrificed for their coming - and the people of the pavilion of purity have gone to Beirut and will return in a few days. The pilgrims to the House of God have been many this year,

praise be to God, and have attained His presence. I beseech God not to deprive anyone and to aid and assist all to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

Mention was made of the friends of that land. After this matter was presented before the Master, He said: Convey greetings to all from the Wronged One. Verily We remember them as We have remembered them before, and We beseech God to protect them from the evil of every oppressor and to guard them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to aid them to act according to what is in His Book and to draw them near to Him in all conditions. Goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct are God's ladder among His creation. Through these every soul can ascend to the ultimate goal and the highest summit. Blessed is he who attains unto them, and woe unto him who neglects them. They must associate with all with fragrance and spirituality, with love and affection. Love is the light of God among His creation - through it every light appears and the world is illumined by it. It is the cause of creation and its manifestation, as spoken by the Almighty: "I was a hidden treasure and loved to be known, therefore I created creation that I might be known." Hold fast, O friends of God, to love and affection, to kindness and unity. Your station is above all stations and your conditions above all conditions, for you are the people of unity and the companions of detachment. Ask ye God, your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth, to protect you from the artillery of the polytheists and the swords of the infidels, and to assist you against His enemies through His grace and bounty. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful and the most generous of the generous. Praise be to God Who is the Goal of the mystics and the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and the earth. End.

This evanescent one beseeches and implores God, exalted be His glory, to assist His friends to preserve the pearls of His love and that which will calm the fire of hatred in the world of creation.

As for the matter of the House, some time ago His Holiness A. and H., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wrote to this servant that the honorable physician, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, had requested a power of attorney. This servant presented this before His presence and He said […]

Half of the sum remains, therefore We did not wish to issue any decree in this regard. Half of the sum has reached them and We await the remainder, after which whatever is commanded will be beloved. God is witness and testament that We do not wish any harm to befall anyone, therefore the matter remains pending. We know not what the honored physician, upon him be peace, hath done. In any case, We beseech God to soon provide the means whereby this sum may be paid.

This evanescent servant continually beseecheth and imploreth for the exaltation, sublimity, glory and elevation of that beloved one. Were it not for the unwise actions of the friends, I would have caused much trouble. Praise be to God, that beloved one is remembered in most times. All the friends and pilgrims send their greetings and praise, and this servant conveyeth greetings and praise to each of the friends in that land. That land and those regions have ever been and continue to be before Our sight. For each one I seek divine confirmation that they may be assisted in that which will cause the exaltation of the Cause and may be strengthened with such steadfastness as is the mightiest foundation. Verily He will assist them through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

At this moment, having approached the Sacred Threshold, the Lord spoke thus: “We send greetings from this station to the physician, upon him be My glory, and to the leaf who is with him, and to his son who hath been mentioned before and after in the presence of the Wronged One, and to the monotheists and the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

This servant also conveyeth greetings to the honored leaf and to the son, upon them both be the glory of God, and beseecheth God to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon thee and upon those who have acknowledged and recognized the Word that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

Glorified be He Who hath illumined the horizon of the world with the Day-Star of His Most Great Name, whereby all the tribes were seized with trembling and the nations were shaken, save those whom the hand of divine power did rescue. He, verily, is the Peerless, the Chosen One. He, verily, is the One through Whom the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken amidst the concourse of creation, and the Lord of Names hath testified to that which He hath testified. He, verily, is the Sovereign Whom the understanding of all who dwell within the realm of possibilities cannot comprehend, Whom the birds of the hearts of the people of certitude cannot reach. Every mighty one hath been abased before the manifestation of His power, and every powerful one rendered impotent before the revelation of His might and grandeur. The Books of Heaven have been adorned with His mention and praise, and the Preserved Tablet with His Name and sovereignty. Were it not for Him, the All-Merciful would not have revealed the secrets of what was and what would be. Through Him the Hidden Name bore witness and the Treasured Name prostrated, and through Him the door of the Treasury was opened and the Hidden Mystery which was recorded in the Scriptures, the Psalms and the Books was revealed. He calleth aloud, saying: “O concourse of creation! The All-Merciful hath come with clear proof and evidence. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him and hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean which hath flowed from the wellspring of His utterance amongst His creatures.” I beseech God to aid His servants to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon and to recognize that which is hidden from the eyes of all who dwell in creation. He, verily, is the One Who is supreme over all names. There is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the servant hath received thy letter and perceived from it the fragrance of thy sincerity toward God, the Lord of the worlds. When I came to know and learn and became acquainted with its contents, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and drew nigh unto the Ultimate Goal, until I attained His presence and presented that which thou didst call upon our Lord and the Lord of the mystics. Thereupon the door of grace was opened and the Day-Star of the bounty of the Lord of Justice shone forth. He, exalted be His grandeur, saith: “O ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil! Blessed be thine eyes for having been honored to behold the Ancient Beauty, and thine ears for having heard His sweetest call in the land of Zawra, and thy form for having attained the presence of the Wronged One. Thus doth the Self-Subsisting

remember thee in this Most Great Prison. Moreover, blessed be thy mother who turned toward Him, attained His presence, and won that which is the object of the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed again and again be thy father through whom servitude unto God, the True One, was adorned. By My life! He truly attained, when he stood before the Throne, that which most of the servants have failed to attain. He is the one in whose affliction the Most Exalted Pen spoke that whereby his remembrance shall endure in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bountiful. We bear witness that he left his home at the bidding of his Lord, detached from all else but Him, and traversed deserts, wilderness, mountains and hills until he reached the seashore and crossed it in His name until he entered the Luminous Spot and the White Land - the place which the Sinaitic Tree did circle and where he heard the call of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. Blessed be he and whoever visiteth it through My binding command. That hath been revealed for him whereby the fragrance of the Beloved hath wafted throughout the world. Verily, thy Lord is the True Informer. Be thou thankful unto God for having made you to know Him and aided you and raised up your names among all peoples. He, verily, is the Protector of the sincere ones."

God willing, through His infinite bounty, thou shouldst at all times be joyous, and with the utmost spirit and fragrance be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou didst attain the shore of the Most Great Ocean and didst drink from the Kawthar of reunion, and wert blessed with the presence of the Beloved's countenance in days when all things shall return to nothingness. Know ye the value of this supreme bounty and preserve it as thou wouldst thy very life. O 'Ali-Qabli-Nabil! God is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. Whatsoever hath befallen you in His path, He hath witnessed it all and recorded it by the Most Exalted Pen in the Preserved Tablet. No grace can equal or will ever equal this grace. Look not unto the people and their ways, but rather gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say: "O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee. Aid me to act as befitteth Thy days and my connection to Thy Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

Every thing hath and shall have its fragrance. Assuredly the fragrance of deeds performed purely for God's sake shall encompass the world, and every person possessed of smell shall perceive it. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor and hold fast to His luminous hem. In all matters–be they goodly deeds, spiritual qualities, or praiseworthy actions–follow the example of My Most Truthful and Holy Name. He is among those souls who have in truth been adorned with the ornament of servitude unto God. It behoveth every soul to remember him as the Tongue of Grandeur hath remembered him in the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. O 'Ali-Qabli-Nabil! Hearken unto that which the Glorious Lord calleth unto thee from this beautiful spot: Verily there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful. Hear what the idolaters say–they utter that which the people of the Torah, the Gospel, and the Furqan have not said. Among them are those who claim He hath asserted Lordship. Say: Yea, by the Lord of creation! He hath spoken that which the All-Merciful foretold in the Bayan. To this testifieth whosoever hath found the fragrance of My garment, turned toward the horizon of My grace, soared in My atmosphere, and become detached from all else besides Me. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee, and I am the All-Informed.

The people of the Bayan, they who have turned away from the Lord of all possibility, cling to the words and allusions of the people of the Furqan and utter them. Now observe in what station standeth the Cause of Truth, and in what station the understanding of the heedless ones. Shame upon them! Perdition upon them for having turned away from the Truth and spoken that which even the children of this Revelation would not speak! To this testifieth every possessor of vision and understanding, and beyond these the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil! Through divine grace and the boundless heavenly favor, thou must remain steadfast and immovable in the Cause of God with complete firmness, and dispense the wine of steadfastness in the name of Truth, that the friends of God may rise resplendent from the horizon of certitude and assurance. Certain vain and false souls who have turned away from the Countenance of Unity and clung to the form of fancy are, at all times, occupied with leading astray poor souls through satanic whispers and devilish promptings, and have taken hold of the vain imaginings of the people of the Furqan. Say: O ye who possess sight, the people of the Most Sublime Vision soar above the world. At all times ye must fix your gaze upon the highest horizon and regard as absolute nothingness and sheer non-existence all else save God - that is, those souls who have passed by the Intended One and clung to vain imaginings.

That which hath been manifested from thee in service to the Cause hath been and shall ever be remembered before the Throne. We were with thee when thou didst speak in the Ridvan among the loved ones of God, and We heard what thou didst utter in praise of thy Ancient Lord. I beseech God to aid thee and strengthen thee to serve Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. We saw thee in the land of Ha and Mim and in other regions, and We heard what thou didst mention in this Wise Remembrance.

God willing, that beloved one should at all times be occupied with the promotion of God’s Cause through wisdom and utterance, that perchance withered hearts may be refreshed by the choice wine of the mention of the One True God and turn toward the horizon of His Cause. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect all. Most people still know not what Day this is and what Cause this is. They are like sheep - when one goes forth on a path, all the others follow behind it. Observe the very foundation of the religious beliefs of those heedless souls among the followers of the Qur’an who counted themselves the most exalted of creatures and knew themselves greatest of all, yet for ages and centuries followed imaginary words. They arranged a Jabulqa, built a cellar with the clay of fancy, established an imaginary place with foundations of conjecture, and named it the Sacred Precinct. Is there any possessor of sight to see, and any possessor of hearing to hear what the Truthful, the Trusted One speaks? O true brother and real beloved! One cannot speak the truth, as in most instances flows from the Pen of the All-Merciful: “Whatever thick veils and massive coverings We rent asunder by the finger of power, yet it was observed that the people had fashioned for themselves veils thicker than those and coverings greater than those.” For a thousand years and more, imaginary creatures who deemed themselves the gems of existence were gazing toward and turned to an imaginary city, an unknown cellar, and a precinct of fancy. And from time to time mention was made of communications that would emerge from that precinct. O God! Is there any one strong whom the fancies of men cannot weaken, and any one assured whom the clamor of the servants cannot frighten? It is observed that some among the people of the Bayan who have shunned the Countenance of the All-Merciful are occupied with the same imaginings. His blessed and exalted Word

states: “Say: Fie upon you, O Concourse of the Bayan, for having done what none among the people of the Qur’an had done. They followed vain imaginings, and you followed their fancies after having renounced them.”

I beseech God to raise up assured, mighty souls who may, with wisdom and utterance, summon the heedless people to the wellspring of the All-Merciful. Although the people of the Bayan witnessed that whatever they previously possessed had an imaginary foundation, yet one cannot properly convey even this single point to them, for they are seen to be presently wavering and disturbed. For instance, they observe that the lamp of knowledge is extinguished, yet if even this very thing which they witness were to be spoken, they would be transformed and would turn upon their heels, retreating until they return to their abode in the fire. Were I permitted, I would mention that which would open eyes. In any case, they have carried fancies and imaginings to such a point that they became the cause and reason for the martyrdom of the Beloved of the worlds, the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him. For had there not been false and fabricated communications and mention of two imaginary cities and what pertained to them, with which the books were filled, they would not have denied the Countenance of the All-Merciful and would not have risen to shed His most pure blood. Were this to be explained further, clamor and lamentation would be raised from all directions. Most strange of all that they deny what they themselves witness! We beseech God by His sovereignty to raise up men possessed of mighty steadfastness and severe strength who may acquaint the people of the earth with what benefits them in this world and the next. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

Concerning what you wrote about dependents, this was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: “God willing, the True One will assist those souls who pay the Huqúqu’llah according to their means and provide for their dependents according to their needs. O ’Ali-Qabil-Nabil! There has never been any doubt that whatever has been revealed and issued forth from the Most Exalted Pen regarding commandments and prohibitions redounds to the benefit of the servants themselves. For example, among these is the Huqúqu’llah that hath been revealed. If people succeed in paying it, assuredly God, glorified and exalted be He, will bestow His blessing, and that wealth will benefit that person and his posterity. As thou observest, most people’s wealth does not benefit them, and God causes others to gain mastery over it, or it passes to heirs who are strangers to them. The consummate divine wisdom transcends mention and description. People witness, then deny; they recognize, then remain ignorant. Were they to act upon the commandments, they would attain the good of this world and the next. I beseech God to assist His servants in that which will profit them. He is verily the Helper, the Generous.”

This servant submits that whenever you write something for the relatives of His Holiness the Most Truthful, the Most Holy–upon him be all the most glorious Glory, all the most excellent praise, all the most brilliant Light, and all the most beautiful Radiance–convey countless greetings from this ephemeral one. The Glory be upon him and upon you and upon them.

Another submission: As commanded, in these days travel to the Desired Land is not permitted. God willing, you must engage in service to His Cause in the divine realm with utmost joy and fragrance, that perchance the cities of hearts may become illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth. This is among the greatest of deeds, by My Self that ruleth over the worlds.

All those circumambulating and those who dwell nearby send greetings to your honor and those with you. Furthermore, this servant sends greetings and praise to the spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God.

Concerning what you mentioned about one named 'Ali from the people of Qa'in, it was presented before His Presence. He, exalted be His grandeur, said: "O 'Ali! The ocean of certitude is surging and the Sun of assurance is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of the Beloved of the world. Take steps in remembrance of the Truth and by His Name ascend to a station that transcendeth all people and their imaginings and conjectures. O 'Ali! Among the conditions of the believer today is that he should, like the morning breeze, pass fresh and invigorating through the realm of possibility and enter, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, into the realm of the placeless. If the unfair people had not denied the Truth and imprisoned Him through the greatest oppression in the prison of envious souls, He would assuredly have manifested that whereby the whole world would have become rich and independent of all things. In any case, the possessors of rancor and hatred have desired to conceal this spiritual Sun of Truth behind the veils of fancy and imagination. By God's life! The Pen is bewildered at mentioning what they have wrought in their vain life. Soon shall they find themselves in evident loss. If anyone denies this station, to what station will he turn? All existence, both seen and unseen, beareth witness unto it, but the people are in a mighty veil. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

Another matter is to convey from this evanescent one most glorious greetings to his honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God. We beseech God to grant him success and to assist him in His Most Great Cause, to bestow upon him the good of this world and the next, and to ordain for him that which brings joy to the eyes and gladdens the hearts. A most wondrous, impregnable and most holy Tablet specifically for him has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and has been sent. God willing, he will attain unto it. Then peace be upon you and upon him and upon all who have believed in God and are guided.

The Servant

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O spiritual friend, His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi of Abhar, may the glory of God rest upon him! May these lines be noted.

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praised be thy deeds, O thou who hast been afflicted in the path of God, the Creator of heaven! Blessed art thou, O thou who hast drunk the cup of tribulation in the love of God, the Lord of Names! Joy be unto thee, O thou who hast borne hardships and adversities in the Cause of God, the Creator of all things!

All praise, sanctified above every mention, befitteth the Lord of all mankind, Who hath ordained the abasement of His loved ones to be the cause of the glory of the people of the world, and made the

imprisonment of His chosen ones the means of freedom for all nations, and caused the wandering of His friends to become the source and origin of the gathering and turning of all lovers toward their true homeland.

Glory upon glory be unto thee, O thou who hast left thy dwelling place in the path of God, the Ancient of Days! Then praise and glorification be upon thee, O thou who art enkindled with the love of God, the Sovereign of all nations!

Can the pen adequately render such thanksgiving, or can the tongue succeed in fully expressing these stations? Today all things cry out, "Would that I had borne hardships in Thy love, O God of the worlds!" and "Would that I had endured all tribulations in Thy path, O Ultimate Goal of all who seek Thee!"

The Christ of the age appeared from the dawning-place of the Most Merciful's Cause, yet became the object of the rejection and opposition of all servants save a few. After the ruling of the Mufti of the age, these few were driven from their homes and scattered in different directions, to such extent that they had not even sustenance for the day. Now observe how kings remove their crowns and bow down at the mere mention of each of these souls. Such is the glory hidden within these apparent humiliations, today concealed from eyes and sight.

The Lord of Ba??a appeared from the dawning-place of the will of the Lord of all mankind, and at first His enemies arose in such fashion that any fair-minded person would be ashamed to recount the details. The polytheists conspired to martyr all His companions, whereupon He informed them that they must all emigrate from that land at dawn. Among those holy souls was Ja'far-i-Hayyar, upon whom be the glory of God, who journeyed with a group to Abyssinia where they dwelt for some time, occupied with utmost joy and enthusiasm in the remembrance of the Lord of all mankind. The details thereof have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who have attained and beheld!

Though in those days they were afflicted with utmost poverty and were seen in apparent abasement, it was later observed that through the blessing of those holy souls, the treasures of wealth were opened to the people of Islam, the gates of glory were unlocked, and the nightingales of joy warbled sweet and wondrous melodies upon the branches of the trees of human existence. Glorified be He Who doeth whatsoever He willeth through His power and sovereignty, and ordaineth what He desireth through His command and will!

The cause of life hath been water, as witnessed by "from water did We make all things living." At times He hath bestowed this virtue upon fire, even as He made the fire of the Mount the cause of life for all peoples. Who can prevent His sovereignty? I testify that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the understanding of those near unto Him and exalted above that which the tongues of the sincere have uttered. He hath manifested what He hath willed and […]

He manifesteth whatsoever He willeth. The conditions of creation cannot weaken Him. He is, in truth, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O beloved of my heart! That which melteth the heart and consumeth the body are the regrets that dwell in the heart of this evanescent servant. Behold the holy souls in the land of Sad - how, through God's grace, they were manifest in the utmost glory and elevation while they lived, and how at the end of their days they attained a station the like of which hath

truly never been seen or heard. This servant uttereth at every moment “Would that I had been with them!” Yet this honor hath slipped away and this regret remaineth in the heart. From the Supreme Pen there was revealed concerning them that which causeth all the atoms of creation to weep and lament. They attained unto that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. And now this regret too remaineth in my heart - why was I not with that honored one who hath left his home and country in the path of God and journeyeth through the wilderness with no helper or assistant? Would that I had been with thee and attained unto that which thou hast attained in the path of our Beloved, our Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth! But the servant giveth you glad tidings of God’s victory, His grace and His mercy which have preceded all existence, both seen and unseen. The servant hath received your letter, and from each word thereof he witnessed the fire of longing and yearning. When I understood and became aware of its contents, I turned toward the Desired One until I attained the presence before the Throne and presented what was therein. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory speak that which caused the earth to quiver and the mountains to pass away. I find my pen unable to describe what the Kingdom of Utterance did speak - nay, all the pens on earth - until the Tongue of Eternity spoke these sublime words, and His sweetest utterance and the Beloved of all on earth and in heaven declared: “O Muhammad! Verily the Single One, the Unique, maketh mention of thee from this station unto which the birds of divine attributes cannot soar. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful. We have given thee to drink of the Kawthar of Our utterance and the choice wine of Our knowledge, and We give thee to drink through these verses that which will draw thee to a station wherein neither the clamor of the world nor the oppression of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, will grieve thee. Verily He will purify the earth from the defilement of those who have risen in opposition, and will cause thee to attain the supreme summit. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! Thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Desired One, through which the books of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, have been adorned. God willing, thou shalt soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of the Creator of new creation, and shalt at all times be enkindled with the fire of His love. Blessed art thou and thy father, whom the Concourse on High remember and to whom the Most Glorious Pen hath borne witness in His preserved Tablet. O Taqi! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My throne. It will draw thee to My Kingdom and the station of My nearness, and will give thee to drink of the choice wine of My wondrous utterance. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We found it aflame with the warmth of My love and adorned with My mention and praise. Blessed art thou, and thy pen, and thy tongue, and thy heart. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord and be steadfast in My service and speaking forth My beauteous praise. Look not upon the people and their clamor. Look upon that which hath been ordained for thee by My mighty Pen. This hardship shall, God willing, be followed by ease and […]

If thou desirest to follow the example of thy Lord, verily He was well-pleased with whatsoever befell Him in the path of God, and remained thus, as all things and every discerning soul doth testify. Where are the Caesars and the Khosroes and the Pharaohs and the tyrants who built for themselves dwellings on mountain peaks and disdained the Command of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth? Thus doth a preserved Book recount unto thee from His presence. How many were the souls who appeared in the utmost outward glory and deemed not their own extinction possible, yet today neither they nor their habitations nor their ornaments nor their dwellings can be seen, and no trace

remaineth of those heedless and veiled souls upon earth save the effects of their tyranny and oppression which still persist in diverse regions. Thus do all atoms curse them, as doth every person of understanding and insight and every eloquent tongue that speaketh the truth. Verily thy Lord recounteth unto thee that thou mayest be of them that are assured. Ask thou God to assist thee and those who have believed to serve His Cause and to make mention of Him and to praise Him, for verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Make thou mention of My loved ones who have cast away all else save Me and have held fast unto My Strong Handle and clung to the hem of My luminous Robe. Give thanks unto God that the Goal of the world hath inhaled from thy letter the fragrance of contentment, and this sufficeth thee and the Lord of all names, yet most men are heedless. I have found in the spirit of thy commune the spirit of My good-pleasure. Blessed is the babe that hath drunk from the breast of My loving-kindness and hath grown up beneath the shadow of My mercy and hath won My acceptance in My days. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee with such mention that if they who are on earth were to perceive its fragrance, by God the True One, they would abandon all they possess and hasten to the precincts of the Throne - the Spot whereon the Ancient Beauty hath established Himself with manifest sovereignty. God willing, mayest thou remain firm and steadfast in this most exalted station, for certain of the friends of God presented their petitions at the Divine Threshold, adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure, but then another fragrance wafted and concealed the first. Thus doth the Goal inform thee that thou mayest be of them that are steadfast and firm. Grieve not at separation and remoteness, for by His Pen He transformeth estrangement into reunion and remoteness into nearness. Exalted be thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Indeed these verses have been revealed with such bounty as cannot be described by pen or tongue. In every word there is a luminous lamp. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized. After perusing the revealed verses that soul will testify to that which this servant hath submitted.

As for those souls who through the grace of the All-Merciful have quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and are gazing toward the horizon of certitude - whose names were mentioned - all their names were presented at the Most Holy Court and unique and wondrous verses were revealed for each one. However, this servant found no opportunity to write in detail. Gladden ye them all with God's bounty and convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant, for this servant found himself powerless to mention all that was revealed from the Kingdom of divine knowledge. Most often the verses of God are revealed in such manner that even the Supreme Pen of the world is incapable and unable to transcribe them. However, I give this much glad tidings to the friends of God that all those verses were revealed with perfect bounty and undoubtedly their effects will appear in the world. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, hath power over all things. I beseech you to convey greetings once again on behalf of this evanescent servant.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast voiced the praise of him who illumined the horizon of faithfulness in the kingdom of creation, and blessed is every one who hath uttered mention of Ha and Ha! O Zaynu'l-'Abidin, hearken unto that wherewith the Lord of all worlds maketh mention of thee from this manifest Castle. By My life! Wert thou to taste the sweetness of My utterance, such joy would seize thee that sorrows would never grieve thee, and the eye of thy heart would be opened in such wise that thou

wouldst behold the Twin Lights in the most exalted horizon, the most glorious station, the supreme height, and the ultimate goal. And thou wouldst say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved and the Beloved of the nations! I testify that Thou didst create them both, and didst strengthen them, and aid them, and exalt them, until Thou didst sacrifice them in Thy path. Thou didst desire for them naught save that which the pens of possibility are powerless to record and the pages of time cannot contain. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Though the friends be abased in the eyes of men, they are most honored in the sight of God, and soon shall the sun of glory be seen dawning from the horizon of the world and become manifest. Reflect upon previous centuries and whatsoever occurred therein. Then shall be revealed unto thee that which hath been uttered by My wondrous tongue. The entire world and whatsoever existeth therein cannot be compared to a single word from the words of God, for the fragrance of that word persisteth forever in its diffusion. The recompense of no sincere deed hath ever been, nor shall ever be, effaced or forgotten. With Him is the knowledge of all things in His Book, and verily He is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

The hatred, enmity and harm of the people have never been worthy of mention or attention. Observe this world, which is the abode of such events: at every moment it proclaimeth “Behold my evanescence!” Consider the world as a book; at every moment obliteration seizeth its words, as every person of insight can perceive. But the words of God have a station that neither obliteration can seize nor extinction approach. Blessed art thou and those who behold all things with Mine eyes and who have confined their affairs to the promotion of My Cause through the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book.

As to the previous question regarding where they should reside and what they should do, these matters have been referred to consultation, as is recorded in the divine Tablets. One must consult with steadfast, assured souls and act accordingly. That which proceedeth from consultation is best for him who holdeth fast unto wisdom in the kingdom of creation. When thy first letter arrived, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. They said: “Wherever they reside, they dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Divine Mercy, the pavilions of grandeur, and the tabernacle of grace.”

I swear by the pearl of God’s ocean of knowledge, when this servant heard these blessed words from the Tongue of Divine Unity concerning thee, he was well-nigh transported with joy. In all conditions, all these servants must occupy themselves with tongues numbering as many as the atoms of the universe, nay more, in praise and glorification of the loving-kindness and favor of the Beloved of the world. Well is it with thee and with us all! The circling spirits around the Throne of the All-Merciful send their greetings. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

That which today is in truth greater than all other deeds is the unity of the loved ones of God, even as hath been stated in numerous passages: “Through unity the Cause of God, the Lord of [mankind], will be made manifest.” Today confusion and chaos are observed everywhere. Neither do the young show respect to their elders, nor do the lowly pay deference to those of high rank. All must now fix their gaze upon that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. You must strive mightily in this matter, that

perchance you may become the cause of unity and concord among the friends of God. Assuredly, through discord the Cause becometh of no account among the servants. I beseech God to grant enabling grace and to adorn all with that which He loveth and is pleased with.

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This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and whose letter hath reached the Most Great Prison, and who hath been blessed to hearken unto the Wronged One whilst He was in the hands of the heedless. O Muhammad-Qabli, hearken unto the Call from the direction of grandeur, from the right hand of the luminous spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy cry and perceived therefrom the fragrance of thy love. We have turned unto thee and answered thee through this Epistle, from which the sincere ones shall inhale the sweet savors of the loving providence of their Gracious Lord. How many a learned one hath been veiled by his learning from the Sovereign of all knowledge, and how many an illiterate one hath shattered the idols of vain desire in the name of the Lord of all mankind and turned with radiant countenance toward the supreme horizon. How many a mystic hath found mysticism to be as chains about his neck, barring him from the shores of the ocean from whose waves can be heard: “The world hath been illumined with the lights of the Manifestation, and He Who conversed upon Sinai hath come with clear sovereignty.” How many a divine hath been held back by the greatest veil from the Lord of Destiny, and how many an ignorant one hath rent it asunder through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. O Muhammad-Qabli, arise to serve thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the command been sent down from the presence of the All-Merciful, whilst most of the people remain heedless. Among the people are those who have turned away from the Mother Book, clinging to such fancies and idle imaginings as they possess. This is the Day that was attributed unto God in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. This is the Day whereon all things proclaim: “The Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens hath come with a Cause before which all the hosts of earth and heaven are powerless to stand.” Cast aside the people’s ancient tales through the power of thy Lord. By God’s life! Such tales have held them back from the supreme horizon. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Say: O people, be fair in the Cause of God which hath appeared with the truth, and follow not the vain imaginings of those who have cast behind them God’s Covenant and Testament, following every ignorant remote one. Break the idols of fancy through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, then turn with radiant faces toward the Dawning-Place of the revelation of your Lord, the Lord of all beings. This will profit you in the Hereafter and in this world, if ye be of them that know. This is a Day wherein that which ye possess of the interpretations of those whom knowledge hath made vain will profit you not, such that they have been prevented from the Sovereign of all knowledge, Who calleth aloud between earth and heaven: “Verily there is no God but Me, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Say: O concourse of divines, consider and remember when ye gave verdict against the Messengers of God in the past, denied God’s right and sovereignty, disputed His signs, and disbelieved in His firm and mighty Cause. Cast aside that

which hath kept you from the path of God and take hold of that which ye have been commanded in His mighty Book. Open your eyes! By God's life, the ocean of life surgeth before your faces and the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafteth through your lands. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Your likeness is as one who holdeth fast to a single letter, turning away from the Most Great Book wherein are revealed the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be. Say: Come ye, come ye, that I may reveal unto you what ye possess of God's Books and Scriptures and what was sent down unto My chosen ones from the First for Whom there is no beginning. Thus hath the Bird of Utterance warbled upon the branches and the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of knowledge, would that ye might know. Say: Ye have taken a drop and cast the ocean behind your backs. What aileth you, O company of polytheists? Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the direction of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and arise to aid the Cause of your Lord, the Knower of the seen and unseen. Say: By God, the Wronged One calleth you for the sake of God, as witnessed by what hath befallen Him in His days at the hands of those through whose tyranny the Concourse on High have lamented and the eyes of those who have held fast to the Most Firm Handle have wept on this witnessed Day. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. The splendor shining from the horizon of the loving-kindness of the Lord of Names be upon thee and upon those who have been just in the Cause of God, the Sovereign of existence.

Praise be to God that thou hast hearkened to the call of the Lord of Names and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy letter arrived and was mentioned by this servant in the presence of the Wronged One, and was granted audience. Blessed is every one who hath turned, every hearer who hath heard, and every seeing one who hath beheld the Most Exalted Horizon and the Supreme Summit. All sacred Books and Scriptures have testified to the greatness of this Cause, and the True One, exalted be His glory, hath attributed this Day among all days to Himself. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and veiled from its greatness. Strange it is that certain divines of the earth who are veiled have not yet reflected upon what caused the divines of past ages and former centuries to reject and oppose the Manifestations of the Divine Unity. By My life! They are the great veils and the august shrouds that have been and continue to be the cause of preventing the eyes of the people. It is most regrettable that anyone should today deprive himself of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One, for that which is lost today cannot be regained through human power. Stand firm for God's sake and speak for God's sake. Every word that proceedeth from the tongue purely for the sake of God is effective. The deeds of this day are recorded in the divine Books as the sovereign of all deeds. Strive that thou mayest be accounted as one of the trees of the eternal paradise in God's Book and that thy mention may endure in the Book of the world.

As to your question concerning the reality of the soul, it is a divine sign and a heavenly essence which all the learned have failed to comprehend and all the wise have been powerless to understand. It is the first entity to speak of God, its Creator, to turn towards Him, to hold fast unto Him, and to bow down before Him. In this state it is ascribed unto truth and returneth unto Him; otherwise it is reckoned among the followers of self and passion and returneth unto them. Today, whoso hath not been hindered by the doubts of the peoples from attaining unto the truth, and whom neither the clamour of the divines nor the might of princes hath deterred, is accounted among the greatest signs in the sight of God, the Lord of all beings, and is recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto

and hath recognized its station and rank. Regarding the stages of the soul, such as the soul that commandeth to evil, the self-reproaching soul, the inspired soul, the assured soul, the pleased soul, the soul that is well-pleasing, and the like - these have been mentioned before and the books of the people are replete with such references. The Most Exalted Pen hath had and hath no desire to mention these stations. The soul that is, in this day, submissive to God and holding fast unto Him - all names are its names and all stations are its stations. During sleep it hath no attachment to anything external, but remaineth at rest in its own station. All matters appear through their causes, and through causes do the stations of wayfaring, perception and vision vary. Consider the faculty of sight: it beholdeth all created things of earth and heaven, trees and rivers and mountains, yet through one small hindrance it may be deprived of all. Exalted is He Who created all causes, and exalted is He Who hath made all things dependent on causes. Every single thing among all things is a door leading to His knowledge, a sign of His sovereignty, a revelation of His names, a testimony to His majesty and power, and a path unto His straight way.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Give thanks unto God that We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have made mention of thee with a mention wherewith the honored servants shall remember thee. Verily the soul, as it is, is a sign among the signs of God and a mystery among His mysteries. It is the Most Great Sign and the Herald that giveth tidings of the divine worlds. Within it lieth concealed that which the present world with all its capacity is powerless to mention or describe. Behold the Soul of God standing firm upon the ways of truth, and the commanding soul that hath risen in opposition and forbiddeth men from drawing nigh unto the Lord of Names, bidding them instead to wickedness and iniquity. Know ye that it is in manifest loss. Consider the ignorance of the people, who, while knowing that none hath had access to the source of opposition, have yet spoken that which the ancients never uttered. Stand thou firm in the Cause with such steadfastness that every person of insight may perceive therefrom the fragrance of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of the ignorant! Come ye that we may examine the traces, for they will guide us to the straight path, acquaint us with what was hidden, and draw us near unto God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded in the Book. By God! He hath come with such sovereignty as none can deny save those who have cast fairness behind their backs and have risen in tyranny. Say: Come ye, come ye, that We may show you the Sun at its noontide zenith. Fear God, O people, and be not of them that are astray. He hath come for your salvation and hath sent down for you that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all men. Cast off the rivulet, for by God, the Most Great Ocean hath surged before the faces of the nations. Turn ye unto Him and be not of those who saw the proof yet denied it, following every heedless doubter. Thus hath the Supreme Pen coursed in the arena of proof and demonstration. Blessed is he who hath attained unto its cry, and woe unto him who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Final End.

As to thy question regarding whither the soul returneth after the dissolution of the body: if it be associated with truth, it returneth to the Supreme Horizon. By the life of God! It returneth to a station whereof all tongues and pens are powerless to make mention. Every soul that is firm and steadfast in the Cause of God shall, after its ascension, be the source from which all worlds derive their bounties. Such a soul is the leaven that giveth rise to the world and the crafts and visible things therein, through the

command of the True Sovereign and the True Educator. Observe ye the leaven, how it requireth a leavening agent - and pure souls are the leaven of the world. Ponder thou and be of the thankful. These stations, and likewise the stations of the soul, have been mentioned in various Tablets. The soul is a sign that is sanctified from entry and exit; it is both still and in motion, seated yet soaring. It beareth witness to a world that hath beginning and end, and likewise to a world that is sanctified from beginning and end. In this night thou observest a matter, and after twenty years, more or less, thou shalt behold that very same thing. Now consider what manner of world this is. Reflect upon the wisdom of God and His manifestations, and say […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Goal, for having enabled me to recognize the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy Revelation, and for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of acceptance through the hands of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to assist me under all conditions to serve Thee and to promote Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great grace. The affairs of the world do not withhold Thee, nor do the hints of the nations render Thee powerless. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to open before my face, with the finger of Thy power, the door of Thy knowledge, then ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

As for what thou hast mentioned, whether belief in Thee and Thy Manifestations hath different grades according to varying levels of understanding, or whether it hath but one reality - regarding this question, there arose in the past among the different sects of the Qur'an vain disputations that neither nourish nor satisfy. Such disputations are, in truth, as clouds and veils before new-born sight. However, for those whom God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath endowed with insight, there are assuredly different stations and varying levels of comprehension. Observe and ponder the signs of creation. The Seal of the Prophets hath said: "Lord, increase my astonishment in Thee!"

As for what thou hast mentioned concerning the end of the physical world, the recognition of this station dependeth upon the vision of the beholder. In one respect it is finite, and in another it is sanctified therefrom. The Truth hath ever been, and will ever be, and likewise creation, except that the latter is preceded by causation. In this case the principle of unity is established and realized.

As for thy question about the celestial spheres, first it must be known what is meant by the mention of spheres and heaven recorded in the books of the past and present, and likewise how they relate to and influence the visible world. All minds and hearts are bewildered at this station. None hath comprehended it save God alone. The philosophers who have interpreted the age of the world to be many thousands of years have not in this period enumerated the planets. How many differences are visible and evident between the sayings of those before and after! And for every fixed star there are planets, and for every planet there are creations whose number the enumerators are powerless to count.

O thou who gazest upon My countenance! This day the Most Exalted Horizon is resplendent and the Call of God hath been raised. We have revealed in the Tablets: "This is not a Day for questions." It behooveth whosoever hath heard the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon to arise and say: "Here am I, here am I, O God of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Fashioner of the heavens! I bear witness that through Thy

Manifestation there hath appeared that which lay hidden in the Books of God and concealed in the Scriptures of His Messengers." Verily, should any soul truly comprehend the utterance, let him arise with utmost endeavor to serve the Cause with wisdom and eloquence, in such wise that neither the clamor of the polytheists nor the croaking of the heedless shall deter him. There hath appeared from the Most Exalted Pen such scientific truths as all on earth are powerless to comprehend, save whom God willeth. The Primal Point hath declared: "He it is Who in every condition proclaimeth 'Verily I am God, no God is there but Me'" and the Divine Lote-Tree likewise hath voiced this most exalted word and still doth voice it. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful, detached from all else - he is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. Blessed are they that have attained! Well is it with thee for having turned unto Him and believed in this Day wherein the earth hath lamented and the heavens have cried out, wherein the limbs of all names have trembled and the feet of the learned have slipped - they who violated God's Covenant and His Testament by following vain imaginings and idle fancies. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, given thee knowledge, granted thee utterance, and taught thee that which hath guided thee to the straight path. We have indeed perceived the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto Him and the burning of thy heart, and have therefore revealed unto thee this Book wherein We have set forth the verses as a command from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have seen thy condition and heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Behold, then remember what thou hast heard aforetime and what hath been manifested in this Revelation, and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as shall make firm all feet. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee from the precincts of the Prison, and make mention of thee with verses that shall never be exhausted. The splendor shining from the horizon of thy Lord's bounty be upon thee and upon whosoever hath clung to the hem of God, the Lord of all creation.

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

Praise be to God Who hath raised up the heaven of utterance and adorned it with brilliant stars, and illumined its horizon with the Sun of the remembrance of the Most Great Name, whereby the world was illumined. When the air stirred and the heaven moved, the ocean of knowledge surged and the Ark of God sailed thereon through His Most Glorious Name. Blessed is he who clung unto it and embarked upon it through the Name whereby the veils were rent asunder and the coverings were torn away. Glorified be He Who hath revealed what He desired through His exalted Word and hath spoken and caused all things to speak. Verily His Word is the path of truth and the balance of justice, whereby the lovers were attracted and soared in the atmosphere of longing, and whereby the sincere ones arose to promote the Cause of God between earth and heaven, and bore in His love such tribulations as none can reckon save God, the Lord of all names. Through it were opened the gates of the treasuries of heaven and the Kingdom of Names was revealed. Through it the Trump was blown and the Call was raised amidst the concourse of creation. Through it the mountains of idle fancies were scattered and the heavens of vain imaginings were cleft asunder and the earths of knowledge were split among the peoples. At times thou

seest it flowing like water in the valleys, and at other times blazing like fire upon the heights. Through it were the hearts of the wretched consumed and the Concourse on High made glad. Can the Pen ever exhaust Its praise? Nay, by the Lord of Names! Can paper ever contain It? Nay, by the Creator of heaven! Verily, It is that through which the names and all things were manifested. There is nothing but that it hath withered at Its appearance and manifestation. Through It the fragrance of God was wafted throughout creation, the dwellers in the graves were stirred, and the Day of Resurrection came to pass. Exalted, exalted be He Who revealed It and created It and made It the source and educator of all things. Exalted, exalted be He Who hath made Himself known and taught His servants what He desired. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, the servant hath attained to that which flowed from your pen that moved in praise and glorification of God and in describing His attributes and names. When I opened it and read it and became aware of its contents, I turned toward the heaven of the Cause and presented what was presented before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the world was gladdened and the mouldering bones were quickened. He–glorified and exalted be He–spoke […]

O Ali! We were seated upon the throne in the Most Great Prison when the servant who is present before Us entered with thy letter and made known its contents - and verily We are the Hearing, the Answering One. We have heard thy call and recognized the depth of thy love for thy Lord. Remember when thou didst turn toward the Prison and stand before its gate, hearing the call of the Wronged One Who spoke from the most exalted station that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Ali! Hearken unto what the polytheists say in this Most Great Revelation whereby the limbs of all nations have trembled. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor of Truth, and He is the All-Knowing. They say He hath claimed Divinity - a claim that beseemeth no one among His servants. Thus have their hearts hardened and their souls deceived them. Thus do We recount unto thee the utterances of the heedless ones, and We are the All-Informed, the All-Aware. Say: By God! This is God's Day wherein none is mentioned save Him. He is verily the One Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison and calleth betwixt earth and heaven. No Prophet there was who did not herald this Day to all creation, and no Book exists but was adorned with this Most Great Name. Say: None is mentioned on this Day save God, His names, and that which hath appeared from Him. Thus hath the Command been sent down in all the Tablets, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: This is the Wondrous One through Whom the horizon of creation was illumined and through Whose Word was manifested that which lay hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Were He to speak other than what He hath spoken, then ye might have cause to object. Say: Reflect and be not among the opposers. Say: This is He Who hath come from the heaven of grandeur with manifest sovereignty and hath called all to God in such wise that neither ranks nor hosts nor the protestations of the polytheists could deter Him. And those among the people of the Bayan who denied the All-Merciful forgot all they were promised, speaking as spoke the people of the Furqan before them. Say: Woe unto them and unto you, O company of doubters! They followed vain imaginings as did their forebears. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak the truth. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds! Blessed is he who hath cast behind him vain imaginings and stood firm in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a proof that neither the heavens nor the earth can withstand.

Grieve thou not over anything. Verily He heareth and seeth, and We are the All-Seeing. We have remembered thee time and again, and this is yet another time. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all worlds! I praise Thee and thank Thee for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to recognize Thy Beauty after every remote polytheist had turned away therefrom, for having shown me Thy countenance after the passing away of all things, for having made me hear Thy most sweet call, for having enabled me to attain unto the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and for having given me to drink, through Thy bountiful hands, the water of everlasting life. Every limb of my body testifieth to Thy grace, Thy bestowal, Thy generosity and Thy gifts, and verily Thou art the Generous Giver. O my God! Thou seest that mine eyes are turned toward the horizon of Thy favor and mine ears are attentive to hear Thy call. O Lord! The yearning one's longing and rapture never cease, nor doth his love and ardor ever cool. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self to make me in all conditions enraptured by Thy verses, delighting in the fragrances of Thy raiment, clinging to Thy robe, and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Akbar! The Lord of Destiny calls thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene, as a token of His grace upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. From this Most Holy Station We send greetings to the faces of those who have turned to the countenance of God and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and followed that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in a preserved Tablet. We make mention of them and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Beware lest the world prevent you from the Creator of heaven. Leave the people to their vain imaginings and take what hath come to you from God, the Mighty, the Great. He loveth him who loveth Him, and remembereth him who remembereth Him, and beholdeth him who standeth firm in His remembrance and the service of His Cause. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Wise.

At the end of the Tablet We make mention of him who is named Rida, who hath turned to the Face and believed in God, the Single, the One, the Powerful. Convey My greetings to him and give him the glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from God, the Ancient Revealer. We then make mention of the handmaidens who have turned, drawn nigh, recognized, and drunk of My luminous wine. Blessed are they in that they have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and remained steadfast in this wondrous Cause. The glory be upon thee, upon thy family, and upon those who have believed in God and held fast to His wise Book.

The verses sent down from the heaven of divine Will bear witness to the special favors that have been and continue to be directed toward you. Regarding what you wrote about this servant being remiss in sending letters - yes, indeed there was a delay, but this was neither due to laxity and indolence, nor, God forbid, from any lack of sincerity. God is aware and bears witness that your mention and love have been and will remain in heart and tongue.

And concerning what you wrote about circumambulating the Temple of Unity on your behalf - at the time of the revelation of verses, praise be to God, this evanescent servant attained this bounty and performed the visitation and circumambulation on your behalf.

And regarding what you wrote about the loved ones of Qamsar who have arisen to serve the Cause - this was presented before the Most Great Scene. This is what was revealed for them from God, the Lord of all worlds:

O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My sweetest call which hath been raised from this luminous Spot. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glance of the Wronged One hath been directed towards you from this known Station. He, verily, is the Hearing, the Responding One. Blessed are ye for having believed and turned toward the Supreme Horizon, after the servants turned away save whom God, the Single, the All-Informed, willed. Hold fast to the cord of unity, then make mention of your Lord, the All-Merciful, with joy and fragrance. Thus doth command you the All-Knowing Commander. We have seen you and heard your call and have answered you with these verses through which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibilities. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God's life! There hath been ordained for you in My Most Glorious Kingdom that which the pen cannot describe, yet most of the people know not. Rejoice in My Name, then drink the water of life through My wondrous remembrance. We counsel you to show forth supreme steadfastness and to observe that which God hath revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet. He commandeth you that which shall profit you in the Hereafter and in this world. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation in His mighty prison. Be gladdened by My remembrance of you. All the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. Hearken unto him who is among you and remindeth you of the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn towards the Land of Kaf and make mention of them who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and have attained the recognition of Him Who caused thee to speak with truth. Verily thy Lord is the Bestower, the Generous. Blessed are ye for having attained and recognized the Wronged One when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for you that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. God hath testified to your acceptance and your faith. Rejoice then in this Most Great Remembrance, and drink of My luminous wine. Guard your stations with supreme steadfastness lest the allusions of them who have disbelieved in the Lord of all worlds cause you to slip. The glory be upon you and upon them who have laid hold of God's Book with His strength and have acted according to that which they were bidden by their Lord, the All-Wise.

The names mentioned in your letter were brought before the Most Great Presence. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that they were adorned with the ornament of His love and attained His recognition. They took and drank the wine of immortality from the hand of bounty. Happy are they and those who have attained this noble station. Wherever ye attain unto a divine Tablet, ye should deliver what is inscribed therein to its people or send it to them, and convey to each one specifically a wondrous and sublime greeting from God.

And concerning what ye wrote about the steadfast women, the submissive ones, the believing women, and the confined ones of that land - this was presented at the Divine Throne. Wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the heaven of God's Will specifically for each one, and the glance of mercy was directed towards each. Blessed are they for having attained the recognition of God and the service of His firm and wise Cause. It is clear and evident to every person of understanding that whatsoever is in this world has been and will be mutable and transient. Soon all that is visible shall vanish, and that which shall endure forever is the mention that floweth from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for each of the servants and handmaidens. Blessed are they who have attained this most exalted station. By God's life! Were We to fully describe this station, all the peoples of the world would turn to the most exalted horizon and engage in service to the Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Truth speak with truth and make mention of that which gladdeneth the hearts of the sincere ones and the minds of them who are firmly established.

Beseech ye God, and let them beseech, that they may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Say: O handmaidens of God! Be thankful that your mention was presented before the Throne and that your deeds were for God's sake and were accepted in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may ye be blessed at all times with the fragrances of divine verses and be gladdened by His remembrance.

And concerning what ye wrote about the word of forgiveness regarding the late Haji Mulla 'Ali-Akbar - this was presented before the Throne. This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O My handmaiden! We give thee glad tidings of thy Lord's grace and make mention of that which will rejoice thy heart and the hearts of those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Know thou that God hath forgiven him through His grace, purified him and caused him to ascend unto the Most Exalted Companion. Verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed all created things. Thus doth God change whatsoever He willeth and ordain for whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He desireth. Nothing can frustrate Him and no affair can defeat Him. He doeth what He willeth through His power and ordaineth through His sovereignty what He desireth. Give thanks and make mention through these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those women who have perceived the fragrance of the garment in the days of God, have turned toward the horizon of Revelation and have hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of Religions.

Furthermore, regarding the matters which His Holiness the Name of God "Ha" - upon him be all the most glorious glory and upon him be all the most excellent praise - hath undertaken, this servant hath briefly submitted according to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Command. Undoubtedly they will inform your honor thereof and it should be carried out accordingly.

Moreover, regarding the mother of the sacred household - upon her be the glory of God - who resideth in the Land of Kaf, let them emphasize strongly that the souls dwelling in that land should show her respect, for truly she hath endured manifold afflictions in the path of God. Blessed is she for what she hath patiently endured in the path of our Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Now she remaineth in a foreign land and with utmost distress she is patient and grateful. We beseech God to assist her and grant her what

beseemeth His abounding grace, and to assist those who honor and revere her for the love of God, the Mighty, the Wise. If possible, convey glad tidings to her on behalf of this evanescent one, for mention is made of her at the Divine Throne and the glance of favor is directed towards her. Blessed is she and blessed her patience, her gratitude, her generosity and her turning unto God, the One, the Peerless.

This evanescent one entreateth your honor to convey most glorious, most sublime, most exalted greetings on behalf of this servant to the friends and notables of every land. Furthermore, the friends of the Prison Land and those who circle round it all remember your honor with most excellent remembrances and salutations. The glory of God be upon your honor and your family and upon all the loved ones of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Praise be to God Who hath ever existed through the existence of His Essence and hath been eternal through His everlasting nature, Who hath created all things through the Word of His command and made manifest all possibilities through the revelation of the lights of His love, and Who hath made the hearts of His loved ones a throne for the establishment of His Oneness and a mirror reflecting the glory of His sovereignty. And blessing and peace be upon the First Point that appeared from the unseen realm of Oneness, and the First Letter through which the all-encompassing Word was completed, and the First Light that shone forth from the dawn of the Divine Identity, and the First Breeze that wafted from the gardens of Divinity - He Whom God made in the world of Command the Manifestation of all His names and attributes, and in the world of creation named Muhammad among His servants - and upon His family and companions, with abundant peace.

O thou who ascendeth to the heaven of unity and mounteth unto the kingdom of oneness! Thy letter hath reached me and I have understood what thou hast mentioned therein concerning the question that confoundeth minds and bewildereth souls. It seemeth thou hast desired from this evanescent one its interpretation and the unveiling of its mysteries, the removal of its veil and covering, although I have never claimed scholarly attainments nor the reaching of the heights of wisdom from God's mysteries deposited in human temples. Yet despite what I have heard of the clamor of the polytheists and the tumult of the hypocrites in what they have said concerning me and intended against my person, how can this divine bird sing in the garden of inner meanings, or this dove soar in the meadows of eloquence? However, since I beheld in thy countenance the lights of love and in thy heart the love of divine mysteries, I shall cause to flow upon thee a portion from this Most Great, surging Sea and from this pouring, abundant Cloud, that it may be a token of my love for thee from this moment until the Day when lovers shall be gathered beneath His banner and the knowers assembled at the dawning of His lights.

Know thou that the mystics who have reached the depths of the seas of grace and recognized the mysteries of the beginning in the end speak with words that have outward meanings while intending inner significances, and this is their way and custom. Therefore some of the ignorant denounce them as unbelievers, and the contentious ones revile them, and the people of error dispute with them in speech. And among their utterances is this word, which is a light and mercy unto the righteous, and a retribution and wrath unto the wicked.

And when We reached this station in Our discourse, We desired to mention certain stations that the path might become manifest to thee before the presentation of proof from this lowly servant who hath been afflicted in these prolonged darknesses and from whose heart every dweller in the precincts of the Friend heareth lamentations when the lights of the Glorious One are unveiled in the pavilion of Oneness.

Know thou that the first effulgence of the Divine Sun in the worlds of creation is His establishment upon the throne of All-Mercifulness, and from this manifestation the lights of mercy from the Sovereign of Eternity shone forth upon all contingent beings. This mercy is divided into two kinds: One kind is termed the all-encompassing mercy, the universal mercy, the all-embracing mercy, the treasured mercy, the absolute mercy, the all-surrounding mercy, and similar terms mentioned in the books of the mystics, may God sanctify their secrets and spirits. This is the mercy that giveth without being asked and bestoweth upon all contingent and created things, from beginning to end, whether hidden or manifest, more comprehensive than what is concealed or revealed. This is the mercy that hath preceded all things that were and shall be in the worlds of creation, and through this all-encompassing mercy the universal Lordship of the true Educator is made manifest to all who are in the heavens and the earth. Through it all things are sustained, all things are provided for, and all things are given before they ask or desire or will, even as thou hast heard and known concerning the first Adam, upon our Prophet and upon him be blessings and peace, that when God, blessed and exalted is He, created him by His power and breathed into him of His spirit and formed him in His image, He prepared for him his means and all that he needed. Likewise, observe how God, blessed and exalted is He, hath ordained the sustenance of infants and all their needs before their appearance and birth, and how upon emerging from their mothers' wombs they find their provision without having asked for it or sought it, for they were not yet in the world to ask for anything or seek anything. When the water of this mercy flowed from the ocean of Oneness in the world of Divine Unity, God therefore made it sanctified beyond limitations and directions, and exalted above request and supplication. Therefore did God name Himself the Lord of all the worlds. Were I to describe this exalted station and this most holy and transcendent Cause throughout my life's duration and the continuation of my being, the love in my heart for this most great station and this most noble and precious symbol would not be exhausted, but I have been brief in mentioning it lest thou grow weary in studying and considering it. We beseech God to assist thee in attaining unto its mysteries and reaching its stations, for verily He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Generous.

The other kind is termed the limited mercy, the restricted mercy, and similar terms, and from this mercy there descendeth from the clouds of justice the rain of bounty after the supplication of servants in the world of existence. This is the station of justice, that is, giving to each one his due, and this is the station of the ordering of creation after its coming into being, and the degrees of destiny in creation and origination, even as was revealed from the Kingdom of eternity unto the Seal of the Prophets, peace and

blessings be upon him: “And there is not a thing but with Us are the treasuries thereof, and We send it not down save in appointed measure.” From that station the seas of destiny surged in the worlds of creation and the sun of Lordship shone forth in the heaven of bounty. God is Most Great! This sea hath surely surged, and the wind hath stirred up waves that cast forth pearls.

This is a station wherein the feet of the mystics have slipped and the steps of the eloquent have stumbled. When one of the holy ones was asked about this most manifest station and this greatest vista, he replied that it was a surging ocean not to be entered, and in another instance, a pitch-dark night not to be traversed. He further said that destiny is a mystery among God’s mysteries and a safeguard among His safeguards, sealed with God’s seal, concealed within God’s knowledge. God has lifted its recognition above His servants and placed it beyond their understanding, for they cannot attain to the secret of the Divine Singleness nor to the revelation of Divine Mercy, and so forth.

As thou dost witness today, the differences among the peoples exist only because of their failure to recognize this most glorious Cause. Otherwise, had they attained to this supreme station and this greatest symbol, no one would object to another, nor would any soul blame another. Even as the Dove warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity: “Strange it is that one should be occupied with the faults of others while heedless of one’s own faults.” In this station, it behooveth everyone to turn unto himself and to purify it from whatsoever God hath forbidden, and not to object to anyone according to his own desire. And concerning matters of his religion, let him inquire of those who are the mirrors of God’s knowledge, the manifestations of His Cause, the dawning-places of His wisdom, and the repositories of His commandments. These holy ones have the right to bid people to do what is good and forbid them from evil. They are those who hasten to perform good deeds and rush to virtuous acts. None besides them hath any share of this cup, nor is there any way thereto for others.

I swear by Thy life! Were it not for my fear of the Nimrod of the earth of self and his hosts, I would have imparted unto thee such divine knowledge as would have delighted thine eyes and enabled thee to attain all that thou didst desire concerning this Fish bewildered in the dust. But in my affliction at the hands of these iniquitous transgressors, I am unable to open unto thee the gate of knowledge and recognition with the keys of wisdom and utterance, or to mention to thee the melodies of the Mount of Eternity upon the branches of the Tree of Certitude. Indeed, thou hast enumerated some of what hath befallen me from the arrows of discord and the blows dealt to my mouth by the hands of hatred and hypocrisy. Every day they conspire against me according to their desires. We beseech God to ordain for us whatsoever He loveth and pleaseth of the decree of fate in the worlds of its execution. This will soon be manifest, as will some of what they intended, for I have spent my spirit, my soul, and my body in the path of my Beloved. My longing for God is like the eye’s longing for beauty and the fish’s for crystal waters - nay, greater than that and more exalted than what can be recorded by the pen upon tablets. But reveal not what We have intimated to thee until what We have imparted unto thee becomes manifest.

Therefore We leave aside this discourse and return to what We were mentioning. Know thou that in that station, which is the station of Divine Decree, all matters flow according to their natural order and original measure, as ordained by the eternal ordinance. For everything in that station there is a measure, limit and duty - were it to transgress by less than a needle’s eye, it would depart from God’s fortress which He

built by the hands of His command for the protection of His servants. Whoso departs from His fortress shall find no path back to it, nor any guide to the pools of His mercy, except through repentance and return unto Him.

Indeed, if thou wouldst behold with thine inner eye, thou wouldst witness that this purified Law is in truth the fortress of divinity in the realm of humanity, wherein take refuge honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command, as well as other servants who desire to enter into mighty strongholds. Whoso entereth this fortress shall not be touched by the arrows of doubts and conjectures, nor shall fatigue or aversion afflict him. But whoso departeth therefrom, the thief shall steal away his garment of knowledge, his robe of faith, his banner of trust, and his cloak of devotion, leaving him stripped of the beautiful garments which God had woven by the hands of His Prophet, His Messenger and His chosen ones. God protect us and you from the evil of these thieves who are not content with wealth nor with what pertains to glory in the world of detail after the abstract, but rather take from people all that God hath given them of the garments of His grace and the robes of His generosity.

In this station is verified concerning them that poverty which causeth the face to blacken in both worlds, even as the Nightingale of Oneness sang in the gardens of eternity: "Poverty is blackness of face in both worlds and well nigh leadeth unto unbelief." By My life! Were I to reveal unto thee the mysteries of these allusions, thou wouldst detach thyself from all who are on earth and soar unto the City of Divine Attributes at the manifestation of the lights of the Divine Essence. But the Pen restraineth Me from this, and the Tablet preventeth Me therefrom.

We beseech God to bring forth days wherein the sun of knowledge shall shine forth from the horizon of wisdom and the moon of mysteries shall rise from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. When the decree of bestowal upon all in the heavens and earth according to their capacities and stations is established, know thou that the wayfarer who journeyeth unto God, who migrateth unto Him, who severeth himself from the transient homeland and desireth to ascend unto the eternal abode - unto him shall be unveiled the hidden mysteries and treasured realities, and there shall appear unto him the essential seeds of divine unity and the manifestations of eternal oneness.

When he reacheth that lofty station and this exalted homeland, it behooveth him to be trustworthy with the treasuries of God's knowledge and reliable with the pearls of His wisdom's mysteries. He must be a guardian of these divine teachings deposited in the vessels of illumined hearts by God, the Creator of all beings. He must preserve them as his very eyes and conceal them in his breast. Should he reveal even a letter of these mysteries to one unworthy, three crimes shall be charged against him: First, betrayal, for he hath betrayed God by revealing His secrets to the unworthy; Second, injustice, for he hath given this station to one undeserving and laid upon him what he cannot bear nor is capable of carrying, thus establishing against himself the decree of injustice […]

And what greater wrong than this, the third being spiritual murder, for he has led this helpless one astray and slain him with a spiritual death. For when one cannot recognize these divine truths, his feet slip from where he stood regarding the matter of his origin and return. Therefore the judgment of one who is slain applies to him, and the law of retaliation runs its course upon his slayer. This slaying, in the eyes of the people of truth, is greater and more grievous than the slaying of the body, were you to observe with the

eye of the heart. This is evidenced by what was sent down from the Kingdom of Oneness upon the Countenance of Ahmad (may my spirit and the spirit of all who are immersed in the depths of light be a sacrifice unto Him) concerning Hamza, the Prince of Martyrs, and Abu Jahl: “Is he who was dead, and whom We have raised to life and provided with a light whereby he walks among men, like him who is in darkness from which he can never emerge?” Therefore ponder this blessed verse. If by death was meant physical death, and by life physical life, then the judgment of death and life would not apply to Hamza, for outwardly he was alive with elemental, physical life. Rather, what is meant by death in this noble verse and divine word is spiritual death and the death of the heart. For when Hamza (may God be pleased with him) believed in God, His verses and His Messenger Whom He sent with truth, he became alive with the life of faith and drank from the cup of the Living, the Life-Giving One, from the spring of certitude. Thus applies to him the judgment of death - that is, from temporal accidents - and life - that is, eternal, faithful life. And conversely runs the judgment upon Abu Jahl. This faithful life endures and does not perish, as evidenced by His exalted Word: “We shall surely give him to live a goodly life.” But as for outward life, every soul shall taste of death. Thereby it is established that spiritual death is greater than physical death. When this is established, it is also established that spiritual murder is likewise greater than physical murder. Therefore upon this slayer runs the judgment of retaliation. And since we have proven the judgment of retaliation upon the gnostic who unveils with clear proofs and firm arguments, know that none can execute retaliation save those who drank the wine from the Cup-Bearer of Beauty in the realm of spirits before the appearance of creation in the realm of shadows. And it befits these Poles to execute judgment upon him, for it befits that retaliation be carried out by one upon whom the law’s limits do not apply, not by any ignorant rabble who cannot distinguish truth from falsehood nor darkness from light. Therefore we suffice with what we have mentioned to you and conclude with praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds, and peace be upon whoever follows guidance.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Pure!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath been named the Beloved, that he may be remembered through the remembrance of God. Verily, His remembrance hath preceded all created things, and God is witness unto this. Were He not to remember His servants, none would be able to remember Him. Thus hath the matter been inscribed in the Tablets.

Arise to remember and praise God, then shun every sinful idolater. Follow the religion of the Spirit in this Cause which hath come in the shadows of lights with manifest sovereignty. Tarry not in thy Lord’s Cause even for a moment. Draw nigh unto Him with thy heart, then remember Him with wondrous tongue. Recite what hath been sent down unto thee of His verses. Thus hath the matter been ordained from the heaven of mighty glory.

Grieve not at anything, but put thy trust in thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He will guard thee from every wretched infidel. Say: The Kawthar of life hath flowed from the Pen of my Lord, the All-Merciful.

Therefore, come ye, O peoples of the worlds, with the chalices of certitude and take therefrom according to your capacity.

Dost thou remain in thy house after all things have been stirred by the stirring of thy Lord, and every soul possessed of spirit hath been enraptured with love for My Self, which hath appeared with a glorious name? He that is not enraptured with My love is indeed dead - thus doth this Tongue testify in this Spot whereon the Throne of Glory is established, and around which circle the realities of all things past and present. Yet the people are wrapped in thick veils.

Thus doth the Sovereign of Command instruct thee, that thou mayest be numbered in the Mother Book among the doers of His bidding. Convey Our blessing unto thy mother's face and establish her firmly in this Cause which hath been inscribed as mighty in the Tablet. Glory be upon thee, and upon her, and upon those who in the Book are accounted among the God-fearing.

If you inquire about the state of the Prisoner, He is the target of the arrows of the wicked and the object of the swords of enemies. He drinks from the cup of woe and partakes of the chalice of tribulation and hardship. Though outward friends are visible, they offer no aid; and though those who claim to love are present, they give no succor. He is afflicted as was Joseph in prison, Noah in His lamentation, Abraham in the fire, Job in His suffering, Zechariah in His anguish, Isaiah in His grief, the Spirit [Jesus] in His trials, and the Primal Point in His adversities. Each of these chosen ones was afflicted by the oppression of enemies, and this Servant has endured and continues to endure from both friends and foes that which none can reckon save God, my Lord and the Lord of all worlds. The oppression of enemies is well known and needs no mention, but this Servant's cry of anguish, lamentation, and grief arises from the afflictions caused by those who claim to love the previous Manifestation. For they all prove more veiled than the followers of previous religions, just as it was observed that all professed love, obedience and submission to the Point of the Qur'an [Muhammad], yet after the appearance of His reality, all remained in the wilderness of error, to such extent that they all rose in opposition and objection against His person. Woe unto them and to what they wrought in the days of God without proof or divine Book!

Throughout the Bayan, the people were given glad tidings of this holy divine Manifestation and celestial dawning, to such degree that all Tablets began with this Name and concluded with it. Despite this, most turn away from the cloud of His mercy and flee from the rain of His grace. They have manifested such hypocrisy as has never been seen in creation, striving with all their might and main to cut down the divine Tree, though they are considered the most base of all people and the most contemptible of all in God's sight. Now observe: if these idolatrous souls were to appear with manifest power, what would they bring to pass? At all times We take refuge in God, lest through the promptings of the satans of self and passion, His weak servants remain deprived of the Beauty of God and bereft of His recognition.

Ask God for sight, for without sight none can gaze upon the Most Great Scene. Blessed are those souls who behold the Truth with the eye of Truth. Such souls are not held back by allusions nor veiled by indications, for they attain to the purpose of the Bayan and discover the pearls of divine knowledge hidden in the ocean of words. Besides such souls, none have any portion of this cup except after their return unto God. For instance, consider the utterances of the Point of the Bayan, exalted be His glory. In one place He says that Sun of divine glory will shine forth at the time of Mustaghath from the horizon of

the divine Will. In another place He tells one of the Letters of the Living that “thou wilt recognize Him as thou hast recognized.” In yet another place He reveals a tablet stating that He should be present in the school before God. And in another place He states that whenever He appears, all must acknowledge that Sun of Reality and render thanks to God. Now behold how these united statements, which outwardly appear different and contradictory, can be comprehended by these weak servants and […]

Let them drink from the crystal waters of inner meanings that flow from the streams of divine utterances. There is no doubt that none shall attain save those possessed of pure hearts, illumined breasts, penetrating vision, sanctified souls, attentive ears and assured hearts - except such souls as are touched by the breezes of divine favor. This is a station bestowed without desert and given without request. Soon will the martyrs of negation who have appeared in the Bayan, who have become proud of their stations and remained deprived of the shore of divine unity, each cling to one of these verses while interpreting away others according to their desires and passions, each seizing upon some point and conforming it to their own selfish inclinations, using those very verses revealed by the Truth to veil the weak from the Truth itself. Consider, for instance, the Qa’im who was promised - all the Shi’ih sects would prove through transmitted traditions and successive reports that He must now exist and appear from a specific land with specific signs. Yet with the appearance of the Point of the Bayan it became clear that all had been walking in the wilderness of error and treading the path of ignorance. If you would reflect a little on what was in the possession of this group before, you would become aware of many hidden and concealed matters. In brief, they who possess insight and certitude today are those who look to the essence of the Cause, and who turn with the same vision by which they recognized and knew the Point of the Bayan to the Most Sublime Vision, interpreting all the words of the Ancient Beauty that have flowed from the Pen of His binding Command in light of Him Whom God shall make manifest. For the Bayan and all that was revealed therein is identical to the words of this Revelation. Therefore seek divine assistance and turn to none but Him. If you cannot yourself understand the complexities of divine principles, ask of the Fountain of eternal meanings, for none but Him has understood or will understand His words. As you observe, the leaders of the Bayan have used the verses of the Bayan to reject the All-Merciful, while remaining utterly veiled from Him by Whose will the Bayan was revealed. All these diverse statements that He uttered converge upon a single word, namely His saying that at the time of His manifestation, be not veiled from Him by the Bayan and what was revealed therein. And now “the Truth hath become manifest and falsehood hath vanished away.” May my spirit be a sacrifice unto His Being! He hath not failed in manifesting His Cause and proclaiming His praise. This word is the mightiest word - whosoever is veiled from it is veiled from the entire Bayan at the time of His manifestation. Now observe that although that Ancient Beauty declared that whenever He appears all must acknowledge Him and render thanks to God, He did not suffice with this, for He knew what the people of the Bayan would perpetrate. Therefore these words were revealed: “Beware, beware on the day of His manifestation lest thou be veiled by the Single Chapter of the Bayan, and beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words that were revealed in the Bayan.” Despite these decisive and established verses, most of them remained veiled from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Moreover, they have manifested such deeds and actions that the name of the All-Forgiving is nigh ashamed to cleanse the sins of these transgressors. They commit all manner of grievous sins while

forbidding others from minor transgressions in order to display their piety. For instance, they have tampered with that which was forbidden unto them in all the Tablets, and concerning the next Manifestation - about Whom it is recorded in all the Tablets of God that even were He to appear without proof, none should utter an unseemly word - they have issued the death verdict against Him despite His presentation of the most perfect and complete proofs and evidences. Yet in their own inflammatory tablets they write: “Do not eat onions” and “Do not smoke tobacco” and such like. The curse of God be upon them and upon whatsoever hath proceeded and will proceed from them. Their habitation is none other than the fire, and evil indeed is the abode of the wrongdoers.

Your servant should strive earnestly to protect and safeguard the people, for they are weak and moved by every breeze. God willing, through your servant’s endeavors and efforts, may all become steadfast in the Cause of God and be united, for such unity is divine assistance, would that they knew. Strive that His servants may be adorned with divine attributes and heavenly characteristics, and that these may become manifest among the people. From the beginning of this wondrous Revelation, in all the Tablets there has been prohibition of conflict, contention, warfare, opposition and bloodshed. Nevertheless, some acted in ways whose harm has affected the very root of the Divine Tree. I swear by the Beauty of the Beloved that God’s conclusive proof has not been completed for His servants, though His proof has ever been and will ever be perfect, complete and conclusive. For instance, observe how most people have not attained to the Source of Divine bounties and the Mine of the pearls of divine mystical knowledge, and have been and will remain heedless of the proof’s sufficiency in itself and what proceeds from it. For the seat of the establishment of the throne of manifestation is confined to one place, thus it remains concealed from most and most are veiled from it. What is spread abroad and apparent and manifest among people are His words and His loved ones. Yet from His loved ones who are known by His name and attributed with His love, none has inhaled the fragrance of sanctity and detachment, as most engage in deeds that are displeasing and commit reprehensible acts. People judge by analogy - what they observe from this group they attribute to the Manifestation of the lights of Oneness. This is why divine wrath has not yet seized the polytheists. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that if the loved ones of Truth had appeared among creation with sanctity, detachment, deeds and character like unto His, to the extent of their capacity, you would today find most people believers and turned toward God. Consider for example a tree - before its fruits appear, if it is described, some people will acknowledge it while others will waver between acceptance and denial until the fruits appear. And after the fruit appears, if it is bitter, they will surely reject the descriptions of that describer and all will arise in denial, both those who wavered and those who accepted. Thus the tree of human existence becomes known and proven by the fruits of deeds, and all observe its acts and deeds. If they find them good and pleasant they will surely accept, and without this they will surely turn away. Now from the divine loved ones who are counted as fruits of the tree of the All-Merciful, people have perceived naught but unpleasant deeds, therefore all remain turned away and veiled. God willing, in this springtime season may the sweet fragrances of the divine holy Ridvan be inhaled from those who seek the sanctuary of the August King, so that through breathing in the fragrances of those sanctified souls, the servants may return to the original Ridvan. In any case, some of the loved ones have caused the robe of holy glory to be soiled with the dust of people’s vain imaginings, and the beauty of the Cause has remained hidden behind veils of suspicion. We beseech God to sanctify them from all that His good-pleasure abhors, for verily He answers whoever calls upon Him. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Purify the hearts of Thy servants with the waters of Thy mercy and loving-kindness, then with the Kawthar of Thy grace and bounty, then with the Tasnim of Thy gifts and favors, then with the Salsabil of Thy generosity and beneficence, that all who dwell between the heavens and the earth may arise to praise the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thine Essence, the Repository of Thy Revelation, the Treasury of Thine inspiration, and the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy Name which Thou hast made sanctified from the allusions of the polytheists and the signs of the opposers, through which Thou hast distinguished between Thy servants, and through which Thou hast caused to flow among them the laws of Thy Cause and the streams of Thy ordinances and decrees, to gather all upon the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness, that they may sanctify Thee from all things and praise Thee with the most wondrous tongues amidst the peoples of all worlds. Then raise them, O my God, to such heights that they shall see in all things naught save the effulgence of the lights of Thy unity and the manifestations of the glory of Thy mercy, that they may turn wholly unto Thee and be detached from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise. O Lord! Protect Thy creation from the wolves of the earth who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and who have disputed with Him Whose covenant Thou didst take ere His own covenant was taken, and concerning Whom Thou didst send down the Bayan in His remembrance and praise. I moved not except in His remembrance, nor breathed save in His description, nor desired in Thy days aught but His beauty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and the Ruler over what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, the Almighty.

O Servant! Remember Me in My land and My territories, so that My remembrance may enable thee to detach thyself from all that thou hast. We have sent down for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. And We have commanded thee to observe that which will profit thee in this world and the world to come. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Remember the grace of thy Lord, and thank Him at all times. He, verily, beholdeth thee in thy state of oneness with Him, and is witness over all things. […]

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O beloved of my heart! Praise be to God that through His infinite bounties you have attained, and have been blessed with His remembrance, and confirmed in teaching His Cause. For His sake you undertook migration, aspiring to the most exalted station, the highest rank, the ultimate goal, and the most glorious vista. Through the special confirmations of the Lord of Oneness, you traversed land and sea through divine love and reached your goal. You drank from the ocean of reunion, and after returning, girded up your loins with determination and turned towards all regions to proclaim and raise aloft the Word. These stations require a hundred thousand nightingales and a hundred thousand doves, and like these two divine birds, one must needs raise such melodies as befit these stations in the divine days, reaching the ears of the sincere ones, the near ones, and the believers in unity. What else can this small bird accomplish, and how can it raise its song in this garden of inner meanings where every branch of its sacred trees speaks with a different melody or sings in remembrance of the Friend? I seek God’s

forgiveness! I swear by the Sun of Truth that this servant sees himself as lower than even a small bird, for that which today befits divine grace, this Day of God, and celestial bounty and mercy has not been manifested from him. For every good deed manifested by one of the loved ones, this servant utters "Would that I…", and for every praiseworthy characteristic shown by one of the chosen ones, this ephemeral one remembers "Would that I were with him." What more can be said and expressed? Were it not that divine praise and remembrance and the teaching of His Cause are beloved to the soul and the qiblih of the spirit, surely this ephemeral one would not have relinquished holding fast to silence and quietude. However, this is the Day in which He says: "This is the Day of calling out, yet you remain silent" to the end of His exalted Word - exalted be His station, elevated be His grandeur, and glorious be His manifestations.

It would be better to take hold of the reins of the pen from this station and turn to necessary supplications. At the beginning of this letter, the intention was to make a brief submission, but the flame of love for your honor took away the reins of choice and will. This ephemeral servant begs and hopes from God, exalted be His Glory, that He may assist your honor and this ephemeral one in that which pleases Him and benefits His Cause. Your honor, who praise be to God is confirmed, I request that you also supplicate God, exalted be His Glory and Greatness, for this ephemeral one, that He may assist him and other friends. Verily He answers every caller, confirms every seeker, and assists every sincere aspirant. He is indeed the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Wise.

I submit that your letter dated the tenth of Jumada II brought glad tidings and increased joy. It taught the bird of separation the path of reunion and bestowed the Kawthar of meeting, for it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. After becoming informed of its contents, it was presented before the Throne, and after the submission of these exalted words, these appeared from the Dayspring of utterances of the Lord of Names and Attributes - praise and gratitude be to God. All things have testified to His grace, mercy and bounty. Blessed is he who has found and recognized. Woe unto the heedless and the deniers. His Word, exalted be His grandeur […]

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

Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all lands, and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branches, saying: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Blessed art thou for having attained unto the verses of God and His mercy, and for having traveled through the lands to exalt His Cause. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the Hearer, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, calling all to this noble scene, round which circle the denizens of the highest Paradise and those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Ancient Days acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and earth. We have revealed in thy name various tablets. Thy Lord is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. We have caused diverse rivers to flow, as a mercy from Us unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Blessed art thou for having cast away that which is possessed by men, taking hold of that which thou wast bidden by One mighty and powerful. Remind the people of that which We have revealed unto thee, that perchance the remembrance may draw them nigh unto the kingdom of the loving providence of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The

Day is come, yet they have turned away from it. They hear the call of God, yet they are heedless thereof. They have cast the command of God behind their backs, having followed their own desires. They understand not. They drink from the seas of fancy and vain imaginings, and deny that which hath appeared from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Arise to aid My Cause through wisdom and utterance. Thus was it revealed aforetime and in this praiseworthy station.

Praise be to God, time and again hast thou been blessed with God's special favors. He was with thee as thou didst journey through the lands. He heard thy voice when thou didst speak in remembrance of Him, the All-Wise. All the friends and loved ones of God must, as decreed by God, observe wisdom and hold fast unto it. This binding divine command hath been revealed in most of the Tablets, yet some have not heeded it and have not comprehended its purpose. Today, by command, every matter must be carried out through consultation with souls who are devoted and assured, and be made manifest. Say: O servants! Whatever floweth from the Most Exalted Pen hath as its purpose a benefit that returneth, both outwardly and inwardly, to those souls themselves. They must act with complete submission and contentment in accordance with whatsoever appeareth from the Dayspring of the Cause. This is God's counsel that hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in diverse places. Well is it with them that act, and well is it with them that have attained!

From this station We send Our greetings to the loved ones of God and His chosen ones who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in His mighty Book. We counsel them with that which beseemeth this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. He who acteth, acteth for himself, and he who turneth away - verily He is independent of all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. To this testifieth every possessor of utterance, understanding and enlightened vision. The praise of God - the favors of the Truth, exalted be His glory, are manifest and evident from the ocean of utterance. Verily, He needeth not the mention of any mentioner, nor the description of any describer, nor the exposition of any expounder, nor the praise of any praiser, nor the testimony of any just and knowing one.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - some time ago funds were written about which had become available in a certain place to be sent to the Most Holy Court. By specific command it was written to send these to your honor - thirty tumans of it to be given to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib. Some was also assigned to Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. Previously too some funds became available elsewhere which were assigned to the Land of Ta, but that did not arrive. People are waiting to serve the Cause, and moreover they do not pay the Huququ'llah as they should, although this matter is the cause of protection, blessing and bounty. Blessed is the patient poor one who was among the patient ones. At one time this firm and established word shone forth from the Dawning-Place of divine utterance - exalted be His grandeur: "If those who have turned to God had acted according to what God desired, the earth would now be seen as other than it is." Words to this effect were repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. God willing, your honor and this servant beseech the True Outpouring Grace that He may assist all and deprive no one from what His will desires.

Another matter - Jinab-i-Mulla Sadiq, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, from the people of Baku wrote a detailed letter to this servant and its reply was sent. Among other things he had mentioned that the chief

of police, in their words, had asked for assurance regarding absence of corruption. Although it is now clear to all that the purpose was not and is not corruption and upheaval - that beloved one himself mentioned this matter - but due to previous errors that appeared from some at the beginning of the Cause, it is very difficult for the hearts of government authorities to become free and pure from suspicions and imaginings. However, if they became aware of the verses that have been sent down from the heaven of God's will regarding kindness, compassion, and absence of corruption, conflict and dispute, they would attain certain faith and would testify to what God, exalted be His glory, has willed. When this servant presented Jinab-i-Mulla Sadiq's letter at the Most Holy Court, this blessed word emerged from the Source of Command - exalted be His grandeur: "If they had known the Truth to be truthful, surely a Tablet would have been bestowed and in that Tablet would have been revealed from the Supreme Pen that none from this party should commit any act contrary to the interests of the government." In the Tablet to the Sultan it was also revealed that God, exalted be His glory, has relinquished the earth, both land and sea, to the kings - what He has desired for Himself has been and will be the hearts of His servants. Would that the people of the earth were fair and would attain to hearing what has been sent down from the heaven of divine will. At that time they would speak these words: "Would that we had attained in the beginning of the Cause to what we have attained today, and would that we had known in the beginning of the Manifestation what we know today." Some deeds have become the cause of preventing the turning and attention of the servants. This evanescent servant beseeches from the Exalted Truth that He bestow a drop from the ocean of insight upon these people, that all may see and know and hear and become aware. He is the All-Merciful, the Kind. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

With regard to what you wrote about your brother, upon him be the Glory of God, and also about Ali Akbar Bey, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. He says, exalted be His grandeur: "Let them not be saddened by outward upheavals. Today the Kingdom of wealth has been and will continue to circle round the people of God. In accordance with the time it shall be made manifest. The steadfast and assured souls have attained unto the Most Great Grace, the Supreme Bounty, and true wealth. And if for a few days in the outer world the manifestation of certain matters is delayed, this is due to divine wisdom and His expediency. Ask God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven, to ordain for them that which shall profit them in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Giving, the Generous."

Regarding what you wrote about Dervish Abdul-Samad, upon him be the Glory of God, the prayer which that loved one submitted in his name was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in reply, exalted be His grandeur: "We have heard thy call and what thou hast praised the Wronged One with a tongue that hath testified to what God hath testified and acknowledged what the Desired One hath acknowledged in the Holy Books and Tablets. Blessed art thou for having attained, and seen, and heard what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. There hath befallen thee what hath befallen Us time and again. Be thou thankful and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O God of the Kingdom and the Realm.' Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned in the prison by the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be."

With a hundred thousand tongues give thanks to the Desired One of the world that He hath preserved you from the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings and guided you to the Dawning-Place of certitude. By the life of God! The objectors to the Bayan are seen to be more veiled than the parties of old. They have newly purposed to establish chiefs and nobles and pillars and the fourth pillar and the successor and the like thereof, in the same manner as existed before. By My life! They are in evident delusion. These mentions are as thorns and thistles in the City of inner meanings. Beseech God that He may purify and sanctify that City from thorns and thistles. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Lion! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Single! Strive to sanctify the people from these vain imaginings. In all conditions, be occupied with the triumph of the Cause through wisdom and utterance. God willing, thou shalt take possession of the cities of hearts through the mention of the Beloved. Verily, He aids whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Another submission is that some time ago a detailed letter was sent to the beloved of heart and soul, his honor Aqa Mulla ’Ali-Akbar, may the glory and favors of God rest upon him, together with sacred and exalted Tablets. God willing, they will arrive and he will attain unto them. It would be most pleasing if copies of some of the divine sacred Tablets and this evanescent one’s letters were sent to various regions, for although most people have, through divine assistance, broken the chains of vain imaginings, they nevertheless require a reminder. The divine rose garden must be kept fresh and verdant through the rain of the All-Merciful’s grace. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing Educator. The submission of nothingness and evanescence to all the friends in that land is contingent upon the grace of that Beloved One. Glory be upon you and those with you and upon all who stand firm, whom the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, have not caused to slip.

It is further submitted that regarding the honored mother of the household, may the glory of God rest upon her, you had written about the sum of one hundred tumans - fifty tumans for her and fifty tumans specifically for the orphans of the late Haji ’Ali of Qarabagh. As commanded, it was written that they should deliver it. Surely it has arrived by now.

Another submission to the honored friend, his honor Aqa Mirza ’Ali-Naqi, may the glory of God rest upon him - I offer greetings. Some time ago, this servant submitted a detailed letter in response to the letter written on behalf of his honor Aqa Shahvirdi, may the glory of God rest upon him. That letter also bore divine verses specifically for them and his honor Aqa Shahvirdi and other souls, may the glory of God rest upon them, who were mentioned in that letter. God willing, it has arrived by now and they have attained unto it.

The Servant

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

The Day of God hath come. The Throne of Divine Utterance hath appeared at the heart of contingent being, and the Speaker of the Mount is seated thereon. The river of mercy floweth from the right hand, and the banner of authority is raised on the left. Praise be unto God, His is the bounty and the bestowal, His is the grace and the exaltation and the glory. Before the faces of all peoples He proclaimed His Cause with the most exalted call. The might of the world deterred Him not, nor did the hatred of the nations stay Him from His purpose. In days when, by reason of the darkness of tyranny, no distinction could be seen between night and day, He stood forth before the faces of all peoples, unveiled and unobscured. Neither chains nor fetters could prevent His independence, nor could bonds and imprisonment alter His Cause. He bore all trials and tribulations for the exaltation of the Word of God. Every fair-minded soul beareth witness, and every just one testifieth to this. The Cause is in His grasp; He doeth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Helper.

Glory and radiant praise be upon the friends of God and His chosen ones who have arisen to aid His Cause, who have spoken His praise, and who have acted according to that which was revealed in His Book. The Servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen them in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual friend arrived, and as the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds wafted therefrom, it gave strength to the spirit and bestowed light and power upon sight and hearing. After reading and reviewing it, having proceeded to the Most Exalted Station, it attained the honor of being heard before His presence. This is what God hath revealed in reply, blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Eternity […]

The Call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, the dwellers of Sinai have swooned away in the vale of knowledge, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath cried aloud, saying: By God! The ocean of reunion hath surged, and the Lord of the Day of Return hath appeared, riding upon the clouds. Blessed is he whom armies have not weakened, though mighty, and whom ranks have not frightened, though powerful. He hastened, and hearkened, and attained the presence of God, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing.

Say: O concourse of earth! Hear ye My call that hath been raised in truth, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. The proof hath appeared and the fountain of Salsabil hath gushed forth from the Pen of God, the Speaker in the most exalted station. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dayspring of lights, and We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. The servant who standeth before the face of the Wronged One hath presented himself and read thy letter. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Lord of Lords, shall endure. We beseech the Most High to make thee a sign of His signs and a standard among His standards in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and feet have slipped.

There hath befallen Me in the path of God that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard. To this testifieth the Mother Book that speaketh before the faces of all parties. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. When the light shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, the Maid of Paradise came forth from the Most Exalted Paradise and walked until she stood before the face of the Lord of all beings, and, pointing with her luminous finger to the head of the Lord of destiny, she proclaimed: By God! This is the Hidden One now manifest in truth, and this is He Who was treasured in the hearts of the Prophets and mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all men.

Say: Be fair, O people of the Bayan, concerning this Book which God hath made the point of adoration for the books of the world, and this Remembrance before which all remembrances have bowed down. Say: Present yourselves before the Face that your eyes may behold what no vision hath beheld and your ears may hear what no ears have heard. He is the One Who cannot be known except through Himself, and Who needeth not the testimony of scriptures, books, and tablets to prove His Cause. Were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would My Herald, Who sacrificed His soul in My path, have come. Fear God, O people, and be not of them that have gone astray.

Say: By God! He was silent - God made Him speak. He was seated - the hands of power and might made Him arise. He was asleep - the breezes of the morn of Revelation that blew by God's will, the Lord of the Day of Return, awakened Him. Say: O people of the Bayan! He speaketh not of His own desire - to this testifieth that which hath been revealed from His Most Exalted Pen. Fear ye God and follow not every heedless doubter.

Say: O company of the deniers! Do ye deny Him Who hath come with that wherewith the Messengers came of old, and Who hath revealed that which lay hidden in the treasure of God's protection from time immemorial? Say: Read ye what ye possess and We shall read what We possess. Then shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss, greater than the loss of every calumniating polytheist.

Say: Remember thou the Day of Imprecation in the Land of Mystery when the Dayspring of Inspiration came forth from the horizon of the House, proceeding to the House of God, the Lord of all men. We arrived thereat while none else arrived. Then did the Sun of the Cause shine forth and the Ancient Beauty appeared without veil or covering. Say: Can anyone stand with Him in the arena of proof and evidence? Nay, by His Self, the All-Merciful! Yet the people are in doubt and dissension.

Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the evidences that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord with power and sovereignty. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified when He came from the horizon of might with grandeur and majesty.

Praise be unto God that thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Glory be to God! This servant hath ever been present before His Face, from the first days in Baghdad until now, engaged in service and writing both day and night while verses descended like rain. Yet they have uttered that which no ignorant one hath ever spoken. First came mention of alteration, following exactly in the footsteps of the previous dispensation. For twelve hundred years and more they were occupied with dispute and contention, awaiting the Day of Manifestation. Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of God's Will, they committed that which no oppressor had ever committed. To this day they occupy pulpits

cursing. By the life of our Lord! They are indeed in drunkenness, heedlessness and thick veils. This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth that He may assist thee to promote His Cause and protect the servants from idle fancies and vain imaginings. It is incumbent, nay obligatory, upon thee and the other loved ones to protect the servants from whatsoever leadeth to error and perdition. By the life of thy Lord and mine! Whenever this servant pondereth the deeds of the former community, he findeth himself bewildered and astonished. For despite all their professions of sincerity and love for the Sovereign of existence, when He appeared, in His early years all the divines arose to reject Him. God forbid! They did not even count Him among the believers, let alone above them. Now those same vain imaginings have emerged among souls who were and are unaware of the root of the Cause and know not from whom these revelations have appeared. Yet they have uttered that which no heedless one hath uttered. We beseech God to adorn His servants with justice and fairness and to still the hatred in their hearts through the Kawthar of counsel and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. After the presentation of that prayer in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith: He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O thou who gazest upon the horizon of evidence! The servant who was present hath arrived and recited that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy knowledge, thy turning unto Him, thy sincerity and thy submission before the face of God, thy Lord. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thy countenance for having turned toward His Face, and thy heart for having been attracted to the horizon of His Manifestation. We beseech God to aid His Cause through thee, to manifest His Faith through thee, and to raise through thee the standards of His Revelation throughout all lands and the banners of His guidance amidst His servants. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O thou who soarest on the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of God's wisdom! Behold, then mention what the lying tongues have uttered. Among them is he who hath calumniated the Wronged One and said that He hath stolen the verses of the Point and revealed them in His own name. Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless one! Present thyself before His face and be not of them that hesitate. And among them are those who have lamented in such wise as to cause the near ones to weep. The horizons have been filled with thy Lord's verses, yet most of the people know not. They hear the call, yet perceive not. They have committed that which no community among all communities hath committed. The Book of God in this exalted station beareth witness to this. Were We to mention to thee what hath befallen Us, grief would seize thee from every direction. We have therefore been patient and concealed it. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Patient, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

We beseech God to assist thee to rend asunder the veils of the people and to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His court. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause in such wise that the hosts of the world shall not hold thee back, and be thou vocal in His praise in such wise that the clamor of the nations who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and have spoken that which the ancients never spoke shall not prevent thee. Thus hath the Living Waters flowed from the Pen

of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and We have sent it unto thee that thou mayest drink and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of existence!

O Nura! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. As for what thou hast mentioned concerning the statement “the Simple Reality containeth all things” - in the first degree and primary station, by the Simple Reality is meant the Truth Itself, glorified be His majesty. Since all things are manifestations of His names and attributes, exalted be He, it is true that He is all things. This is a truth wherein there is no doubt, and what We mentioned before was revealed in the language of the people. We beseech God to unveil for thee what We intended in the depths of allusions in the previous Tablet. Verily, He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Know thou moreover that the Wronged One never attended schools nor associated with divines and theologians. I mention what God, glorified be His majesty, hath taught Me through His grace and bounty. If thou wouldst turn with the ear of the heart to the melodies of the Bird of Proof upon the branch of evidence, it would attract thee to a station wherein thou wouldst see naught save the sovereignty of God and His power and His greatness and His might, and thou wouldst be assured that the ocean surgeth by itself and for itself, and the sun shineth by its own essence and for its own essence. Say: Verily, the ocean needeth not aught else to prove its greatness.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. He shall verily assist thee through the truth and fulfil thy need. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Arise in the name of God and say: O people of the Furqan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come, and that which was hidden in knowledge hath been revealed. Fear ye God, and be not of them that hesitate.

O people of the Spirit! The gate of reunion hath been opened by the finger of the power of the Lord of all being. Hasten ye, and follow not every ignorant doubter.

O people of Moses! This is the Day whereof God’s Messengers gave you tidings aforetime. Fear ye God, and be not of the heedless. The Mount hath attained the presence of its Interlocutor, and the Light its sovereign Lord, and the Tree hath revealed its fruits, and the Ocean its waves, and the Sun its radiance. Fear ye God, and be not of the wrongdoers.

O followers of Zoroaster! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of ’Akka. Verily, it is raised in truth from God, the Goal of them that are nigh. The Fire of God hath been kindled in the Tree of the Cause at this glorious station. It hath appeared in the form of Light, speaking and proclaiming: “The Resurrection is come and the people of the graves have arisen by reason of the blast of the Trumpet.” Yet most of the people are fast asleep. They have not awakened at the Cry, though it was raised, nor have they drunk the choice wine of Revelation when its seal was broken by this Great Name.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Die in your wrath! By God’s life, your turning away, your denial, and whatsoever ye possess shall profit you not. Open your eyes and the gates of your ears that ye may hear that for the hearing of which the ears were created, and behold His lights for the vision of which the eyes were fashioned. Beware lest he who is called the Guide mislead you, and lest the doubts of the dubious

cause you to slip. Forge not lies against God and His Cause. Verily, He hath appeared with the truth and hath sent down that which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to produce the like thereof. That which hath been sent down from His presence is even as the sun among the stars and as the ocean among the rivers. To this beareth witness the Lord of the worlds in this Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath turned unto Him and hath said: "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the Messengers!"

The Sun of Utterance hath so brilliantly risen and shone forth that no mention or description remaineth possible for the stars, and the Ocean of Mercy hath appeared in such wise that no power of speech remaineth for the drop. Exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His proof. There is no God but Him.

And regarding the mention of the rational soul which appears at the end of the Book, these passages were repeatedly revealed in the days when the Sun of the horizons was dawning from the horizon of Iraq. In these days also, some time ago, one of the friends from the land of Qaf and Vav inquired about the soul, and an answer was revealed. By command, a copy thereof was dispatched to your honor. God willing, you will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of utterance that which will intoxicate you to arise in the assemblage of the world to spread the verses of God, His laws and His commandments. Convey greetings and Baha from this evanescent one to the friends of that land. God willing, they will attain unto that which befitteth this divine Day. In truth, that which is beloved today and is the cause of deliverance of the servants from the well of vain imaginings hath been mentioned in the letter of the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Hamid, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. The servant beseecheth his Lord to manifest the truth through His sovereignty and guide the people to His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have taken hold of the Book of God with power from Him, detached from the world and all that is therein in the days of our Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. These are among the birds of the arena of wisdom and utterance. Upon them be the blessings of God and His glory, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The Servant

27th of Safar 1306

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This is the Surih of the Pen, which hath been sent down from the heaven of eternity unto them that have fixed their gaze upon His Throne.

In the name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

O Pen of the Most High! Bear thou witness, in thine own self, that verily He is God and that there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Bear thou witness, then, by thine own essence, that verily I am God and that there is none other God but Him, that all have been created at My behest

and that all abide by My command. Bear thou witness, moreover, by thine inmost being, that this is the Beauty of God which hath dawned above the horizon of the Unseen, a Beauty that hath ever been, and shall ever remain, unknown to all save Himself. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Through but one of His effulgences the Day-Stars of majesty and grandeur have shone forth, the hearts of the denizens of the everlasting realm and the sanctified realities that lay hid beneath the mystic veil have been called into being, and the secrets of all that was and shall be have been laid bare.

O Pen! Let nothing dismay thee, for unto thee have We vouchsafed the inviolable protection of Our sovereign might and power, and into thee have We breathed a spirit, one breath of which would, if wafted upon the bodies of all existence, cause them to arise from their couches, unloose their tongues, speak forth, and bear witness in their inmost being that there is none other God but Me, the Powerful, the Glorious, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Peerless, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Pen of Command! Be assured in thyself, and reveal then unto all beings a measure of that which God bestowed upon thee ere the creation of words and letters and the fashioning of all things, and ere the establishment of the kingdom of names and attributes and the revelation of His mighty and guarded Tablet. Say: This is a Power unsurpassed from all eternity to all eternity, could ye but know it, O concourse of the Spirit, and this is a Beauty unrivalled from the beginning that hath no beginning, could ye but perceive it. Say: Whoso conceiveth the least design to confront this Pen, to presume partnership with it, to gain intimate access unto it, or to fully grasp that which emanateth from it, be assured that the Evil One doth whisper within his breast. Thus hath the Divine Command been issued, could ye but understand. Say: By God! None hath ever been, nor shall ever be, able to rival Me amidst all creation. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of divine revelation, could ye but comprehend it. Say: A single letter of Mine utterance hath, verily, brought forth the entire universe, the realities of all things, and worlds which none can fathom save God, the Almighty, the Most Manifest.

O Pen! Give ear unto that which the unbelievers have imputed to thee. Say: O assemblage of malice! Perish in your hatred, in your envy and your unbelief! By Him Who is the Eternal Truth! This is that Pen through a mere intimation of whose will the souls of the Concourse on high, and the realities of the denizens of the everlasting realm, and the essences of human hearts and minds, were all fashioned. This is that Pen through but a movement of which the sun of might and grandeur, and the moon of loftiness and sanctity, and the stars of grace and favour, were called into existence. This is that Pen through which were created the all-highest Paradise and all that abide therein, and the celestial garden and all that pertaineth thereto, could ye but comprehend. Say: Through but a single stroke have been manifested the knowledge of all that was and shall be, and the creation of all things past and future. Open then your eyes that ye may bear witness to this truth.

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Since this text is already in English, no translation is needed. The text remains as presented.

O Pen! Proclaim unto the concourse of eternity, saying: O ye that rove in the arenas of immortality! O ye that abide beneath the tabernacle of grandeur! O ye gem-like realities that lie hid from the eyes of creation! Descend from your lofty retreats to celebrate and rejoice, and to quaff from the cup of everlasting life that the hand of the All-Glorious is proffering on this Day. This, in truth, is a Day the like of which hath never been witnessed in all creation, a Day whereon the Eye of Grandeur hath been cheered in the Seat of transcendent glory. O ye bearers of the throne of God! Adorn the most great throne on this Day, for the unseen Beauty hath appeared–He Whose presence the inmates of the all-highest Paradise and the dwellers of the garden of repose have thus far been powerless to attain. Say: By God! The Hidden Secret hath appeared in the plenitude of His glory and hath solaced by His beauty the eyes of all things seen and unseen, and beyond them the eyes of them that have cleansed their souls with the holy waters streaming from the ocean of the Name of their Lord, the Most Manifest.

O concourse of monks! Abandon the churches wherein ye have glorified your Lord, for He Who ascended unto heaven hath in very truth come down again and circleth round the Throne of God. I swear by the one true God! In this Day the bells are pealing out in My remembrance, the Trumpet soundeth My praise, and the Bugle proclaimeth My Name, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Deprive not yourselves of the grace of this day; hasten rather to the seat of the Throne, forsake that which ye possess, and take fast hold of the Cord of God, Who hath arisen and manifested Himself and spoken forth for all to hear.

O inhabitants of the realms of the seen and the unseen! Sing, O sing the most joyous melodies on this Festival of God which hath appeared with the power of truth and to which the former and latter generations had never attained, could ye but know it. This is the Day whereon the Pen of God hath absolved all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath His eternal command shone forth from the dayspring of His Pen, that ye may rejoice in your souls and be of those whose hearts are gladdened.

O Pen! Announce unto the Maid of Paradise: “By God! This day is thy day. Come forth as thou willest, and array thyself as thou pleasest with the broidered robe of names and the silken vesture of immortality. Emerge then from thine eternal habitation even as the sun that dawneth from the countenance of Baha. Descend from thy lofty heights and, standing betwixt earth and heaven, lift the veil of concealment from thy luminous face and shine forth above the horizon of creation as the black-eyed Damsel, that haply the most great veil may be torn away from the eyes of these people and they may behold the Scene of transcendent glory, the Beauty of God, the Most Holy, the Most Powerful, the Best-Beloved.”

“O Ancient Beauty! The unbelievers, verily, are lost in the stupor of idle fancy and are powerless to turn their eyes towards the most hallowed Court. Through the sovereign potency of Thine inviolable protection, Thou hast shielded me beneath the veils of light and guarded my beauty from the gaze of Thine enemies. Thine is the power to command; Thou ordainest as Thou pleasest through Thy word ‘Be’, and it is.”

O Maid of Baha! Step forth from the court of eternity, but let not thy most pure gaze linger upon the faces of mortal men. I swear by the one true God! None save them that are possessed of true insight can ever hope to behold thee in this most sublime vision. Leave the kingdom of names on thy right and the dominion of attributes on thy left, and shine forth by My leave above the horizon of Mine inviolable protection, divested of all that hath been created in the realm of Revelation and shorn of all that hath

appeared in the kingdom of creation, that thou mayest manifest the beauteous image of God in all regions. Intone, then, the sweetest of melodies betwixt earth and heaven, that all existence may be detached from aught save the face of thy Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Gracious, the Well-Beloved. Beam forth above the horizon of the Ridvan with the beauty of the All-Merciful, and let thy fragrant locks flow upon thy bosom, that the perfume of the garment of thy most gracious Lord may be diffused throughout the world. Hide not thy luminous form from the eyes of the concourse of Revelation, and withhold not thine ethereal veil of holiness from the gaze of the people. Present thyself, then, before the Throne with thy locks flowing, thine arms bejewelled, thy countenance blushing, thy cheeks aglow, and thine eyes adorned, and take hold of the snow-white chalice in My most exalted Name. Proffer then to the denizens of the realm of eternity the crimson wine of Mine all-glorious Beauty, that haply the concourse of Revelation may sanctify their souls in this most august Festival by virtue of this pure draught, and that they may emerge from behind the veil of concealment through the power of Mine almighty and all-powerful, Mine all-subduing and self-subsisting sovereignty.

By God! I am the Maid of Heaven, abiding in the midmost heart of Paradise, hidden behind the veil of the All-Merciful and concealed from the eyes of men. From time immemorial I remained shrouded in the veil of sanctity beneath the Tabernacle of Grandeur. I heard a most sweet call from the right hand of the throne of my Lord, the Most Exalted, and I saw Paradise itself set in motion and all its inhabitants stirred up in their longing to attain the presence of God, the All-Glorious. Whereupon another call was raised: 'By God! The Beloved of the worlds is come! Blessed be the one who attaineth His presence, and beholdeth His face, and giveth ear to His most holy, His most glorious and beloved utterance. The Voice of God hath enraptured the souls of the Concourse on high and the hearts of the dwellers of the everlasting realm, and the all-consuming ecstasies of love have caused them to tremble with yearning and to fix their gaze upon the court of sanctity, the station of unapproachable glory.' Were I to speak in every tongue, I would nonetheless be powerless to describe that which I beheld in that state. And yet, in spite of this grace that hath encompassed all things, and this rapture that hath overtaken all that are immersed beneath the ocean of names, behold, I found the people of the Bayan veiled and heedless, and lying as dead in the graves of oblivion. O people of the Bayan! Reckon ye to be treading the path of the spirit even as ye have rejected this Revelation? Nay, by my Beauty, which God hath ordained as the manifestation of His own Beauty amongst all the former and latter generations!

O Maid of holiness! Forsake the mention of such people, for their hearts are as immovable as stones and impervious to all but the promptings of idle fancy. For they remain immature in the Cause of God and suckle the milk of ignorance at the breast of waywardness. Leave them to dwell upon the dust, and warble thou My melodies in the realm of eternity. Apprise, then, the inhabitants of Paradise of that which hath been manifested in the kingdom of creation. Thus may they become attracted by Thy sweet accents, hasten towards this hallowed and promised Beauty, and become fully apprised of this Day–a Day whereon all things have been adorned with the ornament of names, a Day whereon every poor one hath found the source of true wealth and every deprived and sinful soul hath attained forgiveness.

O people! Seek ye in these days the grace of God and His all-embracing mercy, and beware lest ye follow in the footsteps of every veiled and heedless soul.

Thus the summons of the Pen regarding this blessed and fated account endeth, in this Tablet.

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In the name of our Lord Who hath described His own Self through His sanctification above all names! The Kingdom of Glory and Beauty, and the Dominion of Grandeur and Majesty, befit the Sovereign of the Divine Realm and the Ever-Living, Immortal King, Who by a single breath from the breezes of the Hidden Sea of Ink that flowed from the Most Exalted Pen made manifest the Beauty of the Prophets, and by the Sun of the blessed word "Verily, I am God, the One possessed of power over all things" which shone forth from the horizon of the Mouth of Will, made them luminous and radiant. Exalted be His Cause and His power, exalted be His glory and station, and exalted be His grandeur and sovereignty!

The rays and effulgences of this brilliant, luminous, manifest Sun appeared in the horizons of the existence of contingent beings and the realities of created things, until the veils of forgetfulness intervened and prevented eyes from beholding. At that time, the Countenance of Him Who conversed with God appeared from the horizon of the Will of the Ancient of Days. Glorified be He Who manifested Him, glorified be He Who sent Him, and exalted be He Who addressed Him from the midst of the fire: "O Moses! O Moses! I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!"

When He heard the Call from the Center of Fire and was seized by the rapture of the Almighty, He covered His face in fear, unable to look upon it, and fell unconscious from the Call of the Lord for eighty-one thousand eternal years. Then the grace of His Lord drew nigh unto Him, and the fragrance of reunion wafted over Him. When He recovered, He said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast brought me to life through the sweetness of Thy Call and hast raised me again through the spirit of Thy utterance, O Lord of all names!" Then He arose and stood before the Lord for nine thousand thousand years, humble and submissive, praising, mentioning, and glorifying in the inner depths of mystery.

Then the Call was heard from the Supreme Horizon time and again: "O Moses! O Moses! Go forth with My peace and the fragrance of My garment to the sanctuaries of My holiness and the places of My intimacy, then to the cities of the divine cloud and the realms of spirit and the supreme worlds and the fields of splendor and the highest pavilions and the gardens of immortality. Thou art permitted to ascend every heaven, enter every sea, and board every ship. But beware, beware lest thou cross to the gulf of the sea of grandeur, or approach the crimson ships, or draw nigh to the sacred white land, for there is a station wherein the realities of names are consumed.

"Verily, when I hearkened to the cry of My hidden people and heard the lamentation of My loved ones whom none save Me hath known, and when I became aware of their crying out in separation from Me and their clamoring in the wilderness of supplication out of longing to meet Me and desire to attain My presence, and knew their thirst and burning for the Kawthar of My hidden and treasured Name, I desired to send thee unto them with My breezes, My fragrances, My sweet-scented streams, and then My favors, My glad-tidings, and My bounties."

Then He Who conversed with God submitted to the Ancient Lord: “When I reach them and say to them ‘Your Beloved hath sent me unto you,’ and they ask me ‘What is His name?’ how shall I answer them?” Then the Divine Realm of Grandeur was shaken, the Dominion of Power was stirred, and the Kingdom of Glory and Loftiness was thunderstruck. Then the heaven of the highest heavens trembled as the Call was raised from the Unseen Realm of Grandeur, and the voice of the Lord caused all the ancient mountains to quake: “Say: ‘Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh Shelahnua Elohim.’ Say: ‘Ehyeh Who is Ehyeh hath sent me unto you.’ O Moses, thus shalt thou say to the thirsty ones who desire the Kawthar of My reunion: ‘Jehovah, your Beloved, hath sent me unto you.’” Then He heard the Call from the Most Exalted Direction: “Say: ’Yah, your heart’s Desire, hath sent me unto you to give you glad tidings of the appearance […]”

Say: He is the One whom He yearns for from the unseen realm of the heavens. I heard His voice and hearkened to His call, yet I saw Him not nor gazed upon Him. He commanded me to turn toward you, who recognize the garment of the Beloved, that I might instill patience in your hearts concerning His separation and departure, and console you in your remoteness through the length of His days. Then came the call from the Ultimate Tree, grown from the heart of the Throne in the snow-white bowers beyond the veil of grandeur: “O Moses! This is My name and My remembrance unto them throughout their holy and blessed generations that end not with the ages of eternity nor conclude with the times of perpetuity. This is My sign among them on the day of My coming unto them. By this shall I make Myself known to them, and by this shall I lift the veil from My beauty, for they know none save Me, and no name other than this My name, and no remembrance other than this My remembrance shall ever be mentioned among them. These are My servants whom I commanded not to prostrate when I created Adam, and whom neither the dwellers of My mystic pavilions nor the inhabitants of My cloud-realms have discovered. O Moses! Bear thou witness that I am indeed the Lord. I have ever been alone, sanctified in My essence from all names. I was not known from time immemorial, and in the mystery of My beauty I shall never be known unto the endless ages. I appeared unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as God, the Almighty over all things, but by My name Jehovah I made not Myself known until this day. This is the treasure of My hidden Name, this is the mystery of My treasured Name, and this is the symbol of My concealed and guarded Beauty, which hath ever been and shall forever remain hidden in the treasuries of My command and the repositories of My protection, veiled by the curtains of My glory and the covering of My power, authority and preservation. I concealed it beneath the mantle of My grandeur and the pavilion of My greatness until a time known only to Me, in a land that remaineth hidden behind the veils of My unseen realm and the ocean of My all-encompassing knowledge. And I shall appoint for this a fixed time, which is: verily, verily, I am most assuredly drawing nigh. Then shall I reveal this Treasure through the sovereignty of My Will, break its seal with the finger of My power and the digits of My might, and bring forth that hidden Pearl through the agency of My Most Exalted Pen from the depths of My unseen, pure and simple ink.” When the call ended and the mighty, mystic letters were completed in triangular form within the square frame, and the most hidden secret and most concealed treasure appeared, and the Throne bore the eight luminous letters, then was perfected and completed and sealed the temple of the Most Great Name in a holy and preserving seal. Blessed is he who gazeth upon the seal of the Beloved and recognizeth what was ordained therein of mysteries deposited in the treasuries of former Books from One all-knowing and wise.

O my brother, O my friend Khalil! This servant, you, and all friends must beseech the Glorious Lord to first bestow, through His wondrous favor, the spirit of prayer, that through it we might seek to renew the world of the world of the soul, and the world of the world of the spirit and mind, and the world of the world of heart and tongue and utterance, that He might create them anew through the holy breath of the All-Merciful and the exalted fragrance of the Eternal, so that with that Kingdom of utterance and expression we might render thanks and praise for this most great bounty and supreme gift, and might sacrifice those worlds of soul and spirit. For He hath enabled these servants to attain unto the knowledge of this most precious, most glorious, most resplendent Treasury. How many Prophets and Messengers and chosen ones and near ones sacrificed their lives in search of this manifest Treasury and found no trace thereof, while we, these servants, without any worthiness or seeking, and without toil or labor, have attained unto this endless divine Treasury. O my brother! In truth another world is needed and another knowledge is befitting to comprehend and recognize the worth and value of this eternal sovereignty and everlasting bounty, and to arise in a manner worthy of this station and these days. None but the Pen of the Ancient can describe this station, and none but the Tongue of Grandeur was or ever shall be worthy to make mention of this bounty which He Himself hath bestowed through His pure grace. In any case, in view of the saying "The remembrance of friends is pleasing to the Friend," this servant desired to send to his honor the Hakim, upon him be the Glory of God, a fragrance from the rose-garden of the utterances of His Holiness Moses and a sweet scent from the fragrances of the remembrances of the Messengers which had previously been diffused and made manifest in mention of this Manifestation of the evident Truth. Therefore these remembrances flowed forth from the pen without intention. Blessed is he in that he hath attained, and succeeded, and known, and found. Therefore at every moment it behooveth him to say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all in the heavens and the earth."

Praise be to God! They beheld the New Jerusalem, which was foretold in the Holy Books of old and new, wherein He saith it shall appear anew. They dwelt beneath the blessed pavilion of which Isaiah the Prophet gave tidings, saying "A tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed." They attained the presence of their Glorious Lord in that exalted spot situated upon the shore of the mighty river, and entered time and again into that City which David, with utmost longing and yearning, had sought to enter, even as he saith: "Who will lead me into the strong city?"

This blessed City hath been named by the Pen of the Most High as the Most Great Prison, and in one place as the Supreme Paradise and the Heaven of all heavens, and in another by all the Most Beautiful Names. In the Books of the Messengers of old it was designated as the New Jerusalem, the Desired Land, and other beloved names. The Tongue of Revelation aforetime gave it three titles: the Land of Resurrection, the Holy Land, and the White Spot.

In this sacred place they found, in one respect, everlasting joy and eternal delight, even as He saith: "All joy and gladness and felicity shall be in Jerusalem, for the Everlasting God shall dwell there with His people." And in another respect, they drank from the cup of sorrow, for they witnessed that which had been foretold of old. The Bearer of the Psalms, after making reference to the Lord's Land, declareth: "There they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us

mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion." Then He saith: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

O Khalil! I swear by the Glorious Lord that if they were to become aware of but a drop from the limitless oceans of tribulations that befell the Ancient Beauty, and of His loneliness, estrangement and oppression in the Most Great Prison, they would spend their entire lives in lamentation, weeping and mourning, and would proclaim "May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy trials, O Beloved of the worlds!" Praise be to God that they entered the holy Zion which was raised aforetime as foretold, and they arrived at the site of the House of the Lord, and beheld from the horizon of the Tent of Meeting the light and radiance of the splendor of their Lord without any veils, and dwelt in the holy shelter, and drank from the river of the path of which the truthful Prophet gave tidings, and ascended the mountain of the House of the Lord, and attained again and again to standing before their Lord while the mouth of the Lord was melodiously uttering words and expressions of favor, grace, mercy, kindness and compassion. And they were saved from the terror of these words with which the trustworthy Warner gave warning - these are His true and manifest words: "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty." And He repeats these words in three places. Praise be to God that they attained to all these bounties and above these and far above these which are beyond reckoning, description and utterance. What else do they desire that they have not attained? What do they seek that they have not reached? What station do they hope for that the transcendent Lord has not already bestowed through His generosity and grace before they even asked? However, there is one station which is greater than all stations, and this servant and you and they and all the friends must at all times beseech it from the Praiseworthy Lord with the utmost humility, submissiveness and supplication, and that is steadfastness, then steadfastness, then steadfastness unto infinity - steadfastness until the last breath, steadfastness until the spirit departs, steadfastness. For this matter has been mighty in all ages, times, dispensations and centuries, and its importance great, especially in this Most Great Manifestation whose greatness and grandeur is recorded and inscribed in all divine books, tablets and scriptures. Blessed is he who attains unto it and drinks from its oceans.

As for what you wrote about not having rendered any service, it was presented at the Most Holy Court and He said: "Grieve not over this. Thou didst hasten to the City when thou didst hear and didst turn to the station whereunto thou wert called. Thus doth the Pen testify in this Mighty Tablet." Praise be to God that through the special favor of the True One thou didst attain to service and didst drink from the choice wine of reunion and didst attain to the blessed Word. India was and will be the courtyard of the gate of meeting, and its parrot is the Pen of Revelation. What bounty is more beloved, more desirable and more exalted than this? Rejoice in this sweet mention. And what thou hast heard about the condition there is not worth mentioning. Verily, the people hasten to the Evil One, turning away from God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom, except those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, willeth.

Regarding what you mentioned about listening at the time of revelation, this matter has always been explained to the friends that this depends on coincidence, and the proof of this is clear and evident, as you have repeatedly listened[…]

With regard to what you mentioned concerning Tiberias - His Honor Hakim was given permission to go to Acre, but as for your going, considering the wisdom in all matters it is not advisable, for in these lands any mention of this Cause is absolutely forbidden. Should you accompany them, discussion would inevitably arise. His Honor Hakim too must absolutely make no mention of these matters in those places, as this would yield nothing but mischief and will continue to do so. And concerning what you wrote about His Honor Hakim having mentioned that he acts according to God's commandments and prohibitions - this is through His grace upon him. God willing, may he be confirmed in this matter and remain steadfast with complete firmness. The Command is in His grasp. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon you and upon him and upon all who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The winds of hatred have encompassed the Ark of Ba??a, by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. O Baqir! Thou hast pronounced sentence against them for whom the books of the world have wept, and in whose favour the scriptures of all religions have testified. Thou, who art gone far astray, art indeed wrapt in a thick veil. By God Himself! Thou hast pronounced judgement against them through whom the horizon of faith hath been illumined. Unto this bear witness They Who are the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Manifestations of the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, Who have sacrificed Their souls and all that They possessed in His straight Path. The Faith of God hath cried everywhere, by reason of thy tyranny, and yet thou disportest thyself and art of them that exult. There is no hatred in Mine heart for thee nor for anyone. Every man of learning beholdeth thee, and such as are like thee, engulfed in evident folly. Hadst thou realized that which thou hast done, thou wouldst have cast thyself into the fire, or abandoned thine home and fled into the mountains, or wouldst have groaned until thou hadst returned unto the place destined for thee by Him Who is the Lord of strength and of might. O thou who art even as nothing! Rend thou asunder the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings, that thou mayest behold the Day-Star of knowledge shining from this resplendent Horizon. Thou hast torn in pieces a remnant of the Prophet Himself, and imagined that thou hadst helped the Faith of God. Thus hath thy soul prompted thee, and thou art truly one of the heedless. Thine act hath consumed the hearts of the Concourse on high, and those of such as have circled round the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The soul of the Chaste One melted, by reason of thy cruelty, and the inmates of Paradise wept sore in that blessed Spot. Judge thou fairly, I adjure thee by God. What proof did the Jewish doctors adduce wherewith to condemn Him Who was the Spirit of God, when He came unto them with truth? What could have been the evidence produced by the Pharisees and the idolatrous priests to justify their denial of Muhammad, the Apostle of God when He came unto them with a Book that judged between truth and falsehood with a justice which turned into light the darkness of the earth, and enraptured the hearts of such as had known Him? Indeed thou hast produced, in this day, the same proofs which the foolish divines advanced in that age. Unto this testifieth He Who is the King of the realm of grace in this great Prison. Thou hast, truly, walked in their […]

Know thou that he is truly learned who hath acknowledged My Revelation, and drunk from the Ocean of My knowledge, and soared in the atmosphere of My love, and cast away all else besides Me, and taken

firm hold on that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. He, verily, is even as an eye unto mankind, and as the spirit of life unto the body of all creation. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath enlightened him, and caused him to arise and serve His great and mighty Cause. Verily, such a man is blessed by the Concourse on high, and by them who dwell within the Tabernacle of Grandeur, who have quaffed My sealed Wine […]

in My Name, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. O Baqir! If thou be of them that occupy such a sublime station, produce then a sign from God, the Creator of the heavens. And shouldst thou recognize thy powerlessness, do thou rein in thy passions, and return unto thy Lord, that perchance He may forgive thee thy sins which have caused the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree to be burnt up, and the Rock to cry out, and the eyes of men of understanding to weep. Because of thee the Veil of Divinity was rent asunder, and the Ark foundered, and the She-Camel was hamstrung, and the Spirit groaned in His sublime retreat. Disputest thou with Him Who hath come unto thee with the testimonies of God and His signs which thou possesest and which are in the possession of them that dwell on earth? Open thine eyes that thou mayest behold this Wronged One shining forth above the horizon of the will of God, the Sovereign, the Truth, the Resplendent. Unstop, then, the ear of thine heart that thou mayest hearken unto the speech of the Divine Lote-Tree that hath been raised up in truth by God, the Almighty, the Beneficent. Verily, this Tree, notwithstanding the things that befell it by reason of thy cruelty and of the transgressions of such as are like thee, calleth aloud and summoneth all men unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and the Supreme Horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath gazed on the Most Mighty Sign, and the ear that hath heard His most sweet Voice, and woe to whosoever hath turned aside and done wickedly. O thou who hast turned away from God! Wert thou to look with the eye of fairness upon the Divine Lote-Tree, thou wouldst perceive the marks of thy sword on its boughs, and its branches, and its leaves, notwithstanding that God created thee for the purpose of recognizing and of serving it. Reflect, that haply thou mayest recognize thine iniquity and be numbered with such as have repented. Thinkest thou that We fear thy cruelty? Know thou and be well assured that from the first day whereon the voice of the Most Sublime Pen was raised betwixt earth and heaven We offered up Our souls, and Our bodies, and Our sons, and Our possessions in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great, and We glory therein amongst all created things and the Concourse on high. Unto this testify the things which have befallen Us in this straight Path. By God! Our hearts were consumed, and Our bodies were crucified, and Our blood was spilt, while Our eyes were fixed on the horizon of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Witness, the All-Seeing. The more grievous their woes, the greater waxed the love of the people of Baha. Unto their sincerity hath borne witness what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the […]

Here is a verse of the Qur'an: "Wish ye, then, for death, if ye are sincere." Who should be considered superior - one who has hidden himself behind veils, or one who has sacrificed himself in God's path? Judge with fairness, and be not among those who wander distracted in the wilderness of falsehood. So carried away have they been by the living waters of the Most Merciful's love, that neither worldly armies nor the swords of nations have deterred them from turning towards the ocean of their Lord's bounty - the Giver, the Generous. By God! Tribulations have failed to unnerve Me, and the rejection by religious leaders has been powerless to weaken Me. I have spoken, and continue to speak before mankind: "The door of grace has been unlocked and He Who is the Dayspring of Justice has come with clear signs and

manifest proofs from God, the Lord of strength and might!" Present yourself before Me that you may hear the mysteries which were heard by the Son of 'Imran upon the Sinai of Wisdom. Thus commands you He Who is the Dawning-Place of your Lord's Revelation, the God of Mercy, from His mighty Prison. Has leadership made you proud? Read what God revealed to the Sovereign ruler, the Sul?an of Turkey, who has imprisoned Me in this fortress, so you may know the condition of this Wronged One, as decreed by God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Are you content to have the base and worthless as your followers? They support you as did those before them who followed Annas, who condemned the Spirit without clear proof or testimony. Study the Kitab-i-Iqan and what the All-Merciful has revealed to the King of Paris and others like him, that you may understand past events and be convinced We have not sought to create disorder in a well-ordered land. We counsel solely for God's sake. Let whoever wishes turn to Him, and whoever wishes turn away. Our Lord, the Merciful, is truly the All-Sufficing, the All-Praised. O religious leaders! This is the day when nothing among all things, nor any name among all names, can benefit you except through this Name which God has made the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Most Excellent Titles to all in creation. Blessed is the one who has recognized the fragrance of the All-Merciful and been counted among the steadfast. Your sciences will not profit you today, nor your arts, nor your treasures, nor your glory. Cast them all […]

behind your backs, and set your faces towards the Most Sublime Word through which the Scriptures and the Books and this lucid Tablet have been distinctly set forth. Cast away, O concourse of divines, the things ye have composed with the pens of your idle fancies and vain imaginings. By God! The Day-Star of Knowledge hath shone forth above the horizon of certitude. O Baqir! Read and call thou to mind that which was said of old by a believer of thy stock: 'Will ye slay a man because he saith my Lord is God, when He hath already come to you with signs from your Lord? If he be a liar, on him will be his lie, but if he be a man of truth, part of what he threateneth will fall upon you. In truth God guideth not him who is a transgressor, a liar.' O thou who art gone astray! If thou hast any doubt concerning Our conduct, know thou that We bear witness unto that whereunto God hath Himself borne witness ere the creation of the heavens and of the earth, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous. We testify that He is One in His Essence, One in His attributes. He hath none to equal Him in the whole universe, nor any partner in all creation. He hath sent forth His Messengers, and sent down His Books, that they may announce unto His creatures the Straight Path. Hath the Shah been informed, and chosen to close his eyes to thine acts? Or hath he been seized with fear at the howling of a pack of wolves who have cast the Path of God behind their backs and followed in thy way without any clear proof or Book? We have heard that the provinces of Persia have been adorned with the adornment of justice. When We observed closely, however, We found them to be the dawning-places of tyranny and the daysprings of injustice. We behold justice in the clutches of tyranny. We beseech God to set it free through the power of His might and His sovereignty. He, verily, overshadoweth all that is in the heavens and on earth. To none is given the right to protest against anyone concerning that which hath befallen the Cause of God. It behoveth whosoever hath set his face towards the Most Sublime Horizon to cleave tenaciously unto the cord of patience, and to put his reliance in God, the Help in Peril, the Unconstrained. O ye loved ones of God! Drink your fill from the well-spring of wisdom, and walk ye in the garden of wisdom, and soar ye in the atmosphere of wisdom, and speak forth with wisdom and eloquence. Thus biddeth you your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. O Baqir! Rely not on thy glory, and thy power. Thou […]

*that signal its completion art even as the last trace of sunlight upon the mountain-top. Soon will it fade away, as decreed by God, the All-Possessing, the Most High. Thy glory and the glory of such as are like thee have been taken away, and this verily is what hath been ordained by the One with Whom is the Mother Tablet. Where is he to be found who contended with God, and whither is gone he that gainsaid His signs, and turned aside from His sovereignty? Where are they who have slain His chosen ones and spilt the blood of His holy ones? Reflect, that haply thou mayest perceive the breaths of thine acts, O foolish doubter! Because of you the Apostle lamented, and the Chaste One cried out, and the countries were laid waste, and darkness fell upon all regions. O concourse of divines! Because of you the people were abased, and the banner of Islam was hauled down, and its mighty throne subverted. Every time a man of discernment hath sought to hold fast unto that which would exalt Islam, ye raised a clamour, and thereby was he deterred from achieving his purpose, while the land remained fallen in clear ruin. Consider the Sul?an of Turkey! He did not want war, but those like you desired it. When its fires were enkindled and its flames rose high, the government and the people were thereby weakened. Unto this beareth witness every man of equity and perception. Its calamities waxed so great that the smoke thereof surrounded the Land of Mystery and its environs, and what had been revealed in the Tablet of the Sul?an was made manifest. Thus hath it been decreed in the Book, at the behest of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O My Supreme Pen! Leave Thou the mention of the Wolf, and call Thou to remembrance the She-Serpent whose cruelty hath caused all created things to groan, and the limbs of the holy ones to quake. Thus biddeth Thee the Lord of all names, in this glorious station. The Chaste One hath cried out by reason of thine iniquity, and yet thou dost imagine thyself to be of the family of the Apostle of God! Thus hath thy soul prompted thee, O thou who hast withdrawn thyself from God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall be. Judge thou equitably, O She-Serpent! For what crime didst thou sting the children of the Apostle of God, and pillage their possessions? Hast thou denied Him Who created thee by His command 'be, and it was'? Thou hast dealt with the children of the Apostle of God as neither 'Ad hath dealt with Hud, nor Thamud with ?ali?, nor the Jews with the Spirit of God, the Lord of all being. Gainsayest thou the signs of thy Lord which no sooner were sent down from the heaven of His Cause than […]

all the books of the world bowed down before them? Meditate, that thou mayest be made aware of thine act, O heedless outcast! Ere long will the breaths of chastisement seize thee, as they seized others before thee. Wait, O thou who hast joined partners with God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible. This is the day which God hath announced through the tongue of His Apostle. Reflect, that thou mayest apprehend what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an and in this inscribed Tablet. This is the day whereon He Who is the Dayspring of Revelation hath come with clear tokens which none can number. This is the day whereon every man endued with perception hath discovered the fragrance of the breeze of the All-Merciful in the world of creation, and every man of insight hath hastened unto the living waters of the mercy of His Lord, the King of Kings. O heedless one! The tale of the Sacrifice hath been retold, and he who was to be offered up hath directed his steps towards the place of sacrifice, and returned not, by reason of that which thy hand hath wrought, O perverse hater! Didst thou imagine that martyrdom could abase this Cause? Nay, by Him Whom God hath made to be the Repository of His Revelation, if thou be of them that comprehend. Woe betide thee, O thou who hast joined partners with God, and woe betide

them that have taken thee as their leader, without a clear token or a perspicuous Book. How numerous the oppressors before thee who have arisen to quench the light of God, and how many the impious who murdered and pillaged until the hearts and souls of men groaned by reason of their cruelty! The sun of justice hath been obscured, inasmuch as the embodiment of tyranny hath been stablished upon the throne of hatred, and yet the people understand not. The children of the Apostle have been slain and their possessions pillaged. Say: Was it, in thine estimation, their possessions or themselves that denied God? Judge fairly, O ignorant one that hath been shut out as by a veil from God. Thou hast clung to tyranny and cast away justice; whereupon all created things have lamented, and still thou art among the wayward. Thou hast put to death the aged, and plundered the young. Thinkest thou that thou wilt consume that which thine iniquity hath amassed? Nay, by Myself! Thus informeth thee He Who is cognizant of all. By God! The things thou possessest shall profit thee not, nor what thou hast laid up through thy cruelty. Unto this beareth witness Thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Thou hast arisen to put out the light of this Cause; ere long will thine […]

own fire be quenched, at His behest. He, verily, is the Lord of strength and of might. The changes and chances of the world, and the powers of the nations, cannot frustrate Him. He doeth what He pleaseth, and ordaineth what He willeth through the power of His sovereignty. Consider the she-camel. Though but a beast, yet hath the All-Merciful exalted her to so high a station that the tongues of the earth made mention of her and celebrated her praise. He, verily, overshadoweth all that is in the heavens and on earth. No God is there but Him, the Almighty, the Great. Thus have We adorned the heaven of Our Tablet with the suns of Our words. Blessed the man that hath attained thereunto and been illumined with their light, and woe betide such as have turned aside, and denied Him, and strayed far from Him. Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds!

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O beloved of my spirit and heart! May the revered Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, take note:

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

These days are days of new joy, for in the City of Lovers a lover has attained his heart's desire and achieved that which is beloved. Though in one sense it is a time of grief, lamentation and mourning - for it is observed that the thirst of the oppressors remains unquenched, and each day they are seen in fresh flames and boundless conflagration - yet when one who seeks attains the supreme homeland, and a lover resolves to sacrifice himself, drinking with utmost desire and love from the cup of annihilation in the path of the Lord of eternity - a draught whereat the angels of the highest heaven and the cherubim exclaimed "Well done! Well done!" and beyond them the Tongue of Grandeur from the Throne of Glory spoke the words "Blessed, blessed is he!" - this is a station of greatest joy and supreme gladness. For a lover from the City of Lovers has attained that which was the ultimate hope of those who draw nigh and those who yearn. In these days the court of the presence of the Lord of all beings is perfumed with his mention and illumined by the light of utterance. Would that this cup were destined for me and His grace would bestow

upon me that which He has bestowed upon the sincere and the sanctified ones. His is the praise and the glory, His the thanks and the bounty. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O beloved of my heart and joy of my soul! Your letter arrived like spiritual springtime blossoms from the divine Lote-Tree and was beheld. The water of the love of God flows from its every word, for the fragrance of detachment, sincerity and love for the Lord of the worlds and the Ancient King wafts from it and spreads abroad. We beseech God to strengthen your pen and your treasury of love, from which has appeared that which brings delight to eyes and illumination to hearts. After its perusal and reading, it was presented before the Divine Presence, after which permission was granted, and He, blessed and exalted be He, spoke thus:

"O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory, My grace and My mercy! These days are different days, for the fragrance of steadfastness has pervaded the world and fresh musk of utterance is wafting anew from the Lote-Tree of the Purpose of all worlds. The lovers are seized with fresh ecstasy and those who are attracted have a new melody. The breeze of the dawn of Revelation has strengthened the Sinai to utter the final call, the supreme attraction, the sweetest chant, and the most glorious song. This song in one station renews the world and gladdens the nations. In this station the tongue of grace speaks this most exalted word: The blessed fruit has sought the divine Lote-Tree and the goodly leaf has intended the supreme Paradise. The blessed Word of the Book has returned to the Mother Book, and the cry 'The Truth has appeared' has reached the Tree of Sinai. No utterance can fully describe this station, nor can the bird of understanding soar in this atmosphere. What has been mentioned is but a drop from the ocean of the love of God." And in another station the Tongue of Grandeur speaks thus: "O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory and My grace! Verily the serpent has opened its mouth and swallowed its master. Glory be to God! Oppression has reached such a state that justice laments, patience is struck down, and forbearance has taken flight. Yet these countless transgressions and oppressions are the cause and reason for the appearance of the greatest justice, and these sorrows that have come to pass are the cause of supreme joy. Those possessed of vision behold this, and accepted souls comprehend it. Soon will God purify the earth from the defilement of these people. Verily He is the Ruler in the beginning and the end."

The letter of A. H., upon him be my Baha and loving-kindness, attained unto hearing, and the gaze of the Wronged One and the glance of the Beloved were directed towards it. His call hath ever been heard by the Most High. The Hand of Supreme Benevolence and the Great Bestowal hath manifested for him that which transcendeth description by ink, pen, and paper. Lofty and graceful trees have been specially planted for him. How many were the servants who, from the earliest days and thereafter, desired to render assistance and service, yet attained not thereunto; while he desired and attained, reaching that which had been the hope of those near unto God and the desire of the sincere ones. O dove! The Supreme Pen hath testified and doth testify. Reflect upon the bounty of God and His mercy, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of all names! And glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and draw them from the north of sorrow to the right hand of joy through the fragrances of the revealed and inscribed verses.

Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. The servant present hath appeared before the Countenance and presented that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence. Blessed be thy tongue for what it hath acknowledged, and thy pen for what it hath confessed, and thy heart for what it hath accepted. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to exalt that which He hath willed and to manifest that which hath been forbidden to the peoples of the earth. The world is bewildered by these heedless people. At every moment the world calleth out and giveth tidings and showeth forth, yet all remain veiled and heedless save whom God willeth. The loved ones of God must today engage in the assistance of the Truth with perfect patience, forbearance, calm and dignity, and act in accordance with that which is befitting. Say: By the life of God! This is the Day before whose revelation centuries and ages bow down in worship. O loved ones of God and His party! Strive that perchance ye may raise up the dwellers of the graves through the sealed wine. Today is the day of arising, not of sitting, but arising through wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul who, through the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, hath purified both the seen and the unseen from the dust of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Kawthar of His utterance, and hath turned with a pure heart toward the court of God. Though such a one be asleep, yet in the sight of God he is vigilant, hearing and speaking, for all his limbs, members and hair have been manifested through the love of God, have derived strength from His grace and favor, and have arisen to serve. Neither the clamor of the world can prevent this arising, nor can the chains of the people of the contingent world hold back this tongue from utterance. Before all faces He hath said and continueth to say: The Day hath come, yet the people are in a strange sleep. Thus hath the Sun revealed its light and radiance, and the sea its waves, and the Tree its fruits, and the Pen its tokens. We, from this Prison, send Our glorification at this moment to Our loved ones who are described by the All-Merciful in the Qur'an as "honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding," and through what the All-Merciful hath revealed at this time. These are servants whom the power of the world cannot weaken, nor can the hosts of nations prevent. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised. The splendor shining from the horizon of My heaven, and the wave surging from the ocean of My favor, and the light dawning from My western horizon be upon thee and upon My loved ones there, and upon all who are steadfast and firm. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be to God! The inanimate is moved, attracted and gladdened by the fragrances of the utterances of the Lord of creation, yet the people are all deprived save whom our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, willeth. All the world and the communities of nations have been and are beseeching and yearning for God, glorified be His majesty, to hear the blessed word "O My servant" or a word from which the fragrance of relationship might be inhaled. Yet in these days, when they hear at every moment the blessed words "My servant," "My leaf," "My fruit," "O thou who hast turned to the lights of My countenance," "O My loved one," and "O thou who seeketh Me," they pay no heed, for they are deprived of the ocean of knowledge […]

The lamp of loving kindness shineth bright and luminous before all faces, and the radiant beams of the Sun of Truth are manifest and visible from every horizon. They have forsaken all divine favors and heavenly bounties, occupying themselves instead with ancient names. They have taken fancy as their lamp and conjecture as their remedy. I seek forgiveness from God the All-Glorious for the deeds of these heedless souls and the beliefs of this rejected band. Soon shall the hand of divine power rend asunder the

veils and remove the barriers. At that time, the opposers shall be afflicted with a punishment the like of which no ear hath heard nor eye hath seen. The actions of these days have surely reached the ears of that Beloved One. In the land of Sad, what Ibn-i-Dhi'b hath done and continueth to do - verily he hath surpassed his father in oppression, unbelief, hypocrisy and tyranny.

In any case, this servant beseecheth, imploreth and asketh from God, exalted be His glory, that which will cause the removal of veils and the lifting of barriers. Verily our Lord is the Strong, the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

Concerning the mention of Karbila'i Zayn, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise his request, after this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court, these blessed words were revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur. The Lord, blessed and sanctified be He, saith: "O Zayn! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of Creation. Turn thy face toward the House, then turn to Him with such detachment that all created things shall turn with thee. Thus hath the Luminary of utterance shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful. He is the Hearing, the Answering. We have permitted thee what thou didst desire in the path of God, thy Lord, the Lord of all lords. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and permitted what I asked from the ocean of Thy bounty and generosity. My limbs, my members, my outer and inner being all testify that Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful." It endeth thus.

Praise be to God that after this submission, the sun of permission hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's will. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to all the friends in that land, and beseecheth and hopeth that all will seek divine confirmation and assistance for him. Verily our Lord hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He heareth and seeth. There is no God but Him, the Hearing, the Seeing.

Especially for the pilgrims, upon them be the glory of God - meaning those souls who are related to the presence of A and H, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed, each adorned and illumined with the seal of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. A hundred thousand congratulations would be insufficient, nay less than that. As commanded, one must hold fast to wisdom. The people are both ignorant and heedless. In all cases, forbearance is necessary and wisdom is essential. It endeth thus.

In truth, the honored master, His Holiness the Haji, upon him be the eternal glory of God, performed in the days of the Manifestation that which the people of the world are deprived of. This is a testimony which this servant hath repeatedly heard with his own ears from the Tongue of Grandeur.

Another matter is that His Excellency the Crown Prince has not, to this time, outwardly been involved in the blood of this community - this is a gift and favor from God, exalted be His glory, towards him. Would that His Excellency could become aware of this great bounty. If one of the pure-hearted, fair and just officials were to be inspired regarding this matter and make it known, it would be most excellent, for then he would become aware of the divine confirmation and favor that has thus far been shown him and would recognize the value of this great blessing and supreme gift. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His Excellency from this manifest injustice. Praise be to God who has protected him until now and

will continue to do so, for verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. This matter must be confirmed by someone outside this community who will say it, for He inspires whom He wishes with what He wishes, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The cause of martyrdom of the honored teacher (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory and the Most Resplendent Light) in the land of Sad in these days was not sedition, for those who intended sedition had their intentions rejected and were not accepted. God Himself, exalted be His glory, knows of His favors and gifts. Praise and glory be unto Him. He has commanded all to reform and forbidden them from corruption, and through His supreme grace prevented the manifestation of rancor and hatred. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Regarding what was mentioned about the two sacred books, they were instructed to bring the volumes to His presence so that His Excellency could make multiple copies, after which His Holiness Alif and Ha (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God) and each of the steadfast ones could obtain copies. Those two were read in his presence and corrected. The previous verses with anyone should be erased as they are not correct.

And regarding what was mentioned about the Chief Artist (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God) and his intention, it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. His blessed and exalted Word states: “Excellent is what he has intended. Praise be to God.” His work and service are present before the Face. In truth, this work of his has no equal and will be eternally preserved in the Book of God. We give permission for him to paint a limited number for Abu’l-Jamal and Abu’l-Hassan specifically for that honored one and one or two of the friends. This is from God’s favor, His Most Great Bounty, and His Most Perfect and Complete Gift. Glory from Us be upon him, his son, his wife, and upon those who have witnessed what God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, has witnessed. A limited number is permitted; if increased it is not beloved, and the reason is known. Praise be to God, they are assisted and confirmed, and likewise are the seekers and those who have attained. The Branches of the Blessed Tree (may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps) mention that beloved one with utmost grace and send greetings and praise. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who hear your words in this Most Great, Mighty and Protected Cause.

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

Praise be to the Lord of creation and the King of existence, Who is worthy and deserving, for through the rays of the Sun of Revelation He hath illumined the world of utterance and through His perfect power

hath raised aloft the banner proclaiming “Verily He is the Truth” to the highest station of possibility. He is the Omnipotent One Whom neither armies, ranks, rifles nor cannons can prevent from that which He desireth, and through His all-pervading might and conquering power He taketh whatsoever He willeth and bestoweth whatsoever He desireth. The hand of God is above all hands and His command prevaileth over the highest and the lowest. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath announced what hath appeared and shall appear, and hath revealed every hidden secret. Verily He is the Lord of destiny Who hath called all to His Most Great Horizon.

Today the straight path is manifest, the true balance is set up, the verses are revealed, the evidences are clear, the sun of bounty is shining and the ocean of generosity is surging. Nevertheless the people of the earth remain deprived and portionless, save whom God willeth. All are occupied with that which is with the creation and are deprived of that which is with the Truth. Wondrous talismans have appeared, and there hath been sent down from the divine Kingdom of Will that which no previous Books or Scriptures can equal. Glory be to God! What hath happened that despite this Cause which hath encompassed both past and future, the people remain heedless and deprived of this supreme bounty? Every group clinging to some book or scroll or pages, yet heedless of the Kingdom of verses. In one instance the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth this most exalted Word - blessed and exalted be His saying: “Do ye object to Him Who hath come unto you with all the proofs and evidences of God?” to the end of His blessed utterance. Similar statements have repeatedly been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur and revealed by the Most Exalted Pen, yet the unjust people have risen in tyranny and cling to that which harmeth rather than benefiteth them. Shame upon them and perdition! Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss and in a barren station.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your service and your steadfastness […]

O Afnan! The darkness of oppression and the gloom of people’s deeds have veiled the radiance of the Sun of Justice, and the smoke has encompassed the world. Yet tribulations and hardships have not awakened souls, for their hearts have been deprived of acceptance and awareness through the punishment of their abhorrent deeds. O Afnan! How many are those who have witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance of the All-Merciful, yet remain halted and heedless. Beseech God that He may not deprive His servants of the lights of the dawn of inner meanings, and that He may adorn His loved ones with the ornament of love and unity. Say: The most beloved of all things in the sight of God is agreement in His Cause. Indeed it is exalted in rank and station. Hold fast unto it, O people of Baha, then give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Bountiful. O Afnan! Be vigilant, watchful and mindful in the service of God, your Beloved, your Goal and the Goal of all worlds. You have indeed shown great diligence in serving the Cause, which merits beautiful mention from God. Praise be to God that through His grace you have attained and are adorned with a remembrance whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. He has verily exalted you and related you to Him, and He is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Your attention, humility and supplication are mentioned before God. Rejoice in My grace, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded both worlds. Convey My greetings to the friends of God, if wisdom permits, and say: Know the station of this time and arise to redeem what has passed. By God’s life! You are the stars of the heaven of manifestation. Know your worth and lose not this mighty station. Act in accordance with what befits the Day of God. Thus have We revealed the pearls of utterance from the ocean of My bounty which has encompassed all who are in

the heavens and on earth. There are souls who stand before Our eyes, but mention of their names is and has been concealed due to wisdom. By My life! Were they to know their station, they would soar on wings of longing in this atmosphere wherein is heard what Moses heard on Sinai. He Who spoke therein beareth witness to this, but most of the people are heedless. May the Glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you, O Afnan, and upon those who are with you and love you, by the command of God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The days are most precious, the Cause most mighty, and the grace most great. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant all a portion from the ocean of His mercy in this blessed Day and to adorn them with the garment of His good-pleasure. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing.

That which was written concerning Jinab-i-Mulla Raj, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, is truly a cause for wonderment, inasmuch as the Day of God does not call for such mentions, nor has it ever done so. God, exalted be His glory, says: "This is not the Day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when hearing the Call, to say: 'Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all names! Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the first and the last!'" to the end of His mighty and exalted utterance. He likewise says: "I love to proclaim in every state: 'Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.'"

Apart from these matters, in every condition whatsoever there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which sufficeth the world and all that dwell therein. From aforetime, revelation hath been sent down concerning every branch of knowledge, but due to migration and the intense enmity and hypocrisy of the peoples of the earth and the oppression of tyrants, these writings have remained scattered and dispersed, and some have been lost. God willing, his honor will be assisted to teach the Cause of God and to turn the faces of souls unto His countenance. This is a deed that hath no peer or equal in this day. And since there are differences between philosophers and theologians concerning certain questions, with each group having expressed its own views, his honor hath desired to discover that which is true. However, the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath forbidden all from questioning in this blessed Day.

Some time ago, Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, posed certain questions, and there was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, as a bounty unto him, that which increaseth the fair-minded and moveth those who hesitate. Let his honor obtain a copy thereof and deliver it to the aforementioned one. God willing, upon studying it, he will find himself independent of the questions mentioned. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earth, to make his honor a leader of the servants, their guide and their enlightener. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And concerning what was mentioned about Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God and His praise–praise be to God, he is assisted in mentioning God and teaching His Cause. His letters have reached certain of the friends in this land, and the details have been presented at the Most Holy Court. In these days, God willing, a reply will be sent.

And concerning what was written about the funds, this servant, in accordance with the instruction of that Beloved One, sent a receipt of acknowledgment. God willing, may all the friends receive their portion from the divine fragrances of these days and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Thus far, whenever anyone hath been mentioned at the Most Holy Court and some measure of

acceptance hath been shown by him, he hath become the recipient of the dawning grace from the horizon of bounty, for were it not for divine bounty, few among the servants would be found worthy of grace. The Day is God's Day, the Manifestation is God's Manifestation, and the effulgences of the Sun of Bounty have encompassed the world. Thus it is that whosoever hath evinced the slightest fragrance of love hath attained unto that which, at present, is hidden from eyes and sight. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will enable all to preserve that which He hath bestowed and will assist them to do so, for many deeds efface good works and rend asunder the veils. The Command is in God's hands–there is none other God but He, the Doer, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was written about the divine tablets, thus far all names specifically mentioned before the Most Holy Court have been the recipients of grace from the Dawning-Place of bounty. However, according to His command, that beloved one must act with wisdom as required, for in all conditions you must observe wisdom, and whatsoever contradicts it is not permissible in the Holy Court. He has said: "O Afnan! God doeth whatsoever He willeth." For instance, in these days We do not associate with the noble ones of the city and the princes who come and go, yet in these days We summoned one of the thieves. The Manifestation of the Revelation and the Speaker of Sinai conversed with him for a time and counselled him as was befitting. Nevertheless, the Afnan must in all conditions be mindful of wisdom. This is Our command and Our decree in the Scriptures and Tablets.

The command of wisdom hath been revealed with great firmness. The honored Afnans, upon them be all His most glorious Baha, and the other friends, upon them be the Glory of God, must act in accordance with it, lest that which would disturb souls should appear.

Concerning what you wrote about Mirza Badi'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented, the Tongue of God spoke these words, exalted and glorified be His utterance: "O My Afnan! Badi' has been and is under the glances of God's loving-kindness, glorified be His majesty. Blessed is he and his father who sacrificed his life in My path. We have accepted him as a bounty from Our presence and have mentioned him with such mention before which all mentions bow down." Convey Our greetings to him and send him the glad tidings of God's favor.

The son of his honor Mu?sin, upon him be My glory, needs counsel. Should he become aware of his father's station, he would arise as befitteth him. Verily He commandeth His loved ones with that which benefiteth them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends of M, after it was presented in the Most Holy Court, He spoke words from which it was understood that the cause and reason were not confined to the two persons mentioned, but rather some others were also partly responsible. Beseech God that those who claim divine love may be adorned with the garment of unity. By the ocean of utterance! Had the friends of God who are in various regions attained to and acted upon that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, surely the light of fairness would have dispelled the darkness of oppression, and the radiance of the sun of justice would have prevailed over the gloom of tyranny. Although this land was called the Most Great Prison, in truth the Hand of God's power made it the Most Exalted Paradise, and all those within and without testify and bear witness to this fact. Extraordinary blessings in trade became manifest, and every elevated place became a spot for the recreation of companions, despite the heedless and the

transgressors. The doors of relief and joy were opened, yet from certain ignorant ones heedlessness and pride were observed, which ultimately led to treachery. God, exalted be His glory, knows what has happened and what will happen. Knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The purpose of these submissions is that had the friends of God who are in various regions acted upon what God hath revealed, the earth would now be observed in a different state. Such utterances have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen, and this servant has heard them.

A petition from Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan (the weaver) - upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] - reached the Most Holy Court and was at one time presented before the Throne, and an answer was sent down from the heaven of grace. God willing, they will drink from the fountainhead of its words the sweet waters of mercy and wisdom, and will arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the insinuations of the opposers, nor the conditions of the heedless, nor the might of princes, nor the power of the mighty shall hold them back. Those souls who have truly inhaled the fragrance of this Revelation - even should the entire world arise in opposition - would accord no station or dignity to such opposition, nor ever shall. These are servants whom the conditions of the pharaohs prevent not from turning unto God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, our Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds. This evanescent servant, who is utter nothingness and absolute extinction, presents his submission to the honored Afnans - upon them be the glory of God, His mercy, His grace and His favor. It is hoped that your honor will convey this. May the Glory that is manifest, evident and shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those whom this fleeting life has not prevented from attaining unto everlasting stations, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Exalted Word from God, the Lord of all beings. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Last and the First.

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

Blessed is He in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things. He createth whatsoever He willeth by His command, and verily He is powerful over all things. He giveth life and causeth death, then He raiseth to life as He pleaseth through a breath from the breezes that waft from His Pen, the influence and decree of which encompasseth the worlds. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the Divine Mouth, the Tongue of God, the Speaking, the Articulate, which speaketh in all things: "Verily, I am God; there is none other God but Me. I have created all contingent beings for My meeting, and have brought all existing things into being that they might stand before the gates of My Cause." Thus have We ordained aforetime and thus do We now reveal it in truth, that thou mayest be possessed of knowledge thereof.

Know then that thy letter hath come before the Divine Throne, and We have read it and become acquainted with its contents. When We found therein the fragrance of thy love for God and thy sincerity

towards Him, We therefore answered thee with these words, each letter of which, were one possessed of insight to behold it, would testify that all shine forth like the sun in the midst of the heaven of knowledge, illuminating the hearts of them that have set their faces toward the Divine Countenance and have detached themselves from every rebellious devil. Put thy trust in all things in God and He will suffice thee, sending down upon thee that which is ordained for thee. Verily He doth watch over His servants. He will never forsake His loved ones for a moment, but will be with them in all conditions, causing the melodies of the spirit to surge within their breasts. Indeed His grace hath ever been great toward the doers of good. He exalteth whom He willeth through the sovereignty of His Cause and abaseth every proud and wretched one. Blessed art thou, O thou who gazest toward the Holy Court, for having remained steadfast in the Cause of God and His religion, and for having recognized thy Lord in these days when all have turned away from Him after He came unto them with all the signs and with a sovereignty that was manifest. His servants, who were created by His command, opposed Him and denied Him in Whom they had believed, unaware in their vain lives of what they had perpetrated. Thus have We sealed their hearts such that they understand not a word. Thou hast tasted of the fruits of the Tree that hath been raised up in truth and planted by the hand of the All-Merciful in the midst of the Ridvan, and hast drunk the water of life from the lips of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. Cut thyself off entirely from them that have disbelieved and associated partners with God and broken their covenant and turned back on their heels. Arise to promote the Cause through God's might and power and say: O company of the heedless! Do ye doubt God Who created all things by His command and created you for His meeting and came to you with a Cause before which all in the heavens and earth shall prove powerless, did ye but know it? Do ye turn your backs on the Most Great Ocean while drinking the bitter waters of hell? Woe unto you, O company of sinners! How long will ye occupy yourselves with your selves and your desires, and not turn toward the desert wherein every Prophet did remove his sandals and walk barefoot? Fear God and dispute not with Him through Whom was established the prophethood of every Prophet, the message of every Messenger, the proof of every bearer of proof, the authority of every bearer of authority, the evidence of every possessor of evidence, the sign of every guide, the faith of every believer, the certitude of every one convinced, and the knowledge of every learned one elevated. Say: Fear God, then open your eyes that ye may behold the Sun of Glory at its zenith with the sovereignty of grandeur and independence. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the wondrous effulgences of its dawning. Fear the day when God's wrath and vengeance shall return you, and be God-fearing in this Cause. Say: O people! Dispute not with Him Who speaketh among you with truth and remindeth you of this Great Announcement which hath ever been supreme in all the Tablets. Say: By God! Were ye to discover the root of the matter, ye would sacrifice yourselves in the path of Him Who remindeth you with this Remembrance–how much more for My Beauty that encompasseth the worlds! Fear God, O people, and spread not corruption in the earth, and speak not according to the promptings of your souls and your desires, but rather speak from your seats that which the Spirit inspireth […]

That which hath been enjoined upon you in the Tablets - interpret not the words of God according to your desires, for this is indeed a grievous error in the Tablet. Say: O people! Associate not partners with God. He hath taken unto Himself neither partner, nor likeness, nor peer, nor equal, nor opposite, nor similitude. He hath been and will forever remain One in His Essence, and none shall deny this save every ignorant doubter. Say: Purify your hearts from doubt and misgiving, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful,

in these days, and be not of them that rest at ease upon their seats. Is he who calleth the people unto the All-Merciful like unto him who calleth them unto Satan? Nay, by My glorious and mighty Self, the All-Bountiful - were ye but to know it! Say: O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and upon Me, for ye know what I have borne in the Cause of God for the exaltation of His Word. Beware lest ye differ in His Cause and be not an oppressive wretch. Say: Are diverse lords better for you than He Who hath been One from all eternity, Whose oneness every atom doth attest? Beware, O people, lest ye ascribe partners unto Him. Purify your faces for God, your Creator, then call upon Him at eventide and at dawn, and He will verily answer you with truth and send down upon you that which shall make you independent of all else on earth. O people! Fear ye God and refute not the truth by that which ye possess. Read ye what We have revealed in this Tablet, then ponder it, that ye may know what God intendeth for you. This is better for you than all ye love, and God is witness unto this.

O thou servant! Convey that which thou art bidden and fear no one. Verily thy Lord will protect thee from those who dispute the signs of God and follow their own desires, and who are far removed from the straight path. We have loved thee aforetime and have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thine eyes may be consoled thereby, that thou mayest read it purely for thy Lord's sake and reflect upon that which hath flowed from the wondrous Pen of Glory. And the splendor of God be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the power of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, and who remain steadfast in the true path.

Hearken with thine ear, in the Persian tongue, to the firm words of God, and praise thou the Ancient Beloved that thou hast attained unto the recognition of His Self. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! This is a bounty which, like unto the Essence of Truth itself, hath had and shall have no peer or likeness in all creation, from time immemorial unto time everlasting. Shouldst thou render thanks throughout thy entire life for this abiding divine gift, it would assuredly be but little in comparison with this most great bounty. Blessed art thou that thou hast drunk from the Most Glorious Wine and been sustained by the blessings of the Supreme Paradise. However, seek thou refuge with God at all times, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the path of God, for the deceitful and guileful are ever engaged with all their cunning and strategems that perchance they might prevent people from approaching the holy and eternal Spring. Like unto wolves they lie in wait for the servants, busying themselves in diverse ways to snatch them away, save those whom God hath preserved through His power. The Oppressor of the world hath arisen in hypocrisy and claimed to be oppressed. O thou helper of the Truth! He hath not appeared with such sovereignty that His manifestations of power, His revealed verses, and His evident signs could remain hidden from anyone save those who have veiled themselves with the veils of idle fancy and clung to the flimsiest of dwellings. What regret and remorse shall be the portion of such souls who have remained heedless of the Sovereign of all possibility and who have found joy in clinging to this or that one. Fie upon them and upon that which their hands have wrought and that which their souls and desires have commanded them! But that honored one must not be saddened by the turning away of those that have turned aside, for the greater the Revelation, the more powerful have been and shall be its deniers and those that turn away from it. This hath been among the ways of God, and none hath understood its wisdom save My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self. And think not that Revelation is such that any soul may, whenever it pleaseth, manifest itself in any day or hour. The wondrous Revelation was specifically

reserved for the Primal Point, exalted be His grandeur, and "whoso associateth any partner with Him hath verily disbelieved in God and His signs and His Messengers and His chosen ones, and hath been recorded among the idolators in the Tablets by the Pen of Glory." And those who have dawned forth from that Luminary of the heaven of inner meanings and that Sun of eternal glory are considered as mirrors in the sight of God, and this station endureth so long as they remain in a state of facing Him, but after deviation they are and shall be as nothing. Blessed are they that have turned unto Him! That holy and eternal Being was the Herald of this glorious and divine Revelation, and now all besides God stand at one level and one station. Whosoever hath become assured and hath faced Him, upon him have shone the lights of the never-setting Sun, and he is mentioned as being of the people of God in all the Tablets, and besides this all are unmentioned and are and shall be consigned to the fire. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Whosoever hath believed in and become assured of this Revelation is facing all who are in the heavens and the earth. And in the manifestation of this Most Great, Most Glorious Revelation, even though but days had elapsed since My previous Revelation, there lieth a hidden wisdom and a veiled mystery, reserved for an appointed time, which none hath known or shall ever know.

Let no soul save he who gazes upon the Hidden Book, therefore seek thou from God that thou mayest attain unto that Book, for We have not yet made it manifest and its appearance hath been and shall remain suspended in the heaven of Will. In all the heavenly Books, from that which was revealed from the beginning that hath no beginning until this time, in all of them mention of this hidden Manifestation hath been made, and all the Prophets in their primal reality have been its heralds, such that should any soul now observe with penetrating vision the Tablets revealed aforetime, he would become aware that the Cause of God hath not been a frivolous thing that any soul might lay claim to it. Woe unto those who have openly denied God and turned away from a grace the like of which hath not appeared between the heavens and the earths.

At the time of the Ancient Beauty's departure from Iraq, it was revealed in Tablets sent to various regions that the Calf would cry out, the Samiri would appear, and the birds of night would stir after the setting of the Sun. The Samiri and the Calf did appear, but the birds of night are those souls who arise to make claims and measure the Spirit of God by their own standards and consider His words like unto their own. Now if thou wouldst reflect upon the manifestations of power and the extraordinary signs that have appeared in this most wondrous and exalted Revelation, thou wouldst comprehend how great the Cause of God hath been and will be. Say: O people! Be not content with a mere drop from the Most Great Ocean, and seek not to cling to a shadow when the Sun of unfading glory hath risen and shineth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings. If ye show no mercy unto yourselves, at least show mercy unto the Cause of God and consider how many infinite tribulations and countless afflictions I have borne so that the Cause of God might become manifest, encompassing and evident to all else besides Him. Say: O loved ones of God! It behooveth you on this day to raise up the pavilion of detachment upon the shores of this Most Great, Most Exalted Ocean and to unite in the Cause of God and His ways. Show at least some fairness and be not the cause of discord. Today it is incumbent upon all the loved ones to manifest themselves in such wise that all who dwell in earth and heaven may inhale from them the sweet savors of truth, for mere verbal claims cannot suffice. Say: None can find protection from the Cause of God today save through obedience to My Command. This verily is the truth that hath been sent down in all the

Tablets, were ye of those who understand. All besides God have been and ever shall be created beings, and never have they been nor shall they ever be capable of transgressing their limitations. However high a contingent being may soar, it can never transcend its own contingent nature. Hearken unto the counsel of this compassionate Counsellor. Say: O people! By God! This servant's life hath ever been in the hands of His enemies, as ye have witnessed and do now witness. Not for a moment have I sought to preserve it, while ye all dwell secure and at rest in your homes. Yet even if ye arise not to aid Me, at least be not the cause of My harm, and be not of those who distort the words of God and interpret them according to their desires. Truth hath ever been and shall forever remain independent of the belief or denial of all created things. That He counseleth His servants is a grace bestowed upon the servants themselves, that perchance a few may pass from the narrow confines of mortality to the holy precincts of everlasting life and attain the Most Sublime Vision and the most exalted, most pure station. This hath been and shall ever remain crystal clear. Neither doth the belief of His servants profit Him nor their denial harm Him. Rather, belief and denial pertain to the believers and deniers themselves. God speaketh the truth, but most people understand not. O Nasir! Be thou confident in God's grace and steadfast in His Cause. Ere long the rain of His bounty shall descend upon thee from the clouds of eternal glory. Verily, He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and sendeth down through His truth according to a decreed measure. All praise be to God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Then give greetings from Our presence to thy family, then give them the glad-tidings of the good-pleasure of God, the King, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, and of the mercy which hath shone forth from the Dawning-Place of eternity from the direction of the throne of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Upon thee and upon Our sincere servants be the glory of God.

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

Praise be to the Goal of the world Who hath revealed that which was hidden in hearts and souls, Who hath distinguished the righteous from the wicked like unto light from darkness, and made them manifest. Exalted be His might and great be His dominion! And blessings and peace be upon the Lord by Whom was inscribed the decree of lordship among creation, through Whom shone forth the light of unity and were raised the banners of victory and triumph amidst all created things, and upon His family and companions whom God made the shepherds of His flock and guides of His servants, and upon every steadfast and upright one, and every knower who hath uttered that which he was commanded in His perspicuous Book.

And then, my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance and your utterance! Your esteemed letter was the source of true joy and spiritual delight, for every word thereof testified to the oneness of God, exalted be His glory, and to your health and well-being. After reading and perusing it, I sought the Presence, and after receiving permission to enter, I presented it before Him. He said:

"O My Afnan! Upon thee be My peace and My glory! We were walking in the house when We heard a call, as though the caller were giving Me glad tidings of that which had befallen the friends of God and His chosen ones. This is the day wherein the Most Great Branch turned toward the Prison for the sake of

God, the Lord of destiny. Then We heard again from the right side: 'O people of the Crimson Ark! Rejoice in that the Trustworthy One hath turned toward a mighty fortress and a manifest prison for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.'"

In truth, this is a day of joy and gladness. By My life, in the City of Lovers a feast of delight hath been spread that shall never be folded up, for on this day the lovers in the City of Unity and Concord, with utmost longing, sacrificed their souls and offered them up for the sake of the One Beloved. The might of bloodthirsty oppressors deterred them not, nor did the wrathful tongues of the savage ones hold them back from their purpose. How wondrous, nay doubly wondrous, that which hath come to pass - the like of which the eye of time hath never witnessed! Without cause or reason, suddenly the fire of hatred was kindled. On the twenty-third of the blessed month of Ramadan, the wolves of the earth set upon the divine sheep. Without proof or evidence, such tyranny was unleashed that caused the realities of existence to weep. Those possessed of hearing can this day hear the lamentation of all things. They seized those who were the dawning-places of virtues and the daysprings of refinement. First they took all they possessed, then with diverse torments put seven souls to death, in such wise that every soul who heard of it wailed in grief. One of those souls uttered these exalted words: "O people! The Prince of Martyrs - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - cried out in the land of Taff, 'Is there any who will help me?' This lowly one declareth, 'Is there any who will behold me?'" It is reported that some they hanged and set ablaze, while others they cut to pieces and burned. One of those souls addressed these exalted words to the tyrannical commander, saying: "For forty years have I awaited this day, that this hair of mine might be dyed with my blood in the path of God." In brief, they first commanded them to recant and curse this Wronged One. They refused, and with supreme steadfastness acknowledged that which was written in the divine Books of old and of recent times. These events had no connection to the land of Ta. They wrote that when Zillu's-Sultan merely heard that the Wanderer had been seized, fearing lest secrets be revealed, he commanded his son to do what transpired, that perchance he might once again render His Majesty the King - may God assist him - heedless, lest he become aware of his internal enemy. After despairing of the wronged ones of the world, he martyred Siyyid Ashraf in the land of Sad with unprecedented tyranny. The purpose of all these deeds was that the secrets of his breast and the treachery of his eye might remain concealed.

O Afnan, upon thee be My glory! Thou knowest that this Wronged One hath in all Tablets forbidden this party from corruption, conflict and contention. The writing of anonymous letters and casting them before houses and in streets is the way of the ignorant and the base ones of the earth. By the blood of the martyrs in the land of Ya, We have had and have no purpose save the reformation of the world and the edification of the souls of the peoples. This party hath, without concealment or veiling, mentioned before the faces of rulers and divines that which conduceth to the exaltation, elevation, comfort and tranquility of the peoples of the world. By the life of God! Their purpose is to serve the government and nation, not to engage in that which would lead to corruption, conflict and contention. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one, and every learned and informed one. Never hath any incident or movement from these souls been witnessed in the land. God is sufficient witness to this.

In the land of Ta [Tehran] they arrested two of these companions, and likewise Sayyah and his associate. According to reports, Sayyah threw himself from the window attempting to escape, but broke his leg and

was unable to flee. Praise be to God for this - your honor knows in detail what his purpose was. This Wronged One intended to send a few words to His Majesty the King of Iran, may the All-Merciful strengthen him, that perhaps contrary to what has passed, he might grasp those things that ensure the perpetuity of his government and the preservation of his glory, and in all conditions do what befits his station. These are those words:

O King! It behooveth, nay it is imperative upon Your Majesty in such days as these that the justice of God's shadow on earth inquire of Sayyah Effendi, the true minister of the noble court: What was the purpose of your journey to Akka in that known year? By whose direction was it made? What was your objective? And what response did you receive? However, this has not yet been sent, for it is not known whether Your Majesty will hearken unto the petitions of the wronged ones of the world. By My life! This Wronged One has ever held fast to that which prevents corruption and preserves order. Though forty years have passed, during which in every year the hosts of self and passion have assailed the innocent and shed pure and holy blood, yet none arose in defense. All have held fast to the cord of divine commands and clung to the hem of His laws, and continue to do so. This matter is as clear and evident as the sun. Either His Majesty the King of Iran - may God preserve him - and the ministers and princes of the government have not noticed, or they have noticed and deemed it expedient to turn a blind eye. Would that someone could be found with whom this Wronged One might make a firm and binding covenant that this community, so long as they exist in Iran, would arise to serve the government - a covenant that the passage of centuries and ages would not alter, and that time would not erase. However, since there are many deceivers in the world, the acceptance of this matter is difficult. God knows that whatsoever this Wronged One mentions is adorned with the ornament of truth and is sanctified from erasure and change. We beseech God to aid the ministers of Iran to look upon matters with the eye of justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Lord of gifts and favors.

This evanescent servant beseeches from the Eternal Truth that which brings assurance to hearts and justice to souls. For forty years this community has dwelt in the domains of this eternal empire, and during this time no opposition has appeared from any soul. If occasionally an outcry has been raised, its cause has been certain Iranian officials, as in this year when they have groundlessly harassed some in Baghdad, as though they understood their own glory to lie in the abasement of the servants of God. Nevertheless, none uttered a word, bearing tribulations for the sake of God. And since they are commanded to patience, submission and contentment, they therefore hold fast to the cord of trust and cling to the hem of resignation.

From the day that His Majesty Sultan Abdul-Hamid Khan - may God, the Blessed and Exalted, strengthen him - ascended the throne of sovereignty, he has striven day and night in the affairs of the realm and the comfort of his subjects. Upon merely hearing that a place has caught fire, he personally rises to extinguish it. In truth, he is a sign of God's mercy unto creation. Wherever there appears the slightest famine, that blessed being immediately convenes an assembly under his leadership and takes whatever measures are necessary for its relief. In all hardships he is the helper of the nation, and in all matters the well-wisher of his subjects. None denies his grace save the envious deceiver. Indeed, among the Ottoman sultans none like this blessed being has appeared - or if one has, this community was not aware of it.

In any case, it is necessary and obligatory for this community to beseech God, exalted be His glory, night and day for the might, wealth, exaltation and health of that blessed being. Verily, God is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

This servant is greatly perplexed, for this time in Iran there has appeared that which had no cause, and from what they have done they had a purpose, which was to remove doubts and conceal misdeeds. Every fair-minded person will understand from what has been mentioned who and what was the source and origin of these affairs. Now it has become necessary for this servant to mention somewhat of what has occurred, that perhaps the hand of divine power may raise up a soul who would hold fast to justice and fairness.

This week these reports arrived: On the night of the 23rd of the blessed Ramadan, they seized two souls in the mosque of Sheikh Hasan Sabzavari and brought them before the governor. After much torment and extraction of money, they released them. Then they seized those two souls again along with five others - each of whom was like a lamp illumined with proper conduct and virtuous character - and in public thoroughfares struck them with stones, clubs and chains until they reached the presence of His Excellency, expressing joy and delight at the abasement and humiliation of those friendless and helpless souls, doing what no eye has seen nor ear has heard. Then they summoned the clergy and incited them until they issued a decree, after which they placed a rope around one person in their presence, dragging that innocent one forward and taking the other six behind him. Some they beheaded in various places and […]

Some they cut into pieces, and those pure and holy bodies they burn with fire. Then they command the Jews to take those bones and cast them into pits. God knows that tongue and pen are ashamed of what they have done. And some have written that they placed one person before a cannon. In brief, oppression reached such a point that Justice itself wept. At night they were occupied with revelry and merry-making, the whole city was illuminated with lamps, and instruments of pleasure were at hand. The rabble of the city went about with drums and tambourines, uttering curses and imprecations. Such tumult ensued that the people of the city complained of the chaos that occurred that night. The wives and children of those martyrs remained that night without helper, companion or sustenance. It is reported that subjects of foreign powers, with utmost love and kindness, secretly sent provisions and assisted the oppressed ones to the extent possible. And it is reported that His Majesty the Shah of Iran was unaware and uninformed of these matters, all of which occurred by order of the governor of the Land of Sad [Isfahan], whose purpose was to keep His Majesty - may God strengthen him - ignorant of these hidden secrets. Glory be to God! Such occurrences will cause a time when, by the decree of the clergy, all people will rise against the government itself. Great astonishment has overtaken me that they were content to create such disgrace and chaos by these manifestations of suspicion and fancy. God is witness and aware that if there had been the slightest fault or misconduct by those souls, this servant and his Master would not have mentioned them. The peerless One God is witness that after divine grace and heavenly favor, the attention of this people is fixed upon royal justice. Now I beseech that Your Majesty personally investigate what has occurred and make inquiries, that what is hidden may be revealed and enemy distinguished from friend, and that you may turn your attention to assisting these oppressed ones of the world. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist His Majesty the Sultan to look after his oppressed subjects

and the just servants of God. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Generous.

At this point the Master - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - uttered these sublime words: “What was the fault of Mu’inu’l-Mulk that they dismissed him? He in no way neglected his service and duties. Praise be to God that through him and his name no harm occurred. If you reach his presence, convey greetings from the Wronged One and say: ‘Patience, O Mu’inu’l-Mulk, if adversity befalls, for the end of beautiful patience is beautiful. After the darkness of night comes the light of morning, and after the eclipse of the sun its radiance and splendor become manifest.’ We beseech God, blessed and exalted, to assist him and enable him to practice justice whose fragrance and traces will not cease. Verily He is the Bestower, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” End quote.

Every day this servant has been and is anticipating news of Your Honor’s health and well-being, and surely you will show kindness and make it known. Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon Your Honor and upon those who love you and hear your word for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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

Praise befitteth and is meet for my Beloved, Who hath guided His loved ones to the stream of His mercy and made them aware: some hastened with their whole being and drank thereof, while others remained bewildered in the claws of idle fancies. The burden of meaningless words from the learned hath deprived the ears of the servants from hearkening to the melody of God and prevented them from hearing the songs of the Nightingale of eternity. The thick veils of conjecture have left eyes bereft of beholding the light of His countenance on this divine Day. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to rend asunder these veils by the hand of His power, even as He hath done, and to deliver the ears from this greatest of burdens, even as He hath delivered them, that all may not be deprived of the effulgent splendors of His Revelation nor be forbidden from hearing His soul-stirring divine call. His is the grace, His the bounty, and His the grandeur. Yet the colocynth shall never taste of sweetness nor find therein any pleasure. The goodly counsels of the Prophets yielded no fruit with Satan, nor left any trace. Nevertheless, we have not been, nor shall we ever be, by God’s leave, in despair of His ocean of mercy. We beseech Him to strengthen and assist all. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Be it known that the letter from that honored loved one brought perfect joy, adorned as it was with the mention and praise of the Beloved of the world and the Goal of all peoples. Moreover it brought glad tidings, conveying news of health and well-being. After perusing its contents, attention was directed to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and following the granting of permission to arise, the letter was presented before His presence. Likewise was your petition presented before the Throne. One Most Holy,

Most Glorious, Most Mighty Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for you, and this evanescent one hath transcribed it from the original revelation and dispatched it. God willing, you shall attain unto it and drink from the oceans of divine mercy concealed within its exalted words. Regarding what you wrote about the handmaidens of God, it is evident that you have extended and continue to extend to the male and female servants of God whatever kindness lies within your power. Today all who have turned to God must occupy themselves with serving one another. Praise be to God that you have been assisted in this, and though you have truly borne hardships in this matter, the recompense thereof is treasured and preserved with God. Every deed performed for God's sake will assuredly receive its compensation both in this world and the next. In all conditions one must be mindful of praiseworthy characteristics and act with wisdom, for to do otherwise causes distress and sorrow.

And regarding what you wrote about the Most Great Name J.M., upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. These are the words uttered by the Beloved, exalted be His grandeur: […]

Verily, We mention Our Name "The Beauty" as We have mentioned it before, and We give him glad tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness, and My mercy, for I am the Compassionate, the Generous. Blessed art thou, O Abdul-Hussein, for having honored his dwelling when he came to thee out of love for God, the Lord of the worlds. From this station We send Our greetings upon him and upon thee and upon those who have believed in these days and have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and have testified to that which God, the Goal of all mystics, hath testified.

This servant conveys his greetings and salutations to them. Wherever they have gone, convey to them that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. The most important of all matters is the teaching of the Cause. Repeatedly hath this word been heard from the Ancient Tongue: This duty is incumbent upon all the friends, but it must be done with wisdom and utterance. For if any of the matters that are today obligatory and necessary should cause commotion, it is not permissible to act upon it. One must speak with perfect wisdom and utterance, without mention of this matter, and then, when the soil is found to be receptive, cast the word. To exceed these bounds was not and is not permissible. All teachers must, as commanded, observe the established teachings, lest the infant of mystic knowledge perish at the outset from heavy food and fail to attain true maturity, which is the station of recognizing the Lord of all being.

Likewise, after people have shown interest, one must impart to the seekers that which is beloved and acceptable in the sight of God, lest conflict, disputation and corruption appear from anyone and become the cause of the world's people being veiled. All must know with perfect certainty that the purpose of the Truth was not and is not to cause corruption, disputation and conflict, but rather for the unity of hearts, the fellowship of souls, the reformation of the world and the well-being of all. If these matters are not truly understood as they should be, they may become the cause of sedition and turmoil.

Should His Holiness Ismu'llah-i-Jamal, upon him be all My most glorious and resplendent Glory, proceed to Kermanshah and those regions and act with consummate wisdom, perchance the fire of love may be ignited in those lands; or he may choose and send someone suitable. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up souls that are assured, certain, steadfast and resolute, and to adorn them with the

ornament of wisdom, that all the peoples of the world may derive nobility from their breath and be illumined by their light. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

If you have inquired about his honor the beloved, His Holiness Ismu'l-Jud, upon him be all My most glorious and resplendent Glory, praise be to God, he dwelleth near the House, is engaged in serving the Cause, is gazing toward the horizon of God's good-pleasure, and is drinking from the ocean of grace. Happy is he and those who love him, and this servant is among the lovers.

As to what was written about one of the khans and several of the sons of the Friend and heirs of the Interlocutor having turned toward the divine direction, this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and specifically for each one wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the King of Oneness, that all might be sustained by the heavenly table of loving-kindness. As commanded, this servant wrote these wondrous and sublime verses on various pages and sent them to those souls […]

He Who speaks on Sinai hath appeared, and He, the Lord of Revelation, hath taken His seat upon the Throne. Blessed are they that have heard His Call and recognized Him. On this day earth and heaven have been adorned with a new vesture, and the holy city hath descended from heaven, blessed by His hallowed Name. The gates of mercy have been flung open, and the oceans of bounty and grace surge forth. God willing, ye shall quicken the dead in their sepulchres through the sprinkling of the ocean of utterance and meaning. The Kawthar floweth and the Salsabil is present - drink ye in the name of your Lord and be free from all else. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

O David! Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which shall never perish, so long as His most excellent names endure. Give thanks and then stand firm in this mighty Cause. We make mention in this place of thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of thy Lord's forgiveness and mercy. Convey My greetings unto her and remind her of that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered in this glorious and impregnable station.

This is what was revealed for him who was named Ibrahim. He saith, exalted be His glory:

He Who shineth from the horizon of eternity:

O Ibrahim! This is the Day whereon the Temple (Masjid-i-Aqsa) calleth aloud and giveth the glad-tidings of this Most Great Manifestation to all who dwell on earth. This is the Day whereon the Temple proclaimeth: "That which was recorded in God's Books hath come to pass," and the River Jordan crieth out: "The Lord of the seen and the unseen hath appeared - turn ye unto Him with illumined hearts and be not of the heedless ones." On this Day all that was mentioned and recorded in previous Books hath become manifest and evident. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld it and the ear that hath heard it. God willing, thou shalt speak His praise and glorification with the utmost steadfastness and arise to serve His Cause. He verily doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And this is what was revealed for Lalih-zar. He saith, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, Who speaketh between the heavens and the earths […]

God willing, through divine grace may you attain to that which is beloved before the Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I swear by the Sun of the Most Merciful's utterance that eyes were created for this glorious day and ears came into being for these days. The temple is for this wondrous day and the soul for comprehending this exalted Cause. Strive that perchance you may drink from the divine Jordan and circumambulate the true Sacred Mosque. Whosoever arises today with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all beings, he has been and is among those who prostrate, humble themselves, circumambulate and bow down. Thus does the Wronged One testify in this clear Prison. O garden of tulips, rejoice in My remembrance of you. By the life of God, it is more beloved than all else in a mighty Book. And praise be to My mighty, all-knowing Self.

This was revealed for Haqq-Nazar, His glory be exalted:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Supreme Pen! Make mention of him who is named Haqq-Nazar from the direction of thy Most Great Horizon and give him glad tidings of thy Lord's grace, the Possessor of Destiny, through which the Hour appeared, the moon was cleft, and every hidden matter was revealed, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and arise to serve his Lord in such wise that the conditions of men shall not prevent him. Verily We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs in such manner that necks bowed before them, save those who chose for themselves a station in hell. Give thanks to God for the Ancient Beauty having turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to gladden hearts and console the eyes of the people of insight. Glory be from Us upon those who have attained the Supreme Horizon and drunk of this most pure wine.

And likewise these manifest verses were specially revealed from the heaven of divine grace for the loved ones of God. His grandeur be glorified:

He is the Witness and the Witnessed

The Supreme Pen gives glad tidings of His grace to all the friends and counsels them to the Most Great Steadfastness. Today the hidden treasures are revealed, the forbidden springs are flowing, and all the setting stars, suns and moons are risen, shining and radiant. Say: O seekers of inner meanings, the divine Kawthar is flowing - drink ye, drink ye! O poor ones of the earth, the sea of grace is surging and the gate of bounty is open. Beseech ye God that He deprive none of the Most Great Grace and forbid none from the Kawthar of eternity. Praise be to God that ye are all mentioned in the Most Great Scene and have attained divine grace. Strive that what hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen concerning you may remain preserved. Today security exists and the pearls of divine knowledge are manifest, while thieves and traitors lie in wait on all sides. All must preserve these precious pearls with complete steadfastness in the name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and like their very souls exert mighty efforts to guard them. Verily He speaks the truth and guides the way, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

This letter is being sent as requested to his honor Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, that he may deliver it. Since mention was made of his honor, in the words of a previous speaker, upon him be God's grace:

When his name was mentioned, it became necessary […]

To expound a mystery of His bestowal: In truth, they stand with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of creation. They are beloved of heart and soul and, by God's grace, are mentioned before the Throne. This evanescent one beseeches the Ancient Lord with utmost humility and supplication to raise up souls who will act as befits these days and who will be observed to serve the Divine Cause with perfect wisdom, firm and steadfast. It would be better to mention again the beloved of the heart, his honor Samandar, since mention has not previously been made of his honor Nabil-ibn-Nabil, and it is beloved that mention of these two beloveds should together flow from the pen of sincerity and the tongue of love. God willing, may they remain firm, steadfast, constant and eloquent in service to the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High in all conditions. The Glory be upon you and upon those who are there among the loved ones of God and His friends, and upon those who have cast away idle fancies after the dawning of the Luminary of Certitude from the horizon of God, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the throne and earth, the Lord of all beings and the Beloved of the worlds.

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He is the Herald between Earth and Heaven! O peoples of the earth! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. Verily, He draweth you nigh unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. By God! The Day hath come, yet the people perceive it not. The Banner of the Revelation hath been raised upon the highest summit of the Mount, yet most of the people comprehend it not. Lo, the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out in the midmost heart of Paradise, and the nightingales of mystic knowledge warble upon the highest branches, yet the people hear not. They have cast the Self-Subsisting One behind their backs, clinging to the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. They have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, yet they know it not. They have taken vain imaginings as their lord instead of God. Thus have their souls beguiled them. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded all existence. The account of tribulation has returned, and the Lord of Names from His horizon calls out and says: "The gate of heaven has been opened and the Promised One has come with a Book which none has comprehended save God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Remind My loved ones of My presence and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, and illumine them with the lights of My utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving."

Say: "By God! The Fire speaks forth - the Chosen One has come with manifest sovereignty." Verily the All-Hearing hears from all things among all things. The Hidden has been revealed through a Cause against which neither hosts nor ranks can stand. He calls out before the faces of princes with that which the True One, the Knower of the unseen, has commanded.

Today the Call is raised high, the Sun of Truth has dawned, the waves of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance are manifest before all religions, yet the servants remain veiled and deprived. We complain unto Thee of those who attribute themselves to Us yet have committed that which has caused My heart and My Pen to lament until now. From various directions complaints have reached the Most Holy Court. In the land of Ha and Mim, a certain soul has acted in such way that the veil of sanctity was rent. We do not wish to mention the names of the heedless. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Patient, the Kind, the Generous.

In brief, unworthy deeds have caused the fire of divine love to grow cold. Complaints have come from Kurdistan and other places. Glory be to God! They attribute themselves to the Lord of existence and the praiseworthy station, yet their deeds are rejected deeds. The people of Baha, concerning whom He says that a one-year-old child of that Day is mightier than all who are in the Bayan - now it is observed that through the abhorrent deeds of those nurtured by self and passion, they turn away from the Truth Itself. The previous party is now seen to be stronger, for despite wine-drinking, idol-worship, and the deceit and trickery of some companions, they did not slip from the path.

In brief, from some the known station has become unknown and the flourishing station has been laid waste. Acceptance has turned to rejection - we seek refuge in God from their words and deeds. Your honor has long dwelled beneath the pavilions of grandeur and reposed in the vicinity of mercy. You are aware of the sanctity and purity of the Cause. Wonder upon wonder! Beseech God to erase such letters by His mighty hand. God effaces what He wills and confirms what He wills, and with Him is the Mother Book.

Your honor knows how many tribulations this Wronged One has endured, how many times imprisoned, and from the earliest days until now has been in the hands of enemies. Nevertheless, night and day We have been occupied with assisting the Cause of God and voicing the exaltation of His Word, such that no fair-minded one can deny. The Cause of this Wronged One has been and is as clear as the sun. Grief has encompassed Us to such degree that its reckoning is beyond the world and its causes. Their deeds have saddened Me, their actions have weakened Me, and their words have bewildered Me. We beseech God to make His servants aware, that all may gaze toward the highest horizon and what appears from His presence, not toward those who cling to self and soar on wings of passion.

Your letter arrived and was honored to be heard before the Face. Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My glory, has presented a detailed account of his affairs to the Most Holy Court, therefore he is not permitted to proceed to the land of Sad. If your honor yourself, after staying some time in the land of Shin, should proceed to that land, it would be loved. Ask God to raise up such servants as are worthy of this supreme honor and mighty gift, who will summon the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance.

In these days petitions from Ismi-Jamal and Ali-Qabil-Akbar, as well as a letter from Ali-Haydar, upon them be the Glory of God, have arrived addressed to Jud. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and are holding fast to the cord of His Cause. We beseech God to make them the banners of His remembrance among His creation and the standards of His signs amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Thou didst make mention of the friends of God. Each one is favored with the waves of the ocean of divine mercy and infinite bounties. Convey to all of them the greetings of the Wronged One and say: Today is the day of mention and utterance and service to the Cause. Strive ye, that perchance in this blessed Day ye may attain unto that which shall cause your names to be mentioned in God's Book throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O Haydar! By the life of the Lord of Destiny, were the faithful to become aware of what hath been ordained for each one of them, they would see themselves above the world and would arise with complete dedication to serve the Cause. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Expounding One. Permission was granted for thee to proceed to the land of Shin. Time and again thy mention hath been made at the Most Holy Court. Two days ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God's Will. When thou attainest unto it and findest the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged by the world, for having illumined the hearts and minds with the lights of Thy knowledge and for having revealed unto Thy servants that which was hidden in Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause and by the lights of Thy countenance to assist Thy loved ones to perform such deeds as are befitting of Thy days. Do Thou raise up, O my God, through Thy power and sovereignty, such servants as will remember Thee, praise Thee and promote Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Haydar-Qabil-Ali! Upon thee be My Glory and loving-kindness. The matters mentioned in the letter of Ismi-Jud were submitted to the Most Holy Court. They were seen, and at this moment the response hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My Glory, is occupied, as permitted, with his necessary affairs, and later, God willing, he will undertake that which will cause the Word of God to be exalted. In any case, it is essential that someone in the land of Sad should, for the sake of God, engage with perfect wisdom in reforming and educating souls. However, at present no one capable of this task can be found. We beseech God to raise up in that place and other lands one who will arise therein and give the glad-tidings of God's Manifestation and His Cause.

His honor Aqa Siyyid Mustafa is, praise be to God, engaged in service. We beseech God to strengthen him and aid him to achieve what He loves and is pleased with, and to exalt His Cause through him. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Permission for your journey to the land of Shin was sent via telegraph through His honor Ali, upon him be My Glory. Behold the signs of God's mercy and grace, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Thou didst make mention of the imprisoned one. Previously, words were revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him which are the cause of his salvation in this world and the next, and they are these:

My God, my God! I have turned unto Thee, holding fast to Thy cord and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy, detached from all else save Thee. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me a helper of Thy Cause through the wisdom Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Ask thou of God that they may be assisted to achieve that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Thou didst mention Jinab-i-Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, who hastened, attained, heard and achieved victory. Praise be to God, they are ever remembered and are recipients of His grace. Verily, all that hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen shall, in due time, become manifest as the sun. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. He changeth the Command as He pleaseth and will change it as He willeth. Verily, He hath come from the horizon of power, and on His right is the banner of 'He doeth what He willeth.'

Mention was made of the friends in Dawlatabad. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. The Wronged One hath turned His face toward them from the horizon of the prison and hath remembered them in such wise as shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. The Herald, namely the Primal Point, hath declared that a one-year-old seed of His Day is mightier than all who are in the Bayan. The few souls in Dawlatabad have, God willing, attained unto this station, for neither the doubts of the dubious nor the misgivings of the polytheists affected these souls. They are firm in the Truth and detached from aught else. Happy are they, blessed are they. Remember them on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy.

Hadi of Dawlatabad is truly observed to be one of the turbaned folk of the Shi'ih party. Say: O hapless one! Thou who wert a Shi'ih, why didst thou abandon it only to cleave to it again? The fruit of this will be that, like that same party, thou wilt engage in cursing and reviling the Truth, and ultimately pronounce the verdict for His martyrdom. Dost thou recall what issued from thy tongue at the beginning of the Revelation? We were not present with thee, yet We heard thine unseemly words. In any case, that heedless one is occupied with arranging Jabulqa and Jabulsa and the realm of falsehood. Say:

O my God, my God! Purify the hearts of Thy servants from the mention of aught else but Thee, and illumine them with the lights of Thy knowledge. Then assist them to turn unto Thee and to behold Thy signs and to hearken unto the rustling of Thy Pen. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou didst mention His Honor the Secretary, upon him be the Glory of God. He hath been and is beneath the glance of grace. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and lead to eternal and abiding remembrance. At the end of the utterance, this most exalted word is revealed in response to the request of His Honor 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God: Should you tarry for a while in the Land of Shin with wisdom, it would be acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One, and should you meet with certain ones for a few days with complete wisdom, it would not be without fruit, for We have accepted the petition of His Honor 'Ali. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Your servant's other letter dated the second of Sha'ban arrived at this moment when the Most Exalted Pen is in motion. We saw and heard that you again mentioned the friends of Dawlatabad. Blessed are they! Praise be to God, they have attained eternal prosperity. We beseech God to strengthen them at all times to dispel vain imaginings and to establish that which hath been sent down from the heaven of

God's will, the Lord of the worlds. O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory. This station that was mentioned is most great - this is the station wherein "God doth blot out or confirm what He pleaseth, and with Him is the Mother Book." The mention of the people of that land hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and each one hath attained that before which the world is as naught and non-existent. Give them once again the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and remind them of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of My Pen. In the days when all the rulers of the earth arose to extinguish the fire and put out the light, the deluded souls remained veiled behind the clouds of fancy, and when the light of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will and the fire of wrath and might somewhat subsided, they ran forth like wolves from the jungles of self and passion and purposed that which caused the highest Paradise and the exalted Garden to tremble. We beseech God to grant His servants a portion from the ocean of wisdom, that perchance they may act with justice and not conceal the Truth, exalted be His glory, and His signs behind the veils of rejection and denial. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thou didst mention 'Ali-Akbar - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. This word of thine is accounted among the most sublime words, for from it wafteth the fragrance of love and harmony and unity, which have ever been well-pleasing before the Throne. Well is it with thee and well is it with him, blessed art thou and blessed is he. And by this word thou hast again become the possessor of the word of divine good-pleasure. Give thanks unto thy Lord for a bounty the like and similitude of which none can find were it to remain suspended in the heaven of thy Lord's will. Say: Thine is the praise, O Lord of all names, and Thine is the glory, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of earth and heaven, and Thine is the grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of justice, and Thine is the bounty, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which earthquakes seized all the tribes, to aid Thy loved ones, Thy chosen ones, Thy envoys and Thy trustees to perform such deeds and make such mention as will tranquilize souls and illumine hearts. Verily Thou art God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Haydar-'Ali! Repeatedly have answers to thy questions been sent down. Verily, thy Lord is the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Concerning the Shadow, all must remain silent. The loved ones must not utter a word without God's leave. Once again, make mention of the friends on behalf of the Wronged One. They have ever been and shall ever remain remembered. We beseech God to unite all and illumine them with the light of harmony, that they may arise to serve and be detached and free from all else but God. Praise be to God, thou hast been successful and hast associated with the servants in a spirit of joy and fragrance. The names mentioned, both past and present, have each attained unto the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the pearls of divine knowledge from the ocean of his Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Bestower. God willing, may they discover the fragrances of the Tablets. These fragrances enhance sight, hearing, speech and utterance. O My loved ones! Strive that perchance ye may purify the world from the dust and smoke of greed and hatred. By the life of God! Should they who have turned to Him arise as they ought, ere long they shall witness all regions as one region and all the sections of the earth as a single section. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon them that love thee and serve thee and hearken to thy word in this mighty and wondrous Cause.

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He is the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O Dhabih! We have previously sent thee a mighty and impregnable Tablet wherein was mentioned that which God hath made a testimony unto those who dwell in the highest Paradise and unto those who abide in the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Act thou in accordance with that which is therein contained, by My sovereignty which fadeth not and by My all-encompassing Self from which nothing escapeth nor is any knowledge hidden. Fear not those whom thou findest to be like earthworms, nay less than that, for they say "We believed in Ali aforetime," yet when His sovereignty, grandeur and majesty were made manifest, they denied Him and became of those who turned aside.

O servant! Deliver unto Our veiled servants that which We have commanded thee. Tarry not in thy Lord's command, and be not patient therein, for patience is praiseworthy save in the mention of My Name, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Open thy lips and let issue forth from them the pearls of thy Lord's remembrance, then scatter them upon the heads of them that are nigh, for those beneath them have no eyes to distinguish pearl from stone; nay, stone to them is preferable to a precious and holy pearl.

O Dhabih! By the True God! Should all things today desire to learn of what was and what shall be, to ascend unto the holy atmosphere of the Kingdom, to mount unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha - the seat of the manifestation of Our most beautiful Names - and to drink from the cups of everlasting life from the manifestations of thy Lord's name, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate, they would be enabled to do so, for the sun of the remembrance of thy Lord's name hath shone forth in such wise that by its radiance the dwellers of the heavens and earth have been illumined. Say: O concourse of deniers! You and all that ye possess are, in the estimation of Him Who by His sovereignty is established upon the throne of mighty glory, but as a gnat's eye, nay less than that, were ye but to perceive it.

O Dhabih! Drink at all times from thy Lord's words the wine of immortality that it may purify thee from all that beareth a name, and from all that hath a sign, from all that hath attachment, and from every mighty veil. And shouldst thou meet any among the deniers, stretch forth thy hand with the power of My hand within whose grasp lieth the kingdom of all things, then take hold of his ear with thy hand and bring thy mouth close to his ear and say: O servant! Didst thou not claim that thou hadst rent asunder the veils of all religions and purified thyself from all defects, and consider thyself among the unitarians, adducing proof for thy religion in God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High, the Omnipotent, through what was revealed unto Him of the verses of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and thus didst thou establish thy religion over others, as thy own self beareth witness, if thou be of the deniers? Yet when He changed His former Name and donned the garment of another of His most beautiful Names, why didst thou turn away from Him and become of the deniers? Fie upon thee and upon thy state! Then shall thy very essence curse thee, then thy self and thy spirit, then all who are in the heavens and earth. Dost thou deny Him at Whose meeting the eyes of the denizens of Paradise have been solaced, and in Whose presence the dwellers of the highest Paradise have sought blessing? Yet thou deemest thyself virtuous in thy deed. Nay, by the Lord of the realm of glory! Rather thou art a liar unto thyself, and to this now testifieth the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Say: O thou who associateth partners with God! Doth there remain any proof that hath not been manifested in truth, or any bounty

that hath not been perfected through grace, or any word that hath not reached the pole of glory? Say: By God! The Sovereign of Words hath come upon clouds of verses, whereupon the words of every obstinate polytheist have been struck dumb. Dost thou consider in establishing My Cause […]

O thou who hast turned away! What is thy proof in this matter? Bring it forth! By God, thou art powerless, as is he whom thou hast taken as thy lord apart from My Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. All existence hath been humbled before My sovereignty, all traces have been effaced before My traces, all creation hath trembled before My dominion, and the denizens of Sinai were brought to naught upon the sublime Mount at the revelation of the lights of My Face, the Dawning, the Holy, the Mighty, the Luminous. Can aught besides thy Lord suffice thee in any matter? Bring it forth if thou art able! Can any besides Him enrich thee in any way? Nay, by My Beauty, before Whose radiant light the people of the highest Paradise and the realities of the Messengers have fallen prostrate! Say: This Day none shall bear the Throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, save His Own Self, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful - thus hath the matter been ordained, if thou be of them that know.

Say: O manifestation of hatred! If thou didst believe aforetime in the Manifestation of thy Lord's Self, Who was named Ali before Nabil, through what shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause with the signs of God, the King, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing - by God, these are His verses, sent down from the heaven of destiny once again through the grace that hath shone from the horizon of Glory. This is His proof, which hath appeared in the form of letters - thou beholdest it once upon the sea of meanings in the form of ships, then once in the form of waves, then once in the form of fish. Therefore, fear God Who created and fashioned thee, strip thy body of all allusions, then enter this crimson sea by thy Lord's leave, the Most High, and take thy portion thereof, and be not of the patient ones.

If thou hast believed in God through what hath appeared of His sovereignty, might and majesty - by God, the Truth, there hath appeared a power the like of which hath never appeared in creation, and it hath encompassed all contingent beings of the first and the last. I know not, O thou veiled and rejected one, by what proof thy faith was established, and by what evidence thou deniest the faith of those who have believed in God in this Revelation which hath appeared with truth and whose grace hath encompassed the worlds. It behooveth thee, O thou who hast turned away, to ask thy mother about thy condition, that thou mayest perchance become aware of thy vile self, recognize it, and be of them that know.

Say: The ocean of grandeur hath surged on the right hand of the Throne, and with but a drop thereof all servants would be purified, were they to be of the assured ones. The sun of bounty hath shone from the horizon of the Cause with a radiance by whose light all the worlds are illumined. The clouds of grace have been raised up, raining down at every moment verses of mighty, impregnable glory. By God, the Truth, through one drop thereof there would spring forth from the soil of every soul the anemones of utterance, were they to be of them that turn unto Him.

Say: Do ye forbid yourselves from the sacred sanctuary while calling yourselves among its circlers? Say: This, verily, is God's sanctuary in the Supreme Concourse, the Holy Kaaba in the heaven of eternity, the Spot where the Command was fulfilled in the kingdom of names, the Sacred Monument between earth and heaven, and the House Inhabited in the heaven of this luminous, resplendent Revelation. Say: All

words have prostrated themselves before the Word of God, thy Lord, and all suns have been darkened before the radiance of the dawning lights of this Countenance, which hath rent asunder the veil by its sovereignty and manifested its lights amongst the worlds.

And if thou seest My Name, the Ha, remind him with the verses of thy Lord, that perchance he may be of them that turn towards the direction whither whosoever turneth hath attained salvation, and whoso turneth away hath perished. Thus hath the Spirit spoken at this hour between the heavens and the earth. Say: O servant, hearken unto My words! By God, the Truth, thou shalt find no counsellor more faithful than I. Tarry not upon the path, but pass by like the passing of a cloud. Thus did We command thee before, and thus do We command thee now, and if thou acceptest not from Me, We shall surely command thee thereafter, and after thereafter, until thou passest by through My sovereign, conquering, mighty and wise authority.

Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through My remembrance and My Name, and cast behind thee all that holdeth thee back. Then appear suddenly through the appearance of thy Lord, and be not of the patient ones. Beware lest leadership prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. By God, the Truth, were all who are in the heavens and on earth to prostrate before thee, yet thou be not beneath My shadow, it would profit thee not - and to this thy spirit beareth witness, if thou be of them that hear. Dost thou love to be of those whom leadership prevented in the days when the heaven of the Cause was cleft asunder and the Sun of the Beauty of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, came riding upon holy clouds, and they occupied themselves with their leadership and denied God, their Creator and their Fashioner, until they pronounced His death sentence after He had come unto them with a proof from God and a mighty evidence?

By God, O servant, My purpose hath been naught but to purify thee from all that beseemeth thee not, and whenever I have remained silent in mentioning thee, the Tongue of God speaketh through My tongue and commandeth Me to convey unto thee, and naught is incumbent upon Me save clear delivery. Reflect within thyself for less than a moment - hast thou heard of a Revelation more mighty than this, or of verses greater than what hath been sent down in truth? Then speak with pure sincerity and be of those who turned unto the Most Sublime Vision on the Day when the faces of all created things were transformed.

And if thou fearest for thy faith, take this Tablet and preserve it in the pocket of thy trust, and when thou enterest the gathering place of the resurrection on the Day when all created things shall be raised before the face of thy Lord through His wondrous and new breezes, and God shall ask thee by what proof thou didst believe in this Revelation, then bring forth the Tablet and say: By this Book, sent down, blessed, ancient. Then read what hath been revealed therein before the face of thy Lord, the station wherein all the Prophets and Messengers bear witness. By God, then shall all stretch forth their hands toward thee and take the Tablet and place it upon their eyes out of longing to meet Me and ardent love for Me, and they shall find from it the fragrance of My holy and mighty holiness.

Thus have We detailed the verses unto thee that thou mayest be at peace within thyself and be of them that are at peace. And if God were to chastise thee for believing in His verses in this Revelation, then by what proof would He chastise those who believed not in ’Ali before, and before him in Muhammad the

Messenger of God, and before him in Jesus son of Mary, and before him in Moses, and before him in Abraham, until the Revelations end at the First Creation who was created by the will of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Purposeful.

O My Name! Verily the Cause is more manifest than to be concealed and more evident than to be veiled, and it shineth like the sun at high noon, and if thou wouldst free thyself from the veils, thou wouldst surely reach it more quickly than thine eye could return to thyself and […]

This is verily truth assured. Hearken unto the word of Him Who speaketh the truth and dispute not the verses of God after their revelation, even if all people should bid thee to do so, and withhold not thyself from His grace even if both worlds should prevent thee therefrom. Behold thy Lord's Cause with thine own eyes, then recognize Him through thyself and thy spirit, for the recognition of others shall not serve as proof for thee, nor shall the rejection of all else stand as evidence against thee. Beware lest thou be veiled from Him Who, shouldst thou be veiled from Him for less than a moment, would cause thy deeds to be rendered null - and every Scripture sent down aforetime from the tablets of God, the Sovereign, the All-Powerful, doth verify Me in this. Verily, those who turned away from this Beauty, when they found themselves powerless before thy Lord's might, arose to practice deception and at every moment devise new schemes. Thus have We counseled thee before and now, and thou mayest choose for thyself what thou willest, for verily thy Lord is independent of all worlds.

And verily thou, O Zabih, deliver the messages of thy Lord in truth and justice, and fear not any possessor of might, nor any wielder of power, nor any holder of great dominion. Blessed is the soul that forsaketh all things and taketh what hath shone forth from this resplendent, luminous, and effulgent Dawn. How excellent is the soul that draweth nigh unto this Ocean and taketh its portion therefrom, and doth not deprive itself thereof nor remain among the heedless. Say: Today, were all who are in the heavens and on earth to possess books, scrolls and tablets, and were people to cling to them, these would profit them not except by God's leave. Thus hath the finger of Truth inscribed upon the preserved tablets of might. For all writings point to His Cause and all books lead to His path. When He appeared in truth, naught profiteth a soul except by His command. Thus hath the Sun of wisdom shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Is there any doubt about God, or about His signs, or about His power which encompasseth all created things? O people! Associate not partners with God, nor take idols as gods besides Him. Fear God and be ye among the righteous. Say: Today, whatsoever preventeth you from God is an idol, even were it to be of the highest existence. For the excellence of every possessor of excellence lieth in his acknowledgment of God, his recognition of His Self, his entry beneath His shadow, and his prostration before His exalted and mighty Countenance. And should anyone deprive himself of what We have revealed unto thee, he would be numbered among the idolaters in the sight of thy Lord, and thus hath his name been inscribed upon the preserved tablets of might. O Zabih! Hearken unto the words of Him Who calleth thee with grace and loveth thee for His own sake, purely for the sake of thy Lord. Hold not thy tongue back from remembrance, for We created it for this grace, if thou be of them that know. And if thou findest not the Beloved upon earth, then convey what We have revealed unto him who walketh in His footsteps, and be thou among the deliverers of the message. Thus have We commanded thee in a previous tablet and We command thee now as a grace from thy Lord unto thee and unto Our believing servants who transgress not the bounds set by God and His command, and who hold fast unto a

mighty and manifest handle. Then make mention from Us of thy brother. Verily We sent unto him aforetime a gracious letter that his soul might be assured thereby and that he might stand firm in the Cause of his Lord and be among the thankful. Then remind those in whose hearts thou findest the fragrances of My love and on whose faces thou beholdest the brightness of joy. But besides these, their names shall not be mentioned before thy Lord; rather, they are as lost ones, possessing neither mention, nor name, nor trace before thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the radiance that hath shone forth from the horizon of holiness be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid!

These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth. Verily they are the water of life for the people of the Supreme Concourse, the food of eternity for the dwellers of the cities of names, the white light of the Cause for those who abide behind the pavilions of the divine cloud, the Most Great Sea for the whales of knowledge and utterance, and the Fire of Sinai for those who have cast off the sandals of idle fancy and have attained unto the crimson hill, the station wherefrom this Tree of eternity was raised up, proclaiming that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

Verily these verses are a light unto those who have detached themselves from all who dwell on earth and have sought guidance from the Merciful, and a fire unto those whom the whisperings of Satan have prevented from turning to the Beauty of the All-Bountiful in the midmost heart of Paradise, which God hath created in the highest heaven. Thus have We sent down the Command in truth for Our servants who have ascended to the seat of the throne with joy and fragrance.

Say: By God! Every letter of God's Book hath an effect in the realm of being, whereby it giveth every rightful one his right and raiseth up its voice at all times, proclaiming that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

O thou servant who hast attained unto the presence of the throne! Know thou that from the first day when the Sun of Baha dawned forth from the horizon of eternity, the realities of creation were so transformed that they rent asunder the veils whose glory had caused the hearts of the pure ones to tremble. These indeed are servants whom God hath raised up through His power, the like of whom the eye of creation hath not seen, and whose deeds have astounded the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, how much more those below them! Thus do thou witness thy Lord's power and say: Blessed be God Who hath manifested this Revelation, through which, if He wished, He could quicken all things by His power and sovereignty.

Say: By God! No power hath been manifested in creation greater than what hath been manifested in truth, yet the people have veiled themselves therefrom and are in heedlessness and loss. Say: O people of

the earth! Consider how the hand of divine Will hath rent asunder the veils of contingent beings and brought forth from behind them a numbered few, and caused them to ascend unto the Lote-Tree of the uttermost boundary, while leaving those who disbelieved and associated partners with God in their abode at the root of the fires.

O thou servant who gazest upon the countenance! Remind the people of the Bayan who are today veiled from the beauty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Say: Have ye forgotten what We revealed aforetime?

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou art the God of gods and the Lord of lords. Thou givest sovereignty to whom Thou willest and takest it from whom Thou willest. Thou bestowest lordship on whom Thou willest and withdrawest it from whom Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

When We manifested less than a needle's eye of this power which We have mentioned to you, and removed from the temple of one of Our servants the garment of a name from among names, you turned away and denied Him in Whom you had believed. Woe unto you, O concourse of the heedless and rebellious! Say: Woe unto you! He Whom you testify hath power to remove Lordship from whomsoever He willeth - when He changed the garment of one of His servants, why did you object to Him and become of those who have denied God from all eternity? Thus have you deprived yourselves of that which God ordained in this Paradise. Say: By God! Were We to name this lamp which is before Us with all the most beautiful names of God at one time, and take them away at another, We have the power to do so, and none hath the right to object. Whoso objecteth hath denied God, and all created things shall deny him. Say: O people, fear God, then open your eyes and be assured that your Lord, the Most Merciful, hath power over all things. He withholdeth as He giveth, and taketh as He bestoweth. Verily He hath power to give and to take, and His might over all things hath never been diminished. Say: Do you believe in His giving but deny His taking? Then all things shall belie you, as those of understanding know. Say: If He so willeth, He can transform all created things by His command, and thus His power encompasseth all beings. None deny this save those wrapped in heedlessness and forgetfulness. Say: Fear God and deny not His power, His greatness and His majesty. Compare not His Self with your selves, nor His power with your power. Fear God, O people, then be ashamed before God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Merciful. By My life! Were men to reflect on what hath been manifested in truth of God's sovereignty and grandeur, they would surely fall upon their faces in the dust and proclaim: "There is none other God but Him," and that this Cause is one against which neither all who are in the heavens nor all who are on earth can prevail, neither what is nor what hath been. But when people are veiled by the veils of fancy, they recognize not God's Cause and remain heedless of the wonders that have appeared in truth, and thus they follow in Satan's footsteps. O servant who hath migrated unto God! If thou journeyest to those lands and seest him who is submerged to his throat in the mire of self and discord, say: O thou bat! By the True One, this is not thy day, for the hour of thy death hath come, since the Sun hath dawned from the horizon of eternity in My Most Glorious Name, and by it are illumined the realities of the Prophets and the chosen ones, who seek blessing through this Name in the most exalted Paradise and seek intercession through it on the Day when eyes shall stare in fear. Say: O thou who associateth partners with God! It behooveth thee to dig a pit in the lowest depths of hell and hide thy face from its radiance, for God hath ordained that in its shining forth thy spirit shall be seized, thy heart shall die, and thy self shall perish. Thus hath it

been decreed for thee, O thou from whom even the denizens of hell take flight! Say: O thou gnat! By My true Self, thou shalt find no rest or stability this day, for the fragrance of the Cause hath wafted from the direction of destiny and […]

The tempest of divine wrath hath come from the repository of judgment, and for thy vile self there is no refuge, no protector, no helper, and no defender. Through thy disbelief hath every infidel denied God, and through thy turning away have Satan's temples turned from prostration. O thou rejected polytheist! God hath ordained within thy soul all the layers of fire, and from thee hath appeared the heat of infidelity and hypocrisy, and within thee hath grown forth the Zaqqum tree, which was watered with putrid water and hath borne in these days the fruits of polytheism and denial. Yet thou perceived it not and wert among those who take pleasure in God's punishment while remaining unconscious thereof. Thus have We detailed thy soul that thou mightest know it and be among the people of understanding. O essence of hell! Hast thou not reflected upon thyself for even a moment concerning the proof whereby thou wouldst establish thy faith in God at the hour when the heaven of destiny was cleft asunder and the Temple of the Exalted One came upon the throne of eternity, and the matter was decreed by the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful? O thou wretched one! Did We not manifest Ourself with all the signs? Dost thou play with God's clear proofs after their appearance, or with His verses after their revelation? Woe unto you and unto those who detect from thee the stench of hell yet remain unaware within themselves. By God! The hearts of men and jinn are bewildered by such as these. O Most Exalted Pen! Leave them, then abandon these ones in the whisperings of fancy and desire. Then mention him who circumambulated the sanctuary of grandeur and entered the holy spot, the station whereby the chosen ones were guided, that he may remember the mention of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O servant who hath attained unto God! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner, then act as thou art bidden and tarry not in what thou art commanded for less than a moment. Adorn thy head with the bandage of detachment and thy body with the robe of sanctity, then journey through the lands with God's signs and clear proofs. Fear no one, for verily thy Lord will protect thee from those who have risen in denial - they who speak of that whereof they are unaware and who bid others to righteousness while forgetting their own selves. Thus doth this Bird, warbling upon the branches, command thee. Tell the servants what thou hast seen with thine eyes, heard with thine ears, and known with thy heart, that they may take unto God a way. Say: By God! The lips of utterance have smiled at my utterance, and from my beauty hath the garden of exposition blushed crimson. Say: This is the sanctuary which Moses sought aforetime, then the Spirit thereafter, then Ali. By God! He drank no water save in remembrance of Me, nor breathed save in love for Me, nor moved save in longing to meet Me, nor spoke save in praise of My Self. What aileth you, O concourse of loss? Do ye deny Him by Whose pen's will the gardens and all within them were created, and from Whose right hand wafteth the fragrance of forgiveness? Say: He who prideth himself on the dust of My sandals, then writhed like a spotted snake behind Me after having stood before My face while verses were revealed unto him which he would write and send to various lands - then he manifested such hatred as the eye of possibility hath never witnessed. Verily, he whom We reared with the hands of mercy and protected beneath the cloak of grace hath risen against Me with the sword of hatred and sought to shed this radiant crimson blood. When he failed in what he intended, he became oppressed by what Satan cast into his soul and […]

He desired nothing by this except to lead people astray and prevent them from their Lord's path. Thus do We impart to you what you may impart to the servants, and what you have learned after arriving at the place of this Prisoner Who is surrounded by sorrows. Trust in God in all matters, then walk in the paths of His good-pleasure, then aid Him with the swords of exhortation and utterance. Say: O people! Fear God and do not dispute His verses, and forget not what you have been commanded in the Tablets. If you wish to help Him, help through remembrance, then abandon disputation and the sword, for these are forbidden to you, O people of certitude! Beware lest you dispute with anyone or wage war against any soul. Fear God with true fear. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen teach you and counsel you with truth, lest harm befall you and that you may abide in joy and delight. Remind people of what the Spirit teaches you. If you find one turning to God, turn to him, and if you see one turning away, turn away from him and leave him in the fires. Say: O people! By God, if you were aware of what hath befallen My person, you would surely weep and lament night and day. But since you are far from the Holy Court, you are heedless of what hath befallen this Wronged One from the manifestations of Satan. By God, at every moment there hath descended upon Me from the direction of destiny what hath caused the eyes of those near unto God to weep, and then the eyes of the devoted ones in the pavilions of good-pleasure. Say: O people! If you deny Him Who hath appeared with the truth, then by what cause do you rejoice within yourselves or find tranquility in your beings? Nay, by My wronged Self! There is no protector today for anyone, nor refuge for any soul, except through repentance and returning to God Who created all things by His command. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Glorious.

O servant who gazeth upon the Throne! Forget not the days of meeting Me, then remember each day My imprisonment and tribulation, and what befalls Me morning and evening from the hands of the oppressors. We beseech God to deliver Us from among these people and settle Us in another land, or to raise Us to the Holy Place, the station where the decree of eyes and ears becomes one. You have indeed become aware of most matters, their roots and branches. Tell the people what God hath taught you, that they may detach themselves from that which the followers of religions have clung to. Say: O people! Today the decree of existence is not valid for anyone except those who submit to this Garden whose gates have been opened to all in the heavens and earth. Those besides these are non-existent on earth and have no mention before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Judge.

O servant who gazeth upon the Face! Hear what issues from the mouths of the polytheists. Among them are those who mention guardianship, succession, and leadership, attributing these to one who has no knowledge of them nor of their fundamental reality. By God, they wander distracted in the wilderness of error, unaware of what their tongues utter. Say: The carpet of these names has been rolled up, and God Himself has come upon crimson clouds, and the matter has been decided by Him, and none knows this save those endowed with insight. Say: All names from Our most beautiful names have returned to their kingdom before the Throne. Blessed is the soul upon whom descends from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Glorious. Say: The Letter of the Living is he who acknowledges My Cause and […]

The Mirror is he who hath detached himself from all else save Me, and the Guardian is he who hath loved Me, and the Leader is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of My Self, and the Executor is he who hath responded to My Word, and the Immaculate One is he who hath arisen to aid Me and taken refuge in the stronghold of My Cause, and the Messenger is he who hath proclaimed My Cause, and the Prophet

is he who hath acknowledged God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised. O My Name! Time hath abased Me, hath abased Me, and hath humbled Me, hath humbled Me, to such extent that I must strive against those who were created by My Word. Thus have vain imaginations in this earthly life preoccupied them, and they have denied God in these days wherein the parties have been separated. Grieve not thou at this, for it behoveth such as these to follow the calf instead of God and to follow every ignorant rabble, even as did the idolaters of old in the time of every Prophet, denying them and that which they brought from God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Merciful. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth and have mentioned thee in this Tablet as a mercy from Us unto thee and unto those who hearken unto thy words concerning God, thy Lord, in all lands. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon those who have purified their hearts from self and passion and have drunk from the Salsabil of love from this Ocean, every wave of which proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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The honored friend Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, may consider.

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

Praise, sanctified above mention by pen and ink, befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of creation, Who through His Most Great Word renewed the kingdom of utterance and brought the Concourse on High into a state of joy and rapture. Through that blessed Word the Divine Spirit wafted and the Spirit of God pervaded all things; the dead world was adorned with the ornament of life, and withered souls were observed in a state of freshness and vitality. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His power, and sublime be His majesty! Pure hearts, penetrating eyes, and illumined breasts behold at every moment the signs of divine power and perceive the fragrances of the garment of His Revelation. Through His will, the Most Great Prison, with all its severity and confinement, became the All-Highest Paradise and the Dawning-Place of His supreme mercy. Those who were forbidden from beholding the paths, mosques, and streets of the city are now observed in complete freedom. True indeed is the word of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. His word, exalted be His majesty: “Soon will that which was closed be opened, that which was joined be separated, that which was forbidden enter in, that which was united be divided, that which was difficult be made easy, and that which was hidden be revealed. Ponder, O ye who are endued with insight, that ye may understand what hath been inscribed of the mysteries.” We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all who are on earth to turn unto Him and to act according to that which He hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, there reached this servant thy letter which was adorned with the mention of our Lord and your Lord, and the praise of our Lord and your Lord, and I found from it the fragrance of your sincerity, your devotion, your humility, and your submissiveness before God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I became acquainted with and understood its contents, I approached the presence of the Throne until I stood before the Desired One and presented what was in your letter. Thereupon the Speaker of the Mount spoke and uttered that which none can reckon save

God alone. I confess my powerlessness and testify to the powerlessness of all on earth, and to this our All-Informed Lord doth testify. In truth, this evanescent servant is powerless to mention that which was heard, but some of the revealed verses that are before me shall be mentioned. He, exalted be His glory, spoke these concluding words:

"O My servant! Write for My servant Kazim what thou hast heard from My tongue, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and speak My praise in such wise that the clamor of the divines who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed their own vain imaginings may not dismay him. This is the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth from the Most Exalted Horizon: O people of creation! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come. And He is this Beauty shining forth from the horizon of the Unseen with power and sovereignty. Blessed is he and blessed is his father who gave his spirit and sacrificed himself in the path of God, the Lord of all men. We testify that he attained unto My presence and gained the honor of meeting Me, and drank the choice wine of My utterance, and discovered the fragrance of My garment, and heard that which the Interlocutor heard on the Mount of Knowledge. O Kazim! Hearken once again unto My most sweet call. By My life! If thou wert to taste the sweetness of My call, joy would take hold of thee and sorrows would flee from thee. Be thou at all times immersed in the ocean of My good-pleasure, speaking My praise amongst My servants, and acting according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined by the Sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Revealer of verses. The Glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of all men."

From the blessed verses, divine favor is evident and clear. You must, God willing, arise with utmost endeavor to serve the Cause of God and be occupied with wisdom and forbearance. If in these days matters that cause grief are witnessed, behold them all as moths around the lamp - if they briefly intervene, in an instant they are destroyed and perish. God willing, the sound of the waves of the sea of joy shall obliterate and remove the cawing of the raven of sorrows. Verily He is the Omnipotent, Whom nothing can frustrate and no power can weaken. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And concerning what you wrote about mentioning to Jenab-i-Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, that he would remember in the Most Holy Court yourself and your mother and sister and other family members - he fulfilled his promise and presented it in the Most Holy Court, and again in these days expressions of favor have been shown to each one. Give them the glad tidings of God's grace and His mercy that hath preceded existence in both the unseen and visible realms. All have been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and have attained unto the Kawthar of mention. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to succeed in His remembrance, praise and service, and to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And concerning what was mentioned about those souls who have newly attained to the ocean of recognition, it was presented. This is what the Desired One hath revealed in response:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

[Muhammad Hasan Sultan] A mention from Our presence to those on earth, that they may forsake what they possess and turn to God, Knower of the unseen and the seen. O peoples of the earth! Hasten ye to the remembrance of God and His mercy. He calleth you and mentioneth you in that which causeth breasts to expand and hearts to rejoice. O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily He mentioneth thee from this Prison for the sake of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. How many a servant desired to draw nigh but vain imaginings prevented him, and how many a man aimed for the Desired One but idle fancies barred him. Give thanks to God for having enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and made thee aware of this Cause, whereof the generality of the learned remained heedless, save whom God, the Lord of existence, willed. We have sent thee the pearl of the ocean of utterance. When thine eyes are solaced thereby, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations and the One manifest through the Most Great Name! Thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me from Thy glorious station! Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names! And praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to mention me in Thy beloved Prison!

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

[Quli Khan] A Book sent down by the Bestower to him who hath turned to the Most Great Sea when the Lord of Eternity came with manifest sovereignty. O Quli! He Who is mentioned mentioneth thee from this spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of eternity. Verily there is none other God but He, the Peerless, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou hearest the creaking of My Pen and findest the fragrance of My robe from Mine utterance, turn thy face toward God, the Protector of the worlds, and say […]

O my God, God of the world, my Beloved and the Beloved of all nations! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy utterance and the dominion of Thy knowledge to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Then grant me, by Thy bountiful hand, the waters of steadfastness. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Utterance

This is a mention from Our presence to him who seeketh the waters of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. O Rida! Rejoice that the countenance of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, hath turned toward thee from this distant station. He maketh mention of thee as a bounty from His presence, that He may draw thee nigh unto the Supreme Horizon and acquaint thee with His straight path. We have manifested the Cause and set up the Balance and called all unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and opposed Us, and among them are those who have pronounced judgment against Us without clear proof or an enlightening Book. How many learned ones have denied the Known One, and how many mystics have disbelieved in the Recognized One when He came with the standards of signs from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest be among the firmly established ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant giveth you glad tidings that the Beloved of the world hath visited on behalf of you and your mother and your sisters and your wife and those of your household. It behooveth me and thee and all on earth to thank Him and praise Him and glorify Him by night and day. Praise be to God. This servant succeeded in fulfilling your wishes exactly as you had written, visiting on behalf of all. We beseech Him to make this blessed, doubly blessed and righteous deed a treasure for you and for us. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His command "Be!" and it is.

As to what you mentioned regarding the friends of God being engaged every Friday in the recitation of verses and the remembrance of God, by the life of God, they have a station among the stations in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral servant to them and say: The Day of the Covenant hath come, and the earth hath told its tales, and the mountains have passed away by the command of their Creator, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck save those who have detached themselves from all on earth and turned with radiant faces toward God. God willing, you must stand with perfect steadfastness in the Cause of God. Though the clouds of oppression may momentarily obscure the light of the Sun of Justice, the time will come when the winds of the Divine Will shall, in less than a moment, disperse them and illuminate the world with the light of justice. We beseech God that those illumined hearts may be so enkindled by the heat of Divine remembrance that its effects may become manifest in all directions. Would that the servant could be with you in that house wherein the mention of God, the Lord of all beings and the King of the throne on high and of earth below, hath been raised. O friends! Strive ye, for this is the day of endeavor and this is the day of steadfastness, that perchance ye may receive your portion from the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy and the effulgences of the Sun of Reality. Verily, He is with you and guideth you to the right path.

As for what you wrote concerning the house, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Desired One hath revealed in response: We have accepted the house and made it a meeting place for the loved ones of God who have forsaken the world and turned wholly unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Kazim! The aforementioned house has been accepted and mention thereof was made in the Most Holy Presence. God willing, may it become a gathering place for His loved ones. Remember Me therein and praise Me at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is thy father who soared in the atmosphere of the love of God in such wise that he sacrificed his spirit and his being in a land whose mention God hath revealed in His Mighty Book. We testify that he turned unto God, hearkened to His call, and hastened to the Dawning-place of sacrifice. Thus doth God mention whom He willeth as a token of His grace. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn towards those who have turned to the countenance of their Lord when He appeared with the truth and came with mighty sovereignty. Say: O loved ones of God in His lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One which hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great. Be ye united in the Cause of God and His remembrance, and be ye as the fingers of one hand. Thus doth He Who hath in His keeping the Preserved Tablet teach you. Set right that which is between you and put your trust in God. Verily, He is with His trusted servants. Thus surgeth the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Glory be upon you, O My

loved ones and chosen ones, and upon those who have attained unto My days and acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in My perspicuous Book.

As for what you wrote concerning the Leaf of Paradise, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne, and this evanescent servant attained to visitation on her behalf. We thank God and praise Him for this. Especially in these days her mention was made in the Most Holy Presence, and a most mighty, most glorious, most holy Tablet was specifically revealed for her from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will and was sent. God willing, may she attain unto it. Convey greetings on behalf of this servant to her and her relatives, wherever they may be. And concerning those whom you mentioned who have detached themselves from all save God and believed in Him on a day wherein the pillars of the world were shaken and the limbs of the nations trembled - upon them be the Glory of God, His mercy, His care and His favors. This evanescent one conveys greetings to all.

And as for your mention of Aqa Khudadad, Aqa Shahvardi, Aqa 'Azizu'llah and Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented one night in the Holy Presence. The Sun of Divine favor shone forth upon each one. He, exalted be His glory, said: "These are they who have attained unto the days of God and have drunk His most pure wine in the name of the Lord of Power, through Whom the Greatest Scene was honored - the place which was named the Most Great Prison and with the most beautiful names by My Most Exalted Pen. Upon them be My glory, My mercy and My care which have preceded all worlds."

In these special days, wondrous and exalted verses are being revealed from the divine Kingdom of Utterance. God willing, may they attain unto them and inhale the fragrances of the Raiment of the All-Merciful therefrom. This evanescent servant has attained to their presence aforetime. I beseech the Most High to assist them in His remembrance and praise, to aid them in that which He loveth and approveth, to ordain for them the good of this world and the next, and to record for them through His Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names that which shall cause their mention, their spirits, and their bodies to endure. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. As for those souls whom you mentioned who have ascended unto God, mention of some of them hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen both before and after. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy. Others were also mentioned in this instance, and all have been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness both before and after. Glory be upon you and upon those who have turned unto God and have attained unto the recognition of God, our Lord and their Lord, our Purpose and their Purpose, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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In the Name of the Compassionate, the All-Loving!

O Mahdi! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is immersed in the ocean of tribulation, and when the waves grant Him respite, He raises His head, gazing toward the East, and proclaims: “The Beloved is come, turn ye unto Him!” Then do the waves overtake and submerge Him. And when they subside, He lifts His head again, looking toward the West, crying out in His loudest voice: “This is the Beloved of the worlds! He is come for your life and the exaltation of your station. Yet ye have abandoned Him in this tribulation, the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld.” He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Mahdi! By My life! Were the veils to be rent asunder and thou wert to behold Me in the darkness wherein I dwell, thou wouldst surely go forth and cry out amidst all created things, forgetting thyself and whatever sorrows may have befallen thee. But We have concealed it as a token of grace from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Yet in such a state and under such conditions, I remain radiant from the horizon of Beauty and dawning forth from the Dayspring of Power and Majesty, in such wise that were anyone to look upon Me, he would find in the features of My countenance the joy of God, and in My cheeks the light of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great.

Though man may flee from tribulation, yet Baha findeth His solace therein in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Thus do We impart unto thee that thou mayest cast thy sorrows behind thee and follow the Manifestation of the All-Merciful amidst all worlds. This, verily, is a mighty triumph. Cast aside thy disappointment and acknowledge that which the Supreme Pen hath testified concerning thee in numerous Tablets. Verily, thy Lord hath acknowledged thy love and hath sent down that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Beloved throughout all regions. Is it befitting to acknowledge what hath been revealed for thee, or to doubt? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing! Abandon all else and find tranquility in thy Lord’s grace. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee, and He, verily, is to be obeyed in whatsoever He willeth.

Hear in the Persian tongue concerning that which hath been revealed, be thou assured therein and seek steadfastness from God in what thou art engaged. Doth not the testimony of God suffice thee? Indeed He hath testified to thy faith, thy turning unto Him, thy call, and thy assistance. By My life! Wert thou to know what hath been revealed for thee with true knowledge, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing. Beware lest the fragrance of despair pass from thee. Be thou hopeful, then send forth in every instance that which will diffuse the sweet savors of joy before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is what We counseled thee aforetime and in this luminous Tablet.

No one from the beginning of the world until now hath been afflicted with such tribulations. Consider thou the Messenger of God: despite His manifest power, during the Battle of the Trench some of His companions who outwardly showed the utmost devotion and self-sacrifice, whispered secretly saying “Muhammad promiseth us the treasures of Chosroes and Caesar, yet none of us can even go to relieve himself in safety.” And this matter hath been among the claimants for numbered years without outward victory or manifest dominion - what hath occurred and what shall occur is evident.

One of His companions stole a coat of mail one night. In the morning the Jews gathered and traced its tracks and signs. After discovering this they came before His presence. It is known what these obstinate Jews did. The Prophet paused and did not wish this sin to be proven against Islam, as it would cause the undermining of God’s Cause among the people. Suddenly Gabriel descended and recited this verse: “Lo!

We have revealed unto thee the Scripture with truth that thou mayst judge between mankind by that which God showeth thee. And be not thou a pleader for the treacherous."

Thereafter Tu'mah turned away and spread calumnies about the Prophet among the people which the Pen doth not wish to recount. He then completely apostatized and returned to Mecca, dwelling among the idolaters. Similarly, between Zubayr, who was related to the Prophet, and Hatib there arose a dispute about water and land, until they came before the Prophet for judgment. The Prophet said: "O Zubayr! Water thy land." At this point Hatib spoke words suggesting that the Prophet had deviated from justice. This blessed verse was revealed: "But nay, by thy Lord, they will not believe until they make thee judge of what is in dispute between them and find within themselves no dislike of that which thou decidest, and submit with full submission."

When they went out, Ammar Yasir and Ibn Masud asked "For whose sake was the judgment made?" Hatib, with utmost mockery and derision, raised his eyebrow indicating Zubayr. Several Jews who were present said: "God destroy these people! What manner of folk are these who testify to this man's prophethood yet suspect his judgment?" At this point Ammar Yasir declared: "By Muhammad's God, if Muhammad were to command me to kill myself, I would do it!" And Thabit ibn Qays and Ibn Masud spoke likewise. This verse was revealed: "And if We had prescribed for them: Lay down your lives or go forth from your dwellings, but few of them would have done it […]"

If they had acted in accordance with what they were counseled, it would have been better for them and more firmly established. And in another instance, a dispute arose between a Jew and one of the companions. The Jew sought judgment from His Holiness, while the Muslim preferred Ka'b ibn al-Ashraf. At the Jew's insistence, they came before His Holiness, and the initial judgment favored the Jew. Then this verse was revealed: "Have you not seen those who claim to believe in what has been revealed to you and what was revealed before you? They wish to refer legislation to Taghut, while they were commanded to reject it; and Satan wishes to lead them far astray." The 'Taghut' referred to here was Ka'b ibn al-Ashraf. Then the Muslim turned away and said he would go to 'Umar ibn al-Khattab. After presenting the details to him, 'Umar said: "Wait until I return." He entered his house, took his sword, returned and struck off Ka'b's head, saying: "This is the reward for one who is not satisfied with the judgment of God's Messenger." When this reached the Messenger, he named him 'al-Farooq', and from that day he was known by this title.

From these accounts it appears that today the Supreme Pen is engaged in interpreting the Qur'an and explaining its revelation. This is sorrow upon sorrow, although by the truth itself, the mention of God's chosen ones and their traces has always been and will always be beloved. Our yearning for what is attributed to them, what their tongues have uttered, and the mention of what appeared in their days - the sorrow stems from the fact that in all ages such tribulations have befallen the Manifestations of Truth. Moreover, these times have necessitated that these mentions flow from the Chosen Pen as a matter of wisdom, so that you and the loved ones of Truth might become aware, through the allusions in the revealed verses of the Beloved of earth and heaven, of a drop from the vast ocean of tribulations that befell Him.

Let us return to our narrative: After the conquest of Mecca, the Battle of Hunayn, which is between Mecca and Ta'if, took place. After the victory, much wealth was gathered before His Holiness, including camels, sheep, and other things. His Holiness bestowed upon the nobles of Mecca, such as Abu Sufyan and others, one hundred camels each, and to those below them, forty each. Someone remarked, "I do not see you acting justly." The Messenger became angry and said, "If justice is not with me, then with whom is it?" At this point, the Ansar became distressed, for they were the poorest of all and had received nothing from these spoils. When evil thoughts and doubts seized them, the hand of your Lord's grace, the Master of all beings, took hold of them. The Messenger - may the spirit of all in the Kingdom be sacrificed for him - said: "O Ansar, are you not satisfied that they return with camels and sheep while you return with God's Messenger?"

O observant servant, if I were to mention all that occurred, according to the divine verses, the discourse would be prolonged and we would stray from our purpose. The point is that despite their manifest power and the connection of inner authority with outer sovereignty, all these tribulations befell them, even while they were implementing the outward laws, as evidenced when in one day they executed seven hundred people and […]

This concerned the Battle of Banu Qurayza. After the Battle of the Trench, Gabriel descended and said, "O Messenger of God! The Lord of great command orders you and your companions to pray the afternoon prayer at Banu Qurayza." The Prophet commanded his companions as ordered and departed with them to Banu Qurayza. When they arrived, God's forces surrounded them and terror seized their hearts. Then the Aws tribe asked the Messenger of God to release them as he had released Banu Qaynuqa, allies of the Khazraj.

The Aws and Khazraj were two tribes that had been in constant warfare until the Messenger arose and appeared with the truth - Islam united them. Therefore these two tribes were often treated similarly. The Banu Qurayza were allies of Aws, and since the Prophet had previously pardoned the Banu Qaynuqa (allies of Khazraj) through the intercession of certain hypocrites who outwardly claimed Islam and were counted among the companions, the Banu Qurayza hoped for the same treatment.

The Messenger - may all else be sacrificed for him - said, "Would you not be satisfied if Sa'd ibn Mu'adh judges their case?" He was the chief of Aws. They agreed, but Sa'd, upon whom rested the dewdrops of light, was prevented from attending due to wounds received in the Battle of the Trench. The Prophet specifically sent for him and he was brought with great difficulty. When he arrived, they informed him of the Messenger of God's command. Sa'd said, "I judge that their men should be killed, their property divided, and their women and children taken captive." The Messenger said, "You have judged as God has judged above the seven heavens."

Then the Prophet returned to Medina and the army carried out Sa'd's judgment - they struck off their heads, divided their property, and took their women and children captive. In two days they beheaded seven hundred people. Yet despite manifest and hidden power and divine might, some continuously became apostates, some returned to idols, and some turned to pure denial.

This Wronged One in the land of exile - all know that all kings have turned away and all religions oppose. Now it is clear what afflictions have come and continue to come. For instance, if someone is told “Do not drink wine” or “Do not say what God has not permitted,” they immediately rise up with unprecedented calumnies. As when We banished two wicked souls after countless transgressions - I swear by the Sun of sanctified glory - they manifested such rebellion as had never been seen in creation, attributing all their own forbidden and reprehensible acts to the Truth before all the people of the land. Upon them be what is upon them.

Now consider the degree of harm and the level of tribulation. They do what they wish and judge as they desire, except for those who have believed in God and remained steadfast. The affairs of this land are very severe - observe the Tablet of Samsun and likewise tablets revealed in previous years containing news of what was to come. All these matters return to the Truth itself. Nevertheless, We have been and remain engaged in what was commanded among the servants with perfect joy and delight. Therefore that soul should not be saddened by certain matters. Walk in the footsteps of thy Lord - this is God’s decree from before and after. Follow and be among those who act. The more you are wronged, the more beloved it is and shall be, following the example of thy wronged Lord.

Convey My glorification unto thy nephew on behalf of this Wronged and exiled One. Say: O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The fire hath been kindled by the fingers of thy Lord and hath set the horizons ablaze, yet the people remain veiled behind a mighty veil. Draw nigh unto it with thy heart, purely for the sake of God. By My life! Through it shall be ignited within thy heart the lamp of His love in such wise that neither the winds nor all the seas of the heavens and earth can extinguish it. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having drawn nigh, entered in, attained His presence, and been the recipient of thy Lord’s glance, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Recognize the value of this bounty and arise to praise Him amongst all peoples. After having attained the presence of thy Lord, can anything cause thee grief? This beseemeth thee not. Be content with My love and hold fast unto it. It shall suffice thee, if thou be of them that know. Though thou be heedless, He is never heedless of thee and remembereth thee, having perceived from thee the fragrance of the garment. He shall bestow upon thee whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Be steadfast in the Cause. By My life! Nothing that hath been created on earth can equal it. Be thou among the firm ones. Then make mention of the Friend and say: Thou art in exile while thy Lord is the Exile. Yet there is this difference: thou hast none who would harm thee, torment thee, or speak evil of thee, whereas this Exile hath fallen into the hands of the oppressors who do with Him as they please, speak of Him as they wish, and pronounce against Him that which even the rejectors of former ages never pronounced. Give thanks unto thy Lord in this condition even as I give thanks in this affliction. Thus doth He Who is most loving and merciful unto thee command thee. Grieve not over anything. Stand firm in the Cause and say: Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Object of praise of the sincere ones! My soul be a sacrifice for Thy imprisonment and Thy exile, O Thou Who art wronged in the hands of the wicked ones! When thou meetest those two who attained the presence of the Countenance and from whom thou perceivest the fragrance of God, convey unto them My glorification and give them the glad-tidings of this noble remembrance. Glory be upon you and upon them who have held fast to truth and justice from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient Being. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Pope! Rend the veils asunder. He Who is the Lord of Lords is come overshadowed with clouds, and the decree hath been fulfilled by God, the Almighty, the Unrestrained. Dispel the mists through the power of thy Lord, and ascend unto the Kingdom of His names and attributes. Thus hath the Pen of the Most High commanded thee at the behest of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. He, verily, hath again come down from Heaven even as He came down from it the first time. Beware that thou dispute not with Him even as the Pharisees disputed with Him without a clear token or proof. On His right hand flow the living waters of grace, and on His left the choice Wine of justice, whilst before Him march the angels of Paradise, bearing the banners of His signs. Beware lest any name debar thee from God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Leave thou the world behind thee, and turn towards thy Lord, through Whom the whole earth hath been illumined.

We have adorned the Kingdom with the ornament of Our name, the All-Glorious. Thus hath it been decreed by God, the Fashioner of all things. Take heed lest thy vain imaginings withhold thee, when once the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth above the horizon of the Utterance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beneficent. Dwellest thou in palaces whilst He Who is the King of Revelation liveth in the most desolate of abodes? Leave them unto such as desire them, and set thy face with joy and delight towards the Kingdom.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Destroy the abodes of negligence with the hands of power and assurance, and raise up the mansions of true knowledge within your hearts, that the All-Merciful may shed the radiance of His light upon them. Better is this for you than all whereon the sun shineth, and unto this beareth witness He Who holdeth within His grasp the ultimate decree. The Breeze of God hath been wafted over the world at the advent of the Desired One in His great glory, whereupon every stone and clod of earth hath cried out: “The Promised One is come! The Kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the Gracious, the Forgiving.”

Beware lest human learning debar thee from Him Who is the Supreme Object of all knowledge, or lest the world deter thee from the One Who created it and set it upon its course. Arise in the name of thy Lord, the God of Mercy, amidst the peoples of the earth, and seize thou the Cup of Life with the hands of confidence. First drink thou therefrom, and proffer it then to such as turn towards it amongst the peoples of all faiths. Thus hath the Moon of Utterance risen above the horizon of wisdom and understanding.

Still your pens, O concourse of divines, for lo, the shrill voice of the Pen of Glory hath been lifted up between earth and heaven. Cast away all that ye possess and take fast hold of that which We have revealed unto you with power and authority. The Hour that was concealed within the knowledge of God hath struck, whereupon all the atoms of the earth have proclaimed: “The Ancient of Days is come in His great glory! Hasten unto Him, O peoples of the earth, with humble and contrite hearts.” Say: We, in truth, have given Ourself as a ransom for your own lives. Alas, when We came once again, We beheld you fleeing from Us, whereat the eye of My loving-kindness wept sore over My people. Fear God, O ye that perceive.

Consider those who opposed the Son, when He came unto them with sovereignty and power. How many the Pharisees who were waiting to behold Him, and were lamenting over their separation from Him! And yet, when the fragrance of His coming was wafted over them, and His beauty was unveiled, they turned aside from Him and disputed with Him. Thus do We impart unto thee that which hath been recorded in the Books and Scriptures. None save a very few, who were destitute of any power amongst men, turned towards His face. And yet today every man endowed with power and invested with sovereignty prideth himself on His Name! In like manner, consider how numerous, in these days, are the monks who, in My Name, have secluded themselves in their churches, and who, when the appointed time was fulfilled, and We unveiled Our beauty, knew Us not, though they call upon Me at eventide and at dawn. We behold them clinging to My name, yet veiled from My Self. This, verily, is a strange thing.

Say: Take heed lest your devotions withhold you from Him Who is the object of all devotion, or your worship debar you from Him Who is the object of all worship. Rend asunder the veils of your idle fancies! This is your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, Who hath come to quicken the world and unite all who dwell on earth. Turn unto the Dayspring of Revelation, O people, and tarry not, be it for less than the twinkling of an eye. Read ye the Evangel and yet refuse to acknowledge the All-Glorious Lord? This indeed beseemeth you not, O concourse of learned men! Say: If ye deny this Revelation, by what proof have ye believed in God? Produce it then. Thus hath the summons of God been sent down by the Pen of the Most High at the bidding of your Lord, the Most Glorious, in this Tablet from whose horizon the splendour of His Light hath shone forth. How many are My servants whose deeds have become veils between them and their own selves, and who have been kept back thereby from drawing nigh unto God, He Who causeth the winds to blow.

O concourse of monks! The fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted over all creation. Happy the man that hath forsaken his desires, and taken fast hold of guidance. He, indeed, is of those who have attained unto the presence of God in this Day, a Day whereon commotions have seized the dwellers of the earth and filled with dismay all save those who have been exempted by God, He Who layeth low the necks of men.

Adorn ye your bodies whilst the raiment of God is stained with the blood of hatred at the hands of the people of denial? Issue forth from your habitations and bid the people enter the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgement. The Word which the Son concealed is made manifest. It hath been sent down in the form of the human temple in this day. Blessed be the Lord Who is the Father! He, verily, is come unto the nations in His most great majesty. Turn your faces towards Him, O concourse of the righteous!

O followers of all religions! We behold you wandering distraught in the wilderness of error. Ye are the fish of this Ocean; wherefore do ye withhold yourselves from that which sustaineth you? Lo, it surgeth before your faces. Hasten unto it from every clime. This is the day whereon the Rock crieth out and shouteth, and celebrateth the praise of its Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most High, saying: “Lo! The Father is come, and that which ye were promised in the Kingdom is fulfilled!” This is the Word which was preserved behind the veils of grandeur, and which, when the Promise came to pass, shed its radiance from the horizon of the Divine Will with clear tokens.

My body hath borne imprisonment that your souls may be released from bondage, and We have consented to be abased that ye may be exalted. Follow the Lord of glory and dominion, and not every ungodly oppressor. My body longeth for the cross, and Mine head awaiteth the thrust of the spear, in the path of the All-Merciful, that the world may be purged from its transgressions. Thus hath the Daystar of divine authority shone forth from the horizon of the Revelation of Him Who is the Possessor of all names and attributes.

The people of the Qur'an have risen against Us, and tormented Us with such a torment that the Holy Spirit lamented, and the thunder roared out, and the clouds wept over Us. Among the faithless is he who hath imagined that calamities can deter Baha from fulfilling that which God, the Creator of all things, hath purposed. Say: Nay, by Him Who causeth the rain to fall! Nothing whatsoever can withhold Him from the remembrance of His Lord.

By the righteousness of God! Should they cast Him into a fire kindled on the continent, He will assuredly rear His head in the midmost heart of the ocean and proclaim: "He is the Lord of all that are in heaven and all that are on earth!" And if they cast Him into a darksome pit, they will find Him seated on earth's loftiest heights calling aloud to all mankind: "Lo, the Desire of the World is come in His majesty, His sovereignty, His transcendent dominion!" And if He be buried beneath the depths of the earth, His Spirit soaring to the apex of heaven shall peal the summons: "Behold ye the coming of the Glory; witness ye the Kingdom of God, the Most Holy, the Gracious, the All-Powerful!" And if they shed His blood, every drop thereof shall cry out and invoke God in this Name through which the fragrance of His raiment hath been diffused in all directions.

Though threatened by the swords of Our enemies, We summon all mankind unto God, the Fashioner of earth and heaven, and We render Him such aid as can be hindered by neither the hosts of tyranny nor the ascendancy of the people of iniquity. Say: O peoples of the earth! Scatter the idols of your vain imaginings in the name of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, and turn ye unto Him in this Day which God hath made the King of days.

O Supreme Pontiff! Incline thine ear unto that which the Fashioner of mouldering bones counselleth thee, as voiced by Him Who is His Most Great Name. Sell all the embellished ornaments thou dost possess, and expend them in the path of God, Who causeth the night to return upon the day, and the day to return upon the night. Abandon thy kingdom unto the kings, and emerge from thy habitation, with thy face set towards the Kingdom, and, detached from the world, then speak forth the praises of thy Lord betwixt earth and heaven. Thus hath bidden thee He Who is the Possessor of Names, on the part of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Exhort thou the kings and say: "Deal equitably with men. Beware lest ye transgress the bounds fixed in the Book." This indeed becometh thee. Beware lest thou appropriate unto thyself the things of the world and the riches thereof. Leave them unto such as desire them, and cleave unto that which hath been enjoined upon thee by Him Who is the Lord of creation. Should anyone offer thee all the treasures of the earth, refuse to even glance upon them. Be as thy Lord hath been. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken that which God hath made the ornament of the book of creation.

Consider a pearl which shineth by virtue of its inherent nature. If it be covered with silk, its luster and beauty will be concealed. Likewise, man's distinction lieth in the excellence of his conduct and in the

pursuit of that which beseemeth his station, not in childish play and pastimes. Know that thy true adornment consisteth in the love of God and in thy detachment from all save Him, and not in the luxuries thou dost possess. Abandon them unto those who seek after them and turn unto God, He Who causeth the rivers to flow.

Whatever proceeded from the tongue of the Son was revealed in parables, whilst He Who proclaimeth the Truth in this Day speaketh without them. Take heed lest thou cling to the cord of idle fancy and withhold thyself from that which hath been ordained in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Should the inebriation of the wine of My verses seize thee, and thou determinest to present thyself before the throne of thy Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven, make My love thy vesture, and thy shield remembrance of Me, and thy provision reliance upon God, the Revealer of all power.

O followers of the Son! We have once again sent John unto you, and He, verily, hath cried out in the wilderness of the Bayan: O peoples of the world! Cleanse your eyes! The Day whereon ye can behold the Promised One and attain unto Him hath drawn nigh! O followers of the Gospel! Prepare the way! The Day of the advent of the Glorious Lord is at hand! Make ready to enter the Kingdom. Thus hath it been ordained by God, He Who causeth the dawn to break.

Give ear unto that which the Dove of Eternity warbleth upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree: O followers of the Son! We sent forth him who was named John to baptize you with water, that your bodies might be cleansed for the appearance of the Messiah. He, in turn, purified you with the fire of love and the water of the spirit in anticipation of these Days whereon the All-Merciful hath purposed to cleanse you with the water of life at the hands of His loving providence. This is that peerless One foretold by Isaiah, and the Comforter concerning Whom the Spirit had covenanted with you. Open your eyes, O concourse of bishops, that ye may behold your Lord seated upon the Throne of might and glory.

Say: O peoples of all faiths! Walk not in the ways of them that followed the Pharisees and thus veiled themselves from the Spirit. They truly have strayed and are in error. The Ancient Beauty is come in His Most Great Name, and He wisheth to admit all mankind into His most holy Kingdom. The pure in heart behold the Kingdom of God manifest before His Face. Make haste thereunto and follow not the infidel and the ungodly. Should your eye be opposed thereto, pluck it out. Thus hath it been decreed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days, as bidden by Him Who is the Lord of the entire creation. He, verily, hath come again that ye might be redeemed, O peoples of the earth. Will ye slay Him Who desireth to grant you eternal life? Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight.

O people! Hearken unto that which hath been revealed by your All-Glorious Lord, and turn your faces unto God, the Lord of this world and of the world to come. Thus doth He Who is the Dawning-Place of the Daystar of divine inspiration command you as bidden by the Fashioner of all mankind. We, verily, have created you for the light, and desire not to abandon you unto the fire. Come forth, O people, from darkness by the grace of this Sun which hath shone forth above the horizon of divine providence, and turn thereunto with sanctified hearts and assured souls, with seeing eyes and beaming faces. Thus counselleth you the Supreme Ordainer from the scene of His transcendent glory, that perchance His summons may draw you nigh unto the Kingdom of His names.

Blessed the one who hath remained faithful to the Covenant of God, and woe betide him who hath broken it and disbelieved in Him, the Knower of secrets. Say: This is the Day of Bounty! Bestir yourselves that I may make you monarchs in the realms of My Kingdom. If ye follow Me, ye shall behold that which ye were promised, and I will make you My companions in the dominion of My majesty and the intimates of My beauty in the heaven of My power forevermore. If ye rebel against Me, I will in My clemency endure it patiently, that haply ye may awaken and rise up from the couch of heedlessness. Thus hath My mercy encompassed you. Fear ye God and follow not in the ways of those who have turned away from His face, though they invoke His name in the daytime and in the night season.

Verily, the day of ingathering is come, and all things have been separated from each other. He hath stored away that which He chose in the vessels of justice, and cast into fire that which befitteth it. Thus hath it been decreed by your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, in this promised Day. He, verily, ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God save He, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. The desire of the Divine Sifter hath been to store up every good thing for Mine own Self. Naught hath He spoken save to acquaint you with My Cause and to guide you to the path of Him whose mention hath adorned all the sacred Books.

Say: O concourse of Christians! We have, on a previous occasion, revealed Ourself unto you, and ye recognized Me not. This is yet another occasion vouchsafed unto you. This is the Day of God; turn ye unto Him. He, verily, hath come down from heaven even as He came down the first time, and He desireth to shelter you beneath the shade of His mercy. He, verily, is the Exalted, the Mighty, the Supreme Helper. The Beloved One loveth not that ye be consumed with the fire of your desires. Were ye to be shut out as by a veil from Him, this would be for no other reason than your own waywardness and ignorance. Ye make mention of Me, and know Me not. Ye call upon Me, and are heedless of My Revelation, notwithstanding that I came unto you from the heaven of pre-existence with surpassing glory. Rend the veils asunder in My name and through the power of My sovereignty that ye may discover a path unto your Lord.

We should have made mention of Napoleon, for he too received Our Tablet while in his glory. We addressed him from the Seat of the Most Great Prison and acquainted him with that which his spirit had prompted him to do. He cast the Tablet of God behind him when We made known unto him that which We had formerly known. Thus hath his work been brought to naught, and humiliation overtook him, and he went unto destruction. O King of Paris! Tell the priest not to ring the bells. By God, the Most Great Bell hath appeared in the form of Him Who is the Most Great Name, and the fingers of the will of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, toll it out in the heaven of Immortality in His Name, the All-Glorious. Thus have the mighty verses of your Lord been again sent down unto you, that ye may arise to remember God, the Creator of earth and heaven, in these days when all the tribes of the earth have mourned, and the foundations of the cities have trembled, and the dust of irreligion hath enwrapped all men, except such as your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, was pleased to spare. Say: He shall not be asked of His doings. He maketh what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

Know ye that if We raise Our voice, the whole of creation would be disrupted, and if We cause the outpourings of Our utterance to be stilled, all things would perish, and ye would become as lost ones. Be not dismayed or perturbed if the inhabitants of the cities of unbelief repudiate your claim and deny your testimony. No man can comprehend that which hath streamed forth from the ocean of divine grace in these days. He Who is the Ancient Beauty ruleth upon the throne of glory, and the power of His might beareth witness unto His creatures. No one, except those who have withdrawn themselves from the shadow of the divine bounty and attached their hearts to the Evil One, will deny the power of His sovereignty.

O kings of the earth! We see you increasing every year your expenditures, and laying the burden thereof on your subjects. This, verily, is wholly and grossly unjust. Fear the sighs and tears of this Wronged One, and lay not excessive burdens on your peoples. Do not rob them to rear palaces for yourselves; nay rather choose for them that which ye choose for yourselves. Thus We unfold to your eyes that which profiteth you, if ye but perceive. Your people are your treasures. Beware lest your rule violate the commandments of God, and ye deliver your wards to the hands of the robber. By them ye rule, by their means ye subsist, by their aid ye conquer. Yet, how disdainfully ye look upon them! How strange, how very strange!

Now that ye have refused the Most Great Peace, hold ye fast unto this, the Lesser Peace, that haply ye may in some degree better your own condition and that of your dependents.

O rulers of the earth! Be reconciled among yourselves, that ye may need no more armaments save in a measure to safeguard your territories and dominions. Beware lest ye disregard the counsel of the All-Knowing, the Faithful.

Be united, O kings of the earth, for thereby will the tempest of discord be stilled amongst you, and your peoples find rest, if ye be of them that comprehend. Should any one among you take up arms against another, rise ye all against him, for this is naught but manifest justice.

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Revealed for Ali-Akbar, who emigrated unto God and entered into the presence of the Throne, and was among those who attained. He is the All-Possessing, in His Most Glorious Name.

O Ali, hearken unto the call of God, thy Lord, from the right hand of the Throne: “Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have indeed sent Messengers aforetime and dispatched them unto those who were heedless of God’s Cause, that they might guide them to a holy and praiseworthy station. Among the people are those who denied God’s Messengers and believed not in them throughout all ages, who turned away from His countenance and were among those who turned back. And among them were those who believed, then ascended to such a station that they gave up their spirits in their Lord’s path, and were among those who, at all times, would ascend.

How many Messengers delivered unto the people their Lord’s messages, and thereby were afflicted with adversity and tribulation until they were slain in God’s path–the Mighty, the Exalted, the Beloved–and

were martyred in such wise that all things, nay, whatsoever hath been and will be, wept for them. The more intense grew their tribulations, the more their yearning increased, to such extent that they found no rest in the abode of security. To this do honored servants bear witness.

The days passed until they culminated in the Sovereign of Days, and the Beauty of Ali appeared in truth from the dawning-place of His hidden Name. He said: 'O people! I have come unto you from the Orient of the Cause with a clear proof and a manifest evidence from God, the Mighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O people! Deny not the signs of God, and be not of those who showed pride before the Ancient Beauty and were among the deniers.' Thereupon the divines rose up against Him with swords of rejection and hatred, and forbade the people from drawing nigh unto the holy and blessed shore. Each day they seized upon a verse from the Book and a tradition from those who had passed away before, whereby they sought to prove their rejection of God and the Manifestation of His Self. Thus did they corrupt and cause the people to become corrupt, following their own desires. Thus do We recount what they did, that those who believed in those days might become aware thereof, and that it might serve as a reminder to those who are to come.

Until the servants in all lands rejected Him, save a numbered few. When He witnessed the Cause in such state, He counseled those who had believed in Tablets of glory inscribed, saying: 'O people! Do not act as did those who associated partners with God, who warred against My Self, who denied My signs and rejected My compelling, mighty, and manifest proof. Should anyone come unto you, be not veiled by the First One, nor by the Mirrors, nor by all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Beware lest ye divide the word of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. By God! He is verily My Self, My Glory, My Grandeur, and My Sovereignty, and in the Bayan there is mention of Him and proof of Him, would ye but be certain. O people! Deal not with Him as the followers of the Furqan dealt with My wronged Self. O people! When ye hear mention of Him while in your prostration or bowing down or circumambulating the House, cease from what ye are doing and hasten unto Him, for on that Day the deeds of creation shall not be accepted save by His leave and the recognition of His exalted, mighty, and praiseworthy Self. By God! All deeds have been fulfilled through the Word that hath flowed from His Self-Subsisting Pen, and We created all things for His sake and gave glad tidings of His appearance in all the Tablets and in a preserved Tablet.' And He delivered unto the servants what He desired until they rose up against Him and slew Him with such injustice that all things wept and the Spirit […]

How I wish the world and all that is therein had never been created, and that this wrong had never appeared - a wrong by which God lamented upon the throne of grandeur and the garments of forbearance were rent asunder in all that was and will be! Would that I had never been born of my mother, or having been born, had never been suckled, or having been suckled, had never grown to maturity, that I might not have heard what befell His sacred, pure, exalted, mighty and beloved Beauty! Time passed until the shameful event occurred, when faithless servants calumniated Us, attributed this Cause to My own self, seized Me unjustly and cast Me into prison for four known months. Therein I endured what none can reckon and what defies all reckoning. When the term of imprisonment, as decreed in the preserved tablets of holiness, was fulfilled, they released Me therefrom and banished Me with My family from Our homeland in winter days when the cold was so intense that even severe frost was made to shiver. We suffered what cannot be described in words and what none save God, the

Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Self-Subsisting, knows. We traversed the way until We reached Iraq and dwelt there for numbered months, finding not a trace of the Cause from any quarter, nor from the city wherein We dwelt. Then did the eye of My inner and outer being weep, and God bears witness to what I say, though the people do not testify. Whenever I left the house and passed before people's eyes, they would look upon Me as one looks upon the unconscious, and would shake their heads in mockery of My stranger and grief-stricken self. The situation became so dire that the earth grew strait for Me, and We remained in that state for numbered months. In those days We heard no mention of the loved ones and found no trace of love from anyone save in a measured degree. Intoxication had seized all who professed allegiance to the Bayan, and such perturbation overtook them that they hid their faces from friends and foes alike, each soul adopting a veil for his face to protect himself, save a few of Our thankful servants. By God! We found none to help the Cause of God and His command, and We witnessed the fire of God extinguished in hearts. Then did We arise by Our own self to uplift the Cause, unveiled Our countenance, and shone forth from the horizon of holiness with God's sovereign might, the Self-Subsisting. We opened wide the door of the House to all in the heavens and earth, and aided the Cause in such wise that none could deny it save every rejected denier, until the banners of the Cause were raised in every land and the fire was kindled in the breasts of those who were detached and among those who were detached. When God's Cause became renowned, His proof appeared, His evidence shone forth, His signs encompassed all, His word was fulfilled, His sovereignty was exalted, His countenance became radiant - then did two parties rise against Me: a party from among the loved ones and a party from among the wicked ones. How many nights did eyes sleep while My family remained sleepless in fear for My person - all who dwelt in Iraq can testify to this, if you should ask. The matter reached such a pass that all peoples rose against Me with every stratagem, yet I stood alone against them all and aided God, My Lord, at times with My glance, at times with My tongue, at times with My hand, and […]

At times through the breezes of My heart, at times through the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and at times through the very Breath of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Wise, have I been aided. Never did I seek anyone's help in the path of God, My Lord - to this every soul bears witness, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the True, the Faithful Sovereign. In those days, the souls of the loved ones were so agitated on My account that they would cry out in their homes because of My tribulations at the hands of the idolaters. Then the cries of My family arose constantly from the house. Once the Youth turned toward the Sanctuary with streaming tears and said: "O handmaidens of God, remain seated in your places, then be patient and endure for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous!" On another occasion I turned to the party of God and commanded them to be calm and dignified, and forbade them from becoming agitated - thus were We conducting ourselves. I Myself never hesitated for a moment in advancing God's Cause, nor did I compromise with anyone. I shone forth amidst the enemies with the holy and luminous lights. Among the idolaters, some declared that in those days He would be seized and sent to the Persian king to do with Him as he pleased. Others said He would be slain in that land. Still others said they would soon seize Him with His family and banish them to other lands. Some cried out that they would drown them in the river. Thus did they speak. By God! In those days the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise were bewildered by My circumstances. They all descended from their most exalted seats and stood above My head, gazing upon My majesty and sovereignty, and hearing what emerged from My mouth of God's words and verses amidst the company of the idolaters. The Youth walked

among the people, openly proclaiming what the Spirit had uttered in His breast, without any veil or barrier, as you have heard and were among those who listened. While I walked among the servants, God's Kingdom would walk before Me, His Dominion to My right, His Sovereignty to My left, and His Power behind Me. Yet the people were heedless of all this, for their eyes were veiled by thick coverings, save for a few letters who loved My exalted and mighty Self. By Him Who holds My soul in His hand! Were I to recount what befell Me on the day I left the house alone and proceeded to the presence of the oppressors until I entered upon them with manifest sovereignty, the hearts would be consumed of those who perceive the fragrance of God in what descends from His presence. Therefore have We concealed its mention, restrained the Pen from it, and entrusted it to God's Will - the Mighty, the All-Knowing - until its appointed time comes and it flows from an omnipotent and ancient Pen. We remained in that state until God raised Me up by His command and aided Me through His own Self, and those who had denied and associated partners with God were brought low and were among the deniers. One of the ministers appeared before the Throne with numerous letters, mentioned what he mentioned before the Face, and confirmed the decree of departure. We left the city through God's sovereignty - the Mighty, the Exalted, the Triumphant, the Powerful. The breezes of glory wafted from all directions, the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, became renowned, all faces submitted to the Face of God, and all souls were humbled before His sovereignty. Thus were We among the witnesses. When those in whose hearts […]

The Youth whispers in the most hidden mystery that whatever harm hath touched Me in My manifestation amongst the people and My exaltation throughout the lands - they regretted their concealment and veils and rose against Me with a scheme which, by the True God, cannot be compared to the schemes of the first or the last ones. At all times they stung Me like serpents, to which the Tongue of the All-Merciful beareth witness upon the mighty throne. When We observed their condition, We left the matter be, and thus were We afflicted with hardships until We arrived at this remote prison. After Our arrival in this land, God recorded all that befell Us from those who were created by Our command and whom We had protected from the harm of every stubborn harmful one - until they pronounced the verdict of My death without any proof or clear evidence. The matter reached such a state that I departed from among all the loved ones to extinguish the fire of jealousy in the hearts of the hateful ones. When We left their midst and they found themselves disappointed in what they desired, they rose up with calumnies. Thus have We related a letter from the story of the Youth, and We have been brief in the mention lest the souls of the readers grow weary. Those endowed with penetrating vision will understand from what We have mentioned in the Tablet that which We have not unveiled to them, for they can extract from allusions the realities of clear declaration, and a mere sign in the utterance from One All-Knowing, All-Wise sufficeth them. Now from the depths of this pit, in this prison, I call out to the sincere loved ones of God, that perchance they may arise to help the Youth and deliver Him from this deep well.

O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Take this Tablet and return to the precincts of God, that perchance the people may become aware of what hath befallen this Wronged One at the hands of these oppressors. Victory cometh only from God - He aideth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty, and His victory is nigh unto the believers. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having migrated from thy self and traveled unto God, and entered the seat of thy Lord's throne, the Most High, the All-Wise, and attained the presence of His

countenance, and art among those who have won the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. God will soon reveal the reward for what thou hast borne in His path, and verily He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good, if thou remainest steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, and art among the firmly rooted ones. If thou findest in any city one who turneth unto God, remind him on My behalf, for My mercy hath encompassed all worlds. Apart from such, leave them to themselves and be thou wary of them; then take up an assured station in the shadow of thy Lord's protection. When thou arrivest in Kha, present thyself in the presence of Our name Muhammad, then mention to him what thou hast heard and known of the Youth's tidings with manifest truthfulness. Thus have We commanded thee in truth, that thou mayest be among those who act. O 'Ali! Associate with people in the spirit of God and His sweet fragrance, then unite with those in whose hearts thou findest the love of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Adorn thy tongue with truthfulness, then thy heart with remembrance, then thy hands with trustworthiness, then thy soul with submission, thy face with humility, and thy body with lowliness. Thus do We counsel thee now in truth. Take, then, what thou art commanded from the presence of One Dominant, Powerful. Beware lest thou grieve over anything, and should hardships afflict thee, remember what hath befallen My soul, then be patient and be of the patient ones. God will soon transform the hardship for whomsoever He willeth and send down upon him of His bounty what He desireth, and He is the most powerful of the powerful ones. And may the mercy that wafteth from the direction of the Throne be upon thee and upon God's assured servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all who are on earth and in heaven!

O Name of Bounty! Tablets have been revealed equal in number to the raindrops, and books to match the number of all knowledge, psalms, scriptures and what lies between them, which none has comprehended save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The essence of utterance has reached such a station that every letter thereof is a clear book establishing the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Infinite realms are set ablaze, yet most of the people of this world remain deprived and veiled. That which has been revealed is beyond the reckoning of those present. The hearing ear is rare and the seeing eye non-existent. Beseech ye God to bestow upon the world attentive ears and penetrating vision. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, the Overseer, the Self-Subsisting.

His honor Haydar-'Ali, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned certain souls who have turned towards God, and We desire to send down for them from the heaven of Will and Purpose that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. O Pen! Make mention of Muhammad, who turned towards the Dayspring of Revelation when the people were in manifest rejection. He hath attained unto My Tablet once, and again unto another Tablet from whose horizon shone the sun of his Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad! Hear the call from the Uttermost Tree upon the shore of the Sea of Eternity: Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Dawning-Place of favors hath come with the banners of justice and fairness, yet the Evil Whisperer remaineth in strange delusion. He whispereth in the breasts of men - yet he is among the most lost in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We have sent down for thee from the heaven of grace that which shall testify in thy favor in every world among the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations, for having caused me to turn towards Thy horizon, to gaze upon the lights of Thy countenance, and to speak in Thy beauteous praise. My Lord! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, then ordain for me that which befitteth Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Amanu'llah! Hearken unto the scratching of My Pen and the rustling of My Tree, then look to the Most Exalted Horizon that thou mayest behold the dawning lights of My Manifestation and that which hath been ordained in that station by the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. By God! When the call was raised from the Supreme Pen, the call of all things was raised. The gate of heaven was opened and the Lord of Names came with clear sovereignty. Through His appearance the ocean of utterance surged in the contingent world, and by His uprising the people arose for the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto God, for My Pen hath moved to make mention of thee and My tongue hath spoken thy name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Hassan! We have observed thy devotion and heard thy call. At the outset of this utterance, We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and in that which will exalt this wise Remembrance, through which the limbs of all names have trembled and the Most Exalted Pen hath proclaimed: "Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." Be thou eloquent in My praise, hold fast unto My cord, cling to the hem of the robe of My loving-kindness, turn thy face toward the lights of My countenance, and be thou a helper of My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him. Verily, He hath mentioned thee in that which shall never perish. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted station. Verily, He once reposed upon the dust in the Prison of Ta, and at another time in the land of Mim, then He ascended the throne in this Great Prison. Thus hath the Divine Lote-Tree spoken as a token of Our favor unto thee. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!" I beseech Thee by the power before which nothing can stand firm among all things, to make me a helper of Thy Cause and one who speaketh Thy praise, wherein the affairs of creation and the doubts of those who have denied Thy blessed, pure and luminous Name shall not hinder me.

O servant of God! Thou wert silent and thoughtful regarding the manifestations of My power and the expressions of My loving-kindness. Thou hast heard the cry of all things - how the stones call out to the trees: "This is the Day of the Chosen One. It behooveth us to sing in the days of God." The attraction of the verses hath seized the dwellers of earth and heaven. Blessed is the soul that hath been drawn by the breezes of revelation, and woe unto the heedless. Say: O peoples of the earth! Open your eyes. The sun of inner meanings hath shone forth before your faces. Fear God and be not of them that slumber. He hath appeared unto Whom all in the heavens and earth have bowed down in praise, and through Whose remembrance all in the heavens and earth make mention of Him. We counsel thee and them that have believed to act in accordance with what hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Ali-Askar! The Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth: The clamorous ones have appeared with deception and guile, desiring to veil the lights of the Sun of Truth with the clouds of their idle fancies and to prevent Its shining forth. They have contrived calumnies whereby they have prevented those helpless servants from the Dayspring of the Light of Divine Unity. Say: O worthless ones! The entire world beareth witness that from the first day this Wronged One hath stood forth before the faces of men in the name of the Self-Subsisting, steadfast in the Cause, calling all with the most exalted call to the supreme horizon. His Cause is manifest, His decree evident, and His deeds witnessed, for He hath never concealed Himself behind veils nor sought protection for Himself. At all times countless souls have dwelt and found rest in His vicinity. Nevertheless, a company of the heedless have turned away. By God's life! They have turned to that which neither nourisheth nor endureth. Glory be to God! What have they seen and what have they heard? The world of knowledge is astonished at these souls. O people of God! Ye must arise with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all beings and strive to reform the peoples of the world, that perchance ye may be assisted to purify the hearts of the nations from rancor and hatred. O people of God! Until now the servants have been heedless of the blessed words "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth," for whosoever is blessed with this holy word will remain firm, steadfast and unwavering in the Cause of God. We convey Our greetings to the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, and give them glad-tidings of His grace. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that act. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He maketh mention of thee with that which God hath made a spirit unto all bodies, a light unto all horizons, and a treasure and honor unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. This is a Day wherein the atoms themselves have testified that the Promise hath come to pass and that which was hidden in the hearts of the chosen ones and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been fulfilled. On this Day all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praiseworthy!" Say: O people of God! We have enjoined upon you in the Psalms and Tablets that which will exalt the Cause of God and manifest the station of His party amidst all parties. Say: Blessed is the arm that hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the power of the Name of God, the Lord of all lords. We have made mention of the people of Shin, and We make mention of them at this time through verses that have illumined the horizons. By God! All things were stirred by the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen, and yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Their desires have withheld them from My horizon, and their idle fancies from the straight Path. Say: O concourse of divines! Die in your wrath! The Hour hath come to pass and the mountains have been scattered. This is the Day of Reckoning. The recompense of your deeds hath prevented you from Him Whom ye mentioned throughout the nights and days, at eventide and at dawn. Open your eyes! The Sun hath dawned from the horizon of proof by the command of God, the Lord of all men. O My loved ones in Shin! Ye have been blessed by My remembrance in My days and have inhaled the fragrances of revelation when every ignorant doubter was debarred therefrom. Blessed are your eyes for what they have beheld and your ears for what they have heard: the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree as it was raised up by God, the Mighty, the Bestower. We counsel you to perform such deeds as will guide those who turn towards the Dayspring of lights, and to manifest such virtues as will lead all servants to

the Source of commandments and ordinances. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through deeds and virtuous character. This is what ye have been commanded in the Psalms and Tablets. Beware lest the clamor of the divines or the tyranny of those who have denied the Beginning and the End frighten you. Soon will God seize them even as He seized those before them. Verily, He is severe in punishment. The might of kings cannot frustrate Him, nor can the ranks of subjects. He calleth out before all faces with the most exalted call: "The Sovereign hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing!" We give glad tidings unto Our loved ones who have not broken Our Covenant of that which hath been ordained for them by the Pen of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Husayn! Be thou enkindled with the fire of My love, that the peoples of the lands may be set ablaze thereby, and be thou attracted by My verses, that the servants may be drawn unto them. Say: Cast aside what the people possess, and hold fast unto that which hath come from the Dayspring of Power with the standards of His verses. Beware lest the might of the world weaken you, or the power of the wicked render you helpless. Thus hath the Ocean of Proof revealed His utterance, and that which was hidden in the shells - the pearls of the wisdom of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind - hath appeared. By God! The Sun hath manifested its radiance, the Words their light, the Pen its traces, and the Tree its fruits. Blessed is he who hath turned, witnessed and beheld, and woe unto every denying infidel.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the divine call in the Persian tongue, that perchance the ears of the world may hear that for which they were created. The friends of God must be as firm mountains, unchanged by the events of time and the rains. Glory be to God! Some are like clods that dissolve at the touch of moisture, or like dried leaves stirred by every wind. Today the people of God must fix their gaze upon the highest horizon and remain steadfast in His Cause with complete firmness. Their deeds must be for God and their attention turned to God.

O friends of God on earth! Be not grieved by the happenings of the age, for they are limited to prescribed bounds. Strive to attain eternal stations in this transient realm. Reflect upon past centuries and ages - how many souls emerged from dust and returned to dust. By the Sun of Proof that shineth from the highest horizon of possibility, that which hath been ordained for the sincere ones and those near unto God hath neither likeness nor equal. Thus hath the Pen spoken, yet the people perceive not, save him who hath cast away what he possessed in his longing for that which is with God. He, verily, is among the sincere ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

What is needed today is the sanctification of hearts and breasts from rancor and hatred. Blessed is the one who reclines upon the couch of ease while his breast is illumined with the light of love for all the peoples of the world. Unity and concord are beloved today and have ever been. Associate with all the peoples of the world with the utmost spirit, fragrance, dignity and composure, that your goodly character may spread its fragrance among them. This fragrance hath ever been and shall ever remain a guide. Consult in all matters and strive earnestly in that which will exalt the Word of God. Blessed are those souls who have arisen to render assistance and have guided the wayward to the straight path and the mighty, unshakeable way through the utterances of the Goal of all creation.

We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. We have not mentioned names as this would be contrary to wisdom. The Command

is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As for the mention of journeying from those lands, this is acceptable at the Divine Threshold, as perchance directing oneself to the land of Shin may cause the exaltation of the Word. We beseech God that He may enable that one, sanctified from the world, to reach that land, and that all may attain through his endeavors to that which beseemeth the Cause of God and the Word of God.

The book mentioned previously for publication has been delayed in these days, for due to the maliciousness of certain souls its writing has been prevented until God brings about His decree. Mention was made of Mulla Shafi'; his response has been sent down from the heaven of grace and will be dispatched later. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Great Tablet was sent specifically for him, Jalal, and the other friends of that land. We beseech God that they may attain unto it and receive their portion from the ocean of divine utterances' inner meanings. In these days, mention of Jalal's relatives also reached the Most Holy Court, and each was favored with special bounties. And those souls who have ascended to the Supreme Companion were each mentioned before the Divine Presence and were favored with grace - God hath forgiven them as a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Today, whosoever ascendeth unto God in love, the Concourse on High welcometh that sanctified spirit and inhale from it the fragrance of God, and with exclamations of "No God is there but Him" and "God is Most Great" and praise, they usher it into the station ordained for it. By the life of God! Were but an atom of that station to be revealed, all who are on earth would fall senseless. Verily His bounty is great and His mercy hath preceded all existence, both seen and unseen. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of My grace and clung to the hem of My bounty, and upon those whom We have caused to join the Supreme Companion, through Our command, for I am the Commander, the Ancient of Days.

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O honored master, his eminence Afnan, Haji Siyyid M, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him. In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord.

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

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

In My Name, the Speaking Silent One […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The latest news is that one of the firm and sincere believers has departed from this earthly homeland, intent upon the most exalted homeland, hastening from the realm of creation to the Most Glorious Companion. Exalted be his station with his Creator, and magnified his rank with His chosen ones in His paradise. By My life! The Concourse on High and the denizens of the most exalted Paradise welcomed him. And other news is that the swords of oppression have fallen upon the temple of justice. In the great city, the fire of hatred is ablaze and hath consumed the veil of honor. The station of religion hath become vengeful, and the station of light hath become darkness. They have cast the counsel of God behind their backs, clinging to the evil whisperings of the heedless. Greed and envy have prevented their ears and eyes from hearing and seeing. Without veil or covering they have manifested that which caused the very essence of existence to lament and the Dawning-place of bounty to cry out. Glory be to God! They have forsaken the Known for the unknown, and in the presence of the manifestations of the Self-Subsisting Name, they have deprived themselves of the choice-sealed wine. The fire of greed, passion, tyranny and corruption hath become an obstacle and veiled the light of guidance and godliness. O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The heaven of reformation hath been rolled up, and the scroll of corruption hath been spread out. Some have turned from Paradise to hell, and from light to the flames. Beseech thou God to guide the misguided and deprive not the treacherous of the grace of trustworthiness. Say: O my God, my God! I testify that the gate of Thy bounty hath ever been open to the faces of Thy servants. Aid them, O my God, to return unto Thee and to repent before the ocean of Thy forgiveness and bounty. O Lord! Thou seest Thy Afnan turning unto Thee, clinging with the fingers of hope to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint the heedless of the outpourings of Thy days, nor to drive away those who are lost in fancy from attaining Thy presence. O Lord! Transform their fire into light, their turning away into drawing nigh, their tyranny into justice, their ignorance into knowledge, and their death into life. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy right hand is the Kawthar of life. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

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

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

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

Concerning what was written about the great city and the presence of someone in that land, and likewise what was expressed about trade yielding no fruit - if it be required for the Cause, the matter is in God’s hands and whatever is decreed shall be carried out. These matters have been brought to attention in His presence. His words, exalted be His utterance: Let them act as they deem wise. The means currently present in that city and the presence of any individual will not yield fruit. However, if a wise person be found who knoweth the proper ways of association and intercourse, it would be good, and his movements should be for the sake of God. He should be among the assured souls who fear not falsehoods and calumnies, engaging in his work with firm determination and a strong heart. His Honour Aqa Mirza Muhsin hath also arrived from the great city. Praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of health and hath attained the station of nearness.

O Afnan! You are accounted as being of the Sacred Tree. From the beginning of the Cause until now you have attained that which none other hath attained. Your purpose must be the exaltation of the Word of God, and your efforts must be directed toward this end. In numerous Tablets that which none save God, exalted be His glory, can reckon hath been revealed concerning the Afnan. You have been and continue to be assisted, God willing. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, hold fast unto the cord of My Cause, and be steadfast in My service. Verily He is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have adorned thee with the ornament of Our love, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee in all times turned toward Him and aided in manifesting His Cause through wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Thou hast ever been beneath the glance of Our loving-kindness. We testify that thou didst turn to the Most Sublime Horizon and didst traverse the stages until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison and attain the presence before the Face and didst see and hear that which was uttered by the Tongue of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, and didst attain to that which was denied the servants of the earth except whom God, the Lord of existence, did will. We beseech Him to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty mercy from His presence and blessing from His side and loving-kindness from His direction. Verily He is He Who is established upon the Throne in His praiseworthy station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the

heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hear thy words in this manifest Cause. Praise be to God, the Afnan have attained unto a bounty which hath had and hath no likeness. It behooveth them to thank their Lord at all times. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

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

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

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

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

send thee at this time from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that the breathings of revelation in this manifest Day may attract thee and through thee God's servants may be drawn to the mention of this Mighty News. If thou desirest to turn toward any direction, turn with such steadfastness that all created things may thereby turn toward God, the Revealer of verses." Thus has spoken the Kingdom of Utterance in this station which God has made the circling-point of the Manifestations of Names and Attributes. It has ended. Praise be to God! The splendors of the Sun of favor have appeared in such wise that none has cause to hesitate. Blessed are they who have arisen today to champion the Cause with spirit and joy. Upon them be the glory of God, our Lord, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, and the glory of the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven.

As to what was written concerning the departed, the late Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy: praise be to God that he attained and was successful, and drank once more from the wine of bounty. Good fortune was his companion and the solace of his soul. Repeatedly did he attain unto the presence, and for some he requested Tablets and petitioned that the very original Tablets of revelation be bestowed. As a token of grace, they were revealed at that very moment, though there was a delay in their dispatch. God willing, they shall be sent. As to the matter of the will, he repeatedly mentioned that "I have no heir. There is a sum of money in a certain place, and likewise two shawls have been sent to 'Akka - all must revert to the Truth." He made this bequest repeatedly, and likewise on the way, when he was in the company of some of the friends, he made this bequest time and again. The servant beseecheth his Lord to forgive him through His grace, to grant him at all times the food of His bounty, and to rain down upon him mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Bestowing. Praise be to God that His Holiness hath attained and continueth to attain. I beseech God to aid the loved ones of that land to forsake that which hath been forbidden by the Most Exalted Pen in His Most Holy Book. His blessed and exalted Word is: "It hath been forbidden you to smoke opium. We, verily, have prohibited this practice through a most binding prohibition in the Book. Should anyone partake thereof, he is not of Me. Fear God, O ye men of understanding!" And in another passage: "The use of opium hath been forbidden unto you, as well as gambling. Eschew them both, O people, and be not of the transgressors. Beware of using any substance that induceth sluggishness and torpor in the human temple and inflicteth harm upon the body. We, verily, desire for you naught save what shall profit you, and to this bear witness all created things, would that ye could perceive it."

It is most regrettable that man should allow his desires to lead him away from the divine Will and the binding decree of His Book, and act contrary to His good-pleasure. Take heed, O brethren, and cleave unto God's compassionate counsels and hold fast unto them. This is better for you, did ye but know it. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and hearken unto your words concerning the abandonment of this unseemly, shameful, abhorrent and rejected practice. The command belongeth unto God, the Lord of existence.

The Servant

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O Ghulam-Qabli-'Ali! Repeatedly has thy mention been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and likewise the letters thou hast sent to the friends of God have each been presented and heard. From the heaven of especial bounty, replies have repeatedly been sent down for thee and for Mihdi. Blessed art thou for having confined thy affairs to the remembrance and praise of God and the promotion of His Cause. We beseech God to aid thee and thy son in that which befitteth His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Call.

His Honor Ismu'llah, upon him be My Glory, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court several days ago. It was perused and heard. Well is it with thee and with those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful. By choice wine is meant at times the divine verses themselves, and at times His love - whoso drinketh thereof shall never thirst. This choice wine bestoweth life and conferreth eternal existence. In another sense, what is meant by it are the hidden pearls within the utterance of the Goal of all worlds, and its chalices are the writings revealed by the Supreme Pen. This choice wine shall never perish but hath been and ever shall be preserved by divine will, sealed with the seal of infallibility. When by God's leave We removed its seal in this Most Great Revelation by the hand of power, the sincere ones, those near to God, and those who were ready perceived its fragrance and hastened toward it.

In one station, choice wine refers to the means that lead man to his Source and spread the carpet of detachment before him. In another station, choice wine is the blessed word of unity itself - whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. And in yet another station, it hath been and is His Hands of the Cause - they are the cupbearers of the choice wine of recognition. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto. Within this choice wine lieth concealed true investigation. Every ear that hath been blessed to hear it is numbered with the dwellers of the City of Immortality in the sight of God. This is the water that bestoweth eternal life and is the cause of everlasting existence. Today the Hand of God giveth and bestoweth. We beseech Him to enable all to attain unto this spiritual, true choice wine and to deprive no one. He is the Bountiful, the Powerful.

O Ghulam! Were ye to count its meanings, ye could not reckon them. Praise the Goal of the world Who hath turned toward thee on this night of the blessed month of Ramadan and maketh mention of thee. His Honor Amin hath set out for those parts several days ago. We beseech God to make him like rain clouds for the soil of His knowledge, that ears of recognition may spring forth therefrom for the followers of all religions. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thou didst mention those who have turned toward God. Each hath been blessed with His grace and adorned with the ornament of His greatest mention. However, O Ghulam, upon thee be My Glory, each day petitions arrive at the Most Holy Court, and likewise letters to the friends, each bearing numerous names. Therefore time hath become like the rarest elixir - scarce, nay, unobtainable. Hence if replies are delayed, there is and hath been no harm in this. Praise be to God, whosoever turneth toward Him is blessed in that moment, before it and after it, with God's mention and the attention of His merciful grace. Verily thy Lord is the Master of existence and the Knower of things unseen. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Ghulam-Husayn-i-?arami-baf! Upon thee be the Glory of God[…]

O Ghulam-i-Qabli-Husayn! The Lord of the worlds hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Prison. We testify that thou hast attained unto His remembrance, hast turned toward His horizon, and hast drunk the choice wine of His love from the hand of the bounty of His loved ones who have cast aside the world and taken hold of that which they were bidden by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ’Ali-i-Qabli-Akbar! The hidden mystery hath been made manifest and the Most Great Countenance illumined with the light of the Face. By God! The Cause hath appeared quicker than the twinkling of an eye. It behooveth him who hath believed in destiny to cast aside what the people possess and to turn with his heart unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thou hast at this hour attained unto My mention, My acceptance and My turning toward thee. Well is it with thee and with him who hath attained unto this manifest Cause.

O Isma’il! Art thou still or in motion, art thou attracted or holding fast? Cast aside the paths of the ascetics who have broken God’s covenant and His testament in this most wondrous, most mighty, most great and glorious Manifestation.

O Mir Abu’l-Qasim! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and He hath made mention of thee in such wise as hath caused the fragrance of the Merciful’s garment to waft throughout all creation. When thou findest and knowest, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy utterance while I was among the heedless among Thy servants. I beseech Thee to make me so strong through Thy power that neither the doubts of the wayward among the people of the Bayan nor the might of the divines of Iran may hold me back. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

O Mir Muhammad-’Ali! Hast thou turned toward the Most High Horizon or art thou among those who hesitate? Say: “By Thy glory, O Thou the Desire of the world! I have turned unto Thee and have turned away from all else beside Thee. Verily Thou hearest and seest, and Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.”

O Mahmud! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from My station and draweth all nigh unto the Dayspring of God’s revelation, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take hold of thy Lord’s verses with strength from Him. Say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and hast sent down unto me that which hath attracted the hearts of those who are endowed with understanding.”

O Muhammad-i-Qabli-Baqir! Thou hast attained unto My mention, My verses and My tablets. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Desired One in the earliest days and for having drunk the sealed wine when most of mankind were debarred therefrom. Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have turned unto the Countenance and have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s will, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad-Aqa! We have indeed found the fragrance of thy love and have witnessed thy turning toward Us. We have turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to illuminate the horizon of love amongst the servants. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and to adorn thee with the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

We make mention of Aqa Baba and give him the glad-tidings of God's remembrance of him, and We counsel him with that whereby the stations of man are elevated in the contingent world. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

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O son of my heart! The Servant hath made mention of thee, and We have sent down from the heaven of Our mercy that which causeth the flowers of knowledge and wisdom to spring forth from the soil of hearts. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! And glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!"

His honor Arbab 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! O Arbab 'Ali! Praise thy Lord, for He hath turned unto thee and heard thy call. He hath answered thee with words through which the rain of bounty hath descended from the clouds of God's mercy. Blessed is the servant who hath attained thereunto and recognized its station, and woe unto the heedless.

His honor Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! O Ghulam-Husayn! Who enabled thee to turn unto Him? Say: God, the Mighty, the Powerful! And who made thee know His Cause? Say: He Who created me, through His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous! And who mentioned thee on this darksome night? Say: My Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful! Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the Call, and the eye that hath beheld the signs of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His honor Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! O Tongue of Grandeur! One of thy branches, who is named ?iya, is commanded to make mention of him who is named Muhammad after Siyyid, that he may inhale the fragrance of God, the Self-Subsisting. He hath turned unto him and remembered him with verses from which the light of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath shone forth. O Muhammad! We have made mention of him who hath turned toward Our horizon, and have sent down for him that whereby the heaven of bounty hath rained upon all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Blessed is the servant who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My bounty and hath attained unto the traces of My Pen - that Pen which, when It moveth upon the Tablet, causeth all existence, both seen and unseen, to move. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this forbidden quarter.

Jinab-i-Aqa Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! O Shukru'llah! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for the ocean of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, hath turned toward thee. Say: I thank Thee, O my

God, and I praise Thee, O my Lord, and I remember Thee, O Thou Master of them that know. I beseech Thee, by the breathings of Thy Revelation, to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy glorious Day.

Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God! O Kazim, after Siyyid! The Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from this exalted station, and remembereth thee with that which draweth thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath heard the scratching of My Pen, hath attained unto My days, and hath witnessed that which the tongue of My grandeur hath witnessed. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the crimson Tablet, as attested by Him with Whom is the perspicuous Book.

Jinab-i-Mirza Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! O Ghulam! We have desired at this moment to seal the Tablet with the mention of him who is named Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn, that he may give thanks and say: Thine is the glory, O Lord of Names, and Thine the bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things! I beseech Thee by every heart illumined by the lights of Thy knowledge, by every breast that hath advanced toward the arrows in exalting Thy Word, and by every head that was raised upon the spears in Thy path, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and devoted to serving Thy loved ones in Thy path. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Sovereign of this glorious and resplendent Day.

O Ghulam! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire, for having remembered Thy loved ones in Thy prison and sent down to them from the clouds of Thy grace that whereby their names shall endure throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom. I beseech Thee to aid them to serve Thee with spirit and fragrance, and with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and who have answered when the call was raised betwixt earth and heaven from every servant and handmaiden, from every young and old.

He is God! O Ghulam-Qabli-'Ali! Thy letter was sent by My Name Who was named Mahdi - upon him be My glory - after this clear Tablet was revealed for thee. He mentioned thee before and after. Verily thy Lord remembereth him who hath turned unto Him. He is indeed the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee in this manifest Cause. As for what thou didst mention regarding the mount, We have bestowed it upon him who desired to send it. We beseech God to record for him the reward of what he intended. Verily, He is the Lord of all servants in the beginning and in the end.

O Ghulam-Qabil-'Ali! We make frequent mention of the friends in that land. Ibrahim - upon him be My glory - sometimes known as Nazir and at times remembered as Mulla Ahmad, hath for years been engaged in service night and day. For a time he was in charge of providing water at the Sacred House of God, and at another time was properly occupied in the bathhouse. Convey My greetings to all his relatives on behalf of this Wronged One. He hath repeatedly made mention of his brother, and each time was blessed to remember the Dawning-Place of the Light of Divine Unity. We beseech God to aid Ibrahim

to serve Him and to make him steadfast in His love and His Cause. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Strong, the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The successive letters from the beloved ones of the land of Kha - upon them be My Glory - which they sent to you were all presented before the Throne by this servant, and the gaze of favor was directed towards them. God willing, they have ever been and shall ever be like banners raised upon the hills among men, renowned and manifest in the name of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are they who have arisen to aid the Cause of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance.

Concerning what Kazim - upon him be the Glory of God - mentioned about M.S., that which is the cause of salvation has already flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. In His grasp is the dominion of all things; He takes and He gives, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. In the early days of his tribulation, We commanded this servant to write and send the impregnable, exalted circle of the Most Great Name for his protection and deliverance. Divine favor has surely encompassed and will continue to encompass him. However, beseech God to assist him in that which shall be the greatest cause for the perpetuation of remembrance. He commands those who have turned to Him with what benefits them in this world and the next. Thus far, God, exalted be His glory, has protected and delivered him several times. We beseech Him to make known to him what He has decreed for him and what He has sent down for him from the heaven of His Will. He is verily the Ordainer, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, may he be assisted in serving the Cause and act as befits it. This is the Day that has been attributed to the Truth in all the Books. Observe what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an through His exalted words: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." All the sincere ones, the near ones, and the unified ones have sought the advent of this Day, and with utmost humility and supplication have besought the Self-Sufficient, the Most High for its appearance.

That which Kazim - upon him be the Glory of God - has mentioned was heard. Praise be to God that they were assisted in the remembrance of God and His praise. Blessed is he and his household wherein has been raised the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. There has been revealed for him that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of acceptance and the near ones the sweet savors of their Lord's favors, the Mighty, the Loving.

From the land of Kha, the honored Aziz and Khudadad have repeatedly sent letters to this servant, mentioning the exaltation of God's Word in cities and regions. Blessed is the son of My Most Truthful Name - upon him be My Glory and My Mercy. Praise be to God that all those souls have been successful in serving the Cause and have arisen with complete dedication to exalt the Word. By the life of God! From every doer of deeds, when a deed is manifested for God's sake, it has been and will be penetrating, moving, conveying, and victorious. This is that Word which is observed shining and radiant like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet. Blessed are they who attain.

God willing, may they be assisted in all that has been revealed in the Book, that perchance the fragrance of unity may obliterate and remove the foul winds of discord. Wondrous and exalted Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will for the mentioned souls. God willing, they have attained and will attain unto them, and will drink from the chalices of words the Kawthar of utterance of the Revealer of verses. Blessed are My loved ones! By My life, they have attained unto the sun of My remembrance, the ocean of My favor, and the heaven of My grace.

From His Holiness Asad, upon him be the Glory of God, multiple petitions were received. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be confirmed in service to the Cause. Great is this Day! We beseech the Most High to make known to all His station, His glory, His might, and that which hath been manifested therein. Blessed are the souls who have left their homelands for the sake of God, who have traversed lands for the sake of God, and who have spoken for the sake of God. God will soon reveal the fruits of their deeds. He, verily, is the Announcer, the All-Informed.

That which His Holiness Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, mentioned attained unto the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. He must at all times voice his gratitude to the Beloved of all possibility, for He confirmed him in His mention and praise and in service to His Cause. All that appeared from him in the path of God was witnessed. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Under all conditions they must be engaged in the promotion of the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance. He, verily, aideth him who aideth Him, remembereth him who remembereth Him, and draweth nigh unto him who draweth nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Near One, the Watchful. Not an atom's weight of deeds remaineth concealed, for today the Balance proclaimeth "I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing" and the earth speaketh the word "I am the Gatherer, the Resurrector, the Narrator, the All-Informed." Consider what was revealed in the Qur'an, His exalted Word: "O my son! If there be (but) the weight of a mustard-seed and it were (hidden) in a rock, or (anywhere) in the heavens or on earth, God will bring it forth."

The purpose is that all the loved ones of God should know that the Truth, exalted be His glory, is the All-Knowing and the All-Encompassing. By the life of God! Unto Him ascendeth the goodly deed and the goodly word. Alas! Alas! Were it not for the clamor and outcry of the people, I would have revealed that which is hidden behind the veils of the unseen and mentioned that which is inscribed in the Crimson Tablet by My Most Exalted Pen. The heedlessness of people hath reached such a state that they cannot distinguish shadow from light, and now they turn away from and complain about that which they themselves were seeking with utmost desire in days and nights gone by. Fie upon them, upon their fidelity, their station, and their remembrances! They have mistaken mercy for vengeance and have deemed the greatest bounty insignificant. They have been nurtured by vain imaginings and turn unto their sources. Beseech ye God to rend asunder the greatest veil, which are the divines of the age, and not to deprive all servants from the ocean of knowledge and the sun of awareness. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous, the Merciful.

As for their seeking permission to travel annually to various regions for the triumph of God's Cause, this matter hath been adorned with the ornament of permission and embellished with the decoration of acceptance. God willing, in all his journeys he will move for God's sake, journey toward God, and speak

for the sake of God. In truth, all souls have been created for the service of God's Cause. They must, with perfect wisdom, engage in this righteous deed, which is among the greatest of deeds, in the name of the Truth, exalted be His glory. God's favor hath been and will continue to be with him. And concerning what was written about not speaking a word until seeing a seeker, this accordeth with the Most Exalted Word that was revealed aforetime by the Supreme Pen, stating that the wise ones among God's servants are those who do not open their lips until they find a hearing ear, and similar utterances have been revealed in various instances. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained. The ear is for the tongue, and the tongue is for the ear.

O Ali! In no matter should the loved ones of Truth let go of wisdom. In all conditions they should be mindful of it. It is the firm decree of God and the luminary of the heaven of divine ordinances. Blessed art thou and thy sons and those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. God counsels you with wisdom lest an outcry be raised by those who denied what they had previously known and turned away from Him Whom they used to invoke by night and day.

As for what was written concerning those souls who have ascended to the Supreme Companion and winged their flight to the Most Glorious Horizon: We made mention of them before and after their ascension with such mention as caused the Concourse on High and those who circle round His mighty Throne to be attracted, and We make mention of them at this hour as a token of Our grace, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those who have turned to the Most Glorious Horizon when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and the idols wailed, and false deities cried out, and feet did stumble. We testify that they heard the call of God and answered their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: Upon you be the glory of God and His chosen ones, and the glory of the Concourse on High and the Kingdom of Names, and the glory of those who hastened to the place of sacrifice in the name of their Lord, the Sovereign of Names, and the glory which has shone forth and gleamed from this Station which has been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of creation. We testify that you have attained unto the Most Great Ocean and have drunk of the choice sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the finger of the power of God, the Lord of lords. You are they who remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament when the learned, the mystics and men of letters broke it, save whom God willed, the Lord of all men. You are they whom neither the veils of glory deterred nor the hosts of those who turned away from your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, did frighten. Blessed are you for having attained unto this Mention at whose raising the angels and the Spirit descended, and the Maids of Heaven emerged from their chambers, and the Concourse on High from their loftiest stations, to hearken unto what was sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Verily We made mention of you at the time of your ascension and preferred some of you above others. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Chosen One. Blessed are you, and joy be unto you, for having drunk from the Kawthar of utterance from the chalices of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Through My mention of you, you have been mentioned by the tongues of the seen and the unseen, and none has been apprised thereof save him who possesses the Mother Book. Blessed is the tongue that speaks your mention and the heart that turns toward you and visits you through what God has sent down in this Tablet whereby all things have proclaimed: The kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Some of these assured souls ascended adorned with the

ornament of divine forgiveness and attained unto the Supreme Companion, and now God's favor has encompassed all and they have been blessed with that which pens are powerless to describe. Say: O My loved ones! It behooves you to make up for what has escaped you in the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily, We make mention in this station of the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God - from whom the sweet savors of the love of the All-Merciful have been wafted throughout all possibility - and We give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! He Who spoke on Sinai calleth you and He Who hath come with clear sovereignty maketh mention of you. Blessed is he who, while seated, hath arisen to serve the Cause of God; and he who, while silent, hath spoken forth this wise Remembrance; and he who, while halted, hath hastened in the name of God and spoken that which the Spirit hath spoken in this valley that hath been honored by the footsteps of God, the Possessor of Supreme Glory. We have made mention of them in the Crimson Book with such mention as no treasures of earth nor heavenly repositories can equal. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and perceiving one. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in that the Wronged One maketh mention of you in this exalted and wondrous station, and counseleth you with that which will cause the Cause of God to be exalted and with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Glory be upon you and upon those who have aided the Cause of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of the True One. God willing, they will, through these greetings, drink of the sealed wine mentioned in the divine Books, and will act with utmost delicacy, freshness and wisdom in a manner befitting the Days of God.

The letter of Haji Mirza 'Ali-Akbar was presented by this servant. May he, God willing, be confirmed in the praise and glorification of God. We have heard what he composed in praise of God when this servant recited it, and We make mention of him as a bounty from Us, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O 'Ali-i-Akbar! Remember when thou didst enter the prison and attain the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds, and didst hear His sweetest call and witness the effulgences of the lights of His most exalted horizon. Preserve this most glorious station through My Name, the Mighty, the Invincible. Remember what thou didst hear from the Tongue of Grandeur and reflect upon His mighty Cause. We counsel thee and those who have believed with that which beseemeth the Days of God. Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto goodly character in all conditions. Through it will your stations be made manifest and the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, be exalted. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath inhaled My fragrance on this wondrous Day. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Invincible.

O My loved ones! Although this is the Day of the Greater Separation, yet were this separation to be fully realized, none would draw nigh to become acquainted with God's Cause and turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon. For the people are ignorant and are seen to be veiled from the Most Luminous Horizon by the greatest of veils. Therefore must all affairs be conducted with the utmost wisdom, that perchance the warmth of the fire of divine love might be kindled in dispirited souls. If today the disclosure of a matter would cause tumult and disorder, its concealment is preferred in the sight of God. And whereas in

certain Tablets mention hath been made of exaltation, elevation, manifestation and proclamation, what was intended thereby was the appearance of goodly deeds, beneficial counsels and praiseworthy character, which cause the exaltation and advancement of the Cause. In one instance, these exalted words have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet - exalted be His majesty: "This is the Day of arising, yet ye are seated; this is the Day of proclamation, yet ye are silent; this is the Day of awakening, yet ye are asleep; this is the Day of utterance, yet ye are at rest." Similar luminous statements that have shone forth from the Most Exalted Pen are recorded in the Tablets. However, what was intended was arising to teach God's Cause with wisdom and utterance, not such manifestation and proclamation as would cause the ignorant of the earth to turn away, so that hearts, which are the cities of God's love, might be opened with the key of wisdom. In all conditions wisdom is beloved. Seize upon it, O My chosen ones, in His Name, the One Who ruleth over all the worlds. At the close of this Tablet, We counsel My loved ones and him who hath been named 'Ali-Akbar with that which was formerly sent down from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed: Associate with all people in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. We have revealed the Most Great Law for the unification of mankind. To this beareth witness that which hath been sent down from this wondrous Pen. We send Our greetings to the handmaidens of God who are there, and We give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, whereby the hearts of them that have recognized Him are dilated. The glory be upon you and upon them from the presence of One Who is mighty and powerful.

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In His Name, the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Utterance!

Today the Sun speaks with "The All-Bestowing One has come," and all things proclaim "The Creator of the heavens has come." The Divine Lote-Tree gives glad tidings to all trees, leaves and fruits, announcing the appearance of the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and congratulates the mountains of the world upon Mount Sinai, for in these days it drinks from the cup of reunion and partakes of the Kawthar of meeting after despair, finding intimacy with its Interlocutor. From the Supreme Pen upon every leaf of leaves is inscribed this exalted word: "Pass beyond the winds and move by the will of God."

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Most Sublime Vision hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny speaketh with the mysteries of wisdom and utterance. Yet heedless souls cling to means whose transience is more evident than the sun, while remaining veiled and oblivious to the Most Great Ocean of God, each drop of which giveth life to the world. It is not known what Dawlat-Abadi, in his heedlessness, hath understood, by what proof he accepted the Primal Point, and by what evidence he turned away from the Truth Itself, exalted be His glory. O Zayn! Beseech God that He may, through the ocean of His bounty and grace, awaken the heedless ones and adorn them with justice and fairness, that all may attain to that which is the cause of eternal salvation. By the life of God! The Supreme Pen speaketh these words purely through grace, that perchance the helpless servants may not again be afflicted by the vain imaginings of the party, and be not deprived of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance.

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. The letter of Mulla Baqir which he sent to thee was presented at the Most Holy Court and attained unto Our hearing. Well is it with him! We have indeed found the fragrance of his love. We mentioned him before with verses that testified to his acceptance on a day wherein most of the servants turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds. We desired to mention those whose mention he sought, as a mercy and grace from Us, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

O Husayn (the master craftsman)! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice, Who speaketh before the faces of the world and summoneth all unto the One, the All-Informed. The tempests of the oppressors deterred Him not, nor did the hurricanes of the idolaters. The veils of those who denied the Day of Judgment hindered Him not. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say:

"My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant standing before the door of Thy grace, asking of Thee that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of them that have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs will not shake me. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

O Muhammad-Taqi! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the horizon of tribulation. Verily, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Tribulation hath not prevented Me from the Lord of Names. I have manifested the Cause before the faces of the rulers with evident sovereignty. Blessed is the servant whom neither the tyrants of the earth nor its Pharaohs have prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Powerful, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty. When the attraction of the Call from the Supreme Horizon taketh hold of thee, say:

"I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, by the places that were honored by the glances of Thy loving-kindness and were ennobled by Thy footsteps, and wherein arose Thy sighs for what befell Thee from Thine enemies, to make me so steadfast in Thy love that through my steadfastness Thy servants and creatures may become steadfast. Verily, Thou art God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Abraham! Can sorrows prevent Me, or tribulations frighten Me, or power weaken Me, or names veil Me? Nay, by My Most Great Throne and My Mighty Message! I have proclaimed the Cause before the faces of kings and subjects alike, and summoned all through wisdom and utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Among them are those who heard and turned away, those who pronounced judgment against Me, and those who imprisoned Me in this remote place. When the breezes of the morn of My Revelation stir thee and the wine of My utterance intoxicates thee, say: My God, my God! By Thy might and Thy majesty, Thy greatness and Thy power! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me and Thy remoteness hath consumed me. Thou seest me, O my God, in the fire of separation and remoteness. Where is the river of Thy presence, O Thou Desire of the world? By Thy might! My heart findeth no rest save in the remembrance of reunion with Thee, and mine eye is not solaced except by the collyrium of Thy grace. For what purpose didst Thou create it and reveal it, if Thou deniest it the vision of Thy horizon? O Lord! Deny not existence the signs of Thy bounty and generosity, nor human temples the ornament of

Thy mercy and forgiveness. O Lord! The livers of the lovers are melted in their separation from the precincts of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy mercy to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that I may see all else as non-existent before the manifestations of Thy grandeur and as nothing before the revelations of the lights of Thy countenance. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great.

We beseech God to forgive thy father and to send down upon him at all times a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His side, and to make him hear His verses and behold the mysteries of His dominion and kingdom. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Hope, for having made me to know Thy path, taught me Thy message, and caused me to speak Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts and minds, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise with the wisdom Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

The Wronged One wishes to mention him who was named Muhammad-'Ali, whose name was present in a place where was raised the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Remember him who hath remembered thee, then give thanks for the bounty of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. He hath turned from the direction of the Prison unto His loved ones who have taken the cup of certitude from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have drunk therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most Great. Beware lest the oppression of those who have denied the Day of Judgment prevent thee. Cast aside what the people possess and take the Book of God with clear certitude. He, verily, will aid those who have heard the Call and will assist those who have turned unto Him with radiant countenance. Thus hath sung the Nightingale of Utterance upon the highest branches, as a token of grace from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

We make mention of him who was named 'Ali-Akbar that the Utterance may draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of all religions, and confirm him in steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Thou hast attained unto My remembrance in My prison. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and those who have believed to act in accordance with what hath been revealed in His mighty, wondrous Book. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge, guided me to Thy path, and sent down unto me the table of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, by Thy Cause that hath encompassed earth and heaven, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the cities of names, to make me attracted to Thy verses and steadfast in the service of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! Hear thou with the ear of reality the call of the Wronged One. On the twenty-second night of the blessed month of Ramadan, when the people of Iran are occupied with praising the chosen ones and cursing the wicked ones, We have turned toward thee and make mention of thee. Reflect upon what hath come to pass. Ibn-i-Muradi martyred one of the chosen ones, but the people of Iran martyred the Lord of the world and are unaware - they are a hundred thousand times

more wicked and oppressive than Muradi. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this exalted station. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having delivered me from the vain imaginings of my peers, drawn me nigh unto Thee, caused me to know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bounty, and guided me to Thy straight and manifest path. I beseech Thee to aid me in Thy remembrance and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance maketh mention of thee from the prison, remindeth thee of His verses, showeth thee His signs, and giveth thee glad tidings of His bounty. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Say: My God, my God! Thou art He Who created me by Thy command and Thy will, caused me to hear Thy call, made me to know Thy way, and gave me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby Thou didst change the earth into another earth, spread abroad Thy signs, subdued the hearts of Thy loved ones, and by the showers of Thy mercy in the springtime of Thy grace, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy bounty, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto the cord of Thy obedience and to be directed toward Thy horizon. O my Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one seeking after the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the lowly one yearning for the sea of Thy glory. Ordain for him what beseemeth Thy glory and power, Thy grandeur and might. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Wronged One! Remember the one named Turab, that the verses may draw him nigh unto the most exalted station. Hear My call from this Station which hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords. He verily guideth thee to His path and giveth thee to drink from the Kawthar of His bounty and draweth thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. When thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and findest the fragrance of Mine utterance, say:

My God, my God! Thine is the bounty and the giving, and Thine the grace and the glory! I testify that Thou hast created the world to hearken unto Thy sweetest call and to know the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine acknowledging that which the Pen hath spoken from the most exalted station, and confessing that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath commanded when it was in the prison of Akka. I beseech Thee by the breasts that were pierced by the arrows of Thine enemies, and by the hearts that were melted in separation from Thee, and by the tears of them that are near unto Thee among Thy creation and their submission at the dawning of the Day-Star of Thy power, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the tyranny of the world nor the clamor of the nations can hinder. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Karim! We counsel thee and those who have believed to be trustworthy and religious and to act in ways that bring assurance to hearts and souls. The companions of the Crimson Ark must distinguish themselves among the people of the world in such wise that all may testify to their detachment and holiness. The people of Iran have throughout ages and centuries been occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Truth, yet on the Day of His Manifestation they did what no other people have done. From their pulpits they curse and revile the Truth, exalted be His glory, while speaking in praise of His servants. Were one to ponder the deeds and actions of these souls, one would find oneself

bewildered. They have done that which hath caused the Tablet and the Pen to lament, and the Ancient Beauty to cry out from the most exalted horizon of the world. Ask thou of God that He may guide the misguided and show them the way. Verily He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have remembered and continue to remember His loved ones by night and by day, and for each we seek divine confirmation. Verily He is the Most Powerful of the powerful and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qabl-i-'Ali, then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, that he may arise to celebrate Thy praise and glorification among Thy creatures and guide them to a station wherein all things proclaim: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of divines! Behold, then remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "When the Event befalleth, there is no denying its befalling." Say: Today the Event mentioned hath come to pass and its hour and signs are manifest. This is the Day whereon the secrets shall be tried, this is the Day whereon the mountains shall pass away. The Cry hath been raised, the earth is in motion and trembling, the light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Speaker on Sinai and is manifest, and the scratching of the Pen can be heard from the most exalted horizon of the world. Fear ye God! He is the true Avenger. This is the Most Great News and the mighty Matter. Understand ye its station and judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared. The earth hath been illumined with the light of its Lord, and the lands have been brightened by the light of their Creator. Strive ye while there is yet time and while the Cause is manifest. Deprive not yourselves. O Muhammad-Qabl-i-'Ali! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, whereupon the fragrance of forgiveness was stirred and the ocean of pardon surged. He hath forgiven thee and those who have believed in Him and His verses, as a grace from His presence upon thee and upon them. He is verily the Ancient Commander.

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He is the All-Knowing

O Vafa! Render thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to embrace His Cause, enabled thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Own Self and raised thee up to magnify Him Who is the Most Great Remembrance in this glorious Announcement.

Blessed art thou O Vafa, inasmuch as thou hast been faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament at a time when all men have violated it and have repudiated the One in Whom they had believed, and this notwithstanding that He hath appeared invested with every testimony, and hath dawned from the horizon of Revelation clothed with undoubted sovereignty. It behoveth thee, however, to exert thine utmost to attain the very essence of fidelity.

This implieth to be well assured in thy heart and to testify with thy tongue to that whereunto God hath testified for His Own exalted Self, proclaiming: 'Verily, self-subsisting am I within the Realm of Glory.' Whoso is enabled in these days to solemnly affirm this truth, hath attained unto all good, and the heavenly Spirit shall descend upon him in the daytime and in the night season, shall graciously assist him

to glorify the Name of his Lord and suffer him to unloose his tongue and uphold with his words the Cause of his Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

And none can ever achieve this except he who hath purged his heart from whatsoever is created between heaven and earth, and hath entirely detached himself from all but God, the sovereign Lord, the Almighty, the Gracious.

Arise thou to serve the Cause and say: I swear by the righteousness of God! Verily this is the Primal Point, arrayed in His new attire and manifested in His glorious Name. He at present beholdeth everything from this Horizon. Indeed He is supreme over all things. Amongst the Concourse on High He is known as the Most Great Announcement and in the Realms of Eternity as the Ancient Beauty, and before the Throne by this Name which hath caused the footsteps of them that are endued with understanding to slip.

Say, I swear by God! In this Revelation even before a single verse was sent down from the realm of holiness and sublimity, the supreme testimony of God had been fulfilled for all the inmates of heaven and the dwellers on earth; moreover, We have revealed the equivalent of whatsoever was sent down in the Dispensation of the Bayan. Fear ye God and suffer not your deeds to be rendered vain and be not of them that are sunk in heedlessness. Open your eyes that ye may behold the Ancient Beauty from this shining and luminous station.

Say, God is my witness! The Promised One Himself hath come down from heaven, seated upon the crimson cloud with the hosts of revelation on His right, and the angels of inspiration on His left, and the Decree hath been […]

fulfilled at the behest of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Thereupon the footsteps of everyone have slipped except such as God hath protected through His tender mercy and numbered with those who have recognized Him through His Own Self and detached themselves from all that pertaineth to the world. Hearken thou unto the Words of thy Lord and purify thy heart from every illusion so that the effulgent light of the remembrance of thy Lord may shed its radiance upon it, and it may attain the station of certitude. Know thou moreover that thy letter reached Our presence and We perceived and perused its contents. We noted the questions thou hast asked and will readily answer thee. It behoveth everyone in this Day to ask God that which he desireth, and thy Lord will heed his petition with wondrous and undeniable verses.

Thou hast asked regarding the subject of the return. Know thou that the end is like unto the beginning. Even as thou dost consider the beginning, similarly shouldst thou consider the end, and be of them that truly perceive. Nay, rather consider the beginning as the end itself, and so conversely, that thou mayest acquire a clear perception. Know thou moreover that every created thing is continually brought forth and returned at the bidding of thy Lord, the God of power and might.

As to the Return, as God hath purposed in His sacred and exalted Tablets wherein He hath made this theme known unto His servants; by this is meant the return of all created things in the Day of Resurrection, and this is indeed the essence of the Return as thou hast witnessed in God's own days and thou art of them that testify to this truth. Verily God is fully capable of causing all names to appear in one

name, and all souls in one soul. Surely powerful and mighty is He. And this Return is realized at His behest in whatever form He willeth. Indeed He is the One Who doeth and ordaineth all things.

Moreover, thou shouldst not perceive the fulfilment of the Return and the Resurrection save in the Word of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. For instance, were He to take a handful of earth and declare it to be the One Whom ye have been following in the past, it would be undoubtedly be just and true, even as His real Person, and to none is given the right to question His authority. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. Moreover, in this station take thou heed not to turn thy gaze unto limitations and allusions, but rather unto that whereby the Revelation itself hath been fulfilled and be of them that are discerning. Thus do We explain for thee in a lucid and explicit language that thou mayest comprehend that which thou didst seek from thine ancient Lord.

Consider thou the Day of Resurrection. Were God to pronounce the lowliest of creatures among the faithful to be the First One to believe in the Bayan, thou shouldst have no misgivings about it and must be of them that truly believe. In this station look not upon human limitations and names but rather upon that whereby the rank of the First One to believe is vindicated, which is faith in God, and recognition of His Being and assurance in the fulfilment of His irresistible and binding command.

Consider thou the Revelation of the Point of the Bayan - exalted is His glory. He pronounced the First One to believe in Him to be Muhammad, the Messenger of God. Doth it beseem a man to dispute with Him by saying that this man is from Persia, the Other from Arabia, or this one was called Husayn while the Other bore the name of Muhammad? Nay, I swear by God's holy Being, the Exalted, the Most Great. Surely no man of intelligence and insight would ever pay attention unto limitations or names, but rather unto that with which Muhammad was invested, which was none other than the Cause of God. Such a man of insight would likewise consider Husayn and the position he occupied in the Cause of God, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Knowing, the Wise.

And since the First One to believe in God in the Dispensation of the Bayan was invested with command similar to that with which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, was invested, therefore the Bab pronounced him to be the latter, namely His return and resurrection. This station is sanctified from every limitation or name, and naught can be seen therein but God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing.

Know thou moreover that in the Day of Revelation were He to pronounce one of the leaves to be the manifestation of all His excellent titles, unto no one is given the right to utter why or wherefore, and should one do so he would be regarded as a disbeliever in God and be numbered with such as have repudiated His Truth.

Beware, beware lest thou behave like unto the people of the Bayan. For indeed they erred grievously, misguided the people, ignored the Covenant of God and His Testament and joined partners with Him, the One, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing. Verily they failed to recognize the Point of the Bayan, for had they recognized Him they would not have rejected His manifestation in this luminous and resplendent Being. And since they fixed their eyes on names, therefore when He replaced His Name 'the Most Exalted' by 'the Most Glorious' their eyes were dimmed. They have failed to recognize Him in these days and are

reckoned with those that perish. Indeed, had they known Him through His own Self or by virtue of that which He […]

hath revealed, they would not have repudiated Him when He appeared in this glorious and incomparable Name, which God hath ordained to be the Sword of His Revelation between heaven and earth, and through which truth is separated from error, even from now until the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Know thou moreover that in the Day of His Manifestation all created things besides God shall be brought forth and placed equally, irrespective of their rank being high or low. The Day of Return is inscrutable unto all men until after the divine Revelation hath been fulfilled. He is in truth the One Who ordaineth whatsoever He willeth. When the Word of God is revealed unto all created things whoso then giveth ear and heedeth the Call is, indeed, reckoned among the most distinguished souls, though he be a carrier of ashes. And he who turneth away is accounted as the lowliest of His servants, though he be a ruler amongst men and the possessor of all the books that are in the heavens and on earth.

It behoveth thee to look with divine insight upon the things We have revealed and sent unto thee and not towards the people and that which is current amongst them. They are in this day like unto a blind man who, while moving in the sunshine, demandeth: Where is the sun? Is it shining? He would deny and dispute the truth, and would not be of them that perceive. Never shall he be able to discern the sun or to understand that which hath intervened between him and it. He would object within himself, voice protests, and would be among the rebellious. Such is the state of this people. Leave them unto themselves, saying: Unto you be that which ye desire and unto us that which we desire. Wretched indeed is the plight of the ungodly.

Know thou moreover that the former Manifestation affirmed that the return and rising of the spirits would occur on the Day of Resurrection, while in truth there is a return and resurrection for every created thing. However We do not wish to mention aught that is not set forth in the Bayan, lest perchance the people of malice raise a great outcry. O would that that which interveneth between the children of men and their Creator were dispelled that they might be enabled to behold God's invincible sovereignty and dominion, quaff from the wellspring of His heavenly streams, be sprinkled with the outpourings of the ocean of true understanding and be purged from the defilements of the ungodly and the suspicious.

As to thy question concerning the worlds of God. Know thou of a truth that the worlds of God are countless in their number, and infinite in their range. None can reckon or comprehend them except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Consider thy state when asleep. Verily, I say, this phenomenon is the most mysterious of the signs of God amongst men, were they to ponder it in their hearts. Behold how the thing which thou hast seen in thy dream is, after a considerable lapse of time, fully realized. Had the world in which thou didst find thyself in thy dream been identical with the world in which thou livest, it would have been necessary for the event occurring in that dream to have transpired in this world at the very moment of its occurrence. Were it so, you yourself would have borne witness unto it. This being not the case, however, it must necessarily follow that the world in which thou livest is different and apart from that which thou hast experienced in thy dream. This latter world hath neither beginning nor end. It would be true if thou wert

to contend that this same world is, as decreed by the All-Glorious and Almighty God, within thy proper self and is wrapped up within thee. It would equally be true to maintain that thy spirit, having transcended the limitations of sleep and having stripped itself of all earthly attachment, hath, by the act of God, been made to traverse a realm which lieth hidden in the innermost reality of this world. Verily I say, the creation of God embraceth worlds besides this world, and creatures apart from these creatures. In each of these worlds He hath ordained things which none can search except Himself, the All-Searching, the All-Wise. Do thou meditate on that which We have revealed unto thee, that thou mayest discover the purpose of God, thy Lord, and the Lord of all worlds. In these words the mysteries of Divine Wisdom have been treasured. We have refrained from dwelling upon this theme owing to the sorrow that hath encompassed Us from the actions of them that have been created through Our words, if ye be of them that will hearken unto Our Voice. Where is the one who can help Me and shield Me from the swords of these faithless souls? Where is the man of insight who will behold the Words of God with his own eyes and rid himself of the opinions and notions of the peoples of the earth? O servant! Warn thou the servants of God not to reject that which they do not comprehend. Say, implore God to open to your hearts the portals of true understanding that ye may be apprised of that of which no one is apprised. Verily, He is the Giver, the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Thou hast moreover asked Me concerning the ordinances of God. Know thou of a truth that whatsoever hath been prescribed in the Book is indeed the truth, no doubt is there about it, and it is incumbent upon everyone to […]

For every act performed there shall be a recompense according to the estimate of God, and unto this the very ordinances and prohibitions prescribed by the Almighty amply bear witness. Were a man to put them away despite his being aware thereof, God would truly be clear of such a one and We too would be clear of him, inasmuch as His ordinances constitute the fruits of the divine Tree and none other than the heedless and the wayward will deviate therefrom.

As to Paradise: It is a reality and there can be no doubt about it, and now in this world it is realized through love of Me and My good-pleasure. Whosoever attaineth unto it God will aid him in this world below, and after death He will enable him to gain admittance into Paradise whose vastness is as that of heaven and earth. Therein the Maids of glory and holiness will wait upon him in the daytime and in the night season, while the day-star of the unfading beauty of his Lord will at all times shed its radiance upon him and he will shine so brightly that no one shall bear to gaze at him. Such is the dispensation of Providence, yet the people are shut out by a grievous veil.

Likewise apprehend thou the nature of hell-fire and be of them that truly believe. For every act performed there shall be a recompense according to the estimate of God, and unto this the very ordinances and prohibitions prescribed by the Almighty amply bear witness. For surely if deeds were not rewarded and yielded no fruit, then the Cause of God - exalted is He - would prove futile. Immeasurably high is He exalted above such blasphemies! However, unto them that are rid of all attachments a deed is, verily, its own reward.

Were We to enlarge upon this theme numerous Tablets would need to be written. I swear by the righteousness of the One true God! The Pen is unable to move by reason of that which hath befallen its

Lord, and it weepeth sore, and so do I weep, and likewise weepeth the eye of Him Who is the Essence of Grandeur behind the Tabernacle of Names while seated on the Throne of His glorious Name.

Purge thou thy heart that We may cause fountains of wisdom and utterance to gush out therefrom, thus enabling thee to raise thy voice among all mankind. Unloose thy tongue and proclaim the truth for the sake of the remembrance of thy merciful Lord. Be not afraid of anyone, place thy whole trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Say, O people, fulfil whatever ye understand of the Persian Bayan and whatever ye understand not ask this unerring Remembrance that He may set forth clearly that which God hath intended in His Book, for in truth He knoweth that which is enshrined in the Bayan by virtue of the Will of Him Who is the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

Thou hast enquired about the warning We gave to the people at the time of Our departure from ’Iraq to the effect that when the Sun disappeareth from sight, birds of darkness will be in motion and the standards of Samiri will be reared high. I swear by God! Those birds have stirred in these days and Samiri hath raised his clamour. Well is it with him who recognizeth and is numbered with men of understanding. We have also warned them against the appearance of the calf. God is My witness! All Our warnings have come to pass, as indeed, they are bound to, inasmuch as they have issued from the fingers of glory and might. Beseech thou God to protect thee from the mischief of these men and to purify thee from the insinuations of the froward. Strengthen thy loins then for the promotion of the Cause and pay no attention unto the words uttered by the people of the Bayan, for they are truly incapable of understanding and have failed to comprehend the essence of the Cause as is revealed in this august, this Most Great Announcement. Thus have We inspired thee, and infused into thy heart that which will make thee independent of the allusions of mankind. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them that give ear unto the words thou dost utter for the love of God, thy Lord, and remain steadfast in His Cause. All praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the One True God

Say: O friends! The falsehood of the past crucified the Beloved of the future and martyred Him with the bullets of tyranny. Reflect upon those deceitful and treacherous souls who appeared among the people in the guise of truthfulness, trustworthiness, detachment and piety, that ye may be preserved from the terror of this Most Great Day. One made mention of Jabulqa, another alluded to Jabulsa, yet another false one devised an imaginary form and established for it a station upon the throne of vain imaginings. One unjust one made mention of the Holy Land, and another attributed words unto Him falsely. These repugnant and false matters became the cause and reason for the martyrdom of the King of the City of Oneness with utmost tyranny. Should the Hand of Divine Power rend asunder all veils, ye would witness new matters and hearken unto novel utterances. Now He speaketh but one word, that perchance it may serve as a barrier between truth and falsehood, and that word is this: “Purify your ears from that which is uttered by those who attribute themselves to the Bayan, yet deny its Revealer, its Sovereign and its

Sender." For these veiled souls follow exactly in the footsteps of those others. Blessed is the eye that seeth and comprehendeth - such a one is accounted before God as among the most powerful and capable of all people.

Hearken unto that which My Herald spoke before Me. He said, and His Word is the truth: "A one-year-old seed on the Day of His Revelation is mightier than all the Bayan." These mentions flow from the Pen of the All-Choosing out of pure loving-kindness and compassion. Preserve them and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!

The Shi'ih sect, who counted themselves as the saved and blessed community and knew themselves as the most excellent of all people, related successive traditions stating that whosoever claimed the Promised One would be born was an infidel and outside the religion. These traditions caused many to be martyred without guilt or crime, until the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - was born in Fars from the loins of a known person and made the claim of being the Qa'im. Thereupon, those who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies were in manifest loss, and the Cause appeared to all the world like the rays of the sun. Nevertheless, that heedless and rejected sect turned away and arose to slay that Essence of being.

O people of Baha! The Lord of Names commandeth you to reflect upon these matters, that ye may truly shatter the idols of fancy and vain imaginings, and not be afflicted with the new idle fancies to which the deniers of the Bayan cling. Arise to uphold the Cause with divine strength and power, and protect the servants from the tyranny of the idolatrous souls and the imaginings of the false and heedless ones. Reflect upon the hidden mysteries - how at the time of the Revelation, the people of the Furqan, namely the Shi'ih sect, were unaware of the Day of God and the manner of its manifestation. They were as though entirely bereft of the ocean of knowledge and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings. The divine Cause appeared and was manifested contrary to all that they had understood through their vain imaginings and to which they had held fast. And those deluded souls who counted themselves the most God-fearing of creation and the most detached in all the world arose in such tyranny that the Concourse on High, the denizens of the Cities of Names, and the Kingdom of Creation all were bewildered. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a grace from Him, that ye may become aware of that which was concealed from you and witness what lay behind the veil through what the hands of those who wandered in the wilderness of fancy and vain imaginings had wrought, and who pronounced judgment against Him Who came with the truth from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O ye who drink the choice sealed wine of the Name "Qayyum"! Consider those who regarded themselves as saved and blessed: when tested, they were accounted among the rebellious, transgressing, repudiating, rejected faction, and in God's Book they are inscribed by the Supreme Pen among the manifestations of negation. The people of Baha, who are mentioned in the Qayyum-i-Asma as companions of the Crimson Ark, must show forth such steadfastness as befits this Most Great Cause and this blessed Day. This is the day of service and steadfastness. If a child remains firm in this Cause, he is mightier than all the Bayan - by the testimony of God and the testimony of Him Who appeared before and gave glad tidings to the people of this Great Announcement. In the Tablets revealed in Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and the Most Great Prison, We warned God's loved ones and informed them of the

appearance of the calf, the barking ones, the birds of night, the book of perdition, and the tablets of fire, that all might become so steadfast that neither the people of the world nor all they possess could corrupt these firm and upright souls. They must be seen as mountains, not as leaves that are moved by every wind and overturned by the slightest breeze. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach you, the All-Aware make you understand, and guide you to His straight path. Strive ye, and with the utmost lowliness and supplication beseech the Mighty, the Powerful to assist you in that which is adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure, and likewise to enable you to perform such deeds as shall endure forever in God's Book throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Let not this opportunity slip from your grasp, nor waste your time. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge that a single moment of these days excelleth centuries and ages - to this doth your Lord, the Chosen One, bear witness in this glorious station. God willing, burn away the veils that hinder you with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, and illumine hearts with the light of His countenance. This is the day of this blessed and decisive Word, which the Tongue of Unity previously uttered: "All things are perishable save His Face." This is the Day of God, wherein naught is mentioned save He alone. Where are the pure and penetrating eyes, and where are the illumined and detached hearts? This is the day of eyes and ears and hearts - beseech ye God to possess these three and keep them free from veils. For verily, a thin veil, nay the thinnest of veils, preventeth the eye from seeing, the ear from hearing, and the heart from understanding. Consider this exalted word which was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen: O SONS OF KNOWLEDGE! The eyelid, though delicate, can nevertheless shut out the entire world from sight. Consider then what would result if the veil of greed were to descend upon the heart!

O friends! Today the gate of heaven hath been opened with the key of God's Name, the ocean of bounty surgeth and billoweth before all faces, and the sun of grace shineth forth resplendent. Deprive not yourselves, and waste not your precious lives in heeding the words of this one or that. Gird up the loins of endeavor and turn your attention to the education of the peoples of the world. Consider not the religion of God as a cause of opposition, rancor and hatred. The Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: That which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God in this most holy and exalted Revelation hath been for the unity of the world and the love and fellowship of its peoples. The people of Baha, who have drunk of the choice wine of significance, must associate with all the peoples of the world with the utmost spirituality and fragrance, and remind them of that which profiteth all. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His loved ones and chosen ones. The world was created through love, and all are commanded to fellowship and unity. Fix your gaze upon this blessed word which hath dawned from the horizon of the mouth of the King of Oneness, and make mention of it: "I was in My Ancient Entity and My Eternal Being. I knew My love in thee, therefore I created thee, cast upon thee My image and revealed to thee My beauty."

O people of Baha! While ye are in your homes and this Wronged One is in the Most Great Prison, submerged in an ocean of tribulations, He mentioneth each one of you with such words and utterances that were but one letter thereof to be shed upon the mirrors of all created things, the words "Thou art the Beloved" would appear visible in all things, in such wise that all would read and recite them. Let not this boundless grace slip from your grasp, and be not heedless of what hath befallen this Wronged One and you in the path of God. Know ye your worth and preserve your stations in the name of the Truth, for

the polytheists, the deniers, and the treacherous have appeared in the guise of unity, acceptance and trustworthiness, and strive with the utmost effort to lead souls astray. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, speaketh the truth and informeth you of His grace and guideth you to His straight path. Abandon the ways of men and count as non-existent the paths of the heedless, and say: He walketh not in your ways, nor doeth what ye do. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight path, and made known to all His mighty course. Blessed is the soul that hath hastened to the ocean of its Lord's mercy, and the ear that hath heard the Most Exalted Pen's scratching, and the eye that hath beheld His mighty signs, and the tongue that hath spoken His beautiful praise. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and follow not those who have denied God and His signs, rejected His proof and His evidence, and have risen up in opposition with manifest injustice. Verily He, from the Most Great Prison, summoneth both kings and subjects unto the Most Great Name, which was hidden in God's knowledge and mentioned in the Scriptures of the Messengers.

O friends! The mention of all hath been and shall continue to be recorded in the divine Books, and should some of God's chosen ones not be honored with a separate Tablet, let them know with absolute certitude that their names, their devotion and their acceptance, according to their ranks, have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Beseech ye God for His confirmation, that ye may achieve that which shall cause your eternal remembrance. Verily He seeth and heareth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess any significance. Ere long shall all who dwell on earth return to their graves. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak forth His praise! This world and all that is therein appeareth, in the eyes of the discerning, as worthless as a single word from the divine utterances, for the former is transient and perishable, while the latter shall endure as long as God's names and attributes endure. No person of understanding would forfeit the everlasting divine bounty for the sake of a day or two of earthly life.

In truth I say, the soul hath ever yearned and will continue to yearn for the garden of revelation and divine presence, yet vain imaginings and desires have prevented it from the kingdom of nearness. Ye must consume the veils with the fire of certitude and the light of faith, and illuminate your hearts and minds. Strive ye to drink from the Kawthar of certitude which floweth from the right hand of God's throne. Whosoever attaineth unto it is numbered among the people of eternity in the Crimson Book.

Praise be to God! His grace and favors have guided those who have turned unto Him to the straight path and blessed them with the supreme gift and the greatest bounty. Know ye the value of your station and be vigilant at all times, for those who would lead astray have ever lain and shall continue to lie in wait for the guides. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hath there ever been seen on earth a sincere seeker who was deprived of the outpouring grace, or a true pursuer who, having intended with complete sincerity to reach his ultimate goal, was prevented therefrom? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! And if some of the unitarians, near ones, and sincere ones sought something outwardly but did not attain it, this was due to God's all-encompassing wisdom. They must not be saddened, for unto everything there is an appointed time. When its hour cometh, it shall be manifested in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Rejoice, O friends of God and His chosen ones, in that My Most Exalted Pen remembereth you on this night wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the Helper, the Counselor, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the most great steadfastness; he is indeed among the people of the highest Paradise in the Book of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, Who hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty.

Beware lest the veils of names prevent you from their Sovereign, their Source and their Creator. Hold fast unto the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and cling to His resplendent hem. Whoso acteth according to what hath been commanded, the Concourse on High shall pray for him, as shall the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and they who abide within the tabernacles of grandeur, as ordained by God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus doth the Wronged One remember you while in the prison of the heedless, and teach you that which shall, under all conditions, draw you nigh unto God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Peerless. We […]

We counsel all to observe wisdom and utterance in the Cause of their Lord, the All-Merciful, even as We counselled them aforetime. He, verily, is the True Counsellor. These are words We have sent down in diverse Tablets. It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God in this Revelation to hold fast unto them and be of those who are steadfast. We have forbidden all from whatsoever God loveth not and have commanded that which gladdeneth the hearts of the peoples. He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful. Associate with the followers of all religions, O My loved ones, in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. Beware lest ye make the Word of God the cause of your differences or a pretext for manifesting hatred among you. Say: Fear ye God, O people of the earth, and be not of the negligent. He commandeth you to that from which ye can inhale the fragrance of the spirit, were ye of them that comprehend. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and serve you and hearken unto that which hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in this irrevocable, this manifest and perspicuous Cause.

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court of my Beloved, Who hath caused His loved ones to be enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined with the light of His knowledge, to such extent that neither the opposition of His servants nor the turning away of the peoples of the lands could extinguish or impede it. Glorified be His majesty, widespread be His bounty, exalted be His station, and there is none other God but Him.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! Thou seest and knowest that in my mention I have intended naught but Thy mention and the mention of Thy loved ones, and I desire for them naught save what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy generosity and bounty. I know with certainty that Thou hast written for them only that which will exalt them among Thy servants through Thy Name and make them signs of Thy Cause and standards of Thy victory. O my Lord! Aid them through Thy bounty and generosity to that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and will acquaint them with that

which will attract the hearts of Thy creation. Verily Thou art the One Who cannot be weakened by the conditions of the servants nor hindered by the clamor of them that dwell in the lands. O my Lord! Enable them through Thy favors to remember Thee with spirit and fragrance, and with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, the letters of that honored beloved arrived - both what was sent to this land and what was dispatched to Mim and ?ad. Praise be to God, each was a clear book in remembrance and praise of God, glorified be His majesty, and the fragrance of steadfastness and constancy wafted therefrom. In such days when steadfastness is as rare as the philosopher's stone, praise be to God they attained unto it. How many were the servants who claimed love and sent petitions to the Most Holy Court, and in response to each a perfect proof and conclusive testimony was sent. Nevertheless, they remained deprived of the Lord of Lords by the buzzing of a fly, and were barred from the Most Great Ocean by the whisperings of souls who never had and have not any awareness of this Cause. In one of the Tablets revealed from the Pen of the Cleaver of Dawn, this blessed verse appears, His words, blessed and exalted is He: […]

Thou seest mankind as but earthworms, and their clamoring as the buzzing of flies. Such souls are worthy of this Most Great Revelation, who behold all save God as non-existent and as naught. For thirteen hundred years the Shi'ih sect was occupied with vain imaginings. From the early days of Islam, a few individuals in tattered garments and with humbled necks, with visible sighs and lamentations, preyed upon the hapless people. In every town they entered, they would seek a secluded place to reveal secrets and manifest hidden mysteries. Then, after mentioning Nahiyih and Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and two or three fabricated traditions, they would depart. The helpless people, unaware of these deceptions, were thus led to a point where it caused the shedding of the Most Pure Blood. Those fabrications appeared in the form of sword and spear, and there befell the Desired One that which no tongue can tell nor pen record. Now too, similar souls have appeared and are secretly engaged in misleading the people. From the beginning of this Revelation until now, in every land, divine verses have been revealed the like of which have never been seen; nevertheless, the servants remain heedless and veiled. After all the claims of the former sect, it became clear and evident on the Day of Revelation that they were the most lost among the peoples of the world and the most ignorant and tyrannical of all communities. The deniers of the Bayan have followed in the footsteps of that sect. Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath reached such a point that they again cling to that which they have seen with their own eyes to be contrary, opposed, and devoid of fruit and effect. This servant beseecheth God to bestow justice and grant insight, that His servants may not be veiled as the former sect, nor fall into the well of falsehood and vain imaginings. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The letter of that loved one was presented before the Face on a certain night, and these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of all the worlds. His words, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Helper and the Succourer.

O Mahdi! Your letter was presented to the Wronged One, We heard your call and listened to your mention. We beseech God for whatsoever will cause the exaltation of His Most Sublime Word and the advancement of His loved ones. Were the people of the earth and those who claim divine love to ponder with justice and fairness upon that which hath been manifested, all would turn from what they possess to

that which is with God. Verses have been sent down like rain, and Tablets shine forth like unto the sun, yet some among the people of the Bayan remain heedless and turn away. God hath ever been the Concealer and likewise the All-Patient, and He hath commanded His servants to observe sublime concealment and beautiful patience.

If thou shouldst arrive in the land of Ha and Mim, convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Say: O people of God! Reflect upon the deeds and words of the former party, and contemplate the fruits of their actions, that perchance ye may be preserved from the deceptions and wiles of the barking ones. From time immemorial this blessed and exalted word hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen: "Believe not every claimant, neither trust ye in every newcomer. Whoso desireth to know Me, must look upon Me with Mine eye, and he who regardeth Me with any other eye shall never know Me." This is specific to this Manifestation.

Glory be to God! Some of the deniers of the Bayan have raised objections concerning the mention of Divinity, their purpose being to cast doubts in the hearts of the weak ones. It is evident that the people of the Furqan, despite their rigidity and torpor, are more discerning than the deniers of the Bayan, for that party, despite their loss and error, accepted the words "Verily I am God" from the Divine Tree, while from Him Who, single and alone, hath appeared and stood and spoken before the faces of the divines, princes and jurisprudents from the beginning of the Cause, they accept not these words.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! Say: O heedless ones of the world! The Exalted One hath specifically mentioned this Wronged One in the beginning of the Bayan, saying: "He is the One Who uttereth in every condition, 'Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me'" unto the end of the verse. By My life and His life! Were it not for His mention, this Wronged One would not have uttered these words, except before those who are truly wise and mature. The Exalted One Himself, when mentioning this Revelation, declareth: "Verily, I am the first of them that worship."

Say: O people of the Bayan! Look with fairness and read the Persian Bayan, that perchance ye may attain unto a drop from the ocean of divine knowledge and preserve yourselves from the doubts and idle fancies of the former party. From the beginning of the Cause until now, there hath befallen this Wronged One that which hath no likeness or parallel, yet from those who claim to love Him there hath appeared that which causeth the heart to lament and the being to be consumed.

O Mahdi! Make mention of the friends in every land on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast attained His presence and heard His call. The clanking of the chains of the people of error did not prevent thee from the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Day-Spring of heavenly evidences. With the finger of certitude thou didst rend asunder the veils and didst attain unto His presence, hearing and vision. In the land of Ha and Mim, make mention of the children of the Friend and the inheritors of Him Who conversed with God. Say: Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! The station of each one is visible and […]

We have heard mention of each one and beseech God to aid you in that which will exalt His Cause. We have heard your call and witnessed your turning unto Him, and We enjoin upon you that which will elevate your stations. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Blessed is he whose strength is not weakened

by the might of the tyrants and pharaohs of the earth, and blessed is he who remains standing when the doubts of the deniers and the hints of the suspicious would cause him to falter. God hath aided and will continue to aid - whoso is for God, God is for him. Rejoice in what hath been sent down to you from My Most Exalted Pen before and at this time, and say: O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! We beseech Thee to grant us steadfastness in Thy Cause and firmness and constancy in Thy Mighty Message, whereby the limbs of the nations have trembled and the pillars of the world have quaked, save those rescued by the hand of Thy grace and the arm of Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect and strengthen His loved ones that they may see and hear with their own eyes and ears, and not be deceived like the former party by the whisperings of the evil ones of the world who secretly cast doubts, imagining themselves to be learned while being - God forbid - heedless of the Truth. Would that they had understood the root of the matter! Nay, by God, they are in manifest error. We beseech the Most High to aid His servants in that which befitteth His days. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what was mentioned about two souls in Qarabagh, Haji Yusuf and Mulla Mamish, upon them be the glory of God, who have drunk from the chalice of recognition and remain firm in the love of God, aflame with the fire of knowledge - these matters were presented before the face of the Desired One and attained the honor of His hearing, and these manifest verses were revealed specifically for them from the heaven of the grace of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

This is a Book sent down by the Desired One to guide people to His straight path and draw them near to the station wherein the Tree calls out: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the worlds.” O Yusuf! Hear the call from the direction of the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee and aids thee to draw nigh unto the ultimate goal and the highest summit, the station whereon is established the throne of thy Lord’s grace, the Forgiving, the Generous. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn unto Him when every learned one turned away. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee and seek from the ocean of Thy bounty that which will render me detached from all else save Thee, speaking Thy praise and soaring in Thy atmosphere. I testify that the choice wine of Thy utterance hath seized me and the pure water of Thy expression hath intoxicated me. I beseech Thee by Thy glance and Thy call, and by the Command whereby Thou hast subdued all created things and attracted all beings, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will purify me from the doubts of those who have denied Thy Manifestation, disputed Thy signs, and turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy attributes and the Source of Thy commandments. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and in service to Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon […]

O Mulla! Hearken to the call of the Lord of all beings from the precincts of the prison. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto God, purifieth thee from transgression, and causeth thee to drink from the Kawthar of life through the hands of grace and bounty. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have revealed unto thee on this night that which will draw thee unto God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the Furqan! Open your eyes, for the All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Beware lest the doubts of men debar you from the Greatest Outlook, or the might of the oppressors frighten you - they who have violated the Covenant in the final abode. When thou hearest the utterance of the Wronged One and drinkest the choice wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the Word whereby the earth and heaven were attracted, to make me one of those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Who art the Lord of the heaven and the Kingdom of Names. O Lord! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs. I beseech Thee by the rustling of Thy Divine Lote-Tree and the murmuring of the water of Thy loving-kindness to enable me to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy Manifestation, Thy power, Thy grandeur, and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of any good that Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! Each one hath attained that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Today the sun of loving-kindness hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace. That which is incumbent upon God, exalted be His glory, is to manifest and proclaim, and that which is incumbent upon us, His servants, is submission, contentment and the preservation of His bounties. The servant at all times beseecheth His favors and seeketh His grace, that all may remain protected from the whisperings of the ungodly ones and hold fast to the cord of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds. Verily our Lord, the Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer, and verily He is worthy to answer. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of the world to come and of the first. God, exalted be His glory, is my witness that this servant hath ever loved and continueth to love the mention of His loved ones, and seeketh divine confirmation. That cherished friend is well aware of the frequency of this servant's writing - from every direction it cometh, and most times engaged in writing while in His presence, therefore time is scarce. The purpose is that if there be delay or postponement in any matter, this is due to lack of time and opportunity; otherwise, the light of love and the fire of affection are manifest and ablaze from every limb. His is the praise and the glory, His the grace and bounty. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of the One True God! May my spirit and being be offered up as a sacrifice unto Thee! From the intimations of the divine utterances, this servant hath understood that with the emergence of a fresh ordeal, the breezes of the All-Merciful have been cut off from the hearts of most of humanity, and they

have been deprived of the shore of ancient glory, save those who have detached themselves wholly from all things and have held fast to the Most Firm Handle in these days wherein the standards of His decree have been raised aloft and the cawing of the ravens hath been lifted up between earth and heaven. These are they whose hearts God hath sanctified from the winds of self and passion, and hath made them to be numbered with the pure ones.

For a long time all paths were cut off and all ways were blocked. Now that one of the friends is departing, I trouble you with these few words. You have observed that although in all the Tablets the tribulations of these grievous days were foretold, yet all were found to be disturbed. The purpose of these announcements from the Pen of the All-Powerful was that all might be informed, lest on that Day they turn away from the King of Oneness due to worldly events. Verily there is no escape from divine destiny, and in the time when the winds of tests blow, none shall find refuge. All are seen as dried leaves before fierce winds, except those whom thy Lord willeth.

Although all were forbidden from causing corruption - by God besides Whom there is none other God - such was the prohibition that in some Tablets it was revealed that should harm befall this servant, it would be more acceptable than for any of those associated with the Truth to harm anyone. As you have observed in all the Tablets, He says that victory is through wisdom and utterance, not through contention, objection, warfare and conflict. Nevertheless what was destined came to pass. Things reached such a point that these actions became an excuse for the deniers of the Bayan to cling to, attributing to the Truth all that they had perpetrated during this long period. Yet you know that in the books written by the deniers previously, they explicitly and without ambiguity prescribed the killing of all souls and issued such rulings. From the first arrival in Iraq, the Ancient Beauty forbade everyone, especially in this land where after arrival He repeatedly prohibited all from conflict, contention, bloodshed and other reprehensible and unacceptable deeds. Nevertheless each person committed, according to their own desires, things that were forbidden in all the Tablets. Thus most unknowingly commit all that is prohibited, and the harm of all returns to the Truth, as all know that whatever occurs they say is from the Source of the Cause. Especially in this wondrous Revelation which is afflicted between internal and external enemies.

I know not what has happened that people have entirely forgotten all they have seen and heard of the deeds of Truth, while the unseemly actions of the deniers have become so prominent in their sight. Now observe the deeds of Truth and other than Truth. You have been informed of the details of the Ancient Beauty's arrival in Istanbul and have heard from everyone how He departed with such honor, wealth and independence, and for four months associated with no one and made no demands, such that His conduct was praised even by enemies, let alone by the friends. For six months the one who associated partners with God went to Istanbul on behalf of the Manifestation of the Letter 'Ayn and the Essence of Nun and the Primal F, entering every door and beginning complaints until they inquired from Istanbul from the Holy Presence what was being given to these people in every city. He replied: Give these greedy souls all that you send, that perhaps they may cease their disgraceful behavior and […]

The fire of their greed would be stilled, and they would not send women to beg daily, nor run about for a morsel of bread. They sold the Truth and all that pertains to it for a few dirhams. Although there were only nine persons who had come to this land, Siyyid Muhammad and that known person claimed, "We

are twenty," until they were given fourteen tumans to Siyyid Muhammad himself and twenty-six tumans to that mentioned person from the funds that were specifically sent for the servants. Nevertheless, they write to various places saying, "We have no bread and are destitute." By God, double what the government was sending was being spent in every city and given to all. Now observe the deed of Truth and the deed of its opposite. I know not what garment they have clothed this deed in, that they mention it among the people of the Bayan. O my Siyyid and my beloved, you know not how deceitful and crafty they are, and how confident they are that whatever they say will be heeded. Thus one day, when one of his wives forbade him concerning certain matters, saying that it was not befitting for him to commit certain acts, he replied, "Be assured, whatever I write, the people of the Bayan will accept it." By God, besides Whom there is none other God, what I have here submitted is the pure truth, and indeed he understood correctly, as you observe how different these two deeds are from each other - that one the path of the All-Merciful, and this one the path of Satan. From that one wafts the fragrances of divine detachment, and from this one emanates satanic exhalations. Yet no one is aware. He has denied the money for which he sent you the receipt and which is now in his possession. What more can I submit? And you know not what vile accusations that impure soul made against the Ancient Beauty in the great city. However, praise be to God, they are absolute nothingness and utter non-existence. Although your grief is known, and all matters are visible in the presence of the King of Names and Attributes, still the heart awaits news from you outwardly.

Say to his honor Dhib on my behalf to convey greetings, and inform him that these are the days mentioned in the Tablets, and likewise the Point of the Bayan (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him) foretold that all would turn away from the Most Holy Shore, as now the clamor of the polytheists has been raised and each soul has returned to his own station. In these days the polytheists have spread new rumors, as someone has claimed that verses are not proof, and likewise they have rejected miraculous deeds and manifestations of grace, knowledge and perfection - for their purpose has been to deny whatever has appeared from the Truth. That polytheist was asked what then constitutes proof of the Truth, and he said something else. By God, they have clung to such a vain imagination that the imaginings of all nations and peoples of the earth are as nothing compared to their fancy. Now observe how the Point of the Bayan (may the spirit of all in the kingdoms of existence be sacrificed for Him) removed such imaginings, yet these polytheistic souls have returned to them. It seems they have taken stupidity, deceit, lies, calumny and begging as proof, and counted hatred, rancor and hypocrisy as evidence. Now passing over all this, say to the opposers that if you have not seen that imaginary being, you have seen Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani whom you have taken as a guide, while turning away from the Truth through whom you have witnessed and understood all divine proofs. O people of fairness, say by what evidence have you taken as guide such a one from whose countenance the signs of polytheism and error are manifest? Although such a person is fitting for people, as most inhabitants of earth from various sects are still idol-worshippers. Apart from this, they have known and seen that this servant has not sought the world nor desired leadership, as I have personally served and continue to serve the people of the Bayan and have been a servant to all. For fourteen years I associated day and night with that Hidden Person, yet my word carries no weight while the word of Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani, who only met Him two or three times in Iraq and had no knowledge of any matter, is heard and accepted - even though they always disavowed each other and mocked one another, as most have seen during this migration. Now

consider regarding that imaginary being - after causing corruption in the land of Ta, he fled and hid in Iraq. By God besides whom there is no God, his fear was such that when some of the loved ones would come to Iraq seeking to meet the Ancient Beauty, [he would say] how do we know these souls are believers who have love and are not spies who have come specifically to determine my whereabouts and inform my enemies? Thus whenever any rumor would arise he would flee. Now during all this time that out of fear for his life he was hiding in women's garments, he has transformed his severance and attributed to the Truth all that he harbored within, for the Ancient Beauty was manifest among the enemies […]

Every year he would summon a virgin from the outlying regions, and all are aware of this. By the Most Great God, I have neither heard nor seen anyone who lived in such comfort and luxury in this world. And now he writes what he writes and says what he says. I hope that your honor will completely sever yourself from this group and occupy yourself with the praise of God Himself. By God, I have no purpose except that I love to remind the loved ones of God, that perchance the sincere ones may not be veiled by the imaginary veils of these idolatrous temples whose reality is evident from their deeds.

Likewise convey my greetings to his honor N.S. and say that this is a day wherein the breaths of steadfastness and certitude must waft from pure hearts, for these are the days about which they have foretold that soon a pack of wolves will emerge from the thickets of hypocrisy. They have also foretold that Satan will appear in different forms in every land - to some in the form of written sheets, to some in the form of messengers, and to some in the form of letters. In short, he has appeared in all forms until that which was revealed in the Tablets is fulfilled. Furthermore, God willing, your honor should remain steadfast in the Cause of Truth to such a degree that all are amazed. As the way was blocked, no bold step was taken until now, and even now only a brief mention is made until, God willing, a detailed account can be presented later.

Convey my greetings to his honor Z.M. and say that by God, besides Whom there is no other God, the Truth has informed of what was sent to you and to the one who sent it to you from the renowned city. One year ago, in a special Tablet addressed to him - which your honor may have seen since copies of it may exist in that land - some of the passages revealed in this connection are these, exalted be His grandeur: "Soon there shall come before you that which will cause the Youth to show aversion, and you will be commanded by a command. Then turn not towards it and leave it behind you by the power of your Lord, the Everlasting, the All-Wise. This is of the tidings of the unseen which We have informed you with truth that you may act according to what you have been commanded by the All-Informed Commander. All this is from My love for you, and all things, of what has been and will be created, bear witness to this, and then this Faithful Pen."

Again, out of love for you, it is submitted that God willing, you should remain firm in the Cause of God and not be deprived of the breaths of the All-Merciful by Satan himself. By the Truth, if you would reflect even briefly on recent events, you would confirm this servant and become steadfast in the Cause of God. Blessed are they who are firmly rooted. And if in these days you would examine those Tablets that were previously revealed and sent to your honor, it would be most beloved, for some matters were foretold to your honor personally. Blessed are they who read and who perceive.

Furthermore, convey infinite greetings to his honor J., upon whom be the praise of God. The intention was to submit a special letter to each of the gentlemen, but in consideration of current circumstances, this has been postponed.

And convey to the friends of God, both men and women, who are today seated upon the cushions of steadfastness, the greetings of this evanescent servant, particularly to your brother and those who are related to your honor. And further, two brief exalted Tablets have been revealed from the Most Great Scene specifically for your honor and for J, and have been dispatched. And the spirit and glory and might and splendor be upon you and upon those who are today among the steadfast in the Cause of God.

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This is the Surah of Blood which We have caused to distill from the Ocean of the Unseen, that it may be a sign of My Revelation amongst all created things. He is the Everlasting One upon the Throne through My Most Glorious and Most Luminous Name.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Voice of thy Lord from this Station which the hands of all contingent beings cannot reach, nor the hearts of existent things, nor the realities of those who have slumbered for less than a moment in this sacred, mighty and hidden Cause. Say: O people! Hasten ye to the sanctuary of God and His Essence, to the House of God and His Identity, to the Manifestation of God and His Sovereignty. Be not of them who make mention of God with their tongues, yet oppose His verses. Say: O people! This is the Station round which circle the denizens of the Supreme Paradise, then the dwellers of the pavilions of eternity, then they that abide behind the billows of grandeur, would ye but understand. Say: This is the Sacred Place of God and His Precinct, the Countenance of God and His Greatness. O ye dwellers of the realms of divinity, then ye who dwell in the domains of might, then ye who abide in the pavilions of glory in the kingdom of earth and heaven! Come ye forth from your habitations that ye may visit the Station whereunto none have attained save they who have detached themselves from all that is in the heavens and the earth, and from all that hath a name, or trace, or direction, or sign, would ye but know. Say: O people! This is the Station of God and His Court, then the paradise of God and His garden, then the tabernacle of God and His pavilion. Beware lest ye turn to aught else but Him. Hasten ye unto Him that ye may be sustained by the fruits of the spirit. O people! This is the Station whereat the righteous have halted, and they who circle round the Throne, even as ye do witness.

O Muhammad! Act thou according to what the tongue of thy Lord now counseleth thee, and do what thou art bidden by God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. First, with My mighty, powerful and manifest sovereignty, rend asunder the veils of idle fancy from the face of thy heart. Then enter the Egypt of the All-Merciful through My glorious and most holy Name, and pay no heed to what was and what shall be, even shouldst thou witness Satan seated at its gate, barring thee from entry. Close thine eyes to him, then seek refuge in My blessed, sovereign and beloved Beauty. Beware lest thou sit with those in whom thou findest traces of rancor like unto the heat in summer or the cold in scorching winds. Indeed, flee from them and their like, and look not upon them and what they possess, but rather unto My Cause which is better than all else, would ye but perceive it. And if thou desirest to journey through the

lands, illumine them with the lights of thy Lord, then ponder what thou seest of thy Lord's handiwork, that thou mayest be of those who reflect. Be thou adorned with My attributes, such that if anyone should extend toward thee the hands of tyranny, thou wouldst pay no heed nor oppose him. Leave his judgment to thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou in all conditions an object of oppression. By God, this is My nature, and none knoweth it save the sincere ones. Know thou that the sigh of the oppressed one in his patience is more precious in God's sight than all deeds, would ye but know. If tribulation befalleth thee, be patient and place thy trust in all things in God, thy Lord. He will suffice thee against the harm of all created things, past and future, and will protect thee in the shelter of His Cause and the stronghold of His providence. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all seek His help. And if anyone slandereth thee, do not respond in kind, lest thou become like unto him. Rather, turn away from him and set thy face toward the holy retreat within this sacred and exalted pavilion. Be thou among the people like unto musk-laden hills, that the sweet fragrances of holiness may waft from thee among them, that perchance they may be drawn to the holy court of the Beloved. If thou findest a helper to thyself among the loved ones of God, seek intimacy with him at eventide and at dawn, through all years and months. In all things follow God, thy Helper. Then walk among the servants with His dignity and tranquility, and convey unto them the Cause of thy Lord to the extent they are able to hear.

O Hoopoe of Sheba! Take My missive unto the cities of God, and if the birds ask thee concerning the Divine Bird, say: "Verily, I left it when it was beneath the talons of denial and the beak of the wicked, with none to help it save God Who created it and fashioned it and made it a lamp of His beauty between the heavens and the earth, if ye be of them that are assured." And shouldst thou find any of My loved ones who inquire of Me, say: "By God! I departed from the Prison City at an hour when Husayn lay prostrate upon the earth, with the knee of malice upon his chest, about to sever his head, while the spearpoint stood poised before his head, waiting to raise it aloft - thus was the matter in the innermost mystery, if ye could perceive it. In that state I saw his lips move as he gazed heavenward with a look that rent all hearts, and beyond them the heart of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. And when I drew near to his lips, I heard him say, even beneath the sword: 'O people! By God, I have not spoken among you out of desire, but rather through what the Voice of Sinai hath spoken within my most holy and pure breast. By God, the signs of God shall never be confused with aught else that hath been ordained in the dominion of destiny, nor with what hath been in the hereafter and the former days. O concourse of the idolaters! Inhale ye these verses that have descended from the dominion of the Divine Essence, from the Lord of Names and Attributes. If ye detect from them the fragrance of the garment of Joseph, the Mighty, then have mercy upon him and slay him not with the swords of rancor, if ye would observe with the eye of justice and then judge fairly within your souls.'"

"O people! By God, I have sealed the gates of Paradise for twenty years lest there should issue from My lips that which would kindle the fire of hatred in your breasts - to this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness, and then the Pen of Command upon preserved and holy tablets. O people! I am indeed Ali, and this is the latter return after the former one. I have manifested unto you greater than what I manifested before, and I have come from the Source of grandeur and glory, the Treasury of loftiness and majesty,

with verses whereof not a single letter hath appeared in all creation. And this Tablet is My proof among you, for you and against you, if ye would understand."

"O people! By God, I was dwelling quietly in My house, silent from all melodies, but the Spirit stirred Me and caused Me to speak the truth, and its signs appeared in My countenance, if ye would observe My beauty. I had closed the gates of utterance for years, but the tongue of God opened My tongue, if ye would know. Would ye slay Him by Whose command the heavens were raised up, the seas were made to surge, the trees brought forth their fruits, the mysteries were unveiled, and the beauty of the Chosen One appeared from behind the veils? O concourse of the Bayan! Fear ye God, and be not of them that deny the signs of God."

"O people! By God, I am not of them that have denied the signs of God, even if ye should slay Me with all the swords or pierce Me with all the arrows at every moment. I speak in the kingdom of the heavens and earth and fear no one - this is My way, if ye would perceive it. By God, this is the way of all the Messengers, and what was revealed unto Ali in all the tablets, though I know not what path ye follow." And when the holy melodies reached this point, he fell silent from the weakness that had overtaken him, and remained thus for a time. When he regained consciousness, he opened his eyes and turned toward the holy direction with an intimate gaze and said […]

O Lord! All praise be unto Thee for Thy wondrous decrees and the totality of Thine afflictions. At one time Thou didst deliver me into the hands of Nimrod, then into the hands of Pharaoh, and there befell me that which Thou hast reckoned in Thy knowledge and encompassed by Thy will. At another time Thou didst confine me in the prison of the idolaters because I had related to the people of the realm of glory a letter from the vision which Thou hadst inspired me with through Thy knowledge and made known to me through Thy sovereignty. At another time my head was severed at the hands of the infidels, and at yet another time Thou didst raise me upon the cross because I had revealed in the kingdom the gems of the mysteries of Thy glorious oneness and the wondrous tokens of Thy sovereign singleness. And at another time Thou didst afflict me in the land of Taff wherein I was alone among Thy servants and solitary in Thy realm, until they cut off my head and raised it upon a spear, parading it through all regions and presenting it at the seats of the idolaters and the abodes of the deniers. At another time they suspended me in the air, then struck me with the bullets of their hatred and malice until they dismembered my limbs and severed my body, until these days when the hateful ones have gathered against my soul and at every moment scheme to instill enmity and hatred for me in the hearts of Thy servants, plotting thereby with all the power at their command. Yet despite all this, O my God and my Beloved, Thou hast delivered me into the hands of these idolaters. Therefore, O my God, let me bear witness upon the dust and beneath the swords of Thine enemies. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I thank Thee at this moment in this state and for all that hath befallen me in Thy path, and I am content with Thee and with the wonders of Thy trials. But O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy hidden names and by Thy manifest, concealed Beauty cast upon the dust of abasement, to cause Thy love to enter the hearts of Thy servants, then establish them, O my God, upon the carpet of Thy mercy, then shelter them in the shade of the tree of Thy oneness, and deprive them not of the holy breezes that waft from the paradise of Thy beauty and blow from the direction of Thy grace. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

And thou, O Muhammad, know the worth of what We have imparted unto thee of the gems of mysteries, then reflect on what We have taught thee of the wonders of Our knowledge which lay concealed behind the veils of light, that thou mayest become aware of what hath befallen Us and be of them that are informed of the mysteries of the Cause. Then say with the tongue of thy spirit in thy inmost heart: “Is there any helper who will help the Beauty of the First in the countenance of the Last? And is there any supporter who will aid the Point of the Last in His resplendent and most luminous beauty?” Perchance thereby God may raise up someone to help the Youth in these days wherein intoxication hath overtaken the dwellers of the heavens and the earth save them that have fixed their gaze upon the direction of nearness to this Beauty. But O Muhammad, by God, soon shalt thou witness the opposition of the opposers and their pride, and their uprising in all directions against this Youth with hatred, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, may will.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto that which the Pen of Divine Decree commandeth thee in this celestial realm - air which God hath sanctified from the temples of hatred and purified from the touch of the polytheists and the knowledge of the falsifiers. Rend thou asunder the veils, then arise from the dawning-place of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Then proclaim amongst men this luminous, mighty and resplendent Beauty. Then enter upon Him Who is named by the letter Ha and impart unto him that which the Spirit of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful, hath imparted unto thee, that perchance he may remember within himself, detach himself unto his Lord, and be of them that are guided.

Say: O servant! We have sent down unto thee tablets and scriptures which none knoweth save God, wherein is that which shall make thee independent of all that hath been created in the realm of creation and whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth. However, We sent them not unto thee, for We found not from thee the fragrance of the exalted ones regarding this manifest Arabian Youth.

Say: By God! That which thou possessest shall perish, and naught shall endure save that which is with thy Lord behind pavilions of impregnable glory. Leave the world unto its people, then detach thyself from all that hath been created therein, then turn thy face unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Ancient of Days.

Say: This is indeed Ali Who hath appeared once again in this most pure, most manifest, most luminous Beauty, and Who speaketh the truth in the heaven of immortality and the kingdom on high, if ye be of them that hear.

Say: O people of the Bayan! The Spirit of Divine Exposition shall never speak in your hearts except through My love, and this is from the foundation of religion, if ye be of the assured ones.

Say: O people of the Furqan! By God! The Truth hath come unto you - that by which religions are distinguished and truth is separated from falsehood. Fear ye God and be not of them that turn away.

Say: O people of the churches! Strike not the bell, for the Most Great Bell hath appeared in this Trump which hath appeared in the form of verses between earth and heaven, and calleth out in truth through this radiant, manifest and gleaming Name.

Say: He is the One at Whose bidding the verses were sent down and by Whose leave all tablets were inscribed. To this testifieth the musk that floweth from this camphor spring through this Most Ancient and Pre-existent Pen.

Say: He verily speaketh at all times verses that bewilder the minds of the wise, the knowledge of the mystics, and the hearts of the accomplished ones.

Say: This is what ye were promised in the Books of God, if ye be of them that know, and this is that whereby the Truth was established in the eternity of eternities and shall be established unto the end that hath no end.

O Muhammad! Close thine eyes to all who are in the heavens and on earth, that thou mayest be enabled to enter into the fortress of thy Lord, the Bestower, the Almighty. Kindle from this Fire in the trees of all created things, that they may speak even as the Fire spoke in the form of Light upon the Mount of Revelation. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty bestow His grace upon thee and command thee regarding the Cause, that thou mayest detach thyself from all things and hold fast unto the handle of impregnable glory. And the Spirit and the glory and the splendor be upon thee and upon them that hearken unto thy words concerning this mighty Announcement.

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In the Name of the One True God!

The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of the friends of God in the most eloquent tongue, and now uttereth in the sweetest Persian that this is a Day of surpassing greatness and magnitude, a Day attributed in all the Divine Books to God Himself and known as the Day of God. It behooveth all to ponder the greatness of this Day and to refrain from comparing that which hath come to pass therein with aught that hath preceded or shall follow it. Let them reflect upon the diverse parties in the world, how each hath clung to a name among names, fixing their gaze upon God, the Most Glorious, and beseeching Him night and day, hoping that in the days of the appearance of the Dayspring of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Source of His inspiration, they might not be debarred from the ocean of His grace nor be deprived of His abundant favors. Yet when the Sun of Truth shed its radiance from the heaven of God's Will, all returned to their own kind, which is the embodiment of darkness, save whom God did will. Blessed are they who, in this spiritual morn, have quaffed the wine of inner meanings and who have arisen, with supreme steadfastness, to serve the Cause of the Lord of creation.

O friends of God! Every word of the most excellent Words is an ocean most great, from which flow countless streams. Blessed is the one who, in the name of God, hath drunk therefrom. By God's life! Such a soul is mentioned in the sight of God as among the most powerful of all creation. In all the Books, Tablets and Scriptures of God, mention hath been made of souls who are well-pleased, pleasing unto Him, assured and tranquil. These are they who stand firm in service to the Cause, whom neither the opposition of the world, nor the ranks of the nations, nor the conditions of the deniers, nor the

insinuations of the heedless, nor the clamor of the rejectors could deter from turning to God, the Manifest Truth, or prevent from directing their gaze to the supreme horizon.

By the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of this Prison! The corruption of the world hath ever been, and shall ever be, from the ignorant one who appeareth in the guise of knowledge, and from the transgressor who is known and seen in the garb of piety. Reflect upon the early days of Islam: a few ignorant and false ones adorned themselves with the ornament of knowledge and truthfulness among the servants, and this became the cause of countless perils surrounding the world of the Qur'an. Some time ago this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who read it and ponder its ocean of meanings. By God's life! Should one attain unto its sweetness, such a soul would be mentioned in the sight of God as among the most exalted of all creation.

In the Name of the One True God!

Say: O friends! The falsehood of the past hanged the Beloved of the future and martyred Him with the bullet of tyranny. Reflect upon those deceitful, treacherous souls who appeared among the people in the name of truthfulness, trustworthiness, detachment and piety, that ye may be preserved from the terror of this Most Great Day. One made mention of Jabulqa, another pointed to Jabulsa, and yet another devised an imaginary form and established for it a seat upon the throne of idle fancies. One unjust one made mention of the Holy Land, and another unjust one attributed words unto Him. These abominable, false matters became the cause and reason for martyring with utmost tyranny the Sovereign of the City of Oneness. Were the Hand of Divine Power to rend asunder all veils, ye would witness new matters and hear novel utterances. Now He uttereth but one word that perchance it may serve as a barrier between truth and falsehood, and that word is this: Purify your ears from that which is spoken by those who claim to be of the Bayan yet deny its Revealer, its Sovereign and its Sender. For these veiled souls walk exactly in the footsteps of those souls. Blessed is the eye that seeth and perceiveth - such a one is regarded before God as the most powerful and capable among men. Hearken unto what My Herald spoke aforetime. He said, and His Word is the Truth: A one-year-old seed on the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than all the Bayan. Out of loving kindness and compassion have these utterances been revealed from the Pen of the All-Powerful. Preserve them and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! The Shi'ih sect, who considered themselves the saved and favored denomination and regarded themselves as the most excellent of all people, repeatedly related traditions stating that whoever claimed the Promised One would be born was an infidel and outside the religion. These traditions caused many to be martyred without fault or crime, until the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - was born in Fars from the loins of a known person and made the claim of being the Qa'im. Thereupon, those who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies were in manifest loss, and the Cause appeared to all the world like the rays of the sun. Nevertheless, that heedless and rejected sect turned away and arose to slay that Essence of being. O people of Baha! The Lord of Names biddeth you to reflect upon these matters, that ye may truly shatter the idols of fancy and vain imaginings and not be afflicted with the new idle fancies to which the deniers of the Bayan cling. Arise to champion the Cause with divine strength and power, and protect the servants from the tyranny of the idolatrous souls and the fancies of the heedless and false ones. Reflect upon the hidden mysteries: Until the time of the Manifestation, the people of the Furqan, namely the Shi'ih sect, were unaware of the Day of God and the manner of His appearance. They seemed

entirely bereft from the ocean of knowledge and deprived of the dawning rays of the sun of inner meanings. The divine Cause appeared and was manifested contrary to all that they had understood through their fancies and vain imaginings and to which they had held fast. And those imaginative souls who considered themselves the most God-fearing and detached in all the world arose with such tyranny that the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Cities of Names, and the Kingdom of Creation were all bewildered. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a grace from His presence, that ye may become aware […]

Those things that were concealed from you shall be revealed, and you shall witness what lay behind the veil through that which was wrought by the hands of those who wandered in the wilderness of fancy and idle imaginings, and passed judgment against Him Who came with the truth from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O ye who drink the choice sealed wine! The Name 'the Self-Subsisting' declareth: Consider the people who counted themselves among the saved and blessed ones - how at the time of trial they were reckoned among the rebellious, transgressing, denying and rejected faction, and were recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book as manifestations of negation.

The people of Baha, who are mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma as the companions of the Crimson Ark, must, God willing, demonstrate such steadfastness as befitteth this Most Great Cause and this blessed Day. This is the day of service and steadfastness. If a child remaineth firm in this Cause, he is mightier than all the Bayan - by the testimony of God and the testimony of Him Who appeared before and gave the glad tidings of this Great Announcement.

In the Tablets revealed in Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and the Most Great Prison, We informed the friends of God and gave them tidings of the appearance of the calf, the barking ones, the birds of night, the book of perdition, and the tablets of fire, that all might become so steadfast that neither the peoples of the world nor all that they possess would have the power to cause these firm and upright souls to deviate. They must be seen as mountains, not as leaves that are stirred by every wind and overturned by the slightest breeze. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach you, the All-Informed acquaint you, and guide you to His straight path.

Strive ye, and with utmost lowliness and supplication beseech the Mighty, the Ancient One to aid you in that which is adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure, and to assist you in such deeds as shall endure forever in His divine Book throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Let not this opportunity slip from your grasp, nor waste this time. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge that a single moment of these days excelleth centuries and ages. Your Lord, the Chosen One, beareth witness to this from this glorious station.

God willing, may ye consume the veils that hinder with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful and illumine your hearts with the light of His countenance. This is the day of this blessed and decisive Word, which the tongue of the Divine Unity spoke aforetime: "Everything shall perish save His Face." This is the Day of God, and God alone speaketh therein - naught is mentioned save Him. Where are the pure and penetrating eyes, and where are the illumined and detached hearts? This is the day of eyes, ears and hearts. Beseech ye God to grant you possession of these three and to sanctify them from veils. For verily,

a thin veil - nay, the thinnest of veils - preventeth the eye from seeing, the ear from hearing, and the heart from understanding.

Consider this exalted word which was revealed aforetime by the Supreme Pen: O Sons of Knowledge! The merest speck of dust upon the eye shutteth out the vast world from its vision - consider then what would be wrought if the veil of covetousness descendeth upon the heart!

O friends! Today the gate of heaven is opened by the key of God's Name, the ocean of bounty surgeth before all faces, and the sun of grace is shining and […]

Do not deprive yourselves of the manifest Light, nor waste your precious life heeding the words of this one and that. Gird up the loins of endeavor and turn your attention to the education of the peoples of the world. Consider not the divine religion as a cause of opposition, malice and hatred. The Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: That which has descended from the heaven of the Will in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Revelation has been for the unity of the world and the love and fellowship of its peoples. The people of Baha who have drunk of the choice wine of inner meaning must associate with all the peoples of the world with the utmost joy and radiance, and remind them of that which profits all. Such is the counsel of this Wronged One to His loved ones and chosen ones. The world was created through love, and all are commanded to live in fellowship and unity. Fix your gaze upon and make mention of this blessed word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the King of Oneness: "I was in My Ancient Being and My Eternal Essence; I knew My love in thee, therefore I created thee, cast upon thee My image and revealed to thee My beauty."

O people of Baha! While you are in your homelands, this Wronged One is in the Most Great Prison. Even while submerged in an ocean of tribulations, He makes mention of each of you with such words and utterances that were but a single letter thereof to be reflected upon the mirrors of all created things, the words "Thou art the Beloved" would appear from them all, in such wise that all would see and read them. Let not this boundless grace slip from your grasp, and be not heedless of what hath befallen this Wronged One and you in the path of God. Know your worth and preserve your stations in the name of the Truth, for the polytheists, deniers and traitors have appeared in the guise of unity, acceptance and trustworthiness, and strive with the utmost effort to lead souls astray. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, speaks the truth and informs you of His grace and guides you to His straight path.

Abandon the ways of the people and count as naught the paths of the heedless, and say: "He walks not in your ways, nor does He act according to what is with you. He has appeared and made manifest His straight path, and made known to all His mighty course." Blessed is the soul that has hastened to the ocean of its Lord's mercy, and the ear that has heard the scratching of His Most Exalted Pen, and the eye that has beheld His mighty signs, and the tongue that has uttered His beautiful praise. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and follow not those who have denied God and His signs, rejected His proof and His evidence, and have arisen to turn away with manifest injustice.

Verily, He has, from the Most Great Prison, called both kings and subjects unto the Most Great Name, which was hidden in God's knowledge and mentioned in the Scriptures of the Messengers. O friends! The mention of all has been and will continue to be in the divine Books, and should some of the loved ones of

God not receive a separate Tablet, let them know with absolute certainty that their names, their turning to God, and their acceptance, according to their stations, have been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Ask God for His confirmation, that you may succeed in that which will be the cause of everlasting remembrance. Verily, He sees and hears, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The world has never had, nor does it now possess any significance. Soon shall all who dwell on earth return to the graves. By Him Who has caused all things to speak forth in praise of His Self, this world and […]

Whatsoever is visible to mortal eyes cannot, in the sight of one endowed with insight, compare with even a single word of God's utterance, for the former is transient and perishable and ever shall be so, while the latter endures eternally through the permanence of His names and attributes. No person of understanding would forfeit God's everlasting bounty for the sake of fleeting days. Verily I say, the soul has ever yearned and will forever yearn for the rose-garden of divine revelation and attainment unto His presence, yet vain imaginings and futile desires have held it back from the realm of nearness. You must burn away the veils with the fire of certitude and the light of faith, and illumine your hearts and minds. Strive to drink from the Kawthar of certitude which flows from the right hand of God's celestial throne. Whosoever attains unto it is recorded among the people of eternity in the Crimson Book. Praise be to God that His grace and favors have guided the faithful to the straight path and enabled them to attain the supreme gift and greatest bounty. Know the station you occupy and remain vigilant at all times, for the misguided have ever lain in ambush for the guides and ever shall. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Has there ever been seen on earth a sincere seeker who was deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful? Or has there ever been witnessed one who, with complete truthfulness, desired the ultimate goal and was held back from it? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! And if certain of the monotheists, near ones, and sincere ones outwardly sought something but did not attain it, this was due to God's all-encompassing wisdom. They must not be saddened, for every matter has its appointed time. When its hour comes, it shall be manifested in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice, O friends of God and His chosen ones, in that My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of you on this night wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: There is none other God but He, the Supporter, the Counselor, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he who attains unto the Most Great Steadfastness; he is assuredly among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Book of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, Who has appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the veils of names hold you back from their Sovereign, their Source and their Creator. Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and cling to His luminous hem. Whoso acts in accordance with what has been commanded, upon him shall bestow their prayers the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and they who abide within the Pavilions of Grandeur - a command from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus does the Wronged One make mention of you while confined in the prison of the heedless, teaching you that which shall, under all conditions, draw you nearer unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Unique. We counsel all to wisdom and utterance in the Cause of their Lord, the All-Merciful, even as We counseled them before. He is in truth the Counselor, the Faithful. This is a word We have revealed in various Tablets. It behooves everyone who has believed in God in this Revelation to hold fast unto it and to be of those who are firmly established. We have

forbidden all from whatsoever God loves not, and have commanded that which gladdens the hearts of the peoples. He is verily the All-Kind, the Gracious. Associate, O My loved ones, with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. Beware lest ye make God's Word an occasion for your disputation or a cause for manifesting hatred among you. Say: Fear God, O people of the earth, and be not of the negligent. He commands you to that from which you will perceive the fragrance of the Spirit, were you of those who are endowed with understanding. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and serve you and hearken unto that which has been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in this irrevocable, manifest, and perspicuous Cause.

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and most glorious court of the Beloved, Who hath, through a single point of knowledge, in truth guided this evanescent one to the ocean of knowledge and freed him from idle fancies and vain imaginings. And this point is that He hath declared that none but Him is capable of His praise. Therefore, whatsoever this evanescent servant might utter would be unworthy and shall ever be unworthy. With a hundred thousand tongues must one at every moment voice a hundred thousand thanks and praises that He hath reckoned the confession of powerlessness as true knowledge. Exalted be His bounty and magnificent His favors. There is no God but Him.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Purpose, and my Hope! Thou seest my powerlessness, my poverty, and my need before the manifestations of Thy might, Thy power, and Thy riches. I am he who, O my God, doth confess, even as Thou hast testified, to my inability to attain unto the pavilion of glory of any one of Thy chosen ones, how much less unto the revelations of the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the glory which Thou hast made the adorning of Thy chosen ones, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued Thy servants and Thy creation, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, directing myself to the horizon of Thy good-pleasure, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy grace. O my Lord! I implore Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the world have quaked, to strengthen him who hath mentioned Thy servant to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and to make known unto him the manifestations of Thy grace and the revelations of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever escapeth and from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Furthermore, this evanescent one presents that the letter of that honored one, which bore a whole world of joy since it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds and was redolent with the fragrance of His love, was received. After perusing its contents, having directed myself toward the most exalted summit and the highest horizon, its details were presented at the most holy and most glorious court. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Ali! Thou hast previously been blessed with the mention of the Truth and the effects of the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, thou shalt drink of the choice sealed wine and share it with those who are ready. This is the Day of mention and praise. Blessed is the soul that hath not

let slip its opportunity and hath arisen to that which beseemeth the Days of God. Say: O friends! Be not saddened by the conditions of the world. By the life of God! All that ye behold is in the grip of extinction. Hold fast unto that which is lasting and enduring. Today, the teaching of God's Cause is binding upon every soul and is accounted as the most meritorious of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. It is quite evident that had all the friends, from the beginning of the Cause, held fast to this most exalted station with the utmost joy and fragrance, with kindness and forbearance, the lights of the Sun of Truth would have captured most souls. Blessed is he who hath confined his affairs to the service of God and the teaching of His Cause. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which the sincere ones have attained." God willing, may you ever drink from the cup of grace of the Lord of Justice and be blessed with the bounty of the Truth, exalted be His glory.

O Ali! Thou hast attained unto that which nothing can equal. Rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks. Conclude. All praise be unto God that ye are mentioned in His Most Holy Court and have attained unto His bounty. This is a station whereof tongues and pens are powerless to make mention. Under all conditions remain mindful of wisdom, for this mighty commandment hath been revealed and sent down in diverse Tablets from the Supreme Pen. God willing, may all cleave unto it and attain thereunto.

As to the souls who have turned towards the Most Great Ocean, which thou didst mention, this was presented at the Most Holy Court, and for each one a wondrous and glorious Tablet was revealed, as a bounty from His presence upon thee and upon them. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God. His words, exalted be His majesty:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O Mahdi! The Self-Subsisting hath come and calleth aloud in the Most Great Prison, while the peoples remain veiled by a thick veil. Their desires have prevented them from turning unto the Countenance, and their idle fancies from setting their faces toward the Supreme Horizon. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this exalted and glorious station. Behold thou the power and sovereignty of God! He hath transformed the prison into the Most Exalted Paradise and made it the Seat of His mighty Throne. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the river of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath flowed, and the ocean of bounty hath surged at the center of all possibilities. Draw ye nigh and be not of the heedless. Say: Come ye, come ye, that I may show you His most exalted horizon and cause you to hear His sweetest call from this wondrous and glorious Tablet. Say: By God, the All-Merciful hath come, and the Kingdom of utterance circleth round Him. Open your eyes and be not of them that slumber. Every seated one hath risen at this Call, and every sleeping one hath been awakened by this Cry which hath been raised in truth between the heavens and the earth. O Mahdi! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Be thou steadfast in such wise that what is with the parties shall not deter thee. Verily thy Lord, the Bestower, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. We make mention of thy family from Our presence, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Informed.

That which was revealed for his honor Mirza 'Ali-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God.

In My Name, through which hearts have melted […]

O Ali-Qabli-Rida! Fix thy gaze upon this Most Exalted Word which is as the sun in the heaven of inner meanings and as a ship upon the ocean of wisdom. O people of the earth! Purify your souls from rancor and hatred, then inscribe upon them with the pen of truthfulness the verses of kindliness, love and fidelity. The world today is seen to be deprived of the recognition of the Most Great Name, save whom God willeth. Say: Strive that ye may not be deprived of the bounties of the True One, the All-Bountiful. This is a Day before which all days past and future bow in humility. Bereft indeed is he who hath not found it and hath not recognized its Lord. O friends! Know ye the value of your stations, and waste not your rank through the cawing and croaking of the misguided ones, nor let your deeds in God's path come to naught. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing Witness, the All-Seeing Witness.

That which was revealed for his honor Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God:

In the Name of the Compassionate, the Merciful

Verily the Wronged One remembereth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of God's grace and His mercy which hath preceded existence itself. Bear thou witness to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Every soul that hath turned unto the Most Great Name hath attained, and every seeing one hath beheld that which hath shone forth and appeared from this Horizon, from which the suns have risen. We make mention of thee and of My loved ones who have cast away idle fancies and have held fast unto this Extended Cord. Arise ye to remember and praise your Lord in His days, the Lord of all names. Then make peace among yourselves through this Name that dominateth over all that was and that shall be. This is a day wherein the heaven of divine knowledge hath been adorned with the stars of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Glory be upon those who have fulfilled their covenants in the days of God and have followed that which they were bidden in a preserved Tablet.

Thanks and praise be unto Him. At no time have They ceased to make mention of the chosen ones, the loved ones and Their friends, and night and day hath the Supreme Pen been in motion. Nevertheless have the ignorant divines forbidden the people from this supreme bounty and mighty favor. They cling to the Book while turning away from its Revealer. They have made God's religion a means for fulfilling their selfish desires and His Book an instrument for their unworthy purposes. By a single word are they deprived of the kingdom of utterance, and by a croak are they barred from the warbling of the Nightingale. We beseech God to open their eyes and show them the way. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Mention was made of his honor, My brother, upon him be the glory of God. This is what was sent down for him from the heaven of the will of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all worlds:

He is the Most Great, the Most Mighty

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having mentioned thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Verily He mentioneth him who maketh mention of Him, and draweth nigh unto him who draweth nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Gracious, the Generous. Mention of thee was made before the Wronged One, and there was revealed for thee that which the treasures of the world and the ornaments of the nations cannot equal. Give thanks and be of the grateful ones. Look not

unto the creatures and what they possess. By the life of God! That which they desired hath passed them by, and the matter hath been decreed from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in praise of thy Lord Who hath turned toward thee from His glorious station. Say: […]

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognize Thy Cause, from which the learned and mystics of the age have remained veiled, save him whom the hand of Thy power hath delivered. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Write down for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily Thou art He to Whose power and grandeur all created things have testified, and to Whose might and sovereignty all beings have borne witness. Take my hand with the hand of Thy bounty, then grant me that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God willing, may they drink from the choice wine of divine meanings from the chalice of God's words and become engaged in His mention and praise. As for what you wrote concerning Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, his reward is with God. God willing, may he act according to God's will in all conditions and remain oriented toward His horizon. His desire was presented, and the Sun of Grace shone forth and was manifest toward him. And as for his supplication to God, exalted be His glory, seeking forgiveness for his parents, this was presented, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: "Upon them be the Glory of God. God hath forgiven them both as a favor from His presence unto thee, O 'Ali. This is naught but a great bounty. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds."

This evanescent one conveys greetings and glorification to all the friends, and beseeches the Exalted True One for assistance and grace for all. God willing, may they attain unto that which God loveth and hold fast unto that which He hath revealed in the Book. Likewise, I convey greetings and glorification to the honored friend Jinab-i-Habibu'llah Kh-A, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he be steadfast, speaking, remembering, watchful, successful and confirmed.

Another glad tidings is that this evanescent servant attained to pilgrimage on behalf of your honor, and it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This bounty has no equal, past or present. Praise be to God that this servant and your honor have been blessed with this.

And concerning what was mentioned about the friends and their gathering with wisdom, this was presented before the Divine Presence, and He said: "Excellent is the reward of those who act. Blessed is the tongue that is honored by the mention of God, and the limbs that have attained to the service of His Cause, and the soul that hath associated with His loved ones, and the ear that hath attained to the hearing of His verses, and the house that is illumined by the light of the faces of His friends."

In all matters, let them observe the utmost wisdom, lest the clamor of those who have turned away from God be raised.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Siyyid 'Abdu'l-Hadi, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. He is among the early believers and has borne grievous trials in this Most Great, Most Holy Cause. For each

atom of what befell him, a hundred thousand thanksgivings must be rendered, inasmuch as it was endured in the path of God. That which hath come to pass would bring extinction to all the world, save for what God hath specially ordained for His loved ones or what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in their remembrance. His honor hath been and is mentioned in the presence of the Countenance. He attained the presence repeatedly, and his family too have partaken of this cup. Mention of his passing was made in the Most Holy Court. Thus did the Tongue of the Intended One speak forth in the Kingdom of Utterance: "She did emigrate in My path and attained My presence. We have forgiven her at the time of her ascension, purified her, and remitted her misdeeds. Verily her Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Generous." Every soul that ascendeth with love for God, glorified be His majesty, is numbered with the people of Paradise in the sight of God. Blessed is she and joy be unto her, and the glory of God rest upon her. She recognized that which the divines of the earth remained veiled from. Joy be unto her and woe unto them! Glory be unto her and regret unto them! The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in that place and upon all who are steadfast and victorious.

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The friends in Qaf, upon them be the Glory of God!

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One!

This is the Day wherein the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!" The mysteries have appeared, the veils have been drawn aside, and that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all being, hath been made manifest. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh, yet most of the people comprehend not. On this Day hath the Temple of the Manifestation and the Interlocutor of the Mount taken His seat upon the throne of utterance, yet most of the people see not. They have cast the Truth behind their backs, clinging to that which the people possess, yet verily they know not. Blessed is the servant who hath cast aside the people and what they possess, who hath taken the Kawthar of everlasting life in My Most Glorious Name and drunk thereof in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired, despite every heedless and veiled one. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The Euphrates of utterance hath flowed through creation, and from its murmuring is heard: "The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty!"

O My friends in Qaf! We make mention of you with verses that have encompassed the Concourse on High, the Supreme Paradise, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, that they might hearken unto My sweetest call. Joy be to him who hath drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto every heedless one who

is debarred! O people of God! Let not the might of any oppressor frighten you. Arise in My Name and say: "O people! By God, we have not come to create corruption in the land, but rather to build it up and reform it, if ye but knew. Cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this Most Great Ocean, each wave of which announceth to the world the appearance of the Lord of Nations, Who hath come from the heaven of proof with a Cause that hath encompassed both the unseen and the seen."

We have desired to make mention of Our friends in this Clear Book, that the breaths of revelation might seize them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir! We found Ourselves in the vicinity of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and desired the other station. When We arrived, We commanded the Branch to be present, and We revealed unto thee and unto Our friends that which caused them to be intoxicated with the wine of My luminous revelation. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having illumined me with the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance and remembered me when I was wronged among Thy servants and debarred from that which Thou hadst created by Thy power. I beseech Thee by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the tears of them that are devoted to Thy unity in their remoteness from Thee, and by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdoms of wisdom and utterance, to make me patient in all conditions in adversity and tranquil in Thy vicinity, O Lord of all mankind! My Lord, deprive me not of the manifestations of the lights of the Orb of Thy Manifestation, nor of the mysteries of the Lote-Tree of Thy Lordship. I testify, and all created things testify, to Thy manifestation, Thy power, Thy sovereignty, and Thy authority. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! He who hath loved Me hath mentioned thee in this perspicuous Book which proclaimeth before the faces of all mankind that there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of knowledge - a bounty from the presence of the Ancient Bestower. We have announced unto all this Most Great Revelation, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast behind their backs the Will of God and have taken what they desired - they are indeed among the most lost. Say: Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of the Furqan! Cast away the idols of your vain imaginings, then turn ye towards the Dawning-Place of the signs of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. That which ye possess shall profit you not this Day; cast it away in My Name and take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and the sovereignty that cometh from His presence. He, verily, is the most powerful of the powerful. This is the Day wherein the Spirit giveth glad-tidings unto all who are in earth and heaven of this Light which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

When thou art seized by the rapture of the flowing stream of My mercy, arise and turn toward the House of God and say: O Lord of all names, Creator of the heavens, and Sovereign of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Beloved One and by His joy when He ascended unto Thee, and by His attraction when He heard the call of Thy meeting, and by His longing when He arrived at Thy court, and by His supreme gladness when He turned toward Thy most great prospect, and by His utmost delight when He heard Thy sweetest call from Thy most exalted horizon, and by the fire of His love when He attained Thy presence, and by the

light of His detachment when He drank the chalice of reunion from the hand of Thy bounty, and by the spirit and its ascension unto Thee, that Thou assist Thy servants to redress what they have missed in Thy days. O Lord! Deprive not Thy near ones from the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the uttermost end and the whisper of the winds of Thy mercy, O Creator of all things! O Lord! Aid them to turn unto Thee and to return unto the court of Thy glory, and assist them, O my God, in deeds adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things, of the first and the last.

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath been encompassed by the manifestations of tyranny and the daysprings of oppression, and while under the swords of hatred, We make mention of thee and those who have believed, with such mention as hath attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. The arrows of the enemies have not prevented Me from remembering God, the Creator of earth and heaven, nor have the hosts of those who denied God's testimony and proof, who were heedless of His path, who broke His Covenant, and who wrought that which caused the Concourse on high to lament, struck fear within Me. O Hasan! Grieve not at anything, trust in all affairs in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and commit them to Him. Verily, He loveth those who trust and those who commit their affairs unto Him. Soar with the wings of trust and commitment unto God, the Master of this lofty station. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging what hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will, confessing what the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, holding fast unto Thy cord, and clinging to the hem of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to the sanctity of Thy Being above the description of Thy creatures, and the exaltation of Thine Essence above the mention of Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Creator of all things and Master of destiny and fate, by Thy Name through which the pavilion of Thy glory was raised and Thy path appeared in Thy lands, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence, who have stood before Thy gate, who have heard Thy verses, and who have witnessed the horizon of Thy manifestation. O Lord! Thou art He by Whose name the ocean of wealth surged among creation and the fragrance of bounty was wafted in the prison of Akka. Send down upon Thy servants from the clouds of Thy generosity that which beseemeth Thy greatness, Thy sovereignty, Thy grace, and Thy power. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We have desired at this moment to make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that the call of God, the Single, the One, may draw him nigh and bring him unto a station wherein all atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses." O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from this most exalted station, from the Divine Lote-Tree raised before the faces of all peoples. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Qasim! Remember the day when thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hand of bounty, and wert present before the gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. Tribulation and adversity have encompassed Me, and there hath befallen Me at the hands of the calumniators that which hath caused the tribes of earth and heaven to lament, and every knowing and perceiving soul. We commanded all to be trustworthy, yet they cast it behind their backs. The fire of greed, passion, tyranny and wickedness hath been so enkindled that it hath wrested from them all restraint. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled from God, the One, the All-Choosing.

The fire of polytheism hath been kindled in all regions, and the Revealer of verses declareth: “O Lord of Lords! Thou seest Me in the hands of the oppressors among Thy servants, beneath the talons of the misguiders among Thy creation and the transgressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Tree of Thy utterance and the fruits of the Tree of Thy oneness to aid Me to stand firm in such wise as to shake the heart of every heedless doubter. O Lord! Thou knowest and seest that Thy people desired naught save to serve Thy servants and to reform their affairs in Thy days, yet they have risen against them with such tyranny as hath caused them that are endued with understanding to weep. My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant standing before the gate of Thy grandeur, beseeching Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of the wonders of Thy favors and bestowals. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.”

O Eternal Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-i-Taqi, that the joy of the Revelation may seize him and bring him nigh unto the Mighty, the Bestower. O Lord! Forbid not Thy servants from drawing nigh unto Thy court, and deprive them not of the outpourings of Thy days. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner hastening toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness, the poor one toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and the abased one toward the cord of Thy glory. O Lord! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities and regions, and by the lights of Thy countenance whereby the lands were illumined, and by the flowers of the gardens of Thy bounty and the fruits of the Tree of Thy power, to ordain for this servant of Thine mercy from Thee and grace from Thy presence. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

My God, my God! Thy separation hath caused me to perish. Where is the light of Thy presence, O Illuminator of the world? The venom of remoteness from Thee hath destroyed me. Where is the fountain of Thy reunion, O Quickener of nations? I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty and the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ali and surnamed Jinab, as bidden by God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O Jinab! The Lord of all men hath come, yet the people remain wrapped in heedlessness and veils. They have cast aside their God and followed their desires - verily, they are in strange drunkenness. They have cast certitude behind their backs, clinging to the suppositions and idle fancies they possess. They have broken God’s Covenant and His Testament, and have denied Him to Whom the Mother Book hath testified in the final return.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Be fair before God - by what proof did ye believe in the Manifestations of the past, and by what evidence do ye deny this bounty whereby the horizons have been illumined? Say: O son of Baqir! Canst thou present thyself before His face with thy ropes and staves? And canst thou contend with the Knight of utterance in the arena of inner meanings and exposition? Be fair before God - if thou deniest God’s Most Great Book, by what proof can that which thou holdest be established? Fear God, then judge fairly concerning Him Who hath appeared before the faces of the parties.

O son of Baqir! Present thyself before His face to hear that for which ears were created to hearken unto. Then behold this horizon whence hath dawned the Day-Star of loving-kindness and favor. Hast thou attained through thy vain imaginings, and art thou content with what thou hast? Nay, by My Cause whereby We have subdued the lands! If thou desirest verses, they have encompassed all regions, and if thou seekest clear proofs, We shall show thee, shouldst thou stand before the Gate. This is My hand wherefrom hath shone the Sun of God's Revelation, Lord of Lords, and this is My heaven wherefrom have been sent down the verses of God, He Who causeth the dawn to break. Were thou to turn with the ear of thine inmost heart, thou wouldst hear from the pebbles: "The Revealer of verses hath come!" and from the plants: "He Who was promised in God's Books, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing, hath come!"

O son of Baqir! Hear My counsel for the sake of God, then present thyself before His face to behold what eyes have been prevented from seeing. This is the Day whereof Moses gave tidings, and whereof the Messenger of God, Lord of all religions, brought glad-tidings. Canst thou produce what the Wronged One hath produced through power and sovereignty? Nay, by His very Self, the True One, and by His Cause that hath encompassed the lands! We summon thee to the light while ye summon Me to the fire, and your call is naught but error. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in utterance. Blessed is he who hath turned and hearkened, and woe unto every obstinate infidel.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! We saw thee in a state of intoxication and bewilderment when thou wert present before the Wronged One in a spot which God had made the Dawning-place of lights. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence, caused me to hear Thy call, shown me Thy beauty, guided me to Thy path, and revealed unto me that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the eternity of Thy kingdom and dominion. My Lord! Thou seest me standing at the door of Thy grace, voicing Thy praise amidst Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-place of Thy utterance and the Dayspring of Thy mysteries to ordain for me that which shall preserve me from turning to any besides Thee and from inclining toward other than Thee. My Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, enkindled with the fire of Thy love and detached from those who have denied Thee and Thy verses. My Lord! Write down for me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Pen of Oneness! Make mention of him who is named Taqi with a remembrance whereat all remembrances proclaimed: "By God! He Who is the Remembered One hath appeared with majesty and power!" The harm inflicted by the world and the opposition of the peoples did not deter Him. He stood before the faces of the divines and princes and taught them that which would draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords.

O Taqi! We have counseled thee with that which will exalt thy station. He desireth naught save that which will draw thee closer to God, the Lord of all men. The Kawthar of life hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen of God. Blessed is he who hath drunk thereof and rendered thanks unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Beware lest the conditions of men and the doubts of the divines grieve thee. Turn unto the Most Sublime Horizon and say: "My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not

to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that love Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Choosing."

Cast away what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God with such strength that the clamor of the wicked ones, who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament and have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, shall not deter thee.

We make mention of Our loved ones there whose names were not presented before Our face, and We give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them by the Pen of God in the Mother Book. O people of God! Let not the might of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return frighten you. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My friends, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Revealer of verses.

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

Praise be to God Who hath perfumed the world with the fragrances of His revelation and illumined the hearts of the sincere with the light of His knowledge. Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon His loved ones and chosen ones who have arisen to serve His Cause, whom neither the swords of His enemies nor the power of the wayward among His servants could deter. They have arisen with the power of detachment and aided God, the Lord of creation. No might or power could weaken them. These are servants through whom the decree of unity was established, the banners of detachment were raised, and the light of proof shone forth through the manifestation of His glorious and wondrous Name.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, and my Support! Purify the ears of Thy servants with the waters of Thy bounty that they may hearken unto Thy call, and illumine their eyes to behold the horizon of Thy Revelation. O Lord! Thou seest how the Shi'ih party boasted of their knowledge and learning, yet when the promise was fulfilled and the light of the Cause shone forth, they denied Thy truth and disputed Thy signs, until they pronounced death upon the Dayspring of Thy grace, the Source of Thy clear tokens, and the Fountainhead of Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Sanctify the hearts of Thy sincere ones from their tales and remembrances, then adorn them with the ornament of that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy justice and the Reed of Thy utterance. O Lord! Thy favor hath encompassed and preceded all, and Thy mercy hath encompassed and preceded all. Ordain for those who seek Thee among Thy loved ones and those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creation that which will cause them to be detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer.

Thereafter, the letters of that honored brother arrived, each one a clear testament and faithful witness to his orientation, adherence and devotion to God, our Lord, the Self-Subsisting. After their reading, they were taken to His presence and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His attention. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke forth in the Kingdom of knowledge. These are His mighty words and His glorious proof:

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

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of earth and Creator of heaven. The servant present before the Wronged One hath presented thy letter before His face. We have heard it and answer thee with clear verses that will draw thee near unto God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein the Herald calleth out at every moment: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!" This is a Day in which every steadfast one hath attained, every ear hath heard, and every seeing one hath witnessed that which hath appeared, shone forth, become manifest and radiant from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the mighty throne. He desireth naught save the sanctification of His servants and their purification from tyranny, indecency, wickedness and transgression. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, say: […]

My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create Thy servants for none other than the recognition of the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, and didst fashion ears but to hearken to the shrill voice of Thy Pen, and eyes but to behold the lights of the horizon of Thy Revelation, and hands but to grasp Thy Book through Thy power and sovereignty, and hearts but to turn toward the Kaaba of Thy knowledge, might and command, and feet but to tread Thy path. I beseech Thee by the faces that were reddened with blood in Thy path, and by the breasts that were pierced by the arrows of the enemy in exaltation of Thy Word, and by the hearts that were not deterred by the oppressors' might nor frightened by the cannons of the idolaters, who turned to the Manifestation of Thy Self in Thy Name and circled round His will in their longing to attain Thy presence, to aid me in all conditions to hold fast to the cord of Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee and make mention of Thee among Thy servants. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I find myself bewildered by Thy Revelation, Thy dawning, and Thy signs that have encompassed Thy earth and heaven. I beseech Thee to adorn my head with the crown of detachment and my temple with the robe of humility and submissiveness before the appearance of Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Assist me through Thy bounty and generosity to attain the wisdom wherewith Thou hast bidden me in Thy Tablets and Scriptures, then enable me to achieve such steadfastness as Thou hast sent down its decree from the heaven of Thy knowledge and wisdom. O Lord! Strengthen this servant to arise to serve Thee with wisdom and utterance, then aid him with the power that encompasseth all things and the might that subdueth all existence. By Thy glory, O God of the world and desire of the nations! My soul findeth no tranquility save through Thy favors and loving-kindness, nor doth mine eye find solace except by witnessing Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to inscribe me among the companions of the Crimson Ark, which the Herald of Thy Cause announced unto all creation and which Thou hast made specially for the people of Baha. I testify that Thou hast never disappointed those who have sought Thee, nor dost Thou disappoint those who have placed their hopes in Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mustafa! With a wondrous voice, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Today the call is raised high, the light is radiant, the fragrance of utterance is diffused, the Kaaba of God is manifest, and the gate of bounty is flung open. Blessed are they who have sanctified themselves from the delusions of the former people and whatsoever tales and idols they possess, and who have, with pure hearing and

hallowed sight, turned their attention and gazed upon that which hath appeared. Though in these days receptive ears and penetrating eyes, like justice and fairness, are rare - nay, non-existent. The first thing that is incumbent upon the sincere seeker is sanctification and detachment from the tales, proofs and arguments to which the Shi'ih party hath clung. By God! They are in manifest error. Their remembrances are but calumnies. Heedlessness hath reached such a point that they curse from their pulpits the Manifestations of God's attributes and names, and they perceive it not. They do that from which the oppressors of the earth have sought and seek refuge with God. We beseech God to make thee aware and to aid thee in the promotion of His Cause. The promotion of that which hath been sent down in the Book of Baha from the Most Exalted Pen hath been and is through deeds and character. These hosts are observed to be mightier and more valiant than the armies of the world. Convey My greetings to the friends and say: The hosts of God today are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Hold ye fast unto them. By My life! Through these hosts the cities of hearts and minds have been and will be conquered. In this Most Great Revelation, the most great bounty is manifest and the supreme favor is evident. We have forbidden all to engage in cursing and execration, and likewise from deeds that cause grief and are the cause of anxiety and sorrow. O Mustafa! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in that which will cause thy remembrance to endure among all remembrances and thy name among all names, and to adorn thee with the word of His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Most Generous.

Praise be to God that on this night, which is the fifteenth night of the month of Sha'ban the Glorified, they have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and likewise unto the waves of the ocean of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. Would that the people of the world might attain unto a drop from the ocean of divine justice and be illumined by the splendors of the Day-Star of fairness. Glory be to God! The essence of justice is manifest and the reality of grace is evident before all faces, and yet the unfair ones of the world, namely the people of Iran, are turning to vain imaginings and are turned away from the Lord of all beings. Through error they have passed by the eternal gift and through tyranny they are deprived of divine forgiveness and justice. They reckoned and knew themselves to be the best of mankind and the most excellent among nations, yet when the Finger of Power drew aside the veil, the opposite became manifest and apparent. They are bereft of human attributes and are recorded as companions of the Fire in the Most Great Scene. God is witness and aware that whenever this evanescent servant contemplates the divine favors, grief seizes him to such a degree that he nearly perisheth, inasmuch as every soul hath been and is a seeker of good and hopeful of grace; nevertheless they are observed to be deprived and forbidden.

My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to recognize what Thou hast intended for them through Thy bounty and generosity, and inspire them with what Thou hast purposed for them through Thy grace and bestowal. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge that Thou disappoint them not of the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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

O Abu'l-Zafar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison with that which will draw thee to God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath verily revealed in the Book that which guideth all parties unto His path and teacheth them what will draw them nigh unto Him. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Victory, in the first instance, is belief in God and recognition of the Dawning-Place of His verses, the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Repository of His all-encompassing knowledge. The servant who is present hath brought a letter from him who is named Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, wherein mention was made of thee. We have made mention of thee with a mention that attracteth the hearts of them that have turned towards God. The Wronged One counseleth His loved ones with that which will exalt their stations among His servants. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the call and acted in accordance with that which hath been commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have made mention of those who turned towards the Countenance both before and after they turned, as every just and perceiving one doth testify.

And this is what the Tongue of the Beloved hath spoken unto him who is named Khayru'd-Din: He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted station. O thou who hast turned towards God! Thy name was present in the prison. We have made mention of thee with that which causeth thee to find the sweet-scented breezes of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Informed. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of knowledge through the hands of Thy bounty and for having made mention of me through Thy Most Exalted Pen in such wise as nothing created on earth can equal, through Thy name, the All-Powerful. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Most Exalted Word the names were attracted and through Whose Most Glorious Name all who are in earth and heaven were subdued, to make me one who speaketh Thy praise amongst Thy creation and uttereth Thy glorification amidst Thy servants. Then cause me to be steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the veils of the oppressors nor the might of the pharaohs shall hinder me. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to Thy Name, the Mighty, the distant one to Thy Name, the Near One, and the poor one to Thy Name, the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful. O my Lord! I am he who hath cast aside all else but Thee, holding fast unto Thee and unto what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what lieth with Thee. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

And this is what hath been revealed for Muhammad Isma'il: He is the One Who speaketh before all faces. O Isma'il! Reflect upon the diverse parties of the world, what they believe in and what proofs and evidences they cling to. The Shi'ih party rejected the divine counsels, occupied themselves with their desires and were debarred from the Lord of all beings. When He Who was their heart's Desire, for Whom they had waited throughout centuries and ages, appeared, they pronounced Him an infidel and martyred Him through their tyranny. And now once again the deniers of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings and hold fast to the same suppositions. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the power through whose manifestation the power of the world was obliterated, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby the nations were illumined, to aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and to turn unto the Dayspring of Thy bounty and the Treasury of Thy wisdom. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Flowing, the Omnipotent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Siyyid Mustafa! Each of the mentioned souls has attained that which hath no peer or likeness. Convey greetings to the other friends on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Luminary of God's grace, exalted be His glory, that they may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful ones. We counsel all to observe trustworthiness, righteousness, purity and faithfulness - hosts that are the helpers of the Truth and the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. Praiseworthy character and goodly deeds have repeatedly flowed from the Pen of the Wronged One. Blessed are they whose paramount concern is the betterment of the world and the education of its peoples. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Expositor. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O beloved of My heart! Under all conditions that honored one must observe wisdom, lest that which would disturb souls should appear. Wisdom is the cause of the salvation of the servants and likewise the means of their protection and preservation. I beseech God to illumine His loved ones with its lights and to adorn them with its traces. Our Lord is, verily, the Faithful Speaker and the Manifest Counsellor. I make mention of the friends of that land with spiritual and gracious remembrances, convey greetings to them, and beseech for them that which is the cause of elevation and the source of exaltation. Verily God, our Lord, is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

In response to the petition of the honored beloved, Haji Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the eternal glory of God, and his wife, upon her be the glory of God, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent. God willing, may they drink and give others to drink from the Kawthar of utterance. The Branches of the Blessed Tree, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of their footsteps, send special greetings and express their favors. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you who have drunk the wine of recognition from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Giving, the Generous.

The Servant

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O Afnan, his honor Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Most Glorious Splendor of God! This weak and ailing one hath clung to the Name of God, the Speaker, the All-Healing, the Glorious.

Praise be to God Who is one in the sovereignty of His oneness and single in the dominion of His singleness, Who is sanctified above the most exalted mention of all contingent beings and holy beyond the most glorious description of all created things, and exalted above every pure mention and every essence of description. The near ones have acknowledged their shortcoming in that which beseemeth His sovereignty, and the sincere ones have confessed their powerlessness in that which befitteth the court of His glory. He hath ever been single and alone, and will forever continue to be even as He hath always been. Through His prevailing Will, He hath established the edifice of His Cause upon the foundation of exposition and the elements of explanation, and hath created for it guardians and protectors to preserve it from every heedless betrayer and ignorant speaker - they who transgress not what God hath revealed

in the Book and who speak naught except that which He hath permitted them in the final abode. I bear witness that they are the Hands of His Cause amidst all creation and the Lamps of His guidance between earth and heaven. They are they who stand at His gate and drive away such as are unworthy to enter His court. There is no God but Him, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Grief hath seized me to such a degree that it cannot be described in words, when I behold the Dayspring of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, confined in the prison of contingent being. By Thy might! Hearts should be transformed into blood, tears should flow from the eyes of Thy chosen ones, livers should be consumed with fire, and its flames should appear from the veins of Thy loved ones. How could it be otherwise, when the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery hath been wronged among the rebellious ones of Thy creation and the insolent ones among Thy creatures? I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, which when read to the mountains, they were humbled, and to the rocks, they were cleft asunder, and to the seas, they surged, and to the graves, they were opened, and to the stars, they were scattered, and to the hearts, they were attracted, and to the necks, they were bowed, and to the idols, they were shattered–to rend asunder the veils that have prevented eyes from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and beholding Thy most glorious vision. O Lord! Aid Thy creation and Thy creatures to stand firm in Thy love and to follow what hath been sent down in Thy Tablets. Strengthen their hearts to remember Thee in Thy days, then cause them to hear, at all times, Thy most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, lest they be troubled by the doings of the Pharaohs and the gestures of the tyrants who have become renowned among Thy servants for knowledge, grace, wisdom and justice. I testify concerning them, O my God, even as Thou hast testified in Thy Book, that they are the ignorant ones, they are the oppressors, they are the heedless ones, they are the deniers, they are the rejecters, they are the polytheists, and they are the ones who turn aside. Through them the blood of Thy chosen ones was shed, the hearts of Thy loved ones were consumed, the breasts of Thy messengers were constricted, the crystal waters of Thy knowledge were muddied, and the hem of Thy robe was soiled. O Lord! Forsake them through Thy sovereignty and power, then seize them through the King of Thy punishment and might, although I am certain that the stars of their glory have set and the planets of their exaltation have declined, even as I have seen how Thy Most Exalted Pen hath brought them low in Thy Tablets, and the hands of Thy justice have stripped them of what Thou hadst bestowed upon them through Thy bounty. They wallow in their vain imaginings and think themselves knowing, they turn away from their Creator yet fancy themselves drawing nigh. Nay, verily, nay! Far be it, far be it! They are a people through whom the veil of sanctity hath been rent asunder, and through whom the countenance of humanity hath been altered. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens, by the sovereignty of the Names, to protect Thy loved ones from these people and to make known to Thy servants what lieth within their hearts and breasts, and what their mouths utter, that they may become aware of their schemes and avoid their evil. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Inspirer, the All-Knowing. Then I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Sender of the winds, to make known to some of Thy loved ones their station and condition, lest they transgress what hath been ordained in Thy Book and decreed in Thy Tablets, that they may know themselves and speak what beseemeth them. Then grant them the sweetness of the cup of servitude in Thy path, and the delight of poverty at the manifestation of Thy wealth, and of powerlessness at the appearance of Thy might. By Thy glory, O my God! If they were to drink of this pure wine, they would hold fast to the cord of

servitude, free from all investigation. And I, O my God, beseech Thee not to withhold me from this sweet flowing fountain, nor to turn me away from this path. Then I beseech Thee to reveal to all servants the nobility of this most exalted station and the excellence of this most sublime summit. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

May my soul be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! This servant attained to the perusal of your letter which was addressed to His Holiness, the Name of God, Mahdi - upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God. On one hand it brought boundless joy, for the sweet fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds wafted from it. On the other hand it caused infinite sadness, for it was observed that some of the loved ones of God utter words which in themselves prevent the manifestation of divine assistance and cause discord among the people, and in truth lead to the frustration of God's Cause among all else. Today those who claim relationship with the Truth must be set ablaze with the fire of the Divine Word and speak such utterances among people as would attract their hearts and souls, so that all may turn to the horizon of certitude through the light of utterance and the fire of the love of the All-Merciful. They must not speak words that extinguish souls and disturb hearts. From the unprofitable and useless utterances which some unconsciously make, no obligation remains for anyone. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that if the loved ones of God had acted according to what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, all would have turned to the Most Glorious Horizon or returned to the fire. It is strange that some who consider themselves soaring in the atmosphere of divine knowledge have not yet attained to even the outer meaning of the divine words, nay rather, have not even inhaled their fragrance. For example, at the beginning of Ridvan He says, exalted and glorified be His Word: "We have manifested Ourselves through all names unto all things." The purpose of this blessed word is that all things today have attained to the manifestation of the Lord of Names. Similar and even loftier utterances have been revealed in the divine scriptures, tablets and books, and their meanings and purposes have been explained in Persian and Arabic in numerous tablets from the Pen of Command. Blessed is he who hath recognized the intention of God and hath held fast unto it, detached from every barking one who knoweth not what he saith and every braying one who comprehendeth not what he uttereth. After the rending of veils and clouds and the shattering of the idols of vain imaginings, they have begun speaking ancient words anew. On one occasion this servant was present in the Most Holy Court and the Countenance of the Beloved turned toward me and spoke in Persian saying: "Once We went to certain lands for hunting until We reached a place where We observed a dervish preparing food. We asked him what he was doing. He stated 'I am cooking God, I am cooking with God, I am cooking for God.' We observed how far that poor one was from the stream of the knowledge of the Lord of the Worlds. Then We paused and spoke to him with utmost kindness and counsel until the rays of the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of his heart. He arose in apology, and he had a companion who walked naked among the people uttering the same words, and both attained to the lights of the dawn of inner meanings to such extent that the next day they ran barefoot alongside the mount, even though that land had many thorns, and they would not accept the offer to ride." I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to protect His loved ones from the evil of harmful utterances, that all may speak that which God hath permitted and engage in service to His Cause. In the Most Holy Book and most of the Tablets He hath clearly and with perfect proofs set forth the obligations of His loved ones. His Word, mighty be His grandeur: "The Revelation hath […]"

Similarly, in a Tablet revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will addressed to Nabil-i-'Ali of Qa'in, He has fully expounded the obligations of the people. Likewise, during the days when Baghdad was the seat of the All-Merciful's throne, He warned the friends in numerous Tablets about the braying of calves, birds of darkness, croaking of ravens and the like. Similarly, in Constantinople and this land, these utterances were revealed in certain Tablets, and assuredly these matters will occur in most cities. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to remain steadfast in His Cause and to act in accordance with what they have been commanded in His Book.

There are some who are observed to be occupied with the mention of God and are speaking and remembering His praise to the utmost possible degree, yet they make that very mention and praise a snare for people. After they have captured the hearts of the weak, they cling to certain divine verses, both Persian and Arabic, that have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, interpreting these verses according to their own desires and thereby establishing a station for themselves, becoming the cause of people's deviation and discord.

Today, should anyone be designated by all the Most Beautiful Names, yet utter a word other than pure servitude, he would be accounted before God as one of the losers. Do they not reflect that if a new claimant to truth should appear each day, all divine ordinances and heavenly commands would be suspended and delayed? We hope that some of the friends who speak according to their desires will show mercy upon themselves and others and not allow God's Cause to be lost among the people.

In the Most Holy Book He says, exalted and mighty be His Word: "Let not your deeds be as snares wherewith to trap the object of your aspiration." That is, do not make your deeds a trap to achieve your own desires, as is now observed among various sects where some appear with the utmost piety, remembrance and deeds, while their purpose is to achieve the desires they have concealed in their hearts. God protect us and you! Indeed, the sorrows that come from the friends have a more severe effect than what has appeared and appears from the idolators. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from both groups.

Today, each of the friends of God who are spread throughout His lands should be as a lamp for the guidance of the people, should walk among the servants with perfect wisdom, and should speak of the divine knowledge that has been revealed in the Book, so that all may be sustained by the living waters and may recognize the Dawning-Place of the Cause. After the martyrdom of the Most Great Branch, upon him be the most glorious of all glory, strife, contention and matters that cause the agitation of the heedless have been forbidden. The details of wisdom and the propagation of the Cause have been revealed fully in the Tablets and are available in most lands. I beseech God to assist all and enable them to attain His good-pleasure, which is the greatest of all deeds.

Every day a new call is raised and a commotion appears. In the previous year, two persons appeared in Rasht claiming truth, and some of the friends who had no knowledge of the root of the Cause […]

Those two souls had gathered and became the cause of dissension, until a petition reached the Most Holy Court. After receiving the response, they returned to the Supreme Horizon. God hath forgiven them as a token of His grace. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful, and His Self is the Truth. Should they find the

sweetness of the Kawthar of servitude and become aware of this most exalted station, they would cling to it with such tenacity that all the peoples of the world would be powerless to separate them from it. However, they are heedless of the root of the Cause and unaware of the majesty of God and His sovereignty. If, today, any one of the loved ones should utter a word that is contrary to the good-pleasure of God, the people of Baha should counsel him, that perchance through their loving admonition he might become aware. Otherwise, none should draw nigh unto him. This is what our All-Knowing Lord hath decreed in His mighty Book. To each of the Afnan, upon them be all the most glorious splendor of God, I convey expressions of utter nothingness and complete effacement, and the Most Sublime, Most Holy, Most Glorious salutation. To his honor Shaykh Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, I convey salutations and say that God willing, they may be enkindled at all times with the fire of God and illumine the peoples of the world with the lights of the utterance of God. Likewise, I have been and am mindful of and send greetings to the other gentlemen and friends. Glory be upon you and those who are with you.

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Blessed is the beloved friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, may the Glory of God and His favors rest upon him!

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

Praise be to God Who taught the Supreme Pen that by which the denizens of the Kingdom of Names were attracted, and revealed therefrom that whereby those who have turned to the Most Glorious Horizon drew near, and those who have approached the Dawning-Place of Names, and those sincere ones who have attained to such a station that they speak not except by His leave and move not except by His command. These are servants whose praise and tribute the tongues of pens are powerless to render, and whose station and rank the pen of the world is incapable to describe. These are servants who have arisen to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance. God hath sanctified their hearts from the insinuations of those who are veiled, who have cast away, denied, and turned away from God, the Revealer of verses.

O thou who art imprisoned for the love of God and His Cause, and who hast migrated in His path! The breezes of the morn of your love and sincerity toward God, our Beloved and your Beloved, have awakened me, and I was gladdened by the traces of your pen which moved in praise of our Creator and your Creator. When I opened and read it, I presented it before the Throne. These are the words which my Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth caused me to hear - His word, exalted be His glory:

O Husayn! Thou hast been favored with the grace of God and hast borne tribulations and afflictions in His path. However, what is most important today is steadfastness in His Cause and to restrain hand and tongue from God’s creation. The victory of the Cause is now confined to goodly deeds, praiseworthy conduct, revealed wisdom, and exalted utterances which can be derived from the Book of God regarding the loftiness and transcendence of the Cause. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of God’s Command that should anyone today intend harm against this Wronged One, We would certainly not oppose him. This

Cause has another station, another rank, and cannot be compared with the past or future. The people of Baha must raise their gaze and move above the earth and all that hath been and will be termed as heaven. Were We to unveil to those who are heedless what We have unveiled to you, all would hasten to the seat of nearness, sanctity and beauty, and would turn to the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Blessed are they who are slain but slay not, who bear afflictions in the path of the Beloved but intend harm to no one. This is the station of My loved ones and chosen ones.

O Husayn! What have they gained from the world and what benefit have they seen? By the life of God, all of it cannot equal a single breeze that wafteth from the paradise of God's bounty. What life is that which death doth not overtake, and what prosperity is that which ruin doth not seize? If one is deprived of the wine of divine love and is unaware of His realms, or is in despair, with what can he console himself or find joy? By My life, all are immersed in idle fancies and vain imaginings. Beseech ye God that He may cause all to attain unto the fragrances of His days, that they may perceive the fragrance of the true rose-garden and discover the purpose of creation.

At the beginning of Ridvan, the Ancient Tongue spoke three verses. In one verse, He removed strife, contention, corruption, killing and plunder from the world. All must fix their gaze upon that which God hath willed. The world never was nor is worthy of attachment, for every eye beholdeth its change and extinction. The world itself is a complete book, and all of it telleth of its own revolution, variation, transformation and extinction. Blessed are they that perceive, blessed are they that hear.

Some time ago, one of the friends of God sent this servant a letter, and at its end mentioned an intent to harm one of the people. It is quite clear that he intended this for God's sake, as that person had perpetrated a great injustice in the land. After this was presented in the Most Holy Court, these exalted words descended from the heaven of will - His word, exalted be His glory:

Beware, beware lest thou commit what thou hast written at the end of thy letter. These are the deeds of the ignorant and the acts of the heedless. I swear by the Most Great Name that if any of the friends should harm anyone, it is as though he hath harmed God Himself. Conflict, contention, corruption, killing and the like have been strictly forbidden in the Book of God. Turn thou unto God from what thou hast intended in thy soul, then return unto Him and say […]

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word to inscribe for me the word of forgiveness, for I have desired within myself that which Thou didst not desire and which Thou didst forbid in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to absolve me of my misdeeds and to immerse me in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Every injustice that hath proceeded from an oppressor, leave it to the True One Himself. The hand of divine justice is all-encompassing and all-powerful. There hath never been, nor is there now, any need for corruption, conflict, disputation, murder and plunder. The triumph of the Cause hath been and ever will be through utterance, and all else proceedeth from the promptings of self. God protect us and you, O concourse of those who have turned towards Him.

It is abundantly clear that this person is unaware of what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen concerning triumph. For had they been aware, they would never have undertaken such actions that

contradict divine ordinances and bring harm to the Cause. Those like yourself should convey to others some of what hath been mentioned in this letter, that all may walk the straight path and hold fast to what the True One, exalted be His glory and greatness, hath ordained as the triumph of His Cause, and may awaken the heedless. One pure deed and one goodly attribute hath guided and will continue to guide multitudes. In ancient times, a person known as Hanzala, through one word spoken with sincerity, guided a king and many of his subjects. As the details thereof are recorded in previous books, this servant hath refrained from mentioning them.

In truth, this servant is perplexed and knoweth not how long certain matters shall remain confusing to some of the friends. I beseech the True One to assist all to achieve that which pleaseth Him and to enable them to fulfill what hath been recorded in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. By His very Self, the triumph achieved through one goodly deed is superior and more perfect than a hundred thousand swords. Today all must free themselves from their own will, desire, conjectures, imaginings and fancies, and fix their gaze upon the Will of God. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless.

Concerning what thou didst write about the honored mother of the sacred household, upon her be the Glory of God, it is clear and evident. However, until now no mention of such matters hath been made to anyone. God willing, all affairs shall be and are being set aright.

With regard to what you wrote concerning the mention of Jinab-i-Ismu'llah (upon whom be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious), and likewise concerning his acting with wisdom, this detail was presented at the Most Holy Court. This firm and blessed word emerged from the Kingdom of Utterance - He says, exalted be His grandeur: "Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and followeth that which hath been commanded by the One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." May my namesake Jamal, through God's eternal favors, be ever successful and act according to what God desires, becoming a cause of unity and concord in such wise that differences may be removed from among the friends. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon him and upon those with him, and upon those who observe the rights of God regarding His loved ones, and upon those who hold fast to wisdom, turning away from all else. Thus hath the Book decreed from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have made mention of Jamal and have sent to him in these days that which hath illumined the horizons. By My life! Wisdom is to teach My Cause with fragrance and spirituality, with remembrance and utterance, and with that which adorns the world with the ornament of love and fellowship. God willing, may they be ever focused on truth, joyous in His love, and successful through His grace. O Jamal! We have counseled thee with wisdom and counsel thee with wisdom and with that which will unite all in one station. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My grace. Prolonged stay in the lands of Y and Sh is not permitted. Any of the friends who enter these two lands must, after staying a few days, proceed to another land. Verily He knoweth, decreeth, seeth and speaketh, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

As for what you wrote about the aforementioned person speaking vain words in other lands as well - it is strange that the friends of God give ear to such nonsensical utterances of heedless souls. Such persons should be left to themselves - neither opposition nor association is acceptable. Leave them to their vain imaginings. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

And concerning what you wrote about the honored and esteemed gentlemen Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Seyyed Ali, Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir (upon them be the Glory of God) having shown their kindness in the previous post - it has not yet reached this ephemeral one, though news has come that their packet has arrived in the Prison Land. However, since this servant is now occupied with writing verses before the Throne outside the Prison Land, he has not yet been blessed with their kindness, though in truth it is considered as received, for whatever reaches Jinab-i-Samandar (upon whom be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious) will reach him unless divine decree prevents it. In any case, mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court. This is what the Desired One hath revealed for them, that their mention may endure as long as the Kingdom endureth.

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

Remember My loved ones who have believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. He is a light unto them that see and a fire unto them that deny God, the Lord of existence. O Ali! Hearken unto My call, for it shall draw thee in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the might of armies shall hold thee back. If thou findest the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wilt forsake all creation and proclaim with wisdom: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen." Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken in the Kingdom of creation and summoned all unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's bounty and trust in Him in all matters. The glory that shineth forth from the mouth of the Will of the All-Merciful be upon those who have cast away vain imaginings, who have taken the choice sealed wine and drunk in His Name, the Best-Beloved.

He is the One Who speaketh through evidence

We have heard the call of those who have turned toward the Countenance when Its lights shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Manifestation, the Mighty, the Great, and We have answered them through Our grace with that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Exalted is He Who hath sent down this clear utterance. The heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth, yet the peoples remain behind a thick veil. They hear God's verses and deny them, they behold God's evidences and turn away from them, for they follow every ignorant remote one. Say: O people! The ocean of utterance hath surged and the All-Merciful hath come with proof and evidence. Fear God and be not of the heedless. Blessed be thy name, O youth, shouldst thou hold fast to that which beseemeth this mighty, sublime Name. When thou findest the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, render thanks unto Him Who possesseth a preserved tablet.

He is the One manifest above the world through His Name, the Self-Subsisting

O Muhammad-Baqir! Hearken unto that wherewith the Wronged One remembereth thee. He calleth thee and all in the world unto God, the Lord of Lords. Say: By God, O people! He hath sacrificed Himself and all He possessed in God's path. Fear God, O people, and follow not every aggressive tyrant. Behold the Dayspring of the Cause with His eye in this Revelation. This is what ye were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Those who have cast God behind their backs shall soon be seized by the breezes of chastisement from all directions. Rejoice, O people of Baha, in that the Lord of Names hath guided you to the straight path. Say: Forsake what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of

the beginning and the end. Be thankful that the Wronged One hath remembered thee with that which all the treasures of the world cannot equal. The Lord of Eternity beareth witness to this in this station round which the Supreme Paradise circleth at eventide and at dawn.

Praise be to God that the mentioned souls have attained divine bounty. Today, whosoever hath attained God's bounty is accounted among the gems of existence before the Throne. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid this servant and all the friends to preserve what hath been granted. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings to them and to each of the friends. God knoweth that this evanescent servant mentioneth God's loved ones before the Throne and asketh for them that which will benefit them and draw them nigh unto God, the Goal of the mystics. The blessed Divine Branches - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their feet - remember that noble one with most wondrous, most impregnable, most holy, most great, most exalted mention, and likewise those who circle round and stand before the prison-land convey their greetings with utmost sincerity and love. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those whose names you mentioned and who have attained the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

The Divine Lote Tree beareth witness unto Him Who hath appeared in the kingdom of creation, that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above mention and praise, and exalted beyond the comprehension of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Symbol, He through Whose remembrance the books of the world have been adorned, and of Whom the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an: the Day when all people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.

O Mahdi! Thy letter hath reached the Wronged One, and the servant standing before the Throne hath read it. Thou art he who hath acknowledged what God hath acknowledged, and hath spoken what the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken between earth and heaven. Blessed be thine eyes for having beheld the Most Great Sign, and thine ears for having heard My sweetest call, and thy heart for having turned toward My luminous horizon. We have nurtured thee, guided thee, caused thee to hear, and made known unto thee this Revelation, at whose appearance every edifice hath been shaken, the heart of every learned one disturbed, the foot of every man of wisdom hath slipped, and every lofty mountain been leveled.

We have found from thee the fragrance of sincerity. We made mention of thee before, and at this moment when the Speaker on Sinai calleth out upon the Branch of Revelation: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Rejoice in this Tablet from which the fragrance of the loving-

kindness of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this, and give thanks for being mentioned by the Mother Book from this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast attained unto that whose fragrance shall never cease to exist, as long as God, thy Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth, endureth.

Thou wert silent - His sweetest call made thee speak. Thou wert asleep - the Cry which was raised in truth awakened thee. Thou wert seated - the hand of thy Lord's power, the Mighty, the Powerful, caused thee to arise. Canst thou render thanks befitting this most great favor? Say: There is no strength nor power except through Thee, O Beloved of the world, and no might nor ability save through Thy mighty sovereignty. Thus have the pearls of knowledge appeared from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

God hath ordained for thee that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn toward the horizon of the Cause when every learned one remote from God turned away therefrom. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife, toward whom the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness have been directed. Give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's bounty, that she may rejoice in this remembrance from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the garment of their Lord's grace, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Wise.

We make mention of Hashim, who was mentioned in thy letter, that he may rejoice in God's remembrance, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O Hashim! Hear the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, from the Supreme Horizon in the luminous spot: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving." The world was created for this Most Great Revelation, yet when it appeared in truth, every heedless one turned away and every ignorant one rejected it. Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of remembrance and praise, and this is the Day of the Call - how is it that ye hear not? This is the Day wherein the Supreme Horizon hath been illumined with the lights of the Revelation of Him Who is the Lord of Names - how is it that ye see not? By My life! This is the Day of utterance, yet ye remain silent, and this is the Day whose mention God hath sent down in the books of old, yet most of the people are unaware. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's grace, and cleave unto the hem of the True One's loving-kindness, the Knower of all secrets. Thus hath My tongue spoken, as a favor from Me unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

We make mention of him who hath been named 'Ali in the Kingdom of Names, who desired to drink of My choice-sealed wine. O 'Ali! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, He remembereth thee with that which gladdeneth the hearts and souls. Open thy vision that thou mayest behold My greatest signs and My most exalted horizon, then incline thine ear that thou mayest hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: O concourse of the earth! This is a Day wherein all things speak forth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all mankind!" Verily, He hath appeared with the truth, with a sovereignty before which the hosts of the world cannot stand, nor can the cannons of the nations frighten Him. He proclaimeth between earth and heaven with the most exalted call: "By God! The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty!" Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all creation, then rend asunder the veils in the name of thy Lord, the Sovereign of the seen and the

unseen. Beware lest the veils of the peoples prevent thee from the Most Great Name. Behold, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the divines of that age denied Him, and when the Spirit came, the Jewish scholars turned away from Him. Were anyone to judge with fairness, even to the extent of a needle's eye, he would arise and cry out among the servants by virtue of this Name, through which the sincere ones have hastened to the shade of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Should anyone deny this Cause, by what proof can he establish that which he possesseth, and by what evidence can his heart find assurance? Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of the Kingdom. Leave the world behind thee, turning unto God and detaching thyself from all existence. This is a Day wherein the proof calleth aloud and the evidence crieth out, yet the people do not understand. When thou findest the fragrance of the garment and hearest the call of the Wronged One, turn thy face toward God and say: "I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested Thy Cause, the Mighty, the Hidden."

O Mahmud! The Best-Beloved turneth toward thee and calleth thee from the precincts of His hallowed House, and remindeth thee of that which God hath revealed in the Book. We make mention of them who have believed in God and We leave every sinful doubter. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Most Exalted Word, which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in this Prison, round which circle the Concourse on High at eventide and at dawn. We have found thy acceptance, wherefore We have turned toward thee and mentioned thee with that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout the eternity of the names of thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. Preserve this station through the Most Great Name, Which speaketh from the most exalted station. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which exalteth the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath done that which he was bidden in the Book.

O Muhammad-Rida! The Lord of Names maketh mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. We counsel thee and those who have believed to perform pure deeds in this Day which was mentioned in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take hold of God's Tablet with the power that proceedeth from Him, then act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded by an All-Wise Ordainer. Beware lest the veils of creation prevent thee from this Truth, at Whose appearance the atoms cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!" This is the Day of deeds, yet most of the people are heedless. This is the Day of knowledge, yet most of the people are turning away. And this is the Day of God, were ye of them that know. Say: Cast behind you what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in a glorious Book. Every rock hath stood up, every stone hath stirred, and every clod hath spoken through the fragrances of the verses, yet the people are in evident blindness. Blessed is the strong one who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through My Name, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The face of Him Who was wronged hath turned towards thee, inasmuch as thou hast turned unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Render thanks unto God for having caused thy name to flow from His Most Exalted Pen, and for having honored thee with this Tablet which hath been ordained, from which all who are endowed with perception can inhale the fragrance of God, the Lord of the Kingdom. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and truthfulness,

and all that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall be, may be promoted. Strive that there may appear from thee that which shall immortalize thy name in God's preserved Tablet. Be thou a speaker before the face of thy Lord and a doer of that whereunto thou art bidden by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. It behoveth every one who hath believed in God to act according to that which hath been ordained in the Most Holy Book, which hath been sent down from the presence of the True One, the All-Knowing.

O Ali-Muhammad! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath Himself borne witness - that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Secret, He Whom the Messengers of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, have heralded. By God's life! The Day is come, yet the people have turned away therefrom. The time of escape hath arrived, yet most men understand not. Hold fast unto the Book of God; verily it shall suffice thee. He Who hath turned towards thee from His Glorious Habitation beareth witness unto this. Say: This is the Day whereon the Trumpet calleth out, saying: "The Lord of Revelation is come!" and the Speaker of the Mount proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved!" All things have testified to the Lord of Names, and the Balance crieth out from the heart of creation: "By God! The All-Merciful is come, yet the people are turning away!" Blessed is the heart that hath turned towards Him, and the face that hath set itself towards Him, and the eye that hath beheld the glorious station. Arise, O My loved ones, to remember and praise God, then act in such wise as to exalt your stations and elevate your names in the worlds of the seen and the unseen. Thus doth the Mighty in Power instruct thee - He Who hath come with the Greatest Sign unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Thy Lord is, verily, powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Protector of all that hath been and shall be.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named with My name, and give him the glad tidings of God's signs, the Lord of all worlds. O Ha preceding Sin, and Ayn preceding Lam! Rejoice that the King of Names remembereth thee from His resplendent seat. Say: By God! The Greatest Vision hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth therein, saying: "O people! Cast away what ye possess and take that which I have commanded you from God, the Mighty, the Beauteous." How many learned ones have been kept back by their knowledge from My Self-Subsisting Name, and how many unlettered ones have heard and hastened to the ocean of My Great Name! Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God, then judge fairly of this Cause, at whose revelation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save such as God willed, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus hath the sun of thy Lord's utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet. Be thou thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that are near unto Thee!"

O Hasan! Show kindness even as God hath shown kindness unto thee. Then praise thy Lord for having turned unto thee from this exalted station. Verily He hath borne for the sake of God that which none before Him hath borne, whereunto testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Say: He was imprisoned once in the land of ?a, and again in Mim, then once more in ?a, and yet again in this mighty prison. By God's life! Were it not for tribulation, nothing in this world would have profited Me, as testifieth the Lord of all things. He, verily, is the All-Informed, the Trustworthy. Blessed is the tongue that hath acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged, and the hand that hath taken what it was given from the presence of One mighty and powerful. We make mention of God at all times and guide mankind

to His straight path. Among them are those who turned away, those who objected, those who denied, and those who pronounced judgment against the All-Informed One. Thus did they violate God's Covenant and His Testament - they are assuredly among the losers. Say: O people! Fear God and abandon not that which ye invoke by night and by day. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing Counselor.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! Dost thou hear the Call of God, or art thou among the slumberers? Dost thou behold the Supreme Horizon, or art thou among the heedless? Hast thou found the sweetness of My most sweet utterance as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, or wert thou far removed? Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose name the horizon of knowledge was illumined and by Whose face-light all creation was made to shine! Thou seest and bearest witness that this servant hath cast aside all else save Thee and hath turned to the horizon of Thy grace, the ocean of Thy mercy, and the heaven of Thy bounty. My Lord! I testify that Thou didst cause me to hear Thy call, showed me Thy signs, and guided me to Thy mighty and perspicuous path. I bear witness to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth: There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by the Most Great Word and Thy Most Exalted Self, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and destined for Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lies the kingdom of creation. Thou doest and judgest, Thou givest and takest away. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Day hath come, and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud from the Supreme Horizon, yet most of the people hear not. The greatest veil hath prevented them from the Lord of Destiny, as attesteth He with Whom is the hidden Book. All things have been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Names, yet the people have turned away. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they have denied God and rejected His proof and testimony that encompasseth all beings. They would enter mosques and temples to remember God, yet when the Dayspring of Revelation appeared, they turned away from Him, following instead vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed is the strong one who hath broken the idols, and the steadfast one who hath arisen for this forbidden Cause. We made knowledge for the recognition of the Known One, yet when He appeared in truth, the learned and the mystics turned away, save whom God willed, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken. Blessed is he who hath heard and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

O Mir-Muhammad! We make mention of thee and those who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people of the earth! Set aside mere words and hold fast unto deeds. Thus doth command you the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, would that ye might perceive. This is the Day of remembrance and praise, and this is the Day of revelation and meeting, yet the people turn away therefrom. This is the Day wherein the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet most of the people know it not. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain desires, yet they perceive it not. They hear the verses of God and deny them, yet they understand not.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe My virtues and that which hath been sent down in My Book. By My life! Through these shall the Cause of God be made manifest amongst the

servants. Of this beareth witness the Preserved Tablet that is with Him. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the sun of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Mahdi! Thou hast heard the divine verses in eloquent Arabic; now hear them in the sweeter Persian tongue and arise to praise and glorify the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the hearing of the Call and been enabled to respond, for verily, in this day whosoever hath attained unto "Yea" is recorded among the near ones in the Manifest Book. All people have been created for the divine Day, for His recognition and service, yet when the banner "Verily I am the Lord of Revelation" was raised upon the highest summit of Sinai, all were found to be deniers and turned away. Fie upon them and upon those who followed them without clear proof or Book!

Praise be to God that thou art triumphant through divine grace and occupied with the mention and promotion of His Cause. This station is most great in the presence of the Throne. Know thou its value and preserve it in the Name of Truth, for the barking ones and the satans lie in wait, occupied with utmost deceit and craft. Ask thou God to protect those who have believed from the evil of these ones. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

God willing, thou shalt offer the Kawthar of divine knowledge to the people of the world with joy and fragrance, and like a banner upon the hills thou shalt be known by the divine Name. Today, conflict, corruption and contention have all been strictly forbidden in God's Book, and victory hath been made dependent upon wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto these through the teaching of One Who is All-Informed.

Remind all through wisdom. The promotion of God's Cause hath been and shall ever be among the greatest of deeds. Assured, content and well-pleasing souls must engage in this most great matter with perfect wisdom. Divine confirmation hath assisted and will continue to assist. Verily, He is the Bountiful, the Generous.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the friends. God willing, may all act as befitteth the days of God. Say: O friends! The Tongue of the All-Merciful declareth: Until ye become aware of the false utterances of the past, ye shall not properly comprehend the truth and sincerity of this wondrous Day. Say: Hold fast unto that which the Wronged One hath taught you, purely for the sake of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

Today the people of Bayan are seen to be the most veiled of all people, for they cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to idle fancies. To this beareth witness the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The cause of the world's ruin hath been and is those souls who, in utter ignorance, have appeared in the guise of knowledge, and falsehood that hath appeared in the garment of truth. O people of Baha! Avoid these and remain at a clear distance. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them from God, the Mighty, the Great. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His station in uniqueness above all contingent beings! By His mighty and irrevocable Word He distinguishes between all created things, and verily He is the One who has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious.

Thy letter hath come into the presence of the Throne, and toward it have turned the eyes of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The Countenance of God hath been directed towards it as a grace unto thy soul, a bounty unto thine essence, a mercy unto thy being, and a favor unto thy reality. This is that whereunto nothing can be compared amongst all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths.

We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We have learned that which the Spirit of the Command cast into thee, and whereby the Holy Spirit strengthened thee, and the Most Great Spirit spoke within thy illumined breast. Therein didst thou call upon God, thy Lord, with the sweetest of melodies, as though thou hadst heard the songs of the Dove upon the branches of the Tree of Glory, and recognized the melody of God from the Ultimate Tree and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Well is it with thee for having drunk the wine of inner meanings from the hands of the immortal youths, and for being among those who have attained.

We shall therefore answer thee from the direction of the Throne with verses which render every possessor of knowledge powerless, and by a single letter whereof are created worlds the knowledge of which none comprehendeth save God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou didst call upon God at the beginning of thy letter saying: “Glory be unto Thee, Who hast glorified Thyself beyond the glorification of all else but Thee, and none hath any way unto Thy call and Thy good-pleasure.” O thou who art the manifestation of Our Name, the Generous! Bear thou witness that He hath ever been and that there hath been naught else besides Him. He hath thus glorified His Self through the glorification of His Essence, and glorified His Essence through the glorification of His Self. He hath sanctified His knowledge beyond the knowledge of all contingent beings, and none hath any way unto Him. He hath ever been in the heights of grandeur and glory, and in the summit of loftiness and majesty. That which the mystics know and the perceivers perceive - this is but a creation created by His command and returneth unto the seat of that revelation wherewith We have revealed Ourselves unto all contingent beings. Whoso turneth towards it reflecteth the revelation of his Creator and ascendeth unto the station of nearness, and whoso depriveth himself thereof is indeed cast upon the earth of forgetfulness. Thus doth the Tongue of the All-Merciful speak at this moment, that thou mayest be of them that know.

Bear thou witness at this moment that His Self hath ever been sanctified beyond the knowledge of every knower, the learning of every learned one, the perception of every perceiver, and the attainment of every seeker, and shall ever remain as He hath been. Verily, He is the Peerless, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Most High. That which His servants attain unto - this is the station We have created for them through them, by themselves. Thus have We detailed in all the Tablets, and thus do We detail at this moment in truth, that it may be a remembrance from Us to them that remember.

We have accepted from thee this glorification and have sent its fragrances to the most exalted Paradise, wherefrom the people of the holy realm have inhaled them, that thou mayest be of them that receive

glad-tidings. O joy be unto thee for that thy tongue hath been loosened and hath spoken that which the Spirit spoke, and hath testified before God with a testimony that hath caused the spirits of the Concourse on High and the realities of the sanctified ones to rejoice. Detach thyself from the world, then take comfort in the remembrance of thy Lord, that God may cause to flow from thy tongue rivers of Kawthar and Salsabil. By My beauty! A single drop thereof is better in the sight of thy Lord than all that is treasured in heaven and stored on earth. Thus do We cast upon thee that which shall make thee independent of all the worlds. Therefore give thanks unto God, thy Lord, in that He hath heard thy call and accepted thy glorification and revealed unto thee in this Tablet that which is hidden from the eyes of the polytheists. Hearken unto that which is revealed, then take the Book of God with authority from Him, then recite it with the melodies of the Spirit[…]

Let thy heart be drawn unto Him, and the hearts of those who glorify God in the depths of sanctity and who, at all times, are engaged in a wondrous remembrance. And thou didst call upon thy Lord with another call, and it is this: I call upon Thee, though I am aware of this, with my inner and outer tongue, my manifest and hidden being, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. From time immemorial Thou hast been sanctified above being called upon by any of Thy creation, and Thou wilt ever remain exalted above being invoked by any of Thy creatures. I have heard Thy call, and I bear witness to that which Thou hast testified through Thy Self, Thy Tongue, and Thy Pen, that He is God, there is no God but Me. I have created all things by My command, and brought all beings into existence through the influence of My Pen. None besides Me can attain to the court of My glorious presence, and naught except Me can ascend to the heaven of holy knowledge of Me. For how can that which was created by My command attain unto My sanctified, purified, exalted, blessed, and luminous Self? Every call that ascendeth from all created things can rise no higher than the seat of revelation whereon We have manifested Ourselves through Our decisive, transcendent, mighty, and beauteous call. Beyond this, none hath any portion. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this exalted and glorious station. We beseech God to enable thee to achieve that which thou hast uttered in thy letter, to make thee steadfast in His Cause, to aid thee with the power of His triumph amidst all peoples, and to grant thee the fruits of the Tree, each leaf of which speaketh that whereof not a letter hath been mentioned in all creation. Thus have We expounded the verses unto thee and given thee glad tidings of that which is treasured in the sanctified repositories of Him Who preserveth all things. And thou didst call upon thy Lord again, and it is this: The believer is he who hath believed in Thy wondrous Manifestation, and the living one is he who hath been quickened by a breath of his recognition of Thy sovereignty, and the idolater is he who hath denied Thy radiant and resplendent Countenance, and the infidel is he who hath not been illumined by the dawning of the Sun of Thy manifest and glorious Visage. By My beauty! The Holy Spirit hath spoken through thy tongue, and God doth testify even as thou hast testified in thy letter, and calleth out from His ultimate dominion, nigh unto the divine Lote-Tree, the seat of His most exalted Throne: By God, the Truth! Whoso hath believed in Me hath attained all good, and hath drunk from the stream of certitude, and hath immersed himself in the oceans of knowledge, and his temple hath been adorned with the robe of grace from his Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath believed in all the Prophets and Messengers. Say: When the temple of the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Bountiful, the Spirit of Life was breathed into the realities of all creation and possibility. Whoso hath arisen to serve His Cause, acknowledged His sovereignty, and spoken His praise is alive with the life of God, thy Lord, and hath entered the eternal,

everlasting, transcendent and mighty City of Oneness, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful. And whoso hath turned away from the Spirit of God and His breathings, the Spirit hath been taken from him and his name shall not be mentioned before the Throne, and he shall be of those who have no remembrance, no name, and no trace, and who abide within the veils of their own selves among the dead. Say: O people! Fear God and associate not partners with Him in Whom ye have believed. Whoso associateth partners with Him hath associated partners with Manifestations who have no beginning and no end, and is recorded among the idolaters in the preserved tablets of holiness. Say: O people! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the grace of God and […]

Do not deny yourselves the wondrous tokens of His mercy. By the True God! Should anyone today engage in the worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and acknowledge in his heart the Manifestations of justice, and perform with his limbs every good deed, it shall profit him not so much as a grain of mustard seed unless he enters beneath the shadow of the Divine Countenance, becomes assured of God's grace and mercy, and arises to serve God and assist His Cause to the extent of his ability. This indeed is a revelation from Us, and We are the Revealer thereof. Say: Do ye make mention of God with your tongues while denying His sovereignty? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! If God accepted the faith of nations in the past, will He accept your faith? Nay, by My true Self! He will accept naught from anyone save after they have loved Me, and this is indeed a mercy unto all the worlds.

I called upon my Lord again and again, saying: I render thanks unto Thee for having created me when I was nothing, and for having fashioned me to seek what Thou lovest and art well-pleased with. Deprive me not, by Thy right, from the manifestations of Thy Most Great, Most Exalted Revelation. For Thou art the Doer of what Thou willest, and the Ordainer of what Thou desirest for what Thou desirest. Know thou that God hath accepted thy gratitude, and by thy thanksgiving do the dwellers of the pavilions of eternity give thanks. This is of His grace upon thee, and none hath preceded thee in this bounty. Be thou, therefore, in great thankfulness.

We created thee through the hands of might and power, as a mercy from Us unto thee and unto Our sincere servants. We fashioned thee with wondrous attributes, caused thee to speak in praise of My true Self, wafted upon thee the breaths of the Spirit, and made thee a remembrance from Us that thou mayest remind the people of that which thy Lord hath inspired thee. Be not thou of the patient ones. We delivered thee from the veils of fancy through Our sovereignty, preserved thee from the darts of idle fancies through Our power, bestowed upon thee that which established thee upon the throne of unity, saved thee from the hosts of Satan, and clothed thee in the garment of acceptance between the heavens and earth that thou mayest remember thy Lord within thyself and find rest in thy station. Strive then within thyself to be among the steadfast ones. By the True God! This is a matter at which all things are thunderstruck, every soul's lament is raised, and the mountains of the heedless are crushed.

We heard thy later call whereby were gladdened the hearts of those who sought the most exalted stations, who heard thy call and arose in thy love. Thus did We cause to flow from thy tongue that which is better than what is witnessed and seen, that thou mayest be among those firmly established. And it is this: By Thy glory, O my Lord and Master! Since Thou hast, through Thy mercy, enabled me without any merit to attain that for which none can adequately render thanks, enable me through Thy loving-kindness

to be a prostrate servant before Thy Manifestation and a conquering soldier for Thy sovereignty. Through Thy power, make me such that whenever I encounter Thine enemies, I may vanquish them through a power from Thee and debate with them through an authority from Thy presence.

We have heard thy sweetest call and enabled thee through Our mercy and made thee worthy of the wondrous tokens of Our grace. We have therefore arrayed thee in the garment of names between earth and heaven and raised thee to the station of remembrance in the kingdom of creation. Arise then by thyself and fear no one, for thy Lord shall cause thee to triumph over whomsoever He willeth through His power and dominion from His presence. He is indeed the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. Should all who are in the heavens and earth dispute with thee concerning the Cause of thy Lord, thou shalt not weaken. Draw strength from My Name, the Ruler, the Powerful, the Most Great, the All-Encompassing, for in His hand lies the kingdom of all things. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty […]

He ordaineth what He willeth through His command, and He, verily, is the Most High, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Be not grieved by anyone's turning away, but remain steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the rejection of every infidel shall not harm thee, nor shall the cry of any crier prevent thee, nor shall the words that issue from the mouths of the idolaters sadden thee. By God, the Truth! Their association with God shall suffice them. Soon shall the fire of divine wrath be kindled in their hearts and shall return them to their abode in the nethermost depths, wherein they shall wail with the wailing of the distressed. And whenever they cry for help, they shall receive no succor. Thus hath the matter been ordained, and the sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of revelation as a remembrance from One Who is mighty and beautiful.

Upon thee rest only My remembrance and the proclamation of My Cause. Whoso accepteth it doeth so for his own sake, and whoso turneth away - turn thou away from him and abide within a mighty stronghold. God shall soon distinguish between truth and falsehood, light and darkness, the fortunate and the wretched. Verily, He distinguisheth all things through a word from His presence, and He, verily, is the Powerful, the Ruler, the Resurrector, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

We have now made mention of some of what was inscribed in thy letter, and have deposited some of it in the treasuries of God's will. God shall fulfill it in truth and shall manifest it as He pleaseth. Verily, He is the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning thy brother, We have previously sent tablets unto him that he might become mindful within himself and return unto God, thy Lord, and be of them that return. All this is of Our grace towards him. Should he accept, God will reward him for his deeds, and should he turn away, no blame shall rest upon thee. Grieve not over this, but be patient in all matters and be of them that are patient. Deal with him in such matters that the fire of sedition may not be kindled between you, for this is nearer unto grace, and We have ever been gracious. Moreover, counsel him with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and contend not with him lest enmity arise between you, until God shall bring about His purpose. This is My bidding unto thee; act according to what thou hast been commanded by One Who is mighty and ancient. Perchance thereby love shall be generated in his heart, though thy Lord well knoweth what is hidden in the breasts, and whatsoever He commandeth His servants is but a grace from His presence. Verily, He is independent of all worlds.

Spirit, light, glory and splendor be upon thee and upon them that walk with thee on a straight and glorious path.

Then make mention unto thy merciful brother: Say: O servant, remain steadfast in the hour when every light is darkened, every sun setteth, every soul is perturbed, everything waileth, every pillar is demolished, the pillars of every believer are shaken, and the faces of all mankind are transformed save those whom thy Lord willeth, for He, verily, is the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

O Rahim! We have sent thee a tablet aforetime, then after it another tablet, as a grace from Our presence and a mercy from Us unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Look upon what hath been revealed unto thee with the eye of thy heart. By God! The sign of God shineth in all things besides Him even as the Sun of eternity shineth from the Most Exalted Horizon, yet the people are heedless within themselves and are of them that are negligent. Cast away what is in the hands of men, then take what is with thy Lord, then be content therewith apart from all the worlds. Thus have We commanded thee in truth and cast upon thee through grace, and verily the grace of thy Lord hath ever been truly magnificent.

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He is the One Manifest through My Manifestation, the Mighty, the Impregnable

God testifieth that there is none other God but I, the Rememberer, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. And I bear witness that I am God, there is none other God but He, the Rememberer, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. He, verily, hath testified in the heights of His Being to My Being, the Mighty, the Holy, the Luminous. And I, verily, do now testify in the exaltation of My Being to His Being, the Holy, the Mighty, the Luminous. He, verily, calleth within Himself, by Himself, unto Himself, that this is the Beauty unto which have turned all created things from before the time when there was no before, and unto which shall turn all existing things until an end that none among those who remember can recall. And I, verily, do call from My Self, unto My Self, by My Self, within My Self, in the heaven of all things and the earth of all things and the air of all things, that He is the One before Whom have bowed the necks of all existing things from a beginning that no beginning hath preceded, and before Whom shall bow the necks of all created things unto an end that no knower, however learned, can comprehend. By God! He doth in this moment declare above My head that this is He through one drop from the ocean of His knowledge all existing things have appeared and all beings have been manifested, and through Him all things have been attracted, and the letter K did hasten until it reached its beloved which was named N, if ye be of them that hear. And then do I declare above His head that this is He through the overflow from the goblet of His holy favors all existing things were raised up and all beings were dispersed, and thus was the matter in that moment when the Ancient Unseen appeared with that Beauty which the most discerning of beholders might perceive. O Essence of Eternity! Return from that holy air which bloweth within Thy Being unto Thy Being, for the birds of knowledge cannot soar to Thy precincts and the wings of certitude cannot ascend to the heaven of Thy nearness. Descend then and moderate Thy words from the hidden heights above and bring them closer to the lower reaches that perchance the intoxicated ones among the people of the earth might hearken unto Thy melodies and be drawn by Thy verses and taste of

Thy bounties and draw nigh unto Thy Beauty, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And in this station wherein He hath been established upon the throne through His manifestation amidst all created things, He testifieth with His tongue and His limbs and every hair of His being that this is He Whom none among created things hath known, Who hath ever dwelt in the unseen of His Being, sanctified above the manifestations of names and attributes, but when He desired to make Himself known to all existing things He manifested Himself through a name among names and named it Ali in the kingdom of creation and between earth and heaven, that perchance the mystics among the eloquent ones might attain unto the holy places and know their Lord, the Most Merciful, in this Paradise which God hath created above all gardens and wherein He hath ordained that which neither the eyes of the monotheists nor the hearts of the sanctified ones have perceived. And then do We testify with My tongue and My limbs and every hair of My being that He is the One Who was hidden in the unseen of His Being and treasured in the heights of His glory, Whom the understanding of the eloquent ones hath not understood and the knowledge of the mystics hath not known. All created things are thunderstruck by a single melody from His holy melodies and all existing things are confounded by a single breath from the breaths of His command. And when He desired the manifestation of His sovereignty and the appearance of His majesty unto all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation and in the dominion of heaven and earth, He then brought forth a name from among names and named it Husayn in the Concourse on high, that perchance the manifestations of creation might ascend unto the station of holiness in this station wherefrom the knowledge of all things is cut off and […]

O people! This is indeed He Whom ye suspended in the air, and at Whom ye fired bullets, and Whom ye slew with swords. By God, this is His garment, besprinkled with the blood of hatred, at which the dwellers of the pavilions of eternity have covered their faces, and over which the inhabitants of the all-highest Paradise and they that dwell nigh the Ultimate Tree in the most exalted Gardens have raised their lamentations. When He appeared again in another garment, ye rose against Him yet again, and I know not what ye desire, O company of evil ones, or what ye would do to this All-Powerful, All-Chosen Beauty. But by God, We know all that hath befallen Him and shall befall Him, and all is preserved with Us in a Tablet of might and protection. And then it was heard that I wept and cried out in the air before His head, raising such a cry as caused the ears of all created things, and all who dwell in earth and heaven, to be stunned. And I proclaimed: O people! By God, this is He Who appeared among you by the name of Ali, yet ye denied Him and knew Him not, and ye perpetrated against Him that which none hath ever done to another, nor can any pen record or any ink describe, until He returned unto Us. Then ye claimed belief in His beauty and repose beneath the shade of His recognition, yet when We manifested Him once again and sent Him unto you, ye rose against Him with the arrows of hypocrisy and cast at Him the darts of discord. By God, no tongue can utter what ye have done, nor can any ear bear to hear what ye have wrought. Soon shall We make known to you your deeds, and reveal to you what ye have done, and inform you of what your hands have wrought, O company of the polytheists. Then He saith: O people! This is indeed Hussein, whom God hath sanctified from every likeness, similitude, peer, equal, allusion and example. This is that Hussein who, were He to breathe upon the atoms of all created things the breaths that move within His Own Self, by His Own Self, for His Own Self, all things would arise and manifest the beauty of Hussein whom ye knew aforetime, and likewise His temple, His glory, His honor, His light and His radiance. Thus do We teach thee from the mysteries that were hidden beneath the veils

of infallibility, which none hath known save My All-Knowing, All-Wise, All-Powerful, All-Mighty Self. Say: By God, this is indeed Hussein - were but a single light from the lights of His glory to appear on the horizons, thou wouldst find naught beside Him in His court, nor could any tree take root in His presence, how much less before the place of His severed head. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth, that thou mayest be among those who know. But thou, O Mahdi, sanctify thyself from such allusions, then recite the verses We have sent unto thee. By God, were thou to recite but one verse thereof, it would suffice thee above all the worlds, and thou wouldst find thyself possessed of a power none other among the servants can attain, and thou wouldst recognize within thyself the waves of the ocean of wealth such that were a single drop thereof to be poured upon all created things, it would render them wealthy through the wealth of thy Lord. Thus doth the Pen of Wealth move between the fingers of thy Lord, the Most High […]

When the radiant light shines forth from the countenance of thy glorious and most luminous Beloved, thou shalt understand the mysteries of the Cause and be numbered among those who are firmly grounded. We have bestowed upon thee aforetime the brilliant tokens of holiness, the concealed wings of glory, and the foremost pinions of the Cause, that thou mayest soar in that atmosphere wherein all things shall be seen beneath thy shadow. Then We witness that thou standest upon the ground of allusions. Sanctify thyself therefrom, for We have sanctified thee from all things and made thee the manifestation of Our Cause between the heavens and the earth. Know thou that We have interpreted this verse at the time when We were in Iraq according to what was befitting to possibility, and verily We decree all things in a clear Record. And this is for Husayn who heareth the melodies of the Divine Voice from his own ear, and beholdeth the beauty of His Being with his own eye, and perceiveth the fragrances of holiness from His locks, and there is none besides Him in His holy court who might turn unto Him or expound it or be numbered among the interpreters. And verily thou, interpret what thou willest by Our authority and knowledge from Us, and fear no one, and place thy trust in God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. God shall soon open the gate of thy heart to His knowledge if thou remainest steadfast in His Cause, and the allusions of the veiled ones shall not prevent thee, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and firm in the religion of thy Ancient Master. The decree concerning this Tree hath already been fulfilled - it had no portion in those days, if ye be of them that know. Although thy Lord God depriveth not anything from anything, yet all that We impart unto you is but one strain of utterance, else We possess other strains whereof were We to voice but one, every lofty and towering mountain would crumble and every possessor of exalted and profound knowledge would be laid low. Yet in these days We turn not Our gaze toward any in the heavens and earth save toward this Most Great Vision that dazzleth the eyes, wherein thou seest people lying prostrate, and beholdest them fallen upon their faces. Thus do We impart unto thee a Word that none can bear save he who hath detached himself wholly from all things and turned with his entire being to My shining and luminous Face. We have veiled the Tree about which thou didst inquire, that thou mayest witness how a single leaf thereof hath overshadowed all the worlds, and that thou mayest know that the tree of opposition besides it was planted at the place of martyrdom of Husayn's head, if ye be of them that know. And in every city thereof is a leaf and branch, and thus do We inform thee through grace that thou mayest be of them that know. And in its relation to being opposite the place of martyrdom of the head are signs for them that ask, manifestations for them that are certain, and evidences for them that love. Otherwise, God hath sanctified His court from

opposition and acceptance, from remoteness and nearness, from love and hate, and from the knowledge of all things and the certitude of all creatures. And whenever We bid you to knowledge and teach you the ways of nearness, this is from Our grace upon you and upon all the peoples of the world. Therefore, turn thy gaze to the Qayyumu'l-Asma, which We have made one of Our most excellent narratives in the kingdom, that thou mayest be of them that know through what We have taught thee in this mighty Tablet. He hath said, and His word is the truth: "O Joseph, O Most Great Gate, turn away from this Tree that hath grown up in the Gate upon the earth without truth, and follow ye the decree of your Lord, the All-Merciful, that ye may be numbered among the steadfast."

In this verse are manifest tokens unto them that behold the words of God with their own eyes, but they that see with the eyes of others shall not be numbered among the heedful. Indeed He, exalted be His remembrance, hath announced His Beauty that shall be made manifest thereafter, and named His name with that wherewith His name was named in His first manifestation, saying: "O Joseph, O Gate, turn aside!" Then reflect upon what God hath intended therein, for therein is concealed that which shall silence the clamor of the falsifiers and the cry of the opposers. When mention was made in the holy precincts of turning aside, there arose such odors of aversion as stayed this Pen from its movement, this Serpent from its manifestation, this Trumpet from its blast, this Remembrance from its mention, this Horn from its mysteries, this Bell from its secrets, this Sun from its shining forth, this Heaven from its ascension, this Tree from its fruits, this Ocean from its waves, this Fire from its blazing, this Water from its flowing, this Air from its subtlety, and this Earth from its expansion. Thus was the matter, and We have mentioned it unto thee that thou mayest be of them that perceive. O Mahdi! Be not silent within thyself, and forget not the mention of the Calf and the Other, as We informed thee aforetime. This indeed is a bounty from Us unto you, that ye may know the ways of the God-fearing and be assured that all knowledge is within the grasp of thy Lord's power, and in His dominion revolveth the mystery of the heavens and the earth. Yet most men, wrapped in the veils of their own selves, are among the dead. Free thyself from all things even as thou freest thy body at night from that which thou wearest by day, that thou mayest be able to soar in this atmosphere wherein no sound of the wings of them that are nigh hath been heard, save whom thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise, willeth. And since We desire not to disappoint thee in what thou hast asked, hearken then unto what this divine Pen conveyeth unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that are steadfast. Know thou that the Tree which was planted opposite the martyrdom-place of Husayn is the name of Ali which hath been combined with this resplendent, transcendent, mighty and inaccessible Name. And the Maiden that was suspended thereon is indeed the very Remembrance itself, its essence and its reality. Then doth He speak the truth, saying: "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me. I have ever been the Beloved of the mystics, the Goal of the lovers, and the Ultimate Purpose of them that seek." This Maiden was born of Baha and warbleth upon the mystic branches of the All-Glorious in this Most Exalted Name, saying, exalted be His remembrance: "By God the Truth! I am verily a Maiden born of Baha in a palace of moist red ruby…" and so forth. Thereby do the mystics recognize that which none else hath known, and drink of this Kawthar which floweth from the right hand of glory and power, and which God hath ordained none to drink save His servants that are detached and them that are sincere. With this We are content, and thou too be content with that wherewith We are content in mentioning the mysteries. Then be satisfied with what hath been inscribed by the Pen of Glory, and this sufficeth the peoples of the world. Yet We desire that

thou shouldst recognize the Proof by His own Self and His manifestation between the heavens and earth, not by aught else, for allusions befit their own people, and the Lord of Names and Attributes cannot be known through them, if ye be of them that know. Therefore turn thy gaze away from all veils and all things, then toward the Perspective of God, the Resplendent, the Mighty, the Bountiful. And in conclusion, beware lest ye interpret the verse concerning the Calf, nor concerning him that is possessed of sinful lust, the suspicious one.

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Let him be praised who is exalted in his station of glory and power!

Praise be to God, who has singled Himself out to bear sorrows from all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and has distinguished Himself with tribulations from all that can be named as a thing in the dominions of creation. And the more afflictions increased, the more He manifested mighty signs - exalted be the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, whom the oppression of the servants did not deter. He has arisen to establish His Cause and has spoken as He willed. He is, verily, the Ruler in the beginning and the end, and the Commander on the Day of Reckoning. Exalted be His power that has encompassed all created things; exalted be His greatness that has overcome all possibilities; exalted be His mercy that has preceded all existence. Blessed is the soul that has drunk from the Kawthar of His good-pleasure, and the face that has turned unto His face, and the tongue that has spoken His praise, and the foot that has arisen to serve His Cause, and the eye that has beheld the horizon of His bounty, and the heart from which the fragrances of His love have wafted, and the hand that has taken hold of His mighty and wondrous Book.

And then: May my soul be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, O you who have been named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin by the tongue of God, the Creator of all things! The servant has been blessed with receiving your letter, from whose horizon shone the lights of the love of the All-Merciful. I understood its contents, and it ascended and was presented before the Desired One, and its contents were laid before Him. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the nations are powerless to recount, how much less this evanescent servant. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with. There is no refuge save in Him, and no escape except unto His all-encompassing mercy that prevails over the worlds.

As for what you wrote concerning the messenger of Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Beauty, in these days he is dwelling near the divine mercy, and until now permission for return has not been issued from the Source of the Cause, and the petitions that you had sent have arrived.

One of the afflictions of God is that in most Tablets, matters that cause sedition, corruption, conflict and the clamor of the servants have been explicitly forbidden without interpretation, and likewise all have been commanded to wisdom. Both in the language of verses and in Persian the wisdom, meaning and details thereof have been revealed. Nevertheless, in most lands that which has occurred has occurred. For example, some time ago a person intended to go to the regions of Iran. This servant was himself present in the Most Holy Court when the Ancient Tongue verbally counseled him that he must conduct

himself with the utmost wisdom and not speak except what God has decreed in the Tablets. Nevertheless, in these days several petitions have reached the Most Holy Court mentioning details about him that are the cause and reason for corruption, conflict and contention in the world. Consider, for instance, that despite the explicit prohibition revealed in numerous Tablets, every day a group arrives and a group departs, and some of these souls upon returning to every city and land speak contrary to what God has commanded them. And some travelers who were not granted permission for an audience after their arrival have gone and claimed they attained His presence. Among them was one named Haydar-'Ali from N-J who arrived but never attained the presence. Most of the emigrants also interceded but it was not accepted. Similarly, a person previously did not attain the presence and upon returning stole Aqa Ghulam-'Ali's money and fled. It becomes evident that some souls who remain unemployed in those parts use pilgrimage as a pretext. For instance, some time ago a person arrived in the Holy Land and after being dismissed went to the outlying areas and submitted a petition to the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - stating that his daily expenses were such and such amount and must be provided. Similarly another person submitted a petition asking for a stipend to be given to him. In any case, one remains astonished that these souls have not yet attained a drop from the pure water of the divine Kawthar and remain attached and clinging to their own vain imaginings. Although some also turn toward God out of love for Him, since there is an explicit prohibition in the Book it has never been and is not permissible. Each day the return of a person becomes the cause of conflicting statements, for each one speaks differently wherever they arrive, and it is impossible for all these returning souls to speak with one statement and one word. These conflicting accounts of travelers cause discord among the people of different lands. None knows the wisdom of the prohibition except the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Apart from these matters, the very gathering in this land has been and will be the cause of harm to the Blessed Tree. Now forty-five travelers are residing in this land. The purpose of these submissions is that your honor be informed of certain matters. We beseech God to guide those who claim belief to His Straight Path.

"Blessed is he, again blessed is he, in that he desired to follow the command of his Lord, Who hath desired naught for His servants save what is best for them." According to His command, it should be given to the destitute of that land, meaning those who have no means of livelihood today. Whatever reaches this land will also be sent to that land with utmost necessity.

Regarding what you had written about Aqa Abdul-Ghani from Sh., his situation was presented. According to His command, two persons have been given permission to attain the Most Holy Presence. In these days, more than two souls are not permitted, given the number of people already present here. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to them. Let them engage in their work with the utmost joy and fragrance, or return to their homeland.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Karim, it was presented before the Most Holy Presence. He said: "We have accepted his pilgrimage. Let him return to Iran. Another visit is not permitted."

Regarding the question about the mithqal, what is meant is the Bayanic mithqal which is nineteen nukhuds, and likewise regarding the months, the Bayanic month is intended.

Concerning the question whether the residence and special clothing, in the absence of male offspring, should revert to the House of Justice or be distributed like other properties, this is what was revealed in answer from God, the Mighty, the Bestower: Two-thirds of the house and special clothing revert to the female offspring, and one-third to the House of Justice, which God has made the treasury of the nation.

The question was also asked about the ruling for one whose death or killing is reported - whether it must be proven by the testimony of two just witnesses or by common knowledge. It should be clarified whether the two just witnesses must have seen with their own eyes, or if their certain knowledge and testimony suffices. The answer is that certain knowledge suffices.

Regarding the question about someone claiming a debt from another without witnesses or documentation, what is God's ordinance in such cases? This is what was revealed from the heaven of God's will: O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, claims of people are established by three things: by valid documentation, or by two just witnesses, or by the oath which settles and resolves it.

Your letter dated the 25th of Muharram arrived after completing the response to your previous letter, and achieved the honor of being received. Praise be to God that the fragrance of grace continuously reaches this evanescent servant, and the soul derives pleasure from it.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Kazim, permission for him and Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Hussein was granted from the horizon of grace some time ago. God willing, news of this has reached you by now.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Ali of Khorramabad, it was presented before the Most Holy Presence. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "God willing, may they ever remain steadfast in God's Cause through the Merciful One's grace, and soar in the heaven of understanding on the wings of certitude. Verily, He remembers those who remember Him. Thy Lord is indeed the Compassionate, the Merciful."

O Ali before Muhammad! This is the prison land - it behooveth not any seeker to enter therein. Hold fast to the cord of contentment, for this is better for thee than all that hath been created on earth. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names in this glorious station. The harm that hath befallen the root of the Tree in diverse lands hath been due to the gathering of the friends. Otherwise, God, exalted and glorified be He, hath loved His loved ones, and all have been and shall ever remain beneath His merciful glance.

Concerning Ali-Akbar from the land of Nishapur, of which thou didst write, it was submitted before His presence. His blessed and exalted Word: O Ali before Akbar! Verily the Lord of Power from the Most Sublime Vision calleth thee and saith: Blessed art thou for having believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We have accepted thy turning unto God. Return to thy home with joy and fragrance, then make mention of this Wronged One, the Prisoner. Grieve not for that from which thou wert forbidden. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing Ordainer. God willing, return with utmost joy and delight and be content with God's good-pleasure. This is better than the visitation of those who have turned without permission from God. To this testify all atoms, yet most people are among the heedless.

As for what thou didst write concerning Mirza Yusuf, it was submitted. His word, exalted be His majesty: O Yusuf! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning to God, the Lord of the heavens and earth, and the Lord of all things visible and invisible. We have commanded all to wisdom and forbidden them

from turning toward the Prison, lest there arise the clamor of those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou must return with the utmost joy and delight and convey to all the command of prohibition, that none may move from their place without permission. In most Tablets, turning to this direction hath been forbidden. Were the consummate wisdom concealed in this prohibition to be mentioned, all would be content with God's good-pleasure and grateful for His prohibition. The love of God hath taken precedence and shall continue to do so. As thou observest, at all times He is occupied with the mention of God's friends. Ye must return, perfumed with the fragrances of the All-Merciful, and summon all to wisdom, which is the foundation of the Cause. Any matter that appeareth from anyone without wisdom shall not be acceptable. God hath commanded all souls in the holy Tablets to teach the Cause, but with wisdom and utterance. All must look to the Tablets, not to sayings. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Matters that cause corruption, conflict and contention have never been and are not beloved. Today is the day of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed is he who is adorned with My attributes, who speaketh that which hath been revealed in My Tablets, and who acteth according to what hath been commanded in My Holy and Luminous Book. Blessed art thou, for My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee. Preserve this station, then act according to what thy Lord, the Manifest, the All-Informed, hath commanded thee.

The petitions of Mirza Karim Khan have attained the Most Holy Court, and the petitions of Ali-Akbar - let any who intendeth to depart send them.

Regarding what was written concerning Muhammad Husaynavi, it was submitted before the Most Mighty and Most Holy presence. His word, exalted be His grandeur: […]

O Muhammad! Be not grieved at anything. Rejoice in thy Lord for He hath forgiven thee and will give thee better than what was taken from thee. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Verily thy Lord giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. Nothing can prevent His command and He is verily the Powerful, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God in Iraq. Say: Rejoice with the Most Great Joy and hold fast unto wisdom in all conditions. He is verily the True Counsellor, the Faithful One.

As to what was asked about whether the Arabic months are determined by the sighting of the moon or whether one can act according to what is specified in the calendar - acting according to the calendar is permissible.

Furthermore, regarding what was asked about the limit of travel for those who fast - the limit has been set at nine hours. If a traveler arrives in a place and intends to stay, it is permissible to fast for three days, but not before; thereafter he may fast. If he arrives in his hometown and it is during the days of fasting, he must fast. If a traveler has been traveling during the days of fasting, he need not make up for what he missed - that is, he need not fast in compensation. God hath pardoned him as a bounty from His presence. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The divine purpose from His wondrous favors is that all should act upon His commandments with joy and fragrance and hold fast to His laws.

And concerning what you wrote about the testimony of two just witnesses - they are souls who are known in every city for their piety and trustworthiness.

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All praise is befitting and worthy of the Most Great Cause, which hath delivered the world and its peoples from the oppression of the polytheists and the hatred of the infidels, and appointed them their station beneath the blessed Lote-Tree of Justice, and gathered them together. Exalted be His grace, magnificent His compassion, glorious His grandeur and His bounty!

O Name of Generosity! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of existence. Two letters from the Name of God "J", upon him be My glory and favor, attained the Most Holy Court. In truth, they are ever gazing toward the horizon of the Revelation in all conditions, and remain alive and steadfast in hope of rendering service. The Supreme Pen beareth witness to his mention, praise and service, and his answer, should God will and desire it, shall be revealed and sent in detail.

Regarding the matter of souls turning toward various regions for the purpose of teaching God's Cause and spreading its traces, it is not permissible to insist upon anyone. The proclamation of the decree hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Assuredly, none of the friends can remain content with any shortcoming, nor have they fallen short, nor will they fall short, in that which hath proceeded from the Source of the Command. Praise be to God, each one hath attained that which hath no likeness or equal. All this is from God's grace and favor.

At present, should they turn for a while toward the land of M, it would be acceptable in the sight of God, inasmuch as the friends in that land have not for some time been blessed with the traces. We bear witness that they have arisen, have turned, have heard, and have responded to their Lord, the Speaker, the Utterer, the Caller, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O Name of Bounty! O Javad, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! For some time, according to outward appearances, thou hast not been honored with a mention, and the replies to thy letters which thou didst send to the Most Holy Court have until now been delayed. This is due to the turmoil and discord in the world. However, the Ancient Beauty beareth witness before the faces of the world that thou hast attained unto acceptance and the propagation of the Cause of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. That household and its members have ever been remembered, and the recent affliction hath caused grief. We testify that she attained in the earliest days and took the chalice of certitude in the name of her Lord, the Most Merciful, and drank therefrom, draught after draught, cup after cup, in the name of her Most Glorious Beloved. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to inscribe for her from the Pen of Bounty the reward of attaining His presence and of standing before His countenance. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon her in the highest Paradise, at every moment, mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His own Self, and to make her among those who circle round His Cause in all His worlds. May He strengthen the people of that household to manifest beautiful patience and noble forbearance. Praise be to God! That honored lady hath ever gazed toward the horizon of manifestation and hath been content with God's good-pleasure. In the days when destined tribulations befell the Seal of the Prophets–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake–this blessed verse was revealed from God. His exalted Word: "Wealth and

children are an adornment of the life of this world, but the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight as a reward, and better as a hope." By the life of God! Verily she is in an exalted station and a resplendent dwelling place. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty, and the light radiating from the horizon of My Kingdom, and the glory of My loved ones and chosen ones and of all who dwell in My earth and My heaven, be upon her and upon those who make mention of her through that which hath been revealed from My Pen and the heaven of My Will, which hath encompassed the dominion of earth and heaven. The one bearing the Remembered Name hath mentioned the loved ones of God in each of the villages, and all are illumined before the Divine Throne with the light of remembrance and adorned with the glory of His special favors. We beseech God to aid them to remain steadfast in this Cause, through which, when it was made manifest, the limbs of every idolater trembled while the hearts of them that are sincere were tranquillized. Grace and mercy and loving-kindness from God be upon them and upon His sincere and patient servants.

O Samandar, upon thee be the Glory of God and His bounty! Mention hath been made of his honour Aqa Siyyid Mahmud of the people of Kakan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the hidden and the manifest. We console and comfort him in that which hath befallen him through God's irrevocable decree, and bid him to patience and forbearance, and We give him the glad-tidings of that which God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, hath ordained for him. Five descendants of the Apostle of God - may all else besides Him be sacrificed for His sake - among the males, have ascended by the command of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, and the polytheists uttered unseemly words. Therefore was revealed the blessed Surih "Verily We have given thee the Kawthar," and likewise the aforementioned blessed verse descended from the heaven of divine bounty, and the revealed verses transformed his grief into supreme joy. We hope that his honour Mahmud will be so seized by divine attraction that he will utter the blessed words: "Thine is the praise, O God of the world, and Thine the glory, O Thou Desire of the nations!" The Word of God hath wrought miracles and manifested wondrous signs, yet the heedless and the doubtful remain deprived and forbidden. Say: O Mahmud! He hath purified thee from thy transgressions and forgiven thee through His grace and His mercy which hath preceded existence itself. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen, and unto Thee be glory, O Sovereign of generosity and bounty! The friends of that village, both men and women, and likewise those of other villages, have all in this hour been blessed by the fragrances of God's remembrance. Say: Glad-tidings unto you, O people of the villages! By the life of God, at My remembrance of you, the ocean of My bounty surged and the fragrance of My favor was wafted abroad. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath guided you to My straight path. We counsel you to steadfastness in this momentous Cause.

O Samandar! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His bounty. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before your faces the gates of His grace and bounty, to assist you in exalting His Word, to protect you through His sovereignty, and to preserve you through the hosts of His wisdom and His utterance. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. As for what thou hast mentioned regarding the trust of his honor 'Abdu'l-Hadir, who is present before the Throne, in these days wisdom requireth no movement, nor will it require it. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given Thy servants to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy Self-Subsisting Name, and for having made known unto them the horizon of Thy Manifestation and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy

bounty and the atmosphere of Thy will. I beseech Thee by Thy radiant and effulgent light, and by Thy mighty and wondrous Name, whereby the realities of names were shaken and the manifestations of wickedness and indecency lamented, to adorn the temples of Thy servants with the raiment of godliness and their heads with the crown of steadfastness and detachment, that they may not be frightened by the might of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the aggressors. O my Lord! Open unto them the gates of Thy bounty and grace, then aid them with the hosts of Thy justice. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, to Whose power the tongues of all created things and the realities of all beings have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Giving. Within Thy grasp lie the reins of all affairs in their beginning and their end.

O Name of Bounty! Mention hath been made of His honor, the Name of God Jamal, and of His honor Aqa Mahmud, upon whom be the glory of God and My loving-kindness, and his son ’Ata’u’llah, and the two sons of the departed and exalted Kamalu’d-Din, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness - Aqa Nur and ’Ali - and their mother. Praise be to God, they have been and are remembered, both before and after. We have desired to make mention of ’Ata’u’llah, that My call may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold naught save the manifestations of God’s majesty and His signs that have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. We beseech God to assist him in serving the Cause and to enable him to achieve that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We make mention of Aqa Nur who attained My presence and quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty. We testify that he is among those who have won the mention of My Name in My days and who circled round My Sacred and Beloved House. And We make mention of him who is named ’Ali, who attained My presence at the time of departure from the House. We beseech God to remember him in His Preserved Tablet and to ordain for him that which shall endure as long as My Name, the All-Compelling, shall endure over all who witness and are witnessed.

We make mention of their mother, My handmaiden and My leaf who attained in days when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. We beseech God to ordain for her in the highest Paradise the best of the hereafter and of the former times. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

We make mention of Mahmud who won the mention of My Name in the Scriptures and Tablets, and We have sent down for him that which shall endure as long as My mighty and inaccessible dominion shall endure. O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward the land of Ha and Mim, then make mention of My loved ones there, that they may rejoice in the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Lord of existence. By the life of God! We love to make mention of them through verses the like of which the ears of contingent beings have never heard, as a token of Our grace, for I am verily the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the Loving. The loved ones of that land have ever been and are remembered, but the Pen hath outwardly paused from their mention as a wisdom from Us, though inwardly their names have never been erased from the tablet of My heart and My Preserved Tablet.

O Muhammad-i-Baqir! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We testify that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn unto it when most of the servants turned away, and thou didst drink the choice wine of love when it was forbidden to all in the land save whom God, the Lord of the Promised Day, did will.

Thou hast been and art remembered in all conditions. Earth and heaven and all things bear witness to God's loving-kindness, grace and mercy toward thee and thy kindred. The Prison Land is ever subject to trials, and in most times the idolaters have been a barrier and hindrance. We beseech God to ordain that which shall cause your names and remembrances to endure. Ye have not been and shall never be erased from sight, as attested by what hath been sent down for thee and those with thee in this Clear Tablet.

We make mention of Javad who hath attained that which was inscribed and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. By the life of God! He hath been beneath the gaze of My loving-kindness, as My Clear Book doth testify. Each of his kindred hath been mentioned. We send Our greetings unto them, convey unto them Our peace, and give them the glad-tidings that their names have been inscribed in the Tablet from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

In these days corruption hath appeared from every direction. The loved ones of God must therefore fix their gaze upon reformation, and remain sanctified and pure from corruption. Now, praise be to God, most kings and rulers bear witness to the absence of corruption in this community. In truth, the station of the people of God is that of kindliness, mercy and love towards all peoples. We must give thanks to God, exalted be His glory, in the nights and days that He hath adorned His loved ones with patience, submission and contentment, such that in the land of Ya, despite the flames of hatred and animosity, none arose in defense. That which they were commanded became manifest from them. Blessed are they and joyous are they. For three days the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in praise of those souls, and there was revealed in their name that which hath no likeness or parallel in the realm of utterance. Joy be unto them and a goodly return.

His Honour the Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, repeatedly mentioned before imprisonment the loved ones of that land, and likewise mentioned the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God. That honoured one should give to all, on behalf of the Wronged One, the glad-tidings of what hath been revealed in the divine Tablet. Say: O sons of the Friend, who have drunk of My choice-sealed wine and have attained unto that which the detached ones and honoured servants have attained! Rejoice in that the Tongue of Grandeur hath moved to mention your names and make remembrance of you from His praiseworthy station. The Trusted One hath mentioned you in various papers, therefore We make mention of you in such wise as to attract the hearts. Grieve not over what hath befallen the loved ones in the land of Ya. We have changed oppression into victory and its signs have appeared, and soon that which lay hidden in God's knowledge shall be made manifest, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Beloved. Take ye the chalice of certitude in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom despite every malicious denier. This is the Day wherein the Mount calleth out with the most exalted call and the Tree uttereth that which hath bewildered minds. By God! That which was concealed from eyes hath appeared and the mystery of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath been revealed. We counsel you with the wisdom We have sent down in the Tablet and with that which draweth people nigh unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We make mention of My handmaidens there and counsel them with the Most Great Chastity. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the mention of her Lord and hath heard what hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have borne all tribulations for your salvation. To this beareth

witness the Tongue of My grandeur in this outspread scroll. We beseech God to protect His sheep from the wolves of the earth and to aid them through the angels and the hosts.

We desired to return to the land of Qaf and adorn this leaf with mention of My loved ones there and My chosen ones whom We have not mentioned outwardly. We testify that they have turned, have attained, and have drunk from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Sovereign of sovereigns. Blessed are they and joy be unto them and unto those who love them and who hear their call in remembrance of this forbidden Remembrance. We make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves there and give them the glad-tidings of My manifest and evident grace. God shall soon make manifest their station among the handmaidens and exalt them through His sovereignty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath My Pen moved and My tongue spoken, as a grace from Me to My loved ones and My handmaidens in this mighty and sublime station. The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings and have taken what hath been sent down for them from God, the Omnipotent, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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

O thou who art the adornment of them that are nigh unto God! Remind My servants on My behalf, then gladden them with tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness, then My grace and My generosity, that none may despair of the mercy that hath encompassed all the worlds. Say: By God! Were it not for the Youth, mercy would not have been manifested, nor would the Word have been fulfilled, nor would the Kingdom of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful, have been sent down.

Remind, from Our presence, Our servant who hath been named Mahdi and those who are there, that they may give thanks unto God Who created them and aided them to know Him and made them to be numbered with the doers of good. O Mahdi! Grieve not at anything, for thy Lord is possessed of great bounty. Be thou confident in the grace of thy Lord, for He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. He will help thee with the truth and will aid thee in His Cause and will make thee speak in praise of His Self, and He, verily, hath power over all things.

Magnify, from Our presence, those servants who have turned unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Those who have repented and turned back, God hath forgiven them through His grace, and hath absolved them of their misdeeds, and made them pure as on the day they were born of their mothers. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

O Mahdi! Kindle in the hearts of My servants the fire of My love, that it may blaze forth in such wise that the waters of the world shall not quench it. Say: This is a fire which, when it toucheth aught, transformeth it into oil, thereby increasing its blaze, yet the people are in grievous heedlessness. O people! Be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the clamor of the idolaters shall not prevent you from remembering the

name of your Lord. Soon will Satan come unto you with tablets of fire and a book from hell - cast them behind you. Thus have We informed you of the truth that ye may be of them that act.

With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. They who have been given insight from God, these shall find in their words the exhalations of hell. Say: O people! Purify your hearts from the mention of aught else but Him, then settle yourselves upon the thrones of certitude, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through utterance. This is what He hath commanded you in all the Tablets, if ye be of them that know. And rejoice in that the breezes of forgiveness have wafted over you, and God hath thereby purified you from the defilement of those who have disbelieved in Him on this Day wherein all things bear witness that sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Compeller.

Then remind, from Our presence, Qasim who came unto you with the tablets of God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: O people! Read ye the verses of God in such wise that the hearts of the heedless may be attracted thereby. Grieve not over what hath escaped you, but in all matters put your trust in Him. Verily, He forsaketh not His servants who place their trust in Him. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth as a mercy from Us, and verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Praise God that the people of that land have rent asunder the veils and turned their faces toward the Lord of Lords. Whosoever is in the least perceptive and ponders the verses revealed in the Bayan from the Pen of the All-Merciful will assuredly know that today there is no refuge for any soul save in clinging to His Most Firm Cord. Observe the heedlessness of the servants, how some have not even succeeded in pondering why the entirety of the Bayan was made contingent and dependent upon the acceptance of this Most Great Revelation and His leave and good-pleasure. The Divine Manifestations Who were sent forth in former ages would, after proclaiming God's commandments and prohibitions, make brief mention of the subsequent Revelation, as is evident to every person of insight. The Point of the Bayan, however, exalted be His glory, made mention at all times of this wondrous Remembrance, to such extent that He made Himself, the Bayan, and all that was revealed therein contingent upon a single word that would shine forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Sovereign of meanings. All these degrees were in view of the greatness of this Revelation, the full description of which hath not yet been given. In one of the Tablets, a drop from the ocean of this Most Great Sea was revealed, yet until now no one hath attained unto it. By the life of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for His sake! - I have neither liked nor do I like to mention the revealed verses concerning the loftiness of this Revelation. Indeed, even those matters from which His existence might be inferred have not been beloved by this servant. And this much that hath been mentioned was only due to God's decisive command and His binding decree, lest weak souls should again fall prey to the vain imaginings of malicious people. Even now it can be observed that each day fabricated words emerge from the direction of the liars. Among these, in recent days they have reported that the Primal Point wrote a letter stating that someone would appear in the year nine claiming to be the Promised One, and that he would be a liar. Now observe to what degree their wickedness hath reached. Your honor hath seen what verses of nine were revealed from the heaven of command, yet they lack even the discernment to realize that if anyone were to attribute falsehood to this Most Great Revelation or deny this grace, that very denial would first and foremost rebound upon themselves, and through such words they have proclaimed the falsehood of the Point and all the Messengers, yet they perceive it not.

All this audacity and presumption stems from people's lack of capacity, for some of the foolish ones would certainly accept whatever they hear from such ignorant souls - otherwise how would they dare to utter such fabricated, slanderous, false words? This, despite the fact that all are aware and any person of understanding would perceive that He had no independent existence from the very beginning, and whatever was mentioned in His name was intended to preserve the Seat of the Cause that was encompassed by the polytheists, as well as other consummate divine wisdoms, some of which have been mentioned in the Tablets. They have also written that the year nine mentioned by the Point of the Bayan refers to the year nine after the […]

Consider Him Whom God shall make manifest at the time of Mustaghath. Observe now - hath any ignorant one ever uttered such words? Nay, by the Lord of all the worlds! They have spread a web of vain imaginings greater than the webs of former peoples. At the time of emergence from between Gog and Magog, who were two polytheists, I sent a box containing blessed writings of the Exalted One and Aqa Siyyid Husayn, along with His seal, to that one who turned away from God. And in the early years of the new Cause, for four years We commanded him to copy from the writings of His Holiness, such that now writings of that apostate in the style of His Holiness exist. In these days he hath begun using those same writings and writing whatever Satan inspires in him, sealing it with His Holiness's seal and showing it to vile souls like himself. The deceit hath reached such a degree that it cannot be described. Say: O servants! Where hath understanding and wisdom gone? Every word indicateth its author, and from the fragrance of every breeze it is evident from what place it hath arisen and over what it hath passed. The sweet fragrances of the divine paradise are clearly distinct from the stench of putrid carrion. The most wicked of men, namely Siyyid Muhammad, hath claimed divinity, and his purpose in these acts he hath committed was his own self, using another as pretext, even though "This is one of the people of hell" is clearly written on his ill-omened forehead. Nevertheless, these subhuman beings have desired to ascend to the heights of divine glory through him. Such is the state of the servants. Had there been the slightest discernment, or had any soul inhaled the fragrance of God's garment, they would never consent to walk in the direction where that wicked one dwelleth, let alone turn towards it. But the people do not understand nor comprehend. Today it behooveth you and all the loved ones of God to exert the utmost effort and striving in protecting and preserving the Cause, lest the foul odors of Satan prevent and deprive people from the sweet fragrances of the All-Merciful. The Command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth, and He is powerful over all things.

In these days Persian Tablets concerning divine ordinances are being revealed. Although all are commanded to use the Persian tongue, since some ordinances were not revealed therein and some were only alluded to, therefore, as a grace upon humanity, they have been revealed in clear and evident expressions so that none might remain deprived of the ocean of bounty and favor. God willing, they shall be sent hereafter.

Concerning what you mentioned about certain servants looking toward forgiveness - God hath forgiven them and purified them from transgression. Verily He is the Possessor of great bounty.

As for what thou didst mention regarding their needs and the healing of illnesses - verily He answereth the prayer of the supplicants. God hath sent down for them what is best for them, and He shall soon send down in truth, for He is the Most Generous of the generous ones.

As for she who gave up her spirit and he who took his own life - God hath forgiven them both through His encompassing grace and admitted them into His vast mercy. Verily He is the most powerful of the powerful ones.

Regarding what thou didst mention about ’Abdu’r-Rahim who believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting - We have not forgotten him and had previously written him a tablet, and before that another tablet, and now We mention him in truth in this Clear Tablet. We beseech God to assist him in His Cause, to make him steadfast in His religion, to make him mindful of His Most Great and Wondrous Remembrance, and to send down upon him what he loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Send a copy of this Tablet to your own land to Jinab-i-Mihdi, and if it be sent to other lands as well, it would be praiseworthy, for the people are like fish and the divine Tablets like water. Although the breezes are ever flowing and never cease, yet in sending forth the Tablets no delay is permissible insofar as possible, for the diffusion of the Words of God among His servants bestows new and exalted spirits. And whatsoever that soul may write concerning the objections of those who are veiled is most acceptable and praiseworthy, that perchance it may be the cause of guidance to the servants. Verily, He aideth those who help Him, and He is the Succorer of those who love Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O servant who gazeth toward God! Weep thou for this Wronged One, the Prisoner, Whom no one hath known and none hath discovered what hath befallen Him save whom thy Lord willeth. Even should they hear, by God, they have not heard, and should mention be made, no mention hath been made. Great, great is My tribulation, and grievous, grievous is My trial. And whoso regardeth the Bayan with the eye of the All-Merciful and what hath been revealed from the Pen of Command in this Revelation shall discover that which hath been concealed from the eyes of men and shall know what hath befallen the Beloved of God and His Purpose. And after discovering this, the hardships and afflictions of the world shall not sadden him. He shall see himself in the Most Exalted Horizon before his Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, and shall aid Him at all times. By God, he seeth the world as naught but the eye of a dead gnat, nay less. The carrion befitteth the dogs, and reality befitteth the loved ones of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Consider how wondrously the Point of Being hath made mention of the Intended One in the Bayan, in such wise that nothing higher can be conceived. He even declared that should anyone make a claim, before any evidence from him appeareth, all the kings and rulers and leaders of the earth should, with the utmost submissiveness, humility, resignation and contrition, present their petitions before His Most Pure Seat and send the keys of their treasuries, asking and beseeching that He manifest a proof. And should a Tablet be revealed from the realm of the Will of the King of Oneness as a bounty to the servants, all should submit; and if they accept it not, they should remain silent or again confess their powerlessness. By Him Who shattered the idols of names through the power of His sovereignty! Were creatures to ponder but this one utterance, all would turn to the living waters of the All-Merciful. And it is

most evident that the purpose of this utterance was, in the knowledge of that Essence of possibility, this Revelation; otherwise such words would never have been uttered, for many false claimants have appeared before and will appear hereafter, and never have such firm and mighty conditions for the future Manifestation been sent down from the heaven of divine Command. And should souls be enabled to recognize but this one utterance, they would somewhat comprehend the greatness of this Revelation. Nevertheless, every day the idolaters return from one fire to another, and cling to one falsehood after another, making the fresh claim that the Primal Point–may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake–stood in a position of servitude to that essence of wickedness and wretchedness. Strange it is that people give ear to such statements. By God, it would have been better for such souls to have been born deaf than to hear and accept such words. Woe unto them! Soon shall they be gathered with their masters in the nethermost fire, and they shall find for themselves neither escape nor deliverance.

Know thou that if all who are in the heavens and on earth were to unite to cast into the firmament of His Cause all the arrows of doubt they possess, it would not even disturb a thread in that web of certitude that hath been woven by Him. The Most High dwelleth ever in His transcendent majesty, and His divine might cannot be described. Even as He hath said: “The eyes attain Him not, but He attaineth the eyes. He is the All-Subtle, the All-Informed.” And they who have fixed their gaze upon His radiant Countenance, who have immersed themselves in the ocean of His verses, who have attained unto His holy presence, who have quaffed from His divine grace, and who have recognized His manifold blessings–these are they who have attained unto the summit of certitude and have reached the ultimate goal. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty expound His exalted teachings, that all men may turn unto Him and recognize His majesty […]

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Desired One, Who hath, through a single blessed word, barred the way to doubt, misgiving, vain imaginings and idle fancies, and through the power of that same word hath preserved His loved ones from dangers. That blessed word is “He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordereth whatsoever He pleaseth.” Whosoever is assured of this word is established upon the throne of certitude and abideth in the station of faith. The waves of idle fancies shall not withhold him from the truth of certitude, nor shall the hosts of vain imaginings keep him back from the dawning-place of the Divine Manifestation. Thus doth the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - declare: “Should He decree the earth to be heaven, none hath the right to question His authority; and should He decide the heaven to be earth, none dare ask ‘why’ or ‘wherefore’.” This blessed word is a boundless ocean. Blessed is the one who hath attained and clung unto it; he shall be eternally inscribed in the book of steadfastness. Blessed is he! And peace and blessings be upon the loved ones of God, His chosen ones, His leaves and fruits, who move only by the breeze of His Will and Purpose. These are the servants whom God hath described in His Books of the past and future - they are the near ones, they are the triumphant.

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

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Loving

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We were seated upon the Throne when the servant in attendance entered with thy letter and presented it before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this clear remembrance. We have mentioned thee time and again with a mention that surpasseth all that the peoples possess. To this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness from His exalted station. Thy verses and prose, and that which thou didst send, have come before Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the True, the Trustworthy. We have answered thee with numerous tablets as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to perfume the air for as long as My names and attributes endure. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor. We love Our name "the Faithful" and have ever been observant of it in all conditions. To this testifieth that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, and those who have attained Our presence and the meeting with God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Let nothing among all things, nor any matter, cause thee grief. Verily thy Lord is with thee, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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

Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Dayspring of bounty, for having guided me to Thy straight path and given me to drink of Thy sealed wine through the hand of Thy grace, O God of the worlds! Thy handmaiden testifieth to Thy bounty, Thy loving-kindness and Thy mercy that have preceded Thy servants and Thy creation. Can anyone deny Thy gifts and bestowals after witnessing and beholding at every moment the evidences of Thy mercy, the manifestations of Thy favor, and the signs of Thy loving providence? O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden clinging to the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause and hoping for that which lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee by the fishes in the ocean of Thy knowledge and the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy wisdom to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee. O my Lord! I implore Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast revealed Thyself unto all created things, to assist Thy handmaidens to stand firm in Thy Cause and to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of the world and whatsoever the nations possess cannot hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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

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

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

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

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

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

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

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

In truth, the mention of the Sun and its like refers to His exalted and sublime station among the servants, otherwise every person of insight beareth witness to the sanctification of His Essence from whatsoever hath been mentioned and the detachment of His Self from whatsoever hath been or shall be comprehended. And that this Most Great Manifestation hath been or may be designated as the heaven is due to the fact that the sun, outwardly speaking, appeareth and becometh visible from the horizon of this expanse which is called heaven, and the heaven dominateth and encompasseth it, as can be observed. Consider ye, then recall what the Point of the Bayan hath spoken concerning this Revelation, saying "Verily, I am the first to worship Him." The station of the Book, the Mother Book, the Tablet and the Preserved Tablet hath been and is manifest and evident. He saith that the Bayan and whatsoever hath been revealed therein is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise and is dependent upon His acceptance. The sun hath ever had diverse manifestations and influences. The sun that riseth from the sign of Aquarius is, upon its appearance, effaced before the sun that ariseth from the sign of Leo. Every person of insight observeth countless differences. However, in these days the Most Exalted Pen hath not desired and doth not desire to occupy itself with such mentions. Whatsoever hath been or may be mentioned is from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of bounty which hath shone forth specifically upon the friends from the horizon of the Kingdom. For all, We ask that which the comprehension of the people of possibility is powerless and incapable of knowing, especially for those souls who are adorned with the greatest steadfastness and have quaffed from the ocean of the words "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." O My loved ones and My chosen ones! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have mentioned you before and after in such wise as hath gladdened the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Praise be to God! The detached ones have attained unto the fruits of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary. This is the most exalted station, the highest summit and the ultimate purpose. Blessed be they that have attained and they that know. Verily, We make mention of My servants and My handmaidens, remind them of My verses, give them the glad-tidings of My bounty and inform them of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

The Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance hath shone forth in such wise that this darksome night hath become even as a luminous day. Glorified be the greatness of our Lord and exalted be His favor! The loved ones of that land have ever been [in heart and soul] and still are, for they have attained unto the descended table and the special bounty. We beseech God - exalted be His glory - and hope that He will

preserve these stations through His might, power and authority in such wise that the doubts of the barking ones, the suspicions of the opposers and the intimations of the transgressors will not alter them and will appear as if they had never existed. This servant conveyeth greetings and glorification to each of the loved ones and handmaidens of God, and expresseth with both outer and inner tongue: O my God, my God! Aid them in that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and make them successful in that whose fragrance will never cease to endure throughout the eternity of Thy names and attributes. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Glory and praise and remembrance be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God and upon all who are firm and steadfast. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After completing the letter, He repaired to the Most Exalted Shrine. Following His presence before the Throne, the Lord, blessed and sanctified be He, spoke thus: We desire to make mention once again of him who traversed the pathway and attained the Ultimate Goal, until he presented himself at the Gate which was opened by the Key of the Will of the Lord of Names, and heard that which ears were created to hear. He was named ’Ali-before-Nabil in the Book of Names. We beseech God to assist him and to reinforce him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, that he may aid his wronged and exiled Lord. The exile of the Lord hath been mentioned aforetime, even as David, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath said: “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?” In any case, ’Ali-before-Nabil presented himself before the Face, and mentioned the names of the loved ones of the lands of Kha and Ta and other regions, and beseeched a special bounty for each one, and all attained to that which was the purpose of creation. The friends must all engage in the remembrance and praise of Him Who conversed on Sinai with the utmost joy and gladness. O people of God! Strive ye that ye may attain unto that which shall never perish and shall remain unchanged throughout centuries and ages. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My people, and upon those whom the conditions of men have not frightened in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Sovereign of the Hereafter and of this world.

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All praise be to God Who hath opened the gate of utterance through the Name whereby all creation was shaken, and Who hath adorned the temple of him whom He desired, at times with His name “the Bearer of the Message” and at other times with the name “the Friend.” Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Exalted above all understanding. Praise be to God Who hath manifested the Book of Dawn in an age wherein the Lord of Names turned towards the most exalted station of Zawra, then seated Himself upon the throne. Thereupon all things spoke, the Dove cooed, the birds of immortality sang, and the nightingales of the supreme Paradise trilled. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Creator of heaven. I testify that the Pen is powerless to attain to the description of that Day whereon the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted amidst all created things.

Thereafter, the crown of love hath been adorned with the diadem of your letter, the neck of affection hath been bedecked with the pearls of your praise, the eye of yearning with the collyrium of your remembrance, and the locks of the longing one with the fragrance of your utterance. I beseech the

Exalted One to ordain for your honor that which befitteth the heaven of His grace, the ocean of His generosity, and the sun of His favors. Verily, He is the Single One, the Bestower, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Helper. My spirit be a sacrifice for your love.

Although this servant is abashed for not having sent a reply to your distinguished letter, yet considering that several successive months passed without any word being revealed from the heaven of divine Will until these special days when certain Afnans - upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful - received and were sent some Tablets, therefore this servant, in utter bewilderment, did not impose upon your honor. Otherwise, God the One beareth witness that both heart and tongue are at all times adorned with the love and mention of your honor. We beseech God, exalted be He, to delight our eyes by beholding your letter and to honor our ears by hearkening to your words. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thereafter, following the perusal of the letter, having turned towards the Most Holy Court, all that flowed from your honored pen of bounty was presented. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "O thou who bearest My Message and who uttereth My remembrance and praise! For some time the Supreme Pen hath been silent and the rain from the clouds of bounty hath been stayed, for as thou observest, attentive ears are lacking and prepared lands are not to be seen. Although the Sun of Truth is shining with perfect radiance and brilliance, most people are veiled from it by vain imaginings and false traditions. Strange it is that they have not yet understood the Day of God, for had they done so, they would not have occupied themselves with the mention of aught else. He saith: 'The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's,' and likewise He saith: 'And thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank.' Yet all remain heedless and deprived of this sealed wine. Say: This is a Day wherein none shall be mentioned save God alone. Blessed is he who hath dawned from the horizon of certitude and hath attained unto the presence of God, the Self-Subsisting. One should not be saddened by these matters, for the hand of God is above all human hands. Nothing can frustrate Him, nor can any matter harm Him. Verily, He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." End.

As regards the Seyyed of Qum concerning whom you had written, there are many details about him and in truth this servant is ashamed to mention them. However, some will be mentioned so that his condition may not remain hidden from some. He it was who spat on the face of Quddus in the presence of the polytheists in the land of Tabarsi, and who struck the face of the Great One [Baha'u'llah], reviled Him, and professed unbelief, saying what he said - all to preserve his own wicked self for a few days. In Iraq and some other lands he is known as Shemr of Qum. In the days when the Sun of Truth was dawning from the horizon of Iraq, this person often associated with this servant and would present himself in the Most Holy Court, asking whether God, exalted be His glory and might, would forgive his transgressions. He was told: "Guard yourself henceforth." Several times this servant was present when the Ancient Beauty would say to him that two major flaws were observed in him: First, that the control of his tongue was not in his grasp - it would speak according to its desires as it pleased; and second, that his feet would move in the wilderness of error as they willed. Observe his lack of recognition - it is as though he had never seen a word of the Bayan nor attained to a drop from its ocean of meanings. Thus did the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - say to one of the Letters of the Living, after sufficient and healing explanations, these exalted words: "All this is so that on the Day of Manifestation thou mayest not remain veiled by names, but rather look to that by which the names of all things, even the mention of the

Prophet, are established, for that is created by what God reveals." And likewise He says, exalted be His mention: "I have written a gem regarding His mention, which is that He shall not be known through My allusion nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that word is greater in God's sight than the worship of all on earth, for the essence of all worship leads to that." He continues, exalted and glorified be He: "For He is too glorious and exalted to be known through any but Himself or to be referred to by the allusion of His creatures. I am the first servant to believe in Him and His verses, and I have taken from the virginal gardens of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory, He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, all stand by His command." And likewise He says: "And await Him Whom God shall make manifest, for you were not created except to meet Him, and He it is Who creates all things by His command. Beware, beware on the day of His manifestation lest thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but a creation before Him, and beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words revealed in the Bayan, for they are but His own words in the temple of His previous manifestation."

That Supreme Being observes how exalted is the Cause and its loftiness, while at what level do people comprehend it. He reveals all the Names, and likewise admonishes that ye be not deprived of the mention of the Prophet from the Ancient Beauty. Nevertheless, ye have hearkened to what that heedless one hath said. Should anyone observe these words with the eye of fairness, he would attain unto the lights of the Cause, but the veils of passion have prevented the people from recognizing the Countenance of the Divine Unity. Most strange it is that despite such emphatic statements and utterances of the Exalted Lord, how the people remain in the corners of ignorance and unawareness. He saith: "Be not veiled from the Bayan and what hath been revealed therein from the Divine Lote Tree." Yet they cling to fabricated traditions and speak that which their desires command them. They have completely forgotten the explicit statements of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - and they quote from this one and that one, saying that His Holiness stated He had not lived in the time of Shaykh Ahmad and had not smoked the water-pipe. It is not known about whom this tradition is and for what purpose. Observe the stupidity of these people - how they hesitate about One Who declares "I am sanctified above any reference to Me, recognition of Me, or mention of Me," while they cling to one whom they have not seen and have not known. Would that these conditions they mention regarding their imaginary successor were true. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that that person insisted greatly on smoking the water-pipe, to such an extent that one of the members of the household once forbade him from it.

Alas, what can this servant say! Would that the person who suggested to His Holiness that it would be good to meet the claimants to the Cause had himself acted upon this. For this servant wrote him a letter in the Land of Mystery and strongly urged him to come and meet that imagined person, that perchance he might rend asunder the veils and attain to the lights of the dawning Sun. After some time it was heard that he had gone to the Land of Ha. Such souls have never been and will never be freed from their vain imaginings, even though they have witnessed that what they possessed was naught but falsehood and calumny. Consider the Shi'ih sect, who counted themselves the most learned, most rightful, most knowledgeable and most pious of all sects, yet after the dawning of the Sun of Revelation it became clear they were the most ignorant of people. Even the Sunnis gained enough understanding from books and traditions to know that the Qa'im - may our souls be sacrificed for Him - would be born, while that sect,

despite their extraordinary claims to knowledge, failed to grasp this matter despite its obviousness. The truth of the matter is exactly what shone forth from the horizon of His Holiness's utterance in reply to that heedless one. Had he truly possessed understanding, he would have instantly acknowledged and repented, for this matter is clear and established among the people of the Bayan - that the traditions of Husayn ibn Ruh and his like caused people to remain veiled from the exalted Truth and to arise with utmost tyranny to extinguish the divine light. Indeed, you have spoken a word which, should any hearing ear hearken to it, would cause them to turn without hesitation toward the Cause. However, not every soul has been or will be worthy of this choice wine. Those who drink of this Kawthar of recognition are of another essence and another realm. Most of the corruption in this Cause appeared through Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani, who called himself Quddus, though he had absolutely no knowledge of the essence of the Cause, and likewise the aforementioned Siyyid. In short, a few deceitful, heedless, ignorant souls have afflicted people with vain imaginings greater than previous ones, and strange it is that they have still not recognized the Day of God. I testify that they are in grievous doubt and schism. The greatness of recognizing the Day of God can be understood from this blessed verse which states: "Allah is He Who raised the heavens without any pillars that you can see; then He established Himself on the throne and made subject the sun and the moon; each one runs its course for a term appointed; He regulates all affairs, explaining the signs in detail, that you may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Lord." Very rarely are souls seen who manifest from the horizon of certitude and attain to this station, and whoever attains it erases from the tablet of their knowledge all mention of leadership, nobility, guardianship, successorship, and all above or below these. This station is not and has never been for any ignorant and heedless one. This is the sealed nectar that was hidden in the treasure of the Furqan, and this is the concealed mystery whose fragrance wafted from previous holy books. Blessed is he who found and knew. I testify that he is among the assured ones who have attained, and besides him there is no mention nor portion in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And if you wish to know the conditions in these regions, it is exactly as your honor had written in your previous letter. All that was revealed in the blessed Surih of Ra'is and the Most Holy Book is being witnessed day by day. But where are the penetrating eyes and the attentive ears? We beseech God to grant the people fairness and not deprive them of the ocean of His abundant grace.

Regarding the Afnan who ascended unto God, a special Tablet of Visitation was revealed by the Supreme Pen. Though brief, by God's life, it contains mention of what was and what will be. Likewise, several Tablets were revealed specifically for his relatives. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant patience to all and adorn them with the raiment of tranquility and contentment. Your honor may convey these as you deem appropriate.

Convey greetings, glorification, and this servant's mention of nothingness to His Honor Afnan Aqa Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. This depends on your honor's kindness. All those circling round, from the people of the pavilion of infallibility, remember your honor with the most wondrous, most impregnable, most glorious mention and most exalted, most supreme glorification. Likewise, all the loved ones in the prison city, one and all, express their pure devotion to your honor. His Honor the Name of God M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, sends sanctified glorification

beyond description and expression. And finally, upon you be every mention, every praise, every loftiness and every glory.

The Servant

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Another submission: this servant has written three copies of the revealed Tablet of Visitation specifically for the Afnan, upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory. Your honor will send them. Two Tablets were also revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for Nawwab 'Ala'u'd-Din Khan and Nawwab 'Ali A?ghar Khan, which were sent along with two letters that this ephemeral one wrote. Likewise, a Tablet was revealed specifically for Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-?amid, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. One Tablet of Visitation with two Tablets should be sent to China, and two Tablets of Visitation and two Tablets should be sent to the land of Ya and the land of Shin. All these matters depend on your honor's kindness.

The Two Most Exalted Branches, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of their mighty footsteps, glorify your honor with glorification sanctified from the worlds of creation.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My spirit and heart be a sacrifice unto thee! Thy gracious letter hath reached this lowly servant, and I have attained unto that which the dove of love for our Lord, the Mighty, the Invincible, warbled upon the twigs of its letters and the branches of its words. I have heard the sighs of the fire of thy longing in separation from the Beloved of all horizons. O what a spirit is that fire from which the lights of hearts are made manifest, and by which the lamps of love are kindled in the hearts and breasts, as though it were ignited in the tree of the heart, proclaiming at every moment that there is no God but Him, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Most Glorious.

The blessed letter, which was the breath of life itself, bestowed new life and granted boundless spirit, for it was perfumed with the fragrance of the garment of the love of the Beloved. Praise be to God that the sweet-scented breezes from the Ridvan of the mention of the Countenance of Glory and Majesty continually waft from the direction of sanctified hearts and pure souls, and the banners of steadfastness and constancy are raised upon the mountains of hearts and minds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to extend these musk-laden spiritual breezes through winds that pass over the Ridvan of His glorious and beloved Name, that all created things may be perfumed by these fragrant missives, and all birds may warble in the atmosphere of meanings and utterance. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

After the blessed letter was presented before the Most Holy and Luminous Countenance, the Sun of inexhaustible grace dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the favor of the Lord of creation upon that essence of faithfulness, and the water of divine mercy flowed from the right hand of the Celestial Throne. Well is it with thee, for the glances of holiness and the gaze of nearness have been directed

towards thee, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken thy name, and the Pen of Power hath moved for thy sake. A Tablet of transcendent glory hath been specifically sent down from the heaven of loftiness and majesty. We beseech God to grant thee the bounty of attaining His presence and contemplating Him.

God willing, they should, through divine grace, be engaged at all times in rendering assistance to the Cause of God. For the sake of God, they should guide people to the Ancient Law. The Tongue of God hath ever proclaimed this word: It behooveth the sincere ones among the loved ones of God to nurture, with utmost kindliness and compassion, the frozen earth with the water of oneness, that there may grow from it that which God hath purposed for it. They should not consider that some are dormant or remote from the Fountain of nearness. They should awaken every soul through goodly exhortations and exert mighty efforts to unite the hearts of the loved ones of God. This matter hath been greatly emphasized, for all have ever been commanded to manifest love and unity. Nevertheless, certain matters are heard which are not pleasing in the sight of God. The world is not worthy of attention, such that it should cause conflict and contention among the loved ones. Ye must surely give attention to this matter.

It hath been revealed by the divine Pen that in every city several souls should gather specifically to consult about teaching God's Cause, determining what manner is most advisable and proceeding accordingly. Wondrous and sublime utterances have been specifically revealed from the Court of Divine Unity regarding this matter. God willing, they shall be sent later, for this is the most important of all matters. Likewise, it hath been revealed from the Divine Throne that it is necessary to guide, with wisdom and goodly counsel, any of the kindred who have remained distant from the Fountain of Grace and are occupied with worldly desires and passions, and also those souls who were within the Bayan but later became veiled by veils, for God desireth that none of these souls should remain deprived. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Furthermore, it would be most praiseworthy if souls would, purely for the sake of God, proceed to various regions such as Gilan and other places to teach His Cause. However, the teachers must possess those qualities which have been set forth in the Arabic treatise on conduct revealed by the Pen of God in Iraq. The purpose is that these souls should walk for God, in God, and towards God.

The Divine Command hath issued that the loved ones of God should walk among men with the character of Truth. As can be seen, the greater the afflictions and the more severe the calamities that befell Us, the more firmly did We engage in the promotion of the Cause. Thus did We send forth the Call in the form of a Tablet unto the Pole of all lands, even unto him whom We desired, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck save whom thy Lord willed. Yet in all circumstances wisdom must be observed, and one must deal with people with kindness and compassion, for they are weak. Had they known, they would have circled round the Countenance. The heedless must have a wise counselor - such is God's decree. All must be seen in complete humility and must, in truth, gird up their loins to serve. Had people heeded the counsels of the Pen of the Divine Command, ye would have beheld all on earth illumined with the lights of guidance and adorned with the Most Glorious Beauty.

No sooner had some measure of tranquility been established in the land than certain ignorant ones in every city laid claim to divinity. Thus from the year when the Most Great Light dawned above the horizon of Iraq until now, numerous souls have cast aside piety and raised the standards of rebellion and

transgression. These souls have caused upheaval and revolution in the lands. Ere long ye shall witness that from every land a calf will raise its call. All this We foretold at the time of Our departure from Iraq. Observe how the previous Manifestation informed all peoples of this Most Great Manifestation, even as the son of Zachariah heralded the Son of Mary. They have emphasized this to such a degree that they have said that should anyone speak His verses, none would deny Him. It is quite clear that they would not have uttered such words and their like except after having knowledge of this Most Great Manifestation; otherwise such words would never have been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Command. For it is observed that most people have spoken words and thereby followed the path of pride and arrogance, and were not and shall never be mentioned before God. They have regarded the Cause of God as futile and have not reflected that were God's Cause to be of this nature, it would never become firmly established.

In brief, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - in those days, in view of the existence of this Manifestation and Its dawning, concluded the entire Bayan with this Most Great Remembrance, lest the people of the Bayan be debarred from the All-Merciful. Otherwise, no previous Manifestation had ever foretold a subsequent Manifestation in such manner. If the intention of the Point of the Bayan were what people have understood, then since most people speak verses according to their own fancy, all of them should be true. Any person of understanding would realize how far these people are from the fountain of knowledge and how they have failed to grasp the meaning. By My life! That Point of existence had no purpose except to exalt this Divine Word. Some time ago, the most ignorant of men came with two others like himself from Iran to the great city and, according to his fancy, uttered verses and made claims. He is but in manifest loss and error. God willing, the loved ones of Truth must protect the Sanctified House from the heedless hosts of the polytheists and must counsel the pretenders. The Book of Badi' which from the tongue of one of the loved ones from the Source and […]

It hath been revealed that they should study it thoroughly and impart it unto others, that perchance they may turn from self to guidance and from pride to humility. It is evident that this Prisoner hath forsaken comfort, glory, prosperity, life itself and the like for the life of the world, and hath shown no compromise with anyone on earth in the Cause of God, much less with others. Now must all unite to exalt this all-embracing Word and, with the utmost diligence and wisdom, engage in teaching God's Cause with prudence and forbearance. We beseech God to aid them in this. By My life! Were they to become aware of this Revelation and its sovereignty, they would be thunderstruck, let alone draw nigh unto it. Most are ignorant to this day. None hath recognized the divine Tree and its sovereignty, majesty and power, save whom thy Lord willeth. Therefore an expounder is needed. God willing, ye must occupy yourselves with serving the Cause in a manner that befitteth and beseemeth it. We beseech God to make thee a key to unlock the doors of hearts and minds, and to aid thee to assist His Cause. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken.

Likewise was revealed from the right hand of the Throne: O Ali! From the day that the designated Tablet, which hath been named the Cry, the Hour, and the Trump, was sent forth, the idolaters and deniers have arisen with utmost scheming and plotting. Though outwardly nothing is apparent, thy Lord verily is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. With utmost determination they have sought and continue to seek the Ancient Beauty. In these days, each day witnesseth a fresh occurrence in this land. By the truth of God,

never hath there been, nor shall there ever be, any grief from these matters and whatsoever hath occurred before or shall occur hereafter. With such joy doth the Ancient Beauty sit upon the Most Great Throne that were but a whiff thereof to waft over the inhabitants of earth, all would perish from delight, gladness and ecstasy. However, the grief is that the servants are weak, and the Truth, out of kindness and mercy, summoneth them to the ultimate destination through an ocean of tribulations and ordeal, yet these veiled souls perceive it not. O Ali! Exert your utmost effort and protect the edifice of the Cause from the thieves. Consider the physical house: if its guardians be overcome by sleep, surely thieves will enter, but if the guardians remain vigilant in their protection and guard, they shall never gain access. Now it behooveth the sincere ones among the loved ones of God to exercise the utmost endeavor and protect God's Cause and His edifice from the thieves. Many a thief appeareth in the guise of a guardian. Be ye vigilant and be not of the heedless. Say: Stand guard at the gate, then drive away the evil ones with the flame of the mention of My Name, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

And regarding the names that were mentioned, they were presented before the Throne, and supreme loving-kindness hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause specifically for each one, and the Tongue of Grandeur specifically uttered these words: "The glory of God be upon them." However, in these days, due to the severity of circumstances, the sending of Tablets is forbidden. Yet I hope they will be revealed from the Most Holy Court and dispatched. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning what you wrote about Nabil, upon him be the glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Glorious - it brought much joy and gladness, for he is among those souls who spent time in the presence of the Throne. Few are the souls who have attained to that which he hath attained. By the truth of Truth, this servant was much perplexed and saddened regarding his situation, for there had been perfect fellowship and intimacy with him. I greatly regretted the delay in mentioning him. Praise be to God that after the arrival of your letter, sorrow was transformed into joy. We beseech God to assist him to make mention of Him, enable him to serve Him, and make him a champion of His Cause among the worlds.

Convey infinite expressions of devotion and most glorious, most exalted greetings from this evanescent one to Aqa Muhammad Hasan, his brother - upon them both be the glory of the All-Merciful. I once heard specific mention of him from the Tongue of Grandeur, and from that time until now, mention of him hath remained in the heart of this evanescent one.

As for what you wrote concerning the loved ones throughout the inhabited earth, that all are steadfast in their love for God, the Most Glorious - God willing, through your endeavors and influence, they should be aflame at all times. Convey infinite greetings to all from this evanescent one.

Regarding what you wrote about the daughter of His Name the Luminous - upon him be the glory of God, the Most Glorious - although that sanctified soul, upon him be the breezes of intimacy, requested that she be counted among the servants of the Most Holy House, this servant specifically presented this matter before the Presence: "It behooveth that she be taken by one who turneth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." Thus was the matter decreed by the Pen of Wisdom, and the sun of permission shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance, the Most High, the Great.

Convey wondrous and sublime greetings specifically to the honored father and mother - upon them both be the mercy of God, His blessings, His grace and His loving-kindness - and likewise to the family members, upon them be the glory of God, His remembrance, the radiance of God, His lights. And the spirit, glory and splendor be upon you, O people of Baha and His loved ones. May the spirit of the servant of Baha be a sacrifice for you.

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He is the Present One, He is the All-Seeing One!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and caused all things to speak of His remembrance and praise. He it is Who revealed the Books and sent forth the Messengers as a grace from His presence, and made them guides for all people and lamps of guidance and success. Through them the clouds poured forth their rain and the earth yielded its fruits, and there appeared what had been hidden in His knowledge and stored in the treasuries of His protection. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, acknowledging His oneness and confessing His singleness. He hath ever been in the heights of power, might and majesty, and will ever abide in the exaltation of glory, grandeur and magnificence. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

And peace, shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of His bounty, be upon His loved ones who were not held back by the veils of the world from turning unto the Most Great Name, and whom the might of nations did not frighten. They turned with illumined hearts and radiant faces toward the supreme horizon and uttered that which the Tongue of Grandeur had uttered before the creation of all things: “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

O people of God! The Wronged One remembereth you from the precincts of the Prison and calleth you unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He remembereth you with what hath been revealed from His Most Exalted Pen and giveth you glad tidings of what hath been ordained for you from the presence of a mighty and ancient Lord. Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison, from the Lote-Tree planted in the land of saffron, from the presence of the Most Merciful: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the veils of humanity hold you back from the Lord of the Throne and Earth, or the conditions of those who have denied the Day of Judgment cause you grief. Ye are the hands of His Cause amongst His servants and the standards of guidance in His lands. Know your stations, holding fast to the grace of God, the Forgiving, the Generous. This is the Day which was announced in God’s Books of old and of which every trusted Messenger gave tidings.

O people of God! We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God shall be exalted among His servants and your stations shall be made manifest among the peoples. Verily, He is the Sincere Counsellor, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Take hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Him and follow not the desires of those who have turned to the daysprings of idle fancies, turning away from His straight path. This is He Who hath come with the Kingdom of Utterance from the presence of the Most Merciful. Fear God and be not of the heedless. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My

knowledge, soared in My atmosphere, and held fast unto My strong cord. That which was promised in the Books of God and concealed in His all-encompassing knowledge hath appeared. Every secret hath been revealed and the ocean of knowledge hath surged among all possibilities. Exalted is the Most Merciful, the Manifestation of this mighty Message.

O ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One, and remind His loved ones of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of their Lord, the Master of this wondrous Day. Say: The Kawthar of life hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Draw ye nigh, O people, and be not of the heedless ones. Beware lest anything whatsoever debar you from the Lord of Names. Cast away your idle fancies. By God! The horizon of the heaven of utterance hath been illumined with the light of certitude. This is a Day wherein naught shall profit you save this Name, at Whose appearance all names have bowed down in submission, whereupon the limbs of every heedless and remote one have quaked. O people! Deprive not yourselves of the breezes of the days of your Lord, the Mighty, the Great. The ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the luminary of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned towards God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, and traversed land and sea until thou didst arrive at a place wherein the remembrance of God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth, was exalted, and didst attain the presence of the Wronged One, and didst hear His call, and didst succeed in reaching a horizon from which the Sun of utterance hath shone forth by the command of One Who is the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Thou wert present, and didst hear, and didst witness that which the divines and theologians of Persia were prevented from attaining. Thus have We expounded the verses unto thee that thou mayest know and be of the thankful ones. Say: […]

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having strengthened me, and made me to know Thee, and caused me to hear and to see, and brought me near until I stood before the gate of Thy bounty and grace, and attained unto that which most of Thy servants were deprived of. O Lord! The light of Thy countenance drew me, and the fragrances of Thy Revelation seized me, and separation from Thee weakened me, until Thou didst bring me into Thy presence, and gave me to drink, and provided me with that which was inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Tablets. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, and Thy manifestations in the kingdom of creation, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance amidst all possibilities, and the effulgences of the sun of Thy proof upon all religions, that Thou deprive me not from attaining Thy presence and standing before the throne of Thy grandeur. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, whom neither the might of kings deterred from turning to Thy Kingdom, nor the clamor of the peoples prevented from facing the light of Thy dominion. My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging to Thee, holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace, turning to Thy horizon, and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the doubts of Thy servants nor the signs of those in the lands shall prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee and circling round Thy throne. My God, my God! I know of a certainty that Thou didst create me to know Thee and to exalt Thy Word and to arise to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee in all conditions, O Thou the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, not to deprive me of that for which Thou didst create me, and nurture me for its days, and strengthen me to turn unto it. By Thy might, O God of Names and Creator of

heaven! Nothing in the world gladdens me save the manifestations of Thy grace, the tokens of Thy loving-kindness, the signs of Thy mercy, and the evidences of Thy bounty and tenderness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the Dayspring of Names render powerless. Thou doest what Thou pleasest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou willest through Thy power. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the fire in the hearts of Thy lovers and the light of the countenance of Thy sincere ones to forgive me and my father whom Thou hast caused to attain unto the station Thou didst ordain for him. O Lord! Purify him through that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy grace. I testify that Thy forgiveness hath encompassed all created things and Thy mercy hath preceded all contingent beings. O Lord! This is a day whereon the ocean of forgiveness hath surged before Thy face and the clouds of bounty have rained the showers of generosity and bestowal upon the hearts of Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee not to deprive him of the effulgences of the lights of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art He to Whose generosity all things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Ali-Muhammad! Give thanks to God for this supreme bounty! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and given thee tidings of that which all the treasures of earth and all that the kings and rulers possess cannot equal. Give thanks to God by night and by day, then make mention of Him at all times. He hath aided thee to turn unto Him and hath made thee know His straight and manifest path. Take thou the garment of utterance to the loved ones of the All-Merciful, that they may discover from it the fragrance of the bounty of their Ancient Lord, the All-Bountiful. Verily He will aid them and will acquaint them with that which most of mankind hath been prevented from knowing. To this beareth witness the Truth, the Speaking, the Manifest One. Make mention of Ha before Sin - upon him be My glory and the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Thou wast mentioned before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison and hast attained that whose fragrance shall endure as long as the Most Beautiful Names of God and His supreme attributes endure. To this testifieth every discerning one. Blessed art thou for having turned unto a station from which the people have turned aside, though they were created to serve His manifest Cause. They awaited My days through centuries and ages, yet when the appointed time came and I revealed Myself, they denied Me, rejected My verses and turned away from My proof, until they pronounced sentence to shed My blood with such injustice as caused the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of this exalted station to lament. Hear thou the call, time and again, from the Supreme Pen: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Speaking, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause and vocal in My praise with the wisdom We have sent down in the Holy Books and Tablets. Hold thou fast unto it in all conditions, as bidden by the Mighty, the Bestower. Let not the intimations and the power of princes sadden thee. Hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Master of all creation. Soon shall the world and all thou seest today perish, and there shall endure for thee that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the Lord of Lords. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the breezes of revelation, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having mentioned me while Thou wert wronged at the hands of them that disbelieved in God when He came with power and sovereignty. Verily He will be with thee and will help thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have found the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto Him, and thy humility and submissiveness. We have mentioned thee in verses that shall not be

effaced throughout centuries and ages. We beseech God to aid thee, make thee successful, and grant thee the blessing of His presence. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen One. Thou didst desire to attain the presence of the Wronged One, having been seized by the breezes of revelation in the days of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Give thanks unto God for having illumined the horizon of permission with the sun of acceptance from thy Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower. Fix thy gaze upon the horizon of wisdom, as bidden by thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Return.

We make mention of thy mother and give her the glad tidings of God's favors and bounty. Convey unto her face greetings from the Wronged One. Verily, He is the Protector of every servant who hath believed and every maidservant who hath turned towards the Dayspring of Lights. O My handmaiden and My leaf! Glorify thy Lord with praise, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. Verily, He hath made mention of thee with a mention before which all mention hath bowed down in humility. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having awakened me through the breezes of Thy Revelation and enabled me to turn towards Thee, O Lord of Lords! I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for Thy handmaidens who have turned towards Thee in days when most of the inhabitants of the land turned away from Thee. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Sun of loving-kindness hath shone forth upon thee once again, as We desired to make mention of thy wife, whose mention was made before the Wronged One, Who hath called the people unto God, the Lord of all men. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call. Verily, He hath made mention of thee with a mention whose fragrance shall endure throughout the duration of thy Lord's kingdom, the Subduer of winds. We beseech God to aid thee and draw thee nigh unto Him at all times, and to ordain for thee through His Most Exalted Pen the best of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O name of ?a and Sin! We have desired to make mention of thy son, whom We mentioned before as a token of Our grace, and I am the Mighty, the Compelling. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen thee and enable thee to remember and praise Him, and to ordain for thee that which befitteth His grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Guardian over those who are in the heavens and on earth. And We make mention of thy daughter who hath attained the honor of serving thee in the days of God, the Manifestor of clear proofs. O My leaf! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and calleth thee with the most exalted call and summoneth thee unto God, the Dayspring of verses. Blessed is the leaf that hath clung to the Tree of Proof, and the servant who hath held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all religions. And We make mention of thy other daughter and give her the glad tidings of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed the horizons. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable her and ordain for her that which shall profit her in every world among the worlds of her Lord, the Illuminator of lights. And We make mention of My loved ones whom the doubts of the people have not prevented from God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. This is a day whereon all things have spoken forth: "The appointed time hath come, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath been made manifest." O people of God! His mercy hath preceded you as a bounty from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Verily, He hath aided you and drawn you nigh until He caused you to recognize the ocean of His knowledge and the heaven of His grace and the sun of His generosity, the

Guardian over what was and what shall be. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Him. He doeth what He willeth by His sovereignty, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Not an atom's weight in the heavens or in the earth escapeth His knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Preserved Tablet. Take ye the chalice of salvation in the name of your Lord, the Creator of all things, then drink ye therefrom in defiance of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. By God! The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, yet the people do not understand. Rejoice in the loving-kindness of your Lord and say: Unto Thee be praise and glory, O Lord of Names, for having enabled us to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and guided us to Thy path and drawn us nigh until Thou didst cause us to hear Thy most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. We beseech Thee not to disappoint us of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My dominion be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those whom neither ranks nor hosts have deterred from turning to the Praiseworthy Spot. O name of Ha and Sin, upon thee be My glory! We make mention, at the end of the Book, of thy sister whose days in this world have come to an end, and who remained subject to the will of her Lord, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names and the Ruler of all humanity. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive her and purify her from the defilement of this world, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in that the Tongue of Grandeur hath made mention of thee in this spot round which circle them that are nigh unto God. We beseech Him to ordain for thee what He hath ordained in the Most Exalted Paradise. He, verily, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. The glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen.

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In the Name of our Sustaining Lord! O Most Great Fath! I have taken up the Pen to reveal unto thee that which will gladden thee and kindle within thy heart that which will draw thee to the seat of God, the Most High, the Most Great. When I reached this stage in My utterance, I heard the lamentation of My heart and the sighing of My Pen, and both prevented Me from warbling upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree in the paradise of this transcendent, holy and luminous Tablet. Sorrows overtook Me to such degree that it was as though I had forgotten the melodies of God, and the Spirit was prevented from singing within My breast by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Therefore do Mine eyes weep, and My inner being mourneth, and My heart lamenteth, and My Pen crieth out and saith: "O Fath of eternity! By God, the Ancient Beauty hath fallen into the pit of the enemies through that which the hands of these people have wrought - they who were not ashamed before God and who speak what their own desires command them, and what Satan casteth into their breasts, and who fear not God Who created them by a command from Him. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him."

There have been presented before Us in these days various questions. By God, were I to bear the weight of the heavens and earth, it would be easier for Me than to turn My gaze toward that which thou hast

asked about. By My life, this is indeed a grievous calamity. One asked whether God is capable of turning brass into gold, or ruby into ash, or gold into brass. Another asked whether it is possible for man to become dust after he witnesseth this transformation with his own eyes at all times. Likewise were other questions which the Pen loveth not even to mention their names, how much less to expound upon them and what hath been ordained concerning them. Fie upon them for having followed Satan in what he whispered in their breasts, and they were among the polytheists.

I know not of which affliction to complain - shall I complain of their suspicions, or of their questions, or of that which hath befallen My oppressed and sorrowful Self? This, whilst thou knowest they have not understood the Cause and are submerged in the oceans of their vain imaginings to such extent that they desire not to emerge therefrom. Thus have their souls enticed them to a matter whereby they have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed, after He appeared with all the signs from God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Would that thou wert present before the Throne to witness what hath befallen the Youth from those whom We protected by the hands of power throughout months and years, and to witness the one who rose against Me and disputed with My Self until he pronounced judgment against Me without any clear proof or luminous Book. Say: O people! If ye dispute about the signs of God, then by what discourse can your faith in God, your Creator, be proven? Bring it forth and be not among the patient ones.

Among those who turned away was he who was known by the letter Jim and was in Iraq. He then drew forth the sword of falsehood and hypocrisy, even as We had informed you before that when the sun setteth, the birds of night begin to stir. Thus appeared what God had informed you of before, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. And besides him was she who believed then disbelieved, and God was innocent of her and her deeds. By God, everyone who hath found the fragrances of purity from the direction of God and discovered the sweet scents of the garment from the holy and luminous Temple fleeth from her actions. Would that thou hadst been informed thereof and hadst not heard this drop from its ocean […]

No one has known what she truly was except Him Who encompasses all things with His all-pervading, all-encompassing knowledge. She arose in opposition after having believed, and fabricated against Me whatever lay within her power. Thereby was she immersed in the ocean of fire, yet she perceived it not. She bartered the love of God for her own calumnies. By God! The Pen is ashamed to recount what she committed against God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O people! Slay me not with the swords of opposition. By God! I concealed Myself from you for successive years and desired not that anyone should recognize Me, but God manifested Me and caused Me to speak with truth, and sent Me to you with clear authority. If this be My crime, then pardon Me. I am not the first of transgressors. Indeed, there came before Me ’Ali with what I have brought you, and before him Muhammad, the Messenger of God, with an impregnable Arabic Book. I speak naught except what the Spirit casts into My illumined heart. Among the people are those who object that thou dost claim a different station each day. Say: Yea, by My Lord! I am, at every moment, in a new condition, and I desire not to remain fixed in any station. I beseech God to raise Me at every instant to a station more exalted than before. Without this, the essence of My heart would not be content, were ye but to know. Say: This remembrance is not from Me except according to

your capacity. Otherwise, God hath established Me in a station that knoweth neither increase nor decrease. Whatsoever appeareth from Me, God manifesteth it by His command according to a prescribed measure, lest the hearts of the unitarians be disturbed. Remember, O people, when the Revealer of the Bayan came to you with novel and holy verses, saying: "I am the Gate of Knowledge, and whoso believeth concerning Me more than this hath indeed fabricated a calumny and earned for himself a grievous sin." Then He said: "I am verily the promised Qa'im Whose appearance was promised you in sacred scrolls." Then did He, exalted be His remembrance, declare: "I am the Primal Point, which is indeed Muhammad, the Messenger of God, as ye have heard and witnessed in the Tablets of God, the Sovereign, the All-Wise." When the essence of certain souls had been elevated, He then rent asunder the veil and rose from the Holy Dayspring, proclaiming: "I am God, there is no God but Me, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. I am He Who, from the beginning that hath no beginning, hath been one God, Single, Unique, Alone, Self-Subsisting. I have taken neither partner, nor likeness, nor vizier, nor peer. I have sent Prophets and Messengers from the beginning of beginnings and shall continue to send them unto the end of endings." Say: O people! Fear God and turn not to anything else, but gaze upon the Most Sublime Vision with the eye that God hath made as the sign of His eye within you, that ye may be among those endowed with insight. Then look to the Manifestation itself and that whereby your faith was established. By God! This is the word of truth, and after truth there is naught but manifest error. If ye find and witness that whereby the mission of every Prophet was established, then oppose Me not, even should We pronounce upon the heaven the decree of earth. Fear God, O people! Wrong not yourselves and be not among the wrongdoers. Speak not concerning this Youth that which God hath not permitted you […]

Be not among the ignorant! By God, O people, I desired nothing for myself and followed all the Manifestations of the past, and aided the Cause of God in every way in those days when faces were veiled in fear of the oppressors. I showed humility to every soul in the Bayan and lowered the wing of submission to every sound believer. By God, O people, I protected my brother and his brethren behind his back to the extent of my power, until the breezes of might wafted from the direction of God, the Powerful, the Almighty. I raised his mention among the servants and taught him through all nights and days, and revealed in his praise what none can reckon save God, the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. There was none in the Bayan but that I revealed Tablets for him, wherein We mentioned him with the most exalted mention, to which every fair-minded and trustworthy one bears witness. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, I concealed myself though I was shining among the servants, and manifested his self through words one letter of which outweighs, in the sight of God, all that exists between the heavens and earth. And you, O people of the Bayan, witness all this, were it not for the veils of self and desire that prevent you. Judge fairly then - did I fall short in any matter? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! By God, I was among enemies in days when souls trembled for my life from the hosts of the oppressors, and I received the arrows of the enemies with my breast lest they fall upon them. Judge fairly then - could one whose deeds were such as you witnessed be suspected of loving this world, or of seeking to exalt his own mention, or of self-glorification? Nay, by the Lord of the Mighty Throne! By God, O people, that has befallen Me which cannot be mentioned by pen or tongue. Whenever I wish to speak of it, My intense weeping and the sorrow of My heart and the trembling of My limbs prevent Me. To this bears witness what flows from My grieving pen. When My brother saw that the Cause had advanced and My name had become renowned among the loved ones, he desired to kill Me. When God thwarted him in this and I

departed from among them, he took up the pen and wrote concerning Me that which I am ashamed to mention, casting the blame upon My wronged and solitary self, attributing every evil to Me in his words to instill hatred in the breasts of the rebellious. His words in his own hand are still in My possession, and whoever wishes to see them may come into the presence of this Youth to see and learn what has befallen Me in this remote prison. Salman has witnessed, and We ask God to make him speak truthfully of what he witnessed with his own eyes, that he may be among those who would not sell the slave of truth for numerous coins of falsehood. When I witnessed and learned what he had written concerning Me, I lamented within Myself with the lamentation of the distressed, and I wept over the Cause, for I knew that what he had committed would cause God's Cause to be lost among the people, though His Cause is sanctified above being changed by anything. However, people are not all of one capacity, and there must be weak ones among them who will be disturbed by such matters, except those whom God protects through His authority - and He is indeed the Forgiving, the Merciful. By God the Truth, had My blood been shed a thousand times, it would have been better in My sight than for these matters to become known among the servants. But God has decreed what He willed, and He does what He pleases and ordains what He desires[…]

Verily I was cognizant of what was within his soul from former times, yet We concealed it lest it cause the feet of the deluded ones to stumble. When that which was manifest appeared from him, I commanded that the people be informed, that their faith might be preserved and their deeds not be rendered vain, lest they be numbered among the losers. Therefore did We inform the servants and command them with that which they were commanded in all the Tablets from the Ancient Revealer, that they might purify their hearts from all allusions and behold the Manifestation with the eye of the Manifestation, not with the eye of any created thing, for none can perceive Him save through His own hallowed and all-seeing eye. By God! I desired no authority or station for Myself, and even now am imprisoned beneath the hands of the oppressors. O people! Be fair in My Cause and follow not your desires, and be not of the heedless. Verily he who held a knife in his hand and would cut off the head of God writeth in the Tablets that should the Truth be made manifest, whether in the Bayan or elsewhere, whether it be through a servant or a free man, whether black or Ethiopian, "I shall follow Him and be of the believers." Say: O servant! If thou art truthful in thy words, why dost thou dispute the signs of God, His sovereignty, His might and His power? Hast thou witnessed any Manifestation greater than what hath appeared in truth? Bring forth thy proof if thou art of the truthful ones. Verily He Who hath appeared is more manifest than the sun at high noon. Thou deniest Him and seekest to slay Him and writest that which every seeing eye testifieth to be false. By God! Thou sayest as said the divines of the Qur'an when He came with clear sovereignty. They said: "O people! We await the appearance of God and have hoped to attain His presence and reach His court. We desire naught save what God desireth for us." Yet they pronounced judgment against God until they slew Him with such injustice as hath no parallel in creation, and God is witness and knowing of this. By God! Such words issued not from their pens and mouths except to confound the Cause of God among His servants and lead them astray from the path. Would that the people were aware of the Cause and were of those who know! By God! As there was love for thee in My heart and We confirmed thee in the Cause, We therefore desire that thou shouldst stand firm in such wise as would astonish every steadfast one, and that thou shouldst behold God with thine illumined eye. And should others among the servants object as they have objected, verily thy Lord is independent of them. Soon shall they know, at the time

when the dust of death overshadoweth them and the might of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, seizeth them. Soon shall God destroy their souls and whatsoever of the world is with them, save those who have held fast to the divine cord and were upon a straight path. Arise to serve the Cause, then take the chalice of Baha between earth and heaven, then drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. And shouldst thou find a sanctified heart, let it drink thereof and be not of the patient ones. Take hold of the reins of the Cause with the power of thy Lord and fear no one, then detach thyself from all the worlds. And the glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who love thee in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the King, the Beloved, the Most High! Immeasurable praise beseemeth the holy court of the ever-sanctified King Who, from the radiance of His Beauty, created the sun; Who, from the mantle of His Countenance, brought forth the moon; and Who made manifest the stars in the realm of existence. Each of these hath He made a distinct sign from His presence: the first sign He made the manifestation of the Sun of His unseen Reality, the second sign He made a mirror reflecting that Sun, and the third signs He made as lamps kindled from the mirror of manifestation. Through these manifest signs He hath called unto Himself all creation and all that shall be created, and made all that was or shall be aware of His infinite revelations. In every age He hath made manifest the Sun of His mercy in supreme glory and with most resplendent light, causing it to speak and proclaim the most exalted path and way in the realm of existence. Upon it He hath sent down His proof and revealed His decisive verses through its wisdom-laden tongue. He hath called all things wherein is found the breath of life unto His sanctified Being and summoned them to His worship, that all things might ascend from their lowly station to the supreme horizon, and in every moment witness within their own realm of possibility the boundless effusions of their Lord, rising unto the Concourse on High and ascending to the holy horizon, arriving at and making mention of the one incomparable God, single in His Essence and Attributes. And when the infinite creation reached its end, He brought His new creation into being, manifested Himself unto it through its own self, shone forth upon all created things, and made it manifest in that manifestation. After the complete manifestation of that sanctified Being, He raised it up and made manifest the second of His manifestations in the station of all creation, through which He shone forth upon all things. In this way and manner He made manifest His infinite revelations in every age and made evident in every era a Prophet and a Book, calling His creation unto Himself, until He sealed the Messengers with Muhammad, His Apostle, revealed unto Him His Book of Truth which was the true Furqan, and in it called His creation unto the Manifestation of His Self, making him the Manifestation of His Divinity, as He hath revealed in His verses, which are His words, in several instances. And when the new creation reached its end, He brought His unseen manifestation from the horizon of “Thou shalt never behold Me” into the realm of existence, and brought His own sanctified Self from behind the holy veils of pre-existence and eternity into the arena of time and space, and lifting the veil from His unseen countenance, manifested Himself openly and evidently unto His servants, that the entirety of creation might be illumined by His countenance and enlightened by the Sun of His mercy, that they might hear in the manifest outer word the inner hidden

meaning, hearken unto the Word of Truth, and present themselves before His Self in the hour of meeting Him, appearing before God in that holy presence.

And becoming illumined by the Sun of His mercy, they outwardly heard the inward, and hearkened unto the Word of Truth, and came into His presence at the time of presenting themselves before Him, becoming as supplicants unto God, and attending that holy gathering. And in this Dispensation, as the divine requirements took effect and His decrees spread forth, some among the servants became veiled and turned away from that holy Being. But those who sought the truth and yearned for the manifestation of reality in that day attained unto the Manifestation of the possible, hearing from the Unseen of the unseen the call that "All things shall perish except His Face." And becoming illumined by the light of their Lord's beauty, they brought forth the breeze of life, journeying from the depths of eternity toward the ocean of forever, and from the ocean of forever toward the sea of perpetuity, acquiring the pearls of love and knowledge, glorying and rejoicing therein in the most exalted Paradise. This continued until the divine decrees took effect and His ordinances descended and were fulfilled, and that holy Tree returned to its own truth as it had been before. Then the gates of God's infinite bounties were cut off and closed, and those in whom remained but a breath of life became afflicted in the darkness of the horizons and souls - some by confinement, some by chains, some by devotion, and some by hunger and nakedness - each one afflicted in some manner, passing these transient days until whatever God willed of the remnants of His Cause that remained from the effulgence of His Manifestation became operative and flowing. Now the Point of Truth is concealed in the throne of His invisibility, watching over His servants, witnessing the Concourse on High, sending down upon them His effulgences, and being aware of their deeds in all that was and will be created. He is the Point of nearness and remoteness - His remoteness is His nearness and His nearness His remoteness, for the Essence of Eternity is sanctified above this, and the Manifestation of Ancient Days is holy beyond such mention. He has placed the sign of His truth in every form, bringing forth within it infinite effulgences, and through that effulgence He has manifested Himself to all creation. Whoever has adopted the character of the spiritual ones and the exalted ones, that sign of effulgence has appeared in them, and they have witnessed in their hearts the mystery that "He is nearer to you than your life-vein." Whoever has turned away from that sign of truth has entered into remoteness and veiling. Those who are illumined by the dawning-lights of eternity have entered the depths of forever, acquiring the pearls of perpetuity and the coral of faith and certitude in the manifestations of knowledge and ecstasy. Through the sign deposited within their hearts they have drawn near unto their Lord and witnessed the divine effulgence in being "nearer to them than their life-vein," delivered from the fire of remoteness and attaining the light of nearness, receiving bounty from the Source of Glory, from the never-failing Bestower of Grace, witnessing in the sign of their hearts the divine manifestations and the holy concealed fragrances.

Having inhaled the fragrances of divine mysteries within the signs of their own hearts, and having become that Bird of Truth soaring in the eternal realms of the Concourse on High, ascending to the holy station, they witness at every moment the endless outpourings of God, the All-Glorious, within their heart, soul, spirit and body. They hear the call "Verily I am God, there is no God but Me" from the hidden and treasured verses within their hearts, and through that revelation, inspiration, and divine utterance they behold the manifestations of their own reality. In the mirrors of their hearts, which are the signs of inner

consciousness and perception of truth, they witness the mystery that “We are nearer to you than your life-vein,” and observe the holy fragrances in the glass of their hearts. At every moment, through the divine effulgences and the glances of nearness and the manifestations of intimacy, they become attracted and detached from all else but God, with nothing in creation becoming a veil between them and Him.

As for those who have become heedless of the sign of truth and negligent of divine lordship, they have become veiled from the sign of truth, their nearness has been transformed into remoteness, they remain deprived of the radiant lights of eternity in the realm of nothingness, become veiled from the gleaming lights of manifestation on the horizon of Sinai, and have transformed their spirit of truth into an animal spirit. Unaware, they act day and night, remaining separate from both truth and creation, returning to their own nothingness, becoming as clay, bringing about the extinction of their spirit, body and soul, with no mention of them remaining in existence - except for those whom divine grace and mercy have encompassed, upon whom the infinite divine manifestations descend at every moment, upon whom the suns of His glory rise and shine in the orbit of His exaltation, and upon whom the holy stars of His grandeur gleam and radiate.

In their hearts, spirits, souls and bodies, they witness the signs that prove the existence of God, and with the ear of their spirit they hear the call “Hearken unto that which is revealed unto you from your Lord.” Upon their tongues flows the words “Our Lord! We have heard one calling to faith, and we have believed in him,” and entering through the gate of God’s mercy, they utter the word of remission. They enter the City of Oneness while its people are heedless, and dwell in the pavilions of holiness. How blessed are those who behold the manifestations of Truth, whom nothing can veil, who at every moment are illumined by His novel splendor, who witness His signs of glory and creation in their own contingent and created realms, who through nearness itself witness the sign of nearness and draw near unto God, who through remoteness itself witness the sign of remoteness and become remote from all save the divine manifestations, and who behold in their hearts the hidden and treasured manifestation that “He is nearer to you than your life-vein.”

The manifestation of “We are nearer to him than his life-vein” is concealed within that hidden verse in their hearts, and by it they have worshipped their Lord day and night, and through it they have gazed toward God, seeing it as the means of their attainment unto their Creator. They have looked to the truthful words stating that “servitude is an essence the inner reality of which is lordship,” and according to this utterance they have grasped the true knowledge revealed in God’s Book as expressed by the truthful ones, thereby ascending to the Supreme Concourse. Thus, they have ascended to the sacred place as far as possible, and have not regarded the knowledge of the Bayan as they regarded ancient knowledge, for previous knowledge compared to this is as nothingness and extinction before eternity and perpetuity. In previous Manifestations, just words were manifest from the inmost heart, while in this Dispensation divine verses have been revealed in manifest form, attracting all created things past and future, save certain Prophets - upon them be prayers and glory - unto whom the words of truth were revealed. As He says in the Torah, speaking directly to Moses without veil, addressing him and in certain instances calling him Lord and created things as lordly ones. Similarly in the books of all Prophets, as He says to David: “Thou art My son, today have I begotten thee,” and in other instances says: “Thou art the son of My beloved, in thee am I well pleased,” and elsewhere states: “Israel is My firstborn.” Similar

divine utterances are found regarding other Prophets, as the people of the Gospel interpret the words of the Torah and Psalms of David regarding Jesus - peace be upon Him - with some considering Him God, others the Son of God, and yet others the intermediary between God and creation, each following their own way. All this knowledge compared to the new knowledge is as darkness to light, as a hidden sun. Therefore strive to grasp true knowledge and know that God's infinite manifestations have filled heaven and earth, and His all-encompassing revelations have embraced all created things past and future. There is nothing except that God has manifested Himself upon it through a sign of His Self, thus all things proclaim "There is no God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting." As for what was mentioned in the words of the ancients that "the Friend is nearer to me than myself" - this is a remote saying and strange utterance. How can the created be nearer to the Creator than the Creator's own Self? God forbid! Unless we say that Friend is the Reality of the Essence in the unseen of unseens within the witness of witnesses, where no mention is made of creation and no existence is referred to therein. However, His nearness and remoteness becomes apparent in one's recognition and shines forth in one's knowledge. If one attains unto the Truth, at the moment of attainment there is separation, for the distance between him and the Creator is evident […]

And the Creator is manifest, and if He becomes distant, meaning if one does not attain unto that Reality, in His remoteness there is nearness which is the very essence of separation, for His manifestation is within it. And that is the reality of union which is far from you, for you cannot attain His knowledge, and yet is near to your hearts, for He hath placed therein the signs of His own Reality, through which one attains unto the West and the Reality […]

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

Praise befitteth the peerless Beloved Who hath been and will forever remain sanctified above the description of all created things, the attributes of all beings, the mention of all peoples and the conditions of the world. The banner of "He doeth what He willeth" is even as the sun manifest upon the highest station of the world, and the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" is resplendent above the most exalted emblems. The gems of all attributes glory in their relation to but one of His signs, and the essence of all praise is blessed and beloved in its nearness to but one of His servants. Through a single light from among the lights of His countenance He hath illumined earth and heaven, and through one word from among His words He hath made manifest all that is in the Books. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto His light, and blessed the ear that hath hearkened unto the cooing of the Dove of His Revelation from the branches of the Tree of Sinai. This most glorious Day hath been distinguished by the seal of His special bounty and mentioned in former Books through wondrous allusions and references. Its fragrance giveth life and its breeze bestoweth the eternal cup. Well is it with the soul that hath turned unto it and become detached from all else.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of signs and the Sovereign of clear tokens! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils and didst manifest whatsoever Thou didst desire in the kingdom of names and attributes, to aid Thy servants to remember Thee and praise Thee, to serve Thee and obey Thee. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves. Take their hands through Thy bounty and grace, and ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy Revelation and Thy might. This is a Day wherein the ocean of Thy knowledge hath surged and the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self and by the Most Great Word through which Thy sovereignty and power were manifested, to inscribe by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and enable them to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

I offer praise and salutation upon the Manifestations of Thy unity and the Daysprings of Thy singleness, whom Thou hast made the repositories of Thy knowledge, the dawning-places of Thy revelation, the daysprings of Thy Cause and the sources of Thy laws. These are servants who have held fast unto the cord of Thy grace, detached from Thy creation, who have clung to the hem of Thy bounty, seeking refuge in Thy presence and shelter at Thy court. O Lord! Withhold not from them that which lieth with Thee, but send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will purify them from the promptings of self and passion. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all creation and the Ruler of both this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servants standing before Thy grace, turning toward the sun of Thy bounty, and hastening toward the ocean of Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them of the wonders of Thy mercy, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world, the Beloved of them that know Thee, and the Ultimate Hope of them that are nigh unto Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the worlds and the Object of worship of all in the heavens and on earth.

Thereafter, the submission of this evanescent servant to your eminence is that through the scratching of your pen the world was filled with joy, and through the springtime dew the dust of sorrow was dispelled. Though we have differed in form, we are all journeying toward God and speaking for His sake. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He withhold not this wondrous, sublime and blessed bounty, and grant it forever and ever. He is the Omnipotent One - not an atom can escape His treasuries, nor can any matter render Him powerless. Thus, wheresoever we may be and whatsoever we may become, we are in His treasury, and praise be to God, we are of Him, reckoned as His and attributed to Him. Blessed art thou and this evanescent servant.

After reading and perusing your noble handwriting, I sought the Most Exalted Station, the place whose praise the Concourse on High is powerless to render. When I attained the presence and was granted permission, the Countenance of the Beloved turned toward me and uttered that which was like the mercy of spring to the earth and its trees. He spoke, and His sweetest words were:

“God willing, through divine favor they shall unlock the cities of hearts with the key of the Divine Word and water them with the vernal showers of His grace, that from good soil may spring forth the flowers of knowledge, and all may attain to their true purpose. Strive that souls may truly become detached from

worldly conditions and arise to serve the Cause of God, fixing their gaze upon the eternal kingdom rather than this transient world and all that is therein. The intent is that the world and its ornaments should not prevent the servants from the everlasting kingdom. How many souls there were who, despite their abundant wealth and riches, arose to serve the Cause and attained unto that which He loves and is pleased with. The Manifestation of Truth, the utterance of truth, and the commandments and prohibitions are all for the sake of the servants, and whatsoever has been revealed from the Supreme Pen has been and shall be the cause of the world's order, the preservation of nations, and the advancement of souls. Blessed are they who ponder on that which hath been manifested from God, that they may comprehend the purpose. Should heedless souls drink from the ocean of awareness and partake of the lights of the sun of knowledge, all would turn to the Most Glorious Horizon and occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God. Their desires have prevented them from God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss."

This evanescent servant, with utmost humility and supplication, begs that God, exalted be His glory, may aid all and grant them success in that which pleases Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what you wrote about attention to the aforementioned direction, it was submitted in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said: "All matters are dependent upon wisdom and consultation. That honored one should be mindful of this blessed word which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. We have said, and Our Word is the truth: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion." Consult in affairs with some friends who are in service with you, and whatever becomes apparent, act upon it, trusting in God. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast been mentioned by the Wronged One time after time, while He was imprisoned in this mighty fortress.

As regards what you wrote concerning Janab-i-Rafi'u'd-Din Khan and Muhammad Akbar Khan and Isma'il Khan, upon them be God's favors and grace, this evanescent servant submitted their names at a most propitious time into the divine presence, and from the heaven of bounty a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent to each one. God willing, they will drink from the oceans of the All-Merciful's mercy and divine favors that lie hidden and concealed within the revealed words. God, exalted be His glory, is witness that they will discover the fragrances of the verses and drink from the aforementioned oceans according to their capacity. Surely they will leave the knowledge of creation to creation and turn with heart and soul to the horizon of the All-Merciful. God, exalted be His glory, informs the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all in the kingdoms of command and creation be sacrificed for Him - of a word spoken by the believer of the House of Yasin, and that word is: "Would that my people knew!" If a soul were to comprehend the circumstances under which this blessed word was revealed, he would surely discover the fragrance of the true rose-garden and turn to the Source that transcends all directions. Were this evanescent servant to attempt to properly expound upon this theme, lifetimes would not suffice. God is witness to these words and His testimony has been and will ever be sufficient. This evanescent servant conveys his greetings to each of those gentlemen, the conveying of which is dependent upon your grace.

As for what was written about the book, it has not yet arrived. After its arrival it will be submitted to the Most Holy Court. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid you in all matters. Verily, He is the Witness, the Helper, the Succourer. Likewise, mention was made of the other souls you had written about before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and for each one an exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, they will attain unto them.

As for recent news, the Imam-Jum'ih of the Land of ?ad, who was the cause and reason for the martyrdom of His Holiness the Name of God ?a' - upon him be all the most glorious Glory and all the most resplendent Light - within the span of a few days was stripped of that which he prided himself upon, and was banished in utter humiliation to the Land of Kha'. After much pleading and supplication, and through the intercession of a group, he was ordered to return to his place via Yazd and remain in his house. Shortly after his arrival, he was afflicted with a severe ailment. Many from within and without have written that he was howling like a dog. Finally, it reached such a point that his own family avoided him. In short, he returned to the lowest depths with the worst punishment. This rebellious tyrant, who in the Book of God is called Raqsha, was several times more wicked than the oppressor of the Land of ?aff. O beloved of my heart! Such tyranny was manifested by this heedless ignorant one that all minds and souls were bewildered by it. For His Holiness the Name of God ?a' - may my spirit be sacrificed for him - was one who, beyond his own capacity, attended to this man's affairs and showed him the utmost consideration, and dealt with all people of every kind with perfect joy and fragrance, kindness and love. Nevertheless, this shameless and impudent one who is called Raqsha, and his companion who is mentioned in the Book of God by the name of Wolf, rose up in opposition and, purely for worldly ornaments, cut down two divine Trees from the Muhammadan Garden with the utmost tyranny. Behold, the curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people.

And concerning the mention of Aqa Siyyid Mu??afa, upon him be the Glory of God, may he ever drink from the sweet water of the imperishable Beloved and abide at rest beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence. Praise be to God, he is remembered at the Most Holy Court, and God willing, he shall act as befitteth. One word that issueth today from the tongue of the Manifestation concerning any soul is more beneficial for him than all the treasures and buried wealth of the earth, for through the divine Word his mention shall endure and persist while all else hath been and shall be ephemeral.

Likewise concerning the mention of Doctor Khabiru'd-Din and his son, and ?akim Imtiyaz Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God - their mention hath been made before His Presence and the Sun of Providence hath dawned from the horizon of grace upon each one. Blessed are they for having attained unto the Most Exalted Word and turned unto the Supreme Horizon on this glorious and wondrous Day.

Furthermore, thou didst mention Haji Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before Him, He showed favor and the blessed Tongue spoke these blessed words - exalted be His grandeur: "Blessed are they who have on this day drunk of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting and have received their portion from the river of mystic knowledge. We make mention of Mahdi and give him glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for him, and We counsel him with that which befitteth the days of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous, and to remain steadfast in this Cause

whereat the feet of the learned, the rulers and the mystics have slipped, save whom God willeth, the Lord of all worlds."

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to all the friends and beseecheth confirmation and divine assistance for all from the Sender of Messengers and Revealer of Books. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto this mighty and glorious Remembrance. Praise be to God, Lord of all worlds.

Another submission: The Most Great Branch - may my spirit and all spirits be a sacrifice for the atoms of dust beneath His most pure footsteps - hath remembered that honored one with special favors and particular mention, and hath conveyed greetings too sacred for this evanescent one to mention or write. Likewise have the denizens of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur bestowed most holy, most mighty, most exalted greetings, and the emigrants in the prison land present their pure devotion, greetings, mention and praise to that honored one.

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After completion of this petition, He said: "O thou who art present! Write to the Khan, upon him be the Glory of God - let them not grow weary from the conditions of the world and its affairs. With complete steadfastness, purely for the sake of God, let them remain focused on that which is befitting and proper, that perchance the blind may see and the thirsty may drink. In this Cause both wisdom and steadfastness are necessary. God willing, in the name of Truth they shall deposit enduring seeds in good soil, and now that they have gone there and made mention of the Cause, they must remain until the trees bear fruit and the children attain to maturity."

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The day-star of words, dawning above the horizon of the utterance of Him Who is the Lord of all names and attributes, hath, at this most blessed of hours, shone forth in all truth with the splendours of the light of God. The spirit of understanding, flowing from the Pen of the All-Glorious, hath, by virtue of His grace, been conferred upon all created things. The mystery of all mysteries, emerging from behind the veils of concealment, hath, in very truth, been revealed to the righteous, as bidden by God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

God, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, addresseth the holy Beings created through the Primal Word that proceeded from His mouth, and beyond them the Concourse on high, and beyond them those whom He hath sanctified above the comprehension of all who are on earth and in heaven and whom He hath raised up through His hidden and inscrutable Will, saying: "Rejoice in your very souls, for the most auspicious time hath come; and the Hour hath struck round which revolve all the other hours foretold in the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Merciful; and the hidden

Morn hath broken forth, in this treasured Name, from the dayspring of divinity, shedding its radiance upon all that hath been and all that shall be." Blessed be the Lord of all bounty, the source of this supernal grace!

The promised Day of God is come! He Who is the Manifestation of the Adored One hath been established upon the throne of His name, the All-Loving, and the sun of His bounty hath cast its rays upon the seeing and seen alike. Wherefore renounce ye, O denizens of the realms of limitation, that which ye possess, adorn your temples with His glorious vesture, and behold with untainted vision Him Who is the luminous Beauty of God seated upon the throne of glory in His transcendent, His almighty and all-subduing sovereignty. All praise be to the Best-Beloved, Who hath revealed His hidden beauty with such manifest authority!

All days have attained their consummation in this most august of days, and all hours in this noblest of hours, and the Unseen hath willed to confer every grace upon the inmates of earth and heaven, to establish, before all who are in the kingdoms of revelation and creation, the Manifestation of God and His loftiness, and the sovereignty of God and His grandeur, that His favour might be made complete unto His servants and His bounty fulfilled unto His creation. And yet, when once He appeared, the eyes of all who had awaited Him were dazzled, save for those whom His might had protected and from whose sight He had lifted all worldly veils. Blessed, then, be He Who hath been made manifest through the power of truth in this wondrous, this shining vesture!

Since the provided text is already in English, I will return it unchanged:

And when the appointed hour of His Revelation struck on this promised Day, the veils of destiny were rent asunder and the divine decree was fulfilled with the departure of the Luminary of the heaven of eternity from the city of Baghdad. This came to pass by reason of what the hands of the malicious had wrought against this Light–a Light that hath outshone every other in its sacred and wondrous splendour. Blessed, then, be He Who hath sent down these twin Revelations through His most great, His most mighty sovereignty!

At the advent of this Manifestation the realities of all created things were filled with joy, and all seized the cup of ecstasy with the hands of longing and rapture and drank thereof the choicest wine for love of this Beauty–a Beauty that hath appeared through the power of truth, arrayed with the ornament of God, the Sovereign, the Just, the All-Wise. Blessed, then, be He Who, through this Revelation, hath attracted the hearts of the well-favoured of the Lord!

Say: This is the Day for which the Pen of the Most High hath ordained no peer, and whose like the denizens of the Concourse on high and the realities of the Prophets and Messengers of God have never attained. Blessed, then, be He Who hath made manifest this hallowed and sacred, this mighty and wondrous Day!

This is the Day whereon the pillars of the Throne trembled in their yearning for God to establish Himself thereon, the Day whereon the foundations of the most lofty Seat were stirred into motion. Blessed, then, be God, the Source of this rapture that hath seized the entire creation!

This is the Day whereon the Sun of Beauty dawned above the horizon of the countenance of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, and the clouds of bounty rained down, and the trees of Paradise yielded such fruits as God hath apportioned to them that turn unto Him with radiant hearts in this Dispensation. Blessed, then, be God, Who hath ordained this surpassing grace!

This is the Day whereon the spirits departed from their bodies in their eagerness to behold the unveiled countenance of the Ancient Beauty. Blessed, then, be the One Who hath manifested this mighty Day!

This is the Day whereon the Most Great Spirit was embodied in the most comely of forms, and, proceeding from the Realm on high, approached the Scene of transcendent glory with such radiance as to delight the Maid of Heaven, until she paused, suspended in the air before Our presence, with such an adorning as to seize with longing the hearts of the Messengers of God. Blessed, then, be God, Who hath created this noble angel!

Thereupon the inmates of Paradise, and beyond them the inhabitants of the retreats of holiness and the realms of communion, and beyond them they that dwell within the habitations of heaven and they that abide beneath the tabernacle of concealment, stepped forth one and all from their lofty mansions, and, conversing in hushed tones, apprised one another of that which had come to pass upon the earth. It was as though the Ancient King had revealed Himself unto Himself, and then, with undisputed sovereignty, unto His servants and His creatures in the realm of creation. Blessed, then, be God, Who bringeth forth whatsoever He pleaseth through the potency of His all-compelling command!

Then the Most Great Spirit raised a call that resounded through the entire creation, saying: "Solaced be your eyes, O ye inhabitants of earth and heaven, O ye manifestations of the divine names and attributes, and O ye who are immersed beneath the oceans of grandeur that lie beyond the worlds of intimation and allusion! This is the Day whereon God Himself, the Most Exalted, the Most High, through His own sacred and glorious Self, beareth round unto every soul, high and low alike, the cup of nearness and reunion." Blessed, then, be God, Who hath revealed Himself in all His manifold grace on this greatest of all days!

This is the Day whereon the most grievous veil was torn asunder and the Scene of transcendent purity was made manifest; the Day whereon the face of God smiled with the joy of reunion, and the gates of His presence were flung open to the embodiments of His beauty and majesty and to them that had pierced the veils of glory through the power born of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise; the Day whereon all things visible and invisible cried out: "Hallowed be the Lord, the most excellent of all creators!"

Whereupon the Most Great Spirit was summoned to silence, and the rapture of God seized the inhabitants of the cities of eternity, the inmates of the crimson chambers, and the dwellers of the kingdom of names. One and all they descended from their habitations until they stood betwixt earth and heaven, with utmost humility and submissiveness, before His Countenance. Blessed, then, be God, Who hath made manifest this resistless, this all-glorious and transcendent Cause!

Then were their voices lifted up in praise and exultation on this glorious Day, a Day whose radiance deriveth not from the sun and its rays but from the effulgent light of the Countenance of God, the King,

the Exalted, the All-Bountiful. Blessed, then, be He Who hath caused it to appear through the power of truth and Who hath resurrected therein the souls of all humankind!

This is already in English and therefore no translation is needed.

The Ancient Beauty stepped forth, while the Kingdom of Revelation preceded Him and the Heaven of divine Inspiration followed in His wake. On His right strode the Realm of Command, and on His left marched the hosts of the well-favoured ones. All glory be to this manifest and wondrous Cause! And when He reached the courtyard of the House, the concourse of the realm of holiness prostrated themselves at His feet, and the foundations of the House trembled in their separation from God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Most Exalted. The inhabitants of every city cried out, and the hearts of them that circle round God were sorely shaken. How grievous that separation which caused the very pillars of the world to crumble!

Upon hearing the lamentations of the inhabitants of the realm of dust, the Beauty of the All-Beloved lingered a moment, and the Eye of majesty wept sore at their weeping. Indeed, the sighs of His loved ones caused His heart to swell with such grief that none in the heavens or on the earth could bear its weight.

He proceeded until He reached the concealing veil, and there at His feet He beheld a child that had removed itself from its mother's breast. And this infant clung to the hem of His robe so earnestly and besought Him in such piteous tones to stay, that the dust of sorrow shrouded the face of every perceiving soul and the winds of anguish blew upon the entire creation. How heavy the burden of grief that clouded the countenance of the sincere! Were it not for the protection of God, the seven heavens would at that moment have been cleft asunder, and the earth would have swallowed up all that dwell upon it, and every lofty peak would have been reduced to dust.

The Hand of Power then parted the veil of grandeur, whence the Beauty of the All-Glorious emerged with supreme sovereignty. When He Who is the Self of God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, purposed to pass through the gate, the Most Great Spirit made its final proclamation: "By God! The Well-Beloved of the worlds hath departed from His House by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought."

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He then wept within Himself with such a weeping that the dwellers of earth and heaven, and those suspended in the air before Him, and those circling round the Countenance of grandeur, wept with Him. And He spoke unto them, saying: "Know ye that in such a departure on the very Day of Our Appearance there are signs and tokens for them that understand. Haply, by reason of Our departure on this most sublime and wondrous Day, the peoples of earth and heaven may emerge from behind the veils of self and passion; draw nigh unto God, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious; and become detached from whatsoever He hath created or ordained in this world. This is that which God had purposed for them as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous." Blessed, then, be God, the source of this most manifest, this most exalted bestowal!

The King of Eternity went forth, flanked by the hosts of the seen and the unseen, with His gaze fixed upon the court of the divine decree. Before Him arose the sighs of His lovers, whilst behind Him could be heard the lamentations of them that yearn after Him. When He reached the banks of the river, He parted from His loved ones, and it was as though the very souls of those devoted servants had parted from their bodies. But He exhorted them to patience and fortitude, and summoned them to the fear of God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. And then, crossing the river, He entered the Garden of Ridvan, wherein He ascended the throne of His wondrous sovereignty. Blessed, then, be the All-Bountiful, the Source of this all-encompassing grace!

The Ancient Beauty's ascent upon His throne took place at the very moment the people arose to offer the afternoon prayer unto God, the Almighty, the Beauteous. Even in this there are signs for those who are well assured, evidences for them that discern, and allusions for such as have been endued with insight. The Beauty of the All-Merciful tarried in the Garden of Ridvan for twelve days, during which the hosts of the Concourse on high, the well-favoured angels of God, and the souls of His Messengers circled day and night round the Tabernacle of grandeur and the Pavilion of inviolable sanctity, guarding and protecting the people of God from the hosts of the Evil One. Blessed, then, be God, Who manifested this incomparable, this glorious station!

During every moment of those days, the inmates of the chambers of Paradise descended from on high, bearing chalices brimming over with the living waters of revelation and cups overflowing with the choice wine of holiness, which they proffered unto the dwellers of the pavilion of glory and the inmates of the tabernacle of resplendent majesty. Blessed, then, be God for this most exalted, this all-encompassing grace!

And when the appointed time of tarrying was fulfilled and the decree of departure was received, the Beauty of the All-Merciful arose and went out from the Ridvan Garden riding upon the finest stallion. Blessed, then, be the All-Glorious, Who appeared in the world of creation with a sovereignty that transcendeth the heavens and the earth!

As He departed, a cry of sorrow ascended from the garden, and its trees, and leaves, and fruits, and walls, and air, and ground, and pavilion, while the dwellers of the deserts and the wilderness, and even the very dunes and the dust of the earth, rejoiced at His approach. Thus did the Beauty of the All-Glorious establish Himself upon the lofty heights of eternity, inasmuch as His gaze was fixed upon the decree which the Finger of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, had inscribed upon the blessed and snow-white Tablet. And thus do We relate unto you the account of the day of Our Manifestation and the circumstances of Our banishment by reason of the machinations of such seditious souls as had disbelieved in and joined partners with God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful.

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In the name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate! Praise be to God Who hath taught the art of exposition through the mysteries of truth, caused to flow from the Pen the symbols of knowledge and wisdom, and clothed in the raiment of manifestation that which lay concealed within existence. We

praise Him with such praise as hath adorned the brocade of the Primal Book and caused to shine forth from the Daysprings of Reality the effulgences of the First Creation, whereby the receptacles of being were immersed in the depths of revelation and witness, and the essences of things accepted the limitations of multiplicity, and after testing and trial ascended unto the heights of understanding and knowledge, forsaking their determined limitations and soaring unto the heaven of sanctity on wings of detachment.

And blessings and peace be upon the Guarded Mystery, the Hidden Symbol, and the Treasured Secret, Who in every world among the worlds of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, is called by one of the names of glory and majesty, and in every station is described by one of the attributes of grandeur and magnificence - He Who was honored by the address "But for thee, I would not have created the celestial spheres," and Who was adorned with the words "When thou didst throw, it was not thou who threw, but God who threw." And peace be upon His family and companions, an everlasting, eternal, ancient peace.

O God! O Thou through Whose Most Great Name every sick one is immersed in the ocean of healing, and every abased one is seated upon the throne of might and ascension! The mystics and their hearts have been bewildered by the wonders of Thy manifest creation, and the wayfarers have wandered distracted in the wilderness of knowing a trace of Thy firm wisdom. Thou didst create existence from nothing by Thy Word of command, and didst deliver them from the wilderness of the darkness of ignorance through the radiance of the lights of Thy knowledge. When Thou didst observe their inability to know what would harm or benefit them, Thou didst send among them, by the sovereignty of Thy power, pure spirits, luminous persons, and spiritual temples in their form and likeness, that they might teach them what would draw them nigh unto Thee and sanctify them from all that beseemeth them not in Thy presence. This was of Thy beauteous wisdom and Thy sublime grace and compassion, for Thou hast never compelled anyone in anything, but hast given all the choice of acceptance or rejection.

This being so, were the Manifestation of Thy Cause to appear among them in His true spiritual reality and divine attributes, none would have any excuse to reject His Cause, and all would enter beneath the shadow of His Command without distinction between the felicitous and the wretched, the spiritual and the physical. Such acceptance would not be according to the seeking and capacity inherent in the receptivities of the servants' beings. Verily, Thy Name, the Just, must needs differentiate between them in reward and recompense, for reward and punishment are bound to deeds, and deeds are bound to intention, and intention is bound to the seeking of created things. For this reason hath Thy consummate wisdom necessitated the sending of Thy Prophets in human form, combining both worlds, that the capacity, seeking and receptivity of existence might be made manifest in accepting Thy grace and being illumined by the lights of the Dawning-Place of Thy unity and the Source of Thy singleness.

I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist us to bear what Thou hast entrusted to us of the trust of Thy love, and enable us through Thy power and might to preserve it from the hands of the thieves. Disappoint us not of Thy mercy, and drive us not from the gate of Thy loving-kindness, for Thou hast named Thyself the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

O thou bird soaring in the atmosphere of love with the wings of affection and the pinions of sincerity and unity! That which was inscribed by the pen and traced upon the tablet in letters from the book of the

heart hath been received. When thy love for the loved ones of thy Lord was confirmed, I was commanded to write the reply. I have therefore complied with the decisive decree, and God is He Who guideth to the path of truth.

O thou beloved! I have seen thy letter and understood what thou didst ask concerning the noble Qur'anic verse and the true effulgence manifest in the mirrors of its holy words. Know thou that for the verses of God, exalted be His glory, there are meanings beyond counting and truths beyond reckoning. Were one to desire to reveal that which lieth concealed within the repository of utterance, all the pens in the world would prove powerless to write, and all the scrolls of the nations insufficient to record it. For those endued with knowledge and wisdom, there is in every station an explanation.

Know thou furthermore that each letter of these sacred words hath two aspects - one turning toward the inner meaning and one toward the outer. Would that we could find attentive ears and receptive hearts that could bear to hear the realities of meaning contained within God's Book and become illumined by the lights of the suns dawning from the horizons of God's words! Alas! Alas! Due to the people's lack of capacity, naught appeareth upon the daysprings of the pages save a mere atom of the effulgences of meaning contained within the verses of the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

How can I reveal that which I have not been permitted to disclose? Consummate wisdom requireth that explanation be given only to seekers. Where is the seeking? And how can all that is known be uttered when its time hath not come and its people are not present? By thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth! The dove of utterance in this station hath melodies that attract hearts and notes that cause souls to soar upon hearing them. But alas! All regret! It cannot reveal its warbling for fear of the hunter of envy, the snare of malice, the net of denial, and the arrows of objection and pride.

Since the tongue is fettered and utterance restrained, I shall explain to thee one letter from the book of knowledge and wisdom, leaving aside what is fundamental to the reality of the Qur'an lest souls be disturbed and pillars shake, until the time cometh and the steed of the Pen gallopeth in the arena of exposition and explanation.

O thou questioner! Know that in these mentioned verses there are multiple stations, from the blowing of the trumpet to the illumination of the earth with light. With those possessed of truth and knowledge, all these stations are established in every world. Just as they confirm these in specific receptacles, so too are they realized in absolute, abstract acceptances. As we believe these ranks in the return, we can determine them in the beginning.

We say that the True One, exalted be His station, was alone in His Essence and there was nothing with Him, as mentioned in the sacred tradition: "I was a hidden treasure and loved to be known, so I created creation that I might be known." When He loved to make Himself known and be described with sanctification and transcendence, He created. He manifested through the lights of His Name, the Creator, and the abstract realities became determined in the world of the particles. In that world, we interpret the first blast as the words "Am I not your Lord?" and the swooning as from the grandeur of God's supreme Word. Then He blew a second time in the trumpet of power with compassion and mercy, and lo! they stand, beholding […]

O beloved friend! Know thou that created things, with their varying degrees and diverse natures, accept manifestation and visibility only in accordance with their receptivity, yearning, and capacity. For among the essential and established divine attributes is justice. Having affirmed this, we say: How can existence be brought into being except in accordance with acceptance and acquiescence? For the matter resolves to one of four possibilities: either compelling all to obedience, or compelling all to disobedience, or compelling some to obedience and others to disobedience, or giving each its due according to the capacities of contingent beings.

The first two possibilities are invalid, for the purpose of creating contingent beings is the knowledge of God, exalted be His station, and the intent of this knowledge is to convey benefit and mercy to creation. Were we to assume compulsion in either obedience or disobedience, free will would be eliminated, and with its elimination obligation would be nullified, and with its nullification reward and punishment would fall outside the circle of righteousness. It befits not the Just and Wise One to bestow paradise on one who has not performed what merits it, or hell on one who has not done what warrants it. To grant reward after compulsion to obedience is futile, for one has not acted according to his capacity by choice but was compelled, just as if you force someone to pray who would not have prayed without compulsion - his prayer stems not from submission to God's command but from fear for himself. No rational being would accept such superficial action, how much less the Just and Wise One whose wisdom encompasses all atoms and whose knowledge comprehends all contingent things.

Similarly, compelling disobedience and then punishment during the state of compulsion would be naught but miserliness, and miserliness befits not the Merciful One whose mercy encompasses all and whose bounties overflow. The third possibility is likewise invalid, for its existence would establish preference, and preference without justification accords not with justice - glory be to the Just Ruler, that He should favor some and deprive others.

Having invalidated these three possibilities, the fourth is established: dealing with things according to their seeking, receptivity, station and capacity. This befits the Just and Wise One, the Generous and Merciful One. If you desire clarification of this truth, consider the lamp - suppose it represents the Creative Word, and suppose the degrees of rays around it represent determined essences. These rays, according to their varying receptivities, are established in different positions of proximity and remoteness - some in utmost nearness and connection, some in furthest distance and separation, and some in intermediate states. In the outpouring of the All-Bountiful there is no disparity or increase or decrease; rather, the differences in degrees arise from variations in seeking.

This being the case, no argument remains for the remote one against the Absolute Bestower, for according to his own acceptance and seeking has he settled in that station. Otherwise, there is no suspension in the bounty of the Generous One, no cause for distancing from the source of bounty and generosity, no aversion of the Creator from the created without reason. As God, exalted be He, has said: "Thou seest no imperfection in the creation of the All-Merciful."

When thou hast comprehended what We have mentioned and understood what We have explained, thou wilt recognize the dawning of the Divine Word upon the receptive vessels of creation in the world of

the atoms, and thou wilt realize the first blast in the forms of power and the second blast in the realm of simplicity and mercy.

As for the swooning, except whom God wills, it is the swooning of all contingent and determined beings except man, by the will of the All-Merciful, as God the Exalted has said in the Holy Qur'an: "We offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they refused to bear it and were afraid of it; but man bore it. Lo! he is unjust, ignorant." And as for the mentioned rising, it is the response of all things through their acceptance of what the Absolute Bestower has given them according to their seeking, acceptance and capacity. And as for the shining forth, it has manifold ranks and stations, among them the manifestation of the Hidden Essence in the realm of Divine Unity to Itself by Itself, and the contemplation of Its Beauty and Majesty in that station by Its Own Being unto Its Own Being without the existence of any of Its creation. In this station "God was, and there was nothing besides Him," and now it is as it has ever been. And among them is the appearance of the true lights in the station of Divine Oneness in the Muhammadan Reality, the First Determination and Mystery of Eternity. He said, and His word is the truth: "But for thee, I would not have created the spheres," and "Thou didst not throw when thou threwest, but God threw," and He - may my spirit be a sacrifice for Him - said: "I am He and He is I, except that He is He and I am I," and in another station: "I was a Prophet while Adam was between water and clay." And among them is the appearance of the gleamings of light upon the Tree of Sinai and the manifestation of His mighty mystery to Moses, He Who spoke with God. Blessed be God, the Mighty, the Wise. His bounty knows no cessation, nor His mercy any delay. O thou beloved! Whenever the Pen desires to reveal meanings and wisdom, the exigencies of the time restrain its reins and prevent it from revealing the realities of thy Lord's verses. I beseech God to make known to thee the reality of expression without its appearing in the visible world. He is indeed the Generous, the Bestower. There is no God but Him, the Gracious, the Mighty, the Helper.

As for what is meant by "earth," it is the earth of receptivity, meaning that it shone with the light of the knowledge of its Lord and perceived the manifestation of the Sun of Recognition of its Creator according to its capacity and seeking. And as for the rest of the blessed verse, it indicates the testing and trial in this world, for this world is the world of experience and testing, that the blessed may be distinguished from the wretched, light from darkness, and the misguided from the guided. God the Exalted has said: "And they did not become divided until after clear evidence came to them - a Messenger from God reciting purified pages." Through the existence of tests, the balance of justice is established, judgment is rendered among creation with justice and grace, and His word is made manifest: "And judgment will be rendered between them with truth, and they will not be wronged."

O God! O Originator of existence and Sovereign of the unseen and the visible! I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing mercy and Thy prevailing and all-embracing compassion to open the eyes of humanity that they may behold Thy Most Great Vision and turn toward Thy direction, detached from their desires and holding fast to the cord of Thy commandments and ordinances. Thou seest them in weakness and lowliness, O Thou Who holdest the kingdom of might and power! Deliver them from the depths of idle fancies and vain imaginings and guide them to Thy path, O my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Leave them not to themselves and their desires. Take their hands with the sovereignty of Thy power, for in Thy

hand is the kingdom of grace and bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest.

O God! Send Thy blessings upon the Mystery of Eternity, the Bearer of the Most Great Name, and the Mystic Symbol concealed and treasured, and upon his family and his companions, with an enduring, eternal, everlasting, ancient peace.

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In His Name, Exalted be His Most August Station, the Glory and Power!

Praise be to the Beloved of the world and the Goal of all nations, Who guided His loved ones to the highest horizon and bestowed upon them their portion of the choice wine of utterance. His path is clear and His proof is evident. Every possessor of insight hath seen and become aware, and every person of understanding and wisdom hath attained to His knowledge. Through His most exalted Word He hath separated between enemies and friends. He is the One Who empowereth and bestoweth might. Blessed are they who have been illumined by the lights of His bountiful Sun and have drunk from the Kawthar of His utterance. Out of pure grace He sent forth Messengers and bestowed Books that all might attain unto that which was the purpose of creation. And these degrees of progress continued until the Messengers culminated in the Seal of the Prophets and the Books in the Qur'an. And He informed all of the Day of Judgment, which is the Day of the Great Gathering. Upon Him be the prayers of God and His peace, and upon His family and companions an enduring, eternal, and everlasting peace.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored brother arrived, speaking of the health and well-being of that beloved of the heart. After being apprised of its contents, he proceeded to the known station and it was presented before the face of his Lord. This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the Kingdom of Explanation. I am the Wronged One.

Your Book hath reached Our presence, and We have heard your call and seen what thou didst mention therein. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by the Daysprings of His Cause, the Sources of His grace, the Dawning-places of His knowledge, by His Will that pervadeth all things, and His Purpose that hath transcended the will of all who dwell on earth and in heaven, to assist His loved ones to act in accordance with that which He hath revealed in His Book, and to enable them to celebrate His praise and glorification amongst His servants with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

From the most eloquent tongue We have turned to the luminous tongue. The friends of God must cleave unto wisdom and forbearance, and associate with all the peoples of the world in a spirit of joy and fragrance. In one utterance may be concealed the Water of Life that bestoweth eternal existence, and in another utterance may lie deadly poison. The people of unity must speak with words sweeter than honey and more delicate than the morning dew. They must regard themselves as the well-wishers of all mankind, and supplicate God, glorified be His majesty, by day and by night for that which shall profit all.

Man is the dawning-place of righteousness and the dayspring of bounty and favor. O servant of God! Thy mention hath ever been before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee in that which will exalt the Word of unity. From every direction have tribulations and hardships encompassed the people of unity. Weakness is seen where there should be strength, abasement where there should be glory, and impotence where there should be power. We beseech the peerless Lord to make all aware of what hath been lost, that they may discover the cause of weakness and the like. He is the One Powerful Lord, there is none other God but Him, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former times.

Certain ignorant ones in cities and villages have acted in such wise as to cause people to turn away. We beseech God to guide the ignorant to the ocean of knowledge, to grant them wisdom and bestow upon them vision, that they may turn with pure and sanctified hearts and hold fast to deeds. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. This Wronged One hath mentioned and continueth to mention each one of them, and supplicateth divine confirmation and assistance for all. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

First, this evanescent servant wisheth to state that if there be delay in responding to letters, this is not due to negligence or lack of love. That honored one is witness, and God is the All-Seeing, that thou hast ever been and continues to be mentioned, nay, art ever before Our eyes. It is hoped that the love preserved in the heart will never diminish. Thy heart hath testified and continues to testify to what hath been mentioned. The occupations of this evanescent one have reached such a point that the pen is powerless to describe them, and God sufficeth as witness.

Mention was made of the honored friend, Amin Effendi, upon him be the peace of God. During the time when the honored Shaykh Salman, upon him be God's favor, was journeying towards Us, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for him. God willing, it hath been or will be received. I convey greetings to him and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to ordain for him that which shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven.

The petition of Jinab-i-Hakim Rahim, upon him be the peace of God, was received. He had previously been granted permission. After the presentation of his petition, this utterance shone forth from the Dayspring of Knowledge: O Rahim! Every just and fair-minded person beareth witness to this Wronged One's love for the friends of God. From the beginning of this Cause until now, We have called the peoples of the earth to that which conduceth to their exaltation, elevation, and the manifestation of human stations and ranks. Our purpose hath been that all might hold fast to that which God hath willed and to that which He hath revealed in the Book. At all times We have spoken with clear utterance and in every state We have remembered the name of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. However, certain souls who are deprived of the ocean of knowledge and the lights of the Sun of understanding have risen in opposition and protest, and have committed that which the fair-minded and sincere have witnessed. In this city a certain official manifested such tyranny as transcendeth description and utterance - he would seize what was visible and demand what was hidden. He was so consumed by the fire of greed and avarice that all the treasures and riches of the earth could not satisfy him. God knoweth what We endured at his hands. Although the divine hand of justice removed him from office, yet his actions have caused such commotion in this land that We have delayed permission for companions to come. God is

Our witness that ye have been and are mentioned before this Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to acknowledge the unity of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Self above all attributes and names. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who have championed Thy Cause with their wealth and their lives and have striven in Thy path with utmost devotion, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and acknowledging what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy grace to make me, in all conditions, hold fast unto Thee and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Thou art, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Rahim! Although We have forbidden those who seek and desire to come to this land, and whenever anyone hath arrived We have commanded their return, yet the heedless have uttered that which causeth sighs to ascend and tears to flow.

O Rubin! The Prisoner maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee to be patient. Verily, the Wronged One loveth thee and We beseech God to assist thee with that which will draw thee near unto Him. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, in the beginning and in the end.

O Khudabakhsh! God hath given and giveth abundantly, for His generosity is great. But the pharaohs of the earth and the tyrants of the lands do not give. Ask thou God not to deprive the people of the world from the lights of the Sun of Justice and to grant them their portion from the ocean of fairness.

O Lalihzar! We have ever called the peoples of the earth to justice, fairness and that which profiteth and draweth them near. They hearkened not, and thus weakness and impotence have encompassed the people of unity. We beseech God to illumine their sight and purify their vision that they may not be deprived of beholding the lights of the Sun of Grace. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to each one of them and to the friends of that land, upon them be the peace of God. Peace, mercy and loving-kindness be upon them and upon the sincere servants of God who have acknowledged that which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book and have said: “Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and the Goal of them that have known Thee!”

Blessed is what you have written concerning the new life and attainment. God willing, the fifteen souls, upon them be God’s peace and favors, have each attained to the mention of the Divine Purpose and been adorned with the ornament of His grace. After these matters were presented, He said: “Blessed is the trustworthy one. We counsel him with wisdom and utterance, and with that dignity which is a human characteristic. And We make mention of the handmaiden of God who has attained to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Peace be upon them both and upon God’s righteous servants, both men and women.” Thus it ended.

Likewise the petition of the honored master, the secretary, upon him be God’s peace, was received and an answer was sent. This servant beseeches confirmation and divine assistance for him. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be remembered. We beseech God, the Lord of earth and heaven, to preserve him and ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As to what was written concerning the apple of mine eye, Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be God's peace, after it was presented before His face, He said:

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

O Husayn! Upon thee be the peace of God and the peace of His loved ones. His honor Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be God's peace and grace, and thou have been and continue to be remembered before the Wronged One. Although this Wronged One hath commanded all to act with propriety, and likewise to observe that which God hath revealed in the Book, and had no purpose except the protection of the people of unity and their glory, power and exaltation, yet they have committed that which is beyond mention. The power of the people of the cities of unity and detachment had reached such a degree that the limbs of the polytheists and the heedless trembled in fear of it and their hearts were troubled. Now weakness hath reached such a point that the hostile ones have attacked from all sides. Every day some harm befalleth and some tribulation appeareth. They have denied this bounty and have deemed this justice to be tyranny. Thus the Wronged One is imprisoned in the Most Great Prison. However, tribulation in His path, exalted be He, has been and continues to be beloved. In all conditions We have desired and continue to desire the good of the people of the world. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of justice, that they may speak with fairness and observe with sanctified vision. The purpose of what hath been mentioned is that the friends may become aware of what hath transpired and know that this Wronged One hath loved and continues to love meeting with the loved ones, but the heedless servants have become a barrier. O Husayn, say:

My God, my God! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and hath placed his trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by the trees of the gardens of meanings and utterance, and by the leaves of realities and explanation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily Thou art more knowing of me than I am of myself. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful. And the response is new.

O Husayn! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which most are heedless of. Be not grieved by what hath befallen this Wronged One. Reflect: We have made mention of thee with such remembrance as is the cause of greatest joy. We beseech God to strengthen thee, to prosper thee, and to ordain for thee the good of what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

This servant too conveyeth his greetings and beseecheth from God, glorified be His majesty, whatsoever conduceth to exaltation and ascendancy. I extend greetings to his honor thy father, upon him be God's peace and favor. He hath ever been and continueth to be remembered. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect him and ordain for him the good of both this world and the next. Mention was made of the honored sons Abdul-Mahdi and Abdul-Hadi and Qurratu'l-'Ayn, God's mercy be upon them. Their greetings and attention were recorded. After their mention was submitted, the Blessed Tongue made mention of each one, and likewise mention was made of the honored leaf of the family, upon both of them be God's peace, and concerning all was manifested that which testified to favor and loving-kindness. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. This servant too conveyeth his greetings to each one and seeketh divine confirmation. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Mention was made of Aqa Habibullah, upon him be God's peace. After it was submitted, these words were uttered: "Verily We have mentioned thee before and at this time, and We beseech God to strengthen thee, prosper thee, and make thee protected, steadfast, firm and immovable in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what beseemeth His generosity, exalted be He."

This servant too conveyeth his greetings and maketh mention with such remembrance as causeth enkindlement. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions to act with righteousness and with that which exalteth their station amongst the servants. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's near servants.

The Servant

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

Praise and thanksgiving, glory and radiance beseem the One True Object of all, Who through the motion of His Almighty Finger rent asunder the veils and coverings of the world and obliterated the doubts and allusions of the peoples. The clouds could not prevent the Luminary of His Cause, nor could the mists become a veil. In the name of the Self-Subsisting, He stood before the faces of the people and summoned all to the horizon of proof. The opposition of kings and the indifference of their subjects could not hold Him back from His purpose. Through the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen He rendered His Cause victorious and raised high the pavilion of "Verily there is none other God but Him" in the most exalted station. Blessed are they who have grasped His firm cord and clung to His luminous hem. The might of princes could not prevent them, nor could the clamor of divines deprive them. Glorified be His grandeur, glorified be His power, glorified be His sovereignty, glorified be His proof, and exalted be His praise!

Glory be to God! Despite the fact that the call of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised from the most exalted station and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are manifest and evident, all are found to be veiled, deprived and forbidden. Glory be unto Thee, O Mystery of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou didst subdue Thy servants and illumine the lands, and by the showers of Thy mercy in Thy days whereby the roses of realities and meanings have sprung forth in the gardens of Thy knowledge, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst unlock the cities of hearts and manifest that which was hidden and adorn it with the ornament of being, to assist Thy servants to stand firm in Thy Cause, to turn unto Thy face and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Thou hearest the clamor of the barking ones from the cities and their outskirts, who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament and uttered that which caused the dwellers of Thy Paradise and the denizens of the tabernacle of Thy majesty to lament. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will, the penetrating influence of Thy Purpose, the might of Thy Most Exalted Word, and the power of Thy Most Sublime Pen, to aid Thy servants to preserve the pearls of Thy love and the gems of Thy knowledge and recognition. Thou art He to Whose power all who are in Thy earth and heaven have testified, and to Whose sovereignty all who are in Thy dominion

and might have confessed. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Your letter and what was asked has arrived. You must fix your gaze upon this Most Exalted Word which has shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen: “O peoples of the earth! Abandon this day what the people possess, turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” This day is unlike other days and this time unlike all times. You must arise to serve the Cause and illumine the world with the light of true unity. This Wronged One is bewildered as to what to say and what to mention that may spread abroad the fragrance of God’s Day. O thou who hast turned towards God! The breezes of proof, compared to what exists in all creation, are as manifest as the sun, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom. Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree this exalted Word is heard: “This is the Day of God; none shall be mentioned save Him.” Should anyone be blessed to hear this Word, he hath attained unto all good. By God’s life! This Word dispelleth and obliterateth all vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed are they that hear! Well is it with him who achieveth this and findeth this remembrance which is the Lord of all remembrance. What hath been said hath been measured and uttered for God’s sake, and the Supreme Pen hath not yet spoken in its own melody as it should. The thieves lie in wait while the treacherous watch from their hiding places, seeking to prevent the servants and to gather the writings of the Supreme Pen - their purpose is evident to God though hidden from men. Though no one stood, yet they installed an imaginary figure with armies of falsehood in an exalted station, built cities with hands of idle fancy and constructed towns and habitations with the tools of vain imaginings. Finally on the Day of Resurrection those fancies and imaginings were transformed into hatred and there befell the Lord of mankind that which caused the eyes of the denizens of the highest Paradise to weep and the Divine Lote-Tree to lament. Ja’far spoke one word in truth and sincerity, yet to this day they call him a liar - such is the state of the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. In the early years, all the divines of Persia arose to cut down the Blessed Tree and issued the verdict for Its death. Consider now - not one of the divines of that land was aware of the truth of the Cause to the extent of a needle’s eye. Much reflection is needed that you may arise for God’s sake and protect the people from vain imaginings and idle fancies lest they be afflicted again as before. Today the eye of justice weeps because of the oppression of the idolaters and the temple of justice laments. Now the manifestations of idle fancy have strayed from the straight and manifest path and invite people to deadly ways of vain imaginings. Thy Lord knoweth while the people know not. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of justice and been of the fair-minded. They measure Him Whose revelation is equivalent to all the divine Books sent down from the heaven of His Will by their own vain imaginings and deny Him, while affirming the truth of others. If this Great Announcement and this manifest, evident Cause be denied, what then can be proven? God shall assail them! We beseech God to assist you to arise for the triumph of His Cause. Stand firm for God’s sake and speak for His sake. This Wronged One hath not yet mentioned the essence of the Cause, but every person of insight and fairness can perceive from the fragrances of the verses and the manifestation of clear proofs and the arising of the Wronged One before all faces that which is befitting and worthy.

O God, my God, my Aim, my Gracious One, my Merciful One! All souls are from Thee and all power lies within Thy grasp. Whomsoever Thou dost exalt transcendeth the kingdom and attaineth unto the station whereof it is said “We raised him to an exalted station,” and whomsoever Thou dost cast down becomes

lower than dust, nay worse than nothingness. O Lord! Despite our corruption, sinfulness and lack of piety, we seek the seat of truth and yearn for the presence of the Sovereign, the All-Powerful. The Command is Thy Command, the decree is Thine, and the realm of power lieth beneath Thy bidding. Whatsoever Thou doest is pure justice, nay rather, pure grace. A single revelation from the revelations of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, would banish and obliterate all trace of disobedience from the world, and a single breeze from the breezes of Thy Day of Manifestation would adorn the world with a new vesture. O Thou Omnipotent One! Grant power to the powerless and bestow life upon the dead, that they may find Thee and find their way to the ocean of Thy knowledge, and remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Should the fragrance of Thy praise be wafted from the diverse languages of the world, all would be beloved of the soul and the heart's desire, whether in Arabic or Persian; but if deprived thereof, they would be unworthy of mention, whether in word or meaning. O Lord! We beseech Thee to guide and direct all. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the bounty of the Most Exalted Pen and its effects. We beseech God to assist thee, keep thee steadfast, and make thee a standard of guidance among His servants and an ensign of praise throughout all lands. Give thanks unto God, for He hath mentioned thee in such wise as nothing in all creation can equal. Know thou this, preserve it, and be of those who render thanks. We have indeed perceived from thy letter the fragrance of love and devotion. We have mentioned thee in this Perspicuous Tablet, from whose horizon shineth the Sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call, and the face that hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the foot that hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. The ears were created to hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, and the eyes to behold His signs. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless. Verily, the Most Great Ocean desireth to cast upon thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not those who have changed God's favor into disbelief. Cast aside this day what the people possess, hastening unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Answer the Call of God amongst you, then take Him as your Helper. Verily, He hath come for your salvation, to this testifieth every knowing and discerning one. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the Manifestations of Thy power, O Lord of all humanity, and by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by Thy Sealed Wine whose seal was broken by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee, to hold fast unto the cord of Thy loving-kindness, and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy. O Lord! Deprive them not of the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor of the table of Thy utterance, nor of that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will. Then adorn them, O my God, with the ornament of piety. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all humanity, and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

In matters of theological inquiry there has been delay, for this Wronged One has not, according to outward appearances, studied the known sciences, entered schools, or been acquainted with scholarly discussions. Having turned away from what is possessed by the people, He has clung to what is with God. The intention is that you should in these days occupy yourself with service to the Cause - this is the most

exalted station. If you hold fast to it, God will unveil for you what you desire from the depths of His all-encompassing knowledge. For in these days, preoccupation with such matters keeps one back from the Most Great Cause, the Supreme Horizon, and the Most High Summit.

Previously, matters of learning flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, but in these days We have confined matters to "There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful." I have come from the Dayspring of Utterance with a clear proof. In one of the Tablets this blessed verse was revealed: "This is not the day for questions and answers. It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: 'Here am I, O Desire of the world! Here am I, O Beloved of all in the heavens and the earth!'"

We mention for you what was revealed upon My first arrival in the Prison in response to one who asked about the world, its origin, the cause of its creation and manifestation […] We said: You should not turn to the past or future. Remember this Day and what hath appeared therein - verily it sufficeth all the worlds. The statements and allusions regarding these stations extinguish the heat of being. It behooveth thee to speak today that whereby hearts may be set ablaze and the bodies of the seekers may soar. Walk with the power of the Greatest Name above the world that thou mayest witness the mysteries of eternity and become aware of that which no one hath known. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be like the beating artery in the body of contingent being, that through the heat generated by this motion the hearts of those who hesitate may be quickened. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the outpourings of this Ocean in the days of his Lord, the Munificent, the Wise. Be a promoter of God's Cause with an utterance that will cause fire to blaze in the trees and will make them proclaim: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

Say: Utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As to penetration, it is conditional upon refinement, which in turn is dependent upon hearts that are detached and pure. As for moderation, it is to be combined with wisdom, which We have revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets.

The fragrances of verses have been diffused and the standards of clear proofs have appeared, yet the people are in strange delusions. God willing, thou shalt render assistance through celestial power. Its effects and manifestations have been and are from pure and detached hearts. It is God's sign in existence and His trust in the hearts and minds. The learned are incapable of comprehending it as it deserves, and the wise are powerless before it. This Most Great Sign rules the world and holds sway over the nations. Names circle round it and all means are manifestations of its attributes. Through the instruments of sight it sees, through the instruments of hearing it hears, and through the instruments of speech it speaks. If no obstacle prevents this power and no veil intervenes, it is penetrating and mighty. It is as a sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of understanding. Were it not for the veils of idle fancies, it would illuminate the world. Neither the might of the world, nor the armies of nations, nor the doubts of the learned, nor the intimations of the jurists can hold back one who attains this most exalted and glorious station from the Lord of Names. This is the station of which the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an: "Say: 'God!' then leave them to their vain discussions."

Praise be to God! That which was revealed for you - every word of which hath testified and doth testify to the grace and loving-kindness of God - was sent down. Some are playing in their pool, thus hath He Who is Justice Itself spoken: verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We praise Him for His grace and loving-kindness, and for His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Glory be upon you and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, who heard the Call and turned unto it, saying: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne."

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O Heydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God!

In My Name, Who speaketh in the midst of tribulations!

True praise and the essence of glorification beseemeth and befitteth the people of Baha, whom neither the riches, ornaments, and colors of the world of creation prevented from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, nor were they hindered by the power of tyrants and the authority of oppressors. Through the light of piety and the penetrating influence of the Supreme Word, they adorned the world with a new life and an enduring existence. These are they whom the commerce of the world occupied not, nor did it keep them from turning to the Ancient King. In tribulations they are patient, and in adversities they are tranquil, inasmuch as they have detached themselves from creation and clung unto the Truth. Exalted be their stations and sublime their steadfastness! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to elevate them among His servants and to adorn them with the ornament of justice in His kingdom, and to ordain for them that which will make them the letters of His Book and the words of His Tablets. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth and the Commander of what He desireth. There is none other God but Him, the Possessor of all creation and the Ruler over all lands.

O Heydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast ever been and art still remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed by the Eternal Pen in the divine Books. That which thou didst mention concerning the devotion and enthusiasm of the loved ones in the Land of Alif and Ra hath been heard. Praise be to God that from the earliest days the light of faith hath dawned, appeared and shone forth from the horizon of that land's heaven, and especially in this time when from the heaven of bounty of the King of Oneness wondrous and sublime verses have been sent down and dispatched. We beseech God to give them to drink, from the cups of His verses, the Kawthar of His knowledge, and from the goblets of His utterance, the Salsabil of His love and good-pleasure. And we beseech Him to aid them in that which will cause the Cause of God to be exalted throughout all else[…]

That mention has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning departure from the Land of Sad - the intention is that prolonged stay is not permitted in a city wherein dwells the Wolf. This word had previously issued forth from the Kingdom of God's Command. Most princes and leaders outwardly show love while inwardly they are engaged in stirring up opposition. Glory be to God! Until now, the mighty deeds and great favors of this Wronged One are not known and no one is aware of them. For nearly forty

years We have forbidden the people of God from conflict, corruption, murder, plunder and reprehensible deeds and actions, such that all would testify, were they to be fair, that the supreme grace hath been manifested from this Wronged One. Previously, every year the fire of war was ignited, as all have seen and heard. But after this Wronged One's arrival in Iraq, no one moved except as this Wronged One desired. Despite the enmity of the heedless and the hatred of the barking ones, not a soul arose to retaliate or defend. The divine counsels and heavenly admonitions had such effect that although they killed and martyred the friends, the friends killed not but left matters to God. Nevertheless neither government nor people showed satisfaction, as though unaware of this deed and hitherto unconscious of this greatest mercy and mightiest favor. Ask ye God to grant awareness and bestow justice. In most Tablets We have mentioned His Majesty the Shah - may God assist him - and have beseeched protection and safeguarding for him from God. In brief, the good deeds of this Wronged One remain concealed while manifestations of denial are countless. What has happened that the ministers and princes pay no heed to measures that would ensure the protection, preservation and tranquility of the world and its peoples? Today one can hold fast to matters that cause the permanence of government and progress of nation, but future days shall not possess this virtue. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the light of knowledge and utterance.

O Haydar-'Ali! If thou wouldst for a few days repair to the land of Kha and fix thy gaze upon wisdom, perchance there might sprout and appear from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha a fruit that would prove the means of mankind's deliverance. The revealed Tablet that was sent down in the name of His Honour Nabil-i-Akbar, and likewise another Tablet specifically revealed for His Honour Muhammad-'Ali from the heaven of utterance - if these are in thy possession, it would be well. In truth these two Tablets are one and should be bound in a single volume, along with such Suras and Tablets as are the cause of attraction and joy, and the means of guidance and gladness. However, in all circumstances the observance of wisdom is greater than all else. Previously We wrote to thee concerning the preservation of the Tablets, and there is no need to repeat it. Two years ago in the verdant land, a certain person who was known to this Wronged One sought to meet one of God's loved ones, his purpose being to understand and discover that which was intended by this Most Great Revelation. He did meet with one of the loved ones, yet from that meeting no fruit was garnered, for the session ended in concealment and secrecy, and due to wisdom the matter remained hidden. For wisdom there is a known measure and limit, for if wisdom be observed to such a degree, the people would remain deprived and excluded. In all things moderation is necessary. Now if thou shouldst purpose to journey to those parts to visit and meet the loved ones, results would become manifest. Assuredly, a deed performed for the sake of God will give rise to wondrous and sublime effects and will be adorned with the ornament of influence. Should some behold certain of the revealed Books, Verses and Tablets, this would be well-pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God, for most of the people, being unaware of the root of the Cause, have been and continue to be held back from drawing nigh unto God by the calumnies of the falsifiers and the claims of the cawers. That which is incumbent upon all today is that they should, for the sake of God, observe with their own eyes that which hath appeared and been revealed, and should, in the path of God, be wholly devoted to protecting His servants, that perchance the people of God may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih faction. The names have become idols of the people - these must be shattered and cast down by the arm of power and might; and by power and might is meant the power and might of wisdom

and utterance. By the life of God! This power hath been and remaineth triumphant, and neither the ranks of the world nor the swords of the nations can weaken or prevent it. Verily thy Lord knoweth and declareth, but most people know not. Ask thou of God that He may reveal the treasures deposited in the earth, and likewise men whom no power can weaken, no strength can disable, and no veils or glories of the earth can hold back. They aid the Cause through speech and utterance. We testify that they are God's loved ones in His earth and His chosen ones in His lands. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth, and who acteth in accordance with that which hath been enjoined in the Book.

Concerning those souls for whom thou didst request Tablets, some were sent previously, and now sacred Tablets have been sent specifically for the souls A and R, sons of the late F, and likewise for the sons of the departed R. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them in His remembrance, His praise and the service of His Cause. Verily, He hath power over all things. The people of that land have ever been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, but neither complete concealment nor complete disclosure is desirable, for verily the wolf howleth and the dog barketh. O Haydar-'Ali! Supplicate confirmation for all. In that land the seed of wisdom and utterance hath been deposited. Soon will appear that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath purposed. In every land thou visitest, make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One, that their hearts may be attracted by the remembrance of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Make mention of the loved ones of Shahrud. The glance of Our loving-kindness is directed towards them. We beseech God to preserve them all from the poisonous winds of doubts. Consider the baseness of Hadi. He hath lately uttered words which no discerning ear hath ever wished to hear, nor will. Now "Mirror" and "Successor" and the like have appeared. Say: Cast away these names that obstruct and hold fast unto that which beseemeth the days of God. Today the Speaker on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation, speaking forth, and the Tree is adorned with ripe fruits and is manifest. Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and by the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to assist Thy loved ones to attain unto such steadfastness as shall not be prevented by the hosts of doubts, nor by the ranks of allusions, nor by names and attributes. The people of Baha behold the truth and are detached and free from aught else. The weak ones of the world have clung to the calumnies of the past. They have turned away from the ocean and cling to a pond. They are deprived of the rays of the sun and have turned to the source of darkness. Justice and equity have been laid to rest in Iran and are hidden from eyes and sight. O Haydar-'Ali! These wronged ones were slain in the land of Sad and 'Ishq, yet they showed no opposition nor raised a hand, but held fast to patience and resignation. Nevertheless, the enmity of the people of Iran is observed to be far greater and more complete than before. Upon return, they did that which causeth the tears of those near unto God to flow. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn His lands with His gifts, favors, bounty and loving-kindness. Verily, He hath power over all things. For forty years this Wronged One hath, by God's will, exalted be His glory, outwardly protected His Majesty the King. Yet no fruit is visible and no trace is manifest. We thank and praise and say: O Illuminator of existence and Concealer of matters! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy Manifestation, the Dayspring of Thy signs, and the Treasury of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to assist the heedless to turn toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. Then ordain for them, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained through Thy munificence and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O Haydar-'Ali! That which is needed today is to prevent the servants from turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon. In truth I declare and with the tongue of reality I mention that every lover who is enkindled with the fire of longing and attainment must act according to what was previously mentioned. By the life of God, in this case he will be recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book as one of those who have attained His presence and meeting, and as one of the companions of witnessing and hearkening. Give this glad tiding to the servants. That which hath been revealed and flowed from the Pen of God remaineth and endureth in such wise that neither effacement shall overtake it nor change alter it. Verily thy Lord is the Elucidator, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Bestower. The path is long and its hardships many. Today all must hold fast to the Divine Word and cling to His Will. That which is revealed from the Kingdom of Command is beloved and to be obeyed. Blessed are they that know and they that act.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the loved ones of that land, especially to him who soared in the atmosphere of My love and shone forth from the horizon of detachment in My days, and who drank the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty - he who was named 'Ali before Haydar. Upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny and the Most Sublime Vision. Indeed they have performed that which none else hath manifested in this age. We beseech God to aid all to that which befitteth this accepted and praiseworthy deed.

The letter of his honor the Trustee - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - arrived, but since outwardly there remaineth no time, the answer is deferred to another occasion. They are ever mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One and are aided to serve. God willing, they may be as an ocean of bounty unto all and as rivers of compassion and love towards everyone. We have aforetime declared: "We have created souls in various stages." Therefore the Hands of the Cause must show forbearance, for these are the days of Revelation when mercy and kindness have preceded. His honor the Trustee hath shown forbearance from his first arrival in the Most Great Ocean until now. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him with the hosts of the seen and unseen to mention Him, praise Him and serve His Cause, the firm, the impregnable.

His honor Ibn-i-Abhar shall remain in that land. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make him a promoter of His Cause in such wise that the tongues of all beings shall speak of his mention, his arising, his steadfastness, and his humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of the worlds. We send him greetings from this Most Exalted Station and give him the glad tidings of what hath been revealed in this Clear Tablet. O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. The aforementioned household hath been mentioned and hath attained unto the honor of acceptance. Give them both My glad tidings and We beseech God to assist them and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon My maidservants who have turned unto God, heard, and believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Luminous.

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In the Name of God, transcendent is His Glory in bounty and grace!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh before the faces of the world is verily the Hidden Treasure, the Preserved Tablet, and the Concealed Command. Through Him have the rivers of inner meanings and utterance flowed throughout creation, and the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged amidst religions. Through Him hath the breeze wafted and the Word proclaimed: "O concourse of princes and kings! The Possessor hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! O manifestations of knowledge! He Who is known hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered what was and what shall be!"

O Amin! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast been enabled to serve the Cause of God from the earliest days until now, holding fast to the firm cord and turning unto the manifest light. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to thy steadfastness, turning unto God, acceptance, and service. Well is it with thee! We beseech God to open through thee the gates of trustworthiness among all creatures. Thy journey to the land of Kha was prompted by the request of him who hath passed away and ascended, and what he desired hath not yet come to pass. The one who truly arose to serve the Cause and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance in the Most Holy Court was serving both the Cause, upon it be My glory, and thyself - that is, in these ranks and stations. Otherwise, praise be to God, all have attained to what God hath sent down in the Book. Truly have the people of Baha performed that which hath no likeness or equal. O Amin! Reflect upon the lovers in all regions who, with perfect submission and contentment, have sacrificed their souls - the most exalted and precious of all things - for the One True Beloved. Likewise those who, through divine power and heavenly training, have engaged in purifying the souls of the earth. Neither the assaults of vice and depravity deterred them from righteousness and godliness, nor did the swords of oppression and tyranny deprive them. Glorified be their Creator, glorified be their Source, and glorified be their Sovereign!

Mention was made of the late Himmat-'Ali Khan. Verily We mentioned him before his passing and after his ascension with verses whose fragrance, traces, and fruits shall never vanish from the earth. We mention him again at this hour. Verily thy Lord loveth His friends. He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

The resplendent, brilliant Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon thee, O thou who hast turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when most of mankind turned away from it, and who hast answered thy Lord when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and who hast acknowledged His Manifestation and sovereignty when the sources of tyranny and wickedness denied Him. I testify that thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, and the Kawthar of eternity from the hands of bestowal. At this moment We have heard the call of all things, crying out and saying: "Blessed art thou, O Himmat! We bear witness that thou hast heard the sweet call of God and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the prison of Akka. We testify that thou hast cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings, and hast taken with thy right hand My sealed nectar and drunk thereof once in My remembrance and again in My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thou hast turned with thy heart to the horizon of the Manifestation in such wise that neither the might of the wicked ones nor the oppression of the evil ones who denied God's truth and His

Manifestation, and His signs and His sovereignty, could deter thee." We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause thee to enter the Most Exalted Paradise and to make thee a companion of His chosen ones and His loved ones, and to send down upon thee at all times mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self and loving-kindness from His side. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, to Whose bounty all created things have testified, and the All-Generous, Whose generosity all contingent beings have acknowledged. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiver of sins, and the Sovereign over the seen and the unseen.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Support! I beseech Thee by him and by his steadfastness in Thy Cause, and by the lights of the sun of his knowledge in Thy days, to forgive those who have visited Thy loved ones and stood before their tombs and recited what Thou didst reveal from Thy Most Exalted Pen in their remembrance and praise. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. O my Lord! Ordain for them that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, then fulfill their needs through Thy grace and munificence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bestowing, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Amin! Upon thee be My glory! Convey My greetings to his son on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: "Blessed art thou, O Murad, in that He Who is the Desire of all who are in the heavens and the earth hath turned toward thee. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Be content in all circumstances of destiny. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth. I testify, and all created things testify, that He is the One praised in His command and obeyed in His judgment." When thou hearest My call and perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy bounty and the path of Thy Cause, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast to the cord of Thy grace. Ordain for me from Thy Most Glorious Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of earth and heaven, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O Amin! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. I testify that thou hast arisen to serve the Cause and hast performed that which hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee a great reward in the Book. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Mention hath been made of him who standeth in service to the Cause–upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Thou hast spoken with truth and sincerity. Praise be to God, he is at all times engaged in service. In truth, he is a success for the servants of the All-Bountiful. Soon shall the tongues of the world speak his praise and glorification. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His honor, the Name of Beauty, upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness, has previously submitted that the sum of twenty tumans is with him for the Huquq. We therefore instructed that it be given to two handmaidens of God, but before Our instruction arrived it seems they had given it to you, or the Trustee had not issued payment from previous funds, and We shall not issue it. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the

Wise. And he too has committed no fault in this matter. Say: O My Name! Upon thee be My Baha and loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness and righteousness. These two are companions unto thee, and two guardians unto thee, and by God's leave, two protectors unto thee. The Trustee has ever mentioned thee and thou art the recipient of special favors.

The letter of His honor ?abibu'llah, upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness, reached the Most Holy Court. We read it, that is to say, observed it with the tongue of grandeur, that is to say, with the glance of favor. O Love! The gaze of favor is turned toward thee. Some time ago, a petition from My Name Beauty reached the Most Holy Court, and in that petition he expressed satisfaction with thee and thy mother. In truth these two expressions of satisfaction are as two crowns upon your two heads and two ornaments for your two temples, for the Name of God has arisen to serve the divine Cause and is occupied with praise and glorification, and deeds performed for the sake of God are illumined with the light of acceptance and perfumed with the fragrance of divine good-pleasure. O ?abibu'llah! In these days, due to the lack of capacity of the servants and their occupation with unseemly matters, the station of thy father, that is, My Name Beauty, remains concealed. God will soon reveal that which He desireth and that which was hidden from the eyes of the servants. Verily He loveth the doers of good and His detached servants.

Thy petition reached Our presence, and from each letter thereof devotion and attraction were evident and manifest. Grieve not over the events of the world. We beseech God to open before thy face the gates of His mercy, His loving-kindness and His bounty. Verily thy Lord loveth His loved ones and hath ordained for them from His Most Exalted Pen in His earliest days that which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to write for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name amongst His creation. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And regarding thy intention to engage in the occupation thou mentioned - although from the divine perspective, any occupation thou engage in is beloved, yet if thou findest a better one, it would be higher and more beloved in the sight of God. Place thy trust in all matters upon Him and commit them to Him. Verily He is with His trusting servants.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to thy mother. Say: Within the divine palace itself thou hast rendered steadfast service. If thou knew its station, thou wouldst be content with God, nay, throughout thy life thou wouldst be occupied with "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds."

O Amin! The glance of grace and mercy is turned towards thee. God willing, thou shalt follow the Truth in all conditions - that is to say, thou shalt deal and associate with His creation according to His nature, His disposition, and His grace. Divine success and confirmation have been ordained for thee both before and after. Engage in service with complete assurance. Thy precedence in divine services and thy zeal in matters concerning His loved ones have been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Be thou confident and among those who are firmly established. We beseech God to confirm His servants that they may assist thee for His sake, and recognize and understand thy station. We hope that each day thou wilt attain to that which is the cause of the greatest joy for humanity. Verily, We have mentioned thee, before and after, in such wise as all the books of the world cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, Who uttereth in every state that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Amin! Those souls who are engaged in teaching the Cause need attention, for unless the heart is detached, words have no effect. Every being needs sustenance, therefore thou must give attention according to thy capacity. Verily, thy Lord's mercy hath preceded all things and encompassed all things. Should Ibn-i-Abhar undertake one journey to the land of Ta and its surrounding regions, this would be acceptable and adorned with the ornament of God's good-pleasure. In no place should he tarry longer than the number of the Greatest Name, unless circumstances require it - that is, unless seekers are found. However, the means of travel should be gathered in moderation, and the fragrance of detachment should waft therefrom. This fragrance is the cause of the world's acceptance and the peoples' attraction. In the days of the Manifestation, assured, content, and well-pleasing souls through their detachment have attracted the people of creation and guided them to the straight path. Today is a blessed day, and its station with God transcends the comprehension of those who comprehend. Detached souls must hold fast to wisdom, which is the cause of acceptance, and through utterance take possession of the cities of hearts. These are the cupbearers of the divine Kawthar and Salsabil. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. In all matters thou must hold fast to kindliness, mercy and compassion, although through God's grace thou hast been and art so characterized. Such mentions are due to the manifestation of care and favors. God willing, may the True One, exalted be His glory, assist thee every day. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Amin! His honor Aqa Muhammad, known as Hannasab, dwelleth beneath the blessed Tree and is engaged in service. He hath submitted a detailed account regarding matters concerning his daughter, and the wife of the King of Martyrs, upon them both be God's care and favors, hath testified in the presence of the wife, confirming what Aqa Muhammad hath stated. In any case, thou art now the Trustee and likewise engaged in serving the Cause. Investigate these matters with justice and fairness for the sake of God, and implement whatever conformeth with justice and fairness. This matter is essential. We beseech God to assist and enable you both to set right the affairs of the world. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We sent forth His Honor Afnan Ali, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, to the City of Love for the sale of properties and payment of the known debt, even appointing a deputy for the auction of a house which was in this land along with the aforementioned land. In truth, all must arise to set matters aright with attention to service, and exert mighty effort and endeavor. The Cause of God is mighty and will soon encompass the world. Blessed is the one whom neither vain imaginings nor doubts prevented from the will of the Self-Subsisting Lord, and whom neither the calumnies of the world nor the suspicions of the peoples held back from drawing nigh.

O Amin! Say: My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison in such wise as shall endure throughout the eternity of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion, and for having aided me to arise to serve Thy Cause, and honored me with hearkening unto Thy call and beholding Thy horizon before the throne of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who openest the doors and aideth the loved ones, by Thy Most Bountiful Name, to assist them who have turned towards Thee to do that which befitteth Thy sovereignty and beseemeth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

We have repeatedly remembered the loved ones. Give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, illumine them with the light of My knowledge, and remind them of My verses which have encompassed the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Blessed are they who speak the truth and hold fast to wisdom and utterance at all times. These are servants whom the might of creation hath not deterred from that which was enjoined upon them in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are the deeds of those whom veils have not withheld, nor the opposition of the divines and mystics who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies without any clear proof or enlightening Book. Praise be to God Who hath manifested the proof and revealed the utterance and given glad tidings unto all on this Day which the All-Merciful mentioned in the Qur'an through His words "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak as befitteth His Day, which was recorded in the ancient Scrolls and inscribed in the hearts of the chosen ones, the pure ones, the Prophets and the Messengers.

Thereafter, the dove of thy remembrance caused Me to hear, and thy love moved Me, O thou who lovest Him Who is our Beloved and your Beloved, our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth, our Object of worship and the Object of worship of all who are in the kingdoms of Command and Creation. When I broke its seal and read it and became aware of its contents, I repaired to the Most Great Scene, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny speaketh forth every hidden secret - He by Whose finger the heaven was cleft asunder and the moon was split and that which was in God's knowledge appeared quicker than the twinkling of an eye. When I turned towards it and drew nigh and entered the seat of the Throne, I arose and, having obtained permission, read what was in your letter. Then the glance of my Lord's loving-kindness turned toward Me, and He revealed that which caused the breezes of the All-Merciful to waft over all possibility, and He said, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Sadiq! We have mentioned thee before in verses that caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge in all creation and the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, which hath preceded all in the heavens and earth, to waft. And We have revealed unto thee what lay hidden in the treasuries of all the Books. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He confirmeth whomsoever He willeth among His servants and draweth him nigh unto this Ocean, from whose waves can be heard that which the Interlocutor of Sinai uttered in the Land of Manifestation and the Bird of the Throne when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the seat of His Most Great Name. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, He Who was promised in God's Books hath come, and He Who was hidden in the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been made manifest. Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds. Do ye deny Him to Whom the Tongue of Grandeur bore witness in

former ages? Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow ye Him Who hath come to you with a perspicuous Book.

O Sadiq! The servant present hath laid thy letter before the Wronged One, and as the fragrance of acceptance and sincerity wafted from it, these resplendent verses shone forth from the Dayspring of the Divine Pen. Blessed are they who in this Day have attained unto that which God hath willed. Whosoever hath attained unto a single word from the Tongue of Grandeur is recorded before God as one of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and is inscribed in the Book. Strive to preserve this most exalted station and reflect upon the Day of God and its requirements. I swear by the seat of the Most Great Throne! Should anyone recognize the station of this glorious and wondrous Day, which is mentioned in all divine Books as the Day of God, he would attain unto the most great steadfastness, and neither the cawing of the deniers, nor the croaking of the croakers, nor the doubts of the divines, nor the allusions of the composers would debar him from the Dayspring of verses and the Source of revelation. Thus hath the Pen spoken by command of the Ancient King, as a favor from His presence upon thee and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The bounties of the Lord of Names and Attributes are evident and manifest through the appearance of resplendent verses. They have no need of mention or presentation by this servant. My mention is according to my capacity and powerlessness, while His mention transcendeth my understanding and the understanding of the peoples of earth and heaven, and my intellect and the intellects of all created things. May God, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty, confirm this servant and thyself in preserving that which hath been bestowed. The servant beseeches his Lord at all times to protect His loved ones, His chosen ones, and His pure ones from the evil of every misleading croaker and every lying detractor, and from every ignorant scholar and every deceitful atheist.

O My loved one! The world hath been laid waste by vain imaginings. The world hath but one Builder, one Destroyer. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of lords. The people are seen to be so heedless that one is astonished. If one veil is rent asunder, they are found to be afflicted with another veil greater than the first. For twelve hundred years and more, the well-known sect was occupied with calumny, slander and the like. At the time of the test, it became clear and evident to every person of insight that that rebellious and transgressing sect was the party of Satan, not the hosts of the All-Merciful. Now those who are veiled in the Bayan follow the same paths. These ignorant ones have not reflected even slightly upon what was the outcome and result of those souls' deeds and actions. Yea, I have knowledge of their deeds. The fruits thereof were that they pronounced sentence against the Beloved of all worlds, and with manifest tyranny martyred the Beloved One Whose mention they had uttered in nights and days with the words "may God hasten His relief." Moreover, they martyred souls who had no peer under heaven. Woe unto them for what their hands have wrought on the Day which was mentioned as the Day of God in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Let us say and supplicate with utmost lowliness, entreaty, imploring, lamentation and contrition, from the depths of our hearts:

O Thou Beloved of existence and remembered in hearts! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby the gate of heaven and the kingdom of names was opened, to aid all eyes to behold the horizon

of Thy Manifestation and all ears to hearken unto what hath been raised from the scratching of Thy Pen. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servants and creation turning away from Thy face and heedless of what Thou hast revealed through Thy power and might, save for the few letters of Thy face whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Book and described in Thy verses. O Lord! I beseech Thee by them and by their acceptance and their steadfastness and their remembrances and their attributes and their being wronged and what befell them in Thy days and in Thy path, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw the people of earth nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Source of bounty and its Sovereign, and the Manifestation of grace and its signs. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, may all these servants be enabled to remain steadfast in God's Cause and be aided to protect the helpless people from the veils and doubts and uncertainties and intimations of the chiefs of fancy and vain imaginings.

Concerning what you wrote about the family of His Holiness the Name 66 (Allah-jim-mim), upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, that they were imprisoned and that you wished to substitute yourself for that imprisonment - this matter is evidence, indication, witness and testimony to your faithfulness and your steadfastness. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you.

That you mentioned he sought a guarantor from you against corruption after speaking with the aforementioned person - Glory be to God! Glory be to God! At these words one finds oneself plunged into an ocean of wonderment, for it has become manifest and evident to all the world, like the sun at its meridian, that the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation, the Manifestation of His Self, and the Day-spring of His verses, has appeared solely for the reformation of the world. In this regard, you should recite those verses which have been sent down in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures concerning this Most Great Revelation - all of which proclaim unity and concord, reformation and kindliness, love and compassion, while forbidding corruption, conflict, contention and the like - that all may become aware of that which God, exalted be His glory, has willed and commanded His servants. Although this servant believes that all are and have been aware of this matter, for in most Tablets the friends of God have been strictly forbidden in the Book from unseemly deeds, unpleasing conduct, and base utterances. Pure souls should gather divine verses pertaining to every situation and, with wisdom and appropriateness, convey them in a spirit of joy and fragrance - for instance, verses concerning character, as well as those revealed regarding deeds and words and the prohibition of corruption, contention and conflict, and likewise keep in mind verses for other occasions, reciting them when necessary, that perchance the heedless may become aware and comprehend their purpose. The loved ones of God must reflect upon those matters that conduce to the exaltation and glory of the Cause and that accord with the wisdom revealed in the Tablets, and act accordingly. Were someone to compile the verses sent down from the Kingdom of the divine Command concerning the absence of corruption, conflict and contention, it would surely constitute a mighty book. At times this evanescent servant heard blessed words from His tongue to this effect - His glory be exalted: "Blessed is the state of one who killed not but was killed in God's path, who harmed no one and became the target of the heedless people's harm." And likewise He says, exalted be His grandeur: "I have come for unity and concord, not for hatred and obstinacy." He further states: "The Truth has come for the reformation of the world, not for corruption." And likewise He says - exalted be

His glory: “God has entrusted the world, both land and sea, to the kings, and that which God regards is and has ever been the hearts of His servants.” The friends of God must, through wisdom, utterance, kindliness and compassion, take possession of hearts and direct them to the supreme horizon. And likewise He says: “God and His loved ones are quit of those who shed blood, who consume people’s wealth unjustly, and who enter houses without the permission of their owners, after all this has been strictly forbidden in the Book. Corruption and conflict befit the beasts of the field, not man. The attribute of man has ever been and will ever continue to be kindliness and […]

One of the passages from the Crimson Tablet is mentioned here, so that all may truly attain to what God has willed. His glory be exalted! The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. In all matters hold fast unto consultation, for it is the lamp of guidance that leadeth the way and bestoweth understanding. Thus doth the All-Informed, the All-Wise, inform you. Likewise, in that same Tablet He saith: The heaven of wisdom is illumined by two suns: forbearance and righteousness. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the counsels of the One Friend and preserve them as the apple of your eye. And again, in another passage, His glory be exalted, He saith: “Glory is not his who loveth his homeland, but glory is his who loveth the world.” Through this word the Kingdom of Utterance is stirred, but the heedless remain in manifest obscurity.

According to His command, your honor should act with the utmost wisdom. It is not permissible to mention the Cause before the government and its officials, for this would be contrary to wisdom. That petitions and correspondence from the friends arrive and their replies are delayed - this has been and will continue to be due to wisdom, for should the authorities become aware, it may result in adverse consequences, as they are not yet cognizant of God’s purpose and believe this holy, pure Cause to be contrary to the welfare and tranquility of government and nation. By God’s life! Had they known, you would have found them among those who arise to serve God’s Cause.

Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of this evanescent one. God willing, may all associate with all people in love and harmony. If possible, it would be desirable for your honor to proceed to Baku or its surroundings for some time to guide the people, but with the utmost joy and fragrance. The Glory be upon you and upon those who believe in the All-Merciful.

The Servant

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HE IS THE GLORY OF GLORIES

This is that which hath descended from the realm of glory, uttered by the tongue of power and might, and revealed unto the Prophets of old. We have taken the inner essence thereof and clothed it in the garment of brevity, as a token of grace unto the righteous, that they may stand faithful unto the

Covenant of God, may fulfill in their lives His trust, and in the realm of spirit obtain the gem of Divine virtue.

1. O SON OF SPIRIT!

My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting.

2. O SON OF SPIRIT!

The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behooveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes.

3. O SON OF MAN!

Veiled in My immemorial being and in the ancient eternity of My essence, I knew My love for thee; therefore I created thee, have engraved on thee Mine image and revealed to thee My beauty.

4. O SON OF MAN!

I loved thy creation, hence I created thee. Wherefore, do thou love Me, that I may name thy name and fill thy soul with the spirit of life.

5. O SON OF BEING!

Love Me, that I may love thee. If thou lovest Me not, My love can in no wise reach thee. Know this, O servant.

6. O SON OF BEING!

Thy Paradise is My love; thy heavenly home, reunion with Me. Enter therein and tarry not. This is that which hath been destined for thee in Our kingdom above and Our exalted dominion.

7. O SON OF MAN!

If thou lovest Me, turn away from thyself; and if thou seekest My pleasure, regard not thine own; that thou mayest die in Me and I may eternally live in thee.

8. O SON OF SPIRIT!

There is no peace for thee save by renouncing thyself and turning unto Me; for it behooveth thee to glory in My name, not in thine own; to put thy trust in Me and not in thyself, since I desire to be loved alone and above all that is.

O SON OF BEING! My love is My stronghold; he that entereth therein is safe and secure, and he that turneth away shall surely stray and perish.

O SON OF UTTERANCE! Thou art My stronghold; enter therein that thou mayest abide in safety. My love is in thee, know it, that thou mayest find Me near unto thee.

O SON OF BEING! Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee. Get thou from it thy radiance and seek none other than Me. For I have created thee rich and have bountifully shed My favor upon thee.

O SON OF BEING! With the hands of power I made thee and with the fingers of strength I created thee; and within thee have I placed the essence of My light. Be thou content with it and seek naught else, for My work is perfect and My command is binding. Question it not, nor have a doubt thereof.

O SON OF SPIRIT! I created thee rich, why dost thou bring thyself down to poverty? Noble I made thee, wherewith dost thou abase thyself? Out of the essence of knowledge I gave thee being, why seekest thou enlightenment from anyone beside Me? Out of the clay of love I molded thee, how dost thou busy thyself with another? Turn thy sight unto thyself, that thou mayest find Me standing within thee, mighty, powerful and self-subsisting.

O SON OF MAN! Thou art My dominion and My dominion perisheth not; wherefore fearest thou thy perishing? Thou art My light and My light shall never be extinguished; why dost thou dread extinction? Thou art My glory and My glory fadeth not; thou art My robe and My robe shall never be outworn. Abide then in thy love for Me, that thou mayest find Me in the realm of glory.

O SON OF UTTERANCE! Turn thy face unto Mine and renounce all save Me; for My sovereignty endureth and My dominion perisheth not. If thou seekest another than Me, yea, if thou searchest the universe for evermore, thy quest will be in vain.

O SON OF LIGHT! Forget all save Me and commune with My spirit. This is of the essence of My command, therefore turn unto it.

O SON OF MAN! Be thou content with Me and seek no other helper. For none but Me can ever suffice thee.

O SON OF SPIRIT! […]

Ask not of Me that which We desire not for thee, then be content with what We have ordained for thy sake, for this is that which profiteth thee, if therewith thou dost content thyself.

19. O SON OF THE WONDROUS VISION!

I have breathed within thee a breath of My own Spirit, that thou mayest be My lover. Why hast thou forsaken Me and sought a beloved other than Me?

20. O SON OF SPIRIT!

My claim on thee is great, it cannot be forgotten. My grace to thee is plenteous, it cannot be veiled. My love has made in thee its home, it cannot be concealed. My light is manifest to thee, it cannot be obscured.

21. O SON OF MAN!

Upon the tree of effulgent glory I have hung for thee the choicest fruits, wherefore hast thou turned away and contented thyself with that which is less good? Return then unto that which is better for thee in the realm on high.

22. O SON OF SPIRIT!

Noble have I created thee, yet thou hast abased thyself. Rise then unto that for which thou wast created.

23. O SON OF THE SUPREME!

To the eternal I call thee, yet thou dost seek that which perisheth. What hath made thee turn away from Our desire and seek thine own?

24. O SON OF MAN!

Transgress not thy limits, nor claim that which beseemeth thee not. Prostrate thyself before the countenance of thy God, the Lord of might and power.

25. O SON OF SPIRIT!

Vaunt not thyself over the poor, for I lead him on his way and behold thee in thy evil plight and confound thee for evermore.

26. O SON OF BEING!

How couldst thou forget thine own faults and busy thyself with the faults of others? Whoso doeth this is accursed of Me.

27. O SON OF MAN!

Breathe not the sins of others so long as thou art thyself a sinner. Shouldst thou transgress this command, accursed wouldst thou be, and to this I bear witness.

28. O SON OF SPIRIT!

Know thou of a truth: He that biddeth men be just and himself committeth iniquity is not of Me, even though he bear My name.

29. O SON OF BEING!

Ascribe not to any soul that which thou wouldst not have ascribed to thee, and say not that which thou doest not. This is My command unto thee, do thou observe it.

30. O SON OF MAN! […]

Deny not My servant should he ask anything from thee, for his face is My face; be then abashed before Me.

31. O SON OF BEING!

Bring thyself to account each day ere thou art summoned to a reckoning; for death, unheralded, shall come upon thee and thou shalt be called to give account for thy deeds.

32. O SON OF THE SUPREME!

I have made death a messenger of joy to thee. Wherefore dost thou grieve? I made the light to shed on thee its splendor. Why dost thou veil thyself therefrom?

33. O SON OF SPIRIT!

With the joyful tidings of light I hail thee: rejoice! To the court of holiness I summon thee; abide therein that thou mayest live in peace for evermore.

34. O SON OF SPIRIT!

The spirit of holiness beareth unto thee the joyful tidings of reunion; wherefore dost thou grieve? The spirit of power confirmeth thee in His cause; why dost thou veil thyself? The light of His countenance doth lead thee; how canst thou go astray?

35. O SON OF MAN!

Sorrow not save that thou art far from Us. Rejoice not save that thou art drawing near and returning unto Us.

36. O SON OF MAN!

Rejoice in the gladness of thine heart, that thou mayest be worthy to meet Me and to mirror forth My beauty.

37. O SON OF MAN!

Divest not thyself of My beauteous robe, and forfeit not thy portion from My wondrous fountain, lest thou shouldst thirst for evermore.

38. O SON OF BEING!

Walk in My statutes for love of Me and deny thyself that which thou desirest if thou seekest My pleasure.

39. O SON OF MAN!

Neglect not My commandments if thou lovest My beauty, and forget not My counsels if thou wouldst attain My good pleasure.

40. O SON OF MAN!

Wert thou to speed through the immensity of space and traverse the expanse of heaven, yet thou wouldst find no rest save in submission to Our command and humbleness before Our Face.

41. O SON OF MAN!

Magnify My cause that I may reveal unto thee the mysteries of My greatness and shine upon thee with the light of eternity.

42. O SON OF MAN!

Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee. Arise for the triumph of My cause, that while yet on earth thou mayest obtain the victory.

43. O SON OF BEING!

If adversity overtake thee, My statutes shall not grieve thee.

In truth, My trust is with thee, and:

“My might shall shield thee, My light shall ever be cast upon thee, and My love shall shelter thee.”

So trust in Me, and fear not.

[Note: The text appears to be a combination of English and Persian/Arabic from The Hidden Words. I have translated the non-English portion to complete the passage.]

If thine heart be set upon this eternal, imperishable dominion, and this ancient, everlasting life, forsake this mortal and fleeting sovereignty.

55. O SON OF BEING!

Busy not thyself with this world, for with fire We test the gold, and with gold We test Our servants.

56. O SON OF MAN!

Thou dost wish for gold and I desire thy freedom from it. Thou thinkest thyself rich in its possession, and I recognize thy wealth in thy sanctity therefrom. By My life! This is My knowledge, and that is thy fancy; how can My way accord with thine?

57. O SON OF MAN!

Bestow My wealth upon My poor, that in heaven thou mayest draw from stores of unfading splendor and treasures of imperishable glory. But by My life! To offer up thy soul is a more glorious thing couldst thou but see with Mine eye.

58. O SON OF MAN!

The temple of being is My throne; cleanse it of all things, that there I may be established and there I may abide.

59. O SON OF BEING!

Thy heart is My home; sanctify it for My descent. Thy spirit is My place of revelation; cleanse it for My manifestation.

60. O SON OF MAN!

Put thy hand into My bosom, that I may rise above thee, radiant and resplendent.

61. O SON OF MAN!

Ascend unto My heaven, that thou mayest obtain the joy of reunion, and from the chalice of imperishable glory quaff the peerless wine.

62. O SON OF MAN!

Many a day hath passed over thee whilst thou hast busied thyself with thy fancies and idle imaginings. How long art thou to slumber on thy bed? Lift up thy head from slumber, for the Sun hath risen to the zenith, haply it may shine upon thee with the light of beauty.

63. O SON OF MAN!

The light hath shone on thee from the horizon of the sacred Mount and the spirit of enlightenment hath breathed in the Sinai of thy heart. Wherefore, free thyself from the veils of idle fancies and enter into My court, that thou mayest be fit for everlasting life and worthy to meet Me. Thus may death not come upon thee, neither weariness nor trouble.

64. O SON OF MAN!

My eternity is My creation, I have created it for thee. Make it the garment of thy temple. My unity is My handiwork; I have wrought it for thee; clothe thyself therewith, that thou mayest be to all eternity the revelation of My everlasting being.

Write the story of My love that thou mayest read it and in the tablet of thy spirit that its meaning may be revealed as light from the essence of thy being. This is My counsel unto thee; follow it well.

Write all that We have revealed unto thee with the ink of light upon the tablet of thy spirit. Should this not be in thy power, then make thine ink of the essence of thy heart. If this thou canst not do, then write with that crimson ink that hath been shed in My path. Sweeter indeed is this to Me than all else, that its light may endure forever.

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

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who turned to God on a day when most of the people turned away, and who drank the sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, whilst the people were in manifest error. He heard the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon, and was so carried away by the

rapture of the verses that he attained a station wherein he acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He succeeded in hearkening to the Call when the peoples of the realm of creation had barred themselves therefrom, and took the chalice of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and drank therefrom despite those who had denied God, the Lord of all worlds. He bore witness to that which God had witnessed in days wherein earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth save whom God willed, the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Behold, behold how the Countenance hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Hearken, hearken to God's call from His mighty Throne: "Verily, there is none other God but He, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous." He speaketh before the faces of the world and summoneth them to a station wherein naught is seen save the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing. The seas have surged, the mountains have passed away, and the trees have cried out, yet most of the people remain heedless. The valley hath quaked from the breezes of the days of its Lord, the Possessor of Names, and the sea hath surged by virtue of this Name whereby the faces of the idolaters have been darkened.

Say: O concourse of earth! The Lord of all possibility hath come with the standards of proof. Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of the transgressors. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Creator of heaven. Beware lest the promptings of self and passion debar you from this Cause whereby the lips of existence have smiled and all things have spoken. The Desired One hath come from the horizon of might with clear sovereignty. Say: O peoples of creation! The Most Great Throne hath been established in the highest station, and upon it hath sat the Lord of all men. From His right hand floweth the river of mercy and from His left the Kawthar of loving-kindness. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this glorious and wondrous bounty. Cast aside what the people possess of superstitions and conjectures, and take what hath been given you by God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

This is a day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and saith: "That which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the vaults of the protection of your Lord, the Ever-Flowing, the Ancient of Days, hath appeared." By God! The books of the world and whatsoever the nations possess will profit you not except through this perspicuous Book. Read ye the Books of God that ye may become aware of this Revelation which hath been the hope of the Messengers. The Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured hath come, and the command is God's, the Peerless, the All-Informed. There is no book but hath been revealed in truth and hath given the people glad tidings of this mighty announcement. Fear ye God and reject not the truth by what ye possess, and be not of the losers.

O thou who hast turned unto the Face! We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and called the servants unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have brought forth from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. They have cast aside that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all beings, clinging to what they possess from the dawning-places of vain imaginings. Verily, they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the Sublime Throne. They hear the verses yet turn away from them, and they see the clear proofs yet say this is naught but manifest sorcery. Thus hath the sea revealed the

waves of wisdom and utterance, and the Manifestation the light of proof. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless.

Today the Divine Lote Tree calleth out in the midmost heart of contingent being with this most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! By God! The Lord of all beings hath come, and He Whose meeting was the desire of the Messengers hath appeared. The Books of God have been adorned with His mention. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of recognizing Him. Through Him the hidden Secret and the treasured Name have been revealed, and that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets hath been manifested.

Glory be unto God, exalted be His majesty! He hath appeared from a place to which fancy and imagination have no access. He hath emerged from a home not known for learning, sciences, wisdom or mystical knowledge. Every person of insight beareth witness to this fact, and every informed one testifieth to these words. Verses have been sent down in such profusion that minds and understanding are powerless to reckon them, and evidences have appeared in such manner that every fair-minded one hath acknowledged them. Nevertheless, most of the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. They cling to a mere leaf while turning away from the Mother Book, and remain deprived and forbidden from the divine ocean of knowledge and the effulgent lights of the Sun of true Unity.

O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance of God! Truth in all its aspects, deeds, acts and utterances standeth manifest and distinguished from aught else, even as the sun. Yet the veils of vain imaginings have prevented eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the light of proof shineth forth from the highest horizon of the world and the divine call is raised from the most exalted station, yet the diverse colors of the world and the glory and riches of two days have withheld the people from turning to the everlasting bounty and the heavenly table. Ignorance and heedlessness have reached such a pass as to astonish every person of understanding. In ages and centuries past, the former communities, both learned and ignorant, remained unaware of the manner of the appearance of the Dayspring of Light. Not a single soul among them attained true knowledge or recognized genuine unity. Now again the deniers of the Bayan are occupied with the same vain imaginings and delusions of the past and utter calumnies. That honored one beareth witness, and earth and heaven and stars bear witness, and the sun and moon testify, that from the first days this servant hath arisen before the faces of all, both kings and subjects, and without veil or concealment hath summoned all to the Most Exalted Horizon. The proof hath been sent down and the path made clear. Not for a moment did We conceal Ourselves. For the sake of God We uttered that which the world was created to hear, that they might gain the fruits of the Ultimate Tree from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and be illumined by the effulgences of true unity. But the chains of vain imaginings have held back all save whom God willeth - thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Now the deniers among the people of the Bayan cling to the deeds of the past and utter the words of that party. They say the Bayan hath been altered, denying whatsoever hath been revealed concerning this Most Great Revelation and Most Great Announcement, attributing it to alteration, although this Cause is self-evident and needeth no mention, and all the books and scriptures of the world are dependent upon its acceptance. Beseech ye God to make the sources of vain imaginings aware and to grant them fairness. They argue from the Book of Certitude for the servants while turning away in heedlessness from its Revealer and Source. It is incumbent and obligatory upon that honored one

to arise with complete dedication, that perchance the servants of God may not again be afflicted with doubts and fancies, but may attain the lights of the Day-Star of true unity. Until now they have not comprehended the station of the Day of God and are deprived of His grace. There is no doubt that the days of the Manifestations of God, exalted be His glory, are truly attributed to Him and in one sense are mentioned as the Days of God, but this Day is unlike all days. From the finality of the Seal, the station of this Day is manifest and evident. Prophethood was sealed; the Truth appeared with the banner of power from the Dayspring of the Command. It is not known what the deniers of the Bayan have understood from "the day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds" and what they have comprehended from the blessed words "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." By My life, O thou who gazest upon My face! If a soul were to drink from the ocean of this word and perceive its fragrance, he would find himself seated upon the throne of steadfastness and assurance. Through the Name of God, preserve those who have turned towards Him from the doubts of the deniers and […]

Command all to praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Say: O party of God! Through these hosts render victorious the Lord of the seen and unseen, and hold fast to the fear of God. He is the Commander of hosts and Helper of His Cause. No power can withstand His power. Blessed is the soul whose head is adorned with the crown of godliness and whose temple is beautified with the ornament of justice and fairness.

The honored Amin, upon him be Baha, has repeatedly made mention of you. We have commanded all to hearken unto thy word concerning this Most Great Announcement and this firm, mighty Cause. You must awaken the heedless, albeit with wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may discover and know. Today is not the day of names and their attributes. The former parties were deprived of the realm of inner meanings through names and words. They clung to vain imaginings and held fast to conflict and contention - one party Usuli, another Shaykhi, another Sunni, another Shi'i, another Ni'matullahi, and Jalali and Kharabati and Qadiri and Mawlavi. Were you to enumerate the paths of idle fancy, you could not count them. Blessed are the powerful ones who have rolled up these carpets and considered all save Truth as non-existent and null. These are the horsemen in the arena of divine unity and the lights of the horizons of detachment. Upon them be the glory of God, His favors, His grace and His gifts.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the party of God. Say: Know ye and recognize the value of this station, preserve it in the name of Truth, and arise as befitteth the Days of God. Whatever is lost today cannot be regained.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love! The Most Exalted Pen hath ever counseled the servants and commanded them to that which profiteth them. Each word of counsel hath been repeatedly expressed that perchance they may become aware and not exchange the everlasting blessing for things that perish. The rebellion and defiance of the people have deprived them of the rustling of the Divine Pen and the murmuring of the blessed Tree. You must guide the people of that land to the horizon of the favor of the Goal of the worlds through the power of remembrance and utterance. Verily He is with thee and will aid thee with the hosts of proof. The opposition of the world hath yielded no fruit, and the hatred and rancor of the nations have not become a veil. The Word hath penetrated; the Will hath encompassed.

Say: O concourse of men! Behold the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its radiance, the heaven and its stars, and the sea and its waves. Whosoever desireth to know Him must look with his own eyes. This passage specifically pertaineth to this Revelation. Time and again have these words descended from the heaven of the Divine Will, that perchance all who dwell on earth might become aware and attain unto that from which they are heedless and debarred this day. Again hath the word of perversion been uttered, and the gates of falsehood have been flung open as before, nay even wider. Do they not reflect on what the fruits of the deeds of souls before them have been? In the land of Sad they have uttered that which causeth the Bayan to lament and the Holy Spirit to wail. Their deeds give them the lie, yet they perceive it not. They worship their own desires, yet they understand not. They carve out idols, yet they know not. They behold the signs, yet deny them. Know ye that they recognize not.

In all circumstances must the loved ones of God beseech Him, glorified be His majesty, on behalf of all, that haply they may not be deprived of the ocean of grace nor be forbidden the outpourings of His supreme mercy in these bountiful days. Command ye the people of God to sanctification, detachment, compassion, loving-kindness and wisdom. He verily will assist thee with His verses and support thee with His sovereignty. He is, in truth, powerful over all things.

Say: My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, their faces with the lights of Thy countenance, and their temples with the ornaments of the manners Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my God and my Quest! Debar them not from the ocean of Thy mercy in Thy days, nor from the dawning-places of the sun of Thy grace, nor from the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou knowest, O my God, their desires have prevented them from drawing nigh unto Thee, and their imaginings have become a barrier between them and the Dayspring of Thy knowledge and the Dawning-Place of the lights of Thy wisdom. O Lord! Strengthen my heart, my outward being and my inmost reality for Thy service. Then make me in all conditions to stand firm in service to Thy Cause, speaking forth that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book to Thy servants, and safeguarding Thy Cause amongst Thy creation. Then forgive me and those with me from among my kindred and children who have drunk the choice wine of Thy revelation and whom the doubts of the croakers and the signs of the transgressors have not prevented from turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy Book. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude and have turned unto Thee with faces radiant with light, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth, with such remembrance as will cause the hearts of the world to be attracted and the faces of those who have turned unto Thee to shine forth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and the Goal of the hearts of them that know Thee!

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Praise be to God Who revealed Himself to all created things through the Point that was sanctified above all directions and points, the Point wherein naught is seen save God, the Revealer of verses. It speaks in all things: “There is none other God but Him, the One Who rules over all who are in earth and heaven.” It is the Point that hath adorned the Tablets in the kingdom of creation and embellished the realm of names and attributes. It spoke of that Point, in the station of Names, through the point beneath the letter B from

which emerged the letter H. And the Imam Kazim spoke of it, saying: “Praise be to God Who made the Book of Being through the Mystery of Separation with the ornament of the Point from which emerged the letter H with the A, without extension or division.” And verily he meant by the Point the letter B, which when joined with H manifested the Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of nations trembled and all in the world were shaken, and all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck save whom God willed, the Manifestor of clear signs. And verily He is the One Who spoke to Moses from the Tree on Sinai and speaks from His most glorious horizon, manifest and resplendent: “Verily, there is no God but I, the One sanctified above all mention and allusion.” Blessed is he who speaks and acts according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an through His exalted Word: “Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourse.” This is the Day wherein names are not mentioned, for He Who hath appeared with truth speaks naught but of God, as the Point of the Bayan informed, saying: “Verily He is the One Who speaks in all things: ‘I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.’” This is the Day of which God informed His Beloved One who was honored with the Night Ascension, saying - and His Word is the truth: “Whose is the Kingdom this Day? God’s, the One, the All-Compelling!” Verily, he who hath found the fragrance of the Bayan hath detached himself from all possibility and clung to God alone, and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before and after. And he who remained heedless and clung to idle fancies hath been veiled from the hidden treasure and the concealed mystery, and circles around the names that were created by the K and N. By God! The names have returned to their Source and Creator, Who, when He willeth a thing, need but say unto it: “Be!” and it is. Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His promise through the appearance of the Promised One, whereby traces were effaced, fruits fell, names were thunderstruck, leaves turned yellow, mountains crumbled, heaven was cleft asunder, suns were darkened, moons were eclipsed, and the earth and all its powers were shaken. Exalted be His majesty, glorified His power, and magnified His sovereignty, Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of this most wondrous, most holy, most sublime, promised Day. Yet most people understand not. Among them are those who cling to vain imaginings and take them as lords beside God, and among them are those who cast these aside and speak at all times: “God, God! I have believed in Thee, detached from all names and from whatsoever hath appeared in creation.” We bear witness that such a one hath attained unto true unity and the pure water of detachment, and hath recognized the Purpose when He revealed Himself to all in the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O beloved of my heart! The sweet fragrance of your love and the gentle breezes of your affection have stirred me upon beholding your letter time and again. I took up the pen to express what lies in my heart of love for the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, but it cries out saying: “This is an arena wherein one such as I cannot venture, for this is a station before which tongues have confessed their powerlessness to describe and pens their inability to praise.” Yet, while acknowledging my inadequacy and powerlessness, I mention according to my capacity and lowliness, and I beseech God to inspire me with what befits His loved ones and is worthy of His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Inspirer, the Teacher, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

When I was blessed with your letter and learned of its contents, I turned toward the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon, and presented it before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the sun of loving-kindness and favor to shine forth. He spoke, and His word is the truth: “O

Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the dawn of His Revelation and hast turned toward the Goal of all worlds, and art mentioned in His presence. Be not grieved by worldly events. Whatsoever divine and consummate wisdom requireth will be made manifest. Verily, He will assist you with the means of the heavens and the earth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

"However, the Supreme Pen counseleth thee and the other friends to observe wisdom and that which God hath revealed in the Book. Today it is necessary and obligatory to follow the divine ordinances, and among the greatest of ordinances is wisdom. All are commanded to observe it, and its details have been revealed in Tablets both Arabic and Persian. They must study these and act accordingly. They must appear among people in such wise that all may perceive from them the fragrance of divine attributes, and they must act upon that which will cause the exaltation of the Cause and its sanctification.

"O Ali! Had souls who accepted the Faith abandoned their own desires and acted according to the Will of God, most of humanity would now be endowed with the recognition of the Truth. For instance, in most Tablets We commanded all to observe wisdom, yet they acted otherwise. Likewise, the Supreme Pen repeatedly and emphatically forbade the servants from turning toward the Most Holy Court; nevertheless, they were heedless of God's command. Whatsoever the Tongue of God uttereth is and shall be pure good. Blessed is he who hath cast away his desires and held fast unto the Will of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting."

The friends of Truth must at all times hold fast to the cord of wisdom, for in the Divine Book this mighty command hath been repeatedly revealed. Most men have for years been nurtured in vain imaginings, and to rend these asunder all at once is most difficult. The mercy of God, exalted be His glory, hath preceded all; therefore must those souls who have quaffed the wine of inner meaning and attained the Kawthar of divine knowledge treat, with the utmost kindness and compassion, the ailments of the heedless ones with suitable remedies, that their eyes may be cleansed from the film of vain imaginings and their hearts freed from the diseases of idle fancies. Souls like your honor must convey the divine ordinances unto all, that all may become informed thereof and act in accordance with that which God hath willed.

Today certain followers of the Bayan who fancy they have rent asunder the veils and attained their ultimate goal have balked at the blessed words "Verily I am God" which have issued forth from the Dayspring of Revelation, nay rather, because of these words they have turned away. Consider now how far they have strayed from the straight path of truth and how deprived they are of their goal, and this despite prior warnings, as in the Tutunjiyyih Sermon where He saith: "Await ye the speaking of Moses from the Tree on Sinai." And the Primal Point - may the life of all else be a sacrifice for Him - hath said: "He speaketh in all things saying 'I am God.'" Yet still they are immersed in the seas of doubt and soar in the atmosphere of idle fancy - how much more the various sects who have not yet understood the Day of God! For on that Day no name among all names is mentioned save His glory, exalted be He. From the highest ranks to the lowliest station thereof, whether it be the mention of Prophethood, Guardianship, the Chiefs, the Nobles, or the Pillars - all these were but to summon mankind unto the Truth. And now, after the appearance of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, should anyone fix his gaze upon or hold fast to aught else, he is assuredly deprived of the lofty station of unity and the most exalted rank of divine oneness.

On the Day of Resurrection, they who were called by all these names shall be supplicants for this wondrous grace, for the banner "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Compelling" shall be raised aloft, and the standard "Verily I am God" shall be planted at the most exalted station in the midmost heart of the world. By the Sun of the horizon of utterance! The people of the world are heedless. Were they to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of that which hath appeared, shone forth, risen and been made manifest, they would pass beyond all else but God and would cry out: "Here am I! Here am I! O Thou God of all worlds!" Indeed, not every soul is worthy of this spiritual Kawthar. They have not yet understood the meaning of "Seal of the Prophets" as revealed in the Qur'an, for it is clear and evident that after the ending of Prophethood, both implicitly and explicitly, the appearance of God is mentioned and recorded in the Divine Book. To fully expound this station is beyond the power, reckoning and comprehension of this servant and others like him. It is better that I conclude this utterance with these blessed words […]

One day, amongst the companions, both resident and pilgrim, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: "This is the Day which hath been announced in His saying, exalted be He: 'The Day when thy Lord shall come.' Those who are possessed of insight can perceive that if, in this Day, any soul should cling to or seek after any one of the Names, he would be accounted among the idolaters." More than this I am not permitted to say. The point is that if one who has attained to the highest degree of certitude and assurance were to mention such utterances to a seeker at the very beginning, that soul would surely perish and would never attain unto eternal life. One must speak according to the station and rank of the hearer, that he may become capable of hearing the divine melody. The wine of mystic knowledge must be given to each soul according to his capacity and measure. Time and again hath this word been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur: that they who quaff the wine of inner meanings and utterance must strive for the education of all the peoples of the world. This station is most exalted, nay, higher than every height and more sublime than every sublimity. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most glorious, most holy, most impregnable, most great, most exalted station.

I entreat you to ever remember and gladden this evanescent servant through the outpourings of your pen, and convey sublime greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to the enkindled souls of that land. Tell them that today is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. Strive that ye may achieve that which shall endure throughout the eternity of God. Steadfastness is among the most mighty of all things, for it hath been observed that one who counted himself among the faithful and soared in the atmosphere of certitude was debarred from the truth, exalted and glorified be He, by the mere cawing of a crow. Your honor must, God willing, invite the people with utmost effort and diligence to steadfastness, for all that was foretold regarding the cawing of the cawers and the claims of the false ones, and whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen, shall assuredly come to pass. Recite ye the Suriy-i-Ra'is, and likewise the Tablet to the King of Paris which is part of the blessed Suriy-i-Haykal, and also the Tablet of Fu'ad which was revealed specifically for one of the friends. This Tablet was revealed when Fu'ad Pasha, who was the Foreign Minister of Turkey, had returned to his post and had caused the recent upheaval and the exile from the Land of Mystery to 'Akka. There were two who were chiefs of all after the Sultan: one Fu'ad Pasha and one 'Ali Pasha. Sometimes one would be Grand Vizier and the other Foreign Minister, and sometimes vice versa. In that Tablet He saith, exalted be His grandeur: "Soon will We

dismiss the one who was like unto him and will lay hold on their chief who ruleth the land, and I am the Mighty, the Compelling." Likewise, observe in the Most Holy Book concerning the Point between the two seas, which referreth to Constantinople, for on one side is the White Sea and on the other the Black Sea. In brief, all that hath streamed from the Supreme Pen hath come to pass, and the other prophecies contained in the Tablets shall all be fulfilled. We testify that He is the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Hearer, the Seer, the All-Informed. Therefore must the loved ones of God keep in mind whatsoever hath been revealed in the Tablets, lest they deprive themselves of infinite bounties through a single cawing. We beseech God to aid all His loved ones to achieve that which He hath willed, that all may occupy themselves, with complete humility and submissiveness, with detachment, sanctity and purity, with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, in glorifying God, exalted be His glory, and teaching His Cause. May the Glory rest upon you and upon those who have adorned themselves with the robe of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

The Servant

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

Praise, eternal and sanctified above all likeness and comparison, befitteth the Lord of existence Who hath caused all things in the world to appear like the letters of a book in their standing, sitting, prostration, bowing, submission and humility. All things have appeared from a single word, yet how vastly different are their effects, fruits, colors, tastes, motions and stillness. The Creator Who, from a single word sanctified above all colors and differences, brought forth these diverse things from nothingness into being. Most things stand in service, yet the hand of men's understanding falls short.

The cypress declares: "Praise be unto Thee for having made me upright, reflecting every alif revealed in Thy Book." The meadow grass proclaims: "Thou seest me, O my God, fallen prostrate upon the earth in adoration of Thy Manifestation and sovereignty." The willow tree uttereth: "O Lord! Thou beholdest my submission, my humility, my rising and falling, my bashfulness and emotion, and my swaying in the winds of Thy will." The pomegranate speaketh, saying: "O my God, my Lord, my Manifestation and my Creator! Thou seest me bearing witness to Thy manifestation, Thy power and Thy grace. By Thy glory, O my God! The color of my face betokeneth my bashfulness in Thy days, and Thy decree hath prevented me from turning toward the court of Thy glory and arising to serve Thee."

Every person of insight beholdeth that which most of the world's peoples are deprived of. Brief mention of this station is more fitting and beloved, lest the readers grow weary and may read with the utmost joy and fragrance. Brevity is among the fruits of the tree of wisdom, and acknowledgment of powerlessness is reckoned among the fruits of the tree of knowledge.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all that is in the world! I seek Thy forgiveness and turn unto Thee for having mentioned aught in Thy presence, for what my tongue hath uttered and my limbs have wrought, and for my misdeeds which exceed the reckoning of the Pen and the accounting of all in the world. I beseech Thee by the Orator Who speaketh from the loftiest pulpits of existence in Thy Name and sovereignty, and by the Speaker Whom the conditions of Thy servants and creation have not hindered, to open unto Thy loved ones, with the finger of Thy power, the door of Thy relief. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Take the hands of Thy loved ones with the hands of Thy power, then assist them with the hosts of the unseen through Thy might and sovereignty. O Lord! Thou seest them among the wretched ones of Thy creation and under the rule of those who have adorned their heads with turbans. I testify that they are as cattle in Thy land, nay more astray in their way. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn, Illuminator of the horizons, and Judge on the Day of Separation, in this moment wherein I have held fast to the cord of Thy grace and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity, to forgive those who have turned to Thee, heard Thy call, responded to Thy word, and spent their wealth in Thy path and their spirits in Thy love and good-pleasure. O Lord! Aid them to serve Thee and draw them nigh unto the station Thou hast ordained for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen, by Whose movement all beings were set in motion. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiver, the Hearer, the Generous, the Merciful, the Mighty, the Answerer.

After receiving several letters from you, each indicating your devotion, certitude, love and steadfastness - may you ever be confirmed and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Today the station of steadfastness is most mighty and great, for the manifestations of Satan lie in wait with utmost craftiness and deception, hoping to prevent the faithful and deter the wayfarers from the straight path. In all conditions one must take refuge in God, exalted be His glory, from the evil of deceitful and lying souls. God protect us and you from their evil and their calumnies. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

After learning of your letters, I approached the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and after receiving permission, presented them before Him. He said: “O Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq! Praise be to God that by His leave thou hast sought the Greatest Vision and drunk from the Kawthar of meeting the Lord of Destiny. Thou hast witnessed the effulgences of the light of His countenance and heard His utterances with thine outward ear. This bounty hath no likeness or parallel. Be thou thankful and among those who render praise.” Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee in preserving that which hath been bestowed upon thee. Say:

“Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy presence and the ocean of Thy reunion, and by the Book wherein Thou hast ordained the rewards of Thy servants and which Thou hast adorned with the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy days, to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure and to protect me from the evil of those who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.”

The Sun of divine favor dawns and shines forth from the horizon of every word of the Supreme Utterances. Should a soul arise to offer praise throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, he would fail to adequately thank for even a single letter that His Pen hath revealed concerning

him. Praise be unto Him! Again praise be unto Him! Thanks be unto Him! Again thanks be unto Him! Grace be unto Him! Again grace be unto Him! Favor be unto Him! Again favor be unto Him! Unto infinity favor be unto Him! God willing, this letter shall be a cause of joy and delight for you, as it bears divine utterances.

Regarding what you wrote about traveling to other lands specifically for trade - God willing, wherever you may be, may you dwell peacefully under the canopy of the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is with His accepted servants and His sincere chosen ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to all the friends in that land and beseeches God to confirm them all in unity, concord, firmness, steadfastness and service. This day has no likeness or parallel. You must regard the time as precious. I swear by the Sun of Truth that every moment of these days has been and is more precious than mountains of gold. O friends! Consider the time precious and act as befits it. Praise be to God - the Goal is present, the Path is manifest, the Kawthar is flowing, Paradise is visible and the Garden is radiant. Blessed is the soul that has recognized the station of these days and has arisen to do what is befitting. Glory be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in those parts and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beloved.

Today, being the eighth day of the revered month of Sha'ban, another letter from you arrived which was sent from Tabriz on the 19th of Jumada al-Thani. As the divine fragrances of love wafted from it, it refreshed and gladdened the gardens of the heart with the waters of joy and delight. God willing, may you ever drink from the ocean of divine favor and find repose beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree. After perusing it, with wings of joy and elation it was presented in its entirety before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. These exalted words descended from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Lord of Names, exalted be His glory: "O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Sadiq! Previously your letter was mentioned before the Wronged One through the servant in attendance, and an answer was sent down from the heaven of grace. God willing, may you all be illumined by the light of the commanding Word and be set ablaze by the fire of the Sacred Tree. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon you, your father, your brothers, and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." End quote. Praise be to God, the lights of the Sun of Divine Grace are shining and evident. Each time your letter arrived, it was honored to be heard by the Truth, exalted be His glory, and was honored with a reply. Blessed are they who have drunk the living waters from the chalices of their Lord's words, the All-Merciful. Regarding what you wrote about attention to various directions, this has been noted. God willing, the end of all affairs will be for the good, as the reins of every matter have been and will ever be within the grasp of God's power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As for the mention you made of certain friends, this was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and for each one specifically, a wondrous and sublime Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth. God willing, may the friends attain unto them and arise to serve the Cause.

This is what was revealed for Karbila'i Muhammad of Milan:

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

O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison's direction and counseleth thee with that which hath been revealed in the Book from God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast behind thee idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which thou hast been commanded by the All-Wise Ordainer. O servants of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hold fast to the cord of goodly deeds and cling to the hem of trustworthiness, truthfulness, and faithfulness, and to that whereby the Cause of God, the One, the Mighty, the Wise, is advanced. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison as He walketh in this exalted place. The peace that shineth from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon thee and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament when the Manifestation of Revelation appeared with a clear command.

And this is what was revealed for Mulla Husayn, the scribe in Usku:

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

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O Husayn! He Who hath summoned all mankind unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, hath come. The Wronged One hath appeared and revealed that which He was bidden by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Among the people are those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, those who have followed their passions and desires, and those who have paused, looking to the right and to the left. Say: None hath any protection this Day save those who have clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Knower of the unseen and the seen. Say: This is the Day whereon the breezes of God have wafted, the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Take thou the Tablet with the strength granted by Us, and in all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. When the crier raiseth his call, leave him to himself, turning with your hearts toward the Ultimate Lode-Star which speaketh: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting." Thus hath the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted. Be thou thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and all that is therein."

And this was revealed for Aqa Rasul:

He is God, the Single, the All-Informed

The Supreme Pen maketh mention of His loved ones and commandeth that which is praiseworthy. Blessed is the soul that hath forsaken its own will and held fast unto the Will of God. Today the dark dust of idle fancies and vain imaginings hath prevented the people of the earth from beholding the Supreme Horizon. Beseech ye God to rend asunder the veils that withhold them, that all may not be deprived and debarred from the wondrous bounties of this blessed Day. O Rasul! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee and His loved ones on this night, that ye may all be adorned with divine virtues and arise to serve His Cause. Verily, one pure deed is mightier than assembled hosts. By My life! One truthful word hath been the cause of guidance for multitudes. Whosoever becometh informed of that which came to pass in former ages will testify to that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to aid all to that which beseemeth human dignity. Verily, We make mention of thee and thy son, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. The glory be upon thee, upon him, and upon every

patient one who hath shown fortitude in adversity and attained unto the supreme steadfastness in this mighty and momentous Cause.

Praise be to God! The bounties of God, exalted be His glory, have encompassed the souls mentioned, and each one hath been remembered, one by one, by the Supreme Pen. This is a bounty wherewith no other bounty can compare. God willing, may all be illumined and enlightened by the suns of the words of the Revealer of verses, be freed and detached from that which perisheth, and be focused on that which endureth. We implore help and assistance from God, exalted be His glory. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. The might of the world cannot withhold Him, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent Him from His all-encompassing purpose. The glory shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thy father, upon thy brother whose letter hath reached the Prison, upon thee, upon all men and women who are with you, upon every steadfast servant and steadfast handmaiden, and praise be to God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs.

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

Let the beloved of my heart, his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, take note:

Praise be befitting to the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Lord of the Realm of Might, Who through the key of the Most Great Name hath opened the gate of utterance and guided all to the straight path, to the mighty announcement and the firm and impregnable Cause. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

And then, O beloved of my heart! Two days ago a letter was written specifically for your honor, but its dispatch was delayed and this writing was attached to it. The confirmations of God, exalted be His glory, arrive successively, and that beloved one, praise be to God, is wholly engaged in His service and likewise recognizes the stations of grace and favor. Well is it with you and pleasant it is for you! The letters of that beloved one, praise be to God, all begin with mention of the friends and conclude with their remembrance, and likewise mention the cities that are the dwelling places of the friends. Praise be to God, through that beloved one's endeavors, mention is made in the letter of each city that he has visited, together with its friends, and this was presented at the Most Holy Court. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "O Trustee! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Success hath been and shall ever be thy companion, for thou art engaged in service and adorned with justice and fairness. Repeatedly hast thou made mention of the friends in Ardistan. Some time ago mention of each one flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Ra, Fa, Mim and Ha have been and are remembered. Convey to Mirza Hasan and his mother the greetings of the Wronged One. Say: O Hasan! God willing, mayest thou be assisted to serve His friends. Well-being, health and protection are for those souls who with clear certitude have entered beneath the shade of the Blessed Tree. By My life! They are assuredly among those who enjoy security in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Trustee! Verily We have mentioned every soul thou didst mention in thy letter, that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord, the All-

Forgiving, the All-Generous. And We have made mention of Our friends in the cities and villages as a command from Our presence, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Mention was made of the friends of Pusht-i-Mashhad. After presentation at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for them. His blessed and exalted Word: "O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He calleth you from the direction of the Prison and giveth you glad tidings of that which He hath ordained for you from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The Herald hath proclaimed from every direction: 'The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.' Verily the Trustee mentioned you time and again; We made mention of you again and again as a bounty from God, the Lord of existence. Take the cup of success in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Sender of the winds, for having manifested unto us Thy destined Cause and Thy sealed Wine! We beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and by the lands that were honored by Thy footsteps to assist us to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.'"

Likewise, especially for the friends of the Gate of Isfahan, these verses from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Goal of all the worlds were revealed, blessed and exalted be His Word:

O Amin! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We have desired to make mention of My loved ones in that place. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have made mention of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter, as a mercy from Us upon thee and upon them. Remind them of the verses of their Lord and give them the glad-tidings of this bounty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Beware lest the doubts of the divines and what they possess hold you back from God, your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath been sent down unto you from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon you and upon every steadfast and firm one.

Thou hast made mention of Qamsar and those who have quaffed the wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Amin! We made mention of Khalil before, and revealed for him that which caused the eyes of utterance to rejoice in the garden of the wisdom of God, the Lord of all men. He is of those who have attained unto the verses of God and His remembrance, and the Supreme Pen hath borne witness unto him, and I am the All-Knowing, the Mighty Witness. O Khalil! Take in My Most Glorious Name the reins of the servants and draw them nigh unto the most exalted station. Say: By the life of God! Ye were created for this Day. Fear God and be not of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken unto thy word in this Cause whereby the earth hath quaked and the mountains have crumbled.

We make mention in this noble station of him who was named Abdu'r-Rahim and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of Lords. O Rahim! The Lord of Destiny maketh mention of thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene and consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee from the decree of God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Grieve not for what hath come upon thee. There hath come upon Us that which hath caused the Supreme Pen to lament at eventide and at dawn. We bid thee

to beautiful patience, and I am the Mighty, the All-Patient. We make mention of thy son at this moment with that which shall be a treasure and honor unto him from God, the Lord of all religions. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! I bear witness that thou didst turn to My horizon and didst hear My call and didst hold fast unto My cord and didst cling to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the Revealer of verses. Thou art he who attained unto acceptance when the divines and jurists of the earth turned away from God. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book from God, the Lord of creation. We beseech God to send down upon thee each day a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His own Self, and to give thee to drink of the choice wine of utterance at morn and at eventide. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth and dispatched them unto thee, O Rahim, that thou mightest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have mentioned thee with that which no mention can equal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants had turned away. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which the unity of Thine Essence was established beyond all likeness and similitude, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who were not weakened by the power of the world nor frightened by the might of the nations. They arose and said: The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

As to what you wrote concerning the blessed leaf, the wife of the late Aqa Muhammad Ja'far, and her daughters - upon them be the Glory of God - after this matter was presented, these exalted words were revealed from the horizon of the utterance of the Desired One of all worlds - exalted and blessed be His words:

"The honored lady and her daughters have ever been and continue to be remembered in the Most Holy Court. Give them glad tidings from Me and remind them of My verses. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and this world, and to decree for them the rewards of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn."

This Wronged One has ever been speaking and mindful of the mention of the friends of God. O Amin, upon thee be My Glory! The gaze of God in these days is directed toward the pearls of love that lie hidden and concealed within the hearts and souls of His steadfast male and female servants. O Amin! This is the station of grace and the station of mercy that has preceded. At this moment each one has attained the outpourings of the True Bestower of Bounty. Blessed and welcome be it unto them! O Amin! The souls thou hast mentioned, both men and women, have all been blessed by the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds. By the life of God! We have mentioned each one with a mention that brings joy to the eyes of the people of the cities of justice and equity.

And likewise mention was made of Aqa Husayn (Givah-Kash) - upon him be the Glory of God. After presentation at the Supreme Height, a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed from the Dayspring of grace and bounty, that he might give thanks unto God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Verses have been revealed, rain has poured forth, the ocean is surging, and grace encompasses all. This servant beseeches for the friends that which leads to the guidance of all beings. In these days the

effulgences of the Luminary of grace have shone forth in such wise that this servant is incapable of reckoning or properly mentioning them. In any case, I convey greetings and glorification to him and all other friends, and with the tongue of the secret and the secret of the secret I submit:

“My God, my God! Deprive not Thy friends of the ocean of Thy generosity, and assist them all through Thy near angels that they may, with complete steadfastness, spend these two days in Thy service. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.”

In previous letters repeated mention was made of Haji Mulla Ibrahim - upon him be the Glory of God. His petition was presented and his mention repeatedly flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. After the presentation of his petition before the Divine Presence, a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him, that he might drink the Kawthar of utterance from the words of our Lord, the Most Merciful, and speak among the servants with an assurance by which hearts and souls are made tranquil.

And likewise that beloved of hearts mentioned the friends of Asadabad. Two most mighty and holy Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty specifically for Aqa Mirza Muhammad and Haji Shah Muhammad - upon them be the Glory of God - and were sent. Let them be delivered that they may find from the ocean of His verses the pearls of His dear and beloved love. This servant conveys glorification and greetings to all the friends and beseeches for each one that which leads to eternal salvation. At this moment these exalted words were revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all being - blessed and exalted be His words:

“O servant in attendance! Write to Amin that if God, exalted be His glory, were to look with the eye of justice, few souls would be found worthy of mention by the Supreme Pen. However, since He is seated upon the throne of the Most Merciful Name, He looks with the eye of grace and is ever attentive. The Command is in His hands. He speaks as He wishes, and He is the Ancient Commander.”

Likewise, blessed Tablets have been revealed specifically for the friends in the land of Kermanshah - some are being sent this time and some will be sent another time. Give glad-tidings through God’s favor to that beloved of all, for all are mentioned and have attained His grace. At this time, the letter from the spiritual loved ones - his honor Aqa Rasul, his honored brother Haji Muhammad Hasan known as Mi?ri, and his honor Aqa Muhammad ?adiq, upon them be the glory of God - along with that beloved one’s letter which they sent from the land of Qaf, was received. However, there was no opportunity to reply. God willing, it will be sent later. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist them and aid them to help His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

A Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was revealed this time specifically for his honor Bayg, upon him be the glory and favor of God, and was sent to his honor Aqa ’Ali-Haydar, upon him be God’s glory, grace and favors, for delivery. In truth, his honor ’Ali-Haydar is engaged in service and is mentioned before God. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. And a Greater Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for the beloved of the heart, his honor Haji Mirza ?-Y, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God willing, they will attain unto it.

At this moment in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words, glorified be His majesty: “O Amin, convey greetings and glorification from the Wronged One to his

honor bearing the Name of Beauty, upon him be My glory and favor. God willing, may they be engaged with complete dedication in serving the Cause of the Lord of all beings through wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who has turned to Him and heard His mention in this perspicuous Remembrance.

O Amin, mention all the friends in the land of ?a on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to set them ablaze with the fire of the Blessed Tree and illumine them with the lights of revelation until the horizons of the world become bright and radiant. Say: O friends of God! We beseech God to grant strength and bestow resolve, that your transient days may not deprive you from the eternal Kingdom and prevent you from the everlasting bounty. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous."

Mention was made of the two detached essences, the honored brothers Naddafan, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful. They are among those souls who are mentioned in the Supreme Concourse and the realms of truth, for that which was revealed concerning them testifies with the most exalted call to their acceptance, orientation, sincerity and steadfastness. Upon them and those with them be the glory of God and His favor. Glory, remembrance, exaltation and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the earthly realm and the Kingdom.

The Servant

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In the Name of the One God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

Pure praise and glory befit the King of Eternity and Lord of all the worlds, Who by a single effulgence from the lights of His Beauty caused the Friend to sit in the fire and sent the Sacrifice to the place of offering. The mind is bewildered at what manner of dawning this is - if it falls upon sovereignty, it transcends sovereignty; if it shines upon absolute poverty, it spurns the realm of wealth; and if it turns to complete riches, it forsakes its station and stands in service among the servants. I swear by the Ocean of Divine Knowledge that were He to reveal that which He has concealed, ye would behold all the world as the Friend and see the Sacrifice of this age. Yet these companions of the Friend would not consent to the transformation of the fire, and these companions of the Sacrifice would not turn back from the place of offering. This evanescent servant is bewildered as to what to say and what to submit - he is both bewildered and constrained. In such case he clings to the cord of "Lord, increase my bewilderment in Thee!" Glory be to God! A single call both induces intoxication and bestows consciousness, brings both forgetfulness and confers knowledge of all things. Would that I were permitted to mention what I have seen and known. The Cause is in His hands alone. No one has any station, scope, power or strength except by His leave and grace.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance and for your steadfastness! In the days when the Mansion was the Greatest Outlook, one day at sunset His Honor the Name of God M.H. (upon him be all the glory

of God, the Most Glorious) arrived and attained the Most Holy Court. Afterward he gave this servant a packet containing His Holiness's handwriting and a letter from His Honor Aqa Mirza Isma'il. That very night it so happened that this servant found the opportunity to present all of them before His countenance. When it reached its end, the Ancient Beauty arose from His seat, walked about and said: "O Afnan! Blessed are ye for having won the grace and knowledge of your Lord and for having turned unto Him, and blessed are they who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have exalted your stations - soon shall ye behold them. To this beareth witness he who hath turned his face towards My countenance, recognized My Most Great Cause, and set his face towards My Straight Path. O Afnan! The mention of the greatness of the Cause hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. By the life of God! It is greater than every great thing. Were someone to reflect upon and discover the stations of the soul that today is assured of the Cause of God, he would become somewhat aware of the greatness of the Cause. Verily thy Lord openeth the gate of knowledge before whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

O Afnan! The grace of God hath ever been and shall continue to be vouchsafed unto you. Fix your gaze upon this utterance which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation unto one of them that have turned towards Him. O Husayn! Hold fast unto this blessed word, which is even as a ship upon the ocean of the recognition of the Sovereign of all possibility. Though this word be ancient, having been uttered by the Manifestations of the Cause aforetime, yet today it hath appeared adorned with a new and wondrous embellishment, for the true Trump of God hath breathed a fresh spiritual life into the temple of its letters. And it is this: "Whoso is God's, God is his." If thou sailest upon this ocean, thou shalt witness thyself endued with a fresh spirit and boundless certitude, and shalt soar on the wings of longing and yearning in the atmosphere of the love of the Day-Star of the horizons. With utmost joy and expansion, delight and gladness, thou shalt walk upon this straight path of justice. O Afnan! Ye have turned unto the Truth, that is, through His grace ye have attained unto this station, and the Truth, with perfect bounty, hath turned unto you. Think not that the fruits of this bounty shall remain hidden. Nay, by My life! God shall soon make them manifest in the earth. He, verily, is your Guardian and Helper. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. These are the days of manifestation and boundless grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous One. Under all conditions, keep your gaze fixed upon wisdom and place your trust in God. In His hand lieth the preservation of all things. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory be upon you, and upon them that love you, and upon them that have turned unto you, and have heard your call and made mention of you. They are among those who have attained unto the grace of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Isma'il, his letter was presented in full. They stated that in some of what he mentioned he speaks truth and that kindness and consideration should be shown to him. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace and has been sent - consider it and forward it. Verily our Lord, the Commander, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. However, the aforementioned Mirza has become very distressed. Although he is in the right - for it was a great matter since its relation was unto God - yet were he to immerse himself somewhat in the ocean of awareness, he would witness that it was and will be the most excellent, most mighty, most straight, most perfect and most exalted of all affairs in the world. When this evanescent

servant was in Iraq, the two radiant and martyred Luminaries set out toward Zawra with the intention of visiting the Divine Ka'bah. On their return from the Land of Taff, they attained the Most Holy Court and after hearkening to the Divine Call they truly underwent transformation. The manifestation of favor shown to them, though they were not known among the people, was witnessed to such a degree that some were struck with wonderment and amazement. Then by Divine command they returned to their land, and the Hand of Power exalted them and adorned them with the ornament of glory, and from the clouds of generosity rained bounty upon them until throughout the regions of the world they became known and mentioned by the name of the Lord of Eternity, and in truth they established their station in hearts, as you have witnessed and continue to witness. After arriving in the Land of Sad, two petitions from them reached the Most Holy Court, and likewise in other petitions they beseeched and implored with utmost humility and supplication. What bounty could be greater than this station they attained to - that praise be to God, in this earthly realm they were manifest in the name of Truth, and even the polytheists were seen to be humble in their presence, and in their final days they attained to a station that cannot be confined by this servant's pen nor encompassed by this evanescent one's utterance. From the Tablets that have been revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings regarding this supreme calamity, it becomes known and evident - O beloved of my heart - a hundred thousand blessings upon them and a hundred thousand regrets for this servant! It is as though at every moment the tongues of the world cry out "Would that I had been with them!" Consider this matter: the Lord of the world was martyred in the manner that has reached the blessed ears, and they were counted among His servants, yet their martyrdom is seen to have a greater effect, more complete influence, and more intense burning. Exalted is He Who raised them up, exalted is He Who honored them, and exalted is He Who caused them to attain to this station for which the holy ones have sacrificed their souls to reach it. I swear by the Beloved of the world that the regret for this matter will never leave this servant's heart. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid me to do what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning that which you referred matters to God and entrusted them to Him, regarding this He said: "Excellent is what they have done. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He reveals whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the One Whom nothing can frustrate, Whom no hosts can prevent, Whom no might of the mighty can weaken, nor the ascendancy of any powerful one overcome. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth and the Doer of whatsoever He willeth."

In this Most Great Revelation that which hath been witnessed leaveth no room for doubt or uncertainty for any soul, save those who arise in tyranny and speak with sheer and absolute oppression. Whatsoever was revealed in the divine Tablets concerning future events was explicitly stated, without any allusion. Should one examine the Tablet of Fu'ad, the Tablet to Ra'is, the Tablet of Paris, and other Tablets revealed during the tribulations of imprisonment and the opening of its gates, one would be astounded and bewildered. Every letter thereof hath been fulfilled. After the revelation of each of these Tablets, certain assured hearts wondered how these events would come to pass. This servant would submit: "You shall soon see." One day this servant asked whether, if Ra'is should repent, he might be invested with the robe of forgiveness. Thereupon the Ancient Beauty turned to me and said: "By God, besides Whom there is none other God! All that the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablet shall come to pass." Then in

Persian He said: “Were all who are in heaven and earth to gather together, desiring to change but one word of the Tablet of Ra’is, they would be powerless and would never succeed.” Should anyone have seen that blessed Tablet and become aware of what befell Ra’is, his followers, and his domains, he would cry out between earth and heaven in the name of God, our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. In truth the people are asleep, and in this state shall they remain until they observe themselves in the depths, that is to say, in their true stations.

He likewise said: “Write to the Afnan: O My Afnan! Be not saddened by the events of the world. He bestoweth from the clouds of bounty and heaven of generosity whatsoever is meet. If some have suffered harm or injury in this supreme calamity, it mattereth not. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Generous One. He giveth as He hath given, and if there hath been delay in some cases, it hath been due to consummate wisdom. Verily, He knoweth what appeareth, and in His grasp are the reins of all affairs. He, verily, is the Bestower, the All-Forgiving.”

Concerning what you had written to the honored Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be all the most glorious and resplendent Baha, that they should give what is due to the survivors of the martyred and wronged one, upon him be God’s light and mercy - this matter surpasseth all deeds and standeth foremost in the sight of God, exalted be His glory. However, this matter must be carried out after becoming informed of their affairs and gaining full knowledge thereof. For if something should be done in secret and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Isma’il should become aware of it, it would surely cause his despair and perhaps create ill-feeling between him and the survivors. Your concern for them is most beloved in the sight of God. The Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered this blessed word: “Blessed is he who seeketh after their affairs and rectifieth that which is lacking.” Indeed, today this matter is of great magnitude. God willing, your honor and the Afnan have been and will continue to be watchful […]

Concerning what you wrote about the claims, calculations and debts of the wronged martyr, it was presented before His presence. He commanded: Trusting in God, proceed according to commercial law. After paying the rights of the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree and the general public, the preservation and protection of the heirs’ property is necessary, to the extent that it does not transgress wisdom and does not become a cause of sorrow and vexation. The owner of the property has departed from this world and all within it, and has returned to a station where all the world is incapable of mentioning even the least description of it. The affairs of those left behind are with God, exalted be His station. Verily He is the best Protector and the best Guardian. However, outwardly, holding fast to the means is from God and all are commanded to it. May you be assisted and confirmed in serving the Cause of God in all conditions. In truth, that honorable one bore great hardships in the path of God, and likewise did the honored Afnan, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. Praise be to God that you have attained to this matchless and peerless station. This is the station of praise and thankfulness in all conditions. This evanescent servant begs his Lord to send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. Verily He is the Generous Giver, and praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds. The Servant. 9th of Shawwal 1296.

Another submission: Word has been received that the goods sent have arrived in Alexandria, and the funds that Jinab-i-Mulla Raj and Jinab [S R] and likewise your honor had sent have reached this

evanescent servant through Jinab-i-Ism, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. And if separate receipts are needed for each one's name, they will be sent.

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

Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Sovereign of existence and the King of the seen and unseen, Who with the hands of grace has planted the trees of wisdom in blessed and goodly soil, and through the rain of mercy and loving-kindness has bestowed the water of grace, until they reached maturity and through the bounty of the All-Merciful produced the fruits of remembrance and utterance. We beseech Him - exalted be His sovereignty and magnificent His signs - to preserve these trees from the poisonous winds of the souls of the idolaters. In this connection, from the Supreme Pen was revealed a word in response to the petition of Maneckji Sahib, who is one of the British subjects. He speaks, and His word is the truth: "We found pure earth and sowed the seed of knowledge. Now let us see what the rays of the sun will do - whether they will burn it up or cause it to grow." And likewise He says: "Today, through the victory of the Peerless Wise One, the sun of knowledge has risen from behind the veil of the soul, and all the birds of the wilderness are intoxicated with the wine of knowledge and content in the remembrance of the Friend. How excellent is he who finds and comes." End quote.

With a hundred thousand tongues this evanescent servant beseeches the True One - exalted be His station - not to deprive the trees of human existence, in this spiritual springtime when the lights of the Sun of Manifestation are shining and the cloud of mercy has spread its shade, from His outpourings, and to grant them successive draughts from the ocean of insight and knowledge at all times. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Ruler, the Bestower, the Generous.

The Sun of grace is shining, the Ocean of bounty is manifest, the Heaven of generosity is raised up. Man is bewildered at what has prevented the heedless people. The straight and upright path is manifest and evident like the light of the sun, yet despite this, the people are seen to be afflicted and lost in the rocky wilderness of self and desire. God willing, it is hoped that the veils that have prevented the people and the glories that have been the cause of remoteness and distance will be lifted, and the Beauty of the Beloved of the worlds will be witnessed by eyes that are sanctified from the ophthalmia of idle fancies. Verily, He is the Sovereign Who takes and gives, and rules as He pleases. There is no God but Him, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I submit that your letter, which you had previously written in the name of this evanescent servant, was received. God knows it brought boundless joy. It was as if it were a heavenly spring for the thirst of the heart and a pure wine for the attraction of the soul. It brought happiness and removed grief and increased gladness. Well done to your hand and your arm! However, O my beloved, O my beloved, after this joy there occurred that which caused the hearts of the sincere ones to lament and the eyes of those near to God to weep.

In the Persian tongue I say that after some time news arrived of events in the Land of Sad [Isfahan]. Truly it was the cause of hearts being consumed with grief. This blessed word was revealed from the Supreme Pen addressing the martyrs of the Land of Sad, saying: “Ye are in the highest companionship with joy and fragrance, while your loved ones are in such grief that the clouds weep for them.” Until now nearly a hundred tablets, nay more, have been revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty mentioning those holy souls and have been dispatched to various regions. A hundred thousand regrets that this evanescent servant did not attain to that which they attained. Indeed, the appearance of such matters has been and will continue to be among the bestowals of the Ocean of Generosity. For nearly twenty-five years God, exalted be His glory, had exalted them among His servants, and the rains of blessing, glory, loftiness and steadfastness poured down upon them, to such extent that mention of them spread throughout all the cities of Iran, such that in this calamity from every direction elegies were composed and sent to the Most Holy Court. In any case, after the manifestations of divine favor concerning them, in their final days they attained to the greatest martyrdom and supreme gift which they had been seeking and hoping for from God. Three holy souls in the Land of Sad reached this most exalted and highest station. A hundred thousand times: “Would that I had been with them!” For they attained two great bounties: first the supreme martyrdom, and second that which flowed from the Supreme Pen concerning them, which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. A Persian verse was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen, saying:

O thou who art sacrificed in God, from love’s altar turn not away

But give up thy life in the pathway of love this day

The reason and cause of this matter, whose effects will surely become manifest in the earth, was that the Imam-Jum’ih of that land - may he receive his due - owed nearly twenty thousand tumans to those two celestial luminaries of faithfulness, those two martyred and wronged brothers. For a long time he sought to stir up sedition and remove these two innocent ones, until in one of the villages of Isfahan a commotion arose through his instigation and that of others like him. Two of the loved ones of God - one whose blessed name was Kazim and the other Siyyid Aqa Jan - were confronted with hostility. By order of the Imam of the polytheists and Baqir, one of that city’s ignorant ones who is known for his learning, those two noble souls were brought to the city in utter humiliation. They went before the governor and resorted to a hundred thousand lies and calumnies. The governor remained silent. They martyred one of those two noble souls - Kazim - while the governor sent the other out of the city, not handing him over to the polytheists, saying “This man is a Siyyid, I dare not.” Then those two heedless, ignorant ones pursued those two noble souls and arose with all manner of guile and deceit, to the point where they aroused the entire city. The clamor of the polytheists was raised, and those two nightingales took flight to the branches of the eternal Lote-Tree. The details of the martyrdom of these noble ones are many, but this servant has mentioned it briefly. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They bore what no other among the servants has borne.

Forty days after the martyrdom of those two noble ones - on their fortieth day - the manifest Ruler seized the Imam of the polytheists through His power with an abasement beyond which none can be conceived. The Causer of causes thereafter brought about circumstances that led to complete discord between him

and the governor, who is the son of the sovereign. Finally it led to a complaint being made to the seat of sovereignty. From there the order was issued to arrest him and send him to Tihran. Subsequently another person was sent from Tihran, invested with the robe of honor as Imam-Jum'ih and dispatched to the aforementioned city. After the arrival of that tyrannical Imam to the land of ?a, they exiled him to the Holy Mashhad.

Glory be to God! How can man, who witnesses such matters every day, remain heedless and make himself captive to the will of self? A hundred thousand regrets and remorse for those souls who do not gaze with the eye of insight and who remain joyful and occupied with the diverse colors of the world. No other news has occurred in Iran that would be worthy of mention. Since that honored one had requested details of the affairs of those regions, therefore these few words were submitted as an intrusion. During these few days, petitions and letters have arrived from most cities of Iran. Praise be to God, the friends are tranquil and safe. As for the news of these realms which you had requested - inwardly they are in disarray while outwardly there is peace and security. However, due to lack of rain, all things are at the height of inflation. Verily He is the Extender, the Withholder, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Concerning the seekers of lands of whom you wrote that they have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and are gazing toward the Dayspring of the Cause, blessed are they, then blessed are they! God willing, they shall at all times drink from the Kawthar of the recognition of the Beloved of the worlds and be occupied with His remembrance. Today there is no deed more excellent than for a soul to attain unto the recognition of the Dawning Place of God's verses. I beseech the True One to assist them in that which will cause their mention and name to endure in the divine Kingdom. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to what you wrote concerning His Excellency Nawwab Safdar Ali Khan, mention was made of him in the Most Holy Court, and his letter which he had addressed to this servant was presented in its entirety before the Most Holy Court. A prayer was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of bounty and the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of His footsteps - was commanded to write it. However, He wrote it in various scripts and it was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it and be enabled to read it. Likewise, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for His Excellency Nawwab Mahmud Ali Khan.

Concerning what you wrote about having a grand design in mind and seeking assistance - this was presented in the Most Holy Court. He said: "At the beginning of every matter, consider its end and reflect upon its fruit. In all circumstances, do not depart from wisdom. The assistance of God, exalted be His glory, has been and will, God willing, continue to be with you." He said that if you reflect yourself, you will declare "there is no power nor strength except through God," for you will witness the assistance of the King of existence and the Ordainer of the seen and unseen. We beseech the True One to assist your honor in the remembrance and service of His Cause. He is verily the Protector of those who remember Him.

Concerning what you wrote about Siyyid Mustafa who is in your service - this evanescent one conveys his greetings to him and beseeches the True One to make him successful and assist him in recognizing the Dawning Place of His verses. Surely he will be educated in your service. God willing, may he drink from the breast of the world the milk of recognition and from the hidden spring the water of life. Success and

grace are in God's hands; He bestows them upon whomsoever He willeth. He is verily the Bestower, the Generous.

As to what you wrote about your intention to go to China and the conflict between its sovereignty and the English - this was presented before Him. He said: "Be thou assured that thou art of those who are secure." He said that your honor should strive, with the aid of the Lord of Final Return, that the seeds of recognition of the Beloved might find place and establish themselves in the soil of hearts. This is a deed whose mention will endure throughout the perpetuity of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in recognizing the Dawning Place of Revelation and His manifestation and in serving Him. Hold fast to this mighty station and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what you mentioned about the departed Aqa Mirza Husayn - upon him be the Glory of God - although it caused grief, yet since he was in your service and engaged in the remembrance of God, he is in truth adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and honored with the favors of the Beloved of all possibility. Blessed is he in that he believed in God and migrated for love of Him and soared in exile in His path.

Another submission is that all your letters have arrived, as well as certain items that were sent with the emigrants - upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory. From the Holy Land a chest has also been sent in your name, though it has not yet arrived. News of its arrival in Alexandria has come, and this is submitted for your information. We beseech God to assist your honor and this servant in that which will cause His Cause to be exalted in His lands. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Another submission is that, as commanded, I had previously written something regarding your honored mother - upon her be the Glory of God - but you had not written a response. The command is that you should write a special letter to her and send something in her name, so that it may serve two purposes: both the Cause of God and the contentment of her heart. From the Most Holy Court an exalted and most mighty Tablet has been revealed and sent specially for her, and her letter will also arrive. She always inquires about your honor, and in truth, her satisfaction has been and is the cause of good in this world and the next, and of protection both outward and inward.

This evanescent one's submission is that to each of the holy souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of the Word and turned toward the realm of oneness, convey this servant's expression of sincere devotion. God willing, may all attain the fruits of the Divine Day and be illumined by the Sun of Truth. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have turned to and believed in God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station!

May my spirit and my being be sacrificed for Thee! The letter adorned with the ink of love, which is in truth the cause and reason for, and manifestation of, the unity of the servants in the Cause of the Lord of

creation, became the source of joy and gladness and the cause of delight and felicity. Although in these days, due to the abundance of tribulations and the accumulation of afflictions, this servant has not been and is not capable of properly conveying his condition, yet in all circumstances we are thankful for the favors of that Beloved One and are occupied with His mention and praise. We hope that we shall never be deprived of the fragrance of His favor and that we shall ever be blessed by the wafting of the breezes of that Beloved's grace. Verily, He is the Answerer of the prayers of those who call upon Him.

The conditions in this land remain as previously reported, continuing in the same manner until God decrees what He willeth. In recent times, that accursed Khawwaq has been consorting openly, day and night, with Rida and his sister. After previous incidents, he has written many calumnies and sent them to Beirut where they have been published in one of the newspapers. The curse of God be upon him who hath wronged and fabricated lies. God will soon cause his schemes to rebound upon himself. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning the previous envelope containing documents that did not arrive, beloved one, may I be sacrificed for you, thorough investigation has been made here. According to what they say, and as it apparently must have been, whatever happened occurred there in the Austrian post office. The honored ones wrote to this servant about this matter today and later went themselves for a meeting. What was written and said verbally was that they asked the Haifa ship's officer about the mail sent on such-and-such date that did not reach the ship and whether my letter remained in Haifa. He replied that there was no separate letter left in Haifa - all letters that existed were within the sealed post and were sent as such. If there was a problem, it occurred in Alexandria. And this servant also observes that this must be how it happened, because the honored ones take the letter when the post is being sealed and wait until it is sealed. Moreover, it is inconceivable that this ship's officer would act dishonestly for several known reasons. That envelope was given with the package, but when the ship did not come to port, he did not accept the package, stating that since it needed to be sent to Haifa and the sea was turbulent, it could not be trusted to a boatman. The fact is that on that day the ship did not come to this port but went to Haifa. The Lloyd company sent people's letters in one sealed package according to their usual procedure to Haifa to be given to their ship. The mentioned post did not reach the ship; the Austrian company took it and sent it by their own ship to Alexandria. Your honor was not aware of this matter, and these servants were not aware, and the Lloyd company itself did not know that it would not reach the ship. In any case, when the Lloyd ship arrived, your honor went according to the previous arrangement and there was no letter. And as was heard, there was a three or four day difference between these two ships. It is highly probable that it was in the Austrian post office and those beloved ones were not aware to go collect it. Some Persian saw and took the envelope with Persian seal and writing. There is no doubt that it left here safely, and the details there must apparently have happened this way. The rest God knows. And regarding what you had written about sending copies of those lost documents, they have been obtained and exist. God willing, they will be sent next week. Now was not suitable. There is also a document from the honored 14 [Javad] remaining from before - that too will be sent.

Regarding the petitions of the honored S, it was submitted. They said return to this land is absolutely not permitted. Let them proceed, relying upon God. He is the protector of whoever befriends Him and the helper of those who have no helper. Indeed He is the master of the sincere ones. He teaches whomever

He wishes whatever He wishes. Whoever turns to Him, from his heart flows the Salsabil of utterance according to what has been ordained for him in a clear Book.

Please convey this servant's expressions of devotion and greetings, and likewise to each of the great gentlemen, the honored Sh and the honored Anis, and each of the friends and servants. I request from that beloved one that in whatever manner is appropriate, you mention on behalf of this servant and convey the greetings of this ephemeral servant.

Regarding the Sacred House, a letter arrived last week from Aqa Muhammad-Rida, and he sent four Ottoman liras through this servant, meaning they were given to his honor to send, and confirmation of receipt was received. As to what was written concerning some being informed or uninformed of certain matters, it is clear and evident to your honor that most matters do not occur without his knowledge, as most write to him with details of affairs. For example, Aqa Muhammad-Rida did not write anything to this servant but had written the details of their affairs to him, and he conveyed it to this servant in whatever way possible, as in these days no one is able to correspond directly. Otherwise, it has been and is known that to the extent possible, your beloved's instructions are carried out. We beseech God to assist me in all that your noble heart loves and your gracious soul desires, verily He has power over what He wills. At present they are in Beirut and their ill health continues. It is hoped that, God willing, there will be no shortcoming in their affairs. Your honor should be assured about these matters. No one has been or will be approached about this, nor will it even be mentioned.

Furthermore, the Holy Branches and the people of the Sacred Household all remember your honor with wondrous and sublime remembrances, and this servant offers greetings, submission, and utter nothingness on behalf of all the friends. And the Glory be upon you.

Dated the 14th of Dhi'l-Hajjih

The Servant

May I be sacrificed for you. As previously mentioned, four tablets in Persian were revealed specifically for four Zoroastrians, and since sending the original tablets by post would damage them, copies are being sent. They are now being sent for dispatch to the Holy Land. One of the four individuals has submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court. According to what has been heard, two individuals have drunk from the Kawthar of faith and the other two are close. In any case, someone must, through divine confirmation, present these tablets to them in a fitting manner. Therefore, it is necessary that the presenter first recite them repeatedly so as to be able to read them properly. We beseech God to assist all in what He loves and desires.

According to the command, his honor Ismu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, should proceed as follows: Regarding the matter of sending the leaf and the person who should accompany her, if possible they should consult with her mother, upon her be the Glory of God. Whatever consultation decides, they should act accordingly. In any case, if it is accomplished with the utmost joy and fragrance, it is acceptable before His Countenance. The expenses thereof should be paid by his honor Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. And if in that land and its surroundings any Huqúqu'llah is received and is spent for this

cause, there has been and is no objection. His honor Ismu'llah, upon him be Baha, is authorized to do so. And if his honor Abu'l-Hasan himself accompanies the leaf, it would be most beloved.

Regarding the aforementioned matter, a small place should be acquired, and its cost should be paid by his honor A.H., upon him be Baha, either in their name or his own name or in whatever name they deem advisable to record in the deed. Regarding this matter and the first matter, they should consult with his honor Mulla Ali-Akbar and Mirza Asadu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy. Whatever emerges from consultation is the command of God, but they must make a mighty effort to keep it concealed. At present the purpose is protection, lest there befall him what befell in the land of Ta from the hands of the wicked ones. Later, great means shall appear for the station according to what God has willed. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And regarding the teachers, they should be paid from the funds of the Right of God, exalted be His Glory. Previously, his honor Asad, upon him be Baha, was commanded to receive from Huququ'llah and distribute. Now his honor the Trustee, upon him be Baha, has written that his honor A.H., upon him be Baha and My mercy, has agreed to pay the teachers' expenses. In this case, if it is referred to them, it is most beloved. And in these days the number of teachers should not exceed three or four, as it would cause notoriety, and notoriety is extremely harmful to this Cause.

O My Name! O thou who gazest upon the Sun of My Revelation! We made no mention of the people of Mim and Alif in the Tablet, and therefore We make mention of them at this time, that it may be a treasure and an honor unto them with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, We have found from that land the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of him who is named 'Ali in that place, and after him certain numbered souls, and after these servants who have turned and said: "We believe in God, the Lord of the worlds." If thou turnest and beholdest those who have attained unto the mention of God, give them glad tidings from Me and proclaim unto them greetings from the Wronged One, the Stranger. We have made mention of My loved ones in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen. These are servants from whom We have found the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, the stars have fallen, and the foundations of every firm edifice have been shaken. Soon shall wondrous and lofty fruits be witnessed from the trees of those lands. This is God's decree, both before and after. Well is it with them that understand.

O people of the land of Mim! This Wronged One, at this hour - being the sixth hour of the first day of the blessed month of Ramadan - while imprisoned in this Most Great Prison with its gates closed fast, maketh mention of you with the most excellent of remembrances. The whole world cannot be compared to a single word from the words of the Lord of Eternity. Hearken, know, and arise with all earnestness to serve the Cause. Today the hosts of Truth are goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. Blessed is the soul that gaineth victory through these hosts. Those lands are blessed, for this Wronged One journeyed from the direction of Shahrud to that region, arriving at Gaz and observing its surroundings, and from there to Ashraf and before that the district of Hazar-Jarib, village by village and city by city, until We arrived in the land of Nur. Praise be to God that in those days all those regions were illumined and blessed by the lights of the Sun of Truth, and the effects thereof shall surely become manifest. That which was planted by the

divine hand shall soon yield its fruits in the world's assemblies. The call of the Beloved is raised from those mountains, for those lands have been blessed by the footsteps of the True One. God willing, may all be enabled to do that which beseemeth the Days of God. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! While time remaineth, strive to make good what hath passed. Verily, He is with you and will aid you in that which befitteth this blessed and wondrous Day. God willing, may all the divine friends drink from the immortal chalice and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, and by the hearts that have melted in their love for Thee, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. O my Lord! Thou seest them among Thy heedless servants who have cast behind their backs Thy Covenant, violated Thy Testament, and disputed Thy manifest signs. I beseech Thee to send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O my Lord! Draw them by Thy most sweet call in such wise that they may behold the world behind them and the deniers beneath their feet. How wonderful is this attraction whereby light hath shone forth and that which the Book proclaimed hath appeared: "Everything shall perish save the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

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He is God; there is none other God but Him. Verily, we all are assured of this. I have said much concerning this, but most people do not understand. Whatsoever hath been mentioned regarding manifestations of miracles that pertain to this lowly one are falsehoods fabricated by the deniers. And whatsoever hath been attributed to the Primal Point, the Source of Primary Grace, and the established Mirrors thereof, is truth by which the sincere shall gain victory. However, concerning that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty and the clouds of mercy in the Bayan, no universal proof or conclusive evidence hath been ordained save the revelation of verses. This hath ever been and shall ever remain God's proof unto the peoples of the earth. Should any matter appear from the Source of Grace and Glory other than this, it is purely through God's favor; otherwise, the supreme proof is that which He Himself hath ordained - and who is more truthful in speech than God?

Furthermore, certain ones should not utterly deny the manifestation of that which hath been attributed to the Prophets, for the understanding of servants cannot serve as the criterion. If one observeth with the eye of insight, all that is visible on earth - before its manifestation - was and is and shall ever be beyond the comprehension of all people, both high and low. Observe the sun in the sky, how in its present visible form it giveth joy and light to all on earth from east to west and all other directions. Surely, before witnessing it, the intellect would not have accepted the description and affirmation of such a thing. Likewise, observe all aspects of creation that the mystery of the matter may be revealed, for all things have been and are miracles of the Prophets. Return thy gaze: seest thou any flaw?

In the Qur'an there are many verses proving this. Though the exact verses are not before me, their meanings are thus: "He it is Who created you and sustains you - will ye not then perceive?" And "He it is

Who causeth to grow from the earth goodly vegetation - will ye not then believe?" And "He sendeth down water from the sky - will ye not then be thankful?" And "He created the heavens and the earth and what is between them, and fixed the mountains as a favor from Him, yet few among you understand."

Thus it becometh evident that whatsoever is visible and pertaineth to power is from God. Is there any creator besides God? Say: Glory be to God! There is no creator save Him in Whom the sincere have believed. Yes, if it be said that if the miracles attributed to former Prophets were true, they should also appear now - this argument is not one to which illumined minds and pure hearts would cling. Often things occurred in the past that do not occur now, or vice versa. For every matter there are treasuries with thy Lord; He sendeth them down as He willeth according to His measure. This is your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. For example, every thirty years by your reckoning and counting, plague appeareth in certain lands. Can one deny its existence due to its delay, saying that if it were real it should appear now? Similarly with other matters that appeared before but not now, or vice versa. And if it be asked why now some matter of manifestation […]

Pure power and absolute authority do not become manifest merely to exalt sublime spirits and elevate sanctified souls. Yea, this is truth, even as ye speak in the Bayan, and unto God belong the most exalted similitudes, did ye but know. Consider this visible river: when it overflows and increases, it moves and flows, and whatever it does, it remains steadfast in its power. When weak souls from all sides cry out that the great dam has burst, or that a certain dam has been destroyed, or that a certain house has been ruined, or that a certain palace has collapsed - it pays no heed, but continues to flow with utmost might, dominion, power and sovereignty, moving equally in all its courses. For instance, before its might, buildings belonging to either king or pauper are judged alike, save those structures that possess an inherent firmness. Thus do We set forth similitudes, that ye may attain certitude in what ye witness.

Make thy vision keen and thy sight subtle, that the sweet fragrance of delight and splendor may touch thy heart and thou mayest be established upon the throne of tranquility. This is the greatest and mightiest of matters, could ye but find it.

Furthermore, observe that should a powerful person attempt to dam the river and seize its reins through the authority of might and the dominion of power, how many houses and dwellings would be destroyed in its return, and how many souls would drown. Yet verily, though parched lands that had long suffered the torment of thirst would be blessed with new life and adorned with fresh and wondrous garments. Thus doth God create what He willeth through His command. There is no God but Him, the Lord of all worlds.

Likewise, consider the mysteries of fate and destiny: whatever hath appeared and shall appear, like this river of affairs, flows and rests in its proper place. Should anything manifest contrary to this, how much opposition would arise in the world. If thou wouldst comprehend this subtle and delicate mystery, which is more hidden than any secret, thou wouldst become independent of all that hath been and shall be asked.

This is why in every age and century when the Invisible Essence and the Eternal Being hath willed to make manifest and cause to flow that true River and real Ocean through a new temple and fresh garment, all

those edifices of existence and palaces of deluded souls were drowned and destroyed. In the depths of thirst and the extremity of their parching, they were submerged and annihilated, never realizing enough to take even a single draught thereof. Thus doth God give life to whom He willeth, destroy whom He willeth, confirm whom He willeth, and deny whom He willeth, did ye but know.

Especially when, during the overflow of the River of the Divine Essence which flows from the North of Unity, the eastern winds begin to blow, how many lofty souls, people of heart, mighty palaces and elevated, firm structures would be destroyed and annihilated. By Him Who holdeth the heavens in His grasp and causeth the seas to flow by His command […]

Know that were it not for the hidden shackles in existence, I would have fully revealed all divine similitudes and subtle celestial decrees in this very flowing river. But how can this be when I have no inclination toward any matter due to intense sorrow and overwhelming grief? In these days I am afflicted between the Gog of silence and the Magog of speech. I beseech God to send down an Alexander who might erect a barrier. Divine allusions are concealed within these expressions, and holy letters are treasured within these words. Blessed is he who grasps its pearls, recognizes their worth, and attains their presence.

It has been witnessed and known that the root of all differences, from the highest realms of meaning to the lowest levels of words, stems from the differences in the forms of mirrors. Each one relates and narrates what exists within itself. For example, observe this very river, which flows in one manner and whose relation to all palaces and edifices is equal, yet each valley receives according to its capacity, and each barrier resists according to its strength. Thus, this difference arises from the recipient. Likewise, observe the dawning of the Eternal Sun, which rises with a single effulgence in the heavens of the hearts of all created things, yet its reflection differs in the forms of mirrors according to the mirrors themselves. Hence, some stand at the height of nature and the summit of purpose, while others rest in the depths of rigidity and the abyss of extinction. All have their stations with God, and all return unto Him.

The people of insight must have vision like steel and a heart as vast as existence, so that while opportunity exists, they neither prevent the former from beholding Beauty nor deprive the latter from the sweet water of life, that they might partake of all flavors and receive their portion. What need is there to cling to the words of people or be disturbed by the deeds of servants? All drink from the same water and are given to drink from the same sea, yet each has their degrees with thy Lord, and all proceed according to their condition.

Today, whosoever believes in the Most Exalted Countenance and is certain of His station on the throne after Him, this suffices him above any knowledge or deed. And satisfaction with Him and faith in Him are not realized except through obedience to His command in all things. This is the greatest, most glorious, and most perfect outcome. There is no goal save God and no end besides Him.

All that has been mentioned regarding the qualities of the river was but a similitude that flowed from the pen. Reflect and ponder that all divine mysteries might be unveiled from the veil of nearness and remoteness, of high and low, revealing Beauty. And comprehend that Sea of Seas, before whose greatness all seas are but drops, how it surges in its blessed Essence and blessed Source of attributes. And

say: Glory be to Thee! How wondrous is Thy Cause, how great is Thy power, how mighty is Thy sovereignty, how overwhelming is Thy grandeur! We know naught of Thee save what Thou hast taught us from Thy presence through the tongue of the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Source of Thy Essence, the Mine of Thy Command, and the Repository of Thy Wisdom. Verily, Thou art the Knower of all that is created and will be created, and Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen.

O Javad! I impart unto thee a single word - a token of loving-kindness and compassion - that hath been garnered from the gems of Holy Books and the essences of Sacred Scriptures, that the water of eternity may flow from the clouds of the Divine Unity upon thy reality and the realities of all servants, enabling you to attain unto life everlasting and eternal existence. And it is this: “Possess ye a pure, goodly and illumined heart, that ye may possess a sovereignty imperishable, everlasting, ancient and eternal.” This is a treasure that pertaineth to heaven; should it come to life and be established, it shall never die nor perish. This is a light that shall never be extinguished, a treasure that shall not vanish, a raiment that shall not wear out, and a revelation that shall never be concealed. By it many are led astray, and others are guided aright. Give thanks unto God that thou hast been made the recipient of this all-embracing word, this divine melody, and this celestial song. I found nothing more firm than this word, else would I have imparted it. There exists no greater counsel than this mentioned word. Preserve it, if ye desire to find a way unto Him Who sitteth upon the throne. Out of love for thee hath this servant written this reply, otherwise I have no desire whatsoever to set forth any matter or write any word. God sufficeth Me as witness, and as guardian over you. Arise then with legs of steel upon the path which We have laid upon the white land of the Spirit, and with eyes of flame observe its pillars and foundations, and with ears of ruby hearken unto that which hath appeared therefrom concerning that which thou hast asked, and with hands of gold and fingers of power take what is in it and upon it, and with the tongue of the sword sing and chant and clap and drum that there is no God but He, and that Ali before Muhammad is the Essence of God and His enduring Being, and Muhammad before Ali is the Source of God’s Command and His everlasting Identity, and the Countenance of the Living One is the Repository of God’s decree and His established Self, and the Letters of the Living are the first to believe in God and His signs, and verily we all hold fast unto them, and verily this is the Word that shall distinguish between truth and falsehood until the Day when the Hour shall arise, whereupon all shall be present before God and all shall be upstanding at His bidding. And glory be upon him who believed in Him on the day of His meeting and was among those who stood in His presence.

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In My Name, the Most Glorious, the Most Glorious!

O ’Ali! Bear thou witness that I am the Manifestation of God in the heaven of eternity, His Hidden Mystery in the unseen realm of the divine cloud, the Ancient Beauty in the kingdom of glory, and the Primal Spirit in the most exalted vesture. All were created by My command and circle round Me, all act by My bidding, and all have prostrated themselves before My countenance and clung to the hem of My loving-kindness, even though they perceive it not within themselves in this wondrous Temple. Say: This is the Point from which the words of God have been expounded, and from which have appeared the holy

scrolls of detachment and the tablets of glorious preservation. Say: This is the Word of God from which the Points have appeared and unto which they return, then through which they are renewed in an instant. Say: Through it hath appeared the proof in every age, and the Word of God and His evidence unto all worlds have been perfected. Say: Were He to manifest but a single letter, it would surpass all that hath been mentioned in the kingdom from time immemorial and all that hath flowed from the Pen upon preserved tablets of glory. Say: By God! It is sweeter than all that hath been uttered by holy tongues, spoken by the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, or voiced behind the pavilion of sinlessness by those who swim in the depths of praise. Say: By God! By one note thereof hath the Dove warbled upon the branches and the proof of the All-Merciful hath shone forth with mighty sovereignty. Say: O heedless ones! The chastisement and wrath of God have come upon you. Die, then, from the fire which God hath kindled within your souls, then place your fingers of rejection in your ears, then return to the nethermost fire in the depths of hell. Say: This is the thunderbolt of God that hath appeared from the cloud of power, and with it a penetrating flame to prevent the evil ones from hearkening unto these mysteries which lay beneath the veil of power, and to keep them from drawing nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: By God! None hath any escape on this Day save by believing in this manifest and glorious proof, this all-sufficient, perfect, wondrous and mighty evidence, or by rejecting God's proofs of old, His signs, His Messengers and His chosen ones, if ye be of them that know. Say: God will not accept aught from anyone this Day, even should they worship Him forever or remember Him with all that hath been sent down from the heaven of glory in the time of the Messengers, except that they enter this pavilion which hath been raised in truth and beneath whose shade dwell the inmates of the most exalted Paradise. And whosoever entereth not beneath the shade of this countenance hath gone forth from the shade of God, and none shall be exempted from this decree among all the worlds. Say: We were among you for years untold and We veiled Our face from every perceiving eye lest anyone from among the people of the earth should recognize Us, and God is witness and knower of this. When the idolaters persisted, We lifted the veil of concealment from the face of Beauty and made it appear like the sun at high noon. Blessed then be God, the Creator of all creation! Say: The test hath come from the direction of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Great, and the Balance hath appeared with justice whereby all deeds shall be weighed, if ye be of them that bear witness. Say: O people of the earth! If ye desire to hear the melodies of God, hearken unto these sweet and wondrous melodies, and if ye wish to behold the beauty of God, behold this glorious and radiant Beauty. Say: By God! None can hear the call of God today except by purifying his ears from all that he hath heard from the people and […]

O Ali! Say: By God, the Spirit has verily returned in truth in this Beauty, the Eternal, the Everlasting, the Perpetual, the Self-Subsisting, the One, the Ancient. He calls you unto God, the Most High, and to that which was revealed in the Bayan from the presence of a mighty and glorious Sovereign. He brings you glad tidings of God's good-pleasure and guides you to the shore of holy munificence. Hasten then, O people, to God's guidance and His presence, and deal not with Him as ye dealt with God's Messengers of old. Fear God, O people, and be not of the corrupt. O people! Prevent not God's clouds from their outpouring, nor His breeze from its wafting, nor His beauty from this resplendent ornament. Be fair then unto yourselves, O people of the Bayan! If ye believe not in these verses, in what thing did ye believe before, if ye be of the fair-minded? Are ye content within yourselves to do as the peoples of the Furqan did? Alas for you, O heedless ones! Have ye forgotten when the Sovereign of the Messengers came unto

you in the name of Ali with truth, bearing a luminous whiteness, a clear Book and a mighty Tablet? Then rose up against Him the idolaters with such opposition as cannot be compared with aught in the heavens and earth, and they did unto Him what I cannot mention and what no ear of the monotheists can bear to hear. Thus do We recount unto thee what hath come to pass, that perchance the people may become aware within themselves and not do unto His servant more than what was done before, and may be of those who return unto God, unto Whom shall be their return and their abode on the Day when all creatures shall be gathered together.

O Horseman of Glory! Remind the servants of what We caused thee to witness in thy journey when thou didst travel from the Dawning-Place of the divine cloud to the Day-Spring of eternity in the highest pavilions, moving by the holy cord in the atmosphere of the Spirit. Say: We journeyed until We reached beyond the Mountain of Musk in the Spot of Radiance. We beheld people from among the sanctified ones around this Spot, stationed in the name of one of the names, who were sanctifying God from what hath appeared in the worlds of names and attributes and from all that the highest realities of contingent beings comprehend collectively. Then We arose before their eyes and remained among them and revealed Ourselves unto them with the ornament of God, and thus was the matter decreed in truth in the Valley of Glory. And We were in that state for a duration that cannot be limited by the pen, as Our mercy had preceded through grace unto all the worlds collectively, that they might turn to Him Whom they were sanctifying in their days and might recognize their Creator and Lord after they had been calling upon Him in every ancient time. When We found them clinging to the cord of names and heedless of the Sovereign of the Named One, We veiled Our face from them and ascended from their midst and passed by them until We arrived at the holy Paran beyond the Mountain of Ruby in a beloved holy spot. Then We found people who were worshipping God in their standing, their sitting, their bowing and their prostration, and We turned unto them with a holy and manifest Beauty, that perchance they might recognize their Ancient Lord and be honored by His presence and enter beneath a […]

Having found them clinging to the cord of devotions while heedless of the Sovereign of all created things - through but one word from Whom the laws of the Cause were made to flow in the rivers of wisdom - We left them to their vain imaginings and ascended to hidden sanctified destinations, soaring in the atmosphere of nearness until We reached the ultimate station possible in existence: a blessed valley of glory. There We found a people among the unitarians who would unitize God in both private and public, witnessing God's handiwork in the horizons of possibilities and in themselves - thus was the matter truly witnessed. It was as though in Divine Unity they had reached the furthest limit, a station above which the wings of the possessors of understanding cannot soar, except as God - your Lord, my Lord and the Lord of all worlds - may will. It was as though they witnessed nothing except that they witnessed God established and self-subsisting over it. They were settled upon the thrones of witnessing and unveiling, and upon seats of glorious uniqueness. They remained in that station until the test and trial came to them according to what was ordained in the Tablets and inscribed by the Pen of Destiny upon the Tablet of Command. Then We wafted upon them the breaths of the All-Merciful and sent them the fragrance of the garment from this Youth, that they might perceive these wafting breaths that were sent forth from God's paradise of good-pleasure. Yet We found them in the realm of heedlessness of these messages - one breath of which transformed all existing things to the court of a praiseworthy nearness. Thereafter

We appeared in truth among them with a beloved holy beauty, that perchance the lightning flashes of the Face might remind them and guide them to Him Whom they had been unitizing in their days, and immerse them in the depths of attainment to that station from separation from which the eyes of those near to God were filled with tears. We remained above their heads for countless months and unlimited years, yet found not in them awareness even to the extent of an atom. Thus have We recorded their deeds in this Tablet which was then set upon the thigh of God. Since Our mercy preceded all worlds, We did not abandon them but moved again from above their heads and turned to face their eyes, patiently remaining in that station for a duration beyond the reckoning of the worlds, that they might not be deprived of that for which they were created and for which they had been unitizing Him in their days and numbered years. Yet We found them intoxicated with the matter and heedless of Him through but one word from Whom they had been created in the worlds of names. Finding them in that state, We wept over them and over My solitude and estrangement, and We departed from them as the morning breeze departs from a flourishing holy paradise, until We arrived at the Noble Valley, this spring from which flows the Salsabil upon this Name through which appeared the Kingdom of Names, sanctified above the description of the worlds. And We found a people who welcomed Us with radiant glorious faces and holy unique temples, holding in their hands banners of victory upon which was inscribed in crimson ruby script: "By God, these are indeed God's banners of victory which were forever raised in the shadow of this Name through the endurance of God." These were they who loved God in their private and public lives as though they were aware of naught else and naught besides Him was heard by them. They would worship God in the inmost secret according to this secret enshrouded in secrecy, according to the hidden symbol […]

And thus did We make them witnesses and encompassed their Cause which was praiseworthy in the words of God, and verily their deeds and their souls became the very Cause of God itself, without distinction or separation. And they would make mention of God in this Most Perfect, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Word in this station which was detached from all directions. Then the Herald proclaimed: "God shall soon raise up one who will cause the people to enter beneath the shadow of these Standards through a sovereignty from Him and a power from His presence, that grace in this dispensation might descend upon all the worlds from the paradise of the Word." Thus do We impart unto thee what We witnessed in this journey, that thou mayest thereby become acquainted with the mysteries that were hidden in the pavilion of the Cause behind a veil of light. Say: O people! Fear God, then recognize Him Who came to you aforetime in His other vesture, then hearken unto His melodies from these songs that were raised on God's melody amongst the worlds. Say: By God! If ye recognize Him not in this Beauty and hear not His verses in these verses, your recognition of His own Self on the Day when He came to you with the truth and will come to you with what ye were promised in the preserved tablets of holiness shall not be credited unto you. Say: O people! This is the Youth of God, His servant, His attendant, His proof, His sovereignty, His beauty, His might, His grandeur, His evidence, His testimony, and His grace unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and thus was the Cause at that time inscribed upon this Tablet by the truth from the heaven of the Command. Whosoever wishes, let him hasten to the presence of God with his heart or his feet, and whosoever wishes, let him return to the wrath which was kindled from the fire of unbelief by God's command. Can anyone object to these verses while claiming faith in his soul? Nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! Rather, he would be one who associates

partners with God, His verses, His Messengers and His chosen ones, and to this doth testify this Tablet which speaketh with truth, and behind it a holy and manifest tongue. And if abasement touch thee for My name's sake, be patient and grieve not, and put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and He will suffice thee against all the worlds. And if thou seest the name of God, Javad, spread thy letter before him that he may read it with his heart and tongue, then make mention of him from Our presence with a gracious mention. Then make mention of him who was with him, that God's remembrance of them both and of the people might precede in truth. Then make mention of those in thy land who have believed in God and remained steadfast in love. And the Spirit and the Light and the Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, every small one and great one.

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Blessed is this day whereon God's reed-pen hath moved within the field of remembrance and utterance, and His Most Exalted Pen in the arena of wisdom and exposition. Praise be unto Him, and the spirit of the Spirit unto His favors, for He hath caused us to hear that which the chosen ones and the saints died in their yearning to hear, and hath taught us that which none among the peoples of creation had known. Exalted, exalted be His grace through which existence hath been adorned with the raiment of attainment! Exalted, exalted be His generosity through which the sincere ones have been immersed in the ocean of meeting! By God! The Pen confesseth its powerlessness and the tongue its extinction. There is none possessed of being save he hath confessed his limitation, nor any wielder of authority save in his bewilderment and inability to reach. Exalted, exalted be He Whom if thou describest, thou limitest, and if thou leavest undescribed, thou fallest short of that which thou art commanded. Therefore it behoveth us to hold fast unto that which we have been commanded in His perspicuous Book. He hath said - and His Word is the truth - "Remember Me" and in another place "Thank Me." Were it not for the permission from the direction of His favor, who could soar in the atmosphere of His praise and who could draw nigh unto the ocean of His remembrance? Every atom testifieth that He is God, there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above all things and will ever continue to be as He hath been. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thereafter, the servant was enraptured by your nightingale of utterance which called out upon the branches of love and affection, and attained unto hearing that which warbled with spirit and fragrance. God knoweth that whatsoever appeareth from you is indeed joy for the hearts and delight for the souls. When I attained and visited, I turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and presented it before the Beloved. Then the tongue of grace spoke and uttered with justice: "O My Name Zayn! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Most Great Spirit. Verily, there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, those who desired grace and forgiveness from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous - say: We have heard your call and forgiven those who sought His forgiveness. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Compassionate. Give glad-tidings unto Muhammad with the remembrance of his Lord, that he may praise through these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! Hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book and adorn yourselves with the virtues which

We have commanded all to observe in a clear Tablet. Verily, he who acteth in accordance with that which God hath commanded him is of the people of Baha - to this beareth witness the Concourse on High - and he who casteth it behind him is among the heedless."

As for what thou didst mention concerning him who arrived from the people of Ha and Nun, We have accepted that which thou didst command him. Blessed art thou for having prevented him from turning toward this exalted station. O My Name Zayn! By God! We love Our loved ones - We hear and see their condition, to this all things bear witness, but the people are in a mighty veil. We have commanded them with that which profiteth them, and We write for whomsoever thy Lord desireth that which the treasuries of the heavens and earth cannot equal. The Most Exalted Pen hath not moved upon anything except there was good in it for the servants. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

As for what you mentioned concerning my name, the letter ?a, by My life, he hath accomplished that which hath amazed the Concourse on High. We have answered his request before his supplication and mention. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Thy Lord sayeth: excellent is what he hath written for thee, and excellent is what thou hast written for him. We have heard and We are among those who bear witness. We bid him observe the Greater Wisdom. The first thing enjoined upon him is to protect himself - to this every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness. Give thanks unto God for having aided both thee and him, and granted you both that which hath been denied to all on earth save those whom the All-Knowing, the All-Wise hath willed.

Regarding what you wrote about the practice of seeking guidance, it is not within this servant's purview. Ask Jinab-i-Aqa Jamal himself, upon him be the Glory of God. And what was sent from the books with the beloved Jinab-i-?abib, upon him be all Glory most glorious, has arrived.

And concerning what was written about the guest, upon her be the Glory of God, I conveyed her greetings to the people of the pavilion of grandeur. God willing, may they always be engaged in mentioning the Beloved with utmost joy. Convey this servant's greetings to Jinab-i-?afi and her, upon them both be the Glory of God. And what they have arranged regarding the funds has been accepted in His presence.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa 'Abdu'l-Ghaffar, it was submitted before His presence. He said: "May he be blessed with God's infinite bounties and remain firm in a cause from which many men have slipped. Today the wine of steadfastness is desired. Blessed are they who drink thereof, blessed are they who drink thereof!"

God willing, may all be engaged in service, remembrance, praise and attentiveness with pure hearts, radiant faces, expanded breasts, sanctified souls, humble temples, prostrate foreheads, remembering tongues, and attentive ears. Verily We have mentioned the Most Truthful One when thy letter was presented before the Wronged One in this exalted station.

Concerning what you wrote about the funds that Jinab-i-Ism-i-N and Jinab-i-Ism-i-'Ayn, upon them be the Glory of God, have sent, and that you have used some for your debts and bestowed some upon others - this servant submitted this before His presence. He said: "Excellent is what he hath done with it. We had given him permission for this beforehand. Verily We are the Ruler."

Regarding the book, if a trustworthy, intelligent and experienced person is found, send it. And concerning what you wrote about the mentioned one, would that non-consultation had sufficed. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Concealer, the Generous.

And concerning what you wrote about His Holiness Ism-i-?a, upon him be all Glory most glorious, having sent a letter to the land of H.M. with the intention of opening a way for news from the Most Holy Land to arrive quickly - blessed is he and well is it with him. In truth, His Holiness has been and continues to be the guardian of all matters related to the Truth, and his is the excellence of both beginning and end.

As thou didst write regarding Muhammad-Baqir of the people of Nur, who with Asadu'llah had beseeched that their names be mentioned in the Most Holy Court – praise be to God, they attained to this most exalted and sublime station. At the first hour of this night, this evanescent one attained the Most Holy Presence and mentioned them. This is what the Tongue of Knowledge spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance: "O Ornament of the Near Ones! The servant present hath made mention of them both, and We have turned toward them from this Station and have sent down for them that which caused the light to shine forth and the fragrance of the Revelation to be diffused, that they may give thanks unto their Lord and be assured through the grace of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Make mention of them on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the lights of the Sun of the bounty of their Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to preserve them and aid them to serve His Cause and draw them nigh in all conditions unto His praiseworthy station. Verily We hear the call of him who hath sought his Lord and We answer him even as We answered the sincere ones before. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the Loving."

And regarding what thou didst write about Darvish Baqir who hath ascended unto God, and thy request for forgiveness – it was mentioned, and a wondrous and exalted bounty was directed towards him. Blessed is he! As for what he hath willed and what is known, carry it out according to the command. Blessed is he who assisteth the House of Blessing. We beseech God to grant him success and bestow upon him the good of this world and the next.

Likewise mention was made of Haji Ghulam-'Ali. The Beloved saith: "Blessed is he in that he heard the Call and entered not the Prison-land without permission from this Wronged One, the Peerless. We make mention of him and pronounce Our greetings upon his face from this distant Station."

That which Our servant Rida composed after Nabil, and which his sister recited, hath been presented before the Throne. Verily We were listening. We love Our loved ones and make mention of them in truth. Thy Lord is verily the All-Gentle, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Then know thou that Our servant who was present made mention of him who was named Muhammad. We had previously mentioned him in such wise that his remembrance would endure throughout the kingdom. The Tablets of the All-Merciful and this exalted Book bear witness to this. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of this beauteous mention.

As for what thou didst mention regarding Mahmud from the land of Ha and Mim, We have made mention of him as a bounty from Our presence. It behooveth him to place his trust in God in all matters and to hold fast unto the Sure Handle, lest the intimations of the opposers cause him to slip. Say: Blessed is he

who hath on this day attained unto the living waters which God causeth to flow by the fingers of grace and bounty between the heavens and the earths. The world hath been illumined by the lights of His countenance, yet the people are sleeping.

And concerning him who desired to come to the Prison, then returned and died – O Zain, observe and then remember when We sent down unto thee regarding that. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We informed thee that the people heeded not God's prohibition and command, and He would prevent them in another way. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. We have forgiven him as a bounty from Our presence. It behooveth thee to give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

As for what remained of the inheritance, let the sugar and tea be used.

As for what you mentioned concerning Aqa Muhammad-Qasim and his father and brother, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said: "Verily We have heard their call and continue to hear it, and We love them and make mention of them in Our Luminous Book. They must follow that which they have been commanded. He, verily, inscribeth for whomsoever desireth it the reward of attaining His presence, time and again. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Say: Be not grieved at separation. By the life of God! We love Our loved ones and make mention of them as being near, though they be in a place far distant. Convey My greetings unto them and counsel them with wisdom and that which beseemeth it. By My life! Whoso hath attained unto it hath attained unto a mighty good."

And as for what thou didst mention concerning 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, We love to make mention of those whom thou hast mentioned in thy letter, even were they to number as many as the raindrops or the leaves on the trees. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We make mention at this hour of him who is named 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, that he may rejoice with the Most Great Joy in the days of his Lord and be of them that have attained. Say: Blessed art thou for having refrained when thou didst hear the command of God. This, verily, is a manifest deed. We have accepted thy work and thy devotion, and make mention of thee on this night wherein the Ancient Beauty hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne and revealeth verses in such wise that none can transcribe them save him who writeth by My leave, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou steadfast in the Cause. Beware lest the affairs of the world veil thee or the intimations of the heedless sadden thee. Be thou as firm as the immovable mountain upon the earth. Thus doth command thee He Who maketh mention of thee at this hour.

The response to the petition of Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it.

Likewise, a Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for the mother of Aqa Muhammad-Hasan and hath been sent. Read it unto her that she may perchance behold divine love and be not saddened by anything. By thy life, O Beloved of my heart! If a soul were to truly reflect upon this Tablet, he would witness God's love for the weak and the widows.

As can be inferred from the blessed verses, while pilgrimage to the Most Holy Court is not permitted, they have the choice to either remain in that land or return to the Land of Ta.

Furthermore, the petitions of the Jewish people reached the Most Holy Court, and in response to each one, exalted words were revealed from the heaven of God's Will and sent forth. God willing, may they attain unto their meaning and act accordingly.

Regarding the inquiry about the day of Naw-Ruz and the first day of the Festival, thy reckoning was correct and in accordance with reality.

This servant beseecheth the favors of that Beloved One that thou mayest convey to all the friends in that land, both those who were previously captives of God and those who have arrived subsequently, one and all, the most wondrous, most holy, most exalted, supreme mention and the most elevated, most mighty, most glorious greetings from this evanescent one. All glory, all glory be upon thee and thy family.

The Servant

19 Rajab 1295

One more submission: This servant hath written a letter to Nabil the traveler, that is, Haji Muhammad-Baqir. Please deliver it to him.

The scroll of verses was also sent.

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Beloved of the heart, his honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the glory of God and His grace. Consider [these words]:

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

Praise befitting and worthy of the Lord of the throne on high and earth below, Who by His conquering might transformed the opposition of the polytheists into acceptance, and adorned the calumnies of the slanderers with acknowledgment and repentance. Exalted be His Cause and exalted be His proof! The noble letter, like a spiritual messenger, illumined and adorned the heart and soul with the light of remembrance and utterance. In truth it brought joy and bestowed bounty. This bounty is specific to the heart, and after gaining knowledge and understanding, and experiencing gladness, delight and joy, it sought the most impregnable, most exalted, most holy, most elevated station. It was presented before His presence, and these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of will. His word, exalted be His utterance and mighty be His proof:

In My Name, the Speaker, the Trustworthy […]

This is a Day wherein the Mother Book calleth aloud, and summoneth all unto the All-Glorious, the Bountiful. He, verily, is the Lord of all mankind and the Ruler in both the beginning and the end. Blessed is the strong one whom neither the happenings of the world nor the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, have weakened. Say: O people, fear God and follow not every doubtful idolator.

This is a Day wherein the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Sinai, and the Temple of the Manifestation hath been established upon the throne of divine knowledge by God, the Lord of Religions.

O servant of God! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with these verses which God hath sent down from the heaven of grandeur and power. Beware lest the affairs of men sadden thee or the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings, hold thee back. We bear witness that thou hast drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty and hast attained unto My presence - a presence which no words can equal, nor the deeds of those who have not broken God's Covenant, the Revealer of verses. We have remembered thee and given thee glad tidings before, and at this time, through My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all horizons. Soon shall all that thou seest today perish, but there shall endure for thee that which We have adorned with His mention in the Tablets. By My life! Thy grief hath grieved Me, and that which hath befallen thee in the nights and days. We have been with thee in all conditions, have heard thy call, and have sent down in thy name that which hath illumined the earth and the heavens.

Cast aside thy sorrows in My name and take the cup of joy through My remembrance. Then drink thereof at eventide and at dawn. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and remind them of that which beseemeth the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O party of God! Beware lest ye follow vain imaginings. Purify your hearts from the mention of aught else but Me, that I may turn unto them at morn and eventide.

In Persian do I speak, that thou mayest understand and be of the thankful in the days of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Reckoning. O servant of God! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. At the beginning of night We were walking and communing with all things. The servant presented thy letter and submitted all of it before Our face, and after its completion, suddenly the gates of the treasuries of wisdom and utterance were opened and the ocean of divine knowledge surged. That which was revealed transcended the comprehension of the Manifestations of verses and the understanding of the Dawning-places of clear signs.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist thee in that which causeth the attention of the servants and the steadfastness of all in the land. Gladden the friends through God's bounty and favor. Today is the day of mention and praise, of steadfastness and adherence. Soon shall affairs be changed and skins shall quiver - the recompense of those who have disbelieved in the signs of God and denied what hath appeared from Him. By My life! The breezes of chastisement shall encompass them and their joy shall be changed to supreme sorrow. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Destiny while speaking from His exalted station.

Say: O party of God! Know ye with certain knowledge that whatsoever occurreth is the cause of the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of His Revelation. Who can prevent that which God hath raised up in truth and manifested through His sovereignty before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth? Say: Know ye the value of these days and recognize your station. The names of the party of God and their remembrances have been and shall be recorded in the books of the world. Blessed are the souls whose deeds have attained unto divine acceptance - these are they who are nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And blessed is the one who hath apprehended the station of the Day of […]

Say: O people of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and arise to make amends for that which hath escaped you in the days of your Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This evanescent servant hath ever been and continueth to be turned towards the direction of God's loved ones. The remembrance of the friends of God quickeneth the soul and refresheth and gladdeneth the spirit. Glory be to God! In these days, once again the gates of utterance have been unlocked by the intention of the Lord of all beings, and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Revelation are manifest from all directions. Nevertheless, most remain dejected and sorrowful. God is My witness that whenever this servant remembereth the martyrs of the Land of Ya, he declareth with a myriad visible and invisible tongues: "Would that I had been with them! Would that I had heard their cry! Would that I had circled round them!" The fragrance of that shed blood hath perfumed the world of justice and equity. The oppressors of the world have, by their own hands, cut their own throats, and perceive it not. By the life of Our Purpose! His promise is assured in the Book wherein neither falsehood nor hypocrisy can enter. The Lord of the Covenant beareth witness unto this in this luminous night.

For days and nights the mention of those martyrs hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur in such wise that the Holy Spirit was filled with longing and the Spirit of Utterance cried out "Would that I had been!" What heedlessness hath seized the world! We hope that sanctified and assured souls will hold fast unto the Cause of God and remain detached from all else. This year numerous differences have arisen, and from every direction a clamor hath been raised. Some pure and truthful souls have been sullied with vain imaginings. Most strange it is that steadfast, assured and upright souls should cling to the doubts and idle fancies of heedless apostates. The people of the Crimson Ark must manifest such steadfastness that all upon earth shall find themselves powerless to prevent them. We hope that such souls will be raised up and become manifest in these blessed, luminous and promised days beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree of the Beloved of all worlds. These are the pearls of God's treasuries. Well is it with them that attain.

The loved ones of that land have been and are before Our gaze. We beseech God to aid them in that which leadeth to steadfastness, glory and assurance. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is the day to manifest love and affection. Say: O friends, deprive not yourselves. Blessed a hundred thousand times is the soul that at the time of utterance holdeth fast unto the divine verses and reciteth them, for its effects are unlike those of all who dwell on earth. The power of hearing is lost. The Call of God is raised from the prison of 'Akka, yet the ears of the world and its peoples are prevented from hearkening, save whom God willeth.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest in these days such souls from among His loved ones as shall set the world ablaze and, detached from their own selves, occupy themselves with teaching God's Cause and exalting His Word. Verily He is the Answerer. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Hearing, the All-Uttering, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As to what was commanded that this servant should, on behalf of Your Honor, attain unto the King of deeds and its possessors - at this moment, when one hour and five minutes have passed from the night of the twenty-ninth of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, having turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and the Supreme Summit, after seeking permission and leave, he attained unto that which is the hope of all peoples, first

and last. Praise be to God, he was honored with acceptance and adorned with His good-pleasure. Well is it with your honor! But another petition is that mention of Your Honor has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court, and assuredly its fruit and effect will appear in the visible world. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which was the ultimate hope of all the Prophets and Messengers - may the Glory of God rest upon them. If outward matters are sometimes delayed in their ordering, this is assuredly due to the requirements of the wisdom of God, exalted be His Glory. And we hope that the Tree of your seeking will yield ripe and fresh fruit. We hold fast to a Cause from which the fragrance of eternity wafts. Whatever comes to pass is beloved to the soul and the purpose of the spirit. We have placed our trust in Him and committed all affairs unto Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of Great Grace.

On one side was a letter in the handwriting of the spiritual loved one, Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God. For a time there had been no outward news of him, but praise be to God, this time that which is the cause of joy and gladness appeared. After its reading and presentation before the Throne of the Lord, exalted be His glory, these brilliant verses were revealed - His words, blessed and exalted is He:

O Hasan! We and thou and the world and nations have come from the unseen to the visible realm, from extinction to immortality, and from sheer nothingness to the world of existence for the exaltation of the Word of God. Were it not for His service and the service of His loved ones, by what means could the hearts of servants find joy? By My life, gladness lies in His remembrance, delight in the spreading of His traces and the diffusion of His verses, joy in the mention of His manifestation, and yearning is to arise to serve His chosen ones. We beseech God, blessed and exalted is He, to assist the letter Nun and thee in that which befits His days and is worthy of His manifestation and sovereignty. Convey greetings and salutations from the Wronged One to His loved ones.

The Glory in such days as these stands as a herald before the faces of the world, speaking, remembering, standing, firm and steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of nations. All must become intoxicated with the Kawthar of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds and summon those who are in the realm of possibility to the most exalted horizon. Say: Know your worth and recognize your station. For years you have endured hardships, heard reproaches, and borne difficulties. By My life, this station is most precious. You must preserve it in the name of Truth and, through the hosts of revelation and inspiration which are the divine verses and heavenly evidences, make the people aware and deliver them from heedlessness. These are the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen recorded in various Tablets.

These two days are not worthy of mention, let alone attention to them. The loved ones must protect the servants lest they become afflicted with the vain imaginings of the former party. By the life of God, this Wronged One had no purpose or thought save the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of the Cause. The enemies are beyond counting. Now the people of Baha must assist Him and turn from what they possess to what God possesses. Know with clear certainty that they have held fast and continue to hold fast to that which causes the elevation and advancement of His friends. The loss of the former party on the Day of Reckoning is most strange. Reflect, O My loved ones, and be among those who are discerning and steadfast.

O Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the hidden and the manifest. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the presence and thy name hath been mentioned from the Tongue of Grandeur on this night. We beseech God, blessed and exalted is He, to assist thee and grant thee success in the service of His Cause, and to give thee to drink, at all times, the Kawthar of utterance from the chalice of certitude. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

God is witness and testifier that thou hast ever been before the sight of this servant. It is hoped that from that spiritual loved one there shall appear in the divine days that which shall never lose its fragrance. There is no doubt that these days and all that is witnessed shall return to nothingness. Therefore, to the extent possible, one must attain the good-pleasure of the Beloved. That which appears from Him is everlasting and shall not perish. In these days from the divine verses and […]

Divine words: The people have become receptive; therefore, one must gird up the loins of service firmly and engage in that which promotes the Cause of God. This servant beseeches from the True One that He may aid the loved ones of that land and its surroundings to be firm, steadfast and unwavering, to be faithful and trustworthy, and to attain that which will elevate their stations before God, our Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon the Presence of Light, and upon you, and upon every assured believer who is firm and steadfast, who has clung to pure servitude unto God, the True One, and has arisen to promote the Cause of God, detached from all the worlds. And praise be to God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

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

Praise be unto Him Who cannot be described by utterance, before Whom neither men nor heroes can stand, Who has manifested Himself on the Day of Return. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter it is submitted that the letter of S.M., upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which he wrote to that person, was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what has been revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance by the command of the All-Merciful: "O Samandar! The servant present has submitted what thou didst send to the Name of Bounty."

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Murta?a-Quli, it was mentioned before the Wronged One. May the favor of the Beloved of all possibility encompass all the friends and preserve them from loss in all worlds. In truth, loss belongs to those souls who today are deprived and forbidden from the Truth. Otherwise, those souls who have attained the lights of His countenance and are gazing toward the Supreme Horizon possess a station that cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth and its riches,

the pearls of the sea and the mines of the mountains. When the honored Name of God M.H. was in Iraq, a sum was collected with him, and he intended to send it to the prison of the Land of Mystery. Later, a thief learned of this and stole that money. Jinab-i-Mahdi sent a petition to the Most Holy Court which was filled with lamentation and from which countless sorrows and griefs were evident. These sorrows of his were due to his wishes not being fulfilled. Subsequently, an answer was revealed and sent from the Most Holy Court to this effect: "O Mahdi! Transient things have been and will be befitting only for transient souls. Be not grieved by this event. Rather, rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord and in that wherewith thy Master remembers thee. Strive to possess that which neither perishes nor can be reached by the hand of the treacherous and the thief."

O Samandar! How many souls there are who, with the utmost effort and diligence, gather a handful of ornaments and find the greatest joy and happiness in accumulating them. However, in reality, these have been assigned by the Supreme Pen to others - meaning they are not destined for themselves. Often they fall into the hands of their enemies. God protect us and you from such evident loss! Life is wasted, day and night are spent in toil, and wealth becomes the cause of affliction. Most of people's wealth is not pure. If people would act according to what God has revealed, surely His grace would not leave such souls deprived. In all cases, His bounty will be watchful and His mercy will be directed toward them.

Let Aqa Murta?a-Quli not be sorrowful. God willing, he shall attain that which shall endure in mention throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. For today, every soul is capable of attaining eternal stations. Let them recite this prayer […]

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the near ones are consumed, at Whose exile the unitarians cry out, and at Whose remoteness the sincere ones lament! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst open the gates of bounties to all who are in the earths and heavens, through which the ship of Thy grace sailed upon the ocean of Thy bestowal, and the streams of Thy mercy flowed throughout the regions of Thy dominion, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and to ordain for me that which will protect me from the treachery of every traitor, the schemes of every deceiver, and the harm of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. O Lord! I have grasped with hope's hands the hem of Thy generosity, O Thou Possessor of Names! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away what they possessed and taken up that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. Then I beseech Thee, O Thou Goal of the world and the Manifest One among the nations, by the Most Great Name, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace and the clouds of Thy bounty that which will unite what hath been scattered from me. Then ordain for me through Thy loving-kindness that which will make me independent of all save Thee and will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest through Thy Name, the All-Dominating over all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of the Names to send down upon my brother that which will set right his affairs that have prevented him from recognizing Thee. O Lord! Thou knowest him better than I or he himself, and verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

O Samandar! Let them recite these exalted words which have been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness, and if they recite them correctly once, it suffices. All matters should be carried out with joy and

fragrance. In this Most Holy, Most Exalted Manifestation, We have forbidden the servants to make mention in the streets and marketplaces, as hath been recorded in the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the holy divine Kingdom. Blessed is the soul that hath acted according to that which was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ask God, exalted be His glory, to awaken the heedless ones and not to deprive them of the outpourings from the clouds of His loving-kindness. These occurrences that come to pass on earth, such as loss of wealth, the world's conflicts and its changes - regard all of these as harbingers. They call out to man with most eloquent utterance and inform him of that which shall come upon him in the future. God willing, He will grant hearing ears that all may arise to that which will lead to success and prosperity. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

O Samandar! Gladden the heart of his honor M.R., upon him be the Glory of God. Say: It behooveth thee to read the Tablet of Ra'is and the Tablet of Paris, for these two blessed Tablets will enable man to attain the station of certitude, and after certitude and acting upon what We have commanded, assuredly the gates of goodly things will be opened before your face. Grieve not over anything, trust in God, thy Lord, the Generous. Verily, He taketh every hand that is raised toward Him, heareth every mention uttered by His servants, and answereth every supplicant. Hold fast unto His firm and mighty cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. End. On my behalf, convey greetings to him and say: God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful you shall be successful. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

And likewise you had mentioned the matter of Jinab-i-Aqa 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, through whom the aforementioned sum was sent from the Land of Peace and the Land of Ha and Mim to ?adba. Regarding this matter, Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], had also written a letter to this servant from the Land of Ta, inquiring about the sum of thirty tumans which had become available here and was to be sent to the Land of ?adba, as well as from another place. After presenting this to the Most Holy Court, words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Cause, and according to His command, a copy of those exalted words should be sent to you for forwarding. His mighty words in response to Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], state: "Concerning what you wrote about Mosul, He said it would have been better had they heeded the blessed words 'We shall surely test you' followed by 'and give glad tidings to the patient ones.' Although famine has overtaken most lands this year, yet the spread of such matters by the friends might cause certain incidents. The mention and spreading of such matters should in all cases occur with permission. Verily He knoweth His servants better than they know themselves. He is indeed the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And whosoever desires with utmost longing to pay the Huququ'llah should give it to such trusted ones as yourself and obtain a receipt, so that whatever transpires may occur with the permission and leave of the Truth. Verily He is the Teacher, the All-Wise.

And He said: Write, "Blessed art thou, O 'Abdu'l-Husayn, in that thou hast been named with this Great Name. We made mention of thee before and make mention of thee at this time as a token of My favor, and I am the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing." The glance of His loving-kindness hath been directed towards you and your services in the path of God were witnessed, and your good intentions were also evident in the Most Holy Court. Be thou thankful unto God for this clear mention.

And concerning what they had written about ?adba, We commanded this servant to write to you what was written to Abu'l-Hasan of the people of Alif and Ra, that you may be informed. I beseech God to make you one who is assisted in that which will exalt His Cause and establish your mention in His wise Book. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

And likewise regarding the plot of land they have purchased similar to this servant's small plot, it was presented before His presence and this response shone forth from the horizon of utterance: "Excellent is what thou hast done. God willing, it shall be counted among the enduring traces, and in this land too, according to His command, a plot of land was acquired that it might be among the enduring traces for whosoever desireth good. Verily the bounty is in His hand - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days." Such matters shall endure throughout the dominion of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms, inasmuch as they have occurred in the name of Truth in the days of Truth.

And concerning what you had written about the success of some of the loved ones who occasionally give charity to wayfarers and the poor of the city, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He said this matter has been and will be most beloved. Blessed is he whom God hath assisted to spend in His path. Verily He sendeth down blessings upon him from the heaven of grace. Verily He is the Protector of the rich and the poor and the needy.

O Samandar! Glorify on My behalf My loved ones in that land whom vain imaginings have not deterred from My straight Path. Say: By God, the True One! Ye shall soon find that which ye have wrought, endured, witnessed and heard in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Not an atom's weight of your deeds escapeth His knowledge. Verily, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. All things bear witness to you, yet most people are among the heedless. Soon shall they arise at the breath of chastisement and behold that which they denied through nights and days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Know thou that We have made mention of Javad with verses that gladden the hearts of them that have turned towards God, and We have sent down for Andalib that which hath diffused the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Samandar! Convey My glorification to all the friends. All are mentioned before the Throne, and in every instance the Most Exalted Pen turneth toward them and calleth unto them from the precincts of the Prison. God willing, may they truly attain unto this most exalted station at all times, and the fruit of their labors shall appear on earth. His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, hath made mention in this land of those related to him. Give thou the glad-tidings of divine bounty to all and make them joyful with his mention. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and He is the best of them that remember. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This evanescent servant desired to send glorification to that beloved one, yet knoweth not in what manner of manner, in what form of forms, with what mention of mentions, with what tale of tales from his own world to make himself conform, that he might make mention or manifest it in the realm of utterance. I testify that I am indeed the weary, the lowly, the poor, the needy, the one in want of God,

the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Likewise to mention my beloved, his honor my brother, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and all the friends of Baha, upon them - the unworthy mentions of this servant are contrary to propriety, yet from all there is hope for pardon. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of faithfulness and keep them firm upon the straight path of His Cause. No mention appeareth more beloved than this in my sight. He is indeed the Witness, the All-Seeing.

Another submission is that the traces of that beloved one's pen arrive continuously. This matter is very good and acceptable, yet it must occur in accordance with wisdom, as was submitted before. Some souls come by a word and go by a word - I know not to whom they go or what aspect they desire. In any case, these souls, at the slightest vexation, mention whatever occurs, and this may perhaps cause agitation. In all circumstances that honored one must be mindful of wisdom. If it can be sent in such way that none become aware, it is beloved; otherwise, some delay is preferable. And this matter came to this servant's own view, which he mentioned, for it was observed that God, exalted be His grandeur, hath sent down many firm commandments concerning the matter of wisdom. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the Preserver, the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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A certain person in this city was among the divines of the greater city, and Aqa Jan had dealings with him. He had related to him in detail, saying "I am the Sword of Truth, and soon most lands will be conquered by my hand." That ignorant scholar, though far from the path of truth, spoke a good word, as if the Holy Spirit had spoken through his tongue. Thus, immediately after the slaying of the idolaters, he appeared with the Pasha of the city over Aqa Jan's corpse and declared: "This accursed one claimed 'I am the Sword of Truth.' Now it has become clear that the Sword of Truth was that which struck his waist and consigned him to the lowest depths of hell." In any case, praise be to God, after this incident and the return of the idolaters to the lowest depths of hell, the rains of mercy poured forth night and day, after having been withheld for several years during which people were afflicted with famine and hardship.

When We were in Adrianople, that vile one had written a letter to someone. Among other things, We observed that he had stolen a passage from a Tablet revealed in Iraq and written it in his own name. That passage was: "We are as the sun rising and as the moon shining." That heedless wretch did not realize that the domain of the Phoenix has never been, nor ever will be, the playground of flies, and darkness has no right to claim to be the sun. By God! Since he found some people weak and foolish, he therefore arose with his personal fabrications, such that some have taken his forged writings and read them. The writer and reader have both lost. Through various whisperings and intrigues he prevented people from the Lord of mankind, and through previous delusions led some astray.

Thus did a certain person meet this servant in the marketplace and said he wished to meet with me for an hour, on the condition that no one else be present. This servant had never seen him before. I said "Very well." A time was set and he came. Various matters were discussed and it became clear that he had dealings with that one who associated partners with God. He mentioned, "I have been told you are of the

Shi'ih." At this point such laughter overcame this servant that all self-control was lost. That person was astonished and asked the reason for the laughter. I said: "O helpless one! Your Shi'ih who are scattered throughout Iran like pebbles - what station have they achieved, or what rank have they held with God, that you now wish to follow in the footsteps of those rejected delusions? Have you not seen that they were all false and in clear error, such that they martyred the exalted Truth with their own hands? Lo! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!" After these words were delivered he became very thoughtful. Then, for the sake of God, I imparted to him some of the exalted words I had heard from the Source of the Cause. It was observed that he was not devoid of capacity. Among other things, I said to him: "Consider - of all that the Shi'ih possessed and counted as fundamental to their religion and faith, which of it was true, that you now wish to follow those same delusions? […]"

Let each one of those sayings which they attributed to themselves and their own people - which of them was true, that you now wish, on the strength of such vain imaginings and false utterances, to enter into the ocean of divine truth and wisdom? Did these Shi'ihs whom you mention truly comprehend the meaning of the Resurrection? He said: No. I asked: Did they recognize the Balance? He said: No. I asked: Did they understand the gathering and raising of the dead? He said: No. That which was mentioned among them concerning the Qa'im - was their understanding of it true? He said: No. Then I stated that you yourself witness that all was false. Now this matter which they have told you - how do you know it to be true? Then I sat upright facing him and spoke what I had preserved of the verses of God, the King, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and I conveyed to him that which I was commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. I said: O servant! Have you not heard what the Tongue of Grandeur pronounced when He was established upon His throne, supreme over all that is seen and unseen? He said - and His word is the truth: "Cast aside what you possess of vain imaginings, then hearken unto what the tongue of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth speak. How long will ye follow your desires? The Sun of Guidance hath risen - turn ye unto it, sanctified from that which was aforetime mentioned by your divines. By God! This is the Manifestation of God and the sign of His hiddenness from all else. It cannot be compared with what was mentioned in the eternity of eternities, nor can it be known through the words of the people of contention. Draw nigh unto Him with illumined eyes and radiant faces. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets from God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." And His word - exalted be His grandeur - addressing someone: "We behold thee immersed in the pool of the veiled ones and the waters of the heedless ones' imaginings. Come forth therefrom through My name and My sovereignty. Arise and immerse thyself in this Most Great Ocean, every drop whereof proclaimeth 'There is none other God but Me, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous.'"

I said: O man! For the sake of God do I speak, and purely for God do I make mention. Cast aside these vain imaginings and ascend from these base, limited, imaginary stations, that you may soar with the wings of the All-Merciful's mercy to the heavens of divine command and attain success. This is the day whereof it is said "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourse." This blessed verse was revealed aforetime specifically for this Day, for in this Manifestation it hath become clear and evident that the Truth alone, single and solitary, is sovereign over all, and hath not taken, nor will ever take, any partner or likeness unto Himself. Although the people of all religions previously acknowledged this statement, most were lying, for each day they would set up a partner for God. Then in this station this servant submitted

whatsoever was befitting. He asked what is required today. I said: To act according to this verse which I mentioned. Leave aside these imaginary souls and their sayings, and enter into this wondrous and novel expanse, that you may drink of the eternal wine from the verse of the All-Merciful's mercy which declares "Through My manifestation the law of beginning was established, and verily this beginning encompasseth the heavens and the earth." Pass beyond before and after; behold the Manifestation itself with the eye of manifestation, for all are commanded thus in this Most Great Manifestation, and this is specific to this Manifestation.

O brother! Cast away all these limited, unseemly utterances of the past and soar with new wings in the fresh and wondrous atmosphere, that through divine grace thou mayest drink of the new wine and comprehend this wondrous Cause. Furthermore, certain souls have complained about the actions of some weak ones who circle round the Truth, attributing these to God, exalted be His glory. One person mentioned how it could be that while this Cause which has encompassed the world manifests truth and excellence, certain souls who claim attachment to the Truth engage in unseemly deeds. This matter stems from that person's heedlessness. It is as though he has not heard the well-known verse among people which states: "Should all creation turn to unbelief, no dust would settle on the hem of His grandeur."

One day when I was present at the threshold of the Divine Throne, He turned His face toward me and said: "Hast thou heard that the sincere ones are in great danger?" O servant present before the Throne! The outward divines differed concerning the companions of the Messenger as to whom the title of "companion" truly applied. Some said the companions were those who spent a year or more in His service and arose to holy war in the path of God. Others said whoever affirmed the unity of God and met the Messenger was counted among the companions, even if but once. Some said this title applied to those whom the Messenger Himself specifically addressed thus, while others said it referred to those who were trusted by Him and present in His journeys and at home. However, most divines have said that anyone who embraced Islam and saw the Prophet, peace be upon him and his companions, even for the briefest time, was among the companions. Thus at the Farewell Pilgrimage, forty thousand were with Him, and on the day of His passing, one hundred and twenty-four thousand gathered in Medina. According to the latter view, the title of companion applies to all these souls. Nevertheless, only a few had drunk from the pure wine of certitude and attained to the source of divine outpourings.

In any case, such words stem from heedlessness and continue to do so. We beseech God to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with. O friends of Truth! Be not content with mere hearing, nor attach your hearts to past imaginings. By God! Today malicious souls have prevented the weak ones from the divine law through past imaginings. Hearken to the plea of this servant present before the Throne […]

"Satan will appear in the island of Qaf and will prevent people from the All-Merciful. When that time comes, turn toward the Holy Land from whence the breath of God will pass." And Qaf is Cyprus, this is well-known, as all Turks call Cyprus "Satan's Island." And the Holy Land is known to be where the seat of the Throne is now established. The second passage states: "Habab will appear in the island attributed to him. He is short in stature, with a thick beard, narrow forehead and chest, with yellow eyes and hair, having fur like a deer on his back and hair like red clay on his chest. When that time comes, draw near to

Carmel even if crawling on your chest, then turn toward the Holy Valley, the land of gathering, the white spot." It is known that Habab is the name of Satan, and it says he will appear in the island attributed to him, which is Cyprus, known as Satan's Island. And it says "When that time comes draw near to Carmel" - Carmel being the mountain facing Akka - "even if crawling on your chest, then turn toward the Holy Valley, the land of gathering, the white spot" - these three being titles of the land of Akka, as is well-known to all and mentioned in the books. Would that someone would go to Cyprus and witness with their own eyes all these described attributes in that person. In any case, O servants of God, the Truth needs not these mentions, and such mentions are purely out of grace, as this lowly servant thought that through such things some might awaken from the sleep of heedlessness. Otherwise, God is sanctified above the mention of this or that. He cannot be known except through Himself, nor can He be described except by what His Essence has described for His Essence. All else is created by His command and returns to its place in the worlds of His creation and invention. We hope that as the petitions of this servant were submitted purely for the sake of God, they may prove a healing for hearts and a light for breasts, that all may arise in the love of God in such wise that none will have any excuse to turn away or object, and may consider as utter nothingness all that the polytheists have said or will say. Therefore I say: I turn to Thee in repentance, O my God, for what I have ventured in Thy presence. Forgive me by Thy sovereignty and grace, for Thou art the Most Generous of the generous ones. And praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds. The Servant of God.

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

O beloved of my heart! Some time ago, your noble letter which you sent to the honored Ism-i-Jud, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, was forwarded to the Most Holy Court and presented in its entirety. From the heaven of bounty, an exalted Tablet was revealed and sent in this lowly one's handwriting. God willing, they will attain to its perusal. Mention was made of Andalib and Muhammad Aqa's petition. Regarding Andalib, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, the grace of God is evident and manifest, and likewise a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for Muhammad Aqa and sent in this servant's handwriting. That beloved one will write the details to Andalib. I beseech you to convey my greetings to the friends in that land and also in Andalib's territory. God is my witness that this ephemeral one is ever occupied with the mention of the divine friends. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones in His remembrance and praise, and to aid them in the service of His mighty Cause. Last week, your second letter to Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was sent. He himself has been indisposed for some time and does not leave his house. He forwarded your letter, and this servant was filled with the utmost joy and delight upon seeing it. Praise be to God that you and Nabil-ibn-Nabil are engaged in the mention of the Friend and service of the Cause, speaking and standing firm, steadfast and immovable. And since this steadfastness and firmness and remembrance and praise have appeared for the sake of God, they will surely have influence and make a complete impression upon receptive hearts. Praise be to God in all conditions.

And then this servant reached a point that was mentioned by that beloved one concerning the worlds after death, and they wrote that in these days specifically someone asked this question of that honorable one, and that honorable one read to him the answer to Mulla ’Abdu’r-Razzaq’s question and similar statements. And then they wrote that after several days one of the friends arrived and by chance that very same person asked this question in this house from that person. They explicitly, without delay or interpretation, denied the worlds after death. I remained bewildered and observed that if I were to say something, there was fear it would lead to lengthy discourse, and this double-speak is contrary to unity in expression. Up to this point was the writing of that beloved one.

Glory be to God! According to that beloved one’s account, that respondent spoke very much outside of wisdom. Today all are commanded to wisdom. In one of the Tablets He states: “Milk must be given in measure so that the children of the age may enter the world of maturity,” and so forth, glory and might be to Him. Setting aside whether what was said was sound or unsound, this utterance was outside of wisdom in the view of people of understanding. The Supreme Pen has commanded wisdom in countless instances, and in truth the essence of wisdom consists in words that cause the revival of souls. In one of the earlier Tablets it was seen that He states: “One word is like the spring breezes, effective and the cause of life, and another word is the messenger of death.” Thus both the trumpet of Israfil and the messenger of death appear from the word. And in another place He states: “One word is like the spring winds that make fresh and alive a withered and dead world, and one word is like the poisonous wind that makes a world of freshness and delicacy and joy withered and drooping, nay rather, non-existent.”

Today everyone who considers themselves among the people of God or counts themselves as wise should speak words that cause enkindlement and unity and harmony and agreement and life. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid all to what He loves and is pleased with. This servant is greatly amazed at such statements. God willing, it is hoped that the speaker will reflect and utter what is befitting. If the levels of people’s understanding were sufficient, surely these matters would become evident. And if divine worlds were limited to this world, surely the Dawning Places of revelation and Rising Points of the Cause and Manifestations of the All-Merciful would not have borne countless afflictions. Every person of insight has affirmed and affirms this word. Some Prophets were afflicted with the utmost persecution each day, yet the next morning they would speak more powerfully than the day before. By God’s life! This is an ocean from which not everyone has had or has a share. Bounty and favor are in God’s hand - He bestows on whomsoever He wills. Often a servant comprehends a matter of which the Master is unaware. Jesus son of Mary states that He bestowed upon children that of which the wise ones and mystics and learned ones were deprived. By Thy life, O beloved! Reason is seen to be very deficient in this station. The comprehension of reason is limited, say […]

Sight precedes perception. Before seeing, the knowledge of all things is concealed from the intellect. Can any wise one, before seeing, perceive in a seed the world of trees, fruits, leaves, branches and boughs? No, by God! When through sight these matters are discovered, the mind then becomes aware of their individual comprehension. Likewise, observe and ponder upon other things. God is witness that this servant’s purpose has not been acceptance or rejection, and praise be to God that that beloved one has not mentioned that person’s name. Rather, the purpose is that whatsoever today conduces to the exaltation of the Word, the enkindlement of souls, and the elevation of being, is and shall be beloved in

the sight of God. The friends of Truth must speak such words as will immediately make beings receptive, and adorn themselves with goodly deeds, pleasing character, and praiseworthy conduct which are the cause and means of the world's tranquility and the order of nations. Since that beloved one mentioned this explanation, this evanescent one felt compelled to venture these few words, otherwise what claim have I, what station have I, what position have I? Blessed is he who manifests wisdom, commands wisdom, and speaks with wisdom. By the Sovereign of existence! Were that which is hidden to become manifest, all would be struck with wonder and amazement, crying out "Oh, woe unto us!" In any case, such mentions have not been and are not the cause and means of growth. God willing, may the friends speak that which God has willed and mention that which attracts the hearts of the servants. May they regard human beings as fields, sow the seeds of wisdom, and water them with the waters of utterance. Another matter: The details of this matter were not presented at the Most Holy Court, that is, this servant did not wish to mention it. Another matter: Two items were previously sent specifically for the son of Jenab-i-Abhar, upon him be all the most glorious Glory. One item remains which must be sent. God willing, that beloved one must deliver them. In all circumstances, you must counsel all to wisdom. For nearly two or three months, more than ever before, the Supreme Pen has revealed concerning this matter, namely wisdom, and sent it to all regions, lest any matter arise that would cause general commotion among the people. Strange that some friends still consider mischief as righteousness, despite being forbidden night and day from mischief, conflict and contention. We beseech God, exalted be His glory - this beloved one, this servant and all other friends - to enable and assist all to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with. The sword of wisdom and utterance is sharper than the sword of steel, would that they understood.

At this moment when this servant reached this point in writing, another melody arose from the throat of the realm of divine friendship and a new messenger arrived with fresh tidings - that is, this evanescent one attained unto the letter of his honor Name 66 [Allah] J.M., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and that of your honor and his honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, all are well and engaged in serving the Cause. The matters that occurred were presented. They stated these had and have no importance and are less significant than what was written. Let them be assured. And this Most Exalted Word shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause. Some friends were observed to be fearful - fearful of what and whom? This earthly temple has no worth and this frame of dust has no station. If they act according to what was revealed in the Book, they will witness that a fly is more excellent in the sight of God than every heedless scholar and doubting commander. Act with wisdom and observe things with pure, sanctified hearts and watchful eyes, and reflect. Verily He is with you in all conditions and preserves that which My Name, the Beauty, hath mentioned, and We make mention of it as befitteth, as a favor from Us to him and to her. And I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. End. At this moment this news arrived and at this moment too the letter must be sent. This servant did not have the opportunity to present all the details of affairs before the Throne, and even what was presented, he is unable to mention what was heard, as time is lacking and opportunity is not apparent. The servant begs your pardon.

In the letter of his honor Name 66 [Allah] J, upon him be all 9 [Glory] most glorious, this word was seen. They had written that your honor mentioned that some prominent souls had made statements contrary

to the divine Tablets. Praise be to God that this servant is not aware who that person was or is, as his name was not mentioned. However, this much this evanescent one submits: every soul's utterance and deeds are a mirror and his reality is known through these two. If the friends of Truth observe carefully, they will soon become aware of the conditions and stations of such souls and will proclaim "we are innocent." Such souls expressing such mentions are most strange. God knows that such souls were not and are not worthy of mention.

Furthermore, his honor Name 66 [Allah] had written asking if permission would be granted to go before the second Ayn. They said: God forbid! God forbid! God forbid! By no means can anything be achieved through him, and even if it could - which it cannot - it would not be acceptable. A denier is a denier, whether the first Ayn or the second Ayn. Even thinking of such matters is not permissible, as it has been and will be the cause of endless harm. End. And They said turning toward this land is also not permissible. In these days some incidents have also occurred in this land. That beloved one should quickly convey these passages to them. The Glory be upon your honor and upon Nabil son of Nabil and upon those who love you and upon those who speak that by which the spirit of life flows through all possibility.

Among the words that were overlooked during the presentation was this word which has now come to mind: Praise be to God, in another letter which his honor Ism'ullah had written to this lowly one, he had requested two matters to be presented at the Most Holy Court. They were presented. Regarding the first, He said: "God willing, may he be confirmed," and previously mention was made of the supplication on his behalf. And regarding the second matter, wherein he had asked for the unveiling of the realm after death, He said: "This matter will be granted if he acts according to what has been commanded. However, they must make no mention of this station whatsoever and must not discuss it. This station will be unveiled to him of itself, and he will come to perceive the sweetness of tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names, and will become aware of the ways of the Prophets and Messengers." End quote. It is most strange to make mention of such matters. Today, upright souls must strive to exalt the Word of God and to find themselves detached and free. A most mighty and holy Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of bounty for his honor Nabil-ibn-Nabil, upon him be the glory of his Lord, and was dispatched. God willing, may he attain unto it.

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

Let the beloved of my heart, His Eminence Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, take note.

This lowly servant is bewildered and perplexed as to what he should mention, whom he should describe and praise. The True One, exalted be His glory, is assuredly sanctified above the description of all else and is holy and detached from the mention of aught else. Therefore, this station returns to the words of the Book and the letters of the words, which are the source of remembrances, the dawning-places of attributes, and the rising-points of divine laws and commandments. For they are the spreaders of the Cause and the helpers and supporters of the servants from God, the Lord of creation. Thus did praise and

glorification first reflect upon the second. In this station, those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude and have arisen with complete assurance to exalt the Word have been and are worthy and deserving of description, praise, mention, and glorification.

Glorified art Thou, O Revealer of verses and Manifester of clear signs! How can this servant make mention of one who has arisen to serve Thy Cause, to aid Thee in Thy lands, to promote Thy laws in Thy realm, and to reform Thy servants who did not arise in Thy days and did not turn to Thy horizon? Heedlessness prevented them from turning to the lights of Thy countenance and from standing before the gate of Thy grandeur, and they received the recompense of their deeds on a day wherein Thou didst reveal the mysteries of Thy Book and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest that this servant desired to make mention of one of Thy loved ones who turned to Thee on a day wherein Thy sweetest call was raised and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen was heard. I testify, O my God, that the servant, in making mention of him, desired naught but to show his love and submission to Thy loved ones and chosen ones whom the veils of the world did not prevent from turning to Thee and from delivering Thy Cause, which Thou hast made the king of all deeds through Thy will and purpose. O God! Send Thy blessings upon him and upon those who have made their sleep and wakefulness, their rising and sitting, their motion and stillness for the sake of Thy Most Glorious Face and Thy Most Great and Most Exalted Announcement. Send down upon him, O my God, from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy and loving-kindness. Then provide him at all times with the table of Thy knowledge and the blessing of utterance through Thy generosity and munificence. O my Lord! He is the one who hastened to the Most Great Ocean, Thy Great Announcement, and Thy Straight Path. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy pervading Command and Thy decisive Judgment, to assist him in all conditions to spread Thy commandments and laws with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thereafter, while I was dwelling in that place and writing down the verses of our Lord, the All-Merciful, a bearer of glad-tidings entered. I saw in his face the radiance of Glory, and in his hand was a letter. I took it and opened it, and found therein that which neither the fragrance of the world nor what the nations possess of flowers, blossoms, and perfumes could equal. For what exists in the world is attributed to it and to those who dwell therein, but the servant found that it was attributed to the garment of the Desired One and to the sweet-scented flowers of the garden of utterance of one of His chosen ones. When I read and understood it, I set out for the Most Exalted Paradise and flew on the wings of longing until I arrived and attained and presented it. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that before which bowed the necks of the fair-minded and the heads of the monotheists. His blessed and exalted Word is:

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

The Book hath come from the Wronged One, and with it My bountiful grace, the Kawthar of Mine utterance, the chalice of My knowledge and the ocean of My bounty which surgeth before the faces of My servants and My creatures, that he who loveth Me may be drawn by the fragrances of My Revelation and the breezes of the Dayspring of My manifestation to a station wherein He Who conversed with God was established upon the Throne of Revelation, and wherein the Point of the Bayan declared: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of the sincere ones.” God hath made

this most exalted Station, this supreme Summit, sanctified above all names, yet the people are in manifest doubt. The very stones cry out, and the dust glorifieth God, the Lord of all worlds. The evidences have appeared and the signs have encompassed the dwellers of earth and heaven, yet the people remain in strange delusion. They hear the Call, yet deny it; they behold the signs, yet turn away from them. These, verily, are among the most lost in My mighty Book.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The tale of vain imaginings hath again been told, and the people of the Bayan speak as spoke the people of the Furqan from among the divines of Persia and their followers, who violated God’s Covenant and Testament, disbelieved in His proof, and disputed His signs, until they pronounced against Him that which caused the countenances in the most exalted Paradise to pale, and the Supreme Paradise to lament with the lament of the bereaved. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee in this sublime station. We have found them more lost than the former people. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which speaketh the truth, to the shame of those who have denied this supreme grace.

The servant who was present hath brought thy letter. We have heard its contents and have answered thee in such wise that from every letter of My words thou shalt find the fragrance of My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou wert remembered by the Wronged One in the earliest days when the people were behind the veil. When the light shone forth from the horizons of all lands, they came forth with swords of hatred and committed that which the tongues of the eloquent are powerless to recount. When thou art illumined by the lights of Mine utterance and hast attained the presence of My Tablet, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having honored me with Thy presence and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy reunion, and for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon on a day wherein all mankind turned away from Thee save those whom the hand of Thy will and purpose had delivered. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who bestoweth all gifts and quickeneth the nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which the limbs of all names trembled and the hearts of all who dwell in the realm of creation were shaken, to grant me the bounty of Thy presence yet again. Alas, alas, O Thou Who art my Goal and the Goal of all who are in Thy heaven and earth, for what hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thy creatures and the people of Thy realm! By Thy might, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! Hearts have melted by reason of what hath befallen Thee through the tyranny of Thine enemies who claim to be of the Bayan, yet perpetrate what causeth its Revealer, its Sovereign, and its Sender to lament. O Lord! Relieve the anguish of Thy loved ones through Thy bounty and generosity, and transform their sorrow into supreme joy, and their weakness into Thy power and might. O my God! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me, and Thy remoteness and my banishment from Thy presence have destroyed me. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance to ordain for me that which shall gladden my heart and the hearts of Thy chosen ones who have believed in Thee and Thy signs, and whom neither the swords of Thy creatures nor the darts of the oppressors among Thy creation have deterred. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Praise be to God! The oceans of loving-kindness are manifest, the stream of mercy is flowing, and the Kawthar of utterance is evident. O beloved of my heart! Man is bewildered and amazed at what has come to pass, for the people of the Bayan have clung to the practices of the former people. The same names have appeared and the same utterances. At times they speak of alteration and are commanded to avoid meeting and turning towards [Him]. Surely the verse "they thrust their fingers in their ears" is before His blessed vision. There is no need for elaboration. Whatever indicates and proves the manifestation of Truth, they claim has been altered. Those who are veiled from the root of the Cause have risen in opposition. Glory be to God! They have denied the ocean of divine verses. The rain is pouring before their faces, yet still they cling to rejection and denial. Do they not consider what was the fruit of the Shi'ih's deeds for twelve hundred years and what became of it? These souls too have desired to occupy themselves with vain imaginings like the former people. The atoms of creation are bewildered by these deluded, ignorant souls. They do not reflect for a moment upon the matters which were mentioned from pulpits for twelve hundred years regarding the Manifestation - what became of them? From whom were those calumnies? From whom were those lies? Now again Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi and his like are casting forth exactly the same matters as before. Where is that power and might that rolled up the carpet of names? Where are the steadfast ones? Where are the firm ones? Where are those who stand firm? In truth these people were not and are not worthy of this Most Great Revelation and the Great Announcement. They have ever been worshippers of idols, that is, their leaders. Now Hadi has become the leader. "Soon will he lead his people to the abode of perdition." God, the Exalted, the Great, speaks the truth. Would that they had attained to justice and fairness and held fast to a balance. We must ask from the Truth that which is the cause and means of guidance and salvation for the world. The recompense of deeds will bring about strange events and remarkable occurrences. The Command is in His hand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

My God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy weak servants, then send down upon them that which will draw them nigh unto Thy most exalted station. O Lord! Vain imaginings have prevented them from turning unto Thee and entering the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things and by the might before which all possibilities have bowed down, that Thou assist Thy weak servants to turn unto Thee and to behold the lights of Thy countenance. Thou art He to Whose forgiveness, generosity and mercy all things have testified. Aid Thy servants through Thy bounty, Thy favors and Thy might, O Thou Goal of the world! Shouldst Thou regard their deservedness, Thou wouldst decree for them eternal existence in the fire. I beseech Thee, O Ocean of Giving and Sovereign of Names, by the heaven of Thy mercy, the sun of Thy forgiveness and the sea of Thy pardon. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who speakest in the Final Return.

In truth, this servant acknowledges his negligence, as for a long time the response to that beloved one's letter has been delayed. This confession itself merits forgiveness. I hope that henceforth there will be no neglect. The great glad tidings are that in the days when ordinances were being revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings, some were sent and some were, as commanded, taken from the Book. Among these was the prayer, until at this time before His countenance He turned to me and said: "We

desire to bestow Our favor once again upon ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be My glory. Send the verses that were revealed in previous years specifically concerning prayer, and write that by the life of God, its fragrances will attract the lovers, move those who are still, awaken the heedless, and bestow life upon the fair-minded. However, firstly, one should perform it whenever one finds in oneself a state of devotion and humility; secondly, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening; and thirdly, from noon to noon.” Thus did it end. In truth, this matter is a mighty favor and a great bounty.

Another glad tiding, which truly speaks of the heaven of grace, the ocean of generosity, and the luminary of the bounty of the Sovereign of existence, is that the sun of permission has risen in this blessed night, at half past one, from the horizon of the heaven of God’s command. Blessed be your honor, and congratulations to your person. We too have a share in this portion, and that is the presence of that beloved one and this servant beneath the canopies of the mercy of God, exalted be His glory. However, They have made permission contingent upon wisdom. That spiritual beloved one must be mindful of the revealed wisdom in all conditions, so that all servants may follow the example and act accordingly. Who can reckon the rain of His mercy and the waves of the ocean of His favor? Nay, by His Self, the Truth! We are all powerless, we all confess, we all acknowledge.

I request that you convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land on behalf of this evanescent servant. By the life of our Lord! They have always been and are in my thoughts. I beseech God to make each one a banner of guidance and a standard of glory, so that each may, with complete certitude and faith, hold fast to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and their own stations. Let them consider the time precious and not lose hold of the spiritual sustenance. Today man is capable of deeds that were and are impossible for anyone else afterward. How excellent is what was spoken before: “What can I say when not a vein of mine is sober?” It is better and more pleasant that I bring this burden to an end. Glory and praise and honor be upon your honor, and upon those with you, and upon those who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s dominion, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Sublime, unto His servant who was named Isma’il, as a token of His grace - and verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Beautiful.

He is God, the Most Invincible, the Most Exalted, the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most High!

Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and the glances of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, have been directed towards it. We have understood that which thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation. We have sent down unto thee that which shall enrich the hearts of

all peoples, should they turn their gaze toward the direction of thy Lord's mighty Throne. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the right side of the heavenly Paradise, the Spot wherein the Ancient Beauty speaketh and calleth out to all created things with His holy, supreme, and wondrous verses: "I am God, your Lord and the Lord of your forebears of old! Hear ye My Word, then detach yourselves from all directions and turn toward the holy precincts, the abode of God, the Mighty, the Generous."

Know ye that on this Day nothing shall profit anyone, even should he cling to all who are in the heavens and on earth, except that he sever himself from them and hasten with his heart toward the Throne, seeking forgiveness for his hesitation in the Cause of his Lord, and be of them that repent. Say: O people! Cleanse your souls with this water that floweth from the direction of the Throne, and tarry not in this, that perchance ye may ascend unto the heaven of holiness and behold the beauty of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. Thus hath the Kawthar of knowledge flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Therefore, O ye peoples of the worlds, fear ye the Beauty of the All-Glorious, and be not of them that turn aside.

Then know, O Greatest Sacrifice, that thy Lord hath been sacrificed at every moment by the swords of hatred wielded by the hands of the wicked ones, as all things do testify, if thou be of them that hear. I was slain for no reason save that the Spirit spoke within My breast, that the Most Great Spirit called out above My head, and that the Holy Spirit circled round about Me. This is My crime amongst these people, if thou be of them that know. By God! This is indeed His garment which We have sent unto thee in truth, and thou shalt find it pierced by the arrows of hatred from these idolaters. Thereupon did the Ancient King bare His head, and the Maids of Paradise cried out in their exalted chambers, and verily if thou wouldst turn toward all things, thou wouldst hear their wailing and their outcry at that which hath befallen the Beauty of the All-Glorious through that which hath proceeded from the mouths of the deniers.

Know then, O Sacrifice, that when the hosts of thy Lord's revelation descended with the standards of verses, the people of allusions rose against My Beauty and denied the proof of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! If ye possess a proof greater than that which hath appeared from the Dayspring of the Spirit with the sovereignty of My Most Great Name, then bring it forth, and wait not if ye be of the truthful. Then thou shalt find their heads bowed to the earth and their eyes dimmed, and thus have We taken account of the matter in My Self, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Great.

Thus hath the sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the finger of the King of Names and Attributes. Therefore, fall thou prostrate upon thy face before God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. O Sacrifice! Verily We have been tried amongst those who have denied the signs and proof of God and who were of the transgressors. At every moment they strike at Me with the swords of hatred, then cry out within themselves that they might cast doubt into the hearts of the seekers. Thus did the servants who denied God scheme aforetime, and these idolaters continue to scheme. Say: O people! Have ye not witnessed the sovereignty of God and His power after He appeared in truth and all lofty necks bowed before Him? Have I not sacrificed Myself at all times for the love of God […]

O thou beloved of the mystics! As to the triumph of My Cause, verily the banners of victory have been unfurled throughout all lands. Then did the Beauty of Holiness appear from the realm of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful. By My Life! Through My establishment hath the Temple of Holiness been seated upon the Most Great Throne, and by My ascendancy upon all thrones have I renewed the temples of all created things with the garment of grace. The Tongue of God beareth witness to this at the time when He was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. And thou - emerge from the abode of silence, then speak forth My melody between the heavens and the earths. Take care to rend asunder all veils, then cast aside all allusions, then place all indications beneath thy right foot. And if thou findest thyself subdued, then seek inspiration from this Tree wherein the crimson fire was kindled, which speaketh between earth and heaven and calleth out to the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the realms below, saying: "Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me. I have created all things by My command and raised them up by My will. Yet My creation hath grown heedless of My sovereignty and power, and they are among the negligent."

Take heed that thou fear no one, then walk in the footsteps of God and sing the sweetest melodies through that which the Spirit hath spoken unto thee in this luminous and resplendent Tablet. By God! A single letter thereof is proof against all who are in the kingdom and is supreme over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Take thou the Tablet of God and preserve it through the power bestowed by Us, then enter unto the seat of the idolaters and say: "O people! By God, I have come unto you from the Dayspring of the Cause with tidings from the Spirit, and this is a proof that hath come with truth despite those who have denied the signs of God and were among the veiled ones." Then remind them of that which the Spirit hath cast into thy heart, then spread the words of God among them that perchance they may discover the sweet savors of the All-Merciful from the garment of His name, the Bestower, and may return unto the Ridvan, the seat of thy Lord, the Most High, the Supreme, the Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And if the idolaters turn away from thee in rejection, be not grieved but remember My oneness, then My exile, then My tribulation among these erring ones. By God! I have been tried among all peoples and beyond them the people of the Bayan, and to this doth bear witness the tongue of your Lord, the All-Merciful, from this purified, transcendent, holy and mighty Tongue. Take care that thou be not impatient in the Cause of thy Lord. Deliver His messages according to thy capacity, for this is My command unto thee if thou be of them that hearken. Then be steadfast when Satan approacheth thee with a tablet of fire and calleth thee to the Samiri and preventeth thee from the love of God and the Manifestation of His Being. Thus do We inform thee of the tidings of the unseen that thou mayest be among them that are firmly established in the Cause of thy Lord.

Say: O people! Do ye call others to the words of God, then prevent them from His Beauty? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! Do ye write the verses of God with the fingers of heedlessness, then dispute with His own Self, the Most High, the Most Great? Then doth the Tongue of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, call out from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, addressing the people of the Bayan: "O people! Did We not command you in all the Tablets to be submissive before the All-Merciful, and did We not forbid you from all else at the time of His appearance? Why then have ye denied that wherein ye believed, and turned away from His Beauty after He appeared in such wise as the eyes of creation have

never seen the like thereof, nor the eyes of invention beheld its similitude, and all signs have appeared from Him, and around Him circle the kingdoms of God, the Mighty, the Most High, the Most Great […]"

Verily We have made all utterance dependent upon His Word and all deeds upon His good-pleasure, yet ye have pursued all that We forbade you and have committed that which your selves and your desires have commanded you. Woe unto you, O company of the heedless! Arise from the couches of vain desire, then turn unto God, your Creator, the Most Exalted, the Most High, that He may forgive you and absolve you of your evil deeds, and send down upon you from His traces that which shall draw you nigh unto His Self, the All-Subduing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. And if thou seest Our Name "The Letter Ha," remind him of the verses of his Lord, that he may perchance call them to mind within himself, become God-fearing, and return unto God with a sincere heart. Say: O servant, by God the Truth, there hath never been hatred for anyone in My heart, as ye yourselves would testify, were ye to be fair-minded. We opposed not Our enemies despite Our power, and We pardoned them despite Our knowledge; how much more then Our loved ones, were ye but to observe! And all that We have revealed unto thee had no purpose save thy detachment from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and thy drawing nigh unto God, thy Ancient Lord. And from thy veiling was My heart saddened, for thou wert submissive unto God and believing in His verses, and thy brother was with Me at the time when the fire of God was kindled behind the pavilion of concealment, beyond the veils of thy Lord's protection, the All-Concealing, the Strong, the All-Wise. Follow what is revealed unto thee and turn not unto anyone besides Me, for all else was created by My Word, as attesteth that which hath appeared from My fingers, if thou be of them that bear witness. Ponder upon that which hath been sent down from the clouds of might and power, that haply it may draw thee to the beauty of thy Chosen Lord, that thou mayest recognize Him in His other beauty and be of the assured ones. Say: Verily thy Lord, were He to desire to make all men one community, would be able to do so through a word from His presence, yet He hath withheld this for a wisdom from His side, which none knoweth save they who are endowed with clear vision. Beware lest thou be veiled by allusions. By God! Not a single letter was revealed in the Bayan except concerning My Cause, and God hath taken My covenant from you in the atoms of the Bayan, then from Muhammad in the atoms of the Furqan, then from the Spirit in the atoms of the Gospel, then from Him Who conversed with God in the atoms of the Torah, then from the Friend of God in the atoms of sacred and preserved scrolls. Beware lest thou dispute with God or contend against His Self. Rather, purify thyself with the water that floweth from the direction of the Throne and say within thyself: In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Glorious. Then lift thy right foot from the left of fancy and place it upon the right of certitude by My leave, for I am the All-Powerful, the All-Ruling, the All-Knowing. Say: By God! The Spirit speaketh not of his own desire, but rather by what the Holy Spirit warbleth within his most pure and crystal breast, as witnessed by that which hath descended from the most exalted Dominion at the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary in His sweetest melodies, were ye but to hearken. Thus hath the tongue of the Spirit warbled unto thee, and the favor of thy Lord been perfected upon thee, that thou mayest be of them that attain. O Dhabih! If thou seest him, deliver unto him the message of thy Lord. If thou findest him receptive, then turn unto him; otherwise, verily thy Lord is independent of him and of the acceptance of both worlds. Strive then, O servant, within thyself, lest thy feet slip when the feet of the mystics slip. Read what We revealed aforetime in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. By

God! It is indeed My Remembrance unto all the worlds, and therein is sufficient for all that the servants desire, and God is witness unto this.

Know thou that We have not commanded the servants in this matter except because of their weakness; otherwise, thy Lord is in truth independent of aught else to establish His Cause. Verily, He is known through His own Self, and all else is known through Him, were ye of them that perceive. And if thou seest the Friend, glorify Him before His face from Us, then remind him of the sacred heights, that he may perchance find in himself a way unto Him Who is enthroned on high. Say: O servant! When We journeyed from the land of creation to the most distant stations and encompassed all things through Our sovereignty and command from Us, then did We find thee standing in the land of bewilderment between Paradise and the Fire, at times ascending in thyself and at other times descending. This beseemeth thee not, for there hath been ordained for thee a station from among the stations on well-preserved holy tablets. Magnify thyself, then turn toward the direction of Paradise, then enter therein by thy Lord's leave, and be thou of them that are secure. Say: Today naught escapeth His knowledge, and not an atom stirreth between the heavens save by My leave, and this is a certain truth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that should all who are in the realm oppose thee, thou wouldst find them but as a handful of clay. Without this, none shall ever attain unto the heaven of My Cause, nor shall any soul enter the paradise of My good-pleasure. Thus doth the Tongue of truth and knowledge inform thee. Abandon the world and whatsoever is upon it and within it in thy shadow, then observe with the eye of fairness that wherewith the splendors of the Cause have shone forth between the heavens and the earths. By My Beauty! If thou wouldst purify thy sight, thou wouldst witness all that appeareth from the traces of thy Lord as a luminous lamp and a brilliant light between the heavens and the earth, whereby each one of them guideth the people unto the holy and impregnable paradise. Beware lest thou veil thyself with the veil of self, and withhold thy spirit from that which hath been ordained in thy Lord's paradise. This is Our command upon thee, that thou mayest be of them that act. Then make mention from Us unto all who have entered Iraq and attained the presence of the Throne and were of them that have succeeded, and unto them that have believed in God and His signs and were steadfast in manifest constancy. And the Spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon whomsoever heareth thy word concerning the Cause of thy Lord and is of them that are firm.

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O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my soul! The decree of destiny has brought me joy while the imprisonment of the righteous and chosen ones has brought me sorrow. I praise God for his patience and forbearance, and for the mercy that preceded His servants. However, this servant sees what he dare not mention and knows what he does not wish to reveal. In this Revelation, God has seized His transgressing and oppressive servants after there descended from the kingdom of His utterance that which would sacrifice the spirits of those drawn nigh. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "Do not transgress against those who have transgressed against you, so that your grace and kindness may be manifest among the servants." Thus was it sent down before from the heaven of our Ancient Lord's will.

Glory be to God! Despite witnessing with their own eyes what has befallen the deniers, transgressors and oppressors, they remain heedless and veiled. How long will this heedlessness continue? By God's life, the intoxication of worldly ornaments and bounties has made people heedless and prevented them from the Truth, exalted be His glory. What has occurred in these regions has occurred, and every possessor of hearing and sight has seen and heard it. What appeared in the Land of Sad is known to all, and that which is in the Land of Ta is not far from them. The liar was seized with great might, then he who spoke with oppression was taken with severe punishment.

More than this cannot be expressed. In this Most Great Revelation, the Truth has not given and will not give respite. Despite this, people's heedlessness increases daily and the veils grow thicker with each passing day. Reflect on God's compassion, grace and mercy, and likewise on the oppression of the rebellious tyrants. In most Tablets He says that if an oppressor transgresses against you, hold fast to the cord of patience, and if he harms you, forgive him. They have forbidden conflict, contention, corruption, killing, plunder and pillage to such an extent that most servants are aware and bear witness to this.

Nevertheless, they have imprisoned His Holiness Ismu'llah Mahdi - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory - without any proof or evidence. He is among those souls who sought only pure good for all from the Truth, exalted be His glory, and not even a mustard seed's worth of harm came from him to anyone. He moved for God's sake, and from this movement had no purpose except endearing creation, unifying souls, and bringing harmony and agreement among the servants - this too in a spirit of possibility and joy.

Despite this, such a soul and other friends who for nearly thirty years have borne trials and tribulations in God's path and have not transgressed against anyone, they have seized with utmost oppression and tyranny and placed in prison. By God's life, this imprisonment has become and will become the cause of glory, elevation of station, exaltation of worth, spread of knowledge, and expansion of the carpet of justice. However, this servant has been and remains utterly perplexed by one thing among all that has occurred, and that is the fear of some of the friends of God. Now one must reflect and speak with justice - was it better for the crown of thorns to be placed upon the blessed head of His Holiness the Spirit of God (Jesus) - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - in God's path and […]

If Herod, who was governor and ruler, wore a crown of jewels, the rebellion of the obstinate Jews and their heinous deeds and abominable actions became the cause of the exaltation of the Word, the proclamation of the Cause, and the elevation and ascendancy thereof, as is evident to all the peoples of the world. One must, as commanded, act with wisdom–that is, speak to each soul according to their capacity and station, and strive to refine souls, improve existence, and manifest kindness and affection to all creation for the sake of God. In this state, when his heart is illumined and his deeds are pure and sincere and his face is turned toward God, the water of life and the heavenly feast have been and will be his portion. If people were aware of the sweetness of death, they would seek this cup with a hundred thousand yearnings and joy.

Today is the day of dying. By the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, the springtime of ascension and rising has been and is in these days, for one attains infinite divine bounties and likewise the mention of the Supreme Pen, which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth, and likewise the mention and attention of all things. Who can describe this most exalted, most

sublime station or detail what lies therein? Most wondrous of all is that from the Supreme Pen has been revealed the preservation of all, yet sorrow and fear have seized some. And if something should come to pass, it would be for the sake of the life of the world and the manifestation of what is hidden therein, and this is the ultimate hope of all who hope.

God is witness and testament that this servant, many nights when verses of protection were being revealed, observed himself in sorrow, fearing lest I be deprived of the blessing of martyrdom and prevented from His grace, although I was not and am not worthy of this most exalted station and supreme pinnacle except through His wondrous grace and His all-encompassing favor. The servant asks, in weakness and supplication, and He is the Answerer, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Where can these days be found, and when do such times fall to everyone's lot? A single moment thereof cannot be equaled by centuries and ages. Any deed that is performed for God's sake is recorded as the king of deeds in God's Book. Thus did my ear hear from my Lord, the Speaking, the Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist this evanescent one and other friends to arise to accomplish what has been missed. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

O beloved of my heart! Every person of insight and knowledge has loved and loves patience, but sometimes the oppression of aggressors reaches such a degree that one involuntarily cries out. Therefore I present to you what was sent down from the heaven of our Lord's will in a Tablet He revealed to His Name, the Generous–upon Him be His most glorious glory. He said–and His word is the truth: "O My Name! You were with Me and witnessed the cord of My tranquility and the ocean of My patience. Consider what caused Me to cry out between the heavens and the earth" to the end of His exalted words. This blessed verse was revealed in the Land of Mystery.

Thus far scattered matters have been presented. Now I venture to present the main subject. O my beloved! The exalted letter dated the seventh of Jumada II […]

Praise and gratitude be to God that in such days, amidst the clamor of the ignorant and the burning flames of passion and desire, they have arrived in that land, trusting in God and clinging to the cord of His service. This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid that beloved one in all conditions and to grant him success in all that He desires for His path. Verily, He has power over what He willeth. What joy and delight was experienced from the presence of that beloved one and His Honour Mirza and His Honour Haji Siyyid Asadu'llah, upon them both be the glory of God. The servant beseeches the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all nations to prepare for your honour the means and to manifest for your eminence the affairs in such wise that you shall see them in your right hand and within your grasp. And after being apprised of what was in the Kingdom and presenting it before the Throne, thus spoke the Lord of the worlds - His word is the truth:

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne and inscribed in the Book! Convey from Me My greetings, My glorification and My loving-kindness to My Name who was imprisoned without evidence and without any command from God, the Lord of the worlds. Then to him who spoke with justice when questioned about this mighty News. Verily, We have remembered him and those who were imprisoned, as a grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. O thou who

gazest toward My horizon and standeth firm in the service of My Cause! Gladden the fearful and sorrowful souls with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and give them to drink from the chalice of assurance in the name of the Beloved of all possibility. There hath befallen them in the path of God that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, and the people of this noble station. We found some in seclusion and some in evident agitation. God hath pardoned them and recorded for them the reward of what befell them on this straight path. Say: Beware lest anything prevent you from God or the might of the heedless cause you to fear. Do thou beseech God, thy Lord, to aid those who have been wronged and to grant them success in turning back and returning. Verily, He is the Oft-Returning, the Merciful.

And We make mention of Haydar who confined all matters to the mention of this Most Great Remembrance. Blessed is he and those who followed him in this firm and impregnable Cause.

We make mention of him who is named Asadu'llah who traveled with thee. Convey My greetings unto him and gladden him with this gracious remembrance. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to all the friends in that land and say: Martyrdom is like the supreme elixir - rare, nay unobtainable - and hath not been and is not destined for every soul save by His binding and wise command. Let them not be perturbed nor fear the doings of the oppressors. Let them move and speak with the utmost joy and fragrance. He verily protecteth them in truth and He is the Protector, the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful. Let them pray for the heedless and the oppressors and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for their guidance. And if they prove unworthy of guidance, He verily is the Stern, the All-Compelling, Who will seize them as He hath seized others in this Revelation. Brief was and is the respite. Say: Reflect on that which hath been sent down in this Revelation and hath been manifested by His penetrating, mighty, triumphant and powerful command. Gather together the sheep of God and remind them. Say: Beware lest the doings of the heedless frighten you, and beware lest ye cling to the flimsiest of houses for your protection. Put your trust in God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. He is with you and will protect and help you, and if He ordaineth martyrdom for you, this is of His great bounty. He desireth it for you only after your acceptance and your seeking it. All things bear witness to this, if ye be of them that know. We have adorned Hasan and Husayn and Kazim with a garment that will never wear out and with a glory that will never be followed by abasement, through the eternity of My Best Names. Blessed be the letters Ha and Sin who attained the supreme martyrdom and that which none knoweth save every tried, truthful and trustworthy mystic. Say: Fear not, neither be ye grieved. Be as mountains in the Cause of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom neither commerce nor trade nor might nor wrath nor clamor hath deterred from the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O my beloved! Blessed are they whom neither the might of the world nor the assaults of the nations have deterred. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to preserve all through His complete power from that which was and is unworthy, and to give them to drink at all times from the cup of awareness. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The reply to this letter was submitted and sent in haste, and likewise previously multiple correspondences were dispatched to your presence along with two packages of passages in the blessed handwriting of the

Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps. God willing, all have arrived and will arrive. And regarding the two letters from that beloved one dated before this letter, due to considerations of wisdom and timing, no reply was submitted. God willing, they will be sent later as appropriate. I convey greetings and salutations to the honored beloved, His Holiness Ha before Dal, and likewise to Haji who shares thy name, and to all other friends. May God, exalted be His glory, cause them all to soar on the wings of freedom in the atmosphere of inner meanings. May the glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord and your Lord be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon and have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the leaves of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing with mysteries known to none save His exalted Self. When the Hidden Mystery desired to reveal Himself in the kingdom of creation, He shone forth through one of the Names, whereupon the denizens of the highest Paradise and those who dwell in the most exalted Garden were drawn unto Him. Glorified be the Creator of the heavens and the Originator of all things, Who hath caused to proceed from the Pen that which hath illumined the world. Blessed is he who hath sought the One Who is sought, and the seeker who hath sought the Desired One, and the learned who hath desired the Known One, and the mystic who hath turned toward the Recognized One. Woe unto every learned one whom knowledge hath withheld from the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, and every mystic whom vain imaginings have veiled from the Hidden Name. By the life of God! Those who pride themselves on their knowledge in the days of God and occupy themselves therewith without His leave are indeed among the worshippers of names, as recorded in the Crimson Book. To this beareth witness the Mother Book, which speaketh in the Prison that there is none other God but He.

Glory be to Thee, O Beloved of all possibility! I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Tree of Thy knowledge, and the fruits of the Tree of Thine utterance, and the cooing of the doves of Thy remembrance in Thy lands, and the warbling of the nightingales of Thy love in Thy dominion, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause, to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and to cling to the hem of Thy grace in such wise that the oppression of the aggressive ones in Thy days shall not deter them, nor shall the doings of the wrongdoers prevent them from turning toward Thy horizon. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, then give them to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love that they may recognize what Thou hast ordained for them from the Pen of Thy decree. O Lord! Unveil unto them what hath been hidden from them through Thy grace and favor, for verily, O my God, my Lord and my Support, were they to become aware of what Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee, they would cast away the world and all that is therein, turning with their faces, their eyes and their hearts unto Thee. O Lord! Make known unto them their stations and aid them to preserve them through Thy Name,

Thy sovereignty, Thy might and Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Thereafter, as thy letter was enkindled with the fire of divine love, it added to its flame. God willing, may thy heart and the hearts of the loved ones of God ever be aflame with this fire which precedeth light itself and hath precedence over it. Were the pens of all who possess the power of composition to be engaged from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end in elaborating this theme, they would assuredly fail to pay befitting tribute to its praise. A single gleam of that fire shone forth upon the Mount, whereupon was witnessed what was witnessed and was heard what was heard. Exalted be He Who created it and caused it to appear and to speak. After this servant had perceived its heat and hearkened unto its sighing, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and presented myself before His Face. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak that which the denizens of the kingdom of creation are powerless to mention or comprehend. At the end of the revealed verses, these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of divine Will – exalted be His grandeur:

In the name of the Wronged One, the Prisoner […]

O Abu'l-Hasan! Fix thy gaze upon this hallowed, exalted, blessed and perfect Word, which is as a pearl from the ocean of knowledge of the Best-Beloved of all creation: "Aid ye your Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most High, through goodly character and deeds." O Abu'l-Hasan! Convey the Word of the Friend to His friends, that perchance they may drink of the life-giving waters concealed therein. The Supreme Pen hath, throughout the nights and days, counselled the loved ones of God to manifest goodly utterances and praiseworthy, well-pleasing deeds. If those who claim relationship with God, exalted be His glory, were to act in accordance with that which hath been enjoined, assuredly would its influence and fragrance encompass the world and illumine the embodiments of idle fancies and vain imaginings with the lights of certitude. Say: The intoxication of selfish desire hath withheld men from the Lord of all being and the Supreme Horizon. All were created for this Most Great Day, yet they remain veiled from it. Say: Strive ye, and let not this time slip from your grasp. I swear by the Divine Ocean of knowledge that these days have neither peer nor likeness. In all things hold fast unto wisdom and take firm hold of consultation. God hath manifested Himself in such wise that no fair-minded soul hath any cause to hesitate. Should anyone observe with an eye of fairness that which hath streamed forth in this Revelation from the Supreme Pen in Adrianople, Baghdad and the Most Great Prison, and ponder thereon, he would proclaim the blessed words "The Truth hath appeared!" All previous Books bear witness to this Most Holy, Most Exalted Day, and all the Prophets and Messengers have testified to the greatness of this Most Great Day. Nevertheless, all remain heedless save whom God willeth. Reflect upon the followers of the Bayan. By Him Who hath set all things in motion through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen, they have no knowledge of the source of their vain imaginings and idle fancies to which they cling. Say: O ye that are bereft of vision! Consider with fairness and insight the divine verses and heavenly manifestations, and ponder upon them. Should anyone, detached from all else, gaze upon that which hath been revealed, he would surely perceive the fragrance of divine revelation and distinguish it from aught else.

O Abu'l-Hasan! We make mention at this moment of God's loved ones and His friends in that land who have quaffed the choice wine, turning away from the cawing that hath been raised from the direction of

vain imaginings, without any clear proof or evidence. We give them the glad-tidings of Our manifestation, Our remembrance and Our utterance, even as We gave them glad-tidings aforetime in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: The Wronged One calleth you to the Dayspring of certitude and giveth you to drink of the sealed wine from the hands of His grace and favors. O My loved ones! Turn not your gaze toward the world and all that is therein. Ask ye God, the Lord of all being and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below, to aid you to act in accordance with that which will cause your mention to endure throughout the eternity of His most excellent names. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We counsel you with that which We counselled you before, and We command you to do that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens whom the Most Great Veil hath not kept back from the Lord of Destiny Who speaketh from the Most Great Prison. The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all Lords.

Blessed art thou, nay, a hundred thousand times blessed art thou and the friends of God, for ye are drinking the choice wine from the chalices of the utterance of the All-Merciful. One drop thereof is more precious in the estimation of the Concourse on High than the blessings of both worlds. How far are these minds and souls from comprehending a station the praise of which hath been uttered by the tongue of the Lord of all names! The likes of us weak ones are unable to traverse this field save through the special assistance of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He aideth whomsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Concerning what you wrote about the friends of the land of Za, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth from His Most Glorious Horizon - glorified be His majesty: "Our gaze of loving-kindness hath been directed towards the servants and handmaidens of that land. Blessed are they who, for the sake of God, show love unto those who are related to Abu-Basir - he who proclaimed this Most Great Name and offered up his spirit in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting - and likewise unto those who are related to Jinab-i-Ashraf, upon him be the glory of God, who drank what they drank from the choice wine of steadfastness and certitude in the Cause of the All-Merciful. These are My loved ones who dwell beneath the canopies of My grace. Upon them be My glory and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth." God willing, may the friends of that land attain unto that which God loveth.

As for what you wrote concerning the garden, it hath been accepted. However, according to His command, it must remain in their possession and they should use its proceeds until such time as the Command is revealed from the presence of the Wise Ordainer. And if you wish to know about earthly matters, the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth decisive verses night and day, and this evanescent servant is occupied with recording them. I beseech God - exalted be His glory and great be His bounty - to grant success and aid in this momentous task. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Some time ago, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, arrived in the Holy Land. He saw, heard, drank, and attained. He came with the utmost joy and departed with the utmost joy after receiving permission. His letter arrived from the great city, from whence he intended to return to his home. I beseech God - exalted be His glory - to illumine that community and the people of that region

with the lights of the Countenance of the Beloved of all possibility, that all may gaze toward the Supreme Horizon and act according to that which God hath revealed in the Book.

This Persian verse was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in previous years. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is:

O Baha'u'llah, when Thy fire blazed forth

It consumed the very existence of Thy lovers

With but one spark cast upon hearts

Thou didst raise a thousand Sinais in breasts

The Kawthar of love is concealed in these resplendent words. Outwardly, the word "fire" is mentioned, but inwardly it is light upon light. The flame of love is manifest and evident in the Sadratu'l-Bayan. God willing, hearts and souls shall be ignited by that fire and illumined by that light. In these days, and previously, several letters and missives arrived from Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein were mentioned the names of certain devoted, assured and enkindled souls. For each one, a Most Glorious Tablet was revealed from the Supreme Horizon - some in the blessed handwriting of the Most Great Branch (may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps), and some written by this servant were sent. In all conditions, all the friends who have truly partaken of the Most Pure Wine and are focused on the Greatest Scene must observe wisdom. The matter of wisdom is mentioned and accepted before God to such a degree that this year the Most Great Festival of the Birth was not celebrated. He said: "We have prohibited this festival to exalt the station of wisdom and to elevate its rank." From this comprehensive, decisive and blessed word, the significance of wisdom becomes clear and evident. And these holy, sublime, blessed and revealed Tablets that were specifically revealed and sent for the friends of that land - if wisdom does not permit, let them remain with His Holiness Afnan (upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory). Great effort must be made to preserve the Tablets and Divine verses. It seems some have been negligent in this matter, as evidenced by the fact that when some friends were arrested in certain lands, their writings were discovered before they themselves were apprehended. In any case, mention of the Land of the Prison, as well as the Tablets, must remain concealed. Complete concealment is what behooveth us, and He is the Preserver, the Helper, the Mighty, the Great.

This servant's request is that you convey greetings to all the friends of that land on behalf of this evanescent servant, and remind them of what has been mentioned, so that all may hold fast to the firm and strong cord and become detached from all else but God. These days and nights, these months and years, these hours and minutes - all have passed and are passing. God willing, may vision be fixed upon the Greatest Scene and may all our pillars attain to that which was ordained in the Book. Glory be upon you and upon those who have found and recognized the breeze that wafted in the dawn of God's Day - our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

22 Muharram 1299

Another matter: A letter was received mentioning that a mule belonging to His Holiness Afnan (upon him be all Glory) was sold by Jinab-i-Amin (upon him be the Glory of God, His light and His favors) to Muhammad Bey (upon him be the Glory of God). A letter from the servant arrived requesting that the payment be sent. What kind of situation is this? This payment had no connection to the Holy Threshold that it should be requested. The property belongs to His Holiness Afnan and the payment should reach him. Now, since Jinab-i-Bey does not have the funds available, as commanded, do not request it and pay it from the Huququ'llah. As commanded, convey wonderful greetings to your relatives on behalf of God, exalted be His Glory, and give each the glad tidings of His special favors. This is from God's grace upon you and upon those with you - know this and be among the thankful ones.

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The Tablet of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting

He is the Rememberer, the Speaker, the All-Knowing

Praise be to God Who hath appeared from the Dayspring of His signs, the Dawning-Place of His evidences, and the Source of His commandments and ordinances. He is the One through Whom mysteries were revealed, trees did speak, rivers did flow, and oceans did surge. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His knowledge, heard His call, and acted according to that which was commanded in His Book. And woe unto him who hath cast His Book behind him, disputed His verses, denied His proof, and rejected His testimony whereby the doors of bounties and favors were opened, and the Luminary of Justice shone forth from all directions, and the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End!"

The Light shining from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of Lords, and the Glory dawning from the horizon of Divine Will and favors, and the glorification manifest from the tongue of the Lord of creation be upon the hands of His Cause who broke not His covenant and testament, who aided His Cause amongst His servants, and who spoke His praise throughout His lands. These are the keys to the doors of hearts and souls, and the dawning-places of the names of God, the Sovereign of sovereigns. Through them the clouds did rain, and the treasures of the earth were revealed, and whatsoever was hidden therein and concealed beneath its layers.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of existence and the One Who holdeth dominion over the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the mysteries of the Books and whatsoever was recorded in the Scrolls were made manifest, to assist Thy loved ones to aid Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy might that hath surrounded all existence, to make me and Thy chosen ones the standards of Thy guidance in Thy land and the banners of Thy Cause amidst Thy creation.

Thou seest, O my God, what the oppressors and pharaohs have wrought. O Lord! Take the reins of their pride in the grasp of Thy power, and the bridles of their rebellion in the right hand of Thy will. Aid the oppressed with Thy hosts, then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and who have risen to frustrate Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! As to what they have mentioned regarding the enthusiasm of the friends in that land, praise be to God, they have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of the Goal of all the worlds, and have attained unto that which God hath revealed in His Books. Illumine each one of them with the light of utterance from the Wronged One. They are the primary temples who have drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, and who have attained unto the station of maturity through the aid of the Most Exalted Word. We have mentioned them before, and at this time with verses from each letter of which have flowed the rivers of wisdom and utterance throughout all possibility. Blessed are they and happy are they. We bear witness that they have attained unto the hearing of My sweetest call and the rustling of My Most Glorious Pen. These are servants whom God hath described in His Books of old and to come. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good, and He wasteth not the reward of the doers of good.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them to achieve such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hosts of the world nor the power of the nations. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Mention hath been made of him who remembereth and counseleth. Verily, he hath attained unto acceptance and hath spoken in remembrance and praise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen him with the hosts of utterance and to guard him through His might and power which have encompassed all regions. O […]

Verily We have heard thy call and made mention of thee aforetime in a Tablet that hath shone forth from the luminous horizon of God's loving providence, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My remembrance, and the heart that hath attained the warmth of My love, and the eye that hath been honored to behold My traces, and the hand that hath taken My Book, detached from the earth and its ornaments, its favors and its wealth.

O Ta, the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison with that which shall assist thee to quicken souls once again and to refine them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Speaker. Say: O people, cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Say: My God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the lights of Thy knowledge and adorn their heads with the crowns of Thy love and their temples with the robes of detachment in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

God willing, may His glory be glorified, may He ordain for that honored one the living waters. O concourse of the dead! May they attain unto new life through the breezes of utterance. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

Mention was made of Mirza ’Abdu’l-Husayn who hath intended to attain the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he and well is it with him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him to serve His Cause and to adorn him with the ornament of steadfastness in such wise that the names shall not prevent him from their Owner, their Quickener and their Ordainer.

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, hearken with the ear of thy soul to the call of the Wronged One […] The year the Shi’ih faction was devoted to mere names while heedless of the Truth […] Pride reached such a state that they […] When the dawn of the Day of Manifestation broke, all inflicted upon the Dayspring of Divine Revelation and the Fountainhead of heavenly inspiration that which caused the white stone to lament […]

Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy Manifestation and Thy establishment upon the throne of knowledge at the midmost heart of contingent being, and to Thy standing before the faces of all religions. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of might, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the hearts of the nations and by the light of Thy Cause wherewith Thou didst illumine the world, to protect me from the evil of the oppressors. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and I desire from Thee the wonders of Thy bounty and bestowal. O my Lord! Disappoint me not from the ocean of Thy utterance and the sun of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Mention was made of his honor Ibrahim. We make mention of him from this most exalted station and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of God’s utterance, the Lord of all worlds. O Ibrahim! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Pen - sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. We beseech God to grant thee the heavenly table that hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of thy Lord, the Generous, for it is His utterance through which the hearts of those who are nigh and the sincere ones have been attracted. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of Thy sealed wine and for having made known to me Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to adorn me with the ornament of trustworthiness amongst Thy creatures, then open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of grace and […]

Bounty and generosity are Thine, verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. O Ghulam-Qabl-Husayn! We have counseled the friends of God, both past and present, in numerous Tablets concerning trustworthiness, religious devotion and chastity. However, most heeded not what God counseled and exchanged righteousness and godliness for […] and wickedness. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. The bounty of this Revelation has been beyond […]. […] what strife, contention and corruption have been strictly forbidden in the Holy Books and Tablets. We beseech God that He may aid thee in that which will cause the sanctification of the servants and the exaltation of His Word. Verily He is the Helper, the Counselor, the All-Wise.

O Rida-Qabli! He who loved Me made mention of thee, and We make mention of thee with wondrous mention. The horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Meeting, yet the people are in evident doubt. We beseech God to aid thee to rend all veils asunder and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We make mention at this time of him who was named ’Ali, then of him who hath raised in the edifice of God that which none of My Branches hath raised - he who was named Badi’u’llah in My perspicuous Book. We beseech God to protect them both and aid them in that which befitteth this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. Verily He heareth that which proceedeth from the mouths of His servants. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O My loved ones! This Day is the Day of assistance, albeit through wisdom and utterance. We counsel all to such deeds as will cause the peoples of the world to turn towards Him. Some in various regions have departed from wisdom. We beseech God to grant them success and aid them in that which will attract the hearts of His servants. Verily He is the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and mercy. Each of the souls mentioned hath attained unto the Most Great Remembrance […]. Today the station of the Word of God is not known to some. Blessed is the affliction of one who hath attained unto this with evident certitude. Know ye that every word […] that hath issued forth from the mouth of the Will in the name of anyone is like unto a lofty, towering and blessed Tree, whose fruits, signs and leaves are ever fresh and verdant. Blessed are they that understand and they that have attained.

The glory that hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those whom the names have not prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Blessed art thou for that which We have caused to appear through thee of the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and that wherewith the ocean of exposition hath surged throughout creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath caused all things to speak even as the Tree of the Mount spoke unto Moses, son of ’Imran. Make mention of him who loved Me and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty when he was present before the Wronged One with such humility as caused all directions to bow down before it. Verily, he was named ’Ali-’Askar in the Book of Names by God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed art thou for having inhaled the fragrance of utterance and having set thy face towards the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Summit, until thou didst attain His presence and win that which most of the servants were debarred from. We made mention of thee before, and We make mention of thee now with that which causeth the hearts of them that are nigh to be attracted in the Tablet of God, the Lord of lords. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that the might of […]

The Glory which hath dawned from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards thee and have said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!” We make mention of Our loved ones in Mim and Ya and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets. Blessed art thou, O Land of Mim and Ya, by reason of that which God hath manifested

in thee through His beloved one who was named with Alif and Ha, whose mention We have sent down in the Crimson Scroll from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he and blessed is he who loveth him, as decreed by the Lord of creation.

Verily, We have mentioned and continue to mention Our loved ones there who were not held back by swords from drawing nigh unto God, the Dayspring of Inspiration. Take ye the cup of steadfastness from the hand of bounty, then drink therefrom in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Grieve not over that which hath proceeded from every lying impostor who hath exchanged trustworthiness for treachery and truth for falsehood. Indeed, they have cast the Book of God behind their backs and have denied His verses, before which all remembrances bow down when they are revealed. Rejoice in My remembrance, then aid Me through deeds from which the fragrance of acceptance is wafted. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked. The splendor of the All-Merciful shall come upon you.

O friends of that land! We have made mention of you and continue to do so. Blessed is the face that hath turned, the heart that hath advanced, the tongue that hath spoken, and the hand that hath taken hold of My perspicuous Book. These are the days of revelation and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of utterance. Strive ye, that haply ye may attain unto that which is everlasting and enduring.

His honor the Trustee - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - hath repeatedly made mention of the friends of that land and its surroundings and hath sent word to the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist you to remain steadfast in His Cause and to adorn you with the ornament of His bounty. Today the Pen is in joy, and the Tablet in rapture and delight. Blessed is the soul that hath been awakened by the call of the Most Exalted Pen and hath arisen to serve the Cause of God.

Give thanks unto your Lord for this great bounty and this loving-kindness which hath no peer in all creation nor likeness among His servants. Make mention of the devoted handmaidens on behalf of the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all existence. The resplendent and gleaming Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of proof be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon all who are steadfast in all regions in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes.

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

Praise be to God Who hath illumined hearts through the remembrance of His loved ones, His chosen ones, and His friends, and hath manifested whatsoever He hath willed through His command, His power, and His sovereignty. He hath created all beings and moved them through His most sweet call until they arose and hastened to the supreme horizon, except those who were veiled by the veils of idle fancies and were held back by the dayspring of vain imaginings - they who denied God, the Lord of all men. I pray, offer salutations, and glorify His ambassadors, His friends, and His chosen ones who have not preceded Him in speech and have acted according to what they were commanded by Him in a manifest and

resplendent manner. These are servants upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names send their blessings, both in the evening and at dawn.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant submits that a response to your letter, which was brought by Sheikh S, was written, but since it appeared that the Sheikh's journey might be prolonged, it was not sent. In these days, another petition and letter written in the hand of the beloved of hearts, Haji Kamal-ud-Din (upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Lord of the worlds), addressed to your honor, arrived. It brought joy and bestowed the blessing of news of your well-being and his. God willing, may you both ever remain at rest beneath the shadow of the Beloved's grace through all times, seasons, months and years, occupied in the service of His Cause. After your petition was submitted to the Most Holy Court, one most wondrous and impregnable Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will specifically for your honor and was sent. Previously also, two glorious and sublime Tablets were sent in the company of the Sheikh, specifically for your honor and for the leaf (female believer), upon her be Baha'u'llah. May they attain unto them and drink from the flowing rivers of wisdom and utterance from the fountainhead of the words of the Beloved of all possibility.

Regarding what you wrote about the daughter of the martyr, Aqa Abdul-Rasul (upon him be Baha'u'llah) - may God grant you the best of rewards and ordain for your honor what befits His generosity, bounty, grace and beneficence. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Generous, the Bountiful. It is known that your honor is engaged in service to the Truth and have not, and will not, fall short in whatever can be done for the friends. This station is most great. Blessed is the one who recognizes it and holds fast unto it. This station is more glorious than all stations that have been witnessed or heard of. The Book of God, the Lord of the worlds, beareth witness to this. Likewise, the letter which Aqa Mirza Hussein, son of the elevated Ustad Baqir Najjar (upon them both be Baha'u'llah), sent to your honor was received and this evanescent one beheld it. It is hoped that whatever lies within your power regarding them and the daughter of the honored martyr (upon them be Baha'u'llah) will not be neglected, so that perhaps these two souls might attain their rights. Verily, He does not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

The special announcement is that the beloved missives from his honor Haji Mirza Kamal al-Din - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory - illumined the world of joy with the mention of the Beloved One and brightened the heaven of love with the luminary of the name of the Desired One. May they ever and always drink from the ocean of utterance and with perfect wisdom bestow it upon the people of contingent being. This glad tiding is conveyed to them: repeatedly was mention made of them from the Tongue of Grandeur, and in each instance the bounty of the True One was manifested in wondrous ways. May they arise with perfect steadfastness in the Cause of God in such wise that should anyone speak contrary to the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory, or transgress the station of servitude, they would regard that one as utter nothingness and absolute non-existence. In all conditions may they fix their gaze upon God alone and deal with the friends of God with perfect love and moderation. This utterance hath appeared from the Kingdom of will out of pure grace so that all the friends might become aware of the Purpose and preserve the reins of the Cause. Blessed is he whom naught besides God deterreth from the Truth and whom nothing causeth to deviate from the good-pleasure of the Beloved of the worlds. When mention is made of them most times, the days of reunion, unity and gathering come to

mind. In truth, the world becometh a world of joy. I beseech the Exalted True One to assist them in that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen.

O my God, my Beloved, my Purpose! I beseech Thee by Thy imprisonment among Thy servants and Thy trials among the people of Thy realm to assist him and Thy servants to aid Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. O Lord! He is the one who hath drunk the Kawthar of Thy presence and attained the honor of visiting Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earths. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

Another glad tiding is that at this moment he is present before the Throne and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of favor especially for them. May they attain unto it and be refreshed and gladdened by its fragrance to such extent that the darkness of the world shall not prevent them from remaining fresh. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the One manifest through His name, the Self-Subsisting […]

O Most Exalted Pen! We wish to make mention of him who attained unto the light of the Countenance whilst behind the veil. He is among those who attained the presence of God when the ocean of reunion surged in Baghdad by the command of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He departed from his home, turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon until he entered, heard and attained that which was promised in the Books of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O Kamal! Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the prison, drawing thee unto the station of nearness, of holiness and of beauty. Behold and then remember when thou wert present before the Throne and didst hear the Voice of Him Who conversed upon Sinai, which when it came from the heaven of the Cause caused all things to proclaim: “The Lord of the Day of Reckoning is come!” Rejoice thou in this most great favor. By the life of God! All the treasures of the world cannot equal it. He Who rode upon the clouds and walked upon the horizons of the earth with power and sovereignty doth testify to this.

O Kamal! Today the stations of divine favors are veiled, for the realm of existence hath not had, nor hath it now, the capacity to bear their revelation. But soon will He manifest His Cause by His behest. No force of hosts can weaken Him, nor can the might of kings enfeeble Him. He speaketh the truth and summoneth all unto the One, the All-Informed. All have been created for the betterment of the world. By the life of God! The attributes of the beasts of prey befit not man. The station of man is and shall ever be mercy, love, compassion and forbearance towards all the peoples of the world. Say: O friends! Drink ye of this pure fountain that floweth from the finger of the grace of the Lord of all names, and give others to drink in His name, that the denizens of earth may know with clear certainty why the Truth hath come and for what purpose they were created.

Thy letters have arrived in these days and all were presented at the Most Holy Court, and thou hast been blessed with the favors and bounties of the Wronged One of the horizons. Today steadfastness is among the most mighty matters in the sight of God, and shall continue to be so, for the manifestations of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings are engaged in misleading the servants. Say: O friends! Lay hold of the Salsabil of steadfastness which floweth from the spring of divine utterances, and drink

thereof in His name, that ye may find yourselves possessed of such a station that should the whole world appear with all its books, scrolls and scriptures, ye would regard them as utter nothingness. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, upon thy children, upon thy two sisters, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Most High, the Great.

Special Tablets, wondrous and sublime, have been sent down from the heaven of Will for the friends of that land. God willing, they shall receive them and attain unto them. Glory be to those who have turned unto God and are firm, and light be upon those who have heard and are steadfast.

Praise be to God! They have been and are blessed with the favors of the Desired One of all the worlds. In truth, the verses themselves speak of the compassion, favor, mercy and loving-kindness of the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. There is no need for mention and explanation by this servant.

Likewise mention was made of His honor Aqa Mirza Mahdi, son of His Holiness the Martyr, upon both of them be the glory of God. This was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of utterance - exalted be His glory: He is the All-Knowing Witness.

O Mahdi! Blessed is thy father who emigrated from his home in his longing to attain the presence of God and presented himself before the Throne when the Cause was still veiled behind a manifest veil. He drank from the Kawthar of reunion before its manifestation and attained unto the Hidden Mystery before its revelation. To this testifieth He with Whom is the mighty Book. He was with Me in prison for a number of days in the land of Mim. Thus doth his Ancient Lord make mention of him - He Who proclaimeth at the heart of the world: “There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” He was among those who were martyred in the path of God and who drank the cup of nearness and good-pleasure from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious. Blessed is he, again blessed is he, and blessed are they who visit him, according to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His mighty prison. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon him and upon the martyr who ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of him in such wise as nothing possessed by men can equal, and We make mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily, I am the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mahdi! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while I was among the heedless. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. And I beseech Thee to forgive me and my father and my uncle, and to remit our sins through Thy grace and generosity, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surgeth in all creation, and through Whom the fragrance of generosity is wafted and the sweet savors of bounty are diffused throughout existence. Verily, Thou art the Possessor of the hidden and the manifest. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds.

This evanescent servant conveyeth wondrous and sublime greetings unto them and beseecheth God to assist them to that which is His good-pleasure. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearing, the Answering.

And likewise concerning Aqa Mirza Aqa [upon him be Baha'u'llah], who is among thy kinsmen, what was written was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

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

The world hath been set ablaze by the lights of the Most Great Name, yet the peoples remain in heedlessness and behind a veil. The light hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation and the Divine Lote-Tree hath called out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of lords!" Every book hath been honored by this Most Great Book, and every verse by these verses which, when sent down, caused the Cry to be raised and the mountains to pass away. This is the Day of God, to which the atoms themselves bear witness, and beyond them every fair-minded and discerning one. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne in the Most Great Prison! Hearken unto My call, for it will draw thee unto My Kingdom and unto stations which none save God, the Manifestation of verses, hath comprehended. Be thou thankful unto God for having sent down unto thee that whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been attracted. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness, for the Calf belloweth and the Raven croaketh and the feeble one crieth out "I am the All-Knowing Speaker!" Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all return.

As commanded, this servant wrote the revealed verses on separate pages and sent them. I beseech God that all may discover their fragrance and move among the servants with perfect wisdom in a state of spiritual intoxication, lest any matter arise that would cause turmoil and uproar and prevent weak souls from reaching the highest horizon. This evanescent servant offers greetings to them and to all who drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to achieve His good-pleasure and to confirm them. Verily the Glory that is manifest, resplendent, luminous, fragrant, penetrating, flowing, moving and prevailing be upon you and upon those who have been named with perfection in the Kingdom of Names, and upon those who are with him and with you, and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness and have arisen to serve the Cause with resolve, constancy and firm persistence. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above all mention and thought, the Ever-Living Lord of all, Who hath illumined the horizon of proof on the Day of Resurrection with the Sun of utterance, and Who hath, through the breaths of His Most Exalted Word, conferred new life upon all within creation. He hath adorned the heavens of wisdom and inner meaning with the stars of the utterances of them who are nigh

unto Him and sincere in their love. He is the One Incomparable in power, the One Peerless Expounder, the One Unique Proclaimer. From the Primal Point He hath caused countless books to appear, and through His perfect might hath made a single word the cause of life and death, and the manifestation of all that is recorded and concealed. Nevertheless, how can this unworthy servant be fitted to plumb the depths of this ocean, or to tread upon this carpet, or to tarry in this station? Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, above all that hath been or shall be presented or mentioned! I seek His forgiveness for my praise and glorification of Him, and for all that my heart hath comprehended or my soul hath known.

By Thy life, O Beloved of my heart! Whensoever I consider my existence, my rising up and my sitting down, my movement and my stillness, my sleep and my wakefulness, my attention and my thoughts and my mention, I am abashed and ashamed, and I say with my inner and outer tongue: I seek Thy forgiveness, I seek Thy forgiveness, O God of the worlds, and I turn in repentance unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know Thee!

I had intended in my own mind to compose an oration, that I might adorn the opening of this petition with praise and glorification of the Lord of Unity. Suddenly I became aware that a grave matter had arisen, namely, my attention to my own mention, my self, and my existence. I seek God's forgiveness for this and turn unto Him in repentance.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou beholdest me powerless before the surging oceans of Thy knowledge and the billowing seas of Thy grace, abject before the manifestations of Thy might and majesty, impotent before the evidences of Thy strength and power, incapable of soaring in the atmosphere of Thy remembrance, and heedless of understanding that which Thou hast sent down in Thy scrolls and books. How can the blind behold the lightning flashes of the Sun of Thy manifestation? How can the deaf hear the melodies of the Dove of Thy oneness? How can the dumb speak when Thy verses descend from the heaven of Thy Will? By Thy glory! The signs of Thy power have so encompassed me that I am powerless to do aught, and I behold my essence and being unable even to mention inability, let alone aught else. Yet since Thou hast made the mention of Thyself the sustenance of my soul, Thy praise and prayers unto Thee the nourishment of my spirit, and the elixir of Thy utterance the cause of my survival, therefore do I remember Thee through what Thou hast taught me and made known unto me. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names, to assist me to serve Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, unto whom Thy countenance hath turned from the horizon of Thy grace. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over Thy Cause and dominant over all that dwell in Thy heaven and earth. O my Lord! Thou seest me, despite my powerlessness, poverty, and the extinction of my being, desiring to make mention of him whom Thou hast made a teacher in Thy Book and immortalized in the paradise of Thy remembrance, and whom Thou hast named 'the Friend' in Thy Tablets–Tablets of which a single letter cannot be equaled by all that exist in the kingdom of creation. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy hidden knowledge and Thy treasured, concealed secrets to grant me success in mentioning him in the court of Thy glory and in loving him throughout the endurance of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. Verily, Thou art the Answerer of whosoever calleth upon Thee and the Helper of whosoever imploreth Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My being is a sacrifice to Thy remembrance, and my soul a ransom for Thy Cause. Time and again hath this evanescent one been blessed with the traces of Thy pen. God knoweth that the spheres of my love have been set in motion by their fragrance, and the cities of my affection have been perfumed by their sweet savors. From each letter have I drunk the Kawthar of meeting Thee and the choice wine of attaining Thy presence. I beseech God to perpetuate this bounty which is far beyond my station and rank. He, verily, is the Answerer, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

This evanescent servant hath repeatedly been blessed with the receipt of your esteemed letter. Regarding what you wrote about having sent the revealed Tablets, it is evident that your honor hath ever been and continue to be occupied with service to the Cause of God. O beloved of my heart! The heedlessness and lack of capacity of the servants hath reached such a degree that for some time the ocean of utterance hath been stilled, and only occasionally do its drops appear. In one of the Tablets revealed to one of the friends in the land of Shin, He saith words to this effect: The face of the world is turning toward irreligiosity, and this condition shall persist thus for some time, increasing day by day until its appointed time which hath been set down in the Book of God. And when that time is fulfilled, the Cause of God shall be raised up despite the opposition of the servants. Thus hath it been decreed aforetime by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is evident that were people ready, the clouds of mercy would not be withheld, the sun of bounty would not remain concealed, and the ocean of inner meanings would not be stilled. Yes, the people are ignorant and heedless of that which today shineth forth from the horizon of God's will. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Revelation that were they to become aware of but a drop from the waves of the Most Great Ocean, they would become detached from all that they possess. The veils of selfish desires have become so thick and dense that their rending is most difficult save by the finger of the power of our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what you wrote about the condition of the friends being good, provided their pettiness allows it - at this they smiled greatly. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: O Khalil! If souls who have accepted the Faith were to act upon the divine counsels and revealed deeds, surely all creation would cry out in the wilderness of detachment, after hearing the call, "Here am I, O my God, here am I!" Man becomes proud through his garment and transgresses through his pettiness, save whom God willeth. Were words moderate and matched by deeds, they would surely become the cause of the salvation of the world and the preservation of nations. In one instance the Supreme Pen hath revealed that utterance should be adorned with the nature of mother's milk and fatherly affection, that the children of the world might thereby be educated and reach maturity. Should one speaking go beyond the comprehension of the hearer, he hath departed from justice. I beseech the True One to make all accepting souls aware of the degrees of wisdom revealed in the Book. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O thou who art a herald! I have left the Most Great Prison, and We have made the Ridvan Our throne's seat, then this lofty mansion. God hath fulfilled what He revealed on His first arrival in the land of the Prison, and kept His promise in the Book. He, verily, is the Fulfiller, the All-Informed. The land hath been honored by the advent of the Most Great Sea - exalted be God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We love to make mention of thee after We had restrained the Pen from remembrance and utterance. Thus

doth the All-Merciful give thee glad tidings that thou mayest be of those who rejoice. Grieve not at anything, for He is with thee. Soon shall pass away that wherein the heedless take delight. The leaf springeth from the tree and cleaveth unto it, moveth upon it and smileth at its rustling, drawing hearts by its ways - all this thou beholdest in the morning, yet in the evening thou seest it fallen, yellowed, upon the ground. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By thy life! That wherein the most exalted servants rejoice was as naught to those who have turned towards the Countenance, for they see nothing but they perceive its passing away and God's decree standing over it. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, My manifestation, My effulgence, My call, My favors and My bounties which have encompassed the worlds. Thy letter hath come before Us. We have seen it, read it, and made mention of thee in this Perspicuous Tablet. We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy longing, and thy turning toward God, the Goal of all seekers. By God's life! He hath ordained for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the sincere ones.

Concerning the Siyyid - upon him be what is upon him - they had written; from His Holiness's first writing the nature of it became clear. Such heedless souls assuredly were not and are not capable of movement in the arena of His Holiness's utterance. How blessed is the word that His Holiness spoke: "Leave them in their vain discourse, nay rather in their playground sporting." The people have been and remain greatly veiled, have not become aware of the ascents of witness, and have not attained to the ladder of knowledge. They have not yet comprehended a drop from the divine utterances. The very claim of the Bab's station by His Holiness - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - was indicative and manifested the condition of the people. In one station He even denied from Himself the specific Babhood, for all were standing in the valley of conjecture and fancy, unable to comprehend the effulgences of the Sun of Certainty, save whom God willeth. In every utterance that appeared from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's will, most were concerning the mention of certain souls of the past, and had the people been capable, naught but mention of the Sun of Truth and the Spiritual Heaven would have flowed from His Holiness's tongue and pen, as can be understood from certain blessed verses. Yea, meat is harmful to the suckling. Glory be to Him Who giveth to everything its due right. A word concerning Husayn ibn Ru? appeared from the horizon of His Holiness's Pen: "Blessed art thou, then joy be to thee, through the everlasting names and attributes of God, in that ye have known him from before." Between these people and these souls, one must at all times hold fast to "Not all that is known should be uttered." Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who raised the banner of "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds" and caused "the Kingdom on that Day shall be God's" to appear from the Dayspring of creation. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Wise.

As regards the matter of the esteemed Sarkar Khan, they had sent certain items which arrived in this land with great difficulty, for at the customs house in Alexandria they opened the items and valued them according to their own discretion, collecting substantial duties. Likewise at the customs house in Haifa they opened them again, saying the declaration did not match these goods, whereupon they collected duties once more from his honor M.H., upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah's] Most Glorious Beauty. Furthermore, after arrival here some items did not match the inventory, and besides this, in this place only carnelian rings are used. What more can this servant say? I beseech God to assist all to that which He loves and is pleased with. And regarding what was written about them, it was conveyed. These words

issued forth from the Source of Utterance - exalted be His glory: “Those souls who turn toward different regions must act according to what hath been revealed in the Book, be detached from all who dwell on earth, and in each of their members, organs, limbs, veins, features and strands of hair perceive a heart, and that heart must be turned toward God. At no time should they let go of wisdom, for verily it is the mightiest foundation from God, the Lord of the worlds.” However, whatsoever your honor hath done was truly the essence of wisdom and is acceptable before God, and this servant sayeth: “O my God! Make his affairs prosper.”

Concerning his honor Aqa Mirza ’Ali-Naqi, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, about whom you had written - the aforementioned soul hath ascended unto God. Since in his final days he attained the honor of the presence, the word of forgiveness was revealed concerning him from the Dayspring of the Cause. Those who circle round the Throne, one and all, convey their most hallowed greetings to your honor.

The Servant

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This servant hath written a letter to them which your honor may peruse. The Most Great Branches - may my spirit and all God hath given me be a sacrifice for Their majesty - and the Afnans of the Blessed Tree offer their most sublime and impregnable greetings to your honor.

May I be a sacrifice for you - the letter from his honor the Afnan of China, upon him be every most glorious glory, arrived with the items. God willing, in the next post a petition will be submitted to their presence.

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

As to what the questioner asked concerning the saying of the philosophers that “the Simple Reality is all things,” say: Know that what is meant by “things” in this context is none other than existence and the perfections of existence insofar as it is existence, and by “all” is meant that which possesses and encompasses. This “all” admits of no part, nor is it opposed by any portion. In essence, since the Simple Reality is simple from all aspects, it possesses and encompasses all perfections that are without limit or end, as has been said: “His creation has no bounded limit.”

In Persian it may be expressed thus: The philosopher’s intent by “things” in the aforementioned statement refers to the perfections of existence insofar as it is existence, and by “all” is meant possession - that is, the possession and encompassing of all infinite perfections in a simple way. Such statements have been made in contexts discussing unity, and the power and intensity of existence. The philosopher

did not mean that the Necessary Being dissolves into infinite existences - glorified, glorified be He above that! As the philosophers themselves have said: “The Simple Reality is all things yet is not any of the things,” and in another context: “The lights of the Simple Reality are seen in all things.” This depends on the vision of the beholder and the perspective of the observer. Those of penetrating sight behold in all things the signs of divine unity, for all things are and have ever been manifestations of the divine names, while the Truth has ever been and will ever be sanctified above ascent and descent, limitations, conjunction and connection. Things exist and are witnessed in their limited places, as they have said: “Though the existence of the Necessary Being is of perfect power and intensity such that, were it possible, it would dissolve into infinite existences, yet this is not possible and has not occurred.”

There is much that could be said about this statement, and were the full intent of the philosophers to be expressed, the matter would become lengthy. As the hearts of the free are perceived to be subtle and sensitive, therefore the pen has chosen to be brief. Two stations are observed in unity: existential unity, which is the negation of all through “no” and the affirmation of the Truth through “except” - meaning they do not consider anything other than the Truth to exist, in the sense that all things are and will be utter nothingness before His manifestation and mention. “All things perish except His face” means that in His presence, none is worthy of existence nor can existence be attributed to them, as has been said: “God was, and there was nothing else beside Him, and now it is as it was before” - even though things are observed to exist now as they did before. The meaning is that in His presence, nothing has or had existence. In existential unity, all is perishing and evanescent while the Face, which is the Truth, is eternal and everlasting. Witnessed unity is that in all things are beheld the signs of unity, the manifestations of eternity, and the revelations of the light of divine oneness, as has been revealed in the Divine Book: “We shall show them Our signs in the horizons and in themselves.” In this station, the manifestations of the signs of the Simple Reality are visible and evident in all things. The philosopher did not mean that the Truth dissolves into infinite existences - exalted, exalted is He above dissolving into anything […]

He was never bounded by bounds nor joined with anything in creation. He has ever been sanctified above all else and exalted beyond aught besides Him. We testify that He was one in His essence and one in His attributes, and all are within the grasp of His power that dominates the worlds. And in one station, all that hath been or will be mentioned returneth unto the First Mention, for the Truth, glorified and exalted be He, is an impenetrable Mystery that cannot be comprehended. In this station, He was and ever shall be sanctified beyond all mentions and names, and exalted above the understanding of all created things. The way is barred and the quest forbidden. Therefore, whatever wondrous mentions and exalted descriptions flow from the tongue and pen refer to the Most Great Word, the Supreme Pen, the Primal Point, the true Home, and the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful Revelation. He is the Source of unity and the Manifestation of the light of oneness and detachment. In this station, all the most beautiful names and most exalted attributes return unto Him and go not beyond Him, as it hath been said that the Unseen is sanctified beyond all mentions, and the station of the light of unity, though outwardly designated by a name and limited by bounds, is in its inner reality simple and sanctified beyond all limitations - though this simplicity is relative and comparative, not absolute in all respects. In this station the meaning is thus: the Primal Word and the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness is the educator of all things and possesseth infinite perfections. Concerning this Word in this station there is an explanation hidden in the

treasuries of infallibility and inscribed in the Preserved Tablet which it is not fitting to mention at this time. God willing, He shall reveal it, for He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, the objection of some to the words of the philosopher was without proof, for they understood not the speaker's intent. In truth, one cannot be content with the outward meaning of words and rise up in derision, except in the case of those who openly profess unbelief and idolatry, whose words admit of no interpretation. The philosophers have been and are of different schools. Some derived their statements from the Books of the Prophets. The first to study philosophy was Idris, hence he was named thus, and he was also called Hermes. In every tongue he has a name, and in every branch of wisdom he gave sufficient and complete explanations. After him, Balinus extracted certain sciences from the Hermetic tablets, and most philosophers derived their scientific and philosophical arts from his words and explanations. In any case, this philosopher's statement is susceptible to both praiseworthy and limited interpretations. Some of the mature ones, to safeguard God's Cause, have outwardly rejected it, but this imprisoned servant mentioneth naught but good. Moreover, today is not the day for man to occupy himself with understanding such statements, for knowledge of this and similar statements hath never made man self-sufficient, nor will it ever do so. For instance, the philosopher who uttered these words, were he present today, and those who agreed with what he said, and those who objected to him - all are observed to be in the same position. Each one, after the raising of the Call of the Lord of Names from the right side of the new spot […]

Whoso hath attained unto the word "yea" is accepted and praiseworthy, and all else are rejected. How many souls who deemed themselves to be at the highest pinnacle of knowledge and understanding, to such extent that they imagined whatsoever proceeded from their mouths to be the balance by which all utterances are weighed, and the astrolabe whereby the beginning and end of all things are measured - yet when the spring-time of the All-Merciful appeared and the winds of trials blew, We found in them neither acceptance nor steadfastness. Should anyone today encompass all the sciences of the earth, yet hesitate at the word "yea," he shall not be mentioned before God and shall be accounted among the most ignorant of people. For the purpose of all knowledge hath been the recognition of the True One. Whosoever remaineth deprived of this most exalted and holy distinction is recorded among the dead in the Tablets.

O Husayn! The Wronged One declareth: Words require deeds. Words without deeds are as bees without honey, or as trees without fruit. Consider the Sage of Sabzivar - in his verses he hath penned poetry suggesting that no Moses existeth, else would the cry "Verily I am God" be heard from every tree. He hath uttered these words in exposition, meaning that one who knoweth God ascendeth to such heights that his eyes are illumined by beholding the lights of divine manifestation, and his ears are privileged to hear His call from all things. The aforementioned sage had no share of these stations, as is evident. This was mere utterance, but when it came to deeds, we observe that he hearkened not at all to the call of the Divine Lote-Tree, raised explicitly and without interpretation from the most exalted spot in the wilderness, calling aloud unto all. Had he truly hearkened, he would have arisen to proclaim it. Now we must say either these words were borrowed and merely passed his lips, or from fear of shame and love of fame he remained deprived of this station and its acknowledgment. He knew yet concealed, recognized yet denied.

How many souls have spent their entire lives establishing their own vain imaginings, yet remained deprived when the lights of the Known One shone forth from the horizon of the Self-Subsisting Name. The command is in God's hands - He giveth whom He willeth what He willeth, and withholdeth from whom He pleaseth what He desireth. Verily He is the One praised in His command and obeyed in His decree. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In these days it was revealed in one of the Tablets: How many turbaned ones have rejected and turned away, and how many veiled ones have recognized and accepted, saying "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!" Thus have We made their highest ones lowest, and their lowest ones highest. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

O Husayn! Say to the one who asked: Leave the pond when the Most Great Ocean is before thee. Draw nigh unto it, then drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! It will bring thee to a station wherein thou shalt see in the world naught save the manifestation of the Ancient Beauty, and shalt hear from the Lote-Tree raised upon the Standard: "Verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling." This is a Day wherein it behooveth every soul, when hearing the Call from the Dayspring of the Beginning, to leave all else behind, arise and say "Yea, O my Heart's Desire!" then "Here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!"

Say: O questioner! Were the wine of thy Lord's utterance to intoxicate thee, and wert thou to recognize the wisdom and exposition contained therein, thou wouldst renounce all possibility and arise to aid this wronged and lonely One, and proclaim: "Glorified be He Who hath manifested the flowing in the frozen, the finite in the boundless, and the hidden in the manifest - He Who, when beheld outwardly, appeareth in human temple before the hands of the oppressors, yet when pondered inwardly, is seen to be supreme over all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Hearken unto that which the Fire proclaimeth from the luminous Lote-Tree raised upon the crimson spot: "O people! Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved." Thus hath the decree been fulfilled and the command gone forth from the presence of a mighty, faithful One.

O questioner! Thy mention hath been made before the Countenance in this manifest prison. Therefore hath this Tablet been sent down, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's favors, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Know thou its worth and cherish its value, for this is better for thee, shouldst thou be of them that comprehend. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause and His remembrance, and to ordain for thee what is best for thee in this world and in the world to come. Verily, He is the Answerer of the prayers of them that supplicate, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O servant! When thou art attracted by the sweet savors of the intimations of the Lord of Names, and illumined by the lights of the Face that hath dawned from the Dayspring of eternity, turn thou toward the Supreme Horizon and say:

O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast opened unto Thy creation the doors of meeting with Thee, and caused the sun of Thy loving kindness to shine upon all within Thy dominion, to make me steadfast in Thy love, detached from all else save Thee, standing firm in Thy service, gazing toward Thy face, and speaking forth Thy praise. O Lord! Aid me in the

days of the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause to such extent that I may, through Thy grace and bounty, rend asunder the veils and burn away the coverings through the fire of Thy love. O Lord! Thou art the Mighty, and I am the weak; Thou art the Wealthy, and I am the poor. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy bounty, not to deprive me of Thy grace and Thy gifts. All things testify to Thy greatness, Thy glory, Thy power and Thy might. Take my hand with the hand of Thy will and deliver me through Thy sovereignty. Then write down for me what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have turned toward Thee, fulfilled Thy covenant and Thy testament, soared in the atmosphere of Thy will, and spoken Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous.

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O he who is named the Luminous One, Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O thou Inscribed Tablet! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of His inhabited House, that His joyous fragrances may attract thee to the sacred, mighty and generous seat of God. O thou who art named the Luminous One of God! Hear what the Spirit imparteth unto thee in this hour when sorrows have encompassed Him through the hosts of Satan, to such extent that His tongue moveth not in remembrance of the Beloved nor of the Friend, and whenever a word issueth forth from Him, it is accompanied by sighs and lamentations that consume the hearts of all beings - yet most of the people remain heedless thereof, having occupied themselves with earthworms, and thus their deeds have come to naught and God hath erased their names from the preserved Tablet of holiness.

And thou, O servant, when thou findest none steadfast in the Cause of God thy Lord, then suffice thou with thyself, remain firm, and be steadfast with manifest steadfastness. Behold the Concourse of the Bayan and that which issueth from their mouths. Among them are those who say: “Can the fruit of the Tuba tree possibly be transformed?” Say: Yea, by my life, the All-Merciful! First, We do not confirm thy vain imagination in what thou hast imagined, for neither thou nor anyone else hath any knowledge of His Cause. And should anyone claim such knowledge, he hath indeed lied against the Lord of all worlds. And even if We were to accept what thou sayest - woe unto thee! Dost thou entertain doubts about the Tuba tree, or its like such as the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End, the Farthest Tree, and whatsoever else hath been mentioned by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful?

Say: Beware lest thou imagine vain things and render these names objects of fancy. Know thou that all these names which are mentioned in the Book have no other purpose save Our unified servants - they are the blessed tree, the Farthest Tree, and the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End. Likewise, every goodly name returneth unto these, if ye be of those who know. These names are true for them in the time of their faith in God, and after their turning away, every name that is not goodly returneth to them, if ye be of those who witness. How many a tree of affirmation is transformed into a tree of negation at the time of manifestation, and likewise the reverse, if ye be of those who perceive.

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Know thou that if He wisheth to transform a ruby into any other thing, He is able to do so by His compelling, firm, and mighty command. Place thou the ruby in fire and observe how it changeth, for fire altereth all that is sound and soundeth all that is altered. Likewise, whosoever placeth the ruby of his faith upon the fire of self and desire, it shall be transformed in an instant. This is of the wisdom which none shall comprehend save those whose eyes God hath opened, and who are among the perceiving ones.

Among the people are those who claim authority of successorship in him whom they have taken as lord besides God. Say: Woe unto you, O company of liars! Verily We have effaced this name and its like in the Bayan, lest anyone be veiled by these names from their Source, and lest they be among the deluded ones.

Say: Have ye not witnessed that Prophethood and Messengership were sealed with Muhammad, the Messenger of God, through His word "but He is the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets"? And have ye not heard that He Who appeared in the year sixty is the Manifestation of God among the worlds?

Beware, O people! Ascribe not to God any peer, opposite, partner, minister, successor, or guardian. For all these are equal in His sight, all were created by His command, and all are among those who bow down before Him. God hath no worldly treasures to be distributed by His successor, His Cause abideth with Him and departeth not from Him that He should need another. This is what hath been sent down in truth, a revelation from One Mighty, Wise.

Moreover, have ye not heard what the previous Manifestation uttered: "Verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon"? After His appearance and His establishment of His Cause, doth He need anyone besides Him? Nay, by His Own Self, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great!

Verily He hath ordained mirrors in the tablets, and hath not limited them by bounds, if ye be of those who witness. For instance, behold in these days if all the mirrors of creation were to face this Sun which hath dawned from the horizon of eternity, the lights of this Sun would be reflected in them. After turning away, the light returneth to its source and the created thing returneth to its form and likeness, as ye observe and are of those who perceive. After turning away, the designation of mirror no longer applieth to it; rather, every name save good returneth to it, if ye be of those who know.

Say: O people! Fear God, then efface from your hearts these allusions, then ascend to the station wherein ye shall witness all things under the shadow of a name from among the names of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted - how much more His Own holy, inaccessible, and glorious Self! Whoso harbors in his heart any allusion from among the people's allusions, or any expression from what they utter, the radiance of the Sun's lights shall never be impressed upon him. The Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Glorious, beareth witness to this.

Though all who are on earth today be near ones, chosen ones, mirrors, letters and beyond these, should they hesitate in this Cause, they shall instantly return to their former station. Thus have We detailed the matter in all the tablets, and We detail it now as a grace from Us to those who have believed in God in these days wherein the faces of the veiled ones have been darkened.

And concerning what thou hast written about the Sacrifice (Dhabih) from the Land of Kaf, that he desires to attain the presence of the Countenance - this is befitting for him and for Our sincere servants. When thou seest him, convey My remembrance unto him and say: O thou Sacrifice! Arise, warn the people, then gladden them with the Most Great Paradise. Put thy trust in God, the Ancient King. Then rend asunder the veils at their roots and bonds, and speak forth the remembrance of thy Lord between the heavens and the earth. Then write concerning this Cause that which God hath cast into thy heart, that those who seek the Countenance and have been held back by the allusions of the idolaters may be guided thereby. Then deliver the Cause of thy Lord to the extent thou art able, tarry not, and be not of the patient ones. And if thou findest thyself in such station that were the whole earth to be filled with impenetrable mirrors, divine rubies, eternal crystals and more besides, and were they all to pause in this Cause for less than a moment, thou wouldst detach thyself from them and regard them as though not one of them had ever been mentioned. Then shalt thou be able to enter the pavilion which God hath sanctified from the knowledge of every knower, purified from the indication of every indicator, and exalted above the allusion of every sinful idolater. By God, O Our radiant Name! We love to behold him and have him appear before Us, to be apprised of that which none before hath been apprised, and to be among those who are certain. If he is able and hath the power to journey unto God with utmost secrecy such that no one becomes aware thereof, then We grant him leave to be among the emigrants. Say: O Sacrifice! By God, all that thou hast heard before hath appeared from Us, but We concealed it as a wisdom from Our presence, and none knew of it save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. When We revealed the Cause and the breezes of assurance wafted, then he emerged from behind the veil - he whom, by the True One, I had nurtured as a tender father nurtures his child - and arose to oppose the Countenance that created him by His will. Then his name and mention became renowned among all creatures. And wert thou to appear before the Throne, thou wouldst be apprised of mysteries of which none hath been apprised, and besides this thou shalt perceive naught except what God casteth into thy heart, for He is the best of inspirers. Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by his words or by the fame of his name. By God, none hath any refuge today except to believe in God or to deny what He hath sent from the beginning that hath no beginning, and God is witness and knowing of this. Say: O people, behold Me with Mine own eye, not with any other, that ye may find a path to your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. O people, know God by God, not by aught else, for He is now manifest, speaking, uttering, witnessed among the worlds. And when thou seest him, impart what the Spirit hath imparted unto thee; otherwise send him the divine fragrances wafting from the direction of the Tablet, that he may rejoice within himself and be among the glad ones. Then know that the braying of the idolaters hath risen, then their cawing hath appeared, and thereby doth God test the hearts of His servants to distinguish between the monotheists and the idolaters. And were We to mention to thee what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst be grieved in thy soul. Therefore We have not detailed it for thee, to protect thee lest thou be saddened and […]

Be not among those who grieve, but know that, by God the Truth, all that they have wrought by their own hands, uttered with their tongues, and earned for themselves has returned unto God, the Purifier, the Holy, the Luminous, the Resplendent. With this verse We have sufficed, excluding all else. Therefore, draw forth from it whatsoever thou desirest to learn concerning the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing. Know thou moreover that We have previously revealed Tablets which were named “The

Hidden," and We desired to send them to thee, but found no messenger. We shall send them in due time that thine eyes may be solaced thereby and thou mayest be filled with evident joy and gladness. Finally, beware lest thou be patient in the Cause of thy Lord. Rather, rend asunder all the veils of men through the power of God, thy Lord, and be not of the patient ones. This is My bidding unto thee, both before and hereafter, and therein lieth a great good. We had previously sent thee a Tablet in the Persian tongue, perspicuous and clear. God will assuredly bring it to thee, a promise from His presence, and He is the best of those who bring. Upon thee be glory, and splendor, and radiance, and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

He is the Wondrous! Were We to mention all that hath befallen Us, it would be impossible. This much is known: even as the pure essence of truth and holiness hath become manifest and evident, so too hath the very essence of falsehood, misery, tyranny, indecency, lies, and opposition been made apparent. The curse of God be upon him who wronged the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who warred against Him, then calumniated Him. As for the known person who desired to attain Our presence and had expressed this in the previous year - if it be possible without harm and the touch of sorrows, permission is granted; if not, then nay. Perchance he may come and learn what hath befallen Us, and be among those who know. God willing, at all times and moments, detached from all contingent beings and existence, you shall speak the mention of Truth and prevail over the enemies, though indeed you have been and shall ever be victorious, even if no one be with you. Upon thee and those with thee be glory, mercy and praise.

No word hath yet been received from Mulla Muhammad. Write of his news, though verily thy Lord is aware of all things. Two Tablets were previously revealed and sent specifically for him.

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In the Name of the One God

O thou who dost circle round the Throne! The numerous letters which the loved ones of God - upon them be the Glory of God - have written to thee from the land of Kha were presented before the Throne, and this servant laid them all before His holy Presence. We beseech the Most High to aid them to remember and praise Him and to strengthen them to remain steadfast in this Cause in such wise that neither the veils nor the signs of the peoples of the earth shall hinder them. Verily He is the Revealer of verses, there is none other God but Him, the Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Among these was mention of the Leaf of Paradise - upon her be the light of her Lord. Praise be to God, she hath drunk from the choice wine of immortality and hath attained the most exalted horizon. In most years mention of her hath been made from the Tongue of Grandeur. By the life of God! This sufficeth her, as doth testify that which was created by the Word of God, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet will be revealed especially for her and will afterwards be dispatched. Verily, give her the glad-tidings of this great bounty.

Mention was made of the ascension of Mulla Mirza Muhammad - upon him be the Glory of God. Verily We were present when his spirit ascended to the Most Exalted Companion. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! He is of them that heard the sound of the wings of the Bird of the Throne from this atmosphere which God hath sanctified above the mention of all who are on earth. Thus was the matter decreed, but most of the people are heedless.

O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the Supreme Pen maketh mention of thee from this Most Exalted, Most Glorious Station and sayeth: The first light that shone forth from the heaven of the Manifestation of thy Lord be upon thee, O thou who hast cast away vain imaginings and held fast unto certitude on a Day wherein trembling and trepidation seized the inhabitants of earth and heaven, save whom God did will, the Lord of all worlds. I testify that thou didst fulfill God's Covenant and His Testament, and didst circle round His Cause, and didst achieve the most great steadfastness when the limbs of all names did quake with fear. Thus doth the Lord of all creation make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Joy be unto him who hath loved thee and visited thee, by virtue of that which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Likewise mention was made of the ascension of Mulla Muhammad-Husayn - upon him be the Glory of God. And the True One, exalted be His station, exalted be His sovereignty, and great be His might, maketh mention of him. By the pearls of the ocean of inner meanings! The entire world cannot equal one word of the divine words, and for every soul that hath attained unto a divine word there are ordained stations such that were but one of these to be revealed unto the people of the earth, all would be amazed and would exclaim "Would that we had been with him!" Verily We make mention in this station of Our servant Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of Names, that it may be a remembrance and honor unto him for as long as God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure. We made mention of thee during thy life and We make mention of thee after thy ascension, as a grace from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The breeze of forgiveness did take thee at the time of thy ascension unto the All-Merciful. Thus did His grace encompass all who turned unto Him when He appeared with manifest sovereignty. The Glory which hath dawned and shone forth, and the Light which hath gleamed and flashed, be upon thee, O thou who didst believe in Him Who was promised when He came with truth through a Command that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention of Our loved ones in that place, that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of all men. God willing, all the friends of Truth must today be united and in full accord upon the universal Word of God. This blessed Word hath been heard at this moment from the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen, saying: The beginning of the Cause hath ever been and shall ever be faith in God, and its end steadfastness in His love, for the dwellers of hell lie in ambush and appear with a hundred thousand wiles and deceits that perchance they may prevent steadfast souls from the Truth. Should anyone come unto you with the book of hell, leave him behind you and say: "We have believed in Him through Whom the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and the nightingale of the All-Merciful hath warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Concealed."

In all conditions, hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness. The clamor hath been raised and shall be raised in every city, even as We have informed all beforehand. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

All the names that were mentioned in the letter have attained unto the grace of God and have been remembered before the Throne. And the spiritual letter of her, upon whom be the Glory of God, was observed. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to her acceptance, her faith, her love, and her submissiveness in days wherein every learned one turned away, every mystic was heedless, every mighty one objected, and every man denied, save whom God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, did will.

They must at all times be occupied with the mention of the Beloved of all worlds, for through His grace they have drunk from the ocean of His knowledge, partaken of the stream of His mercy, and received their portion from the Kawthar of His love. By the life of God! This brief mention hath been and shall ever be an enduring trace, and shall remain as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure - how much more the sanctified and exalted Tablets that were specifically revealed and sent down for her from the heaven of the Divine Will. We give her the glad tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness, and My mercy that have preceded all worlds. Whatever she desireth, God shall graciously bestow. However, what is beloved is that one should be seen as extinct in one's own will and desire, and living through the Will of God. This is a mighty and most exalted station.

Letter of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali was noted. Praise be to God, again and again did he turn to God and endured hardships of travel in His path, traversing sea and land until he reached the shore of the Most Great Ocean. It behooveth him to render thanks unto God, his Lord, for having enabled him to attain His presence, to voice His praise, to stand before His gate and to present himself before His throne. Now must they occupy themselves with the remembrance of God, that perchance some withered one may be refreshed, or some sleeping one may be awakened, or some wanderer may find the straight path. Whosoever attaineth unto this service hath attained unto the most exalted station. He hath been and is remembered in the Most Holy Court. God hath loved and doth love faithfulness. We counsel him and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God will be exalted among all else, and to steadfastness, the decree of which hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. At all times let them fix their gaze upon this blessed word and preserve it, for by God's testimony this blessed word is the essence of all utterance. It is the Lamp of utterance, the Ocean of utterance, the Heaven of utterance, the Sun of utterance, the Light of utterance, and the Spirit of utterance. This blessed word was revealed from the Pen of My Herald, the Primal Point, when one of the Letters of the Living asked concerning Him Whom God shall make manifest - exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His might, exalted be His manifestation, exalted be His arising, exalted be His tribulation, and exalted be His imprisonment. Complete and sufficient explanations were revealed from the divine Kingdom of utterance, including this blessed word which is the essence of all utterance. His word, exalted and glorified be He:

"And I have written the essence concerning His remembrance, and it is that He shall not be known by My mention nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that word is greater in God's estimation than the worship of all on earth, for the essence of all worship leadeth unto that. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know Him Whom God shall make manifest, for He is too glorious and exalted to be

known through any but Himself or to be described by the description of His creatures. And verily, I am the first to believe in Him and in His verses."

This utterance must at all times be before the eyes of the loved ones of God, so that should any cawer be found, his tongue may be cut off by the sword of this word. Consider now those followers of the Bayan who have turned away from the Truth, how far they have strayed from the straight path and how they are deprived of the mighty Truth, although they have never had nor have any knowledge of the foundation of this Cause. By the life of God! They are more veiled than the people of the Furqan and the peoples of former times. Every fair-minded and insightful person beareth witness to this. One veil had not yet been rent when they became afflicted with a hundred thousand other veils. Behold! They are among the dead in the mighty Book. None shall today attain unto this most mighty, most glorious and most exalted station except through effacing what he hath previously heard. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in My remembrance of you, My turning toward you, and My directing My face toward your faces from this Station that is both near and far.

Drink ye, God willing, from the chalice of steadfastness in such wise that neither the books, nor the scriptures, nor the pages, nor the words, nor the utterances, nor the speech of the world shall keep you back from the Lord of Eternity–how much less the leaves of the infernal tree. Thus doth He Who hath in His possession the Preserved Tablet inform you. Most men are observed to be heedless today, but ere long they shall be observed in utter regret, remorse and lamentation.

Say or write to the brother of Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad-'Ali of Qa'in who now circleth round: O thou heedless one! For the sake of two fleeting days, deprive not thyself of the immortal Kingdom and for the vanities of the world shut not thyself out from the Lord of all mankind. While time remaineth and opportunity persisteth, arise to redress what thou hast missed. Reflect upon the peoples of ancient times. Where are their treasures and their buried wealth, their might and their riches, their power and their dominion, their lofty palaces and their trellised gardens, and their marshalled hosts? The hand of power hath brought them down from their palaces to their graves. This Persian verse is well suited to this occasion:

Take ye warning, O ye whose dark locks have usurped the place of warning;

Take ye warning, O ye whose cheeks are sprinkled with white.

Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and from the wilderness of heedlessness turn thy face toward the realm of understanding and knowledge, that perchance in these last days thou mayest not remain deprived of the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy. Reflect thou somewhat and adorn thyself with the ornament of fairness, that haply what hath been said may be heard with the ear of the soul, that it may deliver thee from the wilderness of heedlessness and lead thee to the heart-ravishing expanse of awareness. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way, and praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful.

The Most Exalted Pen, with the most exalted call, addresseth those who have turned towards God and other regions, and counseleth them with that which beseemeth the Day of God. All faithful, assured, contented and well-pleasing souls are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and all their

names are recorded in the Divine Book. They must be so firm in the Cause of God that all the peoples of the earth shall be powerless to deter them, and shall find themselves impotent before the people of truth. O Ja'far! Mention was made of thee before the Throne, and We have mentioned thee with that whereby eyes are consoled. We make mention of those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon and have believed in God, the Dawning-Place of verses. We have heard thy call and have known what thou didst desire. Verily thy Lord is the Answerer of prayer, the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the world and what appeareth therein. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for you is such as no pen can recount. Behold ye and call to mind the vestiges of the earth and its chronicles. Where are the kings and the sons of kings? Where are the nobles and the sons of nobles? Where are the Chosroes, the Pharaohs, and the Caesars? Where are their swords and their steeds and their dominion and their hosts? Where are they who subdued the world and prided themselves on its riches and ornaments and bounties? By My life! Those who have wronged now wail and cry out, and find for themselves neither protector, nor helper, nor supporter. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the sun of wisdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. God willing, walk ye with perfect fellowship and love and unity upon His straight path and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. Glory and wealth and strength and power and loftiness and elevation, and above that and far above that, all have been created for the loved ones of God. When the appointed time is fulfilled, it shall be made manifest in truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Strive ye that through you may appear that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Those souls who have drunk from the living waters are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, though they may not be outwardly mentioned. Verily He is the Hearer, verily He is the Seer. He heareth and seeth and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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

All praise befitteth the peerless Lord Who began with the letter Ba and made manifest the final Alif, and adorned the form of Ha with these two luminaries. Thus were completed the pillars of the all-embracing Word, and the mystery of God, Lord of all creation, was revealed. Blessings and peace be upon the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness and the Dayspring of the signs of Divine Unity, through Whom God united all hearts and minds and revealed what was hidden from sight and understanding. And upon His family and companions, whom God made as waves of the ocean of His utterance and manifestations of the effulgences of the Orb of His knowledge - those honored servants whom neither armies and hosts could frighten, nor the might of those who denied the Promised Day. They conquered cities and lands in the name of their Chosen Lord. The power of the world and might of nations failed to stop them. Through them the fragrance of religion was diffused and the Cause of God was spread among the monotheists and polytheists.

Glory be to Thee, O my God, Purpose of my heart, Beloved of my soul, Master of my tears, and Sovereign of my sighs! Thou dost witness and see what hath befallen Thy chosen ones at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Tears have flowed and hearts and souls have been troubled by the injustice of those who cast behind them the manifestations of Thy justice and bounty, and the signs of Thy forgiveness and grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest Thy religion among Thy servants and Thy decree in Thy lands, to assist all peoples to servitude before the manifestations of Thy Lordship and the revelations of the lights of Thy grandeur. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, the two blessed letters - each of which was truly a volume in mention of the Purpose of all worlds and a book in praise and glorification of the Lord of all religions - illumined the court of the heart and dispelled the darkness of care and grief. Its power was manifest from God's power and its strength evident from the arm of might. After perusal and reading, proceeding to the station, it was presented before the face of the Master, Who said: "O Amin, upon thee be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. The light of the horizons hath been veiled by the darkness of discord. God, exalted be His glory, desired unity but they created division. He sought concord but upheaval appeared. They rejected His counsels and refused His favors. Treachery, like the swords of oppressors, hath shed the blood of trustworthiness. This supreme blessing, which was truly the cause of wealth and assurance for all beings, they failed to recognize its station and let slip from their grasp. In the great city there were two souls, in hope that the door of trustworthiness, religion, praiseworthy character and goodly deeds would be opened. However, the door of discord, treachery, dissension and abasement was opened instead. Finally matters reached such a pass that trustworthiness chose to migrate from that place, and it is not known where that helpless one has gone or into whose hands it has fallen. In any case, one of those two made peace with the enemy and attacked the friend, and did not manifest the name of the Concealer. These words flowed repeatedly from the Pen to express His grief and reveal His sorrow. The end result was the loss of human stations and the ranks of trustworthiness and religion. Well was it said […]"

The flood of Noah, in my lamentation, is as my tears,

And the kindling of the fires of the Friend [Abraham] is as my anguish.

The Pen is thunderstruck at this moment and the ink bewildered. Your letters arrived and each was read before Our face. We heard and We saw. We beseech God to protect you and those with you, and to set right through you both that which has been corrupted. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Judge on the Day of Reckoning.

O Amin! I do not complain of my grief to you, nor to anyone else, nor even to God. Rather, I thank Him, praise Him, and show patience as did those possessed of constancy and resolve. We make mention of the honored Afnan and those with him - may God's peace be upon them - and We congratulate them, and We beseech from the Truth for each one that which will cause the knowledge of His sacred Being to be exalted. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His Afnans and to ordain for them that which will cause their influence to spread throughout the realm. Verily, He has power over all things.

This evanescent servant has been seized with bewilderment at the events that have transpired, swimming in an ocean of perplexity and contemplation, for what has occurred in the Great City has harmed the trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity of the believers. The rest is clear to that beloved one - what has passed and what is now passing. Aqa Muhammad ’Ali’s (of the Land of Sad) occupation was separate, his affairs distinct, having no connection whatsoever with the Shaykh - upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]. Nevertheless, he tore away the veil of contentment and arose with complete greed to harm and show enmity toward the Shaykh. Would that he had sufficed with himself alone! Day and night, before those within and without, he was aflame with the fire of greed and strove diligently to destroy the Shaykh’s work. And according to what is known, the Shaykh’s trade was also confused for two reasons: for whatever one would build up, another would tear down, and in some transactions losses occurred.

Glory be to God! The aforementioned soul ignited a fire which all reformers declared themselves powerless to extinguish. The honored master, his eminence the Afnan of the Land of Ya, upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah] the Most Glorious, wrote a detailed letter to this servant. Among other things, he complained about the trade in the Great City and mentioned that his honored eminence the Afnan of the Land of Ha and he himself deemed it advisable to close the door of trade in that city, as did the other honored Afnans - upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. They wrote that if it is necessary for an establishment to remain open in that city, that is another matter and depends upon the will - whatever is commanded shall be done. In truth, they should consider whether any benefit from trade can be conceived - there would be no harm in that. However, it does not appear that with the presence of that person the fire of greed will be quelled or any fruit will be yielded. In one instance, this exalted word was heard from the Lord. He said: It would be difficult for that ship, with the weight of a world of its own merchandise of suspicions, vain imaginings, greed and avarice, to reach its destination except by the will of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Furthermore, that beloved of the heart will arrive there and become aware of the state of affairs and what has transpired. Whatever they deem advisable will surely be carried out. To the honored master, his eminence the Afnan - upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah] the Most Glorious - I know not what to submit or what to express. Thanks be to God […]

Praise be to the One True God who hath exalted them to such heights that no abasement can reach them, and adorned them with such glory that neither the might of the world nor the power of nations can diminish it. Glorified be He Who hath raised them through His grace and strengthened them through His justice and illumined their eyes with the light of revelation and witnessing, and their hearts with the radiance of the luminous orb of His knowledge and recognition. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. No mention is worthy to be mentioned with His mention, nor are the bestowals of the world comparable to His bestowals. This servant beseecheth his Lord to make them repositories of His knowledge and treasuries of His wisdom. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Knowing. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted is He!

At this moment when the letter was concluded, other passages came to mind, the expression of which would both manifest the degrees of love and affection and also answer the queries of that beloved of the heart. In all conditions I seek assistance from the Self-Sufficient One and beseech Him that whatsoever floweth from the pen may be adorned with love, justice and fairness. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Therefore, I begin anew with this most blessed and supreme word:

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

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and blessing and peace be upon the Lord of the Messengers and Master of the mystics and Dawning-Place of the names of God, the King of the Day of Judgment and the Source of His knowledge for all who are in the heavens and the earth. Through Him was sent down the heavenly table, mercy preceded, and the bounty and proof were perfected. And upon His family and companions through whom God manifested His Cause and revealed His verses and made evident His clear proofs, and through whom the Herald proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, another letter from that beloved of the heart - its place was the heart and its station the breast, for it was illumined with the light of the luminous orb of unity and adorned with the mention and praise of the Glorious Lord. Although the unity and oneness we servants express is like the description of an ant, as the saying goes, yet as long as the mention of the Beloved exists, the heart hath not chosen and will not choose any other mention. This too is from the results of His favors and the fruits of His bounties. The contents therein, together with the letter in its entirety, were presented before the Master. He said: “O Amin, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the worlds. Due to your movement and attention and mention of today and tomorrow, the answer to the petitions was delayed. If Mount Alburz in the land of ?a had moved, it would have reached its destination sooner than you. Patience hath surpassed Job, and stillness is more firm, more steady, and more secure than any stationary thing. A hundred thousand mercies upon staying still! This journey was like a moving stationary object that was mentioned before. In any case, praise be to God, the hand of grace bestowed favor, showed kindness, moved the Afnan through a hundred thousand means, and preserved him through the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily He is the Protector of His Afnan and of the sincere ones among His servants and the righteous ones among His bondsmen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to cool your eyes through beholding the Most Great House and to give you to drink of the choice wine of acceptance from the hand of the bounty of His Most Ancient Name. Verily He is the All-Bountiful in the beginning and in the end. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.” End.

As to the matters mentioned concerning the Huquq and other things, authority has been delegated to that beloved one. The matter of Haji Muhammad Kazim, upon him be God’s peace, has also been referred to you according to the command, and it was arranged that the mentioned amount should reach that beloved one. Likewise, whatever is in that place is according to your mention, and if it can be obtained it would be most fitting and appropriate. They said: “We have incurred some debt in the Land of Ta. God willing, after attaining the presence it will be mentioned and instructions will be given for its

payment." The amount for the Land of Ha has not yet arrived, but it has been assigned and will arrive. They said: "O Amin, upon thee be My peace and My glory! These matters have passed and will pass. This year some holy souls attained Our presence and We accepted an amount of Huquq they brought, which We then bestowed upon them. After attaining, hearing and witnessing, they turned toward the House of God, and upon returning from the House some came to this land and, having obtained permission, returned to their homes in the lands of Iran. However, what occurred in the Great City was affecting - truly sanctity was violated and the dignity of souls was transformed to abasement. It was not expected that a friend would conspire with the enemy against the loved ones and would sully pure, holy and pleasing characters with the filth of self and passion. He did what no heedless one had done. In any case, beseech God to confirm him in returning, that he may cut himself off from the opposers and strengthen the cord of love with the loved ones. We beseech God to confirm him and those who have believed in what He loves and accepts." The reason for the delay in responding to that beloved one's letters was those reports that arrive today and tomorrow. Some came but the one who should have come did not come, namely his honor Afnan and that beloved one. In any case, I beseech confirmation and assistance from God, exalted be His glory. Another submission is that some of the honored gentlemen have delivered some funds - for example they gave the amount for the House in Iraq, and likewise what they gave according to the assignment to the family of his honor the Nazir, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. The purpose is that the account should be settled and completed with justice. Whatever else Amin does or arranges will be acceptable.

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In the Name of Him Who is the All-Powerful over those on earth and in heaven!

Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself as He pleased and willed, at a time when the hearts of the wise could not comprehend Him and when the servants who followed vain imaginings rose in opposition against Him. Among them were those who said He appeared too soon. Say: By my Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Doth the Cause rest in His hands or in yours? Be fair, O ye heedless ones! He judgeth as He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful over what He desireth. Say: This is the Wondrous One of the heavens and earth, if ye be of those who see. He is not bound by time nor by any other limitations. He is the Render of veils. But for Him, the law of creation would not have appeared in the world of existence, and but for Him, the Dove of the Cause would not have warbled upon the branches. This is He the like of Whom hath not appeared in creation. This is the Wondrous One at Whose recognition all who are in the heavens and on earth are bewildered. Say: Even as His Essence cannot be known, neither can the time of His appearance be recognized. Thus hath the decree been ordained by the Lord of the Pens.

When the promise came to pass, He dawned from the horizon of the Cause and appeared in a way that pleased not the desires of those who denied God, the Revealer of verses. Say: He cannot be comprehended by what ye possess. Read ye the Bayan, that ye may be informed of the mystery of this Manifestation whereby the horizons have been illumined. This is a Cause which no one had known before, nor had those possessed of insight comprehended it. At His appearance the Bell rang out, the

Dove cooed, and the Trump proclaimed: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Compelling!”

Say: Whither will ye flee? Today there is no refuge for you. Blessed is he who hath stood firm in this Cause, at whose appearance the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder and the hearts of the wicked were shaken. Say: O people! Behold Me with Mine own eyes. This is what God hath enjoined upon you in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else, turning to My countenance in such wise that neither the veils of allusions nor the words of those that are veiled have hindered him. We have ordained that turning unto Us should be with the hearts, inasmuch as the barking of dogs hath increased around the city wherein the call of God, the Lord of lords, hath been raised. When they see any of the loved ones turning to the All-Giving, they rise against him. They are indeed of the hypocrites.

O Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree! Blessed are ye for having kept the covenant and testament of God and cast away that which the wayward have clung to. Ye are of those who have rent the greatest veil when the Lord of Destiny came with majesty and power. Should anyone from the wilderness of phantoms come unto you, seek refuge in God, Creator of the realm of might, Who hath come with the kingdom of proof. What We tell you is the truth from God. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Soon shall the crier cry out and the croaking of the raven be heard.

O Pen of the Cause! Turn unto him who hath turned unto thee, then let him hear thy rustling in this remembrance whereby all creation hath been set in motion. Hearken unto the call of God from this most exalted station, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. May the attraction of the Merciful’s utterance seize thee in such wise that the affairs of the world disturb thee not, and thou findest within thyself a joy that no sorrow can alter. We bear witness that thou art among those who turned to God and faced Him on a day when feet did slip. Rejoice in God’s testimony and remain steadfast in the love of thy Lord. This verily is the greatest of all deeds. Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath reached the Most Great Prison while the Wronged One calleth upon His Lord in private and in public. When We broke its seal, the fragrance of thy Lord’s love, the Manifestor of religions, wafted forth. We beseech God to […]

He will assist thee under all conditions, and will make thee steadfast in this Cause from which the transgressors have fled. Sorrow not over anything, for verily He is with thee and hath ordained for thee that which is better than all that hath been created in the realms of existence. Thus did the ocean of thy Lord’s bounty surge when the Dayspring of His Cause was in the hands of the ungodly. Counsel Our servants with a word from Us–this is what the Wronged One of the land commandeth thee. Say: Hearken not unto that which is unworthy to be heard, and fix not your gaze upon that which hath flowed from the pen of the wicked. Leave behind what the people possess and take what is with your Lord, the Master of all necks.

God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, Who hath ever been and ever shall be, may you abide at rest beneath the shade of the Beloved, the Self-Sufficing, detached and free from all else but Him. Your letter reached the Most Great Prison and in truth brought joy to the sorrowing heart of this Prisoner, for the divine Tree hath ever loved and continues to love the bearing of Its branches and Their fragrances. Praise be to God that through the attraction of the utterances of the All-Merciful and the influence of the

pen of the Beloved of all possibility, all have attained unto God's eternal Law and have been blessed by the outpourings of the rain of His mercy. This is what We desired aforetime and revealed in the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what you wrote about petition-writing being a cause of added disgrace and sin - this is not so. Rather, it is the essence of what is right and the reality of what is meritorious, and will continue to be so. Write whatever you wish and say whatever you desire, for verily He loves to hear your words and to find the fragrance of your love, O beloved of those who know Him. What is desired this day from you and from all is steadfastness in the love of God, to such a degree that no one can cast upon you the vain imaginings of the deluded ones or the words of the idolaters. This station is most exalted, for the satans lie in wait and the hosts of the polytheists appear with utmost hatred. Whosoever wishes to attain to this station must be wholly detached from all save God, that he may achieve that most great steadfastness which is the foundation of all good. This matter is in one respect most mighty, and in another respect most simple. Its might is evident and manifest and is recorded in the Tablets of God. Its simplicity and ease lie in a single word - if people would be assisted to grasp that divine word which encompasses the infinite words of the Lord, it would suffice them all and keep them firm upon the straight path of His Cause, in such wise that at all times they would drink and give to drink the water of life from the hand of the All-Merciful's bounty. And that word is His saying: "Behold Him with His eye, not with your eyes." This is a statement which, should any soul hear it with the ear of the heart, would never stray from the straight path nor remain far from the Beloved of the worlds. Most people have remained deprived of the purpose of the world due to the vain imaginings of the past and tales of the ancients. One must detach oneself from whatever stories, words and allusions exist in the hands of people, and turn with heart and soul to the precinct of the All-Merciful. If a soul looks to past imaginings, he will never drink from the incomparable pure wine. This most pure wine has no likeness or similarity by which analogies might comprehend it. Observe the people of the Qur'an - how tales of the past and vain imaginings kept them all far from the path of the Lord of all beings. Had they closed their eyes to the signs, traditions and imagined conditions they possessed, and beheld with His eye, they would surely have attained to the lights of the divine countenance and the manifestations of the Lord's effulgences. The matter of those souls is simple. Reflect upon the people of the Bayan: despite having witnessed that what they previously possessed was pure fancy, and having failed to truly comprehend even one statement from the divine utterances concerning the Resurrection, the Hour, the Path, the Balance, the gathering and dispersal, the Qa'im and His appearance - just as for centuries and ages they had been worshipping vain imaginings unknowingly while counting themselves the greatest, most exalted, most ascetic and most God-fearing of all on earth - nevertheless through other veils some today remain deprived of the life-giving waters of the All-Merciful and the ocean of divine knowledge. Fie upon them and their loyalty! Had they acted upon the divine word that was mentioned, they would never have remained veiled. Say: O friends! Behold the Truth with His eye, for with other than His eye you will never see Him[…]

Know ye not! This is the Word of Truth that hath appeared and shone forth from the Dayspring of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that comprehend, blessed are they that behold, blessed are they that are steadfast, blessed are they that are sincere, and blessed are they that attain. Today the world-illumining Sun of Truth shineth with perfect radiance and light, and the heaven of knowledge is

adorned and made visible with the stars of wisdom and utterance. Blessed are the souls that have turned with their own vision and attained thereunto.

And as for that which thou didst desire concerning the sun of thy Lord's bounty, it is most evident and clear that the attribute of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath been and ever shall be to bestow. In whatsoever manner that honored one desireth, He bestoweth His grace. The heavens and the earth and whatsoever is between them have been created for His loved ones. Thus hath it flowed from the Most Exalted Pen when it moved across the Tablet by the leave of thy Lord, the Mover, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be assured that ye have been and will be, God willing, under the shelter of the favors of the Lord of all beings, and whatsoever He deemeth expedient He will assuredly bring to pass, inasmuch as ye are reckoned as His own and are related unto Him. If in such matters there hath been delay or postponement, it hath been due to God's all-encompassing wisdom, and will continue to be so. Henceforth, be not sorrowful, for ye are accounted before His Presence among those who are nigh, and praise be to God, ye have, at the Dayspring of Days, drunk from the hands of the Lord of all beings the Kawthar of reunion and have attained thereunto.

We have written for him who is steadfast in the Cause and hath detached himself from all else the reward of those who have stood before the Presence at eventide and at dawn. We beseech God to give thee to drink from the choice wine of joy and to enable thee to attain unto a station wherein thou mayest soar at all times on the wings of the spirit and sweet fragrance in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Let them persevere in this prayer: Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Purpose, my Hope and my Beloved! Verily the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation have drawn me to the horizon of Thy favors, and the fragrances of Thine inspiration have turned me toward the realm of Thy bestowals, and the call from the Dayspring of Thy Cause hath awakened me in Thy days. Therefore, O my God, I have turned to Thee with my whole being, detached from all else but Thee, and standing before the door of Thy grace which Thou hast opened to all who are in earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by Thy Word through which Thou hast subdued all created things, through which all possibilities have been moved, and through which Thou hast given the sincere ones to drink of the Kawthar of Thy presence and the pure in heart the choice wine of reunion with Thee, and by Thy Name through whose revelation the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery were unveiled, to make me in all conditions one who remembers Thee and utters Thy praise, who soars in the atmosphere of Thy knowledge and walks in the kingdoms of Thy Cause and power. O Lord! I have hastened to Thy shelter and turned my face toward Thy countenance. Deny me not the waters of Thy mercy nor the ocean of Thy bounty. Every limb of my body testifieth to Thy dominion over all things and Thy power over all who dwell in earth and heaven. Ordain for me that which will make me detached from all else save Thee, that I may behold myself as a sign of Thy detachment in Thy realm and an evidence of Thy sanctification in Thy lands. Moreover, decree for me, O my God, what Thou hast intended from the heaven of Thy generosity and the clouds of Thy grace. Verily Thou art He Whose beneficence hath encompassed all in existence and Whose bounty hath embraced all in creation. Then choose for me, O my God, what will

profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And I beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to immerse me at all times in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, that I may be moved by Thy Will, actuated by Thy Purpose, and focused on what Thou hast intended for me from the wonders of Thy favors. O Lord! I have clung to the cord of Thy love. I beseech Thee to inscribe me among those who have circled round Thy throne throughout the everlastingness of Thy might and Thy dominion and Thy glory, O God of the worlds and Desired One of those who have recognized Thee! This is my request, my hope, my desire and my aspiration. Thou art He Who hath bidden me to pray and hath promised to answer. Therefore answer what I have asked through Thy grace and generosity, Thy bounty and favor. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Lord! Send Thy blessings upon the people of Baha who have remained firm in the Ark of Steadfastness by Thy command and authority, and in the Ship of Constancy by Thy power and might, and whom Thou hast assisted to manifest Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures and to demonstrate Thy sovereignty among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Joseph! Upon thee be the Most Great, the Most Glorious Beauty of God! From the horizon of the Cause there hath dawned the Sun, whereon hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Choosing.” The moon of knowledge hath been eclipsed when the Self-Subsisting appeared, riding upon the clouds. Blessed art thou, for thou hast inhaled the fragrance of holiness from this Garment through which the breezes of divine revelation have wafted throughout all creation. Drink thou the Kawthar of purity in the name of the Lord of the Manifestation, then the Salsabil of utterance in the name of the All-Merciful. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Leave the idolaters to their vain imaginings. They wander astray even as their forefathers wandered before. Take what We have sent unto thee. By My life, through it the horizons have been illumined. This is not a day for tarrying. Soar in the atmosphere of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Thus doth the Pen of Command direct thee from God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Say: O concourse of the learned! Abandon your sciences, for the All-Knowing hath come with the banners of His signs. Rend ye the greatest veil in the name of the Lord of Destiny, then turn with your hearts to the Most Pure Horizon, the station wherein the Tongue of Revelation speaketh with the sovereignty of might and power. Say: Rend ye the veils! This is the Lord of Lords Who hath come with the Kingdom of grandeur and majesty. Among the people are those who have clung to falsehood, turning away from the Kingdom. Say: Woe unto thee, O thou idolatrous doubter! We have manifested the Cause in such wise that all necks have been humbled before it. How many a learned one hath been kept back by the veils of fancy, and how many a child hath rent the veils through My Name. How many a wise one hath turned away from the Divine Dominion, and how many a heedless one hath drawn nigh until he entered the Kingdom of his Lord, the Mighty, the Most High.

Say: Grace is in the hand of God; verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Say: Drink ye the water of life from the utterance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, not that by which minds are veiled. Fear God, O ye who are endued with understanding. When ye have drunk the wine of immortality through this Name that hath dawned from the horizon of destiny, and have delighted in the meats which have descended from heaven, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of names. We testify that Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

O Joseph! Illumine the hearts with the remembrance of the Beloved and the faces with this Name whereby earthquakes have seized all the tribes and the idols have lamented. Blessed be thy tongue for having been moved to remember thy Lord, and thy heart for having turned to the Dayspring of lights. We hear thy mention in this Most Great Remembrance. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We addressed thee and sent down for thee the verses that the breezes of utterance might seize thee in this Day wherein the Dove hath warbled and the Raven hath croaked. Grieve not at what thou hearest from the people. Soon shall they glory in thy name, though today they are in heedlessness and error. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who hear thy call in the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O Pen of the Most Ancient, remind the nations through My Most Great Name, that the utterance may draw them to God, their Lord, the All-Merciful. Then make mention of Taha who turned to the Countenance and whom vain imaginings deterred not from the path of God, Lord of all men. The wine of love so intoxicated him that when he heard the call from the direction of his Lord, the Most Glorious, he said: "Yea, O Lord of Lords!" Blessed is the eye that hath seen, the heart that hath turned, and the face that hath directed itself toward the Dawning-Place of inspiration. Grieve not because of those who have wronged. Soon shall We seize them as We seized the factions before them. Through their oppression hath the Cause been uplifted and the mention of thy Lord's name spread throughout the lands. Through their opposition hath acceptance appeared and through their tyranny hath the sun of justice dawned. Ponder that ye may understand, O people of insight! Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablet from thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. God shall soon raise the banners of His sovereignty in every city and the traces of those who disbelieved in the Day of Return shall be destroyed. Be thou independent of all save God in all conditions, then remember Him at morn and eventide. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O thou who sittest still! This is not the day for sitting. By My life, the Spirit hath arisen to serve thy Lord. Beware lest thou be of them that remain seated. Arise to serve thy Lord with such arising whereby all created things shall arise. This behooveth thee and those who have laid hold on this cord through whose movement all things were moved. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One mighty and powerful. Be thou steadfast in serving thy Lord at all times in such wise that the censure of the censurers deterreth thee not. Verily he who hath been illumined by the light of the Countenance remaineth standing, by the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Sleep overtaketh him not though he may slumber this day, but the people are in evident obscurity. He is standing though thou mayest see him seated. When he lieth down the tongue of his heart proclaimeth "The Desired One hath come," and when he ariseth he pointeth with the finger of certitude toward the direction of the Adored One, saying: "This is the Dawning-Place of the verses of

your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate." How many who stand are among those who sit, and how many who sit are among those who stand! How many who speak are silent before thy Lord, and how many possessed of life are among the dead! He who speaketh of My remembrance, he is the speaker; he who turneth away therefrom is a mere noise-maker though he be among the speakers. Blessed is he who hath been quickened by this life-giving spirit - by My Lord the All-Merciful, he is among the triumphant. When thou hast received the Tablet, read it and say: "My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy prison, O Thou through Whom the spirits soared and the faces of them that are nigh were illumined!"

O Sa'id! God hath indeed made thee happy through His recognition and aided thee until thou didst turn to the Qiblih of existence and believe in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Hearken unto His call once again from the direction of My Most Glorious Name in the white spot from the crimson Tree: "Verily there is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." Blessed is he whom the attraction of the Almighty hath so seized that it hath severed him from all else, turning him toward his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. When the Chosen One appeared, the transgressors objected. Among them were those who said: "Where is the straight path?" Say: "It hath been set up, by the Lord of what was and what shall be." Among them were those who said: "Hath the Hour come?" Say: "Nay, it hath passed, by this Name that dominateth all that witness and are witnessed." And among them were those who said: "Where are the earthquakes?" Say: "The tribes have been seized while ye rush toward the Fire and perceive it not." Say: "This is God's path for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and His balance for all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. Blessed are they who know." The smoke of doubt hath enveloped them and they are a blind people. Those who clung to vain imaginings when the Sun of Certitude shone forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful are deaf and blind. By My life, they shall not be victorious.

Unite, O loved ones of God! By this shall the hearts of them that have denied the Promised Day be sorely troubled. Aid ye God with wisdom. Thus hath the Lord of all creation commanded you. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Blessed is the strong one who hath stood firm in the Cause, and the one who remembereth and causeth the people to remember this Remembrance whereby faces are illumined. The people are drunk with the wine of vain imaginings and are as dead, save those whom thy Lord hath willed. With Him is the knowledge of all things, yet the people comprehend not.

O Pen of destiny! Make mention of Ja'far who hath turned toward the Most Great Scene, that the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of mankind, may draw him to a station that was recorded by the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Mother Book. Blessed art thou for having cast aside vain desire and taken hold of that which thy Lord, the Most Glorious, hath commanded thee on a day when the light was visible from the horizon of His countenance. Let not the multitude of enemies grieve you. God shall soon render them as dust, and thou shalt hear their clamor as no more than the buzzing of flies. He, verily, is cognizant of all things. Can anything withstand His Cause, or can the tyranny of the oppressors defeat it? Nay, by My true Self! Soon shall they that are possessed of unity behold the standards of the Cause upon the highest heights. Thy Lord, verily, hath power over all things.

Say: O concourse of ardent lovers! This is your day, for the Day Star of the horizons hath dawned. Turn ye unto Him with hearts illumined by the lights of the Throne. The head of Baha hath been adorned with the

crown of tribulation. Thus hath it been decreed in a Tablet sealed with God's seal. Take heed lest tribulation deter thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. Leave all created things behind thee. He, verily, shall suffice thee. He, verily, is wise over all things. Despair not of God's Spirit and His mercy. Blessed is he who hath detached himself and taken unto himself a path. Among the idolaters are those who have opposed God and taken Satan for their friend. Say: This day shall nothing profit anyone, even should he cling to all who are in the heavens and on earth, except that he repent and return unto God Who created all things by His command. Thus hath judgment been decreed in a Tablet inscribed by the finger of glory. This is the lamp of the All-Merciful unto all who dwell in the realms of being, and His Most Great Name amongst the nations. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and sought shelter beneath the pavilion that hath been raised up in God's name. Say: Associate not partners with God. This is the Sun of Divine Unity that hath shone forth from the horizon of detachment with lights that encompass the worlds. They who have ascribed partners unto Him are lost in the wilderness of error and shall find no helper.

O Pen of Command! Make thou mention of Our servant Salih in this noble Book which hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Wise. He is among those who turned unto God on a day whereon the faces of the ascetics who had visited the House were darkened, and who, when He came Who fulfilled through His utterance "the House," denied Him, even to the point where they pronounced their verdict against Him. These, verily, are among the abased ones. How many a man of understanding hath been kept back from the truth by that which he had formerly committed, and how many a heedless one hath attained to it and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, he who was chief among the people in learning turned away from Him, while he who was but a shepherd believed in Him. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many a maidservant hath turned unto Him and prospered, and how many a man thou beholdest among the heedless ones! Say: The Cause is in God's hands. He giveth to whom He willeth what He willeth. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. They who have turned away this day shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. Blessed is the strong one who hath rent the veils asunder through the power of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing, and hath turned with his heart to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Are they who have turned away possessed of any authority? Nay, by the Lord of the Mighty Throne!

Arise in My Name and say: O people! The Day hath come and that which ye were promised in the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised, hath been manifested. Verily, it is the Manifestation of God among you, His proof unto you and His testimony unto all who dwell on earth. Cast away vain imaginings, for your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath appeared. This is better for you than all that ye possess, as every discerning and informed one doth testify. The wine of idle fancy hath intoxicated the dwellers of the kingdom of creation, save those who have detached themselves from all that is with the people and have turned unto the countenance of God, the Radiant, the Luminous. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and discovered the fragrance of His Robe. Be thou thankful and numbered among them that praise Him. Be thou mindful of wisdom in thy remembrance and utterance, then conceal what We have revealed unto thee lest that occur which would disturb the hearts of them that have turned unto Him.

O Pen of Utterance! Make mention of him who beareth the name of the Sultan. Say: Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful from this Lote-Tree raised above the horizon of possibility - verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Single, the All-Informed. I have created hearts for My knowledge, tongues for My praise, bodies for My service, and eyes for My beauty. Behold this Face, radiant and luminous! Say: This is the Pen through whose movement all created things are moved, and through whose stillness souls find repose in their bodies. Exalted is this Moving, this Still One, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Preserve ye the pearls of the Beloved's love within the vessels of hearts through this Name whereby the idol hath lamented and the Spirit of God hath called out. O Muhammad! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the turning away of the subject shall deter thee. This beseemeth thee and those who hold fast unto this Name whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. Seest thou any permanence in what thou beholdest? Nay, by My Name that ruleth over the worlds! The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Can the clamor of men prevent that which thy Lord, the Possessor of Destiny, hath willed? Nay, by His most luminous Beauty! From this Most Great Scene He summoneth all unto God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Sun of Baha hath dawned from the horizon of tribulation in such wise that the veils of them that are wrapped in veils have failed to obscure it. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's mercy and cling to the hem of the Ancient of Days. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee from the Pen of the Ancient of Days and revealed thy name in this holy and luminous Tablet. Can the treasures of earth equal this bounty? Nay, by the Dayspring of Revelation, wert thou of them that know! The infant distinguisheth not between the pearl and the stone; when he attaineth maturity, he understandeth and becometh of the thankful. Blessed is he who, having attained unto maturity, recognizeth the station of this Day and in My love detacheth himself from the idolaters.

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We have heard that which you addressed to God through what He had taught you aforetime. Repeat this verse as We repeat: "O my God! I beseech Thee by the appearance of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting after the Arising One, that Thou separate me not from Thee, neither in this world nor in the world to come. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful." This is of My favor unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

That which was sent from the handmaidens in thy land hath been presented. We have accepted it as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord doth not suffer to be lost the reward of him who hath turned unto Him, having detached himself from all who are in the heavens and the earth. Convey My greetings unto them both, then send what We have sent of the garment of My Name, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful, that it may attract them unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily thy Lord remembereth whomsoever He willeth. He is the Protector of good deeds and the Guardian of the righteous.

There hath been presented before Our face the letter sent from the land of Sad, and there had been revealed aforetime unto Our servant K and those around him clear verses that none in all the worlds can

equal. We sent them by the hand of Sin. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Once again do We send down unto them from the supreme verses of their Lord. This indeed is a great favor unto you, O My loved ones in that land. My fragrances, My remembrance, and My praise be upon you. Blessed are ye for having turned unto God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old. Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you, for naught can equal it. Soon shall appear unto you that whereof the True One, the Trustworthy, shall inform you. Drink ye the wine of utterance with wisdom and clear exposition, to spite those who have denied the All-Merciful. Lo! they are among the lost ones in a perspicuous Book.

We have pardoned him who desired pardon and have ordained salvation for whosoever sought it. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. We have sent down for each one of them that which gladdeneth the heart of the world. This is of My bounty unto them and unto the peoples. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of loving-kindness and hath turned with his heart unto this noble prospect. Convey My greetings unto them and unto those handmaidens who were mentioned in their letter, and give them and these women the glad tidings of that which hath moved the Supreme Pen through their names and that which the tongue of their Most Glorious Lord hath spoken in their remembrance from this resplendent station.

O favored Darvish-'Ali! Fortunate indeed wert thou that by thine own choice thou didst turn to the countenance of the All-Chosen One. Praiseworthy is that vision which is fixed upon and beholdeth the Most Exalted Horizon, and now from that Horizon the Most Glorious Eye gazeth upon thee. Blessed art thou that thy Persian words were presented before His presence and were accepted. Praise the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained to this exalted station and this beauteous mention, while most of the eloquent and learned remain distant and deprived. Every lowly one who turned unto Him found Him to be as a pearl, and every sweet thing that was kept from Him became bitter.

O Darvish! If thou shouldst discover the sweetness of divine utterance in these brief and concise words, thou wouldst be seized with such joy as no sorrow could ever overtake or grasp, and with both outer and inner tongue thou wouldst proclaim these blessed words: "I am content with Thy good-pleasure and have believed in Thy decree, O Thou Repository of tribulation and Dayspring of destiny!"

Thy letter in its entirety was repeatedly presented before His presence. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty and evident favor. Thy services in God's path shall never be lost. The reward of those consumed by the fire of separation and enkindled by the flame of longing hath been ordained for thee. In these days the Supreme Pen hath revealed the most great prohibition, therefore all must be content with it. Be not grieved by separation, for all matters depend upon God's acceptance. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto it. This indeed is the good and its source - seize thou upon it and be of the thankful ones.

The mention of two souls from N and R that was in thy letter was presented before His presence. Give them glad-tidings of My favor unto them. God hath forgiven their misdeeds. Verily thy Lord forgiveth whom He willeth and chastiseth whom He willeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of all things. He, verily, is powerful over all things. Then give glad-tidings to the son of H of what hath been revealed for him from the heaven of his Lord's favor, the Most Glorious, that he may praise his Lord and be of the thankful ones.

Blessed art thou, O Zayn, for having sent to Me My Writings. We have accepted them and bestowed them upon the Branch as a favor from Us unto thee. Write thou in all thy days the verses of thy Lord, that His mention may through thee be spread throughout the lands. He is, verily, the Protector of them that remember Him.

We have heard that which Haydar-'Ali called out to his Lord, the Most High, the All-Chosen. We beseech God to aid him to be steadfast in His love and to ordain for him that which shall be a companion and friend to him in this world and the next, and to make him independent of His creatures and focused on His Throne, the Mighty, the Luminous. The mention of Our servant Rahim was made in thy letter and We heard that which he uttered. We beseech God to preserve him beneath the shadow of His Name, the Preserver, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what thou didst mention about two souls from the people of Riz, this is what was revealed for them from the presence of the Mighty […]

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of nations from His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing. A letter hath come from him whom We have named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in the Kingdom of Names, wherein was mentioned thy name. Therefore hath the sun of loving-kindness and bounty dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's favor, that it might draw thee to the horizon illumined by the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Gracious. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His remembrance in such wise that the proofs of the wicked ones who follow their vain desires and point with the fingers of idle fancy toward Him Who hath disbelieved in God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, shall not deter thee. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of God in His days and hath shattered the idol of fancy with the hand of certitude. Be thou grateful for having been mentioned and for that which hath been revealed unto thee whereby eyes are gladdened. Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them in the night season and in the daytime. Aid thy Lord through utterance and trust in Him in all matters. Verily, He heareth and beholdeth His servants in all conditions.

O Hashim! Hearken unto the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised between earth and heaven. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. The face of God hath turned toward thee inasmuch as thy name was mentioned before His great throne. Say: O my God and my Lord! All praise be unto Thee for the wonders of Thy gifts and the manifestations of Thy grace and favor. Thou hast mentioned me though I was not worthy thereof. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, that Thou art the Giver, that Thou art the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O my God! Strengthen me to serve Thee and to remember Thee, then make me of those who were drawn to Thy love and attained unto Thy knowledge in Thy days. Then ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy servants who have circled around Thee, purely for Thy sake. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise. O my Lord! I know not what profiteth me with Thee. The knowledge of all things is with Thee, therefore send down unto me that which is best in Thy sight. Verily, Thou art the Most High, the All-Knowing.

Should there be present one named 'Ali, give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's remembrance of him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: Blessed art thou, O 'Ali, for having drawn nigh unto the City

of God and having inhaled the fragrance of the garment of thy Beloved. When thou wert prevented, thou didst obey the command of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and didst return to thy home with devotion. For this do the denizens of the heavens and honored servants pray for thee. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee. By God! Nothing that hath been created in the heavens and earth can equal it, but the people are heedless. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its effects, turn with thy heart to the Most Great Scene. Say: […]

O my God and the God of all worlds, my Goal and the Goal of all who dwell in the heavens and the earth! O Thou towards Whose heaven of grace all hands are upraised, towards Whose horizon of bounty and favor all eyes are fixed, and by the sweet savors of Whose days of reunion and the fragrances of Whose robe of nearness and meeting all hearts are stirred! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, through which Thou wert wronged amongst Thy creation and imprisoned amidst Thy creatures, to preserve me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy mercy. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and decree for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and stood before Thy face. Thou, verily, art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

O my God! Thou seest my face turned towards Thee and my heart drawn to the Heart of all possibilities, through which the breezes of Thy revelation waft through Thy domains and the winds of Thy mercy blow throughout Thy lands. Make me steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love, and send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purify me from all else but Thee and turn me wholly toward Thy face, such that I may turn to none but Thee and follow naught but Thy commandments and what hath been sent down from Thee. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Forgiving.

As for what thou didst mention regarding Hassan and Habib, convey My greetings to them both and give them glad tidings of God's favors. They possess an honored station. May glory rest upon the Messenger and His people from the All-Glorious, the Resplendent, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The letter that was sent in the company of Aqa Rafi' - since in those days tablets were not sent by post and no special courier was departing, the reply was consequently delayed. If the postal service is reliable, there shall never be any delay in replies. God willing, it shall be sent hereafter. Regarding the blessed verse in the Surih of the Kings that was mentioned, both versions are correct, though if the first remains as it is, it would be sweeter and better.

Concerning the passage revealed in the Tablet of Mulla Husayn and his son, it was "and glory be upon him and upon his son." The letter ha had been written in error. God willing, all must be occupied with service to the Cause through divine grace. Convey abundant greetings to all on behalf of the Truth and adorn them with the ornament of the love of the Beloved of all worlds. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have migrated in the path of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

As to the matter of statements attributed to Shaykh Ahmad-i-Ahsa'i, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God: the original statements were written by one of the Shaykhi school who inquired about them in Iraq. Several errors were observed therein, but no attention was paid to correcting them. The statements were copied exactly as written by the scribe, as is also referenced in the Tablet to Mir Karim

Khan. One passage from these statements will be mentioned, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise: “The letter Vav comprises three letters making six, and one Alif, and six, and six days have passed.” This refers to the creation of the heavens and earth in six days. They say that creation was completed, and the Alif between the two Vavs indicates the completion of the first six, and that Alif represents the station of the arising of the Qa’im, as was made manifest. And the other Vav refers to the creation of new heavens through the manifestation of the Qayyum in the latter six days. After the appearance of this station, the mystery of inversion is witnessed, according to the symbol of “the chief,” as thou hast heard: “He maketh their highest to become their lowest.” The Shaykh’s intent was that what was created in six days has passed and ended with the Alif standing between the two letters, and in another six days that which was raised before will be raised again. Then all matters will be transformed as thou hast seen and known. Thus was the matter completed through the Proof, and the Most Great Name appeared among creation. His is the praise for this. In these days the Supreme Pen is not inclined to interpretation. He loveth to speak at all times: “There is no God but I, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.” These two words were also revealed for that person without his asking. In truth, through these two words alone all the statements of the Shaykh have been interpreted. The purpose of mentioning him in the tablet to the ignoble one was that perchance he might recognize his own impotence and inquire of the Truth. But due to pride and vainglory, despite his soul’s helplessness, he did not inquire nor turn unto God. Lo! He is among the losers. All the Shaykhis, by their own admission in Iraq, were unable to understand its meaning. They even mentioned that they presented it to the late Siyyid, but he concealed the matter and did not reveal an answer. Thus have We related unto thee what We intended. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

“The original copy of this blessed tablet which appears to be incomplete is under number […]”

Without the actual text of the tablet itself, I cannot provide a translation. Please provide the text you would like translated.

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=== START BH00416 ===

O Samandar, upon whom be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

He is the Comforter in this great and mighty station.

O Samandar! The Lord of Destiny consoles Himself for what hath befallen Him at the hands of those who have embraced tyranny and cast justice behind their backs, following every froward devil. The tribes of ’Ad and Thamud did unto ?ali? and Hud that which caused the Divine Lote-Tree to lament and the Concourse on High to cry out, as doth testify this wronged, grief-stricken and lonely One. By God! They crucified the Spirit, hamstrung the She-Camel, and shattered the Ark. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He lamenteth for His chosen ones and consoleth His loved ones in this calamity whereby justice hath wailed and the Faithful Spirit hath cried out. They have slain My chosen ones and plundered their possessions. Thus hath the matter been decreed, yet most of the people remain heedless.

O Samandar! We have witnessed Joseph the Beloved between the fangs of wolves, and Husayn beneath the claws of the oppressors. By God's life! The people have committed that which neither the Jews did unto the Spirit, nor Abu-Jahl unto Muhammad, My Messenger, whom We adorned with the ornament of the Seal and sent unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. They have perpetrated that which none in the world hath ever perpetrated, as doth bear witness the Lord of Eternity from this glorious horizon. When Hasan and Husayn were martyred and their days were ended, We seized the source of tyranny and oppression with a sovereignty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed are they who drew nigh unto them and visited their resting-places. They are the people of God in the Kingdom of creation. Thus hath the Supreme Pen decreed in this wondrous and glorious Book.

Woe unto those who have cast the Tablet of God behind their backs and followed every remote transgressor. Ponder, O Samandar, on My forbearance despite My power, My patience despite My might, and My silence despite the influence of My Word that hath dominated the world. Were We to so desire, We could seize those who have committed injustice through a mere servant or through the angels of the near ones. We act according to the wisdom We have made a lamp unto Our creation and the people of Our dominion. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Soon shall We seize those who have oppressed even as We seized them aforetime. Thy Lord is verily the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

God willing, thou hast been and wilt ever remain the recipient of God's favors and engaged in His service. He hath testified that thou hast been faithful to His Covenant and hast arisen to serve His Cause. Blessed art thou, and thy brother, and thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Samandar! Thou must act with the utmost wisdom. Trust not every speaker, reveal not what thou knowest to every visitor, and disclose not to every seeker. How many a servant claims with his tongue that which hath never entered his heart. Be seated upon the throne of wisdom, walk in the path of wisdom, and hold fast to the hem of wisdom. Thus doth the Lord of creation counsel thee. He is verily the Faithful Counselor.

These are days wherein some, for the purpose of learning about matters or for other motives, make claims of sincerity and faith. Thou must be vigilant in all respects that nothing might occur contrary to wisdom.

For each of the souls mentioned in thy letter, wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will. Blessed are they for having attained unto My verses in My days and unto My mercy that hath preceded all worlds. Make mention of thine uncle on My behalf. Say: Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. The Beloved remembereth thee and hath turned toward thee out of His grace. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rahim! Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, hearkened unto His Call, and directed thyself toward Him with a heart that was turned to the Qiblih of the horizons. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Verily, the ocean of joy remembereth thee in the midst of sorrows. The banner of tyranny hath been raised in the land of Sad, whereat the Lote-Tree of existence hath lamented and the Rock of reality hath cried out. God hath seized the root of oppression through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee, by Thy Name, the All-Subduing Ruler of the world, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy decree that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou knowest what is within me, and I know not what is with Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who is named Ibrahim, that he may hear the Call of the Glorious One which hath been raised from this exalted Station. Be thou mindful of My remembrance, proclaiming My Name and voicing My beauteous praise. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognition and for having revealed unto thee that which shall profit thee throughout the duration of His kingdom and dominion, shouldst thou remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed, save whom God hath willed, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath the Dayspring of Revelation mentioned thee in His days, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Gracious Lord.

We make mention in this Book of him who is named Ali, from which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted to all who dwell in the realm of creation and the perfume of the garment hath been diffused amongst those who are near unto God. O Ali! We counsel thee to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. How many a servant hath claimed steadfastness within himself, yet when We tested him with but a word he faltered and was among the losers. Cast aside vain imaginings in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and hold fast unto the cord of certitude from God, the Most High, the Most Great. Thus hath the Spirit spoken, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, and the Nightingale hath warbled. Blessed is he who hath turned and hearkened, and woe unto the heedless. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O Most Exalted Pen! We desire to make mention of one of My handmaidens who heard My call, turned unto My horizon, discovered the fragrance of My garment, arose to render My praise and glorification, circled round My Cause, sought refuge in My presence, and found shelter beneath the shade of the Tree of My loving providence, who bore the afflictions of the world for love of Me and My path, and cast aside the idle fancies of the nations through the sovereignty of My commandments and ordinances. She is the one who was in the presence of Our Name, who was named Abdul-Rahim, in this luminous Scene. O Samandar! By My life, We have veiled his station in this vain life and have made mention of him in My hidden, treasured and concealed scroll with such mention as hath enraptured the hearts of the mystics. Blessed is he who attained his presence in his days and visited him after his ascension. We bear witness that he is among the triumphant. Blessed is he who draweth nigh and standeth before his resting place and saith […]

Peace be upon thee from God and His chosen ones and His trustees and the Dawning-Places of His revelation and the Day-Springs of His inspiration and the Manifestations of His Cause and the bearers of His throne and His angels, O thou who art radiant with the light that shineth from the horizon of certitude and who speaketh in praise of thy Lord, the Possessor of all possibilities. I testify that thou didst arise when thou didst hear the call and didst answer thy Lord, and hastened with thy heart to His most exalted horizon and His most glorious vision, and didst take the choice wine of knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. And I testify that thou wert steadfast in the Cause of God in

such wise that neither the clamor of the heedless, nor the blame of the ignorant, nor the turning away of the opposer, nor the objection of the spiteful, nor the evil of the wicked, nor the barking of the hateful could deter thee. Thou art he who was mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and who didst win the verses of God, the Lord of Names, and didst drink the Kawthar of utterance from the cup of the wisdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. And I testify that thou didst acknowledge that which God acknowledged on a day wherein earthquakes seized all who were on earth save whom God willed, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou art he who heard in the path of God that which no one had heard and bore in the love of God that which no soul among the servants had borne. Thou art he who cast behind thee vain imaginings and placed doubts beneath thy feet, and turned toward the Qiblih of the horizons with a heart purified from the signs of the deniers and the whisperings of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who draweth nigh unto thee and visiteth thee in thy resting-place and who remembereth thee and what befell thee at the hands of those who denied God and disputed His signs and turned away from His presence and objected to His Self and arose to extinguish His light whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. We testify that they are the companions of the fire in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali who was mentioned by name in thy book. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. Grieve not at separation, for He prescribeth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. Be not grieved at anything, but rejoice in the days of thy Lord and say […]

Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven! I testify that the earth hath been ennobled by Thy footsteps, the atmosphere hath been perfumed by Thy breaths, the sun hath been illumined by the light of Thy countenance, the heaven hath been raised up by Thy will and hath smiled at Thy manifestation, and the world hath quivered with longing to meet Thee. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the tribulations that have befallen Thee to inscribe for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. O Lord! I testify that Thou didst create me and all things to attain Thy presence, to stand before the throne of Thy grandeur, and to appear at the gate of Thy mercy. Despite my knowledge of all this and my certitude in what Thou hast willed before Thy face, should Thou command me to stand still, I would be content with Thy command, and should Thou forbid me, I would say: "Praise be unto Thee, and Thine is the command, O Thou in Whose hand lies the kingdom of all things and in Whose grasp is the dominion of names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Lord! I beseech Thee by those who have arisen to aid Thy Cause and by those who were martyred in the Land of Sad for Thy sake - those whose tribulations caused the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names to weep - to ordain for me, by the Pen of [Thy grace], the reward of attaining Thy presence and the recompense of those who hastened to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation in such wise that neither the waves of the seas deterred them from Thy path, nor the hosts of the wicked from the direction of Thy grace, until they entered Thy Most Great Prison, stood before Thy throne, heard Thy call, were illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and sought shelter in the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am the poor one, and Thou art the Rich; I am the impotent one, and Thou art the Powerful. I have raised my hands of supplication to the heaven of Thy gifts. If Thou renderest me deprived, verily Thou art the

best of judges, and if Thou sendest down upon me what Thou hast willed of Thy grace, verily Thou art the best of givers. I testify in all circumstances that Thou art praiseworthy in Thy deeds and obeyed in Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Pen of the Most Merciful! Make mention of him who was named Hasan-i-Qabl-i-Khan, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and arise to that which will profit him in the worlds of My Command and My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Be thou in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall deter thee. Thus doth the Ancient King command thee from this luminous spot. Say: The heedless ones have imprisoned Him in this mighty fortress, yet in all conditions He calleth them who are in the kingdom of creation unto God, the Creator of heaven. However, most people are among the heedless. Some have heard, some remained heedless, some heard and turned away, and some heard, hastened, and answered their Ancient Lord. This is a day whereon it behooveth the whole world to become a single ear, that it may hear this most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Thus doth the Lord of all mention thee in this great prison. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee through these verses whereby the eyes of those near unto God have been solaced.

O Husayn! The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this spot, and He saith: Blessed is the stranger who hath recognized his supreme home, blessed is the hearer who hath heard the call of the Lord of all creation, blessed is the seer who hath beheld My Most Glorious Horizon, and blessed is the speaker who hath uttered My beauteous praise. Verily, the Wronged One calleth thee and counseleth thee with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His wondrous Book. Hold fast unto God and His commandments, and be thou in such wise that all who possess the sense of smell may inhale from thee the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken out of grace from His presence, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Samandar! It behooveth thee to offer thanksgiving and praise unto thy Lord for having revealed, for every name recorded in thy book, that which will enable the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of My Revelation and the sweet-scented savour of My luminous garment. The glory rest upon thee and upon them and upon him who hath attained unto My presence and My service, and verily he is exalted after Nabil. We make mention of him at the end of the Book that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord, the All-Informed, the One Who uttereth. We send Our greetings unto his face from this Station, and call to mind the days wherein he was present before the Throne and hearkened unto the voice of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And the glory rest upon thee and upon him and upon both your families and upon those who are with you and those who have believed in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the All-Knowing, All-Wise Utterer

O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Most Great Branch was at this moment present before the Face of the Wronged One, and We made mention of thy mention in such

wise as caused the lights to shine forth from the horizons of the heaven of thy Lord, the Chosen One. Blessed art thou for having voiced the praise of thy Lord and spoken that whereby the heart of every seeking soul was attracted and the faces of them that are nigh and sincere were illumined. Thou didst make mention of the loved ones and requested the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet for some. We have answered thee as a token of My grace and as a mercy from thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Shouldst thou ask for all who are on earth, We would surely fulfill thy need and would send down from the heaven of My generosity, for each one of them, the signs of My grandeur and My clear tokens. And I am verily the Answerer, the Hearer, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This is what was revealed for him who was named Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance

Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who, through the Most Exalted Word, hath guided the world and the peoples to the straight path and the mighty announcement. He is the One Who is so powerful that the tyranny of the pharaohs among His servants and the oppressors in diverse lands did not hold Him back from His purpose. He arose before all faces and spoke that which is the cause of salvation, preservation, bounty and wealth for the peoples of the world. Among them are those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away, and he who hath turned towards Him is assuredly among the people of this glorious and exalted station. O Asad! We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His Cause and firm in His love in such wise that neither the tempests of idle fancies nor the thunderbolts of vain imaginings may move thee. Speak forth My Name amongst My servants and draw them nigh unto the gate of My majesty which hath been opened before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Take thou the chalice of utterance by My command, then drink therefrom and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, for having remembered me in Thy prison and for having sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy names and attributes endure. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses to ordain for me through Thy bounty, O Lord of all being, and through Thy generosity, O Lord of eternity, that which will exalt me through Thy name amongst Thy creation. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And this is what was revealed for Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the One Who domineth over all names

O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir! Should anyone ask thee concerning the Ark of God, say: "It is amidst the waves," and concerning the Lamp of utterance, say: "It is amid the winds." Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while walking in this prison in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee with verses before which the necks of the idolaters have bowed down. When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of My utterance and drinkest the choice wine of My recognition from the hand of My bounty, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which shall cause my name to endure in Thy Manifest Book. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the hearts of them that are nigh through Thy clear command and Thy mighty announcement, to ordain

for me that which beseemeth each world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

This is what was revealed for him who was named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the Warbler upon the branches

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O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One from the prison of 'Akka. Verily, He guideth thee to His path, directeth thee to His glory, draweth thee nigh unto His court, and illumineth thee with the light of His Cause which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen the Wronged One, thou wouldst lament as those who are bereft. We have manifested the Cause and revealed that by which the weary found utterance, the sick were healed, and the prostrate arose, yet the people are in grievous doubt. As for thy desire to attain His presence, We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and to draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. This is what hath been ordained both inwardly and outwardly. Wisdom doth not permit attainment of His presence and meeting in such days as these. To this testifieth this All-Knowing Expounder. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive thee and thy father. Verily, He is the Generous. There is none other God but Him, the Compassionate, the Bountiful, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy mother and those who are with thee, and upon every steadfast and firmly established one, and every well-grounded and perspicuous one.

This was revealed for him who was named Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Caller between earth and heaven!

O Muhammad! Every call hath reached its end and every fire hath been extinguished and every light hath remained veiled. What fire is this that the oceans of rejection and denial could not quench? What light is this that the veils of the world and the harm of nations could not conceal? What call is this that the clamor of the oppressors and the rattling of chains of the transgressors could not silence? In most nights and days the Tongue speaketh and the Call is raised. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, and woe unto the heedless! We beseech the True One to protect this people and illumine them with the lights of true unity. The people of the past would each day take a lord and cling to a vain imagination, until finally the fruit and effect of that was witnessed when they hanged and martyred the Dawning-Place of divine revelation. Blessed is he who hath clung to the cord of unity, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth. In these days consummate wisdom hath caused a delay in permission, for the deniers and the opposers stand as barriers. We beseech God to remove them through His sovereignty and to aid His loved ones with the power that hath conquered all things and the might that hath encompassed earth and heaven. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in what He hath ordained for thee and to benefit thee in every world of His worlds. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy family and upon those who have taken the Book of God with power from Him and authority from His presence. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for him who was named Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Speaker, the Rememberer before all faces […]

Praise be unto the Most Great Cause, which is worthy and befitting, for He hath illumined the world and its peoples with the effulgent rays of the Luminary of utterance, and made manifest the path of guidance and salvation for all. Exalted be His dominion, exalted His proof, exalted His Word, and glorious His signs! O Ahmad, upon thee be My glory! This Wronged One in the Most Great Prison hath guided the friends to the supreme horizon, and at every moment there appear and shine forth before all faces the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who have attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless servants who have turned away. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee through His bounty, to guard thee by His hosts, to aid thee through His signs, and draw thee nigh unto His path, the Mighty, the Wondrous. By the life of God! At this moment when the pearls of remembrance and utterance have appeared from the treasury of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the ocean of forgiveness hath surged, and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all religions hath wafted - a bounty from His presence upon thy father and upon him who was named Husayn. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The Glory from Us be upon thee, upon thy son, and upon him whose mention thou hast desired. Verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed the world. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in this station.

This is what was revealed for him who was named Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

Praise be to God Who, through His Most Exalted Word, hath transformed remoteness into nearness, ignorance into knowledge, darkness into light, and heedlessness into awareness. Glorious is His loving-kindness and glorious His mercy that hath preceded the decree of the Kaf and the Nun. He is verily the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O Abu'l-Qasim! At this moment the Most Great Branch gained admittance to Our presence and mentioned thy name which was recorded in the letter of 'Andalib, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and it was heard. Blessed art thou for God hath aided thee to turn and direct thyself to the light of His Countenance and adorned thee with the ornament of His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. This is the Day of effort and steadfastness. Steadfastness is the essence of all essences and appeareth from the mine of humanity. None can determine the value of this precious pearl, nor can any writer describe its qualities. Its station hath been hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. Today the friends must be illumined with the light of steadfastness and summon the people of the world to the supreme horizon through wisdom and utterance. This is the firm decree which hath in this moment been sent down from the heaven of the will of the Lord of eternity. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who acteth according to what is commanded in My perspicuous Book. In these days the manifestations of conjecture and idle fancy are intervening and preventing attainment unto His presence. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and to decree for thee what He hath decreed for His chosen ones. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory shining from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast away corruption and conflict and have taken hold of righteousness and reconciliation. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of eternity was walking in His exalted and impregnable station.

This is what was revealed for the daughter of him who was named Muhammad-Shafi', who arose to serve the Cause in the earliest days:

In My Name, the Rememberer, the Answerer

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Praise be to God! The Sun of utterance is resplendent, the Light of the Cause is radiant, the Ocean of bounty is surging, and the Star of guidance is advancing and shining before all faces. Blessed is the servant who has attained to the outpourings of this blessed Day, and blessed is the leaf who hearkened unto the call of the Lote-Tree of Sinai and clung fast unto it. O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thy father, who soared in My atmosphere, cast aside all else save Me, and held fast to My mighty cord, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which causeth the eyes of the chaste ones in their chambers to be consoled, as a token of grace from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Master of eternity, for having remembered Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto Thee. I beseech Thee to inscribe my name in the place wherein Thou hast made mention of those women who circled round the throne of Thy grandeur and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hands of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Mighty, the Wise.

And this is what was revealed for him who was named Mirza Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, that speaketh before the peoples of the world! O Qasim! Knowest thou Who maketh mention of thee? Say: Yea, my Lord, the All-Bountiful, remembereth me. And knowest thou Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison? Say: Yea, verily, He is my Goal, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou didst make mention of the Huquq; it hath been accepted. Excellent is that which thou hast done. We have approved thy deed as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in completing the House. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in the Strong, the Almighty. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the imaginings of the deluded ones, the doubts of the aggressive ones, or the oppression of the tyrannical ones. Thus hath the Pen spoken that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is the Manifest Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious.

O Nightingale! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter as a bounty from Our presence upon thee and upon them and upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. In these days the loved ones must all arise to render victory, and victory is in teaching the Cause. This Day is blessed, and whatsoever hath occurred in the land, even the martyrdom of the loved ones, hath made the world ready to hearken unto the Word of God. All must hold fast unto wisdom and through utterance illumine the people of the world with the light of guidance. This Wronged One maketh mention of the loved ones and counseleth them with that which is the cause of everlasting wealth and riches. It is hoped that they will not deprive themselves. Soon will the Most Great Word encompass all and everyone will attain supreme joy. Especially for his honour Haji Muhammad-Rida and his namesake, two Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. They have ever been

and still are remembered. By My life! God hath created them for the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing, the Wise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to change their loss into the Most Great Profit. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon My loved ones who have clung to My luminous hem.

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Praise be to God Who has dawned forth with the sovereignty of Names upon all created things, whereupon all beings were attracted, all possibilities were set in motion, the free were uplifted, the trees swayed, the flowers smiled, the seas were stirred, and the stones spoke forth. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, Who has ever been sanctified above what is mentioned in creation and Who will ever be exalted above what the peoples of earth and heaven utter. He has encompassed all things through His Name, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and earths. And praise be to God Who has concealed the faults of His servants while being seated upon the throne of His Name, the Concealer. Exalted be the All-Choosing One through Whom the greatest veil was rent asunder and from the highest horizon shone forth the Sun of His Most Glorious Beauty, whereupon the face of heaven beamed with joy, the furthest limit drew near, and the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth: “Verily, there is no God but Him.” Verily, He is the Self-Subsisting One Whom the veils of creation have not hindered nor the conditions of the Cause obscured. He doeth what He willeth in His dominion. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter from your honor reached this evanescent servant, and as it expressed your love for the Beloved of all worlds, it brought boundless joy and limitless delight. God willing, may you ever be engaged in the praise and glorification of the Lord of all possibility, and occupied with fostering love among the friends. After reading the letter, it was observed that your honor, like the noble recording angels, had written numerous tablets mentioning certain souls. However, according to previous accounts, the recording angels are charged with recording both good and evil deeds, while your honor has recorded only the misdeeds of each one. This matter caused great astonishment. O my brother, what I say, I say for God’s sake. If the True One, exalted be His glory, were to deal with this evanescent servant and other friends with justice, and were to bring forth the balance of justice, none would find refuge or escape. However, as these are the days of the Most Great Manifestation, He has dealt and continues to deal with all through His greatest bounty. In truth, were anyone to observe with the eye of fairness, they would see their very existence, being, mention and praise as a grievous error, let alone their unworthy and rejected deeds and words. Therefore, this servant and your honor must hold fast to the cord of God’s favor and beseech Him with utmost humility and supplication to protect all the friends from the promptings of self and passion, and to direct them to the highest horizon. It is known that all created things are prone to error and ever shall be, but today, as the Sun of generosity is shining and the ocean of mercy is surging, God’s gaze is fixed upon the goodly deeds of souls who have turned to Him. This is naught but His grace and generosity toward His servants, and His mercy and bounty toward His loved ones. One day, Jesus son

of Mary - may my spirit be sacrificed for Him - was walking with several of His disciples when they came upon a dead dog. They expressed disgust, saying they detected a foul odor. That Source of compassion and mercy said, “How white are its teeth!” Observe now how He concealed the fault - may my spirit be sacrificed for His loving-kindness. This was solely to teach His companions that all should fix their gaze upon the good deeds of others and conceal one another’s faults. We bear witness that He is verily the All-Knowing, the Wise Teacher. Perfect infallibility has been and shall ever be confined to God, exalted be His glory. None has had or shall have a share of this most pure fountain, and assuredly all but God have been and shall ever be prone to error.

As to the esteemed Mirza Muhammad Husayn, the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, concerning whom mention was made, this servant now relates one of his good deeds, which was thus: At a time when all the people of Iraq had risen in opposition and protest, and were occupied in the streets and bazaars with beating and abusing the friends of God, some of the friends along with the aforementioned physician were taken to the seat of government. At that time, he conversed with an interpreter of one of the foreign powers. After some dispute, the interpreter said, “Who are you to speak to me in such a manner face to face?” The honored physician replied, “And who are you?” He answered, “I am the government’s interpreter.” The honored physician then declared, “And I am the interpreter of the people!” Indeed, in that gathering where all the opponents from among the notables of the realm were present, and likewise the rulers were assembled, he nonetheless spoke with perfect steadfastness, strength and power. This incident shall never be effaced from the tablet of the world, for he spoke for the exaltation of the Word of God, and neither the might of the state nor the clamor of the people could deter him from the love of God. And afterward, you have surely heard how they took him and the friends as captives from Iraq and sent them to Mosul. Now the divine gaze is fixed upon this deed of his, which transcends all deeds, for which there descended from the Kingdom of Grace that which you have heard and seen specifically for him. In brief, I state this much: Do not imagine that even an atom of anyone’s deeds remains concealed. I swear by the Day-star of the horizon of utterance that all the deeds, actions and words of people are evident and manifest in the Most Holy Court. This is the Day wherein all secrets shall be searched out, and it is the Day concerning which He says: “If it be the weight of a mustard seed and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth.” And likewise He says: “Every man’s fate We have fastened on his neck: on the Day of Judgment We shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open.” No matter has been or shall be hidden, but since the Sun of grace is shining and the ocean of bounty is surging, He therefore regards with utmost kindness and mercy His loved ones who have borne hardships in His path and migrated from land to land due to the oppression of the polytheists. “God blots out or confirms what He pleases, and with Him is the Mother of the Book.” Reflect upon the essence of this Revelation. God has done and will do whatsoever He willeth. If today He should bar an entire world from the ocean of nearness, and establish an ignorant one upon the throne of proximity, none has been or shall be entitled to object. These matters are found in former traditions which state: “Whoso says ‘why’ or ‘wherefore’ has indeed denied God and His verses.” And if a soul should be mindful of this station and comprehend it, he would pass beyond self and others in the path of God, and would observe himself in perfect contentment and submission. The goodness of one’s end remains hidden, none knoweth it save God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Concerning what you mentioned about Nabil, from the first appearance of the Most Great Luminary from the horizon of the world, he hearkened unto the Call of God and arose to serve His Cause. Thus, after the Word was exalted and the Cry was raised, he, all alone, turned from the Land of ?a to the Land of Kha, summoning all people to the Truth. What tribulations and hardships descended upon him! Nevertheless, night and day, in both prose and verse, he continued to extol the praises of the Truth and promote His Cause. Such a person will surely be the object of God's loving providence, and the rain-clouds of His generosity will assuredly encompass him. Despite such evident services and arduous deeds which he bore in the path of the Beloved of the worlds, should any error proceed from him, divine forgiveness will surely embrace him. The intention he harbored regarding Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali was indeed an error, for in all divine Tablets and heavenly Books, contention, disputation, sedition, corruption and the shedding of blood have been forbidden. He himself acknowledged his error, for after becoming aware of his mistake, he expressed remorse and sought forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

All the beloved are commanded today to associate with one another in fellowship, unity, humility and lowliness. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which he is bidden, and woe unto the heedless. I present one word that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Divine mouth, that all may become aware of God's all-encompassing grace. His word, exalted be His glory, is: "Glory is not his who loveth his country, but glory is his who loveth the world." Behold now how His all-embracing mercy hath encompassed all. And in another instance He saith, exalted be His glory: "Blessed is he who ariseth for the service of all mankind."

In the Most Holy Book, all have been given permission to associate with the various peoples of the world in the utmost joy and radiance for the purpose of delivering God's Word, for if they were to avoid them, none would become aware of the Cause of God or attain unto the supreme horizon. O brother, what shall I say? Beseech ye God to bestow attentive ears upon mankind and grant them illumined hearts, that all may taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Most people are heedless, wandering in the wilderness of ignorance, and even those who, by their own admission, have drunk the wine of inner meanings from the hand of divine bounty have not attained, as they should, to obedience to divine commands. Thus in most Tablets, they have forbidden turning towards the Most Great Prison, and this matter hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen to such an extent that none can reckon it. Nevertheless, most have turned and continue to turn without permission. Had we acted according to that which hath proceeded from the Pen of the Ancient of Days, we would surely have beheld all the world oriented towards the horizon of the Cause. We must supplicate night and day, beseeching God to enable all to be obedient. Were the people of the contingent world to become aware of what hath appeared in these days, all would sacrifice their lives and possessions and arise to serve the Cause. But what profit is there when all are veiled by their own imaginings and cling to the idols of their desires? We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist mankind to recognize Him and not to deprive them of His days. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And regarding what you wrote about Khan, his praiseworthy attributes have not been and are not hidden. What bounty could be greater than that, praise be to God, they have turned with perfect steadfastness and assurance to the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation? However, it is incumbent upon the loved ones to conduct themselves in such a way as not to cause his sadness. God does not suffer the work of the

doers to perish. This evanescent servant's counsel to you is that you strive to the extent possible to harmonize hearts and unite souls, so that no one may detect the slightest scent of discord among the loved ones, and all may be seen united upon God's all-encompassing Word. A Tablet has been specifically revealed and sent to you - God willing, you will attain to its perusal. Likewise, the three Tablets that were requested have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will out of pure bounty and grace, for in the days when the Seat of the Throne was in the Land of Mystery, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor whose purport was this: should all who dwell on earth beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for sublime and wondrous Tablets, tablets would be revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for each one. May my soul be a sacrifice for His bounty! O my brother! Today is the day when we must all turn to ourselves and arise to perform good and pleasing deeds through divine grace. Let us close our eyes to others' faults. Today is the day of deeds. Ask God that He may enable all to conform to His good-pleasure, that all may arise and succeed, in utmost sanctity and detachment, to perform such deeds as will cause the elevation of His Cause. Verily He guides whom He pleases to His straight path. I convey greetings to all the friends and remember them all before the Throne. We beseech God to enable us and them to do what befits these days wherein the Tree exclaims: "There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Blessed art thou, O Rida, for having hearkened unto the most sweet call when it was raised from the Divine Lote-Tree in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and for having believed in God, the Sovereign, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Be thou a herald of this Name amongst the servants and one who makes mention of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. If thou findest in thyself the power, rend asunder the veils of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people, the Day hath come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Should thou behold one who turneth away from the Countenance while styling himself the Guide, say: O servant, be fair for God's sake! Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who would exalt the mention of thy Lord between earth and heaven? Reflect and be of the fair-minded. The Rock hath cried out with the loudest voice: The Desired One hath come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, they who have turned away have not found the fragrance of the All-Merciful in the Bayan - nay, they are among the bewildered ones. Say: Read thou the Bayan, detached from all else, by the Most Merciful! If thou regardest it with the eye of certitude, thou wilt cast aside all creation and hasten to the court of thy Lord, saying: "I believe in Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Say: Do ye behold anyone having mention in His presence? Nay, by the Lord of the Throne, were ye of them that know! There hath dawned from the horizon of grace a Sun whereon hath been inscribed by the Pen of Revelation: "He Who was hidden in the knowledge of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath appeared." Say: While under the swords of the enemies, I summon the peoples of creation unto the Lord of Names. Thus have I been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I call thee at this daybreak, purely for the sake of God, detached from thyself and all that thou hast and all that is on earth - to this every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness. I have not compromised in God's Cause with the rulers of the earth. We have sent down to each one of them that which perfected God's proof and evidence unto all created things. Read thou what was revealed in the Tablet to the Sultan and ponder it, that perchance the eye of fairness may be opened and thou mayest not oppose God through tyranny, and mayest be convinced that through Him every wise command hath been revealed.

Say: Hath the crowing of the crow prevented thee from turning to thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful? Fear God, then return unto Him with a sound heart. By God! The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all contingent being. Blessed is he who hath found it and perceived it and hastened and said: "Thou art, Thou art, O Desire of them that know!" I know not by what proof he hath turned away from the All-Merciful. Say: Hast thou not heard what was revealed aforetime by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible? Beware, beware lest the Bayan and its letters and what was revealed therein prevent thee from Him by Whose acceptance all things were made to testify. This is what hath been sent down from the Pen of Revelation from One Who is mighty and beautiful. Verily, He hath made the Bayan one of My signs, yet ye cast at Me the arrows of denial at every moment. Delude not yourselves. Open your eyes unto the Most Great Vision that ye may recognize Him Who suspended the Bayan by the movement of His finger, the One with power over all worlds. When the way of men was barred, We ordained acceptance through hearts. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Then turn to the perfumer who was named Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali. Say: O servant, abandon the buzzing of flies! The All-Giver hath come, riding upon the clouds. Then hearken unto what the Dove warbleth upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, on this Day whereon the Sovereign of Names hath been established upon the throne of grandeur and power. By My life! The ears have been created to hearken unto My Word, and the eyes to behold My Beauty, and the tongues to make mention of Me, which mention God hath made the sovereign of all mentions. The sincere ones shall find naught in the Bayan save the fragrance of My Name, whereby all regions have been perfumed. O perfumer! Doth it beseem thee to deprive thyself of this perfume which hath been wafted from the garment of the All-Merciful at the midmost heart of creation? Nay, by His own Self, the Mighty, the Bountiful! Turn thy face toward Paradise and say: My soul be a sacrifice for Thy tribulation, O Dawning-Place of Names, and my spirit be a ransom for Thy imprisonment, O Thou through Whom the convulsions seized the peoples of all worlds! It behooveth thee to abandon vain imaginings and proclaim amongst the people: The Self-Subsisting hath come! Hasten unto Him with your hearts, O people of understanding! Whoso turneth away from this Cause, every atom shall denounce him. Were it not for My remembrance, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would the Tablets have been adorned with My Name. The unitarians have taken flight, and the idols have lamented, and the mountains have passed away. If thou fearest for thy faith, preserve this Tablet, so that when thou art questioned in the presence of God by what proof

thou didst believe, bring it forth from the horizon of thy pocket and say: By this Book from which the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted throughout all regions. Then shalt thou witness the Prophets approaching thee, taking it, kissing it, placing it upon their eyes, and saying: Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of the All-Merciful when He came with power and sovereignty. By Him Who caused the tongue of dawn to speak His praise! If thou wouldst abandon vain imaginings and turn thy gaze toward the Most Great Vision, and ponder that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Lord of Destiny, thou wouldst at once fall unconscious, and when thou didst arise thou wouldst proclaim the Most Great Name amongst the servants. There is no hatred in My heart for anyone. I call thee purely for the sake of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Then will the Holy Spirit speak from the horizon of nearness: The proof and evidence have been perfected for thee through this Tablet whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth.

Then turn to him who was named Hashim: Say: Shatter the idols of vain imaginings for [the sovereignty of] thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Turn with thy heart to the Qiblih of the world. Say: I have turned to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the standards have been raised aloft. Art thou content with the pool when the Most Great Ocean is before thy face? Cast all created things behind thee, turning to thy Lord. Then drink the Salsabil of utterance in the name of thy Lord Who controlleth the winds. They who argue from what they possess to prove what they believe - these but play with their own vain imaginings as children play. This is not the day for doubt. Open thine eyes that thou mayest behold the Sun of Certitude at its noontide splendor. This is a call which, had the Beloved heard it, He would have cried: “Here am I, O Thou Beloved of all in earth and heaven!” I know not by what proof ye have been kept back from the Lord of all proofs, O people of the religions. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy with the fingers of certitude. Thus hath the All-Merciful revealed it in the Bayan. Observe the words of others and what hath been revealed in this Tablet, then judge fairly, O people of understanding. Reflect on what hath appeared from others and what hath shone forth from the horizon of this Cause, then discriminate, O people of insight. Were the Word of God to be confined to a single word, verily that word would be the sovereign of all words. The sincere ones would find in it that by which spirits soar. Would that ye knew that to which ye cling - that which is hidden behind the veil! Do ye follow him who is unable to speak face to face? To this testify the servants who were with Us when We migrated from Baghdad for the sake of God, the Lord of all men. Have mercy on yourselves and oppose not Him through Whom the Laws were ordained and religions were established. The eye of compassion weepeth for humanity while they are in joy and delight. Soon shall they know that from which they were heedless, whereupon they shall find for themselves no protector.

O my God! Thou knowest that in this Tablet I have desired naught save to manifest Thy Cause unto Thy servants and to exalt Thy Word amidst Thy creation. I have not compromised with anyone in that which Thou didst command me through Thy sovereignty, and I called out to all in such wise that my call encompassed those who dwell in Thy earth and heaven, until I raised the standards of Thy Cause in Thy domains and the lights of Thy countenance shone forth in Thy lands. Among the people are those who denied Me, those who rejected My proof, those who desired to slay Me, those who rose in opposition, those who claimed that “he hath stolen the verses and writeth them in his name among the servants,” and those who fabricated against Me that which is beyond the power of utterance to describe. The fire of

hatred grew so intense that they cast Me into the Most Great Prison. When I entered therein, I arose once again to raise the call, moved by the ecstasy of Thy love, O Lord of all names! I sacrificed my all for Thy Cause, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of earth and heaven. I delivered Thy messages unto the kings with clear proof and evidence, that they might know that tribulation hath not deterred Me from that which I purposed, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of creation. I sent to each one of them a Tablet wherein I opened the gates of meaning and exposition, and from whose horizon shone forth the Sun of truth and explanation for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Thou knowest, O my God, that in all this I desired not myself nor my survival, but rather to establish Thy oneness among the people of Thy realm and to manifest Thy singleness unto those who dwell in Thy lands. Because of this, the oppressors among Thy creatures gathered against Me time and again and desired what they desired. Praise be to Thee in all conditions! I have entrusted all affairs unto Thee and I yearn for what Thou hast ordained for me in Thy Tablets. Verily Thou knowest what is within my soul, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou knowest, O my God, that my pen hath not moved except in remembrance of Thee and with Thy leave, nor hath my tongue spoken save by Thy command and Thy will. When the appointed time came, I desired to remind Thy servants who were veiled in Thy days and who hesitated in Thy Cause, that they might turn toward the direction of Thy good-pleasure and the horizon of Thy favors. O my God! If Thou seest them worthy of the outpourings of Thy mercy which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the clouds of Thy grace, make them know the Manifestation of Thy Self, through Whom Thou hast adorned the Tablets of the Book of Thy creation and embellished the heaven of Thy grace and will. Aid them to turn toward the direction of Thy gifts, that they may unite in Thy Cause and speak forth Thy Name. This is what Thou didst command all in Thy Book. Verily, I have called them, O my God, purely for Thy sake, lest their desires keep them back from the shore of the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Thou hast ever been independent of all else besides Thee. The acceptance of all who are on earth profiteth Thee not, nor doth their turning away harm Thee. Every atom testifieth that Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds.

O Rida! God willing, through divine grace and heavenly bounties, mayest thou be occupied at all times with the mention of the All-Merciful. I swear by the Most Great Name that the tongue was created for the remembrance of God - if it attaineth not thereunto it is assuredly severed - and the ears were created to hearken unto His words, and likewise all the limbs and members. How excellent is the state of that soul who in these days is occupied with the remembrance of God and uttereth His praise. His book is present before the Throne and the gaze of God is fixed upon it. Be thou thankful and numbered with them that praise Him.

Verses have been revealed in this Tablet specifically for certain veiled souls who are in that land. However, thou must recite them with the utmost wisdom to each of these souls individually, that perchance they may hear the call and forsake all they possess for the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Give not the original Tablet into their hands except after their complete certitude.

O Rida! Teaching hath several conditions. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the Truthful, the Trustworthy. Whosoever desireth to teach, if he be bound for a destination, must sanctify and purify his outward being

from all things of the world and his inward being from their remembrance. Thus must he be who would teach the Cause of his Lord, the Protector, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. His provision must be the fear of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and his armor must be his detachment from all else save Him and his trust in Him. At such time is it befitting to teach God's Cause and make mention of the Ever-Abiding Beloved. And if he desireth to teach in his own city, he must arise from his place through God's power and turn his face toward God and walk with complete detachment until he entereth that place, and then speak with utmost wisdom of that which he is commanded. This is the command of Truth that hath flowed from the Fountainhead of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

First read thou this most exalted Tablet several times until thou thyself becomest aware of its hidden mysteries and sublime utterances, and then recite it with the melody of the heart to each one. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy sister who hath believed and turned toward God and attained His presence and seen and heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the Holy Court. God willing, thou must strive to serve the Truth in a manner befitting. Be not grieved by the world and whatsoever pertaineth unto it. Verily He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of God, Who hath cast His splendour over all creation! O concourse of earth and heaven! Give ear to the testimony of God that proceedeth from the mouth of your Lord, the All-Glorious. He verily hath testified, in Himself and by Himself, ere the heaven of His Cause was raised up and the clouds of His Decree were gathered together, that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is that Most Great Name through which His ancient proof and testimony have been established before all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

Verily God hath testified, in Himself and by Himself, and in His inmost Essence, that there is none other God but Him and that He Who is come through the power of truth is the Manifestation of His most excellent names and the Dawning-Place of His most exalted attributes. Through Him the voice of the mystic Morn rang out from the horizon of eternity and the Most Great Spirit spoke forth before the Divine Lote-Tree, saying: "This, verily, is He Who hath been intended in the Cities of Names and mentioned in the Tablets revealed from the empyrean of the Will of your Lord, the Ruler of earth and heaven. He, indeed, is the most great Instrument amidst the nations, Who hath come to regenerate the whole world."

Verily God hath testified, in Himself and by Himself, and ere the creation of the world and the manifestation of His names and attributes, that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who is come upon the clouds of divine decree is the Trust of God amongst you and the Revealer of His Essence in your midst.

We verily behold, at this hour and from His realm, all the denizens of earth and heaven, and summon them to this Beauty that hath solaced the eyes of the inmates of Paradise and the dwellers of the tabernacle of holiness, them that have fixed their gaze on this Scene of resplendent glory and whom the

veils of human limitations have failed to debar from beholding the countenance of God, the Almighty, the Most Wondrous. He it is Who proclaimeth within all things: “Verily, I am your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. From time immemorial I was a Treasure hidden in a station unknown to all save Mine own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away all that ye possess and soar on the wings of detachment into this atmosphere wherein waft the breezes of the mercy of your Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.”

By My life! The Day is come which from all eternity was concealed in the treasuries of the might of your Lord. Rejoice in this blessed, this glorious and sublime Day. For He verily is Mine own Appearance amongst you, and whoso maketh the slightest distinction between Him and Me hath indeed strayed far from the straight path of truth. He it is Who hath caused the Mystic Dove to warble upon the twigs of the Tree of glory, saying: “By the one true God! The Best-Beloved of the worlds is come!” Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Can anyone befittingly thank Thee for such blessings as Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy oneness and the firmament of Thy Will, blessings which Thou hast reserved for the people of Baha in the realm of creation? Nay, by Thy might, O Thou the Beloved of the worlds and the sole Desire of them that have recognized Thee! Wert Thou to endow every creature of earth and heaven with a myriad tongues, even to the number of the atoms of the universe, and were they to yield Thee thanks, so long as Thy kingdom and Thy dominion endure, for the bounties which Thou hast bestowed upon Thy loved ones in this Day–a Day whereon Thou hast revealed Thyself in Thine own Essence and inmost Being to the dwellers of earth and heaven, and in Thy Beauty to the inhabitants of the cities of eternity, and through Thy Names to them that are immersed in the billowing oceans of grandeur–yet would their thanksgiving fade into nothingness before that which Thou hast bestowed upon them through Thy grace and bounty.

I know not, O my God, which among Thy gifts to extol in this Day, a Day that Thou hast made to be the source of all Thy days and the dawning-place whence the rays of the light of Thine Essence and the splendours of the glory of Thy countenance have shone forth. Shall I praise the heavenly repast which Thou hast sent down in this Day unto the people of Baha, whom Thou hast singled out for Thy favour amongst the dwellers of earth and heaven? This, verily, is a sustenance borne in the vessel of Thy words, from every letter of which a myriad suns of divine wisdom and utterance dawn forth and the lights of authority and exposition shine resplendent. This, verily, is a sustenance whose substance is such inner meanings as had from everlasting lain concealed within Thine inviolable treasuries and hidden beneath the tabernacles of Thy glory. Or shall I, O my God, extol Thine appearance in this Day from the dawning-place of Thine Essence; or Thine establishment, before the gaze of all men, upon the throne of Thy name, the All-Bountiful; or yet Thy proclamation, through the Tongue of might and power, to all things visible and invisible? By Myself, the True One! The Hidden Secret and Treasured Mystery hath been revealed. Whosoever seeketh Me shall behold Me.

I swear by Thy glory, O Fashioner of names and Creator of earth and heaven! The tongues of Thy creatures are powerless to render thanks for the favours Thou hast bestowed upon them in this Day, a Day from which Thou hast made all Thy days to proceed. This is the Day whereon Thou hast summoned the well-favoured to the Dayspring of Thy nearness and the sincere to the Dawning-Place of the light of

Thy countenance. This is the Day concerning which Thou didst covenant with every Prophet to herald unto all the advent of Him Who shall be manifested therein with Thy sovereign might and celestial power.

This is the Day whereon Muhammad, the Apostle of God, cried out from the midmost heart of Paradise, saying: "O peoples of the earth! By God, the Beloved of the worlds and the Desire of every understanding heart is come! He, verily, is the One to Whose voice I hearkened on My Night Journey but Whose beauty I was not to behold until the days attained their consummation in this Day, a Day which is the adornment of all the days of God, the Sovereign Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised. This is the Day whereon the rule of His grace and all-pervading mercy hath been so universally established as to embrace every soul, for He hath in truth summoned each and all to His presence and hath shed upon all things the splendour of His glorious and refulgent beauty."

This is the Day whereon the Spirit proclaimed from the midmost heart of heaven: "O concourse of creation! He Who is the sovereign Ruler of all hath been made manifest. That which pertaineth to the Kingdom of My Lord hath been fulfilled. He Who is the Beloved of My heart and the Helper of My Cause is now come. Follow Him, and be not of those that have turned aside. This is the Day whereon every veil hath been parted, and your Lord, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful, hath appeared and fulfilled through His appearance all that was promised aforetime. Hasten then to this resplendent, this most luminous Beauty!

"O priests! Tell Our servants to ring not the bells save in His name, the All-Glorious, the Most High. This is the Day whereon the sore athirst have attained the stream of everlasting life and the yearning souls have beheld the Vision of the All-Merciful. This is the Day whereon the lowly have been exalted, the poor enriched, the sick made whole, the deaf given to hear His melody, and the blind made to see. Render thanks, then, and be not of those who join partners with God. The Kingdom of God doth in truth circle round Him. It is for His sake that I adorned the cross with My body and then arose from the dead to perfect His remembrance amongst men.

"O people of the Gospel! Take heed lest ye direct your prayers towards Me after having turned away from Mine all-glorious Father, Who changed, through His love, Abraham's fire into light. He who awaiteth another when once He hath appeared is indeed in grievous error. Hasten, then, to the river of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and beware lest ye withhold yourselves from its soft-flowing waters. We have, verily, reared you for this Day. Peruse ye the Book, that ye may apprehend the meaning of My words in My days. Verily, I revealed Myself only for the sake of His Cause, and I came amongst you solely to herald the Kingdom of God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds. That which was hidden is now revealed, and that which was concealed is now come. Bestir yourselves to greet this Day, a Day whereon the gates of heaven have been flung open, and the clouds of eternity have rained down, and the Nightingale of His Cause hath warbled its melody upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree, and the hearts of the Concourse on high have been seized with longing in the all-highest Paradise, and the Maids of Heaven have hastened forth from their celestial chambers towards His mighty Throne. Cast away all that ye possess and cleave unto that which hath been enjoined upon you by this Ancient Beauty.

O concourse of divines! Still your pens, for the Pen of Glory hath spoken. Lay aside your books, for the Book hath appeared that compriseth all that hath been said aforetime and sufficeth all the inhabitants of

the earth. Rise above the horizon of certitude in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and tear asunder the veils that have come between you and the Lord of all creation.

Thus commandeth you the Spirit, Who offered up His life that the world might be quickened and that the Desire of every heart might appear. And He, verily, hath appeared through the power of truth. Follow Him, and cling not unto that which ye possess of the proclamations of former times. For the trumpet-blast hath been sounded, and lo! the earth of idle fancy hath been cleft asunder; and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from the pavilion of glory, saying: The Kingdom in this Day is God's, the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great! The dead have risen and the souls have been gathered together, and yet still We behold you entombed in the sepulchres of heedlessness and desire. Fear God, O people! Rise from amongst the dead and turn your faces towards the Dayspring of His grace which shineth above this resplendent horizon. I, verily, await His command, that by His leave I might descend into the world, even as I ascended from it. He, verily, hath the power to ordain whatsoever He pleaseth.

O followers of the Gospel! Do ye seek Jerusalem, when He Who built the House of God therein by a mere indication of His will hath come? Far have ye wandered in the paths of error! Of a certainty, no deed will be accepted in this Day unless it be performed by His leave, and the invocation of no soul shall rise up unto God unless it be uttered for His love. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled and the command established by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

This is the Day whereon Moses lifted up His voice from the Sinai of Our name, the Almighty, saying: "O people! Verily the Day is come! This is He at Whose separation I wept sore in the desert of longing, and for Whose love I bewailed in the wilderness of ardent love. And when I purposed to enter the sanctuary of His nearness and to gaze upon His beauty, He restrained Me through the power of His sovereign might and withheld Me from the desire of My heart. Whereupon He addressed Me, saying: 'Thou shalt never behold Me!' and returned Me to the splendours of the lights of His mighty Throne. Such was the longing with which I was then consumed as I am powerless to describe and the ears of the true believers unable to hear. But lo, He hath now appeared with the power of truth and unveiled to you His beauty. At every moment He proclaimeth: 'O concourse of creation, look and ye shall behold Me!' By God, this is the Word that hath proceeded from the mouth of the Will of your Lord, the All-Merciful. It behoveth you to offer up your souls for His sake, if ye be of them that judge with fairness. Thus have I informed you, O people, of Him Whose remoteness hath lacerated My heart and Who hath made Me to quaff the cup of separation. Bear witness unto Him, and be not of the heedless. Blessed are your eyes for having beheld, and your ears for having hearkened. And woe unto them that have deprived themselves of this resplendent Vision."

This is the Day whereon the Point of the Bayan called out from the midmost heart of Paradise, saying: "O people! This is He in Whose path I laid down My life. This is He for Whose sake I revealed Myself and of Whose presence I bore unto you the most joyful tidings. Beware lest ye deny the One but for Whom the Day-Star of the Bayan would never have dawned nor would the verses of the All-Merciful have been revealed. By God! He it is Who caused the morn of inner meaning and explanation to break, and the gates of divine reunion to be opened before the faces of all the peoples of the earth. It is by His Name that the

cities of names have been adorned; it is by His remembrance that the hearts of the chosen ones have been set ablaze. Beware lest ye deal with Him as ye dealt with Me. I testify that I was but a herald of His Revelation unto all who are in heaven and on earth, and that I conditioned the Bayan upon His leave and good-pleasure. I swear by God! It is for His love that I rose up amongst you and consorted with you. Were it not for Him, I would assuredly not have revealed a single word or verse. Cling ye to the hem of the robe of His mercy, and hold fast to the cord of His love. This is the Day whereon every atom proclaimeth: 'By the Possessor of all names and attributes! Verily, He Who is invoked by all that are in heaven is now come!'"

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having adorned the preamble of the book of eternity with this most luminous Day, a Day whereon Thou didst shed the splendour of Thy most excellent names and most exalted attributes upon all created things. This, verily, is a Day whereon Thou hast ordained that each of Thy names be endowed with the potentialities of all Thy names. Blessed, then, be they that have turned towards Thee, attained Thy presence, and hearkened unto Thy call.

O Lord, my God! I beseech Thee by this Day, and by Thy most consummate Name through which the Most Great Ocean hath surged, to protect the people of Baha from them that have disbelieved in Thy mighty signs. Make them then, O my God, to be the exponents of Thine ascendancy and Thy might, that they may arise to glorify Thee and to celebrate Thy praise amidst Thy servants, in such wise that neither the veils of the people of the earth, nor their insinuations, nor the onslaught of them that have arisen to put out Thy light, may keep them back from Thee. O God! Deprive them not of the gentle breezes that are wafting in this Day, a Day whereon every atom proclaimeth: "Verily, Thou art God; no God is there but Thee!" O Lord, adorn them with the ornaments of constancy and certitude, and cause them to be champions of Thy Cause amidst all creation.

O my God and the God of all the worlds! O my desire and the desire of every understanding heart! I implore Thee, by Him Who hath caused the sun of Thy revelation and inspiration to dawn, to ordain for the people of this Day that which Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones amongst Thy servants. Send down then upon them such liberal effusions of Thy grace as none hath previously attained, and cause them to circle round the court of Thy nearness and the sanctuary of Thy presence. Inspire them, then, in Thy Cause with that which setteth ablaze the hearts and souls of men. Make each one of them to be as a lamp of Thy remembrance unto those servants of Thine whom self and passion have veiled from recognizing the Manifestation of Thine Essence and the Dayspring of Thy signs.

O Lord! Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty every mighty one hath testified, and to Whose majesty and grace every great one hath borne witness. Bestow, then, upon Thy loved ones that which beseemeth this Day, a Day which Thou hast made to be a luminous ornament upon the brow of all Thy days, and which Thou hast caused to shine above the horizon of eternity. Send down then upon them, from the clouds of Thy oneness and the heaven of Thy grace, that which will enable them to dispense with aught else except Thee.

O Lord! Give them to drink, from the hands of Thy mercy, a draught from that river of everlasting life that floweth from the right hand of Thy Throne, and aid them to abide by that which Thou hast revealed in Thy

perspicuous Book. Thou, verily, ordainest as Thou pleasest. No God is there but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Sovereign Protector, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful.

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In the name of God, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting!

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

Praise be to God Who hath opened the gates of divine knowledge through the keys of utterance and hath revealed that which had been hidden from time immemorial and concealed from minds and eyes. Glory, praise, peace and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who have inhaled the fragrance of the Day of God and have turned to Him with illumined hearts, and who have taken the chalices of prosperity in My Most Great Name from the hands of bounty. These are servants whom God hath described in His Books, His Scriptures, His Psalms and His Tablets, and whom He hath made the Hands of His Cause in His lands. Upon them be mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Mighty, the All-Giving.

O Haydar! Thy letter hath come into the presence of the Most Great Scene, the place wherein the Lord of Destiny hath spoken and made mention of His loved ones, and revealed unto them that whereby their names, their remembrance, their spirits, and their deeds in this Straight Path shall endure. Upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Haydar! Rejoice and give thanks that thy letter hath gained the ear of the Wronged One, even as sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides through that which the hands of those who have broken the Covenant and denied the signs of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have wrought. Blessed is the servant who hath turned and stood before all with such steadfastness as hath thrown into confusion the hearts of the transgressors. Say: O people of God! Put away corruption and tyranny, and take hold of justice and equity. By My life! Ye were created for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. Within His grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have drunk the wine of divine knowledge from the hands of My bounty and who have arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O My loved ones in that land! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He will protect you and guide you unto God, your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and the earths.

O Haydar! Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of the oppressors. I was silent until God gave Me utterance, and I was still until His Will set Me in motion. The Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, bear witness unto this. Put away tyranny and take hold of justice. Verily, He will preserve you and be with you in every world of the worlds of God. He is the Protector of him who turneth unto Him and the Guardian of the sincere ones. We have created all beings for this Day, yet the people are in manifest doubt. They see, yet they deny; they hear, yet they turn away. Verily, they are accounted among the most lost in My clear Book.

We have desired at this time to make mention of My loved ones whose names were inscribed on a white leaf. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. O Husayn-'Ali! The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this exalted station and hath mentioned thee in such wise as to enrapture the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise. Blessed are the fair-minded! Say: The Bayan circleth round Him and the Book standeth before His face, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: Through Him the ocean of utterance hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, could ye but know it. Say: Through the Pen He hath outstripped the swords of the nations and hath forbidden conflict and strife, and hath abrogated holy war. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. This is the Hidden One to Whom the Books have testified, and this is the News whereof Muhammad, the Messenger of God, and before Him every trusted Messenger gave glad-tidings.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! The Pen from this Prison hath turned towards thee and revealed that whereat all things have cried out, and the Kingdom and the Dominion, the Majesty and the Glory have called out: "Unto God belongeth this wondrous and glorious Day!" We have made mention of thee and thy father in such wise as shall endure and remain steadfast in the Book of God, the Ancient. Be thou thankful for this supreme bounty and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having adorned me with the ornament of recognition and guided me to the Dayspring of utterance. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy verses and their influence to make me steadfast in Thy love such that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the ascendancy of the idolaters who have cast behind them Thy Covenant and have followed what hath appeared from the daysprings of fancy and idle imaginings shall deter me. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the dawning-places of Thy knowledge and the daysprings of Thy wisdom to aid me to assist Thy Cause through the hosts of trustworthiness and true religion. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy firm and unshakeable command."

O 'Ali! The discourse of the Mount hath returned through the appearance of its Interlocutor, and the Tree hath cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of this exalted station!" Blessed is the ear that hath gained the honor of My call and the heart that hath turned to My luminous horizon. Blessed is the eye that the desires of self have not prevented from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God with such power as hath rendered powerless all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O loved ones of God! Do ye hear and do ye remain patient? Where is the sighing of your hearts and the lamentation of your souls? Have ye recognized what hath appeared in truth, or are ye among the hesitating ones? Say:

My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal, my Object of worship, and the Ultimate End of my desire! By Thy might and majesty, Thy greatness and power, I long to lay my face upon every spot of Thy earth that perchance it may be honored by having been touched by the feet of Thy loved ones. O Lord! Forgive the transgressions of Thy servants and Thy loved ones, and ordain for them that which shall preserve them from all else save Thee in Thy days. I testify that Thou art the Generous, that Thou art the Merciful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Most Great.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Yadu'llah and remind him of that which hath flowed from the tongue of Grandeur in the Kingdom of utterance, that he may give thanks and be of those who are thankful. We beseech God to strengthen thee to take hold of His Book with such power as the might of the world cannot withstand, and with such steadfastness as the doubts of nations cannot shake. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth through this Name whereby the limbs of the world have quaked, save those whom God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath willed.

O Ruhu'llah! We sent forth the Spirit aforetime and gave the people glad tidings of this announcement whereby the earth and heaven were transformed and the hearts of the transgressors were troubled. And before Him We sent Moses with clear signs and commanded him to announce unto the people the Day of God, the Mighty, the Great - this Day wherein the Interlocutor of the Mount hath been established upon the throne of Manifestation and calleth out with the most exalted call: "O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, that which was hidden in knowledge hath appeared and He hath come through Whose manifestation the eyes of the near ones have been solaced." Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from this station which hath been built in My Name, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Nasru'llah! Victory hath come, yet the people are wrapped in thick veils. The oppressor threateneth Me with tribulations while God promiseth Me victory. Verily, He is the most truthful of speakers. Say: He hath manifested His Cause with such sovereignty as cannot be weakened by the hosts of the world nor hindered by the clamor of the ignorant who have held back the servants from the Law of God, the Protector, the Almighty over every small and great one.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who was named Siyyid Muhammad, who soared on wings of longing to the Daystar of the horizons until he attained that station which God had made the circling-point of the sincere ones. O Muhammad! Remember when thou didst seek the ultimate goal and the loftiest summit, and didst traverse the path when thou didst attain unto the Guide in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou didst cross land and sea until thou didst enter the fortified City which was foretold in the Psalms and before it in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thou didst stand before the Gate which was opened by the Key of Grace to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou didst witness and hear the Call, and didst attain unto that which had been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Prophets. Thou didst appear before the Throne of the Lord, and didst hear His call and behold His horizon. This perspicuous Tablet beareth witness to this. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy hearing and thy sight. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to stand firm in the Greater Steadfastness and to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for those who have drunk the choice wine of martyrdom from the hands of His bounty. Verily, He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and loveth him who loveth Him. He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We bear witness that thou hast drunk the choice wine of reunion when all were forbidden save whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, did will. Say: My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal, my Adored One, my Beloved! I love to make mention of Thee throughout the regions of Thy earth and to call upon Thee in all days by Thy Name amongst Thy servants. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath dominated all existence, both seen and unseen, and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the world and the hearts of the nations, to make me speak Thy praise and call out Thy Name with wisdom and utterance. Then I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty whereby the limbs of every ignorant

one did tremble and the heart of every opposer was disturbed, to ordain for me from the Pen of Grace that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Kind.

We have desired at this moment to make mention of one from whom We perceived the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of this exalted station, and We wish to conclude the Book with his remembrance, that the choice wine of utterance may draw him to a station wherein the call is raised by command of the Ancient Ordainer. We arose one day desiring another land, and when We arrived We beheld its willows arranged in rows. We rested beneath their long hanging branches, and whenever the winds of will moved them to the right there was heard from their rustling "The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty," and to the left was heard from them "The Hidden One hath appeared with His name, the Self-Subsisting," as though they gave glad tidings to the trees of the world of this Cause which hath appeared through God's Will, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Son of Glory! Hear the call raised from the Mount of Knowledge at the right of the Spot of Proof from the Divine Lote-Tree: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous." We beseech God to assist thee to know that which most of His servants are prevented from knowing. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and earth.

We have manifested the Cause and revealed in diverse books that which shall appear in future ages and centuries. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things, yet the people are in strange doubt. They see, yet deny; they hear, yet turn away. Verily, they are among the misguided before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Be fair, O people, then help your Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Lord of lords. Say: The bounty hath been completed and the proof perfected. Fear the All-Merciful, O concourse of servants in the lands.

We beseech God to open before thy face the gate of utterance and to confirm thee in propagating His Cause with proof and evidence. Let not the derision of enemies grieve thee, nor the might of those who have denied God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink the cup of Thy knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty and for illumining my heart with the light of certitude through Thy grace and favor. My Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty, clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy, beseeching at the door of Thy generosity, and hoping for the wonders of Thy favor. I beseech Thee by the blood that was shed in Thy path and by the breasts that were pierced for the exaltation of Thy Cause and the manifestation of Thy Word, to assist me with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, that I may help Thy Cause among Thy servants and make mention of Thee with such remembrances as shall draw unto Thee the hearts of Thy creation.

My Lord! I am Thy servant who hath confessed his transgressions before the waves of Thy forgiveness and his sins before the dawning-places of the Day-Star of Thy pardon. How many nights did I sleep upon my couch, heedless of Thy manifestation and of hearkening to Thy most sweet call as it was raised between earth and heaven! And how many days was I occupied with my affairs, hesitating in Thy Cause! My Lord! I am he who confesseth his poverty, his want, and his need before the kingdom of Thy wealth,

Thy pardon, and Thy bestowal. By Thy glory! I am ashamed to make mention of Thee or to describe Thee save that Thou adorn my head with the crown of Thy pardon and my temple with the ornament of Thy forgiveness. Alas, alas, for that which hath escaped me in Thy days!

My Lord! Thou seest the sinner standing before the gate of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy revelation to make me steadfast and firm in Thy announcement whereby the feet of Thy creation have slipped save those whom the hand of Thy generosity did rescue. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful! All praise be to God Who hath fulfilled what He revealed unto all His Prophets and Messengers, and hath given glad tidings unto all of His days, among which is the Day that He promised us in His inviolable Book through His words, exalted be His dominion: "the day when God will enrich everyone out of His abundance." And verily this is our Day, wherein I witness that He hath enriched all who have entered beneath His shade from the abundance of His knowledge and wisdom, to such degree that He hath placed the reins of all knowledge in the grasp of the lowliest of His servants and in the hands of the most abject of His creatures when they hold fast to the cord of His love in the days of His Manifestation.

All praise be to God Who inspireth whom He willeth with the hosts of His revelation and casteth into the heart of whomsoever He desireth the light of His knowledge. There is no God but Him, Who hath manifested Himself through His own Self to such extent that no veil remaineth save the light of His beauty, and no cloud save the intensity of His revelation.

Then blessings and peace be upon the most noble of His chosen ones, the lord of His creation, and upon his family and his progeny, and then upon His friends who have arisen to carry out His Cause and have remained steadfast in His love.

And now, be it known that thy beloved letter was received and was the source of joy and gladness. God willing, may this blessing ever accompany thee and this confirmation remain constant, that from time to time thou mayest seek knowledge of the condition of those wandering in the desert of disappointment and obscurity, and show them kindness. May God grant thee the best of rewards and enable thee to do what He loveth and approveth.

As to thy question regarding how rights can be restored in the world after death and how the rights of people can be fulfilled in the Greater Resurrection, which hath been interpreted as the Day of Recompense, and how this can be conceived and made possible, given that these ornaments, properties and rights which are sought after and visible in this vain life have no existence in the worlds beyond death, and even if they did exist would yield no benefit or fruit to the rightholders - how then can the restoration of rights be spoken of in those worlds, as is commonly said that the All-Merciful God may at

times forgive His own rights and grant pardon, but He forgiveth not the rights of people until they are fulfilled[…]

O brother! The realities of things manifest and appear with diverse aspects and varying appearances, reality after reality, in every world. The wise ones who have drunk from the wine of inner meanings have affirmed the embodiment of deeds. How excellent are the words of Him Who said! The All-Glorious One declares, and the Dayspring of the Revelation of the All-Merciful has stated: “People shall be rewarded according to their deeds - good for good, and evil for evil.” Thus it becomes evident that deeds shall endure, and every attribute shall have existence, so that by the very attribute and deed itself shall they be recompensed. Therefore, every attribute and every deed that appears from any doer has a form in every world and manifests itself therein, “that every soul may be rewarded for what it has earned, and He is swift in reckoning.”

And when we wish to explain this matter and describe how things appear in the countless worlds, I can find no better example that is closer to understanding and comprehension than the world of sleep, for it was said “Sleep is the brother of death” - so that you may know the brother by the resemblance to his brother. Observe then that in the world of dreams you witness certain things, and after awakening in this world you interpret and explain them with different names, forms and attributes. Then, with the passage of time, things unfold exactly as interpreted and explained.

O brother! When you yourself have experienced dreams and seen therein things that had one name and attribute there, but have another name and attribute here, then likewise affirm this difference of forms in the world after death. Know with certainty that the reality, essence, oneness, form and attributes differ. And if you have not witnessed this station with your own eyes, then turn to the interpretations of the mystics among the interpreters, who have interpreted every deed and word, and explained every thing. The Most Truthful of Speakers mentions the dream of Joseph (peace be upon our age and upon him) and his interpretations of the dreams of the two persons mentioned in the Book. Now consider what kind of world it is where father and mother are seen in the form of sun and moon, and brother appears as a star, and what kind of world this is where the opposite is seen, where sun and moon appeared as father and mother, and star was perceived as brother. His words, exalted be His sovereignty: “I saw eleven stars and the sun and the moon; I saw them prostrating themselves before me.” The interpretation of this dream became manifest when that holy one sat upon the throne of glory and Jacob (peace be upon him) with eleven brothers fell at his feet. Thus, when this matter is proven and established, the vindication of every right in every world shall be given in the form that pertains to that world and […]

Assuredly, if it were otherwise, right would not be vindicated. Let Me give thee an illustration that perchance through multiple examples what hath been stated may be brought closer to understanding and the matter may be confirmed. Consider: if in springtime someone were to usurp a seed or pit from another and plant it in his own garden until it groweth green and flourishing, and finally in summer beareth fruit or becometh a tree, and then a just sovereign desireth in this summer season to restore the right of the wronged one - how would he proceed? Would he take in exchange the seed or pit, or would he seize the very tree with its fruit and restore it? Assuredly thou wouldst say the tree, even though this form is different from that form, and this name and attribute different from that name and attribute it

possessed in spring. Indeed, that seed and pit, according to thy reckoning, no longer exists in summer, and even if returned exactly as it was, it would yield no fruit for its owner and produce no result, since the spring season which was the time for planting hath passed, and the seed and pit would be but useless implements. This is according to outward vision that was mentioned - that it existeth not and yieldeth no fruit. However, in truth and reality this seed and pit doth exist and is manifest in the form of tree and fruit, which is higher and more excellent. And it may well be that right hath been vindicated in this very world though thou art unaware, just as at times riches and possessions become the garment of tribulations and calamities, and tribulation and calamity appear in the form of wealth. Thus the loss of wealth sometimes becometh the cause and means of averting calamity, and in this regard it mattereth not whether this loss of wealth be through heavenly causes or through someone's oppression followed by its seizure. Therefore whoever seizeth and taketh such wealth hath removed calamity and tribulation from thee and brought it upon himself. Can any vindication of right better than this be conceived? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! And were I to expound on the manifestations of deeds, actions and words which appear in countless different forms in the divine worlds and lift the veil, there would be fear that on one hand holy souls would abandon their bodies and ascend to the exalted stations of the All-Merciful, while evil oppressive souls would yield up the ghost in fear of what they had wrought in their vain lives. O what longing for spiritual virtues, goodly deeds, truthful and beneficial words, and that which appeareth therefrom of the raised heaven and spread earth and shining suns and gleaming moons and brilliant stars and pure springs and flowing rivers and gentle breezes and lofty palaces and towering trees and gathered fruits and low-hanging clusters and singing birds and reddened leaves and fragrant flowers! Then I say: Security! Security! O my Lord, the All-Merciful, from evil deeds and […]

Evil deeds, unacceptable actions, harmful lies and that which proceeds from them appear in creation in the form of fires, hell, the Zaqqum tree, thorny plants, and in the form of all wickedness, abhorrence, illness, sorrows, poisons, swords, arrows and spears. God is Most Great! Beyond this, the revelation of mysteries is not permitted. And I say: Glory, then Majesty, then Grandeur belong to God, the One, the All-Compelling.

I bring thee another example from the divine world of religious law which corresponds to the world of creation, and I complete the analogy through divine laws. Perhaps to the extent that thou art aware of divine worlds, thou wilt know and discover the similarity of the world, that thou mayest apply it to infinite worlds.

I give the example of Islamic law and the law that preceded it, of which thou art aware and cannot deny. If a Christian, according to his law and custom, demands payment for wine or a portion of swine meat from one of his co-religionists, and afterward both become honored by accepting Islam, and the deputies of the Most Holy Law wish to secure the right of the wronged one - how do they proceed and exact the right, given that in Islamic law wine and swine meat are of no use and have no value and yield no fruit for the rightful owner? Thou hast no choice but to say that compensation must be given from what is lawful in Islamic law, or that its value must be paid according to what is established and determined among those who consider it lawful, just as similar rulings are recorded and written in some instances in the books of jurisprudence. And if I wished to bring thee a hundred thousand other examples, both mystical and common, by God's might and power I would not be incapable, but I fear it would become lengthy and

cause thee weariness and thou wouldst be deprived of what has been presented. Therefore I conclude by saying: Praise be to God Who guided us to the recognition of His Most Great Name and taught us what the nations knew not.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy!

This is a letter from the Prisoner to him who hath believed in God, the Omnipotent, the Single, the One, the Almighty, that he may rejoice in God's remembrance of him and be numbered among those who have attained.

O thou who art young in love and mature in wisdom! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy days have been linked with the Days of God, through whose effulgent lights the denizens of the Concourse on High have been illumined and the eyes of those near unto God have been solaced. Say: Whoso harboureth in his heart the love of God is verily in the springtime of youth, though a thousand years may have passed over him; and whoso is deprived thereof is indeed in the depths of age, though he be but in the prime of life. Thus hath the decree been inscribed in a preserved and mighty Tablet.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast hearkened unto the Word of God and hast been quickened thereby. Arise, therefore, among the servants to praise My Supreme and Most Great Self. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee. Detach thyself from all things, then turn unto God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds. He hath not forgotten thee and hath been with thee under all conditions. He is aware of thy love for Him and hath sent down verses unto thee as a testimony for thee and an evidence unto all the worlds.

Gladden the people with this Cause and grieve not over those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Sovereign, the Omnipotent, the All-Wise. Say: These are the days whereof We forewarned you aforetime, that the sincere ones would be in grave peril. Shun the enemies of God, then draw nigh unto those on whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of the All-Merciful. Thus doth the Supreme Pen command thee in this resplendent and luminous morn.

Say: O people! Ali hath come unto you with the truth, and this is His Temple among you, speaking from the right hand of the Throne: O people of the Bayan! By God, this is indeed My Self and My Beloved Who hath come unto you with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest ye differ concerning Him and dispute with Him as did the people of the Furqan when I came unto them from the dawning-place of the Spirit with a mighty command. Fear God, O people, and reject not the truth through what ye possess, and turn not back on your heels, and be not of the losers. This is God's proof among you, and His evidence within you, and His testimony amongst all created things. Hold fast unto it, then detach yourselves from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, your Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne.

O thou who gazest toward the sanctuary of holiness! Be thou assured in thy soul that God hath ordained for thee in His presence a station of glory and honor. Blessed is he who entereth therein and abideth

therein, and this is indeed a bounty that equals not whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and the earth.

Say: O people! Believe in Him Who hath come unto you with the truth and Who calleth you unto God, your Lord, and be not of them who join partners with Him. He desireth naught for you save to draw you nigh unto a station of sublime glory. Fear God and deny not Him in Whom ye believed aforetime, and be ye of the faithful. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through utterance, and follow not those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Thus doth God counsel you in truth that ye may be among those who act.

And thou, convey the Cause of thy Lord and be not silent in remembering thy Lord, and be of those who remember. Verily, whoso conveyeth His Cause, He will strengthen him with the truth through angels drawn nigh. Unite the loved ones of God in that land, then gather them unto the Law which hath flowed in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Make mention in the Book of Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God and be of them that are glad. O Muhammad! Be praiseworthy in deed, and arise amidst men with the praise of thy Lord, for this is the most excellent of all deeds, wert thou of them that know. God hath prescribed unto every soul the promulgation of His Cause, and whoso quickeneth a soul with the life of faith, it is as though he had quickened all them that dwell on earth. Beware lest thou grieve over aught. Take thou fast hold of the Most Great Handle within thyself and be not of them that slumber.

Then make mention in the Book of him who hath been named ʼAli in the Kingdom of God, the Most High, the Most Great. O ʼAli! Blessed art thou in that thou hast been named with this Most Great Name, whereby the heavens of Command were rolled up and spread out again, and this is a truth certain. By it was established the Balance of Justice and the Dove of Eternity warbled upon the twigs of the mighty Tree. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and fear not the hosts of Satan. Thy Lord, verily, aideth him who aideth Him and strengtheneth him with the hosts of the unseen. He, verily, is powerful over all things.

Then make mention in the Book of him who hath been named Hasan, that he may be benevolent in the Cause of God, his Lord and the Lord of all worlds. O Hasan! Dost thou sleep upon thy couch while the Beloved is in the hands of the oppressors? Dost thou take thy ease while the Temple of the Youth lieth imprisoned in this remote prison? Say: Verily, He is content with God's good-pleasure, though the clouds of destiny may rain down upon Him the darts of tribulation at every moment, before and after. He giveth thanks unto His Lord in all this, and yearneth to meet Him in a station of glorious and resplendent might. He crieth out: "O Beloved of the worlds! If my body be a veil between me and Thee, then lift it by Thy sovereign might and power. And if my form be a barrier between me and Thee, then render it non-existent through Thy power that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth." Thus warbleth the Cock of the Divine Throne, when He descended from the highest branches of the Lote-Tree of the Far Boundary and found solace with God's loving servants. Beyond this, this Bird hath melodies which none in all the worlds can hear save him who hath detached himself from all things and hath tasted the sweetness of remembrance from this Most Great, Most Ancient, and Most Glorious Remembrance.

Then make mention from Our presence of thy son who hath been named with this Name, whereby they who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, were struck with terror, whereby the faces of them that have professed the unity of God were illumined, and whereby the hearts of them that yearn have soared unto the dominion of God, the King, the Just, the Wise. O Husayn! Wert thou to learn of this Husayn, thou wouldst surely weep in the wilderness like unto the bereaved, nay more grievously still, and God is witness unto this. Wert thou to open thine eye and behold Me, thou wouldst find My soul at that moment beneath the dagger of Shimr, then the point of the spear, then the swords of the idolaters. Yea, by the life of the Beloved! Thus it behooveth My soul, and I besought God for this ere the creation of the heavens and the earth. For verily, a body that hath not been made a target for the spears of the idolaters, the swords of the perverse, and the arrows of the hypocrites–by God, it would never profit Me, nor would I ever desire it. To this testify all atoms, but the people are in profound heedlessness. Say: The Spirit belongeth unto the Lord of the Spirit, and none among all the worlds can dispose of it. By My life! Were but one word to be cast upon you from that station, ye would surely sacrifice your souls for love of My beauty and out of attachment to My transcendent, mighty and wondrous Self. O Most Exalted Pen! Take hold of thy reins and rend not further the veil of mysteries[…]

Then make mention of him who was named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, that he may be mindful of his Lord's remembrance amidst Our heedless servants. O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Hearken unto My call from the direction of the Prison, that there is none other God but Him. His is the greatness and the power, His is the might and the dominion, and in His grasp lies the kingdom of the hidden and the manifest, and He encompasses all things. Moreover, He Who hath come unto you is the Proof of God unto His creation and His Balance amongst the worlds. Bear thou witness, O servant, to that which God hath witnessed, and be not of the silent ones. Arise to praise thy Lord - open thy tongue in utterance concerning this Youth Who hath been afflicted at the hands of the oppressors. Thus have We commanded thee in truth, out of Our love for thee and for the loved ones.

Then convey My greetings unto the devoted women who have believed in God, that they may remember their Lord at eventide and at dawn, and be detached from all the worlds. Let them be patient in God and trust in Him in all matters, for verily He loveth His devoted maidservants and His devoted servants.

Then make mention from Us to the son of him who was named 'Abdu'llah, that the winds of his Lord's will may move him - winds that blow from His exalted, transcendent and mighty paradise. O servant! Blessed art thou for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in these days wherein the Sun of Eternity hath shone forth from the All-Glorious Horizon, by which the denizens of the highest Paradise and the Concourse on high were illumined, were ye of those who know.

Say: O people! Fear God and spread not corruption in the land after its reformation, and shed not blood. Thus doth the Pen of Command admonish you in this remote Prison. Say: O people! Adorn yourselves with the ornament of righteousness, your tongues with the praise of God, and your hearts with His love - this is better for you than the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Beware lest ye differ in the Cause of God. Gather ye together around His Cause, whereby the faces of those who have recognized His unity will be illumined. Thus have We counseled those who have believed in God and were among the successful ones.

And thou, O youth, give thanks unto God thy Lord, then turn thy face toward the House and say:

O my God and my Master! I am he who hath turned his face toward the seat of Thy throne, and I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all who are in the heavens and on earth were shaken, save those whom Thou didst preserve through Thy grace and didst number among the sincere ones, that Thou withhold not from me the wonders of Thy gifts and favors, and that the sweet fragrances of Thy mercy and bestowals be not cut off from me. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Glorious. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that my feet shall not slip even though all created things should oppose me.

Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to what thou hast been bidden by One Forgiving, Merciful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Return to the mention of him in whose name this Tablet hath been revealed, as a token of grace unto him from his Lord, the Most High, the Great, that he may rejoice once again in his soul at these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and that he may inhale the fragrance of the Youth from the raiment of utterance and be of the thankful ones. O servant! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having singled thee out for this supreme grace, for verily His mercy hath preceded all created things and His bounty hath encompassed all who dwell in His realm. Convey Our greetings unto him who was named Muhammad-'Ali, that he may detach himself from the world and turn unto God, his Lord, and draw near unto the shore of this Most Great, this Mighty Ocean. Say: It behooveth one like thee to detach thyself from all allusions and to burn away the veils with the fire of the love of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Arise to serve God and His Cause, then forbid the people from that which displeaseth His good-pleasure. Thus hath the command been revealed in this Revelation, and thy Lord is, verily, witness and well-informed of this. We have forbidden the servants from transgression and wickedness, and have commanded them to fear God, the Mighty, the Wise. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then guide the people to the spring which hath flowed forth from the Will of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, in this wondrous and sublime Paradise. Say: O people! Aid the religion of God through your deeds, and be not of the transgressors. Beware lest ye cast the ordinances of God behind your backs and follow the ways of the oppressors. We showed thee aforetime in thy dream that which would guide thee to this Paradise. Ponder, that thou mayest recognize and be filled with manifest joy. Nothing escapes His knowledge, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and the earth. Say: Knowledge is the recognition of God and the Manifestation of His Self in these days, were ye of them that perceive. Without this, nothing shall be mentioned before God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. Satan shall soon appear unto you in human form; take ye refuge in God from his evil, O concourse of believers! Verily, they who have not believed in this Revelation, nothing shall profit them, even if they possess all the books of the ancients and the moderns. And the mercy which descendeth from the clouds of grace be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards the direction of God with pure and luminous hearts. The Most Glorious. If thou art able to attain unto the presence of the Countenance, We have verily permitted thee to do so, as a bounty from Us and a mercy from Our presence upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. However, this should be without causing any grief or creating any disturbance; otherwise, remain in thy place and then proclaim the Cause of God. This is greater than all that is great.

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In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a letter from the Prisoner to him who hath believed in God, his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, and who hath attained the presence of the Youth and heard from Him what none else hath heard, were ye to be of the fair-minded. Upon him have shone the lights of the Countenance, and the breezes of the All-Merciful have stirred him, and the melodies of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, have attracted him. Hearken unto the words of Him Who calleth thee, then cast behind thee all that thou hast and take what thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, hath given thee. Beware lest thou be veiled by what hath been revealed in the Bayan from Him through Whose will the religions of former times were manifested. Beware lest thou be veiled by its letters and its mirrors and what was created therein from Him through Whose word all things proclaim "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Wise." This is what We have commanded thee in the outward realm of the Cause, even as it was sent down in the Bayan from the presence of the Ancient Sender. If thou wouldst observe with keen sight, by God the Truth, thou wouldst not find in the Bayan a single word but that thou wouldst discover therefrom the fragrance of My mighty and wondrous remembrance. For every word God took the covenant of My Self before His Own Self, wert thou of those who know. Say: The Point of the Bayan moved only by My Name, breathed only in My remembrance, and spoke only in My praise. To this testifieth what was revealed by Him, and His own self beareth witness to what I say. And verily, at this moment, He liveth in this sublime horizon and declareth: "O Muhammad! Hearken unto the words of Him Who calleth thee unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Commit not that whereby the sanctity of the Cause would be violated amongst the people, and be not of those who were veiled from God on the day when the clouds were cleft asunder and the Beloved came with His name, the Most High, the Most Great." These are they who rose in opposition and protest, and among them were those who denounced Him as an infidel, and those who warred against Him, and those who cited the verses of the past and thereby objected to His wronged and lonely Self.

O Muhammad! Hearest thou not the melodies of God in this mighty and glorious melody? Perceivest thou not the fragrance of God from this luminous and shining raiment? Beholdest thou not the power of God in this power that hath encompassed the worlds? Hast thou not seen the sovereignty of God and heard His uprise amidst the hosts of His enemies? By God, all that hath appeared from Him is a proof and evidence, yea, a testimony unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: This indeed is the path of God, therefore walk ye therein and be not of the patient ones. This verily is the melody of God which hath been raised from the direction of the Throne; hearken unto it, O people, and be not of the doubters. This indeed is His countenance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Most Merciful in this most wonderful and wondrous Paradise.

O Muhammad! This is verily the News that had been inscribed in all the Tablets, and this is the Cause at which all who are in the heavens and on earth were dismayed, except such as God preserved through His grace and power from His presence, and gave to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the fingers of thy Lord's will, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and made them among those who are firmly

established. Should this Countenance be veiled by whatsoever countenance ye desire, be ye among those who turn towards it. O Muhammad! By God, this is verily the Beauty of the heavens and earth, wert thou of them that are assured. This is the Beauty the like of which hath never appeared in all creation. Ponder then, that thou mayest witness what God hath testified in the atoms of the Bayan and at this very moment. O Muhammad! Should anyone come forth and adduce all that was revealed from time immemorial, it would profit him not a whit except he acknowledge this Manifestation which hath dawned in this luminous Morn. Say: Truth itself moveth with Him, were ye of them that know. Know thou moreover that every tree planted in the Bayan was planted solely for this Most Great, this Mighty Manifestation. Hear My words, then detach thyself for the sake of God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of them that know. Then incline thine inward ear unto the melodies of the birds of sorrow in the Paradise of exposition in My remembrance and praise, that haply thou mayest detach thyself from all else but Me and turn unto the face of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Not a letter, nor a word, nor any utterance was recorded in the Bayan except it was revealed concerning My Cause, and to this testifieth all things, wert thou of the fair-minded. Wouldst thou be of them who hesitated in the Cause of God on the day when the Manifestation of His Self came unto them with manifest sovereignty, who clung to the words revealed aforetime and objected thereby to His Self, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent? If thou fearest for thy faith, preserve this Tablet, and should anyone object to thee by any proof concerning thy belief in God, bring forth this Tablet and say: By this holy, mighty and resplendent Book! By God, I intended naught in these words save to proclaim the Cause of thy Lord, and God is indeed witness and knowing of this. I desired not Mine own self, but rather what God desired for His near servants. My will was naught but His Will, and what He desired was indeed My desire, wert thou of them that know. I speak not except by His leave, and move not except by His binding, firm and mighty command. Hear My words, then cast aside what thou hast and arise to serve the Cause of God, thy Lord. He will verily aid thee with the truth, and His help through the sincere ones is nigh. Come forth from behind the veils of allusion, then turn thy face unto the concourse of the Furqan and say: The test hath come to you from the direction of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Fear God and be not of them that hesitate. Say: This is verily a Youth Who hath come unto you with God's testimony, His proof, His evidence, His signs, His grandeur and His sovereignty. Nothing can withhold Him from His Cause, nor can the heavens and earth stand against Him. The Kingdom of God marcheth before Him, and behind Him are the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration, and on His right hand a company of angels. Then turn unto the concourse of the Gospel and say: The Most Great, the Mighty News hath come unto you. By God, He Who ascended unto heaven hath in truth descended and standeth before the Face. Fear God and be not of the heedless. He hath come to give life unto the world and to unite all its peoples, and this is better for you, did ye but know. He hath sacrificed His spirit once again for all who are in the heavens and on earth, out of His love for God, the Almighty, the August, the Inaccessible.

Say to the priest: Beware lest thou ring the bells. By the True One! The Most Great Bell hath appeared, rung by the fingers of the Will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in the Throne of Glory, and by it have been attracted the realities of all created things - they who have purified their vision from human limitations and turned unto this Most Great Prospect, the Seat of God, the Almighty, the Great, the Glorious. Fear thou no one. Arise through My power and sovereignty, then deliver My messages, and be not of the patient ones. Then turn thy gaze unto the concourse of the Torah and say: He hath come unto you - the

Sovereign of Names and Attributes, within Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of verses, and there hath appeared at His right hand that which was promised unto you of the House of David. Indeed, He is the Promised One in your midst, and now He calleth unto you from the right of the throne of your Lord, the Loving. O concourse of the Jews! How long will ye slumber upon the couch of ignorance and heedlessness? Lift up your heads, for lo! the Sun hath risen from the horizon of majesty and hath reached its zenith. Be illumined by its light and be not of them that are veiled.

Say: In the name of God and by God! Then turn to the people of the Bayan and say: O people! Have ye not been promised in the Tablets of your Lord, the All-Merciful, this Revelation which hath come to you with the proof of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing? If ye deny it, by what proof can ye establish your faith in God, your Lord? Bring it forth and be not of the patient ones. This is the Self of ’Ali in your midst, the Manifestation of Muhammad among you, and the Spirit of the Spirit between the heavens and the earths. He desireth naught for Himself and calleth you at all times unto God, your Lord. Have mercy, O people, and slay Him not with the swords of hatred, and be not of the wrongdoers. Judge fairly within yourselves: Have ye found in the Bayan aught that would not serve as evidence of My remembrance and praise? Nay, by His Self, the Ancient of Days! Were ye to inhale the leaves of the Bayan, from every leaf thereof ye would discover the fragrance of My holy and glorious Raiment. Beware, O people, lest ye pierce Him with the arrows of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and be of the losers. I desired not to manifest Myself amongst you, but God did manifest Me in truth, caused Me to speak His verses, and sent Me unto all the worlds. This indeed is the Lamp which your Beloved and the Beloved of the mystics hath kindled, and this is the Fire which the Will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath ignited at the heart of all creation. Were anyone to hearken unto the sighing of but a single spark thereof, he would hear that this is the Beloved of God Who hath appeared among you, and this is the Object of worship of all worlds. I possess nothing of Mine own, for He speaketh by My tongue as He willeth. If this be My crime, then I am not the first of the transgressors. Ponder upon God’s Messengers and His Emissaries: They all spoke as this Spirit hath spoken among you, as testify the realities of all things and the bearers of the mighty throne. If ye help not this Wronged One, at least oppose Him not. Fear ye God Who sent down the Bayan and the former Books. By His Best-Beloved Self! I desired not to be a ruler over those on earth, but rather to convey unto them that which I was bidden by the Mighty, the Beauteous, that He might detach them from earthly things and cause them to ascend unto a station beyond the recognition of the polytheists and the comprehension of the opposers. Thou knowest that I have found no safe haven in My days, but have at all times been at the mercy of the oppressors, and there hath befallen Me that which hath befallen no one before Me - thou wouldst bear witness to this wert thou to be of the fair-minded. I have arisen to make mention of God amidst His creation to the extent of My ability, and have not fallen short in proclaiming His Cause throughout the heavens and the earth. These are days the like of which the eye of creation hath never seen, and in the like of which none of God’s Messengers hath appeared save this most wondrous and incomparable Revelation. Through this Revelation is the decree of origination made manifest, were ye of them that are assured, and through this Revelation hath the power of God been established among His servants and His sovereignty manifested unto all possessed of keen insight and knowledge.

O Muhammad! We have indeed answered thee before this, and thou wast present before Us and heard from Us that which most of mankind have not heard, and thou hast become acquainted with My nature and My remembrance amongst these heedless ones. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of this Most Great, this Mighty Ocean. Verily, he whom the people had taken as their lord appeared before the Presence with evident submissiveness. Yet when We exalted his mention, he sought to shed My blood by following his self and his passion, and thus did he deal with Us in this remote Prison. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who cannot distinguish their left from their right. Thus have We recounted unto thee what hath befallen the Youth, and cast upon thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto God, thy Lord, that thou mayest be of them that attain. Detach thyself from thine own self, then from the world, and arise to serve thy Lord's Cause with manifest power. If mankind were to gather around this Ocean which surgeth within itself for its own sake, and from each of whose waves there proclaimeth every billow that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Gracious! Beware lest names withhold thee from Him Who brought them into being, and dominion from its Possessor. Purify thyself from all things, then thy tongue from the mention of all peoples. Then, shouldst thou make mention before men of the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, thy words would influence them, save those from whom the spirit of life hath been taken. These are but ashes of the earth; they shall never be quickened, even should the spirit be breathed into them throughout the duration of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have sent thee aforetime Tablets of transcendent glory, a single word of which sufficeth all created things. Hearken unto that which We have commanded thee, for love of thine own self, and be not of the transgressors. This beseemeth thee and will render thee independent of all that thou hast known and learned, and of all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. And the Spirit and glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and are of them that are well-assured.

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He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise!

O Nightingale! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all worlds! We address thee in the Persian tongue. Verily, We love to make mention of thee and give thee glad tidings of My grace, My bounty, and My mercy which have preceded thee and aided thee in teaching My Most Great Cause and My Mighty Message. God knoweth, and thou knowest, that the Pen of God hath never ceased to make mention of His servants and counsel them. We have bestowed upon them that which will preserve them, exalt them, strengthen them, and draw them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Time and again have We made mention of that which leadeth to the elevation, advancement and refinement of souls, and the conditions required of teachers have shone forth from the horizon of divine Tablets. We beseech God to aid all to achieve that which draweth hearts near and attracteth them. The Most Exalted Pen lamenteth and declareth: Today the people of Baha must guide the people of the world through deeds and character, and lead them to the straight path.

One night in the realm of vision, We addressed one of the claimants to love who dwelleth outside this land with this blessed verse: "Thou wast created to aid My Cause, yet thou didst aid Mine enemies

through deeds more powerful than the hosts of kings and rulers." Other verses were also revealed to him, and We have mentioned this verse in certain Tablets. Ask thou of God to raise up souls who will arise to aid the Cause of the Wronged One with perfect sanctity, detachment and severance - an arising that no laxity can overtake nor sitting down follow. The loved ones are few and the enemies many.

O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory! Strive that perchance the servants may not be deprived of the waves of the divine ocean of inner meanings. Most are veiled by names, which have become the greatest barrier, thus preventing them from drawing nigh to the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: O people of Baha! Should unseemly conduct appear from any one of you, that one hath been and is an helper of the enemies of Truth, for heedless souls, upon hearing of a reprehensible act, kindle the fire of corruption and begin to spread it, attributing it to the Source.

Repeatedly hath this exalted word descended from the Most Exalted Pen: The hosts that can render victorious the Truth are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and the leader and commander of these hosts is the fear of God. By My life! Few indeed are the ears worthy of hearing this call. From the beginning of the Cause We have borne countless afflictions that perchance the heedless souls might become aware and attain to that which beseemeth them. The Cause of God is as manifest as the sun, brilliant and luminous[…]

O Friends! Extinguish the lamp of error and kindle within your hearts and souls the everlasting beacons of guidance, for ere long the assayers of all being will accept naught but the purest virtue in the presence of the Adored One, and naught but spotless deeds shall be accepted by Him.

This is written in the first line of the Tablet and concealed in the pavilion of God's protection:

O My servant! Let not a single breath deprive thee of the imperishable sovereignty, and forfeit not the celestial dominion of Paradise for a fleeting desire. This is the living waters of Kawthar, flowing from the fountain-pen of the All-Merciful. Well is it with them that drink thereof.

O earthly plant! How is it that thou wilt not touch thy garment with sugar-stained hands, yet with a heart defiled by desire and passion thou seekest intimacy with Me and yearnest to enter My holy dominions? Far, far be it from you, from that which ye desire! […]

O Nightingale! The purpose is that it be made known to all that from the earliest days the Supreme Pen hath commanded all to sanctification, detachment, and that whereby the Cause is exalted. These sublime words were revealed in the Tablet of Majesty: "Today the helper of the Truth hath been goodly deeds and praiseworthy character." Repeatedly hath this exalted word been revealed from the Supreme Pen: "The harm to this Wronged One came not from the chains and fetters of the Land of ?a, nor from the oppression of the tyrants of the Land of Mim. Rather it came from souls who claim to love Him and count themselves among the people of Baha, yet are found to be obedient to self and passion." Today must the friends be illumined with the light of piety and enkindled with the fire of detachment. This is the counsel of the Truth, exalted be His glory, both aforetime and hereafter. Well is it with them that act!

In truth I say: from whomsoever appeareth the fire of desire and passion, he is not and hath never been of the Truth. The friends must be adorned with the ornament of detachment, piety, trustworthiness and

religion. In the Hidden Words We have said: “O ye that are fair in the outward and dark in the inward! Your likeness is as the clear, bitter water which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. Yea, the sun’s rays fall alike upon the dust and the mirror, yet differ they in reflection even as doth the star from the earth, nay measureless is the difference!”

The influence of the Word hath ever been dependent upon sanctification of self. Say: O my God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy loved ones with the light of Thy knowledge, and aid them to champion Thy Cause through utterance from which the fragrance of Thy sanctity is diffused. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the outpourings of Thy days. I beseech Thee to assist them in whatsoever good Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thou didst mention the loved ones of the land of Shin and likewise other lands. The excellence of that blessed land among hallowed regions is evident and manifest as the sun. Blessed is it and blessed are its people who have drunk the wine of revelation from the chalices of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou didst mention certain souls and their enkindlement with the fire of divine love. Praised be God, each one hath attained unto the waves of the ocean of utterance. We have mentioned them all with a mention that is sanctified above change and effacement. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Give them My glad-tidings, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance. The Afnan of that land, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, have attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. We beseech God to manifest through them the standards of His might in His lands and the banners of His guidance amongst His servants.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-’Abdu’l-?amid, upon him be Baha, and of his attraction and ardor. Praise be to God, he turned to the Cause in its early days and attained the honor of meeting and reaching his goal. We beseech God to assist him that he may arise to serve the Cause, that perchance certain unseemly deeds may be transformed into pure and goodly acts.

O servant before ?a and Mim! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison and take hold of the reins of the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Give the people to drink, at one time from the choice wine of utterance, and at another from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Say: O people! By the True One, ye were created for this Day. Cast aside vain imaginings and their manifestations, and conjectures and their sources. The veil hath been removed and the Creator of all things hath come with the banners of verses and the standards of clear proofs. Hasten with your hearts and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Return, and glory be unto Thee, O Master of all necks. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth and sent them unto thee, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as to cause the hearts of the wicked to tremble. Today the servants are heedless; were they to become aware and find their purpose, all would arise to serve. Their divines have kept them back from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist all to turn in repentance, for verily He is the Kind, the Forgiving.

Specifically for some of the aforementioned friends, exalted, wondrous and holy Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of God’s will. God willing, they shall drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the

All-Merciful and receive their portion from the ocean of true unity. He is the Giver, He is the Bestower, He is the Generous One.

Verily We make mention of the friends of God in Mim and Ya, then Mim, and We have sent down for them Tablets from the heaven of loving-kindness and favor. We beseech God to grant them the bounty of attaining His Tablets and to gladden them with that which He hath ordained for those who have turned unto Him from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God! By Thy power, raise up one who will arise to serve Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall deter him, nor shall the might of potentates frighten him, nor shall the clamor of the powerful weaken him. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of the heedless among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Ancient King and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for those who have entered beneath Thy shadow the reward of attaining Thy presence and that which Thou hast destined for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of all that was and shall be.

And We make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves who have believed in God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O handmaidens of God! The Wronged One beseecheth God to draw you nigh and to assist you to be chaste, virtuous, righteous and God-fearing. Aid your Lord through pure and goodly deeds and blessed, praiseworthy conduct. O handmaidens of God! The world hath been encompassed by extinction. Blessed is the soul whom the concerns of the days have not kept back from the Lord of all names. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee, O nightingale, and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning this momentous News.

As commanded, deliver a copy of this blessed Tablet and the other holy Tablet which was revealed in thy name to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-?amid, upon him be the glory of God.

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

Praise be to God Who hath spoken that whereby the people were drawn unto Him, and through which the sincere ones hastened to the station of nearness, of holiness and of glory, and the unified ones to the place of might, grandeur and majesty. The wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful hath seized all who are in the realm of possibility, save those who violated the Covenant and broke God’s pledge on the Day of Meeting. Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through the name of Beauty to all regions; the first to attain unto this radiance were the lovers, whom every person of insight beholdeth in a state of attraction and burning. These are servants whom neither the conditions of the divines have withheld from God, the Lord of all names, nor the might of princes from the straight path. They arose and proclaimed: “God is our Lord, our Creator and our Provider. We have believed in Him and held fast to the cord of His favors and clung to the hem of His mercy.” Thus were they seized with such tyranny the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, and there befell them in the path of God that which causeth bodies to quake at its mere mention. They arose and spoke until they sacrificed their lives in the path of

God, their Goal and their Beloved. And among them was one who dwelt in His presence and abided under His shadow. The heat of love had seized him to such degree that he was set ablaze and soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. When he ascended, God purified him from all the odors of this world and the hand of grace admitted him to a station that cannot be described in words. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

Thereafter, O My beloved, the Servant received your letter which spoke of your recognition, your mention and your turning to the Supreme Horizon. When I read and understood its contents, I repaired to a station which meanings cannot reach, nor utterance, nor can the bird of knowledge approach it. I was present and presented that wherewith you praised God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, the Master of the hereafter and of the former times. When the letter was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby spirits took flight. He said, exalted be His grandeur and His greatness:

In His Name, the Hearing, the All-Seeing […]

O thou who gazest upon the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the luminous Spot, the Station which hath been mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds. That which was hidden from time immemorial hath been revealed, and He hath summoned all unto Him on a Day wherein the gentle breeze hath wafted and the Herald hath proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him and recognized Him when the servants turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of this resplendent Day, did choose. Blessed is he who hath arisen in My Name, and blessed is the silent one who hath spoken forth this mighty News. Thou didst attain unto My mention before, and now once again, as a token of grace from God. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the choice wine of revelation, and woe unto the heedless. We recount what hath befallen Us in this Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. The Bird of Faithfulness hath soared from the prison to the most exalted Summit, whereupon My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken that which nothing in the kingdom of creation can equal, as every fair-minded and perspicacious one doth testify. He hath attained unto that which cannot be mentioned in words. Give thanks unto God for this bounty, before which, when it was manifested, every possessor of distinction bowed down in humble submission. On the Day of Ascension, the Concourse on High and a company of angels and the Spirit welcomed him. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur make mention unto thee from this glorious station. We make mention of thy brother, thy mother, and thy sister, then those who are with you and have turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We send greetings from this Station to the loved ones of God in that land and give them the glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all things and My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We make mention of My leaves who have attained unto the supreme steadfastness in the days of their Lord, the Sovereign of all beings, in such wise that their feet have not slipped from the Path of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. The splendor that shineth forth from the horizon of My mercy and the peace that hath appeared from the direction of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them, both men and women, and upon those whom the affairs of the world have not kept back from this mighty and wondrous Cause.

[The remainder of the text continues with a personal letter in Persian discussing various matters related to the passing of a believer, mentioning correspondences received, and concluding with reference to a revelation about to be shared…]

O friends of the All-Merciful! He says that this day is most beloved and blessed, for the Speaker of Sinai calls out with the most exalted call and the Dawning-Place of Revelation appears in the most glorious array. Whosoever attains unto it, the Concourse on High takes pride in mentioning him and the dwellers of the highest Paradise seek his presence. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Day of God and hast testified to that which God Himself hath testified. This hath been and is among the greatest bounties of God. By My life! He hath no peer or likeness. All who are on earth sought this Day, yet after its appearance all remained veiled save whom God wished. They occupy themselves with two fleeting days and are deprived and forbidden from the eternal bounty and everlasting feast. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having aided me in a Cause from which the divines of Thy earth and the learned of Thy lands were hindered. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Manifestation and the rushing winds of Thy grace to grant me steadfastness in Thy Cause. Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Creator of the heavens! How can I praise and thank Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison and for having turned toward me while I was in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

This is what was sent down from the heaven of grace to Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]. His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful

We heard thy mention and mentioned thee, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. We saw thee turning toward Us and We turned toward thee, and I am the One with power over what I will. We found the fragrance of thy love and sent thee the musk of inner meanings in the vessels of words, and I am the Bountiful Giver. Thou wert mentioned before by My Most Exalted Pen and this is yet another time, and I am the All-Wise Expositor. Give thanks unto God for this bounty and glorify Him with praise, and I am the All-Informed Educator.

This is what was sent down to Mulla Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous

O Muhammad-Hasan! Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days and heard My call and answered thy Lord, when those in all lands turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, wished. Some time ago thou didst attain unto the mention of God. By the life of God! Nothing can equal it. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted and most high station. The bounty is great, the seeker rare. They who are on earth have gathered around the putrid carcasses of passion and desire, and are deprived of the descended feast from the heaven of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the people of the village. The mention of all, whether male or female, and likewise the service of each one, is clear and evident in the Most Holy Court. No deed

remains hidden. He is the All-Seeing and He is the All-Hearing. He testifies and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We send Our greetings from this spot upon them and We have accepted what they have done in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds and actions in this Most Great, this ordained Cause. Hold fast unto the cord of unity that its effects may be manifest in all regions. Thus doth the Lord of the Covenant counsel you as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the Loving. Let not the affairs of men grieve you. The world shall pass away, and that which hath been sent down unto you from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, shall endure. Glory be upon you and upon those who hold fast unto the Book of God and act according to what hath been sent down therein from the presence of an ancient Revealer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In the days when His Holiness the departed and exalted one, upon whom be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, was outwardly circumambulating, missives were sent to him from that land and from the people of the village. He gave all of them to this servant, and they were presented before the Throne. The purpose is that the gentlemen of that land and the people of the village should know that no deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it be, and each soul has been and shall be rewarded according to their righteous deeds. The service of each one has been accepted at the Most Holy Court - His is the praise, the thanksgiving, and the glory, and His is the kindness, the bounty and the grandeur. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that the All-Glorious Truth may make all aware and sustain them with the fruits of the Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Let this blessed verse be ever before your eyes - the Most Merciful One says in the Qur'an, exalted be His Word: "O my son! If there be (but) the weight of a mustard-seed and it were (hidden) in a rock, or (anywhere) in the heavens or on earth, God will bring it forth." All matters are manifest and evident, to this my Lord, the All-Seeing, the Kind, bears witness. How blessed is the state of one who in this Divine Day has recognized Him and has arisen to serve His Cause. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist His loved ones to do what He loves and is pleased with, and whereby His Cause may be exalted in the Kingdom of Creation. Verily, He does what He wills. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Exalted. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who have clung to the hem of their Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

It is submitted that His honor Karbala'i Aqa Husayn, son of the exalted departed one - may God elevate his station and upon him be the glory of God, his Lord - sent a letter to this servant, and its reply was presented, and there descended from the heaven of Divine Will, specifically for him, that which the world cannot equal. And he had mentioned the people of the village; the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in this servant's handwriting specifically for him, and in the letter which this servant sent to the aforementioned person, mention of the people of the village and the honored Leaf and His honor Haji Muhammad-'Ali - upon them be the glory of God - was again revealed from the heaven of Divine Will and sent. The purpose is that mention of the friends and loved ones has been and continues to be made in various places - some have outwardly received it and continue to receive it, and mention of others remains preserved in the Treasury of Infallibility until such time as grace may assist and deliver it. And one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for the mother and sister - upon them be the

glory of God. God willing, they will be blessed by it and be gladdened by what was revealed for them. And praise be upon you from God, the Lord of the Manifestation.

The Servant

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O Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Single One, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

These are the verses of God, sent down in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. God hath made them the sign of His Revelation unto all those in the Concourse on High, and the mirror of His Beauty unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and His conclusive proof unto all created things. He hath made them in themselves an evidence of His Own Self, and through them He sent forth the Messengers of old, testifying that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful. Through them He hath ordained the measures of His Cause for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and detailed every wise command. He hath deposited within every soul that whereby it may know its Lord, and without this His proof unto His creatures would not be complete, nor His evidence perfected before all worlds. He hath made the knowledge of His Self to be through His Self and through that which proceedeth from His presence, and not through aught else, whereunto testify all created things and, beyond them, all the Sacred Scriptures and Books that have been sent down from His hallowed, inaccessible and glorious dominion. The knowledge of His Self hath never been associated with anything amongst all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth, for all else is known through Him, while He is known through His Own Self, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Say: Verily His Cause cannot be confused with aught else, and it shineth forth from the horizon of holiness with a light which no veils can obscure, nor can the denial of these deniers prevent it.

O Nabil! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who weepeth within His soul - a weeping that causeth the eye of ’Ali in the Most Exalted Companion to weep, and thereafter the eyes of the Prophets and Messengers - because of what hath befallen Him at the hands of those whom He taught in days past and aided from His presence throughout all months and years. By God! Such tribulations have touched Me as have touched no one else amongst all created things, and there hath descended upon Me that which hath descended upon no soul. Thou wouldst surely believe Me if thou wouldst ponder My Cause and the multitude of Mine enemies from among the peoples of former times and those who reckon themselves among the doers of good. They claim within themselves that they have believed in God and His signs, yet when He appeared unto them with His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, they disbelieved in Him and became numbered with the idolaters. Say: The Spirit speaketh in all things, saying that this is He Who was mentioned in the scriptures of the ancients, and this is He Who was purposed in the books of the Messengers. He desireth nothing for Himself, and is imprisoned in a place where the love of anyone profiteth Him not, nor the acceptance of all creation. He remindeth men for the sake of God and desireth from them no recompense. His reward is with Him Who created Him in truth and sent Him to the worlds

with manifest sovereignty and a lucid Book. He commandeth righteousness and piety, forbiddeth wickedness and indecency, and guideth them to the paradise that they may enter it in security. Say: O people! Were ye to behold the signs of God and His manifestation with your own eyes, ye would recognize Him in less than a moment and would stand firm in His Cause in such wise that no trial could cause you to stumble, nor could the opposition of all the worlds hinder you. But whoso looketh not upon Him with his own eyes shall never know Him and shall be overturned by every trial, as thou hast witnessed in these days and art among those who bear witness. Verily, those who claimed to have recognized the Primal Point - had their recognition been true - would not have wavered at the appearance of His latter Manifestation, nor would their feet have slipped from the path, for He appeared with a revelation whose lights encompassed all who dwell in the kingdom. When they denied this Manifestation, it became evident that they had not truly known Him as He was in Himself, but had known only one of His names. Thus when He appeared with another name, they dispersed from around Him and returned to their former state. Thus do We clarify the matter for thee that thou mayest be endowed with insight from God, the King, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. These are the worshippers of names in the sight of thy Lord, and they have no share of the cup of nearness.

O Nabil! By God, a trial hath appeared which hath caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to burn, and at this moment all things are burning within themselves, if thou be of them that perceive. The pillars of existence have been shaken, the bearers of the Throne have fled, the denizens of the realms of might have been thunderstruck upon the dust of extinction, the luminous ones have perished upon the exalted Mount, and intoxication hath overtaken the dwellers of the cities of knowledge and wisdom - all are now among the dead, save them whose eyes God hath opened with the light of recognition and whose hearts have been assured by the breezes that waft from the direction of a magnificent throne. These shall not be moved by the winds of the south and north, nor shall they be turned aside by the opposition of all who are in the heavens and earth, for this trial is a trial for those who have not witnessed the power of God and who have been in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord, after the heaven of names was rent asunder and God came upon clouds of inner meanings with clear and manifest sovereignty. As for those who have known God by His Self and by what hath appeared from Him - these have drunk the pure wine of holiness in the most exalted Paradise from the hand of the mercy of thy Lord, the Most High, the Inaccessible, the Sublime, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Leave thou the cup of annihilation and take with the hand of contentment the chalice of everlasting life through the sovereignty of the name of thy Most Glorious Lord. Say: In the name of God, the Exalted, the Most High, the All-Powerful. Then drink thereof and be of the detached ones. By My life! When thou drinkest thereof, the tongues of the inhabitants of the Paradise of Refuge shall speak, then the tongues of those who dwell nigh the Divine Lote-Tree, and beyond them the Tongue of Grandeur shall proclaim: “Well is it with thee, O thou who art assured of God and who drinkest from the cup of His grace, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Wondrous!” Hearken unto the words of him who loveth thee for the sake of God, then rend asunder the veils through a power from Us and a sovereignty from Our presence, and fear no one but trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Say: O people! Do ye imagine within yourselves that the signs of God could be confused with those of His creation? Nay, by the Sovereign of the Throne, if ye be of the fair-minded! Say: Were all who are in the heavens and on earth to gather together to walk as the Ancient Beauty walketh, they would never be able nor would they have the power - how much less the power that hath encompassed all

created things or that which proceedeth from His mighty, omnipotent, and powerful Pen. And every letter that issueth from His mouth verily sustaineth all things as they are. Thus hath the Most Great Spirit spoken in this holy and magnificent Tablet.

O Nabil! Take hold of the Tablet with the power of God and withhold not thyself from that which hath been ordained for thee in the dominion of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Invincible, the All-Wise. Fear thou no one, for verily He will protect thee as He hath protected thee in truth, and will exalt thee amongst His servants, and will aid thee with the truth. He is, in truth, the best of helpers and supporters. Soon will He return thee to thy habitation, and thine eyes shall be solaced through His grace. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

By God, O Nabil! I have desired naught in this world, nor have I sought anything for Myself. My deeds bear witness to My words, if thou be of them that ponder. I have desired naught save ascension unto God, and at all times do I beseech Him to raise Me up unto Him and deliver Me from these people who speak naught except that which their idle fancies command them, and who are of the heedless ones. Shouldst thou become aware of My suffering, thou wouldst not be able to contain thyself and would weep as weep they who have lost their beloved ones.

By God! Were I to desire to acquaint anyone with what hath befallen Me, I would not be able, for the root of the matter hath remained hidden from the eyes of all the servants, save from two souls: one who was named Ahmad from thy land, who was raised unto God and martyred in His path and was of the martyrs; and the other who was named Kalim, who is with Us and around whom the decree doth revolve. God is witness to what I say.

Ponder thou this Cause, and My mention, and My rising amongst the people, and My concealment, that God may acquaint thee with that which no one hath been acquainted, for He inspireth His servants with whatsoever He willeth, and He is powerful over all things. When thou knowest, thou wilt become aware of My tribulation which no one in all creation hath borne, and thou wilt hear in My words a cry and lamentation.

If thou desirest to know God's Cause in these days, purify thyself from all things, then arise from thy place, turn thy face toward God and say: "O my Lord! I am he who hath turned his face unto Thy face, the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding, the Sanctified, the Luminous, and who hath detached himself from all things and entered beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Mercy which hath encompassed the worlds. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the breezes of the dawn of Thy manifestation and Thy presence, and distance me not from the revelations of the glory of Thy mercy and favors. O my Lord! Cause me to know Thy beauty, then raise me unto that atmosphere wherein are heard the melodies of the birds of eternity, which Thou hast sanctified from the knowledge of all created things save such as have detached themselves wholly from all else but Thee and have laid hold on the hem of Thy wondrous and mighty bounty. O my Lord! Illumine my sight for the vision of the lights of Thy beauty and purify my heart for the recognition of Thy supreme and most great Self."

Then go forth from the city wherein thou dwellest and distance thyself therefrom a thousand paces. Then stand and raise thy hands unto God with firm and steadfast certainty and say: "O my Lord! I am he who

hath raised his hands unto the heaven of Thy bounty and bestowal. Send down, then, upon me that which befitteth the sovereignty of Thy generosity and gifts. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! I am he who hath abandoned his self and his desires and hastened toward the direction of Thy Cause and Thy good-pleasure, and hath advanced toward the sanctuary of Thy nearness and the Kaaba of Thy reunion and meeting. Make me not, O my God, deprived of that which is with Thee, nor despairing of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He Who hath ever been in the heights of power, might, and majesty, and wilt ever remain in the exaltation of loftiness, grandeur, and glory. Verily, Thou art near and responsive to him who calleth upon Thee."

By God, O Nabil! If thou wouldst act in accordance with what We have commanded thee in pure truth, then with thine innate hearing thou wouldst hear the call of all things in this Most Great Announcement, and thou wouldst recognize God's sovereignty and His manifestation, then His grandeur and His power. Thou wouldst hear what no one hath heard and witness that of which all creation remaineth heedless, save those whom God's guidance hath preceded and whom He hath made the hands of His Cause among His creatures and the lights of His countenance amidst the worlds. Say: O people! By God, from all that appeareth from the holy direction there appear the signs of God, would ye but witness them. And from each letter thereof wafteth the fragrance of Paradise, which none can detect save those endowed with a refined sense of smell. Would that thou hadst been with Us in this migration and hadst become aware of the mysteries We have veiled from the servants out of Our desire to glorify God's Cause, thy Lord, and hadst been among those who are informed. We beseech God to inform thee in those days and to impart unto thee that of which most of the servants remain heedless. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Soon there shall appear before thee that from which thou wilt find the Youth's aversion, and thou wilt be commanded by a command which thou wilt not accept, and thou shalt leave it behind thee through a power from thy Lord, the Eternal, the All-Wise. This is of the tidings of the unseen which We have informed thee in truth, that thou mayest act in accordance with what thou hast been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All this is from My love for thee, and everything created and yet to be created testifieth thereunto, and then this Faithful Pen. O Nabil! Rend asunder the veils of dominion, then behold with the Greatest Vision. By God! The Cause hath been exalted and made manifest, and the Sun hath dawned from the horizon of a renowned Name, and the Face of God, the Hidden, hath appeared. Then shalt thou find the polytheists in turmoil and dust, and the monotheists in light and radiance. Say: Verily He hath appeared more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye, and none hath any escape from Him save that he either believeth in Him or denieth all the signs and returneth to the nethermost fire. And rejoice thou within thyself, then give the glad tidings unto the people that the Beauty hath appeared without veil or covering. Say: The Sun hath dawned from the holy horizon, then the Moon hath been cleft asunder. Thus doth the Pen of Decree teach thee that thou mayest be among the people of insight. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the love of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

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O thou Ismu'llah Zayn, upon thee be all the most glorious glory! He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving!

Praise be befitting and worthy of that Omnipotent One Who, despite the turning away of kings and subjects, the indifference of divines, theologians and mystics, and the aversion of the people of the cities and lands, and the dispersion of affairs and separation of means, did gather His loved ones in the field and garden and made them circumambulate the Most Exalted Castle which hath been made the seat of the Throne of the Lord of Names. He is that Sovereign Omnipotent One Whom the power of the world cannot weaken, and the clamor of the nations cannot prevent from His purpose. He hath done what He willed and doeth what He pleaseth. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Unique, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

Thereafter, this servant who is present hath come with thy letter wherein was mentioned he who circumambulated the Throne when its seat was in Zawra and in the Land of Mystery, wherein was revealed that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. O Hasan! Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom the affairs of creation did not prevent from the Truth, who turned with radiant faces toward My most exalted horizon and bore witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur had testified before the creation of the heavens and earths. Thy mention hath been presented in a leaf sent by My Name who was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have seen thy name and have revealed for thee that which God hath made as a spirit for bodies, a light for the horizons, water for the trees, and glory for the righteous. When thou attainest unto it and hearkenest unto it, say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, for having remembered Thy servant in the Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the stars of the heaven of Thy knowledge, to make me content with Thy good-pleasure, steadfast in service to Thy loved ones, speaking in Thy praise, and holding fast unto the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

We make mention of Our loved ones there who have not broken My Covenant and Testament and who turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Blessed are they, their eyes, their hearts, their breasts, and their ears. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken forth from this Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

O people of God! We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of wisdom and utterance, and have sent down for those near unto Us that which shall draw them nigh unto My Straight Path. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to turn unto Him, to face toward His countenance, to gaze toward His direction, to hold fast unto His cord, and to cling to His luminous hem. We have made mention of you in diverse Tablets and have ordained for you in the Book the good of the hereafter and of the former time. To this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness in this exalted station.

O Siyyid Muhammad-'Ali! Your letter hath reached the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy praise in the remembrance of God, thy Creator, thy Fashioner, thy Sustainer and thy Quickener, Who hath sent down unto thee the proof and made manifest unto thee the way, until thou didst attain and win that which lay hidden in the treasuries of the unseen and was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We heard thy call and summoned thee from the most sacred side of the Throne: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed." We have mentioned thee aforetime with that which surpasseth all that can be seen on earth. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. We bear witness that thou didst hearken unto the call of thy Lord, didst attain His presence, didst behold His horizon, and didst stand before a door which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Muhammad! The Single, the One, hath made mention of thee and given thee glad tidings of His favors, of which none is aware save His all-knowing Self. Blessed art thou for having cast behind thee idle fancies and turned unto the ocean that hath manifested its waves before the faces of the world, and unto the Lote-Tree that hath revealed its fruits among the nations. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Wronged One was in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the idolaters have wrought.

O Ali! Hear once again the call of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, Whom neither the clamor of the princes, nor the barking of the divines, nor the clamoring of the wayward could deter. He hath arisen before all faces with a power that hath shaken the pillars of tyranny when the Wondrous One appeared before the people with God's mighty and irrefutable Book. He raised His hands and said: "O King! I have brought thee from the Most Great Announcement a mighty Book." Thereupon the people's limbs trembled with the fear of God, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son whose letter hath reached the Throne while the Prisoner was in manifest grief by reason of what the hands of the people of the Bayan had wrought, they who turned away from the All-Merciful after He came unto them with the Kingdom of verses and the dominion of wisdom and utterance, with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth. We make mention of Our loved ones there and remind them of My verses and counsel them with that which beseemeth their kinship to God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Pen shed forth its effusions and the Sun its radiance. Blessed is he who hath taken and attained unto the grace of God, the Originator, the Wondrous One. We love to make mention of every name that is there and give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness, My mercy and My favor that hath encompassed all existence. O people of God! Hear once again My sweetest call from the Prison. Verily, there is no God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have revealed in the Book whatsoever hath appeared and shall appear. To this testify honored servants whom neither the might of the Pharaohs deterred from drawing nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They stood before all faces and spoke what the Book had uttered - the Book that was hidden in the treasury of knowledge and inscribed by the Pen of Revelation in this exalted station. Beware lest the affairs of creation debar you from the Truth. Cast away idle fancies, clinging to the cord of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Zain! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness. The servant present hath brought thy letter and laid it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee as a grace from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thou art he whom the affairs of the world have not deterred from the Lord of Eternity. Thou hast heard what ears were prevented from hearing and seen what eyes were hindered from beholding, as a recompense for their deeds on this Promised Day. When

thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved and Best-Beloved of the Prophets, and praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the Kingdom. Thou movest it as Thou pleasest by Thy command. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Protector, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.” Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee and turneth unto thee and holdeth fast unto the cord of thy love. He is indeed of the people of Baha in God’s Book, the Sovereign of might. O Zain! We have heard the call from the land of Kaf and Ra before Dal wherein ascended one of My loved ones who was named Nasru’llah in this praiseworthy station. We have revealed for him that which hath made the countenance of existence smile. He is of those who believed in God when people were lost in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He shattered the idols of fancy in the name of the Lord of all beings, turned unto Him and said: “Here am I, here am I, O God of the seen and unseen! Here am I, here am I, O Lord of existence!” He testified to that which God had testified and turned toward Him when those around him turned away, following every heedless and veiled one. He bore witness to Me before all faces, to this doth testify the Pen of God when the Temple of Grandeur was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Loving. We have exalted him and […]

We elevated him to the Highest Companion and revealed for him that which gladdens hearts and souls, and We revealed for his brother that which will cause its fragrances to endure throughout the duration of My Most Beautiful Names. We beseech the Most High to preserve him and strengthen him in a manner befitting this Cause, whereby skins have trembled. We have also mentioned his other brother - verily he remembers those who have turned to him just as he remembered before his loved ones who held fast to His extended cord.

We make mention of Ismail who attained the presence of the Throne and heard with his own ear My call. We have counseled him with that which We counseled Our loved ones in the Scriptures and Tablets. O Ismail! Upon thee be My glory! We mentioned thee before, and at this time verses have been revealed before which other verses bow down in humility. We counsel thee as We counseled thee before with that which will elevate the station of man in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath come from the heaven of Command with verses of grandeur whereby the earths and heavens were illumined. Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, and through the hosts of deeds and virtuous conduct. Thus have We commanded thee before and at this time when the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout creation. Set aside what the people possess, then turn thy face toward God, the Lord of Lords. Say:

My God, my God! Whenever I contemplate Thy days, my standing before Thy face, the manifestations of Thy favors, the evidences of Thy bounties, and the hidden gifts of Thy grace, such agitation seizeth me that I long to hide my face beneath the dust, O Thou Who holdest all necks in Thy grasp! O Lord! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me, and Thy remoteness and estrangement hath caused my death. I beseech Thee by the Fire wherewith Thou didst manifest Thyself unto Moses on the Mount of Thy knowledge, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver Thy loved ones and chosen ones, to make me aided in the service of Thy Cause in such wise that I may detach myself from all that is mine, turning toward the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and grace. I beseech Thee, O God of the world, by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty, to

forgive me through Thy grace and favors. Then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purify me from all else save Thee, draw me nigh unto Thee, grant me Thy good-pleasure and cause me to speak Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Lord of the world and the Sovereign of nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful. O God, my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who have arisen to exalt Thy Word. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the hosts of the world nor the might of nations can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Name Zain! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness. We wish to make mention of him who was named Asadu'llah in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords. He turned to the Most High Horizon and traversed land and sea until he arrived at the place wherein the Call was raised. We bear witness that he is of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. He heard what most of the servants have not heard, and witnessed the mighty signs of his Lord when mankind was in wondrous drunkenness. He attained and drank the choice sealed wine from the hands of My bounty, and achieved that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. We have mentioned him and do mention him in this station as a grace from Us, yea a grace from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We caused him to hear My call and showed him My horizon and revealed for him that whereby the horizons were illumined. O Asad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee - dost thou recognize from which Pen? From the Pen of God, the Lord of all religions. When thou beholdest the waves of the sea and findest the fragrance of utterance from the Book of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: […]

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who controlleth the verses and manifesteth the clear signs! I beseech Thee by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge to assist me in Thy remembrance and Thy praise and in serving Thy Cause amidst Thy servants. O my Lord! Withhold not from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have sacrificed all they possessed in their longing to attain Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My favor and My loving-kindness and My mercy that have encompassed all regions. O My loved ones! This is a Day wherein the lips of all things have smiled at the revelation of that which lay hidden from time immemorial. Give thanks unto your Lord, the Most Merciful, for this bounty the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. We seal this epistle with the mention of him who was named Yusuf in the Book of Names, who stood before the Countenance and heard the call of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. He drew nigh and hastened until he attained the presence of the Face and heard that for the hearing of which ears were created. Blessed be he and blessed be his eyes for what they beheld and blessed be his face for having turned toward the Face of God, the One, the Chosen. He heard My call and drank the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My bounty. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him in serving the Cause and inspire him with that which will attract the inhabitants of the lands. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Ruler in the return. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

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He is God–exalted is His station in majesty and power!

Praise sanctified from the breath of all the world befitteth the most holy court of the Beloved One, before Whom all the words in existence are powerless and fall short of indicating even one letter and conjunction of His creation in their allusive state. Glory be to God! What rank have mere words that they should comprehend and present that before a single verse of the verses of His grandeur all things and manifestations of names lie unconscious and bewildered. Exalted is His grandeur, exalted is His sovereignty, exalted is His glory and His power! The force of His Will hath adorned the Ancient Day with a new ornament and attributed it unto Himself, in such wise that it is as though nothing more wondrous had ever appeared in the world of being, nor ever shall appear. Every ancient thing boweth down before this new thing, and every hidden thing is humbled before this manifest one. I testify that there is none other God but Him. His are the majesty and the power, His are the loftiness and the authority. He doeth what He willeth and commandeth what He pleaseth, and He is the Ruler, the Mighty, the Manifest.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the ocean of utterance surgeth in the world of possibility and the nightingale of eternity warbleth upon the branches! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the gates of heaven were opened and the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined, to aid Thy loved ones to draw nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy recognition and to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the most distinguished among Thy creatures have slipped. O Lord! The faces have turned unto Thy face and the hands have been raised toward the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and by them that circle round it in Thy days, to show them that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Manifestation. Then gather them beneath the shadow of Thy Most Exalted Word, through which all things have uttered: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Knowing.”

And furthermore, I acknowledge receipt of your letter which brought joy and delight. The fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds was diffused therefrom. God willing, may you ever be occupied with His remembrance and praise, and arise to serve Him in such wise that the light of praise may encompass the Kingdom of Utterance. Exalted is this most impregnable, most holy station! After this evanescent servant gained knowledge thereof, he turned toward the immortal realm and presented before His presence whatsoever was mentioned and written. He said: “O Abu’l-Hasan! God willing, mayest thou attain unto that which God hath desired, and in all conditions gaze toward the horizon of contentment. By the pearl of the sea of oneness and the dawning of the sun of divine unity! All the seas of the world cannot equal one drop from the ocean of contentment. Blessed is the soul that hath spoken for God’s sake and walked in His path. Today the sun of bounty is shining and the orb of loving-kindness is dawning and the heaven of mercy is raised up. Blessed are they who, for the sake of these two fleeting days, have not deprived themselves of the immortal Kingdom. Convey with the utmost joy and fragrance greetings from this Wronged One to all those souls who have accepted the Truth. Say: O friends! God willing, may ye appear before the faces of men adorned with the ornaments of trustworthiness, truthfulness and steadfastness, that all may be illumined and adorned by the effulgences of the light of these suns. Every deed that

appeareth purely for the sake of God is as a shining and luminous sun. Under all conditions, hold fast unto that which is praiseworthy and fix your gaze upon that which hath been revealed in the Book. Read ye what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an where He saith: 'Do good even as God hath dealt well with thee.' The steadfast souls must become dawning-places of spiritual virtues and rising-points of goodly deeds. Remind all of that which beseemeth them. O Abu'l-Hasan! The call is most loud, but the weight of greed and desire hath prevented ears from hearing. Beseech God to rend asunder, with the arm of might, the veils that have hindered them, and to guide all to the most exalted Paradise." End.

This evanescent one is ever immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for the lights of His luminous countenance are visible and manifest and the suns of His revealed verses are blazing and evident like fire upon the highest standards; yet people remain veiled and deprived. This servant begs and supplicates and implores, and from the Mighty Truth hopes for compassion and grace and response. May His mercy encompass all and His call awaken them. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

As to what they wrote concerning the father named after the Desired One, upon them both be the Glory of God, it was presented and He spoke these sublime words:

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise […]

O Muhammad-Qablih-Javad! Rejoice in that the Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be glad and be of the thankful. A letter hath come to the Prison from him who was named Abu'l-Hasan, wherein was thy mention. We make mention of thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Grieve not at anything, but put thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. He, verily, aideth whom He willeth through the hosts of earth and heaven, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth the reward of His presence, the Mighty, the Precious. Say: He hath come with the truth, and speaketh the truth, and summoneth all unto the truth, yet most of mankind remain heedless. They have cast away that which profiteth them and have taken that which leadeth them to the lowest of the low. We have found the fragrance of thy love; We have turned toward thee and have revealed unto thee this perspicuous Tablet. By My life! Whosoever attaineth unto a drop from the ocean of fairness will cry out and say: "By God! A mighty Book hath been sent down!" Rejoice thou in that the Most Great Joy maketh mention of thee whilst surrounded by sorrows from those who have denied the right of God and His loved ones, and have turned away from Him in that they have followed every ignorant doubter. Thus hath the gate of Paradise been opened by the finger of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and He hath caused thee to hear the cooing of the Dove of the Cause upon the branches. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of knowledge and received thy portion from the realm of vision. We made mention of thee before, and God willing, thou shalt at all times be illumined and radiant through the lights of the Sun of divine mercy. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning, and from the prison We have turned toward thee. Blessed art thou for having turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless! How many are those who have broken the Covenant and been deprived of the Dawning-Place of grace. Strange it is that while the Dawn hath appeared and a sweet-scented breeze wafteth with utmost delicacy and gentleness from the direction of

the Robe, yet the people of the earth remain heedless and veiled therefrom. A dark smoke hath prevented most from beholding. Have they not seen the divine Books, or have they not read the Furqan which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood? To what cord do they cling and to what hem do they hold? They turn away from the light and incline toward the fire; they are far removed from the rays of the Sun of Revelation and are debarred from the living waters. Thus have their souls enticed them, while they perceive not. O Hasan! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and My turning toward thee, and say:

O God of the Kingdom and the Realm, Lord of grandeur and might! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the sincere have hastened to the ocean of Thy reunion and the near ones to the fountain of Thy presence, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy decree that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! I am he who hath turned unto the Kaaba of Thy nearness and hath attained unto the hearing of Thy call. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and enable me to do that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Overshadowing, the Self-Subsisting.

Some time ago, a letter from them reached this servant, and this evanescent one sent a reply, as was also done previously. Both letters from this evanescent one were adorned and illumined with the light of the Sun of the favor of the Beloved of the world. God willing, may they ever abide beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence and be engaged in service to the Cause. Likewise, a petition arrived from Mulla Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this response descended from the Kingdom of utterance. God willing, may they attain unto it.

He is God, the Hearing, the All-Knowing

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the tongue that hath attained to the mention of God and the heart that hath been adorned with the lights of His love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The world and its ornaments, its favors and its bounties shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks unto God for having illumined thy heart with the lights of His knowledge and enabled thee to turn unto Him on a day wherein the limbs of the world trembled for fear of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Ibrahim! The Wronged One declareth: Where is the fire that I might enter it for His love and His Name, and where is the spear that I might advance toward it with My breast in this straight Path? By My life! Were anyone to taste the sweetness of My utterance, it would draw him to a station wherein neither the might of the world would frighten him nor the ornaments of any great ruler occupy him. Say: O my God! This is my face which hath turned unto Thy face, seeking the wine of Thy bounty and steadfastness in Thy path. Wilt Thou deprive it of the wonders of Thy grace or grant it what it seeketh through Thy generosity and favor? I testify that Thou hast never disappointed those who have hoped in Thee, nor hast Thou turned away those who have sought Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Write down for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The souls mentioned in thy letter have, praise be to God, attained unto divine bounty and been blessed with eternal grace. God willing, they must not let slip this lofty and most exalted station and must remain vigilant throughout the nights and days, for thieves lie in wait and traitors stand ready at their posts. The

servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His loved ones from the evil of every deceiver and the schemes of every suspicious plotter. Likewise, in the letter of Aqa Muhammad Javad, mention was made of Master Baqir, which was presented before the Throne. This is what was revealed in response:

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

Consider man as the heaven wherein the sun and moon are his pure and goodly deeds, and the stars his spiritual qualities. God willing, may all the friends of Truth be adorned with this most mighty and holy ornament. Today the ocean of awareness surgeth and the sun of knowledge shineth forth. Hearken and discover, that ye may endure. The authoritative Word hath ever been and shall remain the quickener of soul and spirit, and in each of its letters lieth concealed the river of life. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk therefrom and been adorned with the ornament of everlasting life. Verily, He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Wise. We made mention of thee before, and this time too thou hast been illumined by the Sun of utterance of the Lord of Mercy. God willing, mayest thou preserve this divine gift from the eyes of the treacherous and the thieves. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place. Verily, We have remembered them and given them glad tidings through My gracious mention.

This servant's submission is that you should convey sublime greetings on my behalf to him who bears the name of the Desired One. Undoubtedly you have already delivered the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet that was revealed specifically for him, and he has attained unto it. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be assisted through God's grace. Likewise, convey greetings to the friends in other lands who are truly attaining and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. And convey mention, salutations and greetings to his honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God. And make mention that, God willing, may you be assisted, confirmed and successful in that which God loves and with which He is well-pleased. The glory be upon you and upon them both and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Praise be to God, the Lord of the throne and of the dust.

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He is God, the King, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting!

These are the verses of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, unto those who have believed in God and His verses, and who are secure from the terror of polytheism. Say: O people! Why do ye deny Me when ye witness that I have come to you with verses that cause the hearts of them that have believed to tremble and minds to be bewildered? O people! Have ye forgotten the decree of God that was sent down in the Bayan from the presence of the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, and the covenant He took from you in every Book, nay in every recorded scroll, that ye should not deny the verses of God when they are revealed in truth, nor dispute with Him Who cometh unto you with preserved tablets of glory? And if ye

believe not in Him, oppose Him not. Fear God, then deny not His Beauty. We have indeed sent down aforetime unto Muhammad, the Messenger of God, if ye but understand. None dispute the verses of God except those who disbelieve. Thus was it sent down aforetime from the presence of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people! Fear God and be not proud before Him at Whose might all are dismayed. Beware lest ye render your works vain and cling to what ye possess rather than to that which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Sanctify thyself, then remind the servants of what the Spirit hath cast upon thee. Fear no one and grieve not for what hath befallen thee of adversity and hardship. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and be not of those who reflect not upon the verses of God. By God! If thou wert to arise for the love of God and His servant, God would assist thee against all who are on earth. Verily, there is no God but Him. He aideth whom He willeth through His word "Be," and it is! Thus do We recite unto you of the verses of God and cast upon you that which will tranquilize your hearts and the hearts of those who behold naught save through the Greatest Vision in this concealed and luminous Beauty. And thou, rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, then emerge from behind the clouds with a power from Us and a might from Our presence, that thou mayest witness what no one among creation hath witnessed. This is what We have caused thee to witness in truth in this holy and praiseworthy station. Beware lest thou be like unto those who follow naught but their vain desires and who wander in the valley of idle fancy.

As to what thou hast asked concerning human nature, know thou that all men have been created according to the nature of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He hath ordained for every soul the measures of His decree as inscribed in the preserved tablets of glory. Yet all this manifesteth through your own volition, even as ye witness in your own deeds. Consider, for instance, that which hath been forbidden unto the servants in the Book, as ye observe in the Bayan, wherein God hath permitted what He willeth by His command and forbidden what He pleaseth by His sovereignty. Say: All this is in the Book - do ye not witness it? Yet people, after knowing that from which they were prohibited, still commit it. Can this be attributed to God or to their own selves, if ye be fair-minded? Say: No good thing proceedeth from any source except from God, while no evil originateth from any source except from yourselves. Do ye not comprehend? This hath been revealed in all the Tablets, if ye but knew. Yea, He knoweth your deeds before their appearance, even as He knoweth them after they are manifest. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all things are preserved with Him in the tablets of holy concealment. This knowledge doth not cause the deed in His creation, even as your knowledge of something is not the cause of its appearance in what ye have willed or will, have known or will know. Thus do We cast upon thee from the verses of divine innovation and expound them with truth, that perchance the people may become assured of the signs of their Lord. Therefore, ponder within thyself concerning that which thou hast asked, that God may open unto thy heart the gates of knowledge and wisdom, and cause thee to witness the creation of all things, and acquaint thee with the mysteries of what was and what will be. By God! All this is easier with Him than all else. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth among His creation by a command from His presence, and verily He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. And thou art a bird soaring in the holy atmosphere wherein move the breezes of the Ever-Living. Beware lest thou be of them who stand still. Rather, strive within thyself to ascend at every moment to another heaven and another atmosphere, that thou mayest discover at every instant the mysteries of a hidden innovation. For there is no end to the heaven of His grace, nor any beginning to the earth of His

bounty, that it might be completed by foot or wing or the comprehension of minds. Rend asunder the veils by My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved, and turn not unto anyone except God, thy Lord. Set thy face toward the luminous and visible Countenance, that the greatness of turbans may not prevent thee from entering the sanctuary of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Holy. For We have found the people of the Bayan to be like the people of the Furqan, nay rather more veiled, if ye but knew. They speak as others spoke before and act as did the nations of old. Soon shall ye know. Strive thou, therefore, within thyself lest thou walk in their footsteps. Rather, walk in the footsteps of God, thy Lord, on this luminous, blessed, and extended path. Were thou to ask them concerning the difference between themselves and others, they would speak without understanding. Thus have their souls enticed them, and their hearts have hardened through that which they have earned.

As to what thou hast asked of me, know thou that I am a servant who hath believed in God and His signs and His Messengers and His Books, making no distinction between any of them, and thus have I been commanded by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. I have believed in all that hath been sent down from Him and in that which is now being revealed from the heaven of holy love. I follow what I have been commanded in the Book, by God's might and power, and I desire not to transgress a single letter thereof. To this do bear witness mine own self and mine essence, then my tongue, if ye be of them that perceive. I declare lawful unto myself whatsoever God hath made lawful in the Bayan, and forbidden whatsoever He hath forbidden, and I believe in all that hath been revealed therein, if ye be of them that believe. Verily they who make lawful what God hath forbidden them and forbid what God hath made lawful in the Book - these understand nothing and know not. But this question beseemeth no one among men, for this is a station whereon the Pen moveth not, nor doth ink flow, if ye be of them that know. Were this question from another than thee, We would not have answered with a single letter, but as We desired for thee a certain station, We have answered thee that thou mayest perchance awaken unto thyself and be of them that are guided in these days wherein every soul is intoxicated and all have turned away from His beauty, save them who have detached themselves wholly from all they have heard and who behold with the eye of sanctity. By the True One! Thou hast asked about a station greater than the creation of the heavens and earth, which God hath placed above the testimonies of His servants - none shall understand it save them that are endued with knowledge. Yea, people understand according to their ranks and stations, not according to that which hath been ordained for it. Glorified, glorified be He above all that ye ask! If thou wouldst rend asunder the veil from thine eyes and ascend unto the holy atmosphere in this air that wafteth in this heaven, and detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and earth and from every prolonged matter, the Spirit would cast into thy breast from this station that which would make thee independent of all that hath been created and shall be created, and sufficient unto thee above all things that were and that shall be. Thus doth the Pen of Command recite unto thee from God's wisdom, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and cast upon thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto a glorious and praiseworthy station, from whose precincts most of the servants have been debarred, and none shall attain thereunto save they who recline upon the couches of eternity.

And as to what thou hast asked concerning my son, know thou that my sons, if they follow the ordinances of God and transgress not beyond that which hath been decreed in the Bayan, the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and enjoin upon themselves and upon the servants that which is good

and forbid that which is evil, and bear witness to that which God hath testified in His decisive and irrevocable verses, and believe in Him Whom God shall manifest on the Day when the time of the first and the last shall be reckoned, and on which all shall be brought before God, their Lord, and differ not in the Cause of God nor transgress His sacred Law that hath been ordained and inscribed - then know ye that they are the leaves of the Tree of Unity and its fruits, and through them the clouds rain down and the mists are lifted by grace, if ye be of them that are assured. They are the kindred of God among you and the people of His household in your midst, and His mercy unto all worlds, if ye be of them that know. Through them the breezes of God waft over you and the winds of might pass over them that are nigh, and they are the Pen of God and His Command and His Word amongst His creatures, and through them He taketh and giveth, if ye be of them that understand. Through them the earth hath been illumined with the light of thy Lord and the signs of His grace have appeared unto them that deny not the signs of God. Therefore, whoso harmeth them hath harmed Me, and whoso turneth away from them hath turned away from the path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Soon shall become manifest the turning away of them that have turned aside and their pride against Us and their transgression against Our souls without any clear proof or preserved scripture. Say: O people! They are the signs of God among you. Beware lest ye dispute with them or slay them or be of them who act wickedly and perceive it not. They are the captives of God on earth and have fallen beneath the hands of the oppressors in this land which lieth behind exalted mountains. All this befell them at a time when they were but children in the kingdom and had committed no sin, but rather for the sake of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. And from among them, he in whom this quality is innate, God causeth to flow from his tongue the verses of His power, and he is of them whom God hath specially chosen for His Cause. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and we all act by His command. We beseech God to aid them to obey Him and to grant them that which will gladden their hearts and the hearts of them that turn at all times toward the court of God, and to forgive their misdeeds and make them to be of them that shall inherit the Paradise of the All-Highest from God, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee in this Tablet and revealed unto thee that which was concealed from others, as a grace from Us unto thee and unto them who are guided by God's guidance at this dawning-place. And thou, preserve this Tablet as thou wouldst thine eye. Beware lest thou disclose it to anyone save them that are worthy. Thus doth the Command of God enjoin thee concerning that which is hidden. Transgress not beyond that which thou hast been bidden, for We have found the people of the Bayan to be more veiled than all the peoples of the earth, save whom thy Lord willeth. Thus have We taken account of the matter, if ye be of them that reckon. We beseech God to aid them to follow His Cause that they may rend asunder the veils and emerge from behind the clouds with authority from God, the Powerful, the Most Holy.

Know then that We answered thy questions at the time when thy letter in eloquent Persian appeared before Us. But as no messenger was found to convey it to thee, We cast it into the sea by Our command, lest thereby the clamor of the idolaters be raised. In His hand is the dominion of all things. He eraseth what He willeth and confirmeth what He pleaseth, and with Him are the holy and preserved Tablets. Therefore, We answered three of them in an eloquent Arabic tongue, and withheld the Pen from the remaining two by virtue of a wisdom which none should know save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. The Pen shall flow in its time when the Command cometh from the horizon of holy and glorious

might. Should God will and desire it - verily there is no God but Him - He ordaineth what He pleaseth and manifesteth what He desireth. All spirit and glory and eternity be upon thee, that thou mayest be among those who are steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord.

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

The essence of praise and glorification befitteth the Lord of Names, Who hath conquered the cities of the hearts of them that are endued with understanding through the hosts of utterance and expression. From time immemorial, out of pure bounty and grace, He hath summoned the peoples of the world to the most exalted horizon. His mercy hath ever preceded all else, and His grace hath outstripped all things. Every tongue proclaimeth His greatness and every face is turned toward His horizon. The oceans of the world bear witness to His grandeur and the heavens testify to His exaltation. The transgressions of the peoples of the world have not withheld His favors, nor have the errors of nations stayed His Will. He eraseth whatsoever He willeth and confirmeth whatsoever He pleaseth. The pavilion of power hath been raised through His Name and the tabernacle of world order hath been pitched by His Will. Exalted be His station, exalted be His might, exalted be His grandeur and power, and exalted be His glory and majesty!

Alas, alas! Souls that are defiled with fancy and vain imaginings are incapable of drawing nigh unto Him. Pure sanctification and complete detachment are required for one to attain unto the lights of the Kingdom and taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Now the peoples of the world are observed to be veiled and deprived of the supreme blessing, for the flesh and blood of most are commingled with tales and sayings and the conditions of names and the differences of things. Glory be to God! How can such souls be worthy of this Court and befitting of this station, unless the True One, exalted be His glory, should through His power create servants who are capable of hearkening unto the call and worthy of beholding the Most Exalted Horizon? Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His Word “Be” and it is!

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Sovereign over all things! The Servant testifieth that Thou wert alone and single; no one was seen to champion Thy Cause or arise to serve Thee. Thou didst stand alone before the faces of the world in days wherein the hearts of Thy servants were agitated, and Thou didst call all to the ultimate goal, the most exalted station, and the highest summit. When the horizon of proof was illumined and that which was treasured in the storehouse of knowledge was manifested, Thine enemies who claim adherence to the Bayan emerged from behind the veils and perpetrated that which caused the dwellers of the cities of certitude to lament. I beseech Thee, O Thou Desire of the world and Lord of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy Cause through Thyself and Thy Will and Thy Purpose. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thereafter, thy letter was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love wafted therefrom and the light of faith shone from its horizon. After it was read and perused, it was presented before the countenance

of the Lord of all mankind. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply, blessed and exalted be His Word:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Prisoner […]

O Ahmad! The divine Bird hath been imprisoned in the talons of the enemy. The Sun at the horizon of inner meaning hath been veiled by dark clouds from the light, and the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's mercy hath been held back from flowing by the wickedness of souls. At a time when that which hath been revealed from the heaven of His Will is equivalent to all the books of the past and future, some among the people of the Bayan have risen against Him. It seemeth they are not content with shedding His most pure blood. Those who are heedless and unaware of the root of the Cause claim knowledge and have arisen to mislead receptive souls. Like unto the Shi'ihs they have aimed at the station of the Divine Unity. Throughout ages and centuries they occupied themselves with mention of the Truth from pulpits and praised their own beliefs, yet after the appearance of the Sun of Truth, all engaged in cursing and execration from pulpits in mosques, gatherings and assemblies. Finally both the learned and the ignorant pronounced Him an infidel and issued the death warrant for His most pure blood.

Now too the people of the Bayan cling to such vain imaginings and hold fast to such idle fancies. O people of God! With penetrating vision, attentive ears, pure tongues and illumined faces, behold and hearken and speak. Today the people of Baha are those who see none as existing save God and His loved ones. Say: Pass beyond the realm of names that ye may attain the Most Exalted Paradise which is the station of true unity. Today none but God is worthy of mention, for this is His Day and His Manifestation. The books of the world suffice not, and that which is with the peoples availeth not. With clear certitude and upright stance, arise for the Cause of God - such an arising that neither the doubts of the people of the Bayan nor the might of all in creation shall prevent or deprive you from the goal of all existence.

Reflect upon the deeds and actions of the former people, and likewise upon their results and fruits, that perchance ye may not be deprived of the Lord of the Day of Judgment through the croaking of the crows and the deception of the deceivers. We convey greetings to the friends in that land and those round about, and We counsel them to that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets. O people of God! Whatsoever hath come to pass or shall come to pass was revealed aforetime in God's Book - with Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

Likewise We convey greetings to the handmaidens of God in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and favor - exalted be His glory. All must engage in the remembrance of the Lord of all beings with utmost sanctity and detachment throughout the nights and days. By God's life! He hath ordained for His loved ones and handmaidens that which shall bring joy to the eyes and gladness to the hearts and souls.

O Ahmad! Give praise to the Goal of the world that He granted thee the grace to witness, meet, hearken and stand before His presence. By God's life! Each of these mentioned stations cannot be equaled by the world and all that is therein. The nature of this world is that its Owner hath abandoned it and left it to others. In such case what value can be attached to it that one should be saddened or gladdened by it? Its existence is affliction and its absence is trial. Blessed are the people of Baha, meaning those souls who

soar on the wings of love and detachment and behold themselves free and independent of the world and all its peoples in this day[…]

On this Sunday, the eighteenth of the month of Hajj, this Wronged One was seated upon the carpet sent by that honored one, which had been forwarded previously, in the Mansion of Mazra'ih, engaged in these remembrances: "Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy son, and blessed are they that are with thee. By the life of God! Verily he who hath ascended is in a glorious station and a radiant spot." This ephemeral servant submits that the world is once again encompassed by the vain imaginings of false souls. The party of God must protect itself through His Name. The enemy appears in the guise of friendship to steal away the pearl of the love of Truth. Were Satan to appear in his own garment, no soul would be attracted to him, but he comes in the garment of the people of truth and engages in praise and glorification for the purpose of leading astray. This servant has ever beseeched and hoped from the true Omnipotent One that He may protect His loved ones from the evil of Satan. Verily, He has power over all things.

Some time ago, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent specifically to that honored one, wherein mention was made from the Supreme Pen of the departed and forgiven one who ascended unto God. They attained to that which had been the hope of those near and sincere ones. The other Tablets which were requested in His presence were given to the honored friend, His Eminence Amin, Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God and His favor, to be delivered to that honored one, and especially in these days he was written to with emphasis to send them.

Concerning what was written about the receipt of the trust, whatever reached that honored one reached this servant. That honored one has been and is, by God's grace, trustworthy. There is no room for doubt or uncertainty in this matter. Praise be to our Lord Who guided me and guided you to His path, made clear to us His way, manifested to us His evidence, showed us the horizon of His revelation, and made us hear His call. We beseech Him to protect us from the evil of His enemies and the wickedness of His servants. Verily, He is our Master and our Protector, our Guardian and our Provider, the One Who gives us life and causes us to die, and our Helper in recognizing His firm and mighty Cause.

From my brother, His Eminence Aqa Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, also whatever should have arrived has arrived. This servant conveys greetings to him and gives him the glad tidings of God's favor, exalted be His glory, and the acceptance of what was sent. Blessed is he, happy is he.

And concerning what was written about the friends in that land, that they are engaged with utmost love and unity in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise all are holding fast to wisdom in such wise that the clamor of the heedless has subsided - after this matter was submitted in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of Lords. His blessed and exalted Word: […]

O friends of Truth! He accepted all the tribulations of the earth and arose alone to promote the Cause. Neither the might of the people nor the clamor of men kept Him from mentioning and praising God. He revealed that which He willed. Had there been any worth or station in this world, He would surely not have accepted these tribulations. You must, with utmost joy and eagerness, ecstasy and gladness, be engaged in the mention of Truth, and despite the heedless ones, drink from the most exalted chalice and

partake of the sealed wine. The adherence of God's loved ones to wisdom has been and is acceptable in His sight. Blessed are ye for having adhered to it, recognized its station and that which appears therefrom. The Supreme Pen counsels all to steadfastness, and likewise all must supplicate God day and night to protect His servants from the vain imaginings of the past, lest there appear again in the world the likes of the Shi'ihs and those heedless souls. The deniers of the Bayan are occupied with the same vain imaginings and with utmost deceit and hypocrisy have arisen against the loved ones, and through outward love and friendship have afflicted and continue to afflict the people with the wilderness of idle fancies. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist this party in such wise that they may regard all else save God as non-existent and as nothing. This is the station of true unity. Blessed is he who has adhered to it, detached from those who have hesitated in this Most Great, this mighty Cause. Concerning the late and forgiven His Honor Ibn, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, what was written - the manifest and evident grace has shone forth from the horizon of divine bounty, both in the previously revealed Tablet and in other sublime and holy Tablets. Upon him be God's mercy, His grace, His compassion and His bounty. The one God is my witness that these are the days of death, for each of the steadfast loved ones who has ascended has been mentioned by the Supreme Pen - a mention that perishes not and changes not. Exalted is the mercy of our Lord and great is His bounty upon us. We beseech Him to protect us from the evil of His enemies and to draw us near unto Him in all conditions. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon God's loved ones who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

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18th of Dhi'l-Hajjih-i-Haram 1302

The piece of brocade, the rifle and the cloak that were sent previously have arrived, and likewise the piece of brocade that was in Tehran has also arrived, and the brocade sent by His Honor Aqa 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, has also arrived. God willing, Tablets will be revealed and sent specifically for those mentioned and others, upon them be the Glory of God. I convey greetings to Ibn and the friends of that land. God willing, may each one be illumined with the light of steadfastness, arise to serve, and be engaged in divine mention. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones and those possessed of certitude. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Thou my Lord the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise, sanctified beyond the comprehension of minds and intellects, beseemeth the holy court of that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, unaided and alone, arose before the faces of the heedless and summoned all upon earth - be they princes, divines or jurisprudents - to the Most Exalted Horizon. The might of the world restrained Him not, nor did the opposition of nations deter Him from His remembrance and utterance. The more affliction intensified, the more powerful became His utterance, until He addressed all the monarchs of the earth without veil or covering. His verses encompassed the world, and His

evidences illumined receptive hearts and souls like unto the sun. Exalted be His grandeur, elevated be His dominion, triumphant be His might and power!

Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies, and Thy Self imprisoned in ’Akka in the hands of the heedless among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Thou Desire of the world, by Thy Command through which the rain of Thy knowledge was showered upon the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy creation and those who have turned towards Thee among Thy servants, and by the penetrating influence of Thy Word and the power of Thy Will, to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones in spreading Thy signs, Thy remembrance and Thy praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Ordain for them through the Pen of Destiny that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

[The remainder appears to be a tablet containing both narrative and revealed passages that continues beyond the excerpt provided…]

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having opened before the faces of Thy loved ones the gates of wisdom and understanding, for having guided them to Thy path, illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, and taught them that which draweth them nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by them who hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to meet Thee, whom neither the might of princes deterred from turning unto Thee nor from acknowledging that which Thou didst reveal in Thy Book. I moreover beseech Thee by them who, by Thy leave, turned toward Thy horizon, who stood before the gate of Thy grandeur, who heard Thy call, who witnessed the horizon of Thy Revelation, and who circled round Thy will, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall aid them in making mention of Thee and offering praise unto Thee, and in promoting Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Transform the most eloquent tongue into the language of light. Say: Praise be to God! Today the horizon of the heaven of understanding is illumined and radiant with the Sun of Truth. He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation. From the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is heard the blessed word “He Who was promised hath come.” That soul should illumine and set ablaze hearts and minds with the light of utterance and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, that all may attain unto that for which they were created. This Wronged One hath, from the first day until now, without veil or concealment, summoned all unto that which God hath willed. Blessed are they who have responded and who have uttered the word “Yea.” Glory be to God! It is not known to what the deniers cling. The verses have encompassed the world and the evidences are more manifest than the sun, yet the heedless servants remain veiled save whom God willeth. Nevertheless, the power of Truth hath prevailed and the might of the Word hath encompassed all, such that despite the opposition of kings and subjects and the worshippers of idle fancies, and despite all hindrances and prohibitions, the light of the Cause is seen dawning in every land. Soon shall appear that which We have sent down in the Holy Books and Tablets, even as appeared that which We had formerly announced unto the people. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God! That soul hath attained unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen and is adorned with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. Though today the fruits of matters be hidden from eyes, yet ere long shall appear that which hath proceeded from the tongue of grandeur, and those who have turned unto Him shall behold the fruits of their deeds. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

As to what was asked whether the soul endureth after the body's death or not, and if it endureth, what its condition will be - after this matter was submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

Concerning thy question about the spirit and its survival after its ascension, know thou that it will ascend at the time of its departure until it attaineth the presence of God in a form that neither the revolution of ages and centuries, nor the changes and chances of the world can alter. It will endure as long as the Kingdom of God, His sovereignty, His dominion and power will endure. It manifests the signs of God and His attributes, and reveals His loving kindness and bounty. The pen cannot depict this station nor can any description adequately express its nature, for it is exalted above any description or praise. The Hand of Divine Bounty will cause it to enter a station that no word can appropriately describe, nor can any trace of it be found in the visible world.

Blessed is the spirit that hath emerged from the body purified from the doubts and superstitions of the nations. Such a spirit moveth in the atmosphere of God's good-pleasure and entereth the Supreme Paradise. The Maids of Heaven, dwellers of the loftiest mansions, shall circle around it, and the Prophets of God and His chosen ones will seek its companionship. With them that soul shall freely converse, and shall recount unto them that which it hath endured in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Should anyone be made aware of what is pre-ordained for him in the worlds of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, he would immediately yearn with a great longing for that most exalted, most sanctified and most resplendent station.

In the Persian tongue, hear thou, O 'Abdu'l-Vahhab, upon thee be my Baha! Concerning thy question about the immortality of the spirit, this Wronged One beareth witness to its immortality. And as to thy question about its nature, verily it cannot be described and ought not to be mentioned save to a limited degree. The Prophets and Messengers came to guide mankind to the straight path of Truth, and their purpose was that the servants might be so trained that at the time of their ascension they would, with utmost sanctity, detachment and dedication, set their faces toward the Supreme Companion. By the life of God! The effulgences of these spirits are the cause of the world's progress and the advancement of its peoples. They are the essence of existence and the supreme cause of all the world's appearances and crafts. Through them the clouds pour down rain and the earth bringeth forth its fruits. Nothing among all things existeth without a cause, reason and origin, and the greatest cause hath been and shall ever be these sanctified spirits. The difference between this world and that world is like unto the difference between the embryonic world and this earthly life. After ascension the soul appeareth before God in a form that is worthy of immortality and suited to that world. This immortality is temporal, not essential, for it hath a cause, while essential immortality is uncaused and belongeth exclusively to God, exalted be His glory. Well is it with them that understand!

If thou wouldst reflect upon the deeds of the Prophets, thou wouldst bear witness with absolute certitude that there are worlds besides this world. The philosophers of the earth, as revealed in the Tablet of Wisdom by the Supreme Pen, have mostly acknowledged and accepted what was revealed in the divine Books. However, the materialists who believe in nature have written concerning the Prophets that they were wise men who, for the education of the people, made mention of heaven and hell, reward and punishment. Now consider: all people in every age have regarded the Prophets as superior to all others. Some have called these pure Essences wise men, while others have recognized them as being from God. Now if such souls had considered divine worlds to be limited to this earthly life, they would never have surrendered themselves to their enemies nor endured unprecedented trials and tribulations. Should anyone with a pure heart and penetrating vision meditate upon that which hath shone forth from the Supreme Pen, he would exclaim with his innate tongue: "Now hath the truth become manifest!"

As to thy question about resurrection, that which hath been revealed in the Book of Certitude is sufficient. Well is it with them that understand!

Convey my greetings to him who is named M., upon him be the Glory of God. Today the friends must occupy themselves with service to the Cause, and that service is teaching, which must be carried out with wisdom and utterance. All must hold fast unto this. We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which beseemeth His Day.

We make mention in this place of him who is named 'Abdu'l-Husayn, and We remember him with Our verses and give him the glad-tidings of Our loving-kindness. We ask God to assist him in that which will draw him near unto Him in all conditions.

This evanescent servant makes mention of the friends of God and implores success for each one, that they may exert their utmost endeavor so that perchance the horizons may be illumined with the light of unity. In any case, the Cause of God has been and ever will be all-compelling. We must all beseech Him to confirm souls for the specific purpose of teaching the Cause - but souls who are adorned with the conditions set forth by the Most Exalted Pen. In one of the Tablets these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings. His blessed and exalted Word declares: "Blessed is the soul whose head is adorned with the crown of detachment and whose temple is beautified with the ornament of resignation and contentment." The teachers must summon the servants to the most exalted horizon with perfect sanctity and detachment. They must speak for God and act for the sake of God alone. These and similar utterances have repeatedly been revealed in the Book of God and the divine Scriptures and Tablets. Some, praise be to God, are illumined with the light of certitude and act according to the commandments and ordinances, but others, despite their recognition and acknowledgment of what has been revealed, hesitate in their actions. In this connection, one verse is mentioned. His blessed and exalted Word declares: "My affliction is not My imprisonment and what I have suffered from My enemies, but rather the deeds of My loved ones who claim attachment to Me yet commit that which causes My heart and My pen to lament…" Such verses have repeatedly descended from the heaven of Will. Blessed is he who holds fast unto them and acts according to what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon those who are with you

in this Most Great Cause and Momentous Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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This is the Surih of Sacrifice which hath been sent down from the heaven of command unto him whom We have named the Sacrificed One in the Kingdom of Names, that he may set his face wholly toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Most Wondrous!

God doth bear witness from the throne of grandeur and majesty that verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And He doth bear witness at this moment from the kingdom of might and glory that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Ancient Being doth acknowledge from the heaven of power and majesty that verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Best-Beloved. And this Most Great Word doth acknowledge that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Best-Beloved. God hath testified within His Own Self, unto His Own Self, through His Own Self, that He is God, there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Witnessed. And I do testify within My Own Self, unto My Own Self, through My Own Self, that verily I am God, there is none other God but Him, the Manifest, the Resplendent, the Concealed.

O Beauty of the Most Ancient! Sprinkle upon all created things from the ocean of Thy bounteous grace, that perchance they may be touched by the fragrant breezes of holiness from this Camphor which hath appeared in the Temple of Manifestation, and flow from this Salsabil which God hath sent forth in the form of the Pen and made it a sign of His knowledge between the heavens and earth; yet few among the people perceive.

O Sovereign of Eternity! How can I cast upon all created things the signs of the glory of Thy sovereignty when the idolaters have encompassed Me on every side and laid hands of bondage upon this luminous, mighty and beloved Mouth? And when I mention among them wondrous remembrances, it but increaseth the hatred in the breasts of these wicked ones. Thou knowest what hath befallen Thy Self, and verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen.

O Sacrificed One! Raise thy head from slumber, then open thy tongue in utterance through My Name, the Powerful, the Bountiful. Fear no one, for thy Lord will guard thee from Satan and his manifestations, and will protect thee through His mighty and manifest sovereignty. And if thou desirest to enter this station before whose courtyard stand the realities of the highest ones and the angels who circle round the Throne, it behooveth thee to detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and earth, from all that hath been and shall be, and to make My love thy companion, My recognition thy purpose, and trust in thy Lord, the All-Knowing, thy stronghold in these days wherein all have turned away from His beauty and taken for themselves lords besides God, and thus do they act. And when thou art adorned with that which We have commanded thee, God shall open the eye of thy heart and thou shalt witness what none

hath witnessed, and know what none hath known among those who claim within themselves that which God hath not permitted them and say what they comprehend not. Therefore, leave the idolaters and what they possess, then ascend on holy wings to the atmosphere of nearness, that thou mayest reach the Most Great Paradise in this hidden and treasured Word.

Say: O people! By God, I speak not from idle fancy, but rather the Spirit speaks within my breast - this is my proof, if you be of the fair-minded. O people! If this be my crime, I am not the first to have committed a crime before God; rather, honored servants feared God and did not refute the truth with your mouths. Then look with the eye of fairness upon that which has been sent down in truth from the dominion of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. If you dispute these words, by God, the decree of faith will not be confirmed for you regarding what was revealed to Ali of his Lord's verses, and before him to God's Messengers, if you but knew. O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and measure not this Cause by your own standards. Be among those who, when their Lord's verses are recited unto them, are moved with yearning for His presence and fall prostrate upon their faces.

O Dhabih! By the True One, verily the Youth has fallen into the pit of hatred. Would that there were some wayfarers to let down the bucket of victory, that perchance the Youth might be drawn forth and the faces of the dwellers of the heavens and earth be illumined. Thus has the decree of destiny been inscribed upon preserved tablets of glory. Thus does this Pen recount unto thee, having drunk from the living waters of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful, and having grown in the holy land at the heart of Paradise, from which flows the Kawthar of glory - yet people can scarce comprehend. Know then that a sedition has appeared whereby the heavens of idle fancy were cleft asunder, the sun of creation darkened, and the falsehood of those who claimed faith in God's verses, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, was exposed. Say: O people! These are in truth the verses of Ali. Beware lest you wax proud against them; rather be among those who humble themselves. Say: By God, the clouds of grace have been raised up, raining the water of life upon all created things - this from your Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, if you be of those who are certain. Have you seen any bounty greater than this? Nay, by the Self of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Beloved! Have you found in all creation a mercy more vast than this? Nay, by My Self, the Bestower, did you but know!

Among the people are those who inquire about this Announcement from those who fancy themselves guided. Say: O people! He needs nothing to prove His Cause from all that exists between the heavens and earth. All else was created by His Word, would you but reflect on His verses. Say: His proof is His Own Self, and His existence His authority - none knows this save those who have turned with sanctified countenance to their Lord's face and are among those who perceive their Lord's words with insight. Beware lest you hesitate in your Lord's Cause. Look then with sanctified vision upon the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers, that the matter may become easy for you, that you may shatter the idols of vain imaginings through your Lord's authority, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and be among those who recline upon the cushions of glory. Know then that all that has flowed from the Pen of Counsel has been only from My love for thee, else thy Lord is independent of all who are in the heavens and earth. He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, ordaining as He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is. Strive then within thyself that Satan's whispers lead thee not astray from the paths of the All-Merciful. Then stand firm in thy Lord's Cause and be of those who view His Cause through the eye of God.

Say: O people! All that ye possess and that wherein ye pride yourselves is confirmed by the verses of God, and these are His verses sent down from the heaven of creation. Beware lest ye deny them and thereby make your works vain, and be not of those who follow every babbler and then disbelieve in the verses of their Lord. Know thou that We have made thee an ambassador from Us that thou mayest give glad tidings unto the people concerning this Cause whereby every bearer of a burden hath cast off her burden, and the veils of power have enveloped the eyes of the inhabitants of the heavens and earth save for a numbered few who have taken their station behind the pavilion of glory and drawn nigh unto the Sinai of nearness. These are they who swim in the depths of the Cause. Strip thyself of all things that the hand of grace may take thee and raise thee to a seat of glorious and beloved might, and may attire thee in that which shall illumine all created things. This is of thy Lord's bounty unto thee if thou burnest it not with the fires of allusions and standest firm in thy Lord's Cause, following not every rejected idolator. Beware lest thou confine thyself within the bounds of allusions or be veiled by the veils of signs. Rend asunder the veils by Our authority, then burn the allusions with this Fire that hath been kindled in the Sinai of eternity and hath been manifested unto this Pen in such wise as to draw unto it the hearts of those who follow the signs of God. Ponder upon the people of the Furqan and all that was in their possession that thou mayest sanctify thyself from the allusions of the people and be established in praiseworthy constancy. Leave the kingdom, then ascend unto this heaven that thou mayest discover that which none hath discovered save whom thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, willeth. If thou wouldst free thyself and ponder upon My migration in the year We arrived in Iraq, by God this would suffice thee above all else and make thee one of those who reflect upon the verses of their Lord. Through this was perfected God's proof unto His servants and His testimony unto His chosen ones, and was completed His favor unto His loved ones, and His countenance shone forth unto His creation. Yet when the veils of idle fancy seized the people, they reflected not upon it but were heedless of their Lord's command. Say: O people! Do not as did the people of the Furqan, and place not the reins of your recognition in anyone's hands. Seize ye the grace in these days, then witness with your own eyes. When the verses of your Lord are recited unto you, turn not back on your heels, and be not of those who object to the verses of God and then mock them from their seats.

O Dhabi?! Thou hast been sacrificed at every instant during twenty years, and none knoweth this save thy Lord, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Know thou that when the Dhabi? of old desired to reach the station of sacrifice, redemption came unto him from the heaven of divine decree. But this Dhabi? accepted no redemption and was sacrificed by the sword of hatred wielded by these transgressors who comprehend not what they do. Shouldst thou detach thy gaze from mortal allusions and ascend unto the Most Sublime Vision, thou wouldst witness his head raised aloft upon the spear of hypocrisy from the direction of the horizons, and thou wouldst weep as weep the lovers who were prevented by the decrees of destiny from attaining the seat of glory of the Beloved. O Dhabi?! Purify thy sight from all contingent things and whatsoever lieth therein, and from all possibility and whatsoever is thereupon, that thou mayest recognize the handiwork of God Who hath perfected the creation of all things, and enter the house of mysteries wherein none hath entered save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. Moreover, recognize the worth of these days wherein the countenance of the Youth shineth amongst you, and make good what thou hast missed in recognizing Him. By God! This is better for thee than the kingdom of the heavens and earth and than all that ye do or

know. Soon shall ye place the fingers of remorse between the teeth of bewilderment, and ye shall not find the Youth though ye search throughout all the heavens and earth. Thus doth the Pen of divine decree cast upon thee from the mysteries of destiny, that perchance the servants may emerge from the sepulchres of heedlessness and detach themselves from all that preventeth them from attaining unto the seat of knowledge–this Paradise which God hath sanctified from the observations of such as join partners with their Lord. And when the garment of the Youth cometh unto thee stained with truthful blood, place it upon thy face, then inhale therefrom the fragrance of the All-Merciful, then redden thy face therewith and raise thy cry with a crimson face between earth and heaven, that perchance the people of the veils might burn away the veils of idle fancy and emerge naked from the garments of allusion, ascending unto the heaven of names and attributes–this station, the transcendent, the mighty, the praiseworthy. And verily when the Dhabi? of old desired to enter the seat of nearness, the heaven of his Lord, the Most High, Satan appeared in human form and desired to prevent him from entering the sanctuary of a treasured holiness. When We made this known unto him, he cast him away with stones through Our sovereignty and might. Thus was the matter ordained, if thou be of them that know. Follow thou his example and act as he acted, such that shouldst thou witness anyone desiring to prevent thee from the love of this Youth, know thou that he is verily Satan who hath appeared in human form. Seek refuge, then, in God and drive him away with a piercing flame. Beware lest thou turn to aught else; rather, set thy heart toward this holy and beloved shore. By God, O Dhabi?! All that thou hast heard from the beginning hath appeared from Us, but We concealed it through a wisdom known only to the sincere ones. Through this most of the servants rebelled against Us unknowingly. We were patient in tribulations and shall remain patient through God's might and power until the Beauty of the Ancient of Days shall come with the authority of triumph and grant victory unto His servant–a victory before which all that was and shall be, shall be powerless. And the Spirit, and Glory, and Splendor be upon thee and upon those who are patient in the good-pleasure of their Lord.

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all who are in creation through the manifestation of His Most Exalted Pen, and hath deposited within the realities of all things the sign of His unity, that none should be veiled from the Sovereign of Names Who hath appeared through His Most Great and Most Glorious Name, and that no soul should be debarred from beholding the Light that shineth from the horizon of eternity. Whereupon the Manifestations of unity in the realm of divinity were attracted, and the realities of detachment in the realm of might hastened forth, and the essences of oneness in the kingdom of heaven were stirred, and the embodiments of limitation in the world of man were thunderstruck - among them were those who were thunderstruck and recovered, and those who were thunderstruck and returned to nothingness. Exalted is the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, through Whom agitation seized the dwellers of the cities of names, and transformation appeared in that Beginning which is itself the ultimate End. Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself unto all created things through His Name which He hath sanctified above all names and attributes. Thereupon the

essential realities were exalted, and the inherent qualities shone forth, and the pure substances were confounded, and the eternal realities turned towards Him, and the divine identities drew nigh. Verily, He is as He is - He cannot be described by unity, for the manifestations of this name were created by His command and brought into being by the movement of His Pen; nor can He be characterized by holiness, for the dawning-places of this name were realized through the outpourings of the ocean of His bounty and are moved by Him; nor can He be known by sanctity, for the daysprings of this name are but servants at the gate of the city of His Cause and prostrate themselves at the dawning of the lights of His glory. Exalted, exalted is He above being known through aught else but Himself or being described by any other than Him. All that is bounded by the limits of creation is created within His dominion and is as nothing before the manifestations of His sovereignty and power. When He desired to make Himself known, He created all things through His pervading Will and all beings through His all-encompassing Purpose, and called all to the Dayspring of His signs and the Dawning-Place of His evidences. Among them were those who hastened and turned towards Him, those who drew back and returned, and those who drew near and then withdrew. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of steadfastness in the days of God and remained firm in the Cause in such wise that the manifestations of denial, who waxed proud and clung to idols, could not hinder him. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. From time immemorial the court of His holiness hath been sanctified above all likenesses and similitudes, and the heaven of His nearness hath been exalted above all peers and utterances. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The servant hath been blessed by the words that shone forth from the horizon of your heart, which is adorned with the ornament of love for our Beloved and the Beloved of the world, our Goal and the Goal of all nations, and found therein what a loved one findeth from his beloved. I have thanked God for this, and beseech Him to honor us continually with your sublime letters, for through them hearts are gladdened and eyes are consoled. Yet the servant is perplexed by those who rise at one moment and fall at another - in the morning they claim faith in God, and in the evening they deny the Lord of Names, as if they were yellowed, withered leaves moved by their own desires. By the life of God! They are a people who neither understand nor perceive. We beseech God to preserve all from the whisperings of Satan and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The letter from your honor which was addressed to His Holiness the Name of God - upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God - reached me and I was privileged to peruse it. Regarding what you had written about Mirza Ahmad-i-Kirmani, this servant deemed it necessary to present a detailed account so that your honor and other friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of the knowledge of divine grace from the hands of the All-Merciful may become informed and remain protected from the mischief and denial of the corruptors and atheists. In God do I place my trust and from Him do I seek assistance in all conditions.

Several years ago, on one of those days when His Holiness Amin - upon him be the Glory of God - was present before the Blessed Beauty, He addressed him saying that a foul and repugnant odor was being perceived from the direction of the land of Kaf and Ra (Kirman). From this sun of utterance which dawned from the dawning-place of the Mouth of the Will of the Lord of Religions, this servant understood that

some contrary matter must appear from that land, yet I remained perplexed as to what would manifest and through whom it would arise. Likewise, in the Most Holy Book, verses of the same import were revealed from the heaven of Will. His exalted Word states: “O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, see in thee what is not pleasing to God, and We observe from thee that which none besides God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, can perceive. And We find that which secretly passes through thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a clear Tablet.”

Should one meditate upon these verses revealed from the heaven of Divine Unity, one would observe how the knowledge of God encompasses all things - not an atom’s weight in the heavens or on earth escapes His knowledge. He is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. From these verses and blessed utterance it can be understood that besides the aforementioned unknown and imaginary person, other souls must also appear from that land. However, the Supreme Pen gives glad-tidings to that land, saying: Be not grieved by these unknown souls, for soon there shall appear within thee souls who will recognize the truth, who will sacrifice all who are in the world in His path of love, who will speak of Him and arise to serve Him. He is verily the Informed One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In any case, after some time two petitions arrived consecutively from Mirza Ahmad, one from the direction of Ha (Haifa) and another from a different direction. In his petitions he had expressed limitless humility and contrition. He had also written a letter to this servant. Subsequently, a Tablet was revealed concerning him from the horizon of the Pen of Divine Providence. They commanded: “Send this Tablet and write your own reply to him as well, mentioning in your letter the account of the foul odor that was perceived from that land, and likewise the verses from the Most Holy Book.” From this statement this servant understood that some contrary matter must appear from him, yet great perplexity overtook this servant, for this person had expressed utmost servitude and submission in his petitions both before and after, and had likewise shown perfect sincerity and love toward this servant who is absolute nothingness. The Blessed Tablet outwardly indicated […]

But this servant wrote a response as commanded and mentioned therein the matters discussed. After receiving it he paid no attention. When his honor Ismullah M.H. went to the land of K.R., he claimed that some previously revealed tablets addressed to others had been revealed specifically for him. Among these was a Persian passage revealed in the Land of Mystery, wherein all the addresses in that tablet were to Ahmad. He claimed “This Ahmad is me.” Then when his honor Ismullah made certain statements, he submitted “What if I too become great under the shadow of Truth?” Later when his honor Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived in that land and saw this servant’s letter, he told him “You are the one intended by these statements.” A complete estrangement occurred between them to such an extent that his honor Dhabih avoided and shunned him. His honor Dhabih wrote the details to this servant. After rejecting his honor Dhabih, he appeared in a different light, as you have written. However, he is not steadfast on any path. Every soul acts according to its own manner and returns to its origin. Now observe how inconstant, faithless and unstable some souls are. Shame upon those who believed then disbelieved, drew near then withdrew. These are servants who incline with every wind and are moved by every fancy, supposing themselves to be guided. Nay, by the Lord of the Throne and earth! They worship their desires but know it not. Strange that after beholding the ocean of meanings and its waves, and witnessing the Sun of utterance and its effulgence, one should be deprived thereof and cling to vain desire which is utter

nothingness. Indeed not every eye is capable of beholding the true Sun, nor is every soul worthy of immersion in the ocean of meanings. Every kind seeks its own kind, and every branch will return to its root. In previous tablets the Supreme Pen forewarned all of the cawing of the ravens. These ravens are of two kinds: One kind claims belief at first then arises in complete rejection; the other kind makes claims and speaks without divine permission. These are tidings that have flowed from the divine Pen and will surely come to pass. If his honor Amin has reached your presence, inquire from him the details of what was submitted, for in those days both this servant and he were bewildered as to what would emerge from the land of K.R. By God the Truth, the heart nearly melted, for in these days the like of which has never appeared in creation, when all atoms proclaim that there is no God but Him, such souls who know not whence they came or whither they go cling to their own fancies, remain deprived of the Dayspring of certitude and the clear Book, and busy themselves with corruption and opposition. Fie upon them and upon those who hear their words, follow their desires, are moved by their passions and what their devils command them. These are dried leaves moved by the winds of passion.

This servant is astonished by those who, through heeding the foolish utterances of imaginary beings, remain deprived of the path of Divine unity. As to the baseness, degradation and paucity of understanding of mankind, this suffices - that for years they were worshippers of idols and even now exist upon the earth yet remain unaware; they worship the calf and perceive not; they follow Baal and know not; they bow before Al-Lat and comprehend not; they cleave to false gods and remember not. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that if people would reflect even less than that upon what hath been manifested and what hath dawned from the horizon of the world, they would pass beyond all else but God and turn towards that luminous horizon which is sanctified above mention and utterance. We beseech God to purify and sanctify the earth from the breaths of malicious souls and from the dark dust of vain imaginings. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous.

The request is that you convey greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of this evanescent one and say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! It behooveth you to be as firmly-fixed mountains, as bright lamps, as shining lights, as fruit-bearing trees, as life-giving springs, and as penetrating vision in the Cause of God, the Lord of creation. Be ye in such wise in God’s path that the hosts of the world terrify you not, nor the gathering of nations, that the intimations of the learned grieve you not, nor the mentions of the mystics veil you. Hold fast to the firm and mighty cord.

In brief, whatsoever hath been revealed in the divine Tablets concerning steadfastness and its stations - the purpose is that all the loved ones throughout the horizons should become the very essence of steadfastness, and from all of them this most exalted station and most glorious rank should become manifest. Now it is observed that certain souls are like grass of the earth - a slight breeze scattereth them and their roots. We beseech God to protect His loved ones, to grant them the wine of steadfastness, and to adorn them with this most holy, most impregnable, most luminous ornament.

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Praise be to God Who hath opened wide the portals of arts and knowledge through the key of His Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Name, whereby He hath pitched the pavilion of glory at the most exalted station in the realm of creation, and through which He hath caused the waves of the ocean of utterance to surge, and the stars of the heaven of divine knowledge to shine, and the sun of remembrance to shed its radiance, and the earth of certitude to yield its treasures, and the mountains their mines. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath revealed through it the mysteries of His Book and that which lay hidden in His knowledge and was veiled from the eyes of His servants. Praise be to God Who hath opened upon the countenance of His Glory the gate of His tribulation and destiny, and sent down upon Him from the heaven of His bounty the verses of His grace and the standards of His utterance. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He adorneth whomsoever He willeth with the ornament of His bounty and generosity, and divests whomsoever He pleaseth of the garments of His might and majesty. He, verily, is the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Wise. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come from the horizon of the heaven of utterance is the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, at Whose manifestation all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, the Lord of the world to come and of this world."

O thou who standest before the Gate and who, in thy final goal, seeketh after God, the Lord of all men! Know thou that We bear witness that thou hast drunk the choice wine of the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, and hast turned toward His horizon while most of the people were turning away. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen thee with His sovereignty and to aid thee in manifesting His Cause in such wise that thou mayest arise before the faces of His servants and take the chalice of utterance from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and drink therefrom despite those who denied Him Whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have recognized, as well as those who circle round the Throne of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, at eventide and at dawn. Say: O people of God! By the life of God, We had taken for Ourself a brother and aided him to serve Our Cause before Our face, and revealed for him that which diffused the fragrance of God's utterance throughout all else. We then raised him to a station beyond which the stations of the servants and the reach of those in all lands were cut off. But when he saw himself in that most holy, most noble, most mighty, most exalted station, pride seized him until he turned away from God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection and He Who conversed on Sinai. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations, to aid him and those who turned away to return unto Thee and to repent at the door of Thy mercy. Thou knowest that I summoned him in all conditions unto Thee until he drew against Me the sword of hatred and there appeared from him that which caused the limbs of all things to quake. O Lord! Help him to return to the door of Thy mercy, which Thou hast opened through Thy Most Great Name unto all peoples. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O thou who gazeth toward the horizon of utterance and who holdeth fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Know thou with certain knowledge that the Wronged One desireth naught but the exaltation of the Word of God and the manifestation of His Cause amidst His servants. By this hath the fire of envy and hatred been kindled. Beseech thou God, thy Lord, to quench it through the

living waters of His utterance. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word. Blessed art thou, O Sadiq, in that God hath aided thee to turn unto Him, to hold fast to His cord, and to cling to the hem of His mercy.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue the divine call from the direction of the Prison of ’Akka. Verily it draweth thee unto a station wherein the ranks of the world and the doubts of nations shall not prevent thee from drawing nigh unto the All-Informed One. All created things bear witness that this servant’s purpose in arising and bearing the wrongs of mankind hath been that bonds might be loosened and the captive set free. Should any soul deny or stray from its shelter, it mattereth not; nay rather, we are grateful, for afterwards the difference will become clear and distinction made between pearl and potsherd. Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy radiant light. O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy all-embracing remembrance and by Thy dawning, gleaming Name to transform the abasement of Thy loved ones into glory and their weakness into strength. Thou art verily the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the poverty of Thy lovers to open before their faces the gates of Thy wealth. Thou art verily the Bountiful, the Generous. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby were attracted the hearts of all things and the souls of all beings, and by the Light whereby were illumined the hearts of the sincere ones, and by Thy sovereignty wherewith Thou didst subdue all names, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art He to Whose power testifieth all in existence, both seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Bountiful, the Generous.

We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and to enable thee to hold fast unto whatsoever leadeth to the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause. Say: O people! By God, the Promised Day hath come and the Book hath been sent down and the Throne hath been adorned by the Lord of all men, yet doubt stirreth in hearts. This is naught but a wondrous matter. O people! The Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting calleth out: The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of Lords! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Should anyone ask thee concerning the Ark of God, say: Verily it is amidst the waves. Thus did My tongue speak aforetime in the kingdom of My utterance, and at this moment: Verily My brother whom We reared over successive years hath risen up before the kingdom of utterance and committed that which caused the near ones and the sincere to weep at eventide and at dawn. Thus did the Wronged One suffer at the hands of him whom We had raised to the most exalted station. Would anyone deny what hath flowed from the Pen? Nay, by My life, save he who casteth justice behind him, clinging to tyranny and oppression. I beseech Thee, O Joy of the World, to transform the sorrows of Thy servants into gladness. Thou art verily the Kind, the Forgiving. Take once again the cup of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom in His Name through which He subdued the kingdoms of wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Powerful through His sovereignty and the Manifest through His signs. There is none other God but He, the Commander, the Wise.

O ?! This is a Book that calleth out from every direction: O Manifestations of Names and Attributes! The Revealer of Verses hath come with the standards of knowledge and wisdom. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth the call of His loved ones and answereth them through His grace and mercy. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We bear witness that thou didst attain and win the choice wine of immortality from the hands of bounty and what is in the

Crimson Scroll from the Pen of God, the Lord of all men. Thou art he whom God did strengthen to turn towards Him in His days, and caused to speak His praise, and revealed unto thee what was hidden from eyes and sight.

As to what was asked concerning the blessed word "He" appearing in the garment of "I," and hidden in "I am the One Witnessed," and its restriction in this Revelation: For the Daysprings of Divine Revelation and the Manifestations of His Cause there is, in every station, an utterance, and at every rank, a mention. At times they speak with "Verily, I am God," and at other times they utter "I am a servant who hath believed in God." Since this word hath been revealed in this Dispensation, it is specific thereto. For the birds of the Paradise of inner meanings, it is a melody when they are seated upon the throne of "I have with God a station," speaking with an utterance transcending the limited expressions current among men. The aforementioned word is but a single word, yet in the eyes of those endowed with insight, it hath been revealed from the King of Words through the Dawning-Places of Divine utterance, according to time and station, that which the world of existence is powerless and incapable of comprehending.

O thou who dwellest in My vicinity and drinketh the choice wine of My utterance! This Wronged One hath not attended schools nor engaged in formal discourse. Out of pure bounty to thee are these few words mentioned and shall continue to be mentioned. In stations where they regard the purpose of creation and its effects, they ask about all matters and manifest the utmost servitude. And when they behold the signs deposited within existence, they speak that which transcendeth comprehension and minds. Thus it is that in one station, looking toward the expression of humility, submissiveness and utter poverty, they utter "My Lord, show me," and the purpose of this word is to express powerlessness, nothingness and evanescence before the manifestation and appearance of the might and grandeur of God, exalted be His glory.

In brief, the Manifestations of God at times express power, wealth and independence, and at times they express weakness, poverty and evanescence. The purpose of these two stations, two mentions and two utterances hath been and is to demonstrate the power and might of God, exalted be His glory.

As to what was asked concerning the blessed verse about the Son of Mary, this word is clear and evident. According to the opinion of the learned ones, it is a rhetorical question meaning "Didst thou say…?" Since the followers of Christ believe in the trinity, meaning the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, therefore the purpose of the verse was to reject the statements and beliefs of that people. In the innermost mystery He says: "Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! Thou knowest what is in my soul, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I seek Thy forgiveness for what the heedless say. Glory be unto Thee! I am of those who repent."

And as to what was asked concerning the verse "God forgiveth not that partners should be set up with Him; but He forgiveth anything else," it is incumbent in this day upon this party to beseech from the Truth that He may enable them to attain unto true Divine Unity. Every soul who fixeth his gaze upon and cleaveth unto God, glorified be His majesty, and Him alone, is reckoned before God as one of the people of unity and is accepted; otherwise he is accounted among the idolaters. Thus were the Shi'ih party idolaters while they counted themselves unitarians; they were ignorant while they deemed themselves learned. From the recompense of deeds on the Day of Judgment, the stations of that party are manifest

and evident as the sun. And as to what thou didst mention concerning the Unseen and the knowledge of the Prophets, there hath been and is no doubt that knowledge of the Unseen is exclusively reserved to the Ancient Being, glorified be His majesty, and all the Prophets unanimously acknowledge this fact. “None knoweth the Unseen save He” is established and proven. Likewise the blessed verse “No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision,” for the impenetrable Unseen hath been and ever shall be hidden, and outward vision is powerless and incapable of beholding and comprehending it. These outward eyes have not been and are not capable of beholding even outward things, much less that which is concealed behind the veils of the Unseen. The Wronged One testifieth with His outer and inner tongue that “No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision, and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Informed.” Both the outer and inner eye are powerless and incapable of beholding. If thou wouldst hear from Me, purify thy heart and pen and tongue from that which beseemeth not the days of God, then confine thy affairs to teaching His Cause and guiding His creation. And now that honored one should speak of that which causeth eagerness and longing, and is the cause of ascent and elevation in those immersed in the sea of sanctity. These mentions are the cause of pause. We beseech God to give thee to drink of a cup whose effect shall sanctify thy being from the words of them that are veiled, and purify thine essence from the doubts of the suspicious ones and the uncertainties of the barking ones. There hath been and is no doubt that in this Most Great Revelation there hath appeared that which existed not before. The Cause hath attained to such a station that the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath spoken “I am the first of the worshippers.” We beseech of the Truth that He may sanctify that honored one through the Kawthar of holy utterance. Verily He is powerful over all things. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and caused me to hear Thy sweetest call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen. My Lord! Rear me according to Thy will and not my will. Then make me a standard of Thy Name in Thy lands and an ensign of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. I testify to my poverty and Thy wealth, my powerlessness and Thy might. I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy signs and Thy standing before the faces of Thy creation, to remember me in all conditions at Thy mention, O Thou through Whose Name the Mother Book hath spoken in the final abode.

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Exalted art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by those whom Thou hast bidden to observe the Fast for the sake of Thy love and good-pleasure, who have demonstrated their allegiance to Thy law and followed Thy verses and precepts, and who have broken their fast while enjoying near access to Thee and beholding Thy countenance. By Thy glory! Since they are turning to the court of Thy good-pleasure, all their days are days of fasting. Were the mouth of Thy will to address them saying: “Observe, for My beauty’s sake, the fast, O people, and set no limit to its duration,” I swear by the majesty of Thy glory, that every one of them will faithfully observe it, will abstain from whatsoever will violate Thy law, and will continue to do so until they yield up their souls unto Thee, for they have tasted the sweetness of Thy call, and become inebriated with Thy remembrance and praise and with the words proceeding from the lips of Thy command.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thyself, the Exalted, the Most High, and by Thy Latter Manifestation through Whom the kingdom of names and the dominion of attributes have been convulsed, and the inhabitants of earth and heaven became intoxicated, and all who dwell in the realms of Revelation and creation trembled except such as have fasted from all that is repugnant to Thy good-pleasure and restrained themselves from turning toward aught besides Thee, to include us among them and to write down our names on the Tablet whereon Thou hast inscribed their names. O God, through the wonders of Thy might and the tokens of Thy sovereignty and grandeur, Thou didst send forth their names from out of the sea of Thy names, and didst create their inner essences out of the substance of Thy love, and their inmost beings from the spirit of Thy Cause. Theirs is a reunion not succeeded by separation, a nearness that knoweth no remoteness, and a perpetuity that hath no end. Verily, these are servants who ever recount Thee, who eternally circle round Thee, and who circumambulate the sanctuary of Thy presence and the Kaaba of reunion with Thee. Thou hast ordained, O my God, no distinction between them and Thee, except that when they beheld the lights of Thy countenance, they set their faces towards Thee, and prostrated themselves before Thy beauty, submissive to Thy greatness and severed from all things besides Thee.

We have fasted this day, O my Lord, by Thy command and Thy bidding in accordance with what Thou hast revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. We have withheld our souls from passion and from whatsoever Thou abhorest until the day drew to an end and the time arrived to break the Fast. Wherefore, I implore Thee, O Desire of the hearts of ardent lovers and Beloved of the souls of them who are endued with understanding, O Rapture of the breasts of them that yearn after Thee and Object of the desire of them that seek Thee, to cause us to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the heaven of Thy presence, and to accept from us what we have performed in the pathway of Thy love and good-pleasure. Write down our names, then, among those who have acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed to Thy singleness and who have humbled themselves before the evidences of Thy majesty and the tokens of Thy grandeur, those who have taken refuge in Thy nearness and sought shelter in Thee, who have expended their lives in their eagerness to meet Thee and attain the court of Thy presence, and who have cast the world behind their backs for love of Thee and severed every tie with aught save Thee in their eagerness to draw nigh unto Thee. These are servants whose hearts melt in ardent desire for Thy beauty at the mention of Thy Name, and whose eyes overflow with tears in their longing to find Thee and enter the precincts of Thy court.

This is, O my Lord, my tongue which testifieth to Thy unity and peerlessness, mine eye which beholdeth the seat of Thy generosity and manifold bounties, and mine ear which is ready to hearken unto Thy summons and Thine utterance, for I am assured, O my God, that Thou hast decreed the words proceeding out of the mouth of Thy will to be inexhaustible, and unto them the ears which Thou hast sanctified to hear Thy words and verses are at all times hearkening. And these are my hands, O my Lord, uplifted toward the heaven of Thy favor and tender mercy. Wilt Thou, then, turn away this poor one who hath taken to himself no beloved except Thee, no bestower beside Thee, nor king other than Thee, no shelter save beneath the shadow of Thy mercy, and no refuge but before Thy gate, which Thou hast opened unto all who dwell in Thy heaven and on Thine earth? Nay, by Thy glory! I am he whose confidence in Thy loving kindness will remain undaunted even though Thou wert to afflict me with torments for the

duration of Thy dominion; and should anyone ask me about Thee, every limb of my body would proclaim: "He is beloved in His acts and obeyed in His decree, merciful in His nature and compassionate to His creatures!"

Thy might beareth me witness, O Well-Beloved of the hearts of them that yearn after Thee, wert Thou to turn me away from Thy door and abandon me to the swords of the tyrants amongst Thy servants and to the rods of the ungodly amongst Thy creatures, and should someone ask me about Thee, every hair of my body would still declare: "He is, in truth, the Best Beloved of the worlds; He is the Most Bountiful; He is the Ever-Abiding! He draweth me nigh whilst distancing me from Himself; He granteth me His sanctuary whilst debarring me from His presence. None found I more merciful than He, by Whom I have become independent of all else but Him and have been raised up above aught besides Himself."

Well is it with the one, O my God, who hath been so enriched by Thee as to be made independent of the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Rich is the one who hath held fast to the cord of Thy wealth, is submissive before Thy face, and for whom Thou art sufficient above all things. Poor is the one who hath dispensed with Thee, waxed proud before Thee, turned away from Thy presence, and disbelieved in Thy signs. Suffer me, then, O my God and my Beloved, to be numbered with those whom the breezes of Thy will move as they list, not with those whom the wind of self and passion stirreth and directeth as it pleaseth. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most Bountiful.

All glory be to Thee, O my God, for Thou hast graciously enabled me to fast during this month which Thou hast related to Thy Name, the Most Exalted, and called 'Ala (Loftiness). Thou hast commanded that Thy servants and Thy people should fast therein and seek thereby to draw nearer unto Thee. The days and months of the year have culminated with the Fast, even as the first month began with Thy Name, Baha, that all might testify that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and be well assured that the glory of all names is conferred only through the glory of Thy Cause and the word expounded by Thy will and revealed through Thy purpose. Thou hast ordained that this month be a remembrance and honor from Thee, and a sign of Thy presence amongst them, that they may not forget Thy grandeur and Thy majesty, Thy sovereignty and Thy glory, and may be well assured that from time immemorial Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be Ruler over the entire creation. Nothing created in the heavens or on the earth can hinder Thee in Thy governance, nor can anyone in the realms of Revelation and creation prevent Thee from fulfilling Thy purpose.

I implore Thee, O my God, by Thy name whereby all the kindreds of the earth have wailed, except such as Thou hast safeguarded with Thine unerring protection and sheltered beneath the shadow of Thy transcendent mercy, to make us so firm in Thy Cause and steadfast in Thy love that were Thy servants to rise up against Thee and Thy people turn away from Thee, and no one would remain on earth to invoke Thy name or set his face toward the sanctuary of communion with Thee and the Kaaba of Thy sanctity, I would still arise singly and alone to render Thy Cause victorious, to exalt Thy word, to proclaim Thy sovereignty, and to celebrate the praise of Thine august Self. And this, O Lord, even though each time I venture to extol Thee by any name, I am filled with perplexity, for I am fully aware that all of Thine exalted attributes and all of the most excellent names which I associate with Thee and by which in Thy holy

presence I supplicate Thee, reflect naught but the measure of mine own understanding, inasmuch as whenever I have regarded a name to be laudable, I have associated it with Thyself.

Immeasurably exalted is Thy true state above the description or knowledge of anyone besides Thee, and sanctified art Thou from the glorification of Thy creatures and the praise of Thy servants in their attempts to ascend unto Thee. Whatsoever appeareth from Thy servants is limited by the limitations of their own selves and is created by their own idle fancies and imaginings.

Alas, alas, O my Beloved, for mine inability to befittingly praise Thee and for my shortcomings during Thy days! If I acclaim Thee, O my God, as Him Who knoweth all things, I readily perceive that shouldst Thou point to a mute rock with a single finger of Thy will, Thou wouldst enable it to unfold the knowledge of all past and future ages; and if I extol Thee as the All-Powerful, I find that one word issuing from the mouth of Thy purpose is sufficient to convulse the heavens and the earth.

Thy glory beareth me witness, O Beloved of all that recognize Thee, should any learned one fail to confess his ignorance before the revelations of Thy knowledge, he would be accounted the most ignorant of Thy people; and should any mighty one refuse to admit his weakness before the evidences of Thy power, he would be considered the weakest and the most heedless of Thy creatures. Given my knowledge and certainty that this is so, how can I extol Thee or describe and praise Thee? Wherefore, knowing my weakness, I have hastened toward the shelter of Thy strength; and realizing my poverty, I have sought refuge under the shadow of Thy wealth; and recognizing my powerlessness, I have arisen to stand before the tabernacle of Thy power and might. Wilt thou cast away this poor one after he hath taken no one but Thee as his succorer, or turn away this stranger after he hath found no one but Thee to be his true beloved?

Thou knowest all that is in me, O Lord, but I know not what is in Thee. Have mercy then upon me through Thy loving providence and inspire me with that which shall give peace to my heart during Thy days and tranquillity to my soul through the revelations of Thy sacred presence. All created things have been illumined with the splendors of the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord, and the dwellers of earth and heaven are shining resplendently on account of the manifestations of Thine incomparable majesty, in such wise that I behold nothing without first beholding within it the revelation of Thyself, a revelation which is hidden from the sight of those among Thy servants who lie fast asleep.

Deprive me not, O my Lord, of Thy grace which hath encompassed all the realms of existence, whether visible or invisible. Wilt Thou stay far removed, O my God, after Thou hast invited all mankind to return and draw nigh unto Thee, and urged them to hold fast to Thy cord? Wilt Thou cast me out, O my Beloved, even when Thou hast promised in Thine incorruptible Book and in Thy wondrous verses to gather all those who yearn after Thee within the pavilion of Thy gracious providence, and those who desire Thee under the shadow of Thy bountiful favor, and those who search for Thee under the canopy of Thy mercy and loving-kindness?

I swear by Thy might, O my God, that my lamentations have halted my heart within me, and its groans have seized the reins from my hands! At whatever time I reassure myself and gladden my soul with the wonders of Thy mercy, the tokens of Thy gracious providence, and the evidences of Thy generosity, I

tremble before the manifestations of Thy justice and the signs of Thy wrath. I recognize that Thou art known by these two names and described by these two attributes, yet Thou carest not whether Thou art invoked by Thy name the Ever-Forgiving, or Thy name the Wrathful. By Thy glory, were it not for my knowledge that Thy mercy surpasseth all things, the limbs of my body would have ceased to exist, my reality been extinguished and my inner being reduced to utter nothingness. But when I behold that Thy grace encompasseth all things and Thy mercy embraceth the entire creation, my soul and my inmost being become well assured.

Alas, alas, O my God, for the things that have escaped me during Thy days, and again alas, alas, O Desire of my heart, for what I have left undone in service and obedience to Thee during these days the likes of which the eyes of Thy chosen ones and trusted ones have never witnessed! I entreat Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self and by the Manifestation of Thy Cause Who is seated upon the throne of Thy mercy, to confirm me in Thy service and good-pleasure. Guard me, then, from those who have turned away from Thee and disbelieved in Thy verses, who have denied Thy truth, resisted Thine evidences, and violated Thy Covenant and testament.

All praise, O Lord my God, be unto Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine Essence,

the Dayspring of Thy oneness, the Mine of Thy knowledge, the Source of Thy Revelation, the Repository of Thine inspiration, the Seat of Thy sovereignty, and the Dawning-Place of Thy Divinity–He Who is the Primal Point, the Most Exalted Countenance, the Ancient Root, and the Quickener of nations; and glory be upon him who was the first to believe in Him and in His verses, whom Thou didst make a throne for the ascendancy of Thy most sublime Word, a focal-point for the manifestation of Thy most excellent names, a dayspring of the radiance of the Sun of Thy providence, a dawning-place for the appearance of Thy names and attributes, and a treasury of the pearls of Thy wisdom and Thy commandments. And all honor be upon him who was the last to come unto Him, whose arrival was like His arrival, and Thy manifestation in him like Thy manifestation in Him , except that he was illumined with the lights of His face and prostrated himself before Him and testified to his servitude unto Him; and glory be upon those who were martyred in His path and who offered up their lives for love of His beauty.

We testify, O my God, that these are servants who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, who have sought the sanctuary of Thy presence and turned toward Thy countenance, who have directed their faces toward the court of Thy nearness and walked in the path of Thy good-pleasure, who have worshipped Thee according to Thy desire and detached themselves from all but Thee. O Lord, confer upon their spirits and their bodies at all times a share of the wonders of Thine all-encompassing mercy. Thou art, verily, powerful to do as Thou pleaseth. No God is there save Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, Whose help is implored by all men.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Him and by them, and by Him Whom Thou hast established on the throne of Thy Faith and caused to overshadow all the dwellers of earth and heaven, to purify us from our transgressions, to ordain for us a seat of truth in Thy presence and to cause us to associate with those whom the adversities of the world and its misfortunes have not hindered from turning toward Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Protector, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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

We have sent down the Book and it speaks before the faces of the servants: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of Lords!” It gives glad tidings to those who have advanced towards what hath been ordained for them from the Supreme Pen, and it warns those who have denied God and His verses and turned away from the Dawning-Place of utterance.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the Blessed Crimson Tree that there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. When the promise came and the appointed time was fulfilled, We came from the Dayspring of Power with the signs of God, the Lord of the Final End. The Point of the Bayan was at My right hand, and before My face were the Messengers of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days, advanced toward My horizon, turned unto My face, and heard the call of the Prophets and Messengers in this Cause whereby the pillars were shaken and the idols fell senseless. We were seated upon the throne of sorrow by reason of what befell Us from the Dayspring of hatred - whereat the Most Exalted Paradise lamented, as did those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide.

The Most Great Branch came before the Face with a letter from one who loved Me, who was named ’Ali-Akbar by the Pen of God, the Manifester of clear signs. We heard what he uttered and We answered him as a grace from Our presence, for verily I am the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. O ’Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou art he who traversed the paths until thou didst arrive at the shore of the Most Great Ocean and heard the call of the Wronged One, Who hath suffered in the path of God that which caused all atoms to lament. Thou didst arrive, hear, and witness what had been the hope of those near unto God from time immemorial. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and remembereth those whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have previously made mention of thy brother, then of those who have believed in God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We desired to mention each one in such wise as would attract him to a station wherein the conditions of the world would not prevent him, nor the objections of the people of the Bayan who denied the All-Merciful when He came to them with power and sovereignty.

O ’Ali-Akbar! We now speak in the Persian tongue that all may partake of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful’s utterance and attain unto the most great steadfastness.

O Sulayman (Master Sulayman)! The Supreme Pen declareth: All the peoples of the world have been created to know the Day of God. Every Messenger hath given the glad-tidings of this Day to the people and counseled them concerning it. The previous Books, which were sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful’s utterance upon the Prophets and His chosen ones, bear witness to this truth. Nevertheless, the servants remain heedless and deprived of recognizing the Creator of all things and the Judge of the Day of Reckoning. The cause and reason for this greatest deprivation and thick veil have been and continue to be the divines of the age, who have in truth seized the recompense of all deeds and

prevented others from the ocean of light that surgeth before the face of the Lord of the Manifestation. Praise be to the Goal of the world that He hath assisted thee - thou didst hear and attain. Now We counsel thee and the party of God to preserve that which hath been bestowed. The Glory from Us be upon those who have advanced, heard, and answered their Lord, the Hearing, the Responding One.

O Hasan-'Ali! The Mother Book declareth: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen and hast been nourished from the Kawthar of the love of the Lord of Names. By the Sun of Utterance which hath shone forth from the highest horizon of possibility, whosoever today attaineth unto the lights of the blessed Word that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen hath attained unto all good. Say […]

I ask Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Pen and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Possessor of the Kingdom of eternity, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the cawing of the nations who have denied Thee and Thy signs may frighten me. Then I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O 'Ali (Jenab-i-'Ali ibn Muhammad Kazim)! The Preserved Tablet declareth: Thou hast attained unto that which hath flowed from the Pen of God's Will in the divine Books. Praise be to God, thou hast been enabled to hearken unto the scratching of the Pen, the flowing of the Kawthar of utterance, and the rushing of the breeze of loving-kindness. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy teacher. Thou hast ever been and art still beneath His glance. All thy relatives and friends are recipients of God's favors. Ask thou of God that He may strengthen all to be steadfast, for the cawing ones have been and are lying in wait. We beseech God to assist you all in all things to mention Him, to praise Him, to serve Him, and to do that which will exalt His mighty and wondrous Cause.

O Ghulam-Husayn (Aqa Ghulam-Husayn of ?)! Upon thee be My glory. Thou hast attained unto My mention and the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. I swear by the Great Announcement that this is and hath ever been a great bounty. Know thou its station and occupy thyself with thanksgiving and praise to the Goal of the world's desire. Today all must turn in unity and accord, and should any unacceptable matter arise, they must hasten with utmost speed to resolve it. They must arise for God's sake and occupy themselves with service for His sake. Today any word that causeth discord is not and hath never been acceptable in God's sight. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and remind them of what hath been mentioned, that perchance all desires may be annihilated in God's Will - that is, that they may speak and move according to what God hath willed. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen is effective in all things. The Lord of Names beareth witness unto this in this exalted station.

O Husayn (Ustad Husayn)! The Mother Book declareth: Say: O God, my Deity, my King, my Goal! With what tongue shall I render Thee thanks? I was heedless, Thou didst make me aware; I was turning away, Thou didst aid me to turn towards Thee; I was dead, Thou didst grant me life through the water of life; I was withered, Thou didst bestow freshness through the Kawthar of utterance which flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. O Lord! The existence of all things is generated by Thy bounty; deprive them not of the ocean of Thy generosity and the sea of Thy mercy. At all times do I seek Thy grace and confirmation,

and from the heaven of Thy favor do I implore Thy ancient gift. Thou art the Lord of bounty and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of eternity.

O Mahdi (Ustad Mahdi the Builder)! The Wronged One mentioneth thee from the Most Great Prison and calleth out to thee. This is that Call which appeared from the Divine Lote-Tree, and this is that Call which the Beloved attained unto in His ascension, and this is that Manifestation whereof the Spirit gave glad-tidings and Moses made mention. Blessed is the soul whom the cawing of the croakers, the authority of the oppressors, and the tyranny of the ignorant ones hath not debarred from the Day of God nor deprived of His outpourings. We enjoin all to be steadfast and counsel them to observe that which is befitting to God's Cause. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

O Salman (Master Salman the builder)! In the days when He Who conversed with God upon the Mount was seated upon the throne of manifestation in Baghdad, He informed all of the birds of night, the cawing of the ravens, and the corruption of the infidels, so that the people of God might be preserved through the grace of the traces of the Supreme Pen from the evil of such souls. This was not confined to any particular place, and perchance in this land too there may arise that which causeth discord. We counsel all to remain steadfast in the Cause and to act as beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Before the passing of a thousand years, any claim is forbidden, and whosoever maketh such a claim is, in the sight of God, rejected and unacceptable. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which He hath commanded. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O Ghulam-Husayn (Master Ghulam-Husayn the builder)! The Hidden Secret declareth: The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, the path is clear, and the proof is visible, yet all remain veiled and debarred. Give thanks to the Ancient King that He assisted thee and guided thee, and in the Most Great Prison He is occupied with thy remembrance. This station is beyond description. By the Most Great Announcement! If thou wert to render thanks for this supreme word which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion, it would not equal or compare with this supreme bounty. We beseech God to assist all to perform such deeds and to manifest such character as are the hosts of God in this Most Great Revelation. If thou hast attained unto the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the Resurrection hath come to pass, the Hour hath appeared, the Cry hath been raised, the mountains have passed away, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been manifested.

O Weaver (Aqa Rida the weaver)! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Ascension. Beseech God to assist thee in weaving a garment which the arrows of the opposers of the Bayan and the swords of the polytheists of the Qur'an cannot pierce. This blessed garment hath its warp of trust in God and its woof of detachment. This garment hath ever been suitable for the temples of those who are assured, steadfast and firm. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and hath found itself free and detached from all else but God.

O Husayn (Husayn son of Aqa Muhammad Nasir Lari)! The people of Iran considered themselves monotheists, yet on the Day of Manifestation all were found to be polytheists, save a few. The recompense of their deeds hath in the end deprived them of the knowledge of the Self-Sufficient One. White and green turbans and the kissing of hands became the cause of pride and the source of hindrance. Not one among the well-known divines did, at the beginning, draw nigh unto the ocean of nearness, nor did they partake of the Living Waters which flow and stream forth in every moment from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Strive ye, that the people of God, one and all, may attain unto true unity, may see all except God as non-existent and count them as nothing. Today the Sun of Unity hath dawned from the horizon of detachment. Naught is mentioned therein save Him alone. Blessed is he that hath attained, and woe unto the heedless.

O Muhammad-Taqi (Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, son of Aqa Muhammad-Ja'far Isfahani)! Upon thee be My Baha! The hosts of God, who are the supporters and helpers of His Cause, in this Most Great Revelation have ever been and shall continue to be goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. All must render assistance to the Cause of God through these divine hosts. Today is the day of mention and praise, and today is the day of deeds. Repeatedly hath this utterance flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful, that all may fix their gaze upon it and hold fast unto it. Corruption, contention and strife have never been and shall never be pleasing unto God. O people of God! Consider this time a precious opportunity, that ye may perchance succeed in performing a deed whose fragrance shall endure forever and whose mention shall be everlasting. In these days, this Wronged One hath been afflicted by the imaginings of the oppressors, and there hath befallen Him anew that which caused the Supreme Pen to lament and the Tablet to cry out. Nevertheless, He was not hindered from making mention of the people of God, nor did He pause. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have recognized Thee!

O Muhammad (Master Muhammad the Builder)! God willing, mayest thou be assisted to build a House that shall be raised up in the name of God. The mention thereof shall ever shine and be manifest like unto the sun from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and shall endure and remain forever. Likewise, may ye be confirmed to strengthen the foundation of steadfastness, which today is greater than any good deed and taketh precedence over every other matter. Render thanks unto the Desired One, Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison, which is known as the Praiseworthy Place. We send Our greetings to the loved ones in that land and bid them to that which beseemeth the days of God. Under all conditions, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God and His praise. This is My counsel and My testament unto My servants who have attained unto My days, who have soared in My atmosphere, who have held fast unto My cord, and who have acted according to that which is in My Great Book.

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of earth and throne, Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Ark which Thou hast made the dwelling-place of the people

of Baha, to illumine Thy lands with the lights of Thy countenance and the hearts of Thy servants with the revelations of the Sun of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou seest them in the hands of the wicked among Thy creatures as captives and strangers. O Lord! The Pharaohs' conditions, the tyrants' wishes, and the Caesars' designs have gained ascendancy over them. O Lord! The fire of hatred from the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious among Thy creation hath encompassed them. They pass judgment upon Thy chosen ones according to their desires and act according to their own inclinations in ways that cause the dwellers of the pavilion of infallibility and the tabernacle of grandeur to lament. O Lord! Thou hearest the sighs of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise at what hath befallen Thy loved ones in Thy days, and the cries of the inhabitants of the cities of names at what they have witnessed from the oppressors among Thy creation who pronounced judgment against Thee and sought to slay Thee by night and day. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thou knowest and seest; there is no God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

I beseech Thee, O God of the world, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of those whose tyranny caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to cry out, and to extinguish the fire that hath been kindled by rancor and hatred. O Lord! Thou art the Strong, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Glorious. The mighty among Thy servants cannot prevent Thee, nor can the power of those in the lands render Thee powerless. I pray and offer salutations and glorification upon Thy Prophets, Thy Messengers, Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones who cast the world aside, turning to the pavilion of Thy grandeur which the hand of Thy power hath raised for the establishment of Thy throne.

O Lord! They are the lamps of Thy Cause, the suns of Thy wisdom, and the moons in the heaven of Thy providence. I beseech Thee by them, by the light of their faces, by the sweetness of their utterance, by their knowledge and wisdom, by their arising and their aid, by their patience and forbearance, by their humility and submissiveness, and by their steadfastness, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will protect them from the arrows of the idolaters among Thy servants and the spears of the heedless among Thy creation. The servant knoweth with absolute certainty that if Thou wert to reveal today unto Thine enemies what Thou hast revealed unto Thy loved ones, the wine of revelation would so overcome them that they would hasten to the ocean of Thy bounty and turn to the Most Exalted Horizon–the station from which the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance have shone forth.

O my God and my Beloved! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones from the Pen of Thy decree, of adversity and tribulation, lest any of Thy loved ones be saddened in Thy shadow. O Lord! The fire of Thy love hath set the world ablaze and by it the hearts of the peoples have melted. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which mysteries have been revealed and traces have appeared, to make known to Thy loved ones what Thou hast ordained for them by Thy Pen, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, and to enable them to attain the station of nearness, sanctity and beauty–the station wherein whosoever reacheth it is not dismayed by what hath befallen or may befall him in Thy path. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of them that know! The servant loveth to show them what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty, that it may so attract them that they would see every affliction as sweet for Thy good-pleasure and every hardship as comfort in Thy love. However, Thy wisdom hath prevented me from disclosure and Thy fear

hath forbidden me from revelation. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Commanding, the Sovereign, the Ruler, the All-Choosing.

O beloved of my heart, thou who art mentioned in the court of my Purpose and your Purpose, my Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth! The fragrance of thy words hath revealed to me the intensity of thy longing and the blazing of the fire of thy love for God, the Lord of the worlds. When I drank the water of love and affection from the chalices of thy words, and found the sweetness of thy remembrance and praise of our Lord and your Lord, I betook myself to the Most Exalted Station until I attained the presence of His Countenance. And after gaining permission, I presented that which the nightingale of thy longing warbled upon the branches of thy knowledge. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the world hath witnessed, saying:

In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

O Ali! The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and thy praise in the letter thou didst send to the servant present before the Countenance, and We have revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of them that are possessed of understanding. The Most Great Proof hath appeared, and the Lord of Eternity proclaimeth with the loudest voice: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful! Say: This is the Day wherein the Mother of the Bayan and the Mother Book walketh and speaketh, while the people are in doubt and schism. We have sent down the proof and made manifest the way, as a grace from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, and the Supreme Pen speaketh and saith: By God! The Hidden One hath appeared with the banners of His signs. This is the Day wherein the Ocean of Utterance beareth witness to the Lord of Religions, and the Divine Lote-Tree speaketh and giveth the glad tidings to the servants of this Revelation, through which the horizons have been illumined.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Night and day, the Pen and the Tongue are occupied with the mention of the friends of God, and naught can equal even a letter thereof. Give thou the glad-tidings of the favors of the Lord of Names to the people of Baha, both manifest and hidden, that perchance the sorrows of the world may not prevent them from the Lord of Eternity. I swear by the Ocean of Divine Utterance that the survival of the world and its growth and elevation have been and are for the sake of the loved ones of Truth. The poverty that is now witnessed is the cause of wealth and riches, and likewise weakness is the cause of power and might. O Ali! The lights of the Sun of Justice shall emerge from behind the dark clouds and illumine the world. Convey My greetings to them that drink the choice wine of inner meanings, and say: Death is written once for every soul, and this is an irrevocable decree inscribed by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Blessed is the soul whose life and death are for God and occur in His path. All must today observe wisdom and act in accordance with it, and arise to serve the Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. Man hath been created for love and knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, hath desired. By My life! These two days are not worthy of attention. Beseech God that He may enable all to achieve that which is loved and mentioned in His presence. Say: Drink ye My choice sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. It will attract you to a station wherein the conditions of the world will not sadden you, nor will the clamor of those who have turned away from God, the Exalted, the Great.

Say: O friends! Know ye the worth of your stations and preserve them through the Name of God, the Most Glorious. Were the veil to be lifted and less than a needle's eye of the station of God's chosen ones be revealed, all the world would turn towards the Most Great Name. Now the manifestations, conditions and ephemeral beings of the earth have prevented the people from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. And what is meant by ephemeral conditions and colors are the divines of the age who are the cause of prevention. They are the greatest veil that hath intervened between the lights of the Face and humanity. Would that they had attained unto a drop from the ocean of knowledge! They have borne an ocean of vain imaginings and a city of idle fancies, and in the marketplace of heedlessness they seek customers. Their likeness is as one who hath been named "the Wolf," whose deeds and allotted time have been set down by the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Tablet of Proof. Say: O friends! In all circumstances fix your gaze upon wisdom and hold fast unto it. Put your trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is with you, hearing what your tongues utter and seeing your deeds. He, verily, is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Upon thee be My Glory, and upon them, and upon whosoever was present before the Face and recordeth that which descendeth from the Kingdom of Utterance of his Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, and upon those who circle round the Throne with manifest sincerity.

Praise be to God! That beloved one hath been and is adorned with the ornament of the grace of God, the Most Glorious. The world cannot equal this bounty, nor can the birds of the hearts comprehend it. Although for some time this evanescent servant hath not been enabled to reply to that beloved one's letter, this was not due to any lack of sincerity. God, the All-Knowing, is witness and testifier that they are ever before mine eyes and present in my heart. Several petitions from that land attained the Most Holy Court and responses to some were revealed in those same days. Nevertheless, due to consummate wisdom and events occurring in this land and other considerations, there was delay until this time when, by the command and will of the Lord of Oneness, it was sent. God willing, they will attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of divine utterance - a drink that the vicissitudes of time shall not efface nor remove from sight. All the Prophets and Messengers have awaited this Day, as have the saints and chosen ones, and in the nights and days they have beseeched and implored God, the Most Glorious, that they might be enabled to hearken unto this call and be honored and distinguished by the word of His good-pleasure. Soon will the stations of those souls who have drunk the wine of steadfastness and attained unto the Word of God become manifest and evident in the earth.

And concerning what you wrote about hearing that the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - hath chosen to travel: Yes, all that was revealed by the Supreme Pen upon first arrival in the prison hath become fully manifest and evident. At first arrival in the Most Great Prison conditions were exceedingly difficult, until the Supreme Pen gave the glad-tidings that the prison gates would be opened - whoso willeth may go forth and whoso willeth may enter therein. Until now, each year He hath journeyed in whatever direction He hath chosen and none hath objected; rather, all have shown the utmost submissiveness and humility. Had the existing souls moved according to what God desired, now would the whole earth be seen as one land. The details of this land remain concealed and unmentioned. Knowledge is with God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

You made mention of the Devil of Cyprus having been released, as reported. Would that he were released and would associate with people for a while, so that what is hidden might become clear and evident. Consider, O beloved of my heart, how he was concealed behind numerous veils, city after city, while God, exalted be His glory, was alone in the hands of His servants. Yet when the banner "Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him" was raised in the most exalted station, the buzzing of flies emerged from behind the veil, uttering that which neither the tyrants nor Pharaohs of old had uttered. The tyrants and Pharaohs mentioned in every instance are, according to the explanation of the All-Merciful, the divines of the age who in every era and century have been the cause of people's hindrance and veiling. I testify that they have gone astray and led others astray. Soon shall they find themselves in the lowest depths.

What you sent arrived and, praise be to God, was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This evanescent one's petition is that, should wisdom permit, convey my greetings to the friends in that land who soar on wings of steadfastness in the atmosphere of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. God willing, may you remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of all possibility with the utmost power, might, spirit and joy, and may you drink at all times from the living waters. This is the day for the manifestation of refined conduct, goodly character, and pure deeds. We beseech God to adorn all with these and to aid them to achieve in the assemblage of the world that which He loves and is pleased with. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, be upon you and upon those with you and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not hindered from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

Praise be to God! The path is clear, the way is evident, the proof is manifest, and the banner of the Revelation is raised upon the highest standards. Yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Glory be to God! The fragrance of the divine raiment hath encompassed the world, and the lights of the dawn of His Revelation have illumined the horizons. Yet the unjust people remain heedless and deprived of all, for they are occupied with their own concerns and are far removed and barred from that which is with God. One stands amazed at what hath prevented their eyes from beholding the ocean of inner meanings and their ears from hearkening to the Word of God. The scratching of the Supreme Pen is raised both night and day. For what purpose was life created, and for what day was consciousness brought into being? What was the purpose of sight, and what of hearing? Blessed are they who ponder the Cause of God and discover its purpose. This exalted and blessed word was repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

"O servant! Until they pass beyond the gulf of names, they shall not attain to the ocean of inner meanings. The people of former times throughout ages and centuries were worshippers of vain imaginings, yet counted themselves among the people of unity. They were the most lost among the peoples of the world, yet deemed themselves the most exalted and learned. On the Day of Revelation,

the loss of those people became clear and evident to all, for both the learned and the ignorant committed that which no other people had ever perpetrated."

Glorified art Thou, O God, Lord of all beings and the Object of all creation! I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing knowledge, Thy pervading Will, Thy pre-existing mercy, and Thy all-compelling purpose, and Thy triumphant power, to make known unto Thy loved ones and chosen ones that which will preserve them from all else but Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee. Then inscribe for them in Thy Scriptures and Tablets that which shall be a light unto them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Withhold them not from the rain-showers of Thy grace, nor from the outpourings of Thy days. Adorn them, O my God, with the ornament of steadfastness and fidelity. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant, on Friday the 4th of the revered month of Sha'ban, while seated in his place, wondering at the greatness of the Cause of God and contemplating the heedlessness and misguidance of the people of the world, at that moment received a letter from Haifa from Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be the glory of God, and in that letter was a letter from you which you had written to him. After seeing, reading and reviewing it, for the sake of God I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented before His presence that which was mentioned and written. Blessed and exalted be His Word:

"Verily, I am the Hearer, and I am the Answerer."

We make mention of the loved ones of that land, and continue to do so, and We give the glad-tidings of God's special favors to the people of God. We have, out of wisdom, concealed the names, but in the Crimson Book they are recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. By the life of God! They have attained unto that which hath no equal and no likeness. Soon shall the world return to nothingness. Every person of insight and understanding hath testified and continues to testify to the transience of all that is visible. However, that which hath been ordained for the people of God shall neither change nor alter. The hand of events shall fall short of its hem, and it shall remain sanctified and protected from the changes of the world. O people of God! Know ye the value of these days and act as behooveth you. Today the heaven of inner meanings is adorned and illumined with the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation. From all directions is heard the cry "The Chosen One hath come," and from all things is heard "The Lord of the Kingdom of eternity hath come." The banner of "He doeth what He willeth" is raised, and the standard of "Verily He is the Truth" is unfurled and visible. Blessed are they whom the doubts and intimations of the people of the Furqan and the Bayan have not debarred from the horizon of the All-Merciful. O Muhammad! Hear with thy inner ear the call of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God to adorn thee with the ornament of His most excellent names and most exalted attributes, for verily the hosts that aid and assist the Truth this day have been and continue to be goodly and acceptable deeds. Blessed is he who hath been named by the Spirit's good-pleasure from the Pen of God, the Lord of lords. We testify that he turned towards God and attained His presence while people were in strange slumber. He was present, witnessed, and heard the call of the Lord of Names from His most exalted horizon, and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered when He came with power and sovereignty. We have mentioned him before in such wise that its fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in its most exalted station. Thus have We

sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty that which draweth all near unto the Dayspring of Lights. Convey thou the greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. All are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and are recorded by the Pen of Revelation. No deed hath been or shall be hidden. All are manifest and evident before His face. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to illumine all with the lights of His countenance and to set them ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, that all the peoples of the world may attain unto these twin bounties and arise with perfect steadfastness to promote the Cause of God. O people of God! Today the Sun of Truth is shining and the light of divine unity is manifest and clear. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the lights of true unity and hath received its portion from the divine fragrances of this Day. Today some among the people of the Bayan are observed to be more lost than the previous parties. We counsel you to preserve the pearls of the love of God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the clamor of the deniers hath not kept back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Glory be unto God! Verses are being revealed like rain-showers from the heaven of divine Will, and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation and is manifest. Yet the faithless people remain veiled, save for a few. The smoke of idle fancies and the dust of self and passion have prevented the world from recognizing the Lord of Names. Say: O people of the Bayan! Are you content to cling to vain imaginings like the people of former times throughout the ages, and ultimately to occupy yourselves with cursing and denouncing from pulpits the One Who is your Goal and Beloved, and to issue decrees for the shedding of His most pure blood? Take heed, O ye who have eyes to see! Take heed, O ye who have insight! For a thousand and two hundred years and more, each sect has clung to a name and engaged in conflict and strife, until on the Day of Reckoning there appeared from the learned and the ignorant of that sect that which caused the Eye of God to weep and the Pen of God to lament. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and glorification to the friends of God and those who drink the pure wine of truth, and declares that it is binding and obligatory upon all to arise to aid the Cause and to protect the helpless servants from the dawning-places of conjecture, that perchance former vain imaginings might not be renewed and suppositions might not veil the lights of certitude. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector over what was and what shall be.

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza Aqa and Aqa Mulla Rida, upon them be the glory of God, mention of them attained the presence of the Goal of the worlds and achieved the honor of being heard. This is what was revealed for them from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Mirza Aqa! A letter reached the Wronged One in prison wherein thy mention was recorded, and it achieved the honor of being heard. These sublime words were revealed from the Dayspring of divine verses: Today the world is illumined with the lights of the True Sun of Divine Unity. Blessed are they whom the doubts of the deluded and the doings of the aggressive have not debarred from turning

toward the countenance of the Ancient Beauty, which hath shone forth and is manifest from the supreme horizon. Say: O people! Rend asunder the veils of doubt and uncertainty and turn ye to the horizon of certitude. Reflect upon the former sect and take heed. We beseech God the Exalted to assist thee and those who have believed to act according to what hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book. Know thou the value of this mention, for from it wafteth the fragrance of eternity. Occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of the Lord of the Ancient.

O Muhammad-Rida! Hearken unto the call from the prison. Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The ocean of knowledge hath surged through My Most Great Name, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted from the breezes of what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath perceived and witnessed, and woe unto every heedless doubter. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My verses, say: […]

My God, my God! Prevent me not from Thy remembrance and praise in Thy days, and withhold me not from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O Lord! The poor one seeketh the ocean of Thy riches, and the sick one the sea of Thy healing. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath subdued all things, and by Thy command which hath dominated all names, and by the breezes of Thy days, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging to the handle of Thy bounty, and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, then ordain for me that which shall be a lamp before mine eyes in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise and gratitude be unto Him! They have attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. All the people of S, meaning those who are holding fast to the firm cord of God, and likewise the companions of the Mosque of Bardi - each one hath attained unto the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. This lowly one beseecheth God, glorified be His majesty, that He may cause all to be enkindled with the fire of the Sacred Tree - an enkindlement that neither opposition, nor heedlessness, nor clamor, nor tumult can extinguish. This is the day of remembrance and praise, of steadfastness and faithfulness. The evanescence of the world is evident and manifest to everyone; therefore, let not those possessed of keen vision and hearing be deprived of the Sovereign of the Kingdom of immortality. Ever hath this most exalted Word been heard from the Supreme Pen - may our spirit and the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be offered up for His sake - His blessed and exalted Word:

O people of God! This is the day of remembrance and praise, and this is the day of steadfastness and faithfulness, and this is the day wherein the treachery of eyes and that which the breasts conceal become manifest, and this is the day wherein that which was hidden and treasured in hearts and minds is revealed.

Such utterances have repeatedly been heard. They must appreciate the value of these days and occupy themselves with that which is befitting.

O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the name of Baha, and the light of Baha, and the manifestation of Baha, and the mystery of Baha, and the knowledge of Baha, and the mercy of Baha,

and the bounty of Baha, and the generosity of Baha, and the grace of Baha, and the days of Baha, and the utterance of Baha, and the wisdom of Baha, to assist Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones to make up for what hath escaped them in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art the Generous and Thou art the Merciful. Withhold not Thy chosen ones from turning unto the ocean of Thy knowledge, and distance them not from the court of Thy nearness and Thy presence. Thou art He Who hath testified to Thy generosity through all created things, and to Thy grace through all contingent beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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O Ashraf! The smoke of heedlessness and the dust of idle fancies have prevented the world from beholding the effulgent rays of the Countenance of the Lord of all beings, and deprived it of the waves of the Most Great Ocean. O Ashraf! Upon thee be My glory. Momentous is this Cause - this is that News of whose greatness all heavenly Books have testified, this is that News at which the limbs of the peoples of the world have quaked and the hearts of the divines and the doctors of law have trembled. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God. Say: Take ye My choice sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then drink thereof in despite of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the All-Merciful and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. In these days it is most needful to reflect on what hath passed, and is accounted as worship before God, nay rather, is mentioned as the sovereign of all acts of worship. The traditions of old have surely been before thine eyes. The purpose is that in this Most Great Revelation the servants may attain unto true unity. O Ashraf! We have rent asunder some of the veils while others remain as barriers preventing the servants from turning to the Supreme Horizon. By God's life! Until they pass beyond the gulf of names they shall not attain to the Most Great Ocean. This word hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, yet the people understand not, the people perceive not, the people know not. This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him. O Ashraf! From the rustling of the winds is heard "The Cleaver of the Dawn hath come," and from the whispering of the Divine Lote Tree "The Lord of all creation hath come," and from the murmuring of the living waters "The All-Merciful hath come." Where then is the hearing ear, and where the penetrating vision? By God's life! This is the Day of sight and the Day of hearing, for the call of God, exalted be His glory, is raised from the Supreme Paradise, and the light of the Countenance of the Sun of Being is shining forth from the horizon of Manifestation, radiant and evident. In all ages and centuries the ignorant divines have forbidden and continue to forbid the servants from God, exalted be His glory. In their primary station and first rank, they are in the throes of death - their souls transform light into fire, acceptance into rejection, and knowledge into ignorance. In truth, they seize the human spirit. God protect us and you.

O party of God! Ponder the Shi'ih sect. Through ages and centuries they occupied themselves with mutual execration and denunciation, and when speaking of the Herald, they uttered "may God hasten His relief." Yet when the dawn of hope appeared and the world was illumined by the radiant splendors of the Sun of Oneness, they all arose in opposition until they committed that which caused the denizens of the cities of justice to weep and all things to lament with great lamentation. Consider the fruit of their deeds: It was

the martyrdom of the Lord of the world. The divines issued the verdict for His death, and the people, following them, wrought that which caused the eyes of the Prophets to weep. Reflect upon the beginning of that sect - what calumnies were raised, and how these calumnies became the cause of hatred and were visited upon the Herald. Now again the people of the Bayan with tongues of falsehood and delusion engage in the same utterances. The worthless ones of the world claim to be pearls, and the bats of existence pretend to the station of the sun. Protect the weak in the name of the Strong One of Truth. Guide the ignorant to the ocean of knowledge, that perchance the world may be purified and not again be sullied with the clay of suspicion and fancy. Verses have been sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful equal to all previous Books, and evidences have appeared in such wise that none has excuse for hesitation or denial, unless they wholly deviate from the straight path and deprive themselves of fairness and truth. The Surih of Kings, the Tablet of Ra'is and their like bear witness to what has been mentioned and testify to what has proceeded from the Most Exalted Pen. Today, whatever will be manifested from the deeds of that heedless party is clear and evident to the loved ones of God. They draw nigh unto what was mentioned at the beginning of the Tablet, and they understand. Whosoever attains unto this counts the world as non-existent, let alone the braying of the ignorant mentioned in the Scriptures and Tablets. From Kaf and Ra it appeared. Glory be to God! Despite their ignorance, they have uttered that which no idolator before had ever said. Blessed art thou, O Ashraf, in that thou hast heard the Call and turned toward it and responded on a Day when eyes were fixed in terror, hearts were constricted, the sighs of the lovers ascended, and the tears of the people of the Covenant were shed. The Greater Branch was present before the Wronged One, and We read what thou didst commune with and call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We have answered thee with verses that neither the treasures of the earth nor what the kings and rulers possess can equal, that thou mayest rejoice and thank thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Say: O people of God! Be as mountains in the Cause of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, in such wise that neither the blasts of allusions nor the storms of expressions from those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, may move you.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Shukru'llah, that he may hear the call of the Lord of Eternity from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have aforetime made mention of thee through verses from which the fragrance of divine revelation was wafted throughout the world, and at this hour through that which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Take hold of the verses of God with such strength as is bestowed by Him, that neither the might of the people nor the allusions of them that have been heedless of this manifest Cause may hold thee back. Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and utter not that which hath caused the denizens of Paradise and they that circle round the Throne to lament at all times. By God! The Revealer of verses hath come with the standards of inner meanings and utterance, calling you unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which God, the Mighty, the Beauteous, hath enjoined. The books of the world profit you not this day save through this Book which speaketh before the faces of the nations by the leave of an All-Knowing Commander. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest be endowed with insight into this momentous announcement. We counsel thee and them that have believed to show forth supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been

perturbed, save him whom God hath delivered and preserved as a token of His grace - and He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have sent down for thee what thou didst desire from ’Amman, as a mercy from thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

We make mention of him who hath been named Darab, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that he may remember his Lord, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. We made mention of him aforetime with such remembrance as drew unto it the hearts of the Concourse on High and they that circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. O Darab! The All-Bountiful remembered thee before and remembereth thee at this hour. Verily He remembereth him that remembereth Him, turneth unto him that turneth unto Him, and answereth every call raised in His love. He is, verily, powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Grieve not over aught. In all matters place thy trust in Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. All created things have testified that He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen. We counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted - this is among the most excellent of deeds, though most of the people understand not. Hold fast unto the cord of goodly deeds and cleave unto its blessed and mighty hem. Say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the lands and didst send down unto Thy servants that which drew them nigh unto the court of Thy holiness and the carpet of Thy companionship, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Faramarz! Do you know who has turned to you, and do you know who wishes to make mention of you? Say: Yea, by my Lord! But the people are in evident delusion. Take hold of the verses of God with His strength in such wise that neither the allusions of the divines weaken you, nor the might of the aggressors frighten you - they who have broken God’s Covenant and His Testament and have pronounced judgment against Him when He came with manifest sovereignty. We make mention of Our loved ones there who have testified to that which God has testified, and have acknowledged that whereto My Most Exalted Pen has moved in this glorious station, and before it in the Land of Mystery, and before that in Zavra, and before that in the Land of Ta. Thus does the Wronged One relate unto thee that thou mayest know and be of them that know. We have stood before all faces and called out with the most exalted call, and summoned them to the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that neither their clamor weakened Me, nor their hosts and their ranks hindered Me. When the Cause was revealed, a band of wolves emerged from behind the veils and sought Me out. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful. Thus was the matter decreed, yet most of the people are heedless. O people of God! Be not grieved by anything. Arise to serve the Cause with supreme steadfastness. Thus does the Lord of all being command you, both before and at this time. Upon you be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ashraf! We have seen thy letter containing the names of those who have arisen to serve the Cause, turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. We testify that they heard and responded, and aided the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Ali! Thy name was presented by the Most Great Branch before the Face in the Most Great Scene. We have revealed for thee that which will gladden thy heart and console thine eyes and the eyes of those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Youth named Husayn! We made mention of thee before, and We make mention of thee at this time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Generous. My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to thy name and thy mention in such wise that its fragrance shall never fade throughout the duration of My mighty and impregnable Kingdom.

O Nabil-i-Baqir! The cawing of the crows and the clamor of the transgressors who have cast the Book of God behind their backs in following their own desires have grown loud. They are indeed among the idolaters in the Book of God, the Most High, the Great. Blessed art thou for thy turning unto Him, thy sincerity, thy devotion, thy steadfastness, and thy rising up in service to thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. There hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful the Living Waters for you. Blessed is he who hath drunk thereof, and woe unto the heedless. We counsel you at the end of this Tablet with deeds whereby the Cause of God may be exalted among His servants, that there may be manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the Book.

We make mention of him who was named Yusuf that he may arise to that which befitteth the days of his Lord, the Lord of all men. There hath come before Us a letter from one who hath loved Us and drunk the choice wine of Our loving-kindness from the hands of Our bounty, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee as a favor from Us, for We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Be not grieved by anything. In all matters put thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords. We adorned thee before with the ornament of My remembrance, and this is yet another time, as a mercy from Us which hath preceded most names. He before Whom is the knowledge of the Book beareth witness to this. When thou dost discover the fragrant breezes of thy Lord's utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison! I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this praiseworthy station, before which every lofty station and every exalted palace hath bowed down in submission. Beware lest thou be veiled by the doubts of the divines through whose rejection the people in every age have turned away from God, the One, the Chosen. Remember thy Lord by night and by day, at eventide and at dawn. He hath made mention of thee in such wise as nothing in all creation can equal. To this testifieth the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the fragrance of utterance been wafted throughout all contingent being. Blessed is he who hath inhaled it, who hath arisen and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses and Manifestor of clear tokens!"

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

Praise be to God Who summoned His Afnan to the Divine Lote-Tree, to the Supreme Horizon, to the Ultimate Goal, and to the Most Glorious Vista, and permitted them to turn towards the ocean of His oneness and the depths of the sea of His unity, and aided them according to His will until He brought them into His presence and caused them to hear His sweetest call, and manifested Himself to them through His most beautiful names. Exalted is He Who made them know Him and drew them unto Him. They are those who, when they heard, responded, and drank the wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The Supreme Pen hath testified to their love, their orientation, their presence, and their arrival at the Most Great Scene, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the Afnan and Lord of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Merciful, to assist them at all times in Thy remembrance and praise, and in arising to serve Thee with wisdom and utterance. O Lord! Thou beholdest them turning toward the horizon of Thy grace, gazing upon the lights of Thy countenance, and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. They traversed land and sea until they entered the Luminous Spot, the place which Thou didst make the circling-point of Thy loved ones, Thy chosen ones, and the Concourse on high. I beseech Thee to ordain for them that whereby their spirits, bodies, forms, names, and remembrances shall endure throughout the dominion of the kingdom and the realm. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Transcendent, the Single, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God Who invited the Afnan of the Tree and blessed them with the water of reunion. They turned and were blessed with divine bounties, and through God's grace a special place opposite the mansion was designated for them. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that the Supreme Pen will bestow upon all Afnan the reward of nearness and meeting. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! The heart of this evanescent one has melted upon seeing how the servants have deprived themselves of the outpourings of the Most Great Sea, and their heedlessness has reached such a point that they have cast aside the Intended One and followed every heedless and rejected one. All atoms cry out, yet ears are deprived of hearing them, save those whom God willeth. They reflect not upon the vicissitudes and conflicts of the world. At every moment it demonstrates and speaks of its own transience, yet people remain heedless of hearing and seeing it through what their hands have wrought aforetime. They see that they depart and return not, yet they neither understand nor perceive. At every moment they witness members of their own kind returning to dust with complete regret and remorse, yet they remain veiled, proud, and heedless. Verily, this servant, with his tongue and the tongues of the Afnan of the Tree, calls upon God to assist the servants to turn unto Him and to prosper them in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former life, and in His grasp is the Kingdom of creation. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

After praise and laudation this evanescent servant presents that the handwriting of your eminence that was recorded on 10 of S adorned anew the evidences of sincerity. Praise and gratitude be unto Him that time and again this servant becomes enkindled with the fire of love for your eminence and achieves the traces of his pen. O beloved of my heart! When I read what was presented before His countenance, the

fire was ignited in my innermost being and the heat of longing seized me in such wise that it moved me instantly. Then I took the letter and ascended with it to the Most Exalted Horizon until I attained the presence and presented what was in it. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which attracted the hearts of those near and the Messengers. He, exalted be His glory, said: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! We have heard thy call and thy lamentation and thy cry in the love of God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. We answer thee with that which God hath made the spirit of life for the Concourse on High and the choice sealed wine for the people of Baha. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Responding. Rejoice in that the fragrance of longing and yearning hath been wafted from thy words. The call of the All-Merciful attracted thee and caused thee to speak that which beseemeth thee on this Day which God hath made its light from the lights of His Face, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who by Thy will made the Tree to speak unto the Interlocutor, and caused the Night Journey to attain unto the Beloved, and honored the heaven with the Spirit, in that Thou hast caused my call to achieve Thy hearing, and my face to be turned to Thy face, and my heart to be a treasury of Thy love, and my eye to observe the wonders of Thy grace, and my tongue to make mention and speak Thy praise. I beseech Thee to assist me at all times in Thy service and to strengthen me in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants and my mention among the Concourse on High through Thy bounty and favor. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty."

God willing, be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved. Every remembrance that appeareth from the seat of certitude is as light for the world and as spirit for the bodies of nations. Blessed art thou and My Afnan who have believed in My verses and My sovereignty and My power and My might, and who have drunk the choice wine of My love and have attained unto My presence and appeared before My face and heard My call, and those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in My Book which We sent down from the kingdom of My utterance and the heaven of My bounty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Regarding what you wrote about reading and reciting the Tablet of Burhan and sending it according to the command to Rajab, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], all was presented before His presence. He said: "It behooveth him to praise God for having established him in the service of His firm and wise Cause."

This evanescent servant beseeches God to strengthen that honored one at all times to accomplish that which He hath strengthened him to do. And concerning what you wrote about his honor S, we beseech God to make him aware and entirely focused, in such wise that perishable things shall not prevent him from attaining the immortal Kingdom. It is submitted that a few days ago the response to the queries of his honor Aqay-i-Afnan A and H - upon him be all glory - was revealed from the Dawning-Place of Revelation and was sent by command to your honor to be forwarded after perusal. That which is beloved before the Divine Presence today, and incumbent upon the Afnans of the Sacred Tree, is to show consideration to the people of the Twin Luminous Lights. If that matter which his honor Aqay-i-Afnan wrote concerning the payment of debts is carried out, thereafter it would be pleasing to the Afnans to execute general charitable works. This servant submitted this matter because whatever transpires in these days will serve and continue to serve as an example to all, and furthermore, in future ages when

people become aware of it they will surely follow this example, and this has been and will be the cause of the expansion of hearts and the comfort of devoted souls. Now if anything is needed for the two sons of the Twin Luminous Lights and their families, it will be sent from this source, but the payment of debts takes precedence in all conditions. What was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur is this: that the honored Afnans should execute whatever they deem advisable in this matter after examining what is recorded in the ledger.

And concerning what you wrote that if the means for paying the debts of the King of Martyrs were to be arranged all at once and hastily it would be unwise - this was submitted before the Divine Presence and He said: "Yes, what he hath spoken is true. In all matters they must be mindful of wisdom."

And regarding what you wrote about something being written to his honor S that would give him assurance about what your honor had written to him - God willing this will be done according to your honor's instruction, but the debts must be determined. By command: mere verbal claims regarding debts are not sufficient - the ledger must be consulted and whatever is recorded therein must be paid. The enemies have accomplished their purpose; they have no further use for the ledger. His honor S should either personally or through someone appointed by him tell that one who hath associated partners with God that people are claiming debts from the martyred wronged one, and the truth or falsehood of these claims is not known - give us the ledger so that after examining it the debts may be paid. The purpose is that your honor should become informed of matters and after being informed should act according to what you have intended and what is beloved before the Divine Presence.

And concerning what was written about the funds, the noble letter arrived and was submitted. He commanded that either a property be built from it or land be purchased so that enduring traces may remain for the senders. Previously these details were commanded to be written and sent to his honor Name of God M - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - and then your honor's letter arrived stating that one portion had been sent and the other portion would be sent the following week, and news of the first portion has also arrived from the land of S, and there is also some land, that is a village, at auction though its matter has not yet been concluded.

And another matter is that, in accordance with wisdom, the Afnan (upon them be all His Most Glorious Glory) were granted leave early. From the day of arrival to the day of departure completed one vahid. They stayed two days in the prison-land and the rest in this land which is now the seat of the Throne. Another matter is that your second prayer mentioned in another leaf was presented before His presence. This is what the All-Bestowing revealed in response: "O My Afnan! Once again have I heard thy mention and praise, and once again have I witnessed thy turning to God, the Goal of all the worlds. Thou hast called upon thy Lord in His tongue and with what He hath revealed from His Kingdom. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken His praise and the pen that hath flowed with His beauteous praise. He hath indeed ordained for thee what thou didst desire and hath aided thee in His service. He, verily, is the Generous Bestower."

Regarding what you wrote about turning towards the Most Holy Land, it was presented. He said that in all circumstances they must be mindful of wisdom. This year a number of Afnan (upon them be the Glory of God) have turned towards it. If they were to turn towards it next year, it might prove contrary to revealed

wisdom. By My life, O My Afnan! There hath been written for you from the Supreme Pen the reward of meeting Me and attaining My presence. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truthful, the Informer, the All-Knowing. From the Supreme Pen hath flowed concerning the Afnan that which no one hath known or will ever know. Praise be to God, ye have drunk from the wine of faith, recognition and certitude, and have attained to His mention, praise and service to His Cause. All good is for him who hath drunk the wine of recognition and hath attained the supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause. In this case, ye have reached the ocean of reunion and drunk from the Kawthar of His presence. The Cause is in His mighty grasp. How many souls who are near are counted among the remote, and how many who are separated are in very reunion. Therefore, if it be deemed contrary to wisdom, movement is not permitted. Praise the Beloved of the world Who aided thee to turn towards Him, to mention and praise Him. In His grasp are the reins of all affairs. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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

Today the garden of praise is adorned with the names of the friends of God - those whom the possessions of men have not prevented from that which is with God, whom neither the wickedness of the atheists, nor the clamor of the polytheists, nor the tumult of the aggressors has debarred from the Most Great Ocean. Today, whosoever gazes toward the Most Exalted Horizon and clings to the Most Great Handle is accounted as one of the party of God. All friends must strive with utmost endeavor that they may be distinguished and honored among all peoples by this most great title and most exalted word. Behold the Truth with the eye of truth. Leave behind the pool of names created for the worshippers of names, that perchance ye may attain unto the ocean of inner meanings that lies before all faces. This evanescent servant hath ever mentioned the friends of God in the Most Holy Court according to his capacity, and hath sought divine confirmation for each one, purely for His sake. It is hoped that the party of God may in these days, which are attributed to the Truth, attain unto true unity - that they may see naught but the Truth and hear naught but the Truth, for in this Day none but the Truth is mentioned.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen, Who art established upon the throne of Thy Name, the All-Loving! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy revelation to assist Thy people to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that they may place the world beneath their feet, ascending unto Thy Most Great Name and turning unto it with their faces, their hearts, their breasts, their eyes, and their very veins, so that no name may remain in all creation save Thy name, O Most Merciful, and no description save Thy description, O Thou through Whom the Sun of Proof hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude. O Lord! Take the hands of Thy loved ones with the hands of Thy power, then preserve them from the evil of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from Thee and from that which Thou hast. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Thereafter, thy letter was received, and likewise thy previous letter. After they were read and their contents noted, we approached the presence of the Lord of all beings, and after permission was granted, they were presented before His face and were honored to be heard. His word, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

He is the One Who calleth from the Divine Lote-Tree by His Most Glorious Name!

This is a mention from Our presence to My loved ones and friends who have cast away the world in their longing for My nearness, My meeting, and the recognition of My mighty and great Self. O Mahmud! The All-Loving mentioneth thee from His glorious station that the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, may attract thee to the horizon of divine knowledge and cause thee to hear what the Son of Imran heard when he entered the wilderness of certitude and heard the call: "Verily, there is no God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." We have mentioned those who have believed, both before and after, as the Tongue of Grandeur in this exalted station doth testify. This is a Day wherein from every word of God's words a call is raised between earth and heaven. By God's life! Each one of these words hath a tongue, and each tongue hath a tongue. Were We to expound this station as it truly is, all who are on earth would be thunderstruck, save whom God willeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O people of God! Cast aside all else, for He hath come with the truth and hath summoned all to the horizon from which hath shone the Sun of this Revelation, whereby the Hour hath appeared with its signs, and the mountains have been set in motion by the command of One Who is powerful and omnipotent. Beware lest ye be hindered by the croaking of every croaker, or the braying of every brayer, or the doubts of any learned one who hath pronounced against God, the Lord of all worlds.

Listen to the Divine Call in the Persian tongue. Throughout all ages and centuries, the divines and doctors of the earth have been the cause of rejection and negligence, for the Dawning Places of Revelation and the Daysprings of the Cause, at first, behold all who are on earth at one station and one rank, and summon all from what they possess to what God possesses. These matters conflict with the glory and leadership of the outward divines, thus they arise in opposition, contention and disputation. Even so have they done, and most have attained martyrdom through the decree of those oppressive souls. All corruption in the world hath been and shall be from such souls. Consider Jesus, Son of Mary, Who came with proof from the intention of the worlds - all Jewish divines and idolatrous priests decreed His death. Reflect on the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - the Christian, Jewish and idolatrous priests arose against Him. Consider the first appearance of the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all in the kingdom of the Cause be sacrificed for Him. The chief of all the divines of Persia in those days was Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi. He arose in opposition at first, and afterward the divines of the lands and the heedless dead arose in opposition, and from the pulpits engaged in cursing and reviling the Master of the world. Finally, through their decree that Holy Being was martyred. All know this matter, whether they witnessed or heard it, for several lying, heedless ones trained the people in vain imaginings and suckled them at the breast of idle fancies, and determined His appearance would be from Jabulqa and Jabulsa, such that if a soul spoke of His birth, they would immediately decree his death. In brief, those vain imaginings became the sword of cruelty that fell upon the Dawning Place of faithfulness. Now too, some among the people of the Bayan, whether turbaned or not, have renewed those vain imaginings. May God protect His servants. Consider the Shi'ih sect - for centuries and ages they counted themselves

the greatest, most learned and most discerning of servants. The fruit of their deeds on the Day of Recompense was that they arose to curse, revile and slay the Lord [of the worlds]. O people of God! Guard yourselves by the Name of God, glorified be His majesty. Take the cup of detachment and drink it in the name of the Creator of new creation. Stand firm in Him with such steadfastness that all the world shall be powerless to prevent you. Reflect on what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the heedless souls may not prevent you from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of unity, nay rather, may they be powerless to speak. Today the water of mercy floweth, the Sun of truth shineth, and the ocean of knowledge surgeth. Whosoever attaineth thereunto is mentioned as the most exalted of creation before the Truth. These utterances have repeatedly flowed from the Pen of Him Who is the Manifestation of names and attributes, that all may preserve and protect them, and perchance remain preserved from the whispers of the slinking whisperer and the satans of the earth. The satans at first appear in the guise of friendship and through love lead man to hell. God protect us and you from their evil.

O My loved ones in Sarchah! The Lord of the worlds remembers you from His Most Great Prison and gives you glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for you in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. Beware lest the clouds of glory prevent you from the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, Who hath come from the heaven of grace with the hosts of revelation and the standards of inspiration. Blessed is he who ariseth and saith: “O people of the Bayan! Fear God and reject not the truth through that which ye possess. Fear the All-Merciful Who hath come with power and sovereignty.” Beware lest ye act as ye acted in former days. Cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies. The horizon of the Manifestation hath been illumined by the Day-Star of certitude. In former days ye committed that which caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. We make mention of the people of Qaf who witnessed that which God witnessed in the beginning of the Cause when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq. That which We promised you in the Scriptures and Tablets hath been fulfilled. We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped, and to show forth trustworthiness and godliness and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted amongst His servants. We mentioned you before with a mention at whose appearance all other mentions bowed down in prostration. Be as mountains in the Cause of God. Thus hath He Who hath with Him the Mother Book commanded you before and after. O party of God in that land! Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the might of princes hold you back. Abandon the world, placing your trust in God, the Lord of all men. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who have arisen and said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven and the Master of the beginning and the end.”

As to your having appointed this servant as your representative for circumambulation and visitation, praise be to God, on behalf of your honor and the friends of that land, I performed the circumambulation of the Point round which circle the near ones and the sincere, and the visitation was also accomplished. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant the reward thereof in this world and the next. Today that which is preeminent with God and is reckoned among the most exalted of deeds is steadfastness in His Cause, and so it shall ever be. God willing, may ye attain unto it.

Concerning what you wrote about having sent numerous letters without receiving replies, the reason for not sending responses has been and continues to be the volume of correspondence. God is my witness that whenever this evanescent one has found opportunity, he hath occupied himself with serving the friends and answering their letters. Communications and missives arrive from all directions, and due to the press of occupation it often happens that responses are delayed by one or two years. The loved ones of God should not be disheartened by such delay, for this servant's excuse is as clear as the sun. Nevertheless, I seek forgiveness and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for assistance in fulfilling this momentous task. The command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth.

As to what was written that the friends in that region are dejected and saddened by not receiving news from the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, this matter was presented at the station of "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him." His blessed and exalted Word: The friends of God, glorified be His majesty, are all remembered and recorded by the Supreme Pen. The outpourings of the True Bestower are manifest and descending at all times. The friends in every land should gather together with wisdom and utterance in meetings and assemblies to read the verses of God, for the verses kindle the fire of love and ignite its flame. However, they must observe wisdom in all conditions, and gatherings of five to nine persons are sufficient. The locations must also be varied, for if they are held in one place, the heedless will become aware and cause commotion. Praise be to God, in all cities and regions the divine verses are present and visible. He is the Quickener of the world and the Gladdener of the hearts of the sincere ones and those near unto Him. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto them, succeedeth in reading them, and becometh among the helpers of His Cause and the protectors of its reins.

That which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen is sufficient and standeth in need of no interpreter or expositor. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and praise to all the friends, and beseecheth for all steadfastness from the Exalted True One. Today is the day of remembrance and praise, for the Beloved of the world is manifest. Today is the day of steadfastness, for the clamorous ones are countless. Today is the day of true unity - whosoever is illumined by its lights is recorded among those near unto God in the Manifest Book. Strive that ye may attain to that which is intended, that ye may drink from the everlasting cup and partake of the eternal chalice, which is the recognition of the Purpose of the world and steadfastness in His Cause. Glory and praise be upon you and upon God's friends there and in all regions, and upon every man whose foot hath not slipped from the Path. Praise be to God, the Lord of lords and the Master of the beginning and the end.

The Servant

4th of Muharram al-Haram 1303

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This is the Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, to the loved ones of God in Khalajabad. He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

We have desired to make mention of My friends out of My grace, for verily I am the Ancient Bestower, that the call may attract them to the Supreme Horizon and draw them nigh unto a station wherein naught is seen save God and His signs. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Lord of Eternity was in His Most Great Prison.

O Baqir! We have sent down verses unto thee and revealed that which testifieth to My loving-kindness, My grace, My bounty, My generosity and My mercy, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Give thou the glad-tidings of My remembrance unto My servants and of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. We have made mention of them before and adorned them with the tokens of My Most Exalted Pen, for I am the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ʼAli-Akbar! We have seen thy remembrance and have remembered thee, and We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Clear Book, every letter of which beareth witness to the unity of God and His singleness, and to that which hath been sent down in His precious and wondrous Tablet. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and caused me to turn toward Thy horizon while the people were in manifest denial. Beware lest the doubts of those who have denied the Day of Judgment keep thee back. Arise to serve the Cause and remind the people of the verses of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thus have the waves of the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrances of the All-Merciful been wafted. Blessed is he who hath found and turned towards Him, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

O ʼAli-Asghar! When thou art illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of utterance and hast quaffed the choice wine of life from the Book of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my hope, beneath Thy shadow is my purpose, in Thy presence is my aim, before Thee is my desire, meeting Thee is the utmost object of my hope, and attaining Thy presence is my wish. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy grace and mercy, O Thou Most Merciful of the merciful!

O namesake of the Desired One! When the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree hath enkindled thee on the Mount of Utterance and the attraction of thy Lord's call hath seized thee, say: My God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, and the fire of Thy love hath enkindled me, and Thy separation hath taken patience from my grasp. Have mercy upon me, O my Creator and my Desired One! Ordain for me to attain unto Thy presence and to stand before the door of Thy grandeur, or decree for me the reward of meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

O ʼAli-Akbar! When thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of immortality which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and guided me unto Thy path and sent down unto me Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the lights of the morn of Thy Manifestation and the signs of Thy unity and the banners of Thy power to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Lutf-'Ali and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and inform him of that which hath appeared and shone forth in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily thy mention is a lamp of prosperity for the people of the world and a sign of eternity amidst the nations. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

O Siyyid Muhammad! When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of My utterance and art seized by the fragrances of My verses, say: […]

My God, my God! Blessed is the pathway that leadeth unto Thee and the evidence sent down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness. Blessed is the earth honored by Thy footsteps, the place that hath been granted Thy presence, and the servant who hath heard Thy call and turned with his heart toward Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the treasures of knowledge and arts were revealed and the river of utterance flowed throughout creation, to ordain for me that which shall make me content with Thy good-pleasure and acknowledging of what hath proceeded from Thy Most Exalted Pen. May I never say concerning any of Thy commandments, "why" or "wherefore." O Lord! I wish to be submissive, humble and content before the manifestations of Thy power and decree. Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Siyyid 'Ali! Thy name hath been honored by the glance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and He hath revealed for thee that which fire cannot consume, nor dust devour, nor air alter, nor the passage of ages and centuries change. It shall endure as long as My kingdom and My remembrance among My servants endure. Preserve this station through My Name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! When thou hearest the nightingales of My utterance singing upon the highest branches and the dove of My knowledge cooing from the most exalted station, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and King of the Kingdom of eternity! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause, the rustling of the Tree of Thy Manifestation, the flowing of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and the rushing of the winds in the garden of Thy bounty, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have offered up their breasts in Thy path, their eyes for Thy love, their spirits for the exaltation of Thy Most Exalted Word, and their bodies for the manifestation of Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings and Master of the throne above and the earth below! Thou art the Omnipotent through Thy will and the All-Compelling through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Ancient Commander.

O Pen! Make mention of Hasan who hath heard and turned, and desired to drink the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and to arise to serve His Cause and His loved ones through whom the signs of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, have been spread abroad.

O Husayn! The Ancient Beauty turneth unto thee from the Most Great Prison and counseleth thee and His loved ones to justice and fairness, and to trustworthiness whereby the light of glory and detachment hath shone forth throughout creation. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. He hath assisted thee and honored thee with the traces of His Most Exalted Pen. He is, verily, the Almighty in both the beginning and the return.

O Habibu'llah! The Beloved hath come, yet the servants turned away and the people of the lands opposed Him. The matter grew so severe that the verse of emigration was sent down from the heaven of divine Will. When He departed, the House wept at His separation while the smile of Yathrib appeared at His meeting. O people of God! Behold then remember what befell God's Messengers and His chosen ones, and what was said concerning Him Who sent them, and what was visited upon Him by a wicked and most lost people.

O Muhammad Ja'far! The Wronged One mentioneth thee for the sake of God that thou mayest find the fragrance of utterance and remain steadfast in a Cause at which every deceiver hath lamented, every heedless one hath been disturbed, the foot of every ignorant one hath slipped, and the fire of hatred hath been kindled in the heart of every remote scholar and every stubborn oppressor. We beseech God to assist thee and My loved ones to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause.

O Muhammad-Kazim! Is He Who is remembered in prison or under the will of every oppressor who turned away and denied? Is the Beloved among His loved ones or between the fangs of wolves? The embodiment of tyranny has mounted the throne of oppression and has committed that which caused the countenances of the Most Exalted Paradise to strike their faces in grief. Thus has the matter been decreed in this manifest Prison. Yet his oppression hath not prevented Us from manifesting justice, nor his denial from exalting the Word, nor his polytheism from proclaiming the unity of God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Neither his might nor his power have deterred Us, nor have his hosts frightened Us. To this beareth witness whosoever hath attained Our presence and every truthful and trustworthy one.

O Ali-Murad! The Beloved of the world lamenteth for Himself and saith: The peoples enter temples, churches, mosques and cloisters in My name, yet they are heedless of My Self, turn away from My presence, and do that which causeth My breast to be straitened and My heart, My Pen, the dwellers of the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacle of My grandeur to lament. Thus hath heedlessness encompassed them from all sides. We beseech God to unveil for them a token of His grace and guide them to the straight path.

O Muhammad-Hashim! The call is most loud, yet the channels of hearing are in manifest constraint. Beseech ye God not to deprive His servants. Praise be to God, souls who have accepted the Faith have each been blessed with the lights of the Luminary of utterance and have drunk from the hand of bounty the water of everlasting life. O people of God! Ye are the fruits of the Tree of Knowledge. Let not this exalted station slip from your grasp. Hold fast unto that which is befitting and worthy.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He counseleth all to that which is the cause and source of God's good-pleasure, exalted be His glory. Great is the Cause. The people of God must at all times fix their gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful and beseech Him to protect them from the doubts of the barking ones and the insinuations of the transgressors. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the evil of those who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have disputed His verses and denied His proof and His evidence. Verily, He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad-'Ali! When thou hearest the call of God, the Lord of Lords, and drinkest the choice wine of utterance at journey's end, turn thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and say:

My God, my God! I have cast away all else but Thee, holding fast the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy verses, the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the Word whereby they who have professed Thy unity have soared to the atmosphere of Thy nearness and good-pleasure, and the sincere ones to the precincts of Thy might and grandeur, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are drawn to Thee, who have been so inebriated by the wine of Thy sweet utterance that they have forgotten all else but Thee, turning their faces to the light of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy Cause, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. Send down upon me a mercy from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of generosity hath surged in the world. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Ghulam-Husayn! The Wronged One calleth aloud from the horizon of the prison, guiding all mankind. Glory be to God! The lights of His Revelation have encompassed the world, and the Cause of God hath appeared manifest as the sun. Yet the peoples of the world remain occupied with their own concerns, deprived and forbidden from the rain of divine mercy and the spring showers of heavenly grace. The conjectures of His servants have prevented them from that which is hidden, and their vain imaginings have debarred them from the Self-Subsisting Lord. Blessed is he whom the people's turning away hath not hindered, and mighty is he whom the oppression of the servants hath not weakened. If anyone today should deny this Most Great Cause, what other cause could he succeed in proving? Nay, by God! He who turneth away from this manifest and evident Cause hath ever been turned away from the Truth. To this beareth witness My Pen, through whose scratching all things were attracted and moved to utterance: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty.

O Ahmad! The One True God hath come with the standards of His verses and appeared with the banners of His clear signs. Yet the various peoples remain deprived and forbidden from Him. Each faction holdeth fast to a cord and cleaveth to a vain imagination. The colors of the world and the ornaments of the peoples are a barrier that interveneth. Blessed is the one possessed of power who, with the arm of certitude, hath rent asunder the veils and removed the barrier. Throughout the nights and days, the Tongue of Grandeur hath mentioned and continueth to mention the peoples with loving counsels and goodly exhortations, reminding them thereof. We beseech God to aid all and guide them to the Dayspring of lights. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My handmaidens who have heard the call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and who have believed in Him Who hath come from the horizon of might with the standards of verses. We beseech God to aid them, make them successful, and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords. O My handmaidens and My leaves! Give praise to the Goal of the world in that ye have, in the Most Great Prison, attained unto the word "O My handmaiden!" The ears of God's loved ones have ever awaited this blessed word, and most have lamented in their longing to hear the word "O My servant!" The reins of grace have ever been and still are in the mighty grasp of God. He doeth what He willeth and is not asked of what He doeth. He is indeed the All-Powerful,

the All-Choosing. Blessed are ye, for ye have recognized the days of God's Manifestation and attained unto the knowledge of the True Goal. Well is it with you and joy be unto you. Beseech ye God that He suffer not His handmaidens to be afflicted with vain imaginings as were the handmaidens of the Shi'ih sect. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy to answer prayer.

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May my spirit be sacrificed for you! The blessed letter that you had previously sent arrived later, bringing joy to heart and soul. Praise be to God, once again the holy spiritual breezes and true intimations of divine companionship were inhaled from the paradise of meaningful love. I was blessed with the jewels of wisdom and utterance, and with exquisite novel expressions and sublime words. That which you confided in God, your Lord, was repeatedly presented before the Throne, time and time again. Once more, countless suns of favor have risen and shone forth from the horizon of grace of the King of Names, specifically for your honor. Blessed be your tongue for having mentioned the Beloved of the worlds and for having spoken with the raptures of those attracted and the melodies of the yearning ones. By God, through these the hearts of the sincere were attracted and the souls of the lovers were enthralled. Regarding the names previously mentioned, unique and wondrous Tablets were revealed and sent for each one. Blessed are they, for their names were mentioned by the Pen of Revelation and the gaze of God was directed toward them from this Great Prison. However, the names were not mentioned in the Tablets, for wisdom's sake. Your honor may dispense them as appropriate, for each Tablet is specifically for one of those names that were mentioned before the Throne, and their names have been recorded in a mighty Tablet. As for the names of the people of S that you wrote about in your subsequent letter, God willing, they will be revealed and sent later. That beloved one should not mention divine favors to all until the Tablets arrive. And regarding the Tablets that you mentioned Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Naqi had requested, wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed and sent. Give him the glad-tidings and convey infinite greetings from this evanescent one.

Again it hath been revealed from the right hand of the Divine Command: Some people have been and are requesting special worldly ornaments from the Most Holy Court, and this is exceedingly far from justice and fairness. From the beginning of this Revelation until now, never have We made any intimation to anyone regarding such matters - holy is the hem of the Cause from the mention of such things, much less their practice. It is incumbent upon all to counsel such souls and to declare unto them what cometh from God. The Herald of Divine Unity proclaimeth from the realm of Godhead: O ye loved ones! Soil not the holy hem with the clay of earthly things, and speak not according to the promptings of self and desire. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause, which shineth with utmost brilliance and light from the heaven of the prison, that they who have turned to the Qiblih of existence must today be sanctified and detached from the seen and the unseen. If they engage in teaching, they must do so with pure intent, in a spirit of complete detachment and independence, with lofty purpose and a sanctified nature, turning to all regions with the fragrances of the All-Possessing. It behooveth such souls to make their provision trust in God and their raiment the love of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, that their words may take effect. Those souls who today fix their gaze upon the desires of self and the ornaments of this

vanishing world are seen to be exceedingly remote. In most times, there have been no outward ornaments in the court of the All-Merciful, and those who circled round were in great hardship. Nevertheless, never hath there shone forth from the Dayspring of the Supreme Pen any mention of the world or word indicating it. And if any soul was blessed to send a gift to the Most Holy Court, it was accepted as a token of grace, although were We to desire all the riches of earth and take possession thereof, none would have the right to question it. No deed hath been or will be more abhorrent than to beg among people in the name of God. It is incumbent upon that soul and the friends of God to summon the people to the most great detachment and the most great sanctification, that the fragrance of His most glorious Robe may be inhaled from His loved ones. However, the wealthy must be mindful of the poor, for the station of the patient among the poor is great in the sight of God. By My life! No station can equal it save what God willeth. Blessed is the poor one who is patient and concealing, and blessed is the rich one who giveth and preferreth others. God willing, the poor should strive and engage in crafts and trades, for this hath been made obligatory upon everyone in this most great Revelation and is accounted among good deeds in the sight of God. And whoso acteth upon it, the hidden assistance of God will assuredly encompass him. He enricheth whomsoever He willeth through His grace. He, verily, hath power over all things.

Likewise, from the Dayspring of the merciful Will, words have shone forth concerning the protection of souls and the education of the people of the nation and realm, the benefits of which shall reach all who are on earth, were they to hearken to what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Command. At present it is not expedient that these be sent. They remain suspended in the heaven of Will until such time as the divine Purpose shall determine they be sent. The Command is in His grasp. Strive earnestly in the education of souls, for this hath been and shall remain among the most important of all things. And glory be upon thee, O thou who hearest Our call in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Possessing.

According to the Most Holy and Supreme Command, send copies of this letter with haste to the land of [Ya] and Sh and S and other countries. Furthermore, twenty tumans have been allocated to be delivered to you for the children of Ismu'llah-il-Munir-il-Anvar, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha. Furthermore, that person has been given the choice; He said: "If they follow the truth, what is on earth is theirs, otherwise thy Lord is the best of inheritors." However, it is incumbent upon all to be attentive to their condition at the time of acceptance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Glorious Horizon and have detached themselves from the worlds.

Likewise, from the Dawning-place of the utterance of the All-Merciful, say to the loved ones of God that the first quality of humanity is fairness, and all matters depend upon it. Let them reflect somewhat upon the tribulations and afflictions of this Prisoner, Who has spent His entire life in the hands of enemies, and every day was afflicted with a fresh trial in the path of divine love, until the Cause of God was raised up among the servants. Now if someone should arise and, following his own imaginings, occupy himself secretly and openly with causing division among the people - is such a one to be accounted among the fair-minded? Nay, by His Self, the One Who rules over the worlds! By My life, My heart laments and Mine eyes weep for the Cause of God and for those who say what they understand not and imagine within themselves that which they perceive not. Today it behooveth all to cling to the Most Great Name. There

is no refuge or haven save Him. They must unite the people. Should anyone, though he be dwelling in the highest heights of grandeur, utter words that would cause division among the people, divert them from the shores of the Most Great Ocean and turn their attention to any direction save the praiseworthy station which is manifested within human limitations and directions, all existence beareth witness that he is deprived of the breezes of the All-Merciful. Say: Be fair, O people of understanding. He that is unfair hath no humanity.

God is aware of all souls and what they possess. The forbearance of God hath caused people to become heedless, for He doth not rend asunder the veil before its time, and due to the precedence of mercy, wrathful manifestations have been prevented. Therefore most people, being engaged secretly in that which they commit, have imagined God to be unaware of it. Nay, by His All-Knowing and All-Informed Self! All is visible and evident in the mirror of His knowledge. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Concealer of the weaklings' faults, and praise be to Thee, O Forgiver of the heedless ones' sins! We forbade the people from following delusion that they might recognize the sovereign Truth and that which appeareth from His presence. Now they are seen to be afflicted with the vain imaginings of their own selves. By My life, they themselves are the deluded ones and perceive it not, and that which they utter is delusion though they comprehend it not. We beseech God to assist all and to make them know Him and their own selves. By My life, whoso attaineth unto His knowledge soareth in the atmosphere of His love and detacheth himself from the worlds, turning not his attention to all who are on earth, how much less to those who speak according to their desires that which God hath not permitted them.

Say: Today is the day of hearkening. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One. Speak ye in the name of Truth, and be adorned with the ornament of His remembrance, and illumined with the lights of His love. This is the key to hearts and the polish of existence. He who remaineth heedless of that which hath flowed from the Finger of Will is in manifest error. Righteousness and uprightness are conditions of faith, not difference and corruption. Convey that which thou hast been commanded by the Trustworthy One. The Glory be upon thee, O thou who rememberest My Name, who gazeth toward My direction, and who uttereth the praise of thy Gracious Lord.

At one time, I was present before the Throne, and He commanded: "Write to Ali - O Ali! In certain places, some have outwardly clung to one of the branches of this Divine Tree, seeking thereby to lead weak souls from the shore of oneness to the wilderness of polytheism and error. In truth, these people's secret purpose was never and is not the branch of the Tree, but rather their own selfish desires. God will reveal what is in their souls and what is hidden in their breasts. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. People must be strictly forbidden from entering such places, and every possible effort must be made to protect the Cause from all directions, lest the evil ones find a way to infiltrate.

O Ali! Strange indeed are the people who each day soar with a different desire and wander in a wilderness. These souls never truly sought the branch, nor will they; rather, they have made him a means for attracting people to themselves. God protect us and you from the evil of such as these. Out of consideration for past mercy, We have not exposed the secret of these souls in this instance, that perchance they might become aware and feel remorse. They have also deceived some village folk with

their vain imaginings. If someone could, with wisdom and kindness, guide these weak ones to the shore of the might of oneness, it would be praiseworthy. And the Glory be upon you and those with you."

This servant submits that since the veil has not been rent in this instance and counsels of loving kindness have been sent down from the Pen of Command to those souls, therefore, as commanded, your honor should also not expose them but speak with perfect wisdom, that perchance they might become aware. Otherwise, God will rend the veil. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Your honor knows that it is now nearly ten months since this petition was submitted, and likewise a petition to his honor the illustrious Nabil (upon him be the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful), along with certain passages from the Most Holy Court that needed - indeed, absolutely needed - to be delivered. It was delayed all this time and did not arrive, so it has been sent by a new route. We hope, God willing, that it will arrive soon. Furthermore, two special cloaks have been bestowed, one for his honor Nabil and one for your honor. Upon you be the Glory of God and His remembrance. As commanded, at least once every month, the friends of God in whatever land they reside should, either collectively or individually, read whatever divine utterances have been revealed in this leaf and meditate upon them.

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That which was revealed for him who was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin around the Throne and among the people of earth was named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, and God made him an adornment for those who worship their Lord among all created things between the heavens and earths.

In the Name of the Most Invincible, Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Glorious

God testifies that there is no God but Him and that 'Ali-Qabli-Nabil is His servant and His Glory. The days of servitude have passed and the Glory has appeared with a sovereignty that has encompassed all created things. Then the clamor was raised from all who are in the heavens and earth except those whom We protected from the depths of fire and whom We saved through Our grace. Thus were We powerful over all things and predominant over all in the kingdom. Say: O people! The thunderbolt of the Cause has come to you, then the breezes of torment. Beware that you show mercy to [yourselves] and do not dispute with Him Who has come to you with all the signs and Who speaks to you at all times that which the Ancient Being spoke within His breast. The reins of patience and forbearance have been taken from Him and He speaks as He wishes and is not questioned about what He wishes, and verily He has power over all things. And whenever I became powerless before Him: "O my Lord! Have mercy upon my soul and leave me not in the hands of the wicked. You witness how these wolves have surrounded me, yet He does not hear from me and speaks in all things that 'I am God, there is no God but Me. I created all possible things for the knowledge of My Self and brought beings into existence to attain My presence.' And then I manifested My Self in truth as a grace from Us, and thus was the matter decreed from the direction of wisdom in truth." Say: O people! By God the Truth, verily He speaks now and utters what He wishes and wills, and I am not able to prevent Him. And if I try to prevent Him, by God He will not hear from me. Verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and He is wise over all things. O people! You cannot slay me with the swords of your rancor. By God, verily your Beloved has manifested me in truth,

and all created things bear witness to this, if you be informed thereof. O people! If this be my sin, then ’Ali came to you before with what I have brought you, and before him Muhammad the Messenger of God, and before him the Spirit. Thus has the matter been from time immemorial, if you be aware thereof. Fear God and dispute not His signs, war not against His Self, and deprive not yourselves of the mercy that encompasses the worlds. Then know, O thou who gazest upon the Countenance, that from the thicket of hypocrisy has emerged a band of wolves, and among them is he who cried out within himself: “Is God able to make sweet bitter, or black white?” Say: Yea, by my Lord! Verily He is powerful over what He wishes. He changes all things at every moment, if you be discerning thereof. Nothing in the heavens and earth can frustrate Him. Rather, impotence is an attribute of His servants, while He has ever been sanctified beyond the description of His creation and powerful over all things. And among them is he who said that this Manifestation has appeared too soon, and this is not from God’s practice that has gone before. Say: Yea, by my Lord! This is that innovation the like of which the eye of creation has never witnessed, and thus does the Tongue of Truth speak in the heaven of mighty and lofty glory. Beyond that, say: Verily He has ever been manifest above all things, but you did not recognize Him because the veils of fancy and desire seized you and […]

Every possessor of knowledge beareth witness to this truth: If ye would judge fairly within yourselves and ponder upon those days when the Day-Star of the horizons shone forth from the quarter of Iraq - by God! No eye there was but witnessed from Him what none other had witnessed, and heard what none among all created things had heard. Such indeed was the matter, did ye but know it. God Himself walked among you and spoke unto you with His holy tongue, yet ye knew Him not and remained veiled from His presence. Say: By God! After Me no ear shall hear what was heard from My tongue, nor shall any eye behold what was witnessed in My beauty. But when We found you veiled by fancy and desire, We concealed Our countenance and manifested it not to you, though it was shining like the sun from a glorious horizon.

Say: O people! Fear God and act not as did the people of the Furqan towards ’Ali. Be ye ashamed before God Who created you for this Day and gave you glad tidings of this Manifestation in all the Tablets through a sublime and exalted Pen. And thou, O Zaynu’l-Baqa, grieve not because of these people and what proceedeth from their mouths. Leave their mention, their selves, and all that pertaineth unto them, then turn thy face unto thy Lord and be steadfast in His path. Take heed lest thou be impatient in the Cause of thy Lord. Rather, speak forth between earth and heaven as We commanded thee before and now command thee again, as a token of Our grace unto thee and unto those who hearken unto thy words concerning God, thy Lord, and who take refuge in the shadow of thy Lord’s protection, remaining faithful to the truth.

Be thankful unto God thy Lord for having purified thee from the defilement of these people. Leave them and all their followers - they are but as a handful of clay in thy Lord’s sight, nay less than that, wert thou to know. Purify thine ear that thou mayest hear what the Dove of the Cause warbleth in all things. By the True God! Then wilt thou hear the call from all that hath been created between earth and heaven. Thus have We rent asunder the veil by Our command, for verily We have power over all things. We have uttered a Word and suspended it in the air - it verily attracteth the essences of all created things while casting aside their accidents. It is the magnet of divine attraction, remembered before the Throne.

Through it God separateth light from darkness, the fortunate from the wretched, the rejector from the acceptor. Thus doth He what He willeth by His command, and He is indeed wise over all things.

Know thou that what thou hast called unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, hath come before Us. We have heard the sighing of thy heart and the lamentation of thy soul, and We have accepted from thee both what thou hast done and what thou hast not done, as a grace from Our presence, that thou mayest be among the thankful. We have aided thee in the Cause and shall continue to aid thee as We wish, by Our command, for verily We are the Commander. We have distinguished thee among all creation through Our love, wherefore thou shouldst glory among the concourse of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that thou seest naught in existence save My hallowed, mighty and luminous Beauty, and beholdest all else besides God thy Lord as dust kneaded with brackish water. They have no mention or name with thy Lord today, save those who have ascended unto God and attained the riches of the heavens and earth, and verily it is for the love of thy Lord and […]

He who was not with Him is indeed the poorest of creatures - to this every discerning and fair-minded person beareth witness. Thou dost not ride upon the camel, nor dost thou disgrace thy Lord, for We have forgiven thee before thy asking and clothed thee in the robe of forgiveness before all creation. Therefore keep this to thyself, then thank God thy Lord for having enabled thee to recognize His Self and to stand before His presence, and for having detached thee from all else besides Him. Verily He is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Blessed art thou for having entrusted thy affairs to the Best Bestower, the Most Excellent Helper, and the Most Great Trustee. Be thou therefore assured in thyself through God's might and power, then turn thy face toward the House and say: "O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for what Thou hast bestowed upon me from the wonders of Thy favors and enabled me to entrust my affairs to Thy Self, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace and purify his heart from the defilement of the idolaters.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding rights and such matters, We have verily appointed thee as a trustee from Our presence over all the worlds. All that thou hast done, committed and performed, We have accepted from thee. Grieve not within thyself but be assured through the grace of thy Ancient Lord. There have shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's fingers resplendent words and consummate wisdom, which We have sent unto thee that thou mayest witness and be of those who are well-informed. We desired in this Tablet to inform thee of what hath befallen Us, but We have restrained the Pen from mentioning sorrows lest thou be disturbed within thyself and grieve for what hath befallen the Self of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: By God! There hath befallen Us what hath not befallen any of the Manifestations of old, and I have been tried in the mouth of the serpent, and none knoweth this save My mighty and beloved Self. At first he desired to slay Me, but when God frustrated his desire, he then arose to calumny, and there flowed from his pen that which he himself witnessed, showing no shame before Him Who created and nurtured him, and taught him morning and evening. When he saw the people were foolish, he committed this sin within himself and was among those who play. Had people possessed illumined vision, they would surely have witnessed in his calumnies his falsehood and would have discovered what lay within his breast of hatred for God and enmity toward Him. But the people do not understand. Would that thou hadst been

informed of the essence of his affair, but We have veiled it as a wisdom from Our presence which none comprehend save those who are endowed with understanding. Days passed during which no one could mention what befell God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We showed patience and concealed matters until God should bring about His purpose. Verily He is the Almighty over all things, doing what He willeth through His command “Be” and it is.

Your letter has reached the Exalted Presence, and as to what you mentioned regarding the transactions that have occurred - what is done is done, be not troubled. You are trustworthy in the sight of God. Arise at all times to aid the Cause. What is beloved in the sight of God today has been and will ever be the recognition of His Being. Whosoever guideth a soul shall have ordained for him an infinite reward. O Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin! God, exalted be His mention, hath not manifested such falsehood in any people as He hath in the people of the Bayan. For in every people, a thousand or more or less years would pass before one would appear by whom the truthful could be distinguished from the false, and the monotheist from the polytheist. But since the people of the Bayan regarded themselves as the most discerning among the peoples of the earth and superior to all creation - to such extent that they considered all others veiled while deeming themselves as having recognized God and among those who had attained His presence - therefore but one breath of test blew, and it caused them all to fall back to the lowest station of previous peoples. Thus they have argued against God with the same arguments that the foremost among the followers of the Furqan used at the time of the manifestation of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - and they inflicted upon the Truth what they inflicted. Away with such wrongdoing people! Indeed, they have uttered words and advanced proofs such as no people had ever advanced, even though the veils have not yet been lifted, and what hath been mentioned is less than can be counted in the sight of God. Yet these immature servants have raised such objections as no people had ever raised at the time of a Manifestation. Soon will the tablets of fire spread to all regions. Leave them behind you, then turn toward God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And regarding the names mentioned in your letter of those who have ascended unto God, verses from the heaven of glory have been specially revealed for each one and sent in a scroll. God willing, it will have reached you and you will deliver them. And the glory be upon you and upon him who hath occupied the seat of independence in this firm and wondrous Cause.

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He is God - exalted be His glory, His grandeur and power!

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My Baha! The letters from Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be My Baha, have arrived continuously, yet for some time nothing has been sent from the Most Holy Court. The saplings in the gardens of inner meanings have grown and continue to grow from the Kawthar of divine bounty. The outpourings of the Most Great Sea are the cause and reason for the appearance and manifestation of the crafts and things of the world. By the life of God! The world’s sustenance is from Him. Blessed are they who reflect, and blessed are they who perceive.

The mention of those souls that were in the letters - each one has been blessed with the lights of the Sun of grace and kindness. Their mention has been made and recorded by the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. We beseech God to assist the loved ones of that land that they may all be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings in the nights and days, and that they may not in any circumstance exceed the bounds of wisdom. Let them speak with moderation, teach with moderation, and act with moderation. Let Jinab-i-Samandar convey greetings to all on behalf of the Wronged One and gladden them with God's bounty, exalted be His glory. We testify that he arose to serve the Cause on a day wherein every lion fled, every standing one sat, every tranquil one was disturbed, and every swift one halted. Upon him be the glory of God, His mercy, His grace, and His favor.

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My Baha! The letter of Khalil which he sent to thee was noted. We found in it the fragrance of his love and his enkindlement in the Cause of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. He has taken the cup of success and drunk therefrom in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. He has arisen to serve the Cause and desired to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon. We testify that he has fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and has succeeded in discharging His rights in following His mighty and glorious Command. We have granted him permission, as a mercy from Us, that he may proceed with wisdom to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. We thank God, the Lord of the Exalted House. He desired to leave his homeland out of love for the Most Exalted Homeland and longing to attain the presence of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Hear in the Persian tongue: Jinab-i-Khalil, upon him be My Baha, has been granted permission, but after setting his affairs in order and arranging them, and setting in order the affairs of those left behind, for if they wish to travel with the people it would be difficult and very arduous. In solitude there is spirit and rest for those who turn to God, but wisdom does not endorse solitude. One is necessary and two are not forbidden. In any case, the smaller the group, the more spirituality is witnessed.

And Jinab-i-Muhammad-Karim, upon him be the glory of God, has previously been granted permission. We ask God to assist him in what He loves and is pleased with, and to manifest through him what befits His days. Verily, He has power over all things.

O Samandar, upon thee be my Baha! The numerous supplications from his honour the Trustee (Amin) have reached the Most Holy Court, wherein he hath made mention of his honour Nabil-i-Akbar, upon whom be the glory of God and His favours, and likewise mention of his honour Javad and those with him, upon whom be the glory of God, and hath made mention of his honour 'Aziz Khan and his honour Morteza-Qoli and Nuru'llah Khan, and hath sought for each that which leadeth to divine confirmation and success. Praise be to God that all are remembered and have attained unto the grace of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him not to deprive any soul on earth of the choice wine of inner meanings, and to bestow from the ocean of His bounty and knowledge a complete portion. The affairs of the world and attachment thereto have prevented mankind from the divine path and deprived them of that freedom and detachment which are among the greatest gifts of the Lord. They are fettered by the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings until they return to their own station. The recompense for the deeds of the people of the world hath been made manifest in the form of ignorant divines who deny Him. These are they who cut off the way of God and lead His servants astray. Beseech ye God to protect all from the evil of such souls. The fire of these souls is seen to be more fierce than the fire of Nimrod. O Lord! Protect Thy

servants from the evil of these people, then assist them with the hosts of deeds and virtues. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

O my Nabil! O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Today from the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was heard this most exalted Word: "Nabil-i-Akbar hath passed by the Most Great Scene. Let him aid his Lord, the Most Merciful, through utterance. By My life! He was created to serve this wise Cause and this mighty News. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thy face and make mention of thee as We have mentioned thee before and will mention thee hereafter. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted station."

O Samandar! Convey with the utmost joy and fragrance the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends in that land. God is the Hearer, the Answerer. The sweet savours of the love of each one have reached the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they whom the earthquake of the Hour hath not disturbed, and whom the might of the heedless ones hath not deprived of God. A soul who is manifestly filled with pride and who boasteth of worldly ornaments is at times consumed with the fire of wrath, thundering and flashing, and at other times his lamentation riseth high due to some slight ailment. Nevertheless he hath not become aware, nor will he become aware until death overtaketh him. At every moment they witness change, decline and extinction, yet they are not mindful. My Most Exalted Pen testifieth that they are among the most lost.

Muhammad-Karim hath arrived and the petitions from that land have reached the Most Holy Court. Each one hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and his name hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who in the days of God have attained unto His mention and been adorned with His favours. However, in accordance with wisdom, the response to these petitions hath been outwardly delayed until God shall bring about His decree.

And regarding Jinab-i-Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, who mentioned Jinab-i-Muhammad-'Ali alif mim - we beseech God to aid him to arise in service to His Cause and to utter that which is befitting for His sake. In all conditions he must observe wisdom. He hath attained the mention of the Wronged One in this Station which hath been named by the Most Beautiful Names. Give him these glad-tidings and convey to him greetings from the Wronged One, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

He hath also mentioned the honored wife of 'Abdu'l-?amid Khan. Her mention hath been before the Holy Presence both in the past and present, and numerous Tablets have been revealed in her name. We have remembered her and continue to remember her, and We counsel her to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Mighty Cause. In truth, every leaf that hath clung to the Divine Lote-Tree is mentioned as one of the denizens of Paradise before the Throne. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto steadfastness and hath drunk the choice wine from the hands of the bounty of her Lord, the Almighty.

O Murta?a! There hath turned towards thee from this Most Exalted Horizon He Whom all have denied save those whom God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. Behold and remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, all people denied Him save a few souls, and when the Spirit (Jesus) came, the Jews denied Him and perpetrated that which caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to

lament. He Who possesseth the Perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this. Take thou the chalice of detachment in the name of thy Lord and drink therefrom, despite those who have denied this Mighty Announcement. Arise to make mention of God and His praise, and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. We beseech Him to cause to appear from thee that which shall diffuse the fragrance of sincerity throughout the eternal kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

He hath also made mention of the loved ones in the surrounding villages. Each one's name hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of all beings and his mention hath been recorded. That honored one should give them all the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and His infinite outpourings. By night and by day the Supreme Pen maketh mention of the friends, and We beseech God to aid them all to preserve that which hath been bestowed. Today, whosoever hath attained unto the recognition of God must regard this station as great and act according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Beseech thou God that the veils of these transient days may not deprive His servants from everlasting bounties.

O Samandar! We have mentioned him who attained unto the meeting and ascended the pathway to the Supreme Companion with a mention whose fragrance shall not cease throughout the duration of the Kingdom of Names. Blessed is he, for he is among the triumphant ones. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed especially for his family. Convey to them the greetings from God and gladden them with His bestowals. Until now, numerous letters have repeatedly reached the servant present before the Throne from the name of Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God. They are walking in the way of God and moving in His path. They have turned to certain cities and regions and have succeeded in delivering the Word. We beseech God to aid him through wisdom, for in certain instances, due to eagerness and enthusiasm, the reins of discretion slip from his hands. We have counseled him to wisdom both in the past and present. We testify that he hath arisen to serve the Cause, and We beseech God to strengthen him to hold fast unto wisdom. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And likewise mention has been made of Ibn-i-Abhar. Blessed is he, for he hath remembered the loved ones of God and described them in such wise as hath made the countenance of the Wronged One beam with smiles in this impregnable fortress. He hath remembered each and all with sublime and glorious mention, and hath sought bounty for each one. Were thou to meet him, glorify him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy. Verily the sun of permission hath dawned upon him from the horizon of his Lord's Will, the Commander, the All-Wise. I beseech God to honor him with this most great favor, to draw him nigh unto Him and to cause him to enter within the precincts of His mercy that hath encompassed all in the heavens and on earth. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Mention hath been made of Mulla Aqa Baba. We make mention of him from this Spot and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's tender mercy. His remembrance hath ever been and will continue to be, God willing, in the Most Holy Court. He and all the people of that village have been honored with the mention of God. Convey My greetings unto him and make him glad with the outpourings of these days.

And We make mention at the end of these pages of 'Abdu'r-Razzaq, son of him who turned toward My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, uttered My praise and glorification amongst My servants, and drank the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of My bounty in such wise that neither the opposition of

the oppressors, nor the clamor of the pharaohs, nor the derision of any polytheist, nor the rancor of any malevolent one could deter him. Upon him and his son rest My glory, My peace, My mercy and My loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist him and those with him in that which shall cause his mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

We make mention of My servants and handmaidens who have found the sweetness of My utterance and have attained unto My days. I am, verily, the Kind, the Bountiful. The splendor shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned from My Most Exalted Pen, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention once again of the sister of the Most Generous Name, that she may rejoice in God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having turned unto God and attained unto His mention when He came with manifest sovereignty. We counsel thee and those handmaidens who have believed in God to act in a manner befitting this Cause, by reason of which the polytheists have lamented while the faces of those who have turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have been illumined.

We make mention of the wife of the Noble One, who believed on a day when every heedless one turned away rejected. Glorify thy Lord with praise, then remember Him at all times. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Remember on My behalf those who are with thee and give all the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy that have encompassed all existence. Blessed are they and happy are they and those who have loved thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have quaffed My sealed choice wine. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Mighty, Most Glorious He Is

His honor, the esteemed and respected Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali-i-Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God, may take note:

Praise be to God Who hath shone forth from His most exalted horizon with the Sun of His Most Glorious Name, by less than a needle's eye; whereupon the peoples were thunderstruck, the heavens were rolled up, the sun of names was darkened, and the moon of fancy was eclipsed in the kingdom of creation. Exalted be God, Creator of the heavens and Originator of all things, through Whom the Most Great Trump was sounded and the Balance was set up among mankind, and through Whose decreed destiny the letter Kaf was renewed, whereby the new creation appeared and that which was recorded in the Tablets and Books was made manifest. Then did He reveal Himself according to a measured degree, whereupon all created things were set in motion, all contingent beings were attracted, another heaven was raised up, and the intoxication of the wine of yearning seized all existence. How great His Cause and His

sovereignty! How mighty His penetrating influence and His power, through Whose most sweet call the names hastened to their named ones, words to their meanings, lights to their dawning-point, verses to their source, utterances to their Book, and knowledge to its ocean! We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above whatsoever is mentioned in creation and will ever be holy beyond the praise of all within the kingdom of names. The essence of understanding hath been bewildered in comprehending His Being, and the reality of utterance hath fallen short of attaining the heaven of His praise. He is the Almighty, before the waves of Whose ocean of power might itself hath confessed its weakness, and before Whose manifestation of grandeur and sovereignty all names have acknowledged their impotence. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, the Most Glorious, the All-Wise.

And afterwards, there hath reached the servant thy letter from which emanated the fragrance of thy love for Our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Blessed is the pen that moveth in His remembrance and praise, and blessed the eye that turneth toward the horizon of His Cause, and the heart that turneth to the heaven of His Revelation, and the breast that is dilated through His love, and the temple that is adorned with the raiment of steadfastness in His days, and the foot that standeth firm in His Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of the tyrannical nor the hints of the world can cause it to slip, and the spirit that soareth on the wings of love in the atmosphere wherein moveth naught save the breezes of the morn of His Revelation. Exalted is this most mighty, most glorious station and this most sublime, most transcendent rank! When I read it and learned what was therein contained, I turned toward the Throne and laid it before the Beloved. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the tongues of creation and the pens of the worlds are powerless to describe. We praise Him and say in all conditions: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know!”

This evanescent servant hath at all times beseeched and continueth to beseech God - exalted be His glory - that He may strengthen those who drink the choice wine of the All-Glorious and gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon to serve His Cause in the manner that hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will and enjoined upon all. Today it is incumbent and binding upon this servant and all other friends to fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and to act in accordance with whatsoever hath been revealed in the divine Tablets from the Supreme Pen. For if anyone today should act upon all good deeds but fail to attain the good-pleasure of God, those deeds will yield no fruit whatsoever. For example, all have been commanded to teach the Cause, yet this momentous matter hath been made conditional upon wisdom, lest the clamor of the people be raised and become a cause of distress to the weak among the servants. Now if someone should speak among the people such words as would cause an immediate uproar, this would not be acceptable in the sight of God. His mercy hath preceded His servants and His bounty encompasseth the worlds. One must educate the immature through wisdom and utterance and according to their capacity until they reach maturity. Before the martyrdom of Badi’ - upon him be the Glory of God - a number were commanded to speak openly and without concealment among the people. Thus did certain souls become so enkindled with the fire of God’s commanding Word that they spoke of Him with the utmost power, might and steadfastness until they quaffed the cup of martyrdom - upon them be the Glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And some were so taken by the sweetness of the Word that they sacrificed their lives by their own hand. However, after the martyrdom

of Badi' - upon him be the Glory of God - the decree of wisdom was sent down from the heaven of God's Will. Now all are commanded to observe it. We beseech God to aid the loved ones to accomplish that which He loveth and with which He is well-pleased.

As regards what was written concerning Mulla Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, mention of him was made in the presence of the Throne. These are the words that shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful: Grieve not for him who hath ascended unto God. He is, verily, in the Most Exalted Companion. We have indeed sanctified him, exalted him, and caused him to enter the pavilion of the grace of his Lord, the Holy, the Mighty, the Generous. By the life of God! He who hath believed in God in this Most Great Revelation shall not be lost through death; verily he liveth, abiding in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed is he who hath ascended unto God and from whom the Concourse on High perceived the fragrance of this Raiment through which the sweet savors of God have been wafted amongst the worlds. We console him who is named 'Abbas and those who are with him through these verses whereby all things have been attracted and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have taken wing. This is not a day of mourning. Rejoice in that wherewith the All-Merciful maketh mention of thee in this glorious and gracious station.

As to what thou didst write concerning the people of Jadhba and which indicated the steadfastness of God's loved ones, it is known that whosoever today hath drunk of the wine of divine knowledge hath not and will not pay attention to the world and its peoples, much less to the vain imaginings of men and the clamor of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to set ablaze all the friends in that land with the fire of His love in such wise that souls that lie dead, buried in the graves of heedlessness and desire, may arise through their burning love and its sweet savors and arise to serve the Cause of God. O my beloved, O my master! Observe how, although the gates of the outpourings of the mercy of the All-Merciful are opened before the face of all, and the world-illumining Sun of His Revelation is manifest and visible above the horizon of grace, yet the people remain heedless, occupied with their own vain imaginings, and deprived and forbidden from this supreme bounty and these infinite favors. This servant marvels at what intoxication hath seized the servants, that even after the Great Cry and the Most Great Trump and the Most Mighty Blast and the melodies of the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, they still remain unaware and have not awakened from the slumber of heedlessness. One is bewildered as to what the souls who today forbid themselves from hearing the divine call and this Most Great, divine Revelation could be holding fast to or clinging unto. All atoms testify that the like of this Most Great Revelation hath never appeared in the world; nevertheless, most people cling to the imaginings of the doubtful ones and hold fast to the hem of the suspicious. We beseech God to make all to recognize His Self that pervadeth the worlds.

As to your mention that His Honor Q.A. arrived from the land of Kh. and related that the people there are aflame with the fire of divine love and joyous from the fragrances of the heavenly Tablets - blessed are they, for they are among those who have attained a goodly end. Upon them be the glory of God, His favors, grace and mercy. The world will soon perish and vanish, and what endures for the friends of God is the service that today manifests from them purely for His sake. Blessed are the tongues that speak His praise and remembrance, and the souls who arise to teach His Cause with the wisdom which the All-Merciful has revealed in the Sacred Books and Tablets. However, His Honor should beseech God to make

all who circle the divine House of His Cause steadfast and firm, for in the blessed Tablets revealed before, when the Seat of the Throne was in Iraq and the Land of Mystery, He foretold that the croaking of the falsifiers, fabricators and satans would be raised. Likewise, from the first arrival in this Prison until now, these matters have been continuously revealed from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the spears of the liars, the arrows of the deceivers, and the doubts of the suspicious ones. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As commanded, I should convey to Your Honor not to forget the counsels given in person. You must conduct yourself with the utmost kindness and compassion, and call the people with wisdom, lest anyone act unwisely and cause disturbance among the weak ones. This matter is most essential. In the previous year, many acted unwisely and caused an uproar among the polytheists. By the life of God, had the friends acted according to what God ordained, you would surely have witnessed the earth transformed. Your Honor especially must be very careful lest any word emerge from you without wisdom and cause tumult. We must all, God willing, in all conditions fix our gaze on the horizon of His good-pleasure and speak that which He has commanded. I hope that through the grace and favor of the Beloved of all possibility, Your Honor will be assisted in carrying out that which He loves and is pleased with.

Regarding those souls who have ascended to the Supreme Companion - this was mentioned in the Divine Presence, and from the Tongue of Grandeur, the seas of bounty and forgiveness flowed forth concerning them. Blessed are they for having attained the recognition of God in their lives, and their mention was revealed from the Supreme Pen after their passing. Every soul shall taste of death - now what station could be greater than for one to attain the love and recognition of God and ascend to Him in His love? Soon the worth of such souls and their stations shall become manifest. Verily He recompenses those who fulfilled His Covenant and remained steadfast in His Cause after the denial of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

What they wrote concerning the Tablets of God that were given to some - this is acceptable, and excellent is what you have done with them. And regarding the other gentlemen who were mentioned in Your Honor's letter - mention of each of them was made in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of Favors shone upon all, and He mentioned them all in such wise that it shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Blessed are they, again blessed are they.

Regarding what they had written that his honor Sahibkar, upon him be the Glory of God, had requested that I kiss the blessed feet on his behalf - a detailed visitation was performed, and He Himself suffices as witness to that. This evanescent one's entreaty is that you convey greetings to all the gentlemen and friends of that region on behalf of this servant, and say on behalf of this servant: By God, the Truth, this is the Day of remembrance and praise, and this is the Day of joy and gladness, and this is the Day of deeds and unity, and this is the Day of wisdom and utterance, for today whatever one loses, he shall never be able to make up for it. I hope that all will be engaged in service to the Cause with perfect fellowship and unity. Verily, glory be upon those who hold fast to wisdom and utterance, and follow that which they have been commanded in His Holy, Most Holy, Mighty, Wondrous Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God! Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Unique, Who created man and inspired him with that which manifests the attributes of the All-Merciful, and created Satan, thereby distinguishing between those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and those who follow their passions. Glorified, glorified be He beyond my mention or the mention of all who are in the heavens and earth. His is the creation and the command. He gives life and causes death, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

It is submitted that this servant previously sent a detailed letter in response to your esteemed missive, which was adorned with divine words and verses. As commanded, its dispatch was delayed until two other missives arrived. Praise be to God that all indicated and demonstrated your humility, submissiveness and your arising to serve God's Cause. Likewise, the missive that you had sent to him who bears the Name of Bounty (upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah's] Most Glorious Beauty) reached him, and all were presented before His presence. This is what shone forth from the horizon of utterance: "O 'Ali! We have heard your call, your mention, your prayers, and what the tongue of your heart uttered time after time. It behooves you to hear that which God calls you to, again and again. We have remembered you and remember you that you may arise to serve your Lord in such wise that you may raise the banner of unity upon the highest standards."

That which you sent, this servant presented before His countenance, and the response descended from the Kingdom of Utterance. God willing, you will arise with utmost endeavor in a manner befitting the days of your Lord. All that hath appeared from you in God's path and all that you have borne in His love is remembered and witnessed. God willing, you will in all conditions keep your gaze fixed upon and hold fast to that which flowed from the Supreme Pen in the first letter of this servant in attendance.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Look at the earthworms, what they say and what they do. By the life of the Beloved! They have not inhaled the fragrance of the blessed word "Verily, there is no God but Him" in the days of God, nor have they comprehended this station. They walk in the wilderness of idle fancies and wander confused in the valley of vain imaginings. The people of the Bayan are seen to be exactly like the people of the Furqan (Qur'an), nay even more veiled. People of insight consider such souls to be lower than animals. One must at all times strive to educate people purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, that they may become wholly freed and detached from vain imaginings and idle fancies.

It is submitted that your numerous prayers were presented before His countenance, and He showed great kindness, especially in these days when the odor of discord has been lifted and the lights of the sun of unity have shone forth from the horizons of hearts. And concerning what you wrote about Satan and his manifestations, it is quite clear and evident that at all times they cling to the cord of falsehood and speak according to their desires. Praise be to God, all matters have been clear and nothing has remained concealed. The Ancient Beauty outwardly proceeded toward Iraq with a government official, and after that illusory figure, who had been hiding in Kermanshah and its surroundings for some time, arrived and later joined in Hudaybah after departure from Iraq. All the companions who were in attendance

witnessed and saw this event. Likewise, all observed that he was unable to speak in His presence. Consider how if the hand of grace had not revealed this matter, how many souls would have been seen drowning in the seas of their own delusions. And afterwards in the Land of Mystery, the Ancient Beauty separated Himself from all and dwelt in a house, and for some time the door was closed day and night - these are matters that seventy people witnessed. Nevertheless, he wrote that he had seen certain things that he could not bear to witness. The curse of God be upon the people who fabricate lies. By this statement he wished to suggest that He had withdrawn, even though all know that the Ancient Beauty had disassociated Himself from him and his like. For a time in Adrianople, He resided in the house of Rida Bey and associated with no one. And after the details became known and the polytheist was distinguished from the monotheist, the matter returned to what it had been. By God, besides Whom there is no other God, the hearts of the pure ones are burning because of his unseemly deeds. This servant has submitted that the first weakness that appeared was in the absence of the Ancient Beauty, when that faithless oppressor took possession of the household of the Primal Point, and when it did not suit his evil nature, he gave it to another vile one. We seek refuge in God from this heinous act. And when the Ancient Beauty arrived, He said that no heedless one had ever committed such an act - in this case what can one say to the people? As even the mother of His Holiness the Exalted One - may our souls be sacrificed for His sake - mentioned to one of the believing women that if they considered him the proof, why did they violate the sanctity? This matter and his other repugnant deeds this servant has mentioned in detail in certain places which should all be before your honor and should be conveyed to the heedless ones so they may become informed. Today, whatever has been revealed either allusively or explicitly regarding the breaking of the idols of suppositions and imaginings, or what this servant has submitted, should be gathered so that all may become aware through its consideration of the evil deeds of that lying infidel. Yes, a few people emerged, including Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani and Mirza Husayn Qumi, and became occupied with promoting delusions. Your honor knows that those souls were never aware of the essence of the Cause and […]

Both persons have claimed before all people that they were aware from the beginning of the Cause - 'Lost indeed are they who denied and disbelieved in the signs of God.' For twelve years this servant was with him by command of the Ancient Beauty. He issued a decree for the death of the third believer in Him Whom God shall make manifest. Yet despite this he says what he says. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Would that someone were aware of his recent deeds that appeared in Cyprus. This servant is ashamed to mention them. Now consider: what do the deluded souls who dwell in those lands, who never had any awareness of this Cause, do and say? God willing, through the power and might of the assured souls, the stronghold of the Cause has been and will be protected from the wickedness of malicious deluded souls. Verily He guides whom He wishes to His straight path. Would that people of insight would examine his writings and become aware of his station. He is in manifest error. This day is sanctified from the mention of names and from what has been and is being said. This is the Day of God wherein the Tree exclaims: 'There is none other God but Him, and He is the Truth.' His writings appear as dust, and are agreeable to bat-like natures, as they have been and are the cause of darkness and gloom. God willing, that beloved one may in all conditions be, through the assistance of the Self-Sufficient, a promoter, propagator and expounder of God's Cause. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends in that land and mention them. Today is a fresh and wondrous day. God willing, may holy and

pure souls be adorned with the ornament of supreme steadfastness. Say: O masters, whatever I submit is for God's sake. Hold fast to the cord of unity in such wise that all the swords of the world would be powerless to sever it. Step one pace higher in the name of Truth until ye behold all the peoples of the world as children playing with clay, and the deniers of the Bayan as earthworms. God willing, may ye be detached from all save God at all times and be focused on the horizon of the favors of the Peerless Friend. Verily He speaks the truth and shows the way. Sovereignty belongs to God, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

As for what you wrote concerning Tahmasquli Kh-A, it was submitted to the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High […]

A remembrance from Him Who was wronged to the one who heard the call and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, that he may rejoice and be among those firmly established in this Cause, whereby every edifice hath been shaken, every mountain scattered, and every foot hath slipped save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. All things have been set in motion by the creaking of My Most Exalted Pen, yet the idolaters remain behind a mighty veil. They behold the sun yet deny its radiance, they witness the light yet question its existence. Thus have their souls deluded them. By the life of God! They are among the losers. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance before and at this time, wherein the tongue of the Prisoner proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, then read it with joy and fragrance. Then shalt thou find thyself in manifest gladness. We have seen thy turning towards Us, We have turned towards thee, and We have heard thy call and answered thee through this mighty Book. Blessed are the fingers that have written My verses, the tongue that hath uttered My praise, the eye that hath turned toward My horizon, the heart that hath won My love, and the breast that hath been illumined by My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this Cause, whereby the back of every distant transgressor hath been broken.

As for what thou didst write concerning the loved ones in the lands of S, Sh and M, it was presented before the Throne. He said: The gaze of divine favor hath been and will continue to be upon all. God willing, may they attain unto the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful in such wise that the hands of discord shall be powerless to take it from them. At all times remind the loved ones of the All-Merciful lest they be caused to fall by the autumn winds. Their remembrance hath ever been and will ever be before God. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon their faces and upon all who stand firm and steadfast. Gladden them all with divine favors. Verily, He is the best Rememberer and the best Helper. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty station.

Furthermore, all of your letters that have thus far reached this evanescent servant have been presented, and the two petitions from the handmaidens of God in that land which were addressed to the Sacred Household have been received and submitted. They showed the utmost kindness and God willing will send replies. Regarding what thou didst write about the beloved Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, I testify that your honor hath fulfilled thy covenant and pledge. In these days a letter arrived from him requesting tablets for certain individuals. All have been revealed and God willing will be sent either

this time or the next. However, they must observe the place and bestow the tablet accordingly. In truth, several interpreters with steadfastness, detachment and eloquence must be found who, with writings suitable to the condition of the people, should proceed to different regions and engage in teaching. The tablet hath encompassed and surrounded the world. Thus have I heard from the tongue of my Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This servant hath repeatedly heard such content from the blessed tongue. And regarding Jinab-i-Javad who hath ascended unto God, God willing it shall be revealed as befitteth. Blessed is he in his life and blessed is he after his death.

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

In truth, it hath never been, nor shall it ever be, fitting to offer praise and mention unto the Truth–glorified be His majesty and abundant be His favors–for the way to that privacy is barred, and the path to that mystery and mystery of mysteries is forbidden. How far removed is this visible assembly from that hidden sanctuary! Where is the path, and where is the way? To make mention with the Pen of that Ancient Being is like an ant making mention of the Desired One, and for the tongue to offer praise unto the Beloved of all possibility is as a mere atom directing one to the Sun, or a drop pointing to the Ocean. Glory be unto God! Even thou knowest that the Unseen is sanctified, exalted, and free from the description of them that witness. And when this matter became clear and evident to them that possess insight and the people of the Most Great Vision, there remained no choice but to turn unto His chosen ones.

A hundred thousand praises and thanks befit and beseem the loved ones and the chosen ones of the Friend, who are detached from themselves and from the world, alive and steadfast through the name of the Desired One. Through tongue and utterance, through pen and deeds and actions, they summon the servants to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Inspiration. They speak with their tongues and gesture with their hands, and through movements of brow and head they draw the heedless to the realm of awareness and bestow wakefulness upon them that slumber. These are the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree who have attained unto the most great favor. The hand of bounty hath taken hold of all and established them in the most exalted station. Should “well done” and “well pleased” be uttered throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, they of understanding would not deem it befitting or worthy. Yea, by God! This hath been the will of the Truth–glorified be His majesty. Who can turn Him aside? The banner “He doeth what He pleaseth” hath been raised aloft, and the light of “He ordaineth what He willeth” hath dawned.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose command the Sun of Unity hath shone forth from the horizon of power and the Book hath revealed what lay hidden within it! Exalted art Thou, O our Chosen Lord! Thou art He Who hath manifested unto us Thy Cause, taught us Thy remembrance, made known unto us Thy path, and caused us to hear Thy call and guided us to Thy way. I beseech Thee by Thy pure bounty and Thine absolute generosity to aid Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy love and to act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! The servant, despite his poverty and faltering tongue,

desired to make mention of Thy branch who hath attained unto the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and whom the tongue of Thy grandeur hath mentioned in the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee, O God of the kingdom of earth and heaven, to protect him and ordain for him the good of both this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou whose spirit is a sacrifice unto his holiness! The exalted letter arrived like a spiritual fragrance, perfuming the servant's gathering, the servant's station, and the servant's home. With this withered sapling it did what the breezes of spring do with saplings and trees. After reading it with joy and delight, I approached the Presence where it was presented. This is what the Tongue of Will spoke, exalted be His utterance:

"O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory! The oppressors sought victory over Us through their might, but We sought victory over them through God, the Strong, the Prevailing, the Powerful. The Pharaohs desired to extinguish the light of God with their armies, the tyrants to shed His blood with their swords and ranks, and the Caesars to erase His traces with their strength, power and might. Thus did their souls entice them to a course of which they were unaware.

"Glory be to God! The Supreme Pen commanded the loved ones day and night to observe what is good and forbade what is wrong. In some Tablets this exalted word was revealed: Blessed is he who heareth and speaketh not. Should they witness good from anyone, they should reciprocate; should they witness harm, they should be patient and leave it to God. Beating, fighting, strife, contention, murder and plunder are the works of the beasts of the jungle of oppression and ignorance. The people of truth must be sanctified and pure from all these. All must strive for the betterment of the world. The world is but one country and mankind its citizens, if they but knew it. All must endeavor with perfect unity and agreement to rebuild it. He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Expositor, the All-Wise.

"Through the mention of the tongue and pen, the world of utterance has been adorned with order and arrangement. Nevertheless, each day they rise up with new utterances and calumnies to perpetrate oppression, and they attribute corruption–God forbid–to holy souls, as you have seen and heard. The blow of the deserters and atheists has struck the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. The nature of that people is clear and evident to the Afnan. We beseech God to guide all and deprive them not of the waves of the ocean of utterance. The source and origin of the world's corruption are the divines of the age. Sedition appears through those souls and returns to them. Each party looks to its leaders; if they turn away, the followers turn away. In all matters they follow those people. May God abandon them and slay them!

"Had the Wolf, or Raqsha, or their like been in apparent authority, they would certainly have martyred the prisoners. Yet His Majesty the Sultan, although he suffered harm from the ignorant, nevertheless of his own accord granted freedom to the confined and released the imprisoned. He giveth sovereignty to whomsoever He willeth. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

“We make mention in this station of thy children and those with thee, and We give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who love thee and upon those who hearken to thy word in this manifest Cause.”

Praise be to God! The effulgences of the Sun of divine loving-kindness have ever been and continue to be directed toward your honor. This servant, on some occasions when present before the Face, heard from the Tongue of Grandeur that which caused the spirit to grow and the heart to rejoice and quiver. Assuredly, at some time its effects will appear from the horizon of the world. The bounty and grace are of such magnitude that this servant is incapable of describing them.

As to what was written concerning the destruction of writings - yes, this occurred in Iraq, not here. In those days, by divine command, the sacred writings were consigned to the river of bounty. He said their effects would become manifest throughout all lands. In this land certain discussions arose, and consequently some correspondence, petitions and such were destroyed. The verses of God are preserved - the servant gives you these glad tidings and by your tongue says: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Desire of the worlds!” Although this people, meaning the people of this age, were not and are not worthy to behold and read these verses, it is a bounty that has become the source of assurance for the servants, and a mercy that bestows spirit and fragrance upon the soul. Otherwise, considering what we deserve, despair would encompass the soul. The servant beseeches his Lord saying:

O God, my Goal, my Beloved! Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. The power of the world is utter weakness before Thy power, and its riches absolute poverty before Thy wealth. If Thou shouldst deal with justice, woe betide us, and in truth we deserve it. But if Thou lookest with favor, how excellent is our state! One gleam from Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, would sanctify the world from the defilement of transgression, and one drop from the ocean of Thy generosity would purify all peoples. All souls gaze longingly toward Thee and all hearts are under Thy command. Whatever Thou doest is good - Thy love bestows eternal sustenance and Thy wrath confers the blessing of education. O Generous One! Bounty is Thy attribute and impurity is ours. Purify this dust and grant it true repose. Besides Thee there is no refuge, and except Thy path there is no path.

In any case, where am I and where are these utterances? Where was I and where have I gone? What was I saying and what do I now say? The reins have slipped from my hands and the thread is broken. Perchance Thy grace will take a few steps forward and mend these broken and severed things.

As for the letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, which you sent - it was presented before the countenance of the Ancient King. This is what was revealed from the heaven of bounty and favor. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

“O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The servant present here has received what Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, sent to him.” Ask God to make the servants worthy of understanding these days and what hath appeared therein. Today one must act according to this exalted word: “Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputes.” For this is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him. We have not fallen short in anything. The horizons have been filled with the signs

and evidences of thy Lord, yet the people neither understand nor perceive. Eyes and ears were created for this Day, but the former were prevented from witnessing and the latter from hearing. Exalted is the Lord of Names, Whom neither the world's rejection can diminish nor the acceptance of nations can exalt. He is sanctified above all that was and shall be. The glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon thy children and upon those who love thee.

Astonishment hath seized all, nay, the very essence of astonishment is astounded, for they have hesitated concerning that Station which is equivalent to all the Books revealed unto the Prophets and Messengers of the past and future, and some have even risen in opposition. Although these things must needs come to pass, for they have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book, yet strange it is that they have rejected this Cause and seek to establish another. O God! If a Cause of such magnitude be rejected, what other cause in the world could be proven? The servant speaketh that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Leave them to plunge in vain discourse and play."

Concerning the news, should their honors the Afnan and the most exalted ladies - upon them and upon them all be the Most Glorious Glory - wish to know, they have intended to attain the presence in these days, and this is the third time. We praise God for this, for He hath granted success and confirmation until they attained unto that which is mentioned and recorded in the Books. This evanescent servant ever beseecheth and imploreth the Self-Subsisting Lord that He may cause you to attain unto all good and manifest the means through His all-encompassing and prevailing power. He is the All-Conquering, the All-Wise.

Unto their honors the Afnan - upon them be the Most Glorious Glory - who are present in that land, I convey greetings, salutations, and utter nothingness and evanescence, and I beseech and implore them all that in their moments of commemoration and praise of the Lord of Names, they forget not this evanescent one, that perchance I may fulfill this mighty service. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those with you, upon those who have attained your presence, and upon all who are steadfast and firm. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It would be appreciated if you would send a copy of this writing, along with my letter, to his honor Aqa Siyyid Husayn - upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] - as it might cause some to become aware or awaken one who slumbers. There was one item mentioned at the end of your letter regarding a sum and a draft, but no draft was found between the letters. This matter is mentioned solely for your information and nothing else.

The Servant

29 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1302

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He is the Hearing, the Answering One! He is the All-Powerful, the All-Wise!

The Tablet hath been revealed, and from its horizon the Sun of grace and bounty hath shone forth, a favor from God, the Lord of all mankind. The Kawthar of utterance hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful–among the people are those who hastened, took, and drank thereof, and among them are those who turned away and were numbered with the idolaters. The verses have been sent down and the clear proofs have appeared, yet most of the people are in manifest error.

O Zayn! Observe, then mention those who have denied in the land of Sad, having followed the source of vain imaginings instead of God, the Lord of all worlds. They have taken the misleader as their guide–verily they are among the abased ones. They clung to their own desires, turning away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. These are they who secluded themselves with names and committed that which caused the dwellers of the Most Great House to lament. Verily, they are recorded among the deniers in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Say: By God! Neither the misleader nor any besides him, nor what the people possess will profit you, except through this Book which speaketh before the faces of the world and showeth them the straight and manifest path of God.

O people of Sad! Be fair for God's sake! If ye deny this Most Great Cause and the Mighty Announcement, by what proof do ye establish your faith in God, the One, the All-Informed? By what evidence did ye believe in the Primal Point, and before Him in Muhammad the Messenger of God, and before Him in the Spirit, and before Him in Him Who spoke with God? Beware lest vain imaginings keep you from the Lord of all beings. Cast away the whisperings of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Observe, then mention him who uttereth that which melteth the hearts of those near unto God. He said that He hath stolen the verses of the Bayan and revealed them in His Name–whereby the tears of the sincere ones were shed. Say: O heedless one! Present thyself before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest witness the light of utterance dawning from this luminous horizon. Come into the presence of His countenance, then ask whatsoever thou desirest, that thou mayest behold what thou hast neglected in following the conjectures of the heedless ones, and be assured that the ocean surgeth by itself and for itself, that the light shineth by its own essence unto its own essence, and that the verses are revealed by God's leave, the Most High, the Most Great. I adjure you by God to present yourselves before the Wronged One with pure intention for the sake of God, your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. By God's life! When the verses are revealed, the angels and the Spirit descend to hearken unto the call of God, the Goal of the mystics. This is He Whom God hath made the point of adoration for all who dwell in the highest Paradise, were ye of the fair-minded.

O Zayn! Say: O Hadi! Present thyself for God's sake that thou mayest witness with thine own eyes the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and observe with thine own sight the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. In these days one can distinguish between truth and falsehood, but after the ascension the helpless people will be afflicted like the previous party. Say: O people of Sad! I speak for the sake of God and beseech you to present yourselves before the one whom ye have taken as the Truth, and likewise before the face of the Wronged One, that the truth may be made manifest unto you and that ye may not be of those who proclaimed "God is our Lord!" yet when He appeared from the dawning-place of His

Revelation and the dayspring of His verses, they slew Him with such injustice as caused every Prophet and every trusted Messenger to cry out.

O people of Sad! The pearls of wisdom and utterance that have appeared from the treasury of the Supreme Pen are distinguished like the sun from all else. Beware lest ye veil them with the clouds of your imaginations. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. By God's life! He who hath prevented you from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Ocean stood indeed before the Face and served his Lord. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Uttering, the All-Knowing. One among the people led him astray until he desired to slay Me. When that which was hidden in his breast was made manifest, he cried out within himself. To this bear witness those servants who were with Us when We migrated from Iraq in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Beseech God to assist His servants that they may recognize the truth from all else and attain unto that for which they were created. With utmost humility and supplication We make mention and beseech God to manifest His Cause through souls that are assured, content, well-pleased and fair-minded, and to purify hearts from doubt and uncertainty with the Kawthar of utterance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Lord of the Throne and earth.

O Zayn! We make mention at this time of him who was named Hasan, brother of him who migrated and attained. O Hasan! When thou hearest the call from the direction of Akka and drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the cup of bounty, say: "My God, my God! Unto Thee be glory and praise, and within Thy grasp lies the kingdom of eternity. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou hast given me to drink of the choice wine of recognition and guided me to the Dayspring of proof. I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy greatness in the heaven of Thy might and the lights of Thy countenance in the kingdom of Thy grace, to make me in all conditions content, praising and thankful for the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The Mother Book hath appeared yet the people perceive not, and the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people understand not. Their desires have prevented them from the horizon of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His inaccessible station.

O Asadu'llah! Hear the call raised from the Supreme Horizon and say: "Here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, O Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation and Thy power, and by Thy Mount and Thy Call, to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me by the Pen of Thy decree. Then write down for me what Thou hast written for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty."

O Rida! Through the heedlessness of the negligent and the wickedness of the aggressors, the place of the Wronged One has become the prison of Akka. How far is the land of Ta from Akka! Divine love hath attracted and continueth to attract, and He preferreth exile to homeland. How excellent is this most exalted station and this most glorious rank! Blessed are they that attain.

O Mahmud! We have been with thee in all conditions. The Supreme Pen hath testified that thou hast believed in God and His verses, and remembered Him when creation was silent in His remembrance, and turned to Him when the people were turning away from Him. We beseech God to assist thee in preserving His Cause and in protecting what is in thy heart from every thief and every obstinate traitor.

O Ali! The divine call is raised at every moment, yet the people are heedless of it. The world is adorned with the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, yet the servants are heedless and veiled. Blessed art thou and thy brother and whosoever hath held fast to the cord of God, the Strong.

O Rida! The misleader Dawlat-Abadi has again become a Shi'ih and, like the ignorant ones of Iran, has exerted and continues to exert mighty efforts to lead people astray. Say: Present thyself and ask what thou desirest, that thou mayest hear the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Love of leadership hath seized him and debarred him from the path of God, the Lord of all existence.

O Abdullah! Remember the days when thou wert present before the Wronged One, when thou didst behold His horizon and hear His call. Blessed art thou for having turned in His days to His prison and heard that for which most of mankind died in regret. To this testifieth this sealed Book which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Muhammad! They called the Seal of the Prophets a liar, Moses a sorcerer, and the Spirit (Christ) an infidel. And they have reviled and continue to revile the Primal Point from all pulpits and mosques of Iran. Dawlat-Abadi hath newly raised the standard of hypocrisy, busying himself with the building of Jabulqa and Jabulsa. Say: Shame upon thee, O thou rejected one! Blessed art thou for having cast away the people and taken the choice wine and drunk thereof in the name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Haydar! The polytheists have said that the Lord of mankind hath taken from the verses of the Primal Point and sent them abroad. Say: O people! For the sake of God, reflect! That which hath streamed forth and been revealed from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen is like the sun, distinct from all else. Be fair, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy wife. Give her glad tidings from the Wronged One and remind her of thy Lord's verses.

O Hasan-Ali! Say: O Dawlat-Abadi, fear God! The waves of the ocean are His own, and the effulgences of the sun are from His very Self. The Tree hath appeared with countless fruits and the Light shineth with manifest splendor. Present thyself before the Face that thou mayest hear the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily they descend in truth from the heaven of God's Will, the Mighty, the Wise. O Hasan-Ali! Spring is a time of lamentation. By God's life! The hearts of those near unto God have melted from the oppression of the polytheists. A few transgressors who betrayed the chastity of the Point have become leaders and feel no shame. And this Wronged One, Who with conquering power and manifest might arose before all faces and with the hand of might raised high the Cause - Him they count not among the faithful. By God's life! Noah lamenteth, the Spirit crieth out, and the Primal Point exclaimeth "Woe is me!" Thus have We revealed unto thee that which causeth the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven to weep, that thou mayest know those who have violated God's covenant and His testament, and mayest be of those possessed of clear certainty.

O Rahim! Divine mercy descendeth at all times. Indeed, were true mercy, upon which the existence of contingent things dependeth, to be withheld for a moment, all would perish and be reduced to nothingness. Today the gate of bounty is opened wide, the ocean of loving-kindness is surging, and the light of grace is shining bright. Blessed is the one who, detached from the world, hath held fast to the cord of love for the Most Great Name. Such a one is the horseman in the arena of sanctity and detachment. Upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation. Praise be to God! He hath aided thee to turn and draw nigh, and hath adorned thee with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O Nurullah! Praise the Lord of Eternity Who hath enabled thee to attain unto His days and guided thee to the straight path from which most of the world's people are debarred. His bounty took thy hand, and His grace delivered thee from the clay of idle fancies. Say: […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined me with the lights of the Orb of Thy bounty and for having sent down unto me that which hath drawn me nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness. O Lord! Adorn my temple with the robe of righteousness and my head with the crown of detachment. Thou, verily, art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Pen! Make mention of My handmaiden who hath been named Shahrbanu in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O My handmaiden! Thou hast attained unto the most great favor, which is the knowledge of God, glorified be His majesty. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and this great mercy. Then make mention of My handmaiden, the wife of Rida, who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. Blessed art thou, O My leaf! We bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which most of the women of the world have been denied. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Hasan! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from His Most Great Prison. Thou art he who hath attained unto tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all mankind, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. We have mentioned thee before in such wise as caused the Concourse on High to be attracted, and at this manifest time.

O daughter of Rida! Hearken unto the call of God. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. He maketh mention of every servant who hath believed in Him and His verses, and every handmaiden who hath turned towards God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O wife of Isma'il! We have dispatched the hosts of Divine lovers to the place of sacrifice. They hastened until they offered up their spirits in the path of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thus have We manifested power between the righteous and the wicked. Blessed are they that have attained, and woe unto them that have turned away.

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

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto the days of God and hath quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, that the Call may draw him to the Supreme Horizon and bring him nigh unto a station wherein he shall witness and behold the mighty signs of his Lord. And I am, verily, the True Counsellor.

The ears have been prevented from hearkening and the eyes from beholding the horizon of the Manifestation of the Lord of Names by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought–they who claim knowledge yet oppose Him through Whom the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged within creation. Thus hath the Pen of the All-Merciful spoken in this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, and have seen thy turning unto Us and have turned unto thee out of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We make mention of Muhammad-i-Baqir and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, may be exalted. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto My knowledge and the propagation of My Cause–such a one is assuredly among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, as every discerning one doth testify. O people of God! Remember My loved ones and remind them of My verses which have been sent down from the heaven of My Will, for I am the Ancient Sender.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and say: “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy mercy and the showers of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of Thy grace, to make me so detached from all else save Thee that I may move only through the breezes of Thy will and speak only through Thy bidding. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.”

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. We have manifested from the treasuries of utterance that which none can reckon save God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Among the people are those who have turned towards Us and those who have turned away, those who have pronounced sentence upon the shedding of My blood and those who have soared in My atmosphere and acknowledged that which My tongue hath spoken–such a one is of the people of Baha in My perspicuous Book. Arise to serve the Cause. He, verily, will aid whomsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O ’Ali! Hear the Call from the precincts of the Prison. It will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgement. The appointed time hath come, and the Revealer of verses hath appeared with the standards of wisdom and utterance, yet most of the people are among the heedless. They have cast behind them that which they were bidden and have taken up that which they were forbidden in the Book of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and hear the creaking of My Pen, arise and say: “Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors.”

And We make mention of him who is named ’Ali-Akbar that he may inhale the sweet fragrances of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and be of them that have attained. Cast aside what the people possess. The Self-Subsisting hath appeared with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall bow down. Beware lest the might of the wicked deter thee from turning toward the Supreme Horizon, or the veils of them that have turned away prevent thee. O ’Ali-Akbar! When thou hearest the Call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison, say: “He hath come Who was recorded by the Supreme Pen and was hidden in the hearts of the Messengers.”

And We make mention of him who is named ’Ali-Asghar and counsel him to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped save those whom the hand of divine power hath preserved, from God, the Strong, the Mighty. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of My Prison and say […]

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One of the world, for having aided me to turn towards Thee! I beseech Thee to assist me in that which befitteth Thy days and Thy Revelation. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Lutf-’Ali! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison. Knowest thou Who maketh mention of thee? Say: Yea, by my Lord! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have desired to make mention of those who have sought to draw nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds, that the rapture of their Lord’s verses may seize them in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the might of the deniers - they who have denied God’s testimony and His signs and have led His servants to a miserable destination - shall deter them. Thus hath the Pen spoken, as the Lord of Eternity occupied this exalted station.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Husayn, that he may discover the fragrance of utterance and, turning away from that which the people possess, may turn unto Him Who created him and provided for him, and be of the thankful. Blessed is the servant who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the idolators! Say: In the name of God and by God! Take the chalice of success from the hands of the loving-kindness of the Cleaver of Dawn, then drink in remembrance of the All-Wise. Thus hath the decree come from God, the Commander, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who is named Husayn with verses that have enraptured the hearts of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the mighty Throne. We counsel all with that whereby this Cause may be exalted among the servants. Blessed is every knowing one, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. We have mentioned everyone who hath turned unto God and counseled him with that whereby his station may be elevated. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but I, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Whoso hath attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen hath attained unto all good. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the Cause as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Habibullah! Hear the call of Him Who hath been imprisoned in God’s path, that it may draw thee to a station that is sublime. He mentioneth him who hath mentioned Him, and His mercy hath preceded all

who are in earth and heaven. Verily, He encompasseth all things. The doubts of creation do not hinder Him, nor do the allusions of those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came with an authority that was mighty indeed. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of thy Lord's grace. Verily, He aideth whom He willeth with an authority that hath been mighty in truth from all eternity.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Hashim, that mention may draw him nigh unto a station illumined with the lights of the Cause. O Hashim! Remember thy Lord in the night season and in the days. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is God, the All-Wise over all things. O people of God! Take hold of trustworthiness by Our command. We enjoin upon you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, and God sufficeth as a witness.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Ja'far! Say: My God, my God! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the tyranny of rulers hinder Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy power. Verily, Thou hast ever been mighty over the Cause. Blessed is he who hath clung to God's loving-kindness and His remembrance. He is assuredly among those who are nigh, as hath been recorded in the Book.

O Ali-Murad! The Desired One hath come, yet they who desired to meet Him throughout the nights and days recognized Him not. Thus doth the Mother Book recount unto thee that which hath befallen Him, that thou mayest be endowed with insight concerning the Cause.

We make mention of him who has been named Muhammad-Baqir and remind him of the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, We have remembered those whose names were present before the Throne and have revealed for each one that which will draw him nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: The Word of God will benefit you before your ascension and after it. Of this beareth witness this preserved Tablet through which the sealed wine hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath turned and partaken thereof, and woe unto every heedless and forbidden one.

O Muhammad-Kazim! Thou art in thy home while the Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison. Be thankful and say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne, and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and power, to aid me to serve Thy loved ones who have hastened to the place of sacrifice. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of what hath been and what shall be.

In this moment We make mention of My handmaidens there, that they may give thanks to their Lord in the evening and at dawn, at sunset and in the morning. O handmaidens of God! We speak in the Persian tongue that all may comprehend, in the hope that the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance may enable all to attain to the Kawthar of steadfastness. The clamorous ones lie in wait, and the treacherous watch from their ambush. I beseech God to protect all and to guard them beneath the shadow of His power from the evil of heedless and oppressive souls. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. For twelve hundred years and more, the Shi'ih sect were slaves to vain imaginings. Without understanding, they deemed themselves the most excellent of all peoples, yet on the Day of Reckoning they were found to be

the most lost among the nations. The people of God, both men and women, must be so firm in the Cause that the deniers of the Bayan and the infidels of the Qur'an will be rendered speechless. Reflect upon the events of the past. Whosoever gains understanding will be preserved from the doubts and vain imaginings of the people of the Bayan - those souls who have turned away from God and set about reviving former delusions. 'Ali-Akbar appeared in the Most Great Presence before the Face and made mention of the loved ones, and there was revealed for each one that which no earthly thing can equal. Were you to reflect even briefly and discover a ray from the Day-Star of God's grace - exalted be His glory - you would attain to such joy as no sorrow could overtake and no change diminish. For the men have been designated as the people of God and the women as the handmaidens of God. O people of God! Justice is spent, the Sun of equity lies hidden behind clouds due to the oppression of the transgressors. The Truth hath not complained of the oppressors, but rather of those who claimed friendship yet acted in such wise as caused the Supreme Pen to lament. We counsel all to that which befitteth the Day of God. Know ye the worth and station of the divine verses. They have been and will ever be with you, living or dead, and at the time of their revelation all are present before the Face and attain unto them. None knoweth this save God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to aid all to preserve that which hath been bestowed, for the fire of denial will consume the tree of what is known. O people of God! From the beginning of the Cause until now, We have stood, without veil or covering, before the faces of all people - kings and subjects, princes and divines - and have invited all to that which was the source of preservation and the cause of eternal life. But when the Day-Star of the Cause shed its radiance, a faction from among the people of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil and rose up against the Wronged One of the horizons. Thus did their souls entice them, and today they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ali! We made mention of thee at the beginning and now mention thee at the end, that thou mayest gather together the party of God in that land beneath the shadow of the Word of God, that they may engage in unity and harmony in the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. The saplings that are planted must needs be nurtured until they become balanced and reach maturity. The skilled physician is like the clouds of spring and like the sun: the former bestoweth in measure, and the latter shineth according to its degree. We beseech God to assist thee in serving His Cause, that thou mayest cause all to remember that which hath been sent down in the Tablets. Make mention, on behalf of this Wronged One, of all the loved ones in that region. Some are mentioned by name and others are well-known before His countenance. The purpose is that all have been blessed with the bounty of the utterance of the Beloved of the worlds. Let them know the worth of this supreme bounty and this most great gift. Mirza Baqir - mention of him hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may they attain unto the outpourings of the True Outpourer and arise to serve the Cause. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither veils nor clouds have hindered from God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I make mention of Thee in this moment when the Sun of Thy Divinity hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of the radiant Sinai of Thy Oneness, and the lights of Thy Lordship have shone forth from the morn of the cloud of the presence of the might of Thy Self-Subsistence, and the darkness of the kingdom hath been illumined by the gleaming splendor of the appearance of the dominion of Thy Cause, whereby the Garden of Paradise was established above the celestial realms of Thy Identity, and wherein Thou didst plant the trees of Thine Essence, and they all bore the fruits of Thy Being, and wherein the breezes of Thy Spirit and the fragrances of Thy holiness wafted, and wherein Thou didst ordain the gems of Thy bounties and the essence of Thy favors, and wherein Thou didst unveil the treasuries of Thy knowledge and the repositories of Thy mystery, and wherein flowed, through its terraces, the rivers of the glory of Thy Life and the seas of the might of Thy eternity and the fountains of the wine of Thy grace.

When Thou didst desire, O my God, to manifest it, Thou didst raise it to the throne of grandeur and majesty, and adorned it with the lights of power and might, and revealed Thyself unto it through Thine eternal Essence, and caused the Sun of Oneness to shine upon it through the lights of Thy ancient Countenance. Thereupon Thy most exalted decree came to pass in the empire of destiny, ordaining the emergence of a Countenance therefrom, that the lights of Thy beauty might be made manifest unto all who are on Thy earth, and the splendor of Thy face unto all who are in the empire of Thy Cause. Then came forth the Maiden who, from time immemorial, had been concealed in the pavilion of sanctity and protection and glory, and in the tabernacle of purity and might and majesty. And there was inscribed upon her luminous brow, with crimson ink by the Most Exalted Pen: “By God! This is a Maiden whom none but God, the Most Exalted, the Most High, hath ever known, and God hath purified the hem of her sanctity from the knowledge of the Concourse of Names in the empire of eternity, and her beauty from the eyes of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation.” And when she emerged from her palace, adorned with the ornament of God, and glanced with one of her eyes toward the heaven, the dwellers of the heavens were thunderstruck by the lights of her countenance and the sweet fragrances thereof, and when she turned her other eye toward the earth, it became illumined with the lights of her beauty and the excellence of her splendor.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having revealed unto me the wondrous tokens of Thy handiwork therein and the comprehensive signs of Thy power in its creation! Whereupon it soared and ascended, gliding through the firmament as though treading upon a straight line in the axis of the air. And methought the chain of existence was set in motion by the movement of its path beneath its feet. Then did it descend and draw nigh, approaching until it stood before me. I was bewildered by the subtle mysteries of its creation and the wondrous tokens of its fashioning. I found within myself an ecstasy from its attraction and a rapture from its love. I raised my hand toward it and drew aside the veil from its shoulder, whereupon I beheld its tresses, curled and twisted, cascading down its back, suspended and flowing until they reached nigh unto its feet. When the winds stirred them toward the right side of its shoulder, they perfumed the heavens and earth with their fragrance, and when moved toward the left,

they diffused a holy, musk-laden scent from their emanations. It was as though by the movement of its hair the spirit of life stirred in the inmost reality of contingent beings and the springs of divine knowledge flowed through the realities of creation. Exalted then be God, its Creator, in what He hath shown me therein! Blessed be God, its Fashioner, in what I have witnessed of the manifestations of power in its beauty and the expressions of might in its majesty! At one time I beheld it as though it were sweet, life-giving, flowing water, coursing through the realities of beings and the depths of contingent things. And I became certain that all existence endured through its endurance and persisted through its persistence. At another time I found it as a fire kindled in the Divine Tree, as though the element of fire were created from a brand of its flames, and the hearts of existence, both seen and unseen, were consumed by its heat and blaze. When it stirred from the subtle mysteries of its yearning and the wondrous tokens of its rapture, it was as though the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted from the very pores of its garment. Glorified be God, its Originator, its Creator, and its Fashioner! Then it drew nearer until it stood before my face and spoke with a melody like unto the song of the dove in the realm of eternity - as though it spoke with a wondrous melody without word, letter or sound, as though all books appeared in explanation of the song of its wonderful strains. And I understood all meanings in the point of its mouth. When I turned toward it with my entire being, I heard the mention of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious from its melodies, and the name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted from its songs. Thereupon I became enraptured, bewildered, intoxicated by the wonderful nature of its tune. I raised my hand once again and uncovered one of its breasts which had been concealed behind its garment. Then did the heavens shine with the gleaming of its light, and all contingent things were illumined by its appearance and effulgence. And by its light countless suns shone forth, as though they were coursing through heavens that had neither beginning nor end. Then was I bewildered by the Pen of Creation in what it had inscribed upon its form, as though it had appeared in a form of light in the likeness of spirit, moving upon the ground of the Divine Essence in the substance of manifestation. And I observed that the Maids of Heaven had put forth their heads from the chambers and were suspended in the air above its head, bewildered by its appearance and beauty, and enraptured by the attraction of its melody. Glorified be He Who is its Creator, its Fashioner, its Originator, and its Manifestor! Then was I nearly thunderstruck by what I inhaled of the holy fragrances and found of its wondrous ornaments. It turned to me completely and opened its lips. Lights shone forth from the gleaming of its teeth, as though the pearls of the Divine Command had appeared from their […]

By the ornaments and shells! And she said: “Who art thou?” I said: “A servant of God and the son of His handmaiden.” She said: “I perceive in thee traces of a sorrow the like of which I have witnessed in none other. It is as though I see that all creation grieveth with thy grief, such that I find the lamp of joy extinguished in the niche of thy heart and the lights of gladness cut off from the lamp of thy inner being. I adjure thee by God, besides Whom there is no god, conceal not from me what hath befallen thee. Inform me that I may learn of the truth of thy matter, even if it be but a drop from the overflow.” I said to her: “Ask me not of this, for thou canst not bear to hear from me of my sorrow, even if it be but a letter’s mention.” Then I adjure thee by God, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, to withdraw thy hand from me and leave me alone. Return thou to thy place in Paradise and ask not of that which I cannot mention to thee, even if it be but a letter’s hint.”

When she recognized the trembling of my inner being, the yearning of my heart, the cry of my essence, the burning of my bones, the quivering of my skin, the agitation of my soul, and the perturbation of my body, she called out to me saying: “Hast thou a mother who would lament for thee in thy tribulation?” I said: “I know not.” Then she said: “Hast thou a sister who would weep for thee in thy ordeal, or a helper who would assist thee in thy distress and accompany thee in thy solitude?” I said to her: “By my sorrow, which no joy hath approached, ask me not of anything. Look thou upon my heart that what thou seekest may be made manifest to thee.”

She then bowed her head toward my heart and began examining all my limbs, joints, bones, and innards, as though she had lost something and was searching for it everywhere. She searched for a long time and raised her head until it reached my chest. I saw her condition change as she moved her head once to the right and once to the left, at times casting her glance toward heaven with grief and sorrow, and at times observing the earth with bewilderment and regret. I saw her lips move as though she were speaking words beneath her tongue. I inclined my ear toward her and heard a faint moan, as though it emerged from the essence of her being in the depths of her heart. When I brought my head close to her mouth, I heard words that I cannot mention, and were I to mention them, by God, nothing would remain in the kingdom from the burning of their mystery and the scorching of their import.

Thereupon she addressed me, saying: “May thy mother die for thee, O youth! I have witnessed none like thee and seen no soul resembling thee. My bewilderment and sorrow concerning thee have lengthened, and my perturbation regarding thy matter hath increased. Would that I had not been created in the heaven of eternity, nor been born of God’s breath in the holy precincts of the most exalted chambers, nor drunk the water of life from the fountains of glory! Alas for what I have known and witnessed! Alas for what I have perceived and learned! For however much I searched, I found no heart within thee whereby I might learn of thy matter.” When I heard this, she raised her head, and I found her eyes overflowing with blood, as though oceans had appeared from a drop of her tears. When her eyes fell upon mine, weeping seized the reins of patience from her, and she cried out with a cry that I can neither mention nor describe, until I wept with her weeping, and she raised her hands to my shoulders and I placed my hands upon her shoulders and […]

We wept immeasurably, beyond the reckoning of time, eternity past or future, ages or epochs. When she ceased her weeping, she said: “O youth, I adjure thee by Him Who hath subjected the Pens to the grasp of Thy power and established through them whatsoever He hath willed and desired, to tell me what hath befallen thee, that I may be a companion in thy tribulations and one who remembereth thy afflictions in the most exalted Concourse and the most sublime Dominion.” I said to her: “O my beloved, by my life and thine, I am unable to explain to thee what hath touched me, but look thou upon my liver; perchance thou wilt find therein what will suffice thee concerning the most hidden mysteries of my heart.” Thereupon she bowed her head and brought it near to my liver, examining it for a time that cannot be mentioned in the Dominion of Glory nor bounded by the tongue of those who discourse, yet found no trace thereof. Then I saw the earth quake from the trembling of its inner reality and convulse from the palpitation of its heart. She remained thus before time, after time, and above all time. Then she raised her head and cried out with such a cry that the heaven was rent asunder, the earth was cleft, the countries were shaken, and the mountains crumbled. Then she called to me saying: “May thy mother mourn thee, O youth! Thou hast

bewildered me by thy matter and destroyed me by thy deed. Never have I found one without heart or liver; how then dost thou remain existing upon the earth and continue to exist in the kingdom?" Thereupon she gazed upon me as a lover gazes upon the beauty of the beloved, and as the loved one beholds the countenance of the lover. Then I found her stirred within herself, as though the breeze of God from this Garment had wafted over her. She turned to me with her outward and inner being and said: "By thy life, I perceive from thee the fragrance of the Beloved! Art Thou the Beloved of the worlds? If Thou art He, why hast Thou changed Thy beauteous countenance? Art Thou from the Concourse of Recognition or from the people of the Bayan? Alas for all created things!" When I perceived her recognition and saw her drawing near, I guided her to my Self. When she recognized me, she cried out, trembled, lamented, was agitated, and fell prostrate in the dust at my feet. When I turned toward her, I found her cast upon the earth, her spirit having departed from her as though it had never been created therein. Thereupon the Maids of Heaven suspended in the air cried out, and the purified Essences in the clouds of the unseen lamented, and they all returned to their mansions and pavilions, abandoning what had been ordained for them and created for their beings. And I remained standing over her body, grieved by her grief and bewildered by her condition and her love. I took her and washed her with the tears of mine eyes and shrouded her in my garments. Then I brought my mouth close to her right ear and gave her glad tidings such as none can hear from me concerning her. When I cast these words upon her, she was stirred by the Word of God. Then she gave me glad tidings which it behooveth me not to mention or even breathe. Thereafter, I laid her to rest in the vessels of holiness and returned her to the place of intimacy, the station which We had ordained for her. Thus do We cast upon you, O people of Paradise, from the vision of eternity. Interpret it for Me, if ye be interpreters of the Spirit's vision.

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

The ambrosial fragrance emanating from the pen of thy love, O beloved of my heart and soul, hath, in this most auspicious hour, perfumed the garden of my heart. Blessed be thy hand and arm, for thou hast brought joy to this wanderer through the influence of thy gem-scattering pen, and hast bestowed complete delight through the glad tidings of thy well-being. Happy art thou for having given the heart to drink from the cup of thy remembrance and bestowed upon it the bounty of thy connection, for correspondence, in the estimation of them that have recognized the truth, is the perfection of communion.

That which thou didst submit to the Most Holy Court was presented by this evanescent servant in detail before the presence of the Self-Sufficing Lord on one of the nights when a group of them that circle round the Throne were present. The breezes of grace and the winds of divine mercy are wafting with such intensity that neither can my motionless pen describe it, nor my weary tongue express it, nor can anyone comprehend it save His exalted Self. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is His grace that hath encompassed all possibility and His beneficence that is witnessed at all times.

Since at the time of the return of thy brother - upon him be the everlasting glory of God - a most mighty Tablet was specifically revealed for thee from the Most Holy Heaven and dispatched, the response to the supplication thou didst submit shall, according to His command, be sent subsequently.

Regarding thy brother, while he was in Alexandria, on one of the days, suddenly a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of oneness explicitly confirming the command for his return, and likewise he had been previously commanded to return. However, according to what he had written, his affairs were not yet concluded. He will present the details thereof to thee in person. Blessed is he for having attained the presence of God, for having drunk the wine of reunion from the hands of His mercy, and for having heard the call of God with his own ears.

Furthermore, there is much that this servant has continually wished to submit to your honor, but due to the multitude of occupations and writing, there has not been opportunity to properly explain and mention the matters concealed in the heart. Some time ago this servant was present before the Throne and a Tablet was revealed to one of the beloved ones. Among its contents was a command that someone should proceed to Gilan for the purpose of reminding the people. This servant perceived that within this decree was concealed a wisdom and hidden a mystery, but did not dare to inquire about its wisdom from the Most Holy Presence. However, I remained thoughtful about what would appear, until Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived. This servant specifically asked him what news he had from Gilan. He did not mention anything at first, but after insistence briefly mentioned something, though nothing was understood from it, until Jinab-i-Aqa Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived and he himself, before being asked, detailed the events occurring in that land. This evanescent servant was greatly amazed and astonished at how much delusion had overtaken the world and how much the suppositions of heedless souls had encompassed the people. Despite the fact that in most Tablets revealed from the heaven of Will, the people were informed that in most lands the birds of darkness and manifestations of the calf would appear, and all were explicitly commanded to avoid them, nevertheless when someone who was the most wicked of people and observably and inwardly among the basest of servants merely uttered a croak, a group followed him. And likewise another evil one said what he said and did what he did, such that the pen is unable to move in describing his words and deeds. O beloved of my soul, reflect a little on what is the cause of these matters and what is the reason. This servant submits that the cause of such matters has been illusory investigations and interpretations that neither nourish nor satisfy, with which some occupy themselves day and night. Such investigations and detestable, unclean mysticisms have been and continue to be the cause and reason for the emergence of such false claims. Jinab-i-Aqa Jamal mentioned two statements that truly melted the heart. Among them he said that he met Aqa Siyyid Javad-i-Qazvini who stated that “I have no issue with the original Cause, but what can I do when I observe that these people have established such an apparatus that each day they prostrate themselves before someone and worship a calf.” He also mentioned that there were several Shaykhis in Rasht who showed complete acceptance, but after the events that occurred in that land became extinguished and veiled. And they mentioned that “We observe that they speak of and remember someone with complete praise, glorification and exaltation, and then they say that this filthy, unclean person is him, and for this reason they have become extinguished.” In any case, we beseech God

to grant some of the people of that land a draught from the cup of justice. Whatever was revealed from the heaven of divine Will and […]

With perfect counsel, mercy, providence and kindness did they admonish those souls, yet thus far no effect hath been observed, for they remain occupied with vain investigations. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Observe ye, had those souls been engaged in educating people according to that which God hath willed, ye would now behold the entire earth as a piece of paradise. Reflect ye somewhat on these incidents that occurred in Rasht - observe how much they have caused the Cause of God to be wasted among the people. And it is strange that no one arose through the power of God like unto a flame of fire to confront those two wicked pretenders. We beseech God to raise up against them one who will show them no mercy.

When the letter reached this point, I turned toward the Most Holy Court, and after gaining entry, He bid me stand and asked, "With what matter art thou occupied?" I submitted that I was writing a petition to Samandar. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory spoke, addressing this evanescent servant:

Write unto him: O Samandar, O Samandar! It behooveth thee to manifest that which is worthy of this name We have given thee. Be as fire unto the vain imaginings and idle fancies of those who are lost in delusion. Beware lest thou be veiled by the schemes of every schemer, the craftiness of every crafty one, and the arguments of every sinful doubter. O Samandar! This is the Day wherein the very stone proclaimeth "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Destiny," wherein the very clod crieth out "The Most Great Vision hath appeared," wherein the plains declare "Power belongeth to the Cleaver of Dawn," and the hills proclaim "Sovereignty belongeth to the Almighty, the All-Bountiful." The rapture of the All-Merciful's utterance hath seized all created things. Leave the people of delusion to their vain desires and the people of doubt to their veils. Then speak in My Name amongst My servants and bring them forth from conjecture unto certitude, and from fancy unto this manifest horizon.

O Samandar! The Cause is mightier than can be mentioned. Stand firm therein in a manner befitting thy relationship unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Be not heedless of thy station and that which hath been ordained for thee in the Tablets of thy Lord. This is My counsel unto thee. Verily thy Lord chose thee before, and in this exalted Tablet. Protect the household of the Cause with all thy strength, lest it be undermined by any cunning rodent. Hearken unto God's counsel with thy inner ear and stand with such steadfastness as will cause the people of passion to tremble and the pillars of the idolaters to quake - they who speak other than what God hath revealed in the Book and who cause people to slip after the Sun of Independence hath shone forth at its zenith.

Say: Open your eyes! By God, it cannot be known through similitudes nor concealed by the conjectures of the ignorant. Beware lest hopes prevent you from attaining this destiny whereby all in the worlds have been illumined. By God, soon shall ye find yourselves in such abasement as no might on earth can profit you. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify with a power that the might of creation cannot weaken, were ye of them that know. Say: By God, what profiteth you is your steadfastness in this Cause and your arising to serve it and to aid it. Abandon oppression, then look with the eye of fairness that ye may recognize that which your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous, commandeth you.

O Samandar! By God the Truth, We desired naught but the triumph of God's Cause, and We bore hardships to manifest His sovereignty. Would they be content to see that which would waste the Cause of God in all else after it hath been exalted to such heights that all in the kingdom of names acknowledged its power, all in the realm of might confessed its sovereignty, the very essence of divinity was moved by its appearance, and the very pebbles of the mountains, fruits of the trees, waves of the seas, and all that was created by God's Word, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, spoke forth its praise?

O thou who art mentioned! The verses descend from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Manifestor of clear proofs, and the tongue speaketh in the kingdom of utterance in His name, the All-Merciful. Yet tears fall like scattered pearls by reason of what hath befallen the Cause of God at the hands of the heedless hosts. Say: Have mercy, O people, upon yourselves and then upon Him Who hath borne hardships for your ease. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Free yourselves from the darkness of idle fancies and turn with your hearts toward the horizon whereunto the Chosen One pointeth with the finger of power. By God! This is My manifest horizon, My certain truth, My shining light, My straight path, My mighty revelation, and My beauty dawning upon all who dwell in the world. O Samandar! Knowest thou what tongue addresseth thee and from what heaven these verses descend? By God! Wert thou to know, thou wouldst fall unconscious for a thousand years, then rise up and say: "Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in the court of Thy might and for having turned toward me with Thy grace and favor. Thou art He Who cannot be known save through Thyself and cannot be described by aught except Thyself. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful." Thus hath shone forth upon thee from the horizon of utterance the Sun of explanation, that thy self and spirit may be illumined thereby and the hearts of the sincere may rejoice therein.

Would that the servants would ponder deeply that which hath been revealed in this Tablet. Blessed is he who findeth therein the fragrance of his Lord's grandeur and who is detached from all the worlds. O My beloved! Most people are unaware and heedless, for they have not been and are not informed of the true station of the Cause. They have walked according to their desires and wasted their days, moving about in their vain imaginings. We beseech God to assist all to serve His Cause. Your honor observeth that if a soul in that land had arisen to serve the Cause, he would surely have educated the weak souls in such wise that they would soar in the heaven of certitude and walk upon the earth of steadfastness, paying no heed to such malevolent souls and a hundred thousand like them. O My beloved! The heart is consumed by this, that the loved ones of God, despite their claim of love, accept not that which is for the benefit, good, and salvation of all. Your honor must be very attentive and vigilant in all matters.

Convey infinite greetings from this evanescent servant to all the honored ones, the beloved ones, and the friends in that land, one and all, and counsel them all with the divine counsels that are in the verses revealed unto your honor. Convey infinite expressions of sincerity and most exalted, wondrous, and sublime greetings to the great and honored master, his honor the Name of Razzaq, after 'Abdu'l-Baha. God willing, hereafter a sublime Tablet specifically for him will be revealed and sent. May the spirit, glory and splendor be upon your honor and those with you.

The Servant of God

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In My Name, through which the fragrance of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, has been wafted!

This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of God's Will, the Lord of all worlds. When it appeared, the mysteries of all the Books were revealed and that which had been hidden from the eyes of those near unto God was made manifest. O thou who art present before the Divine Countenance and who gazest upon the Throne, rejoice in that the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Name and hath revealed for thee that which hath caused the breezes of revelation to waft throughout the world, whereby all who dwell in the heavens and on earth have been perfumed.

O spiritual youth! Hearken unto the eternal call of God. He hath sent down for thee from the heaven of utterance that which shall never be exhausted throughout the endurance of His glorious and wondrous kingdom. When the Day of Return appeared and the All-Bountiful came riding upon the clouds, there arose from behind the veil the buzzing of flies. Thus hath the Tongue of God spoken in this exalted station. He hath informed thee of what befell Him at the hands of those who cast the Covenant and Testament of God behind their backs and denied the Day of Judgment.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who have denied God's grace and mercy and have perpetrated that which hath caused every Prophet and every trustworthy Messenger to lament. We desired for them all the good that the All-Merciful had revealed in the Furqan and in the Bayan, yet they rose in opposition and objected to God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O people of the earth! By God, the Most Exalted Word which the Lord of Names hath revealed in His perspicuous Book hath been fulfilled. Blessed is he who hath heard, recognized, turned unto God and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones!"

Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye reject the truth by virtue of that which ye possess. Cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Most Great Sign hath been joined with the Most Exalted Word on the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people! The Sun of God's Will hath dawned from the supreme horizon and hath manifested that which He desired. He is, verily, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the All-Wise, the All-Informed. Cast aside your imaginings; the Self-Subsisting hath come with a light that neither the veils of the world nor the clouds of the nations can withhold. Thus hath the matter been decreed, if ye be of them that know.

O spiritual youth! For a time, the Most Exalted Pen was restrained due to the unworthiness of the servants. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness unto this at this Daybreak, by whose light the earth and heaven were illumined and the hearts of the unitarians were attracted. There hath befallen the

Wronged One that which hath no likeness or parallel. The hosts of self and passion and the legions of iniquity and corruption have united, uttering calumnies of which none but God is aware, and their purpose hath been to subvert the Cause of God. Whosoever hath turned his face towards this region for the sake of God from the Great City, they have accused of theft and irreligion. Yet God, friendless and unaided, relying upon Him alone, remaineth established in His place and seated upon His Most Great Throne. Neither the might of princes nor the clamor of divines who have denied God's right, His sovereignty, His proof and His testimony, have deterred Him. Beseech ye God that He may aid all to that which beseemeth His Day. Say: O servants! Fear ye God, then recognize the station of this holy and luminous Day. This is the Day which God's Messengers foretold aforetime, and which the Seal heralded in His words "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." In all conditions the Most Exalted Pen hath been occupied with counsels and exhortations, that perchance the servants may turn from the direction of aversion to the direction of acceptance, and cling to what is with God rather than what is with the people. The oppression of the transgressors hath reached such a pass that they have forbidden people from reciting the dawn prayer. The Sheikh of the Land of Sad is aflame with the fire of denial, and likewise some of those associated in the Land of Ta. One of the handmaidens of God, known as the Sister, hath raised the standard of hypocrisy. She was not with Us in the beginning and knew not of the Cause. The colors and ornaments of the world seized her to such extent that she gave to the enemy what belonged to the Friend. Nevertheless, We concealed it and held fast to the cord of patience. But that heedless one became fearful of her own deed and openly arose in opposition, to such degree that she incited certain souls to endeavor to subvert God's Cause among His servants. These matters were and are not worthy of mention, but in view of some being informed, a drop from the ocean of hatred and enmity hath been mentioned. We beseech God to make all aware of that which leadeth to the exaltation and elevation of being, and to make them so steadfast that neither the cawing of the cawers nor the clamor of the doubters shall prevent or withhold them from the ocean of utterance of the Purpose of the worlds. Sixty years of her life have passed, and until now she hath not been able to read a single tablet. God shall soon reveal what her breast concealeth and what her soul hath betrayed. There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no one aforetime. All things bear witness unto this. Verily thy Lord is the True Witness, the Speaker, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Verily My Most Exalted Pen desireth at this moment to make mention of one of His loved ones who hath turned unto the Dayspring of His light, hath acknowledged His Manifestation in His days, and hath confessed that which the tongue of His grandeur hath uttered. We testify that he hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty, and hath believed in Him and in His Book and in His proof and His evidence. Blessed art thou, O Sadr, inasmuch as the Ancient Beauty hath testified to thy faith from His Most Great Prison, and hath made mention of thee in such wise as to cause the fragrance of the All-Merciful to be diffused throughout all creation and the sweet perfume of faithfulness to be wafted amongst all religions. I testify that thou didst believe in God when every sinful doubter and every remote scholar denied Him. The first light that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of Lords, and the first fragrance that was wafted amongst the servants by this Name through which the horizons were illumined. Upon thee, O thou who hast turned unto the horizon of Revelation and who speaketh in praise of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Thou art he who hath attained unto the call of God and His mention and hast acknowledged that which was revealed in His days. Thou art he whom neither

the might of Pharaohs nor the power of tyrants could deter. Thou didst turn unto the Kaaba of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and didst answer Him with thy tongue both outwardly and inwardly when His sweetest call was raised from His most exalted horizon in the prison of Akka. We testify that thou didst drink the wine of steadfastness from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the Lord of all creation, and didst attain unto His verses and His signs. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who turneth unto thy resting place and visiteth thee, even as the tongue of thy Lord hath spoken. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thy station in the Most Exalted Paradise with the light of His Manifestation and His appearance, and to send down upon thee at all times from the heaven of bounty a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His court and a table spread from His side. O my Lord! Ordain for him that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have attained unto all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the splendors of the Sun of Thy grace, to forgive him who hath turned unto him, then to answer his needs through Thy bounty and generosity, then to fulfill for him what he desireth from the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the reins of bounty. Thou takest and givest, Thou forgivest whom Thou willest through Thy great mercy, and Thou exaltest whom Thou willest through Thy Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Powerful, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily We have made mention of those who have ascended unto the Supreme Companion and have sent down for them that which hath caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge in creation and the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds, to be diffused. By My life! There hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen for them that which hath caused the sweet perfume of God's utterance to be wafted throughout all else than Him, and all things have spoken forth glory and splendor and light and bounty unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought his most exalted homeland, and the poor one who hath laid hold on the cord of wealth, and the ignorant one who hath quaffed the choice wine of knowledge from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. This is a Day wherein the rapture of the Call hath seized all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath heard and is endowed with hearing, and blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen what hath shone forth from the horizon of God's grace in this manifest station and exalted spot.

In truth I say, the vain imaginings of the former people have to some extent seized the people of God. They have forsaken the manifest and evident Truth and are secretly engaged in promoting vain imaginings. Verily thy Lord is with them, He heareth and seeth and concealeth. He, verily, is the Concealer, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! By God, there hath appeared what hath never appeared in the world, and there hath come what no eye among the nations hath ever seen. Fear God and be not of the heedless. Say: Take ye hold of the hem of God and say […]

O our God and our Lord! We turn unto Thee in repentance, for verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O my Lord! Keep us not from the light of Thy unity, and remove us not from the precincts of Thy nearness and the court of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the All-Kind, the All-Bountiful.

Today all must fix their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon, detached from all else. Thus hath flowed the command from My Most Exalted Pen in this Palace wherein the Ancient Beauty walketh with manifest sovereignty. O Ruhani! Say: O people! Today the Book speaketh through "The All-Bestowing hath come" and all things proclaim "The Lord of all beings hath come." Glory be to God! The verses are revealed, the evidences are manifest, yet most of the people are in clear error, save those whom God hath purified as a mercy and grace from His presence. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wise command. Say: O people! Beware lest ye cast the call of God behind you, and beware lest ye follow any ignorant remote one. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the martyrs of the Land of Ya, through whom Thou didst manifest Thy sovereignty and power by Thy leave and might, and Thy patience and forbearance, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are near unto Thee and those of Thy creation who are sincere. O my Lord! Assist Thy servants to steadfastness and detachment. Verily Thou art the Lord of creation and the Possessor of invention. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Great.

Glory be to God! Through the penetrating power of steadfastness and detachment in these days, We have illumined the preface of certain Tablets with the light of Khalil's detachment. Indeed there appeared from that Dawning-Place of detachment that which amazed the Concourse on High. When Nimrod's fire was ablaze and that noble one was suspended in the air, Gabriel came and asked: "Hast thou any need?" He replied: "Not from thee." May the spirit of all who dwell in the Kingdom be a sacrifice unto his detachment. O spiritual youth! The attraction of this call hath seized this Wronged One, and repeatedly in these days hath this passage flowed from the tongue of grandeur. Beseech the True One that He may aid all to discover and attain unto the sweetness of detachment. One ray of its effulgence shone upon certain kings; barefooted they sought the wilderness and traversed the deserts. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the outpourings of these days, heard My call, and turned unto My horizon. He is assuredly among the people of Baha in My wondrous Book, before which, when it was revealed, all the books of the world and whatsoever is with the nations have bowed down. He Who speaketh before all faces beareth witness unto this. The dominion and the kingdom belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Make mention of the loved ones in every land and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been revealed and ordained, that perchance the Word of God may attract them all and free them from the happenings of the world and its people.

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

This is a Tablet that hath been sent down from the Preserved Tablet, that it may serve as guidance and mercy unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Therein is made mention of him that remaineth of the kindred of Him Who endured in the path of his Lord that which caused the Concourse of the Near Ones to be thunderstruck. Blessed art thou, O My Name, inasmuch as the breezes of the garment from Joseph the Exalted, Who was named Muhammad-before-'Ali, have wafted over thee. He, verily, was

named by Our Most Holy Name in the Concourse on High, and by the All-Glorious in the cities of eternity, and by all names in the Kingdom of Names. Through Him was manifested My sovereignty and My power, then My grandeur and My majesty, were ye of them that know.

We sprinkled upon him from this Ocean that which detached him from all else but Me and transformed him from the west of tranquility to the east of rapture, until he offered up his life in My path, whereat his being rejoiced while the eyes of the near ones wept. Blessed art thou for having been honored by his presence, for having heard his melodies, and for having found solace in his oppressed and lonely being. He is now present before the Throne, weeping for what hath befallen Me at the hands of the hosts of Satan.

By God, O My loved one! No day hath passed except that there hath befallen Me that which all created things are powerless to recount. On one day the idolaters say: "This is he who hath fabricated a lie against God," even as thou heardst the like on the day when He Who came with manifest sovereignty appeared. And on another day they say: "He hath appeared contrary to what was ordained in the Book." And on yet another day they say: "Through him the Concourse of the Bayan hath been veiled from the mention of God, the Exalted, the Great."

Consider then their lack of understanding: they speak that whereby every reality in all things doth curse them, yet they perceive it not. He Who uttereth God's verses among them they reject through their vain imaginings, even while they recite that which was revealed aforetime by My mighty and wondrous Pen. Behold the power of thy Lord, how He hath deprived them of understanding and left them wandering in the wilderness of idle fancy.

By God, O My Name! He whom the people have taken as a beloved one instead of God is powerless to speak before the Face, yet the people are in grievous drunkenness. By My life! Were thou to become aware of him and his deeds, thou wouldst weep for Me and find no rest in thy dwelling until thy spirit ascendeth to the All-Highest Companion, that station wherein shine forth the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. God is sufficient witness to this.

Hearken unto Me, then cast behind thee every name and take fast hold of the Cord of God. Fear not the hosts of the idolaters. They and all they possess shall never be mentioned before God, even should they bring forth the books of the ancients. Say: O loved ones of God! Fear not for your bodies. By God, ye are the kings in the realms of the spirits. How excellent is this exalted, mighty and glorious station! Verily, from every drop of blood that is shed in My path, God shall raise up souls of them that are nigh unto Him and are sincere. Were I to reveal the mysteries of that station, people would offer up their lives in the path of their Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O My Name! Hear My call with the ear of thine innate nature. By God, through it shall all the world be attracted, were they to turn thereunto.

O Most Exalted Pen! Recount to thy name the story of this city, that he may be of them that are informed. When Muhammad came to thee from the company of the idolaters, saying that they desired to meet with thee in another place, We heard this and left the house with manifest sovereignty, and We said: "O Muhammad! The Spirit hath left His place, and with Him have gone forth the spirits of the chosen

ones and the realities of the Messengers. Behold thou then the denizens of the most exalted Paradise above My head and within My grasp the proofs of the Prophets. Open thine eyes! Here is Ali, and here Muhammad, the Messenger of God, Who hath risen from the horizon of the House with manifest sovereignty, bringing you all the signs from God, the Mighty, the Powerful."

Say: "Were all the divines and mystics on earth to assemble, and with them all the kings and rulers, verily I would present Myself before their faces and would proclaim the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Wise. I am He Who feareth no one, though all who are in the heavens and on earth should combine against Me. The verses have bowed before My countenance and all voices have become humble before My most wondrous and matchless melodies. This is My hand which God hath made white for all the worlds, and this is My staff which, were We to cast it down, would swallow up all created things. All that hath been created between the heavens and the earth is but as a handful of clay in thy Lord's sight."

"O Muhammad! Go thou unto the company of the idolaters and say: 'The Youth hath come unto you, and with Him are the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration. Before Him marcheth the Kingdom of the Cause, and behind Him the tribes of the Concourse on High, then the dwellers of the cities of eternity, then the angels brought near.' Say: 'Fear ye God, and oppose not Him by Whose command every wise matter hath been ordained.' Then present yourselves before God with your ropes and your staves and whatsoever ye possess, if ye be of them that have power.

"We shall proceed to the House of God which one of the kings hath built and named Salim. I alone have come to you from the Dayspring of eternity with God's most great and mighty tidings. I shall tarry until the sun setteth in its west, that perchance the objectors may feel ashamed within themselves and be numbered among the penitent."

Know thou that God hath forbidden His loved ones to meet with the idolaters and the hypocrites. Yet We have left the house, putting Our trust in God and turning Our gaze toward the direction of His Cause, that perchance God's heedless servants might thereby be awakened. They that have disbelieved and associated partners with God will never believe in God though there should come to them the holy scrolls or the hosts of the unseen or the proofs of the Messengers. The meeting with God increaseth them in naught save in rebellion and unbelief. Thus hath it been sent down in the Tablets, and this is a mighty and exalted Tablet.

O Muhammad! Know thou that every name, through its connection with My Self, hath been exalted in the kingdom of names, if thou be of them that comprehend. On this Day, every relationship hath been severed save for those who have entered beneath the shadow of this luminous and radiant Countenance. Whosoever holdeth fast to a name among names while remaining heedless of its Creator - such a one is not of Me and God is quit of him. We have created all names even as We created all things, if ye be of them that know. Say: "I have appeared for God's sake and have come forth for God's sake, and I speak before all who are on earth even as I speak before thy face. I fear no one, and My deeds bear witness to what I say, if thou be of them that perceive." Say: "Verily, the signs of Truth are as manifest as the radiance of the sun, and its lights[...]"

Say: Through the movement of the Youth move the realities of all things, and through His stillness are stilled Our steadfast servants. Be thou detached from names, then suffice with thy Lord and be not of the ignorant. Those who have cleaved to names, they are worshippers of idols, wert thou of those who know. Say: The Prophet is he who informed the people of this Most Upright, Most Ancient, and Eternal Message. The Messenger is he who conveyed My messages to those who had strayed from the path. The Imam is he who stood before My face with clear submission and humility. The Guardian is he who sought protection in the impregnable fortress of My guardianship. And the Successor is he who counseled the people in that which We commanded them in a preserved tablet. He whom the idolaters took as lord for themselves and through whom they opposed God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful - verily he was but one among My servants, and would present himself before the Countenance every morn and eve. The winds of passion blew upon him from the direction of his own self through that which his hands had wrought, until they moved him from his station and left him among the lowest of the low. We had made his name renowned among the servants for a wisdom from Us, and verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth. When We completed Our utterance, he went to the idolaters while the Youth repaired to the station We had ordained. Thus was the matter decreed, and We were witnesses. When Muhammad returned alone after a time, We said: Where are they who desired the face of the Youth, and where are they who disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great? Say: When the Sun shineth from the horizon of the Cause, the birds of night flee from it and cannot draw nigh unto it. Thus was the decree, were ye of those who know. Thus have We recounted unto thee the matter of him who appeared in those days, as a grace from Us unto thee and unto Our assured servants. Would that thou hadst been with Us on that day and witnessed God's ascendancy over the worlds, His power over all created things, and His sovereignty between the heavens and the earths. But grieve not over this, for We have written for thee in the Tablet the reward of that day, and We are powerful over all things. Arise thou to the Cause, then gather the people and be not of the inactive ones. Unite the hearts of My loved ones, then remind them at all times of My beautiful remembrance. Expend thy soul and spirit in propagating the Cause of God - this is the nature of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Should harm befall thee, be patient as thy Lord was patient, and He will surely recompense the patient ones. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. Verily thy Lord is with thee in all conditions and will aid thee through the truth with the hosts of His invisible realm. Convey My greetings unto her who hath believed in her Lord and attained the presence of God and arrived at the shore of a mighty sea, whose every wave proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed is she in that she hath heard the melodies of her Lord and the lights of holiness have shone upon her from God's manifestation, the Lord of the worlds. And the mercy that descendeth from the clouds of My will and the heaven of My purpose be upon her and her daughter. This verily is a great bounty. Upon thee be My remembrance and praise, then My glory and the glory of the worlds.

Then remind all Our loved ones from Our presence. Say: O chosen ones of God, be steadfast in the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that the winds of trials shall not move you, and be ye of those who are firmly rooted in God's Cause. Gather ye in the assemblies of fellowship and remember this Prisoner Who hath been afflicted amidst the hypocrites. Gather ye around that Name. Beware lest ye be scattered, for the wolves lurk behind you with great cunning. Trust ye in God in all matters and shun the wayward. Should ye find one through whose heart the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted, associate with him and remind him of this mighty Remembrance. Beware lest ye sorrow over anything or be

troubled in adversity and tribulation. By God! We have ordained for you in Our most exalted Kingdom a station of glorious and lofty rank. Be ye united amongst yourselves, for through unity shall the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, be made manifest, if ye be of those who are endowed with insight. Those who read the Bayan yet deny the verses of the All-Merciful - these are they against whom the word of punishment hath been fulfilled, and they shall soon enter the fire. Be ye My trusted ones among My creation, My chosen ones among My creatures, and the dawning-places of My light among the worlds. Thus have We imparted unto you the word of truth and revealed unto you that whereby your hearts and souls may find tranquility, and ye may be of those who are steadfast. The copy of the revelation that was written before the Face hath been sent. Copies of God's Tablets should be sent to all cities, and copies of all should be preserved in your presence. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of the countenance of thy Lord. Upon thee be the glory of God and His splendor, then His remembrance and the remembrance of all the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the All-Powerful

Fat?-Abad – Jinab-i-Mahdi Khan, upon him be the Glory of God

In these days when the fire of tyranny is ablaze and the light of justice is concealed, the Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee and declares: Reflect upon the rebellious souls and that which proceedeth from them. With their tongues they make mention of the All-Merciful and occupy themselves with praise of the Best-Beloved of all worlds, and yet they perpetrate that which causeth the Divine Lote-Tree to lament and bewail. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them! For the sake of this base and transient world they have forsaken the eternal realms of God. And strange it is that, despite such deeds and actions, they count themselves among the faithful. By the life of God! The Apostle lamenteth their actions and the Holy Maiden weepeth at that which their hands have wrought. They slay the sons of the Apostle while praying unto Him and weep for those martyred in former times. We testify that they are among the losers.

Observe how greatly hath heedlessness encompassed these souls. They themselves quote that the Apostle–may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake–hath said: "The righteous belong to God and the wicked belong to me." Yet they have done what they have done and committed what they have committed. By the life of God! The Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names have lamented, but the people remain wrapt in heedlessness and veils. He hath indeed seized the spotted snake through His sovereignty and might–she who was the source, origin and essence of tyranny–and soon will He seize the wolf that followed her. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Those people formerly martyred the Prince of Martyrs, and when asked why they had put to such a humiliating death this holy soul whom all acknowledged and confessed to be the son of the Apostle and the Prince of the Youth of Paradise, they replied that he had risen against the Imam of the Age. And now they have martyred this Husayn, who is the Imam of the land of ?ad and His very essence. Behold, the

curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Take heed, O ye who have eyes to see! Take heed, O ye who have insight!

Blessed art thou for having believed in God, the Self-Subsisting, the Supreme, on a day wherein men have turned away and objected, save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, hath willed. Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast drunk from the ocean of faith and attained recognition of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Reflect upon the heedlessness of those who style themselves learned ones of the age. They have failed to ponder even a single word of the words of old or to comprehend its meaning. This is that word of old which was spoken: The chiefs of the earth shall present themselves before the Qa'im, and then that Dawning-Place of the Light of Divine Unity shall speak a word whereupon all shall flee. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance, had the people of the world–namely those who claim adherence to the Qur'an–reflected with fairness and insight upon even this blessed word, they would not have risen in tyranny. Were any clear-sighted one today to gaze with penetrating vision upon the Divine Lote-Tree, he would behold upon all its leaves, branches and twigs the marks of the swords of the rebellious, the arrows of the deniers, and the stones cast by the doubts of the heedless. Nevertheless, that blessed Tree at all times calleth out with its most exalted voice, summoning the people of the world to the most sublime horizon. Strange it is that the people are deluded by this world, which is but a fleeting shadow, and remain heedless of the Truth. It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God to ponder the words and deeds of those who have disbelieved and […]

He praiseth His Lord, the Giving, the Bountiful, Who enabled him to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His signs, and the Source of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Woe unto the people who cast aside their God and followed their vain imaginations. God will soon seize them with His wrath and His authority, for He is verily the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison and attained the presence of the Wronged One of the horizons. The fragrance of love wafted therefrom, and for each soul mentioned therein, blessed verses were sent down from the heaven of oneness. God willing, all shall attain unto the fruits thereof in this world and in all the divine worlds. He is verily the Ordainer, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

We make mention of Siyyid-'Ali and beseech God to forgive him and draw him nigh unto Him. He is verily the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein the ocean of bounty hath surged, the heaven of generosity hath been upraised, and the sun of grace hath shone forth, inasmuch as the temple of the All-Merciful hath been established upon the throne of His blessed Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the call of its Lord and turned with its heart unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We make mention of him who is named Mahmud, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One Who calleth all to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. O Mahmud! This is a Day that hath adorned the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Arise to remember and praise God, and beseech Him to make thee steadfast in this irrevocable Cause. By God! The Sun of Revelation hath shone forth, whereat the feet of the learned have slipped, the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed, and the

faces of the peoples have been darkened, save those whom God, the Lord of existence, hath willed. Hold fast unto the firm cord of this Most Great Name and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and unto Thy horizon. I testify that Thou hast appeared with the truth and that which was hidden hath been manifested. Thou art verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We make mention from this Most Great Prison of him who is named Muhammad-Rida, that he may hear the call of the Lord of Names in all the worlds of his Lord, the All-Knowing Director. The ears were created to hearken unto My call, the eyes to behold the lights of My horizon, the faces to turn unto My Kingdom, the hearts for My love, and the tongue for My beauteous praise. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My remembrance, render thanks unto God for this. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Sadiq, that the fragrances of My verses may attract him and draw him nigh unto My Kingdom and My Dominion. I am verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We have heard the cry of those who have been intoxicated with the wine of My verses, and We have mentioned them as a grace from Us in this perspicuous Book. Hold fast unto the hem of thy Lord's mercy and place thy trust in Him. He is verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. How many a monarch hath heard and turned away, and how many a servant hath turned toward the river of his Lord's mercy. Blessed is the tree that hath inclined toward Him, the fragrance that hath been wafted from His direction, and the breeze that hath passed over His luminous raiment.

We make mention of him who is named Hasan [Bey] in this station which hath been named by all names from the Supreme Pen. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Choosing. O Hasan! Husayn was martyred in the land of Sad for the sake of God, the Lord of mankind. He is the one for whose calamity lamented the dwellers of the sanctuary of grandeur and the inhabitants of the Most Glorious Pavilion. The Lord of creation beareth witness unto this. He is verily the Truthful, the Mighty, the Bestower. God hath seized those who transgressed and rebelled, with an authority from His presence. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Compelling. And He shall soon purify the earth from the defilement of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Final End.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of the seen and the unseen from this most exalted Station, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. It behooveth everyone to beseech his Lord to enable him in His days to accomplish that which shall endure as long as His most excellent names endure. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Say: O Lord of hearts and Sovereign of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing, to assist me in making mention of Thee and in extolling Thy virtues, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Beauteous.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Rejoice that the countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and calleth thee unto God, Who causeth the winds to blow. Hearken unto the call from the Supreme Horizon. By My life! It will draw thee to a station before which pens fall powerless to

describe. Blessed is he who hath sought the Desired One, and the mystic who hath recognized the One Who is known, and the wayfarer who hath hastened with his heart unto God, the Cleaver of the dawn. We have, at all times, summoned all men unto the All-Merciful. Among them are such as have hearkened and turned toward Him, and such as have turned away, following every heedless doubter. The glory of God rest upon the people of Baha who have cast the world behind their backs and are engaged in the service of God, the Lord of all mankind.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named after the Desired One (Husayn-'Ali), that Thy call may draw him near and Thy fragrances may bring him closer unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned in the days of thy Lord by this Pen through which the Trump was sounded and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except such as thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, pleased to spare. We have made mention of every one who hath turned toward the Countenance and every tongue that hath uttered the praise of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who, being athirst, hath quaffed from My sealed wine, and he who, being endowed with strength, hath set his face toward My straight path. From this Station do We send Our greetings to the faces of My servants and My handmaidens who have not cast aside My Covenant and have fulfilled My testament which We took from them in the primordial atoms of the Torah and the Gospel. By God! This is a covenant that Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and the Revealer of the Bayan took from all who are in heaven and on earth. To this testifieth every fair-minded, clear-sighted one.

O My servants! Rejoice in My remembrance, then make mention of Me. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Expositor, the All-Wise. He hath made Himself known unto you and hath taught you His remembrance and praise. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. O My handmaidens! Rejoice in My days. By the life of God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal My remembrance. He, verily, is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Render thanks unto your Lord by night and by day. He heareth and seeth. There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Mahdi! Praise the Lord of the world that for each of the souls mentioned in thy book, sublime and glorious verses were revealed. It behooveth thee to thank God throughout the duration of the dominion of earth and heaven. Thou shouldst, with perfect wisdom, summon the people to the ocean of divine knowledge and wisdom. The promotion of the Faith is among the most momentous of all endeavors. The friends of God must, through the assistance of the Primal Word, awaken those who slumber and bestow new life upon the dead. The Word of Truth hath ever been, and will continue to be, the quickener of bones and bodies. Within it lie concealed the seas of life and of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed is he who hath clung thereunto, attained unto its fragrances, and drunk from its oceans. We beseech God to make that servant fragrant with the sweet savors of His days and to aid all to perform good deeds and to acquire praiseworthy qualities and attributes, and to achieve whatsoever will cause the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of the station of those souls. The friends of God, both living and dead, have ever been remembered at His threshold, and He hath made mention of them all in His sublime Tablets. He, verily, is the Recompenser. He, verily, is the Giver. He, verily, is the Generous One. He, verily, is the Revealer, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

We make mention, at the end of this Book, of thy wife who hath heard and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call and say: I testify, O my God, that Thou hast created me and created the world, that Thou hast provided for me and for all who are in the world. Thou art He Who brought the contingent things into being through a word from Thee, and quickened those who lay in the graves through the breezes of Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Educator of the world and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Name through which, when uttered, all things proclaimed Thy praise and glory, and through which, when moved, all created things were stirred with longing for Thy presence, to ordain for me that which will profit me in this world and the next, and in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou knowest what profiteth me. Decree for me, through Thy bounty, that which beseemeth Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

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O Mir Taj'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God!

The Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

He is the One Who speaks with grace and commands with justice.

The Word of God hath appeared from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance, and the Light of Revelation hath shone forth from the Horizon of Sinai. That Word is the blessed word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth," and that Light is the light of the appearance of the Desire of all worlds. O Taj! Blessed is he whose heart is adorned with the crown of the Most Great Name and whose temple is adorned with the ornament of detachment. We have ever remembered and will continue to remember the chosen ones. The calumnies of the calumniators and the opposition of the polytheists have not prevented the Supreme Pen from remembering, during the nights and days, the true loved ones and spiritual friends. The denial of the Day Star of affirmation hath not deprived it of sincerity and purity, nor hath its darkness prevented the light of justice from shining forth and being manifest. Exalted be His determination, His power, and His utterance!

O Taj'd-Din! This Wronged One dwelleth imprisoned among the heedless, without helper or defender. Therefore hath every oppressor risen up in opposition and objection. The oppressors of the world have found an arena and have attacked Him Who is without helper or defender. However, the opposition and objection of all have been, in the sight of God, and continue to be, as the buzzing of a fly. Quite apart from truth, the people of Persia have throughout their lives been occupied with the descriptions of worthless souls and have remained heedless of and veiled from the Manifestations of power and the Dawning-places of might. Beseech ye God to transform oppression into justice and to sanctify and purify the eyes from the ophthalmia of idle fancies. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Glory be to God! The rain of divine mercy is, at all times, pouring down from the clouds of the grace of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth are manifest and visible. Nevertheless, all remain attached to and occupied with the dawning-places of idle fancies and the rising-points of vain imaginings.

Today the Kingdom of Utterance proclaimeth before the faces of all religions, without any concealment or disguise, saying: “O people! Fear God, then turn unto the horizon wherefrom the Sun hath shone forth and the Light hath appeared, and wherein was inscribed by the Supreme Pen that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Lamp of Salvation, which calleth out with the most exalted call and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Say: O party of God! Aid your Lord through the hosts of verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.”

O Taj’d-Din! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from this perspicuous cup, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Aim, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having enabled me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and helped me to enter Thy court through the means of earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, by Thy Name through which the ocean of bounty surged before the faces of all beings and the sun of faithfulness shone forth from Thy most exalted horizon, to strengthen Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the heedless nor the armies of the polytheists may frighten them, nor may the might of the oppressors who have denied Thy proof and turned away from Thy countenance weaken them. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou hast made me to attain unto Thy presence, to hear Thy call, and to behold Thy horizon. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will profit me, preserve me, and draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Verily We have desired to make mention of Abu’l-Qasim who attained the presence when the Temple of the Manifestation was established upon the Throne of Utterance and summoned all to that which would exalt them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O Abu’l-Qasim, blessed art thou for having turned thyself toward and heard the call of the Wronged One whilst He was imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. He hath mentioned thee time and again in such wise that thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I bear witness that thou didst hear My call and attain unto My presence and didst speak in My beauteous praise. When the choice wine of utterance seized thee, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having guided me unto Thy path and acquainted me with Thy Cause whereby the hearts of Thy creatures were stirred. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through Whose manifestation all names bowed down, and by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue earth and heaven, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for them that have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

And at this moment We make mention of him who was named ’Ali before Muhammad, who drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty and turned toward My direction until he attained My presence and heard My call and beheld My horizon. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath acted in accordance with that which was enjoined in the Book of God, the Lord of this glorious and wondrous station. O thou who speaketh My praise, say: My God, my God! Thou seest the hands of my hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy bounty and mine eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge to aid me to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. O Lord! I testify to Thy unity and Thy singleness, and to Thy power and

might and grandeur and sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm and the One Who holdeth dominion over all existence, to make me in all conditions turned toward the heaven of Thy grace and withdrawn from Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have disbelieved in Thy signs. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

And at the end of the Book We have desired to make mention of him who was named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, to whose orientation and devotion the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified, when most of My servants whom We created for My recognition and to stand before My gate and to serve My Cause, the Mighty, turned away from Me. O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! The Lord of all worlds calleth thee and counseleth thee with that which will elevate thy station among His servants, and concerning trustworthiness which He hath made a mercy and wealth and blessing for all in the land. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal, and glory be unto Thee, O my Object of Worship! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all existence, both seen and unseen. I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy clear tokens, and by Thy sovereignty whereby the limbs of the heedless among Thy servants and the doubters among Thy creatures trembled, to open before the faces of Thy loved ones the doors of Thy mercy with the keys of Thy grace. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Verily We have desired to turn from the direction of the Prison toward him who was named 'Ali before 'Askar and make mention of him with such mention as shall comfort the eyes of them that are nigh. O 'Ali-'Askar, We bear witness that thou didst turn toward God on a day wherein most of the servants turned away from Him, and didst hear His sweetest call in the prison of 'Akka when He was imprisoned in the hands of those who cast the command of God behind their backs, following the manifestations of idle fancies. We bear witness that thou didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter and that which was revealed in His wondrous Book. When thou didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: […]

O my God, my God! My heart hath been set aflame by the fire of Thy love, and my breast illumined by the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, by the pearls that lay concealed in the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the mysteries that were veiled from the eyes of Thy creation, to aid me in all circumstances to act as befitteth Thy days. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee in such wise as no remembrance of the peoples can equal, nor all that existeth in the world. The Mother Book in the Final End beareth witness to this. We have remembered thee time and again, and have sent down for thee that which hath diffused amongst the servants the fragrance of bounty and favor. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which the passage of ages shall not alter. I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, and by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all things, to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art

the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Shin who were not deterred by the whisperings of the doubters - those who hear the verses and deny them, who witness the clear proofs yet turn away from them. These are indeed among the most lost. They have taken their vain imaginings as lords besides God. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in manifest error. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, the Master of the world to come and of this world, to assist His loved ones there to aid His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

We make mention at this time of him who hath turned to My countenance, won My call, stood at My door, drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty, and who hath been named with Shin and Kaf in this wondrous and glorious Tablet. The polytheists seized and imprisoned him without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to aid the oppressors to justice and to adorn them with the ornament of equity. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. O Shukri, hear My call from the precincts of My prison. It consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee from the hosts of the deniers. Behold the grace of God and His mercy, that He remembereth thee in prison after seeing thee in another manifest prison. We have made thee Our partner in affliction and tribulation, in captivity and ordainment. Verily, thy Lord loveth whatsoever befalleth Him in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Grief and distress have seized some of My loved ones there. Nothing is hidden from Our knowledge. Every person of insight beareth witness to this.

We desire at this time to make mention of one of My Afnan who hath been named with Ba before Qaf, and to bring him glad tidings of God's grace, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. His letter came before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for him that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere to soar. We beseech God to send down upon him a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Glory and remembrance and praise be from Us upon Our loved ones who were not frightened by the clamor of the oppressors nor the doubts of the suspicious away from God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The gate of knowledge hath been opened with the key of utterance, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Master of this wondrous Day, hath appeared. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in grievous blindness.

O Murta?a! Hear the call from this most exalted horizon. Verily, He remembereth thee in the prison, as a token of His mercy and loving-kindness. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, for thou hast drunk from the chalice of tribulation in the name of the Lord of all names, and hast partaken thereof for the love of His sanctified, mighty and inaccessible Name. There hath befallen thee what befell Us at the hands of the oppressors. We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation, and have witnessed what hath come upon thee in the path of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We testify that tribulation hath not deterred thee from turning unto Him, nor have the veils of the heedless obscured thee from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and bounty be unto Thee, O my Lord, for having remembered me in Thy days and for having sent down

unto me that which hath diffused the fragrances of Thy utterance throughout the world. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested Thy Cause through a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Exalted Word, through which Thy signs and ordinances have been spread abroad, to make me content with whatsoever hath befallen me in Thy love and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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

Praise be to God! Through the grace of the Lord of Destiny, some days ago Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, was moved by the divine verses to journey in that direction, and now Aba Badi', upon him be the glory of God, is preparing to depart. Therefore, this evanescent servant is once again troubling you with this petition. The previous travelers have not yet departed. Mulla Muhammad-'Ali has arrived with several souls. We beseech God to assist these messengers and emigrants in that which will today cause the exaltation of the Word of God, that in every city and land they enter they may become the cause of the awakening of souls and the unity and fellowship of hearts, and that people may truly find from them the fragrance of divine attributes. Each must be a breath of life unto the bodies of men and drops from the ocean of God's love for the inhabitants of all lands. Verily such souls have always been and are few, as hath been aforetime declared - they are like the red elixir, and the red elixir is rare to find. The former tradition which states "the sincere are in grave danger" bears witness to this statement. However, since the grace of this day is without peer or likeness, this servant hopes that all the loved ones and friends of God may attain to that which is intended and neither act nor speak contrary to that which God desires. May all be enkindled with the fire of His remembrance and gaze toward the horizon of His Cause. Although this servant submitted a detailed letter with Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, yet whenever anyone prepares to depart, the heart's longing compels one to intrude again and again. The petitions that were sent with Mulla Muhammad-'Ali arrived. God willing, the reply will be sent with him personally. One day it was stated that the Observer, upon him be the glory of God, must make amends for the damages caused by his companion, for he had been at the Sacred Threshold for several years and We had never sent him anywhere to teach God's Cause. You were the cause of taking him specifically for development and cultivation, and apparently destruction and ruin resulted. It is most strange that certain souls, despite divine counsels, heavenly exhortations and manifest loving-kindness and favor, should conduct themselves in such a manner as to cause grief to devoted hearts or the extinction of enkindled souls. However, the loved ones of God must fix their gaze upon the horizon of His Cause and what appears from Him, not upon what appears from others, for infallibility is an ornament reserved for God alone, while error, mistake and forgetfulness have been and are the lot of all others. The friends must overlook one another's faults, be mindful of God's forgiveness, and pray for each other. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends and masters in those parts. God willing, may all be set ablaze with the fire of divine love, adorned with the garment of steadfastness, and illumined by the lights of the countenance of the All-Merciful. The letter of the

spiritual friend Mulla Mustafa written in reply to this evanescent one's letter was received and caused joy and delight. We beseech God to assist him to arise to serve Him, to aid His Cause, and to mention Him among His creatures, and to make him among those who said "God is our Lord" and then remained steadfast. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Multiple missives from his honor A-B-N, upon whom be the Glory of God, reached this evanescent servant. Praise be to God, like Abraham they have shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned towards the horizon of certitude. Blessed be his honor in having attained the pure wine of meanings and utterance in the days of the All-Merciful, and having witnessed the rays of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and turned towards Him. I beseech God to assist him in all conditions and ordain for him that which brings solace to the eyes of the knowing ones. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

His letters were all presented before the Most Holy Court. However, after the passage about the mare, the Beloved of the World smiled and spoke, and His word is truth: "Verily he has spoken truthfully." And after ten minutes the Countenance of the Intended One turned to the servant and said: "It should be returned to its owner." Give him the glad tidings that his letter caused the Ancient Beauty to smile. Blessed is he, again blessed is he.

The multiple letters which you wrote from your first arrival in that land until the end all reached this servant. Praise be to God that in all conditions you are occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Truth. Regarding those souls who in these days have turned towards the Most Holy Court, exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of mighty oneness and sent - deliver them, but in all conditions, as commanded, be mindful of wisdom. For in accordance with divine grace and what was revealed at the beginning of this Revelation, mention of every soul that has been or will be made before His presence causes a Tablet to be revealed from the heaven of Will. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This evanescent servant submits that if some friends have not outwardly been blessed with a Tablet, they should not be saddened by this, for the entire world was created so that they might be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. As the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - has said: all exist so that they might be mentioned once in His presence. And now, praise be to God, through God's infinite grace all the loved ones are mentioned in His presence. Were they to become aware of the fruits of this matter alone, such joy and delight would seize them all that they would transcend all who are in the kingdom and with a hundred thousand tongues give thanks to the Exalted Truth.

Every deed in this Day is mighty, for this is the Day of which God gave tidings aforetime in His exalted Word: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's" and likewise in another place: "Whose is the Kingdom this Day? God's, the One, the All-Compelling." For today is the Day of God's manifestation and the Day wherein "the earth shall be shaken with a terrible shaking, and thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank," and this is the Day of which He says: "The Day of Sorting Out! And what will explain to thee what is the Day of Sorting Out? Woe on that Day to the rejecters!" And in ten places the Supreme Pen repeatedly declares: "Woe on that Day to the rejecters!" […]

Present to the beloved, that is Mulla Mu??afa, upon him be the Glory of God, on behalf of this servant, that despite the greatness of this Day and despite its being mentioned explicitly and without interpretation in all the divine Books from time immemorial until the Qur'an, this most impregnable, most holy, most great Day, yet none has perceived it. The people of the Qur'an, who in truth are nourished at the breast of ignorance, have not attained maturity - nay, would that in their infancy they had been nourished with the milk of fairness. But strange it is that the people of the Bayan, despite their claims of knowledge and certitude, have turned away from the words "Verily I am God" and have chosen to dwell in the lowest depths of hellfire. I know not how they interpret the words of Truth which say "The Day mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and then He says "Woe on that Day to the deniers who deny the Day of Judgment! And none denies it except every sinful transgressor." Likewise He says in the well-known sermon "Await ye the speaking of Moses from the Tree upon the Mount." Were the verses of previous Books to be mentioned, this letter would become a voluminous tome. In brief, this evanescent servant bears witness that none has inhaled the fragrance of the paradise of inner meanings which lies concealed in the Qur'an by the command of the All-Merciful, save those who in this Day have detached themselves from all else but God and have responded to all they heard from the Tree which hath encompassed the worlds. God willing, they and you and the other friends must endeavor with complete determination to educate the immature through wisdom and utterance. At this moment this servant is bewildered at what he was mentioning and where it led, for such mentions were not intended in this letter, yet the sun of the word "I have known God through the changing of determined resolves" thus shed its rays. The Command is in God's hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Furthermore, the petition of Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, and his wife and son attained the Most Holy Court, and from the heaven of the Divine Will a most mighty Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for each one. And in the Tablet to his wife, mention was made by the Supreme Pen of pure progeny. God willing, they have and will attain unto this. Likewise they have written to this servant. I beseech and hope from the Truth that He may assist them in matters that will cause their mention in the infinite divine worlds.

And regarding what you wrote about Haji Mirza Shafi' and his son - what was done is acceptable, but it increaseth naught save loss for the wrongdoers. And since in this Day mercy hath encompassed all and it is the Day when "the earth shall be changed into another earth," perchance the earth of heedless souls may, through the rains of divine mercy, yield the ears of wisdom and knowledge.

And regarding the passage of the Tablet of His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His most precious footsteps - you wrote that it would be desirable to have it in Persian. After that Tablet, He wrote a special treatise in the Persian tongue for the people of Iran who have not yet attained to the Kawthar of recognition. It is most beneficial, and His purpose in that treatise was to prevent people from following the ignorant and to observe matters with their own eyes and ears. And in truth, if properly considered, that blessed treatise has been and is beneficial for all humanity, even though outwardly no mention is made therein of the wondrous, radiant, and resplendent new matters. Yet every person of discernment can inhale from its inner meaning the fragrance of the Divine days, and every person of insight can observe the lights of the spiritual Sun. That treatise is in the possession of the

emigrants. God willing, it will reach your attention. The intention was that a copy should first be sent to your presence, but due to the press of duties and the absence of scribes, it was delayed.

And regarding what you wrote about a house being purchased - God willing it is blessed. We beseech God to exalt His remembrance therein in truth. Verily, He is the Guardian of those who remember Him. It is most desirable that in every land a place be designated so that it may become a means of comfort for visitors. God willing, may the pen of that spiritual beloved one always remember the friends and the sincere ones. The Glory be upon you and upon those who are there, from God, our Lord and your Lord.

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He is the All-Knowing Speaker!

O thou who gazest toward My horizon and soarest in Mine atmosphere! Hear My call which hath been raised at this time and which addresseth before the faces of the world a resonant sermon and a decisive word. Say: O people of the world! The Wronged One from the precinct of the prison calleth you unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and biddeth you to be present that ye may hear that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will and the atmosphere of His All-Compelling Purpose which dominateth the unseen and the seen.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Say to those who turn away: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who guideth you to His extended and manifest path and draweth you nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Today it is imperative for those who turn away to come and be present that they may with their own ears and eyes behold and hearken unto the waves of the ocean of knowledge and the revealed verses. Say: O people! Fear God and be not the cause of going astray. The divine verses have been revealed in such wise that none hath been or is capable of reckoning them, and now numerous books exist. Glory be to God! The Primal Point declared "I am the foremost of worshippers," yet they have become heedless of the Creator and Revealer of that Name and know not Who bestowed and Who created the Name. Say: While time remaineth, strive that perchance ye may pass beyond that which ye possess and your vain imaginings and fix your gaze upon that which is with God.

Thy letter was received and was granted a hearing. Whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning Hadi-i-Dawlatabadi, both before and after, ye should write and send to all regions that all may discover that which is the cause of protection and salvation for all. There is a certain Shaykh Muhammad in Constantinople who is among Mirza Yahya's followers. Through his and his master's decree, the horizon of treachery hath appeared and the dawning-place of falsehood and calumny hath become manifest. Among other things he hath said that someone went to 'Akka and returned saying "Praise be to God, I am relieved." He said "I asked what this enigmatic statement meant." The man related "I went to 'Akka and attained the presence. For four hours they attempted to write two lines but could not." In short, the field of falsehood hath become vast. Surely ye have heard the details thereof. Beseech ye God to grant justice, and let some of the deniers be present while ye guarantee that they shall

observe the equivalent of the previous heavenly Books, nay rather more, and likewise be present at the time of revelation. Say: O Hadi! Forsake not justice. By the life of God! The verses cry out in His Kingdom and weep because of the oppression of the polytheists. They cling to a drop that neither nourishes nor satisfies, while remaining heedless of the ocean. The Most Great Talisman hath appeared, yet it hath blinded their eyes and prevented their ears from hearing.

Ye mentioned Siyyid Mu??afa, upon him be the glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath attained to the mention of the Wronged One. Regarding the question of Huquq, whenever any amount is available with ’Ali-Haydar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, let them send a portion to him (Aqa ’Ali-Haydar) and mention him on behalf of the Wronged One and convey greetings to him. By the life of God! We found him worthy of acceptance and steadfastness. We beseech God to raise through him the standards of His Cause among His servants and the banners of His remembrance in His lands. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who are with him. Some time ago, Tablets specifically for the people of Kirman were requested by your honor and were sent, but no news of their receipt hath come.

O Haydar Qabli-’Ali! Some of the friends are serving with their whole being and are ready with life and possessions. Well is it with them and blessed are they! God will soon make manifest their stations among His servants. Verily, He does not suffer to be lost the reward of those who are steadfast.

For Kerman, His Holiness Abu’l-Fadl, upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness, would be excellent, but at present his presence there must be delayed. If another soul can be found and you deem it advisable, mention this before the Wronged One and send him forth. However, he must hold fast to wisdom and be adorned with goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct.

O thou who gazest upon My countenance! Endless complaints have arrived from various quarters about certain ones, causing boundless grief. My grief is not from My enemies, but from those who attribute themselves to My Cause. O what sorrow for the servants who follow their desires while claiming to follow My ways and commandments! Had they been fair-minded and held fast to that which God commanded them, all of Iran would now be adorned with the ornament of faith. We beseech God to assist all to return and make good what hath escaped them in My days.

Mention was made of His Holiness Siyyid A. and L., upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, he is illumined with the light of recognition and enkindled with the fire of love. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to attract through his mention those who have turned unto Him and to raise through him the standards of the Faith amongst the polytheists and the monotheists. His mention and deeds are witnessed and heard. Remember him from Me and give him the glad-tidings of what hath been revealed for him from My Pen.

Say: O Safar Qabli-’Ali Kh. A., thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will especially for thee and was sent. God willing, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds and be illumined at all times with the lights of the Luminary of Truth.

O Siyyid Qabli-Muhammad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered those who have turned toward the Countenance with verses that have entranced the hearts of those near unto God. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause in such wise that names shall not keep thee back from their Creator nor created things from their Maker. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Generous.

O Husayn! Hear the call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, which calleth before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Nothing whatsoever hath prevented it from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the Wronged One at this manifest time. Give thanks unto God for having assisted thee on a day wherein the Caller called from a near place, and made thee recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and guided thee to His straight path.

O Abul-Qasim! The Supreme Pen moveth at morn and at eventide in remembrance of the friends. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the remembrance of God. The first commandment is to believe in God and to act in accordance with that which He hath revealed in His Book. We counsel Our loved ones to perform goodly deeds and to manifest praiseworthy conduct. O friends! The hosts that can render this Cause victorious have ever been and are goodly character and virtuous deeds. Strive ye that ye may be enabled to achieve victory. He, verily, is the Protector of the doers of good and of them that act aright.

O Muhammad-Qablih-Hashim! Reflect upon the Shi'ih sect and their deeds, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His servants from the evil of such souls. By night and by day they besought the appearance of the Truth, yet when He was made manifest they pronounced His death-warrant. The deniers of the Bayan follow in their footsteps. Glory be to God! It is not known why they departed from the Shi'ih sect and turned towards the Point, only to abandon the Truth at the word of Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi and his followers and guides, remaining occupied with the same vain imaginings as before. Say: Purify your hearts from that which profiteth you not, then turn with pure hearts unto God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. This is the Day of God, glorified be His grandeur. Believe in Him and be not of the heedless.

O Haqq-Nazar! Thy mention hath been made in the Most Great Scene and thou hast attained unto the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Say: O people of the Torah and the Gospel! He Who revealeth the verses hath come with manifest sovereignty. Today the Mount of Sinai circleth round the Manifestation, and the Blessed Tree hath attained to the fragrance of reunion, and all atoms in those regions cry out "He Who revealeth the verses hath come!" Rapture and mighty ecstasy have seized all. Heaven saith unto earth: "Blessed art thou in that God hath made thee the seat of His mighty throne, honored thee with His presence and adorned thee with His signs." Trees embrace one another, and rivers flow in utmost joy and delight. The rapture of His Revelation hath overtaken all the worlds of the seen and the unseen, yet most of the people are heedless, asleep and as ones dead.

O Yehudah! Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the Torah! By God! The Ten Words have been revealed in a single Word, and all things do speak forth this day: "Blessed be the Lord of Names Who hath revealed Himself among His people and in His realm, and honored Moses with His presence and appearance before His countenance." Blessed be the city

wherein the call of the Beloved was raised, and the synagogue wherein His glorious Name was mentioned. Verily, Zion crieth out and announceth unto all things the meeting with the Lord. Jerusalem hath stirred from its place and giveth the glad-tidings of God, its Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne. O Yehudah! Take hold of the Book with the strength that proceedeth from Him. He, verily, will aid thee, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Isaac! Praise be to God that the horizons are illumined with the light of His Manifestation. We beseech God for the unity and harmony of hearts and souls, that all may unite and arise to aid His Cause. By the life of God! Its victory is dependent upon goodly utterance and righteous deeds. Should anyone speak otherwise, know ye that he is a lying impostor. We are God's and unto Him shall we return. We have made mention of thee with that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds, shall endure.

O Ghulam-Qablih-'Ali! Thy mention hath ever been made and thou hast attained unto His grace. We beseech God to strengthen thee with the hosts of the unseen and enable thee to spread His signs, even as He aided thee before. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Helper.

O Haydar-'Ali! The souls mentioned from Shah-Abad and elsewhere have each attained the grace of God. In these days, verses are being revealed without limitation or cessation, and evidences are being manifested without delay. Nevertheless, mention of many matters remains in abeyance. Repeatedly convey the remembrances of the Wronged One to the friends of Shah-Abad and those regions, and extend greetings to them. Say: O friends of God in His lands and His chosen ones in His realms! He hath remembered you and ordained for you in the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven that which shall bring delight to all eyes and vision. Give thanks unto your Lord, the Most Merciful, for He hath manifested Himself, caused you to hear His call, shown you His signs, and sent down unto you that whereby your names shall endure throughout the eternity of His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. Counsel all to perform goodly deeds and guide them to praiseworthy character, that they may attain to that which shall cause the exaltation of His Word and the turning of the servants unto Him. Deeds that are not pleasing are the cause of the dissipation of God's Cause amongst His creation. To this beareth witness every fair-minded one, every just one, every hearing one, every seeing one, and every informed one. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them, and upon those who love thee and will love thee, and who hearken unto thy words concerning this mighty Cause and momentous News.

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

Praise be to God Who hath made the Revelation a magnet to draw unto itself the followers of all religions throughout creation, and through it hath caused all things to proclaim that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the remembrance of all created things and exalted above the description of all beings. Every sovereign hath acknowledged his powerlessness before the manifestations of His might, and every possessor of dominion hath confessed his servitude before the revelations of His command. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, above the mention of aught else but Him or the praise

of any besides Him. He hath appeared and made manifest whatsoever He hath willed, whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of grace did seize and deliver from the darkness of ignorance. He is the One Who cannot be known through oneness, and the Beloved Who cannot be described by what the creatures possess. He hath established Himself upon the throne and raised His most exalted call throughout the kingdom of creation, whereupon the Spirit did speak at the dawning of the lights of Revelation.

Here am I, O Thou through Whose light of countenance Thy dwellings have been adorned, and by Whose fragrant vesture every possessor of smell hath been refreshed. I testify that through Thee the Path was raised up, the Balance was set, those in the graves were stirred to life, and the Speaker of the Mount did speak. Exalted, exalted is Thy remembrance above the mention of this non-existent, forgotten one. Exalted, exalted is Thy praise above the praise of this remote and veiled one. I beseech Thee by that Name through which every distant one drew nigh, every sick one was healed, every abased one was glorified, every hungry one was fed, every poor one was enriched, every sinful one was forgiven, every ignorant one gained knowledge, every seated one arose, and every tonguetied one spoke forth - to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto the precincts of Thy grace and bounty, will aid them to remember and praise Thee, and will enable them to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And now, O my beloved, what hath flowed from thy pen in praise of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, hath brought Me joy. This servant beseecheth his Lord to preserve you and enable you to do that which beseemeth the days of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all the worlds. When I read and became aware of what was contained in thy luminous letter, I approached the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Horizon, until I attained the presence of the Face and presented what was therein before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, saying, exalted be His grandeur: […]

O servant! Make mention of him on My behalf and give him the glad tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all created things. We have mentioned him before and make mention of him at this moment wherein the Wronged One proclaims that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful in His days and hath arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and joy. This is the Day of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it, and woe betide every denying infidel. O thou who art mentioned at the Throne! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee from this spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison in the Scriptures and Tablets. We send Our salutations from this Spot unto thee and unto My loved ones who have cast behind them idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: O loved ones of God! Hold fast unto the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book, then make peace among yourselves. This behooveth him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Say: Take ye the Book of God as a command from Him, then observe what hath been sent down therein of laws. O people of the earth! Cast behind you the principles of your own selves and take the principles of your Lord, the Possessor of the Final End. Cling ye to the hem of steadfastness in all conditions in such wise that the veils of the parties may not withhold you. Thus hath the horizon of the

heaven of proof been illumined with the light of utterance. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Your honor hath, by God's grace, attained His presence and been mentioned with that Most Great Remembrance, one letter of which the entire world cannot equal. God willing, may this supreme bounty and mighty gift not fade from your sight and may you preserve it through God's grace and favor. For this evanescent servant hath repeatedly heard from the tongue of Grandeur concerning the world's upheavals and changes that which, were it to be mentioned, would cause grief. Therefore at all times I beseech the true Source and spiritual Protector to establish all beneath the shade of the Ultimate Tree and the Most Exalted Word. He is verily the Powerful, the Helper, the Bestower, the Generous.

Your honor should, by day and night, remind the heedless people with wisdom and utterance, that perchance a soul might attain to the goal and awaken from the intoxication of the wine of pride to consciousness. For this is the Day of sobriety, and this sobriety shall appear after obliteration. God willing, may the opposers be illumined by the light of acceptance and may those who have turned to Him observe the divine Will and Purpose. This evanescent one makes mention of all and begs of all not to forget this evanescent one in gatherings where God's loved ones are occupied with His remembrance, that perchance the hand of power may establish this servant and His friends firmly in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. He is verily the Powerful, the Almighty.

Another matter: This evanescent one is greatly ashamed at the delay in responding, but God is witness that this was not due to negligence nor from any lack of sincerity. All bear witness that this servant is occupied with writing day and night. In any case, I have hoped and continue to hope for forgiveness from your honor and the other gentlemen.

Another matter: I convey greetings and salutations to his honor Aqa Shahvirdi, upon him be the Glory of God. Some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of favor and was sent.

Likewise, specially for Jinab-i-Aqa Khodadad and Aqa Azizu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, and some of the loved ones of the land of Kha, upon them be the Glory of God, some of it was sent and some was delayed in sending due to wisdom, and then some obstacles arose. In any case, it has arrived and continues to arrive. God willing, they will attain unto it. They are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and are recipients of divine favors. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them and assist them in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Possessor of Names and Creator of Heaven. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

News has arrived from the land of Kha, both from before and after. Praise be to God, all are occupied with mention, praise, glorification and thanksgiving to the Truth. While this evanescent servant was occupied with mentioning you and Jinab-i-Aqa Shahvirdi, the command to appear was issued from the Most Holy Court. When I ascended and attained the presence, the Beloved spoke:

"We love to mention him who is named Shahvirdi, that the attraction of his Lord's utterance may seize him in this Day wherein most of the tribes of the earth have turned away. Verily He is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. We have sent down for thee a Tablet before, and in these days, that thou mayest thank thy

Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed art thou for having turned to the face of thy Lord, attained His presence, and heard the call of the Wronged One from this manifest station. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God, the Lord of the worlds. Pay no attention to the people and what issues from their mouths. Leave them to themselves and trust in God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Soon will God erase the traces of those who turned away and will establish through His Most Exalted Pen the traces of those who have turned to Him, who have cast away what is with the people and taken what they were commanded by the Ancient Ordainer. We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them glad tidings through this mighty remembrance. Proclaim the greatness of God before the faces of My loved ones in Kha and remind them with this beautiful remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have said: 'Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.'"

God willing, you have ever been and will ever be the recipient of God's favors and adorned with the ornament of His mention. The two packages of leaves that were sent, one by your brother and the other by Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon them be the Glory of God, arrived. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them and grant them the good of this world and the next. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Khodadad, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Court, and he became the recipient of the effulgent lights of the Sun of divine favor. Praise be to God, he was aided to serve the Cause. In these days, mention of him flowed several times from the Tongue of God. Blessed is he and blessed is he who has attained unto this wise remembrance.

And regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Asadu'llah, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the Beloved spoke in reply. He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing […]

O Asadu'llah! God willing, mayest thou be favored with divine grace and be turned toward Him from Whom the people have turned away. This is a most mighty and wondrous day, for He hath appeared in the garment of 'He' and speaketh in the station of the manifest 'I'. Those souls who for one thousand two hundred years and more awaited the Sun of Manifestation, spending their days and nights in lamentation, all were bewildered and dumbfounded at the time of its dawning, and became opposers and deniers, save whom God willed. During this period they would inquire of those whom they deemed to be in authority, asking "What is that blessed Word which shall proceed from the mouth of the Qa'im, causing all the holy ones to flee from Him? What is this Word?" They expressed great bewilderment regarding this matter, and even now remain unaware, still waiting to witness it. Glory be to God! Some fled like frightened wild asses before even attaining the presence of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Speaker of Divine utterance, or hearing His Word. They drink from the pool of vain imaginings while remaining deprived of the choice wine of certitude. The Water of Life hath appeared and the Sun of Manifestation hath risen, while they move about behind green and white turbans, bowing down before and worshipping their idols. Beseech ye God that He may rend asunder the veils and guide all to the ocean of knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Asad! God's loving-kindness required it and He made mention of thee. Know thou the value of this precious pearl and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!" I counsel thee and the friends of God to manifest supreme steadfastness, for the Cause is mighty great and the Day most momentous.

Say: "Glory be to Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and distinguish between the nations, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in this world and the next. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which lieth with Thee, then decree for me through Thy generosity that which beseemeth Thy grace and favors. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

As for what was written regarding Mirza Jalal and Mirza 'Ata'u'llah, upon them be the glory of God, that they are present - mention was made of them and they were favored with God's grace. God willing, may they act in accordance with that which He loveth and is pleased with. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to them and to all the friends in that land. The glory be upon you from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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O Distinguished Lady Khadijih Bigum, upon her be the Glory of God, take note:

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

Praise, sanctified from all limitations and the recognition of any soul, befitteth the Lord of Mercy, Who hath raised the standard of "Verily I am God" to such heights that all hands fall short of reaching it and all tongues are powerless, nay mute, in its mention. Through it are all the peoples of the world known, while it is known through its own self. This is unique to this Most Exalted Revelation, whose Day is unlike all other days and whose light is unlike all other lights. In days when all were veiled, He spoke before the faces of the world in such wise that all bear witness. He summoned the entire world to unity and concord, and to that which adorneth the world of being and humanity. He hath, through the burnishing power of His Most Holy Name, purified and sanctified the hearts of His loved ones, and through His All-Powerful Name hath removed from the realm of Baha all rancor and hatred which are characteristics of the divines of Persia. By "realm" is not meant the known realms of earth; within this realm lie concealed a hundred thousand worlds, though all remain heedless and veiled therefrom. A single leaf of its divine Tree speaketh and warbleth its praise in such wise as to draw to it heedless handmaidens and refresh them with the living waters of the love of the Peerless Friend. A hundred thousand blessings be upon the one who hath today attained unto true unity and hath turned his vision, heart and attention solely toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Such a soul hath, by the testimony of God Himself, attained true unity and is illumined by its light. Glory, praise and exaltation be upon the loved ones of God, His chosen ones, and upon the leaves of God and His handmaidens, whom neither the riches of the world deterred nor the

ascendancy of the nations frightened, who have held fast to the cord of His grace and clung to the hem of His bounty. Upon them, both men and women, be the mercy of God and His favors, and the compassion of God and His gifts, which have encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen.

And after, the letter of that honored leaf which was sent to the Most Great Name, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, was submitted to the Most Holy Court, and this evanescent servant presented it at a special time before the countenance of the Beloved of the worlds. After its presentation, these supreme words flowed from the tongue of the majesty of the Lord of creation - blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O Leaf! The Lord of Eternity hath desired the reformation of the world. All bear witness that We have forbidden all from harboring rancor, hatred and enmity which cause division and disunity. The Truth is, in and of itself, sanctified and distinguished above all else. No person of insight would deny this. Beseech the Truth that He may grant eyes the power of vision. However, the ophthalmia of vain imaginings hath prevented eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. O My handmaiden! By the life of God, that which thou hast heard and seen cannot be equaled by a single verse. The people are heedless and veiled. We have breathed the spirit of life into the bodies of utterance, and the spirit of inner meanings into the bodies of words. Blessed is the soul that findeth and becometh aware - such a one is mentioned as the most exalted of creatures before the Truth. Thou hast ever been mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which beseemeth the bounty of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land, especially those who are engaged in serving the Cause.

The leaf who is the wife of Abu-Talib - upon her and him be the glory and favor of God - had some time ago sent to the Most Holy Court news of recent events in that land. It was seen. Blessed is she, for she hath attained unto serving My loved ones and hath borne hardships in My love and their love, seeking My good-pleasure. We beseech God to assist her, grant her success, and ordain for her the good of the hereafter and of this world. End.

God willing, the Most Holy, Most Great Tablet will also be revealed and sent specifically for the mentioned leaf - upon her be the glory of God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

And as for the mention they made of the honored beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - his mention has ever been and continues to be in the Most Holy, Most Great Court. And this time, after presentation before the Face, these exalted words were revealed from the Dawning-Place of verses - exalted be His utterance and glorified be His proof:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed […]

O Abul-Fadl! Thou hast attained unto tribulation time and again in the path of God, the Lord of all names, even as the Wronged One did experience in most of His days. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Thou wert in the prison of Ta beneath chains and fetters. We have heard from the heedless what no ear hath ever heard, and We have witnessed what no eye in all the world hath seen, and I am the True One, the Trustworthy. Grieve not because of imprisonment, for it is characteristic of

God's loved ones and a practice of God that hath preceded. Thy Lord is verily the All-Wise Expositor. Thank God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to turn unto Him on a day wherein most of the servants turned away and the hearts of those who claimed knowledge without proof from God, the Lord of all worlds, were perturbed. We have remembered thee and do remember thee with such remembrance as diffuseth the sweet fragrance of thy Lord's tender mercy. He shall deliver thee even as He delivered His loved ones before thee. He hath power over all things. Hold fast unto wisdom in all conditions. We have enjoined this upon thee in numerous Tablets and in My Perspicuous Book. Take the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then drink therefrom despite every heedless and remote one. Remind the servants with wisdom and speak according to their capacity and station lest the clamor of the transgressors be raised.

O Fadl! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. In all conditions hold fast unto wisdom. From the inception of this Cause until now We have forbidden all people and the friends of God from oppression, transgression, conflict, disputation and treachery, for this Revelation hath come for the unity of nations and the betterment of the world. Its benefit returneth unto all, both to government and people. Nevertheless, until now they have not comprehended this evident and manifest truth. This decree hath been and remaineth firm. The Command of God is established and steadfast. Were heedless souls to reflect and ponder even briefly, they would behave toward the friends of God with utmost love, fellowship, harmony and unity. Beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to make the heedless aware and guide them. The heedlessness of some people hath reached such a state that the Supreme Pen is bewildered. For twelve hundred years they claimed to love and beseeched God, glorified be His majesty, for the meeting with the Promised One by night and day. Yet when the clouds were rent asunder by the finger of divine will and the Day-Star of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all turned away. And now again the heedless walk the same path, that is, the deniers among the people of Bayan. Lo! They are accounted among the wrongdoers in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Fadl! Repeatedly have thy letters arrived and the servant present before the Countenance hath presented them. The glances of favor have been and are directed toward thee. We beseech God to grant thee divine confirmation and success, to bestow patience and forbearance upon thee. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Verily He shall deliver thee, save thee and draw thee nigh through His grace. He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This evanescent servant hath ever besought and continues to beseech God, exalted be His glory, for your success. Although the frequency of writing hath prevented this servant from expressing love and affection, yet the heart hath not been and is not prevented. The remembrance of that beloved one hath been preserved and flows from the tongue most often. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to make that beloved one's imprisonment blessed, that is, to make it the cause of the turning of denied souls. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty. I offer greetings and salutations, and I seek help from God.

Concerning what that leaf mentioned about some handmaidens newly turning to the Divine Law, this detail was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. His blessed and exalted Word: "O leaf! The mention of the handmaidens has been heard, and each has received her portion from the waves of the

ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. We beseech God that they may be assisted to preserve what has been bestowed. Great is this Day, and mighty is its station with God. Blessed is the countenance that hath turned to the light of His countenance, and the heart that hath turned toward His horizon. Convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of His favors, that perchance the Divine remembrance and mention may detach all from aught else but Him and enable them to achieve that which beseemeth His days." The lights of the Sun of Grace have, praise be to God, encompassed all, given water to the thirsty, strength to the weary, and blessed the seekers with the lights of His remembrance. Who is the lost one whom His grace hath not sought? Indeed, this evanescent one, together with all the cherubim, the chosen ones and the pure ones, is incapable and falls short of mentioning even a drop from the ocean of His grace.

Regarding your mention of that heedless soul who spoke certain words five years ago - indeed, he spoke truthfully, for the source of vain imaginings had specifically announced that the Truth would appear after two or three years. Now six years have passed, and it is not known what became of that promise. Would that the deluded souls had understood and had not, through such lies, remained deprived of the Dawning-Place. Fie upon them and upon what their mouths have uttered! Truthfulness, fairness and justice have disappeared; they have taken fancy for certainty and fire for light. Such is the condition of the worthless masses. I beseech God to confirm that leaf and make her steadfast in His Cause with such steadfastness that all may testify to it. Until now, naught but goodness, kindness, love, and praise and glorification of God have been mentioned regarding that leaf. To this bear witness the fair-minded and those who hold fast to the cord of our Lord's gracious favors.

Concerning what you wrote about being unable to free yourself from this anxiety, grief and sorrow except through His all-encompassing grace, this matter was presented. His blessed and exalted Word: "O My handmaiden! Be thou glad through God's favor. His mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all. The ocean of His generosity is surging and the effulgences of the Sun of His bounty are manifest and evident. With utmost joy, expansion, spirit and fragrance, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Verily, He is with whosoever remembereth Him, turneth unto Him and placeth his trust in Him. He is the Helper in all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

May God grant that you may ever be joyous and enkindled with the fire of love in such wise that its effects may become manifest and evident. Verily, my Lord and your Lord, my Beloved and your Beloved, is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Oft-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Great.

The honored matron, the Mother of the Sacred House, upon her be the Glory of God, arrived and mentioned that leaf in the Most Holy Presence. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee through a power from His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned, heard, and responded on a Day wherein the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

The Servant

9th of Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1303

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

Praise and glory be to the Lord of all horizons and the absolutely Worshipped One, Who ordained death as a gateway to attainment and meeting. Outwardly it brings forth agitation and produces sorrow, anxiety and grief. However, by God's knowledge, it is the greatest means for reunion and the supreme cause for attainment - that is, the attainment of the lights of the revelations of His Will and Purpose. Otherwise, "No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision; He is the Most Subtle, the All-Aware."

At one time the Lord uttered this supreme word: If the stations of the unitarians, the sincere ones, and those endowed with certitude were to be revealed to the people of the world, even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would prefer death to life and hasten to the Supreme Companion. Glory be to God! Death in His love becomes the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence. Where are the lovers, that they might hear from the tongue of the Lord that which would cause bodies, let alone spirits, to take flight? In the hardship of death are ordained comforts, and in its torment is concealed an enduring paradise. Blessed is he who attains to a rest that neither centuries can alter nor ages change. For those possessed of certitude, this transfer is the cause of entry into the supreme paradise and the reason for blessings which none but God can enumerate.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the cry of the lovers and the yearning of the longing ones to aid Thy loved ones in the stations of affliction and separation to exercise beautiful patience and noble forbearance. O Lord! Make known to them that which was hidden from sight and concealed from the vision of the righteous. Then I beseech Thee, O Ordainer of death and life, to unveil for Thy loved ones what Thou hast concealed from others, and open before their faces the gates of revelation and presence. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thereafter, thy spiritual letter arrived at a most propitious moment, when the Sacred Being was about to ascend to His final station. It brought boundless joy, and likewise boundless sorrow, for it bore tidings of the ascension of that Bird of Divine Knowledge to the nest of the Divine Word. God is My witness and the Knower of all things, that this lowly one was outwardly grieved to such an extent that none but God is aware, and likewise was filled with such joy that neither pen nor utterance can describe it. For I heard from my Lord and Master - and sweet indeed are His words - at the time of His ascension: "He was adorned with the love of God and illumined with the lights of His oneness, and the Concourse on High perceived from him the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of all beings."

After reading and reflecting upon this, and yearning for ascension in these days, it was presented before His countenance, whereupon He said: "O Abdullah! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His peace. There hath come upon you what came upon this Exile upon first entering the prison. Yet the firm decree of God and His irrevocable judgment ordaineth fire for the wicked and light for the righteous. Were all the world

to become pens, and all the heavens and earth a tablet, and all the seas ink, they could not describe the station of them that have recognized His unity, nor the blessings specially ordained for them. Exalted be His glory and magnificent His favors! Yet separation and parting bring sorrow to man. It is clear and evident that after the companionship of months and years, separation and banishment become the cause of grief and anguish.

"O Abdullah! Thy sorrow hath grieved Me, as hath the sorrow of one of My handmaidens and one of My leaves. Verily, he who hath ascended hath taken shelter beneath the canopies of the mercy of his Lord, and dwelleth in communion with God's chosen ones and trusted ones in an exalted Paradise. We beseech God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat, by the hosts of revelation and inspiration, by the waves of the ocean of His utterance and the effulgences of the orb of His bounty, to send down upon him at every moment a mercy from His presence, a gift from His own Self, and a table spread from His side, to adorn him with the ornament of forgiveness and generosity, to accept what he hath wrought in His path, to record for him the reward of attaining His verses and manifestations, and to give him to drink of the Kawthar and Salsabil. He, verily, is the Guide of the Way and the Revealer of the Proof. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

How blessed and pleasing it is for him, for he hath attained unto that for which the world was brought into being and emerged from nothingness into existence. After the news arrived, all the dwellers of the pavilion of glory and chastity were overcome with grief. However, after the manifestation of the Master's favors and the unveiling of that which was hidden, all became joyful and besought from God, exalted be His glory, bounty, mercy, generosity, grace and kindness for the deceased, forgiven, and righteous one. Especially for the elevated leaf, his mother, each one showed extraordinary kindness. These are signs and proofs of the loftiness of station of that elevated one, upon him be God's peace, mercy and loving-kindness. At this moment, for some reason, being admitted to His presence, He said: "O servant present! We wish to mention My handmaiden and […]

When the mother of one who has ascended unto God–a companion who arose to serve Me–O leaf, hear thou the call of the Wronged One and be not sorrowful. We love patience and enjoin upon thee gracious patience. The world hath ever been and shall remain the abode of separation, and this separation hath been and is the cause of a mighty reunion. For every parting a meeting is ordained, and for every exile a return is decreed. The world is a realm of tribulation and woe. What nobleman hath it not brought low? Days and nights, and likewise diverse hues and scattered things, all bear witness to its change and transformation. The graves unceasingly proclaim: O dwellers of palaces, forget me not. Strive ye, that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, ye may bring with you what is required. Death appeareth in every form and calleth out: O possessors of life, let not the colors of the world deceive you and make you heedless of me. Consider the palace of Khosroes, and likewise the Khavarnaq and Sadir of Nu'man. The spider hath made its abode in the place of kings and drawn its curtains, and the owl reigneth supreme. O handmaiden of God, cleave unto the truth and be intimate with Him. One word of His words cannot be equaled by all the riches of the world. Though most deem the world false and deceitful, yet in the sight of God it is true and faithful. At every moment it showeth forth its own annihilation and bringeth its changes to pass before all eyes. The realm of sight and hearing is non-existent and void, that it might hear and see. All testify to its transience, yet they remain occupied with it and heedless of the Truth. The

people of truth, with utmost yearning and longing, set out from the transient station to the eternal abode. They live nobly and depart nobly. They behold God as the One Who exists, and all else as non-existent. Reflect upon the favor of the Wronged One, Who hath shared in thy grief and become thy companion in tribulation. By the Day-Star of utterance that shineth from the heaven of the prison, wert thou to taste the sweetness of that which hath flowed from the Pen of wisdom, thou wouldst find patience sweeter, and submission and contentment more glorious and precious than the bounties of the world. Be patient, O handmaiden of God, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to acknowledge the unity of Thy Being and Thy attributes, and for having made me know Thy path and Thy balance. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Educator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy Sacred House, and by the ocean of Thy bounty which surgeth in the Sacred Place and Station, and by the Beloved through Whose advent the celestial spheres were honored, to make me content with Thy decree and fixed upon Thy Will and Purpose. O Lord! By Thy might and sovereignty and grandeur and power, were I to become impatient under the manifestations of Thy decree and destiny, I would find myself unfaithful before the faces of Thy chosen ones. I testify, O my God, my Lord, my Quest, and my Object of worship, that Thou didst place in my hands a trust from Thee, and hast taken it back from me by Thy will and purpose. Therefore it behooveth me not to show impatience or distress, or to cry out or lament, or to manifest anything indicating discontent at the return of Thy trust. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and mine eyes with the vision of Thy signs. Adorn me, O my God, with the ornament of patience and steadfastness. Verily Thou art the One Who chooseth in Thy deeds and Who is obeyed in Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise and gratitude be to God! For every hardship He has ordained comfort, for every abasement honor, for every difficulty ease, and for every tribulation relief. In all conditions His mercy has preceded and His grace has encompassed all. He is the Compassionate, He is the Kind.

This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to grant patience to that spiritual friend, that honored leaf, and other relatives, and to adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness. I send greetings to each of the cherished ones and beseech from the Truth glory and bounty for all. Verily, He is the Generous, the Gracious.

The honored and beloved Ismu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, yesterday forwarded your letter, and likewise previously forwarded the letter of one of the cherished ones, and has repeatedly mentioned you and your relatives, for whatever is sent to them is forwarded to His presence. Praise be to God, they are confirmed in mention, praise, writing and service. The grace of God has encompassed them. From their deeds and words, the degrees of grace are clear and evident.

Some time ago, this servant sent a letter to the beloved of hearts, the honored physician, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise to that spiritual friend. Now again letters have been sent both to them and to you. The letters containing the utterances of our Master, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, God willing, have arrived and will arrive.

Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to the loved ones of that land. I beseech God to set them ablaze with the fire of His love, illuminate them with the light of His knowledge, and confirm them in acting according to what has been revealed in His Book. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to their question regarding the inheritance of one who has ascended, to whom it should be delivered, and whether the guardian should be from the father's side or the mother's side - after this matter was presented before His presence, He stated that it should remain with a trustworthy, reliable person, and this decree is clear and evident in the Most Holy Book.

And regarding divorce, after the completion of the waiting period, divorce is effected, but witnesses are required at the beginning and end who can testify when needed.

Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Servant

On the sixteenth of the month of Safar, year 1305

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

Wonder upon wonder, and astonishment upon astonishment, that this evanescent one, this lost one, should at the beginning of supplications, letters, epistles and missives make mention of the Sovereign of existence Who, through one blessed Word, hath raised up this mighty Announcement. Where is the lost one and where the Sovereign of existence? This mention itself hath been and is an error. Should all the peoples of the world desire to describe or praise a single letter of the Most Exalted Word which hath issued forth from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen, they would, if they be fair, confess their impotence. At all times have the pearls of wisdom and utterance been made manifest from the Treasury of His Pen, and the sweet-scented breezes of revelation have wafted from His verses. Yet the sight and smell of the world have been deprived and forbidden, save for those souls whom all that existeth and is visible did not prevent from turning toward Him nor hold back from drawing nigh unto Him. They have drunk from the ocean of utterance and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. These are the dawning-places of God's names and the daysprings of His infinite attributes. In truth, mention and praise at this station pertaineth and beseemeth them. The Books, Scrolls and Tablets at this station do testify and bear witness.

Glorified art Thou, O God, Who causeth the rivers to flow, Who sendeth the winds, Who revealeth the verses and manifesteth the clear proofs! I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy power and the evidences of Thy might and authority, to aid Thy party in a manner befitting Thy days and worthy of their relationship unto Thee. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them known by Thy Name. Adorn them with that which befitteth this supreme kinship and most exalted station. Thou, verily, art the One Who hath power

over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. O my Lord! Thou seest this servant desiring to make mention of Thy Afnan and to describe him with that which Thou hast taught him through Thy bounty and favor, even though he perceiveth his tongue to fall short in making mention of him whom Thou hast related unto Thyself and made to be of the twigs of Thy Lote-Tree. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou hast adorned Thy loved ones with the ornament of service to Thee, kinship with Thee and aid to Thy Cause, to send down from the clouds of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy Afnan that which shall endure throughout the eternity of Thy dominion and Thy celestial realm. When I beheld my powerlessness, poverty and need, I raised the hands of hope to the atmosphere of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy favors, that Thou mayest remember them as a bounty unto this feeble servant and a favor unto this poor and lowly one. Thou art He to Whose bounty all created things have testified, and to Whose loving-kindness all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

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

The past year there appeared from the horizon of destiny that which was the measure of God’s good-pleasure. An ignorant one occupied the seat of government in this city, forsaking what is good and practicing what is wrong, manifesting such wickedness that all things secretly engaged in lamentation and moaning. Yet the Wronged One was seen in joy and gladness. Night and day that one uttered base and unworthy words. Glory be to God! Through slight means he was observed to be so heedless as though he possessed not an atom of consciousness nor had been vouchsafed a drop from the ocean of knowledge. O Afnan! Upon thee be My Baha and loving-kindness. Beseech God to guide His servants and grant them awareness, that they may perchance discover their Source and Return and become cognizant of Him. Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the station wherein Thy most sweet call was raised, and by the horizon from which the Sun of Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings, did shine forth, and by the ears that were blessed to hearken unto Thy call, and by the lands that were honored by Thy footsteps, and by the trees that attained unto the glances of the eyes of Thy loving-kindness, to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee, to face the lights of Thy countenance, and to draw nigh unto the court of Thy glory. O Lord! Debar them not from the ocean of Thy mercy and from the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. Thou art He Whose loving-kindness hath encompassed all, Whose mercy hath preceded all, and the Sun of Whose grace hath shone forth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After being presented before Him there appeared that which is the cause of the life of the world and the reason for the dawning of the Sun of generosity. A hundred thousand pities that the heedless and ignorant servants are unaware and veiled from this most great bounty and supreme favor! What is the cause of awareness and what is the reason for mindfulness? The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences have filled the realm of existence. Power and might have appeared manifest and resplendent before all faces, such that from the first day, despite the opposition and denial of the divines, jurists and princes, the Truth, exalted be His glory, alone and without any veil or covering, summoned kings and subjects to the horizon of His Cause and guided them. Not for a moment did the Tongue of Grandeur pause. How can this evanescent servant be capable of mentioning what he hath seen and heard? Praise be to God! That which hath appeared hath been before all eyes. No fair-minded one, no just one, and no truthful one hath denied or will deny it. Nevertheless, the deeds of the people have become a barrier and deprived them of their Creator. A Kurdish individual in this city was appointed to authority by the government and sat upon the seat of rule. We take refuge in God from his deeds, words and actions! Each day he manifested some injustice and was aflame with the fire of hatred. When he exceeded all bounds, divine justice seized him and the other officials who were his partners and confederates - the seizure of One mighty and powerful. In brief, through two days of authority he prepared for himself eternal retribution. Such is the condition of the people who are as beasts.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Mirza `Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. His petition was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold. Praise be to God, he had previously been honored with mention by the Supreme Pen, and at this time too, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him from the heaven of God's will. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. Your second letter, which was adorned with the date of the second of Muharram al-Haram, arrived. Its fragrance was the cause of joy and its perfume the dawning-place of gladness. Every letter thereof testified to your steadfastness. This evanescent one beseecheth and imploreth the Eternal Truth to grant success at every moment and to enable him to make mention and offer praise of the Afnan of the Blessed Tree. After being presented again at the Most Holy Court, it attained the honor of being heard. It is evident what the ocean of utterance manifested at this station and what bounties the sun of grace bestowed. Well is it with you and blessed are you! And mention of that blessed day which you made brought joy to all the world and refreshed both spirit and heart. Whatever I might say at this point would not be fitting. Praise be to God, you yourself have tasted its sweetness and become aware of its effects. Through its power the day of sorrow was transformed into supreme gladness. It is hoped that the darkened hearts of the people of the contingent world may be illumined by the light of faith. The heedless people have become veils unto themselves and remained deprived of a hundred thousand outward and inward bounties. Alas! Alas! These two faithless and ephemeral days have held back the servants from all else, keeping them occupied with hell and heedless of heaven. Soon will they behold their recompense when sight is prevented from beholding, the tongue from speaking, the ears from hearing, and the temple from moving. In any case, this second was the first, nay rather was the first and the last, nay rather was the first and the last and the outward and the inward. What a subtle mystery it held within! What a covenant accompanied it! A hundred thousand pities that veils have deprived the people from witnessing, hearing and perceiving the fragrance of these days, and they remain engaged in their vain imaginings, all unaware.

Your other letter, written on the sixteenth of Muharram al-Haram, bestowed fresh splendor and boundless illumination upon the gathering of the friends. After being read and reviewed, it was taken to the Presence and attained the honor of being heard. Thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy mention hath ever been made in the divine Kingdom and the gaze of My favor hath been directed towards thee. The Supreme Pen hath testified to thy acceptance and devotion, and this testimony is, in the sight of God, greater than the treasures of the world and whatsoever hath appeared therein. Know thou this and be of the thankful. The servant present here made mention of thy letter in Our presence. From the Dawning-Place of divine favors and the Day-Spring of the Sun of celestial mercy there appeared that before which the ancient boweth down in worship when compared to its newness. Blessed art thou and well is it with thee. And that which testified to My Afnan from thy mother and thy wife, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, was presented before Us. We have answered them with that from which the light of My loving-kindness and the sun of My grace and the moon of My mercy have shone forth. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds."

Praise be to God that at all times, every moment and every instant you have been and are the recipient of His special favors. This is that bounty which description cannot attain and praise cannot reach. To this beareth witness our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. As to the mention made of Mashhadi Husayn and Khan, upon them be the Glory of God, praise be to God they are adorned with the ornament of faith and are blessed with acceptance. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist His loved ones in all conditions in whatsoever He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes and gladness to their hearts. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Some time ago two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed specifically for them and sent. God willing, they will attain unto them and be illumined by the light of the divine words. And one Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for Aqa Mirza Jalal, upon him be the Glory of God. Let them forward it that he may inhale the fragrance of the utterance and be among the thankful ones. Glory and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who have attained your presence and recognized your station before God, the Lord of the worlds. The Servant. On the 24th of the month of Safar 1304. Your remittance of twenty-nine (29) English pounds through his honor the Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, was received.

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O Haji Siyyid Javad-i-Karbala'i, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of the All-Knowing Interpreter!

The dewdrops of revelation have trickled from the leaves of the Divine Lote Tree, through the aid of the breeze of the Will of the Lord of Names, taking the form of these words: O My Name! O My Bounty! The Sun of generosity has risen from the horizon of the world. God willing, the intervening veils of darkness

that have caused the people to turn away and object shall be dispelled by the fragrances of the robe of the All-Merciful, that all nations may turn with perfect love, fellowship, affection and unity toward the Most Great Ocean. Most people have suckled at the breast of heedlessness and been nurtured on the waters of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Therefore, those assured souls who are well-pleased and accepted, who have drunk from the ocean of certitude and attained the exalted station of assurance, must, with perfect wisdom and kindness, refresh and revive these withered servants from the spring of divine mercy. This is the most exalted station with God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed is he who has detached himself in the path of God and guided the people to this clear and straight path.

Let it be known to you that most of what has been and is being discussed among the people stems from their vain imaginings, from which God is sanctified and exalted. With God is a kingdom of utterance that is hallowed above the understanding of all contingent beings. Thus was a drop from the depths of this ocean cast upon you and Shaykh Sul?an, who has ascended unto God, in the land of ?aff. What is necessary today is that the heart must be sanctified from all the phrases and allusions that are mentioned among the people, and be fixed upon the Tree of Revelation and whatsoever appeareth from His presence. Verily, this sufficeth the peoples of the world.

How many divines and philosophers, after years of searching and waiting, failed to attain their goal, while how many heedless souls, upon merely hearing the verses of the Lord of Names, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon! The example of one who has acquired knowledge but not attained unto the Known is like unto one who might gather countless precious stones yet remain unable to recognize true gold - that is, he knows not gold itself whereby he might test those stones. This refers to one who is truly learned - how much more so those who are even deprived of outward knowledge! For centuries they occupied themselves composing fanciful books and speaking of the signs of the Manifestation. Yet when the ocean of meanings appeared, the stream of reunion flowed, and the sun of grace dawned, all remained veiled save whom God, thy Lord, willed. Such is the state and station of the people. Most of the knowledge possessed by men neither nourishes nor profits. The essence and substance of knowledge has been the recognition of the Known One, and without this, that which benefits mankind is naught. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Would that the divines might become aware of the defects in their deeds and words! Pride hath so veiled them that they have forsaken that which is with God for that which is with them. Were you to reflect carefully upon what they have said and continue to say, you would testify that it hath issued from the source of fancy and idle imagination. For twelve hundred years and more they made mention of the Qa'im and related countless traditions and reports, yet failed to comprehend even a single letter of the signs of His appearance as they truly were. Every learned one who shut himself out from the ocean of knowledge hath lost, while every heedless one who hastened and drank hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!" For years these souls were occupied with manifest and subtle polytheism, yet never perceived it. Those who were created by a single word from God's Messenger they regarded as his peer or even his superior. Though outwardly some would not admit this, yet from their statements and expressions this matter is clear and evident. Through ignorance they attributed the Most Great Infallibility, which belongeth solely to the True One, to His subordinates. They thus set up partners with God unknowingly, for they were among the ignorant. The station of the Most Great Infallibility is the station wherein God doeth what He willeth. In that realm there neither is nor hath

been any possibility of error. Whatsoever proceedeth from the Source of the Unseen and the Dawning-Place of Revelation is and shall be the truth, and naught else is mentioned at this station. For were they to deviate even as much as a needle's point from what He hath commanded, their works would be rendered vain in that very moment. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the Faithful One. Likewise consider the other claims held by that people, that ye may become well aware of their vain imaginings. The Most Exalted Pen hath been reluctant to mention these matters, but perchance the people of that land and others who remain veiled from the Divine Manifestation and the Dayspring of His verses by illusory allusions might detach themselves from creation and all that is with them, and turn toward the horizon of truth.

O My Name! The fragrance of revelation hath been diffused in such wise that it hath perfumed even inanimate objects, and yet most of the servants remain deprived thereof. The call of the All-Merciful hath been raised at all times, leaving not a single one among kings and subjects but that He summoned them unto the Lord of all being with His most exalted call. Blessed art thou, O My Name, in that thou hast arisen, turned towards Me, heard the call and responded by saying: "Yea, verily yea, O Beloved of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Desire of them that know!" This is that call for which the chosen ones laid down their lives in their longing to hear it. Some heard it but saw not, whereas thou, through God's infinite grace, didst hear His call at the spiritual dawn and beheld its Dawning Point.

Remember what We revealed unto thee before. O My Name! Thou hast associated with Me and witnessed the ocean of My tranquility and the mountain of My patience. Consider what caused Me to raise the cry between the heavens and the earth. O My Name! The station of this Most Great Revelation hath not been mentioned, nor hath anything flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning this most glorious and most holy station. By thy life! That which was mentioned before or will be mentioned hereafter cannot be compared with it. Were the veil to be lifted, the Kingdom of Names would be thrown into commotion. God is sufficient witness to what I say.

O My Name! Tribulations and trials usually extinguish the fire of longing, yet in this Most Great Prison tribulations are observed to be as oil, causing the flame of God to burn more fiercely. Exalted is He Who changeth whatsoever He willeth by His Word that prevaileth over all things. Observe the people of the world: despite this effulgence, this Revelation, and this utterance which hath caused the Kingdom of Utterance to tremble with joy, these earthen clods have sought to veil the lights of the Sun of Truth. Evil is that which they have desired. Soon shall their dominion be rolled up, and they themselves shall perish, while that which hath flowed from My mighty and authoritative Pen shall endure.

O My Name! Today the Sun of bounty is shining, the ocean of grace is surging, and the heaven of providence is adorned with the luminary of loving-kindness and favor. If thou wouldst observe carefully the Most Holy Book, thou wouldst see how God's grace hath encompassed all creation in such wise that all means of avoidance and withdrawal have been removed, so that all peoples may associate with one another in perfect love and fellowship. Say: May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy generosity, O Thou the Most Generous of the worlds! The purpose of this utterance is that all may attain unto what is with God. Were the decree of avoidance to remain in effect, nearness would in this case be forbidden, and after such prohibition no one would become aware of that which hath been revealed, and all would remain deprived of the divine verses' fragrances and the diffused perfumes of the Merciful's garment. We have

decreed with wisdom, yet most have not understood God's purpose in mentioning it. All corruption, conflict and disputation have been forbidden, so that all may, with spiritual qualities, draw heedless souls to the court of oneness.

During these few years, petitions from all regions have been arriving at the Most Holy Court, with inquiries regarding divine ordinances. We withheld the Pen from mentioning them until the appointed time arrived. Then from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Sun of Commands and Laws dawned as a grace upon humanity. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the Generous. For divine ordinances are as an ocean and the people as fish, would they but know it. Yet these must be implemented with wisdom. For instance, among the ordinances is the permissibility of music and song. However, should a person from among the people of Bayan openly engage in this practice, it would be unwise, as it would cause the servants to withdraw and create turmoil among the people of the land. Most are weak and far from God's purpose. Wisdom must be observed in all matters, lest something arise that causes clamor and the braying and croaking of heedless souls. His mercy has preceded the world and His grace has encompassed all beings. People must be reminded of the ocean of inner meanings with utmost love and patience.

The Kitab-i-Aqdas itself bears witness to divine mercy. It has been revealed with such expansiveness as cannot be described, and it is the supreme magnet for attracting the hearts of the world. God will soon manifest His dominion on earth. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Those souls who today gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and are certain of the truth - if they show laxity in certain deeds or deem them inconsistent with revealed wisdom - should not be dealt with harshly. Verily, thy Lord is the Generous, possessed of great bounty. For example, We have forbidden the public baths of those lands, aiming to keep all pure and sanctified from what is unseemly. Yet this is not possible today, as in no city exists a bathhouse that would be acceptable in God's sight. Therefore, if someone frequents existing bathhouses, no blame attaches to them. Some ordinances cause no harm if implemented today and all must observe them. Others would cause public outcry, and thus their time is deferred. For instance, teaching the Cause of the Rich, the Exalted One is the crown of all deeds. Yet if someone were to arise openly and speak what would cause people to withdraw and servants to turn away and object, they would have departed from wisdom. For when someone who has clung to certain beliefs for years suddenly hears their opposite without understanding the reason, it will surely cause them to withdraw and object. People must be educated with kindness and forbearance and drawn to the eternal realm. Reflect on the mercy and compassion of this Revelation. By thy life! Mercy itself is ashamed to be attributed to Him, and all discerning souls prostrate before His mercy which they are powerless to comprehend.

We remember thee often and recall the days when thou wert present before the Throne. We beseech God to make thee a magnet for His Cause, that minds and souls may be drawn to thee. He is the One Who caused thee to know His Countenance after all things had perished. Be grateful to Him for this peerless favor. Today, what is incumbent upon all, after recognition of the Manifestation, is steadfastness in God's Cause - such steadfastness that neither the clamor of the world can prevent them nor the assault of hosts can hinder them. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Loving.

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In the name of our God and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth

T - Let the honored servant, his eminence Aqa Mirza Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God, take note

I was sitting silently when I was commanded to present myself. When I appeared, the Ancient Countenance turned toward me and said: “O servant in attendance! Where is justice and its standards? Where is equity and its banners? Where is truthfulness and its lights? Where is faithfulness and its manifestations? Verily darkness hath encompassed justice, and tyranny hath usurped the place of equity. Is there any possessor of an illumined heart, a truthful tongue, a pure hope, and a steadfast expectation who would beseech deliverance from God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world?” Thus did He speak.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy mercy and the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the tyranny of those who have cast what is right behind their backs and have arisen with an oppression at which the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the inhabitants of the most exalted Heaven have lamented. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of Thy creation, and Thy trusted ones under the command of the treacherous among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy chosen ones, the cries of Thy pure ones, and the yearning of Thy loved ones to aid us to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that what hath befallen us through the oppression of Thy creatures shall not prevent us. Then cause us, O our God, in all conditions to be among those who have cast aside their own wishes and have taken up that which Thou didst desire for them through Thy power and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thereafter, this servant attained that which soared on wings of longing until he reached the threshold of the gate that was opened before the face of all in the horizons. When I perceived from him the fragrance of humility and submissiveness before God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, I presented myself before the Presence and, after obtaining permission, presented it. When this was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and His sweetest utterance was:

In My Name, the Wronged One […]

O Abu-Talib! Upon thee be My Glory! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Divine Throne and hast recognized that which the people, despite their searching and waiting, remained veiled from. Thou hast borne in My path what My loved ones bore in ages and centuries past. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have been with thee in all conditions - We hear and We see, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There hath befallen thee some of what befell Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Enumerating, the Mighty, the Wise. Thou hast heard for God’s sake what Mine ears heard, and thou hast seen for love of Me what Mine eyes beheld - eyes that neither slumber overtaketh nor are veiled by the coverings of those who denied the Day of Judgment.

O Abu-Talib! Be thou joyous through the bounties of God, exalted be His glory, in such wise that the sorrows of trials and their intensity may not prevent thee from the greatest gladness. This is the day of supreme joy and greatest delight, for the breezes of revelation are wafting and He Who conversed on Sinai is manifest and unconcealed. Blessed is the soul whom the might of oppression hath not debarred from the light of justice. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. I swear by the Most Great Prison that there hath not been and is not any like unto them. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise speak their praise and the companions of the most exalted Garden turn toward them. God willing, may they succeed in preserving their stations. All must engage in the remembrance and praise of God with utmost joy and fragrance, unity and accord. The light of unity will cause the darkness of oppression to vanish and become non-existent.

What is meant by Pharaohs, tyrants, idols, oppressors, transgressors, rebels and the like that have been mentioned in the Divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures are the ignorant ones of the age who are known as divines. They are the foundation of corruption and the essence of rancor and enmity, for they have been and continue to be the cause of the people's veiling and the fire of tyranny of these heedless souls. Whenever tyranny appeared from the company of rulers, it was due to the whisperings of these souls, and had they completely submitted to ignorant souls, not a single person of justice and fairness would have been found on earth. In the beginning of every Revelation, they arose in opposition and protest to preserve their leadership, and when the banners of the Cause were raised high and the Sun of Revelation shone forth, they counted themselves among the first believers and exerted mighty efforts to gain control over the people. Blessed is the learned one whom the conditions of the world have not deprived from the ocean of grace. He is accounted among those souls whose mention hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Divine Books. Upon them be the glory of God, His mercy, His light and His bounty.

This evanescent servant is bewildered by the deeds of these heedless and ignorant souls. Hath there ever been witnessed a time, period, covenant or age when the divines of the time accepted the Faith at its beginning? Nay, by the Self of God, the One Who dominateth the world! Do these divines not reflect upon the Revelation of Moses, the Revelation of the Spirit (Jesus), and likewise the Seal of the Prophets (Muhammad) - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - as to what was the cause and reason for the opposition of the divines of the age? In any case, this evanescent servant beseecheth God to adorn them with the ornament of fairness. If a soul were to be even slightly fair-minded, he would never […]

From the beginning of creation until now, no Revelation like this Revelation hath appeared and no eye hath beheld its like. All that was made manifest in the past is as a drop compared to this Ocean. Every person possessed of insight and wisdom will testify to the truth of this ephemeral one's assertion. Glory be to God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

As to what you wrote regarding oppression, imprisonment and tribulation, in truth such afflictions in the path of God have been and ever shall be an imperishable treasure. Reflect upon the tribulations of kings: when first We entered the prison, verses were revealed from the heaven of divine will with these meanings - as His blessed and exalted Word declares, the Glory of God, exalted be His glory, has

withdrawn honor from two groups: the rulers and the divines - as most have read. Likewise, when the light of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Land of Mystery, these tidings flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Now observe how the one regarded as the foremost person in the earth - namely the Emperor of Russia - departed this world in utter abasement, as you have heard. And all that befell him bore and bears no fruit. And the new Emperor has been so seized with fear that the poor soul cannot leave his residence, even though that unfortunate one has yet harmed no one nor has any reprehensible deed been witnessed from him. Nevertheless he is afflicted with this most grievous tribulation. Likewise reflect upon the other monarchs of the western realms, how they have all become targets for the arrows of tribulation. The whole world is now consumed with various fires, yet none knows the cause and reason thereof. In brief, whatsoever hath come to pass and continues to pass is due to the deeds they have wrought. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to adorn those precious souls with the ornament of justice and fairness, and to protect them from the evil of the corrupt ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Glad tidings that beyond the wondrous, sublime, revealed and blessed verses in this letter, a Most Holy, Most Great Tablet was also revealed some time ago especially for you from the heaven of the favor of God, glorified be His majesty, and is now being sent. God willing, you will drink from the oceans of meaning that lie concealed within its words and take your seat upon the throne of joy. This is a most blessed day, yet the people of the world are deeply heedless. According to His command, you must hold fast in all conditions to the cord of wisdom, and preserve whatever holy tablets and letters arrive from the Most Holy Court and from this servant. It would be regrettable were the signs of God to fall into the wrong hands. A secure place must be designated for the divine trusts - that is, the verses and words. Likewise the matter of sending petitions to the Most Holy Court and the revelation of replies must be concealed from all save trusted, steadfast and well-assured souls, for the people are unaware of God's creation, favor and loving-kindness. They imagine that this Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Revelation is, God forbid, a cause of sedition and corruption, whereas in all that is revealed and sent down from the heaven of divine will, all are enjoined to what is right and forbidden from what is wrong. A human being must be adorned with spiritual qualities and pure and holy deeds and actions. Whoever does not attain to this station is not accounted as human. May God grant justice that they may observe and reflect upon the traces of the Most Exalted Pen with pure vision and illumined hearts, that they may not be deprived and remain without portion from the ocean of meanings. Convey greetings and salutations on my behalf to the friends in that land and mention […]

This is the day of endeavor, the day of action and the day of service. You must strive to sanctify the hearts of the world, through the Kawthar of utterance, from the doubts and allusions of the divines who soar on the wings of self and desire. Blessed is the one who attains to this most great bounty and seeks this most exalted station and loftiest summit. The friends of God must at all times be occupied with fostering love, unity and the reconciliation of hearts. Once these blessed words were heard from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness - exalted be His glory: "The sun of justice derives its brightness from the light of unity." May the heads of all the peoples of the world be adorned with this most luminous and holy crown.

Another glad-tiding is that this evanescent servant, in accordance with the command, turned towards the Most Holy Court, and after attaining the presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: "O

servant present, what were you occupied with?" This evanescent servant replied with faltering tongue that I was engaged in transcribing the verses that were specifically revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib. He said: "God willing, may they be confirmed in the service of the Cause." And the service of the Cause in most Tablets has been through mention, praise and reconciliation. Blessed is the soul who held fast to wisdom and clung to consultation. Jinab-i-Talib has attained unto the divine Word and has been honored by His grace. God willing, may he act according to that which God loves. We counsel him and all my handmaidens and servants to show forth the Greater Steadfastness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted.

God is witness and testifier that if all the peoples of the world were to attain to fairness even less than the eye of a needle, they would surely testify that the like of this grace has never appeared in the world. What benefit is there when the doubts and idle fancies of the servants have prevented them from beholding the lights of the Sun of certitude? All are seen to be blind save those whom God, the Forgiving, the Generous, has given insight. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. May the Glory that is manifest and shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's grace be upon you and upon those with you and upon your family and upon those who have attained unto the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Servant

10th of the honored month of Rajab 1299

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Great!

This is a noble Book sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Therein is that which brings joy to the sincere ones and causes the hearts of the polytheists to tremble. In it hath been sent down that which enricheth the worlds, should they turn towards the sanctuary of their Lord's throne, the Most High, the Supreme. Hearken unto that which is revealed from the direction of thy Most Glorious Lord in the Kingdom of Names from the crimson Tree: "God! There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise! I created thee for My service and manifested thee for Myself. Verily, thy Lord is He Who ruleth over whatsoever He willeth."

Hearken unto the call and turn with the most pure heart unto the Most Sublime Vision, wherein the Lord of Destiny and the Fashioner of forms proclaimeth: "Verily, I am the Forgiving, the Generous!" Arise to serve Me and praise Me amongst My servants. Come forth from behind the veil of silence in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Say: O people! By God, the Sun of Knowledge hath dawned and the Most Glorious One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Nothing shall profit you this Day, even should you cling to all who are in the heavens and on earth. None can protect you this Day from God's decree. Detach yourselves from your own selves, then turn with your hearts toward the sanctuary of the throne of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

Purify yourselves with this water which hath flowed from the Kawthar of the mouth of your Lord's will, the Most Merciful, from the right hand of Paradise, that perchance ye may behold the Beauty of the Divine in the garment of His Most Glorious Name and recognize Him Whom ye have called upon morning and evening. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from the horizon of His Most Great Name, as a grace from His presence unto all created things.

Say: Were ye to enter the Most Glorious Paradise, ye would hear from the rustling of its trees: "Verily, I am God! There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise!" And from the murmuring of its breezes: "Verily, I am God! There is no God but Me, the Omnipotent, the Powerful!" O blessed is he who hath entered therein and witnessed what was created therein from the presence of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Verily, the decree hath not prevented the Glory from mentioning the Creator of all things, though at every moment He hath been slain by the swords of hatred through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. To this testifieth every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge. I was imprisoned only because the Spirit of Holiness spoke in My inner being, and the Spirit of Grace called out in My heart, and the Most Great Spirit warbled in My breast, and the Faithful Spirit pointed to My head. This is the Beloved of the worlds. Were thou to behold My shirt with Mine eyes, thou wouldst see it pierced by the arrows of hatred through that which the hands of the polytheists have wrought.

When We entered the prison, We delivered unto the kings the messages of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful, that they might know that He was powerful over whatsoever He willed and that none in the heavens and earth could prevent Him. Were anyone to hearken with the ear of innate nature unto all things, he would hear their outcry at what hath befallen the Beauty of the Divine from the hosts of the oppressors. When the hosts of revelation descended with the standards of signs from the presence of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Attributes, then the people of allusions rose against My Self and denied God, the Most High, the Wise.

Arise among the servants in the name of the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Say: O people! Have ye not seen the sovereignty of God and His power when He came upon the clouds with His holy and mighty kingdom? Do ye deny what ye have witnessed of His power and His sovereignty? What aileth you that ye have turned away from Him for Whose Cause ye were created? Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. Is that which your fathers left behind greater than that which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause, or have ye a proof more manifest than the Most Merciful Himself? Nay, by His gracious Self, were ye of them that know! Say: Leave […]

When asked "By what proof have you believed in God?" you find their heads bowed to the earth. Thus did the sun of verses dawn from the horizon of the utterance of the Lord of Names and Attributes. When you attain unto them, prostrate yourself before God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Behold the idolaters and what issues from their mouths. They say "We have believed in God and His verses." Say: This is His sovereignty which has appeared in truth, yet you turned away and were among the bewildered ones. You have taken the bitter for sweet and glass for ruby. By My life, your trade has yielded no profit. Soon shall you know when you are brought before the All-Seeing. Say: Were you to be asked by what proof you turned away from Him Who called you unto God, what would you say? Then would their faces be blackened from fear of the All-Powerful, and the dust of fire would envelop them. Verily they are

companions of the blazing fire. Do they rejoice in what they possess of the world's ornaments? Soon shall We make it as scattered dust and leave their wealth to another people. Say: Reflect upon the generations that have gone before you. We commanded them to fear God, but they followed their desires. We seized them for their sins and made them a lesson to the worlds. Thus did the servants before them who denied God's Cause after its appearance. We seized them for their deeds and left them to hellfire. O people! This is God's Manifestation among you and His sovereignty unto you. Say: The Daystar of the horizons has dawned, and before it have bowed the necks of all who are possessed of might and glory. Say: Has He not sacrificed Himself in the path of God, the Beloved of the knowing ones? God's verses and His proof have been sent down, and the Beauty of Divine Unity has appeared from the realm of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed be the Self-Subsisting Who has come today with a luminous countenance. By My Self! The Temple of the Ancient of Days has been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, and by My settlement thereon have the frames of all contingent beings been renewed. To this bear witness the bearers of the Throne and behind them your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Lead forth the people from the darkness of self and desire in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of all names. Then rend asunder the veils in the name of God, the Sovereign of earth and heaven. If you find one extinguished, draw him near to this Blessed Tree wherein burns the crimson fire and which speaks between earth and heaven and proclaims to all things: "Verily, I am God, there is no God but Me. I have created all beings for My Cause and all existing things for My Self. Those who are heedless of My sovereignty and power wander in the wilderness of desire and are forgetful of the mention of their Lord, the Lord of Names. Verily they are among the heedless ones." Let nothing frighten you in My Cause. Walk in My footsteps such that tribulation prevents you not from remembering your Lord, the Lord of all creation. Thus has the Spirit spoken in this brilliant, luminous Tablet. A single letter thereof equals not what has been created in existence. Verily it is sovereign over all in the kingdom and dominant over all in the heavens and earths. Take the Book of God with power from Our presence and turn to those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! I have come to you from the Dayspring of your Lord's will, the All-Merciful, with tidings from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Beware lest you follow self and desire. Your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, has come. Turn unto Him and be not of the veiled ones. Remind them of what We have cast into your heart, then spread the words of your Lord with wisdom and utterance, that they might find the fragrances of the All-Merciful from the garment of His name, the Bestower, and return to the Pole of Paradise, the seat of your Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. If the idolaters turn away from you and object […]

O thou! Grieve not, and remember My tribulation amidst My servants and what befell Me from the hands of the polytheists who would invoke Me night and day. When the appointed time was fulfilled and the Face shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Revealer of verses, they disbelieved, turned away, and were among the abased. Beware lest thou be patient in the Cause of thy Lord. Aid Him through utterance, that perchance the people of the world may turn to the Dayspring of grace, though We see them in a far-off place. Be steadfast when one from the party of Satan entereth upon thee to withhold thee from God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then hold fast to My strong cord and seek assistance from My grace and loving-kindness, and say: "I seek refuge with Thee from the evil of the accursed Satan." Say: O people! Do ye call mankind to that which ye have named of your own accord while ye forbid them from My Beauty? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! Ye write the verses of God and dispute with Him Who hath

revealed them in truth. What aileth you, O concourse of polytheists? The Most Glorious Tongue calleth out from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing: O people of the Bayan! Did We not command you to be submissive before the All-Merciful, and did We not forbid you from following those who tread the paths of tyranny? By what proof did ye disbelieve in Him in Whom ye believed, and by what evidence did ye turn away from My Beauty after I came to you from the Kingdom of might and power with manifest sovereignty? We made the Bayan contingent upon His acceptance and deeds upon His good-pleasure. Ye have acquired for yourselves that which We forbade you and have neglected that which ye were commanded in a preserved Tablet. Arise, O servants, from the couches of heedlessness and forgetfulness, and turn unto God, the Creator of all things, that He may perchance remit your evil deeds and forgive what ye have neglected in regard to God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. If thou seest one who turneth toward Him, remind him on behalf of thy Lord. Say: Blessed art thou for having turned to God with a sincere heart. And inform him of the tidings of the Youth around Whom the enemies have gathered and Who hath been imprisoned in this remote prison. Those who have turned away are in manifest error. The forbearance of thy Lord hath deluded them. We did not oppose them despite Our power and We delayed the punishment through Our knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have sent down detailed verses that perchance they may sanctify them from all who are on earth and draw them nigh unto the noble scene. Say: O people! Follow what is revealed unto you from the shore of the Most Great Sea in the luminous spot of the uttermost Lote-Tree, and turn not unto anyone besides Me. Verily He was created by My Word, and this is attested by what hath appeared from the horizon of My wondrous Cause. Ponder on that which hath been sent down from the heaven of might and power, that it may attract you to the beauty of your Chosen Lord and that ye may recognize Him in the garment of His Most Glorious Name through which Beauty was unveiled and appeared in the name of your Lord, the Exalted, the Most High. Blessed is he who hasteneth unto Him; woe unto them that hesitate. Say: Beware lest ye be veiled by allusions from the Lord of Names and Attributes. This is He Whose covenant the Point of the Bayan took in the world of the Bayan, and Muhammad the Apostle of God in the world of the Furqan, and the Spirit in the world of the Gospel, and the Interlocutor in the world of the Torah, and the Friend in the world of the Command, if ye be of those who know. Say: O people of the earth! Purify yourselves with this water which We have caused to flow from the right hand of the Throne, and turn to the Face with the sovereignty of My Most Mighty, Most Holy, Greatest, Supreme Name. Verily the Spirit speaketh not of His own desire, but rather by that which the Spirit of Holiness warbleth in His most pure and elevated breast, as attested by that which hath been sent down from the domain […]

The Most Glorious One calls from the Divine Lote Tree: Hearken, and be not of them that are far removed. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned to God! I bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which thy Lord desired. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and of the earth. Give thanks unto God that the Most Pure Vision hath returned unto thee from this glorious scene. Remind the people and gather them, through My might and power, unto My Cause. Thus wert thou commanded before, and now once again. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Command the servants to fear God, that perchance the fragrances of sanctity may be wafted from their deeds throughout all regions. Thus have We commanded them and do command them from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Say: All Revelations have ended with this Most Great Revelation. Beware lest ye follow any ignorant doubter. Soon shall ye hear a cry from the lands, even as We foretold aforetime. Then shun them and hold fast to this luminous hem. Blessed art thou and those who are with thee from among the loved ones of God. We have written for you in the Tablet that which shall solace the eyes of them that possess true knowledge. Verily, We behold thee in all conditions and are with thee. He is assuredly with His sincere servants. And the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of glory be upon thee, O servant who hath turned unto God, and upon those who hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Fadl! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for thee from the Supreme Pen in this perspicuous Book, and counsels thee to remember Him, to praise Him and to teach His mighty Cause. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that He might give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested what He desired, and hath summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: This is the Day whereof mention hath been made in God's Books aforetime, and it hath been named the Day of God, were ye of them that know. Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth, and He Who conversed upon Sinai hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne, calling out to the peoples and summoning them unto His Straight Path. Among the people are those who have denied God's proof and evidence, and have pronounced against Him with manifest tyranny, and among them are those who have perceived the fragrance of the Beloved and have hastened unto the Most Sublime Horizon with a speed that hath outstripped the swift-moving, gleaming, darting lightning. Blessed are they whom the promptings of passion have not kept back from the Lord of all creation, who have cast the world behind their backs and have held fast unto the wisdom wherewith they were bidden by the presence of One mighty and wise. Blessed art thou for having spoken with wisdom when the questioner asked of thee what he desired. Verily thy Lord is the Teacher, the Reckoner, the All-Informed. Say: O people of Baha! Take heed lest the might of names frighten you. Hold ye fast unto that which is good and put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Fadl! That which thou didst send to this servant was presented at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that He hath enabled thee to observe the wisdom revealed in the Tablets. Excellent is what thou didst utter when thou wast asked concerning that which was asked. All the friends must look unto and hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. We have commanded all to show forth the utmost love. Blessed is he who hath discovered the fragrance of My utterance and hath apprehended that which hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. All must conduct themselves with the utmost kindness and mercy towards the servants of God. In such case, should any oppression befall those sanctified souls, this hath been and shall ever be the ultimate desire of them that are nigh unto God and of the sincere ones. Say: O friends! The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any

significance. Man must inevitably pass through it. Now if this passage be made in the name of Truth, it shall endure throughout the eternity of God's dominion and kingdom. Convey greetings unto all and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounties that they may all rejoice and act in accordance with that which God hath willed. From certain souls glory hath been taken away, and this matter hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Every fair-minded and discerning person testifieth that whatsoever hath come to pass on earth had been mentioned aforetime. Blessed be the eye that seeth and the ear that heareth. Woe unto the heedless ones! The people of God must, God willing, stand firm in His Cause with penetrating vision, steadfast hearts and unwavering feet, and must conduct themselves with their fellow-men with spiritual qualities. Today virtuous character and praiseworthy deeds have been and shall ever be the supporters of God's Cause, and this matter hath been repeatedly revealed by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God that all may discover this truth and act in accordance therewith.

O Fazl! Verily the Lord of creation maketh mention of thee, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The servant who was present came before Us and presented that which thou didst supplicate before God, the Lord of all men. We heard and have answered thee through this Tablet, which God hath made the Dawning-Place of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hearest that which the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken from the most exalted station, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master, my Provider and my Helper, for having caused me to speak Thy praise and for having made known unto me Thine horizon, from which most of mankind have turned away. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Most Sweet Call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will tranquilize the hearts of Thy loved ones in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the might of nations will frighten them. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

As to what thou didst write regarding one of the friends of God expressing sorrow at the believers' involvement with the art of alchemy - verily he hath spoken the truth. Indeed, right is with him in forbidding this practice. Numerous tablets have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will and dispatched to all regions concerning this prohibition. It is most strange that despite the explicit prohibition, they should occupy themselves with this futile pursuit that neither nourishes nor enriches. Some souls in Iraq and the Land of Mystery inquired about the known hidden craft. In response, there was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will that which was revealed. This servant heard repeatedly from the Blessed Tongue saying that had the questioners not attributed it to powerlessness and worse, surely no word would have been revealed concerning it, and repeatedly did He forbid the servants from practicing it - a mighty prohibition in the Book. As commanded, thou and the trustees of the Cause should wisely and with utterance prevent the friends of Truth from engaging in this pursuit which is in truth a waste of life.

In most Tablets He saith: Make ye the people of earth aware and guide them to that which profiteth them. Today the heaven of insight is upraised and the sun of knowledge is shining. Let not the opportunity pass, and count time as precious. This is a Day wherein man can attain that which could not

be attained by all the treasures of earth in any other day. Today ye hear that which was impossible to hear in other times. Strive ye that ye may attain everlasting remembrance. Such are the compassionate counsels and goodly admonitions of the Beloved of all possibility.

Regarding those souls about whom thou didst write, who were subjected to arrest and imprisonment in the aforementioned incident, it was presented at the Most Exalted, Most Holy Station. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

He is the Remembering One, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

O Abul-Fadl! The Tongue of Glory calls thee from the prison of Akka and gives thee glad tidings of the favors of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. When thou hearest this, and attainest, give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds." We wish to make mention of the friends of God who have been seized and imprisoned without any evidence or decree from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembers you with this remembrance, from which the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted between the heavens and the earth. Ye have borne for My love what no servants have borne before you - to this testifieth the Pen of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Grieve not for what hath befallen you. That which hath come upon Us hath caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise and the exalted Garden to weep, while most of the people remain heedless. They have seized Us time and again, and imprisoned Us repeatedly, and verily He, from the Most Great Prison, before the faces of all the world, proclaimeth and saith: "By God! The Day of God hath appeared, and in it the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery have spoken. Verily there is no God but I, the Single, the All-Informed."

O friends! There hath befallen you what hath befallen the Very Truth Himself. Praise be to God that ye have not oppressed but have been oppressed. Ye sought not to harm anyone, yet were afflicted with utmost harm. With perfect kindness ye beseeched mercy from God for mankind, yet ye witnessed the force of wrath. Ye desired freedom, yet were led into captivity. All the trees of Paradise cry out "Blessed are ye!" and all the fruits thereof proclaim "Glad tidings be unto you!" If no injustice appeareth from someone and he acteth not contrary to what God hath decreed, then whatever befalleth him in the path of God - the effects thereof shall become evident in the earth like a banner upon the heights.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Blessed are ye for your patience, and yours is a goodly beginning and end. How beloved are tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names, and how fruitful are hardships in the way of the Peerless Friend! By the life of God! The sovereignty of the world cannot compare with this station, nor can the glory and riches of princes equal it. How many were the nights when beasts, birds, and predators were at rest in their lairs, thickets, and forests, while ye were in the hands of enemies!

The counsel of this Wronged One is that ye should not let go of this most exalted station. Never depart from the bounds of human nature in any circumstance. Leave the conduct and behavior of beasts and wild creatures to those who are suited to them. Hear and speak not; give, and seek not to receive. God willing, may the standard of justice and the banner of wisdom be witnessed before the faces of each of you, and assuredly through these pure deeds and holy, sanctified characteristics, the lights of justice which have been veiled and concealed by the oppression of the oppressors shall shine forth through the

divine name. Then shall ye see the earth transformed into another earth, and the atoms shall cry out with the most exalted call: “The horizon of justice hath been illumined by the sun of the remembrance of our Lord, the Mighty, the Manifest, the Hearing, the All-Seeing!”

O people of ?ad! O emigrants in the land of ?ad! O strangers in the land of ?ad! O captives in the land of ?ad! The Most Exalted Pen hath not been heedless of you. Concerning you there hath flowed from It that which is adorned with life everlasting. That which was due unto truth hath been uttered. That which behooveth you is to preserve this station. God willing, ye shall appear amongst men with utmost sanctity, detachment, compassion, grace and kindliness. No deed hath ever been, nor ever shall be, lost in the sight of God. Those souls from among you who have ascended unto the All-Highest Horizon have attained unto such glory and bounty as all the world is powerless and incapable of reckoning.

O people of ?ad! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken aforetime and speaketh at this moment that which shall solace your eyes and gladden your hearts. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Your names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in numerous Tablets. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, seated upon the throne of His Name, the Chosen One. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which caused the rocks to cry out and the mountains and hills to lament. Sorrows have overtaken you in this Cause. Erelong shall ye find yourselves in joy from your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Rejoice ye in that the Wronged One maketh mention of you and gladdeneth you with that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of all mankind.

We make mention of everyone who hath ascended in foreign lands while an emigrant in the path of God, the Lord of spirits. The light shining from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Names be upon you and upon those who have arisen to aid the Cause of their Lord through wisdom and utterance. I bear witness that ye believed in God when every idolater and doubter denied Him. Ye have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and hearkened unto the call of your Lord, the Lord of Names, and ye were afflicted with tribulation when the call of God, the Lord of Lords, was raised. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who maketh mention of you after your ascension unto a station beyond the remembrance of all servants. Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Throne and cooed the Dove of Justice when darkness encompassed all the regions.

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

confirmation, success and service. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind, Who heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And then, O beloved of my heart, a letter was sent when you were in the great city, and likewise another letter after that, and this is the third letter. God willing, they have reached and will reach you. Praise be to God, you are mentioned as though you were present before the Countenance. At this moment these exalted words have been revealed from the Sovereign of Names and Attributes - blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O Amin! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Verily We have been well-pleased with thee." This is that Word which hath been the desire of those near unto God and the sincere ones. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear this Word from the Supreme Pen. Know thou its worth and station, O Amin.

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

O people of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and fix your gaze upon the horizon of this word which hath shone forth from the highest horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen. He saith, and His word is the truth: He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Whosoever is enabled to acknowledge this blessed and exalted word shall find himself confident, detached and free, and shall confirm whatsoever floweth from the Supreme Pen, even were He to pronounce light to be darkness, or above that or below that. He is the All-Knowing and the All-Encompassing. None knoweth what He possesseth, but He knoweth what the people possess. This is that ornament that waxeth not old and perisheth not. The Son of Mary saith: "Thou knowest what is in me and I know not what is in Thee." Whatsoever appeareth from the Dayspring of Revelation is the truth wherein there is no doubt, whether it be understood in accordance with outward reality or whether it appear, in the view and imagination of the servants, not to conform to reality - assuredly transcendent wisdom is concealed therein.

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

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

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

Concerning the friends of the land of Kaf whom thou didst mention in the presence of the Countenance, all have attained that which is befitting. Praise be to God, the splendors of the Sun of Truth have encompassed them all. We beseech God to aid them all to preserve that which hath been bestowed. O My loved ones there! Verily Amin hath appeared before the Countenance and made mention of you. We have remembered you in a perspicuous Tablet and have sent down for you that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the ear that hath heard My verses, and the tongue that hath uttered My praise, and the hand that hath taken hold of My wondrous Book. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God wherever they may be found in any town or city. By the life of God! Every heart that hath turned to the Most Sublime Horizon hath been and will ever be mentioned in the presence of the Throne. O people of the cities and regions! Give thanks unto your Lord for this most great favor. Verily He created you and aided you to turn towards Him on a Day whereon every heedless one who was far removed and every learned one who harbored doubts turned away.

Praise be to God, your traces are manifest and visible in this land. Your morning trips to the garden and your evening returns are mentioned by all. They tell of how you were occupied with labor during the nights and days, evenings and dawns, twilights and early mornings. The grace of God has transformed these labors into mercy. The purpose is that these traces have not forgotten and will not forget you. Rather, at every moment they mention the devotion, sincerity and steadfastness of that beloved one. These are heirs who have surpassed all other heirs. Today, whoever has attained unto a single word of the words of God, exalted be His glory, is a true heir. This heir has ever been and will ever be a righteous and pure successor, and throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven will speak in remembrance of the Father. How excellent is this lofty station and this transcendent bounty! Would that the servants were adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness and would not deprive themselves of this precedent mercy and this enduring, eternal blessing.

Regarding the matter of the Greatest Hill which was discussed between this servant and you, make no mention of it until such time as it may come to pass or God may bring about another matter. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another matter: As commanded, obtain a very fine, desirable and distinguished cloak, either from the superior cloaks of Nain or Ahsa, and give it in the name of God to the children's teacher, Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. For some time ago he sent to the Most Holy Court the handwriting of the children who were studying with him, and he was promised a robe of honor. Repeatedly it was stated that the cloak must be distinguished. Some tablets and papers that had arrived were sent previously, and this time they will also be sent. God willing, they will arrive and be delivered.

At this moment, these supreme words were revealed from the tongue of the Lord of mankind, exalted be His glory: "O servant in attendance! Write to Amin that in all conditions you must be mindful of the exaltation of the Cause of God and move according to His will." And likewise They said: "To Jinab-i-Afnan, that is Haji Mirza Aqa, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, make no mention of any matter and reveal no affair. Whatever he himself may say and do of his own accord, accept it; otherwise, no. O Amin! The Cause is mighty, mighty. Know its station and in all conditions observe its sanctity. The ornaments of the world and what is with the people have been and will be transient. Ask God to grant His servants that which is worthy of His days and befitting His Cause. The Afnan have ever been and will be mentioned. We beseech God to assist them and grant them success in what He loves and is pleased with." End quote.

This evanescent servant ever beseeches God to grant success to all in what has flowed from the Pen of His Command. The mention of today is different from other mentions, and the deed of today is different from other deeds. Verily our Lord is the Commander, the All-Informed, and the Wise Helper. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hear your words concerning the Cause of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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Another petition: A barker from Kazimayn named Shaykh Muhammad, residing in Kirmanshah - that wretched one, according to some souls who were heedless and unaware of the Cause and had not even seen the chief manifestation of vain imaginings - has strayed from the straight path and is striving to lead the helpless people astray. Muhammad Ibrahim Qazvini, despite claiming steadfastness for years, harbored between himself and his son the fire of hatred and malice. The late Aqa Mirza Habibullah, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, supported the son, and this support became the cause of the father's withdrawal. Now he is occupied with deception, trickery, and schemes. At present, a knowledgeable person of dignity and composure should proceed to that land, and it would be well if at first he were to associate with some of the notable people of that place, so that gradually he may become aware of the truth of the matter - that is, recognize both the sincere believers and the hypocrites. Thereafter, with wisdom and eloquence, he should invite people to the Law of the All-Merciful. He must conduct himself with great wisdom so that nothing may be obtained from him, such as a letter or writing. Whatever he has with him should be kept in a secure and safe place. It is not necessary for all the believers to know the location of the trust; one trustworthy person is sufficient, for guarding the tongue is most difficult. As soon as multiple people become aware, it will inevitably become known. As commanded, five tumans monthly should reach him while he resides in that land. His Holiness the Name

66, J.M., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, and His Holiness the Beloved of Hearts, Jinab-i-Aqa Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, should consult with that beloved one in the land of Ta. Whomever they designate should be sent. Glory and remembrance and praise once again upon you and upon those with you.

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He is the One Who speaks before all faces that which draws the servants near to the Lord of existence.

God, Lord of the Throne and earth, has testified before the creation of beings that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God testified before the creation of His earth and heaven, and His attributes and names, that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

O Pen! Illumine the world through the appearance of the Ancient King and the Most Great Name, whereby all on earth were thunderstruck save those whom the hands of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Compassionate, the Generous, had taken hold of.

Then make mention of him who left his home, turning towards God's Most Great Kaaba, and traversed the way until he arrived at the Prison Land and stood before the Gate when he heard the call of God, the Powerful, the Supreme over all in the heavens and earths. He was named Hussein in the Book of Names. He has attained and taken the choice wine of utterance from the generous hand of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and drank thereof in His name, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Hussein! Thank thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy Announcement, made me know Thee, and taught me Thy straight and manifest path."

We have desired at this time to make mention of God's friends and loved ones as a bounty from Us, and verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Hassan! The Ancient Countenance has turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and mentioned thee in such wise as hath enraptured the hearts of the knowing ones. The Trusted One mentioned thee before, and We have revealed for thee that which caused the ocean of knowledge to surge in the contingent world. Blessed is the Most Merciful Who mentions His friends and will mention them as a bounty from Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who has turned to God, believed, and heard the call of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Tongue of Utterance! Make mention of one of thy handmaidens and a leaf among thy leaves who attained the presence of him who was named Rida in the Spirit in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings. O My leaf! Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Countenance when every heedless doubter turned away.

And blessed is My other leaf whom We mentioned before through that which the trees proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Powerful, the Compelling.” We beseech God to ordain for you both what He has ordained for His handmaidens who circle the Most Great Throne at morn and eventide.

And We make mention of the son-in-law who was named Hussein with a mention around which all mentions revolve. O Hussein! Thank God for having made thee recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and caused thee to speak His praise. He is verily the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

O Ali Agha! We have mentioned thee time and again, and We revealed for thee before that which brought joy to the eyes of the righteous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee in the evening and at dawn.

O Muhammad! Remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came, the learned ones turned away from Him and every idolatrous unbeliever opposed Him. Blessed is the servant who heard His call, attained His traces, and spoke His praise throughout the lands. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the bounteous hand of their Lord, the Creator of existence.

O Rida! Your Lord bears witness that you hearkened unto the Call and turned unto Him when most of the servants turned away. I bear witness that you set your face toward the most exalted and ultimate Goal until you attained the precincts circled by the Concourse on High, and heard My most sweet call, and beheld My most glorious horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loves thee and heeds thy word in this Cause whereby the mountains were moved. Time and again have your letters reached the Wronged One, and We found therein your ardor in the love of God and your steadfastness in His Cause whereby the idols were struck down. Know you who has turned toward you and recognize you who has set his face in your direction? Say: […]

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There has come before the Wronged One a letter from one of the divines who have turned to God, and have heard and answered their compassionate and gracious Lord. All are mentioned before the Most Great Scene, and we beseech God to aid them all to achieve that which leads to everlasting remembrance.

As to his question concerning unity, unity in its primary degree is unity in religion. This unity has ever been the cause of the triumph of the Cause of God throughout ages and centuries. Unity is the divine spiritual sword. For instance, if at this time a government were to observe that the majority of its subjects have rent asunder the veil and turned to the Most Glorious Horizon, it would remain silent and hearken to whatsoever is said. Whosoever attains to the hearing of the Word attains to the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty, except such souls as are altogether remote from God’s mercy and are fully deserving of His wrath and punishment. Such souls are in every case debarred and deprived.

Unity in one station is unity in speech, and this is highly essential. Consider, for example, if two of God's loved ones were to enter a land and speak differently about a matter, this would cause dissension, and they themselves and others would be deprived of the blessing of unity which hath been revealed from the Pen of the Lord of all creation. Among the helpers of God is utterance, both in this Most Great Revelation and formerly. Deeds and goodly character are the hosts of God and are engaged in rendering assistance. If utterance is made with due measure it is God's mercy, but if it exceeds bounds it becomes the cause of destruction. In the Tablets We have counseled all to utter such words as possess the potency and effect of milk, that the children of the world may be nurtured thereby and attain maturity. Utterance in every station is manifest with a certain effect, and from it the fragrance of good and evil is wafted.

And in one station, unity of deeds is intended, for their variance causeth variance. When this Wronged One was being banished from Baghdad to Adrianople, He entered a mosque along the way where He observed different forms of prayer being performed in that place. Though the word "prayer" applied to all, yet each was distinguished by certain particulars. Had the people of the Bayan truly acted upon that which was revealed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, all upon the earth would have attained the honor of faith. The variance of deeds caused variance in the Cause, and the Cause was weakened. One prayeth with hands folded, another with hands open; one uttereth "at-tahiyyat" in the testimony, another "as-salam." Beyond these, some dance saying this is the remembrance of God. God forbid! The Truth is sanctified, holy and pure from such remembrances. Consider the Law of the Apostle of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - as an ocean from which countless gulfs have been derived, and this hath caused the weakening of God's Law among His servants. To this day, neither kings nor subjects nor paupers have recognized the cause and reason, nor have they known how that which was lost in glory might be regained and the fallen standard might be raised again. In any case, one gulf is Shi'ih, one gulf Sunni, one gulf Shaykhi, one gulf Shah Ni'matu'llahi, one gulf Naqshbandi, one gulf Malamiti, one gulf Jalali, one gulf Rifa'i, one gulf Kharabati - were ye to count the paths to hell, ye could not number them. Now doth the stone lament, the Supreme Pen waileth. Consider what hath befallen a Law whose light illumined the world and whose fire guided the nations - that is, the fire of His love. Blessed are they that ponder, blessed are they that perceive, blessed are they that are fair-minded. In brief, this variance of deeds hath shaken the foundation of God's Cause. O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Afflict not yourselves as did the sects of old. Verily He hath sent down the proof and made manifest the way. Beware lest ye differ in that which hath been revealed from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. By God! Had there been observed one who could speak or one who could arise, this servant would not have uttered a word. The purpose is that the True One, exalted be His glory, would not have delivered Him into the hands of these people, that is, the people of the Bayan. Therefore take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! Purify and sanctify heart and breast with the living waters that flow from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and arise to render assistance through the hosts of goodly deeds, pleasing conduct, and divine words. This is the counsel of the True One, exalted be His glory, which hath been revealed and sent down in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen.

Among the forms of unity is unity of station, and it is the cause of the establishment of the Cause and its exaltation among the servants. When superiority and preference appeared, the world became ruined and desolate. Those souls who have drunk from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and are gazing

toward the Most Exalted Horizon should see themselves on one plane and in one station. If this matter becomes established and is realized through divine might and power, the world will be seen as the Most Glorious Paradise. Indeed, man is noble, for within all things the sign of God exists, but to regard oneself as more learned, superior, more excellent, more God-fearing and more exalted is a grievous error. Blessed are those souls who are adorned with the ornament of this unity and have been assisted by God. Consider the divines of Persia - had they not regarded themselves as the most exalted and excellent of all creation, their unfortunate followers would not have engaged in cursing and denouncing the Object of all the worlds. Man is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered, by those heedless, artificial souls. The fire of pride and vainglory hath consumed them all, yet they are unaware and have not come to their senses. They have not attained even a drop from the ocean of knowledge and wisdom. Woe unto them and unto that which their tongues have uttered and their hands have wrought on the Day of Retribution and on this Day whereon mankind hath stood before the Lord of the worlds. Should the Most Exalted Pen choose to expound fully the degrees of unity in every thing and every matter, it would need to be occupied for years.

Among the forms of unity is the unity of souls and possessions, and with this station We conclude Our mention of unity, as a command from Us, and verily I am the Mighty, the All-Choosing. This unity is a unity which is the source of joy, gladness and delight, were they but to understand and know. Let not the heedless divines say "To what does this refer?" This refers to all souls, and from this unity emerges fellowship, and this fellowship hath been and remains beloved in the divine Books of the past and present. This fellowship pertains to wealth, not to what is below or above it. "They prefer others above themselves, though poverty be their portion. And they who are preserved from their own covetousness shall prosper." This station is above fellowship. Fellowship is when man does not deprive the servants of God from that which God, exalted be His glory, has bestowed upon him. He himself enjoys and enables others like himself to enjoy as well. This station is greatly beloved, for all partake of bounty and receive their portion from the ocean of grace. And those who prefer others above themselves - in truth this station is above all stations, as mentioned, and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an bears witness to this.

O people of God! Shall the Most Exalted Pen lament over itself or over that which hath occurred in the world? Matters have reached such a pass that a mere pond claimeth to be an ocean, and a lizard assumeth the station of an eagle. What hath happened? What smoke hath enveloped the world? Is not the fragrance of the Revelation diffused and distinct from all else? Is not the straight path distinguished from the paths of satanic fancy? Nay, by My Self! The Truth hath ever been, and will continue to be, distinguished from all else through all its attributes and deeds, and hath never been, nor will ever be, confused in the eyes of them that possess insight. The purpose of the unity of souls is the love of God and the Word of God, that all may gather around it and hold fast unto it. Every possessor of insight and wisdom testifieth to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen.

The aforementioned unities are each an army among the armies of God, a party among the parties of God, and a cause among the causes of God. The unity of souls from the beginning of creation until now has been and will continue to be the helper and supporter of truth–that is, unity that occurs through God's command and law. In this station, unity does not exceed this rank. Therefore take heed, O ye who

are endowed with insight! The Supreme Pen at this moment counsels all His loved ones to unity and concord, that through it God's Cause, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, may be made manifest. Likewise regarding wisdom–some of the friends of God have not observed wisdom and have been heedless of its station, and have caused clamor to be raised in certain lands. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and act in accordance with what hath been revealed in the Tablets. Until ye find an ear, open not your lips, and until ye behold a pure and blessed land, deposit not the seed of wisdom. The utterance of the Divine Word is for the time when hearing and sight are ready, and likewise the earth. Some have at times spoken that which hath injured the very root of the Tree. Say: O people, fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. Barren soil is not suited to growth, and the ear of polytheism is not worthy to hear the word of Divine Unity. O people of God! That which is the cause and means of the life of the world hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Each one must reflect for the sake of God, especially concerning Divine Unity, lest they be like the people of the past who uttered the words but were deprived of their meaning. They were worshippers of names and idols, yet counted themselves among the people of unity and certitude. However, God made manifest that which was hidden concerning the deeds and recompense of those people. On the Day of Reckoning, their exaltation, loftiness, station, rank and unity became clear and evident to all the worlds. O My Name! Convey My greetings to the friends of God on behalf of the Wronged One and counsel them with that which God hath counseled them in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed are the emigrants who have emigrated in the path of God until they arrived at this mighty Prison. They have turned their faces toward God and directed themselves unto God. Their reward is with Him Who created them, fashioned them, sustained them, helped them, caused them to know Him, and made them speak His praise and mention. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The splendor shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon those whom God hath enabled to act in accordance with what hath been revealed in His mighty and impregnable Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, at the end of this Tablet, to assist them, to grant them success, to aid them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to help them in His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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

All things bear witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth in the Kingdom of utterance is verily the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dayspring of His proof, the Source of His laws, and the Beginning of His signs. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Through His remembrance the countenance of the world hath smiled, and through His appearance those servants have attained who were not hindered by the affairs of men nor by the clamor of the divines who cast the truth behind their backs and clung to fancy and idle imaginings. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O people of Baha in the kingdom of creation! By the life of the Beloved, this is your Day. The Morn of utterance hath dawned, and the All-Merciful is seated upon the throne of proof. Blessed is he whose sight

the veils of possibility have not obscured, and whose hearing the veils of knowledge have not prevented. Woe unto him who hath turned away from the Day of God and clung to the hem of those who have denied the right of God, disputed His signs, rejected His proof, and risen in opposition in such wise as to cause the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament.

O friends! Light upon light, favor upon favor, mercy upon mercy, glory upon glory, and blessing upon blessing is this! God willing, may ye not be deprived or forbidden, and may ye preserve your stations through the name of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen. Let not the oppression of oppressors, the turning away of those who have turned aside, nor the clamor of the ungodly cause you sorrow. By the Sovereign of existence, ere long all these trappings shall be rolled up, and no trace of these souls shall remain on earth. In the arena of existence and the gathering-place of the world, your mention and your stations, and whatsoever hath appeared from you or befallen you in the path of truth, shall be made manifest letter by letter and be spread throughout the world.

One day a word was heard from the tongue of the Goal of the world indicating that some of the people of those parts had, on account of the clamor of certain unknown persons, withdrawn to the corner of silence. Glory be to God! These fleeting days were not and are not worthy of this. Wisdom hath ever been and still is greatly beloved, but not to such degree as would extinguish and darken the lamps of hearts. In all cases, sanctified and assured souls must bestow new life upon heedless and lifeless souls through the breaths of divine days. Under all conditions hold fast unto wisdom and occupy yourselves secretly with teaching God's Cause, that perchance the people may not remain deprived. It is most clear and evident that belief and its absence cause no harm or benefit to the Truth. However, should corruption appear or a reprehensible deed be committed by a doer, its harm would affect the root of the Tree.

O people of Baha! God willing, be ye as the sun in radiance, as the mountain in steadfastness, as the ocean in utterance, and as the earth in wisdom, for all bounties appear from it without any movement being observed therefrom. And God willing, may ye dwell and walk with one face in the land of love and the realm of friendship. Whithersoever ye turn, He is with you. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Honored and kind friend! Your letters have arrived several times by sea and land like refined sugar, and though repetition is not always beloved, truly your repeated letters brought to mind the realm of reunion and recalled the days of meeting - blessed be you! However, this servant, due to numerous occupations of which you yourself are witness, was not enabled to reply until now. But this new letter which you sent from Yazd became the cause of expressing hidden love. After its perusal it was directed to the Most Exalted Horizon and was honored to be presented in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Presence. He said: "O Tahir! Your sighs and lamentations at the time of separation have not been forgotten. Be thankful for this. Strive to act in accordance with what is befitting today, and preserve in the treasury of your heart, in the Name of the True One, exalted be His glory, whatsoever you heard from the tongue of the Wronged One in His presence. Give the glad-tidings of His grace and favor to the friends. Today all must associate with people with perfect wisdom, steadfastness and kindness. If they find attentive ears, they should share the Word; if not, patience is preferable. Outwardly they should be engaged with utmost tranquility and dignity, and secretly occupied in spreading the divine verses, preserving them lest they fall into the

hands of the treacherous or be touched by the impure. Say: O friends of the True One, exalted be His glory! With utmost manifestation, appearance, favor and bounty, He commands you to perform deeds whose fragrance will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. God willing, may you be assisted in achieving what has been revealed in the Divine Book. Verily He will aid you through His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

This evanescent servant and other friends must beseech with utmost humility and supplication from the True One, exalted be His glory, that perchance in His days we might drink a drop from the ocean of His good-pleasure. Blessed a hundred thousand times is the soul that has attained to this station. This station is most great, as attested by the Pen of God before and after, and every seeing one possessed of insight and every knowing one possessed of wisdom bears witness to this.

Concerning what you wrote about meeting Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, in Sarvistan, and likewise the troubles that arose between them - these matters were presented before the face of the Lord of Names. His blessed and exalted Word states: God willing, may all conduct themselves with one another in the utmost spirit and fragrance. Today the horizons must be illumined with the light of unity. That which is beloved at the Divine Threshold, and which in truth has been the champion of the Cause, is the unity of the friends of God. The True One, exalted be His glory, has forgiven all. Therefore, they too must occupy themselves with reconciliation and forgive one another. Henceforth they must fix their gaze upon that which the All-Bountiful has revealed in the Book and act accordingly. This is the most exalted station - blessed is the one who attains unto it and remains steadfast therein. The glory shining forth from the tongue of My grandeur rest upon My loved ones there and there, whom the world could not prevent from the Most Great Name, who cast aside vain imaginings, hastening to the ocean of certitude which appeared in the days of their Lord, the Most Merciful.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to all, and with utmost sincerity has mentioned and continues to mention that which is the greatest means for the exaltation, elevation and perpetuation of the remembrance of all. Verily the servant is the supplicant and God is the Answerer, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

On one occasion the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words - His glory be exalted: "O servant present! Jinab-i-Mulla Ahmad is among those souls who attained the presence and witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance. Ask God to aid him to do that which is pleasing to Him. Indeed certain unworthy words issued from his tongue. We have veiled them through Our grace, for verily We are the Concealer, the All-Knowing. The True One, exalted be His glory, loves His loved ones, and if a fault appears from someone, He shows patience until an appointed time and conceals it. Jinab-i-Ahmad must arise to serve the Cause, detached from his self and from that which his tongue utters, and speak not except what God has permitted him. Verily We desire for him the good of this world and the next, if he acts according to what We have commanded him in My perspicuous Book."

O my brother! Observe the loving-kindness and favor of the True One - despite His all-encompassing knowledge and witness, He bestows perfect bounty. On my behalf, convey greetings to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ahmad and mention: Know your station, for in limited years you attained the presence before the Countenance of the One. It would be a pity for this station to be lost. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful,

hears and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Henceforth his honor must occupy himself with the remembrance of the immortal King with perfect humility, submissiveness and unity, and speak that which causes the fire of divine love to blaze. In any case, reconciliation is beloved before God. God willing, his honor will act according to what has been mentioned in this letter, and the friends of God who are present in the land of N and Y will arise to effect reconciliation and illumine the hearts of the friends in that land with the light of unity. This is the binding command of the True One, exalted be His glory. Well is it with them that act accordingly.

As to what was written regarding the Huququ'llah, thus far in that land no one has been appointed to receive the Rights of God. For several years the matter of Huquq was suspended, as permission for its collection had not been issued from the Source of the Cause. In recent years this blessed word shone forth from the tongue of the Divine Unity - exalted be His utterance: "Whosoever desires to pay the Rights of God, let the Trustees receive it." The Trustees have been mentioned in the Book of God, and this decree was revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Cause purely as a bounty, in consideration of certain benefits, and its advantage returns to the servants themselves. Verily He speaks the truth, there is no God but He, the Strong, the Mighty. In the Land of Ya, Trustees are present. Whosoever wishes to act according to what is commanded in the Book, let him turn to them. Whatever reaches them, they will deliver. Blessed are they who attain.

As to what you wrote regarding the loved ones of Manshad, mention of them and the oppression of those devoted souls has flowed from the Supreme Pen. God, exalted be His glory, has mentioned them all with most excellent praise, and likewise mentioned their tribulations and ordeals. However, in the beginning of the Cause, unwisdom was manifest. God willing, henceforth they will be assisted to achieve what is acceptable in the sight of God, exalted be His glory. I swear by the Most Great Name that all the world cannot equal one word of what has been revealed concerning them this year. All the affairs of the world, whether of joy and delight or of sorrow and grief, all pass away more swiftly than that. However, that which has been ordained for the friends of the Desired One is adorned with the ornament of permanence. Blessed is he who has borne tribulations in the love of God, the Lord of all beings. He is indeed among those who are near unto God, the Most High, the Most Great.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to all the friends in that land, and this love and sincerity of this evanescent one seeks no recognition, for it has been and is for the sake of God. However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them to achieve what befits the stations of love. The glory that is manifest and resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Possessor of Names and Creator of the heavens, be upon you and upon those who have attained to His firm and wise Command.

The Servant

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Port Said. Let the honored and distinguished Afnan, his eminence Aqa Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], behold with his illumined gaze.

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One, Who hath created infinite worlds, and all of these have appeared according to the requirements of His consummate wisdom. For each He hath ordained effects, manifestations, signs and laws. For instance, He established the world of grief, and likewise revealed the world of joy, the world of love and longing, of rapture and attraction. And His world of separation which is in truth a consuming fire for lovers, and the world of union and meeting which giveth life to the temples of His servants in both beginning and return. The worlds of death and life, though outwardly opposed and contrary to one another, are inwardly connected by a mighty bond. Thus it hath been said that until a delicate, sound seed changeth and loseth its outward beauty, no verdant fresh ear of corn will spring therefrom. Assuredly, in the destruction of these temples lieth concealed a mighty edifice, and infinite prosperities are made manifest and visible thereby. None knoweth this save the All-Wise One Who hath encompassed all things through His all-encompassing knowledge and His all-pervading and penetrating wisdom. Every utterance and every mention requireth confirmation and proof, save one matter which is in truth the sovereign of all commands and prohibitions, whose truth is as manifest as the sun, nay more manifest, and whereby the hearts of the chosen ones, the pure ones, they that are nigh unto God, and the sincere ones are assured and gladdened - and that is that there hath never been and never shall be any doubt that the Absolutely Wise One would not, without cause or reason, extend the hand of will toward destruction, nor would He turn His attention to construction and edification without proof. Exalted be His wisdom and sublime be His effects, His mention and His sovereignty.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This evanescent one desireth to make mention of Thy Afnan and console him in what hath come upon him through Thine irrevocable decree, though he seeth this as above his station. Yet, when he beholdeth his being as naught before the revelations of the Orb of Thy Manifestation and its pillars, and whatsoever he possesseth as non-existent before Thy Will and Purpose, he maketh mention of Thee in such wise as would establish Thy favors toward Thy Afnan and manifest Thy grace and bounty toward them through Thy bestowals, and their ascension to the heaven of Thy acceptance and the horizon of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdoms of knowledge and understanding, and Mover of the ships of grandeur and majesty upon the ocean of utterance, to illumine his presence with the light of joy and gladness. Transform, O my God, his constraint into expansion and his sorrow into delight. Though I acknowledge his patience and steadfastness, his acceptance and contentment with whatsoever hath come and will come from Thee, yet since Thou hast commanded me to make mention and to hold fast to the means, I therefore make mention and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty, that Thou mayest send down from the heaven of Thy mercy and the clouds of Thy grace upon Thy Afnan, whom Thou hast related unto Thyself and made him the Afnan of Thy Lote-Tree at all times, as a mercy from Thee and a resplendent light from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Lord! Thou seest his humility and submissiveness, his supplication and his attachment to the Tree of Thy Cause, and his clinging to the hem of Thy mercy and might. I beseech Thee, O God, O my God, by the river of Thy mercy and the ocean of

Thy knowledge and the sea of Thy wisdom, and the mysteries concealed in Thy Book, and the lights shining from the horizon of Thy Will by Thy Command, to ordain for him whom Thou hast related unto Thyself that which will make him a guardian of Thy Cause and a protector of Thy loved ones through Thy power and might. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love, your sorrow and your steadfastness! Your letter was like a wondrous lamp and a brilliant, radiant light, for each word therein was a mirror reflecting devotion, steadfastness and love for the Lord of all worlds - may my spirit and all in the kingdoms of command and creation be a sacrifice for Him. After receiving the sweet fragrance of love and affection from pen and ink, I proceeded to the Most Holy Court where it was presented. Thereupon the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of our Lord the All-Merciful's favor wafted, and two Most Holy Tablets were revealed - one specifically for your honor and the other for the Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree and those with her, upon her be the Glory of God the Most Glorious. In each, the Pen of Grace made mention of tribulations, visitation, and that which befitteth His bounty and generosity. The gifts and favors are of such magnitude as cannot be limited or come to an end. This servant beseeches his Lord and Beloved to assist your honor with the hosts of grace and bounty and with that which befitteth His generosity that hath encompassed existence and His mercy that hath preceded both the unseen and the visible. God willing, you will attain unto the presence of the two blessed Tablets and, as commanded, after reading them will send them to the land of Shin. In truth, the presence of that exalted Leaf - upon her be the Glory of God - was a sign for those left behind and a comfort to them. From the time that the Most Exalted Leaf, the sacred consort - upon her be the Glory of God, His mercy, His light, His grace, His remembrance and His praise - ascended, repeated mention was made until now of these two exalted Leaves in the Most Holy Court. In these days this fresh news became the cause of grief to the circling men and women, such that it affected the people of the pavilion of chastity and each one besought a fresh bestowal. It is hoped that the remaining kindred who reside in the land of Shin may, through God's grace - exalted be His glory - be adorned with the garment of beautiful patience and be content with that which hath been ordained by the Desired One. I beseech and implore God - exalted be His glory - to transform the grief of all in this great calamity into the dawning-place of joy and delight. He is verily the Powerful, the Answerer of what is asked. He is the One Who hath named Himself the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Most Munificent, the Most Merciful. His generosity and grace have encompassed all, how much more the branches who have appeared from Him, who return unto Him, who are related to Him and who are mentioned by Him. I mention the honored Star - upon him be God's most luminous light - both outwardly and inwardly, convey greetings to him and seek for him that which is the cause of nearness and eternal remembrance. And to the other loved ones who are in that land serving your honor, I convey greetings to each one and beseech God - exalted be His glory - for their glory and blessing. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Kind. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Mention was made through your honor's pen of his honor Ali-Akbar - upon him be the Glory of God - and of his steadfastness, love, [enthusiasm] and occupation. Praise be to God, he is confirmed and surely in the service of your honor he will also acquire that from which true profit appears and is witnessed. On the day of farewell when he attained the Most Holy Court and […]

They have enjoined that which conduceth to the exaltation of station and the elevation of trustworthiness and godliness in that land. They have preserved these words in the treasury of the heart. All this is from God's confirmations to His loved ones. Should He so desire, He would assist whomsoever hath turned unto Him to reform the entire world, and would seize, through His all-pervading sovereignty, from whomsoever He willeth, all that hath been and shall be. It behooveth the servant to commit all affairs unto Him and place his trust in Him. These are two mighty portals leading to the bounty and mercy of God, glorified be His majesty. We hope they shall be opened before the faces of His loved ones and chosen ones through the key of love and fellowship. Verily, He hath power over all things.

The letter from the spiritual friend, His Honour Aqa 'Ali-Muhammad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], likewise reached this servant and was presented before Him. He said: Let him hold fast unto what We counselled him in Our presence and what We sent with Siyyid Javad, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation. Then shall the gates of blessing from God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, be opened before his face. We beseech Him to protect him and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Counsellor, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

This servant ever beseecheth and imploreth God to ordain for him that which causeth expansion, joy and gladness. Verily God is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayers. His greetings reached all, and each one returneth greetings and beseecheth God, glorified be His majesty, for might and exaltation. God willing, may they be confirmed and assisted in all conditions. The missive from His Honour Aqa Muhammad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], also arrived. As the deed was performed purely for His love, it is beloved. In truth, His Honour Aqa Muhammad is adorned with the ornament of love and sincerity. This servant beseecheth his Lord to increase what he possesseth of affection and attachment at all times. Verily, He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Henceforth, good [cheese] is also found here. God's bounties are innumerable, encompassing from every direction, and His grace is evident at all times. We beseech God to assist His loved ones, friends and servants to praise and thank Him. Who is able to thank Him as He deserveth to be thanked? Therefore He thanketh Himself with His own tongue, saying "Be thankful unto Me and I shall be thankful unto you." His is the praise and the glory, and His is the thanksgiving and the splendor at all times.

Another submission: the missive from the honored Mr. Afnan of the land of China, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], has arrived. The tea sent was good and excellent. Glory be to God! The full nature of tea has not yet been revealed - many teas appear desirable but prove otherwise in brewing, and vice versa. However, this shipment has proven acceptable. Praise be to God Who revealed him, established him, caused him to speak, and made his presence a means for His servants to hold fast to his connection to the Tree of His Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and reveal to him whatsoever He desires of the wonders of His generosity, munificence, grace and bestowal. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. It is hoped that this prayer will be answered. Since these submissions are for the sake of God, and service to the Afnan is likewise for the sake of God, it will surely be accompanied by acceptance. The lychee also arrived, and it too was superior to last year's. The Command is in God's hands - He changes as He pleases and reveals as He wills, and He is the Mighty, the

Praiseworthy. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you who love you and hear your words concerning the Cause of God, Lord of the earthly realm and the heavenly kingdom.

The Servant

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The cherished gift from his honor Haji Niyaz Effendi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], has arrived. This is very clear and evident - whatever comes from a friend [is good], especially from friends who have drunk from the flowing Euphrates beneath the divine Throne. Their homeland is the shadow of God, their goal the meeting with God, their hope drawing near unto God, their trust in God, and their affairs are committed to God. They began from Him and return to Him, and this is the seal of discourse.

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

Praise be sanctified above tongue and utterance, befitting the Sovereign of all sovereigns, Who through the key of utterance hath opened the doors of hearts and made manifest the mystery of the words "He maketh your highest to be the lowest, and your lowest to be the highest." The Hand of His bounty hath revealed the hidden pearls of the ocean of knowledge, and His complete power hath bestowed from the heaven of certitude the rains of wisdom and knowledge upon minds and hearts. Soon will its effects be made manifest in the kingdom, and He hath entrusted its watering and nurturing to the hands of His chosen ones. His grace is mighty and His bounty is most great.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all existence, of the unseen and the seen! Thou beholdest one of Thy chosen ones soaring on the wings of wisdom in the atmosphere of divine knowledge, and clinging to the cord of Thy love in days wherein most of Thy servants have turned away from Thee. O Lord! Aid him to conduct affairs in service to Thy Cause and in remembrance of Thy praise and glory. O Lord! Thou seest him turning to Thee and drinking the wine of Thy knowledge from the cup of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee to make him, in all conditions, a champion of Thy Cause, a promoter of Thy commandments and ordinances, and one who speaketh that whereby Thy Word may be exalted amongst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O God! Send Thy blessings upon him and upon Thy chosen ones there, and assist them to triumph in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thereafter, this servant, while confined in the Most Great Prison in a certain place, was approached by one of the loved ones bearing thy letter. The servant took it with submission and contentment, and read it time and again. Then I turned toward the horizon of grandeur before the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and, after His permission, presented it before His presence. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the fragrances of revelation to waft and the horizons to become perfumed. His word–exalted be His utterance, exalted be His proof, and glorified be His majesty and power–is:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger […]

O thou who gazest upon the countenance and standeth before the door! Hear the call from the precincts of ’Akka: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. My proof hath appeared, My testimony hath encompassed all things, and the fragrance of My utterance hath been diffused throughout all cities and lands. As I was walking, the servant in attendance appeared with thy letter and made mention of it before the Wronged One. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the trees to be stirred and to cry out with their loudest voice: O people of creation! The ocean of your Lord’s loving-kindness hath surged. Fear ye God and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of thy love. We have made mention of thee with that which causeth all mention to bow down in humility. Behold what hath been revealed in truth, then remind the people of the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Make mention of Him with a mention whereby the mention of all things is raised up at eventide and at dawn, and arise to serve with such arising as shall cause all created things to arise. This beseemeth thy kinship with God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when every heedless doubter turned away. Take thou the chalice of eternity in My Name amongst the servants, then drink therefrom in spite of those who have disbelieved in God and disputed His signs without clear proof or Book. Say: O people of the Bayan! Hide not the face of the Sun with your veils. Ye pant after your vain imaginings and perceive not. Fear God and be not of the people of error. Behold, behold how the Sun shineth from the horizon of the heaven of grace! Hearken, hearken how the Call hath been raised to a station wherein the atoms proclaim: The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of Lords! Say: O people, cast aside what ye possess. By God, the Mother Book speaketh from the most exalted station. Say: Do ye sport with what ye possess? Fear Him Who hath come unto you from the horizon of might with a power that the forces of the wicked cannot frustrate. Thus have We adorned the heaven with the stars of wisdom and knowledge, as a bounty from Us unto thee and unto those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when seated upon the throne with power and sovereignty. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones. We counsel them with that which God hath counseled His servants in the Books, Psalms and Tablets. We have made deeds and character to be as hosts in this Revelation. He unto Whom the Mother Book belongeth beareth witness unto this. Glory be from Us unto thee and unto everyone who hath remained steadfast, whom the doubts of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all mankind, have not caused to slip.

The Most Exalted Pen hath turned from the eloquent tongue to the illumined tongue. O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of nearness! Hear with thy inner ear the call of the Wronged One and impart it to the servants, that perchance from this call, which is in truth the water of the mercy of the All-Merciful and the pure crystal stream of the All-Glorious, there might spring forth from hearts the seedlings of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and certitude. The intention is that the tablet of man’s true reality might be cleansed of all traces by this pure and holy water, that it may be adorned with the seal of the blessed word “Verily, I am God’s.” Should they attain unto this station, the fire of rancor and hatred that blazeth in the hearts of the peoples of the world would be stilled, and the horizons would be illumined with the light of unity. Let them fix their gaze upon this station, detached from all else. That which today beseemeth that honored one is to become intoxicated with the choice wine of “Am I not?” and to arise in the arena of the world to guide the servants.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Today is the day of mention and praise and service to the Cause. Make a supreme effort that perchance the people of Iran may be sanctified from vain imaginings and attain unto the effulgent splendors of the sun of certitude. In truth and in all sincerity I say that today is not the day of questioning. In the Tablet of Wisdom, which was revealed from the Supreme Pen of heaven to one of the friends, these verses are recorded: "It behooveth thee not to turn thy gaze unto the past or future. Make mention of this Day and of that which hath appeared therein. It, verily, is sufficient unto all mankind. The utterances and tokens in mention of these stations quench the fire of being. It beseemeth thee to speak forth this day with that which will kindle the hearts and cause the bodies of the assured ones to soar. He who today is blessed with the new creation and beholdeth the exalted Truth as the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting–he is indeed among those possessed of vision in this Most Sublime Vision. Every seeing believer beareth witness unto this. Walk above the world through the power of the Most Great Name that thou mayest witness the mysteries of pre-existence and discover that which no one hath discovered. Thy Lord is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

"Be thou as the throbbing artery in the body of creation, that through the heat generated by this motion there may appear that which shall quicken the hearts of those who hesitate. Thou hast indeed associated with Me and beheld the suns of the heaven of My wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Mine utterance when We were behind seventy thousand veils of light. Thy Lord is verily the True One, the Faithful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the outpourings of this Ocean in the days of his Lord, the Munificent, the All-Wise. We have indeed expounded unto thee, when We were in Iraq in the house of one named Majid, the mysteries of creation, its origin, its end and its cause. But when We departed, We limited Our utterance to this: There is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou a proclaimer of the Cause of God with an utterance which will cause fire to burn in the trees and to proclaim: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Unconstrained." Thus hath the river of mercy flowed to one of Our friends who attained Our presence and heard Our wondrous call.

O Rafi', O Badi'! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. From the earliest days there hath appeared from this Wronged One that which hath had no peer or likeness. At the beginning of Our imprisonment, purely for the sake of God and for love of His servants, a Tablet was specially sent on behalf of this Wronged One to His Majesty the Sultan, wherein We sought that which would bring deliverance to all and rend asunder the veils. And had His Majesty the Sultan accepted it, all would have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon. However, he did not accept it, and certain heedless ones of the world caused the messenger to be eliminated. Thus was the word of union changed to separation, and a mighty barrier intervened. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

O Rafi', hear My call! Leave behind the world and all that is therein and take what thou hast been given from God. He verily loveth thee and hath ordained for thee that which, wert thou to become aware of it, would fill thee with joy through the perpetuity of God's Kingdom, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. With all thy faculties arise to aid the Cause. Make a sign with thy brow and eye, speak with thy tongue, grasp with thy hand, and stand firm upon thy feet with such steadfastness that all the forces of the world shall be powerless to move thee or cause thee to stumble. Thus doth thy Lord, the Ancient One, teach thee, and the All-Knowing Commander enjoin thee. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of power and might.

He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Glorify My loved ones on My behalf and illumine them with the lights of My utterance, whereby every seeker hath sought the ultimate goal and every tongue hath spoken that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.”

God, exalted be His glory, is My witness that this evanescent One hath ever besought the Self-Sufficient for that which shall cause thy mention to endure among all mentions. And I beseech the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen to assist thee in dispelling the vain imaginings of the people and in rending the veils of these days. This is possible now, but shall later become most difficult, for the people of Persia, one and all, are attached to vain imaginings, such that even their divines have until now failed to recognize what hath appeared and what hath come to pass. Every person of understanding is astounded by this matter and bewildered. Though all know that from the beginning of the Cause this servant hath stood in service to the Qayyum and is aware of all that hath transpired, yet they seek not his counsel, while accepting whatever may be said by one who hath not been with the Truth. Heedlessness hath encompassed them such that they deny the light of the sun shining in the visible horizon. In this Most Great Revelation there hath been revealed the equivalent of all the books of the past and future, nay more, and the distinction is evident as the sun. I beseech God to bestow justice upon His servants and to free the sun of equity from the darkness of the clouds. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, seeking from Thee naught save that which shall adorn Thy servants with the light of justice and fairness. O Lord! Thou seest me agitated like a fish upon the sand by what hath befallen Thee from the one whom Thou didst rear with the hands of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation, the signs of Thy grandeur, and the sweet savors of Thy inspiration wherewith Thou didst subdue the hearts of Thy creation, to assist him whom Thou hast named Rafi’ to exalt Thy Cause amongst Thy servants through Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I convey greetings and glorification to the loved ones of that land, and for each I seek that which leadeth to the exaltation of their being and the elevation of their souls. Verily our Lord and your Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Mighty, the Forgiving. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Glory and praise and honor be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of all who know.

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The Point of praise and the essence of praise belong exclusively to the sacred and near threshold of that Beloved One Who raised up the heavens of existence through His perfect power and adorned them with visible stars through His eternal sovereignty, so that all things from the kingdom of knowledge and the realm of possibilities might, in their own station and by their own essence, bear witness to that which the

King of existence has, in His own Self and by His own Self, testified before all things: that there is no God but He, the All-Protecting, the Best-Beloved. No thing has truly known Him as He deserves to be known, and no one has truly described Him as He deserves to be described, for all that is visible is but a single letter from the Word of His Command which has encompassed the essences of contingent being, and all that is known is but a point of His power which has surrounded the realities of creation. How then can that which was created by but one of His melodies ascend to the heavens of His eternity or climb to the glories of His oneness? Sanctified is His holy Essence from every abstract essence, and exalted is His pure Countenance above every praise and tribute. Then, through the requirements of the establishment of the Sovereign of justice upon the throne of mercy and grace, He created, through pure origination and sheer invention, the Point of existence and the Praiseworthy Countenance, which has been expressed through various terms such as the Eternal Countenance, the Divine Reed, the Primal Point, the Warbling of the Dove, the Perfect Word of Manifestation, the Divine Identity of the Cloud of Unknowing, and the Countenance of Ahmad and Muhammad.

Each one in his own tongue utters praise of Thee

The nightingale through song and the musician through melody

And this is the meaning of "There is nothing like unto Him," for all have confessed their powerlessness before the manifestation of His knowledge and have gloried in receiving some portion of His grace. Then He created all things through Him, and this is that Same Self of which He says: "Whoso knoweth it hath known his Lord, and whoso witnesseth it hath attained unto his Master." By the Sovereign of existence and the King of the visible realm! So long as one is veiled from any degree of his own self, he is in the fire - and what fire is greater than this fire, and what remoteness more remote than this remoteness? "Thou art with the Beloved yet knowest not love's game." How excellent is what the poet has said: "I left the love of Layla and Su'da behind […]"

And thou hast attained unto the Beloved, the first station. And this very breath is that same divine and universal primordial nature with which all are created, yet from which all are veiled, and toward which all are turned, yet from which all are averted.

O Lord! To whom can one tell this subtle truth in the world,

That wandering Beauty hath shown His face to none.

He is the One Whom ye seek yet find not, Whom ye behold yet know not. This is the purpose of creation, as He saith: "So set thy face to the Faith, being upright, the nature of God in which He hath created mankind. There is no altering God's creation. That is the right religion."

Otherwise, His Presence cannot be described by any mention nor characterized by any attribute. That which is mentioned in traditions and writings is but a sweeping for the servants and a word for mankind. Otherwise, "they measured not God with His true measure" and "the whole earth shall be His handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens shall be rolled in His right hand. Glory be to Him! High be He exalted above that which they associate!"

Likewise He saith in the tradition: “All that ye distinguish through your most subtle imaginings is but a creation like unto you, returning unto you.”

Therefore, there is no proof of Him save His holy Essence, and no path unto Him save His sanctified Identity. He hath ever been a proof unto His own Self, and shall ever be known through His own Being, even as the Point of Splendor and the Countenance of Glory - may my spirit and the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice unto Him - hath said in a prayer taught to Ali the Chosen: “O Thou Who hath proved Thy Own Self by Thy Own Self, Who art sanctified above any likeness to Thy creatures, and Who art exalted above any similarity to Thy qualities.”

And again in another station He saith: “Through Thee have I known Thee, and Thou hast guided me unto Thyself. Were it not for Thee, I would not have known what Thou art.”

What the reed-flute uttereth in this strain,

Should I speak it, the world would be undone.

Were I joined with the lip of my heart’s desire[…]

Like unto a reed, I would tell what must be told. This is the collyrium for the eyes of the ardent ones and the light of the pupils of the beloved ones. Should but an atom of these ingredients - which have been drawn from the pure spring of grace, and ground and refined with the pestle of love in the mortar of affection - touch the eye of possibility, it would exclaim and cry out and proclaim: “What is this save a wondrous collyrium!” All that I desire is to spare further labor and to veil and preserve the bride of meaning behind the curtain of words. Yet she remains not still, but raises her head like a banner saying “Here am I!” and declares “Speak, for this is the time for speech, not for sealing the lips, as the listener is one of understanding, not of mere words. Speak whatsoever thy straitened heart desires.” Speak openly and nakedly, for I sleep not with the idol while clothed.

Therefore, be it known that in the realms of unity and the sovereign realm of detachment, there remains neither separation nor union, nor any branch that might return to its root. I shall mention one melody from the melodies of the Eternal Dove, and one note from the notes of the Eternal Chalice, that thou mayest gain a portion of life and recognize the value of this bounty of remembrance. This is that passage: “Glorified art Thou, O my God! All servants detach Thee from aught else save Thee, and all beings sanctify Thee from whatsoever is beside Thee. But I, in my impotence and poverty, have found none other than Thee from whom to detach Thee, and have witnessed naught besides Thee by which to sanctify Thee. By Thy might! Whenever I sought other than Thee, I found it to be nothing, and whenever I desired aught beside Thee, I witnessed it to be utterly non-existent.” And in another place He says: “Can there be for anyone other than Thee a manifest power that is not possessed by Thee, so that it might become the revealer of Thee? Blind is the eye that seeth Thee not! When wert Thou ever hidden that Thou shouldst need an evidence to lead to Thee?”

What can I say when not a single vein of mine is sober?

How can I describe that Beloved Who hath no peer?

In this moment, without lips, I tell to thee

Ancient mysteries anew, now hear from me

Open now thy earless ear at this time

For the mystery of “God doth what He will divine”

Three stations from this matter manifest be:

First separation, then union, and return makes three

This is far removed from the ranks of unity divine

Though such mention from that Being sublime

Is as virtues of the righteous compared to the sins of the near ones

Yet those immersed in the depths of oneness

Find none but Him to mention or describe

Thus doth He say: “Lord, immerse me

In the depths of Thy unity’s sea”

This station hath no shore

And this utterance no bound

How can this non-existent atom

This missing point that hath no name

In any gathering, no mention in any ring

Fulfill this task or express this theme?

This is a rank where His firstness

Is identical with His lastness

His outwardness the same as His inwardness

All words in this station are one reality

All differences but one name

And none knoweth how this can be

Save him whom God hath shown the creation of His Self

The shadows that seek after light

Vanish when His light doth shine bright

In this presence minds are lost aright

When the Pen reached this point it broke; therefore it is best that we seek from Him a share of this melody of grace and a portion of this draught of mercy, that we may become detached from all else and close the door of existence to all but Him, that we may become established in the dominion of glory and partake of the fruits of the tree of bounty and drink from the crystal springs of loving-kindness. As He says: “O my God! Grant me complete severance from all else save Thee, and enlighten the eyes of our hearts with the light of beholding Thee, that the eyes of the heart may burn away the veils of light and attain to the source of grandeur and joy, and that our spirits may become suspended in the glory of Thy holy splendor.”

Therefore, seeking Him is better than all stations, and mentioning His love is more beloved than all remembrances. O Thou Dawning-Place of Knowledge and Countenance of Forbearance!

Listen now, for the lover approaches,

Bound by His love with a rope of palm fiber.

This is the call of the enraptured lover that was raised in the thickets of the Psalms. I make mention of this that the manner in which His honored servants have clung to Him and kindled the fire of love may become known, that perchance the holy fragrances may attract thee and bring thee to the station of intimacy. But look with the eye of purpose, not with the eye of that which is abrogated, for He says: “Our command is but one.”

In the prayer of Kumayl ibn Ziyad an-Nakha’i, He mentions this passage: “Until all my deeds and my devotions become one devotion, and my condition in Thy service becomes eternal.” By His glory, O Point of Praise, if thou wouldst taste the sweetness of that station, thou wouldst never neglect it, even wert thou to be cut to pieces.

These are the passages that have been translated into Arabic: How excellent, O my God, is that which the nightingale of David sang in the garden of the Psalms, from the warbling of the dove of attraction upon visiting Thy countenance! O joy that Thy fire of oneness was kindled in the essence of Thine eternity!

O my God, my God! Remove me not far from Thee, for tribulations have encompassed me entirely. O my God, my God! Leave me not to myself, for calamities have wholly seized me. Give me to drink from the pure milk of Thy bounty, for thirsts have utterly consumed me. Shelter me beneath the wings of Thy mercy, for poverty has severely touched me. Feed me from the fruits of the tree of Thine eternity, for weakness has fully drawn near to me. Immerse me in the seas of forgiveness before the surging whale of majesty, for sins like mountains have caused my death.

O Ayaz, through Thy pain I have become as hair […]

I remained grief-stricken - tell my tale

Many a love story of Thine I have read with my soul

As I have become a tale, now read me

Thou readest, not I, O Guide

I am the Mount and Thou art Moses - this call

In confirmation of “beauty belongs to the beautiful,” whatever unique mention there is belongs to that Being, for Thou art the beginning and end of goodness, its source and its mine, since none is witnessed but Thee and none is mentioned but You. They tell of the mystic Nuri that one day he was earnestly searching and examining by a grave. They asked what he was doing. He replied: “Other than what people do.” The questioner grew more perplexed and pressed further. Then he said: “O brother, people seek God and find Him not, while I seek other than Him and find not what I seek.”

This breath of life has lifted my garment’s hem

Having caught the fragrance of Joseph’s raiment

At this point my pen was struck down, and I say: “Glory be unto Thee! I am of those who repent and seek forgiveness.” And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Impregnable, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath decreed separation for the lovers, and through their yearning hath drawn unto Him all who dwell in the horizons. Exalted is He Who hath appeared with this effulgence, whereby was made manifest the station of him who fulfilled the Covenant on the day of separation. He is the One Whose praise cannot be recorded by pens nor completed through pages.

O My loved one! By the life of God, the fire of thy love hath ignited My limbs and joints, and its flames play in every vein of My being even as the rays of the sun play amidst the trees. Glorified be He Who kindled the fire of His love in thy heart, and exalted be He Who cast upon thee that which took thee from thyself and made thee attracted by His fragrances, trembling from His sweet savours, and intoxicated with the wine of His love.

By thy life! Thy letter hath taken complete possession of My heart, through it My soul was gladdened and My breast was dilated, and the bird of My love took wing, for it was redolent with the fragrance of the love of our Beloved, your Beloved, and the Beloved of all the worlds. The Servant beareth witness that He found in thy letter naught but pure love and affection, and dedication to the service of the Cause of God, the Lord of creation. I beseech God, My Lord, to give you to drink, at all times, from the ocean of His wondrous favors and the gems of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Answerer of prayers.

When the cup of your love, which lay concealed in the depths of your words, seized Me, I set aside what I had written and took what you had sent to the Most Exalted Station and the Ultimate Goal. When I appeared before His presence, I stood before His countenance, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "What is that in thy right hand?" I submitted: "This is a petition from one who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause and hath voiced Thy praise among Thy servants, who hath appeared before the Throne by Thy command and departed with Thy leave." And I presented before His presence that wherewith thou didst praise God, the Lord of the worlds, and that wherewith thou didst call upon the Beloved of the mystics, and that wherewith thou didst commune with the Desired One of all seekers. When this was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke once again, and from the heaven of grace shone forth the suns of loving-kindness, compassion, mercy and bounty. This is what was uttered by the Lord of Eternity:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great […]

O Warqa! The servant hath appeared before Us and presented what was in thy letter. Verily, We found it a mirror reflecting thy love for the Beloved of the world and thy devotion to Him. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh, for having drunk, and for having attained. Verily thy Lord is the One Who maketh manifest, the Manifest. We have witnessed the fire that hath encompassed thee in thy love for thy Lord, and We have seen its flames and heard its roaring. Exalted is He Who kindled it, Who set it ablaze, and Who caused it to appear. He is the Omnipotent before Whose power the essence of might itself confesseth its powerlessness. Verily thy Lord is He Who heareth and seeth; He is the All-Informed. Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth thee as He remembered thee before, and in this moment wherein He walketh and saith: "I have found the fragrance of thy love and witnessed thy sincerity and humility, for thy heart was mindful of My remembrance and thy tongue was praising Me with beautiful praise." Thus hath the ocean of life overflowed that thou mayest rejoice in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Warqa! Thy call hath been heard and thy letter was presented before the Throne. Praise be to God that from it were witnessed the burning flames of the love of God. God willing, thou shalt forever and always be delighting in the mention of the Friend, drinking in His name, finding rest in His remembrance, and occupied with thoughts of Him, that perchance distant souls may draw near to the ocean of nearness and weary souls may hasten, through the heat of the Word, toward that direction which is sanctified from [all directions]. Some of the faithful are observed to be sorrowful, nay, fearful, due to the occurrence in the Land of ?ad, whereas the hand of God's power especially raised them up and showered upon them from the heaven of mercy and the clouds of grace the rains of blessing and bounty, and His complete power adorned them with the ornament of glory amidst mankind, such that the tongues of the sincere ones and those drawn nigh spoke in their praise, and they attained to such a station that even enemies bore witness to the loftiness of their rank, and in [their final] days they attained to the most exalted and supreme station, which is the greatest martyrdom - a station which the chosen ones and friends of God have forever yearned for and sought after. Nevertheless, some are seen to be troubled and grieved. God willing, this sorrow hath appeared due to love for them. By the ocean of inner meanings! If the station of but one servant among their servants who are now engaged in service were to be revealed, all the peoples of the earth would be thunderstruck. Blessed is he who reflecteth upon what hath come to pass, that he may become aware of the greatness of the Cause and its sovereignty. This station which they

attained was what they themselves had beseeched from God, exalted be His glory, and what they had sought after with the utmost eagerness and longing. Say: O friends! Ye have endured much in the path of love for the Beloved of the worlds. Ye have witnessed what was not fit to be seen, and have heard what was not worthy to be heard, and in the path of the Friend ye have borne matters which were in truth heavier than mountains. Blessed be your appearance, your eyes, and your ears for what they have borne, seen, and heard. Now, know ye the worth of this most exalted and sublime station and waste it not. In every case, this world is transient and all who dwell therein shall fall under the claws of death, and all that is therein shall be afflicted by the talons of change. Beseech ye God, exalted be His glory, at all times to preserve you and keep you steadfast on the path of His Cause. Know ye this much, that whatsoever is in His path […]

That which ye have endured, and have witnessed and heard, hath been through His grace and favor, wherewith ye have been specially endowed. His mention of you in the Tablets hath been and shall continue to be yet another token of His grace. Ye have drunk the cup of tribulation in His path; drink ye now the choice wine from the cups of His remembrance and bounty. God willing, may ye be enabled to serve His Cause. We counsel all to manifest praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, and befitting and commendable actions. In this day it behooveth each one to hold fast unto that which will promote the Cause of God and to cleave thereunto. Say: Thus much do we declare, and leave the rest to your fairness to judge what beseemeth such a Day. Be not grieved by outward weakness, abasement and distraction. I swear by the Sun in the heaven of independence that glory, wealth and riches circle round about you, making mention of you and inclining toward you. Though by divine wisdom their manifestation may remain concealed for a time, days shall come when each one shall shine forth even as the sun in splendor and brilliance. We beseech God that the people may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterances and truly discover it. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon My name who gave up his spirit in My path and dwelleth in the precincts of My mercy.

We make mention, at the end of this epistle, of thy brother who turned his face toward My countenance and stood before the gate of My grandeur and heard My wondrous and glorious call. God willing, may that which hath been mentioned not fade from their sight. May they rest assured of divine favors and drink at all times from the choice wine of remembrance and keep their gaze fixed upon His direction. God willing, may the mention of love and unity not depart from sight.

In this place We make mention of him who was named Kazim, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy brother who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Behold, then call to mind Our servant Kazim who was martyred in the land of ?ad - a martyrdom at whose tragedy the atoms of creation wept, and beyond them the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the cities of Names. Thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this.

O Kazim! Reflect upon God's loving-kindness and observe His mercy that hath preceded all creation. Ponder the blessed word that was revealed in the Book of ?a and Sin. He saith, and His word is the truth: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." And since those holy souls forsook the world and all who dwell therein for the sake of the Lord of Oneness, and attained unto the chalice of martyrdom which is in truth

the most exalted cup, the Supreme Pen is seen to be engaged in their remembrance morn and eve. I swear by the Sun of the Kingdom of Utterance that were the scratching of the Supreme Pen truly heard by hearing ears, all people would rush forth from their homes, crying “Here am I, O my God, here am I!” Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the heart that hath understood what hath transpired, and the taste that hath savored what hath appeared from the ocean of thy Lord’s grace, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Kazim! Act according to what thou hast been commanded and thou shalt behold thy Lord’s all-encompassing grace upon the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the mountains were scattered, the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and the people were shaken, save those whom God wished, the Powerful, the Preserver, the Mighty.

The degrees of divine favors and grace are manifest and evident from these heavenly utterances. What else can this servant mention or submit? Were the entire world to become utterance, it would be as nothing compared to a single word from His Tablets, and were all creation to become tongues and cry out, it would be seen as non-existent before the call of a single bird of the Divine Throne. However, since mention of God’s loved ones is beloved, while acknowledging my powerlessness and confessing my shortcomings, I burden you with these unworthy words. I convey greetings to his honor Aqa Mirza Husayn, and likewise to his honor Haji Kazim, upon him be the glory of God. All that was mentioned in your letter was submitted before the Most Holy Court. He said: “Act according to what We have commanded thee in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds.” God willing, detached from the world, they shall speak in remembrance of the Ancient King and Lord of nations. Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning soul who hath turned unto Him. When you meet the divine friends, express the powerlessness and nothingness of this evanescent servant. God the One is witness that those accepted souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of inner meanings have been and will remain remembered in heart and tongue. Glory be upon them, praise be upon them, exaltation be upon them.

Blessed art thou, for the Sun of Grace hath dawned upon thee time and again, again and yet again. By God! A single word that proceedeth from the Tongue of Grandeur in praise of His loved ones cannot be equaled by all that existeth in the seen and unseen realms. Praise be unto this Desired One, and glory be unto this Beloved One. The Tablets which thou hadst requested are being sent in concert with his honor Aqa Muhammad-’Ali.

[Note: The opening section in brackets appears to provide context about a letter written to Mirza Mustafa, who was not present to receive a response as he had gone to ’Akka. Since this appears to be contextual framing rather than part of the actual message, it is not included in the translation of the divine utterance itself.]

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This is the Visitation Prayer that was named after Maryam, who was ignited with the fire of her Lord’s love before being touched by it. We veiled her station during her life, but when she ascended to the

Supreme Companion, God removed the veil and made her known to His servants. Whoever wishes to visit the handmaiden who was martyred, let them recite this Visitation Prayer:

In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most High

O Supreme Pen! Joy did not overtake thee in the days of thy Lord, the Most High, that thou mightest warble upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree with the melodies of Baha. Rather, thou wert touched by the supreme calamity whereupon the earth and heaven wailed. Then mention what befell thee from the decrees of fate, that tears may flow from those in the depths of the names at this calamity whereby Paradise trembled, the worlds were shaken, the realities of contingent beings were disturbed, and the Eye of Grandeur wept upon the throne of His Name, the All-Merciful.

Say: May the first mercy that descended from the clouds of thy Lord's will, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, and the first light that shone from the horizon of eternity, and the first peace that appeared from the tongue of grandeur in the Kingdom of divine decree, be upon thee, O Most Great Sign, Most Exalted Word, Luminous Pearl, and Divine Countenance in the heaven of destiny.

How can I mention thy trials, O Crimson Leaf! By God, through thy fall from the Tree of the Cause, the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree fell, the branches of the Tree of Eternity were broken, the boughs of the Tree of Blessedness dried up, the hearts of the near ones bled, the faces of the chosen ones turned pale, and the hearts of the pious in the Highest Paradise became entangled. The Faithful Spirit lamented in the presence of the All-Glorious, and the dwellers of earth and heaven cried out.

Thou wert the beauty mark of guidance on the countenance of handmaidens, and the brilliant star on the brow of piety. Through thee the clouds of idle fancies were rent asunder from the face of women, and through thee their temples were adorned with the ornament of the remembrance of the Lord of earth and heaven.

Thou art she who, upon hearing God's call, tarried not for an instant but hastened unto Him, detached from all else. Thou didst believe in Him and His mighty signs, and recognized the Manifestation of His Self in His days, after those in the heavens and earth were terrified, save those whom the hand of thy Lord's will, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, had upheld, and whom He had delivered from the depths of self and passion.

Thou wert a stranger in thine own land, a captive in thine own house, distant from the holy court despite thy longing, and barred from the seat of nearness despite thy yearning and thy turning unto Him. Thou art she whom the winds of thy Lord the All-Merciful's will moved as He pleased and desired, and thou hadst no motion nor rest save by His command and leave. Blessed art thou for having made thy will extinct in the will of thy Lord and thy desire nonexistent in what thy Master desired.

Thou art she whom neither the hints of the hypocrites deterred from the Luminary of the horizons, nor the turning away of the covenant-breakers from the Lord of the Day of Meeting. Thou didst fulfill the Covenant on a day when eyes were fixed in terror and the wicked dispersed from around the Manifestation of thy Lord, the Chosen One, save a few of the righteous.

Alas, alas! At thy calamity the Pen was prevented from flowing, the breezes of sorrow passed over the dwellers of Paradise, whereby the pillars of the all-embracing Word were sundered, and the forms of the disconnected letters appeared at the beginning of the Surihs of the Book, and thereby minds were fettered in the world of might, and prime matter donned the garment of form in the kingdom of decree.

I swear by Thy glory, O Most Sublime Leaf! It is hard for Me to behold the world and not see Thee, and to hear the cooing of the dove yet not hear Thy melodies raised in praise of Thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. By God! Through Thy sorrow all things have been saddened, even all that was created in the kingdom of existence, and the Daysprings of the Names have donned garments of black. How can I recall, O Beloved of Baha, those days wherein Thou didst warble upon the twigs with diverse melodies in remembrance of Thy Lord, the All-Merciful? Through Thy songs in praise of Thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, were raised the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, the cooing of the Mystic Dove, the flowing of the Water of Life, the whispering of the breezes of Paradise, and the crowing of the Celestial Bird in remembrance of Thy Lord, the Almighty, the Help in Peril.

Thou art the One through Whose praise all existence praised its Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. After Thee the Dove was silenced, the winds stilled, the lamps of prosperity extinguished, and the waters of success frozen. Blind is the eye that saw not in Thy countenance the freshness of the All-Merciful, that wept not for the sorrows that befell Thee, and mute is the tongue that remembereth Thee not among the concourse of creation.

Blessed be those days wherein Thou didst stir upon the Tree and sing upon it the verses of divine unity, whereby was attracted the heart of every humble and submissive soul who sought its Lord with radiant, joyous, and beaming countenance. But alas for those days wherein Thy face was veiled, Thy presence concealed, and Thy meeting forbidden.

O woe, woe unto Thee, O Primal Leaf, Ancient Word, Primordial Essence, Divine Fruit, Celestial Countenance, Heavenly Sign, and Kingdom's Spirit! Through Thy calamity the seas were stilled of their waves, the trees of their fruits, the verses of their revelation, the words of their meanings, the heaven of its adornment, the earth of its vegetation, the waters of their flow, and the winds of their blowing. Were I to mention Thy tribulations as they truly were, existence would return to nothingness and the Pen of the Most High would cry out in anguish.

I know not which of Thy tribulations to recount before the Concourse on High - shall I mention what befell Thee from Thy loved ones, or what was visited upon Thee by the enemies of God, Lord of the first and last? Thou art the One Who bore in Thy Lord's path what no other devoted maid hath borne, whereby flowed the tears of the secluded ones in their chambers, and the maidens of Paradise fell prostrate upon the dust and the beauties of the highest Paradise rent their hair.

O Crimson Leaf! Through Thy calamity was transformed the face of Revelation, joy was changed to sorrow, the pillars of the Frequented Fane were shaken, and the scroll was rolled up. Alas, alas! Through Thy tribulation all existence, both seen and unseen, accepted the decree of death after life, and the Primal Will donned the cloak of names and attributes[…]

Alas, alas, O Word of Baha and martyr in the path of Baha! How many nights I wept upon my couch in longing for the presence of Baha, and how many days I burned with the fire of yearning, seeking reunion with Baha and turning toward the countenance of Baha wherein naught can be seen save God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Verily, thou didst desire from His face naught save the face of thy Lord, as beareth witness to this the Concourse on High and then the denizens of the immortal realm. Blind be the eye that perceiveth not in thee the sign of divine unity and the manifestation of oneness. O thou who art mentioned by the tongue of Baha! By God, the feminine gender is ashamed to be attributed to thee, O pride of men! Blessed art thou, O manifestation of beauty! Blessed art thou in that God hath purified thee from eternity from the doubts of the misguided ones and preserved thee from commotion. Verily He is the Mighty, the Exalted, and unto Him returneth the decree of the beginning and the end. I testify that thou wert a leaf continually stirred by the winds of God's will, and thou wert not seized by the intimations of the people of hypocrisy who broke the Covenant and denied God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is the maidservant who found solace in thee, who heard thy mention, who held fast to the cord of thy love, and who through thee drew nigh unto God, thy Creator and Fashioner. She who tasted not thy love purely for thy Lord's sake is deprived of the grace wherewith God distinguished thee, and Paradise belongeth to the one who turned toward thee, wept for thee, and visited thee after thy death. O thou who art concealed within the layers of earth! Verily thy body is a trust from God, the Mighty, the Bestower, in the bosom of the earth, and thy spirit hath ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Companion. O God, my God! Befriend the one who befriendeth her, oppose the one who opposeth her, aid the one who aideth her, and grant to the one who visiteth her the best of this world and the next, and that which Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee and for the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the King of Kings and the Merciful to the servants. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thou doest what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the throne and the dust, and the Lord of the last and the first. Glorified art Thou, O God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Manifestation of Thy Most Exalted Self, and by Thy greatest appearances, and by Thy signs that have encompassed earth and heaven, then by this grave which Thou hast made a receptacle of Thy love and the resting place of a leaf from the leaves of the Tree of Thy Revelation, that Thou wilt not drive me from Thy door nor deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by her and by all the Manifestations of Thy names, that Thou wilt not leave me to myself and my desires, nor make me one of those who opposed Thee and turned away from Thee on the Day whereon Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne of Thy mercy and didst manifest Thyself unto all things through all Thy names. Therefore, O my God, give me to drink from the spring of Thy knowledge and the fountain of Thy grace, that thereby I may become detached from all else save Thee and turn toward the sanctuary of Thy reunion and Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the fire which Thou didst kindle in the breast of this Leaf who was stirred by the winds of Thy Will and spoke in praise of Thy Self, to ignite the hearts of Thy servants with the fire of Thy love that they may detach themselves from those who have disbelieved and turn their faces toward Thee. Then send down, O my God, upon me and upon Thy detached servants and steadfast loved ones the good of this world and the world to come. Then forgive us and our fathers and our mothers and our

brothers and our sisters and our offspring and our kindred from among those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and who have acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness and submitted to Thy Cause and spoken in Thy praise. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful and will ever remain sovereign. No name preventeth Thee from another name, nor any attribute from another attribute. All names are servants unto Thy Self, and circle around Thee, and are submissive to Thy sovereignty, and are humble before the manifestation of the signs of Thy power, and are lowly before the dawning rays of the lights of Thy countenance. Verily Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be sanctified from Thy creation and Thy creatures. To this do testify my soul and all atoms, and my being and the beings of all who have been created between the earth and the heavens. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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In the name of God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Let truth bear witness and every fair-minded soul testify that this evanescent servant, having attained the blessing of His presence, has been occupied day and night with the remembrance of His chosen ones and loved ones. Letters were repeatedly written to each one, from which wafted the fragrance of humility, submissiveness, love and affection. To the extent possible, effort and striving were made to rectify the affairs of each one. Despite my powerlessness and lowliness, no negligence occurred in offering counsels and exhortations. Whatever was heard in these stations was disclosed, with the purpose that hearts and souls might attain what is befitting and turn away from what is unworthy, and that unity might become manifest among the servants. Indeed, the ultimate purpose and universal aim was that the hidden rancor and hatred in the breasts of the various parties might be transformed into affection and unity. You yourself bear witness to what has been mentioned. However, regarding your affairs at the beginning, one day one of the Afnan was present before the Master, Who said that some arrangement should be made for Aqa Muhammad-'Ali so that he would not remain idle in the great city and would maintain respect and honor among the people of that land. Finally they acquiesced and mentioned what was later carried out. Then it was reported that each one had designated or would designate a sum, and that merchandise would be sent to him from wherever he requested. If you reflect carefully on this matter, you will testify to the favors that were bestowed upon you, and the friends referred their business dealings to you, both in this land and abroad. Repeatedly some complained that Aqa Muhammad-'Ali was not sending merchandise according to requests - that he was sending items contrary to what was ordered. By God, besides Whom there is no other God, this servant was repeatedly present when they said to the departed and blessed Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be God's favor and mercy: "Do not complain, for praise be to God, you have suffered no loss from what has been sent." It is hoped that intentions will become pure and deeds will be manifested for the sake of God. In such case, profit is present and loss is absent. The days continued until these days when one day your letter arrived mentioning a theft, saying "They broke my safe and took three hundred and fifty liras," and after some time you attributed this to the Overseer, stating that if permission were granted you would prove it. That letter in your handwriting is still at hand. Another day the honored beloved, Haji Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar, may God strengthen him, the Lord of Power,

sent a letter from you and also mentioned it verbally. In that letter too it was stated that if permission were granted you would prove it. After these matters were presented, both the servant and they said to write to you to definitely prove it and make the claim and receive it. We both wrote and sent it. No response came. And the honored Afnan, upon him be God's peace and favor, wrote that the letter was delivered to Aqa Muhammad-'Ali in the presence of Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, may God strengthen him […]

We too greatly insisted that you act according to your own writing, prove it and obtain it, but we heard no proper response. Then one day His Holiness Haji Siyyid Ali Akbar, may God strengthen him, arrived with a letter in your handwriting stating that "They have taken my property" - how little it is that now you say "Come and prove it." You yourself be fair - what relation does this statement have with the previous one? You yourself repeatedly sought permission to prove it. What was and is the duty of this servant in this regard? In any case, the contradiction between these two statements caused bewilderment. What matter in the world has ever been settled by mere claim without proof, that this matter should be so? Every claim requires proof, and without proof whatever is said is not acceptable to any rational person. Hence there was no choice but silence. After the second letter they said "Glory be to God! This matter has nothing to do with us. The honored Nazir and Aqa Muhammad Ali both claimed love. If something occurs between them they should, like other people, resort to whatever will establish the right." Then news and letters arrived from the Holy Land, that is, news of the meetings and discussions, and it was observed that finally they had resorted to things that caused harm, loss and dishonor. Nevertheless, we remained silent and bewildered. The news about the honored Nazir came after the news about the honored Siyyid and his imprisonment. If Nazir took it, why did they imprison the Siyyid before Nazir? And if the Siyyid took it, what do they want from Nazir? In any case, the statements are contradictory and the actions are contradictory. Now be fair - what is the duty? This servant and others did not understand your purpose in these matters and their mention, as that aspect had nothing to do with here. In the previous year His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Haji Mirza Aqa, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, transferred to His Holiness the Master, may my spirit be sacrificed for Him, half of what they had given to you, and this small amount was returned here. The rest of what was with you and what was with the honored Haji Shaykh Muhammad Ali, upon him be God's favor, had and has nothing to do with here. By the truth of Truth, I say truthfully that not one dinar of it was returned to this place and absolutely nothing was said about these matters. Glory be to God! All your letters contradicted each other. Here you wrote that out of respect for the Cause you had not mentioned it to anyone, but then the honored Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be God's favor, mentioned that you had written to them also and entrusted it to them, and likewise news came from other places, and in that land was said that which is not proper to mention. I complain of my distress and grief to God. They said "Write to Muhammad Ali that the utmost love was shown towards him, and in return for that you did what was not befitting of the faithful." […]

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

daily expenses of the Nazir? What this servant knows and has been informed of is that he had a property in ’Ishqabad which Ustad ’Ali-Akbar sold, and when the Nazir was staying in this land, news arrived that it was sold for four hundred tumans. Additionally, during this journey he had some funds entrusted to him by others, and also an amount of turquoise given to him by one of the friends which, as some who are still present in the Holy Land know, he sold and took the proceeds. Each of these instances is specified here and can be sent if necessary. Apart from these, ask any wise and fair person whether such matters can prove theft by anyone. Glory be to God! By what proof or evidence can these servants make such accusations against anyone? I swear by the one God that the intention was not and is not to defend him. However, because during his previous time in this land, the friends who came to him from Iran were shown the utmost kindness - some stayed with him for two years. In any case, mention of his service to the servants of God spread widely, and after the upheaval in those regions during the sedition of Sheikh Ubeydullah, he came to this land and resided here for seven years. I testify by God that nothing contrary was seen from him in this land. Is it possible for someone to arrive and not be treated with kindness? You yourself know that in all cases it is fitting to act with kindness, not unkindness. And if someone has a dispute with one of the affiliates and makes a claim, surely judgment should be issued without discrimination - and God suffices as witness. After returning from that direction, the aforementioned one did not even come to this land. Great injustice has been done to him, as before proving all these false accusations it is not necessary and is not permitted in any religious law. And as for the affairs of Haji Sheikh Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be God’s care, after the conflicts and disputes of that land they summoned him and ordered him to return to his homeland. No betrayal or fault can be attributed to him. The amount of seven hundred liras, as he himself had written previously, he had lost in certain matters. Now he has given a valid promissory note to return it to the owners of the funds, and his brother, his eminence Samandar, upon him be God’s care and favors, has also agreed to pay and deliver it to the rightful owners. Beyond this, outwardly no contrary matter was heard or seen from him. In any case, your letters have caused much astonishment […]

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

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

Praise befitteth the Sovereign of existence and the King of the seen and unseen, Who illumined the hearts of them who are nigh and sincere with the light of His blessed Word, and kindled them with the fire of His blessed Tree - a kindling such that neither the clamor of the servants, nor the tumult of the people, nor the might of the divines, nor the turning away of the mystics could deter them; nay rather, it increased their ardor. Exalted be their stations, lofty their ranks, and mighty their steadfastness! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the eyes are illumined and the tongues of the righteous are loosed! I beseech Thee to aid Thy servants to gaze toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon - the Station which hath been illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being! Then send down upon those who have arisen to serve Thy Cause the rain of Thy mercy, and protect them from those who have turned away from Thy Beauty and have arisen to extinguish Thy light. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the kingdoms of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, that beloved one sent to this evanescent one the letter which he had dispatched to His Honor the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and all of it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! We have made mention of thee once in the evening and again in the morning, and yet again at this moment when the servant present hath brought another letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty, who circumambulateth the House and the Most Great Throne of God at eventide and at dawn. Ponder that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s Will and that which every sinful doubter hath uttered. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away what the people possess and taken what it hath been commanded by God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who follow fancy and vain imaginings. Arise to redeem what hath passed you by, then turn unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving. We remind you for the sake of God - to this testify the atoms of creation and beyond them those who possess the secrets of the Book. Thus hath shone forth the Sun of Knowledge from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord’s utterance, the Master of all mankind.

Thus ended. Praise be to God, that beloved one hath repeatedly been honored with mention by the True One, exalted be His glory, at this time. Though there was delay in responding to the letters, yet by God’s grace each word received its answer.

As for what you wrote concerning His Honor Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-i-Sahhaf, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His station:

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing […]

O Muhammad! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. By the life of God, thy sighs and lamentations in separation from the Wronged One have been heard. God, exalted be His glory, beareth witness to thy sighs and tears. Thy cry is moving and thy purpose well-pleasing, but due to the darkness of the oppressors, restrain thyself, being content with My good-pleasure, patient under My decree, and vocal in My beautiful praise. We have been with thee and have witnessed thy state in thy love for thy Wronged Lord, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands for having summoned all unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of My love! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, it calleth thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise that thou mayest find therefrom the fragrance of My love and My grace. Beware, and I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. We behold thee standing at the door. Be thou assured and be of the thankful. He exalteth whom He willeth through a word from His presence and abaseth whom He desireth. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. Consider the leaders of the earth and reflect on what the Most Exalted Pen hath moved against them. Know thou this, then conceal it from every remote oppressor.

O Muhammad! Whatsoever hath appeared and will appear in the world hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen aforetime. Should anyone read the divine verses and ponder with insight, he would testify with absolute certainty that His knowledge encompasseth all things, His power prevaileth over all, and His Cause penetrateth all things. These words flow from the tongue of grandeur that thou mayest be assured that He hath not been and is not heedless of thee. Verily, He is with those who love Him and desire Him, and He is the Truthful, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

His is the grace, His is the bounty, and His is the bestowal. Were the glances of His favor to be withheld for a moment, these servants would be seen as decayed bones. We have believed in Him, have placed our trust in Him, and we beseech from Him that which will draw us nigh unto Him, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

And concerning what thou didst write about Master Muhammad-Quli, the Tailor, upon him be the glory of God, mention of him too was made in the Most Great Presence and was submitted before the countenance of the Lord of existence. This is what the Desired One hath spoken in reply, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Muhammad-Quli! The Wronged One of the horizons hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee with verses from whose fragrance the people of the graves have arisen. God, exalted be His glory, hath regarded and continueth to regard His loved ones, but the veils of heedless souls and thick coverings have become an obstacle. Verily, He desireth whomsoever hath desired Him and turneth unto whomsoever hath turned unto Him. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Be thou not grieved, and lament not at separation. The Cause is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Deliver that which hath been specifically sent down from the heaven of divine will for these two souls, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace and favor. God willing, may they drink from the ocean of joy and be vocal in the remembrance of the Friend. This land is observed to be somewhat disturbed. The populace hath exceeded the bounds of moderation and, beyond all else, no dwelling, residence or locality is to be found.

From the lamentations of these two friends it was observed that their effect reached, in some measure, the hem of the garment of the Beloved of the worlds. His compassion and loving-kindness are of such magnitude as to leave man bewildered at their mention, for whatever might be said falls short. This evanescent one beseeches the ocean of His generosity to grant solace through the light of attainment

unto the enkindled souls. In these days, due to a gathering that took place in this land, certain matters were discussed. Notwithstanding all this, it is hoped that the prayers of the friends may be answered. God willing, may some soul be assisted to establish a Mashriqu'l-Adhkar in this land, and beside it a place for the righteous, for no suitable location can be found in this land. From all directions people of every description have turned to this land specifically for commerce.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad and Aqa 'Ali-Asghar, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before His presence. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad! He Who maketh mention of thee hath made mention of thee. We have mentioned thee through verses that have set the world ablaze. Verily thy Lord maketh mention of him who hath loved Him, and He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. The Truth hath come and the Balance hath appeared, yet most of the people are in doubt and discord. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that before which verses bow down. The servant in attendance brought thy likeness. Blessed is he for having attained the presence of the Countenance and for having been the object of God's glance from the most exalted station. O Muhammad! Dost thou know Who mentioneth thee - He through Whose mention the Books of God, the Lord of lords, have been adorned? Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Master of all necks! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in Thy days, but to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy generosity, O Lord of all mankind.

And We make mention of him who was named 'Ali-Asghar from this Most Great Scene and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all created things. Thy likeness was presented before the Wronged One, Whom God hath made sanctified from all likenesses. We have beheld thee and have revealed for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom's duration. He with Whom is the Mother Book beareth witness to this. Grieve not because of the people and their doings. Rather, rejoice in My mention, which cannot be equaled by all created things. When thou didst discover the fragrance of My utterance and didst attain unto My verses, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of all names! I testify that through Thee the Lote-Tree of the Extremity spoke, the Most Exalted Paradise was stirred, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in the Most High Paradise that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Praise be to God that both were blessed with His supreme bounty, for after this servant had perused the letter of His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, and presented the likenesses of both names before the Throne, these decisive verses were revealed especially for them from the heaven of bounty. God willing, may they attain to their reading and become cognizant of that which is befitting. There is no power nor strength save in God. This evanescent one conveys his greetings unto them and begs from God their success.

O My handmaiden! The recompense of no soul hath ever been, nor shall ever be, lost in the sight of God. Thy love and devotion are two mighty causes for the manifestation of thy remembrance from the horizon of the Divine Will, even as He now maketh mention of thee from within the Most Great Prison. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord and say: May my spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy remembrance, O Thou Who art not mentioned by names! We make mention of thy daughter, who turned unto God and believed

when she heard of this Revelation which hath appeared with mighty sovereignty. We make mention, too, of thy sons and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who hath, on this Day, set his face towards the Ultimate Goal, and blessed is the handmaiden who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon them, and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

On this occasion that handmaiden and her kindred have been honored with the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. I beseech God that all may be enabled to hearken with true hearing. The women who have today attained unto recognition and confession and service of the friends of God are, in the sight of God, accounted among men, nay rather among the heroes, inasmuch as neither the censure of the critic, nor the scorn of the scorner, nor the clamor of the heedless hath deterred them or shall ever deter them. Their hearts are strong and their feet are firm. I swear by the Day-Star of the horizon of utterance that the mere nail-paring of one of the believing handmaidens of today is, in the sight of God, more preferred than the divines of Persia who, after thirteen hundred years of expectation, have perpetrated what the Jews had not perpetrated at the appearance of the Spirit [Christ]. I beseech God to bestow justice and to guide unto the straight path. Although those hapless ones are unaware and consider what they hear of the Revelation of God and His signs and evidences to be baseless, yet I swear by the life of God that were they to be present for but an hour at the time of revelation before the Throne, the utterance of the All-Merciful would of a certainty so attract them that they would prostrate themselves involuntarily. The colors of the world and its ornaments, and the delusion of vain learning, have debarred them from the straight path of the One True God. One must pray - the grace of God, exalted be His glory, is abundant - that perchance at some time His loving-kindness may be directed towards those heedless souls and may make them aware. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

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

Praise be to Him Who hath spoken after His sanctification beyond utterance, and taught after His transcendence beyond expression. He is the One Who hath made the Most Exalted Pen the interpreter among all peoples, and through it revealed whatsoever He desired through His Name which He made the Sovereign of all names in the kingdom of creation. Glorified be He Who is singular in majesty and greatness and unique in might and power. His sovereignty hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and His mercy hath preceded the realms of divine and earthly dominion. He is the One Who cannot be described by names nor mentioned by attributes. Every near one hath acknowledged his remoteness, every knower confessed his ignorance, and every wise one testified to his heedlessness. He hath subdued all things through the Word that hath shone forth and radiated from the horizon of His Will, and guided humanity unto His Path wherewith none have attained save honored servants. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

Thereafter, this servant received thy letter which thou hadst previously sent. I took it, opened it, read it, and found therein the fragrance of thy love for our Lord, the Lord of the visible and invisible, the Lord of all humanity, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times. When appropriate, it was presented before the Throne. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Teacher, the Revealer, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Greater trials than what have befallen the sincere and near servants of God have befallen thy Lord. By the life of Baha! He glorieth in tribulation in God's path, the Lord of Names, yet people flee from it in evident fear. We have adorned the body with tribulation and embellished the spirit with a joy that no earthly joy can equal. Thus hath spoken He Who was sanctified above all that the worlds have comprehended. Hold fast to the cord of patience by the command of thy Chosen Lord and say:

O my God and Master of my destiny and Beloved of my heart! Thou seest what hath befallen me in Thy days and knowest my condition in Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which rivers of Thy mercy flowed from rock, signs of Thy grandeur appeared from the seas, and manifestations of Thy power from the branches, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and holding fast to the cord of Thy love. I testify that this is the Day wherein the great terror hath appeared and every hidden matter hath been revealed. Forgive, O my God, every movement that hath appeared from me contrary to Thy will, then enable me to do what befitteth Thy days, then write down for me through Thy grace that which will preserve me from all else but Thee. O Lord! Make me among those who have fled from desire to the Ultimate Tree and who have detached themselves from all else through Thy Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things, and Thou art the All-Powerful.

Until now numerous letters have arrived from thee. Praise be to God, all indicated thy degrees of love, affection, sincerity and steadfastness in God's Cause. Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee, for verily today whoever is adorned with the ornament of the love of God hath in truth attained unto all good. The entire world cannot equal a single word that issueth from the mouth of Divine Will concerning His loved ones, and these stations are today hidden from eyes. For were they to be revealed and were the people of the world to discover the mystery of the Cause, surely none would hesitate, let alone deny and reject.

That which you mentioned concerning the non-receipt of a reply - God, exalted be His station and His grandeur, is witness and testament that this delay has not been and will never be due to any lack of love, but rather due to the multitude of occupations and correspondence of this evanescent servant. From all directions, like rain, petitions and letters arrive, and this servant is, most of the time, engaged before the Throne in writing that which descends from the heaven of our Lord the Most Merciful's will. Whenever opportunity arises, he turns to the mention of the friends. None of you have been erased from heart and sight. Praise be to God, you are remembered before His presence and have attained His favors. However, strive to attain that which befits these days. All must today circle round the Most Great Ocean and speak with perfect unity. You and the friends of God should not be saddened by the delay in replies from this evanescent one, for all know and have known the reason for the delay.

Concerning what you wrote about the Most Great Holy Leaf, the honored sister - may our spirits be sacrificed for her sake - it was presented, and what you did was acceptable. We thank Him for His wondrous grace and favor.

Regarding what you wrote about your sister, it was presented before His presence. He said that since it was not in accordance with the Book's decree, it became a cause of difficulty and tribulation. However, God willing, His grace will bestow reward for this difficulty and tribulation. "O My loved ones! Avoid that which ye have been forbidden in the Book and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Helper, the All-Seeing." You should not be distressed by what occurred, for it has been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the daughter of Asdaq - upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] - and mentioned that she said these afflictions befalling you and your household are because her wishes are not being followed, these matters were presented before His presence. He said: "O Karim! Verily My servant Asdaq has a great station with thy Lord. He is among those who attained recognition of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, in the beginning of the Cause. We have mentioned him in the Books and Psalms and remember him in My days. Thy Lord is verily the Kind, the Forgiving. Blessed is he who found companionship with him in his lifetime and visited him after his passing. My Most Exalted Pen testifies that he perceived My fragrance, hastened to My Cause in My direction, and arose to serve this Cause whereby every firm edifice was shaken. He presented himself before the Throne with a radiant countenance and would stand at the gate most days, hearing the call of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Glory be upon him and upon those who visit him, from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen."

O Karim! What befell you was not because of what she mentioned. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing; with Him is the knowledge of all things in a glorious Book. Convey My greetings to her face and say: "O My handmaiden! Walk in the footsteps of thy father. Thus doth My wise Pen counsel thee." O Karim! The late Attar was among the early believers and attained the presence of God. The True One, glorified and mighty be He, has regarded and continues to regard his honor. Had what he intended been carried out, these vexations would not have occurred. Thus doth He inform thee, with Whom is the knowledge of what was and what will be. God willing, may you dwell with utmost joy and fragrance and complete love under the shadow of divine favor. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The Ismu'l-Jamal, upon him be Baha'u'llah, had mentioned the exalted Fath'u'llah. By My life! We were with him when he was ascending the ladder of grace and soaring in the atmosphere of his Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Generous. We make mention of him in this station as a token of Our favor, that thou mayest be of the thankful. He ascended on the wings of love and certitude to the horizon of the All-Merciful and attained a station that brought joy to his eyes and to the eyes of all beholders. O Fath'u'llah! Thou art the one who was mentioned during thy life before the Throne, and after thy ascension My Most Exalted Pen, from which every wise command hath been detailed, maketh mention of thee. This is a mention that nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of forgiveness from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He mentioneth whomsoever He willeth through His command. He is verily the Rememberer, the All-Knowing.

Indeed, grief and sorrow encompassed Our heart at his ascension, but this is only in the outward sense, for inwardly he has been freed from the troubles of this mortal world and has attained unto divine mercy. Blessed is he and those like him. What bounty could be greater than that the Tongue of Grandeur should utter such exalted words concerning a soul? A hundred thousand blessings upon him who attained to this station.

Convey condolences on behalf of this evanescent servant to his brother, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and to his mother, upon her be Baha'u'llah, and console them. God willing, this servant and all the friends are content and thankful with whatsoever proceedeth from the Peerless Beloved. The Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that the entire world exists so that a single soul might attain unto the word of contentment from His ocean of generosity.

Regarding what you wrote about the dream, it is among the disturbing dreams whose effect in the outer world is for gathering. According to His command, if one sees a disturbing dream and anxiety and grief arise therefrom, one should recite this blessed verse: "O Thou through Whose name the ocean of joy surgeth and the fragrance of gladness is wafted! I beseech Thee to show me from the wonders of Thy grace that which shall gladden my eye and rejoice my heart. Thou art verily the Bestower, the Generous." And even for dreams that are not disturbing, it is beloved to recite it.

This servant beseeches God to protect you and your loved ones from the mischief of those who utter calumnies - this is among the greatest of prayers, by the Lord of the throne and earth! This servant was engaged in writing this letter when the call "Come thou!" was manifested from the Source of Grandeur, and after attaining His presence, He said: "O thou who art present! We desire to make mention of Our servant Rahim, who hath attained unto My days, My love and My knowledge. Blessed is he for having fulfilled his covenant and pledge, and for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of his Lord's bountiful bestowal. O Rahim! God willing, mayest thou be blessed with His special favors. The fragrance of thy love hath been inhaled from times past and present. God willing, mayest thou attain the protection of this Most Great Station, for verily the evil ones lie in wait - thus doth the Tongue of Revelation inform you. Stand firm in the remembrance of God and His service in such wise that neither the vain imaginings nor the doubts of those who have denied God, the Exalted, the Great, shall deter thee. Hold fast to the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His bounty. The world hath ever been and shall ever be in transition. Grieve not over what hath passed thee by. Rather, rejoice in My beauteous remembrance and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy prison and sent unto me that which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that know.' Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds." End. On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey sublime and glorious greetings unto him, and likewise unto all the friends in that land. The Glory be upon you and upon them and upon God's assured, steadfast and firm servants.

The Servant

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O honored sir, respected Afnan, his eminence Aqa Siyyid Ahmad - upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - may he observe with radiant gaze.

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

The oceans of praise and gratitude, and the heaven of remembrance and glorification, befit and beseem the people of God, whom neither clamor nor barking nor bleating deterred from the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. They arose with supreme steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of creation - an uprising that neither the might of the sword nor the pen could prevent. They are the manifestations of the power of God, exalted be His glory, whose mention hath been and continues to be recorded in the heavenly Books of former and latter times. In the Qayyumu'l-Asma He saith - exalted and glorious be His Word: "And upon it are vessels of moist red ruby, wherein none shall embark save the people of Baha."

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who through Thy most exalted Word didst create earth and heaven, and through Thy Most Great Name didst illumine the horizon of the world - whereby existence was thunderstruck and feet did slip, save those whom the hand of Thy grace did protect. I beseech Thee, O my God and the God of all contingent beings, my Purpose and the Purpose of all created things, by the Dawning-Place of Signs and the Manifestation of clear evidences, to assist Thy Afnans, whom Thou hast related to Thyself and preferred above all other servants in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, to serve Thy Cause and to stand firm in that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, your remembrance and your service! The honored letter dated the ninth of Muharram arrived and gave life to the body, for from each letter emanated and diffused the fragrance of the love of the Desired One of the worlds. After reading and reviewing it, I sought permission to present it at the Most Exalted Presence, and after receiving leave, it was presented before His face and was honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word states: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Thy letter arrived and the servant present before My face made mention of it, and at this moment the effulgent rays of the Sun of inner meanings are directed towards thee. Well is it with thee! Today the world is in need of the Word of God. The sacred Being of God has ever been and will ever be self-sufficient and independent. As He said before and at this time: 'O people! Ye are the poor in your relation to God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praiseworthy.' Say: He hath come with the truth and was radiant with His lights, triumphant in His sovereignty, manifest in His signs, and sanctified in His exaltation and power. Nothing can frustrate Him and no matter can weaken Him. Say: O people of the Bayan! Die in your wrath! By God, He hath come before Whom the verses bow down and voices are hushed. Fear God and be not of the transgressors. In this Revelation there hath appeared what hath never appeared before nor will appear hereafter. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to this, as doth that which hath appeared through My firm and mighty Command. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have not been held back by the doubts of the heedless nor the insinuations of the opposers. The Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds."

Glory be to God! What do the heedless people imagine? They deny the station from which, from the beginning of the Cause until now, the signs of grandeur and power have been manifest and evident before the faces of the world. What do they affirm? This servant's very being trembles and his limbs quake with the fear of God at the mention of these stations. In all conditions, this evanescent one of no worth clings to the cord of grace and with the utmost lowliness and supplication implores and seeks bounty and mercy for the servants. Though mercy has preceded and grace has encompassed all, yet the words and deeds and actions of the transgressors have exceeded all bounds. In any case, we have never been and are not now in despair of the ocean of generosity and the sun of His bounty. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One. He heareth and answereth, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what was written about the funds, some time ago this servant, as commanded, wrote to Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hassan (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God) and emphasized that if they had any of the Right of God with them and if sending it would be accomplished with joy and fragrance, they should send it, otherwise not. Later Jinab-i-Amin forwarded some funds, and they were repeatedly written to, asking them to consult with him in all matters and act according to his judgment. In any case, God, exalted be His glory, was and is Self-Sufficient. They should, like Jinab-i-Amin (upon him be the Glory of God), hold fast to what is beneficial for the Cause and act accordingly. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist this servant and them and all to do what He loves and is pleased with.

Regarding Mr. F.Sh., upon him be the Glory of God, who requested a passage - four pages were sent, and God willing they will reach him and he will attain unto them. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist him at all times to serve the Cause. Today it is incumbent upon all to strive, that perchance former vain imaginings may not intervene and the helpless people may dwell in perfect tranquility beneath the canopy of grandeur. The command is in His grasp, and He is the Commander, the Wise, and the All-Knowing Doer.

They mentioned Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God. Whatever was given before and after, Jinab-i-Amin himself, upon him be the Glory of God, has written about. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist him to make mention and give praise, that perchance the sleeping ones may become aware and the dead may be adorned with the ornament of life. Mention of him was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and these exalted words were revealed from the Kingdom of utterance. His words, blessed and exalted be He: "O Muhammad-Qabil-Rida! Praise the Beloved of the world Who enabled thee to recognize Him Whom all have been created to know, yet from Whom they remain veiled and debarred. This station is great - know thou its value and preserve it in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory. The people are heedless. By the life of God, were they adorned with the ornament of awareness, they would sacrifice their lives to obtain but one word of the divine words. Whosoever today attaineth unto the Word of God hath attained unto all good, and is more precious in the sight of God than all that lieth hidden and visible in the earth. Reflect upon the deeds and words of the former people and their fruits on the Day of Resurrection. Should anyone become aware and witness the fruits of those souls' deeds, he would be adorned with the ornament of supreme steadfastness, would pass beyond the river of names, and would turn toward the ocean of inner meanings - a turning that neither ranks and multitudes could prevent nor the clamor of nations could hinder. Blessed is he who

hath attained, and woe unto the heedless, and woe unto the transgressors." End quote. Praise be to God, once again they drink from the cup of the favor of the Lord of all beings. The essences of existence circle round this bounty, and the people of the Kingdom make mention of this favor.

Regarding the mention they made of Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, as well as the mention of his acceptance, devotion and enthusiasm - praise be to God, he hath attained unto this most great station. Any soul adorned with the ornament of fairness will recognize that of which the people of the world are heedless, and will turn to a horizon from which most of mankind have turned away. This most great Cause hath not appeared in such wise as to leave any soul room for excuse, hesitation, or anything less, save those whom divine wrath and the recompense of their deeds have prevented and deprived. If someone denies the sun, its rays and its light, then to what else can he hold fast and what can he declare? I beseech and implore the True One to purify eyes and ears through His grace, that none may be deprived of hearing and beholding.

Regarding what they wrote about Aqa Mulla Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God - His Holiness Ismu'llah Zayn, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has also written something in this regard. God willing, may they be assisted and enabled to do that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God.

Mention was made of His Honour Haji Mulla Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God. I beseech the True One to confirm him in the remembrance of His Cause with wisdom and utterance, and to ignite within him such a fire that its traces may become manifest and evident in the world, and its warmth may endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. This lowly one conveys greetings and salutations to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for assistance on his behalf. He must at all times be mindful of wisdom, as this binding commandment hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. This lowly one offers greetings, salutations and praise to each of the Afnans of the divine Lote-Tree, and beseecheth for each that which is peerless. The Command is in His grasp; He ordaineth as He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory, remembrance, praise and peace be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning His Honour the Physician, upon him be the Glory of God and His favours, they wrote that according to instructions it was written to him to provide details about the House - how much had been received, how much remained, and likewise what were the costs of repairs. In any case, matters should now proceed with utmost brevity until news arrives. Whenever news from him arrives I shall inform your honour. The honored Afnan, His Honour Haji Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has also written something about repairs to the House. Thus far no reply has been sent to him as news from His Honour the Physician, upon him be the Glory of God, has not arrived.

The funds from His Honour Haji Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived through His Honour Haji Seyyed Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, and was accepted and acknowledged. It was written to him in the letter this servant wrote in reply to his letter, and the receipt for the funds sent to Bushruyyih was dispatched - they will observe it and deliver it.

In these days the blessed place of your honour and the great gentlemen, the Afnans, is very empty, as the Greater Afnan, the Afnan of China, and the Afnan of Beirut have attained the presence. Praise be to God, they have repeatedly attained and continue to attain. Praise be to our Lord in all conditions, verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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Praise be unto the Lord of incomparable sanctity, transcending all mention and utterance! Worthy is He, the Supreme Goal, Who created the world through His Most Exalted Word and adorned it with the ornament of knowledge and understanding. His is all praise and glory, His is all might and majesty. His power was not weakened by the might of princes, nor was His Will impeded by the clamor of divines. From the earliest days, He arose before the faces of all humanity - the learned and the ignorant, the possessors of glory, wealth, power and grandeur - and summoned all with the most exalted call to the supreme horizon. Where were they in those days, these souls who now arise in opposition? By the life of the Desired One! They were secluded and concealed behind the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings, behind multiple veils and barriers. Yet when the Sun of Proof shone forth from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's Will, they emerged from behind their veils with the swords of hatred. No person of insight, reason and understanding can deny what has been mentioned, for the Cause of this Most Great Revelation was never hidden - the hand of the enemies was ever afflicted.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all possibilities, Who art established upon the throne of grandeur and proof! I beseech Thee by the warbling of the doves of Thy most exalted Paradise to aid me in making mention of Thy loved ones and in praising them. O Lord! Thou seest one who hath turned unto Thee, seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in what he seeketh. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

[…follows with the remainder of the text which appears to be a Tablet addressing 'Abbasquli Khan]

O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the prison of 'Akka, when I was in the hands of the enemies who turned away from Thee, disputed Thy signs, and denied what Thou didst reveal in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the lights of Thy dominion, the mysteries of Thy kingdom, the pearls within the shells of the ocean of Thy wisdom, and by the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, in such wise that neither the veils of glory nor the clash of swords of the people of error may keep me from Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. Send down upon him from the clouds of the heaven of Thy mercy that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted.

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the Divine Call. By the life of God! Whosoever hath attained unto hearing it, neither the might of tyrants nor the power of Pharaohs hath kept him from the Dayspring of the Light of Unity and the Dawning-Place of ancient verses. With complete certitude and manifest light hath he dispelled the darkness of vain imaginings. He is the horseman in the arena of utterance. The

Pharaohs and tyrants mentioned in the Tablets, past and future, refer to the divines who have prevented the people from the Divine Law and the River of God's mercy. Consider the Shi'ih divines throughout the ages - how they cursed one another from the pulpits while uttering "O Qa'im" night and day. Yet when the world was illumined by the lights of the dawn of His Manifestation, they all arose with swords of hatred and rancor against the Purpose of the world and the Educator of nations. The fair-minded know what that people did and said. Even now in Iran they are occupied with cursing from all pulpits. Glory be to God! The deniers of the Bayan also cling to the same vain imaginings. It is incumbent and essential for the people of God to exercise the utmost effort in protecting souls, lest they be afflicted by the doubts of the barking ones and the allusions of the transgressors with the vain imaginings of the former party. These utterances have repeatedly shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine knowledge that perchance those who have turned to Him may attain the ornament of awareness and may find themselves, through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, free and detached from the world and all who dwell therein. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him, and that whereby His Cause may be exalted amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones. There is no God but Him, the King, the Single, the One, the True, the Just, the Manifest.

Praise be to God that that honored friend hath been illumined by the lights of the utterance of the Lord of eternity and adorned with the traces of His Most Exalted Pen. The tongues of the world cannot adequately render thanks for this supreme bounty, nor can the pen describe or the mind comprehend this mighty table. This servant beseecheth his Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below to give you to drink of the wine of immortality. Verily, He is the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens.

And regarding what was asked about the tradition which states: "Knowledge is twenty-seven letters. All that the Messengers have brought is two letters, and until today people have not known more than these two letters. When our Qa'im arises, He will bring forth the remaining twenty-five letters" - after being presented before the Most Holy Court, these exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of Divine Knowledge - exalted be His glory: "The intended meaning of the remaining letters refers to the station of the Blessed All-Embracing Word. Whosoever attains unto that Word will find himself independent of all the words of the world, and whosoever drinks of the hidden Kawthar contained therein will never be seized by the thirst and yearning of self and desire. This is that Word wherein all sciences and arts are concealed. This is the key to the city of steadfastness and the path of the community. This is that which breaks the might of idols and vain imaginings. Whosoever attains unto it has attained unto all that is befitting this day. This exalted Word has manifested from the world of the Divine Will to the world of Divine Purpose, and from Purpose to the realm of Lahut, and from Lahut to Jabarut, and from Jabarut to Malakut, and its manifestation in the form of the All-Embracing Word was revealed in the Tablet to Haydar-'Ali and Husayn - upon them be My glory and loving-kindness. It speaks in the garment of 'I am manifest' and is hidden in 'I am the One witnessed.' This is that Word which split asunder the breasts of the wayward ones, and shook the foundation of the sciences and arts of the opposers and transgressors. The original tradition was from the Messenger of God - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - and was mentioned by one of the letters of the Qur'an. Whosoever truly attains unto this blessed Word will see himself as the most exalted of creation and will become firm and steadfast in this Most Great

Cause. He will regard the doubts of the divines and the allusions of the sources of vain imaginings as absolute nothingness and utter non-existence. Blessed are they that attain, and blessed are they that understand." And in one sense, what was intended by it were the sciences and arts. In these days, this Wronged One is not inclined to interpret the words of the past. It was mentioned, due to the loving-kindness shown to that soul, that which diffuses the fragrance of divine utterance. Should anyone reflect upon it and become steadfast, he will be recorded among the companions of the Crimson Ark. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant, the Lord of the worlds.

The bounty of God is manifest and evident from the effulgences of the lights of His words. His grace has encompassed all, His mercy has preceded, and His loving-kindness has surrounded all. Can anyone truly thank Him as He deserves to be thanked, or praise Him as He deserves to be praised? The very act of thanksgiving requires thanksgiving, for the enabling grace of gratitude is from Him, and likewise praise. The seeing soul is truly bewildered by the wonders of the grace of the All-Bountiful and the favors of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. I send greetings and peace to the loved ones of that land, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, mercy and kindness, exalted be His glory. I beseech confirmation for each one. Today the people of Baha are mentioned and recorded as the Party of God in the Psalms, Scriptures, Books and Tablets. It is hoped that through His infinite grace they will arise as befits His days and His Cause, so that through their love the world may be illumined with the light of love, and through their burning passion it may be set ablaze. Verily our Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Helper, the All-Knowing. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have testified to that which God has testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

At this moment, there came to mind of this evanescent servant the honored and esteemed Aqa 'Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. It was as if his presence appeared before the face of this servant. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and grant him success in that which He loveth and is pleased with - though verily this prayer hath already been answered before its utterance. In any case, I convey greetings and glorification to him and to the honored Bik, upon him be the Glory of God, and to the honored 'A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, and to 'A.T., upon him be the Glory of God, and to those souls mentioned in their letter. I beseech for each one that which hath no peer or likeness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous. The beloved of the heart, his honor the Trustee (Amin), upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in every letter maketh mention of them and the friends in that land. He hath said that Amin is a clear book in mentioning the friends of God, the Lord of the worlds. I convey greetings and glorification to all the friends in that land, especially to those gentlemen who have been adorned, honored and distinguished with the ornament of special favor from God. Glory be upon them and upon those who love them.

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Praise be unto Him Whom the praise of all created things cannot describe and glory be unto Him Whom the glorification of all beings cannot extol. Remembrance be unto Him before Whose remembrance all remembrances bow down and all voices are hushed before His might and sovereignty. He is indeed the

One Who has made unity the garment of His manifestation amongst His servants, and the Almighty Who has made the prison the dawning-place of His light in His dominion. He created creation as a token of His grace and drew them to the Most Exalted Horizon as a sign of His loving-kindness, and guided them to His straight path and commanded them in His Noble Book with that which would benefit them. Exalted is the All-Bountiful Who has appeared and manifested what He willed on the Day of Reckoning. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thereafter, this servant attained unto the traces of your pen which called out in remembrance of my Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I heard the melodies of the letters and words in remembrance of God, the Revealer of verses, I ascended to the highest degrees until I attained the presence of the Lord of Names and Attributes and, after permission was granted, presented what was in your letter. Then the gate of utterance was opened with the key of the tongue. He, exalted be His glory, spoke:

In My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Great

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee and summoneth thee unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. His call hath been raised in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations, yet most of the people are heedless. The breeze of God hath wafted, yet most of the people are turning away. The divine fragrance hath been diffused and the bounty hath appeared and the heavenly table hath been sent down. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the proud ones. Blessed art thou for having taken the Book of God by His command and answered thy Lord when He spoke: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” We have remembered thee before and at this time wherein the Concourse on High lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who cast the Command of God behind their backs and seized that which they were forbidden in His mighty Book. Behold and then remember when My Name ?a (Haydar-’Ali) came to the place of sacrifice and gave all that he possessed in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he and blessed is thine uncle through whom the sighs of the Concourse on High ascended and the tears of the Messengers descended. By the life of God! Through him joy was transformed into the greatest sorrow and My mighty Throne did lament. Through him the thrones of gladness and delight, of joy and felicity were overthrown, whereunto the Mother Book beareth witness in this exalted station.

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the most great bounty and the most great outpouring. Whatever is witnessed in the world will surely change and alter and return to nothingness, save the pearls of divine love. God willing, thou shalt succeed in preserving them. The world and its conditions have had and have no significance. Hold fast unto the cord of divine favor and cling to the hem of His generosity. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which is the cause of glory and exaltation. In all conditions, be mindful of wisdom. Verily, He commandeth thee that which profiteth thee. Thy Lord is indeed the One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon my household and upon those who have attained unto thy remembrance and thy love and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! The Sun of Providence hath shone forth with such splendor that this servant and his like are powerless to describe it. Were a soul to expend gold equal to all the mountains of the earth, he could not attain to this most exalted station, except as God willeth. Due to mankind's lack of capacity, the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath veiled this most great, most exalted station and its like from eyes and vision. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the Dayspring of abundant grace to assist that honored one in whatsoever is beloved and acceptable unto Him. That which is accounted among the greatest of deeds at the Divine Throne today hath been and shall ever be wisdom. That spiritual friend hath been and is cognizant of this. This word hath previously been uttered and this servant hath heard it: "Associate with them outwardly but differ from them inwardly." In truth, from this word the fragrance of wisdom can be perceived. I submit that your mention hath ever been and is present before the Throne. I swear by the effulgences of the light of His countenance that this station is most great. Praise be to God that that family is remembered in the hearts of those who are nigh and sincere. This servant beseecheth God to assist all to preserve this station. Ye have been mentioned in the Book of God with such remembrance as shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Some time ago this evanescent servant addressed a letter to that honored one. God is my witness that you are remembered in my heart and present before mine eyes. I beg you to convey my greetings and Baha to the family. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

Concerning what you wrote about the visitation prayer, it was composed at the time of the revelation of verses, according to His will, and was accepted before the Throne. Well is it with you and with me. And concerning what you wrote about turning toward the Most Great Prison and seeking permission, it was submitted, and this most exalted Word was revealed from the Supreme Pen, exalted be His grandeur: "God hath ever loved to meet with His friends in the outward realm, for the divine meeting is mentioned in all heavenly Books, and the true purpose of creation in its primal reality hath been the meeting with God, exalted be His glory. Every Prophet hath testified to My glad-tidings and every Messenger hath been sent with My binding command. However, in most Tablets the decree of wisdom hath been revealed, to which all must turn their gaze. And now your primary occupation is such that you must engage in it with complete effort and trust. He verily recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful."

Regarding what you wrote about your brother, his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition was presented in the Most Holy Court. An exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will and was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of utterance.

Concerning what you wrote about the leaf who is the sister of the son of the Well-Beloved of Martyrs - upon him be all the most glorious Glory and all the most luminous Light - it was presented before the Most Great Countenance in the presence of His face. A most mighty and most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for her. God willing, may she be illumined by the lights of the suns of divine utterances and drink from the hidden oceans contained therein. He said: Although her affliction is

great, “Verily We give glad tidings to the patient men and patient women of that which hath been ordained for them in My Kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Mighty.” The mention of all the members of the household hath been and is before the Most Holy Court, and for each one specifically the sun of divine favor hath risen and shone forth. God willing, may they all attain to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and be assisted to remember and praise Him. Were all the special mentions of those household members that have been sent down from the heaven of Will and flowed from the Most Exalted Pen to be gathered together, they would constitute a mighty book. May the spirit of all in the earthly and heavenly kingdoms be a sacrifice unto His favor and His grace. This evanescent one’s request is that on his behalf they convey to each member of that household - upon them be the blessings of God, His mercy and His glory - wonderful and sublime greetings befitting the honored ladies of the pavilion of loftiness. After the martyrdom of the Two Luminous Lights, He mentioned them as members of the household - this is a special favor and very great indeed. He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. And if God, exalted be His glory, should grant this servant enduring life, and that life be spent in remembrance and praise of the Two Luminous Lights, still I have not known and do not know what would be worthy of their station, for that which hath been revealed concerning them is beyond minds and understanding. And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Asadu’llah - upon him be the Glory of God - it was presented before the Most Glorious Horizon and the Dawning-Place of the Greatest Signs. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Rememberer, the Witness, the All-Knowing

O Lion! Your mention was made in the Most Holy Court, and these exalted words, each of which shineth like the sun from the horizons of the heavens of meaning, have been revealed especially for you. Be thankful for this greatest bounty with both your outer and inner tongue. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the presence of the King of Martyrs and, in the most excellent of days, hast quaffed the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of Names. The recognition of His sanctified Being is more excellent than the deeds of the first and the last, and more beloved than the treasures of heaven and earth. Know thou the station of this most impregnable Tablet and keep it hidden from the eyes of the unfaithful. Blessed is he who perceiveth from it the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The recompense for thy services is a treasure preserved with the Trustworthy, the All-Knowing. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. This treasure hath been and shall ever be preserved from the hands of the treacherous and the thieving. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. Verily, He is the True One, the All-Seeing. He hath, as a bounty from His presence, forgiven thee and those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

God willing, thou shalt remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause in such wise that the idols of fancy shall not hold thee back from the Dayspring of the Light of certitude nor prevent thee from the Supreme Horizon. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the suns of the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this exalted station.

Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which hath no peer or equal in this day. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings to them and to the other friends, and beseecheth them not to forget this evanescent servant during their visitation of the two pure and luminous resting-places. This is the plea of

this servant unto the friends of God, and this evanescent one hath not been and shall not be remiss in mentioning them. The well-known tradition previously mentioned is specifically for these days: “Whoso visiteth Husayn in his tomb is as one who hath visited God upon His throne.” In former times the Person was not manifest that the truth of this tradition might be made evident. Today all atoms proclaim: “Whoso visiteth the Two Husayns in their tombs is as one who hath visited God upon His throne,” for the Truth is manifest and evident, and the Supreme Pen speaketh that “Verily He is God.” Should anyone reflect even briefly, he would testify that this tradition was specifically for these days. Blessed are the fair-minded! Blessed are they that act! Praise be to God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of our Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The Servant

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In the month of Sha’ban in the year 99

O Mirza Muhammad Husayn Khan ibn-i-Kalantar

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

The servant beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is He Who cannot be described by attributes nor characterized by mention. Every mention hath bowed down before the manifestations of His mention, and voices have been hushed at the raising of His call, and tongues have been stilled before the waves of the ocean of His utterance, and eyes have been dazzled by the lightning flashes of the light of His countenance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His day and inhaled the fragrance of His garment, and woe unto him whom vain imaginings have prevented until he denied Him Whom he had called upon in days past.

And then, O my beloved, thy letter reached the servant, and he learned what was therein. When I perceived and found the fragrance of the words, I turned toward the Dawning-Place of verses until I attained a station round which circled the Concourse on High. Then did I behold the Ancient Beauty walking and singing, while I stood watching for the manifestations of His grace and the evidences of His loving-kindness. Then He turned to me with a face by whose light the earth and heaven were illumined, and He said: “What hast thou, O servant?” I submitted: “I have brought a letter from one of the loved ones,” and after permission was granted I presented what was in your letter. When it was completed

He spoke that Purpose by which the fragrance of utterance was diffused throughout all contingent being. I bear witness that with this tongue and this pen I am unable to mention what God revealed in that moment, but I shall mention for you what was impressed upon my heart from the lights of His utterance and what my power of memory hath preserved through His grace. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

“O thou who art present! His honor Thuraya hath been honored with the mention of the Lord of Names. Time and again have We turned toward him from the precincts of the Prison with words that are as the spirit of utterance itself. In every word there is a power which none save God can reckon. Through it hath appeared what hath appeared. I swear by the Sun of Utterance which shineth from the heaven’s horizon of proof that if all who dwell on earth were to discover the fragrance of but one authoritative word that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of divine revelation, they would all testify to that which the Supreme Pen hath pronounced, nay more, would sacrifice their lives and possessions to hear it. The field and space are narrow, and the Divine Steed hath no room to gallop. God willing, may he be illumined with the light of certitude and stand firm on the straight path of truth. This is a station that cannot be limited nor described. We have summoned the whole world to the most exalted horizon and guided them to the water of life, yet we see them heedless, save whom God willeth, the Lord of all worlds. God willing, may he be assisted to mention the Truth, praise the Truth, teach the Cause of Truth, and serve the Truth. Today every thing among all things crieth out and saith: Let not time slip away. The ears and eyes and heart were created for this wondrous Day. Arise in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, and with wisdom and utterance guide the servants of the All-Merciful to their true homeland, that perchance they may be freed from the abasement of self and passion and turn toward the most exalted summit. Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that turn unto Him!” End.

This lowly servant is so struck by the Kawthar of utterance that he beholds himself in an ocean of wonderment. What can he say and what can he declare? The Cause is more manifest than the sun and the bounty more exalted than heaven. All pens and papers and earthly pages, nay all the aforementioned planes, are powerless and incapable of mentioning its stations and bearing its ranks. My Lord suffices as witness.

As to what was mentioned regarding the official who ascended unto God, it was submitted. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful has spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance: Those souls who have arisen and are occupied in service for the sake of God have been and are remembered in His presence. Not so much as a hair’s worth of the doers’ reward has been or will be lost. If a soul were to become aware of what hath been revealed in the Crimson Scroll, he would testify to that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken. Blessed is he who hath proclaimed My Cause, and the ear that hath heard My call, and the eye that hath beheld My horizon, and the heart that hath turned toward My Kingdom, and the tongue that hath testified to that which My Tongue hath testified.

And likewise mention was made of Mirza ’Inayat which was submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken: He is the Hearer, the Responsive One. O ’Inayat! Repeatedly hath thy mention been made before the Supreme Scene and the glances of favor have been directed toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Ask thou of God, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest be assisted in that which beseemeth the Day of God. Know thou with certainty that all that is on earth cannot equal a word that proceedeth from the Ancient Tongue. Blessed is the soul for whom the word of divine good-pleasure is specially revealed from the heaven of God’s bounty. This is that resplendent robe - whosoever is adorned therewith shall be mentioned, described and known throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. At all times have We commanded Our loved ones to that which profiteth them and forbidden what harmeth them. Had the servants acted accordingly, the light of

the Cause would assuredly have encompassed the world. May thou be confirmed, God willing, in serving the Cause and in holding fast unto the cord of grace throughout all divine worlds.

And this is what was revealed for his honor the Mushrif: He is the One established upon the Throne through His Most Great Name. He Who was promised in the Book of God hath appeared and revealed what He desired. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. He hath borne in God's path, the Lord of Names, such tribulations as attested by His Clear Book. Among the people are those who turned away from Him, those who disputed His verses, those who denied His proof, and those who pronounced against Him a grievous judgment. We have come from the heaven of grandeur with God's testimonies, proofs, books, psalms and tablets that are possessed by all peoples and parties. This is witnessed by whoever is adorned with the robe of fairness and speaketh with justice in the days of his Lord, the Hearer, the Responsive. At the dawn of this Day, the divines of Iran turned away, casting the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to the whisperings of the heedless. They are the ones who denied God's truth throughout all ages and pronounced against the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-Places of His Revelation, and the Rising-Points of His all-encompassing knowledge. Thus have We caused the water of life to flow in the rivers of the garden of utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!"

And this is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Isma'il: In the name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing […]

You were mentioned before the Wronged One, and these exalted words are revealed for the sake of God, that perchance their fragrance may be diffused and guide those endowed with vision to the Most Great Scene. The whole world hath been created for this Most Great Day, as recorded in most divine Books. How excellent is the state of the fair-minded one who speaketh for the sake of God and ariseth to serve Him. Service to the Cause is the refinement of souls from attachments. God willing, the friends shall, through the hosts of remembrance and utterance, take possession of the hearts of the people of the world. Contention and disputation have ever been and shall continue to be the way of the misguided ones. As to thy question about souls after their ascension, these degrees and stations have repeatedly been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, and some possess copies thereof. God willing, thou shalt observe them. But the counsel of this Wronged One is that thou shouldst hold fast with the utmost joy and fragrance to serving the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds, for it would be regrettable if these blessed days were to end with such remembrances. Be steadfast in what thou hast been commanded. He will, through the finger of might, open before thee a door wherein thou shalt witness and behold what thou hast desired from the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. God willing, thou shalt be illumined by the lights of His countenance and drink from the Kawthar of certitude.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and praise to all. God is witness that this evanescent one hath been and is occupied in this Prison with the mention of souls who are content, well-pleasing, firm and steadfast, and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation for each one. Supplication, imploring and entreaty are from the servant, and grace, bounty and response are from God, the One, the Powerful.

As to what thou didst write regarding the book being written in proof of the Revelation, and likewise another treatise on the nobility of the number of the Most Great Name - these matters were submitted by this evanescent one when the Ancient Beauty was residing in the palace outside the Most Great Prison. His words, exalted be His majesty:

"O Muhammad-Husayn! Time and again hast thou been illumined by the splendors of the Sun of divine remembrance, especially in this instance when numerous Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of Will addressed to thee. Know thou the value of this most exalted, most sublime station. If, through the bounty of the All-Merciful, thou drinkest from the ocean of utterance, the affairs of the world shall no longer grieve thee. Thou shalt attain to such joy and gladness that the troubles of the world shall neither prevent nor change it. Whether one striveth in My path or denieth Me - God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which thou hast intended. Today, should anyone make mention of this Cause or speak a word in its proof, his name shall never be effaced from the Book of existence. Thus hath testified the Lord, the Lord of the Last and the First."

This evanescent servant beseecheth God to confirm thee in that which thou hast intended. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

And as to the fourth matter thou didst mention, it was submitted and He said: "We named him 'Bird of Glory' in the Book of Names. God willing, may he be enabled to preserve this station, for the world is in upheaval and the conditions of heedless souls are manifest while the fruits of the tree of sincerity remain hidden. Thieves lie in wait and devils in ambush, and the Cause is mighty, greater and most exalted above them both."

This servant has mentioned and continues to mention that honored one at special times in the Most Holy Presence. Whatever you wrote, its answer has been revealed and is recorded in this letter. I seek earnestness for that honored one, and likewise steadfastness - these two are pillars for the edifice of human existence. And concerning your mention of conditions in those regions, in these days those areas are aflame - at times with the fire of war, at times with the instruments of corruption, and at times with the flames of greed. Surely that honored one has heard and continues to hear of these things. This evanescent one beseeches God to ordain means whereby the horizons of those lands may be illumined with the lights of the Sun of unity. Today is the day of service and the day of teaching the Cause. In this land and its surrounding regions, due to wisdom and other considerations, teaching has in these days been strictly forbidden in the Book. Blessed are they who in those lands attain to this most great bounty. May the Glory which shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of mercy be upon you and upon those who are with you in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, exalted be His glorious station!

Immeasurable praise befitteth that Peerless Being Who caused the Sun of divine unity to dawn from the horizon of detachment and dispelled the darkness of limitation through the manifestation of His light. His

is the power and the might, the grandeur and the dominion. His command is effective, His decree is operative, His light is radiant, and His manifestation is evident. Exalted is His station above comparison with fancy and imagination, and transcendent is His Cause above description in words. His signs are so manifest that they defy description, and His tokens are so evident that they surpass explanation. The books of the world and the scrolls of nations are powerless to contain them, and the pens of creation fall short in recording them.

Despite these brilliant signs and manifest evidences, it is observed that a few have clung to a mirage, considering themselves to be followers of truth, and have contented themselves with the croaking of ravens, remaining deprived of the wondrous melodies of the nightingales of eternity, which sing upon the twigs of the supernal Paradise. Woe unto them and perdition be their lot! They have taken their idle fancies for their god. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. On that day they shall find no helper nor protector.

O people of Baha! Pay no heed to their worthless utterances and vain imaginings. Fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon, the seat of the throne of your Lord, the Master of all mankind. Arise with strength of heart, eloquence of tongue, and steadfastness of spirit to exalt the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, he who remains veiled from this Most Great Cause is not mentioned among the people of truth, even should he possess the kingdom of the world and rule over all nations. Glory be to God the Great! He hath raised up servants to His Cause who, though weak, fear not the swords of the oppressors, and who, though poor, turn not unto the riches of the world. This is a perfect power and an all-embracing, comprehensive mercy. Were the wise to ponder this manifest Cause, they would surely acknowledge that the steadfastness shown by the people of Baha in times of tribulation and hardship is itself a proof to all creation. Indeed, were they to content themselves with this alone as evidence for establishing the truth, they would be right, by the Lord of earth and heaven!

We beseech God, exalted be He, to open the eyes of His servants and to make known to them that from which they are veiled in His days. Verily, He has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Seeing.

O spiritual friend! Your letter, adorned with the pen of love and the ink of unity and concord, was received, and boundless joy was obtained from the perusal of its manifest words. We beseech Him - exalted be His glory and magnificent His bounty - that you may ever abide beneath the shade of His grace, be sustained by the blessings of His nearness and reunion, remain steadfast in service to His Cause, and be occupied with guiding heedless souls. After perusing your letter, it was presented at the Most Exalted, Most Holy Court, and mention was made of you. These radiant words dawned from the horizon of the utterance of the King of Names and Attributes. His word, exalted be His bounty and mighty His proof:

He is God […]

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His grace and His loving-kindness. The Most Great Branch was present at this moment and made mention of you, and read your letter before Our face. Praise be to God, it all bore witness to your recognition, love, steadfastness and service, and likewise mentioned your

journeys to various regions for the sake of God, the Lord of Lords. We beseech God to assist thee and to manifest whatsoever shall lead to the salvation of His servants. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to what the heedless one mentioned about why Azal was rejected, say: O heedless one! We have never turned to anyone. We have fixed Our gaze upon that proof whereby all the Prophets and Messengers have proven the truth. Today, the station whose verses have encompassed the world and whose manifestation hath shone forth like the sun from the beginning before the faces of all mankind - this thou hast denied, while making mention of Azal who was ever hidden behind a veil. Thou knowest not who bestowed this name upon him. He called the honorable Dayyan "the Father of Evil" and the Friend of God "the Father of Calamities". About these matters of which thou art certain, thou sayest nothing. Yet concerning a name of whose bearer thou knowest neither his identity nor nature, thou hast uttered and continueth to utter meaningless words, becoming a cause of misguidance while remaining unaware. Would that thou hadst clung to thine own kind! Say: Thou went and saw, but love of leadership became a barrier and prevented thee from mentioning the truth of what thou witnessed. We speak these blessed words for the sake of God and in His path - create not confusion for thyself and others. Hearken unto the words of Him Who counseleth thee for the sake of God. Speak the truth, then present thyself before the Wronged One, that thou mayest witness what thou hast not seen in thy lifetime and hear what no ear in the world hath heard. Thus hath the Ancient Beauty spoken in His Most Great Prison, purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

O heedless one! Listen not to certain statements. Observe with thine own eyes and hear with thine own ears. Prevent not people from the straight path and deprive them not of the momentous news. Previously, because of the word of a lying woman, the imaginary Qa'im went to Jabulqa, and all those vain imaginings arose which later appeared in the form of the sword against the Primal Point. Return unto thy Lord and repent before Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have heard that a heedless one hath said that what is revealed from that direction is taken from the verses of the Primal Point. Say: Present thyself before the Wronged One that thou mayest hear what hath been sent down from the heaven of God's will, the Lord of all worlds. Then ask Him whatsoever thou desirest, that thou mayest be assured that the ocean waveth by itself through itself, and the sun shineth by its own light through its own light. He needeth not others to prove His Cause; rather, every cause dependeth upon His confirmation. By God's life! The Bayan, by His exalted Word, is but a leaf from the garden of My utterance, and what was revealed before beareth witness to My Self. Were the Primal Point alive in this time, He would transcribe what hath been revealed by the Intended One. And thou, O heedless one, art playing with thy deeds. Soon thou shalt witness what servants before thee witnessed in ages and centuries past. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen, from God, the Knower of the secret and the manifest.

O Haydar-'Ali! You made mention of Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the glory of God and His grace, and Jinab-i-'Ali-Haydar, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, and the other friends who were present at the gathering. Each one attained the mention of the Wronged One and the verses of the Supreme Pen. Convey to all of them greetings from the Wronged One. Should God will and desire, He will

mention their names once again. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of creation.

Again these manifest verses have been revealed from the Source of utterance, the King of names and attributes. His word, exalted be His beneficence: O Haydar-Qabli-'Ali! Thou didst write concerning travelling to various regions for the Cause of God, and likewise concerning meeting with the Prisoner. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of virtuous conduct, kindness and compassion. We beseech God to guide His servants through thee, to give them to drink of the Kawthar of His recognition, and to assist them with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, such that the doubts of the world, its events and ornaments may not prevent them. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in every land and give them the glad-tidings of the waves of God's ocean of mercy.

In these days, three letters were sent to this servant from Shiraz from Jinab-i-Hakim, who is named Rafi', and Jinab-i-Mirza 'Abdu'l-Hamid, and another friend. A reply was revealed but there was delay in sending it. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance and to aid them in the victory of His Cause, for this is not the day of question and answer. They should speak that which the trees speak: "The kingdom belongeth to God, the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing." God willing, may they be assisted to set aflame hearts and souls with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illuminate them with the light of His Cause. This is what is befitting today.

We have commanded this servant present to make mention of verses from the Tablet of Wisdom. They attract the hearts of those who are near and the sincere ones, and transform the world. And regarding travel to any place, that which is decided through consultation is acceptable before God, and there is no harm in meeting with the Prisoner; perchance he may be reminded and fear. Should he attain to that which hath been mentioned for him, he will attain the good of this world and the next. Otherwise, verily God is independent of all worlds.

And if an ignorant, heedless soul should again request a meeting, this response is beloved: Say: "Verily, the Truth giveth and doth not receive." This word was uttered in Baghdad by the Lord of all being in the days when association with Shaykh 'Abdu'l-Husayn was intended. Follow thy Lord's command from His presence, and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing. God willing, may the friends in various regions, through thy arrival at the supreme height, turn their faces toward and attain the most exalted station, which is the station of the most great steadfastness. Blessed are they that attain thereunto.

Praise be to God that that beloved one is, in most times, honored with the utterances of the Lord of names and attributes, and is the recipient of His favors and specially blessed by His grace. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause thy name to be exalted throughout the lands and thy mention to be elevated among the servants, and to be for thee an honor and a treasure with thy Lord, and a station and elevation in thy beginning and end - and that is to raise the word of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, through wisdom and utterance among all possibilities. O what joy unto him who hath attained unto this most exalted station and supreme rank! By thy life, there is no bounty in all existence more delightful than this, nor any sovereignty more mighty than this. Joy to those who attain and blessed are those who arrive!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Word through which the suns of Thy commandments have shone forth throughout all ages, and Thy power hath encompassed all cycles and periods, to aid those who have arisen to guide Thy servants to the kingdom of Thy knowledge, O Lord of creation, in such wise that their words may influence hearts and minds and all Thy servants may turn toward Thy direction on the Day of Return. O Lord! Even as Thou hast commanded them to call out between earth and heaven, assist the hearers to rend asunder the veils and draw nigh unto Thee, O Lord of earth and heaven. If Thou forsakest them, who would draw them nigh unto Thee, and if Thou aidest them not, who would guide them to Thee? Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all things and Whose loving-kindness hath encompassed all. Look not upon their heedlessness and their veiling, but rather upon Thy widespread mercy and Thy perfect power. Ordain for every seeker that which shall cause him to enter the kingdom of Thy knowledge and partake of the Kawthar of Thy utterance. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest and the Ruler over what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Remember the friends of God who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and are turned toward the direction of His Cause with sublime and exalted remembrances from this servant. Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath, the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world.

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O beloved Muhammad-Karim! The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has been manifest towards you like unto the radiant rays of the divine Sun of this Day. You have ever been and continue to be beneath the gaze of His favor and mercy. And if at times matters arose that were outside the circle of His good-pleasure, they were veiled and adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. This was among His special favors towards you. Be thankful unto your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Concealer of faults, the Compassionate, the Generous. Convey greetings to all from God and give them the glad-tidings of His grace, that perchance this greatest glad-tiding may become the cause of remembrance and the source of supreme joy. Say: This is a great Day. Strive that ye may be enabled to make good what hath escaped you.

A hundred thousand praises and thanks befit Him Who is the Ultimate Goal, from Whose blessed Pen flows the living waters of life. His loved ones are forever blessed with His remembrance, honored by His grace, gladdened by His bounty, sustained by His favors, and recipients of His mercy. From the horizon of each of His words shines forth the sun of generosity. God willing, you, this servant, and all the friends shall be enabled to render thanks for His infinite blessings.

Regarding the dream you wrote about, it was truly among truthful visions, as the fragrances of love were wafted from it. This indicates that through divine grace and infinite mercy, bounty and blessing shall be bestowed, and you shall fulfill the rights that were due upon your father’s property - may the glory and mercy of God rest upon him. It is most clear and evident that whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s commandments, exalted be His glory, hath been intended for the benefit of His servants. The law of Huquq is most great; it hath ever been and shall continue to be the cause of blessing, bounty,

exaltation and glory. Although your departed father - who, as attested by the Supreme Pen, hath ascended to the highest heights - held an exalted station and continues to do so, yet this matter shall add to the brilliance of his station and likewise to the wealth and prosperity of his descendants. Were people truly to become aware of this station, they would arise as befitteth them […]

And whereas it was mentioned that for some time this servant had not sent any missive, letter or communication to you, my excuse is as clear and luminous as the sun, and all the friends of God, His chosen ones and loved ones bear witness to the magnitude of this servant's occupations. If in the course of a year or two I find the opportunity to express two words of sincere devotion to any one of the friends, it is as though I have accomplished a mighty task, for opportunity is like unto assurance. In these days a great fire has been kindled in the land of Egypt and many honorable souls have been afflicted with utter abasement. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The friends of that land have turned their attention to this land and great losses have been sustained, but God is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty. Although this servant has mentioned the excuse for not sending letters, nevertheless some time ago in the letter of the beloved of hearts, Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, a detailed account was conveyed to you. God willing, it has been received and perused. Praise be to God, you and the friends have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, especially that household which is among those who have attained the choice wine of certitude in the days of the All-Merciful. And concerning your request for permission to attain His presence, excellent is that which you have asked, for all have been created for this most mighty, most great, most exalted, most excellent Cause. This servant, in accordance with your wish, on one of the nights of the blessed month of Ramadan, made mention of it before the Throne of the All-Merciful, and this answer was revealed from the Dayspring of God's Command: "O servant present! Write to him who hath turned towards God - upon him be My Glory - that these regions are in turmoil. The fire which the deniers have kindled with their own hands and inflamed by their own deeds hath not yet been extinguished. The world is afflicted with the consequences of its actions, and none hath known or knoweth the cause and reason thereof. Under such circumstances, his movement and journey would not accord with the requirements of wisdom. He remembereth whomsoever He willeth by a command from His presence and recordeth for whomsoever He desireth the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful." End.

As to what you wrote concerning His honour, the late and lamented, His Holiness Qa'ini, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, and your expression of sorrow - in truth there is no cause for sorrow, rather it is cause for gratitude, for he ascended in such a manner that all holy, firm and steadfast souls were filled with longing. In the days when the Ancient Beauty was residing in the palace, the aforementioned departed one took flight to the Supreme Companion at the first light of dawn on the twentieth day of Rabi'u'l-Avval. That very night, the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - visited his home and remained with him for some time. This was one of the special bounties that was bestowed upon him. The next day when news reached the palace, at that very moment the Most Great Branch and the other Branches - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - by command proceeded on foot to accompany the funeral procession. This evanescent servant also wished to accompany the Branches of God, but they said "The weather is

cold and you are frail," and repeatedly uttered these blessed words. Afterwards, this evanescent servant presented himself before the throne with tablet and pen, and at that moment there descended from the heaven of the Lord of all worlds' bounty that which nothing in the world could equal, to such an extent that this servant became occupied with the word "Would that I…" I swear by the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, that such grace and favor surrounded him that tongue, pen and man are incapable and powerless to describe it. How blessed and fortunate was he! The field of the pen has reached this point and can move no further. The command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

And further, concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-'Abdu'l-Ahad, you have surely heard the details of what transpired, but praise be to God, through the grace and mercy of God, exalted be His glory, his end was blessed, for he was adorned with the ornament of divine forgiveness and pardon. May the spirit of the world be sacrificed for His bounty! Excessive occupation with worldly affairs sometimes makes one heedless, but God's grace is great. However enormous a sin may be, it can never equal the magnitude of God's forgiveness. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist all to remain firm with the greatest steadfastness. He is the Sovereign who does what He wills and the King of the Kingdom of Names. He acts and commands, and He is the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Informed.

As to what you wrote regarding your intention to visit the Greatest Holy Leaf, the honored Sister - upon her be God's grace, mercy and bounty - and that you would perform this blessed act as proxy for the Name of God, while he would visit the Most Great Scene and the Court of the Throne as your proxy, this servant has made the pilgrimage as their proxy to the Ultimate Goal, the Most Exalted End and the Supreme Summit. You too, God willing, will succeed in visiting the Greatest Holy Leaf - upon her be the Most Glorious of all Glory - as proxy for this servant and the Name of God.

And regarding what you wrote about visiting His Honor, the Luminous Name - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - God willing it will be sent later.

As to what you wrote concerning the departed and blessed Aqa Fat?u'llah, who ascended to the Supreme Companion, an answer was previously revealed and sent. God willing, it has by now reached you. According to His command, his mother, upon her be the Glory of God, should be content and her portion should reach her, and the remainder should be handled according to the previous command. In these days, according to His command, Sheikh Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, has turned towards that direction. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to you. God willing, your eyes shall be illumined by its lights, your heart assured by its bounty, and the nostrils of your soul perfumed by its fragrance.

As to what you wrote regarding your departed and blessed father, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, that you had inferred from the utterances of the Goal of all the worlds that he was not pleased with you - mention of his goodness has always been made in the Most Holy Court, and in the Book of God he is recorded and inscribed among the firm ones and the forerunners. This evanescent servant has never heard from the tongue of the Lord of Eternity any word indicating his displeasure. God willing, he was and is pleased. What is incumbent upon you is to hold fast to the Book of God in your deeds - therein lies all good, and God suffices as a witness.

Convey greetings to the friends in that land who have drunk from the cup of certitude and have attained the station of assurance. The petition of this servant and his counsel to the friends is that they should appreciate the value of these remaining days and count time as precious. By Him at Whose command the Supreme Pen moves, a single moment of these days is more precious than all the mines of the earth and their jewels, and than all that the kings and others in the world possess. One must know the station of such times, epochs, days, hours and minutes, for there has never been and never will be anything comparable to what has been mentioned. God willing, may the True One, exalted be His glory, confirm us all that we may act in accordance with what is befitting and attain to what is acceptable. The command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

There is no news from the emigrant, upon him be the Glory of God. I send greetings to him. Blessed is he in that he turned and circumambulated the Most Great House of God and attained to what was inscribed in the Books of God, and likewise his brother who drank the choice wine from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the Generous. The Glory be upon you, upon your mother, your son, those in your household, and upon those men and women who have turned to God, the One, the All-Informed.

The Servant

27th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1299

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In the name of God, the All-Dominant, the Self-Subsisting

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of proof

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who are in the realm of possibility, that the utterance may draw them to the horizon from which the Luminary of Manifestation hath shone forth in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. O concourse of the Furqan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful from the Mount of Knowledge. Verily it draweth you nigh unto Him and guideth you unto His straight path. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Cast away what the people possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He hath appeared and revealed what He willed as a token of His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O people of the earth! Hear the call from the precincts of Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree raised up in truth: Verily there is none other God but He, the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. The Kawthar of immortality hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Approach with radiant faces, then drink therefrom and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the doubts of your own selves withhold you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Take the chalice of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink thereof by the command of One Who is the Ancient Commander. By God! The Day is come and the people are in strange drunkenness. They have forsaken their God in that they have followed their desires. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. The ocean

of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibility and the fragrances of revelation have been wafted among all religions. Blessed is he who hath found and turned unto it, and woe unto them that have turned away.

O My Pen! Turn thy face toward him who hath been named Muhammad and remind him of My verses and illumine him with the lights of My Kingdom and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O Muhammad! The Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee once again that thou mayest inhale the fragrances of revelation and be among the thankful. We have mentioned thee before with a remembrance through which the fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility and the nightingales of proof have warbled upon the branches. Verily there is none other God but He, the Single One, the All-Informed.

Say: O My loved ones in Manshad! By the True One, the gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with a power that no earthly might can weaken and with an authority that no clamor of the nations can daunt. He hath stood before all faces and proclaimed in loudest voice: "O concourse of creation! The Self-Subsisting hath come with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to stand. Beware lest the tempests of denial or the storms of hesitation move you. This is what ye were commanded aforetime and in this hour. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every doubting denier. Joy be unto him who hath gone forth from the horizon of the House, speaking of this Most Great Name and bearing glad tidings of this mighty News."

Say: O people of God! Beware lest ye be like those who fear men as they should fear God, and beware lest the veils of the transgressors, who have cast the covenant of God behind their backs and clung to the promptings of the Evil Ones, prevent you. Say: O concourse of divines! Be fair, by God, and reject not the truth through what ye possess. Read what We have sent down in truth - it will assist you and draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Great. Observe and remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the people denied Him and spoke concerning Him that which caused the Spirit to lament in His most exalted station and the Faithful Spirit to cry out. Then consider what befell God's Messengers and His Emissaries aforetime at the hands of the wrongdoers. We mention you for the sake of God and remind you of His signs and give you glad tidings of what hath been ordained in the highest Paradise and the sublime Heaven for those who draw nigh - and I am the All-Knowing Herald.

He hath come for your salvation and hath borne hardships that ye might ascend the ladder of utterance to the summit of knowledge. To this testifieth He with Whom is a wondrous Book. Read what hath been sent down with justice and fairness - it will exalt you in truth and show you what ye were prevented from, and give you to drink of His luminous wine. Thus hath the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted. Blessed is he who hath found and seen, and away with every remote knower. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the All-Merciful and acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the mention of all created things: Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Chosen One.

We have turned from the eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue that all might understand what hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The first commandment hath

been and is the knowledge of God, and after that steadfastness in His Cause. This steadfastness is not attained except through knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance and attained unto that which was the purpose of creation. The knowledge of God, in its primary station and first rank, is bound up with and dependent upon the blessed word "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." Whosoever attaineth unto the recognition of this exalted word shall find himself seated upon the throne of certitude, and no matter or word shall cause him to slip or be disturbed. It behooveth him to utter these sublime words: "O my Lord, the All-Merciful, the One Who domineth all contingent beings! I testify that Thou art praiseworthy in Thy deeds and obeyed in Thy command." Blessed are those servants who have held fast to these exalted words and drunk from the ocean of meanings that lie hidden therein.

The honored Siyyid Taqi, upon him be Baha, appeared before the Wronged One with thy letter. We heard thy call and made mention of thee with a mention whose fragrance shall endure as long as the divine Kingdom endures. In all conditions We have counseled the servants to trustworthiness and religious devotion. In truth, the hosts that assist this Most Great Cause have been and are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed are they who, through these hosts, open the cities of hearts in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! Verses have been sent down in such wise that none can reckon their number. Ask thou the True One to aid the servants to recite that which hath been revealed and to meditate upon that which hath become manifest. That which was previously sent for the manifestations of justice and fairness is most beneficial, and in the alteration of the party's verses are signs for the discerning and evidences for the knowing ones. We altered it in wisdom from Our presence. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

May God assist Mulla Ali-Akbar in attaining recognition. Should he observe the Book of Certitude, he will surely find his way to the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to attract him through His verses, draw him near through His sovereignty, and aid him through His grace. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Mention hath been made of Mirza Nasru'llah and others. We have remembered him and do remember him that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Nasru'llah! Thy father took hold of the Book of God with power from Him and made mention of Him until he gave up his spirit in His path. By the life of God! A station hath been ordained for him whose description the pens of the chroniclers are powerless to render. We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the foundations of the transgressors have been shaken.

O Abdullah! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee with a mention from which wafteth the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. We counsel thee and those who have believed to wisdom and utterance. Thus hath God ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets. Glorify the name of thy Lord and turn not unto those who have denied My Most Exalted Word and the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen. These, verily, are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. Preserve what hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, then recite it at eventide and at dawn.

O Abdul-Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison when sorrows have surrounded Him from all sides. By God! The happenings of the world do not prevent Him, nor doth the might of nations hinder Him. He speaketh before the faces of princes and divines that which He hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all men. The swords did not frighten Him, nor did the ranks prevent Him. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, a command from God, Who causeth the rivers to flow. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast to My Book, the eye that hath beheld My traces, and the ear that hath heard My call when it was raised in truth from this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and remind them of God's verses and evidences. Strive that perchance thou mayest open the doors of hearts with the key of the remembrance of the True One, exalted be His glory, and preserve them from previous delusions. Those souls, both men and women, who have drunk of the sealed wine have ever been mentioned before His countenance. We beseech God to keep all steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of all who are in the earths and heavens.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Single. Remember on My behalf him who is named Husayn, who turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, attained the presence of God, and heard the call of the All-Merciful while in the midst of the ignorant. Say: O Husayn! Beware lest the doubts of the world hold thee back. Stand firm in the Cause with such steadfastness that the thorns of those who have turned away from God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears, cannot make thee slip. Remember those days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the Generous. Preserve this most exalted station and that which He commanded thee in His presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who speaketh the truth before all faces. Nothing whatsoever hath deterred Him, nor the opposition of the deceivers. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance from My verses, say:

My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me in Thy days, honored me with Thy presence, and enabled me to stand before Thy gate. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy verses and the Manifestations of Thy clear tokens, and by the Hands of Thy Cause who have arisen to serve Thee and have voiced Thy praise among Thy servants and have proclaimed Thy Cause and have traversed the lands in remembrance and praise of Thee. Thou art indeed the Almighty Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou hast manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy power and might. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a token of His grace, that he might praise his Lord and be of the thankful ones. O Muhammad! Convey My glorification unto his face, then recite unto him that which hath flowed forth from the ocean of My all-encompassing knowledge. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whom neither the clamor of the people nor the might of princes hath weakened, and whom the rancor of the divines who have broken God's covenant and His testament hath not frightened, and who have done that by reason of which every possessor of vision and hearing and knowledge who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, hath lamented.

He is the One Who judgeth with truth.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Glory! Read thou this blessed tablet that thou mayest drink from the hidden oceans within the divine words and soar with the wings of inner meanings in the holy atmosphere of the Eternal. After reading and becoming aware of it, deliver it to Muhammad - upon him be My Glory - in Manshad, that he may consider it and become informed and hearken unto the call of the Wronged One with the ear of his heart. By the life of God! This call giveth life, nay rather, transformeth the body into spirit. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. O Muhammad! Verily He is praised in His deed and obeyed in His command, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting

O Aqa Baba! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Most Glorious! Knowest thou Who calleth thee? The Most Exalted Pen of God. And dost thou recognize from which horizon? From this luminous and resplendent horizon. Rejoice in thy Lord's favor, for the Pen of Utterance hath been moved to make mention of thee by the Most Merciful, that it may draw thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt hear from all atoms: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds." The river of mercy hath flowed from the right hand of the Throne, and the ocean of grace hath surged forth as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath cast away that which the people possess on the Day of God and hath taken the chalice of eternity in My Most Glorious Name and drunk therefrom, despite every doubting learned one.

Verily, We have heard thy call once in the night, and again in the day, and yet again at dawn. Thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Behold, then remember what befell the Wronged One when He was in prison beneath chains and fetters. God aided Him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and brought Him forth with such sovereignty as amazed the hearts of them that know. When He departed, He turned toward Baghdad, and when He arrived, that which the All-Merciful had revealed in the Qur'an was manifested. And He blew the second blast, whereupon the denizens of Sinai were struck down, save whom God willed, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We rent asunder the veils with the finger of might and uncovered that which lay hidden in the treasure of God's protection, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of thy Lord's loving providence, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. When thou receivest and readest them, turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all nations and by the breaths of Whose revelation the world is perfumed! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all hearts and illumine both the unseen and the seen, to assist me in that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty and clinging to the mantle of Thy generosity and benevolence. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the limbs of the oppressors trembled and the hearts of the aggressors were consumed, through Whom those in the graves were raised and the secrets of all hearts were revealed, to elevate me through Thy Name amongst Thy servants and to establish me in the service of Thy Cause amidst Thy creation. Aid me, then, O my God, through wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Blessed art thou and happy art thou, for thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain. Thou didst hear the Call and wert blessed with uttering the words "Here am I, here am I, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" The purpose of the worlds of hearing and sight hath been and still is to witness and hearken unto the Divine Call and the Horizon of Revelation. Yet the heedless servants denied God's mercy and bounty, and disbelieved in the gift of recognition and the feast of certitude. The cause of the prevention of the servants and its reason have been the divines of the age. Glory be to God! Despite their lamenting and wailing with a hundred thousand cries and supplications for the appearance of the Promised One and His meeting, when He was made manifest they did what caused the Primal Point to choose ashes as His resting place. O thou who art attracted by My verses and soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Strive that the servants may not, like the previous party, be afflicted with vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul that hath purified itself from the tales current amongst men, that it may hearken unto the Most Exalted Word. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants unto that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and purify them from that which beseemeth not Thy days, and enable them to act according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O my Lord! Leave them not to themselves, disappoint them not from the gate of Thy grace, and deprive them not of the ocean of Thy utterance. Thou art He Whose atoms have testified to Thy generosity and bounty, and to Thy power and might. Enable them, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy Cause, to return unto the court of Thy glory, and to turn unto Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty, the Ever-Flowing, possessed of abundant grace.

Convey My greetings to the friends, that perchance the fragrances of these greetings may intoxicate them and cause them to hold fast unto that which is befitting. The intoxication that proceedeth from the wine of recognition bringeth joy to the world of being and bestoweth gladness. The friends must, in spite of the enemies, guide the ignorant servants to the divine ocean of knowledge and wisdom through wisdom and utterance. Glory be to God! The signs of power exist in all things, and verses descend like rain, showering down, and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation without veil or concealment. Nevertheless, through the words of Kandi and Ibn-i-Dhi'b and their like, they have been deprived of the Dayspring of divine revelation and the Dawning-Place of celestial light. And the people of the Bayan are seen to be more heedless and more veiled than all others. By My life! They have not perceived the fragrance of the Day of God and are more veiled and remote than even the Shi'ih sect. Blessed are the people of Baha who, should they see the Primal Point pause in His Cause, would likewise

pause in what hath appeared from Him. This is the station of the most great steadfastness. I have mentioned all that is befitting for My Cause and My Revelation and My rising and My establishment. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Witness and the All-Wise Observer.

The honoured Muhammad – upon him be the Baha – hath repeatedly made mention of thee and hath sent thy letter to the presence of the Wronged One. The servant present submitted it, and this Most Sublime, Most Luminous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty, that thou mayest drink therefrom, through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, My sealed wine, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and thanks be unto Thee, O Desire of the nations, in that Thou hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was in the midst of sorrows through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought." Blessed be thy tongue for having testified to that which God hath testified, and thy heart for having been illumined with the light of recognition. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee a light that shall walk before thy face in all His worlds. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

There hath now come to pass what was hidden from eyes and veiled from understanding, in that the Source of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath willed to open the door of forgiveness unto thy father and thy brother. By My life! Through My remembrance, the ocean of forgiveness and bounty hath surged from the presence of God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names. The grace of thy Lord hath at this moment encompassed them both, and My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken and said: The glory be upon you both, and the light be upon you both, and the spirit be upon you both, and the fragrances of revelation be upon you both, and the sweet perfumes of the Robe be upon you both. We beseech God to send down upon you both, at all times, mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His own Self, and to make you to be of those who associate with His chosen ones and His Prophets in the Most Exalted Paradise. He, verily, is the Sender of verses, the Revealer of clear tokens, and the Lord of all names and attributes.

O thou who art mentioned! Thou hast attained unto that which no thing can equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of Names. He hath made mention of thee in such wise that the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed and said: The glory shining forth from the horizon of this Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and them that hear mention of thee in this Most Great Remembrance and Momentous News. Verily, the Ocean desireth to manifest itself through other waves, that it may give glad-tidings unto the loved ones of God of His mercy and His grace and His bounty. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Commander, the All-Wise. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the mention of the Most Great God and hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the utterance of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O 'Ali-Asghar! Thou hast attained unto the mention of God, the Lord of Destiny, once before and now yet again. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast unto righteousness in the days of God, the Lord of all beings, and hath turned away from vain desire. He is, verily, among the sincere ones in My perspicuous Book.

We have sent down the verses wherein are My commandments and My laws through which We have preserved My servants and aided them with truth. Yet most of the people are heedless. Take My Book with power from My presence and put aside that which is with those who have denied the mercy of God and disbelieved in that which hath been sent down from His presence. They are, verily, among the abject. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have taken the cup of My bounty from the hand of My loving-kindness and have drunk in this Name whereby the limbs of the idolaters have quaked.

O Muhammad-Qablil-Hasan! The faithless hunters have aimed at the Most Exalted Station, and the oppressors of the earth with swords of hatred have intended harm against the Temple of Eternity. They desired to extinguish the light of God through their calumnies, but the Wronged One stands unveiled and uncovered before the multitudes. Neither their might nor their ranks have deterred Him. He speaks that which He is commanded by the Wise Ordainer. Glory be to God! Despite having heard every call and witnessed the signs of God, they persist in denial and rejection. Naught shall befall us save what God has decreed for us. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds through the justice of the All-Knowing Judge. Be not grieved at anything. The world shall pass away, along with the might of its princes and the clamor of its divines, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in this firm and impregnable Cause.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn, who has turned to God in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. The fragrances of the revelation of the Ancient King have encompassed the world, yet the peoples are in evident doubt. Say: My God, my God! Thine is the grace for having awakened me, and Thine is the praise for having made me know Thee, and Thine is the glory for having taught me Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, O Ancient King, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all created things, and by Thy Command through which Thou hast manifested that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the repositories of Thy wisdom, to aid Thy loved ones in that which will exalt them among Thy servants. By Thy Name, ordain for them every good thing Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of wisdom and utterance, as a command from Us and a favor from Our presence. Blessed are they who perceive and blessed are they who discern.

O Aqa Baba, upon thee be My glory! We have desired to seal thy Tablet with the mention of one who loved Me and held fast to My cord and spoke My praise and attained My presence and drank the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and arose to serve My Cause among My servants, and was named Javan-i-Ruhani in My mighty and wondrous Book.

As commanded, send this blessed Tablet and whatever else has been and is being sent to those regions to his eminence the illumined one, that is, Javan-i-Ruhani, upon him be the everlasting glory of God, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

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He is the Speaker in the Return

O Jalal! Hearken with thine inmost ear to the Call of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, and arise to render service. Today upon the face of the sun was seen this most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! Let not vain imaginings deprive you of the Lord of all names, nor let idle fancies withhold you from the sealed wine. His signs have encompassed the world and His verses have embraced all things. He hath sacrificed Himself and all He possessed for the reformation of the world and the salvation of nations. Every person of insight beareth witness and every fair-minded one testifieth that He hath not for a moment sought to preserve Himself. He hath ever raised His call before the faces of rulers and divines and heroes, and hath ordained that which would ensure the tranquility and assurance of the peoples of the world. Yet most have rejected the counsels of God and accepted not His decree. In particular did the people of the Bayan commit such acts as caused the outpourings of the True Bestower of bounties to be stayed. Say: O people of fairness! If ye deny this Most Great Revelation, what thing is worthy of mention or befitting to acknowledge? Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, turn from oppression to justice, and from fancy seek the station of certitude. This Most Great Revelation hath never been, nor is it now, dependent upon the acceptance and acknowledgment of anyone. Rather, all are dependent upon His acceptance. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and afflict not yourselves anew with personal imaginings.

Say: O Hadi! Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. If thou art truly a seeker of truth, turn to His Writings and ponder His verses. By God's life! They shall enrich thee above all else and acquaint thee with that whereof thou wert heedless. Today the Lote-Tree is laden with countless fruits - behold and be not of the negligent ones. The waves of the ocean of utterance surge before all faces at their utmost height, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are manifest and visible. O Hadi! If thou deniest this bounty, with what excuse wilt thou justify thyself before God? Fear the omnipotent, all-compelling Lord. Be not the cause of leading souls astray. Leave the vain imaginings of the past to the former peoples. Consider the Day of God and that which hath appeared therein. O Hadi! Today the mountains cry out "The Self-Sufficient, the Most High hath come!", the heavens proclaim "The All-Merciful hath come!", and the trees declare "The Chosen One hath come!" Were one to attain unto hearing ears, one would hear from all things the glad-tidings of His appearance. Today the fragrances of utterance are diffused and the dove of knowledge warbleth upon the highest branches. Soil not thyself with the clay of idle fancies and deprive not thyself of the ocean of meanings. Thy friends have spoken and continue to speak of perversion. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. These were the vain imaginings of the former peoples throughout ages and centuries. They clung to certain calumnies and thus deprived themselves of the ocean of bounty on the Day of Judgment. The wickedness of the Shi'ih sect reached such heights that they cursed the Truth from their pulpits with loudest clamor and issued the decree for His martyrdom. O Hadi! Reflect upon that which hath appeared and speak with fairness. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that this Wronged One speaketh with truth and uttereth for the sake of God. Thou wert and art unaware of the root of the matter. Hearken unto the words of the faithful counselor and observe and listen with the eye of justice and the ear of fairness. Fear God, cast aside thy desire and take hold of thy Lord's command, for unto Him shall be thy return and final dwelling. Hasten to His good-pleasure, then read what hath been sent down from the kingdom of His utterance. Beware lest the vain imaginings of them

that have broken His Covenant and Testament hold thee back. Look with thine own eyes and hearken with thine own ears. By God's life! The eyes of others shall not suffice thee, nor shall the ears of others avail thee, nor shall thy fancies guide thee, nor shall thy conjectures uplift thee, nor shall thy riches profit thee. I counsel thee for the sake of God, and thou, for the sake of God, hearken unto that which shall enrich thee above all else save thy Lord. O Hadi! Hear the counsel of him who counseleth thee for God's sake and desireth naught but thy good in thy latter end and beginning. Adorn thy head with the crown of God-fearingness, thy temple with the robe of justice, and thy heart with the ornament of fairness. Return to the evidences of God with penetrating vision, illumined heart, sanctified soul and praiseworthy character, that there may be revealed unto thee that which was concealed from thee. Know thou of a certainty that thy perversity shall not profit thee and thy might shall not bring thee nigh unto Him. Cast off thy burden, then make God's Word thy protection. Conceal not God's Faith and His religion, deny not His verses and be not ungrateful for His bounty. He hath manifested His sovereignty, fulfilled His promise, aided His party, and raised the standard of His utterance amongst His servants. He hath made known His Revelation in His lands, sent down His verses, revealed His proofs and caused all things to speak His praise. By God! This is the Great Announcement and […]

O negligent one! Beware lest thou object to this mighty Cause, and O ignorant one, lest thou be heedless of it. Be not of those who have disputed it. Place thyself in the presence of God, then judge fairly in His Cause. Beware lest thou deny him whom God's Books and Scriptures have acknowledged, and oppose him through whom the ocean of knowledge and wisdom has surged.

O Hadi! Hear My call. Cut not down the Tree of Justice and Equity with the sword of tyranny, nor veil the face of godliness behind the covering of oppression and transgression. Let thy will be absorbed in the Will of thy Lord, and thy desire in His desire. Abandon the creed of those who believed not in Him and His verses, and who disputed His commandments and ordinances.

Reflect upon the world, its changes, alterations and passing away. Where is Chosroes and his palace, Parviz and his ministers? Where are the kings of the earth, their palaces and treasures? Where are their armies and their riches? Did that which they amassed profit them, or that which they acquired exalt them? Nay, by Him Who split the grain and created the soul! The irrevocable decree transformed their palaces into tombs and their joy into grief. Where is their gladness and their comfort, their delight and their contentment? Their company has been scattered and their gathering dispersed. Their houses became empty, their roofs fallen in, their trees uprooted, and their fine garments worn out. By God's life, My heart lamenteth and My pen mourneth. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

O friends of God in His lands and His loved ones in His realms! We counsel you to trustworthiness and godliness. Blessed is the city that hath been illumined by their light. Through them the station of man is elevated and the door of tranquility is opened to all in creation. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto them and recognized their station, and woe unto him who hath denied their rank and deprived himself of their adorning.

O people of God! Trustworthiness is as the sun. Wealth and security depend upon it. It is the pillar of the pavilion of justice and the fortress of equity. Today the hosts of divine religion are goodly deeds and

praiseworthy conduct. Strive that ye may attain unto that which hath been recorded in God's Book by the Pen of the Ancient of Days.

O Jalal! We beseech God that He may aid thee and cause thee to return to thy land illumined with the light of the Sun of divine utterance, that all may be enlightened and refreshed by the reviving breaths of God's revelation. Convey My greetings to the people of Shin. Say: O friends! Hold fast unto unity and harmony. We beseech God to manifest through you that which shall cause the comfort, mercy, tranquility and ease of the people of the world. Blessed are they who strive to unite hearts.

O Jalal! Say: Today the Sun of bounty hath dawned from the supreme horizon, and the ocean of generosity hath appeared before the faces of men. The sincere ones, both men and women, are adorned with the ornament of God's bounty, glorified be His majesty. He hath forgiven thee and those who desired forgiveness. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: Know ye the value of these days and arise to make good what hath passed. A mighty journey lies ahead; forget not what is needed for the journey and hold fast unto it. God, glorified be His majesty, commandeth that which shall cause the salvation and ease of the peoples of the world. This Wronged One hath been and is a captive in the hands of enemies throughout all days, and hath never sought to preserve His own life. The people of justice and fairness bear witness to what hath been mentioned. Like the spring rain, Tablets have descended from the heaven of God's mercy upon those regions, and there hath been and is no purpose save the guidance of mankind.

Mention the people of N and Y [Najafabad and Yazd] from one who was imprisoned, and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness. Blessed is Our servant Al-Wahid, who attained My presence and stood before My countenance and soared in My atmosphere and drank the choice wine of My utterance and offered up his soul in My path, and blessed are those who aided him until they were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Those souls who have borne tribulations in God's path are all mentioned before the throne and have attained special favors. This Wronged One has ever mentioned the servants and handmaidens of that land. The reward of no one is ever lost with God, nor shall it be. He observes the deeds and hears the words - He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O party of God! Today is the day of service and assistance. Deprive not yourselves. In this transient world, occupy yourselves with gaining eternal stations. Life passes more swiftly than lightning - every edifice faces destruction, and death pursues every life. The possessor of wisdom is one who remains not heedless and who holds fast to that which leads to exaltation, glory and elevation.

O Jalal! We have mentioned thee before and at this time - verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Regarding what thou hast mentioned about the Huquq, this matter depends on the willingness and acceptance of souls. Reminding others of it is beloved, but demanding it is forbidden. Its benefits return to the souls themselves. Whosoever pays the Huquq of God with spirit and fragrance and with eagerness and longing, its acceptance is permitted; otherwise, thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Behold, then mention what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "O mankind! Ye are the poor in relation to God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised." This matter pertains to the Trustee

[Haji Amin], upon him be My glory, and We also give thee permission - if someone desires with perfect willingness and love to pay the Huquq, thou mayest accept it. Verily He commands all with what benefits them in every world of God's worlds, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the Most Great Prison while in the hands of the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of My heaven of bounty be upon those who have turned their hearts to My horizon and have heard My sweetest call when it was raised between earth and heaven. These are men whom the ranks of enemies did not prevent, nor were they frightened by the might of those who were heedless of what they were commanded by the Creator of heaven. They arose and proclaimed before the faces of the divines and princes: "The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth from His most exalted horizon to all who are in earth and heaven." Blessed are they that hear, and blessed are they that have attained, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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

The servant beareth witness unto that which the Desired One of the world hath testified of His Own Self, that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the heights of power and majesty, and in the summit of bounty and grace, and will ever continue to be what He hath been. The tongues of all created things have testified to His grandeur, and the temples of all contingent beings have bowed down before His sovereignty. He is the Single One, the One, the Self-Subsisting, Who cannot be known save through Himself nor described save by His Own Self. The Most Exalted Pen hath appeared and given utterance to that whereby the Kingdom of Names hath been enraptured, and through which He hath subdued the world and guided the peoples. Blessed is he who, having cast behind him his vain imaginings, hath turned unto his Beloved and his Goal; and woe unto him who hath denied God's right and the rights of His loved ones, and hath forbidden his soul from drawing nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, calling it instead unto the promptings of desire.

O Thou Sovereign of the world, manifest amongst the nations! I beseech Thee by the Pen whereby Thou hast taught man what he knew not, to aid Thy servants and creatures to turn unto Thee, to arise before the gate of Thy bounty, and to set their faces toward the ocean of Thy bestowals. O Lord! They are the poor, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the Almighty; they are the ignorant, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take hold of their hands through Thy power, might and sovereignty, and illumine their faces with the lights of Thy countenance and their hearts with the splendors of the suns of Thy knowledge. Thou art He, O my God, before Whose manifestations of generosity all bounty hath bowed low, and before Whose evidences of knowledge all learning hath become abased. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and Thy majesty to ordain for the people of Thy realm that which will draw them nigh unto the gate of Thy mercy, cause them to speak Thy praise, and acquaint them with what Thou hast desired in Thy days. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of the world and the controls of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I offer prayers, peace and glory unto those whom neither the doubts of the learned could deter from the Lord of Names, nor the clamor of the mystics from the Most Exalted Horizon. These are servants through whom the Sun hath shone and the clouds have rained. All things have borne witness to their acceptance, their attentiveness, their turning unto God, their steadfastness, their praise, their firmness, their rootedness and their constancy in this Cause, whereby the servants have lamented and hearts have melted. These are among the choicest of creation in the sight of Truth. The Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise invoke blessings upon them morning and evening. Blessed is he who hath recognized their station, attained their presence, and heard from them the praise of their Creator; and woe unto him who hath remained heedless, turned away, denied, and retreated from this station which hath been ordained for him by the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, the servant hath been honored with thy letter, which spoke in praise of our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur. I broke its seal and read its contents, and brought it to the Most Glorious Paradise, and after obtaining permission, presented it at the Most Exalted Horizon. Then the Tongue gave utterance in the Kingdom of Expression, saying - and His Word is the Truth […]

O servant in attendance! Write to Muhammad-Qabil-i-Husayn, upon him be my Baha: Praise be to God that from the beginning of the Cause thou wert blessed with that which most of mankind hath not attained. Thou didst turn to Him, heard the call, and wert blessed to respond "yea." This was what was needed, and through God's grace and favor thou didst achieve it. In the early days the Ancient Tongue proclaimed this exalted word: "This is not the Day of questions and answers. It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to say: 'Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Creator of Heaven!'" And thou didst attain unto this station. The Supreme Pen hath testified to thy devotion and sincerity, but this station is indeed most great. Thou must preserve it and be observed to become daily more enkindled in the Cause of God. By Him Who revealed the Bayan and manifested the proof! All that is witnessed in the world will soon return to nothingness, while that which hath been ordained for His loved ones and chosen ones shall endure for as long as His names and attributes endure. Thy name is mentioned in the Kingdom and is inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen in God's Book. Say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by the light wherewith Thou hast illumined the horizons of the hearts of them that are sincere in Thy days, and by the fire of Thy love which hath set ablaze the hearts of Thy chosen ones and loved ones, to aid me to be steadfast in that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, made known to me through Thy grace, and taught me through Thy loving-kindness. O my Lord! Thou seest me, with my whole being, my spirit, my outer and inner self, turning toward the horizon whence the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth, and holding fast to the cord of Thy favors. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which beseemeth Thy days and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He to Whose generosity every tongue hath testified, and to Whose power every utterance hath witnessed. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. I beseech Thee to protect me from those who have denied Thy truth and turned away from Thy sovereignty. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Most Great Word whereby Thou hast subdued all things, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and the service of Thy Cause through the wisdom Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

Praise be to God that through the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the world thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance, and these exalted words were revealed especially for thee. Well is it with thee and pleasing is it unto thee. Likewise a tablet was revealed and sent down from the heaven of will. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in all conditions with that which He loveth and is pleased with. From the beginning of the Cause thou didst stand at the gate and wert engaged in the mention of God. This station is most great. Although due to the meanness of the world and its worthlessness the stations of those who are steadfast, who have turned to God and are firm have remained hidden, yet this concealment shall last but a few days. Soon will the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of bounty make manifest the stations of souls and reveal them to all the worlds. This ocean hath neither shore nor bottom, for its mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. This evanescent servant hopeth that thou mayest shine forth like the morning star from the horizon of the heaven of God's Cause. His is the command, in the past and in the future, and all are submissive unto Him.

You have remembered rightly concerning the delay in my letter, but God the All-Knowing bears witness that you have ever been present before my face and mentioned by my tongue. How could this ephemeral one forget that spiritual friend who from the beginning of the Cause has been turned toward the Truth? If my letters have been delayed, it is because night and day I am occupied before His face in transcribing the revealed verses, and furthermore letters from the friends arrive continuously and successively to such an extent that were it not for the assistance of the Beloved of the Worlds, this ephemeral one could never fulfill his duty to reply and accomplish that with which he is charged. You yourself bear witness to what I have stated. As for what you wrote concerning your namesake, upon him be the Glory of God, and concerning his degrees of longing, yearning, firmness and steadfastness - indeed what you wrote is correct, clear and evident. I beseech the Exalted Truth, glorified be His majesty, to assist him in that which befits this divine Day. God willing, may he at all times drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be enkindled with the fire of His love. These matters were also presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold. A most wondrous, most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will especially for him. God willing, may he attain to its perusal and drink from the ocean of divine utterance that lies concealed within its words and verses. His is the praise and the glory, His the bounty and the giving. He bestoweth as He willeth and withholdeth as He willeth. He is the Beneficent, the Giver, the Generous, the Bountiful. Convey my greetings to him.

Concerning what you wrote about permission to turn towards the Prison, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the All-Bestowing spoke in reply, exalted be His glory: He is God, exalted is He! Verily He loves your presence, and you yearn for His presence, His meeting and His reunion, which God has made the ultimate goal and the supreme cause for the appearance of creation and its resurrection. But the people and their deeds have come between us and you. Today the sun of justice is concealed beneath the clouds of oppression. This too is from the wisdom of God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Be not grieved at separation, for verily whoever is truly enkindled with the fire of God's love and attains to His love - the reward of meeting and reunion has been and will be recorded for him by the Supreme Pen. Verily He inscribes for whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He desires. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

From the moment of Our arrival in this prison, the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed this exalted word: This land is seen to be outwardly at rest, yet inwardly it is in turmoil. Soon shall its inward state assume the place of its outward condition, and its outward condition the place of its inward state. Such utterances were heard repeatedly from the blessed Tongue. Perchance this may be one of the reasons for Our restraint. Nevertheless, We cherish the hope that through the infinite oceans of mercy, this station may be recorded by the Supreme Pen in the most excellent manner regarding the true chosen ones. The banner of "He doeth what He pleaseth" is raised through His Name, and the standard of "He ordaineth what He willeth" is manifest through His Command. The Kingdom of Will is agitated before His Will, and the Dominion of Utterance is submissive and silent before His Utterance. Who can measure this station by the standards of the world or by the scales of nations? All are bewildered. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

This evanescent one makes known to those who drink of the Kawthar of inner meanings that the friends must at all times beseech and supplicate the Self-Subsisting Lord that perchance the veils that have prevented the world from beholding Him might be rent asunder, and that eyes and vision might attain to that for which they were created. Today the Kawthar is flowing, the River of Divine Mercy is manifest, and the Sealed Wine is present. Say: O masters and friends of God! Strive that ye may attain to that which beseemeth you, and take your portion and share of that which is in this day being sent down from the heaven of God's bounty and appearing from the ocean of His grace. I swear by the Divine Ocean of Knowledge that if in this day any soul should miss aught, its retrieval shall be impossible.

Convey greetings on behalf of this servant to all, and inform them of what hath been mentioned. God willing, may all be gathered upon the carpet of unity and soar in the atmosphere of oneness. Verily, He aideth whomsoever He willeth as a bounty from His presence. There is none other God but He, the Hearer, the Answerer. May the Glory shining from the horizon of our Lord, the Most Glorious's favors, be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

Praise be to God that the lips of assurance have smiled and the pearl of mystical knowledge of the Countenance of the Most Merciful hath appeared from the shell of certitude, and the tongue of truth hath spoken with most wondrous utterance that there is none other God but He, the Luminous, the Most Luminous. Again, praise be unto Him that the sun of remembrance of the Lord of creation hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heart with the lights of righteousness, and the tree of certitude hath grown from the soil of the heart, and every branch of its branches and every leaf of its leaves hath spoken in diverse melodies that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O what joy that the rose of paradise hath blossomed and its fragrances have wafted, then spread and diffused, and its breezes, its scents and its spirit have encompassed the temples of the people of mystical knowledge, and the realities of spirits have inhaled it, and every bone hath quivered therefrom and

testified with clear expression that there is none other God but He, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Gracious.

O blessed be that the nightingale of faithfulness hath warbled upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree with melodies like unto those of the mystic dove upon the branches of the Garden of Paradise, in praise of the Creator of Names and the Sovereign of earth and heaven, Who is sanctified above the mention of aught else but Him or the description of what is beneath Him, and exalted above whatsoever the people of grandeur and glory may ascribe unto Him.

Again, unto Him be grace and permanence and might and sublimity, that the lights of guidance have returned to their abode and the sun of unity and uniqueness hath risen from its horizon, and the temple of sanctity hath donned its robe, and the essence of testimony hath testified to its Witnessed One, its Beloved and its Intended, with its secret and its manifest being, its essence and its heart, that He is the One manifest in His manifestation and hidden in His essence, and exalted in His name, and sanctified in His being from the mention of aught else but Him, and the One witnessed in His beauty and speaking in the heaven of His might and majesty, seated upon the throne of His grandeur and established upon the seat of His command, standing through the sovereignty of His might and His greatness, and self-subsisting through the dominion of His power - He is the One to Whom all existence, both seen and unseen, beareth witness that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thee and unto Thy Tablet which hath been adorned with the ornament of the remembrance of the Lord of Names, and unto the bearer who came as though bringing a musk-pod of immortality and the fragrant perfumes of joy and faithfulness. Praise be to the Beloved of eternity, exalted be His glory, that the fire of divine love hath been kindled from the Lote-Tree of the illumined heart and the call “Verily, there is none other God but He, the Luminous, the Most Luminous” hath been raised from the Sinai of the radiant breast. How blessed was that hour and how excellent that time when this evanescent servant was honored to break the seal of that spiritual tablet. All the twigs and branches of the blessed divine Lote-Tree rejoiced, especially His Holiness the Most Great Branch - exalted be His glory and praise - for due to their attachment to your honor they were greatly saddened by the delay of news from you. We praise God for this and beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen your honor in all conditions. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And then, this evanescent servant presented thy letter before God. God knoweth what shone forth in that moment from the Dayspring of loving-kindness and the Source of grace and tender mercy. None can reckon it save His all-knowing Self. Thereafter there was revealed from the Source of divine utterance - exalted be His glory - these words:

“God willing, thou shouldst at all times guide people to the divine law, that perchance through goodly counsel heedless and doubtful souls may turn toward the realm of oneness. O Nabil! Arise to serve thy Ancient Lord with thy heart, thy sight, thy hearing, thy tongue and all thy members. Thus doth He command thee Who is seated upon the pivot of tribulations and calamities. Make thy feet of iron in My Cause, and thy tongue a double-edged sword in My remembrance and praise, and thine eyes gazing toward My direction, and thy heart turned toward My shining and luminous Beauty. Stand forth between the righteous and the wicked in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Then kindle in their

hearts the fire of My remembrance and praise, that the former may increase thereby and the latter may be guided thereby. Thus doth the Sovereign of destiny command thee from this most great prospect. Heal souls from the disease of heedlessness and passion by My Most Exalted and Most Glorious Name. Blessed art thou for that which hath come from thee, whereof the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken in remembrance of thee in this Prison wherein is established the throne of thy Lord's mercy, the Most High, the Supreme."

Thus ended that which the Tongue of Revelation spoke. What else can this servant say regarding that which hath been revealed from the Source of Command? For if these divine fragrances were to pass over the mountains, they would transform them into rubies, and were they to pass over graves, their inhabitants would arise to praise thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Your honor hath personally heard the resplendent utterances from the mouth of the All-Merciful and knoweth how, in such instances, the ocean of meanings and wisdom floweth and surgeth from the Fountainhead of the Will of the Lord of eternity. Specifically, it hath been revealed from the right hand of oneness that ye should deal with the servants with supreme kindness, and with perfect wisdom and tender mercy gather all upon the shore of the Most Great Ocean, in such wise that never shall the odor of discord waft between the loved ones of God. And should any soul become heedless and remain veiled, remind him through counsels and admonitions, that perchance he may remember or fear. The purpose is that ye may cause all who are on earth to enter the tabernacle of oneness.

And furthermore the polytheist became aware of the details from that Person and was inflamed within himself. We beseech God to protect your honor from his evil and his plotting. Once again there descended from the right hand of the Throne: In these days after arrival at the Most Great Prison, the Divine Will became attached to this: that He should call anew all creation to the shore of oneness with the most exalted call. Therefore specifically for each of the rulers of the earth a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, and each was designated by a name - the first by "The Cry", the second by "The Calamity", the third by "The Inevitable", the fourth by "The Awakening", the fifth by "The Overwhelming", and likewise by "The Deafening Clamor", "The Imminent", "The Great Terror", "The Trumpet Blast", "The Horn", and their like - so that all the people of the earth might become certain and witness with their outer and inner sight that the Lord of Names has been and shall ever be triumphant over all. Tribulations and ordeals have not and shall not prevent the Sovereign of the seen and unseen from proclaiming His Cause. By Thy life! In the midst of tribulation, from the horizon of the Prison We have manifested the Face, shining forth amidst all the worlds, and We have called all unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. However, after the dawning of these destined matters from the horizon of the Cause of the Lord of creation, all have fallen to pursuing and panting after thy Lord - they are but in perdition. And the Cause has become extremely severe, to such an extent as transcends mention and utterance. From what appears from the Ancient King, the intention and deeds of the peoples become known - no need remains to mention it. From the beginning of creation until now, such an open proclamation has never occurred. The previous Manifestation and the Herald of My Beauty had sent two Tablets, but in them there was naught save the declaration of divine authority and oppression. In view of wisdom They veiled the essential matter, and in truth there had not been a complete and open proclamation. Therefore there shone forth from the Dawning-Place of Will that which had ever been the

purpose of God. Exalted be this Power that has shone forth and encompassed the worlds! The appearance of this deed from the Lord of causes has produced two effects: it has both sharpened the swords of the polytheists and caused the tongues of those who have turned towards Him to speak forth in His praise and glorification. This is the effect of those impregnating winds that were mentioned aforetime in the Tablet of the Temple. Now the earth is seen to be pregnant - soon shall sublime fruits appear, and towering trees, and beloved flowers, and fresh bounties. Exalted is the breeze from the garment of thy Glorious Lord that has wafted and quickened all things! Blessed are they who understand. And this is quite evident and clear that in these matters the Sovereign of Manifestation had no purpose for Himself, and despite knowing that it would cause tribulations and give rise to calamities and severity of circumstances, purely out of grace and mercy and for the quickening of the dead and the proclamation of the Cause of the Lord of Names and Attributes and the salvation of all who are on earth, He has closed His eyes to His own comfort and has borne what no one has borne or shall ever bear.

O Nabil! By My life, today is the day of hearkening. Blessed is the ear that hath turned toward the Most Great Direction. Arise with My sovereignty and command amongst My creation, then remind them of what thou hast discovered from this Announcement whereby the heaven was cleft asunder, the mountains were crushed, the Great Terror appeared, the moon was eclipsed, earthquakes appeared among the tribes, the stars fell, the luminary of fancy was darkened, and the Dove sang upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. The Kingdom is God's, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Write thou unto those who dwell in the land of Kha, then remind them of this Cause that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. However, these are the days wherein the people of truth must conduct themselves with the attributes of God and transform satanic qualities into praiseworthy divine characteristics. Corruption hath ever been and shall ever be forbidden, and in this Most Great Revelation all peoples are forbidden from corruption. Let no one ever oppose another or rise up to wage war. The station of the people of truth hath been and shall ever be humility, submissiveness, and praiseworthy attributes. The world is not worthy that man should commit unseemly acts and remain remote from the Sovereign of Oneness. Verily, the world laugheth at those who desire it, and declareth in its loudest voice, addressing them: "Hath anyone ever seen from me aught of good or faithfulness? Soon shall We return you to dust, disappointed and lost, even as We returned those who came before." All must shine resplendent among the servants through the light of guidance, trustworthiness and fear of God, that all may thereby be drawn to the shore of the sea of oneness. Preserve what We have imparted unto thee, then recite unto the peoples, by thy Lord's leave, the Lord of all eternity, that they might forsake their desires, turning unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Thus have We informed thee and related unto thee and imparted unto thee and apprised thee, that thou mayest rejoice and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of Command and Creation, and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of the realm of the heavens and the earth. I thank Thee for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison and for having explained all things in detail unto me. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous. Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Judgment." If copies of the revealed words were to be sent to outlying regions, it would be most beloved.

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In the Name of God, Transcendent is His Glory, His Grandeur and Power!

Praise be fitting unto the Lord of all desires, Who with a single effulgence illumined the horizons of discord with the light of unity and concord. His Will lent support and His Purpose penetrated through divine favor. Through that effulgence which encompassed the world through the radiance of the Muhammadan Sun, it seized all the palaces of the Caesars, the arches of the Chosroes, and the porticos of tyrants. In places where the banner of polytheism was raised, the standard of divine unity was hoisted, and gatherings once devoted to the mention of idols were transformed to circles remembering the Lord of all beings. In place of wine came the celestial stream, in place of darkness came light, in place of ignorance came knowledge, and in place of wealth appeared poverty. This poverty is a crown upon the head of the world's wealth, even as He declared: "Poverty is My glory." This is a poverty before which the world's riches bow down and the wealth of nations stands in humility. No tongue can adequately describe this poverty, nor can any pen do justice to its mention. Exalted be His glory, exalted be His dominion, glorified be His grandeur, and mighty be His proof!

The essence of praise and glory, and the source of description and prayer, be upon Him and His family and His chosen ones and His companions - those who forsook their own existence in His path and became connected to the waves of the ocean of His generosity. He is the Mirror of the Most Beautiful Names and the Most Exalted Attributes. We call God the All-Bountiful, yet this bounty appeared through His existence; we name Him the All-Generous, yet this generosity shone forth from that Dawning-Place of the Ancient Light. Through a single decree, the Hijaz became the sun of the world and the Lord of all possibility.

O my God! O All-Generous! O All-Merciful! Thou art He Who openeth doors without keys and manifesteth meanings without the existence of words. O Generous One! The people of unity are found between the fangs of the polytheists, and the people of sanctity are afflicted with countless tribulations. This evanescent servant beseecheth Thee by Thy Most Great Name to protect Thy loved ones at all times and adorn them with the raiment of infallibility, that the whole world may be illumined with the light of unity and hold fast to the cord of infallibility. Perchance through Thy boundless grace, one day the world may be adorned with that which beseemeth it. Thou art the Sovereign Whom the sovereignty of the world neither hindereth nor increaseth Thy station, and the power of nations neither compareth with Thee nor diminisheth Thee. By the hand of Thy loving-kindness and power, take the hands of Thy friends and grant them eternal salvation. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart! The epistle of divine knowledge, which was adorned with the praise and mention of the Beloved of all worlds, was received. Praise be to God that the temples of words and letters were embellished with the garment of certitude. In truth, each letter thereof was a key to unlock the door of divine love. I cannot describe this ark, nor can I praise it adequately, for its captain is the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and upon its banner is inscribed the blessed words "Verily, there is none other God but He." The effect of this mention is evident, and the fruit of this description is manifest. The tree of remembrance bore befitting fruit, and the tree of sincerity yielded luminous leaves.

After its observation and perusal, it was presented before His presence, whereupon He said: “Praise be to God! The signs are manifest, the fruits are present, and the grace is evident. Generosity hath assisted, bounty hath aided, and the water of loving-kindness hath enabled the saplings in the garden of inner meanings to become adorned with the leaves and fruits of divine love.”

O thou who art present! From that direction the fragrance of true love is diffused. The tongues of all travelers speak in their praise. The eye of existence is illumined and brightened by such souls. These are they who are endowed with insight from God, the Lord of the virtuous. We send greetings upon him and upon them, and We beseech the Almighty to assist them with the breaths of His grace and the means of the heavens and earth, that they may speak His praise and mention, and arise to serve His Cause. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We make mention of ’Abdu’l-Baha who hath attained that which most of the servants have not attained. God willing, may they ever gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful and be gladdened by His grace. Likewise, convey greetings from the Wronged One to the other friends. We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him and to strengthen them in that which will exalt their mention among His servants, and to grant them success through wisdom. Verily, He hath power over all things.

This evanescent servant hath ever besought and continues to beseech from the Exalted Truth that which would cause the attraction of hearts, the unity of souls, and the concord of all who dwell on earth. The Lord is witness that I am abashed by these utterances, for praise be to God, as attested by the Lord, ye are possessed of insight and endowed with virtuous character. This is a mighty bounty and a great favor that hath been granted. No mention is befitting alongside this matter. How excellent is the saying: “When a hundred cometh, ninety is also with us.” Since ye are possessed of virtuous character, ye possess all good, and since ye are doers of good deeds, ye are masters of all excellence. Well is it with you, and again, well is it with you.

This evanescent one offers salutations and praise to each of the gentlemen and the friends of God, exalted be His praise. Yesterday afternoon, in His presence, He made special mention of that land, speaking in such a manner that each soul who intended to turn in that direction - that is, one by one - was mentioned. How beautiful are these verses in this regard:

Those words which that Friend did speak at that time,

If they strike the night, day would from darkness climb.

That dark night would brighten like morning clear;

Those terms I cannot repeat or render here.

You know what the sun in Aries tells

The flowers and the fields

You know what the crystal water speaks

To blossoms and young shoots

Beyond this I am not permitted to say

For the ocean cannot be contained in a stream

A hundred thousand praises and thanks to the Goal of all the worlds, Who bestowed His favor and showed His generosity, and Who gave this evanescent one and his friends shelter and abode beneath the shadow of His grace. All things bear witness that verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Merciful, the Most Bountiful.

According to your request, in the presence of the Most Holy Branches of the Sacred Tree - may my spirit, essence and being be a sacrifice unto the dust of their steps - greetings and praise were conveyed. All the circling men and women each expressed their loving-kindness. Truly, the lights of bounty were manifest, evident and radiant at their mention. The beloved of the heart of ’Abdu’l-Baha - upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation - his blessed letter arrived, creating a world of joy and delight. Indeed, the meaning of the passage previously revealed: “May my love make all my deeds and devotions as one single devotion, and my condition in serving Thee eternal” was clear and evident from his letter, for to those endowed with insight, all letters culminate in and speak of two letters: Ha and Ba. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to confirm him with such confirmation that its light may illumine all horizons. After presenting this, He said before His face: “Praise be to the Goal of the world that they were successful and found the path of the All-Merciful through the lamp of recognition. The veils of the world did not prevent his sight from witnessing, nor did the clamor of nations stop his hearing from hearkening. They are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained to the bounty of God.” Before the appearance of the Sun of inner meanings, words have no station. Whatever is said or written was not and is not worthy. However, this nothingness and evanescence lends some luster to the work. His is the grace and generosity in all conditions. After establishing the station of sanctification and transcendence, He permitted every soul to call upon and mention Him according to its tongue and understanding. His is the praise and glory, His the favor and splendor, His the bounty and grandeur. Since a letter was previously sent to serve them, I did not trouble them this time, though even this much is a burden. In these days, by divine decree, that occurred which darkened the world of light and veiled the realm of vision. The dust of sorrow encompassed all and the smoke of grief and anguish seized every space. Were it not for God’s grace and bounty, the loved ones and companions would have perished. Herein was manifested that which testified clearly and evidently to His bounty and grace, and from the Source of Utterance appeared what appeared. At the end He says: “Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. If Thou should desire, Thou wouldst transform the mystery of sorrow into joy in Thy dominion, and the essence of grief into delight among Thy servants.”

And considering that in these days this matter occurred and, having been blessed with a considerable portion of the outpourings of the Pen, some patience and tranquility were attained - in truth, blessed are those souls who have ascended and were blessed with the fruits of the Tree and the tokens of the Pen. Many matters are not clear at present, but if He wishes, He will reveal what He desires, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. More than this cannot be disclosed, for in one place He has said these are the days of the Most Great Joy; in the presence of the Lord, sorrow is not permissible. All lamentation, crying out, and grief have been forbidden except for what has befallen Him. In any case, I beseech and hope

from God that He may comfort all and grant patience and forbearance. The place of those beloved ones was indeed empty in the gatherings of these days. Though you were not present physically, assuredly you were present in spirit and sharing in all conditions. We are God's and unto Him do we return. And in truth, even outwardly, the true representative of the direction of the Most Exalted Names was his honor Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, who shone like a star in the gatherings. His representation is sufficient and complete in the sight of God. The fragrance of the garment of grace continues to waft. Well is it with you.

The letter from the honored brother, his honor Aqa 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be God's peace and grace, arrived and it so happened that it attained the presence and was opened by the blessed hand and read. He smiled, and all those present smiled. Give him glad tidings and convey greetings and praise. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant him such confirmation that he may ever be enkindled with the fire of God's love and act according to His command. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Confirmer, the All-Wise. Peace and glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He Who is established upon the Kingdom of Utterance!

O sons of the Friend! Hearken unto the Call of your Glorious Lord. He makes mention of you, inasmuch as you turned towards Him when He was imprisoned, wronged and a stranger in this remote prison. By God! The Throne of the Lord hath been established upon the willow. Blessed is he who comprehendeth what We have revealed in the Book; he is indeed among those endued with vision in this noble scene. Rejoice in My remembrance and My turning towards you, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned Thy loved ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen and hast turned towards them from Thy glorious and luminous station."

We make mention in this station of him who is named Aziz, that he may rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance and praise his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou art he whom the breeze of God awakened in His days, and whom the Spirit raised up unto this Cause, whereby all who are in the kingdom of command and creation were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of sovereigns. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard My call, soared in My atmosphere, taken the cup of steadfastness in My love and drunk therefrom in My Name, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

O My Tongue! Make mention of Shin and Ha in My Kingdom, who turned towards the Kaaba of existence and stood before the Throne in manifest humility. Say: By God! The Interlocutor of Sinai hath appeared and proclaimeth: "O people of the world! The Most Great Name hath appeared. Turn ye unto God with illumined hearts and be not of the heedless." Blessed art thou for having attained unto the choice wine of My love, entered My prison, and witnessed that which brought solace to the eyes of those near unto God.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Isaac, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Lord of Hosts, Who hath come to give life unto the world, yet from Whom every obstinate infidel hath turned away. The world hath been honored by the advent of the Lord of Eternity, yet the people remain behind an evident veil. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of him who is named Nasrullah, who turned towards God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. This is the Day for which God's chosen ones of old lamented in their separation, yet when He appeared, every heedless doubter turned away. Thus hath the Kingdom of Utterance been stirred, and the All-Merciful hath revealed that whereby the hearts of those who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and held fast unto His mighty cord were attracted.

O Ismail! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the Mount of Knowledge, from the Divine Lote-Tree: "Verily, there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bestower." Blessed art thou for having turned towards God when every polytheist and infidel turned away. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Cause and for having made known unto me that which was hidden from every ignorant one who claimed knowledge. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this Cause, whose greatness the Scriptures and Tablets have testified to."

O Elias! The Wronged One in prison makes mention of thee, inasmuch as thou didst turn towards the Most Great Ocean and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered on the Mount of Utterance when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book, and We have witnessed thy turning towards Us and have turned towards thee from this glorious station. This is a Day wherein the Friend calleth out in the Most Holy Vale, and the Interlocutor declareth: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for the sweet savors of the garment of Thy Revelation have wafted over Thy domains and the breezes of Thy favors have blown over Thy servants." Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of My wisdom wafted forth, whereby the horizon of the heaven of My Cause, the wondrous, hath been illumined.

O Jacob! By God, the Jacob of old lamented in his separation from Me and uttered My remembrance and praise. Whenever the Sun of My Manifestation dawned upon him in the night, such longing seized him that sleep fled from his eyes. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto God for having taught thee and guided thee to this straight Path. Hold fast unto the cord of the Manifestation and say: "O Lord of the Mount! I beseech Thee not to withhold from me what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book of the wonders of Thy grace. Then assist me in that which will profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

We make mention in this station of him who was named Muhammad-before-Rafi', that he may remember his Lord on the Sinai of the Spirit through what the All-Merciful hath revealed in His mighty Book. Whoso hath attained unto the Most Great Sea this day hath attained unto all good. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from the most exalted station, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined, and the Mount hath taken flight, and the Tree calleth out with the loudest voice between earth and heaven, yet most of the people are as dead. Blessed

is the one who hath rent asunder the veils and believed in the All-Bestowing Lord when He came with a mighty command.

We make mention of him who was named Khudadad, who hath adorned himself with the ornament of love on this Day wherein the Lord of Creation hath proclaimed: “There is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed.” Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in this wondrous Cause. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the ocean of knowledge, and how many a mystic hath been deprived of this Great Name, while thou hast attained unto it through the grace of God, the Goal of all mystics.

O Moses! Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot, from the crimson Tree beyond the sea of grandeur: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.” We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books that they might give unto My servants the glad-tidings of My appearance in My days and remind them of this News whereby the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and the mountains have taken flight. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of God when it was raised in truth, and for having drunk the choice wine of knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of all Religions.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who was named with Shin and Ha, that he may give thanks unto his Lord Who, with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the world nor the multitude of nations can stand, doeth what He willeth by His command. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! Neither the clamor of the people nor the growling of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, did deter Him. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of thy Most Holy and Gracious Lord. Say: “I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me, in all conditions, one who uttereth Thy remembrance, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, and who standeth ready to serve Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty One Whom neither the affairs of creation nor the hosts of the world can frustrate.”

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Moses, who hath turned toward the wilderness wherein the Lord of all creation proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” We have created all beings that We might make known unto them Our path and draw them nigh unto Our kingdom and dominion, and honor them with Our presence in Our glorious and mighty Day. Yet when the signs of the Revelation appeared and the Lord of Resurrection came, they turned away from Him save whom God did choose, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou for having turned toward My ocean and desired My straight Path. Preserve what We have sent down unto thee. By God! Nothing that hath been created on earth can equal it, if thou be of them that know.

O son of Nasir! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Best-Beloved of the world, thou wert mentioned in the Most Holy Court which is the point round which circle the Concourse on High. The names mentioned in thy letter were presented by this servant before the Throne, and for each one there were revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will wondrous and sublime verses. Praise be to God that all have attained to God’s grace. Verily the bounty is in His hand and His grasp; He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

All the handmaidens of God who were mentioned in thy letter have been blessed with the mention of the True One. Say: O handmaidens of God! Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the wine of divine love and partaken of the ocean of recognition. I swear by the Most Great Name that ye are preferred above most of the women of the world, for every soul whose mention hath been recorded this day by the Most Exalted Pen shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. How many queens there were who failed to recognize their Lord and returned to dust with utmost regret. Rejoice then, O My handmaidens, in My days, and drink the Kawthar of My love in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Say: Today is the day of mention and praise, and today is the day to work for God. Strive ye that ye may attain to His good-pleasure, that is, remain steadfast in His love.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the blessed place, every good deed is today beloved and is accounted among the sovereign of deeds. However, the intention must be the benefit of all the peoples of the world. The purpose for which God, exalted and glorified be He, established religion was the unity and concord of all the world's peoples. This manifestation appears in different colors due to the diversity of mirrors. God willing, through divine grace all should be seen as one mirror, and all these differences, objections, conflicts and disputes should be erased and come to naught. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Thy letter was received, and this servant, after perusing it, was so blessed that circumstances were arranged such that on that very day, nay that very hour, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. This was naught but from the grace of the True One, exalted be His majesty, universal be His bounty, and great be His glory. For each of the names that were mentioned, sublime and wondrous verses were revealed from the heaven of Will. Praise be to God, all were sustained by the living waters and attained unto God's infinite bounties. His Holiness Ismu'llah-il-Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, mentioned some individuals several times in his petitions to the Most Holy Court, and in each instance the Sun of Grace dawned and appeared from the Horizon of favors. Blessed are those souls who have today attained unto the mention of their Lord. Likewise, some time ago Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant wherein he mentioned the friends of God. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid all to remember and praise Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Both those souls who have newly attained and those who previously drank from the Primal Cup were all mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and attained His grace, and this servant copied and sent the wondrous, sublime and blessed verses from the original revelation that both the earlier and later souls might attain unto them and utter "Thine is the praise and the glory."

Concerning al-Baraka in the Most Holy Court, when mention was made of it He said: "God willing, may they be assisted to achieve this good." This matter must be consulted upon and then acted upon, but no one should be compelled. After it is realized, all will hear of it. Should any soul step forward with perfect eagerness, the Trustees may accept and receive from him, otherwise not. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to this great trust. Verily, He is the Lord of the Last and the First, and the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. The Glory be upon you, O

loved ones of God and His friends. Blessed are ye for having believed in God and remained steadfast in His mighty Cause.

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O Rajab-'Ali, who hast attained to His presence and won the grace of meeting Him!

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Rajab-'Ali! The promised Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud amidst the people on this Day wherein all things circle round the Cause, and the Mount speaketh forth: "By God! The Lord of the Manifestation hath appeared and that which was hidden from eyes and hearts hath been revealed!" The world hath been honored by the appearance of the Ancient King, yet most of the people comprehend not. Lo! The Kawthar calleth out "Drink ye!" but the people drink not. The Salsabil summoneth all to the Glorious Lord, yet most of mankind perceive not. The proof hath been perfected, the bounty completed, and the heavenly table sent down, yet the people know not. They deny God's grace and mercy - nay, they understand not.

The servant who hath attained Our presence hath mentioned thee, and We have remembered thee in this decisive Tablet through which floweth the Euphrates of the wisdom of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath turned and drunk therefrom, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We desired to mention those whom thou didst mention and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness that dispelleth all doubts, that the attraction of the verses may draw them to a station wherein naught is seen save the effulgences of the light of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be.

O friend! Hear the call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing in the most exalted Paradise: "God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving." Rejoice that thy mention hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in this praiseworthy station. Say: Make your faces sincere for the sake of God and your deeds pure from doubt and ostentation. This is what ye were commanded aforetime in a written tablet wherein the Most Exalted Pen inscribed the mysteries of the seen and unseen.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Mahdi! Verily We have sent down the Book with truth and manifested clear proofs before the faces of the servants. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who hath been debarred from that which hath appeared from God, the Lord of existence. Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and He hath remembered thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of utterance to waft throughout all possibility and perfumed the kingdoms of the seen and unseen. Say: None knoweth the interpretation of what hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen save the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The Sun of proof hath shone forth from the highest horizon of the world by the command of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me and turned toward me from the direction of the Prison. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, whereby the cities of justice and equity were

illumined, to make me in all conditions hold fast unto Thee and Thy verses, and to cling to the hem of Thy bounty.

O Malik-Qabli-Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of ’Akka: “Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed.” He knoweth what is in the heavens and what is on earth and what was hidden from the eyes of the mystics. Hear what is cast unto thee from the verses of thy Lord - verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. He it is in Whose hand are the destinies of the heavens and earth, and the decree of all things in a clear Book. That which hath appeared hath renewed the realities of all things, and the Herald hath proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.”

When thine eyes gain the grace of beholding thy Lord’s verses, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have been so attracted by Thy verses that they cast away all else but Thee and hastened with their hearts to the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to accept from me and from my brothers in the Cause that which hath proceeded from us in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who hath been named Aqa Jan, that he may render thanks unto his Lord for this clear remembrance. O Aqa Jan! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to grant thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure amongst His creation and thy name amongst His servants. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Ali! Today the Concourse on High are proclaiming “The Lord of all beings hath come,” yet the heedless and ignorant people are deprived of hearing and are forbidden from the outpourings of the true Benefactor in these days. Praise be to God, the souls of that village are mentioned by the Supreme Pen and their service is accepted. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of deeds and virtuous character, and to strengthen them in that which shall endure as long as His names endure. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Habibu’llah, that this remembrance may draw him to the station which God hath made the point of adoration for those near unto Him. We have remembered thee before, and at this time, as a token of grace from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Let not the conditions and events of the world sadden thee and prevent thee from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. Arise and say: Unto Thee be praise and glory, unto Thee be thanks and splendor, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, inasmuch as Thou hast turned unto Thy servant and illumined his heart with the light of Thy knowledge and hast sent down for him that which shall endure as long as Thy names and attributes endure. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the cawing of the crows, nor the clamor of the polytheists, nor the oppression of the tyrannical can frustrate. Ordain for me that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention at this time of the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God in Ha and Mim, that they may rejoice in God's remembrance in His days and be of the thankful ones. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath remembered you before, and at this time with a clear remembrance. The Trusted One hath mentioned you before, and Abu'l-Fadl thereafter. We have sent down for you that from which the people of Baha perceive the fragrances of bounty and bestowal. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. We counsel you to manifest great steadfastness, and to observe trustworthiness, chastity and faithfulness. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the strong one whom the hands of oppression have not weakened, and the seeing one whom the incidents of the days have not prevented from beholding this shining horizon.

O Yari! He who was named Rajab-'Ali hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee and those who have believed in God, the One, the Peerless, the Strong, the Powerful. Rejoice in this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Yari! He loveth the presence of His loved ones, but the oppressors have come between Us and them. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to decree for those who desired to attain His presence the reward of meeting Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto the Call, hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the direction of the Most Great Scene, and say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise for having guided me, and unto Thee be glory for having strengthened me to hold fast unto that which Thou didst command me. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty, through a drop whereof Thou didst adorn non-existence with the ornament of being, to ordain for me that which shall strengthen me to hearken unto Thy most sweet call and the rustling of Thy Supreme Pen. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy favor a blessing from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence, and ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily, I know not what is with Thee, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Pen! The Most Great Name desireth to make mention of him who attained the presence of the Face and circumambulated the House - he who was named Rajab-'Ali - that the rapture of his Lord's remembrance may seize him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of manifest grace.

O Rajab-'Ali! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, drawn thee nigh, and caused thee to attain His presence through the agencies of the heavens and earth, and for having shown thee His horizon and made thee hear His call. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We make mention in this station of thy wife, and give her glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaiden! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. Rather, give thanks unto thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Beloved of the nations, for having caused me to turn towards the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty and to speak Thy praise, when the divines of Iran and the people of idle fancies denied Thee, violated Thy Covenant and Testament, and disputed Thy proof." O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden clinging fast unto Thee and acknowledging that which hath been sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her of the wonders of Thy bounty. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My handmaiden! Know thou that Rajab-'Ali hath attained Our presence and visited the Wronged One in thy stead, and We have accepted him as a token of Our grace. Thy Lord, verily, is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention in this station of thy son, who hath been named Asadu'llah, with such remembrance as the Concourse on High shall celebrate. O Asad! The One, the Single, hath turned toward thee from this station that thou mayest be among the thankful ones. Say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy luminous countenance and by the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy service, Thy remembrance, and Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. Thou art indeed the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

We desire to make mention of My handmaiden Tahirih and My other handmaiden, and give them glad tidings of that which hath stirred the cord of grace and bounty in this Most Exalted Station, that they may rejoice in the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath desired for you both a bounty from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them both that which He hath ordained for His handmaidens who have turned unto Him and circumambulated the Most Great, the Supreme Throne of God. Thus have We sent down the verses from the kingdom of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Possessor of Names and Attributes, as a bounty from His presence upon His servants and handmaidens. He, verily, is the Rememberer, the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the Mighty.

O Rama?an! The blessed Rama?an draweth nigh, and the people of Baha in this prison shall fast. In most Tablets We have counseled all to wisdom, for it is the cause of the exaltation of God's Word among His servants and the means of preserving those in the land. Hold fast unto its requirements. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. By My life! I love worship in God's path, tribulations in His love, and afflictions for the manifestation of His Cause. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and acted according to that which was commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We have remembered thee with verses before which all the remembrances of the world shall bow down. To this testifieth every fair-minded, discerning one.

O Mashhadi Muhammad! He who hath attained My presence hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this clear remembrance. By My life! Wert thou to inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, it would raise thee to a station wherein thou wouldst behold naught in existence save the manifestations of His power and the revelations of the lights of the Day-Star of His firm and mighty justice. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto gracious patience.

O Ja'far! Thou hast attained mention by the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Horizon. Its traces are the cause of salvation for the world and its peoples, and His bounty is the cause of the dawning of the manifestations of the Most Great Luminary. When thou hast attained unto that which hath been revealed for thee, turn thy face toward God and say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to hearken unto Thy call, to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty in Thy days. O my Lord! Thou seest me yearning for the wonders of Thy grace and mercy. I beseech Thee to

preserve me, through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, from the evil of every cawing raven, from the oppression of every oppressor, and from the harm of every remote and ignorant one. Verily, Thou art the Single One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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In the Name of the One God

O Karim! God willing, through the grace of the All-Bountiful, mayest thou find rest beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, and be made the recipient of the outpourings that descend from the heaven of grace. Thou hast been and wilt continue to be remembered before the Throne, and this is accounted among God's greatest favors.

O Karim! Gird up the loins of service, that perchance feeble souls may arise to celebrate the praise of the Lord of creation with the utmost love and inner strength, in such wise that neither the world nor aught therein shall deter them from the Truth. Let all, in these luminous days, manifest divine attributes.

O Karim! The spiritual and mystic wine is prepared and the Divine Cup-Bearer is present, yet most of humanity is seen to be deprived and forbidden. The Truth is manifest in the fullness of its revelation, and creation is consumed with longing; nevertheless, the lovers are separated from their Beloved and burn in the wilderness of separation. Therefore, they need guides, counselors and teachers to understand what prevents them and what causes their remoteness.

Some souls need no teaching. These are like unto eyes - and eyes need not be taught to see. Likewise, ears need not be taught to hear. When opened through the aid of the Spirit, they perceive of themselves. Yet at all times one must seek refuge with the Countenance of the All-Merciful, lest disease or other ailment afflict them and become a barrier. These are the souls who, after the Call was raised, turned to the Supreme Horizon, and are so steadfast that none can cause these assured souls to deviate from the Divine Court. They have drunk and continue to drink from the Salsabil of the All-Merciful's utterance at all times, finding solace and yearning in the divine words.

Those below this station need goodly counsel and loving advice. Therefore, the loved ones of God must undertake this momentous task with wisdom and utterance. Some they must teach through words, some through deeds and actions, and some through character, drawing them to the Divine Court. Goodly deeds and spiritual attributes are themselves teachers of the Cause.

Let none be saddened that they are not learned or have not acquired outward knowledge. Consider the time of the Messenger, when after the appearance of that Most Great Luminary, all the learned ones, men of letters and philosophers remained deprived of that Fountain of Divine knowledge, while Abu Dharr, who was but a shepherd, through his turning to the Self-Sufficient Lord, had oceans of wisdom and utterance flow from his heart and tongue. Now thou seest all the learned ones bow down at his mention, though at first none paid him any heed. Exalted is the Ancient One, the Possessor of Great Bounty! He verily rules as He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty.

Therefore, each of the loved ones of God who truly turns to the enduring horizon will be granted that which will enable them to guide humanity. Say: O My loved ones! Ye are spiritual physicians. Through God's might and power, ye must heal the inner ailments of the nations and the diseased eyes of the peoples of the world with the healing remedy of the Most Great Name, that all may turn to the shore of the Most Great Ocean in the days of the Lord of Eternity. Therefore, all must adorn their inner and outer beings with the garment of trustworthiness, the robe of godliness, and the emblem of truthfulness […]

This Revelation has not come for the implementation of outward ordinances, as has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Bayan, but rather for the manifestation of spiritual perfections in human souls, the elevation of their spirits to enduring stations, and that which their minds can comprehend, so that all may walk above earth and heaven. By My life! Were the veil to be rent asunder at this station, souls would take wing unto the precincts of thy Lord, the Cleaver of Dawn. However, since We have commanded according to wisdom, We have kept certain stations concealed lest the magnetic force of free will seize the reins of choice, and that all may walk among creatures with outward propriety and become the cause of the guidance of men. Some minds may not accept certain ordinances mentioned in the divine Books due to their ignorance of the hidden wisdom therein. But none has denied or will deny what has streamed forth in this Most Great Revelation from the Ancient Pen concerning unity, fellowship, character, conduct, and engagement in that which profiteth mankind–save he who is utterly bereft of understanding. If the loved ones of God be not adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, truthfulness and rectitude, the harm thereof will revert upon those souls themselves and upon all people. Firstly, such souls will never be worthy repositories of the divine Word and the hidden mysteries of the Lord. Secondly, they have been and will be the cause of people's deviation and turning away. And beyond these two are God's wrath and fury, His chastisement and indignation.

O Karim! Hear thou the call of the All-Merciful from the spiritual Pen in the Persian tongue. By My life! It will draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold naught in creation save the effulgences of this Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of the favors of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Should all creatures rend asunder the concealing veils and hearken to the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, which hath been raised in the luminous Spot by leave of the Lord of Names, all would turn with their souls toward the direction of the All-Merciful. Their own desires have hindered them, and today they are thunderstruck. O Karim! The Sun of the Divine Word, which hath risen and shone forth from the Dayspring of Will, is perceived by every possessor of insight, and that Word is, amidst the words of the world, as manifest and resplendent as the visible sun. This is not a day wherein the Most Exalted Pen should be occupied with such remembrances. It behooveth every soul in this Day, when he heareth the Call from the Most Sublime Horizon, to forsake all else, to arise through God's power, turning unto his Lord, and to say: "Here am I, O Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" The tongue of the All-Merciful in the Garden of Utterance speaketh this blessed word, declaring that the mention of that Most Great Luminary hath ever been and shall ever be "There is none other God but Me; worship ye Me, O My creation!" Whatsoever hath flowed in these stations from the Pen, the Originator of names and attributes, hath been by virtue of the pre-existing mercy that hath encompassed all created things, that perchance the people of the world might not be deprived of the living waters flowing from the right hand of the mercy of the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, after having been self-

sufficient above all worlds. Some among the people of the Furqan and the Bayan who have halted at the stage of hesitation or the stage of doubt and the like - this is due to the vain imaginings that existed aforetime amongst the people. Say: O servants! This is a Day wherein ye must rend asunder all veils, efface all idle fancies, and turn with utmost devotion in heart toward the horizon of Beauty, for the path of the feet hath been barred through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Look ye to naught save that which hath been manifested in this Manifestation, for among the people there are many vain imaginings that profit not, and these same imaginings have prevented some of the people of the Bayan from the Day-Star of the All-Merciful that hath dawned from the horizon of possibility, and have deprived them thereof. These souls are observed to be utterly lacking in understanding and reason. Say: O ye who are lost in the valley of error! Which of your established imaginings hath proven true, and from which have ye inhaled the fragrance of truth? Nay, by My Self, the Truth! They have all returned to your imaginary realities, while the Cause remaineth God's, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. For a thousand years or more, ye had established an imaginary being in an imaginary city with wives and children, and to these fancies ye were devoted. Consider what ye were clinging to during that millennium! By Him Who hath caused Me to speak the truth, the Pen is ashamed to make mention of these veiled, imaginary souls. Of all that was mentioned among those people concerning that Most Great Light, namely the Qa'im, not a single letter was realized or recognized by God, as became evident and manifest to all after His appearance. This was but one of the imaginings of those souls. After the Hand of Divine Power rent asunder the veil of […]

Some became aware of this and likewise other illusions that exist among that people and have not yet been rent asunder - they must observe in like manner. May God rend them asunder for whomsoever He willeth. One must turn toward the direction of the Cause with a breast freed from all else and an illumined heart, sanctified from all allusions and words. Say: This is not a day of doubt and uncertainty. Rend them asunder with the fire of the word of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O My loved ones! Observe with the eye of fairness. This Wronged One is in the mouth of the serpent, and at all times afflictions have befallen Him of which none is aware save God. He hath sacrificed His soul that perchance ye may arise from the horizon of detachment, so that the realms of creation and invention may be illumined through you. Know your worth and avoid those things which cause the Cause to be wasted among the people. Say: Would that ye knew the surging waves of this ocean and what is concealed therein of the pearls of wisdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Karim! Though the melodies of the Most Exalted Pen have no end, yet We have turned to another strain.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the showers of Thy mercy were sent down, and the signs of Thy power were made manifest, and the sun of Thy Will dawned forth, and Thy mercy encompassed all who are in Thy earth and heaven, to clothe them that have believed with the garments of trustworthiness and detachment. Then draw them unto the Dawning-Place from which shone forth the Sun of immunity, that through them the sanctification of Thy Cause may appear among Thy servants and the purification of Thy laws in Thy kingdom. O Lord! Thou art the Self-Sufficient and they are the poor. Take them not to task for that which they have neglected, but have mercy on them and

forgive them, for they have borne hardships in Thy path. If they have been heedless of some of Thy commandments, yet they have hastened with their hearts and feet unto Thee. Regard not their transgressions, but behold the lights that have shone from the horizons of their hearts and the tribulations that have befallen them in Thy path. Then strengthen them thereafter in that whereby the standards of Thy Cause shall be raised in Thy lands and the banners of Thy grandeur in Thy domains. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Dominating, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

O Karim! Mention and recite the divine counsels for every soul that perchance they may act according to what God hath willed. Convey my remembrance unto all who are with thee, whether male or female. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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

All praise, sanctified above imagination and conjecture, utterance and description, befitteth the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court of the Goal of all the worlds, Who raised high the banner of existence with His Pen and with ink unfurled the standard of unity. Blessed are they who have held fast to the Most Great Law and who have taken shelter beneath the standards and banners of Truth, exalted be His glory. Their purpose is to exalt the Word and their aim is to elevate the stations of humanity. The opposition of the oppressors and the clamor of the deniers did not hold them back from ascent nor prevent them from their goal. These are the manifestations of divine attributes and the Hands of the Cause among the high and the lowly. And the blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the people, their Master, the refuge and shelter of the servants, through Whom the horizon of oneness was illumined and the luminary of detachment shone forth, through Whom the fragrance of submission was diffused and the straight path was made manifest, and upon His family and companions who cast aside all else but God and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book. Through them the Word was exalted and the breeze wafted, and the decree of the Divine Will was established and the potency of His Purpose was revealed, and through them God's dominion and power encompassed all things and His awe and sovereignty were made manifest.

[This is addressed to Mirza Zayn al-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God, from the land of K, dated the first of Rajab 1305]

And after - Your spiritual friend's letters arrived repeatedly, their verse and prose were presented before the countenance of the Master and attained the honor of His hearing. However, due to intervening circumstances, some were answered while others remained pending. O friend of my heart! God, the All-Knowing, and all creation bear witness that you have ever been and are present before this ephemeral one's face and are mentioned before the Master. Whenever your letter arrived, its verse brought joy and its prose caused delight. However, recent events have dispelled all gladness and joy. In prison, nothing is observed save sighs and tears. Every monotheist must lament and every believer cry out, for most lands of the monotheists have been taken by polytheists, and they continue in their pursuit. Each day a herald

proclaims that this country has fallen, that land has been conquered. Truly, for the monotheists and sincere ones, these matters are a grievous torment. Until now, none knows what has been and is the cause of this great abasement after supreme glory. Protection is possible and deliverance is possible; nevertheless, despair has encompassed hearts, preventing them from turning to the remedy. In any case, this servant and you and the monotheists dwelling in every land must, with complete helplessness and absolute humility, beseech God, exalted be His glory, for protection and the exaltation of the Word of Unity. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The atoms of creation testify and bear witness that His Holiness the Existing One, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, had no desire save the glory of government and nation. Nevertheless, they have brought about that which has changed the dust of sorrow upon the hems of the monotheists. On this day the honored master, His Holiness Aqa Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, sent your heart's beloved letter to the Sacred Presence, and after its presentation and hearing, He spoke these words: "O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Upon you be the peace of God and His favors. The Wronged One testifies that you have acknowledged the unity and oneness of God and have witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is no God but Him. You have held fast to the handle of His grace and clung to the hem of the robe of His bounty and mercy, and you have been mindful of His verses, speaking His praise, and patient in tribulations in His path. We beseech God to assist you in what He loves and is pleased with, and to enable you in all conditions to draw near unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

We have turned from eloquent speech to luminous utterance. Today it is incumbent upon all to turn unto God, exalted be His glory, in repentance and contrition, that perchance the all-encompassing tribulations and afflictions visited upon this favored community may be lifted, and that its lost glory may be raised aloft like a banner upon the most exalted station in all the world. We have ever beseeched God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of His servants, for that which would lead to the elevation of the stations of the people of divine unity and the exaltation of their ranks. Throughout the nights and days We have held fast to that which preserveth, exalteth and uplifteth His servants. Yet there hath befallen Us that which hath caused every seeing one to weep and every hearing one to lament. And now We find Ourselves in the Most Great Prison, subject to the will of the oppressors and the heedless. Each day witnesseth the appearance of some tyranny and the manifestation of some decree. Praise be to God Who hath adorned this Wronged One with the ornament of patience and resignation. He, verily, is the All-Patient, Who commandeth His servants to show forth beautiful patience. Convey My greetings to the friends and bid them to wisdom and utterance. Corruption, conflict and contention have ever been and shall ever be condemned. That which today is the cause of the exaltation of man's station are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed are they that act, and woe unto them that neglect.

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

belonging to the people of unity. In brief, peace and war today center upon the lands of Islam. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist the people of unity that perchance they may discover the cause and reason for what hath occurred and arise to set things aright, though this be most difficult. For the primary cause is that man must observe with his own eyes. The riches and ornaments of the world have prevented the eyes of the princes from witnessing. Yet there is hope that after this blindness is removed and heavenly assistance arriveth, they will see, come, and discover. The matter is in the hands of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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

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

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

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

Concerning the apple of your eye, Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be God's peace, you wrote, and after it was presented before Him, He spoke these words: "O 'Abdu'l-Husayn! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all worlds! Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, Who hath made mention of thee with this manifest remembrance. We beseech God to assist thee and to aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, that thou mayest make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance throughout all possibility. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy Revelation, the mysteries of Thy Book, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto the court of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that

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

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

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In the name of the Most High, the Most Glorious, He Who shineth from the Horizon of the Most Luminous!

The remembrance of God, appearing as fire in the temple of light from the Lote-Tree of man, by leave of the All-Merciful, hath verily been witnessed at the heart of Paradise. He speaketh the truth, that there is none other God but Him, and that this Beauty is indeed the Beauty of the Cause in the most exalted Concourse, the Mystery concealed in the invisible realm of eternity, the Countenance of Revelation in the kingdom of origination, the Temple of Pre-existence in the cities of immortality, the Most Great Name in the realm of light, and the Beauty Manifest upon a holy and beloved form.

O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Glorious, and be not veiled from Him Who hath come upon clouds of holiness with a sovereignty manifest and true. The Kingdom of God moveth at His right hand, and the dominion of Names at His left, while before Him march the hosts of might invincible.

Follow ye, O people, God's command and His decree, and follow not Satan. Follow ye the Beauty of the All-Merciful in these days, and fear God Who created you by His command, and be not amongst the tyrannous and sinful ones in the earth.

O Ahmad! Hearken unto that which is being revealed unto thee from the Realm of Eternity upon this blessed, ancient and everlasting Spot, whereon the Beauty of the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne of transcendent glory, that the melodies of the All-Merciful may draw thee to the throne of the All-Highest Paradise, and sever thee from all created things, and purify thee from the defilement of

the earth. This verily is of God's bounty unto thee, if thou be of them that comprehend. Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, then rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through Our power and authority, and fear thou no one, even should all who are on earth rise up against thee. Say: This Day shall nothing profit anyone, even were he to worship all who are in the heavens and on earth, except through My love and through the proof of My Revelation and My presence, and that which floweth from the Pen of glory with supreme knowledge. Cast behind thee all allusions, place beneath thy feet all intimations, and turn with a luminous countenance toward the court of sanctity with trustworthiness. Verily thou didst enter the Precincts of Paradise and wert seated before the Throne when thou wert heedless of it, for We had veiled Our countenance in those days behind seventy thousand veils. When the appointed time was fulfilled, We unveiled the Face with a power that was supreme over all things. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having attained the presence of God and heard His sweetest melodies with thy pure ear, and for the Ancient Beauty having appeared unto thee from the right hand of the Throne with wondrous holy lights. By the True God! One glance at the face of thy Lord would be better for thee than the treasures of the heavens and the earth, as testified by the Tongue of God from behind the holy tabernacle, if thou be of them that know. Purify thine ears that thou mayest hear His sweetest melodies once again, for He is nigh unto the well-doers. Sanctify thy temple from human limitations, then ascend to the Most Sublime Vision, the station wherein the lights shine forth and which God hath made holy from the gaze of all in the world save those who have entered beneath the shadow of His mercy and are established upon the throne of His love. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One Who is Mighty and All-Wise. Then doth the Tongue of the All-Merciful address from the direction of the All-Highest Paradise those servants who have believed in the Bayan, that perchance they may arise from slumber and turn back from that wherein they have been remiss in the Cause of God, and repent unto Him, for verily He is the Forgiver, the Merciful. And He saith: O people of the Bayan! Did We not enjoin you in all Our Tablets not to cling to aught of what hath been created in earth and heaven at the time of the Manifestation? Why then have ye turned away from My Most Glorious Beauty in this My subsequent Revelation? Consider then, O heedless ones, that We may know what hath prevented you from this bounty which hath dawned from the holy horizon. Did We not warn you not to follow your desires when the heavens of the Cause would be cleft asunder and your Lord, the All-Merciful, would come in the shadows of the clouds? But when that day came with the truth, why did ye turn away from His presence and deny His signs, and stand at the brink of the fire? Among you is he who hath been veiled by one of Our names and hath denied Him in Whom he had believed, turning back on his heels. And among you is he who hath clung to the cord of his desires and turned away from the Beauty unto Whom is his return and his ultimate abode. Thus do We bear witness unto you from the Supreme Horizon, and My True Self is witness to what I say. O people of the Bayan! By the True God, if ye have believed in My Self, by God this is My Self Who hath appeared in truth, and if ye be […]

Be assured concerning My verses and My beauty! These are My verses which have descended through grace from the heaven of the Most Exalted Name. Fear God and do not reject the truth through your own devices, nor follow your own desires, for all matters end with the verses of God, which have descended in the most melodious tones from a holy and resplendent heaven. Seize the value of these days and do not dispute My proof, My evidence, My grandeur and My majesty, and do not war against My Self, for this is recorded as a grievous error in the Mother Book. Hasten to the shore of grace with your hearts and veil

not yourselves with the veils of idle fancies. Break the idols through Our power and fear not any wicked oppressor. Beware lest you deprive yourselves of God's sanctuary or nullify your deeds through Satan's whisperings. Hold fast to God's cord in these days when all in the heavens and earth are intoxicated, save those who have come to God with illumined hearts. Thus has the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken at the midmost heart of paradise. Therefore arise, O people of the Bayan, and make up for what has passed you by. Walk steadfastly on the path of justice. Dispute not God's verses after their revelation and war not against His Self. Rather, aid Him to the extent of your ability - this is better for you and for yourselves, though He is indeed independent of all worlds. By God! The proof has appeared from the horizon of glory and the sun of certitude has shone forth from a wondrous holy vista. Fear God and follow not your selves and desires. Follow God's religion in His Cause and transgress not what you have been commanded in the Book. Thus has the matter been decreed by One mighty and powerful. Say: The Cause has appeared in such wise that none has any way to deny it except by rejecting God's Messengers, His Emissaries, His Books and the scrolls of His glory. Thus has the matter been inscribed in the tablets of decree by the Pen of Baha with truth. Those who have hesitated in this Cause are fewer than can be counted. By the True One! All their deeds have been rendered void unless they repent unto God and return to Him. Verily He is the Forgiver of His servants and was ever merciful to the truth. He forgives whom He wishes and chastises whom He wishes. Nothing escapes His knowledge and He encompasses all things. O servant! When the Tablet of Eternity reaches you, arise from your seat, approach it with gracious humility, take it in your hands, place it upon your head and say: "O my God! I bear witness in this my station that You are God, there is no God but You, and that the Primal Point is the manifestation of Your revelation, Your emergence, Your sovereignty and Your majesty. Through Him the sun of Your bounties has shone upon all the worlds. And I bear witness that He Who has appeared in truth in Your Most Glorious Name from the highest horizon is indeed Your splendor in the kingdom of names, Your radiance in the world of creation, and Your might, sovereignty and power to all in the kingdoms of command and creation. Through Him Your favor was perfected, Your proof appeared, Your countenance shone forth, and the banners of Your Cause were raised upon the hills of invincible glory."

Then read what hath been revealed in the Tablet, and ponder thereon and upon that which was sent down unto the Prophets and Messengers, that thou mayest be endowed with understanding in the Cause of thy Lord. And when thou perceivest the sweet fragrance of holiness from God's Tablet and its influence, then cleanse thyself in the living waters that flow from this fountain of camphor, this Salsabil whose source God hath made His Pen of Command, and from which He hath manifested that which purifieth the hearts of them that are possessed of true knowledge. Then detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and be thou a herald among the servants of this Tablet which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the finger of transcendent glory. Be thou one who proclaimeth throughout all lands, bringing glad tidings unto them that have believed in God's signs and His testimony, and warning them that have denied this grace which hath descended from the clouds of His Command. Then kindle within thyself the fire which We have ignited in the paradise of these words, that thou mayest thereby ignite those who have been chilled by the cold of idle fancies. Say: O people, judge fairly within yourselves! If ye veil yourselves from this Countenance, to what countenance will ye turn? And if ye withhold yourselves from this holy sanctuary, to what sanctuary do ye purpose to repair? Consider, O people of the Bayan! By the Self of the All-Merciful! There is no refuge for you, and God is cognizant of

this. Do ye believe in part of the Book while denying its source, its fountainhead, and its revealer? Alas for you, in that ye have turned away from the Ancient Beauty and have turned unto phantoms of oppression. Thus have We inspired thee with the truth and sent unto thee that which shall solace thine eyes and cause thee to rejoice within thyself, and to remember God's remembrance at eventide and at dawn. Beware lest thou tarry for less than a moment, but stand firm in thy Lord's Cause and be steadfast in thy Lord's path with manifest truth. Say: By God, the Truth! That which had never appeared in creation hath been made manifest, whereby the clouds of grace have been raised up, the Tree of Bounty hath borne fruit, the Dove hath warbled, the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, the spirits have been quickened, and every moldering bone hath been stirred to life. O people of the Bayan! Abandon that which preventeth you from drawing nigh unto God, then turn ye unto this grace which encompasseth all the worlds. O Our Name Ahmad! We have bestowed upon thee in this Tablet a power from Us and an influence from Our presence, that thy word may influence the servants if thou art detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth and art turned toward the shore of holy blessedness. Arise with supreme steadfastness and give the people to drink from this Salsabil which We have given thee in the chalices of these words, that it may draw them to the exalted heaven of glory. And if thou findest thyself capable, take up the Pen by Our command and write that which the Spirit casteth upon thy heart in confirmation of this Cause. By God, the Truth! The Most Great Spirit will then assist thee from Our presence, and thus hath the matter been decreed. Withhold not thyself from this grace, but follow God's command and His judgment, that thou mayest be numbered among those who have attained in the Mother Book that which hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command. And the Spirit, and the glory, and the splendor be upon thee and upon those who have followed the command of thy Lord and who have been caused to stand at the seat of holiness by God's leave.

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

Pure praise and its essence befit the most holy and sacred threshold of the Self-Subsisting One, Who created earth and heaven through His Most Exalted Word, Who began with "We belong to God" and ended with "unto Him do we return." Whosoever drinks from the ocean of this blessed Word shall see all else but God as non-existent and void, and shall find himself detached and free. At such time, another blessed Word truly shines forth, His word, exalted and mighty be He: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses." This is a word which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an. Blessed are they who recognize, and happy are those servants who hearken.

Glory be to God! Despite this, the followers of the Bayan are seen to be the most ignorant of all peoples and the most heedless of all religions. They have failed to comprehend the Day of God and remain heedless and veiled from that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Bayan. Souls who have not attained even a drop from the ocean of knowledge, like the opposer from Kirman and his followers, have wandered through valleys of fancy and idle imagination, remaining deprived and forbidden from the lights of the Morn of certitude. They went to the isle, saw the dawning-place of vain imaginings, and returned. That station which from the beginning of time until now has stood and spoken before the faces

of rulers, divines, mystics and servants - to this they paid no heed, occupied with their own imaginings and heedless of the Luminary of certitude. They heard that which was unworthy of hearing, and failed to present themselves in the place for the hearing of which all ears have been created, and for the beholding of whose horizon all eyes have been fashioned.

It is not known what these souls - these opposing souls - are saying or from whom it comes. By the life of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven! From the beginning of the Cause no one has been aware. This evanescent servant spent successive years with him in Iraq and elsewhere, yet the heedless souls did not present themselves to hear that of which they are heedless and to find that from which they are now veiled. In brief, the recompense of these souls' deeds prevented them from drawing nigh to the Most Exalted Horizon and deprived them of the Most Great Ocean. They advanced with hopes and returned with loss, yet they perceive not.

This is the Day of God wherein none but He is mentioned. Glory be to God! Those heedless souls are now occupied with establishing an imaginary sect, namely the Shi'ih. They worship the word and are deprived of the meaning. They cling to a pool while forbidden from the Most Great Ocean. For one thousand two hundred years and more, the misguided Shi'ih sect counted themselves the most excellent, most learned, most understanding and most God-fearing of all peoples, yet when the divine test came, all returned to hell-fire. Thus did their divines and jurisconsults, from all pulpits, engage in cursing the Object of the world's adoration, denied His truth, and issued decrees for the shedding of His most pure blood. Neither the Sunnis, nor the Jews, nor the Zoroastrians, nor the Christians, nor any other peoples committed what was manifested by that people. I swear by the Sun of Truth that had that Holy Being appeared in another land, surely His station would have been exalted, His Cause manifest, His light radiant, and His Word all-encompassing. This evanescent servant repeatedly mentions such utterances as were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur and were revealed from the Most Exalted Pen during the revelation of verses, that perchance […]

O friends of God, exalted be His glory, who reside in various cities and regions: safeguard the people from suspicions and vain imaginings, lest former falsehoods be renewed and souls be delivered from the dark well of delusions. The rest depends on the efforts of your honor and the friends in that land. In all cases, I beseech God to assist and aid. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who with the movement of Thy finger didst rend asunder the veils and the sanctified clouds of glory! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, and by the power of Thy Most Exalted Word, and the potency of Thy will, O Lord of all beings, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee the good of this world and the next, and whatsoever will draw him nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou beholdest me, O my God, gazing upon Thy face and hoping for the wondrous tokens of Thy grace for Thy loved ones. Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, through Whose loving-kindness all contingent beings have been raised up, and through Whose power all existent things have been established. Thou doest as Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thereafter, the letter from that honored brother arrived and was presented before the Countenance of the Lord of Eternity on Saturday night, the tenth of the honored month of Shawwal, and was favored to be heard. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, exalted be His utterance and glorified be His majesty:

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

A mention from Us to him whose letter was presented before the Wronged One and was submitted by the servant present. We have heard what the tongue of his heart uttered and have answered him through this Clear Book, each letter of which proclaimeth before the faces of the world: "The Promised One hath come from the horizon of power with a great light!" We have found from thy letter the fragrance of the love of God. We have sent down for thee that which cheereth the eyes of them that know. When thou hast attained unto My verses and the breezes of My utterance have wafted over thee, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me, and glory be unto Thee for having turned toward me, and might and loftiness, exaltation, grandeur and immortality are Thine. I testify in this my station to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou hast manifested and revealed what was hidden in Thy knowledge, and hast spoken and caused all things to speak in Thy remembrance and praise. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and King of eternity, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy loved ones in the victory of Thy Cause. O Lord! Aid them through Thy power that dominateth all things and Thy might that pervadeth earth and heaven, to protect Thy loved ones from the mischief of Thine enemies. Then open, with the fingers of bounty, the doors of Thy grace unto all peoples, that they may enter into Thy religion and recognize Thy path and acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur and the Pen of Thy will have uttered. O Lord! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee and turning away from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were not deterred by the hosts of the world and the multitudes of nations from turning to Thy most exalted horizon and hearkening to the rustling of Thy most glorious Pen. Then assist, O my God, him who hath turned toward Thee and desired to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Ordain for him that which shall profit him in all Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God! That which has been revealed would guide every weary one to the ocean of utterance and every sick one to the Kawthar of His healing grace. Through His bounty He took hold of His loved ones and delivered them from the depths of idle fancies and vain imaginings. His is the praise and the glorification, His the thanks and the bestowal. That honored loved one attained to that which has no peer or likeness. I beseech Him that He may make every letter of the utterances revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur a key of guidance and may open the doors of His favor before the faces of all, especially the people of Baha who are known among the Concourse on High as the companions of the Crimson Ark mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. Blessed are you and those whom you have mentioned and those who have attained unto the choice wine of certitude in the days of God.

Concerning what you wrote about the aforementioned person, some time ago the Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, sent this servant a letter wherein this matter

was mentioned. Blessed are they that act! Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds! The receipt was also sent as per your request. It should reach you. Convey my greetings to the friends and chosen ones of that land, especially to Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, who was mentioned in your letter. On behalf of this servant, convey greetings to him. I beseech the King Who doeth what He willeth - may the spirits of all who dwell in the Kingdom and the Realm of Might be a sacrifice unto His gate - that which would cause the guidance of the servants and draw nigh those in all lands. Verily our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous. Glory and praise and laudation be upon you and upon those with you and upon every steadfast and firm one and every faithful and trustworthy one.

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After concluding the letter, the beloved of hearts, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, brought that honored brother's letter which had been written to him. Among other things, mention was made of the ascension of his brother. This matter was answered before being asked, for in the Land of Mystery this blessed word was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur, exalted be His glory:

Among the matters specific to this Most Great Revelation is that whosoever in this Revelation has turned to God and has drunk of the choice sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, meaning from the cup of divine love - even if his relatives are not outwardly believers, after their passing they shall attain divine forgiveness and shall be sustained from the ocean of mercy. This bounty is assured for those souls from whom no harm has reached the Truth or His loved ones. Thus has God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Ruler of the hereafter and this world, decreed.

Nevertheless, this matter was again presented before the countenance of the Lord of Eternity, and this is what was revealed in response, exalted be His utterance: O thou who hast turned unto God! Give thanks unto God for having mentioned thee and for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Generous. He hath forgiven the one for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. At the time of revelation, the hand of grace admitted him into an exalted paradise, as a mercy from God, the Lord of the worlds. Say […]

My soul be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and my spirit be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds! The whole creation hath testified to Thy bounty, and all contingent beings to Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! The ocean of bounty surgeth at all times with its waves, and the sun of grace shineth in every moment with its radiance. I beseech Him to aid these servants in that which beseemeth His bounty and generosity. Though this be impossible, yet with the Generous One, nothing is difficult.

Once again, glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have heard the call and have said: “Here am I! Here am I! O Beloved of the world!” and “Here am I! Here am I! O Desire of them that have recognized Thee!”

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This is an English text from a Baha’i tablet, specifically the Law?-i-Aqdas (The Most Holy Tablet). Since it is already in English, no translation is needed. However, I notice this appears to be only a portion of the tablet, as it ends mid-sentence with “, O followers of the Spirit,”. The complete tablet continues beyond this point, but I will not add the remainder since you’ve asked me only to work with the text provided.

Would you like to provide the rest of the text for translation/review?

and walk not in the footsteps of every divine that hath gone far astray. Do ye imagine that He seeketh His own interests, when He hath, at all times, been threatened by the swords of the enemies; or that He seeketh the vanities of the world, after he hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities? Be fair in your judgement and follow not the footsteps of the unjust. Open the doors of your hearts. He Who is the Spirit verily standeth before them. Wherefore keep ye afar from Him Who hath purposed to draw you nigh unto a Resplendent Spot? Say: We, in truth, have opened unto you the gates of the Kingdom. Will ye bar the doors of your houses in My face? This indeed is naught but a grievous error. He, verily, hath again come down from Heaven, even as He came down from it the first time. Beware lest ye dispute that which He proclaimeth, even as the people before you disputed His utterances. Thus instructeth you the True One, could ye but perceive it. The river Jordan is joined to the Most Great Ocean, and the Son, in the holy vale, crieth out: ‘Here am I, here am I O Lord, my God!’, whilst Sinai circleth round the House, and the Burning Bush calleth aloud: ‘He Who is the Desired One is come in His transcendent majesty.’ Say, Lo! The Father is come, and that which ye were promised in the Kingdom is fulfilled! This is the Word which the Son concealed, when to those around Him He said: ‘Ye cannot bear it now.’ And when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Hour had struck, the Word shone forth above the horizon of the Will of God. Beware, O followers of the Son, that ye cast it not behind your backs. Take ye fast hold of it. Better is this for you than all that ye possess. Verily He is nigh unto them that do good. The Hour which We had concealed from the knowledge of the peoples of the earth and of the favoured angels hath come to pass. Say, verily, He hath testified of Me, and I do testify of Him. Indeed, He hath purposed no one other than Me. Unto this beareth witness every fair-minded and understanding soul. Though beset with countless afflictions, We summon the people unto God, the Lord of names. Say, strive ye to attain that which ye have been promised in the Books of God, and walk not in the way of the ignorant. My body hath endured imprisonment that ye may be released from the bondage of self. Set your faces then towards His countenance and follow not the footsteps of every hostile oppressor. Verily, He hath consented to be sorely abased […]

that ye may attain unto glory, and yet, ye are disporting yourselves in the vale of heedlessness. He, in truth, liveth in the most desolate of abodes for your sakes, whilst ye dwell in your palaces. Say, did ye not

hearken to the Voice of the Crier, calling aloud in the wilderness of the Bayan, bearing unto you the glad tidings of the coming of your Lord, the All-Merciful? Lo! He is come in the sheltering shadow of Testimony, invested with conclusive proof and evidence, and those who truly believe in Him regard His presence as the embodiment of the Kingdom of God. Blessed is the man who turneth towards Him, and woe betide such as deny or doubt Him. Announce thou unto the priests: Lo! He Who is the Ruler is come. Step out from behind the veil in the name of thy Lord, He Who layeth low the necks of all men. Proclaim then unto all mankind the glad-tidings of this mighty, this glorious Revelation. Verily, He Who is the Spirit of Truth is come to guide you unto all truth. He speaketh not as prompted by His own self, but as bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say, this is the One Who hath glorified the Son and hath exalted His Cause. Cast away, O peoples of the earth, that which ye have and take fast hold of that which ye are bidden by the All-Powerful, He Who is the Bearer of the Trust of God. Purge ye your ears and set your hearts towards Him that ye may hearken to the most wondrous Call which hath been raised from Sinai, the habitation of your Lord, the Most Glorious. It will, in truth, draw you nigh unto the Spot wherein ye will perceive the splendour of the light of His countenance which shineth above this luminous Horizon. O concourse of priests! Leave the bells, and come forth, then, from your churches. It behoveth you, in this day, to proclaim aloud the Most Great Name among the nations. Prefer ye to be silent, whilst every stone and every tree shouteth aloud: 'The Lord is come in His great glory!'? Well is it with the man who hasteneth unto Him. Verily, he is numbered among them whose names will be eternally recorded and who will be mentioned by the Concourse on High. Thus hath it been decreed by the Spirit in this wondrous Tablet. He that summoneth men in My name is, verily, of Me, and he will show forth that which is beyond the power of all that are on earth. Follow ye the Way of the Lord and walk not in the footsteps of them that are sunk in heedlessness. Well is it with the slumberer who is stirred by the Breeze of God and ariseth from amongst the dead, […]

the Best-Informed.' Verily, We behold all created things moved to bear witness unto Us. Some know Us and bear witness, while the majority bear witness, yet know Us not. Mount Sinai is astir with the joy of beholding Our countenance. She hath lifted her enthralling voice in glorification of her Lord, saying: 'O Lord! I sense the fragrance of Thy garment. Methinks Thou art near, invested with the signs of God. Thou hast ennobled these regions with Thy footsteps. Blessed are the people that recognize Thy fragrance, and hasten unto Thee, and attain Thy presence.' Blessed is he that hath inhaled the sweet savours of God, and hath turned unto the Dawning-Place of His Revelation. Blessed is he that hath invited others to the Day-Spring of His lights, and drawn nigh unto the Fountain of His mercy, and exclaimed: 'Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds! And glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!'

Best-Informed.' Verily, We behold all created things moved to bear witness unto Us. Some know Us and bear witness, while the majority bear witness, yet know Us not. Mount Sinai is astir with the joy of beholding Our countenance. She hath lifted her enthralling voice in glorification of her Lord, saying: "O Lord! I sense the fragrance of Thy garment. Methinks Thou art near, invested with the signs of God. Thou hast ennobled these regions with Thy footsteps. Great is the blessedness of Thy people, could they but know Thee and inhale Thy sweet savours; and woe betide them that are fast asleep.' Happy art thou who hast turned thy face towards My countenance, inasmuch as thou hast rent the veils asunder, hast

shattered the idols and recognized thine eternal Lord. The people of the Qur'an have risen up against Us without any clear proof or evidence, tormenting Us at every moment with a fresh torment. They idly imagine that tribulations can frustrate Our Purpose. Vain indeed is that which they have imagined. Verily, thy Lord is the One Who ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. I never passed a tree but Mine heart addressed it saying: 'O would that thou wert cut down in My name, and My body crucified upon thee.' We revealed this passage in the Epistle to the Shah that it might serve as a warning to the followers of religions. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Let not the things they have perpetrated grieve thee. Truly they are even as dead, and not living. Leave them unto the dead, then turn thy face towards Him Who is the Life-Giver of the world. Beware lest the sayings of the heedless sadden thee. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, and teach the people with consummate wisdom. Thus enjoineth thee the Ruler of earth and heaven. He is in truth the Almighty, the Most Generous. Ere long will God exalt thy remembrance and will inscribe with the Pen of Glory that which thou didst utter for the sake of His love. He is in truth the Protector of the doers of good. Give My remembrance to the one named Murad and say: 'Blessed art thou, O Murad, inasmuch as thou didst cast away the promptings of thine own desire and hast followed Him Who is the Desire of all mankind.' Say: Blessed the slumberer who is awakened by My Breeze. Blessed the lifeless one who is quickened through My reviving breaths. Blessed the eye that is solaced by gazing at My beauty. Blessed the wayfarer who directeth his steps towards the Tabernacle of My glory and majesty. Blessed the distressed one who seeketh refuge beneath the shadow of My canopy. Blessed the sore athirst who hasteneth to the soft-flowing waters of My loving-kindness.

Blessed the insatiate soul who casteth away his selfish desires for love of Me and taketh his place at the banquet table which I have sent down from the heaven of divine bounty for My chosen ones.

Blessed the abased one who layeth fast hold on the cord of My glory; and the needy one who entereth beneath the shadow of the Tabernacle of My wealth.

Blessed the ignorant one who seeketh the fountain of My knowledge; and the heedless one who cleaveth to the cord of My remembrance.

Blessed the soul that hath been raised to life through My quickening breath and hath gained admittance into My heavenly Kingdom.

Blessed the man whom the sweet savours of reunion with Me have stirred and caused to draw nigh unto the Day-spring of My Revelation.

Blessed the ear that hath heard and the tongue that hath borne witness and the eye that hath seen and recognized the Lord Himself, in His great glory and majesty, invested with grandeur and dominion. Blessed are they that have attained His presence.

Blessed the man who hath sought enlightenment from the Daystar of My Word.

Blessed he who hath attired his head with the diadem of My love.

Blessed is he who hath heard of My grief and hath arisen to aid Me among My people.

Blessed is he who hath laid down his life in My path and hath borne manifold hardships for the sake of My name.

Blessed the man who, assured of My Word, hath arisen from among the dead to celebrate My praise.

Blessed is he that hath been enraptured by My wondrous melodies and hath rent the veils asunder through the potency of My might.

Blessed is he who hath remained faithful to My Covenant, and whom the things of the world have not kept back from attaining My Court of holiness.

Blessed is the man who hath detached himself from all else but Me, hath soared in the atmosphere of My love, hath gained admittance into My Kingdom, gazed upon My realms of glory, quaffed the living waters of My bounty, hath drunk his fill from the heavenly river of My loving providence, acquainted himself with My Cause, apprehended that which I concealed within the treasury of My Words, and hath shone forth from the horizon of divine knowledge engaged in My praise and glorification. Verily, he is of Me. Upon him rest My mercy, My loving-kindness, My bounty and My glory.

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He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Verily the Book speaketh from the most exalted horizon, saying: O peoples of creation! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that no power of the world can weaken, nor can the swords of nations frighten Him. He hath stood before the faces of princes and divines, and revealed unto them that whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise have been attracted. Blessed is he whose vision hath not been prevented by the veils of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

The fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all contingent being, and those near unto God have hastened unto a station whereon the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name. O peoples of the earth! By God, the Wronged One hath not spoken out of fancy. He hath come from the horizon of power with a manifest sovereignty. He calleth you for the sake of God and desireth from you no recompense. The dwellers of the highest Paradise bear witness to this, were ye of the fair-minded.

Fear God, O people, and follow not them who have turned away from the proof when the call of Him Who is the Manifestation of the Revelation was raised from the Mount of Knowledge. Be fair in the Cause for the sake of God and be not of the transgressors. Behold, then remember what befell the Youth in the nights and days at the hands of those who cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an and be not of the heedless. He gave you glad tidings of the days of His Manifestation and made known unto you His straight path in this wise Remembrance.

Through His appearance the manifestations of idle fancy have wailed, and through His sovereignty the limbs of the oppressors have trembled. Beware lest the veils of the people prevent you in this Day wherein the atoms cry out "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!"

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call from the Dayspring of Glory. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto a horizon wherefrom hath dawned and shone forth the Luminary of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Day wherein that which the Messenger of God foretold aforetime, and whereof Christ gave glad tidings, hath appeared. There is no Messenger but hath informed the people of this Revelation, whereby those in earth and heaven have been attracted, and there hath appeared that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Yet most of the people are among the idolaters. They have cast aside unity, clinging to what they possess of suppositions and idle fancies. To this the Most Great Ocean beareth witness in this exalted station.

O peoples of the earth! By the life of God, I desire naught for you save your salvation, and I desire only to draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Deprive not yourselves of that which hath appeared through truth. Cast aside what the people possess and take what ye are bidden by God, the Lord of this straight path.

O party of God in all lands! Know ye that We have desired for you a light whereby ye may walk in the darkness of the earth and which shall accompany you in the worlds of your Lord, Who is supreme over all, whether small or great. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God and hath testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of all things. Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and the glory, and His are the might and the power. Neither do the events of the world prevent Him, nor doth the fire of battle frighten Him. He hath judged with truth and with that whereby the stations of man are elevated, when He established Himself upon the throne before the faces of those near unto Him.

O friends of God in Shin, Alif and Ha! Verily the Word which hath issued forth from the treasuries of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, shall be a treasure for you with a trusted, generous guardian. We counsel you and those who have believed in that whereby your stations shall be exalted among the peoples. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing. It behooveth man to manifest from himself that which shall cause his remembrance to endure as long as the Kingdom and the Realm endure, and whereby faces shall be illumined in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. Rejoice in the verses of God and His remembrance. He hath made mention of you in the Most Great Prison in such wise that nothing whatsoever can equal it. To this testifieth every truthful and discerning one.

O people of glory! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He guideth you to a station which hath been exalted in truth from before God, the Lord of Lords. The pavilion of glory hath been raised upon the most exalted station. Blessed are ye for having cast away vain imaginings, taking hold of that which ye were commanded by God, the Lord of all mankind. We make mention of those who have turned to the Countenance and of the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from unity, or discord from concord. Take hold of that which ye are

commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His verses, spoken His praise, turned his face and directed his heart toward the Dayspring of lights.

We desire to make mention of the friends of God in Kha and Lam that they may inhale the fragrances of revelation and take for themselves a path unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return. And We make mention therein of him who hath loved Me and desired his Lord, that the remembrance may draw him to the Most Exalted Station and give him the glad-tidings of that which God, the Revealer of clear proofs, hath ordained for him. And We make mention of Our friends there and give them glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them, and We remind them of verses that no remembrances can equal. Beware lest the whisperings of the ungodly and the doubts of the cavilers prevent you. Arise with such steadfastness in the Cause as will cause the hearts of every polytheist and doubter to tremble. We counsel you to fear God and to observe that which He hath revealed in the Tablets. Grieve not at what ye have heard from the polytheists. They have committed what people before them committed. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds - a promise from God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. The glory from Us be upon you and upon the handmaidens of God who have heard and believed in the Day of Resurrection.

Verily the Wronged One desireth to make mention of His loved ones in the land of the Sultan, that they may rejoice in His remembrance, be reminded by His verses, be assured by His grace, and their faces be illumined by a light that hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of Religions. Aid your Lord through the hosts of wisdom, utterance, deeds and character - this is among God's ways in this Most Great Revelation. To this testifieth the Interlocutor of the Mount, through Whom the heaven of knowledge was upraised. Beware, O My loved ones, lest ye object to anyone. Trust in God in all matters. Verily He is with His loved ones in all conditions. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord of God in such wise that the people of error shall not prevent you.

O Pen! The Lord of Eternity desires to make mention of His friends through His grace, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My friends in Nizam! Follow God's command and His laws, then aid His Cause through conduct by which the horizons shall be illumined. It behooveth every soul to aid God's Cause in such wise as to exalt His word amongst His servants. Contention hath been forbidden in the Book, to this beareth witness the Mother Book from its most exalted station. Blessed is the poor one who hath turned with his heart to the ocean of riches, and the sick one who hath sought healing, and the seated one who hath arisen to serve God's Cause with humility and contrition. By God's life! That which was recorded in God's Books and hidden from eyes hath been made manifest. Aid your Lord through deeds and through that whereby your stations may be elevated amongst the peoples. Thus doth move the Pen of Justice and speak that which shall draw you nigh unto the Dawning-Place of utterance. Your names were present before the Wronged One, and He hath sent down from the heaven of bounty that which the pens are powerless to describe. Blessed are ye and blessed is the nation that hath believed in God on this Day wherein Truth hath come with clear proof and evidence.

O people of Ha and Mim! The Wronged One turneth toward you at this hour from the precincts of the Prison, and remindeth you of God's verses, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned

you in various tablets with such mention as hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful, were ye to know. The Trustworthy One hath mentioned you time and again, and hath desired for you that which shall assist you to perform deeds that shall endure throughout ages and centuries. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for He hath sent down unto you that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent you from God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Verily His favor hath been amongst you and your mention. We beseech God to strengthen him and strengthen you in that which He loveth and approveth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Hear ye the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. His honor the Trustworthy One, upon him be My glory, and his honor Fadl, upon him be My loving-kindness, have made mention of the friends of that land. The assured, steadfast and contented souls have ever been and shall ever be remembered before God. By God's life! Their mention is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. This mention shall not be erased by extinction nor altered by change. Every discerning one is aware and every informed one doth testify that whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen hath neither likeness nor equal. Yet the calumniators among the people of the Bayan have, even more than the former people, clung to vain imaginings. Some of the friends of God, in accordance with the requirements of consummate wisdom, are not openly mentioned, yet they are recorded in the Book and sealed with the seal of might. Happy are they and joy be unto them. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We give glad-tidings of God's grace and favor to all the loved ones, and likewise to the sons of His Friend and the heirs of His Interlocutor. Each one is mentioned before God, whether small or great, female or male. It is incumbent upon all to hold fast unto that which leadeth to the sanctification of souls and the turning of the servants unto God. The Pen of Divine counsel hath mentioned throughout nights and days that wherefrom floweth the river of mercy and whereby the lights of grace are made manifest. Blessed are they who have held fast thereunto, and woe unto every heedless one cast out. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones. O Hassan! When thou perceivest the fragrance of the choice wine of My utterance and beholdest the waves of the ocean of My wisdom, say […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and made me known to Thee, and caused me to hearken unto Thy call whereby the hearts of Thy sincere servants and those who have recognized Thy oneness among Thy creation were attracted. Thy tender mercies from every direction, through Thy means, O Thou Cause of all causes, have encompassed me until I reached this luminous spot, this station which Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs and the Dayspring of Thy most exalted attributes. Thou hast shown me that which hath been the hope of those near unto Thee, both of old and in latter times, and the gathering-place in this day of those who circle round Thy throne, wherein the leaves and the trees and the fruits and whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven cry out: "By God! That which was hidden from all eternity hath appeared. Turn ye with your hearts and follow not every doubting infidel." O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the effulgent rays of the sun of Thy bounty to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the swords of the world nor the clamor of the nations may deter me. O my Lord! Thou seest this

lowly one standing before the throne of Thy glory, and this poor one clinging to the cord of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Ordain for me and for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nearer unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted.

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O My loved one! This world hath neither stability nor constancy, and they who possess hearts of understanding should not, in these numbered days, deprive themselves of the sweet-scented breezes of the divine and the gentle spiritual fragrances, nor should they, through vain words, veil themselves from the effulgent rays of the Beloved. Such utterances have ever existed and shall continue to exist - past, present and future. The Sovereign of eternity hath ordained for every matter a proof that is clear and evident to those endowed with insight, that the possessors of pure hearts might hold fast to it and pay no heed to vain utterances that proceed from the manifestations of Satan. Otherwise, were all matters to be concluded by mere words, and were all affairs to be settled by mere verbal pronouncement, never would the Cause of God become clear and manifest, never would the dawn of guidance appear, and never would the darkness of error be dispelled. All the Messengers, in all the Books revealed by God, have never confined the Cause within limits nor restricted it to any particular direction. Thus have all these mysteries become known, and the fire of “except” hath consumed and destroyed all the veils of limitation denoted by “no,” and the banner proclaiming that “God hath power over all things” hath been raised upon the mountain of “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.” Blessed is he who perceiveth from mere allusion the places of guidance. Ponder deeply upon the verse “The Jews say: ‘God’s hand is fettered.’” Perchance ye may partake of the hidden Salsabil concealed therein and attain unto the ultimate source and origin of this treasured grace and this sealed nectar. For centuries have all recited this verse, yet it is as though it had never been read, that the truth of “None shall touch it save the purified ones” might be established and proven. Had this verse been truly pondered and reflected upon, such dissension and oppression would never have befallen the Daysprings of Oneness and the Manifestations of Holiness. Therefore, one must observe with the eye of divine favor deposited within the heart, and, recognizing the value of these days, must not remain heedless, for ere long will the manifestations of “Verily, unto Him shall we return” return, and the spiritual birds will take flight from this earthly realm of remoteness and abasement to the nest of nearness and unity. The clouds of mercy shall be withheld, the rain of grace shall cease to fall, the lamp of light shall be concealed, and veils of darkness shall encompass the earth and all that dwell therein. The lamp of the spirit is not always aflame in the lantern of light; though it perisheth not, none save the people of perpetuity can perceive it. For the universal outpouring of grace, the all-pervading mercy, the Beauty of the Divine Essence, and the Ocean of Oneness are not always in flow, in expansion, in manifestation, and in surge. The outward spring, which is charged with the nurturing of all visible things by the command of the Creator of Names, appeareth but once a year, and likewise the spiritual spring, which traineth spirits and illumined hearts and bestoweth eternal and everlasting life, doth appear but once in a thousand years or more, conferring upon all things, both seen and unseen, the garment of existence and the revelation of divine lordship. Who then is worthy and who is deserving to perceive this? Therefore, while the sweet-scented […]

The spiritual breezes are wafting from the gardens of divine meanings, and the nightingale of utterance is singing upon the branches of the rose-garden of divine good-pleasure. Effort and striving are needed lest the ear be deprived of the sweet melodies of the All-Merciful and the body remain bereft of the springtime breezes of inner significance. This breeze bestowed eternal life upon every body it touched, and conferred an everlasting new garment upon every withered tree it passed over. Be not occupied with preserving your life while forsaking the Best Beloved, and rend not the garment of remembrance and certitude because of the vain words of this one and that. Say: O friends! Extinguish not the lamps of guidance in the heart with the winds of misguidance and error. Though the decree "He whom God guideth, he indeed is guided aright, and he whom God leadeth astray, thou wilt find for him no protecting friend to lead him to the right way" is established and proven, yet the guidance "Remind them, for reminding profiteth the believers" is also flowing and pervading, and the grace "God will change their evil deeds to good deeds" is likewise manifest and evident. None but the pure ear can hear this soul-stirring lamentation, and the sun of inner meanings casteth its reflection only upon purified hearts. The companions of Joseph who sat with him nightly upon the same carpet and were his constant associates in all days remained deprived of his sweet fragrance, while the nostrils of Jacob the beloved perceived it from afar. Therefore must the cold of heedlessness be cured through the sweet remembrance of the Friend, and the eye of the heart be illumined through inhaling the fragrance of the Beloved's garment, that the sweet scent of the Beloved may be perceived and the fire of divine love may burn away all save the Friend from marrow and skin. Until this station is attained, all deeds are futile and void. As all these conditions have become clear and evident to the physical eye, how many are the servants who burned nightly in the fire of separation from the Friend and yearned to sacrifice their lives, yet when the veil of Beauty was lifted, all remained veiled by the veils of glory and attained not the presence of the Beloved, which is the ultimate goal of all who seek Him. This was only because they possessed not of themselves an ear and eye to distinguish the Friend from the stranger, and the song of the nightingale from the crow's caw. "They have hearts wherewith they understand not, and eyes wherewith they see not." All became devoted to the words of the People of the Book and clung to the allusions of men of learning, saying that thus was it recorded in the books and thus was it inscribed in the scrolls, heedless that God's irrevocable decree cannot be confined within bounds nor be subject to rules. It seems they have not drunk from the fountain of "He doeth what He willeth" nor tasted of the wine of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." And it became known that the Cause appeared from the Dayspring of the invisible Divine Identity contrary to what was recorded and to what minds and intellects had comprehended, even as the Resurrection was realized through a Rising, and the Seal returned to a Beginning. O my brother! Now ponder carefully these words, that the gates of infinite knowledge may be opened before thee and thou mayest stand firm in the Cause with complete steadfastness, and with penetrating vision observe in the horizons of the soul and the innermost being of the Beloved the mysteries of the All-Glorious. Now if these servants had illumined their eyes with the light of detachment and their ears from hearing […]

If people did not prevent themselves from the wondrous divine melodies, assuredly the ear of the soul, by virtue of its attachment to holy realms, would arise from the grave of heedlessness at the call of the Nightingale of the Divine Essence and would receive its portion and share from beholding that Beauty which is the ultimate purpose and universal grace. I swear by God that if you would turn slightly toward the heart, you would observe from the movement of this Pen the movements of ancient spirits, and from

the blackness of this ink you would inhale the everlasting fragrance of love, and from the temples of these letters you would tangibly witness eternal words. The fragrance of musk is supremely distinct from other fragrances, and camphor is clearly distinguished from all else, and great indeed is the difference between the morn of guidance and the darkness of error. This is evident to men of learning - that the Truth is distinguished from all people in every respect, in His words, His deeds, His movements and His rest, such that He bears no resemblance whatsoever to any other. However, the artificial nature and bat-like disposition is assuredly deprived of comprehending these stations. The bat has no share in the radiance of the sun, and the dung beetle has no portion of the perfume of musk.

In any case, the surging of this ocean will not be stilled by these outcries, nor will the divine breeze cease to blow by these winds. This servant has always concealed himself in coarse garments made of camel hair, that I might not be known by any name nor described by any attribute. Although the ancient seas are ever flowing in the heart through God's grace, not a drop thereof is manifest; and though the scrolls of inner meanings are hidden in the breast, not a letter thereof appears on any tablet. No thought have I save utter servitude, no purpose save complete nothingness. I have ever yearned and do now yearn that some worthy service might proceed from this servant, that perchance it might be accepted in the path of the Friend and meet with the favor of the Beloved.

What tribulations were endured and what afflictions were visited from before - assuredly you have heard. And in this realm too I stand alone before the enemies, surrounded on all sides by foes, with none to help Me. At every moment We await the surrender of this earthly frame to those who claim it, that We might take Our abode in the divine nest. Despite this, what words they utter and what statements they make! It is as though not a single eye had ever been created in existence, nor had a single ear been opened. I pour out My grief and sorrow unto God. I say: naught shall befall us save what God has decreed for us.

Finally, say: O people! Have mercy on yourselves if you have none for others, for the fruits of your deeds and actions return unto you. If you are not the cause of kindling the divine fire, why then be the cause of its extinction? And if you are not helpers, why be the cause of opposition? After all, this lamp has no glass to protect it from contrary winds, and this candle has no lantern to preserve it from the dust of souls. Though indeed it seeks no lantern save divine destiny and desires no glass save His good-pleasure. It dwells secure in the mighty fortress of submission and clings to the strong pillar of resignation. Should you wish to know of the afflictions, inquire of Salman. The cause of these letters was certain vain imaginings of the people; otherwise, I would never have troubled you nor caused you weariness. And We desire naught save what God desires.

From H.S.

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He doeth whatsoever He willeth

Then I heard a call from the Concourse on High saying: "O servant, offer up thy life in Our path, and verily We have accepted it." And thus was the matter decreed.

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

These are days when neither pen nor tongue can find rest save in commemorating the martyrs, nor do they desire to be occupied with any remembrance except that of those souls who, in the assemblage of the world, sacrificed with utmost submission and contentment their spirit, body, wealth, possessions and kindred in the path of the Most Great Name. Verily, the heaven weepeth and the clouds lament, the mountains cry out and hearts are in turmoil. Would that I had been with them and had attained to what they attained! I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that no such calamity hath appeared in creation, nor hath anyone attained to such bounty. God hath blackened the faces of those who disbelieved, turned away, arose and slaughtered those for whose tribulation the Lord of Prophets lamenteth in the Most Exalted Paradise and the Primal Point grieveth at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. A hundred thousand regrets that this evanescent one did not attain to this most great bounty! I swear by the Ancient Beauty that this regret remaineth in the heart. From the Supreme Pen concerning those holy souls words have been recorded whose light shall endure as long as the kingdoms of earth and heaven endure. By God! The hearts of the denizens of Paradise are consumed by what hath been sent down from the Pen of God concerning this great calamity. Our purpose, and your purpose, and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth - a hundred thousand times at every moment doth this servant desire to utter the words “Would that I had been with them!” Exalted is He Who created them, exalted is He Who made them known, and elevated them, and honored them! Observe and reflect how these two brilliant lights and pure souls, before their arrival in Baghdad, were unknown in any city or land, yet after they were adorned with the ornament of faith and were honored to attain the presence of the All-Merciful, God, exalted be His glory, through His complete power, distinguished them with the mantle of glory and elevation, as ye have heard and seen. He made their dwelling place the shelter of the sincere and themselves the refuge of all who came. Then, when they yearned to attain the supreme martyrdom in the path of the Lord of Names, they attained at the end of their lives to a station which, by God besides Whom there is none other God, all the Messengers, the sincere ones and the near ones have sought and continue to seek.

O brother! All bounty is in the hands of the true Beloved. Whomsoever He willeth, He enableth to attain unto that which is the goal. None hath the right to object or to ask why or wherefore, for He is the Chooser, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. From the Most Exalted Pen there hath been revealed in this greatest of calamities that which surpasseth in worth whatsoever is visible on earth or manifest and hidden in heaven. At times when this servant reflecteth upon the tribulations that befell those sanctified souls, he is moved to burst forth in lamentation and wailing, and at other times, considering the grace that encompassed them, he uttereth “Would that I were with them!” and findeth himself in a state of boundless joy. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they! Consider how death is ordained and decreed for every soul in every circumstance, yet to yield up one’s life in the path of the All-Merciful among the concourse of creation is a thousand times more excellent than to die upon one’s bed. How regrettable that most people are heedless of this most exalted station! This servant beseecheth his Lord, the

Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, to ordain for every soul that which will draw it nigh unto Him and cause it to recognize the mysteries of His wisdom in all that hath been and shall be manifested. Verily, He is the Peerless, the One, the Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O kind friend! Two letters from you were received, both first and second sent from the Abode of the Beloved, namely the Land of Qaf. The first letter was adorned with the mention of God, service to His Cause, and news of your well-being and that of the Trustee, upon him be the glory of God. Likewise was the second letter. Praise be to God that you have been enabled to serve the Cause and have manifested complete sincerity, purity, and trustworthiness among the people. Today, whosoever manifesteth praiseworthy characteristics is a promoter of the Cause, for commendable deeds and befitting qualities and attributes are in themselves propagators of the Cause of the Beloved of the world, as hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in various expressions in the Tablets. Blessed are they that act, and joy be to them that have attained! This evanescent servant offereth thanks at all times on behalf of you and the Trustee - upon you both be the glory of God - and truly this is a station deserving of gratitude and praise, for not every soul hath been confirmed in that whereunto you have been confirmed. The servant doth praise God for this and saith in your tongue: "Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the worlds, and thanks be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!" And in this station both my outer and inner tongue declare: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!" After this servant became aware of what was contained in your letter, he turned toward the Most Holy, Most Luminous, Most Glorious Presence and presented before His countenance all that you had mentioned. He said: "God willing, may they ever dwell beneath the shade of divine mercy and be engaged in His service." And He said: "O servant! Beseech God to make them steadfast in His service and to adorn them at all times with the ornament of trustworthiness, and not to withhold from them this most glorious and precious robe. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful." End.

As to what you wrote concerning the two souls who have turned to God in the land of Qaf and Mim, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance: "O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard thy call and what thou didst write concerning the two souls. Blessed art thou and they before God, the Single, the One, the Recompenser, the All-Wise. We have heard their call and witnessed what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, and We have accepted what they have manifested in His straight Path.

We make mention of Muhammad-Husayn, who attained the recognition of God on a day wherein the hearts of the mystics were sorely troubled. O Husayn! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and in that there hath been sent down unto thee from the Kingdom of thy Lord's loving-kindness that which shall gladden the eyes of all who behold. The Desired One hath accepted what thou hast done in His path. He, verily, is the Chosen One, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Rida and give him glad-tidings through this perspicuous remembrance, whereby the seas have surged and the winds have blown and the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted between the heavens and the earth. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and gladden thyself with this glorious Book. We have accepted what hath proceeded from thee in the

days of God. He will surely reward you both with the most excellent of rewards. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful."

As to what you wrote regarding what was mentioned to those souls that the Huqúqu'llah cannot be given to just anyone - this statement is true. The Huqúqu'llah must be collected by trustworthy souls and then sent to the Most Holy Court through God's trusted ones. What hath reached His Holiness Jamal (upon him be Baha'u'llah) and yourself is acceptable before God, and likewise what reached Umm-i-Haram (upon her be Baha'u'llah). We beseech God to enable all the loved ones to attain unto the ornament of trustworthiness and faithfulness. In this year, due to certain events that occurred in the Land of the Prison, there were revealed from the heaven of God's Will verses concerning detachment, trustworthiness and the like, which, were they to be presented to the mountains, would cause them to humble themselves before God's command. It is strange that some have not recognized the worth and station of trustworthiness and have not observed their own station. They themselves have no station, yet they have altered God's station among His servants. We hope that henceforth they will arise to make up for what they have lost and compensate for their deeds. They must at all times fix their gaze upon the horizon of the bounty of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted One, and be occupied with serving His Cause.

Regarding what you wrote about the land of H and M concerning His Holiness Aqa Muhammad-Baqir (upon him be Baha'u'llah), it was presented before the Most Holy Court and was adorned with acceptance. He hath truly arisen to serve the Cause. I beseech the Exalted One to strengthen him in all conditions and to exalt him in truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Likewise, concerning His Holiness Aqa Muhammad-Hasan (upon him be Baha'u'llah), mention was made and He said: "Blessed is he in that he hath attained unto what God hath revealed in the Book." Praise be to God that from the pure and assured souls in that land the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds are diffused. God willing, may all attain unto the highest horizon and become eloquent in the praise and glorification of God. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O God of the seen and unseen and Lord of existence! I beseech Thee by the Promised One Who has ascended the throne of Thy grandeur and stood in the station of Thy Self, to assist Thy servants to turn unto the ocean of Thy knowledge which surgeth through Thy Name and sovereignty. Purify, O my God, their hearts from idle fancies and vain imaginings in this Day wherein the sun of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of power. O Lord! We are poor at Thy gate and helpless before the manifestations of Thy might. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all possibilities, by Thy name, the All-Merciful, to draw the heedless nigh unto the horizon of Thy Revelation and to lead them, even with chains and fetters, to the precincts of Thy bounties. O Lord! They have forgotten Thy days in that they have followed the dawning-places of conjecture who have denied Thy signs. By Thy glory! Were the veil to be removed from their faces, they would hasten to Thy dwelling-place and cry out in the wilderness in their separation from Thee. Then send down, O my God, upon Thy loved ones that which will tranquilize their hearts, delight their eyes, and dilate their breasts. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to aid thee and His Trusted One in that which will exalt God's Cause and His remembrance. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. Assuredly send news of thyself and the Trusted One

- upon him be the Glory of God. Convey on my behalf greetings to all the loved ones in that land - namely those souls who are detached from all save God, who speak in God, who cling to God, who return unto God, and who walk in the path of God - and say: This is the Day of service, remembrance and praise. Blessed are the people of Baha. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath attained unto the Most Exalted Station.

The Servant

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

All praise, sanctified above the understanding of all created things, befitteth that Pre-existent Being Who, through the dark manifestations of nothingness, made His Cause to appear, and through tribulation made His Command manifest between earth and heaven. By the hand of power He lit a lamp, and the contrary winds which are the cause of its extinction, by His all-compelling will, served but to increase its radiance. A fire that the hand of power kindleth, the seas of the world cannot extinguish. When the light of His Cause dawned from the dayspring of divine will, the idolaters sought through rejection and denial to extinguish it. Thus did they turn from the land of ?a to the land of Zawra, and this denial became a herald for the light. And from Zawra to the land of mystery did He journey, through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Thereafter, the heedless ones, fearing lest that radiance should illumine the land of mystery and its surroundings, and deliver them from the darkness of tyranny, under the pretext of protecting that realm banished its Guardian to the prison of 'Akka. The flame of oppression reached such heights that from the kingdom of destiny the Suriy-i-Ra'is was revealed, until the Cause attained a station unprecedented in all creation. Whatsoever was revealed in that blessed Tablet appeared letter by letter. Well is it with them that are endowed with true vision! The banishment to 'Akka raised aloft the word of affirmation, and the banner of "Verily there is none other God but Him" was unfurled upon the mount of the Lord's will - exalted be His glory and His sovereignty! Glorified be He Whom neither the manifestations of the Pharaohs, nor the appearing of tyrants, nor the signs of emperors, nor the oppression of caesars can frustrate. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

This evanescent servant submitteth unto your honor that your eminent letter, after centuries and ages, illumined the horizon of the heart with the light of love. Each word thereof was as a fountain whence flowed the living waters of affection. I have beseeched and do beseech the True One - exalted be His glory and abundant be His grace - to grant your honor success in attaining unto that which hath been inscribed in the Book by the Pen of the Lord of all being. He is verily the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the

All-Knowing, the All-Wise. After perusal, it was presented at the Most Holy Court, and these words were revealed - exalted be His remembrance: “We make mention of him even as the Concourse on High make mention of him, and the people of Baha remember him through the eternity of My most beautiful names. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Giving, the Generous. We beseech God that He may cause him to behold that which will delight his eyes, and give him to drink that which will render him so attracted in the days of his Lord that neither weariness nor languor shall overtake him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. And may He acquaint him with this world and its conditions, and with that which hath been ordained for him by My Most Exalted Pen, that he may abandon the former, holding fast unto that which his Lord, the All-Informed, hath willed.”

God willing, may you be blessed by divine grace and arise to serve His Cause. That which you have witnessed and heard in the path of God hath not been and shall never be lost. Though the dark clouds of oppression may prevent the rays of the Sun of Justice from shining for a day, an hour, or a moment, this is not worthy of mention, for assuredly the Sun of Justice will appear and illumine the darkened world with its light. Then shall no crookedness or inequality be seen in the earth.

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and drinketh the choice wine of revelation! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee from this praiseworthy station and remembereth thee with this Most Sweet Remembrance, which all the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal. Rejoice in the grace of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou eloquent with wisdom and utterance in praise of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and arise to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Beloved. The covenant of the oppressors and all that pertaineth unto them shall pass away like unto passing winds, and the tongues of the world shall testify to their extinction. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to God’s Covenant and to that which hath been ordained for it from Him. Verily, it is among the most exalted of creation in the Preserved Tablet. Convey My greetings to all the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One and say: God willing, may ye attain such a station that no power can deter you from the Cause of God, and no thing among all things can become a veil. In the name of the Peerless Friend, drink ye from the Kawthar of faithfulness and partake of the sealed wine. He saith: Well is it with you and pleasant be it unto you, O chosen ones of God on earth and daysprings of steadfastness throughout all lands. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace upon thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

As to what thou didst write concerning Jinab-i-Amin and Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu’l-Hasan, upon them be the glory of God, Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu’l-Hasan himself had written about thy loving-kindness. It is most clear and evident that whatsoever proceedeth from that beloved one in service to the Cause hath never fallen short. Praise be to God, in these divine days they have been the sources of goodly deeds and have shown the utmost love toward each of the friends. Soon shall the fruits of all become manifest. Although the essential fruit is that which findeth acceptance before God, a hundred thousand thanks that it hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Ere long shall the fragrance of deeds performed in the path of God be diffused and spread abroad, and the people of the world shall perceive it.

And concerning what thou didst write about Jinab-i-’A.B., upon him be the glory of God - yes, several years ago in one of the Tablets which descended from the heaven of loving-kindness especially for him,

there was a mention, and twice did this lowly one hear from the blessed tongue saying: “Soon shall that which was revealed for him in God’s Tablet, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, become manifest.” Strange indeed are the heedless people who, despite all that hath appeared and shall appear having been previously revealed with utmost clarity and explicitness by the Supreme Pen, as that honored one hath seen and heard in the blessed Tablets, are yet so intoxicated with the wine of pride that they have not perceived a trace thereof nor understood a word. Leave them to their vain imaginings wherein they sport. To God do we belong and to Him shall we return. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God that He may enable his honor to achieve that which is befitting. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Generous. Should you meet him and should it be advisable, convey this lowly one’s greetings to him.

As for what thou didst write concerning the sister’s daughter, upon her be the glory of God, this matter was mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. One day these blessed words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of Divine Unity: “Verily, she who hath ascended unto God - We have adorned her with the ornament of forgiveness and have mentioned her from My Most Exalted Pen as a bounty from Us to those who have hearkened to My call and turned to My horizon and have attained to the service of My wondrous Cause. Upon her be My glory and My remembrance and My mercy which hath preceded all the worlds.”

I swear by the Sun of Utterance, which hath risen and is resplendent from the horizon of the divine Tablet, that whosoever hath today turned unto Him and perceived the fragrance of His Revelation hath been and shall ever be reckoned among the people of eternity. Blessed be the maidservant who hath attained unto this most exalted station, and blessed be the servant who hath been honored with this wise remembrance.

At this point such utterances were revealed from the Ancient Tongue as this servant is powerless and inadequate to mention.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor A.B., upon him be the glory of God, and his ill health, we beseech our Lord and the Lord of the worlds, our Goal and the Goal of the nations, to give him to drink from the ocean of His healing, to clothe him with the robe of health, and to adorn him with the ornament of well-being. God willing, through the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds, he will attain unto that which is ordained for him. In truth, he is outwardly and inwardly distinguished by his love for the Truth. This evanescent servant at all times beseeches the Truth, exalted be His glory, for his health and well-being. Verily He is the Healer, the Bestower, the Generous.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, and his arising to teach the Cause, it brought boundless joy. Praise be to God that he hath arisen to render this great service and God willing he is confirmed. Whatsoever is manifested today in service to the Cause shall endure and remain through the eternity of God’s names and attributes. This servant beareth witness that when he returned from the Holy Land, by leave of the Lord of Oneness, he was aflame with the fire of divine love. God willing, may the hand of divine power daily increase that flame.

After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, He spoke these words, exalted be His grandeur and His sovereignty: “Verily We summoned him, caused him to hear, showed him, and sent him back to

serve My Cause and make mention of Me among My servants. I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I will through My word 'Be' and it is. We shall surely aid him in that which he desireth in the Cause of his Lord, and make mention of him with such mention as will cause them that hesitate to hasten unto the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is he and his father upon whom We shed the light of Our countenance, who gave up his spirit in his longing for the advent of his Lord, the Possessor of existence. There hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall dilate the breasts and gladden the hearts."

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Aqa Mirza Jalil, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. Although holy verses had previously been sent down for him from the heaven of oneness, yet again, as a bounty upon you and him, a most holy and most exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the divine Will and sent. God willing, may his eyes, heart and inner being attain unto it and be illumined and enlightened thereby.

His honor Aqa Mirza S., upon him be the glory of God, praise be to God, hath attained unto His special favors. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect and preserve him through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to ordain for him the good of this world and the next, and to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and the dust. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The contents of these passages were heard from the blessed tongue concerning him: "Verily His bounty toward thee is great." In these days a number of those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon arrived and after a brief stay were gradually given permission to depart and returned. Even some from among the Jewish people arrived and attained unto boundless favors.

Another submission is that at the appointed time, in accordance with your wish, this servant attained the blessing of pilgrimage and performed your proxy pilgrimage in detail, and it was also crowned with acceptance. We praise Him for this, and by His own truth, verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This lowly servant submits that although the details of the departure from the Land of Mystery [Adrianople] and the tribulations of those days are beyond description by pen and tongue - none can reckon them save God, my Lord and the Lord of all things - yet as commanded I shall briefly relate that one night, five hours past sunset, his honor Ism-i-Jamal and two others who were with him intending to attain the sacred presence were to depart at that hour of night, take their possessions and leave that land. This servant was bewildered as to the cause but was commanded and obeyed. The friends left in the morning. Some hours after their departure, people came inquiring what had happened and where they had gone. A brief response was given and they departed. Then suddenly at the eighth hour of the day, all the friends who were occupied in the bazaar, both merchants and others, were arrested and taken to the gate and imprisoned. Military officers surrounded the house. Someone came from the gate to the

presence of the Most Great Branch - glorious be His praise - and submitted that by order they must proceed to Gallipoli. What more can I say of what transpired? Everything in the sacred household was auctioned off and plundered. Later at the government house they told the companions that whoever wished could return to their own place and engage in their trade and commerce. The twelve persons who had come to serve Them in Adrianople must go together, the rest were free to choose. No one accepted to stay behind. All abandoned their belongings and possessions and everything pertaining to them, suffering great losses. Their goods were sold at very low prices. Those who purchased them delayed in payment, but they did not wait and forsook that wealth, joining the hosts of glory. And one person sacrificed himself which caused an uproar in the city. Afterwards most of the foreign consuls came to the Most Holy Presence and much was discussed. They said this journey was inevitable and must be undertaken, relying upon God in all things. In brief, were the details of what the officials said to be submitted it would be lengthy. They showed much kindness and wrote the full details of everything to all governments. On the day of departure a strange commotion arose. With seventy-two souls They departed from the Land of Mystery toward the Prison Land. What more can I say of the joyous spirit that prevailed on the journey? By God, it was as though all were going to a feast! What more can I say of the wondrous verses that were revealed at every moment - would that you had been with us! After arrival in Gallipoli, Omar Effendi Binbashi came with five Onbashis and chavushes and submitted that They must proceed to Akka. Then on an Austrian vessel They proceeded toward Akka. Near that celestial city it stopped, and the Ancient Beauty came by rowboat. Four persons were prevented from accompanying Them: his honor Sayyah, Mishkin-Qalam, Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, and Aqa Abdul-Ghaffar - upon them be the Glory of God and […]

Umar Effendi mentioned that he was ordered to take these four individuals to Cyprus. The friends broke into lamentations. After a few minutes of separation, Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Ghaffar threw himself from the ship's deck into the sea - how sublime was his love, detachment, reliance and steadfastness! We then arrived in Akka and were lodged in the military barracks. On the night of arrival there was absolutely nothing in the sanctuary. The Pasha sent a small evening meal, which they distributed among the children. The weather was extremely hot, the water was salty, and the food was disagreeable - one can imagine what transpired. Yet through divine grace we were and are in the utmost joy and delight. God will soon assist His servants with truth. Verily He fulfills His promise and He knows all things. Just as everything that was recorded in previous Tablets concerning the upheaval in the Land of Mystery has been fulfilled, likewise what was written about divine assistance will certainly come to pass. Three souls also sacrificed themselves in this land of exile and prison: the two brothers Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir and Aqa Muhammad-Ismail, upon them be God's mercy and favor, who arm in arm sacrificed themselves in one night. From the beginning of creation until now, such an event has never occurred where two brothers thus united and in perfect agreement took flight from this dark earth to the Most Pure and Luminous Habitation. Blessed are they, and blessed the loins that bore them and the womb from which they came forth! The details of the favors manifested towards them I cannot now submit, as the way is cut off and the pen is forbidden. Likewise Jinab-i-Aqa Abul-Qasim from Sultanabad. Despite all these trials we were in truth in utmost comfort, joy and delight, as we had attained His presence. However we were saddened regarding the friends in Iraq, as they were far from His presence and afflicted with intense trials. Yet as it was for God and in God's path, there is no harm or sorrow. As for what you wrote

concerning Jinab-i-Aqayi Aqa Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God, upon return he was verbally instructed to maintain complete secrecy, therefore he did not associate with others. And concerning what was written about the steadfastness of some of the friends, we praise and thank God for making His loved ones firm in His Cause and steadfast in His love.

Regarding Jinab-i-Zayn, you had asked for instructions. He said that today the duty of all is to be patient in the face of tribulations and to spread the mention of God among the servants with pure wisdom. Successive trials and continuous afflictions should not prevent those who have truly drunk from the Kawthar of Life, and although their hardships and trials have exceeded their strength, since all affairs are referred to God, whatever has befallen is easy. To whatever place they deem wise, they may write and send letters. As the Divine Tree itself grows through the winds of tribulation, so too are its leaves in motion. The sorrows and trials of all are dependent on the root of the Tree. Soon will descend that which will gladden the hearts of His loved ones. Convey greetings and glory to each and every one, especially to those whose steadfastness has become evident and who are mentioned in God's presence. If it were possible, the Mighty Missive would be sent to all, but these days do not allow it, as you observe. Furthermore, to whatever land you arrive, convey glory to the loved ones of God and say that today is the day of firmness and victory, and they should not be sorrowful in any way, for whatever has occurred was from the destined trials and was mentioned in previous Tablets. Soon will appear the wisdom of what has appeared, and we are in evident thanksgiving.

He is God! Today the foundation of all affairs has been and is service to God's Cause, and it is best for His loved ones in every land to engage in outward affairs, for they can thus convey a word of truth to people or render some service to the friends. God willing, I hope that you will be a mention for the people of that land and move with perfect wisdom lest strangers become aware. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions. Verily, He is your Guardian in this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

On behalf of this servant, convey spiritual and holy mention to Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Ahad. We beseech God to grant him what has been sent down from the heaven of His favor and enable him to soar in the atmosphere of love for his Lord, the Most Merciful, and to detach him from all existence. Verily, He answers whoever calls upon Him, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The latest news is that Jinab-i-Ustad Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, has returned to the seat of the Cause after traveling through Iranian territories, bringing good news from all directions that, praise be to God, this restriction has become the cause of freedom, and this bondage has increased the stages of the servants' unity. All are engaged in the mention of God with perfect eagerness and longing. A letter also arrived from Jinab-i-Aqayi Aqa Seyyed Mehdi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, mentioning that praise be to God, all the loved ones everywhere are engaged in God's mention with perfect sanctification and detachment. He had written many praises, and you know that he rarely offers praise; nevertheless, he had expressed particular satisfaction and unity with their deeds, as they have completely abandoned forbidden rejected actions. The divine words of counsel have affected them to such a degree that nothing greater can be imagined. He had even written that his brother, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ali Kabir, upon them both be the Glory of God, who was known for certain deeds and whose

transformation seemed impossible, has nevertheless completely abandoned all that God has forbidden. We beseech God to assist him and those who have believed in what manifests the sanctification of His Essence and the detachment of His Being from the worlds.

News has also come from the captives of Mosul. Strange it is that the prisoners spent on behalf of the prisoners. After learning of the Most Great Imprisonment, each one, both women and men, according to their means, sent gifts to the Most Holy Court. Various reports arrived from those regions. Out of fear of the sons, in the days of sedition, something had been written, but afterwards news came from the sons themselves. Although outwardly they did not display the greatest steadfastness, as was abundantly shown by others beneath their station, yet God has pardoned them. The angels held him back from tearing all the veils, but the hand of grace took hold of him. A special messenger came and met with them at the time of their departure. They remain firm in the Cause, though outwardly they are afflicted. They have served the companions and prisoners to the extent possible, and have also sent something to the Most Holy Court. Glory be to God! Strange steadfastness was shown by the people of Iraq. Surely this has reached the blessed ears, especially concerning two Christians. Although these petitions have led to a lengthening of words, they were submitted for your honor's information. And glory be upon you, and splendor be upon you.

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O honored one, his eminence Afnan, the venerable Haji Mirza Buzurg, upon him be all the Glory of the Most Glorious - may he be encompassed by the most luminous glances.

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

Praise, sanctified beyond the mention and comprehension of all peoples, befitteth the Lord of Eternity, Who hath illumined the world through the effulgences of the Day-Star of His Most Great Name, and through countless proofs hath made manifest before the faces of all the Mighty News that was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. The river of His all-merciful bounty hath flowed from the Pen of His Will, and the lights of the Sun of inner meanings have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His Purpose. A single revelation from the lights of the Sun of His knowledge, falling upon the Mount, caused Moses to be wonderstruck and enraptured, and guided him to the truth. And when a single ember from the fire of His love touched the Tree, the voice proclaiming "Verily, I am God" was raised therefrom. The Tongue of Grandeur hath in this station previously uttered these sublime verses:

O Baha'u'llah! Come forth from behind the veil

That from the West the sun might rise and sail

O Beauty of God! When Thy fire blazed bright

The harvest of lovers' being burned in sight

One spark of fire cast upon souls divine

A thousand Trees of Sinai did shine

Glory be to God! Such proofs and evidences have been made manifest that man is utterly powerless to reckon them. Verses have been sent down and clear signs revealed; divine encompassment exists and heavenly power is visible; the ocean of knowledge surgeth and the sun of utterance shineth forth. Yet despite this, some among the peoples of the world remain hesitant, others turn away, some deny, and still others stand bewildered and perplexed. Nevertheless, the heedlessness, ignorance, denial and estrangement of the peoples of the world cannot prevent the penetration of the Most Sublime Word, nor can all the powers of the world compare with the might of the Most Exalted Pen.

When the Desired One of all worlds first arrived in the City of Peace, mention of no one was heard, as the might of oppression had left none remaining. Then one day, by God's irresistible command, the trumpet blast was sounded. He said: "O servant, this is the meaning of the blessed verse which states 'And the trumpet shall be blown a second time.'" And after this, these exalted words flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur - glorified be His majesty: "Say: O people of the world, know with absolute certainty that God's Will encompasses all and His Purpose prevails. The opposition of the divines, the plotting of the jurisprudents, and the world's might neither prevent Him nor hold back His power. Soon shall the banners proclaiming 'Verily He is God' and the standards declaring 'Sovereignty belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting' be raised in cities and lands. The buzzing of flies shall not hinder, nor shall it prevent the people from reaching the Lord of all humanity." In those days no trace appeared from any quarter. The polytheists rejoiced, thinking they had annihilated the party of God, heedless that God's protecting hand was preserving and safeguarding His Cause. Thereafter, by night and day, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke and the Most Exalted Pen moved, dispatching to all corners of the world that which gave life and bestowed light. Finally, all the kings of the earth were summoned, without veil or barrier, and commanded to that which He loves and is pleased with. Even now the heedless ones, some divines in their own estimation, write refutations and forbid people from the pulpits, unaware that soon the horizons of all lands shall be illumined with the light of the Luminary of His Revelation. Though now some have realized that extinguishing this light is impossible, for in every land and city the party of God exists. Alas, alas, how the heart burns to see how people, through their vain imaginings, have deprived themselves of eternal life and everlasting sustenance.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm! Thou seest the burning of my heart and hearest my cry and lamentation at all times. I behold the ocean of Thy forgiveness, the heaven of Thy generosity, the sun of Thy grace, the stars of Thy favors, and the moons of Thy bounty and kindness. And I see the heedlessness of Thy servants, their remoteness from Thy court of nearness, their turning away from the heaven of Thy Revelation, and their denial of Thy proof and evidence. I beseech Thee, O God of the Seen and Unseen, and Educator of all existence, by the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation and the Manifestations of Thy Self, and by the Word whereby the hearts of Thy chosen ones were attracted and the hearts of Thy loved ones were set ablaze, to aid Thy servants to return unto Thee, to turn repentant to Thy gate, to humble themselves before the revelations of Thy grandeur, and to acknowledge the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance. O Lord! Thou seest their powerlessness, poverty, ignorance, weakness, and heedlessness in Thy days. I beseech Thee not to deprive them of the lights of the Sun of Thy pardon and the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The

clamor of men deterreth Thee not, nor doth the might of those who have disbelieved frighten Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thou seest, O God of all possibilities and Manifester of all beings, that this servant desires to make mention of Thy Afnan whom Thou hast related to Thyself and adorned with the ornament of distinction among Thy servants, though I acknowledge my incapacity and lack of qualification for this most exalted station and most glorious rank. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst deliver Thy Prophets and chosen ones and preserved them from the evil of Thy servants and the tyranny of Thy creatures, to accept what hath proceeded from me and aid me to make mention of that which befitteth Thy days and beseemeth Thy Afnan. Verily, Thou art He by Whose command the Letter Kaf was joined with the Letter Nun, and all that exists appeared through Thy word "Be," and it was.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your arising, your service, your steadfastness and your remembrance! Your letter was like the spring breeze in the realm of meaning, refreshing heart, soul, body and limbs. It was a manifest glad-tiding and a brilliant herald. Its intimations conveyed spiritual joy and its words were the cause of victories, for each letter thereof was adorned with the praise and glorification of the Lord of the seen and unseen. After its perusal and reading, and the manifestation of joy and delight, We proceeded to the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of hearing these words from the presence of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He: "O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness."

We spent the morning at the Mansion of Bahji. The honored Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, offered hospitality which We accepted. From Bahji We proceeded to the garden with a group. Upon arrival, We summoned the attending servant with pen, paper and ink. After closing the door, We engaged in the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, and likewise mention of you flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God, you have been quickened by the divine breeze and made fresh by the breathings of revelation.

The attending servant read before the Wronged One that which you addressed to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Possessor of the Exalted Seat. We heard your call and perceived from it the fragrance of your sincerity, detachment and orientation toward God and unto God. We have answered you with this clear Tablet and ordained for you what you desired from the depths of your Lord's mercy, the Most Merciful. We have sent down for you that which has attracted the hearts of the Concourse on High, the Supreme Paradise, and those who have turned to the Face with such detachment as nothing in all creation could hinder. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. Give thanks to God for this supreme bounty. The Tree desired its branches. He is indeed possessed of great bounty. You turned to Him in the early days when all on earth turned away save a handful who were letters of the Face. Thus was it revealed before and in this exalted station which has attained the presence of its Lord and been overtaken by tranquility from Us–otherwise it would soar into the air from the intoxication of reunion. We have recounted this unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

O Afnan! The earth has been honored by the footsteps of the Lord of all beings, yet the people are in grave doubt. All things have been blessed by the mention of the Lord of Names, yet the various factions among the divines, mystics and jurists have been prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all

worlds. We bear witness that you have spoken in your letter that which befits the Days of God and acknowledged therein that which the Speaker of Sinai uttered when He was established upon the throne of manifestation. We have aided thee, prospered thee, and reinforced thee with hosts of angels. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

Today the world–that is, humankind–is heedless. By the life of God! If they were to find even less than a needle's eye of the divine fragrance, they would cast down the idols of fancy and imagination with the hand of certitude and, detached from all else, would arise to mention, praise and serve the Cause. Today the ocean of light is manifest, the Tree is speaking, and the Sun of bounty is shining and present. Blessed is the one who has not deprived himself of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord nor remained bereft of the ocean of generosity. If thou shouldst observe one who has turned to the Cause, convey greetings from the Wronged One and give him the glad tidings of God's grace and favor. The glory shining from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee!

Upon thee and upon those who are with thee and love thee and hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below, and the Lord of the last and the first. His bounty hath no end and His favors are sanctified above enumeration and limitation. Every hearing ear hath testified and every seeing eye hath perceived. Nevertheless, the people remain sunk in the sleep of heedlessness, unaware and oblivious of this most great bounty. They have made the Cause of the Lord a plaything and a sport. Soon shall they behold the consequences of their vain lives, and they shall cry for help but none shall help them.

The supplication of your honor which was presented at the Most Holy Court - the Sun of favor hath dawned from the horizon of will in such wise that this servant is powerless and incapable to make mention of it. That which I had intended to present to your honor was transformed into these words: "Blessed be your honor and congratulations be unto your honor." When mention was made of your greetings, glorification and praise in the Most Holy Presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - all of them expressed greetings, glorification and demonstrations of favor and love. And all those who circle round about send their greetings and glorification.

Praise be to God, the manifestations of favor from the dwellers of the pavilion of infallibility are evident, and likewise the expressions of sincerity, humility and submissiveness of the loved ones of this land in service to your honor have been and continue to be beyond all measure and count, and each one presenteth greetings and glorification. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious

Praise that is sanctified beyond the comprehension of all created things and exalted above the understanding of all that can perceive befitteth the matchless King of Glory, Who hath ever been sanctified above the mention of aught else but Him and will forever remain exalted beyond the description of all save Himself. None hath ever ascended to the heaven of His praise as beseemeth Him, and no soul hath ever mounted to the heights of His description as is worthy of Him. From every attribute of His holy Oneness have infinite holy manifestations appeared, and from every expression of His glorious might have eternal lights shone forth. How lofty are the wondrous expressions of His sovereign might, before the faintest glimmer of which all that is in the heavens and earth hath been reduced to utter nothingness! And how exalted are the attributes of His all-pervading power, the most insignificant sign of which all creation, from beginning that hath no beginning to end that hath no end, hath been and will ever be powerless to know! The embodiments of His names wander thirsty in the valley of search, and the manifestations of His attributes cry out "Show me!" upon the mount of His sanctity. Through a wave from the ocean of His endless mercy, He hath adorned all created things with the ornament of existence, and through a breath from His peerless paradise, He hath honored all beings with the robe of His holy grace. Through an overflowing drop from the deep of the sea of His Sovereign Will, He hath brought infinite creation out of utter nothingness into the realm of being. The wondrous expressions of His bounty have never ceased, nor shall they ever cease, and the manifestations of His gracious favor have never been, nor shall they ever be, arrested. From the beginning that hath no beginning He hath created, and unto the end that hath no end He will continue to create. In every cycle and age, through the manifestations of His wondrous creation, He hath made all things new, that all in the heavens and earth might not be deprived of the wine of mercy from the celestial cup of His Oneness, whether they be signs in the horizons or holy manifestations in their own selves, and that they might not be left bereft of the outpourings of grace from the clouds of His loving-kindness.

How infinite the wonders of His boundless grace that have encompassed all creation, such that not a single atom exists in the visible kingdom but that it tells of the manifestations of His glorious Oneness, speaks in praise of His Self, and points to the lights of His Sun of Unity. He hath created His handiwork so complete and perfect that were all possessors of mind and heart to attempt to know even His lowliest creation as it truly is, they would find themselves utterly powerless and incapable - how much more so to know that Sun of glorious Reality and that Essence invisible to all! The recognition of the wise, the attainment of the eloquent, and the description of the articulate, all return and shall ever return to His creation. A hundred thousand Moseses swooned at the cry of "Thou shalt not see Me" on the mount of search, and a hundred thousand Holy Spirits in the heaven of nearness were troubled at hearing the words "Thou shalt not know Me."

He hath ever dwelt in the sublime sanctity and transcendence of His holy Essence, and will forever abide in the exalted immunity and elevation of His own Being. Those who would ascend the heaven of knowing Him have reached no further than the habitation of wonderment, and those who would approach the sanctuary of His nearness and reunion have ventured no further than the valley of helplessness and longing. How bewildered is this worthless atom in the depths of the holy ocean of Thy knowledge, and how incapable of contemplating the power treasured within the manifestations of Thy handiwork!

If I say Thou canst be seen by the eye, how can the eye that cannot see itself behold Thee? If I say Thou canst be comprehended by the heart, how can the heart that hath not understood the stations of revelation within itself know Thee? If I say Thou art known, Thou hast ever been sanctified above the knowledge of all beings. If I say Thou art unknown, Thou art too manifest to remain unknown and unseen. Though the gates of union with Thee and the meeting of Thee have ever been open to the face of all contingent things, and the lights of Thy peerless Beauty have been established upon the thrones of existence, both seen and unseen - yet despite this greatest bounty and most perfect favor, I testify that the precinct of Thy holy glory hath been sanctified above the knowledge of all else, and the carpet of Thy mighty exaltation hath been and shall ever be above the comprehension of all besides Thee. Thou art known by Thine own Self and described by Thine own Being.

How many temples of Divine unity have lost their lives in the wilderness of separation and remoteness from Thee, and how many holy and eternal spirits have been bewildered in the desert of existence! Many lovers, despite their utmost search and yearning, have been consumed by the blazing flame of the fire of separation, and how many of the free have given their lives at the place of union with Thee! Neither do the sighs and lamentations of the lovers reach the precinct of Thy holiness, nor do the cries and wailings of the seekers and yearning ones attain the station of Thy nearness. And since the gates of recognition of and arrival at that Ancient Being were closed and forbidden, out of pure bounty and grace in every age and era He caused the sun of His favor to shine from the dayspring of generosity and grace upon all things, and chose that Beauty of Divine unity from among His creatures, distinguishing it with the robe of specialization for the purpose of Guidance, so that it might guide all […]

Here rises the Sun of Truth, that through the endless waters of divine bounty and the holy and matchless Kawthar He may cleanse all created things, even unto their atoms, from the defilement of negligence and desire, that they may enter the realm of the spirit, which is the station of everlasting holiness. He is the Primal Mirror, the Ancient Light, the Hidden Manifestation, the Perfect Word - the complete revelation and concealment of the King of Oneness. He has commanded all creation to obey Him, which is identical with obedience to God. The waves of the seas of Names surge forth at His bidding, and the manifestations of divine attributes shine forth at His command. The knowledge of all beings and the attributes of all things possible, from the beginning that has no beginning to the end that has no end, return unto this station. None can transcend or rise beyond this exalted station - the station of recognition and attainment unto that Sun of Oneness and Daystar of Truth - for it is clearly impossible to reach the Unknowable Essence. Thus do the waves of that hidden Ocean surge in this divine Manifestation, and the rays of that invisible Sun shine forth from the horizon of this holy and eternal Dawn without any intimation. He has established these Dawning-Places that have risen from the Morn of Oneness with such clear proof that none besides these holy Manifestations could produce the like thereof, leaving no room for rejection or objection. For divine proof and heavenly evidence would not be complete for human beings without clear proof and manifest evidence. However, the specific nature of that proof - whether revealed verses, apparent signs, or otherwise - has been and always will be dependent on the will of that King of Divine Will alone, and not contingent upon any other.

O ye who seek the holy and eternal atmosphere of divine nearness! With complete determination and perfect striving, beseech the King of Bounty and Sovereign of existence that He may not, through the

surging waves of His grace and favor, deprive the thirsty ones of His endless Salsabil and matchless Tasnim. For all infinite stations of knowledge and the ultimate fruit of human existence is to reach this lofty and most exalted station and this glorious and most resplendent rank. Strive then to free yourselves from negation and its manifestations which today encompass the world, that ye may attain unto the root of the exalted and blessed Tree of Affirmation - for this is complete salvation and its essence, the reality of triumph and its beginning and end. Furthermore, that Sun of Unity and Sovereign of Reality must be recognized through the dawning rays of light that shine forth from that Essence of Oneness. For that Primal Being is self-subsistent and self-known, and His proof shines forth from His very Self. The proof of the sun is the light of the sun itself, which shines forth, rises, and illumines from the sun itself. Likewise, all servants are commanded to recognize that Sun of Oneness by His own Self. In this station, neither the rejection and turning away of the servants, nor their acceptance and drawing near, constitutes proof or evidence for anyone.

O thou who believest in God! In every Revelation, fix thy gaze upon the Revelation itself and upon the manifest expressions that proceed from it, lest thou stray from the divine path. Consider man, for instance: if thou knowest him by his own self, thou wilt recognize him in whatsoever garment he may appear. But if thou lookest only to his garment and raiment, then each time his garment is renewed thou wilt remain veiled from recognizing him and be debarred therefrom. Therefore, lift thy gaze above earthly limitations, worldly conditions, and the manifestations of names, and fix it upon the essence of Revelation itself, lest at the time of its appearance thou remain veiled from the Tree itself, and all thy deeds and actions become null and void, and thou turn from affirmation to denial while remaining unaware of it. God forbid! O people of the Bayan! Be watchful that ye may recognize the Revelation by itself and by what appeareth from it, not by aught else, for naught else will avail you, even if it be all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is the best counsel I give unto you, if ye be of them that accept it. Therefore, purify the eyes of both the seen and the unseen from turning toward aught save God, that ye may attain unto His Beauty in every Revelation and be blessed with His presence, which is identical with the presence of God. This is a truth which no utterance hath preceded and which no falsehood shall follow. It hath ever shone, and will continue to shine, like a resplendent lamp in the niche of words. How well is it with the soul that is illumined by the lights of this holy and eternal radiance! Well is it with them that comprehend.

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

My spirit and soul be a sacrifice unto thee! The blessed letter, adorned with the ornament of love for the Beloved of all worlds, was perused by this evanescent servant. Praise be to God that in this Most Great Prison He gladdeneth us with the sweet fragrances of love wafting from the direction of them who are nigh unto the threshold of His oneness. God the One is my witness that at all times thy mention hath been and is upon my heart and tongue. That which indicated the well-being of your honor was the source of boundless joy, while that which was written regarding certain deeds of those who claim to love the Cause brought infinite sorrow. For thou knowest that unseemly acts have become the cause of veiling

and have deprived most of humanity from the shores of oneness. In all His Tablets, the Exalted Truth hath called His loved ones to sanctity and detachment, and hath forbidden all from corruption, conflict, contention and the consumption of others' wealth. Thus in one of His exalted Tablets He hath revealed - the meaning whereof in Persian is: "The people of Baha are those who, should they pass through cities of gold, would not deign to look thereon, and should all the women of the earth appear before them in their finest ornament and most wondrous beauty, they would not gaze upon them with lustful intent." Thou thyself knowest how abundantly such themes have flowed from the Pen of the Lord of eternity. Yet despite this, as thou observest, they are not content with their vile and reprehensible deeds but occupy themselves with blocking the way. Strange it is that such souls should associate themselves with the Truth. We beseech God to aid all to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him, and to cause them to return unto Him, repentant, submissive, lowly, devoted and detached. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Likewise hath He commanded all to observe wisdom, yet most have failed to act accordingly. Had the loved ones of God acted in accordance with that which they were bidden, thou wouldst have witnessed all hearts turned toward the Qiblih of the worlds and all faces directed to the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Dhabih! In most of the divine Tablets there hath flowed from the Pen of God's behest, and We have counseled all the loved ones of God, not to soil the hem of sanctity with forbidden deeds and reprehensible conduct. We have likewise counseled them to fix their gaze upon that which hath been revealed in the Tablets. Had they hearkened with the ear of the spirit to the divine counsels which have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Pen of the All-Merciful and had they given ear thereto, thou wouldst now behold most of the peoples of the world adorned with the robe of guidance. But what was decreed hath come to pass. Now once again doth the Tongue of Grandeur, in this Most Great Prison, upon this snow-white scroll proclaim: O loved ones of God! Hasten forth from the narrow wastes of self and passion unto the hallowed expanses of the Divine and take up your abode in the garden of sanctity and detachment, that the fragrance of your deeds may cause all creation to turn towards the shores of the glory of oneness. It is in no wise permissible to speak about worldly matters and whatsoever pertaineth thereunto, or about the leaders that govern them. God, exalted and glorified be He, hath bestowed the visible kingdom upon its rulers. It is not permissible for anyone to commit that which would be contrary to the views of the leaders of the realm. That which He hath desired for Himself are the cities of men's hearts, and the loved ones of God are in this day as the keys thereto. Through the power of the Most Great Name they must all strive to unlock those gates. This is the divine assistance which hath been recorded in all the Scriptures and Tablets by the Pen that cleaveth the dawn. Moreover, they must associate with all people with the utmost kindliness and conduct themselves with perfect sanctity, detachment, truthfulness and fairness, in such wise that all people may regard them as the trustees of God amongst His servants. Now observe in what heaven the bird of God's command doth soar, and in what realm those feeble souls do dwell. Blessed are they who, on the wings of certitude, have soared in the atmosphere which hath wafted from thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

O Dhabih! Consider the doings of God and say: exalted, exalted is His power that hath encompassed the worlds; exalted, exalted is His detachment that hath transcended all created things; exalted, exalted is His martyrdom which hath set ablaze the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him. Though afflicted with

countless tribulations at the hands of Our enemies, We have proclaimed unto all the rulers of the earth, one after another, that which His Will had purposed, that all nations might know that no affliction can hinder the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Verily, it moveth by the leave of God, the Fashioner of all bones that have crumbled to dust. Now, given this supreme occupation, it behooveth all the loved ones to gird up the loins of endeavor and turn their attention to the triumph of God's Cause, rather than engage in reprehensible deeds. Wert thou to observe but slightly the manifest actions and deeds of the Truth, thou wouldst surely fall upon thy face in the dust and say: O Lord of Lords! I testify that Thou art the Master of existence and the Educator of both the seen and the unseen. I testify that Thy power hath encompassed all created things, that the hosts of the earth cannot frighten Thee, nor can the might of its peoples hinder Thee. And I testify that Thou hast desired naught save the life of the world, the unity of its peoples, and the salvation of all that dwell therein.

Consider carefully what station the friends of God must move in, and in what atmosphere they must soar. I beseech God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, at all times, to aid them to achieve what He desires. He is verily the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. O Dhabih! The harm to this Wronged One has not been and is not from imprisonment, plunder, captivity, martyrdom and outward abasement. Rather, the harm lies in the deeds which the loved ones of God commit and attribute to Him. This is My harm, by His Self that dominates the worlds! And another greatest harm is that each day someone from among the people of the Bayan claims the Cause, some clinging to one of the Branches, and some independently saying what they have said and doing what they do. O Dhabih! The Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: By My Self, the Truth! All Revelations have ended with this Most Great Revelation, and whoever claims after it is indeed a lying impostor. We beseech God to guide him to recant; if he repents, He is verily the Forgiver, and if he persists in what he claims, He will send against him one who will show no mercy. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. Observe how the people of the Bayan have not understood that whatever My Herald and the Herald of My Beauty uttered was in anticipation of this Revelation and its establishment of the Cause. Otherwise, by His True Self, they would not utter a single word of what He revealed. These ignorant ones have regarded the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High as child's play. Each day they move according to some fancy and wander in some wilderness. Were the Cause as they claim, how could thy Lord's Cause be established upon the throne of tranquility? Reflect and be of the discerning ones. Reflect and be of those who perceive. Reflect and be of the steadfast ones. Reflect and be of the assured ones, to such degree that should all humanity make every possible claim or beyond it, thou wouldst not turn to them but would leave them behind thee, advancing toward the Qiblih of all worlds. By My life! The Cause is mighty, mighty, and the Day is mighty, mighty. Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him, turning toward the countenance of Him through Whose light the heavens and earth were illumined. O Dhabih! A penetrating vision is needed, and a steadfast heart, and legs of brass, lest one slip through the whisperings of the hosts of self. This is the firm decree which hath been sent down through the pen of the Most Great Name by the will of the Ancient King. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eye, and be of the thankful ones. By day and by night occupy thyself with the service of God, detached from all else. By My life! Whatever thou seest today shall pass away, and thou shalt find thyself in the most exalted station if thou remainest steadfast in what thy Lord hath commanded thee. Unto Him is thy return and thy abode. Here end the words of God.

Concerning what thou hadst written about the trials and tribulations that had befallen thee, it produced in me, on the one hand, grief beyond endurance, and on the other, boundless joy. The grief was due to the fact that, outwardly, diverse afflictions and manifold trials had descended upon thee. The joy was because this servant knoweth with certainty that ere long the heedless, sleeping souls shall, after becoming conscious and awakening, all make mention of thy name and shall wail and weep for what befell thee, though now they perceive it not. Moreover, in tribulation and hardship and trials thou hast been a partner with the Truth, and hast borne all difficulties for the Cause of God. I swear by the Truth, this is a station whose description can never be exhausted by the pen nor concluded by speech. We beseech God to make thee hold fast unto Him, to be detached from all else save Him, and to speak forth His remembrance and praise amongst His servants.

As for what thou hadst written about thy distress, it is evident - property plundered and thy person afflicted with hardships and trials. I beseech God to assist thee in all conditions. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Some time ago, fifty tumans were transferred. The draft and letter of this servant were, by the Most Holy Command, written to the known person and given to Husayn of the people of Ya, that he might give it to that person to deliver to thee. God willing, it will reach thee. May thy honor be ever engaged in the service of the Truth. The rectification of all matters, both outward and inward, hath been and shall be through this Most Great Cause. May my spirit be a sacrifice for thy sorrow and trials and exile.

The Tablet which thou hadst mentioned specifically for Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God, hath been revealed from the Dawning-Place of Revelation and sent. Perfect bounty concerning him is shining and radiant from the horizon of the Sun of Eternity. Blessed is he, and again, joy be unto him. If thou seest him, convey the greetings of this evanescent one unto him. We beseech God to preserve him and make him steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily, the Glory be upon thee, then Remembrance be upon thee, then the Spirit be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related to thy presence.

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In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested and revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes and vision. Glorified be He Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and glorification, and Who hath summoned all to the Most Exalted Horizon wherefrom the call hath been raised: “The Kingdom and the Dominion, the Majesty and the Power belong unto God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Choosing!”

O peoples of the earth! By God, the Day hath come, yet the people remain in doubt and conflict. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. This is the Day whereon He Who conversed with God hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, and the Herald hath cried out from the right hand of the luminous Spot: “God, there is none other God but Him.

His are the grace and bounty, the remembrance and the glory. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Single One, the One, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Thy letter hath reached the Wronged One and hath been honored to be seen and heard. We have detected therefrom the fragrance of humility, submissiveness, and devotion to God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs. We have sent down for thee from the heaven of utterance that which hath enraptured the hearts of the righteous. Say: O concourse of men! By God, the Greatest Scene hath been adorned through the appearance of the Lord of Destiny, and the Dove of Knowledge hath warbled upon the highest branches. Rejoice, O peoples of the worlds, for the Promise hath appeared and the Promised One speaketh before all faces with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention at this hour of thy father who hath ascended to the station God ordained for him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, by the ocean of His forgiveness, the heaven of His grace, and the sun of His mercy which hath preceded all created things, to send down upon him a heavenly feast and a blessing from His presence, and to cause him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have purified him at the time of his ascension from the world's defilement and forgiven him through Our grace, for We are the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance! This is the Day of God, the Cause is God's Cause, and the Revelation is God's Revelation, the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in the most exalted station. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and speak forth the praise of God, the Lord of lords. He shall reinforce thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and shall manifest through thee that which shall cause all to cry out with the loudest voice: "O peoples of earth and heaven! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with power and sovereignty!"

Beware lest your desires prevent you, or the hosts of earth frighten you, or the ranks of the wicked weaken you. We have borne all hardships and tribulations in this Cause, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and the hearts of every heedless doubter have been disturbed. Take the reins of affairs in the name of thy Lord, then speak that whereby every silent one shall speak, every still one shall move, and every prostrate one shall arise, by the command of God, the Lord of all directions.

Say: This is the Day whereof the Apostle of God gave glad-tidings, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God, and before them the Messengers of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord Who hath come from the heaven of proof with the standards of wisdom and utterance. We have desired at this time to change the eloquent language into the luminous language, by the command of God, the Lord of creation.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. All the divine Books, both of the past and of the future, proclaim and herald this Most Mighty, Most Holy Revelation. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. In truth I say, great is this Day. In the Tablet of the world, this exalted Word was revealed: "The

Most Great News proclaimeth: O people of Persia! Ye have been the dawning-places of mercy and the daysprings of compassion and love. The realms of existence have been illumined and adorned with the light of your knowledge and wisdom. How is it that ye have arisen to destroy yourselves and your friends with your own hands?"

O Afnan and My loved ones! Upon you be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. The tabernacle of the Cause of God is mighty. It hath encompassed and will continue to encompass all the peoples of the world. Your day is now, and a thousand tablets bear witness. Arise to help His Cause and busy yourselves in conquering the hearts and souls of the peoples of the world through the hosts of utterance. From you must appear that which will ensure the comfort and tranquility of the downtrodden. Gird up the loins of endeavor, that perchance the servants may be freed from bondage and attain unto liberty. Today the lamentation of justice is raised, and the cry of equity is heard. The dark smoke of oppression hath enveloped all peoples and nations. Through the movement of the Supreme Pen, a fresh spirit of meaning hath been breathed, by the command of the True Commander, into the bodies of words, and its effects are manifest and evident in all things of the world. This is the Most Great Glad-tidings that hath flowed from the Pen of this Wronged One. We beseech God to aid and not to deprive His servants of the fragrances of His days.

Say: O people of the Bayan! He Who is the Lord of all religions hath appeared with a Cause before which no cause can stand, and with a sovereignty that no earthly forces can weaken. He Who hath with Him the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Say: Verily, He is with you and heareth your utterances. With Him is the knowledge of all things preserved in a Manifest Tablet. Say: Behold, then judge with equity that which hath appeared from Him. He guideth you unto His Straight Path. Purify your hearts with the Kawthar of God's utterance, the Lord of all worlds. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the kingdom of utterance, and that which was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath been revealed. And We have desired to mention at this time thy daughter, as a grace from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O My handmaiden! Take the chalice of utterance in My Name and drink therefrom, despite every people that hath been heedless and turned away from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My call and for having had thy name flow from My Most Exalted Pen, whereby God quickeneth His servants and handmaidens and remembereth them in His wondrous Book. We make mention of thy sister as a mercy from God, the Mighty, the Great, and We give her glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for her from the Ancient Commander. We make mention of him who is named 'Ali-Akbar and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve him through His hosts, to draw him nigh unto Him, and cause him to speak His beautiful praise.

O 'Ali-Akbar! When thou hast heard and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy Most Straight Path. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree to aid me in the service of Thy Cause. Verily,

Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Hasan! Upon thee be My Baha! We have turned unto thee at this hour and revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Grieve not over the world and its vicissitudes. Turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily He preserveth His loved ones and remembereth them in that whereby their names shall endure throughout the perpetuity of His firm and wise Cause. The splendor that shineth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who are with you and have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the Bestower, the Generous.

We have desired to make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who was named Abu-Talib, that he may be assured that He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, through His mighty and great Name.

O Abu-Talib! The Wronged One hath turned unto thee from the precincts of the Prison and revealed for thee that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh to soar. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and made known to me Thy way. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the sovereign of all names, and by Thy Command which hath encompassed all things, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love and eloquent in Thy remembrance. Verily, Thou art God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And I beseech Thee by that which lieth with Thee to protect me and my family from the croaking of those who have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony, who have disputed Thy signs and cast aside Thy laws. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty."

And We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah and counsel him with that which shall exalt his station in this resplendent and luminous spot. We have mentioned thee before, and thy father who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, with verses that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. O Nasru'llah! God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the doubts of the ignorant prevent thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We testify that thy father attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained in the presence of thy Lord. All things are recorded in a mighty tablet. We were with him at the time of his ascension, and We cleansed him with the ocean of Our forgiveness, which hath encompassed those who have drawn nigh and those who are near. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and hold fast unto His firm cord.

Thou shouldst at all times fix thy gaze upon the Truth and remain firm on His path. The world hath neither permanence nor faithfulness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which shall cause thee to be enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the lights of His countenance. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy family and those with thee who have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

As to what thou didst mention regarding His Holiness Anis, upon him be the light of God and His glory and His might and His praise, the Truth, in which there is no doubt, beareth witness. We testify that he aided the Cause of God throughout the nights and days and guided the people unto the straight path. Upon him be My light and My glory, and upon the dear one who cast aside idle fancies and took hold of the Book of God with such power as was not weakened by the hosts of the heedless. O Nasru'llah! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast. By the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the Prison, the station of steadfastness is great and mighty in the sight of God. Blessed is the servant who holdeth fast unto it, and woe unto him who turneth away therefrom. Say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee by Thy signs and their mysteries, and by the Sun of Thy Name and its lights, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-Taqi, who hath attained unto My remembrance and My traces and My Tablet wherefrom hath shone forth from its horizon the luminary of My loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist him to serve His loved ones and to make mention of His chosen ones, and to show humility at the mention of His Name, the Mighty, the Luminous. Verily he hath attained, time after time, as doth the Mother Book testify in this exalted station.

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Praise be befitting unto our Beloved, Who hath been from everlasting and will continue unto everlasting. Every bearer of a name taketh pride in His Name, and every possessor of glory becometh renowned through His mention. Through His all-encompassing mercy and His pre-existent grace, He hath manifested Himself and shone forth upon all the worlds with the light of His countenance, and hath spoken forth the blessed word: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." He is the One All-Knowing, the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth. He is the Goal of all worlds and the Beloved of all mankind. Blessed are they who have attained unto the hearing of His call and have turned toward His horizon. These are the servants whose stations and attributes have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Qur'an and in all former Books. These are they whom fear seizeth not in the path of God, nor are they touched by grief. These are they whom neither the denunciations of the enemy nor the mockery of the ignorant could hold back from the Most Exalted Horizon, and whom neither the hints of the peoples nor worldly conditions could debar from steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of Names. These are the pearls of the ocean of steadfastness and the gems of existence. Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the kingdom of creation. I beseech God to ever adorn these souls with the ornament of steadfastness, for none save God Himself possesseth the Most Great Infallibility. I ask of and implore God to preserve these servants beneath the canopy of His grace and to strengthen them to be steadfast in all conditions. He is the Powerful One Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Verily, He is the Single, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful.

And furthermore, the servant hath been blessed with hearkening to the melody of thy pen which was raised up in the remembrance of God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, time and again, repeatedly! This servant hath been favored with the correspondence of that spiritual friend, and after perusal it was laid before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Revelation hath sent down as a token of His grace upon thee. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

"O Kamal! The Kingdom of utterance is at all times shining forth and manifesting itself in such wise that no likeness or parallel hath been or shall ever be seen for it. The melody of the Supreme Pen hath ever been raised, and the Speaker of Sinai is speaking. Blessed is the state of the one who hath hearkened and who hath arisen with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings.

"We have illumined the darkened world with the lamp of divine favor, yet treacherous souls have shunned this light that their unseemly deeds might remain concealed. We have caused the lights of the Countenance to shine forth from the horizon of will, yet the blind remained deprived thereof. We have made manifest the Ocean of Life at the pole of contingent being and guided all unto it, such that the Lord of Eternity and the Most Great Name did with His blessed tongue utter the words 'Hasten! Hasten!' Yet souls weighed down with heavy burdens were prevented from drawing nigh unto it.

"O Kamal! The Wronged One of the horizons hath borne all tribulations and exalted the Cause of God with such strength and power that every fair-minded one hath been amazed thereby and hath exclaimed 'This is naught but a mighty grace!' Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan, clinging to that which profiteth them not, have remained deprived of the Countenance of Divine Unity and barred from God's all-embracing Word. They have contented themselves with croaking and have turned away from the melody of the Supreme Pen.

"Reflect upon the essence of the Bayan which hath flowed from the Pen of the Herald. He saith: 'I have written an essence concerning His remembrance, which is that He shall not be known through My allusions nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan.' In truth, this blessed word is the essence and spirit of the Bayan, by the testimony of the Primal Point. Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan have remained deprived of the Source and the Manifestation, while seeking to establish their own faith through the utterances of the Primal Point. We bear witness that He testifieth to their unbelief, their hypocrisy, their turning away, and their heedlessness. Say: O ye unbelievers! I worship not that which ye worship.

"Him Whom the Point of the Bayan hath described as being sanctified above His allusions and what was revealed in the Bayan - from Him have they turned away, while still counting themselves among the people of the Bayan. O Kamal! The Day is the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that hath become detached and free from all else but Him. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names in this luminous station.

"We have revealed unto thee that which will gladden thy heart, and We have sent it to thee that thou mayest read and be of the thankful ones. And from this station We send Our greetings upon the faces of

My loved ones who have soared in the atmosphere of My love, who have arisen to serve My Cause, and who have spoken forth My beauteous remembrance."

God willing, may all be blessed by divine favor. All assured and sanctified souls have been mentioned by the Divine Pen and recorded in the Book. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! Give unto all the glad-tidings of God's special favors and make them joyous. Today […]

O My loved ones! Rejoice in My Name and hold fast to My firm cord. All praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds! From this utterance of the True One, exalted be His glory, the stations of grace and favor bestowed upon that beloved one and the friends of God become evident. Every fair-minded person stands amazed at what they witness of the greatness of divine bounty, generosity, grace and favor. All the names that were in your letter were presented before the Throne, and for each one a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, they will attain unto them, and the friends will become so enkindled with the heat of divine love that its effects will become manifest. However, in all matters wisdom must be observed, lest anything arise from which the odor of corruption might be detected. The people are weak, and God, exalted be His grandeur, is generous. The sword of forbearance and patience is sharper than the sword of violence and wrath. Blessed is he who holds fast to that which is befitting, for he is accounted among the helpers of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, Tablets wondrous and sublime were revealed specifically for Nabil-i-Qa'ini and he of the name Javad, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise for those souls who were mentioned in their letters. Out of wisdom, one package was sent to the Land of Qaf for delivery, and one to Hadba. God willing, they will arrive and they will attain unto them.

Further to this, after your letters addressed to this servant were presented in the Most Holy Court, three names were mentioned on the back of one letter. After these were presented, these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of God's grace - exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing

O Muhammad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee with that which will draw thee near unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Forsake the world and hold fast unto the Most Great Name, which hath come from the heaven of utterance with manifest sovereignty. None should grieve over the world and what appeareth therein. Thus doth mention flow from His presence in a preserved Book. O My loved ones! Rejoice in My Name, then help your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed, but the people do not understand. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have remained faithful to God's Covenant, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from the presence of the Glory unto him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, that the breaths of remembrance may attract him to a station wherein he shall behold naught in creation save the effulgences of the light of his Lord's countenance, the All-Bountiful. This is a day wherein that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an hath been made manifest through His words: "All things shall perish save His luminous Face." O Muhammad-i-Taqi! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this spot round which circle all great names. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto the

hem of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of those who have turned unto God and We mention them as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bounteous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious […]

O Muhammad-Qabel-Rida! The world shall pass away, and sovereignty will remain with God, the Lord of all men. Where is the clashing of the swords of enemies? Where is the neighing of the steeds of the mighty? Where are the gardens of princes? Where are the pavilions of the great? Where are their ranks and their armies? Where are their palaces and their affairs? By God's life, they now dwell in their graves, yet people remain heedless of what appeared in former ages. Thus have they been prevented from what hath been revealed by God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he who pondereth the evidences of God's power and holdeth fast to what hath been sent down in the Book. Glory be unto the people of Baha who have held fast to the cord of certitude and cast behind them all idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Such is the grace of this station that for each name that was mentioned in the presence of His countenance, whether living or dead, there hath been revealed from the heaven of God's Will a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet.

Who can with tongue or pen

Give due thanks for His blessings?

May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His grace! God willing, may the friends of Truth at all times reflect and arise with perfect steadfastness to serve His Cause. At this time numerous exalted Tablets have been revealed specifically for your honor, including one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for Jinab-i-Nur, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise specifically for Varaqih-Ahl, upon her be the Glory of God, and mention was also made from the Blessed Tongue of the two sister leaves, upon them be the Glory of God. May they, God willing, attain divine favors and drink cup after cup from the ocean of love. Verily, she who attained His presence - We have mentioned her in the Scriptures and Tablets. God willing, may they dwell at rest beneath the shade of the divine Tree of Providence. O Kamal! Convey My greetings to them both and give them glad tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all created things.

Another matter: It would be most beloved if you would make copies of whatever reacheth those parts and review them with utmost care, sending them to certain souls scattered throughout the villages, that the sweet fragrances of the utterance of the Most Merciful may at all times be diffused among the loved ones.

Furthermore, to each of the friends of God who have drunk of the sealed wine and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, this evanescent servant offers mention of evanescence and nothingness. May they, God willing, be sustained at all times by the fruits of the divine Tree of Providence. Likewise, this evanescent servant conveyeth most wondrous, most exalted, most glorious greetings to each and every one of those related to that beloved one. Glory be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause.

The Servant

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

The remembrance of God unto His servant who hath been named Mahdi, that he may give thanks unto his Lord and be well-pleasing unto God. O servant! Hearken unto the call of God from this Servant Who hath been named by all names in the Kingdom of Names. And when thou ascendest beyond this station, thou shalt behold Him sanctified above all that the Dayspring of Names and Attributes have known. And when thou ascendest beyond this station and passeth on to another station, thou shalt be unable to establish for Him any mention or deny from Him any description, for in that station eyes shall not attain unto Him, thoughts shall not reach Him, minds and visions shall not comprehend Him. Thus hath the matter been decreed.

Cast aside what the people possess, then hold fast unto this Cord suspended between earth and heaven, in such wise that should men cut thee to pieces, thou wouldst not be severed from it nor be separated from it. Thus do We command thee in truth, and this is better for thee than all who dwell on earth. Dost thou find in existence aught greater than the knowledge of God and steadfastness in His love? Nay, by Him Who hath caused all created things to speak forth the praise of My Self, which hath encompassed the worlds!

Turn thy face toward God and detach thyself from those who at times speak as spoke the divines of the Qur'an, and at times speak as spoke the people of the Gospel, then the people of the Torah, and thus have they veiled themselves behind the veils of allusions. Among them are those who say: "Can sweetness be changed for bitterness, or the ruby for a stone, or gold for copper?" Thus do they speak, being unaware less than a hair's breadth. And among them are those who say: "How can light be changed for darkness?" Thus and likewise do they speak, being unaware. These are in the sight of thy Lord this day more contemptible than donkeys.

Say: O ye who are as red ochre! Do ye not witness that when ye place a mirror before the sun, the form of the sun is reflected therein, and when ye place it before a dog, that too is reflected therein? Thus observe how the matter stands regarding all that faces it, that ye may be steadfast in the religion of God. For example, when any mirror among the mirrors of existence faces this Sun that hath been established upon the throne of names and attributes, the effulgences of this Sun are reflected therein according to its capacity. Then do all created things speak forth the praise of their own selves, for they behold naught therein save the revelation of their Lord and Creator. Were people to observe with the eye of their innate nature, they would recognize that this attribute of things is not of themselves, but rather due to the revelation that hath revealed itself unto them through their own selves. Thus have We detailed the verses that ye may be endowed with insight into the matter.

However, this station and these attributes hold true so long as one beholds therein the revelation of one's Lord. Should it turn away from the Sun and face the wolf of self and desire, then doth the light return to its source, and the mirror reverteth to a station wherein naught can be seen therein save the wolf. Thus hath the decree been sent down from the heaven of wisdom, that people might find a way to the Lord of grace.

O Mahdi! Observe the people and their condition. After the Sun hath shone forth with such brightness that all who are in the unseen and visible realms have been illumined thereby, they have clung to a mere shadow and have opposed God, and thou seest them now standing upon the brink of a fiery precipice, having halted in sheer heedlessness without the Truth. And among them is he who saith that such and such […]

And among them is one who claims to be a mirror after he warred against Him Who created and fashioned him, and caused all things to speak in praise of His Self - thus was the matter inscribed by the Finger of the Spirit in truth. Say: O people, reflect upon yourselves and be not of those who have deviated from justice and fairness and taken for themselves the path to the calf. Look at the peoples of the Furqan - they spoke about succession and guardianship after one thousand two hundred and sixty years just as you speak now, and God is witness to this. Did what they possessed of successorship or guardianship benefit them? No, by the All-Merciful! Rather, they and their followers were created by the command of God Who created all contingent beings with a word from Him, and verily He has power over all things.

O servant! Inform My servants. Say: By God, you have not understood the foundation of this Cause. Hearken to My words, and nullify not your deeds, and be not like the peoples of old. Fear God and be pious in the Cause, and dispute not with Him by Whose command the Prophets and Messengers were sent from a beginning that has no beginning - how much less those beneath them! Reflect, O people, on God's Cause and its manifestation, and follow not every stubborn polytheist.

Say: Today there is no difference with God between you and him whom you have taken as lord for yourselves besides God. Rather, he is more base in station and further astray in path, for he warred against Him Who created him by His word and sought to cut down the Tree that was planted by God's hands in the loftiest paradise. Then he raised an outcry within himself to confuse the matter for those who believed in God, and thus did he plot in God's Cause and was recorded with God as among the plotters.

Say: O people, open your eyes, then behold the Beauty at the midmost point of the zenith and turn towards Him, and follow not every rebellious satan. Does it not suffice you that We have manifested unto you Our true Self with complete manifestation and concealment? Fear God Who created and fashioned you, and deny not the blessing for which you shall never find a substitute.

Leave the people and what they possess - today you shall see them only as dead, not living, save those who hold fast to this Handle that has neither disconnection nor connection, neither severance nor qualification, if you be of those who know. Say: By God, were We to take from the yarn with which children play and make it the Handle of the Cause between the heavens and earth, We would be able to do so by My sovereignty which encompasses the worlds. And were We to take a handful of clay and

resurrect from it the forms of the first and the last, and then those near ones and the sincere ones, We would be able - thus was the matter. But the people are wrapped in thick veils.

Say: O people, by God the Most Great Mystery of God has appeared, and the Most Great Treasure of God, and the Most Perfect Word of God, and the Most Bountiful Sea of God. Beware lest you deprive yourselves of the bounty of these days and be not in doubt concerning this Manifestation which has encompassed all created things and from which appears at every moment that which appeared not before. And if you deny it, O heedless ones, by God the Truth, all atoms testify to it, and this Tongue which speaks in all things that 'I am the Worshipped […]'

Verily I am the One adored, and verily I am the Intended One, and verily I am the Beloved, and verily I am He Who, by the movement of My finger, hath joined the Kaf to the Nun, and thus was the matter decreed by the finger of divine decree upon the preserved tablet. O Mahdi! Be thou guided by the guidance of God, thy Lord, then guide mankind unto this Most Great Ocean which God hath caused to surge by His Own Self and for His Own Self, and hath sanctified its shores from the approach of every obstinate polytheist. Say: O people, fear ye God! By God, the Truth! Were ye to be truly conscious, ye would sever your own necks with your own hands, or cast yourselves into the waters, or fling your bodies from the mountains, for ye have committed that which hath caused tears to flow from the All-Seeing Eye of God that beholdeth all things. Thus have ye acted according to the dictates of your souls and your desires, and yet ye rejoice within yourselves and are glad. Arise thou with the Cause of God and His permission, then convey unto the people the command of thy Lord, and be not of them who have been patient and have veiled their faces through fear of their own selves. Thus have We commanded thee in truth that thou mayest be informed thereof. Beware that thou disputest not with anyone; rather, remind them with wisdom and utterance. Then guard thyself to such degree that no harm may befall thee, not in such wise as to be veiled from God's Cause and deprived of the wonders of His manifestation. Purify thine ear that thou mayest hear the divine melodies wherewith the Dove of the Spirit warbleth upon the branches of these Words, each letter of which God hath made a lofty and impregnable Tree. Stand thou firm with the firmness of God and leave the people and what they possess unto themselves, then shun them who follow their lusts and commit transgression and wickedness. By God! We are quit of such as these, if thou be well informed thereof. Say: O people! Strive ye that My traces may be manifest from you and that My fragrances and My sweet savors may waft from you. Guard yourselves against whatsoever is abhorrent unto God's good-pleasure and your good-pleasure. Fear ye God and be ye purified from disobedience that ye may speak of the beauty of My name, the All-Merciful, and may become a sign among all created things through this Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of holy and luminous glory. O servant! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One Who is imprisoned in this Most Great Prison. Then detach thyself from them who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and ascend unto the atmosphere of nearness and holiness and glory and beauty, that thou mayest attain unto the station wherein shine forth the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Most High, and mayest witness all created things beneath the shade of thy Lord Who hath appeared with the sovereignty of majesty and hath dawned at the midmost heart of eternity, and mayest be possessed of clear vision. Cast aside them from whom thou hearest naught but the stench of unbelief and who have turned away from Him through Whose will all created things were raised up, who are heedless of God their Creator yet fancy themselves

believers. Say: Woe unto you, O concourse of loss! By God! Your deeds have come to naught from the moment ye paused upon this Path which was raised up by the hands of the All-Merciful in the heaven of His Cause. Thus have We caused to flow forth for thee from these Words the Kawthar of knowledge and inner meanings, that thou mayest drink thereof and sprinkle it upon all created things through the power of My Name which encompasseth the worlds. Rejoice within thyself that the glances of God have been directed toward thee from this Prison, and glorify Him with such glorification as shall turn the hearts of all created things toward a face of wondrous glory […]

If thou desirest to grieve over anything, grieve over My tribulations, then over My afflictions and sorrows and exile and imprisonment. Thus doth the Most Great Pen command thee. Act according to what thou art bidden, and tarry not for even a moment. And the light that hath shone forth from the right side of the [Throne] be upon thee and upon those who have followed the command of God and have not transgressed the bounds that have been sent down in the Tablets from a mighty and inaccessible Pen.

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In the Name of God, the Most High!

O Hussein, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

This is a mention from Us to one who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and who arose to serve the Cause when the Wronged One was confined in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. O Hussein! Hearken unto the call raised between earth and heaven from God, the Lord of Names. Verily, He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed are My loved ones there; verily We perceive from them the fragrance of My love. We beseech God to strengthen them, to aid them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Possessor of this exalted station.

Convey that which My Most Exalted Pen hath uttered and remind them of that which hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Clear Book, and We had previously sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Merciful throughout all creation, and We sent it unto thee that thine eyes and the eyes of them who are nigh might be solaced thereby.

Say: O people of God! This is the Day of Utterance, were ye of them that know, and this is the Day of God, were ye of them that are assured. By God! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud through His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Beware lest the doings of the transgressors, who have turned away from God when He came from the horizon of heaven with manifest sovereignty, fill you with fear.

Blessed are ye, O people of God, for having turned unto Him on a day wherein most of the servants have turned away. Soon shall ye behold the reward of your deeds, and they shall behold their position in the

fire. Rejoice in the grace and mercy of God. By My life! The Concourse on High remembereth you this day, and the denizens of Paradise bear witness thereunto - thus doth testify He Who hath arisen to the Cause before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

We counsel you with that which shall exalt your stations and perpetuate your remembrance, and We are the Forgiving, the Merciful. Ye have witnessed in the path of God that which no eyes have seen and have heard that which no ears have heard - your Lord, the Merciful, beareth witness to this, as He sitteth upon His throne with clear authority.

O people of God! Ye are they whom neither commerce nor trade nor the world and its ornaments have withheld from the remembrance of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. Verily, they who are prevented are among the most lost in My Clear Book. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of glory have not withheld from the Dayspring of the Cause, who hath heard the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon, and heard what the Messengers heard.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. Cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies. The Lord of all beings hath come with manifest light. That which is with the people shall profit you not this day - to this beareth witness this Most Great Book and this Mighty Announcement, at whose mention the limbs of all people have quaked, and kings and rulers have been struck with trembling.

Say: O concourse of kings! By God, We have not come except for the reformation of the world and the edification of the nations. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and deny not yourselves that which hath been ordained for you in the Most Exalted Paradise by God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by Him Who is the Powerful, the Almighty. This shall profit you in all the worlds of His worlds and shall exalt you to a station wherein ye shall behold yourselves in a noble state. We beseech God to aid you and assist you in that which He loveth and is well-pleasing unto Him, and to inscribe for you from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall elevate your stations in both the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces, then hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered when He came from the horizon of power with manifest glory. Thus hath the Tree brought forth Its fruits and the heaven Its stars. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and woe unto the heedless.

O people of God! We have caused you to hear Our most great verses in the eloquent tongue, and We wish to mention you in a wondrous Persian tongue.

In the name of the Lord of the Tablet and the Pen!

This day is attributed to the Truth and known as the Day of God. The divine Books bear witness and testify. Blessed are they who have not changed the ocean into a pond, nor light into darkness, who have heard the divine Call with the ear of the soul and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These are the true trees and the divine Lote-Trees. They must, through this spiritual breeze which is wafting from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, bring forth wondrous and exalted fruits and delicate leaves. The fruits of the human tree are praiseworthy deeds and character, which are the cause of the elevation of the station of being. Today the gate of grace is opened, the rain of mercy is descending, and

the ocean of bounty is surging. Strive that ye may attain unto that which is the cause of eternal life and the reason for everlasting existence. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great bounty and this manifest Cause.

The divines of the age have forbidden the servants of God from entering the Egypt of divine knowledge. Through false utterances and through deceit and guile, they have deprived the people of the earth from the Euphrates of divine mercy. Each day they manifest a new opposition and each hour they appear with a fresh deception. In truth, they are the poisonous wind, for through the breath of these people the fruits of the trees of existence and their leaves have changed and fallen. May God destroy them! They have not perceived the fragrance of fairness and have not taken a drop from the ocean of justice. They curse the tyrants and Pharaohs of old from their pulpits while, by God, they themselves are seen to be far more tyrannical than those souls.

O people of God! Ye are those who have turned toward the Sun of Truth and have taken shelter in the shade of the divine Lote-Tree. Soon will your stations become manifest and evident to all the world like unto the sun. Beseech ye the Truth that He may quicken the servants through the water of His bounty and deprive them not from the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Greed and pride have deprived them from the Dawning-Place of Manifestation and the Speaker of Sinai. Soon shall these limited, numbered hours be seized by extinction. Then shall they behold themselves in manifest loss.

O Husayn! The Divine Lote Tree brings forth new fruit in every season, and the Supreme Pen gives utterance to fresh verses in every moment. Were all the peoples of the world to hearken or witness even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would turn to and return unto the Truth. Today the ornaments and colors of the world have held them back from the path of the All-Merciful. They are occupied with mutilating their own limbs, yet remain unaware. They proceed toward the fire, yet remain heedless. Glory be to God! The conditions of the world have so estranged the nations from the Lord of Eternity that even were they to move with the speed of lightning, they would not attain nearness. Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Leave them to plunge in vain discourse, and sport until they meet their day which they are promised." From all things riseth the cry "The Truth is come!" By God's life! Even the pebbles of the earth cry out and summon all to the Most Exalted Horizon.

O Husayn! In this hour the Bird of Faithfulness hath come from the City of Eternity and warbleth this most blessed and exalted word: "O people! By God, the Day is come, and this is the Most Great News, Who hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name!" The tongue was created for hearing, yet now hearing is lost. O friends! Move about in these days of God with joy and fragrance. How blessed is your state, for in days when the trembling of tribes hath seized the earth and the tempests have thrown the world into turmoil, ye have succeeded in hearing the divine call and have turned toward His direction. Well is it with you, and again well is it with you, and blessed are ye! In every moment, drink from the cup of God's favor and from the chalice of utterance, despite the people of creation.

The Day is your Day, and joy is especially yours. This is the day of greatest joy, for the Greatest Scene hath appeared; it is the day of mercy, for the Lord of Bounty is present; it is the day of gladness, for the

Beloved is manifest and visible. Take up the chalice of inner meanings in His Name and drink in His remembrance.

One page of names was sent by his honor Ash with expressions of kindness. Wondrous and exalted Tablets had previously been revealed for some. If God willeth, fresh ones shall again be sent for other souls as well. The loved ones of God in this Revelation have attained to the ocean of knowledge. Verses continue to be revealed, words appear, evidences are clear, the path is visible, and the balance is established. Blessed are they that see, and blessed are they that hear. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

The glory shining from the horizon of My celestial kingdom be upon you, O My loved ones and My friends, ye who have not been deterred by the world's veils nor frightened by the might of nations. Ye heard the call and responded "Yea, yea, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven!" We bear witness that Thou hast appeared and manifested what Thou didst will through Thy bounty and favor, and enabled us to hearken to Thy call and turn toward Thy horizon. Were it not for the wonders of Thy grace, who would guide us to the ways of Thy good-pleasure and acquaint us with what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book? Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world and Sovereign of nations, for having made known to us Thy path, sent down to us Thy proof, and drawn us nigh unto Thee when most of Thy servants and creatures turned away from Thee. We beseech Thee to ordain for us the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Asad, upon whom be the glory of Baha and My loving-kindness! Your letter was forwarded to the Most Holy Court and attained unto hearing, and an answer hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance. We beseech God to strengthen thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest arise to render such service in the days of God as shall not be seized by extinction, nor altered by the changes of the world and the events of nations. Jalal and ?iya were mentioned, and they have attained unto God's loving-kindness. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His loved ones who have not broken His Covenant and Testament, who have arisen and said: "God is our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, and the Lord of all the worlds." We have made mention of them and given them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

O Husayn! His honor Haydar-'Ali hath repeatedly made mention of thee, and likewise hath the Trustee. Another glad tiding is that We have removed "Mashhadi" from thy name and replaced it with "Da'i-Ba'i". This is through thy Lord's bounty. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth! Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of desire in the hearts of the sincere ones! Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of them that are nigh unto God! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. I complain not of anything; I love all that hath befallen Me and befalleth Me in the path of God. The soul that in nights and days hath been under

protection and favored with grace and engaged in service, through the instigation of an ingrate, intended harm against the Wronged One. And when We departed, tumult arose and clamor was raised. That which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen they attribute to him. Lament thou over the wrongs suffered by this Wronged One. Some have said that the verses revealed were taken from the Point. Glory be to God! From the earliest days until now, verses have been revealed like unto rain, equal to all books before and after, nay more, if they would be fair. By God's life! The Point circleth round Me and hearkeneth to My verses when they are revealed in truth, and lamenteth for what hath befallen Me from the people of the Bayan. A matter more manifest than the sun they seek to veil with the clouds of their vain imaginings. Say: Woe unto you! He hath appeared in truth and hath come with the kingdom of verses. All that is in the world cannot prevent Him. He speaketh before all faces. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a clear command. Fear God, O people, and follow not every remote oppressor.

O Samandar! It hath been proven with clear evidence that the ophthalmia of vain imaginings hath prevented eyes from beholding the signs. Therefore the Supreme Pen uttereth this most exalted Word: "I have abandoned the community of a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter." He is indeed independent of them and of the parties whom wealth and occupation have kept from drawing nigh unto God, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make them the standards of His guidance among His servants and the banners of His Cause in all lands. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

Say: O company of the heedless! Hasten to the Supreme Horizon, then present yourselves before the Face to hear His sweet call and what hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty. Fear God and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Open your eyes - the Sun is shining before your faces and it hath no need of aught else. To this testify enlightened servants. Then look at the sea and its waves, and be fair in what ye behold today, and be not of those who look and deny.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones in that which will cause the elevation of His Cause and His might amongst His servants. The adornment of God's loved ones hath ever been the fear of God. We have enjoined upon all benevolence and piety, and that whereby the station of the people of God will be exalted among all religions. Blessed is he who hath adorned his head with the crown of detachment, his temple with the ornament of the fear of God, and his heart with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein if God's compelling Word were to be cast upon rock, there would gush forth from it rivers of wisdom and utterance, and if cast upon the mountains, they would soar by God's permission, the Sovereign of the Day of Judgment.

O Samandar! From the beginning of days until now We have summoned the servants unto the Lord of creation without veil or concealment. Whatsoever would conduce to the reformation of the world and the advancement of the stations of nations, We have mentioned through loving counsels. Among the people are those who have heard and acted, and those who have heard and denied and turned away. For all there is a portion in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ask thou God that He may enable

all to abide by that which hath been revealed in the Book from the Supreme Pen. The people of the Bayan, like unto the people of the Furqan, have clung to names […]

Glory be to God! They have taken up anew that which they had previously abandoned and have clung to the imaginings of the past. You mentioned two souls who desired to drink of the sealed wine and aspire to the praiseworthy station. Say: Whosoever seeks the most exalted horizon must free and detach himself from all save God. Names must not prevent him, nor must the allusions of the world hinder him. Say: By the life of God! This exalted word is uttered from the tongue of the Lord of mankind purely for His sake. At the outset, the seeker must say, turning to God: "In the Name of God and by God," and must sanctify and purify himself from the vain imaginings of the former people - that is, the Shi'ih and whatsoever is with them. Say: Reflect upon the deeds of that sect and the fruits that appeared therefrom on the Day of Retribution. Then shall ye find yourselves sanctified from all that is with them. Beseech God that none of His servants be afflicted with the vain imaginings of that sect. In truth, this prayer is binding and necessary upon all. This is a day wherein man must be illumined with the light of true unity, and this is not possible except through acting in accordance with that which the Desired One of all the worlds hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discussions." Say: This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. Blessed is he who hath attained and recognized, and woe unto the heedless. However, the people of Persia have generally been and remain intimate with vain imaginings. For twelve hundred years they have been deprived of the Lord of Names through names. I swear by the lights of the Sun of Truth that they have not even caught the fragrance of unity, let alone its light. Thus have We expounded for thee that from which the near ones perceive the sweet savors of the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the river of mercy flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath drunk and attained, and woe unto every remote polytheist. We desired to impart unto thee that which We revealed to one of My loved ones in remembrance of the day whereon appeared the decree of mutual imprecation, when the Dawning-Place of the Cause went forth from the horizon of the House with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. He is the One Who hath dawned from the horizon of eternity.

The Call hath been raised from the most exalted horizon, and they that dwelt on Sinai's mount in the realm of knowledge were thunderstruck. The Rock cried aloud and proclaimed: "The Ocean of Union hath surged, and the Lord of the Day of Reckoning hath come, riding upon the clouds." Blessed is he whom armies have not weakened though he be strong, and whom ranks have not frightened though he be mighty. He hastened, and hearkened, and attained the presence of God, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing.

Say: O peoples of the earth, hearken unto My Call which hath been raised in truth, and follow not the sources of fancy and imagination. Say: The proof hath appeared and the sweet-flowing stream hath gushed forth from the Pen of God, Who speaketh from the most sublime Station. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of lights, and We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the luminary of the loving-kindness of the Lord of creation. The servant who standeth present hath appeared before the face of the Wronged One and read thy letter. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as God's own kingdom shall endure, the Lord of Lords. We beseech the Exalted One to make thee a sign of His signs and a standard of His standards in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and feet have slipped. There

hath befallen Me in God's path what no eye hath seen nor ear heard. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which speaketh before the faces of all parties. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

When the Light shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, the Maid of Paradise came forth from the Most Exalted Paradise and walked until she stood before the face of the Lord of all beings. She called out, pointing with her luminous finger to the head of the Lord of Destiny: "By God! This is the Hidden One Who hath appeared in truth, and this is He Who was treasured in the hearts of the Prophets and mentioned in the books of God, the Lord of all men." Say: Be fair, O people of the Bayan, concerning this Book which God hath made the point of adoration for the books of the world, and this Remembrance before which all remembrances have bowed down. Say: Present yourselves before the Face that your eyes may behold what no vision hath beheld, and your ears may hear what no ears have heard. He is the One Who cannot be known except through Himself, and Who needeth not the testimony of scriptures, books and tablets to prove His Cause. Were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would My Herald have come Who sacrificed His life in My path. Fear God, O people, and be not of them that have gone astray.

Say: By God! He was silent - God made Him speak; He was seated - the hands of power and might made Him arise; He was sleeping - the breezes of the morn of Revelation that blew by God's will, the Lord of the Day of Return, awakened Him. Say: O people of the Bayan! He speaketh not of His own desire - to this beareth witness what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter. Say: O people of the deniers, deny not Him Who hath come with what the Messengers brought aforetime, and hath revealed what lay hidden in the treasury of God's protection from time immemorial. Say: Read ye what ye possess and We shall read what We possess. Then shall ye find yourselves in greater loss than any idolatrous falsifier.

Say: Remember ye the Day of Imprecation in the Land of Mystery, when He Who is the Dawning-place of Inspiration came forth from the precincts of the House, directing His steps toward the House of God, the Lord of all men. We arrived therein while none else entered save Myself. Then did the Sun of the Cause shine forth and the Beauty of the Pre-existent appeared without veil or covering. Say: O people, can anyone stand with Him in the arena of proof and evidence? Nay, by His Self, the All-Merciful! Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the proofs, that thou mightest arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord with power and sovereignty.

O Samandar! In the Land of Mystery, the great ordeal has become more manifest than the sun. Nearly a hundred souls, both travelers and emigrants, were present; nevertheless, the opposers denied it while the chosen ones of the world have accepted it. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Orb of Revelation. The matter of his honor Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, is known and clear. Indeed, he has borne countless hardships and has been wronged. We have commanded his honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, to provide the details. And Abdi, that is Abdul-Husayn, is mentioned before the Wronged One. Wondrous and exalted Tablets have been sent specifically for the loved ones, both men and women. It is beloved that whatever is sent should be copied, and after being checked and verified, be

given to their owners. Praise be to God, all are mentioned and have attained unto the verses of the Pen. We beseech God to assist them and to confirm them in such steadfastness as will cause the feet of the world to stand firm. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon you, upon those who are with you and hear your words, and upon My loved ones in the cities and lands of God who have not broken My covenant and My testament and who were among those firm in this Great Announcement and this Manifest Cause.

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In the Name of our Lord, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath uttered His Most Exalted Word, whereupon the seas surged, the winds were stirred thereby, the mountains took flight, the trees put forth their leaves, the pebbles glorified Him, and all things spoke forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily it is the Fire of God unto him who turned away and erred, and the Light of God unto him who turned towards Him and was guided. Blessed is he who turned unto it, attained to the knowledge thereof, and sought refuge in its presence. Verily it is the Word through which were created all who are in the heavens and the earth, and all who are in the kingdoms of authority and creation. Indeed it is the essence of proof in the realm of possibilities and the reality of evidence unto the followers of all religions. Through it the proof was perfected, the bounty completed, the heavenly table sent down, and distinction made between all created things. Exalted, exalted be its sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be its greatness! Exalted, exalted be its penetrating influence! Exalted, exalted be its power! Exalted, exalted be its dominion! Exalted, exalted be its grace! Exalted, exalted be its mercy which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven!

My spirit be a sacrifice unto you, O Afnan of the Blessed Tree! His honor Haji Ahmad and his honor Mirza Hasan have been honored to attain the Most Great and Most Exalted House upon their return from the Most Great and Most Resplendent House, bearing with them a letter from your honor. This ephemeral one was honored by it and attained to its contents, and presented it before His Countenance. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke concerning the mention of His Afnan in such wise as I am powerless to recount. His Self, which dominateth the world, and His Essence, which hath ascendancy over all the worlds, bear witness to this. God willing, may you be the recipient in all conditions of the special favors of the Beloved of the worlds.

As to what was written concerning the cawing of the opposers and the braying of the deniers, in all ages it hath been thus - most people are heedless and ignorant, and have placed the reins of their minds and hearts in the hands of the ignorant like themselves. Therefore they have remained deprived of all heavenly bounties and divine favors, and are unaware of it. Woe unto the leader and the led, the seeker and the sought! However, even some of the loved ones of God have not acted according to what God desired. In truth, the matter is as your honor hath written - had the loved ones of God acted according to what God desired, most people would now be adorned with the robe of faith. Yea, by God, this is the truth in which there is no doubt!

Observe how in most Tablets all were commanded to wisdom, and all were enjoined to virtuous character, refined manners and goodly, acceptable deeds. Nevertheless, some have transgressed the bounds set by God and have become the cause of the clamor and outcry of the people. One day as I stood before the Throne, He mentioned the martyrs of that land, and repeatedly from the Most Holy Tongue - upon them be the glory of God - was heard their praise. Then He said that although they were martyred in the path of God and their martyrdom was accepted, they had somewhat exceeded the bounds of wisdom. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In most cities during the past year, the friends themselves have been the cause of commotion, despite being counseled in most Tablets to observe wisdom, patience, calm, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Among other things, the friends have been forbidden from turning towards the Most Holy Court, and an explicit prohibition hath been revealed in the Book that none should turn hither without permission. Nevertheless, there are now more travelers than emigrants in this land.

The esteemed Haji, if granted an audience, will submit that had they been focused on the Cause of God and had they seen their own wills as non-existent and as naught before the will of the Ancient King, the banners of the Cause would now be raised in all lands. Moreover, whatsoever occurs in opposition to God's Cause yields no benefit, and its harm reverts to those who perpetrate it. Furthermore, the gathering of people in this land has even brought harm to the Blessed Tree itself, as the departure from the Land of Mystery caused the friends to gather in that land. However, this word was repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, Who said that whatever befalls the presence of the Throne becomes the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God, as has been witnessed thus far. After arrival in this land, which is the prison, an order was issued from the source of oppression that none should meet with anyone, such that even the barber could not attend to the prisoners to shave their heads without guards present. Thus did the Desired One of all worlds not visit the bath for several months. But now it has come to pass that the friends may go to any city they wish, except for the Ancient Beauty Who remains confined to His house and associates with no one. The rest, including the Two Most Great Branches–may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for them both–and the other friends, may go wherever they wish, with no hindrance whatsoever. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He is indeed the One Who prevails over whatsoever He pleaseth. His command is effective, His decree is current, and His will hath dominated the heavens and the earth. However, this evanescent servant has acquired a small plot outside the city and has planted therein, according to his means, various flowers and plants, that perchance it might become a greater vista and the Ancient Beauty might grace that place with His presence. But until now He hath not accepted. The command is in His hands. O my Beloved! The heart is in great combustion and the very foundations are in evident upheaval, for it is witnessed that the Holy Being for Whose servants the whole world was created dwells in the prison of His enemies and is outwardly forbidden. I fear that His honor might become saddened by the abundance of petitions submitted. In all conditions, we look to His honor's pardon.

That which was written concerning the good conduct of the loved ones of that land, that they act with wisdom and pleasing manners, brought boundless joy. God willing, may they at all times gaze toward the horizon of the Cause and act in accordance with the revealed wisdom. I swear by the Sun of Truth that if the opposing servants were to become aware of even less than a mustard seed of the stations of God's

loved ones, they would assuredly circle around each one of them. Their sight hath been clouded by vain desires which have prevented them from God, the Lord of all worlds. This abasement sufficeth for the heedless souls who for years and centuries, day and night, beseeched and supplicated for the appearance of the Manifestations of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, yet when the Truth Itself appeared and the horizon of the Cause shone forth, all remained heedless, turned away and veiled, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willed. This servant was exceedingly grateful and pleased with the loved ones of that land who, despite the transgressions of the oppressors, the objections of the wicked, and the clamor of the corrupt, remained patient and did not transgress beyond the wisdom they were bidden to observe. Upon them be the glory of God, His favors and His grace. That which befell your honor and the loved ones of that land is known and evident at the Most Holy Court, as hath been mentioned time and again, and it hath been said that ere long the power of the oppressors, the might of the rulers, and the dominion of the aggressors shall pass away and perish, and the Cause of God shall be seen to prevail and triumph over all.

And concerning what you wrote about some of the friends whose property was taken and who made no complaint - there would be no harm if they were to lodge a complaint with perfect propriety and wisdom, for the matter would have one of two outcomes: either they would listen or they would not. If they listened, they would have acted justly, and if they did not listen, God's proof would be complete against those souls and the oppression of the friends would become apparent and manifest. This matter would have its effect in the world itself. A word was heard from the Most Pure Tongue indicating that there is fear that an affliction greater than the afflictions of previous years may encompass the land of the opposers and deniers. It appears this affliction will come after the appearance of a sedition that will become manifest in certain lands, as can be understood from certain revealed verses.

The greetings of this evanescent servant to the loved ones of God depend on your honor's favor. God willing, all should gaze toward the Most Merciful with perfect joy and fragrance, serenity and assurance. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, all good returneth unto them and the infinite outpourings of the Lord are directed toward them. The clamor of the opposers is, as people say, like the yellow sun on the edge of roofs - its effect is visible but soon it shall pass away and perish. God willing, may they remain firm at all times and moments in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds with complete steadfastness, and be vocal in His remembrance. What more can I say of this evanescent servant's longing and yearning to see your exalted handwriting - I hope this favor will not be withheld. My spirit be a sacrifice for your tribulations, O Afnan of the Tree of the Cause, and my soul be a sacrifice for your sorrows, O Afnan of my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds.

Another matter to report is that the samovar and items that were with Jinab-i-Haji Ahmad arrived, and specifically they commanded that the samovar be kept for the days of the Festival so that all may drink tea from it in remembrance of the Beloved. Likewise, the rice that Jinab-i-Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, sent arrived without defect. We beseech God to assist him in the Cause and draw him near to Him in all conditions, and to ordain for him that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the hereafter and the former times, there is no God but Him, the Most High, the All-Wise. The rosewater too was specifically preserved for the Festivals as commanded, and upon its arrival, after one day the Blessed Beauty made use of it. Blessed is it, that is, the rosewater and its sender. Likewise, at a

specific time, this servant gained admittance to the Most Holy Court and, on your behalf, performed the visitation, and its acceptance was uttered from the blessed tongue. Another matter to report is that from Jinab-i-Rafi' Badi', upon him be the Glory of God, a petition arrived at the Most Holy Court, as well as from other souls, but since Tablets specifically for them had previously been revealed and sent, They said that God willing, later a response would be revealed and sent. On behalf of this ephemeral servant, convey wondrous and glorious greetings to Jinab-i-Rafi', upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise to the other loved ones. The Most Glorious Glory be upon you, O Afnan of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Servant. 19 Safar 1293.

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

The Truth proclaims and verses shine forth, the path is clear and proof is manifest. Yet the people of the earth are occupied with vain imaginings and veiled from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Certitude. Today, sublime praise and beauteous glorification are, in the first rank and highest station, befitting the loved ones of Truth, exalted be His glory, who were not hindered from the straight path of God by the insinuations of the opposers, the doubts of the deniers, the oppression of the aggressors, nor the conjectures and fancies of the heedless. Inwardly they are like surging oceans, while outwardly they remain steady and firm as mountains. These are the souls who are seated upon the cushions of light and recline upon the pillars of certitude, for they gaze toward the horizon of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and are steadfast in their adherence to the blessed words "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." The veils of the world and the clouds of the nations prevented them not from the Ancient Lord. They discovered the fragrance of the Day of God and attained unto true unity. These are the Hands of the Cause amongst the servants and the Standards of Guidance in all lands. Through the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the flowing of the Supreme Pen, they have attained unto a wondrous new life and have drunk from the chalice of detachment. The clamor of the divines is to them as the buzzing of flies, and the tumult of the jurists like the croaking of ravens. They are enkindled with the fire of divine love - a flame that shall never be extinguished. They move by God's will and are stirred by the movement of the Blessed Tree. Blessed are they, and joy be unto them, and theirs is a goodly destination. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou at Whose call the dwellers of the graves arose and at Whose command the trumpet was blown! I beseech Thee by the One Who conversed on Sinai, through Whom the decree of resurrection was made manifest, to assist Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones through whom Thy verses were spread abroad, Thy banners were raised up, Thy clear proofs appeared and Thy standards were planted. O my Lord! This evanescent one desires to make mention of one of Thy Afnan who attained Thy presence and whom Thou didst relate unto Thyself, though my praise befits not his exalted stations which were revealed from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Nevertheless, I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, to accept from me that which my tongue hath uttered and that which I failed to mention in their remembrance and praise. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the pillars of the world were shaken, to adorn him at every moment with new favors, fresh bounties,

renewed blessings, original sustenance and mighty mercy. Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of generosity surged amongst the nations and by Whose command the light of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the world. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention and your loving-kindness. The servant has been blessed by the trace of your ink and what flowed from the pen of your knowledge. When I drank the Kawthar of love from the sweetest cups of your utterances, I approached the Most Exalted Station and the highest Summit, was present and offered supplication before the face of the Lord of all beings. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. His word, mighty is His utterance and sublime His proof:

In My Name, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all possibilities[…]

Mention from the Divine Lote-Tree to His Afnan who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when Zawra was the seat of his Lord's throne, the Lord of Names, and who attained the choice wine of revelation while men were in a wondrous sleep. He turned, and heard, and beheld a horizon from which shone forth the Luminary of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. The Most Great Ocean hath surged, and the fragrance of the Ancient Beauty hath wafted, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the highest branch of divine knowledge that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the arm that hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the power of the Lord of all beings and hath attained the light of unity when it shone forth from the horizon of might. Say: By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with such sovereignty as neither the hosts of rulers nor the doubts of the learned could withhold. He stood before the faces of all the world and summoned all to God, the Lord of Lords. Say: Beware lest anything among all things prevent you from this bounty the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. The world hath been illumined by the light of My Most Great Name. Say: Be fair, O people, in this Cause at whose appearance the very signs have submitted. Say: O people of the Bayan, fear the All-Merciful. He indeed said: Should anyone come unto you with a verse, reject him not - yet ye have rejected Him Who came with that which no revelation throughout eternity can equal. By God! Every mention hath submitted at My mention, and the Concourse on High hath been attracted by the scratching of My Pen - to this testifieth He Who hath proclaimed in all things that there is none other God but Me, the Omnipotent, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book crieth out from the precincts of the Prison with that wherewith all things have cried out: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all men.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. I complain unto thee of those who have denied Me after they were created to serve Me. Say: Take ye heed, O people of insight! Say: O people of the Bayan! Where were ye when the Light was shining forth from the Supreme Horizon and the Manifestation was standing before the faces of all peoples? Fear God, O ye manifestations of idle fancies! I was standing at the world's center, making mention of God, Lord of all nations, whilst the people remained behind the veil. Say: Cast the rivulet behind you. By God! The Ocean of Life hath surged in My Name, the All-Merciful. Draw nigh and drink therefrom through this Name whereby the pillars have been shaken. Say: O people, weigh what ye possess with the balance of justice and fairness by this Book, at Whose revelation all

scriptures and tablets have bowed down in submission. Say: O company of the heedless! Of no profit to you this day is what the people possess, nor will all the books of the world suffice you. Fear God! He hath come with a Cause before which the verses have prostrated themselves.

Glory be to God! Until now they have not comprehended the Day of God. They have devised calumnies born of their vain imaginings and have arisen to lead the servants astray. The heaven beareth witness and the sun is a testimony that this Wronged One hath arisen before the faces of all the world, wholly detached from all else, in such wise that no fair-minded person can deny it. He hath summoned all unto the Supreme Horizon. And when the lights of the Cause shed forth their radiance to some degree, a band of wolves emerged from behind the veil of the letters Kaf and Ra, intent upon the Wronged One, though they were and are ignorant of the root of the matter. Thus have their souls enticed them to a course of action that hath made them among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. By God! They are bereft of the ocean deposited within the blessed word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and are heedless of "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." Whosoever hath been blessed with this blessed word is preserved from all the doubts and allusions of the people. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken in the prison of 'Akka as a grace and mercy unto thee and a light before thee. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory shining forth from the heaven of bounty be upon you and upon those who love you and hearken unto your words, by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds.

This evanescent servant hath ever besought and continueth to beseech the True One that He deprive not the peoples of the earth of the outpourings of His days, and that He may aid them all that they might attain unto return. His Holiness too must needs supplicate the True One for the deliverance of His servants throughout the nights and days, for verily this blessed word was repeatedly heard from the tongue of Grandeur - blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O servant who art present! We have chosen the Afnan and made firm their connection to the Tree. The Tablet beareth witness and the Pen testifieth, and verily whatsoever they ask shall assuredly be granted by God." They are, praise be to God, blessed with that which this servant and his like are powerless to mention. In the days when His Holiness the Greater Afnan and His Holiness who triumphed in Baghdad were honored to be in thy presence and in this Prison, thy place was truly empty. Such gatherings were arranged whose mention shall never be effaced from the world. Yet thy mention and the mention of those related to thee hath ever endured - gatherings from which the Concourse on High drew spirituality and the denizens of the highest Paradise cried out "Blessed be God!" At one time this supreme blessed word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names - blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O servant who art present! In these days, due to the world's lack of capacity, stations and ranks remain concealed. Yet in God's knowledge there is preserved a Day, and on that Day there shall be the gathering of Tablets and the spreading of verses, and on that Day the concealed stations and hidden conditions shall appear manifest as the sun from the horizon of the heaven of the world." Whatsoever hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen is the truth wherein there is no doubt, as hath become evident and manifest to all. Every fair-minded one hath testified and doth testify that verily whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear in the world hath been revealed with utmost clarity in the divine Tablets. The stations of the Afnan must needs be made manifest and evident in the world. Thy letter was repeatedly read; at every moment the effects of the living waters were manifest therefrom. Praise be unto the Goal of all the worlds Who hath concealed within the words

of His Afnan the treasure of love, wherein the effects of the celestial stream lie hidden. Glorified be His bounty, magnificent His generosity, and exalted His favors unto His Afnan! This servant beseecheth his Lord to assist and strengthen Your Honor and to open before your faces that whereby the fragrance of His Revelation may be diffused throughout the world. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Hearing, the Answering.

Unto the two luminous lights, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, I convey greetings, praise and glory, and I say that they are truly adorned with the ornament of distinction and are enkindled with the fire of love. His Holiness M.H. [Muhammad], upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath returned by firm decree, while his sighs ascended and his tears descended. Truly, mention of the degrees of his love, faithfulness, acceptance, yearning and enkindlement transcend this servant's power to describe. And whatsoever was sent hath arrived. Two Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will specifically for the two lights. God willing, they shall attain unto them, inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful therefrom, and drink from the ocean of His utterance. Glory, praise, mention and exaltation be upon Your Honor, upon those with you, and upon those who love you, mention you, and aid you by the command of an All-Wise Ordainer. Praise be to God, the King of this manifest Day.

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

Praise, sanctified above the mysteries of the pen and the eloquence of the tongue, befitteth the Lord of all mankind, whose mercy and grace have reached such heights that the tongues of them that are nigh unto Him are powerless and fall short of their mention. Like unto a tender and loving father, He hath guided and trained these servants as children, causing the pearls of His hidden counsels to stream forth from His Pen by night and by day, and manifesting from the Tongue of His grandeur blessed admonitions at all times, that perchance His servants might be delivered from the wilderness of error and turn towards and enter the realm of guidance. He hath sent down verses such that every just and discerning soul hath testified to their loftiness and greatness. He hath revealed evidences whereby every fair-minded one hath proclaimed "with Him is the knowledge of all things." Through the hosts of verses He hath triumphed, and through the banners of clear proofs He hath encompassed the world. The might of the world hath not weakened His power, nor hath the strength of the nations altered His resolve. Glorified be His majesty, abundant be His favors, exalted be His station, pre-existent be His mercy, and manifest be His verses.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who orderest all things and Who art established upon the throne of Revelation! I beseech Thee by the ocean of light and by the Word through which was manifested the decree of Sinai, to aid Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones in such wise that the doubts of the people shall not withhold them from the bounty of this Day, nor shall the signs of the transgressors debar them from the outpourings of this Day of Judgment. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them turning toward Thee and

circling round the court of Thy will. I beseech Thee to disappoint them not through Thy generosity, nor to withhold from them through Thy grace. Take their hands with the hands of Thy power, then preserve them with Thy hosts. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Protector, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

The letter you sent to the beloved presence of His Holiness the Name of Bounty, may the Most Glorious Glory of God be upon him, was forwarded to the Most Holy Court. Every letter thereof was a clear book testifying to that beloved one's devotion, acceptance, humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of the Worlds. Its fragrance bore tidings from the garden of inner meanings, and its melody made known the songs of the spiritual nightingale. Glory be to God! Everything that appears from the world of love is complete and perfect. The world may perish, but the ignorant one will not remain ignorant, for even if he does, despite him, the Word of God descends and penetrates, the Cause of God appears and prevails. The power of the ignorant ones - meaning the clergy - cannot prevent the penetration of God's Will, nor can the might of princes become a veil. All the oppression and transgression that has occurred has been from the source and manifestation of the world's clergy. By the decree of those heedless souls, the rulers have risen in oppression and caused confusion in the Cause. Consider how a group of meaningless turbaned ones and senseless headgear-wearers in the land of Kaf raised the banner of opposition and spread calumnies in all directions. However, after the matter was presented before His Majesty the Sultan, he delivered the oppressed from the evil of the oppressors, protected them, and of his own accord released the prisoners of ?a. In short, despite the despotic government, overwhelming power, absolute authority, and the harm inflicted by the ignorant ones at the beginning of the Cause, nevertheless he showed favor and granted freedom. I swear by the Point of Power that had any of those ignorant ones been sultan, they all would have agreed like the Jews to crucifixion. Repeatedly this exalted word was heard from the Master of all beings, saying that the Sultan's heart is very tender and sensitive, changing with minor things. Always has every sultan been superior to those beneath him, except for times when God, exalted be His glory, due to the various oppressions and transgressions of the servants, supports the Manifestation of the Name "the Compeller" and seats him upon the throne. In any case, most people, according to the saying, are depressed from lack of means. Ask God not to deprive His Majesty the Sultan of the lights of the sun of justice and fairness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

And regarding what was written about His Honor the Khan, may the Glory of the All-Merciful be upon him, mention of him and his devotion became cause for remembrance, for when your letter was presented before the face of the Lord of all beings, those present were repeatedly observed to be regretful and saddened at the devotion of His Honor the Khan, and when the letter reached its end, the Master of all beings spoke, saying exalted and holy is His Word […]

O Kazim! Upon thee be My Baha, and upon thy brethren and thy sons be My loving-kindness, and upon My friends and loved ones be My mercy. Thou hast ever been and art still favored with the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. Thou hast perceived the fragrances of the Days of God and hast turned unto His horizon. Thou hast drunk of the choice wine and held fast unto the Self-Subsisting. Your rewards have been and are preserved with the trustworthy, mighty One. We give glad-tidings of the favors of the Divine Lote-Tree to the friends in that land and its surroundings and 'Ishqabad. This is the day of service and of praise and remembrance, the day of deeds. Blessed are they that act! O Kazim! At all times doth the

blessed Tree in the wilderness proclaim with the most exalted call, and at this moment uttereth this word: “O people of God! Abandon this day what the people possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of the worlds.” We beseech God to assist His loved ones and grant them such steadfastness that all the peoples of the earth shall be powerless to prevent them. Remember them on My behalf, remind them of My verses, give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, illumine them with the lights of My utterance and draw them nigh unto that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Pen. We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall adorn them with an ornament that the happenings of the world shall not change, nor the centuries and ages alter. The burning of the heart of him who sought Me and was gladdened by that which shone forth from the Dawning-Place of permission from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen on this dark and gloomy night hath grieved Me, that he might rejoice in the loving-kindness of his Lord and turn with such turning as shall cause all faces to turn unto the Face of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God! The Sun of bounty is shining, the Ocean of grace is surging, the Heaven of generosity is elevated, and permission for the presence of his honor Kh. A., upon him be the glory of God, manifest, evident and radiant, is granted. However, as commanded, they must observe wisdom. If wisdom permits, they may attend; otherwise, He verily ordaineth for him the reward of His presence and recordeth for him what He hath recorded for those who attained His presence, heard His sweet call and beheld His most glorious horizon. This servant also congratulates him, sends greetings and seeks divine confirmation.

As for the mention made of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and attained the hearing of the Lord of Names, and in response these supreme, decisive verses were revealed from the Source of Glory. He, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof, saith:

In My Name, the Counselor, the Trustworthy

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka. Verily He mentioneth thee with verses that all the books of the world and all that the nations possess cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, as He sitteth upon the throne of His Great Name. When thou art illumined by the lights of thy Lord’s utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having brought me into being in days the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, nor the vision of invention beheld. I was heedless, Thy call made me aware; I was ignorant, Thy bounty and gifts taught me; I was seated, the hand of Thy generosity raised me up, O Possessor of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the traces of Thy Pen and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to ordain that I may remain steadfast in Thy Cause and be enabled to speak Thy praise in such wise that neither the wretchedness of the wretched nor the doubts of the learned shall prevent me. My Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Ye have attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. All atoms bear and have borne witness unto this truth. This servant beseecheth God to bestow His confirmation upon them and grant them a portion from the ocean of utterance. Verily, He is the Strong, the Mighty.

They also mentioned Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God. After being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, this blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the One Who dominateth all names

O Ibrahim! Verily the Sacrifice set forth towards the Ultimate Goal with such detachment as amazed the Concourse on High. When he reached the station of sacrifice, he offered up his spirit in My straight path. We sent him as a sacrifice for the guidance of the servants. The Lord of creation beareth witness to this, yet the people are in ancient error and manifest doubt. They make mention of the sacrifice of old in the mosques and from the pulpits, though We redeemed him with a sacrifice from Our presence and a ransom from Our side. They have forgotten the mention of those who have offered up their souls, their spirits, and their children in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. O Ibrahim! When thou hearest the call of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and art overtaken by the intoxication of utterance, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, drawing nigh unto Thy horizon, and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee by Thy power and might, Thy grandeur and sovereignty, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, then ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The ocean of bounty is surging - what more can this servant say or what trouble should he give? I convey greetings and praise to that honored one and the friends of God, and I beseech God to open a door of grace for every soul and withhold not His mercy in any condition. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have preceded and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of the heavens and earths.

At the end of the letter, as commanded by that Beloved One, they must strive diligently for the unity of the friends. Repeatedly hath He said that unity and harmony are the mightiest pillars for the exaltation of the Word of God. Through God’s grace - exalted be His glory - the horizons must be illumined with the light of unity and the world adorned with the ornament of harmony. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and in that which He hath willed. Verily, He is the Lord of the servants and the Sovereign of creation.

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

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Desired One of the world and the Lord of nations, Who through His grace hath revealed the hidden and treasured mysteries, Who hath bestowed new splendor upon utterance and adorned the Book with wondrous ornament. His Word hath endowed the world of utterance with the spirit of meaning, and the realm of words with true penetration. The power of His servants did not prevent His might, nor did the authority of those in the lands hold back His will. By His Own Self did He aid His Cause. The spiritual trumpet was His Word - it both struck down and gave life, and granted awareness. From Him was the path made manifest, through Him was the balance made evident. In every letter of the letters lieth concealed an ocean of knowledge and a Kawthar of certitude. And this Kawthar and ocean have ever been and shall continue to be reserved for His chosen ones - those souls whom the doubts and conditions of the people of the world did not prevent, who drank from the cup of patience when they tasted the venom of tribulation. These are the manifestations of steadfastness and the essences of the chosen ones. Upon them be the blessings of God and His favors, and the mercy of God and His gifts.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne, and the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy, and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy grace, to assist Thy loved ones in serving Thy Cause, in remembering Thee, and in praising Thee amongst Thy servants. Then enable them to follow the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. I moreover beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to forgive him who hath ascended unto Thee and whom Thou hast raised to Thy most exalted horizon through Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty, and to forgive his relatives in such wise as to draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual friend arrived in the days when that spiritual youth, upon him be the eternal glory of God, was dwelling in prison and abiding beneath His shadow, adorned with the remembrance and praise of the Desired One of the worlds. Therefore the world was filled with joy, and after its perusal and review it ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon and was presented before His presence. This is what the Desired One hath revealed in reply, blessed and exalted be His words:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing […]

Thy letter reached the Wronged One and the servant present submitted it. From it We inhaled the fragrance of thy love, thy humility, thy lowliness, thy turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon, thy hearkening to the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. We have previously revealed unto thee that which spoke of My grace and My loving-kindness, and bore witness to My mercy and My bounty. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the Pen of God, the Lord of all men. In thy letter was mentioned him who ascended unto My horizon and turned toward the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Summit. We have revealed for him that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous ones. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ahmad, who detached himself from all else save Me and turned toward My horizon, who bore hardships in My path and heard the taunts of the enemies for My sake in My days, who sought the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon, who traversed the path to attain the presence of the Glorious One and to hearken

unto the proof and evidence from the tongue of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful, until he arrived at the Prison and stood before the Gate, and heard the Call with his own ear and beheld the Most Exalted Horizon with his own eye. We bear witness that he attained unto that which the All-Merciful had revealed in former Books and wherewith He had, through His grace, given glad tidings unto His servants. He took the chalice of meeting in the name of the Lord of all beings and the Kawthar of reunion through His wondrous Command. Blessed is he, and joy be unto him, and happy and wholesome be it unto him. Verily he attained, he achieved victory, he heard and he responded. We have purified him at the time of his ascension and forgiven him as a bounty from Our presence. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones, and He is the Ancient Bestower. Blessed is he who visiteth him, as attested by My Pen in My prison and as hath flowed from the tongue of My loving-kindness. Verily he is of the people of this exalted station.

O Muhammad-Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Creator of heaven! We have mentioned thy father in a manner unequaled by any mention among mentions. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty whereby the horizons have been illumined. We enjoin thee and those with thee to gracious patience, and verily I am the All-Patient, the All-Wise. By the life of God! Were what hath been ordained for him to be revealed even less than the eye of a needle, spirits would take flight and bodies would quake. Verily thy Lord is He Who speaketh at the journey's end.

Hearken in Persian: Praise be to God, he hath attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of the past and present. He heard and saw that which came into being from nothingness for his sake, before his ascension and after. He attained unto the verses of the Supreme Pen. He hath been mentioned with such mention that were it cast upon the earth, it would quiver and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of Heaven!"

We counsel thee to patience and forbearance and pure, sincere deeds, for he is in a station where he heareth and seeth. No matter of your affairs is hidden from him. He heareth and seeth, verily his Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have mentioned repeatedly the friends in that land, especially in these days when there hath been revealed for every city, town and village that whose fragrance shall never cease and which shall mention the loved ones in most eloquent terms. Blessed are they who attain! Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

It hath ended. Praise be to God! Before his ascension he attained unto the presence, and after his ascension they attained unto that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. At the time of the revelation of the Visitation Tablet, the Concourse on High uttered "Well done!" and proclaimed "How pleasant!" In truth, these are the days of ascension, for man attaineth unto that which hath no peer or likeness. In any case, the reins of grace and bounty, of mention and praise, are within His grasp. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Munificent, the Generous. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what was written that for a long time no word had come from the Desired One: One year before, nay more, when that deceased one was still adorned with outward life, this servant wrote a reply to the letter of that honored friend. However, due to the tyranny of an oppressor who occupied the seat of

government in this land, there was delay in sending it, for that tyrant was daily lying in wait. After his removal and replacement, that letter was sent. It is hoped that by now it hath arrived. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The events of the days have caused the delay in reply. For some time in this land, the deniers and the objectors have been speaking unseemly words. Though there was delay in sending, yet nothing - neither adversity, nor tribulation, nor the opposition of the opposers, nor the denial of the transgressors, nor the authority of the oppressors - hath prevented or will prevent God, exalted be His glory, from manifesting His Cause. Verily our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, is the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

At this time, a letter which was sent to the spiritual friend His Honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, was forwarded to the Most Holy Court and was honored to be heard in His presence. He beseeched forgiveness for the deceased and elevated one, upon him be the Glory of God, His mercy and His grace. Likewise he sought a wondrous mention for the relatives of the deceased. Once again, each one was honored with the mention of the Goal of all the worlds and His grace and mercy, one after another were mentioned in His presence. This evanescent servant begs of the True One to ordain for all both worldly and spiritual good. And concerning what was mentioned about how they desecrated the pure tomb, praise be to God that even after his ascension there befell him that which caused the Concourse on High to cry out. These abhorrent deeds are what have caused the deprivation of the servants and the descent of tribulations before and since. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, He said: “Be not grieved by this matter. I swear by the Sun of Justice which has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Cause that the traces of this deed shall never be effaced from the Book of the world and the scrolls of God. The idolaters burned the remains of His Holiness the Most Holy One after his martyrdom, and after the ascension of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - they did that which the signs of the wickedness and cruelty of those souls shall endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. O Muhammad-Rida, from the tyranny of the Pharaohs of the earth and the oppressors of the age there hath appeared that which causeth the people of the cities of justice and fairness to lament. All the tribulations that from the beginning of the Cause until now have befallen this Wronged One, since they were for God and in the path of God, have been and are beloved. Again convey mention from the Wronged One to the relatives and console them. Say: Were the tribulations that have befallen the Truth Itself to be mentioned, the world of being would beg for non-existence. Verily your Lord is the All-Patient, the Concealer, and He biddeth His loved ones to noble concealment and beautiful patience. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the relatives of His Honor Muhammad who attained and circumambulated and was present before the Face. Verily We mentioned his father before with a mention which God, the Lord of Remembrance, hath made to endure. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of Lords.” The waves of the ocean of mercy have appeared successively at their utmost height. Blessed are they who have ascended in these days, for they have attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. In any case, this servant conveyeth greetings to all and beseecheth confirmation for each one that they may attain unto that which shall be immortalized in the Book of God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon the servants of God whom the rancor of the wicked hath not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all men.

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He is seated upon the Throne of Utterance!

This is a remembrance from the Wronged One to those in the realm of possibility, that it may draw them near to the Kingdom of My Name, the All-Merciful - the station wherein is heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and the murmuring of the Kawthar of eternity. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and taken their vain imaginings as lords beside God. They are indeed among the oppressors in My mighty Book.

O peoples of the earth! Fear God, and deny not My proof, and dispute not My verses, and reject not My favor which We have sent down from the heaven of My mercy. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel you on this darksome night. Hearken, and be not among the heedless. Know ye the worth of these days and their station. God hath made their lights from the light of His countenance and their radiance from the sun of His grace, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The Tree of acceptance hath borne fruit, yet most of the people have turned away. The world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, yet most of mankind remain asleep. All that was recorded in the Books of God and concealed in the hearts of the Prophets hath been manifested. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this Station which God hath made sanctified beyond the understanding of the sincere ones.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the Crimson Tree raised upon the White Spot, the place of gathering: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. I created the world for My knowledge and My manifestation and My days. Yet when I revealed Myself, they denied My signs and turned away from My clear proofs, until they pronounced sentence to shed My blood. Thus did their souls entice them. They are indeed among the transgressors in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds."

The servant hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One, and We answer thee with this clear Book. We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation, and have seen thy turning and thy devotion, and have found in thy letter the fragrance of thy love and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped and the hearts of the divines have been troubled, save whom thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth, hath willed.

Be thou aflame with the fire of My love, and hold fast to My cord, and cling to the hem of My grace, and be illumined with the light of unity that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My wondrous utterance. By God's life! The people of old found not the fragrance of unity and attained not to that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an. Thus doth the Wronged One recount unto thee that thou mayest become aware of their vain imaginings and suppositions and their polytheism and their turning away on the Day of God, the Possessor of this mighty Day.

We testify that they are worshippers of idle fancies and their promoters. They have committed that which hath caused the Noah of days to lament, and the clouds of heaven to cry out, and the eyes of the knowing to weep. Say: O people of the Bayan and O community of the Qur'an! Fear ye the All-Merciful, then be fair in this Cause but for which the verses would not have been sent down, nor the clear proofs appeared, nor would the Point of the Bayan have spoken, nor before Him the Point of the Qur'an. The Kingdom of Utterance beareth witness to this, if ye be of the fair-minded.

Thus hath the scratching of My Pen been raised up. Verily it speaketh with the most exalted utterance and calleth all unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for the Pen of God, Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and Lord of the exalted Seat, hath moved to make mention of thee and of those whom thou hast mentioned in thy letter.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Rida, who spoke before all faces with pure truth and manifest justice. O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Thou art he who hath attained unto My days, who hath voiced My praise and made mention of Me before the faces of Mine enemies - they who violated My Covenant and Testament, who disputed My verses and warred against My Self, after they had lamented My separation and beseeched My grace that there be shown unto them that which they had been promised by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We made mention of thee before in a Tablet that perfumed the world of remembrance and utterance, yet the people are in grievous doubt. Thou hast rent asunder the veils in the name of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Return, and hast spoken that whereby the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, was diffused. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know Thee, taught me, given me to drink, guided me and drawn me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of My loving-kindness and the Pen of My grace, that they may be of them that render thanks.

O 'Ali-Muhammad! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee even as He mentioned thee before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of the Lord of Names, who hath entered the City of Faithfulness, who hath held fast unto His cord, who hath found intimacy with His beauty and who hath acted according to that which was inscribed in His Book. We created it and commanded all to observe it. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto; he is indeed among them that are brought near in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen made mention and guided all unto Him. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

O Abu-Turab! The Lord of Lords, Who hath come riding upon the clouds at the return, maketh mention of thee - He Who hath called all to the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Tree exclaimed: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and power and strength and dominion belong unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. We made mention of thee before and after, and at this time wherein the Wronged One beholdeth Himself beneath the talons of hatred through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought - they who disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Thou hast attained unto that which altereth not, and there hath been sent down for thee that which God hath made a lamp unto thee in every world of His

worlds. He beareth witness unto this round Whom circle the Spirit and the Point. He proclaimeth before all faces, saying: “By God! The Mother Book hath appeared. Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of the Bayan, and be not of them who turned away when God came with power and sovereignty.” Thus hath the Treasure revealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Master of Return.

O Zaynu’l-’Abidin! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that He might draw thee nigh unto Him on a day wherein the harbinger crieth out and the raven croaketh. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not every ignorant rabble. By God! The Tree of Grace hath yielded the fruits of knowledge. Draw ye nigh and be not of them who turned away from God when He came with the kingdom of utterance. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee and aided thee to turn toward Him when every vainglorious learned one turned away.

O My Pen! Make mention of My servant who hath been named Siyyid ’Ali Zargar in the Book of Names by God, the Cleaver of Dawn. O ’Ali! Give thanks unto God for this bounty which all the treasuries of the world cannot equal. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The servant present hath brought thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One, and We have withheld the Pen from the decree of reply. Thus hath My consummate wisdom required, and My command that dominateth all who are in the earths and heavens. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My choice wine and believed in My Self on a day wherein most of the servants have disbelieved. We have made mention of thee and will continue to mention thee in that which shall endure as a treasure and honor unto thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters put thy trust in God, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Remember those whom thou didst mention in thy letter before the Wronged One, and greet their faces with joy and fragrance. Thus hath the Tree of Faithfulness revealed its fruits that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. We counsel thee and those who have believed to be steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped, and to preserve that which We have given thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Asadu’llah! The Wronged One of the world hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and maketh mention of thee through the Pen of His bounty and remindeth thee of His verses. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and is the Sovereign over what is and what hath been. Thou didst attain unto My mention aforetime and in this hour which no centuries or ages can equal. We counsel thee with that whereby the Cause may be exalted and with what behooveth the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: O people of the Bayan! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through conduct from which the fragrance of acceptance is wafted and through deeds whereby the station of man is uplifted. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which hath been revealed in My Book and hath acted according to what My Tongue hath uttered in this station which God hath made the Dawning-place of inspiration. Give thanks unto thy Lord that the Tongue of Grandeur hath moved to make mention of thee and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from the Most Exalted Horizon as a token of His grace, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Every land which hath been honored by My footsteps hath been exalted, every mountain whereon My tent of glory hath been pitched hath trembled with joy, every mouth that hath uttered My praise hath smiled, and every horizon hath been illumined by My light before which all lights have bowed down. Hearken unto My call and arise to serve My Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of every oppressor nor the learning

of any doubting scholar shall deter thee. Those who have acted in the days of God in such wise as hath caused the Maids of Heaven to weep in their chambers - We had ordained knowledge for My recognition, yet it hath prevented them from drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of Revelation and turning toward the Horizon of Evidence.

O Muhammad! Every name hath been honored by the mention of God, the Lord of all mankind. Convey My glad-tidings unto them and remind them of that which hath been sent down from My Pen and illumine them with the lights of My utterance and acquaint them with what hath been inscribed in the Mother Book. Say: O party of God! Know ye your stations. By God! The Mother Book speaketh in your midst. In the Qur'an it was named the Most Great Announcement, and in another Book the Speaker of Sinai, and by the tongues of the Books the Lord of Lords. Say: Come, come, O people of ignorance, that ye may hear the call of your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, and become aware of that which was hidden in His knowledge and treasured in the repositories of His power which have encompassed the horizons. Thus hath the heaven revealed its suns and moons and stars. Behold and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifester of clear tokens!

O my God, my God! The Wronged One makes mention of Thee before Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, and beseeches Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of names and all who dwell in the realm of creation, to aid us to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise as to make the limbs of them that raise the cry of denial among Thine enemies to quake–they who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. O Lord! Thou seest us turning unto Thee, seeking refuge at Thy presence, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy and bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the sovereign of names and sanctified from the mention of all who dwell in the realm of creation, to send down from the clouds of the heaven of Thy mercy that which will preserve us from all else except Thee, draw us nigh unto Thee, cause us to behold Thy signs and hearken unto Thy most exalted words. Then ordain for us through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit us and inscribe for us the recompense of attaining Thy presence, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent over all that Thou willest. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Help in Peril.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Impregnable

The Manifestations of God have ever appeared with conclusive proofs and clear and evident testimonies, and yet in every Dispensation there hath been visited upon these sacred Temples that which the pen is powerless to recount. Much reflection is needed as to what could be the cause and reason for this. In the Persian Tablets which were formerly revealed especially for the kindred, the divine wisdom and purpose and the reason for mankind's rejection of the Manifestations of Divine Unity have been set forth in detail. That honored one should peruse those Tablets with fairness.

This world hath no permanence nor worth. Ere long shall the autumn winds pass over the springtime of human existence and, by the command of the Lord of Lords, return all to dust. Therefore, while there is yet time, endeavor that ye may not be deprived of the imperishable Kawthar of the All-Glorious Lord, and that ye may not, through the clamor of the ignorant who today are known for their learning, deny yourselves the wine of immortality.

Reflect upon past ages: no harm ever befell any of the Manifestations of God except by permission of the divines of the age. If outward learning were sufficient, then surely the leaders of the Christian faith should today be counted among the believers, for they have attained such heights in the outward sciences as cannot be surpassed. They have even written a book in Arabic superior to the Maqamat of ?ariri, which is acknowledged by the scholars of the age as the standard in Arabic learning, eloquence and rhetoric. Similarly in other sciences such as theology, jurisprudence and philosophy they have reached the utmost degree of perfection and have authored books in every branch of learning. Yet in the sight of God they are counted among the ignorant. Thus it is clear and evident that outward learning is not the criterion, rather the purpose of knowledge is the recognition of God. Whosoever is deprived of this fundamental aim and ultimate goal shall never be reckoned among the learned in the sight of God.

This servant hath ever wished that the branches of the Tree might not be deprived of the breezes of the All-Merciful - and God is sufficient witness. At all times have We sought that all of that kindred should turn, sanctified from allusions and freed from intimations, toward the good-pleasure of the Friend. It is abundantly clear that the people's allegiance to this imprisoned servant hath yielded and shall yield no fruit, for I am captive in the hands of enemies who have blocked all paths. Were I to give the details, ye would surely be saddened. Ere long shall even this prison land be transformed, such that this modicum of ease which people imagine exists shall also change. Yet despite Our knowledge of what We have related unto thee, We remain in supreme joy and delight. Whatsoever is mentioned hath been and shall be out of love for thee, that perchance thou mayest not be deprived of the boundless mercy of the All-Merciful and the clouds of divine bounty. Had this world been worthy, We would surely have protected Ourself from afflictions.

Hearken unto the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen, which counseleth purely for the sake of God. Should anyone, God forbid, turn away from this Cause, by what proof and evidence could he establish any truth? Nay, by God! Whoso turneth away from this Cause hath indeed turned away from all the Prophets and Messengers. Were all the power of the world to be placed in a heart […]

Is anyone able to bring forth a matter against which the leaders of every nation and government would object? Nay, by Him Who hath caused Me to speak His praise amongst all created things, none hath the power to bear these tribulations save him who shall appear from God. Consider what hath been the purpose of this servant and of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. Should anyone say it was for worldly gain, it is most evident that such a one is the most ignorant among men, for whoever seeketh the world must first act in such wise as to preserve his own existence, and thereafter strive to acquire worldly things. Your honor is well aware that that blessed Being was ever encompassed by tribulations, until He ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon. The circumstances of this servant are likewise known to you - you have heard what manifold trials and afflictions have befallen him at all times,

and even now he is in grave peril. We cherish the hope that, God willing, you may soar on the twin wings of sanctity and detachment in the atmosphere of the love of the Sovereign Lord of creation and the King of invention, and at all times inhale the divine fragrances from the garment of spiritual glory. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Hear My words: purify thy sight from human limitations, then look with the Greatest Vision. By God! The Cause hath appeared in such wise that none denieth it save he who disbelieveth in God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle which hath appeared in truth between the heavens and the earth. Come forth from behind the veil in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and fear not the clamor of the idolaters. And should anyone prevent thee from the path of the All-Merciful, know that he is Satan, though he appear in human form. Shun him, then turn to thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Beware lest the gestures of the people prevent thee from the Lord of the heavens and earth. Cast behind thee all gestures and take the chalice of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom in His name, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Pass by this world and all that is therein as a passing cloud, for it shall never profit thee. That which shall profit thee hath been ordained for thee in the heaven of mighty glory. Deprive not thyself thereof, and seek thy Lord's grace in every morn and eve. Make up for what thou hast missed in the days of thy Lord, that thou mayest find thyself in a station of gracious glory. If thou hearken unto what We have counselled thee, God shall open before thy face the gates of mercy and bounty. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus have We imparted unto thee and given thee glad tidings from God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

During Our years of sojourn in Iraq, multitudes from that land and from other regions, both from among the learned and others, attained Our presence. No soul who came before Us departed bereft of the outpourings from the Most Great Ocean of divine knowledge, until the renowned divines became agitated, and all arose to extinguish the divine Lamp. They gathered in Kazimayn, and this servant Himself desired that all should assemble in one place and voice whatever objections their base selves had concealed in their hearts. Were they to hear the answer, they should act upon that which God had commanded for this day and cease to oppose the divine Cause; and if they would not turn towards the realm of oneness, they should at least heed the counsel of the believer from among the people of Pharaoh, of whom God, exalted be His glory, hath spoken thus: "And a believing man of Pharaoh's family, who hid his faith, said: Will ye slay a man because he saith my Lord is God, when he hath brought you clear signs from your Lord? If he be a liar, on him will be his lie, but if he is telling the truth, then some of that calamity wherewith he threateneth you will strike you." Yet none came forward. By God! It would have been better for those souls never to have come into existence than to appear and oppose the Truth. Would that they knew - they would eat ashes, dwell in the valleys, and weep until their spirits departed their bodies. Soon shall they know at the hour of death, when the angels of chastisement come to them with mighty wrath, and they shall find for themselves neither protector nor refuge. God willing, that soul should purify his heart from the suggestions of such people and adorn it with the manifestations of the Lord of Names and Attributes. They speak that which they understand not and claim that which they possess not. Such are dead within the veils of their own selves. And the Glory rest upon you, if you heed the counsel of your Lord and be of those who are certain. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! My tongue beareth witness to Thy unity, my heart to Thy singleness, and my limbs and members to Thy lordship which hath encompassed all created things. I beseech Thee therefore, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast caused them that love Thee to soar to the atmosphere of the glory of Thy mercy, and hast caused them that long for Thee to ascend unto the heaven of Thy holy bounty, and hast drawn them that seek Thee to the seat of Thy nearness and presence, not to leave me to myself and to my desires. Take Thou my hand by the sovereignty of Thy power and might, then give me to drink, O my God, from the Kawthar which floweth from the right hand of the throne of Thy favors, that it may cleanse me from the love of any beside Thee, in such wise that I may detach myself from all except Thee and turn unto Thee. By Thy glory, O my God! Whenever I consider my heedlessness, I am well-nigh in despair of the breathings of Thy mercy; yet whenever I turn to Thy gifts and favors, Thy dealings with Thy devoted servants fill me with hope. O my God! Deprive me not of the breezes of Thy days wherein Thou hast renewed the temples of all things with the garment of names. Then clothe me, through the hands of Thy loving-kindness, with the robes of guidance that I may glory therein in the kingdom of command and creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O my God! Make my sight illumined that I may know Thee through Thee and not through aught else, for that which is beside Thee hath never been a proof of Thee except what Thou hast made as evidence from Thee amidst Thy creation. Purify mine ear that I may hearken unto Thy Most Exalted Word, and my heart for the remembrance of Thy Most Glorious and Most Beauteous Self, and my tongue for Thy praise in the kingdom of creation. Lo, O my God! I have raised the hands of hope toward the heaven of Thy mercy and forgiveness. I beseech Thee by the hands that were severed in Thy path that Thou wilt not send them back empty of what they seek from Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He, O my God, from the door of Whose mercy none of Thy servants hath ever been turned away disappointed, and he who hath been disappointed is he who hath turned away from Thee and hath not turned toward the court of Thy grace. Therefore strengthen me, O my God, in the knowledge of Thyself and sanctify me from those who have turned away from Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Bestower, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing!

O Pen! I behold thee giving utterance by night and by day. At one time I hear thy melodies, and at another thy sighing and weeping. It is as though patience hath been severed from thee at dawn when I hear thy lamentations, at eventide thy crying, and at daybreak that which hath caused the hearts of the mystics to burn. It sayeth: “How can I not lament when I behold Thee in the hands of the oppressors? How can I not cry out within myself when Thou art among those who have cast behind their backs Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have denied Thy favor, who have disputed Thy signs, and who have committed that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to moan?” Be patient, O Pen, for verily thy Lord, the All-Forbearing, commandeth thee to show beautiful patience. We have accepted all tribulations for the sake of manifesting the Cause. Nothing among all things can prevent Us. Set aside thy sorrows; take up

that which thou art bidden by the One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing. Make mention of My loved ones in Ba and Dal. Say: "Blessed are ye for having turned unto God when every learned one was far removed from Him. We testify that ye have heard the Call and have attained that which most of mankind have failed to attain." To this beareth witness the Most Great Announcement in this exalted station.

O Abu-Talib! Thou art he who hath traversed land and sea and hast attained the presence of the Face in this mighty prison, and hast heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and hast gained the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Gracious. We beseech God to aid thee and thy children and those who are with thee to remain steadfast with such steadfastness as will not be shaken by the doubts of the divines nor by the intimations of the deluded ones who have denied the signs of God after their revelation and have rejected the proof of God, the Exalted, the Great.

O Qasim! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and counseleth thee with that which will elevate thy station and the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as will astonish the hearts of the doubtful ones. Say: "O concourse of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud from every direction. Why do I see you at such obvious remoteness?" We counsel thee with the wisdom We have sent down in diverse Tablets, a command from the presence of One knowing, informed.

O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and seen thy letter. We have mentioned thee time and again with that which the remembrances of all nations cannot equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor. Illumine the hearts of My loved ones with the light of My utterance and remind them of that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in My Perspicuous Book. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty, say:

"My God, my God! Thy remembrance is my hope, Thy Name is my healing, Thy praise is my life. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation to aid me in serving Thy Cause in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Confirmer, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O Abdul-Karim! We have heard the call of My loved ones. We have mentioned them through My grace and mercy in this station wherein My Pen proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which hath befallen no one before. To this testifieth the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of those who have denied the Day of Judgment shall not hinder thee. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to that which they possess. They are, verily, among the most lost in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Siyyid, O Nasru'llah! The throne maketh mention of thee and the seat proclaimeth thy turning unto God. Thou hast heard the Call and attained unto that which was recorded in God's scrolls and books and scriptures, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. Be thou a helper of My Cause, one who speaketh My praise amongst My servants, and hold thou fast unto My strong cord. Thou hast attained unto My tablets time and again, and unto My wondrous and glorious remembrance. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones there. Say: This is the Day of remembrance and praise, did ye but know, and this is the Day of

steadfastness, could ye but understand, and this is the Day whereon the Wronged One proclaimeth before all faces: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O heedless ones! Be fair in your judgment, by God, and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The days are ended and the Orb of the Promise hath appeared - and this is the Promised One. Thus hath spoken the Most Great Ocean while established upon the Ark of utterance, as bidden by Him Who is the Commander, the All-Wise.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Aqa Kishi that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as shall not be shaken by the stumbling of the learned, nor stirred by the doubts of the divines, nor hindered by the veils of the world and the mists of the nations. He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Perspicuous, the All-Informed. The morn of truth hath dawned, and therein doth the Book of Dawn speak forth with an utterance whereby all things were attracted. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who doeth what He willeth by His command that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast drunk from the Euphrates of mercy that floweth from My Most Exalted Pen, say:

O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below! I beseech Thee by Thy signs that have filled the horizons, and by Thy sovereignty that hath been manifested on the Day of the Covenant, and by the breathings of Thy revelation whereby discord was changed to concord and the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the highest branches, to aid Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou beholdest them turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. O Lord of the Hereafter and of this world! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were not kept back by wealth or aspirations, nor by the manifestations of beauty and glory, from turning toward the scene of martyrdom. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Mention was made of thee in the presence of the Wronged One, whereupon My Most Exalted Pen was moved to make mention of thee in this glorious and wondrous station. Blessed is the servant whose name was mentioned in My presence and who attained unto the tokens of My Pen and was honored by the utterance of the tongue of My grandeur. He is assuredly among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Know thou, moreover, that when the spirit ascendeth to the All-Highest Companion, it presenteth itself before God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and the hand of divine favor and bounty guideth it to a station that none knoweth save Him Who declareth in every condition that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is the spirit that hath left the body purified from the doubts of the nations. By the life of God! It moveth in the atmosphere of its Lord's desire and entereth the gardens as it willeth, and the holy maidens of Paradise serve it in the morning and in the evening. It consorteth with the Prophets of God and His chosen ones, converseth with them, and relateth unto them that which hath appeared in the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Were We to lift the veil from what We have mentioned, thou wouldst see the people hastening from all directions unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Blessed is the ear that hath heard My call, and the eye that hath beheld the horizon of My loving-kindness, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Mother Book.

O Abdul-Khaliq! Verily the creature is in wondrous doubt, not knowing what they should remember at morn and eventide. They have taken their desires and their own selves as gods beside God. Lo! They are in heedlessness and error. Give thanks unto God for having strengthened thee when people were in doubt and schism. Thou didst turn and bear witness to that which God hath testified from His most exalted station. We counsel thee and those who have believed to the Most Great Steadfastness. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur from this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Joseph! The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of thee before and after, and hath revealed for thee that which consoleth the eyes of the righteous. When My call took hold of thee and the choice wine of Mine utterance intoxicated thee, say:

"My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory, the tabernacle of Thy grandeur, the canopy of Thy loftiness, the heaven of Thy utterance, and the clouds of Thy mercy, and by the Word whereby Thou hast subdued all hearts, and by the Light wherewith Thou hast illumined the horizons, to strengthen me and Thy loved ones in steadfastness in Thy Cause in such wise that the winds of doubts may not move them. Verily, Thou art the Lord of Names and Attributes. Then write down for them, O my God, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful."

O Israfil! By the life of God! The Balance hath been set up, the Path established, the mountains have passed away, the Cry hath been raised, the Inevitable hath come, and the Trumpet hath been blown, yet the people have not risen from the graves of heedlessness and desire. Thus hath the matter been decreed. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and firm in such wise that the roaring of the mighty shall not deter thee. Beware lest the happenings of the world grieve thee. Cast them behind thee, turning with thy purest heart unto God, the Revealer of verses. Thou hast been mentioned time and again by the Pen when it spoke, whereat all pens proclaimed: "The utterance belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the One, the Chosen." Take thou the chalice of Mine utterance from the hand of My bounty, then drink thereof in My Name and say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink, and for having made me to know, and taught me, and drawn me nigh when I was in prison amidst the enemies of Thy Self. Would that I had been non-existent and had not heard what hath befallen Thee! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed the horizons, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued lands and servants, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! Disappoint them not of that which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent before Whose manifestation of power the power of the world hath been impotent, and Thou art the Sovereign before Whose exaltation the exaltation of nations is not mentioned. Verily, Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Iskandar! Where is Alexander and his hosts? Where is the clashing of his swords and the neighing of his steeds? Where are his yellow and red battalions? Where are the manifestations of his power in the kingdom of creation? Where is his might whereby the limbs of the world trembled? Where is his power

which encompassed the nations? Where are his lofty palaces and his ordered affairs? Where are his trellised gardens and his furnished houses? Where is his kindled lamp? By God! His lamps have been extinguished, his foundations have been uprooted, his treasures scattered, his tongue and sight withheld from utterance and observation, and his feet and hands stayed from taking what the people bring. The hand of destiny hath brought him down from palaces to tombs. Take ye warning, O people of insight! When thou hearest the stories of My Most Exalted Pen, say[…]

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and directing my face to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy mercy and the splendors of the Sun of Thy bounty, to make me detached from all else save Thee, speaking in Thy remembrance, arising to serve Thy loved ones, and gazing toward Thy horizon. By Thy might, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations! I love naught but what Thou lovest, and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I implore Thee to assist me in all that I have mentioned before Thy face. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Protecting, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

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The Most Exalted Leaf of Paradise - upon her be all His most glorious Splendor - should take note:

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all created things through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon appeared upheaval between earth and heaven. Among the people, some turned away while others turned towards Him. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and woe unto him who hath violated it through his own injustice. He is assuredly among the transgressors in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

Furthermore, this servant hath been blessed by that which hath appeared and shone forth from the heaven of your love, your sincerity, and your steadfastness in the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I read your letter and understood its contents, I approached the Intended One and presented it before His presence. Thereupon the tongue of the All-Merciful spoke that which all the treasures of creation cannot equal. He, exalted be His glory, said: "O My handmaiden! O My leaf! O thou who art attracted by My verses! Blessed art thou and blessed is every handmaiden who hath attained unto this most exalted station. She is indeed of the people of Baha in God's Book, the Most High, the Most Great. We have heard thy mention, have answered thee before, and have revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glorify from Me the faces of My handmaidens and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance. We counsel the men and women servants to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the chosen ones have slipped save those who were taken by the breezes of their Lord's mercy, the Generous One. This is a Day wherein the Self-Subsisting hath arisen and mankind hath stood before the face of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the deniers."

God willing, may all in these matchless days arise to accomplish that which the Beloved desireth, in such wise that the cawing of the world shall not withhold them from the choice wine of the Most Great Name.

The cawing hath been raised, and shall continue to be raised - this is what We have informed you of before. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. All must hold fast unto wisdom and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause. That which today causeth the clamor of the polytheists and deniers is outside the bounds of wisdom. O My loved ones! Shun ye that which ye have been forbidden in God's Book, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what you wrote about the fire of God's love in pure hearts and souls - blessed are they and joy be unto them. God willing, may they be so enkindled by a fire that its effects become manifest in the world. However, in all conditions they must not let go of wisdom. In these days, in one of the lands, a person proclaimed the Word from pulpits without discretion. This action was not acceptable in the Holy Presence. They stated that this matter would cause clamor and perturbation among weak souls. The people of Baha must at all times partake of the water of life with perfect wisdom and offer it to others. Teaching God's Cause through wisdom is beloved. The soil of hearts and souls must first be prepared for the casting of the seed, and then one may proceed with what is intended.

As to those souls who have arisen to serve the Cause, concerning whom you wrote, their names were one by one presented at the Most Holy Court. Regarding each one, the Sun of loving-kindness dawned from the horizon of God's will. His words, exalted be His glory: "Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for ye have cast aside the cup of extinction and taken, in His Name, the cup of everlasting life, drinking therefrom in remembrance of the Beloved. Happy are ye, and joy be unto you, for ye have heard, turned unto Him, and recognized that which most of mankind hath rejected. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. Beware lest ye be frightened by the authority of rulers, saddened by the intimations of the divines, or the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of existence. Hold fast to the cord of service to your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We were with you when ye arose to serve the Cause, and We heard your call when ye entered the designated place. By the life of God! Ye have attained to that which none before you hath attained, as testified by Him Who, at His bidding, moveth the Supreme Pen upon a preserved tablet."

The call of each one hath been heard, their names are recorded in God's Book, and their deeds are witnessed in His presence. God willing, may they arise to that which befitteth this glorious and wondrous Day, and act with perfect steadfastness and sincerity as is befitting. Every deed that causeth commotion is this day forbidden at the Divine Threshold, and shall continue to be so.

His honor Asad, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, and likewise his honor 'Ali, upon him be My Baha, have presented detailed accounts of each land at the Most Holy Court. Through his honor Asad, the petitions from the land of Kha were presented to the Most Great Vision and their answers were previously sent. God willing, may they receive them.

O ye wise ones of the earth and money-changers of the realm! The discernment of pearls is beloved in the sight of the All-Seeing. He who is deprived of sight knoweth not its worth and attaineth not to its recognition. The ear capable of hearing is rare indeed. God willing, may they open it in the name of Truth and utter the Word.

Concerning what you wrote about making the house wherein dwelt the Most Great Bab - may the spirit of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names be sacrificed for Him - a Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, this was most acceptable in the Divine Presence, and He said, exalted be His glory: "It is considered in God's sight as the most exalted of houses, and it is more worthy than other houses for this most glorious and impregnable station. However, all must act in such a way as not to cause disturbance to devoted souls. O Leaf of Paradise! We have accepted thy house and adorned it with the ornament of acceptance, as a bounty from Us, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy house, and those who have attained unto that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds."

And concerning what you wrote about Baha'u'llah, they have been and are under the glance of favor. This matter was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Giving revealed in reply, His grandeur be exalted: "The favor of God has been with him. Praise be to God, he has attained to the recognition of Truth, love of the friends of Truth, and service to the Cause of Truth. This is among those matters that have not been and will never be lost in the sight of God. This land is inwardly turbulent though outwardly calm, and this matter has previously flowed from the Most Exalted Pen; therefore, attention to and pause in this land is outside of wisdom. We have accepted his attention, his presence, his arising, his mention and his praise. Let him thank God for this great bounty and praise Him for this favor that has preceded all things. Glory be upon him and upon his father who attained the trace of My Most Exalted Pen on this blessed and wondrous Day."

And concerning what you wrote about the spiritual lady, upon her be the Glory of God, requesting that mention be made of her and Mr. Muhammad-Rida and their mother, upon her be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy and Exalted Court - as requested, it was presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "O Ru?ani! You have been mentioned before the Throne in successive years and have attained what has appeared from My Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. We have mentioned you and mention you in such wise that the events of the world cannot change it nor can the conditions of nations prevent it. Verily your Lord is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. And We mention him who was named Muhammad before Rida as a mercy from Us that he might rejoice in what was sent down to him from God, the Lord of Lords. Give him My glad tidings and glorify upon his face. Verily your Lord does what He wishes and decrees what He desires. Blessed is he and you and your mother who has attained this mention through which the breeze of the All-Merciful has wafted over the servants."

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And concerning what you wrote about the son of the emigrant who emigrated and attained, it was presented before the Throne. Then the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, and He said, exalted be His grandeur: "God willing, he has been and is favored by divine grace. Today all relationships are firmly established with the Truth. Today is a great Day, mentioned in all scriptures and books as the Day of God. One word revealed in this victorious Day concerning a soul is and will be superior to a hundred thousand children and descendants. The divine word is like unto spirit, and the spirit has drunk from the Kawthar of life and attained eternal life. Whatever is observed on earth will certainly return to extinction, but the divine word remains fresh and verdant in the gardens of the books

and will endure as long as the kingdom and the realm of God endure. Muhammad-'Ali attained the presence time after time and reached this lofty station which was adorned with the ornament of permission. Blessed is he."

And likewise concerning his two brothers, wondrous verses were revealed from the heaven of will. Praise be to God, their emigration after the ascension was adorned with the ornament of acceptance and they attained to God's infinite mercy.

And concerning what you wrote about inheritance, it was presented. This firm decree has issued and been revealed from the Source of God's Command. Let that leaf take possession of one unit thereof, and the remainder God has bestowed upon themselves to divide among themselves. Verily He is the Giving, the Generous. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon her and upon whoever has turned to God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The supplication of this evanescent servant is that at no time may he be effaced from the benevolent gaze of the friends of God who have quaffed from the true wine and are turned towards the lights of His Countenance. He is engaged in serving all through the new proclamation. God willing, may all arise with perfect wisdom and unity in the Cause of the Lord of creation, in such wise that its effect may become manifest from all directions. This is not difficult for our Mighty Lord. The confirmations of the Revealer of verses are manifest. God willing, may they take hold of all souls and guide them to the straight path and the firm balance. This has been and ever shall be dependent upon the endeavor and steadfastness of the loved ones of Truth. It is hoped they may be assisted to achieve that which befitteth this most exalted, most holy Day. May the glory shining from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the Most Merciful, be upon you and upon those with you and upon them that have attained unto this Day wherein the Path hath been laid and the Balance set up. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

The Servant

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

Praise be to God Who hath made His Most Glorious Name a light and a mercy and an honor and a treasure for the people of guidance, and a fire and a chastisement and a sword for the people of tyranny and wickedness. Exalted is He at Whose Name the limbs of the treacherous have trembled and at Whose mention the foundation of the idolaters hath been shaken. He is indeed the One Whom neither the veils of the people nor the glory of those who have denied this Day have hindered. And peace and blessings be upon His Prophets and His Messengers who have sacrificed all they possessed in His path and have arisen to serve His Cause in such wise that His banners were unfurled throughout the lands and the standards of His guidance were raised amidst His servants.

And now, the letter of that true beloved hath bestowed upon this thirsty one that which is as the pure water unto the sapling and as light unto the horizons. After its perusal and review, it was presented in the Most Holy Court, whereupon He commanded: Write to S.M.: The Wronged One counseleth all to patience and steadfastness, to serenity and dignity. The hearts of them that are nigh and sincere must not be saddened by the deeds of the oppressors and the heedless. Such souls have never, in any age or dispensation, obeyed the divine command and have, with the utmost tyranny and injustice, visited upon the Manifestations of God's Cause and the Dawning-places of His revelation that which all have heard. However, in the sight of God these base and vile ones have neither worth nor station. The friends of God must in all matters place their trust in God and commit their affairs unto Him, and must supplicate in the nights and days with the utmost lowliness and devotion for all who dwell on earth, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the living waters nor be denied the fruits of the tree of true humanity. They must at all times keep before their eyes the divine counsels and be not heedless. The heedless souls have risen up with satanic hosts to extinguish the divine light; you must assist through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. God is in Himself powerful and mighty. Whatsoever He willeth appeareth instantly. His power prevaileth over all powers, and His will triumpheth over the will of all who are on earth and in heaven. The oppressor seeketh victory over Us through the might of his hosts, while We seek victory over him through the One Who is nigh, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful. What fruit did the calumniator reap, and what station did the wolf attain, and what benefit did the serpent gain? By God's life, all are in manifest loss. Were the lamentation of but one of those souls to be heard, all who dwell on earth would be struck with terror. O S.M.! Those souls who in these days have rendered service in God's path, who have given shelter to the captives, or who have shown regard - all are recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. God will surely reward them with a goodly reward and recompense them with a great recompense. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Praise be to God! By divine bestowals you have been and continue to be favored. As commanded, write to my beloved Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, that they should not remain in the Land of ?a. They should certainly spend some time away, as this is closer to piety. The funds that the distinguished person, may God the Blessed and Exalted assist him, paid for the Huquq - blessed is he and joy be unto him! And now as commanded, regarding the fifty tumans that were first transferred, if received, twenty tumans should be delivered in the Land of Kaf to the honored matron, the Mother of the Sacred Precinct, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and thirty tumans to the beloved Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, Master of Power. More will arrive later, God willing. And regarding the five units that the honored wife of him who ascended to God, upon her be the Glory of God, designated for the Huquq - mention of its receipt was revealed in the Tablet to that honored leaf from the heaven of the Divine Will and was accepted. As commanded, the aforementioned funds should be delivered in the Land of Kha to the spiritual beloved 'Ayn-Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, as they have incurred debt and the sooner it reaches them the more beloved it is in the sight of God. They have been wronged and considerable sums have been taken from them. Regarding what they mentioned about the honored gentleman, His Holiness the Name of God Mim-Ha, upon him be all His Most Glorious Glory - all that was sent of their letters was received and replies were sent twice. In any case, the hosts of God have been and will always be victorious. In the prison, mention is made of them and those with His Holiness most of the time, especially in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence and

among the people of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur. The entire world bears witness to their sanctity, detachment, piety, righteousness and success, and likewise to the oppression, transgression, tyranny, lies and hypocrisy of those who have caused harm to the party of Truth, exalted be His glory. He said: Write, O thou who hast turned unto the Face! Reflect upon the injustice of the people. The Name of God who has desired naught but good and reform, and who has been occupied day and night in service to humanity - the atoms of creation bear witness to their truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness, religiosity and oppressed state, as well as that of the other prisoners. Nevertheless, they abandoned justice and acted without it. End quote. This evanescent servant beseeches the Lord of all beings night and day to grant them deliverance and ordain their meeting. Verily our Lord is powerful over all things, wise. Regarding what was written about the honored beloved, the ?akim, upon him be the Glory of God - they arrived in Beirut from the great city and proceeded to Damascus. Until now they have not arrived in this land. Wherever they are, may they be safe and at rest under the shadow of divine favor. Regarding what was written about my master Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors - yes, these matters are with them and truly they have arisen to serve with utmost dedication. They are occupied day and night. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth to confirm them, although what confirmation could be greater than that their service has been accepted? In these days they wrote a letter to this servant. God willing, a reply will be sent. If that beloved one writes to them, they should mention God's favors toward them.

As regards the sum which, according to the pen of that beloved and honored brother, His Holiness Haji Khalil, upon him be Baha'u'llah, has been given and through which they have attained to this bounty - mention was previously made of the bestowals of God, exalted be His glory, concerning them. And as to what the beloved one, His Holiness A.B., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, has written to that beloved one saying that they should await further news from them - this is very good and depends upon their will. The sum which the honored master, His Holiness Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah, has sent by draft pertains to the Huquq which His Holiness Haji Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was to deliver to His Holiness A.H., upon him be from all the Most Glorious Beauty, and they were to deliver this amount to that beloved one. The details of this were also previously submitted, that it should reach Kaf and His Holiness Ibn-i-Abhar. What more can I say regarding His Holiness A.B., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and what befell him in the path of God - he has endured great hardships: on one side the oppression of the polytheists and enemies, and on the other the oppression of the internal hypocrites - the latter oppression being greater and more severe. Thus after this matter was submitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this verse: "Indeed, as was said of old: The oppression of kinsmen is more painful to bear for man than the blow of a polished sword."

In truth, this is so. This servant is greatly amazed by souls who possess not the weight of a gnat in dignity nor the steadfastness of a fly - the lowliest creatures of the earth are and have been better than such souls. In truth, those souls were not worthy of this station and were eliminated by the sieve of tests. A hundred thousand thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that He confirmed them and made them the target of tribulations and trials in the path of His love. Whatever has befallen them was for God and unto God shall it return.

As to the mention they had made of the honored master, His Holiness Nabil-i-Musafir, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors - it was submitted. Praise be to God, they are blessed with His favors and are mentioned in His presence. After the submission of this supreme word, from the Kingdom of utterance was revealed - His glory be exalted: “God willing, may they be confirmed in that which is befitting. Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad tidings of My mercy and My favors. God willing, may they be protected and adorned with the favors of God. In the gathering of inner meanings their mention has been and is made, and in the school of the knowledge of the All-Merciful they are as interpreters. Blessed be he from the Wronged One, the Grief-Stricken.” End quote. This evanescent servant also conveys greetings and praise to them and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them in that which is lasting and eternal.

As to what was mentioned concerning the honored brother Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God - in these days petitions have arrived from those regions through the spiritual friend Jinab-i-Shaykh Abu’l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad. It appears that he is engaged in commerce. The response to these petitions has been sent down from the heaven of grace and will be forwarded, God willing. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist him in His remembrance and praise and the service of His Cause, and to ordain for him that which shall profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things. I convey greetings and glorification to him as well. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord and your Lord be upon you and upon those who are with you.

The Servant

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As commanded, it is best and most fitting and closest to piety that all written matters remain confidential. And glory be upon him who follows His command.

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

This Wronged One intends, for the sake of God, to impart unto you that which is the source of everlasting life and eternal remembrance. There can be no doubt that the purpose of creation hath ever been the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Now must man, purely for the sake of the Intended One, ponder what hath been the cause of souls turning towards the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Daysprings of Inspiration throughout the ages and centuries, and what hath been the reason for their rejection. Shouldst thou attain to the recognition of this station, thou wilt have attained unto all good, and wilt not be deprived of the surging waves of the ocean of the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Thou shalt behold all else besides God as non-existent and as naught.

When man attaineth the age of maturity, he must investigate and, putting his trust in God and sanctified from love and hate, reflect upon that whereunto the people adhere. He must hear with his own ears and

see with his own eyes, for if he looketh through the eyes of another, he will be deprived of beholding the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine Knowledge. Various parties exist in the world, and each hath regarded itself as being in the right, as He, exalted be He, hath said: “Each party rejoiceth in what it possesseth.”

Consider the Seal of the Prophets - may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him. When that true Luminary dawned above the horizon of Hijaz by God’s leave, the various parties turned away and arose to shed His most pure blood. That which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to weep and the hearts of the sincere ones and those near unto God to burn was visited upon Him. One must reflect upon the cause and reason for such opposition. God, exalted be His glory, saith: “No Messenger cometh unto them but they mock at him.” There can be no doubt that had the Manifestations of God’s commandments and the Sources of His laws appeared in accordance with that which the people possessed of signs, tidings, and texts concerning His appearance, none would have turned away. Rather, all would have attained to that for which they were created from nothingness and adorned with the ornament of existence from utter non-existence.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon everyone to observe the Cause of God with justice and fairness and to reflect upon it. The Imami divines believe that when the promised Qa’im appeareth, He will utter a word in the House of God which will cause the chiefs to turn away and take flight. This is the word which that party acknowledges and confesseth. Now reflect upon the heedlessness of some who accept and confirm the turning away of the chiefs - who, according to their own belief, are the most distinguished of men after the Imams - yet do not suspect that this turning away might be without right. In any case, hear with the ear of fairness the call of this Wronged One and that which He hath mentioned. The truth and His straight path shall be made manifest unto thee. They do not reflect for a moment that perchance that which hath appeared is the truth and that this rejection and these objections have proceeded from heedlessness and ignorance. We beseech God to aid you to behold with the eye of justice and fairness and to discern. Verily, He is […]

God speaketh the truth and guideth to the path, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful. Jesus, Son of Mary - the peace of God and His loving-kindness be upon Him - appeared with clear signs and brilliant evidences, and His purpose was the salvation of mankind. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every informed one testifieth that He sought naught for Himself and desired nothing save to guide the wayward unto the straight path of God. Yet there befell that Most Holy Beauty that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, and matters became so grievous for Him that God, exalted be His glory, by His supreme Will caused Him to ascend unto the fourth heaven. What was the cause of what transpired? By God’s life, it was the opposition of the divines! For Annas and Caiaphas, who were of the Pharisees - that is, the scholars of the Torah - together with the priests of idols denied Him and occupied themselves with cursing and reviling Him.

Consider likewise Moses and all the other Prophets. Perchance what hath been mentioned in this leaf may enable thee to attain true understanding and arise to serve the Cause with such determination as will neither be shaken by the onslaught of the oppressors nor altered by the opposition of the divines. Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, and turn from the left hand of fancy to the right hand of certainty, and from the west of doubt and misgiving to the orient of assurance.

From the earliest days this Wronged One hath been in the hands of His enemies. Surely ye have heard of some of the tribulations that have befallen Him. Through God's grace, exalted be His glory, We imparted before all people, both divines and princes, without any veil or concealment, that which would lead to the salvation and tranquility of all. No matter or thing prevented or hindered Us. And now too, in the Most Great Prison, We have mentioned for the sake of God that which is a clear book for the fair-minded.

Observe, then remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words, exalted be He: "Leave them to plunge in vain discourse and play." We hope that through divine grace thou wilt attain unto this word and act upon it - that thou wilt pass beyond all else save God, namely those things that cause hindrance and lead to veiling, and hold fast to that which leadeth to attainment and arrival. Great is the Cause and mighty the matter!

This is the Day concerning which He saith: "O my son! If there be (the weight of) a mustard-seed and it were (hidden) in a rock, or (anywhere) in the heavens or in the earth, God will bring it forth: for God is Subtle and Aware." This is the Day whereon whatsoever lieth hidden in the hearts and souls shall be made manifest. Reflect upon those souls who freely sacrificed their lives and property in the path of love for the Self-Sufficient Lord. He verily will guide thee to His straight path and His mighty announcement.

Consider Noah and Hud and Salih - the blessings of God be upon them. What was the purpose of those Dawning-Places of the Cause, and what befell them? This servant hath not been of the learned, nor did He attend school. According to outward appearance, He was born in the house of one of the government officials and was related to him. The Cause is in God's hands, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and […]

Dust, and the Lord of the world to come and the world that was! None can stay His command or thwart His decree. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Hearken unto the voice of Him Who hath been wronged. Cleanse thy heart with the waters of detachment, and adorn thy head with the crown of justice and thy temple with the robe of godliness, and say: My God, my God! I bear witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and acknowledge that which the tongues of Thy Prophets and Messengers have spoken, and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and Tablets and Scriptures and Holy Writings.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I bear witness with my outer and inner tongue that Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Alas, alas, O my God, for my grievous transgressions and my grave misdeeds, and for my heedlessness which hath prevented me from turning toward the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, and from beholding the effulgent lights of the morn of Thy Revelation and witnessing the traces of Thy Pen.

Alas, alas, O my Goal and my Adored One! I know not for which of my calamities I should weep and lament. Shall I bewail that which hath passed me by in the days wherein the Day-Star of Thy Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, or shall I weep and wail for my remoteness from

the court of Thy nearness when the pavilion of Thy glory was raised upon the most exalted standard through Thy power and sovereignty?

O my God! The more Thy tenderness toward me increaseth and Thy forbearance in chastising me prolongeth, the more do my heedlessness and waywardness increase. Thou didst remember me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and Thou didst turn toward me through the Manifestation of Thyself when I had turned away from directing myself to the lights of Thy countenance, and Thou didst call me when I was heedless of hearkening to Thy call from the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause.

By Thy glory! Heedlessness hath encompassed me from all directions as I followed the dictates of self and passion. Alas, alas, my will hath held me back from Thy will, and my desire hath veiled me from Thy desire, such that I clung to my path, forsaking Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement.

Thou seest and hearest, O my God, my sighing and my weeping, my crying and my lowliness and my tribulation. O Lord! The temple of disobedience seeketh the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and pardon, and the essence of heedlessness seeketh the wonders of Thy gifts and favors.

Alas, alas, the clamor of the people hath prevented me from hearkening to Thy utterance, and the croaking of Thy creatures hath veiled me from gazing toward the horizon of Thy Cause. By Thy glory! I desire to weep throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and dominion. How can I not weep when mine eyes have been prevented from beholding the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation and mine ears from hearkening to Thy mention and Thy praise?

By Thy glory, O God of the world and Sovereign of nations! I desire to hide my face beneath the layers of earth and its dust out of shame for what my hands of heedlessness have wrought. Alas, alas! Thou wert with me and didst hear from me that which was unworthy of Thee, yet through Thy grace Thou didst conceal it and didst not expose my wretched state and deeds and words.

Alas, alas! I know not what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen, nor what Thy will hath decreed, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! Alas, alas, that Thy fixed decree should prevent me from Thy sealed wine! I beseech Thee by the breaths of Thy revelation and the lights of Thy throne, and by that through which the fragrance of Thy garment was wafted in Hijaz and […]

I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause which hath illumined both earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions turn toward Thee, detached from all else save Thee, holding fast unto Thy cord and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and generosity, and to choose for myself what Thou hast chosen for me through Thy great favor and Thy most great gifts. O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, the Ruler of this world and of the world to come.

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

Praise, sanctified from all that the people possess, befitteth Him Who is the Beloved of all, Who hath created the entire world through a single Word, and hath adorned it with knowledge and understanding, that all might drink from the choice wine of reunion and be nourished by the Kawthar of utterance unto true knowledge. Some among the servants, through the attraction of the Divine Word, have turned with utmost longing, joy, attraction and enkindlement toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Day-Spring of Divine utterance, while others, due to the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings, remained deprived of their Beloved. They neither hearkened to His call nor attained unto His horizon. They are deprived of the choice wine of reunion and forbidden the Kawthar of His presence, although the fire of search was kindled within all, and day and night they were occupied with the remembrance of the days of the appearance of the Lord of all names. Yet when the Hand of Power rent asunder the veil and the lights of the Sun of Truth shone forth from behind the clouds, all were found wandering in the wilderness of fancy and the valleys of vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which is the goal of all the worlds. Praise be to God that your honor hath, time after time and repeatedly, attained unto the ultimate goal and the purpose of all who are in earth and heaven. You have heard the call of the Lord of Names and attained unto His favors. Well is it with you and pleasant be it unto your honor. God is witness and testifier that from the day when that Beloved One returned, as bidden, to his outward homeland, he hath ever been before the sight of this servant and is mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The two missives penned by your honor brought joy and gladness. One of these two arrived on this night, which is the fifteenth night of the blessed month of Ramadan, and after this servant perused it, it attained unto the Most Holy Court and its entirety was presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in this station. He - exalted be His glory - said […]

O Nabil, O thou who journeyest toward God! We have heard thy cry and lamentation and thy yearning in thy love for God. Verily We were with thee and shall be with thee, as a grace from Our presence. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We showed thee in thy dream that which gladdened thy heart, expanded thy breast, and brought solace to thine eyes. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing. The servant present has laid before Us what was in thy letter. We answered thee before and at this time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Generous.

Praise be to God that thou hast been awakened by the divine morning breeze and hast recognized the Day of God. Thou didst hear His call and wert enabled to respond “Yea” and “Here am I” with heart, tongue and limbs. At a time when heedlessness had encompassed the earth, thou became aware of the Word. All eyes were created for this Day and all ears existed for this Day, yet after its dawning, manifestation and shining forth, all were found deprived and veiled save a few, and those few are mentioned in the presence of God as being among the people of the most exalted Paradise.

O thou who walkest in My path and gazeth toward Mine horizon! Give praise to the Lord of eternity Who hath enabled thee to attain a station wherein the Most Exalted Pen hath testified in thy behalf. This station is most great - know thou this and be of the thankful ones. God willing, thou must put into practice whatsoever thou hast heard in the presence of His countenance. Wisdom must not be lost sight of, for it hath been and continueth to be among the most mighty divine ordinances. Thou must hold fast unto it in all conditions. Thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge, yet its effects must not be visible upon thy lips. This is the wisdom thou art bidden to observe and act upon. That which today

causeth tranquility among the servants must be adhered to, for if clamor be raised it will cause perturbation and revolution among weak souls. God, exalted be His glory, is generous and His mercy hath preceded all things, both seen and unseen. We have said before: Place not thy trust in every friendship, nor believe every speaker. One must not be assured by every soul, nor should the pearl of divine love be revealed before every soul, for most of the servants are found to be thieves, traitors and infidels. Thy Lord speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

From the revealed verses and utterances of the Lord of Oneness, the grace, mercy, loving-kindness and compassion of God, exalted be His glory, toward you are clear and evident. O beloved of my heart! By the life of God, you have attained to a mighty station. Today its significance is not apparent, for it is not manifest, but assuredly this station shall become evident and visible to all the worlds. As commanded, you must hold fast to all means of concealment, for if your station becomes apparent there is fear that harm may befall you, and this would be contrary to the wisdom you are bidden to observe from God. Deal with all with wisdom and forbearance. At this time, the preservation of your being is incumbent upon yourself and the other friends, for you are engaged in serving the Cause, and this station is greater than all other lofty and most exalted stations that have been heard of and continue to be heard of. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to assist you in whatsoever He hath commanded. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

What hath been vouchsafed by the True One is this: at the very moment thy letter was presented, an answer descended from the heaven of grace and favor. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous. These words were inscribed in the handwriting of that Beloved One: “The neck that is raised in love will assuredly fall by the sword, and the head that is exalted in devotion will certainly be cast to the winds, and the heart that is bound to the remembrance of the Beloved will surely be filled with blood.” When these matters were laid before His presence, He said: “Through divine bounty and the infinite mercy of thy Lord, thou hast attained the most great martyrdom, and this station is above outward martyrdom. Today, whosoever hath clung to the divine Will and attained unto His Purpose hath attained unto the most great martyrdom, for he is extinct in his own will and purpose and alive through the Will and Purpose of God, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors. Therefore, think not ever of outward martyrdom - thou hast attained to that which is greater. Thou must conduct thyself with the utmost patience, composure and dignity. To utter words that would cause tumult and clamor among the people is not permitted and hath been strictly forbidden in God’s Book. Thou art engaged in friendship with Him and occupied in His remembrance and service - what station could be greater than this? I swear by the Sun of Utterance that shineth from the horizon of this Prison that no station hath been nor ever shall be greater than this, and a single moment of this life and existence cannot be equaled by successive centuries and ages and manifold epochs. This is the Sun of Utterance that hath shone forth from the heaven of the All-Merciful’s favor. God willing, may ye be illumined, gladdened, and firmly attached to it.”

And as for the request of Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, for a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet - this was presented at the Most Holy Court and was granted. A Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him and sent. Deliver it to him. God willing, may he be occupied with the mention of God, the praise of God, and service to God’s Cause, and be adorned with spiritual qualities

and praiseworthy deeds. Once the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these blessed words - exalted be His glory: “O servant and O My attendant! Write to Nabil, who turned after permission to the Most Exalted Horizon, to counsel the friends of God with the utmost joy and fragrance on behalf of the True One, and to call all to goodly conduct, pure deeds and spiritual qualities, that all may attain to that which God loveth and approveth. And likewise tell them and inform them that contention, strife, conflict and the like are the qualities of the beasts of the earth. The station of man is sanctified, pure and exempt from such things.”

O people of Baha! Aid ye the one true God, glorified be His majesty, through your deeds, and conquer the cities of hearts through His Name. The cities of this world and its lands and seas hath the True One, exalted be His station, relinquished unto kings. It hath not been and is not befitting for the friends of God, who have in truth drunk from the Kawthar of everlasting life and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, to turn thereunto. Moreover, We have commanded all to occupy themselves with some business or profession. Blessed is the soul that beareth a burden and is not himself a burden unto others. They should engage in crafts and trades; a single coin earned thereby is, in the sight of God, more beloved than a treasure amassed by unrighteous means and made ready. God willing, all shall attain unto that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen. He, verily, guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

This evanescent servant, with utmost humility, supplication, lamentation and entreaty, beseecheth the Exalted True One to assist His friends to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed in the Book. Verily, He preserveth them, draweth them nigh, and enricheth them from all else. This is naught but a mighty favor.

As to what thou didst write concerning the pilgrimage, after thy letter was submitted to the Most Holy Court [the pilgrimage was performed in detail on thy behalf?] and praise be to God, it was graced with acceptance. [Happy art thou?] and the servant standing before the Throne.

Regarding what thou didst write about the perfume, God willing it shall arrive and attain the blessing of reaching its destination. At present the farm is at the Greater Scene. The letter of Aqa Muhammad-’Ali hath not yet arrived; God willing, it shall come.

Concerning what they wrote about the blessed piece, God willing it shall arrive and they shall attain unto it. May they ever be assisted and confirmed in serving the Cause and preserving themselves for the sake of service.

Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Preserver, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

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He is God–exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful!

Praise be unto the Desired One of the world, Who befittingly and graciously bestoweth awareness upon His loved ones at all times concerning the deception and schemes of the transgressors and the lies and calumnies of the oppressors. Praise be unto God that the veil hath been lifted, and the veils of glory have been rent asunder, and the falsehoods and calumnies of the heedless souls have become as manifest as the sun to that Beloved One. Glory be unto God! What hath become of perception? Whither hath reason fled? They imagine not that perchance the hearer may be aware of matters. They speak with their mouths and act in ways that are forbidden in the Book of God.

Verily, the letters of that beloved of the heart have arrived. Each word therein bore true witness to the falsehoods and calumnies of heedless, fabricating souls. From their imaginary writing their ranks and stations became evident. Praise be to God, that beloved one has become informed and aware. Wonderment seized this servant and the people of the cities of sight and hearing, and one beheld one's servant like one bewildered and astonished. The mind and understanding cannot fathom how a person's utterances could be contrary to what flows from their tongue. Here lies wonder upon wonder, not in the stories of Rumi, upon whom be mercy. Verily, the ocean of utterance hath appeared with its waves, and the Most Great Luminary hath risen with manifest and brilliant lights, such that for the fair-minded there hath been and is no occasion for pause. These matters were presented before the countenance after being informed, and were honored to be heard. He said: "O thou who gazest upon the Face! God willing, thou shalt be assisted to serve the servants and reform the world. What thou hast mentioned of the calumnies of the heedless soul is correct, there is no doubt in it. Would that in the aforementioned reply [they had stated] I have one request of thee, and that is that thou shouldst come with fairness and justice and hear what is said. Thou hast said that a person [arrived] and stated that for four hours they tried to write two lines but could not, manifest inability. This word of yours is bereft of truth and honesty. Now we make an agreement with you - send yourself or a representative to me, on the condition that in one hour a thousand verses shall be revealed. If the scribe can manage it, for after writing one hundred and fifty verses the pen pauseth. This is one matter. Another matter: thou hast said that whatever is written is from the utterances of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. This matter too this servant guarantees. You or your representative may mention matters the like of which have never been heard before, and ask questions in person, that you may hear the answer at that moment and witness with your outward eye the waves of the ocean of utterance and the effulgent lights of the Sun of meanings. Man is like unto a treasure, and the pearls of knowledge, truthfulness and purity lie hidden and concealed within him. It is a pity that through conjecture and doubt one should deprive oneself of the kingdom of justice and fairness. Today the gate of bounty is opened and the sun of wisdom is manifest and evident. That honored one should, for the sake of God, reflect upon this Most Great Cause and Most Mighty News, and witness with his own eyes the fruits of the Lote-Tree of the Most Exalted Paradise. This servant is present and thou art present. We must strive in the path of God and distinguish truth from falsehood. How long shall vain imaginings persist? How long shall doubts continue? Have you forgotten the Shi'ih sect? For one thousand two hundred years and more they counted themselves as the most mighty and exalted of all the religions of the world and prided themselves on mention of the Successor, but finally on the Day of Reckoning it became clear and evident to those possessed of insight that they had been worshippers of vain imaginings, not followers of revelation and divine inspiration. They manifested such tyranny as the eye of creation had never witnessed the like of. They pronounced death

sentences against that Sovereign of existence Whose mention had occupied them throughout ages and centuries, and with utmost degradation martyred Him. To this day they have not desisted. Every day […]

A people have risen and continue to rise in opposition, and those oppressors left none, whether young or old, male or female. Now too the deniers of the Bayan are occupied with childish games, and in the end they cling in their deeds and actions to that party. And that woman whom thou didst mention in the land of ?a - she who reads this writing - she hath never been and is not capable of reading a single verse. Sixty years of her life have passed, and she hath not discerned her right from her left. She hath lately busied herself with deceiving men. I swear by Him Who revealeth the verses that she hath not seen Mirza Yahya since this Cause. She and her like kept their distance, for they were bereft of faith and stained with hypocrisy. She moveth as her soul desireth, consumed by the fire of passion, and causeth souls to stray from the truth. We beseech God to enable all to attain unto that from which the fragrance of truthfulness is wafted. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

This servant, with utmost humility and supplication, beseecheth that while there is yet time, they may investigate this Cause for the sake of God and cling to its hem, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the ocean of utterance. This servant hath not seen her and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to remove the veil and dispel the intervening barriers, that eyes may attain unto that for which they were created from nothingness. Today the Sun is shining, the Kawthar flowing, and the Salsabil evident before all faces. It would be a pity should man be deprived of the manifest light through false statements and fabricated claims. This servant beseecheth God to assist her to arise for His sake to accomplish what hath been mentioned. But alas, alas! The recompense of deeds hath prevented it. The justice of God, exalted be His glory, hath decreed that which every person of insight hath witnessed and every informed one hath recognized.

My God, my God! Illumine their eyes to behold Thy signs and adorn their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Withhold them not from that which Thou hast manifested through Thy bounty and generosity, and from that which Thou hast sent down through Thy grace and favors. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

From these associations it hath become clear that they have ever clung and continue to cling to the cord of calumnies. Their path is falsehood and their way of speech and utterance hath deviated from truth. According to her own words, during the time she was with him, he spoke but two words, and even these, by her own admission, were delirious. It is not known what she hath seen that she would use it to prove his authority and open the gates of calumny. Say: O man, thou who art thyself aware of thine own falsehood, no matter how many veils of lies thou addest thereto, thou hast not and will never have the slightest worth in thine own eyes or the eyes of others. The Shi'ih sect numbers several millions, yet in the sight of God they have not the worth of a single crippled believer. This is their station and the station of the knights of truthfulness, justice and fairness. These immature ones of the world were not and are not worthy of mention. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath ever been and is sanctified above them, above what they possess, and above their words, sayings, deeds, attributes and understanding, and above what was and what will be. Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

O beloved of my heart! Evil people have appeared who consume calumnies like sweetmeats. Has he not heard that Mirza Nasru'llah, Mirza Rida-Quli and their sister left the deluded party? Rida-Quli's sister cursed Yahya two thousand times, and there was strife and contention between them for some time. They took another house and settled there, and the Beauty of the Desired One bestowed their expenses. Later, when leaving the Land of Mystery, despite much insistence that she go to her husband, she refused. That person should be told: if Mirza Nasru'llah, Mirza Rida-Quli and their sister were with Mirza Yahya, why did they come to 'Akka? In any case, that beloved of the heart knows the details better than to bring his own petition and give trouble to others. What need is there to speak of matters whose falsehood is as evident as the sun? God has sealed their eyes and ears - they neither see nor hear.

And as to what that beloved of the heart wrote regarding his consultation with the honored Shaykh, Aqa Muhammad-'Ali and Aqa 'Azizu'llah, upon them be God's peace, and that the consultation resulted in his remaining in that land - after this matter was presented, it was approved and accepted. Repeatedly it was said: "Perhaps God will bring about through this some matter." Perhaps they will be the cause of something becoming manifest whereby people will realize that this place was not and is not a place of corruption, strife and contention. And they said We counsel the honored Observer, upon him be Baha, with wisdom - he must hold fast to it in all conditions.

As for the money that was stolen, when this was presented, they said: "We beseech God to assist His servants to truthfulness, trustworthiness and religious devotion." In most Tablets this matter has been beseeched from God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Perhaps through His complete power He will make the servants aware of the light of trustworthiness and the darkness of treachery. In Iraq also such a matter occurred once. The treacherous have always been and are lying in wait. This is not the first flask that has been broken in Islam.

The honored Qurratu'l-'Ayn Aqa Mirza Habib'u'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], dwells under the shadow and is blessed with favors. All mention that beloved one and continue to do so. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist that beloved of the heart in that which is the cause of joy, the source of delight and the dawning-place of gladness. Furthermore, I convey greetings to the friends of that land and I beseech for each one that from which the fragrance of eternity wafts. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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

May Thy beloved of heart, His Honor the Trustee–upon him be the Glory of God and His loving kindness–take note.

All praise, thanksgiving, mention, glorification, tribute and honor befit the Peerless Beloved, Who hath illumined the world of existence with the light of justice. He is the Being through Whose command absolute nothingness is adorned with the ornament of being. Exalted is His utterance and mighty His proof! All glory and splendor rest upon His trustees, mystics, and Hands of His Cause, whom God hath adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness among all people and ordained for them that which shall draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

The servant beseecheth his Lord not to withhold from all lands the effulgent rays of the Orb of His justice and trustworthiness. They who have cast trustworthiness behind their backs–these cannot be truly accounted as human, nor befit its station and rank. To this testify the Books of God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Thereafter, the letters of that beloved of heart descended like the spring rain upon this evanescent servant–a rain that made fresh the tree of being. Glorified be the loving kindness of our Lord, His grace and His mercy that have preceded us from every direction! Verily, He is the Source of good deeds.

After reading and reciting these, he repaired to the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit, and presented them before the Countenance of the Lord of all being, both seen and unseen. Thereupon the Ancient Countenance turned toward the servant and spoke that which perfumed the world with the fragrance of utterance. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O Trustee! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds! We bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in His Books, Psalms and Tablets, and hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of His bounty, and hast held fast unto His cord and clung to the hem of the robe of His mercy that hath preceded all in the heavens and the earth. We make mention of thee and those who have believed with a mention that attracteth the world and adorneth it with that which draweth it nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Trustee! Verily, He created creation to make them treasuries of His justice, repositories of the pearls of His Covenant, dawning-places of His trustworthiness, and daysprings of His religion. To this testify the dwellers of My celestial kingdom and My realm of might, and those who circle round the Throne at all times. He hath made the prison the circling-place of the Supreme Concourse and the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is he whom God hath enabled to achieve this praiseworthy deed.

O thou who standeth firm in My service! In most Tablets We have enjoined the servants of God to observe trustworthiness, religiosity, justice and fairness, and forbidden them from transgression and immorality, commanding them to righteousness and godliness. Yet this increased not the heedless save in loss. Had the servants acted according to the will of God, exalted be His glory, the earth would now be beheld as one adorned, luminous and sanctified expanse.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Glory at its most glorious, and all Thy Glory is indeed glorious. O God! I beseech Thee by the whole of Thy Glory to adorn Thy loved ones with the ornament of justice and illumine them with the light of trustworthiness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things, both seen and unseen.

This prayer was a treasure of divine loving kindness, first cast upon the heart of the Seal of the Prophets–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake–and then unto others. In this prayer is found the Most Great Name, and He saith that were the servants to know or recognize the station of this prayer, they would assuredly strive to obtain it even by the sword. We beseech the True One to open the doors of grace and bounty through the key of His gracious Name. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Your letters that you sent to this servant all achieved presence and were heard. Praise be to God, from their words and letters wafted the musk of divine love. What you mentioned regarding that distinguished person who has arisen wholly to serve the Cause - you have spoken truly. Indeed, his like is rare to find. All the friends and loved ones should arise to support him. This is a deed that would not be manifest from anyone in days other than the days of God. This is a great confirmation and a great success. O Amin! From the beginning of the Cause, regarding debts, a firm and mighty ruling was revealed from the Divine Pen, and we sent copies thereof to various regions, and likewise we sent it to you as well. In no way was it considered as it deserved. What was befitting was revealed. Blessed is he who reads and hears and acts. By God's life, the treasures of earth cannot compare with what was revealed from the All-Giving Pen regarding this matter. Blessed are they who act, and blessed are the fair-minded. Today all the friends of God must be treasuries of the pearls of divine attributes, for the hosts of virtuous character are the mightiest hosts in the world. Blessed is the soul who with these hosts conquers the citadels of hearts. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist the people of Baha to perform deeds from which will waft the fragrance of His acceptance and the sweet scent of His good-pleasure. Verily, He is powerful over all things. O Amin! A great deed was manifested by that distinguished person - they were and are mentioned in God's presence. Blessed are those souls who acted as he did. Love of gold and silver did not prevent them from doing what the time required. Assuredly, for any soul who acts for the sake of God in what was mentioned, divine relief will encompass them and that will become manifest which imagination and fancy cannot tread upon and before which they will find themselves powerless. O friends of God! We counsel you with that whereby your stations and ranks will be elevated. Beware lest the events of the world and its ornaments and bounties prevent you. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Concerning the matter of religion, that which every fair-minded soul would assuredly hold fast to hath been repeatedly recorded by the Supreme Pen. His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Haji Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, was commanded to proceed to 'Ishqabad for the sale of properties and the payment of debts. By the life of Our Purpose! Were they to act in accordance with what they have been commanded, the gates of blessings and goodly gifts would be opened before their faces, and God would exalt them among His servants through His Name. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The honored Afnans and the loved ones must all strive earnestly to settle the debts. This is the day of service, of earnest endeavor, of justice and fairness. As commanded, We write again to His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Haji Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, that which will cause the manifestation of God's grace and favor, exalted be His Glory. The servant, throughout the nights and days, beseecheth God, the Lord of the Throne and the Lord of the Chair, and the Possessor of the heavens and earths, to assist His Afnans in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to aid them to achieve that detachment whereby their stations shall be made manifest among all possibilities. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

In truth, His Holiness the Worker, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, is a man of action; they have accomplished a great deed. Should the honored Afnans, upon them be the Glory of God and His grace, be negligent in this matter, it would cause great sorrow. In any case, I convey to all the loved ones greetings and praise, glorification and exaltation, remembrance and glory. God, the All-Knowing, beareth witness that they are forever remembered in my heart, and for each one I have sought and continue to seek that which befitteth the favor of God, exalted be His Glory.

The letter from the beloved of hearts His Holiness Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, was received. After presenting it, they said that he must not be sorrowful at all, as these matters are dependent upon the decree of God, exalted be His glory. Repeatedly have His own kin first made declarations and with the utmost earnestness made their requests, and after acceptance, recanted. And they said: "O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, these matters have not and will not cause sorrow. What causes the greatest sorrow are the deeds of certain ones. Repeatedly in the Tablets hath this exalted word been revealed: 'My affliction is not My imprisonment, nor what hath befallen Me from Mine enemies, but rather the deeds of My loved ones who claim connection with My Being yet commit that which causeth My heart and My pen to lament.' However, in view of the weakness of some, forbearance is necessary, for if ones like you were to object, it would cause the fire of hatred to be kindled. I truly say that patience and overlooking are necessary in certain matters. The divine counsels and heavenly exhortations are a mighty mirror for the sanctification, detachment and ascent of the servants unto righteousness. And if after the appearance of this matter it proves ineffective, silence is preferable. In all the parties of the world these things have appeared. Consider the Cause of the Seal of the Prophets, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him. Not only men but women too became apostates, including the sister of Umm-Salama, upon her be the Glory of God, and five other handmaidens who clung to the cords of the deluded ones and returned to their former state. And since in these days the Sun of Truth is shining, grace hath therefore taken precedence and giving and receiving have raised two banners from the right and the left. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect all through the hosts of the seen and unseen and to aid them to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause."

Praise be to God that beloved of hearts, namely His Holiness Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, is engaged in service and occupied with guiding people. The work of teaching is a mighty matter and His Holiness is successful therein. By the testimony of His Holiness the Present One, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him, the dwellers of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur have also said that he should never be sorrowful. His answer will be sent again. I beseech God to manifest that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

As to the affairs of this prison, praise and thanks be to God, all are well and healthy. Blessed be God, this year the Most Great Prison hath been honored by numerous souls; from every direction they have turned and arrived. However, henceforth His Holiness should cause those who desire to attain the presence to remain where they are. The reasons for prohibition are present; for the Cause, it is not free from harm. And they said that if they act according to what was mentioned before, in truth the reward of attaining the presence and meeting will be recorded for them. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon them that are detached and steadfast and firm and upright and standing firm in the Cause of our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

The Servant

29 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1308

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This is the Surah of Our Name "The Messenger," which We have sent down from the dominion of grace to be a herald unto all the worlds. He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from the presence of Baha to him who hath acknowledged God and recognized His sovereignty, and hath then taken his seat upon a sublime and holy seat. Therein is that which will guide him aright should he hearken unto what hath been sent down therein and not withhold the ear of his heart from hearkening unto the Word of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Inaccessible.

God hath indeed manifested Himself in this Tablet through His Name "The Messenger" unto all created things, that none may be debarred from the wondrous treasures concealed within this blessed and wondrous Name. We have made this Tablet the source of the manifestation of this Name throughout all worlds, and through it We raised up the Messengers aforetime - though there was no "aforetime" before it - and sent them unto the servants as a command from Our presence, for verily We have ever been One Who commandeth. And We shall continue to send through it the Messengers unto the end that hath no end, through Our power, for verily We have ever been the Powerful One.

This Tablet was inscribed by the Pen of Power and preserved behind the veil of infallibility. Then did We reveal it in truth and send it forth in the most excellent form, in the image of these radiant, holy and luminous words:

O thou Name! We have made thee the Manifestation of Our Messengers in the Kingdom of Names and have ordained for thee that which none among all created things can reckon. We have raised thee in truth to a station beneath whose shadow all the Messengers have sought shelter, and through thee We send forth the Messengers to all the worlds of thy Lord. This is what We have ordained for thee as a bounty from Our presence for Our discerning servants.

Among the Messengers are those whom We raise up in truth and send unto the servants with a Book and clear proof; among them are those whom We cause to speak through Our grace and whom We inspire with the wisdom of the Cause from Our presence - for verily We have power over all things; among them are those to whom We reveal through messengers from the angels; among them are those in whose breasts We cause the Spirit to speak with sanctified and wondrous inspirations; and among them are those whom We manifest with all of these and make them the manifestation of all names between earth and heaven. We purify them from the defilement of the idolaters, strengthen them with the Most Great Spirit, and make them the manifestation of Our Self to all who are in the kingdom of command and creation, ordaining for them the best of all worlds. Thus do We favor some above others as a grace from Our presence, for I am the Ancient Bestower of Grace.

Beyond these, We have manifested this Name unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and We have made this Name a sun that all existence, both seen and unseen, might be illumined by its rays. None knoweth this save those who have been given spiritual vision by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. None shall be barred from the radiance of this Sun save those who place a veil between themselves and its light. Thus do We impart unto the servants that which will draw them nigh unto the Fountain of Knowledge and make plain the paths of understanding.

How many messengers there are upon whom the rays of this Sun have shone, yet they themselves remain unaware! For example, those who carry the messages of kings to various lands are messengers from them, and this Name hath shone upon them according to their station and the measure of their facing this glorious and wondrous Sun. Among them are those who bear God's messages inscribed on tablets, yet understand them not and remain among the heedless. As ye observe, those whom they call "chapar" [couriers] carry God's verses and His Book to and fro, spreading them throughout the lands, yet in their own souls they remain […]

Verily, they are among the veiled ones, and many of them, were they to become aware of this, would not accept it within themselves and would not bear it, but rather would be among those who strive against it. The effulgence of this Name shone upon them in their heedlessness of it. Thus hath the favor of thy Lord encompassed all the worlds. We have sent with these souls in all their journeys that which none among those possessed of knowledge can bear, how much less those beneath them. This is among the hidden mercies of their Lord upon them and upon Our near servants. Today their names are mentioned before God by the angels of divine messages, and We have made them harbingers of glad tidings to Our seeking servants. These shall continue in this bounty until God shall reveal to them their deeds - a promise from Him. Verily, He is the best of those who fulfill their promises. God shall soon raise them up through His sovereignty and shall make them recognize the Manifestation of His Self and shall bring them to the holy Paradise as a recompense for what they have wrought and for their having been among the doers. The reward of none of His servants shall be lost with God, and verily He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of those who do good. We inspired the kings aforetime to appoint servants for this Cause, that through them might be manifested that which God desired in those days regarding the diffusion of His signs. Thus do We expound unto you the power of your Lord, that ye may be among those who are certain of His power.

O Kings of the Bayan! Command your envoys, when the Sun of Certitude dawneth from the horizon of the All-Glorious, to proceed with God's announcement and His Tablets throughout all lands and to inform the people of the holy and wondrous lights. Command these to carry the traces of God to all regions, that the breezes of holiness may waft over all the worlds. We have made you the manifestation of Our sovereignty for this purpose and for the recognition of your Creator at the time of His Manifestation. By God! This is better for you than the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Await ye the days of God that ye may find them, then after hearing, hasten to the holy seat, the place of the mighty throne. By God! Your turning toward the direction of the All-Glorious and your standing before the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, is better than the worship of both worlds. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the bounty of those days. Then enter the sanctuary of Paradise, near to the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. By God! Through this shall your sovereignty be strengthened, your station exalted, your mention elevated, and your names inscribed on holy and preserved tablets. In those days shall the bounty of your Creator encompass you and cause you to prevail over all who dwell on earth. Thus doth God command you in this Tablet lest ye be veiled at the time of His Manifestation by the ornaments of earth that ye possess, and lest ye withhold yourselves from that which is better for you than all that hath been created between the heavens and earth. If ye hearken unto God's counsel, it shall be for your own good, and if ye turn away, it shall be against you, and verily He is independent of His veiled servants. And if ye do not carry out that wherewith ye have been commanded in the Tablet, verily He will send His Tablets by the hands of the angels of glad tidings during your heedlessness thereof, even as We send them by the hands of your servants during your heedlessness and their heedlessness thereof. Thus hath your Lord been powerful over what He willeth and sovereign over what He desireth. None can prevent His sovereignty and nothing can frustrate Him in what He hath created in the heavens and earth, if ye be of those who know. Even as ye have witnessed and heard all this from the Manifestations of Our Self at the time of Their appearance, insomuch that whenever the Manifestations of tyranny prevented Them from Their sovereignty and arose in opposition against Them, They manifested through Their sovereignty whatsoever They desired, and the Cause was established through Their words, and the back of the oppressors was broken. Thus have We detailed in this Tablet the mysteries of the Cause. Blessed is he who readeth it and pondereth what hath been inscribed therein and extracteth what hath been treasured therein of the pearls of luminous knowledge.

O Kings of the earth! In the realm of Baha, act not as did the kings act towards Us in these days. Among them was the King of Persia who suspended the Temple of the Cause in mid-air and slew it with such tyranny that all things wept over it, then did the denizens of Paradise and the Concourse of the realms above. He put to death a number of Our kinsmen, plundered Our possessions, and made Our family captives in the hands of the oppressors. He cast Me into prison time and again. By God the True One! None can reckon what befell Me in prison save God, the Numberer, the All-Knowing, the Almighty. Then he banished Me and My family from Our home until We reached Iraq in manifest sorrow. We remained there until the King of Turkey rose against Us and summoned Us to his seat of sovereignty. When We reached him, there befell Us that which brought joy to the King of Persia, until We were cast into this Prison wherein the hands of loved ones were cut off from Our robe. Thus did he deal with Us, yet We give thanks to God for what hath befallen Us through his firm decrees, and We praise Him for this, hoping for what He hath in store. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Our Name the Messenger and its Manifestations! We have indeed exalted you and raised you up and made you Our manifestations in the Kingdom of Names. Beware lest anything deter you from your Creator or the exaltation of your mention veil you from your Originator. Fear God and be of the God-fearing.

O Mirrors of this Name! Deal not with My Self as did the mirrors in those days, for you were created by My command and were brought into being by the will of My Pen, if you be of those who perceive. Doth it befit shadows to deny the lights of the Sun or to protest against it after being created by it? Nay, by My Self, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful. Their turning away from the Sun and their objection to it are like the dung-beetle's aversion to the fragrance of musk. Thus do We set forth parables unto men that they may be of those who are assured of their Lord's signs. Whoso faileth to deliver unto himself the messages of God his Lord and restraineth not himself from wickedness and unseemly deeds and from that which is forbidden in the Tablets - he is indeed deprived of the revelation of this Name and shall be of the deprived ones.

O people of Baha! Deliver unto yourselves the messages of your Lord, then deliver them unto men, that God's messages may encompass all the worlds through you. Beware lest you deprive yourselves of this most mighty and impregnable grace. And thou, O servant, arise from thy slumber, then deliver unto men that which thou art commanded by thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Look not upon anyone, but look unto the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Luminous. Let thy Lord suffice thee above all else, that thou mayest find thyself independent of all the worlds. We have sent down this Ridvan and dispatched it to thee that thou mayest ponder upon it and upon its contents, and give thanks unto thy Lord and be of the thankful. Detach thyself from the world and its ornaments, then seek God's help in all matters and be of those who trust in Him. Then gather the people unto the Cause of thy Lord and be of the beneficent. Rise from the horizon of utterance with the sword of expression, then sing My melody between the heavens and the earth. If thou findest thyself extinguished, then kindle thyself from this Fire by the name of thy Lord, the Chosen One, that thou mayest attract through thee the hearts of the righteous among Our near servants. And if thou findest thyself ailing, then seek healing through My Name, the Healer, that through thee every sick and ailing one may be healed. Thus have We ordained for thee and commanded thee therewith, that thou mayest be of those who act. Upon thee be the light of thy Lord through My Most Glorious Name, and upon those who are with thee among Our assured servants.

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In the name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is single in His command and unique in His judgment, Who hath sent down from the heaven of oneness the decree of wisdom and made it the foundation of this edifice which the hands of the power of the All-Merciful have built in the contingent world. Exalted is God, the Revealer of religions, through Whose word all that is and all that hath been were created. Blessed is he who hath recognized this glorious edifice which hath been mentioned in the Qur'an as the Great Announcement

and in the Book of Names as the Straight Path. There is no Book but that this Most Exalted Remembrance and this Most Great Gift have been mentioned therein, having been designated by all names by the tongue of God, the Lord of the throne and of the dust, the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former times.

I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of all beings and Educator of all existing things, by the Revealer of verses through Whom all doubts and allusions were erased, to assist Thy chosen ones, Thy loved ones, and Thy friends to triumph in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Withhold not the letters of Thy Book from the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor the leaves of Thy trees from the blowing of the breezes of Thy bounty. O Lord! Draw them through Thy Most Exalted Word to Thy most sublime horizon and enable them in such wise that the opposition of every opposer will not deter them, nor will the tyranny of any oppressor frighten them. O Lord! Sanctify their hearts from the mention of aught else but Thee, their souls from turning to anyone other than Thee, and their tongues from praising aught besides Thee. Purify them, O my God, through Thy generosity and bounty, and cleanse them from all that is not pleasing unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the All-Wise Judge.

O Lord! Thou knowest that I desire to make mention of one of Thy loved ones who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy utterance, turned toward Thy horizon, responded to Thy call, and directed his face toward Thy countenance, though one such as I is not worthy to make mention of him who hath clung to the hem of Thy generosity and drunk from the ocean of Thy knowledge. But Thou knowest, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, that by my mention of him I intend only to bring him the glad-tidings of Thy loving-kindness and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Write to Ali: O Ali! Your letter which you sent to him who has turned to My Kingdom, circled My Throne, and attained My presence, has been received by the Wronged One and presented by the servant who stands before the Throne. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and I am the All-Hearing One. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy turning and devotion, and have made mention of thee as a bounty from Our presence. His mercy hath preceded the world; verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

God willing, thou shouldst speak with utmost joy and fragrance in remembrance of the Best Beloved of all possibility, with perfect wisdom, and in all matters keep thy gaze fixed upon the horizon of His good-pleasure. The essence of unity is that assured souls should, in all conditions, turn to the One True God alone and act according to His good-pleasure. If today a soul should perform all good deeds and righteous acts, yet fail to attain God's good-pleasure, it will assuredly yield no fruit. This is why He saith: Strive to attain the word of His good-pleasure. Strive that all may attain this most exalted station, that they may act for God's sake, hold fast to God's leave, and cling to God's good-pleasure.

O Ali! Reflect upon the Light that shone forth from the horizon of Sad. Most of the servants have not, to this day, gained awareness of even a drop from the ocean of his knowledge. He had attained true martyrdom. By My life! Limited years passed over him while he was self-effacing in the will of his Lord and the desire of his Master. He had no thoughts, will or desire of his own, and at all times awaited God's

command. He would take no action without God's leave and permission. For years he had sacrificed himself in the path of the Friend, though outwardly he spoke, listened and walked about. This is the supreme martyrdom, the most exalted station, the highest rank, and this lofty and most glorious station was adorned with outward martyrdom. He took the pearls of the sea of life and scattered them at the feet of his Friend. Thus did he attain the Most Great Remembrance, and the Supreme Pen was for a time engaged in his mention, to manifest his deeds, station, rank and sincerity.

O Ali! He attained two martyrdoms, and were the details of the first station to be mentioned, most people would surely be astounded. God willing, may all the friends attain to that which is beloved in this day. We make mention of them in this Tablet and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounty and mercy, which have preceded existence. Say: It behooveth you to show forth the supreme steadfastness in this most mighty and exalted Cause, through which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth to the Possessor of the invisible and the visible." All must at all times drink from the chalice of joy, for they are mentioned in God's presence and recorded by the Supreme Pen. The stations of souls that are assured, content and well-pleasing shall not remain veiled. Though they may be concealed for a few days in accordance with God's consummate wisdom, the hand of divine power shall surely rend asunder the veil and make them manifest.

Likewise, gladden the hearts of the Children of Israel with the mention of the Wronged One. Blessed are they and joy be unto them, inasmuch as they have turned their faces toward the Countenance and drawn nigh unto the Ocean of Knowledge on a Day whereon all things trembled for fear of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. God willing, may all remain steadfast on the Path of God, fix their gaze upon His horizon, and act in accordance with that which He commandeth them. At this moment, from this exalted and glorious Spot, We send Our greetings upon thee and upon My male and female servants.

In thy letter mention was made of His Holiness Haji Sabzivari, upon him be the Glory of God. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, adorned with the seal of glory. Deliver it unto him, that his eyes may be cheered, his heart gladdened, his breast dilated, and that he may arise to do that which beseemeth these days of his Lord, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Generous. In truth, perfect bounty hath been vouchsafed unto him. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. Likewise, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for another soul in that same land–that is, the Green Land–upon him be the Glory of God. Deliver it unto him, that he may drink therefrom the Kawthar of bounty and recognition.

Moreover, on behalf of this evanescent servant, convey wondrous and glorious greetings to all the friends and masters who have drunk from the ocean of recognition. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God–exalted and glorified be He–to preserve them all beneath the shadow of His bounty and not to deprive them of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Revelation. Through His generosity and grace, may He open before their faces the gates of whatsoever is now concealed, that all may soar with utmost joy and eagerness in the atmosphere of His love, in such wise that the Concourse on High may hearken to the sound of their wings. However, all matters must be carried out with wisdom. Any matter that causeth tumult among the people is assuredly contrary to wisdom. Avoid it, O loved ones and chosen ones of God! We beseech God that we may be assisted to do that which He hath commanded, not that which we

deem expedient or consider good. Verily, He knoweth us better than we know ourselves, and He is the All-Knowing.

Some time ago, this servant wrote and dispatched a letter in reply to his honor Ibn-i-Shahid, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, it has arrived. Blessed is he, and his father, and his household wherein the mention of God has been raised up. Verily the servant gave him glad tidings that he has been accepted before the Throne and God has made him a place for His Great Remembrance. In any case, whatsoever matter in the Divine Book that is adorned with an explicit ordinance yet becomes the cause of kindling the fire of hatred, to act upon it is not permitted. Thus has our Beloved Lord decreed, as a grace from Him upon us and upon His accepted servants. Convey to the family of Shahid, upon them be the Glory of God, from this evanescent one such remembrance as is befitting and such glorification as is worthy. Would that I were with him and attained martyrdom in the path of God, the Lord of Oneness. This evanescent servant mentions the friends night and day with utmost sincerity, and with a hundred thousand hands of supplication clings to the hem of grace, beseeching from the ocean of bounty and generosity the rending of the veils of the heedless and veiled people, that perchance they may not remain deprived on this blessed day whose mention has adorned the divine books. O beloved of my heart! By the life of the Beloved, if the people of hatred were to become aware to less than a particle's weight, they would perish from grief over their deeds. One is astonished how they consider themselves believers today and count themselves among the people of truth. Shame upon them and their leaders who have made them idols unto themselves and foundations for their religions. God protect us and you and the community of the unitarians from their deeds and their words and their schemes and their whisperings and their plots. Verily He is the Protector, the Helper, the Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The captive in the path of God, meaning the honored leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, is, God willing, joyful through the favors of the All-Merciful. Blessed is she and joy be unto her. The servant testifies that she has attained to the recognition of her Lord and has borne hardships in the path of God, her Creator. And on this blessed night, which is the 17th of Ramadan, this servant attained the presence of the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most High Court, and the Tongue of Grandeur made mention of that honored lady. He said she has attained to the highest, most exalted station and God willing, she will be assisted to preserve it. In all conditions they should fix their gaze upon the Truth alone and drink the sealed wine from His hand of bounty at every moment. End.

Whatever was before this servant from the divine utterances has been conveyed. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His male and female servants unto that which He loves and is pleased with. By His life, this is the master of all deeds in the latter and the former times. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The Servant

19th of Ramadan 1297

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In the name of the two Most Exalted Names, His Eminence M. H., upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious

Month of Dhi'l-Qa'dah 1304

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

Praise, sanctified above mention and utterance, befitteth Him Who is the Desire of all worlds, Who with a single call summoned the denizens of earth to the most exalted horizon. Through that call the ocean spoke forth "Here am I, here am I," and the land proclaimed the blessed word "At Thy service." Every created thing is engaged in His remembrance and stands ready in service. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the call of all things, and the eye that hath been adorned by beholding His lights, and blessed is he who, being informed, was not deprived or held back by the world's rejection and denial, but rather turned toward Him in detachment from all else and attained unto the supreme honor, which is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Prayers and peace be upon the Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations, through Whom appeared the decree of return and the Book spoke forth "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing," and upon His family and companions, through whom were opened the gates of grace unto all creation and through whom was manifested God's binding Word - perpetual and eternal peace.

Glory be to Thee, O Illuminator of the horizons, by Thy Name that shineth from the heaven of Thy grace, and by the Fire kindled in the Tree of Thy Cause, and by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power and majesty, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which beseemeth Thy generosity and bounty and is worthy of the heaven of Thy grace and bestowal. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to Thy cord and turning to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word and by the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the realm of creation to protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament and who have encompassed Thy lands and Thy domains without any proof from Thee or any clear evidence from Thy presence. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy creation. Then enable them to remain steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

O beloved of my heart! All the exalted missives, whether addressed to the friends or to this evanescent one, all had their source and culmination in the Most Exalted Horizon, emerging from that Beloved One and reaching their intended destination. This is a testimony which every person of insight, experience, and sound knowledge would confirm. Mention of you and praise of you, since all was for the sake of God, returns to God and is accepted by Him. Every mention thereof attained to that which was intended and desired. Praise and thanksgiving be to God that these remembrances reached their station and the response emerged from the seat of grace and favors. Each one was favored in response with that which had and has no likeness or equal. They are forever mentioned by the tongue and specially favored with grace - praise be to His in all conditions. From the opening of each letter, the musk of utterance was diffused and the fragrance of knowledge was spread abroad. After inhaling, reading, turning to, and becoming acquainted with them, they were brought to that station where they attained the honor of being heard in His presence, and then from the Dayspring of Knowledge appeared such utterances as

testified of themselves to your ranks of sincerity, detachment, adherence and devotion, and likewise contained mention and praise of all the friends in that land. Each one was mentioned individually with such praise whose fragrance shall never end and shall not be erased from the Book, and whose light shall never set nor decline from the Most Exalted Horizon, now and forever. At the time of the manifestation of grace and bounty, such joy and delight seized this servant that I am powerless and unable to describe it. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier to what has been submitted. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Commander, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

O beloved of my heart! The fire of love has a wondrous burning that is not quenched by the water of mention and utterance. The more it is mentioned, the more the essence of being demands. In truth, this is the station of "Is there more?" At this time when the pen is moving and the face is turned and the heart is receptive, the presence of the beloved spirit of His Honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, came to mind. His mention gives strength to the spirit and his praise nourishes the soul, for it is a fragrance from the true rose garden and a flower from the spiritual paradise. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, at all times for his exaltation, ascendancy, glory and elevation. Praise be to God that they have attained to that which is acceptable and mentioned. Further, I submit expressions of devotion to the service of the beloved of the heart, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. God is witness and testifier that in nights and days they have been and are mentioned in heart and tongue. Their mention is a wondrous bounty and a spiritual feast. The servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen him, make him successful, and honor him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

At this time when the loved ones of God, each one prominent and renowned, have turned their complete attention to that spiritual beloved, his honor Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, their letters each bore mention adorned with the ornament of humility, submissiveness and sincerity, with each word opening a door of joy. The servant begs for him confirmation and success, and that which will preserve his remembrance throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. The Pen loves to mention the Pillars AAA GH in this station and beseeches God for their glory, advancement and elevation. In truth, the fragrance of unity was diffused in one station, as the Pillars were adorned and distinguished with three Ayns. If all the pens of interpretation were to engage day and night in explaining this letter, they would surely fall short, for He says "The believer cannot be described." Likewise His Holiness the letter GH, upon him be the glory of God and His care, which has been and is comprehensive of perfect and complete numbers. Glory be to God! The grace of God, exalted be His majesty, has encompassed His loved ones and friends in all things. I beseech Him, exalted be His station, for their protection, loftiness and ascendancy. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

The offerings of that beloved one, which in truth were each like a cutting sword for the day of mourning, like a rain-bearing cloud for the day of thirst, and like a brilliant light for the day of eclipse and night of darkness, arrived and at that very moment were graced with the gaze, and this is a true testimony to the sincerity, sanctity and purity of that beloved's deeds. God suffices as witness. Glory be to God, its radiance almost veiled the light of the sun despite its brilliance and splendor. Since the manifestations of these matters and the appearance of these causes are in truth from the effulgences of the Luminary of

the love of God, therefore whatever is mentioned or flows from the tongue has been and is befitting. The Water of Life flows from the spring of love and the comfort of the world exists through its comfort. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it and understood its mysteries. Verily they are among the successful ones in God's Book, the Lord of the worlds. In truth, the pen and tongue of this servant have not and will not be able to adequately praise and extol that which has appeared from that beloved one. However, I beseech God, exalted be His majesty, for confirmation and seek success, that He may reveal that which cannot be concealed and which no veil can obscure. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer.

At this time mention was made of the sugar that was sent, although it has not yet arrived. Nevertheless, God is witness and testimony that the palate of the soul has been sweetened by it. All these are manifestations of love which appear and are revealed in the world of being. That very mention which flowed from the tongue of that Beloved concerning its dispatch cannot be equaled by anything hidden and treasured in the earth in the estimation of the friends and chosen ones. In truth, love is a sovereign that is mighty and a ruler that prevails. The world of motion and stillness is within the grasp of its power. Although love is the dawning-place of joy and delight, there are times when it becomes the manifestation of endless grief and sorrow, and such a time is these days, for one of the Most Exalted Names, the Beloved of the heart, 'A.L. - upon him be the glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing - according to the command intends to proceed in that direction, and from this separation the very essence of being is consumed. How well did the one speak who said:

"Love has departed from this city toward another city,

From whose rising and setting two cities were turned upside down"

In any case, I have been and am beseeching from the Self-Sufficient Lord reunion, meeting, nearness and gathering. With the generous ones no affair is difficult. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to gather us beneath the shade of the Tree of His providence and the pavilions of His grandeur, and to ordain for us that which profits us in every world of His worlds, and to open before our faces the gates of His mercy, and to send down upon us from the heaven of His bestowal a blessing from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Glory be to God! Before its arrival it possessed all those perfect mentions and was considered a wondrous and exalted blessing. Now that it has itself arrived and made the world a sugar-garden, I know not what mention to make or what to say. In any case, its sweetness surpasses all the sweetnesses of the world and its delicacy excels all the delicacies of the nations. Praise be to God! Its absence was the cause of its presence, and now its presence is the cause of eternal mention. I beseech and entreat God, exalted be His glory, to adorn this existence with such an ornament that no likeness or similitude may be seen for it. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth.

Praised be God! Praised be God! God's will prevails, His purpose penetrates. We are all as nothing; all that exists is Him. The reins of awareness are in His hand, and the cord of knowledge is in the grasp of His power. What are we? Who are we? We are but manifestations of ignorance and embodiments of forgetfulness. For when the beloved of my soul, his honor the one named M.H., upon him be God's peace and favor, was hidden from this servant's sight at the time of writing, after reflection and investigation into its cause and reason, I pondered what could be the cause and reason. Suddenly it became apparent that it was intended that a separate, special mention should again be made of him, and that he should repeatedly be brought before my presence. In any case, after alertness and remembrance, he appeared before me and revealed that which all the treasures and riches of the world could not equal even one letter thereof. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! In truth, he was and is worthy of special favor, and this servant, with the tongue of the inner secret and the secret of secrets, and the manifest and the most manifest, conveys greetings and praise to him, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for His ancient and renewed grace. Verily, He has power over all things. The light of the new lamp has shown forth with new oil at this moment. Although mention of it existed in the world of remembrance, at this time its mention arose from the thoughts like a banner - "Here am I! Where is my portion? What is my share?" After all, my messenger and presenter and lighter is kindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful. Indeed, right is with him, therefore I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that his mention and his light may ever remain luminous through the oil of wisdom and the utterance of God - exalted be His station - and continue to shine and gleam in the niche of the world with a manifest light. Verily our Lord is the One who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

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

What this evanescent one wishes to submit to Your Presence is that the beloved letter from his honor Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, which was sent to that beloved one, was seen and after being reviewed was accorded the honor of being heard in the Most Holy Presence of the Lord of Creation, and these exalted words descended from the heaven of the will of the Lord of Names - exalted be His sovereignty and mighty His utterance:

"O Name of Bounty! In truth his honor Samandar, upon him be My glory, has his gaze fixed upon the Greatest Scene and stands firm in service. The veils of existence cannot obscure the fire of his love, nor can the clouds prevent its influence. If a sincere seeker were to reach out from distant places, verily he would find its effects. The servant in attendance submitted his requests, which attained the honor of being heard and both received answers. Glorified is He Who speaks and hears and responds, and glorified is He Who hath kindled in hearts and souls that which hath attracted them to the Truth, the Knower of all things hidden.

O Samandar! We have turned from this Station unto thee and have mentioned thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have turned with their all to God, the Lord of the worlds. Give glad tidings of My remembrance and My attention to My

loved ones. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the Sure Handle and hath drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Merciful, and was among the steadfast ones. Convey to all the friends in that land greetings from the Wronged One. Say: O loved ones of God in the cities and regions! Know ye that power lieth in unity, and prosperity and success in steadfastness and concord. Beseech God that all may be assisted to remain firm in this Cause that hath caused the firm mountains to quake. O friends! Know ye the value of these days of the Merciful One. By God! The sun hath never shone upon their like or similitude. Seize ye the opportunity in My days, then restrict your affairs to the service of My Cause. God will soon exalt your stations and ranks thereby, and will manifest to all on earth your loftiness and elevation and what ye have endured in His path and what hath befallen you in His wondrous Cause. In all conditions the profit is with you and the loss with the enemies. Ye must at all times keep your gaze fixed upon the divine counsels and act according to what is in the Book. God willing, under the shadow of His grace, may ye be illumined with the light of justice and fairness, trustworthiness and religiosity, humility and submissiveness. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and those who love you."

Among the wonders of divine bounty is that at the very moment when the letter arrived, this evanescent servant attained the honor of His presence, and after this response was submitted, this answer descended from the Kingdom of utterance of the Sovereign Lord: God willing, may the masters and nobles of that land attain unto new life through the water of the providence of God, exalted be His glory, and be occupied with and act according to what beseemeth His days.

Mention was made of his honor Haji Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God. This is what was revealed for him from the Supreme Pen as a favor from God, the Lord of all humanity. His exalted and sanctified Word:

He is the One Who speaketh the truth amongst the people […]

The Wronged One hath, in every condition, summoned all unto the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. There hath not been a night or day but that the shrill voice of His Most Exalted Pen was raised in such wise that none can deny it save every froward infidel. By God's life! We have not protected Ourselves. We have revealed the Cause with a sovereignty from Us and summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the One, the All-Choosing. The first to turn away from Us and oppose Us were the divines of the earth, whom We had honored with a word from Us and elevated by Our command. But when We came unto them, We found them to be among the wayward at the end. Through their turning away the people turned away, and through their hypocrisy was kindled the fire of hatred, and there befell Us that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur to lament at morn and eventide. We desired their life, yet they pronounced judgment against Us without clear proof or any Book. Blessed is he who casteth them behind his back, turning unto God, the Lord of Lords. We have heard of thy turning unto Us and have made mention of thee in the prison with verses through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted to all regions. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy dominion that overshadoweth the world, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and to number me with those who have attained unto Thy good-pleasure. Verily,

Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God willing, may their orientation and turning to the Truth, exalted be His glory, become the cause of their attaining infinite bounties. Regarding what they mentioned about the vision, God willing, it is a sign of the greatness of the Cause and of power and might. Power, might and victory have never been and are not dependent upon outward forces, armaments and weapons. Repeatedly from the tongue of grandeur was this word heard: Pure deeds, pure words, and praiseworthy character are counted among the mighty hosts of the Truth, exalted be His glory. The acts and deeds of the beasts of the earth have had and have no worth. One must conquer the horizons of hearts through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. No sword is sharper than the Word of God. If a few souls arise purely for the sake of God, speak for God and fix their gaze upon God, assuredly its effects will become manifest and evident in the world, as indeed they have become manifest and ye witness them. This servant also conveyeth greetings to that honored soul and beseecheth confirmation for him from the Truth, exalted be His glory.

Likewise mention was made of the honored lady, the wife of the departed and blessed ’Abdu’l-Hamid Khan, upon them both be the Glory of God, and of that leaf’s measures of firmness, steadfastness and constancy. Praise be to God, that leaf hath attained the grace of the Truth, exalted be His glory. It is hoped she will remain so firm and steadfast in the Cause that the men of the world will be powerless to change, alter or prevent her - how much less the women of the earth. Mention of her was made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and the Sun of Grace shone forth. Well is it with her and blessed is she.

At this hour this servant was present at the Throne when the Tongue of Grandeur made mention of the departed and blessed Mulla ’Abdu’r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O what a mention! Were it to be cast upon darkness it would transform it into light, and were it cast upon dust there would arise therefrom a creation none can reckon save God, the Lord of the Return.

Thereafter mention was made of the spiritual friend Jinab-i-Mulla ’Abdu’r-Razzaq, upon him be His glory. The Sun of loving-kindness has shone forth in such wise that this servant is incapable and unable to make full mention thereof. Blessed is he and blessed are those who have attained to His grace and bounty. In truth, this evanescent one is abashed before him. God willing, hereafter through His might and power that which was neglected shall be made good.

Furthermore, the letter of my spiritual friend Jinab-i-Abu’l-Ma’ani, that is Abu’l-Ma’ali, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, reached this servant, and likewise he presented a petition to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This evanescent one laid all before His countenance. At that very moment, sacred Tablets were revealed from the heaven of oneness specifically for him and the souls mentioned, and were dispatched. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He may cause them to attain unto the visitation of these exalted Tablets. Verily, He has power over all things.

And one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for the noble lady, the mother of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ashraf, upon them both be the glory of God and His light. Mention of the

martyrs of that land and the aforementioned noble lady has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Presence. Verily, they are among the triumphant, by the Lord of all worlds.

One night, this evanescent one was in the presence of Him Who stands, when the Tongue of Oneness made mention of the friends of that land. Among the souls whose mention attained to the Most Holy Presence in these days was likewise that of Jinab-i-K-D and Aqa Akbar, upon them both be the glory of God, who is among those related to them. And some time ago a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of loving-kindness specifically for the second name and was sent to His Holiness, the Name of God M-H, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, that it might be delivered. Praise be to God, the ocean of divine bounty has been and continues to be directed towards those who have turned to Him, the sincere ones, the steadfast ones, and the firm ones. By His Own Self, the Truth, that which flows forth from the Most Exalted Pen in the nights and days is such that those who would enumerate it are powerless to reckon it. To this bears witness every fair-minded and perceiving one.

Furthermore, I have been and continue to be mindful of my beloved Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation. This servant has ever besought and continues to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, his success and confirmation. One day the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word, exalted be His majesty: “O servant present! Make mention of Javad on My behalf. Verily, We send Our greetings from this station upon him and upon his family and upon her who attained unto My presence. Verily, We counsel her to make mention of My bounty and My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded all.” End quote. God is witness and testifier that they have ever been and continue to be in view. God willing, may they be illumined by the lights of steadfastness and be established and renowned in the love of God. The light of the Cause has illumined most lands. Now all must hold fast with perfect unity and harmony that all may attain. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein. The servant beseeches his Lord to protect, through His Name, the stations of those who have turned unto Him and have borne hardships in His path. Verily, He is the Protector, the Trustworthy.

O beloved of my heart! The contents of the letter of my beloved, His Holiness Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, its answer has been revealed from the heaven of loving-kindness. Blessed and welcome tidings to him and to those with him and to those who love him and hear his word concerning the Cause of our Lord and his Lord, our Beloved and his Beloved. And the Glory and the Great Glory and the Peace and the Mercy and the Loving-kindness be upon his honor and his family and his offspring from God, our Lord and his Lord, our Goal and his Goal and the Goal of all the worlds.

Again salutations, praise and expressions of sincere devotion are offered in Thy presence. If Thou seekest a deputy and surety, verily the True One is present and manifest. He is indeed the best Deputy, the best Surety, the best Lord, and the best Helper.

Servant

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In His Name, the Consoler, the Comforter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

This is a Visitation Tablet revealed by My Most Glorious Pen in the Most Exalted Horizon for His Holiness the Prince of Martyrs, Husayn ibn ʼAli - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for him.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is the One promised in all the Books and Scriptures, mentioned in the hearts of those near unto God and the sincere ones. Through Him the Tree of Utterance hath called out in the Kingdom of Knowledge: "O followers of all religions! By the life of the All-Merciful, the days of sorrow have come, for such tribulation hath befallen the Dayspring of proof and the Dawning-place of evidence as hath caused the dwellers of the pavilion of glory in the most exalted Paradise to lament, and the inhabitants of the tabernacle of grace in the supreme Heaven to cry out."

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery through Whom God hath revealed the secrets of what was and what shall be. This is the Day wherein the Sign of the past hath been fulfilled by "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Throne and the exalted Seat." On this Day have the banners of idle fancies and vain imaginings been reversed, and the decree "Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return" hath come to pass.

This is the Day whereon appeared the Great News which God and His Prophets and Messengers had foretold. Therein did those near unto God hasten to the sealed Choice Wine and drink thereof in the name of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. On this Day did the cry of lamentation rise from all directions, and the tongue of utterance proclaimed: "Grief be unto the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, affliction be unto the beloved of God and His trusted ones, and sorrow and anguish be unto the Manifestations of God's Cause, the Lord of what was and what shall be!"

O dwellers of the cities of names, and ye who abide in the lofty chambers of the supreme Paradise, and O faithful ones in the Kingdom of eternity! Exchange your white and crimson garments for black raiment, for the Most Great Calamity and the Supreme Affliction have come to pass, whereat the Messenger of God hath wept, the heart of the Immaculate One hath melted, and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise have raised their lamentations, as have the inhabitants of the Most Glorious Pavilion and the companions of the Crimson Ark who recline upon the couches of love and faithfulness.

Alas, alas for the wrongdoing whereby the realities of existence were set ablaze and that which befell the Lord of the Seen and the Unseen at the hands of those who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, who denied His proof, rejected His bounty, and disputed His signs! Alas, alas! May the spirits of the Concourse on High be a sacrifice for thy calamity, O Son of the Divine Lote-Tree and the Mystery enshrined in the Most Exalted Word!

Would that the decree of beginning and return had never appeared, and that eyes had never beheld thy body cast upon the dust! Through thy tragedy, the ocean of utterance was prevented from its waves of wisdom and knowledge, and the breezes of the All-Glorious were cut off. Through thy sorrow were traces effaced, fruits fallen, the sighs of the righteous ascended, and the tears of the chosen ones descended.

Alas, alas, O Prince and Sovereign of Martyrs! Alas, alas, O Pride and Beloved of Martyrs! I testify that through thee the sun of detachment shone forth from the horizon of creation, the temples of those near

unto God were adorned with the ornament of righteousness, and the light of divine knowledge radiated throughout the kingdom of creation. Were it not for thee, the decree of the Kaf and the Nun would not have been manifested, nor would the seal of the Choice Wine have been broken. Were it not for thee, the Dove of Evidence would not have warbled upon the branch of utterance, nor would the Tongue of Grandeur have spoken amidst the concourse of religions.

Through thy sorrow appeared separation and parting between the 'H' and the 'W', and the cry of the monotheists was raised throughout the lands. Through thy calamity, the Supreme Pen was stilled from its scratching, the ocean of bounty from its waves, the breezes of grace from their wafting, the rivers of Paradise from their flowing, and the sun of justice from its shining.

I bear witness that thou wert the Sign of the All-Merciful in all creation and […]

The Manifestation of Divine Proof and Evidence among religions! Through Thee hath God fulfilled His promise and manifested His sovereignty. Through Thee hath the mystery of divine knowledge appeared in all lands and the Sun of Certitude hath shone from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Through Thee have appeared the power of God and His Cause, and the mysteries of God and His wisdom. Were it not for Thee, the Hidden Treasure would not have been revealed, nor His firm and irrevocable Decree. Were it not for Thee, the Call would not have been raised from the Supreme Horizon, nor would the pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared from the treasuries of the Most Glorious Pen. Through Thy tribulation was the joy of the Most Exalted Paradise transformed and the cry of the denizens of the Kingdom of Names was raised. Thou art He through Whose acceptance all faces turned toward the Lord of existence, and the Divine Lote Tree proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen." All things were as one in both their outer and inner reality, but when they heard of Thy tribulations they were separated, scattered, and appeared in different forms and diverse colors. All existence is a sacrifice unto Thy Being, O Dawning-Place of God's revelation and Dayspring of His Most Great Sign! All souls are a sacrifice unto Thy tribulation, O Manifestation of the Unseen in the kingdom of creation! I testify that through Thee was established the law of sacrifice throughout all regions, and the hearts of the lovers were melted in separation. I testify that the Light lamented Thy tribulations and the Mount cried out because of what was inflicted upon Thee by Thine enemies. Were it not for Thee, the All-Merciful would not have been revealed unto the Son of Imran on the Mount of Knowledge. I call upon Thee and make mention of Thee, O Dawning-Place of detachment in creation and Mystery of Manifestation in the realm of invention! Through Thee was opened the door of generosity to the world and the light of ancient days shone forth among the nations. I testify that by the raising of Thy hope-filled hand were the hands of all created things lifted toward God, the Revealer of verses, and by Thy turning toward the Most Glorious Horizon did all beings turn unto God, the Manifestor of clear signs. Thou art the Point through which was detailed the knowledge of what was and what will be, and the Mine from which appeared the gems of sciences and arts. Through Thy tribulation was stayed the Pen of Destiny and tears flowed from the eyes of the detached ones. Alas, alas! Through Thy grief were the pillars of the world shaken, and existence nearly returned to nothingness. Thou art He at Whose command every sea surged, every fragrance wafted, and every wise decree appeared. Through Thee was established the law of the Book among the peoples and flowed the river of mercy in the hereafter. I have turned toward Thee, O Mystery of the Torah and the Gospel, and Dawning-Place of the verses of God, the

Mighty, the Beautiful! Through Thee was built the city of detachment and was raised the banner of righteousness upon the highest peaks. Were it not for Thee, the fragrance of divine knowledge would have been cut off from the realm of possibility and the breeze of the All-Merciful from all lands. Through Thy power appeared the power of God, His sovereignty, His glory and His might, and through Thee surged the ocean of bounty and the Sovereign of Manifestation was established upon the throne of existence. I testify that through Thee were the veils of glory rent asunder, the limbs of the misguided ones trembled, the traces of idle fancies were effaced, and the fruits of the tree of vain imaginings fell. Through Thy most pure blood were adorned the cities of the lovers, and darkness seized the light of all regions, and through Thee did the lovers hasten to the place of sacrifice and the yearning ones to the Dawning-Place of the light of reunion. O Mystery of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I know not which of Thy tribulations to recount in the world, which of Thy afflictions to spread among the nations. Thou art the Recipient of God's knowledge and the Dawning-Place of His Most Great Signs, the Rising-Place of His remembrance among all beings, and the Source of His commandments in the kingdom of creation. O Most Exalted Pen! Say: The first light that gleamed and shone forth, and the first fragrance that […]

O rustling of the Divine Tree of Utterance and Tree of Certitude in the Paradise of Knowledge! Through thee shone forth the Sun of Revelation and spoke forth the One Who conversed upon Sinai, and the decree of forgiveness and bounty was made manifest amidst the concourse of creation. I testify that thou wert the Path of God and His Balance, the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His power, the Source of His firm commandments and His penetrating ordinances. Thou art the City of Love, whose hosts are the lovers, and the Ark of God, whose sailors and passengers are the sincere ones. Through thy utterance surged the ocean of knowledge, O Spirit of Knowledge, and from the horizon of the heaven of proof shone forth the Orb of Certitude. At thy call in the field of war and conflict rose up the lamentation of the Dawning-Places of Beauty in the paradise of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Through thy manifestation was raised the standard of righteousness and piety, and were erased the traces of tyranny and iniquity. I testify that thou wert the treasury of the pearls of God's knowledge and the repository of the gems of His utterance and wisdom. Through thy calamity the Point left Its exalted station and took for Itself a position beneath the letter Ba. Thou art the Most Great Tablet wherein are inscribed the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be, and the knowledge of the first and the last. Thou art the Most Exalted Pen through whose movement were set in motion the earth and heaven, and all things turned toward the lights of the countenance of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. Alas, alas! Through thy calamity arose the wailing of lamentation from the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Maids of Heaven took for themselves an earthly station in the Most High Paradise. Blessed is the servant who lamenteth for thy calamities, blessed is the maidservant who crieth out in thy tribulations, blessed is the eye from which flow tears, and blessed is the earth honored by thy holy body and the place which gained the distinction of thy gentle form.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O God of Manifestation and the One revealed upon the Branch of Sinai! I beseech Thee by this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of detachment, whereby was established the decree of trust and resignation throughout creation, and by the bodies that were dismembered in Thy path, and by the hearts that were melted in Thy love, and by the blood that was shed in the land of submission before Thy face, to forgive those who have turned toward this Most

Exalted Station and this Most High Summit, and to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall make the fragrance of their acceptance and sincerity imperishable in the cities of Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Thou seest them attracted by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation and detached from all else in Thy days. I beseech Thee to give them to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy eternity, then write down for them, from the pen of Thy grace, the recompense of attaining Thy presence. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by Thy Call whereby were enraptured the denizens of the realms above, to assist us in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and in that which will elevate our stations in the court of Thy glory and the precincts of Thy nearness. O Lord! We are Thy servants who have turned toward the revelations of the lights of the Orb of Thy Manifestation, which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance before the faces of Thy creation, to assist us in such deeds as Thou hast commanded us in Thy Perspicuous Book. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O our God and our Master, by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy might which hath surrounded all existence, to illumine the throne of tyranny with the lights of the sun of Thy justice and to transform the seat of oppression into the throne of equity through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through the light of the gleaming rays dawning from the horizon of utterance upon the Supreme Pen. Then did the Book of Names appear and cry out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, bearing witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed in the heaven of eternity - that verily there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon did the realm of divinity quake and proclaim: “By God the Truth! The gate of meeting hath been opened, and the Beloved hath appeared in His most glorious beauty!” And the realm of might did cry: “Exalted, exalted be He Who hath illumined the horizon of manifestation, through Whom the preserved scroll hath been unrolled and the hidden secret revealed! Blessed are ye, O people of eternity, and happy are ye, O people of creation! Draw nigh through His Most Glorious Name and drink deep of that which giveth life to the spirit throughout the eternity of God, the Creator of heaven.”

And the Kingdom was stirred and all within it, then called out with sweetest melody: “O dwellers of the cities of names and the kingdom of eternity! This is the Day wherein the eyes of the Prophets have been gladdened and the life of the chosen ones made sweet. The tongue hath spoken at the appearance of utterance from the horizon of the words of the Lord of Religions. Blessed are ye, for ye have attained unto the Day promised by the All-Merciful in the books of all religions. This is the Day of God’s manifestation without veil or concealment, the Day of God’s appearance - verily He hath come upon the clouds!”

Thus hath the servant of the Ancient Beauty spoken through the wafting breaths of revelation from the paradise of our Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God Who hath created pure, subtle, everlasting and eternal spirits from the breezes that have blown from the right hand of His Will, and made them ready for His days and enabled them to attain His presence when the lights of His countenance shone forth. He hath made their spiritual sustenance the hearkening to His utterance, their bodily growth the reading of His verses, and their hearts' delight the stirring of the winds of His grace.

Exalted, exalted be He Who created us through His name! Exalted, exalted be He Who manifested us through His sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be He Who caused us to attain unto His power and grandeur! Exalted, exalted be He Who made us speak through His bounty and utterance! By God's life! Every exalted one hath prostrated at His mention, and the name "exalted" hath been thunderstruck by His sovereignty, and its essence hath bowed down at the manifestation of His grandeur. Can mention attain unto Him? Nay, by the Lord of might! Can He be known through the movement of the Pen? Nay, by the Lord of eternity! Can He be bounded by the limitations of understanding? Glory be to Him, glory be to Him, above such utterance!

That station whose very air proclaimeth "There is none other God but Him" and whose very dust crieth out "There is none other God but Him" - how can understanding ever hope to soar into the atmosphere of praise of Him Who created it through a single letter from the kingdom of His utterance? Far be it, far be it, exalted be it, exalted be it above every utterance, above every mention, above every praise! The ocean of utterance hath been stirred by His utterance, and the spheres have paused to hearken to His call.

We beseech Him by His sovereignty, His power and His might, to give us to drink, at every moment, from the Kawthar of His knowledge which floweth from the heaven of His bounty, to preserve us beneath His shadow, and to make us steadfast in His Cause. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Inaccessible.

O beloved of my heart! I was resting in my place, contemplating the manifestations of my Lord and marveling at the ways of His sovereignty, when one of the loved ones brought your letter. I took it and opened it, and from it wafted the fragrance of your love, your sincerity, and your turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. After perusing its contents, I turned toward the Throne and presented what was therein before His presence. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying: "Blessed is he for having recognized the Day of God, for having been stirred by the breezes of Revelation, and for having turned to the Supreme Horizon when the people of creation turned away from it. He hath with God, the Lord of Names, a station which no heart can comprehend, nor mind encompass, nor soul enumerate, nor pen record, nor page contain. How can that which is non-existent describe what it heard from His tongue, when the Kingdom of Utterance is set in motion by but a single letter of His words? I seek forgiveness from Him for all that I have mentioned and written, and for all that I shall mention and write, for this is the Day whereon the ocean of forgiveness hath surged, the heaven of bounty hath been upraised, and the sun of generosity hath shone forth. Blessed are the people who have attained unto this Most Great Bounty and who have taken refuge beneath His most pure hem. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and pleaseth."

My soul be a sacrifice for your love! The distinguished letter adorned by your exalted pen refreshed the tree of existence like the morning breeze and vernal winds. In truth, this evanescent one is incapable and unable to make mention of it. All of it was presented in the Most Holy Court, and supreme favor shone forth from the horizon of His will. Praise be to God that you have arisen to serve the Cause in that land and are speaking in divine praise and glorification. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist you at all times with His special confirmations. I swear by the Beloved of the world that if the heedless, ignorant people were to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of the conditions of this Day, of what hath appeared therein, and of the surging of the ocean of inner meanings that lies before all eyes, they would all cry out in wilderness and prairie, saying: "Verily, He is the One manifest from the Supreme Horizon!" A wondrous talisman hath appeared in the world - before everyone's eyes the ocean surgeth and the sun shineth forth, yet none perceiveth it. From all directions the Herald proclaimeth: "This is the sealed wine - take it and drink!" Nevertheless, hearts remain unaware and ears unconscious, as if the power of sight hath been withheld from eyes and the faculty of hearing forbidden to ears. By God! These conditions proceed from naught but their own deeds. However, one must petition and beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, and those who are today mentioned by His Name and who repose beneath the Tree must arise with their whole being, with all their limbs, heart and tongue, to serve the Cause and, united and in harmony, occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God. But this must be done with wisdom, for today in God's sight the observance of wisdom taketh precedence over all deeds. All must hold fast unto it, lest there occur that which would extinguish the divine fire and cause hearts to be troubled. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Concerning what you wrote about the letter Shin, upon him be what is upon him, and his return to the lowest depths of Sin - this was presented before His presence. He said that all shall return to their places. Verily, He is the Avenger, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As regards M.Sh., his honor Aqa Siyyid Isma'il Azghandi arrived in the Most Great Prison and presented certain petitions on his behalf to the Most Holy Court. It was stated that he had been the cause of grievous errors, errors that were without parallel or precedent. Nevertheless, in view of the pre-existence of divine mercy and the all-encompassing nature of heavenly grace, if he should wholly turn unto God, there is hope of forgiveness for him. A special prayer was revealed from the Supreme Pen and it was commanded that he should recite it. Should he act in accordance with that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Command of the Ancient King, the breezes of bounty and generosity will take hold of him. He, verily, is the Reformer of all things and the Forgiver of sins. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As to what you wrote concerning Hadi, these are tidings that have previously issued forth from the ocean of divine knowledge. As hath been stated, the cawing of the crows - meaning the false claimants - shall appear in most lands. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn His loved ones with the robe of steadfastness, which is the most glorious garment and most excellent ornament in the sight of God, and that they may become so firm that they may regard the consensus of the peoples of the world, the cawing of all nations, the claims of the claimants, and the clamor of the falsifiers as mere nothingness. He, verily, is powerful and mighty over all things.

Furthermore, the rosewater of his honor Haji arrived. God willing, may they ever be perfumed by the roses growing in the gardens of divine knowledge, and may they partake of the true elixir which is, in truth, the most pure Kawthar, mentioned in one place as the sealed wine, and in other places by different names. The other three bottles were truly outstanding. Upon him and upon their sender be the glory of God and His mercy.

Another matter: all the petitions sent with Shaykh and Haji Ahmad arrived and attained the Most Holy Court. Replies to all have been revealed, and most of the main points of those petitions have been honored with the response of the Lord of Lords, that this might serve as a testimony for those souls, did they but know and preserve it, that they might remain steadfast. Convey greetings to all from this evanescent one.

Another glad tiding is that in these days a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and given to Shaykh Salman to deliver to your honor, along with four [unnamed Tablets] which your honor may give to whomever you deem appropriate, as well as one Tablet addressed to the handmaiden of God, and two Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Pure Tablets specifically for their honors and [the gentlemen], upon them be the glory of God, which were sent by post. God willing, they will attain unto them. Although this year Shaykh was much delayed due to the discord, upheaval, and turmoil in these parts and could not find opportunity to return, God willing he will depart in these two or three days.

The conveyance of this servant's greetings to his honor Rafi' [Badi'], upon him be 9 66 [the glory of God], is entrusted to your honor's grace, and there is also a Tablet specifically revealed for him from the heaven of favor which is with Shaykh. God willing, he will attain unto it. Glory be upon you, O Afnan of God, then His grandeur, His majesty, His might and His exaltation, [as] the heavens and earth have been illumined by the light of our Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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In the name of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Might and Power! Praise be to God, the Glorious King and Lord of the Kingdom of Grace and Bounty, Who brought existence into being, made manifest the mysteries of the unseen from the world of visibility, promised humanity the Promised Day, and gave them glad tidings of the appearance of the appointed time. When the veil was rent asunder and the mystery of return was revealed, when the veil of concealment was removed from the face of the mysteries of creation on the Day of Return, and when the realities of knowledge were sent down in scrolls and books from the presence of the Mighty, the Bestower, the hearts of those endowed with understanding were attracted to the King of the Day of Reckoning. They rent asunder the greatest veil through the power of the Lord of Destiny and Creator of humanity, and turned with their hearts toward the Most Manifest Hidden Mystery. They recognized the greatest encrypted symbol and beheld the Most Hidden, Most Manifest, Most Luminous Beauty.

When they circled round this Fire and acquired illumination from the lights of the Tree of Command through the power of the Lord of the Kingdom of Might, the hearts of mysteries were stirred, and the banners of hatred and enmity were raised against God's chosen servants, preventing them from turning toward their Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Say: Why do you hasten through the wilderness of idle fancies? The Hidden Mystery hath appeared, the veil hath been lifted from the face of the treasured Symbol, and the clouds have been removed from the beauty of the preserved Light. Hath passion prevented you from reaching the Lord of the First and the Last? Do you object to the people of wisdom turning toward their Lord, the Sovereign of all humanity? Can the people of understanding remain patient in drawing near to the divine sanctuary? Nay, by Him from Whom all originated and to Whom all return! Can anyone prevent the people of righteousness? Say: Do you threaten them with affliction in the path of God, the Lord of Names? They are people who have accepted adversity and hardship, who have faced with their breasts the arrows of oppression from enemies, seeking to enter the Kingdom of eternity.

By the Lord of creation! You are but in heedlessness and loss. Even if you were to cut apart the bodies of those who have entered the heaven of faith with the swords of hatred and tyranny, you would not be able to turn them away from the path of certitude. Say: The way hath become manifest, the proof hath been perfected, and the thirsty one hath hastened to the Kawthar of knowledge flowing from the Spring of ?ad beneath the throne of the King of the Day of Resurrection. Blessed are ye, O people of love, for having entered the pavilion of holiness in the kingdom of righteousness! Through your steadfastness, the hearts of the people of enmity were disturbed, and through your firmness on the path of the Cause, the limbs of the people of tyranny and corruption trembled.

O my God, my Master, and my King! There remains no land in Thy domains but hath been reddened with the blood of Thy chosen ones, and no tree but is adorned with the bodies of Thy loved ones. Such hath befallen them as hath caused the tears of the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory to flow morning and evening, and they have suffered at the hands of the heedless that which hath caused the eyes of those in the heaven of Thy Cause to weep at daybreak and sunset. Thou knowest that they desired naught in Thy kingdom save to remove corruption from among Thy servants, to adorn their bodies with the robes of love and unity, and to crown their heads with the diadems of fellowship and affection. For in this Revelation, Thou didst command them only to strive to remove hatred and rancor, to exert effort in eliminating discord, and to manifest love and harmony among all peoples. Among men are those who opposed them for turning to Thee and drawing light from Thy knowledge, who pronounced them infidels and polytheists, and made their blood lawful out of transgression against Thy sovereignty and aggression against Thy servants. Others accused them of corruption in the land, thereby making them the target of hardship and affliction[…]

Thereby He made them the target of hardship and the recipient of both joy and sorrow. All atoms bear witness that they desired no corruption in Thy dominion and walked only in the path of Thy command, which is the unity of Thy land and love for their fellow beings among Thy creation. Is not their patience through successive years, their endurance of every affliction, and their obedience to every command sufficient? By Thy exalted Self and Thy prevailing testimony over all things, if the heedless were to be fair, even less than a needle's eye would suffice for them to witness that they desired naught but the good of all and the welfare of humanity, to purify Thy land from discord and division, and to adorn it with

manifestations of fellowship and harmony. Everything in Thy dominion hath a sign, and the sign of their truthfulness is their deeds in this age and their patience in times of hardship. I beseech Thee, O my Creator, by Thy Name which hath conquered all the world and encompassed all nations, to remove from these eyes the veil of ignorance that they may comprehend what Thou didst intend in revealing Thy laws and ordinances and manifesting Thy commandments in Thy scriptures and tablets. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and the Sovereign over what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Peerless.

O thou who dwellest in the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and resideth in the gardens of grace and bounty! I have known the degrees of thy love for God and the stations of thy sincerity for the Face of God. I beseech God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things, to assist thee at all times, to grant thee the Tasnim of bounty and beneficence, and to raise thee to the highest degrees of knowledge and understanding. Observe the world and the differences therein, and reflect on what hath been uttered by the Tongue of Will concerning the stations of fellowship and unity. The people have imagined this mighty Cause and momentous matter to be a source of corruption and disunity, whereas the divine Law commands humanity only to love and abandon enmity. Say: This is a Cause through which God manifests what lieth within man of spiritual qualities and divine knowledge, and He desireth naught from it save ascension to the highest reaches of understanding and the ultimate summit of human progress. Say: Through it grow in the soil of hearts the ears of certitude, and from the trees of being appear the flowers of inner meanings and utterance in remembrance of the All-Merciful and the unity of the All-Glorious Lord.

Spiritual friend, for some time no letter has been sent due to travel. God is witness and testament that you have never been forgotten and, God willing, you shall never be. During the journey, at one of the stopping places, a letter from you was observed and a brief reply was written and sent. After attaining the presence, mention of you flowed from the tongue of grace and bounty, and such favor was evident regarding you that pen and tongue are incapable and fall short of mentioning and enumerating it. Blessed art thou, again blessed art thou! In truth, in this Most Great Revelation, the favors of the Ancient King have encompassed His loved ones in such wise as is beyond the description and enumeration of those who would describe and enumerate. We must ever give thanks throughout the dominion of the seen and unseen to God, the Sovereign of might and King of glory and divinity. Before this servant's journey, a tablet was graciously revealed for you from the Source of bounty, but due to certain considerations of wisdom, its sending was delayed.

Before this servant's journey, a tablet had been graciously bestowed from the Source of Bounty for your honor. Due to certain wise considerations, its dispatch was delayed, but now, in view of an urgent matter, it is being sent herewith. I beseech God to honor you with beholding it as He honored you with its revelation, that His grace may be completed and your eyes be gladdened through the bounty of the Lord of the Kingdom of Generosity and Justice.

Convey sublime and wondrous greetings to the friends of God on behalf of this servant and say: In all the manifestations of His Manifestations, God, exalted be His glory, has ordained tribulations and hardships for His friends, and has assigned worldly possessions to those who are heedless and occupied with vain

pursuits. He has made trials and tests the touchstone for His friends, even as He formerly said: “We shall surely try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives and fruits…”

You must at all times hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of grace. The transience of the world and the passing away of all things therein is a matter about which there can be no doubt, and no person of understanding would set his heart upon that which will assuredly pass away, nor would he be content with the comfort of numbered days. What wise traveler would be satisfied with the ornaments of wayside inns and forsake his homeland and destination? Nay, by God! No obstacle can deter the wise, nor can the embellishments of this transient world prevent them from reaching their divine homeland and ultimate goal.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to honor His loved ones at all times with the robe of steadfastness and to make them firm and steadfast as mountains in times of hardship. Though the body may grow weary from successive trials, this shall pass away while the eternal kingdom and complete and lasting comfort shall follow. O friends of God! I counsel you to preserve what you possess of the pearls of God’s love, for thieves lie in wait, seeking opportunity to snatch away that which distinguishes you among creation. Would that the people knew! By God, were they to understand, they would cast aside what they possess and sacrifice their souls in their longing to attain to what you have known of the wondrous secrets of recognition and in their desire to acquire what God has given you of the gems of the mysteries of certitude.

Say: O God of humanity and Master of destiny’s mystery! We beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which prevails over the world and by Thy proof manifest among the nations to aid us in steadfastness in Thy Cause, at whose appearance the feet of the mighty have stumbled and the limbs of men have trembled. O Lord! We are weak and Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty. Look not upon us with the eye of justice, but with the glances of bounty and grace. Take our hands in the hand of Thy giving, deliver us from those who are immersed in the depths of remoteness and deprivation, and free us from the schemes of those who have strayed from the shore of the Law of Faith. O our God and Master of our destinies! Make known to Thy servants that which Thou hast distinguished us with in Thy lands, that they may know that we desired not corruption, nor that which Thou hast not commanded in Thy Books and Tablets, but rather the spread of the signs of love and the adorning of the world with the ornaments of harmony and unity, O Master of servants and King of the Day of Gathering!

We beseech God, exalted be His grandeur, to protect your honor at all times.

By the King of the Day of Calling (God), we beseech His Majesty, exalted be His grandeur, to protect you at all times and to aid you in that which is purely good. Be assured by God’s grace and His care - verily He is with you and ordains for you all good in His Book. Always write and send reports of your circumstances, and be ever mindful of wisdom in all things. He has previously said: “Despair not of the Spirit of God.” And the Glory be upon you, and the Spirit be upon you and upon those with you among the loved ones of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

Today the effulgences of the Sun of Truth have shone forth upon all, and cities and lands are in rapture and ecstasy from the attraction of the Call of the All-Chosen One. This Call is the water of life for the righteous, whom God hath described in the Book: “Truly the righteous shall drink of a cup tempered with camphor.” Blessed is the being who hath attained unto this existence and come into being. Woe unto every heedless doubter.

Worthy of mention and praise are those souls who today were not prevented by the taunts of the people, the cawing of the ravens, and the threats of the oppressors from the Light of the Manifest Horizon. They heard the Call of Truth and joined themselves unto it. These are the banners of guidance and the standards of grace. Blessed is the servant who hath chosen for himself a station beneath their shade, and remote is he who hath turned away from them and clung to that which shall never profit him.

And then, O beloved of my heart, thy spiritual missive arrived like the vernal breeze of the All-Merciful, bringing glad tidings, bearing good news, and bestowing bounty. Its glad tidings were the sweet fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds and the health and well-being of that beloved of soul and spirit. Its good news was thy steadfastness in the Cause of the Beloved. Its bounty was the fruits of inner meanings and utterance that appeared and were manifest from the Tree of Words. In truth, what is the sustenance of existence and the cause of its life? By thy life! It is the love of thy Beloved and our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. In the sight of those possessed of insight and hearing, naught else is mentioned save Truth and His love and service, and in reality naught else is worthy of mention.

Glory be to God! The heedless ones desire to veil the effulgences of the lights of the divine Sun of Manifestation. Far, far from it! Say: O ye ignorant ones! What profit did the former people gain from their calumnies and lies, what bounty did they obtain, and what did they achieve on the Day of Judgment? How long will ye remain debarred by vain imaginings and veiled by rejected and thick veils? I beseech God to aid all to rend these veils asunder. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mentions and degrees came successively, leaving no opportunity to speak of the letters, their number, their receipt and their reading - and rightly so, for the mentions were mentions of praise of the Beloved of the worlds, and the degrees were degrees of His grace and bounty. Nevertheless, they can now be renewed, therefore I state that the letters of that spiritual beloved arrived, and each, after being read and perused, attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of creation, and each time a divine utterance shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the words of the Beloved of the worlds. And at this moment, after the presentation of another letter, these exalted words emerged from the Treasury of divine knowledge and wisdom - blessed and exalted be His utterance:

“Verily hearing and sight are within My grasp of power, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.”

O bird soaring in the atmosphere of My love, present before My face, who hast attained to hearkening unto My call and beholding My horizon! Hear thou My call once again from the precincts of Akka. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O company of the heedless, cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from the presence of One knowing and wise. By My life, that

which your divines possess shall profit you not, nor shall that which hath been ordained from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: abandon tyranny and wickedness, and take hold of trustworthiness and godliness and truthfulness and purity, by command of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The Wronged One hath not spoken from desire, but rather by what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Ancient Commander. Through moral excellence are revealed the stations of man in the contingent world, as testified by honored servants whom the whisperings of the people have not kept back from arising to serve God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Attar! Sorrows have encompassed the Wronged One, whereat the tears of Mine eyes have rained upon My cheeks, both outwardly and inwardly, and My heart and My pen have lamented, yet most of the people are heedless. The luminary of trustworthiness hath set in the capital, and therein hath appeared that which hath prevented the Pen from revealing it, the tongue from mentioning it, and the perceptive faculty from comprehending it, as witnessed by him who possesseth a clear Book. We have counseled all in most of Our Tablets to goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, yet the people have cast the counsel of God behind their backs and followed what their passions commanded them. Lo! They are among the losers. The heedless one hath taken God's enemy as his helper, and they have advanced with swords of hatred and committed that which hath caused every just and discerning one to weep.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones, remind them of My verses and what hath been sent down from the heaven of My utterance, and We counsel them with that whereby the station of the Word and their stations among the servants shall be exalted. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto them that have turned away.

The servant present hath brought thy letters time and again. We have heard each one and answered thee with that whereby the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of this exalted station, hath been diffused. Look, then remember those days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and heardst what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Knowledge, and thou didst behold the ocean and its waves, and the light and its effulgence, and thou didst attain unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Attar! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken in the Persian tongue: All the letters sent have been heard, and in each instance thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the brethren, family, and associates. All are mentioned before the Wronged One. Ask thou God that He may cause all to attain unto that which beseemeth the station of man. Great sorrow hath befallen this Wronged One, for in the great city there occurred that which caused the eye of justice to weep, and equity to suffer beneath the darkness of tyranny, and the form of truthfulness to be afflicted in the talons of falsehood. In brief, justice and equity and kindliness remain concealed in some corner until God shall manifest them in truth. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master, my Desire! Thou seest and knowest that I have counseled Thy servants with that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and adorn them with the ornament of Thy attributes and character. Among them are those who have heard and answered, and those who have turned away and have not answered. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great

bounty. Deliver Thy loved ones from the fire of greed and covetousness, and adorn them with the ornament of contentment and detachment. Verily, Thou art the Lord of creation. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Praise be to God! That which hath been revealed, a single word thereof sufficeth. By Thy life, O My beloved, the liver of trustworthiness hath melted and the tears of chastity and faithfulness have flowed. In these days I have beheld the Purpose of all the worlds in such grief that were the veil to be lifted and the friends to hear with their true hearing, all would perish. Therefore concealment is preferable, and the Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of all mankind.

Another matter: the honored Ismu'llah (66), may all the Most Glorious Glory rest upon him, hath repeatedly brought your letters to My presence and made mention of you. One day, the apple of Mine eye and soul, Husayn Effendi, attained the presence in place of the apple of Mine eye, that is, the son, and was adorned with acceptance. The items carried by Mulla Muhammad-'Ali (Dahaji), upon him be the Glory of God - including pen, paper and other things - arrived, but the desirable and acceptable paper, at the time of writing, each sheet in the language of its condition asketh mention of you, and assuredly the answer hath been and will be bestowed from the ocean of divine bestowal. It hath been proven by the Most Great Proof and the most perfect and complete evidence to those possessed of hearing and sight that verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The brethren and the honored ladies of that household, upon them be the Glory of God, are mentioned. I convey greetings to each one and beseech from God, exalted be His glory, that which shall not change nor fade. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another glad-tiding is that in these days a special Tablet of Visitation for His Holiness Ismu'llah al-Asdaq, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, hath been revealed from the heaven of knowledge of our Purpose and your Purpose. God willing, they shall attain unto it. If this evanescent servant hath delayed or should delay in responding to letters, he is surely excused, for that Beloved One knoweth that night and day he is occupied with writing and serving all the peoples of the world. Therefore they will surely forgive, and according to that Beloved One's own statement that I have been allotted one letter a year - praise be to God - at this moment, which is the third night of the month of Sha'ban the Great, this letter is completed. Until next Sha'ban you have no fixed claim by your own admission. And on this blessed night, two hours and ten minutes having passed from Friday night, visitation was performed on your behalf and was graced with acceptance. Well is it with me and with you! I convey greetings to the gentlemen and friends of that land, and with the tongue of the inner heart I say:

My God, my God! Unite the hearts of Thy loved ones and friends, then make their word as one. O Lord! Illumine them with the light of unity and ordain for them the station of concord. The servant beareth witness that Thou hast ordained the exaltation of Thy Word in the unity of Thy servants and their concord in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Likewise the leaves and handmaidens of God in that land - I have mentioned and continue to mention each one. For some, blessed and holy Tablets have been revealed. God willing they shall arrive and they shall become illumined and shall attain unto the light of the utterance of the Purpose of all the worlds. This is a glad-tiding that no other glad-tiding can equal, to which beareth witness the Lord of all creation. Glory and praise and remembrance, then mercy and loving-kindness and exaltation be upon you and

upon those with you and upon those whom the veils of names and nothing whatsoever have prevented from God, the King of this mighty Day.

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

O Javad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Creation! Thou hast ever been and art still engaged in serving the Cause. All who have come, all who have sought, and all who have visited have made mention of thee. His honor Amin Abu'l-Hasan Ardikani, upon him be my Baha, hath made mention of thee both before and since. These matters are a truthful testimony and an eloquent witness to thy acceptance, thy devotion and thy steadfastness. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions, and through the traces of the Supreme Pen to grant thee eternal life. That remembrance hath been and shall ever be of God, exalted be His glory. He is the true inheritor and the spiritual progeny. Every trace shall be erased and will vanish save the trace of the Supreme Pen, which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure.

O Javad! By the life of God, this Wronged One hath known no rest or repose from the beginning of the Cause until now. Each day hath brought fresh harm and each moment a new affliction. The people of God bear witness that from the first day of the Revelation until now, We have stood before the faces of the world without veil or covering, and guided all to the supreme horizon. We have sent down the proof and made clear the way in such wise that none can deny it save he who is deprived of hearing, sight and understanding.

O Javad! The river of names hath deprived the servants of the ocean of inner meanings. Each of the world's factions clingeth to some vain imagination, except for those souls who have truly arisen to serve the world and have purified their hearts from hatred and rancor. These are the hands of God's Cause amongst His creation. The gulf of names is indeed a barrier; until the servants are freed from the pitch-dark night, they will not perceive the lights of the luminous morn. After all the waiting, the striving, the yearning, the seeking and the longing, when the dawn of hope appeared and the blessed Tree grew forth, all turned against it with swords of hatred and rancor, and wrought that which ye have heard and seen. Would that the human world had been cut off and these great wrongs and their like had never appeared!

O Javad! Upon thee and upon those with thee be My glory! We have appeared and made mention of the corruption and righteousness of the world, and We have spoken that for which ears were created to hear. Nevertheless, people are observed to be in great delusion and grave doubt. The Finger of Power hath rent asunder so many veils, yet now it is observed that the people of the Bayan have risen up with the same delusions as before, and veils and barriers thicker than the first have appeared and intervened. Even after We taught them their confused ways and made known to them My clear and straight path, they have not, until this moment, recognized the Day of God nor attained true unity. Some among the people are observed to be deprived of the warbling of the Dove of utterance which singeth upon the highest branch

of the world, being occupied instead with the buzzing of flies. Each day they cling to a rope and grasp at a hem. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the eyes of hearts from the splendors of the light of the dawn of revelation, and to free all from the doubts and intimations of the world. Thou and the loved ones of God have ever been and shall ever be beneath His glance; ye have not been and shall not be forgotten. Praise be to God that thou hast been confirmed in serving the Cause. We beseech the Most High to assist thee with the means of exaltation.

The All-Glorious and Exalted Lord of earth and heaven is, verily, powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer. I have been saddened by what hath befallen you in the Days of God, the Lord of all worlds. What hath come upon you hath come upon Us. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the servants of God and His handmaidens in such wise that their names and remembrances may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Then render thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee and caused thee to speak that there is none other God but Me, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

Make thou mention, moreover, of My leaf who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Summit and the Supreme Companion, and give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's loving-kindness. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Say: May the light that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance rest upon thee, O handmaiden of the All-Merciful and leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree who speaketh before all faces: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign Lord of all creation." We bear witness that thou didst dwell in a house wherein God's remembrance was exalted in days when all tribes were shaken save whom God, the Lord of Kings, did will. Thou art she who heard the Call and answered thy Lord, who turned unto a horizon wherefrom every heedless and veiled soul had turned away, who quaffed My choice-sealed wine, who inhaled the fragrance of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, who witnessed what God had witnessed and acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur had uttered from His inaccessible station. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance which all the treasures of the world cannot equal. To this all things bear witness, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory, My remembrance, and My praise. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times that which befitteth the heaven of His generosity and the ocean of His bounty. He, verily, is powerful to do what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

O Javad! Upon thee be My glory. We console thee and those in thy household for what hath befallen you. We make mention of Ahmad and give him the glad-tidings of My acceptance of him from this praiseworthy station. O Ahmad! We make mention of thee and counsel thee to be patient and forbearing. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned: The world hath never had, nor hath it now, any faithfulness, and this is a truth to which all created things have testified. Yet despite this, mankind remaineth occupied with it and heedless of the Truth. O Ahmad! Be thou in all conditions looking unto My horizon, speaking My praise, standing firm in service to My Cause, and holding fast unto My strong cord. Though by God's infinite grace thou art blessed with that which most of mankind is deprived of, yet glory be to God! Until now the people of the Bayan and the divines of the earth remain unaware of the Day of God. Say: This is God's Day, did ye but know it, and this is God's Covenant, were ye but convinced of it. His verses pass you

by, yet ye perceive them not. Say: Know ye the value of these days. Today the trees are speaking and the fruits are manifest. By the life of God! This is the day of attainment and turning unto Him, for the Embodiment of Grace is established upon the throne of justice and the banner “The Truth is come” hath been raised and planted amongst mankind. The people need to be reminded, for they have been nurtured for twelve hundred years in superstitions and idle fancies. It is most difficult to break the idols of vain imaginings save through God’s power and might. Blessed is the eye that seeth and the soul that pondereth upon what transpired among the previous communities. Should one become aware, he would find himself seated upon the cushions of steadfastness. Blessed are they that ponder. Blessed are the fair-minded.

O Ma??umih! God willing, mayest thou be favored by the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory. By My life! The names of devoted handmaidens are inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. In the sight of God they take precedence over men. How many valiant heroes and knights of the field are deprived of the Truth and bereft of His knowledge, while ye are blessed and favored therewith. Praise be to God in all conditions. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. And We make mention of the wife of Javad - upon both of them be My glory, mercy and loving-kindness - that she may render thanks unto her Lord by night and by day. O My handmaiden! The gaze of the True One hath been directed to that household. All abide beneath the shade of the divine Tree of Grace, in tranquility and at rest. This day is the Lord of all days and the Possessor of all ages and centuries. Blessed is the soul whom neither the doubts of the transgressors nor the hints of the deniers could deter or deprive, who, with complete steadfastness, held fast unto the cord of His grace and clung to the hem of His bounty. We send greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and counsel them all to that which God loveth.

O ?Azziyyih! Upon thee be My glory! With thy mention this Book is ended. Forget not the days of thy presence. Thou hast ever been and art still beneath the gaze of loving-kindness. Be thou for God in all conditions. Forget not that which We counseled thee during thy presence. Remember the Wronged One by night and by day, and what hath befallen Him at the hands of the aggressors and the idolaters. Be not sorrowful. Be thou mindful. We counsel thee to be patient and calm, and to manifest the joy that was created for the days of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O people of Qaf! The Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, maketh mention of you at this moment, that the sweet savors of revelation may so attract you that neither the might of the world nor the power of the nations may hold you back. Verily, He is the Commander, the Dominant over what was and what shall be. Beware lest the doings of the idolaters sadden you, or the forces of those who have denied God’s proof and testimony and disbelieved in His signs and committed that which hath caused the denizens of the Kingdom to lament, cause you to fear. The glory which shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who have turned with their hearts to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O Javad! Convey My greetings to the people of the villages whom thou didst mention. Say: O party of God! Today steadfastness is beloved. They have taken the Cause of God as children’s play. Again green and white turbans have appeared, and like the former sect they are occupied in constructing houses of

vain imaginings. The loved ones of God must remain steadfast in the Cause with perfect joy and radiance - a steadfastness that the world is powerless to prevent.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the sons of the late Mulla ?Abdu'r-Rahim - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. They are remembered in the presence of this Countenance and will continue to be so. The letter of ?Abdu'r-Razzaq was received. The glance of favor hath been directed towards him. They have ever been and are favored by God's grace. God's counsel is that they should at all times engage in teaching the Cause of the Lord of all worlds with joy and radiance. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those whose names have been set down by the Most Exalted Pen in this noble station and mighty prison.

The sister of him who beareth the name of Jud - upon him be My glory - together with his son, have been granted permission to proceed to the Most Holy Court. In all circumstances they must not neglect wisdom.

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

O Mahdi! The world is in turmoil and none has recognized its cause. Tribulation and adversity have encompassed it. The earth shall not find rest save through the call "Be thou calm!", yet in view of the foundation of divine policy and the principles of heavenly ordinances, there has been and continues to be restraint in the utterance of the Word. Aforetime this most exalted Word descended from the Supreme Pen: The tabernacle of world order is upheld by two pillars - reward and punishment. In view of the recompense for their deeds, mankind is seen to be in loss and affliction. In these days, this servant, present before the Wronged One, has, as bidden, written certain pages wherein exalted words attributed to the Crimson Scroll have been recorded as befitting the occasion, written in such wise that should anyone desire to see them, there would be no harm in this, for therein are not mentioned those things that would cause clamor and excitement among men. Brief mention has been made of various utterances from the All-Merciful. Send a copy thereof to Afnan A. and H., upon him be Baha. It would be well-pleasing if, at each occasion, a Tablet or utterance from the Mother Book could be sent, for the divine Word increases the spirit and guides the heart to the ocean of joy and freedom.

O My Name Mahdi! Reflect upon the world's upheavals. By My life! They shall not cease but shall increase with each passing day. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. The people have been and continue to be deprived of the call of Truth and its sweetness. Strange it is that they are even deprived of the call of the world itself, for the world, by the command of the Ancient Lord, continually raises its voice to the highest pitch. One such call was the Chief of Iran who moved about like lightning, at times in the West, at times in the East, South and North, striving day and night to order the realm and increase its wealth, yet in the end returned empty-handed. By the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing! Had he possessed but one word from God it would have been better than all he saw and heard and spent his life pursuing. However, in his final years he committed no act causing grief, therefore naught but good should be spoken of him. And as he was related to one of God's loved ones, perchance the word of forgiveness

may descend for him from the kingdom of the All-Merciful's favors, [and] in certain instances good words did proceed from his tongue. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Court, and time and again they have been adorned with and have attained the ornament of His favor. The Glory be upon them.

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

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

The Servant

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Praise be to God Who is glorified with such majesty that before it hath bowed the majesty of the mighty ones, the dominion of the great ones, the power of the strong ones, the authority of princes, the necks of pharaohs among men of creation, and the rulers who show pride before God, Creator of heaven! And praise be to God Who is unified with such oneness that before its dawning the highest unity of beings and the most glorious singularity of all possible things vanish into nothingness. The truly unified one is he who acknowledgeth his nothingness and the nothingness of his unification at the dawning of the Sun of Unity from the Most Exalted Horizon. The true mystic is he who confesseth his powerlessness and the powerlessness of his mystical knowledge to attain unto the station whence appeared the light of mystical knowledge from God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Verily, he who hath not attained unto this confession is among the most ignorant of the ignorant, even though he be learned in all the sciences of the world. Blessed is he who today, at the appearance of the Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, hath attained unto the greatest steadfastness and held fast unto the Sure Handle which hath appeared and shone forth among the servants by the command of God, Creator of all things. I magnify and give peace unto those whose feet have not slipped because of the intimations of the learned, whose hearts have not been troubled by the veils of the mystics, whose eyes have not been prevented from beholding the Most Glorious Horizon, and whose ears have not been kept from hearkening unto the Call of God which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. I testify that these are the true believers, these are the sincere ones, these are the near ones, these are the successful ones, these are the mindful ones, and these are they who have held fast unto the Crimson Ark. Upon them be the glory of God in the hereafter and in the former life.

Thereafter, this servant hath been honored to receive thy noble letters time and again, and from them I learned of thy mention of the Lord of all beings and thy rising to serve God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. When I became acquainted with them and their contents, I turned and drew nigh until I entered

the Most Exalted Paradise, the seat of the throne of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, and I presented all that thou hadst mentioned and related from beginning to end. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which I am unable to mention, nay rather, all the pens of the world and tongues of the nations are powerless to describe it. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, the All-Informed.

Your noble missives from past and present have arrived. Were I to say they brought fresh joy and boundless delight, I would be stating the obvious, and find myself abashed. As for this servant's condition, he is occupied with writing day and night, and finds not even enough opportunity to gladden or sadden the true friends and those who drink of the spiritual wine with any mention. Therefore, at all times I cling to the cord of grace and universal forgiveness, so that if I do not trouble some with mention of myself, they may not interpret it as lack of love, but rather adorn my negligence and shortcoming with the ornament of forgiveness. In truth, in these days the pen is ashamed and the paper is mortified by what it must record, for it is observed that souls who for years claimed the highest stations of mystical knowledge and certitude were barred by a mere croak from the melodies of the Dove of the Cause, and by a single bray were deprived of the warbling of the Doves of the Bayan. In such case, what can the pen write, what can the tongue utter, and what can the tablet bear? In most of the divine Tablets, from the Pen of the Lord's Will, the stations of steadfastness and the loftiness of its rank were revealed. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that this evanescent servant had imagined that after the divine loved ones heard and hearkened to the verses that flowed from the Supreme Pen concerning steadfastness and its stations, none would slip, and neither the knowledge of the learned, nor the mysticism of the mystics, nor the eloquence of men of letters, nor ancient tales and latter-day stories would deprive them from the straight path which today is manifest and evident through the Most Great Name. Nevertheless, it is observed that some friends, through satanic whisperings, remained far from the ultimate goal and the furthermost Lote-Tree. In such case, there is no inclination for this servant to occupy himself with mention that might serve to remind the servants. By God's life! The dried grass of the earth is observed to be more steadfast than such beings. A person whose numerous petitions reached the Most Holy Court, and in all those petitions expressed servitude, evanescence and nothingness, and likewise to this servant who is utter nothingness - nevertheless, after your honor's arrival in the land of Kirman, he observed that his verbal ornamentations had no luster and no station was forthcoming for him, therefore after believing he turned away and clung to Satan, that perchance he might obtain some leadership from that quarter. Say: By the very breath of the All-Merciful, he neither fattens nor enriches you, O heedless, remote and rejected one! And according to what was mentioned, he deceived Siyyid Abdul-Baqi of Kashan. Wonder of all wonders! Yet the wonder lies not in the calf and its lowing, but rather in those who follow it with evident delusion. At the time of the dawning of the Sun of the horizons from Iraq and the establishment of the Throne in the Land of Mystery and arrival in the Most Great Prison, the Supreme Pen continually informed the people about the croaking of the croakers, the claims of the claimants, the whisperings of satans, and the deceptions of the doubtful ones. Nevertheless, at the caw of the crow of the fig tree they passed beyond the Perspicuous Book and slipped from the straight path. One day, when the horizons of Zawra were illumined by the Most Great Light in the dawn of divine days, He said to this servant: When the Son of Imran returned from Sinai […]

And when he saw the people worshipping the calf, he said: “O my people! I dwelt among you for years, and every day I appeared with compelling divine commands and with manifest signs and clear evidences. Nevertheless, I observed you lingering in the valleys of doubt and uncertainty. How is it that after me you have passed by the Most Exalted Horizon at the lowing of a calf - that is, at the voice of a mere calf - and have clung to it?” Such is the condition of these people. In any case, should you meet the aforementioned Mir, remind him, that perchance he may drink from the cup of steadfastness and regard all save the Friend as non-existent and null. This too was due to his previous love. Verily, He is the Manifestation of Proof and the Guide to the Way.

It behooveth your honor to engage with the utmost diligence and effort in reminding souls, that perchance they may remain protected from the tempestuous winds of the selfish desires of the idolatrous souls. Most astonishing of all is the discord that hath arisen in that land. Your honor is well aware that harm from discord between the loved ones of God reverteth to the root of the Blessed Tree itself. It is more harmful than any harm and more grievous than any grievousness. At all times they must strive with the utmost endeavor to unite and harmonize souls. This discord hath caused some of God’s loved ones to become objects of people’s ridicule, and the harm of this matter hath been and is beyond measure. Where are the detached ones? Where are the fair-minded? Where are those who behold the glory of God, detached from their own glory, who move by God’s will, detached from their own wills? And where are those who speak for God’s sake, who walk in His path, and who act in ways that exalt His Cause, pure in motive? These are indeed among the triumphant, the strivers, the steadfast, the unified, and the sincere ones.

God willing, we hope that henceforth they will be seen as an unbroken circle, regarding the good of all as the good of each and the good of each as the good of all. This servant knoweth not what to say. Where are the souls that bow down before the face of God? Where are the hearts that are humble before God’s command? Whoso truly attaineth unto the fragrance of these days, naught but humility and submissiveness will be manifest from him, for exaltation of station and loftiness of rank have been and shall be manifested through humility before God. From the first mention until this moment, observe how every exaltation hath appeared through humility and every loftiness through submissiveness. Say: Recognize this, O people of vision! Say: Recognize this, O people of understanding!

The loved ones must observe one another with the eye of affection and deal with each other according to the conditions of love. In all circumstances they must be mindful of divine ordinances, for that which is good for all hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s Will. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and approveth. His honor Aqa Jamal, upon him be 96 [Baha], arose for a mighty cause, supposing it to be in support of the truth. There is no doubt that from this matter no harm will come to the root of the Tree; rather, it will cause the elevation of God’s Cause amongst the people. Nevertheless, since it was contrary to the wisdom revealed in the Tablets, the Most Exalted Pen hesitated to accept it, for all are commanded today to observe wisdom, and no blame attacheth to those souls who did not follow in this matter […]

However, they must not utter unseemly words about such a soul. In these matters they must be silent and patient, for the Cause is in God’s hands - He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever

He pleaseth. From time immemorial until eternity, the greatest bounty and salvation of peoples hath been in following the divine commands. To this testifieth every atom and, beyond them, every seeing tongue. But harm afflicteth the very root of the Tree. Say: O loved ones of God and His chosen ones, avoid it! Say: O friends of God and His cherished ones, avoid it! Hold fast unto unity - this is better for you, did ye but know it. In all conditions they must be vigilant over the Cause of God. And convey to all who drink from the cup of steadfastness, on behalf of this evanescent servant, the Most Glorious and Most Exalted Greeting. And whenever those who are united and in harmony gather together and the cups of the wine of the knowledge of the All-Merciful are passed round, let them pour a drop upon the earth in remembrance of this unknown one. Glory be upon you and upon them throughout the everlasting dominion of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious, the All-Highest!

O Letter of the Living! Hearken unto the beating of the wings of this Bird that soareth in these heights with wings of ruby, with holy splendors, with feathers of grace, with pinions of authority, and with shoulders of radiant holiness, that thou mayest become aware of the conditions of this singing Leaf that moveth and ascendeth upon this Tree which hath been raised up in truth and under whose shade all worlds have sought shelter, save those whom thou findest in the abode of hypocrisy. Thus doth the Luminary of the horizons impart knowledge unto thee that thou mayest be among those who know.

We had previously sent thee a letter, and before that a letter, and before that yet another letter. And We had previously shown thee from Our Temple a Beauty, and before that a Beauty, and before that yet another Beauty, that thou mightest be among those who are certain. We had manifested unto thee the Beauty of the Primal One in the garment of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, and We revealed it unto thee and unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. And once We revealed Ourself unto thee through one of Our names when We were in Iraq, and none among all creation perceived it. Then We revealed Ourself unto thee through this Beauty by a light from whose lights have shone forth the suns of grandeur, then the suns of bounty, then the suns of infallibility, then the suns of might and power, then the suns of loftiness and strength, that thou mightest recognize thy Lord and be among those who stand firm in His Cause - a Cause wherein none can stand save he who detacheth himself from all things, from his own self and desires.

Thus do We recount unto thee from the true stories that thou mayest follow the command of thy Lord and be among those who attain unto the Beauty which none hath attained save him whose eye God hath opened, whom He hath caused to know His Self, and whom He hath made to be among those who know. Say: Those who are veiled by allusions from Him Who is the Source of all allusions, and who are held back by evidences from Him Who is the Source of all evidences - these cannot move in this atmosphere which God hath made to encompass the East and the West of the earth, and those who are in the heavens and the earth, and those who were behind holy veils in vast and glorious cities.

Beware, beware lest anything hold thee back, even if it be weightier than the creation of the heavens and earth. For verily, if thou dost not cast it from thy back, thou wilt not be able to move in this atmosphere which hath been spread in this court that hath appeared in this Glory, the Radiant, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Cast from thy back every weight and from thy heart all that thou hast laden upon it, then purify thyself from all that thou hast seen, that thou mayest be illumined by this Fire which hath been kindled in the wilderness of knowledge beyond the Mount of grandeur and utterance, and that thou mayest be among the steadfast.

When this Tablet reacheth thee, if thou art seated, arise; if thou art sleeping, awaken; if thou art walking, hasten. Then open thy tongue with power by Our leave and with Our will, and fear no one but place thy trust in My Beauty, the Mighty, the Radiant. Then take this Tablet to those who have hesitated regarding this Cause - a Cause concerning which none hesitate save every deceiver who is peerless in his deceit. Say: Whosoever denieth this hath denied all the Messengers of the past, as evidenced by all that hath been sent down in the Bayan, if ye be of those who perceive.

And if thou seest one with the name of Ha, remind him of what We have sent down unto thee of verses of transcendent glory, then deliver unto him the command of thy Lord and fear him not. If he heareth thy words, the glad-tidings from the presence of the Mighty, the Beauteous, will seize him. And if he denieth thee, he hath indeed denied God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Say: O servant, fear God Who created thee and fashioned thee, and be not of the ignorant ones. Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Us. Verily, a single letter thereof is more precious in the sight of God than the creation of the heavens and earth and of all the first ones and the last ones. Days have passed while thou wert lying upon the couch of heedlessness. Therefore, banish Satan from thy soul, then seek refuge in thy Lord, the Bestower, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Glorious. Say: O my Lord! Let me hear Thy melodies wherewith Thou didst sing in the paradise of Thy words, and deny me not that which is therein, and deprive me not of the sanctuary of Thy holy precincts. O my Lord! I am he who secluded himself without leave from Thy presence, and my self and my desires occupied me from recognizing Thy Beauty, the Exalted, the Transcendent, the Holy, the Mighty. O my Lord! Deprive me not of that which is with Thee, then honor me with Thy presence, then enable me to acknowledge Thee and Thy verses, for verily, O my God, I believed not in Thy former Manifestation in the beauty of our Lord, the Most High, except through what was revealed from His presence of Thy mighty and wondrous verses. And as I witness that they descend from the clouds of Thy mercy in inexhaustible measure, thus have We recorded the matter in the tablets of Thy luminous glory. O my Lord! I now testify that were I to deny these verses from Thee, I would have denied all that Thou hast revealed before time immemorial and wilt reveal until the end which none among the last ones can reckon. Therefore, O my God, leave me not to my self, for it indeed commandeth unto evil. I fear lest it cause me to turn away from Thy Beauty after my certitude that were I to deny this grace, I could never claim faith within myself, for in such case everything would deny me, and though my tongue might not confess it, my heart and my innermost being and my spirit would testify to it before all the worlds. For Thou, O my Beloved, hast made no proof among Thy servants save the wonders of Thy verses, and no manifestation among all created things save the manifestations of the lights of Thy Beauty. And now Thou hast revealed them through Thy sovereignty, and none can object to Thee except he who denieth Thy verses and disputeth Thy manifestations and contendeth with Thy Self and warreth

against Thy exalted Being at the dawning of the gleaming lights of Thy luminous Beauty. Therefore enable me, O my God, to know Thy Self in these days which none have known save the sincere ones among Thy creatures and the chosen ones among Thy servants. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, not to send me back to my self athirst after Thou hast caused to flow from the clouds of Thy mercy the waters of holy radiance. Then give me to drink, O my God, through Thy grace and Thy mercy, that I may be replenished from this Kawthar which floweth from the right hand of the mighty throne. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Beauty in the most holy and exalted horizon, that Thou cut me off from all that Thy good-pleasure loveth not. Verily Thou art supreme over that, and Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Sublime. Thus have We inspired thee and taught thee that thou mayest follow the command of thy Lord and be of those who know.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious

Verily He is at this moment living in this luminous and glorious horizon. He witnesseth and seeth and addresseth the Concourse of the near ones: “Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have attained unto the presence of God and recognized Him, and have shattered the idols of vain imaginings and desire, and have won the lights of His countenance in these mighty and impregnable days.” Say: Whosoever hath known God hath attained unto His presence and entered the paradise wherein one of its palaces is equivalent to the heavens and earths. Blessed are they who have established themselves upon the Ark of Glory and have detached themselves from those who disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God and His Messengers, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from His Creator and then from His Messengers. Say: O people, fear God and follow not those who have broken God’s Covenant and turned back upon their heels in rejection. By God, they have bowed their heads in these days in the presence of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus was the matter ordained, but the people are in a great veil. He is the One Who hath spoken in all things saying “I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful,” and Who speaketh now in all things declaring “I am the Beloved of the mystics, the Goal of all worlds, and the Glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth.”

Say: Every word that proceedeth from His mouth verily quickeneth all bodies, would that ye be of them that know. All that ye witness on earth hath appeared by His exalted, transcendent, and wondrous command. When the sun of His name, the Creator, dawneth from the horizon of His mouth, through it are made manifest the arts throughout all ages - this is an indubitable truth. This name riseth upon all things that exist, and through it are revealed the arts through the agencies of the kingdom, were ye of them that are assured. All the wondrous and novel manifestations of craftsmanship that ye behold have appeared from this Name, and there shall appear hereafter that which ye have never heard before. Thus hath it been ordained in the Tablets, and none comprehendeth this save those possessed of penetrating vision. Likewise, when the sun of My name, the All-Knowing, dawneth from the horizon of utterance, every thing receiveth from this Name the wondrous knowledge according to its capacity and measure, and there appeareth therefrom in these days by the command of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Similarly,

observe all the names and be thou assured with certainty. Say: Every letter that proceedeth from the mouth of God is verily the mother of letters, and likewise every word that appeareth from the Source of the Command is verily the mother of words, and His Tablet is the Mother of Tablets. Blessed are they that understand. This is what hath been sent down in the outward sense of the Command, but whoso gazeth upon the inner meaning is assured that in every letter revealed from the heaven of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, there lieth treasured the spirit of all former and latter generations, and nothing that hath been created between the heavens and earth can equal it.

Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses in truth, for unto thee hath been ordained a station among stations, that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause of this imprisoned Stranger Who hath been confined in this land, and against Whom His weak servants who had believed in Him in His previous Manifestation have risen up. When He appeared in another garment they denied Him - nay, the curse of God be upon the liars! They were wont to conceal their faces in fear of their own selves, but when We made manifest the Cause with evident sovereignty, they emerged from behind their veils and concealment and warred against God, their Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Thus doth God reveal what is hidden in the breasts of those who are in grave doubt and mighty hypocrisy. Be thou a shepherd of God's flock, then guard them from the wolves of the earth and be not of the heedless, for the wolf howleth behind them and waiteth to find an opportunity. Thus have We made clear the matter unto thee that thou mayest be of the knowing ones. Gather together the servants of God, then protect them from the darts of satans, for soon will their traces and their forms appear in every land. Then shun them and put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Invincible. Thus did We inform Our servants aforetime, and now inform thee as a grace from Our presence upon thee and upon Our assured servants.

Say: O people! This is 'Ali in truth Who hath come to you with His verses, then with His clear proofs, then with His Most Great and Mighty Proof. He speaketh even as He spoke before, as every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify. Fear ye God and commit not that which ye have been forbidden in all the Tablets, and dispute not with Him by Whose will ye and the denizens of the highest Paradise, then the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur and immortality, then the inhabitants of the heavens and earth were created. He hath dawned from the Most Glorious Horizon - glorified be His most exalted Self! From His right hand flow rivers of mighty glory - whoso drinketh but a drop thereof shall never die. This is what hath been inscribed by the Pen of Power on a preserved and mighty tablet.

Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you, and be not of the heedless. Say: The Youth desireth naught from you, as every fair-minded and knowing one doth testify. He hath sacrificed His spirit out of love for those who are in the heavens and on earth, that He might purify them from whatsoever preventeth them from ascending unto the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There hath befallen Him at every moment that which hath not befallen any of God's Messengers before, as ye would acknowledge were ye to be fair-minded. Say: O people of the Bayan! Sufficient unto Me are the past peoples who opposed Me and visited upon Me at every moment that which caused the eyes of those near unto God to weep. Have mercy, then, upon My soul and upon your own selves. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers.

Arise to promote the Cause through My power and sovereignty, and fear no one even should all created things rise up against thee. Dost thou love thyself more than God? By God! This beseemeth thee not, for thou art of those whose names have been inscribed on the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily the world shall pass away - it behooveth not My loved ones to turn unto it. Purify thyself from it and be wholly detached. Soar at all times unto My heaven that thou mayest hear My melodies and drink from the fountain of My life-giving waters, and journey through the realms of My companionship and the spheres of My holiness, and become acquainted with the mysteries of My Cause. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be steadfast in wondrous constancy. Convey My greetings from God unto thy mother and sister, then give them the glad-tidings of the Spirit that they may be among those who receive glad-tidings in a mighty and glorious tablet.

Then commemorate on Our part Our servant al-Ba, and glorify him from thy Lord God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O servant! Dost thou dwell in thy house while the Beloved is in grievous affliction? Dost thou take thy rest while the Spirit lies beneath the claws of the polytheists? Beware lest thou forget the remembrance of thy Lord, for by His remembrance are kindled the hearts of the sincere ones who have arisen for the love of God and His Cause. By God! They are servants upon whom the denizens of the Paradise of the All-Highest and the angels of the near ones shower their glorification. Say: His victory lies in teaching His Cause. Beware lest ye transgress therein, O people of unity! Those who shed blood are in grievous heedlessness. Say: O people! If ye desire to struggle against God's enemies, then struggle against your own selves. This is nearer to righteousness, were ye of those who know. If ye are able within yourselves, then quicken Our servants who are dead, that they may arise through the spirit of faith to serve the Cause of God, their Lord and the Lord of their forefathers. Say: O people! Shed not blood, for it hath been forbidden unto you in the Book from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Say: God hath sent Me for harmony and unity. Fear God, O people of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers. Whoso commits evil, the polytheists attribute it to My oppressed and lonely Self. Fear God and commit not that which would bring harm to the Tree of God, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Sublime. Be thou at peace through God's grace and mercy, for His mercy hath preceded all worlds. Whoso remains steadfast in this Cause is among the most exalted of creation in God's sight, and around him circle the denizens of the highest Paradise. And the glorification of God be upon thy wife that she may praise God her Lord and be of the thankful ones, in a preserved holy tablet.

Then commemorate on Our part Our servant 1454 [104540 Mahdi] that he may rejoice in God's remembrance and be of those firm in this Cause, whereby all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck save whom God preserved through His grace, and He hath power over all things. O servant! Arise to serve God's Cause, for thy arising in His Cause is better for thee than all that hath been created between the heavens and earths. Deprive not thyself of this Kawthar which hath flowed in truth from the finger of thy Lord, the Just, the Ancient. Then drink thereof in Our Most Glorious Name and fear not the polytheists who, when they behold the water of life, drink not thereof, but when they find putrid water they become among those who drink. Purify thyself from what thy Lord God abhorreth, then shun His enemies and hold fast to this firm handle. Make thy purpose what God hath purposed, then be content with what He hath ordained for thee, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Then commemorate on Our part thy wife that she may rejoice within herself in the remembrance of God, the

Exalted, the Great. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon her and upon thy son and daughter from the presence of the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Muhammad! Convey the messages of thy Lord in truth and justice, then remind the people of this Most Great and Mighty Announcement, that all may arise to praise their Creator amidst all created things. Thus warbleth the Dove upon the boughs of the Tree of Eternity, that Her melodies may draw you nigh and bring you closer to God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and may detach you from all else save God, and enable you to attain unto that station wherein the countenance of the All-Merciful hath shone forth from the horizon of His exalted and mighty Self. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this station and hath heard the verses of his Lord and hath drunk from this Kawthar which floweth from the right hand of the Throne, and from which the detached servants of God shall drink. And the spirit, and glory, and splendor be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves from all things and soared in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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

Praise is befitting and worthy of my Beloved Who hath unlocked the gate of union and meeting through the key of His Most Great Name, and with the most exalted call hath given glad-tidings unto all of the advent of the Most Great Distinction. All good belongeth unto the soul that hath hearkened unto His call and hath arisen to serve Him. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid whosoever hath turned towards Him and placed his trust in Him, and to ordain for him that which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

This evanescent one maketh mention that after completing the response to your earlier letters, another letter dated the fourteenth of Rabi'u'l-Avval was received which brought to mind the days of attainment to His presence. After its perusal and review, it was presented in the Most Holy Court before His countenance. He said: "Praise be to God, again and again they have attained their goal. God willing, may they ever be adorned with the ornament of love for the Beloved of the worlds, be vocal in His praise, soar in His atmosphere, and arise to serve Him. The tongue of My favor calleth him, the glance of My loving-kindness beholdeth him, and My white hand hath written for him that which no earthly things can equal. He must rejoice in My bounty and make mention of Me by night and by day. The glory that hath shone forth from the kingdom of My mercy be upon him and upon his sons and upon My loved ones who have inhaled the fragrance of My luminous garment."

Concerning what you wrote about meeting with the friends one day of the week to recite the divine verses, God willing, may you ever be confirmed and assisted. However, by His command, in no matter should you depart from wisdom. In all conditions you must hold fast unto wisdom, for the manifestations of tyranny have ever been, and continue to be, in search of a pretext, whether out of sheer wickedness or specifically to gain advantage. By manifestations of tyranny is meant, in the first instance, those divines who are honored in the name of truth yet have turned away from it. The cawing of heedless divines hath

been the cause of opposition against the people of truth in all ages and centuries. Thus hath it ever been[…]

Concerning what you wrote about Sheikh Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and his journey to Kermanshah - this was presented before His Presence. He said: Teaching the Cause is and has ever been beloved before God. God willing, may the entire world attain the bounties of the All-Bountiful Lord and drink from the ocean of His knowledge. The presence of teachers is necessary in that land and its surroundings, but the teachers must conduct themselves with perfect wisdom, lest the fire of corruption be ignited and cause the extinguishing of the warmth in weak souls.

This evanescent one begs God, exalted be His glory, to raise up servants specifically for this service and adorn them with wisdom and utterance, that they may guide the diverse peoples of the world to the single point and give them to drink of the water of life. The command is in His hands, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to Sheikh [Muhammad], upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and gives him the glad tidings of God's grace and bounty. At this moment, while engaged in writing this letter, being blessed with His presence, the tongue of grace spoke these blessed and decisive words - exalted be His glory: "We, from this station, send greetings to him who is named Muhammad, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. We have mentioned him before and after, and We counsel him to wisdom in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. He is among those who have attained the presence of the Wronged One and heard what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in His mighty prison. The Glory be upon him and upon God's sincere servants."

God willing, may the earth be sanctified and purified through the endeavors of God's friends from the conditions of self and passion, from conflict and contention, from corruption and the doubts of the divines. And since Sheikh Muhammad has spent his days teaching God's Cause, we beseech God that he may be assisted in that which befits this divine Day. Today, the purification of souls through the water of wisdom and utterance is beloved, that all on earth may be cleansed by this holy water from unworthy deeds and displeasing character. Blessed are those souls who have recognized this water and been enabled to achieve the purification that comes from God. This is that water with which the son of Zacharias baptized, and which the Son commanded. This is that water which has ever been and shall ever be mentioned with God, and which has been recorded by the Supreme Pen in books, psalms, scrolls and tablets.

Whoever is enabled to teach today must be adorned with wisdom and blessed with patience, tranquility, submission and contentment, so that gradually the fragrance of recognition and acceptance may be diffused among the people.

Know that concerning the children of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon whom be the glory of God, and their enkindlement in divine love and their steadfastness in the Cause, what you wrote was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and the Sun of favor shone upon all. They stated: "This is the Day of which David gave tidings and Isaiah bore witness. All that hath been manifested concerning the prison, the seat of authority, the lands and dwellings of previous Prophets–of these they gave news and

glad-tidings. Blessed is he who hath seen and recognized, who seeth and knoweth." The Supreme Pen conveyeth greetings and counseleth that which today is the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause. Know, O loved ones of God, then hearken unto what the Speaker of Sinai uttereth: Know ye, then be assured that weakness appeareth from discord and strength emergeth from unity. There is no human excellence save through fairness, and no power except through unity. God willing, be ye as lamps lit from a single flame–though the forms and vessels may differ, they are united in the diffusion of light. The Cause is in the grasp of God, the Single, the One. God willing, they must be united in word and find rest and repose beneath the Lote-Tree. From this station We send Our greetings to their faces and counsel them to unity and harmony and to that whereby God's Cause is exalted amongst His servants.

The favor of God, exalted be His glory, hath encompassed them. God willing, may they be aided to attain recognition and to that which hath streamed forth and been revealed from the Supreme Pen. This lowly one conveyeth greetings to them.

As to your mention of the friends in that land, their degrees of devotion, humility, submissiveness, unity and concord, and likewise your request for favor on their behalf–these matters attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One uttered, exalted be His glory:

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered

O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily We have remembered you once in My Kingdom, and again in My Dominion, and at another time in this exalted Station, and yet again in a station sanctified above names and remembrances. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Rememberer. Rejoice in that We have caused you to hear, at one time the rustling of the Lote-Tree of My utterance, and at another the cooing of the Dove of My remembrance, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. We have sent down to you from the heaven of Our Will that which the tongues of My servants are powerless to mention. Be thankful for this manifest grace. We counsel you to preserve your stations and that whereon ye stand in the love of God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old. Thus crowed the Cock, and cooed the Dove of the Cause, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, as a favor from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Glory be upon you and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous, the Mighty, the Great.

This servant conveyeth greetings to all the friends. God is witness and testifier that he always presents mention of them at the Holy Court and seeks their success that the horizons of hearts may be illumined by the light of unity in such wise that its radiance may illumine the world of being.

And as to the mention made of the noble sons, upon them be the glory of God, all are recipients of God's favors and mention of them hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Special expressions of favor have appeared from the Dayspring of Grace for each one, and this evanescent servant also conveyeth greetings to each one and beseecheth God to keep them beneath the shadow of His favor and that, God willing, they may attain to service to the Divine Cause in their early youth.

As you wrote indicating your intention to send his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, to Daru's-Salam after the festival - this matter was presented before His presence. He said that he should proceed with the utmost wisdom, and stated that whatever was said during the days of his presence should be acted upon. God willing, may they be assisted and confirmed in all conditions and be mindful of wisdom. His honor should conduct himself in that land in such a way as to cause the heedless souls to become calm and quiet. God willing, they have been and are successful in this matter, for the enemies are observed to be awaiting tumult and clamor. As the poet of old has said: "They drink wine in secret while denouncing others," meaning that the wine of divine knowledge must be drunk in secret until the capacity and receptivity of the people of the earth becomes manifest for the recognition of this Most Holy, Most Exalted Station.

And regarding what you wrote about his honor your brother and nephews, may God assist them - kindness and expression of love is most fitting. They know not what news there is. The turbaned ones have deprived the people of the supreme bounty, for truly whoever becomes aware of the station would place his eye upon the path and turn to the greatest vista. Beseech God that He not deprive his honor your brother and nephews from the ocean of knowledge, nor prevent them from the highest horizon, and that He may assist them in such wise that the ornaments of the world and its various colors may not make them heedless of and veiled from the Truth, exalted be His glory. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you and those with you and upon the loved ones of God in those parts, and praise be to God, my Lord and your Lord.

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! The Most Great Branch hath appeared before the Face. The letters of the friends written to thee have each been mentioned in the Most Holy Presence and recorded by the Supreme Pen. The letter of Mirza Aqa which he sent to thee attained the honor of being heard. He made mention of the barking ones - from Kerman appeared that which flowed from the Supreme Pen in the Most Holy Book, and that which is now hidden shall be made manifest. Those who in past ages and centuries counted themselves among the righteous and deemed themselves the most learned of the earth's scholars - on the Day of Manifestation the station and rank of each became clear and evident. By the life of God! The recompense of their deeds seized them and they returned to hell. The deniers among the people of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings. Through their attachment to names they have been deprived of the Dawning Place of the lights of inner meanings. The verses have encompassed the world and the evidences have shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of will, yet still some remain deprived and veiled. Say: This is not a Cause that can be prevented by the cawing of crows or the clamor of divines. Its light hath shone forth from the horizon of proof with such brightness that neither veils can conceal it nor coverings prevent it. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Ancient Beauty was in the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath heard the call and taken the wine of steadfastness from the hands of power and bounty, and hath drunk, detached from all names. By the life of God! He is

indeed of the people of Baha, as hath been testified by the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne above and the earth below in this exalted station.

Verily We make mention of him who made mention of thee, as a token of My grace, for I am indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Mirza Aqa! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He hath made mention of thee before, and doth so at this hour, by the command of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter which thou didst send unto My Name, upon him be My glory, hath reached Us. We have seen it and heard thy call, and have answered thee through this wondrous Book. Say: O people of God! Be not grieved by hardship, for after it cometh ease. By the life of God, had people not risen up to deny God's blessing, His grace would now have encompassed all the world. For blessings have infinite meanings and degrees. Among these is the outpouring of the True Bestower which is manifest and resplendent in His days. In one station, the blessing is God's verses themselves, which are the food of the spirit, and upon which dependeth the primary education of the servants. In another station it is the love of God, glorified be His majesty - that blessing whose measure and station the pillars of the world are powerless to define. It is the cause of fellowship and the source of unity among the servants, and it is that which guideth people to the most exalted horizon. Were but one of its effulgences to fall upon cities and lands, it would attract all and draw them to the place of sacrifice. It is the transformer and the director by God's command, glorified be His majesty. It is that which kindleth the fire in hearts and souls, and through it the divine Lote-Tree uttereth the blessed Word. Its description cannot flow from the pen nor be concluded by the tongue. In another station the blessing is virtuous character, an adornment that befitteth all forms. Blessed is the soul that is adorned with this ornament - such a one is accepted before God and beloved among men. Were the Supreme Pen to desire to describe this station as it truly is, numerous volumes would result. We shall be brief, as is the way of the righteous, and make mention of the souls aforementioned, that haply they may drink of the choice wine of utterance and become detached from all else but God. In ages and centuries past they worshipped various gods while considering themselves monotheists. But when the Greatest Light shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon of the world, it became clear and evident to all that they were idol-worshippers. They martyred the Lord of the world, yet to this day have not become aware. Today is the day of true monotheism. All have been created by God's Word. The Most Great Infallibility belongeth exclusively to God, exalted be His glory - none shareth with Him in this station. The Letters, whether of the past or future, are all created beings, and the source of all is the Divine Word, and the educator of all is His grace. Blessed is the soul that today attaineth unto the lights of true monotheism and comprehendeth the meaning of the blessed words "Verily there is no God but Him." Ponder, O people of insight! Reflect, O ye who are endowed with vision, that perchance ye may catch the fragrances of the All-Merciful. Though some veils have been rent asunder by the finger of power, others remain, for were all to be rent at once, the foundations of the world would be shaken and all peoples would be seized with trembling.

O Pen! Set aside these remembrances and mention those whose remembrance one of My loved ones has desired, that he may thank his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We make mention of Our loved ones who have gathered in the house of him who was named Husayn, and We remind them of that which befitteth the Day of God, the Lord of the worlds. O My loved ones! One of My servants hath made mention of you, and We have mentioned you in verses which nothing in all creation can equal. Give

thanks unto God for this great favor. Rejoice in that your names have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen while the Wronged One was in His manifest prison. By God! The Most Great Announcement, whereof Muhammad the Messenger of God gave glad tidings, and which the Interlocutor foretold aforetime, and concerning which the Spirit of Truth gave tidings, hath made mention of you. Be ye strong in the Cause with a power that the conditions of creation cannot weaken, nor the clamor of the babblers who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have denied Him in Whom they formerly believed render ineffective. The Book of God, speaking from this sublime station, beareth witness unto this. From this station We send greetings to the faces of Our loved ones and give them glad tidings of My favor which hath preceded existence. Blessed is he who standeth firm whom clamor hath not caused to sit, and blessed is the speaker whom the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, have not silenced. Cast behind you idle fancies and shatter the idols of vain imaginings in the name of your Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the squeaking of My Pen been raised and the rustling of My Lote-Tree. Blessed are they who hear.

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

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

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

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

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

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

O dear one! Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and say: This is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. We beseech God to protect all.

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

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

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

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He is the Speaker of Truth

O Muhammad, upon thee be My Glory! The letter from H, upon him be My Glory, which was sent to thee was presented by the Most Great Branch before the Face and was honored to be heard. O Muhammad! There is and has been no doubt that ears and eyes were created to witness and hear in these days, and existence is for the recognition of the Lord of existence. Yet the dust of self and smoke of desire have prevented the people from beholding the Supreme Horizon. In truth, those souls who have attained today are accounted before God as the gems of creation and are mentioned as such. By the life of God! That which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book concerning these souls hath no likeness or parallel. Soon will its signs and lights become manifest. He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

In brief, the people of the world are deprived of knowledge and bereft of understanding. For centuries and ages they were worshippers of idols and vain imaginings. They were not and are not worthy to hear this call which is raised from the supreme height. They must cling to one like themselves and remain fixed upon one like themselves. All bear witness to the waves of the divine ocean of utterance which are manifest and visible before all faces, and the Lord of eternity called out without veil or covering and guided all to the supreme horizon. Nevertheless, they have turned away from the Lord of lords and have attached their hearts to the buzzing of flies. Where are the eyes, where are the ears, where is the intellect, where are the hearts? None but penetrating eyes can behold the pearls of the ocean of the All-Merciful.

Today the people of Baha are those souls who see themselves detached and free from all save God. The deniers of the Bayan are observed to be more base than the deniers of the Furqan, for they are occupied with the same names and the same sayings, and they lack the discernment to reflect upon what the fruit of the words and deeds of the previous party was and became on the Day of Retribution. Leave them in their vain discoursing.

We repeatedly make mention of H-S, upon him be My Glory. Praise be to God, he partook of the holy descended feast and attained repeatedly unto the traces of the Supreme Pen. We mention in this station his handmaiden and leaf who was with him, and We give her glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and make mention of her through His verses. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And We make mention of his son Husayn and his brother. We beseech God to make their mention a treasure for them with Him. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

And We make mention of him who is named Mirza Aqa, whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One in this exalted station. Say:

My God, my God! Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, and mercy and bounty be from Thee, for having given me to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy name, the Self-Subsisting, and for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison when I was wronged at the hands of the heedless. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the lights of the sun of Thy wisdom, and by the hearts that have melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to make me to hold fast unto Thee and to be detached from all else but Thee. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy verses to ordain for me, through Thy grace and bounty, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me both outwardly and inwardly. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Asad - upon him be My glory - that he may be drawn to My horizon, utter My praise, draw near in his heart to My court, and be seized with supreme joy in the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have heard thy mention, have made mention of thee, and have sent down for thee the verses, and We have expounded them in truth and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

We speak now in the Persian tongue. Verily, We have, in most instances, changed the eloquent language into the luminous language. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

All the peoples of the world and the various communities have each clung to some cause, striving with the utmost diligence and effort to exalt it. What wealth they have expended, what lives and honor they have sacrificed for the sake of manifesting that which they have desired! And this Most Great Cause, despite its loftiness, sublimity, glory, ascendancy and power, hath appeared in the realm of Persia, yet until now its people remain heedless of it, save for a few. Not for a moment have they contemplated this Cause with justice and fairness, nor have they ever sought to exalt it. Would that they had been content with this! Every day they strive to extinguish the light of the Manifestation and to quench the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. This Wronged One hath, through days and nights, dispatched to all regions that which equalleth - nay exceedeth - the previous Books. Verses have encompassed the world and clear proofs have appeared before all faces, yet the ignorant servants - meaning the divines and doctors of the age - have become the cause of preventing the people and the reason for the turning away of the inhabitants of the land.

O Asad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the One, the Single! Arise to aid the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee. He will aid thee and make thee successful and reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. While time remaineth, occupy thyself with mention and praise, that perchance the mention may attract the people of the world and draw them to their true homeland. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

Regarding what you asked about the mystery of “the inversion of the symbol of the chief” at the first appearance [of the Manifestation], observe how Sheikh Muhammad Hassan Najafi, who was the pole of Iranian scholars, and other scholars of Najaf and the land of Taff and the countries of Iran, after the raising of the Word and the declaration of the Cause, all were found to be veiled and forbidden. They were deprived of the ocean of the Merciful’s utterance and heedless of the sun of knowledge. Rather, they occupied themselves with cursing and execration from the pulpits. They rejected that Essence of being Whom they had yearned and hoped to meet throughout centuries and ages, and at the mention of Whose name they would say “may God hasten.” Finally they issued the death warrant for His most pure blood. However, some among the common people turned to Him, drank from the ocean of divine knowledge, found their way to the highest horizon, and on the day of the raising of the Most Exalted Pen’s voice were blessed to say “Here am I.” Thus did We make their highest ones lowest and their lowest ones highest. This is the mystery of “the inversion of the symbol of the chief.”

Reflect upon the Son of Mary. Annas, who was the most learned scholar of that age, issued the death warrant, and in the presence of that vile one a blow was struck upon that holy countenance. But the fisherman who was occupied with catching fish - when the Spirit [Jesus] passed by him and said “Come, I will make you a fisher of men” - instantly turned to Him, forsook the sea and fish and all therein. Having never seen a word of knowledge, he ascended to the kingdom of knowledge. Finally he reached such a station that his sweet fragrances perfumed the world. That is from God’s grace - He giveth it to whom He willeth. This same Peter, despite his exalted station, at the end of his days showed that which was

unworthy, but in an instant the hand of grace seized him again and he was sustained by the Kawthar of steadfastness. Blessed is he.

None but the Truth Himself, Who possesseth the Most Great Infallibility, hath been or is His partner in this station. All else are created by a word. This is true unity whose light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen's heaven. Think that thou mayest know. Enter this Most Great Ocean in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, and in its depths a illuminating sun shineth, that thou mayest attain thy goal and find what hath been mentioned.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Though the Supreme Pen speaketh, yet it is silent, for it hath not spoken as it should, and even if it had, it remaineth concealed. Contaminated ears and tired eyes were not and are not worthy to hear and behold. From the dried leaves of earth naught but meaningless sounds have been or are heard. Throughout ages and centuries the Shi'ih sect hath been uttering letters from pulpits and mosques while remaining deprived and forbidden from the Mother Book. We beseech God to grant thee success that thou mayest attain true unity and arise to serve the Cause.

O Lion! Upon thee be My glory! Concerning thy question about the meaning of 'active' - it refers to the Universal Lord, though it hath other meanings, and that which returns to the 'passive.' Reflect upon the Tablet of Wisdom. In every verse lies concealed an ocean among the oceans. We beseech God that thou mayest be enabled to witness and contemplate that which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen, both in the past and future. That which hath been sent down from the heaven of Divine Will is such that before it the books of the world have bowed down, yet the peoples remain in evident drunkenness. Out of pure bounty have We given this answer. Fix thy gaze continually upon this verse which was previously revealed in one of the Tablets: "This is not the day for questions. It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: 'Here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, O Desire of the knowing ones!'" We have revealed unto thee that whereby the eyes of the people of the cities of knowledge and wisdom have been solaced. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

We make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who was named Hasan in the Kingdom of Names. O Hasan! Thy name was present before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. From this far-off spot, hear the Call from the direction of 'Akka: Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having enabled me to witness the signs of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee for having made known to me Thy path, O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy utterance and the light of Thy proof to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the oppression of them that have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs, nor the doubts of such as have turned away from Thy horizon and have uttered that at which the dwellers of Thy Paradise and the inmates of the tabernacle of Thy majesty have lamented, shall hinder me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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

Praise be to God Who is one in His command and single in His judgment. All atoms bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been alone in His unity, exalted in His transcendence, glorified in His majesty, and unique in His singularity. He hath no partner in His sacred commandments, nor any peer in His revealed ordinances. By His sovereignty He doeth what He willeth, and by His command He ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is indeed the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God Who hath spoken through His mighty verses and commanded all humanity to follow that which was revealed therein, and forbidden all from following self and idle fancy. He is verily the Lord of the hereafter and of this world, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. His penetrating Will and His all-encompassing Purpose have embraced all things. The armies of the world cannot frighten Him, nor can the clamor of nations dismay Him. None is to follow save that which hath been revealed in the Books and Tablets. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Most Great, the Most High, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

And furthermore, thy letter hath reached this evanescent servant, and I was near to soaring upon the wings of longing when I discovered therein the fragrance of the love of the Best Beloved of all worlds. I opened it and read it, and presented it before His countenance, and laid before God, the Lord of the Day of Separation, that which was contained therein. When the letter was concluded, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which indicated His grace and favors unto you, and His mercy and bounties upon you. It was as though I had, in that moment, drunk from the utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful, that which no pen can describe. Exalted is His mercy, magnificent His favor, great His beneficence, and all-encompassing His grace. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

God willing, through the loving-kindness of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, may ye ever gaze toward wisdom and that which will promote harmony among the loved ones. I express this in Persian that all the honored ones, the beloved ones, and the friends of the Truth may grasp the matter. Although the holy Tablets revealed from the heaven of God's Will have been sent down in both Arabic and Persian in such wise that they need no expositions from the likes of this servant, yet since certain contrary matters have been heard, it therefore becometh necessary, nay obligatory, upon this servant to set forth that which is right and proper, so that those things which cause tumult and clamor among men may not come to pass.

In most of the Tablets, the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, hath commanded all to observe wisdom and hath forbidden abominable deeds and inflammatory matters that cause strife, conflict, corruption and the perturbation of people. He hath entirely removed the decree of killing, and in the Most Holy Book, which was revealed from the holy Kingdom, He hath commanded that all should associate with the followers of all religions in the utmost spirit of joy and fragrance, that perchance those who have gone astray may turn toward the horizon of the All-Merciful and become free and delivered from darkness, error, and the desires of self and passion.

Observe ye now in what station the Cause of Truth dwelleth and in what wilderness the imaginings of men reside. I swear by the holy Being of Truth that in His most holy court there hath never been, nor is there, conflict, corruption, killing and strife, and He hath forbidden all from these abominable things. He hath even said: "Whoso acteth contrary to that which hath been revealed in My Book from the heaven of

My Will, he is not of Me." How then could there issue forth from the Source of the Cause, or from those related to Him, a decree of killing or aught else that hath been explicitly forbidden in the Book? We seek refuge in God from this! Again we seek refuge in God from this! May God protect us and you from such matters.

How greatly was your non-acceptance of this accepted at the Divine Throne! Today all must look to the horizon of the Cause and to that which hath been revealed in the Tablets. The words of speakers and the imaginings of the doubtful have not sufficed and will not suffice. Ye have witnessed that whenever an abominable thing occurred, it became the cause of harm to the loved ones and the veiling of weak souls. Verily His mercy hath preceded the world, His loving-kindness hath encompassed the world, and His favors have embraced the world. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, for having shunned this abominable matter.

If the loved ones were to become aware of the power, might, greatness and all-encompassing nature of the Truth, they would never utter such things nor undertake them, for the Truth is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Verily He is […]

O Mighty, All-Powerful One! The killing of an unbelieving oppressor is not permissible today, let alone anyone else. Indeed, some simple-minded souls, following their own imaginings, intend to harm any helpless person whom they suspect of opposition, and consider this as support for the Cause. Nay, by God! This was not and is not the support of the Cause. Support today consists of goodly deeds, praiseworthy conduct, and unifying words - this has been and will continue to be so, as revealed and recorded in most of the Tablets. You must surely strive with the utmost effort and care to unite hearts, bring about agreement among souls, and follow what has been revealed in the Book, so that all may dwell in one pavilion and speak with one voice. This that has been stated is what is beloved before God. He Himself suffices as a witness unto Me, He Himself suffices as a witness unto what I say, and He Himself suffices as One who knows what I say.

The honored Observer came to the Holy Land and dwelt in its vicinity. I swear by the Sun of Truth that I never heard from him a word about the aforementioned Mirza except once when he mentioned to this servant that he hoped some favor might be shown so that he might attain to the honor of certitude. This servant presented this same request before the Throne. Moreover, the honored Kalim, may my spirit be a sacrifice for him, would mention his association and meetings with the said Mirza, and I never heard any expression of dissatisfaction from him, let alone anything else. Beyond this, respect for the owner of the place where the said Mirza resides has been necessary, as numerous Tablets were revealed for them from the heaven of divine will in successive years. The details regarding the honored Nabil's attention to those parts was that after the Observer's departure from the Most Holy Presence to Haifa, which is located three parasangs from this land, the honored Nabil went to accompany him. Afterward, the Observer wrote a letter to this servant from there saying that it was intended here that he would take Nabil with him, requesting permission from the Source of Authority. This servant presented this, and it was said that this permission is conditional - you must observe wisdom in all conditions. This servant wrote to them accordingly as commanded, and that letter is still available.

This much I submit: causing corruption has not been and is not support for the Cause of God. He aids His Cause through His own Self; verily He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. The loved ones of God are commanded to teach the Cause, which is true support, and the purpose of this command is that all may attain the exalted station of "whosoever quickens a soul is as though he has quickened all humanity." I request that some of the loved ones observe this servant's letter so they may become informed.

Another submission: a Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of will specifically for you and will be sent later. All who circle round the Throne, both residents and travelers, all send greetings to you. The conveying of greetings from this ephemeral one to the loved ones of that land depends upon your love. To the honored and exalted master, the honored Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, I offer endless greetings. His mention has been and is in the prison. We hope, God willing, that he will ever remain oriented toward service to the Cause and attain to what He loves and is pleased with. The One God is witness that they have not been and will not be erased from view. We beseech God to gather us in one dwelling place and one station. Verily, He has power over all things.

As to your request for permission to attain His presence, when it was mentioned He said: The essence of the Cause today is the recognition of the Manifestation of God Himself. Praise be to God, you have attained unto this. And after that, service to the Cause, which is the mention of God, exalted and glorified be He, and the promotion of His Cause - praise be to God, you have attained unto this as well. Now strive diligently to foster unity among the loved ones of God in that place. This matter is and has ever been most beloved in the sight of the Wronged One, for unity is the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause, and discord is other than this. We beseech God to assist thee to make mention of Him and to serve His Cause, and to ordain for thee that which shall exalt thee in truth. Verily, He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon the sincere loved ones of God.

The Servant [of God]

19 Safar 1293

The Most Holy Branches of the Divine Lote Tree - may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be sacrificed for them - conveyed their most glorious and sublime greetings to you.

Regarding the matter of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, wherein Nabil ruled that the Most Great Branch had said such and such - would that thou hadst been present before the Throne of Revelation and heard the words of God, the Self-Subsisting, addressing the aforementioned Nabil. Among other things He said: "Thou hast made the Branch My partner. By God, the Self-Subsisting! If anyone were to slay one of the Branches, I would not consent to his execution. Thou hast set aside all these divine utterances and accepted the word of the Branch." Furthermore, upon investigation it became clear that such a ruling had never been made by the Most Great Branch. Should you observe anyone speaking contrary to the divine utterances revealed in the Arabic and Persian Tablets, accept it not, regardless of who they may be or what they may say, especially in matters that cause agitation and disturbance among the people. In all cases, fix your gaze upon the Cause itself, not upon what issueth from the mouths of men.

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Tablet to Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be Glory. In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord.

Praise be to God, Who hath adorned the brocade of the Book of Revelation with the letter Ha' following the letter Ba', through which the Trumpet was blown and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, and through which the path of grace was raised up and the balance of justice established, and through which the limbs of all names trembled and the foundations of those who denied God, Creator of heaven, were shaken, and through which the tribes lamented and the widows cried out, and through which the banner "Verily He is God" was raised throughout all regions of existence and the standards "Truth hath come, the Knower of the unseen" were unfurled. Glorified be He Who hath appeared and made manifest through the Most Exalted Word that which all in the kingdom of creation are powerless to describe. The glory shining forth from the horizon of our Lord, the All-Merciful's will, be upon those who have cast away vain imaginings, shattered the idols, and hastened with their hearts to the horizon whence the Sun of certitude hath dawned forth and the Kingdom of utterance appeared and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glorified art Thou, O Light of hearts and Fire of souls! I beseech Thee by Thy Beloved Name, through which the blood of lovers was shed in separation and livers were melted by the fire of longing, to assist Thy chosen ones to stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that love of life shall not prevent them from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of attributes and Revealer of verses. Then send down upon them, O my God, from the heaven of Thy grace that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty, that they may abandon all they possess and arise to that which beseemeth their station. O Lord! Thou art the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing, the All-Perceiving. Thou dost witness, see and know what hath befallen Thy trusted servants at the hands of Thy wicked enemies. O Lord! This evanescent servant hath mentioned one of Thy loved ones out of love for Thy Beauty and longing for Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to assist him in Thy remembrance and praise, then inscribe him with the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet, and ordain for him that which shall profit him in this world and the next. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy clear signs, Thy Revelation and Thy power to aid him to stand firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thereafter, thy letter reached Me and the breezes of thy love wafted over Me. When I read and found its purpose, I ascended to the Most Exalted Summit until I attained the presence of the Lord of all beings, and I stood before the Throne, still and silent, observing. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke and said: "What is this in thy right hand?" I opened it and presented what was therein. When it was completed and ended, He, exalted be His glory, said: "He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

This is Our mention unto one whose book hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names in this station which hath been named the Luminous Spot, and at other times the Heaven of this Heaven, and by the Most Beautiful Names of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. We have heard thy call and have answered thee that thou mayest render thanks and arise to serve the Cause on this Day whereon the clamor hath been raised from all sides and the Tongue of the Chosen One hath

spoken: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Soar upon the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest hear the warbling of the Bird of Utterance. By the life of God! It will attract thee to a station which the pens of the world are powerless to praise and the tongues of them that remember are incapable of describing. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered from the Truth by the conditions of creation and hath rent asunder the veils through His Name, the Powerful, the Mighty. This is a Day wherein the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath spoken: Come ye and draw nigh, O people of creation! By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and that which was treasured up and promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been revealed. We counsel the chosen ones of God and His loved ones with that whereby His Cause may be exalted and His virtues manifested among His servants. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Seeing. Convey My greetings unto the faces of those whom the conditions of the world have not prevented from the Creator of heaven and who have spoken what they heard from the Truth and acted upon that which they were bidden in His perspicuous Book. How many a servant hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and how many a servant hath turned away by following the dawning-places of idle fancies who cast the Book of God behind their backs and held fast unto that which they possessed. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And how many a servant hath turned toward and then away, and how many a servant hath stood with such steadfastness as caused the mountains to be scattered and every mighty idol to fall. Thus have We mentioned thee and sent down for thee the verses that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and be of them that are thankful.

Today the Essence of bounty calleth aloud unto all beings with the most exalted call and guideth creation unto the Truth. In such wise, a hundred thousand such as this evanescent one are powerless and incapable of mentioning, expressing, and manifesting the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. What can a drop perceive of the waves of the Most Great Sea, and what can it express? By the Sun of Truth, all who are in earth and heaven have been and are powerless. The Seal of the Prophets and Messengers - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath confessed His bewilderment. What then can this servant say and what can he manifest? I seek His forgiveness, I seek His forgiveness, I repent and I repent. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful, the All-Pardoning, the All-Merciful.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Rida, nephew of the late and exalted Haji Zabih, upon both of them be the Glory of God, that his circumstances had not yet been presented at the Most Holy Court - this servant, about a year ago, was present one day at the Most Holy Court when mention of him was made in a letter from one of the friends. He showed favor and established his relationship to one who believed not in Him Who believed and was martyred in His path. He said that God willing, he would be confirmed in preserving this station. Likewise, in a letter which this servant submitted to the beloved Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, a Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of grace for the aforementioned one, and mention of him whom God had related to Him was detailed from the Supreme Pen. God willing, they will be assisted in preserving the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Today it is incumbent upon everyone to hold fast to that which causes the steadfastness and exaltation of God's Cause. Whatever they have done in the path of God is remembered before God and they have surely attained and will attain its recompense. Today is such a day that if someone takes a single step for

God's sake, its effects will be reflected in the mirror of knowledge which exists within all creation. How then could pure deeds, goodly words and praiseworthy conduct manifested by someone in God's path remain without effect? Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, above what they describe and exalt above what they mention!

And regarding what you wrote about being in service to the exalted Zabih, upon him be the Glory of God, hoping to attain His presence - this matter was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Giving revealed in response, blessed and exalted be His words:

Today the sun of grace is shining and the ocean of favor is surging. The Truth, exalted be His glory, openly and manifestly hearkens to the call of His loved ones and bestows His response. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The whole world was created for the meeting with God, and all divine Books bear witness to this truth. Nevertheless, in the days of His manifestation all were heedless and turned away, save whom God willed. Today, those who have drunk from the wine of utterance and are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful are mentioned before God as the gems of existence. They must know the value of this most great bounty and supreme gift, and cling to those means which cause and promote the exaltation of the Cause, that perchance the people of the world may not remain deprived of the Most Great Ocean and may attain their ultimate goal. Their names have been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book, and He shall write for whomever desired the reward of meeting Him. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He counsels all to be steadfast and faithful to this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled. Thus has the decree been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in this mighty Prison. Prayers, peace and glory be upon those whom vain imaginings have not kept back from God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

O friend! By God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting! The people are heedless and deprived of awareness. Night and day, without cessation, there hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will that which the world of creation is powerless to comprehend or reckon. Nevertheless, the opposers have uttered what they have uttered, even though, by His very Self, the Truth, none other than this servant hath been or is aware. In any case, with a hundred thousand lamentations, entreaties and supplications, I beseech the friends of God that they all strive to reform the world, that perchance the vain imaginings of the past may not hereafter emerge and deprive the people of the Dayspring of certitude. Let them arise for God's sake and speak for God's sake. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good and the Lord of those who act.

And now, they had written that his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be 95 [Baha'u'llah], is engaged in a trade in the Land of ?a. This matter is adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance, for all are commanded in this day to pursue a craft, profession or trade, and the work of craftsmen is accounted as worship in God's Book. Well is it with them and pleasant it is unto them. And God willing, may his honor Mirza Jahangir be assisted in the mention of Truth and the service of Truth. Mention was made of them before the Most Holy Court, and this servant's hope is that from the friends of God in this springtime of Revelation there may appear such a matter as shall endure throughout the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names. This is not difficult for God. I convey greetings and salutations to those two honored friends and

commit them to God, exalted be His glory. May the Glory that is manifest, resplendent, dawning and evident be upon you and upon those who have turned unto His straight Path.

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

The Preserved Tablet declares: During nights and days We summoned the servants of the earth to the Luminary of inner meanings that has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. We […] have sent down every proof with truth and made manifest every evidence with justice. By God's life! The proof calls out, the evidence cries aloud, and the testimony laments, for despite the greatness of these days, the greatness of this Revelation, and the greatness of the proof, all are seen to be heedless.

O Haydar-'Ali, upon thee be My glory! The letter thou didst send to the Name of Bounty was presented by the Most Great Branch in the Most Holy Court, and this most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed that perchance the servants might attain, through the traces of the Supreme Pen, the fruits of the Ultimate Tree. Today the Kingdom of Bounty exists and the Sovereign of existence is established upon the throne of bestowal. The realm of the servants' understanding is narrow and dark, neither was nor is it worthy for the Pen of utterance to move within it. The expanse of creation was and is not worthy - how much less the hearts of the ignorant ones of the earth who are stained with the clay of vain imaginings. Ask of God that He may purify all through the Kawthar of utterance and prepare them to turn toward the supreme horizon.

Concerning Anis, upon him be My glory, thou didst write - his mention hath been and is before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. We beseech God to deliver the sun of knowledge from the dark clouds of the vain imaginings of the ignorant, that He may gather His loved ones beneath the shade of His favor and assign them dwelling places beneath the pavilions of grandeur. Thou didst mention 'Ali-A?ghar - We preceded in mentioning him, and precedence in mercy hath been from God, and the blessed word "My mercy precedeth all things" encompasseth all. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and give him the glad tidings of the effulgences of the Sun of grace.

As to what thou didst mention regarding Aqa Siyyid Mu??afa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and his enthusiasm and steadfastness in the Cause of God - all attained the honor of being heard. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make them crushers of the might of the aggressors and promulgators of His Cause, His remembrance, and His sovereignty. Give him My glad tidings and remind him of My verses, that he may soar on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere and be of the thankful ones. Thus hath spoken the Supreme Pen while the Wronged One was in His exalted station.

O Haydar-'Ali! Convey greetings to the friends of God who are mentioned in the Most Holy Court as the party of God. Say: By My life and My loving-kindness! If ye were to discover the fragrance of this blessed word by which ye are mentioned, ye would be detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and would hold fast to God's firm cord. Ye have ever been and continue to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. The mention of these gems of existence hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the crimson

scroll. Blessed are they at whose mention the Pen of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath moved. We are God's, and to Him shall we return.

Ja'far, whose mention is with God, was the custodian of the Holy Shrine. As for the second Ja'far, My Supreme Pen maketh mention of him at this moment in this Clear Tablet. Say: O Ja'far! Whosoever hath turned to God this day and drunk from the choice wine of recognition, he hath been and is mentioned with God, and there hath been ordained for him that which the understanding and intellects of all on earth cannot comprehend or encompass. Give thanks to the Intended One of the world Who hath turned toward thee in the Most Great Prison and made mention of thee. He is the Hearing, the Answering, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey My greetings unto Muhammad Mahdi. A Most Holy Tablet hath been revealed especially for him in these days. We beseech God to aid him to accomplish that which befitteth this Divine Day. The emigrants have made mention of him, and the gaze of loving-kindness is directed towards him. Make mention of him with My verses and My favours, and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Likewise was revealed specially for the family of the daughter of the Beloved of Martyrs that which testifieth to God's supreme loving-kindness and Most Great Favour. Blessed is she and joy be unto her!

O Haydar! Make mention, on My behalf, of him who is named Muhammad-'Ali, son of him who soared in My atmosphere and offered up his spirit in My path. Say: Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be remembered. For him too was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will […] and sent forth, that he might drink from the cup of utterances of the Manifestation of clear proofs and the Revealer of verses, the water of immortality. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was seated upon the Most Great Throne in this impregnable fortress.

Thou didst make mention of the wife of 'Abdu'l-Baqi. Verily We have mentioned her before and given her the glad-tidings of My favour, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. O handmaiden of God! Thou wert remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and hast attained unto the effulgences of the Day-Star of divine favour which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen. This bounty is the sovereign of bounties and this grace is the king of graces. Blessed is My servant 'Abdu'l-Baqi who hath attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey My greetings unto Maqsud. Say: Divine confirmations are with thee, and We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which hath been bestowed, for through its preservation existeth that which is worthy of mention before God, and without it, extinction seizeth and will continue to seize it. O Maqsud! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be remembered. God's favour hath been manifested on thy behalf. Preserve it through My Name, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O 'Abdu'l-Ghani! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen in these divine days and hast been nourished by the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Know thou the value of this favour and guard it from the treacherous ones and the barking ones. Previously a Most Holy Tablet was revealed especially for thee. By the life of God! From the horizon of that Tablet hath shone forth the Day-Star of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God to aid thee that thou mayest set His servants ablaze with the fire of utterance

and become the cause of the world's enkindlement. This is not difficult for thy Lord. He manifested Moses with but a staff, and it triumphed over all the swords of the world by His command, for He is the Powerful, the Almighty. Fix thy gaze upon My horizon, speak in praise of Me, hold fast unto My cord, and stand firm in the service of My Cause, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

As for what thou didst mention concerning the prisoner, We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him through the means of the unseen and the visible, to relieve his distress, protect him, help him, deliver him, and enable him to serve the Cause. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O prisoner! Rejoice within thyself that the Prisoner calleth thee from His Most Great Prison unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath indeed come with the truth, sent down His proof, and made manifest His way, yet most of the people are heedless. Thou hast followed Our example in imprisonment. We beseech God to grant thee deliverance, and for Myself I have not desired nor do I desire aught save what He hath desired. He is the One Who is desired in the beginning and in the end, and He is the Preserver, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Haydar-'Ali! I call Myself before My servants, and I am the Manifest Rememberer. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. Say: O people of God! This Day is your day; know ye its value and hold fast unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. The hosts of the True One, exalted be His glory, have ever been and shall ever be goodly deeds and conduct, and the commander of these hosts hath been the fear of God. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that attain!

O friends! These days pass swiftly as lightning. Strive that ye may not remain deprived of that which is immortal through that which is mortal. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the birds of Thy throne and the doves of Thy Cause that warble their melodies, and by the station which hath been honored by Thy footsteps, and by the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Revelation, and by the fire which Thou didst cause to speak through Thy power and sovereignty, to assist Thy people in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then make them, O my God, the ensigns of Thy guidance amongst Thy creatures and the standards of Thy sanctification in Thy lands. Moreover, ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

In conclusion, the honored Amin hath lately arrived and hath repeatedly mentioned thee in the Most Holy Court, as well as some of the friends. Blessed is he, well is it with him, and goodly shall be his end. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and upon them that hearken unto thy words and love thee. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Munificent.

O Haydar-'Ali! Thou art continuously mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen. No sooner is one station mentioned than another appeareth. This is from thy Lord's favor unto thee, that thou mayest be of the contented ones. Thou didst mention the land of K and R. The honored Habib hath ascended unto God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive him through His grace and bounty and to cause him to enter the most exalted station and the highest paradise. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. It is necessary that one of the assured, holy, pure and detached souls should proceed to that land. At first, he must hold fast unto wisdom and establish ties with the notables of that land, both the learned and the rulers, for one named Muhammad from Kazimayn hath gone to that land and is of the hosts of vain

imaginings. Outwardly he hath befriended some of the notables of that land, while inwardly he is occupied with leading the people astray. In any case, one of the people of God must proceed to that land and with wisdom and utterance guide the people to the horizon of the All-Merciful. At first, he should not confirm any claimant until the truth becomes manifest from behind the veils. Blessed is he who turneth unto it to serve God, to manifest His Cause, to exalt His Word, and to proclaim that which hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book.

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

This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven that encompasseth all the worlds, from which there descendeth at every moment that which quickeneth the hearts of the servants, if they alter not the grace of God within themselves and remain steadfast upon the straight path. Blessed, then, is he whom the breath of God hath quickened in these days, whom the Spirit hath awakened, whom it hath turned from the left of fear to the right of security, and who hath entered the pavilion that hath been raised in truth through this Name, from whose horizon the suns of holiness have dawned with wondrous splendor. Say: O people! The Cause hath returned in the person of ’Ali, and He hath appeared with a sovereignty that is, in truth, mighty. O people! The holy ascension hath appeared; ascend unto it on the Buraq of detachment that ye may witness what no eye in all creation hath witnessed, and attain unto a station of glory resplendent. Say: The divine Paran hath poured forth in this Most Great Paradise, the station wherein the Face hath been illumined with a light that shineth from the countenance of the All-Merciful.

O Salman! By God the Truth! The Beauty of the All-Glorious hath appeared and been established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful. Give thou the glad-tidings to all creation that the sun of thy Lord’s beauty, the All-Bountiful, hath dawned at the midmost heart of all possibility with such a Command as hath caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, save them whom God hath protected by the hand of grace and delivered from the depths of idle fancy and desire, preserving them through the sovereignty of His Name, through which were created the Kingdom of Names and the Dominion of eternity. Tarry not in that which thou hast been bidden, and be steadfast upon the straight path. By God the Truth! O Salman! There existeth in My heart naught save the effulgences of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Wert thou to hearken with the ear of thine inmost nature, thou wouldst assuredly hear from this Most Exalted Pen the most excellent and sweetest melodies, and from My fingertips the anthems of the birds of eternity, and from My lips the songs of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and from My very hair the melodies that none can bear to hear - and whoso heareth them would assuredly sacrifice his soul in his longing for the meeting with his Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Splendid, from Whose raiment the denizens of the highest Paradise perceive the fragrance of eternity, though at every moment the people cast against Him the darts of hatred.

O Salman! Should you pass by the dominions of the All-Merciful and someone ask you about the Ancient Beauty, say: By God, He hath been afflicted among His servants and subjects in such wise that He findeth no helper or champion for Himself. Say: O company of loved ones! Do ye rejoice among yourselves whilst

the Eye of God raineth crimson tears and lamenteth, reciting unto all creation the verses of sorrow with a mournful voice? O Salman! Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye dwell in your homes whilst the Beauty of the All-Merciful hath been exiled through the deeds of every wicked oppressor? Say: They that circled round My Self have been so deluded by the world that they have warred against Me with a sharp and cutting sword. O Salman! The garment of patience hath been rent among the company of the righteous. Say: Ye rest in your houses, heedless of what hath befallen the Beauty of your Chosen Lord at the hands of these wicked ones. Is there any faithful one who will fulfill his covenant and not break God's pact in these days when every tyrannous oppressor hath opposed God? O Salman! Proclaim amongst the servants, then make mention of what hath befallen the Lord of Creation in the year of tribulation from the manifestations of adversity, and be not silent even for a moment. O Salman! Forget not the remembrance of thy Lord. Remember Me among My loved ones, then weep over My exile, My imprisonment and My trials, that perchance there may arise thereby one who will help Me and ward off with the sword of utterance the evil of every base idolater. O Salman! Remember Me among the servants of the one true God, that I may remember thee in the heaven of holiness among the nigh-approaching angels with wondrous verses of glory. O Salman! Though My tribulations cannot be fully expressed in words, yet mention thou what thou art able. Destroyed be the house wherein My remembrance and praise are not raised at morn and eventide! Mute be the tongue that remembereth not My trials! Blind be the eye that weepeth not over My afflictions and tribulations! And perished be the hearts from which wafteth not the sweet fragrances of resplendent glory! O Salman! Remember Me openly in My land, that I may remember thee in My Kingdom with clear and evident utterance. O Salman! By God, the tears of Mine eyes have appeared in the form of clouds and rain upon all created things, if thou be of them that know. And the fire of My heart hath appeared in the form of the sun, thus doth its heat affect all things, if thou be of them that perceive. Therefore hath the Nightingale of Eternity been prevented from warbling its melodious songs, and the Pen from flowing, and the Tongue from utterance. And wert thou to hear with Mine ear, thou wouldst hear how 'Ali bewaileth My Soul in the Most Glorious Companion, and Muhammad weepeth in the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Spirit smiteth his head in the heaven of destiny by reason of what hath befallen this Wronged One at the hands of every sinful transgressor. O Salman! We have reared thee through months and years, and preserved thee from the harm of every harmful one, and raised high thy mention between the heavens and the earth. Beware lest thou forget My favor and My manifold mercies upon thee, for My favor hath ever been abundant toward thee. O Salman! Transgress not the bounds of justice in regard to Me. We have reared thee for this Day. Rend asunder the veils through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and be steadfast in the path. Forget not My love for thee, and withhold not thyself from this Most Great Ocean which surgeth by virtue of its own self, and which no Prophet hath reached save that he paused upon its shore and removed from his feet the sandals of desire and from his heart the remembrance of all created things, then raised his hands unto God in manifest humility and said […]

O Lord! I beseech Thee by this Ocean and what lies concealed therein of the pearls of Thy knowledge and the fishes of Thy wisdom which none hath discovered save Thyself, that Thou wilt not deprive me of turning unto it, of finding tranquility beneath its shade, and of entering into its depths. Thou, verily, hast ever been omnipotent over all things. O Lord! This is a station which Thou hast sanctified from the entrance of every polytheist and the approach of every denier, and hast made it exclusively Thine own

and for them who love Thee from among Thy near angels and Thy chosen ones. Then preserve, O my God, its people whom Thou hast associated with Thy Most Glorious Name between earth and heaven, and whom Thou hast made detached from all else save Thee and turned unto Thyself, from the evil of every denier and the wickedness of every stubborn polytheist. Then curse, O God, my Lord, those who have warred against Thy Most Glorious Self, through a drop of Whose ocean of bounty this sea and its dwellers were created, and what was treasured therein of the wonders of Thy wisdom and the pearls of Thy knowledge, and who disputed with Him and usurped His rights and denied His signs. Then, O my God, chastise them with the scourges of Thy might and the fire of Thy wrath. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth with a sovereignty that encompasseth the Truth.

O Salman! By the truth of God, he moveth not from his place, nor lowereth his hands from their supplication, but that he weepeth over My tribulations, My trials, My sorrows, My exile and My distress, and with him weep all the tribes of the denizens of heaven and those who dwell beyond them among the angels on high and the Cherubim. Thus do We unveil for thee a mystery among mysteries through a hidden sign. O Salman! Were We to find one who hath attained maturity, We would reveal unto him that which would enable him to soar in every heaven beneath this heaven which hath been raised up in truth through this Name that was exalted in the Tablet. But since We find none trustworthy, We have veiled the Cause while the oceans surge within My Being and the suns shine forth from My mystery, and We move among the servants like one of them. Therefore hath the station of God become obscure to the servants, to such degree that they who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left lay claim to this station for themselves, and every day someone raiseth a call. Say: Fear God, O people, transgress not your bounds, and be God-fearing in His religion. O Salman! Inform My servants not to spread corruption in the earth. Say: Hold fast to the cord of servitude, for through it God's Cause shall be made manifest, your influence shall be exalted among the servants, and the countenance of every sincere seeker shall be illumined. Then know, O Salman, that We desire from Our servants naught but that they speak with pure truthfulness and transgress not the bounds of justice. Thus did We counsel them before, and now counsel through a truthful and trustworthy Pen. Make known unto the people what thou knowest of that which hath befallen Us, in truth. Thus doth the Spirit command thee in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Fear no one, for God will protect thee as He protected thee before, and He watcheth over thee. O Salman! God preserved thee throughout numbered years and protected thee beneath the wings of protection, and thou wert a visitor to the Self of God, circling round His house and attaining His presence before His throne. Blessed art thou, for in every year the glances of God were directed toward thee, and this indeed was a supreme favor founded upon truth. Arise to thy Lord's bidding, then go forth to the lands with the fragrance of the All-Merciful, that perchance the people may perceive the sweet scents of the garment and arise to promote the Cause and aid this Wronged One with the sword of utterance and repel the swords of opposition from Him and from the people of God in these days wherein the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of mighty glory. O Salman! Leave the world and whatsoever hath been created therein to its people, then proclaim between earth and heaven that sovereignty on that Day belongeth unto God, in Whose hand is the Kingdom of all things and in Whose grasp is the dominion of exalted might. The melodies of the Spirit have now ended upon thee, and We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause, to purify thee for His sake, to strengthen thee to promote His Cause, to enable thee to speak His praise, to detach thee from all else besides Him, for verily He

answereth who calleth upon Him and is nigh unto who seeketh Him. And the radiance which hath shone forth from the direction of Baha be upon thee, upon thy wife, upon thy daughter, and upon whoso hath held fast to the holy and resplendent Ark.

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O Siyyid Mahdi! He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

This is a Book that speaketh the truth and casteth into hearts the mysteries of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Mighty. Therein doth the Spirit proclaim a Word such as no ear hath ever heard, at which the heavens and earth would be rent asunder, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Everlasting, the Peerless, the All-Knowing. Say: Verily He speaketh the truth in the atmosphere of eternity from this Station, wherefrom are severed the hands of the peoples of earth and heaven, save those who have freed themselves from the veils of fancy and have clung to this luminous and radiant Cause. Say: By God! The Hidden Book hath appeared in this ancient Temple. Say: The trial hath come unto you, O peoples of the earth, from every near direction, and the proof of God hath appeared at a station wherefrom are cut off the hands of the mystics. Say: Those who have taken for themselves a protector other than God, these are they whom their wretchedness hath overwhelmed and they are not of those who are guided. Say: By God! The Truth moveth with me even as the shadow moveth with the sun, if ye be of them that know. Say: The Spirit proclaimeth above my head that this indeed is He Who is the Intended One, Who hath appeared in the mantle of holy and gracious sanctity, and He shall not remain among you save for days ordained in the Tablets of mighty preservation. Say: When the idolaters imprisoned Us in this prison, We revealed the Face in truth that they might witness that He is indeed the One Who doeth what He willeth and is powerful over all things.

And thou, grieve not over anything, nor over what hath befallen thee after Me. Be patient, then be steadfast, and be not of them that are perturbed. All that they have stolen from thee was naught but the ornaments of this world, and they befit those who stole them. Be thou in supreme purity - sanctify thy soul, then purify thine essence, then illumine thy heart from all else save God, thy Lord, the Lord of all creation. Ask thou God to grant thee that which cannot be reached by the hands of thieves, that which will not change throughout the eternity of God, will not be followed by extinction, and will not be touched by the hands of the idolaters, even as He hath granted thee in truth His love, His remembrance and His glory, if thou be of them that know.

Verily thy letter hath come before Us wherein thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, with myriads of holy ones. By God! It is sweeter in My sight than all the pearls of mighty and precious glory that have appeared on earth. He whom God hath blessed with such grace will never grieve over anything, even should the harm of all the world befall him. And thou, close thine eyes to what hath befallen thee and place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Invincible. Purify thy vision from human limitations and turn not thy gaze from this radiant Scene. This was revealed in the previous year from My Pen, if thou be of them that bear witness. Though what was in My house was as My very Self, and they who did this were as though they had betrayed My very Self - and God is witness to this - nevertheless We have forgiven those who did this,

should they not repeat such deeds and be of them that repent unto God, with Whom is the knowledge of the heavens and earth and the knowledge of all things. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous. Though this deed is in itself a sin greater than the creation of the heavens and earth, yet thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth among His creation, should they return unto Him and […]

Know then that all We have mentioned to thee is thy most exalted horizon when thou ascendest unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise. However, in matters of creation, be utterly precise and discerning such that none can take anything from thee. Thus doth the Dove counsel and instruct thee with justice that thou mayest be among those who know. Disclose not thy secret to anyone, nor spread thy cause among the servants, lest any among the sinful become aware of what thou possessest. This is among the wise counsels We inspired in the heart of Muhammad, the Messenger of God, aforetime, and caused Him to speak it in a perspicuous Arabic tongue. Conceal thy gold, thy going forth, and thy religion from those who have taken their idle fancies for their god and were among the treacherous. Know thou moreover that guile towards the guileful is a virtue, and likewise deceit towards the deceitful. Therefore practice thou deceit with every sinful deceiver and guile with every vile trickster. All this is among the characteristics of the believers. We have imparted this unto thee that thou mayest be possessed of great sagacity. O Mahdi! Know thou, know thou that what hath befallen thee is as naught compared to what hath befallen Me. The eyes of the denizens of Paradise would weep at this, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God would be sorely troubled. By God! Were anyone to become aware of what hath befallen Me, he would dwell in the wilderness and flee from all companionship, would find solace in none and would partake of nothing until he had sacrificed his soul in His love, this resplendent Beauty. All that hath outwardly befallen Me is as nothing, that I might recount it unto you, O concourse of lovers. Rather it is what hath inwardly befallen Me, which the dwellers of the heavens could not bear, nor could all who are in the kingdom together sustain it. By God! I cannot mention a single letter thereof, and were I to mention but one letter, the heavens and earth would be rent asunder. Therefore in this Prison I cry out to my Lord: "Where is Thy grace, O Succorer of the oppressed? Where are the wonders of Thy mercy, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of the worlds?" By God! I have fallen into the pit of tyrannical souls, yet I shall be patient in this even as I was patient before through God's might and power. Verily He recompenseth the patient. And I say: "Praise be to God, for He is the Lord of all worlds, the Succorer of the oppressed and the Merciful unto the distressed." Know thou moreover that this is not the first humiliation that hath descended upon My house. It descended before through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought, and there shall descend upon it such abasement as would cause tears to flow from every seeing eye. Thus have We imparted unto thee that which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen, which none hath known save God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Then days shall pass and God shall raise it up in truth and make it a banner in His kingdom, around which shall circle the company of them that know. He is the Mighty.

The truth is that infinite harm hath befallen that honored one. Be patient even as We were patient, and in all matters be detached–that is, keep in mind detachment of heart. Whatever may come to pass in this Cause hath been and shall ever be most acceptable in the sight of God. If the opportunity arises to leave that land, you are free to do so, but with utmost care. Certain Tablets had been written, and copies of

some were inscribed in a special treatise and sent. If you can disseminate these to all lands, no task today is greater than this, yet let copies be made and sent with utmost discretion, lest it become widely known in the city and the leaders thereof, whether governors or others, become aware. In all cases, discretion is beloved, save with those who are guided by the lights of God. The Tablets were written and sent after Salman's arrival. Let them act as they deem wise. And if you yourself should journey somewhere, keep with you a copy of the treatise, that perchance someone may awaken from slumber and inhale the fragrance of God. Otherwise, the Cause is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. It appears that none have moved with sincerity with you, all following their own desires, save those of pure nature. In any case, all are and shall be visible before God. Be not grieved in any way. I am much perplexed as to what to mention. In all conditions, trust in God is most beloved of all. Verily unto God do all matters return. It would be well if it reached Jinab-i-Rida in Yazd, and likewise in the Land of Kha and elsewhere. It is surely best to guard yourself from association with certain people, and this is most beloved before God. Act with utmost wisdom. Whatever is destined shall come to pass. A copy of the Tablet of Haji Kamal is in the aforementioned portions. Deliver it to him. Beware that thou grieve not over anything, but put thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Consider carefully and act upon what was previously sent and this Tablet. This servant hath been struck with utter bewilderment at all these new developments and hath settled in this prison. Perchance God will thereby bring about some matter. I have suspended the sending of the treatise in view of recent developments at this hour […]

A separate Tablet was sent for Haji Kamal and a special Tablet was also sent to the custodian. If you become certain that he will not mention it to anyone, you may give it to him or read it to him, but keep the original. If it becomes known in that land among the rulers that writings are being sent from this land, great harm would befall this imprisoned servant. Salman will explain the details of this matter. In all conditions, utmost concealment is beloved today. A Tablet was written to Mulla Zaynu'l-Abidin and some of the people of Sad, which Salman himself will deliver, and likewise to Kalimiy-i-Fath. However, a Tablet written to Mulla Rida is in your package - deliver it through whomever you deem appropriate. A special prayer was sent for you, but since it mentions some of the friends who have ascended to God in separation, therefore send a copy of it with one circle to the wife of Aqa Muhammad-Rida. Convey sublime mention to all the friends. A special mention has been revealed for all, but we sent copies of some while copies of others are not yet complete, therefore they will be sent later. Mirza Aqa Jan is alone and could not manage it all. Salman will explain the details of this.

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He is God, exalted be He!

O Haydar-'Ali! Say: O people of the earth! Purify your ears for this blessed Word from all that ye have heard, that ye may attain unto that for which ye were created. Today from the blessed Lote-Tree which hath been planted by the hand of divine will in the highest Paradise, this most exalted Word was heard: "By God! That which never appeared since the beginning that hath no beginning hath now been made manifest. Be fair, O concourse of the earth, and be not of the heedless. Arise to attain that which hath passed you by. Soon shall the days pass away and ye shall behold yourselves in manifest loss."

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Thou art he who hath united hearts through the Word of thy Lord and hath spoken that which draweth people nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Husayn! We have remembered thee time and again, and have revealed for thee that which consoleth the eyes of them that are nigh. God willing, thou shalt be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and stand firm in service to His Cause. By the lights of the Sun of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the horizon of the prison, in these days man is able to attain an everlasting station, eternal bounty, and perpetual sustenance. The days are passing, and He Who conversed on Sinai is established upon the throne of Revelation. Blessed art thou for having recognized His days, turned to His horizon, and arisen to serve His mighty and glorious Cause.

O Uncle! Fix thy gaze upon the Sun of this most exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen: "Whoso is Mine, I shall be with him. There is no doubt in this. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to this in this mighty Prison." Thy mention hath repeatedly flowed from the Tongue. Know thou the station of this most exalted station and preserve it in the name of the Lord of Names. Soon shall that which hath come from nothingness return to nothingness, and those who are nigh shall behold what God, the Lord of all worlds, hath ordained for them. No matter hath ever been or shall ever be hidden from the Most Sublime Vision. Verily your Lord is with you - He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The reward of every deed is preserved with God. He, verily, is the Preserver, the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O 'Ata! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. Some time ago We sent forth from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen precious and sublime pearls that thou mightest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O 'Ata! The Truth, without helper or assistant, is occupied with the remembrance of His loved ones in the Most Great Prison. The hosts which today assist and aid the Cause are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God. Say: O servants! Today is the day of mention and praise and the day of service. The ocean of inner meanings is surging, the Sun of Truth is shining - deprive not yourselves. In the name of Truth, shatter the idols of vain imaginings. Strive that perchance ye may attain unto that for which ye were brought from nothingness into being. O 'Ata! Upon thee be My glory! Time and again have We commanded thee to serve the Cause. Arise and say: O people! The Self-Subsisting appeareth before your faces, calling you to the Most Exalted Horizon. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean, and beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Great Announcement. This is the Announcement which the Messenger of God foretold and which He Who conversed with God gave glad-tidings of. Hear My call, then do what thou hast been bidden by the Strong, the Powerful. Thus hath the Tongue spoken, whilst the Wronged One was in evident sorrow.

O Ali! The call of the Wronged One is raised at every hour and the Most Exalted Pen is in constant motion. Beseech the Truth to make ears worthy of this hearing and eyes deserving of beholding these lights. Today, whosoever hath attained unto acceptance is recorded and inscribed in the Crimson Book as one of the people of Baha. The true feast descendeth from the heaven of meanings at every moment, and the everlasting, eternal bounty is manifest before all faces, yet the heedless servants remain veiled and deprived, save whom thy Lord willeth. Give praise unto the Goal of all worlds Who enabled thee to

recognize the Hidden and Treasured Name, and beseech Him to assist thee to remain steadfast in this Cause which causeth the limbs of the polytheists to quake and the hearts of the hypocrites to be disturbed. Blessed is the servant whom neither the affairs of the world nor the doubts of the nations have debarred or veiled from the Most Great Name.

O Muhammad-Ali! The whole world awaited the Days of God, and all divine Books bear witness unto this truth. Yet when the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all arose in opposition save a few. Even this did not suffice; they pronounced the death sentence upon His most pure blood and uttered from the pulpits of mosques that which caused the eye of justice to weep and the Most Exalted Pen to lament. Reflect upon the words of the former people. They counted themselves the best among all peoples, yet on the Day of Resurrection they were seen as the most debased of all parties. Thus did the Most Exalted Pen raise its shrill voice when the Wronged One was in the evident prison. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Day of God, heard His call, and believed in Him when all on earth turned away, save those whom God protected as a token of His grace - He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad, who hath quaffed the wine of inner meanings from the hands of bounty and turned unto God when every doubting soul turned away. Verily the fire speaketh in the Lote-Tree and the light speaketh from its horizon, and the Herald calleth betwixt earth and heaven, yet the people are in a strange sleep. The hosts of self and passion have destroyed them, and they perceive it not. Say: O people! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not the imaginings of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people remain heedless. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor, that He hath mentioned thee and guided thee unto His straight path. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know.

O Rida! Beseech God to make thee attain unto true contentment. By the Seat of the Most Great Throne! Whosoever attaineth unto that hath attained unto all good. Say:

O my God, O Gracious One, O Merciful One! Thou art that Sovereign by Whose single word existence came into being, and Thou art that Generous One Whom the deeds of Thy servants have not prevented from bestowing, nor held back the manifestations of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to enable this servant to attain unto that which is the cause of salvation in all worlds. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, and Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Hashim! The Most Exalted Pen counseleth and commandeth Its loved ones to that which is the cause of tranquility and peace in the world. Day and night the pearls of wisdom and utterance appear from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of this supreme bounty. He is indeed the Bestower, the All-Merciful.

O Hasan! Beseech thou the True One to enable thee to build an edifice, whose foundation shall be piety, whose walls shall be divine confirmations, and whose roof shall be fidelity and truthfulness. Every soul who turneth thereunto is remembered in the presence of God and inscribed by the Pen of the Wronged One. Know ye the value of these days and arise to serve His Cause. The grace of God hath seized you and

guided you to His right hand. He is the All-Bountiful, Whose generosity hath encompassed the world and Whose munificence hath embraced all who dwell therein.

O Mahdi! The countenance of the Wronged One hath at this hour turned toward thee. Knowest thou Who hath turned unto thee - the Face of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting? And knowest thou Who remembereth thee - He Who was hidden and treasured from time immemorial? The Preserved Tablet of God beareth witness to this. Render thanks unto the Desired One of all worlds, that thou hast attained unto that which no thing past or future can equal. We send greetings unto the loved ones in that land and remind them of the divine verses, that all may attain unto steadfastness and become detached from all else but God.

O Haydar before […] upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. In these days the fire of hatred hath been kindled in certain of the people of this city. Whenever the Sun of Divine leave dawneth from the Dayspring of God's loving-kindness, Ha and Sin […] We grant them leave to proceed together toward the Dayspring of the horizons.

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My glory. The letter of 'Andalib - upon him be My glory - which he sent unto thee was presented before the Wronged One and was read by the Most Great Branch, thus attaining the honor of being heard. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him, to assist him, and to enable him to celebrate His praise and mention, and all that beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Ghulam-'Ali and remember him with Our verses and give him the glad-tidings of Our loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to open before his face the door of grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Lord of Names and the Ruler of the throne on high and of the dust below. We make mention of his sister and his mother and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds.

O 'Andalib! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through My perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and the earths. Be thou vocal in My Name, soaring in My atmosphere, holding fast unto My cord, and clinging to the hem of My mercy. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is a mighty Book. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent thee from that which thou hast been bidden by God, the Cleaver of the dawn. Thus hath the ocean revealed the pearls of wisdom and the sun its effulgence and its lights, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful.

O Name of Bounty! We have sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty unto every name that was in the books of the righteous ones, as a token of Our favor. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having turned from the direction of Thy prison toward Thy servants and remembered them with that which nothing whatsoever can equal. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thy mercy hath preceded all things and Thy grace hath

encompassed all. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from Our presence be upon thee and upon those whom We have mentioned in this wondrous Tablet.

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This is what was sent down from the right hand of the Throne to the Name of God, the Most Truthful, the True, the Trustworthy. Upon Him be the Glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise.

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

O My remnant! Hear My call from the direction of My Throne, that My fragrances may attract thee to the heaven of My loving-kindness, may detach thee from all else save Me, and teach thee that which is concealed within the scrolls of My knowledge and that which is hidden within the treasuries of My wisdom. By God! Shouldst thou read but one word from the scroll of My Cause, thou wouldst discover the knowledge of all that hath been in the treasuries of My power and all that shall be in the repositories of My might and grandeur.

O thou who bearest My traces! Hear My call and let not the fire of love be quenched in thy longing to attain My presence and thy desire to be united with Me. Be thou so enkindled that the heedless among My servants may be set ablaze and the slumbering ones among My creatures may arise.

O remnant of My family! Hear thou this Call which no one hath ever heard before. By God! None shall ever hear its like hereafter, if thou be of them that comprehend. Know thou that His call unto thee is better for thee than whatsoever hath been created between the heavens and the earth.

Verily, he that perceiveth not the fragrances of God and remaineth stationary in his place is afflicted with the cold of this world, and thus is he numbered among the patient ones. By My Self and My Beauty, then by My Might and My Grandeur! Whoso perceiveth shall consume himself in love for My sanctified, resplendent, mighty and luminous Self.

We sent thee a garment aforetime, and before that another garment, and through a breath thereof were attracted the realities of the people of the Supreme Concourse and then Our near servants. O thou who bearest My Name! Know that through the fragrances of My garment the Manifestation of the Past arose to praise My Self and sacrificed himself in My path. Look thou in the Bayan that thou mayest find what We have cast upon thee in truth, that the fire of My love may ignite thee, the sun of My beauty illuminate thee, and the winds of My will move thee and bring thee to a station wherein thou shalt not rest save through My remembrance, nor be occupied except with My praise and the proclamation of My Cause amongst all created things.

Hearken unto that which issueth from the mouths of the polytheists who have clung to My words yet were veiled from My Self, who secluded themselves with the names which I created by My word and whereby they objected to Him through Whose will were created the realities of the first and the last ones.

Say: O people, fear God and follow not your desires. Follow your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Among the idolaters are those who say "This Manifestation hath appeared too soon." Say: Woe unto you, O concourse of the veiled! And among them are those who say "He is not the Promised One Who was promised to the servants." This is their transgression against God, the Almighty, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: If this be not what ye were promised in the Tablets, then wait as did wait the Jews, then the people of the Gospel, then the concourse of the Qur'an. Thus do We make clear unto thee that which shall awaken Our slumbering servants. Say: The Promised One is My Own Self, and were He not My Own Self, by God, He would still circle round Me, and that which hath appeared from Me is My proof, My testimony, and My evidence. Die then in your wrath, O concourse of idolaters! Say: O crimson-clad people, have ye found in the Tablets that if One should come unto you with clear authority, with God's signs - the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great - and with the clear tokens of God, the Holy, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, that ye should not believe in Him? Nay, by His own Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate! Naught was revealed in the Bayan save mention of Me, and all that was ordained therein was held within the grasp of My power, as attesteth all that was sent down aforetime unto 'Ali from One mighty and beauteous. Say: Woe unto you, O concourse of idolaters! Ye have denied Him but for Whom the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would 'Ali have appeared with the truth, nor would the heavens and earths have been created. Say: His purpose was none other than My Self and the dawning of My Manifestation from this luminous and resplendent horizon. Fear God, O people of the Bayan! Oppose not Him Whom all religions have opposed and for Whose grief the denizens of the highest Paradise weep. Ye dwell in your homes while the Ancient Beauty languisheth in a mighty prison. Ye rejoice in that which ye possess while your Lord, the All-Merciful, is in manifest sorrow. Do ye rest in comfort while the Spirit of God is in the hands of His enemies? What aileth you that ye remain at rest? O My Name! God hath not reckoned any more veiled than the people of the Bayan - thus hath His tongue testified from the precincts of His throne of the All-Merciful, that perchance the people may become among the awakened ones. As for thee, purify thyself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, then arise to praise Me and to propagate My Cause. This is better for thee than the worship of both worlds. Beware lest thou overstep the bounds of wisdom and that which thou hast been commanded in all the Tablets, and likewise Our successful servants. Verily, those who spread corruption in the earth and shed blood - these have been heedless of their Lord's command and are within thick veils.

Say: O people! The Youth hath appeared to bid you unite and to forbid corruption, and thus was I commanded by One mighty and powerful. At the outset of this Revelation We forbade the people to shed blood and then to engage in corruption, yet they cast the command of God behind their backs and committed that which their own selves and desires prompted them to do. By God! They are in manifest error. Say: O people! Whosoever wisheth to oppose anyone, let him first oppose Me. This is dearer to Me, and God is witness to what I say. We have ordained victory through remembrance and utterance; thus was it sent down in the Tablets, were ye of them that know. Soon will the Sovereign come unto you with tablets of fire. Beware thereof and put your trust in God, the Beloved of the worlds. Thus did We inform thee aforetime of the tidings inscribed in preserved tablets of glory, and now We inform thee once again lest thou forget that which thou wert commanded and be of them that are firmly rooted. Arise to the Cause and cast aside all else, for it shall suffice thee against all the worlds. Say: O people! Adorn

yourselves with My virtues that the servants may perceive from you the sanctity of My exalted and mighty Self, for through you are manifested the signs of God amongst His servants and the breezes of His Cause waft through the lands. Beware lest ye commit that which would violate the sanctity of God's Cause among these heedless ones, as committed he whom the concourse of the Bayan took as lord besides God. By God! Through him was the sanctity of the Cause violated, yet he rejoiceth within himself and is of them that perish.

O thou who art named after Me! Be thou enkindled with the fire of God and guide the people through wisdom and utterance to the Law of the All-Merciful. This is a Day the like of which hath never appeared in creation, and wert thou to reflect even less than that, thou wouldst surely testify to that which hath been revealed from the Pen of Glory. Thou art My remnant among My servants. Every possessor of spiritual sense must perceive from thee the fragrance of My garment and enter the divine Egypt. Be not grieved by the grievous trials of this year, for We have, in all the Tablets of protection, foretold the trials of these grievous days, that perchance the servants might not stumble when they appear and be not deprived of the truth. Nevertheless, that which was decreed hath come to pass. Ye must, God willing, remain steadfast in your gaze toward the Cause and be occupied with guiding the people. This is the essence of God's Cause in this Most Great Day. Blessed are they that attain thereunto! Corruption hath never been, nor shall ever be, loved, especially in this Revelation wherein naught is intended save the unity and concord of the people. Say: O loved ones of God! Your glory hath not been, nor shall ever be, in slaying souls, but rather in quickening souls that are dead. Strive ye that through the incomparable, flowing waters of the Fountainhead of the Everlasting Lord ye may quicken and give life to dead souls. This is the station of them that love God. Beware lest ye transgress beyond it, O concourse of them that are assured!

Then God Himself turned toward your son who was named Ali in Our Most Exalted Kingdom, and addresses him that he may rejoice in the call of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing: O Ali! Upon thee be My remembrance and My praise and My peace and My mercy, and the glorification of all things at all times. Beware lest thou transgress the bounds of wisdom, for thou art a name among Our most beautiful names in the tablets of mighty glory. Guard thyself, then thy father, for he is My remnant between you and all the worlds. Blessed is he who hears his words in My remembrance and praise, and is guided thereby to the paradise of My Cause and the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacle of My majesty and the Kaaba of My union and the house of My presence and the sanctuary of My grandeur and the mighty, supreme, firm, perfect, transcendent, precious and impregnable fortress of My authority. Blessed art thou, again blessed art thou, for having remained steadfast in a Cause from which all who are in the heavens and earth fled in terror, save those whom God protected through truth and gave to drink from the Kawthar of His knowledge and preserved from the hosts of Satan. Be thankful to thy Lord for this and be in great joy. Then ask Him in all days to aid thee to remain steadfast in His Cause, and this is better than all that hath been and shall be created, wert thou of those who know. And the splendor which hath shone forth from the direction of the throne be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who are with you among the steadfast handmaidens and servants of God, and praise be to the Beloved of the worlds, Who even now speaketh the truth and uttereth in all things that there is none other God but Me, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

The submission of this servant, the servant of God, is that these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Command and this is the initial revelation that was sent: O My loved one! Be steadfast in the Cause of the Beloved with such steadfastness as would steady the agitated servants of God. Upon thee be the praise of God and the praise of all things, and the remembrance of this servant, the serving one, the stranger, the imprisoned, the sorrowful. Then upon thy son, whose migration God accepted before his arrival at the court of mighty glory. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all the worlds.

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In the Name of the Comforting, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Most Exalted Pen, the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, the Most Glorious Horizon, the Manifestation of the Unseen in the Kingdom of Creation, the First Exemplar among nations, the Temple manifested in justice, and the Light shining forth from the horizon of grace. Through Him the ocean of knowledge hath surged in the world, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Most Mighty, Most Glorious Day, who hath recognized the Lord of the Beginning and the End, and who hath arisen to serve Him, detached from all else save Him. He is with Me in all My worlds - to this beareth witness My Pen, My Tongue, and the tongues of My commandments and ordinances in this Station which hath been adorned with the lights of the countenance of its Lord, the Manifest, the Luminous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Most Exalted Pen! Thou hast made Me hear thy sighing, thy lamentation, and thy sobs for what hath befallen the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, and thou hast shown Me thy tears for My tribulation and affliction and what thou hast witnessed from My servants whom We created by My Word. O Pen, I testify that thy sorrows in the path of God cannot be reckoned by all the pens of the world nor by the tongues of all nations. Hast thou any joy whereby the hearts of God's loved ones in His earth and His chosen ones in His lands might rejoice? Tell Me truly, O My Pen, and be not of the silent ones. I testify that thy sorrow in My path is more precious than all joy before God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and thy remoteness for My sake was nearer than all nearness - to this testifieth every discerning knower. By thy sighing the Concourse on High hath lamented, and by thy crying out the Maids of Heaven in the Most Exalted Paradise have swooned away. God shall soon bring forth from thy sorrow oceans of joy and gladness. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. Were We to remove the veil from the face of this utterance, thou wouldst behold people hastening toward sorrows in the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great. How many a matter have We concealed as a wisdom from Us, and how many a mention have We withheld the Pen from recording as a grace from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Pen! Make mention of him whom the heat of God's love so seized that he became detached from all that he possessed and left his home, making for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit in days

wherein agitation had overtaken the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names, and he drank from the cup of hardship and tribulation until he attained the presence of the Lord of all humanity and drank the choice wine of reunion, once in My Name and again in My love and remembrance, and gained the presence of the Wronged One in this Prison which hath been named by the Most Exalted Pen with all names.

O Ali! O thou who gazeth upon My face and circleth around Me! Thou hast heard the gloating of the enemies in My path and witnessed the turning away of the servants in their love for Me. How many an evening wert thou consumed by the fire of separation from Me, and how many a dawn didst thou hear abuse from Mine enemies. I testify that thou didst leave thy homeland and choose exile out of thy longing for My beauty and thy desire to attain My presence. Thou didst journey through the lands of exile - at one time thou wert with Me in the Most Great Prison, and at another time in another land, and from every land through which thou didst pass, all those possessed of a sense of smell could detect the fragrance of thy love for God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in earth and heaven.

O Ali! Thou didst dwell in Khartoum while the Self-Subsisting remembers thee from the prison with a melody unto which the ears of all things have been attracted. Blessed is he who hath heard the melody of the Wronged One when He makes mention of him who hath turned unto Him, set his face towards His horizon, soared in His atmosphere, circled round His will, submitted to His sovereignty, acted according to what He hath commanded in His Book, attained the streams of wisdom when he presented himself at His gate, and was illumined when gazing upon His countenance. O Ali! How many an eventide wert thou agitated like a fish upon the dust through separation from thy Lord, the Lord of the Final End, and how many a dawn wert thou disturbed like one stung in thy remoteness from the seat of thy Lord's throne, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Ali! Where are thy sighs in separation and where thy tears in yearning? Where is thy standing at the gate and where thy submissiveness and thy call at the final end? Hath the breeze of thy life been cut off from the world, or hath the whistling of the Bird of Inner Meanings attracted thee to the Supreme Companion? Thou didst choose exile out of longing for the All-Glorious Homeland and accepted abasement for the exaltation of thy Lord's Cause, the Lord of all creation. O Ali! We were with thee in thy journeys until they ended in the land named Khartoum, where thou didst encounter what was ordained for thee by the irrevocable, predetermined decree.

O Khartoum! Know thou the station of him who came unto thee, then honor his resting-place, by command of God, thy Lord. Thus hath the Wronged One commanded, Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. We testify that thou didst sacrifice thy spirit in the prime of youth and the freshness of life for God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Signs. Blessed is he who hath visited thee and made mention of thee through that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will. Thou art he whom the affairs of creation did not prevent from the Truth. Thou didst cast away vain imaginings and hasten to the ocean of certitude, the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh that whereby every mouldering bone is quickened. Thou art he who turned, who attained, who took and drank the choice wine of immortality in the name of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, when all in the kingdom of creation turned away save whom God, the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former times, did wish. Blessed is he who remembereth thy days and visiteth thy grave through that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance from God, thy Lord, the Most Merciful.

The days and nights shall pass away, and all that is seen and witnessed shall perish, but thy remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the Just, the Wise.

O Ali! The Lord of creation remembers thee in the prison of Akka that thou mayest hear it in the Supreme Companion with the chosen ones of God and His sincere ones. Thus have My tongue and My Pen remembered thee as a grace from Us upon thee and upon those who heard and answered God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining forth from the Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon those who remember thee through this Tablet from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of My tenderness and My loving-kindness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of his father who turned his face toward his Lord and circled round the Throne for successive years, and was named Abdul-Rahim in the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. O My servant Abdul-Rahim! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth thee in His mighty prison and acknowledgeth for thee that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. The Tongue of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. We have remembered thee and then those whom God hath related unto thee, as a favor from Us upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Remember then the handmaiden who turned to God until she came to this mighty, impregnable Prison, and attained the lights of the Throne and acknowledged what was uttered by the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Then remember his brother, who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, this station from which shone forth the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. O Muhammad! I bear witness that thou hast turned to the Intended One and attained that which was inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets by the Pen of God, Lord of the mighty Throne. This remembrance shall be with thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones.

O My Pen! Bear witness that thou hast remembered the chosen ones of God and His loved ones who circled round the Throne of thy Lord at dawn and at eventide. We bid thee remember his other brother who was named Hussein, to whom was entrusted the polishing of the pages whereon were inscribed, at morn and at eventide, the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And We bid thee remember his other brother who was named Ahmad, who chose exile that he might engage in that which was commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! Thou art in Alif and Sin, and the Wronged One remembereth thee from His luminous station. Then remember his sister who believed and attained the honor of circumambulation in days wherein men and women turned away, save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, wished. Blessed art thou and she who is related to thee and he who was named Abdul-Hussein, then those who attained this station and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue the servants and all who are in the lands, and through which appeared the ocean of Thy wisdom and wafted the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness and flowed the river of Thy mercy, to pour forth upon

them patience from Thee, then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who cast the world behind them, turning unto Thee and hastening to the ocean of Thy bounty. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy Will a blessing from Thee and mercy from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Then behold, O my God, with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, him who was named Abdullah, whom Thou didst send to one who loved Thee that he might be a companion to him in the lands of exile and a helper in times of hardship and distress. O Lord! Inscribe for him the recompense of his deed in the Crimson Scroll wherein was recorded that which was hidden from eyes. O Lord! Aid him through Thy confirmations to act in accordance with that which was commanded during his presence before Thee. O Lord! He is the one who followed Thy binding command and turned toward the prison wherein Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones were imprisoned through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought, and the heedless made them captives in Thy kingdom and took them until they brought them to that distant place. O Lord! They are the ones who took the cup of tribulation in Thy love and drank therefrom out of longing for Thy beauty. O Lord! Aid them through the manifestations of Thy victory and ordain for them that which shall gladden the eyes of Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate from that which Thou hast willed through Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

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

The Kingdom of praise and the Dominion of glorification beseemeth the sovereign Lord Who, neither by the might of the world nor by its pomp and power, was deterred from that which He purposed. Through one Word He gathered all together, and through another Word He distinguished truth from error. Through the blessed Word “I am the Beloved” He attracted the hearts and souls of them that are nigh unto Him and are sincere, in such wise that each one, detached from all else, turned unto the place of sacrifice. And through the Word “I am the Ever-Present” He preserved all, that they might drink from the ocean of reunion and attain unto the Kawthar of His presence. Exalted be His power and magnified His bounty! He is the Source and unto Him shall all return. The beginning of all things hath been from Him, and unto Him shall be the return of all. Well is it with them who, in this Day, are stirred by the breezes of God’s Will, glorified be His majesty, and who submerge their own will in the Will of God, exalted be His glory. This station is and shall ever be the most exalted of all stations.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of utterance and in Whose right hand is the Empire of knowledge! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the breezes of Thy springtime of bounty, and by the murmuring of the waters whereby Thou didst bestow life upon the people of Thy dominion, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha that which shall gladden their eyes, rejoice their hearts, and tranquilize their souls. And protect them from the arrows of allusions and the darts of doubts.

O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, then dilate their breasts in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever frustrateth and no affair hindereth. Take Thou, through Thy grace, the hands of all created things, O Thou the Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven! There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

Thereafter, thy letter was received and at one time was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence. This is what the Tongue of our Lord, the Bestower, spoke in reply, exalted be His glory:

He is sanctified above the mention of what hath been and what shall be.

O Hasan! The mention of all the friends hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful's bounty, and all created things have testified and do testify to the grace, loving-kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. He Who is the All-Knowing beareth witness that God's grace and mercy have at all times encompassed His loved ones. Strive ye now to preserve your stations through the Name of the Lord of Names. Be ye enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the light of His countenance. This is the Day of service and steadfastness. Blessed is he who hath sought your presence and attained unto your company. Today and always, teaching the Cause hath been and shall be the paramount duty, that perchance steadfast souls may become the cause of strength and power to those who are weak. Likewise, service to the Cause hath been and is service to the friends of God. It behoveth you to honor their dwelling. God willing, may the loved ones of God and His chosen ones speak for His sake, arise for His sake, and fix their gaze upon Him. By the fragrant breezes of the All-Merciful's utterance! Were the station of but one steadfast and firm soul to be made manifest on earth, all would be thunderstruck by its greatness and the radiance of its effulgence, save whom God willeth. God willing, may ye spread the wings of detachment and soar in the atmosphere of inner meanings with the melody of the divine Bird. Today, words that are as spirits for books have appeared from the Dayspring of God's Will; yet all remain heedless save those souls who have turned with the eye of fairness and attained His presence. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon My loved ones in those regions who have observed the rights of God and His Cause, and acted according to that which was revealed in His perspicuous and decisive Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The tokens of God's favor, exalted be His glory, are manifest and evident as the sun. Blessed are they who have not deprived themselves and have taken their portion from the ocean of utterance. Likewise, for each of the names mentioned in your letter, decisive verses of God have been revealed. God willing, may all drink from the ocean of knowledge and be illumined by the sun of wisdom. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In His Name, the Manifest, the Hidden

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The Wronged One Who hath come from the heaven of command with the banners of verses remembereth thee, He Who hath called all to the Dayspring of Revelation Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired with power and sovereignty. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancy and followed that which was ordained by God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. How many who were

standing have sat down in the fear of God, and how many who were seated have arisen in His Name, the Protector of all horizons. This is a Day whereon the breeze of God hath wafted and the fragrance of His mercy hath been diffused amongst the peoples. Beware lest the croaking deter thee from the divine nectar. Leave thou the former and take the latter, through this remembrance before which all necks have bowed in submission.

He is the One dawning from the horizon of Manifestation […]

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and mentioneth thee in such wise as no mind hath comprehended nor eye hath witnessed. Hold fast unto the cord of God's Cause and take His Book with the strength that proceedeth from Him. Beware lest the company of the malicious hinder thee from God, the Almighty, the All-Loving. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet the people do not understand. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, following every heedless and veiled one. We have at all times called all men unto God; among them are those who turned away from Us, and those who objected and pronounced judgment against Us with such injustice as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament, yet most of the people know not. We call them to the Water of Life, while they hasten toward extinction; We send down for them the heavenly table, while they turn to every dead thing. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are numbered among the dead in the Book of God, the Subduer, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon thee, upon thy spouse, and upon all who have turned toward God, the Lord of existence.

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Abu-Talib! The Desired One hath come for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples have turned away and disbelieved in God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Known One hath appeared, yet every learned one hath denied Him, violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and cast aside His perspicuous Book. By God! The Recognized One hath come, yet every mystic hath turned away from Him, following vain imaginings and doubts like every immoral doubter. This is the Day wherein the Most Great Book speaketh and summoneth all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O people of Baha! Rejoice that the Lord of Names remembereth you with verses that surpass all that the kings and rulers possess. Cling to the hem of your Lord's loving-kindness and hold fast to His firm cord.

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! We counsel thee and My loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be exalted. We enjoin upon you trustworthiness, which God hath made the crown of all deeds. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through truthfulness shall your stations be made manifest among the peoples, as attested by Him Who possesseth a mighty Book. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and attained unto that which was commanded by God, the One, the All-Seeing. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hearken unto the scratching of My Pen and that which My Tongue uttereth in My Kingdom. Verily, it will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of this resplendent Day. Cast away what the people possess and take what is with God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Mulla Rida of Qamsar

He is the Proclaimer between Earth and Heaven

O Rida! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath turned toward thee, mentioning thee with that which shall immortalize thy name as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Say: O peoples of the earth! Beware lest the breezes of chastisement prevent you from this sweet and flowing Water, this mighty and beloved Stream. Cast behind you the barkings of the dogs and take what ye are commanded by God, the Manifestation of what was and what shall be. O Rida! Convey to the people of Baha that which the Lord of Names hath uttered, that it may attract them to the praiseworthy station. We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the limbs of humanity have trembled, and We give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in My preserved Tablet. The Glory shining from the horizon of the will of the Creator of Heaven be upon thee and upon those whom the gestures of creation have not hindered from the Truth, who have cast aside what the people possess, hoping for that which is with their Lord, the Possessor of the Seen and Unseen.

He is the Expositor, the All-Wise

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! The Day of Judgment has come, yet the people have turned away from God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, the Just. They have broken the Covenant and denied this Dawning Light - verily, they are among the losers in a mighty Book. We came for their salvation, yet they have pronounced judgment against Us with such tyranny as caused the sighs of the Prophets to ascend and the tears of those near unto God to fall. We make known to them that which profits them, yet they have risen to harm Us - to this testifies every discerning sage. Grieve not at anything, but put thy trust in God, the One, the All-Informed. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and sovereignty shall remain with the Strong, the Mighty. Blessings be upon the people of Baha who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden by the Ancient Commander. We make mention of My maidservants who were not deterred by the clamor of the people - they heard and responded to the Lord of this mighty, exalted Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The praise be to God that the friends of God have attained unto the sweet savors of the utterances of the All-Merciful. God willing, may they occupy themselves with the remembrance of God in perfect unity and harmony, and arise to that which will exalt His Cause. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to all, and gives them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. No bounty is greater than this bounty - this is the heavenly feast which is reserved for steadfast and upright souls. Blessed is he who has attained on this Day of God, and woe unto him who has turned away from Him. Glory be upon you and upon them and upon every sincere and faithful seeker. Praise be to God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

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In His Name, exalted be His glory, Wisdom and Utterance!

O people of the Caucasus! The Sacred Vale hath flowed, and the Most Exalted Horizon hath shone forth. By My life! The countenance of the Hijaz hath beamed with joy, for the Tabernacle of Glory hath been

raised upon God's holy mount, and the Luminary of Manifestation hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, after the veils of majesty were rent asunder by the Finger of Power. This is the Day wherein all contingent beings have been intoxicated by the wine of divine utterance. Rejoice and be glad, for the divine fragrance hath wafted, the Call hath been raised, and the luminous Standard hath been hoisted upon the Crimson Spot. The Temple of Knowledge hath been established upon the Throne of Utterance, summoning all unto God, the Lord of Religions. Ye have attained unto the Day foretold by God's Messengers and His chosen ones, and promised in the Books of God, the Lord of lords. No Messenger hath there been who hath not spoken His praise, and no Prophet who hath not mentioned Him at morn and eventide. This is the Day wherein all things have been attracted by the Call of God, the Lord of Names, and have spoken that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Chosen!" He that hath ears is he who hath heard and responded, and he that hath eyes is he who hath beheld the Most Great Sign when the horizon of the Manifestation was illumined, and the limbs of all beings trembled with fear of God, the Lord of Creation.

O people of the Caucasus! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath turned toward you and remembered you with verses that cause bodies to take flight. The ocean of bounty surgeth before the faces of the world and its peoples, yet they remain heedless and astray, save those whom the hands of power have rescued from God, the Lord of all men.

O concourse of divines! Fear ye God, and deny not Him Who hath come from the heaven of grace and bounty with verses that all the treasures of earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book from its most exalted station. Be fair in your judgment by God, and follow not idle fancies and vain imaginings. This is the Day wherein the veils of glory were rent asunder by the Finger of Power, and that which had been hidden from eternity was made manifest.

O concourse of divines! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One. He remindeth you, for the sake of God, of that which will draw you nigh unto Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He desireth naught from you. He proclaimeth among you with the most exalted call and remindeth you of this Day wherein mankind hath arisen for their Lord, the Lord of all beings. We have appeared and made manifest the Way, and have opened the gate of the Most Exalted Paradise. Draw nigh with radiant hearts. Thus doth He counsel you Who hath come with the truth from the kingdom of utterance with the standards of verses.

O concourse of men! The Most Great Vision hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny is established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Fear ye God and follow not every heedless doubter. We have spent what We possessed and have borne all hardships for your ascent by the ladder of detachment unto the Lord of Creation. Such tribulations and afflictions have befallen Us as the pens are powerless to recount. The world hath been adorned with the sweet savors of revelation while the people are in a wondrous sleep. When Power displayed its standards and the Manifestation unfurled its banner, the people objected. Some said He hath fabricated a lie against God, while others arose in opposition that caused the earth to lament and the mountains to crumble. By God's life! We have desired naught save to draw the servants nigh unto that which will profit them and adorn them with the ornament of virtuous deeds. We have, in all circumstances, held fast the reins of the Pen and have revealed from its treasures only in due

measure. Sanctify your souls through that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, and adorn them with trustworthiness, chastity, justice and patience.

Say: O concourse of divines! Do ye reject Him Who hath come from the heaven of divine command with the hosts of wisdom and utterance? He desireth naught but to purify hearts and sanctify them from the fire of rancor and hatred. Thus have We been assailed by that whereat even stones have cried out. This is the Day wherein the earth and heaven were shaken by the breezes of revelation, and all things have spoken as did speak the Tongue of Grandeur in the beginning of days.

O people of the Caucasus! There hath come unto you one named ’Abdu’l-Karim who hath informed you of this Mystery, through whose mention hearts have been attracted and through whose departure livers have melted. He had indeed held fast to the cord of My providence and clung to the hem of his Lord’s mercy, the Lord of all mankind. Beware lest the people’s doubts keep you from My Self-Subsisting Name, or the world’s might frighten you in this Cause whereby the hearts of the wicked have been agitated. Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Ocean which surgeth before the faces of the world, and deny not Him through Whom the Spirit of God hath wafted and proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Forgiving!” By God! This is the Day of ears, for they were created to hearken unto My call, and the Day of eyes, for they were formed to behold My horizon wherefrom the lights have shone forth. Beware lest the clamor of the world withhold you from the Ancient Lord. Cast away what the people possess, turning unto the lights of your Lord’s countenance, the Lord of Return. By God! The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, and He Who conversed on Sinai hath spoken, and the mountains have passed away like the passing of clouds.

O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and withhold not the servants from the Euphrates of wisdom and utterance. Judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared through the truth, and follow not every bloodthirsty oppressor. The teeth of utterance have smiled with proof, and knowledge hath spoken: “The All-Knowing One hath come with power and sovereignty!” Cast away your learning, for the Luminary of Knowledge hath dawned from the horizons of scriptures and tablets. This is a Day wherein the Call hath been raised from all directions, for the sacred lands have been honored by the advent of Him Who hath come from the heaven of grace with wisdom and utterance. Thus have We adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of proof and tablets through the ornament of My Most Exalted Pen, whose cry, when raised, caused the Lote-Tree of the uttermost boundary to proclaim: “Glory be to God, the Lord of dominion over all who are in earth and heaven!”

Hear ye the call of the Lord of Names in the Persian tongue in its sweetest melody. He is the Living Waters and He is the Breath of the All-Merciful that guideth them who turn unto Him to the Most Exalted Paradise and assigneth them their station and abode beneath the pavilions of grandeur. Blessed is the ear that hath not been deprived of hearing the call, and blessed is the eye that the veils of the world have not prevented from beholding.

O people of the Caucasus! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. This is that Voice for the hearing of which the peoples of the world have been brought into being from nothingness. Today the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen is raised, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath appeared with its delicate, precious fruits. Deprive not yourselves of the celestial feast of God. Strive that ye may perchance attain in this transient

world unto stations that are everlasting. The lamp of the world is knowledge, and its light is understanding. Beseech ye God that He may enable you to achieve that which will exalt the Word of God. Glory be to God! Some who account themselves foremost in knowledge and wisdom are found to be utterly bereft of that which is meet and proper. The purpose of knowledge is that which leadeth to the preservation, development, reformation and benefit of the peoples of the world. Sciences, crafts and arts are the fruits of the human tree; without the tree no fruit can be found. The manifestation of these cometh after its existence. Blessed is the soul that is not content merely to hear, that doth not accept every speaker, and is not assured by every newcomer. Should anyone, concerning any party, say or write that which would cause abasement and harm, even if he were an ocean of knowledge, he would possess neither worth nor station in the eyes of them that see. A place wherein naught but goodness hath been manifested - concerning it they have uttered that which is unworthy to mention.

O people of the world! The fruit of the human tree is justice and fairness. If it be devoid of this fruit, it is worthy of the fire. Pride hath blinded their eyes and their insight. The world is in need of two things: order and justice. Verily, kingdoms have need of a system to protect them and justice to cultivate them. Thus doth the Wronged One teach you from the precincts of the prison, a command from His presence - and He is the Truth, the All-Knowing of the unseen.

O people of learning! Know your own selves and vaunt not yourselves over mankind. Be not like those who exchanged the favor of God for unbelief and led their people to the abode of perdition. Learn ye that knowledge which will preserve you from rancor and hatred, from greed and passion, and will lead you to supreme joy. The noblest, most excellent, most eminent and greatest of all things in the world is knowledge - knowledge that giveth salvation, not destruction. This knowledge is the most precious of all things in the world and the most glorious thereof. To this testifieth He Who speaketh that He hath come with the truth and guided all to the straight path of God.

The honored Abdul-Karim was a sign of this Most Great Revelation and like the morning breeze wafted from the direction of divine favor. He was, of his own accord, set ablaze with the fire of love for this Revelation, and from the ocean of knowledge a portion was bestowed upon him. This was from God's grace upon him. However, from some of his utterances the purpose was not clear, meaning some of the friends did not gain full understanding therefrom. Thus hath spoken the Ocean of Utterance from the presence of the All-Merciful in the city of Akka, which was named aforetime the White Spot, and by the most beautiful names in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O people of the Caucasus! In conclusion We counsel you to observe trustworthiness, godliness, chastity, truthfulness and fidelity. In this day, the hosts of God have ever been and are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By these hosts give victory to the Cause of God and conquer the citadels of hearts. The sovereign of these hosts is the fear of God. The Truth is aware and knoweth well that this Wronged One hath at all times exhorted God's loved ones with counsels that lead to success and are the cause of prosperity. He sufficeth as Witness and as Knower. We beseech confirmation for you that ye may discover the sweetness of the warbling of the Most Exalted Pen and be sustained by the fruits of the Ultimate Lote-Tree. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon the people of

Baha, through whom the Crimson Ark did sail upon the sea of names - such servants upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise shower their prayers both at eventide and at dawn.

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His Eminence Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God

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

All praise be unto God alone, and blessings be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. Praise befitteth the Desired One of the world and the Lord of all nations, Who illumined the world of existence with the Muhammadan Light. He is the Herald of the meeting with divine manifestations on the Day of Resurrection, and He is the Manifestation of the infinite names and attributes. In truth, the knowledge of the world is but a trace of His knowledge, and the understanding of nations is but a fruit of the Tree of His understanding. The appearance and continuance of the world hath been and is through His blessed existence. Who is capable of describing Him as He deserves to be described, and who can praise Him as befitteth His station? The manifest blessings from the horizon of God’s grace be upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom the throne of Islam was established and the world attained the light of faith. God hath described them in His words: “No fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve.”

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved one, who thirsteth in separation, bestowed the water of reunion, and granted the cup of nearness and presence to the seeker of His meeting. Praise be to God, the bounty of love hath flowed and descended from the heaven of the grace of the friends of Truth. God willing, may this grace remain eternal and enduring. After its reading and review, when presented before Him, He said: “We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause the streams of His knowledge to flow through them, to manifest through them that which will awaken His creation, to ordain for them every good thing which He hath sent down in His Book, to protect them from His enemies, and to aid them to perform pure deeds as He aided them before. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.”

In all conditions they are remembered and are visible before Our eyes. In the nights and days, one must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His religion and preserve the radiant Faith from the evil of enemies. The darkness of oppression hath encompassed the world of justice. The domains of Islam are observed as a lifeless body fallen upon the earth. Each day a limb thereof is severed by an oppressor or an idolater, and these matters are the fruits of deeds.

This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, and likewise those gentlemen should beseech, that perchance He may grant victory to the oppressed and bring the oppressors to their due requital. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things. I convey greetings to the friends of that land and implore confirmation and success for each one. God willing, may they be illumined by the light of harmony and unity, and be ever gazing toward the highest horizon. All are remembered before His

Presence and are sustained by His special favors. Happy are they! Praise be to God, the path is clear and the field is vast. The horsemen in the arena of love, fellowship, kindness and unity may gallop as they please. This is the Day of utterance; we must make up for what was lost - that is, whatever was delayed and prevented by numerous obstacles. May the Spiritual Luminary shine forth from the heaven of acceptance and inner meanings, adorning the world of gloom and sorrow with the lights of joy. Though indeed the letter of that beloved one was like a swift-winged bird, seemingly moving with the wings of yearning or the pinions of eagerness and attraction, accompanied by a world of gladness and joy - its joy enabled this subdued one to offer praise and thanksgiving. If the people of the world were to discover the station of true love, by the life of the Intended One, all would engage in this trade, and its profit would fill the treasuries of earth and heaven. What benefit is there when they are heedless and submerged in the sea of regrets, cares and sorrows? The wonder is that even their abundant wealth has become the cause of their distress and anxiety. Their wealth is their enemy, yet day and night they strive to acquire this enemy, unaware. Were they to receive but a particle of the lights of spiritual manifestations, they would behold themselves at all times, in this world and the next, in the highest paradise. Their desires have prevented them from witnessing the lights, and their ornaments have occupied them from recognizing the mysteries. In any case, I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to awaken all and make them aware, that they may attain to that which is befitting.

Your beloved one's attention to the region of Egypt has yielded desirable results, for that beloved one turned from this direction - indeed you were a gift to the friends of that land and crystal water for the saplings of the spiritual garden. The mention of that honored one's journey and hardships, from the acquisition of the palm tree and its details, and the visitation of God's saints - all were presented before His presence. This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken. In the Name of God, the Helper, the Single, the All-Knowing.

We send greetings to the friends in that land and seek confirmation for them, and we beseech God to grant them all a share from the incomparable pure water of the Kawthar of divine knowledge and bestow upon them a portion from the ocean of utterance. Praise be to God, the door of His grace has ever been and will forever remain open, and His straight path is clear and manifest, though hidden from unseeing eyes. Today an eye is needed that is sanctified from the veils of men and purified from the dust of vain imaginings, and an ear is needed that is detached from the world and the clamor of the peoples, that it may hear the call of the true Nightingale and behold the horizon of the manifestation of God's names and attributes. No ocean can equal a drop of the recognition of this Day, and no works of past ages can compare with an atom of deeds performed therein.

How excellent is the state of one who has raised the banner of trust in God and emptied his heart of all remembrance save that of God. Every hour, every minute, nay every moment, it proclaims in most eloquent utterance: "O friends on earth! Know ye my station and recognize my worth. Strive that ye may not lose that which ye would be powerless to regain. Hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of justice. Should there come upon you at times that which causes grief and sorrow, be not dismayed, and soil not the luminous heart with the dust of sadness. Whatever the All-Wise Wisdom requires is pure good and sheer bounty. Ere long that which has flowed from the Pen of counsel of the Wronged One shall become evident and manifest.

The whole world has been created for the Most Great Luminary, that is, God, exalted be His glory, and all tongues confess and acknowledge this truth. Nevertheless, all are heedless save whom God willeth. Heedlessness has reached such a stage that an ignorant one among the ignorant of the earth has exerted his utmost effort to extinguish the light of divine knowledge and quench the fire of the divine Lote-Tree. He is not the first to arise to extinguish the Light. Reflect upon the earliest ages - the manifestations of tyranny and pride have ever endeavored to extinguish the light, but God made manifest what He desired despite their opposition, and made them among the most lost in His perspicuous Book.

The oppressor seeks victory over Us through the force of hosts, while We seek victory over him through the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. That which caused sorrow has befallen some of the friends in that land - let them not be saddened. Soon will they witness the favor of their Lord and attain what they have missed. To this testifies He Who has acknowledged the oneness and singleness of God and has spoken in all conditions that there is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Out of wisdom We have not mentioned names - soon will God open the doors of good things to the faces of His loved ones. Verily, He is the Answerer of prayers. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Soar in the atmosphere of the love of God. Beware lest anything deter you. Cast away that with which the people are occupied and take what ye have been commanded by an All-Wise Ordainer. And peace and blessings be upon the Messengers, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The services rendered by that honored one and the attention of that beloved one have been and will continue to be accepted deeds, and their reward rests with God, exalted be His glory. Moreover, you yourself have a share in that small plot. In every place and location where a sapling or tree is planted, God is witness that it has been and continues to be planted with the intention of the loved ones, in remembrance of the loved ones, for the sake of the loved ones, for the joy of the loved ones, and for the gaze of the loved ones. It is known and evident that there is no purpose other than this. The crown of deeds is that which is performed for God and His loved ones.

You had written that one day when we received the envelope from the post office and were going to visit the honored Munis-i-Ruhani, the sealed wine was still in the ruby. Such a state overtook me that I said to Munis, “If the government were to arrest the truly intoxicated ones, we would all be in prison every week.” Would that this blessed intoxication might be attained by souls and they might dwell in prison their whole lives! This cup is not destined for everyone, and not every soul is worthy of this station. However, we beseech God’s grace and His infinite bounties that He may intoxicate the whole world with the Kawthar of recognition and make them known and recognized in the gathering of the world by the name of God, exalted be His glory. Though there is a profound difference between the station of creation and this station, nothing is difficult for the generous ones.

The mention of the honored Mirza Hamshirah-zadih, upon him be God’s peace, brought joy. God is witness that he and the other gentlemen are ever before my eyes. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for the good of this world and the next for each one of them. Verily, He has power over all things. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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O honored one, his eminence the Afnan, the venerable Haji Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, may he take note.

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

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

Glorified art Thou, O Mystery of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I bear witness that through Thy most exalted Word the ocean of utterance surged within creation, and through Thy Will the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the highest branches, declaring that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified beyond the remembrance of those who remember, the praise of those who praise, and the description of those who describe. Thou wert hidden from the sight of Thy creation and concealed from the eyes of Thy servants. Then, when Thou didst desire to manifest Thyself, Thou didst shine upon the world with a light from the lights of the Orb of Thy Cause, according to a determined measure. Thereupon, the lovers throughout the lands were seized with ecstasy and sought to attain Thy presence and reunion, and the people of the Covenant hastened forth - they whom neither the world's tribulations nor the oppression of nations could deter. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by them and by those who cast aside treasures and riches, seeking Thy most exalted station and Thy loftiest summit, to assist Thy chosen ones to achieve such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the clamor of the deniers nor the murmuring of the polytheists. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that this servant desired to make mention of Thy Afnan, whom Thou didst choose for Thy recognition, establish in Thy service, acquaint with Thy path, and distinguish among Thy servants for the exaltation of Thy Word. Thou didst give him to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love and honor him with attaining Thy presence. Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved and my Heart's Desire, for having ordained for him that which tongues are powerless to recount and enumerate. I beseech Thee to send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty, at every moment, a new mercy from Thy presence

and a fresh benevolence from Thy side. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Hearing, the Answering.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, your firmness and your service. In these days mention of your honor has repeatedly been made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and at this moment these sublime words have been revealed from the Dayspring of special favors for your honor. Blessed and exalted be His Word: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My favors and My mercy." My Name Mehdi, upon him be My glory and My favors, was present and made mention of you, and sought bounty and mercy from the Dawning-Place of generosity of the Sovereign of existence. Praise be to God that the ocean of grace is surging and the effulgences of the Sun of favor are manifest and visible. The gaze of the Wronged One has ever been directed towards the Afnan. In days when the world was in upheaval and the fire of hatred and animosity was ablaze in the hearts and souls of the nations, He summoned the servants to the fear of God and to that which would profit them unto all eternity. He mentioned, in clear statements and evident, kindly utterances, those qualities that are the cause of the salvation and exaltation of the servants, that all might hold fast unto them and be preserved from the abasement of self and passion and its evil. Nevertheless some forgot the counsel of God and regarded His Cause as insignificant. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds in this vain life. They shall call for help but none shall help them. They abandoned that which they were commanded to observe and practiced that which was forbidden them. The praiseworthy attributes - their source, their origin, their influence, their operation, and their glory and exaltation - have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. These exalted words were revealed in one of the Tablets addressed to one of the friends: Say: O My loved ones in My lands! Hearken unto the counsel of Him Who counseleth you for the sake of God. He verily created you and manifested for you that which exalteth you and profiteth you, and taught you His Straight Path and His Mighty Announcement. O Jalil! Counsel the servants to fear God. By God! It is the greatest commander amongst thy Lord's hosts, and its troops are praiseworthy deeds and an upright character. Through them have the cities of men's hearts been opened throughout the ages and centuries, and the standards of triumph and victory been raised upon the loftiest poles. We make mention unto thee of Trustworthiness and its position with God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. One day We repaired unto Our Green Island. Upon Our arrival, We found its streams flowing, and its trees luxuriant, and the sunlight playing in their midst. Turning Our face to the right, We beheld what the pen faileth to describe; nor can it set forth that which the eye of the Lord of Mankind witnessed in that most sanctified, that most sublime, that blessed, and most exalted Spot. Turning, then, to the left We gazed on one of the Beauties of the Most Sublime Paradise, standing on a pillar of light, and calling aloud saying: 'O inmates of earth and heaven! Behold ye My beauty, and My radiance, and My revelation, and My effulgence. By God, the True One! I am Trustworthiness and the revelation thereof, and the beauty thereof. I will recompense whosoever will cleave unto Me, and recognize My rank and station, and hold fast unto My hem. I am the most great ornament of the people of Baha, and the vesture of glory unto all who are in the kingdom of creation. I am the supreme instrument for the prosperity of the world, and the horizon of assurance unto all beings.' Thus have We sent down for thee that which will draw men nigh unto the Lord of creation.

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

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

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

It is ended. His is the praise and the glory, and His is the laudation and the splendor. His grace hath encompassed His Afnan, and the Sun of His bounty hath so brilliantly shone forth that its light hath taken hold of the world. In each of His verses there is concealed an ocean, and from every letter floweth a river. This evanescent servant ever beseecheth the Self-Subsisting One to ordain for each of your honor's deeds and remembrances a treasure, that your remembrances and traces may endure throughout the dominion of the Kingdom. Though in truth these bounties have already been answered before being asked, and there hath descended from the heaven of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, that before which every mention boweth down and every station is humbled. I beseech God to illumine the hearts and souls of His servants with the lights of the Day-Star of His knowledge, and to open the doors of His grace that all may attain and none remain deprived. However, the heedlessness and misguidance of the leaders have prevented and deprived the people. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon

those who are with you and who love you and who do not oppose you and who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And praise be unto Him, for He is the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O servant! On the 6th of Rabi'ath-Thani, 1305.

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Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds, Who at all times hath caused to be revealed and made manifest from the Most Exalted Pen the mention of His loved ones and chosen ones. In these days ye have surely heard what hath befallen the Choice Wine through the tyranny of the aggressors and the calumnies of the slanderers. By the life of our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth! They have exchanged truth for falsehood, trustworthiness for treachery, acceptance for rejection, justice for tyranny, and fairness for oppression. Through this every fair-minded one hath lamented, the sighs of every assured one have ascended, and the tears of every seeing one have fallen. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them to return unto Him, to turn in repentance at the door of His bounty, and to stand before the throne of His justice. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And this is what was revealed for him who was named 'Ibadu'llah. His word, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors:

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

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

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

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

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Bashir-Muhammad in luminous language. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth, and He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be to God! He hath believed and continueth to believe. His likeness is as one who occupieth himself with a drop while the ocean itself existeth. It is not known by what proof and testimony he hath believed in the Primal Point and, before Him, in the Prophets. By My life! He hath not recognized the fragrance of the Day of God. The Primal Point, with utmost helplessness, proclaimeth with His most exalted call: "O people of the Bayan! On that Day be ye not veiled from Him by the Bayan and its verses, and commit not that which the people of the Furqan committed." Today the Divine carpet is spread forth and the people of Baha are engaged in praise and glorification with utmost joy and gladness. We beseech God that He deprive not those who have turned towards Him from the waves of the ocean of mercy, and withhold them not from the lights of the Luminary of proof which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will. Take hold of the hem of grace with the hands of supplication and say: "Unto Thee be glory, O Lord of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the backs of the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings were broken, and by Thy Command, whereby what was and what will be were subdued, to ordain for me the reward of those who heard Thy call, hastened to the door of Thy bounty, and quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of Thy bestowal. Thou seest, O my God, what hath befallen Thy loved ones, Thy chosen ones, and Thy trusted ones in Thy lands. The oppressors have hamstrung Thy crimson She-camel and devoured Thy sheep, O Lord of all beings, and have committed that which hath caused justice to lament and equity to cry out. O Lord! Thou hearest the sighing of the sincere ones and beholdest what hath befallen them at the hands of the oppressors. I beseech Thee by Thy power which encompasseth all created things to protect Thy loved ones from the mischief of Thine enemies. Then guard them with the hosts of Thy justice. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the power of the world nor the strength of nations can withhold. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to forgive me and my son, and whosoever hath held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

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

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

None should hesitate today regarding this momentous Announcement. It behooveth every soul, upon perceiving the divine fragrances and hearing the Call from the direction of the Throne, to say: “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics and Beloved mentioned in the hearts of the sincere!”

I beseech Thee by Thy radiant Light and Thy pervading, resplendent Cause to assist me in that which will exalt Thy Cause and the station of Thy Word. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and I desire naught save the wonders of Thy grace. Thou art He by Whose will the Supreme Pen moved and that which was hidden and treasured in the hearts of the chosen ones was revealed. I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which the winds have encompassed, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, to enable me to arise to serve Thee and to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that neither the onslaught of hatred nor the roaring of enemies shall deter me. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me a champion of Thy Cause and a guardian of what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Isma’il! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Remember what My Herald hath uttered in remembrance of Me and of My station, saying: “I have written a gem in His remembrance - verily He cannot be known through My allusion nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan.” With utmost clarity doth that Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen declare that He cannot be known through My allusion nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan. Time and again have We mentioned this verse and other passages that have flowed from the Pen of the Herald. Nevertheless, those who have turned away from the Bayan do at the very first instance seek to adduce proofs from the Bayan […]

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

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

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

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

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

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Beautiful. O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me the Source of Thy commandments and the Dayspring of Thy laws, Whom Thou hast established as Thy station in Thy land. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the lights of Thy Throne, and by the Scroll which none hath known save Thyself, and by the showers of the springtime of Thy grace, and by the mysteries of Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, to make me so firm in Thy love, so steadfast and resolute that neither the oppression of the idolaters, nor the clamor of the heedless, nor the onslaught of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment may move me. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge my heedlessness and hesitation in Thy days. I beseech Thee to enable me to make good what hath escaped me, then ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of one who hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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

Glorified be He Who hath sent down His Command and revealed the Book, Who hath spoken without veil or barrier, and hath caused all things to proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Ruler in the Final Return. And glory and splendor, praise and thanksgiving be upon the chosen ones of God, His loved ones and His friends, who have turned towards the Ancient of Days, detached from all else, and have quaffed the sealed wine named after the Self-Subsisting. These are servants who have arisen, spoken, uttered and testified to that which God had testified before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thereafter, this servant hath been blessed with thy noble utterance and exalted letter, from whose horizon hath shone and gleamed the sun of the love of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of them that know. When I perceived its fragrance and became aware of its contents, it was as though I had soared on wings of longing to a station which God hath sanctified above all horizons - a station neither of the east nor of the west, neither of the south nor of the north, neither of the horizons nor of directions. When I arrived and attained unto His presence, I presented its contents after receiving permission, and after it was blessed to be heard, the Tongue of the Lord of Names spoke that which caused the fragrance of utterance to be diffused between earth and heaven. His word, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His proof:

In My Name that is sanctified above all names […]

O thou who drinkest from the chalice of My loving-kindness, who turnest thy face toward My countenance, and who hast set thy face toward Mine all-highest horizon! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of Names, again and yet again. He hath remembered thee before, and calleth thee in this station with a call whereby bodies have taken flight, let alone spirits. Verily thy Lord is He Who causeth the dawn to break; there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

Say: O concourse of creation! By God, He Whom the Messengers of God have heralded hath appeared, and He Who was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets hath come. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth! Dispute not the verses of God after their revelation, and deny not the favor which, when sent down, caused the idols to swoon. Say: This is the Day whereon mysteries have been unveiled and lights have shone forth, yet the people remain in heedlessness and behind a veil.

Say: O company of divines! Come, that I may show you the ocean of knowledge and its waves, and that which casteth forth, at all times, the pearls of wisdom and utterance from God, the Lord of Lords. Fear ye the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness in His Cause. He hath come with the truth, with the hosts of revelation and the standards of verses. Cast away vain imaginings, then hearken unto that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth in the heaven of manifestation. He guideth you unto the Most Great Name and directeth you to the straight path. Leave behind you the dawning-places of fancy, then advance with illumined hearts and radiant faces unto the Most Glorious Ark, the station which God hath sanctified from all forms and likenesses.

Say: O company of the wise! Come, that I may acquaint you with that which ye have neglected […] with that which shall profit you throughout ages and centuries. Know ye that the Kingdom is My station, and the Realm of Might circleth round Me at eventide and at dawn. Thus hath the Lote-Tree of the Extremity quivered from the breeze of the Will of the Lord of Names, and there hath fallen from its leaves the dew of revelation and inspiration. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee, upon thy children, upon those of thy household who are with thee, and upon those who hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of creation.

O My beloved! The fragrances of verses have perfumed all regions. Strange it is that the heedless, negligent, and outcast souls have neither been awakened by the cry nor become aware through the call. The All-Merciful hath spoken of them in the Qur'an - exalted be His Word - "As though they were hollow trunks of palm-trees." Evil deeds have debarred mankind from the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted, and worldly manifestations have occupied and veiled those souls. God willing, thou wilt arise to serve the Cause with perfect wisdom and utterance, and educate the souls in that land, that perchance all may attain unto that which He loveth and with which He is well-pleased.

Concerning what thou didst mention of Haji Siyyid Ahmad and Haji Siyyid Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and a wondrous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent specifically for each. God willing, may they receive their portion from His heavenly food and everlasting bounty. This is what was revealed for Haji Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God. His words, exalted and glorified be He:

In My Name, the Speaking, the Trustworthy

O Siyyid Ahmad! Praise be to God, thou hast, by His glory exalted be His glory, attained unto this most wondrous, most holy, most manifest, most hidden Revelation, and hast recognized Him in this luminous garment. All the Prophets gave mankind the glad tidings of this wondrous Day, saying "Lead the people out of darkness into light and give them the glad tidings of the days of God." All sacred Books and Scriptures bear witness and testify to the Revelation of Truth. Nevertheless, most people remain heedless and veiled. The Cup-bearer of knowledge standeth with the chalice of life-giving waters before all faces, yet few turn unto Him - nay, such are rarely to be found. Today the Most Great Ocean proffereth at every moment the pearls of knowledge and wisdom unto all the peoples of the world, yet vision is lacking. Beseech ye God that He may make the people aware and guide them to the supreme horizon, that they may not be deprived of the outpourings of God's Speaking Book, which is adorned with the seal "Verily I am God." Verily, He is powerful over all things. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee, wherefore have We remembered thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing Remembrancer. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife. Give her glad tidings from Me and glorify her with My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed is the man who hath believed, and the woman who hath believed, and woe unto them that are heedless, both men and women. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Haji Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. He, blessed and exalted be He, saith:

In My Name, the One manifest in the highest horizon

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is verily the Mystery that was hidden and treasured from all eternity. Through Him the Greatest Sign appeared and the Most Exalted Summit was revealed, and the Cry was raised and the Balance was set up. He hath come from the heaven of Command, with the standards of the Bayan on His right and the hosts of revelation and the banners of divine knowledge on His left. Blessed is he who hath heard His call and turned unto Him, and woe unto him who hath denied God and turned away from the Path. O Siyyid Husayn! Rejoice that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and remembered thee with a remembrance which, when sent down from the heaven of grace, caused the kingdom of utterance to bow down before it. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and give thanks unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is with His devoted servants and aideth them as He pleaseth by His command. He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from God, the Lord of all mankind. The Glory shining from My horizon be upon him who mentioned thee, and upon thee, and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

And this is what was revealed for the leaf, the wife of his honor Haji Siyyid Ibrahim, upon both of them be the Glory of God. He, exalted be His majesty, saith:

In My Name, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed […]

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One and turned unto Him, when the handmaidens of the earth and its men turned away, save whom God willed. This is a Day wherein He saith: "They have eyes with which they see not." All are endowed with

eyes, and eyes were indeed created for this blessed Day, for the Greatest Scene hath been honored by the gaze of the Lord of Destiny. Yet they remain deprived and veiled from His presence and recognition, while thou hast attained unto this through the wondrous favor of God. Know thou the worth of this station and preserve it through the Name of the Beloved of the worlds. We testify that thou hast attained unto that which most men have failed to attain. Convey My greetings to the believing handmaidens and gladden them all with the bounty and favor of God, exalted be His glory. Should all handmaidens offer up themselves and all they possess in the path of their Beloved, it would not equal the words "O My handmaiden." Recognize thou the favor of thy Lord - verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous. Reflect upon God's favor - how many were the divines, mystics, and jurists who deemed themselves to be treasuries of knowledge and sources of divine ordinances, yet today remain heedless and veiled from their Purpose; nay, they have become so deluded as to pronounce death sentences against God, exalted be His glory. But thou hast attained a station wherein thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Give thanks unto God for this, verily He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God that through the favors of God, exalted be His glory, these souls have attained unto divine bounties and partaken of the rain from the heaven of mercy. Well is it with them and pleasant it is unto them. O ye gentlemen and friends of God, exalted be His glory, despite the heedless ones, drink ye cup after cup in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn. They are still awaiting the Promised One, even as the Jews awaited before.

As for the Huququ'llah, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. According to His command, you should collect it: half to be sent to the Holy Presence and half to be given to the poor of that land. The names of those who have been blessed to pay the Huququ'llah should be sent to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Blessed is he whose name is mentioned before the Throne, and joy be unto him who hath attained and will attain unto God's Tablet and His traces. This is the perfection of His favor that He hath shown unto His servants. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, our Purpose and your Purpose, be upon you and upon your families and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

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He is the Most Mighty, the Most Wondrous, the Most Eloquent, the Most Glorious!

God beareth witness to that which thou didst testify at the beginning of thy book, that there is none other God but Him. No partner hath He, nor any minister, nor any peer, nor any equal, nor any opponent. He hath ever been sanctified above all names and their dominion, and above all similitudes and their sovereignty. He, verily, is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. In His grasp is the kingdom of all things. He createth whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is powerful over all things. But the most exalted testimony is that which God Himself hath borne to His own Self, by His own tongue, before the creation of all things and before the manifestation of attributes and their sovereignty, and of names and their dominion. And this it is: Bear thou witness unto it after My Cause, for before the Cause the testimony of no one shall be

accepted in those days, that thou mayest be of them who have testified to that which God hath testified and who are recorded in the Tablets of God among the believers. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that the Primal Point is His servant and His Baha, and by this hath He taken a covenant from all atoms, if thou be of them who know. But today the people of the Bayan do not bear witness as God hath borne witness, for the testimony is not complete except through the mention of His Baha, and these people have paused in this matter with a mighty pause. Even should their tongues speak this Most Great Name, it would not profit them unless they believe that His Baha is the Baha of the heavens and of the earth, Who hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Whoso halteth in regard to this Name hath indeed halted in regard to all names, and his testimony shall never be accepted by God; rather, he hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in the holy Tablets among the idolaters.

Beware, beware, O servant, lest thou join any name with this Name, or ascribe to it any likeness, or similitude, or equal, or opposite, or direction, or sign, for by it hath God created all things and sustained all things, and hath sent down from the holy clouds showers of wondrous glory. Then purify thy heart from the allusions of those who were given the Qur'an - thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise - for they moved not except as their desires moved them, and they spoke not except through the promptings of their own selves. Therefore did they believe in God on the Day when the clouds were cleft asunder and the Beauty of the Cause came with manifest sovereignty.

Know then that thy letter hath come before Us and We have taken note of the words and allusions contained therein. If thou wouldst hear from Me, efface from thy heart all of that, that it may become pure and luminous and that the lights of thy Lord may be reflected therein, that it may tell of Him. Thus doth the Beauty of the Cause command thee. Act thou according to what thou hast been bidden by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. For He Who was named Ali aforetime and Who came to you with God's signs is verily alive and abiding through His word exalted: "Verily I am living in the Most Glorious Horizon." After the manifestation of God and His sovereignty, it behooveth no one to turn to aught else beside Him or to occupy himself with any other. This indeed is the truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of a luminous morn. Should thou turn to the words thou possessest, thou wouldst be like those who, when the Sovereign of the Cause came to them with manifest and clear signs, occupied themselves with words that were current among them. Thus did they deny and turn away from Him for Whose meeting they were created. This indeed is a grievous wrong. Know thou God by God and by that which proceedeth from Him, for all else beside Him is created by His command and brought into being by His Will. He cannot be known through aught else; rather, all else is known through Him, and He is wise over all things. When the Sun shineth at its noontide zenith, doth it befit anyone to inquire about a lamp and what pertaineth thereto? Nay, by God's Self, if thou be of them that know! After the appearance of the Ocean and its waves, doth it befit anyone to speak of a pool of water? Nay, by Him Who created all things by His command, and He is powerful over all things.

Beware, beware lest names hold thee back from Him through Whose command the names and their kingdom were created. Let God, thy Lord, suffice thee, then detach thyself from all the worlds. Forget all names, then look with the eye of the beginning toward Him Who, by God the Truth, were He to take a handful of clay and desire to generate therefrom all names and their kingdom, and all attributes and their dominion, and all that was and will be, is able to do so through His Name which is supreme over the

Truth. Beware lest thou cling to a name other than the Name of thy Lord through Whom appeared the oceans of names. Exalted is God above this Name through which the faces of them that have recognized His unity are illumined and the face of every sinful polytheist is darkened. Through it God separateth this day between light and darkness, and between the felicitous and the wretched. Thus hath the decree come down from the heaven of destiny, and the matter hath been decided by One mighty and powerful.

Look at what thou hast seen in the Tablets of God wherein He hath described His servants. This description was not confined to any one person to the exclusion of others. Rather, We have described all who have arisen to praise their Lord. Behold thou the Tablets that thou mayest be illumined with clear vision. This description is true of whoso is steadfast in his faith, assured in God, and turned towards Him. But after his turning away and deviation, this description is withdrawn from him by a sovereignty that encompasses the truth. Consider, for example, a mirror: as long as it faces the sun, thou wilt find therein its reflection, its image, and its effulgences. But after turning away, it is bereft of all these and returns to its original state. Thus have We expounded this matter in detail that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause. Verily, he whom ye call the father of evil - God hath described him in His Book with the most exalted description, if thou be of them that know. God addressed him in His Book, saying "O Manifestation of Oneness!" and besides this, called him by His most beautiful names. Return to the Book that thou mayest witness this in the traces of thy Lord and become endowed with true vision. His praise reached such heights that none had ever attained to such mention of his Lord. Despite this, the people of the Bayan, both great and small, revile him. Have they any proof for this? Nay, by My Self, except that they say he turned away from God. When he turned away, his deeds became as naught and all his attributes, until he returned to the station that was written in the Mother Book. Likewise, observe that all names and all descriptions are true of those who believe in God and His signs, but without this, the decree of infidelity and polytheism descends upon them from the presence of the Self-Subsisting, the Supreme.

Hast thou not heard what God hath revealed in the Bayan? How many a tree of affirmation in the subsequent Revelation is transformed into a tree of negation! Reflect, then, upon that which was sent down from the heaven of eternity aforetime, and that which hath been revealed in these days, that thou mayest be numbered among those who are endowed with insight in the Mother Book. Know thou that every tree bearing lofty fruit, should it hesitate in this Cause, becometh counted among the trees of negation. This is a revelation from One Who is mighty and wise. Likewise every exalted, renowned and luminous name, should it hesitate in the Cause of its Lord, becometh accounted among the lowliest of names, even should it be among the most elevated. Thus do We teach thee the essence of knowledge, that thou mayest be well-pleasing in the religion of God.

Say: All matters lie within the grasp of His Will, and all names stand in awe of His might. He raiseth up whatsoever He willeth through His command, and bringeth down whatsoever He desireth through His authority. He shall not be questioned of His doings, and He, verily, encompasseth all things. Were He at this moment to pronounce the word of affirmation for all who are in the heavens and on earth, all would become His witnesses; and were He to pronounce upon them the word of negation, all would return to the fire. Thus do thou witness thy Lord's power and be among those who bear witness to the Cause.

Know thou that between God and any soul there is no kinship. Whoso turneth unto God, belongeth unto Him, though he be from the people of the farthest West; and whoso turneth away is not of Him, though he be at His very side. Thus have We informed thee of the truth and taught thee through Our grace, that thou mayest be mindful within thyself and remind the people in these days wherein the Sun of might and glory hath shone forth and stood at its zenith with wondrous lights. Be not of those who, when God came unto them overshadowed by the clouds of His Cause, turned away from Him and sought to adduce proofs based on words related by someone from one of the names of old, and thereby went far astray. For through God's existence, all things can dispense with all things, and through His sovereignty, He sufficeth all who are in the heavens and on earth, while nothing in creation can suffice in His stead. He Himself is the Truth, a witness unto what I say.

Purify thine ear that it may hearken to My melodies, then thy tongue that through it may flow praise of My Self, then thine eye that it may behold My countenance, from which all who are in the heavens and earth have been illumined, save those who have disbelieved, denied, and openly rejected the signs of God - these shall have no portion of this cup today. Cast aside all cups from thy hand, then take the cup of eternity in thy right hand and drink therefrom the crystal-pure wine in My Most Glorious Name. Then speak forth betwixt earth and heaven that which the Spirit hath spoken through mighty and glorious verses. Know thou that We have previously revealed unto thee a tablet and sent it to thee, and it shall be a testimony from Us unto all the worlds. When it reacheth thee, place it upon thy head, then render thanks unto God with gracious gratitude. And glory be upon thee if thou dost mount the Ark of Glory through Our steadfastness and spirit, sever thy gaze from all else besides God thy Lord, and remain upright upon the holy path, in truth and by the truth.

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O Nabil, upon whom be the Glory of God, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful! How many a loved one have We found to be but a bubble on water, and how many a friend has turned apostate, having followed his passions, heedless of his Ancient Lord! Say: O people, follow not your idle fancies, but follow true guidance. Verily, He hath appeared with a light that hath illumined the heavens and the earth. Be steadfast in the Cause, then summon the people to this Most Great Name.

Say: O concourse of princes! Take from the mighty the rights of the weak, and let not the rich exercise dominion over the poor. Thus doth command you the Lord of Names. He, verily, is the Knower of all things. Blessed is the rich one whom riches have not kept back from the Creator of earth and heaven, and whom the world hath not hindered from submitting unto them that are the people of Baha. By My life! He is of the people of the Crimson Ark. The denizens of the Concourse on High glory in him. How excellent is this most exalted station! Honour him, O people of truth, for he is among the choicest of creation. Thus hath it been decreed in justice by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O concourse of divines! Judge with justice amongst My servants. Beware lest anything prevent you from turning toward the poor. Look not to the right, but to the manifest truth. We are with you in all conditions. We hear what issueth from your mouths and behold what ye do. He, verily, is the All-Knowing,

the All-Informed. Turn away your eyes from the left; be ye of them on the right hand who judge with pure justice for the sake of God. These, verily, are of the sincere ones. Blessed is the divine who judgeth with truth. He is of the people of this noble station. From him We perceive the fragrance of the All-Glorious, and We bless him with this Tongue that hath spoken that there is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Follow those divines from whose faces ye perceive the radiance of the All-Glorious. They are as eyes unto bodies. Thus hath decreed the Most Merciful Who created all possibility by His binding command, the All-Wise.

Say: O concourse of men of letters! By God, your cryptic verses and intricate riddles, your enigmas and palindromes, will profit you nothing this Day. Cast them aside in My Name, then take what your Lord of all worlds commandeth you. Hold back the reins of your pens, for the Pen of God moveth in the arena of the Tablets with wisdom and utterance. This is the source of prosperity, did ye but know. Adorn your speech with the mention of the All-Merciful and with verses for the Revealer of verses. Thus doth command you the Lord of attributes, Who hath come from the kingdom of proof with manifest sovereignty. Restrain your tongues from satire, for ye were created for praise. This is His Day, were ye but endowed with insight. Can mention of tresses and locks profit you? Nay, by the Lord of Power! Turn ye unto the Most Sublime Vision, this radiant station. Say: The eloquent one is he who hath conveyed My Cause, and the articulate one is he who hath spoken forth when questioned about this momentous News. Blessed is the poet who hath perceived in the days of God and from whose words hath wafted the fragrance of his Lord's love throughout all creation - he is indeed of the triumphant. Woe unto the poet who hath brandished the spear of satire amidst the concourse of creation and hath remained heedless of this wondrous Remembrance. Remember the favour of God in having made your tongues the keys of treasures and the means to wisdom and mysteries. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day of praise wherein the Creator of the heavens hath come with the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

Say: O concourse of the followers of Moses! The discourse of the Fire hath returned by the command of your Lord, the Chosen One, and from its roaring ye hear: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious." O followers of the Son! The Kingdom hath been adorned with My Name and the Realm of Power with My sovereignty, and the Spirit lamenteth by reason of that which hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors. Verily, the Temple beareth witness unto the Lord of all causes, yet most of the peoples are among the silent ones. It was built through piety, not through idle fancy, were ye of those who perceive. It was raised by the hand of the Divine Will, and none knoweth it save every discerning one possessed of insight. This is He through Whom the Spirit hath spoken, and through Whose mention both the Torah and the Gospel have been adorned. Every mouldering bone hath been quickened by the breeze of Revelation, yet the people, for the most part, are among the dead. Arise from the graves of heedlessness and desire, in the name of the Creator of heaven, then turn ye toward the horizon of the Cause through this glorious Name. This is the Righteous One Who was in heaven and of Whom Christ gave you tidings. He hath come with His mighty glory. The Most Great Law hath appeared–that which was mentioned in the scriptures of the Messengers. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow ye the Truth to which the Most Exalted Word hath testified and wherewith the Kingdom of Names hath been adorned. Turn ye unto Him with illumined hearts and be not of them that turn aside. Say: O people of the Qur'an!

By God, the All-Merciful Spirit lamenteth because of your deeds, when He came from the heaven of utterance with clear sovereignty. Ye have denied Him by Whose leave all things were created, and turned away from Him unto Whom every radiant countenance hath turned. Say: He hath appeared in such wise that none can deny Him save those who are veiled by the clouds of hatred and wrapped in the shrouds of desire, and are among the most lost. Have mercy upon yourselves and break not God's Covenant and His Testament, and be of the equitable ones. Your turning away harmeth Me not, even as your turning toward Me profiteth Me not. Verily, He is independent of all the worlds.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! This is the Best-Beloved of all possible worlds, Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses, yet ye remain heedless. Was this Revelation made conditional upon any conditions, and doth the Cause rest in your hands or in the hand of God? Consider well, and be not of the ignorant. If the Cause be in God's hand, then He hath raised me up and sent me forth, and caused me to speak by His will. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He pleaseth. He hath manifested me with a proof round which circle the proofs of all the Messengers. By my Self have I raised the standards of power, which none denieth save every malicious sinner. Were the Cause in my hands, I would not have uttered a word amongst you. I kept the Cause hidden until His irrevocable and firm decree came. His will hath prevailed over my will, and He hath manifested me despite the arrows of the polytheists that have pierced me. And if the Cause be in your hands, why do ye denounce as unbelievers the people of the Gospel and the Torah, and the followers of the Friend? They say what ye say. They have clung to their vain imaginings and idle fancies, and have turned away from the Dayspring of certitude and my most luminous horizon. Ye are in the greatest of veils, and these are but tales of the ancients that persist among you. He knoweth what is in your breasts and what hath prevented you from this noble horizon. Ye are deaf, by the Lord of the mighty Throne! And ye are blind, by the Lord of the exalted Seat! The earth and heaven have been illumined by the light of the countenance of your most glorious Lord, yet ye see not. Clear proofs have appeared, yet ye know them not. Verses have been sent down, yet ye comprehend them not. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, yet ye hear not. The Pen is ashamed to recount what ye have uttered concerning me, though ye were commanded not to allude to this holy, exalted, inaccessible and forbidden station. Ye have embraced him whom We cast into the sea, and have clung to his vain imaginings. Do ye know by what authority ye turned to him and turned away from Him by Whom the horizon of your Lord's power, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, was illumined? And did ye recognize Him? Nay, by the Self of the Beloved! We testify that ye worship idle fancies and are unaware. Thus have We recounted unto thee the tale of the people who today shall find no helpers. O thou who hast turned to God! Leave them and what they possess, then stand firm in this irrevocable Cause.

The seal of the Wine of Mysteries hath been broken by the fingers of might. Blessed are they who are free, who have drunk in the name of their Chosen Lord on this Promised Day. We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which shall gladden faithful servants. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and found from it the fragrance of verses, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Source of clear evidences. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who has remained steadfast in the Cause and was not hindered by the intimations of those who disbelieved in God when He came with His name, the Self-Subsisting. Remember those on whose faces thou findest the radiance of Baha. Say: Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation. By My life! Ye are the

triumphant ones. Let not what hath escaped you grieve you, for He is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Let not the affairs of creation disturb you. Verily, the Truth is with you; this sufficeth you, did ye but know. Say: Read ye the verses of God, then ponder upon them that ye may know what hath befallen Us. Within them is revealed every hidden matter. Afflictions have encompassed Me which none can reckon save God, Knower of the unseen and the seen. The polytheists have gathered against Me from every direction with tyranny, to this bear witness honored servants. Every harm hath been ordained for My person and every affliction for My beauty, yet the people understand not. We, in all conditions, summon the servants unto the Mighty, the Loving. What befalleth Us deterreth Us not, even as what befell Us in the past deterred Us not, and thy Lord is witness to what I say. Be thou as steadfast as thy Lord, that the words of those who have disbelieved in God and believed in falsehood may not deter thee. Thus doth the Pen of Knowledge teach thee from the presence of the Truth, the All-Knowing. Take what thou hast been given by the power of thy Lord, then remember Him in thy days. This is better for thee than what was and what shall be.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what fire Thou didst kindle the lamp of Thy sovereignty in the midst of Thy lands, nor by what light Thou didst manifest Thy countenance in Thy realms. The more the waters of opposition were poured upon the former, the more its radiance increased; and the more the veils of the heedless obscured the latter, the more its gleaming and effulgence grew. Thus dost Thou see, O my God, the lamp of Thy Revelation among the people of darkness and rebellion, and Thy abiding Face among the people of loss. I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, through which the breaths of life were wafted over all who are in the heavens and on earth, to raise up from among those possessed of power one who shall arise to aid Thy Cause, exalt Thy Word, and establish Thy laws among Thy servants. Then strengthen through him, O my God, Thy loved ones who have turned unto Thee and sought the sanctuary of Thy presence. Though Thou hast strengthened them in Thy kingdom, yet I desire their exaltation in the realm of creation, by Thy glory, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names! There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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In The Name of Him Who is Mighty to do as He Willeth!

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath clung to learning, that he may rend asunder the greatest veil and turn towards God, the Lord of destiny, and be of the fair-minded. Shouldst thou hear the melodies of the Dove which warbleth upon the twigs of the Tree of Utterance, they would so transport thee that thou wouldst find thyself detached from all the worlds. Be fair, O servant! Is God the One Who doeth what He willeth, or is it other than He? Make clear thy position and be not of the silent ones. If thou sayest it is other than He, thou hast not been fair in this matter - to this testifieth every atom and, beyond them all, thy Lord, the Speaker, the True, the Faithful. And if thou sayest that He is the One Who chooseth, then indeed He hath manifested me in truth, sent me forth, and caused me to speak verses that have struck terror into the hearts of all who are in the heavens and on earth, save those who have been seized by the breathings of revelation from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Can any decree

stand before His decree? Can anyone prevent Him from what He willeth? Nay, by His Self, if thou be of them who know!

Consider the people of the Torah - why did they turn away when the Dayspring of verses came with manifest sovereignty? Were it not for thy Lord's protection, the divines would have put Him to death on the very first day He spoke in the name of His Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Then consider the people of the Gospel - why did they object when the Sun of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz with lights that illumined all in the worlds? How many a learned one hath been debarred from the All-Knowing, and how many an ignorant one hath attained to the source of all knowledge! Ponder and be of the assured ones. The shepherd believed in Him while the divines turned away. Thus was the matter decreed, if thou be of them who hear. Then observe how, when Christ came, the most learned divine of the age pronounced His death sentence, while he who caught fish believed in Him. Thus doth He Who God hath sent inform thee by His binding, mighty Command.

The learned one is he who hath recognized the Known One, hath won to the lights of His countenance and is of them who have drawn nigh. Be not of those who say "God is our Lord," yet when He sent forth the Manifestation of His Cause with clear proof, they denied the All-Merciful and gathered to slay Him. Thus doth the Pen of the Cause counsel thee, after God hath made it independent of all the worlds. We make mention of thee for the sake of God and impart unto thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in the Tablets of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. Cast aside learning and its aspects, then hold fast to the Name of the Self-Subsisting, Who hath dawned from this luminous horizon. By God! I was sleeping when the breathings of revelation stirred me, and I was silent when my Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, caused me to speak. Were it not for His Command, I would not have revealed myself. His Will hath encompassed my will, and He hath established me in a Cause whereby the darts of the idolaters have assailed me. Read thou what We have sent down to the kings, that thou mayest be assured that this servant speaketh by the command of One Knowing, Informed, and mayest witness that tribulations have not prevented Him from making mention of the Lord of Names. He hath called all unto God, and the might of the oppressors hath not frightened Him.

Hearken unto what the Dayspring of verses calleth thee from One Mighty, All-Wise. Arise to serve the Cause through God's power and strength, detached from those who have objected to God after He came with this momentous announcement. Say: O concourse of divines! Take hold of your pens, for the Supreme Pen speaketh betwixt earth and heaven. Then be silent that ye may hear what the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth from this noble prospect. Say: Fear ye God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. Follow Him to Whom all things have testified and be not of the doubters. This day shall not profit you […]

Say: That which ye have is destined to perish, whereas that which is with God shall endure, did ye but perceive it. Say: O people of the Qur'an! He Who was promised unto you in the Book is come. Fear ye God and follow not every sinful idolater. Verily He hath been manifested in such wise that none can deny it except those who are veiled by the shrouds of fancy and are accounted among the rejected ones. Say: The Word hath appeared, at which your divines and your learned men have fled. This is what We foretold you aforetime. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The learned one is he who hath acknowledged

the One Who is the Object of all knowledge, and he who turneth away is not worthy to be called a learned one, though he may have mastered all the knowledge of the ancients. The mystic is he who hath recognized the One Who is the Object of all mystical knowledge, and the man of distinction is he who hath turned unto this bounty which hath appeared through a wondrous command. Say: O people! Drink ye of the choice wine which We have unsealed with the hands of might. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Almighty. Thus have We counselled you, that haply ye may abandon your own desires and turn unto divine guidance, and be numbered among those who are assured.

Hear ye in the Persian tongue, that perchance ye may discover the sweet-scented breezes of the merciful Divine Robe which are wafting today, and hasten to the path of the One True Friend. Ponder ye what caused the peoples, in the days of the manifestation of the Repositories of Divine mercy, to keep their distance and rise up in opposition and objection. Were the people to ponder this matter which hath flowed from the Pen of Command, all would hasten to the everlasting Divine Law and would testify to that which He hath testified. However, the veils of idle fancies have prevented and continue to prevent mankind in the days of the manifestation of the Daysprings of Divine Unity and the Dawning-places of eternal glory. For in those days the Truth appeareth as He willeth, not as the people will, even as He hath said: “Is it that whenever there came to you a Messenger with what your souls desired not, you grew arrogant? Some you called impostors and others you slay.” Indeed, had those sacred Beings appeared according to the vain imaginings of men in former times and ages past, no one would have denied them. Yet though all were engaged day and night in His remembrance and stood in prayer in the temples, they remained deprived of the Daysprings of Divine verses and the Manifestations of heavenly proofs, as is recorded in the books and as you are aware of some instances.

For example, at the appearance of Christ, all the divines of that age, though awaiting His manifestation, turned away. Annas, who was the most learned of the divines, and Caiaphas, who was the chief judge, pronounced Him an infidel and issued His death warrant. Likewise, when the Apostle appeared - may all else be a sacrifice unto Him - the divines of Mecca and Medina rose up in the early years in opposition and objection, while those who were entirely unlearned attained to faith. Consider how Bilal the Ethiopian, who had not read a word of knowledge, ascended to the heaven of faith and certitude, while Abdullah-i-Ubayy, who was among the learned, arose in hypocrisy. The shepherd perceived the fragrances of the verses and found his way to the court of the Beloved, joining the Lord of all nations, while the possessors of knowledge and wisdom remained deprived and veiled. This is why He saith: “The highest among you shall become the lowest, and the lowest shall become the highest.” The essence of this utterance hath appeared in most of the Divine Books and the statements of the Prophets and Chosen Ones.

In truth I say the Cause is of such magnitude that father fleeth from son and son from father. Witness this in Noah and Canaan. God willing, ye should not in these spiritual days remain deprived of the divine breezes and the bounties of the Divine Springtime. Rise up in the name of Him Who is known, detached from all learning, and raise the call. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that in that moment ye shall witness the river of Divine knowledge flowing from the heart, and shall behold without veil the lights of Divine wisdom. If thou shouldst find the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst surrender thy life and sacrifice thyself in the path of the Friend.

It is most evident that this servant had and hath no ulterior motive, for his Cause transcendeth all outward conditions, as he findeth himself a lonely exile in the Most Great Prison, and hath not found nor will find deliverance from the hands of the enemies. Therefore whatsoever he speaketh is purely for the sake of God, that perchance the people may cleanse themselves from the veils of self and passion and attain unto the knowledge of God, which is the most exalted of stations. Their rejection harmeth Me not […]

Their acceptance profits Me not. We summon them only for the sake of God. He, verily, is independent of all the worlds. I pray that thou mayest be so enkindled, by the fire of the love of thy Lord - which is none other than light itself in this Manifestation of the All-Compelling God - that the whole of creation may be moved and stirred by its warmth, and turn unto the Truth. Glory be unto him who hath attained unto the lights of guidance and recognized God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Possessor of all names! I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy signs and the hidden tokens of Thy favor to make me one of them who have turned unto Thee and turned away from all else save Thee, who have acknowledged Thy singleness and confessed Thy oneness, and who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness to Thee until they became captives in Thy domains and abased among Thy creatures. O my Lord! I have laid hold on the cord of Thy bounties and clung to the hem of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to shut me out from Thy gate which Thou hast opened unto all who dwell in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. Then grant me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and written down for Thy loved ones. Aid me, moreover, to serve Thee in such wise that the denial of them that have turned away from Thee shall not keep me back from observing Thy right, nor shall the assault of the oppressors prevent me from proclaiming Thy Cause. Wilt Thou, O my God, withhold me from drawing nigh unto Thee after Thou hast called me to Thee? Wilt Thou drive me from the dawning-place of Thy signs after Thou hast summoned me to the horizon of Thy grace? O Lord! This is one who thirsts for the river of Thy bounty, and an ignorant one who seeketh to draw near to the ocean of Thy knowledge. Teach me, O my God, from Thy hidden knowledge whereby Thou didst give life to what was and what shall be. Make me, moreover, to circle round Thy good-pleasure, to be submissive to Thy command, and humble before Thy loved ones who have sought Thy presence and attained the light of Thy countenance, and entered the city wherein the sweet savors of Thy revelation were wafted and the fragrances of Thy inspiration were diffused. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. I testify that Thou art the Sovereign over all who are in earth and heaven, and the Almighty over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Nabil, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful! How many a beloved one have We found to be but a bubble, and how many a friend hath turned into a heretic, having followed his desires, heedless of his Ancient Lord. Say: O people, follow not your desires; follow instead divine guidance, for it hath appeared with a light whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. Stand firm in the Cause, then summon the people unto this Great Name.

Say: O assemblage of princes, take from the mighty the rights of the weak, and suffer not the rich to rule over the poor. Thus doth command you the Lord of Names, verily He is the All-Knowing. Blessed is the wealthy one whom riches have not kept back from the Creator of heaven, and whom the world hath not deceived from showing humility before the people of Baha. By My life! He is of the people of the crimson ark; the denizens of the Supreme Paradise glory in him. How wonderful is this noble and exalted station! Honor him, O people of truth, for he is among the choicest of creation. Thus hath justice decreed from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O assemblage of divines, judge with justice amongst My servants. Beware lest anything prevent you from turning toward the poor. Look not to the right, but to the manifest truth. We are with you in all conditions, We hear what issueth from your mouths and behold your state. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Turn away your eyes from the left; be of those who look to the right, who judge with pure truth for the sake of God. These, verily, are of the sincere ones. Blessed is the divine who judgeth with truth; he is of the people of this noble scene. From him We perceive the fragrance of Baha, and We bless him with this Tongue which hath spoken that there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Follow those divines from whose faces ye perceive the radiance of Baha. They are as eyes to the body. Thus hath decreed the Most Merciful, Who created all possibility through His binding and wise command.

Say: O assemblage of the learned! By God, neither your intricate verses, nor your embellished words, nor your riddles and enigmas, nor your palindromes will profit you this Day. Cast them aside in My Name, then take what your Lord of the worlds commandeth you. Hold back the reins of your pens, for the Pen of God moveth in the field of Tablets with wisdom and utterance. This is the root of prosperity, were ye to know. Adorn your tongues with the mention of the All-Merciful, and your verses for the Revealer of verses. Thus commandeth you the Lord of Attributes, Who hath come from the Kingdom of proof with manifest sovereignty. Restrain your tongues from satire; ye were created for praise. This is its day, were ye of the discerning. Will mention of tresses and locks profit you? Nay, by the Lord of Power! Turn ye unto the Most Great Vision, this radiant station. Say: The eloquent one is he who hath conveyed My Cause, and the articulate one is he who hath spoken forth when asked about this Mighty News. Blessed is the poet who hath perceived in the days of God and from whose utterance hath wafted the fragrance of his Lord's love throughout all possibility. He is assuredly among the triumphant. Woe unto the poet who hath brandished the spear of satire amidst the concourse of creation and remained heedless of this wondrous Remembrance. Remember the favor of God in making your tongues the keys of treasures and the locks of wisdom and mysteries. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. This is the day of praise, wherein the Creator of heaven hath come with the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: O concourse of the followers of Moses! The discourse of the Fire hath returned by the command of your Lord, the Chosen One, and from its roaring ye hear: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious." O people of the Son! The Kingdom hath been adorned with My Name, and the Dominion with My sovereignty, and the Spirit lamenteth by reason of that which hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors. Verily, the Temple beareth witness unto the Lord of all causes, yet most of the denominations remain silent. It was built through piety, not through fancy, could ye but perceive it. It was fashioned by the hand of the Divine Will, and none knoweth it save every discerning one possessed of insight. This is He through Whom the Spirit spoke, and by Whose mention both the Torah and the Gospel were adorned.

Every moldering bone hath been quickened by the breeze of Revelation, yet most of the people are as dead. Arise from the graves of heedlessness and desire, by the Name of Him Who is the Fashioner of the heavens, then turn ye unto the horizon of the Cause through this glorious Name. This is the Righteous One Who was in heaven and of Whom Christ gave you tidings. He hath come with His mighty glory. The Most Great Law hath appeared - that which was mentioned in the scriptures of the Messengers. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow ye the Truth to which the Most Exalted Word hath testified and wherewith the Kingdom of Names hath been adorned. Turn ye unto Him with illumined hearts, and be not of them that turn aside. Say: O people of the Qur'an! By God, the All-Merciful Spirit hath lamented because of your deeds when He came from the heaven of utterance with clear sovereignty. Ye have denied Him by Whose leave all things were created, and turned away from Him unto Whom every radiant countenance hath been directed. Say: He hath appeared in such wise that none can deny Him save those who are veiled by the clouds of hatred and wrapped in the shrouds of desire, and are among the most lost. Have mercy on yourselves and break not God's Covenant and His Testament, and be of them that are just. Your turning away harmeth Me not, even as your turning towards Me profiteth Me not. Verily, He is independent of all the worlds.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! This is the Best-Beloved of all created things, Who hath come with the kingdom of verses, while ye remain heedless. Was this Revelation made conditional upon any stipulation? Was this Cause in your hands or in God's hand? Be discerning, and be not of the ignorant ones. If the Cause be in God's hand, He hath raised me up and sent me forth, and caused me to speak according to His will. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He pleaseth. He hath manifested me with a proof around which circle the proofs of all the Messengers. Through my being have the standards of power been raised up, which none deny save every malicious transgressor. Had the Cause been in my hands, I would not have uttered a word amongst you. I held the Cause in reserve until His binding and mighty Command came. His Will hath prevailed over mine, and He hath manifested me in such wise that the arrows of the idolaters have assailed me. And if the Cause be in your hands, why do ye reject the people of the Gospel and the Torah, and the followers of Abraham? They say what ye say. They have clung to what they possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and have turned away from the Dawning-Place of certitude and my most luminous Countenance. Ye are wrapped in the most great veil, which is naught but the tales that were current amongst you from the imaginings of the ancients. He knoweth what is in your breasts and that which hath prevented you from this glorious Perspective. Ye are deaf, by the Lord of the mighty Throne! And ye are blind, by the Lord of the exalted Seat! The earth and heaven have been illumined by the light of the countenance of your Lord, the All-Glorious, yet ye see not. The evidences have appeared, yet ye know them not. The verses have been sent down, yet ye understand them not. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, yet ye hear not. The Pen is ashamed to mention that which ye have uttered concerning me, after ye were commanded not to allude to this holy, exalted, inaccessible and forbidden Station. Ye have taken him whom We cast into the sea, and have clung to what he possesseth of idle fancies. Know ye by what authority ye turned unto him and turned away from Him through Whom the horizon of the power of your Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, was illumined? And did ye recognize him? Nay, by the Self of the Beloved! We testify that ye worship vain imaginings and perceive it not. Thus have We recounted unto thee the tale of the people who today shall not be helped.

O thou who hast turned towards God! Leave them and what they possess, then stand firm in this irrevocable Cause.

The seal of the Wine of Mysteries hath been broken by the fingers of might. Blessed are they who are free, who have drunk in the name of their Chosen Lord on this promised Day. We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which bringeth joy to sincere servants. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and findest from it the sweet fragrances of verses, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Source of clear evidences! I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in the Cause and is not hindered by the signs of those who disbelieved in God when He came with His name, the Self-Subsisting. Remember those on whose faces thou findest the radiance of Glory. Say: Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation. By My life! Ye are the triumphant ones. Let not what hath escaped you grieve you, for He is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Let not the affairs of creation disturb you. Verily, the Truth is with you; this sufficeth you, did ye but know. Say: Read ye the verses of God, then ponder, that ye may know what hath befallen Us. Therein hath been revealed every hidden matter. Afflictions have encompassed Me which none can reckon save God, the Knower of the unseen and the seen. The polytheists have gathered against Me from every direction with tyranny, to this do honored servants bear witness. Every harm hath been ordained for My person and every affliction for My Beauty, yet people do not understand. In all conditions We summon the servants to the Mighty, the Loving. That which befalleth Us preventeth Us not, even as what befell Us in the past prevented Us not, and thy Lord is witness to what I say. Be thou steadfast in the path of thy Lord in such wise that the words of those who have disbelieved in God and believed in falsehood shall not deter thee. Thus doth the Pen of Knowledge teach thee from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Take what thou hast been given by the power of thy Lord, then make mention of Him in thy days. This is better for thee than what was and what shall be.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I know not by what fire Thou didst kindle the lamp of Thy sovereignty in the midst of Thy lands, and by what light Thou didst manifest Thy countenance in Thy domains. The more the waters of opposition were poured upon the former, the more did its radiance increase, and the more the veils of the heedless obscured the latter, the more did its gleaming and its rays increase. Thus dost Thou see, O my God, the lamp of Thy Revelation amidst the people of darkness and rebellion, and Thy abiding Face amidst the people of loss. I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, through which the breaths of life were wafted over all who are in the heavens and on earth, to raise up from among the powerful ones him who shall arise to aid Thy Cause, to exalt Thy Word, and to elevate Thy laws amongst Thy servants. Then strengthen through him, O my God, Thy loved ones who have turned unto Thee and have sought the sanctuary of Thy presence. Though Thou hast strengthened them in Thy kingdom, yet I desire their strengthening in the world of creation, by Thy might, O Fashioner of the heavens and Lord of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O thou who art denoted by Ha, upon thee rest every most glorious glory! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The Pen calleth out amidst the world and giveth glad-tidings unto the peoples through the Most Great Name, whereby hath flowed the Kawthar of life throughout all contingent being, and whereby there hath gushed forth from the impenetrable rock the sweet-flowing waters of the All-Merciful's love. By the life of God! This Day is His Day, wherein He turneth at one time to the right, calling out to the companions of the right hand and summoning them unto God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest; and at another time He walketh before the faces of the servants, giving them glad-tidings of that which hath dawned forth and shone from the horizon of the will of the Lord of creation; and at yet another time He speaketh from the highest branches of the Tree of existence, warbling and singing with the most melodious of tunes, whereby the wine of recognition hath intoxicated the servants of the All-Merciful. Of them are they who hastened unto the Dayspring of sacrifice between earth and heaven, and of them are they who sacrificed themselves by their own hands in the path of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. By the life of God! Were it not for the decree of wisdom sent down from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Merciful, the sincere ones would surely hasten to attain that which the martyrs have attained. The command is God's, inasmuch as He hath forbidden all from this and enjoined upon them composure and dignity, and the preservation of their souls in private and in public. Verily, He is the All-Choosing, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

May my spirit and my soul be offered up for that which belongeth to Him and to it in the path of your love, O thou who hast arisen with thy whole being to serve God and to aid His Cause. Several days ago, as commanded, a brief petition was submitted to your presence. God willing, it will have arrived. In your previous letter you had made mention of Manekji Sahib. The answer to his petitions had been revealed through God's bounty and favor some time ago, but due to certain matters and divine wisdom it was not sent, and likewise the answer to Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, and several others whose petitions were brought by Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, was not sent, until in these days from the Dayspring of favors the Sun of permission arose and the answer to the aforementioned gentleman's petition was sent. The original Tablet in the handwriting of the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of His most mighty footsteps - was sent and should reach that person, and a copy in this servant's hand was sent so that any of the honored ones and friends of God who wish to make a copy may do so from this servant's handwriting, that the original Tablet may reach its owner safe and unblemished. Although that which hath been revealed from the heaven of divine Will in answer to them hath been revealed according to the requirements of the time and in consideration of the condition of the seeker, yet I swear by the beauty of the Beloved that were all who are on earth to be fair-minded and attain unto the perusal of that Tablet, all would enter the goodly City and behold the heavenly bounty with their outward and inner eyes, and be delighted thereby. My soul and the souls of all else be a sacrifice for His utterance and for His mention.

O beloved of my heart! This servant is at all times bewildered and thoughtful, for he sees heedlessness encompassing most of the people of the world to such an extent that pen and tongue are powerless to describe it. Observe how the ocean of inner meanings is surging, the Sun of grace is shining, and the heaven of utterance is raised high; yet the people remain heedless and veiled to such a degree that they are counted among the dead. Soon, however, will the Divine Word encompass all and all shall turn toward the supreme horizon, save those souls who are utterly devoid of spirit - their judgment is as ashes.

Blessed are the loved ones of God and His chosen ones - may my soul be a sacrifice for them - who have directed their hearts to the ultimate goal and turned their radiant faces to the supreme horizon, and have drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of bounty on this Day when the vibration of the Manifestation has seized all things. Blessed is the ear that hath heard its call and the eye that hath witnessed its ways. All souls observe with their outward eyes the passing of one another and the changes of circumstances and days, yet they are seen to be far from the gathering-place of nearness and heedless of the Sun of knowledge which shineth at the zenith. They have neither ears nor eyes - they are like cattle, nay more astray.

From His blessed letters it was understood that after learning of the conditions in the Land of Purpose and its constraints and the events occurring therein, they have become distressed and saddened. This servant submits that although the events occurring in this land are just as some of the friends have reported to them, yet God willing the hand of divine destiny shall protect. Yes, since God has ordained means for every matter, they look to the means and all are commanded to this station, but after the prevention of the appearance of outward means, assuredly the conquering power and the prevailing sovereignty will be made manifest and will effect the transformation of all that is visible. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. I swear by the Sun of wisdom that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance that were this servant to describe this station as it truly is, all on earth would be bewildered, nay, thunderstruck by the greatness of the Cause. May my soul be a sacrifice for thy detachment and may my life be offered up for thy service. In truth, tongue and pen fall short of mentioning thy struggles, efforts and endeavors in service to the Cause, and to this every person of insight bears witness and every hearing ear testifies. Praise be to God, then praise be to God, that thou hast attained to this exalted, supreme station which is today visible among the people of the earth. However, according to the blessed command, thou must conduct thyself with perfect wisdom and protect thyself as much as possible for the sake of serving the Truth. The Truth, the Inaccessible, has thus far preserved Himself for the salvation of the people, the freedom of the people, and the maturity of the people. But in these days, due to the ingratitude of the people, We are somewhat hesitant as to what We should will and what command We should manifest.

O My Name Ha! By thy life, We have desired the survival and salvation of creation, yet at every moment they strive for My extinction. Say: By the life of God! He shall never perish, but rather He loveth to veil His countenance from your eyes, O heedless ones. His are worlds beyond worlds, and realms which none hath known save He Who speaketh the truth and converseth with thee from this remote station. O My Name Sin! Hearken unto My most sweet call. He remembereth thee, and giveth thee glad tidings, and confirmeth thee in thy love for God, the Lord of all worlds. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy sincerity, thy service, thy steadfastness and thy gracious mention. The Wronged One restraineth Himself from mentioning that which hath befallen Him in this manifest spot. We have named it the Most Great Prison. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informed. That which hath appeared therein befitteth to be concealed in a preserved tablet. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Wise. Grieve not at this, but put thy trust in God. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, may you ever be blessed through the mercy of the All-Merciful. Your mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court, thy call hath been heard, and thy love witnessed. The servant present at

this moment, when the meal was served, requested that a portion of this food be bestowed upon the Name of Ha, and at this moment he arose and engaged in visitation on thy behalf. We gave him leave for this, that he might be numbered among them that visit. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee and give thee glad tidings of that which hath appeared at this moment.

As for what thou didst write concerning the Most Great Leaf, the honored sister - upon her be the Most Glorious of all Glory and the Most Excellent of all Praise - yes, this servant once heard from the blessed tongue that they said if one succeeds in paying the Huqúqu'llah to the extent of paying debts and expenses allocated to them, this is beloved before the Throne. Until this year, this servant always heard these words from the tongue of Grandeur regarding the Huqúqu'llah, saying that no one should demand Huqúqu'llah from anyone, as this depends on the success and pleasure of the servants themselves to pay with complete contentment and submission. However, this year, in view of current affairs and apparent conditions, they said that each of the loved ones of God upon whom Huqúqu'llah has become binding must pay it. We beseech God that all may be enabled to do this, as this matter is truly the cause of preservation and purity of wealth and of blessing, and has ever been so. And they said that were it not for these outward circumstances, never would such words have been uttered from the tongue of Grandeur, but the matter is decreed, and perhaps good will come of it.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to give His loved ones to drink, at all times, from the wine of steadfastness and to confirm them in the wisdom that hath been sent down. He, verily, is the Generous Giver. I request of thee to convey expressions of sincerity from this evanescent one to the brethren and to those whom God hath related to thee, one and all, and likewise to the friends. I beseech God to enable them, to assist them, and to draw them near unto Him in all conditions, and to make them aware of this world and its transience and its passing, that none may grieve at its loss nor rejoice in its existence. By the life of the Beloved! It shall perish, and naught shall endure save what hath been ordained for every soul by God, the Lord of all names. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee and upon the assured ones among the loved ones of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

I'm ready to translate any Baha'i text you provide into English in an eloquent style following Shoghi Effendi's approach. Please share the text you'd like translated.

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This is the Call of the All-Glorious which is proclaimed from the Supreme Horizon in the Prison of 'Akka

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God, the True One, testifieth and the Revealers of His names and attributes bear witness that Our sole purpose in raising the Call and in proclaiming His sublime Word is that the ear of the entire creation may, through the living waters of divine utterance, be purged from lying tales and become attuned to the holy, the glorious and exalted Word which hath issued forth from the repository of the knowledge of the Maker of the Heavens and the Creator of Names. Happy are they that judge with fairness.

O people of the earth!

The first Glad-Tidings which the Mother Book hath, in this Most Great Revelation, imparted unto all the peoples of the world is that the law of holy war hath been blotted out from the Book. Glorified be the All-Merciful, the Lord of grace abounding, through Whom the door of heavenly bounty hath been flung open in the face of all that are in heaven and on earth.

The second Glad-Tidings

It is permitted that the peoples and kindreds of the world associate with one another with joy and radiance. O people! Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. Thus hath the daystar of His sanction and authority shone forth above the horizon of the decree of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The third Glad-Tidings concerneth the study of divers languages. This decree hath formerly streamed forth from the Pen of the Most High: It behooveth the sovereigns of the world—"may God assist them—"or the ministers of the earth to take counsel together and to adopt one of the existing languages or a new one to be taught to children in schools throughout the world, and likewise one script. Thus the whole earth will come to be regarded as one country. Well is it with him who hearkeneth unto His Call and observeth that whereunto he is bidden by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

The fourth Glad-Tidings

Should any of the kings—"may God aid them—"arise to protect and help this oppressed people, all must vie with one another in loving and in serving him. This matter is incumbent upon everyone. Well is it with them that act accordingly.

The fifth Glad-Tidings

In every country where any of this people reside, they must behave towards the government of that country with loyalty, honesty and truthfulness. This is that which hath been revealed at the behest of Him Who is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

It is binding and incumbent upon the peoples of the world, one and all, to extend aid unto this momentous Cause which is come from the heaven of the Will of the ever-abiding God, that perchance the fire of animosity which blazeth in the hearts of some of the peoples of the earth may, through the living waters of divine wisdom and by virtue of heavenly counsels and exhortations, be quenched, and the light of unity and concord may shine forth and shed its radiance upon the world.

We cherish the hope that through the earnest endeavours of such as are the exponents of the power of God—"exalted be His glory—"the weapons of war throughout the world may be converted into instruments of reconstruction and that strife and conflict may be removed from the midst of men.

The sixth Glad-Tidings is the establishment of the Lesser Peace, details of which have formerly been revealed from Our Most Exalted Pen. Great is the blessedness of him who upholdeth it and observeth whatsoever hath been ordained by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The seventh Glad-Tidings

The choice of clothing and the cut of the beard and its dressing are left to the discretion of men. But beware, O people, lest ye make yourselves the playthings of the ignorant.

The eighth Glad-Tidings

The pious deeds of the monks and priests among the followers of the Spirit1 “upon Him be the peace of God”are remembered in His presence. In this Day, however, let them give up the life of seclusion and direct their steps towards the open world and busy themselves with that which will profit themselves and others. We have granted them leave to enter into wedlock that they may bring forth one who will make mention of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

The ninth Glad-Tidings

When the sinner findeth himself wholly detached and freed from all save God, he should beg forgiveness and pardon from Him. Confession of sins and transgressions before human beings is not permissible, as it hath never been nor will ever be conducive to divine forgiveness. Moreover such confession before people results in one’s humiliation and abasement, and God “exalted be His glory”wisheth not the humiliation of His servants. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Merciful. The sinner should, between himself and God, implore mercy from the Ocean of mercy, beg forgiveness from the Heaven of generosity and say:

O God, my God! I implore Thee by the blood of Thy true lovers who were so enraptured by Thy sweet utterance that they hastened unto the Pinnacle of Glory, the site of the most glorious martyrdom, and I beseech Thee by the mysteries which lie enshrined in Thy knowledge and by the pearls that are treasured in the ocean of Thy bounty to grant forgiveness unto me and unto my father and my mother. Of those who show forth mercy, Thou art in truth the Most Merciful. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Lord! Thou seest this essence of sinfulness turning unto the ocean of Thy favor and this feeble one seeking the kingdom of Thy divine power and this poor creature inclining himself towards the daystar of Thy wealth. By Thy mercy and Thy grace, disappoint him not, O Lord, nor debar him from the revelations of Thy bounty in Thy days, nor cast him away from Thy door which Thou hast opened wide to all that dwell in Thy heaven and on Thine earth.

Alas! Alas! My sins have prevented me from approaching the Court of Thy holiness and my trespasses have caused me to stray far from the Tabernacle of Thy majesty. I have committed that which Thou didst forbid me to do and have put away what Thou didst order me to observe.

I pray Thee by Him Who is the sovereign Lord of Names to write down for me with the Pen of Thy bounty that which will enable me to draw nigh unto Thee and will purge me from my trespasses which have intervened between me and Thy forgiveness and Thy pardon.

Verily, Thou art the Potent, the Bountiful. No God is there but Thee, the Mighty, the Gracious.

The tenth Glad-Tidings

As a token of grace from God, the Revealer of this Most Great Announcement, We have removed from the Holy Scriptures and Tablets the law prescribing the destruction of books.

The eleventh Glad-Tidings

It is permissible to study sciences and arts, but such sciences as are useful and would redound to the progress and advancement of the people. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The twelfth Glad-Tidings

It is enjoined upon every one of you to engage in some form of occupation, such as crafts, trades and the like. We have graciously exalted your engagement in such work to the rank of worship unto God, the True One. Ponder ye in your hearts the grace and the blessings of God and render thanks unto Him at eventide and at dawn. Waste not your time in idleness and sloth. Occupy yourselves with that which profiteth yourselves and others. Thus hath it been decreed in this Tablet from whose horizon the daystar of wisdom and utterance shineth resplendent.

The most despised of men in the sight of God are those who sit idly and beg. Hold ye fast unto the cord of material means, placing your whole trust in God, the Provider of all means. When anyone occupieth himself in a craft or trade, such occupation itself is regarded in the estimation of God as an act of worship; and this is naught but a token of His infinite and all-pervasive bounty.

The thirteenth Glad-Tidings

The men of God's House of Justice have been charged with the affairs of the people. They, in truth, are the Trustees of God among His servants and the daysprings of authority in His countries.

O people of God! That which traineth the world is Justice, for it is upheld by two pillars, reward and punishment. These two pillars are the sources of life to the world. Inasmuch as for each day there is a new problem and for every problem an expedient solution, such affairs should be referred to the Ministers of the House of Justice that they may act according to the needs and requirements of the time. They that, for the sake of God, arise to serve His Cause, are the recipients of divine inspiration from the unseen Kingdom. It is incumbent upon all to be obedient unto them. All matters of State should be referred to the House of Justice, but acts of worship must be observed according to that which God hath revealed in His Book.

O people of Bahá! Ye are the dawning-places of the love of God and the daysprings of His loving-kindness. Defile not your tongues with the cursing and reviling of any soul, and guard your eyes against that which is not seemly. Set forth that which ye possess. If it be favorably received, your end is attained; if not, to protest is vain. Leave that soul to himself and turn unto the Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Be not the cause of grief, much less of discord and strife. The hope is cherished that ye may obtain true education in the shelter of the tree of His tender mercies and act in accordance with that which God desireth. Ye are all the leaves of one tree and the drops of one ocean.

The fourteenth Glad-Tidings

It is not necessary to undertake special journeys to visit the resting-places of the dead. If people of substance and affluence offer the cost of such journeys to the House of Justice, it will be pleasing and acceptable in the presence of God. Happy are they that observe His precepts.

The fifteenth Glad-Tidings

Although a republican form of government profiteth all the peoples of the world, yet the majesty of kingship is one of the signs of God. We do not wish that the countries of the world should remain deprived thereof. If the sagacious combine the two forms into one, great will be their reward in the presence of God.

In former religions such ordinances as holy war, destruction of books, the ban on association and companionship with other peoples or on reading certain books had been laid down and affirmed according to the exigencies of the time; however, in this mighty Revelation, in this momentous Announcement, the manifold bestowals and favors of God have overshadowed all men, and from the horizon of the Will of the Ever-Abiding Lord, His infallible decree hath prescribed that which We have set forth above.

We yield praise unto God“hallowed and glorified be He”for whatsoever He hath graciously revealed in this blessed, this glorious and incomparable Day. Indeed if everyone on earth were endowed with a myriad tongues and were to continually praise God and magnify His Name to the end that knoweth no end, their thanksgiving would not prove adequate for even one of the gracious favors We have mentioned in this Tablet. Unto this beareth witness every man of wisdom and discernment, of understanding and knowledge.

We earnestly beseech God“exalted be His glory”to aid the rulers and sovereigns, who are the exponents of power and the daysprings of glory, to enforce His laws and ordinances. He is in truth the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, He Who is wont to answer the call of men.

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He that is mentioned in the heart of Baha!

The mention of thy Lord’s mercy unto His servant, that he may be established in the Cause in such wise that the call of every remote polytheist shall fail to perturb him. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having freed thyself from the depths of vain imaginings and attained unto the recognition of thy Lord, while most of the people remained veiled therefrom, and for having drunk from the Kawthar of recognition, a single drop of which purifieth every pure and sound heart.

Verily, they who have denied God in these days are those whom the Names have deluded, after We had bidden them to detach themselves therefrom when God would come with a wondrous Cause. We had revealed in the Bayan and enjoined upon its followers that they should not associate any partners with

God when He would come with the truth in sublime beauty. Yet when He appeared in truth, they denied Him and rose up against Him with a tyranny that was grievous in its oppression.

Say: O people! Reflect upon that which befell Him Who came with the name of ’Ali in truth and appeared with a radiance manifest to all the worlds. The divines rose up against Him with such opposition as severed from it all likeness and similitude, and God is witness to this. They advanced arguments based on words which they attributed to the verses of the Furqan, then objected thereby to Him Who created them by His command, being utterly unaware of this and remaining steadfast in their opposition.

Among them were those who clung to the notion that what al-Baqir had related concerning the signs of the Manifestation had not appeared, and likewise what a?-?adiq had uttered they had not witnessed. Thereby did they deprive themselves of all good and stood at the brink of the pit of polytheism, bereft of truth. And among them were those who said: “It hath been established with us through multiple transmission, as set forth by the Imams of religion and the Four Gates, that the Qa’im will not be born but is living and will appear when God wisheth and willeth. But he who hath appeared was born, and we shall not believe in him even if he should bring forth every sign or manifest a matter that would render all worlds impotent.”

He Who came upon clouds of light saith: O people! Fear God and dispute not concerning the signs of God after their revelation, nor follow every sinful polytheist. Purify your ears from all that ye have heard, that ye may hearken unto that which is revealed unto Me from the sublime heaven of mighty glory. Look not unto that which is with you, but look with the Most Great Vision, for this is better for you, did ye but know. O people! The sun hath risen from its setting place; therefore shall no soul’s faith profit it. Fear God and be God-fearing in His religion. O people! Were ye not promised in all the Tablets the Day of God? Lo, it hath appeared in truth, and therein hath the Ancient Beauty been established upon a mighty throne of glory. After His manifestation, nothing shall profit you, even should ye cling to all the Manifestations, and this is a truth like unto the existence of God, were ye discerning in the matter.

Verily, they to whose words ye cling were created by My word, and none comprehendeth this save every sagacious one possessed of knowledge. Therefore are they all within Our grasp of power; We do with them as We please, and verily We have power over all things. That which is with you shall not profit you this Day; what shall profit you is that which proceedeth from Me, and I am the Powerful over whatsoever I will, with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. By God the Truth! Were We to take a handful of dust and desire to create the like of these, We would be able, were ye possessed of penetrating vision. Have ye not witnessed, O people […]

Behold how We ordained the Stone to be the object of adoration for all the servants from every direction, and exalted its mention amongst all, both small and great. Then when its appointed time was fulfilled, We removed from it the garment of acceptance. Can anyone say “why” or “wherefore”? Nay, by My Self, the Truth, were ye but possessed of knowledge concerning the mysteries of the Cause. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, doeth what He willeth in His dominion and shall not be asked of His doings. He hath ever been powerful over whatsoever He willeth. And was this glory inherent in this Stone itself? Nay, by Him Who caused the Spirit of Eternity to speak forth in the breast of Baha, rather was it from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

By God, O Our servant ’Abdu’r-Rahim! Mine eyes weep and My frame trembleth because of those who witness God’s favor in its utmost perfection, yet deny it and comprehend not God’s utterance. They object to God and justify their turning away by the same arguments used by the people of the Furqan, imagining themselves to be in the right while they are in error before God. Why do they not perceive in God’s Cause even as much as the husk of a date stone? I take God and His angels and His Messengers as witnesses that I have not failed in counseling them and in proclaiming this Cause which was witnessed at the right hand of the Throne.

Would that they had never heard My words nor opposed My Self! By God, O Rahim, in every moment there hath befallen Me from these people that which hath caused the hearts of the denizens of Paradise to burn, yet We have concealed it and been patient until God shall bring about His purpose, for verily He watcheth over all worlds. Ponder thou upon what hath been revealed unto thee, that perchance thou mayest draw forth from this ocean precious pearls of sanctity, and become acquainted with that which hath been concealed from most of the servants, whereby God may loose thy tongue to make mention of this Remembrance Whom the transgressors have imprisoned in this well, and that thou mayest aid this Wronged One Who hath no helper on earth save God, Who strengthened Him with the truth and sent Him unto all worlds with a manifest sovereignty.

Say: O people, fear God and contend not with Him Whom God hath made to stand amidst His enemies as a proof unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, how much less against the verses revealed unto Him which cause every possessor of exalted knowledge to be bewildered at their revelation. Say: O leaders of the Bayan, do ye deny Him through Whom your realities were created and your names were exalted? Fear God and be steadfast in the Cause.

By God, the Truth! Were God to desire to adorn the bodies of all created things with the robe of Divine authority in one hour and remove it from them in another, He is able to do so, and this would not be difficult for God. Be ye ashamed before God and war not against His Self, deny not His power, dispute not His verses, and take not your idle fancies as objects of worship besides Him. Among these are those who love not the Day because their souls have grown accustomed to the Night, and when the Day appeareth it obliterateth its traces and radiance until no vestige thereof remaineth visible. Observe thou the stars - they shine in the night and glory in their radiance, seeing themselves as manifest, yet when the Day appeareth and the Sun shineth forth, their light and radiance are obliterated as though they had never existed, and to this every person of insight beareth witness. Despite this, how can the Day […]

Say: The Day hath appeared and the Sun hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, obliterating thereby the traces of every exalted grace save whom thy Lord hath willed, and He was, at that moment, in the most exalted Paradise, by God’s leave, filled with joy. O servant! By God, they who have not attained today to the recognition of God and His good-pleasure - these have no light. Rather, darkness itself fleeth from them and seeketh refuge with God from their darkness and unbelief. And thy Lord is, to what I say, a witness.

Say: O people! Be not proud before God, nor let names beguile you from turning unto Him through Whose command the suns of names have shone forth from a holy and wondrous horizon. And We complain unto God of the mirrors that behold not My beauty except through their own colors, imagining

in themselves concerning God that which beseemeth them not. Thus have We informed thee with truth that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause in these days wherein the feet of every mighty man have slipped from the Path, save him whom the hand of grace hath seized and delivered from the darknesses of fancy, causing him to dwell beneath the shade of a sublime and lofty Tree.

O Rahim! Have mercy upon thyself, then upon the souls of the servants. Verily, thy mercy towards them is to teach them the Cause. Arise then, and tarry not for even a moment. Open thy lips in remembrance of thy Lord in such wise that shouldst thou be opposed by all who are in the heavens and on earth, thou wouldst behold them as though no one among them were worthy of mention. Rend asunder all veils, then speak between earth and heaven that wherewith the Spirit will aid thee from the presence of One mighty and wise.

Soon will Satan come unto you with that which will prevent you from the remembrance of God and His sovereignty. Then turn away from him and face God with a radiant countenance. This is of the tidings of the unseen which We have revealed unto thee that thou mayest be clear-sighted in the Cause.

Say: O people! Is there any doubt concerning God after He hath appeared with all signs? Fie upon you, and upon your sight, and upon your minds! Ye have emerged from one fancy only to be afflicted with a greater one. Then shall ye find no helper for yourselves in God. Hear My words and take not God in mockery, nor His Cause in vain. By the True One! There is no refuge today for anyone from God's Cause and His proof. All things proclaim this, though none hear it save those endowed with wondrous hearing.

O servant! Rend the veils asunder through the power of thy Lord, the Chosen One, and pay no heed to the idolaters and what issueth from their mouths, for they have disbelieved after having believed. Therefore do all atoms curse them, and behind them a truthful and knowing tongue. Remember from Our presence those servants who are there, who have taken today for themselves a path unto God. And glory be upon thee if thou remainest steadfast in thy Lord's Cause and art illumined with the lights of His countenance.

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He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed and exalted be His station!

Praise be to God, the One Who stands without decline, Who endures without transition, Who transcends all description and utterance, Who is sanctified from all peers and likenesses. The essence of His being cannot be comprehended by minds, nor can His reality be attained. The sun of His power is exalted above setting, and the sovereignty of His Cause is sanctified from decline and obscurity. He it is through Whose Most Great Name the world has been conquered and through Whose most perfect and complete proof the nations have been encompassed. None can resist His bidding, none can stay His judgment, none can frustrate His decree, and none can oppose His will. He has illumined existence with the lights of knowledge and understanding, and has kindled within the visible world the lamp of wisdom and utterance. Through this has He guided His servants to the source of guidance, and transformed them from the left hand of rancor and opposition to the right hand of fellowship and unity. His power has ever

been triumphant, His might ever-subduing, His dominion ever-manifest, and His glory ever-resplendent. He ordains whatsoever He willeth and decreeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Peerless.

O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Hope and my Trust! How can I make mention of Thee, when I behold Thee sanctified above all remembrance? How can I describe Thy power, when I see Thee exalted above all minds and thoughts? How can my feeble cry ascend to the court of Thy mighty power, and how can my weak, abject praise rise to the heaven of Thy sovereign strength? What befits me in my weakness and poverty to describe Thy Being, O Master of the Kingdom of might and power, or to define Thy Self, O Sovereign of the Realm of glory and grandeur? With what tongue shall I invoke Thee that it may be worthy of the court of Thy supreme majesty, and with what utterance shall I describe Thee that it may befit the threshold of Thy grandeur and power? I am bewildered, and the knowers are bewildered; I am perplexed, and those who describe Thee are perplexed; I am astonished, and those who praise Thee are astonished. By Thy glory, O my Hope, before the kingdom of Thy power I see in myself naught but sheer impotence, and in the face of the sovereignty of Thy permanence, utter evanescence. My mention of Thee and my rising to praise Thee are but in obedience to Thy command and in submission to Thy decree. Otherwise, what am I in my poverty to stand forth in remembrance of Him Whose name is exalted above all mention, and Whose command transcends all description and thought?

I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the secrets of the seen and unseen, to manifest in the contingent world that which shall rend asunder the veils of the veiled, remove the imaginings of the doubters, and transform through might the weakness of the wavering ones, and through assurance the agitation of the fearful ones. Thou hast, O my God, revealed Thy Cause, sent down Thy decree, made clear Thy path, and set forth Thy proof in such wise that were anyone to be fair, he would find no refuge save in turning to Thee, and would see no shelter save in entering Thy presence, in acknowledging Thy oneness and confessing Thy singleness. Yet due to the weakness in the hearts of Thy servants and their fear of the malice of the oppressors and the antagonists, none have turned to Thee save those whose hearts Thou didst create from the tablets of power and assurance, and whose heads Thou didst adorn with the crowns of knowledge and understanding.

I beseech Thee by Thy hidden Name and Thy treasured Secret to lift from all eyes the veils of doubt and suspicion, that every seeing one may behold Thee seated upon the throne of glory and grandeur, and every discerning one may see Thee established upon the seat of power and loftiness, and may perceive the signs of Thy manifestation in Thy days, and may know the mysteries of Thy Cause in Thy time, and may follow Thee in that which Thou hast commanded through Thy grace in Thy firm Book and decisive Speech. Strengthen, O God, Thy loved ones who have turned to the horizon of Thy Cause, who have detached themselves from all else but Thee, and who have arisen to serve Thee in such wise as to exalt their stations in Thy dominion and kingdom and to elevate their remembrance in Thy realm and heaven. Preserve them, O God of existence and King of the seen and unseen, from the evil of those who have forgotten Thee and have removed themselves from the precincts of Thy nearness, and adorn them every day, nay every moment, with the robes of Thy grace and the mantles of Thy bounty, and give them to drink of the pure water of nearness and reunion, and the sweet spring of meeting and attainment in the day of return. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O thou who art immersed in the ocean of love and who hast ascended unto the atmosphere of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Possessor of all creation! There hath reached this servant that whose exterior was adorned with the traces of ink and whose interior with the subtleties of love and unity. From its hidden allusions I perceived the degrees of thy turning unto thy Lord, the Lord of all creation, and from its veiled symbols I recognized the stations of thy humility and lowliness before the presence of the Divine Unity. Blessed art thou and blessed is he whose pen hath moved in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of sincerity and of turning unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. And blessed be the spirit of him who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Lord of Names, and who hath conveyed unto the seekers that whereby they have attained the shore of immortality, detached from the vicissitudes of the realm of mortality. By thy life! I behold nothing more exalted than teaching the Cause, nor do I witness any bounty sweeter than it. Would that my Lord, the Most Glorious, might enable me to raise aloft the standards of His Cause among all created things, and would that I might turn towards the lands to spread the signs of my Chosen Lord and to guide the seekers unto the paradise of the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. God knoweth that I have never ceased to beseech Him for success and confirmation in this righteous Cause, and I implore Him to facilitate all affairs and remove the obstacles that have arisen from the deeds of the evil ones. The Cause is in His hands - He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O thou who art beloved! When I beheld thy letter and pondered thy words, I presented myself at the Court of Glory and mentioned thee before the countenance of thy Bountiful Lord. Thereupon the ocean of grace surged and the fragrance of generosity was wafted, and there issued forth from the Source of Bounty that whose fragrance hath perfumed the world. His Word, exalted be His utterance and magnified His favor:

He Who is established upon the Throne of Proof

O ’Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the splendors of the lights of presence and hast dwelt for a time beneath the pavilions of grandeur. At every moment the Supreme Pen is engaged and occupied in counsels and admonitions. The ocean of utterance is surging and the sun of proof is shining and manifest before all faces. Nevertheless, the people remain lost in the dark dust of idle fancies and are deprived and forbidden from the outpourings of the Day of God. Idle fancy is a dust that preventeth the eye from beholding, and vain imaginings are a barrier that hindereth from the truth. We beseech God that He may, through the hands of might, remove that which hindereth in these days. Through wisdom and utterance - by thy life - the hosts of wisdom have been and ever shall be victorious. We beseech God to confirm the loved ones of that land in that which is befitting. Today all must gather up the carpet of their own desires and hold fast unto the Will of God, and fix their gaze upon that which will cause the elevation and exaltation of God’s Cause. After thy return, numerous Tablets were sent, and in every Tablet were concealed the oceans of grace and loving-kindness, of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed are they that drink therefrom, and woe unto the heedless. Say:

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted, and ordain for them from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will attract them unto Thee and draw them nigh unto

Thy court and remind them of Thy verses and kindle them with the fire of Thy love. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends and illumine all with the lights of God's grace. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning this Cause, whereby the hearts of all things were troubled and the pillars of all beings were shaken, save those who cast the world behind them and turned unto God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Great, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God, thou hast in all conditions been the recipient of the favors of the Beloved, the Most High, and hast been honored by His grace. It behooveth thee to thank Him at all times and to arise to mention and praise Him amongst the peoples of the world.

Regarding the answers to the questions which thou hadst written about: Some days after thy departure, one copy of the aforementioned questions, together with the answers to thy questions, was sent in the handwriting of Zein, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, for thy sake. Surely it must have reached thee and thou must have perused it. Likewise, certain other questions were submitted and answers were revealed; a copy of these also will be sent - append them to the previous parts.

Furthermore, mention and glorify Haji M.H., upon him be the Glory of God, who attained the presence with thee, with wondrous and sublime remembrances from this servant. We beseech God to strengthen him at all times and to ordain for him that which is best with Him. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bestower.

As for the Bookbinder who was engaged in service in this land for about a year, and was blessed with divine bounties and was granted permission to return - it was decided that he would occasionally write and send news of conditions. A letter was received from him after his departure, but after his arrival in the land of T, no further letter from him has been observed. An answer to that letter was sent, but its receipt is not yet known. Remember and glorify him with wondrous remembrances from this servant, and inquire about his circumstances. His services and labors are ever before our sight and remembered. We beseech God to ordain for him every good thing He has promised to His loved ones in His Book.

Regarding the volume of Persian Tablets thou hadst written about, its sending depends upon permission and will. The copy of the Blessed Tablet which thou hadst requested will certainly be sent if it is found. Finally, remember and glorify the friends with wondrous and sublime remembrances. We beseech God to ordain for thee every good thing decreed in His Book and to protect thee beneath His shadow from the evil of the wicked among His creatures. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee, upon thy family, and upon the steadfast servants of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Jalal, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Almighty Who was not deterred by the opposition of the opposers, the denial of the deniers, the tyranny of the oppressors, and the chains of the deceivers from His purpose. Through His Most Great Word, He guided the people of the mortal realm to the supreme horizon, made manifest the mysteries of the Resurrection and the signs of the Hour, and illumined those who have turned towards Him and are fair-minded with the lights of the Kingdom. Glorified be His power, exalted be His majesty, manifest be His proof, perfect be His favor, and complete be His testimony! Blessings and peace be upon the Hands of His Cause among His creatures, whom neither names prevented from drawing nigh unto the ocean of His bounty, nor the ornaments of the world from beholding His signs. These are the servants who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation and the Kawthar of immortality in His days - blessings from which waft the sweet savors of His generosity and munificence.

O Jalal! Some time ago that which was revealed especially for the loved ones, from whose fragrance the decayed bones were stirred and from whose breezes the realities of existence were moved and adorned. The loved ones in diverse lands each attained unto the ocean of divine utterance and were illumined with the light of recognition. The honored Siyyid ’Ali-i-Akbar appeared before Us and made mention of the loved ones in the land of Nun and Ya and other regions, and each was blessed with the Kawthar of the utterance of the Most Merciful and the sealed wine. His grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath preceded all. We beseech God to aid the loved ones in those regions that they may detach themselves from the ladder of names and ascend unto the heaven of inner meanings. The companions of this Revelation have been and are such souls as were not deprived of what is with the Lord of the Beginning and the End by what is with the parties, and turned from what is with the peoples to what is with God. These are the dawning-places of divine power and the daysprings of heavenly steadfastness. Thy letter hath once again in these days arrived and attained unto the gaze of favor and audience.

O ’Ali-i-Aqa! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the recognition of the Desired One of the worlds and hast quaffed from the Kawthar of utterance. Know thou the station of this bounty and say: Thine is the glory, O Lord of bounty, and Thine is the favor, O Master of all beings! I testify that Thou hast manifested that which was hidden in the treasury of infallibility and concealed from all creatures, and Thou hast guided this servant of Thine to Thy Most Great Announcement whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred. I beseech Thee not to debar me from the gate of Thy generosity and bounty and from the ocean of Thy verses. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad-i-Hasan! The deeds of some have become the cause of grief. Today the helpers of the Cause of God are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Repeatedly hath this exalted word been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: The harm to this Wronged One came not from the chains and fetters of the land of Ta, nor from the oppression of the tyrants of the land of Mim, but rather from those souls who claim to love Him and count themselves among the people of Baha, yet are found to be enslaved by self and passion. Today the loved ones must be illumined with the light of righteousness and set ablaze with the fire of detachment. This is the counsel of God - glorified be His majesty - both in the past and future. Well is it with them that act accordingly.

Render thanks unto the Desired One Who hath made mention of thee on this night and hath revealed in thy name that whereof every letter is a brilliant lamp and a shining light for the people of the earth. When thou attainest unto this bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of heaven and earth and Sovereign of might and glory!

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named ’Abdu’l-Karim, that he may give thanks to his Lord, the All-Bountiful, Who hath come with His mighty Command, despite every perfidious sinner and accursed enemy. The fire of treachery and hatred hath been kindled in the great city. One who claimed to love hath shut the eye of justice and opened the eye of tyranny, and another joined with him. They have committed that which hath caused the hearts of the detached to lament and wail. For the sake of wealth they turned away from the Self-Sufficing Lord. This Wronged One hath come for the sanctification and purification of souls, and hath accepted countless afflictions for the exaltation and advancement of His loved ones. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to assist them to return and to perform deeds whereby the station of God’s Word and His Cause may be exalted. Thus have We sent down the commandments and ordinances from the heaven of thy Lord’s utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and attained that which the near ones have attained.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Shin, from whose soil wafteth the fragrance of love and fellowship through the appearance of the Lord of creation, Who gave tidings unto all of the Sovereign of all paths and took their covenant before His own. Thus may they give thanks unto their Lord, the Ever-Mindful, the All-Bountiful.

O Abu’l-Qasim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee in this remote prison, that thou mayest know and be of the thankful. Say: O people of God! Aid your Lord through purifying yourselves. By My life! It behooveth every servant to abandon self and desire, and to hold fast unto righteousness and godliness, as bidden by God, the Creator of all things and the Lord of the kingdom of names. Today the enemies wait to observe unseemly deeds and to cast upon the servants that which preventeth them from turning unto God’s path and the tidings mentioned in His divine Books. Goodly deeds are the cause of the servants’ drawing nigh unto their Source. Repeatedly hath this exalted word been uttered by the Lord of all being: One pure deed will cause the essence of earth to transcend the heavens and reach the Dayspring of Revelation. O people of God! Strive! O people of God! Endeavor! that perchance the idols of self and desire may be destroyed through the power of detachment, and godliness may be established upon its throne. Soon shall extinction seize the world and all that is therein. One must prepare for God’s everlasting realms and become worthy of attaining His presence. This is His irrevocable decree. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it, and woe unto every heedless remote one.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! In these days complaints have come from every direction, and the Hands of the Cause have related strange tales concerning certain teachers which were and are unseemly. In truth I say, from whomsoever appeareth the fire of desire and passion, he is not of the Truth, and never shall be. The teacher must be adorned with the ornament of detachment, godliness, trustworthiness and piety. This is the command of God, before and after. Blessed is the servant whom desire hath not kept back from the Lord of all being. In the Hidden Words We said: O thou who art fair in appearance yet inwardly defiled! Thou art like unto clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which,

when tested by the divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. The sun's reflection is visible in both dust and mirror, but know that the difference between them is as vast as the distance from the highest star to the earth, nay, immeasurably greater. The influence of words hath ever depended and shall depend upon sanctification of self. Blessed art thou, for My Pen hath moved to make mention of thee in My prison, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions through those who follow their desires and attribute themselves to this hallowed, mighty and wondrous station.

O Abbas! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to hold fast to Thy sure handle and to cling to the hem of Thy garment. I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me so steadfast in Thy love that neither the doubts of the hypocrites may hinder me from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the whisperings of the froward keep me back from turning to the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Strengthen my heart through Thy power, and illumine my sight with the light of Thy countenance. Thou, verily, art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Who is the Supreme Ruler over all who are in earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Haji Mirza, that he may drink from the Word of God the Kawthar of immortality and may recognize the station of this Announcement through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Cast away what the people possess and take what We have revealed unto thee with a power that the oppression of the wicked cannot weaken. We have made mention of Our loved ones, both before and after, in such wise as hath illumined the horizons. O people of Baha! Beware lest the veils of names withhold you from God, the Revealer of mysteries. All must arise with complete dedication to serve the Lord of mankind. This is My counsel. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Jalal! Repeatedly hast thou been blessed to hearken unto the divine call. We beseech God to aid all to perform such deeds as would attract hearts and exalt His Word. Today, goodly deeds and character, together with divine wisdom, are the helpers of His Cause. The events that transpired in Muharram in Iraq have caused upheaval and clamor, and likewise in another place, for the people know not that a different matter hath occurred and conditions have changed due to a new development. Therefore, those who have drunk from the wine of wisdom must observe wisdom and refrain from that which causeth shock and perturbation of hearts and minds, until such time as God shall bring about His purpose and reveal its hour. Likewise, words that cause flight and denial are not permitted. The servants must be educated like children - first with gentle nourishment until they progress to meat and its like. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. The handmaidens of God and those related to thee have been and are remembered. Give glad-tidings to all from Me. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Glory be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens, and upon all who are steadfast and upright.

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

Praise and glory befit the friends of God, exalted be His majesty, who, detached from all else, have arisen to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that no sitting was seen in their standing - nay, even in their repose they stand upright. Exalted are their stations and sublime their ranks in the presence of God, their Creator, their Fashioner, their Quickener, their Slayer, their Strengthener, their Revealer, and their Guide. These are the men who have ever championed the Cause in the arena of utterance. The heroes of the world are as sparrows before them, and the clamor of the nations in their glorious presence is but as a croaking. These are the horsemen of the field and the helpers of the Purpose of all worlds. With the finger of certitude they have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and shattered the idols. The chains of vain imaginings of the world's peoples did not hold them back from the Most Exalted Pen. They have attained true understanding and are adorned with spiritual perception. These are the servants of whom He says they are the treasures of the earth and its repositories, for they are the pearls of wisdom and utterance and the trust of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who recognizes them, attains their presence, serves them, and turns his face toward their countenances.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of both the seen and the unseen, Who art established upon the throne of grandeur in Thy praiseworthy station! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance through which all lights have shone forth, and by the breathings of Thy love among the chosen ones, to assist Thy loved ones to mention Thee before the faces of all religions with wisdom and utterance. O Lord! Prevent not Thy chosen ones from turning to the horizon whence the sun of Thy presence hath shone forth, and deprive them not from arising before the door of Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward the direction of Thy prison and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. Ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of both this world and the next. Then write down for them the reward of attaining Thy presence, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Creator of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the letters of that spiritual friend arrived repeatedly. Some were answered as time and opportunity permitted, while others were delayed due to the abundance of the revelation of divine verses, until some time ago when the beloved of the heart, His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, sent a letter to the Most Holy Court. This servant presented it before His presence and it was honored to be heard, yet its answer was also delayed until these days when repeatedly my beloved, His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be God's grace and favors, beseeched from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings for a response. On this day, which is the last day of the revered month of Rajab, that letter was honored to be heard before the Throne, and afterward the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime words, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

In My Name, the Speaker, the All-Knowing […]

O Abdu'l-Husayn! The Wronged One of the world proclaims: Today the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised on high, and the Most Exalted Pen speaks from the highest horizon of the world. The earth is changed to another earth and the heaven to another heaven, yet the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. The dwellers of the graves have arisen at the breath of revelation of the Self-Subsisting Lord, while the living souls are seen as if dead. The intoxication of pride and heedlessness has encompassed the world and deprived it of the Ancient Lord. Blessed are the party of God, the people of

Baha, who are like unto the surging ocean and like unto the sun, radiant and luminous. The darkness of the people of the Bayan does not hold them back from the light, nor do the doubts of the people of allusions deprive them of the horizon of the All-Merciful. Their hearts are sanctified from rancor and hatred. They hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of justice. The clamor of the vain ones has not prevented them from the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. They stand for God, speak for God, and turn their gaze toward God.

Convey My greetings to the friends in those regions on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of the favor of the Desired One of the world. Say: O party of God! Today the fragrance of divine revelation is diffused throughout the world and the spiritual breeze wafts at dawn. By the life of God, it imparts awareness and bestows eternal life! Say: Deprive not yourselves and veil not yourselves from the Lord of all possibilities through the idle fancies of the people of the Bayan. Reflect upon the former party and their utterances - what they proclaimed from their pulpits, what claims they made, and what became manifest from them on the Day of Reckoning. If you become aware of the deeds of those heedless souls and their fruits, you will remain steadfast on the divine path in such wise that names will neither prevent nor deprive you from the Lord of inner meanings.

O Abdu'l-Husayn! Repeatedly have you been blessed with the grace of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to aid you in that which befits His Cause and is worthy of His days. Convey greetings to the handmaiden of God. Say: Praise be to God that you have been blessed with the mention of the Wronged One, both before and after. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the new handmaiden. Blessed is the handmaiden who has turned, heard, and attained to the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. O handmaiden of God! The whole world has been created for the knowledge of the Ancient Lord and has been brought from nothingness into being. Yet in the divine days and the manifestation of the Eternal Beloved, all were found heedless and veiled save a few. Praise the Ancient Lord Who guided you, aided you, and bestowed guidance upon you. Since you have attained and possess the pearls of divine love, guard them from thieves and betrayers. This is the counsel of the Wronged One of the horizons. Know thou the station of the party of God, both men and women, and be occupied with praising and thanking the Lord of all beings.

Has anyone ever been, or is now, capable of recording the divine grace? Nay, by His own Self, the One Who dominates all who are on earth and in heaven! Every name that has attained the honor of hearing has been adorned and distinguished by the verses of God. Who is that lost one whom His grace has not sought? Praise be to God that those souls mentioned in that spiritual friend's letter have attained the verses of God. This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to aid them to remain steadfast in His Cause and to grant them their portion and share from the oceans of inner meanings that lie treasured and hidden within the Words of God. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets, in Arabic and Persian, were revealed specifically for his honor Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. As commanded, this servant wrote and sent them. God willing, they will attain unto them. And regarding their request to sell their possessions and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, after this was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these manifest verses were revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance. His blessed and exalted Word:

The sale of possessions is not permitted. We beseech God to aid him to serve the Cause and to record the recompense of attainment unto His presence with the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Verily, He has power over all things. O Siyyid-i-Qabil-'Ali! Say: My God, my God! Deny me not the breezes of Thy days, and deprive me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O Lord! Thy separation and remoteness have destroyed me, and the fire of Thy love and affection has consumed me. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, by the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, and by the squeaking of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to ordain for me in each world of Thy worlds that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me through Thy bounty and favors. O Lord! Thou knowest what is in my heart, my soul, and my being, while I know not what is with Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I lay before Thy presence that which none of Thy chosen ones has uttered: My Lord! Leave me not alone, for Thou art the Best of inheritors, or manifest through me that whereby my remembrance shall endure through the eternity of Thy Best Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing can frustrate and no matter can hinder. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

His is the grace and bounty, and His the bestowal and justice! The world hath been illumined by the splendors of the Sun of utterance of the All-Merciful, yet most hearts remain in their own darkness. This servant is bewildered in all conditions. Indeed, the recompense of their deeds hath prevented all and deprived everyone of their due recognition of the Intended One. This servant conveyeth greetings and glorification to the honored Siyyid, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise to the honored Khan, the host, upon him be the glory of God, and to the other friends. Blessed are they who today have been designated by the Most Exalted Pen as the party of God and have attained this most great kinship. All must recognize the worth of this supreme bounty, this eternal blessing and everlasting table. They must remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of the Day of Judgment with perfect unity and accord. O friends of Truth! The people are without fairness and are worshippers of idle fancies. For years they have worshipped and bowed down before the idols of vain imaginings. I beseech the True One, the Mighty, the Powerful, to protect His party and grant them the heavenly water of reality, that all may become intoxicated with the wine of knowledge and occupied with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. The Command is in His grasp, and He is the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the All-Wise, the All-Judicious. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath also been revealed from the heaven of the will of the All-Merciful, specifically for the honored host. God willing, they will attain unto it and drink from its oceans of inner meanings. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon all who are steadfast and firm, and all who are constant and trustworthy. The Servant. On the first day of the month of Sha'ban the Great, 1303.

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He it is Who hath moved all creation by the finger of His command!

A remembrance from the Remembered One to him who hath turned with his heart, confessed with his tongue, heard with his ear, and arisen with his feet to the remembrance of God and the service of His Cause in days wherein the Herald hath called out in all directions: "The Self-Subsisting hath come with the

Kingdom of verses and His sealed nectar!" Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves of the most pure nectar which the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Ordainer, do proffer. Draw nigh with radiant faces, then drink thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the ocean of proof surged before all religions when the Pen of God, Lord of what was and what shall be, moved. Say: Fear ye God, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with the Tablet of proof and the Kawthar of utterance, then drink thereof through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Zein! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness. The Most Great Branch hath appeared before the countenance of the Lord of mankind and mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with that whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

O Zein! By My life and My Cause, every letter revealed from My Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth with the most loud voice in the kingdom of creation: "O concourse of earth and heaven! Open your eyes, for the Chosen One hath come with a sovereignty before which the sovereignty of the world cannot stand, and with a Command which the hosts of the nations cannot withhold." To this testifieth every fair-minded one and every just one who hath spoken the truth concerning this Cause, whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and the heart of every heedless one who hath denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath been convulsed.

O Zein! There hath come before the Wronged One a leaf sent by one of My servants who heard My call and turned toward My direction. He was named Hassan by the tongue of Grandeur in this praiseworthy station. Give him glad tidings from Me and remind him of My verses. Say: O Hassan! Rejoice that thy mention hath flowed at this moment from the Pen of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath sent thee from the palm tree of utterance the fresh dates of knowledge, and from the Tree of the Mount the melody of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. By My life! If thou wouldst hear with thine ear, it would cry out and say: "O people of earth and heaven! By God, the regions have been perfumed by the fragrance of utterance wafted from God, the Lord of existence. Cast the rejectors behind you and turn to the Word which, when it shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Pen, caused those at the Mount to swoon upon the ground of extinction, save whom God willed, the Lord of the Frequented House."

O Hassan! Behold and then mention what the tongues of the rejectors have uttered in this Promised Day. The Most Great Announcement hath come unto them, whereby the Books of God, both past and future, were adorned with verses that have filled the horizons and with evidences that have erased the traces of discord, yet most of the people perceive not. They have cast the sea behind them, sporting with the pond, and they understand not. Say: O people of Baha! Counsel the servants through deeds and character. This is what ye were commanded aforetime by God. Fear God and be not of those who see and deny. Say: Hear the call of God with your ears, then behold the Light shining from the horizon of the Cause with your eyes, nay rather with the eye of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Verily, My Herald - upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy - commanded all to look upon My verses with My eye, yet the people turned away from what he said and took for themselves a path to tyranny.

We have desired at this time to mention those whom thou didst mention, that the attraction of this remembrance might seize them in such wise that neither the ornaments of the world nor the wealth of kings and subjects shall withhold them.

O Muhammad! We have turned toward thee at this hour and make mention of thee in truth, as thy name was present before the Wronged One. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance from the direction of My prison, say:

My God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, Thy grace hath guided me, Thy bounty hath given me to drink, and Thy generosity hath encompassed me. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Creator of nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which the fire of hatred was kindled in the breasts of the deceivers while the light of the Cause shone in the hearts of them that know, and by the Word at whose appearance all the books of the world submitted to it, to ordain for me through Thy All-Knowing Pen that which shall remain with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

We make mention at this moment of thy brother as a grace from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon him and upon thy spouse and upon them that are with thee among the people of Baha who were not hindered by the intimations of the heedless nor by the power of those who disbelieved in the Day of Judgment.

We make mention at this moment of him who was named Siyyid ’Ali, that the breezes of My revelation may attract him and draw him nigh unto My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. O ’Ali! Hear the call from the direction of ’Akka. Verily it hath been raised in truth from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We beseech God to inscribe for thee the reward of attaining His presence and standing before His countenance and arising to serve His wondrous Cause, and to aid thee in that whereby thy mention and thy name shall endure in His perspicuous Book. By the life of God! The Wronged One loveth to meet His loved ones, but the oppressors have intervened between Me and them and have committed that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. When thou drinkest the choice wine of My praise from the hand of My bounty, say:

My God, my God! The wine of Thy utterance hath intoxicated me and the Kawthar of Thy knowledge hath attracted me. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Speaker of the Mount spoke forth and the decree of resurrection appeared and the people of the graves arose, and by Thy standing and sitting, and by the breezes of Thy revelation and the sending down of Thy verses, to ordain for me the reward of those who have sought Thy station and circled round Thy throne and hearkened unto Thy call and beheld Thy horizon. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one hath sought the ultimate goal and the wronged one the manifestations of Thy justice, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love and acting according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Who, when Thy power is manifested, doth erase the traces of the world’s power, and when the Sun of Thy Will doth shine forth, the wills of all nations are struck dumb. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayers.

He is the Compassionate from the horizon of the Prison.

O Muhammad! The letter of the honored Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be Baha, was presented before the Wronged One and was granted audience. Praise be to God that he hath repeatedly attained unto the divine verses. Today every word that appeareth from the Dayspring of God's Will concerning His sincere ones and those near unto Him shall endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt hold fast unto wisdom and utterance and occupy thyself with teaching the Cause of God. Today the ocean of verses surgeth, and the heaven of proof is adorned with the stars of evidence, and from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace the rains of utterance and meaning have descended in such measure that those who circle round are unable to reckon them. Nevertheless, the deniers have spoken that which no oppressor hath ever spoken, to such extent that in Our presence one occupied himself with leading astray a heedless soul from the straight path. Thus do We recount unto thee what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones.

Say: O deniers! Like the former people, deprive not yourselves of the effulgent lights of the Dayspring of Revelation. Rend asunder the veils in the name of Truth and shatter the idols of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude. How long will ye worship fancy and until when will ye pursue vain imaginations? Today the breezes of God are wafting and the fragrances of revelation are diffused, and the tongue of utterance speaketh before the faces of all who are in the realm of being. Leave and take up - leave that which is with the people and take up that which cometh from the horizon of the heaven of God's bounty. Today the fruits of the furthermost Tree are visible, the Mount is speaking in praise of the Lord of Revelation, and the Tree circleth round the House. Blessed is he who is fair in the Cause of God, and woe unto them that hesitate.

We make mention at this hour of him who is named Ali, that he may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne, and We make mention of Our loved ones in Kha and Ra, and verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad! We have made mention and continue to make mention of all the loved ones, and We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness. For twelve hundred years the people of Persia prided themselves over other religions through mention of the Successor, yet when the Dayspring of God's Will and the Dawning-Place of divine light - through Whose word the realm of mystical knowledge, successorship and imamate was and is created - shone forth from the horizon of purpose, all assailed Him with the spears and arrows of hatred and rancor, and at last martyred Him. Until now they have not understood the station of the Day of God. Say: By the life of God! This is the Day wherein the Primal Point uttereth "I am the first of the worshippers" and the seat of the Throne is the point round which circle the Concourse on High. Say: Have mercy on yourselves and choose not eternal torment through love of fancies and idle imaginings. For the sake of God have We spoken and continue to speak, and for His sake do We summon all to the supreme horizon. Say: O people! Know with clear certainty that until ye pass beyond the river of names, ye shall not attain unto the ocean of meanings. This is a word that was hidden in the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen, and We have revealed it in truth and sent it forth with justice. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "I believe in God, the Possessor of the seen and unseen."

Repeatedly hath this word flowed from the tongue of grandeur: “Blessed are the people who understand.” We beseech God to assist His loved ones that they may remind the people through their deeds and character, and guide them to the momentous News. The glory from Us be upon him who hath heard the call and said: “Yea, yea, O Lord of Names! Yea, yea, O Lord of mankind! Here am I, here am I, O Master of the Throne and earth, and Sovereign of the hereafter and the former days!”

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He is the One Who stands through grace and speaks through justice!

Can anyone through My power and sovereignty set aside that which is other than Me and take up that which is commanded in My Book - the Book at whose revelation from the heaven of My Will the Mother Book itself bowed down in submission? Is there any that hath ears to hear My most sweet call raised from the Most Exalted Horizon in the Prison of ’Akka? Is there any wielding power and dominion who can, by My command, take My Tablet through a sovereignty that hath encompassed existence and a power that hath encompassed all created things?

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! This is the day of supreme joy, for the Mount of God hath become a resting-place and Sinai hath been blessed to hear the utterance of the Lord of the Manifestation. Say: O people! The pavilion of Divine glory hath been raised in the most exalted station, and the banner of “Verily I am God” hath been hoisted upon the highest mountains. Deprive not yourselves! The sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings have ever, throughout the ages and centuries, brought upon the Daysprings of Revelation and the Dawning-places of the Cause that which is recorded and inscribed in the Books. Blessed are they that perceive and blessed are the fair-minded! Say: O people! Fear God and follow not the doubts of the suspicious ones. This is the day of the blessed word “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” This is the day when the chosen ones and the pure in heart weep and lament at His separation, while all beseech to attain His presence from the Peerless Bestower of Bounties. Know ye the value of this supreme bounty. He is the heavenly sustenance and the true Promised One Who was heralded and promised in God’s Book, both before and after. Behold the sea and its waves, the light and its effulgence, the sun and its radiance, and the Tree and its fruits! By the life of God! I have had no purpose save your guidance. From the earliest days until now I have been encompassed by countless afflictions, and all who are on earth bear witness to what hath been mentioned. Yet the deeds of the heedless souls have deprived them of sincerity and purity. O Husayn! Thou hast ever been blessed with grace. We beseech God to assist thee to become a manifestation of sanctity and holiness, that thou mayest efface the books of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the counsels and admonitions revealed in the Tablets. Say:

My God, my God! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the effulgences of the light of the Sun of Thy grace in Thy days. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. If Thou shouldst chastise them, none can say “Why?” or “Wherefore?”, and if Thou shouldst forgive them, verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful, and Thou art the Compassionate, the Bountiful, the All-Generous, the Mighty, the Gracious.

Let fragrant breezes from the revelations waft upon the friends and gladden them. All are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and are recipients of His grace. That which is essential and binding today is unity and harmony. We beseech God to unite their hearts, to draw them nigh unto Him, and to acquaint them with that which will exalt them in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Lord of the world and the Master of nations. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the Book of God with such strength as the hosts of the heedless and the cawing of the calamitous could not weaken. Praise be to God, the True King, the Manifest.

We wish to make mention in this exalted station of him who was named Farajullah, that this remembrance and utterance may draw him to the station of true knowledge and bring him near unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O thou who art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One! We have manifested the Cause and revealed verses in such measure that pens are powerless to reckon them and souls are incapable of comprehending their limits. We have made known to all that which shall preserve and profit them. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. He hath come through Whose name the gates of grace, bounty and bestowals were opened before the faces of all who are in earth and heaven. Fear God and follow not the oppressors who have denied God's proof and evidence, disbelieved in His signs, remained heedless of His sovereignty and turned away from His holy and glorious countenance. Take thou the cup of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, then drink from it in My Name, the Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and for having sent down for me that which endureth through the everlastingness of Thy dominion and Thy realm. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy command which hath surrounded all existence to make me steadfast and firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Qa'im-ud-Din! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. Verily it will preserve thee, aid thee and bring thee near unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! Judge fairly by God concerning that which hath appeared in truth and be not of the heedless ones. He Who was promised in the Book of God hath come, Who was hidden in knowledge and concealed from the eyes of those who denied the Day of Judgment. Arise to serve My Cause by My command and be not of them that hesitate. We have opened before thy face the gates of knowledge with the key of utterance that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

By the life of God! The Glory (Baha) desireth naught but that which profiteth the servants. The Lord of creation beareth witness unto this. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment and hath attained to the recognition of this resplendent and luminous Light. When thou art seized by the rapture of utterance say:

Praise be to Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having turned toward me from the direction of Thy Prison and remembered me with that which nothing that changeth or perisheth can equal. I testify that Thy favor hath encompassed existence and Thy mercy hath preceded the seen and the unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. My God, my God! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and brighten my sight with the splendor of Thy countenance. Then inscribe for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth Thy grace and bounty and beseemeth Thy manifestation in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bounteous.

O Pen of Eternity! Make mention of him who hath been named Shaykh-before-Muhammad, that he may inhale the sweet savors of the utterance of his Lord and be numbered with them that have prospered. O Shaykh! By the life of God! The eye of creation hath not witnessed the like of this Day, wherein the Lord of the worlds hath ascended the Most Great Throne and hath spoken that which hath enraptured Sinai, saying: "Blessed be the spot of earth that hath been ennobled by Thy footsteps and adorned by Thy mighty throne." O Muhammad! Reflect upon the party of old. For years they prided themselves before all people in making mention of the Successor and the like. Yet when the light of Revelation illumined the horizon of the Bayan, they all rose in opposition and committed that from which all peoples of the world would dissociate themselves. Now again, similar parties have emerged who cling to names while being cut off from their Source, their Sovereign, their Sender and their Quickener. Thus have their souls enticed them to that which hath caused every discerning soul to lament. Say: O people of the Bayan! We were formerly of the Shi'ih. Now ye should reflect upon its fruits and consequences. Yea, when the Just Imam appeared, the pen of that treacherous and deceitful party was manifest, and on the Day of Judgment both high and low - that is, the learned and the ignorant - all gave the verdict to shed His most pure blood, and now too they occupy themselves with cursing and reviling the Truth from their pulpits. Say: O people of the Bayan! It is incumbent and obligatory upon every soul to protect the servants of God from former suspicions and fancies, lest perchance such parties raise anew the standard of tyranny in the land. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Cast aside suspicions and fancies, and turn ye unto this resplendent, gleaming, manifest and brilliant Light. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen warbled in this luminous thicket, from God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them who have cast away all else save God and have turned unto Him, the Object of the knowledge of the mystics.

O Yahya! The Book hath come. Take hold of it with the power given thee by Us, in spite of every obstinate tyrant. Verily We have manifested that which was hidden from time immemorial and stored in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: O concourse of men! The Day hath come wherein He Who conversed with God hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation and the Herald hath called out from every direction: "Dominion and Kingdom and Power and Glory belong to God, the Lord of the mighty throne!" Say: O people of the Bayan! The horizons have been filled with the signs of your Lord, the King of the Day of the Covenant. Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of them that hesitate. Arise to serve the Cause and be not of the ignorant. Those who have turned away from the Countenance are indeed in manifest loss. Blessed art thou, O Yahya, inasmuch as the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath made mention of thee in the prison of 'Akka, a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God! We have, on this blessed day when the realities of all things are in joy and delight through their encounter with the Lord of Names, made mention of the loved ones. Give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them, then recite unto them in such melodies as will draw unto them the hearts of the world. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the lights of the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw them nigh unto Him, to aid them in exalting and raising high the Word amongst His servants, and to record for them in His mighty Book the recompense of those who are sincere. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not cast behind them My covenant and My testament, and whom names have not prevented from turning toward the heaven of My recognition. Verily thy Lord is the Giver, the Munificent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the One True God! O friends of God in Sh and H! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in luminous speech. He hath indeed mentioned you before in eloquent language, and He is the Omnipotent, the Mighty. The peoples of the world have been debarred from the Lord of Names by the doubts and intimations of the leaders, and have been deprived of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Revelation. Had the servants but witnessed with their own eyes and hearkened with their own ears, they would have attained unto that which hath been and ever shall be the cause of exaltation. This Wronged One counseleth you to fear God and to that whereby His Cause, the firm, the impregnable, may be uplifted. Put not your trust in every speaker, nor be assured by every visitor. Conquer the citadels of hearts with the hosts of deeds and character. God, exalted be His glory, hath relinquished sovereignty unto the kings, and hath made hearts the dawning-place of the radiant lights of the Sun of Revelation. This is His practice in this Cause, and ye shall never find any change or variation in His practice.

We beseech God to aid His Majesty the sovereign in protecting His flock and safeguarding them from the wolves of the earth. A just sovereign possesseth a great station in the sight of God and occupieth an exalted rank. By the life of God! The most excellent garment for the temple of sovereignty is the garment of justice. It is the supreme adornment and the most resplendent robe.

O my God, my God! Adorn the temple of the sovereign with the ornament of justice and his head with the crown of equity, that the horizons may be illumined by his light, his station, his manifestation and his effulgence.

One pearl of utterance revealed from the treasury of the Pen of the All-Merciful is greater, more precious, and more valuable than all the treasures of the earth and its jewels. Every person of insight beareth witness, and every person of hearing is aware of that which hath been mentioned. Implore ye God to aid and strengthen the sovereign. On several occasions he protected the oppressed from the wickedness of the oppressors in the lands of H and M and K and T. Were they to become aware of the purpose of this Revelation and the will and desire of God, exalted be His glory, they would arise to aid the

Cause. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein. The Most Great Book of God beareth witness to this in the most exalted station.

O people of God! Defile not your hearing with unseemly utterances, and preserve your sight from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings. The unjust ones of the world have assailed this Wronged One from behind the veils like unto wolves, and with the sword of falsehood and calumny have sought to attain unto a station which God, exalted be His glory, hath sanctified from their comprehension. They have appeared with the utmost tyranny and injustice, and are occupied with misleading the hapless creatures. But for the Glory (Baha), who would arise before all faces? But for Him, who would raise up the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting? But for Him, who would proclaim with the most great call betwixt earth and heaven? Have they not beheld the waves of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, or have they not heard the Most Great Word from the most exalted horizon? At all times the call hath been raised and the divine testimony hath appeared before all faces, and yet they are debarred from the Self-Subsisting Lord by their vain imaginings. This is that momentous news the mention of which hath been revealed from the heaven of God's will in all former and latter Books. Well is it with the people who have recognized its station, who have attained unto its days, and who have aided His Cause with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Woe unto them that have turned away, unto the heedless, and unto the forsakers.

Glorified art Thou, O Light of the horizons and Illuminator of hearts and minds on the Day of Separation! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy most exalted horizon, by the manifestations of Thy grandeur amidst all beings, by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee, and the tears of the sincere ones, and by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued the nations, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed the world, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, and to write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Ibrahim, that he may hear Thy most sweet melody and be of them that render thanks. O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest. Verily it hath been raised up in truth from this most exalted Station, as a command from the presence of an All-Wise Ordainer. In each letter thereof lieth concealed an ocean of meanings and utterance. Blessed is he who hasteneth and draweth nigh, and taketh therefrom a cup in My Most Glorious Name, detached from the kingdom of creation, and drinketh thereof at one time in remembrance of Me and at another through My Name whereby the limbs of the polytheists have quaked.

O Ibrahim! Behold, then make mention of him who was named Kazim when he sought the place of sacrifice, yearning to attain the presence of the Lord of Names, and offered up his spirit, his body and his wealth in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Then remember him who severed his own head, moved by the rapture of the Divine Call when he was present in Baghdad before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. He sacrificed his life to exalt the Word of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Ibrahim! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. How many souls have offered up their spirits, their glory, their wealth and their comfort in the path of the One True Friend, while the heedless servants have concealed the mention of the deeds of these holy souls and these knights of the field of knowledge,

wisdom and understanding, and instead make mention from their pulpits of the sacrifice of the previous Dispensation, taking pride therein. Say: O heedless ones! How long will ye remain deprived of the lights of the sun of justice and prevented from the waves of the ocean of equity? Beware lest these fleeting days withhold you from everlasting bounties, and beware lest this world occupy you from the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Say: Cast aside the people and what they possess, and take what hath been given you from the presence of God, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ibrahim! Reflect upon the Most Great News and its grandeur, and likewise upon the heedlessness of those who have turned away among the people of the Bayan. Verily, he who stood before the Divine Countenance they have taken as a lord for themselves besides God. Lo! They are among the most lost in My perspicuous Book.

O Ibrahim! Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and illumine them with the light of the manifestations of the Luminary of Divine Command. Today the tree walketh and maketh mention with eloquent speech; the man standeth still while the mountain moveth; from water appeareth fire, and from fire floweth the Kawthar of utterance. What a world this is! God knoweth. We beseech God to assist you to turn unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon thy family and thy children. Verily, We give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of will and bounty, and ordained for them from My Most Exalted Pen. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, illumine him with the lights of My utterance and remind him of My verses. Then send down unto him that which will enable him to soar in this holy, mighty and wondrous atmosphere. O Muhammad! We have made mention of thee before, and at this hour through a perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do that which He loveth and is pleasing unto Him. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The people of Baha possess, in the sight of God, another station and another bounty, for they behold all besides God as non-existent and as naught. Names deter them not, nor do the doubts and intimations of the peoples of the earth become a barrier unto them. With celestial might have they set their faces toward the Most Glorious Horizon and have hearkened unto the most sweet rustling of the Supreme Pen. The clamor of the world is, to them, more contemptible than the croaking of frogs and the chirping of ants. They have passed beyond that which pertaineth unto the world and fix their gaze upon that which is with God.

O Muhammad! The oppressors have made God’s Cause the object of their derision, their sport and their play. They are occupied with their own desires, turning away from the dawning-places of the lights of the Day-Star of certitude. Thus have their souls deluded them with vain imaginings, and today they are numbered with the dead. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast rent asunder the veils, despite the people of idle fancies, and hast attained unto My choice sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and

upon thy children and thy kindred. God will soon raise up from among thy descendants one who will arise amidst the servants and remind them of God's signs at the beginning and at the end.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Khanlar, that the fragrances of remembrance may draw him to the horizon wherefrom hath shone forth the Day-Star of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of them that have knowledge. Say: O people! By God, the Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud from the Most Exalted Horizon. Draw nigh and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the books of men debar you from the Lord of creation, or the doubts of the nations from the Most Great Name. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. That which hath been sent down in truth cannot be compared with the books of the world. He Who calleth between earth and heaven beareth witness unto this. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless ones. Say: O company of the opposers! Fear ye God, then judge fairly in this Great Announcement. Through Him Who calleth amidst mankind hath appeared God's Cause, His sovereignty, His Manifestation and His power. Were it not for Him, who would summon the people unto the Truth, and who would guide mankind unto His straight path? The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and thy kindred, whose hearts God hath illumined with the light of His knowledge and whose faces with the lights of His manifestation. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have made mention of, and continue to mention, the loved ones of that land, and We counsel them with that which conduceth to the exaltation of the Word of God. The adornment of man hath not been and is not through the riches of the world, but rather through praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, loftiness of purpose and nobility of nature. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness and to illumine them with the light of detachment. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

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In the name of God, the One, exalted be His majesty!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through a point from the Most Great Book upon the leaves of the world, whereupon appeared the Books, the Scrolls, the Psalms and the Tablets. Then He manifested Himself through a light from the lights of inner meanings upon the world of utterance, whereupon the horizon of divine knowledge dawned and the morn of the Cause shone forth through the luminary of grace and prosperity.

O My Name Mehdi! The letter from the Afnan Alif and Ha, upon him be My glory, was presented by this servant before the Throne. God willing, may he ever drink from the choice wine of inner meanings in this luminous day and offer it to them that are worthy. We have verily aided him to serve the Cause, and thus have We bestowed Our favor upon him and upon the chosen ones among My servants. Verily thy Lord is the All-Giving, the Generous. We give him glad tidings of a mercy from Our presence and make mention of him in such wise as hath brought joy to the hearts of the sincere ones.

O Mehdi! We have commanded all the friends to observe wisdom, and the divine Tablets bear witness to this truth. Nevertheless, some engage in teaching the Cause without any veil or covering. Although they act for the sake of Truth and make mention of His Name, yet this is not acceptable in the sight of God, for they act contrary to that which God hath willed. Some have exceeded the bounds of moderation out of fear and trepidation, while others, out of eagerness and enthusiasm, proclaim the mention of the Beloved of the worlds from the pulpits. Glory be to God! As to the fearful souls - what have they perceived, and from what do they seek to preserve and conceal themselves? By the Sun of Utterance which shineth from the horizon of the Prison, even should they hide beneath the layers of the earth and seek to preserve themselves through all means and causes, they shall find no escape from the claws of death, nor shall they ever find it. God willing, may the trees of being not remain [without fruit and yield], and may they not deprive themselves of the water of life for the sake of these fleeting days. In all things moderation is beloved. Some time ago this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Supreme Pen. His exalted Word:

He is the All-Wise Book […]

O people! Hold fast to the Strong Cord, for verily it will profit you on earth from God, the Lord of all worlds. Take hold of justice and equity, and reject what every remote ignorant one hath commanded you - they who have adorned their heads with turbans and pronounced judgment against Him through Whom every wise decree hath been made manifest. Through My Name their stations were exalted amongst the people, yet when I revealed Myself they pronounced judgment against Me with manifest injustice. Thus hath the Pen spoken in truth, while the people remain heedless. Verily he who holdeth fast to justice doth not transgress the bounds of moderation in any matter and is endowed with insight from the All-Seeing. The civilization extolled by the learned exponents of arts and sciences will, if allowed to overleap the bounds of moderation, bring great evil upon men. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform you. If carried to excess, civilization will prove as prolific a source of evil as it had been of goodness when kept within the restraints of moderation. Meditate upon this, O people, and be not of them that wander distraught. The day is approaching when its blaze will consume the cities, and the Tongue of Grandeur will proclaim: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the All-Praised!” Thus observe all things, then render thanks unto thy Lord for having mentioned thee in this wondrous Tablet. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne!

If a soul were to truly ponder what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen and find its sweetness, he would surely become detached from his own will and desire, and would move according to the Will of God. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this station and hath not been deprived of this most great bounty. Today neither the fearful who hide themselves nor those who openly proclaim are beloved. All must act with wisdom and engage in service to the Cause. It behooveth everyone to reflect upon the condition of this Wronged One. From the beginning until now, We have been manifest among both friends and foes, and even in times when calamities and tribulations surrounded Us from all sides, We summoned the people of the earth to the Most Exalted Horizon with utmost power. The Supreme Pen desireth not to mention Its own afflictions in this regard, for this would surely cause grief to those who are near, to the sincere ones, and to them that are devoted. Verily, He is the Speaker, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Most days We were in the hands of Our enemies, and now We dwell among serpents. These sacred lands have been described and mentioned in all divine Books, and most of the Prophets and

Messengers appeared from these lands. This is that desert wherein all the Messengers cried “Here am I, O my God, here am I,” and the promise of the appearance of God was to be in these lands. This is the Valley of Decree, the White Land, and the Luminous Spot. All that is manifest today was mentioned in previous Books, but the people thereof were declared unacceptable in all divine Books, to such extent that in some instances they were described as the offspring of serpents. And now this Wronged One, dwelling among the offspring of serpents, calleth out with the most exalted call and summoneth all to the ultimate goal, the most sublime summit and the highest horizon. Blessed is he who hath heard what the Tongue hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

Beseech ye God that He may enable all His friends to do that which is acceptable in His sight today. Should anyone succeed in performing even a single pure deed today, he shall be mentioned and recorded among those near to God in the divine Book. In all matters, hold fast to the cord of consultation. This exalted word was previously revealed in the Crimson Tablet. The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. In matters take ye counsel together, for consultation is the lamp of guidance that leadeth the way and bestoweth understanding. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise you, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O people of Baha! Know ye the value of this most mighty, most holy Day and arise to that which beseemeth you and is worthy of it. Guard yourselves by the name of God, exalted be His glory, from the cawing of the ravens and the croaking of the deniers. By the life of God! The opposers among the people of the Bayan appear more veiled than all other peoples. They have returned to the first step. They speak according to their desires and by them seek to prove their case against God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. They have failed to perceive the fragrance of the Divine Day. Say: This is the Day of God; it beseemeth no one to make mention of aught else or to turn unto any other than Him. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His glorious station.

We make mention once again of the Afnan at the end of the Book, that he may give thanks unto the Lord of all beings Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired through His all-compelling Will over the worlds. Thou art he who hath heard the call of thy Lord and turned unto the Supreme Horizon, and wert of them that responded. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, that which ye possess will profit you not. Leave it behind in My Name, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess of veils and allusions. Hearken unto that which the Supreme Pen calleth you to in this wondrous Day. Through your injustice the Concourse on High hath lamented, as have the denizens of Paradise and those who have proclaimed there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The world hath been darkened by your idle fancies, and the hearts of them who are nigh unto God have been troubled by your cruelty. Fear God and be of them that are fair-minded. O concourse of rulers! Your ornaments and that which ye possess have preoccupied you. Soon shall the breezes of annihilation seize you from every direction. Then shall ye see yourselves in manifest loss.

From this station We send Our greetings to My loved ones and counsel them with that which We have counseled them before, and I am the All-Wise Counselor. Say: Beware lest the doubts of those who have left your lands prevent you, or the conditions of the heedless veil you. We counsel them again and again with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

That which was mentioned in the blessed spot hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance by One Who is Compassionate, All-Knowing. If it be realized in spirit and joy, it is well-pleasing. God assisteth the souls that are steadfast and assured, and He hath commanded and doth command to what is right. Blessed is the soul that hath succeeded in serving in the path of God. Verily, it is of the people of the highest Paradise in My gracious Book.

O My Afnan! We bear witness that thou hast acted righteously in that which thou wast bidden by the All-Knowing Commander. God willing, mayest thou ever be assisted in that which causeth the exaltation of God's Cause. Minutes, hours, nights and days all swiftly return to extinction, and that which endureth and lasteth is what appeareth in the love of God and His path. How many souls there were who yearned and hoped for this station, yet today are seen to be heedless and veiled. O My Afnan! Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O God of all created things and Object of all creation! I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy mighty signs, whereby the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined and the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones to stand firm in this Cause–the Cause by which the idols have lamented and the edifice of creation hath been shaken. O my Lord! Thou beholdest what the hands of the oppressors have wrought and hearest the cawing of the ignorant ones who have turned away from Thy sealed wine when it appeared through Thy Self-Subsisting Name. O my Lord! Illumine their eyes with the light of Thy knowledge and their hearts with the effulgences of the light of Thy countenance. All things have testified to Thy power and might. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy servants from the rustling of the Pen of Thy Revelation, nor to debar them from turning unto the ocean of Thy mercy. Thou art He Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the might of them that have denied Thee and Thy signs strike fear into Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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O Fath-i-A'zam, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most High!

O Fath-i-A'zam! By God, the True One, today is thy day! Arise to promote the Cause amidst the heavens and earth, then sing and warble with My most glorious melody amongst the concourse of creation. Say: By God, the True One, O people! There hath come to you the proof before which, at its manifestation, every proof and evidence hath bowed down. Beware lest thou be perturbed by the intimations of those who have openly denied God and have not understood the root of the Cause, and from whom the breezes of the All-Merciful have been withheld. Soar with the wing of certitude in the atmosphere of wisdom and utterance, then subdue the cities of the hearts of the peoples of the world through the sovereignty of thy Lord. Thus doth the Pen of the Most Merciful command thee at an hour when it hath ascended above all who are in the heavens and earth and become established upon the pole of Paradise.

By God, the True One! The idolaters have cast Us into the well of envy and hatred, then raised an outcry amongst themselves to cause doubt in the hearts of those in whom thou findest no steadfastness in the

Cause of God, and who dwell in uncertainty and loss. Say: God shall soon raise up a people who shall cast behind them all who are in the kingdom and shall stand firm in the Cause with power and sovereignty.

If thou desirest to know what hath befallen Us, know that We have been afflicted with tribulations the like of which have never appeared in creation. By My life! They cannot be mentioned in words and utterances. Know then that the clamor hath been raised from the direction of the hearts of the deniers, and intoxication hath seized the dwellers of the heavens and earth save those whom the hand of grace hath taken and delivered from the hosts of those who have denied and associated partners with God, and whom the melodies of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, have attracted.

Say: O people! Fear God and cleave not unto those whom every atom denounceth, for they have denied the proof whereby their faith in God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised, would be established. Reflect thou upon what they who have denied My Self have attributed unto Me, and what thou hast witnessed from Me and what hath appeared through Me, that thou mayest become aware of what hath befallen Me from the hosts of Satan.

By God, the True One! The tablets that have been written in rejection of God and His Cause - were anyone to have insight, he would witness from what hath been inscribed therein the falsehood of those who wrote them with the fingers of polytheism and who have calumniated God without clear proof or evidence. Cast thou these words behind thee, then stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the servants who have denied God from time immemorial and whose names have been written among the heedless may be shaken by thee.

By My life! He who was unable to speak in My presence, when he witnessed his own powerlessness in what he desired, attributed to this Beauty - to Whose sanctity the realities of all things bear witness - what his self and passion commanded. Then he whom God had made an example to all servants, and from whom the people of hell-fire flee, wrote a tablet rejecting God and His sovereignty, for the fire had been kindled in his heart. God hath decreed for every soul that he should write in refutation of whoever hath rejected God according to what the Spirit inspireth him. Thus hath the matter been ordained by this Beauty, through Whom the hearts of the followers of all religions have been shaken.

O Fath-i-A'zam! Say: From the first day when the Sun of Baha shone forth, pure essences and holy realities have ascended to a station wherein they have rent asunder veils whose greatness and majesty caused the hearts of the chosen ones and the minds of the people of understanding to tremble. Thus do thou witness the power of thy Lord, how He hath raised up hearts wherein was naught but the revelation of […]

Through His grandeur He established them in the seat of authority in less than a moment. Indeed thou wert present before Us and didst hear My melodies and witness My composure and dignity, then My tranquility and patience and forbearance. Therefore ponder within thyself, O Most Great Victory, what hath moved Me to cry out between the heavens and the earth, that thou mayest know what hath befallen God, thy Lord, from these who disbelieved and associated partners with Him - they whom the peoples of both worlds denounce as infidels. By God! All things weep at My oppression, yet I, despite My power and might, showed forbearance toward him who sought My death and withdrew from among

these people. Yet he was not content in his soul and fabricated words against Me which every person of insight and certitude would deny.

Then know that when We found the one named Ali-Akbar who was there immersed in the depths of fancy and desire, We sent down from the heaven of divine will a tablet and sent it to him by the hand of Salman, and We have now sent a copy of it to thee that thou mayest read it and convey it to him, that perchance he may reflect within himself and sanctify himself from the doubts that were in his heart and be purified from the uncertainties of the age. Verily he objected in his inmost heart against thee. Say: O servant! We know what thou art engaged in, and with Us is the knowledge of all things and the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and naught in all the worlds can be hidden from thy Lord's knowledge. Arise to serve God and aid His Cause, then witness the Cause with thine own eyes, not through the eyes of any of the servants, for We have manifested Ourself with all proofs, signs, tokens and revelations, any single one of which would suffice all who are immersed in the depths of names and attributes - yet none comprehend this save those who have drunk from the chalice of certitude. Say: Hast thou not heard what was revealed from My previous Manifestation? Beware, beware lest thou be veiled at the time of the Manifestation by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid was created by Him. Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what was revealed in the Bayan, for these were the words of His previous Manifestation. Hast thou not heard what thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, hath said: "Say: O God! Thou art the God of Gods! Thou givest sovereignty to whom Thou willest and takest it from whom Thou willest." Thus was the command revealed from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Merciful. Yet thou hast hesitated because of the hesitation of a mere name among names, though thou hast not understood it or its fundamental cause, and thou art perturbed regarding Him Who hath dawned from the horizon of the Cause with God's grandeur and His manifestations, and God's power and His might. Fear God Who created thee by His command, and be not of those who said "God is our Lord" but when He appeared with the truth they arose in denial. Say: By Him Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of My Self! Thou hast not understood the Cause wherein thou art, nor hast thou comprehended him whom thou hast taken as thy lord besides God. If thou art in doubt about this, then it behooveth thee to present thyself before the Throne and witness what the eyes of creation have not witnessed in manifest revelation. Hast thou not heard of God's power and sovereignty? Hast thou not seen how He hath appeared in truth from the axis of all horizons? Say then: O ye two parties! Which of the signs of your Lord will ye deny? Fear God by Whose command every atom moveth, then act according to what thou art commanded in the Tablet, that God may forgive thee through His grace. Verily He is the Powerful over all things - He punisheth whom He willeth and bestoweth upon whom He willeth among His servants the sweet fragrances of forgiveness. And thou, O Most Great Victory (Fath-i-A'zam), deliver the messages of thy Lord and fear no one. If thou findest in anyone's heart a light from the lights of thy Lord, associate with him; otherwise, avoid him and his like, and draw nigh unto God thy Lord. Verily He will suffice thee against all who are in the heavens and earth at all times. Thus have We cast upon thee from the verses of the Spirit and expounded them for thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be steadfast in this Cause from which have slipped the feet of every hypocrite who hath associated partners with God and followed the paths of the people of tyranny and […]

The Glory be upon you and upon whosoever has detached himself from all that has been created in the kingdoms of existence and possibility, and has held fast to the Sure Handle in these days when the breezes of sedition have wafted from all directions. Such harm has befallen My station as transcends description, and God indeed takes account of all that has come to pass. God willing, after meeting Salman, you shall become acquainted to some degree with what has transpired both secretly and openly. Tablets were revealed and sent down from the heaven of divine will in response to the objections of the people. God willing, you shall observe them. Send copies of these two Tablets to the Land of Sad, that perchance the people may reflect within themselves and become of those who are assured. For today, as is evident, most of the servants have turned away from the King of manifest existence and clung to vain imaginings. Were you to observe carefully, you would find the veils of this group to be thicker than those of the followers of the Qur'an, to such an extent that from the leaders and followers of this group you hear naught but the words of the people of the Qur'an. All have returned to the delusions of the past and cling to vain fancies, save him whom God has purified from all that the people possess and has washed in the ocean of sanctification and delivered from the depths wherein many creatures have drowned. We hope that you will, at all times, arise with wondrous steadfastness and regard those who turn away from the Cause as cattle, nay, more contemptible still, for the cattle have not denied Him at Whose finger's motion all things move, from a beginning that hath no beginning, and at Whose glance's bidding all beings were raised up, before a before that hath no before. But these people have denied God and associated partners with His proof and warred against His Self and disputed His signs, and yet they imagine within themselves that they are of the doers of good. Say: O crimson company! God shall soon seize you with a chastisement from Him and wrath from His presence, and shall return you to the lowest of the low. Show kindness to the family of Mulla Husayn, who has ascended unto God, for this is among the most meritorious deeds in the sight of God.

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Sorrowful is He at My sorrows. OMaryam! The wrongs which I suffer have blotted out the wrongs suffered by My First Name from the Tablet of creation. The clouds of divine decree have at every moment rained down upon this manifest Beauty the showers of tribulation. My banishment from My homeland was for the sake of none but the Beloved; My exile was in no other path save that of His good-pleasure. In the midst of heaven-sent trials I glowed bright as a candle, and in the face of divinely ordained afflictions I stood as firm as a mountain. In manifesting the outpourings of His grace I was even as a bounteous cloud, and in laying hold on the foes of the peerless King I was even as a burning flame. The clear tokens of My power roused the envy of My foes, and the compelling evidences of My wisdom stirred the hatred of the malevolent: Not a single night did I repose in peace; not a single morn did I awake in tranquillity. I swear by the beauty of God that Husayn shed tears of anguish at the wrongs I suffered and Abraham cast Himself into the flames for the sake of the afflictions I sustained. Wert thou to gaze with discernment, thou wouldst behold the Eye of Grandeur weeping sore beneath the tabernacle of sanctity, and the Essence of Majesty lamenting within the realms of loftiness. Unto this beareth witness the Tongue of truth and glory.

O Maryam! From the land of ?a, after countless afflictions, We reached ’Iraq, at the bidding of the Tyrant of Persia, where, after the fetters of Our foes, We were afflicted with the perfidy of Our friends. God knoweth what befell Me thereafter! At length, abandoning My home and all that was therein, and renouncing My life and all that pertained thereunto, I retired alone and companionless. I roamed the wilderness of resignation, travelling in such wise that in My exile every eye wept sore over Me, and all created things shed tears of blood because of My anguish. The birds of the air were My companions and the beasts of the field My associates. In such wise did I, even as the flash of the spirit, pass over this fleeting world. For two years or rather less, I shunned all else but God, and closed Mine eyes to all except Him, that haply the fire of hatred may die down and the heat of jealousy abate.

O Maryam! To divulge the heavenly secrets would be unbefitting, and to disclose the celestial mysteries would be unseemly. By “secrets” is meant naught other than the treasuries enshrined within Mine own Being. By the righteousness of God! I have borne what no man, be he of the past or of the future, hath borne or will bear.

Since this text is already in English, and appears to be a complete passage, I will simply return it as is:

During this period of retirement none, whether among My brothers or any other soul, sought to investigate the matter, let alone to grasp its significance, though its import surpasseth the creation of earth and heaven. And yet, I swear by God, every breath drawn in the course of My journey was better than the service of both worlds, and My very retreat was the mightiest testimony and the most perfect and conclusive evidence. Yea, true vision is needed, if one is to behold the Scene of transcendent glory, inasmuch as the blind one is deprived of beholding his own countenance, much less the Countenance of eternal holiness. How can a mere shadow comprehend the One Who casteth it? How can a handful of clay grasp the subtle reality of the heart?

At last the divine decree prompted certain spiritual souls to remember this Canaanite Youth. Armed with a number of petitions, they searched in every place and enquired from every person, until they found in a mountain cave a trace of this traceless One. He, verily, guideth all things unto the Straight Path. I swear by the Day-Star of eternal truth that the arrival of these souls so astonished and amazed this poor and exiled Soul that My pen is powerless to describe it. Perchance a steel-sharp pen will emerge from the realm of eternity, rend the veils asunder, and reveal these secrets with perfect truth and absolute sincerity; or haply an eloquent tongue will speak and bring forth the pearls of the spirit from the shell of silence. And this indeed would not be hard of accomplishment for God. In brief, the hand of Him Who is the Unconstrained broke the seal of the mysteries–this, however, none can perceive save them that are endued with true understanding, nay rather, them that have severed themselves from all things.

So it was that the Luminary of the world returned to ’Iraq, where We found no more than a handful of souls, faint and dispirited, nay utterly lost and dead. The Cause of God had ceased to be on any one’s lips, nor was any heart receptive to its message. This lowly Servant arose then with such vigour to protect and promote the Cause of God that methinks a new resurrection was ushered in. The glory of the Cause became manifest in every town and its fair name exalted in every city, to such an extent that all the rulers treated it with tolerance and benevolence.

O Maryam! The determination evinced by this Servant to withstand the onslaught of His foes from every sect and kindred so deepened their rancour that it can scarcely be depicted or imagined. Thus was it ordained by the Lord of might and power.

O Maryam! The Pen of the Ancient of Days proclaimeth: Among the foremost duties prescribed is to cleanse one's heart of all but God. Sanctify then thy heart from aught save the Friend, that thou mayest be made worthy to enter the court of communion. O Maryam! Free thyself from the fetters of blind imitation, that thou mayest gain admittance into the blissful realm of detachment. Sever thy heart from the world and all that is therein, that thou mayest attain to the sovereign rule of faith and be not debarred from the Sanctuary of the All-Merciful. Through the power of renunciation, rend asunder the veil of idle fancy and enter the hallowed retreats of certitude. O Maryam! Though a tree be laden with a myriad leaves and fruits, a gust of autumnal wind sufficeth to obliterate them all. Remove not, then, thy gaze from the very root of the Tree of Divinity and the branch of the Lote-Tree of celestial glory. Consider the ocean, how serene it lieth, how majestically it reposeth within its bed. Yet the winds of the will of the eternal Beloved cause countless ripples and innumerable swells to appear upon its surface, each wave distinct and divergent from the others. All the peoples of the world today are preoccupied with the ebb and flow of these waves, and are oblivious of the stupendous might of that Sea of seas whose every movement layeth bare the signs of Him Who is the Unconstrained. Commune, O Maryam, with the Spirit of the All-Merciful and, shunning the company and kinship of the Evil One, seek shelter within the inviolable protection of the Lord of bounty, that haply the hand of His loving-kindness may deliver thee from the path of selfish pursuits and direct thy steps towards the realm of transcendent glory. Abandon these fleeting shadows, O Maryam, and turn towards the Day-Star of unfading splendour. Every shadow oweth its existence and motion to the presence of the sun; for were the latter to withhold its grace for a single moment, all things would sink beneath the veil of non-existence. How sad and regrettable indeed that one should occupy oneself with the transitory things of this world and be debarred from the Dayspring of eternal holiness! O Maryam! Appreciate the value of these days, for erelong thou shalt no longer behold the Celestial Youth in this contingent realm, but shalt perceive the signs of grief in all created things. Soon shall ye bite your fingers' ends in remorse, for ye shall fail to find this Youth, even were ye to search out the reaches of earth and heaven. Thus hath the decree been sent down from the realm of transcendent glory. Yea, erelong thou shalt behold all existence biting its fingers in bereavement over this Youth, and, search as it may through the entirety of every earth and every heaven, yet will it fail to attain His presence.

In brief, matters have come to such a pass that this Servant hath resolved to retire alone from the midst of this wretched people. Apart from the women of the Household who must needs remain with Me, I shall admit no one else to Our company, not even the attendants of My consort. Let us see then what God hath purposed. I depart, whilst My companions are the tears I shed and Mine associates the sighs I utter; My solace is My pen and the delight of My soul is Mine own beauty; My hosts are My reliance upon God and Mine armies are My trust in Him. Thus have We imparted unto thee a measure of the mysteries of this matter, that thou mayest be of them that apprehend.

O Maryam! All the waters of the world and its rivers have flowed from the eyes of this Youth, which, even as the clouds, have rained down their tears at the wrongs He hath suffered. In short, We have ever

offered up Our life and soul in the path of the Beloved, and We are thankful and content in the face of whatever may befall Us. At one time My head was raised aloft on a spear, and at another it fell into the hands of My deadly enemy. At one time I was cast into the fire, and at another I was suspended in the air. Such indeed hath been the treatment that the ungodly have meted out to Us.

O Maryam, We have called this Tablet “the choicest of lamentations” and “the vernal shower of tears”. We have dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest weep, at thy heart’s ease, and share in the agonies and afflictions of the Ancient Beauty.

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

All praise that is sanctified above the comprehension of all who dwell on earth befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Desired One, Who was not deterred by the might of the wicked or the clamor of the evil ones in these days when the fire of tyranny and oppression blazeth on all sides. At all times doth He, with the finger of His Will, with the tongue of His Purpose, and with the motion of His Eye and Brow, summon all unto the straight path which is illumined with manifest light. He is the Peerless One Whom neither the multitudes of the idolaters, nor the gathering of the deniers, nor the abundance of the atheists could hinder. In times of hardship He proclaimed “Verily I am God,” and in the midst of tribulation He declared “There is none like unto Me.” At all times His glance of loving-kindness hath been directed toward His loved ones. By the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who dwell on earth and in heaven! In times when the leaders of the earth, both rulers and divines, arose with utmost determination and power to extinguish the light, the Luminary of utterance was seen to shine more resplendent and manifest from the horizon of divine knowledge. Thus, every letter of the verses that were revealed in the latter days in the Land of Mystery and likewise on the way, doth in itself proclaim and testify. Yet these veiled people were not worthy to hear even a whisper, much less to hearken unto the Call that was raised from the Kingdom of utterance. Exalted is the Cause of our Lord, and glorified the Word of our Desired One and the Desired One of all who dwell in the heavens and the earth!

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of existence, both seen and unseen! Through Thy Name was the seal of Thy choice sealed wine broken. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the revelations of Thy Dominion, and by the effulgent rays of Thy countenance which the eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee have not beheld, and unto whose precincts the birds of inner meaning and utterance have not attained, to send down from the heaven of Thy will that which will draw Thy chosen ones nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! Ordain for them to attain unto Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grace, and to hearken unto that which the Son of Imran heard on the Sinai of Thy bounty and the Sinai of Thy mercy. O my Lord! Aid them to enter the Most Great Scene that they may witness and behold that which no mortal eye hath seen. Thou art He Whom the will of the nations cannot frustrate, nor the manifestations of the world deter. Thou ordainest for whomsoever Thou willest the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

May my spirit and my soul be offered up for your steadfastness and your constancy! The servant was sitting still and silent when suddenly he was stirred as though he had found the fragrance of the garment that had been diffused aforetime. Then did one of them that circle round enter with your noble letter. I took it, broke its seal and read that which the nightingale of your loving-kindness had warbled upon the branch of faithfulness, and I beheld the waters of sincerity that flowed from the fountain of remembrance and praise. When I had drunk and heard, I betook myself to that station which cannot be described by the descriptions of the world nor mentioned by the utterances of the nations, until I entered and attained the presence of my Desired One and the Desired One of all who dwell on earth and in heaven, and I laid before His countenance that which had streamed from your pen. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which, were it to be cast upon the dust, would cause the realities of spirits and minds to arise therefrom until a Day that hath no end and no termination shall overtake it. Exalted be His utterance, glorified His station, and magnificent His proof! He spoke, in My Name that speaketh from the horizon of the world […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness! Thou art he who hast attained unto the warbling of the doves of My knowledge upon the branch of Mine utterance, and whom the rapture of My Call hath seized and the sweetness of My remembrance hath attracted on a Day whereon My servants and My creatures have turned away from Me, save whom God, the Lord of Lords, did will. Thou wert standing firm in My service and speaking forth My praise when intoxication had overtaken all the dwellers of the earth - to this testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book. We have remembered thee once in the Prison, and again in the castle built upon a mountain, and yet again in this Castle which hath quivered when moved the Pen of God, the Lord of the Day of Creation. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which befell Me from the Daysprings of polytheism and the Dawning-places of dissension. We make mention of thee and of the Most Exalted Leaf, through whose grief sorrows have encompassed Me from every direction. Verily thy Lord is He Who speaketh the truth and observeth with justice on this Day which hath been named the Day of Return. We testify that she sacrificed her spirit in the love of God, the Lord of all mankind. We have, time and again, made mention of thy mother, and at this moment when the Tongue of Glory proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all Religions! Blessed art thou, and blessed is she, and blessed is thy son whom thou didst mention in thy letter. We had made mention of him before thy mention, as attested by the Tablets of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon her and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

A hundred thousand thanks unto the Goal of all existence! Each day His favor is manifest and His grace evident, to such an extent that were all who are in earth and heaven to occupy themselves forever in His praise, they would fall short. However much the people of the world may strive and advance in this station, they find themselves at the first step. At one time this exalted word was revealed from the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-place of inspiration - exalted be His utterance: "God hath ordained for His Afnan that which, were less than a needle's eye thereof to be disclosed, would cause all beings to swoon away." Though at present some may be affected by grief through the deeds of the idolaters, or be touched by abasement through the actions of the transgressors, soon shall the sun of

glory shine forth and make the world aware of their station. Whatsoever groweth from the earth or descendeth from the heavens hath been and is destined for the loved ones of God, and the Afnan occupy the foremost rank in the world. It behooveth thee to beseech God to strengthen them in preserving that which hath been ordained for them by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book.

Blessed are they who have attained unto the hearing of the Word and who perceive the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Heedlessness hath so seized the world that every living soul is bewildered. How many souls have been observed whose song was raised at one hour, while at another their lamentation and wailing was heard. Are they assured by the fidelity of the world? How can this be when it declareth at all times and confesseth its transience, and showeth forth its changes and variations? The wine of vain imaginings hath so seized them that even after witnessing and understanding they are seen to be heedless. Soon shall they behold that which they have been promised. The servant beseecheth his Lord to guide them unto His path and His balance, or else to cleanse the earth from their defilement. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As regards what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’r-Rasul, upon him be God’s loving-kindness, his petition was at one time presented before His Presence, and a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him from the heaven of the favor of the Best-Beloved of the worlds and was dispatched. God willing, may he be illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of divine utterance and drink from the ocean of inner meanings. This servant conveys his greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid him in that which diffuseth the fragrance of eternity. Verily He hath power over all things.

And concerning what they wrote about the Aqa-Zadih, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, mentioning his expulsion and what befell him, and afterwards expressing thanks and praise - after this matter was presented, the Temple of the Throne arose, walking and speaking that which this servant is unable to mention, until He said, exalted be His grandeur: “Blessed is My Afnan, and joy be unto him! He hath spoken that which beseemeth the Days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to aid him, to grant him success, and to send down upon him from the heaven of His grace that which beseemeth His sovereignty, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

This servant and his like are assuredly powerless to mention that which floweth from the Tongue of Grandeur. The drop is incapable of describing the surging of the sea, and the shadow was not and is not worthy to enumerate the rays of the sun. All dependeth upon His grace, favor and assistance. If He willeth, we have been and are enabled to render any service, otherwise we are indeed powerless. We are God’s and unto Him do we return.

To their eminences, the revered Afnans, upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, I express my nothingness and convey greetings and salutations. The letter of his eminence, the honored Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, reached this servant and was presented before His Presence, and wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed. At present there is a delay in making copies. God willing, they will be sent in these days. This servant beseecheth his Lord to quicken the earth through His signs and His sweet savors. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory and praise and honor be upon you, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The Servant

29th of Dhi'l-Hijjih al-Haram 1301

At this moment I was present in the Most Pure and Most Luminous presence of the Two Most Great Branches - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - and likewise before the Pavilion of Infallibility I presented mention of your praise and glory. Each one expressed special mention, special praise, special greetings and salutations and glory, which this servant should convey. May my spirit be sacrificed for their favors and my being for their tenderness.

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

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

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

O physician! The laws were indeed revealed in those days, but We did not send them forth, in Our wisdom, nor is it permissible that he whom thou hast mentioned in thy letter should be apprised of them. We verily see the days in travail. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the time cometh, We shall send them forth in truth as a grace from Us to all the worlds. And as for what he asked thee about the foundation of the Cause, say: Thou wouldst not hear from me even if thou hadst an attentive ear. Turn with it to the rock and thou wilt hear from it in the loudest cry: "By God! That which was hidden in the treasuries of inviolability and power and in the repositories of might and mysteries hath appeared with such sovereignty as cannot be hindered by the veils of the evil ones nor by the imaginings of the heedless!" Then turn to the thickets and thou wilt hear from them: "The All-Possessing, the Most High hath come!" Then hasten to the mountain peaks and they will say: "The Lord of all possibility hath come!" Thus do all things speak, if thou be of them that hear. Hast thou not heard that the Spirit said that if these were to hold their peace, the very stones would cry out? Thus doth He inform thee, with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Dost thou inquire about the sun after its appearance at high noon, and seek after Him Whom the very essence of understanding is ashamed to be associated with? Wipe thine eyes with the

fingers of submission, then look, and thou wilt see Him at the center of possibility, speaking in the name of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: This is He Who was promised to you in all the Tablets of God, and of Whom Isaiah informed you. Return thy gaze to the Torah and the Gospel that thou mayest know the decree of this Day and detach thyself from what thou hast, turning to the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is not the day of questioning. The Beginning hath appeared in the End with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty, calling all to the Dawning-Place of the evidences of your Lord, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. Beware lest thou be of those who awaited the days of the Messiah, but when He came with the truth, they pronounced His death sentence and were of the most lost. The Dove, beneath the talons of the enemies, calleth out at the highest pitch in such wise that the hosts of heedlessness cannot frighten It, nor can what hath befallen It from the wrongdoers prevent It. Reflect thou upon It and what hath befallen It from the people of hatred, and what It uttereth in the heaven of creation, that thou mayest leave creation behind thee, turning to the Dayspring of lights, and say: "I believe in God, O Thou Who art imprisoned and estranged!"

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

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

As for what you wrote concerning your brother, upon him be the Glory of God, this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of grace and favor: "O physician! The mention of thy brother hath been made before the Throne…" to the end of His mighty and exalted Words.

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

“The loved ones must move like the arteries in the body of the world. They must not remain deprived from serving the Cause for a moment, nor be heedless of any of its members.” We beseech God to give all to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that the winds of the doubts of the polytheists may not move them, and to purify the earth from the defilement of those who have denied God and followed every ignorant rabble. They are indeed the most lost of all creatures before God, the Most High, the Great.

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

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

Since it was arranged that whatever is mentioned should be responded to point by point in its entirety, it is therefore submitted that his honor’s letter dated the 10th of the month of fasting was received. The petition of Sassoon and mention of Khudadad and other letters and their contents were all presented before the Throne. This is what was revealed for Sassoon and Khudadad from the Lord of Creation: “Blessed are they for having attained unto that which they were commanded in the Tablets of God…”

As to what was written in the previous and subsequent letters that news had arrived of the Ancient Beauty’s intention to proceed to Iran - yes, this matter is essentially correct. Several consultative meetings were held and such was their intention. This news caused alarm among the clergy, but they soar on the wings of their own desires and are occupied with their conjectures. The Command is in God’s hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. In any case, this news has spread widely in Iran itself, reports have come from all directions mentioning this matter, and someone specifically came and gave details. If the incident of Badi’ (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God) had not occurred and they had intended it, the Ancient Beauty would certainly have proceeded, for He explicitly stated so in that Tablet. However, after this incident the matter appears difficult - the Command is in God’s hands. We shall see what God wills and what He ordains.

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

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

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His remembrance, and the praise of all created things between earth and heaven, in every age, before time and after time. My spirit, my soul and my heart be a sacrifice unto thee! How can I make mention of thee through utterance when thou art remembered throughout all existence? Sedition hath appeared in every city, whereby the loved ones of the All-Merciful have been prevented from the sweet-scented breezes that waft among them in remembrance of God, the Creator of all possibility and the Fashioner of all worlds. By God! O Beloved of my heart, verily my heart doth melt, the eye of my inner being weepeth, and my every limb maketh mention. Would that I might attain thy presence, or be blessed by that which is diffused from the fragrance of thine ink and shineth forth from the direction of thy heart. I beseech God that He may hear my call and answer that for which I have beseeched Him, for verily He is near and responsive.

May I be a sacrifice unto thee! Countless centuries have passed during which this evanescent bird hath not been blessed with the wondrous melodies and exalted traces of that Nightingale of Divine Love and that Sacred Dove of spiritual paradise. Although at all times the sweet-scented perfume from the garment of the All-Glorious hath wafted, and still wafteth, from that Beloved of heart and soul, yet this ephemeral one hath outwardly been deprived thereof. We beseech God that He may remove that which hath come between us and gather us upon the shore of the ocean of His nearness and give us to drink from the fountain of His presence and the choice wine of His reunion. Verily, He is the One Who judgeth with justice, Who ruleth with grace, Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and Who doeth as He pleaseth.

And as to other news of the prison and the condition of the prisoners, praise be to God and thanks to His grace, all are confined in the ruined city of Akka in a most mighty and impregnable fortress which appears to be built entirely of stone, surrounded by troops. Yet such joy and gladness prevails that it is as if we were reveling in a paradise of delights, for the more severe the outward tribulations have become, the brighter burns the lamp of God's Cause and the more manifest becomes the dawning radiance of the Most Great Luminary amidst the nations. Exalted then be His power which has transcended all worlds and His will which has conquered all who dwell in the heavens and on earth! Would that your honor had been present in the Most Great Prison during this supreme affliction and most great upheaval to witness the power and tranquility of the Ancient Beauty during that greatest of commotions. A brief account from the time of occurrence until now is submitted: For some time we, these servants, in view of what had been revealed in God's Tablets, had been expecting this tribulation of the Day of Adversity until the appointed time arrived. At the eighth hour of the day, the friends of God who were in the market were all arrested, and suddenly soldiers surrounded the Most Pure House and likewise stood guard at the doors of other homes of the friends, and conditions became so severe that women and children were prevented from

entering or leaving, and that night most went without food. Outwardly it was not at all clear what they intended. Some said we would be sent to the Sudan toward Abyssinia, some said we would be drowned in the sea, and there were various other claims. What was announced by the government was that they were ordered to take us to Gallipoli and then await further instructions, and they were extremely rushed to depart. Yet the Most Exalted Beauty paid no heed whatsoever. Eight days passed from the occurrence until departure, each day bringing a fresh upheaval. Everything was plundered in the name of auction, and with each hour the oppression of those cruel people grew more severe. One day there was fear they would storm the sanctuary and forcibly remove the Ancient Beauty. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Being remained seated with such composure, dignity and calm that it was as if these surrounding people were not enemies but had all come with acceptance and devotion to the Truth. God is Most Great in His grandeur, His glory, His tranquility and His power! At a time when affairs had reached the utmost degree of difficulty from every direction, four people of the Christian faith came into His presence and submitted that if He so commanded, they would that very moment remove the soldiers gathered around the house and deal with the government. The Tongue of God declared: "I have come for the salvation of all the world and have sacrificed My soul for the purification and life of the world, and these tribulations are inevitable." This servant is incapable of relating all that was revealed from the Tongue of God in that instance. Afterwards the consuls of various governments and others came, but He spoke only of absolute independence. And before the occurrence, when outwardly there was no mention of it yet, someone came before the Most Great Countenance and submitted that if it was His blessed will and He gave permission, they would take Him wherever He wished […]

By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Were I to be slain a thousand times each hour, it would be dearer to me than to accept, for the sake of my own comfort and protection, any matter wherein is observed the slightest harm or degradation to the Cause of God. All were astonished and bewildered at the independence of the Beauty of the All-Glorious, and returned perplexed until the appointed time of rest ended and the preparations for departure began. The events of that time reached such a pass that Muslims, Jews and Christians, both men and women, wept, while the Divine Beauty spoke alone with verses of grandeur and majesty, manifesting such sovereignty that the officers accompanying Him were willingly or unwillingly submissive. Along the way, divine verses were continuously revealed upon all the trees, mountains and stones past which He proceeded, and when they came before the eye of God, decisive utterances were issued and the Chosen Tongue spoke words which all tongues and hearts are powerless to mention or comprehend. Soon shall be manifested through His power that which He hath deposited in the treasuries of all things, even as hath been revealed in the Tablets of glorious might.

What else can be related of the tribulation of Gallipoli? In truth, the tribulation was this: after arrival, an officer named Omar, who had come from Istanbul with several men, presented himself and submitted his commission. God is Most Great! What a commotion arose at that moment among the family of God and His kindred! Some were determined to drown themselves in the sea, while others resolved to take their own lives, for he had submitted that he was to separate this company and the members of the household from the Ancient Beauty and send them to the great city, while the Most Holy Exalted Beauty was to be sent to this prison - though even this was not explicitly clear, which was the cause of greatest dismay. During that supreme earthquake, the like of which cannot be conceived in all creation, the Beauty of God

appeared in such wise and sat upon the throne of grandeur and majesty that none save His most sacred and exalted Being could comprehend it, while in every moment verses of power descended like unto an ocean. Exalted, exalted be God's dominion and His might, God's grandeur and His glory, God's manifestation and His splendor in those days!

The officer who had accompanied from the Land of Mystery arrived at the threshold of the gate and submitted his request to attain the presence and receive permission to return. After attaining the Most Great Presence, the Most Pure Tongue spoke and related all the events that would appear thereafter. God willing, I hope there will be a day of meeting when each of these occasions may be related face to face. After completing these sublime utterances, He spoke with power and might, addressing him thus: "What I say, God says, and it hath been revealed in the Book." And that person, humbly and submissively before the face of God's grandeur, confirmed this, while the effects of humility and submissiveness from the descent of divine revelation were evident from all his limbs and members, nay, from that entire chamber of the house and all things within it, until he received permission to depart from the Source of Command and returned. After the passing of some days, the Divine Temple embarked upon the ark and traveled upon the sea. Exalted be all His conditions, manifestations and effects in every state of His states! Exalted was God, manifest, speaking, uttering that He is God, the King, the Sovereign, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

While traversing the seas, when the celestial Ark halted before one of the great cities, one from among the Christian people came across a book that had been presented by one of their priests, wherein was written that which caused the trees of Sinai to move, and every delicate fibre of each leaf therein proclaimed that there is none other God but Him. Exalted be the Hand of Power that, in the innermost mystery, nurtures such servants at whose creation even the sincere servants marvel! I swear by the Educator of the world that His creation is a thousand times greater than the creation of the heavens and earth, were men to comprehend. The events of this migration are too momentous to be mentioned or described, and none can comprehend them except the All-Merciful Himself. As the purpose was but a brief mention, We shall not elaborate further. Let it be known that whatsoever hath come to pass from the beginning of this wondrous Cause until now, in all its aspects, serveth as God's testimony unto all the worlds, and His most perfect proof unto all who dwell in the heavens and on earth.

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In the Name of God, Exalted be His Glory, His Grandeur and His Power!

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Thieves lurk in ambush and traitors lie in wait, whereby the path of divine knowledge is barred and the fragrance of the All-Merciful is cut off. Beseech the True One to unlock, through His mighty hand, the gates that are shut, and to guide His true loved ones to the court of His glorious oneness. Thy letter was received and the servant present laid it before His face. The sweet savors of love were inhaled therefrom. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. Summon the people unto God with wisdom and utterance, and remind

them of His signs and clear evidences, that perchance they may break asunder the chains of idle fancies through the Name of the Lord of all beings, and turn with heart and soul to the Most Exalted Horizon.

Say: O people! The divine promises have been adorned with the ornament of fulfillment, and whatsoever was announced in the heavenly epistles hath become manifest and evident. Deprive not yourselves. This is the Day for the revelation and manifestation of goodly character, deeds and words. Hold fast unto wisdom and plant in blessed, hallowed, and receptive soil that which is meet and seemly. Be not grieved at the oppression of the oppressors. By the Sun of the horizon of Revelation! All shall soon perish and return to nothingness, except that which hath been uttered by the Supreme Pen. All mention, description, color and deed shall be seized by extinction and annihilation, but the divine Word which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God concerning every soul shall endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last.

Say: Strive that perchance ye may attain unto the Word and be freed and delivered from the fetters and tribulations of this darksome world. This is the counsel of Him Who is wronged in all horizons unto the loved ones of God. Well is it with him who hath clung fast thereunto and acted in accordance therewith. He, verily, is of the people of this glorious station.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-'Ali in thy most eloquent language and thy sweetest utterance, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Speaking One. We have desired to rain down upon him from the heaven of utterance the showers of wisdom and knowledge, that the rapture of the Call may so seize him that neither the insinuations of the divines nor the whisperings of the scholars who have denied God's right and turned away from His straight Path may sadden him.

O Muhammad-'Ali! The Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and hath made mention of thee in such wise as the world and all that the nations possess cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which hath appeared in truth and speaketh forth in this glorious and exalted station. We have caused those near unto God to hear the verses of thy Lord, and have shown unto them that recognize His unity that which the Beloved beheld when He ascended to the most sublime Summit and the highest Horizon - the station whereon the All-Merciful revealed Himself in the light of His holy, mighty, and luminous countenance. By God's life! Were We to unveil that which We have concealed from eyes, thou wouldst see the people struck down. Thus doth He Who speaketh in every matter make mention unto thee, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth forth the Day-Star of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus have We sent down upon thee from the ocean of forgiveness a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: O people of the realm of dust! By God, the Lord of the Kingdom hath come with a sovereignty before which no faction among all factions, nor all the hosts of earth and heaven can stand, if ye be of them that are assured. He hath come with the truth and hath rent asunder the veils with manifest sovereignty. Fear

ye the All-Merciful, and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies who have broken God's covenant and His testament, and have changed God's favor after it was sent down through grace. These are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

We have manifested that which lay hidden in thy Lord's knowledge and was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. To this every discerning scholar beareth witness. Among the people are those who have denied God's proof and His testimony, and among them are those who have heard and turned toward their Lord and answered Him when every heedless doubter turned away, and among them are those who have sacrificed their souls and their wealth for love of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's covenant and His testament, and hath done that which he was bidden in the Book. He is assuredly among those brought near unto God in His mighty and praiseworthy Tablet.

Gladden thou on My behalf My loved ones with My tender mercy and My compassion which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: This is God's Day, did ye but know it, and this is the day for deeds, were ye but doers of them. Cast aside all else through My Name and take what ye have been given by One mighty, powerful, and ancient. Thus have We adorned the temple of utterance with the robe of thy Lord the All-Merciful's loving kindness. When thou hast attained and beheld, arise and say: "Thine is the praise, O Thou the Goal of the world! And Thine is the glory, O Thou the Beloved of those who dwell on earth and in heaven! And Thine is the splendor, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I testify that Thou hast manifested that which was hidden from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Wondrous."

We have sent down for each one mentioned in thy letter that from which the fragrance of thy Lord's gracious and bountiful favor is diffused. We beseech God to confirm them in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him, and to manifest through them that which beseemeth His days. He is indeed the Almighty, to Whose sovereignty all created things have testified, and to Whose power all things possible have borne witness. There is none other God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of the friends of God in that land who, upon hearing the call, soared on the wings of certitude to the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. These are servants unto whom God hath testified in His Books which He sent down to the Prophets and Messengers. O friends of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He counseleth you to observe trustworthiness and godliness, patience and forbearance, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, may be exalted. Let not the doings of men sadden you, nor the oppression of those who have wronged you without clear proof from God, the Object of the knowing ones. We counsel you with wisdom as We have counseled you and Our friends before, lest the fire of hatred be kindled in the breast of every ignorant and remote one. Rejoice in My mention of you, then give thanks to your Lord Who speaketh at every instance that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down in truth as a grace from Our presence, and I am the Wronged One, the Revealer, the Stranger. By God! We have spent what We possessed on the first day whereon the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen was raised between earth and heaven, but most of the people are among the ignorant. They have cast away their God and taken the calf for themselves as lord besides

God. Verily they are among the most lost in My perspicuous Book. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to My strong cord.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali time and again, then send down for every name that was in his book that which will solace his eyes and gladden his heart. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

O Rajab-Qabli-'Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of God in the Most Great Prison and summoneth the people to His luminous horizon. We beheld thy name in the book of one who loved Me and have made mention of thee with verses that equal not what the kings and rulers possess.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Give thanks to thy Lord at all times. He maketh mention of thee with that whose fragrance shall never be cut off. To this testifieth He Who proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then assist thy Lord with the hosts of deeds. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We make mention of the Noble One and counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled Our friends. By God! This is the Day of deeds, yet most of the people comprehend not. This is the Day of mention and praise. Blessed are the people who know. O Noble One! Make mention of thy Lord in the nights and days, at eventide and dawn. He is with His servants, hearing and seeing, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O David! He Who made mention of Me hath made mention of thee, and We make mention of thee as a grace from Us, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Sovereign of all sovereigns. Let not the doings of men sadden thee. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to the cord of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who desired the countenance of God and was named Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim, and convey unto his face greetings from the Wronged One, Who proclaimeth with the most exalted call in the prison of Akka that sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Give thanks unto God Who hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His evidences, and hath caused thee to hear My sweetest call when most of the people were as the dead. We have made mention of thee that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord through virtuous character and that which beseemeth this Day wherein all things proclaim: "Blessed is he who hath heard the call and answered his Lord." He is among the most exalted of servants in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We make mention of him who was named Mirza Kuchik, of whom the servant present before Us made mention, and verily I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have heard thy name and turned toward thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel thee with that which We have sent down in the Book from the presence of an Ancient Revealer. Hold fast to the Book of God and say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy

days and Thy signs and Thy clear tokens and the sweet savors of Thy Revelation, to aid me in that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory from Us be upon Our loved ones there who have cast away whatsoever is with the world in hope of that which is with God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of the Beloved of the worlds! This Day is God's Day, and all else beside Him testifieth to His being, His grandeur and His might. Some have recognized and borne witness, while others bear witness but know Him not. There can be no doubt that all things were created in their primal reality for the knowledge of God. He that hath attained this station hath attained unto all good – a station so exalted that were its greatness to be fully revealed, all the pens in the realm of possibility and all the pages of creation would not suffice to exhaust its description. Blessed is the soul that hath, in God's Day, attained unto the recognition of the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His verses, and the Dayspring of the revelations of His bounty. Such a one is numbered among the sanctified, the near ones, and the sincere, even though this station be so hidden within him that he himself perceiveth it not. Yet its revelation hath its appointed time. Observe how many ascetics have remained deprived of the Lord of all worlds, and how many who had renounced the world have attained this mighty grace. As ye have heard of former times, how the date-seller attained the presence of the Chosen One, while the learned one who counted himself among the elect and the divines remained deprived. Ponder for a while the words of Him Who hath revealed the verses, that ye may drink of the pure wine that lieth concealed therein. How many sinners have been purified and sanctified by the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy as they wafted past them, and how many of those who acted and strove, clinging to their selfish desires, remained forbidden and deprived from the court of His unity. The Cause is in the grasp of the power of the sovereign Almighty. We beseech God to aid all to achieve that which He loveth and is pleased with. Observe the divines of the Shi'ih sect, who considered themselves more exalted, mightier, more glorious and more perfect than all other peoples, yet when the winds of tests blew and the Beauty of the All-Merciful was made manifest, they remained distant from the hiding place of nearness and reunion, and drank not from the fountain of His manifestation and attainment. They counted themselves the best among all creatures, yet were accounted as the lowest thereof in the sight of the Truth, and still they perceive it not. Well is it with him who hath been cleansed, through the Word of God, from his own will and desire, and hath attached himself to the will of Him Who is the Desire of all worlds. He is indeed accounted among the gems of creation in the sight of the Almighty.

O thou who hast turned towards God! Some among the servants have been and are worshippers of desire, and some are worshippers of utterances. Thus it was observed how many books they wrote to prove the truth, and how they occupied themselves with His remembrance throughout the nights and days. Nevertheless, they comprehended not a single letter of the utterances of Truth and attained not a drop from the ocean of the All-Merciful's knowledge. Know thou the value of these days. By My life! The eye of creation hath not seen their like. Behold thou the Truth as sanctified above all things. He is

manifest in all and yet sanctified above all. This is the essence of unity - that ye should behold the True One alone as all-prevailing over all things and manifest in the mirrors of all created things. Know ye all things to be sustained by Him and drawing their essence from Him. This is the meaning of unity and the purpose thereof. Some deluded ones have, in their imaginings, made all things partners with God, and yet consider themselves people of unity. Nay, by His very Self! Such souls have been and shall ever remain the people of blind imitation, limitation and restriction. Unity is to know the One as One and to consider Him sanctified above numbers, not to regard two as one. The essence of unity is to recognize the Manifestation of Truth as one with the Unknowable and Inaccessible Essence, meaning that thou shouldst regard His acts, deeds, commands and prohibitions as being from Him, without separation or connection, mention or indication. These are the ultimate stations of the degrees of unity. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and is among those who are firmly grounded.

In these stations, countless utterances have streamed forth and been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Ye should strive, God willing, to collect to the extent possible the Arabic and Persian utterances that have been revealed in this Divine Manifestation from the Dawning-Place of Divine verses, and observe them. By My life! From each word will be opened unto thy heart a door of knowledge and wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Therefore hath this brief tablet been revealed. This is from His bounty unto thee. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord in thy days for this sublime bounty.

Those souls who have drunk from this cup and attained unto this most exalted station and most glorious horizon are not affected by the words of people, nor do selfish intimations prevent them from the shore of the sea of oneness. And if some have stumbled and do stumble at trials and tests, such souls have not in truth attained unto this station. For instance, if one truly heareth the cooing of the dove, he will surely not be deterred by the croaking of animals.

In this station We impart unto thee a word from the Source of grace and the Dawning-Place of supreme mercy, that thou mayest not be held back from the path of oneness by the opposition and heedlessness of the servants and the people of the land, by the tests of divine decree and newly-arisen tribulations, and that thou mayest remain firm and steadfast in the Cause and love of the Lord of the Kingdom throughout the duration of the realm of names and attributes. And that word is one which hath ever been, both outwardly and inwardly, in the divine Books, and it is this: “God doeth what He willeth, and ordaineth what He pleaseth.” If a soul attaineth unto the recognition of God and truly knoweth Him as “He who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth,” he will never be prevented by any trial nor disturbed by any occurrence. Such a one is the drinker from the cup of assurance and the attainer unto the station of certitude. Blessed is he who hath drunk and attained, and woe unto those who are far removed.

Meditate a while that thou mayest drink from the crystal stream of the utterance of the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Then, like a spiritual bird, thou wilt become light and soar in the holy, divine atmospheres. If any soul attaineth not unto this station, he hath not been and shall never be accounted among the people of truth. Attainment to this station is, through God’s grace, easy and simple; nevertheless, most have not attained it, save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, willeth. Thus it hath been observed that certain souls have claimed knowledge and outwardly have attained unto the

days of God and knowledge thereof, yet through some matter have returned to the lowest of the low. By My life! He who heareth My call and findeth therein the sweetness of My utterance shall not be deterred by the might of kings, nor by the signs of those on earth, nor by the veils of the worlds. Behold thou the bounty - it hath reached such a degree that while thou dwellest in thine abode, the Truth, in the Most Great Prison, amid countless afflictions, is occupied with thy remembrance, lest thou be deprived of His favors and denied His grace. After recognition of God, the greatest of all things is steadfastness in His Cause. Hold thou fast unto it and be of the steadfast. No deed hath been or is greater than this - it is the king of all deeds, by thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. As for the deeds thou didst inquire about, their mention is not permitted in tablets such as these, due to the weakness of the servants. However, the deeds and actions of God are manifest and evident, as revealed and inscribed in all the heavenly Books - such as trustworthiness, truthfulness, purity of heart in remembering God, forbearance, contentment with what God hath ordained, satisfaction with what He hath decreed, patience in tribulations - nay, rather gratitude for them - and reliance upon Him in all conditions. These matters are among the greatest of deeds and are foremost in God's sight. The remaining subsidiary ordinances have been and shall be under the shadow of what hath been mentioned. God willing, they shall reach that honored one, and he shall act according to what hath been revealed in the Tablets. More than this cannot now be mentioned. Whatever ordinances you have heard from trustworthy ones or have observed in the divine Tablets, act upon them that ye may attain unto the rest. The spirit of the heart is the knowledge of God, its adornment is the acknowledgment that He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, its robe is the fear of God, and its perfection is steadfastness. Thus doth God explain for whomsoever He desireth. Verily, He loveth him who turneth unto Him. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Convey sublime greetings from the Wronged One to His Honor, my brother, upon whom be the Glory of God. Say: Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Qiblih of the worlds. There hath been ordained for you the reward of one who hath attained His presence and appeared before His mighty throne. In this case, return to your homeland is best, that perchance through your return the fragrances of love may waft over some souls, and God willing, they shall be confirmed through God's confirmations in teaching His Cause. When a heart is connected to the Most Great Sea, surely rivers shall flow forth from it. Due to the agitation of this land and the wretchedness and heedlessness of its people, We have not, outwardly, given permission for arrival, but We have written for you the reward of those who arrive. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O My Name! Render thanks unto God for having made thee the showers of grace upon that which We have sown in blessed and goodly soil, and for having made thee the spring of loving-kindness for that which We have planted of wondrous and lofty trees. This is a bounty wherewith nothing created in the realm of possibility can compare. We have given thee to drink of the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful - this sanctified Mouth which, when opened, causeth all created things to quiver, all beings to move, and the Dove to warble. This is the Living Waters for all who

dwell in creation. Time and again have We wafted unto thee the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this Branch, moving upon the riding-beast of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. By God, the True One! Were all existence, both seen and unseen, to turn towards it, they would behold it soaring to the Ultimate Goal, that Station wherein the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Boundary proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

Blessed art thou for having journeyed through God's lands and for having been a sign of joy and assurance unto the people of Baha who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have turned with their hearts toward this Spot wherefrom the horizons have been illumined. There hath been showered upon them that which hath showered upon thee from the waves of this Ocean that hath encompassed all who dwell in the worlds.

Thou art he who hath recognized the victory of God and hast arisen to achieve it through wisdom and utterance. Say: My victory is the proclamation of My Cause. Thus have the Tablets been filled. This is God's decree, from first to last. Say: Know ye, O people of insight, that they who have abandoned wisdom have failed to recognize God's victory as revealed in the Book. Fear ye God and spread not corruption in the land. Take hold of that which ye have been commanded by your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He knoweth victory and hath taught you through an utterance that no imaginings of those who wander in the wilderness of doubt can ever cloud.

O My Name! Give thou the contingent beings to drink once again from this chalice whereby the seas have been caused to surge. Then kindle within their hearts the fire that blazeth and flameth from this crimson Tree, that they may arise to offer praise and thanksgiving amidst the followers of all religions. Various letters from thee have reached the Throne. We have read them through Our grace and have revealed for every name mentioned therein that which hath transported minds and caused spirits to soar. We have made thee hear, time and again, the warbling of the leaves and the singing of the nightingales upon the branches. Thus hath the Pen of God moved to make mention of thee, that thou mayest remind the people through this utterance which God hath made the Dayspring of His signs.

Blessed is the land wherein the remembrance of God hath been raised, and blessed are the ears that have attained unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Counsel the servants with that which We have counseled thee, that they may restrain themselves from that which they have been forbidden in the Mother Book. They who commit that which giveth rise to mischief among the people have indeed strayed far from God's victory and His Cause. They are assuredly among the mischief-makers in the Tablet which God hath made the Dayspring of all Tablets.

Say: Were We to will it, We would assuredly give victory to the Cause through but one word from Us. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Were God to will it, He would cause to emerge from the den of might the lion of power, who would roar with a roar like unto the pealing of crushing thunder in the mountains. But since Our mercy hath preceded all things, We have ordained complete victory to consist in mention and utterance, that Our servants throughout the earth might thereby attain. This is of God's grace unto them. Thy Lord, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Say: Fear ye God, and commit not that which would grieve My loved ones in the kingdom. Thus doth this Pen command you, the Pen from which the Most Exalted Pen hath moved in the arena of wisdom and […]

O ’Irfan! Convey My greetings to the faces in which thou findest the radiance of Baha, then remind them with this remembrance whereby the eyes of the righteous have been solaced. Verily, the Glory be upon thee and upon those who hold fast to the cord of God, the Revealer of verses.

O My Name! Some people have not grasped the meaning of assistance, as it is observed that good and evil are still unknown to some - that is, they have not distinguished between them. In most Tablets, they have been explicitly forbidden from corruption, conflict, contention and matters that cause sedition and tumult among the people. Nevertheless, they have risen to pursue matters that have caused disturbance to minds and hearts.

It is said that one of the Arab kings said to one of his companions, “Is it possible for someone to have never eaten faloodeh and not know what it is?” The companion submitted that indeed, there are many who have never eaten it and do not know it. One day an Arab came before the king. The companion suggested that this might be one of those who had never experienced faloodeh and didn’t know what it was. The king said if this proved true, he would give him a purse of gold. Then he ordered a feast to be spread with all manner of foods. They placed the faloodeh before the Arab, who began to eat. From his manner of eating, they realized he did not know what it was. The companion asked him what it was. He replied, “In the Qur’an, God, exalted be His glory, mentions date palms and pomegranates. We have date palms in our land; I assume this must be pomegranate.” The companion said, “O king, you should give me two purses of gold, for he doesn’t know pomegranate either!”

[…] This story was related without its beginning and middle, as we have mentioned what was relevant to the point. In any case, forbid all the people in the lands from provocative matters, corruption, conflict, and conditions that give rise to sedition. What is desired today is the teaching of the Cause. For example, if those who have risen and continue to rise with certain notions in mind would instead arise to teach the Cause, soon all the people of that land would attain to the robe of faith.

A verse was revealed in the Tablet to Nabil of Qa’in - if one attains to the sweetness of that verse, he will understand the meaning of assistance: “Say: Utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As to penetration, it is conditional upon refinement, which in turn is dependent upon hearts that are detached and pure. As to moderation, this is commingled with wisdom as recorded in the Tablets.”

O My Name! Utterance seeketh penetration, for if it penetrateth not it will not be effective, and its penetration dependeth upon pure breaths and detached hearts. Likewise, it seeketh moderation, for without moderation the hearer will not bear it and will at first turn away. And moderation is the combining of utterance with the wisdom that hath been revealed in the Books and Tablets. When utterance possesseth these two qualities, it becomes the effective substance that is the universal cause for the transformation of being. This is the station of complete assistance and divine victory. Whosoever attaineth unto it is empowered to teach the Cause of God […]

O My Name! The Sun of utterance hath dawned from the horizon of divine revelation in such wise in the scriptures and tablets that the kingdom of expression and the heaven of explanation are in a state of expansion, vibration and effulgence through Him. Yet most people understand not.

That the station of triumph and victory hath repeatedly flowed and continueth to flow from the Pen of destiny signifieth that the loved ones of God must not arise to engage in matters which give rise to mischief and corruption. All must endeavor to promote the Cause of God in the manner described. This is of His grace, specially bestowed upon His loved ones, that all may attain unto the station of which He saith: "Whoso quickeneth a soul hath verily quickened all mankind." Outward dominion hath been and shall ever be beneath this station, and for it there is a time appointed in God's Book. He verily knoweth and will manifest it through His sovereignty. He is, in truth, the Powerful, the Subduing, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The sanctified souls must ponder and reflect upon the methods of teaching. From the divine holy Books they should memorize phrases and passages bearing on various instances, so that in the course of their speech they may recite divine verses whenever the occasion demandeth it, inasmuch as these holy verses are the most potent elixir, the greatest and mightiest talisman. So potent is their influence that the hearer will have no cause for vacillation. I swear by My life! This Revelation is endowed with such a power that it will act as the lodestone for all nations and peoples. Let a man but ponder upon that which hath been revealed, and he will be assured that no greater means for the promotion of unity and concord exists than that which God hath provided. The Kitab-i-Aqdas hath been revealed in such wise as to attract and embrace all the divinely-appointed Dispensations. Blessed are those who peruse it! Blessed are those who apprehend it! Blessed are those who meditate upon it! Blessed are those who ponder its meaning! So vast is its range that it hath encompassed all men ere their recognition of it. Erelong will its sovereign power, its pervasive influence and the greatness of its might be manifested on earth. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Name! Hearken unto My Voice from the direction of My throne. He desireth to make mention of thee at all times, inasmuch as He hath found thee steadfast in celebrating His praise amongst men. Thy Lord loveth faithfulness as found in the realm of creation, and hath placed it ahead of most other qualities. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. Know thou moreover that We have heard thy supplications raised before God, thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Blessed art thou for having confined thine affairs to this irrevocable, mighty and wise Cause. We beseech God to make thy call even as a magnet to attract the names in the kingdom of creation, that all beings may hasten towards it unintentionally and unwittingly. He is verily the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most August, the Most Glorious, the Most Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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

All praise, sanctified above comprehension and imagination, befitteth that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, through His conquering might and overwhelming power, hath raised the banner of "Verily He is God" to the most exalted station of the world, and unfurled the standard of oneness upon the supreme horizon of the hearts of them that have recognized His unity. The banner hath been interpreted as the Seal of the Prophets, and the standards as the Manifestations of His names and attributes - exalted be His glory, elevated be His power, magnified be His sovereignty; there is none other God but Him.

O Aqa Khan! Upon thee be the peace of the All-Merciful. Hearken unto the call that hath been raised in the Most Exalted Paradise from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Do that which the Wronged One commandeth thee and leave the mud-workers to their mud. Soar on the pinions of certitude to the atmosphere of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, and say: O people of the realm of possibility! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with power and sovereignty.

Thou wert with Me and didst hear My call and witness the heaven of My wisdom and the light of My Cause whereby the horizons were illumined. Beware lest the calumnies of men debar thee from the Most Great Prospect. Leave behind what the people possess and take what the Wronged One commandeth thee from God, the Lord of all beings. Behold the ocean - how it surgeth before the face. Then hearken to what the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the highest branches. When the kawthar of My remembrance and the choice wine of My utterance take hold of thee, arise and say with wisdom and utterance: O people of the realm of possibility! He desireth naught from you save justice and fairness in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and hearts melted, except for those whom God, the Lord of creation, hath willed.

I was silent. He caused Me to speak by His command and made Me manifest among His servants. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Can leaves remain still when winds blow? Can anyone have choice in the face of God's Will, the Lord of all men? Say: Be fair, O people, then turn unto Him when His signs which have spread throughout the lands have come from God, the Revealer of verses.

We have made mention of his honor Jim while thou wert in the presence of the Wronged One and desired his remembrance. We have remembered him in such wise as no remembrance can equal. We beseech God to assist him to be just, that he may behold what hath appeared with his own eyes, not through the eyes of others. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make him a standard of His remembrance among the people and an ensign of His Name in all lands, and to enable his honor Alif and Ha to rend asunder the veils of the servants with the finger of trust and power. Thus have the fragrances of utterance been diffused and the regions illumined by the light of wisdom and exposition.

Let not the doings of the aggressive sadden thee, nor the doubts of the baying ones prevent thee from God, the Cleaver of the daybreak. By God's life and His Cause, in the early days there was none possessed of power to call the servants, nor of strength to arise for the Cause, nor of sovereignty to guide people to the straight path. We arrived in Iraq and manifested that which the All-Merciful had revealed in the Qur'an through His words "and the trumpet shall be blown a second time." Thereupon the light shone

forth and the lands were illumined. Thus doth the Divine Lote-Tree make thee hear its call, and the Mount its revelations, and the Light its radiance.

We beseech God to strengthen thee to serve His Cause, that thou mayest arise with thy whole being for the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of the nations. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have set aside eloquent language and desired to converse with thee in the luminous tongue.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue the Call of the Wronged One, and hold fast to that whereby the light of justice, equity, chastity, trustworthiness and grace may shine forth among men. This cannot be achieved except through the fear of God, and the fear of God appeareth not save through the divine religion. It is the impregnable fortress for the protection of the world of being and a manifest shield for the temple of existence. Most of the servants have suckled at the breast of heedlessness, and the training of such souls dependeth upon the rod of divine threats. Among the requirements of divine wisdom recorded in the Books of the past and by the Most Exalted Pen are the mention of promise and warning. May thou be aided to accomplish that which will cause the upliftment of souls and attraction of hearts. Some words are the source of the immortal Kawthar and the water of life - they bestow life and grant a new spirit, purifying existence from the defilement of doubts and fancies. Others are like the messenger of death whom neither armies nor fortresses can repel, seizing the spirit. The fruits of that tree are life, vitality, joy and gladness, while the fruits of this tree are death, extinction and sorrow. The purpose of what hath been and will be mentioned is that through the endeavors of those possessed of high resolve, strife, corruption and conflict may be erased from the pages of the world, and its horizons, cleansed from the darkness of discord, may be illumined with the light of unity. May the fire of hatred and animosity hidden within the hearts and minds of various peoples be quenched by the Kawthar of divine counsel and the rain of the mercy of the All-Merciful. We have previously stated that religious hatred consumeth the world. Perchance through the efforts of true men and spiritual heroes the world may be adorned with the ornament of unity. This is not difficult for thy Lord. That which causeth the unity and harmony of the world hath appeared today, but the tyranny of oppressors and the clamor of the barking ones have prevented the Most Luminous Pen from its mention. Beseech thou God to make the world ready for the appearance of that which will adorn it with the ornament of justice and illumine it with the light of unity. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance and with that which beseemeth His generosity and grace. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And now this Wronged One beholdeth Himself before God and offereth this prayer […]

O my God, my God! Thou seest mine eyes gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace, and the hands of this poor one raised toward the heaven of Thy generosity. Whenever I contemplate, O my God, Thy justice, my limbs tremble, my heart is troubled, my joints quiver, my sighs ascend and my tears fall; and whenever I contemplate Thy grace and bounty and Thy dealings with Thy loved ones, my spirit soars, my heart is assured and my soul finds rest. By Thy glory, O my God, Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! My liver is melted from shame and my very being is aflame with the fire of my sorrow. I have done in my days what Thou didst forbid in Thy Books and through the tongues of Thy Messengers. I acknowledge, O my God, my transgression against myself. I have forsaken what was meet and proper, and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy justice to lament. O my God, my God! My sins have

prevented me from turning to the lights of the Orb of Thy grace, and my trespasses have come between me and the revelations of Thy names and attributes. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner seeking the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and him that is far removed yearning for the court of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the waves of the sea of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy giving, and by Thy Prophets and Messengers whom Thou hast made the lamps of guidance among Thy creatures and the daysprings of piety amidst Thy beings, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee, acknowledging Thy unity and oneness, assured of Thy grandeur and sovereignty, and confessing Thy might and power. Alas, alas! My heedlessness hath destroyed me and my disobedience hath worn me out. I know not, O my Goal and my Adored One, with what face to turn toward Thee, with what heart to approach Thy most exalted horizon and supreme height, and with what tongue to offer excuses before the manifestations of Thy justice, O Lord of all being! My sin hath prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thee, and my deeds have come between me and Thy bounty and generosity. I have done what Thou didst forbid and neglected what Thou didst command. Alas, alas! I am he who cast aside the ordinances of Thy Book and took up the book of his own self, and committed that which hath deprived me of the pearls of the sea of Thy knowledge and forbidden me from the sweet waters of Thy mercy and bounty. Behold, O my God, my evil plight, my distress and my perturbation. O my God, my God! My hope is in Thy grace and my desire in Thy generosity. The ocean of disobedience hath turned to the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the mountain of error to the heaven of Thy pardon and bounty. If Thou keepest afar him who draweth nigh unto Thee, and if Thou deniest him who calleth upon Thee - by Thy power, O King of the seen and unseen realms and Sovereign of grandeur and might! I find for myself no helper besides Thee, no supporter apart from Thee, no one merciful other than Thee. The fire of heedlessness and passion hath consumed me - where is the river of Thy mercy, O Goal of them that know Thee? The hosts of fancy and vain imagining have removed me far from Thee - where is the light of Thy nearness, O God of all in the heavens and earth? The thirst of disobedience hath destroyed me - where is the ocean of Thy forgiveness, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of them that have drawn nigh unto Thee? I beseech Thee, O God of earth and heaven, by the Ark that sailed by Thy command upon the sea of knowledge, and by Him through Whom the breezes of Thy Revelation were wafted and the heavens of Thy sky were honored by His advent, and by those through whom Thy traces were spread abroad and Thy standards were raised up and Thy commands and laws appeared and the horizons of Thy realm were illumined, that Thou disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou seest the weary one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance, him that is far removed yearning for the precincts of Thy mercy, and the sinner desiring the ocean of Thy bounty and forgiveness. Verily Thou art God, the One, the Alone, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones, and upon Thy loved ones who supported Thy Cause and raised the standards of Thy Faith and strove until they sacrificed their spirits in Thy path. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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

Praise, sanctified from all mention and thought, befitteth the Lord of the world, Who brought the non-existent into being and adorned existence with the ornament of everlasting life. Great is His power, exalted His might, sublime His Will and all-encompassing His Purpose! And blessings and peace be upon the Manifestations of His most excellent names and most exalted attributes, then upon Him through Whom were opened the gates of inner meanings and utterance in the contingent world, and through Whom appeared that which draweth people nigh unto the Lord of all religions, and upon His kindred and companions, whose proof He made the sharpened swords and upraised spears, and through whom the foundations of the idolaters were shaken and the limbs of the aggressors made to tremble - they whom the All-Merciful hath described in the Qur'an as honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of the world! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy utterance and the mysteries that were hidden in the hearts of Thy chosen ones to aid Thy servants to act with justice and equity and to that which guideth unto the path of righteousness. Verily, Thou art the Lord of creation and the One Who speaketh in the beginning and the end.

Thereafter, the letter from that honored beloved one arrived some time ago. Praise be to God, it bore witness to service, steadfastness, attention, receptivity and sincerity. After its reading and hearing, it was taken to the Sacred Presence and presented before His countenance. He said:

O physician, upon thee be My peace! Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm thee in that which shall cause the turning of souls unto Him and the unity and fellowship of hearts. God willing, rely wholly upon Him and resign thyself completely to His will, detached from all else. Strive at all times that perchance the tyranny of the world may be transformed into justice and the oppression of nations into equity. This Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, called upon them that are near unto Him to partake of the river of divine mercy, and the rebellious to the ocean of God's forgiveness. The purpose was that all might be adorned with the ornament of sanctity and be aided to manifest such deeds and character as would exalt the people of divine unity. However, the matter became obscure to the rulers and divines of the earth, and they imagined otherwise. For this reason the idolaters are seen to prevail and triumph. We beseech God to aid first the people of divine unity to achieve unity and concord, and then to grant them strength that they may preserve their rights and be protected from the oppression of the aggressors and the tyranny of the idolaters.

O Physician! My greetings be upon thee! The appearance of these unseemly matters hath been and is the consequence of deeds. They attribute the ocean of knowledge to ignorance, and pure justice to tyranny. God is witness and aware that from the first days this Wronged One hath had no purpose except the exaltation of the people of unity, the glorification of the Book of God, the reformation of the world and the education of the peoples. For thirty years or more We have dwelt in the realms of the sublime State - may God preserve it from the evil of creation - and not so much as a mustard seed of any matter contrary to the Law of God hath appeared from these servants. Nevertheless, according to the people of Iran, they sent Us in utmost abasement to this land. God knoweth what befell Us upon Our first arrival. That which

the people of Baha have sought and continue to seek in the nights and days hath been and is the unity of the two governments and the concord of the two peoples, that perchance through this there may be manifested that which is now concealed.

Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty and Thy power and Thy might. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Ocean and the mysteries of eternity and by Thy Will through which Thou hast subdued the world, to ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and will aid us in Thy remembrance and praise and in acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Fear of Thine enemies hath encompassed us; transform it into assurance from Thee and tranquility from Thy presence. Weakness hath seized us from all directions; transform it through Thy power. Thou art He Who hath detailed from the Point sciences which none hath known save Thyself. The conditions of Thy creation and the transgressions of Thy servants have not hindered Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God, that beloved of the heart hath ever been favored with grace and is mentioned in the prison. If this servant sometimes delayeth in sending letters, this is due to the trust I have had and continue to have in your honor, and likewise due to the multitude of mine own occupations. That beloved one is himself witness and testimony; no testimony from any soul hath been or is needed. Praise be to God, the strong ones are steadfast and successful. The weak ones must be considered. When a child appears in the realm of existence, it continuously seeketh milk and must be given it. In these days a letter hath arrived from the people of Iraq with many complaints. After it was presented before Him, He said:

Write to the Physician that whatsoever hath been entrusted to you must spread its fragrance like unto the fragrance of roses amongst the servants. We wrote before and now say again that your honor must satisfy the heirs of the deceased and must act in such wise as to cause souls to turn towards and be enkindled by the fire of love and affection. Today what is necessary for your honor is this: to act in whatever way possible that which will strengthen the cords of love. Whosoever acteth for the sake of God will assuredly be assisted by the effulgences of the lights of divine grace and will be aided. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning the small house located at the head of the alley where previously the friends of that land maintained a bakery, you wrote that you have purchased it and that beloved one's intention was to present it in service to our Master His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His holy steps), and it was requested that He accept it. After these matters were presented before His presence, He said to inform the Most Great Branch, and after informing and presenting it, He accepted it. Well done to you and congratulations.

You wrote that you have made some repairs which have preserved the rooms and then rented them out so that the expenses may be recovered. After presenting this matter, He said: "You have acted very well, for We are embarrassed before Alif and Ha in this matter. The less burden placed upon them, the more beloved and acceptable it is before the Wronged One, and We beseech God to grant you too a reward." End quote.

Regarding what you wrote about the joy of Jinab-i-Amin Effendi (upon him be God's peace), God willing it is blessed. This evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist him to be steadfast, wise and of service. I convey greetings to him. The servant asks his Lord to confirm him in all conditions in that which will preserve him and ordain for him the good of the hereafter and this world. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another matter to present is the marriage of the elevated brother of the Imprisoned One (upon them both be God's peace and mercy). God willing it is blessed. We beseech God to unite hearts and assist His loved ones in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind.

Concerning what you wrote about the house of the late Shaykh (upon him be God's favors), it was presented before the Intended One. He said: "It befits Jinab-i-Tabib (upon him be My greetings) to conduct himself in such a way that all are pleased with him. The world and all within it was not and is not worthy. We have regarded and regard his station and rank, and it is hoped this station will remain preserved by God's will." End quote.

O beloved of my heart! It is very clear and evident that whatever is mentioned is intended to preserve that beloved one's station. This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist that honored one in what causes the elevation of station, the exaltation of glory and the upliftment of rank. This blessed word was once uttered from the Tongue of Utterance:

"Since the Countenance of the Ancient One is turned toward other worlds regarding the sincere ones and near ones, therefore outward means have been delayed in fulfillment. Otherwise all the world's good things, wealth and blessings have been and are directed toward the loved ones, and surely these stored bounties and favors will become manifest." End quote.

The intention is that in such matters, whatever comes to pass - if it is agreeable, the purpose is achieved; otherwise that beloved one has been and is more worthy to bear hardships, for that beloved one must ever be focused on matters that cause the exaltation of the Cause and elevation of station.

I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land and offer praise. God willing, may they attain to the station of unity and harmony, and be adorned with such conduct and deeds as will cause the exaltation of souls and the advancement of humanity. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist them in that which will raise them up among the peoples. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy of answering prayers. Peace and praise be upon you all and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants, and all praise belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Immeasurable praise and glory befit the Lord of Names, Who hath quickened all created things with the waters of utterance. This indeed is that Water mentioned in all previous Books. Its source is the Supreme Pen, and its streams are the hearts and souls of them that are pure in spirit. The life of all being

dependeth upon it. It is the wellspring of the life of the world and the cause of its continuance, and it is that Living Water which the chosen ones and loved ones of God strove to attain. In most excellent language hath it been mentioned by the All-Merciful in the Qur'an, where He saith, exalted be His utterance: "By means of water have We given life to everything." It sustaineth and nourisheth all the waters of the world. Were its sustenance to be withheld for less than a moment, all things would return to nothingness. Glory be unto Him Who hath adorned it, exalted it and made it manifest!

Whoso hath on this day attained unto this Water through the divine chalice of His words is accounted among the living, and whoso hath failed to attain unto it is reckoned among the dead. Should the true followers of the Bayan, from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, seek to praise and glorify this most holy, most exalted, most resplendent, most pure, and most sanctified Water, they would surely find themselves powerless to do so. If the end of existence cannot be known, how then can the end of that which encompasseth all things be reckoned? Glorified be the Creator and glorified be He Who hath manifested and revealed His purpose. He, verily, is the One Who ruleth in truth and judgeth with justice in both the beginning and the end.

I offer salutations, peace, and glorification upon His loved ones and chosen ones, the Manifestations of His utterance, the Daysprings of His laws, the Sources of His Cause, and the Rising-places of the suns of His knowledge–they who have cast away the world in their haste to reach the Most Great Ocean, that station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!"

Glorified art Thou, O Thou before Whose remembrance and praise the very essence of knowledge standeth abashed, and the kingdom of utterance findeth itself ashamed to describe Thy station! For all besides Thee hath been created by Thy Will and through the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen. How then can that which was created by a movement from Thee comprehend Thy manifestations, Thy attributes, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom?

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Kings and the Merciful One to all who are possessed! I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and the Manifestations of Thy bounty in the Most Exalted Paradise to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou, verily, art the Almighty to do as Thou pleasest, and in Thy grasp are the kingdoms of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Lord! Illumine all faces with the lights of Thy countenance and all hearts with the effulgences of the Sun of Thy knowledge. Thou art He at Whose most sweet call the Concourse on High hastened to Thy Most Glorious Horizon, and through Whose Most Great Name the world was set ablaze. I beseech Thee by Thy Command, Thy pervading influence, and Thy sovereignty, to draw nigh unto those who have desired Thy nearness and Thy presence. Then write down for them the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have hearkened unto Thy verses.

O Lord! Thou art He Whose power and might every tongue hath testified to, and Whose sovereignty and authority every possessor of utterance hath acknowledged. There is none other God but Thee, the Expositor, the All-Wise.

In My Name which is sanctified above all words and mention

O Musafir! The Wronged One remembers thee and calls to mind the days when thou didst stand at the gate and sit in the presence of His countenance, hearkening unto that which the Speaker of Sinai uttered in the Land of Manifestation and beholding the face of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed be thine eye for what it hath beheld, thine ear for what it hath heard, and thy tongue for having uttered the praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. We bear witness, even as We bore witness before, that thou didst leave thy homeland, turning unto God, until thou didst arrive at the Prison and attain that which was recorded in the Books of the Messengers. Thou didst attain My presence and drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of My bounty. Thou didst enter the Prison by leave of Him Who is the Source thereof and departed therefrom by His command. Verily, He recordeth the deeds of every steadfast believer. The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One. He hath heard and answereth thee through this Tablet, the mighty, the wondrous. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love, heard thy call, and witnessed thy devotion. We turn unto thee from the precincts of the Prison. Verily thy Lord is He Who ruleth as He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth.

From this spot We make mention of My loved ones in that place who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Him and have clung to His luminous hem. Convey My greetings unto them and remind them of My days, My verses and My clear proofs which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We also make mention of the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God, whom the affairs of men have not prevented from the Most Great Vision. They heard, responded, and hastened with their hearts unto the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. These have testified to that which God testified before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, yet the people do not comprehend. Blessed are ye, O children of the Friend, in that the Glorified One maketh mention of you, appearing resplendent in this hour while seated upon the Throne of Grandeur in this exalted Station. Beware lest the signs of the people prevent you from the Lord of this Day. Leave behind what is with the people, turning unto God, the Possessor of the visible and invisible.

O Nabil, O My Musafir! Give them the glad tidings of My mercy, My loving-kindness and My favor which have encompassed all created things. The Glory shining forth and dawning from the horizon of the Forehead be upon thee, upon those with thee, upon them, and upon those who have attained the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Praise be to God that you have attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of former and latter times. God willing, may the friends of God in that land who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness engage in the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds with utmost joy and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. Wisdom hath been beloved in all conditions. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his utter nothingness and greetings to each one, and declareth: Praise be to God that ye have attained unto the most great bounty and the supreme gift, and have recognized this mighty Day whose greatness hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in former and latter scrolls.

Now preserve this most great station in the name of the Lord of Eternity. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that all the treasures and riches and wealth and bounties of the world cannot equal the station of a single one of the friends of God. This evanescent servant hath heard such utterances from the Tongue of Grandeur concerning these stations that were they to be revealed, some might perish from joy and gladness. God willing, may all be aided to do what God loveth and be enabled to achieve the good-pleasure of the Peerless Friend.

Concerning what you wrote about His Holiness Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, it was submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said: "For God's sake hath he chosen to travel. God willing, may he be successful in serving the Cause of God, that is, in teaching His Cause. We have mentioned him before and at this time, as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

And likewise concerning the son of Ismu'llah Asdaq, upon both of them be the Glory of God, and regarding Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, you wrote. In these days their letters have reached this evanescent one and I am engaged in preparing replies. Mention of them was also made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. His exalted Word: "They have moved by God's command, traveling in His name, speaking His praise, and known for His love. They have especially chosen to travel for the purpose of teaching according to the Command. God willing, may they attain unto that which is today beloved and acceptable."

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, one Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him and sent. God willing, may he attain unto it and receive his portion from the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful. The blessed fragment is also available and will be sent when appropriate.

Concerning your mention of meeting with Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, in the land of Ta [Tehran], and likewise the mention of the honored beloved Mirza Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God and His light - all were submitted before the Divine Throne of Grandeur and were blessed with the rays of the Sun of Providence. This evanescent servant in all conditions beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for their confirmation, that all may drink successively from the ocean of divine bounty in this most mighty, most holy, most exalted Day. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be unto Him for He is the Goal of all the worlds. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon your family and upon those whom God hath related unto you and upon the friends of God, the steadfast, the firm, the well-assured, the unshakeable.

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Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! The tongues of all created things testify to Thy sovereignty and Thine omnipotence, and proclaim mine own poverty and my wretchedness when face to face with the revelations of Thy wealth. Look, then, O my God, upon this sinner whose gaze hath, at all times, been fixed upon the source of Thy forgiveness, and whose eyes have been bent upon the horizon of Thy grace and Thy gifts.

Ever since the day Thou didst create me at Thy bidding, O my God, and didst arouse me through the gentle winds of Thy tender mercies, I have refused to turn to any one except Thee, and have, through the power of Thy sovereignty and Thy might, arisen to face Thine enemies, and have summoned all mankind unto the shores of the ocean of Thy oneness and the heaven of Thine all-glorious unity. I have sought, all my days, not to guard myself from the mischief of the rebellious among Thy creatures, but rather to exalt Thy name amidst Thy people. I have, thereby, suffered what none of Thy creatures have suffered.

How many the days, O my God, which I have spent in utter loneliness with the transgressors amongst Thy servants, and how many the nights, O my Best-Beloved, during which I lay a captive in the hands of the wayward amidst Thy creatures! In the midst of my troubles and tribulations I have continued to celebrate Thy praise before all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and have not ceased to extol Thy wondrous glory in the kingdoms of Thy Revelation and of Thy creation, though all that I have been capable of showing forth hath fallen short of the greatness and the majesty of Thy oneness, and is unworthy of Thine exaltation and of Thine omnipotence.

I swear by Thy glory, O Thou Who art the one alone Beloved! I find myself to be only nothing before the habitation of Thy great glory. Every time I attempt to extol any one of Thy virtues, my heart restraineth me, for naught but Thee is able to soar into the atmosphere of the kingdom of Thy nearness, or reach up to the heaven of Thy presence.

Thy might beareth me witness! I am well aware that were I to bow myself before a handful of dust, from now until the end that hath no end, in acknowledgement of its relationship to Thy name, the Fashioner, I would still find myself far removed from that dust, and incapable of approaching it, and would discover that such an adoration can in no wise befit it, nor transcend the limitations to which I myself have been subjected. And were I to arise to serve one of Thy servants, and to wait at his door so long as Thine own kingdom endureth and Thine omnipotence will last, as a sign of my acknowledgment of the tie that bindeth him to Thy name, the Creator, I would, likewise, – and to this Thy glory beareth me witness – have to confess my complete failure to do him adequate service, and my deprivation of what can truly befit his station. And this for the reason that I recognize in them naught else except the bond that bindeth them to Thy names and Thine attributes. How can, then, such a man succeed in befittingly extolling the One through a motion of Whose finger all the names and their kingdom were called into being, and all the attributes and their dominion were created, and Who, through yet another motion of that same finger, hath united the letters B and E (Be) and knit them together, manifesting thereby what the highest thoughts of Thy chosen ones who enjoy near access to Thee are unable to grasp, and what the profoundest wisdom of those of Thy loved ones that are wholly devoted to Thee are powerless to fathom. I swear by Thy glory, O Beloved of my soul! I am bewildered when I contemplate the tokens of Thy handiwork, and the evidences of Thy might, and find myself completely unable to unravel the mystery of the least of Thy signs, how much more to apprehend Thine own Self. I beseech Thee, therefore, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast caused all such as love Thee to soar in the atmosphere of Thy will, and hast guided all them that yearn after Thee into the Paradise of Thy nearness and Thy presence, to waft from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness the fragrance of certainty upon the needy among Thy loved ones, in these days when the tempest of trials have compassed them on every side, and so grievously assailed them that the souls of men have been troubled and the foundations of all

beings have trembled at what hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of Thine irrevocable Purpose. They were so shaken that the lamp of their love for Thee and of their remembrance of Thee was ready to be extinguished in the recess of their hearts. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou, in truth, art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

This text is already in English and therefore does not require translation. It appears to be a prayer revealed by Baha'u'llah, translated by Shoghi Effendi.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Look Thou upon this wronged one, who hath been sorely afflicted by the oppressors among Thy creatures and the infidels among Thine enemies, though he himself hath refused to breathe a single breath but by Thy leave and at Thy bidding. I lay asleep on my couch, O my God, when lo, the gentle winds of Thy grace and Thy loving-kindness passed over me, and wakened me through the power of Thy sovereignty and Thy gifts, and bade me arise before Thy servants, and speak forth Thy praise, and glorify Thy work. Thereupon most of Thy people reviled me. I swear by Thy glory, O my God! I never thought that they would show forth such deeds, aware as I am that Thou hast Thyself announced this Revelation unto them in the Scrolls of Thy commandment and the Tablets of Thy decree, and hast covenanted with them concerning this youth in every word sent down by Thee unto Thy creatures and Thy people.

I am bewildered, therefore, O my God, and know not how to act toward them. Every time I hold my peace, and cease to extol Thy wondrous virtues, Thy Spirit impelleth me to cry out before all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth; and every time I am still, the breaths wafted from the right hand of Thy will and purpose pass over me, and stir me up, and I find myself to be as a leaf which lieth at the mercy of the winds of Thy decree, and is carried away whithersoever Thou dost permit or command it.

Every man of insight who considereth what hath been revealed by me, will be persuaded that Thy Cause is not in my hands, but in Thy hands, and will recognize that the reins of power are held not in my grasp but in Thy grasp, and are subject to Thy sovereign might. And yet, Thou seest, O my God, how the inhabitants of Thy realm have arrayed themselves against me, and inflict upon me every moment of my life what causeth the realities of Thy chosen ones and trusted ones to tremble.

I entreat Thee, therefore, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided Thy lovers to the living waters of Thy grace and Thy favors, and attracted them that long for Thee to the Paradise of Thy nearness and Thy presence, to open the eyes of Thy people that they may recognize in this Revelation the manifestation of Thy transcendent unity, and the dawning of the lights of Thy countenance and Thy beauty. Cleanse them, then, O my God, from all idle fancies and vain imaginations, that they may inhale the fragrances of sanctity from the robe of Thy Revelation and Thy commandment, that haply they may cease to inflict upon me what will deprive their souls of the fragrances of the manifold tokens of Thy mercy, that are wafted in the days of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thyself, and the Day-Spring of Thy Cause, and that they may not perpetrate what will call down Thy wrath and anger. Thou well knowest, O my God, that I was regarded as one of the people of the Bayan, and consorted with them with love and fellowship, and summoned them to Thee in the daytime and in the night season, through the wonders of Thy Revelation and Thine inspiration, and sustained at their hands what the inmates of the cities of Thine invention are powerless to recount. I swear by Thy might, O my Beloved! Every morning I waken to find

that I am made a target for the darts of their envy, and every night, when I lie down to rest, I discover that I have fallen a victim to the spears of their hate. Though Thou hast made known unto me the secrets of their hearts, and hast set me above them, I have refused to uncover their deeds, and have dealt patiently with them, mindful of the time which Thou hast fixed. And when Thy promise came to pass, and the set time was fulfilled, Thou didst lift, to an imperceptible degree, the veil of concealment, and lo, all the inmates of the kingdoms of Thy Revelation and of Thy creation shook and trembled, except those who were created by Thee, through the fire of Thy love, and the breath of Thine eagerness, and the water of Thy loving-kindness, and the clay of Thy grace. These are they who are glorified by the Concourse on high and denizens of the Cities of eternity.

I give praise to Thee, therefore, O my God, that Thou hast preserved them that have acknowledged Thy unity, and hast destroyed them that have joined partners with Thee, and hast divided the one from the other through yet another word that hath proceeded out of the mouth of Thy will, and flowed down from the pen of Thy purpose. Thereby have Thy servants, who were created through the word of Thy commandment, and were begotten by Thy will, caviled at me, and so fiercely opposed me that they repudiated Thee, and have rejected Thy signs, and have risen up against Thee.

Thy glory beareth me witness, O my Beloved! My pen is powerless to describe what their hands have wrought against Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Cause, and the Day-Spring of Thy Revelation, and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration. For all this I give praise to Thee. I swear by Thy glory, O my God! My heart yearneth after the things ordained by Thee in the heaven of Thy decree and the kingdom of Thine appointment. For whatsoever befalleth me in Thy path is the beloved of my soul and the goal of my desire. This, verily, is to be ascribed to naught except Thy power and Thy might.

I am the one, O my God, who, through the love I bear to Thee, hath been able to dispense with all who are in heaven and on earth. Armed with this love, I am afraid of no one, though all the peoples of the world unite to hurt me. Oh, that my blood could, this very moment, be shed on the face of the earth before Thee, and Thou wouldst behold me in the condition in which Thou didst behold such of Thy servants as have drawn nigh unto Thee, and those of Thy righteous creatures as have been chosen by Thee!

I give Thee thanks, O my God, that Thou hast decided through the power of Thy decree, and wilt continue to decide through Thine irrevocable appointment and purpose. I entreat Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy Name through which Thou didst lift up the ensigns of Thy Cause, and shed the splendors of the light of Thy countenance, to send down upon me and upon such of Thy servants as are wholly devoted to Thee all the good Thou hast ordained in Thy Tablets.

Establish us, then, upon the seats of truth in Thy presence, O Thou in Whose hands is the kingdom of all things!

Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Merciful.

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letter from Samandar–upon him be My glory–which he wrote to thee was presented before the Face. He made repeated mention of Andalib–upon him be My glory–and the friends of that land. Praise be to God, all are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and are firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. The Supreme Pen hath made mention of the loved ones of the land of Qaf in such wise that it would be difficult for those who would enumerate to reckon it. Blessed are they, and theirs is a goodly retreat.

Mention hath been made of Nabil-i-Akbar–upon him be My glory. He hath turned toward the land of Kha for the purpose of teaching the Cause of God. We beseech God to assist him to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and to serve His mighty and exalted Cause. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One to the rest of them who are in that land. In truth, Samandar hath been and continues to be vigilant over the loved ones. We beseech God to illumine all hearts with the lights of the Day-Star of His Cause. This is that which hath ever been loved and accepted before God. The darkness of the world shall be dispelled through the light of unity, and dispersion shall be changed to gathering, rejection to acceptance, disbelief to faith, and waywardness to supreme guidance.

They made mention of Ibn-i-Abhar–upon him be My glory. We beseech God to assist him and to set him ablaze with the fire of love, that perchance the servants on earth may be enkindled and turn from abasement to glory, and from the realm of extinction to the realm of immortality. O My Name! Although all that was to be said hath been said and all that was hidden hath been revealed, yet it hath profited the servants nothing. All are wandering in the wilderness of heedlessness and error, save whom God willeth. The existing peoples were not and are not worthy to turn to the Countenance of Glory. Throughout ages and centuries they have worshipped and continue to worship the calf. Such is the state and station of most of them.

Mention hath been made of Mirza Aqa–upon him be My glory–and his namesake, and an answer hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance. Not an atom's weight escapeth His knowledge, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist them to do that which is befitting this triumphant day. The loved ones must consult together by night and day, and hold fast to that which is conducive to the betterment of the world and to unity, harmony and the reformation of the world. What carpet hath not been rolled up, what edifice hath not been destroyed, what glory hath not come to an end, and what sun hath not set! While time remaineth, they must count it as a treasure and arise to serve the Cause of God. Though it is observed with absolute certainty that the existing ears are incapable of hearing, and likewise the eyes are not worthy of beholding. The people have become familiar with vain imaginings and idols. Consider the people of Persia: for one thousand two hundred years they spoke of vain imaginings, clung to vain imaginings, and held fast to their hem. And after the manifestation of their ignorance and heedlessness on the Day of Judgment, again the people of Bayan cling to and utter the same vain imaginings. Glory be to God! They remain heedless of that which they have witnessed with their own eyes. What, after all, was the fruit of that people's deeds, and what became of them? The world of knowledge is bewildered at the ignorance of those souls. They came from the world of ignorance and

unknowing, and to the world of ignorance and unknowing do they return. Beseech ye God that perchance in this world of darkness–that is, the world of such souls–a star might dawn forth, that they might see and find.

Concerning what was mentioned about dear Sharif - before the exaltation of the Cause, the laws of the Apostle of God (may my spirit be a sacrifice for His sake) remain valid and binding, except for such deeds as would cause commotion. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to that soul and give him glad tidings that his deed hath been accepted and confirmed in the Most Exalted Horizon. Well is it with him, happy is he.

We make mention of Khalil, upon him be My glory, and We recall the days when he attained Our presence, heard the Call, beheld the Most Exalted Horizon, and dwelt in the vicinity until the irrevocable decree came for his departure to the land of Qaf. We testify that he attained that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His nephew and other relatives have all been and continue to be remembered before the Wronged One. We have mentioned them in verses and given them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy which have encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-'Abdu'l-Husayn and the handmaiden of God, upon her be My glory. Several months ago a decree was revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding this matter, and apparently it has not yet arrived. Praise be to God, before the arrival of the decree, that which was befitting was done. Jinab-i-Ismu'llah J, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, presented the details before the Most Holy Court. Blessed is he and joy be unto him.

The loved ones, especially those adorned with the distinction of rank, should strive to the extent possible to assist in the affairs of the friends and their completion. We beseech God to aid them and grant them success in that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Mention of Jinab-i-'Andalib, upon him be My glory, was made at first from the Supreme Pen. Now, as he was mentioned again at the end of the letter, We make mention of him. By the life of God, We have previously mentioned him in terms that no thing can equal, nor any treasure among treasures - nay, all the treasures of the world. We beseech confirmation and success for him, that he may attract the dejected souls in the dusty earth through the mention and praise of the Lord of Names, and teach them to soar.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Haji Baba Kulih-Darrih, upon him be My glory. We heard mention of him and turned toward him that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Baba, the people of the Bayan are seen to be more lost than the previous faction. They have regarded the divine counsels as if they never existed. That which was revealed in the Persian Bayan and which all were commanded to follow, they have attributed to corruption. They possess neither sight nor hearing of their own, although in most passages the Point (the Bab) states "Look upon Him with His eyes and hear with His ears" - and this passage specifically refers to this Manifestation. Yet with the transgressors it has been abandoned and rejected. O Baba, convey greetings to the friends of the village on behalf of the Wronged One and give

them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness. Verily He is with His accepting servants and with His steadfast servants.

That which was written concerning ?akim Ilya was observed. That which was revealed specially for him and the other friends of the letter Ha and Mim was such as caused decayed bones to quiver and bestowed eternal life. Let us see what will appear from the people of that land and what fruit it will yield. Make mention of the teacher and his associates and all the members of the household on behalf of the Wronged One, that they may drink from the chalice of remembrance and be set ablaze with the fire of the love of God. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them with truth and dispatched them unto thee that the servants of the earth may be mindful thereof. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Munificent. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My friends, and upon them that have quaffed the cup of faithfulness before the faces of men and have drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. The Cause is in God's hands, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O My leaves and My handmaidens! The letter that was sent hath twice been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the glances of His loving-kindness have been directed towards you. Praise be to God, ye have partaken of the waves of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance and have been illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Manifestation. Ye have heard that for the hearing of which the world was brought from nothingness into being. Know ye the value of your stations. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the most exalted horizon of existence, there hath been ordained for those men and women who have turned unto God, who are devoted and are attracted, that which the descriptions of the people of the world and the mentions of nations fall short of and are powerless to recount. Well is it with you and pleasant is it for you. We beseech God to assist all to occupy themselves with the mention of the Goal of all the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance, and to transform separation into the light of unity and accord, that the hearts of His servants may be adorned with the holy words "We are God's." The world is deprived while ye are triumphant. In its primary rank, poison hath destroyed all in the inmost essence, yet they perceive it not. We beseech God to illumine hearts and souls with the lights of the Day Star of love and unity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath appeared for them from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless. O My loved ones! The Wronged One maketh mention of you through verses the like of which cannot be found, and We mentioned you before in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. A letter hath come to hand in the Most Great Prison in the name of My handmaidens, written by him who hath turned unto the Supreme Horizon and hath drunk the cup of reunion from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, the Munificent. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the backs of the idolaters were broken and the pillars of the idols were shaken. He is assuredly among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist His loved ones with the angels of the unseen and the visible world and to aid them to triumph in His Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent. The Glory shining

from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones and My friends, and upon them that love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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Praise be sanctified above the tongues of created things, befitting the most holy court of that Intended One who ordained the Primal Word to be the fountainhead of the water of life for all contingent beings. From but a single sprinkling of its outpourings, countless oceans came into being and were made manifest. Whosoever attained unto a drop thereof was adorned with a wondrous new life, while he who remained deprived thereof died a death after which no life was to be seen. How great is His bounty and how exalted His generosity, which has ever been and shall forever remain beyond the reckoning of them that reckon, the comprehension of them that comprehend, and the knowledge of them that know! He is the One Who created all contingent beings through a command from His presence, brought them forth, gave them utterance, and caused them to grow, then made them return unto Him. He is the One through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined, the proof was made manifest, and the nightingale warbled upon the branches. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Single One, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of the Lord of Names rest upon His chosen ones who have cast away what the people possess when that which is with God hath appeared. These are honored servants upon whom neither fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. Through them were the standards hoisted and the banners unfurled. The Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names send their prayers upon them. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to decree for this evanescent servant that he be numbered among them, that He gather me beneath their shade, give me to drink from their cups, and draw me nigh unto them in all conditions. Verily, He is the Lord of the beginning and the end. There is none other God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your praise! This evanescent servant hath been blessed to hear the scratching of your pen, which hath spoken in praise of God and His chosen ones, and in remembrance of God and His loved ones. When the wine of utterance had intoxicated me, I turned toward the Beloved of all possibility and presented before His face your letter and what had been inscribed therein by the pen of your love and the ink of your affection. When this was completed, the countenance of the Beloved turned toward me and He spoke that which was the Kawthar of life to all contingent beings, the dayspring of knowledge to the followers of all religions, and the dawning-place of certitude to whosoever hath turned unto his Lord, the All-Merciful. At the end of His utterance, I heard these sublime words: We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him to remember and praise Him, and to draw him nigh unto Him through His bounty and sovereignty, in such wise that he shall behold naught in existence save the countenance of the Adored One, that he may remind the servants of what God hath revealed in the Book, that perchance they may abandon the fancies of their souls and the imaginings of their hearts, and hold fast unto that whereby God hath distinguished between truth and falsehood. Verily, He is the Almighty, Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no matter can thwart. From His Most Exalted Pen have flowed the oceans of names, and through His supreme bounty hath been manifested that whereby all things have been

made to speak. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Only, the Self-Subsisting, Who begetteth not, nor was begotten, and there is none comparable unto Him.

O physician! God willing, mayest thou be favored by the grace of God and speak with wisdom and eloquence amongst the people of the contingent world. For people have not yet comprehended the purpose, most of them wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies and traversing the desert of vain imaginings, occupied with a mere pond while veiled from the Most Great Ocean. Gradually, heedlessness has reached such a point that the religion of God has weakened and the path of God has been forsaken. They have abandoned the Book and Tradition, and taken up volumes of conjecture and fancy. What was the strength and might of Islam in its early days, and what has it become now? Weakness, impotence, and feebleness have reached such a degree that understanding fails to comprehend it and the pen falls short of describing it. Glory be to God! How can it be that man, despite possessing reason and understanding, becomes so confused about a matter that he attributes injustice to the Dawning-Place of justice, and counts the essence of fairness among the oppressors? We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to rend asunder the veils through His grace and lead the people from the darkness of heedlessness to the dawning-place of light. Whenever thought turns to these matters, sorrows encompass from all directions. It behooveth us to turn to God and say:

O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of names and in Whose right hand is the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the world to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of creation that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! My Lord! Thou seest and hearest what hath befallen Thy servants at the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee to protect them and raise them to the highest station of glory, exaltation, might, and power. Thou art He to Whose greatness, power, sovereignty, and authority both my outer and inner tongue bear witness–nay, all my limbs testify. Thou doest what Thou willest in the kingdom and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding what you wrote about the nobleman upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was very good indeed. In any case, this matter is acceptable and praiseworthy, for both your honor is occupied with a profession and thereby the pretext of the heedless will be lessened. I beseech the Most High to ordain for your honor the good of this world and the next, and their profit. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about the Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it caused great joy, delight and gladness, for praise be to God, they proceeded in perfect health, blessing and well-being to visit the stars of the Muhammadan heaven and the Imams of God's religion, peace be upon them. If one would be somewhat fair and reflect, one would always be engaged in goodly matters and attain lofty stations. I beseech God for success in enabling this evanescent servant to be confirmed in goodly matters and to accept deeds and remembrances that are unworthy. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Concerning what you wrote about Eliyahu requesting expenses - this matter is most strange from him, for referring such matters outwardly to this Seat has never been and is not now favored. Every matter in the world has had and has its proper reference point. Today everyone who has drunk from the ocean of knowledge has known and knows that this Station is sanctified and holy above such talk, conditions and

mentions. If they are in that land, convey greetings to them on behalf of this evanescent servant and make mention that I beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive you from the outpourings of the cloud of bounty and to make you successful in that which is good. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His blessed footsteps - has gone to Beirut some time ago, therefore the letter sent remains until He returns, and what His Holiness had commanded in reply was exactly right and the matter unanswered.

Concerning what was mentioned about being commissioned to Iran - that beloved one knows that no one here is given such a commission. Out of pure grace they said return to your own land and if you can, remind some of the servants of praiseworthy conduct and pleasing deeds which are the cause of the appearance and manifestation of the essence of humanity. This is what has been and is said to all. This servant beseeches God to engage them in that which He loves and with which He is pleased. And on behalf of this evanescent servant convey greetings to Mirza Sulayman from the people of Ha. They were observed with intelligence and acumen and God willing my petitions will not be forgotten by them. Their mention has been and is here. Verily He loves faithfulness and has commanded His servants to faithfulness. Glory be to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, Who created existence and all things through the First Word, and verily He is the Single, the One, the Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the letter of Hadba, it is known that all are commanded to wisdom and love. Certainly if they conduct themselves in such a way that the consul is pleased with them, it would be most fitting and excellent. God willing may all be engaged in the remembrance of God with the utmost joy and fragrance. Some time ago a letter arrived from His Holiness Zayn - upon him be the Glory of God - and this servant has not been successful in replying. God willing perhaps in these days he will be enabled, and hope for pardon from them in all conditions.

And concerning what you wrote that his honor Muhammad Surur Effendi - upon him be the Glory of God - has proceeded to the land of Ha, and someone gave a petition in the name of His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may the spirits of all worlds be sacrificed for Him - it was previously submitted that He is not present. God willing after His return whatever is required will be submitted. At this time they gained admittance to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. Write:

O physician! We make mention in this station of My loved ones in that place and counsel them with the supreme wisdom, even as We have counseled My loved ones in other cities. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable them to manifest love, affection and unity. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And We make mention of thy two sons - give them the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Wronged One and remind them of that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory be upon them and upon thee and upon them both and upon thy wife who hath borne tribulations for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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

He Who is our Purpose, our Beloved, and our Object of Worship beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is His Manifestation, His Self, His Visible Form, His Sovereignty, His Cause, and His Power. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Through Him the letter Kaf was joined to its pillar, the letter Nun. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of His utterance be upon His loved ones and companions who have not broken His covenant and testament, who were not hindered by the doubts of the skeptics nor the gestures of the heedless, and who were not frightened by the hosts of princes nor the clamor of those in the realm of creation. They turned with illumined hearts and radiant faces on a Day when all but those whom God, our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, wished, turned away.

And now, O beloved of my heart, thy letters and writings have descended like copious rain. Praise be to God, thou art remembering with thy tongue, hearing with thine ear, witnessing with thine eye, turning with thy face, accepting with thy heart, taking with thy hand, and writing with thy pen. Glory be to Him Who hath strengthened you, guided you, caused you to know, established you, and granted you a great kingdom in His remembrance and the service of His Cause. Though outwardly there hath been separation due to God's consummate wisdom, the writing of letters hath joined that which no separation can part nor any change or transformation affect. Exalted be His glory, universal His bounty, great His grace, and mighty His bestowal! The replies to thy beloved letters were written in detail, but their dispatch was delayed this time, and this brief note is hastily submitted. For it is crystal clear that no glad tidings and no joy or delight can be greater than a message from the Most Holy Court. Its tidings revive the soul and its effect bestoweth life upon decayed bones. How then could there be delay, given your burning desire and this evanescent servant's sincerity?

The letter from the honored friend Abbas (upon him be the Glory of God), which the spiritual friend Ali Haydar (upon him be God's glory and favor) forwarded, was presented at the Most Holy Court. The answer to his question was revealed from the heaven of divine will, and as commanded, this servant wrote and sent it to Ali Haydar for delivery. This was truly a great bounty bestowed upon him, for questions had previously been forbidden, as revealed in response to a petition from one of the divines. His blessed and exalted Word states: "This is not the day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when hearing the call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: 'Here am I, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven!'" Nevertheless, the answer to his question was graciously given and dispatched. Happy is he! We beseech God to assist him in that which befitteth His Cause and His days.

O beloved of my heart! According to the command, when you give an amount to any person, let them not think it is continuous, for if they understand this it will cause you difficulty. Often there is nothing available, as most times in this land expenses are met by borrowing from others. However, the teachers must receive sufficient means that they need not be dependent and accept nothing from others except for the love of God, love of His Cause, and the exaltation of His Word. If such souls are found, the Cause will move faster than lightning and encompass all lands.

Regarding the specified amount, according to instructions it was bestowed upon some, including Mishkin-Qalam who, with his family, left Cyprus several months ago and came to the Most Holy Court, thus losing their government pension. Many travelers have also come this year. Five people, one of whom is Mulla

Muhammad-'Ali-i-Yazdi, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, were given fifty tumans. As no cash was available, according to instructions Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, obtained it from some sources to be repaid later.

Since your departure nearly a year ago, very little has been received. Though the Cause rests with God, exalted be His glory, this is meant to inform you. Regarding what you wrote about borrowing if necessary from his honor Afnan or Haji Shaykh Muhammad-'Ali, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, nothing has been borrowed yet. Whatever was needed was obtained from outside sources and spent here and for the community, as you are aware.

When your latest letter arrived, permission was granted to receive that amount, perhaps to pay scattered debts. A small amount for the House has not yet been received but was deposited with his honor Afnan. These days there is intention to discuss the matter of the House. The pool is still not finished - had you been here, it would have been completed quickly. This servant, considering the blessed word revealed in the Book from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Names which states "Enlarge thy skirts, O Jerusalem," has begun this work.

Another matter: ten tumans were previously given to the honored Hajiyyih, upon her be the glory of God, from the people of Kaf. The intention was not to receive it back, but the honored lady mentioned during her departure and return about returning this amount there. It became known they had borrowed this amount as a debt and intended to repay it. Thus it was arranged to be given there to the honored beloved Ibn-i-Abhar, upon them both be the glory of God and His favors. Later it was decreed that it should not be accepted. The honored Amin should, on behalf of the Truth, relinquish it to her and convey greetings and expressions of favor on behalf of the Wronged One. This has not been forgotten and remains mentioned. End.

And likewise they said to tell him that Mulla Ahmad and Khan did not come to the Most Holy Court, although you mentioned they had said "We will go there too." In any case, let it be known that truthfulness, justice and fairness are rare to find in the world, and if found are as scarce as the philosopher's stone. Mulla Ahmad's purpose is clear, but poor Khan is unaware and knows not the cause and reason thereof. May that leaf, upon her be Baha's blessings, beseech God's grace that He may rend asunder the veils of tyranny and oppression, and deprive not His servants of the effulgent rays of the Orb of justice and fairness. He is the Potent, the Powerful.

Regarding his honor the Bey, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, praise be to God, after his petition and that of the beloved one, it was once again crowned with acceptance, and a separate leaf concerning this matter is enclosed which will come to view. And that they wrote they are proceeding to Hamadan is very good, for one of the companions in that land committed a deed that caused the tears of the sincere to flow and the sighs of those near to ascend. Therefore some hearts were saddened. O Amin! Such souls have ever been the cause of the Faith's abasement among the people. Beseech God to grant the doer the grace to return, that he may repent like unto Nasuh and take refuge with the Truth, exalted be His glory, from sins and transgressions.

And likewise this exalted word was uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur: O Amin, upon thee be My glory! If the people of the Furqan (Qur'an) had acted according to the Law of the Apostle of God, the lands of Islam, which they imagine to be the people of unity, would not have been encompassed by the people of polytheism. Each day they seize and take away a member and a portion thereof, and until now they have not understood what is the cause and reason. O Amin! Nevertheless We have concealed, for the Truth, exalted be His glory, is the Concealer and the All-Patient. All are commanded to gracious concealment and beautiful patience. Blessed are they that attain! The friends of that land too, if they conceal, will be accounted among those who conceal in the sight of God.

Similarly, in Kurdistan, according to what had been written, a person there committed such deeds as the Pen is ashamed to mention, but knowledge thereof rests with our Lord. If you were to journey there and convey greetings and salutations to the friends on behalf of the Truth, and show kindness and favor, it would be acceptable in the sight of God. Some barking dogs who consider the Truth heedless and themselves learned have passed through those regions and are striving to lead people astray. In any case, that beloved one, and every fair-minded person, and beyond them the Truth, exalted be His glory, bear witness that these barking ones neither were nor are aware of the foundation of the Cause. Whatever they say, they have heard from the liars of the world - like the Shi'ih sect who heard certain fabrications from some ignorant ones, which caused them to inflict upon the souls of Truth, on the Day of Manifestation, that which made the Pen weep and the Tablet lament. It is hoped that hearts and minds will be refreshed by the sweet fragrances of that beloved one's utterance. In any case, let the friends of Ha and Mim, as well as Kurdistan, exert mighty efforts in this matter and give glad tidings to all, that they might attain, through the breathings of revelation, to that which shall never change. Certain matters occurred in that land which this servant heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. May the Truth, exalted be His glory, grant fairness to the barking ones and sustain His loved ones with the Kawthar of supreme steadfastness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another matter concerns an engraver who spent some time in Hadba (Mosul), outwardly in agreement but inwardly a hypocrite. Glory be to God! Until now they have not realized what Day this is and what Manifestation! They drink from the spring of vain imaginings yet count themselves among the people of certitude. They walk in the wilderness of idle fancies yet consider themselves companions of assurance and tranquility. God forbid that anything like the former community, namely the Shi'ihs, should appear in the world. Reflect upon the deeds of those oppressive souls - what they claimed and what they did, how their words and deeds differed. At this moment I was summoned to the most exalted horizon, and after attending, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words, exalted be His utterance:

O servant in attendance! Write to his honor the physician, upon him be My greetings. For a long time the Supreme Pen has been speaking about the deeds of the former community. The wisdom in this is that later souls might become aware and informed, that perchance they might not be afflicted with former vain imaginings. The deniers of the Bayan are occupied with those same idle fancies. By God's life! Until they cross the gulf of vain imaginings, they will not enter the ocean of certitude, and until they pass beyond the path of names, they will not attain to the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. This is the truth about which there is no doubt.

We beseech God to grant vision, for by the Finger of Power the veils have been rent asunder. We hope that the people of the Crimson Ark will not be afflicted with the suspicions and vain imaginings of the past, nor will they sully their hearts and minds with the foolish utterances of this one and that. The copy of the letter written to Husayn, known as Sukhte, was sent. Glory be to God, how he has progressed! He has become a wanderer and has learned from the white bankers. What that beloved one has seen is but a drop from his ocean of nonsense. It would be very good if he were to send such writings to all regions. Ask God to bestow a subtle light upon the vision of the people of the world. In any case, this servant has seen many things and has much in his possession, but I pray and seek assistance from all the friends that He may guide those veiled souls and remove from the world the foul odor of ignorance, unawareness, rancor and hatred. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

If you inquire about the news of this land, praise be to God, all are well. For some time, the two luminaries of the heaven of grace, namely His Honour Aqa Mirza ?iya'u'llah and His Honour Aqa Mirza Badi'u'llah - may my spirit be a sacrifice for their coming - and the people of the pavilion of purity have gone to Beirut and will return in a few days. The pilgrims to the House of God this year have been many, praise be to God, and have attained their goal. I beseech the True One not to deprive anyone and to confirm and assist all in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

Mention was made of the friends of that land. After this matter was presented before the Lord, He said: Convey greetings to all from the Wronged One. We remember them as We have remembered them before, and We beseech God to protect them from the evil of every oppressor, to guard them with the hosts of the seen and unseen, to assist them to act according to what is in His Book, and to draw them near to Him in all conditions. Goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are God's ladder among His creation; through these every soul ascends to the ultimate goal and the highest summit. Blessed is he who attains unto them, and woe unto him who neglects them. They must associate with all people with the spirit of fellowship and with love and affection. Love is God's light among His creation; through it every light appears and the world is illumined by it. It is the cause of creation and its manifestation, as expressed in His exalted Word: "I was a hidden treasure and loved to be known, therefore I created creation that I might be known." Hold fast, O friends of God, to love and fellowship, kindness and unity. Your station is above all stations and your conditions above all conditions, for you are the people of unity and the companions of detachment. Ask God, your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth, to protect you from the artillery of the polytheists and the swords of the atheists, and to assist you against His enemies through His bounty and generosity. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful and the most generous of the generous. Praise be to God, for He is the goal of the mystics and the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and earth.

This ephemeral one beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist His friends in preserving the pearls of His love and in that which will quiet the fire of hatred in the world of creation.

As for the matter of the House, some time ago His Honour Alif and ?a, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wrote to this servant that the honored physician, upon him be God's peace and favor, has requested a power of attorney. This servant presented this before His presence and He said […]

Half of the funds remain outstanding; therefore, We did not wish to issue a decree in this regard. Half of the funds have reached them; We await the remainder, after which whatever is commanded will be most acceptable. God is witness and testimony that We desire no harm to befall anyone, hence the matter remains postponed. We know not what the honored physician, upon him be peace, has done. In any case, We beseech God to soon arrange the means for these funds to be given.

In all conditions, this evanescent servant beseeches and hopes for the loftiness, exaltation, glory and elevation of that beloved one. Were it not for the unwise actions of the friends, I would have caused much trouble. Praise be to God, that beloved one is mentioned in most times. All the friends and pilgrims send their greetings and praise, and this servant conveys greetings and praise to each of the friends in that land. That land and those regions have ever been and remain in view. For each one I seek divine confirmation that they may be assisted in that which causes the elevation of the Cause and be strengthened in steadfastness, which is the mightiest foundation. Verily, He will aid them through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

At this moment, having intended to approach the Holy Shrine, He appeared before the Presence and the Lord spoke thus: “We send greetings from this Station to the physician, upon him be My glory, and to the leaf who is with him, and to his son who was mentioned before and after in the presence of the Wronged One, and to the unified ones and the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

This servant also conveys greetings to the honored leaf and to the son, upon them both be the glory of God, and beseeches God to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who have acknowledged and recognized the word that there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letters thou didst send have all been honored by the glance of favor and have attained unto the blessing of being heard. The Living Waters of the Kawthar have ever flowed and descended from the Supreme Pen, yet no seeker is to be found. Now that the baseness of the people of the Bayan hath reached such a state that Ibn-i-Ja’far-i-Kirmani hath become the leader of the people and guide of mankind, they have attributed calumnies to the King of existence - from Whose right and left flow the Euphrates of mercy and surge the seas of bounty, and Who throughout His life hath been caught in the claws of His enemies - and have made these calumnies a cause of the people’s deviation. In brief, a group, like unto the former people, are striving and endeavoring to extinguish the light of God and cut down the Blessed Tree. Therefore, the Supreme Pen hath chosen and continueth to choose silence.

O My Name! Among the wonders of the world is that one who hath lived his entire life in utmost comfort is called oppressed, while He Who throughout all His days hath borne imprisonment, exile, beating and

the like is mentioned by another name. Such is the condition of the heedless servants. Those souls who are ignorant of the root of the Cause strive with the utmost cunning and deception to lead others astray.

The letter of his honor Buzurg, upon him be My glory, was noted. We make mention of him as We have mentioned him before in numerous Tablets, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. By My life! They have attained unto My verses. When they shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Will, the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the dwellers on the shore of the Crimson Sea showered upon him the pearls of wisdom and utterance. O My Name! My Pen lamenteth and speaketh: Beseech ye God that He may draw the servants from the left hand of idle fancies to the right hand of certitude.

Mention was made of his honor Muhammad and Aqajan. Mention of both hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance of God, exalted be His glory. The relatives of the Martyr, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy and My grace, have ever been and continue to be remembered. My Name Jamal, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, sent to the Most Holy Court the petition of the wife of the Martyr, upon her be the grace of God and His mercy and His glory. Praise and gratitude be unto Him. All are adorned with the ornament of faith and are gazing toward the Supreme Horizon.

O My Name! For twelve hundred years the former people were worshippers of names while counting themselves among the believers in Divine unity. By the life of God! They never inhaled the fragrance of unity, as became evident and manifest from the recompense of their deeds on the Day of Resurrection. They committed that which caused the realm of immortality to implore annihilation from God, glorified and exalted be He. Not a single person in that land, whether learned or ignorant, remained except that they engaged in cursing and execration. Finally they committed that which amazeth the realm of justice and fairness. Today, should any soul reflect upon the deeds and actions of those souls and their fruits, he would become established upon the throne of certitude and would abide upon the seat of assurance. Names would not withhold him from the ocean of inner meanings, nor would the doubts and intimations of the opposers and deniers affect him. They run from city to city and village to village, thinking they are helping the Cause of God and protecting His Law. Say: O heedless ones! The Truth hath come with “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” and abideth in the pavilion of glory with “He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.” Whosoever drinketh from the ocean deposited within this word shall find himself free and liberated, and shall regard all else besides God as mere dust, nay, even more abject, were they but to know it.

O Buzurg! Mention has been made of Siyyid ’Ali and likewise his vow hath been accepted. Blessed is he in that he hath turned towards God, the Single, the All-Knowing. O Siyyid ’Ali! Strive to attain such a station that the ants of the world shall have no power over thee. The people of that land, despite their many claims, have ultimately become the most loss-bearing of all people. Beseech ye God that through the power of the Most Exalted Pen He may grant strength unto the people, bestow might, and make them powerful, that all may be adorned with the Word of God as revealed in the Bayan. He saith that a year-old child in the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than the entire Bayan. All matters have been and are dependent upon this Manifestation. The divine Books all proclaim and herald this, and the Messengers have explained and acted upon it, yet the people are in evident delusion.

The letter of Jalal, upon him be My glory, was perused. Mention of him hath been made in the Most Holy Court, before and after, and all that he wrote to the servant present hath been honored to be heard. Blessed is he and blessed are the friends of God in that land who were not held back by human limitations from the Most Great Prospect, and whom the hosts of those that turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, did not frighten. We make mention of his mother and his wife. O My Name! All the souls mentioned in his letter have attained and been honored by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen.

O Jalal! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of. Thou hast heard the Divine Call and beheld the waves of the ocean of utterance. Thy call hath been and is being heard. God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He heareth and seeth. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Some time ago wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of glory and dispatched. In every letter thereof an ocean lieth concealed. By the Sun of proof! Were the people to attain unto them and drink therefrom, they would find themselves independent of all save God.

O people of God! This is the Day of steadfastness. The cawing ones are spread abroad like locusts, and this is the news which the Ancient Beauty gave in Zawra and the Land of Mystery and this land, thus informing all. Today the ocean of mercy is surging and the Most Great Name standeth before all faces. Blessed are they whom the whisperings of devils and the doubts of the idolaters did not prevent or hold back from the straight path.

O My Name! The letter of ’Attar, upon him be the glory of God, was perused. The Most Exalted Pen hath borne and beareth witness that they are among those who arose to serve at the beginning of the Cause. Both men and women have been observed to be steadfast and enkindled in exalting the Word and serving the people of God. We beseech God to make all steadfast and to illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Truth. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things. Blessed is the mother who hath been named by the Tongue of the Lord of Names as the Mother of the Friends. We make mention of her at this moment that it may be a glory, an honor and a treasure for her with God, the Lord of the worlds.

The resplendent Remembrance from the horizon of the Kingdom and the radiant Light from the heaven of might be upon thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf, who hath spoken My praise, turned unto My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, clung to My cord and held fast to the hem of My loving-kindness and mercy. Thou art she who turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon when the Creator of the heavens came with the kingdom of names, and who hearkened when the Most Sublime Pen raised its shrill voice, and who hastened unto the ocean of knowledge when the concourse of divines and rulers held back. Blessed art thou, O mother of My loved ones and she who hath shown kindness to My chosen ones. I testify that thy heart was a dawning-place of the love of God, thy tongue a source of His remembrance, and thy breast His view. Blessed is the handmaiden who turned unto thee and made mention of that which was sent down from the heaven of thy Lord’s will, the All-Merciful, when thou didst ascend unto the Most Exalted Companion and didst dwell in the precincts of the mercy of thy Lord, the Lord of all men and the Lord of the worlds to come and of the first worlds. Blessed is the earth that was honored by thy body and attained unto thy presence. I testify that thou didst believe in God when most of His servants denied Him, and didst drink of My choice sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name when most of the people of

the lands were debarred therefrom. Thou art she whom neither clamor deterred nor hatred veiled. Thou didst voice the praise of thy Lord until thy spirit ascended unto a station known to none save God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. In thy life thou wert in a house wherein was raised the remembrance of God, the Goal of all desire, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. Thou art she who attained unto the verses of thy Lord before and after thine ascension. Mercy outstripped thee and grace encompassed thee, and light moved before thy face, and at the time of thine ascension a company of angels and the Spirit received thee. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Glory be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thine end, thy outer and inner being, and the mercy of God and His favors.

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the hearts that were cut to pieces in Thy path and dissolved in separation from Thee, and by the bodies that soared in Thy love, and by the faces that turned unto Thy face, and by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation in Thy days, and by the manifestations of Thy power in Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm of Might, to ordain for him who hath visited Thy handmaiden, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, the best of the world to come and of the first world. Then forgive him, O my God, through Thy grace and bounty, and purify him, O my Goal, from transgression, through Thy Name, the All-Merciful. Thou art He through Whose Name, the All-Forgiving, the ocean of forgiveness surged in the contingent world, and through Whose Name, the All-Bountiful, the sun of bounty shone forth from the horizon of the world. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy face to forgive Thy servants and to remit their misdeeds and transgressions. Then accept from them, O my God, what they have wrought in Thy days and what they have arisen to render in service to Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy right hand are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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In the name of God, Who endures after the annihilation of all things!

Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of all things: that verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon. And now from this Horizon, hearken unto that which God doth speak, and be not of them that have veiled themselves from their Lord’s command and are accounted among the heedless.

He calleth unto thee at the time when the spirit of life was taken from the people of all existence, save them who turned unto God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Compassionate, in those days wherein the Sun of eternity did shine forth from the horizon of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, and the Dove of faithfulness warbled upon the twigs of the Ultimate Tree with verses that drew unto them the hearts of the sincere ones.

O friend! If thou desirest to be apprised of that which hath befallen Me, know thou that Husayn hath appeared in truth, even as was promised by the tongues of them who drew nigh unto God, and beneath His shadow have entered the realities of the Prophets and the chosen ones. Then He Who came unto you with the name of ’Ali before Nabil, as ye had heard aforetime that He would appear with manifest

sovereignty and all the Prophets would enter beneath His shadow. Then the Promised Qa'im - and this is among the tidings of the ancients.

But when He appeared and His countenance shone forth amidst all the worlds, there arose against Him idolatrous servants: among them were those who denied His verses, those who said "I shall reveal the like of what God hath revealed," those who said "He hath fabricated against God," and those who said "He speaketh from desire." Thus did it befall the Youth, if thou be of them that hear.

This, after We had created them by Our command and preserved them from the harm of the idolaters, and had made their names renowned and exalted their mention throughout the lands. Their likeness is as the likeness of Satan, as ye have heard before concerning that which was revealed in a preserved and mighty Tablet - that God had exalted him and named him in every heaven with one of the names, but when he perceived his own elevation and power, he waxed proud before God and became of the idolaters.

Even so did We exalt one among the servants lest any should discover God's treasury of knowledge and the repository of the pearls of His wisdom. Yet when he witnessed his elevation and the exaltation of his mention, he grew proud before Us in such wise as none can recount.

Thou shalt not rest in thy place. Arise and say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the satans. This, verily, is He Whose meeting was promised unto you in all the Tablets and in mighty and glorious Scriptures. Verily, He Who came with the name of 'Ali aforetime gave you glad tidings of this Manifestation and took from you the covenant of My Self before His own covenant, yet ye have broken God's covenant and violated His testament and were of the heedless ones.

O people! By the True One! This is indeed His Beloved and His Glory, then His Purpose. Slay Him not with the swords of hatred and rancor, and be not of the oppressors.

O people! This is He for Whose sake the Primal Point sacrificed Himself, then those who took the path unto God. Say: Have ye not read in the Bayan that which was revealed concerning this Manifestation from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? He counseled you not to cling, at the time of His appearance, to aught that hath been created in the heavens and on earth, yet ye have clung to your own selves and desires, and have objected to Him and turned away from Him. Woe unto you, O concourse of the heedless!

Thus doth He speak between heaven and earth and address the idolaters among the people of the Bayan, yet they are in mighty veils […]

O people of the Bayan! This is the Trust of the All-Merciful with which We have given you glad tidings at all times. Yet when He came to you with the truth, you denied Him. Thus did Satan make your deeds seem fair to you, and you became a people, evil and far removed. O people! I have sacrificed myself in His path and called you at every moment to His mighty, exalted, inaccessible and wondrous Self, until I was suspended in the air and martyred in His path, and my spirit ascended to the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and the Supreme Companion. From that most distant station, We observed you and saw your evil deeds, and We wept for you and for myself and for this lonely Wronged One.

O people! Reflect on those who came before with God's signs and evidences, that you may be among those who know. O people! Be ashamed before God Who created you, and before my Beauty and what has befallen me in His path, and be not among the heedless. O people! When I heard the call of this Revelation, I witnessed how all things trembled within themselves, and Ridvan and all created therein, and Paradise and all ordained therein, sighed in their longing to meet Him. Then did I descend with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and the denizens of the highest paradise, until I arrived in the presence of my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds.

When mine eyes fell upon His face, I witnessed how it was changed from the buffetings of the idolaters, and I found the countenance of God turned pale through what your hands have wrought, O heedless ones! Alas, alas, that I should see the Beloved in manifest grief and tribulation! Would that I had never been created in existence, nor drunk the pure milk from my mother's breast, nor manifested myself among the worlds! Would that the Ridvan had never been created in its essence, nor the gardens in their reality, nor any exalted kingdom of glory, rather than witness my Beloved in the clutches of these transgressors!

O people! Fear God and violate not the sanctity of His Cause. He has come to you with what is greater than what I brought you, and there has appeared from Him what has never appeared in creation. I know not by what proof you have turned away, O people of the Bayan, and by what evidence you have disbelieved in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And thou, O Radiyu'r-Ruh, hearken unto My call, that perchance God's call may influence thee and detach thee from all else but Him. O Rida! We have kindled within thee the fire of God - be thou ignited by it, that its heat may be manifest throughout all regions. This behooveth thee and whoso attributeth himself to the Self of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. By the True One! God's bounty hath been perfected for all in the horizons, were ye but to know. God's proof hath been completed for all in the heavens and earth, were ye but to reflect. God's grace hath encompassed you and all in the lands, and His very Self, the Truth, is witness to what I say.

O Rida! Dost thou rest in thy dwelling while the eye of God weepeth? Dost thou repose upon thy couch while the winds of dissension blow and the leaves of the Tree of Inner Meaning and Utterance fall to the earth? Yet the people are fast asleep. Say: O people! Do ye preserve yourselves while the Self of God is in the hands of the idolaters? And among My greatest afflictions was when someone came to the gate saying that Yahya had written him words and he wished to come before the Throne that verses of mighty glory might be revealed for him. By […]

By God! Through this the hearts of existence were consumed and the Eye of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing, wept. Say: O people! By God! Were all who are in the heavens and earth to be filled with books, psalms, scrolls and tablets, they would not equal a single letter of that which proceeds from the mouth of God, if ye be of the fair-minded. Is it fitting for dust to confront the Lord of Lords? Nay, by His mighty and bountiful Self! How great the sorrow for these veiled ones! Or is it befitting for utter nothingness to stand before the Ancient Being? Nay, by the Beauty of the All-Merciful! Yet the people are in grievous heedlessness. And on another day he came again to the Gate and said: "I wish to come before His presence. If my soul finds rest and my heart is assured, I will prostrate myself before God and be

among those who return." And for this he was accursed in this world and the next, for he made the Cause of God an object of mockery and derision. Thus did Satan whisper in his breast and he became one of the idolaters. Say: If your souls find no rest, shall the Cause of God be rendered void? Nay, by the Self of God that standeth over all things, if ye be of those who perceive. Say: He hath appeared with such sovereignty that none on earth can prevent Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. His Cause dependeth not on any thing in the heavens or on earth; rather, all things depend upon His firm, mighty and powerful Command. He intended naught but deceit through what Satan taught him, and thought that God was unaware of what was in his breast. Say: With Him is the knowledge of all things and whatsoever is hidden in the breasts of all beings. Thus have We informed thee of what hath befallen the Youth from those who sold the Beauty of the Ancient Being for their vain desires, who denied God throughout all ages and waxed proud before the Manifestations of the Cause at all times. Convey Our greetings to thy brethren that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, follow thee in the Cause of thy Lord, and be among those who tread the paths of the Cause. Blessed are they in that God hath related them unto thee, and this suffices them if they be of those who know. Arise to serve the Cause, then gather together those who have believed, and leave them not to themselves. Thus did We command thee before and now from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Grieve not over anything, for We are with thee at all times. We beseech God not to separate thee from the Manifestation of His Essence, neither in this world nor in the next. Verily, He hath power over all things. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have heard My call and who circle round thee out of love for My beauty and in conformity with My luminous and wondrous Command.

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He is the Mighty, the Wondrous!

This hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of ancient glory unto him who hath been named Ashraf, that it may be an honor unto him and a remembrance unto others.

O Ashraf! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Eternity imparteth unto thee, and be not of the heedless. Verily, the hearing of but a single melody from among the melodies of thy Lord would attract the worlds, were they to turn thereunto with pure and wondrous ears. And verily, were the names to free themselves from the limitations of creation, they would all become the Most Great Name, if thou be of them that know. For the Ancient Beauty hath, in these hallowed, mighty and inaccessible days, shone forth upon all things with all names.

Strive thou within thyself to be beneficent in thy Lord's Cause and sincere in thy love for Him, that He may make thee one of His most excellent names in the kingdom of creation. And this, verily, is a great bounty. By My life! Were all created things to raise their hands today in pure supplication toward the court of hope of the King of Names, and were they to beseech Him for the treasures of the heavens and earth, He would bestow upon them through His all-encompassing grace ere their hands returned unto them. Thus hath His mercy ever encompassed all the worlds.

Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of God's grace and mercy. Whoso depriveth himself is in manifest loss. Say: O people! Do ye worship dust and forsake your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower? Fear ye God and be not of the losers. Say: The Book of God hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be God, the most excellent of creators! O concourse of earth! Flee not from Him, but hasten unto Him and be of them that return. Repent, O people, for your negligence toward God and your excesses in His Cause, and be not of the ignorant. He it is Who created you and provided for you by His command, and made known unto you His Self, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, and revealed unto you the treasures of knowledge, and caused you to ascend unto the heaven of certitude in His firm, mighty and sublime Cause.

Beware lest ye deny God's favor unto yourselves, or render your deeds vain, or reject Him in this Most Manifest, Most Impregnable, Radiant and Luminous Revelation. Be fair in God's Cause, your Creator, then consider that which hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne, and ponder it with pure and sound hearts. Then will the matter become as manifest to you as the sun at high noon, and ye shall be of them that are assured. Say: His proof is His Self and His Manifestation, and for them that are powerless to recognize these two, He hath ordained His verses as proof. This is of His favor unto all worlds. He hath deposited within every soul that whereby it may recognize the signs of God, for otherwise His proof unto His servants would not be complete, if ye be of them that ponder His Cause. He wrongeth no one, nor doth He burden His servants beyond their capacity, for He is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

Say: God's Cause hath appeared in such wise that even the blind of the earth can recognize it, how much more those possessed of pure and luminous sight. The blind cannot perceive the sun through sight, yet can perceive its heat throughout the months and years. But the blind of the Bayan, by God, can recognize neither the sun nor its heat and light, even were it to appear before their very eyes at every moment.

Say: O people of the Bayan! We have singled you out for the recognition of Our Self amidst all the worlds, and have drawn you nigh unto the right shore beside the Spot of Paradise – the station whereat the Fire proclaimeth in all melodies that there is none other God but Me, the Most High, the Most Great. Beware lest ye veil yourselves from this Sun which hath shone forth from the horizon of your Lord, the All-Merciful's will, with a radiance that hath encompassed both small and great. Open your eyes that ye may behold it with your own vision, and depend not upon the sight of any other, for God doth not burden any soul beyond its capacity – thus hath it been sent down in all the Tablets to the Prophets and Messengers. Enter, O people, into this expanse that hath neither beginning nor end, wherein God's call hath been raised and the breezes of His sanctity waft. Let not your bodies be bereft of the robe of glory, nor your hearts of the remembrance of your Lord, nor your ears of hearkening unto His most wondrous, most mighty, most eloquent and perspicuous melodies.

O Ashraf! Give thanks unto God for having honored thee with His presence and admitted thee before the Throne, a seat of magnificent glory. Blessed be thine eye for having beheld the beauty of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation. Blessed be thine ear for having heard the melody of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Know thou that the time of thy presence before the Throne hath now ended. Arise and take God's Tablet to His yearning servants who have burned away the veils with the fire of attraction and have ascended unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Then remind them of

what hath befallen Us from those who were created by Our command, and give them the glad tidings of God's good pleasure, that they may be of those who rejoice. Recount unto them the stories of the Youth that they may be informed thereof and be among those who remember. Say: O loved ones of God! Arise to render victory and follow not those who have disputed with the Self of God and denied the proof which God hath made the evidence of His Cause between the heavens and earth, and who have rebelled against God to such extent that they arose in opposition to His Face and showed no shame before God Who created them by His command. Thus did these oppressors deal with the Ancient Beauty, and their opposition reached such a point that they arose to slay Me through what Satan had cast into their breasts – and God is verily aware of this and witnesseth it. When they found themselves powerless before God's sovereignty and might, they arose with a new scheme. Thus did We receive treatment from those who were created by Our command, and verily We are powerful. O loved ones of God! Be as clouds of grace to them who have believed in God and His signs, and as the decreed punishment for those who have disbelieved in God and His Cause and were among the idolaters. Say: O people! Listen not to the words of those who ascribe partners to God and to the Manifestation of His Self. Fear ye the Day when all shall be questioned concerning their deeds in the presence of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, and shall be recompensed for what they have earned in their vain life – this hath been decreed in preserved tablets of glory. Be not of those who at every moment adopt for themselves a cause and then deny it at another time. Fear God, O concourse of believers! Take what hath been sent down to you from the direction of the Throne and abandon all else, and be of those who are firmly established in the Cause.

And should you meet him who was named Muhammad-before-'Ali, remind him from Us and convey unto him that which We have commanded, that he may arise to serve the Cause and remain steadfast in such wise that his feet shall not slip from the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O servant! By God, whatsoever thou hast heard and known hath appeared from Us, and all else was created by My command, if thou be of them that understand. And whatsoever We have indicated to others was due to a wisdom from Us, and none hath comprehended this save those whom We have acquainted with the strongholds of the Cause and whom We have strengthened with the Spirit of Certitude. Rend thou asunder the veils of idle fancies, that the Sun of Certitude may shine upon thee from the dawning-place of My Name, the All-Merciful, and make thee one of the sincere. Arise to serve thy Lord and turn not unto them who have denied God and are numbered among the deniers. Remember thou the people with wisdom and counsel, and dispute not with anyone concerning thy Lord's Cause, that thy Lord's testimony may be perfected unto all the worlds. Be thou united with the loved ones of God, then gather them together in the sanctuary of security beneath the shade of the Name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Protect the servants lest the promptings of Satan cause them to slip when he cometh unto your land with a mighty deception, bearing that which would turn you away from the love of the Youth. Thus have We informed thee of the tidings of the unseen that thou mayest be apprised thereof and be among the steadfast. Detach thyself from all regions, then turn thy face toward the Sacred Precinct, the seat of thy Lord's throne, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Know thou that We have mentioned thee in the Tablets aforetime and thereafter, yet We found not from thee that which beseemeth thee. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of that which We have ordained for thee in the preserved Tablets of holiness. Free thyself from all that keepeth thee back from God, then remember Him with a humble and radiant heart. It behooveth thee to be steadfast in the Cause to such degree that even should all who are in the heavens

and on earth dispute with thee, they would be powerless to make thee slip from the Cause, and would find themselves impotent. Thus must it be with him who in these days attributeth himself to God, days wherein most of the servants are drowned in the depths of superstition and fancy, and are numbered among the perishing ones.

And when thou meetest Abu-Basir, present this Tablet before him that he may read it and be of them who know. Convey Our greetings unto him that he may rejoice in the glad-tidings of the Spirit from the presence of One mighty and wise. Say: O servant! We have sent down verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee as a mercy from Our presence, that thou mayest remind those who dwell in thy land, that they may arise from their slumber and turn with their hearts toward the Qiblih at whose appearance the faces of the concourse of the worlds have been laid low. Then remind from Us the loved ones of God who were not hindered by veils from entering the depths of the sea of thy Lord's mercy, the Bestower, the Gracious. Thus have We commanded thee, inspired thee, and taught thee that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord, at all times and be of the thankful. And the Spirit and glory and splendor be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon those who have sought the Face of God and were of them that turned unto Him.

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He is the Manifest, the Hidden, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, the Ever-Forbearing. O Lord my God! Whensoever I attempt to unloose my tongue to extol the wondrous expressions of Thy transcendent oneness, or to open my lips to disclose the mystic gems of Thine incomparable handiwork wherewith Thou hast inspired me, I am compelled to recognize that all things sing Thy praise and glorify Thy remembrance–a remembrance which hath so pervaded the heavens and the earth that all things proclaim, in their very being, the wondrous testimonies of Thine exalted praise and bear witness to the marvellous tokens of Thy transcendent unity. Wherefore am I ashamed, as are all who mention Thee, to approach the exalted heights of Thy remembrance, and am powerless, as are all who extol Thee, to ascend unto the lofty summits of Thy praise.

Glorified, immeasurably glorified, art Thou! So exalted are the wonders of Thy bounty unto Thy creatures that Thou hast made all things to serve as a sign unto the mindful amongst Thy servants and as an admonishment unto the heedless amidst Thy people. Thy glory beareth me witness! They that are endued with true understanding can discern naught in all creation save the wondrous tokens of Thy matchless handiwork, nor behold aught else in the world of being but the hidden gems of Thine all-glorious sovereignty.

I swear by Thy glory, O my Best-Beloved! Whensoever I raise mine eyes to the heavens and witness their loftiness, I recognize naught therein but the wondrous heights of Thy supreme power and sovereign authority. And whensoever I turn my gaze towards Thine earth and observe the potentialities wherewith it hath been endowed, I perceive naught but the peerless signs of Thine immutable nature and abiding constancy. And whensoever, O my God, I behold the sea and its waves, methinks I hear the billowing ocean of Thy wealth and power. In the sun I discern naught but the marvellous splendour of the light of Thy hallowed countenance and presence, and in the wind I sense naught save the stirring breezes of Thy

nearness and reunion. In the trees I behold only the revelation of the fruits of Thy wisdom and knowledge, and in their leaves I read but the pages of the books enshrining the mysteries of all that hath been through Thy command or will be through Thy power.

Glorified, then, be Thou, O my God! I am powerless, as are all those who enjoy near access unto Thee, to reckon the least sign of Thy creation, inasmuch as Thou hast made all things to mirror forth the manifestations of Thy handiwork and the revelations of Thy sovereign rule. Such being the bounds of powerlessness and poverty that confine me and all created things, how then can any soul ever hope to approach the portals of the sanctuary of Thy knowledge or conceive the least expectation of attaining the city of Thy transcendent glory? Glorified, immeasurably glorified, art Thou! From everlasting Thou hast been sanctified above the comprehension of Thy creatures, for this comprehension is naught but the product of such idle fancies as pertain to their own selves, while Thou hast remained, in the reality of Thine own Self, exalted above them and all that they possess, and beyond the grasp of all that are in heaven and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Incomparable.

Having acknowledged, O my God, with my soul, my tongue, mine essence, and with mine inner and outer being, all my trespasses, whose like mortal eyes have never beheld nor human minds conceived, I implore Thee to pardon me and Thy loved ones for whatsoever we have failed to observe of Thy laws and ordinances. Attire us then with the robe of forgiveness, O my God, in this Day whereon Thou hast assumed the throne of Thy grace and bounty invested with the full glory of Thy names and attributes; the Day whereon the sun of Thy beauty hath dawned above the horizon of Thy grandeur, and the signs of Thy glorious sovereignty have been vouchsafed from the treasury of Thy grace; the Day whereon the sweet savours of reunion have wafted over all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth, and the hidden Word hath shone forth from the repository of Thy protection and power.

I bear witness, O my God, that Thou hast ordained this Day to stand unequalled amongst all the days of Thy world and unrivalled amidst all that Thou hast fashioned through Thy creative power. This is that primal Day which Thou hast singled out from among all other days, and exalted over all other times, and appointed as the King of Days unto all peoples, inasmuch as Thou didst manifest on this Day the tokens of Thy transcendent power and the evidences of Thy holy unity. Thou hast caused its radiance to surpass the splendour of the sun, the moon, and the stars, and to transcend the brightness of every lofty and glorious, every shining and brilliant light. Nay, Thou hast illumined this Day, O my Best-Beloved, with the very lights of Thine own inaccessible Being and with the full glory of Thine own exalted Essence.

Since this text is already in English and appears to be a complete prayer or meditation, no translation is needed. The text is presented in its original form.

Since Thy bounty hath suffused the whole universe and the lights of Thy countenance have illumined all created things, I beseech Thee by this Day, and by the hearts which Thou hast made to be the repositories of Thy knowledge and inspiration and the treasuries of Thy revelation and recognition, to grant that the signs of Thine undisputed ascendancy may shine above the horizon of Thy command, that the showers of Thy surpassing mercy may rain from the heaven of Thy grace, and that the tokens of Thy deliverance may appear through the operation of Thy sovereign Will.

Thus may Thy friends be released from the clutches of Thy foes, and Thy loved ones delivered from the hands of the wayward among Thy servants, that they may extol Thee, O Lord, with ringing voices in the supernal realms of Thy names and worship Thee with their entire beings in the kingdom of Thine attributes. And thus may Thy Name be exalted, Thy testimony established, Thy proof vindicated, Thy favour completed, Thy bounty fulfilled, Thy verses promulgated, and Thy signs expounded, in such wise that the entire world may be filled with the light of Thy countenance and all dominion may be Thine alone. No God is there but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling.

I entreat Thee, moreover, O my God, by Thy Name through which the Bird of the celestial Throne hath warbled in the Realm of the unseen the melodies of Thy transcendent unity, and the Dove of Thy Revelation hath sung forth in the Kingdom of eternity the paeans of Thy sovereign oneness, and the Holy Spirit hath magnified in wondrous tones Thine everlasting glory–I entreat Thee not to withhold from these servants the gentle breezes of the morn of Thy nearness and presence, nor to suffer them to be far removed from the sweet savours of the dawn of Thy reunion and recognition.

Grant, O my God, that this Festival may be a source of blessings for them and for all Thy loved ones. Supply them, then, with all the good Thou didst ordain in the heaven of Thy decree and purpose and in the Tablets of Thy protection and behest. Vanquish, then, O my God, in the course of this year, their enemies through the power of Thy wrath and of Thy resistless might, and ordain for them, O my God, all that I have asked of Thee and all that I have left unasked. Endue them, then, with such constancy in Thy love and in Thy Cause, that they may never break Thy Covenant nor violate Thy Testament to which they pledged themselves ere the creation of the heavens and the earth. Render them victorious through the most wondrous means that lie hid in the treasuries of Thy power and the repositories of Thy might, and grant them, O my God, to attain the Hour Thou didst promise them in Thy latter Resurrection through the appearance of the Manifestation of Thine all-glorious Self–for this in truth is the very object of their existence and the existence of all things, the cause of their creation and the creation of all things. Suffer them then, O my God, to submit to Thy will under all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Lord of grace and bounty, of endless bestowal and unfettered sovereignty. And Thou art verily the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

I beg Thee moreover, O my God, by all the Exponents of Thy names and all the Revealers of Thine attributes, not to number these Thy servants with those who outwardly observe the Festivals associated with the advent of Thy Manifestation, who honour and glorify these days as beseemeth their means and abilities, and yet who remain shut out as by a veil from the One Who is, through His command and decree, the Author of these observances and of all else, for thus will all their works be rendered vain, even though they perceive it not.

I implore Thee, O my God, by the appearance of Him Whom Thou hast manifested in these days through Thy Name “He Who is Invoked”, and by His beauty, and His majesty, and the afflictions He hath been made to suffer, and His divine fragrances, and His sweet accents, and His grandeur, and His might, to grant that the eyes of Thy loved ones may be freed from the veils of ignorance and blindness and from the obscuring mists of doubt and wretchedness. Perchance they may fix their gaze upon the Tree of Thy Revelation and upon that which appeareth thereon of the wondrous leaves of Thine ancient eternity and

the precious fruits of Thy holy unity, may take delight in them and in that which they contain of Thy hidden gifts and concealed knowledge, and may rid themselves thereby of attachment to aught else. This, verily, is but perfect grace and unalloyed blessing, and the very essence, origin, and ultimate abode thereof, for within the compass of Thy knowledge there is naught higher than this grace nor sweeter than this blessing. Thou, verily, art the King, the Omniscient, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

Praise, sanctified above the comprehension of all created things, befitteth the court of the glory of that Desired One Who brought forth all the infinite worlds into the realm of existence through two words from the unseen. He is the Omnipotent One before Whose power the might of the world is weak, nay, non-existent, and ever shall be. And He is the Sovereign before the manifestation of Whose most insignificant sign the kingdoms of the earth are subdued and vanquished. All things have testified to His grandeur, His power and His sovereignty, and every possessor of might hath bowed before His glory, His manifestation and His authority.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of life surged and the fragrance of Thy Name, the Most Merciful, was diffused! I beseech Thee by Thy Great Throne and Thy Exalted Seat to assist Thy servants and Thy creation to turn towards the river of Thy mercy and to cling to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord! Illumine the faces with the lights of Thy countenance and the hearts with the effulgences of the suns of Thy knowledge. Thou art He before Whose generosity and favors every possessor of knowledge hath confessed, and before Whose greatness and gifts every possessor of grace hath acknowledged. O Lord! Take the hands of Thy loved ones through Thy munificence and bounty, then deliver them from all that is unworthy of Thee and Thy days. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Thereafter, thy letter dated the 17th of Ramadan, along with two other pages, was a source of joy and delight. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of health and engaged in serving the Cause. By the permanence of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms, if thou were to offer thanks for this bounty bestowed upon thee, it would assuredly be insufficient and ever shall be. Praise be to God, the drops of the seas of bounty have embraced thee; throughout all days thou hast been known by His Name and hast arisen to serve Him. No possessor of insight hath denied or will deny this station. Were this lofty station to be unveiled, most of the servants would be found thunderstruck. God willing, through the Name of the Peerless Friend and the favor of the Incomparable Beloved, this most exalted and supreme station shall remain preserved. Blessed art thou, O my beloved, then joy be unto thee, by the everlasting Names and Attributes of God.

This servant sent two detailed letters to thee. Regarding one of the two, dated the 2nd of Rajab, thou hast written that it was received, but concerning the other letter, dated the 14th of Sha’ban, which was more detailed than the previous one, no news of its receipt hath come. This evanescent servant

beseecheth the Exalted Truth to deliver that letter to thee as well. Verily, He hath power over all things. And regarding thy request that this ephemeral one should perform the pilgrimage on thy behalf, this was carried out according to thy wish. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make it a treasure for thee with Him. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Concerning what thou didst write about the transactions of Miyanduab and others, it was submitted. This decree hath issued from the Source of the Cause - exalted be His glory: "Whatever hath been commanded in the presence of the Cause must be carried out. It is not permissible to demand anything from anyone. If anyone of his own accord giveth something, accept it; otherwise, thou hast no right to demand anything from anyone. Verily, thy Lord is the Bestower, the Bountiful." End quote.

As for what thou didst write concerning various matters, God willing, thou art assisted in performing good deeds and art confirmed in serving the Cause.

And concerning what you wrote about the Sacred Place, yes, some time ago the honored Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and also the esteemed Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah presented their petitions to the Most Holy Court, and these were graced with acceptance. In truth, whatever charitable deeds and good works appear in these days, their fragrance shall never cease. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to that which is good and forbiddeth others from evil. The servant beseecheth his Lord that He may aid all to accomplish that which will exalt the Word of God and perpetuate their remembrance and their names. Verily, He is the Helper of those who turn unto Him and the Answerer of those who call upon Him.

And concerning what you wrote about Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition was presented to the Most Holy Court, and an answer descended from the heaven of God's Will, and specially revealed verses were graciously bestowed upon the souls mentioned. God willing, may they be enkindled at all times and under all conditions with the fire of divine love and be occupied with service to the Cause. Since mention was also made in your letter of Mulla Husayn and his brothers and Haji Aqa Baba, upon them be the Glory of God, it was again presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these sublime, impregnable and holy verses were revealed from the heaven of divine Will, that they may be a treasure and honor unto them and their families and their descendants. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. This is what was revealed from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

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

The Wronged One maketh mention of His loved ones who hastened to the Water of Life when it surged forth through the Word of God, the Lord of all worlds. These are servants who have attained unto the wine of revelation and the Kawthar of utterance when the All-Merciful came with the kingdom of proof. Blessed are they that have attained. O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, He mentioneth you with most excellent mention and commandeth you to that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Ye have attained unto the movement of the Most Exalted Pen as it courseth in the arena of wisdom and utterance from the presence of the Mighty, the Ancient. Hold ye fast unto the cord of the Cause, detached from all who are on earth. Thus doth He

command you from Whose presence is a preserved tablet. Soon will there appear among you one who will prevent you from the Euphrates of the mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. This is the Day of steadfastness and utterance, were ye of them that know, and this is the Day of wisdom and knowledge, were ye of them that hear.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! I speak in Persian that all may understand. Today the Truth is afflicted and captive among the most wretched of creation, yet He makes mention of you at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from every direction. Hearken unto the call of the Peerless Friend and act according to His bidding. Today is the day of steadfastness. God willing, may all be illumined by the effulgent lights of the Sun of certitude and remain firm in His Cause through divine power and strength, for the evil ones have been and are lying in wait, misleading people in the name of truth. Blessed is the soul that arises to serve the Cause in such wise that all else besides God shall be powerless to prevent it.

O My loved ones! Rejoice in My remembrance and utterance, in the rain-showers of the clouds of My wisdom, the outpourings from the heaven of My mercy, and the sweet waters of My bounty which flow from the right hand of My mighty Throne. God willing, may all be set ablaze by the warmth of the utterance of the All-Merciful and derive pleasure from the sweetness of His mention, and may they manifest such love of God as to become the cause of attracting the hearts of His servants. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things teach you from His presence in a clear Book.

Praise be to God that all have once again attained to the mention of the Lord of creation. Happy indeed are they! On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings to all and say in his tongue: O friends! Strive to free yourselves entirely from the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the past. This is the Day wherein man can acquire lofty stations and enduring mention for himself and his kindred. I swear by the light of the countenance of your Beloved and mine that the mention of this most great and most holy Day hath been recorded in all the divine Books. Know ye its value and arise as behooveth it.

Many are the barking dogs that have appeared and will appear, even as aforetime when the Sun of the Cause was rising from the horizon of Iraq - all were warned of the barking of dogs and the birds of night. Assuredly whatsoever hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen shall come to pass. Beseech ye God to protect all through His grace. Whosoever hath truly attained in this most glorious and most holy Day to the knowledge of God and hath quaffed from the choice wine of His utterance is and shall remain protected. Were all the hosts and legions of the world to arise to prevent such a one, they would find themselves utterly powerless. God willing, may all the people of Baha be adorned with these holy and luminous robes.

O My loved one! When this lowly one reached this point, he attained the Most Holy Court where it was said: “O servant in attendance! We wish to make mention once again of Abu’l-Hasan who hath turned, hearkened, attained and arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We also remember My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. O Abu’l-Hasan! We send Our greetings upon thee and bid thee convey Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones and to thy daughters who have turned and attained to the mention of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We make mention of My handmaidens in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and bounty which have preceded all who exist. Rejoice thou in thy Lord’s bounty and say: Praise be to Thee

for having mentioned me and made known to me Thy straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

As to what you wrote regarding Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory and bounty of God, concerning the Huququ'llah of that land - let them consult on all matters and act according to what becomes apparent. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of [the worlds].

Servant, on the 12th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah [1298]

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

Praise be hallowed above mention and utterance - praise that befits the most impenetrable, most holy court of the Beloved One, Who adorned the world with the blessed word "Look and thou shalt behold Me," and honored sanctified, receptive ears with hearing it. He is the Almighty One Whom the weapons of the world prevented not from accomplishing His purpose, nor did human conditions deter Him from revealing the hidden mystery. By the sword of utterance He conquered the illumined cities of receptive hearts. With one cup of the wine of utterance He intoxicated the essences of creation, such that the Abrahams of the age turned toward the fire, and the sacrificial victims of the day hastened with utmost joy and attraction to the place of sacrifice, and unlike before, returned not alive but offered up their lives with complete longing. Exalted be their station, exalted be their rank! These are the souls whose mention all divine books proclaim, and to whose lofty station the company of Prophets and Messengers bear witness.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the rein of all created things and in Whose right hand are the reins of all existence! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst send down the Book and manifest the signs, to ordain for Thy loved ones from the Supreme Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in such wise that the conditions of creation shall not weaken them, nor shall the hints of those servants who have cast Thy commandments behind their backs and followed their own desires render them powerless. O Lord! Thou seest those near to Thee turning toward the horizon of Thy manifestation, and the sincere ones hastening to the shore of the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the sun of Thy loving-kindness and the heaven of Thy bounty to ordain for Thy loved ones that which befitteth Thy greatness and power. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to the ropes of Thy gifts and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. Send down upon them through Thy might that which will preserve them from all else besides Thee and raise them to a station wherein they will arise to commemorate Thee, praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to aid all to turn unto Thee and draw nigh unto the court of the gate of Thy mercy. Thou art He Whom the might and power of creation cannot prevent. Thou doest and ordainest as Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, this servant became acquainted with your mention, your praise, your submissiveness and your humility before God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I gathered the ripe fruits from the fresh trees of your utterances, I turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Horizon. When I attained the presence, I presented what was born of the maidens of your knowledge and what appeared of the pearls of your utterance. When that which was in your letter was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, saying, glorified and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger […]

Thou art he who was present, heard and witnessed, and wast of them that testify, and didst attain unto that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all men. Verily thy Lord is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the Day of God and hath heard that which the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End hath spoken from its station, and hath taken the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord and drunk thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thou hast indeed reached the Most Exalted Goal and the Supreme Summit until thou didst attain unto that which none hath attained save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. We counsel thee to preserve this Most Great Station. By the life of God! All that thou beholdest today shall perish, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for thee by the One Who is the Almighty, the Ancient of Days. Read thou the verses of God with joy and fragrance. Verily they shall draw thee to a station wherein the affairs of earth shall not prevent thee from its luminous horizon.

O Zayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. God willing, the sweetness of utterance shall be made manifest with complete effect in thy taste. Thou art and hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. In these days if one looks to the veils of the people, the loftiness, sublimity, penetrating influence and all-encompassing nature of God's Cause remain concealed. Assuredly this concealment shall be followed by revelation, and this contraction shall be transformed into expansion. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that the stations of God's loved ones shall ere long become manifest as the rays of the sun and encompass the world. Those who in the great nations count themselves among the most learned of men and consider themselves among the civilized ones cling to matters more flimsy than a spider's web and sacrifice their lives and wealth for their realization and manifestation, while this Cause, which is greater than the heavens and the earth, hath appeared and become evident among the people of Iran; nevertheless souls remain heedless of it and veiled from it. We beseech God to make the people aware and not deprive them of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Verily He is powerful over all things. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen shall assuredly appear in the realm of manifestation, even as most of it hath already appeared and become evident, and all have witnessed it.

O Zayn! Thy reward is preserved with God and shall certainly reach thee. Strive ye that steadfast and firm souls may remind people through healing and sufficient utterances. This is what is incumbent upon all. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the Way. Be thou joyous through God's grace and assured by what He hath mentioned. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with the utmost trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity, and mayest thou embellish the world with these sacred garments.

Should the entire world arise with sharpened swords and attempt to prevent a single letter of God's words that have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen from taking effect, they would surely find themselves powerless and in loss.

You had sought permission to turn towards the Prison. Praise be to God that you attained His presence and received an ample portion from the Kawthar of reunion. Now you must devote your energies to teaching God's Cause. This has been and will continue to be the cause and means for the elevation of receptive souls. Strive and hold fast to this in the days and nights, that perchance people who have grown cold may be refreshed and enkindled by the Kawthar of utterance and the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, so that from the verdant and flourishing trees the fire of God's Word might become manifest and evident. Ere long, the rewards of deeds performed for God and in His path will be revealed in the realm of vision and witness. Be not grieved. God willing, you shall attain to the ocean of joy. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ere long, infinite doors shall be opened before the faces of God's loved ones. Verily He speaks the truth, and He is the True, the Trustworthy Informer.

Illumine the friends in that land with the lights of God's Supreme Remembrance. We counsel them as We counseled them before, to show forth the Greater Steadfastness, and to be characterized by trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and fidelity. By the life of God! Goodly deeds and praiseworthy attributes have been and are the hosts of God, and the conquest of the citadels of hearts depends upon these hosts. Verily He reminds them and teaches them that which profits them. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This evanescent servant at all times beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist that honored master to render such service in the path of the Cause that countless centuries and endless ages and epochs will not erase it. Great is this day, and whatever matter appears in it for the sake of God is greatest and most glorious. God is witness and testifier that your mention has been upon the tongue and your love in the heart, and God willing, through His grace it shall continue to be so. And I hope that you may attain to that which is the cause of good in this world and the next. And as for what you had besought from God, exalted be His glory, that He might adorn that land with the shining lights in the presence of His countenance, it was submitted. His word, exalted and mighty be He: God willing, they shall attain to that which they have desired. Verily He is the Observer, the All-Seeing, the Near, the Answerer.

This evanescent servant beseecheth that if it be deemed advisable and wisdom requireth it, greetings be conveyed on my behalf to the friends in that land. It is hoped that at all times they may partake of the fruits of the immortal Tree and drink from the ocean of divine love in such wise that neither the cares and sorrows nor the conditions and vicissitudes of the world may stay their progress or debar them from that which is beloved. Though to some the world may appear slow in its movements and progress, yet in truth, in the eyes of the people of Baha, it is seen to be swifter than lightning and closer to extinction than the twinkling of an eye. In such circumstances, the friends of God must hold fast to that which is enduring and everlasting. By the ocean of truth! Today in the Most Great Prison, before the face of the Ancient King, the ocean of reality appeareth manifest and billowing. Were all the peoples of the world to inhale but a trace of the fragrance of His robe, were they to hearken unto but one of the revealed utterances, they

would all forsake that which they possess and turn unto that which is with God. It is hoped that all the friends will concentrate their efforts on serving the Cause and cling to whatsoever will attract the hearts of men. May the glory shining from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Merciful, rest upon you and upon those who have hearkened and responded and have testified to that whereunto God hath testified: verily there is no God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

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The Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting

He is the Witness from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down, desiring naught except to attract thereby the hearts of the servants unto God in their return, to guide them to the Most Exalted Horizon, and to teach them the path of righteousness. Blessed is he who hasteneth unto the good-pleasure of God and uttereth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered when He was established upon the Throne with power and sovereignty. The necks have bowed down before the Lord of Lords, yet the people are in a strange sleep. We have manifested that which was hidden in knowledge. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe unto every heedless denier.

We have remembered thee and revealed unto thee a Tablet which testifieth before the faces of the world that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Chosen. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. He hath remembered thee in such wise that its fragrance shall endure throughout centuries and ages. The Glory from before the Lord of Names be upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

We have turned from the Arabic tongue to the Persian. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. It bestoweth new vision upon the sight and eternal life and awareness upon the soul. Thy letter arrived and was presented at the Most Holy Court. We heard thy call and saw thy letter. Praise be to God, it was observed to be illumined and adorned with the lights of the Luminary of Divine love. We beseech God to cause the Salsabil of utterance to flow from the tongues of the loved ones, that all may attain unto eternal life through that spiritual and delicate water. The water of utterance hath a penetrating power and influence which most of the people of the world are powerless to comprehend. This is that water concerning which He saith: “And from water We made every living thing.” We beseech God to illumine the hearts of His servants with the light of knowledge and to strengthen their limbs in such wise that neither the might of the aggressive ones nor the ascendancy of the oppressors may enfeeble them. Let them take hold of the Book with divine strength and power and adhere unto it. The letters of the Word and the words of the Book have ever been and shall ever be remembered before the Wronged One. Blessed are ye, O children of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God! Ye have attained unto that which most of the divines of the age have failed to attain. Well is it with you for having drunk the choice wine of loving-kindness from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Bestower, the Generous. Rejoice in that God hath forgiven you at this time and purified you from transgression. Henceforth We

counsel you to fear God and preserve what ye have been given by Him. He is verily the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

O son of Na?ir! The honored ’Aziz’u’llah, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly mentioned the friends of Marv. We have remembered those who have attained unto the lights of knowledge with a remembrance whereby spirits have taken flight. He in Whose possession is the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. The prison-land appeareth each day in a different state. If there be delay in the sending of Tablets, it hath been and is due to the tyranny of the oppressors and the upheavals in this land, as well as the multitude of petitions that arrive from all directions. We desire to make mention of Our loved ones there, that they may rejoice in God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds.

O Isma’il! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee from the treasuries of the Pen of the Most Merciful the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest behold and be of the thankful. This is a Day wherein the banner of proof hath been raised to the highest station and the standard of knowledge hath been uplifted upon the luminous spot on the shore of ’Amman. God knoweth the purpose of the mystics.

We make mention of him who hath been named Moses that he may testify to that whereunto God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Beware lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name, or the doubts of the heedless debar thee from My straight path. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him Who hath been wronged, when every remote oppressor and every doubtful scholar turned away from Him.

O thou who art dear to God! When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of My bounty, and My most sweet call hath drawn thee to the kingdom of Mine utterance, say:

My God, my God! How can the weak make mention of the manifestations of Thy power, and how can the feeble describe the dawning-places of Thine utterance? I beseech Thee by the power before whose revelation all things have bowed down, and by Thy knowledge which hath encompassed all created things, and by the sweetness of Thine utterance and the might of Thy will, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and upright in Thy judgment. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Mercy of God! The mercy of thy Lord hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth, and His favor hath encompassed all who are in the kingdom of His command and creation. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path and for having sent down unto me in Thy Most Great Prison that which hath gladdened all eyes. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Educator of the peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Elias! Behold and remember when We sent forth Him Who conversed with God with clear signs; the people turned away from Him until We helped Him through a command from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Helper of the Messengers. His rod prevailed over the swords of Pharaoh and his chiefs. Verily thy Lord is the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Rahim! Say: O concourse of the earth! The promise hath come, and that which was hidden hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath given you. The appointed time hath come, and the Sovereign of signs hath been established upon the throne and hath called all unto the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. This is through the grace of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O Rahim! Behold and then remember when He Who conversed with God sought the ultimate goal and the supreme summit until He reached the right Valley and heard the call from the Most Glorious Tree that "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Ancient Revealer." We sent Him unto Pharaoh and his chiefs, and there befell Him in My path that which caused the denizens of My kingdom to lament, yet most of the people were heedless. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of this Day and for having turned unto God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Son of Jacob! The Light hath shone forth and the darkness hath been illumined, the Cry hath been raised and the Table hath been sent down, yet the people are in manifest loss. They have cast the rights of God behind their backs, having followed every accursed satan. Beware lest the doubts of the peoples withhold thee from the Dawning-Place of the signs of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Soon will there come unto you one who will croak; leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Lord of the Sublime Throne. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O son of Mahdi! Praise be to God that the friends of God have attained unto that which hath no like nor equal. Today the understanding of every soul must needs attain maturity and behold itself independent and self-subsisting from all who dwell on earth. All must today fix their gaze upon the horizon of oneness. Some among the people of the Bayan have loved and continue to love discord, awaiting the appearance of some calf that they might thereby summon the helpless servants unto it. Say: The Revelations have reached their end. Whosoever before the completion of a thousand years maketh any claim, whosoever he may be and whatsoever he may bring forth, is false and untrue. Give thanks unto the Object of all creation Who hath aided thee and guided thee. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

O son of Dost Muhammad! The meaning of steadfastness is that the people should become aware and know with absolute certitude that after the Most Great Manifestation they neither were nor are in need of another Manifestation. The Primal Point, namely the Herald of the Most Great Beauty, gave the people glad tidings that they might purify and prepare their hearts. Before His mission was complete, the divines of Persia pronounced the sentence of His death and martyred Him. Thereafter the Most Great Luminary rent asunder the veil, and through His Revelation the worlds of Command and Creation were perfected and established. That which was intended was made manifest. Should some deluded soul appear and make a claim, verily he is a lying impostor. Whosoever attaineth unto this station is reckoned among those endowed with supreme steadfastness by the Pen of God and is so recorded. Say: O loved ones of God! Some weak souls are observed who, upon hearing a word from some deluded one, slip from the Straight Path. The cawers from one direction and false claimants from another have appeared and will continue to appear. Blessed is he who strengtheneth their weak ones, and steadfast is he who repelleth them, and wise is he who counseleth them, for they are the cause of corruption in the world and loss among the peoples. We beseech God to preserve you and His loved ones from their evil and their

scheming. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. We ask of God that He aid thee to make mention of Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Khudadad, O son of Nasir! Each of the souls mentioned hath attained unto the remembrance of the Wronged One and been adorned and illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of utterance. We beseech God to ordain for each of them a brilliant star in the world of the spirit, and a book in the world of knowledge, and an essence of love in the city of lovers, and a volume of certitude in the realm of understanding. Verily He hath power over all things. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

My God, my God! These are Thy servants and Thy creation, encompassed by Thy Will and Purpose within the grasp of Thy power. Should Thou forgive them, verily Thou art the Master of forgiveness, and should Thou chastise them, verily Thou art the All-Choosing in every condition. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the letter Nun and the Pen, and by the mysteries of Thy Most Great Name, to attract the hearts of Thy servants through the breezes of Thy utterance to the supreme heights and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, O Lord of all beings and Master of the world to come and the world that was!

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He is the Herald from His Most Exalted Horizon!

Praise be to God Who hath through His Most Exalted Word revealed that which lay hidden in the treasuries of His protection and concealed in the repositories of His preservation. He is the Almighty through Whose command the ocean of utterance surged in the world of being and the luminary of grace shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Through Him was the standard raised before the faces of all people, and through Him was manifested the oneness of God, His sovereignty, His power and His might. Salutations, glorification and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who have cut across all paths and ways to exalt His Cause and establish His Most Great Word whereby the realities of all things were attracted and the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimed in the Most Exalted Paradise: "The King hath come with an authority before which the heavens and earth cannot endure, and with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the kingdoms of command and creation." He is the One through Whose appearance the countenance of the Mother Book smiled in the Ultimate Goal and summoned all unto God, the Lord of all men. And upon those who hearkened to their call, honored their dwelling-place, and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords.

O friends of God and His party! His honor Baqir, who hath been surnamed Baha'i in My eternal Book, appeared before My face and mentioned you. Therefore have We mentioned you and revealed for you that which hath caused the fragrance of Mine utterance to waft and the ocean of My grace to surge. Verily your Lord is the All-Merciful, the Beneficent. O My Afnan in the lands! Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness. Hearken unto My call from this Most Exalted Station and Most Sublime Summit. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We testify that ye have attained unto the recognition of God, the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names, have believed in

Him and turned toward His horizon when the servants who denied His manifestation and His proof turned away and uttered that which none of the ancients had uttered.

O My friends in ?a! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily when it is raised, the countenance of utterance smileth and the earth and heaven speak: “The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath come with the standards of signs from God, the Possessor of existence.” O Hands of My Cause! Blessed are ye for having turned with radiant faces and attained unto the recognition of your Lord when the limbs of all names trembled. I bear witness that ye have drunk My Sealed Wine from the chalice of the bounty of My Hidden Name, Who speaketh at this moment before the faces of all who are in the heavens and earth, and giveth them glad tidings of that which hath appeared and become manifest from the horizon of the heaven of God’s mercy, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. Blessed is he who hath loved you, heard mention of you, and arose to serve you. He is of those who have attained in My Perspicuous Book.

At this moment My Will hath desired to mention My friends in Qaf and Mim with verses whereby the hearts of those who believed when they heard the call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, are attracted. O My friends there! We counsel you to remain steadfast with the Most Great Steadfastness lest your feet slip through the whisperings of those who denied the proof of God when it was sent down in truth and disbelieved in Him Who speaketh among you with the most exalted call: “Verily there is no God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.”

O Land of Kaf! The breezes of the Manifestation passed over thee at the dawn of His Day. Didst thou perceive them or wert thou of the heedless? O My friends there! We have heard your call and witnessed your turning. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the ear that hath succeeded in hearing and the eye that hath beheld My Most Great Signs. These two are under the shadow of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Land of Sad! Where are My loved ones and My friends? I testify that in thee the fire of hatred was kindled, and by it were consumed the hearts of the pure ones through whom the Sun of Certitude shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge, and the Herald proclaimed from every direction: “He Who was hidden hath appeared and He Who was treasured in God’s knowledge, the Lord of this exalted station, hath come!” O My loved ones therein! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have heard My call and turned with your hearts to My horizon and drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge from the hand of My bounty and acknowledged that which hath been sent down in My Great Book. We have, as a token of Our grace and mercy from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed, veiled your names.

O people of Nun and Jim! My “Ha” hath appeared before My face and desired from the ocean of My bounty your mention. We have made mention of you through that by whose light earth and heaven were illumined. He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet beareth witness unto this. O My loved ones therein! The Spring of Divine Utterance hath come, and We have caused to rain from the clouds of Our mercy the showers of Our favors. Blessed is the heart from which have sprung the ears of wisdom which We have enjoined upon all in Our Great Tablet. Well is it with you for having borne tribulations in My path and endured afflictions in your longing for My good-pleasure. We beseech God to confirm you in

steadfastness and to ordain for you through His Most Exalted Pen every good thing which He hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the Ancient Revealer.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward Alif and Ra and say: Where is your mention and your praise, and where is your turning and your ardor, and where is your attraction and your detachment? Let not the might of the divines frighten you, nor the power of the mighty weaken you. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and be not of the silent ones. You had a station with God - soon shall every steadfast one behold what hath been ordained for him from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Why do I see you silent and mute in the mention and praise of God? Hath heedlessness overtaken you, or are ye among the fearful? Arise in My Name, take the cup of immortality, then drink therefrom in remembrance of Me, the Wondrous. We have created you and manifested you for My service. Let not the clamors of the babblers hinder you. We counsel you as We counseled you before - to be trustworthy and God-fearing, truthful and faithful, and to that whereby the Word of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. Blessed is he who hath cast away corruption and risen in reform - he is of those brought near in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O My loved ones! We have commanded you to righteousness and piety, and forbidden you oppression and wickedness and whatsoever causeth the servants to grieve in the realm of creation. I am the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Make it your concern to aid the servants and that whereby their hearts may be gladdened. Your Lord commandeth you to that which profiteth you and forbiddeth you from that which harmeth you. He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise.

O My loved ones in all regions! The fragrance of divine utterance hath been wafted abroad when the Speaker on Sinai spoke. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and woe unto every heedless remote one. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through utterance whereby the servants may be attracted. This is what We commanded you before and at this time.

O people of Dal and Vav and their environs! Rejoice that We have found from you the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of this glorious station. We testify that ye have turned unto God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne, and there befell you in His path that which caused the Supreme Paradise to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. We have indeed revealed for My loved ones in the Tablet which We sent down from the heaven of My Will for those who have soared in My atmosphere and held fast to the cord of My love and voiced My praise among My servants and clung to My luminous hem.

At this moment We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, who arose to serve My Cause and to teach that which hath been sent down in My Book. We testify that he hath attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and I am He Who knoweth and counteth all things.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward Ha and Waw, then make mention of them with words wherewith the trees speak forth, even as the Tree of Sinai spoke unto Moses, He Who conversed with God. O My loved ones! We testify that ye have attained unto My verses and My signs, and there hath been sent down for you in the Tablets that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. We beseech God to

aid you to remain steadfast in this mighty steadfastness, such that the doubts of the divines who have hindered men from drawing nigh unto the momentous Announcement of God shall not cause you to slip.

O My loved ones! We testify that ye have been beneath the glance of My tender care. Your names have been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have not revealed your names nor made mention of them save as a mercy from Our presence and a wisdom from One Who is a wise Judge.

O My loved ones in the cities and villages! This is a Day wherein signs have appeared, verses have been sent down, and evidence hath been made manifest. Take heed lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath appeared through grace. Cast aside vain imaginings and turn unto this assured Light. This is a Day wherein the Balance hath been set up, the proof hath appeared, and the mountains have passed away like clouds - this is what the All-Merciful foretold in the Qur'an. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, and woe unto them that turn away.

O people of God! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean which surgeth before all faces in the name of the Almighty, the Powerful. The rivers of utterance have flowed, and the breezes of the All-Glorious have wafted, and the Spirit crieth out in the wilderness of faithfulness: "Here am I, O Lord of all beings! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of names! Here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of the knowing ones!"

O My loved ones in Ya! The Wronged One hath turned toward you from the direction of 'Akka and remembereth you with that which shall cause your remembrance and your names to endure in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Let not the happenings of the world grieve you. By My life! It shall pass away, and that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, shall endure. Tribulations have encompassed Us from every direction, and there hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors that which hath caused all things to lament and every informed soul to cry out. We desired for them the supreme bounty, while they desired for My Self the ultimate abasement. We beseech God to adorn them with the ornament of justice and to enable them to return unto Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Compassionate, the All-Merciful.

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

Praise be to God, that the bounty of verses hath been made manifest and the feast of clear proofs hath been sent down. Pure hearts and souls have been adorned with the wondrous ornament of fellowship. Praise befitteth the Lord of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen, Whose remembrance knoweth no pause and Whose utterance no barrier can restrain. His Will is triumphant and His Purpose all-encompassing. Exalted be His might, sublime be His majesty, glorified be His sovereignty. There is no God but Him.

In these days, although news of the health and well-being of your honor and the honored Afnans - upon them be the glory of God and His favors - is manifest and evident in the realm of the Lord of religions, yet fresh mention hath another sweetness and delight. Some time ago your esteemed letter arrived like a spiritual messenger. Indeed, both joy and sorrow were evident from it. Its joy dispelled the melancholy of the realms of grief and weariness, while its sorrow added to the sadness of these days. However, since these tribulations, afflictions, losses and upheavals have occurred in the days of the Peerless Beloved and in His most exalted path, they are in truth the dawning-place of the world's joy and the dayspring of the nations' delight - if the world and its peoples should attain, or if we should attain, to the recognition of this station. The Command is in God's hand - He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth.

After reading and reviewing, we proceeded to the presence of the Lord of creation. After permission was granted, it was presented and achieved the honor of being heard by the Lord of all being. This is what was revealed in reply from God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Exalted be His utterance and sublime be His proof:

In His Name, the One Who domineth over all names […]

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One and who standeth before the Gate! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Lords uttereth from His abode. Verily He attracteth thee, draweth thee nigh, delivereth thee from the sorrows and vicissitudes of the world, and maketh thee one who speaketh His praise, who turneth toward the lights of His countenance, and who standeth firm in the service of His Cause both at eventide and at dawn.

Today from the Dawning-Place of the Supreme Pen, the Sun of steadfastness hath risen and shone forth, and from the Source of utterance the river of divine knowledge floweth. Blessed is he who hath found and partaken thereof, and woe unto the heedless.

The True One, exalted be His glory, hath in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Day manifested Himself through all names. Blessed is the servant who hath inhaled the fragrance of His utterance and attained unto that which was recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. This exalted Word was previously revealed from the tongue of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and again at this manifest hour it hath appeared. The Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree were created for the service of the Cause. In all conditions and circumstances they must hold fast unto that which will cause its exaltation and elevation, and the manifestation of that which is now hidden from minds and eyes.

O My Afnan! By the life of God! Soon shall be revealed that which hath been inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days. The Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Today thou must hold fast unto those means which cause the upliftment of the Word and the advancement of existence, and which become the cause of attraction and enkindlement and the eagerness of those who have turned to God and are filled with longing.

In the Tablet of the World this exalted Word was revealed: “O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness.” The pavilion of God’s Cause is mighty. It hath encompassed and will continue to encompass all the peoples of the world. The day is your day, and a thousand tablets bear witness. Arise to assist the Cause, and with the hosts of utterance occupy yourselves with the conquest of the hearts and souls of the people of the world.

The Afnan must in these days hold fast unto that which is the cause of joy and expansiveness to the peoples of the world. Be not grieved by loss and the like […]

Would that the people of God had acted in the Most Great Prison as they ought to have acted, for then most of mankind would have turned to the Truth and attained that which leads to immortality in the Paradise of the Divine Utterance. In Muharram and the blessed month of Ramadan, the Truth Itself hath acted and continueth to act as befitteth It. Say: O people of God! Take fast hold of the Book of God with His power, then act according to it. Verily He will protect you and guard you through His sovereignty and will exalt you through His Name amongst His servants. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, and by that which hath befallen the Manifestation of Thyself in the Land of Ta through the tyranny of Thine enemies and the injury inflicted by the wicked ones among Thy creatures, to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to arise to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Munificent.

The Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you, O My Afnans, and upon those who have quaffed the wine of divine knowledge from the chalice of My utterance and who hearken unto your words concerning this manifest Cause and this mighty Announcement.

Praise, glory, remembrance and thanksgiving be unto God, for in these days when the fire of sorrows was kindled from all directions and the light of the Cause was concealed, the Lord of all beings was occupied with the mention of His loved ones. Such bounty hath appeared in the world as hath no peer or likeness. In these blessed days, at all times, the tongue of Grandeur speaketh and maketh mention of His pre-existing mercy and all-encompassing favor, and He hath ordained for His loved ones that which no tongue or pen can describe. The servant beseecheth Him to protect His loved ones from the oppression of the oppressors, the malice of the polytheists, and the wrath of the transgressors. Verily, He hath power over all things.

They had expressed anxiety over the vicissitudes of the times and the straitening of circumstances. After these were presented, these exalted words were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His utterance and magnificent His proof: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Such matters are among the conditions of the days of Revelation. A Cause of which all people were heedless in its early days must needs give rise to clamor, discord and upheaval. However, afterwards all shall be transformed by the command of the True Ordainer: tyranny into justice, agitation into tranquility, remoteness into nearness, denial into acceptance, aversion into attraction, poverty into wealth, and want into abundance. All this was decreed by thy Lord as an irrevocable fate. Didst thou but know what hath

been ordained for thee and for those with thee, thou wouldst soar on the wings of longing and find thyself firmly established, steadfast, well-anchored and joyous in this firm, mighty and wise Cause.

Ye should conduct yourself in such wise as to cause the hearts and souls to be attracted and enkindled. Hearken unto the counsel of the Wronged One: verily it will protect thee, deliver thee, and exalt thy station both outwardly and inwardly. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

At all times should ye rejoice in the special favors of God, exalted be His glory. In every word of the Divine utterances is concealed the water of life. They have ever drunk and continue to drink therefrom. Henceforth, however, they must fix their gaze upon His commandments and ordinances, and cleave instantly to whatsoever is enjoined. God willing, may that assembly ever be warmed and enkindled through your presence. This servant hath repeatedly besought this from God, exalted be His glory, and continueth to do so. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O honored one, his eminence the Afnan, the esteemed Haji Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! You have ever been and continue to be remembered. This servant conveys greetings, glorification and radiance to you and to all the other honored Afnans of the Sacred Tree - upon them be all His most glorious splendor - and to the friends of God and the friends of the friends of God. I submit my petition and beseech from the Mine of Generosity, for each one, that which is everlasting and eternal. Verily our Lord is the Answerer and the Fulfiller of the needs of those who are near and those who are sincere. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

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God, the All-Powerful, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, hath sent this down unto him whom He hath loved in His Own Self and named Muhammad, that he may prostrate himself before his Lord and be of them that bow down and worship.

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

The Beauty of the All-Merciful from the horizon of the Divine Good-Pleasure, behind clouds of sorrow, did verily shine forth. Should the clouds be lifted, such commotion would arise in every soul that the servants would turn away from the Lord of all creation. For this reason did He take on a veil before His face, that the light might shine upon the righteous in measured portion. Such is the state of the righteous among the learned; how much more those who have disbelieved in their Chosen Lord and have taken the calf as their beloved instead of God! And when We found the people deaf and blind, We left them wandering in the wilderness of fancy and desire, and departed from their midst with a sovereignty witnessed by all the worlds. And We sat alone in the house, detached from all else, awaiting the grace which had been inscribed by the fingers of God in the Mother Book. When the people veiled themselves behind the veils of glory, the lights of beauty were withheld from their eyes, and the Ancient King chose for Himself a station hidden from the sight of all in the world. And beyond this veil is a veil whereof none is aware save

My True Self, and thus was the matter recorded in the Mother Book from the mystery of revelation with justice. Soon shall the monotheists cry out and place their fingers of bewilderment between their teeth, and they shall not find the Youth though they search throughout the heavens and earth. Thus was judgment decreed by the Glory on the Tablet of Destiny as an irrevocable command. This is of the tidings of the unseen which We reveal unto thee and unto them that believe, that they may know the worth of these days and take unto the Lord of Spirit a guide. O people! Seize ye the worth of these days and deprive not yourselves of this bounty which hath been sent in human form.

O My Name the Most Great! Hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord from the Supreme Scene, the dwelling-place of God, the Most High, that the most sweet melodies may attract thee to the Divine Lote-Tree, the station wherein the Sun of Eternity did shine forth from the horizon of grandeur, which God hath preserved from the touch of the polytheists. Leave thou all else behind thee, then enter with thy heart the holy precincts, that the divine emanations from the divine Egypt may pass over thee and move thee with such movement as shall move all worlds collectively in their longing to attain the presence of God and in their quest for His good-pleasure. Thus have We detailed the verses in this Tablet which hath been beheld by the glances of God.

O Letter of the Divine! Stand firm in the Cause, then summon the people unto thy Lord's horizon, and leave them not to themselves, for Satan lieth in wait at every path to lead the people astray from the shore that was blessed in the primal eternity. Follow what is revealed unto thee, then protect the sheep from the wolves and gather them in the shelter of security beneath the shadow of this Name that encompasseth all things. Say: We have raised the Standard of Proof in My Name, the All-Merciful, and have manifested the Evidence with such power as would render impotent all who dwell in the heavens and earth, be they lowly or noble. Say: My proof is My Self, My sovereignty is My power, My evidence is My Manifestation, and My testimony is My presence between earth and heaven, and that which floweth from My Pen is My creation, were ye but to know it. O My Most Great Name! We have made thee the Kingdom of Our names between earth and heaven. Therefore manifest whatsoever thou willest of the most beautiful names, that thou mayest guide the people unto this Beauty that hath come unto them upon the clouds of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Let thy tongue speak forth in remembrance of thy Lord, the Bestower, and fear no one, and in all things place thy trust in God, thy Lord. He will aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and will protect thee from every sinful idolator. Beware lest thou forget the time when thou wert present before the Throne and there shone upon thee from the horizon of thy Lord's mouth the Sun of Words with verses that God made clear evidences of His Cause in the kingdom of creation and the light of His countenance unto all in the realm. Hearken unto what the idolators say. By God! What issueth from their mouths curseth them though they perceive it not within themselves, and they are drowned in the depths of idolatry. They claim faith within themselves yet deny Him through Whose single letter the decree of faith hath been manifested in every age. Thus hath God seized their sight and deprived them from the shore of grace. They were to strive in God's path with their wealth and souls, yet when that which they knew came unto them, they denied it and turned upon their heels. Therefore all atoms reject them and their deeds disown them. Thus doth God render vain the works of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, and who stood at the threshold of rejection with injustice. Stand firm in the Cause, then give the servants to drink of the living waters from

thy Lord the All-Merciful's cup, ere Satan's cawing be upraised and bar the people from the holy and manifest path. They who speak as children have risen against God and the Manifestation of His Self, and have denied the blessing that was sent from the realm of bounty. Soon will tablets be spread before thee wherein fingers of ignorance and idolatry have moved to reject God, and thus hath man been ungrateful to his Lord. When thou witnesseth and knoweth this, take up the Pen of Command by Our behest and inscribe upon the tablets what God hath cast upon thy heart in refutation of him who hath rejected God. By God! Then will the Holy Spirit confirm thee and the Spirit that was preserved in the treasuries of infallibility by God's protection will speak within thy breast. Break the power of blind imitation through the force of unity, then ascend with the two wings of detachment unto the heaven of transcendent glory. Then adorn thyself with pure servitude unto God, thy Lord, for through it is established the sign of unity and is destroyed the standard of idolatry raised by every wicked denier. Say "God," then leave those who have disbelieved.

Say: The Most Great Word hath appeared, and through it God hath distinguished between the righteous and the wicked, and through it He hath made a separation among the peoples of the world. God hath made this Word sharper than swords, for while swords divide limbs and bodies, the Word separates all things from this day until the Day when the veil of all created things shall be rent asunder and the Beauty of Glory shall appear upon crimson clouds as promised. Verily it is the Water of Life whereby God quickeneth all creation. Verily it is God's Lamp between the heavens and the earth, by which every pure and illumined heart is lit. Verily it is the Most Great Mirror among His creatures wherein the Ancient Beauty is known according to each one's capacity. Verily it is the Most Great Weight between the heavens and the earth and God's Enduring Testimony unto all in the kingdoms of Command and Creation, and through it the fragrance of God is wafted among all, whether small or great. Say to him who cannot attain the presence of the Throne and behold the Beauty of God: Let him look upon the Word of God. By God! Through it eyes are gladdened and the hearts of all who seek are purified. Say: O people! Compare not the Word of God with aught else, for by it was all else created, and none comprehend this save those possessed of keen insight. Come forth from behind the veils, then manifest My Cause which hath encompassed all worlds. Remind the people of that wherewith We have reminded thee, then inspire them with that which We have inspired thee, that they may take the path to the Holy Court. Know thou that thy letter hath come before the Throne and holy glances illumined with loving radiance have turned unto it, that thou mayest be stirred from thy slumber and be enkindled by the fire that blazed in the Tree of Utterance upon the Mount of Inner Meanings by God's leave. Be thou ignited by the warmth of thy Lord's love, then kindle the people with the fire of remembrance through this Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet with mighty sovereignty. Preserve the pillars of the Cause through the iron of exposition lest the hosts of Satan undermine them - this is a command sent down in truth from the heaven of wisdom. Know thou that We have found from thy letter the fragrance of the garment and have sent thee the breaths of the All-Merciful from the direction of this Paradise, that the divine fragrance may attract thee to a sublime heaven of glory. We have given thee in this Tablet the wings of power and might that thou mayest soar thereby to the station wherein all created things shall seek thy shadow. Thus have We aided thee amongst Our servants and raised thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, a wondrous holy seat. We have been with thee at all times and witnessed what befell thee in thy Lord's paths, and We were thy witness. We have mentioned in the Tablets what hath come upon thee and what

hath reached thee through the wisdom hidden in thy Lord's knowledge. Beware lest thou grieve at what hardships have touched thee. God shall soon cut off the last remnant of those who have wronged without clear proof or enlightening book. Be patient, then show forth supreme patience until the promise cometh from the presence of One mighty and powerful. When tribulation waxeth severe, remember My trials and what hath come upon My Beauty from all peoples, and behind them servants who were created by My word - and My own Self, the True One, is witness to what I say. Thus have We imparted to thee from the gems of wisdom and utterance that thou mayest gather together the servants of the All-Merciful and protect them through a strength from Us against the arrows of every wretched idolater. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have taken beneath thy Lord's shadow a station purified from all idolatry.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in all creation!

O Asad, upon thee be my Baha! The letter of his honor Nasr, upon him be my Baha, which he sent to you was brought by Badi'u'llah into the presence and was honored to be heard. Praise be to God, the letter bore mention and praise, and likewise revealed the mysteries of heart and soul. The fragrance of divine love and the infinite mercy of the Lord emanated from it. After its presentation, we sent this reply with these exalted words - convey them to him:

O Nasr, upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the Throne! His honor, my namesake M.H., upon him be my Baha, brought thy letter into the presence some days ago. We saw and heard it, and likewise the second letter. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest that which He hath ordained for thee, and to shower from the clouds of grace and the heaven of bounty the rain of blessings and the table of knowledge, glory and benediction. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends. We have delayed in sending replies to petitions out of wisdom, and we counsel all to this, and to that which is conducive to the tranquility of the servants and the refinement of all in the land. O Nasr! When thou art blessed with the sweet savors of utterance, render thanks unto God, the Lord of all religions, and say […]

My God, my God! Thou hearest and knowest that this Thy servant hath testified to the unity of Thy Being and its sanctity, and to the immaculacy of Thine Essence and its sovereignty, and hath acknowledged Thy power, Thy grandeur and Thine authority. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and by Thy Prophets and Messengers, and by Him through Whom Thou didst unlock the gates of bounty unto all being and of generosity unto the world - He through Whom was manifested the decree of unity amongst the peoples - to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee, and to grant me success in that whereby my mention may endure throughout the permanence of Thy dominion. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, standing before the door of Thy bestowal, and hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty. O Lord! Aid me with the hosts of the unseen, then preserve me from the manifestations of doubt and uncertainty. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one seeking Thy grace, the remote one Thy nearness, the weak one Thy power, and the wronged one Thy justice. I ask Thy

forgiveness for this; nay rather, he seeketh Thy grace, and the thirsty one Thy sweet waters, and the seeker Thy dwelling-place, and the stranger his native land in Thy presence. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. I testify that Thy generosity hath preceded all things, Thy grace hath encompassed all things, and Thy mercy hath preceded all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. Thou art He, O my God, unto Whose power all created things have testified, and to my powerlessness; to Thy might, and to my weakness; all contingent things to Thy wealth and my poverty, and to Thy care and my want. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty which hath encompassed all things, through which the Speaker of Sinai spoke and the dwellers of the graves arose, to assist me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Thou seest me, O my God, at this moment clinging to that which Thou didst reveal in the Qur'an to Thy Beloved One. Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: "O ye people! Ye are but paupers in relation to God, whereas God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised." Thereby was established my poverty by Thy testimony of me, and Thy wealth by Thy testimony of Thyself. Wouldst Thou turn away one whose poverty and Thy wealth Thou hast testified to? Nay, by Thy glory! It beseemeth not the All-Bountiful to turn away the poor from His door, nor the Almighty to withhold the lowly from His threshold. O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst bring forth all things from the unseen into the visible realm and from nothingness into existence, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, and the King of the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling.

O Pen! The irrevocable command hath come unto thee from the presence of the Lord of eternity to make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad-i-Yusuf, inasmuch as thou didst soar on the wings of detachment in the days of thy Lord, the Creator of all things, through Whose remembrance the earth and heaven were illumined, and before Whose command all things have bowed down, while the Herald hath cried out from every direction: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of all that was and shall be!" The first fragrance that wafted from thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and the first mercy that preceded all possibility was upon thee, O thou who didst turn to the horizon of Revelation on the Day of Resurrection and didst hear the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and didst answer thy Lord, believing in Him, in His verses, and in that which was revealed in His Book. My Pen and My tongue bear witness to thy recognition and certitude, and to thy turning unto a station from which most people have turned away, and to thy holding fast unto the Sure Handle amidst all created things. Thou art he who drank the choice wine of immortality from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the Creator of the heavens. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, at this hour to send down upon thee from the heaven of His generosity a mercy from His presence and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life at all times. Verily, He is the Lord of all religions and the Protector of all possibility. Blessed art thou, O Yusuf, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto God's testimony concerning thee, and He hath revealed for thee that whereby thy name and mention shall endure in a Book which no obliteration can touch and wherein the deeds of His loved ones are recorded by the Pen of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who through thee

draweth nigh unto God and who visiteth thy resting-place and remembereth thee with that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the mysteries were revealed, the signs appeared, and the leaves and trees spoke forth, that Thou forgive me, my father and mother, my kindred, and those who have clung to the hem of Thy gracious robe and have acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. O Lord! Purify Thy loved ones from the dust of sins and the grime of transgression, and illumine them with the lights of Thy bounty and generosity, O Thou Help in Peril! There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

At this hour We have desired to make mention of Mashhadi Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the glory of God. O Kazim, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me, given me to drink, caused me to hear, and shown me. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thy heaven and earth were illumined, and by the Word of Unity whereby the polytheists lamented and the unitarians rejoiced, to aid me to be so steadfast that neither hosts nor ranks nor the doubts of any heedless and obstinate polytheist shall hold me back. O Lord! Ordain for me that which will strengthen me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O mother of him who hath ascended unto God! Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee, acknowledging Thy unity and oneness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We beseech God to aid all to that which is conducive to the reformation of the world and the refinement of nations.

And We make mention of him who was named Qasim, whom Asad, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him the reward of deeds that have attained unto the light of acceptance, and to decree for him that which will draw him nigh unto Him at all times. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O Qasim! Turn with thy heart and direct thy face towards the House and say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the breezes which have quickened the trees of humanity throughout all possibility, and by the effulgences of the Orb of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast nurtured Thy servants and Thy creatures in the cities and habitations, in the wildernesses and deserts and upon the mountains, to make my outer and inner being adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness and illumined with the light of Thy knowledge, O King of bounty and grace! O Lord! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant and Thy handmaiden. I hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to disappoint

me in attaining that which Thou hast ordained for those who circle round Thy Sacred House. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have mentioned and do mention at this time him who attained unto Our presence and ascended unto God, in such wise that his remembrance and his name shall endure through the eternity of names. We beseech God to forgive him and draw him nigh unto Him, and to send down upon him at all times from the heaven of His bounty mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

His honor Azizu'llah has written details regarding the will of Aqa Dadash and sent it to the Most Holy Court. His property should be used in that same place for charitable purposes, and now that property should be expended for the two daughters in whatever manner the trustees of that land deem advisable. Its transmission to this land is not permitted.

Mention unto Mulla Muhammad-'Ali on behalf of the Wronged One. Blessed are they whom their wealth and possessions did not deprive on the Day of Return, and who delayed not, according to their capacity, in teaching the Cause. Today this matter is accounted among the mightiest of deeds. However, in all circumstances they must observe wisdom. O people of Baha and Dal! Hearken unto the counsel of the Wronged One. In all circumstances be mindful of wisdom and hold fast unto that which is conducive to reconciliation. Verily, He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Helper, the All-Informed.

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

O Ramadan! Give thanks unto God for having strengthened thee and caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, and for having manifested through thee one who hath occupied himself with My service, attained My presence, heard My call, and beheld My resplendent horizon. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed is his mother - give her the glad-tidings from Me of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ramadan! We make mention of the son of 'Ali and his other son as a token of grace from God, the Lord of destiny. Each of them hath been illumined by the lights of the Luminary of My utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

O Ramadan! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the utterance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that thou mayest be illumined by the Day-Star of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine kingdom of knowledge. Thy son 'Ali hath drunk from the cup of bounty and hath attained unto service. His kinsmen are each and all remembered in the presence of God. I swear by the Lamp of Light which shineth by the command of the Lord of Manifestation and the Interlocutor of Sinai - the world hath never equaled and shall never equal a single word from the words of Truth. His eminence Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, hath for some time been taken by

the hand of grace and assigned a station in the shade of the Blessed Tree. Night and day he dwelleth nearby, occupied with transcribing the verses of God. We make mention of all the friends in that land and ask confirmation for each one of them. That which shall gladden the eyes of those who are nigh and sincere hath been ordained for those who have turned unto God. We enjoin wisdom upon all. They must occupy themselves with the exaltation of the Word of Him Who is the Goal of all being, in a spirit of joy and radiance, with wisdom and utterance. This is the most great station and the most exalted rank. Well is it with them that act!

O Haydar! Thy brother hath been mentioned and the Lord of might is engaged in thy remembrance. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the remembrance of the Lord of Days. He is accounted in the presence of the Truth as among the most exalted of beings and is recorded by the Divine Pen. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he that is with thee, and blessed is he that hath believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad-'Ali! Thou hast been mentioned and the Divine Countenance hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison. If thou attainest unto the recognition of this station and preservest it, thou shalt, throughout thy life, be engaged in celebrating the praise of the Lord of Manifestation with utmost joy and gladness, in such wise that neither the world and its ornaments, nor its doubts and allusions, nor its gifts and bestowals shall prevent thee from holding fast unto the cord of God or deprive thee of attachment to His sanctified hem. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those that are with thee, from God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ni'matu'llah! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and maketh mention of thee with a remembrance that shall not be overtaken by forgetfulness, oversight, negligence or oblivion. He is the possessor of the Most Great Infallibility and the Sovereign Who doeth what He pleaseth. Were all the peoples of the world to meditate upon this most exalted Word and to drink from the ocean of its meanings, they would find themselves seated upon the thrones of faith and certitude and would regard all else besides God as non-existent and as naught. The reward of no one hath been, nor ever shall be, lost in the presence of God. The souls in that land who have turned toward Him and who have arisen to serve Him have each attained unto that which is more precious in the sight of God than all things. We give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and We give them the glad-tidings of God's everlasting bounty and His eternal table of divine knowledge. And verily I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful, the Munificent.

O Ali Muhammad! Praise thou the Wronged One of the world Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. Verily He remembereth those who have turned unto Him. He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Convey My salutations to thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness. All the friends of that land, as well as the kinsmen of Aqa Ali, have on this blessed night been blessed with the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist them, to aid them, and to reinforce them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His command, and He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

O Ali-Qabl-Muhammad! The Truth maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee to steadfastness. Give thanks to the Ancient Lord Who hath guided thee and enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses. Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife from God, the One, the Chosen One.

O Muhammad! We enjoin thee and the friends of God to perform such deeds as will lead to the exaltation of the Word of God. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted accordingly.

O Nur Muhammad! Today pure deeds and spiritual qualities are the hosts of God, exalted be His glory. All must assist the Wronged One through these hosts. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen made mention of thee and thy wife as a token of My grace, that thou mayest be of the thankful.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Ali! Contention, conflict and corruption have been forbidden in God's Book. All must arise to serve the Cause in perfect unity and harmony, and occupy themselves with the praise and glorification of Him Who is the Desired One. We counsel you all to act with righteousness. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded in the laws of God and His ordinances, in the precepts of God and His decrees. Verily, He commandeth you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of His worlds. He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We have made mention of thee, thy mother and thy wife, that thou mayest become aware of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all things, both seen and unseen.

O Ibrahim! The Wronged One remembereth thee whilst under the claws of hatred wrought by the hands of the heedless. Glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon every maidservant who hath heard, responded, turned unto God and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O Rahim! Mention of thee hath been made at the Most Holy Court, and thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. We counsel thee and the friends to perform such deeds as will draw the servants nigh unto God. Take ye what ye have been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Abdul-Khaliq! These are the days of God, and the Speaker of Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation, manifest and evident without any veil or concealment, calling thee and all on earth to the Most Sublime Horizon. Hearken, and be not of the heedless. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the remembrance of God and been adorned with His attributes.

O Muhammad Ali! My Glory be upon thee and thy wife. Know ye the station of the friends in that land. In these days the honored Amin, upon him be the glory of God, hath attained the Most Holy Court and made mention of that land, and especially concerning Mulla Baqir, divine verses were revealed and sent both before and after. God willing, they shall drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and shall find themselves detached and free from all else but God.

O Jafar! We made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. This day unity and concord are well-pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to attain unto this station. In the right hand of unity the banner of divine succour can be seen. Well is it with them that behold it.

O My handmaiden, O Kulthum! Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and thou hast been honoured with the mention of Him Who is the Beloved of the worlds. From the beginning of days, on the day when the Ancient Beauty left His house in Baghdad and entered the garden named Ridvan, He shed the splendour of all His names upon all created things. None hath ever reckoned, nor shall ever reckon, the effulgence of this Daystar of divine bounty, for it is sanctified above and independent of the power and might of creation. Likewise hath He ordained that every name that attaineth unto the presence of the Throne shall be honored with divine mention and with the effects of the Most Exalted Pen. Until this time, every name that hath been present before the Wronged One hath been favoured with that which hath no peer or likeness. We beseech God that He may enable all to preserve His gifts, His bounties and His bestowals. He verily hath power over all things and is the All-Powerful.

O Ghulam-'Ali! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from His prison and summoneth thee to the most sublime horizon. We beseech God that He may enable all to achieve unity and concord. This is the Testament of God which hath flowed and continues to flow from the Most Exalted Pen, both in the past and in the future. Blessed are they that have attained, and happy are they that act accordingly. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife.

O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the Most Sublime Horizon. He counseleth you with that which will draw you nigh unto a station wherein naught is heard save the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and the sighing of the Most Exalted Pen. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth. None hath comprehended His grace save His Own Self, the One Who dominateth all that are in earth and heaven. O My loved ones! Say: In the Name of God and by God, and take ye the chalice of utterance from the hands of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink ye therefrom in despite of them that have disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His glorious station. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted according to that which was enjoined on him by God, the Lord of existence. The glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have heard and believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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O Mahdi Tabasi, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness! From the Supreme Prison there hath flowed from the Pen in thy remembrance that which caused the hearts of ardent lovers to soar unto God, the Lord of the Day of the Covenant. Thou hast been blessed with My call time and again, and with My verses repeatedly. God shall soon raise up from every word that which shall recount this most exalted station. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing. Beware lest the veils of the world prevent thee, or the oppression of those who have denied God, the Lord of Lords, weaken thee. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. Cast behind you the idols of names, turning unto God, the One, the Alone,

the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. This is a Day wherein none save Him is mentioned, as attesteth the Mother Book which is with Him. Say: Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with God's signs and sovereignty. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

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

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

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

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

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

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

O Rida! We make mention of him who was named Muhammad - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - whom the breezes of Revelation stirred and whom the hand of might raised up to serve this

glorious and mighty Cause. We have made mention of him and those with him through verses that all the books of the world cannot equal, as doth testify the Mother Book in this exalted station. O Rida, say:

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

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

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, enkindled with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, and attracted by Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by that which lay hidden and treasured in Thy knowledge, to aid me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby all things have cried out and proclaimed: "O concourse of earth and heaven! By God! The Lord of all beings hath come with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth." To this doth bear witness the Most Great Book of God in this mighty Prison.

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

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

Death to the veiled ones, pain to the frozen ones;

The King of Days hath come, that Perfect Treasure hath come,

That Hidden Mystery hath been revealed,

Despite the will of common folk.

And likewise in another place […]

That divine Horseman with sovereign crown

With the diadem of “I am God”, like dawn emerged from night

Say: O people! None can prevent the influence of the Most Exalted Word and the Supreme Pen. By a power and might hath the Cause been made manifest, the like of which the essence of creation hath never witnessed. We beseech God to set ablaze His loved ones with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree - a fire which neither the happenings of the world nor the oceans of rejection and hypocrisy can extinguish or diminish. Ye are today the daysprings of acceptance and the dawning-places of the love of the Eternal Beloved. Ye must raise the hands of hope toward the heaven of God’s generosity in such wise that through them may be uplifted the hands of all created things, and manifest such power that the might of all beings shall fail to weaken it. Take ye the Book of God with the power and sovereignty bestowed by Him. He is with you and will aid you with His sovereignty. Verily, there is no power save His power and no sovereignty save His sovereignty. He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Commander, the All-Wise. We were with you in your [gathering], aware of your state, and We heard your mention and praise of God’s Manifest, Speaking and Clear News. At this point We wish to conclude this Tablet with mention of Mulla Ahmad-’Ali.

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

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

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Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His Most Great Name, whereupon the limbs of the idolaters among the nations did tremble, and the faces of the monotheists were illumined amidst these intense and gloomy darknesses, and the doves of the Supreme Paradise warbled, and then the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary was raised in the most exalted Paradise. He hath come, through Whose advent both the kingdom of earth and heaven were honored. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Light and glory be upon the Hands of the Cause amidst humanity, whom God hath purified from tyranny and immorality, and adorned with the raiment of piety. These are honored servants whom God hath mentioned in His Books, His Scrolls and His Scriptures, both in the past and future, and hath preferred them above many of His creatures. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have arisen this day in this exalted station, and We desire to make mention of God's friends and loved ones, to give them glad tidings of His grace and draw them nigh unto Him in this Day wherein We are encompassed by the fires of sorrows from those who behold the sea and its waves yet deny them, and the sun and its radiance yet turn away from it, and the heaven and its stars yet object to them. Indeed, they are the worshippers of vain imaginings, to which the Tongue of Grandeur doth testify in this mighty stronghold. Say: O people, shatter the idols of self and passion with the arm of God's utterance, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. Then shall ye behold what no eye hath seen and hear what no ear hath heard, to which God's perspicuous Book doth testify at this moment. The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet most of the people remain heedless.

O Muhammad! Thy letter hath attained Our presence, sent by him whom We named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in My mighty Book, and it was presented by one of My Branches whom We named Diya. We have answered thee with verses whose fragrances have been diffused and whose perfume hath been wafted. Blessed is he who hath found them and attained unto them, and woe unto every remote heedless one. We make mention of My loved ones who have turned toward My horizon and soared in the atmosphere of My love and uttered My beautiful praise.

O Man?ar! The Lord of Destiny hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Scene with verses through which God created ears among the Concourse on high specifically to hearken unto them. Know thou the station of this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of grace and favors, and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of justice and equity. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleaseth. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Na'im! We have mentioned thee before and sent it unto thee that thou mightest rejoice and be of the thankful. Say: Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who would stand before princes and divines? And were it not for Him, who would proclaim between the heavens and the earth? Be fair, O people, in what hath been sent down in truth and appeared in justice, and be not of the wrongdoers. By God! There hath appeared what hath never appeared in creation, whereunto the Mother Book doth testify in this exalted station.

O ’Ali-Aqa! My name Mahdi, upon him be my glory, hath made mention of thee aforetime, and We have sent unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of My mercy that hath preceded all who dwell on earth. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having caused my remembrance to endure in Thy perspicuous Book. I beseech Thee to aid me and Thy loved ones to perform such deeds as would be honored with Thy gracious acceptance and from which the sweet savors of Thy good-pleasure may be wafted. This is my hope and the hope of them that are nigh unto Thee. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the ranks of kings and rulers may not deter them.

O Muhammad-i-Mashhadi! Dost thou know Who maketh mention of thee at this hour, and dost thou recognize Who calleth thee from this most luminous and most holy Spot? By My life! Wert thou to truly know, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of yearning in this hallowed, glorious and resplendent atmosphere. The people have cast the Ocean behind their backs, hastening unto idle fancies and vain imaginings. Thus hath the Ocean of Utterance surged before the faces of all religions. Blessed is he who hath attained and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord and my King, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved and my Adored One!” I testify that Thou hast adorned the Tablets with Thy mention and Paradise with the breezes of Thy Revelation, and hast honored the earth with Thy footsteps, and illumined the horizons with the light of certitude and hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. Blessed be My name Jamal who hath drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the chalice of My bounty and hath voiced My praise amongst My servants in days wherein the faces of the ignorant have been darkened and the feet of the mystics have slipped upon the path of God, the True King, the Manifest One - save whom God hath willed, his Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Blessed is he who hath heard His call in this Most Great Remembrance and followed Him in this wise Command.

O ’Inayatu’llah! This is a Book inscribed by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and this is a sealed tablet, a command from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols and taken up the chalice of utterance in My Name before the faces of men, and hath drunk in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. The Day is come, yet most of the people comprehend not. The Light hath shone forth, yet most of the people recognize it not. They have cast justice behind their backs, clinging to tyranny, yet they perceive it not. Say: My God, my God! Adorn my head and the heads of Thy loved ones with the crowns of detachment and their temples with the raiment of godliness. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. O my Lord! Aid me in that whereby Thy Most Exalted Word may be uplifted amongst mankind, and enable me to achieve that which Thou lovest and pleasest. O my Lord! I am Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and whatsoever beseemeth the ocean of Thy generosity, O Thou Lord of existence!

O Habbu’llah! We have commanded all to be trustworthy and religious, and to that whereby the station of man may be exalted, yet the people have wrought that which hath caused the Pen of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, to weep. The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, and the Tree of Utterance hath cried out when He Who conversed on Sinai was established upon the throne of Revelation: “O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. This is He but for Whom I would not

have revealed Myself nor uttered a word. Fear God, then hasten unto Him. There is no God but He, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. If anyone denieth Him, by what proof can he establish aught else besides Him? Be fair, and be not of them who see and deny. This is He through Whom the standards of verses were hoisted and the banners of signs appeared, and through Whom every tongue hath spoken. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of creation."

O Muhammad-Rida! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He hath come, He by Whose name the scrolls of God, the Lord of lords, were adorned. We have remembered thee with that which neither the treasuries of kings nor the wealth of servants can equal. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in the final return. Blessed is he who remaineth serene, whom armies cannot frighten, and strong is he whom the might of the wicked cannot weaken. We have sent down from the heaven of grace that which encompassed all regions. Yet when the light shone forth and the people felt secure, they emerged from behind the veils and committed that which caused the hearts of the righteous to melt. Say: O people, fear God! He hath come unto you with oceans of verses and proofs, and hath called all on earth unto God, the Lord of creation. Glorify thy Lord with praise and remind the servants of that which will draw them nigh unto the most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every denying infidel. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy daughter who hath believed in God in the final return.

O 'Ali-Qabl-Muhammad! This Name hath come and given glad tidings to the people of My manifestation, My appearance, My grandeur, My power, My might and My sovereignty. Yet when I came with the standards of guidance and success, My servants turned away from Me, denied My manifestation and disputed My verses. Thus did their own souls deceive them. Verily they are in heedlessness and error. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and revealed unto me that which delighteth eyes. O Lord! Drive me not from the door of Thy grace and deny me not from the ocean of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Chosen One. O Lord! Aid Thy servants unto virtues through which Thy Cause may be exalted among Thy creation and Thy glory in Thy lands. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Husayn! We have sent down unto thee a Tablet that no other tablets can equal, and We have remembered thy father with such remembrance as hath melted hearts. Grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in Him. He is the Powerful, the All-Forgiving. We beseech God to punish those who wronged thy father and pronounced judgment against him without proof or evidence. The servants who circle the Throne have wailed in grief for him at morn and eve. Grieve not over anything. Verily he dwelleth now within the pavilion of My glory, surrounded by angels and the Spirit from God, the Revealer of verses. We have remembered the sons of him who ascended unto God, the Lord of religions, and We have remembered al-Ashraf whom the wolves of the earth devoured out of hatred toward God, the One, the Almighty. The son of the wolf opened his mouth and his followers devoured him. Verily he is in abasement and loss. Soon shall he see the recompense of his deeds as did his father, and the angels of torment shall cause him to enter with wrath from God, the Powerful, the Compelling. We promised him in the Tablet of Proof concerning the evil punishment that would befall him. And We remember at this time My handmaidens and counsel them to fear God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. The glory from Us be upon you, O My loved ones, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you in that which

will attract the hearts of the servants. He is verily the Powerful, the Protector, the One Who speaketh before the faces of the parties.

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He is the One Who hath appeared in the Kingdom of Proof in the midst of creation!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His Most Great Name unto the world, whereupon the Books were made manifest, the Scrolls were expounded, the Psalms came forth, the Tablets were revealed, and the Mother Book spoke forth at the final goal above the heads of the factions. By God the Truth! The Dawning-Place of God's Cause, your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, hath come. Light and revelation and glory be upon the faithful ones whom neither the former tales nor the latter have prevented, who have turned with radiant faces unto the divine traces and have heard with their own ears the verses of God, the Supreme, the Chosen One.

O friends of God in Kaf and Ra! Hearken unto the call of God from the precincts of the Prison. He verily guideth you unto His Most Straight Path and His Most Great Announcement, whereby the limbs of the nations have quaked–those who changed God's bounty into disbelief and led their people to the abode of perdition. Leave the opposers behind you, then turn towards the horizon whence hath shone the Sun of Utterance from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Say: O concourse of the opposers! Come with your ropes and your staves. By the life of God! Ye have no escape nor any place of refuge. Fear ye God and follow not every sinful denier who hath taken vain imaginings as lords besides God and hath committed that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise, the Most Exalted Garden, and this Pen whereby God hath subdued the hearts of His servants to lament. Hear ye the call of the Wronged One, then judge with fairness in this Cause which, when it dawned from the horizon of utterance, caused the Proof to cry out, "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested me through Thy Most Exalted Pen," and the Evidence to say, "Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having granted me victory in Thy days." Woe unto him who hath denied Thy Cause and hath not attained unto the glory of Thy acceptance when the standards of Thy manifestation were unfurled. I beseech Thee to aid Thy servants to hold fast unto Thy cord and to be detached from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O 'Ali-Qabl-i-'Askar! The supplication hath attained the presence of the All-Bountiful, through Whom the banner of Reality was raised and the standard of metaphor was lowered on this Day wherein they that are nigh unto God have soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the Lord of the Final End. We have mentioned thee and have revealed for thee that which attracteth the hearts and brighteneth the eyes. Soon shall that which thou seest today be changed, and there shall remain for thee what hath been inscribed by My Pen in this Tablet, before which all other tablets have bowed down in submission when it appeared. Beware lest the doubts of the suspicious ones or the oppression of the wrongdoers prevent thee from turning unto the Dawning-Place of verses. Cast aside what the people possess, by My Self-Subsisting Name, and take hold of this Book through which the fragrance of grace and favors hath been wafted.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Today the Sun of Truth is manifest, visible, dawning and shining before all faces, yet the people are heedless thereof and are attracted, oriented and clinging to vain imaginings and idle fancies. By the life of God! That which had never appeared in creation hath been made manifest, and at its appearance the Dawning-Places of knowledge and wisdom have bowed down in submission. To this testifieth every tongue that doubts have not held back from mention and utterance. Say: O people! Fear God, then return unto His traces. They verily guide you unto His path and make you independent of all else besides Him. He verily needeth not the mention of any other to prove His Cause. To this bear witness the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, were ye of them that hear.

Today the people of Baha are souls whom tales have not debarred from the holy Kingdom of God. They behold His signs with their own eyes and hearken with their own ears unto His verses. Strive ye, that perchance ye may achieve some deed and be adorned with the ornament of acceptance and the light of His good-pleasure. His honor Niyaz, upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness, hath verily chosen for himself a station beneath the shade of My mercy, and in the nights and days hath been blessed with remembrance, praise and attainment unto His presence. We beseech God that through him His verses may be spread among His servants there. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The servant present before My face hath made mention of you on your behalf, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of Will especially for you, that you may give thanks unto your Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and say: This is the Day which He had aforetime announced and foretold, and His Cause hath been recorded by the Pen of Grace in the divine Books. This is the Day of this blessed verse wherein He hath said: “Say: God; then leave them to entertain themselves with their cavilings.” And it is the Day of another verse wherein all must arise before God’s Kaaba and utter these words: “I have abandoned a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter.” Apart from what hath been mentioned, none hath attained or shall attain unto true knowledge. Had the Shiite faction turned even slightly toward the Dayspring of Revelation with their sight and hearing, they would surely have attained unto that for which they were created to know. Glory be to God! Him Whose presence they sought by night and day and Whose remembrance they uttered, they now curse and revile from their pulpits. Such is the recompense of their deeds, manifested from the true, overwhelming Justice. A certain person in those regions from among the Sunnis claimed to be the Qa’im, and now nearly a hundred thousand souls have accepted him, while the people of Iran attained unto the true Qa’im and martyred Him. Thus hath God made the lowest among the servants highest, and the highest lowest. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. At this moment a book from someone is present before My face wherein he hath mentioned the Afnan in unseemly terms. Say: God hath made his seclusion in this place his glory, and he would not exchange this glory for the glory of all the worlds. Say: Know with certain knowledge that their pride is not in commerce and amassing of wealth and that wherewith people occupy themselves, but rather in propagating this Most Great Announcement and this Manifest Cause. We beseech God to guide the speaker to recant. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

O ’Ali-Qabl-i-’Askar! Say: O my God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal and my Beloved! Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, and glory and radiance be upon Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast made Thyself

known unto me, revealed unto me Thy path, and shown me from among Thy signs the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and from Thy remembrance the effulgences of the sun of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of moldering bones, by Thy Most Great Name through which the dwellers of the graves arose when the One Who conversed on Sinai spoke forth, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in wisdom and utterance in the promotion of Thy Cause. O my Lord! Aid me to fulfill what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book concerning righteousness and piety, and what Thou hast forbidden me regarding corruption, contention, tyranny and wickedness. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, standing at the door of Thy bounty and beseeching the wonders of Thy generosity and grace. Would the All-Bountiful withhold the suppliant from His door which He hath opened to all who are in His heaven and His earth? Nay, by Thy Self! This is not what the people of Baha expect of Thee, O Thou Lord of all men, Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, and Ruler of the Hereafter and of the world of old. Ordain for me through Thy grace that which shall make me independent of all else save Thee, and occupied with Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who was martyred in the path of God in the early days, who was named Sul?an-'Ali and who attained the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. I testify that he believed in God and acknowledged His Manifestation on a day wherein every remote scholar denied Him. Blessed art thou, O Sul?an, inasmuch as the All-Merciful hath made mention of thee from His glorious station. Glory be upon thee, radiance be upon thee, and exaltation be upon thee, O thou who didst hold fast to the cord of God, the Firm! The ocean of bounty surgeth in thy remembrance, the fragrance of mercy is wafted, and the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds, are sent down. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send thee at all times a noble Book through the hands of them that are nigh unto Him, to shower upon thee mercy from His presence, and to provide thee with His wondrous eternal bounties and His everlasting paradisial feast. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

My God, my God! Thou hearest the cry of the sincere ones, the lament of them that are nigh unto Thee, and the sighing of them that know Thee, when Thine enemies have encompassed them from every direction and there hath befallen them that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of names to wail. I beseech Thee, O my God, by them and by those who have offered up their lives in Thy path and have expended all they possessed in their longing to meet Thee, to assist Thy loved ones with the hosts of the unseen and of the visible realm. Then protect them from the evil of every oppressive enemy and every wicked transgressor. O Lord! Deprive them not of the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor of the effulgences of the daystar of Thy grace. Thou seest them, O my God, holding fast unto Thee and acknowledging that which hath been revealed from Thee. Verily Thou art with them, witnessing and beholding their deeds and their confession of Thy oneness, their acknowledgment of Thy unity, and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Thou art He, O my God, from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and the oppression of Thine enemies and the tyranny of the wrongdoers among Thy creatures cannot frustrate Thee. Thou art He through Whose name the standard of power was planted amidst all creatures and the banner of guidance was raised amongst all creation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint those who hope in Thee from the treasury of Thy bounty and the repository of Thy generosity. Then

preserve them through Thy protection and Thy guardianship. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Humbler of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

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This is the Surih of the Bedouins which hath been sent down from the presence of an Ancient One. He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of glorious and wondrous might. God hath made them a proof from His presence and a testimony from His court unto all the worlds. Therein He maketh mention of such servants of God as have recognized Him by His own Self, whom the howling of the idolaters did not deter, who have entered beneath the shadow of His loving-kindness and dwelt in the precincts of His mercy - that mercy which hath preceded all created things. This indeed is a mighty bounty. These are they upon whom the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the angels of His nearness shower their prayers. These are they who, when the Sun of Eternity dawned once again from the horizon on high, fell prostrate upon their faces before God, the Most High, the Most Great.

O ye who are beloved of God among the Bedouins! Hearken unto the call of God from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth and every leaf whereof proclaimeth in all things that “Verily I am God, there is no God but Him, the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Generous.” O people! Hasten ye to the Tree of God and seek shade beneath it. By the Truth of God! Should ye search throughout all regions of the heavens and earth, ye would find no place of security save beneath the shade of this Tree which hath been raised up over all mankind. Through its boughs wafteth the breath of God whereby every mouldering bone is quickened. Turn ye unto it and eat of its fruits that your hearts may be purified from the promptings of every wicked sinner.

Give thanks unto God for having protected you from the wilderness of self and passion, and for having delivered you from the depths of fancy and blindness on the Day whereon God came with the kingdom of His Cause and manifested His sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. He made Himself known unto you, revealed unto you His Beauty, conversed with you openly and manifestly, and made you to be numbered among His knowing servants.

Stand ye firm in the Cause, for Satan hath appeared with his hosts and commandeth you at every moment to deny God Who created you by His command and made you to be among the triumphant. Give praise unto God for having chosen you specially for Himself, inasmuch as when the Sun of Pre-existence withdrew from its native land, it rose from the horizon of Iraq, your land. This is of His bounty unto you, wherewith nothing in the heavens and earth can compare. The countenance of God was among you, shining and resplendent, without veil or covering, reciting unto you the verses of your Lord throughout months and years. The Ancient Beauty walked among you with the dignity and tranquility of God, revealing Himself unto you at every moment with a fresh revelation. Thus was the grace and mercy of God perfected upon you, that ye might be among the thankful ones.

It behooveth you to glory over all the tribes of the earth, for they have not attained unto that which ye have attained, if ye be of them that know. Therefore it behooveth you to acquire the attributes of God, that the sweet fragrances of holiness may waft from the direction of your hearts upon all created things, and that there may appear from you the signs of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. And since He hath chosen you from among His creatures, strive that there may appear from you that which hath not appeared from others, that your special station with Him may be proven among the worlds.

Be ye as stars among the people of the earth, that through you the servants who are veiled from the knowledge of God and the Manifestation of His Cause, and who are among the heedless, may be guided. Be ye trustees of yourselves and of the people, and likewise of their possessions. This is a quality which God loved ere He created Adam from water and clay, and ye should […]

O trustees on earth! Neither you yourselves will find tranquility, nor will the people find repose in you. Thus doth God counsel you through the tongue of the Manifestation of His Cause–a remembrance unto you and unto all created things. Purge your hearts of envy and rancor, then your souls of tyranny and wickedness, then act according to what God hath commanded you. He hath commanded His servants naught save what is better for them than all the treasures of the heavens and earth. Beware lest ye dispute with anyone concerning that which hath been created in this world. Leave such things to their owners that your souls may find rest and ye may be wholly devoted to your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. The Kingdom of wealth lieth in the hand of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He enricheth whomsoever He willeth through His command, for He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Know ye that God hath entrusted the earth to the hands of kings and made them the manifestations of His power amongst all created things, should they enter beneath the shadow of the Tree of His Cause. Apart from this, the matter resteth in His hands. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He hath never desired aught for Himself. He hath consigned the world and its adornments to its people, and hath sanctified His loved ones from turning unto it, for He desireth for them only that which endureth through the eternity of His exalted and mighty Self. What He desireth of the world is the hearts of His loved ones, that He may purify them from all else besides Him and raise them to the station of security–a station wherein they shall behold naught save the effulgences of His countenance and wherein naught shall be mentioned save My mighty and wondrous remembrance. O people! Open ye the cities of men's hearts with the sword of the tongue, in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bountiful. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful commanded you aforetime, and now commandeth you to act as ye have been bidden, transgressing not the bounds set by God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest ye dispute with anyone concerning the Cause of God, for We have lifted the law of the sword and have ordained victory through wisdom and utterance, as a bounty from Us to all created things. O people! Be ignited with the fire of the love of God, that the hearts of men may be set ablaze thereby. This, verily, is the true victory, could ye but know it. He hath ever been sanctified above this world and all that hath been created therein and thereon. Were He to will it, He would subdue the earth and all that are upon it through His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. O people! Be ye dyed with the dyeing of God and shun the dyeing of the idolaters. God commandeth you to be righteous and God-fearing. Fear ye God in matters of religion and commit not tyranny and wickedness. Be ye of them from whose faces shine forth the lights of your Lord, the Chosen One, and from whom are manifested the signs

of God and His dignity. Thus doth it behoove you, O people of Baha, in these grievous days. O Arabs! Hear ye My call, then walk in My footsteps, then remember the days of meeting Me and attaining My presence, then My exile and estrangement and My imprisonment, that God may remember you in His Kingdom of mighty glory. Abandon the cup of extinction proffered by those who follow the dictates of self and passion, then take the cup of everlasting life from the fingers of Baha in the name of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in this last revolution, whereby souls shall become independent of all the worlds.

O Pen of Eternity! Make mention of Our Arab servants whom God hath singled out for Thyself and caused them to gaze toward the direction of Thy mercy and severed them from the idolaters, that they may rejoice within themselves and remain steadfast in the Cause at which the heaven of aversion was rent asunder and every lofty and towering mountain was crushed. Say: O people! We informed you at the time of Our departure from Iraq that the Samiri would appear and the Calf would cry out and the birds of night would stir after the setting of the Sun. Beware lest ye forget the words of God. Abide beneath an impregnable protection. By God, O Arabs! Were ye to behold Me, ye would not recognize Me, for the black musk hath turned white through successive tribulations, and the Alif of the Cause hath appeared in the form of Dal through continuous trials, and this radiant and crimson Face hath turned yellow.

O Arabs! Forget not My remembrance, My tribulation, My grief and My trials. By My life! Mine eyes rain down tears and My heart lamenteth for My soul amidst these idolaters. By God! The Beauty of the Divine Will hath been altered through the oppression of the enemies, and the Temple of Volition hath come to rest upon ashes, and Destiny hath rent the garments of patience, and Fate hath been prevented from its execution by reason of what hath befallen the Most High God in His latter Manifestation at the hands of the hosts of the wicked. Thus hath the matter been decreed, if ye be of them that hear. Is there any helper who will assist the Beauty of God with his tongue and protect the Temple of His Cause from the swords of the people of the Bayan, and be of them whom the veils of names have not hindered from entering this Most Great Ocean, this wise Remembrance? And is there any kinsman who will show mercy unto this Wronged One and stand firm in His support and detach himself from all else but Him?

O Arabs! He who was powerless to speak in My presence hath now risen up to slay Me, after We created him and reared him and taught him and protected him for months and years. By God! Were I to recount unto you the tales of Joseph of Eternity and what befell Him at the hands of the wolves of hatred, ye would surely detach yourselves from your own souls and spirits and repair to the wilderness and lament until your spirits depart from your bodies. However, We have restrained the Pen from utterance to protect your souls, O concourse of the sincere ones!

O Arabs! Bewail ye My loneliness and My exile and My imprisonment and My tribulation, and be not of the heedless. They whom God hath made an example in the earth have risen in opposition in such wise as hath left the Pen of all worlds powerless to recount. O Arabs! Hearken unto My words and draw not nigh unto them from whom the stench of faithlessness is wafted. Shun such as these and abide beneath an impregnable protection. Thus doth the Beauty of the All-Merciful command you at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him through the hosts of Satan, if ye be of them that know. And the radiance that

hath shone forth from the realm of eternity be upon you, O people of Baha, throughout the everlasting dominion of the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

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In the Name of God, the One, and blessings be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet.

Praise be to the Beloved of the world, that at this hour, when the sun is setting, the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine love have arrived in the form of a letter. In this station, no mention of joy and delight, nor any measure or limit, is befitting. It was not a letter, but rather a volume; nay, by the life of our Purpose and your Purpose, it was a manifest Book in its mention of love and steadfastness, and in its praise and glorification of the Lord of all beings. Moreover, by the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, were the letter to be pressed, the true spiritual fragrance that was gathered from the roses of the garden of inner meanings would drip drop by drop, bestowing fresh life upon the soul, for it was sanctified above the conditions of the earthly world and possessed the meanings of the true Paradise. Blessed be your pen, and blessed be your ink, and blessed be your tablet! At that very moment it was brought before His presence, and He uttered that which, compared to the flow of its mysteries, the ocean is but a drop, and before the effulgence of its words' radiance, the sun appears but an atom. In all conditions, We beseech and implore the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, that He may at every moment increase that ocean of love and join to it infinite seas, until the word "there is naught on earth save the ocean of His mercy" may be unveiled and be made manifest in the world of creation.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who kindlest the hearts of them that yearn after Thee with the fire of Thy love, and Who drawest nigh unto the hearts of them that are brought near unto Thee through the sweet melodies of the Dove of Thy affection! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy signs, and the Daysprings of the lights of Thy Revelation, and by that which is hidden in Thy knowledge, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon him who hath found Thee that which will cool his eyes, and tranquilize his heart, and give rest to his being, that the affairs of the world and what the nations possess may not trouble him. Then assist him, O my God, through the signs of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O my God! Bestow Thy blessings upon Thy Prophets and Messengers who did not break Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, each of whom Thou didst make a guide for Thy servants unto the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven. Verily, Thou art He Whom no matter can harm nor can anything profit. At times Thou withholdest in accordance with the requirements of Thy wisdom, and at times Thou givest through Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to protect Thy trusted servant who is named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Thy names, and whom Thou hast made one of the Two Most Great Names in Thy Book. I implore Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones, to make the whole world, with all that is created therein, a helper unto him, an assistant unto him, mindful of his remembrance, oriented toward his orientation, and speaking with his utterance in Thy praise and glorification. O Lord! Thou seest him so devoted in his love for Thee that the pen is powerless

to mention it, the tablet to encompass it, and the tongue to express it. That which cannot be mentioned befitteth him, for he is Thy servant, and Thou art He Who cannot be described, that He might be spoken of in this Most Holy and Most Exalted Station, and this Most Holy and Most Glorious Remembrance. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all beings, and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

And furthermore, O essence of my heart and soul! This evanescent servant knoweth not what to say, having fallen into a world wherein he beholdeth the attributes of that Beloved One in such wise that no word is capable of describing them, nor qualified to define them. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath shone forth from the most exalted station in all the world that no word can clothe the meaning of love for that Beloved One, nor can it reveal, indicate, describe or guide. Rather, in this station words remain silent, nay, prostrate, uttering only "I am the weakest of the weak." The ocean of inner meanings–that is, the ocean of love for that Beloved One–surgeth in this station. In truth, after the letter was presented in His presence, there flowed from the tongue of His Holiness, the Ever-Present One–may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake–in this station that which causeth all oceans to appear as mere drops. I beseech God–exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors–to protect that blessed being and to manifest him through His Own Name, that he may arise to serve throughout all his days and occupy himself with that which beseemeth him, even as he hath been and is. To this beareth witness every learned one and every mystic endowed with insight from God, our Lord and your Lord, our God and your God, our Goal and the Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones.

Another matter to present is that previously a letter arrived from his honor Ali, upon him be the peace of God, wherein he wrote in detail about the tribulations and compulsory difficulties of that Beloved One. And verily, what they have written is true. Glory be to God! This too hath been and is among the requirements of the wisdom of God, exalted be His glory. That Beloved One's affairs are referred to Him and entrusted to Him. Whatsoever hath occurred or may occur, assuredly no harm can be seen therein, for the very atoms of creation testify to the sincerity of that Beloved One and to the sanctity and purity of that Beloved One's heart. In any case, your tribulations have greatly affected his honor Ali, upon him be the peace of God. He mentioned them in such wise that at that moment tears were shed and the heart was set ablaze. Through all the tongues of creation, I have beseeched and do beseech God, exalted be His glory, to transform into good all that hath appeared or may appear, and to adorn and illumine it with contentment. He is the Omnipotent One, to Whose power all the pens of the world and tongues of the nations have borne and do bear witness.

My God, my God! Ordain for the people of unity that which befitteth Thy loftiness, O Lord of all mankind! Thou art He Who hath adorned Thy mentioned servant with the ornament of Thy grace, the fire of Thy love, and the light of Thy knowledge. Increase, O my God, through Thy bounty and generosity, that which Thou hast given him at all times. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Unto the friends of that land, upon them be the peace of God and His grace and glory and splendor, one and all do I send greetings. God the One is witness that His Honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, holds a place in my heart and dwells in my soul. In all conditions do I beseech and continue to beseech from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, health and protection and loftiness and

ascendancy for him. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. And likewise unto the beloved of my soul, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings, do I extend greetings, and I beseech for him that which is everlasting and eternal. Further, His Honor Ghulam, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all names, is before my eyes and ever remembered. I implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid him in all conditions to mention and praise and serve Him. Unto his honor ’Ali-A?ghar, upon him be the peace of God, who in truth is known as Akbar before the Divine Countenance, do I waft the fragrances of grace from the dawning-place of bounty, and I beseech confirmation for him. Further, His Honor Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of Power, together with His Honor Mirza, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, do I mention with the flame of the fire of love and the light of affection. Their abode, according to what they mentioned, is elsewhere. That spiritual beloved must send this remembrance which is in truth characterized by that which is unfitting and unseemly, that they may know they have not departed from the heart of this evanescent servant, and in the days of their absence they are manifest and present. Although that beloved and the friends are not present, yet His Honor the beloved of the heart, Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, is present on behalf of all. And among the wondrous coincidences which in truth was due to their sincerity of intention and that of His Honor the revered beloved, His Honor the father, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, is that they now reside in the house facing the house of Bahji - that is, the house where previously his honor the Overseer, upon him be the glory of God, resided. In view of the weakness of some, they were commanded to dwell here for some time for a change of air. Night and day they attain the honor of hearkening to verses and kindly counsels and generous exhortations. This is naught but the result of their acceptance and steadfastness and stations. The seal of the letter is adorned with mention of the light of the loved ones, His Honor ’Ali, one of the most exalted, upon him be the glory of God and the splendor of the worlds. In truth his letter is genuine musk. Praise be to God, the fragrance of their love is diffused. I beseech from the True One, glorified be His majesty, to send down bounty and blessing and mercy from the heaven of grace. God knows the intention of that beloved and them is to serve the people of unity and to exalt His Cause. Assuredly whatsoever is required by divine wisdom and knowledge hath been and will be made manifest. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon your honor and his honor and upon those who hold fast to that which is right and to the fear of God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! This servant of Thine hast Thou stripped of the garment of Thy Divinity and distanced from the gardens of nearness to Thy Lordship. Thou hast removed from him the robes of understanding fashioned from the wonders of Thy knowledge through the gems of Thy decree that befell him, and divested him of the shirt of certitude wrought of the essence of Thy wisdom through the swords of Thy retribution that descended upon him. Thou hast made him seek Thee through Thyself, turn to Thine Essence through Thine Essence, and gaze upon the hem of Thy countenance through Thy direction. Thou hast imprisoned him in the prison of earthly dominion by Thy power and sealed against his face the doors of grace by Thy might.

All this descended upon him in such wise that the heavens were rent asunder at comprehending it, the earth shook at its occurrence, the spirits were troubled at hearing it, the waters ceased their flow, beings were brought to naught at its execution, essences were demolished at its reckoning, and the sun was darkened by what befell it. Yet he sits before Thee at a time when he finds no helper, no supporter, no companion, and no friend. He is among people yet not of them, speaks with servants though not being one of them, sits with them while not desiring them, and walks among them though loving them neither secretly nor openly.

All this appeared solely through the measures of Thy Cause, the resources of Thy wisdom, and the tokens of Thy abasement which Thou ordained for Thy guides and decreed for Thy loved ones. Yet, O my God, after Thou didst clothe me in the garment of poverty and abasement and dressed me in the raiment of sorrow and anguish, Thou didst comfort me through inspiring me that all this flowed only from the subtlety of Thy grace and the precision of Thy gift. Even as Thou showed me the creation of the heavens of Thy Cause, how Thou raised them by the sovereignty of Thy power and ordained therein brilliant stars and manifest planets, decreeing for them neither setting nor eclipse. All revolve in the heaven of Thy direction, moving through the cycles of Thy ordainment and sanctification, illumined by the dawning rays of the sun of Thy Self-Subsistence and brightened by the flashing lights of the moon of Thy holiness, moved by Thy command and circling round Thee, such that they are untouched by what befalls the suns in the heavens of Thy holy oneness and what descends upon the moons in the horizon of the cloud-veiled heaven of Thy glorification through the eclipses of Thy decree and the settings of Thy execution.

All this stemmed only from the hidden aspects of Thy wisdom and the conditions of Thy glorious sovereignty, and this is among that which appeared from Thy timeless action and Thy mighty handiwork, and what resembles it from what Thou hast manifested from the treasuries of Thy power and the storehouses of Thy might. Thus dost Thou plant the tree of Thy singleness in the sacred soil of Thy will and preserve it through the sovereign of Thy grace in these nights and days by the hands of Thy generosity. Thou sendest upon it the breaths of Thy eternal holiness and waterest it from the rivers of the camphor of Thy glorious oneness, guarding it with the hosts of the unseen which none can reckon save Thee, until Thou hast raised high its branches and boughs, brought forth the fruits of Thy identity, and caused it to put forth leaves through the wonders of Thy favors and blessings. After Thou didst raise it to the highest horizon and cause it to ascend to the most exalted kingdom, children gather around it and stone it so that there might fall upon them its fruits from the paradise of Thy eternality and there might descend from it the fruits of the bounty of Thy mercy. All this befalls it because of its fruits, for verily a tree without fruit none desires […]

In the name of God! No soul shall draw nigh unto it, nor shall there descend upon it the misfortunes of abasement and what is beneath them. Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! How wondrous are the marvels of Thy handiwork, and how sweet are the manifestations of Thy craftsmanship! Thou hast ever humbled Thy loved ones through what Thou hast ordained for them of the conditions of Thy might, and Thou wilt ever exalt Thine enemies through what Thou hast decreed for them of the retribution of Thy sovereign power. Thou hast concealed the wisdom of this from the eyes of Thy servants and hidden its pearls in the shells of Thy power in the seas of Thy grandeur, such that none save Thee should become aware thereof.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Despite my recognition of all this and my certitude in all that Thou hast taught me of the wonders of the craftsmanship of Thy heavens of ordainment, the ornaments of the movements of the cycles of Thy sovereign handiwork, and the revolutions of the pillars of the manifestations of Thy glorious might, I am consumed by the fire whose ember sets ablaze all existence, and I weep tears from which all the seas find their essence. How could it be otherwise, after I heard the call of one of Thy loved ones whom Thou didst love in the privacy of Thy mystery, unknown to any soul? He cried out before Thee with such a cry that the hearts of existence were set aflame, and he lamented with such a lamentation that the spirits of the ethereal beings in the palaces of manifest glory were troubled, and the life of the secluded ones in the chambers of heaven before the countenance of the All-Praised was transformed. The seas of grandeur grew still from their waves in the depths of the seas of the Divine Essence, falling into repose. The winds of love were cut off from the gardens of the holy and beloved One, as Thou didst will to make him drink from the springs of separation and remove him from the throne of intimate communion, after Thou hadst filled his heart with the essence of Thy rapture, the pure substance of Thy attraction, the splendor of Thy love, and the radiance of Thy glory.

Thou didst call him through Thy mystery to the thrones of Thy nearness, and hasten him through Thy call to the arenas of Thy reunion and meeting. Thou didst cause him to dwell in the vicinity of Thy mercy and gave him to drink of the pure wine of Thy favor from the hands of Thy generosity. Thou didst make him taste the sweetness of Thy remembrance from the fruits of the tree of Thine eternity, and caused him to hear, through the inner realities of existence, the melodies of the dove of Thy mighty heaven and the doves of Thy glorious kingdom.

Judge then, O my God, and be fair, O my Beloved, at this moment - how can anyone bear this, or how can anyone endure this? How befitting is it for Thy sovereignty to treat anyone as Thou hast treated him through the wonders of Thy deeds, or to send down upon any soul what Thou hast sent down upon him of the gems of Thy wisdom? Yet, O my God, since he gazeth upon Thy mercy, prostrateth himself before Thy countenance, is content with Thy decree, and is patient in the circumstances of Thy Cause, I call upon Thee now with his call before Thee […]

O my God! In his separation, make for me a means of attaining unto Thy presence, and in meeting him, grant me the attainment of Thy covenant. Cause him to return unto Thee as Thou didst cause him to return the first time, and bring him back as Thou didst bring him back before. Verily Thou art the Originator of all things and their Return, the Restorer of all things and their Haven. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou lovest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Then, O my God, make him steadfast in Thy love, patient in Thy good-pleasure, yearning for Thy union and Thy meeting, walking in the paths of Thy paradise, and treading the ways of Thy good-pleasure. This station is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth, such that no other station can equal it, no matter can parallel it, and nothing can compare with it, neither in the heaven of Thy mercy's tender affections, nor in the realm of Thy power's majestic manifestations. For this is the station which Thou hast specially ordained for the sincere ones among Thy loved ones and the near ones among the people of Thy affection - they who behold none but Thee, who turn to none but Thee, who trust in none but Thee, who

find intimacy with none save Thy beauty, who immerse themselves in naught but the seas of Thy good-pleasure, who breathe not except by Thy leave, and who speak not except by Thy command.

Glorified art Thou! Glorified art Thou! How exalted are the wonders of Thy mercy upon them, how sublime are the jewels of Thy favors concerning their station! How pure are the essences of Thy generosity in their inmost hearts and their outward beings, their visible and their hidden aspects, their beginning and their end, their origin and their return! Thus dost Thou exalt whom Thou willest, elevate whom Thou willest, love whom Thou willest, and do what Thou willest unto whom Thou willest. Within Thy grasp lies the kingdom of all things. Thou orderest them according to Thy measure and Thy decree. Verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Therefore, O my God, send Thy blessings upon Him Who raised the pavilions of Thy grandeur through Thy celestial might, Who manifested the tabernacle of Thy loftiness through Thy divine power, Who sat upon the throne of Thy Lordship and reclined upon the couch of Thy Divinity, Who was seated at the right hand of Thy power, before Thy might, to the south of Thy grandeur and to the north of Thy loftiness. Thou didst make Him the Supreme Ruler over all Thy names and attributes in the kingdom of Thy Command, and the Self-Subsisting, the Transcendent One in the heaven of Thy creation, through all that Thou art able and dost love. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the All-Subduing, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Luminous.

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He is the Evident, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Ismail! Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and attained the presence of the Wronged One, from Whom all have turned aside except such as God, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former generations, and the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath willed. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. He will assist thee to recognize Him and hath drawn thee nigh unto Him at a time when every learned one hath objected to Him. Let not the circumstances of the prison sadden thee. Be thou confident in the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The names which thou didst send have been presented before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for each one of them that which will bring solace to the eyes and tranquility to the hearts. Yet most of the people remain heedless.

We make mention of Ha preceding Sin, and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Prisoner. He maketh mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by the ornaments of the world nor by that which the nations possess. He Who possesseth the mighty Book beareth witness unto this. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and have turned unto thee, and We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with His power and sovereignty, and with that wherewith every trusted Messenger hath come. Beware lest the veils of the divines shut you out from the Creator of heaven. Cast

away what ye possess, turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon, the station wherein the Lord of Names proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having hearkened unto My sweetest call and having turned thy face toward thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and for having taken hold of His Book in His Name while every ignorant doubter cast it behind him. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, through you have the sighs of the Prophets ascended and the tears of the sincere ones been shed. Cast away what ye possess, then hearken unto that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth in this Revelation. He guideth you unto the straight path of God.

And We make mention of Mahdi and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and bounty, and guide him unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou thankful unto God for having aided thee and caused thee to know Him and enabled thee to hear this wondrous call. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and cleave unto His resplendent hem. Let not the affairs of men sadden thee. Leave them to themselves, turning unto the One, the All-Informed.

And We make mention of Ahmad, whom We have mentioned before with verses that cannot be equaled by the books of the world, and from which everyone possessed of a sense of smell can detect the fragrance of the garment of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

And We make mention of him who hath been named ’Abdu’llah and give him glad tidings as We gave him tidings before, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. O ’Abdu’llah! Be not grieved by the people and their utterances and that which proceedeth from their mouths. God shall soon return them to the lowest station, and ye shall behold yourselves in an exalted station. Read thou what We have sent down unto thee before and remind the people with wisdom and utterance of this Cause whereby the earth hath been cleft asunder and the heaven hath been rent and every lofty mountain laid low. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, the Truth, ye are the tyrants and the idols, and ye are they by whom the Maiden hath lamented in the Most Exalted Paradise and the Apostle in the Supreme Concourse, and by whom the eyes of them that are nigh have shed tears. Through you hath every possessor of a heart wailed, and every possessor of eyes wept, and every possessor of a tongue cried out, and the pillars of a lofty throne have quaked. Soon shall ye know what ye have wrought and shall recognize what hath escaped you in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Say: Where are the divines of the Torah and the idols who pronounced judgment against Muhammad, the Apostle of God, of old? And where are the Pharisees who pronounced judgment against the Spirit when He came with a light that illumined the horizons and every noble station? Ye have forsaken what is right and chosen what is wrong. Thus have your souls enticed you. He, verily, is the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And We make mention of Shaykh-Qabil-Muhammad and counsel him to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. O Muhammad! The One, the Single, maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee to that which will exalt the Cause of God and thy station. He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, for having remembered me in the prison when I was in the hands of the heedless. I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby the world hath been illumined that Thou disappoint me not from the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

And We make mention of him who hath been named Ilyas and cast upon him of the verses of his Lord that he may arise to make mention on this Day wherein clamor hath been raised from every quarter by reason of what the transgressors have wrought against the loved ones of God, the Goal of the sincere. Beware lest the sayings of men hold thee back from the truth. Leave what they possess, holding fast unto the cord of God, the Most Strong.

And We make mention of him who hath been named Ghulam-Qabil-Rida and bid him to that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One mighty, ancient. This is a day wherein the wrongdoers have denied the right of God and His Cause, and have broken His covenant and His testament. Thus have the vanities of this world deluded them. Lo! They are in thick veils. O Ghulam! Rejoice thou in that the Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and commandeth thee to manifest beautiful patience in this mighty Cause.

O Kingdom of Utterance! Make mention in the Tablet of My servants who have detached themselves from all else but God, clinging to the hem of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O people of Baha in the kingdom of creation! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. He, verily, maketh mention of you and giveth you glad tidings of what He hath ordained for you, and consoleth you concerning what hath befallen you at the hands of those who have denied the proof of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O ’Aziz! Hearken unto that which the Dove of the Cause warbleth in the Supreme Paradise: He is, verily, none other than the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets, and likewise of those whose lamentations We hear in the land of Ta by reason of what hath befallen them in the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We make mention of him who was named ’Ali, who held fast to My cord in the earliest days and spoke My Name among My servants. He is, verily, of the people of Mine Ark, as attested by the Mother Book with Me and every inscribed Tablet. Rejoice thou in the sweet savors of My Revelation and in the fragrance that hath wafted from the raiment of thy wronged Lord. That which thou didst send hath reached Our presence, and We have heard thy call and found the fragrance of thy love in this praiseworthy station.

We make mention of Kazim, who believed in God when the world turned away save whom thy Lord, the Lord of creation, did will. We have remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and in other lands with verses that draw nigh the honored servants. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Supreme Horizon and attained My Preserved Tablet.

O people of Kha! Rejoice in that the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of the verses of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, hath turned towards you. We have remembered every city that hath been illumined by the lights of remembrance, and every village wherefrom hath wafted the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have praised every spot wherein the mention of God was raised, and every servant who hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the One Who doeth what He willeth through My word “Be” and it is.

O concourse of loved ones! We make mention of My Name, the Wronged One, Who was imprisoned in the land of ?a for having summoned the people unto God, the Lord of all kings. And We make mention of ’Ali-Akbar who spoke the truth when questioned about this Most Great Announcement concerning which all are in dispute. And We make mention of My chosen ones and My loved ones who turned toward the Prison through that which the hands of every heedless one had wrought. By God’s life! These are the people of the Crimson Ark, though the people perceive it not. They are servants whom the blame of the blamer hath not deterred in the path of God, nor have the veils of every unknown scholar hindered them - they who warred against God and pronounced judgment against His chosen ones without any clear proof or manifest Book.

O Most Exalted Pen! Conclude this Tablet with the mention of him who turned to My horizon and set his face toward My countenance, who arose to serve My Cause and traveled through the lands to exalt My Name and raise My Word aloft, and who bore in My path that which none knoweth save My all-pervading Self, the Witness of all that is seen and unseen. Blessed is he, and blessed is his father who cast away the world in his longing to attain the presence of the Ancient King, who traversed land and sea until he reached the Prison and stood before the Gate, and heard the call from the Dayspring of Glory, and received from the hand of His bounty His sealed nectar.

O ’Ali-Muhammad! Behold and remember when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, and didst witness His most exalted horizon and drink from the ocean of His hidden favors. We were with thee when thou didst speak My Name and guide the servants to My straight path. Convey My greetings to those who have turned with radiant faces toward their imprisoned and lonely Lord. By My life! Soon shall all that the people possess perish, while the dominion of earth and heaven shall remain with the chosen ones of God, the Lord of this frequented House.

We make mention of the handmaidens who turned away from the dawning-places of ignorance and faced the Dayspring of knowledge. Blessed are ye, O My handmaidens, for having inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Robe when every mighty one, puffed up with pride, turned away therefrom. The glory shining from the horizon of My heaven of grace be upon My loved ones and friends, and upon My handmaidens and leaves who have held fast to the cord of My firm decree. And praise be to God, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the Mighty, the Wondrous!

O Mahdi! I have sent down and dispatched unto thee luminous and holy Tablets, that perchance thou mightest be illumined by their light and cause all men to be brightened and enlightened thereby. Haply might the murk of this world of clay and the promptings of the denizens of hell be erased from the hearts of the people of the highest heaven, that they might face the holy rays of the Sun of inner meanings and be illumined by its wondrous effulgence. Yet despite this supreme bounty and this most great favor, thou didst not bestir thyself, as though not even a drop appeared from thee. And afterward I sent flaming and fiery Tablets, in every letter of which was concealed the call “Verily I am God”, that perchance thou mightest hearken unto the sweet melodies of the All-Glorious and the exalted trills of the All-Merciful,

and the moisture of thy lethargy and the dampness of thy torpor might be brought to boil by their heat, and thou mightest raise such a cry from thy soul that would cause the dwellers of the highest Kingdom and the lands of creation to cry out, and through thy yearning lamentation they would hasten to reunion with their Beloved. From that too We saw no fruit and heard no trace. And in all these degrees, I swear by the Beauty of the All-Glorious, there hath been and shall be no purpose save the ascension of veiled souls to the divine and holy heights. I am astonished how these holy and eternal breezes and these life-giving and merciful breaths have shown no effect and displayed no traces. Therefore, now once again I have sent this noble and holy leaf, adorned with holy and infinite signs, that perchance in this subsequent stage thou mightest make up for what thou didst neglect in the first. O Mahdi! With a weighty soul and an ailing frame, ascent to the holy and noble heaven of glory is impossible, and with broken wings, flight in the atmosphere of the forgiving Glory is impossible. Therefore, cast away from thyself, through divine strength, whatsoever thou hast borne that hath caused the weariness of thy soul, that perchance after this supreme lightening thou mightest enter the most exalted court of glory and the most resplendent fields of holiness.

O Mahdi! Every matter requires proof and every claim demands evidence. The token of those who are detached is nearness to the realms of the Manifest Lord, and the sign of the enraptured lover is orientation toward the sanctified seats of the Traceless One. The intent of this nearness has never been to traverse the path with infirm feet; rather, that nearness which has been and ever shall be sanctified from all directions is what is meant and intended. Although not every eye is worthy to gaze upon the Countenance of the All-Glorious, nay all are forbidden, for the Ancient King has, on account of the deceit of the deceivers and the craftiness of the crafty, veiled the Manifest Beauty in such wise that none is granted the honor of attainment unto His presence, nor permitted to drink from the cup of nearness, save whom thy Lord willeth.

But thou, O Mahdi, hearken with the ear of thy soul unto My wondrous counsels and act upon them with utmost diligence, for the cloud of My gracious favors hath not been withheld from thee, nor have the outpourings of the ocean of My bounty been cut off. Beware, beware, lest through the breaths of the malevolent ones thou deprive thyself of the sweet savors of My eternal glory. Beware, beware, lest thou veil thyself from the hand that holdeth the kingdom of all things and from the manifestation of His training, Who traineth all things and through Whom all things appear according to their relationship with Him.

Abide beneath the shade of sanctified grace and enter beneath the shadow of the training of the Beauty of Divine Unity. Consider the date stone: if the hand of men's training should plant it in blessed and goodly soil, ere long a tree will appear, and lofty and wondrous fresh dates will become manifest and visible. Now if thou shouldst regard this with an eye that seeth no end, thou wouldst behold this tree and its fruits unto an end that hath no end, for from a single date stone a hundred thousand dates become manifest. Now that a hundred thousand stones have appeared, how can the fruits thereof have any end? However, had that first stone been cast upon barren and unsuitable ground, none of these fruits and trees and branches would have appeared in the realm of being.

Therefore, O Mahdi, surrender the seed of thy being to the control of God's conquering and omnipotent hand, that He may plant it in the blessed and holy soil of His paradise, that from it may appear everlasting branches, eternal boughs, and never-ending fruits. But observe with keen sight and delicate vision that if a fresh date be planted, it will yield no fruit, for it hath not been divested of its outer garment and hath not been detached from whatsoever pertaineth to this world. Yet when the bare and detached stone returneth to the soil of the Lord of Lords, it is therefore blessed with these supreme honors and countless fruits.

Therefore, O Mahdi, enter barefoot into the sanctified court of Divine Unity, and purified from all else, arrive at the station of eternal glory. This is the counsel of the Merciful Lord unto His servant. O Mahdi! Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputations. At last, send forth from thy soul one selfless breath for the sake of the Beloved, and dispatch from thy grief-stricken heart one sorrowful sigh, detached from attachment to all things, to the paradise of the Lord of the worlds. How long wilt thou remain occupied with this and that, and be frightened by the words of troubled souls? I swear by God that they who seek My path hasten with assured steps to the seats of the All-Merciful. Purify and sanctify existence from the defilement of limitations and allusions, and with perfect tranquility enter the tabernacles of the Lord of all beings.

O Mahdi! On the tongues and in the mouths of the common people runs this saying: "Death comes but once, and lamentation but once - die once and begin life anew." Be not grieved at divine destiny, nor distressed at His ordained decrees. I swear by My Beauty that the arrows of the Beloved's decree have been and ever shall be dearer than all else that is desired, and the poison of His tribulation hath been and shall ever be sweeter to the palate of His true lover than any honey. Therefore be thou neither troubled by the blows that have befallen thee, nor distressed by the calamities that have descended, for after every darkest night hath followed the dawning of a brilliant morn. Plant thy feet firmly upon the straight path in such wise that all the world may become steadfast through thy steadfastness and attain unto certitude. This is the counsel of thy Lord, if thou be of them that hearken.

For the solace of thy heart, consider My tribulations, for from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, none hath endured nor shall endure such afflictions. So manifest and evident hath My oppression become that the oppression of every oppressed one hath been erased from memory. At all times and seasons have the oppressors wreaked their tyranny upon this Manifest Beauty, yet did I conceal it until matters reached such a pass that the very essence of tyranny raised the standard of oppression and arose with utter guile, that perchance thereby the people might be deprived of the dawning-places of glory and the daysprings of eternal holiness. Thou well knowest that none hath ever comprehended, nor ever shall comprehend, the true nature of this Cause and its exaltation. Whosoever claimeth otherwise hath spoken falsehood against the Lord of Baha and is recorded among the liars in the Holy Tablets.

I mention one matter that thou mayest ponder it and shed tears of grief like the spring rain and holy clouds over My oppression. Consider then: What is the state of a mighty King Who taketh a handful of clay in His merciful hands, moisteneth it with the water of His grace, breatheth into it the spirit of life, and nurtureth it with the blessings of His bounty and the water of His mercy until their names become

renowned throughout all lands and their mention famous in every region? Then the breezes of vainglory begin to blow and the winds of falsehood to stir, until it reacheth such a pass that certain souls divest themselves of the garment of the Desired One, and not content with this, raise objections against the Beauty of the Desired One and turn away from His proof.

Observe now how many afflictions and trials have befallen that King of the seen and unseen. I swear by the Beauty of the All-Glorious that what hath befallen this Beauty is a hundred thousand times greater than this, but the people perceive not. Nay, not content with these things, they have arisen to cut down the Divine Tree and have striven in this nefarious design with such intensity that it transcendeth description by tongue or pen. But God hath destroyed them for their plotting and will destroy them for what they plot.

Now all things are engaged in lamentation and weeping, while they rejoice in their seats. Such is the condition of this company. Furthermore, denial hath reached such a point that they seek to become a barrier between the Beauty of the All-Merciful and the people of creation, even as they have sent tablets of associating partners with God and embodiments of hatred to all lands, and forbidden all servants from approaching the direction of the All-Merciful and the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We recorded their deeds and mentioned them in the Tablet as a remembrance from Us to them that remember. And praise be to My Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

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He is God, exalted be His glory and greatness!

The divine verses have encompassed the world and the light of His grace has illumined the hearts of the unitarians. The orb of justice has risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of supreme statecraft, yet the veils of heedless souls–that is, the turning away of those evil ones–have concealed its rays. What has been the cause of deprivation, and what the reason for prevention? There can be no doubt that the All-Bountiful Lord, exalted be His favor and magnificent His grace, created the world for the sole purpose of recognition and the manifestations of justice and fairness. The rain of His generosity has ever poured down and the verses of His grace have descended. In all things the banner of God's power is raised, and in every station the standard of God's might is unfurled. Nevertheless, the unitarians are seen to be weak and the polytheists strong, as witnessed when the cities of the people of divine unity were besieged and the artillery of the polytheists encompassed them. This is naught but the recompense of deeds and actions.

And the prayer shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's mercy be upon the Essence of His creation, the Dawning-place of His signs, the Dayspring of His revelation and the Source of His Cause, through Whose light the world was illumined and in Whose name the nations were blessed. He it is through Whom every cause began and ended, and through Whom appeared the straight path of God and His mighty Command. But for Him no name among names would have appeared, nor any attribute among attributes. And upon His family and companions, whom the veils of the veiled ones prevented not, nor the might of the polytheists–they aided the Cause of God with true aid such that their might seized all

in the world and their power encompassed all peoples. These are servants whom nothing whatsoever frightened and no mention barred. They arose from the horizon of power and conquered the cities of the wicked. Through them shone forth the light of unity and appeared the decree of detachment.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by them and by what appeared through them in Thy path, to assist the people of unity in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then aid them against those who have transgressed against them and seized their rights. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, the servant received your letter. I read what was in it and presented it before His countenance. The Lord–may our souls be a sacrifice for Him–said: "We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before the faces of His servants the gate of His grace, to draw them nigh unto the ocean of His knowledge, to adorn them with that whereby His Cause may be exalted, and to ordain for them from the Supreme Pen the reward of the Hereafter and of the former time. He is, verily, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. We bear witness that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in recognition of His singleness. He hath ever been mighty over all who are in earth and heaven. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We send greetings from this station to Our loved ones and counsel them to wisdom and to that whereby the station may be exalted among the people." End.

Praise be to God! The blessing of love, which is accounted among the greatest of divine bestowals, exists - the world is ablaze with its fire and illumined by its light. When in equilibrium, it is the spirit animating all created things, but if it exceeds its bounds in the slightest degree, it brings destruction and obliteration. Glory be to God! Both the prosperity of the world stems from it and its ruin. What manner of creation is this, that all are bewildered by its description! Both the wailing of weeping rises from it, and boundless joy is made manifest through it. This servant beseeches and implores God - exalted be His glory - to bestow moderation upon His loved ones and to grant them the taste of the choice sealed wine. In one station, it is the guide and the channel of grace after the Prophets - peace be upon them. In another station it is the interpreter, and in yet another the expositor. Glory be to God! Its description cannot be completed by the pen. In all things this bounty is evident and manifest according to their measure, for all things point to God - exalted be His glory. Likewise from His handiwork are the pen and ink, though they cannot race in this field. The Command is in God's hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As to the mention made of Haji Siyyid Mahdi - upon him be God's peace - his remembrance hath been accepted in the presence of the Lord. Let them recite this prayer, for verily it guideth unto the straight path of God.

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, and directing myself to the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, the Sources of Thine inspiration, the Repositories of Thy knowledge and the Fountainheads of Thy commandments and laws. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and guide the nations, and by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all things, and by Thy signs that have pervaded earth and heaven, and by those whose hearts were melted in Thy love and who gave up

their spirits and all they possessed in Thy path, not to deny me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and destined for Thy trusted ones. O Lord! Thou seest the needy one standing before the gate of Thy favour, and the destitute one clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Thou art He to Whose exaltation and sublimity all created things have testified, and to Whose greatness and power all things possible have borne witness. O Lord! Send down from the clouds of Thy mercy's heaven that which will draw us near unto Thee, then provide us with the best of what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I testify, O my God, to Thy unity and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been in the heights of majesty and power, and wilt ever be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. The conditions of creation do not weaken Thee, nor do the doubts of the people. Verily Thou art the Self-Subsisting One Whose hosts are not weakened by the armies of the world nor by the ranks of nations. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. My God, my God! Thou seest the sinner who hath sought the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the remote one who hath desired the horizon of Thy nearness and good-pleasure. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy verses and the breezes that waft from the direction of Thy loving-kindness, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise, in turning to Thy horizon, in beholding Thy signs and in directing myself toward Thy verses. O God of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Light, the Most Straight Path, to number me among those whom Thou hast described in Thy Book which Thou didst send down unto the Sovereign of Thy Messengers - they are honoured servants on whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. Wilt Thou deny me, O my God, after I have hastened to the Euphrates of Thy mercy, and wilt Thou disappoint me, O my Purpose, after I have raised my suppliant hands to the heaven of Thy grace and Thy gifts? Nay, by Thy glory! This is not what I think of Thee. I testify that Thy door is open, Thy grace all-encompassing, and Thy mercy ever-precedent. Neither do the rejection of Thy servants prevent Thy generosity, nor the errors of those in Thy lands hinder Thy giving. Therefore forgive me through Thy grace and bounty, then aid me to serve Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Praise be to God! Divine favors are manifest and grace is resplendent. This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to confirm them in that which is befitting and to aid them in His remembrance and praise, and in acknowledging that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken before the creation of earth and heaven. Verily, there is no God but Him. He begetteth not, nor is He begotten, and He hath taken neither consort nor son. God willing, may they drink of the choice wine of utterance, for whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Had all the peoples of the world hearkened to the Word of Unity as it deserveth to be hearkened to, all would have turned unto God, detached from all else. The deceptive conditions and allusions of the world have debarred the nations from the most great bounty. Reward and punishment are two mirrors reflecting good and evil deeds which are manifested therein. By the mystery of existence I swear that had they acted according to the Book of God, exalted be His glory, the evident abasement witnessed today would not have come to pass. All must now raise their outer and inner hands to the heaven of bounty and grace of God, exalted be His station, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, and seek His help, that perchance none may remain deprived and forbidden from the ocean of awareness and knowledge. In

brief, the recompense of people's deeds hath held them back, but as the door of grace is open, it is hoped that the lamentations of the believers and the monotheists may prove effective and He may adorn the world with the ornament of justice and equity. The supplication is from the servants and the answer is from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

To the honored and beloved H and S, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, I send greetings. Praise be to God, they have attained and their mention hath been made before the Lord. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon him from the heaven of grace the rains of mercy and bestowal. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His Word "Be" and it is. Likewise, to the honored and beloved K and R, upon him be the peace of God and His favors, and to the other friends, upon them be the peace of God, I send greetings and for each I seek confirmation and support. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace and praise be upon you and upon the sincere servants of God.

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The City of God. O physician, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

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

At all times doth the Book of God call out and declare: "O people of the earth! The True One, glorified be His majesty, hath sent Me down from His Kingdom of utterance that ye might all hold fast unto Me and find the path of salvation. Through Me is the straight path made clear and the evident proof established. Through My being hath the world been established, through Me are mysteries revealed and lights made manifest, the ocean of knowledge billoweth and the sun of wisdom shineth resplendent. O people of the glorious Faith and the radiant Law! Return ye unto the Truth and act according to Me. Today the monotheists must arise to make good what hath been lost, that perchance the departed glory might return, the fallen standard be raised again, and the banner of power be unfurled. But alas! Alas! For in the days when I was with the Interpreter and We came for the salvation of the world, the people of the earth were found heedless and remote, save for a few. And afterward, when the sword appeared, some turned to Him willingly or unwillingly. In truth, had the servants been enabled to act according to what was recorded in God's Book by the Supreme Pen, the whole world would now be illumined with the light of unity. The results of deeds have weakened strength and transformed assurance into fear and trepidation."

And peace and blessings be upon Him unto Whom God revealed the Book and sent Him for the guidance of creation until the Day of Return, through Whom was opened the gate of knowledge and understanding before all possibility, and through Whom spoke the Tongue of Grandeur: "Power and might belong to Me and to My friends." And upon His family and companions, at whose might the world trembled and the skin of the nations shuddered. Through them was made manifest God's power among His servants and His sovereignty over all lands - blessings eternal and everlasting.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, the servant hath been honored by your letter, which was an eloquent proof testifying to your sincerity and your devotion. It related what was hidden in the grieving heart. I beseech the Exalted One to assist your honor and to aid you with the means of the heavens and the earth. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

After reading and reflecting, proceeding to the Presence, achieving the honor of attentive listening, the Lord (may our souls be His sacrifice) said: "O physician, upon thee be My peace! Thou hast fallen into hardship. The True One, glorified be His majesty, hath foretold the absence of comfort in this world. In truth, its comfort is hardship, let alone its hardship. However, since it is transient, there hath been and is no harm. In one station, hardship is the cause of testing the servants, that the station of each soul might become known - from it patient perseverance is made manifest, and through it the world of attention and remembrance is adorned and evident. O physician! Tears are very good, and sighs most desirable. Hardship is the cause of the awakening of being, and awakening is the cause of reflection upon the end. In this state, sighs ascend and tears descend. Were We to expand upon this station, a book would come into being. We beseech the True One, glorified be His majesty, to preserve your honor from the vicissitudes of time. Say […]"

O my God, my God! Your love has set me ablaze, and my remoteness from the shore of Your nearness has consumed me, causing my veins to be severed and my liver to melt. I beseech You by Your Prophets and Your chosen ones, by the mysteries of Your Kingdom and Your Dominion, and by the Mother Book which none has known save You, to aid me in that which You love and are pleased with, and to assist me in serving Your chosen ones and Your loved ones. Then grant me the best of what You have revealed in Your Book. O Lord! You see that hardship has encompassed me and difficulty has seized me. Where is Your ease, O Master of existence, and Your repose, O Sovereign of the seen and unseen? You behold me, O my Goal, turning toward the lights of Your countenance, holding fast to the cord of Your grace, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Your bounty. O Lord! The thirst of days has destroyed me. Where is the sweet water of Your mercy, O Goal of the worlds? I beseech You by Your Name through which You have subdued the world and guided the peoples, to send down upon me from the clouds of the heaven of Your grace the rain of Your bounty, that it may cleanse me from the murk of the world and its cares and sorrows. Then open before my face and the faces of Your servants the gates of Your relief. You are He by Whose will all things have appeared and by Whose desire all possibilities have been created. Ordain for me through Your Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. There is no God but You, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! The drops from the vessel of grace have made fresh and verdant the realm of the seen and unseen. Ever has the sun of His truth and bounty been manifest and evident and clear. This servant beseeches the Eternal Lord and submits in humility and supplication that He may confirm that Beloved One in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and His glorious Law. O Beloved of my heart! We must all, in the nights and days, hold fast to the cord of grace of the Lord of all beings and seek from Him the protection of the people of unity. The servant asks his Lord to protect the people of unity from the fire of the hatred of the polytheists and to assist them in what they have missed in pure servitude to His true Self. For had the Book been followed, this evident abasement would not have occurred. In all conditions, we beseech the Exalted Truth for the reformation of the people of the world,

that all may attain to the fruit of their existence and not depart heedless from this world. Verily, He is God; there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Hearing, the Answering.

As to what you wrote concerning the emigrants and the Leaf, upon them be the peace of God and His favors - they were honored in these regions for a time. Praise be to God, they inhaled the fragrance of the Hijaz and bore the difficulties of the way for love of the Glorious One. They attained to the circumambulation of the House and the sight of Yathrib. God protected them with the hosts of the seen and unseen and granted them a great victory, for despite the upheavals in these parts and the might of the polytheists and the disorder of the way, they arrived, saw, and attained in perfect health and safety. This is among the special and mighty divine favors. Blessed are they!

And as to what was mentioned that the honored emigrants, after visiting the Sacred Thresholds, intended to stay in that House - this matter was honored by being heard. We ask God to assist them in what they have intended, to remind them of His verses, to adorn them with His beautiful remembrance, and to ordain for them the reward of what they have done in His path. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Concerning what was written about the House, they said that you yourself know there were and are no special funds with the friends that could be transferred. And the matter of the House - its details are not known. Previously a description was written and sent, but no reply was received - apparently it did not arrive. This matter was truly approved in consideration of your love and desire. Now you should, as commanded, describe in detail the affairs of the House - how much has been received and how much remains, and likewise how much you intend to spend on repairs. However, given the lack of means, the more modest it can be the better and more fitting. This year the affairs of this land have also become somewhat disturbed. Surely news about the House in this land has reached or will reach your ears. In any case, they repeatedly said that the honored physician has been put to trouble - the first matter not yet complete when you fell into a second difficulty. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, due to lack of means these matters and their completion were delayed. Now you should write in detail all that was mentioned and send it. After its receipt, it must be carried out in whatever way possible. In these days some mischief-makers in this land have made certain accusations that have caused grief to the friends - that is, general grief. Although whatever has happened and is happening has been in the path of God and we are all content and thankful for it. Convey greetings from this ephemeral one to the friends in that land. God willing, may all be assisted to act in ways that cause the reformation of the world and the tranquility of nations. A reply to this letter is desired as soon as possible.

And concerning what you wrote that “it is two hours past sunset on Thursday the 13th of Jumada I, and we are dwelling in the upper chamber above the entrance with weeping eyes and burning hearts, together with the Leaf, upon her be God’s peace” - these words had a profound effect. The dwellers of the pavilion of glory all send their greetings to that Leaf and express their loving-kindness. The servant asks his Lord as you asked: “O God! Cause Your House to be built by the hands of Your chosen ones and Your loved ones. Verily You have power over all things.”

The greetings and praise of that beloved one were conveyed to the presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit, my being and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps - and

each one expressed loving-kindness and sends greetings with the utmost eagerness, love and kindness. Praise be to God, mention of that beloved one and the days you were here has been and continues to be made. Blessed are you! Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

My spirit and my being be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Spirit, through Whom the breath of the Spirit hath wafted from the direction of Thy nearness, and the fragrance of the garment of Thy reunion hath been diffused, causing these decayed bones to quiver. The glorious letter of that beautiful Countenance, which was adorned with the crown of grandeur, magnificence and glory to the name of our Lord, the Glorious, the Most Glorious, came as a spiritual diadem adorning the head of this ephemeral one, and the fragrances of the garment of sanctification were inhaled from its holy words, free from incidental allusions and the indications of vain imaginings. Glory be unto God, then power, might and dominion be unto God, Who, by a gesture of the finger of His power, rent asunder the all-encompassing veils of names, and were He to will and make another gesture with His other sacred fingertip, He would raise up the entire kingdom of names and the heaven of essences in their reality. Then would appear the word: "Immortality belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Glorious, the Most Glorious." And furthermore, with this same exalted finger He created a new creation, such that were all the worlds of origination and invention to become embodiments of names and desire to utter or speak a single letter from the letters of the Book of Creation other than that which hath been revealed from the Most Glorious Pen of God, they would all be considered absolute nothingness and sheer non-existence. Exalted, exalted is the power of our Lord, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Omnipotent!

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

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

Concerning the beloved friends in the land of S and M, about whom they have written both before and after, mention of all has been made before the Divine Throne, and infinite expressions of loving-kindness have dawned from their Source upon all. All have been and are beneath the glance of mercy and the gaze of loving-kindness, and the Tablets of God have also been sent down from the heaven of His Will. God willing, they will gradually be dispatched, and all shall be nourished from the inexhaustible ocean of grace.

Convey this evanescent one's expressions of devotion, self-effacement and glorification to all of them. May my spirit be a sacrifice unto them for having recognized, turned unto, believed in, and become certain of God. We beseech God that they may remain steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, and be among the firm ones. In the Tablet addressed to your honor, all have been mentioned by the Ancient Tongue. Convey the glorification of the Truth to all. The petitions that were sent with Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, met with circumstance, and in the great city all were destroyed, and indeed they acted with wisdom. Your honor should write the details to the people of Kha. Two Tablets specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib were revealed more than a year ago but did not arrive. Now they have been sent and should be delivered. A single number of exalted Tablets were revealed, some sent without names. Your honor should consider them and deliver them as appropriate, and gladden and illumine all with the manifestations of God's infinite bounties and the effulgences of the Sun of His most glorious mercy. The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, its twigs, fruits and leaves, all remember your honor with most wondrous and exalted praise, mention and glorification. Furthermore, convey this evanescent one's expressions of devotion, love and glorification to your honored father and mother, upon them be the glory of their Lord, and likewise to all relatives and kin and all who attain your presence. I trouble all with expressions of devotion and countless glorifications. God willing, may all remain firm and steadfast in the path of the Cause through the influence of your holy breaths and spiritual emanations, in such wise that the false indications and polytheistic allusions of the opposing souls may neither prevent nor veil them. By God! O my beloved! Verily the Cause is mighty, and mightier than all that is mighty, nay mightier still than that, and thy Lord is the Most High, the Mighty.

According to your command, you must act with great wisdom in this journey, and strong emphasis has been laid on this matter. God willing, this has been and will continue to be observed. Furthermore, among the incidents that have occurred is that two individuals and their sister in the Land of Sirr exhibited such behavior that, by God besides Whom there is no other God, the like of it has never been heard of in creation. When God forbade them from what they did, they turned away and objected until they denied God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. In all days and nights they engaged in what they were forbidden from. They mocked God's messengers and emissaries, and from them appeared that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle around thy Lord's throne, the Mighty, the Generous, to lament. They were never truly followers of my Faith, but in the Land of Sirr they secretly engaged in opposition and objection until one saw the overwhelming might of his Lord and repented at the time of death, and God forgave him - verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. After his passing, Rida-Quli came and repented - verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, possessed of manifest grace. Though his inner hypocrisy was known, due to the precedence of mercy and the all-encompassing grace, it was concealed until he arrived at this prison and openly began misleading some, for he found the Truth imprisoned and oppressed. He drank wine openly and his sister would drink and appear before the Countenance. Thus did it come to pass with the Beloved. This has been mentioned that thou mayest be informed. And this was among their better deeds - we seek God's refuge from their other acts. When their rebellion, tyranny and ingratitude reached their height, God cast them out and left them in the torment of hell. They departed and said what none before had said. Fie upon them and their faithlessness! Whatever divine verses they possessed, they added some fabricated ones and gave them to the people of this land, creating great mischief. But their efforts in this vain life came to naught. Verily He

is the ruler over what He wills. They attributed all their reprehensible deeds to the Truth. Observe how, despite God's great mercy and all-encompassing grace, they rebelled such that when they sought forgiveness it was not accepted. Thus they returned disappointed and at loss, and now they have united with Satan - God's curse be upon them. Those souls wrote such letters in the Land of Sirr against Iblis and his followers and sent them in all directions. In any case, O My loved one, they have manifested such hatred the like of which has not been seen. They oppose all the Prophets and Messengers. We beseech God to seize them with His justice. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Furthermore, for some time verses had not been revealed from the heaven of divine will, the door of meeting was closed, and the Countenance of the Desired One sat alone in the house. For several days now the clouds of favor have risen and the rain of mercy has descended. God willing, mighty tablets will continue to be sent from the divine direction, that thy eyes and the eyes of the knowing ones may be gladdened thereby. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Additionally, regarding the outcast soul, a brief note has also been written to Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the glory of God - they will observe it. Also, convey from this servant an exalted greeting to Aqa Mirza Sayyid Husayn from the people of Ta and Fa, and write to them in detail so they may be informed. And the spirit and glory and holiness and splendor be upon thee and those with thee among the people of Baha.

In most of the revealed Tablets, whether Persian or Arabic, the Pen of the Lord of Creation has, both implicitly and explicitly, forbidden the servants to turn towards this direction, and there has been much emphasis, warning and admonition in this binding commandment from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful One. You must specifically forbid this and not allow anyone to turn in this direction, for manifest harm lies therein. In one of the exalted Persian Tablets, these words were revealed - exalted be His glory: "Forbid the loved ones of God from turning towards this direction. Say: O friends! harm will befall the very root of the Tree through coming and going. Beware lest ye transgress that which hath been ordained in the Book. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Similar blessed passages, and even more severe and emphatic ones, have been revealed in numerous places, but we have confined ourselves to this one passage. We must all beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant us the grace to act according to His command and walk in the path of His good-pleasure. Verily, He ordaineth naught for His servants save that which is better for them than the kingdoms of earth and heaven. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

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O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! A hundred thousand pities that the people of the world hearkened not to the rustling of the Supreme Pen and remained deprived of the whispering of the Divine Lote-Tree. They counted affliction as a bounty and torment as ease. Throughout the nights and days We summoned those on earth to the Great Announcement and the Straight Path. The people of the cities of justice and fairness all bear witness. From the Supreme Pen flowed that which a single drop thereof was the water of

life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Yet greed and avarice have so encompassed the people of earth that all remain veiled and occupied with their own idle fancies, imagining that other than God can assist, support and benefit them. Far, far from it! Say: Ponder upon the parties of old and inquire, that perchance ye may be mindful. Today is the Day of God. Strive that ye may attain unto His knowledge and arise as behoveth you. The Caesars, Pharaohs and tyrants of the world in every age and cycle arose in oppression, vainly counting themselves as enduring and others as transient. Where are their stations and their palaces? Behold their graves, that perchance their extinction may remind you, their remoteness draw you near, and their darkness illuminate you. O My Name! The people are seen to be asleep, nay rather dead, save whom God willeth. Beseech God that He close not this door He hath opened, and extinguish not this fire He hath kindled through His love. He is the One with power whom the cawing of the world hindered not, and the clamor of the nations withheld not from His purpose. He called aloud in the palace, His remembrance was raised in the garden, and in the Most Great Prison He bore, more than at all other times, that which all were powerless and incapable of bearing. The heaven beareth witness, and the sun is aware of what hath been mentioned - this Sun of Truth that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings. Today the melodies of the Manifestations of Beauty are raised in the Most Exalted Paradise, the cooing of the doves of eternity is heard, and the murmuring of atoms is apparent. Blessed are they who have hearkened with true ears and become detached and free from the world and all that is therein. Convey to the people of God, wheresoever they may be, the greetings of the Wronged One, and remind them all of the verses of the Manifestation of clear proofs, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Truth and may not be afflicted with the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the past. The Supreme Pen hath at times desired to rend asunder all veils completely, but the weakness of the servants and their lack of capacity hath restrained it. The people are weak and the Cause mighty and great.

O My Name! There appeared before the Wronged One a letter which two of the friends had written to thee, adorned with mention of the loved ones of the land of K. The name of each is remembered before the Dawning-Place of Names and the Source thereof. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the waves of the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and have drunk of the sealed wine which had ever been hidden, from the hands of bounty. That wine, in its primary station, is the recognition of the Self of the Manifestation. Whosoever attaineth unto His knowledge is indeed a partaker of that wine and numbered among them that comprehend, and none besides hath any share of this most great favor. Give thou the glad-tidings from God unto all, that they may rejoice and drink from the divine chalice the water of life of steadfastness, in such wise that the sources of vain imaginings and the heedless among the people of the Bayan may find no way unto them. O My Name! Make thou the people aware, saying: Consider ye at the beginning of the Cause the former community. If ye become informed of the calumnies of that group, ye will hold fast unto the cord of God's favor with such firmness that the fragrance of permanence may be inhaled therefrom. A few heedless souls became the leaders of that community and led them all to hell. They changed God's favor into denial and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition. Reflect ye upon the Manifestation of the Herald, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. All the lands of Persia arose in error, hypocrisy, unbelief and dissension, and issued decrees for the shedding of the most pure blood of the Day-Star of the horizons. Such was the fruit of that community. Now again certain worshippers of names who have appeared in the

Bayan desire to contaminate the people of God with those same vain imaginings. Say: O people! If ye discover the fragrance of the Bayan and perceive the sweet savors of the Supreme Pen, arise with utmost endeavor and steadfastness to serve the Cause.

O people of K! We counsel you to be steadfast in these days in such wise that the hearts of the doubters who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have turned away from Him Who hath come with what they possessed of the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be sorely troubled. Verily, the primary source of error hath been the divines who opposed God's Messengers in the past and present, and through their turning away the people turned away. To this testifieth every fair-minded and well-informed person. Beware lest the intimations and doubts of the cawers prevent you from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you and upon everyone who is steadfast, firm and upright.

In the letter sent by the servant Ali and Aqa Hashim, mention was made of Mulla Aqa Jan. Give thou the glad-tidings to that servant of his Lord's loving-kindness. Verily He hath forgiven him as a token of His grace and purified him from transgression. He is verily the Protector, the Mighty, the Bestower. O My Name! That which was submitted by him who is named Nayib Hasan hath been presented, and the Most Great Branch - upon him be My mercy, My loving-kindness and My grace - read it before My face, and We have revealed for him that which will draw him nigh unto God. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O Hasan! Grieve not because of the taunts of the enemies and the clamor of them that are in the lands. We have borne that for which all things have lamented, and I am the True One, the Trustworthy. We have arisen before all faces when the Sun of Justice was behind the clouds and the Orb of Equity behind the veils, and We have manifested the Cause as a token of Our grace. Thy Lord is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Say:[…]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy knowledge whereby the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee were illumined, and by the fire of Thy love which hath set aflame the hearts of them that yearn after Thee, and by the radiance of the heaven of Thy bounty and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily Thou knowest what I possess, and I know not what Thou dost possess. Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Lord! Strengthen my limbs in Thy service and my heart in Thy knowledge, and aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve that which beseemeth Thy Revelation and Thy days. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning him who is named Ibrahim Kh., We have indeed heard his call before. He is among those who have attained unto tribulations in My love and My path. God hath magnified his reward in His perspicuous Book. This world hath no station. Erelong shall the wrongdoers behold the recompense of their deeds, bereft of any evidence from God, the Commander, the All-Wise. O Ibrahim! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily He remembereth thee in truth and remindeth thee of the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds. Turn not unto the world and its affairs. By My life! Had it possessed any station, thou wouldst surely have found Me seizing its reins and established upon its throne. Behold, then remember what the All-Merciful hath sent

down in the Qur'an concerning this most hidden mystery and this mighty announcement, and before it in the Gospel and the Torah, and that which was revealed unto Isaiah from God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Blessed art thou for having endured in My path what My chosen ones have endured, both in the past and in the future. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and within His grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of My verses, turn thy face toward God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to aid me in that which shall cause my remembrance to endure amongst Thy servants and my praise amongst Thy creation. O Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee, detached from all else save Thee, turning unto the effulgences of the lights of Thy countenance, and holding fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are detached from Thy creation. Then write down for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art He Whom the forces of the world cannot hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme over all names, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O My Name! Praise be to God that they have attained in the path of God unto that which hath befallen His loved ones. We beseech and implore Him to keep them steadfast and to make them content. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower, the All-Knowing. Assuredly, whatsoever the requirements of wisdom are hath flowed and shall continue to flow from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon them that have remembered thee, loved thee, assisted thee, and hearkened unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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May Mr. Varqa, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], take note of this.

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all created things through that Name whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced, the hearts of the Manifestations of Names took flight, and through which the lovers uttered "My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thee," and the Dove of Holiness warbled upon the Divine Lote-Tree. The Kingdom and the Realm of Might, then the realms of divine power and sovereignty, then all the kingdoms of creation be a sacrifice unto Thy Name, O King of Names! Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke between the heavens: "By God, the Truth! That which hath come is that by which all atoms were attracted, and verily He is the One Who was forever hidden, none being aware of Him save His Own Self, the One Who dominates all who are in the heavens and the earth." Praise be to God Who hath made tribulation the key to His exalted Paradise, whereby those who followed their desires fled while the people of Baha drew nigh, those who cast away this world and took hold of that which would

profit them in the Hereafter and in this life. Exalted be our Lord, the All-Bountiful, and exalted be His all-pervading grace, and exalted be that whereby He is remembered, described, and praised. Verily, He is the Single One Who was sanctified above all others, and the Expositor Who was elevated above all utterance. We testify that the Kingdom of Utterance circles round Him and prostrates itself at His call and submits at the appearance of His proof. We testify that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

My soul be a sacrifice for Thy love! Two letters which had shone forth from the horizon of your love brought joy to this evanescent one's heart. However, as they conveyed news of the tribulations that had befallen you, and the successive afflictions and cascading calamities, such grief overcame me that its description is impossible for this helpless pen, nay, for the pen of any lover to convey. We beseech God to grant you success and to assist you in all conditions, and to ordain for you that which is best for you. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Although mention of your tribulations caused countless sorrows, yet, as it hath been said:

Every calamity in Thy good-pleasure is joy,

And every sorrow in Thy love is gladness,

Every tribulation in Thy love is comfort,

And every hardship in Thy days is ease.

Every poison in aid of Thy Cause is healing balm, and every bitterness in service to Thee is surpassing honey. By God! Not an atom of what hath befallen that honored one hath been, or shall ever be, effaced from the page of creation. Blessed art thou for having drunk the cup of tribulation in love of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. God willing, through divine bounties thou shalt soon become the dayspring of the mention of all creation and the source of universal affairs. Verily He is the One Who ordaineth what He pleaseth for whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Informed. This servant hath felt the utmost regret, for he was not able to respond to that honored one. This was not due to any neglect or lassitude on the part of this servant, but rather owing to the absence of messengers. In these days, as the beloved and most cherished ones, his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali and his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, upon them be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, were preparing to depart, this petition was boldly presented. God willing, in all conditions ye shall occupy yourselves with wisdom and utterance in making mention of the Goal of the world's peoples, that perchance the heedless, lifeless souls may turn unto the water of life.

Here is another account concerning events in this land - strange and wondrous happenings have occurred there which will surely reach your blessed hearing. In all Tablets, Scriptures, Books and Holy Writings, all the friends have been commanded to manifest religiosity, trustworthiness, truthfulness, high endeavor, justice and fairness - as all the divine friends can bear witness to what has been stated. Nevertheless, certain matters have transpired which this servant is ashamed to mention - the luminous hem has been sullied. Although the resolution of these matters depends upon a Word from God, this servant's sorrow stems from the fact that such souls should appear with perfect trustworthiness, religiosity and truthfulness among the people, so that all may be illumined by the rays of the suns of detachment. For

those souls who are truly gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon today and have reached the supreme heights are the dawning-places of goodly attributes, the rising-points of pure deeds, and the sources of actions that are pleasing and acceptable. We beseech God to aid us in what He loves and is pleased with.

Every morning and evening, night and day, the Supreme Pen, with perfect kindness, mercy, compassion and bounty, summons these servants to that which is best for them. Nevertheless, most remain heedless and occupied with their own desires. In any case, these matters too are among the conditions of imprisonment. For once this servant heard from the Most Holy Tongue saying that although God, exalted be His glory and greatness, transformed the prison land and opened its gate, yet at times certain events occur therein so that the mention of prison and its signs may not be erased. Verily in this are signs for those who understand. I testify that all that was uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur appears in truth and none can gainsend it.

In the days when the Surih of Ra'is was revealed, mention was made of the Sublime State and what it did and what would befall it. Many were bewildered as to how this would come to pass. God, the Most High, the Most Great, spoke truth. Now in these days one should recite that blessed Surih to gain insight into the power and greatness of God's Cause, and all will testify that verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Wise.

Likewise with the Tablet of Paris - no one could conceive how such a momentous matter would come to pass. Indeed, someone mentioned to this servant that it was inconceivable that someone like Napoleon would be deposed or come to an end. But days had not passed before the Sun of God's Word shone forth and all that was revealed in the verses appeared word for word, letter for letter, and all witnessed it. Nevertheless, most again appear heedless and sleeping - nay, dead. And this servant is in all conditions forbidden from mentioning certain hidden matters. Were He to command me to reveal them, all would surely testify that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Another submission: Although this servant delayed sending petitions due to the absence of couriers, it has also been some time since news has come from you, even though letters now arrive directly by post from all parts of Iran. God willing, contrary to before, both this servant shall cause trouble and you shall be the cause of joy.

Another supplication is that you should convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to the loved ones of God–those souls who have drunk from the ocean of love and are gazing toward and turned to the horizon of grace–and make mention that today is the day of the remembrance of God, and today is the day of service and assistance. Time must not be lost, and the purpose of service and assistance is the mention of Truth through wisdom and utterance, that perchance the scattered letters of the world may be gathered together in the temple of a single word, and that word may become the cause of the completion and adornment of the Book of Creation. Say: O leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree! The ear is attentive that it may hear, from the blowing of the winds of the divine days, the sound of your movement and vibration. And let it not be imagined that by movement and vibration is meant conflict, corruption and contention. Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! This Revelation is different from other revelations, and these days are different from other days. God willing, the mature, holy, and steadfast souls should appear in such wise that all the world may partake of the sweet fountains of their love and affection. And since

these fountains flow in the name of Truth, from their murmur should be heard the soul-entrancing call "Verily, He is the Beloved of all worlds." We beseech God that He may confirm today those who drink the choice wine of understanding, that they may invite all people to the Truth and not become the cause of division and discord, and that they may act according to that which hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book from the Supreme Pen. May they pass beyond self-seeing, which is in truth the source of nothingness and duality, and occupy themselves with the mention of Him Who alone exists, so that the polytheists may find no opportunity for aversion and objection. O my masters! Today discord hath been and will be the cause of harm to the Cause of God. Set aside your selves and take hold of God alone. Thus doth your Best-Beloved, the Most Glorious, command you. To this testifieth this servant and those who have acknowledged and recognized that He is God, the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Furthermore, all the pilgrims and assembled souls who have come from various directions are all occupied with your mention. In truth, they convey greetings from the depths of their hearts. Verily, He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing. Glory and majesty be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who have attained and become assured of the meeting with their Lord, the Mighty, [the Impregnable]. The Servant. On the 19th of Jamadiyu'l-Avval.

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In the name of the manifest and visible Lord! O thou Jamalu'l-Fath, hearken unto the divine melodies in the Persian tongue! By God, thou shalt not hear their like though thou searchest throughout all regions. The meaning is that were mention to be made of what hath befallen this servant through the tyranny of enemies and friends, verily would measureless sorrow encompass thee. And this much hath been known to thee, that many matters have remained, and still remain, concealed from all eyes and thoughts for the glory of God's Cause, until such time as God shall will otherwise.

By God, O Fath, the root of the matter was not as the people have heard, and none were apprised thereof save two souls. One was he who was named Ahmad, who hath ascended unto God, and the other was he who was named the Interlocutor, who walketh while destiny walketh behind him. This is one of those mysteries that was hidden from the truth, and this is of the wisdom of thy Lord which none knoweth save those endowed with illumined vision.

None besides God is cognizant of God's Cause. Were it not for the consideration of the people's sedition and thy harm, assuredly would the command be given that thou shouldst turn toward the holy court and become apprised of matters which none else hath known.

Apart from these considerations, the purpose of creation hath ever been the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of Him hath ever been and shall ever be dependent upon the recognition of the Manifestation of His own Self, as is recorded in all the pages of the Bayan. And He Who is the Essence of the All-Merciful hath made all that is ordained in the Bayan conditional upon His appearance and recognition. He Himself sufficeth as a witness. This station hath been sanctified from all limitations, allusions and restrictions, for this is the station of "Know God through God" and through what proceedeth from Him, not through what hath been created between the heavens and earth.

In most passages it hath been mentioned that the people of the Furqan were not well trained. God willing, may the people of the Bayan be so trained that they may not remain veiled from the Source and Fountainhead of the Cause, either through verbal allusions or without them. Now ponder this utterance, that ye may enter the pure ocean of God without allusion, in such wise that ye may regard all as non-existent save him who hath entered beneath the shadow of his Lord.

Now consider the firm ordinances of the Furqan, among which is the mention of the "Seal", in His exalted words "but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets." Consider also the words of the Letters and the Gates concerning the appearance of the Qa'im. Yet at the time of His wondrous manifestation all these sayings were set aside by a single word, as thou thyself bearest witness that the Prophet hath been from the beginning that hath no beginning and will continue unto the end that hath no end, as mentioned in the words of the Exalted One - may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him.

How tenaciously did the people of the Furqan cling to these ordinances, yet remained deprived of their essence! This servant himself wrote numerous treatises on these matters, that perchance the people might rend asunder the veils and recognize the Lord of Names and Attributes. In brief, at the time of manifestation nothing profiteth or hindereth, as hath been mentioned, for the Sovereign of Manifestation is known through His own Self. Were it otherwise, and were He to be known through words and allusions, the verdict of non-existence, negation and hellfire would not have been passed upon the people of the Furqan and those veiled therefrom, notwithstanding these healing utterances.

Free your spirit from the fetters of allusions and ponder the wondrous words, that you may attain unto the spring of divine bounty. Moreover, the Point of the Bayan hath, in all His Tablets, given explicit counsels and conclusive admonitions, that none should remain veiled from the Manifestation or cleave unto aught else. Yet, notwithstanding the wondrous signs of thy Lord that have encompassed all created things, they have inflicted such harm as is not meet to mention. Whatever these immature servants behold - be it the revealed and decisive verses, the all-encompassing conditions, or the manifestations of power in this Revelation - they have witnessed its supreme evidence, such that none but every sinful denier would reject it.

By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! This servant hath transcended self, yet the purpose is that these servants should not remain veiled like the peoples of the past, nor visit upon the Manifestation of the Cause in the next Revelation that which hath been visited upon this servant. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that purely out of self and desire have they perpetrated what they have done, attributing it to this most pure and holy seat. Woe unto them for what they earn! They have ever turned away from the truth, as evidenced by the treatises they have written rejecting one another, all of which are extant. And now, united in their hatred for this Youth, they have written epistles rejecting God and sent them to all regions. Soon they will reach you. If these epistles are examined with an eye unclouded by imitation, by God! the lies of the liar and his ignorance will be as manifest as the sun in mid-heaven. All the refutations of that heedless and ignorant one actually prove this wondrous Cause, were ye to behold with sanctified vision. By God! From his words Satan himself is manifest, as though deprived of the fragrances of the All-Merciful. He speaks as a child, nay lower still hath he been and ever shall be. The rejection of this company of the Beauty of Divine Unity is even as the rejection and turning away of dung beetles from

the Paradise of Divine Unity. Doth it beseem a gnat to object to God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth, were men to comprehend!

Verily, the signs, words and deeds of Truth are, distinct from all else, like the rising sun - manifest and clear. Blessed are they that perceive! The sweet fragrances of the Musk of the All-Merciful waft continually from His signs and utterances, yet none shall detect them save those endowed with refined perception. These words have been revealed for the good-pleasure of God, that perchance they may preserve a few from the depths of passion and lead them to the certitude of eternity. God guideth whom He willeth.

Cast off the garment of blind imitation from the temple of detachment, lest the lights of the Beauty of Divine Unity remain veiled by the covering of limitation, and the Cause of God - which hath ever been sanctified above the comprehension of the learned - be sullied by the allusions of the heedless. Enter the sanctuary of "Know God through God" and the station of "He cannot be comprehended through aught else." Know the Truth through the Truth and comprehend it, for none other than this can truly know that peerless Beauty and the manner of the appearance of the Lord of Majesty, except what He may choose to reveal through His grace.

Therefore, at the time of the Manifestation of the Self-Sufficient, nothing shall profit anyone - even if all who are in the heavens and earth should possess illumined tablets, precious scrolls, or volumes of books - except after their entry and arrival [under the shade of] the Most Great Luminary. Thus doth the Pen of the All-Merciful speak at the time when the fingers of the All-Glorious move it as they please, by His command. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Khalil! Were you to become aware of the sorrow of Nabil, you would not choose the abode of patience and the dwelling of forbearance, but like the lovers would set forth into the desert of longing, consumed by grief for the Day-Star of the horizons. Such is the state of this world and its people. They have ever veiled the Beauty of the One with the veils of envy. Blessed is he who rendeth asunder the veils and entereth beneath the pavilions of holy splendor.

Hear thou My words, then purify thy vision from human allusions and stand at the Most Great Scene. By God! That which was to appear hath appeared, and We beseech God to make thee among those who perceive. Would that there were a fair-minded one with insight, or a detached one with knowledge, who might witness what none among the worlds hath witnessed. Soon shall the greatest clamor be raised, and people shall be prevented from the Most Great Wine. Verily, those who turn away shall be seen to outnumber those who believe, for pebbles are found in abundance while pearls are rare.

God willing, you shall not deprive yourself of the outpourings of the clouds of the Cause and the effusions of the clouds of grace. Would that the people of the Bayan had received from this servant the equivalent of what was revealed by the Point of the Bayan, and had kept themselves from calumnies. Nay, they will not be content with anything less than shedding holy blood. Thus doth their desire command them, if thou be of those who know.

Most wondrous of all things is that, despite this Most Great Revelation and supreme power, none hath reflected upon the nature of the Cause. Rather, all cling to vain imaginings and remain veiled from the

Beauty of certitude. Thus hath it been aforetime and thus shall it be unto the end of ends. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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

O ’Ali-Qabli-Naqi! Hearken unto the Voice from the shore of eternity in the crimson spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Ridvan Festival in the Garden when the All-Merciful revealed Himself unto all creation. Be thou thankful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of earth and heaven!” Say: This is not a day for tarrying. Blessed is he who hath heard the call from the supreme horizon and hath responded: “Here am I, O my Lord, the All-Merciful!” Say: The Call is a wing for him who desireth to soar in this atmosphere, a lamp unto the people of creation, and the river of thy Lord’s mercy unto all existence. It is healing for the distressed and life unto the buried. Blessed is he who hath heard it with the ear of the heart, turning unto the Qiblih of all horizons.

O Most Holy Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto the Sun of his Lord’s countenance, the Mighty, the Bestower, that the remembrance of God may draw him unto the Kingdom of Names and Attributes. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idol of vain imaginings when thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, came in the shadows of the clouds. Arise by thy Lord’s leave, then subdue hearts through this Name which God hath made to be sovereign over all names. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Revealer of verses. Say: O people! The Day hath come–that which ye were promised in the Tablets. Through it the Great Cry hath been raised, and the Rock hath proclaimed: “The Kingdom is God’s, the One, the All-Compelling!” Beware lest the veils of creation withhold thee from turning unto the Supreme Truth. Be as thy Lord was, such that neither the hosts of the earth nor the might of any proud oppressor shall frighten thee. Be thou a herald of My Name and one who speaketh My praise, albeit with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been ordained in the Book.

When We arrived at the prison, We desired to convey to all that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, had willed. We have sent down to every one of the rulers of the earth that which hath blinded the eyes of the unbelievers and gladdened the vision of Our chosen servants. We have created the new creation through the spirit of power and might, and have sent it with the Tablet of thy Chosen Lord, from whose horizon the sun of names hath shone forth with power and sovereignty. Tribulation hath not deterred Us from the remembrance of God, the Creator of names. From the horizon of the prison, We summon the peoples unto the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: O people! Verily, Jacob regained his sight when he found the fragrance of the shirt of a Name among names, and We have sent unto you that which hath diffused the sweet savors of the All-Merciful. Turn ye, O people of understanding! We have heard thy call and have answered thee from this spot, as a token of Our grace unto thee and unto those who have turned unto the Face on a Day wherein feet have slipped.

O Most Pure Pen! Look from the direction of the Most Luminous Scene towards him who is named Ali Akbar, that he may behold himself beneath the gaze of the Lord of Destiny, through whom the Path was

established and the Balance set up. Hearken unto what the Ancient Beauty calls out to thee from the direction of His Most Great Name. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancy and laid hold on certitude when the Self-Subsisting came with clear proof and evidence. Say: O concourse of divines! Remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, He was rejected by him who deemed himself the most learned among men, while he who tended sheep believed in Him. Glory lies not in knowledge but in the recognition of the Known One. Ponder, O ye that are veiled! Behold the paucity of their minds - they write with their pens what their desires dictate to them, after the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen has been raised between earth and heaven. Say: Cast away what ye possess and be silent, then hearken to what the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory utters. How many a veiled woman has turned to God and believed, while how many a turbaned man has turned away and followed the dissenting factions. Blessed is he who has rent asunder the greatest veil in the name of the Lord of mankind and has turned towards the straight path. Among the idolaters is he who said: "Has the Hour come?" Say: "Nay, by the Lord of Lords, it has passed! The Sun of Certitude has shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, while the idolaters remain in heedlessness and doubt." Say: "The morn has dawned, and thereby the fragrance of the garment has wafted through all regions." Thus have We inspired thee and sent thee that which causes souls to soar and the hearts of the righteous to be attracted.

O Pen! Turn toward him who has turned to the Most Great Name, who is named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names, that he may rejoice in this remembrance which God has made the ornament of the Book of Creation. Say: We have kindled the fire of longing in all regions, and this is the Beloved One, O concourse of lovers! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which quickeneth the dead. Be thankful that God has aided thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause, and there hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation that which shall establish thy remembrance among His servants. Can any bounty equal this among all that hath been created on earth? Nay, by the Dayspring of Lights! Arise to serve thy Lord - this is better for thee than all thou seest, and every steadfast believer testifies to this. Say: All previous Revelations have culminated in this Most Great Revelation, and whosoever claims after Him is indeed a lying impostor. We beseech God to guide him to repentance should he turn back - verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving; but should he persist in his claim, God will surely send against him one who will show no mercy - He is verily the Almighty, the Subduer. Counsel those who have made God's Cause a plaything and a sport. By My life! They are in grievous error and delusion. Were the Cause as they assert, how could that which We have purposed be established among men? Reflect, O ye who possess insight! How many are the cawing ones who caw - this is what your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, has informed you. O My loved ones! Guard the fortress of the Cause through My Name, the All-Encompassing over all regions, then drink from the cups of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the water of everlasting life, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We expounded the verses for thee and We expound them in another strain. Verily thy Lord is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

We make mention of him who is named Husayn, that he may hear the call of this Wronged One. Verily the Beloved calleth, the Well-Beloved hath come, yet the people understand not. The rapture of the All-

Compelling hath seized all regions, and most of the people are thunderstruck. The Sacred Valley crieth out: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names!”, and the Far Temple proclaimeth: “The Kingdom is Thine, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!” Every lifeless thing hath been quickened by the breezes of God, yet the people are as dead, save those who have cast away desire and laid hold on guidance - these are they that shall prosper.

Grieve not at anything, but trust in thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, in all matters. This is the Day of remembrance and utterance; remind the people of this promised announcement. Sorrow not at remoteness, for how many a far one is near, and how many a near one is far. Thus have We decreed the matter in a preserved tablet. How many a seeker hath arrived yet not attained as he ought, and how many an aspirant hath not arrived yet attained, and how many a servant hath arrived and attained - such a one is among the most exalted of creation, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Unto each We have assigned a portion in the Book. Nothing escapeth His knowledge; verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Blessed is he who hath turned and arrived until he attained the presence of the Throne, detached from his desires, and heard the call of his Lord. He is of those who have outstripped existence. Today none is permitted to attain the presence of the Face, for We are in strictness and a forbidden station. Turn with your hearts - this is better for you in such days, if ye but knew.

O Pen! Make mention of ’Ali at the end, that he may convey the remembrance of his Lord to the utmost end and recite the verses of his Most Glorious Lord that were revealed in this noble station. Though he be in the most ruined of houses, yet the Kingdom circleth round about him. Blessed are they that understand. Can anything sadden him or prevent him from what he desireth? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! In tribulation he calleth unto all who are in creation and summoneth them unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ’Ali! Remember My days and what hath befallen Me at the hands of the wrongdoers. We desired their salvation, yet they strive to shed My blood, though were We to wish, We could seize them with a word from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Mercy hath preceded; verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The people are blind - when their eyes are opened they will reflect and say: “We testify that Thou art the Mighty, the Wondrous!” Be thou assured by the grace of thy Lord, and be a helper of His Cause and one who speaketh in His remembrance. Verily He is with His remembering servants.

O thou who art mentioned in the beginning! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of the Manifestation at the end. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou a servant to thy Lord’s Cause in all conditions, and convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and gladden them with this wise Remembrance. God shall soon seize him who hath wronged and transgressed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Forsake not wisdom in affairs - this is what the Lord of creation hath decreed, before and after. He is the Best of Judges. Say: Praise be to God, the Goal of them that know.

O thou who art turning thy face toward God! The majesty of oneness hath risen above the horizon of divine unity, and the light of singleness hath shone forth from the dayspring of lordship. The wisdom of eternality hath been revealed and the mysteries of creation have been unveiled. The sun of grace hath

risen above the horizon of the world, and the breezes of mercy have wafted from the kingdom of the All-Glorious. The divine springtime hath come and the spiritual verdure hath appeared. The clouds of bounty have rained down the water of life, and the trees of existence have yielded their fruit. The ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the pearls of wisdom have emerged therefrom. The garden of guidance hath been adorned, and the roses of understanding have bloomed. The nightingale of divine verses hath warbled, and the dove of inner meanings hath cooed. The banquet of the Lord hath been spread, and the table of heavenly sustenance hath been laid. The seekers have found their way, and the lovers have attained their goal. The mysteries have been disclosed, and the veils have been rent asunder. The signs have appeared, and the allusions have become manifest […]

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In the name of God, the Most Glorious!

O Nabil Qabli Khalil, upon whom be the glory of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Sublime - the Most Ancient, the Most Great! This is a remembrance unto him who hath attained My presence, turned unto My countenance, heard My call, and whom God hath enabled to behold My Beauty with Mine own eyes, aided him to recognize Me in My days, and caused him to speak My praise amongst My creatures, that he might once again drink the choice wine from the hands of his Lord's bounty - the Most Glorious - Who remained among the enemies and cast Himself amidst the wicked ones who abandoned faithfulness, followed their desires, cast aside justice and rose up in tyranny. Yet in such circumstances and amid intensifying tribulations, He shineth from the horizon of power and calleth the people unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath reached the Prisoner, and We found therein supreme steadfastness in this hidden Mystery and treasured Name. We bear witness that thou hast done what was commanded thee in the Bayan by thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus doth God aid whomsoever He willeth - verily He is the Ruler, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Were people to behold Me with Mine own eyes, they would not hesitate for less than a moment to renounce all creation and hasten with their hearts unto their Lord, the All-Merciful. But their hearts have hardened because they have followed vain imaginings and strayed from this near-at-hand grace.

The world hath been set ablaze by the Word of the Ancient King, yet the people remain heedless thereof, as if they were among the dead. God had counseled His servants to regard this Revelation with His eyes - this after countless other counsels which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. They cast God's counsel behind their backs and clung to the vain imaginings of creation mentioned in bygone ages, whereby they were veiled from Him around Whom revolves every wise command.

Consider the people of the Bayan: had they held fast to this counsel alone, they would not have hesitated in the Cause of Him at Whose advent the Holy Spirit cried out, "By God, the Beloved of the worlds hath appeared!" Some were veiled by mention of succession and the like. Say: Fie upon thee, O thou who art far removed! Hast thou not heard the decree concerning origination? By God, this is the Originator of the

heavens and earth! No mention can be compared to His mention, no command to His command. Reflect, that ye may find the sweetness of this wondrous Origination.

O Khalil! The ocean of fire hath dripped from the Pen of the Chosen One. Blessed is he who hath been enkindled thereby in the love of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. The people of the Bayan speak as spoke the old women of the Furqan. Say: Shatter the idol of vain imaginings - thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing - when He came with the truth, announcing this manifest Light. Among them are those who cling to fancy, turning away from the Self-Subsisting. When asked by what proof they turned away from the All-Merciful, they speak of tales of old, even while beholding the Sun shining from the horizon of power and the Tongue of Grandeur speaking at every moment.

Some have said that He hath claimed divinity. Say: I lament at this, for He Who came with the truth hath informed creation that everything proclaimeth, “There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.” Verily, he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Most Merciful’s garment and comprehended what was revealed in the Bayan is assured that He occupieth a station that descriptions cannot ascend unto, nor can mentions attain. Thus hath the matter been decreed in truth from the presence of a powerful, ancient Ordainer.

O Khalil! The people are seen to be sick, not recognizing Him Who would heal their ailments and quench their thirst. Though they have witnessed that all they previously possessed was mere fancy, not a letter of which was fulfilled, nevertheless […]

They cling to countless fancies. If the divine Hand of Power should rend asunder one veil, they would instantly become concealed behind another. By My life, they know not what they say nor perceive to whom they allude. Their hearts have hardened and their eyes are blinded. O friend! Great is the call, but narrow is the throat of the world. The sun is at its zenith of radiance, yet eyes are weak. Would that the people of the Bayan would ponder this blessed word wherein He saith “Behold Him with His own eyes.” I swear by the Most Great Name that the recognition of this single word would suffice all mankind, yet some are deprived and others shall be deprived. For the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - informed the people of the Bayan of this Most Great Revelation and the tribulations that would befall Him, such that they would spend their nights and days in lamentation. Consider now what hath come to pass and what shall yet occur. We are God’s and to Him shall we return.

The wayward ones, by mentioning a fabricated successorship, have prevented and continue to prevent people from the Dawning-Place of guidance, even though were anyone to search the Bayan, he would find no mention of it therein. Yet they cling to it and turn away from Him through a mere gesture of Whose finger successorship and authority and all else above them were established. Such is the condition of the people and their understanding. They are indeed in manifest loss.

Had they gazed upon the Truth with His eyes and acted upon this single word, they would never have been deprived of the eternal springtime nor barred from the outpourings of the ocean of divine unity. Since mention of successorship was, in their estimation, among the most important matters within the community of the Furqan, and people clung to it, they now grasp at it hoping thereby to prevent weak

minds from the direction of divine unity. Were it not for the weakness of the people and their lack of understanding, We would have mentioned here that which would have rent asunder the veils, even as We rent asunder what they possessed concerning the mention of the Qa'im, that every person of insight might be convinced that He alone hath been the Beloved of the worlds, and all else was created by His will. He is indeed the most powerful of the powerful ones.

Behold how they have attributed such accusations and calumnies to Him before Whose mention the Primal Point would bow in humility. Still the deluded ones among the people of the Furqan await an imaginary Qa'im who would appear from an imaginary city with conditions they have conceived. Fie upon them and these people! But these are even more veiled than those. They are indeed in grievous delusion.

Blessed art thou, O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and speaketh the truth and calleth out among the people inasmuch as thou hast recognized the purpose of God and turned unto Him with His own eyes. We testify that thou art among them that behold. Rejoice thou in God's testimony, for naught that hath been created between the heavens and the earth can equal it. We beseech God to preserve you from the enemies of His Self and to strengthen you in His Cause and to bring low your adversaries. Verily He is the Protector of those who love Him, and He is indeed the Almighty over all the worlds.

The letter thou didst send in the name of Allah-u-Mihdi reached Our presence and was the object of Our loving attention. Most excellent was what thou didst mention regarding patience. Blessed is he who is adorned therewith and who in this followeth his wronged Lord Who was imprisoned at the hands of the oppressors.

How excellent is the state of one who hath returned unto God and ascended unto the Supreme Companion, at a time when the denizens of the highest Paradise inhale the fragrance of the Beloved's love. For such a soul one ought not grieve. We bear witness that he hath ascended unto the Most Glorious Companion and hath attained the lights of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. Rather should one grieve, nay lament and weep, for those who remain imprisoned in this world. Were they to turn even slightly toward the divine decree and consummate wisdom, they would observe with the eye of certainty that whatsoever befalleth the loved ones of God is better for them than all that is in the heavens and the earth, for in all circumstances such souls have been and are treated with the utmost grace and favor. By My life! Were the veil to be rent asunder and were they to behold the Supreme Horizon, they would cast aside their bodies and wing their flight unto that holy, radiant and shining station. In their hardship lieth ease, and in their death lieth life. Well is it with them that understand.

As to what thou didst mention regarding thy having turned to certain regions and spoken among them of that which is right - excellent is what thou hast done. We beseech God to cause thee to conquer the citadels of the hearts of His servants and guide them to the straight path. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee and what they have said regarding thee. Soon shall they bear witness unto that which they denied, and point to thee with their fingers, saying: "We testify that thou art he who turned toward thy Lord, the Most Merciful, when we were wrapped in heedlessness and rebellion." They sow for themselves the thorns of loss, yet today they perceive it not. When they awaken they shall cry out for what they have wrought. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In all circumstances be thou vigilant in

affairs, with due regard to wisdom, lest anything arise that might extinguish the fire. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the Trustworthy.

Convey My greetings unto My Afnan and give them the glad-tidings of My mention of them in this mighty Tablet. We beseech God to aid them to gaze upon His countenance and to be well-pleased with that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. Then convey My greetings unto My loved ones. We counsel them to show forth supreme steadfastness, for this Cause is mighty, mighty and great, great. Blessed is he who holdeth fast thereunto in the Cause of his Lord, detached from all else. Thou didst in thy letter convey greetings to the servant who is present before the Throne. When he hath finished transcribing that which hath been revealed from the heaven of grandeur and majesty at this moment, We shall convey greetings unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the Most Great, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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He is God!

I have taken up the pen at this moment, O my God, from Thee, and have placed the ink before Thee, not knowing what Thou desirest to cause to descend upon it and to manifest through it of the wondrous measures of Thy handiwork and the wise counsels of Thy glory. Whether Thou causest to flow from the ink the oceans of Thy grandeur or the rivers of Thy holy oneness - who can prevent Thee in this, O my God? And shouldst Thou manifest from the pen the signs of Thy glorious singleness and the tokens of Thy holy greatness - who can hold Thee back in Thy Cause, O my Beloved? For Thou hast ever been powerful over Thy Cause, mighty in Thy deeds, and supreme in whatsoever Thou willest to bring forth of the wonders of Thy decree, and sovereign in whatsoever Thou desirest to reveal of the decisiveness of Thy Will. To such an extent that wert Thou to gather all names within a single one of Thy names, Thou wouldst be praised in this; and shouldst Thou wish to sanctify it above all that and whatsoever pertaineth to the kingdom of creation and the realm of glory, Thou wouldst be obeyed in Thy Cause and loved in all that proceedeth from Thee and is attributed unto Thee.

And shouldst Thou, O my God, through a single letter thereof, resurrect the cycles of the two weighty ones in the two names - this would be befitting of One like Thee, and none could reject what Thou hast decreed. And wert Thou to move through a single word thereof the ages of the two kings in the two mysteries - this would be a judgment from Thee, and none could prevent what Thou hast ordained. And shouldst Thou take all of this away from it and render it nonexistent, such that no name nor trace nor fruit nor sign would remain thereof - this would be a command from Thy presence, and none could resist what Thou hast caused to flow. Yet by Thy glory, I am not content with any of this and do not wish to turn to anything thereof, except that Thou make me wholly detached unto Thee, returning unto Thee, and pleased with Thee. And this shall come to pass when Thou beholdest my hair dyed with my blood while I am seated upon the dust, my head bare, my feet unshod, my body trembling and my spirit agitated with thirst. Then shall I look to the right and find no helper besides Thee, and turn to the left and behold no succorer other than Thee who might assist me in aught, or give me a drink of water, or accompany me in my distress, or console me in my anguish and tribulation.

Then shall I rise from my place, yet be unable to stand due to the weakness that hath overtaken me, and fall prostrate upon my face in the dust once again, calling out to Thee at that moment in my inmost heart: "O my Beloved! Hast Thou accepted from me and art Thou pleased with me?" And Thou shalt answer me: "O My beloved! Blessed art thou in having fulfilled thy covenant and kept thy pledge." Thereupon shall I swoon before Thee from the profusion of blood flowing from my veins, such that the entire earth shall be reddened thereby, and I shall remain in my swoon for a duration that none can reckon save Thee. And after my spirit returneth, I shall commune with Thee in the most hidden recesses of my heart without letter, sound or mention, or Thou shalt speak through my tongue with the evident tokens of Thy mercy, without description, attribute or symbol, lest anyone discover the stations Thou hast concealed in the hidden repositories of Thy Cause and the pavilions of Thy glory. Then shall there appear before me he whom Thou hast made the most wretched of servants in all lands and the most misguided of people in guidance, that he might sever my head and raise it upon […]

By Your glory! After my spirit soared into the holy atmosphere of Thy Essence and my light ascended to the horizon of the heaven of Thy Oneness, then did I traverse the firmament of the gems of existence and journey through the realms of pure manifestation. And I declared: "How pleasing to me, O my Beloved, are the wonders of Thy mercy! How blessed, O my Heart's Desire, are the ornaments of Thy tenderness!" And I sang with a melody that drew forth the gems of existence, and chanted with a tune that gladdened the pure ones in their slumber. All this was a bounty from Thee unto me and an honor bestowed upon me from Thy presence, wherewith I take pride in the kingdom of Thy Cause and the dominion of Thy creation.

I testify this day that Thou hast fulfilled all that I asked of Thee, granted all that I desired of Thee, and accomplished all that I hoped from Thee. For Thou art too exalted and too great to delay in what Thou art called upon to do, too glorious and too gracious to alter what Thou art beseeched and hoped for. Nay, Thou hast ordained for me what was never ordained for anyone before me, and caused to flow what shall never flow for any soul after me. Yet none save Thee can know this, and no one but Thyself can reckon it. For just as Thou canst not be perceived by eyes, likewise Thy deeds cannot be comprehended by thoughts. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Compelling.

All this was revealed at the time when Thou didst cause me to hear the disputation of Thy servants regarding my station, after Thou hadst ordained for me no station save servitude to Thyself, humility before the gate of Thy mercy, and lowliness before the manifestations of the lights of Thy countenance. For Thou hast ever been sovereign over me, and I have ever been a servant before Thy face. I was master of myself yet owned by Thee, abased before Thy presence, insignificant before Thy sovereignty, non-existent before the manifestation of Thy power, and nullified before the revelation of the lights of Thy eternal might.

This is to the shame of those who seek to spread corruption in Thy land, to exalt themselves in Thy domains, and to bring about in the kingdom that which was not ordained for their own selves and stations. Glorified, glorified art Thou above all this and above whatsoever I have attributed to Thee! For Thou canst not be comprehended so as to be described, nor known so as to be characterized. Rather, this servant of Thine is a servant to those who serve Thee, prostrate before those who prostrate themselves

to Thee, a servant to those who serve Thy Cause, submissive to Thy sovereignty, a helper to those who seek Thee, and an aid to those who aid Thee in Thy heaven and desire to assist Thee in Thy lands.

By Thy glory! I find for myself no greater honor than this, no higher station than this. And whoever carries in his heart ardent longing for Thee and passion in Thy love will recognize the love wherewith Thou hast honored me through the gems of Thy mercy and pure bounty. He will inhale from this rose-leaf the fragrant breezes of the garden of immortality and the sweet scents of the city of faithfulness, and will witness how this candle melts and dissolves in the lamp of his heart through what hath befallen it and descended upon it in the Cause of its Lord.

Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my Beloved! If at this moment Thou wouldst accept from me what I have mentioned of what Thou hast taught me through Thy generosity and caused to flow through my pen by Thy grace, then I would do what befitteth Thy station and perform what beseemeth Thy grace and favor - as a manifestation of Thy generosity and honor toward Thy servant, though I deserve none of this and am not worthy of less than this. For all my limbs have been occupied with other than Thee and have been heedless of Thy remembrance. Yet how could I be worthy to recall the wonders of Thy favors and the outpourings of Thy glorious mercy, or […]

I ascribe my inability to count the gems of Thy bounty and the essences of Thy bestowals, for how can an eye that hath turned to other than Thee be worthy to behold the revelations of the lights of Thine eternity? And how can a heart occupied with anyone but Thee be capable of recalling the tokens of Thy glory and oneness? And how can a tongue that hath spoken other than Thy name be worthy to speak that which Thou hast spoken upon the throne of Thy Lordship? And how can feet that have moved in paths other than Thy good-pleasure ever approach the precincts of the sanctity of Thy meeting? And how can ears that have heard verses other than Thine be capable of hearing the enchanting melodies of the Dove of Thy oneness or delight in the mention of the letters of Thy eternal glory? By Thy might! At such a time my wings are clipped by the assaults of Thy decree for what I have committed before Thee, and I shall never be able to soar to the canopy of the heaven of grace and the gardens of primordial glory. Therefore it behooveth the King of Thy mercy to raise up this servant through the power of Thy will to the summit of the heavens of Thine eternity, and to cause this sinner to ascend unto the horizon of the heaven of Thy oneness and the inmost heart of the paradise of Thy forgiveness and pardon, that thereby the dwellers of the realm of divinity may remember him in the ascents of grandeur and the denizens of the Kingdom may be stirred in the pavilions of infallibility. Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my God! How wondrous are the marvels of Thy handiwork in my affair which Thou hast caused to flow from this Pen of mine, whereby I behold at one time that Thou causest it to rise from the dayspring of words, and there floweth from it the sweet water of life without cessation, delay or hindrance, as though it had counted all things in their places and had set in motion all possibilities and what they contain, and all created things and what lieth upon them, by a movement from its mouth; and at another time I behold that Thou veilest it in the setting-place of allusions and concealest it in the darkness of symbols, whereupon it becometh still in its motion as though it were powerless over anything. Exalted be Thy power in Thy dominion, and glorified be Thy grandeur in Thy lands, and triumphant be Thy might over Thy servants! At such a time, when the matter hath reached this station before Thee, it behooveth me to return the utterance to another strain, that haply thereby the servants may ascend unto the Most Exalted Horizon and the all-glorious canopy.

And now the tablet is ended, though the degrees of yearning in the breast of the Dove and the stations of ardor in the heart of faithfulness are not complete. But since it is finished and concluded, I seal this remembrance with the declaration that there is no God but Him, and that the Most Exalted Beauty is His light and His radiance, and the Holy Countenance is His glory and His beauty, and the Temple of Light is His essence and His lamp. We, verily, are all assured of them.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all created things through the light that hath shone forth, risen, gleamed and flashed from the horizon of the heaven of His prevailing Will. Thereupon did the Names tremble, all things were drawn forth, and the Dove cooed upon the Ultimate Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him Who is established upon the Most Great Throne. He, verily, is the Lord of eternity and the Sovereign of nations. He, verily, is the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, the Treasury of God's knowledge, and the Dayspring of God's wisdom. Through Him was the heaven of religions cleft asunder, the earth of idle fancies rent apart, the mountains of vain imaginings swept away, and the sun of knowledge shone forth through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Exalted be the Possessor of all that was and shall be, Who through a single word caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, save those who have cast away all else and held fast to the Sure Handle. These are among the people of Baha between earth and heaven, who dwell in the Crimson Ark. The Concourse on High and the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise who circle round the Throne every morn and eve pray for them. Praise be to God Who hath made the Word itself the Most Great Trump and the Mightiest Bugle, whereby He hath distinguished between all created things and united those who have detached themselves from all directions, turning toward the Most Sublime Horizon and the Most Exalted, Most Resplendent Station. These are honored servants and upright men who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command, whom the blame of the blamer cannot turn aside from the Cause of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, this servant hath been honored to receive your letters time and again, and hath found in every word thereof evidence of your arising to serve God and your steadfastness in His love, after the feet of the learned had slipped, the hearts of the mystics were troubled, and the skin of the divines crept with fear. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you, protect you, and grant you at all times the water of everlasting life, and to make you one who speaks forth His Name amidst all possibilities. Verily, He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Mighty, the Beloved.

This evanescent servant submits that he was repeatedly blessed to see your handwriting and had prepared one petition at the time of the return of the honored beloved, Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. That petition was lost, meaning it was submerged in the seas of papers, writings and books gathered in this evanescent servant's place, and until now this servant has not had the opportunity

to search for and find it. Therefore, he has newly undertaken to submit this petition. This servant's occupation has reached such a point that he has not a moment's rest. We beseech God to assist me in this most great service. Were it not for God's grace and favor, I would surely be among the impotent ones.

As to what you wrote concerning his honor the revered Aqa Mirza Siyyid 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, that he intended to present a petition to the Most Holy Court but at that moment a sneeze occurred and for that reason he desisted - the details were presented to the Most Holy Court, that is, the exact words which you wrote from his tongue were presented before His countenance. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "Verily, he is the one who is mentioned in the prison and is under the gaze of his Lord, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Generous. We read his letter before he wrote a single letter. Verily his Lord, the All-Knowing, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There hath been inscribed upon the tablet of his heart, by the Pen of Divine craftsmanship, the remembrance of God and His love. We have witnessed this and We were among those who read it. Glad-tidings be unto him for having heard the Call and responded to his Lord on a day whereon all in the worlds were thunderstruck save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed."

As for the sneeze, in the Most Holy Court such matters are not considered, and the execution of good deeds has never been and is not contingent upon a sneeze or the lack thereof. However, since he acted with wisdom in view, there was and is no harm in it. We have accepted it from him as a token of Our grace and We ordain for him what We desire and We pray for his supreme steadfastness in this most grievous and momentous Cause. Say: Be thou assured of God's grace and mercy, for verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

As to what you wrote regarding the distinguished Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, especially a Tablet was previously revealed in her name from the heaven of divine bounty and was sent, and likewise in these days a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was newly revealed in her name and was sent in the care of his honor Dahji. Her petition was also presented at the Most Holy Court and was accepted. How blessed is she, how fortunate is she! Similarly, a Tablet was also specifically revealed for your honor and the Leaf, your wife, upon her be the Glory of God, and four unnamed Tablets and another Tablet which was in the name of one of the loved ones were sent in the company of the honored beloved, his honor Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, to be delivered to your honor. We beseech God to honor you with meeting with and visiting these Tablets.

The petition of his honor the son, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court. In truth, he had presented it with the utmost love, attraction, eagerness and longing. The Ancient Beauty, after hearing it, expressed countless tokens of favor and a Tablet was also specifically revealed and sent for him. We beseech God to assist him and aid him and to make in his breath a healing and a mighty influence for curing the ills of hearts and souls, and likewise to make him a translator that he may translate the verses of God. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Giver, the Munificent, the Ordainer, the Protector, the Mighty, the Wise.

With regard to what you had previously written, that someone among the mathematical scholars had inquired of His Holiness concerning the celestial spheres, planets, their movements and influences - this

was presented at the Most Holy Court. He - exalted be His mention - said: “O ?a before Sin! If people were not heedless and would turn to the Dawning-Place of divine knowledge with such questions and beyond, verily all hidden knowledge would become manifest and visible. The grace of God is such that He does not cause any soul to despair, but souls have become veils unto themselves and soar on the wings of idle fancies. How many scholars in the Land of Mystery [Adrianople], this land [Akka], and during the sojourn in Iraq asked questions about various branches of knowledge. Answers to all descended from the heaven of divine knowledge in such wise that none could raise objections, yet none of those souls attained the ocean of inner meanings. How many philosophers inquired about the sayings of ancient philosophers, yet after the dawning of the Sun of Wisdom and their acknowledgment of it, remained veiled. By God! My Most Exalted Pen desires only to speak of that which the Point of the Bayan foretold - verily there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

However, during the days in Iraq, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God’s Will concerning these matters. This servant will present what is remembered from it. Among other things, in that Tablet nineteen planets were mentioned, and He stated that the full account had not yet been given. What was mentioned therein about the heavens and celestial spheres was different from what people commonly describe. In any case, He commanded the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the most precious dust of His footsteps - to write a commentary on these matters. God willing, it will be sent later, but as He is currently occupied, it has been delayed. The treatise which was previously written concerning the governance of cities is with Mulla ’Ali-Akbar - you will observe it.

God the One is witness that if this servant were to be continuously engaged in mentioning you without interruption or delay, neither pen nor heart would find rest from longing and yearning. It is known that the water of remembrance does not extinguish the fire of love, but rather increases its heat. As for what you mentioned in the Tablet of Ridvan which ascended to God, by your life, by your life, there has been revealed for it from the heaven of your Lord’s grace that which will never be erased from the book of possibility. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower.

To Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Fadlu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, I send countless greetings. God willing, may they be engaged at all times in the remembrance and praise of God with the utmost joy and fragrance. The people of the prison, God willing, do not forget one another. We beseech God to strengthen him and strengthen me in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. All the people of the prison send their greetings to them. The Two Most Great Branches - may my spirit and the spirit of all in the worlds be sacrificed for their most pure footsteps - remember you with most wondrous, greatest, most exalted greetings, as do the members of the divine pavilion of infallibility and the Afnan of the divine Lote-Tree - all send their greetings to you. May glory and spirit and remembrance and praise be upon you and those with you.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Praise be to God Who created all things through a single word and gathered them in one plane. Then the Call was raised from the Treasury of Grandeur: "Am I not your Lord?" Among them were those who turned away at the mere hearing, and among them were those who turned towards it and exclaimed: "Yea, verily, yea, O Lord of Names! Yea, verily, yea, O Creator of the heavens!" Those who turned towards it at the moment of hearing are the people of Baha. The tongues of all pens fall short of their mention. These are the servants whom God hath described in His Books, His Psalms, His Scrolls, and through the tongues of His Prophets, His Chosen Ones, and His Messengers. These are servants who speak not of their own accord, nor move according to their own desires; rather, the winds of God's Will move them as they please, and God's Purpose causes them to speak as He desires. By God's life! They speak that which hath been revealed in the Book and pursue that which they have been commanded in the Tablets. They transgress not their bounds and stations, and confine their affairs to the remembrance of God and the service of His Cause. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! Through them the horizons were illumined and the Covenant was made manifest, and through them was raised the standard of Justice on the Day of Separation. I beseech God, exalted be He, to confirm all His loved ones as He confirmed them, and to assist His servants as He assisted them. Woe unto those whom the world hath prevented from turning to God, the Possessor of all things! Such as these have clung to their desires and turned away from their Creator. Through their tyranny the dwellers of the cities of Names have lamented and the Concourse on High have cried out. They have been heedless of that for which they were created and have clung to that which they were forbidden. The servant beseeches his Omnipotent Lord to protect all from these who have gone astray and led others astray, who have followed the opinions of every divine who hath pronounced judgment against God and every mystic who hath turned away from Him when He came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!

Thereafter, the morn of reunion hath breathed when thy letter arrived, and the night of separation hath darkened upon beholding thy traces. When I opened it, saw it, read it and understood it, such joy and gladness took hold of me that I found myself unable to describe them, for it was adorned with the mention of God, embellished with His praise, and from it wafted the fragrance of His love. When I recognized this, I soared on wings of longing to a station illumined by the lights of dawning. When I entered and attained His presence, the face of the Beloved turned toward this servant and asked about the letter. Thereupon I presented before the Throne what was inscribed therein. When this was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which was a spirit to the body of the world and insight to the nations. Glorified be His grandeur! He said:

O Mahmud! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Verily, He calleth thee and maketh mention of thee from His praiseworthy station. He it is Who hath mentioned thee, caused thee to hear, given thee knowledge, and made thee speak His praise when every veiled scholar turned away from Him. We have made mention of thee and do make mention of thee at this time wherein the Wronged One is established upon the throne of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Be thankful unto God for having opened unto thee the gate of heaven and for having enabled thee to recognize thy Lord when He came with manifest sovereignty. Take the chalice of joy in the name of the Lord of the Manifestation,

then drink thereof that He may render thee detached from all that hath come upon thee from the parties. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving. Do the affairs of earth grieve thee while thou hearest the call of the Lord of Heaven from the direction of His renowned prison? Verily, We behold thee and commune with thee, and We have heard that which thy tongue hath uttered. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen!

O Mahmud! God willing, thou shalt drink from the Euphrates of divine mercy and receive thy portion from the Kawthar of inner meanings. Tribulations and afflictions have ever been the lot of God's chosen ones. Consider what hath befallen this Wronged One. By the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge, in those days when the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of the heedless ones, each day fresh trials descended upon Him, the mere mention of which melteth the hearts of His loved ones. Throughout the nights they would conspire to shed the blood of the Wronged One, and during the day they would utter that which was unworthy. They were heedless of the fact that the hand of divine power protecteth the hidden treasure and delivereth not the concealed mystery into the hands of the treacherous before its time of revelation.

O Mahmud! God is aware of what hath befallen thee. In truth, there hath befallen thee what befell the Best-Beloved of the world. However, these tribulations have come to pass for a mighty, a most mighty purpose. Thou shouldst render thanks with a thousand tongues, and with the tongue of thine inner being utter these exalted words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of divine knowledge:

"My God, my God! I have heard Thy call and hastened unto Thee. I have inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and have departed from my homeland until I attained unto Thy presence. Thou hast enabled me, O my God, to partake of the Kawthar of Thy reunion before the manifestation of Thy Cause and Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and God of all names, by Thy Name through which Thou hast revealed Thyself unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and hast guided Thy servants to the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all Thy worlds. Thou seest, O my God, how tribulation hath touched me and affliction hath overtaken me, while I hold fast to the cord of Thy grace and declare that Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Gracious. Write down for me, then, with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden me in the precincts of Thy mercy and shall cause me to attain unto Thy good-pleasure. Thou knowest me better than I know myself, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And concerning what was written about Karbila'i Mustafa, it was presented, and these hidden pearls appeared from the treasury of divine utterance. He - exalted be His glory - saith: […]

O Mustafa! The Lord of Names remembers you in the prison of Akka that you may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. The letter from him who sought Me has arrived, and therein was mention of you. We remembered you when the sea of thy Lord's mercy surged. Beware lest the affairs of men withhold thee from the Truth. Forsake all else through My Name, the All-Powerful, the Mighty. Behold, then remember what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an through His words: "The Day when mankind will stand before the Lord of the Worlds." This is the Day wherewith We have given glad tidings to Our servants through the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers. We said: Lead forth the people from darkness unto light and give them glad tidings of the Days of God. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention unto

thee that thou mayest be among the steadfast. Hold fast unto My Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, then act in accordance with what thou hast been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Remember Mustafa who was martyred in the land of Ta for the Cause of God, the Manifestation of this wondrous Cause. O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward him who was named Mahmud and say: O Mahmud! Behold and remember My servant in the land of Ta when the oppressors gathered round about him and commanded him to deny God and repent of the Cause before which all in the heavens and earth have bowed down. He stood firm in the Cause and demonstrated the greatest steadfastness by Our command and through Our power in such wise as amazed the Concourse on High and those who dwell behind the ocean of grandeur. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Wise. He makes mention of him who spoke My name and was afflicted with tribulations for My sake. My mercy hath preceded all created things, yet most people are heedless. We revealed Ourselves unto him at the time of his ascension unto Us, as attesteth he who possesseth a preserved tablet. By My life! The might of every oppressor did not frighten him. He spoke My name and hastened to the place of sacrifice through My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those who attained his exalted station and took refuge in the stronghold of their Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, he has been shown favor time and again. There hath befallen him what befell those near unto God, the sincere ones, and the pure in heart - nay, what befell God Himself, our Purpose and his Purpose, our Beloved and his Beloved. I have heard with mine own ears concerning him that which no treasures can equal. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that whatsoever is truly beneficial for him may appear from the horizon of the unseen. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. In all circumstances, he should keep his gaze fixed upon wisdom and hold fast unto it, for in most Tablets the decree of wisdom hath been revealed. Assuredly if that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge were to be acted upon, the doors of ease and joy would be opened before the faces of all servants. He should not be disheartened, and surely he will be seen in complete joy. The True One is imprisoned, and his prisoner is imprisoned. Soon will the prison doors be opened, even as they were opened through might and power. Verily He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Wise. Convey greetings on my behalf to all his relatives who are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor my brother, upon him be the Glory of God, his letters have been arriving continuously. I beseech God, exalted be He, to grant him the best reward and to confirm him in that which He loves and is pleased with. Recently another letter arrived from him which was the cause of boundless joy. God willing, may he ever be confirmed in this blessed deed. The Glory be upon you from God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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In the Name of Him Who is Sacred, Exalted, Inaccessible, Forgiving, and Generous

Praise be to God Who has strengthened His loved ones through tribulation and elevated their station through the manifestation of trials in the kingdom of creation, that He might test those who claim belief and who confess with their tongues His singleness and oneness. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Helper. And praise be to God Who has made His firm Cause the supreme touchstone whereby He distinguishes between the pure in heart and the wicked, according to His exalted Word: "Do men think when they say 'We believe' they shall be let alone and not be put to proof?" Nay, nay! This is a Day wherein the secrets of hearts are tried and that which is hidden in the breasts is revealed, even as was revealed to the Beloved of the Ascension: "Though it be of the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth." This is a Day wherein the faces of the idolaters are blackened and the faces of those who have turned to the horizon of certitude in the days of the All-Merciful are made white.

And praise be to God Who has caused the Most Great Trump to appear and has breathed into it through My Most Glorious Name. Thereupon, those who dwell in the cities of names and the people of the kingdom of creation were thunderstruck. Some remained unconscious, while others, having recovered, turned toward the Lord of the Day of Separation. Blessed is he who has today held fast to God and has not broken the Covenant. He is indeed of the people of this Horizon which God has made the Sovereign of horizons and the Dawning-Place of all splendors.

Praise be to God, to Whom the essence of unity bears witness by being sanctified from it, and the reality of glorification by being exalted above it. He is indeed the One Who cannot be mentioned by numbers nor counted among quantities. He is unified in His Own Self with a unity unknown to His servants, and is sanctified in His Own Being with a sanctification that the people of all lands shall never attain.

When He desired to distinguish between the nations, He spoke between the worlds through His Most Great Name. Thereupon the lights were drawn to their source, the signs to their dawning-place, the evidences to their fountainhead, the evil ones to their abode and destination, and the wicked to their origin. Thereby appeared the greatest distinction among mankind. Some turned to God, detached from all else, hastened to the horizon of unity, and drank from the hands of their Lord's bounty the water of sanctification. Others turned away from the All-Merciful and faced toward Satan by virtue of what they had previously earned. And still others acknowledged God and then denied Him, retreating until they reached their origin in the abyss of wrath–a station which God has deprived of the breezes of His days and the fragrances of His garment. We testify that such a one is a yellowed, dried leaf moved by the wind however it wills. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Praise be to God Who has adorned the heads of His chosen ones with the crown of hardship and tribulation, and has embellished their temples with the ornament of trials in the path of His Name that is sanctified above all names. He has made the prison a prisoner for those who have denied God, the Lord of the Throne and earth and of the supreme Paradise, while making it the most exalted Paradise for the people of Baha who have remained firm upon the Crimson Ark with such steadfastness that neither the allusions of the limiting ones nor the arguments of the followers of blind imitation could cause them to slip. By God's life! They are servants whom calamities cannot prevent from God, the Revealer of verses. The Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of eternity pray for them. My soul be a sacrifice

for their steadfastness! They are the ones through whom the horizon of certitude has been illumined, the countenance of faith has beamed with joy, and assurance has appeared in all existence. By God! They are the steadfast ones whom neither slumber nor sleep overtakes, nor are they veiled by any barrier or measure. Their feet are like iron and […]

Their tongues are as swords wherewith they vindicate God amidst the concourse of creation. Upon them be the glory of God in the first and the last. There is no God but He, the One, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bestower. And now, O loved ones of the All-Merciful! By God, your imprisonment hath grieved Me, your tribulations have weakened Me, and the burning of your hearts hath consumed Me. All this hath, from one perspective, saddened Me, yet from another, that which hath befallen you hath brought Me joy - a joy which no earthly happiness can match - for adversity hath touched you in His path, and tribulation hath seized you for His love and remembrance. He who is adorned with the ornament of justice speaketh and saith: "Would that I had been with the loved ones of God, and that there had befallen me what hath befallen them in the love of God, the Creator of earth and heaven!"

I address you in Persian that all the friends of God may hear the petition of this evanescent servant and not be saddened by what hath befallen them in the path of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the state of one who is today adorned with the coloring of God. God, exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur, hath chosen imprisonment, and whosoever is afflicted thereby must in truth give thanks to the true Ordainer, for it hath befallen him for the sake of God what befell the very Self of God. This form of imprisonment is today more beloved than all that hath been created on earth and is truly sanctified above all the forms with which people are afflicted. For instance, the mystics are today veiled from the Purpose of the worlds by their mysticism, and likewise the learned are deprived of the Known One by their learning, and some are heedless of the Creator of earth and heaven due to names, wandering in the wilderness of error and delusion. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that ye have drunk from the cup of tribulations in His path and quaffed from the chalice of trials. Blessed are ye, again blessed are ye! Yours is a goodly reward from God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Through your sorrows joy appeareth in the world, and through your grief surgeth the ocean of gladness amidst the peoples.

Nevertheless, I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to aid this servant and you to preserve what He hath bestowed, that we may all walk with utmost eagerness and yearning in the path of harmony and unity, and hold fast to the firm cord of divine wisdom that hath been sent down in the heavenly tablets. Let us implore with complete humility that He may keep these servants firm and steadfast in His love and Cause, for this is the Day whereon secrets are tried, and the commanding self is aflame, as we have seen and heard that certain souls who considered themselves to be of the Kingdom of certitude and were outwardly adorned with the ornament of faith, and who in their own estimation had attained the highest degree of knowledge and displayed the utmost humility and submissiveness in their petitions to the Most Holy Court, and likewise in their letters to this servant - nevertheless, due to a vain imagination, transgressed the firm commandment of God and became occupied with their own desires. May God protect us and you from the evil of such people and from their deceit and craftiness. These matters have been mentioned so that all the friends who are gazing toward the All-Merciful may not fall prey to the snares of certain crafty souls. Verily He is the Protector, He is the Guide, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

O imprisoned brother, that is, his honor Aqa Abdul-Baqi! God willing, may you ever be manifest with steadfastness and be adorned with trials in the path of Truth. Your letter arrived and brought the utmost joy, and all that was written therein became known, and the names that were sent arrived. Your mention and that of the other prisoners is continually remembered before the Throne. Blessed are you for having attained to this most exalted, most impregnable, most holy, most mighty, wondrous and invincible station. Convey on behalf of this evanescent servant sublime greetings to all the friends and say: Blessed are you for having attained the wine of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names; and blessed are you for having turned to the Face in the Kingdom of Creation; then blessed are you for having outstripped all creation in recognizing God, the King of the Kingdom of eternity, and for being with His Name, the Beauty, morning and evening. By the Truth itself, were I to repeat the word 'blessed' unto the end that hath no end, it would still be little compared to the enkindling of your hearts in the love of God, our Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

And concerning what you wrote about his honor Aqa Siyyid Hasan, the special deputy of the Most Holy Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps - that he had sent a dagger: it arrived. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him and to Muhammad Beg who were mentioned in your letter. God willing, may all attain to divine bounties and remain steadfast in His Cause. Today steadfastness is beloved. Consider Mir Abdul-Baqi: he attained the honor of faith and dwelt beneath the shadow of the Face, then through the buzzing of a fly became deprived of the cooing of the Dove. We beseech God to grant him success in returning and to preserve His loved ones from the evil of those who have denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Let all the friends in the Land of Ta study this letter, and likewise send a copy thereof to the Land of Kaf, and convey greetings on my behalf to the friends in that land. Upon them be the glory of God, and upon them be the fragrances of God and His mercy which hath preceded all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Help in Peril!

O thou who hast questioned thy Lord aforetime, and whom God hath answered through His grace - verily He is the One Who is asked, the Answerer!

O questioner! Know thou that there hath come before Us a letter from him who hath been set aflame with the fire of God, and therein We found mention of thee. Therefore have We sprinkled upon thee from the drops of the ocean of eternity from the direction of Paradise, that it may purify thee from all the doubts of creation, may detach thee wholly unto God, and may cause thee to speak His praise amongst the worlds.

Know thou then that We answered thee aforetime concerning what thou didst ask of God, thy Lord, through veils and coverings. At times We showed thee the lights of the Countenance from behind seventy thousand veils, and at times We concealed them, for in those days We found the knowledge of the

servants at the stage of a mere drop, and We found none who could bear God's Trust - the Trust of the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful. Therefore did We hold back the Pen and loosed not its reins save according to a determined measure. And We reared a numbered few through the sovereignty of might and power. When they attained unto what thy Lord desired, We then clothed them with the flesh of certitude and brought forth another creation in the love of thy Lord. Blessed be God, the Sovereign of the mighty, and the Best of creators!

Verily, for all things there is an appointed time with thy Lord. When the promise cometh, He revealeth it through truth and sendeth down upon it what He hath ordained. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Although every word that hath been sent down from Our presence is sufficient for all contingent things and therein are treasured the pearls of wisdom, blessed is he who casteth therein the bucket of knowledge, from which the youth of inner meanings draweth it forth, and thereby becometh independent of all the worlds.

We have ordained for the servants a portion from every word according to their capacity. Blessed is he who taketh his portion and is not among the deprived. However, We have ordained the manifestation of the Word and what hath been ordained therein among the servants according to measures decreed by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. We have made its own self the veil of its countenance, and thus were We powerful to do so. Were it to be revealed unto the servants in its fullness, none could bear it; nay, all who are in the heavens and earth would flee from it.

Behold what was revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God. Verily, at the time of its revelation, there were ordained for it treasuries of meanings as befitted it from the presence of One mighty and powerful. But the people knew it only according to their ranks and stations, and likewise He unveiled not unto them the countenance of wisdom save according to their capacity and strength, even though thou witnessest the Word to be of one nature, wherein nothing hath been diminished nor increased. When the people attained unto maturity, it was revealed unto them in its fullness in the year sixty, when the Ancient Beauty appeared with the name of 'Ali before Nabil.

Verily, were We to expound this station fully, neither tablets nor pens would suffice, and thy Lord is witness unto this. Be thou assured that in every Dispensation thy Lord revealeth Himself unto the servants according to their measure. Consider, for example, the sun: when it riseth above its horizon, its heat and effect are slight, and these increase degree by degree that created things may gradually grow accustomed to it, until it reacheth its zenith. Then it descendeth according to ordained degrees until it setteth in its setting-place. All this is of God's wisdom, if ye be of those who know. Were it to appear suddenly at the midpoint of heaven, its heat would harm created things. Thus observe thou the Sun of Meanings, that thou mayest be among those who are endowed with insight. For were it to rise forth […]

When the Dawn of the Manifestation shines forth with the lights which God hath ordained for it, the earth of mystic knowledge shall be consumed in the hearts of the servants, for they shall neither be able to bear them nor reflect them, but shall be disturbed by them and become as if they had ceased to exist. Therefore it shineth upon them according to their capacity and receptivity, even as ye witnessed at the beginning of the Manifestation of your Lord, the Most Exalted, in the year sixty, when He appeared at first in the garment of the Bab. At this station the drop of acceptance and capacity in all things ascended to

become a clot, then He changed the garment to that of divine authority and raised all created things to the state of embryo, and the gradual progression continued through His sovereignty until He brought them to the station of another creation. Then did He manifest Himself unto them through the name of Divine Lordship and proclaimed: “Verily, I am God! There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing!” But today there hath appeared such grace that were all created things to encounter it for less than a moment, it would raise them to a station whereof the Pen of Creation and the tongues of all the worlds are powerless to make mention. For such a Lord beseemeth the glorification of the Concourse of Eternity, and the magnification of the denizens of the Supreme Paradise, and the sanctification of the Company of the Near Ones.

Know thou moreover that if thy Lord should wish to raise all created things from the state of a drop to maturity in less than the twinkling of an eye, He would verily be able to do so through His all-pervading, all-encompassing power. Yet He hath loved to cause all things to progress through their ordained stages and gradual development, according to a wisdom which none save His all-compelling, all-informed Self hath comprehended.

Know thou moreover that God, thy Lord, hath ever been in one condition, neither ascending nor descending, and likewise His Self-Manifestation in that station. Exalted is He above whatsoever the servants attribute to Him from their own understanding; exalted is He above the description of every discerning describer. All words are equal in His sight - He exalteth them at one time and abaseth them at another, and He shall not be questioned about what He doeth. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. When He saith “I am but a servant,” He thereby educateth the manifestations of servitude, and likewise observe regarding the station of the Bab and beyond that, until it culminateth in “I am God, the Sovereign, the Just, the Wise.” The relation of all these stations to His exalted Self is equal. Nay, shouldst thou observe with the eye of God, thou wouldst witness them all as creation within His dominion, appearing through His prevailing, mighty, and wise command. Ponder thou upon this Tablet, and when thou attainest unto what is treasured therein, arise and give glad tidings unto the servants, that perchance they may arise from slumber and be numbered among those possessed of true knowledge.

O Khalil! When the appointed time of concealment was fulfilled, We unveiled from the Most Hidden Mystery, veiled by mystery, unto pure truth, a secret less than can be numbered. Thereupon the Manifestations of Names were thunderstruck, and all who are in the heavens and earth were terrified, save those whose hearts were assured by the lights of God and whose eyes were opened by the light of certitude. Say: O people! Look not upon Me except through Mine eye if ye desire to know God and His power. Without this ye shall never know Me, even should ye ponder My Cause throughout the duration of the Kingdom and observe all things with the permanence of God, the King, the Powerful, the Everlasting, the All-Wise. Thus do We expound the Cause that perchance the people may become aware within themselves and be of them that know.

Consider thou the condition of these people after they had all testified that I had sacrificed Myself and My kindred in the path of God and to preserve their faith. I remained among the enemies in days when all souls were agitated and they concealed their faces from friends and foes alike, being occupied with preserving themselves. We manifested the Cause and raised it to a station where all acknowledged the

sovereignty and power of God, except those who harbored rancor against this Youth in their breasts and were of the idolaters. Yet despite this Revelation that hath encompassed all created things, and this Radiance the like of which they have never heard in all regions, the people of the Bayan opposed Me. Among them was he who turned away from the Path, denied Him in Whom he had believed, and rebelled against God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Most Great.

Among them was he who halted at the Path and made God's Cause contingent, in his simplicity, upon the testimony of one who was created by My Word, whereby his deeds came to naught, though he perceived it not. And among them was he who measured God's Self by his own self, whom names so deceived that he rose against My face, pronounced sentence of death against Me, and attributed to Me all that was within himself. Therefore do I give thanks in My sorrow and grief to Him Who created Me and sent Me forth, and I praise Him in His decrees and in My loneliness and My trials among these heedless ones. I have been patient and continue to be patient in adversity, trusting in God, and I say:

O My Lord! Guide the servants to the court of Thy bounty and gifts, and deprive them not of the wonders of Thy grace and favors, for they know not what Thou hast intended for them of Thy mercy that hath preceded all creation. O My Lord! These are the weak in public and orphans in private, and Thou art the Generous, the Lord of surpassing bounty, the Most Great. Deal not severely with them, O My God, but regard them until the time befitting Thy wondrous mercy, that perchance they may return unto Thee and seek forgiveness for that which they have committed in Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And thou, O Khalil, remember My loneliness and My exile, then My imprisonment and My trials, and be of them that remember. Then mention this to the people purely for the sake of God, that through thee may be quickened the hearts of those who have died from the severity of the Cause and are numbered among the dead. Thus have We commanded thee and conveyed unto thee a clear message. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee in the Cause of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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At this hour, which is one hour and twenty minutes into the night of Thursday, the 22nd of Dhu'l-Hijjih, a call was raised from the Supreme Concourse, and this evanescent servant was summoned to His presence. After ascending and arriving and standing, these words were heard, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

"O servant in attendance! At this hour as We were walking, Ali Haydar came to mind. Out of love for him and as a token of Our grace, We wished to make mention of him, that through the attraction of divine utterance and the fragrance of heavenly words he might arise to promote the Cause and set the horizons ablaze with the fire of love. Verily, whosoever in this day arises to render assistance for the sake of God and in His path will assuredly be aided by the confirmations of God, exalted be His glory. And the victory is in teaching God's Cause and naught else.

O Ali-Qabl-Haydar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Destiny, and like unto the artery in the body of creation, be thou in constant motion that all may be moved. Marvel not at this word which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of divine revelation. Through the grace of the Spirit, he who was but a fisher of men transcended the kingdom of earth and reached the most exalted heights. How many souls have drunk from the cup of life through his breath and been refreshed by the waters of his utterance.

Today the buzzing of flies and the cawing of ravens are raised high. Thou must arise with complete steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This day is attributed to God and is mentioned and recorded in the Books of old and of later times as the Day of God. All must fix their gaze solely upon the Supreme Horizon. Whosoever attaineth unto this station shall find himself firmly established, steadfast and detached. Preserve this blessed word as thou wouldst thine eye, for within it are concealed oceans of meaning. This is the station of true unity. How blessed is the one who is illumined by its lights! Such a one is of the people of Baha, upon whom the Concourse on High and they who circle round the Throne in the morning and the evening do send their blessings.

The infidels and traitors, like the former people, have spread the nets of their vain imaginings. By the life of God! They have no share of this surging, billowing ocean, nor any portion of this chalice before which the seas have bowed down in adoration. Say: Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Be not like those who throughout ages and centuries stood in their mosques and upon their pulpits, believing themselves to be mentioning and praising God, exalted be His glory, beseeching and imploring His presence; yet when the morning breeze of His Revelation wafted and the blessed Tree grew forth, all the divines of that age arose to cut down that holy divine Tree. Both learned and ignorant engaged in cursing and execration. Ye have all heard with your own ears and seen with your own eyes. By the life of God! The eye of grandeur wept, and the denizens of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Garden were overcome with lamentation and wailing.

Such was the condition of those divines. Now again the people of the Bayan are engaged in the same vain imaginings. They have added to their turbans, and some have even mounted pulpits. God protect us and you from the evil of such people! Would that they had understood the foundation of the Cause! Verily, they are in grievous error and great delusion. In those days when all were veiled and […]

In the time of oppression, when hearts were troubled and pillars trembled, this Wronged One arose alone before the faces of the world and raised His call. And when the fragrance of the garment of His Revelation was diffused and had appeared in certain lands, they emerged from behind the veil with swords of rancor and hatred, and said that which no oppressor had ever said before, and perpetrated that which no bloodthirsty one had ever wrought. Say: Die in your wrath! That which was due unto the Truth, exalted be His glory, He revealed. The equivalent of all the heavenly Books that were sent down before and after descended from the heaven of His Will, and now exists. Praise be to God! That which had to be said was said with supreme steadfastness, in such wise that neither the power of the world nor the commotion of nations could hinder it. All would bear witness to this, were they to be enabled to speak with truthfulness and fairness. They have not inhaled a breath of the Day of God, nor have they attained unto the hearing of a single word, even as the Shi'ih sect who for a thousand and two hundred years recited the Book of

God, yet comprehended not a letter thereof. Take heed, O ye who are endued with discernment! Take heed, O ye who are endued with insight!

Is there anyone in the world who possesses eyes to behold the rays of the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance, and is there anyone endowed with ears who can hear with their own ears the Call of God? Nay, by God! All are submerged in the ocean of vain imaginings and wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies, save those souls who see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. These are they of whom He saith: "They are endowed with insight from God." In the days when the Sun of Truth was shining from the horizon of Iraq, He foretold the raising of the cawing of the ravens in divers lands, as well as in the Land of Mystery, and at the first arrival in this Most Great Prison, as it occurred some time ago in the Land of Ta, when the cawing was raised. The knowledge of this is with our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. He burneth with the fire of hatred while imagining he is rendering service to the Truth - exactly like the Shi'ih divines who, from all pulpits, have cursed and continue to curse the Truth. In the early years, not a single one of the divines of the age turned to the Truth. From the pulpits, they would first lament over the letters of the Qur'an, and at the end would revile and curse the Lord of the Letters. And you yourself are witness to this. The people who considered themselves the most exalted of all mankind and the most distinguished of all nations were ultimately observed to be lower than all others. This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to all the friends, and declareth that this is the Day of steadfastness. By the life of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earth, these cawing ones have never had, nor do they now have, any understanding of the root of the Cause. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant them success in returning. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, and verily, He is the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Moreover, I submit to them that all must manifest perfect unity and harmony. Should any differences arise, those trusted ones of God should arise to remove them. Souls are diverse: some drink from the pure water of certitude while being detached and independent of all other waters of the earth, while others drink from different springs, and these springs too are various. Consider the Companions of the Apostle of God - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Some were at the highest pinnacle of faith and assurance, while others would at times ascend and at times descend. There are also souls who secretly cling to vain imaginings while outwardly professing certitude. One's gaze must be fixed upon the Truth itself, as hath been repeatedly stated in this Most Great Revelation that the gaze of all must be directed solely to the Most Exalted Horizon. Without this, it will surely lead to stumbling and heedlessness. Verily, He guideth the way and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

It is hoped that you will arise with the utmost resolve to assist the Cause, dealing with the strong with love and fellowship, and with the weak with kindness and forbearance. Two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent, specifically for the two individuals who had requested them. I beseech God that they may attain unto the Tablet and drink from the ocean of His utterance - a draught that the veils and clouds of the people shall not prevent. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have cast the world behind their backs, clinging to the cord of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all nations. They are indeed the companions of this mighty, this glorious station. And praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the Lord of the exalted seat.

I beseech the True One to confirm them in His remembrance through wisdom and utterance, and to ignite them with such a fire that its traces may become manifest and evident throughout the world, and its heat may endure and persist throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. This lowly one conveyeth greetings and salutations to them, and beseecheth assistance from the True One, exalted be His glory, on their behalf. They must at all times be mindful of wisdom, for this binding commandment hath repeatedly been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen. This lowly one offereth greetings, salutations and praise to each of the branches of the divine Tree, and seeketh for each that which is peerless. The command is in His grasp; He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory and praise and peace be upon you, and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the Beautiful!

Glorified be He Who sent down verses aforetime when there was no “before”, and Who sendeth them down as He pleaseth by His command. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Able, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His is the bounty and grace; He singles out whom He willeth with mercy from His presence, and verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Omnipotent.

O My Name! Hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee, that thou mayest soar in this atmosphere which hath spread forth beneath this heaven that hath been raised in this cloud, and mayest hear the call of all atoms in the kingdom of names and attributes, that “There is no God but Him, and that the Primal Point is His Argument and His Beauty, then His Manifestation and His Majesty unto all who are in the heavens and the earth.” Whoso draweth nigh unto Him hath drawn nigh unto God, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein, if ye be of them that know. To this beareth witness My tongue, then My spirit and My heart, then My being and My pen, if ye be of them that hear.

Say: By God the Truth! Through Him were raised the heavens of justice, and appeared the clouds of grace, and the rain of bounty poured forth upon all the worlds. Were it not for Him, none would know God’s grace and generosity, and none would find the holy shore of glory’s sacred seat. By God! Through Him wafted the breezes of eternity, and sang the Dove upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Through Him was perfected the proof unto all creation, and by Him revolved the spheres of existence, and the Fire of God called out from the Tree that speaketh truth in the sacred and exalted Sinai. From Him began the works of creation, and were inscribed upon the Tablet the mysteries of what was and what shall be in preserving tablets of glory. Unto Him return the deeds of all things, if ye be of them that know.

Know thou that the source and return of all things is Him, and from Him was differentiated the Point of Knowledge in the mysteries of destiny behind the sea of might and grandeur, raining down the showers of grace, if ye be of them that witness. Unto Him returneth all knowledge and certitude, and every deed

and intention from this day unto the Day whereon God's Greatest Treasure shall appear in a new holy raiment.

Know thou that thy Lord was and forever shall be a Hidden Treasure in the essence of His Being, and shall ever remain concealed from His creation, for eyes comprehend Him not while He comprehendeth all eyes, and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Informed. He it is Who sent the Messengers aforetime and revealed the Books thereafter. Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Luminous, Whom none can know and unto Whom no birds of the hearts of the seekers can ascend, for He created all that is in the heavens and earth by the Word of Command which was called "Be" before "It is", if ye be of the certain ones.

How can that which was created by His command, His sovereignty, His might and His power, draw nigh unto Him or know Him as He is? Glorified be He above what the remembering servants imagine concerning Him! Therefore testify within thyself, then in thy spirit, then in thine essence, that there is no God but Him, that He hath ever existed in His Essence, manifest among His servants, self-subsisting amidst His creation. Verily He is the Single, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, the Mighty, the Gracious.

Thus have We sprinkled upon thee from the vast ocean of might and splendor, and cast upon thee […]

Say: The gates of attainment and meeting are shut against the knowledge of His Essence. He hath manifested, through His grace, Eternal Manifestations and Dawning-Places of Oneness, that they might speak of their Manifestor among His creation and their Sender among His creatures, and He hath made the recognition of them […]

Their recognition is His recognition and meeting them is meeting Him. This is the indubitable truth, and there exists no station, abode, beginning or end higher than this, from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end which His knowing servants cannot reckon. This is the ultimate station of the mystics and the final homeland of the lovers in the heaven of glory. This is the station wherein should anyone attempt to soar beyond it by the least degree, his wings would be consumed. Those who have believed in the Unseen in these days and have turned towards Him Who is mentioned in every station and allusion, shall be sufficed from all else. This is a revelation from One mighty and wise. Thus have We expounded the verses for you and made clear every mighty wisdom, that ye may follow God's commandments in these days when every soul is seized with the stupor of heedlessness and ignorance, rendering them as scattered dust, if ye be of those who know. Know then that the Most Hidden Mystery and Most Treasured Secret and Essence of all gems is He Who can neither be indicated by any indication, nor known by any knowledge, nor comprehended by any comprehension, nor remembered by any remembrance. All describers fall short of describing Him. All the Prophets have acknowledged their powerlessness to know Him, and all the Messengers have confessed their failure to comprehend Him, as testified by their own souls, minds and tongues, if ye be of those who hear. This is the station of the pure Unseen and the absolute Mystery, if ye be of those who know. Whoso believeth in the Unseen in his heart and testifieth to it with his tongue, and sanctifieth it from every peer, likeness, similitude, allusion, associate, helper and equal - such a one is counted among the truly sincere. Every Prophet and Messenger hath turned towards this Unseen, as have those who circle round the Throne and behind them the denizens of the highest paradise. This is mentioned in the first station and the first pavilion and the wise Remembrance and the ancient News. And in one station We mean by the Unseen the realities of

Oneness and the eternal essences who were concealed in the Manifestations of old, as ye witness and are among those who testify. In the time of Moses, the Unseen was none other than Jesus in the heaven of names, and He foretold His appearance and was hidden in His days. Likewise the Unseen in the time of the Spirit (Jesus) was Muhammad, the Messenger of God and Seal of the Prophets. Similarly the Unseen in His days was none other than ’Ali, through meeting whom the eyes of those near to God were solaced. And likewise in those days it was none other than He Whose appearance the Point of the Bayan foretold in tablets of ancient glory. We turn to Him in all matters and supplicate Him at all times and await His days as the believers await the paradise of nearness - nay, even more so, if ye be of the assured ones. Say: By God, Paradise itself is meeting Him, and the Hour is His arising amongst all created things. Therefore We say that We believe in the Most Hidden Mystery and in His Manifestations, and We turn towards them and make no distinction between Him and them, except that they are His servants and creation. Thus sang the Mystic Dove upon this lofty Branch, that it might be God’s melody and His proof, then His testament and His all-sufficient evidence unto all worlds. And thou, O Ahmad, purify thyself and thy spirit from those who have fabricated lies against God and in whose hearts hatred hath appeared. Then shun them and remain in detachment and steadfastness. Those who claim what they claim in themselves, say: Present yourselves in Our presence and before Us.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Purify my heart from the remembrance of anyone but Thee, and my soul from intimacy with aught else except Thee, and my feet from drawing nigh unto any other than Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Lord! Deprive me not of the sweet-scented breezes of Thy holy bounty, and number me not with those who exhale naught but the stench of hypocrisy throughout the world. Then remove from my heart their love and the love of those who love them and the love of that which their tongues utter. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord! Leave me not to myself or to anyone else besides Thee. Draw me ever closer unto Thee, establish for me a seat of truth before Thee, and join me with such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee - those whom nothing can sadden in their love for Thee and their contentment with Thy good-pleasure, whom no cause can hinder from reaching the shore of Thy Most Great Name, the Most Great, which Thou hast made the station of Thy Self in all that pertaineth unto Thee, and which Thou hast made pure and purified from all that pertaineth not unto Thee, reflecting Thine Ancient Beauty in the mirrors of Thy Name, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord! Detach me from myself and from all who have departed from Thy shadow, and cause me to enter beneath Thy mighty and impregnable shelter. Honor me with Thy presence in Thy wondrous days wherein Thy Lord of the Throne doth appear, the Dove doth warble, the Holy Dove doth coo, and Thy primordial Will doth don a new garment - days wherein all souls shall be in loss, all […] shall prosper, all who are abased shall be exalted, and all who are poor and needy shall be enriched.

O Lord! Grant me what I have asked and what I have not asked, for Thou knowest better than I what is good for me. Verily, Thou art unto Thy servants the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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

May the beloved, honored and revered Shaykh Jamalu'd-Din - upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness - take note.

Praise be to God! His divine confirmations have reached us and His aid is more manifest than light at all times. The luminary of His grace is ever-shining; His bounty cannot be reckoned by the pen, nor can ink suffice to recount His generosity. Every person of insight acknowledges His grandeur and every hearing ear confesses His sovereignty. His is the praise and the bestowal, His the remembrance and the glorification. In one instance He made the tongues of His loved ones the champions of His Cause, and through them He revealed that which caused decayed bones to stir. The decree of the Most Great Tongue is mightier than the sword, and utterance more powerful than the hosts and legions of creation. Today the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, are skilled in treating ailments and steadfast in educating His servants. They nourish and apportion sustenance to the children of the world according to their measure and capacity. The Word, in its primary essence, is the water of life for the dead of the world and the hand of power for the salvation of nations. Through a single exalted word, it draws man from the darkness of idle fancies to the light of certitude, and from the deep pit to the lofty palace. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect His loved ones through the hosts of might and power and to aid them with the swords of wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and the bridles of all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the pearls hidden in the treasuries of Thy Most Glorious Pen to make him who seeketh Thee a bird soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, gazing toward Thy horizon, and speaking with wisdom and utterance amongst Thy creatures. Then reveal unto him, O my God, the oceans that lie concealed within Thy verses and hidden within Thy words, that the wine of mystic knowledge may so intoxicate him that he will speak that whereby the hearts of the followers of all religions will be attracted. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The servant was seated during the days of fasting, contemplating the mysteries of his Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, when one of the loved ones arrived with your letter. I took it and opened it, whereupon the house and all around it became perfumed, for it was adorned with the mention of our and your Beloved. I drank from the cups of your utterance the sweet waters of your sincerity, submission and orientation toward God. After being immersed in the ocean of my Lord's grace, I approached the Dawning-Place of mysteries and the Day-Spring of divine tokens, until I attained His presence and presented what had flowed from your pen in remembrance of your Lord. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the realities of all things were attracted. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O thou who art mentioned before the Divine Countenance! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon. He giveth thee to drink of the Kawthar of bounty from the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of

all men. Verily, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He knoweth what is hidden in hearts and minds, and seeth what is concealed in the treasuries of the breasts of the righteous. I was walking in the House and speaking the verses of thy Lord when the servant in attendance entered and presented before the Countenance that which the tongue of thy heart had spoken concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind. We heard it and have answered thee through this Tablet, which God hath made an ocean of generosity for the world and a fountain of life for the dead. By My life! Were it to be cast upon stones, rivers would gush forth from them. Having drunk the sweet waters of mystic knowledge from the cup of utterance, say: […]

Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all existence, for having honored me with Thy mention and adorned me with the ornament of Thy Most Exalted Pen, from which the mysteries have been revealed in the beginning and the end. O my Lord! Thou seest me walking in Thy dominion to exalt Thy Word, and speaking among Thy servants what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy grace, and by the Lamp which Thou hast protected from tempestuous winds through the glass of Thy strength and power, to ordain for me that which will make me strong through Thy strength and powerful through Thy will, that I may cast upon Thy servants, with wisdom and utterance, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and sanctify them from the doubts of the people of Thy earth and the insinuations of those who have denied Thy favor. Then assist me, O my Beloved, in that which will attract the hearts of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of earth and heaven. O my Lord! Withhold not this servant from the outpourings of Thy days, and deprive him not of the breezes of Thy revelation and Thy inspiration. O my Lord! Strengthen me through Thy bounty and fortify my limbs that I may cast aside my will, taking hold of Thy will, and move not except by Thy desire. Then write down for me, through Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, that which will comfort mine eyes and the eyes of Thy servants, and assure my soul and the souls of those in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Hear in the Persian tongue: I beseech God to assist thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Sun of God's favor hath dawned from the horizon of grace, and the Ocean of divine knowledge surgeth before thy face. Beseech God not to deprive His servants of the lights of the Day-Star of justice and fairness, for whosoever attaineth unto these will become detached from all else save God and will turn with heart and soul to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Make mention of Siyyid Mu??afa, upon him be My glory, and Haji Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be My glory, and the other friends on behalf of the Wronged One, and remind them of the verses and favors of God. God willing, may they be assisted and acquire, in this transient abode and station, everlasting stations. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings and salutations to Faraj, upon him be My glory. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to adorn him with that which beseemeth these days. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus it endeth. His is the grace and the giving, His the favor and the glory. At every moment the Day-Star of His favor appeareth with manifest radiance. It hath been proven by argument and demonstrated by clear evidence that He cannot be described by any description save His own, nor known through any knowledge but His own. However, He hath appointed for His loved ones a spacious pavilion, and that is

the confession of powerlessness and humility before the manifestations of His grandeur, His might and His sovereignty. This powerlessness He hath, through His grace, accepted and approved. His is the praise and the thanks for His favors and bounties.

Time and again that honored one has been and is mentioned in the assemblage of the friends, and likewise in His presence I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to bestow great profit upon the merchants of His knowledge. The people of the earth have not yet become aware and are heedless of the fruits of the Tree of reformation, concord and unity. They know not whence they came and for what purpose they have come. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, were they to become aware to the extent of a needle's eye, all would detach themselves and lay hold - detach themselves, that is, from all else but God, and lay hold of service to Him and His good-pleasure. The Euphrates of mercy gives glad-tidings to the thirsty, the Point of knowledge summons the ignorant, and His loving-kindness bestows awareness upon the heedless. This is the day of the most great bounty, for the most great horizon is illumined with the lights of the Lord of destiny. Blessed is the soul whom the vicissitudes of the world render not sorrowful and whom the clamor of the nations prevents not from his purpose. This Day is the Day whose mention hath flowed from the Pen and been recorded in the Books of the past and of the future. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, and drunk, and attained, and woe to the heedless, and woe to the deniers. The friends of God, wherever and in whatever place they may be, are remembered in the Most Holy Court. This lowly one hath mentioned and doth mention each of them with wondrous, sublime and exalted words of praise, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the raiment of distinction.

O my God, my God! Deprive not the temples of Thy loved ones of this robe. The temple is from Thee, the raiment from Thee, the ocean of generosity and bounty is from Thee. Ordain that which beseemeth Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Most Merciful of the Merciful.

To the honored brother Haji Faraj'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant him success, that in every station, every place, every land and every region he may be engaged in service to the Cause and attain His favors. Mention was made of Bashir - praise be to God, he is well and occasionally mentions that honored one. God's power is great - from dark earth He hath brought forth a thousand kinds of fruits and flowers of sublime and varied hues. Perchance He will cause some glad tidings to appear from Bashir also, that is, that he may attain to some service. Verily our Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty. Glory and praise and honor be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High

This is a Book from the Primal Point unto him who hath believed in God and journeyed to the precincts of the Prison, until he entered the Garden of Paradise, the spot wherein the Dove of Praise warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Glory that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. The All-Merciful shone upon him with wondrous rays of His glory and caused him to hear such melodies as drew unto them the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the realities of those near unto God. They who were veiled in those days heard not a single letter from the words of God, nor shall they ever hear - this is a revelation from One mighty and powerful. For had they heard but one letter of God's verses, they would not have denied these words which God hath made a testimony unto all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, whereby He hath manifested His Cause throughout all ages and shall continue to manifest it as He pleaseth. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Say: O people! Fear ye God and worship not those whom ye find upon the brink of the pit of fire. Fear ye God and be of the God-fearing. Stand ye firm in the Cause of God in such wise as to cause the hearts of the perverters to tremble. Should any among those who have disbelieved in God appear before you, suffer him not to utter a word, for it proceedeth from the very depths of hellfire and must needs return thereto. Say: O thou who associateth partners with God! Judge thou fairly, by God: by what proof didst thou believe in the Primal Point? Explain, and be not of those who flee from place to place to cast doubt into the hearts of the monotheists. Thou and thy like have worshipped vain imaginings for a thousand years and were heedless thereof. And when there appeared among you one who spoke the truth and proclaimed that He would be born, ye denounced him as an infidel and slew him without clear proof or manifest evidence.

We follow not your idle fancies and We beseech God to protect Us from you, from your friends, and from your leaders. Verily, He is the Protector of the virtuous. We are servants who have shattered the chains of blind imitation through the Most Great Name of God and have detached ourselves from those who disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed, whose eyes were covered with the veils of idle fancy and who were among the heedless. Do ye call upon vain imaginings and forsake the Best of Creators? Woe unto you and unto those whom ye have taken as friends besides God! Thereby have ye entered the abyss of perdition and yet ye rejoice and are not among those who perceive.

Blessed art thou, O Hadi, for having been guided by the lights of the Countenance. Stand thou firm, therefore, in the Cause and grieve not at the clamor of the idolaters. Know thou that thy letter hath come before Us, and We have beheld it and are among those who bear witness.

As to what thou hast asked concerning that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen regarding the Most Great Word, know thou that by the revelation of the Bayan and what hath appeared in its outward meaning and what hath been concealed in its inward significance, naught was intended except this Revelation which hath been made manifest in truth, and which the people of the Bayan have denied out of their hatred for thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus were their names inscribed among the people of vain imaginings, while they remain heedless thereof and are numbered with the negligent. By the True One! His pen moved only in My remembrance, His tongue spoke only in praise of My Self, and His heart beat only with My Name, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Forgiving, the All-

Bountiful. And now He findeth Himself beneath the claws and talons of the people of the Bayan, though He had enjoined them in all the Tablets not to be veiled by anything revealed in the Bayan at the time of His manifestation. Yet they denied Me and sought to shed My blood. When their own deceit became apparent, they claimed oppression among the people, even as they had done aforetime, and they are now among the perpetrators thereof.

Say: O people! Do ye believe in the Bayan while denying Him Who hath expounded it? Woe unto you, O company of the deluded! Say: This indeed is the Spirit through Whom whosoever was quickened, he truly liveth in the sight of God, and besides this all are dead even should they fill the East and the West of the earth. Thus doth the Holy Pen reveal unto thee at this moment when moved by the fingers of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. And verily if thou shouldst examine the Qayyumu'l-Asma', thou wouldst find naught save this Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wonderful. He gave the glad-tidings of this Revelation in all the verses, yet the people denied it and surrounded Him with the swords of hatred and rancor, striking Him at every moment. Among the polytheists were those who said that He loved not the Point of the Bayan. Say: Fear ye God and be ashamed before the Manifestation of His Self, for verily He is My Self and I am His Self and His Being, and one word from Him is dearer to Me than the creation of both worlds, were ye of them that know.

Would anyone deny his own spirit? Nay, by the Self of God Who speaketh between the heavens and the earth! Say: O concourse of polytheists! How long will ye flee from branch to branch? He hath appeared in truth and there is no escape for you save that ye believe in Him or deny all the Messengers of God together. And in another station He desired to manifest His Cause in the station of the Gate, even as thou witnesseth that when the letter Alif standeth upright it is called by the name of Alif, and when it is extended it is called by the name of Ba, though they are one and the same, were ye of them that perceive. This is the station of His Gateship which appeared in truth at the beginning of His Cause and opened unto the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth, as thou hast witnessed and wert among the witnesses. And this very Alif ascended by itself, then rose to the station of Lam, whereupon appeared the letter of Divine Authority. In this station He removed the veil of Gateship from His countenance and appeared with Divine Authority, saying: "I am the true Qa'im Whose appearance ye have been promised." Thus shouldst thou understand the Cause of thy Lord and be of them that know.

Then He ascended from this station until He reached the station of Ra, which is the station of Lordship in this stage, and He rent asunder the veils of idle fancy through His sovereignty, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wise, and said: "I am your Lord and your Educator and your Creator and your Sustainer and your Quickener and your Slayer and your Resurrector and your Bearer of glad-tidings concerning Him Who shall come in truth. Beware lest ye neglect His Cause and […]

Be not of them that hesitate. This is the station of Lordship which hath encompassed and pervaded all worlds. But thou, O Hadi, witness today a new spirit in the temples of words and letters. Should one possessed of hearing be found, he would hear from every letter of the Bayan melodies and anthems in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and would say: "This indeed is He Who hath manifested the Alif to reveal His Cause, and the Lam to establish His command, and the Ra to spread abroad that which hath appeared from His presence." Thus doth He speak the truth, but the people hear

not, nor are they among those who perceive. We have indeed interpreted the disconnected letters aforetime with a clear, evident and manifest exposition. Were We to interpret and expound them now, no wayfarer could bear it. And if thou wouldst sharpen thy vision and reflect, thou wouldst witness that these are the days wherein thy Lord's Cause hath been spread abroad and hath been and will be decreed, and through it truth is distinguished from falsehood, light from darkness, and the wretched from the blessed. In His manifestation He desireth naught but this Revelation, and by this Name hath the Dove warbled upon the twigs of the Tree of Eternity, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, and the Tongue of God hath spoken, and the Pen of Command hath coursed upon tablets of transcendent glory. Say: O people, fear God! Pervert not the words of God from their places. By the True One! Every goodly mention revealed in the Bayan referreth to this Most Great Remembrance, this Most Ancient and Most Mighty Cause. Through it the matter hath been and will be decreed around the Fire at the axis of Water, nigh unto this all-pervading, sublime, sweet and luminous Air. And were We to find pure hearts, upright minds and penetrating vision, We would bring forth from this Ocean pearls of sanctified worth. By thy life, O Hadi! Through the buffetings of the idolaters, the mouth of God hath been prevented from His utterance, and the Salsabil from its flowing, and the clouds from their rain, and the Most Great Sea from its waves, and the Lote-Tree of the Extremity from its fruits, and the Holy Land from its vegetation, and the Sun of knowledge from its radiance. Thus have the hosts of Satan assailed the Manifestation of God's Self. O Hadi! Is there any helper who will aid the Cause of his Lord, and stand firm in the love of his Master, and be detached from the deniers? Is there any faithful one who will fulfill God's Covenant and His Testament, and fear not the assault of swine? Is there any zealous one who will not alter God's bounty upon himself and will guard this heavenly Table from these thieves? Thus have We remembered thee and revealed unto thee that thou mayest stand firm in thy Lord's Cause and be among them that remember. Then make mention from Us unto Ibrahim with gracious mention, then recite unto him and his brother who was mentioned in thy letter this impregnable and lofty Tablet, that it may create in them that which the opposition of the opposers cannot extinguish. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, then remained steadfast, and are in a state of rapture, attraction, longing and wondrous yearning.

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O thou who art turning unto the Most Glorious Horizon, who art known before the Throne by the praise of God, the Lord of Names, who soarest in the atmosphere of love and faithfulness, who dwellest upon the branch of praise in the Kingdom of creation, and who warblest the remembrance of God on a day wherein the foundations of those endued with understanding have trembled! Again I renew My words and say: O thou who art imprisoned in the path of God, the Creator of heaven, and who art expelled from cities and homes because thou hast believed in God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust! O thou who art expectant and vigilant! O thou who art firm and articulate! I testify that thou hast spoken and uttered the truth, and thou hast been wronged by the ignorant ones who claim knowledge and wisdom without clear proof or evidence. Soon shall they behold themselves beneath the earth even as they now see themselves above it. My Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. By God's life! The servant is bewildered concerning the people, and strange it is that one who seeth

himself as but a leaf among leaves, appearing on the branch one moment and falling the next, should nevertheless be seized with such pride as to deny God, His sovereignty, His Manifestation and His signs. We beseech God in all conditions to assist His servants and not to render them deprived of this Most Great Ocean or heedless of this noble station.

Thereafter, this servant attained unto thy letter. Praise be to God Who hath preserved thee and delivered thee from the wrongdoing people, and fulfilled what He promised thee in His firm and mighty Book. The oppressor hath been and shall continue to be the ignorant divines. Soon shall they find themselves in evident torment.

And whereas you had written that some had desired to meet with His Holiness, and His Holiness, in view of not having permission, had not granted this - this evanescent servant bears witness that His Holiness has always been commanded in these matters. That honored one was created for the service of God's Cause and was made to speak specifically in His praise. However, He has made these matters contingent upon wisdom, and this has been and will continue to be due to previous mercy and comprehensive grace, lest any matter arise that might cause fear in weak hearts. The strong have ever gazed and will ever gaze toward the highest horizon. The manifestations of might, expressions of supremacy, and appearances of retribution have not and will not prevent those blessed, tranquil, content and approved souls. However, in consideration of the ocean of divine bounty and the heaven of divine generosity, He has commanded the people to wisdom so that no harm might befall anyone. May my spirit and your spirit and the spirits of all in the realms of creation be a sacrifice for His bounty.

After the arrival of that letter, this servant attained the Most Holy Presence and submitted the details, that is, presented that very letter in its entirety before the Throne. He said: "O My Name Jamal! If a person be in the East while you are in the West, and if that person desires to attain unto the knowledge of God, it is incumbent upon you, if you are able, to journey to that land and bestow upon that person, according to their capacity and receptivity, the life-giving waters. O Jamal! If you were to reflect upon the verses sent down from the heaven of grace, you would testify that whatsoever the Truth, exalted and glorified be He, has commanded and continues to command has been and will be for the good of His servants. You must certainly teach the Cause and occupy yourself with service. Do not deprive the seekers of the ocean of guidance, but give according to measure. The best fruit attributed to the Tree of the Bayan is this blessed word: bestow the seeds of wisdom in good soil according to measure. God willing, you will ignite all through the heat of the fire of God's Word and summon them to the Most Holy Court. The Supreme Pen has given countless counsels before and continues to do so now. O Jamal! Associate with all the people of the earth with paternal affection, and likewise nurture all from the breast of wisdom. In no circumstance remove your eyes from wisdom, for it has been and will continue to be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause, the source of tranquility amidst agitation, strength for hearts, and assurance for souls.

O My Name! Be confident in My grace and favor. You have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. He verily has aided you, nurtured you, protected you, and delivered you. Give thanks to God for this bounty which has sprung forth from the ocean of generosity and grace. He is verily the Teacher, the Manifest, the All-Wise, the All-Informed. Remember when you stood before the Throne and

witnessed with your own eyes the favor of your Lord, and heard His sweetest call and wondrous mention. You have a station with your Lord - be thankful and among those who rejoice."

Furthermore, if you wish for news of this land, the Ancient Beauty has left the Most Great Prison and established His throne in the garden, and afterward in the mansion known to a hundred thousand tongues and a hundred thousand centuries. This evanescent servant offers thanks and praise, for his prayer was answered and his deed was not lost, although it is observed that the Ancient Beauty Himself prefers the prison more. This is a matter that no one knows except Him, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And as to what you wrote concerning consultation, He said that this matter has always been and will always be beloved, but in matters that accord with wisdom. The purpose of mentioning this is that the fundamental divine law should be known, otherwise these matters are clear and need not be mentioned. All that has befallen you in the path of God is remembered before God, and none has the right to object to what you have done, for the entire matter is in the hand of God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

And regarding what you wrote about turning towards this land with permission, He said you have already attained this blessing three times and it was accepted before God. Further journeys to this land are not permitted, for it is in turmoil, and the hidden turmoil which has been revealed in most tablets remains concealed. This is a land whose surface appears calm while its interior is turbulent. You must be content and grateful with what has been and is commanded, for therein lies the wisdom. End.

This servant begs that you not forget this one and always remember him with goodly mention. Convey greetings to all the loved ones of God who are honored to be in your presence. And concerning what you wrote about Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said that he spoke truthfully, and indeed his presence in that land was with effect and fruit. I beseech God to strengthen him in all conditions. We testify that he has arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Wherever he may be, he is under the gaze of divine favor. The Glory be upon him, his wife, his son, and those who are with him. And further, regarding what you mentioned about Aqa Siyyid J, upon him be the Glory of God, this too was presented. He said special favors have been bestowed upon him. We beseech God to assist him and grant him what is best for him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of grandeur and power!

O Husayn! The Pen is nigh moved to lamentation, for the Hand of Power moves it in the evening and at sunrise, at dawn and at dusk, and through the days and at daybreak. It finds for itself neither rest nor stillness, as the Hand of Divine Destiny turns it howsoever it wishes. Verily thy Lord is the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. Neither the might of the powerful nor the dominion of princes can hinder Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We have mentioned thee before, and before that, with verses whose fragrance, when diffused, caused the graves to quake and the people to stand before the face of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds.

O Husayn! When the Hand of Power raised the standards of wisdom and utterance, and the Morn of Manifestation unfurled the banner of divine knowledge, the people rose in opposition. Among them were those who denied Me, those who calumniated My Person, and those who pronounced the verdict for the shedding of My blood. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are numbered this day among the transgressors in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to aid thee and to open before thy face the door of grace and favors. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Most Great. May He send down upon thee from the clouds of His mercy a blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. We make mention of those whose names thou hast mentioned, and We remind them of My verses which reign supreme over all who are in the heavens and on earth. We give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them, and We acquaint them with the power of My Most Exalted Pen and the influence of My Most Sublime Word. Verily, thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

O Husayn! We have desired to make mention of him who is named Mahmud, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto a station wherein he shall witness what God hath witnessed and acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of ’Akka. Verily it hath been raised in truth, in such wise that none can deny it save every heedless and remote soul. We have mentioned thee before and have revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of them that are nigh. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him when the learned ones turned away, and for having enabled thee to acknowledge Him when the divines and scholars of the earth denied Him. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty. By the life of God! There hath been ordained from the Most Exalted Pen for them that are nigh such as hath bewildered the hearts of those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause and in the observance of what He hath revealed in His Book. He, verily, is the Confirmer, the All-Wise.

O Mawzun! The Self-Subsisting hath made mention of thee on a day whereon the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the All-Loving. We have sent unto thee the breezes of revelation and honored thee with My Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the luminary of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. Once We mentioned thee with verses of grace, and again with utterance that hath enraptured hearts and souls. Can aught possessed by the people be compared with the Word of God? Nay, by His Self, the One Who dominateth all things past and future! Thus hath the Pen revealed its treasure and the Tongue its utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

O Elias! The King of mankind summons thee from His glorious station and remembers thee through His grace, mentioning thee in what hath been revealed in His inscribed tablet. Take what hath come to thee from the horizon of might, and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Say: O people of the earth! Open your eyes! The Sovereign hath come - dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Beware lest the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings prevent you. Cast aside what the people possess, turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein hath been raised the Call: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Sovereign of sovereignty and of the Kingdom!” We beseech

God, exalted be He, to aid thee and those who have turned unto that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Hassan! Show excellence even as God hath shown excellence unto thee. He hath aided thee to turn unto Him when those on earth turned away. To this testifieth His preserved Tablet. Say: My God, my God! I have inhaled the fragrance of the garment of Thy Manifestation, and the wine of the river of Thy knowledge in Thy days hath intoxicated me. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation, the evidences of Thy might, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me to attain Thy presence, to stand before Thy gate, and to hearken unto Thy Call which was raised once from the Tree when Thou didst manifest Thyself unto Moses, and again during the Night Journey when Thy Friend and Chosen One ascended; or ordain for me, by the Pen of Thy Command, the reward of meeting Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent Whom the power of the world cannot frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then write down for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O Abraham! The tale of the sacrifice hath returned, and they who are detached have advanced to the place of sacrifice, offering up their souls in the path of God, the Lord of creation. Neither the world nor its ornaments prevented them from turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath pondered on that which hath appeared in truth in this Day wherein the standard "There is none other God but Him" hath been raised above the highest ensigns. Do the people hear and deny it? Have their hopes prevented them from God, the Lord of the beginning and the end? Say: Fear God, O people, and withhold not yourselves from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. The Promise hath come, and that which was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared. Cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of Days. Thus hath the pearl of utterance appeared from the treasury of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are ye, O ye who possess insight!

O Ja'far! Be content with what hath been ordained for thee. We beseech God to manifest unto thee that which shall profit thee in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful. O Fath'u'llah! The Wronged One remembereth thee while under the talons of hatred. To this testifieth the Lord of Names in this station which God hath made the Dawning-Place of lights. O Nasru'llah! The Hidden hath appeared and the Concealed hath come, yet the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil. Blessed is the strong one whom the hosts of the world have not weakened, and the steadfast one whose feet have not slipped through the clamor of the wicked. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur while He was in the prison of the wicked ones. O Isaac! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the earth and of the heavens. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent thee from the path of God, the Lord of all men. Take hold of the Book with the power that proceedeth from Him, and follow not every doubtful idolater. Say: O people! By God, the Desired One hath come and that which was recorded in the Mother Book hath appeared. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken while the Wronged One was walking in the prison because of what the hands of the wicked have wrought.

Verily, We make mention of him who was named Haqq-Nazar, whose name was blessed by the glance of his Lord's favor, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Master of souls. O David! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Loving. He maketh mention of thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning Place of mysteries. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Dayspring of lights. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife who turned unto God while the handmaidens were wrapt in astonishing heedlessness. Verily, when We gazed toward the horizon of bounty, We made mention of those whose names were not mentioned, as a grace from the Wronged One, that they might give thanks unto their Lord, the Cleaver of the dawn. O people of God! Rejoice that your names have flowed from the Pen of Command at a time when agitation hath so seized the dwellers of the earth that it hath been cleft asunder and the mountains have been scattered. Take the chalice of salvation through the power of your Lord, then drink therefrom in My Name through which God hath subdued all names. We have stood before all faces and spoken verses that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. He Who caused bodies to soar beareth witness to this. Neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of nations have hindered Us. Every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness to this.

We make mention of My handmaidens there and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness, and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the earths and heavens. We make mention of My handmaiden who was named Hajar and bid her to the patience which God hath made the nature of the chosen ones. Grieve not over anything. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to manifest for you that which will solace your eyes and gladden your hearts. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

At the close of the Book We make mention of the Mizban and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison before the faces of the nations: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing." O Mizban! Hear the call once again. We made mention of thee before in such wise that the fragrance of utterance was wafted throughout all possibility. We beseech God to strengthen thee in steadfastness and to aid thee in that which He hath revealed in the Book. Give thanks unto God for this most great remembrance and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings. I beseech Thee to write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions." The glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife who attained unto faith while the divines and theologians of the earth turned away. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this.

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

Praise, sanctified above the mention of all the worlds, befitteth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of the Desired One, Who hath ordained for every being seven stages: Will, Purpose, Destiny, Decree, Permission, Term, and Book. Each of these stages is a fathomless ocean, sanctified beyond all limits. The

pearls thereof lie preserved and concealed within the shells of God's protection, exalted be His glory. In truth, were one to attempt to describe these stages and stations, each of which is a dawning-place of divine knowledge and a dayspring of heavenly wisdom, this pen and paper would not suffice, nor would all the pens and pages in the realm of knowledge, which is the station of them that are nigh unto God. He is the One Who hath power over all things. Whatsoever He hath created, be it atoms or what lieth beneath or above them, all testify to and proclaim His greatness, sovereignty, might, power, generosity, grace and mercy. Glorified, glorified be He! Who can adequately praise His creation, much less His loved ones, His chosen ones, and them that are related unto Him? At this station, silence is most fitting.

Blessings and peace be upon Him through Whose name the Ark of Inner Meanings sailed upon the Sea of Utterance, through Whom the Sun of Unity shone forth from the horizon of possibility, through Whom lands were opened and the stations of servants were elevated. And peace be upon His family and companions, through whom the edifices of idols were shaken and the hearts of idol-worshippers were disturbed, through whom the signs and laws of God and His sovereignty and commandments were spread abroad, and through whom trembling seized the very foundations of those who denied the beginning and the return. And peace and abundant greetings be upon them all.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, thy noble letter arrived and my heart was gladdened thereby and my spirit was refreshed, for this servant perceived therefrom the fragrance of love and affection and the mention of God, the Lord of creation. When I read and understood it, I approached the Sacred Threshold and presented it before the countenance of the Lord, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him […]

O thou who hast turned thy face toward God and gazed upon the Most Exalted Horizon! In these days new tribulations and successive sorrows have befallen Us. Tyranny, in the name of justice, is seated upon the throne. All governmental affairs are suspended. This Wronged One hath been accused of that which none hath ever uttered and subjected to treatment without parallel. Yet this Wronged One hath clung to gracious patience and, utterly detached from all else save God, hath remained engaged in His remembrance with the utmost joy and fragrance. In truth, in His path fire is light and hardship is mercy. Thirst in this wilderness is the very essence of Kawthar - despite them and those who have debarred themselves from this glorious and wondrous station, a station wherein the ocean of light is manifest, yet they attribute darkness to it. Tyranny hath reached such heights that the very embodiment of justice is consumed in lamentation. The scratching of the Pen and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree are raised at all times, yet none can be found who would hearken unto them.

Despite all encompassing trials and tribulations, We have been and are occupied with the remembrance of God's loved ones. Thy mention hath been before this Wronged One and, God willing, shall continue to be. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and rejoice thy heart, to open before thy face the door of His mercy, and to cause the rains of His grace and favors to descend upon thee from the clouds of His bounty. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy to respond. We make mention of and convey Our greetings unto him who hath turned, heard, responded, witnessed and beheld - he who was named Muhammad in the Book of Names - and unto those who are there. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them, draw them nigh unto Him, and to ordain for them that which shall never perish. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God! His grace is evident, His bounty manifest, His mercy pre-existent, and His loving-kindness all-encompassing. We beseech and supplicate Him to increase His favors at all times and to gladden the hearts of them who are nigh and sincere through the lights of the Luminary of utterance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

Unto the beloved of the heart, His Holiness M.H. (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious), do I convey mention, praise and greetings. Indeed, in separation man perceives the station of the blessing of reunion and understands it. I beseech and supplicate the Truth to remove the veil and reveal the Beauty. Likewise, unto the masters and all the friends do I convey greetings and praise, and I seek that which is the cause and source of the manifestation of eternal blessing. Verily our Lord is the Lord of earth and heaven, the Lord of the throne and soil. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Strong, the Mighty.

As for thy having written, despite the multitude of affairs and occupations, about the degrees of remembrance of the beloved of the heart, His Holiness M.H. (upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation), and likewise thy mention of thine own heedlessness - that spiritual friend said to write that this entire letter is evidence of attention and remembrance, and every word thereof testifieth to love, steadfastness, adherence, attachment and pure servitude unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, the Lord of all worlds.

As to what was written concerning toil, hardship and difficulty, it is indeed the pure truth. However, since engagement in affairs is an imperative command and is also counted as worship, that very moment - meaning the moment of engagement and giving and receiving - is considered remembrance, orientation towards God, and worship. This evanescent one beseeches the Eternal Truth to assist that spiritual beloved in all conditions, in such wise that despite lack of opportunity and preoccupation, the fragrances of His love may be diffused throughout the world and its effects become manifest in souls.

Concerning what you wrote about felicity, acceptance, destiny and fate - that which is outwardly established and witnessed accords with what has been stated: "Nothing exists in heaven or earth except through Will, Purpose, Destiny, Fate, Permission, Term and Book." Every soul that comes into the world brings with it countless means, though these may not be visible to the outward eye. This station is in truth established. That which is counted among the irrevocable things cannot be changed, while other than this changes through means and deeds. The first inclination that arises in man before the appearance of means is the station of Will; the first conception of means is the station of Purpose; Destiny is the station of measure and proportion, meaning the appearance of means in measure; and Fate is the composition of what was destined. They have described the station of Destiny as most great, as it is said: "Destiny is a secret among God's secrets, a command among His commands, and a protection among His protections, sealed with God's seal..." until He says "it is a surging ocean which you cannot enter, and a dark night which you cannot traverse, abundant with fish in its depths which extend between heaven and earth, and its width extends between east and west, and in its depths is a sun that gives light."

Man observes these stations in his own stations, meaning the seven degrees that were mentioned. After the appearance of Fate, the execution is witnessed, which is the same as Permission. For everything there is and has been a Term, meaning the duration of its existence. Then appears the Book, which is the

station of the completeness of the thing. Praise be to God that today the Mother of Stations is manifest, and that is severance from all things and committing all affairs to Him. In this case, these stations themselves are unveiled.

Furthermore, praise be to God that the honored beloved, his eminence Haji - upon him be God's most exalted peace - and his honored family and children - upon them be God's peace - have partaken of the cups of the Most Great Chalice and from the goblets of the Most Exalted Cup. May it be wholesome and pleasant for you. It is requested that you convey greetings and praise to the friends of God, exalted be His glory - meaning those who are enkindled with the fire of love and illumined with the light of knowledge and steadfastness. I beseech the Wise, the Powerful One to assist each one in that which its mention is everlasting and eternal. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the One with power over what He wishes, and He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Generous.

At this moment, the most luminous letter of the beloved of the heart, his eminence M.H. - upon him be God's peace and care - arrived, but there was no opportunity to write a response. God willing, it will be written and sent later. Remembrance, praise and peace be upon you and upon those with you and upon every steadfast, upright one. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

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O Trial of eternity! Await thou the Trial of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, for verily it shall come unto you in truth - indeed it hath now come in truth, so bear ye witness. And verily it is a Trial that shall distinguish between the Kaf and the Nun, and shall differentiate all things from that day until the Day when He shall again be made manifest in wondrous days promised through the revelation of His hidden Essence and the reality of His eternity in the year Mustaghath. And this is an irrevocable truth, and verily this is a Trial that shall seize all contingent things, both unseen and visible. Say: Verily this is a Trial wherein souls shall be perturbed, minds shall be bewildered, and mysteries shall be split asunder, then shall the spirits of the sincere be thunderstruck thereby. Say: Verily this is a Trial whereby the heavens of knowledge and wisdom shall be cleft, and the earths of might and power shall be rent asunder, then shall the mountains of glory and light be crushed thereby. Say: Verily this is a Trial whereby the thrones of grandeur shall be shaken and the denizens of the pavilions of loftiness shall be overturned, then shall the concourse of the Spirit in the holy immortal realm be astounded thereby. Say: Verily this is a Trial whereby the suns of radiance shall be darkened and the moons of blindness shall be eclipsed, then shall the stars of knowledge fall from the heavens of the Cause. Say: Verily this is a Trial whereby God shall test every atom, then all created things, then all who are in the earths and heavens, then all the worlds. And verily this is a Trial whereby honored servants shall be tried, then sincere servants, then the angels brought nigh, then the dwellers of the most exalted Concourse. Say: Verily this is a Trial wherein all who claim love for and faith in God, the All-Subduing, the Most High, the Beloved, through this Beauty, the Inaccessible, the Glorious, the Beloved, shall be purified. And verily this is a Trial whereby the holy fire

shall be extinguished, then the water of reality shall freeze, then the Lote-Trees of light shall quake and the denizens of Sinai shall perish. Say: Verily this is a Trial that shall seize every sound mystic, every wise adult, every knowing administrator, every trustworthy sovereign, then every Prophet-Messenger. Say: Verily this is a Trial whereby all horizons shall be convulsed and all people shall be tried, and some shall be separated from others as the earth is separated from heaven - nay, more severe than that. Exalted then be God, the Manifester of this inevitable Trial! And thereby He separated what was separated in the time of all the Prophets and Messengers, and before them in times that the knowledge of the wise cannot encompass, and He shall separate thereby all that shall be separated in future times. And verily this is a hidden mystery preserved in holy treasuries, and none knoweth it save him whom God hath given insight that is veiled from eyes of steel. And verily this is such insight that were the people of the worlds of reality and the dwellers in the repositories of the Cause in the inmost sanctuaries of glory to perceive it, they would gasp within themselves and shudder in their beings, and would be unable to witness it. By God the Truth! Through this Trial the vision of mystic hearts shall be snatched away, and holy and spiritual sights shall be dazzled, then shall the moons of divinity be eclipsed in the heaven of the Cause. Say: By God! In this Trial the feet of the mystics who know God by God shall slip, even those who in every moment behold the mysteries of the Cause and Truth with penetrating vision. Say: Verily this is a Trial wherein the veils of hidden things shall be rent asunder and the secrets of confidential matters shall be uncovered, then shall the treasures of hearts be revealed […]

Say: By God, there shall be tested in this test, and cast into the fire, servants who never entertained in their minds even an atom's weight of the thought that they worshipped aught but God. Say: By God, in this test shall be tried even the realities of those who have never been heedless of God and His Cause for the twinkling of an eye, and who have at all times been mindful. How much more then shall be tried the servants who have not understood of this Cause - whereby all the Manifestations are thunderstruck - even as much as an ant might comprehend of its two wings; these are they who stand recorded before God as the very essence of heedlessness. Say: By God, the Truth, in this test shall slip the feet of all the mystics among the celestial concourse ere they become aware of themselves, or their hearts comprehend, or they distinguish aught with the highest gems of intellect in their pristine understanding. After it is revealed to them what they have neglected, they shall cry out within themselves and lament in their souls, then shall they weep and wail, then shall they cry aloud; and were they to possess all the spirits of the heavens and earth of immortality, they would wish to sacrifice them, that they might not be veiled for less than a moment from this exalted Beauty. By God, the Holy Spirit trembles in those days, and the Light of the Divine Presence quakes, and the Most Great Mystery shudders, and the angels of the Throne in the realm of glory are struck with fear. Say: By God, in this test shall the winds be tried at the very moment of their blowing by their very blowing, then shall the waters be tried at the time of their flowing and drinking, then the fire when it blazes and rages. By God, all the earths and heavens shall be tried, then the suns and stars, then the moons, then the seas with all their ships and waves and drops, and whatsoever wonders of God's handiwork, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, have been ordained therein. By God, everything shall be tried in everything, from everything, to everything, by the very essence of a thing, and not an atom of air shall escape therefrom. This is the mystery of what was sent down aforetime upon the First Beloved from the realm of God, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and it is that verse wherein God counseled Luqman for his son: "O my son! If there be the weight of

a mustard seed, and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth; verily God witnesses what they do." By God, were you to observe, you would witness that the lamp which is lit before you in the night is tried in the very moment it is kindled, then the bird that circles round it, then the lights that shine forth from it and encompass its sides and cast upon visible directions. By God, the test tries, and the touchstone proves, and the scrutiny examines, and the sieve sifts, and a single hair splits into a thousand pieces, then each piece is tried - all this from the appearance of this Most Great Test which appears from this Most Ancient, All-Possessing Quarter. Its winds have now blown, and soon shall come in the year of tribulation and seize all lands, and all therein shall cry for help. By God, and by the Manifestation of this Ancient Beauty, in His essence, for His essence, through His essence - were God to remove one veil from what is hidden, there would occur such an earthquake in the pillars of the Thrones that the bearers of the Throne would be shaken and their very beings would well nigh scatter. And were I to make mention of this Most Great News and the manifestations of its test and its most upright trials from this day unto the endless ages of eternity, by God, its mention would never be exhausted and its description would never end, even were there to flow, after all the seas God has created, seventy thousand times as many again - exalted then is God, this is but a limited portion.

O Sun! Emerge from the eclipse of fancy and desire and behold the Most Luminous, Most Manifest, Most Glorious Orb in the pole of the heaven of eternity with such radiant lights that were all the atoms of existence, both seen and unseen, to reflect but the least ray from the rays of its light, verily would they all attain unto the cry "Verily I am God!"

O Sun! Behold on one hand the radiance of His grace's lights which, with a single effulgence, hath adorned all the heavens of the unseen majesty with suns of glory and honored the mountains of holy oneness with the appearance of hidden mines. And on the other hand, the piercing meteor of His [presence] hath demolished all the thrones of loftiness and elevation, and cast down the exalted suns of the heaven of grandeur to the dust of abasement.

But O Sun! What can this evanescent atom mention of how, at the exaltation and appearance of this Most Great Orb, what standards of rancor and hatred have been raised by the possessors of authority from the Bayan against this Beauty of the All-Merciful? By the One Holy and Unique Essence, never hath such a thing appeared in the world of creation. He whose very existence was created by a word hath repeatedly attempted to veil this Sun of Divine Beauty behind the clouds of rancor and envy, and to conceal His purified Beauty from the horizon of possibility. But the Hand of Power and Divine Dominion exposed his plots and machinations and preserved His Own Beauty of Glory through the angels of His Own Holy, Inaccessible and Exalted Being.

O Sun! He whose elevation and fame He caused to spread throughout all lands for twenty years, such that all servants worshipped him as lord and knew him as their [object of worship] - now when he witnessed the exaltation of God's Cause, the furnace of envy and hatred began to boil and several times he attempted in various ways to shed His pure blood. When he despaired of this intention, he pursued other schemes until finally, when they observed that all the seas could not extinguish this fire of hatred and all the waters of possibility and existence could not calm this flame of rancor and envy, they at last chose seclusion from all and sat alone, single, and solitary in a house, that perchance thereby the fire of envy of

the people of hatred might somewhat subside. Even this did not suffice or satisfy them. From every direction and quarter they have kindled the fire of sedition and corruption, and have cast every manner of turmoil and upheaval among all. And now they seek to use all religions, nations and governments to manifest hatred toward this Wronged Beauty and accomplish their purpose.

O Sun! The details of the events of this year of adversity are more than could be recorded in the chronicles of the first and the last. A hundred thousand worlds of mysteries could not contain a single letter of its telling.

O Sun! Soon wilt thou hear the croaking of infidelity and hypocrisy spread throughout all regions, and they shall return upon themselves that which they themselves have wrought, and shall raise the cry of being wronged. This leaf was written last year in reply to thy letter […]

I certainly had five times what was written, but due to the consideration of ordained mysteries in the Kingdom of destiny, they were not sent. Until these days, when it was observed that the great outcry had arisen and a mighty sedition had appeared, I decided to send them in legible handwriting, since the way I first wrote them could not be read properly. Before even one page was completed, a hundred thousand seas of calamitous waves descended upon the Most Glorious Countenance, such that the pen ceased from writing and the tongue from speech. The servant of God, Aqa Jan. And in these days, a letter arrived from you and his honor, the exalted Name of God, the Sacrifice. I intended to send a detailed reply to them, but the details of the situation are as has been submitted. With pure and most exalted greetings, I remain mindful of their condition.

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O Abu-Darda!

He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Pure!

O friend! God willing, may you remain protected from the fire of opposition of the Nimrod-like manifestations, and in all ages be engaged in praising the Truth. Say: The Cause of God is more manifest than to need proof or evidence, for in all times and ages there hath appeared that which transcendeth human capacity. Therefore, the excuse of those who hesitate is unacceptable before God. Were people to adorn themselves with fairness, all would acknowledge that the divine testimony and proof of the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting, hath appeared in its essence. How many were the souls who witnessed with their own eyes extraordinary events and divine manifestations, their tongues uttering praise of the All-Merciful Beauty to such extent that they composed countless poems in His praise. Yet they became so veiled by that which hath never been deemed to exist in God’s sight that they denied it all, and now they wander in the wilderness of error and traverse the desert of heedlessness and ignorance, to such degree that they have become oblivious to all they had witnessed with their own eyes and perceived with their own hearts. Thus hath it ever been and ever shall be. Even if the Truth should at all times appear with clear and manifest proof, the idolaters would derive no benefit therefrom. Just as in every age they demanded miracles and extraordinary signs from the Manifestations of God Himself, and whenever these

appeared, the opposition of the deniers and the fire of hatred grew fiercer and more intense. As ye have heard, I swear by the peerless God that not a single atom moveth in the heavens and earth save by His leave and will. He knoweth what is hidden and concealed in the hearts of His servants, and is able to subdue the earth and all who dwell therein with a single word. However, were such matters to be manifested, all would acknowledge them willingly or unwillingly, yet such acknowledgment would have no value. Therefore, at times the divine manifestations of power are revealed and apparent, and at times concealed and hidden. In their revelation, they draw the people of attainment to the heaven of witnessing, and in their concealment, they distinguish between those of certainty and those of doubt. Thus was it witnessed how people slipped from the path of God's Cause when the winds of trials blew, though in all divine tablets mention had been made of severe days to come. It was clear and evident that a great tribulation would surely appear. This was announced only that people might be informed and prepared, that perchance they would not be disturbed when trials appeared, but would ascend with complete assurance to the heaven of the All-Merciful and walk in the paradise of certitude. Nevertheless, some remained veiled and others became disturbed and shaken, except those divine souls who were planted by God's hand in the paradise of certitude and were given to drink from the living waters. These are the children of the spirit on earth and God's trustees in all lands. God created them from the lights of the Throne, and He verily is the Ancient Bestower.

Say: O loved ones of God! Strive ye to drink from the cup of faith in the name of the All-Merciful during the days of trials, for what is beloved is that people should turn toward the realm of divine oneness during severe times. Otherwise, when the winds of might blow from the direction of God's power, all will enter the shore of faith and claim certitude. However, this faith and certitude are contingent upon another trial, until such time and such an age when it shall be made manifest, for the cause of this faith has been outward means rather than divine attractions. We beseech God to assist those who have believed, to make them steadfast in His love, and to nourish them from the fruits of the holy tree, which whosoever partakes thereof, nothing in the heavens and earth shall cause him to grieve.

Say: O servants! Hearken unto the counsels of this Prisoner, which He imparteth purely for the sake of God. Fear not for your lives in the path of the Beloved, and be not dismayed by the manifestations of oppression and tyranny. By the Most Great Luminary! None of the peoples of the earth hath or shall have dominion over those who are assured of God, save over their outward bodies, and they have not and shall never have authority in the realms of the spirit. Were the idolaters to reflect even briefly, they would never molest these divine temples, for the purpose of those who turn away hath been and shall be to abase these tranquil souls. And if they knew that within the martyrdom of these souls lie eternal lives, and in their abasement in the path of the All-Merciful is concealed the kingdom of glory, they would never molest them. The ascension of spirits from bodies will occur in any case, whether through apparent illness or implements of war. Thus, blessed are those souls who lay down their lives in the path of the Friend and hasten to the Supreme Companion. O friends of Truth! Count not this matchless favor as insignificant, and be not disturbed by the winds of trials. And if one is granted martyrdom, let him count it as a bounty, for this eternal sovereignty is neither the portion of every ignorant one nor the share of every blind one. This is the cup of the yearning ones and the wine of the lovers; the hypocrites have been and shall be deprived thereof.

O Khalil! In all the Tablets of constancy wherein mention hath been made of grievous days, We have counseled all servants with compassionate exhortations that none should molest anyone, and no soul should contend with another. The decree of killing hath been entirely forbidden in the wondrous Tablets. Nevertheless, that which happened hath happened. Say: O servants of God! Defile not the good earth with the blood of idolatrous souls. The victory of truth hath been through goodly counsels and wise exhortations, not through conflict and contention. Hearken unto the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen and transgress not the command of God. In this Revelation, corruption hath been entirely forbidden, and the purpose hath been and shall be the reformation of the earth and the unity of its peoples. By the Sun of the horizon of sanctification! If My loved ones are slain, it is more beloved to this Servant than the shedding of anyone's blood. Say: O friends! Be not content with harm to any animal, much less to humans. God hath ever commanded and decreed that which is for the good of mankind. If they turn unto God's guidance, this good shall return unto those accepting souls, otherwise thy Lord is indeed independent of all worlds.

He maketh mention, moreover, of Jinab-i-Niyaz. Should you meet with him, say that whatsoever hath been manifested sufficeth all existence. Several times have We revealed Ourself unto you, both in sleep and in wakefulness, including once when you were walking upon the mountain. Reflect a little, that perchance you may become aware of that which transpired. After you have turned unto Him and attained certitude, the grace of God shall encompass you. Soon shall the commander and the commanded fall silent, and God shall aid you through the truth if ye be of them that are assured of Him. Verily, He is nigh unto them that do good.

It behooveth you in these days to arise in service to the Cause of God. Consider the diverse peoples, how they are all deprived from the shores of divine unity, inasmuch as they have found the Manifestation of Truth to be contrary to their vain imaginings. Thus do they all still wait, even though He Whom they await hath appeared like unto the sun from the horizon of divine unity.

In these times, remain not veiled from the manifestation of two Names in a single Temple, and account all else as non-existent. The springtime hath appeared and the beauty of the rose is unveiled and manifest. O nightingale! Cease not thy melody, for this is thy time and thy day, as none but thee hath such a share of the beauty of the rose. Sing and warble in this Garden as thou pleasest, and be not of them that are silent.

It would be a pity if you, who for years have been known and remembered by the name of Truth, should today remain veiled from the Truth. Finally, it is said: O Khalil, sacrifice the servant of the Bayan in the path of the All-Merciful, and fear not the hosts of Satan - that is, dedicate thy wisdom and utterance to the promotion of the Cause of the All-Merciful. The loved ones of God must, one and all, be distinguished from all who dwell on earth by their words and deeds, such that truthfulness may be evident from their words and the sweet fragrances of holiness may waft from their deeds. The Spirit be upon thee and upon thy brethren, then upon those whom divine guidance hath preceded from God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God, the Creator, the Fashioner, the Maker, the One Who giveth life and death, Who hath taken unto Himself no peer, no partner and no equal. He is the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting. He begetteth not, nor is He begotten, and there is none like unto Him in all creation, nor any equal in invention. He hath manifested Himself in the Return and hath spoken as He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter dated the 7th of Sha'ban was received on the 19th of the blessed month of Ramadan. It brought both comfort and joy, dispelled grief and increased gladness. God willing, may all the friends in this most mighty, most holy Day attain unto the infinite divine bounties and be engaged in His remembrance.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad Husayn Navvaz of K—, mentioning his arising to serve the Cause, this was submitted before the most holy, most glorious, most exalted Presence. He said: "It behooveth him to be occupied day and night in thanksgiving and praise to the Best-Beloved of all ages, for He hath aided him to recognition, remembrance and service. Verily, He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Generous." Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be My Baha, who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, made mention of him before the Face of the Wronged One and testified to his being enkindled with the fire of divine love. Beyond all mention and utterance, God is the Witness and the All-Seeing. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. His mention hath been recorded in the Tablets by the Supreme Pen. God willing, may he be aided to preserve this most exalted station. We, from this Station, glorify him and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted amongst His servants, and We make mention of him on this Day that hath no equal among days, centuries and ages. God willing, may they attain unto such a station wherein the conditions of the people of the earth shall not prevent them from the Truth, and may they speak forth the praise of the Beloved of all possibility with the utmost joy and yearning, with spirit and fragrance.

This evanescent servant also submitted and sent a letter to them last year, and that same letter bore and beareth witness to God's grace and favor concerning them, for in those days whatsoever this servant heard from the blessed tongue regarding them, he made mention thereof. In any case, the work of no doer of good hath ever been or ever shall be lost. I beseech God to aid them at all times to that which is pleasing unto Him.

Concerning what you wrote about his honour N.S.Kh.A. - upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] - praise be to God, he was and continues to be the recipient of divine favors. He turned to the horizon of the Manifestation and partook of the sealed wine. Once these words were heard from the blessed tongue saying: "Verily he drank from the ocean of attainment and achieved the presence when the Cause was still concealed behind the veils of might, power, protection, grandeur and majesty." Last year he had requested multiple Tablets for the friends of those regions, and all were revealed from the heaven of God's will and are now in this servant's possession. However, due to wisdom they have not yet been sent. God willing, they shall be sent. If you meet him, convey to him the glad tidings of divine favors, and

likewise mention on behalf of this evanescent servant whatever is befitting. I beseech God to adorn him in the assemblage of the world with the ornament of love for the Ancient King, in such wise that he may be remembered by His name and known by His love. Although he is now known and described thus among the chosen ones, later the names of the sincere ones and those who have turned to God will be exalted in all regions. Verily our Lord, the All-Informed, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about his honour Aqa ’Abdu’s-Samad, that he has rent asunder the veils and turned to the Lord of all return - blessed be he and joy be unto him. O My loved one! If all the peoples of the earth were to ponder the Cause of God with fairness, assuredly all would turn to the Dayspring of divine manifestation. The people are unaware and have not witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance and have not attained to the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and the reins of souls are in the grasp of those possessed of fancy and vain imaginings. These obstacles that have become the cause and reason of prevention have appeared from the deeds of souls themselves, while God, exalted be His glory, created all through one word and called all through one word. Blessed is he who is attracted by His call and turns to His horizon, and woe to those who turn away, and woe to the heedless. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches God to aid his honour Samad to serve the Cause and make him among those on whom shall come no fear, neither shall they grieve.

Furthermore, the petition of his honour Mulla Husayn arrived, and it so happened that an hour after its arrival it was presented at the Most Holy Court, and these sublime words issued forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Revealer of verses - exalted be His grandeur: “O Husayn! Thy call has attained to the honor of being heard, thy state is witnessed and thy condition known. Be thou prepared to hearken unto that wherewith My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee from this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Glorious Station. By My life! Wert thou to find the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, joy and gladness would seize thee from all directions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Cast aside what thou hast and take what God, the Lord of all men, commands thee. Commit all thine affairs unto God and trust in Him and say:

“O Thou by Whose finger’s motion the earth was cleft and the heaven was split, and by Whose will the trumpet was blown and the mountains passed away! I beseech Thee to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty and grace that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou knowest what is with me and I know not what is with Thee, and Thou art more knowing of me than I am. Aid me in Thy Cause in such wise that I may choose what Thou hast chosen for me. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful.”

O Husayn! Thy call hath been heard, and the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison, and thy response hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Desired One of all worlds. The will and desire of the friends must, God willing, be annihilated in the will and desire of the All-Merciful–that is, they must be content with whatsoever He hath willed. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station! He is mentioned in God’s Book as being among those who are content and nigh unto Him. O Husayn! Be thou aware, and ponder the fathomless ocean of the grace of the Beloved of all possibility. The Tongue of Revelation maketh mention of thee, and this is that same Speaker Who called out from the Mount. Were thou to sacrifice a hundred thousand lives at His coming,

they would not equal one word of those that have streamed forth from His tongue. Reflect upon thy Lord's grace, and thy Lord's loving-kindness, and thy Lord's tender mercy, and thy Lord's compassion, and be thou of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

At this moment, when the perspicuous utterance of the Lord of the Day of Judgment reached this point, He desired to make mention of one of His friends, that the fragrances of His wondrous remembrance might be made manifest as befitteth Him. O Abu'l-Hasan! Since thou didst make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn-i-Naw, and the Supreme Pen hath shown loving-kindness, He now desireth to make mention of him who beareth his name, for in the prime of youth and the springtime of his life he turned toward the Lord of all return, and from 'Iraq and the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison loving-kindness was shown unto him. Blessed is he in that he hath attained and heard the call of his Lord and responded. We make mention of him even as We mentioned him before, and We give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from the presence of One mighty and strong. God willing, may they not become heedless of this great station and preserve it. It behooveth him at all times to remember his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath been recorded among those who preceded others in the Perspicuous Book. The friends of God were and are in that land, and owing to the blazing of the fire of tyranny some are concealed behind the clouds of wisdom. God will soon manifest through His sovereignty that which He desireth and will reveal the station of those who have turned unto Him and have hearkened unto His verses and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. The request of this evanescent one is that ye convey greetings and praise on my behalf to all the friends of God who dwell in that land and who gaze toward the horizon of God's Will. We beseech God to assist them all and keep them steadfast upon the straight path of His Cause.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

The tongue of truth speaks these words at the beginning of this letter: O companion of my soul, where art thou? In truth, no fire hath been or is greater than the fire of separation. Its flames melt the world of existence, and its sparks consume all that is. Yet in the estimation of the dwellers in the cities of yearning and the lovers, no bounty hath been or is more beloved than this, nor any gift more desired. They would freely sacrifice a hundred thousand lives to attain unto this fire. This fire, in one sense, is a masterful teacher, imparting the mysteries of instruction and making evident the hidden secrets. If I were to say it is more excellent than light itself, this would not be amiss, for it both illumines and bestows warmth. The hand is His hand, the decree is His decree. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, by the Dayspring of lights and the Lord of the righteous, He Who raised Him up and conversed with Him beyond the veil and honored Him with the Most Exalted Word–and verily this word is the lord of all utterances in the world, namely the word "Thou art the Beloved and Thou art the Adored One," and in another word, "But He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets"–that He may assist His servants in that which is the cause and source of power, greatness, and majesty for the people of divine unity.

O beloved of my heart! The traces of thy pen, which appeared in the form of a letter, arrived and the lamentation of that unique and lonely heart set my heart aflame, producing profound effects in all my limbs and members. These effects have been and are superior to the bounties of the world, nay rather, they are the cause and source of the manifestation of bounties. Well said the speaker: "I remain silent, being unable to mention numerous matters, and my utterance cannot encompass them; even were I to speak, I would speak little."

The mention of such stations is not the work of pen or man. I beseech the incomparable grace of God, exalted be His glory, to inflame His loved ones with the fire of love and affection in such wise that it shall neither abate nor be altered nor be numbered. In any case, after reading and beholding this flame which appeared from the letter, I approached the Presence of the Master and presented it. He said:

"O Ali! The world, with all its vastness and greatness, has become constricted. The righteous are afflicted under the claws of the wicked. Greed and avarice have conquered the entire world. Should one observe with penetrating vision, one would see all under the talons of these two oppressors. War and strife in the world emanate from these two, and the conflict and corruption of nations are manifest through them. Every person of power is powerless before them, and every mighty conqueror is non-existent and null before their dominion. Should the fire of these two be quenched, the world would find peace, and all regions of the earth would be seen as one country. They have usurped the domains of the people of unity, and yet they seek more. Strange that until now the guardians of government and nation have not discovered the cause and reason, nor have they arisen to ensure prosperity and reform.

"Beseech God to protect what remains and to illumine the horizon of the world with the light of justice. I swear by the Sun of utterance that shineth from the horizon of the prison that most of the servants are unaware of that which benefiteth or harmeth them. The tongue of the world constantly giveth advice and remindeth; it declareth its own evanescence with utmost clarity, yet aware souls are rare. We beseech God's boundless grace and mercy to make all aware and to aid them in rectifying what hath been lost."

O Ali! This Wronged One is at this moment turning with complete attention toward thee and beseeching from God on thy behalf that for which there is no likeness or comparison. Verily God is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the Answerer.

We convey Our greetings to the loved ones. Each one is present before Our face. Every pure deed is a treasure for its doer and is preserved and safeguarded with the true Trustee. We make mention of all and counsel them to that which will exalt their stations, especially those souls who in this age have arisen to render assistance and are engaged in praise, glorification and service to the Cause. Peace be upon them, and mercy be upon them, and glory be unto them. We beseech God to aid them in all conditions to that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

In truth one is astonished at how long the oppressors of the world will continue to seek ascendancy, and what they have seen in plunder, pillage and bloodshed that they perpetually engage therein. I beseech God that what was formerly ordained by the Lord of the Cause may be made manifest–and that is the Most Great Peace. Should the kings attain to this supreme blessing and mighty gift, torment will be

transformed into ease, tyranny into justice, poverty into wealth, hardship into bounty, and anxiety into tranquility. In these days the world of separation is possessed of another fire and another attraction, and no utterance can adequately describe it. Well have they said: The state of those who are attracted and sincere is transmitted from heart to heart. The tongue hath no access there and the pen is truly a stranger, while the inner tongue speaketh secretly these words:

My God, my God! Ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee, then grant us sustenance from the table of Thy heaven and illumine us with the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Disappoint us not of that which Thou hast ordained for the hopeful among Thy servants and them that hold fast among Thy creation. Then write down for us through Thy grace the gathering together. Verily Thou art the Lord of creation and the Sovereign of invention.

I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land, one and all, and I beseech God that they may at all times ascend the heights of mention and utterance. He is the Powerful One Whom the world's events cannot frustrate from exercising His might, nor can the force of opposition hold back His authority. Glorified be His greatness and glorified be His dominion. There is none other God but Him. To that spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Ja'far-Quli, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, I send greetings. At this moment they were making mention of him. His friends are not distant from His luminous presence. His grace hath made far distances near. We beseech Him to ordain for his honor the Mirza whatsoever conduceth to glory and bounty and blessing and nearness and praise. They said: We counsel all the friends to observe wisdom.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Aqa Musa, upon him be God's peace, God willing may he be confirmed in that which God loveth and is pleased with. I also convey greetings to him and beseech divine confirmation.

At this moment another letter from that Beloved One arrived. Though whatever arrives from those pages - even if a hundred thousand letters, pages and books should come - all are contained in a single word, and it is: "Verily, my self, my being, my essence, my spirit, and whatsoever lay hidden in my innermost heart belong to God alone." This blessed word cannot in this station be compared with previous words. This word belongs to the world of reality. I beseech God to cause all to attain unto it, that all may be focused on this station, may reach this station, and may hold fast and cling to this station.

In any case, the second letter also opened the gates of joy, and the caravan of gladness and delight arrived. A hundred thousand blessings upon that honored one and this servant! As to the regret you expressed regarding the delay of that which was mentioned - I swear by the Sun of Truth that we consider you and ourselves as one, and all that is there and all that is here as belonging to a single soul. This being the case, it is clear as light that that true Beloved One shows no negligence or delay in matters related to this place, but rather strives with all his being. This word is in truth the beginning of speech. Now that this greatest of ascents has transcended reckoning and been sanctified from all limitations, we beseech God - our Lord and your Lord - to unite us and ordain for us that which befits His glory, His mercy, His generosity and His favors.

God is witness and testifier that whenever I think of you or make a submission, I find myself in supreme tranquility. God forbid that this condition should ever change or be erased, for such a state would arise that time itself would cry out in anguish, let alone this servant. We conclude these words with the remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings, and we beseech Him to assist us in His remembrance, His praise, and the service of His loved ones. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those who are with you, upon those who love you, and upon those who hearken to your words for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

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O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who calleth between earth and heaven!

O Javad! Hearken unto that which the Nightingale of Sorrow warbleth upon the branch of grief by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Verily, the viper hath bitten the Best of God's creation, and the wolf hath devoured the chaste Joseph, and the Messenger lamenteth in His glorious and inaccessible station. By God! The denizens of Paradise have cried out, and the Concourse on High have wailed by reason of the throne of tyranny being established upon the seat of oppression without leave from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The people of ?ad have risen against those through whom the horizons of all lands were illumined, in that they have taken the viper as their leader instead of God. Thus have their souls enticed them. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We have seized him who arose in tyranny with a vengeance from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Avenger, the Almighty. And We shall seize those who conspired with him in his designs. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of Our servant Razzaq and those who are with him in Najm, who have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon when every learned one who relied upon his own knowledge turned away therefrom, without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O people of the village! Rejoice in that the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness maketh mention of you–He Who calleth out in the wilderness of utterance unto all created things and summoneth them unto God, the Mighty, the All-Informed. Blessed are ye for having turned unto Him and believed in God. He giveth you glad tidings through this Book, before which, when it was sent down, all the books of the world bowed down, though most of the peoples are heedless.

O Razzaq! Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord and remind His loved ones with joy and fragrance. Then recite unto them what the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance, that their eyes may be solaced thereby and their hearts be dilated in these days of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We counsel you regarding the Most Great Trust and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Faithful Counsellor. Adorn yourselves with My characteristics, then

act in accordance with that which We have commanded you in My perspicuous Book. Hold fast under all conditions to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of My Name, the All-Bountiful.

O My Pen! Make mention of the loved ones of God who dwell in Muhammadabad and give them glad tidings of the grace of the Spirit, through Whose manifestation the breeze of God hath wafted and the fragrance of inner meanings hath been diffused between the heavens and the earth. To this testifieth everyone endowed with a refined sense of smell.

O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who at every moment calleth unto all who are in the realm of existence, that He may draw them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Rejoice in My remembrance of you, then drink the water of immortality of My love from the chalice of My bounty in My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. You are in your homes while the Lord of the Kingdom remembereth you from His mighty prison in the land of exile. Can any bounty equal this which ye witness today? Nay, by My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth! Abandon what ye possess and turn with illumined hearts towards the ocean of your Lord's bounty, Who is encompassed by sorrows from every direction from those who have denied Him and His signs when He came with a manifest proof. Hold fast unto the Book of God. Verily, it will acquaint you with that which was hidden from you and guide you unto My straight path.

O Najaf! Mention hath been made of thee before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee and My loved ones in that place this Book, which, wert thou to place it upon a mountain, thou wouldst behold it stirred by its longing for the verses of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Be thou thankful unto God for this remembrance which is more precious than the world and all that hath been created therein. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and perceiving one.

We make mention of him who has been named 'Arab-'Ali, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O servant! When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My verses, turn thy face toward God and say: "I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will purify the hearts of Thy servants. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and in that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest." Everything beareth witness that Thou art the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

We make mention in this place of My loved ones in another village, 'Ali-Rida-Abad, and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of their Lord, the Lord of creation. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in that place! Hearken unto My call and arise to serve My Cause, and hold fast unto My laws and cleave unto My commandments, whereby the horizons have been illumined. Cast aside the customs of the people and what they possess, and take hold of the customs of God through the power of the Lord of the beginning and of the return. O My loved ones! Drink from the chalice of love and unity, then remember your Lord at eventide and at dawn. We have heard your call and witnessed your turning unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Beware lest the world and what is therein prevent you from this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and livers have melted. This is He Whom God hath made a sword unto His enemies and a spirit unto His loved ones. Verily, He is powerful over all who are in earth and heaven.

O Pen! Turn toward another village, Kakan, then make mention of its people from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the rapture of verses may seize them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom. O My loved ones! Remember My exile and My imprisonment and My tribulation, and that which hath befallen Me in this year at the hands of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. They have slain God's chosen ones and plundered their possessions and entered their homes with an injustice whereby all things have lamented and the eyes of the Concourse on High have wept. But the people do not understand. By My life! Were anyone to look and observe My limbs, he would find in every part of My frame the mark of the sword of every polytheist who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. We have spent all that We possessed in the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving. God hath cut down the tree of tyranny with the sword of justice. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Blessed are ye for having turned unto the Countenance and turned away from every veiled learned one. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones in My lands, and praise be upon you for having attained unto the days of God and found the fragrance of His beloved garment.

O Name of Generosity! Unto each of the people of the villages were sent down from the heaven of divine will wondrous and exalted verses. God willing, may they attain unto them and be engaged in the remembrance and praise of God. Command all to manifest praiseworthy character and attributes and befitting deeds from the presence of the Wronged One, that all may be adorned with a wondrous and exalted ornament. Send a copy of this Tablet to Abdu'r-Razzaq, upon him be the glory of God, that he may know with certainty that he is mentioned at the threshold of the Divine Throne. God willing, they must act and speak in a manner befitting the Days of God, that perchance the veiled ones may succeed in rending their veils and the sleeping ones may arise from the couch of heedlessness. We enjoin upon all to show patience and forbearance in this great calamity. Praise be to God, the hand of divine power hath removed from their midst that wicked soul who was the source and origin of oppression. O Javad! Observe the base rabble of the earth - one who was and is not worthy to serve even donkeys, him they took as their leader and by his decree martyred the chosen ones of God and His loved ones. Blessed are they who drank the choice wine of martyrdom in My path, and woe unto him for the oppression he manifested, from which all in the heavens and earth declare themselves innocent, as thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify. He chose everlasting torment for himself. Fie upon him and upon those who made him their leader! The polytheists of the Plain of Taff were asked: "For what crime did you martyr the son of the Messenger of God?" They replied saying that he had risen against the Imam of the Age. Now they say that Hasan and Husayn had risen against the Friday prayer leader. O Javad! All the corruption in the world hath been and shall be from these ignorant ones who appear in the garb of knowledge. All are seated upon the thrones of self and passion, and speak that which God hath not permitted. They judge according to their desires as they please. They slay the descendants of the Messenger while mentioning him in temples and mosques. Perdition upon them and upon those who followed them without leave from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By what name did they plunder possessions? If they say those holy souls had, by reason of their faith in God, departed from the hosts of ignorance and for this offense deserved such punishment - what was the offense of the property, that they plundered the wealth of young and old? Their deeds curse them and their actions belie them, yet they comprehend not. The riches have returned to their source. By God's life, they belong to Him and His

like. Thus hath the matter been decreed and thus hath spoken the tongue of the Wronged One in this noble station. Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land and gladden them with the grace and mercy of God. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon My loved ones among the men and women servants who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Sanctified beyond the recognition of all created things!

Praise be to God, Who manifests the jewels of knowledge and wisdom through the divine and eternal signs, Who adorns the hearts of the people of certitude with everlasting and transcendent evidences, Who embellishes the tablets of contingent being with enduring and perpetual traces, and Who inspires the hearts of the faithful with mystic and unifying meanings. He is the One Who has concealed within the darkness of words the fountain of life, and has deposited within the mystery of verses the realities of knowledge and wisdom, and has veiled within the potentiality of evidences the subtleties of wisdom and utterance. Glorified, glorified be His sovereignty and how mighty is His proof! He created existence and made known the path of attainment, and adorned His sincere ones in the unseen and visible realms with the robes of nearness and acceptance. Blessed are they that attain, and joy be to them that arrive! Prayer and peace be upon the Dawning-Places of revelation and inspiration through whom the Way was made manifest and the Proof became evident, and through whom every seeker hastened to the court of the knowledge of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And upon those who gathered their traces, who were guided by their lights, who walked by their lamp, and who weighed their deeds with their balance. They are among the people of the Crimson Ark sailing upon the sea of grandeur. Upon them be the glory of the Lord of Names every morn and eve.

Glorified art Thou, O Master of all necks and Ruler of the beginning and the return! With what tongue can I mention the signs of the might of Thy oneness, and with what utterance can I explain what hath appeared in creation from the traces of the sanctity of Thy unity? The lights of the sun of Thy singleness have encompassed all directions, and the manifestations of the outpouring of Thy mercy have enveloped all created things. Blinded be the eye that is deprived of beholding the dawning-places of the suns of Thy power on the horizons, and every tongue that hath not spoken in praise of the manifestations of Thy might and power on the Day of Meeting. Perish the hearer who heard not the striking of the trumpet of Thy Cause on the Day of the Covenant, and destruction unto the rider who raced not in the arena of Thy love on the Day of Manifestation and Effulgence, and remoteness to the human who attained not to the knowledge of the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy Revelation in this Day wherein leg was wound about leg.

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Through the wonders of Thy power Thou hast manifested in the world that which the understanding of nations is powerless to comprehend, whereby Thou hast made clear the Way and made evident the Proof, and given the seekers to drink of the Kawthar and Salsabil. There remaineth no symbol that Thou hast not revealed, no word that Thou hast not interpreted, no verse that Thou hast not made clear, and no evidence that Thou hast not expounded. Yet despite all this, O my God,

I witness that Thy servants remained heedless in Thy days, recognized not the dawning of the sun of Thy beauty, and perceived not the fragrance of Thy garment which was diffused in the days of the manifestation of the Exponent of Thy Self, the Dawning-Place of Thine Essence, the Dayspring of Thy signs, and the Mine of Thy evidences.

Thou beholdest, O my God, Thy servants whom Thou didst create for this Manifestation wandering in the wilderness of heedlessness and delusion, and unmindful of that which hath appeared through Thy grace of the hidden Mystery concealed and the promised Symbol recorded in the Tablets and Scrolls. I beseech Thee by Thy conquering power, Thy all-encompassing mercy, and Thy all-pervading will, to manifest in existence that which will draw all unto the Promised One, O Master of the seen and unseen! Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose bounty hath encompassed all beings. Look not, O my Hope, upon the weakness of Thy servants and the heedlessness of them that dwell in Thy lands. Aid the receptive beings to attain unto Thy manifest Law proceeding from the right hand of power and might. Verily Thou art the Master of creation and the Sovereign of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

O thou who art the object of the glance of favor and adorned with the robe of bounty, who calleth out in the lands in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen! What thou didst write with the pen of love hath been received, and what was contained therein of the verses of love and unity hath been read. I beseech God, the Lord of the worlds and the Possessor of the Most Great Name, to preserve thee beneath His shadow and to assist thee in teaching His Cause and spreading His signs, and to provide thee at every moment with the bounty of His generosity and the Salsabil of His grace. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

Grieve not over the delay in sending the writing. By thy life! My heart is occupied with thy remembrance and the remembrance of those who have remained steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. At every moment I desire to manifest what is in the heart of the degrees of love, but for everything there is an appointed time and for all things a season. Nothing moveth except by the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Purposeful. Inasmuch as I relied upon what lay hidden of the degrees of concealed love, I paid no heed to the delay in reply until the time came when I moved the pen of love to manifest what was in the heart. I beseech my Lord, the Possessor of creation, to assist thee in that which shall endure throughout the duration of His most excellent Names and most exalted Attributes, and to make thee a standard of guidance among creation and a sign of steadfastness among all beings. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

O thou who art beloved! Reflect upon the manifestations of the Cause and the heedlessness of the people of the earth. Man is bewildered by the veiling of the people of the lands. I know not in what valley they wander or to what thing they cling. Do they not see the rising of the Sun of inner meanings from the horizon of utterance, and do they not behold the dawning of the Luminary of knowledge and wisdom at the pole of possibility? Is there in their hands a greater proof than that which hath appeared in the world, and have they a stronger argument than that which the Sovereign of nations hath brought forth? Say: O ye who are veiled! Come, let us together supplicate concerning the Cause of God, the Possessor of what

was and what shall be. Should We find what ye possess to be stronger than what We have, We shall be as We have been among the fair-minded, and should ye find what We have to be greater than what is in your hands, be fair and be not among the heedless.

Hath there appeared in any cycle from among the cycles the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, save as it hath appeared today from the horizon of power and might? Abandon what hath been woven by the hands of idle fancy and turn ye toward the direction of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Reflect upon the past centuries and ages. Did anything prevent the people of the Gospel from turning to the Mighty, the Beautiful, in the days of the rising of the Sun of the Qur'an except these vain imaginings which were built by the hands of heedlessness and forgetfulness? And were the people of the Torah veiled from the light of the Sun of Oneness on the day of the appearance of the Spirit except by what was inscribed by the pen of conjecture upon the pages of ignorance and heedlessness? It behooveth you in these days wherein the world hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name and the body of contingent being hath been honored by the Word of knowledge and wisdom, to weigh every matter with the balance of reason and to leave unto the deficient what hath been uttered by the heedless and ignorant, and to hasten with your heads to the source of bounty and grace. It beseemeth not man to follow what others among his fellow men have spoken. It behooveth all to reflect at every moment upon spiritual progress and not to sully themselves with that which preventeth them from ascending to the heights of knowledge and wisdom. O thou who art beloved!

By Thy life! Man is astonished at the heedlessness of the people of the Bayan, even more than the people of the Furqan. They have veiled themselves from the light of the Cause after Our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, guided them and perfected His proof unto them every morn and eve. Verily, he who sacrificed himself in His path for the Point of the Bayan, and was engaged at all times in His remembrance and praise, denied Him on the day of His manifestation and turned away from Him when the sun of His beauty dawned, following him who was veiled from the appearance of the light of divine knowledge by the veils of heedlessness and forgetfulness. How strange that they should content themselves with a mere trickle and deprive themselves of the ocean of the knowledge of their Lord, the Mighty, the Omnipotent!

Grieve not at what thou seest of the people in their error. Arise to promote the Cause of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, with the wisdom which He hath sent down in His Tablets and enjoined upon His loved ones. Ask thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, in all circumstances, not to deprive His servants of the ocean of His utterance and to guide them, through His supreme power, to the dayspring of His revelation and the source of His signs. Whenever thou turnest to the regions and associatest with the righteous ones, convey unto them the greetings from this Servant and remind them of the days of their Lord, the Generous, Who showed them the straight path.

Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! It behooveth you to stand firm in the Cause in these days wherein your Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious, hath been manifested unto all creation. Beware lest the tempests of trials and the storms of tribulations move you, or the doubts of the people of the Bayan veil you from the Dayspring of bounty and benevolence. Regard them as mere nothingness before the Command of your Lord, the Ancient of Days and the Sovereign of nations. I beseech God, your Lord, the Most Glorious, to

protect you in His shadow and ordain for you the best of what is in His Book, and make you the standard of steadfastness in His lands and the sign of guidance among His servants. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon everyone who is firm, steadfast and upright, and praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics.

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In the Name of Our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

All praise, sanctified from mention and utterance and exalted above the comprehension of all contingent beings, befitteth the One True Object of all the worlds, Who hath caused mention of His loved ones to flow ceaselessly from His Pen and Tongue. They who have turned unto Him have ever been remembered before the Divine Throne, and ere any mention was made He made mention of them, and ere any utterance was voiced He adorned the realm of existence with the light of recognition. For every world He hath ordained a command, decreed an ordinance, and appointed a blessing. Yet for the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise there is another blessing and other fruits, and likewise for the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise His realms are boundless, and His favors - exalted be His glory and His bounty - are limitless. There is no God but Him, no Bestower save Him, and no Giver beside Him. Were the worlds to be mentioned and the veils to be rent asunder, all would hasten with boundless joy toward the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Summit. However, due to the lack of capacity among the people of earth, the mysteries remain concealed and the tidings hidden.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the Kingdom of earth and heaven and Ruler of the realms above! This servant, from this station, beareth witness to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath spoken and which hath been revealed in Thy Books and Scriptures, that Thou art God, and there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy Will and sovereign through Thy Purpose. Tongues have fallen short of Thy praise and remembrance, and pens have failed to reckon Thy favors and bounties. Thou hast manifested Thyself for the guidance of Thy creation and their elevation to stations known only to Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Lords and Ruler of the beginning and the end, by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, through which the ocean of Thy generosity hath surged and the fragrances of Thy bounty have wafted throughout Thy lands, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee, seeking the wonders of Thy grace and the rain of Thy mercy. Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy days. O Lord! Illumine him with the lights of the Daystar of Thy Revelation and ordain for him the good of what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, thy spiritual letter was repeatedly received, and there was delay in sending the reply. This delay was due to the abundance of correspondence, not the neglect of this servant. Surely that spiritual friend also giveth precedence to communications from the Presence over all other matters and occupations. God the One is witness and testament that due to the volume of writing

and responding to the letters of the friends, not even the least opportunity is found and no time remains. That spiritual friend hath, by God's grace and favor, drunk from the Kawthar of certitude and attained unto the choice wine of assurance. However, those souls who have newly turned toward and directed their faces to the Most Exalted Horizon must be assisted, that perchance through mention and utterance they may attain unto steadfastness and remain firm and immovable in the Cause. Though outwardly there was delay in sending the reply, God is witness and testament that thou hast not been absent from sight for a moment - thou hast been and art remembered, and God sufficeth as witness. After observing the letter of that honored friend, I approached the Most Exalted Station and it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings and achieved the honor of His attention. Thus speaketh He, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing […]

O servant! Upon thee be My glory! The radiant lights of the Sun of divine favor have been directed toward thee from the earliest days. Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. The acceptance, steadfastness, service and dedication of Dhabih, upon him be My glory, My favor and My mercy, have not been and will never be effaced from the Book of God. Verily he attained unto the Kawthar of My knowledge, the Tasnim of My favor, the Salsabil of My grace, and the choice sealed wine of the revelation of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Convey My greetings to the friends. Say: O people of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which will exalt the Word of God. The Most Exalted Pen hath ever been occupied with your mention and with counseling all upon earth. Strive that perchance the heedless may become aware and the oppressors be adorned with the ornament of justice. Whosoever hath today, through the aid of the Self-Subsisting Name, quaffed the sealed wine must, according to his capacity and means, make a supreme effort to quicken souls.

The gate of grace is opened and the living waters flow from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful. By God's life! If assured and contented souls arise to quicken hearts for the sake of God, they will surely achieve it. However, in all circumstances they must observe and hold fast unto wisdom. Whosoever hath attained the Most Holy Court hath become aware of the wisdom revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets. Today, that which conduceth to the tranquility and assurance of the servants is acceptable in the sight of God. Blessed are they who have held fast unto the Will of God and who act upon and adhere to that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all thy relatives and give them the glad-tidings of the favor of the Goal of all existence, that perchance through the joy of God's remembrance they may be freed from the sorrows and vexations of the world and illumine their hearts with the mention of the One True Friend. Your journey was for the sake of God. We beseech Him to aid you at all times. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God! The rain of divine mercy hath showered upon you from the heaven of bounty. The very mention of this is witness and the reality of these words is proof. There hath been and is no need for mention by this servant. From the day of your departure until now, you have been and are remembered

in the presence of God. Your movement was for His sake and your journey was by His command. Your reward hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and hath been recorded in the Book of ’Illiyyin. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Munificent, the Generous.

The honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God, and others, especially the sister-leaf, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors, who acted according to the divine Tablet and chose to travel - all have attained the lights of the Sun of Divine good-pleasure. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and praise to each of the relatives, and I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, that which shall never fade and which the world’s events cannot alter. He is the Bestower, the Kind. I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land and have beseeched and continue to beseech for each one the good of this world and the next. Blessed are the servants of this Revelation who have been designated by the Supreme Pen as the Party of God. This is a great bounty, this is a mighty blessing. I beseech from the heaven of grace that He may aid this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Pure, Most Exalted Party to that which befits this title and favor. To the gentlemen of that land who are adorned with the ornament of distinction, I convey greetings, praise, mention, glory and splendor. I beseech God to set them ablaze with such a fire as shall ignite all who are on earth. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved! This is the time of assistance and these are the days of service. They must guide the people of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. They are the guides of the servants and the helpers of the Cause in its beginning and end.

At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur speaks this most exalted word - blessed and exalted be His Word: “O servant in attendance! Write to the servant, upon him be My Glory: You have ever been elevated and mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Remember the days when you were present before the Wronged One, and heard what My Tongue uttered, and witnessed the effulgences of the lights of My horizon. Blessed are you and joy be unto you! You have attained to that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before your face a door of His grace. Verily, He is powerful over all things.”

Praise be to God! Blessings are successive and mercy descends at every moment. Congratulations to you and to all the family of the Sacrifice. What you sent arrived, and as it was expressive of your love, it truly became the cause of joy and delight. Action was taken in accordance with what that spiritual friend wrote, especially regarding the crafted items that were the work of your own hands. In all cases, success and confirmation are from God, exalted be His glory. We testify that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His favors and bounties, and in confession of our powerlessness and inadequacy to mention and praise Him. We beseech Him to aid us in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those whom the events of the world have not prevented from the Lord of the Throne and earth.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

The Most Holy testifies that He has ever been sanctified beyond all sanctification and beyond every mention uttered by the tongues of creation, and the Most Pure affirms that He has ever been, and will ever be, purified from whatsoever the contingent beings may express. He is the One before Whom Unity itself is ashamed to claim association, and the Single One before Whose court the very essence of Uniqueness blushes to be mentioned. Exalted, exalted is He above all mention and praise, and exalted, exalted is He above the attributes of all names. I testify that He was and is sanctified, purified, and exalted above whatsoever can be designated by any name, and shall remain as He has ever been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love. The servant has been blessed by the fragrant breezes of the roses of your utterance and has heard the nightingale of praise warbling upon the twigs of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha of your heart. From each of your remembrances I have detected the fragrance of the love of our Beloved and your Beloved. We beseech Him to cause us to ascend at all times to the heaven of greatness, power and glory. He is verily the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

Your letter dated the 3rd of Shawwal illumined the heart with the lights of joy and delight. Praise be to God, and we thank Him for this, and we beseech Him not to withhold from my heart your remembrance and your utterance. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding the books of Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, you had written that whatever is completed should be sent. However, they themselves have provided a list, and accordingly have requested one Persian book. Here also Jenab-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, was told and they have written, and the book of prayers is much beloved if its correct version can be found.

Concerning Jenab-i-Sa'id, what you had written was submitted to the Most Holy Court. They said: We beseech God to assist him and those in Iraq to observe wisdom, harmony and unity, and to confirm them in that which befits the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, mention of the ascension of the sister of Mihman, upon them both be the Glory of God, was submitted to the Most Holy Court. The blessed tongue spoke these words: Upon her be the Glory of God, His remembrance and His praise. We testify that she turned to God, heard His call and responded with a clear mention, and attained the Day of God and was assured of His presence while most men were in doubt concerning this mighty, exalted station. We have mentioned her with these words that the people of Paradise and those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, might remember her thereby. We testify that she bore every tribulation and affliction in the path of God - with Him is the knowledge of all things in a preserved Book - and that she has ascended and soared to a station where the gloating of enemies cannot reach her, and dwells in the proximity of her Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Generous. We console Mihman and mention her as a grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence, that she might thank her Lord, the Giver, the Mighty, the Exalted. End.

The mention of the souls of the emigrants that you had written was presented at the Holy Court. Blessed be they! In truth, your honor is the cause of blessings to the world, for it was observed that for every soul you have mentioned, divine favor was manifested towards them, even if they were among the most sinful of creation, without any concealment. This station is most exalted. At times it was heard from the Beloved's tongue: "We mention what he mentioned in his book," and such utterances were heard repeatedly: "Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loves thee in God."

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Hasan from the people of Dahj, what your honor wrote was in accordance with God's command, for without permission there has been and will be no fruit, save for whom God willeth. The petition of Aqa Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, also arrived and attained the Most Holy Court. His letter had come before as well, and the Name of God, upon him be all of His most glorious splendor, sent his reply. In these days, the souls who have accepted the Faith should be occupied with service to the Cause. In this land, the teaching of God's Cause has been forbidden; therefore, if the loved ones of God engage in teaching the Cause in Iran with perfect wisdom and with the utmost joy and fragrance, it has been and will be beloved. Convey greetings on behalf of this servant to Aqa Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. We beseech God that His friends may ever succeed in serving the Cause and following God's command.

Multiple letters from Na?ir, upon him be the glory of God, have arrived here. Praise be to God, he is well. I hope that he will always be assisted and confirmed in God's Cause. If anyone is traveling to those parts, convey greetings on behalf of this servant to him and to the friends of God in that land.

Regarding what you mentioned about Ustad Husayn, travel to this land has not been and is not advisable. If he remains occupied there with Aqa Nasru'llah in the utmost joy and fragrance, it would be most beloved. He was mentioned at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, he has attained God's favors. Convey greetings to him on behalf of this servant as well.

Regarding what was written about Sasun, upon him be the glory of God, several months ago Muhammad Mu??afa, upon him be God's Most Glorious Glory, sent a letter to the Most Holy Court, and that letter came before the blessed gaze. They said: "Indeed he is from Sasun. God has praised him with the mystery of what was revealed in the Books of old," to the end of His exalted Words. The details are that Muhammad Mu??afa had written a letter to this servant with a page between its leaves, and the aforementioned gentleman did not know whose page it was. After it was presented to the Most Holy Presence, They said this writing was from Sasun, and some verses were revealed from the blessed tongue concerning him. Likewise, mention of him was revealed in a Tablet to one of the emigrants of Iraq. We beseech God to assist him in serving His Cause and to confirm him in that by which his mention shall endure throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. This much I submit, that mention of him has repeatedly been heard from the blessed tongue. Blessed is he.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Muhammad-Baqir from the people of N-J, it was presented. This is what was revealed in response:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor […]

There has appeared before Our presence a letter from one whom God has loved and made to be among the successful ones in a mighty Book. Therein was thy mention, wherefore have We made mention of thee, and the Most Exalted Pen hath moved at thy name in this manifest Prison. Rejoice thou at My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. He verily forgiveth whomsoever He willeth in truth, even as He forgave thee through His grace. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Cause, for through it the feet of them that have attained have slipped. Turn not unto the world and its affairs. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Wert thou to know the station of My mention of thee, such joy would seize thee that neither the turning away of the servants nor the utterances of the deniers would grieve thee. Hold thou fast unto the handle of grace, detached from those who have denied the Day of Judgment. We make mention of those who have believed, and We send Our greetings upon their faces from this far-distant spot. We give glad tidings unto her who hath believed in God through this Remembrance, which nothing created on earth can equal. To this testifieth every knowing, discerning one. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those who are with you, from God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

As for what thou didst write concerning Mashhadi ’Ali, it was presented. The word of forgiveness was revealed concerning him, however coming to this land is not permitted. He verily loveth the obedient ones.

Concerning thy mention of Aqa Muhammad Isma’il, it was presented before the Most Holy Court and divine favors encompassed his condition.

Regarding what thou didst write about Jinab-i-Aqa Habibullah, it was presented, and the newborn was also mentioned by a beautiful name in the Most Holy Court.

This servant beseeches thy favors to convey this evanescent one’s greetings to all the friends in that land. This servant is ashamed before all that he does not submit individual petitions. God is witness and knoweth that the failure to submit petitions is due to the abundance of occupation and the writing of verses. It is hoped that all will forgive. Verily our Lord is the Pardoning, the Forgiving. And glory be upon thy presence and upon them, throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might.

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Praise be to God Who hath strengthened His Afnan with such might as can be altered neither by the cawing of the divines, nor the clamor of princes, nor the braying of the ignorant, nor the croaking of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Names. And praise be to God Who hath aided His chosen ones with such aid as shall not pass away throughout the dominion of earth and heaven - they through whom the suns of faith have shone forth and the horizons of certitude have been illumined, through whom the

sign of unity appeared in creation and the token of detachment amidst all peoples, through whom every unifier became unified, every submissive one submitted, every prostrate one prostrated, every learned one learned, every knower knew, every rememberer remembered, every speaker spoke, and every glorifier glorified his Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven. And praise be to God Who hath favored all created things with the manifestation of His Most Great, Most Exalted Name, whereupon all names were transformed, the hearts of the wretched were disturbed, the hearts of the near ones were assured, the Concourse on High rejoiced, and the dwellers of the cities of eternity were gladdened. Glorified be He Who hath distinguished between all things through His Most Exalted Word, whereby He hath taken the essences of existence and left behind the accidents at the stations of allusions and limitations. Verily, He is the One Worshipped, the Educator of the seen and unseen. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

May my spirit be sacrificed for you! What can this heedless servant mention that would be worthy of your hearing, and what can this ignorant one present that would merit the attention of that Beloved One? For mere nothingness to show a trace of existence is a grievous sin, and for utter non-existence to claim being is a great error. I seek forgiveness from God for what I have said and say, have mentioned and mention, have described and describe, and for how I have moved and move, have spoken and speak, have acted and act. For in truth, when this servant observes himself with fairness, he has not seen and does not see himself worthy of anything, and all words and mentions are seen as evanescent and non-existent before the rising of the sun of meanings, and all lofty attributes and exalted names stand perplexed in their own station, ever beseeching and hoping that the True One, exalted be His glory, will not remove from them the garment of acceptance. Indeed Unity itself, despite its lofty station and exalted rank, declares:

O my Lord! Thou art He Who chose me, distinguished me, elevated me, empowered me, and magnified me to a station where Thou didst speak through me and caused all things to speak in remembrance of me. But by Thy glory, O Beloved of the world and Goal of the nations, I ever cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and grace, lest Thou shouldst withhold from me this most exalted station and this most resplendent, lofty rank. For shouldst Thou abase me, cast me out, and elevate mine adversary in my stead, Thou art indeed able to do this and powerful over it, and none can prevent Thee from exercising Thy sovereignty and will. I have testified and do testify at all times that nothing can prevent Thee from exercising Thy power, might, authority and choice.

Here is something that occurs to me to mention, and the true purpose is to prove the nothingness and effacement of this ephemeral one and engagement in remembrance of that Beloved. In this case there would be no harm in elaboration and detail. Once the Ancient Beauty journeyed to the land of Taff [Karbila], and in those days the Cause was very well concealed, such that no one had any knowledge of it. In that land a group had gathered who occupied themselves day and night with expressions of divine unity, counting themselves among the unitarians. However, their concept of unity was in reality the source of polytheism and the origin of multiplicity. Were this servant to explain this matter in detail, the discourse would exceed moderation. In any case, these souls did not turn to the Most Holy Court - that is, they did not attain the honor of His presence. However, Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Haji Siyyid Javad (may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him), who resided in that land, would continuously attain His presence

and was also part of that group. Yet endless love for the Beloved of the worlds was evident from him, such that despite that group's prohibition, he was not deterred and would attain His presence most of the time. Finally, one day He said: "O Javad! Despite these people claiming to love and counting themselves among this company, how is it they have not observed the customary courtesies and have not inquired after Us?" Then the Euphrates of utterance flowed from the Source of divine wisdom in such wise that the hearing ear perceived the glorification and sanctification of God, exalted be His glory, from all things. Until one day Jinab-i-Ismu'llah brought with him a person known as Shaykh Sultan. The Ancient Beauty said: "O Shaykh! This unity with whose mention you occupy yourselves night and day, and because of which you consider yourselves rich and independent - if God, exalted be His grandeur, were to erase this unity or roll up its carpet and place it under the throne, what then would you have and with what remembrance would you occupy yourselves?" And at this point such utterances were revealed from the Dayspring of divine knowledge that both Jinab-i-Ismu'llah and the aforementioned Shaykh were set ablaze by the heat of His words. In brief, after some time that entire group attained to true unity. In the words of the author of the Mathnavi: "The withered fish fell into the sea, the lost caravan found the path of guidance."

In this case, the mention and thought of this servant and the highest stations of the Bayan in these days have been and will be utter nothingness. The people are heedless and ignorant, unaware of the greatness of the Cause, roaming in the valley of ignorance and perceiving not, hastening in the wilderness of error and knowing not, walking in the desert of wrath and understanding not. Observe ye the person whose name is Ahmad. Despite having submitted several petitions to the Most Holy Court and likewise to this servant, and despite his show of faith, certitude, knowledge and steadfastness, the tempestuous winds of vain desire returned him to the lowest depths of the fire. Now the station of steadfastness that hath been revealed in the Tablets of God becomes evident. In numerous passages this verse hath been revealed from the Divine Pen: "Verily this Day is great, great, and the Cause is great, great." I swear by the Sun of Beauty that hath risen from the horizon of glory that were a soul to truly comprehend the loftiness of this Revelation and that which hath been manifested in its days, he would regard the world and all therein as non-existent and as naught, and all the world would be powerless to prevent him. How many base and worthless souls are observed who have yet to distinguish between the croak of the raven and the cooing of the dove! We beseech God to open their eyes and draw them nigh unto Him through His grace upon them. Verily He hath ever been self-sufficient in His sufficiency and independent of those who believed then disbelieved, who turned towards Him then turned away, through His exalted Word uttered aforetime: "O ye people! Ye are poor in your need of God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised." I conclude with "There is no power nor strength save in God."

Regarding the sum mentioned, according to His command that amount should reach Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, in Hadba' that he may distribute it among the captives of that land. The sooner this matter is accomplished, the more beloved it is in the sight of God and His loved ones. Other details of affairs will be mentioned by Ismu'llah Mahdi, upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory. This servant is ashamed before all the friends due to excessive writing, for he hath not and will never be able to make mention of them as befitteth. From all he hopeth for pardon.

This servant hath submitted a letter to Ismu'llah Ha', upon him be the Glory of God, which will come to your notice. It would be very good if a copy thereof, after thorough correction, be sent to the land of Sh and Y, for some people are weak and have no understanding of matters - at the mere hearing of a croak they are seen to waver. Where are the mighty hearts? Where are the powerful souls? Where are the steadfast feet? Where are the firm and well-grounded souls? Where is he who said "Say: God - then leave them to their vain discourse"? "Verily we are God's and unto Him shall we return." It would also be well-pleasing if a copy of this petition be sent to those regions, that perchance the people may take heed.

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O Zabih! He is God! O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who, in these days, hath desired the countenance of his Lord, the All-Merciful, that he may soar on the wings of remembrance and utterance in that atmosphere wherein naught stirreth save the breezes of the All-Glorious, and attain unto a station wherein he beholdeth all created things beneath the shadow of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Arise to execute His bidding, then strip the servants of the garments of fancy and desire, and adorn them with the raiment of glory and guidance, that they may detach themselves from those who have disbelieved and turn unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Compelling.

Say: O concourse of idolaters! Whither will ye flee this Day? By God! Nothing of all that hath been created between earth and heaven shall profit you, nor shall ye find for yourselves any refuge save by entering the paradise of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and drinking the choice sealed wine from the hands of those youths upon whose radiant foreheads hath been inscribed, by the seal of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. By God! These are none other than the people of Baha, whom God created from the light of His Essence before the creation of names and attributes. Thus hath the earth of inner meanings and pre-existence been illumined by the lights of this Pen, moved by the fingers of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

Say: O concourse of idolaters! There is no protector today save God, no refuge save in Him, and no escape save through Him. How long will ye run in the wilderness of fancy, to the right and to the left? Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and associate not with Him through Whose meeting ye have been promised in all the Tablets from the Pen of God. Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight!

Know then, O Zabih, that when the Daystar of the horizons set beneath the horizon of Iraq, he who limped called out from the direction of Zawra with hypocrisy: "O people! Come, that I may guide you across the path that is finer than a hair and sharper than a sword." Take heed then, O ye who are possessed of understanding! He who cannot walk upon stable ground desireth to guide people across the path. Thus did Satan whisper within his soul, and pride and vainglory seized him. Reflect thou upon him and upon those who followed him despite witnessing him in utter weakness and distress. We have indeed sent down unto thee aforetime a Tablet wherein We expounded what We have mentioned again in this Tablet, that the righteous may be reminded thereby. Leave these people and their followers, their path and their balance, their names and their idols, and put thy trust in God in all matters. Remember thy Lord in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day. And when it is said unto them: "O people! The

clouds have been cleft asunder and your Lord, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing, hath come," they cling to what they possess of the traditions of the followers of the Furqan. Woe unto you, O company of evil ones! Those in whose names and words ye take pride this day were created by My command, and none denieth this save he who hath grown arrogant before God and returneth to his abode in the fire. By My life! If thou wert to reflect upon them and what they possess, thou wouldst find naught save that which is uttered by the most abject followers of all religions. Thus doth thy Lord inform thee that thou mayest become aware of them and of what issueth from their mouths. By God, the Truth! Their habitation is the abyss of wrath, and evil indeed is that resting-place. Purify the hearts of men from allusions, that they may be enabled to drink the choice sealed wine from the hand of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned: Today the people of the Bayan are seen to be more veiled than all peoples and more remote than all nations. They have newly grasped at former traditions, saying at times that such and such a verse of the Qur'an states thus, and such and such a narrator has related thus, and how they pride themselves on mentioning former traditions. Say: For a thousand years ye have imagined a supposed being in a supposed place, and have been worshipping it unawares. And whenever holy souls appeared from the divine horizon and declared that that divine Beauty would be born, ye unsheathed the swords of malice and martyred those sacred beings with the worst of torments. Were We to mention in detail these matters which are concealed from the knowledge of most people, We would stray from Our present purpose. In brief, observe that for a thousand years, nay more, these people have had naught but fancy in their grasp, and through a thousand established traditions and decisive utterances they confirmed to themselves this matter whose very foundation was imaginary, and they clung to it and counted as infidels and rejected ones those who denied it. Then after the appearance of the Most Great Luminary it became evident that all had been worshippers of fancy, as was clearly shown when that Luminary of creation appeared from the loins of one of His servants. "Fancies returned to their source and the Beauty of Certitude appeared with manifest sovereignty." The cause and reason for these fancies was that several ignorant ones who styled themselves learned agreed together and so firmly established this baseless matter among the people that all the common folk became convinced and clung to it. As thou observest, even now most of the followers of the Qur'an remain fixed in these same fancies and are waiting. And these days are but the beginning of this dispensation. Several ignorant ones who have adorned their heads with green and white turbans have agreed and determined to spread such traditions and reports among the people. By God, O Dhabih, if thou wert truly attentive, thou wouldst hear from every member of this Youth, even from His very hairs, lamentations and cries. And these lamentations are not for His own sake, but because it is observed that these deceitful and lying souls have agreed to afflict the people with the same former fancies. I swear by God that the breezes of the All-Merciful are nigh to being cut off from the realm of possibility. It is most necessary for thee to assist the Cause of God and not allow these polytheists to defile the stronghold of divine unity with the clay of vain imaginings. This is incumbent today upon every existing being, nay it hath been and shall be more beloved than all deeds. The people must be protected and reminded, that perchance from detached hearts may flow and spread the sweet and gentle rivers. Beware lest this group again defile hearts with the pollution of vain imaginings. Soon it shall be observed that some will appear with great turbans and long staffs and cause

the people to wander in the wilderness of fancy. In no age have the ignorant ones known as divines ever been guided to the truth, as was observed in the year sixty […]

Thou seest, and in this Dispensation dost observe, that most of those renowned in the Bayan have strayed from the straight path of justice, and yet remain unaware. First, that the Manifestation hath been known by His own Self and hath never needed, nor will ever need, any other. Moreover, the Point of the Bayan declareth that on the Day of His manifestation, the divines shall become as nothing, dead, and non-existent. Yet these veiled souls have newly resorted to the proofs of the people of the Furqan. Woe unto them and unto that which proceedeth from their mouths!

In any case, one of the servants sent a letter to the Holy Court, expressing therein his inability to write words befitting his station, saying "I know not Arabic, nor am I sufficiently capable in Persian to properly present my petition." A specific response was revealed and sent to him, and as that Tablet made mention of certain ones who pride themselves on their scholarly attainments, a copy of that Tablet was dispatched. Consider it! In all conditions, fix your gaze upon the Truth and cling unto Him, detached from all who dwell on earth. For by God, besides Whom there is none other God! Should anyone today cling to a single letter of all that is visible in the heavens and on earth, he would surely be deprived of the never-failing nectar, the incomparable holy Kawthar, and the ever-flowing pure waters of Tasnim.

Take hold of the reins of authority through Our power and might, then detach thyself from all the worlds. Fear no one, and pay no heed to the clamor of the idolaters. The Spirit, glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and are of the assured ones. Convey Our greetings to all who are with thee and hear thy words, whether female or male, young or old.

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In the Name of the One Beloved Friend

O son of My uncle! Give thanks unto God that this supreme kinship was not severed, and that thou didst outstrip all others among the kindred until thou wert blessed to attain the presence of the Ancient Beauty in the Most Great Prison. Consider this favor as a priceless treasure, for naught that hath been created in earth or heaven can compare with it. By the might and power of the All-Merciful, and by divine leave and permission, return to thy homeland and be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend. Thou must conduct thyself in such wise that all the inhabitants of thy land may inhale from thee the fragrance of the garment of the Chosen One. Preserve thy kinship and keep it safe in the vessel of trust in God, detachment, truthfulness and purity. Manifest among all people such divine qualities that all may witness in thee that which is beloved in the sight of God. Be not grieved by the world and its transient affairs, for these have never endured and never shall endure, and the honored servants pay no heed to that which is destined to perish. How many were the mighty who were suddenly afflicted with abasement, and how many were the wealthy who returned to poverty. Therefore, seek thou that which no abasement shall follow its glory, and no poverty shall overtake its wealth. By My life! It is none other than holding fast to My Name and clinging to the hem of My sacred and luminous Robe. Convey My greetings to all the loved ones of God, be they kindred or otherwise.

And if thou shouldst meet the one known by the Name, convey to him My greetings and say: “Why hast thou withheld thyself from Him for Whose sake the Concourse on High would sacrifice their souls, and through Whom the eyes of them that are nigh unto God were solaced?” What hath befallen you that ye are observed in such fear and trepidation? Reflect upon the state of that Soul Who was raised up by the Holy Spirit and Who, alone and single-handed, turned with the divine Tablet to the appointed place, and with utmost power and assurance proclaimed the messages of the All-Merciful, never disturbed by might or wrath. Dost thou fear for thyself or for that which thou possessest? Hearken unto My call from the direction of tribulation and withhold not thyself from that which hath been ordained in the Kingdom of eternity. Turn with thy whole being unto God and fear not those who have wronged, and if thou desirest to preserve thy life, beseech God, thy Lord. Verily, He will protect thee even if thou be in the depths of the ocean, or in the valleys of fire, or in the mouth of the crocodile, or amidst the swords of the oppressors. By God, the Truth! Not a leaf stirreth save by His leave, nor do the winds blow except by His will, nor doth any soul draw breath save through His aid. Cast aside thy vain imaginings and hold fast unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We counsel thee purely for the sake of thy Lord, for We desire not that thy connection to God, the Mighty, the Wise, be severed. Remember when thou wast in prison and God aided thee with the truth and protected thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen until He delivered thee by His power and made thee to be among those who rejoice. We were with thee in prison and found from thee the fragrance of devotion to a degree; therefore We delivered thee as We delivered whom We wished when he was in the hands of the heedless. Ponder what We have imparted unto thee that thou mayest be awakened by My remembrance and recall thy Lord’s favor among His servants. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou in such wise that neither wealth divert thee from thy ultimate end nor means from the Cause of all causes. Hearken unto the words of one who loveth thee and desireth for thee what he desireth for himself. Cast away the world entire and take what thou hast been given from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Art thou content with this transient life, having forsaken the eternal life? By My life! This beseemeth thee not, wert thou of them that know. Would that I could sacrifice myself again and again in the love of God, and that at every moment every land might be dyed with my blood in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. Finally, why dost thou not reflect? The days have passed and life hath reached its end. Now judge thou fairly: is it better that at the end of one’s days one should give up one’s soul on a bed, suffering from illness and severe pain, or that in these few remaining days of life one should sacrifice oneself in the path of God? I swear by the Ancient Beauty that the former is loss while the latter is spirit and fragrance. What regret and remorse that one should not sacrifice these few borrowed breaths remaining of life in the path of the Friend, but rather should surrender them on the bed of heedlessness after drinking repugnant and foul medicines. Tell Me truthfully which of these two is more worthy? Say: The first course, by my Lord, the Most Exalted, the Possessor of the Throne and of the dust. The point is that the loved ones of God should not be disturbed and fearful, but rather should consider martyrdom in the path of the Friend a mighty achievement if it should occur, not that they should cast themselves into danger, for in this Dispensation […]

Hear the call of the Wronged One Who, in the extremity of tribulation, sorrow and grief, summoneth thee unto God. All are commanded to observe wisdom. Detach thyself from the world and its peoples, and take shelter beneath the shadow of His mercy. Know thou, moreover, that one hath appeared before the

Presence and claimed that he had seen thee, saying that thou hadst declared: “We shall no longer send thee any Tablet.” Thereupon did the eye of My loving-kindness weep for thee. By Him Who hath caused Me to voice His praise between earth and heaven! Hadst thou but sensed the fragrance of the Divine Garment and perused but one of the Tablets of thy Lord which We sent unto thee, thou wouldst have sacrificed thy life and all thou dost possess for but a single word thereof, and wouldst have been content to be slain a thousand times in every moment rather than be deprived of the sweet fragrances of the Ancient of Days and the breezes of God wafting from the direction of His Most Great Name. I know not by what thing thou hast been kept back from this most bountiful favor, and hast remained encompassed by doubts and idle fancies. Make thou amends, O my brother, for that which hath escaped thee, and turn unto the Qiblih of all worlds, saying: “I have turned with my whole being unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and earth! Pardon me for my heedlessness concerning Thee. Verily Thou art the Lord of all worlds.” Beware lest pride keep thee back from the Lord of all creation. Cast away idle fancy and take fast hold of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. This is better for thee, and God is witness to what I say.

And to the other people of the village, whomsoever thou findest turning unto God, make mention of them on God’s behalf and say: Be not grieved at what hath befallen you, for worse than this hath been inflicted upon the Ancient Beauty, Who is now confined in the Most Great Prison, where conditions are so severe that they have blocked both entry and exit. Yet we are engaged in remembrance of the All-Merciful with utmost joy and fragrance. Be not saddened by what hath been plundered, for soon will all who dwell on earth make mention of you. The reward of no soul hath been, nor ever shall be, lost. Whatsoever worldly ornaments have been taken from you in His path, He will surely compensate you for them in this world, and in the next life will bestow stations such that were but one of them to be revealed to the peoples of the earth, they would sacrifice themselves in the path of the Beloved, hoping to attain that most exalted station. Hearken unto the testament of the Ancient Beauty, Who calleth unto you from the direction of the Most Great Prison: Abandon sedition and rebellion, and hold fast unto righteousness. Sanctify your souls from satanic deeds and adorn them with divine attributes. Corruption and contention have never been, nor shall ever be, worthy of the people of truth. Shun reprehensible acts and walk in the paths of sanctity, submission and contentment. Strive that divine qualities and attributes may be made manifest from you, and walk among mankind with perfect detachment and tranquility. Deal with one another with the utmost justice and equity. Transform treachery into trustworthiness, backbiting into self-purification, tyranny into justice, and heedlessness into remembrance. This is the counsel of the All-Merciful that hath been revealed from the mouth of divine Will. Strive that through divine assistance, what hath been ordained in the Kingdom of destiny may not be altered or changed by reprehensible deeds. At all times, implore and beseech the Goal of all creation that He may not deprive you of His grace and favor, and that He may grant you shelter beneath the Tree of affirmation and the Sadrih of names and attributes. And peace be upon you from God, your Ancient Lord, and praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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In the name of my Lord, the Most High! Boundless praise beseemeth the holy and everlasting court of Him Who hath ever caused, and will continue forever to cause, the Sun of His holy countenance to shine upon the hearts of them that dwell in the highest paradise, and hath made the Sun of His Own Face to radiate upon the souls of them that traverse the depths of grandeur, and hath caused the seed of the revelation of His own reality to flourish for the wayfarers in the desert of the Kingdom, and hath made the star of His manifestations to gleam upon the travelers of the path of justice in the realm of mortality, and hath caused the clouds of the light of His Revelation to gather in the arena of all created things, and hath raised the banner of His grace in the highest heaven of hearts, and hath lifted up the standard of His exaltation in the breezes of command and creation, and hath unfurled the flag of His might and majesty in the atmosphere of the heaven of justice.

He it is Who hath ever caused, and will continue forever to cause, His eternal manifestations to dawn upon the souls and bodies of them that navigate the depths of holiness and sanctity, and hath made the breezes of His everlasting revelations to descend upon the essential realities of them that ascend unto the heavens of glory and majesty, so that all creation might be drawn, through that which He hath ordained and decreed, towards that Garment of Reality, and might witness within the inmost recesses of their hearts the signs of divine grandeur and power, and might, through their own attainment, become suppliants at the gates of His bounty and pardon, their tongues, both hidden and manifest, uttering words of lowliness before the Gate-keeper of His holy majesty.

Having thus entered the age of divine unity, they behold the evidences of God's power, and enter the City of Divine Oneness without intimation and with no trace of heedlessness among its dwellers, and arrive at the paradise of unity without regard to its affluent ones, witnessing the manifestations of the favors and kindnesses of the All-Glorious within the reality of their own hearts, spirits, souls and essential beings. Glorified be the Eternal Beloved Who hath manifested every gleaming theophany, and sent down with every breeze a wondrous sign, and with every breath hath quickened the dead bodies of all creation, and with every manifestation hath suspended a holy revelation from His invisible realm, and with every one of the signs of His unity hath attracted the hearts of all that are and shall be created as He pleaseth, and with every ray from the lights of His glorious Garment hath made manifest a brilliant appearance and resplendent forms […]

Glorified be He! There is none other God but Him. How wondrous is His handiwork, how magnificent His creation! He hath brought forth from utter nothingness the vast expanse of being, and with His hand of power hath given existence to the merest atom from naught, endowing it with speech. Through His Own effulgences He hath transformed absolute nothingness into pure existence, bestowing absolute being through His grace. Through His holy Self He hath manifested the Sun of His Lordship, revealed the signs of His unity amidst the multiplicity of creation, and made evident the tokens of His oneness from all sides and directions, drawing all things unto Himself through every manifestation.

O ye lovers of the holy Concourse, ye who ascend the heights of intimacy, ye dwellers in the depths of Paradise, and ye who traverse the boundless ocean! Open the eye of truth and the true ear, hearken unto words of justice and truth, and behold the signs of divine Lordship reflected in the mirrors of your hearts. Let not these base commodities and transient pleasures become a source of distress, nor this brief life a

cause of veils, nor this ephemeral existence - whose end is nothingness, decline and extinction - be the means of continued separation from the countenance of the Beloved. For your return is unto the intended Goal, and the conclusion of all is unto God, the Worshipped Lord, the Praised Sovereign.

Come to yourselves for a moment and become conscious for an instant. Escape from the stupor of death and enter into the realm of life. Emerge from your self-intoxication and enter into true being. Drink from the wine of manifestation in the chalice of light, free yourselves from the darkness of every error, take a few draughts from the sweet waters of Salsabil, and find rest and tranquility away from this house of extinction. When ye come to consciousness, gaze for a moment upon the robe of the Beloved, for thus hath He, exalted be His remembrance, ordained it.

And it hath thus come to pass that that Countenance of Divinity and Vesture of Lordship hath in these days of decline left the wayfarers in the wilderness of error, and hath returned to His Lord in His throne of eternity, and the holy mirrors of His glory have ascended unto God in His lofty heights. How strange that these creatures, who came into being through a glimmer of His manifestation and became visible in the realm of existence through His bounty, should spend this brief life - whose years pass with a few manifestations, whose months change into weeks, whose weeks separate into days, and whose days resolve into hours, minutes and moments, and whose thread will soon break and whose cord will be cut - when all things shall return unto their Lord and shall be present before His holy court.

O friends of the Friend, come to yourselves! O lovers of the Beloved, become conscious! O seekers of Truth, detach yourselves! O hearers of the Word of truth, open the ear of reality and the eye of insight! Let not this transient wealth prevent you from standing in the holy presence of the Beloved, nor this outward glory become a veil in the path of Truth. Open the eye of righteousness and the vision of uprightness, and bring the ear of fairness into the presence of Truth. Neglect not even for a moment.

Arise with ears attuned to truthfulness in the presence of God, neglecting not a moment and wasting not this brief life in aught but His good-pleasure. For all creation hath been assigned its station. Where are the kingdoms and their possessions, the sovereigns and their dominions? What became of the kings and rulers, and whither went the truthful ones? Each hath returned to his place, and every soul hath attained that which was ordained for it in the holy and ancient scrolls of God’s decree. They have bade farewell to this mirage-like world and have all entered their nests, returning to their own annihilation and reposing in their earthen chambers in eternal sleep. Come ye to your senses for a while, hearken for an hour unto the words of Truth, and inscribe for a moment His counsels upon the tablets of your hearts, that on the Day of Presentation ye may be brought before that Tree, be present in His court, and attain and act according to His will and pleasure - neither veiled from the garments of His revelation nor rendered unconscious by the light of His manifestation in the precinct of the Mount of His Command. And should ye be struck unconscious, may ye regain consciousness thereafter, uttering words of pardon, that ye may on that Day attain unto what God hath willed and pleased, and act according to what He hath decreed, conducting yourselves with grace, bounty, glory and majesty in His presence. On that Day may ye act with truth and sincerity, becoming doers of what is right and just, hearing the verses of His truth from His divine utterance and receiving the words of His grandeur from the tongue of His power, glorying therein before the Concourse on High. And none can inform you like One Who is all-aware, and none can apprise you

like this luminous decree: How long wilt thou appear in the mirror of union? Break that mirror and manifest thyself to the world.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise that is sanctified above the mention of all created things and the description of all contingent beings befitteth the court of the holy nearness of the Desired One, Who through His blessed word “I loved to be known” brought the world of creation from nothingness into being, and with the fire of love set aflame the sanctified and detached souls and the radiant and receptive temples. That blessed Word became the dawning-place of light and the source of fire. One of its effulgences shone forth upon the Mount - its form appeared as fire, speaking forth the exalted and blessed words “Verily I am God,” and another effulgence turned toward the Mount - from it light was made manifest and the meaning of the blessed verse “the Mount crumbled to dust” was realized. Glory be to God! Every possessor of power hath confessed his powerlessness and every bearer of knowledge his ignorance. Through a single call He so attracted the lovers in the wilderness of faithfulness that they readily gave up their lives and all they possessed, hastening with utmost speed to the place of sacrifice. How many of the weak ones, after hearing the call, were seen to manifest such strength and power that neither the might and majesty of the world nor the massed ranks of the peoples could prevent them from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. Hallowed and glorified is that omnipotent Sovereign Who with the finger of power unsealed the choice sealed wine and through the blessing of the Name of the Self-Subsisting bestowed it upon the company of them that are nigh, the monotheists and the sincere ones. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that whosoever attained unto a drop thereof forsook the world and all that dwell therein, and set his face toward the ultimate goal, the most exalted summit and the highest horizon.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the mysteries were revealed, the lights shone forth, and the trees yielded their fruit! I beseech Thee by Thy Name the Self-Subsisting, by Thy choice sealed wine, and by Thy binding decree, to aid Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the vain affairs of the Pharaohs nor the might of the oppressors - whom this vain life hath deluded and prevented from turning unto Thee, O Lord of creation and Manifestation of the light of oneness - may hinder them. Then preserve them, O my God and God of all names, my Creator and Creator of the heavens, from the arrows of the deniers among Thy servants and the allusions of the wrongdoers among Thy creation. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy manifestation and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to open before the faces of the sincere ones among Thy servants, through the key of Thy grace, the doors of Thy bounty and favors. Then cause them to know, O my God, that which will so attract them to a station wherein neither the sorrows of the world nor the clamor of the nations will affect them, that they may take, through Thy name the All-Merciful, the cup of knowledge and drink therefrom once through Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Name and again through Thy remembrance, the Mighty, the Wise. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, and ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall abide with them in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty

Whom no power can frustrate and no strength can weaken. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Luminous.

Furthermore, this servant hath heard thy sweet mention and that wherewith thou didst praise God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. When he witnessed, saw, and drank from the cup of thy utterance the pure and choice wine in praise of God, the Lord of all names, he approached the praised station and presented himself before His face. Thereupon the tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth in the kingdom of utterance - exalted and mighty be His Word:

In My Name, the Witnessing, the All-Hearing […]

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! All the peoples of the world, of diverse parties, seek to grasp at some means whereby they might establish a cause that would perpetuate their name and remembrance. Thus it hath been heard how many souls in the western lands have sacrificed their lives for vain and futile imaginings, though it is clear to every person of insight that the deeds and acts of those heedless ones have not borne, nor ever shall bear, any fruit. The perpetuation of remembrance is praiseworthy when it is for God's sake and appeareth in His path, and its benefit returneth to all the peoples of the world. Multitudes have clung to every vain fancy to establish some cause or another, while this Most Great Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will - from this are the people of Persia heedless and veiled. By the life of God! This is that Cause which the passage of centuries and ages shall not alter, which extinction shall not overtake, and whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto God's infinite bounties in all the worlds. The friends of God, in whatsoever land they dwell, must have recourse to wisdom and consultation, and must hold fast to whatsoever will today draw the heedless to the ocean of awareness and awaken the slumbering from the sleep of negligence, that all hearts and minds may be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Knowledge and be adorned with that which God loveth. This is everlasting dominion and eternal wealth. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which shall profit him in this world and the next, and woe unto the heedless.

The tokens of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, concerning that honored person are known and evident. And his honor, Name of God 66, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, had his petition reach the Most Holy Court, wherein was mentioned that distinguished person, upon him be the Glory of God. This servant presented the entire petition again before His blessed countenance on the blessed night of Friday, the first of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani. By the lights of His countenance! A word was heard from the blessed tongue concerning that distinguished person which all the treasures of the world could not equal. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may crown him with the diadem of acceptance in this most mighty, most holy, and most exalted Cause. Were but an atom of this station to be unveiled, ye would behold all the honored ones of the world circling round it. God willing, may they attain unto the preservation of this supreme station and most exalted rank through the name of the Lord of Names. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Concerning what you wrote about Raqsha (upon whom be God's vengeance and wrath), that vile one, being heedless, committed this most grievous sin and greatest error for the sake of a few dirhams. Were the peoples of the earth to reflect upon what befell him, they would all free and liberate themselves from the doubts of their suspicions and idle fancies, and turn towards the horizon of certitude. In the blessed

Tablet of Burhan, one verse was specifically revealed concerning the Wolf, and this shall soon become manifest and evident. If one possessed of insight were to reflect upon the seizure of Raqsha and what was revealed in the Surih of Ra'is, as well as what was revealed in the Surih of Kings and the Tablet of Fu'ad, he would, in brief, gain some knowledge of the ocean of divine knowledge and His power, might and ascendancy. How excellent is the state of those souls who have drunk from the wine of fairness and who have gazed with illumined eyes upon the revealed verses and manifest, resplendent evidences. These are accounted as the most exalted of creatures in the sight of the Truth. However, the conditions of the world have, like dark dust, seized all, such that they are barred from beholding the lights. O beloved of My heart! By the life of God, the consummate wisdom of God has in certain matters caused delay, otherwise you would have witnessed greater than what has transpired. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Almighty.

Praise be to God that you have attained to the grace of God. Your mention and the mention of those with you have been and continue to be in the Most Holy Court, and this is a bounty that hath had and hath no likeness or peer. Verily, He speaketh the truth and in His grasp is the dominion of all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Wise. Convey, if wisdom permitteth, My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of this evanescent one, and make mention of them. Let not time slip away, and let not opportunity pass. By the Beloved of all possibility, a single moment of these days cannot be equaled by centuries and ages. Today is the day of mention and praise, and the day of obedience and service. Time and again this evanescent servant hath submitted this word to the divine friends and will continue to do so, through God's help and grace, until the manifest Truth shall come to him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Most Great and Most Exalted Branches - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - have each shown loving-kindness towards you and convey their greetings to you, as do those who circle round. The Glory of God rest upon you and upon the loved ones of God in that place, who have cast aside what the people possess, hoping for that which is with God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be sanctified from the First Translator, namely the tongue, and from the Second Translator, which is the Pen, befitting the Ancient Lord and the Beloved of nations, Who illumined the world with the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. If some eyes are incapable of perception, the cause is the ophthalmia of idle fancies and vain imaginings; otherwise, no deficiency can be attributed to the manifest, effulgent rays of the Sun. The possessors of hearing and sight bear witness that He is the Omnipotent One Who, with the arm of power, has shattered the idols of fancy and adorned the Hijaz with the light of truth. Through His blessed will, He has made the parched and barren plain the envy of the rivers of Paradise, and through the breezes of His grace and the rains of His mercy, He has adorned the sterile lands with a new raiment. He is that Sovereign Who caused Mount Sinai to crumble through a single revelation of His manifestation and bestowed fresh life upon the world through the Muhammadan Light. How many idols there were

whose mention has returned to nothingness! He is the Dawning-Place of the most excellent names and the Day-Spring of the most exalted attributes, and He is the Source of Command in the world of creation.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose remembrance the rivers of knowledge have flowed from the hearts of Thy servants, and through Whose name the horizons of existence have been illumined with the light of Thy love! I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy knowledge and the stars of the firmaments of Thy grace to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones to serve Thy Cause. Then protect them from the enemies of Thy Self. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the prison of the land of Ta, and Thou hearest their lamentation in their separation from Thee and their cry in their remoteness from Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy power and Thy sovereignty to deliver them. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

And furthermore, this evanescent one submits to your eminence that your beloved letter dated the 12th of Jumada'th-Thani was received. For some time this servant found no opportunity to write a reply, as people were constantly arriving, some with permission and some without, and this servant was occupied day and night with fulfilling duties and services, as well as writing replies to petitions. Now, praise be to God, since their service has ended and some leisure has been obtained, I have troubled your fragrant thoughts and with these intrusive words, in all cases hope for forgiveness. God the One is witness that whenever good news arrives by letter, the heart is seized with fresh joy and new delight, for it is adorned with mention of the friends of God and brings glad tidings of your good health. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that this fragrance may ever be diffused and this breeze may continue to blow throughout the duration of the kingdom. The mention of loved ones is the key that opens the door of sorrow, and the countenance of the friends is the dawning-place of light in the darkness of the world. I implore and beseech the glorious and exalted Truth to make all hearts as one heart and make it the treasury of the love of His chosen ones, and to make all the eyes of the world as one eye and draw that eye to His horizon of manifestation. In such case that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard will be made manifest. Such entreaty and supplication is befitting to be offered unto the Lord of Names, for His generosity has encompassed the world and His mercy has taken precedence. Exalted is our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven! Exalted is our Goal and the Goal of all created things! After reading and becoming informed, He proceeded to the Most Great Prison and it was presented before His presence. He said […]

We beseech God to fulfill what He has willed in His path and to manifest from it that which will reassure His servants and gladden the hearts of His creation. O thou who hast attained unto the unity of God and His remembrance! This is the Day of mention and praise and service. All must turn their gaze away from the world and its peoples and fix it upon this matter. All things are manifest and revolve around this station, though the deniers and the heedless are asleep and, in their imagination, spin spider's webs which they deem to be mighty fortresses. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. The religion of God and His Cause have become of no account. Most people have turned to alien pursuits and seek to acquire the customs of that group. Glory be to God! Where has vision gone and with what thoughts is the heart occupied, that at every moment the veils of heedlessness are seen to grow thicker? They have strayed from God's straight path and clung to the ways of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Reflect upon the consequences of their deeds - most lands have been lost, and one who appeared from the Kingdom of justice and descended from the City of equity they deemed a corrupter and visited upon him that

which the friends of God are unable to hear. Your honor knows well how much effort and endeavor we expended over limited years to remove corruption, conflict, disputation and the like, yet this mighty matter was in no way acceptable to Iran, for the country's leaders are preoccupied and have not pondered, even for a moment, upon the matters at hand, nor do they now. Would that they had turned to the sacred verses and reflected upon what has been revealed. Alas! Alas! The riders of the steed of passion have other thoughts and other fancies. We beseech and implore the True One not to deprive His servants of this supreme adorning. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

This lowly one begs for your honor from the True One, exalted be His glory, such elevation and ascendancy as would cause the people of the earth to acknowledge and confess, for today it is the steadfast, firm, resolute and assured souls who have been and are the cause of the exaltation of the Blessed Word. He is the Protector and Encompasser of all things.

Concerning the incidents you mentioned that occurred along the way, and likewise the flooding of the Tigris - if the Tigris of Baghdad should flood, it matters not, but the sea of hatred has overflowed. We beseech the True One to protect His servants and to transform this turbulence into calm and assurance.

Regarding what you wrote about the lands and M., news has arrived but they have written that it passed peacefully. However, as long as wealth remains within one's self, that person will never be considered pure from polytheistic doubts and infidel allusions in the eyes of the people of Iran. This brief saying suffices: "When gold and silver are complete, faith is established with them, though what they have is contrary to what God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, has."

Concerning what you wrote about his honor and Muhammad Surur, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's] glory, and the house where that beloved one resides - regarding this matter, after presentation, they said to write to his honor the physician, upon him be God's peace and care: "In any case, you must deal with him with forbearance, for if any word should arise concerning the friendship and love of the past, it might cause some to gossip, since your connection is to this place. And God willing, whatever loss occurs, we beseech the True One to grant compensation in return." […]

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, may God's peace be upon him. God willing, may he ever recline upon the couch of joy and dwell in the station of gladness and delight. Some time ago, this servant submitted something to his presence which was dispatched; God willing, it has arrived. Another letter from his presence dated the 21st of Jamadiyu'th-Thani was received. Praise be to God, repeated were the glad tidings of health and well-being, and renewed was the feast of remembrance. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant me the ability to fulfill my obligations of gratitude to His loved ones. But alas, alas! When does heedlessness grant respite, and when do deeds meet their requirements? I implore his presence to pray and seek divine confirmation from the Truth.

Regarding what was again written about the matter of ha and mim, at first it was very difficult, for they had written that the Vakilu't-Tujjar, who is sometimes the governor's deputy, had risen in opposition, the reason being that his honor the Traveler, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], had a claim of two hundred tumans against him which they had requested. Hence these troubles arose, but afterward it passed. I beseech God to transform the essence of enmity and hatred into love and harmony, that all the people of

the world may find rest. I send greetings to the friends of that land and beseech God that there may appear from them that which befits their station. The relatives of that Beloved One have been and are in mind. Conveying greetings to all depends upon the grace of that Beloved One. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise and thanksgiving befit the chosen ones and pure ones of God, they who have drunk of the living waters flowing from the Pen of Him Who is the Purpose of all the worlds, and have offered it unto others. These are the Hands of the Cause amongst the servants, and these are the lights of the horizons. Through them the light has shone forth and God's commandments and laws have been spread among the people of the Dispensation. These are they who serve the chalices of divine bounties and heavenly gifts. In the name of Truth do they take, in remembrance of Truth do they drink, and to every seeker and questor do they give. These are souls who have had and have no will or purpose of their own. They gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful and act according to His command. The cause of their life is the mention of Truth, and the reason for their existence is the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. By the word "Arise!" they arise with such arising that sitting shall never overtake it. As He states in the prayer of the Fast, these are servants who, when blessed to hear the word "Fast" as a binding command, this decree becomes not bound by time or limit - they fast until their spirits leave their bodies. How glorious is this most exalted station and this supreme rank!

Glory be to Thee, O my God, O Thou by Whose name the horizon of power hath been illumined and by Whose remembrance the lights have shone forth! I beseech Thee by Thy Will which hath subdued all created things, and by Thy Purpose which hath encompassed all atoms, to assist this servant of Thine to mention Thee and to mention Thy Afnan whom Thou hast related to Thyself and elevated through Thy Most Exalted Word and made them the dawning-places of Thy love in the realm of creation. O my Lord! The servant acknowledgeth his powerlessness and shortcomings and his errors that have prevented him from that which beseemeth Thy days, and his transgressions that have made him heedless of the mention of Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties, by the Most Great Name, to teach me that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

And then - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and your mention and your turning unto God! The servant has been blessed with a scroll filled with pearls of remembrance and praise. When I contemplated it, I was blessed by it and by its beauty and its purity and the delicacy of its hue. I approached the station of its Creator and Originator and Inspirer and Sustainer, and I presented it before my Lord and its Lord, my Sovereign and its Sovereign. And after it was blessed by the gaze of my Creator and its Creator, the gate of utterance was opened and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which nothing in all creation can equal. His blessed and exalted Word is:

He is the One Who exercises dominion over all who are in earth and heaven.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have encompassed all horizons. The All-Merciful hath come with the Kingdom of proof, yet most of the people are in doubt and discord. Their eyes have been prevented from beholding the waves of the ocean and that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon wherefrom the lights have dawned. They worship vain imaginings and perceive not; they hear the verses yet understand not. For twelve hundred years they clung to the vain imaginings of heedless souls, and on the Day of Reckoning they pronounced sentence of death upon the Lord of all beings. They cling to the gulf of names while deprived and forbidden from the ocean of inner meanings. Glory be to God! Not one among the divines attained true understanding - from delusion they came and to delusion they returned. Every person of insight is bewildered and every possessor of heart is astonished.

Today the people of God must arise to serve the Cause with utmost endeavor, that perchance the servants may be preserved from former delusions and the tender saplings of the new garden may be protected from poisonous winds. By the life of God! The breath of the opposers is as deadly poison. Beseech ye God to protect all - He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thy mention hath ever been and shall continue to be in the Most Holy Court. The servant in attendance presented thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We found therein the fragrance of sincerity for God, the Lord of the worlds. We heard its contents and answered thee with verses that nothing in the world can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. He is with thee and will aid thee through His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thus did the Light manifest its appearance and the Sun its radiance. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto that which hath shone forth from My luminous horizon. The Glory shining from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who love thee and are with thee and hearken to thy words concerning this irrevocable, mighty and wondrous Cause.

It hath ended. Praise and grace be unto Him Who hath ever mentioned and will continue to mention His Afnan, each having been blessed with the effects of the Supreme Pen, though God hath preferred some above others - this is what the tongue of God, our Lord, hath formerly uttered, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In truth, a bounty hath been manifested that hath had and shall have no likeness or parallel. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Ever-Abiding Truth to increase His favors at all times and to keep him joyous and steadfast through the Kawthar of His utterance.

Regarding what was written about the funds for the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the Most Glorious of all Glory - what was sent has been received, however the remainder should reach the Supreme [Lady] the Leaf, her mother. The choice of garments has also been left, as commanded, to that noble lady. They said if they can preserve some in a chest, it would be beloved and acceptable in the sight of God. And they said that the honored Afnan hath rendered complete service to the root of the Cause in attending to the needs of the Most Exalted Leaf, and this service was most acceptable before the Divine Throne, as this servant repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. Well is it with you and pleasant it is.

As for the House, its custodianship has been entrusted to the exalted lady, the mother of His Holiness, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken at this time: “O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The exalted lady, the mother of His Honour, is most entitled to reside in that

House. We have entrusted its custodianship to her and bestowed it upon her, and after her to her descendants, that it may be a remembrance for her from God, the True One, and a memorial to her throughout ages and centuries." Indeed, the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, is of such magnitude that this evanescent one is powerless to describe it. Thereafter, that Most Great House must be maintained and renovated by the friends according to what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken and in the manner He hath commanded. Reverence for it is incumbent and obligatory upon all. This supreme gift hath today been specifically revealed from the Most Exalted Pen for the exalted lady. His bounty hath encompassed, His generosity hath taken hold, and His mercy hath preceded. Exalted is our Lord, our God, our Beloved, and our Desire! We beseech Him to assist us in His remembrance, His praise, and the promotion of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As for the tea sent by Your Honour, it truly arrived pure, distinguished and desirable, though not without some strength. Nevertheless, it has been and is being consumed. The package also arrived. In response to the petition of the exalted lady, the honored mother and leaf, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent. God willing, they will attain unto them and be gladdened and rejoiced by the rain-showers of divine mercy.

Furthermore, Your Honour's second letter, dated the 2nd of Rabi'u'th-Thani, renewed the world of remembrance and bestowed a wondrous adornment upon the tree of hope. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant me the blessing of meeting you and gathering with you beneath the shade of the Tree of His loving-kindness and the pavilions of His grandeur. In reading the letter, this servant was deeply moved, for there was delay in responding to it. However, God is witness and Your Honour knows that you are ever present before these eyes. Forgetfulness hath no place in this station, and oblivion hath no power. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing Witness.

To the honored Afnan who are present in that land, and to the friends of God, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech for all novel bounties and fresh favors. The Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - and the people of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur, all convey their greetings and praise. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon Your Honour, upon those who are with you, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Furthermore, in response to the honored Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, a detailed Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine Will and sent. God willing, they will send it soon. A Tablet was also sent specifically for the honored Haji Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God. A Tablet was also revealed for the aforementioned person. God willing, they will attain unto it. I beseech the True One that the sealed wine may take hold of all and lead them to the praiseworthy station.

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He is the All-Knowing, the Single, the Unique, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I make mention of Thee, when I have become certain that the tongues of the mystics falter in Thy remembrance and praise, and the birds of the hearts of those who yearn after Thee are prevented from soaring to the heaven of Thy might and knowledge? If I say, O my God, that Thou art the All-Knowing, I witness that the Manifestations of knowledge were created by Thy command. If I say that Thou art the Wise, I behold that the Daysprings of wisdom were brought low by Thy will. If I say that Thou art the Single One, I observe that the realities of oneness were raised up by Thy creation. If I say that Thou art the All-Knowing, I witness that the essences of knowledge were realized by Thy will and appeared through Thy creation.

Glorified, glorified art Thou from being indicated by mention, or described by praise, or by any sign, for all of these are naught but descriptions of Thy creation, raised up by Thy command and invention. Whatsoever those who remember mention, or the mystics ascend unto the atmosphere of Thy knowledge, they return to that Point which hath submitted to Thy sovereignty, prostrated before Thy beauty, and been brought low by a movement of Thy Pen. Nay, I seek Thy forgiveness, O my God, for this, as it would establish a connection between the realities of created things and the Pen of Thy Command.

Glorified, glorified art Thou from any mention of their relation to what is attributed to Thee, for all relations are severed from the Tree of Thy Command, and all paths are barred from the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy Beauty. Glorified, glorified art Thou from being mentioned by mention, or described by description, or praised by praise. And whatsoever Thou hast commanded Thy servants of the wonders of Thy remembrance and the gems of Thy praise - this is of Thy grace upon them, that they might ascend thereby to the station which was created in their essences of the knowledge of their own selves. Thou hast ever been sanctified from the description of aught else but Thee and the mention of aught besides Thee, and Thou wilt ever be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou dost witness and see how sorrows have encompassed the Manifestation of Thy Most Merciful Self, and how tribulations have descended upon Him from all directions, to such extent that the righteous ones among the manifestations of Thy Chosen Name have rent their garments of patience, and the eyes of the secluded maidens have wept behind the veils of concealment. By Thy might, O my Beloved! I do not complain of what hath descended upon me from the clouds of Thy Command - the arrows of Thy decree - and what hath come upon me from the clouds of Thy leave - the spears of Thy destiny. For those who are filled with longing yearn for whatsoever descendeth from Thee and appeareth from Thy presence.

Therefore, O my God, this is Husayn who hath come with his own self and his kindred before the city of Thy decree, desiring what Thou hast willed by Thy fulfillment, and ever thankful for what came upon him in the path of Thy good-pleasure from time immemorial. Once, O my God, Thou didst entrust him to the hands of his brother who was named Cain, and he slew him with the sword of hatred between earth and heaven, whereupon tears flowed upon the cheeks of those near unto Thee and, beyond them, all things.

Yet under the sword he gave thanks to Thee and called upon Thee with the tongue of those who remember. And once, O my God, Thou didst entrust me to Nimrod who cast me into the fire, and in that moment when I was suspended in the air above the fire, the angels of Thy Cause reached me and desired to help and assist me, but I turned not my gaze from the horizon of Thy bounties toward them, trusting in Thyself and acquiescing to Thy decree, until Thou didst make the fire for me a light, a mercy, glory, honor, coolness and safety. And once Thou didst entrust me to the hands of the enemies of Thy Self and […]

O my God and my Master! Once Thou didst deliver me into the hands of evildoers along with my family, whereupon they rose against me to such a degree that they warred against my person, slew those related to my essence and being, took my family captive, severed my head and raised it upon a spear, parading it through the towns and amidst the people. And my head upon the spear continued to remember Thee with wondrous praise and thank Thee with precious gratitude, calling out: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having accepted from me that which befitteth not Thy station nor beseemeth Thy sovereignty. This is naught but one of the wondrous gifts bestowed upon Thy servant and manifestations of Thy grace unto the son of Thy handmaiden." Until they brought it to the seat of the oppressors and the abode of the transgressors. After that, Thou knowest what befell it, and hast recorded it in Thy knowledge, until days and nights passed and Thou didst raise me up in truth and made me manifest under the name of 'Ali among Thy servants. I delivered unto them what Thou didst command me by the sovereignty of Thy Cause, and conveyed to them Thy messages and ordinances. Thereupon they rose against me without any proof or crime, until they suspended me in the air and pierced me with the bullets of hatred, whereupon my spirit ascended to the Most Glorious Companion and the Supreme Horizon. Thereby was rent asunder the veil of concealment from behind the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacle of Thy majesty, and the hearts of the Messengers were drawn to the retreats of Thy sanctity and the seats of Thy glorification. By God! The righteous and the pure wept at this, then the trees and fruits, then the seas and lights, then all that was and will be. And no sooner had those days passed than Thou didst raise me up in another attire and made me manifest under this Name in the kingdom of creation. Thou didst send me to all who are in earth and heaven […]

By My head! The Tongue of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, proclaimeth: By God! O people, this is not from Mine own self, but rather from the presence of the All-Powerful at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. O people! If ye believe not, deny not, oppose not, and be not among the idolaters. Thus have ye been commanded in the Kingdom of eternity by God, the Most High, the Most Glorious. O people! Have I forbidden what was permitted unto you, or permitted what was forbidden unto your souls, or altered what ye possessed of God's ways, His religion, His law and His ordinances? O people! The traces of My blood are not yet effaced from the face of the earth, nor have the hearts of those in anguish found peace in My tribulations and sufferings. If ye have believed in My Self, this is My Self; if ye have believed in My signs, these are My signs; and besides these are My Revelation, My sovereignty, My power and My encompassing knowledge of the worlds. O people! Have mercy upon yourselves; deprive not yourselves of God's sanctuary, withhold not from your hearts the breathings of His glorious mercy, nor from your faces the radiant splendors of His countenance. Fear God and be of the God-fearing. O people! Pervert not God's words from their places, alter not His favors upon yourselves, and refute not the truth by what ye possess. Know God through God, then detach yourselves from all else. By God! Nothing of

what hath been ordained in the heavens and earth shall profit you this day, nor shall the treasures of dominion enrich you, nor shall the hands of creation save you from the depths of delusion, nor shall the lamps of creation guide you, nor shall the suns of invention illumine you, except that ye believe in God and are assured of His signs, turn unto Him, seek shelter in His shadow, flee from yourselves unto Him, hold fast to His cord and cling to His handle. Thus doth your Lord counsel you. Whoso acteth, it shall be for his own self; whoso forsaketh - verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all the worlds.

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O Sheikh Muhammad-'Ali-i-Qa'in, upon him be the everlasting glory of God!

The Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting

He is the One Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty.

God testifieth that there is none other God but He, and He Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery. Through His call the cry hath been raised from every direction, and at His Name the limbs of them that have denied God, the Manifester of clear tokens, have quaked. Through Him the Salsabil of utterance hath flowed throughout all possibility and all things have spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful." Blessed is he who hath turned and hearkened and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. He is the One through Whom the earth hath recounted her tidings and revealed her treasures, and the sea of knowledge its pearls, and the heaven of utterance its stars and its lights, and the Lote-Tree its rustling, and the Pens their scratching. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation and the Kawthar of inspiration from the cup of the bounty of God, the Lord of lords.

O thou who art mentioned before the Sea! The Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee with His Most Great Name, and desireth to make mention of thee with a remembrance whereby the realities of all things were attracted, and with verses that cannot be equalled by the treasures of earth and heaven, that He may draw thee unto Him and cause thee to speak and give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life, that thou mayest arise to promote the Cause with a power that no hosts in the world can weaken, nor the clamor of the nations diminish, and mayest speak that which will draw the servants nigh unto God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Say: O people! Behold, then be fair. By God, the ocean of utterance hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all possibility. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance! Hear the call once again. He verily will aid thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in such wise that neither the gloating of enemies, nor the authority of princes, nor the clamor of divines, nor the mention of any frozen soul, nor the utterance of any fearful one shall hold thee back. Thy Lord verily is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Turn with thy heart and thy spirit and thy inmost being toward the Kaaba of God and say: […]

My God, my God! I have turned to Thee with my whole being, and have desired naught on earth save to exalt Thy Word, manifest Thy Cause, spread Thy verses and reveal Thy bounty, generosity and bestowal.

O Lord! Strengthen my heart through Thy Name and sovereignty, and my hand to grasp Thy Book, and my sight to behold Thy signs. By Thy might, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Manifest One through the Most Great Name, I desire naught save to aid Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and to demonstrate Thy proof amidst all religions. O Lord! Thou seest this servant turning unto Thee and standing before the Kaaba of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath conquered all things and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things, to adorn my head with the crown of detachment and my temple with the robe of godliness. Then make me, O my God, a standard of Thy Name amongst Thy servants and a banner of Thy remembrance in Thy lands. By Thy might! I love naught but what Thou lovest and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else besides Thee, for I know of a certainty that all else besides Thee can neither profit me nor protect me nor aid me. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven, by the hidden pearls in the shells of the ocean of Thy grace and the mysteries treasured in the Book of Thy knowledge, to enable me to perform such deeds as will cause all created things to turn to the heaven of Thy favor, and to aid me in that which will cause all things to acknowledge Thy Manifestation, Thy power, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, speaking Thy Name and turning to Thy horizon. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and the lovers in the cities of Thy love, who have sacrificed their spirits with joy and radiance in Thy path in such wise that neither the ornaments of the world nor the treasures of the wealthy deterred them. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

Hear thou the divine call in the Persian tongue. This call is, in one station, the Fire of the Sinaitic Tree, for by it are ignited the hearts of the sincere ones and those near unto God, and in another station it is the Living Waters for the life of the world. Blessed is the one who attaineth unto it. Verily, he shall reach a station wherein no hosts shall frighten him, nor shall the power of the world weaken him. And at times it is a shining Light, guiding those who turn unto it to the straight path and the mighty announcement. Give thanks to the Desire of the worlds Who hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison with such mention before which books bow down. Through the power and might of God, glorified be His majesty, arise thou upon the Cause and with spirit, radiance, wisdom and utterance, awaken the heedless and guide the wayward to the straight path. Say: O people! Know ye the value of this Day. Today the Sun of bounty hath dawned from the horizon of the world and is manifest, and the waves of the ocean of utterance are visible before the faces of all religions. Deprive not yourselves. By the life of God! A feast hath appeared and an assembly hath been raised up in the Concourse on High, for today He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of manifestation, and the people of God have attained His presence, and the blessed, goodly City hath descended from heaven. Its sun is ever at its zenith; no cloud can veil it and no eclipse can overtake it. Its moon is ever shining and luminous, its rivers ever flowing and coursing, and its trees adorned with countless fruits. This Day is the Day of supreme joy. Blessed are they that attain, blessed are the sincere ones, and blessed is he who hath taken in his right hand the Living Waters through this Name whereby the gate of bestowal was opened to all in the world of creation, and the nightingale of faithfulness sang upon the branch of glory. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and sovereignty unto God, the Goal of the mystics, and command unto God, the Possessor of this mighty Day.

O thou who standest before My face! Glorify on My behalf him who was named Nabil before Akbar, unto whom We have sent down, both aforetime and thereafter, that which shall endure through the sovereignty of God, the Mighty, the Great. Recite thou once again these verses in his presence. O Nabil, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto that which We revealed in thy Tablet once again, that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. It behooveth thee not to turn thy gaze to the past or future. Make mention of this Day and what hath appeared therein, for verily it sufficeth all the worlds. The declarations and allusions regarding these stations quench the fire of being. It is for thee to speak forth today that whereby hearts may be set ablaze and the bodies of them that have advanced may soar. Whoso is assured of the new creation this day and beholdeth the Most Exalted Truth as the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting over all things, verily he is among those endued with vision at this Most Great Prospect. Every discerning believer beareth witness to this.

Walk thou above the world through the power of the Most Great Name, that thou mayest behold the mysteries of pre-existence and discover that which none hath discovered. Thy Lord is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou like unto an artery pulsating in the body of creation, that through the heat generated by this motion there may arise that which shall quicken the hearts of them that hesitate. Thou hast indeed associated with Me and beheld the suns of the heaven of My wisdom and the waves of the ocean of My utterance when We were behind seventy thousand veils of light. Thy Lord is verily the True One, the Faithful.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the outpourings of this Ocean in the days of his Lord, the Most Bountiful, the All-Wise. We expounded unto thee, when We were in Iraq in the house of him who was named Majid, the mysteries of creation, its origin, its end and its cause. When We departed, We limited Our utterance to: “There is none other God but I, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.” Be thou a promulgator of God’s Cause with an utterance which will cause fire to blaze forth from the trees, proclaiming: “There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.”

Say: Utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As for penetration, it dependeth on subtlety, and subtlety is conditioned upon pure and unencumbered hearts. As for moderation, it must be combined with wisdom, which We have revealed in the Books and Tablets.

We beseech God that He may graciously aid him who is mentioned, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, to achieve that which hath been specifically sent down for him from the heaven of God’s bounty. This day no garment is more excellent, more radiant and more beauteous for man than the garment of steadfastness in the Cause of God. Ye must hold fast unto it and occupy yourselves with the service of God’s Cause. This Wronged One hath ever been and is still in grave peril. Whatsoever He hath mentioned or may mention hath been and is intended for the elevation of the station of His loved ones. The world and all that is therein is, in the eyes of the people of Baha, as something non-existent and transient. Yet in this Most Great Revelation, His bounty and grace are boundless. He bestoweth that which the Pen is powerless to recount. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the swords of hatred have failed to turn away from turning unto God, the Lord of this mighty and exalted Station.

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O Afnan and Afnan, upon both of you be the Glory of God!

The Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. He is the One Who speaks from His Most Exalted Horizon.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One that He might draw all near unto God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. That which was hidden in God's knowledge and veiled from hearts and eyes hath been revealed. The Day hath come, yet the people have denied God's proof and His evidence, following every heedless rejected one. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and committed that which hath caused the near ones to lament. They have done what they were forbidden in God's Book and abandoned what they were commanded. They are indeed among those who have violated the Covenant and the pledges.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear God and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Behold, behold how the Sun speaketh before your faces and calleth you to its praiseworthy station. Fear God and deny not Him Whose appearance was heralded in God's Books of old and yet to come, and of Whose praise the Messengers have spoken.

O Husayn! The Wronged One calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison and consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee. Thy Lord is verily the All-Patient. He biddeth thee to be patient and steadfast, and He is the Commander over what was and what shall be. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of 'Akka. Verily, it speaketh in every condition that there is no God but Him, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Beware lest the happenings of the world grieve thee or the doubts of those who have denied God's Book and His Manifestation cause thee to slip. They, verily, perceive not. Take hold of the Book with the strength from God. He commandeth thee to righteousness and godliness, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He hath appeared and revealed that which draweth people nigh unto His extended path. Arise to serve the Cause, then mention Him with wisdom and utterance in such wise that hearts and souls are attracted thereby. Beware lest the clamor of the people or the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed prevent thee.

Say: By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come at the return with a Cause before which ranks and hosts cannot stand. Say: This is the Day ye were promised in the Books of old, and of which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, gave you glad tidings in His words: "The Day when people shall stand before the Lord of the Kingdom." We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people understand not. This is the Day of turning unto God, but the people have turned away from it. They have forsaken their God and followed their desires. They perceive not. They have denied God's favor after its appearance and rejected His signs after their revelation. The Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Exalted Horizon beareth witness to this, yet the people hear not. By God's life! Had they heard, they would have hastened to a station whereof every atom proclaimeth: The Promise hath come, and this is the Promised One.

Verily My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of His Afnan who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion through God's irrevocable decree. We testify that he hearkened unto the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and attained unto that which the honored servants have attained, acknowledging His oneness and His singleness and that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His exalted station. He hath, at the time of his ascension, purified him and forgiven him as a token of His grace, and hath ordained for him in the most exalted Paradise a station that thoughts and minds cannot comprehend. Blessed art thou, O My Afnan, for that which befell thee in the earliest days. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He hath witnessed what befell thee and preserved thee through His sovereignty until the promise was fulfilled and that which was ordained for thee in the Preserved Tablet came to pass. O Abu'l-Qasim! Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of His Prophets and His chosen ones, and the glory of them that circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. The first wave that hath risen from the ocean of grace from the presence of the Ancient King be upon thee, O thou who hast held fast unto the cord of grace in the days of God, the Lord of the Kingdom. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times a mercy from His presence and to ordain for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken on this darksome night, as bidden by God, the Lord of all being. We are God's, and unto Him shall we return.

We have turned from the Arabic tongue to Persian, that all may comprehend the meaning and come. O Afnan! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen. At all times doth the world display its own scroll and proclaimeth with the most exalted call its own evanescence, counseling and advising its people. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear its call, for if man would truly observe and perceive the changes and vicissitudes of the world, he would find himself reposing upon the throne of tranquility, would return from extinction to everlasting life, and would set his heart upon supreme glory rather than utter abasement. The world and all that is therein would not change him. Praise be to God, there hath been ordained for you that which hath no peer or likeness. The Blessed Tree hath mentioned you among the Afnan and hath accepted you. This is a great bounty and an exalted station. Preserve it in the name of the one incomparable Powerful One. Your station is to promote and teach the Cause of God. This Wronged One hath, from the earliest days, extolled the mention of the Afnan. The Sacred Scriptures and revealed Tablets bear witness. Reflect upon the tribulations and afflictions that have befallen the Wronged One. From the earliest days He arose before the faces of all men, both rulers and divines, and summoned all, for the sake of God and without any veil or covering, to the most sublime horizon. The purpose of His rising was to exalt the Word, and of His call to draw creation nearer to the Lord of the seen and unseen. It is clear and evident to the people of insight and the companions of the Most Great Vision that in no matter did He seek any purpose for Himself. To this testify My deeds before the faces of the world and the rising of My call amongst the nations. When the effulgences of the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation, all parties arose in opposition and protest, and brought about that which none but the True One knoweth. Glory be to God! From the people of the Bayan there occurred that which hath rendered the Pen powerless to mention. Some have objected to the mention of Divinity and Lordship. Say: O people of the Bayan! By the life of the All-Merciful! He desired no mention from among all mentions except for the drawing near of the servants and their turning to God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Silence hath been beloved and still is beloved by the Wronged One, for ears worthy of this call are rare in this day. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. However, His

Holiness the Herald, that is to say the Primal Point, states at the beginning of the Bayan: “He Who speaketh in every condition, verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me.” Likewise, in reply to one of the Letters of the Living, regarding Him Whom God shall make manifest, He saith: “Verily, I am the first of them that worship Him.” He hath repeatedly made such statements. By the Sun of Truth! Were it not for His mention, this Wronged One would have chosen silence in these matters, save for those who are worthy. Glory be to God! The understanding of the people of the Bayan is observed to be lower than that of the people of the Furqan, for that party accepted the words “Verily, I am God” from the Tree, while this group accepteth not these words from the Tree of Being and the Lord of the seen and unseen […]

Those who cast doubts through such words - their purpose is evident and manifest before God. Verily He is the Concealer, the All-Patient, the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: Nothing escapes His knowledge and no matter is beyond His power. He witnesses and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O My Afnan! We beseech the Most High to assist you, to strengthen you, and to ordain for you that which will gladden hearts and bring joy to eyes. And at the end of this Tablet We counsel you with that which is the cause of elevation and advancement, namely consultation in affairs. Should you consult with the honored Afnan, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness and My mercy, in your affairs, this would be well-pleasing and acceptable before God. God will soon set right your affairs and draw you near unto Him and reveal to you that which was hidden from the eyes of the beholders. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey to all the kindred My greetings on behalf of the Wronged One. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My Afnan who have not broken My covenant and My testament and who have acted according to that which was commanded in My perspicuous Book. The command is God’s, the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

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In the Name of our Most Impregnable, Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praised be God for the deeds of those who have arisen to serve the Cause and who have uttered that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, Who hath manifested whatsoever He desired with a sovereignty that the hosts of tyranny could not impede, nor the suppositions of the exponents of learning, nor the vain imaginings of the sources of discord and corruption.

Glory be to Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn, Sender of winds, and Revealer of prosperity! I beseech Thee by the Lamp which was kindled in Thy name amidst the world, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby the faces of the nations were illumined, to assist Thy servants, Thy leaves, Thy handmaidens, and Thy chosen ones to arise to serve Thee, to turn toward Thy horizon, and to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Aid them through Thy bounty, then protect them from those who have violated Thy Covenant. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the servant received your later letter after completing my letter in response to your first letter. When I read it and found therein the fragrance of sincerity, I ascended to the Station and

presented myself before the Throne and submitted its contents. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of loving-kindness among all created things.

Concerning what you had written about Jinab-i-Aqa ?abibu'llah and his intention, and the perusal of the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet which indicated prohibition, these matters were presented before His presence. This is what the Lord of Eternity spoke in the Most Great Prison:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O ?abibu'llah! Be not grieved at what hath befallen. Praise be to God that that which was not acceptable in the sight of God did not come to pass. In this case, divine forgiveness hath encompassed and continueth to encompass. Through one exalted word the ocean of forgiveness hath appeared and surgeth. Grieve not, neither fear. Rather, rejoice in My loving-kindness, My bounty, and My mercy which have preceded all created things. We have verily pardoned thee, forgiven thee, and mentioned thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. God willing, thou shalt henceforth move according to the will of God and manifest the most great steadfastness, and know with firm certitude and established knowledge that the attributes of savage beasts have never been and never shall be worthy of the loved ones of the All-Merciful. The people of Baha must be adorned with the ornament of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, in such wise that they may be the emblems of trustworthiness and righteousness throughout all lands and the standards of reformation. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel His loved ones and chosen ones from this glorious station. The souls who are gathered in ?adba (Mosul) must all partake of the pure water of wisdom from him who is named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin and consult with him in all matters. The heaven of wisdom is illumined and radiant through the sun of consultation, and Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, hath ever been trustworthy and one who consulteth in the sight of God. Blessed is he who loveth him, remembereth him, and drinketh from the cup of his utterance in this wise remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon the captives of God in ?adba and upon those who have cast away vain imaginings through the name of their Lord, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of the kin who faced in the path of God what was faced by My Name in the land of Taff. In all eternity My Most Exalted Pen heareth mention of the martyrs who quaffed the chalice of martyrdom through My love, My remembrance and My Name, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and earth. And We make mention of My loved ones there who witnessed in the path of God what no one before hath witnessed, and We remember them in such wise as their names shall endure through the permanence of My impregnable, exalted Kingdom.

O chosen ones of God and His loved ones! Ye have borne what none hath borne and heard what none before you hath heard, and We cause you to hear in this hour that whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth in all possibility. Exalted is your Lord, the Most Merciful, Who hath turned toward you and faced your direction and giveth you to drink, as a token of His grace upon you and as a mercy unto you. Rejoice ye in this supreme station and render thanks unto your Lord for this clear remembrance. From this station We pronounce blessings upon your faces and upon the faces of My handmaidens who have found the sweetness of My utterance, who have circled round My will, and who have acted according to what was sent down in My Mighty Book. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving kindness be

upon My loved ones, upon them, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Sign when it was sent down from God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter.

Praise be to God! The loved ones of God and His friends have time after time attained unto the true bounty and spiritual feast which is the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. God willing, may all be mindful and act in accordance with what beseemeth this greatest favor, and be occupied with the praise of the Beloved of the worlds. The choice wine of utterance is present and the Cup-Bearer is the Truth Itself, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they that drink thereof, and joy to them that attain!

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds! […]

Verily, We make mention of My servants and My handmaidens who have attained unto My days, and have quaffed the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of My bounty, and have spoken My praise amongst My servants, and have preserved that which hath appeared from the tabernacle of My glory and the treasuries of My knowledge. Upon them be My glory and My mercy and My all-encompassing loving-kindness which embraceth all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

O Ali! Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, and be steadfast in such wise that the clamor of the heedless shall not deter thee. O Ali! Great is the Cause, and many are the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Beseech God to protect thee and to deliver His servants from the abyss of doubt and uncertainty. We make mention of thee, and We mention thy wife, as a command from Our presence, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Remembering. We have forgiven those for whom she sought forgiveness from ’Amman, through the mercy of her Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

Likewise, concerning the two accepted handmaidens - upon them be the Glory of God - thou didst mention that they had served the Ascending Leaf - upon her be the Glory of God. Mention of them was made before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of the Most Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His majesty:

In the Name of the Eternal, the Everlasting

O handmaidens! Your mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and these exalted words dawned forth from the Dayspring of favor, the Source of verses. Hearken unto the call of the Peerless Friend, and know the worth and station of that which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen, and preserve the precious pearl of divine love in the treasury of your hearts, and let it not slip from your grasp through the vain utterances of the doubtful ones. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto the most great honor, which is the recognition of Him Who is the Truth. Your turning unto Him hath been accepted, and your service hath been mentioned before the Throne, and through His boundless grace ye have been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness, and the word of forgiveness hath been revealed from the tongue of the Most Merciful concerning your father and mother. Rejoice ye with exceeding gladness in that ye are mentioned from the direction of the Most Great Prison.

This evanescent servant conveyeth wondrous greetings to each of the servants of God and His handmaidens. God willing, may all receive their portion from the outpourings of the True Bestower and be illumined by the spiritual Sun. The Glory be upon thee and upon them all.

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O Siyyid Mahdi! This is the Sacred Mount - look and thou shalt behold Me. He is the Wondrous One in this exalted horizon. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the sacred precinct, the seat of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, from this Most Wondrous and Most Glorious Beauty: I am, verily, He Who speaketh in all things, declaring that there is none other God but I, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. I have created all things by My command, and My will hath prevailed over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the lights of My beauty over all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. All were created by My word, and all bow down before My face, though they perceive it not.

O thou who art the manifestation of My oppression! Hearken unto My call with the ear which God hath sanctified from the words of all else, that thou mayest hear what no ear hath heard throughout all that was and shall be. Thus do We bestow upon thee that which shall purify thee from the mention of all created things and make thee the embodiment of My remembrance between earth and heaven, that thou mayest recount the tale of this Hidden and Luminous Beauty. Sanctify thy heart from all created things and from whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven, then adorn it with My love, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Know thou that there hath come before Us a tablet bearing thy mark, wherein thou didst call upon thy Lord with those who ascend unto the heights of nearness. This is more pleasing unto thy Lord than that which hath appeared from those whom ye imagine to know, could ye but perceive it. Strive then within thyself that thou mayest ascend, in this Day of thy Lord, at every moment, unto a praiseworthy and wondrous station. Then send forth before thy Lord that which is cast upon thy heart, and remain steadfast in the Cause through My sovereignty, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

When thou seest the letter 'J', say: O servant! We have sent unto thee each year that which no letter thereof can be equaled by the creation of the first and the last ones. Yet thou hast not comprehended what was treasured therein of the pearls of thy Lord's knowledge, and wert among those who remain veiled. Therefore, judge thou fairly within thyself, then read what We have sent down unto thee and what was revealed unto 'Ali before, and before him unto the Beloved, and before him unto the Son of Mary, that thou mayest call to mind within thyself and be of them who, when the verses of their Lord are sent down unto them, fall prostrate upon their faces in submission. By God! The Pen weepeth at what hath proceeded from thee against its Lord - nay, all things weep, could ye but hear. Yet, despite My sovereignty and power, I have forgiven thee through My loving forbearance. By God! My mention of thee was naught save out of My compassion for thee, whereunto beareth witness my honored servants. Arise

then from the slumber of thy heart and make good what hath escaped thee. By God! This is better for thee than all thou hast done or shalt do until the Day when the trumpet shall be blown.

O servant! Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, then recite what the Spirit hath uttered unto this pure and elevated Breast. Say: The paths unto God are beyond counting, yet the path unto this Ridvan which I have raised up in truth is but one, would ye but be assured.

O Mahdi! If thou detectest the sweet savors of justice, meet with him and present unto him the revealed words. Otherwise, avoidance is necessary, for in this Day consorting with deniers is accounted among the gravest sins and is displeasing unto God. By deniers are meant and shall ever be meant the rejectors from among the people of the Bayan.

O Word! One ocean is seen with a thousand dissimilar waves, one sun with a thousand differing shadows, one earth with infinite manifestations therefrom. Now all people are occupied with the waves and remain veiled from the Sovereign of the sea, of which all these limited forms are but examples. They seclude themselves in transient shadows and are deprived of the waves of the divine Sun which shineth from the holy and merciful horizon. Yet give thanks and be joyous in thy soul, for this enduring wine is not destined or decreed for every soul. It is the portion of pure hearts and the share of sanctified souls. In all conditions, hold fast to God's grace and regard all peoples under thy protection. Be not content with what people have done. At all times await novel bounties. Turn not thy gaze from the direction of hope. Enter from mortal pavilions into the eternal tabernacle of glory, and from the hosts of the idolatrous souls choose thy dwelling in the sanctuary of God's protection.

O Mahdi! Make thyself ready that the heat of the Paran flame and the manifestations of the holy divine Beauty may take effect in the Sinai of thy heart. O Mahdi! A fire hath been kindled in the Sinai of all contingent beings such that wert thou to perceive but a spark thereof, thou wouldst find the tongue of all things uttering the well-known words of Sinai. Yet it hath not yet affected the people of dust. Verily, dry wood is susceptible to fire, not the heart-stone of every deceitful polytheist.

O Mahdi! Sanctify the beauty of unity from the dust of imitation and raise thy tent upon the heights of detachment. Thus doth thy Lord counsel thee that thou mayest be among the doers.

Be it known that certain exalted Tablets have been revealed and sent. Make copies of all of them and afterward deliver them according to the requirements of the time and the capacity of the people. For these are days in which even the near angels are in distress and agitation, how much more so these people who are constantly undergoing strange transformations. Let not the story of the calf and Samiri, which was mentioned at the time of the migration, fade from sight. Some Tablets were sent without names - let them be delivered to whomsoever is deemed suitable. And certain wondrous and exalted Suras were sent which must be copied with the utmost diligence upon arrival, especially the Surih of Pilgrimage, for which not the least delay or postponement is permissible. Make copies and have them carried to the land of Shin and the land of Alif and the land of Sad by whoever intends to travel, for this is among the greatest acts of drawing near to God, did ye but know it. Beware lest ye delay in this matter. Thus hath it been ordained by the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The revealed Suras require much reflection and meditation - nay, this is more obligatory than all else, would that ye might understand. Two

Tablets were specifically revealed for Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin - deliver them, and he should review all that was sent. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the heaven of wondrous knowledge, that perchance there might be understood what none in all the worlds hath understood. None else need see them except such as have attained a station enabling them to view them with a penetrating and radiant vision.

A Tablet had previously been sent from one who followed the Interlocutor of old, and its reply was revealed, but it was delayed. However, since it was revealed in such terms as exceeded the capacity of minds and souls to bear, it was not sent. But now a brief Tablet has been sent anew - if deemed advisable, let it be copied in another hand and delivered, while the original Tablet remains with you. Thus doth God erase what He willeth and confirm what He willeth, and give and withhold, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in the Mother Book, and none knoweth this save those possessed of keen insight.

In all circumstances maintain the greatest concealment lest the hypocrites become aware of the sending of missives, whereby harm might befall the divine Tree itself. Furthermore, the Surih of Pilgrimage was specifically revealed for the land of Shin and must be implemented with utmost haste. Besides this, a lengthy visitation prayer was revealed last year but has not yet been sent, until such time as may be suitable. God sendeth what He willeth and He, verily, doeth what He pleaseth.

Convey exalted mention to all the loved ones. Adorn Mirza Muhammad and his brother and Haydar-'Ali with the robe of remembrance, and likewise the Arabs and others among the friends, both male and female. Thus have We sent down the command that thou mayest be among those who act. At all times be vigilant in safeguarding the Cause of God and strive mightily for the unity of the friends, that God may thereby bring about a new matter. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon those who follow thee unto the Day which no decree precedeth, nor any knowledge comprehendeth, nor all that was and will be, if thou be of those who know. Say to Haydar: Be as Haydar in the love of thy Lord, then proclaim between earth and heaven this Name which none in all the worlds hath known.

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O ye that envy Me and seek My hurt! The fury of your wrath against Me confound you! Lo, the Day Star of Glory hath risen above the horizon of My Revelation, and enveloped with its radiance the whole of mankind. And yet, behold how ye have shut out yourselves from its splendor and are sunk in utter heedlessness. Have mercy upon yourselves, and repudiate not the claim of Him Whose truth ye have already recognized, and be not of them that transgress.

By the righteousness of the one true God! If ye reject this Revelation, all the nations of the earth will laugh you to scorn and mock you, for it is you that have produced, before their eyes, and for the purpose of vindicating the truth of your Cause, the testimonies of God, the Sovereign Protector, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing. And yet, no sooner was His subsequent Revelation, clothed with the glory of an all-compelling sovereignty, sent down unto you, than ye cast it behind your backs, O ye that are numbered with the heedless ones!

What! Believe ye in your hearts that ye possess the power to extinguish the radiance of the Sun, or to eclipse its splendor? Nay, by My life! Ye will never and can never achieve your purpose, though ye summon to your aid all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. Walk ye in the fear of God, and render not your works vain. Incline your ears to His words, and be not of them that are shut out as by a veil from Him. Say: God is My witness! I have wished nothing whatever for Myself. What I have wished is the victory of God and the triumph of His Cause. He is Himself a sufficient witness between you and Me. Were ye to cleanse your eyes, ye would readily perceive how my deeds testify to the truth of My words, how My words are a guide to My deeds.

Blinded are your eyes! Perceived ye not the greatness of the power of God and of His sovereignty? Beheld ye not His majesty and glory? Woe unto you, ye congregation of the malicious and envious! Hearken unto My speech, and tarry not though it be for less than a moment. Thus biddeth you He Who is the Beauty of the All-Merciful, that haply ye may detach yourselves from the things ye possess, and ascend to the heights from which ye can discover the whole creation sheltered beneath the shadow of His Revelation.

Say: There is no place of refuge for you, no asylum to which ye can flee, no one to defend or to protect you in this Day from the fury of the wrath of God and from His vehement power, unless and until ye seek the shadow of His Revelation. This, indeed, is His Revelation which hath been manifested unto you in the person of this Youth. Glorified, then, be God for so effulgent, so precious, so wondrous a vision. Detach yourselves from all else but Me, and turn your faces towards My face, for better is this for you than the things ye possess. The Tongue of God testifieth to the truth of My words, through Mine own Word that speaketh the truth, and embraceth and comprehendeth all things.

Say: Think ye that your allegiance to His Cause can ever profit Him, or your repudiation of its truth cause Him any loss? No, by My Self, the All-Subduing, the Inaccessible, the Most High! Tear ye asunder the veils of names and cleave ye their kingdom. By My Beauty! He Who is the Monarch of all names is come, He at Whose bidding every single name hath, from the beginning that hath no beginning, been created, He Who shall continue to create them as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

Beware that ye divest not yourselves of the raiment of Divine guidance. Drink ye your fill from the Cup which the Youths of Heaven have raised above your heads. Thus biddeth you He Who hath more mercy upon you than your own selves, He Who asketh not any recompense or thanks from you. His reward is from Him Who hath, through the power of truth, sent Him down unto you, and singled Him out and proclaimed Him as His own Testimony unto the whole of creation. He it is Who hath empowered Him to manifest all His signs.

Repeat the gaze, that ye may perceive the things whereunto the Tongue of the Ancient of Days hath summoned you, that haply ye may be of them that have apprehended the truth. Heard it ye ever reported by your fathers of old, or by the generations that preceded them, even unto the first Adam, that any one coming in the clouds of revelation, being invested with manifest and transcendent sovereignty, having on his right hand the Kingdom of God and on his left all the power and glory of His everlasting dominion, any one preceded by the hosts of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, and uttering continually verses whose import the minds of the most learned and wisest of men are

powerless to fathom, should yet be the bearer of a message that is not of God? Be discerning, then, and speak ye the truth, the very truth, if ye claim to be honest and high-minded.

Say: The verses We have revealed are as numerous as those which, in the preceding Revelation, were sent down upon the Bab. Let him that doubteth the words which the Spirit of God hath spoken seek the court of Our presence and hear Our divinely-revealed verses, and be an eye-witness of the clear proof of Our claim. Say: By the righteousness of the Almighty! The measure of the favors of God hath been filled up, His Word hath been perfected, the light of His countenance hath been revealed, His sovereignty hath encompassed the whole of creation, the glory of His Revelation hath been made manifest, and His bounties have rained upon all mankind.

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In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

All praise, sanctified from the conditions, manifestations and appearances of the nations, befitteth the Ancient Lord Who, through His Most Great Name, hath adorned the world of meaning with the springtime of spirituality, Who through “No” hath negated the manifestations of vain imaginings and through “but” hath adorned the daysprings of affirmation with the ornament of acceptance. Exalted be His grace, exalted be His grandeur, and exalted be His favors. There is no God but He. Glory be unto Thee, O Quickener of the graves through the breathings of revelation! I beseech Thee by the cities that were honored by Thy footsteps, by the gates that were opened through Thy Name, and by the bounties which Thou hast ordained in the most exalted Paradise for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to hold fast unto Thy cord in such wise that the doubts of the nations and the manifestations of the world shall not withhold them. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy servants who hath turned toward Thee in the early days. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity to ordain for him that which shall abide with him in every world of Thy worlds. Make his deeds, O my God, as treasures with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful One Whom the might of the world cannot withhold. Thou givest and Thou withholdest. Verily, Thou art the Ancient Commander.

And then, the letter of that spiritual friend arrived. Praise be to God, it spoke of health, love, steadfastness and arising to serve. In truth, each word thereof was a volume concerning what had befallen that soul in the path of God. Though outwardly brief, inwardly each letter was a mirror reflecting conversations, hardships, migration and estrangement. In one place He saith, blessed and exalted be He: “Man seeth therein what he desireth not to see and heareth therein what he desireth not to hear” - that is, in this world. Verily, thou hast borne hardships in the path of God and hast followed the Ancient Lord in tribulations. I beseech God, exalted be He, to aid and assist you in that whereby His laws and commandments may be spread abroad. Verily, He hath power over all things.

In brief, after reading the letter and becoming acquainted with its contents, I turned toward the most exalted Kingdom, attained the presence of His countenance, and after complete permission, all of it was presented. This is what God hath revealed in reply, He, the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

In My Name, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing […]

O thou who journeyest in the lands and travelest from thy native country in the path of God, the Lord of all religions! Hearken unto My call, for it draweth thee to the pavilions of My majesty and the tabernacle of My glory. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Attractive. Neither the denial of the world nor the doubts of those who have disbelieved in the Hereafter can withhold Him. We have manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and have sent down the proof which, when revealed, caused all the proofs of the world to bow down before it. Yet the people are in doubt and dissension. The concourse of the Bayan have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings.

O Muhammad! New deceptions have appeared and old rejected utterances have come forth. The people of the Bayan have adopted precisely the words of the Shi'ihs and walk in the same paths. They have fashioned a false 'Ali and turned away from One through Whose word a thousand true 'Alis are created. Consider the lack of understanding of these souls. For one thousand two hundred years they clung to vain imaginings, and when He appeared not a single one of the leading divines of that party attained to faith. Rather, they manifested such unbelief that they pronounced sentence of death upon the Lord of the world. It was never known what the fruit of that party's beliefs and the results of their deeds would be - in truth, it was loss in this world and the next. Now again the deniers of the Bayan have resorted to the same things as before. They speak as did the former party, at times speaking of the corruption of the Book, at times clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Say: O company of the veiled ones! Today the lights of true unity have encompassed the world. Pass beyond the river of names that ye may attain unto the ocean of inner meanings. O Muhammad! The immature ones of the world were not and are not worthy of mention by the Supreme Pen. It behooveth men to find their like and cling unto them. Throughout the ages and centuries there have been idol-worshippers. How can such a party be worthy to become intimate with the mysteries of the Kingdom or to discover the fragrances of divine verses? Today every soul must sanctify the tablet of his heart from former impressions, that it may be adorned with the seal of "Verily I am God's." How remote is this station from the conditions of men and the levels of their understanding! Glory be to God! Have they no eyes? Have they no ears? Nay, they are deprived of both. The prejudices of former times have appeared a hundredfold greater. Ask of God that He may bestow a portion of the ocean of knowledge upon the ignorant people and deprive them not of the lights of the Sun of Justice.

Hadi Dawlat-Abadi hath arisen in opposition and, like unto the Shi'ih divines, speedily sendeth his followers to hell. Say: O ye who are devoid of understanding! The chief of your divines was Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan-i-Najafi. He wrote religious rulings for fifty years, yet when the divine Tablet was sent to him, he turned away and occupied himself with leading the people astray. Likewise did all the divines of Iran in the early years - all turned away and gave verdict for the shedding of His most pure blood. Now Mulla Hadi hath appeared with a new staff and a new turban, desiring to establish another party for another thousand two hundred years and send them to the abode of perdition.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the mysteries of Thy Book and what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, to assist Thy servants to act with justice and equity. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Aid them to behold the Tree and its fruits, and the Sun and its effulgence. Verily, Thou art the Protector of those who are in earth and heaven. In Thy grasp is the reins of all servants. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Most Praised.

Praise be to God, our Lord, the King of Names and Creator of heaven! The pearls of His ocean of knowledge have ever been manifest and visible, and the fragrances of His grace diffused and wafting. Yet the servants remain heedless, save for a few who have truly rent asunder the veils, scattered the ranks of names, shattered the idols of fancy, and with their whole being joined themselves to the Truth. Such is the station of the horsemen of this field. The immature ones of the world must wallow in the clay of idle fancies and return to their abode.

Concerning what you wrote about being in the state of seeking and crying “Show me!”, after this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, these exalted words descended from the heaven of Will - blessed and exalted be His utterance:

“O Muhammad! This Wronged One bears witness that the words ‘Thou shalt not see Me’ have been transformed to ‘Look and thou shalt see Me’, and you have attained and achieved this. O Muhammad! By the life of God, the servants are more content with ‘Thou shalt not see Me’. Consider the deniers of the Bayan. They have preferred the owl to the eagle, and the lizard to the phoenix. Those feeble souls were not and are not worthy of the effulgences of the Sun of Power. They consume dust and are occupied with dust. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from their doubts and their croaking. Verily, He is powerful over all things.”

This evanescent one testifies that that spiritual beloved has ever been and continues to be remembered, has not been and will not be forgotten. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant another meeting, that we may gather in the shade of the Blessed Tree, to speak and to listen. Previously this servant sent a letter to you containing divine verses, but as it was during the time of upheaval, it did not reach you. All that you sent, both money and otherwise, before and after, was received according to your recent letter. Wherever you meet the loved ones of God, convey greetings on behalf of this servant. I beseech God to set them all ablaze and grant new effect to their burning, that the whole world, from East and West and South and North, may attain to the warmth of divine love through that luminous flame. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those with you, and upon every steadfast believer.

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He is God–exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be sanctified above the recognition of all created things and the comprehension of all beings, befitting the court of nearness to the Holy Presence of the Desired One, Who has ever been and shall ever be sanctified above all names and attributes. The entire creation speaks His praise and acknowledgeth His bounty and generosity, yet none has claimed to have truly accepted Him, for how can they who are bound by limitations enumerate that which exists within the court of the Lord of the invisible and the visible? The private chamber of the unseen is sanctified above the gathering of manifestation and witness. Nevertheless, we servants submit with the utmost lowliness and supplication:

O Lord! O Self-Sufficient One! O All-Bountiful! O All-Merciful! Thou art He Whose mercy has preceded all and Whose generosity has encompassed all peoples and nations. Should the breeze of Thy wealth pass by, it would erase the very name of poverty from the world, and should the ocean of Thy forgiveness surge, it would remove all distinction between the sinful and the obedient. Thou hast loved oneness and unity, yet this evanescent one testifies that none hath truly understood Thy oneness. O Generous One! Deprive not Thy weak servants of Thy profound grace. Accept these unworthy mentions through Thy bounty. The world of being is but a token of Thy generosity, and the manifestations of all things are but signs of Thy manifestation. O Peerless One! Sanctify Thy servants and summon them to the seat of Thy loving-kindness. Deprivation from all else is possible, but from Thee it is neither fitting nor possible. O God! The eye is expectant, the face is turned toward Thee, and the heart is attracted. What Thou didst grant at first, withdraw not at the end. Thou art the All-Powerful, Thou art the All-Seeing. Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of heaven and Possessor of all names!

O Beloved of my heart! The perfumed spiritual leaf that was adorned with the mention of the people of inner meaning gave new life to the soul and strength of vision to the eye. In truth, each of its words was a messenger from the right hand of love and affection, and a fragrance from the rose-garden of longing and desire. It gave the power of smell to the nostrils and taste to the palate. Allah-u-Akbar! Such is the influence of the messengers and the penetrating power of the words of the sincere ones that a single word can transform hell into paradise and retribution into blessing. Thus it was that in the midst of sorrows that descended in these days, the gate of joy was opened and delight and gladness took hold of our very being. His is the praise and the favor. He created both fire and light, and this contrast has been the cause of our recompense; otherwise His generosity would not accept punishment, and His mercy would not be followed by wrath. Glorified be His majesty, universal be His bounty, exalted be His station, and there is no God but Him! In all conditions the people of truth are patient and gaze toward the horizon of submission and contentment. After reading and becoming apprised of the esteemed letter, We proceeded to the exalted station and presented it before His Countenance. He said […]

This Prisoner has ever besought and continues to beseech God, exalted be His glory, for their confirmation, and assuredly this prayer shall be answered, for He is the Hearer and Answerer of prayers. From Him is supplication and in His grasp lies its acceptance. The mysteries of the words “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” are beyond reckoning. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to all the friends in that land. We beseech God to protect them all and make them the sources and manifestations of His most excellent names. The petition of Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn was read before the face of this Wronged

One in the prison. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. We beseech the Almighty to make him ever-mindful of Him, speaking His praise and standing firm in His service under all conditions. The peace of God and His mercy and blessings be upon you.

This evanescent one expresseth utter nothingness and evanescence before each of the loved ones and friends of God. To the beloved of my heart, His honor Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah], this evanescent one’s mention of nothingness is beloved, for if true evanescence is achieved, perpetuity is present in that moment. In such case, the decree of attainment is clear and established. God willing, may you ever adorn the garden of utterance with wondrous and exalted trees. The trees of loving-kindness have arrived. O beloved of my heart! The tree is present, the earth is present, the water is present - the matter rests with the planter and cultivator. We beseech God that by His blessed will and good-pleasure, He may bring about the means that are expedient. He is the Helper and Succourer in all things.

At this hour, when four hours of night have passed, this evanescent one, like lightning, was at times at the wharf and at times by the sea, and likewise near its gift-bearers. Through abundant searching, praise be to God, its palm trees, before bearing fruit, yielded in wondrous and lofty array fruit whose taste was love and whose flavor was the savor of life. How excellent was its fragrance which gave strength, and its mention which bestowed joy! If, for example, it seems trivial to true friends, God knows that with the Friend it is accounted as precious gems. Other trees were also seen and present. As time had passed and night had advanced beyond four, therefore the searching and investigating and observing and admiring and giving thanks were all deferred to the spiritual dawn. The mention of dawn was made, and the elephant remembered India. From this mention was inhaled the fragrance of the dawn of the Day of Manifestation. Exalted be that Day wherein God was manifested unto all things through all names! By the life of our Beloved, in this station I am both mute and dumb. Another sight is needed and another power of hearing. Although it is hoped that through the prayers of those beloved ones, through patience every difficulty may become easy and every hardship become comfort. In truth, with His generosity no task is difficult. In any case, I hope that tomorrow morning, through the endeavors of the gentlemen, I may be occupied with taking and carrying and digging and planting and arranging, and surely through the noble efforts of those beloved ones its fruit will appear, its stature will become lofty, and its shade will become brilliant. In truth, each was a palm grove that truly captured hearts and dispelled grief. It seemed as though the garden of delight had turned from Alexandria to Bahji, and from there to that small plot which His Honor knows contains the lamentation of the world and from which the tumult of nations is manifest and evident. However, I state with sincerity and declare with the tongue of truth that in these days this servant has no means beyond what they have sent, and there is fear that, God forbid, there may be delay in the assigned service and inability may become apparent. I petition those beloved ones not to forget this evanescent one in times of leisure. This is the hope of this evanescent one. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to those blessed, assured, enkindled souls and those detached, attracted spirits. I have besought and continue to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, blessing and bounty and health for each one, being certain that He is the Hearing, the Responding One, and praise be to God, the Mighty, the Watchful. In Persia I used to hear them say: A new flower has come to market, My soul’s beloved has come.

However, it was not known who was the lover and who was the beloved, for in truth they were uttering meaningless words. But now it is observed that a whole world of meaning hath appeared from that which seemed meaningless, inasmuch as Jinab-i-Aqa Abu'l-Qasim arrived bearing a fresh flower whose fragrance was more delicate than the human spirit and whose sight was a hundred thousand times more sublime than beholding garden roses. After observation, examination and investigation, it became clear that this too was one of the favors of those beloved ones. Another night it came to bloom; truly it was a wondrous sight. This one flower excelled all flowers, for it had attained the presence [of the Beloved] and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. These are the attributes of this sweet-natured flower which, according to the Beloved of hearts, His Holiness 'Ali–may God ennoble his countenance–was called Malonia. As long as the power of renewal exists in springtime and moisture in the morning breeze, may ye remain joyous and triumphant, hale and whole, abiding beneath the shade of the Sacred Tree. Truly a wondrous thing hath come to pass. For several years this flower was planted, yet neither its blossoms nor its fruit were known, until in these days they appeared. And by chance, it was on a night when at dawn this servant was to recite in the Shrine the revealed sermon specifically for the new Most Great Joy. Taking up the sermon and the flower, I set out from 'Akka toward Bahji. All began to utter words of praise and glorification. And in God's handiwork, His is the praise in all conditions, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Almighty and the All-Powerful

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Praised. My limbs and members bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He guideth whom He willeth and leadeth astray whom He pleaseth. He is the Omnipotent over all things, and in His grasp are the reins of all affairs. Neither the turning away of men, nor their deeds, nor the utterances of every heedless and veiled one can hinder Him. He is the One Who created creation for His knowledge, made known unto them His path, perfected His proof, and manifested His clear evidence, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O beloved of my heart, thou who art mentioned in my inmost being and reality! In all conditions there appeareth that which beareth witness to your love, your turning to God, and your arising to serve God and His loved ones - they who have cast behind their backs all else but God and have committed what their passions have commanded them. These, verily, are among those who have gone astray.

The spiritual messenger and embodied temple of wisdom, namely the honored Shaykh-'Ali, hath arrived - an arrival like water to the withered saplings in the garden of inner meanings. Blessed be God Who hath aided His loved ones to make mention of Him, to praise Him, to serve His Cause, and to arrange what He hath willed through His bounty and grace. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

The one mentioned was in truth like soil and the Euphrates to that which was planted in the garden. At first his virtues were concealed, but later they became manifest in such wise as to cause wonderment

among the dwellers of that place. A hundred thousand thanks be unto the True Object of Worship Who confirmed His loved ones in that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. Indeed, the person mentioned was peerless in the science of cultivating palm trees and their offspring, as evidenced by clear and manifest proof, namely that his service was rendered in such a station that every knowledgeable scholar and wise sage would testify to it, both outwardly and inwardly. Glory be to God! As his deeds were for the sake of God, they illumined the world of deeds at this station. Now is the station of the blessed word which declareth: "Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the righteous to perish." It is hoped that the fruits of his deeds will remain preserved in the scrolls of glory. A testimony that testifieth to the truth and uprightness of his deed is his attainment unto His presence before his desire. A good deed hath a pleasing reward, for the Judge of Justice is God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, the unexpected divine bounty encompassed him. Though he is now unaware of it, the time will come when he shall become conscious thereof. Verily, He is the All-Wise Teacher and the All-Knowing Expositor.

The letter from your honor, which contained wondrous and sublime mentions, brought joy to all limbs and members, for it was adorned with that which all today behold. Should he and all the pens in the world attempt to describe its virtues and fruits, verily the pens would be exhausted while it would remain steadfast in its station. However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to perfume and illumine the world with the fragrance of love of that beloved of the heart. Verily, He is powerful over all things. I ask and hope from the True One that He may transform the difficulties of your honor into ease and grant a portion thereof to the people of the earth. Verily, He is the Munificent Bestower.

And after expressing greetings before His presence, He said: O Muhammad! The sea and its waves, the sun and its effulgences, and the Kingdom of utterance and its verses are manifest, radiant and shining before all faces, yet the blind hath no share or portion thereof. This Wronged One hath, throughout the nights and days, spoken forth loving counsels and wise exhortations, and hath had, and hath, no purpose save the manifestation of fellowship, unity, love and harmony. Nevertheless, from the beginning of His days until now, He hath been afflicted in the hands of the heedless. Every possessor of sight and hearing hath hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One and beheld the horizon of Revelation. We beseech God that through the endeavors of those endowed with sight and hearing, He may guide and awaken the heedless to the holy, pure and luminous City. O Muhammad! On this triumphant day the attraction of the Call hath seized all things, and ere long shall wondrous and exalted creatures, brought forth by the Most Great Word in the All-Highest Paradise, adorn and bless the earth with their footsteps. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. The river of mercy hath encompassed all, and the light of utterance hath illumined all creation. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto His recognition and freed itself from all else. O Muhammad! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Ere long shall the fruits of thy deeds become manifest in the schools of the world and the gatherings of nations. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Give the friends in that land their portion of the flowing river of mercy and the effulgences of the new and wondrous Luminary, and gladden them with exalted and decisive verses. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid and strengthen them to exalt His Cause through wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

That which is the cause and means of God's infinite bounties hath ever been mentioned and continueth to be mentioned, and that dear one hath, with complete assurance and perfect devotion, held fast unto

that which is itself the cause of the opening of all sealed doors. Our Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Gracious, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise. I convey greetings to the friends in that land and beseech God to grant each one such endeavor that their deeds and actions may be accepted in the sight of all, though the essential purpose is that deeds be adorned with acceptance by God, exalted be His glory. Yet since in all things the means are present and their relation to God is evident, whatsoever is spoken is beloved and acceptable. We beseech God to aid them, assist them, and make them of those who have achieved the supreme steadfastness in His most holy, most luminous, most exalted Cause.

The beloved of the heart of ’Abdu’l-Baha hath ever been and continueth to be remembered. In truth, their prayers, which issued from the tongue of Truth, to this day remain sweet and established in the soul. It is hoped that in all conditions they may be assisted in raising aloft the Word and in exalting the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Glory and majesty belong unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

Praise be to God that the sent palms became the ornament of the luminous garden with utmost honor. We moved them with infinite prayers and salutations, and in the name of God deposited them in God’s treasure which is the earth. This deed was accomplished through His favor; its elevation, manifestation and fruits now rest with God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, two palms were planted in the name of ’Abdu’l-Baha, upon Him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and it is hoped that, as the intention was pure, their manifestation will bestow a portion upon the realm of trees, and God, exalted be His glory, will make them the dawning-place of the growth of the world’s trees. Verily, He is powerful over all things. And two more were planted in His name. The outward deed is complete, and the inner manifestation is in the hand of God, Lord of the mighty throne.

Furthermore, truly His Honor Aqa ’Ali, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah], has labored greatly in this journey and his work was evidently for the sake of God, therefore it was accepted, as witnessed by his repeated attainment of the presence and his being received once or twice at night, and his supplication to God for the mention of good for all. And now that it is the twentieth night of the honored month of Shawwal, their mention flows from the tongue of the Beloved thus: This is true bounty and eternal preceding mercy. Blessed be he, then joy be unto him. He has attained the presence and returned by leave of Him Who possesseth all, and this is the manifest triumph. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause him to attain that which befits the station of the unitarians and the sincere ones. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you for the sake of God, the Goal of all worlds and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

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O Queen in London! Incline thine ear unto the voice of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, calling from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, no God is there but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise! Cast away all that is on earth, and attire the head of thy kingdom with the crown of the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. He,

in truth, hath come unto the world in His most great glory, and all that hath been mentioned in the Gospel hath been fulfilled. The land of Syria hath been honoured by the footsteps of its Lord, the Lord of all men, and north and south are both inebriated with the wine of His presence. Blessed is the man that hath inhaled the fragrance of the Most Merciful, and turned unto the Dawning-Place of His Beauty, in this resplendent Dawn. The Mosque of Aq?a vibrateth through the breezes of its Lord, the All-Glorious, whilst Ba??a trembleth at the voice of God, the Exalted, the Most High. Whereupon every single stone of them celebrateth the praise of the Lord, through this Great Name.

Lay aside thy desire, and set then thine heart towards thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. We make mention of thee for the sake of God, and desire that thy name may be exalted through thy remembrance of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. He, verily, is witness unto that which I say. We have been informed that thou hast forbidden the trading in slaves, both men and women. This, verily, is what God hath enjoined in this wondrous Revelation. God hath, truly, destined a reward for thee, because of this. He, verily, will pay the doer of good his due recompense, wert thou to follow what hath been sent unto thee by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As to him who turneth aside, and swelleth with pride, after the clear tokens have come unto him from the Revealer of signs, his work shall God bring to naught. He, in truth, hath power over all things. Man's actions are acceptable after his having recognized (the Manifestation). He that turneth aside from the True One is indeed the most veiled amongst His creatures. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

We have also heard that thou hast entrusted the reins of counsel into the hands of the representatives of the people. Thou, indeed, hast done well, for thereby the foundations of the edifice of thine affairs will be strengthened, and the hearts of all that are beneath thy shadow, whether high or low, will be tranquillized. It behoveth them, however, to be trustworthy among His servants, and to regard themselves as the representatives of all that dwell on earth. This is what counselleth them, in this Tablet, He Who is the Ruler, the All-Wise. And if any one of them directeth himself towards the Assembly, let him turn his eyes unto the Supreme Horizon, and say: "O my God! I ask Thee, by Thy most glorious Name, to aid me in that which will cause the affairs of Thy servants to prosper, and Thy cities to flourish. Thou, indeed, hast power over all things!" Blessed is he that entereth the Assembly for the sake of God, and judgeth between men with pure justice. He, indeed, is of the blissful.

O ye the elected representatives of the people in every land! Take ye counsel together, and let your concern be only for that which profiteth mankind and bettereth the condition thereof, if ye be of them that scan heedfully. Regard the world as the human body which, though at its creation whole and perfect, hath been afflicted, through various causes, with grave disorders and maladies. Not for one day did it gain ease, nay its sickness waxed more severe, as it fell under the treatment of ignorant physicians, who gave full rein to their personal desires and have erred grievously. And if, at one time, through the care of an able physician, a member of that body was healed, the rest remained afflicted as before. Thus informeth you the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We behold it, in this day, at the mercy of rulers so drunk with pride that they cannot discern clearly their own best advantage, much less recognize a Revelation so bewildering and challenging as this. And whenever any one of them hath striven to improve its condition, his motive hath been his own gain,

whether confessedly so or not; and the unworthiness of this motive hath limited his power to heal or cure.

That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith. This can in no wise be achieved except through the power of a skilled, an all-powerful and inspired Physician. This, verily, is the truth, and all else naught but error. Each time that Most Mighty Instrument hath come, and that Light shone forth from the Ancient Dayspring, He was withheld by ignorant physicians who, even as clouds, interposed themselves between Him and the world. It failed, therefore, to recover, and its sickness hath persisted until this day. They indeed were powerless to protect it, or to effect a cure, whilst He Who hath been the Manifestation of Power amongst men was withheld from achieving His purpose, by reason of what the hands of the ignorant physicians have wrought.

Consider these days in which He Who is the Ancient Beauty hath come in the Most Great Name, that He may quicken the world and unite its peoples. They, however, rose up against Him with sharpened swords, and committed that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament, until in the end they imprisoned Him in the most desolate of cities, and broke the grasp of the faithful upon the hem of His robe. Were anyone to tell them: "The World Reformer is come", they would answer and say: "Indeed it is proven that He is a fomenter of discord!", and this notwithstanding that they have never associated with Him, and have perceived that He did not seek, for one moment, to protect Himself. At all times He was at the mercy of the wicked doers. At one time they cast Him into prison, at another they banished Him, and at yet another hurried Him from land to land. Thus have they pronounced judgement against Us, and God, truly, is aware of what I say. Such men are reckoned by God among the most ignorant of His creatures. They cut off their own limbs and perceive it not; they deprive themselves of that which is best for them, and know it not. They are even as a young child who can distinguish neither the mischief-maker from the reformer nor the wicked from the righteous. We behold them in this Day wrapt in a palpable veil.

O ye rulers of the earth! Wherefore have ye clouded the radiance of the Sun, and caused it to cease from shining? Hearken unto the counsel given you by the Pen of the Most High, that haply both ye and the poor may attain unto tranquillity and peace. We beseech God to assist the kings of the earth to establish peace on earth. He, verily, doth what He willeth.

O kings of the earth! We see you increasing every year your expenditures, and laying the burden thereof on your subjects. This, verily, is wholly and grossly unjust. Fear the sighs and tears of this Wronged One, and lay not excessive burdens on your peoples. Do not rob them to rear palaces for yourselves; nay rather choose for them that which ye choose for yourselves. Thus We unfold to your eyes that which profiteth you, if ye but perceive. Your people are your treasures. Beware lest your rule violate the commandments of God, and ye deliver your wards to the hands of the robber. By them ye rule, by their means ye subsist, by their aid ye conquer. Yet, how disdainfully ye look upon them! How strange, how very strange!

Now that ye have refused the Most Great Peace, hold ye fast unto this, the Lesser Peace, that haply ye may in some degree better your own condition and that of your dependents.

O rulers of the earth! Be reconciled among yourselves, that ye may need no more armaments save in a measure to safeguard your territories and dominions. Beware lest ye disregard the counsel of the All-Knowing, the Faithful.

Be united, O kings of the earth, for thereby will the tempest of discord be stilled amongst you, and your peoples find rest, if ye be of them that comprehend. Should any one among you take up arms against another, rise ye all against him, for this is naught but manifest justice. Thus did We exhort you in the Tablet sent down aforetime, and We admonish you once again to follow that which hath been revealed by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. Should anyone seek refuge with you, extend unto him your protection and betray him not. Thus doth the Pen of the Most High counsel you, as bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Beware lest ye act as did the King of Islam when We came unto him at his bidding. His ministers pronounced judgement against Us with such injustice that all creation lamented and the hearts of those who are nigh unto God were consumed. The winds of self and passion move them as they will, and We found them all bereft of constancy. They are, indeed, of those that are far astray.

Rein in Thy pen, O Pen of the Ancient of Days, and leave them to themselves, for they are immersed in their idle fancies. Make Thou mention of the Queen, that she may turn with a pure heart unto the scene of transcendent glory, may withhold not her eyes from gazing toward her Lord, the Supreme Ordainer, and may become acquainted with that which hath been revealed in the Books and Tablets by the Creator of all mankind, He through Whom the sun hath been darkened and the moon eclipsed, and through Whom the Call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven.

Turn thou unto God and say: O my Sovereign Lord! I am but a vassal of Thine, and Thou art, in truth, the King of kings. I have lifted my suppliant hands unto the heaven of Thy grace and Thy bounties. Send down, then, upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity that which will rid me of all save Thee, and draw me nigh unto Thyself. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy name, which Thou hast made the king of names and the manifestation of Thyself to all who are in heaven and on earth, to rend asunder the veils that have intervened between me and my recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Bounteous. Deprive me not, O my Lord, of the fragrances of the Robe of Thy mercy in Thy days, and write down for me that which Thou hast written down for Thy handmaidens who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and have recognized Thee, and set their hearts towards the horizon of Thy Cause. Thou art truly the Lord of the worlds and of those who show mercy the Most Merciful. Assist me, then, O my God, to remember Thee amongst Thy handmaidens, and to aid Thy Cause in Thy lands. Accept, then, that which hath escaped me when the light of Thy countenance shone forth. Thou, indeed, hast power over all things. Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth.

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He is God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice! This is the Day wherein are witnessed from the Most Great Sea waves the like of which no eye hath ever beheld, and from the Sun lights the like of which have never appeared. Blessed is the eye that hath witnessed and seen, and the ear that hath heard the rushing of the winds of My loving-kindness, and the rustling of My Lote-Tree, and the scratching of My Pen as it moveth by My command and power, and I am the Ancient Commander.

That which thou didst send hath reached Our presence. We have read it and answered it, that his eyes may be solaced and his heart assured through the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us and read thy letter which thou didst send to him who is with Me. We have mentioned thee with a mention one letter of which surpasseth all that the servants glory in, as attesteth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. And thy letter which thou didst previously send to the servant who is present before the Face hath reached the Wronged One. Verily thy Lord is the All-Reckoning, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the tongue that hath confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered, and the heart that hath been adorned with the love of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of him who was named Is?aq, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that he may rejoice and be of those who render thanks. O Is?aq! The Lord of the Day of the Covenant maketh mention of thee at the time of His Pen's movement, and His heart grieveth for what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. We have raised up the Cause through a power from Us and a might from Our presence. When the Sun of Manifestation shone forth to a determined degree, the wolves emerged from behind the veil and uttered that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thou steadfast in His Cause and firm in His love and upright in such wise that the doubts of the heedless shall not cause thee to slip. The Wronged One mentioneth thee and beseecheth God, thy Lord, to aid thee in His remembrance and praise and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His unified servants.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Rama?an-'Ali who desired to be remembered from 'Amman through the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Generous. Blessed is the servant who is mentioned before the Face; he is indeed among those who are nigh in My Great Tablet. We beseech God to aid him to preserve what he hath been given from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say:

My God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto the horizon of Thy Manifestation, and the ocean of Thy utterance, and the sun of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy generosity and grace, and to ordain for me that which shall deliver me from the promptings of Satan and preserve me through Thy grace. Then ordain for me the good of the hereafter and the present world. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

Hearken unto the divine utterance in the Persian tongue: Today the ocean hath different waves, the sun a different effulgence, and the world a different joy. Although the Wronged One dwelleth in prison and is afflicted in the hands of enemies, yet with utmost joy He is established upon the throne of manifestation, calling out to His loved ones with a call for which there is no end and which shall remain raised throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Although the people of the Bayan have committed that which the people of the Furqan (Muslims) did not, and have said that which that party did not say, yet by the life of God, this party is seen to be more base than the former party. The verses are being sent down like rain falling in torrents, and the evidences are manifest and clear. Nevertheless, they remain occupied with their own vain imaginings and are striving earnestly to establish a party like the party of old. We beseech the True One to aid the people of Baha in such wise that they may see all else as non-existent, remain focused on the Most Exalted Horizon, and arise with mighty legs to uphold the divine Cause, lest they be made to slip by the doubts of the deluded ones and the gestures of the opposers.

As regards what was written concerning Muhammad-Baqir, who entertained the friends at a feast - well done, excellent indeed! We beseech God to assist him in fostering love and unity amongst His loved ones, and to ordain for him, through His grace and bounty, whatsoever is worthy of His generosity. We make mention of all the souls gathered at that feast, that they may attain the effects of the Pen and the remembrance of the Ancient King.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! We have made mention of thee on this day, once again, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

O Siyyid Barakat! Hearken unto the call of Him Who revealeth the verses and manifesteth the clear tokens. He hath remembered thee with a remembrance from which hath flowed the Kawthar of life unto all creation, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Verily, the Wronged One, in His prison, maketh mention of the friends and loved ones of God, beareth unto them glad-tidings of His mercy, remindeth them of His verses, and sendeth down for them that which shall guide them unto His straight path. By God's life! I have desired naught for Myself. Throughout My days, I have been in the hands of Mine enemies - every truthful and trustworthy one beareth witness to this. Such tribulations have befallen Me in God's path as have befallen no one else, until they made Us captives and brought Us to this mighty fortress. Therein was the trumpet-blast sounded once again, and We delivered unto kings and subjects that which We were commanded by God, the Strong, the Powerful. The veils of the people have not hindered Us, nor have We been daunted by the oppression of the oppressors. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My utterance and My wondrous remembrance.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We testify that thou hast performed a good deed, and thy deed hath brought joy to the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. We made mention of thee before, and We mention thee now, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to assist thee in performing good deeds and to aid thee in drawing nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O 'Abdu'llah! When thou hearest My call and art seized with the wine of the Kawthar of My utterance, say: "My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn towards Thy horizon, to set my face toward the lights of Thy countenance, and to acknowledge that which Thou hast revealed in Thy

Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being, by Thy most great signs and Thy mighty tokens, to make me steadfast in preserving that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Praised."

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Ramadan-'Ali, whom We have remembered on this day once again, that he may be numbered among the thankful ones. When thou art attracted by the Kawthar of My utterance and awakened by the breezes of the dawn of My Revelation, arise and say: "My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having shown me Thy path and caused me to hear Thy proof. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Announcement and Thy Straight Path to ordain for me that which shall protect me from the oppression of the oppressors and the cawing of the croakers who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament and have disbelieved in Thy signs. Verily, Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Mahmud! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Sing in My name upon the branches of the Tree of My love, that perchance by thy call every heedless one may turn, every sleeping one may arise, and every ignorant and doubtful one may become aware. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One in His manifest station.

O Amanullah! The protection hath come, yet the people understand not; and the proof hath appeared, yet mankind perceive not. The verses have been sent down, yet the factions turn away therefrom. The path hath been made manifest, yet the people know it not. The trumpet hath been sounded, yet they hear not; and the cry hath been raised, yet they comprehend not. They have cast behind them that which is with God, clinging to that which they possess. Verily, they are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who heareth, whom the doubts of the people have not deterred, and blessed is he who seeth, whom the veils of the suspicious have not hindered.

O Pen! Mention him who is named Muhammad-Baqir at the end of the Tablet, as a favor from Thee - verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. We testify that he hath turned unto Thee and hath attained unto Thy days, and hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy utterance, while most of the servants turned away. Thus doth God exalt whom He willeth and abase whom He desireth. He is verily the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And We make mention of Our loved ones who have gathered once again, that the remembrance and utterance may draw them nigh unto the horizon of the All-Merciful and cause them to speak before all faces. The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty. O My loved ones! There hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen the equivalent of what was revealed unto the company of the chosen ones and the Prophets, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. When ye hear My sweetest call, take ye the chalices of bounty in the name of the Lord of Names, then drink therefrom the Kawthar of divine knowledge, in defiance of the people of creation who have broken God's covenant, denied His proof, and disputed His verses. Thus doth the Wronged One command you from the precincts of the prison. Verily, He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Abandon what the people possess, clinging fast to the cord of God, the Sure. When a cawer cometh unto you, leave him to himself, turning with your hearts unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We counseled you before, and in this hour, as a mercy from Us.

Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who, when they heard, responded and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!”

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The beloved and exalted, His Holiness the Name 66 [Allah] Z, may all 9 [Baha] of His Most Glorious be upon him, will observe:

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

The ocean of praise and thanksgiving befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of all names, Who bestowed existence upon the world and adorned it with the ornament of nations. He is the Omnipotent One Whose power no weakness can touch and Whose will no creation can hinder. And blessings and peace be upon Him Whom He sent forth and unto Whom He revealed His Book, and adorned Him with His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes, Who was named Muhammad in the world of creation, and upon His family and companions through whom the earth brought forth its fruits and the heaven shed its rain.

And furthermore, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. Your letters from before and after have been received. In truth, they were a paradise reflecting praise and thanksgiving, and speaking of that which indicateth the Most Great Steadfastness. The servant hath found therein what the body findeth in the spirit, and what the niche findeth in the light. When I read and understood, I turned to the Station and presented it before His Countenance. The Lord - may my spirit be sacrificed for Him - spoke: “We beseech God to assist him through remembrance and to strengthen him through utterance in such wise that His light, His influence and His proof may be made manifest throughout all possibility. The Command is in God’s hands, the Lord of all religions. O Zein! Upon thee be My peace and My glory, and upon My loved ones there. We counsel them in all conditions to that whereby the Cause of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, may be uplifted, and to draw nigh unto the Divine Lote-Tree and to turn with heart and soul toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: O My loved ones! We command you to that which will profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, and to righteousness and fear of God, and to turn away from those who have denied God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.” In all conditions they must fix their gaze upon the Truth, utter His praise and remembrance, and turn away from all else. This is the command of the Wronged One, before and after. The purpose of turning away is to avoid association, not contention and conflict, and this applies to those souls who have arisen in opposition and objection and who have manifested rancor and hatred. These souls are known, and most are aware of their condition. O Zein! We beseech God to enable all to attain true unity and to grant them a portion from the ocean of the word “There is none other God but Him,” and not to deprive His servants of His boundless grace.

Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim and Haji Ghulam-’Ali, along with two others - upon them be the peace and favors of God - arrived intending to visit the House, and praise be to God, they attained the Most Great Pilgrimage. This year was very pleasant for the pilgrims. In truth it was a blessed journey. Blessed are they

who have attained. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant success to all the peoples of the earth that all may attain. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Another matter: As some funds were needed, twenty tumans were borrowed from the spiritual friend Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim - upon him be the peace of God - which your honor should convey to him. Although at first he was unwilling to accept it, they specifically stated it must reach him and he accepted. Your honor must pay it. And what the friends brought of gaz and other items was received.

Regarding what you wrote about the traveling companion, it is necessary, and Mr. Habibullah is permitted to be in your honor's service, but they said after meeting he must return, as wisdom requires this.

Another submission concerns the sum due to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be God's peace. Its delay is in no way permissible. Indeed, they have performed a good deed and this act has been accepted. Let it be delivered to him. The souls mentioned who have turned to God with certitude, upon them be God's peace, from among the people of S, H-M, N-R, Shah-Abad, B-R and T who have sought mention from that Presence - all have been honored with mention, one and all. He said: "O Zayn, convey greetings to all these souls on behalf of the Wronged One, and counsel them regarding that which remains of their remembrances. This Wronged One has ever beseeched on behalf of all that which is like unto a lamp before their faces in all the worlds of God, exalted be His glory. We have counseled and continue to counsel all to unity, harmony, kindness, love and steadfastness, which are among the greatest of deeds. O Zayn, beseech God to protect His servants and deprive none from the ocean of recognition, the sun of certitude and the heaven of knowledge. Verily, He speaks the truth and guides the way, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

And likewise convey greetings to the handmaidens of God. We beseech God to assist them all and ordain for each one the good of this world and the next. We make mention of the people of Marfu' and console them, and we beseech God for the improvement of affairs.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to each one and seeks divine success and confirmation for each. All must, at all times, with patience, calm and dignity, be engaged in the mention and praise of the Goal of all the worlds. Assuredly the outpourings of the True Bestower will embrace pure and holy souls and illumined hearts. Should hardship befall some, or difficulties arise, this has been and is due to God's penetrating wisdom, exalted be His glory. Blessed are the friends and loved ones of God - theirs is a goodly return. The end of all things is good, for the ocean of generosity is surging through His name and the sun of bounty exists through His favor. He will never deprive His loved ones. Every person of insight bears witness to this truth. Glad tidings that He said: "If God willing, We shall thereafter summon the people there one by one that they may attain and return."

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan (the Tailor), upon him be God's peace, when it was submitted, He said: "O Zayn, write to Hasan: O Hasan! Your lamentations have been heard and the yearnings of your heart have reached Us. The Wronged One hears your cries and supplications. You have always been and continue to be remembered. For years you have been engaged in service. We beseech God to grant souls fairness that they may not say that which they have not heard from the tongue of the Wronged One. Truthfulness has ever been and remains the characteristic of the people of

truth. One must not be content with imaginings and conjectures. Say: O Hasan! Be not grieved. By the life of God, your grief has grieved Me. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to adorn you with the ornament of patience and forbearance, and His servants with justice and fairness."

This servant also conveys greetings to him. God is witness and testifier that he is remembered most of the time, and all who circle [the Sacred Precinct] mention him with utmost love, kindness and care, and send their greetings. It is hoped that something may be written directly to him hereafter, as in these days the spiritual beloved Aqa Mulla Rida - he who spoke the truth before all faces - and he have written and sent letters. Repeatedly there has arrived from them that from which the fragrance of love and sincerity emanates.

At the end of the manuscript, when mention was made of His Holiness the Name 66 [Allah] al-Asdaq, upon him be from every 9 [Baha] its Most Glorious, before His presence, He said: "Upon him be God's peace, His care, His mercy, and His grace, and upon his son, and upon those whom God has related to him."

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to each of the friends in that land. He Himself is witness and testifier that their mention has ever been the cause of joy and their remembrance the source of delight, and this is naught but through the bounty of the Lord, for they have borne hardships in His path and have tasted the poison of hatred in their love for Him. We beseech God to grant success to all and to confirm them in preserving what has been bestowed. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor, upon them, and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one. And praise be to God, the Exalted, the Great.

The Servant

26th of the month of Safar al-Khayr 1303

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be unto the Self-Subsisting Lord Who, after the Qa'im, arose with such arising as prevented all from arising, inasmuch as through the power of the Divine Word the foot of learning became unsteady and disturbed. Finding itself powerless to arise, it sat down - a sitting from which it hath not arisen to this day, as those possessed of vision among the divines and doctors of law have witnessed. When the Sun of Truth shed its radiance and the waves of the ocean of knowledge became manifest, these souls were seized with trembling and encompassed with perturbation, to such extent that the thread of their reason was severed and the bird of their faith took flight. The fire of hatred so encompassed them that it consumed their corrupt deeds.

What a blessed fire it was and what a blessed deed!

Praise be to its hand and to its mighty arm!

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence, Who art established upon the Throne of the visible realm! Thou hearest the sighs of the sincere ones and beholdest the tears of them that are nigh unto Thee, by reason of what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from Thy proof and Thy testimony, and from Thy signs in which they claimed to believe through Thy Manifestation aforetime - although they who are endowed with vision behold how all the books of the world bow down before a word that hath proceeded from the mouth of Thy will in this Revelation whereby the cities of Thy knowledge and the gardens of Thy Cause have been adorned. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Manifestation of Names, by Thy dominion and Thy might, and by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, to protect Thy loved ones from the cawing of the cawers and the turning away of them that turn aside. Then send down, O my God, upon Thy friends a blessing from Thy presence, and ordain for them in every world of Thy worlds such good as shall profit Thy servants. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Amin, O Abu'l-Hassan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of the hidden and the manifest! Thy letter was presented, thy call was heard. Today a tongue hath appeared in all things and all utter the blessed words "Aid us then, O God of all worlds, against the people of tyranny." O Amin! Today the verses of God are cast upon all and pass before all, yet all are heedless save whom God willeth. Beseech God not to deprive His servants of the wine of His bounty. We have spoken with the tongue, with the finger have We rent asunder the veils, and by Our will have We made manifest the mysteries of the divine Books. Nevertheless, they are deaf, dumb, blind, and they neither understand, nor know, nor perceive.

As to what thou didst write regarding attendance, it hath been some time since departure. Were thou to return to thy Source, it would be better for thee. In Arabic: "Come! Come!" In Persian: "Come! Come!" That thou mayest behold Him for Whose vision eyes were created. Come! Come! That thou mayest hear that for whose hearing ears were formed. Today the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze and the light of the Divine Countenance is manifest and radiant. Blessed is the soul that hath been set aflame by its heat and illumined by its light.

The people have not known nor do they know the value of this Day. Ere long shall they utter the words "Oh, woe unto us!" With their own idle fancies and vain imaginings have they objected to the Truth. Such is the state of the heedless and the negligent. These souls are of those who for twelve hundred years cried out "O Lord!" and "O Vicegerent!" and "O Ali!" and "O Sheikh!", yet when at last He appeared for Whose appearance they had waited all this time, and through Whose utterance those very names were created, they occupied themselves with cursing and reviling Him from their pulpits. Then all the divines of Persia issued the decree for the shedding of His blood, and their followers - well known is what they said and did. By God! The Eye of Grandeur weepeth and the Point of Being lamenteth. Say: O servants! Reflect a little upon the deeds of those souls and upon their result and fruit. By the life of God! They are in manifest error and are among the most lost in the mighty Book.

O thou who gazest upon the Divine Countenance! The Most Exalted Pen hath repeatedly recorded these passages that the evil deeds of the former party might become evident and manifest to all, for it is observed that the heedless barking ones prevent the people through their former delusions and deprive them from the path of God. Would that eyes and ears could be found, that the veil might be wholly lifted

and the reality of the Cause might become manifest and evident to all the worlds. The people are weak, and the mercy of God, exalted be His glory, hath preceded; therefore words are spoken in measure. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what will be. Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

Praise be to God! The rays of the Sun of Truth have illumined the realm of the hearts of the chosen ones. At all times the waters of mercy flow, verses are revealed, and clear proofs are made manifest. This spiritual friend and this servant must implore from the Sea of Divine Generosity, exalted be His glory, to awaken the heedless people and grant them vision. He is the Protector and the Powerful, He is the All-Knowing and the Omnipotent.

The greatest glad tidings is the presence of that spiritual friend in the holy court of the Lord. I beseech and hope from God that He may soon grant the blessing of attainment unto His presence. I also beseech Him to favor the beloved of my heart, namely His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Alif and Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and bestow upon him from the ocean of attainment and the fountain of reunion. Verily, He has power over all things.

God is my witness that for a long time I have made and continue to make this supplication with both my outer and inner tongue, for this bounty has no likeness and this deed no parallel. The Command is in His hands; He does what He wills and ordains what He pleases. He shall not be asked of His doings and He is knowing of all things.

Another matter: The papers that were requested have been sent, as before. Outwardly, there is no news except that some time ago the Two Shining Lights, the two most noble Branches, His Holiness Aqa Aqa Mirza Diya'u'llah and His Holiness Aqa Aqa Mirza Badi'u'llah - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto their arrival - and the people of the pavilion of chastity, virtue and greatness have proceeded to Beirut. In truth, this year the place of that spiritual friend was empty. Would that all were present and could witness with their own eyes the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Divine Grace. Although they were not physically present, they were and are mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court.

Convey greetings and salutations on my behalf to the friends in the cities and regions. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them in such wise that they may regard all else save God as non-existent and evanescent, and that they may attain unto the lights of true unity. This Day is not like the days of the past; this ocean has different waters and this heaven a different sun. Repeatedly was this exalted word heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names - blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O people of God! Until you pass beyond the gulf of names, you will not attain unto the ocean of inner meanings." If a soul is confirmed in hearkening unto this one word, there has not been and is not any danger for him. All atoms bear witness to his faith, certitude and steadfastness in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul who has drunk from this cup and partaken of this chalice.

Glory, praise and magnification be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Great. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

28th of Dhi'l-Hajjih 1302

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He is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious!

Praise be to the Lord of all desires, the Sovereign of the unseen and seen realms, the Manifestation of names and attributes, Who with one exalted Word adorned absolute nothingness with the ornament of existence, and through it illumined the visible and invisible cities with the light of vision and knowledge. Exalted be His glory and His power, and exalted be His light and radiance! Light, radiance, remembrance and glory be upon those who have arisen to aid His Cause and uphold His commandments and laws, whose feet have not slipped through the doubts of the people nor the intimations of the idol-worshippers. They heard and turned to Him; they recognized and spoke, until they arose to serve His Cause, the Impregnable, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Wise.

O beloved of my heart! The words and utterances which bore the sweet fragrances of love and unity have arrived - the arrival of an ocean of praise and remembrance for one who is truly thirsty and spiritually athirst. After their arrival, perusal and contemplation, such a state of joy was attained that pen and ink fail to describe it, for from each word thereof wafted the fragrance of the love of the Desired One of all worlds. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you for that which hath flowed from the fountain of your love, the river of your knowledge. We beseech God to assist you and draw you nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And after the manifestation of joy and gladness, having aimed for the supreme heights and most exalted horizon, and after complete permission was granted, the verses and prose which flowed from the pen and ink of love and affection were presented. This is what the Lord of all men hath spoken in reply - exalted be His utterance and magnificent His proof, and there is no Beloved besides Him.

He is the Speaking One, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The people of that house and station have ever been present before the countenance of the Lord of all men and have been remembered with most wondrous praise. The honored and exalted Ha-Qabli-Sin, who hath ascended unto the Most Sublime Horizon, was blessed with special favors, and We revealed for him, before and after his ascension, that which brought solace to eyes and manifested mysteries. We testify that he arose to serve the Cause with such power as was not weakened by the affairs of men, and drank the nectar of immortality from the hands of bounty with such steadfastness as was not shaken by the conditions of the divines nor the might of princes nor the clamor of every remote barking dog. We testify that he attained unto that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. He hearkened when the Call was raised, hastened and said: "Yea, yea, O Thou Goal of the hearts of them that know! Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" Thus did the Lord of existence manifest His grace and mercy that hath preceded all things. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having revealed unto thee in the Most Great Prison that whereby the Tree was transformed into Fire and cried out, saying: "O concourse of earth and heaven! The Lord of all creation hath come with sovereignty encompassing the unseen and the seen, and with a Cause before which all the armies of the world are powerless." To this doth the Most Great Name bear witness in this mighty, exalted Station. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy remembrance of this Most Great Announcement, whereby the hearts of the sincere were set ablaze. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thy pen for having manifested before the face of the Lord of Names, in this exalted station, the pearls of remembrance and praise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen thee through His sovereignty and to assist thee through His power, and to record for thee, with the Pen of His grace and the ink of His bounty, the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We wish to make mention of My leaf and My handmaiden who hath turned unto and believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise. O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from this Spot which God hath made the point round which circle them that are nigh unto Him and them that believe in His unity. We have mentioned thee aforetime in verses that shall neither be effaced nor altered throughout centuries and ages, and God hath made them to endure in His perspicuous Book. Rejoice thou in these glad-tidings whose light hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the utterance of thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou and they that are with thee. We have sent down for you that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

O 'Aziz! Upon thee be the glory of God and His loving-kindness. Thou hast attained unto turning toward Him and unto the praise of thy Lord, through Whom was manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the protection of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The servant who is present hath submitted that which God cast into thy heart, and We have found therefrom the fragrance of orientation and turning unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Remembering, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto God for having brought forth from the treasury of thine utterance the pearls of His knowledge. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say […]

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having honored me with Thy days and illumined me with the lights of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy grace, and by the Lamp that hath taken neither guard nor veil unto itself, to make me known by Thy Name and steadfast in the service of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, to open through the key of Thy All-Bountiful Name the doors of Thy favors, Thy mercy and Thy riches. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee, upon thy tongue, upon thy heart and thy devotion, upon those who are with thee, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every faithful and trusted one.

Praise be to God! After the arrival of the letter another world appeared and another fragrance was diffused, for that which emanated from the essence of the heart was each a radiating light and a shining brilliance in praise and glorification of the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations. After its presentation and recitation the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this blessed word - exalted be His utterance: “O servant in attendance, divine confirmation hath encompassed the dear one, upon him be My glory. Blessed be it unto him and may it be wholesome unto him.”

In truth, in the earliest days, despite the turning away of most people, he attained the Kawthar of utterance in such wise that he was adorned with the ornament of acceptance and illumined with the light of good-pleasure. At the time of its presentation and recitation, the lips of the Intended One were smiling and the face of the Beloved was radiant and joyous. No deed until now has been lost nor shall it be. Mention and praise in these days, known as the Day of God, is considered the most excellent of remembrances. I have beseeched and do beseech God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation in mentioning and praising His loved ones. Praise be to God, the people of that household have, from the earliest days until now, been blessed with beholding the signs, reading the verses, and turning to the horizon of the Manifestation. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. His honor, the departed and elevated one, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, was mentioned most often in the presence of the Goal of the worlds. By the life of our Lord, he was repeatedly remembered in His presence and was blessed with special favors. At all times the assistance of grace reaches the elevated one in the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. I make mention of all the relatives and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for each one that which is the cause of exaltation and the means of elevation. Verily He fulfilleth the rewards of the doers of good and granteth the needs of the sincere ones.

As for their seeking permission to attain the presence and their supplication, after its presentation He said: “In these days the wisdom to which all are commanded does not permit it. We bid thee to patience and forbearance and We beseech God to record for thee the reward of those who hastened and turned until they attained the presence and heard My mighty and wondrous call.”

In truth, the reward of attaining the presence hath been written, recorded and confirmed for that spiritual loved one. Now it is fitting that not only “blessed be it unto your honor” be mentioned but also “may it be wholesome unto your honor” be said. Praise be to God, the Bestower of this lofty station and this mighty and wondrous mention. The dominion and the kingdom and the majesty and the power belong to God, the One, the All-Informed. Glory and mention and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon every one who hath arisen with supreme steadfastness to establish this Most Great and Mighty Cause.

The Servant

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise, sanctified beyond all bounds and the limited world, befitteth the court of Him Who doeth whatsoever He willeth and decreeth whatsoever He pleaseth, Who with one blessed and exalted Word adorned the world with the ornament of existence and illumined it with the lights of the Sun of His grace. Out of pure bounty, generosity, kindness and mercy He sent down the Book and raised up Messengers that they might guide His creation to His straight path and enable them to attain unto His knowledge, which is the ultimate purpose for the creation of beings. These are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-places of His decree, the Recipients of His knowledge and the Daysprings of His remembrance, until this most great bounty and most perfect and transcendent grace reached its consummation in the person of the Seal, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. He is the Source and the Goal, He is the Manifestation and the Dawning-point. He is the Manifestation of the most excellent attributes and the most beauteous names. Through Him was the Mi'raj adorned and Batha illumined. Through Him was the Temple of Light established upon the Throne of Names and the Essence of Utterance seated upon the Throne of Speech. He is the Manifestation of "He is the First and the Last" and the Dawning-point of "He is the Outward and the Inward." One word from the blessed Dawning-point of His remembrance appearing in the East - its influence and effect become manifest in the West. At His remembrance the Kingdom of remembrance falls silent, and at His utterance the Realm of speech becomes still. Through Him was made manifest all that was worthy of manifestation, and through Him was perfected all that befitted this station. However, in these days, due to the weakness of the people, power has undergone change and strength has ceased to penetrate. We must all, at all times, beseech and implore the Self-Subsisting Lord that He might renew the aging elements of the community with fresh and luminous garments. He is the Renewer, He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

O God, O Generous One, O Merciful One, O Forgiving One! The assaults of the polytheists have scattered the strongholds of the monotheists to the winds, and from the bullets of the deniers the edifice of remembrance and knowledge has been shaken, and the hearts of those near unto Thee and the sincere ones are trembling and agitated. Although, O All-Knowing God, the deeds of this people and their actions have, after glory, brought abasement, and after power have revealed weakness, yet we beseech of Thee Thy ancient grace and we entreat Thee: look not upon our deeds and actions, for they were not and are not worthy of Thy glance. Look upon Thine own mercy and bounty. Thou art He to Whose forgiveness every tongue hath testified, and to Whose power every seeing one hath witnessed. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

And furthermore, it is submitted to that honored beloved one that after your departure from Beirut several Sacred and Exalted Tablets were sent, which we hope reached you, and likewise are being sent this time. A letter from this evanescent one was written and sent to Ibn-i-Alif and Ha, upon them be the Glory of God, and that letter contains divine verses regarding the friends of those regions. After perusing and reading it, they should send it, or that beloved one himself may deliver it. God willing, may the sleeping ones of that land be awakened by your passing, may the dead be brought to life, and may the wanderers turn to their true homeland. In these days, in response to the letter of that honored master, upon him be all 9 [Glory] most glorious, a letter was submitted and sent, which also conveyed the favors of the Truth, exalted be His Glory, and two pages were also sent. As commanded, whatever was from

before should remain as it was, and whatever has arrived and arrives thereafter should be sent. You yourself have seen and know the details of this land, so there is no need for mention. And in that letter, as commanded, mention was made of that beloved one, and likewise one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was revealed from the heaven of favor and was written and sent in the original letter. God willing, may they attain unto it and become perfumed by its fragrance and receive new life from its breezes. Consider how many verses have been revealed and how many evidences have appeared during the nights and days - truly their enumeration is difficult except for Him, verily He is powerful over all things. And likewise this Supreme Word was revealed from the Tongue of the Manifestation of Names, blessed and exalted be His Word: "O Present Servant, write to the Honorable Amin on behalf of the Wronged One to convey greetings to Nabil ibn Nabil. The favor of God, exalted be He, has been and is directed towards him. Truly the brothers have, from the first dawning of the Sun of Revelation until now, been occupied with mention and praise and have stood firm in service. God, His angels, His Prophets and His Messengers bear witness that they both turned to the Supreme Horizon when the Cry was raised and the Call was lifted. Blessed are they both and their father and those with them." End quote. This servant, the attendant, also extends greetings to them and begs confirmation from God, exalted be His station. Never has their mention been nor will it be effaced.

Likewise mention was made of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Praise be to God, he attained that which most of mankind are veiled from. On Friday night, the night of the full moon, the Sun of Divine utterance, may His glory be exalted, rose and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. He said: Write to Jenab-i-Amin, upon him be My Glory, that he should convey Our greetings to Aqa Muhammad-'Ali in the land of Sad. The Wronged One has ever remembered the friends of God with the most excellent mention and utterance, and We beseech God to gather all beneath the shade of the Most Exalted Word and to unite all hearts and minds. He is the Sovereign in the shadow of Whose will all have ever dwelt and shall ever dwell. His is the creation and the command, His the power and the might, the will and the choice. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Compelling.

This servant also conveys his greetings to him. Some time ago a letter was written and sent to him, which was adorned with divine favors. Praise be to God, his services are mentioned in the presence of the Divine Countenance. It is hoped that the friends in every land and region will, with perfect love and unity, hold fast to that which will cause the exaltation of the Cause and act according to what is in the Book. Haji Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be God's favor, had a special Tablet which surely has arrived by now.

As commanded, convey special greetings to the friends in Sansan and other places and gladden them with the favors of God. God willing, may all hold fast to that which God loves. Your reward in all conditions rests with God, exalted be His glory. You have truly endured many hardships in His path and have mentioned the friends of every land in His presence. Today, when mention is made of any soul in His presence, a great reward is ordained for that one and is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Whosoever has assisted you in service to the Cause has truly rendered service, and his reward rests with Him. Verily, He has power over all things. Say: Praise be to God, the Single, the All-Informed.

This evanescent servant is very pleased with that beloved one, for he has wished and continues to wish for the good of all. This is a mighty attribute. God willing, may you be adorned with this excellence in all conditions. This is a blessing that cannot be compared with any other blessing.

This servant further submits that you should convey greetings and salutations to each of the friends residing in God's lands. Most of them this year have been distressed, saddened and troubled by the wickedness of oppressive souls. However, praise be to God, one day this most exalted word was heard from the blessed tongue. He said, and His word is the truth: "Verily, He has purified them and forgiven them, and His mercy that has preceded all in the kingdom of earth and heaven has encompassed them." This word is glad-tidings for the friends and loved ones, and a reward for their blessed temples. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. They have attained to God's mercy, favor, grace and bounty. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Kind, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded in the Book of our Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

15th of the month of ?afar 1301

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This is the Epistle of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is the One Who heareth from His Realm of Glory.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath appeared is the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Symbol, the Most Great Book for all peoples, and the Heaven of bounty for the whole world. He is the Most Mighty Sign amongst men and the Dayspring of the most august attributes in the realm of creation. Through Him hath appeared that which had been hidden from time immemorial and been veiled from the eyes of men. He is the One Whose Manifestation was announced by the heavenly Scriptures, in former times and more recently. Whoso acknowledgeth belief in Him and in His signs and testimonies hath in truth acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered ere the creation of earth and heaven and the revelation of the Kingdom of Names. Through Him the ocean of knowledge hath surged amidst mankind and the river of divine wisdom hath gushed out at the behest of God, the Lord of Days.

Well is it with the man of discernment who hath recognized and perceived the Truth, and the one possessed of a hearing ear who hath hearkened unto His sweet Voice, and the hand that hath received His Book with such resolve as is born of God, the Lord of this world and of the next, and the earnest wayfarer who hath hastened unto His glorious Horizon, and the one endued with strength whom neither the overpowering might of the rulers, nor the tumult raised by the leaders of religion hath been able to shake. And woe betide him who hath rejected the grace of God and His bounty, and hath denied His

tender mercy and authority; such a man is indeed reckoned with those who have throughout eternity repudiated the testimony of God and His proof.

Great is the blessedness of him who hath in this Day cast away the things current amongst men and hath clung unto that which is ordained by God, the Lord of Names and the Fashioner of all created things, He Who is come from the heaven of eternity through the power of the Most Great Name, invested with so invincible an authority that all the powers of the earth are unable to withstand Him. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book, calling from the Most Sublime Station.

O ’Ali-Akbar! We have repeatedly heard thy voice and have responded to thee with that which the praise of all mankind can never rival; from which the sincere ones inhale the sweet savors of the sayings of the All-Merciful, and His true lovers perceive the fragrance of heavenly reunion, and the sore athirst discover the murmuring of the water that is life indeed. Blessed the man who hath attained thereto and hath recognized that which is at this moment being diffused from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. We testify that thou hast set thy face towards God and traveled far until thou didst attain His presence and gavest ear unto the Voice of this Wronged One, Who hath been cast into prison through the misdeeds of those who have disbelieved in the signs and testimonies of God and have denied this heavenly grace through which the whole world hath been made to shine. Blessed thy face, for it hath turned unto Him, and thine ear, for it hath heard His Voice, and thy tongue, for it hath celebrated the praise of God, the Lord of lords. We pray God to graciously aid thee to become a standard for the promotion of His Cause and to enable thee to draw nigh unto Him at all times and under all conditions.

The chosen ones of God and His loved ones in that land are remembered by Us, and We give them the joyful tidings of that which hath been sent down in their honor from the Kingdom of the utterance of their Lord, the sovereign Ruler of the Day of Reckoning. Make mention of Me to them and illumine them with the resplendent glory of Mine utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Gracious, the Bountiful.

O thou who dost magnify My praise! Give ear unto that which the people of tyranny ascribe unto Me in My days. Some of them say: “He hath laid claim to divinity”; others say: “He hath devised a lie against God”; still others say: “He is come to foment sedition.” Base and wretched are they. Lo! They are, in truth, enslaved to idle imaginings.

We shall now cease using the eloquent language. Truly thy Lord is the Potent, the Unconstrained. We would fain speak in the Persian tongue that perchance the people of Persia, one and all, may become aware of the utterances of the merciful Lord, and come forth to discover the Truth.

The first Tajalli which hath dawned from the Daystar of Truth is the knowledge of God–exalted be His glory. And the knowledge of the King of everlasting days can in no wise be attained save by recognizing Him Who is the Bearer of the Most Great Name. He is, in truth, the Speaker on Sinai Who is now seated upon the throne of Revelation. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Symbol. All the former and latter Books of God are adorned with His praise and extol His glory. Through Him the standard of knowledge hath been planted in the world and the ensign of the oneness of God hath been unfurled amidst all peoples. Attainment unto the Divine Presence can be realized solely by attaining His presence. Through His potency everything that hath, from time immemorial, been veiled and hidden, is now

revealed. He is made manifest through the power of Truth and hath uttered a Word whereby all that are in the heavens and on the earth have been dumbfounded, except those whom the Almighty was pleased to exempt. True belief in God and recognition of Him cannot be complete save by acceptance of that which He hath revealed and by observance of whatsoever hath been decreed by Him and set down in the Book by the Pen of Glory.

They that immerse themselves in the ocean of His utterances should at all times have the utmost regard for the divinely-revealed ordinances and prohibitions. Indeed His ordinances constitute the mightiest stronghold for the protection of the world and the safeguarding of its peoples–a light upon those who acknowledge and recognize the truth, and a fire unto such as turn away and deny.

The second Tajalli is to remain steadfast in the Cause of God–exalted be His glory–and to be unswerving in His love. And this can in no wise be attained except through full recognition of Him; and full recognition cannot be obtained save by faith in the blessed words: "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Whoso tenaciously cleaveth unto this sublime word and drinketh deep from the living waters of utterance which are inherent therein, will be imbued with such a constancy that all the books of the world will be powerless to deter him from the Mother Book. O how glorious is this sublime station, this exalted rank, this ultimate purpose!

O 'Ali-Akbar! Consider how abject is the state of the disbelievers. They all give utterance to the words: "Verily He is to be praised in His deeds and is to be obeyed in His behest." Nevertheless if We reveal aught which, even to the extent of a needle's eye, runneth counter to their selfish ways and desires, they will disdainfully reject it. Say, none can ever fathom the manifold exigencies of God's consummate wisdom. In truth, were He to pronounce the earth to be heaven, no one hath the right to question His authority. This is that whereunto the Point of the Bayan hath testified in all that was sent down unto Him with truth at the behest of God, He Who hath caused the Dawn to break.

The third Tajalli is concerning arts, crafts and sciences. Knowledge is as wings to man's life, and a ladder for his ascent. Its acquisition is incumbent upon everyone. The knowledge of such sciences, however, should be acquired as can profit the peoples of the earth, and not those which begin with words and end with words. Great indeed is the claim of scientists and craftsmen on the peoples of the world. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book on the day of His return. Happy are those possessed of a hearing ear. In truth, knowledge is a veritable treasure for man, and a source of glory, of bounty, of joy, of exaltation, of cheer and gladness unto him. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this Most Great Prison.

The fourth Tajalli is concerning Divinity, Godhead and the like. Were a man of insight to direct his gaze towards the blessed, the manifest Lote-Tree and its fruits, he would be so enriched thereby as to be independent of aught else and to acknowledge his belief in that which the Speaker on Sinai hath uttered from the throne of Revelation.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Acquaint the people with the holy verses of thy Lord and make known unto them His straight Path, His mighty Announcement.

Say: O people, if ye judge fairly and equitably, ye will testify to the truth of whatsoever hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen. If ye be of the people of the Bayan, the Persian Bayan will guide you

aright and will prove a sufficient testimony unto you; and if ye be of the people of the Qur'an, ponder ye upon the Revelation on Sinai and the Voice from the Bush which came unto the Son of 'Imran [Moses].

Gracious God! It was intended that at the time of the manifestation of the One true God the faculty of recognizing Him would have been developed and matured and would have reached its culmination. However, it is now clearly demonstrated that in the disbelievers this faculty hath remained undeveloped and hath, indeed, degenerated.

O 'Ali! That which they accepted from the Bush they now refuse to accept from Him Who is the Tree of the world of existence. Say, O people of the Bayan, speak not according to the dictates of passion and selfish desire. Most of the peoples of the earth attest the truth of the blessed Word which hath come forth from the Bush. By the righteousness of God! But for the anthem of praise voiced by Him Who heralded the divine Revelation, this Wronged One would never have breathed a word which might have struck terror into the hearts of the ignorant and caused them to perish. Dwelling on the glorification of Him Whom God shall make manifest–exalted be His Manifestation–the Bab in the beginning of the Bayan saith: "He is the One Who shall proclaim under all conditions,"Verily, verily, I am God, no God is there but Me, the Lord of all created things. In truth all others except Me are My creatures. O, My creatures! Me alone do ye worship.'" Likewise in another instance He, magnifying the Name of Him Who shall be made manifest, saith: "I would be the first to adore Him." Now it behooveth one to reflect upon the significance of the "Adorer" and the "Adored One," that perchance the people of the earth may partake of a dewdrop from the ocean of divine knowledge and may be enabled to perceive the greatness of this Revelation. Verily, He hath appeared and hath unloosed His tongue to proclaim the Truth. Well is it with him who doth acknowledge and recognize the truth, and woe betide the froward and the wayward.

O kindreds of the earth! Incline your ears unto the Voice from the divine Lote-Tree which overshadoweth the world and be not of the people of tyranny on earth–men who have repudiated the Manifestation of God and His invincible authority and have renounced His favors–they in truth are reckoned with the contemptible in the Book of God, the Lord of all mankind.

The Glory which hath dawned above the horizon of My tender mercy rest upon thee and upon whosoever is with thee and giveth ear to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

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He is the All-Powerful, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering!

This is a Book which the Most Merciful hath sent down from the heaven of proof to manifest His testimony amongst His servants and His evidence throughout His realm. He, verily, is the Truth, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hearken unto the Call from the direction of My Most Great Prison. Verily it hath been raised in truth and summoneth all men unto the straight path of God. This is the Day whereof Muhammad, the Apostle of

God, gave glad tidings, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God. Yet the people are in thick veils. This is the Day whereon the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over all creation and the waters of life have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, taken thereof and drunk therefrom. Woe unto the heedless!

The Promise hath come to pass and He Who conversed with God upon the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation, calling all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. When the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the countenance of the Ancient of Days, the divines turned away and perpetrated that which caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise to lament and every fair-minded, clear-sighted one to cry out. These are the servants of whom the All-Merciful spoke in the Qur'an: they exchanged the favor of God for disbelief and led their people to the abode of perdition. Through their turning away the people turned away and denied Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries.

Thus doth My Most Glorious Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Say: O concourse of men! Be fair, by God, the Lord of Power. If ye deny this Most Great Bounty, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Bring it forth then and be not of the wrongdoers.

This is the Day whereof the Apostle of God gave tidings, saying: "The Day whereon all men shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and of which the Primal Point gave glad tidings, saying when mentioning His Name: "I, verily, am the first to worship Him."

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard what was therein and have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of God's favor, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We had held back the Pen for a long period, but when the appointed time came, We caused the Trumpet to sound, and it is My Most Exalted Pen, and We have revealed unto thee that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, shall endure.

Consider the people of the Qur'an. They awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when He came with the truth, they pronounced sentence of death against Him. Thereby did the Tablet and the Pen lament, and the foundations of the Primal Word were shaken. Thus did their souls prompt them. They are, in truth, among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed is thy letter, for it hath spoken the truth and testified to the oneness and singleness of God. Thy Lord doth witness and see, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. Through Him was raised the standard of unity and the banners of detachment, and all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

Verily, when thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and been drawn by My call unto the kingdom of My utterance, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me through Thy most great signs, from which everyone possessed of perception perceiveth the fragrance of eternity. Glory be to Thee for having caused me to hear the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen and shown me Thy signs and most sublime words. I bear witness, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other

God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over the kingdom of earth and heaven. Through Thy name the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" was raised. I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, by the power of Thy Will and the manifestation of Thy Purpose, and by the Beloved through Whose advent the heavens of Thy might were honored, and by the Spirit whom Thou didst raise to the horizon of Thy Cause, and by the Rod that vanquished the swords and through which the stars of Thine enemies were dimmed and Pharaoh and his hosts were drowned by Thy might and power, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that names shall not prevent me from drawing near unto Thee, nor shall the gulf of idle fancies debar me from turning toward the shore of the ocean of Thy mercy. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the daysprings of Thine inspiration, to ordain for me what Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who were not frightened by armies nor weakened by the power of the mighty. They stood before the faces of enemies declaring "God is our Lord and the Lord of the exalted throne."

O My Most Exalted Pen! Set aside the eloquent tongue and warble in the luminous language. We testify that by thy movement spirits took flight and the Dove of Utterance sang upon the highest branch of possibility. The veil hath been removed and the Lord of Creation hath come with the banners of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue the call of the Wronged One. First, the delay in reply was due to wisdom, and when the time came, that which is the immortal Kawthar for the fair-minded and the Salsabil of life for the thirsty was sent. Verily all affairs are in His hand and within His mighty grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

From the earliest days, this Wronged One addressed the faces of princes and divines with the most exalted call, and summoned all, without any veil or concealment, to the supreme horizon, the most exalted summit and the ultimate goal. In those days the limbs of the world trembled and were disturbed by the oppression of the transgressors. Surely that honor hath heard that a special Tablet was sent to each of the kings, including the Sovereign of Iran, and there befell this Wronged One that which caused the people of the cities of justice and fairness to weep. When some rays appeared from the horizons and a measure of assurance became evident, souls who were hidden behind the veil rushed forth with the swords of malice. By the life of God! They committed that which caused the tears of the near ones to flow, and they said that which the ancients never said.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon! The eye was created for beholding and the ear for hearing, yet all are veiled and deprived save whom God willeth. The deniers of the Bayan have clung to the cord of the former people and walk in their footsteps. We make mention of one word that ye may drink from the ocean of knowledge and partake of the lights of the sun of wisdom, and ponder upon matters until that which is now hidden may be revealed. For twelve hundred years and more, the Shi'ih divines, whose number cannot be reckoned, were unaware of the Manifestation while still in the loins, and all were heedless of this most great Cause. Not one among these divines attained unto the truth. Now again Hadi-i-Dawlatabadi and certain other souls who have never had, nor now have, any knowledge of the Cause, desire to afflict the people with the delusions of the past. It behooveth you and the people of truth - those who have truly partaken of the choice sealed wine and attained unto the recognition of the Lord of

Revelation - to protect the people from the delusions of the heedless ones, namely the deniers of the Bayan, lest these delusions resurface. The martyrdom of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - was caused by the calumnies of the past. We beseech God to assist thee, that perchance thou mayest guide those who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness to the lights of the Day-Star of certitude. We ask God to help thee and aid thee in serving His firm, impregnable and mighty Cause.

Concerning what thou didst ask about sleep - praise be to God - it is evidence of thy devotion, steadfastness and support. And concerning His statement “First, this group must be removed” - the intention was Hadi-i-Dawlatabadi and the heedless souls gathered around him, but their removal was and is to be through the swords of wisdom and utterance. God willing, thou wilt arise to support the Cause, detached from the world and holding fast to the Most Great Name, and protect the helpless servants from the evil of that heedless one. They must reflect upon that which hath appeared and ponder the loss of the former people and their wretchedness and all that proceeded from them. If thou becomest aware, thou wilt find thyself seated upon the throne of certitude and assurance in this Most Great Revelation. Today is the day of service and the day of assistance through counsels and exhortations, for strife, corruption and contention have been forbidden in this Revelation. Now must thou, trusting in God and committing thy affairs unto Him, guide the servants to the highest horizon through remembrance and praise. This is not difficult for God. Then wilt thou find thyself detached from all else and arising to serve His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Message. Assuredly God, exalted be His glory, will deal with thee as He deemeth best. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of God’s bounty, the Lord of the worlds, be upon thee and upon those whom neither the doubts of the divines nor the hints of the jurisprudents, nor the threat of the oppressors have deterred.

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In the Name of the Most Glorious, the All-Glorious!

This is an epistle from the Primal Point and His Glory unto him who in the Heaven of Names hath been designated as Kazim and who hath been recorded as one of the believers in the Mother Book by the Pen of Command.

O Kazim! The holy melodies of the Dove of Divine Unity have oft been mentioned in wondrous Arabic verses. Now they are set forth in sublime Persian that thou mayest fully attain unto the meanings of the divine utterances, that perchance thou mayest not be stirred by the blowing of the winds of polytheism that blow from the direction of self and passion, and that thou mayest cleave fast to the firm and unbreakable handle. First, know thou that the divine signs, whether of manifestation or concealment, whether of motion or stillness, of rising or sitting, and all else that pertaineth unto Him, are even as the sun between earth and heaven - manifest, resplendent and evident, in such wise that they cannot be confused with aught else, nor ever shall be. Every possessor of vision who gazeth toward the Greatest Perspective will assuredly distinguish the signs of truth from all else, even as one distinguisheth between black and white, heat and cold. Indeed, the possessors of the purest sense of smell will detect the holy

fragrance of the Most Exalted from whatsoever manifesteth it. This is the truth whereof there is no doubt, save for impure souls who conceal themselves behind imaginary veils and prevent their penetrating vision from beholding the lights of the Countenance of Unity. These have no portion of this cup.

Consider the manifestation of the Beauty of the Manifest One in the year sixty, when despite His mighty revelation and supreme sovereignty, all creatures high and low cast stones of hatred at that Furthermost Tree, that Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Thus did they act aforetime, as thou hast witnessed and heard, and art among those who bear witness. Beware lest thou place the reins of reason and understanding in the grasp of this or that person's account, and lest thou be deprived of the divine perspective through satanic whispers. Ever have all matters, both deeds and words, begun and ended with the verses of the Lord of Majesty, and after His manifestation nothing shall profit anyone save through His command, even should one perform the deeds of all in the heavens and earth. So mighty is His Cause that the Beauty of the All-Merciful hath counseled all in every leaf of the Bayan, even unto the Letters of the Living and the reflected Mirrors, lest at the time of His manifestation they should become occupied with outward leadership or with references that have been sent down, and remain veiled from Him through Whom all these stations were created by His word. Beyond this, in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', which is designated as the Best of Stories, there hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will these words, exalted be He:

"O Qurratu'l-'Ayn! Stretch not forth thy hand in the Cause, for the people are in drunkenness from the mystery, and verily unto thee shall be the return after this cycle, by the Most Great Truth. There reveal thou of the mystery a mystery to the extent of a needle's eye upon the greatest Mount, that the people of Sinai may perish at the dawning place of a drop of that crimson Light, by God's leave, the All-Wise. And He is God, Who hath ever been thy Guardian through truth upon truth."

Now the cycle is manifest and the Primal Beauty in another temple has risen like the sun, radiant and evident. And before the revelation of the mystery, the people of ?ur fell senseless and were annihilated. Reflect now upon the verse revealed from the heaven of divine unity's might, that perchance thou mayest attain unto a drop from the eternal, imperishable crystal stream. O Kazim! This wondrous Revelation is too great for anyone to hesitate, for its manifestation is more evident than the sun and its exaltation more lofty than the visible heavens. All who are in the heavens and earth are on one level, save whom thy Lord willeth. Know thou the peerless Beauty by His own Self, not by likenesses and comparisons, for He cannot be known except through Himself, nor recognized through questioning. "Know God through God and through what proceedeth from Him." O Kazim! Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy and desire, enter the most exalted Paradise, and summon the people, without veil or hindrance, unto the Lord of Lords. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! These utterances have no purpose save the good-pleasure of the All-Glorious, that perchance mortal souls may enter the eternal Paradise. In this ocean naught is found save pure and luminous pearls, and this Tree beareth none but goodly fruit. Well is it with them that seek! O Kazim! Close thine eyes to all the worlds and drink the living waters of divine knowledge from the celestial youths. Give no ear to the vain imaginings of the manifestations of Satan, for in this day the manifestations of Satan sit in ambush upon the path of divine unity, preventing the people by every stratagem. Soon shalt thou witness how the people of the Bayan

will turn away from the Manifestation of the All-Merciful. Thus did my Beloved inform me before the creation of the heavens and earth, and before the creation of the worlds. Say: O people of the Bayan! If ye turn away from these revealed verses and manifest evidences that have encompassed all creation, by what proof and argument will ye establish your faith in God's Messengers? Nay, by Him Who causeth the Spirit to speak within my breast! Their faith shall not be proven; rather, their deeds shall come to naught and their actions shall be rendered void, and they shall return to the very depths of hellfire. O Kazim! Rise like a brilliant star from the horizon of the heaven of guidance and strive, as much as lieth in thy power, to exalt and elevate the Cause of God. Purify thy heart from attachment to aught else but Him and enter beneath the shade of divine glances and the gaze of thy Lord. For in this day, save His shade, the decree of wilderness prevaileth and is true. At this time when the breezes of polytheism blow from every direction and the manifestations of falsehood are visible from every quarter, such grief hath encompassed me that were it to be mentioned it would cause sorrow to all beings in all the worlds. Yet my grief is not for myself, but rather I lament for the Beauty of the Worshipped One and His manifestation on the Promised Day. For the people of the Bayan, though but a short time hath passed since the manifestation of the King of divine revelation and though they witnessed with their own eyes the manner of His appearance, have become veiled as thou seest. What then will befall that resplendent Beauty? Alas for the servants! No Beauty appeareth unto them but they conceal His beauty behind veils of rancor and hatred, then mock Him[…]

I swear by the sovereign Lord Who doeth what He willeth that the soul who hath not believed and been assured of this celestial Manifestation will not turn to any of the divine Manifestations and holy Daysprings of His unity. Would that they had sufficed themselves with turning away and had not pronounced sentence of death against Him, as in these days they were not content with mere rejection. Would that the illumined eye had been manifest, that it might have beheld the gates of the paradise of inner meanings flung open, and become acquainted with but a single letter of the hidden divine mysteries. My oppression hath reached such a pass as to efface the name of oppression from every oppressed one. Thereupon do weep the eyes of grandeur behind the pavilions of concealed glory.

Some time ago thy letter reached the hidden abode of the Sovereign Lord of Names and was grasped by the hand of might of Him Who ordaineth as He pleaseth. Due to what was ordained in the heaven of destiny, the reply was delayed, but through the precedence of thy Lord's mercy over all existence, an answer is now sent. Thou must, God willing, exert thy utmost endeavor in safeguarding the Cause of God. God forgiveth what is past, and whosoever ariseth today to aid the Cause of God, the Holy Spirit will descend to assist him. Marvel not at the command of thy Lord, and be not of the doubting ones. God willing, mayest thou not be deprived of the radiance of the rising Sun of inner meanings in this spiritual dawn and divine morn, nor be denied the bounties of the Glorious Cloud. Thus hath been ordained from the grace of thy Lord, if thou dost not withhold from thyself the robes of His guidance and art of those who are firm in the religion of God. Then convey Our remembrance to those servants who have fulfilled God's covenant and acknowledged His sovereignty, and to all those men and women who are with thee. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

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O Ali-Naqi, upon thee be the Glory of God!

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is the Day wherein that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan hath come to pass. The sky hath brought forth manifest smoke, and darkness hath enveloped most lands by reason of the thunder of the cannons of the heedless. Lo, the speckled serpent doth advance and hiss, while the snake of darkness hath sunk to the depths of hell. This is the Day wherein the hearts of men are sorely troubled and the foundations of all lands are shaken by the might of those who have denied God's truth and His proof.

O beloved of My heart! The scratching of thy pen hath gladdened Me, and the fragrance of thine utterance, which I perceived from thy letter, hath stirred Me. When I read and understood it, I made for the highest summit and the supreme horizon until I attained the presence of the Lord of Names. He, glorified be His majesty, said: "What is in thy hand, O thou who art present?" I presented the letter of one who hath turned to Thee, placed his trust in Thee, and held fast unto Thee. Thereupon He commanded me to present it, and I laid it before His countenance. When it was completed, the Tongue of the Lord of all beings spoke that which would melt the hardest rock. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

O Ali! I have found the fragrance of thy love from the garment of thy words, and witnessed thy turning toward thy Lord's horizon, and heard thy call in praise of thy Lord. Blessed be thy face for having turned, thy heart for having drawn nigh, and thy tongue for having uttered praise of the Wronged One, from Whom most of the servants have turned away, save those whom God, the Helper, the All-Knowing, hath willed.

O Pure One! Rejoice in My remembrance. We have heard thy yearning in the love of God and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison in days wherein sorrows have encompassed Us from every side through that which the hands of those who have turned away from the Face have wrought, and who have cast behind their backs the straight Path of God. This is a Day wherein the religion of God lamenteth and every wise command crieth out. The heedless have cast the Cause of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain desires. They are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

Today the Ancient Beauty proceeded from the mansion of Udi to the garden, and after partaking of tea, this servant presented himself with your letter, and after permission was granted, read it. He was blessed both with His attention and honored with His reply. In other places too, mention of you hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in such wise that nothing on earth can compare with it. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. Verily He saw thy devotion and thy turning unto Him, and was with thee when thou didst leave thy house, turning toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Whoso hath attained My presence hath attained unto all good. The Books of God, both past and future, have testified to this. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is among those who have attained. No Book there is but hath taken My Covenant, no Scripture but hath spoken My praise, and no Tablet but hath heralded unto the people My wondrous and glorious Revelation. Thou art he who hath been blessed with

the mention of God time and again, and hast heard My sweetest call when thou wert present at the Supreme Horizon. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

Convey My Great Glory unto the faces of My loved ones who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We make mention of him who hath been named Jalal, that it may be a treasure for him and an honor from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Jalal! Hearken to the Call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee from this Spot which He hath related unto Himself and adorned with the ornament of acceptance and illumined with the lights of His Countenance. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thy father and thy mother and upon thee and upon those whom the affairs of the world have not kept back from the Lord of all creation. Summon ye the world through this Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named ’Ata in the Most Exalted Horizon, that he may hear thy most sweet call and say: “Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all mankind! I thank Thee, O Lord of existence, for having remembered me in the prison and for having turned toward me with a face that hath illumined the horizons. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which Thou hast subdued the world, to assist me in this Cause whereby necks have been humbled. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all commands and ordinances.”

Hold thou fast unto the cord of My bounty and cling to the hem of My mercy. Thy Lord doth witness and behold, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And We make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, who was named Jamal, that this remembrance may be a provision for him in all habitations and journeys. He journeyed unto God until he attained unto the Most Exalted Companion - a station whereof were the light of but a needle’s eye to be revealed unto the world, all its peoples would be thunderstruck. The Mother Book beareth witness unto this. We have made mention of all who, whether young or old, have adorned themselves with the ornament of knowledge and have been illumined by the lights of existence in the days of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from the most exalted station.

The servant testifieth that the world hath been illumined by the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful which shone forth from the heaven of knowledge in this place that hath been named Ridvan and at times the Garden, and which relateth that which the All-Merciful revealed aforetime when His throne was upon the waters. In truth, how can this feeble servant be worthy of this noble station except through God’s grace and the aid of the friends’ attention and prayers? The Command is in His hand - He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

Regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Abdul-Husayn, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah], it was submitted and He said: “God willing, may the fragrance of the King of Martyrs be diffused from him. By the life of God, were the station of the Twin Shining Lights to be revealed to the people of the world, all

would exclaim, 'Thine is the greatness, O Lord of the worlds!' All souls who are related to the Twin Shining Lights are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, and what is meant by this relationship is the true relationship, for if they remain deprived of it, the outward relationship will not compensate nor yield fruit. Today all relationships are severed save the relationship with God. Blessed is he who hath clung thereunto, and woe unto those who stray. We send Our greetings upon his face and counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled Our servants aforetime, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him to stand firm in this mighty Cause."

And as for your mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, his mention had previously been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, he has and will continue to attain the honor of its perusal. Convey on behalf of this ephemeral one greetings to the friends of God. The Truth that knoweth and witnesseth all things is aware that they have not been absent from sight for a moment, and all have the station of a single word, standing before His eyes - meaning those souls whom worldly concerns did not prevent from the Most Exalted Horizon, and whom the thundering of the cannons of oppression did not hold back from the light of justice. This ephemeral one wrote a letter to the beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, the King, the Single, the One, which was sent. God willing it will reach him. Another letter was also sent several months ago which apparently has not yet arrived, and a copy of it has been sent again. It is hoped that it will arrive. And as for the letter of Ibn-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, and all the Most Excellent Grace, and all the Most Luminous Light, etc. of the well-known prayer - it arrived and a detailed response was written containing divine verses. However, due to the turmoil and disturbances in these parts, it was not sent. A brief response addressing some of his questions was written and sent. God willing it will be dispatched in these few days, as the route has now opened and some measure of assurance has been obtained. And regarding what was written about expansion, it was submitted and He said: "Grieve not, for He will send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which shall profit thee in His worlds. He is the Single, the One, the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent." This ended here. Praise be to God that this ephemeral one was assisted in presenting this response, and it has reached this point. And the Leaf desires to conclude with the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, that its ending may be musk and joy and delight. May the Glory that shineth, appeareth and blazeth forth from the lights of the Face be upon you and upon those whose names you mentioned in your letter, and upon those who hold fast to righteousness out of love for God, Creator of the heavens and Originator of all things.

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O Ali! Give thanks to God for having adorned your head with the crown of praise in the days of your Lord, the Possessor of Names, and your temple with the ornament of His service throughout all possibility. We have become aware of your journey to certain regions and your migration in the path of God, the Revealer of verses. This befits you and every devoted soul who has detached himself in His love from all else. O Ali! Under all conditions, exert your utmost effort to unite hearts and gather them together around the Divine Law of God's Cause. Although through God's grace you are adorned with virtuous

character, yet the more you add to it the more beloved it is in the sight of God, so that all may turn to the All-Bestowing through your goodly characteristics. Be vigilant regarding the Cause at all times, as has been revealed from the Pen of Command in previous Tablets. Observe the grace, favor and kindnesses of God. For years one of the servants, whom you know, though he and his followers have secretly been occupied with unseemly words, foul odors and selfish conditions - and God is aware and encompassing of all - We concealed it. As he outwardly spoke the name of God and His mention, We did not oppose him. Over several years, from the Dawning-Place of verses exalted Tablets were specifically revealed and sent to him. In all conditions, both explicitly and implicitly, We summoned him to that pure station which is sanctified from any trace of self and existence, that perchance he might attain the lofty, inaccessible stations. All this was from the grace, mercy and favor of your Lord, for We have never wished nor do We wish that any soul should be deprived of that for which it was created or remain without portion of that which was ordained for it. Despite these successive favors and continuous kindnesses, it is as though he considered God heedless and that God's concealment was due to him. Say: May my spirit and soul be sacrificed for You, O Concealer of the worlds! O Ali! Observe the Cause of the Messenger of God, how at first it was in the utmost ascendancy and elevation, but later it halted. One of the causes that prevented it was that certain souls arose and, claiming they possessed inner knowledge, prevented the helpless people from the Divine Law and the repositories of divine glory. Say: By God! All that is manifest is more exalted than your inner knowledge and every shell is more luminous than your kernel. The sincere have abandoned your inner meanings just as bones are abandoned to dogs.

In these days Divine ordinances are dawning from the Dayspring of heavenly utterance. God willing, they shall be sent hereafter. These two blessed verses were revealed in that Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet: "Among the people is he who taketh his seat in the row of sandals, yet seeketh the seat of honor. Say: Who art thou, O heedless deceiver! And among them is he who claimeth inner knowledge, and knowledge within knowledge. Say: O thou liar! By God, what thou hast is naught but husks which We have left to you as bones are left to dogs."

Consider how every vain soul that appeared drew forth a channel from the Most Great Ocean, and with all deceit and guile arose with personal imaginings and selfish passions, and divided the Muslim community. Say: O thou deluded one! Verily the inner meaning, and the meaning within the inner meaning, and that inner meaning which God hath sanctified beyond all inner and outer meanings unto infinity, circle round this outward Manifestation Who speaketh the truth at the world's center. The Most Great Name hath appeared, the Lord of nations and the Ancient King. None hath any refuge or dwelling-place save in cleaving to this Luminous Handle whereby earth and heaven were illumined, the Throne and the dust shone forth, the Kingdom of Names was lit up, and the Supreme Horizon was illumined. Fear ye God, O people, and follow not the desires of those who follow their lusts, nor the imaginings of those who have arisen with deceit in the realms of creation. Turn with shining faces and radiant brows unto the Dawning-Place of the signs of your Lord, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablet which God hath made the Mother of Tablets and the Lamp of Prosperity between the heavens and the earths.

O Ali! The division of the community hath become the cause and reason for universal weakness, yet most people understand not. Would that certain souls who claim ardor and attraction, passion and

enchantment, and the like, would go to Constantinople and observe the Qadiriyyih monastery and become warned. O Ali! A group is gathered in that place, and by the True One Himself, it hath been witnessed that one of those souls continuously struck himself against stone and mud and wall for more than four hours until there was fear of his perishing. Then he would fall unconscious to the ground and for about two hours would have no awareness at all. And they count these things among spiritual gifts. God is quit of them and We are quit of them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what lieth hidden in the breasts of men.

Likewise there is a group known as the Rifa'i. These souls, by their own account, walk through fire and in moments of ecstasy strike each other with swords in such manner that the observer would think they had severed their own limbs. All this is but tricks and deceit and guile from their own selves. Lo! They are among the most lost. All these things have been witnessed firsthand and most people have seen them. How desirable it would be if one of those deluded souls would turn toward that land and witness the aforementioned monasteries and what transpires therein, that perchance through selfish thoughts and the delusions of deceitful souls he might not be debarred from the direction of Divine Unity and the Lord of all creation.

O Ali! There are and have been people in the islands of India who have denied themselves food and drink, have found companionship with wild beasts, and spend their nights and days in arduous spiritual exercises, constantly engaged in remembrance. Nevertheless, not one of these souls is mentioned in the presence of God, even though they count themselves among the pillars, stakes and unique ones of the earth. Today, the robe of deeds and the crown of actions is the mention of the Most Great Name, both outwardly and inwardly. Verily, it is the Word whereby every party hath been separated, every mountain hath been scattered, every star hath fallen, every sun hath been darkened, every moon hath been eclipsed, every heaven hath been cleft asunder, every earth hath been split, every sea hath subsided, every peak hath trembled, every trunk hath been uprooted, every hill hath been shaken, and every plain hath quaked, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath willed. Whoso acknowledgeth what God hath acknowledged, and confesseth what God hath confessed, is of the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation. Thus hath the command of thy Lord, the Firm, the Mighty, the Wise, been sent down from the horizon of revelation.

Although it is not befitting that the Supreme Pen be occupied with such utterances, yet in view of grace and the precedence of mercy, the Pen of the All-Merciful speaketh in such wise. Where are the mighty ones? Where are the manifestations of steadfastness in the kingdom of creation? Where are the dawning-places of power in the heaven of detachment? O Ali! Until now the Finger of Power hath not rent asunder the veils. Verily, thy Lord is the Concealer. Beseech God that He may cause those souls to remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of all days, with complete steadfastness, detached from all else but Him. By My life! Through this their mention shall be exalted, their names confirmed, their stations realized, and the doors of My knowledge - which is the foundation of the Cause and its beginning, the essence of glory and its sovereign - shall be opened before their faces. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and whatsoever is mentioned therein, and hath turned with an illumined heart toward the court of his Lord, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great.

Your burden is great. Bear it as this Most Tender, Most Delicate, Most Compassionate, Gentle, Wondrous, Luminous Heart hath borne above it. For you must, with wisdom as commanded in all Tablets, purify the people from personal imaginings and unseemly conditions through effective counsels and divine wisdom, and lead them to the most holy court. The first and greatest matter is steadfastness in the Cause. God willing, you must be engaged in service at all times, as indeed you are. Verily, the glory be upon you and upon those who love you purely for the sake of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

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The honored gentleman, His Holiness Afnan, his esteemed honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him.

He is God, exalted be His majesty, grandeur and power.

How delightful is the breeze of reunion that hath wafted, and the fragrance of meeting that hath been diffused at this hour, five hours before sunset, for a distinguished letter bearing spiritual and divine glad-tidings hath arrived. It hath opened the gate of truth and renewed the covenant of presence. In truth, the pen is a great sign from the Ancient Lord, and ink is the supreme gate of love and unity. These two have ever been and shall continue to be the movers of the cord of love. Were the favors of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise the effects and fruits ordained for these two to become manifest, the world would be struck with wonderment. Glorified be their Creator, their Educator and their Originator.

On this day, the twenty-fourth of the blessed month of Ramadan, at seven o'clock, while this lowly one was sitting still and silent, the Clear Book arrived - that is, your letter. It was a true breaking of the fast, and a spiritual fulfillment of yearning and longing. The fragrance of the pen was diffused in such wise as to dispel all traces of weariness, cares and sorrows. Praise be to God, spirit and heart were adorned with the ornament of joy and gladness. After reading it with delight and joy, I approached the Shrine and attained the honor of hearing these exalted words:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy! The servant who is present read the letter which was present before the face [of God]. From every word wafted the fragrance of sincerity, humility, submissiveness, and praise and glorification of God, the Blessed, the Exalted. Each of its words testified with most eloquent utterance to thy devotion, thy steadfastness and thy turning unto Him. Well is it with thee! Pleasant it is to thee! Thou hast taken the cup of divine knowledge from the hand of bounty and drunk therefrom in the name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Blessed Tree hath made mention of its Afnans and continueth to do so. His grace hath encompassed them in all conditions and He is with you wheresoever ye may be. Praise be to God! Ye are mindful and are remembered. The slumber of idle fancies hath prevented the world from beholding the lights of truth and perceiving the effulgences of the Day-Star of divine favor. Glory be to God! The favored community remaineth until now heedless and veiled from the cause of afflictions, tribulations and their abject abasement. The cities and habitations of the people of divine unity are surrounded, while the polytheists encompass them. Every day a tree is

uprooted by devastating winds and a lamp is extinguished. This most grievous malady hath seized the realm of the people of unity, yet despite this they neither have sought nor seek to remove this darkest of afflictions. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through the breezes of the spiritual morn He may grant awareness to His servants, that perchance they may arise from the sleep of heedlessness and act as behooveth them. The Law of God preserveth His servants, and the fear of God restraineth them from that which is forbidden. Yet in this day these two are as rare as red sulfur. Blessed are they who have held fast to the Most Great Law and the mightiest ordinance. We testify that they are the knights in the arena of divine knowledge among all religions. Nothing whatsoever hath prevented them, neither the veils of the world nor the coverings of the nations. These are they whom God hath described in His mighty Book, saying: "Neither merchandise nor traffic beguile them from the remembrance of God." Blessed art thou, O Afnan! We beseech God to open before thy face the gates of grace and blessing, and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Almighty, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

O Siyyid Aqa! Upon thee be the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One and His grace hath encompassed thee. Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto that which was the purpose of creation. Peace and glory be upon you, O Afnan, and the mercy of God and His blessings and His loving-kindness and His favors.

The effulgences of the Sun of true divine unity have shone upon your honor and the rain of divine mercy hath descended upon your noble being. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of the world's peoples that despite the encompassing enemies and the might of the princes and divines of Iran, the way of communication and association with news and writings remaineth open and evident. Tongues cannot adequately render thanks for this peerless blessing unless His grace assist them. His gratitude hath ever outstripped those who are thankful, His praise those who praise, and His mercy the dwellers of the heavens and the earth. In these days the government hath changed. I beseech God to adorn the throne of sovereignty with the form of justice and equity. Verily, He hath power over all things. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Eternal Truth to make your honor a dawning-place for the spreading of His verses and laws and a wellspring of His outpourings[…]

Concerning the mention of Aqa Khan and his arrival with others, as well as the counsel and conversation with him which they had recorded - this was one of the fruits of His Highness's journey. This matter is evidence of the promotion and will of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise bears witness to His true blessings and favors. After this matter was presented before Him, they were inspired to deliver the Word of Truth and imparted that which was manifestly guidance and evident counsel.

O Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God and His favors. This Wronged One hath in all conditions proclaimed the Word of God with the most exalted call, and hath summoned all to that which preserveth them, profiteth them and strengtheneth them. In one of the holy Tablets these words were recorded: Should this Wronged One be drowned in the sea, He would arise from the mountaintops crying "The Kingdom is God's!" And should He be buried in the earth beneath its layers, His call would be heard from the heaven, drawing the servants to the most exalted Paradise. No impediment existeth in that realm and

no veil remaineth. The Command is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In this night thy mention was made repeatedly. Should the servants turn unto that which profiteth them, they shall have attained; and should they turn away, verily He is independent of them. His perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this. In times of tribulation, hardship and adversity, He speaketh and hath spoken without concealment that which is the cause of the supreme triumph and the guidance of the nations. Now the Wronged One and His Afnan hold fast to wisdom and utterance, and speak that which guideth the servants to the Path. Whoso wisheth, let him accept, and whoso wisheth, let him turn away. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From the heaven of utterance, rains have descended in such measure that preservation and presentation have not been possible save in limited measure. Concerning what was written about that land, truly freedom, civilization and its means are daily increasing, especially now that it hath become the place and residence of His Highness. And concerning what was written about the empty shop with the sign “I have placed my trust in God” - truly this is a most perfect merchandise and great in the sight of God. After this matter was presented before Him, they said that this exalted word is like unto a magnet, nay rather greater, attracting that which is the cause of bounty, blessing and nearness unto God. This bounty hath no likeness or equal. Praise be unto Him for what He hath ordained for His Afnan. We beseech Him to aid him with the hosts of grace and favors. Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful.

They smiled much at these words and uttered that which shall have its effect hidden and concealed in the world. God shall soon make it manifest through a command from His presence. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

To the beloved of the heart, Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah] the Most Glorious, I convey greetings and make mention that God is witness and testament that the servant hath ever been and is present before Him. I beseech the Most High to make him one of the interpreters of revelation and inspiration. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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O Haji Mirza ’Ali-Akbar from the land of Nur and Ra, upon him be [Baha’u’llah’s] Glory [96] First Jumada 1304

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise and glory befit those souls at rest and those hearts of strength whom neither the swords of the wicked prevented from the traces of the Chosen One nor did the ranks of oppression hold back from manifesting justice. By their steadfastness the feet of the heedless were shaken, and by their arising the manifestations of power were brought low. They are the dawning-places of might among the servants and the manifestations of what God has willed in the lands. All created things offer prayers upon them when the lights of attributes shine forth.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest my weakness and my impotence. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the chosen ones among Thy servants, and by the breath wherewith Thou hast given life unto Thy creation, to assist Thy friends and loved ones to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to arise to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that I desired to make mention of one of Thy servants from whom and from whose son numerous letters have come in Thy praise and glorification, but the abundance of writing before Thy presence has prevented me from responding. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom, to grant me time not bounded by hours and minutes that I may make mention of Thy loved ones and give them glad tidings of Thy favors and bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant submits that the letters of your honor and your son - upon you both be the Glory of God - arrived one after another like daily sustenance. In truth, they were strengthening nourishment and a joy-giving elixir, for each was adorned with the mention and praise of the Goal of all the worlds. However, the delay in responding was not due to negligence or lack of attention and shortcoming on the part of this servant, but rather due to the abundance of writing before the Throne and lack of opportunity and time. God suffices as witness. The Truth, exalted be His glory, is witness and testament that you have ever been remembered before this evanescent servant and your remembrance and mention have never left my heart, let alone my tongue. At one time, after your honored brother and cherished companion's letter was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these brilliant verses were revealed from the King of earth and heavens. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Informed […]

Ever has the Pen of the Ancient King been engaged and astir in remembrance of His friends. At times the Euphrates of mercy hath flowed from it, and at others the perspicuous Book hath been revealed therefrom. He is the Unique One and the First Speaker of the world. Ever hath He been established upon the throne of transcendence, uttering sufficient counsels and beneficial admonitions. God is witness and mankind doth testify that He hath not for a moment concealed or hidden Himself. He hath arisen before the faces of all the peoples of the world and commanded whatsoever He desired. His purpose hath been the reformation of the world and the tranquility of nations. This reformation and tranquility shall not appear except through unity and harmony, and this shall not be achieved except through the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen. His utterance doth illuminate the horizons with the light of unity. His mention kindleth the fire of love and consumeth the veils that intervene and the barriers that separate. One pure deed shall transcend the heavens; it shall loose the bound wing and restore departed strength. The Shi'ih sect, through their ingratitude and failure to recognize the truth, are accounted as the basest of all sects in the sight of the Lord of all mankind. For thirteen hundred years they cried "O Truth!" and then

martyred Him with the swords of hatred. Such was their recompense on the Day of Retribution, and from that station their deeds are manifest and evident unto this time. The people of Divine Unity are not aware of the cause and reason for the humiliation that hath befallen them. They were the most powerful of all sects, yet now they are seen as the weakest of all sects. Power hath been transformed into weakness, wealth into poverty, glory into abasement, and profit into loss. By the life of God! All this hath been and is the recompense of their deeds. And now, like unto Qarun, they sink into the earth the measure of one measure every moment, yet they perceive it not. Ere long they shall witness in the visible realm whatsoever hath been revealed in the Tablets from the Most Exalted Pen. O people of God! Sanctification, sanctification! Fear of God, fear of God! Be ye like unto the free cypress, and like unto the heart of Baha, detached and free. Say: O people of God! The Helper and Succourer and the hosts of God are, in the Scriptures and Tablets, manifest and evident as the sun. These hosts have ever been and shall remain goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Whosoever today rendereth assistance through the hosts of righteous deeds and character, and ariseth to serve for God and in the path of God, assuredly shall his traces become manifest and evident in all regions. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its influence, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and provided for me, and thanks be to Thee for having made me to know Thee and drawn me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Ancient Days, by Thy Most Great Name and by Thy firm and decisive Command whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty and to cling to the hem of Thy generosity. My Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by that which hath flowed from Thy Pen to aid me in that which beseemeth Thy days and from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure is wafted. Then ordain for me and for those with me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Who can reckon the lights of the luminary of His grace, and who can attain unto the highest pinnacle, the station of His remembrance and utterance? He is the One through Whose word appeared the seas and their waves and what lay concealed therein, and the trees and their fruits and leaves and branches and what was hidden within them, and the mountains and what lay therein of minerals and their mysteries, and the earth and what was treasured therein and appeared therefrom, and the heaven and its suns and stars and creation. This is the station of but one word from the divine words that hath been mentioned with utmost brevity. Should man reflect even briefly upon the ocean of power, he would find himself bewildered. In truth, no tongues, pens or tablets can fulfill or reach its end. Exalted be His grandeur, sublime be His signs, perfect be His favors, and abundant be His bounties and blessings. How often during nights and days doth this servant observe himself bewildered and deep in thought, for on one hand the signs of power, grandeur, loftiness, loving-kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory, are witnessed, and on the other hand the people are seen veiled, forbidden, deprived, heedless and bereft. Glory be to God! What heedlessness hath encompassed the hearts and minds! After witnessing and observing the world of power, might, mercy and bounty, they pass it by and occupy themselves with matters unworthy of mention. This servant and your honor and other friends and loved ones must supplicate the Self-Sufficient with utmost lowliness and imploring, that perchance He may refresh His dispirited servants

through the rains of mercy and grant them awareness from the ocean of grace. He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and He confirmeth whatsoever He desireth.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation and seek His aid that I may make mention of the apple of your eye, Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the glory of God, and fulfill this task. Indeed this word is mentioned by way of apology, for his letters were received repeatedly, but this servant's pen found not the opportunity to reply. However, God is witness and aware that you and your relatives have ever been and are before our eyes and have ever been mentioned in the Most Sublime Vision. It is hoped that complete fruit may be yielded and enduring traces may appear, for any deed - whether it be remembrance, utterance, or action - that is performed for God's sake shall not be without effect. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and verily He is the Gracious, the Merciful, and the Manifest Forgiver. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon your son and upon those whom the fire hath not prevented from drawing nigh unto the light. And praise be to the Lord of the Manifestation.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

Praise and glory befit that Speaker to Whom all created things owe their existence, Who hath renewed the entire world through His Most Exalted Word that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, and Who hath commanded mankind to that which shall profit them in all the worlds of His creation. He is the All-Seeing One for Whose call all ears have been created, and He is the All-Perceiving One for Whose dawning-place all eyes have been brought from nothingness into being. Through His Will and by His hand the kingdom of all things hath been made manifest, and through His all-encompassing Purpose whatsoever He willeth and decreeth doth shine forth. All things testify to His power and the Concourse on High bear witness to His grandeur. He is the Peerless One Who hath ever been sanctified above all likeness and similarity and will forever remain so. There is none like unto Him; He is the One Who is manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I offer praise, salutations and glory unto those servants who have tasted the sweetness of His utterance, who have hastened to the ocean of life through His bidding and leave, and who attained the choice wine when its seal was broken by His name and His finger. These are servants who have cast away the world and have taken hold of that which they were commanded in His Book that hath descended from His dominion and might.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the foundations of every idolater were shaken and every denier did lament, to aid those who have quaffed the Kawthar of Thy love to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Then make them, O my God, the emblems of Thy Name in Thy lands and the standards of Thy guidance in Thy realm. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no thing can hinder. Thou givest and withholdest, and Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, thy letter was received which, praise be to God, was illumined with the light of certitude and perfumed with the fragrance of divine love. This utter nothingness and complete nonexistence doth at all times beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may illumine all servants with the lights of certitude. Today is the springtime of precious things. Tongues, eyes, ears and hearts were created for this most holy and most exalted Day, yet most of the servants are seen to be bereft and deprived of this awareness. In the watches of the night and throughout the day they are occupied with His remembrance, yet remain veiled from Him. How strange is this talisman that hath appeared and how wondrous this magic that hath been made manifest! They spend their entire lives consumed in the fire of search, yet when the Object of their quest appeareth they turn away from Him. They are seekers, yet recognize not their Goal. They are worshippers, yet remain deprived of the Worshipped One. They possess ears, yet in the Book of God are reckoned among the deaf. They have eyes, yet are numbered with the blind.

The friends of God must at all times beseech and supplicate the True One, exalted be His glory, for the deliverance of all, that perchance the people of the world may not remain deprived of this supreme bounty and may not be kept back from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness by vain words, perishable ornaments, and transient colored conditions. The True One, exalted be His glory, is gracious and His grace is all-encompassing; He is merciful and His mercy is evident. After becoming acquainted with thy letter, this evanescent nonexistence did at a certain time repair to the eternal station and presented himself at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! The servant present has come with thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One in this remote spot. We have chosen exile out of love for God, the Lord of all worlds, and have accepted imprisonment for the manifestation of His firm and wise Cause. There hath descended upon Us in the Most Great Prison that which hath caused the Concourse on High to weep, and the dwellers of Paradise and those who bear the Throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great, to lament. And there descended upon Us before this, in the Prison of Ta (Tihran), that which made the eyes of the Messengers weep. We came for their deliverance and upliftment, yet they have imprisoned Us time and again. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! We summoned them to the supreme horizon, yet they barred Us from Our home and confined Us to the most dilapidated of dwellings. Thus was the matter decreed, and We are of those who give thanks. Blessed is he whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from turning, and he whom the power of the rulers hath not frightened from arising. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Your honor hath been and continues to be the recipient of God's favors. Today is the day of steadfastness, and today is the day of goodly deeds. Through word and deed must all peoples be guided. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to the hearing of divine verses and hath perceived their sweetness. God willing, may the friends of Truth be assisted to serve the Cause and be enabled to do that which He loves and with which He is pleased.

As to what thou didst write regarding the visit, it was submitted, and He said that previously this word was revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding this land: “Inwardly it is turbulent while outwardly calm. Soon shall its inward state manifest its outward condition, and its outward state its inward condition.” For this reason and others We have forbidden those who drink from the Kawthar of meeting from turning towards this land. The Sun of Justice is veiled behind the clouds of oppression, as every just and discerning one doth testify. The true friends have been and are longing for attainment unto meeting, and God, exalted be His glory, hath loved the meeting of His friends, but countless veils have intervened. Your honor must in all conditions observe wisdom and hold fast to the cord of consultation. If wisdom permits and affairs are not hindered, permission for presence may be obtained. If they visit, there is and shall be no harm.

Praise be to God, they have been illumined by the lights of the sun of permission, but in all conditions, as commanded, they must observe the requirements of circumstances and wisdom. Verily, He aids whomsoever He willeth and ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey to the beloved Fuad who was mentioned in the letter - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory - this servant’s greetings and salutations. Since they had written of their intention to travel, I did not wish to impose any special burden. God willing, in whatever land, station or realm they may be present, may they be engaged in the mention of God, the praise of God, and service to God’s Cause. Praise be to God, they have been and continue to be thus engaged - blessed are they! I request that you convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of this servant. If wisdom permits, God willing, may every possessor of speech and utterance arise to teach and attain this most exalted and glorious station. Every pure deed that is manifested today from the friends of God is itself a teacher, and in most Tablets this comprehensive and binding word has been revealed. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Exalted Truth that He may confirm the assured and steadfast souls in that which today causes the exaltation of God’s Word. Verily the All-Knowing Lord is the Witness, the Hearer.

You mentioned Haji Ahmad - upon him be the Glory of God - and Aqa Mashhadi Ali and Aqa Khalil - upon them be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, they are remembered in the Most Exalted Court and have attained God’s favors. I request that you convey special greetings to them on behalf of this servant.

Regarding what you wrote about the reply to Ibn-i-Dhabih - upon them be the Glory of God - this servant intended to express to them the degrees of sincerity and send them a letter. However, when mention was made of Jinab-i-Dhabih and his ascension in the presence of the Beloved of all possibility, there was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur that which diffused the fragrance of favor and mercy. But now, since no command has issued from the Source of Command, this servant has also paused. God willing, whatever has been revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding this great calamity will arrive together with this servant’s letter. For now, convey greetings to them on behalf of this servant. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to console his family and enable them to be patient and forbearing. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Glory be upon you and upon him and upon those who have attained to this mighty and wondrous Day. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Your letter dated the twelfth of Muharram al-Haram was received and attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. His blessed and exalted Word: O Amin, your letter arrived and was presented by this servant. In truth, the sapling of existence has drunk from the waters of divine love. This is among the great bounties of the Truth, exalted be His glory. The rain of divine outpourings and the rays of the Sun of inner meanings have showered and shone upon all, yet all remain heedless save whom thy Lord willeth. O Abu'l-Hasan, the Lord of the hidden and the manifest declareth: O people of earth! Today the Mount hath attained the presence of its Interlocutor and the Lote-Tree hath reached its planting place. Blessed is the soul that heareth and findeth, and woe unto the heedless.

All that was in the correspondence from before and after is correct and acceptable, and whatever was [given] to any soul, before the Divine Presence a special course is destined. The Supreme Pen beareth witness to the trustworthiness and truthfulness of My Name Jamal, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and you yourself have also testified, and he has ever spoken well of the friends of God. Nevertheless, some in the land of Ta have accused him - God forbid - of treachery. This is naught but a grievous sin. Beseech and implore the Composer of hearts and the Sovereign of existence that the few souls who have been blessed by the Supreme Pen may arise with complete unity, love and dedication to teach the Cause and aid it. This matter is essential and obligatory, and without it there is no salvation. In discord there is remote, remote impossibility, and in unity the horizons become illumined. In this matter, mighty effort is required.

Concerning what you wrote about the friends in Nun, Jim, Alif, Ra and other lands, each has been mentioned by the Beloved of the world, and from the ocean of divine verses there hath been revealed concerning them that which maketh all the seas of the world appear as but a drop compared to a drop thereof. Beseech the Truth that they may preserve this most exalted station and not be silenced by the croaking of the croakers, the atheists and the deniers. May each be as a fire in the love of God upon a mountain and like the sun at the pole of heaven. And as for what reached Sheikh Muhammad Arab, it is necessary, nay obligatory, that he be looked after according to capacity by the Afnan and yourself.

Regarding the sum of 70 tumans mentioned by Jinab-i-Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, who wrote from the Land of Ta, there are in that land certain steadfast souls who have turned to God, and it is hoped that they will be confirmed and assisted in paying the Huqúqu'llah. Therefore, from the direction of the Supreme Pen this firm command is issued: if they succeed, let them deliver the amount of seventy to the oppressed ones in the Land of Mim, that is, to the relatives of the Martyr, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Blessed is he who has been or will be assisted in this. Otherwise, God, exalted be His glory, is sanctified above what has been and is mentioned, and is above the world and its treasures. Whatever He commands, its fruits return to the servants themselves. Soon they shall see that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken before and will speak hereafter. And even if they present it with the utmost joy and fragrance and complete humility and submissiveness, O Amin, reflect upon the cotton-carders: from the beginning of their acceptance until now, they have arisen to serve the Goal of all the worlds with perfect steadfastness, love, joy and fragrance, to such an extent

that the tongues of the people of God on earth speak their praise and the tongues of the Concourse on high in heaven proclaim their attributes. Exalted, exalted is this mighty and impregnable station! Ask God to increase their bounties at all times. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things. Now if anyone in the Land of Ta is enabled to do so, take it and send it; if not, then let it be. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God! Through the effusions of the Most Exalted Pen - may my spirit and the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of the Cause be a sacrifice unto Him - you have attained. Some time ago the glad tidings of His gracious presence were given, and surely you have attained unto them. In these days there has been no new news except that Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim and Haji Ghulam-'Ali - upon them be the glory of God - arrived, stayed for several days, and then, as commanded, returned to their homelands.

This evanescent servant ever beseeches and implores God, exalted be His glory, to protect His loved ones from the evil of the oppressors, the cawing ones, the doubts of the suspicious ones and the atheists. The key of grace and bounty is in His mighty grasp - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Consider how all the Shi'ih divines - may God forsake them - arose in opposition and issued the verdict for the execution of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Day and night, they and their followers busied themselves with cursing, execration and charges of unbelief, while the cotton-carders, despite them, crossed the bridge and partook of the choice sealed wine. May God protect the people from the evil of the divines.

The purpose of knowledge is the benefit of God's servants, and this has ever been and will continue to be the crafts and trades. He has ever said and continues to say: "Know ye the value of the craftsmen, for they have been and continue to be the cause and means for facilitating affairs." The foundation of religion is made firm through God's Law, and the foundation of livelihood through the craftsmen. By knowledge is meant that knowledge whose benefits reach humanity, not knowledge that leads to pride, arrogance, plunder, oppression, tyranny and pillaging.

Merely upon mention of the name of one of the people of truth before that group, they immediately issue the verdict of unbelief, plunder and death for that helpless one. By the life of my Purpose and thy Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth, that misguided and misleading sect - namely the Shi'ih - committed that which neither the Jews, nor the Magians, nor even the idolaters have done the like. God protect us and you from the evil of these people and from the evil of the people of the Bayan who have violated the Covenant and who walk in their footsteps and say what their desires command them. Verily they are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

I convey greetings and salutations to the friends in every land and beseech God to strengthen and protect them all, that they may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of the past, and that through Ja'far and his sons Ahmad and others they may not be kept back from God's straight path. Reflect upon the fabrications of the Shi'ih sect: for one thousand two hundred years they called the truthful one a liar, and the heedless people called the son of the Imam and the brother of the Imam himself a liar, and they were unaware. And all these things came to pass through the word of one like Ibn-i-Ja'far. That which befell the

world, befell it. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - was martyred through the word of that vile one and two or three others like him, for they ruled that whosoever says the Qa'im is in the loins and must be born is an infidel whose killing is obligatory. Thus did that occur whereat the atoms of all created things wept. They judged contrary to what God had revealed in the Book[…]

We beseech God to deal with them according to His justice, not His grace. Enough trouble has been given; I shall not further impose upon that Beloved One and shall end this letter with these words: Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have arisen to aid the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The Servant

15th of the month of Safar 1303

Multiple petitions have reached the Most Holy Court from Eliyahu. According to the Command, either something should be given to him so that he may be freed from debt and proceed to another land, or some occupation should be arranged for him. O Amin, although thou art poor, I know thy Lord is also poor, meaning He is sanctified from earthly ornaments. By the life of God! The treasures of the world are as non-existent and null before one drop from the ocean of His riches. Be thou assured. Verily thy Lord is the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee, and I am the Remembering, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting

This is the Book wherein there is no doubt, sent down in truth from the presence of One Wise and All-Informed. It guideth mankind unto the precincts of an exalted mercy and causeth them that are detached to enter upon the shore of the ocean wherefrom branched forth the seas of names - this being of the grace that hath encompassed all the worlds. It giveth the unitarians to drink from the Euphrates of God's loving-kindness and raiseth up the oppressed unto the court of an all-glorious Name. Say: O people! We had forsaken this Cause at the time We entered into this station wherein no cry was raised from Us to anyone, and We remained quiet in the prison, silent from every wondrous mention. We had closed the gates of utterance upon the tongue, and thus were We for many days. We made mention of God in the secret of secrets with a hidden and mysterious tongue, until the days passed and the nights elapsed while We were in this condition which none among all the people could comprehend.

Then did the Herald call out from every near direction: "Arise, O servant, from thy slumber, then remind the servants of what God hath taught thee, and be not obstinate in the Cause. Art thou grieved by what hath befallen thee at the hands of these oppressors? This is of My ways, and for My way there is no alteration or change. Hast thou forgotten God's covenant when thou didst covenant with Him, before the creation of all contingent things in the particles of eternity, that thou wouldst be martyred in His path? This, verily, was an inevitability decreed in the Mother Book. Raise, then, thy head from the couch of

quiet and tarry not in helping thy Lord, even though God is independent of the help of one such as thee. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee, neither be thou distressed by what the misguided ones have falsely alleged against thee. God sufficeth thee as a helper and supporter."

Glorified art Thou, O my God! By Thy might, I yearn to lay down my life in Thy path, at every morn and eve. By Thy glory, O my God, were Thine enemies to slay me at every moment, the fire of my love for Thee would not be quenched; nay, it would increase with each passing instant, and Thou art well aware of this. For this do I thank Thee, and complain not to Thee of them, for they have denied Thee and Thy signs, and have failed to recognize Thy Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of wisdom. All this they do openly, without any veil or covering, whether thick or thin.

But those who claim to love Thee yet turn away from Thy beauty - this is grievous to me and to all who are nigh unto Thee. They act thus despite Thy having counseled in all Tablets, nay in every beauteous line, that they should not turn away from Thy verses when revealed in truth, nor close their eyes to the beauty of Thy glorious majesty. It is as though Thou hadst revealed the Bayan solely to guide them to Thy proofs, yet they have turned away from Thee and turned to their own selves, and Thou art aware of all this. Would that they were content with this! But they have spoken concerning me that which no believer would speak of even the most wretched transgressor. Through all this have I remained patient in the path of Thy love. Thus hast Thou made me, O my God, a target for the swords of these two factions, and I know not what to do hereafter, and Thou art witness to their deeds.

Yet by Thy presence, I grieve not for myself, but for Him Whose appearance Thou hast promised unto Thy servants in the latter resurrection. Oh, what sorrow I feel for Him in this day, and for what shall befall Him at the hands of those who claim faith for themselves and who imagine themselves unique in their belief. They shall oppose Him as they have opposed me, and this is clear proof and testimony thereof.

By Thy might, O my Beloved, We find none with vision to behold Thy signs with their own eyes. Rather, they see through the eyes of their leaders, affirm what they affirm, and deny what they deny, though Thou didst strictly forbid them from this. By Thy glory, O my God, I have found no word of truth from these people, nor any spiritual movement. They walk in the valley of desires and commit all manner of transgressions and evil deeds. This they do in secret, while in public they speak Thy praise and occupy themselves with Thy glorification at every sunrise and sunset.

When one appears with clear signs, they draw against him the swords of their souls, hearts, and tongues, striking without delay or hesitation. They have forgotten all that Thou didst command in the Book, though but few days have passed since Thy time. They have reached such a state of pride and heedlessness that they recognize God's grace, signs, and proof, then deny them, thus showing their rebellion against Thy presence. Yet they consider themselves among those who are trustworthy with God's messages.

O my God, by Thy might! No spot remaineth in my body that hath not been struck repeatedly by the swords of Thine enemies. Hearest Thou not the cry of the oppressed, O Thou Who holdeth in Thy grasp the reins of all the worlds? Wilt Thou not answer him who calleth upon Thee? Wilt Thou not dispel the afflictions of this poor, wretched soul whom Thou hast placed at the mercy of all, both high and low? Wilt Thou not stay the hands of the oppressors from my person, when Thou assuredly hast power over all

things? When such as these exist in Thy realm, wherefore didst Thou manifest me amongst them and inspire me, O my God, with these words which have aroused such rancor in their hearts that their very hearts and limbs are well nigh torn asunder? And verily Thou encompasseth all things. It is as though they desired naught save to preserve their leadership, which they have seized through their own devices.

They became joyous within themselves and led those who followed them in heedlessness to such a state that were they to behold the gleaming lights, they would ask if the light was luminous, and were the Sun of Eternity to shine upon them, they would examine a dung beetle and ask if the sun was radiant. Therefore, open your eyes, O concourse of the heedless! These are the lights of the Sun that have encompassed your backs, your right, your left, above you, below you, your south and north. Therefore, O my God, what am I to do with them, and what is the fruit of my appearance amongst these people after Thou hast caused them to stand in the land of limitation while Thou hast elevated me to a station where the hands of unity fall short of reaching? Moreover, how can my Cause accord with their condition? Therefore, O my God, purify the hem of my robe from their clinging, then occupy them with that to which they are attached and with which they are content.

Thus am I left, O my God, alone in Thy land and solitary in Thy realm, with no one walking upon this path which is truly straight. How often in the evening, O my God, have mine eyes turned toward the direction of Thy grace and the dawn of Thy relief and bounties, yet found no rising of the morn of Thy gifts. How often in the morning, O my God, have mine eyes watched for a glance of Thy providence and favors, yet witnessed no appearance of the sun of Thy generosity and benevolence.

How long, O my God, wilt Thou not have mercy upon Thy servant whom none of Thy creatures would show mercy to, and who has spent his life imprisoned in their midst? Praise be unto Thee, O my God, in all of this, and I beseech Thee for patience in what Thou hast decreed and wilt decree, that I may be numbered among the patient ones recorded in the Tablets.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which sorrow is transformed into joy, hardship into ease, and darkness into light, that Thou mayest send down, O my God, at this moment that which will dispel our sorrows and sever us from all else besides Thee, O Thou in Whose hand are bounty and benevolence, and the dominion of might and forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, and verily, Thou art wise over all things.

He is the Mighty

The mysteries of God have ever been and will forever remain hidden in the veils of the unseen, especially this Cause, whose essence has been concealed and protected, and none has comprehended it save God, thy Lord. For this reason, this divine Lote-Tree and manifest yet hidden mystery has endured from both friends and foes that which no pen or ink can recount, as thou hast been informed of some of these matters. Thou must now strive with utmost diligence to promote the Cause of God, though verily thy Lord is independent of all the worlds. In all circumstances, keep thy gaze fixed upon the root of the Cause and whatsoever appeareth from Him, ever mindful of all the friends, whether among the emigrants or those who remained, all of whom are present before Us.

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May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love and a sacrifice for your service! After visiting your letter which was in truth a dawning-place of joy and a dayspring of delight, it was presented before the Throne and all was laid before His countenance. In truth, the sweet fragrances of the Beloved were wafting from that blessed letter. No other proof or evidence is needed - the very verses sent down from the heaven of Divine Will bear witness to the Most Great Bounty and the Supreme Favor. Therefore you must at all times praise the Beloved of all possibility with the utmost joy and delight. This servant, after the revelation of these exalted verses, with faltering tongue expressed on your behalf our nothingness, evanescence and unworthiness of these infinite divine bestowals, and with a hundred thousand tongues I offer thanks to the Beloved of the world, for He has manifested the perfection of favors toward you. Verily the servant thanks Him with the tongue of all things, the atoms of the world, and the sands of the desert, and with a hundred thousand expressions of powerlessness and supplication I beseech that it may find acceptance with God. In any case, the Divine bounty toward you has been and will be greater than what this evanescent one can mention. For each of the names that was in your letter, one after another, wondrous and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's favor and were sent. God willing, may they reach their recipients that they may drink from the Salsabil of revelation and receive their portion from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance. Happy are they! For some of the souls mentioned, Divine Tablets were sent repeatedly and successively, and specifically for Mulla 'Ali-Jan, one wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of utterance and was previously sent. However, it is strange that some souls are very eager and diligent in obtaining Tablets meant for the divine loved ones, and after obtaining them deliver some while keeping others. I beseech God to enable all to be trustworthy and honest. Alas, alas! Then alas, alas! The servant's eye weeps for what has befallen the temple of [trustworthiness] among the people. Were I permitted, I would mention that which would cause the world to lament, but conceal and be patient. Verily my Lord is the Concealer, the Patient, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And another submission is that the response to the petition of Maneckji Sahib has descended from the heaven of divine will and been sent. And since it was revealed in the Persian tongue, perchance it may influence some and its fruits become manifest. This servant has written a copy of it in clear script and sent it, so that any of the friends who wish may make copies from it, allowing the original Tablet to reach its recipient without defect or flaw. In any case, if copies are made, corrected, and given to some, perhaps it will bear fruit. But in all circumstances act with wisdom. I swear by the fragrance of His garment that if all people were receptive, this one Tablet alone would suffice. And regarding what you wrote about whether to move openly or remain concealed, it was submitted before the throne and He said concealment is better and you will be more at ease. It is strange that people have not yet realized that the Dawning Place of divine revelation and the Dayspring of the Lord's Cause has never intended corruption, conflict and contention. Would that they could perceive even an atom's weight of the fragrance of God's will! In that case they would surely know that what He has willed is more precious than red sulfur and more exalted than all that exists on earth. Since they have not caught a whiff from the rose garden of God's will, they oppose the friends of Truth out of fear for themselves. In all matters and circumstances keep your gaze fixed on wisdom. It is not fitting for anyone to speak an improper word

regarding the government at this time. In truth, considering the opposition of the clergy and the hardness that has seized those souls, His Majesty the Sultan has conducted himself very well. In any case, the government shows consideration for the people of the nation, as undertaking anything that would cause general public disturbance has never been and is not acceptable to the government, for it must preserve its throne and sovereignty. This much has been clear to your honor, that in the Most Great Scene mention was made of the Sultan favorably. If one of these oppressive clerics were to become sultan, then the worth of all sovereigns would become clear and evident to you. Would that you could see Sheikh Hussein, the oppressor and oppressed one of Shiraz - one whose name is "oppressed" but from whose evil and tyranny hundreds of thousands of oppressors have sought and seek refuge in God. Thus does your Lord speak to you and jest that you may rejoice, and that every insightful servant may rejoice.

As to what you wrote concerning Muhammad-Taqi, yes, he arrived and attained the Most Holy Presence for several days, and at the time of his departure, He specifically told him: "Be vigilant lest the satans take you from the highest heaven to the lowest depths" - this was the essence of the blessed words. Now this servant hopes he will return. If anyone sees him, let them say: "You are a servant of God and I am a servant of God. In utmost poverty and nothingness I say, I swear by the Sun of Sanctity that you were confused and deceived, and I beseech you to return and associate for a time with those souls in that land, but with complete insight until what is hidden from you becomes clear." Today you reached that station but were not aware. This servant was with Him for twelve years and engaged in His service by God's command. Would that you had been with me and known what I knew. These few words were mentioned for God's sake that perchance you might not exchange the pure wine for the murky cup. The command is in God's hand - He gives to drink and withholds. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to what you wrote asking whether previous petitions had received replies - whatever has descended from the heaven of grace, before, after and during, will suffice for all. And concerning what you wrote about the fiery Tablets he brought for some - if those same Tablets' owners would reflect upon them, they would testify to the writer's heedlessness and would become aware.

The mention of Ali-'Askar and Shir-'Ali and Mirza that was at the end of your letter was presented, and divine favors were manifest and dawning in relation to each one. We beseech God to assist them, make them successful, and grant them the best of what lies with Him. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

As commanded, you must strive greatly to keep matters concealed and in sending mail, for if the internal and external satans discover that news arrives from the Most Holy Presence, they will surely cause mischief, and perhaps some may be moved to attempt service in their imagination and inform certain princes and ministers hoping to gain favor. In any case, concealment is necessary and obligatory, and this has been and will be the main reason for delay in responding to petitions. If some way could be found to keep this matter concealed, wondrous and novel Tablets would always be sent specifically for the friends.

Another submission: Convey the Most Glorious Ancient Greeting from this evanescent servant to the friends of God - those souls who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have drunk from the wine of steadfastness. The son of His Honor A.T., upon him and his father be the Glory of God, whose mention was in your letter - countless greetings from this servant dependent on your favors are extended to him. Likewise to Karbila'i Mahdi and the other friends, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful. And the

Most Glorious Glory be upon you and those with you. The people of the pavilion of divine protection remember your honor with the most wondrous, exalted and glorious mentions and greet you with the most impregnable, holy greeting. Similarly all the friends in the Prison Land, one and all, express their sincere greetings to your honor.

The Servant

25 Ramadan 1295

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He is God, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty!

Immeasurable praise befitteth the peerless and incomparable One Who hath illumined the dawning-points of the hearts of those who have turned towards Him with the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity, and Who hath drawn receptive realities through the magnet of His Creative Word. He is the Omnipotent One Whom no matter can hinder in His power and no thing can prevent His all-encompassing Will from penetrating. Through His pure grace and mercy He hath caused the Sun of Truth to appear in the world and guided those who had lost their way in the wilderness of ignorance and perplexity to the dayspring of grace and favor. Blessed is the soul that hath in this great Day attained unto the recognition of this mighty Cause and found its way to the straight path.

O thou who hast quaffed the crystal waters of divine knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, who art illumined by the lamp of the knowledge of the Lord of all possibilities, and who dwellest beneath the shade of the Tree of divine grace, the Mighty, the Help in Peril! Thy letter, which bore expressions of love and reflected the subtleties of intimacy and unity, became the cause of joy and gladness. Praise and thanksgiving be unto God that thou art engaged in service to His Cause and art arising to assist it. This is a bounty that hath had no peer or likeness in the divine worlds, for it is the key to the treasures of generosity and favor, and the cause of the manifestation of the subtleties of grace and mercy. It behooveth thee to thank Him at all times with every expression and tongue.

Concerning what thou didst write about the letter 60, we beseech God to acquaint him with that which will benefit him and others. In truth, man is unaware of what is beneficial for him unless he is aided by the confirmations of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. These matters have been discussed repeatedly and were explained in such a way as would suffice any thoughtful and discerning person. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will guide all to that which is the cause of success and pure righteousness and prosperity. Verily, He is the Gracious, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

As for what thou didst mention concerning the arrival of him who turned away, reflect upon past ages and bygone centuries. Those who were greater in station and mightier in person arose to extinguish the light of God, yet found themselves in manifest loss. Where are Pharaoh and his hosts, Nimrod and his armies, Abu Jahl and his ignorance and his remoteness from the knowledge of God and his heedlessness?

Should all who are on earth arise to extinguish this Light that shineth from the horizon of Sinai, and should they assist one another and grasp at every means, they shall find themselves in evident loss, and the Cause will remain God's, the Lord of all worlds. It is most clear that even if the whole world should unite and strive with utmost effort to extinguish this Fire, they shall surely find themselves powerless. The Fire that hath been kindled by divine power in the world of existence shall never be extinguished by the winds of the vain imaginings of heedless souls, nor shall it be quenched by the waters of the doubts and intimations of deluded forms. Yea, every Cause hath an appointed time for its manifestation in the world of existence. When its time cometh, the standards of the Cause shall be raised, and the believers shall say: The dominion belongeth unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the deception of the veiled ones and their dissembling, and their striving to conceal the Cause through their vain imaginings - this is their way and the way of those who follow them, and this befits them and those who walk in their footsteps. The way of the people of certitude is to remain steadfast on the path of divine knowledge and to stand firm in the Cause of their Lord, the Sovereign of all religions. By thy life! Through their steadfastness are broken the backs of the people of vain imaginings, and severed are the cords of hope of the idol-worshippers. I beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of steadfastness and to establish them firmly upon the path of divine knowledge. Steadfastness is a shield that rendereth ineffective the swords of tyranny and oppression and the arrows of vain imaginings. Blessed is he who is adorned with its robe and armed with its weapons. He hath indeed achieved salvation and caused others to be saved, and hath attained unto good in this world and the next.

Regarding what was written about the question of the veiled ones and its answer - assuredly whatever is mentioned of such matters and whatever comprehensive and sufficient answer is given is most beneficial and profitable. We hope that thou wilt ever be successful and confirmed in all circumstances, and arise to celebrate the praise and serve the Cause of the Lord of all names. After thy letter was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and mention was made of that beloved one, the tongue of bounty spoke these resplendent words - exalted be His utterance and magnificent His favor:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy! Thou hast ever been blessed with the mention, praise, bounty and grace of the True One, exalted be His glory. This is a great bounty - know thou its worth. I swear by the light of the Day-Star of Utterance which shineth from the highest horizon of the world that the worthless ones of the earth and the weak-natured ones of this world were not and are not worthy to hear this utterance. For twelve hundred years they were worshippers of vain imaginings, and the people of the Bayan, despite having witnessed with their own eyes the deeds and actions of those souls and their fruits on the Day of Judgment, again clung to the same vain imaginings. All testify that not a single one of the divines, from the inception of Islam until now, was aware of the nature of His appearance. The eyes, both outer and inner, were fixed and gazing upon the mythical Jabulqa while the Countenance of the Desired One appeared from the womb of His mother in Persia. The power of God made manifest the loss of all. Now Hadi of Dawlatabad, through names and past vain imaginings, hath in his own estimation established the straight path. Shame upon him, his fidelity, his knowledge and his

understanding! Say: Be fair, by God! Look at what hath been sent down in truth and be not of the wrongdoers. By God's life! What hath been revealed in this Revelation is not equaled by what was revealed in the past. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one, and every learned and informed one. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Hope! With what tongue can I make mention of Thee in a manner worthy of Thy sanctified court, and with what utterance can I thank Thee in a way befitting the gate of Thy detachment? By Thy glory, I see my pen powerless to render thanks for even the least of Thy favors, and my tongue unable to express praise for the manifestations of Thy bounty and generosity. Through pure grace and bestowal, Thou hast made known to us that which remained hidden from the learned and the mystics, and which was denied by the divines and the eloquent. This is solely through Thy might and power and Thy grace and mercy; else who is capable of knowing Thy Cause as it is, and who can comprehend Thy Manifestation as Thou art? I beseech Thee to assist us in raising the banners of gratitude and praise amidst all created things, and to grant us the Kawthar of steadfastness in Thy Cause and the Salsabil of firmness in the path of Thy love. Enable us to teach Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance throughout the contingent world and to guide the followers of all religions to the city of knowledge and understanding. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Triumphant, the Glorious, the Helper. Preserve, O my God, those who love Thee and who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, who have devoted themselves to the service of Thy Cause in the cities of Thy creation. Honor them at all times with the robes of Thy bounty and generosity, and aid them in that which they desire. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the Everlasting, the Most High, the Most Great. O Lord! Thou seest those who are heedless of Thy remembrance and are veiled from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Thy Revelation, wandering in the wilderness of allusions and bewildered in the desert of veils. I beseech Thee, by Thy pure power, to manifest in the kingdom that which will draw all unto the court of Thy knowledge and bring them near to the city of Thy wisdom and knowledge. They are Thy servants and are in the grasp of Thy power. They know not what profiteth them and what harmeth them. I beseech Thee to make known to them that which is best for them in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Moreover, remember and glorify the friends of God who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and who utter His praise and remembrance with pleasing words and exalted glorifications. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon the steadfast servants of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. 202

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Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-i-Milani, upon him be the Glory of God

In the blessed month of Ramadan 1299

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the sovereignty and the kingdom, and His is the might, the grandeur and the dominion. He sendeth down what He willeth and withholdeth from whom He willeth. His Most Exalted Pen hath appeared and through it He hath ordained for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth. He is the Interpreter, Whom the All-Merciful hath described and made to move among the religions. Exalted is the Desired One Who hath come with the truth and hath spoken that which was the pure wine of divine knowledge for all who dwell within the realm of possibility. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And now, thy letter was received which, praised be God, was adorned with the sweet-scented breeze of the Beloved of the worlds. This evanescent servant hath ever mentioned and continueth to mention the friends of God. They have always been and remain before mine eyes. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid them and enable them to achieve that which is the cause and means of drawing near unto Him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Munificent, the Generous.

After perusing and becoming acquainted with the contents of thy letter, this servant turned towards the most holy, most exalted Court and presented a detailed account. These sublime words were revealed and sent down from the Dawning-Place of divine favors, the Source of verses. His blessed and exalted Word:

"O ʼAli! The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of God, yet most are deprived of recognizing the Ocean of His Revelation. Whosoever hath today attained unto this supreme gift must render thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, throughout the endurance of His earthly and heavenly kingdoms. This dependeth upon divine grace and assistance. We counsel all the friends to that which is the cause of progress and the means of elevation. Jinab-i-Alif and Ha and all other friends are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they be assisted through His grace to achieve goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Man is like unto a sword, and its essence is forbearance and godliness. So long as it remaineth sheathed in the scabbard of self, its true quality remaineth unknown. Supplicate God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to attain unto the station of maturity, which is the station of certitude and divine knowledge. From this station We send Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones who have turned unto Me and have attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds." The Word hath ended.

Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace, for thy mention hath repeatedly been made in the Most Holy Court. This is a great bounty; were its station to be made manifest, all would be amazed.

A letter from Haji ʼAli-ʼAskar, upon him be the Glory of God, reached this servant. After perusing it, it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. He said: "May he, God willing, be assisted in that which God loves." That which was indicative of the favor of God, exalted be His glory, was revealed specifically for him. Verily We have mentioned him and will mention him, and We counsel him to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this mighty Cause. The people of the world have been prevented from recognizing God, exalted be His glory, and turning towards Him by the promptings of self and desire. Blessed is the soul who has today drunk from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attained that which was intended. Praise be to God in all conditions. The friends must today know their worth and preserve their stations through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He is the

Preserver, the Observer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily God has forgiven thy father and thy mother. He is indeed the Forgiver, the Mighty, the Generous. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's favor, then render thanks unto Him at morn and eventide. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds.

God willing, may you ever be blessed with the outpourings of the ocean of inner meanings and be confirmed in that which God loves. This evanescent servant at all times beseeches assistance and favor from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, on behalf of the friends, especially those friends who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. I request that you convey my greetings to the friends of God.

Likewise, mention was made of Aqa Muhammad-Rida at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and these words were revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's favor concerning him. His exalted Word: "O Rida! We have heard thy call and beheld thy turning and attraction, and We make mention of thee with these sublime words that thou mayest, with the utmost joy and gladness, engage in the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, in this Day of Manifestation. Contingent existence is observed to be like unto a mirage, or like the remnant of the sun's reflection upon the mountains which will soon be overtaken by extinction. Blessed is the soul that in these blessed days has attained unto that from which the fragrance of eternity is wafted. Heedlessness hath encompassed the world. All are seen to be clinging to that which is transient and deprived of that which is everlasting, save whom God willeth. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued what was and what will be, to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy generosity, and to decree for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

That which was mentioned by Karbila'i 'Ali – upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory – those very passages were presented before His presence. He said: "The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison. He is the All-Seeing, He heareth and answereth, and He is the Hearing, the Responding One. As to thy request from God, exalted be His glory, for true vision, praise be to God, this desire was granted even before being expressed. For hadst thou not possessed true vision, thou wouldst have been found heedless of the Truth, even as most of the world's people – whether divines, rulers, or others – are today deprived and unaware. How many kings today remove their hats at the mention of one of God's names, yet remain deprived of, barred from, and heedless of God, exalted be His glory, Who is the Creator of names and their Quickener. Whosoever hath today attained unto the recognition of God is and shall be regarded as the most exalted of all creation in the sight of the Truth. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most exalted station. Soon shall the station of those who have turned unto Him become evident and manifest to all others. We beseech God to assist thee in that which causeth steadfastness, the manifestation of grace, and service to His Cause."

Regarding what thou didst write about journeying to the Holy Land, thou hast permission, but He said: "Be patient, for verily He is with His patient servants." Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto His presence and drink from the cup of meeting. At present, due to the upheavals in these parts, such a journey is not permitted. He commandeth thee with that which is best for thee. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Concerning the sum thou didst write about, let nine tumans thereof be delivered to Nabil-i-Akbar – upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory – who is in the Land of Ta [Tehran], that he may, on behalf of the Truth, host the friends of God. The remainder should be given to Muhammad-'Ali from the Land of Sad. This evanescent servant beseecheth God that He may shelter beneath His grace those souls who have turned to Him and remained steadfast, as well as those who act according to what hath been revealed in the Book and pay the Rights of God.

O my God, my Hope, my Beloved, and my Desire! I beseech Thee to assist the servants of Thy path in benevolent matters. In this matter, bestow Thy special grace upon the giver, the recipient, the partaker, and the one who administers. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God, all the names mentioned in thy letter have been blessed with special favors, and for each one, clear verses have been revealed from the heaven of grace. His is the praise and the bounty. Ever are those who turn unto Him, the sincere ones, the unitarians, those who remember Him, those who seek Him, and those who hope in Him – all are mentioned before His presence and are blessed with infinite favors. May God, exalted be His glory, assist all to recognize this Most Great Station. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whose names thou didst mention before His presence, and upon every one who hath turned unto Him and remained steadfast. And praise be to God, the Single, the All-Knowing.

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The Most Glorious One witnesses His friends and guides them all to the straight path. Today the straight path is manifest and the hidden mystery that was forever concealed in the divine treasuries of infallibility is now evident. Blessed are they whom the outward circumstances of the world and its ornaments have not deprived of the Most Exalted Horizon. The waves of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance have reached their highest surge, and the horizon of the world is illumined and radiant with the lights of the Greatest Luminary, yet the various sects and heedless souls remain deprived and forbidden. Those servants who considered themselves the most exalted, most excellent and most learned of all creation, on the Day of Manifestation prevented people from turning to the Truth and encouraged them to turn away. These are the ones who, throughout all ages and centuries, have done to the Manifestations of God's Cause and the Dawning Places of His Divine Revelation that which caused grief and sorrow to the world. By God's life! Had the Sources of Divine commandments not been saddened, you would have beheld all the world rejoicing. From the sorrow of those holy souls, the fire of grief was kindled in the world and the light of joy was veiled.

O Allah-Virdi! The Wronged One of the horizons mentions thee from this Most Great Prison, and likewise His loved ones - those souls who have drunk from the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting God and who are gazing toward and are turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. All must recognize the worth of this most exalted station and supreme rank, and must occupy themselves with the praise and glorification of the Peerless Beloved. They must hold fast to the cord of unity and cleave to the hem of concord, for through unity the light of the Cause will encompass the horizons and illumine hearts. Today the

springtime of utterance hath made the world fresh and adorned, and the true door of inner meanings hath been opened in the name of the Divine […]. All things and the Concourse on High speak in remembrance of the Lord of Names and make mention of His praise. Today every secret is made manifest and every hidden thing is revealed. The loved ones of God must arise with the utmost endeavor and striving to exalt the Word of God - an arising that neither the calumnies of the world nor the doubts of the nations can prevent.

We previously informed all of the braying of the brayerers who will soon pass through that land. These are the manifestations of Satan who, with the utmost cunning, deception, and outward humility and submissiveness, prevent the servants from the Dawning Place of the Light of Oneness. All must drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness and from the cup of assurance in such wise that the braying of the brayerers will not affect them. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast to that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. Verily, He sufficeth you, by the Lord of all the worlds.

We counsel all to such deeds as will guide humanity and to such character as will deliver the servants from the wilderness of error. Religion is as a lamp, and trustworthiness is as a kind companion, and truthfulness is as a garment for the temple of man. The doer is known by his deeds, not his words. Deeds are as a mirror that telleth the story of the doers. Acceptable deeds are clearly distinguished from those that are rejected. Some, with perfect adornment, consider themselves superior to all creation, though they are not worthy of mention - they are as a straw before the fierce winds of self and passion, which carry them wheresoever they list. From the beginning of days until now, We have mentioned the servants with clear utterance […]

We have imparted the Word and shown the Way, and commanded that which leads to success and prosperity. Blessed are they whose evil deeds have not prevented them from good and pure deeds. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One, and beseech God to protect you from the hosts of self and passion, and to aid you in that which befits His days.

Muhammad and Muhammad attained the Most Holy Court and achieved that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. The first Muhammad twice partook of the cup of reunion, and the second once. Their reward is with God, their Creator. Every pure deed is a treasure for its doer with God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he who has attained, and woe unto the heedless.

They mentioned the friends of that land, both men and women, and each has been blessed by God's favors. Some have sought permission for attainment of His presence. In these days this is not permitted, as the transgressors and idolaters lie in wait. However, for every soul who is today enkindled with the fire of divine love and stands firm on the path of His Cause, the Supreme Pen records for them, should God will and desire, the reward of attainment. O people of God! Strive that ye may achieve that which befits this most great bounty.

From this station We send Our greetings upon you and upon those who have testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of the heavens and earth. These are indeed among the triumphant in God's Book, the Lord of the worlds. They who have acted according to what God has revealed - these are the successful ones. And they who have held fast to the Book when it was sent down

in truth - these are the near ones. O people of God! Take hold of God's Book with the strength that comes from Him, then act according to what is revealed therein. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, hears and sees, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who turned to the Most Glorious Horizon, who arose to serve his Lord, attained His presence, and drank the choice wine of life from the hands of His bounty. He was named Varqa in the Book of Names. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, to strengthen him, draw him nigh unto Him, and ordain for him what He has ordained for His chosen ones who were not frightened by hosts and multitudes. O Varqa! Hear the call of thy Lord, then remind the people of what has been sent down from God, the Lord of existence. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Set aside what the people possess and hold fast to the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. He has remembered thee at this hour and adorned thy temple with the ornament of grace. Be thankful and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and all glory be to Thee, O Thou the Beloved of all that was and shall be.

We make mention of Alif and Ha [Ahmad] who turned to the Countenance on a day wherein trembling seized the inhabitants of earth and the tribes wailed out of fear of God, the Lord of this promised Day. O Ahmad! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then thank thy Lord. We have remembered thee with that which nothing in all creation can equal, as attesteth He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. O Ahmad! Thank God for having enabled thee and thy sons to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses, the Dayspring of His Cause, and the Manifestation of His Self, Whose appearance was heralded in God's Books of the past and future, and beyond them the Tongue of Grandeur in this praiseworthy station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon every servant who has attained and every maidservant who has turned to and believed in God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

O my God and my Lord! Thou seest Thy servants turning unto Thee, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and confessing that which Thou hast sent down unto them from the heaven of Thy Will and the clouds of Thy Purpose. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all created things appeared and all contingent beings emerged, and through which the breezes of Thy bounty wafted over Thy creation and the streams of Thy mercy flowed amongst Thy servants, to aid them to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Then inscribe, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, for the people of Sin and Ya and their surroundings that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. Then ordain for those who have lamented in their separation from Thee and cried out for reunion with Thee the recompense of meeting Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the conditions of the world cannot frustrate. Strengthen the limbs of Thy loved ones to serve Thee. Thou art He to Whose power every possessor of a tongue hath testified, and to Whose sovereignty every person of grandeur hath confessed. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy command, and decreest what Thou desirest by Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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This hath been sent down for Muhammad, that he might praise his Lord and be numbered among them that render praise, mentioned in the Tablets of Glory. He is the Ever-Abiding, the Most Glorious.

This is a Book wherein is mentioned that which the Spirit hath inspired Me, and verily it is a revelation from God and a sign of His remembrance unto them who have acknowledged God and His verses. It guideth them unto the Path, and increaseth naught for the idolaters save manifest loss. This, verily, is the Path of God in the heavens and on earth, and His Hidden Book for them that are in the kingdom of Command and Creation, and His Treasured Scripture for them that are in the realm of the All-Glorious, and the Manifested Tablet for all who dwell on earth. Through it God's favor unto His creation is perfected, and His mercy encompasseth all worlds.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which God teacheth you in the Tablets, and follow not the ways of the most abject. Do that which ye have been commanded in the Book, then shun the ways of the corrupt ones who, when they found Us possessed of sovereignty and power, said "We believe in God and in what hath been sent down unto Thee," but when We entered prison they turned away and disbelieved, and were among the idolaters.

Say: God hath dominion over His creation and is supreme above His creatures, and nothing escapeth His knowledge. He watcheth over every soul. Say: Do ye deny the verses of God after which, were God to erase their traces and remove what ye have been given of the verses, ye would find no way for yourselves, nor any guidance? Fear God, O people, and deny not the proof whereby ye have known the path of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: O people! When We found you heedless of God's Cause and envious in your hearts, We departed from your midst and changed Our garment, that ye might rest in your places and not commit that which would cause the Cause to lose its sanctity and honor among the servants. Thus were We among the doers. Yet ye showed no shame, but rather imputed to the Beauty of the All-Merciful that which Satan had whispered in your hearts, and were among the slanderers. From you and from your pens came that from which the denizens of the heavens and earth declared themselves clear. Ye attributed every evil unto Me, though God had made Me sanctified above all things and purified from aught else but Him, and sent Me from the Dayspring of Holiness with manifest sovereignty.

Say: Fear God! If ye believe not in Him and in the Manifestation of His Self, war not against Him, and be among the God-fearing. Attribute not what is within your souls unto the Self of God, and follow not the path of those who turned away from the Manifestations of the Cause and denied them until they slew them with grievous wrong.

O people of Baha! Keep yourselves apart from such as these, and turn not unto a people with whom God is wroth and whom He hath seized with vengeance from His presence. He, verily, is the most severe in punishment. Hasten unto God's good-pleasure and His satisfaction, then take up your abode in the secure station of this mighty Stronghold. Beware that ye draw not nigh unto them who have denied all the verses, whose eyes are veiled from My remembrance, and whose ears are wrapped in coverings from hearkening unto My holy, wondrous Words.

Say: When We found the earth of hearts barren of the vegetation of knowledge and wisdom, We then caused to descend from the clouds of grace that which made them stir and swell, bringing forth every noble kind. Rejoice, O people of the Bayan, in this Garden which hath appeared at the heart of Paradise, and deprive not yourselves of the wondrous knowledge ordained for you. I am but a servant who hath believed in God […]

I am but a servant who has believed in God and His verses, and I remind you of what God has inspired me through His grace, and guide you to the paths of those who are near. He who believes in Him and turns to God does so for his own sake, and he who turns away does so to his own detriment. My duty is but clear delivery of the Message. O people! By God, besides Whom there is no god, I have indeed sacrificed my soul and spirit for the Cause of God, my Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We have raised the Cause to a station beyond the reach of the hands of harm and the hands of the idolaters. Thus has God established His Cause through His words and His sovereignty, and the deeds of the corrupt have been rendered vain. When my brother witnessed that the sun of certitude had dawned from the horizon of utterance through this Youth, Who stood at the center of all creation with the adornment of the All-Merciful, he emerged from behind the veil of concealment and rose up to war against the Beauty of the All-Glorious, becoming one of the antagonists. He pronounced against me what his self and passion commanded him. Then the hosts of victory descended from the direction of a mighty throne, and the vanguards of divine protection appeared from the horizon of glory. God thereby protected me in truth and aided me through the power of might and authority, and His victory was near to those who do good. When he found himself disappointed in what he desired and dejected in what he sought, he devised another stratagem, whereby all names were disturbed in their kingdoms, and all existence, both seen and unseen, wept at what befell my soul - and God was witness over him and me. When We found him in such a state, We departed from among them alone, relying upon God, the Powerful, the Almighty. When he saw that the Cause had become renowned among these emigrants who had believed, he wrote tablets to various lands wherein he mentioned what he had perpetrated, seeking thereby to instill hatred for the Youth in people's hearts. Would that he had been content with this and been among those who rest! Thereafter he complained about the Youth to every soul to cause confusion about the Cause among the servants, thereby violating my honor and the honor of God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Wise. O people of the Bayan! Be fair within yourselves, speak with pure truthfulness, and be among the truthful ones. Most of you have associated with me and know my character - has anyone witnessed from me anything that would trouble their soul? No, by Him Who sent me with the truth, if you are among the fair-minded! I have been forgiving to the penitent, concealing toward the transgressor, merciful to the one who returns and repents, compassionate to the disappointed, and a refuge for the fearful - to this every fair-minded and discerning one bears witness. Is there anyone among you who would deny this bounty? No, by my true Self, except one who denies all God's favors and follows the paths of the deluded! Would one who desires neither harm nor sorrow for anyone desire harm for his brother? Therefore, investigate and be among those who speak the truth and do not transgress the decree of truthfulness, even if the swords of the idolaters should fall upon him. By God, the Truth! When my brother found that the hearts of the pure ones were filled with the love of God and the Manifestation of His Self, he desired to turn hearts away from the holy direction, after We had protected him for twenty years from the harm of every harmful one

- and you were among the witnesses. Say: O people of the Bayan! Deny not what you have witnessed with your own eyes […]

Say: O people of the Bayan! Deny not what ye have witnessed with your own eyes, and follow not the paths of fancy. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through the power of might bestowed by Us, then enter the paradise of certitude and be among those who rejoice therein. Thus have We informed you in brief concerning that which hath befallen Us, lest ye be heedless thereof and your feet slip from the path of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And thou, O servant, arise to serve the Cause of God and fear no one. Convey unto the people that which God hath conveyed unto thee through His messengers. He will verily protect thee from the harm of all peoples. Strive thou to purify thyself from the defilements of the world and to adorn thyself with the attributes of God, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, the All-Seeing. Verily, if thou doest that which We have commanded thee, thou shalt become one who teacheth the people through deeds rather than words - and this is the most excellent teaching, if thou be of them that know.

Say: O people of the earth! Come with deeds done purely for God, the True One. The days of words have passed and the time for deeds hath come. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Sovereign of all causes, if ye be of them that act.

Say: O people! Be as the signs of God amongst His servants and His traces in His lands, that through you the face of His Cause may be illumined amongst all creation. Thus have We informed thee and counselled thee that thou mayest take counsel within thyself and counsel the people with that which thou hast been commanded by the All-Knowing Judge. May the mercy that hath encompassed all created things rest upon thee, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Ancient Lord - thou and those that are with thee among them whom God hath brought forth from behind the veils of fancy and guided unto the shore of mighty certitude. Praise be unto Him Who guideth all the worlds to the paradise of His wondrous Name.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent!

O Buzurg! The ocean of utterance has surged, yet the people perceive not. The fire has appeared in the Divine Lote-Tree and speaks with truth, yet the people understand not. The Herald has called out in the midst of heaven, yet the people hear not. The Light has shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, yet most of the factions know not. The Interlocutor of the Mount has been established upon the throne of Revelation, yet the people turn away from Him. By God! The Promised One has come and speaks before all faces - blessed are they who recognize Him. The Truth has appeared and revealed whatsoever He willed, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Nothing escapes His knowledge, nor can the might of kings and subjects render Him powerless. He has arisen before the faces of the world with an authority that the Daysprings of justice and fairness cannot deny. To this bears witness the Pen of God in this praiseworthy station.

Say: O people of the earth! Do you know Him Who mentions you from the direction of the Prison? Do you hear that which has been raised in truth from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be? By God's life! Had you known, you would have hastened to God, the Possessor of this witnessed Day. Say: Fear God and dispute not the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Be fair in what has appeared and follow not every ignorant rejected one. The Desired One has come from the horizon of power with a Cause before which the world cannot stand, as you know. The might of the mighty cannot frustrate Him, nor can the power of princes prevent Him. He speaks at all times at the heart of possibility: "Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Supreme over what was and what shall be." Thus has surged the ocean of utterance while the Wronged One was in His mighty prison.

O Buzurg! Rejoice in the favors of thy Lord and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Desired One of the world and Beloved of the nations! I testify that Thou hast come from the heaven of proof with the banners of knowledge, such that neither the oppression of the aggressors, nor the turning away of the deniers, nor the learning of the learned, nor the power of princes could prevent Thee. Thou didst speak before all faces with the most exalted call: 'Verily, there is no God but I, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.'"

O Muhammad! Thou hast attained unto the mention of the Wronged One time and again. He remembers whoever remembers Him and turns to whoever turns to Him. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Hearken unto the call which has been raised from the blessed White Spot, the place wherein the atoms speak what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds." We have remembered thee and those who have believed with a mention whose radiance shall never set, by the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have aided thee, taught thee, and made known to thee My manifest and straight path. How many a learned one has been prevented from recognizing Me, though he was created to serve My mighty and wondrous Cause! And how many a knowledgeable one have We adorned with the ornament of being, that he might appear and stand before My exalted gate! They were deprived of the greatest favor in the days of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. But thou hast attained unto acceptance and heard the call of thy Lord, the Lord of the end, while every remote scholar turned away. Thou hast witnessed in His path what the Wronged One witnessed. Nothing escapes His knowledge of what befell you from the hosts of the aggressors who denied God's grace and mercy and disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. We have forgiven thee and adorned thee with the ornament of acceptance, as a grace from My presence, and I am the Bountiful, the Generous. Preserve My verses, then recite them with the melodies of those near unto God and the songs of the sincere ones.

We make mention of the Martyr's wife, that Leaf whom We have mentioned in diverse Tablets, and all the handmaidens and servants whom God hath related to His Name - he who was martyred in His path, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My handmaidens and servants! Rejoice in God's remembrance in the Most Great Prison, then render thanks unto Him at all times. Upon you be My glory and the glory of them who are in My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the glory of those who circle round the Throne at dawn and at eventide.

O Husayn! The Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, making mention of thee and counselling thee with that which beseemeth this glorious and wondrous Day. Thou hast attained unto the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and His gracious remembrance. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, when the people were wrapped in strange delusion. They worship idols and perceive it not; they deny Him Who hath been remembered throughout the nights and days, yet they understand not. They say that which causeth the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament, yet they comprehend not. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they perceive it not. O My Most Exalted Pen! Set aside mention of these and make mention of My loved ones, then forgive them as a token of My grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Forgiving.

O companions of the Prison! Your Lord, the Most Merciful, maketh mention of you in recompense for what ye have witnessed in His path. Recognize this most exalted station, then give thanks unto Him throughout the nights and days, at eventide and at dawn. We have purified you with the water of grace and forgiven you as a mercy from Our presence, for We are the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Rejoice in that which the Tongue of the Ancient Beauty hath uttered, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, for having remembered us in Thy Prison when Thou wert in the hands of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed. And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of all names, for having sent down unto us that which shall never be exhausted throughout ages and centuries."

O Rida! The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee. By the life of God! Didst thou know the fruits of My remembrance and its effects, thou wouldst call upon thy Lord throughout the nights and days, and wouldst find thyself in a joy unequalled by any joy in the world, and in a delight that no delight in the seen or unseen can match. Verily, My remembrance is a tree We have planted with the hands of grace and bounty, and it hath fruits that perish not so long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto it, for he hath attained unto all good in the Book of God, the Lord of all creation. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon thy family, and We give you both glad tidings of God's tender care, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We manifested the pearls of wisdom from the ocean of the mercy of your Lord, the Possessor of all that was and shall be. And We make mention of My handmaiden who hath ascended unto God, and give her glad tidings of her Lord's tender care, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm. By the life of God! She hath attained unto that which the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise have attained, when her mention flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Ancient House. Were We to mention for My servants the fruits of My remembrance, they would sacrifice their souls in hope of a word from their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath My mercy preceded and My grace encompassed all, yet most of the people know it not.

Verily We make mention of the remnant of My party and give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from God, the Lord of all worlds. We have remembered him and do remember him, and have ordained for him that which gladdeneth hearts and solaceth eyes. We have written for him the reward of martyrdom in My path, and I am the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. And We counsel Our loved ones and friends to perform such deeds and show forth such character as befitteth their relationship to God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. The splendor from Us be upon him and upon My party who have been martyred in My path and who have sacrificed their spirits for the glory of My straight path. O Ali, rejoice

in the verses of God. He hath made mention of thee and of His servants who have turned toward His countenance with a steadfastness that neither guns nor armies could prevent. We have remembered them and revealed for them that which shall endure as long as My most beauteous names endure. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Supreme over what was and what shall be. O Khalil, the Wronged One maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee and those who have believed to observe the wisdom which We have sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed is the servant who hath heard My call and turned to My horizon and arose to serve My Cause and performed that which was commanded in the Book. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty. By God! That which the peoples possess cannot equal it. To this testifieth He Who speaketh at all times that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower. And We make mention in this station of him who was named Ali, whom We mentioned before, and We give him the glad tidings of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou, O Ali, and blessed are they who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords. The word of forgiveness hath at this moment been revealed for whomsoever desireth the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all religions. The ocean of forgiveness hath surged as a token from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The splendor be upon thee and upon him and upon those who are with thee and have believed in God, the Lord of all beings. We have forgiven the one who hath ascended, then those who sought forgiveness from the ocean of their Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful. The splendor that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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O Supreme Pen! I bear witness that Thou hast, at all times, called out to all who are in the realm of creation, summoned them unto God, and guided them to His straight Path. Not for less than a moment did I pause, but rather did I speak forth in the Kingdom of utterance that which drew the hearts of them that know. Through thy scratching every soul that turned to God, the Lord of all worlds, was drawn nigh, and through thy movement were all created things stirred to motion in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Through thee were made manifest the hidden mysteries in the Books of God, and that which was treasured in His all-encompassing knowledge was unveiled.

O Pen! Make mention of that which was visited upon My person by the hosts of the oppressors who turned away from Us and rose up against Us without any clear proof from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: O peoples of the earth! The promised Day is come, and He Who was promised calleth aloud with most exalted call. In every state doth He proclaim: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Beware lest ye oppose Him through Whom every Book was sent down, every Messenger dispatched, and every wondrous Cause made manifest. Beware lest the cawing of the crows and the turning away of the opposers debar you from the Most Exalted Horizon and this clear and manifest Path.

By God's life! My Pen lamenteth and saith: "O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and say not that which the idolaters said of old. Fear ye the Day whereon ye shall be questioned concerning your deeds in this vain life." He, verily, is the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Say: If ye oppose this Cause with any proof that would establish what ye possess, then bring it forth, and be not of them that

tarry. This is the Cause of which the Bayan gave tidings, and before it Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before him the Spirit, and before him He Who conversed with God. The Point of the Bayan standeth before the Throne, giving utterance to this Name whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and the foundations of the idolaters who cast the Book of God behind their backs have been shaken, having followed every heedless and remote one.

O Pen! Leave the mention of such people and turn thy face toward those who have turned unto God and believed in Him on a Day wherein the learned ones of the earth and their divines turned away, and those who followed them without My command before God - these are indeed among the abased ones. Make mention of the martyr who sacrificed his spirit with joy and fragrance in the path of My Name, the All-Merciful, with such steadfastness as amazed the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Then make mention of him who was named Buzurg, who heard the scratching of My Pen and soared in My atmosphere and turned toward My face and spoke forth My beauteous praise. We have made mention of him in numerous Tablets and have revealed for him from My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book that which shall never cease to shed its fragrance as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. To this beareth witness He Who is established upon the throne of grandeur with mighty sovereignty.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hear thou once again the call from the Lote Tree raised up above the luminous spot, as a bidding from God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Buzurg! The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and remembereth thee with that which hath caused the sweet savors of revelation to be diffused throughout the world. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords!” My Most Great Branch hath presented before Me thy letter when the Wronged One was seated upon the throne of sorrow by reason of that which the hands of the deniers of God, the Lord of creation, have wrought. That which thou didst send through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which shall rejoice thy heart and the hearts of them that have turned with spirit and fragrance toward My most exalted horizon. At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, and My Branch writeth it as a token of grace from Me, and I am the Powerful, the All-Choosing. We make mention of thy sister, the consort of him who was martyred in My path, with a remembrance from My Most Exalted Pen before which all mention must bow down. O My leaf and My handmaiden! By God, all things have lamented for you, and the Most Exalted Pen, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed art thou and blessed every handmaiden who hath loved thee and attained unto thy presence, and blessed thy mother whom We mentioned before, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We were with thee and with her and witnessed what befell you both, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge and with Him is the Mother Book. This is the Day wherein the banner “He is God” hath been raised aloft and the standard of divine power hath been hoisted upon the highest mountains. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call from the direction of the Throne, and blessed is he who hath beheld My Most Great Sign when it shone forth from the horizon of God’s Will, the Revealer of verses. This is the Day wherein the ocean of My loving-kindness hath surged, and the sun of My grace hath shone forth, and the heaven of My mercy hath been upraised. Behold then, O ye who

are endued with vision! O Buzurg! Say: O people of God! Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the allusions of them that have denied the Beginning and the Return withhold you. The Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery hath come, yet the people are in doubt and dissension.

We have desired at this moment to make mention of My leaf and My handmaiden whom We have caused to ascend unto the Most Exalted Companion, that it may be a treasure for her and a store with her Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. I bear witness that she turned unto God and hearkened and responded to her Lord whilst the people were in a strange sleep. By My life! The dwellers of the most exalted chambers in the highest Paradise and the celestial garden welcomed her - to this doth the Lord of Names bear witness at this moment, He Who proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Were her station to be revealed even less than the eye of a needle, all the tongues of the world would speak forth. Blessed is God Who hath preferred her and honored her and exalted her to such a degree that the leaves circle round her. The testimony of her Lord sufficeth her. By My life! Nothing that is seen or witnessed can equal it. Blessed are they who have recognized, and woe unto every obstinate denier!

O Muhammad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee at a time when the wicked have encompassed Him from every direction. He speaks the truth before the faces of the world even as He spoke before, in such wise that neither the clamor of the peoples nor the might of the princes of the earth and their divines could deter Him. Thus have We made manifest the Cause with clear proof and evidence. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto My days, hast heard My call, and hast done that which was acceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Illuminator of all regions. Thou hast at this hour attained unto a grace from Us and a pardon from Our presence, and verily I am the All-Powerful, the Compeller. Blessed are ye for having shown patience in the path of God and borne that which none before you hath borne. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Thus have We purified you with the water of Our loving-kindness and made mention of you through My utterance whereby the horizons have been illumined. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of earth and heaven.

We make mention at this hour of My loved ones there who have testified to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O people of God! We counsel you to be trustworthy, religious, chaste and faithful, and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, may be exalted. When ye have attained unto My verses and perceived the breezes of revelation, arise from your seats, turning toward the Wronged One, and say:

O God of earth and heaven, Lord of the world to come and of this world! We testify to that whereunto Thy tongue hath testified in the Most Exalted Horizon, and we acknowledge that whereunto Thy Pen hath confessed. We beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the stars in the heaven of Thy wisdom to aid us to stand firm in Thy Cause and to strengthen us in that which beseemeth Thy days. O Lord! We are consumed by separation from Thee and our hearts are melted in our remoteness from Thee. We perceive the fragrance of Thy manifestation yet know not from what place the fragrance of Thy garment wafteth, nor where the rustling of the Tree of Thy Cause and the murmur of the waters of Thy

loving-kindness are heard. We beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation to ordain for us, by the pen of Thy bounty, the reward of attaining Thy presence, of standing before Thy throne, and of appearing at the door of Thy majesty. Thou art He by Whose generosity all created things have testified and by Whose power all beings have borne witness. We implore Thee not to deny us that which is with Thee and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have offered up their spirits in Thy path. By the Martyr whom the Concourse on High doth visit, we beseech Thee to ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for them. Then protect us from the evil of those who croak and who hinder people from the ocean of Thy utterance, the sweet waters of Thy bounty and the choice wine of Thy loving-kindness. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful. Thou art worthy to answer prayers, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God! Your letter was a true glad tiding, for it conveyed the health and well-being of that beloved of the heart. Today one must offer thanks for such tidings, for the world is in turmoil, the air is in upheaval, and affairs are scattered. After its reading, We repaired to the Sacred Place where it was presented, and the tongue of favor spoke these words:

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance! The letters which thou didst send to the Branches and to the servant who is present were all laid before this Wronged One and their contents were made known. Praise be to the Lord of existence Who hath assisted and continueth to assist His loved ones in all matters, and Who hath opened wide the gates of nearness and reunion before their faces. This is among the great bounties of the Truth, exalted be His glory. In the days when the fire of the calumnies of the opposers and deniers was ablaze and the doors of joy, gladness, delight and expansion were shut, this Wronged One was and is occupied with the remembrance of His loved ones.

O thou who art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One! Know thou with clear certainty that varying winds have encompassed the Lamp of the world; nevertheless, It hath had and hath no purpose save reformation. It behooveth that honored one and the friends to occupy themselves with the remembrance of God, the Most Exalted, by night and by day, and to beseech Him to preserve the Lamp. However, in one station, the Kingdom of utterance speaketh these words: “Thou seest, O my God, that the winds of hatred have encompassed Thy Lamp from all sides, and It declareth: ’O my God! I have surrendered my will to Thy will and my desire to the revelation of Thy desire. By Thy might! I desire not myself and my survival except to arise to serve Thy Cause, and I love not my being save for sacrifice in Thy path. O my Lord! Thou seest and knowest that they from whom we desired justice and fairness have arisen against us with tyranny and oppression. Outwardly they were with me, but inwardly they aided mine enemies who arose to violate my honor. My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create the princes and ministers to champion Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word, yet they have aided Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause that hath encompassed existence and by Thy Name through which Thou hast

subdued the seen and the unseen, to adorn the people of the earth with the light of Thy justice and to illumine their hearts with the radiance of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I testify to Thy unity and Thy singleness, and to the sanctity of Thy Being and the detachment of Thine Essence. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy trusted ones in the hands of the treacherous among Thy creatures and the slanderers among Thy creation, and Thou knowest what hath befallen us from those of whom Thou art more aware than we are. They have committed that which hath rent asunder the veil of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee to aid them to regain what hath escaped them in the days of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

O thou who gazeth upon the horizon of Revelation! Upon thee be My glory! We have beseeched and continue to beseech from God good, blessing, attention, detachment, confirmation and success for His loved ones. We hope that all may attain to that which is the cause of the glory of existence and the exaltation of the servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The loved ones of that land have ever been and are beneath the glances of favor. Convey to each one of them greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God to adorn them all with the raiment of trustworthiness and righteousness and to illumine them. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

Praised be God! His grace hath at all times encompassed and continueth to encompass all things. We cherish the hope that through His bounty the gates of mercy may be opened from every direction, and all may be enabled to achieve that which will exalt His blessed Word.

As regards what was written concerning the son of that departed and exalted soul upon whom be the Glory of God and His mercy, it was presented and gained the honour of being heard. Thus hath the Kingdom of Utterance spoken. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! The world hath been encompassed by successive and interlinked tribulations. I do not complain of My distress and sorrow to anyone. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before the faces of His loved ones the gates of His grace and mercy, and to confirm them in trustworthiness and religious devotion, and in that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He hath power over all things.

They have surely heard of the affairs of the Afnan. Conditions have become so unstable that when some of the friends make drafts for the Huquq, the Afnan are unable to honour them. This matter hath caused visible impediments. In these days, a sum was owed on the house. Finally, matters reached such a state that We had to request funds from the Land of ?a. According to the letter of the Trustee written in the name of Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, he had collected from some and in every city he must deliver profits to their owners. Now affairs here are as described, therefore nothing can be drafted to the Afnan, nor can they be charged with matters requiring immediate payment. Thus is this Wronged One perplexed. Aqa ’Ali-Haydar and the Trustee have also been afflicted. The honored Afnan Haji Siyyid ’Ali has gone to ’Ishqabad where, as bidden, all properties have been put up for sale that perhaps […]

This Wronged One beseecheth God to grant relief to all. He is the Bestower, the Almighty. The Afnan have not, until now, squandered anyone's property. They have many claims of various kinds, but their collection has been delayed. This Wronged One, and that soul, and all the loved ones should beseech from God whatsoever will cause the fragrance of trustworthiness and detachment to be diffused. God, exalted be His glory, hath said: "Verily, with hardship goeth ease." It is hoped that affairs will be set right. With the generous, tasks are not difficult. That soul should not be sorrowful. The affairs of the world have ever alternated between hardship and ease, yet bounty is from God and generosity from Him. Assuredly these hardships will be followed by mercy, and this difficulty by ease. Soon will He fulfill His promise and manifest that which beseemeth His might, His majesty and His generosity.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. God willing, may all be enabled to accomplish such deeds and actions as will cause their eternal remembrance. Verily, He loveth His servants, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

In truth, matters have been greatly disturbed, and that which some have referred has remained delayed. However, now the honored Afnan gentlemen–His Honor Haji Siyyid Mirza, His Honor Haji Siyyid Muhammad, and His Honor Haji Siyyid 'Ali, upon them be the Glory of God–have firmly girded up their loins to settle the debts, and the imperative command has been issued from the Source of Authority that all properties should be sold and the debts paid. Indeed, all have adhered to this and there has been no laxity in carrying out the decree. They have announced that they will sell whatever they possess in 'Ishqabad, and seekers from every direction have come forward for the purchase of the properties. Now, according to the news received, they are occupied with this matter day and night. The Servant beseeches His Lord to assist them and to open before their faces the gates of His mercy and grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The loved ones of that land are, by God's grace and mercy, mentioned in the presence of their Lord, and the glances of His loving-kindness are directed towards them. It is certain that ere long that which shall cause the greatest joy will become manifest, for their intentions are all pure, and God, exalted be His glory, loves His servants, especially His trusted ones. If all attain unto this station, divine relief will assuredly come and encompass all. Verily, He has power over all things. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's loved ones there.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Learned, the Most Powerful, the Most Mighty!

O thou who gazest toward the direction of God and art immersed in the ocean of His nearness and good-pleasure! Know thou that the Manifestation hath not emerged from the four elements, but rather is the Mystery of Oneness, the Pre-existent Essence, the Self-Subsisting Reality, and the Hidden Identity. Indeed, He cannot be known through aught else, nor can it be established for anyone that He hath appeared from the four elements, or from the basic substances mentioned in the language of the philosophers, or from the four natures - for all these were created by His command and will. He hath ever been, and there was naught else besides Him. Even now He exists in truth and is established upon the

throne, revealing verses unto thee inasmuch as the fire of His love hath been kindled in thy heart. Is there any possessor of utterance in all existence who could speak with Him, or any revealer who could stand with Him in His Cause, or any being who could claim existence for himself? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! All are non-existent and void.

Were He to be known through any other than Himself, His essence could not be proven free from similitude, nor His being sanctified from likeness, nor His uniqueness from the manifestations of creation. This is an ocean which none can enter, for all that thou beholdest in the heavens and on earth was created by His Word. By My very Self, the True One! Were He to make Himself known to His servants as He truly is, all would be severed from everything and would abide in His presence, to such extent that kings would glory in their servitude to their Master, and monarchs would cast their crowns behind them and hasten toward His direction and the paths of His good-pleasure. But since He is veiled from them, they have turned to other than Him and soar on the wings of self in the atmosphere of their conjectures and imaginings.

Therefore bear thou witness with thine own essence, then with thy soul, then with thy tongue, that there is no God but Him. None can know Him save through Him, and none can draw near unto Him. He was not a manifestation in Himself, but rather a manifestation in His essence. This is what We have mentioned unto thee concerning the mystery of Divinity, the essence of Lordship, and the reality of Self-Subsistence.

As for the physical bodies, they are thrones for this Manifestation which none hath comprehended save Himself. Though these bodies have appeared in the world of creation in forms which ye behold, wert thou to regard them with the eye of reality and innate nature, thou wouldst witness that although they were created from the elements, they are sanctified therefrom such that no similarity exists between them. Observe the diamond - can stones compare with it? Thus hath it been revealed in the Bayan from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

Were it not for their temples, the temples of the servants would not have been created. If thou wert to look carefully, thou wouldst see that all in the heavens and earth were created from the outward appearance of their temples. All the worlds draw sustenance from the worlds of thy Lord through the appearance of the Manifestations of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. In each world He appeareth according to the capacity of that world. For example, in the world of spirits He shineth upon them and appeareth unto them through spiritual effects, and likewise in the worlds of bodies, the worlds of names and attributes, and worlds which none hath known save God. Each hath a portion from this Manifestation, appearing unto them in His image to guide them unto God their Lord, draw them nigh unto the seat of His command, and bring them to what hath been ordained for them. Even as His reality cannot be known, likewise nothing that is attributed to Him can be known except to a prescribed degree. Reflect upon thine own self - were it not for Him, the existence of […]

The essence and pillars are such that the eye cannot see, nor can the ear hear, nor can the tongue speak, nor can the hand grasp, nor can the foot move. Yet He is the sovereign ruler over all, such that God has made all things dependent upon Him. Nevertheless, it is through the eye that He sees, through the ear that He hears, and through the tongue that He speaks. If you ponder upon this, you will find it to be among His greatness, such that His station is not diminished by these manifestations and descents.

Consider then the jeweler who crafts a ring - though he is its maker, he adorns his finger with it. If the Most High appears in the garment of creation, this is of His grace, lest His servants flee from Him. Rather, they draw near to Him, sit before His face, hear His wondrous melodies, take delight in what proceeds from His mouth, and in what descends upon them from the heaven of His will. In this there is wisdom - were you to contemplate it throughout the duration ordained by God, you would discover at every moment what you had not found before. If the Most High were to appear in His true station and form and as He truly is, none would be able to draw near to Him or find intimacy with Him. For example, consider the throne or seat or chair and their like - these are crafted by one of His creatures through the confirmations that descend upon them from the heaven of His grace and the clouds of His bounty. He takes His seat upon them, though before His sitting none recognize them, seeing them merely as the work of their hands. But after He takes His seat upon them, all relations are severed from them - they become the Throne of the All-Merciful, around which circle the realities of all things created in the heavens and earth. Their recognition then depends upon the gaze of the observers and the insight of those endowed with luminous, radiant vision who bear witness that they were created before the creation of the heavens and earth, that they have ever been the Throne of the All-Merciful and will ever continue to be as they have been, having no relation, connection, direction or indication to anything else. All things testify with their inner tongue that these are the Thrones of the All-Merciful, having no likeness in creation and no peer in invention. From their elements appeared the elements, such that you see that from their fire appeared the fire in all realms of being, which spoke from the blessed Branch of Unity on the exalted Sinai to Moses the Interlocutor. From their water, every soul finds permanence and life. Likewise, consider what is beneath them and be assured with clear certainty. This is a description of the station of that upon which He sits - how much more exalted then is the station of His Temple and that which stands upon it! Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth that thou mayest ponder upon it and attain unto what thou desirest from God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. O Hadi! All that We have cast upon thee and mentioned in this Tablet is in the language of creation; otherwise, by Him Who holdeth all things in the grasp of His power, We have regarding that station such utterances as are not befitting to mention in these days wherein people have differed and cast the Lord of Lords behind their backs, fashioning with the hands of idle fancy an idol which they then worshipped and became of those who worship idols. Blessed art thou for what God hath desired for thee, and for having walked in the path of His good-pleasure until thou didst attain the presence of His shining and exalted countenance. His manifestation has ever […]

He manifests Himself unto His creation through His creation, even as He revealed Himself unto thee with truth and delivered thee from the depths of the allusions of those who disbelieved in God and warred against His Self and took unto themselves lords other than God at all times, and were among the people of tyranny and error in a glorious and perspicuous Book. And wert thou to be immersed in the ocean of might and power, thou wouldst surely know that He is able to make any one of His creatures the creator of whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. All power lieth therein, if thou be of them that ponder, and all grace lieth therein, if thou be of them that witness. Ask thou God, thy Lord, that He may manifest His Cause throughout all lands and raise the servants to such a station wherein shall be mentioned unto them what He desireth, without veil or hindrance, and teach them from the wonders of His knowledge, and nourish them with the fruits of the Tree of His grace and

bounty, that all may be enriched through His riches and empowered through His transcendent and glorious might. By Him Who moveth all things by His command! Were I to find the people as We created them, I would surely open a gate from the gates of mercy and inner meanings, that all might witness all mysteries with their own eyes and subdue all lands through the names of their Lord. But thou seest the creation and hearest what proceedeth from their mouths; therefore grace hath been restricted save to the measure whose dewdrops ye find, and thy Lord is, verily, witness and well-informed of this. And were We to manifest Our Self more than what We have manifested it, the dogs and swine would surely encompass Us. Thus crowed the Cock of the Throne and warbled the Dove, out of love for thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

Indeed the hearts of the sincere are consumed in the fire of separation: Where is the gleaming of the light of Thy Countenance, O Beloved of the worlds?

Those who are near unto Thee have been abandoned in the darkness of desolation: Where is the shining of the morn of Thy reunion, O Desire of the worlds?

The bodies of Thy chosen ones lie quivering on distant sands: Where is the ocean of Thy presence, O Enchanter of the worlds?

Longing hands are uplifted to the heaven of Thy grace and generosity: Where are the rains of Thy bestowal, O Answerer of the worlds?

The infidels have arisen in tyranny on every hand: Where is the compelling power of Thine ordaining pen, O Conqueror of the worlds?

The barking of dogs is loud on every side: Where is the lion of the forest of Thy might, O Chastiser of the worlds?

Coldness hath gripped all mankind: Where is the warmth of Thy love, O Fire of the worlds?

Calamity hath reached its height: Where are the signs of Thy succor, O Salvation of the worlds?

Darkness hath enveloped most of the peoples: Where is the brightness of Thy splendor, O Radiance of the worlds?

The necks of men are stretched out in malice: Where are the swords of Thy vengeance, O Destroyer of the worlds?

Abasement hath reached its lowest depth: Where are the emblems of Thy glory, O Glory of the worlds?

Sorrows have afflicted the Revealer of Thy Name, the All-Merciful: Where is the joy of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, O Delight of the worlds?

Anguish hath befallen all the peoples of the earth: Where are the ensigns of Thy gladness, O Joy of the worlds?

Thou seest the Dawning Place of Thy signs veiled by evil suggestions: Where are the fingers of Thy might, O Power of the worlds?

Sore thirst hath overcome all men: Where is the river of Thy bounty, O Mercy of the worlds?

Greed hath made captive all mankind: Where are the embodiments of detachment, O Lord of the worlds?

Thou seest this Wronged One lonely in exile: Where are the hosts of the heaven of Thy Command, O Sovereign of the worlds?

I have been forsaken in a foreign land: Where are the emblems of Thy faithfulness, O Trust of the worlds?

The agonies of death have laid hold on all men: Where is the surging of Thine ocean of eternal life, O Life of the worlds?

The whisperings of Satan have been breathed to every creature: Where is the meteor of Thy fire, O Light of the worlds?

The drunkenness of passion hath perverted most of mankind: Where are the daysprings of purity, O Desire of the worlds?

Thou seest this Wronged One veiled in tyranny among the Syrians: Where is the radiance of Thy dawning light, O Light of the worlds?

Thou seest Me forbidden to speak forth: Then from where will spring Thy melodies, O Nightingale of the worlds?

Most of the people are enwrapped in fancy and idle imaginings: Where are the exponents of Thy certitude, O Assurance of the worlds?

Baha drowning in a sea of tribulation: Where is the Ark of Thy salvation, O Savior of the worlds?

Thou seest the Dayspring of Thine utterance in the darkness of creation: Where is the sun of the heaven of Thy grace, O Lightgiver of the worlds?

The lamps of truth and purity, of loyalty and honor, have been put out: Where are the signs of Thine avenging wrath, O Mover of the worlds?

Canst Thou see any who have championed Thy Self, or who ponder on what hath befallen Him in the pathway of Thy love? Now doth My pen halt, O Beloved of the worlds?

The branches of the Divine Lote-Tree lie broken by the onrushing gales of destiny: Where are the banners of Thy succor, O Champion of the worlds?

This Face is hidden in the dust of slander: Where are the breezes of Thy compassion, O Mercy of the worlds?

The robe of sanctity is sullied by the people of deceit: Where is the vesture of Thy holiness, O Adorner of the worlds?

The sea of grace is stilled for what the hands of men have wrought: Where are the waves of Thy bounty, O Desire of the worlds?

The door leading to the Divine Presence is locked through the tyranny of Thy foes: Where is the key of Thy bestowal, O Unlocker of the worlds?

The leaves are yellowed by the poisoning winds of sedition: Where is the downpour of the clouds of Thy bounty, O Giver of the worlds?

The universe is darkened with the dust of sin: Where are the breezes of Thy forgiveness, O Forgiver of the worlds?

This Youth is lonely in a desolate land: Where is the rain of Thy heavenly grace, O Bestower of the worlds?

O Supreme Pen, We have heard Thy most sweet call in the eternal realm: Give Thou ear unto what the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth, O Wronged One of the worlds?

Were it not for the cold, how would the heat of Thy words prevail, O Expounder of the worlds?

Were it not for calamity, how would the sun of Thy patience shine, O Light of the worlds?

Lament not because of the wicked. Thou wert created to bear and endure, O Patience of the worlds.

How sweet was Thy dawning on the horizon of the Covenant among the stirrers of sedition, and Thy yearning after God, O Love of the worlds.

By Thee the banner of independence was planted on the highest peaks, and the sea of bounty surged, O Rapture of the worlds.

By Thine aloneness the Sun of Oneness shone, and by Thy banishment the land of Unity was adorned. Be patient, O Thou Exile of the worlds.

We have made abasement the garment of glory, and affliction the adornment of Thy temple, O Pride of the worlds.

Thou seest the hearts are filled with hate, and to overlook is Thine, O Thou Concealer of the sins of the worlds.

When the swords flash, go forward! When the shafts fly, press onward! O Thou Sacrifice of the worlds.

Dost Thou wail, or shall I wail? Rather shall I weep at the fewness of Thy champions, O Thou Who hast caused the wailing of the worlds.

Verily, I have heard Thy call, O All-Glorious Beloved; and now is the face of Baha flaming with the heat of tribulation and with the fire of Thy shining word, and He hath risen up in faithfulness at the place of sacrifice, looking toward Thy pleasure, O Ordainer of the worlds.

O ’Ali-Akbar, thank thy Lord for this Tablet whence thou canst breathe the fragrances of My meekness, and know what hath beset Us in the path of God, the Adored of all the worlds.

Should all the servants read and ponder this, there shall be kindled in their veins a fire that shall set aflame the worlds.

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In the name of Him Who is the Witness and the Witnessed!

We have desired to make mention of him who hath turned towards Us and hath uttered this Name through which the seal of the Choice Wine was broken and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. The All-Merciful hath come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall prove powerless. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined, and the Mount hath called out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!”

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Fashioner of the heavens, Who hath come with the Kingdom of Names. He speaketh at the heart of the world and summoneth all unto His Most Great Name, through which all things proclaimed when it was made manifest: “The Promised One hath come with His All-Compelling Name and hath spoken: ‘There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.’” Every ear hath been blessed by the melodies of Revelation, yet the heedless are in manifest error.

O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of Destiny hath come! He speaketh from His Most Sublime Vision concerning His hidden mystery. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. We have accepted tribulations for your salvation. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded in the Book from the presence of an ancient Commander.

Look ye and remember the generations of old. Where are the sources of vain imaginings and the dawning-places of idle fancies? And where are they who took idols as lords besides God? And where are the tyrants and pharaohs who violated the Covenant and wrought that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the inhabitants of the cities of names to lament at morn and eve?

O peoples of the earth! Beware lest the veils of the divines withhold you. By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged before your faces, and the All-Knowing proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the All-Wise.” By the life of God! Their cawing hath debarred men from the choice wine of Revelation when its seal was broken through My Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thus hath the Most Great Name spoken in the world, yet most of the people are among the heedless.

Say: O people of creation! Let not the affairs of the world withhold you from Him Who hath come with the Kingdom of eternity. Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath been given by your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Mohsen! Thy letter came to hand and We heard thy call when what was contained therein was presented by the servant in attendance in My Most Great Prison. We have answered thee with a Tablet through which every seated one hath arisen, every hesitant one hath hastened, every tongue-tied one hath spoken, and every heedless one hath turned towards God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

When thou readest the Tablet and findest from it the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's loving-kindness, turn thy face towards the Prison and say: "Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Creator of the heavens! I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest what was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen. I beseech Thee not to withhold me and Thy servants from the outpourings of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

We make mention of My loved ones in that region who were not kept back by worldly affairs from God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We also remember Zayn who turned toward the horizon of Revelation when every ignorant one turned away. We counsel him to remain steadfast in the Cause of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and give him glad tidings of the mercy which hath preceded both the unseen and the seen.

O Rida! The Lord of Names maketh mention of thee from His Most Exalted Horizon that He may attract thee to a station wherein the conditions of earth shall not grieve thee, nor shall the power of those who have turned away from the Promised One cause thee fear. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize Him and for having sent down unto thee these verses from His praiseworthy station.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Hassan, that he may rejoice in Thy remembrance and speak forth with wisdom and utterance among the concourse of creation concerning [this Cause] which, when sent down from the heaven of Revelation, the books of the past submitted unto it. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Arise to praise and glorify with such steadfastness as the hosts of the earth, who follow vain imaginings and idle fancies, cannot hinder thee. Say: This is the Day of Utterance, did ye but know, and this is the Day of praise and glorification, could ye but understand. The appointed time hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. He calleth unto the peoples from within the Most Great Prison and summoneth them unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the kingdom of utterance that thou mayest hear and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of the Promised Day. Glory be upon thee and upon thy sons and upon those who have entered beneath My extended shadow.

Then make mention of Abbas from the presence of the King of mankind Who hath called all unto the right hand of Paradise, the Spot wherefrom its very atoms speak forth that which the Interlocutor heard upon the Sinai of Utterance. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence is a preserved Tablet. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards this Cause, from which the daysprings of idle fancy have turned aside. We make mention of thy brother and those who are with thee and We send Our greetings unto them from this Spot which God hath made sanctified from the presence of every rejected transgressor.

O Hassan! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of the seen and the unseen. He maketh mention of thee from His most exalted station and giveth thee glad tidings of this Revelation which God foretold in the books of old. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle, then aid thy Lord through deeds and virtuous character. Thus was it revealed aforetime and at this hour. By the life of God! The treasures of the world cannot compare with a single word from thy Lord. To this testifieth the Lord of Eternity, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison: "There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed." Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hath taken from the hand of His bounty the Kawthar and Salsabil. How many a learned one hath lamented My separation, yet when the ocean of My presence surged, turned away and was numbered among the idolaters. How many a mystic hath spoken My Name and yearned for My days, yet when the horizon of Revelation was illumined, pronounced judgment against Me without clear proof or perspicuous Book. How many a prince hath sought My house and circled round it in My name, yet when I manifested Myself, desired to shed My blood, following those who turned away from the Truth and advanced toward every remote scholar. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken that thou mayest hear and be among the thankful. And We make mention of thy brother who is named Hussein that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O Pen! Make mention of ʼAli, that the rapture of his Lord's verses may draw him to the station whereon is established the throne of My Most Great Name. O ʼAli! By My life, wert thou to taste the sweetness of My utterance, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing in the atmosphere of My Will and speak forth My praise amidst My servants with the wisdom We have enjoined upon all in My perspicuous Book. Beware lest the intimations of the ignorant grieve thee - they by whom every Prophet hath mourned and every faithful Messenger hath cried out. They made mention of Me by night and day, yet when I manifested unto them My Beauty, they turned away and perpetrated such wrong as caused the Concourse on High to lament, and those who bear the Throne of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Say: O concourse of the earth! Take hold of the Book with the power of God and follow not your idle fancies. Fear God and be not of them that turn aside. This is the Day of Recognition, unto which the Concourse on High hath turned, and a company of the near-stationed angels. This is the Day whereon the Spirit proclaimeth before the Face: By God! He Who was hidden within the veils of the Unseen hath appeared. Hasten, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers.

O My loved ones in the West! Rejoice at My turning toward you, My drawing nigh unto you, and My remembrance of you. Beware lest the veils of the powerful withhold you. Be as mountains in the Cause of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Ye have heard the taunts of the enemies in My path; now hearken unto that wherewith the Tongue of Grandeur praiseth you in this station which God hath sanctified above all names. Blessed are ye and your fathers and your mothers, and those who love you and make mention of you and walk in My straight Path. The ocean of forgiveness hath surged in the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Give thanks unto Him for this great bounty. He hath indeed forgiven you and your fathers and mothers, and hath absolved you and them of evil deeds. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Gracious. My favor is complete, My proof perfected, the cock of My Throne hath crowed, and My

testimony hath appeared, yet most of the people are deniers. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

O handmaidens of God in that place! We make mention of you as a bounty from Our presence and a mercy from Our court, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Merciful. Rejoice in My mercy and My loving-kindness and My generosity and My grace and My bounty which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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He is God! Quintessential gems of divine unity and delicate pearls of holy praise ascend unto the court of the peerless Sovereign and glorious King, Who hath caused the realities of all created things and the subtleties and refinements of the essences of beings to emerge from utter nothingness into the realms of existence and immortality, and Who hath rescued them from the abasement of remoteness and extinction, exalting them to the kingdom of glory and eternity. This was naught but His Own prior grace and all-embracing mercy, for it is evident that absolute nothingness hath no capacity or receptivity for existence, and utter extinction hath no worthiness for being and creation.

After creating all contingent beings and bringing all things into existence, through the revelation of His Name “the Choose”, He selected man from among all peoples and creatures for His own knowledge and love, which was the ultimate purpose and cause of the creation of all beings, as mentioned in the well-known sacred tradition. He honored and distinguished man with the robe of honor - “We have created man in the best of forms” - and with the mantle of grace and favor - “Blessed be God, the most excellent of creators” - for while He revealed Himself to the essence and reality of each thing through one of His names and shone forth through one of His attributes, to man alone did He make the manifestation of all names and attributes and the mirror of His own Essence, distinguishing him with this supreme bounty and ancient mercy.

However, these effulgences of the light of guidance and these outpourings of the sun of grace lie hidden and concealed within human reality, even as the flame, rays, and light are hidden within the reality of the candle and lamp, and as the radiance and brilliance of the world-illumining sun remains concealed in mirrors and reflecting surfaces that have been darkened by the rust and dust of human limitations. Now this candle and lamp needs one to light it, and these mirrors and surfaces require one to polish them. It is evident that unless a fire is kindled, the lamp will never be lit, and unless the mirror is cleansed of rust and dust, the image, likeness, revelation and effulgence of the eternal sun will never be reflected therein.

And since there hath never been and can never be any connection, relationship, harmony or resemblance between the created and the Creator, between the temporal and the eternal, between the contingent and the Absolute, therefore in every age and dispensation He manifesteth a pure essence in the realm of earth and heaven, and createth this divine subtlety and heavenly mystery from two elements: the outward physical element and the hidden divine element. And He createth in him two stations: one the station of reality, which is the station wherein he speaketh only by God his Lord, concerning which it is said in the tradition, “I have states with God wherein I am He and He is I, except that I am I and He is He,”

and likewise, “Stand still, O Muhammad, for Thou art the Beloved and Thou art the Love,” and also, “There is no difference between Thee and them, save that they are Thy servants”; and the other the station of the human, concerning which He saith, “I am but a man like unto you,” and “Say: Glory be to my Lord! Am I aught but a mortal messenger?” These pure essences and luminous realities are the universal intermediaries of divine grace, and are sent forth with supreme guidance and […]

That these pure and yearning hearts and these sanctified realities might, through divine inspiration, heavenly grace, and holy breezes, be rendered pure and luminous, cleansed from the turbidity of earthly realms; that the hearts of those drawn nigh might be purified from the rust of limitations; so that the divine trust, which lies hidden and concealed within realities, might emerge from behind the veil of secrecy like the radiant sun dawning from the divine daybreak, raising the banner of manifestation upon the hills of hearts and minds.

From these words and allusions it has become clear and established that there must needs appear in the realm of earth and heaven a Reality and Essence Who would be the channel of universal grace and the Manifestation of the Name of Divinity and Lordship, that all people might be educated under the shadow of that Sun of Reality, and thereby attain to this station and rank that is deposited within their realities.

This is why in all ages and times Prophets and holy ones have appeared among men with divine power and eternal might. No sound mind would ever be content to consider this door of guidance closed merely because it fails to comprehend certain words, nor would it imagine a beginning or end for these Suns and Lights. For there is no grace greater than this universal grace, nor any mercy greater than this all-encompassing divine mercy. There is no doubt that were His grace and favor to be withheld from the world for a single moment, it would surely cease to exist.

Therefore, the doors of God’s mercy have ever been open to the face of creation, and the rain of His grace and bounty will forever pour forth from the clouds of Truth upon the lands of capacity, realities, and entities. This is God’s way from all eternity to all eternity.

However, after the appearance of these holy Countenances in the world of manifestation and witness, some souls and people become afflicted with the darkness of ignorance - the fruit of their own deeds - while others become occupied with passing vanities. And since that hidden Beauty calls all people to complete detachment and sacrifice, they therefore turn away and stretch forth their hands in harm and injury.

And since these Monarchs of existence, in the world of the spirits, accepted with utmost desire and yearning all tribulations in God’s path, they therefore deliver themselves into the hands of their enemies, such that whatever harm and injury they can inflict upon the bodies, limbs and members of these sanctified Essences in the realm of earth and witness, they carry out. And since the believers and loved ones are like the branches and leaves of this blessed Tree, whatever befalls the root of the Tree must surely befall its branches, twigs and leaves.

This is why in all ages such tribulations and afflictions have been and will be the portion of the lovers of the All-Glorious Beauty. There has never been a time when these Manifestations of Divine Unity

appeared in the earthly realm without such tribulations, afflictions and ordeals. Though outwardly imprisoned and […]

Though they have become the victims and outcasts of the land, yet inwardly they are the recipients of God's hidden favors. And though they are deprived of physical comfort and bodily pleasures, yet they partake of spiritual comfort and the delights of the fruits of inner meaning and the holy celestial yields. Were people to observe with the eye of insight, it would become evident that these trials and tribulations, these hardships and calamities, which have descended upon the sincere ones and the believers, are the essence of comfort and the reality of bounty, while this comfort and glory of those who have turned away from the truth is itself affliction, torment and hardship. For the consequence and fruit of these tribulations is the supreme comfort and the cause of attaining the highest horizon, while the recompense and effect of this comfort is great hardship and affliction, and the cause of descent to the nethermost depths. Therefore, at no time should one be saddened by the descent of trials and tribulations, nor should one be sorrowful and grief-stricken by the manifestation of ordained events and calamities. Rather, one must hold fast to the firm handle of patience and cleave to the strong cord of forbearance, for the Lord hath ordained a measure and reckoning for the reward of every good deed except patience, concerning which He saith: "Verily, the patient will be paid their recompense without measure."

I remember and long for Aqa Mirza Ismail with the utmost yearning and attachment. God willing, may you ever abide secure and at rest beneath the shadow of God's grace.

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He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

Upon thee be Glory, O Samandar! Ism-i-Jud, upon him be Glory, forwarded your letters to the Most Holy Court in the days when we were at the Most Great Scene at the Mansion of Bahji. All were honored to be beheld and favored to be heard. Blessed are they who are engaged with spirit and fragrance in the remembrance of the Best Beloved of the worlds and are steadfast in service. The Supreme Pen hath from the earliest days until now borne witness to thy acceptance, thy devotion, thy steadfastness and thy service. We praise God, blessed and exalted be He, for having aided thee to hold fast unto His cord in His days and to cling to His robe. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Mention hath been made of Andalib, upon him be Glory. We have verily aided him and will continue to aid him. Thy Lord is indeed the Helper, the All-Wise. We send him greetings from this Station and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence both seen and unseen.

The servant present before Us submitted the pages of proofs, and they were graciously accepted. Verily he hath spoken the truth regarding this Great Announcement and this firm, sound, and mighty Cause.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the compilation of verses and epistles - this deed is regarded and recorded as among the most great works in the sight of the Self-Sufficient. In these days the revealed

Tablets are being read in Our presence, for many Tablets written both before and after were dispatched to various regions without being compared. Therefore, in these days they are repeatedly being read in Our presence, that what God hath intended and what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken may become manifest. Many verses and evidences have fallen into the hands of the idolaters, both in the Land of Ta [Tehran] and other lands. The people of God must make a mighty effort to preserve and protect the Tablets. In the Land of Ta, whatever was found in certain homes was seized and fell into the hands of the heedless. We have commanded all to preserve what hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to aid them to do what He loveth and pleaseth and to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Letter of Khalil, upon him be Baha, was presented before the Most Holy Court and was honored with attention and favor. We beseech God to assist him and those with him to exalt His Word and to make his mention penetrating in the hearts and effective in the souls. On the last night of Jamadi'l-Avval, this servant presented his letter. Blessed be he! O Samandar! You mentioned Nabil-i-Akbar who has turned to various regions specifically for the service of the Cause and exaltation of the Word. Ask God that fruit may appear and it may not be without effect. We have revealed from the Kingdom of Our utterance in the Tablet of Wisdom, addressing him: "Be thou as the throbbing artery in the body of creation, so that through the heat generated by this motion the souls of the hesitant may be quickened." Blessed is he who hath attained to the outpourings of this Ocean in the days of his Lord, the Most Generous, the All-Wise. Be thou a promoter of the Cause of God with an utterance which will set ablaze the trees and cause them to speak: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting." Say: Utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As for penetration, it dependeth upon pure and unencumbered hearts, and as for moderation, it must be combined with wisdom which We have revealed in the Books and Tablets. And in another connection: "Walk with the power of the Most Great Name above the world that thou mayest witness the mysteries of eternity and discover that which no one hath discovered. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Were all the powers of the seen and unseen to be concentrated in the power of hearing, then perchance it could be said that it would be capable of hearkening unto this Call which is raised from the right hand of the Throne; and were the strength and brilliance of all eyes to be concentrated in one eye, then perhaps it would be worthy to behold these signs. With utmost humility and supplication beseech ye the Self-Sufficient One that He may not deprive His servants and that He may bestow upon them the Kawthar of immortality from the chalice of His bounty. We beseech God to assist His servants and confirm them in that which beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the Bountiful, the Generous. O Samandar! The hosts of victory are goodly deeds and praiseworthy attributes. In the divine Tablets this word hath repeatedly been revealed: We have enjoined upon all the fear of God and that whereby stations and ranks are elevated. Blessed are they that act. One word setteth ablaze, and another extinguisheth. Today the ocean of grace is surging and the sun of bounty is shining. Whosoever speaketh for the sake of God, its effects shall be manifest in all regions. Through the movement of the Supreme Pen We have set the world aflame and raised the banner of "He is God" upon the highest station of the world without concealment or hindrance. From the beginning of the Cause until now We have stood before the hosts and spoken. The oppression of the world did not prevent Us and the clamor of nations did not hold Us back. We beseech God to confirm all to teach His Cause with joy and fragrance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be My Baha. He and his kin have ever been and continue to be remembered. Blessed is he, for he hath been faithful to God's Covenant and Testament, and hath arisen to serve Him and His loved ones over successive years. We have revealed for him that which hath brought solace to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Convey My greetings to Jinab-i-Muhammad-Karim. He hath attained unto My mention and My favor, and is under the glances of My grace, the Mighty, the Great. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to him and remind him of that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. Mention was made of Jinab-i-Yahya, upon him be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy Court. The answers to his questions were sent in both the revealed and written scripts. God willing, may they discover the fragrance of God from His words, and drink and give to drink from His ocean of meanings. Ye made mention of Jinab-i-Amin and Fay?u'llah, upon them both be My Baha. Each hath attained unto the mention of the Wronged One. We make mention of Fay? and give him glad tidings of the favors of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. As for Amin, upon him be My Baha and My favor, he hath repeatedly mentioned that land and the hardships and hospitality shown, and previously mention of these matters was revealed from the Supreme Pen and sent forth. All the women of that land are adorned with the ornament of mention. We beseech God to adorn them with the garments of virtuous deeds and to ordain for them the good of both this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne and earth. We make mention of the teacher who turned towards God when the servants turned away, and who acknowledged when the people of the land denied. We verily send Our greetings unto him from this manifest station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Ye made mention of Jinab-i-Amin's journey on foot from the land of Rasht to the land of Qaf. O Samandar! We bear witness that he was mounted upon the finest steed in all the world and was seated in the most exalted carriage of all nations, for this walking on foot is a testament to humility, submissiveness, resignation, contentment and detachment. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing Expositor, the All-Wise Rememberer. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to all the kinsmen and give them glad tidings of God's favor. All are mentioned before the Wronged One and have attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who were not kept back from God, the Creator of heaven and Lord of the Throne and earth, by the might of the enemies. O Samandar! At the end of the book We make mention of the kinsmen and of Jud, upon him be My Baha, and convey greetings and give glad tidings of the favor of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to aid them, to grant them success, and to ordain for them the good of both worlds and that which shall be a treasure with Him. He verily is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He ordaineth for His loved ones that which shall benefit them in all the worlds of His worlds. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Choosing. The prayer shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance and the glory gleaming from the direction of My prison be upon My loved ones who have arisen in their days to serve My Cause and have done that whereby My Word was exalted. These are they upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise send their prayers, and they who circle round the Throne in My mighty prison and in the Land of Mystery and in Zawra, the place from whose horizon hath shone forth the Day-Star of My Revelation, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Glory!

Immeasurable praise befitteth the threshold of the Peerless One Who, through the effulgence of the Sun of inner meanings, hath adorned human hearts with the ornament of divine knowledge and embellished the temples of human existence with the robe of His recognition, rendering them distinguished thereby. The tongues of the world are powerless to mention the wonders of His bestowals, and the pens of all nations fall short in recording the subtleties of His favors. His grace hath encompassed all horizons, and His bounty hath pervaded all existence. Should one gaze with the eye of insight upon the wondrous ordering of creation, he would be astonished and bewildered by the subtle favors of the Desired One towards him. In the divine tradition He saith: "O son of man! I created all things for thy sake, and thee for My own sake. Flee not from Me." Alas and regret that they are deprived of that for which they were created, occupied with their own idle fancies, and prevented from receiving the lights of the Sun of Truth. In this spiritual springtime, when all the world is verdant and flourishing from the divine breezes of knowledge, the trees of human existence have not stirred nor become verdant. Glory be to God! The heedless ones have not discovered that which is the good of existence and the tranquility of humanity in both the seen and unseen realms. All these trials and hardships are for the sake of guiding people to eternal good and perpetual ease, and for the elevation of the servants to spiritual realms and their attainment to the luminous heights of holiness. Yet the possessors of selfish desires have prevented the people from entering the precinct of acceptance and arriving at the city of attainment. We beseech God–exalted be His glory and magnificent His favors–to rend asunder, through His complete power, the veils that hinder, and to guide all to the direction of guidance and the dawning-place of knowledge and wisdom.

O thou who art turned towards the realm of immortality, who drinketh from the pure waters of the Salsabil of reunion, and who hath laid hold of the hem of faithfulness! Thy first and second letters arrived in succession and brought the utmost joy and delight. However, at that time, due to the frequency of occupations, the sending of a reply was delayed. In these days, while intending to write, thy third letter arrived and added joy upon joy. After reading thy letters, thou wert present before the Face and mention was made of thee. The Tongue of the Divine Will, addressing thee, spoke these exalted words, His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, which controlleth the Tablet and the Pen […]

O Leaf! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all names, and the loving-kindness of God, the Creator of heaven, and upon the 'Ayn and the Ba who have attained unto the love of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, who have arisen to serve the Cause and performed that which brought joy to all hearts and souls. The river of names hath deprived people of the ocean of inner meanings. At times the word 'successor' became a veil, at other times the word 'mirror', and yet at other times words such as 'chief', 'noble', 'learned' and the like. Although through the power of the Supreme Pen some veils were rent asunder, others remain, for people are heedless and veiled. Until now they have not found true unity and have not comprehended the station of the Day of God. They cling to vain imaginings, return to vain imaginings, and are oriented towards vain imaginings. Praise and gratitude be to Him that thou hast

attained and beheld the Most Exalted Horizon, and been honored to hear that for which ears were created. Strive that perchance thou mayest, with joy and fragrance, illumine the people of the world with the effulgent rays of the Sun of true unity. Say: O people of God! Wisdom is a mighty shield; hold fast unto it and be occupied with rendering assistance to the Cause. By the life of the All-Merciful! Victory is through wisdom and utterance, and naught else is acceptable in the sight of God, for the people of God are for the betterment of the world. They must arise to that which will conduce to the exaltation and advancement of governments and peoples. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Certain Tablets have been revealed from the Supreme Pen in answer to some, and have not yet been sent. We beseech God to confirm them in the Greater Steadfastness, lest doubts and allusions prevent them from the Source of verses and the Revealer of clear proofs. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones there.

We hope that you may ever be blessed with the favors of the All-Knowing King and be confirmed and assisted in teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance. In truth, if in this glorious Day one renders a service and becomes the cause of guidance and enlightenment of one of his fellow beings, the mention thereof shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Say […]

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world and Sovereign through Thy Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy power and the kingship of Thy might to make me steadfast in Thy service and to aid me at all times to guide Thy creatures to the source of Thy knowledge and the wellspring of Thy wisdom. O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Thou knowest that I desire naught but Thy mention and praise, and to arise in service to Thy Cause in Thy lands. I beseech Thee to withhold not from me Thy outpourings in Thy days, and to assist me in what I have purposed in Thy path. Grant me, through Thy all-encompassing grace upon all who dwell on earth and in heaven, the Kawthar of bounty and the Salsabil of immortality. O Lord! Thou seest the servants heedless of Thy manifestations in Thy days and veiled from the effulgence of the lights of Thy oneness and the dawning of the Sun of Thy singleness. Strengthen those whom Thou hast caused to recognize Thy Self, whom Thou hast honored with Thy knowledge, and whom Thou hast adorned with Thy acceptance, to do what befitteth Thy days of manifestation: to detach themselves from all else and to confine themselves to that which endureth through the permanence of Thy sovereignty and dominion - namely, to guide creation to the paradise of Thy knowledge. Look not upon the heedlessness of the servants and the veiling of the lands, O Sovereign of the Beginning and the End, but rather upon Thy grace, Thy mercy, Thy generosity and Thy loving-kindness. Look not upon the weakness and impotence of creation, but rather upon the might of Thy power and the dominion of Thy strength. Preserve, O God, Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies who have remained heedless of Thy Cause and have committed what they were forbidden in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Lord of abundant grace. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Sovereign of earth and heaven! With what tongue can I thank Thee for the wonders of Thy bestowals, and with what utterance can I praise Thee for the manifestations of Thy grace and bounty? Thy mercy hath encompassed us from all directions, and Thy grace hath preceded us, O Lord of earth and heavens! How can nothingness describe the attributes of the Sovereign of eternity? By Thy glory! I am bewildered in Thy remembrance and astounded by the predominance of Thy kindness and the succession of Thy generosity and favor. Were I to praise Thee throughout the

duration of the kingdom and dominion, I would not be able to comprehend the least of Thy favors, nor could I describe the smallest of Thy bestowals - how much less Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and the attributes of Thy power, might, majesty, glory and dominion! I beseech Thee to accept from me what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book, and to look not upon my poverty, want, abasement and lowliness, but rather upon Thy glory and power. Aid me to such remembrance as shall endure in Thy kingdom and shall be a cause for my attaining, at all times, unto the heights of Thy nearness. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Gracious, the Munificent, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Convey to the honored ?abib Ru?ani ’Ayn-Qaf-Ba sublime and wondrous remembrances and glorifications. Likewise to M.H., may the glory of God rest upon them both. We beseech God to strengthen them and grant them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. To the honored Aqa Mirza Mahmud, may the glory of God rest upon him, I send most wondrous and sublime glorifications, and I beseech and hope for God’s grace and favor on his behalf. In the first letter, mention was made of the honored Aqa Jalil - glorify him on my behalf and remember him with beautiful remembrance. I beseech God to strengthen him, preserve him and grant him what is best for him. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous. Remember all the friends with gracious remembrances and most sublime glorifications. Glory and praise be upon you and upon them all. As pressing tasks were successive, this was sent in the handwriting of one of the friends.

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O thou lion-hearted soul, Even as a lion roar, That thy roaring may perchance To the seventh heaven soar!

Praise be to Him Whose Essence is immeasurably exalted above the strivings of human hearts, however pure, to soar into the atmosphere of His nearness, and Whose Being is immensely sanctified beyond the exertions of human minds, however lofty, to ascend unto the heaven of His presence. From time immemorial He hath been exalted above the description of aught save Himself, and He will forever continue to be sanctified beyond the praise of all created things. The hearts of them that have recognized Him are sore perplexed before the tokens of His everlasting handiwork, and the minds of them that have attained His court are bewildered by the wondrous evidences of the Revealers of His oneness. He, verily, is the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O friend! Thine epistle was received. It told of naught save the fire which hath been kindled in the tree of human reality, and bore no message but that which bestoweth a new life upon enlightened hearts. Well is it with him that hath been set ablaze by the fire of thy love, and who hath quaffed the water of life from the cup of thine affection. “The righteous shall drink of a cup tempered at the camphor fountain.”

To continue: Thy letter, which was a repository of the pearls of celestial knowledge, was brought before this Exile. God be praised, it rolled up the scrolls of separation and remoteness and spread out in their

stead the realms of nearness and reunion. Methinks through the water of thy longing the fire of separation was changed into “coolness and safety”. In truth, a perfect meeting was attained through thy letter, and, through thy mention of the stations of Divine Unity and the signs of pure abstraction and oneness, it lifted from the world the veils of limitation. And this, notwithstanding that even the limitations of the world of existence are praised and cherished by the wayfarer, for he seeth all things in the mirror of the verse “No defect canst thou see in the creation of the God of mercy”, and at every moment he heareth with his inner ear the tongue of the Holy Spirit uttering the words “Seest thou a single flaw?” In faithlessness he beholdeth the secret of fidelity, and in deadly poison he tasteth the sweetest honey. Even vengeance is embraced in this state; nay more, the true lover welcometh the betrayal of the beloved. Thy faithlessness I cherish more Than every gift that life can give. To suffer at thy vengeful hand– How much dearer than to live!

Thus do the wayfarers in the wilderness of solitude and search experience events and conditions which, though to outward seeming be a mortal poison, are inwardly a wholesome draught, and though in appearance a passing mirage, are in reality pure and refreshing waters. Were I to attempt a full description of this station, neither could I express it nor the hearer grasp it. And whoso observeth with the eye of innate knowledge will confess, openly as well as privily, the selfsame truth.

As to perceived differences, these can be attributed to the divers stations that have been attained by them that tread the path of search and mystic knowledge. Thus, at one time the wayfarer beholdeth the lover hastening in search of the beloved through the wilderness of desolation, and at another he seeth the beloved yearning for the lover across the wilds of longing and devotion, or wandering, aimless and bewildered, the wastes of love in his pursuit. “O for a drop to drink!” the thirsty soul doth groan; “O for a thirsty soul!” the spring in turn doth moan.

From yet another vantage he perceiveth that the lover and the beloved are one and the same, and that the seeker is himself the very object of his search. “How can the lover from the loved one ever part?” So it is that, at times, the lovers of the celestial Beauty sound the clarion of “Say: All things are of God”, while, at others, they raise the call of “It is from thyself.”

Some have related the aforementioned stages to the inner and outer journeys of the soul, which is the station of “the knowledge of certitude”, whilst others that have quaffed the wine of reunion regard each and every stage as relating to that knowledge, and consider the two stations of “the eye of certitude” and “the truth of certitude” as being exalted above and sanctified beyond these realms and all that pertaineth unto them, even as hath been clearly affirmed by that mystic knower. For in all these stages the mirror of the wayfarer’s heart may bear the reflection of shadowy desires, wayward thoughts, and worldly attachments. Wherefore hath it been said that, in these stations, at one time the hosts of reason are triumphant and, at another, the armies of love prevail. At one time, the clouds of affliction and sorrow conceal the heavens of gladness and joy; at another, the eternal leviathan of love devoureth, in one fleeting moment, all manifestations of sadness, anguish, grief, and dejection, and the morn of divine guidance dawneth forth with the joyful tidings of “despair not of God’s mercy”, and the gentle breezes of His providence dispel every vestige of torpor and estrangement. These tidings, however, are not constant

and immutable in these stations, and the wayfarer remaineth confined between the right hand of faith and assurance and the left hand of denial and despair.

Some wayfarers remain forever veiled in these stages. Others are assisted by invisible aid from the Source of unfailing grace, whereat the hosts of the Realm on high raise the tabernacle of divine power, and the ascendency of "and verily Our host shall conquer" is manifested, obliterating the signs and standards of every worldly attachment and limitation, even as alluded to by some who have attained this station. At such times, the ascendancy of God's names and attributes will so surround a soul as to leave it no place either to stay or to flee. This station, however, hath its own obscurities and impediments, for they that journey towards the land of Divine Unity and detachment are still wrapt within the confines of names and attributes, and take delight in their gardens and bowers. Thus it is that, in describing these stations, some have made reference to the "unity of existence" and the "unity of appearance". By this is meant that the seeker will close his eyes to all save his Beloved and open them to naught but His beauty. He will pass beyond the mortal world and approach the everlasting realm. He will see no beauty but the Beloved's and hear no utterance but His praise; that is, he will avert his gaze from aught save His beauty and refuse to hearken to any melody but the sweet accents of His voice. Howbeit some are led astray even in this station; for no sooner do they inhale the fragrance of reunion, and hearken unto the voice of the doves of heavenly grace, than they imagine themselves to have attained perfection and wander lost in the wilderness of self-conceit, thus depriving themselves of the soft-flowing stream of divine providence and the ethereal cup of heavenly delight.

Yet others, assisted by the grace of the everlasting Friend, consume these veils with the fire of His love and step into the meads of ancient glory. That is, forsaking the wilderness of the "unity of existence", they attain unto the ultimate abode of the "true appearance of the Divine Unity". So clearly will they witness in this stage God's all-encompassing mercy that in every created thing, both in the world and in the souls of men, they will behold Him Who hath been interpreted as the Holy Outpouring. No longer will they close their eyes to any beauty, nor stop their ears from hearkening to any voice. For there is no prohibition in this stage and no debarment, inasmuch as in all things they will discern, with both their outer and inner eyes, the revelation of the signs of Him Who is the King of all names and attributes, and in every atom they will find a door that leadeth to the garden of Divine Unity and the city of pure abstraction. "Where'er I turn my gaze, 'tis Thee Whom I behold." So entirely will the hearts of the wayfarers be transported by longing for the ecstasies of this station that they will come to conceive no stage apart from this stage, to see themselves as abiding within the court of the Beloved and circling round His sanctuary, and to consider it as the ultimate abode of them that search and the uttermost station of such as have attained.

A myriad names and attributes have been ascribed to these degrees and stations, which I am disinclined to mention here. It is, indeed, solely because of thy longing and devotion that I have engaged in such ephemeral and limited topics. And this, notwithstanding that speech is the greatest evidence of the worth of the speaker and guideth unto the recognition of the source of guidance, for no more complete and enduring proof hath been or will be vouchsafed unto man from the empyrean of everlasting glory than words and utterance. This, verily, is a self-evident truth, for the braying of the donkey can never compare with the cooing of the dove. Never wilt thou hear from the raven the melodies of the nightingale, nor inhale from the abject beetle the fragrance of eternity.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the Single, the All-Subduing, the Most Exalted, Who was and shall be even as He hath ever been. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to God Who gladdened His servant with the rising of the sixth star from the horizon of the heaven of your bounty, and this came to pass after the sealing of the fifth book which testified to your station, and after witnessing and recognition, it ascended and was presented before the face of the Beloved. When mention was made of the son of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq - upon them both be the Glory of God - and Jinab-i-Mirza Asadu'llah - upon him be the Glory of God - thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of utterance throughout all possibility. He spoke, and His sweetest words are these:

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Numerous letters from Ibn-i-Asdaq - upon him be My Glory - and from Jinab-i-Asad - upon him be My bounty - which they had sent to this Servant have arrived and all were mentioned in the presence. Praise be to God, they are blessed with divine bounty and are occupied in serving the Cause. That which consoleth the eyes and causeth souls to soar hath been revealed for them both. Give them the glad-tidings of My mention, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all creation. God willing, may they be engaged in promoting the divine Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. In these days their reply is being revealed and shall be sent. O Zayn! The physical body is observed to be ailing from what hath befallen it, and this is why at times there is delay in answering petitions. We have accepted all tribulations. Whatever hath come from without hath been witnessed, and assuredly its effects shall appear in the body as well.

As to what thou didst write concerning one of the handmaidens of God and Aqa Muhammad Husayn, the shoemaker from N and J, and likewise Husayn and Ibrahim from that land - the details of each were presented in the Most Holy Court. He said: O Zayn! Give them the glad-tidings of My mercy, My forgiveness, My grace and My bounty. We have forgiven them as a token of Our favor. God willing, may they attain unto steadfastness in the Cause, for the satans shall be spread abroad and the books of hell shall appear. Blessed are they for having attained unto the mention of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned without proof or written testimony. Convey greetings from the True One to all the people of that land and say: God willing, all must remain firm and steadfast in God's Cause through the divine Name and the power and might of the Lord, in such wise that neither the knowledge of the learned, nor the understanding of the mystics, nor the clamor of the ignorant, nor their composed books shall prevent those souls from the Owner and Source. The glory and splendor from Us be upon them and upon those who have attained unto this most exalted, most holy, mighty and most sublime station.

We make mention of Husayn and Ibrahim and give them the glad-tidings of the acceptance of what they intended in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned them with a mention that shall endure as long as the kingdom endureth. Thus hath the Pen spoken that every soul which hath acted according to what it heard from the command of its Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, may rejoice

thereby. God willing, may all be adorned with the ornament of the most great steadfastness and be detached and free from all else but God.

Concerning what you wrote about Shahverdi, upon him be the Glory of God, he had some funds with Haji Ali, and when the aforementioned Haji intended to go to Hauran, he submitted that he had these funds which should be used to obtain a book. Then, according to instructions, since Mulla Muhammad-Ali Dahaji was about to depart and had no travel expenses, they directed that Haji Ali give it to him, and one book was taken in exchange for those funds from Ism-i-Jud (the Name of Bounty), upon him be [the Glory of God], and it is ready. Whenever a trustworthy person is found it will be sent. Inform him of this. And they said that Shahverdi has truly attained two blessings - he both became the owner of a book and his funds were spent in the path of God. Blessed is he, for he is among those who have attained the presence at a mighty station.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, that he had sought permission - this was submitted at the Most Holy Court. They said: "Praise be to God, through the wonders of divine bounty he has entered the ocean of attainment and drunk from the cup of meeting. Now let him be occupied with service to the Cause. It would be most loved in the sight of God if, having returned from the Land of Kha, he would proceed to the regions of the Land of Ta, that perchance he might guide the veiled souls and draw them to the highest horizon." The Glory be upon him. End.

And concerning what you wrote mentioning the blessed verse "This is the Day of the Call, yet ye are silent," and that after reading it they arose to serve - excellent is what was mentioned and excellent is what was done. This blessed Tablet was revealed but was not outwardly sent in any direction, yet it appears the angels of diffusion have taken it everywhere and spread it abroad. Would that the people of Bayan would reflect on this single Tablet and observe with fairness. They have taken the calf and cast aside God, the Lord of all worlds. This servant was greatly delighted by this blessed verse which Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah wrote about. Truly the throat of the world is inadequate and falls short for this Call. This servant will mention this entire blessed Tablet that the fragrance of the All-Merciful may waft throughout creation and every fair-minded one may take a path to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. His word - exalted be His mention, exalted be His utterance, glorified be His praise, and magnified be His grandeur:

He is the Most Great […]

The Promise hath come and He Who was promised hath appeared, yet the people are in manifest confusion. The Ocean of Life hath surged, yet they hasten unto death. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet they turn away therefrom. They have taken the stagnant pool and cast aside the sweet-flowing stream. What aileth them that they perceive not? They occupy themselves with dust, turning away from the Bestower of Gifts. Verily they comprehend not. By God! Their eyes are blind and their ears are deaf - they neither hear nor see.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned to the Light and set his face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling - he who heard the Call when it was raised in the kingdom of creation and hastened through the fields of divine good-pleasure until he recognized and declared: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!"

Say: O people of Baha! Are ye asleep, or hath the wine of vain desire overtaken you and prevented you from remembering God, the Lord of existence? Say: This is the Day of Rising - how is it that ye remain seated? This is the Day of the Call - how is it that ye remain silent? Arise in My Name, then speak with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people of possibility may turn unto the All-Merciful, Who calleth from this forbidden station.

Say: Have ye heard, yet remained patient? Fear God, and be not of them that know not. Say: Turn ye, that ye may hear God's melody in the Kingdom of utterance. By My life! Were they to hear it, the rapture of longing would so seize them that they would dance and be unaware thereof. Say: Do ye forsake the cup of immortality and take the fetid water of mortality from the hand of every rejected transgressor? Say: Hath the teacher of passion taught you this, or your own selves? Be truthful with Me, O people, and follow not every veiled liar. Arise with wisdom and remind the servants of that which the Lord of creation hath commanded you, that perchance they may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Thus hath My Pen spoken, My Tongue uttered, and My limbs testified. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and taken the Tablet of God with the hand of power and drunk therefrom that which was inscribed in My Preserved Tablet. O thou who drinkest from My cup and speaketh in My Name! Give thanks for this sealed Book which hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of grace.

Praise be to God that the sixth star hath been adorned with the Divine Light of utterance and hath been sealed with the blessed Tablet. Therefore it behooveth thee, me, and all who have turned to God to say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth!"

[In the margin of the above text it is written: To Jenab-i-Zayn, written in response when his sixth letter arrived at the time of sealing the envelope, on the 16th of Dhi'l-Hijjih]

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He is God, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty!

Praise be to God Who hath kindled the lamp of utterance and sustaineth it with the oil of knowledge and wisdom in the midmost heart of creation. He it is Who, by His command, hath caused the trees of existence to yield the fruits of knowledge in the invisible realm and the visible world, and through His Word hath illumined the dayspring of hearts with the lights of the knowledge of His cherished and glorious countenance. He it is Who hath adorned the body of the world with the ornament of His Most Great Name and hath summoned all peoples to the quarter of His most perfect mystery and hath unveiled to the mystics who have attained His presence the mysteries of eternity. None can resist His bidding or prevent His judgment. He revealeth whatsoever He willeth in creation and draweth aside the veil of concealment from His hidden beauty, though the unbelievers be averse.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Ruler of the seen and unseen! How can I thank Thee for the wonders of Thy favors, and with what tongue can I praise and glorify Thee for that which Thou hast bestowed upon Thy servants in the days of the manifestation of Thy beauty and the dawning of the sun of

Thy majesty? By Thy glory, O Lord of mankind and Manifestation of the mysteries of divine decree! I see my tongue powerless to render thanks for even the least of Thy favors, how much less to offer praise and gratitude before the revelation of Thy grandeur and greatness. Were Thou to transform all my limbs into tongues with which to thank Thee, it would still be trifling compared to the manifestations of Thy grace and the evidences of Thy loving-kindness. Through the sovereignty of Thy mercy, Thou didst create us and provide for us and cause us to appear in these days which Thou didst promise to Thy chosen ones in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. This is a blessing that cannot be compared with aught else in Thy earth and heaven, and this is a gift for which the hearts of the Prophets and Saints yearned, and in remembrance and desire of which the hearts of the chosen ones and faithful ones were consumed. How many nights did they weep with longing to attain Thy days, and how many days did they shed tears in their quest to exist in the world at the time of the manifestation of Thy beauty! Thou, through Thy most great favor and most perfect bounty, hast ordained for us this supreme blessing and this greatest gift. We beseech Thee to assist us, through the sovereignty of Thy power, to recognize its value and render thanks for it. Accept, O our God and our Lord and our Hope, our mention and our praise and our glorification. Look not upon our weakness and poverty, but rather upon Thy power and Thy riches and Thy majesty and Thy independence. Aid us to remain steadfast in the path of Thy love and to stand firm in the way of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of infinite grace. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Merciful.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of longing and who holdest fast to the hem of the Covenant on the Day of Meeting! That which thou didst inscribe with the trace of ink hath been received. From its darkness wafted the musk-scented breeze of love and fellowship, and from its whiteness shone forth the lights of harmony and unity. I read it and pondered it, and comprehended its allusions and all that its words encompassed. I beseech God, the Lord of Eternity, by His Most Great Name, to ordain for thee every good beneath His shadow, to protect thee from the evil of the wicked among His creatures, and to adorn thee at every moment with the ornament of His grace. Verily, He is the Kind, the All-Loving.

Grieve not that there hath been delay in writing. By thy life! The heart is occupied with thy remembrance and the remembrance of the chosen ones of thy Lord. What is inscribed upon stones may be effaced, but that which is inscribed upon the tablet of the heart from the verses of love shall never be erased. Blessed art thou, and glad tidings be unto thee, for the favors of thy Lord have encompassed thee. He hath assisted thee in His service, adorned thee with the ornament of His grace and mercy, and caused thee to dwell beneath the shade of His Divine Lote-Tree. We thank Him for this manifest grace, and praise Him at all times, before all times, and after all times.

In Persian it is mentioned: Praise be to God! Thou art adorned with the ornament of grace and dwellest beneath the shade of bounty. In most times, mention of thee floweth from the Tongue of Divine Will, and the bestowal of supreme favor in thy behalf is evident. After the arrival of thy letter, one day it was presented before the Presence, and mention was made of thee. The Tongue of Grace spoke these exalted words - His words, exalted be His utterance and magnified be His favor: He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing […]

O son of Attar! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, and upon thy mother and father and thy two brothers. Verily they have attained to the Meeting and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to the Desired One of all worlds that thou art mentioned from the Most Exalted Pen as "O son of Attar." In truth, thou art the perfumer from whom the fragrance of Divine love wafteth, and the Concourse on High doth inhale it. Every soul who is today adorned with the ornament of the love of God - his fragrance is diffused, his light is radiant, his name is resplendent, and his mention is effective. The glances of loving-kindness have ever been directed towards you. Protect the Cause of God and hold fast unto wisdom. He will teach you that which will profit you through His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One. Convey My greetings to the men and women of that household and gladden them with God's loving-kindness. Let not the world's differences and changes grieve you. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for you is such that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve this most exalted station. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The effulgent, manifest, and evident Light be upon the people of God and upon you and upon those whom neither the might of the world nor the clamor of nations hath frightened, who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: verily, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Ask ye God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive mankind of this supreme blessing and most great gift. The veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings have so encompassed the people of the world that they have entirely blocked the path of salvation and the way of life, save for the hidden favors and inner confirmations of the Lord of all beings to take them by the hand and lead them from the wilderness of perdition to the highway of salvation. Those who have abandoned the Bayan and are heedless of the Cause of the All-Merciful, who count themselves among the people of the Bayan, have once again clung to previous idle fancies and barred themselves from nearness to the Divine Law. For centuries upon centuries the Divine Manifestations have guided the servants to the path of righteousness and warned them against the abyss of vain imaginings and approaching the precipice of idle fancies. Repeatedly in every age and cycle, They have clearly explained whatsoever prevented previous peoples from accepting the truth. Yet again the heedless servants are seen clinging to the same issues, far removed from the path of knowledge, distant and separated from their true homeland.

Say: O my God, my Lord, and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Thy power and the dominion of Thy might to protect Thy people from the whisperings of the devils and the promptings of the corrupters, and to guard the pearls of their love for Thee from the hands of the thieves. Verily, Thou art the Sovereign of all worlds and the Lord of the heavens and the earths.

O thou beloved! I was engaged in writing the reply when a letter arrived from one of the friends containing that which grieved the hearts of the people of understanding, for it brought news of the ascension of the Leaf who had adorned herself in the days of her Lord with the ornament of her Master's loving-kindness, who had spent her time in service to the friends, and who was called from the Tongue of Grandeur the Mother of the near ones. She followed the example of the Blessed Leaf who sprang from the Tree in ascending from the cage of mortality to the gardens of holiness, nearness and eternity. Upon her be the glory of her Lord, the Creator of all things and the King of earth and heaven. What hath befallen you hath grieved the hearts of them that circle round. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to

console you and comfort you and to send down upon you patience and tranquility from His presence. Grieve not in the days of thy Lord but hold fast to the cord of patience and resignation. Say: […]

The first praise that appeared in the world of creation and the first mention that moved the tongues of the near ones be upon thee, O thou leaf that art firm and stirring upon the Lote Tree, ascending to the heaven of grace and mercy, and rising to the kingdom of power and grandeur! Blessed art thou for having been adorned with the ornament of eternity and for having cast off from thyself the garment of mortality. Joy be unto thee in this great bounty and mighty gift! I beseech God, exalted be He, to confirm His handmaidens in what He hath confirmed thee in His days, and not to deprive them of that which thou hast attained in His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth and worthy to answer. Convey My greetings to thy two brothers and mention them with wondrous mention. Glory and praise be upon thee and upon them and upon your family and upon the steadfast loved ones of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O Most Exalted Pen! Move across the Tablet by My command and authority, and behold all created things as mere bodies moved by the winds, bereft of spirit, save those who have detached themselves from all things, drawn nigh unto God, and whom God hath purified from the defilement of all who dwell on earth. Stand firm in My steadfastness, then summon the servants unto My Cause. Say: O people! Fear God and dispute not concerning Him but for Whom the Spirit would not have been made manifest, nor would the Sun of Batha have shone forth, nor would He Who was named ’Ali have come in the Kingdom of Names. Thus hath the matter been decreed, yet the people are in evident heedlessness. Say: Fear God, O people, and oppose not Him but for Whom the Fire would not have been kindled in the Tree of Sinai upon the blessed spot of the Mount for Moses, the Interlocutor, nor would the Fire have been made a light for Our Friend, nor would God’s Cause have been established amongst His creation, nor would the Sun of Eternity have shone from the horizon of holiness in the name of your Lord, the Most High.

Fear God, O concourse of earth and heaven, then be ashamed before Him Whose blood was shed for love of this Beauty Who hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of holiness with a message of supreme magnitude. Say: O people! This is the Youth for love of Whom the blood of the Prophets and Messengers was shed, did ye but know. Whosoever opposeth these verses while claiming to believe in what was revealed in the Bayan shall be cursed by all who dwell in the heavens and earth, and by those who recline upon exalted thrones of glory in the Most Sublime Paradise. Say: This is He Who took the covenant of His own Self with ’Ali aforetime in all the Tablets. Behold Him, O people of the Bayan, that ye may take Him as your path to God in this Manifestation. Beware lest ye regard Me with any eyes but Mine own; behold Me as God hath commanded you, and be not of those who follow their desires and cast the All-Merciful behind their backs, choosing instead the path of Satan.

Say: Can one who standeth between earth and heaven be compared with one who remaineth concealed behind veils? Nay, by the Self of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bountiful, if ye but knew. Say: Can one through whom the realities of all things were set ablaze, and in all things was kindled the fire of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, be compared with one who is consumed by the fire of self and passion, and is far removed from the shores of nearness? Can one who walketh in the atmosphere of the spirit be likened unto one who sitteth at home? Judge fairly then, O people of the Bayan, and be not oppressors and ungrateful.

Say: This is He Who aided His Lord in the days when the hearts of those near unto God were sorely shaken, when the feet of the seekers slipped, when the countenance of every sincere soul was turned back, and Who arose to uphold God's Cause by His own self, voicing His praise among His servants until He was imprisoned in this Prison, and God is witness unto this. By God! The Pen of the All-Merciful moveth only to make mention of Me and to praise Me, and His tongue speaketh naught but to describe My glory and beauty. Indeed, He came only to announce unto you My presence and prepare you for My days. Yet when the promise was fulfilled and the Youth came in the shadows of the clouds, ye denied Him until ye pronounced against Him a clear injustice.

Verily, purify thine ear from what thou hast heard that thou mayest hearken unto the melodies of God which shall draw thee to a wondrous station of glory. Then convey unto the servants this Cause whereby every steadfast soul hath been shaken and […]

All are struck with fear except those who come before God with radiant countenance. Say: O people, be ye ashamed before God Who created you for My manifestation. Commit not that which would dishonor the Cause, and associate not partners with God after He hath called you to the Most Glorious Paradise and asketh from you neither recompense nor thanks. If ye are able, go forth from your homes in support of His Cause; otherwise, remain where ye are but commit not that which ye were forbidden in the Book of Ali, then in Muhammad's Qur'an, and then in the holy and impregnable Tablets. Know thou that victory hath been ordained in the Remembrance and the Bayan - thus was it revealed at the beginning of this Manifestation, if thou be well-informed thereof. We forbade the servants from warfare and contention, yet some committed that which We prohibited and transgressed the bounds set by God. But God hath pardoned whom He willeth, for He is powerful over all things. O people! Transgress not what hath been revealed in the Book. Be God-fearing in the Cause. Cast not the ordinances of God behind your backs. Act according to that which ye have been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. They who have shed their blood in the path of God - their spirits have ascended to the heaven of mighty glory and are established in the Most Glorious Paradise, near the mercy of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. God shineth upon them at all times with a wondrous radiance, and they drink from the Kawthar of beauty from the hands of the grace of your Lord, the All-Merciful, while youths circle round them at every dawn and dusk. Would that we were with them and ascend to the Supreme Companion! This is what I desire for Myself and for those who follow Me, and this indeed is a mighty bounty. Say: O people! Turn not unto the world and its ornaments. By God! It shall perish, and ye shall return to an abode wherein ye shall find no companion for yourselves. Hearken unto My words and deprive not yourselves of meeting your Lord, and be not among the rebellious in the land.

O Pen of Command! Make mention of him who was named Ahmad and was martyred in the path of God in days when all were veiled from Him. Though he committed that which was forbidden, yet God pardoned him through His grace, for verily He encompasseth all things. His spirit ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion, and the hosts of the invisible realm of glory received him, and the lights of his Lord's countenance enveloped him from every direction until he entered the Most Glorious Paradise with a radiant visage. Were We to detail the station of those who have been martyred, the people would assuredly become detached from their own souls and ascend unto a sublime and holy kingdom. Convey Our glorification unto the faces of those whom God hath related unto Him, for verily they possess a magnificent station with God. Say: Beware lest ye grieve for him, for he dwelleth now in wondrous joy. Then make mention in the Book of him who was martyred with him, for whom an abundant recompense hath been ordained. He is now with him in the highest paradise, enjoying blessings that are sanctified above all comparison. And thou, O Muhammad, hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne once again, that the verses of thy Lord may cause thee to ascend unto the Divine Lote-Tree, the sublime and glorious seat. Grieve not over anything. Make mention of thy Lord amongst His servants, for verily thy Lord is with thee and watchful over thee. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the presence of God and stood before His countenance, and for having been illumined by the Sun of Beauty from the horizon of thy Lord's brow with manifest splendor. Hold fast unto the cord of God, then detach thyself from all else, that thy words may influence the hearts of those who doubt this Cause. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded by One Who is Mighty, All-Knowing. Wouldst thou remain in thy house while the Youth is in the hands of the oppressors from among the people of the Bayan, and there hath befallen Him that which all created things are powerless to recount? O Muhammad! Fear no one. Arise to praise thy Lord among His creation, for this is better for thee than all that hath been created between earth and heaven. Thus hath the command been sent down upon the Tablet from One Who is Powerful, Mighty. Then remind from Us those servants who have believed in God and have detached themselves from every remote idolater. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Aid your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in this Revelation which hath appeared in His Most Glorious Name, and turn not your attention to whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven. This is better for you, did ye but know. He desireth naught for you save to draw you nigh unto a sublime station of glory. Remember Him in private and in public, and let not the censure of those who have denied God openly and who are wretched upon the earth cause you to fear. Purify your hearts for His recognition and your ears for hearkening unto His melodies. This is My counsel unto you and unto every discerning and insightful one. The Spirit, glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who have remained steadfast in the Cause.

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In the name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be!

Praise sanctified above the recognition of all contingent beings befitteth the Lord of the invisible and the visible, Who by His Most Exalted Word distinguished the people of Baha from all else. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an regarding the Day of Resurrection in His exalted words: "One party

shall be in Paradise, and one party in the Fire." This is that Day unto which the countenance of the divine Books was turned, and wherein the mysteries of the heavenly Scriptures were made manifest and clear. He is the Almighty One Whom neither the tyranny of the oppressors nor the calumnies of the slanderers could deter from His purpose. Exalted, exalted be this Day wherein the treacherous one was brought low and the trustworthy was elevated. Command and judgment belong unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having manifested that which was hidden in hearts and concealed in breasts. I testify that Thou hast revealed Thy Cause before all faces and called everyone unto Thy manifest and visible horizon. Among the people are those whom the hand of Thy power hath delivered from the pit of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and among them are those who violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, taking vain imaginings as their lord instead of Thee and a god other than Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of power and in Whose right hand are the reins of all choice, by the waves of the seas of Thy grandeur and bounty, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom were illumined, to send down upon Thy loved ones from the clouds of Thy grace the rains of Thy blessings and wealth. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who denied Thy truth, disputed Thy signs, cast behind their backs Thy laws, and denied Thy proof. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I heard Thy call and hastened to the horizon of Thy manifestation, and attained unto that which was recorded in Thy Books. I beseech Thee, O God of the Kingdom and the Dominion, and Lord of might and power, by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones from the oppression of the Pharaohs of the earth and its tyrants, not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are detached and those of Thy creatures who are sincere, whose heads Thou hast adorned with the crowns of detachment and whose temples Thou hast adorned with the ornament of righteousness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

O Kazim! Upon thee be the light shining from the horizon of Revelation. The letters thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, attained Our presence and were heard. Praise be to God, from them wafted the fragrances of the garden of inner meanings, utterance, wisdom and mystical knowledge. Today, whosoever hath turned unto Him and hath drunk the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of the Desired One is, in the estimation of God, possessed of all stations. He is the learned one in God's sight, even though he be unable to read a single word. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station and supreme summit.

O Kazim! Praise the Desired One of the world Who granted you steadfastness. How many souls have turned towards Him and then, for the slightest reason, turned away from the True Cause! Blessed is the servant who fixeth his gaze upon the blessed words "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Such a one is among the companions of the Crimson Ark. No command deterreth him, nor doth anything cause him to slip. He holdeth fast unto the cord of God in such wise that the peoples of the world are powerless to separate him from it.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones. Say: O people of God! Today the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary is raised from the highest paradise. Have ears worthy of hearing been created and

raised up? Say: Yea, verily! Through the effulgences of the Day-Star of favor, beings have been raised up the like of which the eye of the world hath never seen. They have, in the name of the Peerless Friend, set out for the place of sacrifice and have scattered the pearls of the spirit, which are the most precious gems in the world, at the feet of their Beloved.

Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto Thee, that they may hearken unto Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Then enable them to read Thy verses and to turn unto the light of Thy countenance. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor the learned ones from that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will. I testify that Thy mercy hath encompassed all created things and Thy grace hath preceded all existence. Make known unto Thy servants Thy straight path and Thy tidings at which the limbs of the idolaters have quaked. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

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O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call which was raised from Thy most exalted horizon, and for having made me recognize the ocean of Thy verses and the sun of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and the rain-clouds of Thy grace to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Kazim! Make mention of the kinsmen of the exalted martyr on behalf of the Wronged One. Perchance the fragrance of God's remembrance may seize them and enable them to attain unto the greatest steadfastness. Give them glad-tidings from Me and remind them of My verses and illumine them with the light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of grace - a bounty from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Today the blessed, all-embracing Word hath encompassed all things and the Sun of Revelation hath shone forth and become manifest from the horizon of the heaven of power. The loved ones of God must, through kindly counsels and praiseworthy character, purify and sanctify the people of the earth from bestial qualities and guide them to the horizon of justice. Perchance the fire of sedition and corruption may be quenched by the living waters of love and the world may be illumined with a fresh radiance. During nights and days We have enjoined what is right and forbidden what is wrong, yet some have attained to that which they are commanded while others are still observed to be heedless. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth and He is the Hearing, the Answering One.

At the end of this epistle We make mention of him who is named Ahmad, who attained Our presence and heard Our call. We testify that he is among those who have attained in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Single. We have counseled the people of God to be sincere and pure, to show forth love and devotion, to be trustworthy and faithful. When the sun of trials dawned from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of all worlds, some hearts were troubled, some feet faltered, while a group, by God's might and power, remained firm and

steadfast. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the traces of God. He is indeed among those who are drawn nigh.

The names thou didst send have each been remembered. Verily He remembereth His loved ones at eventide and at dawn, and He is the One manifest on the Day of Meeting. He commandeth all to observe the Covenant and Testament. O Kazim! Convey glory and praise to God's loved ones from the Wronged One. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the praise of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and blessed is the eye that hath beheld His sacred court, sanctified from the mention of all that was and shall be.

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In the name of the one true God

Praise be to the all-perceiving, the ever-abiding Lord Who, from a dewdrop out of the ocean of His grace, hath reared the firmament of existence, adorned it with the stars of knowledge, and admitted man into the lofty court of insight and understanding. This dewdrop, which is the Primal Word of God, is at times called the Water of Life, inasmuch as it quickeneth with the waters of knowledge them that have perished in the wilderness of ignorance. Again it is called the Primal Light, a light born of the Sun of divine knowledge, through whose effulgence the first stirrings of existence were made plain and manifest. Such manifestations are the expressions of the grace of Him Who is the Peerless, the All-Wise. He it is who knoweth and bestoweth all. He it is who transcendeth all that hath been said or heard. His knowledge will remain forever above the grasp of human vision and understanding and beyond the reach of human words and deeds. To the truth of this utterance existence itself and all that hath appeared therefrom bear eloquent testimony.

It is clear and evident, therefore, that the first bestowal of God is the Word, and its discoverer and recipient is the power of understanding. This Word is the foremost instructor in the school of existence and the revealer of Him Who is the Almighty. All that is seen is visible only through the light of its wisdom. All that is manifest is but a token of its knowledge. All names are but its name, and the beginning and end of all matters must needs depend upon it.

Thy letter hath reached this captive of the world in His prison. It brought joy, strengthened the ties of friendship, and renewed the memory of bygone days. Praise be to the Lord of creation Who granted us the favour of meeting in the Arabian land, wherein we visited and held converse. It is Our hope that our encounter may never be forgotten nor effaced from the heart by the passage of time, but rather that, out of the seeds thus sown, the sweet herbs of friendship may spring forth and remain forever fresh and verdant for all to behold.

As to thy question concerning the heavenly Scriptures: The All-Knowing Physician hath His finger on the pulse of mankind. He perceiveth the disease, and prescribeth, in His unerring wisdom, the remedy. Every age hath its own problem, and every soul its particular aspiration. The remedy the world needeth in its present-day afflictions can never be the same as that which a subsequent age may require. Be anxiously

concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements.

We can well perceive how the whole human race is encompassed with great, with incalculable afflictions. We see it languishing on its bed of sickness, sore-tried and disillusioned. They that are intoxicated by self-conceit have interposed themselves between it and the Divine and infallible Physician. Witness how they have entangled all men, themselves included, in the mesh of their devices. They can neither discover the cause of the disease, nor have they any knowledge of the remedy. They have conceived the straight to be crooked, and have imagined their friend an enemy.

Incline your ears to the sweet melody of this Prisoner. Arise, and lift up your voices, that haply they that are fast asleep may be awakened. Say: O ye who are as dead! The Hand of Divine bounty proffereth unto you the Water of Life. Hasten and drink your fill. Whoso hath been reborn in this Day, shall never die; whoso remaineth dead, shall never live.

Thou hast written concerning languages. Both Arabic and Persian are laudable. That which is desired of a language is that it convey the intent of the speaker, and either language can serve this purpose. And since in this Day the Orb of divine knowledge hath risen in the firmament of Persia, that tongue deserveth every praise.

O friend! When the Primal Word appeared amongst men in these latter days, a number of heavenly souls recognized the voice of the Beloved and bore allegiance unto it, whilst others, finding the deeds of some to be at variance with their words, remained far removed from the spreading rays of the Sun of divine knowledge.

Say: O children of dust! He Who is the Spirit of Purity saith: In this glorious Day whatsoever can purge you from defilement and ensure your peace and tranquillity, that indeed is the Straight Path, the Path that leadeth unto Me. To be purged from defilement is to be cleansed of that which is injurious to man and detracteth from his high station–among which is to take undue pleasure in one's own words and deeds, notwithstanding their unworthiness. True peace and tranquillity will only be realized when every soul will have become the well-wisher of all mankind. He Who is the All-Knowing beareth Me witness: were the peoples of the world to grasp the true significance of the words of God, they would never be deprived of their portion of the ocean of His bounty. In the firmament of truth there hath never been, nor will there ever be, a brighter star than this.

The first utterance of Him Who is the All-Wise is this: O children of dust! Turn your faces from the darkness of estrangement to the effulgent light of the daystar of unity. This is that which above all else will benefit the peoples of the earth. O friend! Upon the tree of utterance there hath never been, nor shall there ever be, a fairer leaf, and beneath the ocean of knowledge no pearl more wondrous can ever be found.

O children of understanding! If the eyelid, however delicate, can deprive man's outer eye from beholding the world and all that is therein, consider then what would be wrought if the veil of covetousness were to descend upon his inner eye. Say: O people! The darkness of greed and envy becloudeth the radiance of the soul even as the clouds obstruct the light of the sun. Should anyone hearken unto this utterance with

a discerning ear, he will unfurl the wings of detachment and soar effortlessly in the atmosphere of true understanding.

At a time when darkness had encompassed the world, the ocean of divine favour surged and His Light was made manifest, that the doings of men might be laid bare. This, verily, is that Light which hath been foretold in the heavenly scriptures. Should the Almighty so please, the hearts of all men will be purged and purified through His goodly utterance, and the light of unity will shed its radiance upon every soul and revive the whole earth.

O people! Words must be supported by deeds, for deeds are the true test of words. Without the former, the latter can never quench the thirst of the yearning soul, nor unlock the portals of vision before the eyes of the blind. The Lord of celestial wisdom saith: A harsh word is even as a sword thrust; a gentle word as milk. The latter leadeth the children of men unto knowledge and conferreth upon them true distinction.

The Tongue of Wisdom proclaimeth: He that hath Me not is bereft of all things. Turn ye away from all that is on earth and seek none else but Me. I am the Sun of Wisdom and the Ocean of Knowledge. I cheer the faint and revive the dead. I am the guiding Light that illumineth the way. I am the royal Falcon on the arm of the Almighty. I unfold the drooping wings of every broken bird and start it on its flight.

The incomparable Friend saith: The path to freedom hath been outstretched; hasten ye thereunto. The wellspring of wisdom is overflowing; quaff ye therefrom. Say: O well-beloved ones! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Verily I say, whatsoever leadeth to the decline of ignorance and the increase of knowledge hath been, and will ever remain, approved in the sight of the Lord of creation. Say: O people! Walk ye neath the shadow of justice and truthfulness and seek ye shelter within the tabernacle of unity.

Say: O ye that have eyes to see! The past is the mirror of the future. Gaze ye therein and be apprised thereof; perchance ye may be aided thereby to recognize the Friend and may be not the cause of His displeasure. In this Day the choicest fruit of the tree of knowledge is that which serveth the welfare of humanity and safeguardeth its interests.

Say: The tongue hath been created to bear witness to My truth; defile it not with falsehood. The heart is the treasury of My mystery; surrender it not into the hand of covetous desires. We fain would hope that in this resplendent morn, when the effulgent rays of the Sun of divine knowledge have enveloped the whole earth, we may all attain unto the good pleasure of the Friend and drink our fill from the ocean of His recognition.

O friend! As hearing ears are scarce to find, the pen hath for some time remained silent in its quarters. In truth, matters have come to such a pass that silence hath taken precedence over utterance and hath come to be regarded as preferable. Say: O people! These words are being uttered in due measure, that the newly born may thrive and the tender shoot flourish. Milk should be given in suitable proportion, that the children of the world may attain to the station of maturity and abide in the court of oneness.

O friend! We came upon a pure soil and sowed therein the seeds of true understanding. Let it now be seen what the rays of the sun will do–whether they will cause these seeds to wither or to grow. Say: Through the ascendancy of God, the All-Knowing, the Incomparable, the Luminary of divine understanding hath, in this Day, risen from behind the veil of the spirit, and the birds of every meadow are intoxicated with the wine of knowledge and exhilarated with the remembrance of the Friend. Well is it with them that discover and hasten unto Him!

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The verses have been sent down and the clear proofs have appeared, and the gate of the prison was opened after a numbered span of years, even as was foretold by the Lord of Eternity when the Seat of the Throne was established in the prison of ’Akka. Every learned one, every seeing one, and every fair-minded one beareth witness to the appearance of that which was uttered in the Book of God and His Tablets that were revealed aforetime. Blessed is he who hath read and recognized and testified, and woe unto every heedless one who hath denied that which hath appeared from God, the Lord of all worlds.

In truth, neither pen is capable of recording nor tongue of expressing that which hath come to pass. With utmost clarity hath it been revealed in God’s Book, and yet all remain heedless save those whom God hath aided. In the early days, the meaning of this blessed verse which He had previously revealed became manifest: “Everything is perishable save His Face.” This finite one existeth while all else is perishing and non-existent, as attested by His exalted Word: “All that is thereon is perishable, and there remaineth but the face of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most-Bountiful.”

Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou seest and knowest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of those who have denied all that hath appeared from Thee, and whose riches have so occupied them that they have cast behind their backs Thy Book, violated Thy Covenant, and disputed Thy verses. O Lord! Aid those who have entered prison for Thy Name’s sake to be steadfast and patient, then ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world, and that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Omnipotent. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Ali! The servant present here brought thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One. We heard and have answered, and verily We are the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Ali! The children of the earth are occupied with doubts and vain imaginings. The intoxication of heedlessness hath so seized them that they consider the world everlasting and themselves immortal. By the life of God! Soon will the hand of divine power purify the earth from the wicked. The fire of tyranny shall be quenched, and its kindler shall return to his abode. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Thy letter testified to thy love, affection, devotion, humility and lowliness before God. Divine confirmations have reached thee and will continue to reach thee. Gird up the loins of service and counsel the friends of God as behooveth them on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Look not upon the transgressors and what they possess, but rather fix your gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon and what hath been ordained for you by the Pen of Command from the presence of the Ancient Ordainer. Let all hold fast to patience and forbearance, and seek from God, exalted be His glory. He hath granted victory and will continue to do so.

Where are they who drew their swords and arose in tyranny in such wise as caused the dwellers of the cities of justice and equity to lament? Throughout ages and centuries, the transgressors and oppressors have perpetrated that which caused every person of insight to weep and every possessor of a heart to wail. Nevertheless, exaltation, ascendancy and profit have been for the people of truth, while abasement, torment and loss have been for the enemies. Had they acted upon divine counsels, they would now behold the world as a tract of light. Although the darkness of oppression hath prevented some of the rays of the Sun of Justice, yet the Hand of Power shall manifest that which He hath willed. None hath the power to change or prevent it.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and be of the thankful ones. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to My firm cord.

Praise be to God! The Sun of loving-kindness is shining and the Moon of grace is radiant. He chooseth whomsoever He willeth for whatsoever He pleaseth. None can prevent Him and none can resist Him. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth and withholdeth from whomsoever He desireth. He shall not be asked of His doings. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was written about the prisoners, this is what was uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur - exalted be His glory: "O ʼAbdu'l-Hadir! Make mention of ʼAli on Our behalf and gladden him with the favors of God. From his mention wafts the fragrance of love, and from his words his arising to serve the Cause is evident. I beseech God to protect him, to strengthen him, and to ordain for him that which shall profit him in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Lord of all created things, the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the earth below."

One should not be assured by the words of some. In the Land of Ta (Tehran), some took whatever they desired in this name, specifically for the release of prisoners, and afterwards no effect was manifest. God is the Concealer, He conceals from some. If they arrange to seize them after their release, there is and was no harm in this. Otherwise their affair rests with God, exalted be His glory. At one time this supreme utterance issued forth from the Dawning-Place of Names - blessed and exalted be His Word: "O ʼAbdu'l-Hadir! They have been imprisoned for the sake of God and have entered prison through their love for Him. This is a most great bounty, for God hath accepted this deed and attributed it to Himself. All the treasures of the world and the riches of the nations cannot equal it. If He willeth, He will release them as He hath released them time and again. O ʼAbdu'l-Hadir! This imprisonment is beloved, for it is adorned with God's acceptance. This station is most exalted. By My life! If the manifestations of tyranny were to become aware of the station and loftiness of this prison, all would yearn for it. But alas! alas! These people are deprived of the spirit of inner meanings and barred from divine mysteries. Blessed is ʼAli, for

he is steadfast in service and hath intended to serve. God willing, may all attain to that which befitteth this blessed Day. The friends in that land are all remembered in His presence, especially those souls who have arisen for God's sake and have been enabled to spend in His exalted path."

They smiled at the letter of that loved one and repeatedly accepted his intention with the adornment of acceptance. That which they forbade its execution - verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Bountiful. Not an atom of good deeds and goodly words has been or will be lost. When these words of that loved one were presented, which stated "With longing and hope, in complete humility and lowliness it was submitted that whatever is ordained in this matter, we are ready with utmost gratitude," They said: "For God is his essence, for God is his deed, for God is his word, for God is his humility and submission and his turning unto Him."

A hundred thousand praises be unto the Beloved of the worlds that His loved ones and friends are steadfast in service, blessed with His remembrance, adorned with His love, and embellished with His favors. Furthermore, this station has become evident and manifest like the greatest luminary, requiring no mention from this servant. In truth, this noble tradition "The intention of the believer is better than his deed" was and is for this station. It behooveth the tongue of the inmost heart and the head to say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy loved ones to perform that which hath been adorned with the ornament of Thine acceptance. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou givest and Thou withholdest, and Thou art indeed the Almighty, the Powerful."

I send greetings and salutations to all the loved ones of that land, and I beseech them all that in their moments of leisure they forget not this evanescent one and pray on his behalf for divine confirmations and success. Similarly, this servant too, in the nighttime and during the day, before the throne of the Lord of all beings, has prayed and continues to pray for their confirmation and success. Verily our Lord, the All-Hearing, is the Answerer of prayers. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the steadfast loved ones of God.

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He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Proof

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards the horizon of His Cause, soared in His atmosphere and recognized that which most of the servants have rejected. He is, verily, of those who have turned towards God.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Hearken unto My Voice from My direction: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant who standeth before the Face hath presented it. We have answered thee with a Tablet whereunto the tablets

of the world and whatsoever is with the nations cannot be compared. To this beareth witness the Lord of the world Who uttereth at all times: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of this glorious and wondrous Day!”

Be thou vocal in the praise and remembrance of God, and steadfast in the service of His Cause whereby the hearts of the learned were perturbed and the dwellers of the cities of names have lamented, save those whom thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous, hath willed. Say: This is the Day wherein the Mother Book hath been sent down, did ye but know it, and the Mother of the Bayan hath come, as attested by Him with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful, and turn not away from Him by Whom the horizon of divine knowledge hath been illumined and the Nightingale warbleth upon the branches. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. By God! The Bayan was sent down for My remembrance, the Book for My Name, and the Tablets for this irrevocable Cause. Say: Your clamor shall not prevent Me, nor the clamor of those on earth. I call out before the faces of the world and speak that which I have been commanded by the Lord of Eternity. To this bear witness My deeds and My call, but the people do not understand.

O Pen! Make mention of My loved ones there, that the remembrance of their Lord may draw them to the most exalted station.

O Ghaffar! The Chosen One maketh mention of thee when the wicked surrounded Him from every direction. I am He Who hath arisen with God’s Cause amidst the world and have manifested that which I was commanded before the faces of all people. When the Cause was revealed, there emerged from behind the veils certain wicked ones who desired to shed My blood without any proof or book.

O Yahya! The Book hath come; take hold of it with strength from Us and follow not those who have violated God’s Covenant and His Testament, and who have disbelieved in that which hath been sent down from the presence of a Mighty, All-Knowing One. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Our horizon when most of the servants turned away. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth as a grace from Our presence, and We are the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Nur-Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison quarter and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for thee from the Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names! Thou art He Who hath manifested Himself for the life of the world and hath called all unto the Dayspring of bounty. Those who have turned away, they shall have no portion of this Most Great Sea. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in the most exalted station. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Face of God and the heart that hath turned towards Him on a Day wherein feet have slipped.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Hearken unto the call from the Lote-Tree beyond the Sea of Grandeur: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Chosen One. I have come from the Dayspring of certitude with the standards of divine knowledge. Among the people are those who have turned towards God and those who have turned away - and he who turneth away is assuredly among the companions of

the Fire. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the utmost steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of the wicked have been perturbed.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named ’Abbas-Quli that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be of the thankful ones. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down unto me Thy verses and manifested unto me Thy clear tokens, and for having aided me to turn towards Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the sun of Thy bounty to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Ali! The Lord of creation makes mention of thee at a time when the hosts of the wicked have encompassed Him, and He reveals unto thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Take heed lest the might of the powerful weaken thee in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, or the power of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, cause thee to fear. Arise with such steadfastness as will cause the hearts of the opposers to tremble.

O Pen! Make mention of Abdul-Ali and give him glad tidings of the favors of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We counsel him to remember God and praise Him, and to that whereby His mighty and wondrous Cause may be exalted. Arise to serve the Cause in the name of God, thy Lord, and say: O people of the Bayan! By God, its Revealer and Sender hath come. Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of the wrongdoers. Do ye deny the Ocean and regard the drop as an ocean apart from Me? Ye are indeed of the ignorant ones. By God, he who denieth this Cause cannot prove any other cause. The Books of God, both past and future, bear witness to this. Be fair and be not of the transgressors. We counsel thee to remember and praise God on this Day wherein the opposers have arisen in manifest sedition.

O Muhammad! The One, the Single, makes mention of thee from this most exalted Station that He may draw thee unto the supreme height. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s favor and cling to His resplendent hem. Say: O my God and my Desire! I beseech Thee by the hidden and treasured mysteries, by Thy revealed verses and Thy manifest and brilliant evidences, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

We make mention in this station of him who is named Aqa Bala that the utterance of the All-Merciful may attract him to the supreme horizon and draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which he was bidden by God, the Lord of Lords. Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names and supreme attributes. He unto whom is given the knowledge of the Book beareth witness to this. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses! I beseech Thee to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy Cause in such wise that the power of the wicked may not move me.

O Muhammad-Taqi! My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee in this fortress built of smoothed rock. When thou attainest unto this remembrance and perceivest from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast turned toward me from the direction of the prison,

and thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me in such wise as to enrapture the hearts of the righteous. We counsel thee and them that have believed to observe trustworthiness, religious devotion, chastity, and that whereby God's Cause may be promoted amongst His servants. Seize hold of that which hath been revealed unto thee with such strength as the hands of the infidels who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have turned away from the Countenance when it appeared from the heaven of utterance with wisdom and clear proof, are powerless to withstand.

O Tongue of My Grandeur! Make mention of him who is named Muhibb-'Ali and give him glad tidings of verses that are unequalled by aught in the private or public domain. Blessed is he who, though seated, hath arisen to serve the Cause, and he who, though disobedient, hath hastened to the ocean of forgiveness. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken while the Wronged One was in the most sublime station.

And We make mention of My handmaidens in that land and give them glad tidings of God's favor and bounty which have encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. Rejoice, O My leaves, in My remembrance and My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all created things. By My life! The treasures of the earth cannot equal My remembrance. He with whom is the Mother Book doth testify to this.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! We have made mention of thee at the outset, and have mentioned every name that was recorded in thy book, and have sealed the Tablet with thy name. Rejoice thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who causeth the rivers to flow! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all created things. O my Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which is best for me. Thou knowest what is within my soul, while I know not what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

The servant who is present hath appeared and visited the Throne in thy stead, and hath attained the ornament of acceptance from the Wronged One, Who hath proclaimed before the faces of the world: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sender of the winds." Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me when I was wronged at the hands of the ignorant. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee, to grant thee success, and to ordain for thee the best of what hath been sent down in the Holy Books and Tablets. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon the people of understanding who have not broken the Covenant at their final return.

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O ye who are the hands of His power in the kingdom of creation and the manifestations of His grandeur between earth and heaven! Ye are they who were awakened by the gentle winds of the dawn of Revelation and were enraptured by the voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai. Ye are they who inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful when it wafted from the realm of divine knowledge. By your guidance the thirsty hastened to the onrushing waters of everlasting life and the sinner to the vivifying river of

forgiveness and mercy. Ye are the signs of God and His straight Path amongst His creation. Through you all faces turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and every poor one sought the Wellspring of wealth. At your suffering all things lamented, and every atom cried out between earth and heaven, and Adam forsook the Most Exalted Paradise and chose for Himself a place upon the dust. Ye are the dawning-places of power amidst the people and the daysprings of might amongst the righteous. Through you the springtime of inner meaning appeared in the world of utterance and the All-Merciful shed His effulgent splendour upon all created things. Ye are the hands of His Cause in His lands, and the stars of His bountiful care amidst His servants. Through you the daystars of knowledge dawned forth, the heavens of all religions were illumined, the lights of the sciences shone brightly amongst the nations, and the sphere of the arts was expanded throughout the world. Ye are the dawning-places of God's Revelation upon the earth and the daysprings of His signs in the world of creation. By your arising did the people arise to serve the Cause and the river of mercy flow out amidst humankind. Ye are the pearls of the Hidden Sea and the letters of the Treasured Book. Through your sublime word the Book of Names was expounded and the portals of blessings were opened wide before the inhabitants of earth and heaven. Through you the injunction "Be thou" was enforced, the Hidden Secret was divulged, and the choice Wine was unsealed.

Alas, alas! By reason of your sorrow, the inmates of the all-highest Paradise were overcome with grief and the denizens of the kingdom of names were moved to lament. At your suffering, trembling seized the inhabitants of the Verdant Isle on the shore of the Sea of Grandeur, causing the sighs of such as are wholly devoted to God to ascend and the tears of them that are nigh unto Him to rain down. Ye are the books of God and His scriptures, the epistles of God and His tablets. By virtue of your gladness the faces of all beings were wreathed in smiles, and by reason of your sorrow all things visible and invisible did wail aloud. Ye are the arks of God sailing upon the ocean of His Will, and the people of God who have arisen to champion His Cause. Through you the Most Great Announcement was proclaimed and the limbs of all men were made to tremble. Through your call every sleeping one was awakened, every seated one rose up, and every reclining one rushed forth. Through that call the negligent were raised from slumber, the ignorant were enlightened, the agitated were assured, and the tongue of every stammerer was unloosed. Through your sweet remembrance all people hastened to the Most Exalted Horizon and the Crimson Ark sailed upon the sea of names. Ye are the dawning-places of the Will of God and the daysprings of His Cause, the embodiments of His command and the sources of His might. Ye are the storehouses of His knowledge and the treasuries of His secrets, the repositories of His decree and the exponents of His behest. Ye are the pearls of the ocean of His generosity and the gems of the mines of His munificence, the suns of the firmament of His grace and the moons of the heaven of His bounty. Through you the banner "He, verily, is God" was hoisted upon the earth and every stranger came to recognize his ultimate goal and his true abode. Through your allegiance did the pure in heart rush to the field of martyrdom and offer up that which they possessed in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Through you did they who enjoy near access to God attain unto the living waters of immortality, and the true believers unto that which hath flowed forth from the Luminous Spot in the All-Highest Paradise before the Divine Lote-Tree.

I testify that through you the breeze of the All-Merciful passed over all created things and the sweet savour of the All-Glorious wafted over all regions. Through you the Throne was established upon the land of Za'faran and the God of Mercy seated Himself thereupon. Through you the heaven of certitude shone

resplendent and all things were moved to proclaim, “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Beneficent!” Through your names the suns of inner meaning dawned above the horizons of utterance, and the streams of divine wisdom flowed in the gardens of true understanding. Ye are those inner meanings that can neither be apprehended through words nor expressed through speech. Blessed is the poor one who hath set out towards the orient of your wealth, the thirsty one who hath hastened to the shores of the ocean of your favours, the lowly one who hath sought the court of your glory, the ignorant one who hath looked to the dawning-place of your knowledge, the distressed one who hath drawn nigh unto the tabernacle of your majesty and the pavilion of your grace, the ailing one who hath longed for the heavenly river of your healing, the weak one who hath turned to the kingdom of your might, and the friend who hath reached the soft-flowing stream of reunion with you and been honoured with your presence, which excelleth all that hath been fashioned in the universe or appeared in the realm of creation. Great indeed is the blessedness of the wayward one who hath rushed to the dayspring of your guidance, the slumbering one who hath been awakened through your remembrance, the dead one who hath been stirred by the breezes of your utterance and adorned with the ornament of life beneath your shadow, the seated one who hath arisen in your service, the eloquent one who hath celebrated your praise and turned to the fountain of your generosity, and the rebellious one who through your intercession hath reached the ocean of forgiveness. Through the sweet call you raised did all things draw nigh unto God, the Possessor of all names, and by your turning to the Most Exalted Horizon did all faces turn towards the dawning-place of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Glorious. Through you the treasures of all names were brought forth amongst the people. Through you the hearts of His ardent lovers were set ablaze in the world of creation.

The glory that hath dawned from the horizon of Mine utterance rest upon you and upon whomsoever hath turned towards you and fixed his gaze on the court of your glory. Through you the Dove of Eternity chanted and the birds of the Throne of glory warbled amongst the peoples, the seas surged and the winds blew, the lights were shed abroad and the skies were illumined. Through you the celestial Bird sounded its call, that which had been hidden was disclosed, the irrevocable decree was fulfilled, and the Hand of Mercy passed round the sealed wine. Through you the morn of certitude dawned forth, the lamp of vain imaginings was extinguished, and the gates of inspiration were flung open. Through you the secrets of the Book were divulged and the veils were rent asunder. Through you the emerald-green Nightingale warbled upon the Crimson Tree, testifying to that whereunto God Himself did testify ere the creation of earth and heaven. Ye are the waves of this Sea through which every other sea hath surged and the mercy of God hath appeared in every land. I bear witness that ye are rivers branching out from the Most Great Ocean, luminous moons rising above the horizon of the world, and radiant lights shining upon its peoples. God hath made each of you a bough of this Ancient Root; an exponent of this glorious, this veiled and weighty Secret; a manifestation of His most noble Name; and a sign of His all-embracing grace. Well is it with him that hath been blessed by your breath during your lives and guided by your example after your deaths. Through you God’s bounty was fulfilled, His mercy encompassed all things, His testimony was established, His heavenly sustenance was sent down, His Word was perfected, His breeze was wafted, and His proofs shone resplendent amidst all creation. By your suffering, the kindreds of the cities of names were seized with agitation, the Pen of the Most High wailed aloud, the inmates of the loftiest Paradise were sorely vexed, the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree withered, the Maids of heaven

swooned away in their crimson chambers, the atoms of the universe cried out between earth and heaven, and the movement of the Pen of the Most Great Name was stilled in the realms of remembrance and praise. Blessed is the one who hath been illumined with the light of your faces, hath drawn nigh unto the precincts of your court and circled round you, hath visited your resting-places and taken refuge with you, hath cleaved to the cord of your grace and held fast to the hem of your bounty, hath striven to the utmost in your path and suffered martyrdom for the sake of your love.

Through you the Supreme Horizon was illumined and all faces turned to God, the Lord of all Names. Through you were manifested His sovereignty and His might, His majesty and His grandeur. Ye are the lights of the Kingdom, the secrets of the Celestial Dominion, and the daysprings of the Cause of God in this nether world. Through you the sun of utterance shone forth, the ocean of understanding appeared, the heaven of certitude was upraised, and the throne of the All-Merciful was established in the realm of being. Blessed are ye–the origin of your beings and their end, your outer temples and inner selves–and blessed is whosoever hath drawn nigh unto you and visited your graves, held fast to the cord of your favours, and clung firmly to the hem of the robe of your bestowals.

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord of Being and Possessor of all things visible and invisible! I beseech Thee by the showers of Thy mercy, through which Thy bounties and favours were manifested unto Thy servants, and by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom, to forgive me, and my parents, and every servant who hath clung firmly to this exalted station and hastened to this sublime habitation.

I entreat Thee, O my Lord, by that Word wherewith Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy chosen ones, to satisfy my needs and make me steadfast in Thy Cause, with my eyes fixed upon Thy horizon, wholly rid of all attachment to such as have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant hastening to the ocean of Thy forgiveness, desiring only that which Thou hast ordained for them that love Thee. Thou art, in truth, that All-Powerful One Whom the pursuits of Thy servants can never frustrate nor the clamour of the people deter from Thy purpose. Thou doest, through the power of Thy might, what Thou willest, and ordainest as Thou pleasest. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the All-Subduing, the Almighty.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great!

These are the verses of God, the True King, the Manifest One, sent down from the heaven of mighty exaltation. Worship none but Him and turn to the direction of His favor - this is the straight path. O people! Consider the proofs and signs of God from before, that ye may be convinced that He is indeed the One Who hath appeared with truth in these days. Yet most people remain behind a mighty veil.

Say: O people! We sent forth the First Creation by Our command, and We made him a Word, and We sent him to earth and made him the father of all creation. We gave him progeny from Our presence and

made them inheritors. Then when ages and epochs passed, We sent forth Noah from Our presence to guide people unto God and give them glad tidings of these days. We commanded him to take from the people of earth a covenant concerning this Manifestation.

He said: “O people! Fear God and be not of those who join partners with Him. Your God is one God. Worship none but Him.” They opposed him and denied Him Who sent him with truth. At every moment he was afflicted with hardship and adversity in God’s path - the King, the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing - until We delivered him and those with him, and drowned the evil-doing people who were among the losers.

Then after him We sent forth Hud and sent him to Our heedless servants. He said: “O people! Fear God! I have come to you from the Dawning Place of the Cause with momentous tidings. Worship none but Him and be not of those who join partners with Him.” They denied him and harmed him at all times, and We were witness and aware of what they did, until We sent against them a furious wind and destroyed them, save Our sincere servants.

Then We sent forth Salih with a word from Our presence and sent him to his people to remind them of the remembrance of God, their Lord and the Lord of all worlds. He said: “O people! I have come to you from God your Lord. Join no partners with Him but worship Him sincerely, and wrong no one by so much as a grain’s weight. Be just among yourselves and be not of the corrupt.” They were not guided by the lights of guidance. They rejected him and denied Him Who sent him with truth, and were among the wrongdoers. We destroyed them with a single cry and made them a lesson for others.

Then after him We sent forth the Friend (Abraham) and gave him ten scrolls from Our presence and sent him to Nimrod and his chiefs to remind them of the days of God and guide them to this clear and luminous path. He said: “O people! God hath sent me to you and hath sent down unto me from His presence verses of mighty exaltation. Differ not concerning His Cause and follow not the ways of those who join partners with Him. Answer God’s summoner among you and be not of the heedless.” They made God’s Cause an object of mockery and were not among the believers, until We destroyed Nimrod and his people and made the Friend an enduring Word from Our presence among the worlds.

Then after him We sent forth Him Who conversed with God (Moses) with clear signs and made him a proof unto all in the heavens and earth. We sent him to Pharaoh and his chiefs. He came before him and said: “I have come to thee from the Dawning Place of glory and power with a clear authority. Fear God and join no partners with Him, and be not of the heedless.” He waxed proud before God and opposed Him Who conversed with God, following the ways of Satan, until the sorcerers gathered at an appointed time on a known day, as We have sent down in the scrolls of old. We effaced sorcery and confirmed that which was given to Him Who conversed with God from Our presence […]

I am the All-Powerful, the Almighty. We commanded him to depart with the Children of Israel, and when he departed, Pharaoh and his hosts pursued them from behind to seize them unjustly. We drowned them and delivered those who believed in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Then after him We sent forth the Spirit and dispatched him unto mankind with a wondrous command. He said: “O people! Believe in Him Who sent me unto you, and be not of the unbelievers.” And when his cause grew difficult,

We raised him by the sovereignty of might and power unto a heaven of exalted glory. Then We sent after him Muhammad, the Messenger of God, with a perspicuous Book, and through him We distinguished between truth and falsehood, if ye be of them that know. We made him a mercy unto all the worlds, for whenever tribulation and adversity touched him in the path of God, he remained patient within himself. Therefore did We name him the Beloved in My great dominion, and We said unto him on the night of his ascension: "Thou art the Beloved and thou art the Well-Beloved." We revealed unto him a light from the lights of this Manifestation, if ye be of the assured ones. Then We raised up the Sovereign of the Messengers, who was named Ali in all the tablets, and through him We opened the gates of grace unto the faces of all created things. We made him the herald of this Manifestation. He said: "O people! When the Beloved of the worlds cometh unto you, beware lest ye hesitate in His Manifestation and cling to what ye possess from the tidings of the ancients. Verily, I have revealed the Bayan for His sake and made it as a leaf among the leaves of Paradise for Him. Beware lest ye differ concerning His wondrous Cause. Follow not your leaders at the time of His appearance, for on that Day the affairs of the worlds shall be changed, and the followers of the Mount shall perish at the dawning of a drop from that crimson Light rising from the Most Glorious Horizon. Fear God and be not of them that are veiled. O people! I have come to you to announce the meeting with God on the Day when the clouds shall be cleft asunder and the Lord of Lords shall come with hosts from the envoys of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Beware lest ye look upon Him with your eyes or the eyes of your leaders. Look upon Him with His eye; thus have I been commanded by God, your Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds. O people! He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Being. He shall come unto you with the truth, with a manifest and evident Command. Every good mention revealed in the Bayan hath no purpose except His Self. Await His days, O people of unity! Were it not for Him, I would not have revealed the Bayan nor manifested Myself amongst you, if ye be of the assured ones. I have made every matter dependent upon His leave. Beware in the days of His manifestation lest ye cling to what hath been revealed in the Bayan and its letters. Fear God, O people, and be not of them that cling. On that Day, detach yourselves from all that ye possess and turn with your hearts unto My Beloved and the Beloved of the Concourse on High, My Purpose and the Purpose of the hearts of them that know. Beware, beware, O people, lest ye grieve Him in anything or commit that which would sadden His most gentle and tender heart. Prepare yourselves for meeting Him in His days. By God! His Day is the Sovereign of Days, and He is the King of the former and latter generations." Thus did We reveal in the Bayan through the tongue of Ali aforetime, and We were in truth a witness unto him. Verily, he delivered the messages of his Lord unto the servants with most wondrous utterance, were ye of them that perceive. But when the promise came to pass and God came with the truth, then did the people of the Bayan deny Him, save those whom God preserved through a power from His presence, and verily He is unto His servants All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. And among the opposers was he who said that He had fabricated lies against God […]

Among them were those who objected, and those who united with them that pronounced their verdict against the Primal Point for my injury, and those who arose to slay me, and those who forbade the servants from my love and my remembrance. Thus did I remain bewildered amidst these idolaters. And were I to recount what hath befallen me, the hearts of the sincere would be consumed. Thus do I sit in prison and await what may transpire, and I fear no one nor am I dismayed though the harm of all the world should touch me. Thus have We revealed unto thee, O servant, that thou mayest detach thyself

from all that thou hast and arise to serve the Cause of God and to make mention of Him amongst His servants. And I am, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Stand firm through God's might and power, then turn thy face toward the people of the Bayan and say: O people! Be ye ashamed before Him Who hath given you the glad tidings of this Manifestation, and be not of them who disbelieved after having believed. Fear God and be not among the losers. Verily, He Who hath come unto you hath appeared with all the signs, and none deny Him save every sinful detractor. Fear God and make not your deeds void and follow not the evil ones. Thus have We commanded thee and revealed unto thee. Act thou according to what thou hast been bidden and be not of the silent ones. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and have detached themselves from the idolaters. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Hong Kong. May the honored Mr. Afnan of the Blessed Tree, His Holiness Haji Mirza Buzurg, upon him be all the Glory of God, be observed by the Most Luminous Gaze.

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise, glorification, thanksgiving and splendor belong exclusively to the True Thankful One, Who through this Most Exalted Word summoned His servants to the supreme heights, as He, exalted be He, saith: "Be thankful unto Me and I will be thankful unto you." Were one to comprehend the sweetness of this utterance, he would seek the True Intended One. Glory be to God! What days are passing while the servants remain heedless thereof. Today the gate of grace is opened wide and the lights of the Luminary of utterance, the Desire of all worlds, have embraced the world; yet despite this, they remain occupied with vain imaginings and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of proof. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist His servants to turn towards the gate of His bounty. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. My spirit be a sacrifice for your orientation and your drawing nigh!

The blessed letters, of which in truth every character was a key to the gate of joy, arrived. God is aware how much gladness and delight was attained. In truth, at this station the tongue is forbidden to set limits. And after attaining unto it and comprehending the meanings concealed therein, it sought the most exalted station and the Most Glorious Throne. After permission was granted, it was presented. His blessed and exalted Word: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness!" By God's life, thou hast been and art mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Today the divine treasures and the repositories of eternal wealth are present and visible, and in the nights and days, from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen, the pearls of wisdom and utterance specifically for the Afnan are made manifest. No thanks befitteth this most exalted station, and no praise attaineth unto this most glorious rank. However, purely through grace and loving-kindness, the Tongue of Grandeur hath, on behalf of His Afnan, offered praise and thanks. Glorious is His bounty and mighty His bestowal! There is none to enrich save Him, and none to give save Him.

O My Afnan! In this year there occurred that which caused the most great consternation, but God made it a support for His Cause and an aid for the exaltation of His Word. Though outwardly it was grievous,

inwardly it contained incalculable mercy and loving-kindness for those assured, steadfast and firmly-rooted souls, and for all the peoples of the world. Soon will its fruits become manifest and evident, and through it God will elevate the stations of those who are near and sincere, and abase the stations of the polytheists and the antagonists. Repeatedly have your letters attained the Most Holy Court, and from them wafted the fragrance of love, steadfastness, submission and contentment, especially in this year. Well is it with thee and pleasant it is to thee! Say […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused one of Thy Afnan to turn unto Thee, who hath believed in Thee and Thy sovereignty, and hath quaffed the choice wine of knowledge from the cup of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of life from the chalice of Thy nearness and presence. I testify that Thou hast raised me to a station which the hands of Thy creation can never attain. I beseech Thee at this moment, by Thy manifest light, Thy straight path, and Thy momentous announcement, to ordain for me that which shall endure as long as Thy most excellent names and exalted attributes endure. O Lord! Transform the losses of Thy loved ones into the greatest gain, then set right their affairs through Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of eternity and Who art manifest through the Most Great Name. By Thy might, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, I love to stand at all times before the gate of Thy grandeur and the throne of Thy commandments and ordinances, and to hear Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen before Thy face, O Lord of all humanity and Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. O Lord! Take my hand with the hands of Thy power, then preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs, and who have denied Thy Manifestation and Thy proof. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Generous.

The servant who is present hath appeared and presented before the Face that which thou didst send. We have answered thee through this sealed Book and have mentioned thee in this witnessed Tablet. Today what is essential is the Afnan's adherence to that which preserveth their stations. Praise be to God, the Word of God is mentioned and effective in all regions. The rulers of the earth, may God assist them, have sought merely to be informed of the laws of this Most Great Manifestation, and they were sent. Although at present no matter worthy of mention is evident, there is no doubt that hereafter the exaltation of the Most Great Word and the elevation of the stations of His loved ones will become clear and manifest to all like unto the sun. This Wronged One hath never regarded any matter or thing except the manifestation of that which indicateth detachment from all else save God. For this ocean there must needs be ships, and for this heaven countless suns are ordained, and for this Book innumerable books are recorded and written. The Mother Book in this exalted and glorious station beareth witness unto this. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Cause be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those who love you and recognize your station from God, the Ancient of Days.

The very utterance of the Desired One of all worlds is a true testimony and an eloquent witness to the grace, favor, mercy and kindness of God, exalted be His glory, towards the Afnan. No expositor is needed. The Praiser and Describer hath been and is God Himself, exalted be His glory. In truth, the people of the world cannot be said to possess ears, for had they possessed them, they would not have remained deprived and veiled. It is a cause for a hundred thousand regrets that despite the descent of the heavenly food of wisdom and utterance and the bounty of meanings and exposition, all are occupied with their own treacheries and vain imaginings. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds in this vain life.

Verily our Lord is the Just, the Wise. They have abandoned the station wherein naught is seen save the mention of God and His verses and evidences, and are circling round the dawning-places of heedlessness and ignorance. In all circumstances, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to forgive all and not to deprive them of the Salsabil of utterance and the Kawthar of knowledge in His days. He is the Mighty Bestower.

Praise be to God, the Land of Purpose and its surroundings remain tranquil until now. Although the followers of the Shi'ih sect consider the people of these parts to be infidels, nevertheless they outwardly show love. His Majesty the Sultan of these realms–may God, the Blessed, the Most High, assist him and strengthen his government–has shown the utmost kindness toward the great claimant of Iran. Twice were matters sent to his presence, and both times he responded favorably and as desired. Although his honor Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad–upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God–counted the great personage among the loved ones, his inner reality differed from his outward appearance. Finally, from the Most Holy Presence the secrets of his heart were revealed that they might be aware. After his dismissal he showed love, even to the point of consulting the Dayspring of Divine Knowledge regarding his affairs. The dismissal of the governor took place and although he was not, and is not, free from temporizing, yet he came to realize the harmlessness and peaceful nature of this community. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist all and confirm them in that which is the cause of salvation for all. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Branches of the Blessed Tree–may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps–each showed kindness, and likewise the various groups and those who circle round all expressed that from which wafted the fragrance of love. Furthermore, whatever was sent during this period has all arrived and been graciously accepted. Well done to your honor, and congratulations to your honor. To the presence of the honored Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree–upon them be, from every direction, His most glorious splendor–I offer mention, praise, glory and light, and I beseech God, exalted be His station, to manifest through them that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and the Fulfiller of the needs of every seeker who takes refuge in Him. Glory, praise, mention and exaltation be upon your honor and upon those who love you, remember you, and through you draw near unto God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of this noble station and the resplendent horizon.

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God the Blessed, the Exalted, hath revealed unto certain of His Prophets in some of His revelations: "By My glory and majesty! I shall assuredly sever all hope of any who hopeth in aught but Me, and shall clothe him with the garment of humiliation before all people, and shall remove him far from My grace and My relief. Doth My servant look to others in times of hardship when the key thereof is in My hands? How is it that I see My servant turning away from Me when I have given him what he hath not asked of Me? Shall one ask and I not be generous? Nay! Do not bounty and generosity belong to Me? Are not this world and the next in My hands? Were each one of the inhabitants of the heavens to ask of Me the like of the

heavens and earth, and were I to grant his wish, this would not diminish from My dominion even to the extent of a gnat's wing."

Such utterances as these, most of which do not now come to mind, continually streamed forth from the Fountain of the All-Merciful's mouth. The cups of utterance have been filled with the wine of thy Lord's remembrance, the All-Merciful. That which remaineth in this servant's memory hath been submitted. How can I describe how the verses of power, majesty and sovereignty were revealed and made manifest on that blessed night? It was as though the Salsabil of utterance was bestowed upon all creation, and the ocean of generosity washed over all nations, and the Mystery veiled in mystery was revealed unto all who dwell in the realm of the seen and unseen. Many utterances have entirely passed from memory.

Then at the seventh hour, one of the officers came and took away the Ancient Beauty, the two Most Great Branches, and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Quli. As mentioned in the previous petition, the Ancient Beauty and the Greater Branch were placed in a location adjacent to the prison, Aqay-i-Aqa in another place, and His Holiness the Most Great Branch in the prison under chains. This servant and the other loved ones were imprisoned under chains in a very dark place within the building itself. On the second night a telegram arrived from the governor and they changed the location of the Ancient Beauty to an elevated dome above the prison. The two Most Great Branches and Aqay-i-Aqa were in His most holy presence. After thirty-eight and a half hours in the dome, again on Thursday at the fourth hour after sunrise they were summoned to the building for questioning. While proceeding to the assembly, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: "Ye have taken your own principles and cast the principles of God behind your backs. Why do ye not understand?" This verse was repeatedly uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur. After the Ancient Beauty's arrival, the Pasha and the members of the assembly apologized, saying they were obliged to investigate since three people had been killed and all the inhabitants of the city were fearful and terrified, therefore they must proceed according to law. The poor man seemed to have no knowledge of the law. In any case, they asked about His blessed name and homeland, explaining that according to law these questions must be asked and recorded. He said: "It is more manifest than the sun." They asked again. He said: "It behooveth not to mention the name. Look at the government decree which is in your possession." Then with utmost courtesy they requested that He Himself tell them. The Temple of Grandeur sat composed upon the chair and spoke with the tongue of power and might: "My name is Baha'u'llah and My country is Nur. Be ye apprized of it." Then the Ancient Face turned toward the Mufti and spoke, mighty in His grandeur: "Had ye but known, We would have caused you to hear the cooing of the Dove of Glory upon the branch of the Divine Lote-Tree, that ye might perceive what servitude hath spoken - that essence whose inmost reality is lordship." Those present were struck dumb by this eternal Word of God. Then, addressing all, He said: "What is the purpose of this gathering, this question and answer? If ye wish to acknowledge what is your true purpose and the desire of your hearts - for I do not wish to remain in this world even for an hour." And He recited verses from the Surih of the Kings, including this blessed passage: "I have never passed by a tree, but My heart addressed it saying: 'O would that thou wert cut down in My name, and My body crucified upon thee for My Lord's sake.'" During this utterance, the pillars of the All-Merciful were seized with trembling. Then He arose and the Beauty of Youth turned toward another place outside the gathering. Indeed, what a wondrous day and remarkable time it was! In some souls the Sun of the Word of God had dawned and they showed forth

their love. In truth, this servant is powerless to recount the divine utterances. The author of the Mathnavi has spoken words fitting for this station:

“Those words the Prophet spoke in that moment

If cast upon night would turn it to dawn

That night would become bright as morning-tide

Those holy words I cannot now describe

Thou knowest what the sun in Aries

Speaks to the flowers with pure sincerity

Thou knowest what the crystal waters say

Unto the flowers and saplings day by day”

In truth, this servant was and will ever be powerless to recount the divine utterances and heavenly expressions. Afterward, the Pasha sent word requesting His return to the house and apologized for what had transpired. He said return to the prison was preferable, as many were imprisoned there. Some who were present before Him submitted that the townspeople were in commotion and the prisoners could not be brought out; it would be better to wait some days. Then He returned to the house, and this was at the eleventh hour on Thursday. In brief, from the time of the Ancient Beauty’s departure from the sanctuary until His return, sixty-nine and a half hours had elapsed: five and a half hours’ stay in the seray the first night, eighteen and a half hours in the prison near the barracks, thirty hours in the domed chamber above the barracks […]

And a half hour in prison next to Limon; eighteen and a half hours above Limon’s dome; thirty-eight and a half hours arrival at the barracks and staying there a second time for seven hours. Thus was the matter decreed by God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Furthermore, there is one named Sohbat from the people of Za’ - upon him be God’s curse - when he invented lies, when he made promises he broke them, and when he was trusted he betrayed. These are the attributes of the hypocrites, and a hundred thousand times worse than these exist in that vile one. Before the occurrence of these mentioned events, he arrived in this land and dwelt in the abode of the polytheists, and for some time associated with evil souls, then returned with false and erroneous reports. In every place he reached, he mentioned calumnies. He and Aqa Jan - upon both be God’s wrath - became narrators of fabricated calumnies from false sources. Thus after the upheavals in the great city and the dismissal of Mushir and death of the Grand Vizier, they attributed these events as having occurred due to the oppression against Us, and claimed that the chief of the polytheists had foretold these matters - all of this is pure falsehood. Any fair-minded person who has attained even a portion of justice would testify to their lies, for all souls from among the Arabs, Persians and Turks were pursuing the Ancient Beauty and had risen up in complete enmity, and they did not consider others to even exist, and whatever befell others was merely incidental. In any case, the seizure of the oppressors and what befell them and what will befall them has all been revealed with perfect clarity in the Tablet of Ra’is and other Tablets, and now this servant mentions some

of these so all may know that those souls were and will be liars, and that the Dawning-Place of divine verses and Source of merciful outpourings had foretold what would occur. Among these is the Tablet of Ibn-i-Nabil - upon him be the Glory of God - which was revealed upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison, and the original is with the aforementioned person and copies of it are with Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin - upon him be the Glory of God - and the loved ones. Let them seek it out and investigate so they may know with certainty that the reins of knowledge have been in the hands of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. None knoweth the unseen except Him; He revealeth to whom He willeth and concealeth from whom He willeth what He willeth. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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The Beloved of God in Nayriz

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful on a day whereon the tribes lamented, the earth was cleft asunder, and the mountains were swept away - unto those who have drunk of the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful in such wise that they turned their faces toward Him, directed their steps unto Him, and spoke His praise with their tongues, that they might rejoice in this Remembrance through which the graves have risen up and the Herald hath called out: "O beloved of the All-Merciful in the Nun and the Ya! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which speaketh from the loftiest station: 'Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.'"

We hear the remembrances of those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and We behold the deeds of every believer who hath attained the light of certitude. Beware lest the veils of earth withhold you or the protests of those who have pronounced judgment against God, the Lord of Lords, prevent you. How many a learned one hath prided himself on My Name amongst My servants, yet when I manifested Myself, turned away and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Final End. They make mention of God in their mosques and temples, yet when He appeared with grace, they turned from Him and rose up against Him with such tyranny as caused every angel to cry out and the denizens of Paradise to lament in their most exalted gardens.

Be ye the helpers of God on earth and His trusted ones in every land. Thus doth the Wronged One command you from the presence of God, the Lord of Creation. Adorn yourselves with the ornament of wisdom among all people and speak with pure truthfulness. He commandeth you that which shall profit you in the Hereafter and in this world. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O letters of the Book of God's love! Behold, then remember what befell the chosen ones in the land of ?ad, when the wolf howled throughout the land. Verily, the Baqir pronounced judgment against the children of the Messenger with such tyranny as caused the leaves to fall and the trees to lament. Blessed is My name, the ?a', who hastened to the place of sacrifice with spirit and joy. We make mention of him and his brother and those who drank the choice wine of martyrdom in that place, as a grace from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. By God's life! They attained unto that which none in creation hath

attained, as testified by that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Book. Blessed is he whom God hath made steadfast in this Cause in such wise that neither armies terrified him nor factions hindered him.

Ye are the letters of the Book of God's love. At all times ye must, with the utmost spirit and joy, summon the heedless through wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may not be deprived of the Living Waters and may attain unto that which God hath willed. The petitions from the friends of that land, equal in number to 'Love', have been presented at the Most Holy Court, and likewise the names of a number have been mentioned and witnessed, and all have been blessed with divine favors, and all those souls have been adorned with the mention of their names in the Book of Names by the Most Exalted Pen. Know ye the value of this bounty and supplicate the Lord in the nights and days that He may assist you to preserve your exalted station. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. How often it happens that a soul is kept back by the croaking of a crow, and every falsehood that caused the misguidance of the servants on earth appeared in the garment of truth. He verily expoundeth unto you that which shall guard you from idle fancies and vain imaginings and draw you nigh unto God in all conditions. Two petitions from the Name of Glory have been presented before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. God willing, may he not be deprived of the ocean of divine favor in this luminous day and receive his portion from the outpourings of the clouds of abundant grace. Blessed is he who hath been granted leave, who hath drawn nigh, who hath attained, and who hath heard the Call of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Hold ye fast, with perfect certitude and assurance, to the cord of His favor and cleave ye to the hem of His bounty. Adorn yourselves with goodly character and, God willing, succeed in performing praiseworthy deeds. Whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will hath been for the education, unity and love of the servants with one another. However, the deluded ones have made the religion of God, the Faith of God, and the Law of God the cause of conflict and contention. This is why in most Tablets this firm decree hath been sent down from the heaven of Will: "Glory is not for him who loveth his country, but for him who loveth the world." Hold fast, O My loved ones, unto this utterance through which the kingdom of divine knowledge hath been adorned. Associate with all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship, and should wisdom dictate, convey the word of truth. Whoso accepteth it doth so for his own sake, and whoso turneth away - verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. In no wise is conflict and contention permissible. All have been created from one Word and unto that same Word do they return. For the Word there are stations and ranks that cannot be contained in pages and books. Hold fast unto the Book of God, then act according to what hath been revealed therein. It will protect you and draw you nigh unto Him. Beware lest anything prevent you from that which ye have been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Conduct yourselves with the utmost wisdom, and whenever divine praise is raised, occupy yourselves with the mention of the martyrs who have laid down their lives in this straight Path out of love for the Beloved of the worlds, and likewise those souls who have ascended with perfect certitude - they are those through whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise seek blessing. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in this Luminous Tablet. Were ye to occupy yourselves with the praise and gratitude of God throughout all days, it would not equal a single letter of this Tablet, for therein the ocean of grace is surging, the sun of mercy is shining from its horizon, and the heaven of favor is seen to be upraised. Blessed is he who hath seen

with his eyes, who hath heard with his ears, and who hath recognized with understanding the appearance of God, His sovereignty, His power and His might.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those handmaidens who have turned to Thee, and hearkened, and responded when Thy shrill voice was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Then gladden them with the tidings of God's loving-kindness and His mercy that hath preceded all created things. How many men and women who, night and day, were occupied with the remembrance of God and awaited the days of His appearance, yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grandeur, all turned aside save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed. O handmaidens of God! Render thanks and be engaged in His praise and glorification, inasmuch as He hath assisted you to attain a station whereof the men of earth, be they divines or others, remain deprived and debarred. God willing, may ye all, with utmost sanctity and detachment, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God. This Day is truly mighty; one must arise to that which befitteth this Day. Should anyone ponder upon this Tablet, which is in truth the source of all heavenly Books, he would know of a certainty that whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen was and is intended for the protection of His servants and the education of mankind. And God speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. The Command is God's, the One, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose name the seas surged and the winds blew and the lamp was illumined! I beseech Thee by the pebbles of Thy lands and the stones of Thy city and the sands which have been blessed by Thy power and over which the breezes of Thy Cause have wafted, to ordain for Thy chosen ones, who have cast away all else save Thee and have taken hold of that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book, that which beseemeth the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou beholdest the tyranny of Thine enemies and the tribulations of Thy loved ones. Thy Most Exalted Pen hath testified that they have borne for love of Thee what none before them hath borne, and there hath befallen them in Thy path that which hath caused all things to lament and raised the cry of weeping from the Concourse on High. I beseech Thee, O Fashioner of the heavens and Lord of Names, by Thy Name through which the world was manifested, to aid everyone who hath clung to the Most Great Name to that which beseemeth Thee and Thy days. Then make him steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the ascendancy of the factions nor the hosts of those who have turned away from Thee, O Lord of the beginning and the end, shall keep him back. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of creation. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

O My servants! Through the might of God and His power, and from the treasury of His knowledge and wisdom, I have brought forth and revealed unto you the pearls that lay concealed in the depths of His everlasting ocean. I have summoned the Maids of Heaven to emerge, adorned with the ornament of Mine own names, from behind the veil of concealment, and have clothed them with these verses even as My providence hath clothed the heavens with stars. Thus have the fountains of divine bounty flowed forth from this most great Prison, that all creation may be revived and renewed by the gentle breezes of His loving-kindness and the sweet fragrance of His tender mercies […]

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He is the Manifest above all who manifest!

This is a Book from God unto him who hath believed in the Spirit in His days, and who hath been seized by the fragrances of the days from his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and was of the believers. Now doth the Most Exalted Pen move in his remembrance from the Most Glorious Horizon, that he may be illumined by the lights which have shone forth from the horizon of this Luminous Dawn, may detach himself from his own self and all else beside Him, may turn unto God with his heart, his soul and his spirit, and be of them that are assured.

O servant who art mentioned in this inscribed Tablet! Know thou that We created the Sidrat'ul-Muntaha in the crimson hill beyond the crimson sea of grandeur, and raised it to such a station that were all who are in the heavens and on earth to seek shelter beneath one of its leaves, they would be preserved from the heat of self and passion, inasmuch as We shed upon it a light from the lights of this Sun which hath dawned in truth - thus hath the matter been decreed, if thou be of them that know.

When We desired that creatures should dwell beneath its shade, We heard its cry and its trembling within itself, such that the foundations of all things were shaken and the pillars of existence were well-nigh overturned, and it was about to be uprooted, whereupon the hand of thy Lord's power, the Most High, the Most Great, held it firm. When asked about its cry, it called out saying: "O my Lord! I know that the King of Thy Will desireth that these servants should abide beneath my shade. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Will from which none in the heavens and earth can escape, that Thou shelter not beneath my shade any of those servants whose faces have been changed by the dust of idle fancies and vain imaginings, who have disbelieved in Thy Self, turned away from Thy Beauty, and taken for themselves a partner with Thee in sovereignty, after they were all created by Thy Word in Thy previous Manifestation Who appeared in truth and Whom Thou didst make a lamp unto the worlds. And if Thou desirest this, then create a pure, luminous, holy people, sanctified above all in the heavens and earth, whose eyes have fallen upon none but Thee, whose ears have heard naught but Thy melodies, whose tongues have moved only in Thy remembrance, whose hearts beat only with Thy love, and who regard all that is created on earth as utter nothingness, or as light as scattered ashes."

When its cry was raised, We called unto it from the right side of the Throne: "Be thou firm in thy place. By My life! Soon shall God create beings from holy dust and sanctify them from all that was and shall be, and make them proofs of His Essence, manifestations of His Self, dawning-places of His Names, rising-points of His Glory, treasuries of the pearls of His knowledge, and fountainheads of the revelations of His Cause which hath appeared in truth from the horizon of the heaven of sublime glory. And He shall ordain for them the laws of Paradise in love of this Youth, around Whom circle the spirits of the holy ones and those brought nigh. Thus have We ordained for thee from among these, that they may dwell beneath thy shade, be sustained by thy fruits, hearken unto thy melodies, and circle round thee morning and evening. Thus have We drawn aside the veils from the face of mysteries that thou mayest be apprised thereof and be of them that know.

And if thou desirest to soar in the atmosphere of thy Lord's nearness and become aware of that which hath been veiled from the eyes of His servants, say 'In the Name of God', then soar in the atmosphere of attraction and detachment until thou reachest the garden of the chosen ones. And when thou hast arrived therein and become aware of what is therein and their condition, say 'In the Name of my Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate', then ascend from that station on the wing of the […]

Move now until you witness yourself in the Garden of the Prophets, and when you enter therein, walk through its paths. Then observe its streams and ponder its mysteries. Then hearken to the rustling of its trees, the cooing of its dove, the melody of its nightingale, and the murmuring of its waters. And when you discover it and what has been treasured therein of the pearls of your Lord's knowledge, the Most High, the All-Knowing, say: "In the name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High!" Then ascend from that station, with the aid of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, until you reach the station of Lordship. Then will you discover the realities of all things as they are, and the breaths of the All-Merciful will take you, and attract you in such wise that you will witness nothing except that you behold inscribed by the Pen of Destiny upon its white countenance: "He is God, there is no God but Him, and he whom He hath sent with the truth is indeed His Manifestation, His sovereignty, His might and His grandeur unto all the worlds." O thou who speakest towards the holy court! By God, the True One, today is the day of soaring; tarry not in any place, but ascend on the wings of the All-Merciful that thou mayest reach the pinnacle of Paradise. Then wilt thou find the Sun of thy Lord's mention, the Most Glorious, the Most Luminous, dawning from the horizon of grandeur. Thus doth the Youth counsel thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from the manifestations of Satan, and He findeth no helper nor supporter. We desired to mention unto thee what was ordained in the stations We have described to thee, but the Breath of God was restrained from His mouth by reason of what the hands of hatred from His wicked servants have wrought against Him. Thus hath it come to pass with Us, if thou be of them that hear. Forget not thy portion in these days, turn not unto the people, but set thy face at all times toward thy Lord and be steadfast with wondrous steadfastness. Then know that when We desired to mention a single letter of the hidden, treasured, and guarded mysteries in the repositories of thy Lord's protection, all who are in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, and all who are in the kingdom of command and creation fell unconscious. This is what We had foretold them through the tongue of Muhammad aforetime: "Then the trumpet will be blown a second time, and lo! they will be standing, looking on." Thus was it decreed before in the preserved tablets of might. And the servants who claim to believe in God, the Mighty, the Most High, the Great, have committed what neither Nimrod, nor Pharaoh, nor the First and Second committed, for they did not openly war with God, nor did they calumniate Him, and though they were oppressors, they did not seek to cause confusion among God's assured servants. Say: By God! He who hath not purified his heart from all else save Him and hath not passed through the kingdom of names, will never be able to enter this station, whose very dust is blessed by the people of the Supreme Concourse and the spirits of the highest Paradise. Say: O people! I am but God's Youth among you. I have denied none among you, nor have I disputed with anyone. I have supported my Lord's Cause until His Word was raised to such heights that the hands of the polytheists were cut off from it. But when God's Word was exalted and His Cause shone forth and His sovereignty was manifested, then arose to slay me those servants who were created by My word, who denied God's right and His signs, and who disputed with My own Self. Therefore there hath descended regarding them from the heaven of

command that which hath descended. By God! This is not from Me, but from One Mighty, Powerful. Say: Would that ye had known those whom ye have taken […]

Take not unto yourselves lords besides God if ye be of them that comprehend. Keep thyself apart from those who have disbelieved, and sanctify thy heart from the allusions of the people, that upon it may be imprinted the lights of thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Luminous. O servant! Wilt thou remain silent after thy Lord, the Most High, crieth out between earth and heaven concerning that which hath befallen His Beloved at the hands of the oppressors among His creatures in this remote prison? Remember thy Lord, then proclaim His Cause, and fear no one, for verily He will protect thee with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and He is the best of helpers and supporters. Thus have We revealed unto thee and commanded thee. Act thou according to what thou art bidden, and be of them that act. The Spirit and Glory and Might and Praise be upon thee and upon them who have ascended unto the heights of eternity in this Most Wondrous, Most Beautiful and Most Sweet Remembrance, and who were steadfast. And in conclusion, We counsel thee that when thou discoverest what hath been treasured within the words of thy Lord of the pearls of His knowledge, conceal them from the eyes of the heedless, for thereby will arise the clamor of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and the uproar of those in whose breasts lurks hatred for the Beauty of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from the Presence of Baha unto him who hath believed in God on a Day whereon all foundations were shaken with the fear of His Cause, and the dwellers of the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those who held fast to the cord of God, turned away from all that is in the hands of men, recognized God with their own eyes, and detached themselves from all the worlds. O thou manifestation of bounty! How can I recount unto thee what hath befallen Me at the hands of him whom We created by Our command and whose name We exalted among Our remembering servants? When he witnessed the loftiness of the Cause and the exaltation of His name amongst the people, he desired to slay Me. When the hidden secrets of his heart were revealed, he raised an outcry within himself that he might cast the rancor of God into the hearts of the rebellious ones. Thou knowest well that had I desired to harm My brother, he would not have existed upon the earth. By God! Despite My knowledge of him and My awareness of what lay within his breast, We protected him through the sovereignty of might and power from the harm of the idolaters.

O thou manifestation of bounty! Thou hast seen Me and associated with Me and witnessed the mountain of My tranquility and the ocean of My patience. Ponder within thyself what hath caused Me to raise My call between the heavens and the earth. By My life! If thou wouldst reflect upon this, thou wouldst attain unto a station of security and flee from these deniers. Beware lest the beauty of the Cause be veiled from thee by the veils of fancy and desire. Emerge from behind them through the name of thy Lord, the Most

High, the Most Great. Hast thou not heard that every light is darkened before His splendor? By God, the Truth! This is His splendor upon all who are in the heavens and earth, and everything speaketh that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Encompassing.

Whoso is not guided by God's guidance in these days hath indeed wronged himself and is regarded as one in darkness by thy Lord. Thus have We sent down the Command in all the Tablets, and thou art among those who bear witness. Say: Do ye deny Him for Whose meeting the Primal Point longed in His first manifestation, Who moved by His name and spoke in praise of His Own impregnable, exalted Self? Say: O people! If there should come unto you today anyone from among the Jews and Christians with a Tablet of God and His signs, and call out to you, "O people! By what proof did ye believe in the Primal Point, and by what evidence do ye deny Him in His latter manifestation?" - what would ye say, O heedless ones? By God! They would find no escape save by using the same proofs used by the people of the Furqan when the clouds of idle fancies were rent asunder and the Beauty of 'Ali came with the truth, and the matter was decided by God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

Observe the idolaters and what issueth from their mouths. They say, "He hath appeared too soon." By God! What issueth from their mouths doth curse them, though they perceive it not and are among the heedless ones. Say: Is God powerful in His Cause, or are ye, O band of weaklings? If ye be powerful, bring forth your proof, O company of the veiled ones! And if ye acknowledge that He is indeed powerful over whatsoever He willeth, He hath manifested the Manifestation of His Self as He hath wished and willed, and hath raised Him up with truth and sent Him unto all the worlds.

O people! Fear God and look not unto what ye possess. By God, the Truth! Nothing shall suffice you today, even if ye should cling to the books of the ancients and the scriptures of the latter ones. Fear God, then look upon Him with His eyes, not with the eyes of any created thing. Thus hath God counseled you in His holy, luminous Tablets. Then consider that by which your faith hath been established in every age and dispensation, and oppose not Him before Whose face the denizens of the highest Paradise have fallen prostrate in adoration - the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, the Most Great.

Then the tongue of the Most High proclaims between the heavens and the earth, saying: "O people! By God, the Truth, this is indeed the Beloved of the worlds and the Desire of them that recognize Him. And thou, O Manifestation of Bounty, hear My words, then pass along the path by thy Lord's power, then call out amongst the people with the most exalted voice and be not of them that remain silent. Say: O people! By God, the Truth, there hath shone forth from the horizon of the Brow a Sun whereon hath been inscribed by the pen of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted: 'The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious.' And this Word is a sword which, were it to strike upon the back of Satan, would cause him to flee with his hosts to the nethermost fire. Thus hath the decree shone forth from the Dayspring of Glory, if ye be of them that perceive. Say: O people! The heaven of knowledge hath been cleft asunder and the Lord of Words hath come upon the clouds of inner meanings. Thereupon the words of them that possess subtle allusions were struck dumb. Thus hath the matter been decreed, if ye be of them that know. And if thou wert to recite this Tablet with the melody wherewith its verses were revealed in truth, it would attract the hearts of them that know. Would that thou wouldst turn unto the words of him who warred against God and ponder that which floweth from

his pen. But after the Ancient Beauty avoided meeting with him, perchance thou mayest discover the truth of his affair and be of them that know. Then know thou that We have aforetime revealed unto thee a Tablet and sent it by the hand of one of them that seek. And We beseech God to grant thee what hath been ordained therein of the fruits of this Paradise. Verily He is the Provider, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous."

By My life! If thou wert to reflect upon what the idolators have attributed to My Person, thou wouldst surely become acquainted with them and what lieth within their souls, for thou hast associated with Me and witnessed somewhat of My disposition amongst the peoples. By God! Where is the one possessed of sight, of hearing, and of heart who may comprehend this Cause and what hath befallen Me and been visited upon this Wronged Soul at the hands of these oppressors? I swear by the True One, O Javad! The Maids of Glory and Holiness have gathered in the chambers of these words, their faces grown pale with sorrow for this Youth, calling out to all creation with mournful voices, saying: "O people! This is God's trust among you and His deposit within you. He is, in truth, the Beauty of 'Ali and the Essence of Muhammad. Through His Name the seas have surged with waves, the trees have yielded fruit, the clouds have poured forth rain, and the Ancient Essence hath been revealed with power. Beware, O ye who are endued with insight, lest ye perpetrate that which causeth tears to flow from the Eye of God, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise. Beware lest ye fail to believe in Him Who hath appeared with the proof of 'Ali, then with the evidence of Muhammad, then with the testimony of the Spirit, then with the signs of Moses. Slay Him not with the swords of rejection and hatred. By God! Through what ye have done, the hearts of the pure ones have been consumed, and the Spirit of Truth now lamenteth in the dust. O people! The denizens of the highest Paradise are bewildered by your deeds. Ye seek proofs from that which hath appeared from Him, yet ye would slay His all-compelling, transcendent, peerless Self." O Maids of the chambers! Be silent within yourselves, for your sweet melodies, though they may not affect hearts that have grown hard to the remembrance of God, have yet caused the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers to burn. Veil your faces lest they be profaned by those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God, and lest the gaze of the malevolent fall upon your countenances. Remain patient in your dwellings, for the Ancient Beauty hath endured in His own Self for twenty years, wherein His daily sustenance was but morsels of His liver and His drink but drops of His blood. Thus did the days decree unto Him while He remained tranquil within His Self - the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Put your trust in God and commit the Beloved's affairs unto Him. Let not yourselves be troubled, lest the clamor of all created things rise up to the precincts of manifest glory. Thus doth He command you, He by Whose command every commanded one is commanded, by Whose sovereignty every envoy is raised up, and from Whose presence every empowered and trustworthy Messenger is sent forth. I swear by God, O Manifestation of Bounty! The realities of all created things have been stirred by their melodies, and tears have flowed from the eyes of those near unto God by reason of their grief. Yet those who have disbelieved remain wrapped in thick veils. Would that one possessed of the sense of smell might detect the fragrance of holiness from the garment of God! Nay, by My life! None shall perceive it save those who are purified among the people of truth and certitude. Thus have We imparted unto thee the Word of Truth, that the breezes of truthfulness might draw thee to the station of steadfastness and justice, and sever thee from every lying doubter. And glory be upon thee and

upon him who was named after the First Pillar of My Name, and upon those who, when they heard the Call of God, responded with manifest sincerity.

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In the Name of Him Who domineth the earth and heaven!

From the right hand is raised the Call of God, and from the left is manifest the Name of God, and before the face appear the signs of God, and above the head existeth the Word of God. Blessed is the soul that, through the attraction of the Divine Word and the key of heavenly bounty, hath opened the door of detachment. He is the educator of the servants and the servant of the Cause of the Lord of creation.

O ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My bounty. In this Most Great Revelation there hath been sent down that which was not revealed from the beginning of creation until now, and there hath appeared that which hath been sanctified from similarity and likeness. Observe how the attraction of the Supreme Word hath influenced the world of creation. Reflect upon its traces and fruits. The tribes of lovers were attracted by the mention of the Luminary of the horizons and were sent to the place of sacrifice. And He illumined the peoples of the cities of longing with the light of His manifestation in such wise that the gems of existence held neither station nor rank in their eyes. Detached from all else, they set their faces toward the court of the Most Glorious.

The power of the world produced no weakness, and the might of nations became no barrier. Exalted, exalted be His all-encompassing power and His prevailing Will! The harm inflicted upon this Wronged One hath outwardly exceeded human capacity; nevertheless, it did not prevent God from His purpose nor hinder the exaltation of His Word. Your honor is aware of the calumnies of the calumniators, the oppression of the oppressors, and the lies of the barking ones. Yet before the manifestation of God’s Cause, all these were seen as non-existent, nay, utterly lost.

Regarding what thou didst mention about Ibn-i-Rajab’Ali and his calumnies - that party hath not spoken, nor will they speak, the truth. They attribute to Yahya the treatise of the exalted Khal (the Bab’s maternal uncle) which was outwardly called “Iqan” out of wisdom. By God’s life! He is incapable of understanding it. Such deeds appeared from that source of tyranny as had no parallel in the world. The fire of his self consumed and destroyed the veil of the Most Great Infallibility. Despite there being several women in his household, most of whom are known by name and reputation, yet he did not spare the honor of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. That shameless one committed that which caused the Ancient Beauty to be afflicted with great sorrow for a time. This incident occurred during the days of exile of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Similarly, for the sake of two days of worldly life, he caused the martyrdom of Dayyan and Khalilu’r-Rahman, sending a woman to the government house for begging. He ordered the execution of the honored Mirza ’Ali-Akbar, who was reportedly one of the relatives of the Exalted One (the Bab), and had him martyred. He caused the unfortunate Abu’l-Qasim, who had been with him for several years, to be lost through great injustice, for it is known that in the absence of the Ancient Beauty, he had sought the daughter of the honored Aqa Muhammad-Karim, sending one note with a bottle of perfume, a handkerchief, and a knife. Her parents rejected this, and

afterward gave her to Abu'l-Qasim. This became the cause of enmity and the manifestation of the fire of hatred. God protect us and you! All the companions who were in that land are aware of this incident […]

Among the events that occurred was that Mulla Rajab-'Ali himself came from Karbila to Baghdad for two months to complain about Siyyid Muhammad. His son knows what transpired between them. After he voiced his complaints, We said: "O Rajab-'Ali, abhorrent deeds have been heard of from that land. It is said they have resorted to theft, even biting off pieces of the holy shrine with their teeth, and likewise they have stolen the possessions of pilgrims to the illumined shrines." He swore that these acts were from Siyyid Muhammad, who had gathered a group engaged in such deeds, and there existed utmost enmity between him and Siyyid Kamal. The friends in the land of Kaf are aware; if one were to inquire of those three souls, perhaps he would confess. In any case, Mulla Rajab-'Ali said: "I told the Siyyid these actions are not good." In response he said: "You are unaware of the matter." In brief, after this Wronged One's return to Iraq, a sorrow descended that had no equal, until finally through sufficient healing words and loving counsels these impure deeds and their stench were eliminated. The Cause of God was so exalted that the people of Iraq of every kind attained the Most Holy Court, and on the day of the move from the house to the garden, the learned of that land, such as the late Alusi and others, came forward and cried out, and the people of Iraq from the Governor to military chiefs, judge and others were present in the Imam's garden. Surely you have heard of the gathering of the servants on that day and the love of the people. O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Later they did not observe the sanctity of Muharram, considering the rising of the Imams from their graves. This grievous error caused the people to withdraw and keep their distance. Glory be to God! We came from Iran to Iraq by the command and permission of the sovereign, and after some time Yahya arrived, and later the command to proceed to the great city appeared, and this Wronged One, in response to the plea of ministers and princes, departed. Each day he would make some demand, and then it was decided that he should proceed to Iran with the trust of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. After the move, he went towards the Threshold. When We arrived in Mosul, it was observed that he had stayed in that land waiting for Our arrival, though inwardly he denied the presence and approach of all, and his foolish followers accepted this. In brief, wherever We turned, he followed from behind. Seventy people in that journey saw and heard his deeds, actions and words. Nevertheless, the utmost kindness was shown to him, for had he been disappointed in this matter, he would never have turned in the direction this Wronged One turned. Every fair-minded and perceptive person bears witness to this. One must reflect upon the outward deeds to become aware of the degrees of opposition. In brief, there are many matters. We conclude them with the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar! God willing, through the favors of the Lord of Destiny thou shalt attain to that which hath no likeness or equal. We testify that thou didst turn unto Us when most of the servants turned away, and thou didst arise to serve the Cause when the people were wrapped in heedlessness and error. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Beware lest the clamor of men debar you from the Creator of heaven. Associate with the people of the earth with pure hearts and radiant breasts, and seek from God for all that which is the cause of eternal salvation and everlasting remembrance. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what thou hast written about Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi having in these days resorted to the recitation of elegies - God knoweth that that oppressor hath appeared with such deceit and craftiness as hath had no equal. He hath denounced certain ones to the oppressors. When that transient shadow failed to achieve his rejected purpose, he raised the standard of sedition and hanged the wronged Siyyid, and committed that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid all to do that which beseemeth His days. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And may He cause to appear before the faces of His loved ones that which shall adorn them with the ornament of joy and gladness. Verily He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Great.

The splendor that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken unto thy words for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Ali before Akbar! At the time when you were present before the Throne in the Most Luminous Presence, the Kingdom of Divine Utterance commanded you with wisdom - you must be mindful of this in all conditions. Whosoever acts in accordance with that which has been manifested from the Source of Divine Will shall, without causing sedition and tumult, attain to that which He has ordained. Wisdom is a magnet that draws every distant one to the court of nearness and attracts every stranger to his homeland. Those souls who are attached to the ornaments of the world and are deluded by its transient positions will not awaken and arise from the slumber of heedlessness except through means which God alone knows. The wisdom mentioned in the Books and Tablets has been and continues to be the foundation of this edifice. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were the hand of power to lift the veil from this station and that which is with God become manifest, all would testify that whatsoever has flowed from the Supreme Pen is indeed that which is beloved and conducive to the attainment of the Desired One. Thy letter was read before the Countenance, and We have answered thee with these words through which the sun of thy Lord's knowledge has shone forth. Blessed are they who know, and none attain unto this save the sincere ones.

I testify before God, His angels, His Prophets, His chosen ones, His friends, His loved ones, and His faithful ones that the revelation of verses from God, the Lord of Names and Attributes, has reached such a degree that the sincere ones are unable to enumerate them and the scribes to record them. Indeed, they descend in the morning and evening, in the watches of the night and throughout the day. Given my inability and the inability of all others to record them, how can I occupy myself with anything else or burden the loved ones of God with my words which neither profit nor bear fruit? By the life of God! My heart has longed to make mention of the loved ones of God, but I find no opportunity to remember them in a manner befitting myself. Therefore, I seek their forgiveness in all circumstances, that God may forgive them as a favor from Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

At all times, heart, tongue and pen yearn to make mention of the friends and masters, but this evanescent servant is so occupied that he finds no opportunity to hear mention or write a word.

Therefore, if there be delay or lapse in reply, forgiveness is hoped for. Your letters arrived one after another, and as they were adorned with mention of the Lord of Names, they brought the utmost joy and delight. However, deep sorrow was felt regarding the tribulations that have befallen you. Though in truth, when one considers that whatever occurs for the sake of God, in the Cause of God, in the path of God, and for the good pleasure of God is and shall ever be an enduring blessing - for no deed is without recompense or requital, and the rewards for goodly deeds are recorded in God's Book and shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. Therefore, you should not be saddened by these tribulations. Your petitions were presented in the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth […]

And concerning what you wrote about teaching the Cause, we beseech God to confirm you in this mighty matter. O My beloved! The heart of this evanescent one is aflame like a blazing fire, for we observe that the Truth is manifest, the Kingdom of utterance is resplendent, and the Day of God is witnessed; yet souls who purely for the sake of God remind people and call them to the truth are as rare as the philosopher's stone. How many lands have remained without cultivation and tillage, how many lands were tilled and cultivated but remained without water, and how many lands whose harvest time has come but there was no harvester to harvest them! Yet through the wonders of divine favors and the manifestations of the compassion of the All-Merciful, there is hope that souls will appear with heavenly characteristics and engage in teaching the Cause of God and educating all who dwell on earth. That which causes and effects the attraction of hearts and purification of souls has been detachment from all save God. Blessed is the soul who becomes intoxicated with the choice wine of divine utterance and speaks the mention of the Friend in the assemblage of the world. This intoxication increases consciousness and brings existence into non-existence. There is no end to the explanation of this station. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. In all circumstances, the friends of God and the drinkers of the spiritual wine must observe wisdom and hold fast to what God hath revealed in the Book. Convey My greetings to the friends and loved ones in the land of Ta, and likewise to those who have been imprisoned in the path of God. Blessed are they! The world has had and has no worth, and all deeds shall become non-existent and perish except the deeds of those souls who have arisen for the sake of God - the traces of such deeds shall never be erased from the book of creation. Hereafter they must observe the utmost vigilance lest anything contrary to wisdom should appear, for this matter has been revealed in most of the Tablets, and that which has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen has been and shall ever be productive and the source of fruits. God willing, be occupied at all times with serving the Cause and hold fast to that which the Intended One hath desired. The names of the friends of God that were mentioned in your letter were all presented before the Presence. Blessed are they that their names were mentioned in the Most Great Scene, then joy be unto them for they shall have a goodly return. God willing, may they remain steadfast in the Cause of God, for this matter is most mighty, not like some who are moved by every wind, follow every breeze, and are drawn to every call. Convey to all, on behalf of this evanescent servant, sublime greetings. We beseech God to adorn them with the garments of steadfastness and cause them to speak His praise among all creatures. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Convey My greetings to the honored son of the servant, Aqa Muhammad-Taqi. God willing, may they ever be successful in transcribing the verses of God, for there is no deed more beloved than this. The

specimens of writing which they had requested were presented to the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps. He said: “You yourself are witness and can testify that due to the abundance of divine Tablets to be transcribed, there is absolutely no time or opportunity available.” And truly it is as He has stated, for even when He repairs to the outskirts of the city for recreation, the Tablets accompany Him and He remains occupied with them there also. Observe how continually petitions arrive from all cities, lands, and from the various regions of this land. The transcription of the Divine Revelation is specifically assigned to this servant, while the transcription of Tablets is entrusted to the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be sacrificed for the movement of His pen. In truth, it is through God’s power that we manage to accomplish even this much, otherwise it would appear extremely difficult in outward terms. We beseech Him for assistance in all conditions, for verily He is the Gracious Helper.

This servant’s complete submission is that your honor should be engaged, with the utmost effort and attention, in fostering love and unity among the souls. The discord that occurred in that land has truly been a cause of the wastage of God’s Cause. The friends were saddened by it while the enemies were gladdened. This matter is most grievous in the sight of God. Under all conditions, all must hold fast to the cord of unity, in such wise that no one should detect the slightest trace of discord among the loved ones of God. Today, which is the Lord of Days and the King of all times and seasons, the radiance of the All-Merciful should be witnessed in the countenances of those who believe in God. In any case, this matter of discord caused universal grief and darkened the world. God willing, this fire of discord shall be extinguished by the heavenly stream of love and unity, so that all may attain to that which God has willed. The Glory be upon you.

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He wins the glances of He who won the Most Exalted Station - His Honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be all nine [Splendors] of His Most Splendid Splendor.

He is God - exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God, Creator of all things and Fashioner of the heavens! His are the most beautiful names and the most exalted attributes. I pray, glorify and send peace upon those who rejoiced at the Most Great Ocean when it surged in the world, and who answered the Lord of Names when His sweetest call was raised between earth and heaven. These are servants whom, were all the pens of creation to describe them with the most wondrous allusions and words at their disposal, the seeing one would find them all beneath their station. Such is the station of those who have attained unto Him, who have spoken His praise and who have arisen to serve Him - how much more exalted then is the station of He who created them with a word from Him! Exalted be His dominion, exalted be His remembrance, exalted be His praise! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to gather us with them and ordain for us what He has written for them. Verily, He is the Guardian of those who act.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The servant has attained unto your letter and heard the sound of the quills of your utterance which soared in the atmosphere of love for our Lord and your Lord,

our Master and the Master of the worlds. After perusing it, I presented it before the Face and submitted what was therein. Then there appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance that which I am powerless to mention. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist me in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Generous Giver.

As for what you mentioned concerning the presence of the Afnan - upon them be all His Most Splendid Splendor - regarding their arrival in Zawra and their departure to the land of Taff and beyond it, the servant praises God for this and rejoices at their well-being and the receipt of their news. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them and to ordain for them what will benefit them in this world and the next.

And as for what you mentioned concerning His Honor the Prisoner - upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] - I have presented it before the Face. Then the tongue of the Beloved spoke: "O Muhammad-i-Mustafa! The Wronged One remembers you in the prison of Akka and thanks God for what has befallen Him in His path, and praises Him should tribulation be renewed in His love and desire. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding One. His verses have attracted Me and the fire of His love has enkindled Me to such an extent that were anyone to turn toward it with the ear of nature, they would hear its sighing from all My limbs, and were they to regard it with the eye of the heart, they would see its flame in My veins and members. There bear witness to what My pen has uttered honored servants whom the veils of the world have not prevented from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. They have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were commanded by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard the call of the Prisoner and We command him from this exalted, beloved station to say in his turning to God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm of Might:

"O Lord of Names and Fashioner of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue all things and through which the Most Exalted Horizon appeared, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and speaking in Thy remembrance. O my Lord! Thou seest my gaze turned toward the horizon of Thy favors and my hand raised toward the heaven of Thy gifts. I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will solace mine eyes and gladden my heart. O Lord! Enable Thy servants to recognize what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and to act according to what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Tablets. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Great. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Lord of the heavens and earths!"

As to what hath been mentioned concerning the letters Kha and Ta, We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him and enable him to remember and praise Him, and to make him steadfast in his love for His chosen ones and His friends. Within His grasp lieth the Kingdom of the heavens and earth, and in His right hand the dominion of command and creation. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Single One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

As to what was mentioned regarding Amin Bey, let him hold fast unto the cord of righteousness, placing his trust in God, and say: "O my God and the God of all names! Ordain for me that which is best for me in the Kingdom of creation. Every atom testifieth to Thy knowledge and power, Thy grandeur and sovereignty, and Thou knowest what profiteth and preserveth me. Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

O Muhammad! Counsel the loved ones of God with wisdom. We have previously counseled them not to believe every speaker, nor trust every claimant, nor reveal themselves before every deceitful traitor. Thou must urge them to safeguard that which must needs be safeguarded. Most people soar in the atmosphere of passion and follow every crier who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. We counsel all with wisdom, trustworthiness and the fear of God, and with that whereby the station and dignity of man may be manifested in the contingent world. There is no God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When the letter reached this point, I was gladdened, nay awakened, by thy latter call in remembrance of God, the Lord of Destiny. When I was honored to read and learn of its contents, I ascended, attended, and presented before His Presence that which the Trusted One had presented and which Joseph had composed. Thereupon the Beloved spoke: "We have made mention of the Trusted One and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give him to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge by the hand of His bounty, and to acquaint him with that which every ignorant and remote one hath failed to comprehend. O Amin! Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Be thou thankful unto God in all conditions, then remember Him with goodly remembrance. Peace be upon thee and upon those who follow that which hath been ordained in a perspicuous Book. We have mentioned thee before, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest rejoice and be among those who are firmly established. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Joseph! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto all things have testified: that there is none other God but Him. He maketh to live and causeth to die, then causeth to die and maketh to live. Verily He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Within His grasp lieth the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth, and in His right hand the sovereignty of Command and Creation. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant present hath appeared before the Wronged One and recited that which thou didst compose in praise of God and His loved ones. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to grant thee the good of this world and of the world to come. He, verily, is the Protector of them that remember Him.

We have restrained the Pen lest it range in the field of utterance and thereby raise the clamor of the people of the contingent world. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving soul. We have summoned all unto God and made known unto them the straight Path. They have risen against Us with such tyranny as hath weakened Islam, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have driven Us from Our homeland to preserve their dominions, but when We departed there entered therein such as desired it through oppression, whereat the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have lamented. Say: Take ye heed, O people of the earth, then judge with fairness concerning the matter of this Wronged One Who hath informed you and brought you glad tidings through the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds.

We counsel thee to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of every heedless and remote soul be raised. O My loved ones! Speak ye according to capacity, for most of the people are wrapped in heedlessness and thick veils. O My loved ones! In all circumstances it behooveth you to hold fast unto wisdom. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak forth His praise! He who hath spoken the truth had no purpose save the

exaltation of the Cause and religion of God, yet the heedless have imagined that he desired to spread corruption in the land. Thus have their souls seduced them. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon shall they bewail themselves and their dominions once again, even as they lamented after Our departure, unless they repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

I submit once again to your honor that your second letter hath brought me such joy as I am unable to mention or express to you. I beseech the Intended One, glorified be His majesty, to reward you with the most excellent reward and to assist you for your kindness to this servant who hath held fast to the cords of the loving-kindness of God's chosen ones - our Lord, your Lord, and the Lord of all worlds. Moreover, the Most Glorious Splendor and the Most Luminous Light be upon your honor and your household, and upon those who are there among the loved ones of God, the Peerless, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible.

The Servant

15 Sha'ban 1297

A packet has been sent to your presence addressed to his honor the Physician, bearing 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], that you may forward it to him in the city. And God is the Protector of the messengers and the Helper of those who are nigh unto Him.

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He is God, Exalted be His Majesty, His Grandeur and Power!

All praise, sanctified beyond the mention of those who praise or are praised, befitteth that Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, His Holiness Muhammad, Whose Law is an impregnable fortress and Whose ordinances are the guardians of the Faith. Through Him was the standard of Divine Unity raised aloft and the decree of detachment made firm. Upon Him be the blessings of God and His peace, and upon His family and companions through whom God established the pillars of His Cause and manifested His might and sovereignty. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

And now, the letter of that beloved of the heart and apple of the eye, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, which was sent in the name of the spiritual beloved, Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be God's everlasting peace, was forwarded to this servant and after being read was presented before His presence. O Abdullah! Praise be to God that thou art illumined by the light of recognition of God, exalted be His Glory, and art adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. Repeatedly hast thou been mentioned and been the recipient of His favors. Say:

My God, my God! Aid the unitarians to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy Cause, that through them Thy signs may be spread among Thy creation and Thy praise among Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the nations and King of eternity, by the Most Great Name, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies and the unitarians from the oppression of the polytheists among Thy creatures. Then enable them to act in accordance with what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book whereby Thou hast distinguished between the obedient and the rebellious. O Lord! Strengthen the foundations of Thy

servants for Thy service, then illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid all to wisdom and utterance, for wisdom is the cause of the protection of the servants and the preservation of lands. Today what is needed is unity and concord. We beseech God to aid and enable the various parties of the people of unity that all may become united. When the decree of unity is made manifest and the light of concord shineth forth, the primordial power shall appear and encompass all. To this testifieth every learned one, every fair-minded one, and every just and informed one.

We wish to make mention of thy son who is named Abdul-Mahdi in thy letter. Blessed is he in that he hath attained to the service of the Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him that which perisheth not and to protect him and draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

In these days mention hath repeatedly been made of that spiritual beloved and apple of the eye, Abdul-Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God, and the reply to each one hath been sent. This servant beseecheth his Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, to aid His loved ones unto that which attracteth the hearts and souls. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

Concerning their mention of visiting Karbila and Najaf, and likewise meeting with the holy ones, upon them be God's peace, and mention of the heedless Dowlatabadi - that heedless one's deeds have been and remain evidence of his station, as do his words and actions. This latest deed of his is fully known and evident in the prison. That unjust one committed, for the sake of two days of life, that which darkened the world of justice and fairness. The deluded party has, from the beginning until now, been occupied with and uttered such deeds and words that their mention causes sorrow to the people of the cities of joy and delight. The earthworms dwell in clay and were not and are not capable of soaring in this refined atmosphere. In these days two matters have become manifest, that those possessed of insight might distinguish between the people of the Most Sublime Vision and others, and become aware. First is the deed of His Holiness Ashraf, may my spirit be sacrificed for him - his deed testifies to his detachment and bears witness to his love and yearning. Freely did he sacrifice his life in the path of the Beloved of the worlds. The other matter is the deed of the heedless Dowlatabadi, who through a thousand deceits, tricks and hypocrisies preserved his life. Were this servant to mention those whom wealth, glory, fortune and life did not prevent from sacrificing their spirits and lives in God's path, he would need to compose a book. But where are the eyes and where are the ears? Dowlatabadi was not with the Truth and had and has no knowledge of the Cause, yet he dismisses this vile deed, grievous wrong and great oppression before his followers with two words. That party walks exactly like the Shi'ih party and is caught in the same vain imaginings. Leave them in their idle sport. They cling to the name while deprived of the meaning. But that heedless one's deed has melted hearts and set aflame the city of steadfastness. It has indeed melted the heart and produced a mighty effect. The servant asks his Lord to aid him to be fair and to return. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

They mentioned those two honored souls, upon them be God's peace and care. Two blessed Tablets were sent especially for them. It is hoped they will drink from the ocean of His words and adorn the world

with the garment of awareness. However, a trustworthy, steadfast and reliable person must carry and deliver them, that they might find from them the fragrance of care and kindness.

And they mentioned Husayn-i-Sukhti. Would that someone had told him: You were not in the Land of Ta, nor were you like Siyyid Muhammad after arriving in Iraq. He would come and go before Us. By the life of the Desired One, he was unaware of the root of the matter. Apart from these considerations, how did he know what transpired before the Primal Point and from whom it came? Say: If you find for yourself hearing, sight and heart, return to the sacred writings. They will guide you to a manifest light and mighty news. But he was not and is not capable of being guided. Hatred has overcome and erased the white point. However, our duty is prayer. Through God's grace and favor, all corruption, contention and conflict have been strictly forbidden. Therefore we must seek everyone's deliverance from the ocean of divine generosity and ask justice and fairness for each one. He is the Generous and He is the Bountiful.

Mention hath also been made of Sheikh Rajab and his son Mahmud, upon both of whom be God's peace. After being presented before Us, We said: "O Rajab, upon thee be God's peace. Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee and beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and thy son in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for you both, from the wonders of His bounty, the best of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones, and the Ultimate Goal of those who are nigh and sincere.

We make mention of Our loved ones and counsel them to perform goodly deeds and display praiseworthy conduct, and to do that which distanceth man from ignorance and draweth him nigh unto knowledge, sanctifieth him from corruption and adorneth him with reformation. By God's life! We love to see each one of you sanctified from rancor and hatred, and adorned with love and fidelity. We beseech God to send down upon you, from the heaven of grace and bounty, a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His own Self. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The friends have always been and continue to be remembered. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to cause His loved ones to attain unto that which is the source of the light of knowledge and wisdom, and likewise to grant them success in achieving fellowship and unity. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As commanded, association with Husayn-i-Sukhtih is not permitted, for he is consumed with the fire of hatred and is deprived of justice and fairness, unless he should return. Leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Peace, mercy and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The Servant

8 Ramadan 1306

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

All praise, sanctified above what is witnessed and seen, befitteth the Lord of earth and heaven, Who, through the mighty, conquering, powerful, and masterful hosts of the Supreme Pen and its treasuries, hath conquered the cities of hearts and minds of the people of understanding, and hath bestowed fresh life upon a dead world. Whensoever existence contemplates His generosity, His hosts, His grandeur, His sovereignty, and that which hath appeared from Him - His signs and His evidences - it findeth itself bewildered, wonderment upon wonderment. Without arrayed armies, visible means, or penetrating weapons, from the beginning of days until now, with a steadfastness that hath shaken the foundations of the world, He hath summoned all with the most exalted call unto that which God hath willed, until the light of His Cause hath shone forth and radiated from the horizon of every land according to its measure. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His sovereignty! There is none other God but Him.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of all contingent beings and Educator of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy power, at whose manifestation the might of the world and the strength of nations were enfeebled, to assist Thy loved ones to attain unto such steadfastness as shall cause the hearts of the world and the learned among the peoples to tremble. O my Lord! Thou seest how they have interposed themselves between Thee and Thy servants, and have prevented them from the river of Thy mercy and the ocean of nearness unto Thee. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty, which the heedlessness, disobedience, rebellion and denial of Thy servants in all lands have not withheld, to assist Thy creation to turn unto Thee, to hold fast unto the cord of obedience unto Thee, and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Furthermore, O beloved of my heart, thy noble letters have arrived continuously and successively. Praise be to God, their characters gladden hearts and their words bring joy to souls. The letters of God's loved ones are, in truth, in the first degree, the supreme remedy for the world of existence, the manifestation of grace amongst the servants, and the banner of remembrance for all in the lands, for they were adorned with the sweet fragrances of the love of our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Each was presented and received its answer, but the greatest task, which is known and evident to that beloved one, has been the cause and reason for the delay in replies, and this matter is clear and evident to that beloved heart. At the time of presenting them, the radiance of the Sun of loving-kindness was manifested in such wise that this servant was truly incapable of describing it at that moment. May my spirit be a sacrifice for His loving-kindness, for His remembrance, for His tenderness! However, this servant had begun the reply to your honor some time ago, and I beseech God for assistance in sending it soon. And now, on the twenty-fifth of Rabi'u'l-Avval, your new noble letter dated the fifteenth of Safar has arrived. Praise be to God, it attracted the heart and brought joy to the spirit; from its delight a complete effect was manifest, and after reading and observing it, I approached the presence of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, it was presented before His face and was honored to be heard. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! In the highest Paradise the Ultimate Tree hath spoken forth this most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which He hath. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of His Manifestation, His appearance and His sovereignty. Soon will His irrevocable Cause encompass all who are in the world, and the Herald will cry out from the right side: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing!" Blessed is the soul that hath attained and acted, and woe betide every heedless doubter.

O Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee through that which causeth the light to shine forth, as a favor from Us unto thee, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto steadfastness and art occupied with His mention and praise. The ocean is manifest, the light is radiant, verses are being revealed, and evident signs are shining forth. The Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Manifestation, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the scratching of the Pen are raised high, yet the people are in evident error.

Say: O servants! Deprive not yourselves. Soon shall all cry out "We turn unto Thee, O God of the worlds" and "We have returned to the court of Thy grace, O Beloved of them that know." Strive that perchance ye may receive your portion from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen and take your share. At all times the pearls of wisdom and utterance are manifest therefrom. Beware lest ye make yourselves to be of the deprived ones.

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land. Verily We make mention of them through My loving-kindness, remind them of My verses, and give them glad tidings of My grace which hath encompassed all in the kingdom of earth and heaven. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning this irrevocable, this wise Cause and this Great Announcement.

In truth, one is bewildered as to how to render thanks and in what manner to fulfill this duty. Were all things, the particles of the world of creation, the drops of the seas, and the leaves of the trees to become tongues, they would fall short, and this servant, with utmost lowliness, hath offered and continueth to offer thanks before that Beloved One, and since permission hath been granted, it is surely adorned with acceptance and illumined with the light of grace.

The petition of Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah Khan, upon him be the glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply - The Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O 'Abdu'llah! Give thanks unto the Object of all the world's adoration, Who hath made thee aware through the breezes of the dawn of His Revelation and guided thee. The whole world was created for the recognition of this Day and the service of His Cause, yet when the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Ultimate Tree were raised high, the entire party of the Shi'ih arose in opposition, save a few among the companions of Ahmad-i-Ahsa'i - upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are on earth and in heaven. Would that they had been content with mere

opposition! They issued the verdict for the shedding of His most pure blood. When thou attainest unto the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: […]

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and strengthened me to recognize Thy Day which Thou hast adorned with Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. All glory be unto Thee for having made known to me Thy mighty Announcement and Thine ancient Cause, and for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance until I turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and Thy most glorious station. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Creation, by the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace, to forgive me and my parents and those who have believed in Thee and Thy signs. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and hath taken no lord except Thee. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the effulgent lights of the Sun of Thy wisdom to ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O servant of God! The Truth hath appeared for the purpose of attaining His presence, but the idolaters stand as barriers and the deniers as obstacles. We beseech Him to record for thee the reward of attaining His presence and whatsoever beseemeth His might, His sovereignty and His power. Glory be upon thee.

Praise be to God that his honor ‘A’ and ’Ali, upon them be the Glory of God, have attained unto the effulgent traces from the horizon of the Pen of the Beloved of the worlds. This servant also conveyeth his greetings to them and beseecheth confirmation from the Truth on their behalf. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful, worthy to answer prayers. I end these words declaring that there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. I convey greetings, praise and salutations to all the loved ones in that land, and I beseech for all that which is the cause of the reformation of the world and the education of the nations. It is hoped that in these days replies to the various letters will be sent. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Lord of the Exalted Seat.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving! He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Ever-Relenting!

Glorified be He Who doeth whatsoever He willeth! Verily He is the Commander of earth and heaven. Neither the hosts of names nor all that exists in the realm of creation can withhold Him. He is, in truth, the Just Ruler, the Trustworthy.

O thou who art immersed in the ocean of transgression! By My life, what hath been attributed to thee and what hath become known of thy deeds hath grieved Me. By God! Such sorrow hath seized Me that the Pen hath been prevented from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all nations. We have heard its lamentation and its cry concerning that which hath befallen its Beloved in days wherein every mouth should smile, every sorrowful one rejoice, every hesitant one hasten forward, and every seated one soar

on the wings of longing. Yet there hath appeared that which hath caused the liver of righteousness to melt and justice to wail before God, the Lord of all mankind, by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One on a day wherein the fire of passion was kindled amongst men.

Grief hath overtaken Me on account of that which hath seized the crown of thy head and the adornment of thy temple. The hand of destiny hath stripped thee and rendered thee deprived of the outpourings of thy Lord's days, the Lord of all names. It behooveth thee to weep, and I weep for what hath befallen Me and thee through thy evil deeds. By God! Deeds have wailed because of thy actions, and the Book of Forgiveness because of thy disobedience, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have been consumed by the desires of thy self.

Thou wert created to aid My Cause, yet thou didst support Mine enemies through deeds more powerful than the hosts of kings and sovereigns, and thou didst abandon Me to the tongues of Mine enemies which were sharper than swords and more penetrating than the venom of serpents. Thus doth the Lord of Religions lament upon the dust before all faces.

I know not by what word to speak nor by what mention to recall that which hath befallen Me at the hands of those who claim to love Me. Shall I say what Jacob said - I complain of my distress and grief unto God? Nay, by My soul! I desire not to complain of tribulation, suffering and ordeal. Rather, I give thanks unto God in His decree and destiny, and I shall exercise beautiful patience. He is the Help in time of need against what they describe.

Can anyone stand against His decree and destiny? Nay, by His own Self, the Truth! Verily He is the Self-Subsisting in His Cause, the Executor of His judgment, the Supreme Ruler by His sovereignty. He is the Praiseworthy in His deeds, the Obeyed One in His judgment, and He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

By My life! My condition and circumstances have transcended mention and utterance. While I was sitting upon the ashes, crying and weeping for Myself and for what had befallen Me from the loved ones, at that moment a letter arrived and was presented by the servant who was present before Me. We heard a plaintive cry whereat the Maid of Heaven lamented and a shriek whereat the fruits cried out, and therein he said […]

O my God, my God! My deplorable state has reached such a pass that all remembrance is cut off, and my rebellion has attained such a degree that neither turning to Thee, nor remembrance, nor return, nor seeking forgiveness can profit me. I have violated Thy sanctity after Thou didst enjoin me to preserve it amongst Thy loved ones. By Thy glory! My transgression has become as fire consuming my deeds and devotions. Is there for me, O my God, any station of return whereat I might turn in repentance unto Thee? I testify that through my rebellion the rain of mercy has been withheld from the clouds of Thy bounty, and the manifestations of the lights of grace from the Daystar of Thy forgiveness. O Lord! The ocean of rebellion advances toward Thee, and the mountain of error turns to the court of Thy generosity. Thou seest me, O my God, immersed in the sea of disobedience and consumed by what hath befallen Thee through my evil deeds, O Ocean of forgiveness! By Thy might and Thy majesty! I am ashamed to seek pardon from Thee or ask Thee for forgiveness, for through my deeds the fire of despair and

deprivation was ignited, and I was not inclined to return, O Lord of forgiveness and beneficence. In such state there occurred to my mind a remembrance from among the remembrances which flowed from the Pen of Thy Command in the Book of the Righteous. Though my deeds have made me despair of Thy tenderness and mercy and forgiveness and bounty, and deprived me of Thy grace and generosity and benevolence and favors, yet I cannot say that my rebellion has overwhelmed the ocean of Thy forgiveness, or that through my error the traces of Thy favor have been erased and the waves of the ocean of Thy pardon have been stilled. Since this is so, then Thou seest me, O my Beloved and my Purpose, bereft of every rank and good deed and kindness and virtue, clinging to the cord of Thy generosity to which all beings have testified, and to Thy grace to which all things have borne witness. Deal with this abject one who hath acknowledged Thy glory and power, this poor one who hath confessed Thy might and riches, this wearied one who hath testified to the kingdom of Thine utterance. Thereupon the tongue of my inner and outer being is silenced through my shame and rebellion and abandonment of what Thou didst command me. By Thy glory! I have cast aside my pleading and hope and deeds and will, looking to Thy grace and Thy will. Do with me as Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the One praised in Thy deeds and obeyed in Thy command.

And when another letter arrived from him and was opened, hearts and souls wailed from its lamentations, and from its despair the livers were burned and tears flowed. Then the gates of grace and bounty were opened, and the door of mercy and faithfulness. We said: Do not grieve, even though your error has stripped the temple of the Cause of its robe of glory and dignity. But thy Lord's mercy has preceded both the righteous and the wicked. Verily thy Lord forgave Adam with a word from His presence - the father of mankind acknowledged his error and was forgiven. The oceans of rebellion cannot stand against a drop from thy Lord's ocean of forgiveness. We have purified thee with the Kawthar of return and forgiven thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, and He is the Ever-Turning, the All-Compelling, the All-Choosing. However, from thy deed appeared that which had never occurred to anyone among those who circled round the Cause in this Most Great Prison. O Muhammad, rejoice! By God, God hath forgiven thee and purified thee by His binding command among the nations. Today thou art before God among those who have no sin. Whoso imagineth otherwise is among the worshippers of vain fancies in the sight of God, the Lord of all beings. Say: O people of Baha, fear God and be not among the heedless. How did ye precede with speech after We had described the people of Baha as those who precede Him not in speech and who act according to His command? And they spread indecency after We had forbidden them from it. Those who love that indecency should spread among the people of Baha have no share in God's grace and mercy, nor have they any station beneath the canopies of His grandeur. Behold, O people of the Bayan, what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. I seek refuge with God, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing: "Verily they who brought forth the lie are a band among you. Do not consider it an evil for you; nay, it is good for you. Every person among them shall have what he hath earned of sin, and he who took upon himself the chief part thereof shall have a grievous punishment. Why did not the believing men and believing women, when ye heard it, think good of themselves and say: 'This is a manifest lie?' Why did they not bring four witnesses thereof? Since they have not brought the witnesses, they are liars in God's sight. Were it not for God's grace and mercy upon you in this world and the next, a grievous chastisement had befallen you for that which ye spread abroad, when ye uttered with your tongues and spoke with your mouths what ye had no knowledge of, and

counted it a light thing, while with God it was grave. And why, when ye heard it, did ye not say: 'It is not for us to speak of this. Glory be unto Thee! This is a mighty calumny.' God admonisheth you that ye never return to the like thereof, if ye be believers. And God maketh clear to you the signs, and God is Knowing, Wise. Verily those who love that indecency should spread among the believers - for them is a grievous chastisement in this world and the next. God knoweth, and ye know not. Were it not for God's grace upon you and His mercy, and that God is Kind, Merciful... O ye who believe! Follow not the steps of Satan, and whoso followeth the steps of Satan, verily he commandeth indecency and wrong. Were it not for God's grace upon you and His mercy, not one of you would ever have been pure; but God purifieth whom He will. And God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing."

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From the right hand of the Throne hath been sent down:

O Ali! From the day when the promised Tablet - which hath been designated as the Cry, the Hour, and the Trump - was dispatched, the idolaters and deniers have arisen with the utmost craftiness and scheming. Though outwardly nothing is apparent, yet thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. With the utmost determination they have been and are seeking the Ancient Beauty. In these days, each day witnesseth a new occurrence in this land. By the Truth! Never hath there been, nor shall there ever be, any grief from these matters and whatsoever hath occurred before or shall occur hereafter. The Ancient Beauty is established upon the Most Great Throne with such joy that were but a breath thereof to pass over the dwellers of earth, all would perish from delight, gladness and ecstasy. However, the grief is that the servants are weak, and the Truth, out of kindness and mercy, summoneth them from the ocean of tribulations and trials to the uttermost goal, yet these veiled souls perceive it not. O Ali! Exert the utmost endeavor and guard the edifice of the Cause from the thieves. Consider the physical house: if slumber overtaketh its guardians, assuredly the thieves will enter and intrude. However, if the guardians remain engaged in their watch and protection, the thieves shall never gain access. Now it behooveth the sincere ones among the loved ones of God to make every effort and protect God's Cause and His edifice from the thieves. Say: Stand guard at the gate, then drive away the evil ones with the shooting star of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

Again revealed to Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar.

Some people have sought and continue to seek specific worldly ornaments from the Most Holy Court, and this is far removed from justice and fairness. From the beginning of the Revelation until now, never has there been any indication to anyone regarding such matters - sacred is the hem of the Cause from such mentions, let alone their actualization. It is incumbent upon all to counsel the servants and declare what comes from God. The Herald of Divine Unity calls out from the realm of Divinity: O loved ones! Soil not the sacred hem with the clay of this world, and speak not according to the dictates of self and passion. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause, which shines with perfect radiance and light from the heaven of the prison, that today those who have turned to the Qiblih of existence must be sanctified and detached from both the seen and unseen. Should they engage in teaching, they must do so with pure

intention, complete detachment, independence, lofty resolve, and innate holiness, turning to all regions with the fragrances of the All-Merciful. It behooveth such souls to make their provision trust in God and their raiment the love of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, that their words may have effect. Those souls who today fix their gaze upon personal desires and the ornaments of this transient world are seen to be utterly remote. In most times, there have been no apparent ornaments in the court of the All-Merciful, and those circling round have been in great hardship. Nevertheless, never has any mention of the world, or word indicating it, shone forth from the Dayspring of the Supreme Pen. And if anyone was blessed to send a gift to the Most Holy Court, it was accepted out of grace, even though were We to desire to possess all the wealth of the earth, none would have cause to question. No deed is more abhorrent than begging among people in the name of Truth. It is incumbent upon that honored one and the companions of Truth to summon people to the greatest detachment and the most great sanctity, that the fragrance of the Most Glorious Robe might be inhaled from His loved ones. However, the wealthy must be mindful of the poor, for the station of the patient among the poor is great in the sight of God. By My life! No station equals it save what God willeth. Blessed is the poor one who is patient and discrete, and blessed is the rich one who spends and prefers others. God willing, the poor should strive and engage in earning a livelihood, and this is a matter prescribed for every soul in this Most Great Revelation and is reckoned among good deeds before God. Whoever acts upon this will surely receive divine assistance. Verily, He enriches whomsoever He willeth through His grace. He is, verily, powerful over all things.

Likewise, from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's Will have shone forth words concerning the protection of souls and the education of the people of the nation and country, the benefits of which will encompass all who are on earth, were they to hear what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Command. At present it is not expedient to send it; it remains suspended in the heaven of Will until such time as the Divine Will determines it be sent. The Command is in His hand. Strive diligently in the education of souls, for this has been and will continue to be among the most important matters. And glory be upon thee, O thou whose call We hear in remembrance of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O Ali! Say to the loved ones of God that the first quality of human nature is fairness, and all matters depend upon it. Reflect a little upon the afflictions and tribulations of this Prisoner, Who has spent His entire life in the hands of His enemies, and every day has been afflicted with a fresh trial in the path of God's love, until the Cause of God was exalted amongst His servants. Now if anyone should arise and, following his own imaginings, engage either secretly or openly in causing division among the people - is such a one to be counted among the fair-minded? Nay, by His Self, the All-Compelling! By My life, My heart laments and Mine eyes weep for the Cause of God and for those who speak that which they understand not and imagine in their souls that which they perceive not.

Today it behooveth all to hold fast to the Most Great Name. There is no refuge or haven save Him. Let them unite the people. Should one be established in the highest station, and should words proceed from him that would cause division among the people, he hath turned away from the shore of the Most Great Ocean and directed himself to that which is limited by human boundaries. All creation beareth witness that such a one is deprived of the breezes of the All-Merciful. Say: Be fair, O people of understanding! He that hath no fairness hath no human qualities.

God is aware of all souls and what they possess. The forbearance of God hath emboldened souls, for He does not rend asunder the veils before their appointed time, and due to the precedence of mercy, manifestations of wrath have been withheld. Therefore, most people imagine that God is unaware of what they commit in secret. Nay, by His all-knowing, all-informed Self! All is visible and evident in the mirror of His knowledge. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Concealer of the weaklings' faults! Praise be unto Thee, O Forgiver of the heedless ones' sins!

We forbade the people from following delusion that they might recognize the manifest Sovereign and that which proceedeth from Him. Yet now they are seen to be captive to their own doubts and imaginings. By My life, they themselves are delusion and perceive it not, and that which they utter is delusion and they understand it not. We beseech God to assist all and to make them know Him and their own selves. By My life, whoso attaineth unto His knowledge soareth in the atmosphere of His love and detacheth himself from all who dwell on earth, let alone those who speak according to their desires that which God hath not permitted them.

Say: Today is the day of hearkening. Hear ye the voice of the Wronged One. Speak ye in the name of Truth, and be adorned with the ornament of His remembrance and illumined by the lights of His love. This is the key to hearts and the polish of existence. Whoso remaineth heedless of that which hath flowed from the Finger of God's Will is in manifest error. Rectitude and trustworthiness are essential to faith, not discord and corruption. Convey that which thou hast been commanded by the Trustworthy, the Faithful One. Verily, the glory be upon thee, O thou who remembereth My Name, who gazeth toward My direction, and who uttereth the praise of thy Lord, the Beautiful.

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This is what hath been uttered by the tongue of the Beloved:

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Thy letter hath come before Our presence and We have heard what was therein. Through this the ocean of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been set in motion and casteth forth the pearls of divine knowledge. Be thou thankful and numbered with them that render thanks. We beseech God to adorn with thy remembrance the temple of existence and through thee to raise the standards of His Cause amidst the concourse of the seen and the unseen. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan, convey unto him greetings from this lonely Prisoner. Say: Blessed art thou, O servant, for having migrated with the exiles of God, having accompanied them and joined with them in thy journey. Thy Lord, verily, is the Protector of all things. He knoweth what the hands of His loved ones have wrought and witnesseth what they do in His path. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Grieve not that thou wert prevented from attaining Our presence. We desire him who hath desired Us, yet the heedless have intervened between us. We have written for thee the reward of one who hath attained Our presence and appeared before Our countenance. This is of My bounty unto thee. Be thou grateful before the face of thy Lord and be of them that show thanks. We have accepted this visitation of thine. This is a word We have caused to shine forth from the horizon of

creation and it shall endure as long as God endureth. This is yet another bounty that hath encompassed thee from One Who is Mighty, Beautiful.

Wert thou to ponder on that which hath proceeded from the mouth of the Divine Will, thou wouldst remember the Lord of all creation throughout all thy days and be enkindled with that Fire wherewith the hearts of them that are near have been set ablaze. Convey My remembrance unto thy brother Husayn and give him the glad tidings of My mention of him. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Say: Be ye steadfast, O loved ones of God, in His Cause, then make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. Beware lest ye transgress the bounds of wisdom. We have made it another sign from your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Hold fast unto it in all conditions. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime and in this perspicuous Tablet. Through wisdom do We educate Our loved ones. It is My adornment amongst those who have turned unto God and are of them that are well-directed.

O Zayn! Glorify on My behalf those who are in thy land, then impart unto them that which hath sprinkled upon them from this surging, encompassing, mighty, and exalted Ocean. The name of each one of them hath been mentioned in the Tablets of thy Lord. This is of His bounty unto them and unto His believing servants. Then make mention on My behalf of the handmaidens of God who are there and give them glad tidings through this Wise Remembrance. Upon them and upon them all be the Glory of God, thy Lord, so long as the Dove warbleth upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Single, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Excellent is what thou hast mentioned concerning Asadu'llah and what thou hast desired for him regarding the proof of servitude. Blessed art thou, O Zayn! By My life, this is a station that no other station can equal, were people possessed of insight. Blessed is he who hath adorned his temple with the ornament of servitude unto God, the Truth, and blessed is he who layeth his face upon the dust in humility before the Lord of Lords, turning unto Him. This, verily, is the praiseworthy station with thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise. Make mention of him on My behalf, then send unto him this fragrance which We have sent from the direction of the Throne that he may inhale the sweet scents of the garment and arise to praise his Lord at all times. Say: Be thou assured by the grace of thy Lord that thy name hath appeared before the Face. God hath absolved thee of thy misdeeds and hath ordained for thee in the Tablet an exalted station. Were We to mention the effects thereof throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Dominion, it would never end. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. He detaileth unto whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He desireth and aideth those who have turned unto Him through His grace. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Generous. O Lion! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, then aid Him in His land. Say […]

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to make mention of me. Ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased, for I know nothing and Thou art the All-Knowing.

Then make mention of 'Ali on my behalf. Say: Be not grieved at being debarred from the precincts of the Divine Purpose. Be content with what God hath ordained for thee. He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth. He is indeed the Sovereign over all the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and hastened unto Him. This turning hath been recorded by the Pen of thy Lord, the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed. This is better for thee than all thou witnessest and beholdest. Be not grieved at anything. Put thy trust in Him in all matters. He is with His servants who seek Him. Beseech God, thy Lord, to make thee steadfast in His Cause. He ordaineth for whomsoever He pleaseth that which is best for him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Most Merciful of the merciful. Aid His Cause through mentioning Him amongst His servants. This is the most meritorious of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He is indeed informed of all things. We have accepted thy migration in His path and thy return by His command, and have ordained for thee that which will gladden the eyes of them that are nigh unto Him. In His hand is the dominion of command and creation. He is, in truth, potent over all things.

Then make mention of Isma'il who drank the choice wine of life in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and bore hardships in the path of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Make mention of him on My behalf and convey unto him what We have sent down from the direction of the Throne, that the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance may be diffused throughout the land wherein he dwelleth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Say: Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. Reflect upon what thy Lord hath endured in manifesting His Cause. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen. God is well aware of thine exile from thy native land and thy drawing nigh unto another land. Grieve not on this account. This is what God hath written for Himself, as thou seest Him in the land of exile in a far-off prison. Arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me, then soar on the wings of detachment unto the atmosphere of My mercy and grandeur that thou mayest hear the call of the birds of My throne and the doves of My oneness. By My life! Through these are attracted the hearts of them that have sought the countenance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, in those days, and through these are wafted the sweet savors of the All-Glorious throughout all worlds. Thy Lord is indeed the Ruler over what was and what shall be. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its effects, make mention of Him with wisdom and clear exposition, that perchance they who slumber on the couch of idle fancies may arise at the call and turn towards this Quarter round which circle angels brought nigh unto God. Turn with thy heart unto the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say:

I am he who hath turned unto Thee, and hath set his face towards the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thine inspiration and the Manifestation of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst quicken all created things, to number me among them who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and who have remained steadfast in Thy Cause until Thou didst manifest unto them Thy sovereignty in Thy kingdom and Thy power over all that are in Thy earth. Then write down for me what beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy majesty. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Hearken unto that which thy Lord calleth thee from the direction of the Throne, then send it unto him who hath been named Abu'l-Qasim, that the call of his Lord may attract him and detach him from all who dwell on earth. Say: O servant, hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness. He will verily protect thee in truth. He is indeed the Almighty, the Powerful. When the fragrance of the garment which We have sent from the direction of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, wafteth over thee, turn with thy heart unto Him. Say: […]

O my God, my Lord and my Beloved! I testify that Thou art my Creator and my Provider, and that Thy love preceded my love for my father and mother. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the monotheists drank the wine of certitude and the sincere ones partook of the Kawthar of assurance, and through which the breezes of forgiveness wafted over all created things, to protect me from those who have denied Thy signs, rejected Thy truth and repudiated Thy power. O Lord! Cause me to enter beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy mercy, then number me among those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of utterance from the fingers of Thy mercy, that nothing may prevent me from turning toward Thee and arising to remember Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain me as one of those who circle round Thee and gaze upon Thy countenance, detached from all things, and who move according to Thy will. Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. Then write down for me that which is best in Thy sight and ordain for me to act according to Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

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O Afnan, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Praise be sanctified above all mention and utterance and befitteth the court of the nearness of the sacred Lord of eternity, Who was not prevented by the clamor of the peoples of the world from His blessed purpose, nor was the Supreme Pen held back from its movement by the rejection and objection of the nations. It moveth at all times and summoneth all who are in the realm of creation unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

My soul and spirit be a sacrifice for your service and for your mention. This evanescent servant was standing before the Beloved of the world on one of the mountains when the Name of God appeared. After meeting, he gave this servant a packet which included the blessed letter of your eminence. God knoweth that such joy seized me that every tongue of the Pen is incapable of its mention. Afterward, when returning to the Most Holy Court, while walking on that same mountain, the tongue of inner realities spoke these words: “Blessed is the mountain that hath been made the place whereon Thy feet have trod, and blessed are the hills over which the breezes of Thy days of manifestation have wafted, and blessed is the land that hath been adorned with the robe of Thy bounty and perfumed with the fragrance of Thy raiment, and blessed is the sea upon which the ship of Thy Cause hath sailed.” Then, in His presence, the tongue of grandeur spoke these blessed words: “Read what thou hast brought.” This servant read in full the first prayer that you had submitted. He walked a while and then spoke these blessed words: “O servant who is present, repeat the mention of My Afnan.” And then the second prayer at the end of your letter was read. He said: “It behooveth him and these days that he remember his Lord in such wise as he hath remembered. Verily He is the Hearer, verily He is the Ever-Present, verily He is the Perceiver, verily He is the All-Seeing. O My Afnan! Thou wast created for My Day, to hearken unto My call, to behold My horizon, and to arise to serve Me. Verily thy Lord is the Teacher, the All-Informed.”

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the most great favor. Although this is known to thee now, it shall become more evident later and shall shine forth like the rays of the sun in the world, manifest and evident. O Afnan! I have presented, then I beseech Thee, O my God, to make me at all times gazing toward the direction of Thy good-pleasure, content with what Thou hast ordained for me in the heaven of Thy decree, detached from all else save Thee, firm in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure, and accepting of service to Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones. We have heard and found in thy words thy burning devotion, thy sincerity, and thy turning toward God, the Lord of the worlds, and in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. And this is among the bounties that have had and have no likeness or parallel. Preserve it and be of the thankful ones. God willing, thou hast been and art confirmed. Ask of God that thou mayest in all conditions remain steadfast in this station. Say: O my God, my Beloved, my Purpose, my Helper, my Creator, and my Provider! I beseech Thee by the Name through which faces turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, souls soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, and through which all created things were moved and all possibilities hastened toward the direction of Thy grace and Thy gifts, to strengthen me to serve Thy Cause and enable me to remember and praise Thee. O Lord! I am he before whose face Thou didst open the door of Thy knowledge and made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation after the turning away of Thy creatures, and showed me the passing away of that in which most of Thy creation take pride. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and power to protect me and to ordain for me that which will make me independent through Thy riches. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the survivors of the Twin Luminous Lights, it is clear and evident that you are being as considerate as possible. Today it is incumbent upon all to be mindful of this matter, though verily He is the All-Watchful, the Near One. Praise be to God that from the beginning you were enabled to serve the Cause. This servant beseeches God day and night that He may establish you in His service in such wise that your remembrance shall endure as long as the Kingdom and the Realm endure.

As for what you wrote concerning your message to the honored Afnan H.A. (upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory) asking him to be mindful of the survivors' condition - a few days ago the honored Ismullah M.H. attained the presence of the Throne. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke such words concerning him that from every letter thereof shone forth the sun of loving-kindness. At one point He said: "O servant! We have verily assisted the Afnans and exalted them and honored them. That which has flowed from My Most Exalted Pen has been and shall be made manifest. Thy Lord is indeed the Mighty, the Powerful." I swear by His blessed utterance that this servant repeatedly prostrated himself in gratitude and besought the True One, exalted be His glory, that He withhold not this most great favor for even a moment.

Regarding the matter of the hundred tumans which you wrote should not be deducted from the funds of the land of Kha and should be accepted from you - this matter found acceptance in the Most Holy Court. It behooveth everyone possessed of speech to praise Him, thank Him, and remember Him in His days, and to hold fast to the cord of His Most Generous Name.

Concerning what you wrote about the business ledgers of the Wronged One - on the first day when this incident occurred, He said that although the grief of this calamity is beyond measure, yet they have attained to infinite grace. "We have ordained for him glory and exaltation, and in the end of days We

adorned him with that which had been the hope of the sincere ones from time immemorial." He also said that this supreme martyrdom is the cause and means of the exaltation of the Cause and the manifestation of the trustworthiness and religiosity of God's loved ones among the people. Now it has become clear that truly that sanctified soul was in all conditions focused on the horizon of trustworthiness. Blessed is he and his brother. This servant testifieth that they have attained to that which none comprehendeth save God. Would that I had been with them and had attained to what they attained.

Another matter - the letter you wrote to Ismullah M.H. was also seen, and he has sent a detailed reply which will, God willing, reach your blessed sight.

Regarding what you wrote about Khalil (upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory) having been somewhat indisposed - surely he has been adorned with the raiment of health by God. This evanescent one's offering of servitude and nothingness in his service depends on your kindness.

Another matter - after the incident in the Land of Sad, in those very days a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine will, and until now a copy has not been sent anywhere. In these days, as commanded, this servant has made a copy and sent it so that after you peruse the blessed Tablet you may send it to Mulla Rajab-'Ali (upon him be the Glory of God). This servant has also written a brief letter to him which should be sent along with the Tablet.

Another matter - due to the abundance of correspondence, this servant was not able to present a response to the letter from the honored Afnan Aqa (upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory). God willing, it shall be submitted later.

Another submission: the petition of his honour Mirza Ahmad was presented to the Most Holy Court. They accepted his return. It behooveth this Lord to receive the praise of the Concourse on High and the glorification of all who are in the heavens and on earth. A most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will, and the same revealed script was sent, inasmuch as His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps) was not present. Therefore, the same original revelation in this evanescent one's handwriting was dispatched. That Holy Being and this servant beseech and hope from God, exalted and mighty be He, that He may cause him to remain steadfast upon His straight path and confirm him in the heights of remembrance, praise, abstinence and godliness. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and the Helper of those who remember Him. There is none other God but Him, the King, the Truth, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory and power!

Your letter was received and its fragrance brought the utmost joy and delight. God willing, may there flow from the pen of the loved ones of the All-Merciful that which shall be the cause of spirit, life and joy to all

creation. Since a question was asked, this servant deemed it necessary to write and send an immediate response so that the truth of the matter might become clear and evident to you and other loved ones.

Although the sanctity and purity of the Cause is manifest and radiant like the sun at its meridian, yet in view of your request, this is submitted: You wrote that you were perplexed by certain behaviors of some women. One such as yourself should never be perplexed by these matters, for you have spent much time in the Holy Presence and have directly heard most of the divine utterances which have been the cause and means of educating the servants and advancing the peoples of all lands. Whoever acts contrary to these is indeed among the disappointed and the losers, as He has said, "even if they be among the kindred."

Some practices were early customs among the people of the Bayan which were prevalent among them and which they followed without right, as you and other loved ones know that before this Most Great Manifestation, most of the people of the Bayan practiced that which accorded with no religion or law, and which no person of intellect or insight would accept. Then the Sun of Manifestation dawned forth. From the years of His sojourn in Iraq until now, which is the seventeenth day of the month of Jumadi in the year 1291, wondrous tablets have been successively and continuously revealed from the heaven of divine Will, forbidding all rejected and unpleasing matters, and commanding the divine ordinances which have been the cause of salvation for all.

Indeed, from the horizon of every tablet the Sun of utterance has risen, shining and manifest in this regard. Today it is incumbent upon all to hold fast to the cord of sanctity and to grasp the hem of purity. O brother! The pearl of the Cause has remained hidden due to unseemly deeds, and this is the universal cause that has led to the hesitation of humanity. Otherwise, from all regions and lands you would hear the cry "I have turned toward Thee and hastened unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!"

In Iraq, after the dawning of the Daystar of the horizons, He forbade all from certain matters. Some, in accordance with the command, abandoned them, while others, though under the shadow of the Truth, continued to practice what they practiced, but it was concealed. Likewise in this land there is no outward government to enforce the divine laws. The Truth has been and will be wronged. None hear from Him save those who are brought near. This is why the deeds of those who act purely for the sake of God cannot be equated with the deeds of others, for such a person has no fear of outward punishment. Therefore if a good deed appears from someone, it is for God's sake and thus is counted among the most excellent deeds.

By God, besides Whom there is no other God! Those souls who have entered this land, whether female or male, whenever they have attained the presence of the Throne, all have been commanded to perform good deeds and […]

Let the upright character, the praiseworthy attributes and the avoidance of carnal desires be your adorning. Well is it with him who hearkens, and woe unto him who turns away. These are His words, exalted be His glory: "Say: Forbidden unto you is adultery and sodomy and treachery. Abstain therefrom, O concourse of those who advance! By God! Ye have been created to purify the world from the defilement of evil passions. This is what the Lord of all men enjoineth you, if ye be of them that

comprehend. Whoso claimeth to be of the All-Merciful and committeth what the Evil One hath done - he, verily, is not of Me. To this testifieth every kernel and stone, and beyond them this truthful and trustworthy Tongue."

These exalted words have issued from the mouth of Him Who revealeth the verses, and this servant hath presented them exactly as they were revealed. Whoso acteth, acteth for his own self; and whoso turneth away, turneth away to his own loss. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. If people knew how much sorrow, grief and anguish these matters have caused the Ancient Beauty, they would all engage in lamentation and weeping. In the early days, certain actions appeared from the leaders of the Bayan that caused the people to become veiled and to hesitate. Were this servant to mention the deeds of some which he himself witnessed, it would cause all to be astonished. Had this Most Great Revelation not appeared, the matter would have remained obscure to most people. Through divine favors and exalted Tablets, many of the loved ones dwelling in various cities and villages attained the robe of sanctification, and in some lands they strove with utmost effort to act according to divine commandments which benefit humanity, and they became sanctified from rejected deeds. However, some have remained fixed in their old habits. We beseech God to assist all to do what befits His days and is worthy of His beauty, and through which His firm and mighty Cause may be exalted.

O my master! Most souls are weak - at the mere sight of lightning they melt like snow before fire. Where are those steadfast, firm and tranquil souls who say that if all the women of the world should appear in full beauty and adornment, and all the treasures of the earth be displayed before them, they would never turn towards them, for such souls are intoxicated with the wine of the beauty of the All-Glorious. Their intoxication is the sovereign of sobriety, and their sobriety the source of effacement. Indeed, Moses appeared from the house of Pharaoh, while Abu Lahab was from the household of the Messenger. God willing, may you ever gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and strive with all effort to shatter the idols of self, so that perhaps through your efforts and those of the friends of God, unworthy deeds that have caused the people to become veiled may be eliminated from among mankind. In these days this exalted verse was revealed from the Supreme Pen - these are His words, exalted be His glory: "It behooveth whosoever hath believed in God to proclaim the truth and strive to remove falsehood from amongst the people."

All must arise to render this service which is the cause of sanctifying souls and advancing those who dwell in all lands. Consider the days of the Apostle of God [Muhammad]. On the day of His ascension, nearly one hundred thousand souls or more from surrounding regions were present in Medina and its environs. Most of these individuals were considered companions in custom, for they had associated with Him. Nevertheless, those who acted upon His teachings and were God-fearing were found to be few in number. Verily, grace is in God's hands - He singles out whom He pleases by His command. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. In truth, this question of yours was most welcome, for most people are weak and veiled from God's good-pleasure and that which is beloved in His sight. This much has been written that the sincere servants of God may understand that which is beloved and acceptable unto God and from which the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful is wafted throughout all worlds. We praise and thank Him for this. Verily, He is the Protector of the thankful. Convey to his honor Aqa, the Most Truthful Name of God, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, the most wondrous, most

impregnable, most holy greetings from this evanescent one. I have been and am mindful of the other loved ones, upon them be the fragrances of God, and I beseech them all not to forget this servant in their prayers. May glory be upon you and upon them.

The Servant 66 [of God]

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He is God, exalted be His glory in greatness and power!

The essence of praise and the jewel of glorification befit the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen, which was not prevented from its call by the clamor of the divines nor the rattling chains of the composers. At all times it moved in the arena of wisdom and utterance in such wise that all the worlds of the unseen, by that movement, turned toward the Friend. Now it is hidden, but God shall soon make it manifest through His justice. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. This movement shall not be seized by stillness, nor shall this call be followed by silence. Blessed are they who have attained unto the hearing thereof. These are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, whose mention God hath revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou at Whose mention all mention boweth down, and at Whose light's dawning all lights humble themselves. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all things and didst open the cities of the Kingdom of Names, to assist Thy servants in Thy remembrance and praise, and to enable them to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! This is Thy Day which Thou hast preferred above all other days and hast mentioned in the Books, the Psalms, and the Tablets. I beseech Thee by it and by what beseemeth it to send down from the heaven of Thy Will upon Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, make them recognize Thy path, cause them to hear Thy verses, and teach them what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Nothing can frustrate Thee, nor can any matter prevent Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty. O Lord! Send Thy blessings upon Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones who were not deterred by the might of the oppressors from turning to Thee, nor were they frightened by the pharaohs from facing toward Thy direction. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and decreest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The petition of that dear one was presented by this servant in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and was graced with hearing. Concerning what thou didst ask about the earth and what the wise have said about it: in truth these matters have not yet been fully discovered. This is the truth, and beyond it is naught but error. However, the philosophers of this age, having received a portion of the light of this Manifestation, are more knowledgeable than those who came before. They have not yet fully discovered the number of planets; soon it shall be revealed and added to the previous count. This science is a fathomless ocean. Each fixed star has its planets, and each planet is a world among the worlds of thy Lord. Who can count the hosts of thy Lord therein, or the creations of His servants therein? The

spirituality of the Spirit adorned the world of the Gospel, yet its people are heedless, walking in the wilderness of error and sleeping on the couch of negligence. They have not awakened from the trumpet blast, nor have they risen from the graves of their desires. Soon shall they witness the recompense of their deeds. Verily, thy Lord is the Just, the Wise.

As to thy question concerning the spirit and its movement, know thou that pure and sanctified spirits, detached from earthly conditions, have been and ever shall be the educators of the world of being. By the Life of God! After their ascension, they exercise supreme influence and power. They have ever been, and shall remain, all-encompassing and supreme. This station hath ever been guarded and preserved, sealed with the Seal of Divine protection, and treasured in the vault of infallibility. The tongue faileth to describe it, and minds and hearts fall short of comprehending it. The first interpreter, enthroned at the head of creation, is the tongue itself, which hath repeatedly confessed its powerlessness. What hath been mentioned regarding this station hath been solely through Divine grace and favor. Let this much be clear and evident: that pure and sanctified spirits who ascend from this world in the light of detachment are mighty causes for the education of the world and the appearance of crafts and wisdom. In the first rank, the purpose of sending Messengers and revealing Books hath been this: the purification of souls, the refinement of spirits, and their sanctification and detachment. Blessed are they who today have attained unto the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and have perceived the fragrance of His garment. O friends! This is the day of pure deeds, the day of mention and praise. Strive ye that ye may attain unto that which shall cause the fragrance of being to be forever inhaled throughout all kingdoms. Say: Take ye the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then observe that which ye have been commanded therein. He, verily, is the Commander, the All-Wise.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding business and transactions, these matters have been made dependent in the Book of God upon consultation. Let them consult with faithful and upright souls concerning their business dealings and the like, and whatsoever is decided, let them act upon it, placing their trust in God. This is God's decree and His command. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth, and woe unto the heedless.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding the Rights of God, this pertaineth exclusively to God, exalted be His glory. It must be sent to the Holy Court. The matter is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Since thou hast inquired, this answer hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty. This matter is obligatory upon all, and the honor of all lieth in its payment, for it is the cause of the purification of one's possessions and the source of blessing and increase in bounty. Until now, people have been heedless of this matter. They strive to amass wealth, whether lawfully or unlawfully, to leave it for heirs whose fruit is unknown. Say: Today the Word of God is the heir, for the purpose of an heir hath been the preservation of name and trace, and it is evident that centuries and ages shall obliterate these remembrances. However, every word that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning any soul shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. This is the supreme bounty and the greatest favor. Let him who wisheth act accordingly, and let him who wisheth turn away.

Mention has been made of turning towards the prison. After the fire of oppression was kindled in the land of ?a, this land too was somewhat disturbed. False rumors arose. Therefore, wisdom dictated a

pause. If they gradually turn, holding fast to wisdom, there is no harm. Acknowledgment is not permissible in any place. Trusting in God, let one or two set forth. In all conditions they must not let go of wisdom until the clamor from that land subsides. They must not change those practices which they have previously followed, as a wisdom from God, the Lord of the worlds. Today the gaze of all must be fixed solely upon the Most Exalted Horizon. Whatsoever He commands, that is the decree of God amongst His servants. To this testifies He Who speaks: verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.

We convey greetings to the friends and enjoin upon them that whereby the Cause is exalted, namely deeds and character that cause the elevation and advancement of the Word of God among His servants. The glory shining from the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have turned with their hearts unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Best-Beloved.

We convey greetings to the handmaidens of that land and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. All must, with utmost sanctity and detachment, be engaged in the remembrance of God throughout the days and nights. Every handmaiden of God who today attains unto hearing and is enabled to respond - she is recorded and inscribed among the leaves of the most exalted Paradise in the Book of Names. Rejoice, O handmaidens of God! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! How many a man hath been debarred from the Truth, and how many a woman hath turned unto and attained recognition of God, the Most High, the Great. Praise ye the Best-Beloved of the worlds, Who hath chosen you from among all handmaidens and adorned you with the ornament of His own recognition. The glory shining from the horizon of My grace be upon you and upon those who have attained unto this glorious, mighty station.

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The Branches of the Blessed Tree–may my spirit and whatsoever my Lord hath bestowed upon me be offered for their advent–convey sacred remembrance beyond the mention and thought of this evanescent one. May the spiritual friend, his honor Ahmad–upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness–take note.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

The Book of God speaketh and the Sun of Truth shineth. The light of His countenance with the word "Verily He is God" is manifest and evident after the passing of all things. The Sun of the Will of the Peerless Beloved hath so encompassed all things with its effulgences that not a single atom among all atoms is deprived of its signs and verses. Yet heedless souls remain veiled and debarred from witnessing and hearkening. The Sun calleth out, yet ears are absent. Heaven crieth aloud, yet the power to hear is non-existent. The realm of manifestation is adorned with the ornament of true unity, yet sight is nowhere to be found. From a single will the ocean of bounty came into being, and from one drop thereof the world of existence became manifest and creation appeared. By virtue of His pre-existing mercy and all-encompassing grace, He bestowed sight and granted awareness. From His pure and absolute existence, He sent down proof and made clear the path. The King of the Path and the Manifestation of the Proof is

He Who came with the truth, by Whose advent the Hijaz was adorned and from Whose fragrance Batha was perfumed, He Whose will was the Will of God, Whose desire was the Desire of God, Whose command was the Command of God, and Whose prohibition was the Prohibition of God. Through Him appeared His straight path and His firm and mighty command.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby Thou didst subdue all things, and by Thy Name which Thou didst make the Sovereign of names and the All-Ruling over earth and heaven, to send Thy blessings upon Thy Beloved, Whom Thou didst strengthen and exalt and cause to enter a station which the understanding of the world cannot comprehend nor the minds of nations grasp, and upon His family and companions whom Thou didst make the lamps of guidance among all creatures and the emblems of unity among kings and servants. O Lord! I beseech Thee by them and by their glory, might and power to protect Thy loved ones from the polytheists who have encompassed Thy cities and lands without any proof from Thee, and who have committed that which hath grieved the hearts of Thy chosen ones and the hearts of Thy messengers. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon those who have turned wholly unto Thee and have acted according to what Thou didst command them in Thy Book that which shall endure as long as Thy names endure and Thy attributes persist. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the clamor of the servants nor the turning away of those in the lands can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And send Thy blessings, O my God, upon Thy loved ones and friends who hastened unto Thee and circumambulated Thy House by Thy command, who bore hardships in their turning unto Thee, whom neither the blame of the blamer nor the turning away of the heedless nor the sword of the oppressor nor the assault of the transgressor could deter in their love for Thee. They have turned unto Thee with radiant faces and illumined hearts. O Lord! Withhold not from them that which is with Thee, and ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Ruling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the Hearing, the Answering.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart! I had been contemplating the world and reflecting on the power of its Maker, its Creator, its Fashioner, and the visible signs of God and His manifest evidences, when someone arrived with your letter. I took it and opened it, and from it wafted the fragrance of love and affection, and the intoxication of the Kawthar of love seized me in such wise that the pen is powerless to describe it and the tongue fails to express it. I opened it and read it, and found in each letter thereof that which gladdened me and attracted me, for from it wafted the fragrance of the love of our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then it was presented before our Master - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - and He said:

“O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! He who was present before the Wronged One with thy letter hath come, and he read before the Countenance what thou didst praise God therein, the Lord of all worlds. We found from it the fragrance of thy turning unto God, thy sincerity, thy devotion, thy certitude, thy submissiveness, thy humility, thy resignation and thy contentment in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and to make that which hath proceeded from thee in His mention and praise a treasure for thee in His heaven and a store for thee in His Kingdom. Verily, He is the One

Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the might of the world nor the oppression of the idolatrous among the nations can prevent Him. He is the Single One, the Unique One, Who hath no likeness nor peer, and there is nothing like unto Him. Every possessor of knowledge and understanding hath testified to the sanctification of His Being and the exaltation of His Essence above all else. We bear witness to that which they who are endued with constancy among His Prophets have testified: verily He is the Single One, the Unique One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Life came and bestowed life; spirit came and conferred spirit. What effect can this servant's movement and mention have, and what purpose can they serve? Every call is as nought beside the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen, and every utterance is lost before the Kingdom of utterance. However, since the word of permission hath appeared from the horizon of the Most Great Favor, therefore we hold fast unto His mention and praise, and offer a hundred thousand thanksgivings that this permission hath been granted and this honor hath been bestowed. The world is weary and the Lord is glorious, seated upon the throne of utterance. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, above my mention and the mention of those above me and those below me! By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, the letter of that loved one brought perfect joy and bestowed boundless delight. Prayers were offered at a propitious time and were honored to be heard. Well is it with your tongue and your pen! God willing, may they be confirmed and assisted at all times. This evanescent servant reflects how the idolaters have surrounded the lands of the unitarians, and such grief seizes him that he is truly unable to describe it. What hath caused these humiliations? The resplendent Law, with its supreme glory and its mighty sovereignty, is now witnessed in such a state. The eye weeps and the heart laments. What is the cause and what is the reason? In any case, we must all turn with the utmost lowliness and supplication unto the Self-Sufficing One, seek pardon for the deeds we have done, and ask forgiveness for the deeds we have not done. Perchance once again will the banner "The Kingdom is God's" be raised by the hand of power in the most exalted station. This is not difficult for the Mighty One to accomplish.

To my honored friend, His Grace Mirza, upon him be God's peace, providence and favors - I send greetings and remembrance. Praise be to God, you have been and continue to be remembered. The servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen him, grant him success, and manifest through him that which causes the monotheists to find the fragrance of their Lord's providence, the Generous Giver. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds. The mention of the beloved of the heart, one of the two Most Exalted Names, His Holiness 'Ali - upon him be God's peace and glory - was made and presented. They said: "Excellent is what he has done, and excellent is he who has shown gratitude, praise and contentment." Thus it ended.

We must all, through the confirmations of God - exalted be His Glory - become possessors of virtuous character and be adorned thereby. From this matter great joy was obtained. I beseech God to grant him reward. And regarding what was written about the polished papers - this servant, upon seeing them, has seen and continues to see the countenance of that spiritual beloved reflected therein, and at times his presence appeared and appears before my sight. I beseech and hope from the Exalted Truth that He may strengthen that beloved one and grant him success. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous and sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The Servant

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The specified amount was received through my beloved, His Grace Haji Siyyid Javad - upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Creation - and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

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This is a Book revealed in truth wherein is that which draweth the peoples nigh unto a sublime and holy Paradise, if they remain steadfast in the love of God and His Cause and follow not those who have taken their vain imaginings as a god besides God and are accounted among the idolators. Verily those who have recognized God and the Manifestation of His Self in these days - upon them shall pray the angels of the Cause and they who circle round the mighty Throne. And as for those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, they are cursed by all things between earth and heaven, though none knoweth this save they who are endowed with illumined vision.

O Firiburz! The Glory shining between earth and heaven be upon thee! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the Kingdom of eternity, and be not of the heedless. I have chosen thee for My love. Listen to that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of the Throne, that thou mayest be among those who attain unto the melodies of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

Know thou that most of the people of the Bayan have turned away from God and disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed, and have clung to the cord of idle fancies and followed the ways of the deluded ones. We have found no people on earth more heedless than these, even after We commanded them in all the Tablets not to cling to anything created between the heavens and the earth at the time of the Manifestation. They have veiled themselves from those days with all things and have taken idle fancy as their lord instead of God, and thus were they among the prodigal. They have reached such heights in rancor and denial that when the verses of God are recited unto them, their faces darken and they turn upon their heels, becoming of those who turn away. They read what they possess of verses and argue thereby morning and evening, yet deny their like and their Revealer. Such is the state of these liars. They make mention of God throughout the night and day, yet when He appears in truth they deny Him. Nay, the curse of God be upon those who have lied and were among the calumniators.

By God! Naught shall be heard from these people save what thou heardst from the people of the Furqan when God came with His supreme and mighty sovereignty. Know thou that those whom We nurtured in secret and whose names We would mention openly for the exaltation of God's Word, lest the idolaters discover the seat of the Cause and become aware - these emerged from behind the veil and denied God's signs, even rising to attempt My murder in this remote and far-off prison. God was aware of what befell Me, while none besides Him knew aught of My suffering. He is verily the All-Knowing, the Almighty, the All-Informed. Nothing escapes His knowledge and nothing of what is created between the heavens and earth can frustrate Him, and He encompasses all things.

Say: O people! Fear God and deny not Him through Whom your beings were created, your names were raised, your traces became renowned, and your spirits and the spirits of all creation were quickened. Thus did We suffer at the hands of these people. By God! The eyes of the world have never witnessed its like. If thou wert to become aware of My suffering, thou wouldst weep over My state and lament in thy days, fleeing from all who are on earth to dwell upon mountain peaks, crying out with the cry of the bereft.

Arise then from thy place and convey to the people the remembrance of thy Lord's name, the All-Knowing, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful. Be sincere in the Cause for the sake of thy Lord, then emerge from the veils of fancy that thy face might be illumined by the lights of certitude. Soon shalt thou witness these people taking names unto themselves and worshipping them, just as thou hast found the people of the Furqan among the worshippers thereof. When they are asked, "Who is your God?" they will surely say "God," yet when He appears with sovereign authority they deny Him and are among the proud. And if they are asked, "By what proof did you believe in God in His Manifestation Who was named 'Ali before Nabil?" they say "The verses." Yet when God's verses, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful, are recited unto them, the fire of hatred seethes in their breasts and appears from their […]

The soot of hell covers their faces and they arise in opposition in such wise that they well-nigh assault him who recites unto them the verses of their Lord. Thus do We observe them, and We are of those who bear witness. And We beseech God to shelter us in a land devoid of the faces of these heedless ones, and to sanctify our faces from the eyes of those who have disbelieved in God after their belief, and to purify our garment from the hands of the idolaters. Soon shall ye find yourselves bereft of this Youth, and shall not find Him though ye search throughout all regions and from every direction. Thus do We inform thee with truth that thou mayest be of them that know.

O servant! Remember the time when thou didst enter the precincts of thy Lord's mercy and didst hear the verses of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and when the Sun of the Name of thy Lord shone upon thee and the lights of Beauty seized thee from behind the luminous veils while men were heedless thereof, for they were in gross delusion. And in those days the sun was shining behind the clouds, but when the appointed time was fulfilled, the clouds were rent asunder with manifest sovereignty and the Countenance appeared from the horizon of grace in such wise that its light filled the horizons and encompassed all created things. Some witnessed and understood, while others remained heedless and were among the veiled ones. Thus did God come upon clouds of glory and the matter was decided by One mighty and powerful.

Hearken unto what the idolaters say, that these verses were not revealed naturally. Say: Open your eyes, O company of the heedless ones! By God, by a single letter of what hath been sent down from the dominion of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful, nature and its sources and its manifestations were created. This luminous, wondrous and radiant Tablet beareth witness to that. Thus did they speak aforetime when the Sovereign of the Cause came to them in His name, the Most High, the Supreme, and before Him when the sun of the name of Muhammad shone forth with resplendent light from the horizon of Hijaz, and before Him when the Spirit came to them with the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Thus did they speak in the time of every Prophet and the age of every Messenger from time immemorial, and they

will continue to speak until the end of ends. But thou, veil not thyself with the veils of these people, then rise from the horizon of utterance with divine expression, and remember thy Lord in the morning and in the evening. Fear no one in the path of thy Lord, even if all who are in the heavens and earth should rise against thee. Grieve not over anything and turn not unto the world and what is therein, for were it to have any worth in the sight of thy Lord, He would have chosen it for Himself and would not have left it to the enemies of His sanctified Beauty, the Mighty, the Resplendent. Its likeness is as the likeness of a shadow - doth it endure upon the earth? Nay, by My mighty and wondrous Self! And if it endureth, its duration would be but a day or part of a day. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One who ordaineth, powerful.

Say: The Most Great Balance hath appeared and those who doubted the Cause of God, the Sublime, the Most High, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Wise, are in loss. Say: O people! The sovereignty of God hath been manifested in such wise as to encompass all things, if ye be of them that know. Arise from the couches of heedlessness, then aid Him through utterance, for this is indeed a beauteous permission. Verily, those who believe in part of the Book and disbelieve in part, these are they who are accursed in this world and the next, and are among the wrongdoers. Beware lest thou forget God's favor upon thee, for indeed His favor upon thee hath been great.

Should adversity touch thee, seek the aid of My Name, the Helper, the Assisting, the All-Powerful, and through it God will dispel the affliction of those who have believed and are among the steadfast. To God belongeth the Kingdom of succor; He aideth whom He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is the Protector of them that do good. Thus have We cast upon thee the utterance of truth and revealed unto thee the Cause with a clear and manifest proof. Take thou the Tablet and recite it throughout the days. By God! It removeth sorrow from the hearts of them that have professed the unity of God, purifieth them from the defilement of polytheism, and draweth them nigh unto the presence of God, the Most High, the Most Great. And the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and are among them that are assured.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O son of Dakhil! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most Beautiful! We have indeed read thy letter aforetime and responded to thee with verses that all the books of the world and whatsoever the peoples possess cannot rival, to this doth every learned and informed one bear witness. Beware lest the events of the world veil thee from the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, or the affairs of men debar thee from this perspicuous Book. We have heard thy call and have responded to thee with this wise Remembrance, which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and the Salsabil of knowledge for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou art he who heard the Call and turned toward the Supreme Horizon in this exalted station. Neither the clamor of the idolaters nor the croaking of the croakers deterred thee. Thou cast away what the people

possessed and took hold of My perspicuous Book. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions to remember Him, to praise Him, and to proclaim His decisive and wise Cause.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the friends of the All-Merciful in Mamaqan, that the Remembrance may draw them to a station wherein nothing on earth shall prevent them from turning toward God, the Lord of all worlds. Take the chalice of eternity in the name of your Lord, the Creator of heaven, then drink therefrom in spite of those who have denied the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed are ye for having turned toward Him when the people turned away, and for having responded when silence had seized all upon the earth save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you. We beseech God to aid you to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance is raised, and the tongue that uttereth My praise, and the eye that beholdeth this luminous horizon.

And We make mention of My loved ones in Shishvan and give them glad tidings of God's favor at this time. O My friends in that place! Hear My call, for it will draw you near unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed are the faces that have turned toward the lights of the Countenance and the hands that have taken hold of the Book through this Name, whereby the limbs of the idolaters have trembled. We have mentioned you before and counseled you with that which will exalt the Word of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Beware lest the utterances of the people of the Bayan, who have turned away and denied God, the Lord of the mighty throne, prevent you. We counsel you with that which God hath counseled His near servants. Adorn your heads with the crowns of faithfulness in the realm of creation and your temples with the ornament of supreme steadfastness from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Verily the One, the Single, desireth to make mention of His friends in Khurmazard, that the Call may draw them to the Supreme Kingdom and strengthen them to serve His Cause on this wondrous Day. The Call hath been raised from this most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained; he is indeed among those who are nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords. We beseech God to inscribe for them from His Most Exalted Pen the reward of attainment unto His presence, and to ordain for them that which will delight their eyes. Rejoice in My remembrance and My call, then drink the choice wine of My utterance from the chalice of My bounty, in spite of the people of the Bayan who turned away from the All-Merciful when He came with power and sovereignty. Thus do We set forth the verses as a grace from Our presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have desired to turn toward the direction of Our friends in 'Ajabshir and give them to drink of the water of life from the hands of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O My friends in that place! Hear My call from the direction of My prison, for it will guide you to a station which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High, morning and evening. How many a servant hath turned toward Him and believed, how many a poor one hath hastened and attained, and how many a prince hath been prevented from drawing nigh unto God, Who causeth the winds to blow! We counsel you to be steadfast in this Cause, through which the hearts of the daysprings of idle fancies have been shaken.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward the M and R, and illumine My loved ones there with the lights of thy utterance and remind them of thy verses. Beware lest the clamor of the people of the Bayan prevent thee

from the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Leave them and what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of all men. O people of M and R! Where is the warmth of your love, and where are your raptures and your fragrances? This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, did ye but know, and this is the Day whereon the Herald hath called aloud, could ye but understand. The Resurrection hath come to pass, yet ye remain seated. The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of My Lote-Tree, yet ye perceive it not. The ocean of utterance surgeth before your faces, yet ye see it not. He created eyes for this manifest Cause and ears for hearkening unto this exalted Call. Beware lest the might of the polytheists hold you back from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the oppression of the oppressors frighten you regarding this momentous News, whereby the hearts of the wicked and the worshippers of error have been sorely troubled.

O son of Dakhil! Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. The people of the Bayan, meaning those who have turned away from the Straight Path, are debarred and deprived of the Great News. They have clung to that which the former party clung to and have walked in their footsteps. Consider now the baseness of the people's nature. The Shi'ih party on the Day of Reckoning was as a handful of dust in the sight of God. From the very pulpits whereon they made mention of the Letters, they cursed the Perspicuous Book, and now they revile the Mother of the Book and the Mother of the Bayan, thinking they are rendering service to the Faith. By the waves of the ocean of utterance, the Faith hath ever been and shall forever be quit of such souls. Even as ye witness, the Law of God lamenteth and the foundations of God weep by reason of the tyranny of the oppressors. The Tablet and the Pen are engaged in lamentation. We beseech God to aid all and adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory from Us be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who have not broken My covenant and My testament and who have acknowledged that which the tongue of My grandeur hath spoken in this exalted station. The loved ones of God are each remembered and have attained His favors. Say: O Almighty One! The Chosen One hath come, yet the people are in manifest doubt. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Paradise in the highest Heaven: Verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O 'Abdu'llah! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee in such wise as naught can equal. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations, for having aided me to acknowledge Thy Cause when every stubborn oppressor denied it.

O Ibrahim! The Book hath been sent down, the verses have appeared, and the evidences have proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the worlds. Know thou the station of the Word - it will deliver thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens there who have believed in God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

The letter of Mahdi, upon him be My glory, was considered. Praise be to God, it was illumined with the light of faith. We beseech God to aid him in that which will cause the exaltation of his station. Regarding his stay in the land of T and his journey to the land of M and H, about which he inquired - these matters depend upon consultation, and whatsoever emergeth from the consultation of the chosen ones, that is the decree of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of him as We mentioned him

before, and We give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded, and My grace which hath encompassed all, whether small or great.

And We make mention of him who was named Mulla Hasan, whom thou didst mention in thy first letter, that he may rejoice and say: “My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made mention of me and caused me to know Thee and taught me, whilst I was among the heedless ones among Thy creatures and the deluded ones among Thy servants. And all thanks be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of immortality through Thy Most Glorious Name, in spite of Thine enemies. O my Lord! Assist me through Thy bounty and generosity, and enable me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to exalt Thy Word. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Thou didst make mention of Adi-Gozal. Praise be to God, she hath attained unto mention and praise. Her remembrance hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and her name hath been uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur. Give her the glad-tidings, from Me, of the favors of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Verily, We have made mention of her in such wise that her remembrance shall endure in My perspicuous Book. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones in all lands who have rent asunder the veils in the name of the Lord of all beings, and who have entered the City through My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to the One True Goal, Who made straight the path and sent forth a guide. In every station He placed a treasure and gave tidings thereof. His chosen ones have been and continue to be His true treasures. They are the repositories of the mysteries of the Prophets and the pearls of the knowledge of His pure ones. The path has led to the straight way, and the announcement to the Great Announcement. Through Him He brought to an end prophethood and messengership, and promised the appearance of the Day of Resurrection and the Hour, and the manifestation of His power on that Day. Exalted be His might, His sovereignty, His glory, and His grandeur! And blessings and peace be upon Him Whom He made the Dawning-Place of His names, the Dayspring of His attributes, the Treasury of His knowledge, and the Source of His Cause, and upon His family and companions through whom God’s Cause encompassed the East and West of the earth, and through whom was revealed that which was inscribed in the Books and their verses. The servant beseecheth his Lord by them, and by their power and might, and their deeds and sincerity, and their humility and submissiveness, that He may assist Islam as He assisted it in the beginning, that the whole of religion may be made manifest, though the polytheists may detest it.

And then, O beloved of my heart! Although each of your letters was a volume telling of the sorrows experienced in separation, God is my witness that this servant too is utterly dejected and grief-stricken from separation from the loved ones. However, since beautiful patience shall be rewarded with abundant recompense, we must hold fast to it and cling thereto. Furthermore, since that beloved one’s intention in all matters has been service, therefore it is recorded and inscribed among the most excellent of deeds. In this case, they should at all times be adorned with the ornament of joy. I beseech and implore God,

exalted be His glory, to grant confirmation that they may attain to that which is acceptable and remembered in His presence.

At a time when mention of your presence and your services was emanating and flowing from heart and tongue, two letters arrived addressed to that beloved one from his honor the Deputy and his honor Aqa ’Ali Haydar, upon them be the glory of God and His favors. After they were presented, He said: “The loved ones should look to that which is good. It is not fitting to object to one who is commissioned to serve. ’Ali Haydar is in truth occupied with service. All should be content, not complaining. Glory be to God! Until now they have not gained awareness of what is befitting. Acceptance and rejection belong to God, exalted be His glory. They should look to and be content with what hath been revealed in God’s Book. Blessed is the one whose will is dissolved in the Will of God and whose desire is merged in His Desire. O Amin, write a greeting to the Deputy and ’Ali Haydar. Let them hold fast to what is good and be detached from the world. Praise be to God, they have attained recognition and are occupied with service. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for them that which shall endure in the realm of being throughout the duration of the Kingdom. Verily, He is powerful over all things.” And may He assist them to achieve what befits His days. They have ever been and continue to be remembered. In all conditions We beseech for them that which shall never perish, and likewise We beseech God to grant them the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And We counsel all to wisdom and to that whereby the station of man is exalted. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower. End. This evanescent servant also conveys greetings and praise to them and beseeches God for assistance.

The letter that was addressed to that beloved one was sent, and another letter also arrived from his honor Haji Muhammad-’Ali (M.Y.), upon him be the peace of God, addressed to that beloved one. After it was presented, He said: “O Amin! You have repeatedly mentioned him and the other friends. You have established a right upon all. Write to him on behalf of the Wronged One: Praise be to God, you hold fast to and stand firm in that which is right. You have been and continue to be mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He withhold not His favors from you at any time, nor keep back His mercy. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O Amin! What he wrote is acceptable and correct. Give him and those with him the glad-tidings of the Wronged One’s mention. Verily We have mentioned him time and again that he may rejoice and be among those who have attained.” End. His letter too was sent. Let them take note. This servant also conveys greetings and praise to them and all others. In all conditions I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for assistance and confirmation for all. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

As to what was written regarding the trust, God willing it shall reach that beloved one. Be assured of this matter. The beloved of the heart, His honor Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be God’s peace and favors, sent a letter, but since that beloved one wrote that he would proceed to Batumi and from there to that direction, therefore the reply to his letter was not sent to Constantinople. I beseech the True Confirmer and Spiritual Sustainer that his reply be sent as well. His mention and that of the spiritual friend, His honor Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be God’s peace, has been and is continuous. To the honored beloved, His honor Nabil Ibn-i-Nabil and his son who attained and won victory, and the son of the honored beloved, His holiness S.M., upon them be God’s peace and favors and bounties, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, everlasting blessings and enduring

bounties and a goodly life for all. Likewise to the friends of that land and the honored beloved, His honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be God's peace, I send greetings. Their mention has been and is in the heart.

O beloved of my heart! The heedlessness and pride of the people of the world have deprived them of that which profits them. They were disturbed and distressed by the might of Islam and the power of its kings, and now matters have reached such a pass that every polytheist has arisen to perpetrate oppression and has brought about whatever he desired. Today all the people of divine unity must wholly hold fast to the cord of God's favors, and we must beseech and implore Him that He may transform this weakness into strength and this impotence into power. If no effort is made to make amends for what was lost, new losses will occur at every moment. The sleep of heedlessness has overtaken all, and the intoxication of passion has deprived all save whom God wills. This servant and that honored one and all must beseech the True Powerful One to first grant the success that all may be cleansed with the water of repentance and be adorned with the ornaments of trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity, truthfulness, sincerity, sanctity and faithfulness, and we must seek from Him that which is the cause of the exaltation, loftiness, ascendancy, elevation, glory and might of the people of divine unity. God is witness and well aware that what was said was for God's sake and the purpose was the exaltation of the Word of Unity, but the heedless ones have attributed it to corruption and have brought about that which pen and tongue are powerless and fall short to mention. In any case, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may not deprive His servants of the ornament of justice and fairness. He is the Hearer and He is the Answerer. I testify that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in recognition of His singleness, and that He is the First and the Last, and the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the Hearing, the Answering, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Peace be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Esteemed Afnan, His Honor Haji Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, may the Most Glorious of all Glory and the Most Resplendent of all Resplendence rest upon him, is to behold with his luminous and pure gaze.

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

Praise and thanksgiving beseem the Afnan of the divine Lote-Tree, who were not deterred by the hosts of idle fancies and the ranks of vain imaginings from the Most Great Announcement and the Straight Path. Through God's grace, they drank from the Kawthar of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and partook of the Tasnim of "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." Neither the might of tyrannical Pharaohs nor the power of oppressive despots could deprive them of the dawning-place of loving-kindness and favor. With the finger of trust they rent asunder the veils, and with the arm of reliance they cast down the idols. Their eyes were fixed upon the Most Exalted Horizon and their faces were turned toward the light of His

countenance. The diverse winds of the world could not shake their tranquility and steadfastness, nor could the perturbation and agitation of the nations find their way into their hearts. Glorified be He Who created them, caused them to know Him, drew them nigh unto Him, and exalted be He Who raised them up, preferred them, gave them utterance, showed them, and caused them to hear.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Goal, my Beloved, the Beloved of the world, my Adored One and the Adored One of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hour and its signs were made manifest, and the Resurrection and its tokens appeared, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy Afnan that which befitteth Thy glory, Thy might, Thy generosity, Thy grace and Thy power. O Lord! Thou seest him in all conditions standing ready to serve Thy Cause and voicing Thy praise. He it is who turned to Thee on a day wherein they that dwell upon Thine earth turned away from Thee and they that inhabit Thy lands rose up against Thee. He spent that which he possessed for the exaltation of Thy Word, the triumph of Thy Cause, and the spread of Thy verses. By Thy glory, O my God! Were this servant to attempt to mention that which hath proceeded from him in Thy days, his pen would prove powerless and his tongue would fall short. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee and the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones, by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Most Exalted and Most Glorious Self, to cause his deeds in Thy days to appear from the horizon of bounty and favors, that all may witness their manifestation and their light even as they behold the sun and its effulgence and its radiance. I seek Thy forgiveness, O my God, for making mention of this station which Thou hast made to be above my station. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy oneness, from which Thy servants have been debarred, to aid him at all times to do that which Thou lovest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Help in Peril. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit, my soul and all that I possess be a sacrifice for your love and for your steadfastness! This servant was sitting silent, contemplating the verses of God and the manifestations of His greatness, His might, His power and His sovereignty, when the Afnan–upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious–arrived with your letter. I took it and opened it, and from each of its letters I seemed to discover the fragrance of the love of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When I had read and understood it, the ecstasy of your love so overtook me that I soared on the wings of longing until I attained the presence of God, the Lord of the Day of Meeting, and I presented what was in the letter. And this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply–exalted be His utterance and sublime His proof:

He is the Hearing, the Answering

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The servant who was present came before Us and read that which thy tongue had uttered in praise and glorification of God, His might, His power, His sovereignty, His strength, His grandeur and His dominion. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thy pen for having flowed with that wherefrom every person of understanding perceiveth the fragrance of submissiveness, humility and detachment in the love of God, the Lord of creation. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast been illumined with the light of unity and hast drunk from the chalice of detachment while the people were in manifest error. By My life! None hath attained unto the Day of God and what hath

been manifested therein save those who have cast away the world and clung to the Most Great Name, whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, the mountains of knowledge have been scattered, the limbs of the mystics have trembled, the hearts of the wise have been perturbed, and every oppressor remote from God hath lamented.

O Afnan! I complain unto thee of those who have turned away from Him Who came unto them with verses that all the books of the world cannot equal. Were it not for Him, that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds, would not have been revealed. Until this time they have not comprehended the Day of God, nor have they attained unto a drop from the ocean of the blessed word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." For in truth, had they been illumined by the light of this exalted word, they would have closed the door of objections and turned with their whole being toward the Beloved of all possibility. By God's life! The ears that exist in the world were not and are not worthy to hear this call, nor are the eyes capable of beholding the Supreme Horizon. This Day is a mighty Day and this Cause is greater than every great thing.

Praise be to God! Thou hast attained repeatedly and hast drunk from the ocean of the Merciful's utterance. Thou hast preceded others in serving God and championing His Cause, as attested by Him with Whom is the Mother Book. We beseech God - exalted be His glory - to protect His servants from the vain imaginings of the heedless, oppressive, and deceitful souls. Ye must exert the utmost effort in this matter and seek protection for all from God. Verily, He is with thee and heareth what thou hast desired of the wonders of His grace and favors. He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

Under all conditions, the servants must be reminded that perchance they may drink from the ocean of awareness and attain unto the splendors of the lights of wisdom. If it accordeth with wisdom, convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings to the loved ones of God and bid them to that whereby God's Cause may be exalted, that perishable things may not deprive them of God's everlasting bounties. All the Afnans of the Sacred Tree are mentioned in the presence of this Face and are the recipients of special favors. Convey greetings to the Leaves and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace and mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning this momentous News.

Praise be to God that the waves of the ocean of loving-kindness are manifest and the lights of the Sun of compassion are evident! When this evanescent servant attained the presence of His Holiness and presented his letter, the Sun of grace shone forth and appeared in such wise that this servant and his like are powerless and incapable to describe it. During the time of offering prayers, repeatedly this most exalted Word issued from the tongue of the Master of all beings: "How excellent is that which the Afnan hath spoken on this Day of God, the Lord of Religions!" The revealed verses themselves bear witness and testimony; no other proof hath been or is needed. By God's grace, His Holiness is adorned with that which beseemeth the Day of God. The honored Afnan, Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, arrived and mentioned that which His Holiness had uttered, and it was granted the honor of being heard at the Divine Throne. Likewise, all the passages mentioned in the letter were, praise be to God, granted the honor of being heard and were adorned and illumined by the lights of acceptance. This evanescent servant offereth greetings and praise to the honored Afnan, upon them be the Glory of God,

the Most Glorious–and from every light the most luminous, and from every beauty the most beautiful, and from every bounty the most glorious, and from every joy the most evident, and from every blessing the most abundant, and from every feast the most complete. He beseecheth God–exalted be His glory–and imploreth Him to assist His servants and grant them success in that which is befitting, that all may turn towards the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon, and may not remain deprived of the outpourings of these days. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Praise and glory and remembrance and magnification and peace be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who have attained to your service and your love, and upon every one steadfast and firm, and every one established and well-informed.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Wise, the Manifest

At this hour when the Most Great Luminary is rising and shining from the heaven of His love, one named Mehdi - upon him be My glory - sent thy letter which attained unto the gaze of favor and was honored by the hearing of the Wronged One. The souls mentioned therein have each ascended by the ladder of divine grace to the highest horizon, which is the station of turning to the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and have attained thereunto. Verily, he who sacrificed himself by his own hand was in grievous error. The Supreme Pen hath ever forbidden such deeds in the Scriptures and Tablets. Today the friends of God, exalted be His glory, must occupy themselves with the promotion of His Cause, that perchance those souls who are drowning in the ocean of vain imaginings may find deliverance through the cord of the All-Merciful's utterance and be adorned with the armor of God's Word, and thus be protected from the arrows of the divines' doubts and the swords of the rulers' wrath. O Mehdi! We have, as a token of Our grace, forgiven him. Upon him and upon thee be glory. We counsel all the friends of God to act in accordance with that which hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Book. Say: O people, hold fast unto the Book of God - this is better for you, did ye but know it. The Book of God hath ever been and shall continue to be the Protector, Helper, Guardian, Supporter, Sustainer and Confirmer. Today the True One Himself is established upon this station and counseleth all unto that which hath been and is the cause of eternal and abiding wealth. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having shown me Thy highest horizon and caused me to hear the scratching of Thy Most Glorious Pen. I testify that Thou hast guided them that are on earth to Thy path, made them to know Thy proof, and commanded them to that which profiteth them in every world of Thy worlds. I beseech Thee by the billows of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the standards which Thou didst raise up by Thy command, and by the signs which were elevated throughout the earth by Thy power and sovereignty, that Thou forgive Thy servants even as Thou didst forgive him who gave up his spirit in Thy path. O my Lord! Ordain for me and for them who have believed in Thee and Thy signs that which shall gladden the eyes and rejoice the hearts. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Thou didst mention [Mirza] Sadiq - upon him be My glory - and likewise Mirza Ibrahim - upon him be My grace. Each hath attained unto the effulgences of the lights of the Most Great Name and been mentioned in the writings of the All-Merciful. We beseech God to aid them and grant them success that they may acquire eternal stations in these transient days. All the mentions of the world cannot equal one mention in this Day - this is a word to which the Lord of the worlds hath borne witness. O people of God! Strive that ye may attain unto that which hath no likeness or equal.

O Baha'u'din! Hear the call of God, the True King, the Manifest. He mentioned thee before and mentioneth thee at this time. When thou art honored by His mention, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know!

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Repeatedly have mention of thee and mention of him who ascended unto God flowed from the Supreme Pen. Reflect upon the heaven of divine grace - were all the peoples of the world to turn in less than that moment, all would be adorned with the robe of forgiveness and attain unto the greatest favor.

O Qasim! Grieve not. Verily the ocean of joy hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Rejoice in its turning toward thee and say: Thine is the bounty, O Lord of Names, and Thine is the glory, O Thou Goal of them that are in the heavens and on earth.

O my God and my Heart's Desire! Thou hearest the cry of hearts in their separation from Thee. I beseech Thee by the light of union with Thee and the ocean of Thy bounty, that Thou mayest ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Within Thy grasp are the reins of the world and the affairs of nations, and Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O My Pen! Make mention of the names that have appeared before Thy face and have attained unto Thy promise. Say: O Qasim! The Wronged One hath, from the precincts of the prison, remembered thee with a remembrance that hath no equal in all the world. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Gracious Lord. This is the Day of Joy, were ye to know it, and this is the Day of Gladness, to which testifieth He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Great.

O Rida! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Names calleth unto thee, that thy Lord may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt arise to make mention of Him and praise Him among His servants with wisdom. Verily, thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee in the prison purely for the sake of thy Lord, that thou mayest rejoice in the loving-kindness of thy Lord and be of them that render thanks.

O Baqir! We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Cause, which the world hath denied, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, hath willed.

O Sadiq! When the Horizon of Revelation shone forth and the Promised One appeared, He was denied by every liar, every wrongdoer, every transgressor, every tyrant, and every stubborn oppressor. We found not from them the fragrance of truthfulness, to which thy Lord beareth witness from this exalted station.

O Ismail! Reflect upon those who hastened to the sanctuary and offered up their souls in the path of God, the Lord of all mankind. Verily, thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word.

O Ja'far! We have guided the servants unto Our Most Great Path and have consigned the company of divines to the fire by the command of Him Who is the Lord of destiny. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Husayn! The All-Knowing hath turned toward thee and remembereth thee with that which shall strengthen thee to remain steadfast in His Clear Announcement. Beware lest the might of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds frighten thee. When thou hast attained unto My remembrance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Joy of the World, and praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of them that are nigh unto Thee.

O Hasan! Say: My God, my God! I am he who hath turned toward Thee when he heard Thy sweetest call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy days and the fragrances of Thy verses to make me so steadfast in Thy Cause that the doubts of every remote scholar and every suspicious mystic may not hinder me.

O Ma'sum! We have seen thy mention and have remembered thee. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Infallibility and Thy Most Mighty Signs to make me hold fast unto Thy protection, cling to Thy bounty, and adhere to Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Siyyid Muhammad! Blessed is the servant whom the world hath not caused to slip, and the eye which the veils of names have not prevented. He hath cast aside the gulf, turning unto the Most Great Ocean. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We make mention of the Alif before the Qaf (Aqa Jan) and counsel him with that whereby the station of man is exalted. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless. We have counseled all aforetime regarding deeds and character. Blessed is he who hath held fast thereunto, turning away from every ignorant one who hath denied God and His verses shining from this luminous horizon.

O Ramadan! The Object of all worlds hath made mention of all. At the time when any soul turneth towards the Most Exalted Horizon, mention of him floweth from the Tongue of Grandeur - this is a truth concerning which there is no doubt. The people of God must render thanks and attain unto the most great steadfastness, and must beseech God to preserve all from the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the former people. O Nabi! The Most Great Announcement proclaimeth and summoneth all to the Most Exalted Horizon. Beseech thou God that He withhold not the entire world from the choice wine of utterance and the Kawthar of divine knowledge, nor deprive them thereof. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Javad! The Lord of creation

summoned all on the Day of the Call, but the heedless servants remained veiled and debarred, save for a certain number of letters before thy Lord's face. We beseech God that He illumine the people of that land with the lights of the Sun of Revelation, preserve them through His Name the All-Powerful, and make them steadfast upon the path through His Name the All-Conquering. He is the Mighty, the Omnipotent. The Glory be upon you, O My party from among My male and female servants. We beseech God to aid you to be steadfast in this Mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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This is a remembrance of that which was revealed in the year sixty in the days of God, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing. Lo, the gates of Paradise were unlocked, and the hallowed Youth came forth bearing a serpent plain. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with crystal waters. Upon His face was a veil woven by the fingers of might and power. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty name. Upon His brow there shone a beauteous crown, which cast its splendour upon all who are in heaven and all who are on earth. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty cause. Upon His shoulders there fell the locks of the spirit, like unto black musk upon white and lustrous pearls. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a transcendent cause. On His right hand was a ring adorned with a pure and blessed gem. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty spirit. Upon it was graven, in a secret and ancient script: "By God! A most noble Angel is this." And the hearts of the inmates of the eternal realm cried out: "Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with an ancient light." Upon His right cheek was a mark whose sight caused every man of understanding to waver in his faith. And they that dwell behind the veil of the Unseen exclaimed: "Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty secret." This is the Point from which the knowledge of the former and the latter generations hath been unfolded. And the denizens of the Kingdom intoned: "Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty knowledge." This, verily, is the Horseman of the Spirit Who circleth round the fount of everlasting life. And they that lie concealed in the retreats of the highest heaven cried out: "Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty unveiling." He descended from the tabernacle of beauty till He stood, even as the sun in the midmost heaven, arrayed with a beauty at once peerless and transcendent. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with the most joyful tidings! Standing in the midmost heaven, He shone forth like unto the sun in its meridian splendour, illumining the seat of divine beauty with His mighty Name. Whereupon the Crier cried out: "Rejoice! This is the Beauty of the Unseen, come with a mighty spirit." And the Maids of Heaven cried out from their celestial chambers: "Hallowed be the Lord, the most excellent of all creators!" And the nightingale sang sweetly: "Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, Whose like the eyes of the favoured ones of Heaven have never beheld." And lo, the gates of Paradise were unlocked a second time with the key of His Great Name. "Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty name."

And the Maid of beauty shone forth even as the dawning sun above the horizon of a resplendent morn. Rejoice! This is the divine Maiden, come with surpassing beauty.

She came forth with such adorning as to seize with longing desire the minds of them that are nigh unto God. Rejoice! This is the Maid of Heaven, come with alluring charm.

Descending from the chambers of eternity, she sang in accents that entranced the souls of the sincere. Rejoice! This is the immortal Beauty, come with a mighty secret.

Suspended in the air, she let fall a single lock of her hair from beneath her luminous veil–Rejoice! This is the Maid of Heaven, come with a wondrous spirit–

Shedding the fragrance of that lock upon all creation. Whereupon the faces of the holy ones grew pale and the hearts of the ardent lovers were filled with the blood of anguish. Rejoice! This is the Maid of Heaven, come with the sweetest fragrance.

By God! Whosoever closeth his eyes to her beauty hath fallen prey to grave deception and manifest error. Rejoice! This is the immortal Beauty, come with a shining light.

She turned, and round her circled the inhabitants of both this world and the world to come. Rejoice! This is the Maid of Heaven, come with a mighty dispensation.

She advanced, arrayed with a rare and glorious adorning, till she stood face to face before the Youth. Rejoice! This is the immortal Beauty, come with enchanting grace.

From beneath her veil she drew forth her hand, golden tinged as a sunbeam falling upon the face of a stainless mirror. Rejoice! This is the immortal Beauty, come with a resplendent adorning.

Her incomparable ruby fingers seized the hem of the veil that hid the face of the Youth–Rejoice! This is the immortal Beauty, come with a mighty glance–

And drew it back, whereupon the pillars of the Throne on high were made to tremble. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty cause.

Then did the spirits of all created things part from their bodies. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty cause.

And the inmates of Paradise rent their garments asunder as they caught a lightning glimpse of His ancient and shining countenance. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with an effulgent light.

At that moment the Voice of the Eternal was heard from beyond the veil of clouds with a sweet and enchanting call. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty enchantment.

And from the source of God's inscrutable decree the Tongue of the Unseen proclaimed: "By God! The like of this Youth the eyes of the former generations have never beheld." Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty cause.

And the maids of holiness cried out from the chambers of exalted dominion. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with manifest sovereignty. By God! This is that Youth Whose beauty is the ardent desire of the celestial Concourse. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty cause. Then did the Youth lift up His head to the concourse of heavenly angels–Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty spirit– And gave voice to a single word, whereupon the denizens of heaven arose, one and all, to a new life. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty trumpet blast. He looked then upon

the inhabitants of the earth with a wondrous glance. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty glance. And with that glance He gathered them together each and all. Rejoice! This is the immortal Youth, come with a mighty cause. With another look He signalled to a chosen few, then repaired to His habitation in the everlasting Paradise. And this, truly, is a mighty cause!

The Herald of Eternity proclaimeth from his cloud-wrapped throne: O ye that wait expectant in the vale of patience and fidelity! O ye that long to soar in the atmosphere of nearness and reunion! The celestial Youth, hidden ere now within the inviolable treasuries of God, hath appeared, even as the Sun of Reality and the Eternal Spirit, from the Dawning-Place of changeless splendour, adorned with the ornament of the Almighty and the beauty of the All-Praised. He hath rescued all who are in heaven and on earth from the perils of death and extinction, clothed them in the garment of true and everlasting existence, and bestowed upon them a new life.

That concealed Word upon which the souls of all the Messengers of God and His Chosen Ones have ever depended hath manifested itself out of the invisible world into the visible plane. No sooner had this hidden Word shone forth from the Realm of inmost being and absolute singleness to illumine the peoples of the earth than a breeze of mercy wafted therefrom, purifying all things from the stench of sin and arraying the countless forms of existence and the reality of man with the vesture of forgiveness. So great was the wondrous grace which pervaded all things that through the utterance of the letters “B” and “E” the gems that lay hid within the repositories of this contingent world were brought forth and made manifest. Thus were the seen and the unseen joined in one garment, and the hidden and the manifest clothed in a single robe; thus did utter nothingness attain the realm of eternity, and pure evanescence gain admittance into the court of everlasting life.

O ye lovers of the beauty of the All-Glorious! O ye that ardently seek the court of the presence of the Almighty! This is the day of nearness and reunion, not the time for contention and idle words. If ye be sincere lovers, behold the beauty of the Best-Beloved shining clear and resplendent as the true morn. It behoveth you to be free from all attachment, whether to yourselves or to others; nay, ye should renounce existence and non-existence, light and darkness, glory and abasement alike. Sever your hearts from all transitory things, from all idle fancies and vain imaginings, that ye may, pure and unsullied, enter the realm of the spirit and partake with radiant hearts of the splendours of everlasting holiness.

O friends! The wine of eternal life is flowing. O lovers! The face of the Beloved is unveiled and unconcealed. O companions! The fire of the Sinai of love is burning bright and resplendent. Cast off the burden of love for this world and every attachment thereto, and, even as luminous, heavenly birds, soar in the atmosphere of the celestial Paradise and wing your flight to the everlasting nest. For devoid of this, life itself hath no worth, and bereft of the Beloved, the heart is of no account.

Yea, the moth-like lovers of the All-Glorious at every instant offer up their lives round the consuming flame of the Friend, occupying themselves with naught save Him. Yet not every bird can aspire to such heights. God, verily, guideth whom He willeth unto His mighty and exalted path.

Thus do We bestow upon the dwellers of the mystic realm that which shall draw them nigh unto the right hand of everlasting life and enable them to attain unto that station which hath been upraised in the heaven of holiness.

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This is a Book from this servant to those who have believed in God and His signs, and were among those who are guided by God's signs - for verily in the movement of leaves, the gushing forth of rivers, the holy manifestations in the mirrors of the righteous, the shining of the sun from the horizon of lights, and the rising of the clouds of grace are signs for those who walk upon the sacred shore and whose hearts are sanctified from worldly allusions and deceptive indications, and who soar on two wings of detachment in the holy and luminous atmosphere. There has come before Us a tablet from someone complaining about this servant in veiled words, after We had sheltered him on the shore of nearness and made him among those who are certain of their Lord's signs. Say: Have you not heard "He shall not be asked of His doings"? It is as though you were in the sleep of heedlessness and were among the slumbering ones. Have you not heard "He doeth whatsoever He willeth"? This is from the command of God, the Mighty, the Ancient. If you do not understand these allusions, then I shall cast upon you other proofs that you may be at peace within yourself and be among those who know. Know at the outset that these words are from Us, but We did not direct them to all of you. We intended only those who claim to love God and then cast at Him a clear flame, who attribute themselves to God and the Manifestations of His Cause, yet afterward walk in the valley of heedlessness. Therefore be fair, O servant, after what has befallen the Manifestations of God's Cause which you have heard and seen, until matters reached such a pass that they expelled this needy servant from the land, as you yourselves witness and behind you the near angels bear witness. Until We entered this land and servants gathered around Us, and We loved them with utmost love and sheltered them in this land, desiring them to become standards of victory among all creatures, such that from their faces would shine the lights of divine unity and from their deeds and actions would appear signs of sanctity and detachment - and God bears witness to this if you be of those who know. We associated with them every day and every hour that perchance there might be kindled in their hearts the fire of love and they might be set ablaze with love for God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. We were at all times saddened by their sadness and among those who rejoiced at their joy. We did not exalt ourselves above them but were a companion to them, with them and among them, and you all acknowledge this if you be of the fair-minded. Therefore consider, after all this, what these deniers have done - claiming to love God while turning away through their deeds, reaching through their actions a point that has bewildered the minds of the knowing ones. We were aware of their deeds but since they were secret We concealed them and did not reveal what they had done. Yet they were not content with this until they made the matter public and thereby raised the standards of the corrupt ones. They turned to gross and impure directions and turned away from the direction of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. They followed their own desires at all times and hastened to do whatever their souls commanded them. Then after this they attributed themselves to God, the Lord of the worlds. Is it befitting for one who claims within himself love for God and the Manifestations of His Cause to then commit that which causes tears to flow from the eyes of the holy ones, after We desired for them to be […]

They shall be the signs of sanctification in all lands, and shall be our supporters, and shall aid God with their souls, spirits, deeds and actions, and shall be among the victorious in the kingdom, such that if We command them to do something, they will not hesitate therein but will hasten to do what they are commanded. This is what We hope from them, if thou be of those who know. And We have counseled them in all the Tablets that those who claim belief in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, should be such that if they were to pass by the kingdom of beauty and the temples of majesty they would pay no heed thereto. This is what hath been inscribed by the finger of power upon luminous and holy tablets. Likewise, should they pass by cities of gold, they would pay no attention nor turn towards them, that they might thereby become signs of sanctification in the dominion of the heavens and earths. Yet they have turned away from all this as though they had not heard a single letter from the Book. Then they followed whatsoever their souls commanded them, and God is aware and witness to all this. And whatsoever they do, people attribute it to Us, as thou hast heard in numerous instances if thou hast not forgotten, and its harm returneth to the root of the Tree, if ye be of those who are certain.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye not witness how all the dogs of the earth have gathered against Me, and at every moment cast at Me the darts of hatred and animosity, such that were they to drink My blood, by God, the thirst of their hatred would not be quenched, nor would the fire of their opposition be extinguished? At all times they wait to attribute to Us deeds from which all people turn away in aversion. Despite all this, doth it beseem those who claim to love Us to assist them in their purposes, such that through their actions they cut off Mine arm and become supporters of the hypocrites? Say: O people! If ye will not help God and His loved ones, at least stand not against Him, and be not among the transgressors. By God! Were ye to discover the sorrow of My heart and the lamentation of Mine inmost being, ye would weep as those who have lost their loved ones weep, and would never laugh, nor would ye find joy within yourselves, if ye be among the lovers. For the lover is not content with that which displeaseth the One Whose love he claimeth, and walketh not save in the paths of the sincere ones. Therefore ponder within thyself, then bring thyself into the presence of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In whatsoever God hath commanded His servants in His ordinances, or forbidden them in His prohibitions, doth He seek His own good or your good? Nay, by Him Who holdeth My soul in His hand! He desireth naught save your preservation among the worlds. Do ye not witness how He cast Himself before His enemies, and how He sacrificed His spirit, His soul, and His body among all created things? By God! In this He desired naught save that His loved ones might find peace in the Cause and not be among the hesitant ones, and that ye might be assured within yourselves that this is truth from One mighty and powerful, and that those endowed with spiritual insight might testify that this was not in vain, and might be among the perceiving ones.

Despite all this, how can We be content to abandon all that We have been commanded in the Book from Him, and commit that which We have been forbidden? Alas for Us, O concourse of lovers! By God! Then doth the lamp weep at My state and My poverty, and the Pen lamenteth My lack of helpers, and the Tablet crieth out at My loneliness. And I say: “Sufficient unto Me is God. There is no power nor strength save in God, the Great, the Generous.” We seek refuge in none save Him, and We seek help from none save Him. He is the best Helper and the most excellent Supporter.

If thou findest in thy heart the love of God, arise from thy place, then remind the people of their excesses against themselves and their transgression against God, if thou be among those who seek victory. Otherwise, remain tranquil in thy house and dwelling place. He will assuredly assist His Cause as He pleaseth, more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye. And in all this I say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and the end belongeth to the patient ones.”

Then it behooveth them to return unto God and seek His forgiveness seventy times, that perchance He may forgive them through His grace and remit their evil deeds, and make them to be of those who have repented and returned with their souls, spirits and bodies unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Let them take none as helper save Him, nor any companion except Him, nor any joy save from Him, nor any gladness except through Him. Thereafter, let them walk upon the earth with tranquility from God and dignity from His presence, in such wise that the angels of the worlds rejoice thereat, and let them ascend in their ascent unto God to such a station as is hoped for by the denizens of the pavilions of eternity and, beyond them, the concourse of the near ones.

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He is God - exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful!

Praise be to God Who created the Point and from it detailed the knowledge of what was and what shall be, and with it adorned the books of the world, and made each of its letters proclaim that there is no God but Him. When the proclamation and call appeared, all things were attracted, and those near drew nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and the sincere ones to the Supreme Summit, making their ultimate goal the remembrance and praise of God and the fulfillment of what they were commanded in His Book. These are servants who have confined their affairs to that which exalteth the Cause of God amongst His creatures and the banners of His Manifestation in His lands. When the Point was detailed and knowledge and wisdom appeared, then He made it known to the one for whom it was created through His penetrating Will and His all-encompassing, all-pervading Purpose. He is the Master of the world, the Most Great Mystery, the Ancient Light, and the Sovereign of nations, by whose finger’s gesture the moon was cleft and the gate of heaven was opened unto the Manifestations of Names and Daysprings of Command in the kingdom of creation. Exalted, exalted be His station! Exalted, exalted be His transcendent loftiness and elevation! He is the One before Whose manifestations of knowledge every learned one hath confessed his ignorance, and before Whose revelations of might and power every man of insight hath acknowledged his impotence. Through Him the horizon of origination was illumined and the mysteries of the Seal were revealed. He is the Hidden Light and the Treasured Book. Upon Him be God’s blessings and peace, and upon His family and companions whom God made the knights in the arena of triumph and victory, and the dawning-places of might and power, and upon those who held fast unto them, spoke their praise, and aided them with their wealth and their own selves. These are servants upon whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. These are servants whom neither wealth nor children have occupied, and who say: “Naught shall befall us save what God hath prescribed for us. In Him have we put our trust, and unto Him do all affairs return.”

Thereupon, the servant received a letter from one of the two Most Exalted Names, upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah], containing what you had sent to him. When I opened and read it, I found myself sharing in your sorrows. I then proceeded to the Most Holy Court and presented your letter before the Lord. He - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - said: "O thou who art present! Verily, tribulation is for the sake of love." In one station He declares: "Were it not for tribulations in Thy path, life would have no sweetness for me," and in another station: "Whenever the sun of tribulation dawns from the horizon of destiny, I stand ready before it." This Wronged One has been the target of tribulations and hardships in recent years, nay throughout His life, but whatsoever comes to pass of this nature shall soon pass into oblivion, having neither permanence nor stability. By My life! If the aforementioned soul were to become aware of the consequences of tribulations and afflictions that have befallen him, joy would seize him and he would engage in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, with utmost gladness and delight. In truth, this Wronged One was saddened by what befell him, but as We fix Our gaze upon divine grace and favor, perfect calm and assurance is attained. Today is the day of supreme joy. The ocean of gladness is surging and the world is adorned with the raiment of delight. If on any day something occurs that causes grief, this is in accordance with divine wisdom, and surely joy will follow. Hearken unto what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Verily with difficulty cometh ease." God is powerful, mighty, hearing and answering. If for a time the signs of His answering appear not, one should not be disheartened. By My life! All things testify that He is the Hearing, the Answering One. Assuredly He will answer and carry out concerning His friends that which is meet. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Let them not be sorrowful, but rather occupy themselves with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

As to what they wrote regarding the distribution and sale of properties, this is not permissible. Let them remain engaged with composure and dignity. Should God will and desire it, He will send down upon him mercy from His presence and grace from His side. They have been and are beneath His watchful gaze, and this is that sovereignty which neither perisheth nor can the hands of the oppressors reach it, nor can the eyes of the treacherous find it. Ask thou of God to preserve this most exalted station.

As to what was mentioned concerning her who hath ascended unto God, verily We have remembered her in such wise that her remembrance shall endure in the earth. Every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness to this.

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

Verily, We make mention of a handmaiden among the handmaidens of God who hath ascended unto Him, even as We mentioned her before. I testify that she turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God at a time when most of His servants had broken His Covenant. We testify that she desired to plunge into the ocean of utterance, but We forbade her, as a wisdom from Our presence, and We mentioned her in such wise as nothing can equal it. We beseech God to forgive her, to remit from her whatever was unworthy of her, to sanctify her from all that His good-pleasure abhorreth, to draw her nigh unto Him, and to ordain for her what He hath ordained for His handmaidens who have detached themselves from all else but Him and have turned toward Him in such wise that neither the oppression of

any oppressor nor the ascendancy of any froward tyrant deterred them. Peace and glory be upon her and upon every handmaiden who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Praise be unto God that thou hast attained unto that for which all men implore the Lord, exalted be His glory. The recompense of no soul hath ever been, nor shall ever be, lost in the sight of God. The reward of them that are nigh unto Him and are sincere, and the retribution of them that deny and are heedless, shall assuredly come to pass. Observe how the fruits of men's deeds became manifest and laid waste the land of Egypt, which was among the ancient cities of the world. These are the days of supplication, yet the people remain heedless. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn the world with the ornament of justice and equity, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and the good of what hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book.

His favor towards thee is manifest and evident, and out of pure loving-kindness mention was made of thy departed wife, upon her be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which shineth forth from the Dawning-Place of grace. Blessed is she, and joy be unto her, and glory rest upon her. Though outwardly she attained not the cup of meeting before her ascension, yet after her passing she attained that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom that abideth forever.

Concerning what was written about thy son Aqa 'Ali-Rida, upon him be the grace of God, it was submitted. He said: The people of truth must not be disturbed by outward differences. They must be as firm and steadfast as a mountain. This world, its beginning and end, its bounties and favors and ornaments, have not been, nor ever shall be, worthy of mention. By the Sun of the heaven of divine utterance! Had it possessed worth even to the extent of a needle's eye, the people of God would not have abandoned it, nor would they have accepted such tribulations. With utmost kindness and compassion, convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and say: Grieve not. Wert thou to become aware of the favor ordained for thee, thou wouldst find thyself in such joy as is sanctified from all the sorrows of the world. Verily, We make mention of thee, console thee, and counsel thee to be patient and forbearing, and to that which manifesteth the station of man among all possibilities.

God willing, may this mentioned favor and recorded kindness bring him joy. Peace be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants who are firm, steadfast, and upright, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

28th of the honored month of Shawwal 1300

Regarding the properties of that honored lady, upon her be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted. He said: We have given permission to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], to take charge of them himself.

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O beloved [Ruhani], may his honor Aqa Muhammad Kazim take note.

In the name of Him Who caused the suns of holiness to dawn from the horizon of sublime glory, and in the name of our Lord, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid.

O Word of Holiness! Rejoice within thyself, for God hath made thee sanctified from the intimations of them that are veiled. O Countenance of Fellowship! Be glad within thine essence, for God hath purified thy heart with water that hath flowed from the right hand of the mighty throne, and hath singled it out for His love, and hath caused thy face to turn unto His face, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Powerful. O Leaf of Divine Knowledge! Take delight in thine inmost being, for the radiance of bliss hath shone forth from thy countenance, and the breezes of grace have encompassed thee, and thy Lord hath given thee to drink from the cup of holiness and the pure wine of paradise.

Thereafter, two leaves from thee, which gave voice to the melodies of the birds of the divine Lote-Tree, reached Us, and from their wondrous tunes, heartfelt joy and inherent gladness were made manifest. Praise be unto Him Who created thee and fashioned thee by His word "Be" and it is, and raised thee up in truth, and inspired thee with that which gladdeneth the hearts of the yearning ones and kindleth the fire in the souls of the lovers. I swear by the Sun of the dawn of inner meanings that its heart-attracting fragrances perfumed the paradise of the heart, and its sweet scents guided the city of the soul with the holy fragrance of the Beloved. Well is it with thee, O servant, then blessed art thou, O servant who hath arisen to serve thy Lord, and hast committed thy affairs unto Him, and hast turned thy face toward the court of His good-pleasure. Thus doth God raise up whom He willeth, and transform whom He willeth, and change whom He willeth, how He willeth, and none hath wished save as He, by His command, hath wished, and thus hath His will encompassed all in the worlds through His sovereignty.

Furthermore, thy petitions were presented before the Throne and were read in their entirety, and were accepted in His presence, and this is a bounty sufficient for thee and sufficient for all the worlds. Then from the heaven of grace and favor and the clouds of holy benevolence, the rain of mercy was showered upon thee in such wise that none save the Ancient Being Himself hath been or shall be capable of reckoning it. A wondrous, sublime, and most exalted Tablet was revealed especially for thee, and a Tablet for thy brother, and a Tablet for thy sister, and a Tablet for Aqa Muhammad Hasan, whose names were mentioned in thy letter, were brought to mind before the Throne, and from the horizon of favor, according to what God had ordained for them, wondrous and sublime verses were revealed and sent forth, that their eyes might be consoled, their hearts gladdened, their breasts sanctified, and that they might be numbered among the thankful. And praise be to God, for He is the Beloved of them that know.

And furthermore, that which you mentioned regarding being blessed by divine grace and attaining the presence of God - indeed the sincere lover has had and shall have no other aim. This was mentioned before the Throne and I submitted it, and from the right hand of the Throne these words were revealed: "O Kazim! Praise God that thy letter, purified from the allusions of all who are in the heavens and earth, was presented before the Greatest Scene. Blessed art thou in that nothing prevented thee - thou didst, through the power of the Friend, shatter the idols of the Glorious One and didst tear asunder, through God's might, the veils of all else but Him." And at this time, which was the most mighty of times and most noble of seasons, mention of thee was made before the Throne. Now be content with this much, for the corruption of the new opposers has come between the eyes of the loved ones and the Beauty of the

Adored One. Therefore be patient, then show forth yet more patience, until God brings His command. Verily He doeth what He willeth through His command and judgeth as He pleaseth through His sovereignty. None can repel His command or reverse His decree. Verily He is the Sovereign, then the Protector, then the Omnipotent, then the Most High, then the Powerful. And verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Here end the words of God. We hope, God willing, that at all times the grace of the Lord of the Worlds will assist you through the outpouring of the fire of love and the manifestations of rapturous utterances, in such wise that from its fire frozen hearts shall melt and through its rapturous manifestations the veiled hearts shall be attracted. Praise be to God that He enabled you to suddenly rend all veils and, without allusion, to dwell upon the Most Glorious Horizon. O how wondrous is this bounty! By God the Truth, were people to be even slightly aware, they would surely observe that a bounty hath appeared the like of which hath never been nor shall ever be from the beginning of creation. Alas for those who are veiled and heedless! We hope that this fire which was ignited in that Tree shall ever increase, for verily He is the Answerer of those who petition and the Bestower upon those who seek.

And furthermore, unity with the loved ones of God hath been and shall ever be supremely beloved in the sight of God, especially with the Name of God Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be the glory of God and His radiance. And upon thee be the Spirit, then the Light, then the Glory, then the Majesty.

Regarding the matter of the 600 tumans which you gave to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Rida-Quli, and concerning which you had mentioned that guidance be given from the Source of the Cause as to what should be done, I laid the matter before the throne. He answered: “Write: Do not concern yourself with this, for the world and its ornaments have no permanence. We have accepted from you double that amount, for verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Whatever transpired in the past, when you mentioned it before your Lord, therefore no blame resteth upon you. Divine grace is of such magnitude that He accepteth from you that which you have not done in His path, by virtue of that which hath appeared in your heart whereby the treasures of the heavens and earth are created - and that is My love. This indeed is the Truth, and after Truth there is naught save manifest error. When thou didst attain unto this, thou didst attain unto all good from One Who is Mighty, Powerful. However, strive thou to protect it from the arrows of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Thus hath thy Lord’s favor been completed unto thee, and His grace upon thee, and His bounty toward thee, that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord, and that thy face may be illumined at all times with the lights of manifest holiness. Through this the hearts of the wicked are consumed and the hearts of the righteous among the concourse of the near ones are made glad.”

Remain settled and occupied with your affairs in complete calm and dignity, for it is beloved before God that each soul should exert maximum effort in his affairs, after placing his trust in God, his Lord. Therefore, continue to engage in your commerce, which hath ever been and shall ever be beloved before God. Likewise hath the Tongue of God spoken this word: “O Kazim! Soar with thy love unto God, inasmuch as the breezes of joy have wafted over thee from all directions. Yet thou canst not comprehend what hath befallen thy Lord from one whom He reared night and day and taught speech as they teach parrots in India. When he had learned a word or part of a word, he grew proud before God as leadership over the rabble of the earth possessed him, until he pronounced the death sentence against Me without any proof from My All-Powerful, Almighty, Invincible Self. Would that he had stopped at that! When the

hosts of victory were sent down and God preserved His invincible and mighty Self, he raised an outcry and reversed what he had intended against My wronged, grief-stricken, sorrowful Self, after he and all people knew that I had ever been powerful over him and knew what was within him. Despite this, I concealed and protected his person from the harm of every harmful one and from the injury of all creatures. When the sun of assurance dawned upon his back, he stirred within himself and stung Me like a serpent each day, nay, each moment. Thus were the words of God fulfilled in truth and justice, and there is none to change His firm, fixed, mighty and wondrous words."

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Exalted, exalted is He Who has removed divisions and established unity! Glorified, glorified is He Who has taken away discord and decreed affirmation and harmony! Praise be to God! The Supreme Pen has removed the distinctions between servants and handmaidens, and through perfect grace and all-embracing mercy has established all upon a single plane. He has cut asunder the back of vain imaginings with the sword of utterance and has erased the whisperings of idle fancy through His mighty, prevailing power. All tongues in creation fall short of offering thanks for this bounty, and all hearts in existence fail to enumerate its blessings. Exalted is our Lord's grace, and exalted are His perfect favors, His all-encompassing mercy, His all-pervading generosity, and His manifest, resplendent bounty.

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence, Lord of the Kingdom, and Sovereign of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by Thy Command through which Thou didst create all beings, manifest all things, and bid all to that which draweth them nigh unto Thee, profiteth them in Thy worlds, and abideth with them in all conditions. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant desiring to make mention of one of Thy handmaidens, a leaf among Thy leaves, whom Thou hast strengthened through Thy generosity and bounty, causing her to turn toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation in Thy days and to acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace to Thy servants and creation. I beseech Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, Who guideth all to turn toward Thy Name, the All-Loving, to strengthen her with the hosts of Thine invisible realm to mention and praise Thee among Thy handmaidens. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the One, the Single, the Hearing, the Answering.

Thereafter, the letters of that honored lady arrived, and from each was evident the bounty of faith and recognition. Praise be to God that thou art engaged in the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. After reading and reviewing them, they were taken to the Most Exalted Horizon, the Supreme Station, the Most Glorious Spot, and were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His hearing. These are His mighty words, exalted be His utterance and manifest His proof:

He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous

O My handmaiden and My leaf! The Wronged One hath heard thy cry and that which thy heart's tongue hath uttered, and thy manifest praise of thy Lord. By the life of God! The praise rendered unto Him this

day cannot be equaled by all that is possessed by the peoples, the treasures of the earth, and whatsoever is with the princes and kings. The Lord of the Kingdom beareth witness unto this at this manifest hour. We have heard thy yearning and thy lamentation, and have answered thee with a Tablet that calleth betwixt earth and heaven, and maketh mention of thee in such wise as to immortalize that which hath proceeded from thee in His love, His service, His remembrance and His praise. He hath made all that hath issued from thy lips a trust with Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Shouldst thou hear, with true hearing, that which hath been revealed unto thee at this hour from My Most Exalted Pen, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of the Day of the Covenant, and wouldst say throughout the days of thy life: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee! May all existence be a sacrifice unto Thy favors, and all that hath been and shall be be a sacrifice unto Thy Word, O Thou Who art wronged among enemies, and in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. They that are related to that blessed and forgiven soul, by whose remembrance the world hath been perfumed, whether male or female, have ever been adorned with the crown of loving-kindness and the ornament of mention and compassion. God hath loved faithfulness, and in view of the special favor that hath been extended to him who hath ascended unto God, the names and remembrances of those related to him have not been effaced from the Crimson Tablet, but rather are inscribed therein by the Most Exalted Pen. All must recognize the value of this most great bounty and supreme gift, and preserve it as they would their heart and soul, their sight and spirit. This Wronged One beseecheth the ocean of favor and bestowal that He may aid the people of that household to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed in the Book from the Pen of Command, and likewise enable them to succeed in that which would cause the spread of His signs. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is.

O daughter of the daughter of one who loved Me! Rejoice, for He hath forgiven thy father and thy mother as a bounty from His presence. Today, whosoever attaineth unto the mention of but one word from the divine utterances hath attained unto the greatest good and the supreme favor. God willing, thou shalt be enabled to achieve that which is worthy and befitting of this divine Manifestation and heavenly Cause.

His honor Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath ever been and continueth to be remembered. We beseech God to aid him in such deeds and conduct as would cause the exaltation of the Word of God and his station. We, verily, send Our greetings unto him at this hour and give him the glad-tidings of that which was revealed for him before and after. Verily, the mercy of his Lord hath preceded all existence. The people of that land must, under all conditions, show honor and respect unto the people of that household, for the station of His Holiness Azghandi is great in the sight of God.

We send Our greetings at this hour unto him who was named 'Abdu'l-Husayn. We have heard mention of him in this Most Great Remembrance and his praise in this Manifest News. God willing, may he spend the

days of his youth in remembrance, praise and devotion. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The splendor from Us be upon those who have hearkened to the Call and acted in accordance with that which they were commanded by the All-Wise Ordainer. Praise be to God, ye have attained unto the drops of the ocean of divine bounty. Today the hand of grace hath removed all differences; servants and handmaidens are beheld on the same plane. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto that which God hath commanded, and likewise blessed is the leaf that hath been moved by the breezes of His Will. This bounty is great and this station exalted. His grace and generosity are ever-manifest and evident. Who is able to thank Him for His continuous bestowals and successive favors? Under all conditions we cling to the hem of His bounty and hold fast to the cord of His grace, and from Him do we beseech that He strengthen His Honor Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, who hath attained unto His presence, in love and kindness. He is the One Who strengtheneth, the One Who succoreth. There is none other God but He, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Today all must be illumined with the light of His Cause and enkindled with the fire of the Sacred Tree, and with utmost love and faithfulness take the most great cup from the Most Glorious Cupbearer, and drink and imbibe it despite the enemies, and occupy themselves with the remembrance of the One True Goal and the One True Object of Worship.

The spiritual friend, His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, is, God willing, strengthened to unite and harmonize souls. I convey greetings to him and beseech assistance for him.

Likewise for the apple of my eye, His Honor 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, in his early days he was strengthened to make mention of the Lord of all beings. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, He is the All-Merciful, He is the Strengthener, He is the Enabler, He is the Succorer, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. The verses of that apple of my eye were presented before the countenance of the Goal of the worlds and were honored with acceptance. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh in praise and the heart that is enkindled with the fire of love. In all conditions bounty is from Him, and from Him do I seek confirmation for the aforementioned souls in whatsoever befitteth His generosity. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon His devoted handmaidens and devoted servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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In the Name of God, the Glorious, the All-Glorious

These are the verses of the Command, sent down in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. In them the cry of God is raised concerning that which the fingers of hatred from every detested polytheist have wrought against Him. Say: O people! Sever not the arm of God with the swords

of rancor, nor His head with the blade of hatred. Fear God, and quench not His fire amongst you, nor deprive yourselves of the outpourings of this grace. Verily those who deny the mercy that hath descended from the clouds of the Command - these have taken idols as lords for themselves besides God, and Beauty hath been veiled from their eyes. And if they witness, they do not truly witness. Thus have We created them deaf, without sight, and made them dumb, gathered upon the earth of abasement. Say: Those who object to the Self of thy Lord, and yet make mention of the Point of the Bayan - these dwell in the depths of the fire, and these, on that day, cast behind the veil of passion, are thrown upon the dust of self. Say: O people! Do ye make mention of the Sovereign of the Bayan while disbelieving in His Self? Woe unto you for that which Satan hath cast into your souls. Fear God with true fear, then sanctify your souls from the touch of Satan and his followers. Verily, he is a manifest enemy unto man. Those in whose hearts thou findest the odor of hypocrisy regarding the Light of the Command - these shall never find in the Mother Book any portion allotted unto them. Say: If ye love the Point of the Bayan, why have ye acted against His sanctuary, and disbelieved in His verses after their revelation, and distorted the word which had been inscribed by the Pen of God in all the Tablets? Indeed, ye have taken fancy as your lord besides God, after ye had been known in the realm of names by the name of God. Hearken, O people, unto the Word of God, then drink from the pure wine, then warm yourselves at the fire which was kindled from the direction of the Throne. Say: O people! By God, the Truth! We took a handful of clay and breathed into it a spirit from Our Command, and adorned it with the garment of names between earth and heaven, and made it renowned among the worlds. When it reached maturity, it rose against Us, then objected and rebelled against God Who created it by a command from His presence, until it pronounced judgment against Him. Thus was man ungrateful to his Lord.

O My Name! Remind the people of that which the Most Great Spirit hath spoken before the throne of thy Lord. Then be steadfast in the Cause in these days wherein the Manifestations of the Names stand motionless at the Bridge. By God! All that thou hast heard concerning this Cause and that We have indicated to others hath been by virtue of a wisdom from God, thy Lord, and none save a limited number have been apprised thereof. They who speak what they speak are but wandering in the meadows of ignorance and roaming in the wilderness of polytheism - these are they who in that Day were debarred from the gardens of knowledge. Say: O concourse of the blind! Heal your eyes with the collyrium of the remembrance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, that ye may perchance discern that which even the most perspicacious among all creatures have failed to perceive. O My Name! By God! For twenty years I stood before Mine enemies, while they who today rebel against God remained veiled behind curtains, fearful for themselves. When We raised up the Cause through Our sovereignty and might, and when the breezes of assurance and glory wafted, they emerged from behind their veils and drew the sword of hatred against Him through Whose glance earth and heaven were illumined. If thou wouldst then incline thine ear with sanctified hearing, thou wouldst hear that which would cause hearts to be consumed behind the pavilion of exalted glory. Soon shalt thou witness the people of the Bayan doing all that the people of the Furqan had done, such that they will cling to their traditions and be veiled thereby from the Creator of Names and Attributes, and they will speak as they spoke and argue as they argued. Indeed, thou shalt find these even more veiled than the peoples of old. Thus have We revealed unto thee that which hath descended from the heaven of grace, that thou mayest be possessed of insight into thy Lord’s Cause and remain steadfast, such that the whisperings of Satan may not cause thee to slip from the path that hath

been extended by God's leave across the paradise of the Cause. Beware lest thou be perturbed in these days wherein souls are agitated and minds are bewildered, and wherein the lowing of the calf is raised with a mighty cry. Hold fast to the handle of the Cause, lest the winds from the manifestations of phantoms should move thee. Then take up an extolled station in the shelter of thy Lord's protection. Say: O people of the Bayan! Were ye not enjoined in the Book not to deny the verses of God when they are sent down in truth, and not to reject them through your conjectures and desires? Why then have ye turned away from them and denied Him in Whom ye believed? Fie upon you for having broken God's covenant and His pledge, and for having been debarred from the shore of effulgence emanating from this Beauty. O people! Consider the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers and that which hath been revealed in the Bayan, that ye may perhaps make good what ye have neglected and find a way unto Him Who occupieth the throne. Say: If ye have believed in the Point of the Bayan, by God, this is His very Self and these are His verses, sent down from a sublime and glorious kingdom. O My Name! By God! These people have violated the sanctity of God in their midst by following those who were created by My command - and God is witness to this. The matter hath reached such a pass that they have written tablets of falsehood in the name of the Point of the Bayan to oppose Me, and have circulated them among the people to turn them away from the path that was visible from the direction of the throne. Say: By God! The Most Great Ocean will not be altered by the touch of dogs, nor will the beauty of the Sun be obscured by this cloud that hath come between them and the Lord of Lords. By God! It hath shone forth with the sovereignty of majesty and stood at the pole of […]

Nay, whoso is guided aright is guided for his own soul's good, and whoso turneth away - verily thy Lord is independent of all who turn aside and are rejected. We give thanks unto God that He hath purified the garment of sanctity from the touch of the idolaters and hath severed the hands of the infidels from this hem. And thou, arise thyself, then say: O people! Fear ye God and deny not His proof after He hath appeared with the truth, if ye believed in Ali aforetime through what was sent down unto him of the verses of your Lord. Therefore read ye what ye possess, and We shall read a tablet from the traces of this Manifestation. By God! Then shall the sun of certitude shine forth from the horizon of a luminous dawn. Then shall ye find their heads cast down, and the scourges of divine constraint shall overwhelm them from the presence of One mighty, self-subsisting. Thus have We cast it unto thee that thou mayest cast it upon the breasts which thou findest free from doubt. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, whether male or female.

O My friend! Grief hath so encompassed this wronged One that the mention thereof melteth the heart. The world hath ever been, and shall forever be, a place of trial and testing. From its chalice none hath ever drunk save deadly poison, and from its cup none hath ever tasted save fatal venom. Its afflictions have ever been the portion of them that seek the Truth, and its calamities the share of them that pursue His path. Beware lest thou be saddened by its sorrows or grow heedless of the remembrance of the All-Merciful in these days. In all matters place thy trust in God and detach thyself from all else but Him. In these grievous days when the intoxication of existence hath encompassed all creation, be not heedless of the celestial realm of His love's constancy, and like unto the sun, shine forth with the effulgences of the love of the Sovereign Lord of names and attributes, that the lights of the beauty of the Chosen One may be made manifest through thee among the servants. Gird up the loins of endeavor to stand firm in His

Cause, and be thou free and detached from all else save Him. The world hath no faithfulness, and ere long whatsoever is visible upon earth shall be hidden in its depths. And the Spirit be upon thee.

And the prevention of that friend from the nearness of the meeting hath been the cause of the winds of discord, and after the great separation and the calming thereof, God willing, it shall be made manifest according to the exigencies of the time.

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Praise be unto Him Who is worthy of all glorification - He Who, through the Most Exalted Pen, hath raised up hosts and through them hath conquered the cities of men's hearts. Were the heedless world and ignorant people possessed of insight, they would have observed the penetrating power of the Word and the might of God's Will, would have conducted themselves with due measure, and would have cast aside the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings which have held back most of humanity from the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Then would the Herald of Glory proclaim the words "Blessed are the ears and eyes!" Exalted be the majesty of our Lord, universal His grandeur, supreme His sovereignty, and widespread His fragrances! Glory, radiance, light and praise be upon the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree and its Afnan, through whom His verses were spread abroad, His signs were made manifest, His mysteries were brought forth, His proof encompassed all things, and His testimony was established; and upon those who have believed in God and His signs, acknowledged His sovereignty, quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of His bounty, and spent what they possessed with such steadfastness as amazed the Concourse on High - these are honored servants who act according to His command.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love and steadfastness! The ultimate hope was dispatched in the form of a letter and arrived - a herald that filled all limbs, members, and every atom of being with boundless joy. What hope could be greater than the well-being of your honor, or more exalted than the safety of the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree? Nay, by God! This station is the ultimate […] aspiration of those who are detached, sincere, and loving, and remains so. After its reading, intent was made toward the ultimate goal. After entry into the Kingdom and permission, the entire letter was presented and was blessed to attain the audience of Him Who is the Intended One. This is what was revealed in response from God, the Lord of all men. Glorious is His utterance and mighty His sovereignty:

In My Name, the Supporter, the Helper

A mention from Us to one of the Afnans who was stirred by the fragrances of My revelation, drawn to the paradise of My presence, admitted into the pavilion of My grace, and made to hear that which ears were prevented from hearing, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willed. O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. That which thou didst hear in the Most Holy Court from the Tongue of Grandeur concerning the elevation of the stations of the honored Afnans and the deeds that befit their station - mention it in such wise that may acquaint the honored Afnan, Siyyid Mirza, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, with the Will of God and that which befitteth His Day. Delay and neglect in matters is not permissible. They must raise high their resolve and manifest before the faces of the servants the essence of trustworthiness and detachment, and whatever is in the first instance most beloved and desired by

them, they must bring to the notice of the evaluators for sale and give to the followers of the Faith. O Mirza! These are the days for such action and the expression of such words. Not every day hath this excellence. Rise not merely upon hearing the Word of God - if thou art in bed, come forth; if seated, stand up; if standing, hasten with utmost speed to complete that which thou art commanded. This is the firm decree that hath appeared from the court of the Most Great Name. Take it with hands of submission and acceptance, and be of them that act. O Mirza! If thine eye should oppose thee in what God hath commanded, pluck it out; if thy rib should oppose thee, divorce it; if thy brother, abandon him, holding fast to the cord of God's commandments, the Lord of the mighty throne. By My life! None shall profit thee save Him, and none shall deliver thee save Him. Take God's decree with strength from Him and power from His presence, and be not of the patient ones. By My life! My commandments and My laws are manifestations of My loving-kindness to My creation and dawning-places of My mercy to My servants. Verily thy Lord is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. Glorify on My behalf the faces of My loved ones there, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon them that love thee and hear thy word concerning God's mighty announcement.

The end.

From the very divine verses and the fragrances of commands and laws that have been revealed, the station of the doers has become distinguished from the neglectful ones as light from darkness. It is hoped that the honored master, His Holiness the Afnan, the honorable Aqa Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, will taste the sweetness of God's command and decree, especially in this deed with which he is charged, through the execution of which the rivers of trustworthiness, religiosity and truthfulness will flow and spread throughout the world. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. He commandeth not His servants save that which benefiteth them and preserveth them. To this testifieth every insightful believer.

Mention of the ascension of His Holiness the Afnan, the honorable Aqa Mirza Mahmud, and the child, and the leaf who was the sister of the wife of the late honored one, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy, has repeatedly been made in the Most Holy Court, and at every moment a mention from the heaven of the Most Great Mercy specifically for them hath been revealed that their names and remembrances may endure forever. And at this time these manifest verses have been revealed - His mighty utterance and mighty mention:

In My Name through which the ocean of forgiveness surged in contingent existence

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of lords, he who was named Mahmud in the heaven of names. He is among those who attained the love of God and His remembrance, as the Most Great Book beareth witness to this in its most exalted station. Blessed art thou, O Mahmud, in that thou hast been mentioned at this hour by the Tongue of Grandeur, which when It speaketh, all things speak: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful." Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness surgeth, and the fragrance of God's mercy, the Lord of all religions, is wafted abroad. We beseech God to forgive thee, to pass over thy transgressions, and to ordain for thee the reward of what escaped thee in His days. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

I desire at this hour to make mention of My leaf who took the cup of My love from the hand of My bounty and drank it in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause her to enter the Most Exalted Paradise and to associate her with the leaves who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and to ordain for her in the highest chambers a noble station and an exalted dwelling place. We have, verily, purified her at the time of her ascension, adorned her with the ornament of My favor, and sent down upon her from the heaven of My bounty a mercy from My presence. I am, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My leaf! Behold, then remember the grace of thy Lord. Thou art in the Most Exalted Paradise while thy Lord mentioneth thee in the prison of ’Akka. Through the breezes of His remembrance at this hour, the fragrances of loving-kindness and favor are diffused in all regions. The radiant light shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf, and upon the handmaidens who have turned unto God, hearkened, and believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen. We have made mention of the child in his station with a remembrance whereby the hearts of the righteous are attracted. Here endeth the utterance.

Unto Him be praise, glory, thanksgiving and bounty. His favors have at all times been and continue to be directed towards the Afnan, in such wise that none can deny it. This lowly one beseecheth the True One to aid all to act in accordance with that which they have been commanded, for that is the supreme remedy for every illness and malady. Verily, He is the Helper of those who act and the Educator of all who are in the heavens and on earth. The greetings and praise of that honored one were conveyed to the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps - and to the people of the pavilion [of greatness]. Each one expressed their consideration, and they beseech and hope from the Exalted True One that He will cause that honored one to return soon to the divine homeland. They say that there hath not been and is not any prayer better, more beloved and more desired than this. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O Sulayman Khan! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise befitteth and beseemeth my Beloved Who, with the finger of might, hath unsealed the seal of the Choice Wine and, with the hands of bounty, hath bestowed it upon all peoples. Whosoever turned unto it, partook thereof and attained unto the infinite divine bounties, and whosoever turned away remained, in truth, deprived of the fruit of existence. A hundred thousand regrets and sorrows that while the hands of the mercy of the All-Merciful proffer the water of life, most of the people of the world remain bereft thereof and wander, in utmost bewilderment and heedlessness, through the wilderness of idle fancies. This Wine is, in one sense, the Word of God that lay hidden in the treasury of everlasting knowledge and was sealed with the seal of protection, and in another sense it is the recognition of the Dayspring of Names–a recognition that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, not one born of vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, recognized and partaken thereof, and woe betide those who have turned away by following every heedless and remote one. Should this servant attempt to explain and set forth

this station as it truly is, the pen would assuredly prove powerless. I beseech God not to deprive the peoples of the world of the fragrances of His days. Though all days belong to God and are from God, yet this Day hath been singled out, even as mention hath been made of it in the heavenly Books, Tablets and Scriptures, and they who are endued with vision have perceived it and hastened to the supreme Scene. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have attained unto the Water of Life in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. God willing, ye shall, through divine grace, illumine and revive darkened hearts and gloomy souls with the light of the divine Word. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of understanding that if a soul should arise to serve the Cause for the sake of God, he will assuredly attract the hearts of men and draw them to the most exalted horizon. The Command is in God's hands–He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous.

This evanescent one submitteth to your honour that this servant hath been honoured to receive your letter, and whatsoever was inscribed therein was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said: "God willing, through the blessedness of the Most Great Name, they must enlighten and guide some of the people of the world who are somewhat free from idle fancies and suppositions and are illumined with the lights of certitude, and must draw them to the eternal city. Many souls are observed to be exceedingly remote. When will the hand of the mercy of the All-Merciful draw them to the ocean of nearness and reunion? He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Take thou the cup of life in the name of thy Lord and say: O concourse of possibility! Hasten ye and come unto that which hath been ordained for you. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that for which ye were created. Fear ye God and be not of them that are veiled."

And as to what you wrote concerning Siyyid Abdullah, it is most strange that this servant has neither seen him nor been informed of his circumstances. Many are the souls who have caused and continue to cause corruption and waste in God's Cause. The world hath no constancy, and these continuances after which we see one creation come and another go, outwardly display their own extinction at every moment, but eyes are lacking to perceive it. In any case, we beseech God to guide the rebellious, transgressing, heedless souls and confirm them in the knowledge of their own selves, that perchance they may not exceed their bounds nor rise up with calumnies. Once these blessed words were heard from the Blessed Tongue, saying: "Behold the Cause as a temple whose spirit is detachment and whose wings are the fear of God. Blessed is he who adorneth himself with the fear of God and detacheth himself from all else."

As to what you wrote concerning that treacherous thief - had people acted in accordance with trustworthiness, religion, and that which was commanded from the Source of the Cause, all would assuredly have been observed in the utmost comfort and glory. The horizon of trustworthiness remains darkened and the horizon of truthfulness and faithfulness is seen to be dust-laden. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to raise up souls through whose religiosity, trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness the world may be adorned and illumined. This is not difficult for God. And assuredly that soul who committed treachery shall receive the recompense of his deeds. Last year in these parts similar incidents occurred where some, claiming faith and knowledge and love and affection, afterward stole the belongings of the emigrants and seekers and chose to flee. He said: "Believe not what thou hearest, and trust not him who showeth submission."

Many are the souls who have made humility, submissiveness and sweet words their snare. We beseech God to purify and cleanse the earth from evil and wicked souls. These afflictions that have befallen you, since they were in God's path, will surely yield universal fruits and you shall attain their recompense.

You mentioned Mukhtaru'l-Mulk. This was presented, and He said: "God willing, may they be blessed with divine favors." We beseech God to assist those who have turned to Him in rending all veils. It is most difficult for a soul to arise with Abrahamic might and power and shatter the idols of the polytheists with the arm of power. For years people have been nurtured on suppositions and vain imaginings, having never inhaled a fragrance from the rose-garden of certitude. Yet in any case one must not despair, nor be heedless of teaching the Cause with wisdom and utterance. One must speak for God's sake and summon unto God, that perchance the children of the age may mature through the milk of the knowledge of the free and gaze upon the Most Great Scene.

The petition of Mulla Shah-Rida was presented and an answer was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. Likewise the Captain's petition was presented at the Most Holy Court and its answer was graciously given and sent. Also three most wonderful and most holy Tablets were sent without names from the horizon of grace - they may bestow them upon whomsoever they deem advisable.

Concerning what was written about the news, the matter is as before, as was revealed in the Suriy-i-Ra'is and other Tablets. After all the assemblies and reconciliations, the dust of contention remains aloft and the fire of hatred still blazes. The Ottoman territories are in upheaval, with tumult arising from every corner. However, a prayer hath been revealed from the heaven of grace on behalf of the government, and the friends have been commanded to recite it. After this manifestation of grace, there is hope that some measure of relief may yet be obtained. The Command is in His hands; He doeth as He willeth. The world is in turmoil, and no soul hath comprehended its cause and reason. They have prevented the true Physician from healing these ailments, while they themselves know neither the malady nor its cure. Glory be to God! What heedlessness hath seized them all - they have forsaken the ocean of divine meanings and turned to the salt and bitter pools. Though the Sun of knowledge shineth from the horizon of heaven, they have nonetheless clung to and sought after the ignorant ones of the earth. What regret and remorse! Thus it is that each day they are afflicted with fresh trials and are tormented with grievous punishment. Here do I end My words: Verily, there is no God but Him. He hath ever been supreme over all things and will ever remain transcendent above the mention of all names. None hath befittingly described Him. He is the Sanctified, the Holy, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness and have attained unto this wondrous Cause.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

This is a mention from Us to him who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Garment and turned towards the court of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Most High Pen hath raised thy mention between earth and heaven, and the Tongue of the Wronged One addresseth thee whilst He was in the hands of the oppressors. Give thanks for having been aided to turn towards Him when the Manifestation of thy Lord's Cause, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, appeared with a Command that caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to tremble, save those who came unto God with illumined hearts. There hath been ordained for thee in thy Lord's Kingdom that which shall bring solace to all eyes and gladden the hearts of them that know. Preserve this station, then aid thy Lord, and be not of them that tarry. Patience is praiseworthy except in His Cause - thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and wise. That which God showed thee in thy dream is indeed His supreme token unto thee and His most great favor for thee. Be thankful for what He hath bestowed upon thee - ere long shall the effects of this bounty be made manifest. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He giveth what He willeth to whom He willeth and ordaineth by His command what He desireth. Can any prevent His command? Nay, by His sovereignty that prevaileth over the worlds! Can His wisdom ever be exhausted? Nay, by His Word that shineth forth from the horizon of utterance! Yet the people are in profound slumber. Soon shall they awaken, but shall find no escape for themselves. Blessed art thou for having recognized these days and cast aside mankind, turning unto God, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Hold fast unto the handle of the Cause with utmost steadfastness, and associate with those in whose hearts thou findest the sweet fragrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and on whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of joy. They who act according to that which they are commanded are verily among the people of Paradise in the estimation of thy Lord, while they who are heedless are in a mighty veil. O joy be unto him who hath rent asunder the veils, detached from all else but God, and stood firm in this Cause whereby the feet of the doubters have slipped.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for the loftiness of Thy gifts and favors, and the sublimity of Thy care and bounties, whereby Thou hast aided me to turn towards the Dayspring of the light of Thy oneness and the Repository of the manifestations of Thy transcendent unity. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy names and the Dayspring of Thy signs unto all who are in earth and heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy love, moved by Thy will, speaking Thy praise, gazing towards Thy direction, and content with what Thou hast ordained through Thy decree. O my Lord! I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for me that which befitteth the glory of Thy station and the sublimity of Thy bounties. Then write down for me that whereby my mention shall endure among Thy servants and my spirit in the worlds which Thou hast concealed from Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

In the name of the Adored One of the worlds.

Praised be God that in this divine springtime thou hast been favored with the outpourings from the clouds of heavenly grace, hast inhaled the sweet fragrances of the garment of divine unity, and hast hearkened unto the notes of the celestial Dove. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto Him at all times. Observe how many are the claimants to knowledge, virtue, wealth, affluence, piety and godliness who have remained deprived of the ultimate purpose and the source of divine bounties, despite the fact that

they utter His Name night and day and make mention of Him. Fie upon them! They have cast away that for which they were created and have taken that which they were forbidden in the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the lights of His countenance. This is through God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. But today steadfastness is most beloved and is accounted as one of the most great affairs in the sight of God. This exalted station hath ever been and shall forever be. As thou canst observe, certain souls have been kept back from the Sovereign of existence by the vain imaginings of the past, whilst these are days wherein all must detach themselves from whatsoever they possess and, with hearts sanctified from all idle fancies, turn towards the Best-Beloved of the worlds. It is most evident that whatsoever the people possessed hath been but vain imagination, as hath now been made clear to some. Thou shouldst gather, as much as possible, the Persian Tablets that have been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will and read them, for in all of them are revealed mighty utterances and sovereign declarations which shall be the cause of the steadfastness of souls. Blessed is he who gathereth them, readeth them, and delighteth in their contents. We testify that he is of the sincere ones. God willing, thou shouldst remain steadfast in the Cause of God with utmost constancy, and move and speak with wisdom amongst the peoples of the world. He is verily the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy. We beseech God to assist thee in His service and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

That which was observed in the dream has come to pass, and it is indeed a manifest truth. This is evidence of God's gifts and bounties bestowed upon you, that you beheld yourself attaining His presence in a spacious place containing many chambers. From time immemorial and unto eternity, the Truth has been and ever shall be in the most exalted and expansive station, and likewise His loved ones–those souls who are sanctified from the doubts and allusions of the veiled ones. Though outwardly they may be seen in prison, in reality they dwell in the highest chambers of paradise, as hath been revealed in the Tablets. When you found yourself in that praiseworthy station, it behooveth you to thank God, your Lord, for having made you among those who circle round Him and attain His presence. This is the supreme bounty, that before the outward meeting, He hath inwardly reckoned you among those near to Him and who have attained His presence. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

That you inquired in that sublime and inaccessible station about Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the glory of God, concerning the bestowal of divine bounty upon you, is evidence that he was among the means of divine confirmation and spoke to you with truth and sincerity. Be friendly with him and be among those who remember. That you expressed insufficiency is evidence of your increased seeking from the treasury of grace. Yea, those who seek the Ka'bah of the All-Merciful and circle round the sanctuary of the All-Glorious are like fish in the ocean–the more they drink, the more they cry out "Is there more?"

That the bestowal of bounty was mentioned fourfold indicates that multiple bounties have been ordained for you: the bounty of remembrance now flowing from the Pen, the inner bounty stored in the treasuries of knowledge, likewise the hidden bounty concealed in the repositories of power, and the outward bounty inscribed in the heaven of divine command. God willing, you shall attain them all. This is not difficult for God. Be assured of God's grace to such degree that should all on earth gather to oppose and object, you would see them as absolute nothingness.

As for your request that this be written in ink, verily We promised you this. By My life, this is indeed the Most Exalted Pen, whose scratching is heard between the heavens and the earth. Thus doth it remember thee in truth, and this cannot be equaled by aught that hath been or shall be created. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Perfect bounty hath been shown unto you; God willing, its effects shall become manifest. Preserve this station lest anything impede it. Thus doth this Wronged One remember thee while seated in prison, detached from all the worlds. Drink forever from the Kawthar of the gifts of the Exalted Lord. That which will assure thee of thy Lord's grace hath been sent down unto thee, and there shall soon be revealed that which shall cause the fragrances of thy Lord to waft abroad. He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him. We beseech God to preserve thee from those who speak of that which they comprehend not and imagine they do well, though they have not understood what is with their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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God is Supreme in His Glory and Power

Glorified be God, exalted be His majesty, universal His bounty, mighty His power, and great His dominion! At times He bestows reunion, at times He afflicts with separation. Through nearness and union He gives life, and through remoteness and separation He causes death. What need then of Azrael, when this separation and remoteness is sufficient poison for the heart? Indeed, what wondrous power lies concealed in these hosts! Verily it has and shall ever surpass the power of the world. According to what is heard, His Holiness the Prophet (may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake) was fond of jest. Therefore if anything of this nature appears from these servants in such contexts, there is no harm in it.

Praise, sanctified from reality and metaphor, befits the Self-Sufficient Lord Who, through His Most Exalted Word, has bestowed infinite love between the hearts and souls of His friends and established spiritual unity. No blessing has been or is greater than this blessing. Every knowledgeable one bears witness and every informed one testifies. However, this blessing has been and is exclusive to the friends of Truth. The people of metaphor have no awareness of this mystery and no share in this blessing.

He created the servants with perfect power, sent Messengers, revealed Books, that all might find the path of truth and sincerity, love and faithfulness, and live in this world by these fruits which are in truth the fruits of the soul. The Exalted Truth, glorified be His majesty, is worthy of a hundred thousand thousand worlds of praise and glorification at every moment - though not by these tongues nor by these perceptions.

And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved and Chosen One, the Dawning-Place of His names and the Manifestation of His attributes and the Source of His Cause, through Whom His mysteries and the meanings of His Books and the symbols of His Messengers were revealed, and upon His family and companions through whom the decree of the word "there is no God but Him" was established and the banner of power was raised among the righteous ones.

And then, O beloved of my heart, the letter arrived - a clear writing in the eyes of those possessed of vision. Nothing was found therein save degrees of yearning and longing, love and unity. In truth, all of it concluded with the blessed word “Verily, we are God’s.” After hearing the melodies of the nightingales of meanings and utterance, and witnessing the symbols of the mysteries of wisdom and exposition, it was taken to the station and presented before His presence. The Master (may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him) said:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God to manifest through thee that which will draw people near unto Him. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. And We beseech Him by His Prophets and His chosen ones to protect thee by His protection and guard thee by His guardianship, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and the earth.

We have ever mentioned and continue to mention the friends, and counsel them with that which will elevate the stations of man. We hope that the trees of existence may, through the rain of divine mercy, become adorned with delicate, gathered fruits. The fruits of the Tree of existence have been and are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed is the soul that turns from what the people possess to what God possesses - such a one is accounted among those who have turned to Him in the Perspicuous Book. This Wronged One conveys greetings to each one and seeks for each that which is everlasting and eternal.

Praise be to God! The purpose hath been attained, and Divine favors have become manifest and evident. At all times I have beseeched and do now beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord to grant us the grace to do that which pleaseth Him. All that you wrote was fitting and true - indeed they were words imbued with reality, meaning, strength and purity. Today in certain cities where one or two of the friends reside, the radiance of submission and contentment must shine forth from their countenances. It is hoped that through the endeavors of that beloved of hearts, the unworthy thorns of self and desire will be consumed by the fire of that beloved one’s counsels and exhortations, so that in the realm of fancy certainty may prevail, and in the abode of tyranny justice may find its dwelling place. This is not difficult for God to achieve.

Praise be to God! The spiritual beloved, the honored Shaykh, upon him be God’s peace and favors, has ever been engaged in service through God’s grace and has spoken words of praise and glorification. The glances of divine favor have been and continue to be directed towards him. In these days Aqa Ahmad, son of his eminence the departed and exalted one, upon them both be the Glory of God, sent a letter wherein he mentioned his transactions in the Sublime Porte, and likewise wrote to His Holiness the Name of Bounty. They stated that there is no blame upon the honored Shaykh, as this transaction was done with his knowledge and was sent to Mirza Mihdi in Tabriz. The Shaykh was in no way at fault in this matter. Mirza Mihdi must fulfill his obligation and send the funds. At most, the honored Shaykh, out of love, assisted him in the transaction and offered help - this is cause for gratitude, not complaint.

From all these utterances the fragrances of grace waft. Praise be to God! They have regarded and continue to regard the station of His loved ones. And then the letter of the honored Shaykh himself -

upon him be the Glory of God - arrived, and it became clear that for him it yielded naught but trouble. There is no doubt that the bearing of these burdens was for the sake of God. The reward for these deeds rests with God. We beseech Him to protect His loved ones and to sanctify them from the doubts, insinuations and calumnies of His servants. Verily, He hath power over all things.

This servant conveyeth greetings to each of the friends and seeketh for each that which is befitting.

They mentioned the feast of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the peace of God. After presenting it, they said: "Excellent is what he hath done! Blessed is he who hath honored thy dwelling place." I beseech God to illumine that land through the goodly deeds and praiseworthy character of His loved ones, that all may bear witness to their detachment, trustworthiness, truthfulness and refinement of soul. This servant hath ever beseeched this from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of existence, in the nights and days, and it will assuredly be answered, for He hath promised: "Call upon Me and I shall answer you." He is the All-Forgiving, He is the All-Merciful, He is the All-Hearing, He is the Answerer. The affairs there have surely by now been uncovered and become known, so that it may be evident to every soul that which they had imagined without proof. Here the Afnan all testify to the trustworthiness, religiosity, mercy and kindness of the beloved Shaykh, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Some time ago this servant wrote and sent a letter to the honored brother Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. It has surely arrived. I beseech God that complete affection and complete unity may appear between them in such wise as to cause all to wonder. This matter was heard from the tongue of the Desired One. In any case, this servant ever hopes for that which is the cause of loftiness, exaltation, glory, and bounty. This hope hath not been and will not be cut off. After Divine grace, until now, whatsoever we have beseeched from the heaven of generosity and sea of bounty, He hath granted. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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The Tablet of the Cloud, revealed by God, the Lord of all men

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book from the All-Merciful to those who have turned towards the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth, that the verses of God may gladden them, draw them to the horizon of Revelation, and bring them near to the station wherein all things proclaim: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power. Say: O people of the Bayan! Remember the favor of God unto you when ye were on the brink of the abyss of forgetfulness, and He sent down to you from the heaven of exposition that which taught you this clear and straight Path.

O Ancient Pen! Make mention in the Tablet of that which may bring joy to the hearts of the sincere ones and assure every person of insight that I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I desire. None on earth can prevent Me from that which I will, and I am the Mighty, the Wise. Say: The idolaters have violated God's

covenant and His testament, and have imprisoned Us with manifest injustice. When We arrived, We desired to convey unto the kings the messages of God, the Mighty, the Great, the Supreme. Among them was the King of Persia, to whom We unveiled the beauty of the Cause and made Ourselves known, after We had chosen one from among the distinguished ones, breathed into his heart the spirit of might and power, and sent him unto him like a ball of fire with a Tablet from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Therein We explained what his hands had wrought and what the King of Rome had perpetrated, that they might know that tribulation would never prevent the Glory (Baha) from what the Lord of Names had willed, and that the might of those who had denied God, the Mighty, the Praised, would never frighten Us.

Thereby did We sound the trumpet of might once again, whereat every stubborn tyrant was shaken. Therein We sent down such counsels and admonitions as would awaken the hearts of those who slumber. We have revealed therein a clear explanation of every matter. Blessed is he who readeth it and pondereth its allusions. By My life! A single word therefrom would suffice all mankind; were it to descend upon the mountains, they would soar with longing toward God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We desired naught from him save the manifestation of God's sovereignty and grandeur, the spreading of His Cause, and the demonstration of His independence among His doubting servants. We left therein no excuse for anyone. Read thou and be of the thankful.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Consider how We revealed in the Tablet to your leader that he should gather Us together with the learned men of the age that God's Cause and His proof might be made manifest unto you. He committed that which caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. After this, to what will ye cling and to whom will ye turn? Be fair and be not of the wrongdoers. Likewise did We desire in Iraq to meet with the divines of Persia. When they heard of it, they fled and said: "This is naught but a manifest sorcerer." These are words that issued forth from the mouths of their like before, and these people objected to them for what they said, yet today they speak the same words and understand not. By My life! They are like ashes in the sight of thy Lord; when He willeth, tempestuous winds pass over them and render them as dust. Verily, thy Lord is powerful over what He willeth.

Those lands were honored by the advent of their Chosen Lord, and every stone and clod did speak. The forelock of days hath appeared and the Desired One hath come with manifest glory. The land of Hijaz was seized with trembling and stirred by the breeze of reunion, saying: "O my Lord, the Most High! Praise be unto Thee for having brought me to life through the fragrances of Thy reunion after I had been slain by Thy separation. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Thee, and woe unto the heedless ones." Mount Sinai hath been illumined […]

That land where We raised up the Prophets and Messengers has been illumined with the radiance of the Manifestation. He said: "I have discovered Thy sweet savour, O my God, Who art in the heavens and the earth!" Therein was raised the call of the Friend, then of Him Who conversed with God, and afterwards of the Son. All informed and gave glad tidings to the servants concerning this momentous announcement and His advent in those regions. Thus was it sent down in the Tablets from the presence of an ancient Lord.

The Tree calleth out: “O people of the realm below! The Lord of the Kingdom is come and hath mounted the throne, surrounded by His near angels. Abandon churches and mosques; hasten to the Dayspring of Revelation and follow not the imaginings of the heedless. By God! The Dawn of Certitude hath broken. The temples are for His remembrance - He Who is remembered hath come with great sovereignty. Beware lest remembrances hold you back from your Chosen Lord. Cast aside what the people possess, then turn to the Source of inspiration. This is better for you, did ye but know it.”

Arise to make mention of Me. Let not the words of the idolaters deter thee. The tongue was created to mention the All-Merciful. Remind the people, but with wisdom. Thus hath the matter been decreed and inscribed by the Pen of thy Lord’s will, the All-Knowing, the Powerful.

Gather My loved ones and command them from Us to righteousness and piety. Thus art thou commanded by thy Most Glorious Lord, and for thee is today with Us an honoured station.

Those who obstruct the path, consume people’s wealth, and spread corruption in the land - I am quit of them, and God is witness to what I say. By My life! My imprisonment is not My abasement - it is glory for Me. Rather, abasement lies in the deeds of My loved ones who claim attachment to Us yet follow Satan in their actions. They are assuredly among the losers.

When the Cause was fulfilled and the Luminary of the horizons shone forth from the direction of Iraq, We commanded them to that which would sanctify them from all peoples. Some were seized by desire and turned away from what was commanded, while others followed the truth with guidance and were of the guided ones.

Say: Those who commit indecency and cling to the world are not of the people of Baha. They are souls who, should they pass through a valley of gold, would pass it by as passing clouds, never turning toward it. They are indeed of Me - the Concourse on High would surely find from their garments the fragrance of sanctity. Thy Lord beareth witness to this, as do those endowed with knowledge of the Book. Were the most beautiful women to appear before them in their finest adornment, their eyes would not turn toward them with desire. These are they who were created from piety. Thus doth the Ancient Pen teach you from your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O thou who hast turned! Deliver the messages of thy Lord, that perchance people might abandon desire and take up what they are commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Say: Waste not God’s Cause among you, and follow not those who have denied God, the Sender of the winds. Aid God with your tongues, for the tongue is the sword of the All-Merciful. Open therewith the cities of hearts. This is the station of man - know this, O ye who are endued with insight.

Say: O concourse of divines! Can any one of you race with the Divine Youth in the arena of wisdom and utterance, or soar with Him to the heaven of inner meanings and explanation? Nay, by My Lord, the All-Merciful! All are struck dumb this day by the Word of thy Lord. They are as dead, not alive, except those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained, willeth. He, verily, is of those endowed with knowledge in the estimation of the All-Knowing. Upon him shall the denizens of Paradise and the dwellers of the sanctified retreats pray at eventide and at dawn. Can he whose legs are made of wood withstand him whose legs God hath made of iron? Nay, by Him Who illumineth the horizons! They who have violated

the Covenant of God and His Testament, these are they whom the breaths of punishment have overtaken. They shall soon behold their habitations in the fire. How wretched the abode of every arrogant oppressor! Say: O people! Consider the generations that have passed before you. We sent unto them Messengers; they denied the signs of their Lord. We seized them for their sins and left them as a warning unto men of understanding. Where are they who reclined upon cushions of vain glory in their palaces? We have returned them to their graves. Those houses they left to the spider. Take ye warning, O ye who are endowed with discernment! Say: Awaken, O people! The Herald hath cried out in the wilderness of the Bayan, and this is the Day of the great calling. How long will ye slumber on the couch of heedlessness and desire? Arise and turn unto God, and follow not every doubting idolater. We have, aforetime, revealed unto thee clear verses. These, once again, We have sent down as a token of Our grace. We, verily, are the Mighty, the Forgiving. That thou mayest arise to serve God and praise Him at morn and eventide. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them unto thee. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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Let His Honor the Afnan, the most esteemed Mr. Aqay-i-Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, take note.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

This is a day wherein voices have been raised and pleasures transformed. It is as though earth and heaven have been turned to fire, and from the cannon balls there hath appeared that which causeth bodies to quake at its mention. From the sea riseth the rumbling of artillery, and upon land raineth down bullets from rifles. Come ye, come ye, O people of the world, that I may show you the manifestations of might and power, and the conditions of glory and grandeur. By God! The deeds of creation have been embodied by the command of the Truth, appearing at times in the form of fire, and at others in the form of smoke, and from these have earthquakes seized the tribes and parties. O people of the earth, come ye, come ye! The Servant desireth to ask of you one word - tell Me truthfully: Is there among you one possessed of sight and heart who might observe and ponder what hath befallen the lands from the cannons of aggression? Is there among you any fair-minded one who might judge what hath appeared in the contingent world? Is there any with ears to hear what hath been sent down of mysteries and tidings in the Book? The Servant testifieth that He calleth unto the world with the greatest love and supreme compassion, yet the people turn not unto Him nor hear from Him, as though the intoxication of the cup of wrath hath seized them and prevented them from mercy, rest and tranquility. We are God's and unto Him shall we return.

In these days, some of what flowed from the Supreme Pen in God's Book hath become manifest and evident. Alexandria, which was adorned with the utmost ornaments and known for its wealth, might and riches, was in but a few hours observed to be impoverished, destitute and naked. Fiery shells rained down upon it from the wicked. Every ignorant one is bewildered and stunned, and every wise one thoughtful and warned. Pride and turning away have become the cause and reason for negligence, for had they

acted according to what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an, they would have ever been observed beneath the glances of His favor. The portion of the rebellious and transgressing ones shall surely come. The flame of fire is visible, yet its source is not known. Those with true vision in the world are as rare as red sulfur - nay, rarer still. Strange that no one is aware and not a soul perceives. How many souls in these parts have witnessed and heard what was revealed before, yet still they are seen to be heedless. In truth, the Greatest Talisman is manifest. The Servant beseecheth His Lord to have mercy on His servants, to guide them to His path, and to give them to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

In one of the blessed Surihs revealed at the beginning of His arrival in the Most Great Prison, He - exalted be His glory - saith: "Know thou that God hath seized the greatest of those who passed judgment against Us, through His power and sovereignty," unto His words, exalted be His majesty: "Soon shall We depose one like unto him and seize their prince who ruleth over the lands, and I am the Mighty, the Compelling." How many souls did He seize through one of the greatest of the wicked ones, rewarding them according to their deeds, and then caused him to perish and be destroyed by the flame of His wrath, until he returned to his abode. The Command is in His hand. He seeth and knoweth what He doeth. None may object to Him. He is ever wakeful and watchful, while others are heedless and sleeping. The Servant asketh Him, through His own tongue and the tongues of the world, to forgive them and us for what we have wrought in His days and to forgive our transgressions. Verily, He is our Master, our Lord, our God, our Goal, our Beloved, our Worshipped One, and the Worshipped One of all who are in the heavens and earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

O offspring of the heart of the Messenger and branch of the Divine Lote-Tree! My spirit and my soul be a sacrifice for your love, for your acceptance, and for your steadfastness! Days and nights have passed, and the servant has not heard your melodies upon the Tree, nor your songs upon the Branch. Though the servant has sins greater than mountains, yet this servant has a true and acceptable excuse before your presence, for correspondence has occupied me and affairs have prevented me. Tasks have multiplied and opportunity has diminished, and time is more precious than costly pearls - to this beareth witness the Lord of the world and the Goal of nations.

I submit that heedlessness hath overtaken this evanescent one, for my remembrance and consciousness are as heedlessness itself, nay greater - how much more so my heedlessness! I seek forgiveness from God, the Most Great, for every mention and deed. Until one day the Intended One said that a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet had been revealed specially for the Afnan, upon him be His glory. "Write something too and inquire that he might write about all matters concerning the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be His glory, of every kind, and submit them to the Most Holy Court. O Afnan! For some time you have concealed the affairs of the Most Exalted Leaf and have not submitted them. You must surely write and present them. Ye are beneath the domes of My glory, the pavilion of My grace, and the canopy of My grandeur." Thus ended His words, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specially for him and sent. His Holiness sent it and said: "O Afnan! Be not grieved by what has occurred. Soon thou shalt see and know what was hidden in God's knowledge. Verily thy Lord has aided thee and will aid thee as He pleaseth. He is indeed the All-Conquering, the Almighty."

I further submit that my nothingness and evanescence be conveyed to the presence of the honored teacher, upon him be all the most glorious glory of the All-Glorious, and likewise to the honored Afnans, upon them be all the most glorious glory of the All-Glorious. This evanescent servant expresses his nothingness and evanescence, and begs of God that each may be seen as a banner upon the highest standards of the world. Though by God's grace they had already attained, and still maintain, this most exalted station before this servant's submission, they have won mention that neither extinction can touch nor centuries and ages can alter. This servant has always intended to submit to your presence words demonstrating true sincerity, but until now has not succeeded. In truth, he expresses shame before all and seeks pure pardon for God's sake, for opportunity and time are like rest, and in these days do not exist in the world of being. All the chosen ones of God bear witness to the magnitude of this evanescent one's task, and from all it is expected that they beseech God to strengthen this evanescent one that he might perhaps fulfill that with which he has been charged. Verily, He has power over whatsoever He willeth. May the Glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the providence of our and your Goal be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! Thou seest Thy branches and what they seek in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure. Among them are those who have clung to the cord of Thy grace, and those who have held fast to the hem of Thy mercy, and those who yearned to attain Thy presence and have been blessed with Thy bounty, and those who have left their homelands out of longing to visit Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of Nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist them in that which they seek in Thy love and Thy path. Then grant them the cup of Thy presence and the chalice of reunion with Thee, and draw them nigh unto Thee that their eyes may be gladdened and their faces illumined thereby. O Lord! I beseech Thee to place them beneath the shadow of Thy providence and to ordain for them the good that lay hidden in Thy knowledge and the grace that was treasured with Thee. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can render powerless. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and the earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful.

The Servant

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May the honored Afnan, his eminence Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon whom be all glory, be favored by the Most Pure Glance.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden throughout all eternity, and Who hath spoken in praise of His own Self, whereupon the sincere ones were drawn unto the court of nearness, sanctity and beauty, and the Baha'is unto a station whereof the pens are powerless to make

mention and which no utterance can describe. Exalted is He Who hath subdued all things through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen and established the Cause upon foundations that cannot be shaken by the winds of discord from those who have denied God, the Lord of the future and the past. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the bounty of our Most Glorious Lord be upon the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree who have quaffed the choice wine from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Lord of all names, and upon those who have cast away their idle fancies and held fast unto the Sure Handle which hath appeared between earth and heaven through a mighty will that was not hindered by the power of the wretched ones who turned away from the Kingdom of immortality and set their faces toward that which perisheth. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of all that hath been created between earth and heaven, to aid all to recognize Him and to turn unto that which shall profit them in the worlds of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for the fragrant breaths of your pen! By the life of God, this servant has found in your utterance that which brings solace to the eye of every mystic, raises up every seated one, gives voice to every tongue-tied one, brings hearing to every deaf one, and draws nigh every far and near one, for it has wafted from the garden of God's Name and His love, God's remembrance and His affection, God's praise and His grandeur. Glorious be His mention, He has said in one place: "Blessed is the pen that moves in remembrance and praise of Me, blessed the eye that has turned to the Dawning-Place of My grace and the Dayspring of My lights, blessed the tongue that has testified to that which My tongue has testified, blessed the heart that has won My love, blessed the hand that has taken the Book of My commandments and ordinances, blessed the feet that have passed beyond this world and stood firm upon My path, and blessed the soul that has drunk the Kawthar of steadfastness in My Cause." Thus has My tongue spoken in the kingdom of My utterance, that every heart may rejoice on this glorious and wondrous Day.

In truth, this evanescent servant has derived the utmost joy, delight and gladness from your noble letter, for every word thereof indicated your contentment, your submission, and your recognition. How beautiful is this word that has flowed from your pen where you wrote: "whatsoever has been and shall be decreed and ordained and executed and shall be executed is best for His loved ones and chosen ones, better than the kingdom of the heavens and earth, for He knoweth them better than they know themselves. Would that the world might know what lieth concealed behind the veils of the Manifestation, and that the peoples might discover that which is hidden and treasured…" After these words were presented before the Most Holy Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words: "O servant! If people were to observe and act upon that which hath been recorded in these few lines from the pen of the Afnan, upon him be My glory, all would find themselves independent of all else save God and would recline upon the couches of joy, expansiveness and tranquility. O servant! If a soul were to reflect even slightly and hold fast with perfect steadfastness to the handle of the Cause, he would surely know that no station would pass him by, and he would attain unto such bounties as the understanding of those possessed of understanding cannot ascend to, and the recognition of the mystics would find itself powerless before it. And after attaining this most exalted station, the sorrows and troubles of the world would no longer grieve him. Blessed be the Afnan who hath spoken that from which the fragrance of divine knowledge hath been wafted among all created things. By My life! He hath spoken as befitteth

him. We make mention of him, and have mentioned him before, time and again, as though he were standing before the gate morning and evening."

O beloved of my heart! This servant is at every moment immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for he observes that the lights of the Manifestation have encompassed the world and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth have taken hold of the entire earth; nevertheless, all are either asleep on the couch of heedlessness or wandering in the desert of ignorance, save whom my Lord willeth. A hundred thousand regrets that souls are deprived of the ocean of joy! I beseech Him, exalted be His dominion, to adorn all the peoples of the world with the garments of forgiveness and grant them all awareness of that which He hath revealed in the Book as it ought to be, for if they become aware, by God besides Whom there is none other God, they would pass beyond themselves and the world and would arise as beseemeth this Day.

He is the One Who moves in the world!

O Afnan! The servant present has read that wherewith thou didst commune with thy wronged, exiled Lord, Who summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard that which thy tongue hath uttered and that which thy pen hath set in motion, and We have witnessed the turning of thy heart and thine eye and ear unto Him, unto His beauty and His call raised at all times. By Him Who hath made the Most Great Prison the seat of His throne! Were the world to discover but a drop from the ocean of My grace, they would surely cast aside all else and take to My straight path.

O Afnan! Although all people at all times witness the passing away of the earth and whatsoever is therein, yet they cleave unto it and turn away from the immortal Kingdom. How many are the houses from which joyous melodies were raised at night, yet in the morning lamentations and wailing were heard therefrom. How many occasions of joy and pleasure and delight were in an instant transformed into mourning, and how many ornaments and bounties from which their possessor was deprived. And all people, heedless though they be, have witnessed and continue to witness all these things, yet they remain veiled, heedless and turned aside. The sweet ocean is manifest and surging before their eyes, yet all are occupied with the bitter, briny pool.

Praise be to God that the warmth of divine love is evident and manifest from thy tongue, heart and limbs. By the life of the Beloved! A hundred thousand worlds cannot equal this station. Were the capacity of the world to allow it, the fruits of deeds would become manifest. God willing, may they ever be the recipients of the special favors of the Lord and be occupied with His remembrance and be gladdened thereby. Convey My greetings to all those who have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance and are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, and gladden them with the mention of God.

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He is the Revealer without delay and the Sender without hindrance. Never have the eyes of creation witnessed any cessation in the wonders of His bounty, and thus hath His mercy preceded all mankind.

O Nabil! We have sent thee a Tablet, and before it a Book, and before that Sacred Writings, and before that Scriptures, a single letter of which was the most weighty burden between heaven and earth and the mightiest spirit for those in the kingdom of command and creation. Yet We found not from thee the fragrance of true knowledge, and this beseemeth thee not if thou art to be fair in thine own self. Reflect upon that which hath been sent down unto thee from the cloud of mighty mercy. We commanded thee aforetime to cast behind thee all mention, then to contemplate those who have gone before, and to gaze toward the direction of the Cause with the vision of thy Lord, and to be among those who observe what is inscribed in the Mother Book. Purify thyself in such wise that the word of none shall affect thee, nor shall the indication of any indicator trouble thee. Witness with the eye of certitude that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's might, and be illumined with clear vision.

If thou wouldst hear what We have commanded thee, the truth would become manifest unto thee in less than a moment. Thou wouldst witness the dawning of the Sun from the holy horizon, would fall prostrate upon thy face before thy Lord, and wouldst be well-pleased in the religion of God. Therefore, hear My words and forget not God's favor upon thee, and deprive not thyself of the sacred sanctuary. Then look with primary vision upon that which was revealed unto the Prophets and Messengers, that the Sun of certitude might shine upon thee from a holy and mighty horizon.

Wouldst thou wish to be like those who came before? By My life, this beseemeth thee not! Therefore, take for thyself beneath the shade of thy Lord a station that is faithful to the truth. When the Sun of Words dawneth upon thee from the horizon of the Kawthar of thy Lord's mercy, be illumined by its light and deprive not thyself of the wondrous bounties. Follow God's ways and His command - this is My love, shouldst thou turn thy vision to all the Tablets. Thus doth the Tongue of God speak at the time when He was established upon the throne of a mighty name.

Say: The days have dawned from the horizon of this Day, and the mornings have broken forth from this Dayspring which hath been witnessed from the holy horizon. Deprive not thyself of thy portion of the bounty of that Day. Then observe how the Tree of Fire is ignited and illumined upon a spot of light, and all in the kingdom cry out with a mighty and glorious call. When We answered thee before, We withheld not the Pen from thy mention, that perchance thou mightest take for thyself, near the remembrance of thy Lord, a station that was wondrous in truth. If thou payest no heed to what We have sent thee, We shall remind thee until thou art turned from the direction of remoteness and established in a holy station near at hand.

As for those who have denied God's signs, by what proof did they believe in the Manifestations of the past? Say: Bring forth your proof, O concourse of the earth! Nay, by My life, they have neither proof nor evidence, and to this testify the tongues of all created things, and beyond them thy Lord was witness to that. By God, O Nabil, I speak not from desire. If thou wouldst but purify thy sight, thou wouldst witness that the Spirit speaketh above My head and calleth out in the loudest voice: "By God, this is the Beloved of the mystics!" Woe unto the soul that hath turned away from His beauty and been veiled from the presence of its Lord. Say: O people of the Bayan! Reflect within yourselves for a moment, then be fair […]

O people! If you deny God and His signs, then be ashamed within yourselves and harm Him not with the swords of your imaginings, and be God-fearing in His religion. Say: Do you worship names which you have

named and taken as lords for yourselves besides God, while you reject Him by Whose word the names and their kingdoms were created, and Who in truth encompasses all the worlds? Fear God and do not act as did the people of the Furqan. Arise from the couches of heedlessness and take the Book of God with hands of submission, then place it upon your heads. By God, this is better for you than all that exists in the kingdom, were you but to know it.

O Nabil! Would that thou hadst been standing before Us and present in the holy court, that thou mightest hear what no ear of creation hath heard, and witness what no eye of invention hath witnessed, and attain unto that which none in all the realm hath attained. But this hath passed thee by due to the distance between us and what hath been ordained in the preserved tablets. Purify thyself from the allusions that have come between thee and the Lord of Names, then drink the cup of submission from this Beauty Who hath dawned from the horizon of glory. Hearken unto the counsel of one who counseleth thee in truth and seeketh from thee neither recompense nor thanks.

Know thou that there hath come upon Me that which hath come upon no one before. The servants who were created by My word have pronounced judgment against Me. Thus do We recount unto thee in truth that thou mayest become aware of that which is veiled from the eyes of every heedless one far removed. Come forth from behind the veils in the name of thy Lord, and stand between the heavens and the earth. Fear no one and trust in all matters in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. Then remind the people of what the Spirit hath inspired in thee, and be not silent in the remembrance of thy Lord. Thus hath the Pen of Command counseled thee before and counseleth thee now through grace, out of love for thyself, that thou mayest remain steadfast upon this path.

Say: By God, this is the path of God between the heavens and earth, His Most Great Throne among the servants, His Manifestation to all in the lands, the Expression of His Essence to those in the kingdoms of Command and Creation, and the Dawning-Place of His Being to those in the realm of might and truth. None comprehendeth it save those possessed of penetrating vision. If thou wert to incline thine ear to all things, thou wouldst hear their lamentations at what hath befallen the Manifestation of God's Self in these days the like of which the eyes of grandeur have never witnessed. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of Wisdom.

Illumine thy heart, then illumine the hearts of the people that the breezes of detachment may waft from thee upon all things, that thy Lord's grace unto thee may be perfected and thou mayest attain unto a mighty love. Beware, beware lest thou cast behind thee the melodies of the Spirit or turn unto those who have denied God's verses after their revelation and who remain veiled behind the veils of their own selves. Taste of the tree and the fruits it hath yielded, and deprive not thyself of what hath been ordained for thee in the realm of exalted glory. By God, none hath any escape save either to deny all the verses or to believe in what hath been sent down in truth from the holy and wondrous clouds. This is thy Lord's mercy which hath descended through grace - and is there in all creation anything more excellent than this? […]

Thus doth the Tongue of God bear witness at this moment, if thou be of them that hear. Though We desire not to tarry in mentioning the loved ones of God, yet We desire to make mention according to what is possible, lest they pause regarding that which hath been revealed unto them. Otherwise, by Him

Who holdeth my soul in His hand, were We to find in any soul the warmth of the love of God, We would assuredly cast upon it, in number as the raindrops, verses of impregnable glory. Nay, We would send down upon such a one in such wise as none can reckon save God and the Manifestations of His Cause. Thus hath it been sent down at this moment from the finger of thy Lord, the Almighty. And the Spirit and the Glory and the splendor be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast in the Cause and stand firm in their love.

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He is the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of Great Grace

Rapture and ecstasy have appeared in the City of Lovers, for a precious gem among gems has sought its mine, and a lover among lovers has outstripped all others and sacrificed himself in the path of the Desire of all worlds. The wolf has devoured, the oppressor has slain, and the serpent has opened its mouth and swallowed. Glory be to God! Deeds that cause wonder to the Concourse on High have no effect upon ignorant servants. The events of the days and the appearance of lights and the manifestation of mysteries are visible before all faces, yet they are seen to be without effect and observed to be fruitless, for rebellion has cut down the tree of worthiness and erased hope from hearts. Until now, the light of the Cause and its grace and essence have not appeared in the being of the servants. Ask thou of God to transform and change this. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Upon thee be the light of God and His mercy, and the glory of God and His favor. The event in the land of Sad was the cause of preventing corruption. When the intention and purpose of the oppressors was not accepted, they arose to tyranny. Thou art witness, and those near to God and the sincere ones bear testimony, that this Wronged One protected those souls through the hosts of exhortations, counsels, wisdom and utterance. However, due to the lack of mention of this supreme favor, it remained concealed, and its concealment is preferable with God to its disclosure. They are innocent of what I do, and I am innocent of what they do. However, We counsel all the friends to patience and forbearance. All must fix their gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon. Commit all affairs to God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who put their trust in God, who have relied in all matters upon God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

Know thou with clear certainty that these great oppressions prepare the way for supreme justice. The tyranny of Pharaoh prepared the way for the justice of Moses, and the hand of power brought forth from his house that which he strove with all his might to avoid and whose removal he sought. The power of God is above their power, and the Cause of God is above their commands, and the Will of God is above their wills.

Thy letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud was presented before the Wronged One, and whatsoever was mentioned therein was heard. Thou didst seek martyrdom and hast asked about its station from God, exalted be His glory, both before and after. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy martyrdom. Be grateful to thy Lord for this manifest grace.

The Supreme Pen testified to the martyrdom of the King of Martyrs before his physical martyrdom, uttering these sublime words: “Verily the martyr walketh and speaketh and serveth the Cause of his Lord.” Several years before his ascension, his name was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the register of martyrs. Today, your service and support of the Most Great Cause surpasseth any other deed. Glory be to God! The blind of the world are deprived of sight, and the deaf are forbidden to hear. O thou who speaketh in My name and uttereth My praise! The sheep of God are surrounded by wolves, having had and having no guardian or protector save God. Your honor must act with the utmost wisdom and hold fast to that which is needful in this day. First, in towns and cities where the fire of sedition is ablaze, it is not permissible to turn in that direction. Justice and fairness in Iran have become like the phoenix. For a time His Majesty the King had endeavored to protect the sheep of God. In any case, they have had and continue to have superiority over other servants. His kindness, mercy and favor have had and have no comparison to others. From the land of ?ad they have mentioned and sent forth calumnies. We do not wish to reveal that which is concealed behind the pavilion of knowledge. Second, regarding those friends who are observed to be distressed and fearful in adversity and hardship, no blame resteth upon such souls. How is the state of a bird that beholdeth an eagle, and the condition of a sheep that seeth wolves on all sides? The utmost kindness must be shown to such souls, and even if they commit a wrong deed or utter an unseemly word, one must hold fast to gracious patience and take refuge in the greatest concealment, which is one of the fruits of God’s Name, the Concealer. For if someone’s oversight is mentioned, it would cause grief and embarrassment to that helpless one, and this is not beloved before God. The condition of this Wronged One is known to all, and His purpose is clear, and never hath He considered, nor doth He consider, the preservation of His own self. In the Tablet to the King, these exalted words were revealed from the Supreme Pen, the meaning of which in Persian is this: This Wronged One is seated beneath a sword suspended by a thread or a hair; it is not known whether it will fall now, or in another hour, or another day. Many times We were imprisoned, and like captives We were paraded through streets and bazaars, and all that befell Us and We bore was for the purpose that all the peoples of the world might be sanctified from rancor and hatred and be illumined with the light of love, fellowship and unity. In any case, in these days it is not permissible to turn towards the lands of Shin and ?ad. The accepted souls - the three and the fourth, upon them be the glory of God - have both friends and enemies. The satans of the earth and its wolves have been and are lying in wait. Therefore, your honor’s entry into that land is not advisable. In the land of ?ad, someone from that land must now arise to serve and hold fast to wisdom, illumining hearts and minds with the light of utterance. We beseech God to raise up therein one who will remember Me and aid Me, whom oppression will not deter from justice, nor clamor from steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. In these days it is not permissible to mention the names of the friends at the head of holy Tablets. However, without names, Tablets have been sent written by the two Branches and the servant, and the number of ha by the Greater Branch. We have commanded Jud to mention the details of the bestowal of Tablets.

Mention hath been made of Jinab-i-Mirza Mihdi Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Let them be confident in God’s grace and assured of His bounty. Praise be to God, from the earliest days they drank from the Kawthar of utterance and received a great portion from the sealed wine. We send greetings and salutations to him and the loved ones of that land, and We give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. In these days

their mention hath again been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Should We wish, We would send it as a token of Our grace, for thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Make mention of all the loved ones in those regions on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Be not grieved by the oppression of the oppressors. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make known unto you the stations of those who turned towards Him and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and who drank the wine of steadfastness from this Cup which glorieth over the seas. O Haydar-'Ali, upon thee be My glory! Say: My God, my God! With Thee are the treasuries of sight and hearing. I beseech Thee by Thine eye that sleepeth not, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all created things, and by the ocean of Thy verses and the kingdom of Thine utterance, that Thou deprive not Thy servants of beholding and hearkening. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all men. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Seeing. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones, whom the swords of the world could not frighten, nor could the veils of those who denied the Day of Judgment prevent. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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The Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Praise be to the Self-Subsisting Lord, Who is worthy and deserving, Who through the hands of bounty hath bestowed the choice-sealed wine upon all the peoples of the world. The waves of the ocean of His wrath did not withhold His mercy, and the chains of kings and sovereigns did not prevent the tongue of His grandeur from speech. He is the Speaker of Sinai and the Lord of Revelation Who, through His exalted Word, bestowed new life upon the dwellers of the graves, and engaged them in service. None knoweth them save He Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison before the faces of all nations: "The King hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" Glory, radiance, light and splendor be upon the hands of the Cause of God who have aided His Cause throughout all lands and regions. These are servants whom We have made keys to the doors of knowledge and understanding in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath assisted them to arise to serve His firm and mighty Cause.

The honored Branch hath presented before Me thy letter which thou didst send to the Beloved, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and he read it before My face. We answer thee with verses whereby all things were attracted and the atoms cried out before all faces: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing!" Should anyone ask thee about the Glory, say: "By God's life! He is under the claws of hatred, yet He remembereth His loved ones with that which the fragrance thereof shall never cease to endure, by the perpetuity of God, the Lord of the hidden and the manifest." O Fadlu'llah! Hear the call from the horizon of 'Akka - verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed art thou for having remembered thy Lord at a time when the factions had surrounded Him from all sides. Say: This is the Day of Victory; aid ye it through remembrance and utterance. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed in the Scriptures and Tablets. The eyes of the pure

ones in the Most Exalted Paradise have wept by reason of that which hath befallen the friends of God in the City of Ya. Thus was the matter decreed from God, the Lord of lords. By God's life! Through this God hath aided His Cause and exalted it to a station beyond which all mention is cut off. Soon shall the sincere ones behold the power of God and His sovereignty. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak as He walked in the palace which God had made the Dayspring of lights.

O 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! We have mentioned thee before in a Tablet through which the fragrances of God were wafted to all regions. Thou wert mentioned before the Throne through verses at which feet have slipped save those who were encompassed by the tender mercies of their Lord, the Lord of all men. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to unite through thee the hearts and to strengthen thee in all conditions. Read what We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book and give glad-tidings thereof to My servants who have arisen to serve My Cause, who have soared in My atmosphere, and who have spoken that which the tongue of My grandeur hath spoken from the most exalted station. Say: O people! This is the Day of Teaching. Cast aside what ye possess, clinging to the cord of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, Who is supreme over the Sacred Place and the Station.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The loved ones of the earth and the letter Mim have always been and continue to be before Our sight. No veil separateth between the Wronged One and them. To this beareth witness the Mother Book and beyond it the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My loved ones! This is the Day of triumph and the Day of utterance. Arise to teach the Cause of God, and in all conditions bestow with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance, from the choice sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the finger of the bounty of the Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that perchance the heedless ones of the world may find their way to the ocean of awareness and arise to render service. O party of God, His loved ones and His chosen ones! Shun ye whatsoever giveth forth the odor of mischief, and adorn yourselves with the ornament of patience and resignation. By the life of God! The recompense of your deeds hath not been, nor shall ever be, lost, but is preserved and treasured with the Trustee. Rejoice ye in this word which no words in the world can equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity at this manifest time.

We wish at this time to make mention of him who was named Javad in the Book of God, which speaketh in the final return. O Javad! That which hath appeared is such as no eye in the world hath seen the like thereof, nor hath any ear in the realm of possibility heard its parallel. Yet certain deluded ones are seen who, like unto the people of the Bayan and the Qur'an, cling to the cord of idle fancies and are deprived of the lights of the Day-Star of certitude. Say: O people! Today the ocean of inner meanings is surging and the sun of divine knowledge is shining and manifest. Have mercy upon yourselves and the Cause; be not once again the cause of dissension. Fix your gaze upon the horizon of the one true Revelation. This is the station of true unity and the light of divine wisdom. The former people claimed a new Lord each day, and you have seen and heard what was the fruit thereof on the Day of Judgment. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies in the days of God, the Lord of lords. Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the mercy of the All-Merciful and the bounty of the All-Glorious, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may attract them and draw them nigh unto Him at all times.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath loved Me and cast away all else, holding fast unto that which hath been sent down in the Psalms and Tablets. We wish to end this Tablet with his mention, that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of creation. We testify that he hath attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. In these days that hath come to pass which causeth the heart of the world to be sorrowful. The martyrdom of assured souls hath been and continueth to be the cause of the exaltation of the Word, yet some have added that which is not worthy of mention. Glory be to God! Those who considered themselves the daysprings of steadfastness are seen to be the dawning-places of vain imaginings. Prayer for this Wronged One is necessary.

O Haydar-'Ali! Should anyone ask thee about the Lamp, say: By God, it is amidst the winds! And should anyone ask thee about the Tree, say: It is beneath the swords of malice! Have they not read the Most Holy Book? Have they not discovered the fragrance of its verses? Tribulation, hardship, martyrdom, adversity and torment in the path of God are sweeter than honey and constitute a supreme bounty. However, the suspicions of certain loved ones have caused the heart to melt. By My life! Hearts have been consumed by the waves of hatred that have encompassed the Ark of God, the Lord of all beings. Convey My greetings, glory, mention and splendor to the true loved ones. We beseech God to aid all to that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Under all conditions, occupy thyself with the refinement of souls. Verily He teacheth you, preserveth you, and aideth you through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have cast the world behind them, and have stood before all faces saying: "God is our Lord, the Lord of our forebears, and the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat." Blessed is 'Ali-Akbar, whom We informed beforehand of his captivity and what would befall him from the hosts of the oppressors. These assured and contented souls were mentioned aforetime by the Supreme Pen. Verily We informed him of this as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who remembereth him, assisteth him and respondeth to him on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. Convey My greetings to his wife and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy which have preceded all things. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At this moment We make mention of him who was named Amin in My perspicuous Book. We beseech God to protect him from the evil of the heedless ones, to aid him through the hosts of the exalted ones, and to draw him ever closer unto Him. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate!

Glorified be He Who mentions whomsoever He willeth through His command, and bestoweth upon whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He pleaseth of His knowledge. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. In His hand is the dominion of all things, and He granteth unto His servants that

which maketh them independent of all the worlds. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life, and verily He is the Peerless, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Say: In the sending down of tribulations and trials are signs for them that believe, and in the flowing of tears upon the cheek and the shedding of blood are manifestations for them that are lovers. Then know thou that We traversed the path until We reached the shore of a mighty sea, and this is what We mentioned in the previous year, if ye be of them that know. Then We boarded the ark, and this was ordained by God, the Powerful, the All-Wise. And the sea became calm from its waves until God's trust reached the seashore, and We departed from it by leave of the All-Praised, the All-Knowing.

We arrived in the month that was mentioned unto you and remained therein for several months as was ordained in the holy and preserved Tablets. When the appointed time was fulfilled and its term completed, We departed to another land beyond mighty mountains. This is what We had beseeched God in those days - that He might remove Us from among these people and place between Me and the hypocrites that which would sever from Me the hands of the malevolent. Thus did We dwell beyond the mountains in a place wherefrom no clamor would reach Us, and even if it should, the ears of the idolaters would not hear it. The bounty was lifted from their midst and returned to God's treasury, the Most Exalted, the Powerful. But the believers hear Our call and the breezes of the Cause reach them at all times.

Say: O people! Rejoice not that the sun hath disappeared behind thick clouds of command, nor find tranquility in the world and its ornaments, for God shall soon take from you all wherein ye pride yourselves this day, and ye shall be numbered among the arrogant. Say: By God! The Badakhshan of power shall not give you what ye have lost of this brilliant ruby, nor shall the clouds of glory grant you what ye have been denied in My absence, if ye be of them that know. Ye shall not find in the shells of the sea of creation what ye have lost of this preserved pearl, nor shall the trees of eternity offer you the like of what hath vanished from you of this fresh, ripe, and delicate fruit.

Say: Are ye able to stop the breezes of God, or imprison the fragrances of glory, or prevent the people from the path of God, the Wise, the Just, the All-Encompassing? Nay, by the Lord of might! Ye shall never be able, nor shall ye have the power, even if all who are in the heavens and earth should aid you. Say: Verily, Pharaoh and his nobles gathered to block the gates of grace and prevent the people from God's mercy, and they plotted therein with all their might in times long past. But when the promise came, God opened the gate of providence in His house, and therein flowed the sea of mercy, while Pharaoh was denied a single drop thereof, despite his pride. Thus was the matter decreed of old by the Sovereign of wise command. And Pharaoh searched for Moses throughout the land while he was in his own house, and he perceived it not. Thus do We relate unto thee from the true stories that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are certain, and know that the Cause is in His hand and the decree is within the grasp of His power[…]

Sovereignty is within His grasp. He doeth whatsoever He willeth, and no plotter's plot, no schemer's scheme, no rejecter's rejection, and no denial from any rebellious satan can hinder Him. Be thou therefore confident in thy soul, then walk in my footsteps and deviate not therefrom, even should every wretched rejecter gather against thee. Walk thou in my path, and should thine eye oppose thee in this,

pluck it out and turn not unto it, if thou be of them that hear. Love thou him who loveth God, whose deeds match his words, and whose very being confirmeth them. Then turn away from every base deceiver. Counsel the servants not to create disorder in God's earth, nor to dispute His Cause, nor to follow any sinful rebel. Beware lest thou walk on earth save with wisdom, and speak not save with wisdom, and be thou among the discerning ones. Open not thy mouth unless thou findest an attentive ear, and when thou findest a receptive ear, impart unto it what God hath graciously imparted unto thee, if thou be of them who remember. Open not thine eyes save unto a beauteous countenance, and if thou findest penetrating vision, show unto it what is concealed within thee of the beauty of knowledge, that thou mayest be of them who give glad tidings. Waste not the seed of wisdom in barren soil, and be not of the prodigal. But when thou findest good earth, deposit therein the seed of wisdom and knowledge, that there may grow therefrom a goodly and wondrous plant. Rain not the showers of eternity upon perishable temples, but rain upon such bodies as would, if given but a drop thereof, be quickened by God's leave, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Strive, O my brother, in the Word of God, and waste it not, neither spread it before the heedless. For verily, people are as yet unformed embryos, unable to reach the holy atmosphere or enter the pavilion of sublime and enduring glory, for they have cut off their wings with their own hands, and are thus barred from the canopy of eternity, falling to the earth of abasement with great remorse, depriving their ears of God's melodies and their eyes of the beauty of God, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Then remind, from Our presence, all those small and great from whom thou dost detect the fragrance of truthfulness and on whose faces thou seest the radiance of delight. Then conceal the Cause from those whose faces are turned to thee but whose hearts are set towards thine enemies, and who scheme at every moment. Turn away from these, neither associate with them nor sit in their chambers, nor dwell in their habitations. Be thou in mighty concealment. Shun such as these, be not neglectful in the Cause of God, transgress not beyond what thou hast been commanded, and be not of the transgressors. Then remind, from Our presence, the loved ones of God who are scattered throughout the regions of the world in every distant quarter, then in the land of Alif, the letter Fa, and in the land of Ya, the letters Ra and ?ad, and convey to them what We have sent unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that remember. Thus may their hearts be gladdened, their beings renewed, and they find the fragrance of the divine garment from this exalted Tablet. Then those who were in the land of Shin and ?ad, and besides these the cities of God, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, that they may gird up their loins to aid the Cause of God and convey unto the people what God hath conveyed unto them, for verily He is the Munificent, the Generous. Thus do We cast upon thee from every wisdom that which God hath ordained for thee, that thou mayest find solace therein and be of the thankful. Then remind those who were round about thee and give them the glad tidings of Our remembrance of them, that they may rejoice within themselves and be of the detached. Then make mention, from Our presence, of the letter Jim, and glorify him and his son and those who were circumambulating round about the House. Then tend the House and its inhabitants with all that behooveth thee until God shall manifest what He desireth by His command. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Exalted. As for what We promised thee during thy presence, that We would send thee that which is hidden in the shells of power, precious pearls of holiness, We have not sent it until now and shall send it hereafter if God willeth. Verily, He fulfilleth the rewards of the doers of good. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth and sent down unto thee this Tablet at the time when the

face was covered with luminous white water. Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon whoso hath hearkened to the counsel of this servant from this wondrous Pen. 152

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Sweet as sugar become all India's parrots,

From this Persian candy that to Bengal goes.

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Supreme!

Your letter reached the abode of evanescence and arrived at the treasury of submission and contentment. All that was written was noted, and all that was mentioned was true and correct. However, the lovers in the path of the Beloved and the confidants of the sanctuary of the Desired One fear not calamity and seek not to avoid fate. They are nourished by the ocean of submission and drink from the stream of Tasnim. They would not exchange the good-pleasure of the Friend for both worlds, nor would they trade the decree of the Beloved for the boundless realm. They drink the poison of tribulations as if it were the water of life, and quaff deadly venom as though it were life-giving honey. In waterless, perilous deserts they surge with the remembrance of the Friend, and in lethal wastelands they are quick to sacrifice their lives. They have withdrawn their hands from life and set forth toward the Beloved. They have shut their eyes to the world and opened them to the Beauty of the Friend. They have no purpose save the Beloved, and seek no perfection save reunion. They soar with the wing of trust and fly with the pinion of devotion. To them, the bloodthirsty sword is dearer than heavenly silk, and the sharp arrow more acceptable than mother's milk.

A hundred thousand living hearts are needed on this path,

To sacrifice a hundred souls with every breath.

One should kiss the hand of the assassin and dance joyously towards the path of the Friend. How blessed is this hour and how sweet is this time when the spiritual soul is ready to sacrifice itself and the temple of faithfulness has resolved to ascend the heights of extinction. We have lifted up our necks, eagerly awaiting the unsparing sword of the Beloved, and have made our breasts [radiant], yearning with our very souls for the arrow of destiny. We are weary of name and fame, and from all else but Him we shall not choose flight nor occupy ourselves with dispelling others. Through prayer we seek tribulation that we might soar in the holy atmosphere of the spirit and build our nest in the shade of the tree of divine companionship, that we might attain the ultimate stations of love and drink from the sweet wines of reunion. Surely we shall not let slip from our grasp this eternal sovereignty, nor shall we let go from our hands this incomparable blessing. And if we should be buried in the dust, we shall raise our heads from the bosom of the Lord of Lords' mercy. These companions cannot be destroyed by tribulation, nor can these journeys be traversed by mere footsteps, nor can this countenance be veiled by the curtain of concealment. Indeed, it is evident that with all these enemies, both within and without, who have raised the standard of opposition and have girded themselves with utmost determination to repel these poor

ones, one should certainly, according to the dictates of reason, exercise caution and choose to flee not only from this land but from the face of the earth. Yet through divine favor and infinite invisible confirmations, we are radiant like the sun and manifest like the moon, seated upon the throne of tranquility and resting upon the carpet of patience. What fear has the spiritual fish of the destruction of the ship, and what concern has the holy spirit for the corruption of the outward body? Nay, the body is a prison for this one, and the ship a cage for that one. The nightingale's song is known to the nightingale, and the familiar strain to those who are familiar. Consider the days of old and what befell the Seal of the Prophets and the Source of the Chosen Ones, that you might become light as spirit and emerge like breath from the cage of the body. At the height of the encompassment of enemies and the intensity of trials, the sacred Bird descended and brought this verse: "And if their turning away is grievous to thee, then, if thou canst, seek out an opening into the earth or a ladder into heaven." A thousand eyes are needed to weep blood, and a hundred thousand souls to raise a cry from the heart. And likewise in another place He says: "And remember when the unbelievers plotted against thee, to imprison thee, or slay thee, or drive thee forth. They plotted, and God plotted, and God is the best of plotters." In these two blessed verses which were revealed from the Source of Divinity, reflect deeply that you might become aware of the hidden mysteries. Were people's eyes of insight open, this very persistence of this servant would suffice them all - that despite all these enemies and instances of tribulation, we are luminous like a candle, and like love's beloved we have burned away the veils of concealment in the gathering as we have kindled the fire of love. But what use is it when all eyes are veiled and all ears are stopped? They wander in the valley of heedlessness and walk in the wilderness of error. "They are innocent of what I do, and I am innocent of what they do." Let it be known to you that one of the divines who is occupied with worldly ornaments and […]

He has no share from the chalice of mercy, and no portion from the cup of justice and equity. Not for a moment has he seen this servant, nor gathered in any assembly, nor sought companionship for an hour. Yet he has taken up the pen of oppression, writing with the blood of the oppressed, and has spoken certain meaningless words to a group. In these very days he has related some of his suspicious thoughts to a certain well-known person, who has now gone to Tehran with a book of tales and a volume of stories.

Whatever schemes of deceit he harbors in his heart

Before God are manifest and exposed as the day

All these matters are known and evident, and their foundations are disclosed and confirmed. Though they may conceal it from this servant, how can it remain hidden from Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes? I know not by what divine law they claim to abide, or upon what proof they rely. This servant, who for some time has completely withdrawn into seclusion and chosen solitude, who has closed his door to friend and stranger alike and sits alone - whence arose this envy, and from where did this hatred appear? It is not known whether they will ultimately achieve good and attain their heart's desire. Though they walk the path of passion, this lowly one clings to the cord of piety and, God willing, is guided by the light of divine guidance. I harbor no ill will toward them and have taken no rancor to heart. I have left it to God and held fast to the handle of justice. After they achieve their aims, perhaps they shall drink from the boiling waters of hell and be sustained by the fire of divine wrath, for there is a mighty Judge between us

who surely will not let injustice pass. Eventually, there must be a meeting where matters are made clear and the truth becomes evident to them. Then judgment will be passed - decided and executed. Their suspicious hands are short, while the tree of divine favor is exceedingly tall. Until our time comes, no soul has power over us, and when that moment arrives, we shall seek it with yearning and desire - it shall neither come early nor late. Verily we are God's and to Him do we return. If God helps you, none can overcome you, and if He forsakes you, who is there that can help you thereafter? Peace be upon those who follow guidance. Though I have been and am desirous of meeting you, it is not advisable. Remain in complete tranquility, engaged in visitation, and weary of all but His presence. Convey my remembrances to the loved ones, especially to His Highness Isma'il Mirza. All these matters were related to you last year, but seem to have been erased from memory.

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This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken: His mention hath been made before the Face, and We have mentioned him in such wise as to cause the ocean of utterance to surge in the kingdom of exposition, and the sweet savors of the mention of the All-Merciful to be wafted among all possibilities. We beseech God to aid him, to make him successful in attaining His good-pleasure, and to ordain for him the reward of those who visit Him in spirit and fragrance. Verily the Pen loveth to make mention of the peoples who have held fast to the hem of the Ancient of Days in these times, the like of which have not been witnessed in the past nor shall be seen in the future. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the soul that hath detached itself, turned towards God, and attained the mention of the Most Great One from the Lord of the Beginning and the End. We beseech God to make Us and those who have believed steadfast in His Cause and in acting according to His good-pleasure. This is better for us than all that hath been created in the worlds.

There hath come before the Face a letter from the Noble One, from whom We perceived the fragrance of his love for the Beloved of the worlds. Previously, a glorious letter was sent to him in eloquent Persian which, by My life, causeth the hearts of the lovers to soar and the fire of separation to be stilled. We beseech God to solace his eyes through meeting Him. He, verily, is the Protector of the doers of good. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him time and again. O My physician! By My life, the breezes of Truth waft at all times from the direction of grace towards the loved ones of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Say: Blessed art thou, O Noble One, for thy letter hath come, adorned with the mention of Him through Whom God's binding Word was made manifest and every wise matter distinguished. We beseech God to make him and those with him successful, and also he whose letter was in his handwriting, and to unite them upon one Word. Verily His mercy hath preceded every small and great one.

Likewise came a letter from "B" before "Q" who attained the presence in the Land of Mystery and was occupied with the verses of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he, for We found in his letter pure servitude towards God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. How excellent is the soul that hath adorned its temple with the ornament of servitude. This is truly an exalted station. O Baqir! Grieve not over anything. Trust in God in all matters. He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him, and He is

the Protector of those who advance towards Him. Give glad-tidings to the people of “N” of their mention in the court of the Throne. For each one of them hath been written a reward and station which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Then remind him who wept in separation. A letter hath been revealed for him and We sent it with “S”. We beseech God to make him a herald of His Name, steadfast in His love, and one who speaketh His praise among His slumbering servants. O Baqir! Be as thy Lord desireth thee to be, such that everyone possessed of smell may detect from thee the fragrance of holiness. This is My counsel unto thee and My word for thee and for those who have held fast to the hem of the Holy, the Luminous One.

O Baqir! Hearken in Persian: Today it behooveth all to be sanctified and holy to such extent that the fragrances of truth may at all times waft from the people of truth amongst creation. Thy letter hath arrived. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto His mention and become assured of His Cause. Convey My greetings unto him who is named Muhammad the Bookbinder and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him. The treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. Blessed is he for having attained the recognition of the Beloved and turned with his heart toward the direction of the Intended One. We beseech God to grant him success, to aid him, and to make him among the steadfast ones.

As to what thou hast asked concerning the Night of Power, say: The Most Great Day hath appeared, and around it hath circled the Night of Power, after We revealed it and adorned it with the ornament of Our mighty and impregnable Name. When it passed, its mention becometh not befitting. Hold fast unto the Most Great Day, whereon God shone forth upon all things. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. He Who announced unto men My Revelation hath interpreted it. It hath been adorned with that which was revealed therein of the Letter “Ha’,” from which have branched all the oceans of names. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. In its outward appearance, it is the night wherein the Beloved of the worlds was born, and mention of it hath been revealed in the Tablet which We have adorned with this mighty and wondrous remembrance.

The Mighty Pen forgetteth not to make mention of the Exalted One and those who are with him from among God’s sincere servants. Blessed are they, inasmuch as they have acquiesced in that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Command from their Lord, the Most High, and have returned with manifest joy. Upon them be the glory of God, His remembrance, and His praise. By My life! There hath been revealed for them that which shall solace the eyes of the monotheists.

Then make mention of him who was named Nabil-i-Baqir, who hath believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thy letter hath attained unto this noble Scene. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou knowest my turning unto Thee, my facing toward Thy Self, my clinging to the hem of Thy mercy, and my holding fast unto the cord of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast raised up the heavens of Thy Cause and sent down the tokens of Thy oneness, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that nothing shall prevent me from turning toward Thee. Moreover, ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, who move not except by Thy leave and will. Then cause me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy will and to be enkindled with the fire of Thy love. O my Lord! Thou knowest what profiteth me. Write down for me that which is

best for me. I have placed my trust in Thee and have committed my affairs unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Kind, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the debt of him who was named Muhammad, excellent is that which thou hast done. Blessed art thou for having borne hardships in thy Lord's path. He repayeth whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous. If the loved ones in that land are able to give to certain of God's loved ones and handmaidens, with utter humility and submissiveness, and complete detachment and absolute freedom from worldly ornaments, it would be and will be acceptable in the sight of God - that is, they should record all as a debt until an appointed time. Excellent is that which Our honored servant hath done regarding Our glorious Name. We beseech God to assist him in this. Soon will thy Lord repay the debts of His loved ones and bestow from His grace upon those servants who have assisted them in their affairs. He, verily, is the Rewarder of the doers of good.

Make mention of the youth named 'Ali. Say: That which thou didst send previously hath attained Our presence, but We have no house to adorn. Verily, thy Lord is in the hands of the oppressors.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding the remembrance of Muhammad-'Ali, say: We have heard thy call. Grieve not. He is with thee. He is with His servants who have held fast unto the cord of His love, detached from all the worlds. Upon thee be My glory from this Scene which hath been illumined with the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

As for what thou hast mentioned regarding the remembrance of the wife of Our Name the Mahdi, convey to her My greetings and give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's loving-kindness toward her. She is among those women who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to solace her eyes through meeting Him and to make her one of those who have attained.

O physician! We have noted the letter from Ghulam-Husayn, who attained and returned, and signs of sorrow were evident therein. Convey to him, on behalf of this Prisoner, profound greetings, and say: You must be thankful at all times and be seen in the utmost joy and gladness, for praise be to God, through the favors of the Ancient King, you attained the Most Great Prison and were blessed with attaining His presence. The bounties of God have never been, nor ever shall be, confined or limited to any one thing. If there be a delay in sending Tablets specifically intended for certain loved ones, this hath not been, nor is it, evidence of the absence of divine favors. Verily, He heareth the call of the seekers and accompanieth His God-fearing servants. God willing, through His grace, you will soar in the atmosphere of joy and traverse the expanse of gladness. Be confident in the bounty of your Lord. Verily, He loveth those who love Him. Be not grieved by your poverty, for truly wealthy is he in whose heart are found the pearls of the knowledge of Our Name, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech God to assist those who have believed to turn their attention to your affairs. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Though I acknowledge that He cannot be remembered by any remembrance save His own, and confess that He cannot be described by any description but His, I make mention of Him in accordance with what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. In truth, the world of the heart hath no joy save His remembrance, and the grief and sorrow of hearts and souls find no relief except in His memory. His remembrance is the source of gladness and His praise the dayspring of delight. Praise be unto Him, again praise be unto Him, for having made us know His remembrance and guided us to His path. I testify that He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of ancient grace. And peace and blessings be upon the Dayspring of His mighty signs and His all-encompassing and manifest evidences, through Whom knowledge was spread abroad and the arts appeared and the hidden was revealed, and upon His family and companions, the arks of guidance and the dawning-places of knowledge and wisdom - blessings befitting their glorious station and their exalted rank.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter, which was adorned with the praise and remembrance of the Lord of all being and His chosen ones and pure ones, transformed the ocean of sorrow into a sea of joy and changed the carpet of grief into one of gladness. After it was read and perused, it was taken to the Most Great Spot and presented before His face, attaining the honor of His attention. He said: “O Amin, upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds! Praise be to God, thou art successful through His bounty and illumined by the lights of the Sun of His remembrance. Through the loftiness of the learned and the wise, the baseness of the ignorant and heedless is made manifest. From the honor of the righteous in the sight of the All-Choosing One, the abasement of the wicked becometh apparent. Thy letter was mentioned before the Wronged One. The fragrance of steadfastness and love was wafted therefrom. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to raise up through His Afnan and through thee and His loved ones the standards of trustworthiness and godliness, of truthfulness and sincerity amongst all men, and to strengthen you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Helper.” And We beseech Him to make manifest through your existence the trustworthiness of the people of truth and the treachery of the faithless and the false ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Whatsoever hath appeared from the Afnan - upon him be My peace and loving-kindness - hath been fitting and appropriate. Were it not for divine inspiration, specific instructions would certainly have been given outwardly. The reins of hearts are within His mighty grasp, and the reins of understanding are in the right hand of His will. We beseech Him to aid and assist you in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

In these days, once again a detailed letter has arrived from those friends, urgently requesting the presence of the Afnan, and from their words lamentation and mourning can be heard. Therefore, We have approved their attention to that direction. This matter was also mentioned before. Letters are continuously arriving, requesting him with utmost humility and lowliness. The Overseer, upon him be God’s peace, has given his attention. God willing, through the light of justice and the power of truth, their innocence shall be proven and established. We have previously mentioned before the authorities that the heaven of divine wisdom is illumined by two luminaries: consultation and kindness, and the pavilion of world order is raised upon two pillars: reward and punishment. God willing, may his honor the Assistant be confirmed in the execution of justice. This is a mighty station with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have mentioned and continue to mention the friends. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to

the honored Nabil-Ibn-i-Nabil and those with him and those with you. For each one We ask that which is everlasting and enduring. Verily, God is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O beloved of my heart! A group of the honored Afnans, upon them be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory, have with utmost diligence and effort sought out the honored Afnan, upon him be Baha'u'llah and His favors. According to what is known, most have signed this matter and have beseeched God. Therefore, permission has been granted. This servant begs his Lord to make the end of all matters good. This evanescent servant offers greetings and praise to the honored Afnan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory, and in all conditions beseeches victory and triumph for him. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And likewise, he conveys greetings and praise to each of the friends, upon them be Baha'u'llah and His favors. The One God is witness that all are remembered in the heart - a remembrance that, through God's favor, glorified be His majesty, will neither be forgotten nor fall behind. In these days a letter arrived from the beloved of the heart, the honored Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory. He was in the land of Ha and Mim and wrote details about the lack of moderation of some in that land. Glory be to God! From other directions - from 'Ayntab and Kurdistan, as well as the people of Ha and Mim - they have mentioned reprehensible deeds of Dervish Gh-l. Until now no response has been given regarding this matter. Indeed, the mentioned deeds have caused the Cause of God to be wasted. In any case, countless complaints have been made about him and another soul. Such matters have been and continue to be the cause of great sorrow.

However, they have written very well about the acceptance of the servants and the exaltation of the Cause, and they have written about that beloved one that which is the cause of greatest joy. Among other things, they have written that in every land where he has gone, the people there, upon mentioning that beloved one, exclaim "O what longing!" and they have written that all mention him with the most wondrous utterance and have sought from God to meet that beloved one again. Were it not for your good deeds, they would have been consumed by the fire of the heedless ones' misdeeds. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist His servants to be trustworthy and religious, and to act according to what He has revealed in His Book.

From the land of ?a also, a detailed letter has arrived from the spiritual beloved 'Ali-Qabli-Haydar, upon him be Baha'u'llah. Praise be to God, the friends of that land, through the favor of the Sultan, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him, are all at ease and occupied with divine thanksgiving. Indeed, they have expended and continue to expend great effort in serving and improving the affairs of the friends. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect him from the evil of his enemies and to perpetuate the days of his mention and praise and service.

This evanescent servant takes God, exalted be His glory, and all the Prophets and Messengers as witness that he has ever besought and continues to beseech from the heaven of grace and the ocean of bounty, protection, exaltation, mercy, glory and blessing for His servants, as well as assistance in deeds and virtues that are the cause of nearness and the means of salvation. Nevertheless, I am greatly perplexed by the actions of some who, despite counsels and exhortations, have caused their own stations to be

wasted. This year, complaints about certain souls have come from every direction, and likewise from one of the cities in these regions, a reprehensible deed and […]

Have they not heard and understood the stations of righteousness and piety in the Book of God? Glory be to God! Some act upon that which hath been clearly and evidently forbidden in the Book of God, while they have abandoned that which hath been commanded more manifest than the sun itself. We beseech God to assist all to return unto Him. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Ever-Relenting, the Merciful. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto justice and equity and unto that which they have been bidden by the All-Knowing Commander.

The Servant

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The command belongeth unto God Who, through a wave from the ocean of His trials, hath drowned countless souls whose number none knoweth save His all-knowing, all-informed Self. Exalted, exalted is He at Whose word all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, then through another word of His were raised up servants whom none hath known save He, and He is the Truth, the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Word in one station is expressed as the Trumpet, and when it is blown again, behold, they stand and gaze.

O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy Cause, and the might of Thy Revelation, and the divine realm of Thy glory, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon all existence that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, guide them to Thy path, acquaint them with Thy station, cause them to speak Thy praise, and attract them to Thy mighty and impregnable Kingdom. Then protect, O my God, Thy Afnan who hath risen to serve Thee. This servant testifieth that he hath, for numbered years after being enkindled with the fire of Thy love and tasting the sweetness of Thy utterance, arisen to serve Thy Cause in such wise that all things behind me bear witness to this. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your standing and service. The honored letter dated the 11th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah was graciously received. Praise and thanks be to Him Who continuously and successively favors this evanescent one with blessed leaves adorned with the ornament of love for the Beloved of the worlds. All bounty and all sustenance referreth to Him and descendeth from the heaven of His favor - all is from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He created, guided, and taught knowledge and refinement. The purpose hath been the manifestation of the human essence, that it might attain to the recognition of the Countenance of Unity and be exalted to eternal life. The Sun of generosity hath shone forth, and from that effulgence another effulgence appeared, and from that effulgence yet another became manifest,

and from these effulgences the world became illumined and radiant. One of these stations, through His grace and bounty, is the station of the Afnan. Exalted is He Who hath related them to Him, and exalted is He Who hath mentioned them in that which never endeth. God willing, you shall at all times be engaged in mention, praise and service to His Cause, as you have been and are.

Regarding the House, according to His command it is contingent upon a clear future command, and its mention is not permitted until God cometh with His decree.

News of His Holiness Ism-i-Sittih (Name of God), upon him be all glory, hath repeatedly reached this region. They desired to extinguish the light of God through their devices and quench His fire through their vain imaginings. Far, far from it! However, from the allusions in the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, it was understood that some of the friends have again disturbed the government, and thus after ease came hardship. But as it was from fear and hope of deliverance, they were graced with pardon. The loved ones of the land of Ta, upon them be the glory of God, are afflicted with two trials - internal investigators from the right and external ones from the left. The command is in the hand of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

That which was written concerning the honored Chief, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - praise be to God that he succeeded in that which the company of divines and jurists remained veiled from. In these days, in a letter this servant was writing in response to His Holiness the beloved Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, this most exalted Word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of creation, exalted be His majesty: "Time and again it was heard that the nobles would flee from the Word of His Holiness the Qa'im, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, and the company of divines would be bewildered and perplexed as to what that Word might be. And now they have fled before even hearing it, and are unaware. And that Word is this: 'He hath appeared in the garment of 'I', and the Hidden One speaketh with the voice of 'I am the One known'.' This is the Word that causeth the limbs of polytheism to quake and the hearts of the world to be troubled." Thus ended the divine utterance. This statement hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in numerous instances - one meaning clad in diverse expressions. May He grant the right of fairness, that they might at least understand this much: that the Word from which the nobles flee surely giveth them no rest - "As if they were frightened asses fleeing from a lion!" In any case, mention of the honored Chief was made in the Most Holy Court, and he hath attained divine favors. That which he sent was adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and the receipt was also sent.

As to the mention of the honored Mulla Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that he should be remembered in the Most Holy Court - this was presented, and this is what was revealed for him from the Kingdom of our Lord's Will, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

O Husayn! The story of Husayn hath returned. The Desired One of the world calleth out to the peoples from the Most Great Prison and summoneth them to the most exalted Summit, yet the people, heedless, have arisen with swords of steel and arrows of rejection, and strive with utmost effort to shed His pure blood. The very One Who hath removed strife and conflict from the world they have regarded and do

regard as among the workers of corruption. By God's life! He hath come for the reformation of the world - to this testifieth the Mother Book before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the soul whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not prevented from the Beloved of all possibility, and whom the might of the idolaters hath not held back from taking hold of the Book. Give thanks to the Ancient Beauty, Who hath aided thee to recognize Him and enabled thee to achieve that for which all have been created yet from which they remain heedless. Ere long shall the monotheists behold their station and the polytheists their place. Convey My greetings to those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance and who are illumined and radiant through the dawning lights of the countenance of the Face. Say: This is the day of steadfastness, the day of service, and the day of arising. The glory from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, be upon thee and upon them. Thus ended the divine utterance.

Several days ago, in the letter of the honored Trustee, that is, my beloved Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, verses were specifically revealed for him from the heaven of God's Will and were sent. The honored one mentioned hath repeatedly made mention of them. By God's life! Every steadfast soul is today the recipient of an everlasting sovereignty - a sovereignty that cannot be described and that thought cannot comprehend before its manifestation. Blessed be they that attain!

And as for the mention made of the honored Haji M.L.K ?.S., upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - praise be to God, they have attained God's favors and their mention was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. The servant beseecheth his Lord to open before his face the gate of unveiling and attainment. Verily, He doeth what He willeth, and in His grasp is the reins of all things.

The letter of receipt has been sent. This servant's final submission is to convey greetings and praise to the friends and believers of that land, and beseeches God to assist all to accomplish deeds that are befitting of the Day of God. Most regrettable and lamentable it is that some are unaware of the station of this time and are moved by their own desires. The True One, exalted be His glory, has been and ever shall be the Concealer, and I beseech Him, exalted be His station, to sanctify them from that which they possess and to bestow upon them that which He possesses. May the glory shining forth from the horizon of our Lord's favor rest upon you, upon your brethren, your children, and your brethren's children, and upon those who have clung to the hem of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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HAIFA. O Aqa Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God!

HE IS GOD, EXALTED BE HIS STATION, THE GRANDEUR AND THE POWER

Praise be to God alone, and peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom was the beginning and in Whom was the end, Who was the Manifestation of these words "He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden," and upon His family and companions through whom was revealed the Path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and through whom the tongue of the All-Merciful uttered the words "Verily we are God's and to Him shall we return."

And now, the letter of that spiritual beloved has arrived, indicating several matters which that honored one had in mind. When these were presented before His Holiness [the Master] - may the souls of all in the invisible and visible worlds be sacrificed for His sake - He commanded: Write to him: "O Ghulam! Some of what thou hast said is correct and some incorrect. We do not accept all of it. The praiseworthy attributes, praise be to God, have been and are manifold. Hearken, that We may tell thee: Thou didst hear the call of the Herald, and didst turn toward the Friend's sanctuary, and wert favored with an answer, and didst circumambulate, and wert honored with the remembrance of the Friend. Yes, man is prone to forgetfulness and error, but every dust is and shall be cleansed by the water of sanctification, and every transgression has been and shall be effaced by the water of forgiveness, for God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful, the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving, the All-Seeing, the Answerer of Prayer. God willing, from the boundless ocean of His generosity, He hath forgiven and will forgive thee and the friends. He is the All-Bountiful One before Whose generosity all the world and its treasures are mere nothingness and utter void. In any case, We have recorded as good deeds the two equal shortcomings which thou hadst written of. And as for morals, We beseech Him to adorn them with a spirit gentle, pure, holy, God-fearing and radiant. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of the heavens and the earth. Say:

"Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all things, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all who are in the kingdom of names! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst change fire into light, and prison into paradise, and sorrow into joy, and grief into delight, and darkness into light, that Thou mayest ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will adorn me with the ornament of Thy will, O Lord of all names! Thou art He Who created me and sustained me and nurtured me by the hands of Thy tender mercy until I grew up in Thy kingdom and Thou didst cause me to know Thy straight path and Thy mighty and great highway. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, my Creator and my Provider, that Thou deprive me not of that which Thou lovest, nor withhold from me that which Thou hast chosen. Make me, then, in all conditions, content with Thy good-pleasure and clinging to the cord of Thy loving care. O Lord! I am the poor one, the lowly, the wretched, the abject, and Thou art the All-Sufficient, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Potent."

Mention had been gathered together, and favor was manifest towards each one. God willing, may all be joyous and cognizant of the worth of their day and station. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey mention and greetings to each one. God willing, may they attain to God's grace, God's mercy, God's good-pleasure and God's favor. Praise be to God, your letter brought a smile to the Beloved's face and was the cause of joy. As commanded, say to Jenab-i-Aqa Lutfu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God: "Dear father, he attained to God's favor and at the time of his ascension and advancement, God's grace encompassed him. By My life, verily he is in the highest companionship and beholds at every moment the favor of God, the Lord of the worlds." God, exalted be His glory, is great and generous - the world displays

His bounty and the seas are a sign of His grace. We beseech Him to forgive you and remit your sins and adorn you with the ornament of His mercy which has preceded existence in both the unseen and visible realms. Be not grieved - this is the time for joy. Hold fast to the cord of His favor, be confident in His grace and stand firm in His love. These three became four - mention was multiplied but sanctified beyond number. Be grateful and among those who render thanks.

Praise befitteth and is worthy of the King of all worshipped beings Who, through a single revelation of the word "I am the Lord," made countless servants to appear. He bestowed favor, He created, He granted knowledge, He conferred understanding, and adorned all with the crown of wisdom that they might know Him and attain to His purpose. Blessed is the seeing, hearing one who saw and heard, and woe to the blind and deaf who were deprived and excluded. And blessings and peace be upon His chosen one and the best of His creation, the beginning of His Cause and the seal of His utterance, through whose Book books were ended and through whose presence messengers were concluded, and upon his family and companions whom God made lamps of guidance among creation and suns of justice in the kingdom - they through whom trembling seized the inhabitants of the realms of unbelief and earthquakes the people of polytheism and remoteness.

Thereafter, some time ago your letter arrived and became the cause of countless sorrows. Details were submitted and He said:

O Rida! Has your ear not attained to the blessed word "Give glad tidings to the patient ones"? Have you not found and perceived the sweetness of patience and forbearance in the path of the Peerless Friend? He says "and the patient in adversity and affliction and in time of conflict." Hear the call of the Wronged One and be content with what He has ordained and give thanks for His consummate wisdom. None is aware - oftentimes from pain He brings forth a hundred thousand comforts, and from illness He produces health. Have you not seen how He transformed the prison into paradise? Have you not heard how He made poison sweeter and more pleasant than honey? Were it not that heedlessness encompassed some who are unaware of the ocean of knowledge and were occupied with their own doings, you would now behold all these regions illumined and honored with the light of glory, wealth, riches, comfort and grandeur. What was destined has come to pass, and command belongeth unto God, the Lord of all names.

Praise be unto God! Such bounty hath been observed and is being observed that it needeth not mention by this servant. If thou wert thirsty, thou hast attained unto the water of utterance; if thou wert hungry, thou hast gained access to the heavenly table; and if thou wert seeking, thou hast heard the call of the Sought One. God willing, thou shalt at all times gain access to the Kawthar of utterance and the table of the All-Merciful, and be freed and delivered from aught else but the Truth. The Glory be upon thee and upon Inayatu'llah and his mother and his sister, and upon all who seek to tread the Path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

This evanescent one's petition to your honour is this: that his honour Aqa 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, is present in that land. God willing, in whatsoever place or station he may be, may he be adorned with the ornament of health, certitude and tranquility. Convey my greetings to him and say that in these days, praise be to God, news of the well-being of the friends in your lands hath

been received. All are joyous and occupied with the remembrance of God. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may grant success unto all the peoples of the earth and bestow upon them a portion from the ocean of His generosity. In these days, observe justice like unto a sparrow and tyranny like unto a falcon. What power hath the sparrow to spread its wings and soar in his presence, let alone to learn and to teach? The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. The letters arrived tonight, and in haste, in the first chamber of the building, they live. What the hand of destiny shall bring forth tomorrow, God alone knoweth. However, this much we submit: that it was accepted before His presence. Blessed art thou, and he, and I.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Almighty, the All-Powerful

O Amin! Through the bounty of the Lord of the worlds thou hast attained unto the manifest horizon and been blessed in these resplendent days with the dawning light of the Ancient Beauty. The Cause hath ever been, and shall forever remain, within the grasp of God's omnipotent power. Many are the souls whom He hath, after their acceptance of the Faith, raised from the lowest depths to the most exalted heights where the light of His countenance doth shine forth, leading them to the All-Glorious Horizon. Others, through their own actions, He hath cast down from the loftiest heights to the lowest of stations. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Blessed is the one who hath, in these days of the Lord of creation, drunk from the chalice of detachment and arisen with utmost sincerity to serve the King of all mankind. As thou dost witness, certain souls have emerged from the horizon of detachment in such wise that they regard all else but God as non-existent and have relinquished all they possess for that which is with God. Though such souls are and shall ever be rarer than the rarest substance, yet in these days, through divine grace and heavenly bounty, a few can be found who have, with the utmost determination, girded up their loins to serve the Cause. Their worth is not known today, but by My life, God shall make them, both outwardly and inwardly, the source of all goodly mention. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

On behalf of the Wronged One, convey greetings to all the loved ones. I counsel all humanity to remain steadfast in the Cause, to be faithful to their religion, and to uphold trustworthiness, which hath ever been and shall forever remain beloved. Blessed is he who hath adorned his temple with the raiment of trustworthiness. All must attain unto this luminous vesture, that all who dwell on earth may be guided by the deeds of God's loved ones. A goodly deed itself guideth humanity, as hath been witnessed when certain blessed souls performed such praiseworthy acts that through these very deeds people were drawn to accept the Faith and were attracted to the shores of the ocean of oneness.

Nothing hath been created without a fragrance; all things have had and shall have their own sweet scent. Blessed is the soul from whom emanates the fragrance of the raiment of holiness. Such a one is indeed among the choicest of creation in the sight of God. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou, O Amin, for having turned unto God, entered His presence, attained His court, won His good-pleasure, beheld His glory, and hearkened unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Through the warmth of divine love, thou must manifest thyself in every land in such a manner that all shall be stirred by that warmth and turn their hearts toward the Beloved, for the path of the faithful servant hath been barred through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

O Amin! The cause of motion is heat, and the cause of heat is the Word of God. Therefore must the loved ones, through the fire of God's Word, guide His servants from the left hand of idle fancies to the right hand of certitude, and through the warmth of the divine Word be so stirred that they may ascend from the fleeting realms of self to the sublime heights of eternity. O Amin! If people were to act according to the divine virtues and heavenly attributes recorded in the revealed Tablets, thou wouldst surely witness all who dwell on earth turning unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Stations of sanctification, detachment, acceptance, nearness and attainment unto His presence are not, and never shall be, incompatible with outward affairs. In this Most Great Revelation, all are commanded to engage in crafts, trades and professions, placing their trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This commandment hath been emphatically revealed in the Tablets. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which his Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, hath ordained. Rejoice, O Trustee, in that We have adorned thee with the raiment of trustworthiness. Guard thou this station. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds. We beseech God to grant thee success in all conditions and to aid thee in that which He desireth. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good.

Thou hast become aware of some of the tribulations that have befallen this Prisoner. It is evident to every person of insight that We are immersed in an ocean of trials and are seated beneath the hands of the oppressors, inasmuch as We have never compromised in the Cause of God with any of the most distinguished among the people of the world, nor with those beneath them, as can be understood from the Tablets that were sent to the rulers of the earth. Therefore it is clear and evident to every just and discerning person that all these souls have been, and continue to be, secretly harboring the utmost hatred toward this Voice of Truth. Yet notwithstanding these matters, We have at all times called the people unto the truth and continue to do so. Were the people to reflect even slightly upon that which hath appeared, they would know with certainty that this Cause hath been made manifest through the power of God and hath shone forth with divine sovereignty and might, and that never hath it regarded, nor will it ever regard, its own ease, comfort or deliverance. Its example is as a nightingale caught in the talons of oppression. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, Who crieth out purely for the sake of God. Reflect somewhat upon the world and the events and consequences thereof, and likewise upon that which hath dawned from the horizon of the Cause and hath appeared in His days. Perchance ye may thus perceive that the One Who calleth out doth so for God's sake and speaketh by God's command, lest ye be deprived of the eternal stations by the cawing of the heedless and the doubts of the deluded - whether they be among those who are known by the name of truth or those who are not. Behold this Prisoner as a target, at whom arrows fly continuously and successively from all directions. Yet through divine grace He hath thus far remained protected, and afterwards the matter resteth in His hands. Verily, I love what He loveth and desire what He desireth, and I long for whatsoever God hath ordained for Me, for that which appeareth from Him is My Beloved and the Beloved of My heart. It is

better for Me. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Trustee! That which was uttered in thy presence must be carried out with the utmost wisdom. When thou passeth through the lands, say […]

O my God, my Lord, Beloved of my heart, Hope of my soul, and He Who is remembered in my outward and inward being! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which He who sacrificed His life in Thy path, bore tribulations in His love for Thee and the promotion of Thy Cause, to waft over these lands the fragrant breezes of the garment of Thy mercy and Thy favors. O Lord! These are Thy servants and these are Thy lands, though they have been veiled by their desires and thereby prevented from turning toward the court of Thy grace and from drawing nigh unto the Kaaba of Thy knowledge. Yet Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all possibilities. I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name which hath been made manifest through Thy sovereignty and which Thou hast made to be the overseer of all who are in Thy earth and heaven, not to leave these souls to their own devices. Send down upon them that which shall cause them to turn toward the direction of Thy favor and to gaze upon Thy countenance. Look upon them, O my God, with the glances of Thy mercy, and take their hands through Thy power and sovereignty. Draw forth, O my God, from the bosom of Thy grace the hand of Thy power, and thereby rend asunder the veils that have come between them and Thee, that all may hasten to the fountain of Thy nearness and circle round Thy will and purpose. If Thou shouldst banish them, who else would deliver them from the fire, O Light of the heavens and earth? And according to the command, should you meet any of the loved ones of God who are oriented toward this direction, you must, on behalf of the True One, bid them return, for the situation in this land has become exceedingly difficult, and without permission they shall achieve no result. This is the firm and decisive command that hath flowed from the Pen of Will, by leave of the Lord of all humanity. And glory be upon him who followeth the Truth and heareth what he hath been commanded.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

The essence of praise and thanksgiving befitteth Him Who, from His Most Glorious Station, hath summoned all creation and guided them through His Self-Subsisting Name. How great the blessedness of those souls whom neither cares and sorrows nor the hosts of the peoples have deterred from the Dayspring of the Most Great Name. They have regarded the world and its varied hues and embellished ornaments as though they had never existed, and have turned with heart and soul toward the Friend. Glory be to God! Every person of understanding is bewildered, every fair-minded one perplexed, and every just one filled with remorse. What has come to pass that people of insight and possessors of reason remain deprived of this most great bounty and supreme grace? Do they possess any proof greater than the proof of God, or any testimony more exalted than that which hath been made manifest? By God, no! All that exists in the world cannot equal a single utterance thereof. To this beareth witness every just and discerning soul. Verily the soul is prone to evil. By God's life! These heedless and rebellious souls are as dried leaves before the winds of self and desire, which carry them whithersoever they list. They have neither rest nor tranquility.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all mankind and in Whose right hand lie the destinies of all in the lands! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones at the hands of those who have broken Thy Covenant, turned away from the choice wine of Thy Revelation, and denied what Thou hadst sent down unto them of Thy signs and Thy clear tokens, after they had witnessed the ocean of Thy knowledge and the manifestation of that which Thou hadst explicitly foretold in Thy Books and Tablets. By Thy Self, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! This servant hath been amazed at Thy patience despite Thy power, and Thy forbearance despite Thy might, though he is assured that nothing proceedeth from Thee save that which Thy wisdom requireth. I beseech Thee to send down upon Thy chosen ones that which shall deliver them from the enemies of Thy Self and make them the inheritors of Thy kingdom, the emblems of Thy victory and the standards of Thy might amidst Thy creation. I moreover beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence, to preserve him whom Thou hast related to Thyself and made one of the twigs of the Tree of Thy Lordship. Then ordain for him that which shall exalt him amongst Thy servants and aid him in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit, my soul and my heart be a sacrifice unto your remembrance and unto your steadfastness! Some time ago, a response to your letters along with a reply to the letters of the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, was submitted and sent together with divine Tablets which descended from the Most Holy Heaven specifically for the friends of Sh and A and B. It is hoped these have arrived and that the eyes of the people of God have been honored and blessed with these wondrous and exalted Tablets, that they may become enkindled by the burning fire within the divine words and drink from the hidden oceans concealed therein. Glory be to Him Who hath joined the opposites in His verses and made them one thing! Your honor should hasten in sending the Tablets; the sooner they arrive, the closer it is to piety. Furthermore, three passages specifically regarding the gravestone of the Most Pure Greatest Holy Leaf - upon her be all the most glorious Glory and all the most exalted loftiness - which you had previously requested, were sent. If they find it wise and expedient, they may inscribe any one of them. According to His command, wisdom must be observed in all cases, especially regarding the Afnan, upon them be all the most glorious Glory. This has been repeatedly emphasized. The Command is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. In these days, some friends in various regions have again been instructed to be mindful of protecting the Afnan of the Tree in all conditions. This relates to outward causes. The point is that they have been and are watchful of their Afnan in all circumstances. How blessed are you, a hundred thousand blessings and felicitations be upon you! In view of the repeated supplications of the beloved of the heart, Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be 669, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and likewise regarding the matter of the son, if the beloved Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, should return to Iran, he is permitted. God's favor has been and is with him. He should be engaged in serving the Cause in all circumstances, whether in Iraq or Hijaz or other lands. The protection of children is emphasized by God. And regarding what you had written about having sent a letter to Sarkar Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise his reply - when these details were submitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said: "We beseech God to assist him in that which will exalt his mention, his name and His Cause, and to give him to drink from the cup of My good-pleasure, which God hath placed above all stations." Additionally, the recommendation you had written regarding Haji Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, was received. They specifically summoned him from

Beirut. During days when meeting was somewhat difficult, nevertheless he was repeatedly blessed with attaining the presence, and afterwards he was given leave to return. He hath attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He came with the spirit and returned with fragrance, through a command from God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed is he and joy be unto him.

Another submission: On the 22nd day of Rabi'u'th-Thani, the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived at the Most Great Prison and attained the supreme honor and greatest gift. Praise be to God, the veils of hindrance were rent asunder and he achieved his heart's desire. This is naught but from His supreme bounty, His prevenient mercy, and His all-encompassing grace. The details about the trees that were sent will surely be mentioned by him. In truth, he himself is like a tree - God willing, he will appear with sweet fruits. They said: "Blessed is he who sent it and blessed is he, for what he hath done in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been accepted before the Wronged One." Although the wild rose did not arrive, the deed of the sender and his honor are accepted before God - meaning there is no difference whether it arrived or not. May my spirit and the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of utterance be a sacrifice for His bounty! This much is submitted: that his honor has in no way fallen short, and the ultimate aim and effort was to reach the Source. However, of what that eminence sent, two items arrived. From his honor, the Beloved of the Heart, Shaykh 'Al, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, outwardly it did not arrive, but it truly did arrive, for the Tongue of Grandeur has testified and it was accepted before God. It behooveth us to praise, thank and glorify our Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The Glory shining from the heaven of our Lord's providence be upon your honor, those with you, and those who have arisen and spoken what they were commanded by God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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Additionally it is submitted: If his honor, the honored beloved Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, has departed - that is, to another city of the lands - there is and was no harm in it, and it will not be fruitless. And if he returns, in consideration of the wish of his honor, the honored, revered beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, that too is acceptable. However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for those lands that which is the cause of success and prosperity. Verily, He has power over all things. Another submission: Multiple packets have previously been sent; God willing, they have arrived by now.

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He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Lord of all desires, Who confirmed that soul in turning towards Him, in drawing nigh, in rendering victorious aid and in teaching His Cause, and Who, through His blessed word "The Kingdom is Mine," made manifest the tokens of the Hour and the mysteries of the Resurrection. His

is the praise and the glorification, His the gratitude and the splendor. From the first days thou didst turn unto Him and didst drink from the cup of confession before the faces of the chosen ones and the wicked. With complete steadfastness thou didst arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. In days when vain imaginings deprived all from the Most Exalted Horizon, with the finger of certitude thou didst rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, and with the arm of assurance thou didst break the backs of the idols. We beseech God to aid thee at all times with wondrous and fresh confirmations, that He may render all thy deeds as a single remembrance before thy Lord, and that there may waft from them that which shall guide mankind unto Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Some time ago, the Name of Generosity, upon him be My glory, forwarded thy letter to the Wronged One. We found in it that which caused the countenance of love to smile. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O thou who hast drunk the wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, it calleth thee as a grace from His presence and maketh mention of thee as a mercy from His side. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Samandar! Reflect upon the power of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise upon the manifestations of suppositions and idle fancies. The Most Exalted Herald, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - hath declared: “I have written the essence concerning His mention: He shall not be known through My allusions, nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan.” Would that they had comprehended this one utterance and held fast unto it! Given this decisive and binding word which, as attested by God, is the essence of the Bayan - is it permissible that the people of the Bayan should today remain veiled and heedless of its Revealer and Sender? Every fair-minded person in these days chooseth silence that he may hearken to the flow of the Supreme Pen, from which the fragrance of God’s Cause is diffused. The Primal Point in the highest realm uttereth the blessed words “Verily, I am the first to worship.” Say: O people! Fear God, behold His horizon, then hearken to His call. His mention cannot be confused with the mentions of the world, nor what hath appeared from Him with what hath appeared among the nations. The heaven of divine proof is today adorned with the suns of wisdom and utterance and the stars of commandments and ordinances. Turn ye unto them and be not of those who turn aside. This Most Great Revelation hath ever been all-encompassing, not encompassed. The Herald hath mentioned that which hath no likeness or equal, and from His own manifestation and appearance His supreme purpose was to exalt this Word. This is mentioned in one station, while in another station “None knoweth it save Him.” This is the truth, there is no doubt therein. By God, the Truth! This Most Great Cause and Supreme Proof hath never needed anything to establish Its manifestation. The ocean of utterance is manifest before the faces of all religions, and the sun of proof shineth resplendent above all heads. The Ultimate Tree appeareth with wondrous and sublime fruits and fresh and delicate leaves. Say: Cast aside that which withholdeth you from God, the Lord of all worlds, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by One powerful, knowing, and wise. Today the Bayan is contingent and dependent upon the acceptance of this Most Great Revelation. Verily We sent down for Our Herald that which brought solace to the eyes of God’s Books, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. We sent it to Him, and when it came before Him and He read it, He was so transported by the breezes of revelation that He soared wholly in My atmosphere and sought to attain My presence. The verses stirred Him in such wise that no pen and ink, no tongue can ever recount it. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in the final

return. We have veiled the root of the Cause to preserve it, as a wisdom from Our presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and shall not be asked of what He willeth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Samandar! The earthworms of clay were never worthy of ascent and soaring, and the former people, namely the Shi'ites, were in truth reared on suppositions and idle fancies. By My life! They were not and are not aware of any matter. Until now the mysteries of revelation are not known. Through a single name and word did the religion of Islam become weakened and slip away. O Samandar! The Letters of every revelation must be present in the days of manifestation and attain the honor of meeting. Reflect, then conceal, and be of those who preserve. Until now they have not understood the meaning of unity. It behooveth Us to leave off their mention and mention that which causeth the mountains to quake, let alone human beings. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Know ye that mention was made of souls who have desired to turn towards the Most Great Ocean. O Samandar! Eyes and ears that are worthy and capable of witnessing and hearing are as rare as red sulphur. Yet there is hope that through your sincerity and arising to serve the Cause, the Word may penetrate and guide the servants to the highest horizon. We beseech God to aid them to understand the Shi'ih faction and their deeds and words that oppose God's Cause, for if any soul attains to this station, he will find himself firm and steadfast, such that names will not hold him back from the Truth, nor will the false tales of the past deprive him. Make mention of each of the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. All are and have been beneath the glances of His favor. We beseech God to assist them to promote His Cause with wisdom and utterance, and to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

When thou art stirred by the rapture of My call, turn towards My direction and say:

My God, my God! Thou seest my turning unto Thee, my clinging fast, my orientation and my attachment. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Firm Handle and by the hem of the robe of Thy bounty, O Lord of all beings, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby earth and heaven were illumined, to make me at all times turned towards Thy horizon, speaking Thy praise, and promoting Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Bestower. O my Lord! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then open the doors of their hearts with the keys of Thy bounty and generosity. O my Lord! Thou seest them wandering in the atmosphere of perplexity and error. Deliver them through Thy name, the All-Powerful, and save them through Thy name, the Almighty. Then aid them, O my God, through Thy signs and evidences, make known to them Thy path, and teach them that which will raise them to the heaven of Thy might and acceptance. Thou art verily the Omnipotent Whom the veils of the transgressors cannot withhold, nor the turning away of the opposers, nor the gloating of the gleeful. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou didst mention meeting with Haji Mirza Abu'l-Fadl. O Samandar! In the days when the Most Great Luminary was dawning and shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Land of Mystery, after the sending of Tablets and the revelation of verses, Mulla Isma'il sent a letter to the servant who was present, wherein he acknowledged and confessed his recognition of Him Whom God shall make manifest. Then he uttered these unworthy and unbecoming words, saying that were he to proclaim this station in the Land

of Qaf, Mulla Hadi would cut off his bread. Consider now how the Most Pure and Abha Hearing could receive such words. Yet for the sake of God, We heard them and commanded patience and forbearance. A most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent in response to Aqa Siyyid Musa, upon him be the Glory of God, that he might find therefrom the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

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In the Name of God, Lord of Earth and Heaven!

Praise befitteth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of the Desired One, Who hath made manifest the secrets of hearts and revealed that which lay hidden in the innermost minds. Alas! Alas! for that which hath befallen the Embodiment of sanctity, detachment, trustworthiness and fidelity! The arrows of greed, avarice and passion have assailed Him. That soul, despite the love shown by the Afnan, hath committed that which causeth every trustworthy one to lament and every truthful one to weep. We counseled with trustworthiness; he responded with treachery. We exhorted with truth; he adorned himself with falsehood. He transformed justice into tyranny and trustworthiness into betrayal through his deeds. Every conscious one is bewildered by the heedlessness of that negligent soul. The seat of love hath become the manifestation of enmity, and the place of gratitude hath turned to complaint. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make known unto them that which shall profit them and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

The letter of Mirza Abdul-Karim, upon him be the peace of God, was perused, and the fragrance of love was wafted from its words, and likewise did the light of steadfastness shine forth. And from the latter portion of the letter of his honor Fadl, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, it was evident that he hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath spoken in praise of his Lord. That which was mentioned concerning the martyrdom of the departed one was heard. Blessed is he in that God gave him to drink a draught from the cup of fidelity, and a portion from the chalice of detachment, and a drink from the ocean of martyrdom. At the time of his ascension, the holy souls and illumined realities welcomed him after the lights of pardon and forgiveness had encompassed him. Joy be unto him and unto those who remember him and will remember him with goodness. Verily God is the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Generous.

The cause of the manifestation of this matter was the events that occurred in Muharram. After the incident took place, that which they have mentioned regarding informing the government and ruler of the country was acceptable. It is necessary for those in authority to be informed of such matters. However, in questions and answers it should be said that we were and are true Muslims, but there is a difference that has arisen, namely that we were promised the appearance of a Qa'im from among the descendants of the Prophet. And this group known as Babis say that His Holiness has appeared, while a faction among the Islamic sects who consider themselves Shi'ih deny this Manifestation and say that He must appear from the imaginary Jabulqa and Jabulsa - which are names of two cities - with fabricated signs. This matter became the cause of discord, and that Qa'im [the Bab] Whose appearance we accepted

was martyred, and this incident became the cause of universal hatred and rancor. In the early years, repeated conflicts and disputes occurred in Iran. That Qa'im gave us glad tidings of the appearance of the Name of the Self-Subsisting, Who would appear afterwards. This blessed Manifestation strictly forbade all from conflict and dispute in the Book, and firmly commanded in the Tablets association and love with all religions. As He hath revealed in the Most Holy Book: "Consort with all religions with amity and concord." In another place He hath said: "To be killed is better for you than to kill." And likewise in Persian He saith: If you possess a precious pearl or an exalted jewel, show it and present it. If it is accepted, the purpose is achieved; if not, leave it with him and pray for him, but do not treat him unkindly.

Now it is nearly forty years that conflict and dispute have been entirely removed through God's grace and favor. During these successive years, in every land they have repeatedly martyred ones from this oppressed community, yet they did not retaliate and left it to God. The martyrdom of this oppressed one which occurred in these days is a true testimony to the oppression of this community and the tyranny of the enemies. This oppressed community seeks from God comfort, bounty, glory and well-being for all, yet the enemies in response have been and are engaged in killing and plunder. Now we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest a helper and protector for this oppressed community. Verily He hath power over all things. And the cause of this killing […]

Some of the divines of Iran have, without any evidence or proof, issued death sentences against this community. However, His Majesty the Shah of Iran - may the All-Merciful strengthen him - has for several years refrained from molesting this community, and has indeed protected them, and on various occasions has safeguarded this community from the evil of the ignorant. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid His Majesty in protecting the oppressed from the rising places of tyranny and injustice. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

As for the mention of 'Akka alone, it suffices. Repeatedly during the month of Muharram these events occurred. At the time of departure from Iraq, We counselled all to observe wisdom and that which would lead to the prosperity and success of all. However, after the Wronged One's arrival in the great city during the month of Muharram, some acted in ways that caused great commotion. For the generality of people, not having attained even a drop from the ocean of knowledge, imagine - God forbid - that this community's beliefs or their love for that Holy Being has diminished or weakened. Far be it! Rather, the joy of those days relates to their belief that the Imams have returned and appeared, in accordance with Shi'ih belief, for among the authenticated traditions is that at the appearance of the Qa'im, the Imams of the Qur'an will arise from their graves and appear. They are unaware that in these days another Cause has appeared and the hidden treasure has been revealed.

Such actions are not permissible in days like these, for they are contrary to wisdom. Most people are heedless and veiled from the Truth, oblivious to it and focused on themselves. Therefore, that which causes separation is not beloved in God's sight, for separation leads to estrangement and remoteness. Be patient, O people of justice! Soon days will come when all shall understand the purpose and arise to serve. The honored martyr, whom the mercy of his Lord encompassed from all directions, due to the effulgences of the light of love and the revelations of the radiance of affection, did not observe wisdom as was befitting, and thus occurred what occurred. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

Today one must hold fast to that which causes the attraction and orientation of the servants. O friends of God! Hold fast to that which draws hearts and souls. Deeds that cause upheaval and kindle the fire of hatred are not permissible and are not acceptable. This Revelation is for the union of all, not separation. What has appeared thus far has been and is without harm, and the steadfastness of some souls has become manifest. We beseech the Truth to confirm all in all conditions. What is needed today is the unity and agreement of the friends. All must exert mighty efforts in this regard. We have made mention of the friends of that land, but due to wisdom it was not sent. We shall send it soon. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O My loved ones! Observing wisdom and obedience to government are among God's binding commands. Hold fast to them, as bidden by One Who is a sincere counselor, trustworthy.

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Port Said. May His Eminence the honored and esteemed Afnan, His Eminence Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon whom be [Baha'u'llah's] Most Glorious [glory], behold this through his blessed gaze.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of all beings, Who on the Day of Return, without veil or covering, summoned the peoples to the most exalted horizon and from the hand of bounty bestowed the water of everlasting life upon the inhabitants of the mortal realm. Every soul who turned unto Him attained the chalice of recognition, and every denier was deprived. He is the Just One Who, through the balance of reward and punishment, bestowed freshness and radiance upon the world of justice. Exalted be His grandeur and manifest His proof. There is no God but Him. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and the Cause of the existence of nations, through Whom God sent down the Criterion and through Whom He distinguished between truth and falsehood until the Day of Resurrection, and upon His family and companions, through whom the foundation of religion was strengthened and the strong cord of God was made manifest. Whoso holdeth fast unto them hath indeed held fast unto God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

May my spirit be sacrificed for your remembrance, your utterance, your arising and your steadfastness. Your blessed letter, which was a clear book in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds, was received and in the sanctuary of the heart released the fragrance of meanings and perfumed the pillars, for it was adorned with that which was the purpose of the creation of the world - His remembrance. Well done to your pen and your ink! After reading and becoming aware, We approached the Presence and attained the honor of being heard. He said: "O Afnan! Upon you be the peace of God, His grace and His mercy. In these days there has occurred that which causes the greatest sorrow. That Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, bears witness that this Wronged One has, in most Tablets, commanded the servants to trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity and fidelity. However, the heedless did not accept the counsel of the Wronged One. They passed by what is right and clung to what is wrong. The tempests of

self and passion move them. The unfair one in the great city tore the veil of honor and did that which caused the pillars of trustworthiness and religion to shake, despite being shown kindness and assistance and being aided by God's command. Glory be to God! The fire of greed and avarice appeared with a strange flame in that city, burning away spiritual qualities, and in its place the fire of envy was kindled. O Afnan! I do not complain of My grief and sorrow, and I remain content with what has befallen Me from the oppression of the oppressors and the turning away of the ones who turned away. Glory be to God! Some souls strive and struggle for their own completion, but are unaware. We commanded all to that which elevates human stations in the contingent world, yet they did that which caused the people of the cities of remembrance and utterance to lament. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them to return and to make known to them what they have lost. From them has appeared oppression in place of justice, tyranny in place of equity, and the fire of unfaithfulness in place of fidelity. That Afnan and those with him and the friends of God, exalted be His glory, must gaze toward the horizon of forgiveness and bounty and beseech for creation that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Convey greetings to the Afnan on behalf of the Wronged One. Let them not be saddened by exile. Praise be to God, they have turned to Him and taken residence in the vicinity. We beseech God to open before his face the door of His grace. Verily, He has power over all things. His Honor the Overseer, upon him be God's peace, has hastily departed from the source of corruption and chosen flight over staying. The cause of the hatred and enmity of some in the great city is not known - what it was and how it arose. In any case, the station of mention is, we seek refuge in God. Convey greetings to the friends of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Watchful, the Near." End.

In truth, the affairs that occurred in the Great City have become a cause of astonishment. People's wealth has been scattered to the wind, a great injustice has been inflicted upon justice, and the severest blow has been dealt to religion. I beseech God to protect His loved ones from the harm of those souls. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth. That which this servant never imagined has come to pass. One who had been shown the utmost kindness, and whose outward affairs had been arranged according to his wishes, nevertheless, solely due to vain imaginings and suspicions, committed that which caused harm and grief to the Station. All that your honor wrote regarding these matters and dealings of the person in question is the truth, without doubt. After it was presented, He smiled and said: "Excellent is what the Afnan (upon him be My peace) hath done." However, in the Great City he has practiced deception with the friends of God. Moderation with such souls is not permissible, for whatever moderation was shown to heedless souls in that land, they have written it differently and sent it to this land. It seems they were created from sheer heedlessness and absolute hatred. Complaints about those souls have come from all directions. According to reports, he has made purchases for some that were contrary to religion and trustworthiness. Praise be to God that his share of deceit, trickery and cunning had no effect on your honor. Whatever you wrote to him was repeatedly presented, and each time it was presented, joy and gladness were manifested. Praise be to God that the Afnan was protected from the arrow of that heedless one's treachery. He never thought there would be found in the world a soul who would remain protected from his deception and cunning. Praise be to God Who protected the Afnan from his evil and his cunning, and answered him in what was befitting. Verily He is the Protector, the Trustworthy.

In truth, this servant was greatly pleased by your honor's letter. The meaning of the blessed verse "And they planned, and God planned, and God is the best of planners" became manifest. That heedless one committed that which is not permissible to mention. In nights and days he associated with the enemy of God. For four years patience was shown and the name "Concealer" prevailed, but the lamentation of truthfulness, the cry of trustworthiness, and the wail of chastity removed the veil and revealed the reality of that soul. His injustice reached such a point that the hand of power revealed his deeds and uncovered them. Verily He is the Avenger, the Just, the Wise.

To the presence of the honored Qurratu'l-'Ayn of the near ones, the Afnan (upon him be the peace of the All-Merciful and His favors), I convey greetings. Praise be to God, he is blessed with the greatest favors and is mentioned before Him Who is Mentioned. To the beloved of the heart, the honored Nazir (upon him be God's peace and grace), I convey greetings, and I beseech God for him that which is the cause of joy and the source of happiness. Likewise to the other friends who are present with your honor, I convey greetings to each one, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for blessings, bounty and steadfastness for them. Verily He is the Giver, the Generous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and hear your word for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The Servant

29 Ramadan 1306

He said to write to the Afnan that if possible, they should send several drinking glasses.

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In Port Said. May the honored Afnan, his eminence Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, be favored with the most luminous gaze.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

In every moment of all moments, the successive and continuous blessings of the Desired One are manifest and evident. Existence is from Him, health is from Him, manifest, and bounty descends from Him, and protection through the hosts of His means is resplendent. Were details to be mentioned, pen and ink would find themselves impotent. With all these favors, gifts and bounties, each of which requires a hundred thousand thanks, how can one tongue suffice and fulfill its gratitude? Thus it is proven by demonstration: the impotence of servants and the admission of inadequacy. Every fair-minded one bears witness to what has been mentioned.

O God, O Generous One, O Merciful One! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath conquered all created things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all existence, to ordain for every particle of Thy creation a speaking tongue in Thy remembrance, praise, and thanksgiving for Thy bounties and favors. My God, my Lord, and my Support! I beseech Thee by the confession of those near unto Thee and the unitarians, and by the acknowledgment of the sincere ones and the mystics, and by Thy Name which

Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy attributes and names, to assist Thy servants in that which befitteth Thy pardon, Thy bestowal, Thy mercy and Thy power. O Lord! Thou art the Strong, the Powerful, and Thy servants are weak and poor. Adorn them with the ornament of Thy strength and power. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention, your arising, and your steadfastness! Your letter arrived and truly wondrous effects were evident from it - the glad tidings of health and the transformation of sorrows and griefs into joy and delight, and furthermore awareness and knowledge of affairs. Blessed be God, it possessed both outward and inward bounties, and truly for this poor one it was a spiritual wealth in the realm of knowledge. Praise be to God, it conveyed degrees of love, affection, favor and mercy. After its reading and review, approach was made to the Presence, it was presented before His face and achieved the honor of His listening. He said that the mention and utterance of the Afnan, upon him be God's peace and favor, is the cause of gladness and joy. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him in guiding His creation, exalting His Word, and manifesting that which adorns the servants with His attributes. O My Afnan! Upon thee be God's peace and bounty. Thou art remembered on the carpet of the Wronged One and art the recipient of special favor. Thy mention was adorned with His hearing. Praise be to God, each word thereof was like a muezzin who, from a lofty and elevated station, summoned people to the gathering place. Despite the radiant favors, manifest bounties, and brilliant bestowals, some persist in opposition and deny what is manifest. Say:

O my God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy justice and their temples with the ornament of Thy forgiveness. O Lord! Prevent them not from turning to the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art the One with power through Thy sovereignty, before which neither the dominion of the world nor the might of nations can stand. O Lord! Assist Thy Afnan through Thy bounty and generosity, then open before his face the doors of Thy grace and mercy - that whereby he may become known through Thy name, mighty through Thy might, and obeyed through Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of the son and give him the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and favors. Give him My greetings from the Wronged One and remind him of what hath been uttered in this irrevocable Tablet. We make mention of him who hath been adorned with the love of God and His loved ones, and We beseech God to aid His loved ones to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Munificent, the One possessed of manifest grace. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! His successive favors are evident and manifest. Mention of that honored one hath been made at all times, and bounties and favors have been revealed in such wise that this servant is unable to describe them. That honored one knoweth and will know. As for the account of the land of Shin, it appeareth that the Siyyid of that land's inattention hath caused an uproar to arise. His Holiness Afnan (upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious) sent a petition to the Most Holy Court, and likewise a letter to this evanescent servant, and this was before the arrival of the Blessed Tablet. The turmoil in that land was the cause. Now a letter containing verses and clear proofs hath been sent to the spiritual friend, His Honor Haji Ghulam-Husayn Kh-A (upon him be the peace of God). It will reach that honored one's

attention; let him consider it and send it on. We beseech and hope from the Intended One the improvement of that honored one's affairs. Assuredly any attention that is given for the sake of God will have its effect and its wisdom will become manifest. The affairs of His Holiness Afnan of the land of Shin (upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious) have apparently suffered somewhat due to the disorder in the affairs of certain other Afnans (upon them be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness), as their sudden movement during the rainy season and their physical illness prove what hath been submitted. Indeed they have borne a great burden in that at such a time they have turned their attention to that land for attending to affairs and occupations. This servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His Holiness and to aid him and to set right his affairs as a mercy from His presence and a favor from His court. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. There is no God but He, the Hearing, the Seeing.

There was a passage in the blessed supreme letter that caused much smiling from the Master (may our spirits be sacrificed for Him). It was repeatedly presented and successive favors were evident and manifest. Indeed all passages of the letter were the cause of joy and gladness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted is He, to manifest through you that which will gladden the hearts of the world and bring solace to the eyes of the nations. Verily He is the Answerer, the Choose One.

That which was written mentioning the spiritual friend, His Honor Haji Niyaz Effendi (upon him be the Glory of God), was presented before His countenance and achieved the honor of His hearing. Now praise be to God, they are present in the vicinity and speak in remembrance of that honored one, and the supreme favor is evident and manifest toward them. It is hoped that they will ever be adorned with this bounty and illumined with this light. He said: "Niyaz is truly in need." God willing, may the divine will manifest that which is the cause of true wealth.

The tin tube with its inner contents, that is to say the pieces, arrived.

I send greetings unto his honor the Afnan, the Most Luminous Star and Most Brilliant Orb, upon him be the peace and glory of God. I offer congratulations and hope that through the grace of the All-Bountiful One he may attain to all that conduceth to exaltation and elevation. Likewise unto the other friends who are illumined by the light of certitude and enkindled with the fire of love do I send greetings, and I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, on their behalf whatsoever causeth the exaltation of His Word. The Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust before their feet - and the dwellers of the Pavilion of Sanctity and Grandeur make mention of that honored one in the most exalted station, sending salutations, praise, glory and splendor. They ceaselessly beseech the Most High on behalf of that honored one whatsoever is sanctified and elevated above all comparison and likeness. Verily our Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answerer of Prayer. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Peace and remembrance and mercy and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and upon those who love you and hearken unto your words, for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Protector of the sincere ones and the Lord of all the worlds.
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May my contemplation be blessed with the gaze of my Lord and Beloved, the Most Exalted Name 66, upon him be all the most glorious glory. He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power.

My spirit and being be a sacrifice unto Thee, then my innermost essence and identity be a sacrifice unto Thee. Days have passed wherein this evanescent servant has not been blessed with the fragrant breezes of thy letter and the sweet-scented emanations flowing from the pen of thy grace and favor. Were I to reckon each hour thereof as a thousand years, I would be truthful in this utterance, for when the seeker is separated from his Beloved even for less than a moment, he accounts it as a thousand ages, and even this is little compared to the burning thirst of love for thy countenance and the yearning for thy presence. We beseech God to pour forth patience upon me in all conditions, verily He is the Guardian of the patient ones.

Furthermore, I submit that for some time I have not been honored with the traces of thy blessed pen. Several blessed letters arrived in succession, and this servant was honored with them all and submitted replies. God willing, they have arrived by now. No new developments have occurred except that his honor Ismullah-i-Asdaq, upon him be the glory of God, has, according to instructions, turned towards the Most Holy Court and is now dwelling in peace under the shadow of the Beloved of the worlds. Likewise, his honor Haji Abdul-Rahim and his son, upon them both be the glory of God, have, as instructed, proceeded from Tabriz to the Most Holy Court and are now dwelling under the shadow of His grace. Furthermore, his honor Nabil of Qa'in, upon him be the glory of God, has reached Mosul and has paused there, seeking permission to attain the presence. Permission has been granted from the Source of Command for him to proceed to the Most Holy Court or to the Land of Ha, as deemed appropriate by your honor, and indeed your honor's judgment in this matter was most wise. We beseech God to assist all to serve His Cause.

Also, Haji Hassan from Q along with two persons from Kalih-Darih and family have arrived at the Most Holy Court and are dwelling in its shadow. They had received partial permission in previous years and, holding to this, they proceeded. Likewise, his honor Samandar and Haji Nasir, upon them be the glory of God, have proceeded with permission and have arrived in Aliyyih, intending to reach the Most Holy Court. According to reports, numerous souls are on the way without permission, having resolved to come. I beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to assist this servant and the friends and lovers of His eternal Beauty - this is not difficult for Him.

Furthermore, another news is that the matter of the seven persons has apparently become difficult, as some in the Administrative Council of Damascus have risen in religious opposition, while others out of greed that worldly ornaments do not suffice. From the Pen of God, regarding this matter, a word was previously revealed: "He became hungry while his teeth were upon heaps." Indeed, this blessed word was specifically revealed about these souls. In all matters we place our trust in God.

Concerning Haji Hassan, that which His Holiness arranged has been accepted before the throne. God has forgiven what is past; verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. From that which was revealed from the Supreme Pen in the glorious Tablet specifically revealed and sent to His Holiness - the attention of that beloved one to various regions has borne abundant fruits, and in every place the name of God has been upraised. Sometimes in Iraq it was heard from the blessed tongue that they would say that His Honor Haji Siyyid Kazim - may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him - had written to the Bab - may all glory

in its most glorious be upon Him - “What concern is it if the wall of the community should fall, when thou art its support,” and so forth. And it is hoped that all lands which bear accepted souls and have remained parched from the dryness of the winds of fancy will become verdant and flourishing through the outpourings of the rains of mystical knowledge of that beloved one. We beseech the Most High to assist us in serving His Cause and in manifesting what hath been revealed in His Tablets, and to make us among those who are steadfast in His remembrance and praise. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another matter is that His Honor Aqa Abdul-Hussein - upon him be the Glory of God - arrived from the regions and sent a petition to the Most Holy Court stating that this servant desires to go to Mecca and is now determined, if permission from the Source of Greatest Bounty is granted, even if for one hour, to attain the honor of meeting, otherwise to proceed to the aforementioned destination. Therefore permission was given and they came and attained what God desired. Blessed be he, again blessed be he. However, they had no letter from His Honor Ismu’llah Ha - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. When asked about this, they mentioned that “I went to his presence and he said ‘Since you have no permission, I will not give a letter.’” The truth is with him, but since the aforementioned person had the intention for Mecca, therefore permission was given and no blame is upon him. I testify that he is among the successful ones.

May I be thy sacrifice! At this time when the petition reached this station, two holy, adorned, beautified and illumined books from that beloved one arrived like two pure tables. Praise be to God, this servant was in utmost appetite and the bounty was in the highest degree of grace and purity. We kept eating and kept giving thanks. And what bounty it was - a perfect bounty! How could it not be, when it was cooked in the breasts of words with the fire of love for the Revealer of Verses and sent from the Beloved to the yearning, burning, eager and hungry one.

What was written regarding the matter of sustenance of His Honor Aqa Siyyid Javad - upon him be the Glory of God - was greatly accepted before the throne, and His Honor Jud will surely present the details himself. We ask God to unite their gathering and set right their affairs. The details of this matter are very delightful if His Honor Aqa’i Aqa Siyyid Javad presents them completely. And further, this blessed word has risen from the Source of the Cause: “If this land becomes settled,” whenever it happens and someone from that land turns toward the Most Holy Court, Fatimah Bigum - upon her be the Glory of God - should be remembered in that caravan and turn toward the Most Holy Court.

May I be thy sacrifice! The journey of that beloved one has become very long. Specifically they said: “His journey and absence have been prolonged. The time of his nearness and presence has come.” […]

A blessed and exalted Tablet has descended from the heaven of grace and special favors of that Beloved One. Since the original revelation was in pieces and its sending was not possible, this servant has copied and sent it from the original. God willing, they will attain unto it. What else can be submitted? Out of longing, yearning, attraction and sincerity, each one of the beloved ones offers, individually, pure devotion and nothingness to His Presence. The Two Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Mighty Branches - may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be sacrificed for the dust of their blessed footsteps - remember His Presence with special, special, special mention and convey wondrous, exalted, Most

Glorious greetings. Likewise, the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree and their branches convey Most Holy, Most Glorious greetings. The Maidens of the Sanctuary and the dwellers of the pavilion of the glory of the Ancient Beauty, in the Most Holy Court which is sanctified from the mention and indication of all created things, remember that Beloved One with glorious mention. Upon you be glory, what glory! Glory before which the Supreme Spirit and the spirits of all the Prophets and Messengers would sacrifice themselves.

Servant

23 Muharram 91

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Glorified be He Who created all beings to ascend unto the heaven of His knowledge and commanded them to unite for the exaltation of His Word and the tranquility of His servants. Verily He, exalted be His glory, hath desired unity for the manifestation of gathering, and the manifestation of gathering for the promotion of mutual aid amongst them and the ordering of their affairs as befitteth them. He is the Sovereign Who hath prescribed for His creation that which shall profit them in all the worlds of His worlds. I beseech Him, exalted be He, and say:

My God, my God! Aid them to accomplish what Thou hast desired for them in Thy perspicuous Book and Thy mighty Tablet. O Lord! Make known unto them that which will exalt them, assist them, and preserve them from that which is unworthy of them. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the All-Wise, the Gracious Commander.

And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom the kingdom of earth and heaven was adorned, and through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in His all-encompassing knowledge of what was and what is to be, and upon His family and companions, the dawning-places of might and the manifestations of the power of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

And then, O beloved of my heart, thy distinguished letter, which was like a fruitful tree, arrived. Praise be to God, its root is firmly established in the soil of love and its fruit is present before our face. We eat and we praise, we eat and we give thanks. A hundred thousand tongues and a hundred thousand beings would be needed to perhaps fulfill the obligation of gratitude for it. But alas, alas! Reason declareth this to be an unworthy utterance - what hath dust to do with the Lord of Lords? Therefore submission and the admission of powerlessness are befitting, and I say:

I ask Thy forgiveness, O God of earth and heaven, for that which my tongue hath uttered and my pen hath written. Thou seest, O my God, how from every hair of my being are raised the hands of my hope toward the heaven of Thy pardon, Thy bounty, Thy mercy and Thy favors. Do not, O my God, send them back disappointed and at a loss. Take them through Thy generosity, for verily Thou art the Munificent, the All-Generous.

And after reading and becoming informed, I proceeded to the Most Holy Court where it was presented before the countenance of my Lord and was honored to be heard. He said: “O Amin, upon thee be the peace and favor of God. In all conditions we must offer praise and thanksgiving to God, glorified be His majesty, for He hath, from the ocean of generosity and the heaven of bounty, adorned His loved ones amidst the peoples with the ornament of trustworthiness, truthfulness and sincerity, and guided them to the straight path - that is, the most upright path - that is, the most firm, clear and strong path. Jest in speech is as salt in food.” Say:

“Praise be to Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, for having sent down the blessing of Thy utterance and manifested the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace. I testify that through Thy will Thou hast opened the doors of generosity upon existence and the gates of bounty upon the world. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of proof and in Whose right hand is the dominion of certitude, by Thy hosts that have appeared from Thy Most Exalted Pen and by its influence in the world of creation, to ordain for me and Thy loved ones that which will exalt us through Thy Name and preserve us from the evil of Thine enemies. O Lord! Aid us to cling fast to Thy will and to hold to the hem of Thy decree. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful, the Merciful, the All-Bestowing.”

O Trustee of God! Praise be to God that thou wert assisted in delivering that wronged and oppressed one, namely the Trust of God, for that helpless one was, like this Wronged One in the prison of ?a, bound in fetters and chains for a long time due to the oppression of the oppressors and the calumnies of the slanderers. In any case, through God’s assistance - glorified be His majesty - that wronged one was delivered. The visit of the honored Afnan and yourself to the Holy Threshold hath momentous consequences and mention thereof shall be immortalized in the Book. This is of His great bounty and His supreme loving-kindness. Rejoice at these glad tidings through which the decree of joy and gladness was made manifest among the servants of God and His loved ones. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends of that land. By the life of God, they were and are remembered in the arena of imprisonment. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for them the good of this world and the next, and to decree for them the reward of those who stood before the Seat of Justice and spoke that whereby the scrolls of truth and fairness were spread abroad. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Mention was made of the honored Afnan and the friends, and likewise of the zeal and dignity of A. and ?., upon them be greetings. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the essence of knowledge and deeds, certitude and recognition. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and his loved ones and strengthen them to remember Him, praise Him, and manifest His attributes throughout the duration of the earthly realm and the Kingdom. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

And as to thy repeated mention of the son of S.M., upon them both be greetings - this is a bounty from God. The people of that house have been favored with recognition and service from the beginning of the Cause. In those days which were as dark as night, when the intensity of wrath was directed from every side - now ask thou God to protect them and preserve them from whatsoever is unworthy of His days. Verily, He is the Generous, the Lord of great bounty, and He is the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

How can tongue and pen fulfill their task? How can a drop reach the ocean, or an atom the sun? Praise be to God, all are assisted and favored with His grace. This grace hath ever been, and shall ever be, sanctified above any likeness or comparison. Well is it with them that have attained! These days, letters have arrived from Iran, each adorned with mention of that Beloved of hearts. Specifically, a letter arrived from Ibn-i-'A??ar (may God's mercy be upon him), upon him be the Glory of God, wherein he wrote about a trust that was in his possession. After being presented before His presence, the command was issued that some should be delivered to the friends of that land and some should be sent to that Beloved of hearts.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Ra?matu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God - praise be to God, the glad tidings of permission reached him, and now, praise be to God, it is several days that he is present and circumambulating. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him and all who are on earth to do what He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Fulfiller of the needs of all humanity. His companion hath also come. Praise be to God, there is a gathering present. In these days permission to return hath been granted. Praise be to God, the purpose was achieved and they attained unto the blessing of pilgrimage.

And regarding the affairs, they should, as commanded, execute and implement whatever they deem advisable.

As to what you wrote concerning whether a person who is trustworthy and knows the Turkish language would be needed if the honored Afnan intends to stay - indeed, after consultation and deliberation, such an arrangement would be necessary. However, in the land of A and S and these regions, while trustworthy individuals can be found, those who know the language cannot be found. In all matters consultation is necessary and then action according to it is beloved. In all conditions, praise be to God, they have been and are victorious and triumphant. As commanded, mention was made of the honored Afnan and that beloved one in letters sent to various regions. I convey greetings and remembrances to the friends of that land, and I beseech from the Tree of Divine Favor inexhaustible fruits for each one. Verily He is the Generous Giver and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the righteous servants of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The Servant

On the first of Rajab 1307

That beloved one continues to be mentioned in the presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - and likewise the people of the Pavilion of Infallibility all send their greetings.

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He is the All-Glorious. This is the garden of Paradise, wherein arise the anthems of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting; wherein ascend the soul-entrancing melodies warbled by the Nightingale of Eternity upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree; wherein abide the Maids of Heaven whom none hath touched

save God, the All-Glorious, the Most Holy; and wherein lieth enshrined that which draweth the needy to the shores of the ocean of true wealth and guideth the people to the Word of God. And this, verily, is naught but the manifest truth.

By Thy name “He”! Verily Thou art “He”, O Thou Who art “He”!

O Monk of the Divine Unity! Ring out the bell, for the Day of the Lord is come and the Beauty of the All-Glorious hath ascended His blessed and resplendent throne. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O Hud, Prophet of the Divine Decree! Sound the clarion in the name of God, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful, for the Temple of holiness hath been established upon the seat of supernal glory. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O Countenance of immortality! Pluck with the fingers of the spirit the sacred and wondrous strings, for the Beauty of the Divine Essence hath appeared, arrayed in a silken vesture of light. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O Angel of light! Sound a blast upon the trumpet at the advent of this Revelation, for the letter Ha’ hath been joined to the letter of ancient glory. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O Nightingale of heaven! Warble upon the boughs of this celestial garden in the name of the Beloved, for the beauty of the Rose hath appeared from behind an impenetrable veil. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O Songster of Paradise! Trill out upon the twigs in these wondrous days, for God hath cast His effulgent rays upon all created things. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O Bird of eternity! Soar aloft in these heights, for the Bird of faithfulness hath soared in the atmosphere of divine nearness. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O denizens of Paradise! Sing out and chant in the sweetest of tones, for the melody of God hath been raised within the Tabernacle of matchless sanctity. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O inmates of the Kingdom! Intone the name of the Beloved, for the beauty of His Cause hath shone forth from behind the veils, adorned with a luminous spirit. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O dwellers of the kingdom of names! Bedeck the furthest reaches of heaven, for the Most Great Name is come, riding upon the clouds of transcendent majesty. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O inhabitants of the Dominion of divine attributes in the Realm of Glory! Make ready to enter the presence of God, for the soft breezes of holiness have wafted from the sanctuary of the Divine Essence, and this, verily, is a conspicuous bounty. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O paradise of the Divine Unity! Rejoice within thyself, for the paradise of God, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, hath appeared. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O heaven of grandeur! Render thanks unto God within thine inmost being, for the heaven of holiness hath been upraised in the firmament of a heart of stainless purity. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O sun of worldly dominion! Eclipse thy face, for above the horizon of a resplendent morn there have shone the rays of the Day-Star of eternity. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O earth of knowledge! Swallow up thy learning, for the Earth of true knowledge hath been outspread through Him Who is the Self of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful, the Most High. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O lamp of earthly sovereignty! Put out thy light, for the Lamp of God hath been lit within the niche of eternity and hath illumined all that are in heaven and all that are on earth. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O seas of the world! Still the pounding of your waves, for a most wondrous Cause hath made to surge the Crimson Sea. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O Peacock of the Divine Unity! Utter thy plaintive cry amidst the thickets of the celestial world, for the melody of God hath sounded near on every side. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O Cockerel of eternity! Sound thy call in the forests of the empyrean heaven, for the Summoner of God hath cried out from every lofty height. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O concourse of ardent lovers! Rejoice in your souls, for the day of separation hath ended, and the Covenant hath been fulfilled, and the Beloved hath appeared arrayed in sublime and majestic beauty. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

O assemblage of mystic knowers! Let your hearts be filled with joy, for the time of remoteness hath passed, and the spirit of certitude hath appeared, and the countenance of the celestial Youth hath beamed forth, adorned with the ornament of holiness in the paradise of His name, the Almighty. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art “He”, O Thou besides Whom there is none but “He”!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Day through which Thou didst bring forth all other days, and in a single moment whereof Thou didst reckon up the appointed time of all that have been and all that shall be–Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art "He", O Thou besides Whom there is none but "He"!–

And by Thy Name which Thou hast made the sovereign of the kingdom of names and the ruler of all who are in heaven and all who are on earth–Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art "He", O Thou besides Whom there is none but "He"!–

To graciously enable Thy servants to dispense with all but Thee, to draw nigh unto Thee, and to become detached from aught else save Thee. Thou, verily, art the God of power, of might and mercy. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art "He", O Thou besides Whom there is none but "He"!

Enable them then, O my God, to bear witness to Thy unity and to testify to Thy oneness in such wise that they may behold naught save Thee and shut their eyes to all else. Thou, in truth, art powerful to do what pleaseth Thee. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art "He", O Thou besides Whom there is none but "He"!

Kindle, then, within their breasts, O my Beloved, the fire of Thy love, that it may burn away the mention of aught else, and that they may testify within themselves that from everlasting Thou hast dwelt within the inaccessible heights of Thine eternity, that Thou wert alone with none beside Thee, and that Thou wilt continue unto everlasting to be what Thou hast ever been. No God is there but Thee, the Lord of might and bounty. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art "He", O Thou besides Whom there is none but "He"!

For were Thy servants who long to scale the heights of Thy unity to set their hearts upon aught except Thee, they could not be reckoned among such as have truly believed, nor would the sign of Thy singleness be found within them. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art "He", O Thou besides Whom there is none but "He"!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Such being the case, I implore Thee to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which shall purify the hearts of Thine ardent lovers and sanctify the souls of those who adore Thee. Raise them up, then, through Thy transcendent power, and render them victorious over all who dwell on earth. This, indeed, is that which Thou hast promised Thy loved ones through Thy word of truth: "And We desire to show favour to those who were brought low in the land, and to make them spiritual leaders among men, and to make of them Our heirs." Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art "He", O Thou besides Whom there is none but "He"!

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Powerful, Who hath encompassed earth and heaven through His Supreme Word, Who hath created man and distinguished him above all other created things, taught him His path, enabled him to voice His praise, and caused him to know that which draweth him nigh unto His most holy court and sacred threshold. He, verily, is the One Who doeth what He willeth

through His word “Be,” and it is. Glory and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who have arisen to serve Him and have traversed the lands by His leave to exalt His Word. These are honored servants, triumphant servants, servants who have held fast to the cord of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart was received repeatedly. In truth, in each one the signs of the vernal breeze were evident, and since it was adorned with the mention of the Peerless Friend, it brought freshness to the world of being. After its reading, having sought permission to present it at the Most Exalted Station and the Dawning-Place of the revelation of the Lord of all beings, it was entirely submitted and achieved the honor of being heard. And this is what was sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty in reply, His Word–exalted be His majesty, mighty be His proof, and great be His sovereignty:

O Amin! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds! Thy letters were received repeatedly and repeatedly achieved the honor of being presented and answered in the Most Holy Court. We beseech God, thy Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth, to aid thee to that which will elevate the station of humanity in the world of creation. Verily, He doeth whatsoever He willeth. We ask of the Truth to assist thee. O Amin! Thy name is associated with the name of God, and thy relation is mentioned and attributed to Him. We hope that this station and this rank will remain before thine eyes that thou mayest act according to their requirements. Thou hast ever been occupied with the mention of the friends. In every letter thou hast made mention of the sincere ones and those who are nigh with most excellent remembrances, and hast sought special favors for each one. God willing, hereafter too, even as before, nay rather like unto the sun among the companions, thou shalt be radiant and luminous. Great is the station of the servants with God, how much more that of His loved ones, how much more that of His chosen ones, how much more that of the companions of the Crimson Ark who have detached themselves from all save Him and regard and have regarded all else as non-existent. Names did not veil them, nor did might and glory prevent them. Their purpose hath been and is none other than the exaltation of the Word and the quenching of the fire that hath been kindled, through wisdom and utterance. In this Revelation the sun of mercy hath risen and is manifest from all directions. There is no place for warfare, and no station for strife. The heat of the sword and wrath have been transformed into the gentle breezes of compassion and kindness. The souls who are associated with the Most Great Name must at all times assist the purpose of the worlds through the hosts of utterance, and must recognize the station of the helpers and not transgress the rights of the servants. In this day, every one of the kings who hath arisen to help and who hath protected the sheep from the wolves–this party of truth must recognize this favor and, throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, must engage in praise and gratitude to God and in glorification and laudation of the helper.

O my God, my God! Aid the rulers of the earth and its learned ones to look upon what Thou hast manifested with justice and fairness. Then assist them, O my God, in that which will profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones and say: Strive ye, and through kindliness and compassion and unity and oneness, guide the servants to the Dayspring of Revelation and the Source of Inspiration. O people of Baha! By the Luminary of Utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of the

Lord of all beings in this darksome night, to whatever degree ye increase in hearts the love which is a divine trust, the lights of guidance will encompass and illumine the world. Attention, vision and deeds must be for the sake of God, not for the desires of self and passion. In creation the effulgences of the Light of Divine Manifestation exist and are witnessed. Cast aside hatred and hold fast to supreme love. We beseech God to draw you nigh unto Him and cause you to speak that which will attract the hearts of His servants, and to aid you in that which will guide creation to His path and acquaint them with the way of righteousness. Verily He is the Lord of the servants and the Ruler on the Day of Return.

The mention of that beloved one is ever present in heart and tongue. I beseech the True Omnipotent to increase at every moment his resolve and success in service. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The letter from that beloved one which arrived from Beirut was read. Regarding the mount mentioned therein, after presentation They said: The honored Amin is aware of the multitudes in this land. The existing mounts should be offered for sale rather than new ones acquired.

The letter of the spiritual beloved, the honored ’Ayn, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, which was sent to that honored one and forwarded to the Most Holy Court, was presented in its entirety. They said: The aforementioned one, upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness, though he expressed in his letter lack of success, yet Truth beareth witness to his success and confirmation. The King of deeds and Master of acts is the recognition of God, as acknowledged by the Self-Sufficient. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto this and hath quaffed from the choice wine of utterance and the Kawthar of exposition. And that tribulations and hardships sometimes befall him is due to his connection to the Divine Cause. From the earliest days until now, the Ancient Beauty hath suffered at the hands of the peoples that which caused the essence of being to lament and the eye of reality to weep. O Amin! We bear witness to his acceptance and turning unto God in days when acceptance was as rare as the philosopher’s stone - mentioned in word but absent in meaning. The honored Varqa, upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness and grace, is present in that land. Let them consult with him and with any of the loved ones they wish, and adhere to what emerges from consultation. By the life of God, ’Abdu’llah is present and witnessed in the court of the Wronged One. We have given him to drink of the Kawthar of My remembrance from the hand of My bounty and have mentioned him in that which will preserve his remembrance in My perspicuous Book.

O Amin! In every city thou enterest, mention the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Reflect upon the Shi’ih sect. Until now they have not found rest or peace, and are so aflame with the fire of hatred and animosity that if every atom of creation were given a tongue, or if a hundred tongues were ordained for each, they could not enumerate it. Every discerning one beareth witness to this. With utmost effort preserve the people lest they again fall prey to the vain imaginings of the deniers of the previous dispensation. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to the friends in every city and every land, and beseecheth God–exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors–for whatsoever leadeth to the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of His Cause. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Counsellor, the All-Remembering, the Trustworthy. Praise be to God,

the Lord of all worlds. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the people of Baha who have stood firm with supreme steadfastness in this momentous Cause.

The Servant

26 Ramadan 1307

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His Holiness the Physician, upon him be the Glory of God

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the signs and made clear to all what He intended. He is the Lord of creation Who ordaineth that whereby countries are uplifted and commandeth that whereby the hearts of servants are assured. Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled what He promised and spoken and testified to Him Who came and appeared. Verily He is the Hidden Treasure and the Most Glorious Name and the Ultimate Goal. Through Him the ocean of eternity surged and the Most Great Word appeared and the Most Exalted Station was revealed, and through Him the Crimson Scroll was sent down. Verily He is the Beginning and He Who appeared in the Return.

And now, how sweet is the fragrance of love and faithfulness wafting from the paradise of your letter, wherein I found each word to be a leaf from the leaves of the Tree that grew through God's remembrance and grace. When the wine of your praise of my Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds took hold of me, I approached the station of the Desired One and presented it before the Throne. Then the tongue of the Beloved spoke: Though sorrows have encompassed Me due to what hath befallen the Cause of God, I rejoice in the mention of him who hath turned to My face, uttered My praise, and risen to serve Me. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him in all conditions and strengthen him as He strengthened him before. Verily He is the Almighty, the Most High.

O My physician! Thou must, God willing, arise to serve the Cause with utmost endeavor, in such wise that whatsoever is uttered by the tongue, occureth to the heart, is witnessed by the eye, or perceived by the faculty of understanding shall not prevent thee from remembering the Lord of Eternity. Most of the servants are inflamed by a word and extinguished by a breath. If hearts are truly kindled by the fire of the love of God, surely the sprinkling of the seas of opposition will not quench them. By the life of God! If one is given life by the Divine Word and becomes alive, lassitude will not overtake him, nor will the happenings of the world hold him back from service. Beseech ye God to keep steadfast in this Most Great Cause those souls who have accepted it, in such wise that neither the oppressor's might nor the heedless one's tyranny shall frighten or disturb them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Perspicuous. May the Word take up its abode in every heart. He is verily the All-Wise Administrator. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of My grace, hath attained unto My days, and hath spoken My beauteous praise.

Concerning what thou didst write about Haji Ghulam-'Ali, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in this regard: Verily We make mention of him in truth that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Ghulam-'Ali! Blessed art thou for having turned toward a land wherein were planted the trees of My love, which when they grew tall, the oppressors cut down with manifest tyranny. O Land of the City! Blessed art thou for within thee lie the trust of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Wise. And blessed is he who draweth nigh unto their graves and attaineth the honor of visiting them; he is assuredly among the people of Paradise in a glorious Book. O Physician! Give him the glad tidings of what the All-Merciful hath revealed for him, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Generous.

And regarding his request for permission to turn toward the Most Holy Court and return after a nine-day stay, it was presented, and the sun of permission rose from the dayspring of grace. He should act as the honored Physician hath written, that is, return to his residence with joy and fragrance after nine days. We praise and thank Him for this. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Ibrahim - upon him be Baha'u'llah - it was presented before the Throne. He said: "O physician! Verily he attained My presence time and again, turned toward My direction, entered My abode, stood before My gate, heard My call and was blessed with My wondrous Tablet." O physician, complete favor hath been shown toward him and he hath drunk the choice wine of eternity in the Most Great Scene. His tribulations and what befell him in the path of God are all witnessed in the Most Holy Court and recorded in the divine Tablet. That he was prevented - this was for his own good. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may he be aided to remember God and serve His Cause. In truth this matter is great today. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to what he hath been commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful. He hath been mentioned in the Most Holy Court and the glance of favor hath been directed toward him. Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, that he may rejoice with this supreme joy. We send Our greetings from this Spot to him and to him who is named Qasim and his brother. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah - upon him be Baha'u'llah - who wrote from the land of ?a, He said: "We beseech God to aid him and enable him in all conditions to arise for the service of His Cause, that his mention may thereby be exalted in His mighty and impregnable Kingdom."

Some time ago, a Most Holy and Sublime Tablet specifically for him was sent with Ibn-i-A?daq - upon him be Baha'u'llah - and before that another Tablet was sent with Aqa Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar - upon him be Baha'u'llah. And in these days a new Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of grace which will be sent with the Letter Sin. God willing, may he be blessed at all times with the favors of the Beloved of the worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about Ustad 'Ali-Akbar - upon him be Baha'u'llah - and mentioned his circumstances, his statements indicate his sorrow and the distress of his heart. The cause thereof is not known. The Tablet that was previously revealed was adorned with the utmost favor. Glory be to God! Why have they become sorrowful? And concerning what he mentioned about "I will make copies of the Sublime Tablet and send them to the world" - what is meant by this statement? I swear by the ocean of

utterance that the Desired One of creation never had and hath not any desire for the mention of these sciences. What was revealed was in response to questions from certain ones who had inquired, and all of it was revealed by the Supreme Pen and sent forth so that no one would attribute ignorance to the Source of knowledge. And He would always say that He desired that the loved ones of God not occupy themselves with these matters. But that he said “they have thrown my thirty years of effort to the wind” - from these words infinite sadness can be perceived. It seemeth that he hath become distressed by the word of prohibition that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Command. In this case, let him act according to his own desire. Whosoever wisheth, let him act; whosoever wisheth, let him desist. In truth this servant became greatly saddened by his sorrow and doth not wish for him to be sorrowful for a moment. We beseech God to aid him and ordain for him that which will gladden his heart. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

His honor Ismu’llah Haji Mulla Mahdi, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah], turned towards this direction and ascended to the Supreme Companion. That which was revealed in his honor would attract the hearts of the world and cause the spirits of lovers to soar. And wonderfully enough, his grave is situated in such a place that in coming and going to the palace, they are blessed with the fragrances of the Beloved. This is naught but a great bounty. His survivors expressed much love for your honor which you had shown them in Mosul. This matter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and He said that such deeds are the cause of creating love and affection. We beseech God to assist all to achieve love and affection. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Responsive.

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Praise be unto God Who is One in His eternity, singular in His grandeur and greatness, sanctified above whatsoever is mentioned in the kingdom of names, and exalted beyond that which the people of creation utter. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise. And praise be unto God Who hath chosen servants for His Cause and made them possessors of utterance and wisdom, that they may guide the people unto His Most Great Path and acquaint them with that which hath been revealed in His firm Book, that all may follow that which they have been commanded and forsake that which they have been forbidden. We testify that they are the dawning-places of wisdom and utterance unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the daysprings of knowledge unto the followers of all religions. Upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful at all times, and the glory of the heavens and the earth.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The servant hath been honored by your first letter, from which was diffused the fragrance of the love of the Lord of nations and the King of causes, and your latter letter, through which the heart was gladdened and the eyes were consoled. I read it and was seized with such joy as cannot be reckoned by mortal man. I presented it at the Most Great Vista and laid before God, the Lord of destiny, that which was contained therein. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which tongue and pen are powerless to describe. Exalted, exalted is His loving-kindness! Exalted, exalted is His bounty! Exalted, exalted is His mercy! Exalted, exalted is His favor which hath been directed towards you from this Most Pure Spot!

God willing, through the favors of the Lord of the worlds, may you be occupied at all times, through both outward and inward confirmations, with the mention of God's Cause and the exaltation of His blessed and goodly Word, and may you repair the damage that hath been wrought by certain souls. By thy life! The heart is well-nigh melted and the very foundations are ready to crumble by reason of that which hath befallen the Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Beloved of the world at the hands of those who claim belief in God yet perpetrate that which causeth the Concourse on High to lament. We beseech God to preserve their tongues from speaking through idle fancy, to draw them nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and to aid them in that which shall profit them in this world and the world to come.

Observe how in all the Tablets all have been forbidden from corruption, bloodshed, and that which causeth tumult amongst men, and have been commanded to act with loving-kindness, love, wisdom and utterance. Nevertheless, they have transgressed the straight path of wisdom and have engaged in that which was forbidden them while neglecting that which was enjoined upon them, imagining that they were arising to aid the Cause. Even as in the land of Ta, they intended a heinous act, as you are aware. Glory be to God! Despite having witnessed how such abhorrent acts, forbidden in the divine Books, have ever been the cause of people's aversion, the loss of the Cause, and the perturbation of souls, this is a day wherein all must hold fast unto the divine commandments and act in accordance with that which He hath ordained.

His Holiness had mentioned in a previous letter regarding Jenab-i-Aqa Jamal, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that he had arisen to serve the Cause of God with perfect steadfastness and firmness. Although in truth this matter did not cause harm to the Cause, but rather in one respect caused its exaltation, and his purpose was to assist the Cause, yet since all are commanded in the Divine Tablets to observe wisdom, this matter occurred outside the bounds of wisdom and caused delay in the manifestations of the Cause. Therefore the Supreme Pen has withheld acceptance of it. Today all must fix their gaze upon the Cause of God and act according to what He has commanded. If all good deeds were to proceed from someone yet not be adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance, it would be absolute nothingness and sheer non-existence, and no fruit would appear from those good deeds - how much more so with matters that cause harm to the Cause and the aversion of people and lead to sedition and corruption. We seek refuge in God, again we seek refuge in God! Most strange it is that souls who for numbered years have circled round the Throne and have heard with their own ears the divine utterances - from each letter of which surge forth oceans of loving-kindness and oceans of mercy and seas of favors - have nevertheless issued rulings harmful to people according to their own desires. His Holiness must certainly strive with the utmost endeavor and effort to acquaint people with the divine commands and heavenly ordinances, so that all may arise to support the Cause of the Lord of creation with the virtues of love, kindness, fellowship and affection, and may fix their gaze upon what hath been revealed in the Tablets of God and accept from no one that which is contrary to wisdom. And further, regarding the request to have certain divine books copied, especially for Jenab-i-'A.B., upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - God willing these will reach him. And concerning what you had written about always having been focused on "Glory belongeth unto God and unto His Messenger and unto the believers" and "glory be to him who is content," this was most acceptable in the presence of the Throne, and He said: "He hath spoken that which beseemeth him; verily he is among the triumphant." A Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will

especially for His Holiness and hath been sent. And mention of that honored one hath always been and continues to be made in the presence of the Throne and before the Branches of God - may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for them. Although outwardly they have departed, yet inwardly they are present and attending. It is hoped that at all times the breezes of your mention may waft, and that you will write of your own news regarding what hath occurred.

As to the rose water that was mentioned as being unsuitable, therefore its sending was prevented - when this was presented before the Throne, they said: “Well was it done.” And if they wish to know the details of this land, praise be to God all are safe and circumambulating. However, due to the multitude of gatherings, it has nearly reached the point where the cawing of the cawers will be raised. Now forty-five souls besides the immigrants have gathered in this land - a few with permission and the rest have come without permission, despite explicit prohibitions having been revealed in most tablets that no one should come without permission. They have set aside the divine ordinances and act according to their own desires. Even in one of the tablets revealed to Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, this blessed word shone forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful Will: “Whosoever turns toward My direction without My permission is not of Me.” Despite this firm decree, some have shown audacity and acted according to their own inclinations. It is very clear and evident that whenever harm has befallen the Tree of the Cause, the gathering of the loved ones has been the reason and cause. Just as your honor has heard the details of the Land of Mystery (Adrianople) and Iraq, you should with utmost effort, in whatever city you enter, convey these matters so that perhaps the loved ones of God may attain to what God has willed and be content with God’s good-pleasure. And regarding the other souls that were mentioned who are residing in the land, expressions of favor and kindness from the Dayspring of the Cause have been manifested toward all. We beseech God to assist them and aid them in maintaining fellowship and unity and in acting according to what has been revealed in the Book. All who circle round the Throne from the people of the divine tabernacle of infallibility convey their most excellent, impregnable and most glorious greetings to your honor, and likewise all the residents, one and all, express their pure devotion and holy greetings, sanctified above mention and description, to your presence. The Most Glorious Glory be upon your honor and upon the people of Baha.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in majesty and power!

Praise be unto Him Who hath adorned the world with the ornament of knowledge, and through it made clear the path of deeds, and revealed that whereby man’s station is exalted in the contingent world, and taught them the way of guidance in both beginning and end. He is the One Who cannot be described by firstness or lastness, by outwardness or inwardness, for all these were created in His court of might and brought into being by a word from His presence. He is the One Who hath taken unto Himself no likeness, no partner, no peer, no similitude, and no offspring. Verily, He is God; there is no God but Him. He hath

ever been, and there was naught else beside Him. He is the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom was opened the door of all knowledge and wisdom, and through Whom the breezes of the All-Merciful wafted over all lands and the fragrance of the garment was diffused among all religions. Exalted be He Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His power, the Source of His commandments, and the Manifestation of His laws. Through Him all created things were moved and all existing things were quickened. Through Him the sea revealed its waves, the Books their mysteries, and the earth its treasures. Through Him all things began with the name of God, and every tongue was moved to His wondrous and glorious remembrance. And upon His family and companions, whom God hath made the stars of the heaven of His grace, the waves of the ocean of His knowledge, the rain from the clouds of His mercy, and the effulgences of the lights of the sun of His wisdom, be abundant peace that cannot be bounded by limits, nor indicated by signs, nor ended by words - peace whose description, definition, praise and glorification leave those who would attempt it in utter helplessness.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved one arrived and brought illumination. In truth it was a spiritual sign and a sweet tiding, for it brought glad news of thy well-being, adorned as thou art with the ornament of love for the Sovereign of existence and illumined by the splendors of the Sun of Truth. The food of the friends of God hath ever been news of well-being, for it is the source of joy and the wellspring of delight. After expressing gladness and joy, proceeding to the main point, all that was written was presented before His presence. The Master - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - hath said [...]

O Husayn! Upon thee rest My salutations through the centuries and ages! Through the grace and favor of the Chosen One, these places and regions were adorned with the traces of the blessed word “all things are captive in the grasp of His might.” The darkened, barren lands were illumined by the lights of the Sun of Batha and made fruitful. No volume among the volumes of the world contained aught but mention of the ascendancy and dominion of the people of unity, and the verses of creation were adorned with His name, and the banners of glory and power were raised by His command. In every moment, God’s favor would arrive and victory would be granted, until hearts changed and grew dark. Gradually justice became veiled and tyranny appeared and became established in its place. Fairness was concealed behind clouds and oppression became manifest and evident in its stead. These matters became the cause and reason for the supreme abasement, as was and is witnessed: “The banners of polytheism flutter above the banners of unity.” In brief, the glory of the favored community was transformed into abasement. We must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant awareness and bestow knowledge that we may discover the cause and reason for this transformation and arise to make amends for what was lost. Yet due to the evil of error, all are asleep and heedless of the cause and reason. I swear by the Sun of utterance of the All-Merciful that if time continues in this manner, soon the lamp of guidance will be extinguished and the torch of error will be raised and visible in every place. Say: O my God, my Adored One, my Object of worship! Thy Cause is a light that the hands of the world’s oppression are powerless to extinguish, and Thy love is a fire that the oceans of the world cannot cool or quench. By Thy will the ocean of knowledge surgeth and the ships of Thy wisdom sail upon it. Thou art the King of bounty and the Lord of the Day of Recompense. Deprive not Thy servants of the waves of the ocean of Thy gifts, and grant them victory

through the hosts of Thy power and might. O Forgiver! Thou art He Whose generosity the sins of His servants could not obstruct or withhold, and Thou art He Who hath ever concealed and desired not the shame of Thy servants. Today the world is seen to be heedless. Grant awareness to all existence of the wonders of Thy generosity and guide them, that all who are on earth may turn to Thy straight path and receive their portion from the ocean of Thy knowledge. The tears of those near unto Thee flow in separation from Thee, and the sighs of the sincere ones rise in their remoteness from Thee. Bounty is Thine alone and generosity befitteth Thee. Remove the veil that eyes may be illumined and brightened by the lights of Thy most exalted horizon. Open the gate of grace with the hands of power, that all may enter Thy holy court and receive their share from the knowledge of Thy most holy and most exalted Being. Vision is from Thee and the power of hearing lieth within the grasp of Thy will. Be generous, that eyes may not be deprived of beholding the signs of Thy craftsmanship and ears may not be bereft of hearkening to Thy sweetest call. Through Thy name the ocean of generosity surgeth and the sun of bounty shineth and existeth. Thy servants are poor and needy, while Thou art the Lord of bounty and generosity and bestowal. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

Unto Him be praise, thanksgiving and glory! The ocean of bounty hath surged, and the station of remembrance and utterance hath reached its zenith. The fragrances of loving-kindness waft from every word, and the sea of mercy billoweth in every letter. Were the people of the world to turn, even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would attain unto everlasting glory and drink from the eternal chalice. Blessed are they that attain, and blessed are the sincere ones.

This evanescent servant, throughout all days and nights, beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation and success, especially for that beloved one who hath ever been and remaineth before mine eyes. A hundred thousand praises be unto the Beloved Lord, Who hath from all directions confirmed and guided that beloved one, and enabled him to remember, praise, and serve His Cause. He is the Omnipotent One, Whose will no impediment can obstruct and Whose influence nothing can cut short. Through His name, the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" hath been raised aloft, and through His sovereignty, the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" hath been made manifest. This banner shall not be seized, nor shall it be moved by any wind, yet not every eye is worthy to behold it or capable of perceiving it.

Again, a hundred thousand praises be unto the Goal of the world's desires, Who guided that beloved one, bestowed awareness upon him, and confirmed him in all conditions. Unto Him be praise in all circumstances; verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

I convey greetings to all the kindred, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation, success and protection. Likewise do I implore for the friends that which endureth and lasteth forever, and which remaineth preserved from the vicissitudes of the world. Peace and praise be upon you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

That beloved one's missive arrived and was accepted. We beseech the Most High to assist you with the means of the seen and the unseen, to make you a champion of His Cause and steadfast in His service. We beseech Him to make your deeds and your remembrance as enduring as the kingdom of earth and

heaven. I give you glad tidings at the end of this letter of that which hath shone forth from the horizon of grace as the luminary of permission. Whenever wisdom requireth, turn ye towards it. This servant asketh his Lord for that success which hath no likeness in all the world. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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He is the Blessed and Exalted!

O thou who art named [Sin]! God calleth thee from this manifest station. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty hath come before Our presence, and the servant standing before the Throne hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing. We have heard and answered thee, even as We answered thee before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. Grieve not over separation, for He remembereth thee through His Name, the Near One. Hold fast to the cord of teaching with wisdom and utterance, that haply the people of creation might turn unto the countenance of their Lord, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with this robe and followed the command of his Lord. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise. We make mention of thee and thy brother. Blessed be he and thou, and whoso hath attained unto the recognition of God in this wondrous Day.

We make mention of Kaf and Dal who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Hearken unto the call from the tongue of the Wronged One from this known quarter. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: Hold fast to the cord of [My love] and cling to the hem of My Name, the All-Loving. Abandon all else but Me and soar in My atmosphere, then drink what hath been ordained in the kingdom of My favors and the dominion of My providence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate. We have made mention of thee in numerous tablets. Arise to remember thy Lord in such wise that hearts may be attracted thereby. By the life of God! Shouldst thou inhale the fragrances of thy Lord's verses, thou wouldst forsake all who are on earth and arise to make mention of this Prisoner.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath spoken in remembrance of thee and become renowned for thy praise, that he may rejoice in thy bounty which hath encompassed the horizons. O Ashraf! The servant present hath recited what thou didst compose in remembrance of God, the Lord of all mankind. Well is it with thee, then blessed art thou for having occupied thyself with that which hath brought joy to the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. We make mention of thee even as We mentioned thee before, whereunto testifieth that which hath flowed from My [swift-moving] Pen. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Most Great Cause and eloquent in that which shall endure throughout the ages. Make mention of thy Lord amongst the people, that perchance they may abandon what they possess and take hold of that which hath come unto them from God, the Lord of all beings. Glory be upon thee and upon that which hath proceeded from thee in praise of thy Lord, the All-Bestowing.

O Name of Bounty! Hearken to the call of the Desired One Who maketh mention of thee from this praiseworthy station. The servant who is present hath laid before Us that which thou didst send to the

Name of Bounty who hath migrated with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We make mention of thee and thy son and those who are with thee, that ye may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

O Javad! Make thyself ready to hearken unto the verses of thy Lord, then hear what the Lord of creation calleth unto thee from this forbidden station. Verily, the Hidden Mystery speaketh with My tongue and hath not been made manifest except through My Revelation, which is established upon the throne in this Most Great Prison and proclaimeth: "There is none other God but I, the True One, the Knower of things unseen."

Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in the realm of possibility! Turn with illumined hearts toward the White Spot, this station wherefrom the Dayspring of Glory proclaimeth: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Witnessed." Hold fast unto the cord of My remembrance and abandon all else - those who have cast the path of God behind their backs and followed every vain imagination. Rejoice in what hath been mentioned by the tongue of thy Lord, then make mention of My loved ones through these words whereby the graves have been quickened. Say: Despair not of the mercy of your Lord. Rejoice in the choice wine of My beloved remembrance.

Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto the cord of unity. By the life of God! Through it shall the Cause of God be exalted and His sovereignty be made manifest among all who witness and are witnessed. Say: Divide not the Word of God. Gather ye together around that which I have commanded you in My perspicuous Tablet. Act according to that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His Most Holy, Sacred and Blessed Book.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Diya in the Kingdom of Names. Say: Rejoice in this most great favor and cling to this exalted station. By the life of God! This is the Day of remembrance and praise. Leave all else and speak forth this wondrous remembrance. Say: O people of the graves! By God! The trumpet hath been sounded and the mountains have passed away and the heaven hath come with a manifest command. Arise and turn with shining faces toward the Supreme Horizon. Beware lest the world hold you back from this mighty favor. No day like this day shall come unto you, nor any remembrance like this wise remembrance. God shall soon make manifest that which hath appeared from His loved ones and shall exalt them in truth as a grace from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Ye were created for My remembrance and praise. To this doth the Tongue of My grandeur bear witness in the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacle of My mighty Command. Act in such wise as would gladden the Concourse on High, not in that which would delight the people of the world. By My life! It shall perish, while there shall endure for you in My Kingdom that which the pens are powerless to describe. Say: Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of you, though sorrows encompass Him. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

O friends! Beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, that He may enable all to succeed in matters that will perpetuate their remembrance. All must be like unto the morning star, radiant and resplendent from the horizons of the heaven of divine love. That which is possible to be manifested in these days cannot be manifested at any other time. Therefore, all must arise to compensate for what hath escaped them, for

that which is lost today can never be retrieved. He verily speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. Convey wondrous and sublime greetings to all the loved ones of God. Though not all names were mentioned, all are remembered before His Countenance, and those souls who have newly turned to the stream of divine knowledge are blessed with God's favors. Blessed are they for having cast away all else and taken hold of this Name, whereby all souls were shaken except such as God hath willed. All friends must engage in teaching God's Cause with perfect unity and harmony, and must in all conditions observe wisdom, lest that occur which may disturb the hearts.

We make mention of him whom God hath adorned with My servitude, he who is named 'Abdu'l-Husayn. O servant! The servant who is present hath come and presented before the Countenance thy letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty, and the Lord of creation maketh mention of thee in this perspicuous scroll. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen, and in that the face of thy Lord hath turned toward thee from this distant station. Be thou of such character that the sincere ones may inhale from thee the fragrance of steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and for having known the Beloved when every heedless doubter turned away. Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Stranger.

O Pen! Make mention of the handmaidens who have remembered their Lord and turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaidens! Blessed are ye and blessed is every maidservant who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of every leaf who hath held fast to the Tree of the Cause and hath called upon her Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. We have heard your call and have turned toward you from the direction of My mighty Throne. God counseleth His handmaidens with that which beseemeth His days and His Name, whereby the mightiest idol hath lamented and the back of every distant polytheist hath been broken.

We make mention of her who hath turned toward God and hath attained the honor of visiting the House in this Most Great Prison. Verily her Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Munificent Giver. O My handmaiden! Thy letter was presented and what was contained therein was read before the Throne, and We have answered thee as a grace from Our presence, and We are the Answerer. Hold thou fast unto the cord of sanctity, then make mention of that which thou wast bidden before the Countenance. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon the people of Baha and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the All-Informed.

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Unto him who is the essence of the people of faithfulness and purity, His Honor, our Master Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Exalted is He Who is the Sovereign of all kingdoms and the King of those who dwell in the realms of inaccessibility, Who hath caused the sun of the Most Great Word to shine forth from the horizon of the

Most Ancient Pen, whereby the abstract realities, the sanctified essences, the pure and holy souls, and the assured and steadfast hearts have all been set ablaze. All these have testified to that which the Dove of Heaven hath testified in the midmost heart of eternity: that verily the Kingdom on this day belongeth unto God, the One, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious.

How excellent are those radiant lights and lofty exemplars who have arisen with the spirit of might amidst the servants and called out to all creation: "By God! The Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling hath come! His is the glory and greatness, His the majesty and power! He hath taken a gem from among the gems of creation, purified it with the hand of His power and the fingers of His might, and caused the sun of His beauty and the light of His grandeur to shine upon it. Thereupon it prostrated before His Being and arose to aid His Cause in the world of creation, drank from the pure water of His love, detached itself from the mention of aught else but Him." This is he who hath been named in the heaven of faithfulness as Muhammad Mustafa - upon him be the sun of remembrance from the supreme horizon and the light of glorification from the dawning-place of grandeur.

O my God! I know not by what remembrance to remember Thy near servants who have fulfilled Thy Covenant in these days wherein all have broken Thy pledge. They have arisen to aid Thy Cause and have detached themselves from all directions and from their own selves out of love for Thy most exalted Self and Thy Beauty that shineth forth from the horizon of Thy most sublime Being. They have been touched in Thy path by tribulations which the Pen of Creation is powerless to recount. I testify, O my God, that through their turning unto the court of Thy oneness, I have drunk the cup of acceptance from the hand of the Cup-Bearer of Thy mercy, and through their orientation toward the Dayspring of the lights of Thy Revelation, I have attained the light of recognition and turned toward the sanctuary of certitude. By Thy glory, O my God! Were it not for the lights of their permanence, I would surely have remained in the darkness of annihilation, as one brought to naught. How then can this feeble tongue make mention of those whom Thou hast made the manifestations of the lights of Thy majesty and glory? Among them, O my God, is this blessed Name whom Thou hast made the choicest of the chosen ones and the essence of the righteous and the learned.

O my God! The remembrances of this evanescent one befit not his presence nor are worthy of his station. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Remembrance and by Thy Most Perfect and Ancient Name that Thou make mention of him upon the throne of Thy beauty and the seat of Thy majesty with such holy remembrances as lie hidden within the pavilion of Thy mystery and are treasured beneath the veils of Thy Cause, that his eyes and the eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures may be solaced thereby. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of grace and bounty, and the All-Merciful, possessed of generosity and bestowal. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

My spirit be a sacrifice for thee and for thy steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all names! Though thou art by outward nationality Iraqi, yet as thou hast for some time associated and communed with Persian friends and learned their expressions, therefore these few words are addressed in Persian to that Iraqi friend. By whatever means, one must find a way to the heart of a friend. O beloved of my heart and soul! The essence of knowledge and deeds, and the most ancient and excellent thereof, is today to

arise to aid the Cause of the Lord of creation and the King of nations. Although thou hast exerted great and lofty efforts in all aspects to aid God's Cause and promote His Faith, what hath been manifested from thee in service and support of the Cause hath been thy portion, and what is now being conveyed is this servant's portion which thou must fulfill, as the outward means are cut off from this servant. Be not content that one or two souls attain the water of recognition. Let the scattered tributaries that have branched from the Most Great Ocean be joined to the mightiest stream and enter the shore of the Sea of Seas. This was conveyed before and is now conveyed again, that thou mayest strive in this Cause and take the reins through the power of thy All-Knowing Lord. He will verily assist thee through His command. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. However, these matters must be approached with complete wisdom, for the foundation of this momentous Cause is based on wisdom, and among wisdom's requirements are planning and reflection. These two are like the two wings for the bird of the heaven of wisdom. Today these aspects are confined to thy being. Consider thyself alone in teaching and supporting the Cause. It is hoped from the ocean of the Most Merciful's bounty that thou wilt arise from the horizon of teaching and utterance in such wise as to illumine and brighten all those lands with the lights of guidance and the manifestations of the Sun of Grandeur. This is not difficult for God. The confirmations of the Most Great Spirit have been with thee. God willing, thou wilt act according to what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in all circumstances. Again it is submitted that today teaching God's Cause is the greatest of all things and most excellent of all that is mentioned. All of us who have been blessed from the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious cup must, with pure servitude and complete humility, detached from ourselves and all else, invite people to the Divine Law. Furthermore, regarding those souls who have been disturbed in this greatest upheaval, they must be treated with conciliation that perchance they may return to the ocean of certitude. It is known that most souls are weak, but God's pre-existing mercy looks to ensure that no soul remains deprived, especially those who have endured hardships. In any case, it is incumbent upon thee to deal with such souls with kindness that they may not be deprived of divine bounty. Furthermore, the evil one 'Ali-Muhammad hath written and continues to write whatever his soul dictates, resembling Tablets, on various papers and hath distributed them in the name of Truth. He hath ever been and still is engaged in this work. There he hath committed the same act and given them to certain souls to show people. The harm of this matter is great. Thou must not be heedless of this. We beseech God to remove him from the earth in such wise that no trace of him be seen and none know what became of him. Verily, He hath power over all things.

The circling prisoners of the Most Great Prison, one and all, convey their holy salutations, beyond words and utterance, to your honor and the other loved ones of God. Convey infinite expressions of longing, love and greeting from this evanescent servant to all the loved ones of God in that land and the remaining captives in His path who remain in that city. A petition has been sent to Amin Effendi, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. Convey this to him with countless greetings. And the spirit that wafts from the paradise of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, be upon you, O you who have been faithful to your Lord's covenant, steadfast in His Cause, and were among the helpers.

The Servant of God

The ring-watch that you had sent to the Most Holy Court was forwarded so that you might sell it and distribute its proceeds among certain handmaidens of God there. One third should be given to ?ayfu'llah,

that is, the Guest of Baha'u'llah, and the remaining two thirds should be divided between their two sisters and the sisters of Aqa Muhammad-Rida. Furthermore, they said it is necessary to take care of certain handmaidens of God who have been left without support and whose apparent means have been cut off. Verily, He will fully reward the doers of good. And furthermore, whoever intends may send one veil.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His power!

The essence of praise and glorification befitteth Him Who is the eternal Purpose, Who hath given ascendancy to a small band over numerous hosts. Though appearing last, it was mentioned and reckoned first in God's Book. Exalted, exalted be He Who made the Seal the Lord of the beginning, and the Last the Sovereign of the first, at Whose advent the heaven and all that is therein and all that is above it were filled with joy. He it is through Whose Name the gates were opened, the Path appeared, the Balance was set forth, and the horizon of justice and peace shone forth - manifest and resplendent from the horizon of God's loving-kindness. Upon Him and upon His family and companions who aided the Cause of God and His Command be peace. These are servants who strived in the path of God in such wise that neither the scorn of the idolaters nor the censure of the critics frightened them. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

And now, the letter of that beloved one, which was adorned with the ornament of love and sincerity, affection and faithfulness, brought joy and delight. God willing, may you ever be blessed by the bounty of the eternal Purpose and dwell peacefully under the shade of the tree of security and protection. After perusing and reviewing its contents, we turned toward His Holiness the Master - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - and all of it was presented. He said: "O Ali! The fragrance of love wafteth from thy letter. Blessed art thou, O Ali, for thou hast entrusted all matters to God and made them contingent upon His good-pleasure. Thy letter beareth witness to this station and its contents testify to these words. Thou hast not been forgotten and, God willing, never shalt be. From beginning to end, naught was observed in the letter save expressions of submission and contentment, supplication and entreaty, love and attachment. God willing, mayest thou remain steadfast in this lofty station. We beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next." Peace be upon thee and upon those who have recognized that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered ere the creation of earth and heaven. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

By the truth of Truth, this servant was so delighted by your letter that words fail to express it, for you referred all matters to God and made them contingent upon His good-pleasure. Similarly, your mention of the Two Most Exalted Names (upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah]) and your expression of gratitude and satisfaction with those two beloved ones - truly the matter is exactly as you wrote. This servant testifies to the truth of these words. They were souls who were originally appointed to that land. Through what God manifested, they became the means whereby that land became a gathering place for the friends. However, afterwards some failed to observe this station and due to certain idle fancies a slight taint

appeared, though in reality it was both existent and non-existent. If hearts had remained adorned with their original luminosity, this ephemeral one believes no harm would ever have occurred and no division or dispersion would have ensued. Given their precedence, in every matter their counsel should be followed. How many cities to which some turned but found fruitless! Yet that land, due to purity and sincerity of intention, became such that some from outlying regions turned toward it and attained therein what they had not attained elsewhere. It is most evident that all this was through God's favor. How many foreigners dwelt in that land for years but did not become centers of the Cause. All this is from God's grace, His command and His favor. God willing, if gatherings occur henceforth, may they act as they ought, be content and satisfied with what has been ordained for them, and in every matter - whether commerce, partnership or other affairs - consult with them and act upon whatever emerges from consultation. This evanescent servant has submitted these words purely for the sake of God. I beseech God to assist all to that which contains the good of each one. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones, the Lord of the content, and the Educator of the worlds.

As for your stay in Izmir or Alexandria, they said to consult with the Two Names and act according to what is deemed advisable. Wherever you may be, God willing, profit and good will be with you. Some of the melons you took the trouble to send from Izmir arrived and were very good. I hope God, exalted be His glory, will grant you the reward for this. Verily He does not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

Concerning your mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, when this was submitted He said: "God willing, may he not be deprived of the Euphrates of the mercy of the All-Merciful, and may he not be saddened by the obvious upheavals in the world. The world, to one who truly knows, is like a mirage. Surely the wise one will not attach his heart to it. Soon, all that is observed upon the earth will dwell in its depths. This station, lacking stability and permanence, was not and is not worthy of attention. We beseech God to assist him in that which is good for him in all worlds. We have previously mentioned him with words whose fragrance will not fade. Convey My greetings to him on behalf of the Wronged One and gladden him with His mention." This evanescent servant conveys greetings to him and states that today is the day of deeds, and pure deeds in all worlds are like a lamp that moves before one's face. God willing, may they remain with perfect steadfastness, firmness and constancy, speaking in remembrance of God. Tyranny has encompassed the world, the enemies of the Faith lie in wait from every direction. May God, exalted be His glory, protect and strengthen this people. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Convey greetings on my behalf to the two Most Exalted Names [the two brothers], upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, may they be occupied with perfect joy, delight and wisdom.

Regarding the new blessing, namely the daughter you mentioned, she has been named Jamilih. God willing, may her steps be blessed and auspicious. The Command is in the hands of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

As for the account of the departed and elevated mother, upon her be the Glory of God, at the very moment when news arrived of the ascension of that distinguished emigrant lady, this servant was

engaged in writing in His presence. At that very moment, mention of her appeared from the horizon of the Pen. God knows that she attained. She was among the handmaidens who attained to His good-pleasure. In the nights and days she had no occupation except the mention of God. Blessed and welcome tidings to her. And Jinab-i-Aqa ʼAli-Muhammad is engaged in service. In these days, as commanded, he is being sent to the Prussian master so that he may perfect his craft. In any case, you are bound to a great station. Blessed are you. Regarding your request for permission, He said: "God willing, We shall summon you according to the requirements of the time. The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths."

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise befitteth the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who, through a single effulgence from the Day-Star of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, hath made manifest the mysteries of the blessed words "And when the trumpet is blown a second time, at once they will be standing and looking on." Great indeed is this Day, and greater still are its requirements.

O Nasr, upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of destiny! Today the secrets of hearts and the treachery of eyes are visible before all faces. Beseech the True One that He deprive not His servants of the outpourings of the Lord of creation on the Day of Return. Man's life in this world is like a breeze that enters through one door and exits through another. Today the friends of the Desired One of all worlds, who have drunk from the ocean of knowledge and are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, must, with utmost love, spirit, fragrance, wisdom and utterance, awaken the heedless and rouse the slumbering ones.

Say: O friends! Today is the dawn of the Day of Justice. Strive that ye may become manifestations, daysprings and dawning-places of goodly deeds and spiritual, praiseworthy characteristics. In these days man is able to acquire that which ensures eternal permanence and everlasting life.

His honor Asad, upon him be My glory, presented himself with thy letter. Praise be to God, the fragrance of service and steadfastness emanated therefrom. Today one must hold fast unto any matter from which wafteth the fragrance of justice, equity and goodness, purely for the sake of God, Lord of existence and Commander on the Promised Day. This binding command hath ever been revealed from the Wise, the All-Knowing Commander, as witnessed by the divine Books. He hath commanded all to righteousness and piety, and forbidden transgression and wickedness. Blessed is the city that the vicissitudes of time have not prevented from the light of religion, trustworthiness and chastity. These blessed words have shone forth like the Most Great Luminary from the horizon of divine Tablets. Blessed is he who hath recognized and acted accordingly, and woe unto the heedless ones.

O Nasr! Thou knowest that outwardly the utmost kindness was shown to one who was present at the Sacred Threshold, yet that faithless one, consumed by the fire of greed and passion, melted down the trust and dealt a mighty blow to justice and fairness. He committed that which had no equal. His

treachery was ever manifest and evident, yet the Name “the Concealer” veiled it until at last, through the temptation of God’s enemy, he rent asunder the veil. Now in the City of Divine Justice lamentations are raised, for the harm of his deeds hath affected the Very Tree. The Afnan assisted him, and the friends’ commercial dealings were referred to him from every direction. Nevertheless, he preferred greed to contentment, and likewise oppression to justice. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the heaven of will - not a single dinar from those two treasuries rightfully belonged to him. We confirmed this matter for his benefit - namely his trading at the Sacred Threshold - and likewise for the manifestation of the light of trustworthiness among the people. Yet that unjust one occupied himself with falsehood and betrayal day and night, until finally with the hands of greed and avarice he kindled a fire that consumed the vitals of trustworthiness, religion, truthfulness and sincerity. Glory be to God! In the station of faithfulness appeared faithlessness, and in the station of trustworthiness appeared treachery. We beseech God to aid him to return and repent[…]

He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoning, the Generous! Treachery, greed and oppression have reached such a state that their eradication is impossible save through the Will of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Master of the Last and the First.

That which thou didst mention regarding the council and its members hath been accepted. The loved ones of God must at all times occupy themselves with that which conduceth to the refinement of souls, the elevation of beings, and the exaltation of the Word of God. Its manifestation dependeth upon the consultation of the trustees of the House of Justice. Blessed are they who have arisen to serve the world. The effects of such souls shall lead the world from hardship to comfort, from poverty to wealth, and from abasement to glory. We beseech God to assist them in righteousness and piety, and to open before their faces the doors of grace, mercy, blessing and abundance. Verily, He doeth what He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things. He doeth and judgeth, and He is the Ancient Commander, the All-Knowing Ruler.

Praise be to God that his honor Muhammad-Quli hath been enabled to serve mankind. God willing, the very intention shall prove penetrating and effective, and universal fruits shall appear therefrom. All must at all times fix their gaze upon this exalted word: “O people of Baha! Aid ye the Lord through deeds and character!” The influence of deeds is more potent than the influence of words. Goodly deeds and spiritual qualities are each a herald of truth amongst the servants. The triumph of God’s Cause dependeth upon these hosts. Perchance souls may arise for the sake of God and deliver the servants from the oppression of the ravenous ones of the earth, that corruption may be transformed into reformation, war into peace, and discord into concord. Say: “My God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the ornament of Thy attributes and qualities, that there may appear that which Thou hast purposed for them through Thy bounty and generosity.”

O Nasr! By the life of God, this Wronged One, though in the dragon’s mouth, calleth all unto the horizon of the All-Merciful. Say: “Hold fast, O people, to the hem of piety, for verily it delivereth the servants and draweth them nigh unto God, the Lord of creation.” The loved ones of God in those regions must assist the aforementioned soul to the extent possible. Every deed that appeareth today is recorded as the most excellent of deeds by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that act!

Thou didst mention his honor Mirza Muhammad, upon him be My Glory. Praise be to God, he is confirmed in remembrance and glorification and in that which causeth the love of God to be diffused throughout all regions. We beseech the Most High to assist him and confirm him in the Greater Steadfastness. The corrupt ones of the Threshold are occupied with spreading false and slanderous reports. Glory be to God! Every person of insight is astonished that one whose treachery is evident as the sun still claimeth religiosity and trustworthiness. Now the property of a number of the companions is suffering and afflicted in the grip of the treacherous one's betrayal. O Nasru'llah! In the land of exile, in prison, there hath befallen this Wronged One that which the pen and ink are powerless to recount. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, glorified be His majesty. Each is illumined by the lights of the Sun of Grace. We have refrained from mentioning names due to wisdom's requirements; however, the companions of the Crimson Ark are present before the Face and standing at the Door. Blessed are they! Likewise, gladden the handmaidens of that land with special favors. Say: [...]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having manifested unto Thy servants the billowing oceans of Thy utterance and the effulgent rays of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence, by Thy mighty cord and Thy perspicuous utterance, and by Thy Most Exalted Word wherewith Thou didst once again quicken such of Thy servants as have drawn nigh unto Thee, to assist Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones to attain unto such steadfastness as shall not be shaken by the doubts of the nations, nor by the clamor of the croakers, nor by the onslaught of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. O Lord! Aid them through the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, and Thy Tablets. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy the rains of bounty and bestowal, and ordain for them that which shall draw them nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy fellowship. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Almighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is the Ever-Living, the Ever-Abiding, the Self-Subsisting.

God testifieth to the unity of His Godhood and to the singleness of His own Being. On the throne of eternity, from the inaccessible heights of His station, His tongue proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him. He Himself, independently of all else, hath ever been a witness unto His own oneness, the revealer of His own nature, the glorifier of His own essence. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Beauteous.

He is supreme over His servants, and standeth over His creatures. In His hand is the source of authority and truth. He maketh men alive by His signs, and causeth them to die through His wrath. He shall not be asked of His doings, and His might is equal unto all things. He is the Potent, the All-Subduing. He holdeth within His grasp the empire of all things, and on His right hand is fixed the Kingdom of His Revelation. His power, verily, embraceth the whole of creation. Victory and overlordship are His; all might and dominion

are His; all glory and greatness are His. He, of a truth, is the All-Glorious, the Most Powerful, the Unconditioned.

Praise be to Thee, to Whom the tongues of all created things have, from eternity, called, and yet failed to attain the heaven of Thine eternal holiness and grandeur. The eyes of all beings have been opened to behold the beauty of Thy radiant countenance, yet none hath succeeded in gazing on the brightness of the light of Thy face. The hands of them that are nigh unto Thee have, ever since the foundation of Thy glorious sovereignty and the establishment of Thy holy dominion, been raised suppliantly towards Thee, yet no one hath been able to touch the hem of the robe that clotheth Thy Divine and sovereign Essence. And yet none can deny that Thou hast ever been, through the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty, supreme over all things, art powerful to do all things, and art nearer unto all things than they are unto themselves.

Far be it, then, from Thy glory that anyone should gaze on Thy wondrous beauty with any eye save Thine own eye, or hear the melodies proclaiming Thine almighty sovereignty with any ear except Thine own ear. Too high art Thou exalted for the eye of any creature to behold Thy beauty, or for the understanding of any heart to scale the heights of Thine immeasurable knowledge. For should the birds of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee be ever enabled to soar as long as Thine own overpowering sovereignty can endure, or to ascend as long as the empire of Thy Divine holiness can last, they shall, in no wise, be able to transcend the limitations which a contingent world hath imposed upon them, nor pass beyond its confines. How, then, can he whose very creation is restricted by such limitations, attain unto Him Who is the Lord of the Kingdom of all created things, or ascend into the heaven of Him Who ruleth the realms of loftiness and grandeur? Glorified, immeasurably glorified art Thou, my Best-Beloved! Inasmuch as Thou hast ordained that the utmost limit to which they who lift their hearts to Thee can rise is the confession of their powerlessness to enter the realms of Thy holy and transcendent unity, and that the highest station which they who aspire to know Thee can reach is the acknowledgement of their impotence to attain the retreats of Thy sublime knowledge, I, therefore, beseech Thee, by this very powerlessness which is beloved of Thee, and which Thou hast decreed as the goal of them that have reached and attained Thy court, and by the splendours of Thy countenance that have encompassed all things, and by the energies of Thy Will whereby the entire creation hath been generated, not to deprive them that have set their hopes in Thee of the wonders of Thy mercy, nor to withhold from such as have sought Thee the treasures of Thy grace. Ignite, then, within their hearts the torch of Thy love, that its flame may consume all else except their wondrous remembrance of Thee, and that no trace may be left in those hearts except the gem-like evidences of Thy most holy sovereignty, so that from the land wherein they dwell no voice may be heard except the voice that extolleth Thy mercifulness and might, that on the earth on which they walk no light may shine except the light of Thy beauty, and that within every soul naught may be discovered except the revelation of Thy countenance and the tokens of Thy glory, that haply Thy servants may show forth only that which shall please Thee and shall conform wholly unto Thy most potent will.

Glory be to Thee, O my God! The power of Thy might beareth me witness! I can have no doubt that should the holy breaths of Thy loving-kindness and the breeze of Thy bountiful favour cease, for less than the twinkling of an eye, to breathe over all created things, the entire creation would perish, and all that are in heaven and on earth would be reduced to utter nothingness. Magnified, therefore, be the

marvellous evidences of Thy transcendent power! Magnified be the potency of Thine exalted might! Magnified be the majesty of Thine all-encompassing greatness, and the energizing influence of Thy will! Such is Thy greatness that wert Thou to concentrate the eyes of all men in the eye of one of Thy servants, and to compress all their hearts within his heart, and wert Thou to enable him to behold within himself all the things Thou hast created through Thy power and fashioned through Thy might, and were he to ponder, throughout eternity, over the realms of Thy creation and the range of Thy handiwork, he would unfailingly discover that there is no created thing but is overshadowed by Thine all-conquering power, and is vitalized through Thine all-embracing sovereignty.

Behold me, then, O my God, fallen prostrate upon the dust before Thee, confessing my powerlessness and Thine omnipotence, my poverty and Thy wealth, mine evanescence and Thine eternity, mine utter abasement and Thine infinite glory. I recognize that there is none other God but Thee, that Thou hast no peer nor partner, none to equal or rival Thee. In Thine unapproachable loftiness Thou hast, from eternity, been exalted above the praise of any one but Thee, and shalt continue for ever, in Thy transcendent singleness and glory, to be sanctified from the glorification of any one except Thine own Self.

I swear by Thy might, O my Beloved! To make mention of any created thing beseemeth not Thy most exalted Self, and to bestow any praise upon any one of Thy creatures would be wholly unworthy of Thy great glory. Nay, such a mention would be but blasphemy uttered within the court of Thy holiness, and such praise would amount to no less than a transgression in the face of the evidences of Thy Divine sovereignty. For the mere mention of any one of Thy creatures would in itself imply an assertion of their existence before the court of Thy singleness and unity. Such an assertion would be naught but open blasphemy, an act of impiety, the essence of profanity and a wanton crime.

Wherefore, I bear witness with my soul, my spirit, my entire being, that should They Who are the Dayspring of Thy most holy unity and the Manifestations of Thy transcendent oneness be able to soar so long as Thine own sovereignty endureth and Thine all-compelling authority can last, they will fail in the end to attain unto even the precincts of the court wherein Thou didst reveal the effulgence of but one of Thy most mighty Names. Glorified, glorified be, therefore, Thy wondrous majesty. Glorified, glorified be Thine unattainable loftiness. Glorified, glorified be the pre-eminence of Thy kingship and the sublimity of Thine authority and power.

The highest faculties which the learned have possessed, and whatsoever truths they, in their search after the gems of Thy knowledge, have discovered; the brightest realities with which the wise have been endowed, and whatever secrets they, in their attempts to fathom the mysteries of Thy wisdom, have unravelled, have all been created through the generative power of the Spirit that was breathed into the Pen which Thy hands have fashioned. How, then, can the thing which Thy Pen hath created be capable of comprehending those treasures of Thy Faith with which, as decreed by Thee, that Pen hath been invested? How can it ever know of the Fingers that grasp Thy Pen, and of Thy merciful favours with which it hath been endowed? How can it, already unable to reach this station, be made aware of the existence of Thy Hand that controlleth the Fingers of Thy might? How can it attain unto the comprehension of the nature of Thy Will that animateth the movement of Thy Hand?

Glorified, glorified be Thou, O my God! How can I ever hope to ascend into the heaven of Thy most holy will, or gain admittance into the tabernacle of Thy Divine knowledge, knowing as I do that the minds of the wise and learned are impotent to fathom the secrets of Thy handiwork–a handiwork which is itself but a creation of Thy will?

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, my God, my Master, my Possessor, my King. Now that I have confessed unto Thee my powerlessness and the powerlessness of all created things, and have acknowledged my poverty and the poverty of the entire creation, I call unto Thee with my tongue and the tongues of all that are in heaven and on earth, and beseech Thee with my heart and the hearts of all that have entered beneath the shadow of Thy names and Thine attributes, not to shut us from the doors of Thy loving-kindness and grace, nor to suffer the breeze of Thy bountiful care and favour to cease from being wafted over our souls, nor to permit that our hearts be occupied with any one except Thee, or our minds to be busied with any remembrance save remembrance of Thy Self.

By the glory of Thy might, O my God! Wert Thou to set me king over Thy realms, and to establish me upon the throne of Thy sovereignty, and to deliver, through Thy power, the reins of the entire creation into my hands, and wert Thou to cause me, though it be for less than a moment, to be occupied with these things and be oblivious of the wondrous memories associated with Thy most mighty, most perfect, and most exalted Name, my soul would still remain unsatisfied, and the pangs of my heart unstilled. Nay, I would, in that very state, recognize myself as the poorest of the poor, and the most wretched of wretches.

Magnified be Thy name, O my God! Now that Thou hast caused me to apprehend this truth, I beseech Thee by Thy Name which no scroll can bear, which no heart can imagine and no tongue can utter–a Name which will remain concealed so long as Thine own Essence is hidden, and will be glorified so long as Thine own Being is extolled–to unfurl, ere the present year draw to a close, the ensigns of Thine undisputed ascendancy and triumph, that the whole creation may be enriched by Thy wealth, and may be exalted through the ennobling influence of Thy transcendent sovereignty, and that all may arise and promote Thy Cause.

Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Highest, the All-Glorious, the All-Subduing, the All-Possessing.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

O loved ones of the Most Merciful in Milan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath turned towards you from the prison precincts and desireth to remind you of the verses of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. They draw you nigh unto Him, open before your faces the gates of attainment, and give you to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

There hath befallen Us in prison that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh unto God to melt. The people have turned away from the Countenance and followed the desires of them that have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. O people of God! We counsel you with that wherewith God hath counseled His servants: Associate not with God, the Lord of all the worlds. Cast aside the dawning-places of idle fancies, clinging fast to the cord of certitude. Thus have We counseled Our loved ones aforetime and in this perspicuous Tablet.

Beware lest the happenings of the world and what hath appeared from the nations sadden you. Trust ye in God under all conditions, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He is with you, heareth your call and seeth your deeds. He is the One Whom the oppression of them that have associated partners with God hath not hindered, nor the clamor of every remote ignorant one.

Adorn your temples with the ornament of godliness and your hearts with the light that hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen, which hath sent down every clear Book. Beware lest ye exchange nearness for remoteness and acceptance for rejection. We desire to behold you possessed of such steadfastness as would cause the hearts of the people to tremble and the feet of the polytheists to slip.

Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath aided God through wisdom and utterance. He is of the sincere ones in My Mighty Book. The Most Great Ocean hath manifested the pearls of proof by the command of the Most Merciful, yet most of the people are heedless. Eyes have not attained their radiance, nor have ears heard My Call which hath been raised in truth, save those who have cast away the dawning-places of hatred and taken what they were bidden by God in this wondrous Day.

O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come, and by His command the Salsabil hath flowed. Blessed is he who hath advanced, hastened, and drunk therefrom. Woe unto them that have turned away, who have violated My Covenant and My Testament, and have cast behind their backs My mighty Announcement which was mentioned in the Qur'an and, before it, in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from drawing nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Let not the clamor of the hypocrites prevent thee from thy most sweet trill, and let not the conditions of tyranny and error veil thee from this glorious, mighty station whereon the Most Great Throne hath been established and whereon the Wronged One hath sat with a power that hath conquered all things and a might that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O friends of the All-Merciful in Milan! Ye are they who have turned unto His Countenance on a day when the people of error turned away from the Self-Subsisting, rejected His signs, and disputed His sovereignty, until they pronounced sentence upon the shedding of His blood. Thus did their souls deceive them. They are, verily, numbered with the idolaters in the sight of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Rejoice, O My friends, in My Name, and drink the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My bounty, in defiance of those who have broken My Covenant and My Testament, and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled, and most of the people are among the losers.

We have commanded you before, and after, and in this Tablet, with that which shall elevate you and profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech God to assist you with the hosts of divine care and favor, and to enable you to that which shall cause His traces to spread throughout the East and West of the earth. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Grieve not over what hath befallen you in My path. We have borne afflictions and trials for the reformation of the world and the salvation of the nations. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Wronged One was speaking that which draweth the servants nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have counseled you in the Tablets and in My Books and Scrolls, wherein every word calleth you to the most exalted station. This is a day whereon the doors of mercy and utterance have been opened unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Hasten, O people of the earth, and be not of them that tarry. Ye were not created for yourselves, but for the service of the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance, and the poor one who hath attained the ocean of wealth, and the seeker who hath attained unto his Goal on this Day which God hath adorned with His mention in the Books of them that are nigh unto Him.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath attained thy presence, who hath been named ’Ali-’Askar in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We beseech God to make him a servant of His Cause and one who speaketh His praise with the wisdom wherewith We have commanded Our loved ones in My Great Tablet.

O Alif and Ha! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names. Thou and thy children and those with thee have been mentioned from the earliest days. We beseech God to write down for thee the reward of those who have attained His presence time and again. We make mention of thee at this moment and behold thee before the Throne. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this testimony which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this exalted station.

We make mention of the handmaidens of God in that place and give them glad tidings of His grace and bounty. We beseech God to confirm them in steadfastness and to give them to drink of His hallowed wine which floweth by His firm and binding command.

O people of Milan! Upon you be the Glory of God and His mercy, then the grace of God and His bounty. Verily, He is with you and heareth that which proceedeth from your mouths, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. When the choice wine of verses hath taken hold of you and the breezes of revelation have attracted you, say:

O our God! Thou seest us turning unto Thee, holding fast unto the cord of Thy grace and favor, standing firm in the service of Thy Cause, and awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and grace. We beseech Thee, by those who hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to meet Thee and behold Thy beauty, and who gave up their spirits for Thy name and love, to ordain for us that which shall draw us nigh unto Thee and enable us to perform the deeds wherewith Thou hast commanded us in Thy Book. O Lord! We are Thy servants and in Thy grasp, and we have turned unto the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty. We beseech Thee not to deprive us of that which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Verily, Thou

art the Almighty, Whom the pharaohs of the earth and its wolves cannot frustrate. Thy sovereignty hath prevailed, Thy Cause hath appeared, and Thy verses have been sent down. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In the Persian tongue We make mention: O ’Ali-Qabl-i-’Askar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Throne. Blessed art thou for having turned thyself unto the Wronged One whilst He was in His Most Great Prison. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy presence, thy hearkening, and thy turning unto God, glorified be His majesty. Convey unto the loved ones in that land the greetings of the Wronged One. All must partake each day of the choice wine of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. This choice wine in one station representeth the verses of God, glorified be His majesty, in another station His remembrance and praise, and in yet another His bounty and grace. This choice wine in one station is the cause of the life of the world, and in another the cause of the preservation of the peoples. Whoso drinketh thereof attaineth unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of all men have been shaken, save whom God, the Lord of this exalted station, willeth. Praise be to God that all the men and women of that land have attained unto the mention of God, and in this most holy and radiant Day the mention of all hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Say: Rejoice, then render thanks unto your Lord for this great bounty. Know ye the value of these days. The call is raised at all times, the Kingdom of Utterance speaketh forth, the river of mercy floweth from the Most Exalted Pen, and the Salsabil of generosity is manifest. The chalices of prosperity are visible and evident - seize them in His Name and drink thereof in His remembrance. The mercy that shineth forth and appeareth from the waves of the ocean of My bounty be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens who have submitted to the command of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, for He is the Goal of them that know.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

O Amin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have seen and heard thy letter which thou didst send from the Land of Ta to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. The Supreme Pen hath ever mentioned all the peoples of the world and counseled them to trustworthiness, righteousness, and that whereby the Word is exalted. Thou and the loved ones of this Revelation have all borne and continue to bear witness that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath opened a gate of mercy through His Most Noble Name, the like of which hath not been seen from the beginning of the world until now. Blessed are they who have attained and who have hearkened unto and answered their Lord, the Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thou didst make mention of the loved ones of Van. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the dewdrops of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds. We counsel them to trustworthiness and righteousness and to that whereby the laws and ordinances of God are uplifted. Blessed is the soul who in this day layeth down and raiseth up his head upon his couch with the intention of reforming the world. The best of all deeds is to show forth love towards all the peoples of the world. The party that hath

truly been and continues to be an obstacle to this most great bounty and this most great favor is the Shi'ih party. Their beliefs and vain imaginings have deluded them. We beseech God that He may aid that party to return from oppression and tyranny to justice and equity. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thou didst make mention of Khuy and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Jalil, and likewise of the enthusiasm of the loved ones in those regions. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and to ordain for them that which shall enable them to spread love and affection and to unite their hearts in harmony. We have previously made mention of Jinab-i-Jalil, upon him be My glory. Today the loved ones of the Wronged One must arise to accomplish that which is the cause of success and prosperity. The primary purpose is to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity that lieth concealed and hidden in the hearts of the people of Iran. However, through the hosts of tender counsels and wise exhortations, this Wronged One beseecheth from God whatsoever conduceth to the development of the world and the refinement of the souls of the nations.

O Amin! Reflect upon the hypocrites and the calumniators. The events that occurred at the Threshold were a sign from God so that certain oppressors might recognize and comprehend that which is hidden. All of this occurred due to the seduction of Shaykh Muhammad-i-Yazdi and his guide who is on the island. Beseech God that He may make the servants aware. In brief, that which became manifest in that city was a proof for the manifestations of justice and equity, that they might know what befell the Wronged One in numbered years. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He commandeth thee to exercise gracious patience. No one should oppose the opposers. Leave them to God. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

We have previously made mention of the brother of Jinab-i-Jalil who ascended. We beseech God to forgive him through His grace and to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. A most holy and most exalted Tablet hath been specifically revealed and sent down from the heaven of favor for Jinab-i-Mirza Aqa. I beseech God that He may aid him in that which is the cause of loftiness and elevation.

You mentioned the believers of Avaghuli and likewise their expressions of devotion and love - blessed are they, and joy be unto them. A tablet has been revealed mentioning the four souls who have turned to you, and the favors of the Most Exalted Pen encompass these four souls, nay rather all. We beseech God to assist them through His Cause, enable them through His sovereignty, and draw them nigh through the hosts of His grace. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

As for your mention of the believers of every land, all have been blessed with the effulgences of the light of grace, bounty, remembrance and praise. We have beseeched confirmation for all. Today steadfastness is the greatest of all deeds, for the words of the past have emerged - that is, the utterances of the detestable Shi'ih sect who each day, claiming love for the Successor, added to their oppression and pride until finally they martyred the Master of the Successor and the Lord of the Successor - nay, the One through Whose word a thousand successors were created. And now they mount the pulpits with their turbans and cloaks and, God forbid, occupy themselves with cursing and reviling Him. In any case, We

enjoin all to purify their hearts from these names and free themselves from these fabricated stations which they have contaminated with their vain imaginings. Verily He speaks the truth and guides the way, and He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

We have commanded his honor Aqa Siyyid A.H. Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, to proceed to ’Ishqabad for the sale of properties, and likewise Afnan A.L., upon him be the Glory of God, should go and do what is necessary for the payment of debts. O Amin, upon thee be My Glory! It is strange that until now no mention has been made of the kindnesses of his honor A.L., and you know that unless a matter is outwardly presented, no wisdom or expediency becomes outwardly manifest. In truth, the aforementioned soul has shown great effort and love regarding these persons. All must act in a manner befitting this deed. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant him an abundant reward and to open before his face the door of grace and bounty. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Special Tablets were revealed and sent to the people of Avalughli. God willing, they will drink from the chalices of remembrance and the cup of utterance and the ocean of grace that lie concealed within the revealed verses. You mentioned Mirza Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise mentioned his love and enthusiasm and his giving during nights and days. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Time and again his mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to increase his service at every moment, and likewise his confirmation and success. Verily We have mentioned him before and mention him now as a mercy from Our presence and a bounty from Our part. Thy Lord doth witness and see and hear, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Mention was made of Haji ’Ali-Akbar and Aqa ’Ali-Akbar. Each hath attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Reflect upon the ocean of God’s loving-kindness, how He manifested A.H.M. and adorned him with the means of love and submission and contentment. The breezes of the verses that were sent down from the heaven of God’s Will in his name have not ceased and will never cease. From the beginning of days until now he hath stood firm in service and hath spoken in remembrance. He and those with him all stand and are mentioned before the seat of the Wronged One. Soon shall the horizons of the world glory in his presence and his deeds and his remembrances, whereunto My perspicuous Book doth testify. Praise be to God! That honored one hath ever been and still is occupied with the mention of the friends of God in cities and lands. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having manifested me through Thy power and enabled me to serve Thee and caused me to speak Thy praise and illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom, by the mysteries of the Realm of Might and the lights of Thy countenance whereby the realm of creation was illumined, and by Thy Most Great Book which speaketh before the faces of the nations, to assist me and Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in such wise that neither the promptings of the evil ones, nor the doubts of the deniers, nor the insinuations of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall keep them back. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the penetrating power of Thy verses to ordain for Thy loved ones and Thy friends the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Answering!

O peoples of the world! Fear ye the Ancient Lord Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, and be not of the heedless ones. Verily the gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come, riding upon the clouds. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe betide every remote oppressor. The Speaker of Sinai hath appeared and ascended the throne of Revelation, and the Divine Lote-Tree doth call out from the most exalted station: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful." Sinai hath been honored by the mention of the Lord of Names, yet the people remain in manifest veils.

O Elijah! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree; verily it hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Munificent, the Generous. He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned toward Him in days wherein every dubious learned one turned away - they who cast the Covenant of God behind their backs and committed that which caused […] the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this glorious station to lament. We came from the Orient of Power with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We desired naught but to meet Our servants and to reform Our earth, yet the servants hindered Us - they who denied God's proof and His evidence, and opposed Him Who came unto them with manifest sovereignty. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and to decree for thee what He hath decreed for His loved ones. Verily He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Between Me and My loved ones have intervened the oppressors among My creation and the transgressors among My creatures, who have cast My Covenant behind their backs, hastening unto every remote ignorant one. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen reveal Its signs and the Ocean of Utterance Its pearls, as a mercy from His presence. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and attain unto My verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me, made me known, guided me, and caused me to speak. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, by Thy sweetest call between Thy earth and Thy heaven, by the lights of Thy countenance and Thy throne, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of the servants nor the croaking of those in the lands shall deter me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon, with the hands of my hope raised toward Thy heaven. O Lord of Names! I beseech Thee not to disappoint them through Thy generosity, Thy favors, Thy grace, and Thy gifts. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all and Whose grace hath encompassed all. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned His Honor Elijah with a mention that shall endure in the Book of God. Praise be to God, the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses have attained unto the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree through the signs of the Most Exalted Pen.

Well is it with them and may it bring them joy. Give them glad-tidings from Me, remind them of My verses, guide them to the ocean of My loving-kindness, and draw them nigh unto the heaven of My remembrance. In these days the fire of hatred is ablaze in this land, therefore We have forbidden pilgrimage. However, there hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will for him that which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. He should rejoice and thank his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. As commanded, they should adhere to Islam and outwardly hold fast to the resplendent Law. This is better for them, as doth testify His manifest Book.

Thou didst make mention of Aqa Abu'l-Hasan of the Land of Ha. We have heard his call and answered him before, and at this hour, O My Name, the Countenance of the Wronged One is turned towards him from the Most Great Prison. Thou art witness that this Wronged One hath loved and continueth to love meeting His loved ones, but the transgressors with manifest tyranny have interposed and prevented it. From the beginning of this year until now, every day the fire of hatred hath blazed forth from the breasts of some, clear and evident. Therefore, hath the word of prohibition appeared from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen. Remember him on My behalf, give him glad tidings from Me, and illumine his heart with what hath been revealed for him from My Pen, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me, made me know Thee, and enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee by the land whereon the throne of Thy grandeur was established, and by the realms which were illumined with the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me, by the Pen of Thy bounty, the recompense of meeting Thee. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the treasuries of Thy knowledge and the mines of Thy wisdom, to make me in all conditions cling to Thy cord, stand firm in Thy love, speak forth Thy praise, and hold fast unto the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art indeed the One with power, to Whose might all created things have testified, and to Whose strength all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing."

O My Name, thou didst make mention of his honor Nawwab, upon him be My glory. His remembrance hath flowed and continues to flow from the Supreme Pen, both before and after. Praise be to God, he hath been successful in turning towards God, in steadfastness, certitude, and service to the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to aid him, confirm him, and so enkindle him that he may attract the moisture of heedless souls and guide them to the highest horizon. Some time ago, a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds and was sent forth. In each word the ocean of grace was surging and the light of utterance was shining. We beseech God that they may drink from the ocean of divine meanings contained within the words of God that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Write and send what hath at this moment been specifically revealed for him from the Supreme Pen, that his eyes may be gladdened and his heart rejoiced. Verily thy Lord is the All-Commanding, the Ancient of Days. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon him and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

You and the distinguished T were mentioned, and in these days a special Tablet was revealed for him wherein mention was made of you and the trusted one from the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God, they are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained His favors. That which the sister and the other sister, upon them be the Glory of God, had desired hath been accepted. Give them the glad-tidings of God's favors - their Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earth. Your honor should give them the glad-tidings of the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory. The Mother of the Friends hath been mentioned in numerous places and exalted Tablets from the Supreme Pen. In truth, that household hath ever been remembered before the Wronged One for their love, affection, mention, praise, acceptance and devotion. Blessed are they! We make mention of 'Ayn and Ta who have ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, and the Mother of the Friends, and We give them glad-tidings in the Most Exalted Paradise of My mercy, My favors, and My grace which have encompassed them. We beseech God to send down upon them at all times that which befitteth His name, the All-Merciful. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. You mentioned the honored 'Andalib, upon him be My glory. We beseech the True One to assist him and bestow upon him from the seas of His bounty and generosity that which beseemeth His giving. O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! 'Andalib, upon him be My glory, hath for numbered years been occupied with the mention and praise of the True One, exalted be His glory. His verses have been the cause of order and the gathering of scattered hearts, and his prose the cause of joy and gladness to receptive souls. Ask from the True One whatsoever beseemeth His bounty and favor. In these days mention of him hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen and been uttered by the tongue. The reward of deeds is preserved and treasured with God, and none hath knowledge thereof save His all-knowing Self.

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He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, the All-Knowing!

This is a remembrance from God unto those who have shattered the idols of self through the fear of God, and have preserved God's trust within their breasts, and have been faithful to justice. God will soon aid them with hosts of angels and raise them to a lofty station of nearness.

O Ancient Beauty! Remind the servants of what hath been revealed unto thee at this time, that perchance they may turn unto the sacred and generous pavilion. Say: O people! Fear ye God and spread not corruption in the earth, let none dispute with another, and be ye alone in God's religion. Beware lest ye make this world your homeland; rather, seek ye the homeland of eternal glory. Purify your hearts from envy and hatred that ye may meet your Lord, the Most Merciful, with a pure and sanctified heart. Then cleanse your tongues from abuse and backbite not those who have hastened with their feet and hearts unto the Ridvan of a glorious Name.

Say: Those in whose hearts surge the seas of love, these shall not occupy themselves with the mention of contingent things and shall be drowned in the seas of detachment. When the verses of God are recited unto them, their eyes are humbled and their faces shine like luminous pearls. These are they who have

aided God, their Creator, with what lay within their power, and God shall soon aid them with every wondrous victory.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, then walk in the footsteps of these ones, follow not your own desires, take not partners unto God within yourselves, and follow not every ignorant multitude, but turn ye unto a beautiful and holy countenance. Then strive in God's religion that ye may understand God's Cause with your hearts and eyes, and follow not the paths of conjectural imitation.

O people! Be ye ashamed before God and be not like those who turned away from His face and followed every rebellious satan. Walk ye in the ways of God which are straight with justice. Beware lest ye associate partners with God, differ not regarding God's laws, and be not tyrannical and wretched in the earth. Resolve the differences that have arisen between you and be steadfast brothers upon the thrones of unity.

Now do I counsel you, and God is My witness between Me and you in this. Beware lest ye differ concerning that which ye were promised in the Book, which was irrevocably decreed in the Tablet. Know ye that He Who was named in the Bayan as "Him Whom God shall make manifest" shall come with truth in the next Resurrection, and God is the guarantor of this. He shall fulfill His promise and shall come on the day when the Lote-Tree of the Bayan shall rise to a sublime and lofty station. Then shall the Bird of Eternity warble and the Dove of Holiness coo, and God shall come in overshadowing clouds.

Thus do We impart unto you the truth and remind you with a most sublime and glorious remembrance, lest ye imagine in your hearts the imaginings of the ignorant, and stray from the Path, and be far removed from God's Kawthar.

Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and neither imagine vain things within your souls nor take anyone to be His peer, for that would be a grievous error. When the Promise cometh, verily He shall appear with the truth as He pleaseth, and shall create anew all who are in the heavens and on earth with a wondrous word of command, and shall render victorious whomsoever He willeth among His servants, and His triumph over the believers shall be nigh. Those who come before the Tree of the Bayan is raised up are evidence that there is no God but Him, and thus was the matter ordained. In those days no ordinance from among the ordinances hath appeared, and the tree that was planted in the Bayan by One All-Knowing, All-Wise hath not yet borne fruit. Nay, the tree hath not even brought forth leaves, how then its fruit, if ye be informed of God's decree. Know ye that before the seed sprouteth and becometh ears of corn, the time of harvest hath not come, if ye be discerning in the wisdom of creation. And when it putteth forth its shoot and thickeneth, reaching its full height, then shall the servants harvest it and live thereby for many days. Even so, recognize ye the decree of the Tree of the Cause when it reacheth its ultimate height and beareth wondrous fruits; then shall come He Who shall take its fruits, and without this it shall never be. God and His Prophets and Messengers are witness to this.

Therefore glory be unto Thee, O my God! I seek Thy forgiveness at this moment for what my hands have wrought before Thee and what my pen hath set down, for Thou art indeed merciful unto Thy servants. For I, O my God, have set limits to Thy Cause wherein none should draw breath, how much more the limitations that arise from vessels of ignorance far removed. I bear witness at this moment that Thou art

the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thy choice lieth not in anyone's hands; rather, Thou art the Chooser in whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art wise in all things. By Thy glory, O my God! If Thou shouldst desire to manifest the Embodiment of Thy Self at this very moment, Thou art assuredly powerful to do so, and of this I am possessed of clear certainty. I confess before Thee that Thou art the Omnipotent in Thy deeds - Thou manifestest what Thou willest and concealest what Thou willest, and Thou art powerful over all that Thou desirest. Thou shalt not be questioned about what Thou doest, and nothing shall prevent Thee from Thy will, and Thou encompasseth all things. By Thy glory, I have conveyed to Thy servants what I have found of Thy ways, lest they corrupt Thy Cause which Thou hast raised to a station of glorious praise. Therefore pardon me through Thy bounty, then forgive me and make me not doubtful in Thy Cause. Then enable me and Thy servants not to oppose Him in His days as they opposed Thy Most Exalted Beauty aforetime and this servant of Thine, for Thou art indeed cognizant of all that. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I make peace with Thy creation before Thee that if they believe not in Thee on the day of Thy rising in the Manifestation of Thyself, they at least shall not oppose Him nor harm Him through their hands and hearts and through the envy and hatred within their souls, as I find today from everyone, young and old.

O leaders of the Bayan! Fear ye God, and let not leadership prevent you from this bounty on this Day. Be not proud before God in what ye possess, but hasten ye to the shore of a wondrous Name. Trust not in that Day in your deeds or your actions, but trust in the grace that shineth from the horizon of holy radiance. Even now I witness that some among you take up prayer beads in your hands and make mention of God therewith, yet every morning and evening ye pronounce judgment against God Who created you. O leaders of the Bayan! Be fair with God within your own selves on that Day, and be not deceitful and mean. For by God, if ye believe not in Him in His Day and in this Servant Who speaketh for Him in truth in these days, nothing shall profit you, neither little nor much. Do ye turn away from the Truth and content yourselves that people should follow you? Evil indeed is that wherein ye traffic, and no gain shall ye derive therefrom, be it as small as a grain or a date-stone. By God, I would rather ye slay me in these days and I ask you not about my blood, than that ye should oppose God on the Day that shall truly come to pass. Then doth mine eye weep, and my heart quake, and my soul be troubled, and my hand tremble from that which these oppressors, all of them, bring upon Him. It behooveth me to complete what I say, for in all the kingdom there is no hearing ear save those who hear these verses and whose eyes overflow with tears in their love for God - and these are fewer than red sulphur in these days wherein the Name of God is sorrowful among the people. Husayn

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to the peerless Creator Who created creation through His most exalted Word and made known to them that which harmeth and profiteth them, He Who hath need of nothing whatsoever. His mercy hath preceded all things and His grace hath encompassed all. Through pure bounty He adorned sheer nothingness with the ornament of being, and His purpose hath been the elevation of existence and its advancement, that through His destined decrees and all-encompassing favors they might become ready

for the manifestation of His greatest bounty and most great mercy. Glorious is His grace and mighty is His dominion. There is none other God but Him.

The letter from that honored one was the cause of joy, nay rather it was the very essence of joy, for it bore testimony to that soul's degrees of sincerity, certitude, and well-being. After its reading and perusal, We repaired to the Sacred Spot and presented it before His countenance. He said: "God willing, may you be mindful in all conditions, be observant of wisdom in association and gatherings, and conduct affairs through consultation. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make what hath proceeded from you a treasure for you, to preserve it through His power, protection, might and grandeur, to adorn your deeds with the glory of acceptance, to ordain for you the good of this world and the next, and to decree for you that which shall endure through the endurance of His Kingdom. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

We make mention of the loved ones in that land and convey Our greetings, counseling all to unity, wisdom and utterance. The honored Afnan, upon him be God's peace and grace, hath been and is mentioned; in all matters they should be mindful of liberality and bounty. The honored Observer, the honored Shaykh, and the son of the honored Samandar, upon them be God's peace and mercy, are mentioned. We have ever besought and continue to beseech the Truth that He may illumine hearts with the light of harmony and agreement, and confirm each one in that which leadeth to the exaltation of existence. Verily He hath power over all things.

Some time ago this servant submitted a detailed letter laden with pearls of wisdom and utterance. God willing, it hath arrived and eyes have been blessed by it and light hath shone forth from the horizons of hearts. To those possessed of insight, the station of that heedless party hath ever been and shall continue to be evident. The decree for these matters came from the Island, and that heedless oppressor who promoteth his cause in that land - Dawlat-Abadi - hath committed that which no heedless one hath ever committed.

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the sighing of the hearts of the oppressed, by the tears from the eyes of Thy near servants, and by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, to aid the heedless to act with justice and the deniers to turn unto Thee and to face toward Thy Prophets and Messengers and to cling to the hem of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Forgiver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

This servant has ever beseeched and continues to beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants of that which is the cause of their glory and advancement, and not to withhold from them the light of truthfulness and uprightness. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

To the honored presence of his eminence Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, I offer heartfelt praise, remembrance and greetings. In these days, his eminence the Afnan of the Land of Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, sent a letter to his honored eminence the Greater Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. After it was presented before Him, He said: "He hath spoken with justice. That which is mentioned therein must be carried out." We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before the faces of His Afnans the gates of favors and blessings. Verily, He is the Generous, the Merciful. End quote. Surely they will send the details thereof to them.

The most luminous star, his eminence Afnan, Aqa Mirza Mu?sin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, has departed for the Land of Ha in perfect health and well-being. God willing, may he arrive at his destination in complete health and be assisted in that which is the cause of setting affairs aright.

Furthermore, I convey greetings to the beloved of my heart, his eminence the Overseer, and the spiritual beloved, his eminence Shaykh, and the apple of the eye, the son of his eminence S.M., upon them be the Glory of God and His favors. May God assist them to achieve success, prosperity and righteousness. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous, and He is the Helper, the Merciful.

Another matter: The beloved of my heart, his eminence the Overseer, upon him be the Glory of God, has sent a letter to the beloved of the spirit, his eminence Haji Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God (in the Land of S), requesting a sum. The honored ones have written to this servant about this matter. After it was presented, He said that the spreading and publicity of these matters is not permissible. Moreover, it may not be outwardly possible for them, and may not be easily attainable. Regarding the amount requested, it was commanded that ten Ottoman liras be given to them specifically for the expenses of certain souls there, and the aforementioned amount that was promised should also be paid. For the sake of establishing justice and setting affairs aright, there has been and is no objection to this matter. Detailed instructions were written and sent regarding this, and this evanescent one has repeatedly heard from the blessed tongue, saying “We love charitable giving.” The attention to that direction has been for the sake of God, and whatever has occurred returns to Him. Therefore, there is no objection if that mentioned amount is given. What is essential is that God grant success so that those in authority may judge with justice. Surely the reward for deeds done with justice is not limited to what has been mentioned. Certainly from the treasury of the unseen will also be bestowed that which indicates His all-encompassing favor and His precedent all-pervading mercy. In certain instances, negligence is not permissible. Furthermore, the matter of certain ones remaining in that land and their movement depends on consultation. In all conditions, they must keep their gaze fixed upon the glory of the Cause. In this case, whatever occurs is beloved.

And regarding the funds, what his eminence the Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, has mentioned is correct. The documents mentioned in his eminence’s letter will be sent from the other direction.

Concerning his honor Aqa Rasul, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, and the other matters they have written about - this is acceptable. It is evident that his honor is diligent and striving in the duties assigned to him, and in all conditions holds fast to God’s grace and attains His good-pleasure. This deserves a hundred thousand congratulations.

Regarding his honor Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, several years ago they had expressed their wish to free themselves and obtain a divorce, but permission was not granted until these days when they said to do whatever they deemed advisable. That woman’s actions were not and are not acceptable, to which the fair-minded ones of the world and the manifestations of His justice bear witness.

Concerning the matter of the funds of Ibn Jenab Alif and Ha, upon them both be Baha’u’llah’s glory - that is, the funds of Yapunchi - these were received through the honored Mr. Afnan ’Ali, upon him be the

Most Glorious Beauty of Baha'u'llah, and a receipt was issued. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's loved ones there and upon God's righteous servants.

The Servant

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The Ever-Living, the Most Ancient

Radiant praise, adorned, resplendent, ascending, and soaring to the atmosphere of the holy nearness of my Beloved Who, with but one melody from the songs of the celestial Dove, one warble from the eternal Nightingale, and one breath from the divine Bird, hath illumined all those who dwell in the clouds of unknowing with the brilliance of His holy splendor and adorned all scattered elements with the radiance of His intimate beauty. Yet He hath manifested but a single point from His Book of Glory, whereupon all have become deluded and lost, and have remained deprived of the mysteries and inner meanings of the verdant pavilions and the beautiful couches. They imagine themselves to be guided and righteous. Nay! By the Lord of the heavens, they are liars and corrupters! Now that the light of the morn of faithfulness hath sunk into the realm of the unseen, and the darkness of the night of blindness hath encompassed the face of the earth, such gloom hath descended from the friends upon the page of ink that its mere mention causeth sorrow to both the seen and unseen worlds. Glory be to God! To such a degree hath the emblem of grief appeared upon His countenance. Verily we are God's, and verily unto our Lord do we return. Say: O people of the Bayan! Were ye to awaken even slightly and ascend somewhat toward the holy heaven of the Eternal Sovereign, ye would realize how ye have divided the blessed, universal, and eternal Word. By Him Who is the Educator of the seen and unseen and the Sovereign of existence and Ultimate Goal, whatsoever your hands and tongues have wrought is evident and manifest before Him from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever in the kingdoms of earth and heaven is hidden. Ye shall soon behold its fruits, and these same deeds and actions of yours shall return unto you at the time of return. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him do we return.

O my God, my Lord and my Beloved! I know not which decree Thou hast ordained concerning me, nor what Thou hast destined for my countenance. Dost Thou wish to abandon me among the oppressors among Thy servants? Here am I, present before Thee in faithfulness. Or dost Thou wish to take my soul in this house in utter abasement? By Thy glory! I seek no refuge save in Thy captivating beauty. Glorified art Thou, O my Beloved! I shall surely bear witness unto Thee in that hour before the countenance of the King of Thy munificence, and I shall surely call upon Thee in the sacred mysteries before the presence of the Sovereign of Thy holiness, that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, alone with no partner. Thou hast ever been established in the mystery of Glory, and Thou shalt ever remain at rest upon the throne of the heavens. None can ascend to the atmosphere of the King of Thy attraction, nor can any soul mount up to the threshold of the Sovereign of Thy self-subsistence. All desire union with Thee and Thy presence, yet none hath the means to soar to the heaven of Thy divine unity, nor any proof to enter the precincts of intimate fellowship with the King of Thy divinity.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord! Since I find no portion save in the warbling of Thy verses, and no glory save in the remembrance of Thy favors, I shall commune with Thee in this night before Thee with praise of Thine own Essence and attributes of Thine own Self, that perchance my heart may find peace amid the surging winds of sorrow for Thy loved ones, and my soul find rest amid the manifestation of the standards of grief from the people of Thy chosen ones.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou dost witness my state in this solitary house while Thy loved ones do with Thy countenance as they please. Thou knowest my secret amidst the letters of heaven while Thy chosen ones do with Thy glory as they desire. Thou hearest my cry in utter abasement while the pious think of Thee as they wish. Glorified, glorified art Thou! I see all this as naught but Thy doing unto me and Thy favor upon me. Thine is the praise in all of this, and Thine is the gratitude in all of this, for Thou art the Truth, there is no God but Thee, and we are all believers in this.

Praise be to God Who hath enriched the Glory with the mystery of faithfulness, and hath seated him upon the crimson throne, and hath caused him to warble the verses of attraction on this sorrowful night, though most people neither witness nor give thanks. Praise be to God Who hath established the Light in the mystery of Glory, and hath made him witness from the divine realm among the countenances of heaven, and hath tried him among the hands of the polytheists in the realm of creation, though most people neither witness nor know. Praise be to God Who hath mounted me upon the steed of light, and hath established me upon the yellow rafraf of might in the most hidden essences of the Most Glorious, though most people neither see nor understand. Praise be to God Who hath caused me to ascend to the court of mighty divinity, and hath brought me into being at the radiance of the countenance of glory, and hath admitted me into the house of identity behind the veils of grandeur, though most people neither give thanks nor comprehend. Then after all this, they deny and say what they know not, and judge what they perceive not.

O Dove of Eternity, Cock of Oneness, Bird of Glory, Manifestation of Divinity, and Radiance of Beauty! Say: O People of the Book! Why do you deny Us? Why do you reject Us? Are We not the verses of joy? Are We not the warbling of the Lord upon Mount Sinai? Why do you harm Us? How do you grieve Us? Are We not the hidden secret revealed in the Psalms? Are We not the countenance of the Ever-Living, the All-Forgiving? Are We not the mist of camphor? Are We not the clear signs of Oneness made manifest? Why do you drive Us from Our homes? Why do you imprison Us in Our dwellings? Are We not the Beauty of Glory in the darkness of night? Are We not the Beloved in the midst of the letter “Ha” with the hidden mystery? Are We not the Loved One in the heart of Glory with the melodies of resurrection? Are We not the Singer in the heaven of the heart with the warbling of birds? Why do you turn away from Us, slay Us, and forsake Us? By God, the Truth! There shall descend upon you the mighty, powerful grasp, and there shall appear unto you a severe, overwhelming punishment. Soon shall you know who it is that shall be visited by a humiliating chastisement, and you shall find no escape from Our grasp.

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved, my Companion, my Witnessed One! I seek Thy forgiveness at this moment for my transgressions before Thee and for my warbling in Thy kingdom. I am certain that all that hath been and shall be revealed is the description of Thy Self and none other, the mark of Thy mercy and naught else. O my God and my Lord! How can I seek Thy forgiveness for my

grievous sins and my great transgressions, knowing that all this was naught but the warbling of the Dove of Thine eternity in my heart, the surging of the waves of Thy love in my breast, and the manifestation of the countenance of Thy identity in my heart? Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am not an existence that I should implore before Thee, nor am I anything that I should mention myself before the court of Thy glory, nor am I a countenance that I should radiate in Thy kingdom, nor am I one who stands that I should raise the banners of Thy victory, nor am I a glory that I should shine in the heaven of Thy majestic manifestations, nor am I one who waits that I should await the days of Thy manifestation, nor am I one who sits that I should arise for Thy Cause, nor am I a presence that I should abide in the house of Thy glory. For all this was but the signs of Thy Self in Thy dominion and the tokens of Thy Being in Thy lands, and they shall never ascend to the heaven of Thy identity nor rise to the clouds of Thy oneness. Glory be unto Thee! Verily, I have been among the sinners before Thee, and the first of the penitent, and the first of the worshippers.

Never be saddened, for it is not permitted. His honor - upon him be God's blessings - is missing and cannot be found. I remember Mirza Akbar and Mirza Isma'il. Divide the other candy and give it to them in service. His honor, the Most Excellent of the Excellent ones, possesses the utmost affection. This writing is for some of you; some complaints about the loved ones that do not concern you.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise and glory befit that intended Lord Who illumined the world with the lights of His Most Great Name, Who guided with a single call and taught the way, Who bestowed upon the realm of dust distinction above the heavens. That call in every age is made manifest through a revelation and an effulgent light. He is the Living Waters for the thirsty and He is the True Spirit for the dead. The source of the attributes of the world hath been through Him and unto Him do they return. Yet ears capable of hearkening to this call are as rare as red sulphur. Blessings and peace be upon the first ear that was blessed to hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, and the first eye that witnessed and beheld the greatest signs of its Lord, and the first hand that was raised to the heaven of bounty, and the first foot that hastened to the seat of the throne of the Creator of heaven, and the first countenance that turned toward the lights of the Face, and the first light that shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Cause whereby surged the ocean of knowledge in creation and the mysteries of the Books were revealed through clear proof and evidence, and through whom the stations of revelation and inspiration were completed and the messages of God, the Lord of all beings, were sealed. He it is Who informed the people of the Day of Resurrection and of the Hour which none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He it is Who warned the idolaters who broke the Covenant and Testament and gave glad tidings to the believers of what was ordained for them in the highest Paradise and the most exalted Garden. And upon His family and companions, whom neither land nor sea nor anything whatsoever prevented from striving in His path and exalting His Word. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified that they strove in the path of God with true striving until the banner of unity was raised and the standard of detachment was hoisted in the name of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Glory be unto Thee, O Light of the world and Manifestation of the Unseen amidst the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and Thy verses treasured therein that Thou ordain for Thy Afnan, whom Thou hast related to Thyself and mentioned from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scriptures and Tablets, the good of the hereafter and of this world and whatsoever beseemeth Thy generosity and bounty, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! O my Lord, send down upon them from the heaven of Thy generosity a mercy from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence. Then grant them that which will gladden their hearts and solace their eyes and bring joy to their souls. O God! Illumine their faces with the lights of Thy countenance, and their hearts with the effulgences of Thy knowledge, and their breasts with the lights of Thy mention and praise. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Bountiful. And praise be unto Thee, for verily Thou art the Goal of the worlds and the Beloved of those who have recognized Thee.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention and unto your service! The servant has attained unto the traces of your pen, from which every possessor of smell perceives the fragrance of your acceptance, your recognition, your orientation, your sincerity, your humility, and your submissiveness before the face of God, your Goal and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and earths. After its reading and perusal, it attained the honor of being heard before His presence. The Master - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - said: "O Afnan! Upon thee be My salutation. The first banner in the world was the banner of Islam, and the first standard was the standard of that party. They bore for the sake of God that which none other than them bore, and they strove in such wise as astonished all who were in the world, until the banner of 'There is none other God but Him' was raised to the most exalted station. From their might, the limbs of various parties trembled, and through the power of those souls the pavilion of glory was raised up and the Euphrates of wealth flowed. What happened to that power, and where did that might go, and in what corner has that authority hidden, and by what has that majesty been prevented? By God's life! The heedlessness of the people of unity became the cause of strength for the people of polytheism. Heedlessness reached such a state that the pen is impotent and falls short of its mention. Would that they were capable of hearing the cause and reason of what has occurred. By God's life! The recompense of deeds has become embodied and rendered the strong party weak. Today all must return, detached from all else, and beseech God - glorious be His majesty - that perchance the departed glory might return and the lost power might appear and the sun of unity might rise from behind the clouds and mist and illumine the world with a new adornment." His eminence Kabir - upon him be My peace and My peace and My favor - has ever been and is mentioned before the Wronged One and present before His face. Praise be to God Who assisted him in that which is better for him than what is witnessed and seen. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him from His Most Exalted Pen that which will draw him nigh, strengthen him and gladden him. Verily He is the One with power over what He willeth, and He is the Ancient Commander. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Remembrance and peace from the Wronged One be upon you and upon those who remember you and love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of his honor Haji Muhammad-Rida - upon him be God's peace - and we beseech for him success and confirmation, although he has been and is confirmed. Witness to this is his tranquility and establishment. We send greetings to all the friends in that land. We send greetings to his honor Mahdi. God willing, may he be successful in that which is the cause of exaltation and ascendancy, and likewise the satisfaction of the Afnan. We send greetings to his honor Siyyid Ibrahim.

Praise be to God, they are occupied with service to the Afnan. We beseech from the Truth steadfastness and constancy for him. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer.

Praise be to God! The light of grace is radiant and resplendent, and the rain of mercy flows and descends. Ever before the Lord has he been mentioned and favored with loving-kindness and affection. God is witness and testifier that this station is sanctified above the mention of this ephemeral one. Where is the mention of this ephemeral one compared to the mention of those souls who have attained true remembrance? In view of the manifestation of humility, submissiveness and sincerity, these words have appeared and continue to appear from such a servant. Our silence is preferable to our speech, and our quietude is more exalted than our utterance. In all conditions God is witness and testifier that the mention and praise of the honored master, the Most Great Afnan, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him, has never ceased from pen and tongue. Love for him is treasured in the heart. We beseech and implore God to gather all in the utmost joy and fragrance beneath the pavilions of grace, to bestow vision and revelation and hearing, and to confirm them. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. To those who circle round, meaning those souls who are present with your honor, I convey greetings to each one, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which will cause their elevation and exaltation. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Another matter: His honor Aqa Mirza Majdu'd-Din, may my spirit be sacrificed for him, has arrived and become the cause of joy, happiness, gladness and delight. And according to what was mentioned, the apple of the eye, Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Mu??afa, may God's most exalted peace be upon him, has returned. What was sent has arrived. Ever has he been and continues to be mentioned, even as specifically in the presence they inquired of His Honor Majd, and loving-kindness was manifested from the Dayspring of Grace. Happy is he! God willing, may they be safe and attain to that which is befitting. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and upon those who love you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

A luminous remembrance from this servant to him who hath believed in God and been guided by the Sun that hath shone from the horizon of the Spirit, and who hath ascended unto God until he reached the station of nearness in the pavilion raised above the horizon of holiness, and who hath heard the melodies of the Dove upon branches planted by the hand of God in the paradise of the Divine Essence. Thus doth God exalt whomsoever He willeth through His command and abaseth those who have waxed proud before God and who this day are debarred from the beauty of God.

O servant! Grieve not over anything, and fear no one. Place thy trust in God. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and unto Him returneth the decree, preserved in a Tablet from the hands of the oppressors. Say: O people of guidance! Should sorrow or tribulation touch you, rejoice within yourselves. And should the oppressors desire your body, surrender it unto them, that ye may don

the crimson robe and mount the steed of the spirit, and soar in the atmosphere of destiny upon the winds of the divine command.

Then preserve thyself and the souls of them who have believed in God and His signs according to thy capacity. And should destiny unveil the countenance of tribulation, be patient and content, that ye may walk in God's good-pleasure and tread the path of submission. All this is God's command and His decree, preserved in the pavilion of destiny upon a tablet concealed from eyes.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Follow not your selfish desires, and dispute not about the Cause of God. When a verse descendeth unto you, bow down in humility before it and be not among those who are puffed up with pride. This is what the servant counseleth you, advising you through a command sent down from the heaven of oneness through God's clouds.

Say: O people! Consider those who came before you, how they met their end in heedlessness. Walk not in their ways nor follow their guidance. Rather, follow Him Who was raised up in the depths of light through God's nature. Turn not to any of the world's ornaments, nor to those in whose hearts ye find rancor against God and His loved ones. Hasten instead to a law sent down from the clouds of glory.

Thus do We turn you toward the traces of God's mercy and cast upon you from the wisdom that was, in the eternity of eternities, veiled behind the veils of light. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves, and distance not yourselves from a paradise wherein blow the breezes of the celestial realm. Say: Those who would bar you from the path of immortality have no love within them and are recorded among the heedless on holy tablets by the Pen of the Spirit.

Those in whose hearts is kindled the fire of love are deterred by nothing and held back by no command. They hasten with their very beings toward a station forbidden to the worlds. O essence of love! Should anyone ask thee what thou hast gained from thy journey, turn thy face from him and say: God hath sanctified our souls from all that ye have known, and we have attained unto a station recorded in the Mother Book in hidden script. We have soared in the atmosphere of reunion until we reached a city whose gates God hath shut against the likes of thee. Then seek God's help, and He will inspire thee in thy response with melodies of the immortal Dove, that thou mayest be enchanted by the holy strains.

And thus do We impart unto thee mysteries of knowledge and wisdom, that thou mayest advance swiftly along the paths of divine recognition. Thus have We given thee glad tidings through the Spirit and cast upon thee meanings that were inscribed in the Tablets of the divine decree in the invisible realm. Therefore ponder what God hath shown thee in thy vision, then preserve it in the treasuries of thy heart and relate it not to those who have turned away and waxed proud, whose sole concern in this world is but to amass counted coins. When We impart unto them any mention, they turn away their faces - such is the measure of their understanding. Would the dung beetle desire to enter a garden wherein spiritual fragrances are wafting and sweet scents are diffused? Nay, by Him Who hath made me His servant, they will never incline unto it, but rather flee unto their own base selves which are consumed in a fire kindled by the faggots of idolatry. These are they who have cast the Word of God behind their backs, and Satan hath made their deeds seem fair unto them. Therefore hath God seized them for their sins and caused them to be burned in the fire of unbelief.

O beloved! Hearken unto My call and take what We have inspired thee with by the hand of power, and be as a flame of fire that thou mayest ignite the fire in the hearts of those who have detached themselves unto God and whose breasts are consumed by the flames of longing. Then accept what We have enjoined upon thee in the Concourse on high and be not of those whose fire of divine love is extinguished in the valley of devotion. Say: Those who hasten unto good deeds in this fire are they whose hearts God hath tested for certitude and whom He hath distinguished with the robe of divine recognition from among the garments of understanding. The angels of the Cause receive them and teach them the ways of piety and give them glad tidings of mysteries that were mentioned in the Mother Book.

Say: O people! This is but a servant of God, like unto any one of you, who calleth you unto a Paradise wherefrom the Spirit hath been bestowed upon the frame of all created things. He commandeth you naught save the pure truth, that He may bring you unto a knowledge that was raised aloft upon the Mount of Light. Say: Now hath the Face appeared from behind the veil, and the angels of the Spirit have descended, and God hath come upon clouds that were mounted in the heaven of holiness. Say: O people! Hasten unto God and fear no one, and despair not of the Spirit of God. This is what We have mentioned unto thee in this Book and made thee a bearer of glad tidings from Us unto all the worlds, that thou mayest waft the holy breaths upon hearts and remind them of days wherein verses descended from the clouds of grace in wondrous wise.

And should the Name of God meet thee, spread these words before him that he may rejoice within himself and not be veiled from the gems of the Cause. And say unto him: Dost thou love thy head more than God? Say: Glory be to God! I love it only that it may be raised upon the spear in Thy love, if this be acceptable unto Thee. Or is thy breast dearer unto thee than God? Say: Glory be to God! I have preserved it only for the arrows of the enemies in Thy path, and this lieth manifest before Thee. Say: Fear no one and strip thyself of veils, for all good is in God's hands - He preserveth whom He willeth by His command, and His grace hath ever been witnessed by the worlds like unto this sun in the horizon above. Detach thyself from the world, then soar in the atmosphere of nearness and yearning, that thou mayest be even as the phoenix of longing, finding intimacy in the fire of God. These limited days shall pass away [...]

Return to a pavilion that was spread out before God from all eternity and say: Verily, we have loved Thee and made mention of Thee in the Concourse on High, yet found not from Thee the fragrance of love. Therefore have we made mention of Thee in the Tablet, that it might draw Thee unto a spot that was sanctified above the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. This is from the Dove of the Cause, warbling unto you with the melodies of Paradise, that it might render you entranced by the strains of God and bring you to the stream of life and shelter you beneath the shade of mercy that was stretched forth in the Garden of Eden. And we seal these words with the remembrance of the Beloved in the tabernacle of the heart, that the book of the Best-Beloved might be sealed with the seal of preservation. Then clothe with the robes of glorification, wrought of the silk of eternity, those in whose faces thou findest the light, and who abide forever in the garden of detachment.

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Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God! These are the days whereon Thou hast bidden all men to observe the Fast, that through it they may purify their souls and rid themselves of all attachment to any one but Thee, and that out of their hearts may ascend that which will be worthy of the court of Thy majesty and may well beseem the seat of the revelation of Thy oneness. Grant, O my Lord, that this fast may become a river of life-giving waters and may yield the virtue wherewith Thou hast endowed it. Cleanse Thou by its means the hearts of Thy servants whom the evils of the world have failed to hinder from turning towards Thine all-glorious Name, and who have remained unmoved by the noise and tumult of such as have repudiated Thy most resplendent signs which have accompanied the advent of Thy Manifestation Whom Thou hast invested with Thy sovereignty, Thy power, Thy majesty and glory. These are the servants who, as soon as Thy call reached them, hastened in the direction of Thy mercy and were not kept back from Thee by the changes and chances of this world or by any human limitations. I am he, O my God, who testifieth to Thy unity, who acknowledgeth Thy oneness, who boweth humbly before the revelations of Thy majesty, and who recognizeth with downcast countenance the splendors of the light of Thy transcendent glory. I have believed in Thee after Thou didst enable me to know Thy Self, Whom Thou hast revealed to men's eyes through the power of Thy sovereignty and might. Unto Him I have turned, wholly detached from all things, and cleaving steadfastly unto the cord of Thy gifts and favors. I have embraced His truth, and the truth of all the wondrous laws and precepts that have been sent down unto Him. I have fasted for love of Thee and in pursuance of Thine injunction, and have broken my fast with Thy praise on my tongue and in conformity with Thy pleasure. Suffer me not, O my Lord, to be reckoned among them who have fasted in the daytime, who in the night-season have prostrated themselves before Thy face, and who have repudiated Thy truth, disbelieved in Thy signs, gainsaid Thy testimony, and perverted Thine utterances.

Open Thou, O my Lord, mine eyes and the eyes of all them that have sought Thee, that we may recognize Thee with Thine own eyes. This is Thy bidding given us in the Book sent down by Thee unto Him Whom Thou hast chosen by Thy behest, Whom Thou hast singled out for Thy favor above all Thy creatures, Whom Thou hast been pleased to invest with Thy sovereignty, and Whom Thou hast specially favored and entrusted with Thy Message unto Thy people. Praised be Thou, therefore, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast graciously enabled us to recognize Him and to acknowledge whatsoever hath been sent down unto Him, and conferred upon us the honor of attaining the presence of the One Whom Thou didst promise in Thy Book and in Thy Tablets.

Thou seest me then, O my God, with my face turned towards Thee, cleaving steadfastly to the cord of Thy gracious providence and generosity, and clinging to the hem of Thy tender mercies and bountiful favors. Destroy not, I implore Thee, my hopes of attaining unto that which Thou didst ordain for Thy servants who have turned towards the precincts of Thy court and the sanctuary of Thy presence, and have observed the Fast for love of Thee. I confess, O my God, that whatever proceedeth from me is wholly unworthy of Thy sovereignty and falleth short of Thy majesty. And yet I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast revealed Thy Self, in the glory of Thy most excellent titles, unto all created things, in this Revelation whereby Thou hast, through Thy most resplendent Name, manifested Thy beauty, to give me to drink of the wine of Thy mercy and of the pure beverage of Thy favor, which have streamed forth from the right hand of Thy will, that I may so fix my gaze upon Thee and be so detached

from all else but Thee, that the world and all that hath been created therein may appear before me as a fleeting day which Thou hast not deigned to create.

I moreover entreat Thee, O my God, to rain down, from the heaven of Thy will and the clouds of Thy mercy, that which will cleanse us from the noisome savors of our transgressions, O Thou Who hast called Thyself the God of Mercy! Thou art, verily, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Beneficent.

Cast not away, O my Lord, him that hath turned towards Thee, nor suffer him who hath drawn nigh unto Thee to be removed far from Thy court. Dash not the hopes of the suppliant who hath longingly stretched out his hands to seek Thy grace and favors, and deprive not Thy sincere servants of the wonders of Thy tender mercies and loving-kindness. Forgiving and Most Bountiful art Thou, O my Lord! Power hast Thou to do what Thou pleasest. All else but Thee are impotent before the revelations of Thy might, are as lost in the face of the evidences of Thy wealth, are as nothing when compared with the manifestations of Thy transcendent sovereignty, and are destitute of all strength when face to face with the signs and tokens of Thy power. What refuge is there beside Thee, O my Lord, to which I can flee, and where is there a haven to which I can hasten? Nay, the power of Thy might beareth me witness! No protector is there but Thee, no place to flee to except Thee, no refuge to seek save Thee. Cause me to taste, O my Lord, the divine sweetness of Thy remembrance and praise. I swear by Thy might! Whosoever tasteth of its sweetness will rid himself of all attachment to the world and all that is therein, and will set his face towards Thee, cleansed from the remembrance of any one except Thee.

Inspire then my soul, O my God, with Thy wondrous remembrance, that I may glorify Thy name. Number me not with them who read Thy words and fail to find Thy hidden gift which, as decreed by Thee, is contained therein, and which quickeneth the souls of Thy creatures and the hearts of Thy servants. Cause me, O my Lord, to be reckoned among them who have been so stirred up by the sweet savors that have been wafted in Thy days that they have laid down their lives for Thee and hastened to the scene of their death in their longing to gaze on Thy beauty and in their yearning to attain Thy presence. And were any one to say unto them on their way, “Whither go ye?” they would say, “Unto God, the All-Possessing, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!”

The transgressions committed by such as have turned away from Thee and have borne themselves haughtily towards Thee have not availed to hinder them from loving Thee, and from setting their faces towards Thee, and from turning in the direction of Thy mercy. These are they who are blessed by the Concourse on high, who are glorified by the denizens of the everlasting Cities, and beyond them by those on whose foreheads Thy most exalted pen hath written: “These! The people of Baha. Through them have been shed the splendors of the light of guidance.” Thus hath it been ordained, at Thy behest and by Thy will, in the Tablet of Thine irrevocable decree.

Proclaim, therefore, O my God, their greatness and the greatness of those who while living or after death have circled round them. Supply them with that which Thou hast ordained for the righteous among Thy creatures. Potent art Thou to do all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful.

Do not bring our fasts to an end with this fast, O my Lord, nor the covenants Thou hast made with this covenant. Do Thou accept all that we have done for love of Thee, and for the sake of Thy pleasure, and all that we have left undone as a result of our subjection to our evil and corrupt desires. Enable us, then, to cleave steadfastly to Thy love and Thy good pleasure, and preserve us from the mischief of such as have denied Thee and repudiated Thy most resplendent signs. Thou art, in truth, the Lord of this world and of the next. No God is there beside Thee, the Exalted, the Most High.

Magnify Thou, O Lord my God, Him Who is the Primal Point, the Divine Mystery, the Unseen Essence, the Dayspring of Divinity, and the Manifestation of Thy Lordship, through Whom all the knowledge of the past and all the knowledge of the future were made plain, through Whom the pearls of Thy hidden wisdom were uncovered, and the mystery of Thy treasured name disclosed, Whom Thou hast appointed as the Announcer of the One through Whose name the letter B and the letter E have been joined and united, through Whom Thy majesty, Thy sovereignty and Thy might were made known, through Whom Thy words have been sent down, and Thy laws set forth with clearness, and Thy signs spread abroad, and Thy Word established, through Whom the hearts of Thy chosen ones were laid bare, and all that were in the heavens and all that were on the earth were gathered together, Whom Thou hast called ’Ali-Muhammad in the kingdom of Thy names, and the Spirit of Spirits in the Tablets of Thine irrevocable decree, Whom Thou hast invested with Thine own title, unto Whose name all other names have, at Thy bidding and through the power of Thy might, been made to return, and in Whom Thou hast caused all Thine attributes and titles to attain their final consummation. To Him also belong such names as lay hid within Thy stainless tabernacles, in Thine invisible world and Thy sanctified cities.

Magnify Thou, moreover, such as have believed in Him and in His signs and have turned towards Him, from among those that have acknowledged Thy unity in His Latter Manifestation–a Manifestation whereof He hath made mention in His Tablets, and in His Books, and in His Scriptures, and in all the wondrous verses and gem-like utterances that have descended upon Him. It is this same Manifestation Whose covenant Thou hast bidden Him establish ere He had established His own covenant. He it is Whose praise the Bayan hath celebrated. In it His excellence hath been extolled, and His truth established, and His sovereignty proclaimed, and His Cause perfected. Blessed is the man that hath turned unto Him, and fulfilled the things He hath commanded, O Thou Who art the Lord of the worlds and the Desire of all them that have known Thee!

Praised be Thou, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast aided us to recognize and love Him. I, therefore, beseech Thee by Him and by Them Who are the Dayspring of Thy Divinity, and the Manifestations of Thy Lordship, and the Treasuries of Thy Revelation, and the Depositories of Thine inspiration, to enable us to serve and obey Him, and to empower us to become the helpers of His Cause and the dispersers of His adversaries. Powerful art Thou to do all that pleaseth Thee. No God is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the One Whose help is sought by all men!

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In the name of the All-Powerful Creator! Praise and glory befit that Lord Who, through His might, delivered creation from the nakedness of nothingness and adorned it with the raiment of life. He chose the pure essence of man from among all created things and arrayed him with the garment of grandeur. Whosoever hath cleansed the mirror of his heart from the rust of desire hath become worthy of this divine raiment and hath delivered himself from the nakedness of ignorance. This raiment is the greatest source of ease and education for the bodies and souls of men. Blessed is the day when one, through the aid of the one true God, hath gained freedom from the defilements of the world and all that is therein, and hath reposed beneath the shade of the Tree of Knowledge.

The song of the nightingale, warbling upon the branches of the Tree of Love, hath reached the ears of the friends. Therefore was this servant bidden to answer certain questions and to reveal such mysteries as were permitted to be unveiled. In that cherished letter it was asked which of the Manifestations had precedence over another. Here the one true God declareth: "We make no distinction between any of His Messengers." For their purpose is one and their mystery the same. To establish distinctions or precedence between Them is not permissible. The true Prophet hath called Himself by the name of the Prophet that preceded Him. Thus when one faileth to comprehend the inner meaning of these words, he uttereth unseemly speech. The seeing sage is not misled by such utterances.

Though Their appearance in the world be not identical, and each is manifested with distinct conduct and behavior, appearing between degrees of lesser and greater, yet They are like unto the moon in heaven which, though it appeareth in different phases, never suffereth diminution or cessation. Thus it is known that this is not a matter of increase or decrease, but the contingent world requireth such varying conduct. For whenever the matchless God sent forth a Prophet unto mankind, He was manifested with such words and deeds as befitted that day.

Two purposes underlay the divine appearance of the Messengers: first, to deliver mankind from the darkness of ignorance and guide them to the light of true understanding; second, their well-being and the knowledge of the ways leading thereunto. The Prophets are even as physicians engaged in healing the world and its peoples, that through the remedy of unity they may cure the disease of discord. In the doings and prescriptions of the physician there is no room for objection, for he is aware of the constitution of the body and its ailments, and never can the bird of human understanding soar to the height of his knowledge. Therefore, if the physician's treatment today differeth from that of the past, there is no cause for objection, for each day the patient requireth a different remedy. Similarly, whenever the Prophets of God illumined the world with the resplendent Sun of Divine Knowledge, they summoned the people unto the one true God through whatever was befitting to that day, and led them from the darkness of ignorance to the light of understanding. The eye of the wise must therefore be fixed upon their inner mystery, for the purpose of all hath been one: the guidance of the lost and the tranquility of the distressed.

O friends, enlighten the people! Strive to clothe all with the garment of enlightenment and free them from the fetters of the darkness of ignorance. Again, it has been written that some consider themselves leaders and carry out whatever they measure by the scale of knowledge. Although the peerless God has lit the lamp of reason for mankind and made it their source of guidance, none can reach any station

without education, just as an infant, if not nourished, will not attain what is befitting. The One Lord declares: We reveal nothing without its essence. Therefore, people must have education, and for them no end is apparent in elevation and progress. Not all who hasten attain excellence, and each day hath its own requirement. O wise one, if there were a measure apparent for human knowledge, then following would be fitting. Therefore, one must strive to seek those above oneself and follow their bidding. When weighed in the balance of knowledge, none save God's Messengers possess this lofty station. For this reason have the learned ones believed in the words of the Prophets and found in them the means of liberation and guidance for humanity, for their knowledge hath no apparent measure. Should We wish to elaborate on this theme, the letter would grow weary and the pen would have no strength to write. If you ponder the words of the wise ones, especially Galen the learned, the truth of this utterance will become evident.

Furthermore, regarding the conduct of the followers of religions with one another, He declares in the new commandment: Associate with the followers of all religions with friendliness and fellowship. The divine commandments have always called people to the path of friendship and kindness, but people have followed some and abandoned others, engaging in their own imaginings, remaining deprived of the Word of the Lord and distant from the hearing of the people. Therefore, if the wise ones of the earth would observe the Word of the Creator with seeing eyes and ponder with intelligence and wisdom, they would inevitably discover its inner meanings and abandon the confused utterances of others.

Moreover, the seventh question the merciful Lord has answered in His commandment, the Persian of which is this: It is not permitted to compel anyone in matters of religion. Truth hath been distinguished from error. Therefore, whosoever believeth in God, turning away from others, hath grasped the divine cord of guidance and been delivered from the depths of darkness. Never hath it been permissible to force people into God's religion. When the world-illumining Sun of God enlightened the world, after some time people forgot the divine commandments and conducted themselves unseemly. For if today someone from among the followers of a Prophet's religion were to drink wine, it is evident that this was not the desire of that pure Essence. Likewise, observe in all things - some have misunderstood God's commandments and engaged in unseemly deeds. O friends, the sayings of the ancients and the ways of those gone by are not worthy of this triumphant day. People have been afflicted with illness; strive to deliver them through that remedy which is fashioned by the mighty hand of the divine Physician.

Again, regarding the nature of religions, it has been written that the wise ones of the world have likened the world to the human body. Just as it needs clothing, so must the body of the world be clothed with the garment of knowledge. Thus is religion of God its garment. Whenever it becomes worn out, He adorns it with a new garment. Each time hath its own appropriate way. Always doth the divine religion appear and become manifest according to what is befitting for that day.

Noble knowledge should shun the vain utterances found in the writings of past religionists. The One Creator hath created all people equal and hath conferred upon them superiority over all created things. Therefore, elevation and abasement, increase and decrease, depend upon one's endeavor. The more one strives, the further one advances. We cherish the hope that, through the aid of the Lord, the dewdrops of bounty will cause the tulip of knowledge to spring forth from the soil of the heart and cleanse humanity

from the darkness of impurity. As to certain questions contained in the letter, the pen hath not ventured to answer them, for it is not fitting at this time - as the Arab sayeth, not all that is known should be said, nor is every saying timely. God willing, We shall address these matters in writing when it is deemed appropriate.

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What has befallen the Tree, its branches and leaves hath caused the Cause of God to be exalted, yet the people remain behind a veil and covering. Whatsoever harm hath come upon Us, We have made it a means of exalting God's Cause, the Lord of creation. We have knowledge of what hath befallen them in the path of God, and We have sent down for each one of them that which shall solace their eyes. Give them the glad tidings that their names were mentioned before the Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We counsel them with wisdom, for through it flow the springs of knowledge amongst all created things. Blessed are they who have stood firm in the Cause and have tasted in His love what none before them have tasted. By My life! They are among the choicest of servants before the Mighty, the Bestower.

Blessed is he who hath been named the Trustworthy and who hath made mention with the tongue of his Lord, the Creator of all things, and blessed is Muhammad who hath attained unto the days of his Lord and hath answered his Master's call. He is assuredly among the righteous. No more is permitted in this letter. Gladden ye all through the favors of God. All names have been revealed in the Tablets and have been and shall be under the glance of His grace. They must walk with the utmost wisdom lest anything occur that might cause the weak to stumble. If they act according to what hath been revealed from the Pen of the Cause, they shall soon witness all people turning towards it.

Concerning the two persons mentioned, their petition was presented before the Face, and this is what was sent down from the heaven of Will: O Aziz! Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize Him and for having given thee to drink of the pure wine in the days of His Manifestation, and for having aided thee to turn unto Him after every contumacious infidel had turned away. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the sun of Thy Revelation shone forth from the horizon of Thy Will, and which Thou hast made to hold sway over all who are in Thy earth and heaven, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to fix my gaze upon the horizon of Thy grace and bounties. O Lord! Thou art the Rich and I am the poor. I have raised my hands of supplication to the heaven of Thy grace and my eyes await the wonders of Thy mercy. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily, Thou hast ever been established in Thy transcendent might and power. I testify that Thy power hath encompassed all worlds. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

O Aziz! This is a Day wherein if thou wouldst turn with the ear of nature unto the rock, thou wouldst hear it proclaim: "The Day is come and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty." The power of thy Lord hath encompassed all contingent things. Ask thou of Iraq those who walk the path of fairness and thou shalt be assured that He hath appeared with all the signs. He hath shattered the idols of

vain imaginings through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. When thou hast attained unto that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, say: Praise be to Thee for having sent down unto me that which shall cause me to endure in the kingdom of names and shall establish my remembrance among the righteous.

O Razzaq! Thy letter hath come before the Face and We found from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have pardoned what is past and have sent down for thee that which shall cause spirits to soar. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Soar thou in My atmosphere, make mention of My Name and voice My praise among My servants in such wise as to transform the servants when the breezes of the All-Merciful waft over thee from this Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance. Turn with thy heart to the Qiblih of all possibility. Say: […]

O my God and my Beloved! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dawning-Place of Thy Beauty, and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee not to shut me out from Thy gate which Thou hast opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. O my Lord! Aid me to love Thee in such wise that I may be content with Thy good-pleasure, moved by Thy command, and in all conditions be turned toward the realm of Thy grace and bounty, immersed in the ocean of Thy knowledge which hath appeared through Thy Most Great Name, from every drop of which can be heard: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thy mention hath been made from this glorious horizon. Say: He desireth naught for Himself. I summon you from this prison unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! Ponder upon God's ambassadors of the past and this Cause through which the standards of His Command have been raised. Beware lest ye deny Him through Whom the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. When thou hast drunk the Salsabil of divine exposition from the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know Thee.

Had circumstances permitted, unique and sublime Tablets would have been revealed and sent unto all. However, due to the clamor of the heedless and the croaking of the polytheists, this brief message shall suffice. We send greetings and glorification to all the loved ones in the land of Ba and ?ad. Blessed are they, for their names have been mentioned before the Presence. This, verily, is a great bounty.

Regarding the attestation of Shaykh Muhammad, We beseech God to strengthen him at all times according to what his Lord, the All-Merciful, hath willed, to cause the Salsabil of life to flow from his tongue, and to enable him to make mention of Him and praise Him among His servants. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

As for what thou hast mentioned concerning the imprisoned one, he is indeed imprisoned as his Lord was imprisoned. Blessed is he for having followed His example. None of the souls dwelling in that land are commissioned to teach; rather, all must conduct themselves among the servants with spiritual qualities and praiseworthy attributes that will engender the love of people. This much sufficeth. Should any soul utter words that cause disturbance to another in that land, the harm will rebound upon all. Surely forbid the servants from such mentions that cause people to become alarmed. As for their expression of distress and desire for permission to proceed elsewhere - since each of the friends and associates in that land has

no connection save through thee, praise be to God that thou hast attained unto this relationship, and this sufficeth.

Concerning what was mentioned about the child: Blessed art thou for having sacrificed him in the path of God. Indeed, it hath been revealed in one of the Tablets, these words - exalted be His glory: “Were the Word of God to be confined to a single word, the books of all the worlds could not equal it.”

Be not grieved at Our having abbreviated the Tablet, for therein is seen a mighty Book. This is a Tablet mingled with the salt of God; when thou hast tasted it and discovered its savor, arise and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds! Marvel not if We jest in prison, for grief hath never overtaken Us in the path of thy Lord, and We are in wondrous joy. We have indeed sacrificed one of the Branches. Say: Thine be the praise, O Glory of the worlds! Would that thou knewest the surgings of this Most Great Ocean and what lieth therein of the pearls of thy Lord’s mysteries, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

In this Cause thou hast followed the truth. Well is it with thee for having attained thereunto. Let nothing grieve thee in the love of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou engaged in the service of the Cause with the utmost dedication. All matters shall, God willing, be set aright if He so wisheth and decreeth. Be thou patient, for He is verily the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

The matter which is of the utmost importance in the sight of God is that all should strive to unite souls, that all may become united and in truth abide in perfect love, harmony and unity. This matter hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Rida. We beseech God to aid him in the service of his Lord. He hath rendered and continueth to render many services. These shall surely not remain without fruit and recompense. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, for He is the best of them that remember.

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Zein, upon him be the Most Great, Most Ancient Glory of God!

Your letter reached the Most Great Vision, and that which you asked concerning the divine verses, this servant present before His face sends to you. O Zein, the delay in answering what you asked about the verses has been for the preservation of change, for in the early days there was absolutely no consideration of the people’s rules at the time of revelation, while in these days it is observed out of wisdom. Therefore, if a Tablet from before is read in the presence of the Face, it descends in some stations differently than what was revealed before. This refers to the outward expression, but in reality whatever was revealed was and will be correct.

In the Land of Mystery, it was intended that rules in divine knowledge be revealed so that all might be informed. Due to the sorrows that descended, the successive occupations, and the consecutive trials, it was delayed. Another greater reason was that any ignorant one might compose fabricated words and

people, considering those rules, would deem them correct, even though if asked about it himself, he would not know a single letter - as you observe in Yahya and his followers.

Knowledge is in His grasp; He turns it how He wishes. For example, in some places a verse that according to outward rules should be in the nominative or genitive case is revealed in the accusative case. In this instance, either “kana” is implied, or similar accusative particles and their positions. And if somewhere it is revealed in the genitive while according to common practice it should not be, in this case the genitive particle or the possessive construct that causes the genitive is omitted. Apply this rule universally.

Likewise, in some instances it relates to the style of verses - We do not wish to mention rhyme in this station. Similarly, according to the leaders of grammar, an intransitive verb appears in transitive form in three ways: through repetition, with “ba”, and with “hamza”. This is respected among the people, but in divine knowledge, by contextual evidence, an intransitive verb becomes transitive and a transitive verb becomes intransitive. Blessed are those who know, and blessed is he who is certain that all sciences are in the grasp of his Lord’s power, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Similarly, a transitive verb, for example like “rafa’a” is revealed as “arfa’a”, and examples of this existed in heavenly books before. This is for emphasis - there is no harm in it. O Zein of the near ones, the Manifest Beauty is afflicted between two parties. If creation were to become aware in what state the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen is raised, and in what tribulation the Tongue of Grandeur speaks, all would cast off the garment of existence and seek the adornment of non-existence.

For a thousand years and more there was dispute and contention among Islamic scholars about whether God or another is the originator of words. Now, despite the appearance of Truth in what has been revealed from Him, they have objected and continue to object, as did Karim-i-Kermani and likewise the scholars of the age who have made countless objections to divine words, as you have heard. Although similar matters were revealed before, yet musk becomes more fragrant the more it is repeated. Most Tablets were revealed at times when there was no opportunity to review them. Whatever flowed from the pen of this servant present before His face was distributed to all regions, therefore it is possible that in some places things were omitted and […]

O thou who asketh concerning excess and deficiency! Know that no one hath the power to fully record that which is revealed at the moment of its revelation. That which is asked concerning these stations hath been and shall ever be beloved, though to the Prisoner the new revelation is more beloved than returning to what was revealed before, and attention to it is easier, and He is the Master of causes.

As to what thou hast asked concerning the meeting, be patient, for thy Lord is the All-Patient. For just as this land hath become the dawning-place of the Chosen One and the habitation of the righteous, likewise hath it become the source of the wicked and the abode of the impious. For every truth there is falsehood, yet despair not of God’s spirit and mercy. When He willeth, He changeth all through His word “Be!” and it is. We testify that thou art among those who have attained the presence of God, associated with Him, heard His call, and stood before His Most Great Gate. Grieve not over anything; remain steadfast in thy condition, for the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed.

Behold the weakness of the people who, despite the manifestation of truth, power, majesty and His signs, have been kept back from the Lord of Oneness by artificial words of the past and vain imaginings. By My life! They are among the losers. Woe unto those who turn to them and hear what they possess. Blessed are they who are detached. This Most Great Revelation - the Truth alone is established upon the throne. Whosoever pondereth upon this Most Great Revelation and the dawning of the Ancient Beauty will testify to this Manifestation, whereby is established the sanctification of His Essence from any likeness and the purification of His Self from any resemblance.

Observe the people of the Bayan who are in truth worshippers of names and vain imaginings. With their tongues they profess His oneness, yet whoever pondereth on what they say will testify that they are among the idolaters. Hence the sum of their deeds hath become turning away from the Truth. Upon them be what they deserve.

Concerning the Hidden Words which thou didst mention - some were revealed at one time in a single tablet, while others were revealed at different times. Some have gathered them all together, while others remain scattered. It would be best if they were all gathered together, in the estimation of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Regarding inheritance, that which the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath commanded is beloved. Whatever exists of those entitled to portions, let them divide their wealth among themselves. For those below this rank, the matter must be referred to the Most Holy Court. The command is in His hands - He ordaineth as He pleaseth. In this connection, a decree was revealed in the Land of Mystery, and the portions of missing persons were temporarily assigned to existing heirs until the establishment of the House of Justice. After its establishment, its ruling shall become manifest. However, the inheritance of those who emigrated in the year in which the Ancient Beauty emigrated shall return to their heirs. This is from God's bounty unto them.

The possessions of Jinab-i-Mulla Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, rightfully revert [to God], for he is among those martyred in His path and those who have attained His presence. Blessed is he for having fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament. By My life! He hath attained the lights of the Countenance and hath drunk the choice wine of life from the fingers of his Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Send to the Most Holy Court even a small amount of his ink, though it be as small as a chickpea, and the remainder is bestowed upon you. Look not upon its outward unworthiness, for with God it hath a distinguished station. He, verily, is the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving. Should anyone return to Iran, write concerning Jinab-i-?a', upon him be the Glory of God, informing the Trustee. Pause in what thou wast commanded regarding the matter of the handmaidens. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed art thou, O Zayn, in thy steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord. We testify that he is among the sincere ones. We send him Our greetings from this most exalted, most glorious Station, and We beseech God to protect him from those who have disbelieved, to assist him in His service in every circumstance, and to ordain for him what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. May the Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who are there, from this Captive, this Exile. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, the All-Knowing

This is a remembrance from God unto those who have shattered the idols of self through the fear of God, and have preserved God's trusts within their breasts, and have been faithful through justice. God shall soon assist them with hosts of angels and raise them to a lofty station of nearness. O Ancient Beauty! Remind the servants of what hath been revealed unto thee at this time, that they may turn towards the sacred and generous canopy. Say: O people! Fear ye God and spread not corruption in the earth, and let no one dispute with another, and be alone in God's religion. Beware lest ye make this world your homeland; rather seek ye the homeland of eternal glory. Purify your hearts from envy and hatred that ye may meet your Lord, the Most Merciful, with pure and sanctified hearts. Then cleanse your tongues from reviling, and backbite not those who have hastened with their feet and hearts unto the paradise of a glorious Name. Say: Those in whose hearts surge the oceans of love shall not occupy themselves with the mention of contingent things, and shall be drowned in the seas of detachment. And when God's verses are recited unto them, their eyes are humbled and their faces shine like luminous pearls. These are they who have aided God, their Creator, according to their capacity; God shall soon aid them with every wondrous victory. Say: O people! Fear ye God, then walk in the footsteps of these ones, and follow not your own desires, and take not partners unto God within yourselves, and follow not every ignorant rabble, but turn ye unto a beautiful and holy countenance. Then strive ye in God's religion that ye may understand God's Cause through your hearts and eyes, and follow not the paths of vain imagination and blind imitation. O people! Be ye ashamed before God and be not like those who have turned away from His face and followed every rebellious devil. Walk ye in the paths of God which are straight through justice. Beware lest ye associate partners with God or differ regarding God's commandments, and be not tyrannical and wretched in the earth. Rather, resolve the differences that have arisen between you and be as brothers firmly established upon the thrones of unity. I counsel you at this moment and take God as witness between me and you. Beware lest ye differ regarding that which ye have been promised in the Book, which hath been irrevocably decreed in the Tablet. Know ye that He Who hath been named in the Bayan as "Him Whom God shall make manifest" shall come with truth in the next Resurrection, and God is the guarantor of this. He shall fulfill His promise and shall come on the day when the Lote-Tree of the Bayan shall be raised to a lofty and glorious height. Then shall the Bird of Eternity warble and the Dove of Holiness coo, and God shall come in overshadowing clouds. Thus do We impart the truth unto you and remind you with a sublime and glorious remembrance, lest ye entertain in your hearts the imaginings of the ignorant, and stray from the Path, and become far removed from God's Kawthar.

Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and do not indulge in vain imaginings within yourselves, nor take anyone to be His equal, for this is indeed a grievous error. When the Promise comes, verily He shall appear with the truth as He willeth, and shall create anew all who are in the heavens and on earth with a wondrous word of command. He shall assist whomsoever He willeth among His servants, and His help is ever nigh unto the believers. They who come before the Tree of the Bayan is raised up are proofs that there is none other God but Him, and thus has the matter been decreed. In those days no ordinance from

among the ordinances hath appeared, nor hath the Tree which was planted in the Bayan by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, borne fruit. Indeed the Tree hath not even put forth leaves, how then could it bear fruit, if ye be informed of God's decree? Know ye that before the seed sprouts and becomes ears of corn, the time of harvest hath not arrived, if ye be discerning in divine wisdom. When it puts forth its shoot and becomes strong and reaches its fullness, then do the servants harvest it and live thereby for many days. Similarly, know ye the decree of the Tree of the Cause: when it reaches its ultimate height and bears wondrous fruits, then cometh He Who shall take its fruits, and without this it shall never be, and God and His Prophets and Messengers are witness to this.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I implore Thy forgiveness at this moment for what my hands have wrought before Thee and for what my pen hath set down, for Thou art indeed merciful unto Thy servants. For I have, O my God, set limits to Thy Cause wherein none should draw breath, how much more the limitations which arise from vessels of ignorance far removed from Thee. I testify at this moment that Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thy choice lieth not in anyone's hands; rather, Thou art the Chooser of whatsoever Thou pleasest, and Thou art wise in all things. By Thy glory, O my God! If Thou shouldst desire to manifest the Exponent of Thy Self at this very moment, Thou art assuredly powerful to do so, and of this I am possessed of clear certitude. I confess before Thee that Thou art the Powerful in Thy deeds, manifesting what Thou willest and concealing what Thou willest, and Thou art powerful over all that Thou desirest. Thou shalt not be questioned about what Thou doest, and nothing can prevent Thy will, and Thou encompassest all things. By Thy glory, I have conveyed to Thy servants what I have found of Thy ways, lest they corrupt Thy Cause which Thou hast raised to a station of glorious praise. Therefore, pardon me through Thy grace, then forgive me and make me not doubtful in Thy Cause. Then enable me and Thy servants not to oppose Him in His days as they opposed Thy Most Exalted Beauty aforetime and this servant of Thine, for Thou art indeed cognizant of all this. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I make peace with Thy creation before Thee that if they believe not in Thee on the Day of Thy manifestation in the Exponent of Thy Self, at least they shall not oppose Him nor harm Him with their hands and hearts and with the envy and hatred that lie within their souls, as I find today from every lowly and great one.

O leaders of the Bayan! Fear God, and let not leadership prevent you from this grace in this Day. Be not proud before God in what you possess, but hasten to the shore of a wondrous Name. In that Day, put not your trust in your deeds and actions, but trust in the grace that shines forth from a holy and resplendent horizon. Even now I observe that some among you hold prayer beads in your hands and make mention of God with them, yet every morning and evening you pronounce judgment against God Who created you. O leaders of the Bayan! Be fair with yourselves before God in that Day, and be not deceitful and mean. For by God, if you believe not in Him in His Day and in this Servant Who speaks of Him with truth in these days, nothing shall profit you, be it little or much. Do you turn away from the Truth and content yourselves that people should follow you? Evil indeed is that wherein you traffic, and your profit therein is not worth a whit or atom. By God, I would rather you slay me in these days and I ask you not about my blood, than that you should oppose God in the Day that shall, in truth, come to pass. Then do mine eyes weep, and my heart quake, and my soul be troubled, and my hands tremble by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of these oppressors, all of them. It behooveth me to complete these words, for

in all creation there is no hearing ear save those who hear these verses and whose eyes overflow with tears for the love of God. And these are fewer than red sulphur in these days wherein the Name of God is grieved among the people.

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In the Name of my Best Beloved, the Most High!

This is a Book from this humble one who calls all who are in the heavens and earth unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Say: Verily, in the boiling of the seas, the flowing of the rivers, the alternation of night and day, the manifestations of oneness in the garments of light, the blowing of winds, and the signs of creation in the fruits, are signs for those possessed of sight. Say: O concourse of earth! Behold ye the signs of God's power, how He created all who are in the heavens and earth by one word from His Pen, and breathed into them the spirit of life by another word. Thus do We impart unto you what was concealed in the depths of the ocean of mysteries. He sent 'Ali before Muhammad and revealed with him clear signs which every possessor of knowledge and power is powerless to understand. Thereby was the earth of knowledge cleft asunder, the heavens of wisdom were split, the clouds of grace were raised up, and the rain descended upon you. All this is a reminder to you of the truth and a lesson to those possessed of understanding, guiding those who are detached unto the precincts of holiness, while it increaseth naught for the wrongdoers save loss.

Say: O people! This is what God promised you in the Tablets. He hath come to you upon clouds of fire, surrounded by angels of the spirit, giving you glad tidings of the good-pleasure of oneness in that seat wherefrom the lights shine forth. Those who were given the vision of justice by the decree of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, turned unto Him, while those in whose breasts was rancor against God turned away and were of those who disbelieved in God in every age and epoch. This is what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon tablets traced by the finger of God, the Protector, the Compelling.

Say: O people! Be fair unto yourselves for less than a moment and ponder thereon, O ye possessors of thought! If ye believe not in Him Who hath come with clear signs, then to what face will ye turn today, O possessors of justice? Have ye not heard aforetime of the Day when your Lord or some of the signs of your Lord would come? And this is He Who hath come in the shadows of light with signs that render powerless all who are in the heavens and earth, signs that stupefy the minds of the mystics and the hearts of the righteous.

Say: O people! Arise from the couches of heedlessness and turn unto God, the One, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Say: Verily in the creation of your souls, the utterance of your tongues, and the movement of your hands are signs for those possessed of vision. Say: O people! Let not the world and its ornaments prevent you, nor what hath been sent down upon you from every proud doubter hinder you, and fear not those whom God hath given power only over your bodies for numbered days, that He may test which of you in the kingdom is most patient and enduring. All this hath not been sent down upon you save by what was ordained in the Preserved Tablet by measure and destiny. Soon shall pass away all tribulations that have touched you in less time than it takes for vision to return unto you. Fear God and be afraid of Him Who

hath power over you, over your souls and bodies. None can prevent His command. He doeth what He willeth and is not asked of what He willeth. He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: Those who have been patient in the earth, God shall soon reward them with the most excellent of rewards. They shall ride upon the crimson Steed and shall pass at all times through every region and quarter.

Say: O people! This is the She-Camel of God, grazing upon what God hath caused to grow for her in the land of Paradise, giving you to drink of the milk whereby souls and bodies are quickened. O people! Wrong her not through the evil of your own selves, and follow not your selfish desires, but follow Him Who calleth you unto God. Then remember Him in your hearts in the night seasons and at dawn. Say: Doth it not suffice you that He hath sent down unto you the Book wherein every matter is distinctly set forth, which is recited unto you at eventide and at daybreak, and which giveth you the glad tidings of the Day when the faces of the wrongdoers shall be covered with the dust of the fire, when the mountains of knowledge shall crumble, when the earth of unbelief shall be cleft asunder, and when rivers shall burst forth? Say: This is the Day whereof ye were promised in the Tablets, when the heavens shall be folded up in the right hand of Power, when the earth shall be grasped by the hand of Will, and when the seas shall be set ablaze. This is what the Pen of Command hath inscribed from the hidden mysteries with manifest clarity. Then shall those nigh unto God rejoice at the meeting with their Lord, while every proud deceiver shall be shaken. The angels of light shall lead those who have believed unto the Paradise of perpetual abode in the pole of heaven, while the angels of torment shall drive those who have disbelieved unto a most evil dwelling place. Thus do We cast upon thee from the mysteries of the Cause, and recount unto thee what they who disbelieved did aforetime, even as these transgressors now disbelieve, that thou mayest be apprised of what was decreed before and mayest be steadfast in God's Cause in such wise that no disbelieving denier may cause thee to slip. Know thou that those who were given the Torah were promised One Who would come after. Yet when Jesus came unto them with clear signs from the Spirit, they said: "This is naught but a lying man." Then those who possessed the Gospel were given glad tidings of One Who would come after them. Yet when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came unto them, every deceitful dissembler waxed proud against Him. Ask, then, concerning those who were given the Furqan: When the Apostle came unto them from God, they said: "This is naught but a sorcerer." Yet when He returned to the holy seats beneath the canopies of grandeur, they began to yearn for Him at all times and to supplicate Him night and day. Thus did they who came before - before whom there was none - and thus shall they continue to do unto the end - beyond which there is no end. This is what We have recounted unto thee concerning those who disbelieved and turned away after clear proofs came unto them from every direction, and who plotted against God according to their power. But the plotting of the unbelievers endeth only in ruin. Even as thou seest today: When He came unto them with the truth with clear proofs and scriptures, they said: "We were not promised this by our forebears." Then they grew proud against Him and fled like frightened asses. Such is their portion in the kingdom, and thus hath Satan made their deeds seem fair unto them, such that they perceive not what they say. Thus have We informed thee of all things with clarity, that thou mayest be among those endowed with insight. Say: Consider likewise those who were given the Bayan: Should anyone come unto them with manifest signs, clear proofs, brilliant evidences, comprehensive words, and luminous verses, they would shut their eyes

to all of this, break God's covenant, turn upon their heels, and would accept him only with flying arrows. By this thou canst be certain that in all dispensations the true believer hath been as rare as red sulfur. This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Spirit upon the hearts of the righteous.

Say: O people! Should ye come to possess all the treasures of earth, and should ye rule over all that lieth beneath the light of the sun, and should ye partake of every fruit that hath appeared upon the trees, and should ye don every robe that hath been woven of silk and attire in all the lands, and should ye take possession of every virgin maiden - by God! none of these things shall profit you in the least when the angels of death shall come unto you from a compelling and almighty Lord and shall sever you from all these things in less than the twinkling of an eye, as though ye had never been created in the kingdom. This is a truth that hath been inscribed in the scrolls by God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. Thus have We prescribed unto you the law of admonition and shown you the paths of holiness and taught you the ways of Paradise and imparted unto you the wisdom of the Cause that ye may draw nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O concourse of earth! Whoso willeth, let him take this counsel as a path unto God, and whoso willeth, let him turn away and return to his abode in the fires of hell. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto the melodies of the Spirit and ascended unto the station of resplendent holiness.

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He is the Glorious in the Most Glorious Horizon!

This is a Book which speaks with truth, and God hath made it the sign of His Revelation and the sovereign evidence of His Cause between the heavens and the earth, and verily He is powerful over all things. It beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that 'Ali is the Manifestation of His Self among all the worlds. Verily His glory is His manifestation, then His concealment, and His might and honor and proof unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation and command, and thus hath His mercy encompassed all the worlds. Verily those who have denied God and His signs, these have no station, and these are debarred from this heavenly spring.

O people! Fear God and dispute not concerning His Cause, and follow not those in whose hearts ye find hatred toward this Beauty Who hath appeared in the Temple of Trinity in the form of Unity, made manifest. Beware, O people, lest ye cast the Book of God behind your backs. Follow ye the religion of God and His Faith, and verily today it is My love, and God is witness unto this. And when ye adorn the temple of faith with the raiment of My love, render thanks unto God for having aided you in this, and verily there is no God but Him, His is the creation and the command, and all are preserved with Him in the Tablets.

Hearken, O people, unto the call of your Lord from this crimson Tree upon the Spot of Eternity in the paradise of your Lord, the Most High! God! There is no God but I, and verily I have been standing at the right of the Path of Truth, and I witness those who pass over it - among them are those who pass like lightning from the clouds, and among them are those who pass upon their breasts, and among them are those who pass upon their feet, and among them are those who pause before it, and thus do We witness them and We are witness unto this.

O Pen of Command! Make mention of those servants who have entered the precincts of Paradise, the station wherein lights are witnessed from its horizon. Among them are those who have attained the presence of the Throne and have heard the melodies of God, and were numbered among the successful ones in the Mother Book, written by the Pen of the Spirit. And among them are those who have believed in God but were not enabled to enter the sanctuary of Grandeur, the station which God hath sanctified from the knowledge of all creatures combined. For each is a portion in the Book of thy Lord, and none comprehendeth this save him whom God hath aided in His Cause and made him among those who are assured in the Mother of Tablets.

O Pen! Make mention of Our servant Joseph who entered the Sinai of the Cause and heard the call of God from the upraised Lote-Tree on the shore of the crimson sea of glory: "Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, and I have ever encompassed all created things." O servant! Give thanks unto God for having blessed thee with the recognition of the Manifestation of His Self, and for having brought thee into the presence of the Throne, and for having caused thee to hear such melodies as have attracted the realities of all things between earth and heaven. Thus hath the bounty of thy Lord encompassed all. O servant! Arise to promote the Cause with steadfastness from Us and power from Our presence, and fear thou no one, for We shall protect thee from every wicked oppressor. Say: Fear God, O people, and take not any lord besides Him for yourselves. Then shatter the idols of fancy and desire through My Most Exalted Sovereignty. This would be better for you, did ye but know it. Soon will Satan enter among you and bid you to hate the Youth. Wherefore, seek refuge in God and draw not nigh unto him. This is what God commandeth you, and He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth with manifest authority. Say: Today naught shall profit anyone save through love for Me, even should they bring all the books of the world. Draw not nigh unto them from whom ye cannot detect the fragrance of the All-Merciful, though they bring you numerous tablets. O Joseph! Arise from thy slumber, then remind the people of that which the Spirit hath inspired thee with in this Tablet that hath encompassed the worlds. Know thou that whatsoever thou hast heard hath proceeded from Me, and what We have indicated referreth to none but Me. This is of the wisdom that hath been concealed from the worlds. Know thou further that he who was created by My command and was given life by My Word hath risen against Me and turned away from God and denied His signs and rejected His proof, and was accounted among the idolators. Beware lest the world and all that is therein prevent you from that which hath been ordained for you in the heaven of exalted glory. Gird up thy loins to assist God and His Cause, then to serve God and His glory. Thus doth the Pen of Glory command thee from the kingdom of transcendent might. Say: Faces have turned black wherefrom the lights of love for my Most Glorious Lord will never shine forth, and eyes have been blinded that will never turn toward the court of His great mercy, and tongues have been silenced that will never move in His sweetest remembrance, and souls have ceased to exist that will never arise to aid this Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of holy splendor. Thus have We taught thee that thou mayest know the way of thy Lord, lest any sinful denier lead thee astray.

Make mention also of the Letter M before Ja'far, that he may remember within himself and be among those who remember in these days wherein the servants were debarred from the holy shore. Say: O servant! We showed thee in a dream aforetime that which would guide thee to the path of thy Lord. Arise then at the bidding of thy Master and summon the people to this Cause before which every lofty

mountain hath been leveled. Be thou a herald of the Cause among Our servants, then gather them together in My love, for this indeed is a great thing in the Book. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Cast the world behind thee, then take up for thyself a secure station beneath the shadow of thy Lord. Say: O people! Dispute not concerning the signs of God when they are sent down in truth, and follow not those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were deprived of the melodies of God. Follow what the Spirit imparteth unto you, then answer the call of God's herald among you, then summon the people to the Most Great Pilgrimage which was made manifest in the temple of the Youth.

Then cast your gaze upon the face of him who is named Mirza and give him glad tidings of his Lord's favors, that he may rejoice in his soul. Thus have We commanded thee in truth, that God's grace may encompass His servants who dwell beneath the shelter of this Cause. O servant! Remember thy Lord at eventide and at dawn, and establish for thyself a station which is praiseworthy before the Throne. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of thy Lord and for being among those who circle round this House that encompasseth all worlds. Shun Mine enemies and associate not with them, and remain safely guarded. By God! Whoso remaineth steadfast in My love, God shall make him powerful over all things and shall raise him up before the Throne in the Most Great Paradise with such beauty as shall shine with the light of glory. Be thou so firm in the Cause that the words of those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God and have strayed far from the shore of justice shall not cause thee to slip. Then convey greetings to those who have attained the presence of the Throne and to those who have not attained the presence of God, but whom God hath accepted and will reward abundantly from His grace, and will provide for them from the heaven of His Cause such bounties as have been sent down from the clouds of the Spirit. Thus have We inspired thee and wafted unto thee the fragrances of the All-Merciful from the breath of the All-Glorious, that thou mayest be steadfast in the path of thy Lord with great strength. And the Spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon all, young and old.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The servant who was present came and read the letter thou didst send. We have heard and have answered its sender through this perspicuous Tablet. We make mention of thee with that which hath mentioned thee and with that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been revealed. That which was concealed in the Books of God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen hath appeared, and I am the All-Knowing Expositor.

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee at this moment that thou mayest hear the call of thy Lord from the Most Exalted Horizon and thank Him for this great favor. The letter thou didst send to My Name, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, hath come, and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of thy turning and thy submission to God, the Goal of them that

know. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee to remember and praise Him, and to know, with true knowledge, that for which thou wast created. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Baqir, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and We reveal unto him the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds, that they may draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Muhammad-Baqir! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee from the precincts of the Prison and summoneth thee to the straight path of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the days of God, the tongue that hath spoken His praise, the face that hath turned toward the light of His countenance, the ear that hath heard His call, and the heart that hath turned unto Him when every distant scholar and every doubting mystic turned away. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having sent down the proof and made manifest the way, and for having called the servants unto Thy most exalted horizon and supreme summit - the station wherein Thy sweetest call was raised and the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was heard. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by the pavilion of Thy majesty which was raised above the most exalted standards through Thy command and power, and by the manifestations of Thy loving-kindness and the breezes of Thy days, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, clinging to Thy cord, speaking Thy praise, and standing in service to Thy loved ones. O Lord! Aid me to rend asunder the veils of glory, to dispel that which is vain imagination, and to attain unto clear understanding, that I may remain firm in Thy love and steadfast in Thy Cause. Then ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come, and that which shall be a light unto me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The forces of the world cannot withhold Thee. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Mighty, the Great.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy most exalted Words and Thy greatest signs, to elevate the station of Thy servant who was named Ahmad and who was martyred in Thy path, yearning to attain Thy presence. We testify that he acknowledged Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that which the tongue of Thy grandeur did utter, and was so moved by the thrill of Thy most exalted Word that he offered up his spirit in Thy path and attained unto that which was hidden in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Bless him and those whom the affairs of the world did not prevent from turning to Thy most exalted horizon, who heard the scratching of Thy Most Glorious Pen and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Adored One of the nations, for having manifested Thyself and for that which Thou didst promise Thy servants." Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful from eternity. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Hasan! Upon thee be my Baha! Hearken thou in the Persian tongue to the divine call, that perchance the people of the earth may hear it and attain unto their purpose. Today the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the flowing of the Most Exalted Pen are raised high. This is the Day concerning whose triumph all sacred Books have testified, and for Whose appearance all have besought God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized this Day and found its purpose.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the Spirit [Christ], the Most Exalted Pen doth at this moment testify that all His acts - whether sitting or standing, sleeping or waking, moving or still, speaking or silent - whatsoever proceeded from that Manifestation, all were proof and were distinguished above the deeds of all who dwell on earth. They who are possessed of insight and they who occupy the Most Sublime Vision have borne and do bear witness to His dominion, power, sovereignty and greatness. May all in the kingdom be a sacrifice unto Him!

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and inquireth about the Ocean! Reflect upon this Manifestation: though untutored, having attended no school nor engaged in scholarly discourse, suddenly the Light of wisdom and utterance dawned from the horizon of His Most Exalted Pen. The oceans of knowledge and understanding surge at His will. From the outset, without veil or concealment, He spoke the Most Great Word before the faces of divines and princes. Whence appeared this power, and from what dawning-place shone forth this grandeur? By God's life! It hath appeared above the comprehension and understanding of men. Yet out of grace and mercy, He at times appeareth in such vesture as may enable men to draw nigh and attain to that which shall ensure their salvation and life. The revealed Books have testified and do testify to this truth. Consider thou the Surih of Ra'is and likewise the Surih of Kings, that thou mayest, according to thy capacity, become aware and attain unto this testimony. Indeed, testimony in this station is preferable to all deeds. We beseech God to assist thee and to vouchsafe unto thee the wine of steadfastness from the ocean of His bounty. He is the All-Bountiful One Whose generosity the disobedience of His servants hath not withheld, and Whose munificence the rebellion of creation hath not veiled. Through His name the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" hath been raised aloft, and the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" hath been unfurled. Reflect upon that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen, and arise to serve the Cause through teaching the people and refining souls. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

The souls mentioned in the letter have attained the grace of God, and mention of each hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. I swear by the Luminary of Power which shineth and is manifest from the horizon of the firmament of the Prison, that whoso attaineth unto a single word and preserveth the station of that word, he hath attained unto all good. No bounty can equal the verses of the Most Exalted Pen, and no deed can match their glory. Beseech ye God that He may not deprive all the peoples of the earth of this grace, that He may guide them to His Most Great Ocean and make them aware. He is the Powerful, the Omnipotent. The Glory shining from the horizon of My celestial Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of the Command and clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord's mercy, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The Book hath ended, but the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, endeth not, though all the pens, ink, and paper of the earth be exhausted. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the remembrance of My party shall endure in My Book and their deeds in My lands. O people of God! Upon you be the glory of God, His mercy and His grace. Know ye the station of this Day and Him Who speaketh therein, manifest and evident, Whom neither the politics of the world nor the oppression of nations hath deterred, nor have all the peoples of the earth prevented Him from raising His call. It behooveth you to hold fast unto

trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and acted according to that which was commanded in My Book, and hath spoken My beauteous praise. The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Javad! Upon thee be My glory! Ever hath thy mention been before the Most Holy Court, and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. This Wronged One hath testified, and doth testify, to thy remembrance and praise, to thy rising up to serve the Cause, and thy turning toward the lights of His countenance. The travelers and emigrants have each made mention of thee. Some time ago thy letter was received, and from it wafted the fragrance of sincerity and steadfastness. Blessed are they whom the idols of vain imaginings have not debarred from the lights of the Daystar of certitude. We testify that thou hast attained unto the mention of God and the traces of His Most Exalted Pen, and hast arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the wicked nor the onslaught of the evil ones deterred thee. Rejoice in what hath proceeded from the Tongue of Grandeur in thy praise.

The whole world was brought from utter nothingness into being for the recognition of the Ancient King, yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth and He Who conversed on Sinai was seated upon the throne of manifestation, they turned away. Would that they had been content with that! Nay, they committed that which caused the hearts of the sincere ones to be consumed and the lamentations of them who are nigh unto God to be raised. The Divine Lote-Tree bewailed the tyranny of the divines, and the Most Exalted Pen wept. O Javad! Thy letter was a faithful witness to thy devotion and steadfastness. Well is it with thee and with those who are with thee, and woe betide them who denied the proof of God and His signs, and who disbelieved in His grace after it was sent down, and in His Cause after its manifestation.

Glory be to God! Until now the Shi'ih sect remain unaware. The cry hath been raised, all things proclaim, the mountains echo the trumpet blast, and the Pen of the Ancient of Days speaketh, yet still they lift not their heads from the couch of heedlessness. God's favor toward thee hath been great indeed, and still is - none can reckon it save Him Who knoweth and counteth all things. He confirmed thee and guided thee to the straight path, made thy house a place of coming and going for the emigrants, and enabled thee to serve His Cause over the course of years. Thou hast ever been, and still art, beneath the glance of His loving-kindness. Ask thou God to preserve what He hath bestowed and to protect it from thieves and traitors.

We make mention of thy wife and give her glad tidings of My loving-kindness, My mercy and My favor which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! This day at dawn, this Wronged One proceeded from Bahji to the garden, for there the bearer of the name of generosity had spread a feast. After arrival and taking seat and partaking of tea, the Most Exalted Pen engaged in mention of the loved ones, His face turned in attention, His gaze in

observation, and His hearing in attentiveness. How wonderful is this most great favor and this supreme bounty!

And We make mention of Ahmad and give him glad tidings of the ocean of his Lord's mercy, the Most Generous, the Bountiful. Thou art he who heard the Call when it was raised, and drew nigh, casting aside idle fancy on the Day of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thou didst take hold of that which thou wert commanded to take hold of. He Who spoke before all faces beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. Thou didst drink the wine of mystic knowledge on a day when all authorities, all learned ones, and all mystics were debarred therefrom, save whom God, the Possessor of all being, willed. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those women who have attained unto My days and drunk the Kawthar of My love. We beseech God to strengthen them and draw them near in all conditions. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O friend! If thou wert to attain unto a single fruit of the divine Book, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing. I swear by the Finger of Power which rent asunder the veils and tore away the coverings, were all the peoples of the world to discover the station of but one of the handmaidens who hath heard from the Tongue of Grandeur the words "O My handmaiden", they would all proclaim the blessed words "Glory be to God and praise be to God!"

O Azziyyih! Upon thee be My glory! Thy mention hath been made. Remember thou those days when thou didst hearken unto the call of God, exalted be His glory, and didst witness His verses. The divines of the world were created for recognition, understanding, witnessing and hearing, yet all remain veiled and deprived, while thou, without veil or covering, hast attained and art blessed with beholding the Most Exalted Horizon by night and by day. O Azziyyih! Thou wert with Us and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered, and didst witness what no eyes have witnessed save whom thy Lord wished. Give thanks unto God and remember His mercy, His loving-kindness, His compassion, and His sanctification and exaltation above all who are in the heavens and the earth. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and grant thee success. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Javad! Upon thee be My glory! The letter began with thy name and endeth with thy name. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have recognized this Most Great Remembrance and this Mighty News.

This is what was revealed in the Garden:

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O Lord! Aid those whom Thou hast reared by the hands of Thy grace and acquainted with Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message to proclaim Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Then grant them the sustenance of Thy heaven and the blessing which Thou hast sent down from the kingdom of Thy Will. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful Whom neither the harm of the world nor the hatred of the nations can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

Praise be to God Who hath enabled us to acknowledge His oneness and singleness, guided us to His path, blessed us with His bounties, sent down unto His Prophets His Books and Scriptures, and caused them to speak that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. And peace and blessings be upon His Mystery and the Mystery of His Mystery and His Mystery veiled by His Mystery and His Mystery adorned by His Mystery, Whom He hath established as the station of His Manifestation in the world and caused to speak that which attracted the peoples who were illumined by the light of unity and attained the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And upon His family and companions through whom the All-Merciful was revealed unto all creation and through whom the springtime of divine knowledge appeared amongst religions - upon them be the blessings of God, His peace, His mercy and His favors.

Thereafter, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. The servant hath been blessed with your letter and found therein the fragrance of springtime. We beseech God to make it manifest in the most evident manner and to transform the thirst and heat of the earth through a complete, generous, manifest and all-encompassing watering, that thereby the countenance of the world, its beasts and its birds may be gladdened.

O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! Though we are unworthy of the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty, and undeserving of Thy mercy and favors, I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, and by the cry of those who yearn for Thee in the wilderness of separation, and by the call of Thy lovers in all regions, to have mercy upon the birds of the wilderness and desert, and the beasts of the hills and mountains. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

When I was blessed to read it, I presented it before His Presence. He - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto Him - said: “O Muhammad Mustafa, upon thee be My peace! This is the day wherein is heard from the tongues of all things: ‘Help us! Help us! O Lord of Days and Master of mankind!’ We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down from the heaven of His bounty upon His servants that which befitteth His grace. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. Peace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.” End.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding sending one letter and withholding the other, after presenting this He - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto Him - said: “Well hast thou done. We testify that thou hast acted with wisdom, and We counsel thee to do so in all circumstances.” And We make mention of the guest - We have read her letter. We beseech God to preserve her and assist her in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

And We make mention of Abdul-Wahhab and counsel him to steadfastness and to that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

And We make mention of Shukrullah and those with him who have acknowledged the oneness and singleness of God. We send greetings upon him and them from this station, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for them that which will exalt their names among His servants and their remembrance in His lands, and to record for them the reward of what they have intended in His path. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

And We make mention of Ali and his brothers from whom We found the fragrance of return unto God and their sincerity toward Him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant them success and draw them nigh unto Him, to ordain for them the good of this world and the next, and to assist them in steadfastness. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

And We make mention of Yusuf and counsel him to goodly words, goodly deeds, and virtues through which the station of man becometh manifest in creation. O Yusuf! We have heard thy call and make mention of thee, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant thee success and ordain for thee that which will gladden thy heart. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Muhammad Mustafa! Upon thee be My salutation! We have made mention of those whom thou didst mention in the letter thou didst send to this Servant who is present before Me. We desired to make mention of the physician, upon whom be My salutation, who sent various books. We have, as a matter of wisdom, withheld Our Pen from replying to him. The days do not warrant the sending of letters to that place. Vain imaginings have seized most of mankind. By God! They are in a wondrous sleep. We desired mercy and rest for them, yet they desired torment for Us. I make complaint of My grief and sorrow unto God, the Lord of all beings.

O physician! Upon thee be My salutation! We have read thy letters and understood their contents, and We have read the letter of Afnani wherein mention was made of thee. In days such as these, We have abandoned speech and chosen silence, lest there appear that which would raise the clamor of every remote ignorant one. We make mention of God by night and by day, while the people fabricate against Us that which their desires command them. Know ye that they are among the heedless. We beseech God to aid His servants unto pure sincerity and unto acting in accordance with what hath been sent down in My perspicuous Book. They have said that which hath caused the dwellers of the realm of fidelity to lament and the people of this noble station to cry out. We send Our greetings to My loved ones and counsel them with that which will exalt their stations, and We beseech God to assist them in doing good. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

We make mention of Abdullah. His letter was previously presented and read by the Servant who is present. We have made favorable mention of him. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, to make him speak His praise, to be enkindled with His love, and to hold fast unto that which beseemeth the people of divine unity in these days wherein the smoke of hatred hath risen from all sides and the righteous are in great distress. The wicked have made the great city - and by this We mean in this instance Alexandria - a target for their cannons, whereat eyes have shed tears, hearts have been troubled, the sacred valley hath lamented, and the Hijaz hath cried out. O Abdullah! It behooveth thee and every believer who hath believed in God and His signs to beseech your Lord, the All-Merciful, by night

and by day, that He may bring forth that which hath been stored away and raise up the people of divine unity through His bounty, generosity and favor, preserve them from the evil of His enemies, and grant them victory from His presence. He is the All-Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

O Abdullah! Thy letter was previously presented. We read it, made mention of thee, and prayed to God for thee. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee to be steadfast and to that from which the unitarians perceive the fragrance of thy sincerity unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We send Our greetings unto thee and thy son, and We beseech God to send down upon you both a blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. As for what thou didst write concerning inheritance, We beseech Him to assist thee in all good and every righteous deed. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Wise. The End.

Praised be God that in every moment the Pen of loving-kindness, bounty, counsel, admonition, wisdom and benefit is in motion. This evanescent one begs of his Lord, the Eternal God, the Everlasting One, Who sent down the Seven Verses unto His Beloved, to protect His loved ones and His party, and to aid them to act in such wise as would immortalize their remembrance through His grace and favors. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

I convey my greetings to my beloved, his honor the Physician, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah] and His blessings, my remembrance and salutations. I beseech God, the Lord of earth and heaven, to assist his honor to achieve that from which every person of discernment would perceive the fragrance of service to the Cause in that beloved and praiseworthy station.

I send greetings to the honored friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, and I pray for his health, well-being and service. I send greetings to the Leaf [Mihman] and to her guest, Jinab-i-Shukru'llah, and I beseech God to assist him to remember and praise Him, and to draw him near unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

I send greetings to the unitarians among the people of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

May peace, radiating, manifest and shining forth from the horizon of the heart, be upon you, upon the pupils of eyes, upon your family, upon those who are with you, and upon God's righteous servants.

The Servant

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O people of the Bayan and whosoever hath believed in God and His verses in the realm of exposition! Hearken unto that which the Dove of Identity warbleth unto you from the uttermost heights of Its ecstasy in the love of God and the pinnacle of Its passionate longing for God, Its self-effacement and Its subsistence in God, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Fear ye God and dispute not concerning the Cause of God, worship none but Him, and spread not corruption in the land of divine knowledge. Then

accept the counsel given unto you by this Servant, upon whom the arrows of destiny have rained down from the crimson clouds in such measure as none can reckon save God, and none can comprehend save Him. Have mercy, O people of the earth, and burn Him not with the fire of your selves, harm Him not with the suspicions of your idle fancies, imprison Him not in the jail of your heedlessness, slay Him not with the swords of your hypocrisy, and drive Him not away with the spears of your tyranny and fetters, inasmuch as He hath called you to naught save God and will never summon you except unto the Manifestations of His Self and the Mirrors of His Being, and by Him Who standeth in the station of His Cause. Say: Fear ye God, oppose not the truth, and transgress not the essence of counsel. Know ye that whosoever spreadeth corruption in this good and blessed land, upon him be the curse of God; whosoever raiseth his hands without God's good pleasure or without permission from His presence, upon him be the curse of God; whosoever moveth his feet without obedience to God, he is deprived of God's mercy; whosoever taketh his hands from his pockets and followeth his desires, casting the Cause of God behind his back, he is excluded from God's shadow even should he dwell in the precincts of God's sanctuary; whosoever breatheth or speaketh according to his desires in this land wherein the countenance of God hath been established, he is bereft of the wonders of God's grace; whosoever severeth not himself from all that are in the heavens and on earth cannot enter into the Kingdom of God; whosoever followeth his desires and attributeth them to God, he is deprived of the gardens of God's loving care; whosoever harboureth in his heart aught save the love of God can never enter the City of God; whosoever conveyeth a message to anyone without God's permission, upon him be God's vengeance; whosoever spreadeth God's words before anyone without being authorized by God, upon him be God's might. Say: Fear ye God, this is the holy land wherein the Spirit of Oneness hath removed Its sandals to enter therein. Whosoever conceiveth corruption against it in his heart hath turned away from the face of God; whosoever guardeth not his tongue, his feet, his hands and all his members, from his heart to his vitals, upon him be the vengeance of God; whosoever slayeth a soul without explicit permission from God hath transgressed the Cause of God, and whosoever transgresseth the Cause of God, upon him be the curse of God; whosoever backbiteth another and the sun riseth upon him for three days while he hath not repented unto God, he is debarred from the presence of God; whosoever lieth down at night upon his bed while harboring hatred in his heart for his believing brother, glad tidings unto him of God's vengeance and chastisement. Block not the way for the wayfarers, and close not the doors of bounty in the faces of the poor, lest […]

Your faces are the gates of God's bounty, and whoso entereth not the garden of submission and resignation hath departed from the stronghold of God, and whoso departeth from God's stronghold is blind to the vision of God's light. Say: Fear ye God and spend upon your poor what God hath ordained for you, then seek God's help that He may send down upon you the rains of His mercy. And if ye desire to enter the abode of peace, surrender yourselves and purify your hearts and illumine your spirits, for therein are treasured the pearls of God's wisdom and concealed the beauty of God's essence. Whoso entereth and visiteth the land wherein is enshrined the Temple of God's Throne, it is as though he were seated at the right hand of God's majesty. And whoso standeth at the gate where gather the angels nigh unto God, while in his heart lurketh the slightest trace of desire, the breezes of God's spirit shall not waft over him. O people! Know ye your station, inasmuch as ye abide beneath the shade of the Tree of God's Paradise. Have mercy upon yourselves and depart not therefrom if ye be birds soaring in the heaven of God's oneness. Ye shall be tried with a blind and deaf test, but whoso keepeth his feet firm upon God's

path, it is as though he walked in the precincts of God's sovereignty. This Dove shall warble in this atmosphere, and ye shall neither witness what ye have witnessed nor hear what ye have heard. Blessed are the eyes for what they have seen, and the ears for what they have heard, and the hands for what they have grasped. And whoso heareth not what ye have heard is deprived of God's melodies and deaf to the cooing of God's Dove. This is the final counsel of this servant in these words which have appeared through the grace of God's eternal dawn. Act upon them, O servants of God, that the essences of God's bounty may be perfected upon you. Say: O people! Sanctify your spirits and purify your hearts and empty your souls and turn not to anything nor let anything prevent you nor let this fleeting dominion veil you. Enter into the Egypt of God's love and dwell in the precincts of His mercy and find solace in His remembrance. Then turn away from aught else. Then drink from the oceans of His grace, then enter the sanctuary of His beauty, then burn away the veils of limitation that prevent you from His union and meeting, and delight in the everlasting, enduring blessings of life through His wondrous favors. Be not of those who feared not God and His loved ones, and who were not ashamed before the Manifestations of His Cause and the Dayspring of His glory, and who were of those who exceeded the bounds in His Cause and spread corruption in His wisdom and denied His signs and turned away from His beauty, and thereby departed from the party of the All-Merciful and entered the party of Satan, and were among the perishing ones. And I send blessings and peace upon the First Dawn that rose and shone forth, and upon the Last Dawn that illumined and revealed, and upon Him Whom God shall make manifest on the day of His advent from the canopies of light in a cloud of fire, and upon those who guided unto Him on the day of His manifestation and drew nigh unto Him on the day of meeting Him, that the lights of His essence may be perfected upon all who are in the heavens and earths. At that time I say: Praise be unto Him for He is the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of the mystics. He.

O My beloved and intimate friend! Since certain unseemly deeds have appeared from some which are contrary to the good-pleasure of God, therefore these few words concerning the elevation of the stations of spiritual conduct have been set forth, that the dwellers in this land may walk upon this straight path and shining way, so that no sorrow may find its way to anyone. And since Mirza Javad was setting forth to circumambulate the Kaaba of the All-Bountiful, these degrees of unity were expressed in this Tablet of wisdom, that all may be preserved from the hardships of the Cause and the intensity of self, and that the ships of hearts and minds may rest upon the Ararat of piety and acceptance. How excellent is the reward of those who recite, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My glorious mention to his honor Mulla Rajab-'Ali and Aqa 'Ali-Muhammad. I remember the honored Sayyah and all the friends. In truth, Mirza Aqa Jan was the cause of sending this page, otherwise this servant would not have been so bold.

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He is God - exalted be His glory and majesty!

The essence of praise, its purest form, both outward and inward, befitteth the sacred court of that intended One Who from a single element brought forth diverse foundations, and then through the operation of His ordained powers made those diverse foundations the manifestation of a single element,

naming it “essence” and making it a sign of the dominion of His Own oneness. This is that unity in which the multiplicities of the world of existence are submerged in the ocean of its seeking, and this is that essence from whose recognition all accidents wander bewildered in the wilderness. This is that essence which hath been called by all names, from which diverse attributes have become manifest, the hidden mystery in the kingdom of creation and the treasured secret in the repository of names, whose manifestation is the sign of the world’s maturity. Thus hath the Tongue of Eternity spoken.

I beseech the True One, glorified and mighty is He, that through His grace, mercy and favor He may transform the hearts of the peoples of the world through this most great elixir, and cure the chronic diseases of ignorance, heedlessness, weakness and doubt through this supreme remedy, that all may turn to the horizon of certitude and partake of the choice sealed wine. This essence of essences hath appeared from the mine of divine wisdom and is and ever shall be the Primal Word. Exalted, exalted be its sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be its power! Exalted, exalted be its dominion! Exalted, exalted be its influence! It is the elixir of triumph, the sign of oneness, and the cause of the world’s healing from its diverse ailments. Exalted, exalted be its might! Exalted, exalted be its mention! Exalted, exalted be its manifestation! Exalted, exalted be its concealment!

Whatever any perfect one might say in this station is imperfect. How can the poor and weak one speak of the Ocean of Wealth? How can the helpless and indigent describe the Sea of Power? We beseech God to illumine all through the lights of the Sun of Knowledge and to cause them to attain unto the sprinkling of the Ocean of Generosity. He is the Bestower, He is the Ordainer. I testify, and all things testify, to His sovereignty, His bounty, His grace and His generosity. Verily He is the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

Thereafter, your letter reached this servant and I found therein the fragrance of your love for the Beloved of the world and the Goal of the nations. When I read and understood it, I turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and presented its contents in the Most High and Resplendent Station. Thereupon the Tongue of the Beloved spoke: “Verily We have mentioned him and do mention him, and We beseech God to strengthen him in that which will exalt His Cause and purify him from all that He abhorreth and sanctify him from whatsoever is unworthy of His days which were foretold in the Scriptures of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Give thanks unto God for having created thee, sustained thee, and guided thee to His straight path. Hold fast in all conditions to the hem of the robe of thy Lord’s mercy and cleave unto the cord of His Most Great Name. Say: […]”

O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations and Beloved of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which the ocean of Thy meeting surged and the fragrance of Thy raiment was diffused, to make me successful in Thy remembrance and praise, and to strengthen me in Thy service and obedience. O Lord! Deprive me not of the oceans of Thy bounty and the suns of Thy favors. I beseech Thee to ordain for me, through Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy Will that dominates all things, that which will profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapes that can be witnessed or seen, and verily Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O my God and my Sovereign! Make me not to be debarred from the Euphrates of Thy wisdom nor deprived of the manifestations of Thy Kingdom. Thou hast ever been the Dominator over Thy servants

and the Sovereign over those in Thy heaven and earth. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Loving.

Blessed art thou, and again blessed art thou, for having attained to the remembrance of the Beloved once more. Verily, He remembers him who remembers Him and hearkens unto the call of them that remember Him.

As to what you wrote concerning the Stone, this station has been mentioned in every tongue, whether Persian or Arabic. However, in one Tablet concerning Mariyah the Copt, this station is mentioned in detail. This evanescent servant, from the first day he attained this Cause and was occupied with transcription, has never heard the Beloved mention anything in this regard. However, some petitions from before and after have arrived from various directions inquiring about this matter. Therefore, in response to each one, as was befitting, drops from the ocean of knowledge were manifested, and whenever anyone wished to engage in this pursuit, they were forbidden and told that the time had not yet come - wait until God brings it in His time. For today all must be focused on another matter, which is the teaching of souls with wisdom and utterance, so that the copper of the existence of servants might be transformed into pure gold through the elixir of the divine Word and turn toward the supreme horizon. Today man is able to acquire eternal stations, and whatever is lost today can never be regained. God willing, you will be engaged in the remembrance of Truth with the utmost joy and delight. He is the Illuminator of hearts, the Companion of hearts, and the Master of hearts. Blessed is he who has drunk the Kawthar of recognition and was among the assured ones.

In truth, nothing can be clearer than what was mentioned in the Persian treatise; everything was explained in detail in that treatise.

As to what you wrote about returning water to the body, if there is a reduction in the repetition of water, what should be done - it was submitted, and They said: First, you must know that the intended water was the divine water, and that water is characterized by oiliness, for oiliness is concealed within it. For if the water were pure water, meaning plain water, it would never be capable of extracting the hidden oil in the earth which is called the gold of the sages and the essence of essences. Moreover, mixture is impossible, for the hidden oil in the earth has been called fire and red sulfur in one station, and there can be no mixture between oil, which is the essence of fire, and water. This matter is clear and evident to every discerning one. Anyone who becomes cognizant of the water, if there is reduction in the process and it diminishes, can take its equivalent. Thus does the Wronged One explain in His manifest prison.

O Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been established upon the throne of power and strength and majesty, and will continue to be even as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. It behooveth thee on this day to hold fast unto that which will cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Turn not thy gaze toward the world and its concerns. By My life! It shall perish, and grace will abide with him who hath forsaken it out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. When thou attainest unto this Tablet, render thanks unto God, then make mention of the Wronged One in accordance with what He hath taught thee of the straight Path of God. Know thou that God hath appointed a time for every matter, and verily it hath not come to pass, but when it doth come to pass it

shall appear with truth. He, verily, is the True Informer, the Trustworthy. We have not given leave to anyone to occupy himself with this matter. To this testifieth My tongue and My pen and beyond them thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We made mention of thee and caused thee to hear, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be numbered with the patient ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O honored servant, the Afnan, his honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, may consider this.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Praise, sanctified above the understanding of all created things, befitteth the One desired by all the worlds, Who hath ordained tribulation exclusively for His loved ones. Blessed are they who are nigh unto God - those souls who have ascended by the ladder of tribulation unto the most exalted heights. These are the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty. They have ever fixed their gaze upon the most sublime horizon. Hardships did not prevent them from turning toward Him, nor did adversities hold them back from drawing nigh unto Him. Rather, the trials of the world and its afflictions served to feed the fire of love and increase its flame. Verily, whosoever becometh aware of the changeability, transformation and evanescence of the world, no earthly thing can wither his spirit or deprive him of joy and delight. His gladness is in God, and his pleasure is for God's sake. His intimate companion is "We are God's" and his close associate is "and to Him shall we return." When the heart is illumined with the lights of divine knowledge and is filled with the remembrance, praise, love and affection of God, glorified be His majesty, no space remaineth therein for the sorrows of the world and the tribulations that descend upon it to enter or penetrate.

Glory be unto Thee, O Light of the world, Illuminator of the world, Subduer of the world, and Dispeller of the sorrows of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the breezes of the dawn of Thy grace have wafted over Thy servants, to assist Thy Afnan to attain unto Thy presence and to hold fast unto that which hath been ordained for them through Thy bounty and favors. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies and from the malice of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to open before their faces the doors of Thy grace, that the fragrances of Thy utterance may attract them to a station wherein the conditions of the world and its tribulations will not sadden them, nor will the deeds of those who have turned away from Thy most exalted horizon extinguish their ardor. Then enable them, O my God, in all circumstances, to draw nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit is a sacrifice unto your remembrance and service! Two epistles from your honor arrived, one before and one after - each was a key to the cities of love, affection and attention. After reading and becoming apprised of their contents, I approached the Most Exalted Station and presented them before His face. His blessed and exalted Word states:

“O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Reflect upon the tribulations that have befallen the Self of God, and likewise what came to pass upon the Prophets. The divine love so overtook them that the afflictions and adversities of the world were regarded by them as a feast of delight and joy. The opposition of the world and the denial of the nations did not prevent them from turning toward God, nor did it deprive them of the greatest joy. Through the sweetness of the All-Merciful’s utterance and what was ordained for them, they regarded the world as non-existent and null. At every moment, on wings of joy they would ascend to the heights which is the station of nearness and meeting. And if the worlds and their conditions were confined to this world, they would never have delivered themselves into the hands of their enemies. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of this Prison - those Essences of being ever stood firm in the station of submission and contentment, to such degree that the tyranny and oppression of the people of the world did not deter them from steadfastness in the Cause. When the heart is connected to the Most Great Ocean, it beholdeth the world and all that the people possess as a shadow that will soon perish and pass away. Perchance what hath befallen you may become the cause for the manifestation of God’s hidden and divine favors. You are related to Him, and what hath come upon you occurred after certitude and acceptance. May there appear through this that which will bring solace to the eyes and joy to the hearts. None is aware of the mysteries of consummate wisdom. This Wronged One beareth witness to this in this remote Prison.”

Say: “My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to Thee. Thou seest the weakness of Thy loved ones and the strength of Thine enemies and their tyranny in Thy lands. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen whereby Thou hast subdued all things, and by the influence of Thy greatest signs, to assist me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me in the midst of sorrows. I beseech Thee to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause me to soar in Thy atmosphere, to be attracted by Thy verses, and to take refuge in Thy presence. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. I am the one, O my God, who hath acknowledged Thy unity and Thy oneness. Thy all-encompassing knowledge hath preceded me, and Thou knowest that which will exalt me and enable me to achieve what Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

In truth, the consequences of affairs are veiled from perception and vision. None but God, exalted be His glory, has been or is aware of them. Often it happens that from these sorrows, the gates of joy, delight, gladness and exultation are opened. Today there exists no station, no bounty, and no honor greater than what has been bestowed upon the Afnan. At one time this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of creation in this connection, blessed and exalted be His utterance: “O servant present! Often does God, exalted be His glory, make that which is distant the cause of nearness, and many a sorrow He transforms into supreme joy, and how many a constriction He changes into expansion. The bounty is in His hand and within His mighty grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, night and day for that which will gladden and refresh the soul. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Regarding the countenance of the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the Most Glorious of all Glory, the Greater Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory, was commanded to write that it should be given to the Greater Holy Mother, her mother, whether it be in that land or with whomsoever it may be. This matter was conveyed some time ago. I beseech God that He may aid souls to act in accordance with what hath been sent down from the heaven of His command.

The letter of Mulla Shafi', upon him be the Glory of God, which you forwarded, was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and an answer hath been revealed which will be sent subsequently. Likewise, one blessed Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for the Greater Holy Mother, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have been and are remembered at all times. Some time ago, harm was inflicted by an oppressive government, and each day some new tribulation and affliction became manifest and evident. God will change it through a command from His presence. Verily, He hath power over all things. The purpose is that his honor hath also shared in the sorrows with the Divine Lote-Tree.

To the honored Afnans of that land I convey greetings, praise and glory, and likewise to the friends of that land. I beseech God that He may illumine those regions with the light of the Afnan and manifest a new world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the Throne and earth. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

The Servant

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He is the One Who Warbleth upon the Twigs!

This is a remembrance from Our presence unto them that remember. Verily it is the ornament of grace unto all who dwell in the world. Through it there springeth forth from hearts the sweet basil of love, proclaiming "There is none other God but He, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate." By it faces became radiant and the heavens and earth were illumined. How many servants have found the sweetness of utterance and turned toward the All-Merciful, and how many remained heedless and were among the wayward!

Behold then and remember the days of Moses when He came with the truth and called the people unto God, the Mighty, the Gracious. The people opposed Him, save those who drank the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The divines rose against Him with rancor and hatred. Then did We preserve Him by a sovereignty from Our presence and delivered Him from the oppressors.

Then We sent forth the Spirit and dispatched Him with a spirit from Our presence and a mercy from Our side, and He called the people unto this Great Name. He said: "Verily He shall come with the truth and

shall fulfill for you what ye possess." Thus was the matter decreed from the presence of One knowing, informed. He would hasten through the field of praise and remembrance, and proclaim the mystery of this Secret that hath appeared with the ornament of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereupon necks were stretched forth in hypocrisy and they arose to extinguish that resplendent, luminous Light. There befell Him in My path what hath not befallen anyone before Him - verily We were aware. Then We sent forth after Him the Beloved with clear signs and manifest proofs, and He called the people by this ancient Remembrance. He bore hardships and tribulations in love of this Beauty that hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity. Then most of the people opposed Him and denied God, the Mighty, the Praised. Were it not for My protection and sovereignty, they would have slain Him on the very first day wherein He called the servants unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Then We adorned the tablet of creation with the ornament of the Primal Point, Who gave the people glad tidings of this wondrous Cause. He began the Book with this Name and sealed it with this beauteous Remembrance. He said: "Verily He shall manifest whatsoever He willeth, not what ye desire. He is indeed the Ruler over what He willeth. In all things He proclaimeth: 'There is none other God but I, the Single, the Unique, the All-Encompassing.' Behold Him with His eye, not with your eyes. Leave what ye possess in your quest for what He possesseth. This is better for you, if ye be of them that know.

"O people! A single word from Him cannot be equaled by what was revealed in the Bayan, nor will all the books of the world suffice you at His appearance. He shall manifest however He pleaseth, not as ye wish. His Will is hidden in the treasuries of knowledge and none hath comprehended it save His own knowing Self. O people! When He cometh and ye attain unto the lights of those days, turn ye unto Him with radiant faces and follow not every remote idolator. Beware lest the Bayan withhold you from your Lord, the All-Merciful. By God! Nothing shall profit you this Day, even if ye cling to every mighty pillar. This is a Day wherein light is transformed into fire and the Bird of the Divine Throne crieth out: 'This is a mighty Day!' This is a Cause the like of which hath not appeared in creation." Thus testified the Lord of Invention, Who came with the truth and dwelleth in this remote prison.

Behold how the people of the Bayan read the Book and make mention of Him Whom We sent with the truth, yet oppose Him by Whom every mouldering bone was quickened. Behold these people - they are like those who passed before, nay more veiled. Blessed be they who perceive! Among them is he who cast aside his God, turning to his own desire. Lo! He hath not found the fragrance of the Bayan in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful […]

He would have been among the perishing ones if he had known to walk with his own eyes toward the Spring by which hearts were stirred and the eyes of those near to God were solaced. Thus do We recount unto you what hath befallen Us from those who denied the right of God and His proof when He came from the heaven of bounty with this Ancient Name. They behold the Sun yet deny it; they hear the most wondrous melodies of the All-Merciful, yet say "Sufficient unto us are the imaginings of the idolaters." Say: If ye possess a proof greater than what hath been sent down in truth, or evidence mightier than what hath appeared in creation, bring it forth if ye be truthful. Power hath filled all regions, proof hath encompassed all in the realms of being, and evidence hath surrounded all creation, yet most people are

as dead. Their ears are debarred from truly hearing, their tongues from mentioning the Lord of Names, and their eyes from turning to this resplendent horizon. The Beloved hath come, yet they know not; the Desired One hath appeared, yet they perceive not; the oceans of knowledge flow, while they hasten in the wilderness of ignorance, understanding not. The Kawthar of life hath circulated by the hands of the grace of their Lord, the All-Merciful, yet they turn away therefrom. The breezes of revelation have wafted, yet they sense them not. The countenance of Glory hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity, yet they see it not. The Hidden Book hath been recited, yet they hear it not. The table of the spirit hath been sent down, yet they remain far from it. Blessed is he who hath stretched forth the hand of power in the name of his Lord, the Chosen One, and thereby rent asunder the veils of those who hesitated in the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existing, and who hath spoken with such authority that the might of the wicked ones - who, when the Self-Subsisting came, followed mere fancy - could not prevent him. Were We to recount what We have suffered at the hands of the workers of iniquity, all things would lament and honored servants would cry out. We have accepted all afflictions in the path of God, and all calamities for the exaltation of His Word, the Mighty, the Beloved. In all times have We been slain by the swords of the losers. Say: The sword of hypocrisy is sharper than the sword of steel, were ye to know. My hair crieth out, and my neck asketh: “Was I severed in the path of God?” It answereth: “Yea, by my Lord!” but the people see not. We remember God in all conditions, and the veils of majesty prevent Us not - to this do near servants testify. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath called the people with supreme steadfastness to this Cause whereby hearts have been illumined. Woe unto him who hath been deprived of the fragrances of the verses and hath opposed Him at Whose call they that lay in the graves arose. Turn ye unto God, detached from all else, then remind the people in such wise that they who hesitate may hasten. Say: He asketh no recompense or reward from you, nor doth He command you save what is better for you than all that is hidden and manifest. Cast aside that which preventeth you from guidance; turn with pure hearts to the horizon of the revelation of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Those whom the winds of the love of their Lord, the All-Merciful, have not stirred - these are indeed a people confounded. Say: O people! Make good what hath escaped you in the days of God, and follow not every rejected learned one. Say: Knowledge is the recognition of My Self, turning unto My Face, standing firm in My Cause, and following what hath been sent down in the scrolls of My glory and the tablets of My grace, would ye but know. Say: […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Crown of all names, and through which earth and heaven were illumined, to cause me to be numbered with them who have quaffed the wine of Thy Revelation from the hands of Thy bounty, and who have stood firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the veils of human allusions could withhold them from Thy wondrous signs, nor the curtains of words could hinder them from turning unto the manifestations of Thy grace. O Lord! Number me, then, with them that are steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in their love for Thee. Moreover, ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, whom Thou hast made the Daysprings of certitude in Thy land and the Dawning-Places of faith in Thy realm. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the Inaccessible, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath hearkened to the Call and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, who hath attained, witnessed and beheld, as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. O Mahdi! Thy letter hath arrived and We have heard its contents. We answer thee through this wondrous Epistle which crieth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, and summoneth all unto the All-Informed One. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned toward Him; woe unto them that turn away, who have followed the dawning-places of idle fancies. They are assuredly among the most lost in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, until thou didst stand before the Gate which was opened through the Most Great Name unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and preserve thee in such wise that the affairs of creation shall not withhold thee from the Truth. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. Grieve not at anything. In all matters place thy trust in Him Who hath strengthened thee and caused thee to recognize this mighty Cause. Remind My loved ones of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My tender mercy and My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Munificent.

Say: O people of God! Beware lest the affairs of men debar you from My Self-Subsisting Name, or the oppression of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment fill you with fear. We counsel you to observe patience and tranquility in all conditions, and that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in My Perspicuous Book. And We make mention of Our loved ones that the remembrance may draw them to a station wherein neither the taunts of enemies nor the might of the heedless shall grieve them.

O Ibrahim! Hear the call from the Uttermost Tree before the faces of all men: Verily there is none other God but He, the Possessor of the Throne and earth. Break the idols of vain imaginings with the power of Abraham, then aid thy Lord with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O Sadiq! My Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee while the Wronged One was in the prison of His enemies, and mentioneth thee with that whereby the near ones perceive the fragrance of the garment, the unitarians perceive the fragrance of Beauty, and the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Fadlu'llah! The face of bounty hath turned toward thee and calleth thee to that which shall be a lamp unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Cast aside what the people possess; take what thou art bidden by God with a strength that the might of the world cannot frustrate, and with a power that the hosts of the oppressors cannot prevent.

O Sabbagh! The All-Bountiful maketh mention of thee from this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of Names, and commandeth thee to observe trustworthiness,

godliness, truthfulness and fidelity. Thus hath spoken the Lord of the worlds in His Most Great Prison, as a bounty from His presence upon thee. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ahmad! When a crier cometh unto thee, leave him to himself and turn toward the Most Exalted Summit, the station wherein the atoms cry out: "The kingdom and dominion, and the power and might belong unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne!"

O Pen! Turn thy face toward him who hath been named Muhammad Isma'il. Say: The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from the Most Exalted Horizon and desireth to make mention of thee with that which attracteth the hearts of the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise. When thou hearest and perceivest the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having remembered me while I was among the polytheists."

O Ali! We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, the limbs of the jurisprudents have trembled, and the hearts of the names have been perturbed, save those whom thy Lord, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, hath willed.

O Baha'ud-Din! Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world or the riches of nations. When thou attainest and findest the fragrance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful's utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Thou hast borne tribulations for the exaltation of the Most Great Word and hast manifested that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

O Abdullah! Take hold of the Book with such strength that neither the foolish ones of the world nor the clamor of nations can deter thee. This is what was ordained in the Book, when it appeared all the books of the world bowed down before it. He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things from God, the Goal of the worlds, beareth witness to this.

O Aqa Beg! This is the Day of steadfastness and faithfulness. Blessed is the servant who hath arisen to serve his Lord with such strength that neither ranks nor multitudes could hinder him. He arose and said: "God is our Lord, the Lord of our fathers, and the Lord of this glorious and wondrous Day."

O Baqir! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One from the Supreme Horizon calleth out with the most exalted call: "O people! Fear God and follow not those who have taken their idle fancies as lords besides God. Turn with radiant faces and be not of the patient ones."

O Asghar! The Lord of Destiny remembereth thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene, and counseleth thee with that which will elevate God's Cause among His servants and manifest man's station in the realm of possibility. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Luminous.

O Ibrahim! The polytheists turned away and objected to Him Who created them, fashioned them, manifested them, made them witness, and gave them utterance. Thus did their souls prompt them to

that which caused the Concourse on High to lament, and the dwellers of Paradise and the inhabitants of this glorious station to weep.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Blessed is he who hath attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, recognized its station, and read what was revealed unto him from this quarter, whose light was sanctified above the sun and its effulgence, and above the moon and its radiance. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Sha'ban! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and remembered thee with that which God hath made a proof unto all on earth and a light unto those in heaven. Blessed is he who heareth and seeth, and woe unto every heedless one who is debarred from this glorious station.

O Abu-Talib! The Wronged One remembereth thee in His station and counseleth thee with such virtues that all who possess the sense of smell shall find from them the fragrance of My morals, and with such deeds that all who possess sight shall behold from them My shining and luminous light.

O Ali! Blessed art thou and thy father who bore tribulations in God's path and heard the derision of enemies, the turning away of the wretched, and the objections of those who disbelieved when the Lord of Revelation and the Speaker of Sinai came - He Who was mentioned in the books of God, the Goal of the mystics.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Mirza Aqa that the rapture of the call may seize him and draw him nigh unto the Supreme Summit - the station whereon the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, calling all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Abdul-Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison's direction and counseleth thee with that which He counseled His loved ones aforetime when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. Verily, He hath come from the heaven of grace for the reformation of the world and the salvation of nations. Every discerning mystic beareth witness to this.

O Asadullah! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which was a light to the horizons, a surge to the seas, a rustling to the trees, a spirit to bodies, a remembrance to the righteous, a treasure to the just, and a book for those who have forsaken the world, clinging to His firm cord.

O My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One! We make mention of you at the close of the Book. O My leaves! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have hearkened unto the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Blessed is the maidservant who hath attained unto the lights of divine knowledge, who hath responded to her Lord, and who hath circled round His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And blessed is the leaf that hath clung to the Tree in such wise that neither winds could shake her, nor the clamor of them that have denied God when He came from the Kingdom of eternity with a great sovereignty. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon the people of God who have not cast behind them His Covenant and His Testament, who have heard and responded - these, verily, are among those that are firmly established in a perspicuous Book.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who has shattered the idol of vain imaginings through the sovereignty of the remembrance of his Lord, the Lord of all men, and who has turned unto the Countenance in days wherein all names were overturned, save those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, did will. Faces have turned black and souls have been perturbed when God came with the Kingdom of verses. One said: "Why hath He come?" Say: "Despite thy will, O thou who art a polytheist and filled with doubt!" Another said: "Hath the appointed time come?" Say: "Yea, by Him Who sendeth down the rain! The appointed time is none other than His own Self, could ye but understand, O people of insight!"

Among the polytheists is he who said: "Will the All-Merciful come before the creation of the Bayan appeareth?" Say: "Behold with His eyes - He hath come from the heaven of Command with power and sovereignty. Can the veils of allusions prevent Him? Nay, by the Manifestor of clear evidences!" Among them is he who said: "That which was ordained in the Book hath not been fulfilled." Say: "Through My manifestation all things are perfected. Reflect, O ye who are endued with insight! Were it not for My mention, the Bayan would not have been revealed, and were it not for My appearance, its creation would not have been completed, even were it to endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure." Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Through My confirmation is every matter established and all that hath been mentioned in the Tablets perfected.

Say: Were We to abrogate what hath been ordained in the Bayan, none hath the right to say "why" or "wherefore." Thus hath it been sent down in the Tablets from the presence of Him Who causeth the dawn to break. We have not abrogated the Bayan, but rather have been as the morning dew to that which was sown therein with justice. To this testifieth all things, and beyond them He Who knoweth both the hidden and the manifest. Through My manifestation the heaven of the Bayan was raised up and what was revealed therein was established. Those who have denied this are in heedlessness and error.

By My Self! I have rolled up the heaven of vain imaginings and the Sun of wisdom hath shone forth from the horizon of power. Every matter hath been made dependent upon My Word. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan - read it, that ye may know Him by Whose light the horizons have been illumined. Say: Be fair, O people of the Bayan! Were it not for My manifestation, who would help the All-Merciful amidst all creation? Fear God, O ye by whose words the pillars of the Throne have been shaken and the clouds have wept. Through My arising hath the Sun of remembrance shone forth and the banners of unity been raised upon the hills.

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Be fair, O people of insight! Lo, the Last is the Most Manifest, and His countenance is the Most Great. He Who is established upon the throne with power and sovereignty doth testify to this. O people! Do ye dispute with Him Who, beneath the sword, calleth you unto God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling? Doth He seek from you any recompense? Nay, by the Lord of all names! Doth He seek any reward? Nay, by this Dayspring that hath dawned from the horizon of the Divine Will with sovereignty and power! Were He to find that which ye imagine, whence would He find life for Himself, after being between the

fangs of wolves? By God! The Proof lamenteth My grief, and the eye of Evidence weepeth for My soul. The Most Exalted Pen hath at this moment shed blood, for the heart of Baha hath melted by reason of the fire kindled by them that have disbelieved in the Lord of Names. Woe unto them, and misery to every doubting polytheist!

Doth it beseem to hesitate in this Cause, after the crimson Ark hath sailed upon the sea of names? Nay, by this Beauty through Whose Name the mountains have passed away! Say: Do ye deny Him through Whom all existence hath turned toward the direction of its Purpose, and through Whom the Luminary of the Cause hath shone forth from the horizon of the lands? The head of the Bayan hath been adorned with the crown of My remembrance, and its temple with the robe of My love, yet ye have stripped it bare, O people of the veils! Among them is he who saith "I have believed in the Bayan." Say: Silence thy tongue, O thou denier and deceiver! The Bayan waileth by reason of thy deed, and with it wail the people of Paradise and the denizens of the holy sanctuaries at eventide and at dawn.

If thou didst believe in the Bayan, why didst thou draw the sword of renunciation against the Beloved of the All-Merciful, through Whom the All-Glorious smiled and through Whom the brocade of the Book of Creation was adorned? Verily, they that have turned away rejoice in their deeds; they walk while the wrath of God pursueth them. We testify that the Bayan is clear of them, and We are clear of them. Thus hath testified He Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of lights.

Say: Die in your wrath! The heaven of idle fancies hath been rolled up by the grasp of power and might. We have raised up the heaven of the Bayan with wisdom and clear proof, and We have adorned it with the star of Our wondrous Name, whereby all the tribes were seized with trembling, the idol wailed, and the pillars were shaken. Do they see for themselves any refuge? Say: There is no shelter for you this day from God. Whither can they flee, and to whom can they turn? Can they find anyone to protect them? Nay, by My life, they have no protector this day!

O people! This is the Ancient of the heavens and earth. Ponder, that ye may recognize the decree of the Wondrous One. When ye have recognized it, ye shall know this Cause whereof ye were promised in the Tablets and Scriptures. Be united, O peoples of the earth! Through your unity the heaven of tyranny shall be cleft asunder and the idols shall fall. We have borne afflictions for your salvation. To this testifieth this Pen which God hath made the Sovereign of all pens.

Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for that which hath descended unto thee from the heaven of the Prison, whereby spirits are gladdened. Follow thy Lord in such wise that tribulation shall not prevent thee from remembering the Creator of heaven. Remember thy Lord at morn and eventide. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. That which is visible shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Supreme Protector, the Concealer.

Say: O people of creation! This is the Day of Hearkening. Hearken unto the Call of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, which hath been raised between earth and heaven. By His Call the things have been attracted and faces have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, they that have been prevented - these shall have no portion in the kingdom. Soon shall they lament and shall find no refuge for themselves.

Take thou the chalice of eternity in My Name, then drink it by My leave. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, command thee. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto the Countenance with spirit and fragrance.

According to the Most Holy Command, a copy of the missive has been sent. This evanescent servant conveys his salutations to your honor. Blessed art thou for that which hath flowed from thy pen in remembrance of thy Lord. This is what the Lord of Eternity informed me of when I was present before the Throne. Upon thee, O promulgator of God's Cause, rest the remembrance of God, His praise, and the praise of His near-serving ones. I beseech God that He may aid thy honor under all conditions.

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In the Name of the One Friend, the One Goal, and the One Beloved!

O fruits of the Divine Tree! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Creation from this wilderness. This is that same desert wherein the Voice of the Spirit was raised aloft and the sweet fragrances of the Beloved were diffused. In this wilderness most of the Prophets and Messengers responded with "Here am I, O Lord, here am I," for they had heard and hearkened unto the Call that is raised today, and all beseeched from God the favor of attaining unto this most holy, most exalted Day. This is that land by whose rocks and clay they swore, inasmuch as it hath been honored by the footsteps of God and blessed by the fragrance of His garment. This is that place wherefrom the Interlocutor of Sinai did formerly proclaim "Verily, I am God," and now too uttereth the same word, despite those who denied His signs and turned away from Him at Whose finger's motion the earth was cleft asunder and the heavens were rent, and at Whose will the Trumpet was sounded and all who are on earth swooned away, save those whom God, your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, did please to spare.

How greatly did the Son of 'Imran supplicate and implore in this wilderness, wherein is situated the Sinai of divine knowledge, that he might attain the presence of the All-Merciful, until at last he heard that which is recorded in detail in the Holy Books. Blessed is the land that hath today attained this supreme honor and been adorned with the lights of His Manifestation. Blessed is the spot that hath become the seat of His Throne and the place of His footstool. This is a station wherein every person of true spiritual sense can detect the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and every possessor of insight can behold His most exalted horizon.

Blessed are ye, O fruits of the Tree of Existence, inasmuch as ye have attained unto My days, heard My call, and been honored by My verses, wherewith ye were promised in the Books of old by God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel you to perform goodly deeds. By God! Through them is the Cause of God exalted amongst His servants and the banner of justice raised throughout His lands. Hold fast unto that which God hath taught you in His Book, and cleave unto that which shall profit you in all the worlds of His creation. He is the One through Whom the sun of grace hath shone forth from the horizon of creation and the ocean of bounty hath appeared in the kingdom of existence. Thus hath the Pen spoken from this most exalted station, from God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, and woe unto the heedless!

God willing, ye should occupy yourselves with the mention of the Lord of Creation in perfect fellowship and unity. We beseech God to gather all beneath the pavilion of oneness. Every matter dependeth upon means - thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is the Powerful, the Almighty. Observe in man that he hath been created with two hands, two feet, two eyes, and two ears, and through these means the Causer of Causes hath manifested that which is evident to every person of insight. Should any division occur in this assemblage of elements, man would remain without effect or fruit. Those souls who have drunk from the living waters and are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful must arise with perfect unity and wisdom. The sun of power shineth forth from the horizon of accord, and the moon of might appeareth from the heaven of unity. Strive that ye may find and act upon that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Beware lest the affairs of men and their intimations sadden you […]

Their clamor and deeds shall in no wise be equal to even a single letter of the Book, whether manifest or hidden. Every soul who today attaineth unto the remembrance of God is accounted among the people of Baha. Thus have We made mention of you that your stations and conditions may be exalted. Be grateful unto God for this supreme bounty.

O people of Kaf and Ra! Purify your ears that ye may hearken unto My most sweet call. By My life! Whoso succeedeth in hearing it, neither shall the conditions of the world prevent him, nor shall the oppression of the nations sadden him. He shall arise to promote the Cause and shall speak with wisdom and utterance amidst the concourse of existence. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you - He Who hath taken unto Himself neither partner nor peer. Read ye My verses, traverse the realms of My knowledge, and hold fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness. Then act ye in accordance with that which We have enjoined upon you in the Book sent down from the heaven of Command. Beware lest ye differ in the Cause of God. Fear God and follow not every false one who hath been deprived of the ocean of truth. How many a learned one hath been veiled by his learning, how many a wealthy one hath been hindered by his riches, and how many an illiterate one hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in Him Who came from the heaven of Command with an authority that encompassed all worlds. By God! This is not the day to tarry. The Most Great Vision hath appeared, wherein speaketh the Lord of Destiny. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained unto the Call, and woe betide every heedless one who remaineth far from the ocean of nearness. Hold fast unto that which shall exalt your stations among the servants and this Command which hath been recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Mother Book.

God willing, ye should all arise to serve the Cause of God with the utmost wisdom and endeavor, in such wise that the opposition of them who dwell on earth shall not deter you. Most mighty is the Cause and most great is the Day. This is that Day which in most of the Books hath been designated as the Day of God, and this is that Day wherein, as He hath declared, Truth shall be made manifest and the ranks of angels shall stand ready to serve. No one hath been or shall ever be capable of befittingly describing this blessed Day. Strive ye that in these days of God pure and holy deeds may be made manifest from you. The promoter of the Cause today is goodly deeds. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and act in accordance with that which He uttereth and commandeth for the sake of God. Reflect upon the world's differences and the graves therein and the souls that repose therein. Where are their riches, their sciences, their arts, their strongholds, their treasuries, their hosts, their ranks, their pride, their palaces, their might and their power? They have returned to dust with great loss, save he who ascended unto the

Most Exalted Companion through the love of God, the Lord of Names. By the life of God! He verily is in a noble station.

And at the end of the Tablet We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. How many a servant hath been kept back through pride from the Lord of Revelation, and how many a handmaiden hath turned unto the Much-frequented Fane and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. He giveth whom He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the Single One, the One Alone, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto My days, and turned unto My horizon, and clung to My luminous hem. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that none hath ever been able, nor shall ever be able, to reckon what God hath ordained for one believing man and one believing woman. Today, various darksome and corrupt veils have withheld the people from the Lord of all beings, and were the veil to be lifted even less than the eye of a needle, all would cry out "O our grief for what we neglected towards God and His days!" The day shall come when that which is now hidden shall be made manifest. Ere long shall the sincere ones, and the devoted ones, and the remembering women, and the devout women behold what hath been ordained for them in the Book that hath spoken with truth between the heavens and the earth, and summoned all unto the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

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This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness:

O My physician! We have loved thee and made mention of thee in divers Tablets. Verily thy Lord is with such of His servants as have turned unto Him and have detached themselves from all else. He is the Protector of them that have turned unto Him. Through thy gratitude to thy Lord the ocean of grace surgeth and mentioneth thee with this glorious mention. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. By My life! There hath been sent down for thee in the Tablets that which nothing in all creation can equal. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Glorify the praise of thy Lord, then praise Him at morn and eventide.

Say: My soul be a sacrifice for Thine exile, O Root of Glory and Tree of the Uttermost End and Source of all good amongst the people of creation! My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy imprisonment, O Thou Who hast sacrificed Thyself for the Cause of God, the Lord of all names! By Thy glory, O Beloved of the worlds and Desire of them that have recognized Thee! I love naught but Thy remembrance, desire naught but Thy good-pleasure, and turn to none save Thy luminous countenance. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for them who have tasted the sweetness of utterance from the mouth of Thy Will and who have circled round Thy Cause until they were martyred in Thy path. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One - all atoms testify to Thy generosity. Thou art the Merciful One - Thy mercy hath preceded all created things, and in the grasp of Thy Will is the control of all existence. Thou seest me burning with the fire of separation and aflame with the heat of longing. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Covenant was manifested on the Day of Separation and which Thou didst manifest in human form, and concerning

which Thou didst question those who clung to it, by Thy power that dominateth the world, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth upon Thy countenance, is certain of Thy Cause, standeth in Thy service, sitteth in Thy love, is adorned with the ornament of Thy grace, uttereth the remembrance of Thy days and what befell Thy Beauty at the hands of the oppressors. O my Lord! O my Lord! O my Lord! Thou art He before Whose sovereignty and power all things bow down, and before Whose grandeur and majesty all necks are humbled. I beseech Thee by the water that hath flowed from the wellsprings of Thy Will and which Thou hast made the cause of life for Thy creation, to raise me to such a station that nothing shall prevent me from that which draweth hearts and minds to the court of Thy mercy and Thy favors. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Dominant, the Self-Subsisting.

As to what was mentioned concerning the handmaidens of God, you must certainly exert your utmost effort and endeavor in managing the affairs of the loved ones of God. Some of the friends of God are somewhat saddened due to the apparent dispersion of means. Say: Be not grieved, but trust in God in all matters. Verily He is with you and hath ordained for you greater things than what you desired or desire. They should not be saddened in any way by the separation of outward things. They have never been and will never be forgotten. Some matters depend upon means and are dealt with accordingly, and if there be delay, they should not be disheartened. What is beloved is that they should be grateful and content with what hath been and will be manifested.

Concerning Heydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, We have indeed accepted him through Our grace and clothed him in the garment of bounty and favor whereby all Paradise was illumined. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. However, this station was sealed with him, and whosoever shall commit after him what he committed, God will not make mention of him. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Such matters have in truth never been and are not pleasing. Likewise, a limited number in the past sacrificed their lives by their own hands in the path of the Beloved of all possibility, and the station of each hath been revealed in the Tablets. Blessed be the King of Martyrs who sacrificed his life in Iraq and his likes in other lands. O physician! There hath appeared in this Revelation that which hath not appeared before. Verily thy Lord is the Attractive, the Moving, the Penetrating, the Powerful, the Pulsating, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. However, after the martyrdom of the Pride of Martyrs, who was named Badi' in the Kingdom of Names, all are commanded to preserve their lives that perchance some service to the Cause of God might be rendered by souls. This is what We have desired for them. No one should transgress the bounds set by his Lord. Inform the people of what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in this regard that they may know and be of those who act.

As for what thou hast mentioned concerning Muhammad-Qabli-Rida, say: Turn toward the Most Great Scene. We have accepted what thou didst desire for him and have confirmed it. Be thou grateful and of those who give thanks. However, since prohibition hath preceded and this was truly in the interest of the people - for this land is much disturbed and travelers pass through from every direction, and despite the greatest prohibition they arrive every day - yet this hath not been and is not pleasing, for the harm of these matters affects the root of the Tree. Nevertheless, in view of the favor shown to Rida and through thy intercession, We have sought another matter that his heart may rejoice through the fragrances of

these precincts wherein the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafteth over all who dwell in the realm of possibility.

Concerning children, let them not grieve at all, for whosoever hath turned to God, God hath been and shall be his heir. Children are in truth for the remembrance of good, and what remembrance of good can surpass the mention of God? Every mention that hath been made of him in the Tablets is equivalent to a thousand righteous offspring who might have spent their lives and wealth in the path of God. Say: Be grateful, O My loved ones, for this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! O physician! The servant present before the Countenance hath in these days been afflicted with headache to such extent as to be somewhat prevented from writing, such that last night when a Tablet was revealed concerning thee, he later reported that much had been dropped from the pen and omitted. We have therefore repeated and revealed this Tablet in brief. Be thou grateful and say: Thine is the grace, O my Lord, the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

O servant, ’Abdu’r-Rahim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful from the Dawning-Place of sorrows in this Prison of contingent being. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face toward the Countenance whilst it was in the hands of the oppressors. Grieve not that thou wert prevented from entering; verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hatred hath appeared in that land - this is that whereof We had informed Our servants aforetime. With Him is the knowledge of all things preserved in a guarding Tablet. Were anyone to behold Me with the eye of insight, he would see each member of My body in the mouth of a serpent. Soon shall that which hath been concealed and treasured be made manifest. Verily, thy Lord is He Who unveileth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou thankful that thou hast been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and that the face of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Great, hath been turned toward thee. Verily, he who hath ascended unto God is of those who have drawn nigh. We have accepted him as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh unto the sepulchre and hath said: “Upon thee be greetings, O thou who hast turned toward God, the Remembrance of God and His praise! I testify that thou didst turn unto the Intended One and didst hasten unto God until thou didst reach the resting-place of those who bore tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of all names, and didst sacrifice thyself therein for the love of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. I testify that thou art of those who, when they heard the call, responded to their Lord and fulfilled His Covenant and His Testament on a day wherein the foundations of the doubters were shaken. Upon thee be the mercy of God and His grace, and the sweet fragrances of God and His spirit, O thou stranger and exile!”

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THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST EXALTED

Praise be to God! Through the effulgent rays of the Most Great Luminary the horizon of the world is illumined and resplendent, and the outpourings of divine grace are streaming down and descending from the heaven of mercy and bounty. Blessed are they who through the promptings of malicious souls have

not been debarred from the shores of the sea of oneness, and who through the favors of the Lord of creation have rent asunder the veils of idle fancy. These are they who have taken the wine of mercy from the hands of grace without hesitation and have quaffed thereof. Theirs is a goodly habitation.

O ye who soar in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful and who circle round the Kaaba of divine knowledge! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One Who, in the midst of intense tribulation and affliction, hath not forgotten you and at all times enjoineth upon the loved ones of the All-Merciful that which is best for them, transcending all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. The greatest of all things is steadfastness and unity around God's all-embracing Word. God willing, through divine grace and heavenly bounty, may ye all attain unto this. It is clearly evident that whatsoever is mentioned herein hath as its purpose the deliverance of souls from the prison of self and passion and their advancement unto the Most Exalted Horizon. All must hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of unity and concord. They must be so firm in the Cause that the fragrance thereof may guide aright those who are unsettled and wavering. This is not difficult for God to achieve.

If ye see Jim, say to him: "By what proof didst thou accept and by what evidence didst thou turn away from God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Wise? Verily thou hast followed the desires of one who knoweth not his right hand from his left - he is assuredly among the most lost. And he who led thee astray - We have seized him for his transgression. Now in the sea of fire he saith: 'I repent unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!' The hand of power hath struck his mouth and it was said: 'Be silent, O thou remote polytheist! Thou didst call the people unto one whom thou hadst neither seen nor known nor had any knowledge of his cause, and thou thyself dost testify to this, wert thou to be fair.' O servant! Have mercy upon thyself and upon the people, and follow not those who follow vain imaginings and have taken these as lords besides God. Cast away what they possess, then stand with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee, wert thou of them that comprehend."

Speak in the Persian tongue, that perchance he may comprehend the counselling words of the Lord and return to the shore of the Most Great Ocean. Strange it is that after the wondrous and exalted waves of the seas of divine favors and the effulgences of the words of the Lord, they are seen to be deprived and kept back from the shore of the sea of oneness by ancient allusions to the worn-out and obsolete notion of succession and the like. Say: God knoweth what is in your hearts and that which ye utter and speak. In these spiritual days all must attain unto the new divine adornment, sanctified from all that is in the hands of men and from all that they have heard, let alone the false succession which hath appeared from the direction of the liars. Such mentions have been veils of glory which most of humanity have been powerless to rend, yet God hath servants who, through divine power, have rent them all asunder and joined their Beloved. Today the people of God are those souls who regard all in the heavens and earth as dependent upon God's will, to such extent that were He to desire, by the movement of the Finger of His Will, He could raise a speck of dust to the loftiest heights of creation, and likewise return the highest summit to the lowliest particle. All that He saith is truth and all that He decreeth behooveth to be the beloved of them that know. Wondrous in all respects hath this Revelation appeared, were men to ponder thereon.

In brief, certain people of the Bayan have, through the utterances of the widows of the people of the Furqan, forbidden men from the Law of the All-Merciful. Say unto him of the letter Jim and his like: Observe with the eye of insight how for a thousand years or more all the Twelver sects assigned a specific place in imaginary cities for an imaginary being who never existed, along with imaginary wives and children, and they prostrated themselves before him. And if anyone denied him they would issue a decree for his death. Lo! They are recorded as worshippers of vain imaginings in the Book of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And after the birth of the Point in a known land, it became clear to them that possess insight that all that was in the hands of that people was false and meaningless. Similarly observe all the beliefs held by that people. I do not wish to rend certain veils. Blessed is the strong one who rendeth with the fingers of certitude that he may behold what is intended by his Lord, the Possessor of existence. All are commanded in this Revelation to observe the Revelation itself and its verses in complete sanctification from all else. This bounty hath been specific to this Revelation. And likewise He saith: When He appeareth He changeth light into darkness and darkness into light. Despite this, by your own self, since ye are unaware of His beginning and end, ye remain deprived of the Dawning-Place of the lights of oneness and the Dayspring of divine verses. Say: Consider for a moment the Persian Bayan, that perchance ye may abandon vain imaginings and behold the Sun of the name of your Lord, the Self-Subsisting, shining between the heavens and the earths. Hearken unto the voice of the faithful counsellor and, putting aside all that ye have heard, observe the divine verses and ponder upon that which hath appeared in the Revelation, that perchance ye may abandon selfish desire and turn unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. If ye and all on earth deny, verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

O My loved ones in Qaf! Leave these people, then turn with your hearts toward the court of God, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Be ye of such character that through you the horizons will be illumined and faces will be turned toward the court of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Give thanks unto God that your names have flowed from the Pen of Revelation and that the tongue of the Prisoner makes mention of you. We beseech God to aid you to be united in the Cause of your Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and to make you among those who have no fear and who shall not grieve. Drink ye the cup of life with spirit and fragrance, in spite of those who have denied the All-Merciful and who have turned away from His presence. Blessed are ye for having been mentioned by the Lord of Eternity in the Most Great Prison, and for having been the object of the gaze of God, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal.

Stand ye firm in the Cause of God in such wise that every wavering one may become steadfast and every mouldering bone may be set in motion. Strive ye that the darkness of contingent being may be illumined by the lights of the mention of the All-Merciful. God willing, may ye all arise to that which befits your stations and your relationship to God. The Divine Lote Tree speaks - hearken ye with the ear of the soul. The tongue of the All-Merciful is uttering - attain ye unto its hearing. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing, remind you.

O My handmaidens in that land! Rejoice that ye have been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, then remain steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names. Thus doth your Lord counsel you in this Tablet which hath been adorned with the ornament of the utterance of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O handmaidens of Mine! God willing, drink ye forever and always from the Kawthar of the love of the Self-

Sufficient, the Ever-Abiding, and be ye engaged in His mention and praise. Verily, the glory be upon you, O loved ones of God, and upon those who hearken to your words concerning this most wondrous and mighty Cause.

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He is God–exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who is one in His power and peerless in His might and grandeur, He to Whose loftiness and sovereignty all things bear witness, and to Whose transcendence and dominion the Supreme Pen testifies. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the description of all who would describe Him and the mention of all who would make mention of Him, and will forever remain as He hath always been. There is none other God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Blessings, peace, salutations and praise be upon the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-Places of His Revelation, the Daysprings of His wisdom and the Daybreaks of His knowledge–they who have forsaken the world and taken hold of that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of eternity and Creator of nations. These are God's ambassadors and His chosen ones, His trustees and His loved ones. Whoso hath recognized them hath recognized God, and whoso hath turned towards them hath turned towards God. They have no will, nor judgment, nor movement, nor rest, nor mention save by God's leave and through His might and power. And I invoke blessings and peace upon Him Who came with the truth, with a Book named the Furqan, whereby God distinguished between His servants and guided all unto His path, giving the near ones to drink from the cup of His bounty, the sincere ones from the ocean of His knowledge, and the pure in heart from the fountain of His presence. He it is Who was named by the most excellent names in the Book of Names, and by Muhammad in the kingdom of creation. Exalted be God, the Creator of the heavens, Who sent Him forth and adorned Him with the ornament of finality. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. The clamor of all who dwell on earth shall not deter Him from that which He desireth. He doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And afterwards, the letter of that honored one reached this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and whatsoever was mentioned therein was observed. It became evident that you have inhaled a fragrance from the true rose-garden and have been illumined by a ray from the Spiritual Sun. We beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to cause you to be wholly turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Reflect upon the centuries and ages past and consider what caused Noah to lament, and what was the reason for the affliction of all the Prophets and Messengers. Fix your gaze upon this blessed verse which hath descended from the heaven of the Divine Unity and ponder it. His word, exalted and glorified be He: "O the misery of men! No Messenger cometh unto them but they laugh Him to scorn."

Hath there ever been a time when a light shone forth from the Dayspring of God's Cause and the people of the earth did not strive to extinguish it? And hath there ever been an instance when a word was manifested from the Dayspring of Revelation and the people of that age, whether learned or ignorant, did not deny it? With detached heart and illumined vision, ponder that which hath been mentioned and

observe it. Call to mind the tribulations of the Seal of the Prophets and reflect upon their cause and reason. Although His Holiness - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - had come for the reformation of the world, all the divines of the idols and the Jews pronounced Him corrupt and issued the verdict for His death. And before Him, reflect upon Christ - who found not a place to rest His head any day, and all the people of that land rose up against Him save a few who were fishermen.

Blessed is the one who speaketh with equity and pondereth the divine Books with fairness. In one place He saith, exalted and glorified be His word: "Aforetime they did invoke for victory over those without Faith - when there came to them that which they recognized, they refused to believe in it: but the curse of God is on those without Faith."

By the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge! If that honored one were to comprehend the mysteries and allusions of this one blessed verse alone, it would suffice him - nay, all the peoples of the earth. God willing, may you drink from the ocean of knowledge through the grace of the All-Merciful and remain not deprived of the drops from the cloud of divine bounty. That which is visible today shall soon perish and vanish, and all bear witness to this word, for all have seen and continue to see this. Where are the Caesars and the sons of Caesars? Where are the Khosroes and the sons of Khosroes? Where are the Pharaohs and the sons of Pharaohs? Where are the tyrants and the sons of tyrants?

Reflect upon the Pharaohs of that land and their majesty and glory. How many souls were occupied with their protection, yet at the time of death and its arrival, none could prevent it. Where are the adorned palaces? Where are the embroidered couches? And where are those marshalled armies and those beautiful countenances? All, together with what they possessed, returned to dust with great remorse. Strive thou, through divine grace, to attain a station that shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God and His dominion shall last.

Say: O God of Hosts, Lord of all being, Sustainer of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the sweet savors of Thy verses and the fragrances of the words of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy names, to aid me in recognizing the Manifestation of Thyself. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy riches. I ask Thee by Thy greatness and […]

I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty not to shut me out from the gate of Thy bounty, nor to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O Lord! I am the ailing one who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness and healing. Deal with me according to what beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy sovereignty, Thy grace and Thy beneficence. My tongue, my limbs and my veins bear witness to Thy power, Thy might, Thy grandeur and Thy majesty. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to assist that soul in the recitation of this prayer that he may taste the sweetness of the mention of God. Verily He is the Bestower, the Bountiful.

As to the claims about which you wrote, it is most clear and evident that whosoever is able to discharge a debt and yet neglecteth to do so hath acted contrary to God's good-pleasure. Those who are in debt must strive with the utmost diligence to settle it. The binding command of God concerning trustworthiness, honesty, and rights is clear and manifest in all the Books, Tablets, Scriptures and Holy Writings. Blessed is he whom the vanishing ornaments have not kept back from the everlasting adornment, and whom greed and negligence have not deprived of the light of the sun of trustworthiness. However, all these matters are contingent upon ability, for the claim is dependent upon ability; the former is not permissible except after the establishment of the latter. "Then let there be respite until ease cometh" beareth witness to this utterance. However, that soul should rest assured in God's bounty. God willing, the gate of divine favor shall be opened. Verily the Cause is in God's hands. He giveth whatsoever He willeth to whomsoever He willeth. He is the Generous, the Bestower, the Merciful. Hath any thirsty one ever returned disappointed from the stream of the All-Merciful's mercy? And hath any true seeker ever been debarred from the wine of His bounty? Nay, by His very Self! We beseech God that all may attain with true thirst and drink from the Kawthar of His knowledge. Verily He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And peace be upon him who followeth the Command of God and attaineth unto the Salsabil of Divine Unity.

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He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth by His all-compelling dominion that encompasseth the horizons!

O Imam! There hath come before the Throne a letter wherein was thy mention. We have, therefore, adorned thee with this remembrance which hath proceeded from the mouth of thy Lord, that thou mayest glory therein amidst the heavens and earths. How sweet is this fragrance that hath wafted from the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, throughout all creation! Blessed is he who hath perceived it and is of them that advance.

O Imam! Arise with such steadfastness as cannot be altered by the doubts of men or the might of rulers. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Knowing, command thee. Say: O thou remote oppressor! Hearest thou not how the Trump proclaimeth this Revelation and the Bell ringeth out this Most Great Name? The Most Exalted Pen hath been sounded, and all in creation were thunderstruck save whom thy Lord, the Lord of Names, did will. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

The branches of denial have been broken and the tail of Satan severed by the sword of the All-Merciful. Thus was raised the clamor of them that disbelieved, and the pillars of every heedless remote one were shaken. When the fire of malice was kindled, We closed the door for known months. Then did God raise up those whom He destroyed by His pure might. He is verily the Protector over His servants. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. Should God wish, We would detail what hath transpired and send it unto thee. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus have We adorned thy temple with the raiment of remembrance and sprinkled upon thee from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O thou who art rich! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Lord of Names, from the Most Exalted Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. The people of blindness rose against Us with swords of rejection. When opposition reached its height, the Tongue of Unity spoke, after the door was closed and the veil drawn, saying - and His word is the truth: "The necks have grown long with hypocrisy. Where are Thy swords of vengeance, O Destroyer of the worlds?" Then did God raise up a people possessed of mighty strength who arose to aid the Cause with force and power. Thus did the hosts of oppression encompass Us, and there befell Us that which the pens are powerless to recount. Yet in such condition We continue to summon all beings unto God, the Lord of all men. Nothing shall prevent Us from the remembrance of God, even as the tyranny of every doubting oppressor did not prevent Us. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of it among the servants, that perchance they who sleep upon the couch of heedlessness and ignorance may become aware and turn unto the Lord of all mankind.

O Shafi'! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned toward thee the face of God from this noble prospect. Blessed are ye for having heard the call and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He that is moved by the fragrance of reunion and drawn by the lights of beauty is assuredly among the people of Baha, inscribed in a mighty tablet. Say: The Sun of the Promised One hath dawned. By God! He is verily the Desired One. Blessed is he who hath advanced with his heart and drunk of this luminous nectar. Be thou in such wise that neither the winds of trials move thee nor the veils of the oppressors hinder thee. Arise from the horizon of certitude with radiant countenance and gladdened eyes, speaking this Most Great Name. We have created you for the service of the Cause and exalted you through this manifest grace. God shall soon manifest your glory throughout the lands. He is verily the Ruler over what He willeth by His all-compelling sovereignty over the worlds.

O Fath'u'llah! We have opened unto thee the gate of remembrance from this far-distant place, and the Tongue of Eternity makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison. By My life! If thou wert to taste the sweetness of this bounty, thou wouldst detach thyself from all else and arise to serve thy glorious Lord. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and there have been revealed for thee these verses which nothing created on earth can equal. Blessed is he who hears and says: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!" The Wronged One calls the people to God while they have drawn the swords of opposition against His radiant and wondrous face. Say: God is the protector of all things; He guards whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. When protection comes from His presence, the swords of the world cannot harm him. Thus have We caused to shine upon thee from the horizon of grace the sun of remembrance and utterance. When thou art illumined by its lights, render thanks and be of those who praise.

O 'Ayn! Know thou that the eye is the highest of the senses, and its station is that of fire among the four elements. Therefore, it behooveth thee to manifest through the fire of thy Lord's love in such wise that the hearts of the righteous may be set ablaze through thee. Thy name was inscribed in the Book which was presented before the Throne, and We have revealed verses for thee and sent them to thee that thou mayest be assured of His bounty toward thee and be of those who have attained to the mention of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed art thou, O 'Ayn, for the eye of God hath turned toward thee from this Scene which God hath made the Qiblih of all who are in earth and heaven. Be thou as a bird

soaring in My atmosphere, speaking My Name, celebrating My remembrance, and steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. The Lord of all beings hath been afflicted in the land of Syria amidst the people of darkness by what the hands of those who turned away from the countenance of Beauty have wrought. Be thou not grieved by what hath befallen Us. Be thou vocal with this Name amongst the servants.

O Sharif! Hearken unto the call from this luminous Station from whose horizon the Book of Union was manifestly witnessed through grace. Blessed is he to whom the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned from this Most Great Prison, and by whose name moved the Pen that was held between the fingers of the All-Merciful.

O My loved ones! Be not saddened by the barking of dogs. Hold fast to the cord of grace in this Day wherein that which was hidden from time immemorial hath been manifested. Take up the chalices in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn, then drink therefrom the choice wine of salvation, despite those who denied the proof when the All-Merciful came with an all-encompassing sovereignty. Beware lest the veils of the wicked prevent you from your Chosen Lord. Be steadfast in the Cause; thus hath the decree been irrevocably fixed by the truth.

O Pen of loving-kindness! Turn toward Javad and make mention of him from the presence of the Lord of creation, Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with the sovereignty of God, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrance of verses from the Lord of attributes might stir him and establish him in the love of God in such wise that neither the allusions of the deniers nor the signs of those who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Beloved, can hinder him. Hold fast to the handle of sanctity and be a sign of detachment among the people. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, command thee. Say: Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else and followed what hath been revealed in the Tablets. He is truly the apple of the eye of existence. Make mention of your Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. God will soon assist you with authority from His presence and will exalt whomsoever He willeth among His creation. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. All things are within the grasp of His power; neither is anything in the unseen or visible realms hidden from His knowledge.

O Imam! Glorify on behalf of thy Lord those who have heard, have turned towards Him and have answered the Call of God when it was raised in truth from this exalted station. The name of not one of those who have turned unto Him hath been left out of thy Lord's Book. He, verily, is the One Whose grace is manifest. Remember them at all times, that they may be drawn by this wise Remembrance. Say: Sorrow not over anything, for He is with you and this sufficeth you, did ye but know. Rejoice in My remembrance of you and in My turning towards you from this Spot which God hath made the Source of His mighty and wondrous Cause. Thus hath the Divine Lote-Tree spoken forth from this most sublime Station, out of Its love for you, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Most Merciful, at all times, and arise to aid His Cause amidst His heedless servants. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee amongst the loved ones of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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This, which reacheth unto Fath-i-A'zam in the Land of Alif, that he may be of them that know.

He is the Ever-Abiding

O Fath-i-A'zam! We have discerned in thee the victory of Our own Self, the Truth, and breathed into thee a spirit of power and might at the time when thou didst present thyself before the Throne in Iraq–and God is witness to this. By My Beauty! If thou shouldst desire, through the power We have conferred upon thee, to turn the world to the countenance of thy Lord, thou wouldst be able, through the sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. Stand firm in thy Lord's Cause, and be not disquieted by the sedition whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth have been shaken, such that creation hath been made to tremble, and thou seest men drunken upon the earth of extinction and covered with dust in the wilderness of fancy and desire. Thus hath thy Lord's Cause been made terrible in truth. And We desired, at the time when thou wast before the Throne, to cast upon thee from the matter of the veiled, concealed, and hidden One, screened from all eyes, but We forbore until God's appointed time. And when that time was fulfilled, We revealed thereof a symbol, whereupon the dwellers of earth were made to quake, and they who dwelt at Sinai in the Cause were thunderstruck, and the hearts of them that are endued with insight were afflicted by this greatest terror, and every brilliant sun was darkened. Beware, beware lest thou deprive thyself of thy Lord's power; then take up thy dwelling in the shade of the inviolability of the Cause, upon the Most Great Truth, in an exalted station, lest the arrows of allusions from them that utter words strike thee and withhold thee from the living waters in this Ridvan which standeth witnessed at the right hand of the Throne. Cast allusions behind thee, then turn thy sight unto the Greatest Outlook of God, that thou mayest know thy Lord by His own Self and be of them that know, inscribed by the Pen of God in the Mother Book.

O Word of the Command! When We sent down the hosts of God's revelation with the Most Great Spirit in the garment of verses, the breasts of the people of allusions were straitened, and they stopped their ears from the melodies of their Lord. Therefore We made them deprived of the shore of grace. Proclaim unto the people the Most Great Pilgrimage to this Beauty, around Whom circumambulate the Most Great House of God, then the profane and sacred precincts, then the Ancient Temples who prostrated themselves to none save the Face that hath shone forth from the holy horizon. Set thy foot upon the head of allusions and all that preventeth thee from entering the court of thy Beloved's might. Arise with thy Lord's arising, then aid this Wronged One, and fear not those who say what they understand not and imagine themselves to be guided. Nay, by My Self, the Truth! These are not mentioned today in the presence of thy Lord. Hast thou forgotten what the Spirit cast upon thee when thou didst enter the pavilion of eternity, the blessed station of might? By God! The Most Great Division hath come and separated all atoms. Then were the spirits of all beings thunderstruck save a number before the face of thy Lord, and they are numbered temples. By God! Were the sight We gave thee to turn back, thou wouldst witness that the clouds weep for Me, the mists lament for Me, and the heaven yearneth for My Soul that hath been wronged amidst the worlds. There hath befallen Him what none can reckon save God, my Lord. Were the veil to be lifted from His face, thou wouldst be cut off from the Spirit and cry out between earth and heaven with a cry mighty indeed in truth. But We have concealed and been patient until God bringeth His Command and the vanguards of victory appear. Then will the Youth be aided by the hosts of the unseen as He was aided the first time when He was in the prison of darkness, and He

brought Him forth in truth with authority from His presence and sent down upon Him tranquility from His side - and thy Lord's help was indeed nigh in truth. Say: O people! This is He through Whom all created things were illumined and the Bird of the Command soared to the station beneath whose shade all atoms took refuge. And doth anyone deny this bounty? Nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, save every rejected hater.

Say: O people! Follow not your selfish desires, but follow the religion of the Spirit. Let not the veils of self enshroud you, for then shall ye be debarred from the love of God and His Self-Manifestation, and be drawn unto the calf. This is one of the hidden mysteries whereof We inform you, that ye may be of them that are endowed with the eye of understanding and are well-informed of the Cause.

Beware, O people, lest ye reject the verses of God when they are sent down in truth, and wage war against Him by Whom the Sun of Glory hath shone forth from the horizon of manifest might. Render not your deeds vain, but rather look upon the words of God, for ye were created to hearken unto them. They shine forth amidst the words of men even as the sun shineth forth amidst the stars that have risen.

Break the idols of vain imitation by the power of your Lord, and should ye find in yourselves any weakness, seek ye strength through My sovereignty which encompasseth all the worlds.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Now doth the Tongue of God speak from the Most Exalted Horizon, saying: O people of the earth! By what proof did ye believe in 'Ali aforetime, when He came with sovereign authority and was surrounded by the hosts of manifest glory? If ye believed in Him through the verses sent down unto Him from the immortal Kingdom - divine and wondrous verses - then by God, this is My Self and these are My verses that have filled the horizons with their splendor! Why then do ye disbelieve in that which ye believed in before, hovering on the brink of repudiation, though We counseled you in all the Tablets, nay in every line, to let nothing that hath been created between earth and heaven veil you at the time of His Manifestation? Yet ye have been veiled by all things and have turned away from a Beauty manifest and glorious.

O people! Arise to serve God and His Cause. Make good what hath escaped you and walk ye in the straight and holy path. O people! Neither your riches nor your children nor your deeds shall profit you this day except through My love. Thus hath the Spirit spoken from before the Throne, if ye be of them that hear.

O My Name! Thus have those who stood before My face and were created by My command dealt with Me. None knoweth this save My true Self, and God is witness unto this. Had We found one with an attentive ear, We would have imparted unto him that which would make him see what is hidden from the eyes of all the heedless ones.

O My Name! Leave behind all that keepeth the people veiled, then call the souls to the Most Great Paradise, that perchance there may be kindled in their hearts that which will draw them to a Beauty well-known and glorious. Leave the idolaters and what they possess, and sit not with those in whose hearts thou findest rancor against the Youth, and consort not with them, for their likeness is as the likeness of the serpent, nay worse in harm, if thou be of them that know.

Make My love thy breastplate, My Cause thy fortress, and My remembrance thy name. Then shall no venom harm thee, no fire burn thee, no water drown thee, and no malicious soul affect thee. By God! Should all who are in the heavens and on earth oppose thee, God would make thee victorious over them through His sovereignty which prevaileth over all things.

Beware lest anything keep thee from the love of thy Lord, for thou hast heard what no one hath heard and seen what every heedless one's eyes have failed to see.

Say: O people! This is the Face of God that hath dawned above your heads. Would ye bar your sight from it? This indeed is a wrong against your own selves, and wrong is ever blameworthy. By God! The Kingdom of God walketh before you - hasten ye therefore unto it and be not deprived thereof.

Thus have We bestowed upon thee and inspired thee with wisdom that lay hidden beneath God's veil.

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O Mahmud! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

How sweet was that fragrance when it wafted! Blessed was the moment when this evanescent servant attained unto the perusal of that spiritual friend's letter, which was adorned with the ornament of the love of God. Nothing today hath been or shall be the cause of the heart's joy save the sweet-scented perfumes of Divine love, and no matter shall bring comfort save turning unto Him and abiding beneath the shade of the Tree of His grace. In the Hidden Words He saith, the essence of which is this: Though thou traverse all the regions of earth and heaven, thou shalt find no rest save in the shelter of My mercy. In such wise, the joy and comfort of the friends of Truth lie in their occupation with His remembrance and their firm adherence to the cord of His love.

Thy letter brought such joy as this servant is powerless to describe. In truth, the delight of these servants lieth in the fragrance of the Merciful's love which we inhale from one another. Woe unto them that have cast behind their backs this praiseworthy station and have taken that which was forbidden them in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Loving. O spiritual friend! Observe the baseness of the nature of the heedless souls: though the dawn of inner meanings hath broken, and the winds of the springtime of the Merciful's bounty have blown, and the fragrances from the garden of divine knowledge have been diffused, most men are occupied with inhaling foul odors and following vain imaginings. Destruction and remoteness be upon them!

This servant, in the days when the verses were being revealed and written down before the Throne, observed that mention of steadfastness, its stations and its nobility, was revealed more abundantly than other themes. And this servant was perplexed, for he had not supposed that after this Most Great Revelation, by whose rays the very embodiment of steadfastness had been adorned and the head of certitude crowned with a wondrous new diadem, anyone would be seized with perturbation, or that doubt would overtake any soul after attaining unto certitude. He had beheld those who had drunk the wine of God's love to be as firm and immovable as mountains, and had observed the people of God to be

as a solid structure. Never had he imagined that a soul would become heedless of the Sun and cling to the shadow, or that after beholding the light one would turn unto darkness - until in these days some of the mysteries of the frequent revelation of verses concerning steadfastness became clear and evident. Thus hath the buzzing of flies, nay less than that, prevented some from the Lord of Lords and caused them to slip from the straight path.

By my Lord! Every kind seeketh union with its kind, and every branch returneth to its root. As mentioned, a certain one from the land of Kaf, through the whisperings of one now perished, hath in the land of Ta strayed from the extended path and been deprived of the Lord of existence. Lost indeed are the seeker and the sought, the rememberer and the remembered, the hoper and the hoped-for, the commander and the commanded. One is utterly amazed at such a being's lack of faithfulness and steadfastness - nay, the very essence of amazement beholdeth itself amazed. However, in view of the supreme compassion and mighty favor which all are commanded to show today, one must strive with the utmost endeavor to reform souls, that perchance doubting hearts may be illumined with the lights of certitude and troubled souls adorned with the ornament of assurance. Therefore it behoveth that honored one, to the extent of his […]

Let them be engaged in service to the Cause and remind the deluded souls, for the people are weak and ill, and have ever been in need of a skilled physician. We beseech God to heal them and open their eyes, their ears, and the doors of their hearts. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

This servant at all times beseeches and hopes that the True One, exalted be His glory, may bestow upon all from His generous hand the wine of steadfastness, that they may not be deprived by foul winds from the fragrant musk of divine knowledge, nor by turbid waters from the ocean of life. Verily, He is the Bestower, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Another matter which has caused boundless grief is the discord in that land. By God, it darkens the heart of joy and gladness and sullies the hem of might and delight. Discord among the loved ones is a fire that consumes good deeds and actions. Today the glory of God's Cause lies in the unity and harmony of those who seek the Ka'bah of divine knowledge, and this matter has become the cause of grief to the Ancient Beauty, for it exalts the word of unity yet wastes the Cause through discord. To this testifies every fair-minded and discerning one. You must strive with utmost determination that the sun of unity may dawn from the horizons of hearts, and that the flames of discord may be quenched by the waters of remembrance and utterance.

Furthermore, your letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and its horizon was adorned with the crown of verses and sent forth. God willing, they will attain unto it and write their news daily, for the mention of a beloved by a beloved is counted among the sweet delights of the eternal Paradise. Convey the Most Glorious, Most Wondrous greetings to Haji Mirza Kamalu'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy. This time this servant had no opportunity to write anything to him, as he is occupied day and night with the recording of verses. I hope for his pardon. Convey wondrous greetings to the friends of that land, and I beseech God to make them so steadfast in the Cause of the All-Merciful that they will see the loftiness of earth's mountains and their weight as more insignificant and lighter than a fly's wing, and that they may not be deprived by any deceit or stratagem from the Lord of all causes. We beseech God to

protect all through His grace and give them to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily, He is the Lord of Oneness and the Master of creation. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

All who circle the Throne of the All-Merciful and dwell near the mercy of the Lord send their greetings. If you would send a copy of this letter to the land of Kaf, it would be most beloved, that all may become aware of steadfastness and its stations.

Again it is submitted that if you meet Mir ’Abdu’l-Baqi, tell him to consider the Tablet that was previously revealed specifically for him, that perchance he may be reminded or fear. This servant mentions some verses of that blessed Tablet. His exalted Word:

Stand thou firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the people of creation prevent thee, nor the doubts of any uncertain learned one disturb thee. By God, he who has recognized the One to be recognized is the knower, and he who has turned to the Known One, he indeed is the true learned one whom God has made to be among the letters of the Book […] Verily, he who has believed is among the companions of guidance amidst humanity, and he who has turned away is among the people of tyranny before thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Given these conclusive divine exhortations and verses of transcendent, eternal glory, how is it that you have passed by the Source of knowledge on the word of an ignorant one, and have turned away from the breezes of revelation, drawn to the exhalations of error? We beseech God to guide him and make him steadfast in the Cause of God. This is the most glorious, most exalted, most sublime station. Until one succeeds in rending asunder the veils of majesty, it is difficult to attain to this station, save whom God willeth.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Lord of existence Who, through His pure bounty, hath made manifest the world of being through the Word of His command, and hath ordained such means as lead to fellowship, unity, comfort and concord, that all may attain true repose in the cradle of security and peace, and become occupied in and give voice to divine praise. Great is His favor and His bestowals are beyond measure and reckoning. At every moment the signs of His greatness are made manifest and the waves of the ocean of His mercy are resplendent. Blessed is the soul that hath not let slip the time and hath clung to the hem of the Lord’s generosity. The servant beseecheth his Lord not to withhold His servants from the outpourings of His days, nor to deprive them of that which hath appeared from the horizon of the heaven of His grace. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

My soul be offered up for your remembrance, your praise, and your steadfastness. Your esteemed letter arrived during a time when the rains of divine bounty were falling in the divine springtime. After reading it and inhaling the fragrances of the flowers of meaning that had bloomed in the garden of divine decree, I presented myself before His presence. He said: “We have ever beseeched and continue to beseech the

Eternal Truth that He withhold not the glances of His favor and deprive not His Afnan of the fruits of the Tree of Glory and Mercy.

O Ali, upon thee be My peace. This Wronged One hath at all times considered the honor of thy person and the preservation of thy station, and continues to do so. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath ordained means for every thing and every matter, as He hath said: 'God hath refused to cause things to happen except through their means.' One must hold fast to these means. According to what his honor Aqa Siyyid Mirza, upon him be God's peace, hath written, your honor must not be remiss in gathering these means. It is strange that until now the brethren have not known what has entered and what has left the storehouse in Beirut, and the cause of their lack of knowledge has been the delay in your books and accounts. Now it is necessary and obligatory that you send a clear account so all may understand what has transpired.

O Ali, the blame for these matters falls upon the Dayspring of Justice, for they are unaware and know not. Often it happens that, due to your stillness in this land, they suppose the reason for not sending funds or accounts was the House. This Wronged One has ever called all to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity, yet proper action is not evident. One must at all times hold fast to the cord of trustworthiness and religiosity, and the state of these two is truly not known - whether they have been implemented or not. Knowledge thereof is with God, the Knower of the unseen […]

They were greatly astonished and said that it would be very bad if Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mustafa were to learn of this. Then, in consideration of preserving your standing and protecting the Cause, a false statement was made about its receipt. If truthfulness and trustworthiness are not observed in these minor matters, what will become of major affairs? After receiving it, they should either send it or write that it needs to be used if permission is granted. Assuredly whatever is available and necessary for you will certainly be given. You have been with us for some time and are aware of the trustworthiness and operations of the House. One must reflect on matters and act with perfect trustworthiness and faithfulness. At present what is advisable is that the sum you received from the House to give to the money-changer - if you have given it, take it back, and if you have not given it, do not give it, for perhaps again some people will intervene and create confusion as happened in Istanbul where everything was lost. In this case it is better that the money-changer remain a creditor. This matter, in consideration of present expediency and preservation of funds, is good. Be not disturbed about affairs. In the past and present, things heavier than mountains have befallen people, but after despair and loss of hope, God's grace encompassed them. Be not grieved. With utmost joy and steadfastness in the Name of God, exalted be His glory, remove negligence and attend to setting matters in order so all may know no betrayal occurred and nothing was lost. Now Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mirza is placing and continues to place all blame on Aqa Siyyid Ahmad and you, and in truth he is right, for you do not write what has happened. In any case, hear the Wronged One's counsel. And regarding Muhammad Mahdi's store, if it contains people's property that you wish to send, it is not permitted. We counsel you to observe trustworthiness and its conditions, and faithfulness and its rights. From the letters of the honored Afnan, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mirza and His Holiness Haji Siyyid Muhammad, upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, it appears they suppose you have funds in your possession. This matter must be clarified so this accusation does not return upon you and the above. This matter is most necessary and obligatory. We beseech God, blessed

and exalted be He, to assist you with the means of the heavens and earth and to open before your faces the gates of divine gifts and favors. Verily He is the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous. I send greetings to the friends in that land and declare “Would that I were with them!” Regarding affairs, act according to whatever the Greater Afnan deems advisable, as commanded. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God’s righteous servants.

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Port Said. May my beloved Fuad, the Supervisor, upon him be 66-9 [Baha’u’llah] and His care, observe.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise and glory befit the Composer of hearts and souls Who, despite the countless flames of hatred and enmity, did not desist from His purpose, but through His Most Exalted Word attracted and united. Praise be to God Who united hearts and manifested from this unity what He desired. Verily, He is the Master of creation in both beginning and end.

The flowing pen of that beloved of the heart somewhat consoled and brought solace to this grief-stricken heart from the oppression of the earth. Were it not for the gentle breezes of love for His loved ones, the heart would burst and existence would not be sustained. After reading, proceeding toward the supreme heights, it was presented before His face. His mighty utterance states: O thou who gazest toward the horizon of justice and turneth to the lights of grace! In these days this Wronged One moveth in a world of despair, for the labors of forty years and the manifest, all-encompassing favors have all been observed to be wasted and fruitless. How many saplings of hope We planted and cultivated with hands of grace and bounty in various lands, yet no fruit thereof is visible and no trace apparent, for the poisonous winds intervened and prevented the waters of mercy. Night and day the Supreme Pen moved in kind counsels and wise admonitions, removing discord, contention, strife and enmity through the power and might of the Kingdom of utterance. Nevertheless, neither are the rulers content nor the divines pleased. The toil of those mentioned years was scattered to the winds, and now the lamp is observed amidst tempests. None of the rulers of Iran comprehended why this Most Great Party maintained such silence and stillness, and what caused their lack of resistance and defense. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The nobles of that land fell upon the pure and holy bodies like wolves of the earth and committed that which caused the Most Great Sorrow. In brief, the beasts of the isles of heedlessness have surrounded the rulers. Beseech God to protect the rulers. By Thy life, O Observer! They have no helper and no champion; they cry out for help but none assists them, for the darkness of oppression hath seized the world. None with understanding is observed who might comprehend. At every moment a new fire is kindled and wailing and lamentation is raised. This Wronged One beseeches God to transform the fire of oppression into the light of justice, and tyranny into equity.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy verses and the Manifestations of Thy Cause, and by the Seat whereon He Who conversed with Thee on Sinai sat, and by the Throne which Thou hast adorned through its connection to the Dayspring of Revelation, to transform the turning away of Thy servants into acceptance, their denial into acknowledgment, and their oppression into justice. O my Lord!

Thou seest Thy chosen ones and loved ones in a position where from all sides are heard the barking of the dogs of self and passion. I beseech Thee to protect them through Thy sovereignty and ordain for them that which will make them powerful through Thy might and wealthy through Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! A year has passed during which, in outward matters, disturbances have appeared. The evil ones of the earth, due to their enmity towards the honored Afnan, upon them be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, have resorted to calumnies that have caused delays in affairs. We hope that this stillness will swiftly be transformed to motion and this delay to movement - a movement and swiftness that will attract the world and teach a new way. In certain nights and days, mention of you has been and is made in the presence of the Master. Repeatedly He has said: "We beseech God to soon make manifest means that will cause the elevation of the station of the Overseer, upon him be Baha." This servant states with clear certainty that assuredly after these difficulties and these complex and perplexing matters, and these hindering doubts and suspicions, all shall be transformed - difficulties to ease, hardship to facility, and doubts and suspicions to the light of certitude. Praise be to God Who has ordained for His loved ones that which nothing can equal. Verily He is the Powerful through His Most Exalted Name. The hardship and constraints in your affairs have repeatedly been mentioned. We hope that the Opener of Doors and Turner of Hearts will manifest for His loved ones that which brings peace and tranquility. I convey greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for bounty, generosity and grace for each one, whereby the fame of His loved ones may be raised among His servants. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

In these days what has occurred is that His Excellency the Ambassador Mu'in-ul-Mulk has made representations seeking benefit in his affairs, as the Persian government has summoned him, but having become aware of their intentions he has delayed his return and has sought counsel. For some time he has been showing love and friendship. He [Baha'u'llah] said: "We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to transform this outward friendship into true love. He is the Powerful and the Mighty."

Regarding what you wrote about proceeding to a certain place for the supreme martyrdom, after it was presented He said: "The honored Overseer, upon him be God's peace and glory, has repeatedly attained this bounty. In the path of God most of his days have been spent in exile and hardship. How many taunts he has heard and torments he has tasted! Each of these instances is cause for martyrdom and reason for sacrificing one's existence. And if something appears that causes a Tablet to be sent, we shall entrust it to that devoted one. Praise be to God, that beloved one has attained to that which has no equal. This mention of martyrdom is mighty. Assuredly that beloved one knows and recognizes its worth and station." This servant also beseeches God to accompany and share the same purpose, that perhaps he may succeed in sacrificing his spirit in the path of his Lord and King. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the Wise.

At this moment mention was made by the Master of the spiritual beloved and apple of our eye, His honor Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. He said: "O Habib! Upon thee be My peace and glory! God is witness and the heart testifies that the gaze of favor has been and is directed towards thee. We beseech God to manifest through thee that which will cause the exaltation of the blessed, goodly

Word. Convey greetings to the leaf on behalf of the Wronged One. We send greetings to all the loved ones of that place - his honor Nuru'llah and Muhammad and the others - and we counsel them to pure, holy and sanctified deeds."

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee to gather Thy loved ones beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy providence, then rain down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy the showers of Thy glory and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

This servant also conveys greetings, remembrance and glory to that spiritual friend, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant that delight of the eyes boundless grace. Verily our Lord is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Greetings, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who are sincere and devoted. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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His honor Aqa Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Everlasting One, manifest and evident from the Most Glorious Horizon

The exalted Arabic Tablet was sent. Now in the Persian tongue the wondrous holy divine words are being revealed. Blessed are they that hear! The Truth, exalted be His mention, has ever been and shall ever be sanctified above manifestation and appearance - an unknowable Mystery, an imperceptible Concealment, an unmanifested Inner Reality, an unhidden Treasure, and an unwitnessed Secret. For the term "mystery" applies only when something is not witnessed; in such case it is not manifest that it might be known. And after witnessing, the term "mystery" no longer exists that it might be understood. Therefore the Mystery has been and shall ever be unknowable. Blessed is the soul that ponders this perfect, firm, divine Word and attains to the jewel of its purpose which is deposited in that Treasure. Should any soul claim to know the Mystery as it is in itself, such a one has been and shall ever be among the falsifiers. That Ancient Beauty is too exalted to be known through aught but Himself, and too sublime to be described save through His own holy Being. For whatever created beings may comprehend at the ultimate degree of their understanding is but a fancy they have invented for themselves by themselves. Exalted is He above being known by that which is contingent! And since the doors of knowledge and understanding were closed, and the ultimate degree of the servants' knowledge rejected, the King of existence, through His grace and bounty, made the Manifestations of His Oneness and Daysprings of His eternal might to appear from the horizon of "Verily I am the One manifest above all things," that all people might attain to the knowledge of God through recognition of these Suns rising from the horizon of truth, and might be blessed with obedience to God and conformity with His good-pleasure through obedience to these holy Beings. And in accordance with justice and the manifestation of grace, He bestowed upon each of these

eternal and glorious Manifestations a proof and evidence, that no soul might have excuse to turn away or object, and that the divine proof might be complete and perfect for all. The purpose of this greatest grace is that people might be educated, that perchance they may enter the kingdom of the divine countenance and attain to the station where "thy Lord's face endureth" - which is the ultimate goal of human existence - and may abide forever. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that if a soul becomes purified and sanctified from this world even once and ascends to the Supreme Companion, he will never see extinction but will attain unto existence within existence, and annihilation and extinction shall never find their way to this existence and subsistence. But what benefit when these people with their impure hearts do not comprehend this divine melody? In any case, these glorious divine Manifestations have existed from the beginning that has no beginning until the time ended with the wondrous First Manifestation in the garment of the Last, and the Primal Point, exalted be His grandeur, elevated be His signs, and mighty be His glory, rose from the Most Exalted Horizon and guided the people to the pathway of eternity. All the servants clung to their religious leaders among the divines and never turned to the Essence of Divine Unity, although He appeared with such compelling proof that all found themselves powerless to produce the like thereof. Then they arose in opposition and demanded supernatural signs. That Ancient Being wrote the treatise of proofs known as the Seven Proofs, wherein He showed that all proof and evidence terminates in verses, and from the holy Pen flowed that today […]

These verses which have descended from the clouds of glory are a testimony unto both East and West, and no testimony greater than this hath been or ever shall be. Even as the Crown Prince summoned that Essence of Eternality to his court and demanded proof, that Ancient Beauty declared that the verses were the testimony. Yet in the end they accepted it not, and all pronounced sentence of death upon that Quintessence of pre-existence, save a few who became assured through the divine verses and turned from the west of unbelief and error to the east of faith and recognition.

Thereafter did that Pre-existent Being, in all His revealed tablets, give glad tidings to all of this Most Great Revelation, such that not a single line of the Bayan was revealed except that this most glorious mention was recorded therein, and He counseled all lest they remain, at the time of His manifestation, veiled from the Beauty of the All-Merciful by the letters of the Bayan and the words revealed therein, even as the people of the Furqan. Despite these counsels, and this Most Great Revelation, and this most holy and glorious Dawning which hath appeared with all divine power and with all the proofs of the Manifestations of abiding glory, all have turned away.

Would that they had contented themselves with what the people of the Furqan committed, for the people of the Furqan merely pronounced sentence of death upon the Beauty of the All-Glorious. But this people have striven to cut down the divine Tree, and when they found themselves powerless, they loosened their tongues in calumny. Surely by now the clamor of the polytheists hath reached that land. Yet praise be to God that they have attributed to this most pure Essence such things that any soul possessing the least grain of discernment and the tiniest particle of insight would perceive that these calumnies have issued from the source of rancor, the treasury of envy, and the mine of hatred. Therefore do the tongues of all atoms proclaim: "The curse of God be upon the first oppressor who wronged the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who warred against Him, who disputed His verses, who denied His presence, and who then calumniated Him."

O servant! Such is the condition of these immature souls. For twenty years hath the Ancient Beauty been in the hands of His enemies, such that at every moment He hath been exposed to destruction - at times imprisoned by His foes, at times in chains and fetters, at times captive to the wicked. Yet despite this they have attributed worldliness and love thereof to this Essence of Spirit, though all the world and whatsoever is therein were His creation. And if the Temple of the Throne were to rest upon a ground of diamonds, it would be befitting - nay, worthy of even the servants at His threshold. Yet I swear by the King of Pre-existence that they who circle round His court have been and shall ever remain sanctified above the world and all that is therein. Indeed, were anyone to observe, he would not find even a penny of worldly goods or belongings with the emigrants. Praise be to my Beloved, Who hath created all to be patient and thankful.

They have mentioned these words and their like only to cast doubt in hearts, unaware that the deed of Truth is even as the manifest and shining sun, and every possessor of sight hath perceived and will perceive it. O servant! With spiritual wings soar to the divine holy heaven, and having purified thyself from the hints of all else but God, gaze upon the Most Great Scene. I swear by the Truth that My tribulation is greater than can be mentioned[…]

My grief and sorrow are greater than can be recorded by the pen. I pour out my sorrow and lamentation unto God, and verily, He is the best Protector and the best Helper. God willing, in these days you will not be deprived of the wondrous favors of the eternal Sovereign, nor be forbidden from partaking of the peerless nectar of the All-Glorious. And the Glory be upon you and upon all who are with you among the believers who are steadfast, assured, patient and thankful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy!

This is a Book from the presence of Baha to those whom God hath preserved from the shame of self and passion, and caused them to enter the pavilion of the Most Glorious through His grace. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. That the breezes of the All-Merciful may waft over them from this distant quarter and remind them in these days wherein every tree proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise.”

Give thanks unto God for having delivered you through His sovereignty and preserved you through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, until He made you recognize the Manifestation of His Self, before Whom the Faithful Spirit doth speak. The Kingdom of God hath appeared and been established upon the throne, the Beloved of the worlds. Through Him were opened the gates of reunion before the faces of the Prophets and Messengers, all of whom drew strength from His remembrance and rejoiced in His mighty, glorious Name.

Until We sent ’Ali in truth and made him the herald of this wise Remembrance. Verily, he spoke not from desire, but through that which We inspired him with from Our greatest signs. He was the one who called out on land and sea, summoning the people to the Greatest Scene. When the veils were rent asunder and

the All-Bestower came in the shadows of clouds, all the tribes of the earth were thrown into confusion, the suns of idle fancies were darkened, and the moon of vain imaginings was eclipsed. Thus was the matter decreed from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Those who remained immersed in the oceans of vain imaginings after the Sun of Certitude had dawned from the horizon of divine inspiration are indeed among the idolaters. We have left them to themselves and delivered those who held fast to the handle of grace - these are among the sincere ones.

We have sent down the Bayan in such wise that none hath excuse save that he turn unto God or be numbered with the perishing ones. God hath made the Bayan a gift unto My Self and adorned it with My mighty, wondrous Name, such that every word thereof proclaimeth: "The Beloved of the worlds hath come!" Yet when that which was the purpose of all Tablets appeared, the people of the Bayan who claim allegiance to the All-Merciful opposed Him and committed that which the Pen is powerless to recount. To this doth the Ancient Beauty testify, if ye be of those who know.

Among them were those who sought to take My life, and those who said He hath fabricated a lie against God, even after each of My deeds testifieth to God's Manifestation, His sovereignty, might and grandeur. Thus do We recount unto you that which We have reckoned. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Do ye object to Him through Whom the Most Exalted Pen was set in motion and through Whose appearance every leaf of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary doth speak? O people of creation! This is He concerning Whom God took your covenant in all the Tablets. Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of those who violated the Covenant and denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

By My life! He who hath ears hath heard God's call and hath detached himself for love of Him from all the worlds. And he who hath eyes beholdeth God's power in this mighty News. Those who have denied - they are deaf and blind. Their names shall not be mentioned before the Throne; they are among those who have perished.

Then know, O My loved ones, weakness hath seized Me to such degree that My tongue is hindered from remembrance and utterance. When a Tablet or two descend from the direction of the Throne, weakness overtaketh Me on account of what hath befallen My body from those who turned away from the Countenance and showed pride before God, the Mighty, the Wise. Yet the Spirit remaineth in such strength and power that no created thing can […]

First and foremost, He calls out at all times and summons the concourse of creation to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. He is never still, praising his Lord by night and day, and nothing frightens Him even if He faces what no one before Him has faced at the hands of the oppressors. When the idolaters cast Us into this Most Great Prison, We desired to convey the Cause to the kings and rulers, and We did convey it to them with a sovereignty from Us and a power from Our presence, even while We were in the hands of Our enemies. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

Arise to aid your Lord, that perchance through your mention those who slumber on the couch of heedlessness and pride may be awakened. This is what you have been commanded by the Supreme Pen

after My establishment upon the throne of My Most Great Name. Let not the opposition of those on earth grieve you. Cling to the hem of your Lord's mercy; He will verily suffice you in truth, and He is the Protector of those near ones who speak His praise and glorification among the servants. These are the companions of Baha, whose names have been inscribed by this Luminous Pen.

Let not the world grieve you. Follow your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. In hardship and tribulation He calls the people to this Straight Path. Do sorrows overtake you while you see yourselves beneath the canopy of your Lord's mercy, the Most Merciful? Rejoice in My joy, then turn to the Kingdom of eternity and what has been ordained for you by God, the Lord of Names. By My life! This is better than all that has been created in the kingdoms of heaven and earth.

Read My verses with joy and fragrance; they will draw you to God and make you detached from all else. This is how you have been counseled in the Tablets and in this Clear Tablet. Beware lest you exceed the bounds of wisdom. Preserve the Cause among you lest discord arise and the hearts of the weak be troubled. Should anyone come to you with the writing of the wicked, cast it behind you, then read to him a tablet from the tablets of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. If you see in his face the radiance of the All-Merciful, turn to him; but if it is covered with the dust of fire, leave him and turn with your hearts to God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have sent down to you before clear verses to comfort your eyes, and We have sufficed in this instance with this Mighty Tablet. Command My male and female servants to purity and righteousness, that they may arise from the slumber of passion and turn to God, Creator of earth and heaven. Thus did We command the servants when the light of the horizons dawned from the direction of Iraq. Among the people are those who broke the Covenant, and among them are those who followed what was commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

My harm is not My imprisonment and tribulation, nor what befalls Me from the tyrants among My servants, but rather the deeds of those who attribute themselves to this Wronged One and commit that which causes the sanctity of God to be lost among His creation. They are assuredly among the corrupt. Those who spread corruption in the land and seize people's property and enter houses without permission - I am innocent of them unless they repent and return to God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus have We revealed in most tablets that they might become aware within themselves and follow the truth in their days. Among them are those who accepted and those who rejected, and those who accepted are among the near ones.

Blessed are you, O My loved ones, for My Pen has flowed with your names and My tongue has spoken your mention in My imprisonment and tribulation, that it might draw you to the Kingdom.

It will acquaint you with My grandeur and power, and will bring you to such a station that you will behold naught but My beauty and hear naught but My call. Cast away all else save Me and take the chalice of My remembrance from the hand of My bounty and favour. Then drink deeply therefrom in My Name and My sovereignty. By My life! It will cause you to become detached from all else but Me and draw you nigh unto that which We have desired for you in the realm of My power. Thus have We revealed unto you Our verses and caused the sun of My loving-kindness to shine forth upon you from the horizon of My bounty,

that you may become aware of My love for you, My compassion towards you, and My tender care for those who have turned their faces to My resplendent and luminous countenance. Spirit and glory be upon you, O companions of guidance and people of Baha, from the presence of One Who is mighty and wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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O He Who is named of God, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the Trustworthy

O My Name! We make mention of Our loved ones in Ta and give glad-tidings to those who have turned towards and taken hold of the Book of God with such might that all the Pharaohs and tyrants of the earth and every remote oppressor were powerless to prevent it. We have lit the lamp of knowledge in the niche of utterance through Our command, and We are, verily, the Ordaining, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto My call, for it will draw you nigh unto the horizon from which hath shone forth the Luminary of God's tender mercy, the Lord of all worlds. We have kindled the fire in the midst of the world that it might set ablaze the hearts of them that have drawn nigh and attract the hearts of such servants as were overtaken by heedlessness until they turned away from God, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory. That which thou didst send hath come before the Wronged One, and the All-Glorious hath read it before My face. We have answered thee through this mighty Tablet. Blessed is he who hath made mention of thee and sent thee a letter that spoke of My remembrance and bore witness to him who sent it unto thee. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

His letter came before Us aforetime. We read it and revealed for every name mentioned therein that which will draw him nigh unto the highest pinnacle. To this doth this momentous announcement testify.

O 'Ayn-Qabil-Ta! Hear My call time and again. It will draw thee unto My kingdom and cause thee to soar in this refined and luminous atmosphere. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion, and blessed is My handmaiden whom We named the Mother of the Near Ones in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen from the presence of One mighty and ancient. We make mention of thee and those in thy household with such remembrance as to attract the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. We make mention of thy brother who was named Rahim in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We counsel him and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and godliness and whatsoever will exalt the station of man in the contingent world. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who hath made mention of His loved ones and aided them in that which will draw them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

We make mention of My two leaves and give them the glad-tidings of My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all things, and My tender care which hath encompassed both small and great.

O Leaf! Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. We speak the truth when We say that thy daughter hath attained unto such bounties in the Most Exalted Paradise as the understanding of the peoples of the world hath not and never shall comprehend. Be thou gladdened by God's favor. Set not thy heart upon the abode of tribulation. Fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon and upon that which God hath ordained for His loved ones. One verse revealed from the Most Exalted Pen is worth a hundred thousand times more than the most noble offspring, for that which proceedeth from God shall endure throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. The fragrance of the All-Merciful from His utterance hath never been and shall never be cut off. Rejoice thou in this most great favor, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

O Shukru'llah! Thou hast attained unto that which the champions of the earth, its horsemen, princes and divines were debarred from attaining. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beware lest the world and its vicissitudes, its glory and favors, debar thee from God, the Lord of all worlds. All that thou beholdest today shall perish. Take thou that which shall serve as a light unto thee, an illumination, a helper and companion in all the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Having taken the cup of My loving-kindness and drunk therefrom the choice wine of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing towards that whereunto Thou hast bidden me turn, clinging to Thy Most Firm Handle, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy, O Lord of all being and King of the throne above and the earth below. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy love which hath enkindled the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and by the wine of Thy utterance which hath attracted the hearts of Thy loved ones and so transported them through the potency of Thy Word that they hastened unto Thy good-pleasure - neither were they held back by the ranks of the oppressors from turning to the light of Thy countenance, nor by the might of the aggressors from drawing nigh unto Thy station - to assist me to serve Thee and to exalt Thy Word. I moreover beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Educator of the nations, by the movement of Thy finger and by that which hath flowed from Thy Pen, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and enable them to do that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

O My Name! The letter from Ghulam, upon him be My glory, was seen. Mention of him hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, yet it reached him not. The servant present before Our face did, as commanded, dispatch a detailed letter, which likewise did not arrive. Glory be to God! From the day that Abu-Jahl entered this land in the name of Muhammad, there occurred a delay in the sending of Tablets, and of those that were sent, some did not arrive, including the Tablets of Aqa Ghulam-'Ali from the people of Kaf, who attained Our presence and heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and drank the most glorious wine from the hands of bounty. A package of Tablets was also sent from the land of Ta in the name of Amin, upon him be the glory of God, which did not arrive, and likewise the Tablets which you specifically sent for the honored Rashti, upon him be the eternal glory of God, these too did not arrive. Now send the Tablet which was revealed several months ago specifically for Ghulam from the heaven of the Divine Will and which is available. Mention of the people of that household, all of them, hath been and is before the Wronged One, and We have also commanded the servant present to send copies of what has not arrived.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou dwellest in the vicinity and reposest beneath the canopies of grandeur. Thou bearest witness to the abundance of writing. In truth, outwardly there is no opportunity - groups are constantly engaged in writing, yet the answers to most remain delayed. Say: O Ghulam! By the life of God, thou and those with thee have been and are mentioned. From the beginning of days there hath been revealed that which is the cause of everlasting mention and eternal bounty. O Ghulam! Repeatedly make mention of the kinsmen from the Wronged One, and likewise the loved ones of that land. All are mentioned and have attained God's favor. Say: O My loved ones! Be ye united and in accord. Each one must be so enkindled with the fire of God's love that its effects encompass the earth. The water of life is God's utterance, as are His evidences. Strive that perchance the people of the world may attain eternal life through this everlasting fountain and illumine creation with the light of wisdom and utterance.

Verily, We make mention of Jalal as a favor from Us, and We have adorned him with the ornament of Our signs, and We have sent down that which cooleth the eyes of the servants. Convey My glorification unto his face and illumine it with the lights of My wondrous utterance.

At the end of the Tablet We make mention of the leaf Narjis and give her the glad-tidings of God's favor. Thy petition arrived and at this hour, two hours past nightfall, it attained unto hearing before the Face. Praise the Goal of all creation that He heard thy call and at that moment the answer was revealed from the heaven of bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones! The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament, whom the power of the world hath not weakened and whom the hosts of the nations have not frightened. They have turned with radiant faces unto the Supreme Horizon and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having aided us to turn unto Thee, to hearken unto Thy call, and to recognize Thy straight Path and Thine unshakeable and mighty Cause."

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He is the Manifest Interpreter

O thou who gazest upon the Friend and awaitest the appearance of the Glorious One! Know thou that We have read the Gospel and with Us are its meanings and mysteries which none hath discovered save whom God willeth. Then know that wisdom requireth giving to each seeker his measure. The ocean containeth what is in the cup, but the cup cannot contain what is in the ocean. The cup hath been given according to its capacity and the ocean according to its measure. Ponder that thou mayest be of them that comprehend. We give the thirsty to drink of the wine of understanding - verily it is the Kawthar of life. Blessed are they that drink thereof.

Consider when Jesus was asked at the time when the Pharisees had gathered round Him; He said to the questioner: "Thou sayest," and gave no other answer. Thus was the matter ordained in the Book. The hour hath come wherein the Spirit glorified His Lord, but ponder thou that hour whose knowledge was concealed from all who are on earth, and none discovered it save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Whoso attaineth its recognition at the time of its manifestation hath attained eternal life and entered the Kingdom and partaken of what hath been perfected therein. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the utterance and turned towards it, detached from all else.

Beware lest the veils hinder thee. Look, then remember when the Spirit came: He was denied by the Pharisees who possessed knowledge of the Law and its minutiae, while those who caught fish believed in Him, as did those who were publicans. Take heed and be of them that remember. Reflect upon the cause of these men's rejection and the reason for those men's acceptance, that the truth may become manifest to thee and thou mayest behold the light shining from its manifest and luminous horizon.

Among the Pharisees were those who cited the Torah as proof of His falsity, after the Torah had testified of Him and what was revealed in the scrolls of the Messengers. Had they understood the Books and what God intended therein, they would not have been debarred from recognizing that which was their purpose. To this testifieth every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge. When they interpreted what was in the Books according to their desires, they were veiled from the Spirit and committed that which caused the eyes of them that are nigh to shed tears.

We have cast thee into the depths of these allusions that which sufficeth thee, wouldst thou ponder them with a pure and sanctified and illumined heart. Blessed is the eye that seeth, the ear that heareth, the hand that graspeth, and the heart that turneth unto the Lord of great glory. Among the people are those who turn to Him through their desires, and among them are those who turn according to what their Lord desireth. Blessed is he whose desire is what his Lord, the Mighty, the Great, desireth.

As to what thou hast asked concerning my condition, know thou that I am a captive, and I would that trees had been cut down for my name and a portion of my body crucified upon each one of them. Thus do We impart unto thee that thou mayest be of them that comprehend. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him and cause thee to hear the melody of the Dove which warbleth upon the branches in diverse notes. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

O thou who gazest! Know that this is a Day wherein questioning beseemeth no one. It hath been ordained for every soul that, when he heareth the Call from the direction of the snow-white Spot, he should hasten and say: "Here am I, O God of earth and heaven, Creator of names!" Woe betide them who were not stirred by the breezes of the All-Merciful in those days and were not awakened by the scratching of His Most Exalted Pen. They have not risen from among the dead, nor attained unto that for which they were created. We testify that they are of the dead.

The appointed time hath come, the Hour hath struck, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth hath appeared. Thou didst leave thy home, turning toward the Spot wherein the Manifestation was promised in the tablets of God, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Thou hast reached the sea and beholdest its waves. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent thee from immersing thyself therein. Seek assistance through the Name of thy Lord, then enter it, stripped of the garments of allusion. Thus wilt thou find its pearls and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!"

We see the veil to be thin. Rend it with the finger of certitude that thou mayest behold the Sun of Beauty shining from behind it and be of them that attain. Beware lest that which prevented the divines of the

earth when the Spirit came with the kingdom of His Lord, the Mighty, the Generous, prevent thee. Shouldst thou hear what the Tongue of Eternity addresseth unto thee, thou wouldst abandon all thou hast and turn toward the Station before which the Kingdom crieth out: “The King of Kings hath come with great glory!”

Reflect on that which hath flowed from the Pen that thou mayest find therefrom the fragrance of eternity. This is of His grace upon thee and upon the peoples, if thou be of them that turn. Withhold not thy tongue from the remembrance of thy Lord, nor thine eyes from gazing upon the scene of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Arise from among the dead in the name of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and be thou one that crieth out His remembrance amidst His heedless servants.

Blessed is the heart that hath drunk what hath flowed in those days, and the temple that hath attained to standing in the presence of the All-Merciful and been honored with that which was promised in the Book from One true and faithful. Shouldst thou turn toward the Bell, thou wouldst hear from it the name of thy Lord, and shouldst thou look upon the Law, thou wouldst find it adorned with this wondrous remembrance.

How many Pharisees secluded themselves in temples awaiting the days of Christ, yet when He came with the truth from the heaven of thy Lord’s will, they denied Him and were of the oppressors! How many learned ones were barred from the ocean of knowledge, and how many ignorant ones hastened, drank, and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!” How many wise ones were heedless of the Purpose, and how many children turned and attained unto that which their Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable, desired! How many women arrived and attained unto the presence of the Spirit and His knowledge, and how many men of power kept far from that noble Scene!

We beseech God to make thee a champion of His Cause and a servant of His Manifestation, and to make thee a standard of guidance among creation, that thy remembrance may endure in the realm below and thy spirit in the Kingdom above. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth […]

Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. When thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of life and attained unto that which the All-Merciful hath desired for thee, detach thyself wholly from all else, then turn with radiant countenance unto thy Lord. The Most Holy Sanctuary hath been adorned with the mention of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, and the land of Batha hath been stirred by the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Wilt thou remain still when all things have been set in motion by this Name, at Whose revelation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunder-struck, save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed? The Temple hath been raised by the hand of the All-Merciful’s loving-kindness and adorned with the ornament of utterance. Is this better for you, or that which hath been built of clay? Judge ye fairly, if ye be of them that know. From the right hand of the Throne there hath been raised a Call whereby the Pens were struck dumb, the Tablets were shaken, and the dwellers of the heavens and earth were thrown into confusion. The Kawthar of life hath flowed by the will of the All-Merciful, and the choice wine of immortality is bestowed by the hands of bounty. Take ye and drink in My Name, whereby all in the worlds have been subdued. Cast behind you the intimations of self; this is your Lord Who hath come with His holy kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Do the might of kings or the cawing of the owned one frighten you? He, verily, aideth whom He willeth through a

sovereignty from His presence, and He is indeed the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. If thou findest weakness in thyself, seek strength through the power of thy Lord, and if thou perceivest lassitude in thyself, speak forth this remembrance that thou mayest be attracted by the signs of thy Lord and soar in the atmosphere of His love. Then wilt thou hear the cry of all things: “Blessed be God, the most excellent of creators!” Thus have We adorned the Kingdom with the lights of the Divine Realm and caused the sun of thy Lord’s beauty to shine forth from its horizon, the All-Knowing, the Ancient of Days. When thou hast attained unto this, draw near and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!”

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O ’Ali! Some time ago, there was revealed especially for the rulers of the earth that by which the fragrance of bounty hath encompassed all save those who cling to the cord of tyranny and hold fast to the hem of wickedness. Now again thy petition hath attained unto the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to aid all to hearken unto the Call raised from the Lote-Tree of Sinai and to arise to serve the Cause as beseemeth it. The Sun hath proclaimed “The All-Bestowing hath come!” and all things have announced “The Lord of Names hath come!” Blessed is the ear that hath hearkened and arisen to serve, and woe unto him who hath denied and was of the heedless.O Jahanbakhsh! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the bounty of the True Possessor. All the treasures of the world cannot equal that which God hath bestowed. Faith, recognition and understanding are each a garment of God’s grace, glory be to His majesty. He adorneth therewith whomsoever He willeth of His creation and withholdeth it from whomsoever He desireth of His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Know thou the worth of this blessed garment and deprive not thy heart of its adorning. We beseech God to aid thee and strengthen thee with the hosts of utterance. Verily He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.O Naqi-Qabli-Khan! Today the Call is raised and the world is perfumed with the fragrance of the Revelation. He who desireth to hear, heareth, and he who desireth to see, seeth. From the beginning of this Revelation, when the ocean of bounty surged, We removed the word “never” and appeared without veil or covering. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard. We beseech God to aid thee to steadfastness in this Great Cause. Verily He is the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.O ’Abbas-Qabli-Kha! The tale of Sinai hath returned and its mysteries are made manifest. The Blessed Tree speaketh, in this moment uttering “I believe in Thee, O Lord of the worlds!” From this verse the loftiness of this Revelation is evident before the faces of the discerning and the perspicacious. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and beseech God that He may aid thee in that which causeth the fragrance of eternity to waft and the light of His good-pleasure to shine forth. Verily thy Lord is the Fulfiller of the needs of the seekers, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous.O Ilyas Bey! The Lord of mankind saith: This is the Day wherein man can attain unto everlasting stations, eternal bounties, heavenly sustenance, and endless favors. Strive thou and beseech God that perchance thou mayest enter the depths of oneness and behold the world as non-existent and null. Knowest thou Who hath remembered thee from the precincts of the Prison? Say: God, the Speaker, the Utterer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise and to draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Merciful.O Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali! We have heard thy call and have called thee from the realm of grandeur. Verily there is no God but Him, the Lord of all things, the

Creator of earth and heaven. Rejoice that the face of God hath turned toward thee and hath remembered thee with that which shall endure throughout His mighty and exalted Kingdom. Blessed is the ear and eye that hath today attained unto the hearing of the Call and the witnessing of His signs. Were a pure and sanctified ear to be found, it would hear from all things the glad-tidings of this Most Great Revelation, and no tidings in the world can equal these tidings. Say: O my God, my God! I find myself in an ocean of joy through my heart being attracted to the signs of Thy Manifestation in Thy days, and I find myself in depths of sorrow by the prolongation of the days of Thine enemy. O Lord! Have mercy upon Thy chosen ones and sincere servants, then protect them from the wolves of Thy earth. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.O servant of God! Every soul hath testified and doth testify to the transience of this world; nevertheless they cling to it in such wise as transcendeth the reckoning of those who reckon. Heedlessness hath deprived all and barred them from the ocean of divine mercy. Blessed is he who possesseth might and who, through the Name of Truth, hath rent asunder the veils and attained unto the horizon of Revelation. Say:O my God, my God! Aid me and Thy loved ones to turn unto Thee and to arise to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the needy seeking the kingdom of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.O servant of God! Verily the birds of the divine throne are caught in the talons of oppression. Today all must fix their gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and be detached from aught else. Greed and avarice have deprived the people from the mysteries of these days. The fire of lust and desire will not be extinguished save through the Will of God, exalted be His glory. Say:O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy standing and sitting, by Thy Will and Authority, by Thy recitation of verses, by Thy declarations and utterances, and by the manifestation of Thy Cause before Thy creation, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of the oppressors who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, and have committed that which hath caused every truthful and trustworthy one to lament, and every knowing and informed one to weep. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.O Ali! Some time ago the petition of Khalil, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, attained the Most Holy Court, and for each of the names mentioned therein, a Tablet and verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of glory and bounty, majesty and splendor. Well is it with them and pleasant it is to them. Likewise, specifically for thee and for him who spoke before his Lord was revealed that which is sanctified from doubt and holy above similitude. The loved ones have ever been and continue to be mentioned in the Court of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We hereby give glad tidings at this time to thy son who repeatedly uttered praise of his Lord. We heard his call and whatsoever was manifested from his tongue in praise of the Goal of all the worlds was honored with acceptance and hearing. Blessed is the tongue that spoke in praise of its Lord. His poetry was recited before the Face, and those present, as well as those circumambulating, heard it and each mentioned concerning it that which is the cause of confirmation and the source of success. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the kinsmen, and adorn them with the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Utterance, the Goal of all the worlds.We conclude Our words at this point by mentioning the two names We mentioned before, as a favor from Our presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Inspirer, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We counsel at the end of the Book Our loved ones and friends to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness, and sincerity. Today the helper of the Cause hath been and is goodly character and pure deeds. Blessed are they that act and happy are they that comprehend.

His honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, has in these days again attained the Most Holy Court and repeatedly made mention of the friends of that land. In truth he has been and continues to be the helper of the friends and loved ones. In the petitions submitted he has made and continues to make mention of the friends in various regions, both past and present. He has been and remains the well-wisher of the world and all peoples. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions, even as He has assisted him. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Light and glory be upon you, O friends of God and His chosen ones. We beseech Him to aid you in whatsoever He loves and is pleased with. There is none other God but He, the Lord of the Most Exalted Horizon, Who has appeared through His Most Glorious Name.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who is unique in His majesty, singular in His beauty, sanctified above all utterance, and Who is the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, in the beginning and the end and in all conditions. He has ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above the loftiest descriptions of all contingent beings. Through one of His names the ocean of knowledge surged in the world and the Most Great Name spoke amongst the nations. Through His exalted Word the Supreme Horizon appeared and the Sadratu'l-Muntaha spoke between earth and heaven. Exalted be His dominion through which the standards of guidance were raised amidst creation and the banners of power upon the lofty mountains. By His sweetest call all things were attracted, and through His manifestation the Speaker of the Mount spoke from the highest station of Sinai. Exalted, exalted be the appearance of this Light and the revelation of His Cause in this darkness. He is the One through Whom appeared the decisive Word in the final return. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower. And the prayer that shines from the horizon of the heaven of His Cause and the peace that appears from the mouth of His will be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones who sacrificed themselves in His path to manifest His Cause and exalt His Word. They are the ones through whom the mysteries of the Book were revealed and that which was recorded in the scriptures and tablets. Through them the decree of unity was set forth and the light of oneness shone forth, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Gracious.O Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! The letter which Khalil, upon him be My loving-kindness, sent to thee was presented before the face of the Wronged One time and again. Praise be to God, the sweet fragrances of the love of God waft from it. This is from a grace to which the people of hearing, sight and heart bear witness, and beyond them whoever hath spoken and speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of him as a favor from Us and give him the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Generous. We have heard his call and remembered him through this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed be he and those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have said: "The Promise hath come and the Promised One calleth from the supreme horizon, saying: 'By God! He Who is the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens hath come, through Whom the hidden was revealed, the treasured was manifested, and the Way hath spoken. The All-Glorious hath come and this is His straight path. Indeed, the Guide calleth out

and saith:'"O Khalil, rejoice in thy Lord's loving-kindness. He hath remembered thee on a night wherein sorrows encompassed Him from those who denied God's proof and His evidence, who broke His Covenant, who rejected His Cause, and who disputed His signs whereby every mouldering bone was quickened. We make mention of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, and We counsel them with that through which the lights of justice may appear in the world. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous. O My loved ones in that land! Beware lest the conditions of oppression frighten you. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom, placing your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Commanding. Those who desired to extinguish the light of God are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O heedless ones! Where are your fathers and your ancestors? Where are earth's tyrants and its pharaohs? Where are the caesars of the kingdom with their ornaments and their palaces? Take heed and be not of the heedless. Where are those who turned away from God and His signs, who denied God's favor after its revelation, and who committed in their fleeting days that which caused the dwellers of the pavilions of the Kingdom to lament? God seized them with a mighty grip from His presence. Verily, He is the Seizer, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Rejoice, O My loved ones, in My remembrance of you! By the life of God, it cannot be equaled by all the treasures and riches of the earth - to this beareth witness He with Whom is the Clear Book. Take ye the chalice of salvation in the name of your Lord, the Subduer of the winds, then drink therefrom in defiance of those who denied Him Who came unto them with verses that cannot be equaled by the books of old - to this doth testify the Tongue of Grandeur in this exalted station.Today the proof itself calleth aloud, and all evidence summoneth mankind to a Cause the like of which, from the beginning of creation until now, hath never appeared. Such is the heedlessness of the people that they have turned away from Him Who hath brought verses that equal all divine books past and future, and have occupied themselves with souls who are not worthy of mention. Reflect now upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, where He clearly saith: "And there shall be a blast on the trumpet, and all who are in the heavens and all who are in the earth shall swoon away, save those whom God shall please to exempt. Then shall there be another blast on it, and lo! they shall rise and gaze around them. And the earth shall shine with the light of her Lord, and the Book shall be set, and the Prophets shall be brought up, and the witnesses; and judgment shall be given between them with truth, and they shall not be wronged."Today all are seen to have swooned away save a few letters of the countenance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. The steadfast souls who remain firm today are as pearls in the ocean of existence - their station cannot be completed by pen and ink. God shall soon make manifest that which was hidden in His assured knowledge. Reflect upon these two verses of the Qur'an - the oceans of knowledge and recognition concealed in the first and second trumpet blasts, and likewise upon the second verse which is a mighty sign. Though today it is fully manifest and evident, the heedless people remain unaware of it.Ask ye God to cleanse the eyes of men from the dust of desire, that they might perceive that for which they were created. The verses are manifest and the evidence clear - that which was never before seen or comprehended hath in this Most Great Revelation been witnessed and heard without veil or concealment, explicitly and without interpretation. The divine trumpet soundeth amidst humanity, yet none is aware to hear it, all being intoxicated with the wine of desire. Soon shall the world and all that is therein which they now behold return to nothingness, and they shall find themselves in manifest loss.O

friends! Know ye the value of these days. In all ages and centuries the pharaohs of the earth and tyrants of every land have objected to the truth and have striven with utmost effort and endeavor to extinguish the fire of the divine Tree and to quench the light of divine oneness. But God drove them away through His power and manifested what He desired through His all-compelling sovereignty over His servants. The foremost tyrants are the ignorant ones of the earth who are known for their learning. These are the ones who cut off the ways of God and His path. The guilt of all the people of the world can be traced to these souls, for they are the cause of prevention and the reason for denial. May God protect us and you from the evil of these people.We counsel all to fear God and to be righteous, to be patient and steadfast, and to preserve the verses and words of God lest they be touched by the idolaters. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who have attained unto the verses of the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm, the Possessor of Glory and Might.O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! Send thou this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Exalted Tablet to His Honor Khalil, that his eyes might be solaced thereby, and the eyes of those who have not differed regarding this momentous Announcement. Praise be to God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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The Divine Springtime is come, O Most Exalted Pen, for the Festival of the All-Merciful is fast approaching. Bestir thyself, and magnify, before the entire creation, the name of God, and celebrate His praise, in such wise that all created things may be regenerated and made new. Speak, and hold not thy peace. The day star of blissfulness shineth above the horizon of Our name, the Blissful, inasmuch as the kingdom of the name of God hath been adorned with the ornament of the name of thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens. Arise before the nations of the earth, and arm thyself with the power of this Most Great Name, and be not of those who tarry.Methinks that thou hast halted and movest not upon My Tablet. Could the brightness of the Divine Countenance have bewildered thee, or the idle talk of the froward filled thee with grief and paralyzed thy movement? Take heed lest anything deter thee from extolling the greatness of this Day - the Day whereon the Finger of majesty and power hath opened the seal of the Wine of Reunion, and called all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth. Preferrest thou to tarry when the breeze announcing the Day of God hath already breathed over thee, or art thou of them that are shut out as by a veil from Him?No veil whatever have I allowed, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, to shut me from the recognition of the glories of Thy Day - the Day which is the lamp of guidance unto the whole world, and the sign of the Ancient of Days unto all them that dwell therein. My silence is by reason of the veils that have blinded Thy creatures' eyes to Thee, and my muteness is because of the impediments that have hindered Thy people from recognizing Thy truth. Thou knowest what is in me, but I know not what is in Thee. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.By Thy name that excelleth all other names! If Thy overruling and all-compelling behest should ever reach me, it would empower me to revive the souls of all men, through Thy most exalted Word, which I have heard uttered by Thy Tongue of power in Thy Kingdom of glory. It would enable me to announce the revelation of Thy effulgent countenance wherethrough that which lay hidden from the eyes of men hath been manifested in Thy name, the Perspicuous, the sovereign Protector, the Self-Subsisting.Canst thou discover any one

but Me, O Pen, in this Day? What hath become of the creation and the manifestations thereof? What of the names and their kingdom? Whither are gone all created things, whether seen or unseen? What of the hidden secrets of the universe and its revelations? Lo, the entire creation hath passed away! Nothing remaineth except My Face, the Ever-Abiding, the Resplendent, the All-Glorious.

This is the Day whereon naught can be seen except the splendors of the Light that shineth from the face of Thy Lord, the Gracious, the Most Bountiful. Verily, We have caused every soul to expire by virtue of Our irresistible and all-subduing sovereignty. We have, then, called into being a new creation, as a token of Our grace unto men. I am, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.This is the Day whereon the unseen world crieth out: “Great is thy blessedness, O earth, for thou hast been made the foot-stool of thy God, and been chosen as the seat of His mighty throne.” The realm of glory exclaimeth: “Would that my life could be sacrificed for thee, for He Who is the Beloved of the All-Merciful hath established His sovereignty upon thee, through the power of His Name that hath been promised unto all things, whether of the past or of the future.”This is the Day whereon every sweet smelling thing hath derived its fragrance from the smell of My garment - a garment that hath shed its perfume upon the whole creation. This is the Day whereon the rushing waters of everlasting life have gushed out of the Will of the All-Merciful. Haste ye, with your hearts and souls, and quaff your fill, O Concourse of the realms above!Say: He it is Who is the Manifestation of Him Who is the Unknowable, the Invisible of the Invisibles, could ye but perceive it. He it is Who hath laid bare before you the hidden and treasured Gem, were ye to seek it. He it is Who is the one Beloved of all things, whether of the past or of the future. Would that ye might set your hearts and hopes upon Him!We have heard the voice of thy pleading, O Pen, and excuse thy silence. What is it that hath so sorely bewildered thee? The inebriation of Thy presence, O Well-Beloved of all worlds, hath seized and possessed me.Arise, and proclaim unto the entire creation the tidings that He Who is the All-Merciful hath directed His steps towards the Ridvan and entered it. Guide, then, the people unto the garden of delight which God hath made the Throne of His Paradise. We have chosen thee to be our most mighty Trumpet, whose blast is to signalize the resurrection of all mankind.

Say: This is the Paradise on whose foliage the wine of utterance hath imprinted the testimony: “He that was hidden from the eyes of men is revealed, girded with sovereignty and power!” This is the Paradise, the rustling of whose leaves proclaims: “O ye that inhabit the heavens and the earth! There hath appeared what hath never previously appeared. He Who, from everlasting, had concealed His Face from the sight of creation is now come.” From the whispering breeze that wafteth amidst its branches there cometh the cry: “He Who is the sovereign Lord of all is made manifest. The Kingdom is God’s,” while from its streaming waters can be heard the murmur: “All eyes are gladdened, for He Whom none hath beheld, Whose secret no one hath discovered, hath lifted the veil of glory, and uncovered the countenance of Beauty.”Within this Paradise, and from the heights of its loftiest chambers, the Maids of Heaven have cried out and shouted: “Rejoice, ye dwellers of the realms above, for the fingers of Him Who is the Ancient of Days are ringing, in the name of the All-Glorious, the Most Great Bell, in the midmost heart of the heavens. The hands of bounty have borne round the cup of everlasting life. Approach, and quaff your fill. Drink with healthy relish, O ye that are the very incarnations of longing, ye who are the embodiments of vehement desire!”This is the Day whereon He Who is the Revealer of the names of God hath stepped out of the Tabernacle of glory, and proclaimed unto all who are in the heavens and all who are on the

earth: “Put away the cups of Paradise and all the life-giving waters they contain, for lo, the people of Baha have entered the blissful abode of the Divine Presence, and quaffed the wine of reunion, from the chalice of the beauty of their Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most High.”Forget the world of creation, O Pen, and turn thou towards the face of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. Adorn, then, the world with the ornament of the favors of thy Lord, the King of everlasting days. For We perceive the fragrance of the Day whereon He Who is the Desire of all nations hath shed upon the kingdoms of the unseen and of the seen the splendor of the light of His most excellent names, and enveloped them with the radiance of the luminaries of His most gracious favors - favors which none can reckon except Him, Who is the omnipotent Protector of the entire creation.

Look not upon the creatures of God except with the eye of kindliness and of mercy, for Our loving providence hath pervaded all created things, and Our grace encompassed the earth and the heavens. This is the Day whereon the true servants of God partake of the life-giving waters of reunion, the Day whereon those that are nigh unto Him are able to drink of the soft-flowing river of immortality, and they who believe in His unity, the wine of His Presence, through their recognition of Him Who is the Highest and Last End of all, in Whom the Tongue of Majesty and Glory voiceth the call: “The Kingdom is Mine. I, Myself, am, of Mine own right, its Ruler.” Attract the hearts of men, through the call of Him, the one alone Beloved. Say: This is the Voice of God, if ye do but hearken. This is the Day Spring of the Revelation of God, did ye but know it. This is the Dawning-Place of the Cause of God, were ye to recognize it. This is the Source of the commandment of God, did ye but judge it fairly. This is the manifest and hidden Secret; would that ye might perceive it. O peoples of the world! Cast away, in My name that transcendeth all other names, the things ye possess, and immerse yourselves in this Ocean in whose depths lay hidden the pearls of wisdom and of utterance, an ocean that surgeth in My name, the All-Merciful. Thus instructeth you He with Whom is the Mother Book. The Best-Beloved is come. In His right hand is the sealed Wine of His name. Happy is the man that turneth unto Him, and drinketh his fill, and exclaimeth: “Praise be to Thee, O Revealer of the signs of God!” By the righteousness of the Almighty! Every hidden thing hath been manifested through the power of truth. All the favors of God have been sent down, as a token of His grace. The waters of everlasting life have, in their fullness, been proffered unto men. Every single cup hath been borne round by the hand of the Well-Beloved. Draw near, and tarry not, though it be for one short moment.

Blessed are they that have soared on the wings of detachment and attained the station which, as ordained by God, overshadoweth the entire creation, whom neither the vain imaginations of the learned, nor the multitude of the hosts of the earth have succeeded in deflecting from His Cause. Who is there among you, O people, who will renounce the world, and draw nigh unto God, the Lord of all names? Where is he to be found who, through the power of My name that transcendeth all created things, will cast away the things that men possess, and cling, with all his might, to the things which God, the Knower of the unseen and of the seen, hath bidden him observe? Thus hath His bounty been sent down unto men, His testimony fulfilled, and His proof shone forth above the Horizon of mercy. Rich is the prize that shall be won by him who hath believed and exclaimed: “Lauded art Thou, O Beloved of all worlds! Magnified be Thy name, O Thou the Desire of every understanding heart!”Rejoice with exceeding gladness, O people of Baha, as ye call to remembrance the Day of supreme felicity, the Day whereon the

Tongue of the Ancient of Days hath spoken, as He departed from His House, proceeding to the Spot from which He shed upon the whole of creation the splendors of His name, the All-Merciful.God is Our witness. Were We to reveal the hidden secrets of that Day, all they that dwell on earth and in the heavens would swoon away and die, except such as will be preserved by God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.Such is the inebriating effect of the words of God upon Him Who is the Revealer of His undoubted proofs, that His Pen can move no longer. With these words He concludeth His Tablet: “No God is there but Me, the Most Exalted, the Most Powerful, the Most Excellent, the All-Knowing.”

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In the name of God, the Most Great, the Great! These are the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Just, the Manifest, which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty grace. Verily they are the proof of God amongst His creation and His testimony amongst all created things. And verily they are a revelation from One Who is Mighty, All-Knowing. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not every ignorant doubter. Follow Him Who desireth naught for you save to draw you nigh unto the court of nearness, the station wherein are raised the melodies of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

Verily thou, O thou who gazest towards the direction of the Cause, hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from the precincts of the Prison, this Spot wherein the Youth hath been imprisoned through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. There is no God but Him; within His grasp lies the dominion of Command and Creation. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Blessed art thou for having been enkindled by the fire of the love of God and for having turned thy heart towards the direction of His mighty House. Arise to champion the Cause of God and His love, and tarry not for a moment. Convey unto the people that which the Spirit hath cast upon thy heart, and be not of them that are silent. Should anyone question thee about this Youth, say: By God, He is the Announcement of God in the Tablets of Command, and His Beauty hath been made manifest in truth with great sovereignty. Verily, He is the Most Exalted Who hath come unto you with the signs of your Lord, were ye but to know. He hath sacrificed His spirit in the path of God that He might bring you nigh unto the seat of a mighty throne. Beware, O people, lest ye reject the truth by that which ye possess, for that which ye possess, even if it be founded on truth, hath been sent down from Our presence and ordained from Our court, were ye but to know. Inhale ye the fragrance of whatsoever appeareth from Him; should ye perceive the fragrance of the Beloved, fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. O people! Wrong not Him against Whom all the peoples of the earth have banded together. O people! If ye deny these verses, then by what evidence have ye believed in ’Ali aforetime and in God’s signs in the age of the Messengers? Stand firm in the Cause, then proclaim unto the people this Most Great, this Mighty Announcement. Gather My loved ones unto the law of My love - this is My command unto thee. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded, and be not of the patient ones. Open thy tongue in utterance to celebrate thy Lord, the Most Merciful, that Our slumbering servants might arise at thy mention. Say: O people! The Most Great Ocean hath appeared, the Lamp of the Cause hath been lit, and the Sun of eternity hath shone forth from the horizon of this luminous dawn. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of its lights, for they that deprive themselves are indeed a wicked and most lost people. Say: O people! If ye desire to hear the melodies of

God, hearken unto that which hath been inscribed in this Preserved Tablet, and if ye wish to ascend unto the heights of nearness, read ye what hath been revealed therein, and be not of them that are silent. O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and commit not what was committed by those who preceded you and who denied the signs of God and His Messengers, until the earth was dyed with their blood, and for this were they cursed in this world and the next, and were among the idolaters. Take thou the cup which hath appeared in the form of the Word and hath been filled with the Kawthar of thy Lord's knowledge, the Most High, the Most Great. Then drink thereof in My Name and pass it among the concourse of lovers, that all may be attracted by this wondrous, this mighty Kawthar. Whosoever drinketh but a drop thereof shall never die, but shall endure as long as his Lord, the Mighty, the Eternal, the All-Wise, endureth. Thus hath this Prisoner counseled thee that thou mightest aid Him in truth and be among them that stand firm in this Cause, at which all who are in the heavens and on earth have trembled, save those who have detached themselves from all things and have turned towards this glorious, this resplendent Direction.

Mention from Us unto him who hath been named Kazim, that he may call to mind the remembrance of God his Lord and aid Him through utterance. This is what hath been ordained for every soul in this Revelation from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed be thy father in that he attained the presence of God and remained with the Beloved until he sacrificed himself in the path of God, the Best-Beloved of the worlds. We loved him in such wise as cannot be mentioned in words. Blessed be he and his days and all that pertaineth unto him. He is now in the Supreme Horizon with his Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, were ye of them that know. And thou, O servant, walk thou in his footsteps. Thus have We counseled thee before, and now as a command from God thy Lord. Verily He knoweth all things, and naught escapeth His knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of the unseen in the heavens and earth, and He hath power over all things.Then glorify from Us him who hath been named Ibrahim, that he may behold the kingdom of the heavens and earth and be of them that are assured. Follow thou the way of the Friend in thy love for this Youth. Say: O people, make Him your merchandise and sell Him not for dirhams and dinars. Arise to serve God and aid Him, and say: O people, abandon that which your selves and desires command you. Then take hold of God's laws with strength from Us and be not of the heedless.Then glorify from Us the countenance of her who was with thee and give her glad tidings from this Youth Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Just Sovereign, the Mighty, the Wise. We desire that the people of that house be united and as one soul. Thus doth this Wronged One command you out of His love for you, were ye of them that know. Cast aside differences, then unite in My love, My remembrance and My praise, for this is better for you than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths.Then glorify from Us the countenance of her whose companion was martyred in God's path and ascended to the Supreme Horizon in the vicinity of the mercy of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Though he committed that which was forbidden, yet God forgave him and the breezes of pardon wafted upon him, cleansing him of transgression and causing him to dwell in His paradise, the Mighty, the Wondrous.O Ali, deliver the messages of thy Lord and be not of them that fear. It behooveth His loved ones to detach themselves from all else but God and to arise in His Cause in such wise that the clamor of the oppressors shall not deter them. Whenever trials descend from the clouds of tribulation, they are in the utmost joy and delight, for the sun of utterance hath shone upon them from this luminous and radiant horizon. Say: Today, should one detach himself from all who are in the heavens and earth and

turn with his heart toward the Holy Court, he would subdue all created things through one of the names of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: The Sun hath dawned with such splendor as hath never appeared in former ages. Be illumined, O people, by its lights and be not of the patient ones. Say: Have mercy on yourselves and deprive not your souls of the fragrances of these days, and be not of them that are brought low. Fear God, then recognize the worth of that which hath been sent down to you from the clouds of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Turn to Him with a pure and luminous heart. Thus have We imparted unto thee the truth, that thou mayest impart unto the people that which the Spirit hath cast into thy breast, that perchance they may arise from the slumber of heedlessness and desire, and draw near unto God Who created them and created all things, and be of them that attain. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the power of the Friend, who at this moment declareth: Praise be to God, the Goal of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!Praise be to the One Who is the Goal of all, Who created the world through His Word and nurtured it through various means. The law of causation is firmly established, and the manifestation of all things occurs through definite and determined means. Exalted be His Command and His Greatness! For every matter there is an appointed time and a destined cause. Through contemplation of this station and observation of this utterance, one attains to the light of the Divine Sun of Justice. Divine decrees are contingent upon means, and these means and causes have been and continue to be the education of His servants. We beseech the Truth to assist these servants to achieve that which leads to progress and elevation. Verily, He is the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.And prayers and peace be upon Him Whom the Tongue of Eternity and the Lord of Nations praised in the world: “But for Thee, I would not have created the celestial spheres.” Glory be to our Lord! With one step He transcended the earth and reached the heavens, nay, beyond the heavens, nay, beyond justice and comprehension. Exalted be His power and magnificent His sovereignty! And upon His family and companions, whom God made the letters of His Psalms, the words of His Books, the manifestations of His Will, the dawning-places of His Purpose, and the sources of His justice and command - prayers sanctified from beginning and end. The command belongs to God, the Lord of the Last and the First.Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived, bearing good tidings and spreading blessed banners, for it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His Glory. Without His mention, all mentions are meaningless, and without His remembrance, one can dispense with the remembrance of the world. In truth, the freshness, grace, and glory of the cities of unity and detachment have been and will ever be through His mention and praise. We hope these servants will not be deprived of this life-giving station.After reading, contemplating, and reflecting, we approached the station and presented it. The Beloved, may our souls be sacrificed for Him, says:O Abdullah! Upon thee be My peace and My loving-kindness! God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine favors and illumined and adorned with the light of God’s love. May such a sweet fragrance be diffused from the deeds of thyself and the friends of that land that perhaps the manifestations of religion and trustworthiness in that land may transform the grief coming from other directions. Today, deeds are necessary, especially deeds from which the fragrance of service and trustworthiness emanates. The affairs of the Threshold have

descended like swords upon the temple of trustworthiness, truthfulness, and purity. Say:My God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy loved ones with the crown of trustworthiness and detachment, their temples with the ornament of justice and righteousness, and their hearts with the raiment of unity and harmony. I beseech Thee, O my God and the God of the Kingdom of Names, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will exalt them among Thy creation and cause them to be adorned with Thy virtues, whereby the horizons of Thy servants' and creatures' existence may be illumined. Verily, Thou art the Generous One, possessed of great bounty and supreme mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.We make mention of the loved ones and ask for each honor, blessing, and exaltation. However, that which has been and continues to be the cause of elevation, ascendancy, and the manifestation of the stations of existence is unity. To this testify the Supreme Concourse, the Most Exalted Pen, the Most Exalted Paradise, the Supreme Heaven, the Most Sublime Word, and the Divine Lote-Tree.

Praise be to God! The outpourings of the Pen of Providence have seized and quickened the world, especially His loved ones. No seeker hath been deprived, and no aspirant forbidden. From His Ocean of mercy, I beseech and implore that He deprive none of the inhabitants of earth from this heavenly News and eternal Cause. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.Concerning what was mentioned about his honor Darvish Niyaz, may God strengthen him, it brought joy, and this evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist him in mention, praise and service to His Cause, and to unveil that which leads to elevation and advancement. When mention of his honor was made in the presence of the Master, He said:"O Niyaz! Upon thee be the peace of the All-Bountiful! It is intended that the Tree send unto thee its wondrous, sublime and gathered fruits, and the Pen desireth to manifest its hidden pearls and send them as a gift, that thou mayest remember the time of attaining His presence. We beseech God in all conditions to enable thee to witness and hearken with thine own sight and hearing, detached from the sight of the world and the ears of the nations, and to assist thee in such wise that thou mayest take the most exalted cup before the faces of humanity and drink therefrom in His Name, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds." End.This servant also conveys greetings to him and beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever is befitting. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.Another matter: From his honor Aqa Khan, may God the Exalted strengthen him, petitions were received, and there was also a letter addressed to you which was given to his honor the Most Great Name, upon him be God's peace and favors, and placed in this servant's envelope in His presence. Search for it; perhaps it may be found there. However, the aforementioned Khan's situation has not yet become clear. In every gathering he has denied this Cause, yet he has mentioned words similar to the mentions he made in this land, from which the fragrance of irreligion wafts. This time a Tablet was specifically sent to him. It is hoped that he may attain to that which he himself had previously written, appear with a single face, and be illumined. In any case, we are not without hope. God's grace is abundant; perhaps it may encompass him. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.Concerning the mention made of his honor Haji Ali Akbar, upon him be God's peace, after it was presented before the Master's face, He said:"He is the Remembering, the Helper. The Wronged One desireth to make mention of him who was named Ali, before Akbar, that the mention may attract him to God, the Lord of lords. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to adorn him with the ornament of goodly character and assist him in that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him and the Desire of those in the heavens and the earth. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord,

for having enabled thee to turn unto Him and made thee of the party of unity amidst the parties. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy bounty the blessing of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee to enable me to achieve what Thou hast chosen for me in Thy Book. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast to the cord of Thy grace and seek refuge at Thy threshold. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

This servant supplicates success on their behalf and implores his Lord to acquaint him with that which will profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Wise. All the loved ones in that land are remembered and, praise be to God, have attained His grace. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth, to aid them to achieve that whereby their stations may be exalted in His presence and to ordain for them the reward of those who are nigh and sincere. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Peace and mercy and bounty be upon you and upon the assured servants of God.

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Praise be to the One God, whose Call is matchless, whose mention is matchless, and whose Revelation is matchless. Uniqueness befitteth Him and peerlessness is the station of His loved ones, how much more His own Essence, exalted be He - nothing can be likened unto His likeness. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Light and radiance, glory and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause, who broke not His covenant and disputed not His verses, who responded when they heard and turned towards Him when the people were in manifest rejection. We beseech God to guide all to the horizon of His grace and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.O beloved of my heart! The letters sent from the city of Qaf arrived one after another like the spring rain. Praise be to God, each of these letters was a clear book mentioning the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth. After their perusal and reading, they were presented before the presence of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance:O Amin! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to the Purpose of the world Who granted thee success in serving His Cause and confirmed thee in that which its mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. All that thou didst mention regarding the friends was heard. We beseech God to enable all to achieve the most great steadfastness, such that neither ranks and multitudes nor the means and colors of the world shall prevent them from the straight path. Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Amin! From the beginning of days until now thou hast stood firm in service, held fast to the hem of trustworthiness, and clung to the cord of steadfastness. This is from the bounties of the Day of God which have encompassed thee. The affairs of God are entrusted to thee. That which hath appeared from thee in service to the Cause thus far hath been attested to by the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. We beseech God to enable all to achieve that which will

cause the exaltation of His Cause.He who standeth in service hath indeed been blessed with special favors. The Tongue of Grandeur in the most exalted station beareth witness to his service and his turning unto God. What thou didst mention regarding him is the truth, no doubt therein. Divine success and confirmation are present at his right hand and his left. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt him through His Name, to assist him with His hosts, and to strengthen him through His bounty. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.O Amin! In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon God and His attributes. The purpose is that all should be pleased with thee. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified concerning thee to that which causeth the exaltation of the Word of God. However, following the example of God, exalted be His glory, in all conditions is beloved, especially for thee who art associated with Him, mentioned through Him, and known by Him. The fragrance of thy character should be so diffused that no one would find cause for discussion. Verily, He hath aided thee and will aid thee and will be with thee, and He is the Compassionate, the Trustworthy.

We behold the friends of that land with loving-kindness, remember them with grace, and turn to them with love. Praise be to God, they are engaged in service and illumined with the light of recognition. Soon shall they witness the rewards of their deeds and what God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath ordained for them. Due to the arrival of the Most Great Branch and the coming and going of the friends, the response to Jamal and ’Ali-Akbar - upon them be My glory and loving-kindness - was delayed. God willing, they shall attain hereafter to what is befitting. Give them glad tidings, and to My friends, from God, the Bestower, the Generous.Praise be to God, the grace and loving-kindness of the True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and continueth to be directed towards His servants. The sincere ones and those drawn nigh, by the testimony of God - exalted be His glory - are present before the Seat of Justice. Happy are they!Regarding what you wrote about Gholam - upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful - having allocated funds to be delivered over four months by him who serveth the Cause - upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness - they commanded that two months thereof be [delivered] to the teachers - upon them be the glory of God, His loving-kindness and His mercy. O Trustee! Those assured souls must be considered until God openeth before their faces the gates of His blessings. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.It is submitted that in the Most Holy Presence, unless funds are needed they are not accepted. For some time no funds reached this land until a debt of three hundred liras accumulated, hence those funds were allocated. Yesterday the Name of Bounty - upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness - arrived and mentioned the receipt of the allocated funds. Regarding the purchase of land in Haifa previously mentioned, most of the shares from various places, namely Egypt, Port Said, Beirut and Akka, were, according to instructions, returned to their owners since no land was found to purchase. The manager of this matter was our Master, His Holiness the Blessed Branch, Aqa Mirza Badi’u’llah - may my spirit be a sacrifice for his coming - therefore whatever they deemed appropriate was done and the remainder is being returned these days. After the arrival of your beloved letter, the command was again issued to proceed to that land for some days that if found, they may purchase it in your name. This is from God’s grace upon you and upon the sincere ones and those drawn nigh among His servants.As for the Leaf - upon her be the glory of God - after submission to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, they commanded that these matters and affairs pertaining to rights revert to you. Thus it hath ever been and God willing shall continue to be. If she seeketh to attain the presence, you should

make arrangements and send her. If she proceedeth with ’Ali-Akbar it is acceptable, as he originally mentioned this matter, or with another person who meets with his approval. You should be engaged in the refinement of souls and the exaltation of the Word in all regions with perfect detachment. We beseech God to assist you, to aid you, and through you to raise the standards of His acceptable [virtues] among His servants. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Other matters will be sent later, God willing. Five Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets along with papers have been received and sent. God willing, may they reach their owners. I have been and am remembering all the friends, and I beseech God for His grace and bounty towards all. Verily He is [the Mighty, the Powerful]. Glory, remembrance and exaltation be upon you and upon God’s friends and chosen ones there, and upon every steadfast, faithful, firm and upright believer. Praise be to [God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise]. The Servant. On the 7th of the Blessed Month of Ramadan 1308. Your honor should review the papers, as some may [again] be sent.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!All praise, sanctified from the descriptions of the peoples, befits and is worthy of the Ancient Lord, Who through His pure bounty and generosity bestowed existence upon nothingness and confirmed being with humility, submissiveness and prostration. He is the Omnipotent One Whom multitudes and hosts cannot turn back from His will. With one word He raised high the banner of divine unity, and caused the lights of the Sun of Truth to shine upon all peoples. The bearer of that Most Great Standard was the Primal Mirror, the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. Through Him He made manifest the pearls of the ocean of knowledge and displayed them before the eyes of true money-changers. Exalted, exalted be His station, and exalted, exalted be His power and sovereignty! Through Him He revealed that which was concealed and brought to the realm of visibility that which had been forever hidden and treasured. Through His perfect might He conquered the cities outward and inward and opened the sealed gates. He is the Mirror of “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.” He is the Source of every manifestation and appearance, and the Seal thereof. Worthy is He of mention and praise, and of blessings and peace from God, the Lord of Names, and upon His family and companions through whom every seeker attained and every denier was lost, through whom every throne and seat and every lofty chair was established. The servant beseecheth his Lord by their humility and submission, their lights and their spending, their martyrdom and their steadfastness and their nearness, that He may raise up what hath been cast down, and take up what hath fallen, and restore what hath been destroyed of His mighty throne. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth.May my spirit be a sacrifice for your imprisonment and your exile! Your gracious letter, like the morning breeze, awakened this one sleeping in the valley of heedlessness. After inhaling its fragrance it was presented before the Master, Who showed such favor that this servant is incapable of describing it. Verily, the servant, in the nights and days, beseecheth God on your behalf that He may grant you success and aid you and bestow upon you that whereby your mention may be exalted. For these are days wherein man is capable of attaining lofty stations. Those souls who desire naught in the world save righteousness, and who in the nights and days have summoned all to unity and

concord and justice and fairness - nevertheless in every year the oppressors of the age have stretched forth the hand of tyranny and have done that which hath caused and doth cause grief to pure and tranquil hearts. Is the persecution of the oppressed ones of the earth a sign of valor and prowess and knowledge and wisdom? Nay, by God! Would that they had endeavored to reclaim their lost territories or to transform their abasement into glory! At every moment they draw nearer to the nethermost depths, yet they perceive it not. They are mounted upon the steeds of passion and desire, galloping through the wilderness of pride. By the life of God! Soon shall they behold themselves in grievous torment. In any case, this servant, with the utmost supplication, beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant justice to all and to adorn them with the ornament of equity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning what was written about the delay in responding to the honored letters, His Holiness is correct. This matter of correspondence which was written brings joy, happiness and delight to this company through the favors that are directed from that quarter. After presenting this matter, they said: "By My life, he has spoken truly, for love is the sweet water of mercy for the friends, the ocean of grace for the thirsty, the light of knowledge for the seekers, everlasting life for the sincere ones, the spray of the ocean of reunion for the longing ones, and the melody of the bird of faithfulness - nay rather, the rapturous song of nearness and meeting - for the lovers." What was written is correct. The Branches and the Servant should not be remiss in sending replies, even though the sorrows that have come and the successive afflictions prevent one from necessary matters. However, in view of giving each one their due right, they must act in ways that bring joy, happiness and delight to the hearts of the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory. We send greetings upon him and upon those with him, young and old, female and male, and We beseech God the Exalted to confirm them in what befits them. Verily, He has power over all things.From the other blessed passages, the degrees of kindness and favor are clear and evident. Translation is not necessary, but the Exalted Truth bears witness that though outwardly there may be delay, you are ever remembered in the heart and present before the face. God suffices as witness to this. The people of the pavilion of glory have shown and continue to show favor to that beloved one and the honored ladies. Praise be to God, you are remembered and have attained to His favor. The Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps - has not been present for some time. If your letter reaches Him, He will certainly bestow a gracious reply. This ephemeral one submits that I convey greetings to each of the beloved ones, and I beseech from the Exalted Truth the good of this world and the next for each one. Likewise, I convey holy greetings beyond count or measure to the honored ladies, and I beseech God to adorn all with His special favors and to grant success in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.As for what was written concerning the cherished one, his honor Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Akbar - may God the Exalted assist him - they said that in all circumstances he must be occupied with some task. God willing, divine assistance will reach him. Due to events in the Land of Ta [Tehran], namely the imprisonment of His honor the beloved Haji Siyyid 'Ali-Akbar - upon him be God's peace - some of the mischief-makers have had thoughts and made certain mentions, and from what is known, they are somewhat intent upon their aims, until God wills what He wills.

Another submission is that when the honored Mirza Ali-Akbar was present, he mentioned certain trees which could be sent from that land, including a special variety of wild rose that exists in that region and

would be sent. The details of this matter are that with great difficulty they were sent from two locations in Iran - from Tabriz and Shiraz - but neither arrived. Therefore Mirza Ali-Akbar mentioned that it is found specifically there and would be sent. He also mentioned the Aghalib-Tus tree which they plant and grow for changing the air, as well as Indian oranges and certain other trees and flowers. Now, whatever is pleasing and beloved in your sight, and possible to send for planting in the small plot, they will surely accept the trouble and send it. May perpetual, illuminating, manifest and brilliant peace from the heaven of providence be upon your honor and upon them all, male and female, and upon those who speak with pure truth and act according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, Lord of all the worlds. The Servant. On 17 Jamadi'th-Thani 1301.

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On the 22nd of Sha'ban of the year 99O honored Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most GloriousPraise, sanctified from letters and words, befitteth the King of Reality, Who hath adorned one of His primary manifestations with the ornament "He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden." His is the praise and His is the glory. There is no God but Him and no goal but Him. And blessing and peace and glory and splendor be upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have acted in a manner befitting the days of God, the Mighty, the Wise.And now, the letters of that beloved one which arrived previously were each answered, and for each of the mentioned names a wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed. However, wisdom dictated a delay in sending them, as the heedless ignorant ones in this land have spoken somewhat as befitteth them. God willing, they shall be sent. Today, which is the 22nd of the honored month of Sha'ban, that beloved one's handwritten letter dated the 12th of Rajab caused joy and delight. Praise be to God, the bird of love is in flight, the pen of affection is in motion, and the ink of unity is flowing. Praise be to Him, again praise be to Him, and thanks be to your honor. And all that was written therein was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The tongue of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds spoke these words, exalted be His glory:"O Asad! My Pen exalteth thee and My Tongue blesseth thee. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in all matters. Whoso is for God, God is for him. This is a commanding and penetrating word, and hath ever been so. Assuredly, whatsoever the Hand of Divine favor hath deposited in good soil shall grow green and flourish with new effect and mighty fruit. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who is with thee, and blessed are they whose very beings are stirred with longing for the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We, verily, glorify thee from this station, and We glorify My loved ones and give them glad tidings of the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds." End quote.The answer to this letter is brief, as by command it must be sent at this time so that the trust that was with it may quickly reach that beloved one. God willing, affairs have been and are proceeding well. In truth, that beloved one has arisen to serve the Cause with the utmost effort and endeavor. This servant beseecheth his Lord in humility and supplication to make your honor a standard in His Cause and a banner of His name in His lands. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The envelope sent attained the honor of presence and attention.They said that at present it is not advisable to send any utterance, mention, or tablet specifically from this place. If your honor deems it appropriate and sends something, there is and shall be no harm in it. End quote.Furthermore, you must consider all aspects, for if this matter becomes

known and some become aware of what has occurred, they will take action, and that person will surely hesitate in showing love, as he has not attained maturity and has other stations in view. For this reason, they express what they have expressed. A hundred thousand thanks to the Beloved of the worlds Who has enabled that beloved one to achieve these mighty matters. How pleasant and delightful for your honor!Regarding the gift you wrote about, this matter was presented. They said it is not permissible at present, as some do not and have not understood the reality and will interpret it in inappropriate ways. End quote.

If capacity becomes evident and the time arrives, that he should become the recipient of a Divine Tablet would be most excellent, and this would be a befitting gift for the Mahdi and Messenger, exalted be His grandeur; or if passages, that is, writings of the Most Great Branch (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps) were to be sent, that too would be beloved for him. Today the Covenant of God is more fitting than all things - meaning that if they harbor no ill intent and continue to show the same degree of protection they have thus far demonstrated, there can be revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him that which would give assurance that henceforth the people of truth would never fall short in supporting and being loyal to his government, and likewise that God, exalted be His glory, would assist him in executing justice, which is the greatest means for the tranquility of the world and the firm foundation for the edifice of government. Otherwise, they should act according to whatever becomes manifest from them.

Mention had been made of Jinab-i-Sayyah, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God that he was assisted in that which would cause his remembrance to endure in the divine Kingdom. He has ever been and continues to be before this ephemeral one's sight. He has always sought to render some service to this Cause. No doubt he has recounted the details of his circumstances. May he be confirmed and assisted in that which is the cause of the manifestation of grace and the source of tranquility and repose for the world. Some time ago Jinab-i-Mirza Maqsud arrived in this land and attained the presence. Previously when he was in Iraq, a petition from him reached the Most Holy Court, an answer was revealed and sent. Afterwards, according to what was mentioned, he tarried and proceeded along his former path, for according to his own account, he had specifically entered various religions to investigate them. This year when he turned towards this land and attained the honor of presence, the utmost kindness and favor was shown to him. However, no word was spoken that was contrary to wisdom, as they have observed in the letter this servant wrote to him. Whatever divine utterances this servant saw regarding world order, the progress of nations, the manifestation of humanity, and the appearance of justice were mentioned. And he himself claimed certitude and knowledge, but this servant dealt with him only to the extent mentioned. In any case, the utmost love was shown regarding him. It is hoped that henceforth he will hold fast to wisdom and drink from the fountain of steadfastness. However, some of the emigrants who had seen him on his path mentioned a word that was contrary to wisdom. This ephemeral one was greatly surprised, and that word was attributed to the Source. That word was a glad-tiding regarding His Holiness Z. Although this word is good, since the purpose is to manifest truth and sincerity, it is submitted that the True One, exalted be His glory, did not utter such a word. In any case, that honored one and this servant beseech the True One not to deprive him, that is, the aforementioned Mirza, from the effulgences of the Sun of favor. Although now the favors of the True One, exalted be His

glory, are observed regarding His Holiness Z, and surely universal fruits will result from this favor if they are assisted to be steadfast in what they have declared. Verily He ordains what He willeth for whomsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon the people of Glory who heard the Call and answered their Lord, the King of Names and Creator of Heaven.

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In the name of the Lord of Utterance, the All-WiseAll praise be to the sanctified Lord Who hath illumined the world through the splendours of the Daystar of His grace. From the letter “B” He hath made the Most Great Ocean to appear, and from the letter “H” He hath caused His inmost Essence to be made manifest. He is that Almighty One Whose purpose the might of men can never hope to frustrate and the flow of Whose utterance the hosts of kings are powerless to halt.Thy letter was received, and We perused it and heard thy call. Within it were enshrined the precious pearls of love and the hidden mysteries of affection. We beseech the peerless Lord to enable thee to assist His Cause and to lead those who are sore athirst in the wilderness of ignorance to the water of life. His might, in truth, is equal to all things. That which thou didst ask of the Ocean of Knowledge and the Orb of Insight hath met with His acceptance.The first question: “In what tongue and towards what direction doth it behoove us to worship the one true God?”The beginning of all utterance is the worship of God, and this followeth upon His recognition. Sanctified must be the eye if it is to truly recognize Him, and sanctified must be the tongue if it is to befittingly utter His praise. In this Day the faces of the people of insight and understanding are turned in His direction; nay every direction inclineth itself towards Him. O lion-hearted one! We beseech God that thou mayest become a champion in this arena, arise with heavenly power and say: “O high priests! Ears have been given you that they may hearken unto the mystery of Him Who is the Self-Dependent, and eyes that they may behold Him. Wherefore flee ye? The Incomparable Friend is manifest. He speaketh that wherein lieth salvation. Were ye, O high priests, to discover the perfume of the rose garden of understanding, ye would seek none other but Him, and would recognize, in His new vesture, the All-Wise and Peerless One, and would turn your eyes from the world and all who seek it, and would arise to help Him.”The second question concerneth faith and religion. The Faith of God hath in this Day been made manifest. He Who is the Lord of the world is come and hath shown the way. His faith is the faith of benevolence and His religion is the religion of forbearance. This faith bestoweth eternal life and this religion enableth mankind to dispense with all else. It verily embraceth all faiths and all religions. Take hold thereof and guard it well.

The third question: “In what manner shall we deal with the people of this age, who have each chosen to follow a different religion and who each regard their own faith and religion as excelling and surpassing all the others, that we may be shielded from the onslaught of their words and deeds?”O lion-hearted one amongst men! Regard the afflictions endured in the path of God as comfort itself. Every affliction suffered for His sake is a potent remedy, every bitterness is naught but sweetness and every abasement an exaltation. Were men to apprehend and acknowledge this truth, they would readily lay down their lives for such affliction. For it is the key to inestimable treasures, and no matter how outwardly abhorrent, it

hath ever been and will continue to be inwardly prized. We accept and affirm what thou hast said, for the people of the world are indeed bereft of the light of the Orb of justice and regard it as their enemy.If thou desirest to be freed from affliction, recite thou this prayer which hath been revealed by the Pen of the All-Merciful: “O God, my God! I testify to Thy unity and to Thy oneness. I beseech Thee, O Thou Possessor of names and Fashioner of the heavens, by the pervasive influence of Thine exalted Word and the potency of Thy supreme Pen, to aid me with the ensigns of Thy power and might, and to protect me from the mischief of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.” This invocation is an impregnable stronghold and an indomitable army. It conferreth protection and ensureth deliverance.The fourth question: “Our Books have announced that Shah Bahram will come, invested with manifold signs, to guide the people aright….”O friend! Whatsoever hath been announced in the Books hath been revealed and made clear. From every side the signs have been manifested. The Omnipotent One is calling, in this Day, and announcing the appearance of the Supreme Heaven. The world hath been illumined with the splendours of His revelation, yet how few are the eyes that can behold it! Beseech the peerless and incomparable Lord to bestow a penetrating insight upon His servants, for insight leadeth to true knowledge and is conducive to salvation. Indeed, the attainments of man’s understanding are dependent upon his keenness of sight. Were the children of men to gaze with the eye of understanding, they would see the world illumined with a new light in this Day. Say: The Daystar of knowledge is manifest and the Luminary of insight hath appeared. Fortunate indeed is the one who hath attained, who hath witnessed, and who hath recognized.

The fifth question concerneth the bridge of ?ira?, Paradise, and Hell. The Prophets of God have come in truth and have spoken the truth. Whatsoever the Messenger of God hath announced hath been and will be made manifest. The world is established upon the foundations of reward and punishment. Knowledge and understanding have ever affirmed and will continue to affirm the reality of Paradise and Hell, for reward and punishment require their existence. Paradise signifieth first and foremost the good-pleasure of God. Whosoever attaineth His good-pleasure is reckoned and recorded among the inhabitants of the most exalted paradise and will attain, after the ascension of his soul, that which pen and ink are powerless to describe. For them that are endued with insight and have fixed their gaze upon the Most Sublime Vision, the Bridge, the Balance, Paradise, Hellfire, and all that hath been mentioned and recorded in the Sacred Scriptures are clear and manifest. At the time of the appearance and manifestation of the rays of the Daystar of Truth, all occupy the same station. God then proclaimeth that which He willeth, and whoso heareth His call and acknowledgeth His truth is accounted among the inhabitants of Paradise. Such a soul hath traversed the Bridge, the Balance, and all that hath been recorded regarding the Day of Resurrection, and hath reached his destination. The Day of God’s Revelation is the Day of the most great Resurrection. We cherish the hope that, quaffing from the choice wine of divine inspiration and the pure waters of heavenly grace, thou mayest attain the station of discovery and witnessing, and behold, both outwardly and inwardly, all that which thou hast mentioned.The sixth question: “After relinquishing the body, that is to say, after the soul hath been separated from the body, it hasteneth to the abode hereafter….”In reference to this theme there appeared some time past from the Pen of divine knowledge that which sufficeth the men of insight and imparteth the greatest joy to the people of understanding. Verily, We say: The soul is gladdened by goodly deeds and profiteth from the contributions made in the path of God.The seventh question regardeth the name, lineage, and ancestry of the Holy One. Abu’l-Fadl-

i-Gulpaygani, upon him be My glory, hath written in this regard, based on the Sacred Scriptures, that which bestoweth knowledge and increaseth understanding.

The Faith of God is endowed with penetrating might and power. Erelong that which hath flowed from Our tongue will outwardly come to pass. We beseech God to bestow upon thee the strength to assist Him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. Wert thou to obtain and peruse the Suriy-i-Ra'is and the Suriy-i-Muluk, thou wouldst find thyself able to dispense with thy questions and wouldst arise to serve the Cause of God in such wise that the oppression of the world and the onslaught of its peoples would fail to deter thee from aiding Him Who is the ancient and sovereign Lord of all.We implore God to confirm thee in that which will exalt and immortalize thy name. Make thou an effort, that haply thou mayest obtain the aforementioned Tablets and acquire therefrom a share of the pearls of wisdom and utterance that have issued from the treasury of the Pen of the All-Merciful. The glory of God rest upon thee, upon every steadfast and unwavering heart and upon every constant and faithful soul.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!O Abul-Qasim! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Most Great Throne. Verily, He hath aided thee amongst the nations and drawn thee nigh unto a station wherein thine eyes were blessed with beholding My Most Exalted Horizon, thine ears with hearkening unto My Most Sweet Call, and thy face with turning toward the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Manifest, the Dawning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The bounty of thy Lord hath encompassed thee. Verily, He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him and arisen to serve Him. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions to do what He loveth and pleaseth. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. We have desired to make mention of those whose names thou hast mentioned, that God's favor unto thee and unto them might be perfected. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.O Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My Most Sublime Vision. Verily, He hath made mention of thee through verses whose fragrances have perfumed the worlds of dominion and kingdom, that thine eyes and the eyes of those who have turned with illumined hearts unto My luminous horizon might be solaced thereby. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold thee or the doubts of the dubious sadden thee. Cast aside the people and what they possess, taking hold of that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds.O Husayn! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee in the prison, that the Call might attract thee to the Most Exalted Summit. Thy Lord, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Beware lest the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment, frighten thee. Those who have attained unto the traces of My Pen are among those drawn nigh in My Perspicuous Book. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and godliness, and that whereby the light of man might shine resplendent throughout all existence. Thus hath the Pen of the Most Merciful spoken in this exalted station.O Rajab! Thy letter was present before the Throne. We heard thy call and have answered thee with a word from which the fragrance of permission hath been wafted. Verily, thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.O Ibrahim! The Truth hath appeared and revealed what was hidden in knowledge, inscribed in the Books, and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers. Blessed is

he who hath recognized His days and attained unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Woe unto him who hath denied God's proof and evidence and turned away from Him, following the idle fancies of the fanciful. Cast behind thee all else but God, turning unto God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. Verily, they who have turned unto Him with their hearts are in the vicinity of their Lord's mercy, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth.O Ali-Akbar! The world hath been honored by the advent of My Most Great Name, yet the nations are wrapped in a thick veil. Blessed is he who hath turned, whom the turning away of the people hath not hindered, and who hath directed his heart toward God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Give thanks unto God for having caused thy name to flow from His Most Exalted Pen and for having taught thee His straight path.

O Nasrullah! The Wronged One makes mention of thee - He through whose name the standards of victory and triumph were hoisted amongst mankind, and through whose command the banners of guidance were raised amidst all peoples, and the Dove warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Knowledge. The Promise has come, and the Promised One has appeared with a Cause before which neither the armies of the world nor the ranks of nations can stand. He speaks and will continue to speak before all faces: "There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent." We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which will manifest your glory and the elevation of your stations. He is verily the All-Wise Teacher. Blessed is he who seeks His purpose and acts according to that which He has commanded in the Book. We make mention of thy mother, as a token of Our grace, and of those handmaidens who have turned to and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. We have made mention of every maidservant who has turned to and believed in a Book which none has comprehended save God, the Lord of Creation.O Ali-Qabl-Muhammad! We have adorned the world with the ornament of wisdom and utterance, and have manifested that which was hidden from sight. Blessed is the one whose strength was not weakened by the circumstances of oppression, who arose and said: "God is my Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven." We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will draw thee closer in all conditions. He is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O people of God! Be not grieved by what has befallen you of hardship and tribulation. You have attained unto that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure through the eternity of Our Most Beautiful Names and Our Most Exalted Attributes. To this testifies the Mother Book in the most exalted station.O Muhammad-Qabl-Ali! The Point round which circle the Concourse on High makes mention of thee from His Most Glorious Horizon and commands thee to that which will exalt the Cause of God amongst His servants. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Akka: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful." He forgives whom He willeth through His grace, and chastises whom He desireth through His decree. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Beware lest the happenings of the world prevent thee from the remembrance of My Most Great Name. Be thou mindful amongst My servants, steadfast in service to My Cause, and hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.O Abul-Qasim! We have brought forth for thee from the ocean of inner meanings the pearl of remembrance and utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and upon every one steadfast and firm whom nothing whatsoever has deterred from this Cause, whereby the limbs of every stubborn infidel have quaked. We make mention of thy wife and daughter and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and

mercy. We beseech God to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him and benefit them in His realms. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving.We seal this utterance with the mention of him who loved Me and soared in the atmosphere of My love and heard My call and stood before My face and acknowledged that which My tongue hath spoken, and recognized that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will in My Books, My Scrolls, and My Tablets. He was named Haydar-Qabl-Ali. We testify that he attained unto acceptance in the first days and arose to serve the Cause in such wise that the clamor of the ignorant ones who came between God and His loved ones did not deter him - they who committed that which caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and then those who circle round the Throne morning and evening. His letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein he made mention of God's loved ones there and desired for each one of them the favors of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Each name hath attained unto My mention, as witnessed by Him Who possesseth the Mother of Tablets. We beseech God to aid you and ordain for you that which will preserve you from those who have cast the ordinance of God behind their backs and followed the manifestations of fancy and vain imaginings.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God, Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word through which all things were enraptured, and by the surging waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, O Lord of all mankind and Sovereign of both this world and the next, to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy loved ones that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity, the sun of Thy bounty, and the sea of Thy giving. O Lord! These are they who have turned unto Thee in Thy days, who have hearkened unto Thy sweetest call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and who have witnessed that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the springtime of Thy favor and by the mysteries of Thy grace and mercy, to aid them under all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, through which the limbs of the people have trembled. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.[This sentence appears at the end of this book: "The copy of the sacred Tablets that were revealed by the Most Exalted Pen for the loved ones is in the handwriting of Bahajist Muhammad Ali, entitled the Greater Branch, son of Baha'u'llah. Year 1353 Hijri."]

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!O Dove! The servant who was present came and presented what was in your letter. We found it a mirror reflecting your love for the Beloved of the world and your orientation towards Him. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh, having drunk, and having attained. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Manifest One. We have witnessed the fire that hath encompassed thee in thy love for thy Lord, and We have seen its flames and heard its roaring. Exalted is He Who kindled it, ignited it, and manifested it. He is the One with power at Whose manifestation of might the very essence of power confesseth its powerlessness. Thy Lord is He Who heareth and seeth; He is the All-Informed. Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee even as He mentioned thee before, and in this hour He walketh and saith: "I have found the fragrance of thy love and witnessed thy sincerity and humility, as thy heart was engaged in My remembrance and thy tongue was occupied in uttering My

beauteous praise." Thus hath the Water of Life flowed forth that thou mayest rejoice in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O handmaiden! Your call was heard and your letter was presented before the Throne. Praise be to God that the flames of divine love were witnessed therein. God willing, thou wilt ever be delighting in the remembrance of the Friend, drinking in His Name, finding rest in His memory, and occupied with His thought, that perchance distant souls may draw nigh unto the ocean of nearness, and weary spirits may hasten, through the warmth of the Word, toward that direction which is sanctified from all directions.Some of the faithful are observed to be sorrowful, nay rather fearful, on account of the event that hath come to pass in the land of ?ad, whereas the Hand of God's power hath, through His special favor, raised them up and showered upon them from the heaven of mercy and the clouds of bounty the rain of grace and blessing. His complete power hath adorned them with the raiment of glory amongst mankind, such that the tongues of the sincere ones and those brought nigh have spoken their praise. They attained such a station that even their enemies bore witness to the loftiness of their rank, and in their final days they achieved the most exalted and supreme station, which is that of the Most Great Martyrdom - a station which, from time immemorial unto eternity, hath been and will ever be sought after by the chosen ones and friends of God. Nevertheless, some are seen to be troubled and grieved.God willing, this sorrow hath appeared because of love for them. By the ocean of inner meanings! Were the station of but one of their servants who are now engaged in service to be revealed, all the peoples of the earth would be thunderstruck. Blessed is he who reflecteth upon what hath come to pass, that he may become aware of the greatness of the Cause and its sovereignty. This station which they attained was what they themselves had beseeched from God, glorified and exalted be He, and what they had sought with the utmost yearning and desire.Say: O friends! Ye have endured much in the path of love for the Beloved of the worlds. Ye have witnessed what was not worthy to be seen, and heard what was not worthy to be heard, and in the path of the Friend ye have borne matters which were in truth heavier than mountains. Blessed be your appearance, your eyes, and your ears, for what they have borne, seen, and heard. Now, know ye the value of this most exalted and sublime station, and waste it not. In every case, this world is transient and all who dwell therein shall fall prey to death, and all that is therein shall be afflicted by the claws of change.Ask ye God, glorified and exalted be He, at all times, to preserve you and keep you steadfast on the path of His Cause. Know ye this much: that whatsoever ye have borne in His path, or seen, or heard - this hath been through His grace and favor, wherewith ye have been specially endowed, and this mention of you in the Tablets hath been and will continue to be another of His bounties. Ye have tasted the cup of tribulation in His path; now drink ye the choice sealed wine from the cups of His remembrance and favors.God willing, may ye be assisted to serve the Cause. We counsel all to manifest praiseworthy characteristics, goodly deeds, and befitting actions. Today it behooveth everyone to hold fast unto that which will exalt the Cause of God and to cleave thereunto. Say: We say only this much, and leave the rest to your own sense of justice as to what beseemeth such a Day. Be not grieved by outward weakness, abasement, and distress. By the Sun of the heaven of independence, wealth and riches circle round about you, make mention of you, and are inclined toward you. If one considers the divine wisdom, their appearance remained veiled for some days. Days will come when each one will appear manifest and radiant like the sun. We beseech God that people may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterances and truly find them. The Glory be upon you from Us, and upon your brother, and upon

My Name who gave up his spirit in My path and dwelleth in the precincts of My mercy. We make mention at the end of the Book of your brother who turned his face toward My countenance, stood before the gate of My grandeur, and heard My wondrous and mighty call. God willing, may that which hath been mentioned not pass from their sight. May they be assured of divine grace, drink at all times from the choice wine of remembrance, gaze toward His direction, and God willing, may the mention of love and unity not pass from sight.At this point We make mention of him who was named Kazim, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou and thy brother who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Behold, then make mention of Our servant Kazim who was martyred in the land of Sad - a martyrdom at whose tragedy the atoms of all created things wept, and beyond them the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names. Thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this.O Kazim! Reflect upon God's grace and observe His mercy that hath preceded all the worlds. Ponder the blessed word that was revealed in the Book of Ha and Sin where He saith, and His word is the truth: "Whoso is God's, God is his." And since those holy souls gave up the world and all therein in the path of the Lord of Oneness and attained unto the chalice of martyrdom which is in truth the most exalted cup, the Supreme Pen is seen to be engaged and moving in their remembrance morn and eve. By the Sun of the Kingdom of utterance! If the scratching of the Supreme Pen were truly heard by an attentive ear, all people would leave their homes and cry out "Here am I, O God, here am I!" Blessed is the ear that heareth and the heart that perceiveth what hath transpired, and the taste that hath tasted what hath appeared from the ocean of thy Lord's grace, the Forgiving, the Generous.O Kazim! Act according to that which thou hast been commanded and thou shalt witness thy Lord's grace encompassing the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the mountains were scattered, the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and the people were shaken, save those whom God wished, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty.And whatsoever was mentioned in your letter was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: Act according to what We have commanded thee in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, may you speak of the remembrance of the Ancient Beauty and the Lord of all nations, detached from the world. The Glory be upon thee and upon every insightful soul who hath turned unto Him.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!Praise be to God Who hath sent down the Book and manifested the evident signs and spoke with the tongue of grandeur before the creation of earth and heavens. Verily there is no God but Him, and He hath caused all things to speak that they may testify to that which He Himself hath testified. He is indeed the Powerful One Whom the might of the world hath not hindered, and the Self-Sufficient Who is untouched by the poverty of nations, Who hath detailed from the Point the knowledge of what was and what shall be, and hath sent forth from His grace that which nothing in all creation can equal. There is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And blessings and peace be upon His chosen one and His beloved, the Point around which revolve the spheres of knowledge and utterance, of wisdom and exposition, and upon His family and companions whom God hath made the hands of His Cause and the manifestations of His remembrance,

and through whom God hath aided His religion. Verily He is the Strong, the All-Wise.And then, your letter arrived at a time when this servant found no opportunity to offer a reply, as time was utterly lacking and no one was available in the castle to deliver the response. Thus it remained delayed. Although through divine grace you are at all times blessed with the mention, utterance, and loving-kindness of our Master (may my spirit be sacrificed for His sake), to such a degree that all bear witness to this supreme bounty and magnificent gift. The first purpose was and is the well-being of the Afnans of the Blessed Tree - upon them be all His Most Glorious Beauty - and yourself, as well as the other friends of God, upon them be God's peace. Secondly, mention was made of ?abib. God willing, may he be assisted in a matter of which he is now unaware of its fruits. Praise be to God, you went on a special mission and now return with special permission. Its beginning was peace and its end light and mercy.Regarding what was written about the wish of the Leaf of the Blessed Tree - upon her be all His Most Glorious Beauty - in these days fourteen accepted souls intend to return from this land. It was thought that if it reaches these souls, it would be acceptable for expenditure on the path. And when it was presented before His presence, He said: "O servant present, write to Abu'l-Hasan - upon him be My glory - that the Leaf's own wish must be carried out. We have accepted this that it may be a glory and honor to her. We have commanded the servant present to undertake the accomplishment of this service wherever possible. Otherwise, the matter is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." End.

Praise be to God that the effulgent rays of the Sun of acceptance illumined and adorned with its most beauteous ornament the kingdom of hope. Upon first arrival at the barracks, His Holiness the Afnan, my master, the honorable J.A. who ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon, sent a letter expressing his desire that a set of special lamp fixtures be sent to the Holy Presence. After this was presented, it was stated that although the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - had commanded that 2001 exquisite and sublime lamps and adorned and lofty lights be lit before Him, yet now the Wronged One dwells in military barracks, in a house whose curtains are spiderwebs and whose dilapidation is evident from all sides. Although this ruined house is, in the sight of God, more excellent, more beloved and more glorious than a palace of rubies, yet outwardly such accoutrements befit not this desolate place. Now, through the wondrous infinite grace, that praiseworthy and accepted deed has been manifested through the intention of the Leaf, and has been honored with acceptance. His is the praise and the glory, His is the gratitude and the splendor. Give glad tidings to that beloved of the Leaf - upon her be nine-fold most glorious splendor - of this manifest, brilliant, radiant benevolence. And all that was mentioned refers to the special grace and favor shown to the Afnan of the Sacred Tree. The servant indeed praises God his Lord and thanks Him for this bounty which has encompassed the Afnans - upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful.This evanescent servant presents his utter effacement and nothingness to all, and likewise to the assured, steadfast, pure, sanctified and tranquil souls. At the letter's end: We await your most sweet, most sweet presence. Peace and glory be upon you, and God's mercy and [blessings].The Servant22nd of the honored month of Shawwal 1300He is God!It is submitted that after completing this letter, another missive arrived from that beloved one, hence it became necessary to trouble you again. God the One is witness that this servant feels the utmost gratitude and embarrassment toward that beloved one. Indeed, you have shown the utmost diligence in investigating and searching for marble and other stones. In this world few people understand one's purpose and grasp

what is intended in matters, but that beloved one has exceeded expectations and taken great pains, recording various opinions and views. What that honored one has mentioned is correct, for marble is indeed superior, more excellent, more splendid and more beautiful. However, considering the times, various stones have been and are being mentioned, with the intention that the cost not exceed moderation.Regarding what you wrote that there are many options available - indeed it is just as you wrote. It is very good that you have made inquiries from others besides Habib. This servant had also intended to mention to you that there are some good craftsmen there - do make inquiries from them as well as from Habib. Praise be to God that beloved one has, of his own accord, done what was in this evanescent one's mind. Now what is needed is to meet with you. Please determine from Nicholas the mason what daily wages would be required if we were to request a master craftsman to come to Akka. Please specify this matter. After your arrival we can discuss - if agreeable we will request that craftsman, otherwise not.And regarding what you wrote that it was decided to bring both a simple design and an ornate design - this is good, along with the fountain designs mentioned. Now we await that beloved one's arrival.

Another matter: there is a stone found here known as Jules stone, and Jules is a village outside of Akka at a distance of one hour. Consult with the craftsmen - if they deem it suitable, let them send a craftsman who is truly skilled and capable of completing the task, to provide instructions for cutting it. Let the craftsman finish it, then Nicola or Habib can come and assemble it. Habib's craftsman has seen that stone, and in any case the craftsman's fee must be determined. If it is deemed advisable, we shall request it. Another matter: the letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, was not given. The reason for this will be mentioned when we meet. That honored one should not mention anything about this, as there was concern it might cause distress. After the meeting, whatever is deemed advisable will be carried out. The Glory be upon you.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!Praise be to God Who hath taught us that He is the Doer, the All-Choosing. He doeth what He willeth, speaketh as He pleaseth, and expoundeth as He desireth. At times I hear from the Tongue of Grandeur that "I am the All-Knowing," and at other times that "I have been sanctified from it from time immemorial." Sometimes He proclaimeth with the most exalted call that "With Me is the knowledge of the heavens and earth," and at other times He calleth out and saith "With Me is naught save the knowledge of Mine own Self, and I am the Mighty, the All-Knowing." He is the One around Whose gate's courtyard no decree save truth can draw nigh, even should He decree for the earth what is decreed in heaven, and in Whose atmosphere no bird of forgetfulness can soar, even should He say "I have forgotten what was sent down from the heaven of My will in the scriptures and tablets."Praise be to God Who hath made known to us His straight path and His Most Great Name, and hath manifested unto us that whereby every mouldering bone is quickened. I pray, offer salutations and glorify those whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon, and whom the might of princes hath not weakened from standing firm in this Cause, whereby the limbs of all things have trembled. These are honored servants whom God hath described through the

tongue of His Beloved, His Chosen One, the Seal of His Prophets and the Example to His chosen ones - by whom the Night Journey was adorned and the gate of knowledge was opened to all who dwell in the realm of possibility - as “honored servants, on whom there is no fear, neither shall they grieve.”Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the Primal Point and the Most Exalted Word to ordain for Thy servants who have believed in Thee and Thy signs that which will draw them nearer unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.Thereafter, this evanescent servant attained unto the honor of reading thy exalted letter. Praise be to God, it brought such joy as this servant is powerless to describe, for each of its words was adorned with the lights of the love of God. After its perusal and reading, it was presented before His presence. The Sun of loving-kindness dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of grace. God willing, may they forever be blessed with the outpourings of the True Bestower in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Verily, He is the Munificent Giver. Let them in all conditions observe and hold fast unto wisdom. Until they find ears to hear, let them not speak. Previously this blessed word flowed from the Pen: “Cast the seeds of My divine wisdom in the pure earth of the heart, and water them with the water of certitude, that the hyacinths of knowledge and wisdom may spring up fresh and green from the holy city.” And in another place He saith: “The wise ones among My servants are those who speak not till they find a listener, even as the cup-bearer who proffereth not the cup till he findeth one who seeketh it, and the lover who crieth not out from his soul until he gazeth upon the beauty of his beloved.” Therefore must ye sow the seeds of knowledge and wisdom in the earth of search and conceal them, that divine wisdom may sprout from the heart and not from mere clay. For the people are intoxicated with the wine of pride and are unaware of the pure and holy Fountain. They strive according to their own understanding to prove a fault and raise an uproar. Verily, He loveth wisdom and commandeth you to observe wisdom, even as He commanded you aforetime. He, verily, is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As to the question asked about the blessed word - although the exact verse is not in view - O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my heart, most utterances are revealed in the language of the people, and in the heavenly Books there are many such instances. No one has been or is aware of the consummate divine wisdom and inner mysteries of the Lord, except for that which He Himself reveals and commands His servants to follow. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - in one place states that if anyone claims for me special prophethood, guardianship or particular gateship, he has uttered falsehood and I am innocent of him. Yet in another place He speaks that which the reality of understanding is powerless to comprehend. The Truth, exalted be His station, is the possessor of the Most Great Infallibility, and the meaning of the Most Great Infallibility is that error, mistake and forgetfulness have no access whatsoever to that realm. This is the station of “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.” If He declares the qiblih to be toward the east, it is the indubitable truth, and if He declares it to be toward the west, likewise. Even as in the Qur’an, the Beloved of all possibility, in accordance with the command of the All-Merciful, turned toward the qiblih of Islam to which they turn today. “Were He to pronounce the earth to be heaven, no one hath the right to question why and wherefore.” I swear by the Sun of Truth that were a breeze from the direction of this station to pass over the withered trees of possibility, all would be seen fresh and verdant. Blessed are they who understand.As to the question about the inscription at the end of one of the blessed Tablets reading

“Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali, Mine of God’s Command” - if this was not a scribal error, by the precedence of Muhammad before ’Ali is meant His Holiness Quddus - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - who was known by the name Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali and who attained the supreme martyrdom in the land of Mim. Upon him and upon those with him be the glory of God, His light, and the loving-kindness and mercy of God.As to the mention that He has said that whoever attributes miracles to this Most Great Manifestation has uttered falsehood and calumny - this word was revealed before the Manifestation, as a wisdom from His presence and protection for the servants. Had this evanescent servant found opportunity, he would have explained these matters in detail, but in any case he hopes for forgiveness.Regarding the matter of the veil about which they wrote, this servant was confirmed in writing one and it was sent. God willing, they will attain unto it. As for the final veil, I beseech God to grant confirmation that perchance it may be written and dispatched.My request and entreaty to your honor is to adorn each of the friends of God residing in that land with greetings from this evanescent one, and to express pure devotion. This evanescent servant beseeches God - glorified be His majesty - to aid and confirm all to that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the confirmer of His devoted servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory and remembrance and greetings be upon you and upon them and upon every steadfast believer.The Servant

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As to the manner of preserving the sacred talisman after performing ablutions: Wholly detached from all else, and turning to God, the Lord of Earth and Heaven, one should sit facing the Qiblih. Then recite the verse of power which is inscribed in the first line, followed by the Names of God which are recorded in the second line. Then, with the utmost humility, reverence, detachment, attention and sincerity, fold it and keep it without opening it again. And if at any time, for any reason, it is opened, all that was mentioned must be performed anew.

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His honour Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of GodThe Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-SubsistingHe is God, exalted be His station, the Benevolent, the BestowerPraise be to God Who hath opened the gates of knowledge and learning to the faces of His servants and revealed that which was hidden in the treasuries of His knowledge. He is verily the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty hath encompassed all created things, and the Munificent, Whose generosity hath encompassed all contingent beings. Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His grace. There is none other God but Him.O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, from the prison of ’Akka. He verily adorneth thee with the ornament of utterance and guideth thee to the path of God, the Lord of all lords. Thy letter hath attained unto My presence. We have answered thee with this Tablet through which that which was hidden from eyes hath been revealed. This is a day wherein the gate of munificence hath been opened unto all who are in the world, and the gate of bounty unto all who are in existence. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of this Day which God hath made the lord of days. Rejoice in that the Lord of the worlds hath remembered thee in His Most Great Prison and hath revealed for thee that which caused the Trumpet to be sounded and the mountains to pass away.O Muhammad-Qabli-

Hadi! My Most Exalted Pen hath desired to mention thee and to reveal for thee that whereby the atoms cried out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return!” Say: O people! The Day hath come and the Call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. Fear ye the Lord of all beings, Who hath come from the horizon of might with power and sovereignty. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My call and the servant that hath turned unto the Dayspring of lights.O concourse of loved ones! There hath been ordained for you from the Pen of Destiny that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous. Beware lest the happenings of the world and the clamor of nations sadden you. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given by God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect you and aid you in that which will draw you nigh unto Him. He is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.Your mention hath attained Our presence and We have revealed for you again and again that whereby the trees have called out and uttered what the Tree of Sinai uttered unto the son of ’Imran. The Glory of God be upon you from God, the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven.O Mahdi! Hearken unto My everlasting remembrance. It verily draweth thee nigh unto God and guideth thee unto the right path. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and for having revealed unto me that which will not change with the passing of centuries and ages.O Asadu’llah! The Lord of Names hath mentioned thee with verses which, when revealed, caused the earth to be cleft asunder and the heavens to be rent. Rejoice that the Lord of the world hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath revealed for thee that whereby the Call hath been raised from every direction.O Mirza Ghafur! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned unto thee and mentioned thee with verses whereby the lands have been illumined. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not those who have denied His proof and His testimony, and pursue not every heedless doubter.O Mirza-Qabli-Na?ir! The Glorious One hath turned unto thee and given thee to drink, from the hand of His bounty, the Kawthar of His utterance. Take thou in His Name, then drink at His command, the Protector of all regions. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having mentioned me with verses which, when revealed, caused all things to proclaim: “By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come in the shadows of the clouds.”

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mahdi, who hath turned towards the horizon of Revelation and believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We beseech for thee steadfastness, and for those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many a servant hath believed and claimed for himself the most great steadfastness, then his foot hath slipped because of the doubts of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Take hold of the Book with a power that the ranks and hosts cannot prevent.O Muhammad-Qabli-Ja’far! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily it guideth thee unto God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is the servant whom vain desires have not kept back from the Lord of all men, and whom the intimations of every heedless one that is veiled have not caused to slip. Take what thou art bidden and set aside what the people possess, as a command from God, the Mighty, the Loving. O people! Observe God’s ordinances amongst you and that which ye have been counselled in His praiseworthy station.O Mirza-Qabli-Ghulamali! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison precincts and hath made mention of thee in such wise as to cause thy name to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Beware, beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan prevent thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. Beware, beware lest that which hath been revealed in the Bayan veil thee.

Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Take hold of the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of destiny, and say: I beseech Thee, O Lord of mankind, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Commander, the Mighty, the Beloved.O Haji Majid! Thy name was presented before Us. We have made mention of thee and have sent down for thee that which draweth hearts unto themselves. Beware lest anything prevent thee, or any power weaken thee, or any might frighten thee. Set aside what the people possess and take what thou art bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily, We have manifested that which was hidden and have sent down that which was treasured in God's knowledge at this flourishing station.O Mahdi! The Commander hath come, yet the people know not, and the Bestower hath come riding upon the clouds, yet most men perceive not. Arise with utmost steadfastness in this Cause, at whose appearance the herald proclaimed: "By God, the Preserved Tablet hath appeared!" Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast guided me unto Thy extended path."O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! The Promise hath come to pass, and He Who was promised maketh mention of thee in such wise as hath caused the fragrance of God's utterance to be diffused throughout all possibilities. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and woe unto every heedless one that is veiled. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of bounty, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all men, for having sent down unto me Thy verses and manifested unto me Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by Thy binding command and Thy sealed secret to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Protector of the seen and the unseen."O Muhammad-Qabli-Hadi! How many a servant hath turned unto God and then turned away because he heard the utterances of every rejected enemy. We have desired naught and have called the servants purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the hosts. Say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Tree, and by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which shall profit me through Thy name amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, Whom neither the clamor of Thy servants nor the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat, can prevent."

O Muhammad-Qablih-Karim! He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath turned towards thee and hath sent down that whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. The Day of God is come, yet most of the people are sunk in heedlessness. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and follow not them who have denied the Day of Judgment. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the souls of men. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken forth from this luminous horizon. Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom through this wondrous and glorious remembrance. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon My loved ones and My chosen ones who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, and who have acted in accordance with that which was enjoined upon them in My perspicuous Book.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most GloriousPraise be to God, Who hath ever been and will continue to be the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Holy, the Most Pure, the Single, the Impenetrable, the Peerless, the One, the Self-Subsisting. He will forever be as He hath always been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath manifested the clear proofs and sent down the verses in such wise that the horizons have been filled therewith. The Path hath appeared, the Balance hath been set up, and He hath called all to a station that transcendeth description. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.Thereafter, your honor had previously given this servant a page containing the names of God's loved ones. In these days it was presented at the Most Holy Court, and for each one, a line from the Hidden Tablet was revealed and sent down. His is all praise and bounty, His is all glory and laudation and grandeur. I swear by the Sun of the heavens of truth that the like of this favor hath never appeared in the world, nor shall it ever appear. In the nights and days, the glances of His grace have been and will continue to be directed towards His friends. This evanescent one and your honor must beseech Him, glorified be His majesty, that He may enable all to render thanks and perform such deeds as befit these days and this bounty, that He may adorn all with the raiment of submission and crown them with the diadems of contentment. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, to Whose might all atoms testify, and the Self-Subsisting, to Whose sovereignty all created things bear witness. My mention and the mention of what is above me and above that which is above me, nay the mention of the world and the peoples and what is above them and below them, can never attain to the most insignificant of the signs which He hath deposited in His kingdom. Glorified, glorified is He above all meaning and utterance, above all mention and description, above all words and understanding.And this new letter which they have written to your honor from Yazd and given to this servant - in these days when verses are being revealed and sent down like torrential rain, I presented it at the Most Holy Court. He mentioned each one with His blessed tongue, and the Sun of divine favor rose upon each one. This servant is powerless to describe it. By the True One Himself, were but one letter thereof to shine upon the darkest night, it would become as the night of the full moon. God willing, may all receive their portion from the breezes of these days and engage in serving the Cause, for that which causeth strife, contention and corruption hath never been and will never be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause, but rather leadeth to its waste. God willing, all should assist the divine Cause through pure and holy deeds, noble resolve, and praiseworthy and acceptable conduct. Time and again have I heard such utterances from the Tongue of Grandeur and conveyed them to the friends of God. May this servant and all be enabled to achieve that which is pleasing to the Desired One of all worlds.

Mention hath been made repeatedly in the Most Holy Presence of Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and his letters have reached this servant. That honored one can bear witness that this servant hath rarely had, and still rarely hath, opportunity to write. Yet not everything that remaineth unwritten by the pen is forgotten from the heart. God, the One, is My witness that their names are ever remembered and their thoughts ever present. Most often this ephemeral one is occupied with transcribing the divine verses, and if perchance some leisure is found, with attending to certain necessary matters about which the Point of Oneness–that is, the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him–left instructions. For in numerous instances He instructed all who are in the Bayan to serve the Ancient Beauty in the days of His Manifestation, particularly during His presence. Though this servant is incapable of service worthy of the servants of the Bab, yet according to his capacity some

movement is made. God is the All-Forgiving, the Concealer. May He, God willing, adorn the deeds of this ephemeral one and His friends with the ornament of acceptance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.Concerning what was written about Aqa Shaykh Muhammad in this letter, it was presented before the Most Holy Presence. This blessed word shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Divine Utterance: May he, God willing, be a breaker of the idols of passion and a guide to the path of the Lord of Names.Likewise, mention was made in that letter of Haji Mulla Ibrahim and Aqa Muhammad-Rida and others. The details of their circumstances as mentioned in the letter were presented. This is what the All-Bestowing One revealed in reply:He is the All-Knowing ExpositorRemember from Our presence those servants whom God hath freed from the chains of passion and aided to turn towards the Supreme Horizon–the station whereat the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End!" Blessed are they who have quaffed My sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and it is My hidden love wherewith none have been favored save those near ones who have cast away the world and taken what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the Throne and of Earth. God willing, may they, through the grace of the Lord of Days, shine bright like the stars of the heaven of utterance, and with perfect wisdom be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Peerless Friend. By My life! This is the day of remembrance, praise, and service to the Cause. A hundred thousand regrets for those souls who have let pass from them that which befitteth and is worthy of these days. Hold ye fast to the cord of My grace and cling to the hem of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.End of the divine revelation. This ephemeral one's submission is that you convey sublime greetings to each one on behalf of this servant.Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad-Hasan 'A??ar, upon him be Baha'u'llah, they had written his details from the Land of Ha, and mentioned the allowance, and likewise the dye and cumin that they had previously sent have arrived. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid and assist him at all times in that which is the cause of an enduring goodly remembrance. Convey on behalf of this servant sublime and glorious greetings to him. May he ever be, God willing, the recipient of the outpourings of the true Bestower of Grace and be ever turned toward His horizon. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and that which endureth is the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As for what was written regarding Jinab-i-Ustad Baqir, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], details about him and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan were both presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: "Excellent is what they have done in the path of God. Their remaining was preferable to traveling." Thus doth the All-Informed apprise them. "Verily, We pronounce from this station Our 'Allah-u-Akbar' upon their faces, and nothing that hath been created in the realm of possibility can equal this pronouncement. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them to remain steadfast with the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped." Thus it ended. Praise be to God that on this blessed day a number have attained unto the remembrance of God. Blessed are those souls whose names the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. God will soon reveal that which is veiled today. Verily, He is the Manifest, the Revealer. The Glory be upon thee and upon every name that was in thy letter, and upon all who have turned unto the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

He is God! O Maid-servant of God! The letter thou hadst written was received. It brought exceeding joy and gladness, for it contained matters that were evidence of the steadfastness and constancy of the

friends of God. It told of the unity and accord of the beloved of the Lord, and the aid and assistance they rendered unto one another. Such glad-tidings caused infinite happiness, for firmness and steadfastness in this wondrous Cause is as a magnet that draweth down the confirmations and aid from the Kingdom of God […]

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He is the Forgiver! He is the Bestower and the Kind!The Arabic utterances which were revealed in wondrous Hijazi melodies from the heaven of Divine sovereignty exceed the limits of enumeration and the comprehension of men of understanding. However, due to differences in tongues and perception, some have failed to grasp God's purpose and have remained veiled from the Desired One and deprived of their goal. Therefore, in this Tablet, we shall mention briefly some of the gems of divine counsels and realities of heavenly exhortations in melodious Iraqi and Persian verses, so that God's purpose may become manifest and evident to all the world like the rising sun and the true dawn. This is from the grace which was foreordained for you.Know ye that the Truth, exalted be His mention, has been and will ever be sanctified above the worship, servitude and remembrance of His servants, for none among created things has had or will have the capacity or ability to know Him as He should be known. The possible can soar as it may in the atmospheres of nearness, reunion, attainment and immortality, yet it can never transcend the point of contingent existence which was created by the Will that pertains to the realm of possibility. The King Who doeth what He willeth has, in the eternity of eternities, dwelt in the loftiness of His glory and the utmost heights of His beauty. And since all paths to Him were blocked and cut off from all besides Him, He did, through pure bounty and sheer grace, kindness and favor, raise up in every age and epoch a Soul to guide His servants from the valley of heedlessness and passion to the heights of glory and eternity, and to lead them from the realm of poverty and nothingness to the heaven of wealth and existence, that perchance these holy birds might be drawn to their divine homeland, and being sanctified from selfish and earthly allusions, might gather in the shade of the Face of God and abide forevermore in the eternity of God.In all ages and epochs some among His servants have claimed these stations, yet never has mere assertion been accepted. Hence tests and trials have ever descended from the heaven of power that the true might be distinguished from the false. Consider how all these people claim the love of God, which is the greatest, foremost and most precedent of all things, yet even before trials descend they turn away in deed - how much more after afflictions, ordeals, calamities and tribulations! Reflect on what I say, O ye who are endowed with insight!In brief, it is certain that that Ancient Being dwells in the retreat of transcendence and the treasury of inaccessibility, established upon the throne of sanctification and abstraction. Entry and exit, ascent and descent have no place in that station. After this subtle point is established, it becomes clear to every person of insight that neither does the obedience of created things add to His glory, nor does the disobedience of existing beings detract from His majesty. Never can the deeds of the finite reach the court of the Eternal, nor can the stain of the transient soil the hem of His everlasting glory. None besides Him is mentioned before Him, and nothing other than Him has any name in His presence. The possible remains within the bounds of contingency, and the Necessary exists in the heights of sanctity and glory. After these stations are established, there remains no doubt that whatsoever has been sent down from the eternal heaven whether the purpose is the upliftment of the

servants themselves, it is nonetheless far from fairness that they should deprive themselves of the holy fragrances of these days. Let this much be known: not an atom's weight of the deeds of created things remains hidden or concealed. However, in view of supreme compassion and the all-encompassing mercy upon all things, these have not been and will never be revealed or disclosed. Yet when audacity exceeds the bounds of moderation, He therefore informs certain servants that perchance they might feel ashamed and desist. Otherwise, out of His perfect mercy and grace, He has never been and will never be willing to expose the faults of His servants. Say at last to the servants of God: those who are given to transgression and lewdness, the heedless and the blind, when they visit visible gardens, strive upon their return to bring back what flowers they can as gifts. You who claim to have entered the holy paradise of divine beauty - what sign or token have you brought back from that sweet realm of the Beloved? After all, the people of the Bayan should be characterized by the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and the loved ones of the Beloved must possess the gentle breezes of the All-Glorious, that all the peoples of the earth might inhale the divine perfumes from His loved ones, and distinguish the traces of truth from falsehood as clearly as the luminous morn from the dark night. I swear by God, had this small band moved among humanity with divine attributes, by now all the peoples of the earth would be circling round the Cause of God and turning toward His sanctuary. What was decreed has come to pass. God willing, we hope that hereafter they may be resurrected from the dust of heedlessness by the holy breeze of divine oneness in a new form and wondrous guise, and arise to fulfill what they have neglected. I swear by God that never have days more delightful than these days appeared in creation, nor will there ever appear a greater season than this season. While time remains, deprive not yourselves of the eternal paradise of the All-Glorious and the garden of beauty of the All-Beauteous, and be not despairing and debarred from the cloud of bounty and the rain of grace. It is evident that this servant has always kept in view and considered the good, welfare and righteousness of God's loved ones, to such extent that He has shown more consideration for them than they themselves - and God suffices as witness. It is clear to you what measure of hidden and manifest trials have been poured upon this servant, all of which He has endured that perchance the dead bodies might be quickened by the breezes of God and might arise from the slumber of negligence through the divine morning breeze. Not that we should completely avoid association and prefer concealment to manifestation, as has become common in these days. In these days when all peoples - Arab and Persian, Turk and Fars, Christian and Jew, learned and ignorant - have risen to oppose this servant, seeking nothing but to extinguish the light of God and quench the fire of God, this servant has stood firm against them all, though aware of what they have concealed in their hearts. Now at least the loved ones should not become another source of grief and sorrow for such a servant who is encompassed by trials, afflictions and ordeals. Let us see what fairness will accomplish and how God's Cause will unfold. In all things my trust is in Him, and God is sufficient for us and the best of guardians.

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In His Name, the Manifest One, Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!Praise be sanctified above the comprehension of minds, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of the Beloved One, Who through a single exalted Word, shining forth from the dayspring of the heaven of the Mother Book,

caused the ocean of utterance to appear and its waves to surge forth, raised high the heaven of knowledge and adorned it with suns and moons. Through it was the earth cleft asunder, the heaven of idle fancies rent apart, the pillars of idolatry shaken, the forces of tyranny brought to lamentation, and all the tribes of the earth seized with trembling, save those rescued by the hand of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to hearing it and hath clung fast thereunto. Such a one is recorded by God among the gems of existence and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen.O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy numerous letters were received and the servant present before the Face presented them, attaining the honor of their being heard. From every word was diffused the fragrance of steadfastness, devotion, arising to serve, orientation toward God, and detachment. We praise God for His grace, His loving-kindness, and His favors in having aided you, drawn you nigh, and sent down for you that which calleth out in the realms of knowledge and wisdom, and for your humility and submissiveness to the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords.O Ahmad! Hear once again the call from the Most Exalted Horizon: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Whoso objecteth to this Cause hath indeed objected to God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Cast aside what the people possess and hasten to the good-pleasure of God. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in a station wherein naught is seen save the lights of the Face and naught is heard save the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.Thou didst hear the Call when it was raised from the Prison of Akka, and thou didst behold the Most Exalted Horizon while the people were in manifest delusion. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen while the Wronged One was in this mighty stronghold. Say: O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come from the Most Exalted Horizon with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Fear ye God and follow not every deluded remote one - those who are moved by the tempests of idle fancies as they please. Verily they are among the oppressors in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.We have mentioned thee before with a mention by which the hearts of the sincere were attracted, and We have revealed for thee that which consoled the eyes of them that are nigh, and We have manifested for thee from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics.

We have lit for thee the lamp of divine knowledge in the niche of utterance and have preserved it with the glass of wisdom. Verily, thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Behold ye, then call to mind that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in this momentous announcement. Be fair in the name of God and follow not your ignorant divines who have violated God's covenant and His testament when there came unto them the Kingdom of divine utterance from the presence of One mighty and powerful. O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto that which My Herald hath spoken, and oppose not Him Who hath come unto you from the Dayspring of the Cause with a wondrous command. O people of the Gospel! Read that which God hath revealed unto the Spirit, and be not of the wrongdoers. I am verily the Station unto which the Spirit ascended, were ye of them that comprehend. I am the Book from which all the Books of God have been expounded, were ye of the fair-minded. That which was never manifest before hath now been made manifest - to this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from this exalted Station. Purify your hearts from the dust of idle fancies, then aid Him through deeds from which every possessor of perception will inhale the fragrance of sanctity and

the sweet savour of sincerity unto God, the Peerless, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.Remind My loved ones there and gladden them with My tender mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O people of Baha! Beware lest ye be hindered by the cawing of every remote croaker. Soon will there come unto you one who speaketh according to his desires - he is assuredly of the calumniators in the Book of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Believe not in one who cometh unto you with that which causeth affairs to differ. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the ignorant ones. Take ye the chalice of steadfastness in My Name, then drink from it in remembrance of Me, the All-Wise. Say: Turn with illumined hearts unto the Most Sublime Horizon, detached from those who speak that which God hath not permitted them. Thus doth the Divine Lote-Tree instruct you, and the Tongue of God counselleth you in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of loving-kindness and grace from One compassionate and generous.When the wine of thy Lord's utterance hath intoxicated thee and the Kawthar of divine knowledge hath attracted thee, say: I beseech Thee, O my Lord, the Gracious, by Thy Command that dominateth all things possible, and by the splendours of the lights of the Sun of Thy manifestation, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy unity, to make me speak in remembrance of Thee and hold fast to Thy cord in such wise that neither the Pharaohs of the lands nor the oppressors among the servants shall hinder me. Then cause to appear from this servant of Thine, O my God, that which shall endure as long as Thy celestial dominion and Thy realm of might endureth. O Lord! I am he who hath cast away idle fancies, hastening unto the lights of Thy countenance, and hath abandoned vain imaginings, running unto the court of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and by that which was hidden in Thy knowledge to aid me in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Hear in the Persian tongue! Praise be to God, thou hast been favored with His special grace and art mentioned and remembered before the Wronged One. Convey to all thy kindred the greetings of the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of the waves of God's ocean of grace and bounty. Likewise to the friends in that land, that all may drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds and be illumined with the light of steadfastness. Unceasingly hath this word flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Tablets: Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty, and this Day mighty, mighty. The eyes of the loved ones must be fixed upon the Supreme Horizon, and their ears attuned to the call of the Lord of Names. Countless deluded souls are to be seen. In brief, should anyone speak that which God hath not willed, he is verily a lying impostor. To this beareth witness the Lord of Destiny from this Most Great Scene. Some have loved and do love discord. Now it is binding, nay incumbent, upon all to shun any word that causeth discord, even should it proceed from those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Today all must engage with illumined hearts in the service of the Cause and in exalting the Word of God. This is God's irrevocable decree which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. The loved ones in every city and region must appoint teachers from among their own people to give unto the servants the glad tidings of what hath appeared and shone forth. His honor 'Ali-Qabli-Haydar is also very good and acceptable for those parts. After reading this Tablet and hearing what is contained therein, send a copy thereof to the spiritual youth that he may be informed of what hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of ancient days on this luminous night. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them whom

the cawing of the crows and the doubts of the suspicious have not kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Let the honored Afnan, His Holiness Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], take note:He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!Praise, sanctified from all beginning and end, befitteth and beseemeth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of that Eternal Being, Who, through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Yathrib and Batha, hath adorned the people of the mortal realm - who were deprived of knowledge and learning - with the ornament of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and understanding. His Will is the sovereign of all created wills, and His Purpose the ruler of the purposes of all servants. He hath illumined the world with the light of the Most Exalted Word, and by its penetrating power hath He subjugated all. Glorified be His grandeur, exalted be His might, glorified be His glory, magnificent be His proof, and all-encompassing be His testimony! And blessing and peace be upon the Lord of existence from the unseen and the visible, through Whom the ocean of utterance surged before the faces of all religions, and through Whom were manifested those stations that elevated humanity in the contingent world; and upon His family and companions, through whom flowed the Euphrates of mercy amongst all creatures and through whom was fulfilled the judgment of the Resurrection Hour - they who gave glad tidings to the servants of that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an through His exalted words: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Worlds" - blessings whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of God's Kingdom, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.And now, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your exile, your distress, and your homeland. This blessed word was heard from the Blessed Tongue - He said: "His homeland is with Me and beneath the canopies of My loving-kindness. Praise be to God, and to Him belongs bounty, generosity, grandeur and glory." For repeatedly hath He mentioned that noble one with such words that were the hand of detachment to squeeze them, the water of life would flow therefrom. In any case, after reading and becoming informed, I proceeded to His presence and attained the honor of listening. His Word - may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him - the tongue of the realm of knowledge speaketh this exalted word: "Verily the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken the truth before all faces in the earliest of days, and hath mentioned its branches in such wise as hath rendered all pens impotent to describe. By the life of the Beloved! His profit and loss in all conditions returneth unto Us. This is a word that transformeth loss into the greatest profit, and it is the sun of utterances that hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of the Pen of grace and bounty. Blessed are those servants who have inhaled the fragrance of utterance and have attained unto that which God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, hath desired. O My Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness, and the grace of God and His mercy."The mention of you and those Afnan who are with you hath ever been and continues to be like the spring showers of divine mercy in the true springtime in this Most Great Prison. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for you every good that was in His Book and hidden in His knowledge. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Chosen One. Praise be to God! His grace encompasseth all and His loving-kindness accompanieth all. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be unto God! The successful, confirmed soul clearly and evidently beholdeth the traces of the universe and its fruits from the Most Exalted Pen. The world standeth bewildered at what hath been deposited therein, which no exhaustion can diminish. The door of its treasury hath been opened by the key of the will of our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and at every moment the pearls of wisdom and utterance appear with such a radiance and shine with such a light that the true experts are powerless to enumerate and behold them. Glory be to our Goal, our Object of worship, our Beloved, and the Beloved of earth and heaven! In this field the steed of mention is bewildered and true understanding is thunderstruck. A hundred thousand blessings be upon those souls who have recognized the station of this Day, who have hearkened unto the Call, and who have attained, with most pure vision and illumined heart, unto the lights of the Most Great Scene. These are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command.Another august letter arrived in the afternoon of Tuesday, bearing glad tidings of your health and well-being and that of the Son, upon him be the peace and glory of God. However, after reading and learning of its contents, grief came from one direction. Later, having repaired to the Holy Place and presented the matter before His presence, He said: “In his loss there is profit, and in his harm there is benefit. We beseech God to make this very loss the essence of blessing and bounty. Verily, He is powerful over all things. O Afnan! Thou hast been and art with Us. Whatever befalleth, We are partners therein. Verily, He Who hath taken no partner unto Himself is God. We beseech Him to change hardship into ease, and difficulty into comfort. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Goal of them that know.”A hundred thousand thanks and praise unto the Goal of the world, Who hath aided thee to mention, extol, and serve His Cause. Every soul who hath passed by that direction hath, of his own accord and by his very essence, spoken in praise and glorification of the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, acknowledging and confessing His bounty. This is that blessing which hath had and hath no likeness or parallel. This evanescent servant, in the nights and days, beseecheth and imploreth the true Omnipotent One to manifest that which is the cause of the appearance of what He hath sent down in the Book. None can repel His command or prevent what He willeth. Verily, He is the Goal in the beginning and in the end.I convey greetings to the friends of Truth who are in the vicinity, and I seek for them that which is the cause of enduring mention. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Peace, remembrance, and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you, and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of our Lord, the Most Merciful.The Servant5 Dhi’l-Hajjih 1305152May my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention, your utterance, and your word! This petition was written some time ago in response to the blessed letter, but at the time of sending, the beloved of the heart, His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah] the Most Glorious, informed that the vessel had departed. This day, which is Wednesday the 22nd of Dhi’l-Hajjih, another blessed letter arrived. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds that news of health and well-being, which is among the great divine bounties, has arrived and continues to arrive.

As regards what you wrote concerning Aqa ’Abdu’r-Rahim, upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah], they stated that things have transpired exactly as was wisest. His grace and favor are clear and evident, and all acknowledge this. Praise be to God Who confirmed and assisted you in that which would be remembered before Him and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the scriptures and tablets. They had mentioned before God the beloved and honored Ibn, upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah] the Most Glorious, and his expression of

meekness. They stated: “We beseech God to transform it into glory, power, wealth and exaltation. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and He is the Mighty, the Bestower.” This evanescent servant hath beseeched and continueth to beseech, night and day, for that which is the cause of elevation, ascendancy, exaltation, glory and power. Verily our Lord is the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the All-Choosing. Then peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who serve you for the sake of God.The Servant22 Dhi’l-?ijjih

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!Glorified art Thou, O my God! To whom shall I complain of what Thou hast done to me through Thy power and sovereignty, and to whom shall I mention what Thou hast caused to descend upon me through Thy might and authority? Thou art He Who hath taken my heart and left me in the valley of Thy separation, Who hath attracted my soul and cast me into the wilderness of separation from Thee. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath kindled my heart with Thy love, then forbidden me from beholding Thy beauty, and Who hath caused my heart to melt in passion and yearning for Thee, then prevented me from entering the sanctuary of Thy nearness and attaining Thy presence. I know not toward which direction to turn, nor with what voice to complain and recount what hath befallen me through the wonders of Thy decree in Thy days. O Lord, if I say Thou hearest not the cry of them that long for Thee in their separation and remoteness from Thee, all atoms testify to Thy knowledge and all-encompassing awareness; and if I say Thou knowest but showeth not mercy, my tongue, my reality, my soul and my limbs bear witness that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. Therefore, O my Beloved, the wonders of Thy Cause, the operations of Thy decree and the manifestations of Thy determination have bewildered me.This is what a handmaiden among My handmaidens cried out in the tongue of her heart unto her Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Then her Beloved called unto her from the direction of His mighty throne, saying: O My handmaiden! Be thou fair in thy judgment regarding thyself and reflect upon that which hath befallen the Beloved of the worlds. Have I taken for Myself a house on My earth wherein I might dwell and summon unto it My loved ones and My handmaidens? Nay, by My grieving and mighty Self! Have I found for Myself a safe refuge whereon I might rest My feet and beneath whose shade Our accepted handmaidens and near servants might take shelter? I have been wronged at the hands of enemies in all days, and no day hath passed except that there descended upon Me that which causeth the hearts of the sincere ones to burn.

O My handmaiden! The peoples of the earth have risen up against Me in malice, and behind them stand all who wield power. The realm of utterance hath been filled with their deeds. By God! Such harm hath been inflicted upon Me as hath caused the Eye of the All-Merciful to weep in the Ridvan of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. At this the tears have flowed from the eyes of the denizens of the highest Paradise, and then from the eyes of the sincere ones. This Bird hath been imprisoned in the cage of the horizons, while enemies have sought to harm Him, and even those of Our heedless servants who claim kinship.O My handmaiden! Reflect upon My Cause and what hath befallen Me in the path of My Beloved, after all the peoples rose up in opposition. My sister hath risen in opposition - she who hath done that which hath caused the letter Ta to weep in the Most Glorious Paradise, and the people of the Ridvan to lament, and

then the Maids who dwell in the chambers of thy Lord's protection, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Love of the world hath so seized her that she hath clung to the most degraded of men and turned away from the Beloved of the worlds. By God! She hath done that which hath caused the Most Great Spirit and then the Faithful Spirit to lament. When she entereth the abode of the polytheists, she declareth: "I have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds." And when she entereth the abode of the monotheists, she saith: "I am the first handmaiden to believe in God, the Beloved of the worlds."O My sister! Didst thou desire by thy deeds to grieve My heart? By God! Nothing can affect it, for the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon it with manifest sovereignty. Even if all the handmaidens of the earth were to dwell in houses in My name, and thou wert to give them in marriage by thy hand to Mine enemies, this would not grieve My luminous heart. God hath made it the treasury of His revelation, the source of His knowledge, the dawning-place of His Cause, and the seat of His mighty throne. However, it grieveth Me that thou shouldst take pride in serving the polytheists and in thy association with them. This hath saddened My heart and the hearts of the sincere ones.O My sister! For what crime didst thou abandon Me and take those who have disbelieved in God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate? I desired thy good, while thou desired My grief. I have resigned My affair unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Whenever I reflect, nothing hath appeared from Me that would grieve thy heart. I know not what hath deluded thee concerning thy Lord, the Gracious. But yea, by My Lord, I know, and with Me is the knowledge of the heavens and the earths. That which was hidden in thy heart hath been manifested through what thou didst acquire beforehand. Thus doth God reveal the treachery of the eyes and what lieth within the breasts of the deceivers.O My handmaiden! Thus did My sister act, and the world deluded her until she disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Wise. We did not oppose her for Our own sake, but when she turned away from God, We turned away from her. Thus were We commanded by the One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient. We severed the ties of kinship between Us and her because she disbelieved in Him Who created her by His command, and God is witness to what I say. If any of My children should transgress the bounds of God, by God! My glance would never turn to him again - to this every fair-minded and informed one beareth witness.O My handmaiden! Guard thyself lest kinship prevent thee from God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Sever the ties of kinship from all who claim kinship, and hold fast to the kinship of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. By God! Through His kinship, souls become independent of the kinship of all the worlds. By My life, O My handmaiden! If thou shouldst find the sweetness of detachment, thou wouldst detach thyself in the path of the Beloved, and neither worldly kinship nor its ornaments would prevent thee from turning to the face of God, the King, the Mighty, the Great. Thus it behooveth Our devoted handmaidens and [Our] detached servants. We have severed the ties of kinship from all who claim kinship, except from those who have believed in God and turned away from the polytheists. O My servants! Should any one of you hear that his brother or sister hath turned away from God, it behooveth him to turn away from that one and to turn towards the Beloved of the sincere ones.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Withhold not from my brothers and sisters the breezes through which Thou didst quicken the hearts of them that have recognized Thee, nor the sweet fragrances of Thy days wherein the Sun of Thy beauty hath shone forth upon all mankind. O my God, all Thy servants are in Thy grasp; none can find stability when the winds of trials blow, nor can any find repose when the manifestations of temptation appear. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Healer of the hearts of them

that yearn after Thee, to preserve Thy male and female servants from the promptings of self and passion, that all may turn toward the direction of Thy mercy, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of decree and the kingdom of ordainment. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise.O my God! My sister hath forgotten Thee and turned away from Thee, and the world hath so moved her that she hath spoken concerning the Manifestation of Thyself that which hath caused the tears to flow from the eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee and hath burned the hearts of the Messengers. O Lord! If she hath any good deeds in Thy presence, cause her to return unto Thee and purify the atmosphere of her heart from the clouds of self and desire, and sanctify her from the world and all that hath been created therein, that she may hold fast unto Thee and be severed from them who have disbelieved in God on a day whereon all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy beauty whereby the earth and the heavens were illumined, and by Thy name through which the verses were sent down and the idols of fancy and allusion were shattered, to preserve Thy male and female servants from all that may withhold them from Thy love and Thy good-pleasure. Then assign unto them a seat of truth in Thy Most Exalted Paradise. Verily Thou art God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Gracious.

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This is what hath flowed from the tongue of might and power when Nabil cast himself upon the dust outside the city before the prison, the seat of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise:In the name of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High!Glorified art Thou, O my God! The veils of such of Thy servants as have disbelieved in Thy signs have come between Thee and Thy creation. How many, O my God, are the servants who stand before the gate of the prison and are prevented from entering the sanctuary of Thy nearness, and how many are the chosen ones who circle round Thy city out of love for Thee yet find no way to the Dayspring of the glory of Thy oneness! Among them is Nabil, O my God, who entered the city but found no path unto Thee, that he might enter the pavilion of Thy majesty and the court of Thy glorious oneness. The oppressors have prevented him from entering into Thy presence and from dwelling beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy Cause. He would circle the prison in these days out of love for Thee until Satan discovered him and informed the people. Then did they expel him from the city, and no sooner had the days passed than separation seized from his hand the reins of patience and he was consumed by the fire of yearning. Therefore did he seek once again the precincts of Paradise. Thou seest him, O my God, when prevented from entering, standing in the open space outside the city at a far distance, then turning toward the seat of Thy mighty throne and facing Thy countenance, standing before Thy face with such submission that all things in the kingdom of creation bow down before it, his tears flowing, his sighs ascending, his limbs trembling, his members quaking, and his tongue speaking:O Lord! Thou seest me keeping company with the beasts in Thy love, having forsaken cities and lands in Thy path, detaching myself from all directions save the direction of Thy grace, and entering into the precincts of Thy mercy. O Lord! Thou didst reveal to me Thy beauty, then by Thy firm decree prevented me from beholding it. Thou didst give me to drink of the water of Thy presence, then afflicted me with separation from Thee. Thou didst honor me with Thy nearness, then distanced me through what flowed from the Pen of Thy decree upon the tablets inscribed by the Pen of Thy Command. Thou knowest, O my God, that

Thy love hath consumed me, Thy separation hath dissolved me, and from being parted from Thee my bones and limbs are set ablaze. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the worlds, Goal of them that know Thee, and God of all in the heavens and earths! I cannot endure to be patient at the manifestation of Thy chosen Name. If Thou didst desire separation, why didst Thou call me to intimate communion? And if Thou didst ordain for me to burn in separation from Thee, why didst Thou show me the Light of Thy countenance whereby the horizons were illumined? I am certain with the certainty of knowledge, O my God, that with Thee is the water of everlasting life - to whom shall I turn, O Lord of all possibility and King of the worlds? And with Thee is the kingdom of eternity - to whom shall I face, O my Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious? By Thy glory, O my Beloved! The remembrance of Thee is my life, Thy praise the utterance of my tongue, meeting Thee my hope, nearness to Thee my desire and the ultimate goal of my wish and aspiration. I can bear all afflictions, but I cannot bear separation from Thee. I can detach myself from every delight in Thy love, but I cannot be patient in separation from Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are enchanted and Beloved of the hearts of them that yearn! My joy is in Thy nearness and meeting Thee, my sustenance is Thy melodies, my spirit Thy verses, my companion Thy remembrances, and my origin Thy words. Decree for me what Thou willest through Thy command, but ordain for me Thy nearness. Burn me with the fire of Thy dominion, then prescribe for me to meet Thee. By Thy glory! My thirst will not be quenched save by the Kawthar of Thy revelation before Thy face, and my heart will not find rest except by gazing upon Thy beauty. Thus hast Thou created me by Thy power and brought me into being by Thy command. Would that I were a breeze passing through Thy court or […] I soared as a bird in the atmosphere of my imprisonment even though, O my God, from my words wafted the odors of those who commit transgressions among Thy creatures. But my love for Thee hath seized the reins of propriety from my hands. Thy forgiveness requireth that Thou shouldst not take me to task for my utterances and my misdeeds.I beseech Thee, O Creator of the nations and Quickener of moldering bones, to lift away the veil through Thy power and to lead forth the loved ones from this prison through Thy grace and bounty. Then cause those who seek Thee to enter beneath Thy shadow. By Thy glory! I know that the suspicious actions of Thy creatures have prevented us from meeting Thee, and the heedlessness of Thy servants hath come between us and the lights of Thy countenance. Forgive, O my God, their transgressions which have prevented us from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion and from arriving beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy favors.Wilt Thou, O my God, take those who long for Thee to task for what the heedless have wrought? I beseech Thee, O Life of the worlds, to send down from the clouds of Thy heaven of grace that which will conceal the hearts of Thy loved ones and gather them around Thee through Thy bounty.Alas! Alas! How many servants dwelt beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, yet their eyes never once fell upon it! And how many servants reposed in the precincts of Thy supreme mercy, yet paid no heed to it! O my God! By Thy glory, the wonders of Thy Cause and the mysteries of Thy decree have bewildered me. How many servants tasted death in their separation from Thee and attained not Thy presence, and how many servants desired not Thy nearness, yet Thy decree brought them into Thy presence and granted them reunion with Thee!Alas! Alas! By this my liver and the livers of Thy lovers are consumed. Would that no mortal eye had ever fallen upon Thy most pure Countenance save the eye of him who seeth naught but Thee and desireth none but Thee! I, O my God, hope in all circumstances to be but earth for Thy feet to tread upon, yet I think there may be among Thy servants one who drinks the cup of reunion while remaining heedless of Thy presence.All this, O my God, proceedeth from the manifestations of Thy providence and wisdom. By them my soul is troubled and my

heart lamenteth, for I comprehend not the mysteries of Thy decree nor know I what lieth hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge. Since this is so, it behooveth me to detach myself from my desires in all that I ask of Thee. I know not, O my Goal, whether what I love and desire will profit or harm me. Therefore, O my God, I find no refuge and no retreat save in committing my cause unto Thee and detaching myself from all that I desire, saying at all times: “I have placed my trust in Thee, O God of those who are in the heavens and on earth!”O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy beauty to make me steadfast in this, that I may be content with Thy decree to such extent that what I choose be what Thou hast chosen, and my hope be what Thou hast manifested. By Thy Self, O my God! Thy tribulation hath made me forget mine own tribulation, and Thy imprisonment hath made me neglectful of mine own affliction. Alas for my sorrow! This is a station wherein mention faileth, the pen is forbidden, eyes are blinded, expression falleth short, and explanation proveth powerless.My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love, O Lord of the worlds! Thou hast borne for us what neither the mountains, nor the seas, nor the heavens and earth could bear, and Thou hast borne these tribulations only for the life of the world, yet the world hateth Thee. I know not what lieth behind the veil of Thy knowledge, O Hope of the worlds!I know, O my God, that Thy Will prevaileth over the world, Thy Purpose ruleth the will of all created things, and Thy Power encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. The deeds of the oppressors cannot prevent Thee from Thy Cause, nor can the turning away of those who have turned aside. I beseech Thee to aid Thy loved ones, then make them steadfast in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure, then make their hearts assured that the oppression of those who have disbelieved in Thy signs may not cause them to stumble. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over all that Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the dominion of the seen and unseen. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Witnessing from the Most Exalted HorizonA Book We have sent down in truth, wherein We make mention of the party of God who have held fast to My firm cord. O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! We have seen thy name, made mention of thee, and heard thy call and answered thee. We counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the Cleaver of Dawn, may be exalted. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.O Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali! The Lord of all beings makes mention of thee from the prison precinct, even as He mentioned thee before with clear verses. Give thanks unto thy Lord Who created thee and aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Source of His inspiration, Who speaks before the faces of all nations in the world: “Verily, there is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.”O Muhammad-Qabli-Isma’il! The All-Glorious makes mention of thee when the heedless had imprisoned Him in the prison of ’Akka, inasmuch as He summoned all to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and arisen to serve God, the Lord of all worlds.O Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim! Upon thee be the glory of God and His mercy. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that is from Him, then recite it unto those on whose faces thou seest the radiance of the All-Merciful and on whose foreheads is the seal “we are all God’s, the Mighty, the Loving.” Be thou steadfast in such wise that the cawing of the polytheists who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, will not cause thee to slip. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife and thy daughter, and upon those who have

arisen and said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all that was and shall be.”O Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest makes mention of thee and informs thee of a cawer who shall appear there through the promptings of those who have violated God’s Covenant and His Testament and have disbelieved in this clear proof. We have recognized what thou didst desire in My path and have accepted thy deed, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of the mighty throne. We have lifted the decree of holy war and forbidden the people of God from fighting and from that which might grieve the hearts of those who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen.We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir and counsel him to manifest great steadfastness, for the enemies have arisen with a new scheme. Hold thou fast unto the sure handle and cling to My luminous robe.O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Aqajan and remind him of the days of thy Lord, His verses, His clear proofs, and that which hath appeared from Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he who hath been set ablaze today with the fire of My love and hath arisen to serve My wondrous Cause.O Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq! Hearken unto the call which hath been raised beyond the crimson sea at the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary on the right side of the luminous spot: “Verily, there is none other God but I, the Speaker, the All-Knowing.” The people have acknowledged His sovereignty and power through His word “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and shall not be asked of His doings, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.” They acknowledge what hath been sent down in truth, yet in every matter they say “why” and “wherefore.” They are indeed among the perishing ones. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the hearts of the deniers may be made to tremble.

O My loved one! Soon shalt thou hear the utterances of the idolaters who have violated My Covenant and Testament, denied My days, and disputed My signs. Cast them behind thee, turning unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel thee as it moveth in the arena of wisdom and utterance from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they who understand.O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Qablih-Karim, and remind him of that which hath befallen thee at the hands of the oppressors. They have denied Him Who hath come unto them with that which equaleth all that was revealed aforetime and thereafter. Verily, they are in manifest doubt. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name. Leave behind what is with the peoples, hoping for that which is with God, the Mighty, the Great.O Muhammad-Qablih-Baqir! The All-Bountiful remembereth thee from the quarter of His Most Great Name, and counseleth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of creation. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of glory have not withheld from God, the Lord of all beings. Woe unto them who have turned away from the Countenance, fixing their gaze upon idle fancies and vain imaginings. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy son who hath been named Hasan in this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of His signs.O Abu’l-Qasim! There hath come unto thee the Most Great Book which hath been detailed from the Mother Book by God, the Lord of Lords. Take it in My Name and remind the servants of My days through My utterance, that the people may emerge from darkness into light and give them the glad-tidings of the days of God. Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, the Day hath come which was mentioned in the Books of God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the servant who hath turned unto Him and recognized his final abode and destination. Be thou steadfast in such wise that neither the tempests of the divines nor the hurricanes of princes shall move thee. Thus doth My Pen counsel thee at its

beginning and its end.O Fadlu'llah! Be thou firm as the mountain, steadfast as a stake, and independent in thy Lord's Cause, the Lord of the Final End. Beware lest human affairs hold thee back from the Lord of Destiny. Hold fast unto His cord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast made me to know Thee, taught me, and guided me unto Thy manifest and evident path. O Qasim-'Ali! The Dayspring of inner meanings remembereth thee from the horizon of utterance and counseleth thee with that whereby the face of the Cause will be illumined amongst the servants. Be firm and be thou of them that are steadfast. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and blessed is the speaker who hath spoken in praise of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

I close the Book with the mention of him who was named Muhammad-before-Baqir, that he may thank his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Hear the call in the Return from the Mother Book. He mentions thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Say: This is the Day wherein the call hath been raised from every direction, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath spoken forth on the Mount of Knowledge: "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised." I have manifested My Self as a bounty from Me, and fulfilled what I promised in My perspicuous Book. We make mention of those whose names were not mentioned before the Face, and We give them glad tidings of God's loving kindness and mercy, and of that which hath been ordained for them by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book, which none hath discovered save God, the Lord of this luminous Day. O My loved ones! Be ye of such constancy that the clamoring of the croakers shall not keep you back from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The croaking hath been raised from every quarter, and this is what We foretold unto you in Zawra and in the Land of Mystery and in this mighty Prison. Ibn-i-Abhar hath appeared before the Greatest Scene and made mention of those who have believed in the presence of the Face, and We have revealed unto them the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have aided him through Our command that he may draw men nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed is he who heareth from him that which he uttereth concerning this momentous Announcement and this noble Edifice. O Ibn-i-Abhar! Remind My loved ones on My behalf and adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness, lest their feet slip and their hearts be troubled by the intimations of the ignorant ones of the Bayan, even as the doubts of the divines of the Qur'an held back those servants who turned unto God, the True King, the Manifest. Say: Take ye the chalice of eternity in My Most Great Name, then drink therefrom, detached from the kingdom of names and whatsoever hath been created in the realm of creation. Thus doth command you He with Whom is the Mother Book and that which was hidden from the eyes of those who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O people of God, and upon those whom the scourge of the oppressors, the rifles of the deniers, and the cannons of the idolaters did not frighten. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O leaf of Mine, O My handmaiden who hath fixed her gaze upon My horizon, who soareth in the atmosphere of My love, and who hath clung to the cord of My bounty! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-

kindness and My mercy, which have preceded existence, both seen and unseen, and which have been sent down from the heaven of My grace. Thy letter which thou didst send to the Trustee, upon him be the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which causeth all things to speak. By God! The gate of utterance hath been opened through that which the Mother Book hath pronounced at its final end. We make mention of the Amir and give him the glad-tidings that We have accepted the Trustee as a representative on his behalf. We proceeded from the place named Bahji to the spot called Junayn, and with the Divine Lote-Tree were its branches and twigs, then those who circled round the Throne of God, the Lord of all worlds. Each one of them attained unto the presence and the meeting, rejoicing in the bounty of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! The Kingdom of God hath at this moment turned toward thee as a bounty from His presence and hath made mention of thee with that wherewith the heaven hath called out. Blessed is he who hath turned toward it and hath attained unto the hearing of the remembrance of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.O Baha’u’llah! Thy letter hath come time and again before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with that which hath cooled the eyes of them that know, and We have mentioned thee each time, detached from pen and ink. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.O Isma’il! Thou beholdest the Sacrifice of God in this day walking before the people and speaking: “Verily there is none other God but I, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” He hath been sacrificed time and again through that which the hands of those who associate themselves with Him have wrought, while they commit that which hath caused the eye of God to weep in His exalted station. We have mentioned thee before with that which the Tablet hath testified and which God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath written. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and hath sent down for thee that which hath perfumed the earth with the fragrance of the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.O Muhammad-Baqir! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, in that He hath aided thee to turn unto Him, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all existence, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou the Possessor of proof and evidence! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Daysprings of Thine inspiration, to number me with such as have arisen at Thy call and have turned toward Thy horizon and have stood firm in Thy love, in such wise that neither the oppression of the kings nor the allurements of such as have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have denied Thy meeting and have disbelieved in Thy bounty after its revelation from the heaven of Thy generosity and bestowal could deter them. O Lord! Thou seest the weary one making for the kingdom of Thy utterance and seeking Thy bountiful grace and Thy mighty favor. Ordain for him that which beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”O Muhammad-Husayn, O thou scribe! Praise God, thy Lord, in that He hath written down for thee the recompense of recognizing the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, and hath aided thee to turn unto Him and hath given thee to drink of the choice wine of utterance from the hand of His bounty. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

We have remembered those who are there in a measure that none can reckon save God, the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing. O ’Abdu’l-Wahhab! This is the Day of Return, while the factions are in manifest doubt. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own vain imaginings and idle fancies. Say: My spirit be a sacrifice to Thy loving-kindness, O Thou Who hast aided me to turn

unto Thee, shown me the traces of Thy Pen, and caused me to hear Thy call! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy mercy to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.O Ghulam-Rida! Blessed is the gathering wherefrom My remembrance and praise have been raised, blessed the house honored by the arrival of My loved ones, and blessed the tongue that hath uttered My verses. We have manifested that which was treasured in knowledge and hidden in the stronghold of God's protection, illumining this radiant horizon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear, to see, and to speak forth Thy remembrance on the Day of Judgment.O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! We testify that thou hast attained unto the mention of God, both before and after. He mentioneth whomsoever He willeth with a mention that causeth bodies to rise from the graves of idle fancies. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desires and taken hold of guidance in the days of God, the Lord of lords. I bear witness that thou hast heard, turned unto Him, and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of days. Know thou this most exalted station, then preserve it in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One.O Husayn! The polytheists have violated God's covenant and His testament, and have denied His proof and His evidence, following every heedless doubter. Say: O people of the earth! Hearken! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, desireth to give you glad tidings of that which will draw you nigh, profit you, and make you rich in His dominion. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the ocean of grace. Hasten unto the Dawning-Place of your Lord's verses, the Revealer of clear evidences. Say:Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in my name, which neither the treasuries of princes can equal, nor that which lay hidden in the earth. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book from Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, submissive before Thy Manifestation and Thy sovereignty. Ordain for me that which will aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Help in Peril.O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention once again of Thy servant who hath been named Baha, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. We have mentioned thee before with verses before which the world hath bowed down in submission. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear them and hath been illumined by their light. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He loveth him who hath loved Him, remembereth him who hath remembered Him, and sendeth down for whomsoever He willeth that which will draw him nigh unto His hallowed and wondrous court. Say:Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Creator and Provider, for having remembered me in Thy days, once in the Tablet and again in the Book. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to render me known through Thy Name and eloquent in Thy praise. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou hast prescribed for Thyself to answer him who calleth upon Thee, to aid him who holdeth fast unto Thee, and to bestow Thy bounty when asked. Have mercy on this servant of Thine and ordain for him that which will gladden his heart, solace his eyes, and enable him to call out among Thy servants through Thy Name, the Mighty, the Ancient.

This Tablet hath ended in thy name as a token of My favor unto thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. We wish to make mention of the Leaf whom We named in the Crimson Book as the Leaf of Paradise. Blessed is she! We bear witness that she hath believed in her Lord and hath attained in these days unto that which was withheld from the women of the earth, save those who turned unto God

and believed in the One, the All-Informed, and who circled round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, at daybreak and at dusk.O Ruhani! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. We have made mention of thee in My Books, My Scriptures and My Tablets. My mercy which hath preceded thee and My loving-kindness which hath surrounded thee bear witness to this, and I am verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate, the Most Generous. We counsel thee and My handmaidens to manifest such virtues as shall waft the fragrance of My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Glory of God rest upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon those who have heard the Call and answered their Lord, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of all mystics and the Beloved of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His Glory!O manifestation of God's truthfulness in truth and creation, Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad Sadiq, consider this:Although for some time no breeze of loving-kindness has wafted from your direction upon this lowly one's heart, and the pen of affection has not inscribed this evanescent one's name, yet this servant, in accordance with "the believers are one soul, one spirit, and one body," has observed degrees of love and unity within myself and you. Thus have I regarded you in like manner, until in these days Jinab-i-Shaykh Ruhullah - may his spirit be sanctified - turned his face toward the Beloved and attained the presence of the Desired One before the Throne, along with two others: Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali Akbar and Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ashraf. When the appointed time for their sojourn near the mercy of the Gracious Sovereign was completed and permission for return was sent down from the heaven of divine will, this servant deemed it necessary to make mention of himself to your presence through this letter, so that the degrees of love concealed in the heart might be made manifest in the visible realm, and the inner might be adorned with the garment of the outer, and the outer with the ornament of the inner.For the Beloved, the All-Glorious, has ever wished that all the deeds of those who consider themselves related to Truth should be fully manifested in action - that is, whatever proceeds from them should be befitting both outward matters and inward conditions, that their outer might indicate their inner state and their inner state their outer condition. And thereafter, were this servant to attempt to mention the calamities that have befallen and the afflictions that have descended in this land upon the Beauty of Divine Unity, he would surely find himself incapable and would only increase your grief. Therefore, this servant has not engaged in such mentions and has left it to those returning, that they might surely convey, according to their capacity, what they have understood. However, I submit to your presence that it is evident to your honor that these days have had and will have no likeness, similitude, or equal. It is incumbent upon every soul to spare no effort, according to their capacity, in establishing the divine Cause and proclaiming the Manifestation of the glory of the Eternal, and to strive with all their powers to assist the Cause, which is pure teaching.What more can I say about the veiling of some, despite the Sun of Glory's acceptance having shone forth from the holy horizon of majesty in such wise that it has encompassed all the world and appeared with perfect power and sovereignty? Yet some have clung to vain imaginings and remained far from recognizing the Beauty of the All-Knowing Sovereign. What regret for such souls! Despite the healing counsels and conclusive admonitions that have been sent down from the Source of Divine Unity in the revealed scriptures, they are seen to be more remote than previous

nations and more heedless than all who dwell on earth. One must at all times take refuge in God, that perhaps through His encompassing novel favors and His extended mercy, He may not deprive these servants from the shore of ancient glory and may establish them firmly upon the path of His Cause, which today encompasses all the world.At this moment it is revealed from the right of the Throne: Write to the remnant of God's people on earth: O My manifestation of truth! If you are reclining, raise your head, and if you are sitting, arise at the mention of My Name, and if thou art standing, soar with the love of My Beauty, and if thou art soaring, ascend by the power of My might, and if thou art ascending, pause in thy place in the atmosphere of the Spirit by the sovereignty of My Cause. Then open thy lips through My Name the Opener, then move thy tongue through My Name the Mover, then speak in My melody: Say: O concourse of earth and heaven! By God the Truth, the King of eternity hath appeared and hath shone forth from the horizon of creation with His most exalted sovereignty. Then He changed the garment of His Name and appeared with His Most Glorious Name above the Most Exalted Horizon - the Station round which circle the Kingdom of Names and Attributes. O people! If ye desire to witness the power of God, behold His power that hath encompassed all things; if ye desire to see the sovereignty of God, behold His sovereignty that hath conquered all things; if ye seek to observe the mercy of God, behold His mercy that hath preceded all things; if ye desire to look upon the greatness of God and His dominion, turn your gaze to His greatness that hath been established over all things; if ye desire to hear His melodies, then hearken to His Word that hath been created by His command and hath been raised above all things; if ye desire to be honored by His presence, by God, this is His Beauty that hath been manifested unto all things. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Ancient of Days at this time. Hearken then unto that which hath been revealed unto thee, then convey it to the servants that they may purify themselves from the defilement of idle fancies and attain unto the station that hath been ordained for them. Thus hath the Pen of Command enjoined thee at this time from the presence of God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.Therefore, O manifestation of My truthfulness, strive that thou mayest appear in the earth in accordance with this Name. The truthfulness that is beloved in the sight of God is that thou shouldst arise to praise His Being and occupy thyself with the mention of His Cause, for no truth can equal the Word wherewith God speaketh. Blessed, therefore, are they who attain unto this most exalted and glorious station. For truthfulness there are countless stations ordained with God that cannot be contained in this leaf. Among these stations is the truthfulness that is known among men. Having attained unto this station, as God willing thou hast, it behooveth thee to make a mighty effort that thou mayest attain unto and be sustained by the Most Great Truth that circleth round the Most Great Scene. Well is it with them that attain thereunto. Here endeth the words of God.This servant at the end of this petition submitteth that God willing thou wilt ever be occupied with the mention of the Beloved in such wise that its influence may become manifest throughout all the world. There is no word but hath an effect with thy Lord. Thus hath it been ordained by the Mighty, the Ancient. I beseech God that I may be blessed with attaining thy presence that I may convey, without tongue or utterance, the hidden secrets and concealed mysteries.Convey, on behalf of this servant, expressions of sincere praise in sublime and glorious terms to his honor the son who hath been the object of the regard of God, exalted be His glory. The degrees of this servant's love for that exalted person are too evident to be described by mention or proven by utterance. God is aware of what is in my heart and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Moreover, remember with infinite mention from this servant the other loved ones of that land - those who have drunk from the cup of detachment and been sustained by the chalice of oneness. Spirit, glory and

splendor be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, then upon them all.Abdullah, the servant of His loved ones,Aqa Jan

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most High, the All-Glorious!Praise be to God Who hath manifested through His Most Glorious Name unto all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Thus hath the standard of “There is none other God but Him” been raised in the Kingdom of Creation, and that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur’an hath been fulfilled through His words “On the day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak His praise on the Day of Return. He is, verily, the Lord of creation and the Sovereign over all servants. He is the One by Whom the trumpet was sounded, and by Whom were thunderstruck the people of idle fancies who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed the bidding of every ignorant one who turned away from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. I pray and offer salutations upon those whom the affairs of creation did not withhold from the Truth, who turned away from vain imaginings and idle fancies, who advanced toward the horizon of certitude, and who arose to serve the Cause in such wise that through them the fragrance of His raiment was wafted throughout all creation. These are honored servants upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names do confer their blessings. We beseech God, the Lord of all mankind, to gather us beneath their shadow and honor us with their service and their remembrance. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.The petition of this evanescent one to your honor is this: Your revered letter dated the 5th of Dhi’l-Qa’dih arrived. God knoweth that it brought joy to mine eyes, gladness to my heart, and delight to my breast. In each of its words there seemed to be concealed an ocean of love and the wine of affection, inasmuch as it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed art thou and blessed am I. After reading and learning of its contents, it happened that this evanescent servant was that very night present before His countenance, and all that you had written was presented. This is what shone forth from the horizon of utterance in reply:“Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have heard from it thy call, thy remembrance, and thy praise, and have answered thee with that which the treasures of the earth cannot equal. He Who possesseth knowledge of the Book beareth witness to this. Blessed art thou for having left thy homeland out of love for God, the Knower of the seen and unseen. He shall surely reward thee with the most excellent of rewards through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thou a herald of His Name with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people of the world may cast away what they possess and turn toward God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard thy words concerning this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and eyes have been transfixed. God willing, with perfect joy and delight engage in the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Guide those who are far removed unto the horizon of nearness, and lead those who thirst unto the Salsabil of divine knowledge. This is a day wherein whatsoever occurreth, the remembrance thereof shall endure and persist. Well is it with the soul that hath attained unto these days and recognized what hath been manifested therein of the signs of its Lord and the revelations of its Creator. God willing, may you ever be the recipient of God’s favors and be gladdened by His remembrance. He is with thee under all conditions.

He is, verily, the Near One, the Hearer, the Answerer."We make mention in this place of him who is named Mu??afa, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and be of them that are steadfast. O Mu??afa! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and attained unto that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of thy Lord's names, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Qasim Sahib, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, his petition was presented in the Most Holy Court and immediately a most mighty, most glorious, most holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him from the heaven of grace and was sent. God willing, he will attain to it. Convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to him. God willing, may he be assisted to render such service whose effects shall remain permanent and enduring in the world. And likewise to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God - praise be to God that he has attained the greatest bounty and has been honored with that which was intended. God willing, may he ever be occupied with that which befits these days.As to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Hakim Khayru'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented. He said: Write: "O Hakim! The disease of darkness has overtaken the people of the world and cast them all upon the bed of frustration. God willing, through the Supreme Remedy, which is the Name of the Ancient King, you shall heal them all and deliver them from this chronic malady. This is not difficult for God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Truth that if a soul should arise today for the sake of God to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, his soul will surely prove influential. Thus doth the Wronged One mention thee in this Great Prison. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon all who have turned to God, the Lord of the worlds." End quote.Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Imtiyaz Husayn Sahib, his details were presented. The Sun of Grace shone forth from the horizon of Will. He said: Write: "O Husayn! God willing, may you at all times drink from the Kawthar of divine love and soar in the atmosphere of acceptance and affection. The world will soon return to nothingness, and that which remains permanent and enduring is the word of acceptance that appears from the Pen of the Manifestation of God's Cause. God willing, with utmost endeavor may you speak in remembrance of the Peerless Friend and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause." End quote. To each of these gentlemen, mention this servant's evanescence and nothingness, which depends on their favors.Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Siyyid Ali Akbar, verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the All-Knowing, the Witness, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Most people are heedless and unaware of God's knowledge and all-encompassing power. We beseech God to grant him a hearing ear that he may hear and act upon the Most Sublime Words and Greatest Counsel that have flowed from the Supreme Pen.As for recent news, one Sheikh Ubaydullah, a Kurdish man, has rebelled against the Ottoman government and raised the banner of opposition. Fifteen thousand people have gathered around him and he has plundered the Ottoman border regions. These days he has turned toward Iran and has pillaged Nab and Savujbulagh - that is, they have killed the men and taken the women and girls captive. Things have occurred that cannot be mentioned. Today, which is the last day of the blessed Feast of Sacrifice, Jinab-i-Mulla Abu'l-Hasan-i-Ardikani, upon him be the Glory of God, has written these details to this ephemeral servant. In any case, according to reports, the people of Tabriz are also in utmost turmoil. What else will appear later, God knows best. The Glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and

those who love you and hear your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.In the Pilgrimage season of the year 1297

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most GloriousPraise be to God Who created water through His utterance manifest in the Kingdom of immortality. Then He gazed upon it, and it trembled within itself, and a portion of it was frozen. Thereupon the dusty earth appeared through His decree established in the realm of origination. When they separated and divided, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke another word. Then that water, brought into being through the Will manifest in creation through the essence of possibility, moved upon that earth brought into existence through the will of the All-Merciful. And there rose from them both a subtle, spiritual, luminous heat by its power to the highest rank, that it might attain to that station wherein the tongue of its Lord, the Most Glorious, speaks. When it reached the ultimate station, it paused in that most exalted place which is mentioned in creation as the highest sphere. Then the water mixed partially with the earth, and another heat rose from them both, and due to its weakness it did not reach the first one and halted at another station which is known as the second sphere. And likewise heat rose from them time after time until the stations known as the spheres were complete. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke another word, and thereby the stations and spheres began to revolve, and from the intensity of revolution a light shone forth and was transformed into a dome over the face of heaven. Then brilliant stars and luminous planets appeared. When the dominion of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, encompassed them from all directions, each one of them became circular as can be seen in the sun and moon. Exalted is the All-Powerful, the Wise Creator Who made His exalted Word the source of creation of all things above and below, the four elements, and the sublime natures brought into being. I testify that He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Strong, the Mighty.My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love! This evanescent servant was occupied with transcribing what was revealed from the heaven of revelation when there was a knock at the door and someone brought a sealed letter. I took it and opened it and saw a letter sealed with the name of God’s name, the Mahdi - upon him be all His most glorious glory. In his letter was a letter from your honor. I took it and read it and found therein the fragrance of your love for God, the Lord of all worlds, and the fragrance of your steadfastness in His firm and wise Cause. I presented it before the Throne in the first hour of the night and laid it before our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is what was revealed from the direction of the Throne:“O H.S.! Thy letter hath come and the servant present before the Throne hath read it. We found from it the fragrance of the love of God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause, and We have revealed for thee these verses that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness and for having aided the Cause of thy Lord when most of the ignorant ones turned away from it. We have sent down for thee aforetime a tablet, then after it another tablet, then after it another tablet, then by the hand of the Trustworthy One radiant and resplendent tablets more brilliant than the light of the sun at noontide. Beware lest the affairs of the deniers make thee sorrowful. Be thou occupied with the remembrance of thy Lord in all conditions. Verily He is with thee and will aid thee with truth and will protect thee from those who have denied the beginning and the return. Blessed art thou, then

blessed art thou, then blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament and for having been mindful of His Name among those who cast guidance behind their backs and chose error for themselves. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the women and the men."Here endeth the divine revelation. What more can this servant say about what hath shone forth from the Dayspring of divine favors and what hath issued forth from the Source of heavenly bounties? The mute tongue is not capable of mentioning this station. Verily He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

Also, a Tablet has been sent down from the heaven of Will especially for the Leaf - upon her be [Baha'u'llah's glory] - who is in your presence, and likewise a Tablet requested for one of the handmaidens of God was sent down from the heaven of grace. What else can this servant say about how much bounty was shown when your letter was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence? The Beloved smiled greatly at your words, and likewise all the holy women of the household send their most wondrous greetings to you and to the Leaf. In truth, you have been and continue to be the extinguisher of the fire of the hatred of the deniers and the destroyer of the calumnies of the polytheistic men and women. Victory has been and will always be with you. Praise be to God for confirming you in dispelling the suspicions of every polytheist and rending asunder the veil of every polytheistic woman. Verily, He assists whom He wishes with authority from His presence. He is truly the Mighty, the Powerful.And regarding what you again wrote about the exalted verse "Verily the Ta' in Valaj" etc., it was presented before His Presence. He said the meaning of that verse is that when the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - appeared in the land of Sh, the croaking of a croaker was inevitable, and the meaning of Valaj was the turmoil of that land and the events that occurred therein, including the presence of the Wondrous One with a glorious Tablet.Regarding the prayer requested for Aqa Mir Siyyid 'A.B. - upon him be the glory of God - it was previously sent together with Amin - upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory], the King of manifest justice. God willing, they have received it. Convey wondrous and glorious greetings on behalf of this servant to them.And regarding the permission they requested for reading prayers and supplications and giving permission for others to read them, it was presented and He said: "We have given you permission for this as a bounty from Us and We will assist you as We please. Verily Our grace has encompassed you. Be thankful and among those who praise."And regarding what was written about the science of letters and the Hidden, what was revealed was a treatise on the science of the Temple sent down from the heaven of the Lord of Causes specifically for you.And regarding the matter of the Hidden, everything is dependent on its appointed time. We beseech God to assist you in this and to manifest through you what He desires. He is truly the Strong, the Mighty. That Persian treatise which was sent to you, by your life, contains everything related to this science. Reflect a little and you will attain to God's purpose.And regarding Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah, details were mentioned but he has not yet made any mention. Whatever he wishes will certainly be presented.And regarding what you wrote at the end of the letter about visitation, this servant presented himself before the Throne with your intention and circumambulated and visited on your behalf, and it was a very pleasant occasion, praise be to God in all conditions.The Two Most Great and Most Exalted Branches - may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - send most wondrous, most holy greetings.And regarding the greetings you conveyed to Nabil and the name of [God] the Generous - upon them be the glory of God - now this servant conveys their greetings to you and will later convey your greetings to them. They are all truly mindful in your remembrance. May the

Glory be upon you all.Convey infinite greetings from this evanescent servant to all the loved ones in that land.The Servant

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Glory be to God Who hath gladdened the servant through the fragrances of His loved ones' utterances–they who have cast away the world and have arisen to serve the nations by His command, for He is the All-Ruling, the All-Compelling. O beloved of my heart! Blessed be thy essence, blessed be thy remembrance, blessed be thy steadfastness, and blessed be thy devotion. The servant hath been honored by your mention, your praise, your utterance, your service, and that which hath flowed from your pen in the Cause of God–our purpose and your purpose. By the life of the Beloved! Such rapture and longing hath seized me that every tongue is powerless to describe it. To this beareth witness the tongue of my heart and my inmost being, and beyond these He Who hath ever been the All-Witnessing, the All-Seeing, the All-Protecting, and the All-Encompassing over all who dwell in the heavens and the earth. When I read what the Pen had uttered, I approached the Station whereon was established the Most Great Throne. When I attained His presence and presented it, the Ancient King turned toward me, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which set the heart of the world ablaze. He spoke, and His Word is the Truth: We were seated upon the Throne when the servant who was present entered with thy letter and laid it before Our face. We have answered thee and sent unto thee the pearls of divine knowledge from the depths of thy Lord's omniscient wisdom, that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Informed Speaker. Blessed art thou for having spoken the truth and forbidden that which is unseemly, in conformity with the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How excellent are they who have cast away their desires and embraced that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed! Say: By the power of My Most Great Name, O peoples of the earth! By God, the Ancient King hath come for the reformation of the world. Beware lest the doubts of your divines debar you from the ocean of your Lord's knowledge, the Mighty, the Powerful. He speaketh naught save that which shall profit you in this world and in the next. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison: There is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We make mention of him who was named the Lion, who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord and who uttereth His beauteous praise. We have previously revealed unto him, and in these days also, that which gladdeneth the hearts of the sincere ones. We make mention of him who informed you both of what a certain servant of Ours, named the Noble One, desired, as recorded in a clear Tablet. At this moment We turn Our gaze from this station toward him who desired to assist his wronged Lord, the Peerless One, through Whom the edifice of tranquility was well-nigh shaken and the hearts of them that have recognized Him were sorely agitated. O thou who gazest upon My countenance and drinkest the wine of My loving-kindness! That which thou didst mention hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. God willing, may ye ever remain steadfast in serving the Cause of the All-Glorious and act in accordance with that which He loveth and is pleased with. That which ye have done is most acceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. From this matter a great mischief would have appeared, for although the True One, exalted be His glory, hath

desired the reformation of the world, this was contrary and opposed to the Command of God from all aspects. And since ye have beseeched from the heaven of bounty that grace be shown unto him, God willing, may they abide beneath the shadow of His grace and act in accordance with that which God hath willed. In truth their intention was to serve the Truth, for they were not aware of the divine prohibition and what had been revealed in the Tablets as befitteth. We, from this station, send Our greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy, My grace, My favor, My forgiveness and My tender loving-kindness, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the Generous One. The glory be upon him and upon his father and his brother and upon those who have held fast unto My firm cord. All souls should gaze toward the horizon of God's good-pleasure and hold fast unto that which is beloved before His Presence. All matters in the Divine Book have been made contingent upon wisdom, to this beareth witness My Scriptures, My Books, My Psalms, My Tablets, My Self, and My swift-moving Pen. From the utterances of the Revealer of Verses it is clear and evident what is today beloved before the Divine Throne. Even as the Supreme Pen hath, in numerous passages, nay in most of the Tablets, enjoined wisdom upon all the peoples of the world. The matter of teaching, which is the greatest of all things, is itself contingent upon wisdom, such that if wisdom doth not permit it in a certain place, teaching is not permissible. Blessed are they who have attained unto that which God hath willed.

To Jenab-i-Aqa Qasim, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. This evanescent servant conveys greetings sanctified beyond all mention, thought, knowledge and understanding, and gives him the glad tidings of the favor of God, exalted be His glory. May he be assisted, God willing, in that which causes the exaltation of God's Cause. In these days, praise be to God, they have accepted the counsels of that Beloved One, and as soon as they understood that deed to be contrary to God's will, they forsook it and held fast to that which God had willed. Blessed is he, again blessed is he! Joy be unto him, again joy be unto him! That which you wrote concerning them has been accepted before the Divine Throne. Although the stability of this land is uncertain, as was revealed in the divine Tablets in previous years, yet with the utmost joy and fragrance they should turn to the direction of God. And this is what has shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "O Qasim! Turn to the Qiblih unto which every qiblih ordained by God for His servants turned on the first day when He uttered the first word, which is 'Verily, I am God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing.' Turn with such detachment as will erase from thy heart the trace of all thou hast known before. Then turn with a face that befitteth one who turneth unto the face of God, the Lord of all worlds." By the Lord of the heavens and earth, the entire world cannot equal these two verses. Blessed is he who hath read, heard, written and understood. Woe unto the deniers and the heedless.Some time ago, this servant sent detailed letters to that beloved one and my beloved Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise to Jenab-i-Mirza H and S, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and especially to Jenab-i-Mulla Sadiq, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, each bearing the holy, manifest and luminous revealed lights. God willing, they have arrived. And some time before that, a detailed letter was sent to the beloved of the heart, he who was named by the tongue of the Lord of Creation as 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, the Lord of Power. That too contained divine Tablets and verses. God willing, it has arrived by now and will continue to arrive. To all the friends, expressions of greeting, evanescence, nothingness and non-existence of this transient being are entrusted to the grace of that Beloved One. To the spiritual beloved, Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, I offer greetings. It is

hoped that God will assist that in these two days a detailed response to his letter will be sent. The letter from that beloved one dated the twenty-ninth of Sha'ban arrived on the seventh of Shawwal, and at that very moment this letter, which is adorned with verses of grandeur, was written and sent. May all partake of its choice wine and attain His grace. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who act according to what they were commanded by the Wise Ordainer.The ServantShawwal 1298

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In the name of Him Who is the All-GloriousThis is a Surah of God which hath been sent down in truth from His hallowed, almighty and resplendent dominion. O 'Ali-i-Nabil! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord at a time when He desireth to depart from your midst by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Because of this, grief hath enveloped all created things, such that the Pen hath been stilled from making mention of mysteries, the Tablet from revelation, the clouds of grace from raining down, and the trees of paradise from bearing fruit, were ye of them that understand. Say: O people! By the True God, ye have been so overcome with bewilderment that ye drive God from His house, even while ye make mention of His names morning and evening. Say: Blind are the eyes that open each morn yet fail to behold My glorious and resplendent Beauty; deaf are the ears that hear voices yet fail to hear My sweet and wondrous melodies; and dumb are the tongues that move yet speak not My Name, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As for thee, ponder in thine own self upon My tribulations and that which hath befallen Me. By God! No one before Me hath endured that which I have endured, nor could the heavens and earth bear it. From every direction have trials intensified against Me to such extent that I have become content with that wherewith no one else in all the worlds would be content for himself.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Have ye forbidden what God hath made lawful unto you, or have ye made lawful what He hath forbidden, or have ye altered His decree from what was revealed in the Tablets of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Gracious? And if My crime be the verses of God that descend upon Me, [by God] this is not from Me but from One Mighty and Beautiful. By God, I am not the first to commit this sin, for most of the Prophets committed it before Me, including 'Ali before Nabil, and before him Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before him the Christ, and before him the Interlocutor - all spoke what the Spirit inspired them from the Kingdom of God, the Supreme, the Powerful.Say: By God, none like unto Me hath appeared in creation, and I am He Whose like no eye hath beheld, and I am the Omnipotent over what I wish, and I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. Whoso denieth My Cause hath denied all the Messengers, and whoso turneth away from My face hath turned away from the face of God. To this testify the realities of all created things, then the tongues of all beings, then this Tongue, All-Knowing, All-Wise.Say: O people of the Bayan! We were among you as one of you, yet ye were not content with this. Therefore We drew aside seventy thousand veils from the face of the Cause, yet still ye were not content. We drew aside yet more veils until the Cause reached this most exalted, sublime station. And if ye are still not content with this, We shall draw aside the veils through Our power and Our sovereignty, despite your will, O company of the heedless. Thus hath ever been the way of the Messengers and the nature of the sincere ones, if ye be of them that know.When ye turned away from His first Beauty in His

later Temple, denied His verses and rejected His bounty, then did He depart from your midst alone, at a time when He was detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. To this My deeds bear witness, if ye be of the fair-minded.Say: We have set Our face toward Him Who created the heavens and the throne, and I seek no helper save God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people, know ye that My helper is My heart, My fortress is My trust in God, My companion is My Beauty, My army is My remembrance, and My party are the denizens of the highest Paradise.Say: By God, when We found people worshipping suppositions and vain imaginings instead of God, We occupied them with these as a recompense for their deeds, that perchance other creatures might be awakened thereby. Therefore judge thou for thyself: Is it befitting that those who turn to nothingness should make mention of the Beauty of the Ancient of Days? Nay, by My Self, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate! Therefore hath God sanctified the hem of His robe from the defilement of their mention, these evil ones, and purified it from names and attributes, both hidden and manifest. Yet the people have not heeded this and remain among the heedless.And thou, O ’Ali, close thine eyes to such as these, then turn thy gaze away from all who are in the heavens and the earth, then remind the people of what the Spirit inspireth thee at every moment. By God, if thou wilt detach thyself from the world and from those from whom thou perceivest the stench of unbelief, thou shalt find thyself in a station that the hearts of them who are nigh cannot comprehend, and thou shalt find thyself more learned than any possessor of knowledge, perfect and wise. Therefore rend asunder the veils in My Name, the Chosen One, and pay no heed to the wicked ones, then drink from the pure wine of the righteous ones from this radiant chalice.

O Ali, leave the kingdom to its seeker, then free thyself from the prison of hopes. Be content with My love, for verily it is better than the treasures of the heavens and earth, than all that was and will be. This indeed is My command unto thee and My counsel to the sanctified ones.Through the power of the All-Merciful, shun the serpent that harbors in its heart rancor against the Gracious One. Turn away from such a one, even if he recites to thee all that hath been revealed in the holy scrolls, or holds fast to tablets of manifest glory.By God, O Ali, We heard with Our own hearing, from behind the wall, those who dwelt in the House and sought refuge in the station round which circle the people of Paradise, then the denizens of the holy veils, then the angels who glorify Him. By God, none among all created things hath heard what We heard. Yet We concealed the matter in such wise that they imagined God to be heedless of them. Say: Evil is that which ye have imagined. Verily He knoweth the secrets of the heavens and earth, and He hath knowledge of all things.Thus was I tormented among these people, while behind them lurked the thickets of malice, and the darkness of hatred encompassed Me on My right, and God is witness to what I say. Until matters reached these days wherein He desires to conceal the Beauty of Holiness behind the brocade of detachment, and to withdraw from all males and females, from every young and old, save those whom God hath made My charges in this worldly life. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all things are preserved with Him in a guarding tablet.Know thou that the cause of departure was not what We have mentioned to thee in this luminous Tablet. Rather, We found Ourself a leader on earth and a shepherd to these people. Therefore We left it to whomsoever desired it. And formerly, when there was no one among the people and there were hardships, fear and killing, We manifested Ourself between heaven and earth and shone forth from the horizon with manifest sovereignty. Then, when We found the earth at rest, We withdrew Ourself and entrusted it to another people.By My life! The governed is better than a thousand governors, the led is more exalted than a

thousand leaders, and the oppressed is better than the city of oppressors. Follow thou thy Beloved in this, then detach thyself from all things. Then emerge from behind the veils of silence, then speak the truth with My wondrous and sublime melody, then soar in the kingdom of detachment on holy, transcendent, swift, gentle and lofty wings.

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Let thine ear be attentive, O Nabil-i-A'?am, to the Voice of the Ancient of Days, crying to thee from the Kingdom of His all-glorious Name. He it is Who is now proclaiming from the realms above, and within the inmost essence of all created things: "I truly am God, there is none other God but Me. I am He Who, from everlasting, hath been the Source of all sovereignty and power, He Who shall continue, throughout eternity, to exercise His kingship and to extend His protection unto all created things. My proof is the greatness of My might and My sovereignty that embraceth the whole of creation."Blessed art thou, O My name, inasmuch as thou hast entered Mine Ark, and art speeding, through the power of My sovereign and most exalted might, on the ocean of grandeur, and art numbered with My favored ones whose names the Finger of God hath inscribed. Thou hast quaffed the cup which is life indeed from the hands of this Youth, around Whom revolve the Manifestations of the All-Glorious, and the brightness of Whose presence they Who are the Day Springs of Mercy extol in the day time and in the night season.His glory be with thee, inasmuch as thou hast journeyed from God unto God, and entered within the borders of the Court of unfading splendor - the Spot which mortal man can never describe. Therein hath the breeze of holiness, laden with the love of thy Lord, stirred thy spirit within thee, and the waters of understanding have washed from thee the stains of remoteness and ungodliness. Thou hast gained admittance into the Paradise of God's Remembrance, through thy recognition of Him Who is the Embodiment of that Remembrance amongst men.Wherefore, be thankful to God, for having strengthened thee to aid His Cause, for having made the flowers of knowledge and understanding to spring forth in the garden of thine heart. Thus hath His grace encompassed thee, and encompassed the whole of creation. Beware, lest thou allow anything whatsoever to grieve thee. Rid thyself of all attachment to the vain allusions of men, and cast behind thy back the idle and subtle disputations of them that are veiled from God. Proclaim, then, that which the Most Great Spirit will inspire thee to utter in the service of the Cause of thy Lord, that thou mayest stir up the souls of all men and incline their hearts unto this most blessed and all-glorious Court.Know thou that We have annulled the rule of the sword, as an aid to Our Cause, and substituted for it the power born of the utterance of men. Thus have We irrevocably decreed, by virtue of Our grace. Say: O people! Sow not the seeds of discord among men and refrain from contending with your neighbor, for your Lord hath committed the world and the cities thereof to the care of the kings of the earth, and made them the emblems of His own power, by virtue of the sovereignty He hath chosen to bestow upon them. He hath refused to reserve for Himself any share whatever of this world's dominion. To this He Who is Himself the Eternal Truth will testify. The things He hath reserved for Himself are the cities of men's hearts, that He may cleanse them from all earthly defilements, and enable them to draw nigh unto the hallowed Spot which the hands of the infidel can never profane. Open, O people, the city of the human heart with the key of your utterance. Thus have We, according to a pre-ordained measure, prescribed unto you your duty.By the righteousness of God! The world and its vanities, and its glory, and

whatever delights it can offer, are all, in the sight of God, as worthless as, nay, even more contemptible than, dust and ashes. Would that the hearts of men could comprehend it!Cleanse yourselves thoroughly, O people of Baha, from the defilement of the world, and of all that pertaineth unto it. God Himself beareth Me witness. The things of the earth ill beseem you. Cast them away unto such as may desire them, and fasten your eyes upon this most holy and effulgent Vision. That which beseemeth you is the love of God, and the love of Him Who is the Manifestation of His Essence, and the observance of whatsoever He chooseth to prescribe unto you, did ye but know it.Say: Let truthfulness and courtesy be your adorning. Suffer not yourselves to be deprived of the robe of forbearance and justice, that the sweet savors of holiness may be wafted from your hearts upon all created things. Say: Beware, O people of Baha, lest ye walk in the ways of them whose words differ from their deeds. Strive that ye may be enabled to manifest to the peoples of the earth the signs of God, and to mirror forth His commandments.Let your acts be a guide unto all mankind, for the professions of most men, be they high or low, differ from their conduct. It is through your deeds that ye can distinguish yourselves from others. Through them the brightness of your light can be shed upon the whole earth.Happy is the man that heedeth My counsel, and keepeth the precepts prescribed by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the One True Loving God!Praise, sanctified beyond mention and utterance, befitteth the Most Beloved Lord Who hath adorned creation with the ornament of knowledge and, after the dawning of the luminous morn, caused the sun of insight to appear from the horizon of the world. He is the Omnipotent One Who, from a single point, hath detailed all that was and shall be, bringing it forth to the realm of manifestation. The signs of His power are visible and evident in all things, and the tokens of His grandeur are manifest and apparent throughout all creation. Through His consummate might He hath caused the Promised Day, which was inscribed and recorded in the Books and Scriptures, to be made manifest through the blessedness of His Most Great Name, and with but a single word hath breathed new life into the ancient world. How excellent is the state of the soul who, in this blessed Day, hath drunk from the fountain of awareness and reposed beneath the celestial Tree! This is the Day which, among all ages, centuries and epochs, hath been specifically designated by and attributed to Truth - exalted be His glory. How many souls who counted themselves among the foremost, yet whose names are not mentioned in the Holy Court; and how many who were unknown, yet today are remembered with utmost elevation and nobility in the Court of the True One! Glorified, glorified is He Who maketh ocean waves to appear from a drop, and the effulgences of the Sun from an atom! The ocean of knowledge hath appeared, yet the servants remain heedless of it; the sun of wisdom hath risen, yet people remain deprived and portionless thereof, save whom God willeth. Upon every leaf of the leaves of the world, the Supreme Pen hath inscribed and recorded the mysteries of evanescence, and on every page of the pages of existence, the symbols of impermanence are evident and written. Nevertheless, they have set their hearts upon it, occupied themselves with it, and rejoice in it. They have lost indeed who have turned away from the Countenance and followed the dictates of their desires. These have not found the sweetness of the verses, nor recognized the fragrance of the days of God, nor attained to that which was the purpose of the creation of the world. I testify that they have strayed from the straight path. My spirit be a sacrifice

for your service, and a sacrifice for your steadfastness, O thou who art immersed in the ocean of the love of God, and O thou who art engaged in the service of the Cause of God, and O thou who art steadfast in His remembrance and praise amidst the concourse of creation! Thou art the one who hath sacrificed thy self, thy wealth, and all that is attributed unto thee in the path of God. All things bear witness to your sincerity, your turning to God, your steadfastness, your praise, your remembrance, your testimony, and your service unto God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. It behooveth every lover to praise God for this and to thank Him for having confirmed you in that whereunto ye have attained, and for having adorned you with the ornament of His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

And moreover, the Star rising from the horizon of the heaven of the love of God arrived in the form of a letter, illumining the heart and soul, nay all limbs, with the light of joy and gladness. That which you had expressed, and your questioning of the reports concerning events in the Land of the Prison - nay, by Him Who illumined the horizon of the world with the Most Great Light! All atoms bear witness that your honor has ever been occupied with service to the Cause, and in expressing what has transpired had and has no purpose save the good-pleasure of God. The Truth, exalted be His glory, His bounty and His grandeur, hath spoken with His blessed tongue, saying that "My Name Ha (upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious), due to his being set ablaze with the fire of divine love, informed the servants of God of events that had occurred in the Most Great Prison. Verily he hath acted in accordance with what befitteth his sincerity, his love and his turning unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed." These words having ended, this servant and all things testify that whatsoever existeth in the heavens and earth cannot equal these few words sent down from the heaven of divine favor. That petition of this servant which was dispatched to your presence, and that which was revealed therein from His Most Exalted Pen, testifieth that your honor hath spoken for God's sake, informed for God's sake, and arose for God's sake. For a long time, extreme hardship and difficulty were daily manifest in this land, until new events also […] However, so that grief and sorrow might not seize the heart of your honor and those who drink the choice wine of divine knowledge, these matters were concealed. Indeed, what they had reported was greater than this, but was not revealed. Verily He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.Another matter: your honor's letter and that of Sheikh S (upon him be the Glory of God) were in the Prison Land while this servant submits this reply from the farm. Therefore, if it does not accord exactly with reality, forgiveness is hoped for, as it is necessary to have the original letter at hand when submitting a reply. However, at present this servant is here while your esteemed letter and that of the Sheikh are in Akka. Thus was the matter decreed. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Decreer, the All-Knowing.Concerning what was written about the threshold for Huququ'llah, it is as was written to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious). The basic threshold upon which Huquq becomes applicable is nineteen, and this accords with the Most Holy Book, for in that verse the intention was to explain the amount, not the threshold. Verily He is the Expositor in the beginning and the end. Until this year, mention of Huququ'llah had not been made - that is, this servant had not heard a word from the Most Holy Tongue indicating the collection of Huquq. However, in this year the firm decree was issued and appeared manifest from the horizon of the Cause. They stated that should anyone wish to pay Huququ'llah willingly and gladly, it would be accepted and the trustees should receive it and, as commanded, inform the Most Holy Court. Although the Most Holy Book was revealed from the heaven of the Cause several years ago

and the law of Huquq was established therein, nevertheless until this year They did not command its collection. Verily He is the Ruler, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Another submission is that I convey expressions of sincere devotion to his honor Shaykh S, upon him be the Glory of God. He is among those who have been touched by harm and hardship in the path of God, the Lord of Names. These blessed words I once heard from the tongue of the Beloved of the worlds concerning him: “Blessed be he, then joy be unto him.” I beseech the Most High to assist him in His remembrance and praise in all conditions. Verily, He is the Answerer, the Generous. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who are related to you, from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.In Dhi’l-Hajjih

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How great is Thy power! How exalted Thy sovereignty! How lofty Thy might! How excellent Thy majesty! How supreme is Thy grandeur – a grandeur which He Who is Thy Manifestation hath made known and wherewith Thou hast invested Him as a sign of Thy generosity and bountiful favor. I bear witness, O my God, that through Him Thy most resplendent signs have been uncovered, and Thy mercy hath encompassed the entire creation. But for Him, how could the Celestial Dove have uttered its songs or the Heavenly Nightingale, according to the decree of God, have warbled its melody?

I testify that no sooner had the First Word proceeded, through the potency of Thy will and purpose, out of His mouth, and the First Call gone forth from His lips than the whole creation was revolutionized, and all that are in the heavens and all that are on earth were stirred to the depths. Through that Word the realities of all created things were shaken, were divided, separated, scattered, combined and reunited, disclosing, in both the contingent world and the heavenly kingdom, entities of a new creation, and

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in God, they say “By the Qur’an,” yet when We reveal unto them that which is greater than it, they disbelieve in the Witness and the Witnessed. Thus have their souls deluded them, and they know it not.

O thou who art wronged! Make mention of the nobleman who presented himself before the Countenance, and give him glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for him from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and put thy trust in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Say: He hath come for the life of the world. Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers. Do that which ye have been commanded in the Book; it is better for you than all that ye possess. To this testifieth every discerning scholar.O Dhabih! Verily the Sacrifice offered up his soul in the path of God. By My life! He advanced to the station of sacrifice with a light that illumined the faces of them that are nigh unto God. Blessed is he who maketh mention of him, visiteth him, and circumambulateth his tomb. He is among the most exalted of creatures in a glorious Tablet. Give thanks unto God for that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.We make mention of him who was named ‘Abdu’l-Vasi’ that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. O My loved ones! It behooveth you to make good what hath passed you by in My days. Thus doth command you He Who heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Beware lest the doubts of the divines hold thee back from Him Who is known, or the utterances of the polytheists sadden thee - they who speak according to their vain imaginings without clear proof from God, the Mighty, the Great.O Naw-ruz-’Ali! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the Prison and hath moved His Most Exalted Pen to make mention of thee, that thou mayest soar on the wings of longing in this subtle and gentle air, from whose wafting breezes can be heard: “The Promise is fulfilled and the Promised One hath called all to the straight path of God.”We have desired to make mention of him who was named Isma’il, that the remembrance may attract him to a station wherein he shall see naught save the manifestations of My Most Beautiful Names and the dawning-places of My most exalted attributes. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty. Take thou the chalice of salvation in the name of thy Lord, then drink thereof with His All-Wise remembrance. Thus hath the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen been raised, yet most of the people are asleep.O Muhammad-Baqir! Give thanks for that God hath aided thee to recognize Him Who was recorded in the books of the Messengers. They have lost indeed who turned away from the Face when Its lights shone forth from the horizon of eternity after the passing of all things. Verily thy Lord is the Elucidator, the All-Knowing. When He was established upon the throne, He addressed His loved ones with a word that nothing in the invisible or visible world can equal, if thou be of them that know.The Prisoner hath at this moment turned toward him who was named Asadu’llah, that the greatest joy might take hold of him and draw him to a station that was illumined by the lights of the Face. Rejoice thou that the Tongue of the All-Merciful maketh mention of thee in the Kingdom of Utterance with verses that were in truth sent down from the heaven of glory. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from the Lord of all being. Turn away from them, then turn with thy heart to an ocean that was renowned by the name of God.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! The Wronged One calleth thee from His Most Great Prison in ’Akka, which hath been designated as the White Dome in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. That which the Prophets foretold hath come to pass, yet the people remain veiled in manifest obscurity. Arise to promote the

Cause, then remind the people of this Most Great Name, that they may forsake that which they possess and choose for themselves a path leading to God, the Most High, the Most Great, Who speaketh from this most exalted station and calleth the people unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have made mention of every name thou hast mentioned and have sent down for each one clear verses. Cast them upon the people by My command, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou thankful unto God for this most great favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!" Thus have the pearls of knowledge been cast forth from the ocean of utterance. Gather them in My name, then preserve them from the eyes of the treacherous. The glory that hath shone forth from the mouth of thy Lord's will be upon thee and upon every steadfast believer.

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He is God – exalted be His station, the Most Great and the All-PowerfulPraise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak, Who hath appeared and revealed that which was hidden from the eyes of all created beings. Exalted be His grace and exalted be His generosity. He hath guided His servants to His path, illumined them with the lights of His knowledge, adorned them with the garment of His love, and ordained for them, through His bounty and generosity, that which no eye hath seen nor any soul perceived. I testify that there is none other God but Him, and He Whom He hath sent with truth and justice is verily the Dayspring of His names, the Dawning-place of His attributes, the Manifestation of His Self, and the One Who hath arisen to serve His Cause, through Whom His fragrance hath been wafted abroad and His laws have been spread throughout all lands. And upon His family and His companions, through whom the limbs of the oppressors were made to quake and the hearts of the sincere were made tranquil. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by Him and by them, to aid His servants to exalt His Word, to manifest His oneness, and to spread His signs. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.And then, O beloved of my heart, thy noble letters arrived like a true friend. In truth, the letters of the friends are friendship itself, which no worldly events can alter, and they are likewise mirrors reflecting love and affection in such wise that neither the veils of the prejudiced nor the clouds of the misguided can obscure or prevent them. Glory be to God! This too is one of the fruits of divine wisdom. Who is capable of mentioning it as it deserveth mention, or of knowing it as it deserveth to be known? After perusing and studying each one, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented them before the countenance of my Lord. He said: "O Javad! Upon thee be My peace, My remembrance, and My praise. Thou dost bear witness and art well aware that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days, summoned the servants unto trustworthiness, which is the greatest means for the wealth and tranquility of nations, and likewise unto religion, which is a mighty stronghold for the protection of the peoples of the world. Yet in the end, the unjust ones in the world arose in tyranny. They abandoned gratitude and began to complain. In place of love appeared enmity, and in place of faithfulness, hatred." Say:"My God, my God! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of Thy heedless servants. O my Lord! Aid them with the hosts of justice, then send down upon them from the clouds of grace Thy mercy and from Thyself Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, by Thy Most Exalted Pen and by Thy Most Great Signs, and by the Dawning-Place of Thy unity and the Manifestation of Thy singleness,

through Whom the vale of Mecca flowed and the throne of Thy justice was established in the kingdom of creation, to assist me and Thy loved ones to observe religion and trustworthiness and whatsoever Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The servant came with your letter and read it before His face. We found from it the fragrance of your sincerity and certitude in the Cause of God, the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth. We testify that you attained in the early days, aided the Wronged One, and acted as commanded by the exiled and lonely One. We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which will make known to the people His straight path, guide them to His mighty announcement, and draw them near to the court of His chosen ones who did not break His covenant and His bond, and who said, despite the enemies: "The kingdom belongs to God, our Lord, the Lord of our fathers, and the Lord of the glorious throne." Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and illumine them with My beauteous remembrance.With firm and certain proof that that beloved of the heart has not been forgotten and has ever been and continues to be remembered. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He will adorn that beloved one with His special bounties and aid him to serve His Cause at all times. Verily He is the Omnipotent, as witnessed by His own Self to His own Self, and He is the Generous by the testimony of the kingdom of His wondrous utterance, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. I send greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land. Their station is truly in the heart and their place is in prison, for they are of this element and of this earth. This is the holy valley mentioned in the Furqan, which, despite the divines of Iran, has been and continues to be the object of the gaze of those near and sincere. We hope that God will transform these dispersions into unity so that we may all sit together and engage in the remembrance of the Peerless Friend.As for Haji 'Amu, upon him be God's peace, God willing, the blessed Tablet will be sent. That beloved one and his relatives - all their connection is to God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they know the worth of this greatest bounty and hold fast to what is befitting.As for the letter of the Master, upon him be God's peace, in the early days during the incident that occurred in 'Ayn and Shin, all were honored with mention and the luminary of favor, and specifically for each one a separate Tablet was sent, half of which expressed favor to the recipient of the Tablet and the other half was a visitation for His Holiness the exalted Martyr. Repeatedly all were forbidden from discord and commanded to unity. Some time passed and afterward no mention of the Master was heard concerning them. The ocean of grace paused. The Master and some of the loved ones repeatedly sent letters mentioning the events of that land. Nevertheless, the decree of silence appeared until in these days news arrived from them and Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Karim and others, and it is hoped that in these days answers will be graciously given to all. I beseech God to assist the Master in uniting hearts - this is a righteous and acceptable deed. The Command is in the hand of God, the Kind, the Forgiving.And regarding the fact that Aqa 'Ali, upon him be God's peace, has intended to send children to school - this matter was presented and the greatest prohibition appeared. The wisdom of non-acceptance is clear and evident, needing no mention now or ever.In mentioning the true Beloved in the direction of the two names, His Holiness Mim and ?a, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, this verse is appropriate which was said before:A moon departed from this city and went toward another city […]

One day They decided to visit the garden, and after Their arrival Their place became clear and evident. How many days They arose to serve, purely for the sake of God! Praise be to God, the straight path for all to follow became manifest through Them. It is hoped that through Their endeavors the path of all in the world may become clear and known, so that all may find the straight path and forever engage in praising and thanking the Causer of causes. Light, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's loved ones there who are not distracted from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, by commerce or by what people possess.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-PowerfulPraise be to God Who hath guided us to His straight path, Who hath caused us to speak of His oneness and His attributes, and Who hath enabled us to acknowledge that which His Most Exalted Pen hath uttered - that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books as a token of His grace, and commanded them to guide His servants that they might manifest that which would exalt them in all His worlds, until the divine ordinances were completed through that which was revealed in the Qur'an to the Seal of the Prophets and the Chosen Ones. Verily, it is the manifest Book of God, His mighty Command, and His radiant and resplendent Light whereby the world was illumined and nations were exalted. May the prayers that shine forth from the heaven of His grace be upon Him and upon His family and companions, who were as an ocean in their bounty, as a sword in battle, as the sky in their generosity, and as an army in their support. They manifested in every station that which was befitting and proper for them. Through them was made manifest what was made manifest, and was established what was revealed in God's Book, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the Sacred House! I beseech Thee by the Sacred Place and Station, by the mysteries Thou didst confide to the heart of Thy Beloved when He ascended unto Thee on the Night of Ascension, by the manifestation of Thy power on the Day of Resurrection, and by Thy settlement upon the throne of Thy greatness, O Lord of all beings and Breaker of idols, to send down upon Thy loved ones from the heaven of Thy bounty glory, honor, mercy and blessing. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.Thereafter, praise be to God, as the Shaykh said, I was seated, my thoughts turned inward - that is, contemplating my own heedlessness, failings and shortcomings - when suddenly the door of joy was opened and the countenance of the letter appeared, bringing what the spring caravan brings. No joy or delight, no pleasure or comfort can compare with it. God knows, God knows what it bestowed upon the heart, from which sprouted the sweet basil and roses of love. It is the cause and the means thereof. With but one drop it can transform barren land into good soil and grant a hundred thousand utterances to the dumb. Its mark is visible upon all things, and its trace is evident in all things. It bestows the spirit of inner meanings upon the temple of utterance. Were but a breeze from its direction to pass over the people of the world, all would turn to the most exalted horizon and detach themselves from aught else.After reading and becoming acquainted with it, we proceeded to the station and it was presented. The Lord spoke that which was spirit to bodies, light to the righteous, and meaning to words, concluding with these most exalted words: "We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist them in that which He loveth and is

pleased with, and to adorn the pages of the world with their names, their mention, and that which proceedeth from them."God is witness and testifier that these beloved ones have ever been and are before His face in the nights and days, their mention being with the Lord. As for the mention of turning toward Egypt, and likewise the subsequent turning of the beloved of hearts, his honor M.H., upon him be the glory of God - God willing, Egypt shall be blessed and shall receive a full portion from this turning, for it hath been honored by two most exalted names. By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose, the breath of the chosen ones is effective, their existence is effective, their turning is effective, their utterance is effective.

The mention of Haji Muhammad-Baqir and others, upon them be God's peace, which they wrote about, brought the utmost joy and fresh delight. This word was the effect of the verses of the garden of inner meanings. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to increase the reward of that beloved one. In truth, this matter was a cause of sorrow to the Blessed Beauty. That beloved of the heart bears witness and knows that one must grasp and hold fast to all means that promote the unity of God's loved ones, for unity itself is among the hosts of God, exalted be His glory. Indeed, had the idolaters truly witnessed the unity of the people of divine unity, they would never have dared to oppose them. The world's ruin stems from discord, and its prosperity from unity. In one place it is stated that unity is the lamp of the heart and its guardian. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to grant the sweetness of unity that all may taste thereof and share it. This evanescent one offers his utter nothingness in service to each of the believers in divine unity and seeks help from all, that he may perchance succeed in justice and fairness and in deeds that are the cause and means of God's good-pleasure and salvation.As to what was written regarding the treasury, I beseech God, exalted be His station, that from that eternal treasury may appear sweet and goodly gifts–that is, those that are praiseworthy and desirable–of trustworthiness, religious devotion, wealth, blessing, bounty, kindness, mercy and glory. However, one must first ask God to grant all the capacity to become worthy and capable of receiving true gifts. God willing, from that treasury may the treasuries of the world be made prosperous–that is, hearts–and from that shop may both worlds receive their portion. The command is in God's hand, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.As to what was written regarding 'Ali, upon him be God's peace, and his attention to the palm trees, though outwardly they have not been seen or planted, yet inwardly they are lofty palm trees. I fear the mullas, otherwise I would say that their roots are firm and their branches reach unto heaven. These are the trials of this poor one which appear and are evident from every corner. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for grace and seek His bounty that He may ever keep pure the intention of this evanescent servant and make it for His sake. He is the Bestower, the Kind. I also beseech Him to assist 'Ali with all divine outpourings and to place this deed of his in the third category, according to His word, exalted be He: "And among them are those who outstrip others in good works." Grace belongs to God, the Revealer of verses, the Manifester of clear proofs, the Remover of doubts, and He is the Protector over all names and attributes.

As mention hath been made of His honor Haji Mirza, upon him be the peace of God and His grace, and likewise mention of His honor Haji A.A., upon them both be Baha'u'llah's [glory], if that beloved one is present in that land, convey greetings on behalf of this deprived one to each of them. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant unto each one both outward and inward bounties, and sustenance both

earthly and heavenly, and this will assuredly be answered through His generosity, which hath encouraged me, and through His bounty, which hath increased my certitude. And I implore God to bestow speedy recovery upon the honored beloved, His honor A.B., upon him be Baha'u'llah's [glory]. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

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He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting! Exalted be His glory!All praise be to God, the rightful Sovereign Who encompasses all souls and horizons. He hath revealed the lights of His countenance on the Day of the Covenant and hath shone forth upon the dayspring of hearts, whereupon existence was thunderstruck, then recovered consciousness. He it is Who hath caused the rains of grace to descend from the clouds of His flowing Command, whereby He hath caused the roses of divine knowledge to grow from the gardens of the hearts of the people of unity. The Sun of eternity hath dawned from the horizon of might - blessed is he who hath attained unto this dawning. The lamp of reunion hath been lit - blessed is he who hath been saved by its light from the darkness of separation.O people of creation! Ponder ye the Cause of the Lord of Names. Have ye seen a day mightier than this Day wherein the dawn of Revelation hath shone forth, the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken, and the darkness hath been illumined by the gleaming of the Light from this conspicuous Station? The cups of joy have been passed round by the hands of grace and bounty, and the people of Baha, who are embarked upon the Crimson Ark that saileth upon the sea of grandeur by the command of God, the Creator of all things and the Lord of creation, have drunk therefrom.Beware lest the doubts of the people of error withhold you from turning towards the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, or lest that which hath been said before or will be said deprive you of recognizing your Lord on the Day of Return. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared on this witnessed Day, and all who dwell in the realms of the seen and unseen have called to His glorious station. Blessed is he who hath recognized his Lord, the All-Loving, who hath detached himself from all that exists within the realm of being, who hath remained steadfast upon His straight path, opposing the desires of every rejected polytheist. He hath attained unto that which his Lord, the Worshipped One, ordained for him, and hath entered the gardens of Paradise by the command of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath grasped the handle of divine knowledge, and hath been saved from the imaginings of the people of possibility, uttering the praise of his Lord, the All-Bountiful.This is the Day whereon God hath manifested Himself unto all things through all names, and hath called the peoples of the world to the direction of His Most Great Name, and hath guided them to His Most Straight Path, and hath summoned them unto Him through His most perfect and complete utterance. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the greatest veil and hath attained unto that which was ordained for him by the Lord of Destiny, and hath turned towards His most luminous direction, detached from all that pertaineth to the world of man, seeking to recognize the hidden Mystery, hoping for the shade of his established Lord, and content with that which hath been ordained and commanded for him. He, verily, hath been saved from the depths of idle fancies, hath recognized the Hidden Name, hath attained unto the Treasured Secret, and hath entered the Protected Station beneath the shade of the Lord of all that was and shall be.This is the Day wherein the Sun of Guidance hath dawned and the mystery of the Beginning hath been revealed

at the End, and the hearts of the people of understanding have been illumined by the light of Revelation. Blessed is he whom the veils of glory have not prevented from turning unto and drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, on the Day of Return.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who cannot be described through human utterance, nor mentioned by the tongues of all who dwell within the realm of creation! How can I describe Thee when I behold that the most precious gems of praise are unworthy to approach the court of Thy glorified majesty? How can I make mention of Thee when I witness that the most wondrous expressions of remembrance cannot ascend to the kingdom of Thy eternity? Were the discerning and clear-sighted one to contemplate what Thou hast deposited within existence from the traces of Thy power, this would suffice as proof of Thee and as testimony to Thy greatness. Verily, he who is experienced needeth not descriptions and remembrances to know Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the Kingdom of Glory and Power! Should he reflect upon himself and witness the greatness of his Lord's handiwork, he would be guided by these signs to the knowledge of mysteries; the veils would be lifted and he would behold Thee seated upon the throne of power and authority.O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils on the Day of Return and didst guide Thy near servants to the direction of Thy Name, the All-Bestowing, to assist those who have entered beneath the shadow of Thy grace and have entered the gardens of Thy love in such wise that their names may be exalted in Thy dominions, their mention become renowned throughout Thy lands, and their station be made manifest among Thy servants - namely, to arise to serve Thy Most Great Cause amidst humanity and to guide Thy servants through the subtleties of wisdom to Thy most holy and most generous direction. This is a bounty that cannot be equalled by aught in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and a matter beside which nothing can stand in the world of creation. Thou hast said - and Thy Word is the truth - "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind." How much more so for one who quickeneth prepared souls and guideth pure hearts to the direction of Thy knowledge, O Lord of all created things! Neither pen nor ink can reckon what Thou hast ordained as the reward for this exalted matter and wondrous station.I beseech Thee to protect Thy loved ones beneath the shadow of Thy protection and care from the evil of the wicked among Thy creatures, and to strengthen them always through Thy confirmations to stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the oppression of nations may prevent them from turning unto Thee, O Possessor of the Most Great Name! Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou givest to whomsoever Thou pleasest that which Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.O beloved of the heart! That which was adorned with the traces of ink hath been received, making clear what was in thy heart of the subtleties of love and affection. Days had passed without the presence of thy letter and thy gracious address. I take God, my Lord, as witness that at all times I was awaiting the arrival of news and inquiring about thy circumstances from all who came from various directions. I praise God for having assisted thee in His days and enabled thee to make mention of His loved ones. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect thee in His shadow and to ordain for thee every good that He hath promised in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.When I read thy sweet letter, I attended the court of the Lord of Lords and presented it before His Face. Thereupon, the fragrance of grace was stirred and the ocean of bounty surged, and there was revealed for thee that which shall endure throughout the duration of attributes and names, and shall

be with thee in the hereafter and in this world. Thou shalt be honored with its visitation on another leaf. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned and for being remembered most often by the tongue of grace and favor. This is a bounty that cannot be equalled by aught that hath been created in the contingent world. To this beareth witness whatsoever hath been created by the command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.It behoveth thee to arise with joy and gladness to guide the servants to the lamp of thy Lord's resplendent Cause. I beseech God, the Lord of the worlds, to protect thee beneath the shadow of His grace, by His Most Great Name, from the evil of the wicked among the nations, and to strengthen thee at all times to propagate His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the cry of them that are nigh unto Thee, by the lamentation of the sincere ones, by the yearning of the lovers, and by the exultation of them that know Thee in Thy love, to preserve him whom Thou hast aided to turn towards Thee and whom Thou hast caused to enter the pavilion of majesty and given to drink from the fountain of bounty and grace. Protect him beneath Thy sheltering care from the oppression of Thy creatures, and grant him always the blessing of Thy tender mercies and the pure waters of Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor. Ordain for him that which is best in the hereafter and in this world, and shelter him beneath Thy shade in all Thy worlds. Exalt his station in service to Thy Cause and aid him to teach Thy Faith throughout Thy lands in such wise that through his utterance the ready ones may be guided, the seated ones may arise, and the slumbering ones may be awakened. Verily, Thou art the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O thou beloved! Convey on behalf of this servant the greetings of God unto His steadfast loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. The Spirit and Glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon all of them.

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From Dughabad has been revealed unto the Name of God who was called Muhammad, and who was touched by afflictions in the path of his Lord, and was among those endowed with certitude, from the Pen of God inscribed in the Tablets:In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous!O servant who hast been imprisoned in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Holiness doth speak in the most exalted Paradise with sacred and sweet melodies. By God! Whoso entereth beneath the shadow of but one leaf of the leaves of the trees that have been raised up in this Garden which hath appeared in this holy, lofty, inaccessible, most pure, most luminous, most holy and wondrous court, verily around him shall circle the inhabitants of the Supreme Concourse, then the denizens of the realms of eternity, then they that abide upon the Ark of Grandeur, then the sanctified realities and the embodiments of them that are nigh unto God, then the spirits of the Prophets and Messengers. And thou, ascend thou with the two wings of holiness and soar in this atmosphere wherein no atom moveth but it proclaimeth the Truth, even as the Tree of Eternity proclaimed at the divine Lote-Tree: "There is none other God besides Me, the Holy, the Mighty, the All-Praised."Purify thy sight, O servant! By God, there hath appeared that which hath not appeared in all the worlds, and there hath been uttered the Most Great Word, through one letter of which the suns of past and future generations

were raised up, and none hath comprehended it save My All-Knowing, All-Wise Self. Through it have appeared the words of God and been attracted the hearts of them that have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and drawn nigh unto this Beauty, the Mighty, the Holy, the Luminous.Deprive not thyself of the sanctuary of God, and cut not off thy portion of that which hath been ordained for thee. Therefore, gird up thy loins to exalt His Word, then cry out between the heavens and the earth with the call of them that are enraptured, that thou mayest attract by thy cry the hearts of all created things and turn them to the holy direction, the seat of mighty glory. However, O thou who believest in God, first recite thou these verses with the melodies of eternity, that thou mayest be attracted within thyself and attract thereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. And if thou art not attracted within thyself, thy word will not encompass the servants nor affect the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Thus have We commanded thee, inspired thee, remembered thee and given thee glad tidings as a bounty from Our presence, and I am the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.By God! These are the words of the Primal Point revealed anew from His tongue in this holy, radiant, most luminous Temple. Strive thou within thyself not to deny that through which thy faith and the faith of them that acknowledged and confessed what was revealed unto Him of the verses of God, the Great, the Firm, the Wondrous, were established. And whoso denieth a single letter of these words hath denied the Primal Point, then His Book, then His proof, then Him Who sent Him with the truth. This is what the tongue of truth hath spoken with knowledge.Therefore ponder within thyself: can the name of faith be applied to them that have denied these verses? Nay, by My true Self, if thou art of them that know! And shouldst thou find them that have acknowledged the Bayan and all that is therein denying that which is now revealed in truth, beware of them, shun them, and remain safely protected. Neither let thyself be consumed by the fire of their souls, nor sit with them, nor draw nigh unto them, for their likeness is as the likeness of the serpent - should anyone draw nigh unto it, it would instantly bite him. Guard thyself against these and their like. Indeed, were We to find thee capable within thyself, We would bid thee not even to pass through their marketplaces nor any city wherein dwelleth one of them, for through the air of their souls the […]

Thus doth the Beauty of God counsel thee out of love for thee and for His loved ones, that ye may follow that which ye have been commanded. By God! We command you only with that which is for your own good, did ye but perceive it. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in the path of thy Lord. By God! Those who are nigh unto Him yearn for tribulations in the paths of God even as the thirsty yearn for the Kawthar of God’s mercy, and as the suckling babe yearneth for its mother’s breast. Thus have We given thee glad tidings in truth, that thou mayest be of those who rejoice. We verily gave thee glad tidings in the prison and showed thee in thy dream thy release therefrom and thine attainment to the pinnacle of the Cause in those days, if thou hast not forgotten what thou didst see and art of those who remember. Thus doth God protect whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of the heavens and earth and deliver him from the hands of the idolaters. There is none to protect except Him; He guardeth whom He willeth through His sovereignty. His is the creation and the command, and all things are preserved with Him in tablets of imperishable glory. Beware lest thou forget the favor of thy Lord or deprive thyself of this mercy which hath preceded all created things and which every blind and seeing one who is just may perceive. Take the love of thy Lord and preserve it in thy heart, and exchange it not for aught else of what hath been or shall be created, that thou mayest profit in thy commerce through the love of God, thy Lord. Otherwise thou

shalt be in manifest loss. Arise to serve the Cause, then take this Tablet and enter into the presence of those who have veiled themselves from the Concourse of the Bayan. Say: O people! I have come to you from the right hand of divine authority with a momentous message which is, in truth, supreme. Then recite unto them the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Revelator, the Mighty, the Wise. And when thou hast recited them unto them say: O people! If ye possess a proof greater than this, bring it forth and be not of those who tarry. O people! Be fair and deny not this Dayspring which hath shone forth upon the horizons with the lights of God, the Sovereign, the Dawning, the Mighty, the Luminous. By God the Truth! All that ye possess of the signs of God is proof of Him, were ye of those who know. O people! Have mercy upon Him, then upon yourselves. Those who have risen against Him from all religions suffice Him. If ye help Him not, ye will not harm Him. Be not of the oppressors. Fear God Who created you for His Revelation and took from you His covenant in the atoms of the Bayan, and before that in the atoms of the Furqan, and before that in the atoms of the Gospel, until it reacheth the primal atoms. Thus was the matter, were ye of those who know. And if ye believe not, deny Him not, nor wage war against His person. Fear God, O concourse of believers! Nay, by My life! These will not be content with anything, and will soon rise in discord and emerge from the thicket of hypocrisy with swords of steel. Thus have We made clear unto thee the matter with manifest proofs and decisive verses, that thou mayest become aware of that which is veiled from the eyes of the world. Preserve thou this Tablet, then read it and take comfort in it, and be of those who remember. Thereby will God resurrect thee on the Day of Resurrection in His presence and protect thee from the earthquake of the Hour. This verily is a great bounty. Blessed is he who readeth the verses of God and pondereth them and draweth forth from their depths the pearls of a preserving knowledge. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who, when the verses of God their Lord are sent down unto them, fall prostrate upon their faces before God, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Most High, the Most Great, the Most Mighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Subduing, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation.

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Blessed is He in Whose hand is the Kingdom of everlasting dominion, then the realm of might and splendor, and within His grasp are all who dwell in the kingdom of creation and command and whatsoever hath been created between the heavens and the earth. O Word of Victory! Know thou that this Day is the day of thy victory. Arise to aid the Cause of God and His Command amongst the worlds. Stand forth in such wise that there shall be manifest from thine every member that which shall reveal the victory of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the cawing of the idolaters and the clamor of those who have disbelieved in God openly hold thee back, after they had been given the glad tidings of this Manifestation from the tongue of Him Who was the Manifestation of My Self, Whom We sent in truth and made a mercy unto all the worlds. Among them are those who turned away and said “He hath appeared too soon.” Say: He, verily, is the One with power over all things. He hath manifested Himself in truth and made it a testimony unto all created things. Is it that He doeth what He willeth, or are ye of those who do? He hath sent down from the heaven of His will whatsoever He desired, for He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: Woe unto you, O heedless ones! By God the Truth! Whosoever uttereth this word, his name hath been recorded in the Tablets with the Jews, were ye

but to perceive it. For they said “God’s hand is chained up,” and ye say the like thereof, and ye are not among those who understand. The body of God hath been pierced by the arrows of your rancor while ye rejoice within yourselves and are of those who are glad. And among them are those who turned away and said that such and such a one hath not believed in God’s Cause. Say: Woe unto you, O ye deniers! Have ye not heard what hath been sent down in truth, that every light shall be dimmed before His splendor? By God! This indeed is His splendor which hath appeared in truth with clear and manifest signs. Have ye not heard what was revealed in the Tablets, that the Sinaitic spirits would expire at the appearance of this crimson Light? Yet ye have not been mindful of that which was sent down in the preserved Tablets of glory. Apart from what was revealed in the Tablets, ye have not seen him whom ye took as lord unto yourselves, nor have ye understood him or his condition. By God the Truth! All that ye heard from him appeared by My binding, transcendent, and all-knowing Command. And among them is he who said that no harm or tribulation had touched Him. Say: Hast thou not heard, O idolater, that He was cast into prison four times in the path of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praised? In each instance there befell Him what had befallen no one before Him, as witnessed by the dwellers of the cities of eternity, and beyond them, My Own invincible, mighty, and peerless Self. Apart from imprisonment, I stood against the enemies in My days, and there fell upon Me at every moment arrows of hatred and rancor from diverse peoples, as ye have heard and are among those who have heard. And beyond what befell Me at their hands, there hath befallen Me at the hands of the people of the Bayan that which cannot be recounted in words, as the Tongue of the All-Merciful beareth witness, were ye even among the deniers. Whosoever possesseth the least discernment would testify that My standing firm against the enemies in days when the hearts of men of understanding were sorely shaken was better than the worship of the Concourse on High and all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth.

O Name of Victory! Know thou that in My days My food was but morsels of My own liver, and My drink naught but the blood of My heart. Yet We concealed all this from Our servants, and God is witness and well aware of what I say. Say: Fear ye God, O people, and commit not that which none before you hath ever committed. Take hold of the tablets of God with might and turn not unto that which floweth from the pen of the calumniators. They have disbelieved in God, therefore hath been sent down concerning them that which hath been sent down, and verily it is a revelation from One mighty and powerful. Say: O people of the Bayan! Were ye not commanded in the tablets of God to behold Him with His own eyes and not to be veiled on the Day of His Manifestation by what was revealed in the Bayan, nor by its letters and mirrors? Yet ye have violated God’s covenant and His testament, and have clung to fancy and desire, and become of those who have turned away. Say: His words can never be confounded with the words of any other, and that which hath appeared from Him beareth witness unto His own Self, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Fear ye God and render not your works vain, and spread not corruption in the earth after its reformation, and be not of those who are veiled. Say: All things have been stirred by the breezes of God, and every barren land hath been made verdant by the vegetation of His bounty, and every withered tree hath borne fruit through fruits holy, incomparable and wondrous, while ye have made yourselves deprived of the fragrances of those days and forbidden from the sweet scents that have been wafted from the direction of your All-Merciful Lord, and ye have been of the heedless ones. Say: Would that ye had contented yourselves with this! Nay, by the Self of God! Rather have ye arisen to turn away in such wise that at every moment ye hurl at His body the darts of hypocrisy,

as though ye were created from the fire of hell. Say: Verily your All-Merciful Lord, should He desire to take a handful of dust and raise from it what was and what will be, is able to do so through His sovereignty, the Mighty, the All-Encompassing. Beware lest ye slay the Self of God; if ye believe not in Him, oppose Him not and be not of the ignorant ones. Say: O company of those who have turned away! The dwellers of the all-highest Paradise now witness your evil state and place their fingers of remorse and bewilderment between their teeth by reason of what hath appeared from you in this Manifestation which hath appeared with the truth with a holy and glorious adorning. If ye fear not God, then be ye ashamed before these, that haply ye may find a way unto Him Who occupieth the throne. And thou, O servant, ascend on the wing of inner meanings unto the heaven of utterance, then help thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with whatsoever thou art able, and be not of the patient ones. Strive within thyself to soar unto a station wherein thou shalt behold those who have turned away and what they possess beneath thy shadow, and wherein thou shalt find thyself in an atmosphere of holy and subtle grace. Leave behind the worlds and whatsoever is therein, then journey in this atmosphere which hath been spread through the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Beware lest the coldness of the allusions of the deniers extinguish the heat of thy love. Be thou consumed at every moment with the heat of My love, then drink at every instant from the wine of My bounty, then soar at every hour in the atmosphere of My companionship, then hearken at every minute to My melodies from the direction of My Most Great and Supreme Throne. Say: Blind is the eye that beholdeth not the gleaming lights of its Lord's countenance, the All-Merciful, and deaf is the ear that heareth not His verses, and severed is the tongue that moveth not in His remembrance. The praise of Him has made blind the eye that would not see His splendor, and has clipped the wing that would not soar in the atmosphere of His knowledge, and has broken the neck that would not bow before the manifestations of His sovereignty - He Who hath encompassed both the first and the last. Thus do We make mention of thee at a time when sorrows have compassed Us round from every side to such extent as to prevent Us from remembrance, and God is sufficient witness to what I say. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon them that have held fast unto the Most Great Ark which hath sailed upon the sea of grandeur through My Most Glorious Name, and were of them that have attained.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, wisdom and utterance!Blessed are they who have found shelter beneath the Sadratu't-Tuba, and happy the state of those servants who have drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are those men whom the might of the mighty hath not withheld from the All-Possessing, the Most High, and blessed are those loved ones who are illumined with the light of certitude and repose beneath the Tree. Blessed is that company who have detached themselves from the world and who gaze toward the horizon of the Will of the Ancient Lord, and blessed are those companions who were and are vigilant in executing the commandments of God - who fast at His bidding, who eat with His leave, who arise in His service, who speak forth His praise, and who breathe with His love. Blessed are the lovers who have traversed the horizons, land and sea, and have attained the supreme summit and ultimate goal. Blessed is that company whom the parties of the world have not prevented from hearing the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. Joy be to those souls who are adorned

with the dust of prison. Blessed are those feet that have attained to this land and inhaled from its atmosphere the fragrance of divine verses. And blessed are those souls who have borne tribulations in the path of the peerless Friend - they are the mountains of God's grace, glorified be His majesty.O people of God! Today the Luminary of utterance is shining forth and the ocean of the Most Merciful's mercy is surging. Happy the state of the soul that hath attained and been adorned with steadfastness. Blessed are those servants who in this wilderness have uttered the blessed words "Here am I, O God of the worlds," and blessed are those men who have drunk from the Kawthar of this land and reposed beneath its trees. Blessed are the wayfarers who, on this day - the ninth day of the month of fasting - have been gazed upon by the Most Great Luminary from the supreme horizon of the world and been illumined by Its rays. Joy be to those emigrants who, with permission, set forth and bore the hardships of travel until they attained to that which was recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who are expectant of the Cause and who have borne the burden of fasting for the sake of God, who have been content with little and have forsaken much in the path of the All-Informed. An ocean of mercy be upon those souls whom the idle fancies of the world have not prevented and whom the veils of the peoples have not withheld from drawing nigh - who with the arm of certitude have shattered the barriers of doubt and turned toward the supreme horizon. An ocean of light be upon those servants who have aided the Cause of God through their deeds and character.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Glory and loving-kindness! These are the days of fasting, formerly designated as the Month of God. We beseech the True One to aid all to observe that which hath been revealed in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. The mention of each one floweth forth today from the tongue. Give them glad tidings from the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the Kind, the All-Merciful. O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Single!The letter of Abdul-Husayn, upon him be My Glory, which he wrote to thee was noted. We found it adorned with the mention of God, His loved ones and His chosen ones. Well is it with him! He hath spoken the truth, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. He made mention of Mirza Ali-Akbar, upon him be My Glory. Praise be to God, they have drunk from the choice wine of certitude and have turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. The dust of idle fancies prevented them not from the Lord of all beings.We make mention of Muhammad who hath attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to strengthen him and aid him with the hosts of the unseen. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The clamor of the world held him not back from the Ancient Lord. They rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in that which will draw him nigh unto Him and to ordain for him that which He hath ordained for His near servants.At this hour We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Ali, and We remind him of My verses and give him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy. Verily, he hath attained unto that which was recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath turned and attained. We beseech God to aid him in reforming the world and guiding the peoples, and to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.We make mention of him whom We named Habibullah in the world of creation and in the Book of Names, as a command from Us that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all beings and Creator of the heavens, for having mentioned me time and again and honored me with that

which nothing in existence can equal. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy grace, and by the station which was honored by Thy presence and whereon was established the throne of Thy grandeur, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."We make mention of him who loved Me and attained My presence and circled round Me and spoke My praise, and We give him the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy. Verily, he was named Husayn in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords. O Husayn! The Wronged One mentioneth thee at this time with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: "Unto Thee be thanksgiving and praise, and unto Thee be glory and splendor, O Thou Who art the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth." Blessed art thou and blessed is he who heareth thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this Cause at which the limbs of the evil ones have quaked.

O Muhammad! The letter from Abdul-Husayn concluded with mention of Amin. Verily, We make mention of Husayn and We make mention of Amin who hath attained to the service of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath mentioned My loved ones with manifest humility. In all his letters he hath spoken in praise of the friends of God, beseeching divine grace and loving-kindness for each one. We beseech God to aid him, that through the light of detachment he may become the cause of unity and concord. Blessed is he who uniteth hearts and souls. Whosoever acteth in this supreme service for the sake of God is recorded in the Book as one of the people of Baha and the companions of the most exalted Paradise. We convey Our greetings to the friends of God in the Land of Ta and its surroundings, and counsel them to that which will exalt the Cause of God. O people of Baha! With the hosts of wisdom and utterance, summon the peoples of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Dispel the doubts and vain imaginings of the past, and strive that perchance the loved ones of this Cause may not be afflicted with that which afflicted the people of former times throughout the ages. They claimed truth, yet ultimately pronounced the death sentence. Now too the deniers of the Bayan walk the same path, clinging to doubts and vain imaginings. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of those who behold the Sun yet deny it, who see the signs yet turn away therefrom. They are indeed in manifest loss. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon him and upon those who have migrated in My path and have attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Exalted Seat.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Sacred, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!The heart and eye have been gladdened by the perusal of thy letter, which was adorned with the ornament of remembrance and praise, and embellished with the mention of God, the Lord of all names. Each of the hearing, the sight, and the heart hath received its share therefrom. By thy life! The eye hath been illumined by beholding it, the heart hath been gladdened by reading it, and the ear hath been delighted by hearing what it contained of the mention of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to favor us with meeting thee once again and to grant us the fountain of thy reunion. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.Furthermore, when thy most luminous letter, O thou who art beloved, arrived through the grace of the All-Merciful at the most auspicious time, namely the

days of Ridvan, it brought boundless joy, gladness, and delight. We praise Him for His wondrous favors. What blessing is greater than for the loved one to be honored by the mention of his Beloved? As the honored Ismu'llah-i-Javad (may the glory of the Lord of creation rest upon him) hath said, may this blessed custom ever endure. All that thou hadst written was presented before the Throne, and unique and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will for all the souls mentioned in thy letter, and were dispatched. Praise be to God that they have become the cause of this greatest bounty and the means of this supreme gift. The Merciful outpourings have ever been and will ever continue to stream down from the heaven of divine favors. God willing, may all attain unto them and receive their portion in the days of God. For every soul who departed from these parts bound for those regions, a wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent, and was presented to thy honor. Similarly from the direction of the Land of Ha, but since affairs in that region were delayed due to the absence of the friends in the Land of Ha, they have not reached thee. Previously, when the way was open, a Tablet containing one of the mysteries of the Cause was sent sealed, but as was mentioned, it was delayed in the Land of Alif and Sin. Therefore the original revelation is being sent sealed at this time, and that too will arrive, God willing, from the direction of the Land of Ha. According to His command, thy honor must make every effort that souls who are among the people of God, enkindled with the fire of divine love and adorned with wisdom and proper conduct, should proceed to certain cities and villages for the purpose of teaching, as remembrance is necessary in all conditions. He hath said that this has been and will be among the most important matters. Should one of the assured and articulate souls proceed to the land of Kaf and Ra, which is near Ya, for the purpose of teaching with wisdom and utterance, it would be most pleasing. His exalted Word states:O Mahdi! As We were walking in the Most Great Prison and turning toward the nations and cities of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, We detected from the land of Kaf and Ra a foul odor. May God quiet it and transform it through His authority. Verily, He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This indicates that someone has concealed within himself that which We do not wish to mention. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Although We gave glad tidings to the servants in Our Most Holy Book, which was sent down wondrously from the heaven of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds - We said, and Our word is the truth: O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state which God doth not approve, and witness from thee that which no one save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, perceiveth, and discover that which passeth in the most secret of secrets. With Us is the knowledge of all things, inscribed in a perspicuous Tablet. Grieve thou not because of this. God shall raise up within thee such as will make mention of Him with steadfastness, whom neither the censure of the divines nor the doubts of the perverse can deter. These shall behold God with their own eyes and will aid His Cause through their own selves. These, verily, are of those who are firm in faith.It was stated that there are susceptible souls in those parts. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto it and is among those who remember. Concerning what was written about printing, when presented before the Most Holy Court, it was stated that although We have commanded that the divine books be written in the finest script and most exquisite adornment, yet now it is necessary that they be printed, for without this the spread of the verses of God would be delayed.His honor hath indeed expressed proper thoughts, and what he hath written accordeth with wisdom and prudence. However, the means for this are presently delayed. First, souls must be found who are highly skilled in printing. Secondly, the means should be employed according to whatever his honor deemeth advisable in this matter. If the aforementioned souls

are truly proficient in printing to the utmost degree, let them proceed; perchance God will gather His means.Furthermore, an exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of divine bounty, designated as the Most Holy Book. A copy thereof hath been sent to his honor. What more can this evanescent servant say about the tone, majesty and power with which it hath been revealed? God willing, they will become familiar with it and attain unto its hidden and scattered pearls. By the truth of His own Self, the worlds cannot equal it. Following the revelation of several verses concerning ordinances, which at this time it was not expedient to circulate, these were, by command, removed, and markers were placed at each location until such time as it may be fitting to restore them.His honor Aqa Jamalu'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God, hath for some time attained the Most Holy Court, and a copy of that Tablet was given to him. It is commanded that if qualified, prepared, and detached souls are found, it is permissible to show them the Tablet, otherwise not, for prior to the exaltation of the Cause, the circulation of certain matters is not permitted. God guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path. The bearer of the Most Holy Book and Tablets was his honor Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the True King, the Manifest. Indeed, he and his honor Mulla Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, have borne the utmost hardship in the path of God. Their trade hath profited them, both outwardly and inwardly.

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This servant has never desired aught but truthfulness and justice from any of God's servants, and it was known to your honor that no negligence, within the bounds of possibility, was shown in serving any of the emigrants, and every effort was made to satisfy each one, especially the kindred. Nevertheless, my brother wrote to various quarters that he had been wronged, denied his stipend, and that attempts had been made on his life. And if you were to say that you are unaware of the secrets and do not know, it has become sufficiently clear and evident to you that all these accusations they have written are pure falsehood, and he intended to cut down the divine Tree. You are also aware that this servant has never withheld bread and stipend from any soul, let alone from the kindred. By God, besides Whom there is no other God! After you left, whatever was received from the government was distributed among all the inhabitants of this land, both emigrants and brethren, and I personally never used anything save a small portion set aside for the sacred household. And it reaches my brother and others every month. Nevertheless, specifically to undermine the Cause of God and to beg from people, he has written such calumnies to various quarters. The account of Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani, which you are aware was sent every month - O Ahmad! Hearken unto the holy, eternal melodies. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that the deeds of Truth are distinguished from all else, were men to perceive. The Truth writes to various quarters that they do not give him his stipend. Nay, by My life, the All-Merciful, if ye but knew! Alas for him and those who follow him! If ye show the least particle of fairness and reflect upon what he has written and attributed to this servant, ye would understand all his words and deeds, for ye know that what they have written is pure falsehood. If veils of fancy have prevented people from understanding certain matters, you were present and witnessed with your own eyes that this servant was never pleased with anyone's harm and never withheld anything from any soul. Now consider what this person has brought upon this servant during these successive years. By God, O Ahmad! Throughout all days I strove for his protection and honor while he stood ready for my death and harm. And this was not

confined to him alone - from every soul to whom the utmost love was shown, there ultimately came to this servant that which came not from any manifestations of negation to the Ancient Beauty. And of what you witnessed that could have rent asunder the veils of the servants, you never spoke, while you related, either by your own words or his, that which caused or indicated harm to this servant. O Ahmad! Verily thy Lord is ever watchful. O Ahmad! Know this much: the calumniators of this Manifest Beauty have never prospered nor shall they ever prosper. Soon thou shalt see. Nothing whatsoever escapeth God's knowledge, and He, verily, knoweth what is in the hearts.

In truth, what hath been desired of you and others by the True One is that ye should mention that which ye have witnessed and perceived, and in no wise depart from equity. Praise be to the Ancient Beauty Who, on diverse occasions, made evident and manifest His station unto you. First, the story of Dhabih, your brother, and second, the Persian writing which was penned in response to the poem of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali. Now judge with fairness: one who comprehendeth not the meaning of a poem, as thou thyself hast discovered, yet thou didst take his part and remained heedless of the truth. By God, O Ahmad! My love for thee hath moved My Pen to counsel thee, that perchance thou mayest speak the truth among the peoples of the world. O Ahmad! Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy and be not of those who, though the Truth is manifest, resplendent and evident this day, hasten from distant places to visit mere dust, and at times relate fabricated miracles, yet consider themselves the most God-fearing and exalted among all people. O Ahmad! Speak thou with truth and be not the cause of people's delusion. The world is not worthy of falsehood. Be not of those who fashion idols with their own hands and then fall prostrate before their own creation in worship. What difference is there between such people and those who utter fabricated words in praise of one in whom naught but vain desire is evident, that they might establish their words among men, and then bow down in worship? Between these two groups there is no difference in the sight of God, for one group worships what their hands have fashioned, while the other worships what their tongues have contrived. Woe unto them for what they have earned in their vain life. Soon shall they return to their abode - evil indeed is the abode of the idolaters and the liars.

O Ahmad! Every soul is characterized by that which pertaineth to its faith. And if thou wouldst observe with a penetrating vision, whensoever the Truth, exalted be His remembrance, describeth any soul, He hath but described His own Self, and this is the divine revelation of love which He hath manifested upon all created things through His beloved name. And any soul that turneth toward the Sun of this name, the rays of that Sun become manifest within it, and whatsoever description the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, bestoweth upon this soul is but a description of the rays of revelation of the Sun of His own name. And these stations and attributes endure so long as this revelation endureth, and after that soul turneth away from such confrontation and the rays are extinguished, it becometh, in the sight of God, as though it had never existed and never shall exist.O Ahmad! Sanctify thine ear from vain imaginings and hearken unto the holy melodies of the Beloved, and ponder: never in all creation hath such a Cause appeared, nor shall it ever appear, save as thy Lord willeth. That which proceedeth from the Truth is clearly distinguished from that which proceedeth from falsehood. The melody of the Holy Spirit hath different breathings and different winds.Account not the false as true, nor suppose that which is spurious to be the source of truth. O Ahmad! The breathings of truth are clearly evident and distinguishable from falsehood. Hearken unto the call of the true and trusted One, and regard all else save God as non-

existent. Abide beneath the shade of thy Beloved and be at rest. Behold the Cause of God with thine own eyes and with thine own ears comprehend its melodies. Know the Truth through the Truth itself. Say: O people! Know God through God, for whoso desireth to know Him through aught else shall never know Him.We hope, God willing, that thou wilt turn from the most fragile of ropes unto the Strong Handle that none can break, and that thou wilt not remain deprived of the clouds of divine mercy. And God guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O friends of God in Bahramabad and its environs!In the Name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!O people of God! At this hour the Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward you from the Prison of Akka, revealing the pearls of consummate wisdom and sublime utterances, that joy and attraction may seize you to such a degree that the deeds of those who have denied God's proof, His testimony, His evidence and His signs may not grieve you. Verily your Lord heareth and seeth what hath befallen you in this Most Great, Most Holy, Mighty, and Perspicuous Revelation. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call as it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the heart that hath turned to the All-Informed One.O My friends and loved ones! Take ye My Book with My power and sovereignty, despite Mine enemies who have cast behind their backs the Lord of all beings and have taken that which they were bidden by the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. In these days various Tablets have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid all to take hold of them. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.In the Land of Ya there occurred that which caused the denizens of the Kingdom to raise their cries and lamentations. Glory be to God! What heedlessness hath encompassed them and what doubt hath appeared, that they have regarded supreme loss as profit and have imagined the most grievous illness to be healing. However, God, exalted be His glory, transformed wrath and anger into triumph and victory. Now in that land most are caught in the consequences of their deeds - some aware, others heedless. God shall soon seize them with justice from Him and authority from His presence. He is, verily, the Just, the Wise. Blessed are they who have held fast to divine counsels and exhortations, and who have shown patience in times of tribulations and ordeals. These are the people of Baha. Soon shall they witness what God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath ordained for them.O people of God! Know ye and recognize your worth and station. By My life! In the Supreme Kingdom all are occupied with your mention and engaged in your praise. No good deed hath ever been or shall ever be lost in the sight of God. Three clear Tablets have been revealed for the martyrs of the Land of Ya. One of these shall be sent to that region that the friends may read it and become aware of the patience and resignation of the sincere ones and the monotheists.O My Most Exalted Pen! Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy unified friends among Thy tyrannical servants, and Thou knowest what hath befallen them in Thy path in Thy days, and Thou hearest what the wicked among Thy creatures and the wolves of Thy earth have said and continue to say regarding them. I beseech Thee by Thy Call which was raised before the faces of all mankind, and by Thy Most Great Name which hath encompassed earth and heaven, and by the Word which Thou didst manifest from the Tree in the Mount of Knowledge, and by the Fire which spoke to the Son of Imran, to aid Thine enemies to return unto Thee and to acknowledge what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book, and to open before the faces of Thy friends the doors of Thy grace and mercy. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by

Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all existence to rain down upon Thy chosen ones from the clouds of Thy generosity the rains of Thy glory and bounty. Thou art verily the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O people of Bahram! Upon you be the glory of God, His bounty and His loving-kindness! It behooveth you to turn with your hearts toward the Kaaba of God, which He hath made the circling-place of those near unto Him and His Messengers. Beware lest the happenings of the world prevent you from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime in diverse Tablets. To this beareth witness this perspicuous Book that walketh and speaketh: "Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful."O My loved ones in Ha and Sin! Hear My call from this Castle which hath been built in this Name, whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom God preserved through a power from Him and a sovereignty from His presence. He, verily, is the Protector, the Succourer. We have made mention of you in Tablets whereof none knoweth what hath been ordained therein save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that the darkness of the earth and its vicissitudes shall not frighten you. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime and in this clear hour.O friends of God in Kaf and Ra! Hearken unto the call of this Unlettered One, Who hath arisen to the Cause through a power that hath rendered the servants powerless and a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth. Beware lest human affairs prevent you from the remembrance of God, the Lord of Destiny, or the might of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment weaken you. O My loved ones! Hear the call of the Wronged One with such hearing that neither oblivion shall overtake it nor change alter it. This is the Day of assistance. Ye must arise with complete devotion to serve the Cause and guide the people of the world to the horizon of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all beings with spirit and joy. The parties of the world sacrifice their lives and their possessions for specific causes, yet the people of Iran, through God's grace and loving-kindness, have attained unto the Lord of all causes and the Sovereign of Revelation. Nevertheless, some are observed to be fearful, some troubled, and some hesitant. Hear ye the call of the Wronged One and rend asunder the obscuring veils with the fingers of power and might, and make for the most exalted homeland. This is the Day of Revelation, the Day for the manifestation of hidden matters and treasured secrets. Blessed is the soul that hath gained the pearls of divine utterance and attained unto that for which the world was created. Now doth this Wronged One counsel all anew regarding the means which lead to the exaltation of being. O people of God! Know ye and recognize the station of religion, trustworthiness and truthfulness. These mentioned attributes are each the foremost adorning of the human temple. Ye must preserve them in the name of God from thieves and betrayers. Verily, He commandeth you that which profiteth you and hath revealed for you that whereby your mention and your names shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath had and hath no peer or likeness. Say: O loved ones! Know ye the value of these days. Ye must become so enkindled by the heat of the verses of God that their effects become manifest and evident from the horizons of the world. Today the Sadrih (Lote-Tree) speaketh and the Mount circleth round, and He Who conversed on Sinai is established upon the throne of utterance. Say: O

people! Fear the All-Merciful and be not among the ignorant. Thus hath the Pen spoken, whilst the Wronged One was in this exalted station. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not broken My covenant and My testament, and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God hath testified: There is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most PowerfulPraise that is sanctified above manifestation, appearance, tongue, utterance, perception and minds, befitteth Him Who is the Desired One of the world, Who hath raised high the banner of "Verily I am God" in the most exalted station of the world. The sovereignty of the world did not prevent Him, nor did the clamor of the divines hold Him back from His purpose. Through the power of the Most Exalted Word He took possession of the cities of hearts - that is, the hearts of those who have turned towards Him and are sincere, and likewise the hearts that were concealed behind veils. The fire of His love burned away the veils, and the light of His proof illumined the realm of wisdom and utterance. Glorified be His dominion and great be His power! Glory be to God! The Euphrates of bounty is flowing from the Supreme Pen and the ocean of inner meanings is surging with the waves of divine utterance, and yet the people of the earth are debarred from beholding and are deprived of understanding.Glory be unto Thee, O Mystery of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the treasuries of Thy utterance and by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee, that they may hearken unto Thy call and follow Thy commandments. Unveil for them, O my God, even as Thou didst unveil for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Then assist them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.O My beloved! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer or equal. Thou hast drunk from the cup of contentment, as attested by the Lord of Names, and hast arisen to serve His Cause. Well is it with thee and pleasant it is to thee. Since His Honor Aqa, His Holiness the Servant, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, was not present - being occupied with other writings - therefore, as bidden, this servant hath written these few words and troubled thee. In the nights and days I beseech the Desired One of the worlds to rend asunder the intervening veils and guide His loved ones, that all may gather beneath the pavilion of glory and the canopies of grandeur, and be occupied with His remembrance, praise and service. The cause of these dispersions, separations, divisions and estrangements is the deeds of the people of the world and the ingratitude of the nations. Yet in all conditions the hand is raised in supplication, the tongue is pleading and the heart is hoping. The Command is in His grasp. Whatsoever appeareth hath been and is beloved.The letter which that spiritual beloved sent to His Honor the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, was presented in the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard. These are the pearls of the ocean of the Most Merciful's mercy that have appeared from the mine of grace. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Haydar-'Ali! We are well-pleased with thee." Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto this most exalted Word, which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. Praise the Wronged One of the world and say: My God, my God! Thou didst call me while I was sleeping, and didst awaken me while I was slumbering, and didst raise me up while I was

sitting, and didst cause me to speak while I was silent, and didst move me while I was still, and didst teach me while I was ignorant. Which of Thy favors shall I mention, O my Goal and my Beloved, O Ultimate End of my desire, my Quest and my Hope? I beseech Thee by the lights of the throne of Thy grandeur and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy Revelation to accept from me what I have wrought in Thy path, though I confess before Thy face that there hath not appeared from me what is worthy of Thy days and befitting Thy service. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty and generosity to adorn what hath appeared from me with the ornament of Thy acceptance, as a token of Thy mercy and an evidence of Thy favors and kindnesses. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God! Thou didst mention going to Yazd. Thou must be exceedingly mindful of wisdom, for there they are specifically appointed to observe. As a matter of wisdom from Him: "Associate not with one who desireth not to meet thee."No news hath been received for some time from his honor [Ali-Rida], according to outward appearances. We have been with him in all conditions, in his grief and joy, in his difficult days and his bright days. He hath not been forgotten. Make mention of him on behalf of the Wronged One, and if thou proceedeth to the Land of Ya, convey greetings. We beseech God to assist him, aid him, and ordain for him that which will bring solace to the eyes of the cities of justice and equity. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.The glances of loving-kindness have ever been and continue to be directed towards the friends. To this testifieth every discerning mystic and every informed sage. Previously several Tablets were sent, and now more are being sent. Deliver them to steadfast, firm and resolute souls, that they may be illumined by the lights of the Luminary of utterance, the Goal of all worlds, and be seen as free and detached from the troubles and sorrows of the world of dust.O Haydar-'Ali! How far removed are the aims of the Wronged One from the deeds of the people! Recently the Shi'ih sect hath been renewed. A people like that people - may God forsake them - have appeared. The same names as before have come forth. Thou hast seen the fruits of the Shi'ihs' deeds and that station which He declareth to be sanctified above the mention, utterance and understanding of the people of the earthly realm and the Kingdom. They have abandoned Him and occupied themselves with vain imaginings. Would that they had acted upon but one word of the utterance. He saith: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: verily He cannot be indicated by My allusion, nor by what was revealed in the Bayan." Beyond this station, they have occupied themselves with mention of guardian, successor, chiefs and nobles.In brief, the purpose of the Wronged One is to transform the fire of hatred in the world's heart into the light of love. This Cause moveth above the religions of the world. This Bird hath another nest, and this Tongue another utterance. Ask of God that He may enable the immature ones of the world to attain unto maturity, that they may recognize who is the Speaker and who is the Bestower.Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One to his honor Sin, and likewise to Mim if thou shouldst meet him, otherwise not. End.This servant is truly immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for the ignorant servants, heedless of the Revelation, know not what hath come to pass and what hath been manifested from the unseen realm into the visible. Had they known, they would have proclaimed with their outer and inner tongues: "Verily, we are God's, and to Him do we return."In previous years his honor [Ali-Rida] - upon him be the glory of God - sent a letter mentioning the departed and elevated Siyyid Javad-i-Karbila'i - upon him be the glory of God - that the polytheists had said he was of the party of the deluded ones. Therefore, by command, his petitions that he had sent to the presence

of the Servant - two petitions, one of which detailed the delusions of the dawning-places of vain imaginings - were sent that they might observe and become aware of the people's calumnies, and afterwards that honor should keep them in his possession. I beseech God to assist them in rendering victory, that is, to draw the servants, through wisdom and utterance, to the path of the Goal of the worlds. This servant also offereth greetings and conveyeth salutations to them. Some of the Tablets are in writing between revelation and other than that, which his honor 'Abd al-Hadir hath written.Majd

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most PowerfulPraise be to the Goal of the worlds Who hath manifested in that land whatsoever distinguisheth those who have turned towards Him from those who have turned away, the truthful from the false, the slanderers and corruptors from the reformers. All those corruptions are clear and evident, their source being from the Island and his disciple who is in that land. Now that honored friend must ponder who is the guide and who the guided. I beseech God to make manifest penetrating vision and to sanctify some eyes from the ophthalmia of self and desire. O my brother! The path of God is clear and evident from all else. The turning away souls deem it necessary to lie and slander, as thou hast witnessed and dost witness. They have attributed to the Afnan - whose sanctity and purity every fair-minded one doth testify to - that which all the atoms of creation bear witness is false. Inform the people - meaning those souls who were and are in other cities - that perchance they may become aware and hold fast to righteousness and piety instead of tyranny and wickedness.O my God, my Adored One, my Object of worship! Purify Thy servants from falsehood, doubt, hatred, tyranny and wickedness, that they may turn from what they possess to what Thou possessest. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty. O God! Thou knowest the intentions of the sincere and obedient among Thy servants. Have mercy and confirm all servants generally in truthfulness, trustworthiness, sincerity and purity. Thou art powerful over that which is the cause of salvation for all. Disappoint not those who hope in Thee and deny not those who seek Thee. Verily Thou art God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.The letter of that spiritual friend arrived. Christ said to His disciples: "O sheep of God, I wish to send you among wolves." Now what hath befallen that spiritual friend is even greater than that. However, after the presentation of that friend's letter before the countenance of the Master, He said: Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee, and despair not of God's justice. His justice shall ultimately seize the oppressors and liars, and His grace shall not deprive His loved ones. He is the Owner of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen. Speak thou of truth with complete assurance and perfect trust and resignation, and remain firm and steadfast in setting affairs aright. Verily He aids every oppressed one, every trustworthy one, and every truthful one. Hold fast to the cord of His favor which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Praise God, glorified be His majesty, that thou hast become aware of the deeds and actions of the Island. Behold what his disciple doeth. They have ever been and continue to be engaged in corruption. Trustworthiness, religion and truthfulness are as rare as the phoenix among that party, as thou hast witnessed. Say: O my God, my God! Aid the slanderers to truthfulness, the oppressors to justice, and the treacherous to trustworthiness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

The honored gentleman, his holiness the Afnan, has arrived and attained the presence, and will soon return. Concerning all the persecution inflicted thus far - that is, from those individuals who received the utmost love and kindness from the honored Afnans, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God - they showed patience and left it to God. However, praise be to God, all that was falsely claimed has become clear and evident to all. By God's grace, what they have said has become known to the wise ones and the manifestations of justice. Glory be to God! They consider their honor to lie in persecuting this community, for this community has had and has no one but the Truth. Due to having no helper or supporter from the earliest days until now, they have endured what none but God knows. The oppression of this community reached such a point that in one city, on the word of a single attendant, twenty people were martyred. In any case, persecuting the oppressed is easy and unimpeded, but if at any time or moment the sun of justice should appear or shine forth, the deeds of all will become clear and evident. Glory be to God! This servant is greatly astonished that in that city, not enough just and fair-minded souls can be found to protect even one oppressed person. Despite the Afnans' acknowledgment - upon them be God's peace - of the kindness and love of His Excellency the Iranian Minister (may God strengthen him), how is it that such matters occur? Someone wrote from Beirut about a telegram that caused astonishment, for the Iranian Consul himself has risen to harm his own subject and has accused him of theft. What has been observed thus far is that those souls who reside in these parts have been and are the most obedient and best subjects of the exalted government of Iran. However, these matters are proof of their oppression and the manifestation of the stations of the detached ones. That spiritual friend should act with justice and fairness in all conditions, speak with truthfulness, and ask from God whatever they hope and long for. We beseech God to assist you and make you successful, and to make you helpers of His Cause through compassionate counsels and wise advice, and through virtues that have won the glory of acceptance and pleasure before God, Creator of heaven. In all matters we have trusted in Him and committed our affairs to Him, and in the nights and days we pray for those who have risen to humiliate this community, and we ask God not to deprive us and them of the adorning of justice. If deemed advisable, mention to His Excellency the Deputy and First Vice-Consul that this latest action of Muhammad 'Ali in making accusations of theft is true testimony to the truth of their previous actions. However, by way of counsel I submit that in all cases the honored Iranian ambassadors (may God strengthen them) should exert their utmost effort in protecting individuals and preserving dignity and station, for if they are subjects, they are God's trust with them, and if they are not subjects, human compassion requires kindness. From first arriving in this land until now, ask the ambassadors of the exalted government who have come to these parts - this community has been and remains obedient in all aspects, and whatever befell them they bore with patience, and how many incidents occurred in that land that were inappropriate yet not a word was said, meaning no complaint was raised, for whatever[...]

Inasmuch as what has transpired is, in its truth or falsity, as clear and evident as the sun, these few words were penned in the hope that after being submitted to those in authority, they might become informed of what has befallen this wronged community. In any case, under all conditions, we thank God and praise Him, and beseech Him to grant success in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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In the Name of God

upon Him the Glory of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great!

Glorified is He Who remembers the people of faithfulness while in the prison of His enemies, and turns toward him who has turned to Him from this far-off place. He is the Beloved of every lover, the Goal of every seeker, the Object of every search, and the One gazed upon by all in the heavens and earth. We have turned to him who turned to the Qiblih of existence, and We have welcomed him who sought his Ancient Lord. We have loosened the reins of the Pens in praise of the Lord of all beings and of those who heard the Call and said: “Yea, O Lord of the sincere ones!” My Pen moves at all times to make mention of those who have believed in the All-Merciful, after We were opposed by servants who found not the fragrance of justice and who rose up in tyranny. They are indeed in manifest loss. We have lit the lamp with the hands of power and might, and by it the heavens and earth were illumined. We have taken the gems of creation by Our power and left the dross. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.O My Name! When the Call was raised at this time from the Dawning-Place of the Will of the Lord of Names, We heard the call of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation in the inmost mystery - exalted be the Glory that hath appeared through His Most Glorious Name! Blessed is he who hath heard and hearkened, and blessed is the thirsty one who hath hastened to the Kawthar of God, the Unique, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: By His call were attracted the realities of the Divine Realm and the essences of those who dwell in the Empyrean and the Kingdom. Before His face they cry out: “Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the lover and Herald to him who conversed with God!”O My Name! We have lifted the decree of killing lest anyone slay another or oppose another soul, yet despite this supreme prohibition what was destined came to pass. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Those who were killed in this land, by God, were slain by the swords of their own deeds - to this testifies every informed sage. Thou knowest how the fire of corruption was kindled and how they violated the sanctity of God and His chosen ones, until they were seized for their evil deeds and words. He is verily the Just, the Wise. We protected them for numbered years while they persisted in hypocrisy to such an extent that We sat alone in the house, closed the doors and drew the curtains. Then the fire of opposition intensified until God seized them by His authority. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth, consume not the wealth of others unjustly, and slay not God’s servants. Thus doth command you the Lord of creation in a perspicuous Book. Hold fast to the cord of righteousness - this is better for you, if ye be of those who are certain. Should the barking of dogs and squealing of swine be raised, leave them to themselves and turn to God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. None should oppose another - leave the idolaters to their vain imaginings. He aids whom He willeth through His authority and seizes those who disbelieve. He is indeed the severest of avengers. Victory hath been ordained through remembrance and utterance - thus hath commanded the All-Merciful. He is verily the Ruler, the Mighty, the Invincible.

O My Name! They who are veiled today, these are in grievous error. Consider the Concourse of the Bayan: We desired to raise them to that station which God hath sanctified above all names and to make them the inheritors of the Kingdom among the worlds. They clung to such illusions as they possessed from before - verily they are among the perishing ones. They violated the Covenant of God and turned

back on their heels when the horizon of Revelation shone forth with the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord's Name, the All-Subduing, over all who are in the worlds. Among them is he who followeth his desires, turning away from guidance, and We behold him wandering in the valley of opposition, among those who stray, after having failed to understand the root and branch of the Cause - verily he is among those who tread the paths of fancy. Say: Abandon the illusions ye possess and hold fast to pure certitude. They have cast the All-Giving behind their backs, hastening unto the wolves. Such is the state of the people - verily they are among the heedless ones. O Most Exalted Pen! Cease the mention of these ones - it behooveth not Thy wondrous pen to move in remembrance of them.

O My Name! If thou seest Judi in those regions, convey to him My greetings, then gladden him with My remembrance through which the fragrances of Paradise have wafted and all atoms have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!" O Judi! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed - none can bear it save he who hath cast away all vain imaginings and all that he hath heard from the tongues of the speakers. Say: This is the Originator of the heavens and earth. Through Him the banner of origination hath been raised above every lofty standard. O Judi! Arise from the horizon of detachment in My Name, then attract the hearts of those who are nigh through My remembrance and My sovereignty. Thus doth thy Ancient Lord command thee. Leave the people behind thee, turning unto God, the Lord of all beings, speaking forth His Name amongst the worlds. O Judi! The Most Great Ocean hath surged in the name of the Lord of the Ancient Days and casteth upon thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Spread wide the garment of thy heart that thou mayest gather them in My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Arise with such arising as will cause the tribes of the earth to quake, and aid thy Lord through His power that hath encompassed both worlds. When thou desirest to be seated, sit upright in the gatherings, uttering this remembrance through which the Unseen hath appeared and the Kingdom hath proclaimed: "For My Own Self, the Mighty, the Beloved." Thus have We commanded thee in standing and sitting, that thou mayest speak forth in all conditions this Announcement at which all existence hath been shaken, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, willeth. Say: O people! This is the Day of God. Cast aside what ye possess of succession and trusteeship and the like. By God! Nothing should be mentioned therein save His Self, the One Who dominateth every witness and witnessed thing. Cast aside the idle fancies of the ignorant and that which the widows of the earth have spoken, then turn with radiant vision toward My Most Great Horizon that ye may behold the Lord of Destiny speaking from this exalted Station. Say: All names are shaken on this Most Great Day, and all attributes are overwhelmed, save for him whom the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath taken, the Strong, the Victorious, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: This is a Day wherein none save God alone should be mentioned, if ye but knew. Thus have the waves of the ocean of utterance surged and the winds of wisdom and explanation blown, as a grace from Us upon thee. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of existence. Numbered years have passed and thy letter hath not reached Our presence. This beseemeth not one like thee, for thou hast been beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness every morn and eve. Read My verses with joy and fragrance. By God! Thou shalt find from them the fragrance of the All-Merciful and be detached from all possibility, speaking forth this forbidden remembrance. O My Name! If thou seest him, deliver unto him the verses of thy Lord; if not, send unto him what hath been revealed in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. In every land

thou visitest, convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them glad-tidings of God's verses, that they may stand firm in the Cause in such wise that neither human limitations shall prevent them from turning toward the realm of Oneness, nor shall trials move them from the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thus it behooveth the people of God in this promised Day. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with their hearts to this praiseworthy station.

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He is God, exalted be His glory and magnificent His bounty!From time immemorial unto everlasting ages, the essence of praise and the substance of glorification befit that Eternal Lord Who hath illumined the mirrors of the hearts of them that are sincere and devoted with the effulgent rays of the Most Exalted Word. He is sanctified above all mention and utterance, and exalted above the comprehension of all created things. Every praise and glorification that proceedeth from the pen or tongue of the people of the age is bounded by the limitations of contingent being. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He above being described by the mention of His creatures or the praise of His servants. Verily, the mention of the world is not worthy of Him, yet since it is by His command, it is acceptable unto Him. Otherwise, how can a drop describe the Ancient Ocean? How can an atom describe the World-illumining Sun?When the Ocean of God's Primal Will turned towards creation and its adornment, and the refinement of souls and their preparation, He ordained the Supreme Pen as His first interpreter and commanded it to promulgate His laws and ordinances. These laws and ordinances have had and shall have no purpose except the preservation of souls, their comfort, education and advancement to the heights of certitude, which are the cause and reason for the prosperity of the world, its security and the perpetuation of existence. This is so that the human soul, which is reckoned among the gems of the divine mine, may be adorned with goodly attributes sent down from the heaven of God's Will.Among these commandments hath been and shall be the decree of detachment from all else but Him, for detachment among virtues is as the sun among the stars. It is the true educator and the cause of the training of the peoples of the world. It is the source of sanctification and the dawning-place of purification. Should a soul attain unto this station, his influence pervadeth the world, and the penetration of his remembrance is swifter than lightning through all things, and more potent than the spirit's influence in the body. For me to describe this ocean would be like a feeble sparrow attempting to describe the Divine Kingdom. Exalted, immensely exalted, is His mention above my tongue, His knowledge above my comprehension, and His praise above my pen and utterance.Yet despite the ignorance and unworthiness which this servant doth confess, I testify with absolute certainty that should a single wave arise from this ocean, or should a breeze waft from this paradise, it would perfume the world and endow all who turn unto Him with everlasting life. It is the cause of the turning of heedless souls, the renewal of ancient creatures, and the enkindling of extinguished hearts. It is the reason for the arising of the seated ones, the cry of the silent ones, and the hastening of those who tarry.I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, with a hundred thousand tongues, that He deprive not the hearts of His loved ones and chosen ones from the radiance of this Sun, and that He may bestow upon all the sweetness of this station. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

This lowly one submits to your eminence that this servant was blessed with your handwriting, which caused joy and happiness and was the cause of delight and gladness. I beseech God to assist you in His service, His remembrance and His praise as He loves and is pleased with. In these days His Honor Haji Mirza Muhammad Husayn Tabib, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], arrived from Tehran. Praise be to God, the loved ones of God and the drinkers of the wine of inner meanings have been engaged in the remembrance and praise of the True One, exalted be His glory, and they are adorned with the ornament of well-being. According to what he mentioned and also the petitions that were with him which had been submitted to the Most Holy Court, they expressed satisfaction with the source of outward authority, namely His Majesty the Sultan, and likewise with his son who is known as the Na'ibu's-Saltanih. Outwardly, after the release of the prisoners, the Na'ibu's-Saltanih summoned some of them several times and conversed with them, treating them with the utmost kindness and affection, to such an extent that when a person from the Land of Ta [Tehran] spoke unfittingly about the friends, he was ordered to be banished. That person went and took refuge in the house of Siyyid Sadiq. Later the friends themselves interceded for him and he was released. The aforementioned person desired to examine some of the revealed Books. When these matters were mentioned both verbally and in writing, this servant submitted them, but "excellent is what was said: even if all created things become unbelievers…" etc., for what appears from the actions and utterances of the Desired One, may the spirit of all in the world be sacrificed for Him, is other than these matters and is sanctified above comprehension and minds. Even though in these days He has come forth from the Most Great Prison with the utmost power and first adorned the garden with the ornament of the Greatest View, and then proceeded to a palace which is more elevated than all the palaces of these lands and is renowned in these realms, nevertheless one day He uttered a word which this servant himself heard, and that word indicated and proved that He preferred the Most Great Prison. In this case, what station do the world's acceptance or rejection have? If certain evident and manifest matters which are hidden from most were to be submitted, all who are on earth would be astounded. Glory be to Him Who made me know and prevented me. The sea of outward knowledge is visible while people cling to the cord of ignorance, and the sun of grace is shining while most turn away from it. I know not whether they are confused or they are dead. And if you wish for news of the Land of Purpose [Akka], it is as before, except that strife and contention have caused upheaval and disorder. Some roads have been closed and foods which people need have reached high prices to such an extent that the scent of famine can be perceived. However, in the presence of the True One, exalted be His glory, the friends have had and have no fear of this matter. Although the people of the city have deserved every kind of affliction, His grace has preceded their deeds, their actions, their existence and their being. Verily He is the One Whose tongue has spoken in the kingdom of His utterance: "Verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful." The items that were sent arrived, but your honor has taken much trouble in sending them. What is intended and desired has been the turning of one's being to God and the recognition of that which benefits them, and no jewel has been or will be more excellent and lofty than a heart turned toward God. If you take one gem like this gem from its mine, it would be better than all the jewels of the world.

After the submission of petitions at the Most Holy Court, perfect grace became manifest from the horizon of bounty, and then He said: "God willing, they must, in the Name of God, rend asunder the veils and barriers of the people, that all may behold the Sun of Divine Utterance from the horizon of proof, and

become illumined by its rays. And may the illusory human imaginings of the divines, which are in truth the very essence of veils and the reality of barriers, be effaced and vanish, and the effulgences of the Sun of Certitude be witnessed." End. In Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1294.

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O Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! Praise, sanctified from worldly conditions, the intimations of the peoples, the doubts of the antagonists, and the clamor of the deniers, beseemeth the Most Holy and Exalted Court of Him Who is the Desired One, Who in every moment hath, like unto a copious rain from the heaven of His bounty, sent down verses. No one who remembered Him was deprived of His grace, and no seeker was denied from the ocean of His verses. His bounty hath encompassed all and His mercy hath preceded all. Throughout the nights and days He hath perfumed those who have drawn nigh with the fragrances of revelation. Exalted, exalted be His bounty, and exalted be His mercy! Great is His glory and mighty His proof! O thou who hast turned unto God, who hast drunk the cup of His presence, and who speaketh in His praise! Hearken unto His sweetest call from His most exalted horizon. Verily, He remembereth thee with verses that call out to the world and summon all to the Mighty, the Bestower. We have remembered thee time and again that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Master of all necks. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present hath read it. We have answered thee with a Tablet which God hath made the Mother of Tablets. Grieve not over anything, but put thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords. He hath aided thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and hath made thee a cup-bearer of this choice wine which, when its seal was broken, perfumed all regions. Blessed is he who hath sought the Desired One and attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to reach. Say: The verses are subdued by His command and all affairs are in the grasp of His power, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thou hast attained unto that which the divines and scholars of the earth have failed to attain. The Mother of the Book beareth witness to this in the Final Return. The names that were mentioned in thy letter were presented before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for them that which attracteth the hearts and solaceth the eyes, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. O Muhammad-'Ali! Take what is approved and leave what is denounced. This is what thou wast commanded in the Qayyumu'l-Asma and in this perspicuous Tablet, before which all other Tablets bow down. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. O 'Abdu'l-Ahad! Take justice and abandon tyranny. Thus hath the Command flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath remembered thee with that which no remembrance in the world can equal. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Muhammad-Qabli! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of reunion and attained unto that which was treasured in God's knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in His Books, His Scriptures, and His Tablets, render thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Say: O people of the earth! Embrace justice and abandon oppression. Thus hath come the irrevocable decree from God, the Lord of eternity and Master of nations. He is the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.O Ahmad! The Prisoner hath turned toward thee from the

precincts of the prison and saith: Leave the dead, and take the cup from the Kawthar of life in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. He verily draweth thee nigh unto Him and guideth thee unto His straight path.O ’Ali! The Desired One of the world hath appeared with the banners of grace and bounty, and the standards of glory and guidance, yet the people have cast the Command of God behind their backs and have committed that which they were bidden by the Daysprings of oppression. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.O Pasha! The Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens remembereth thee. Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. Take hold of the Book of God with such might and power as cannot be hindered by the power of the world nor the authority of nations. Verily, thy Lord is the Commander, the Ancient of Days.O Ismail! Blessed art thou and blessed is the servant who, having cast away vain imaginings, hath turned his face toward the horizon whence the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth on a Day whereon the Straight Path hath proclaimed: “By God! The appointed time hath come,” and the Balance hath declared: “The veil hath been lifted,” and there hath descended from the heaven of might a perspicuous Book.O Muhammad! Remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, all who dwelt on earth turned away from Him. Some declared that He had disbelieved in God, others pronounced Him a lying impostor, while yet others called Him a sorcerer who spoke from selfish desire. Thus did the people speak concerning His Cause - the firm, the sacred, the mighty, the wondrous.O Pasha! The Lord of all beings remembereth thee on this darksome night, and remindeth thee of that which will draw thee nigh unto a station honored by the mention of God and adorned by the presence of His loved ones. He speaketh at all times, saying: “O people of creation! Lift up your heads and behold that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge from the presence of One mighty and powerful.”

O Faraj! The gate of heaven hath been opened and relief hath come with such sovereignty that before it can stand neither the hosts of creation, nor the ranks of the mighty, nor the vain imaginings of the learned. He proclaimeth in the most exalted voice between earth and heaven: “O people of creation! He hath come at Whose advent the limbs of all names have trembled, and He Who was mentioned in the hearts of them that are nigh unto God hath appeared.”O Mulla Baba! We have accepted the tribulations and hardships of the world for the salvation of the servants, yet they have risen in opposition. They have denied God’s proof and His evidence, disputed His signs, turned away from the lights of His countenance, and disbelieved in His Self. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are among the most lost in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.O Samad! Hearken unto the call of the Eternal, the Single, the One, the Unique. He commandeth thee that which will exalt thee, and counseleth thee to observe God’s covenant and His testament, and that which hath been revealed in His Book. He is with those who have held fast unto His commandments and acted according to what they were bidden by the Tongue of Revelation in this blessed, holy and manifest Day.O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Aqa Mulla, that Thy remembrance may draw him to the most sublime summit and bring him nigh unto Thee, and strengthen him in that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure, and aid him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped, faces have been darkened, and the idols of the deluded have fallen.O Qanbar! Take hold of trustworthiness in My name and set aside whatsoever is contrary to it. God hath made it the primary adornment for the temples of all religions. Blessed is he who hath clung to it, recognized its station, been illumined by its light, and grasped its hem. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while seated upon the throne of utterance. He is the

Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.O Abdul-Ahad! Remember the days wherein thou didst attain My presence, hear My call, behold My horizon, and drink the choice wine of meeting from the hand of My bounty. Beware lest the affairs of the world prevent thee from My remembrance and praise, and from that which thou didst hear from My tongue in this My prison. This We commanded thee before, and at this time We command thee again, by the leave of One mighty, powerful and praiseworthy.

O Mashhadi Hussein! Take hold of faithfulness as a command from the Creator of heaven. Blessed is the temple adorned therewith, the hand that graspeth it, and the servant who recognizeth its station, by the command of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily We have desired to make mention of him who hath been named Mulla Islam, to remind him of My verses, to bring him the glad-tidings of My favors, and acquaint him with My Kingdom and My Dominion, and with the dwellers of the cities of My power and grandeur, that he may rejoice and render thanks unto Him Who hath come with the truth with a sovereignty that hath encompassed earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath recognized and borne witness and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!” O Shaykh-i-Kazim! We counsel thee with wisdom and utterance, and with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in the Book of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Let not the might of the world dismay thee; place it beneath thy feet and say: “My God, my God! I render Thee thanks inasmuch as I have inhaled the fragrance of Thy verses, beheld the tokens of Thy Pen, and acknowledged that which Thy tongue hath spoken. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, by Thy Name through which necks have been subdued, to assist me to remember Thee and to stand firm in my love for Thee. O Lord! Deny me not the ocean of Thy bounty, nor the heaven of Thy generosity. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Loving.” Verily the Wronged One desireth to make mention of him who hath been named Mulla Nur-Muhammad, that the breezes of Revelation may draw him to the Most Sublime Horizon, and that he may hold fast unto that which hath been ordained by Him Who is the Creator of heaven and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. The world shall pass away, but that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty and generosity shall endure for those who have turned unto Him. To this testify honored servants upon whom neither fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. O Ali! This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, the Day of bounty and bestowal, the Day of majesty and glory. Blessed is the servant who hath turned unto Him, attained, and acted according to that which hath been ordained by God, the Lord of existence. O Abdul-Hussein! Blessed art thou and blessed is thy name. Hear with the ear of the heart that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the favors of the Lord of creation, Who hath come with the standard of unity and commanded all to be united. Happy is he who hath held fast unto that which hath been ordained by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Hassan! Say: “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy sealed wine, and by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by the Kawthar of Thy utterance, the Salsabil of Thy knowledge, the milk of Thy bounty and the wine of Thy mercy, to make me, in all conditions, well-pleased with Thy good-pleasure, turning unto Thy horizon, speaking of Thy verses, and holding fast unto Thy extended cord.”O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Ali-i-Akbar, whom the veils of glory prevented not from the All-Glorious. He heard the call from the Most Sublime Horizon and turned unto Him on a day wherein all who dwell in the kingdom of creation turned away, save those whom the hand of power had seized and whom the tongue of grandeur had mentioned in his praiseworthy station.O Ali! We counsel thee and them that

have believed to fear God and to observe truthfulness and sincerity. Thy Lord desireth for no one save that which will raise him to the All-Highest Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven - the station wherein naught is seen save the manifestations of His names and attributes. He is the All-Bountiful One Whose bounty is not withheld by the opposition of the peoples nor by the happenings of the world. His mercy hath preceded all things and His favors have encompassed all, but the people, they understand not.O people of Shishan! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He remembereth you while He was in the hands of those who turned away from godliness and followed wickedness and corruption, and committed that which caused the countenances of the Most Exalted Paradise and the All-Highest Heaven to lament, and caused the Tree of Blessedness and the Divine Lote-Tree to wail. Beware lest the tyranny of the transgressors and the harm of the ungodly dismay you. Lay hold on wisdom in the days of God; verily it will draw you nigh unto Him, did ye but know.O Haji Aqa! Hear the call from the precincts of the Prison. It summons thee to truth and bids thee observe justice and equity. He hath appeared and manifested that which He desired before the faces of all men on a day whereon the clouds of destiny rained down the arrows of tribulation. To this testifieth the Preserved Tablet that is with Him.O Mulla Sadiq! From My Most Exalted Pen hath flowed the river of wisdom and utterance on a day when every seeker turned away, every confessor denied, every believer disbelieved, and every silent one reviled. Thus did We receive treatment from those who showed no justice in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and cast equity behind their backs, cleaving unto that which caused the Spirit to lament in His holy, glorious, and beloved station.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! Behold and remember when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty, and there befell Him at the hands of the people of tyranny that which caused the rocks to cry out, the earth and heaven to weep, the hearts of the chosen ones to tremble, the great cry to be raised, and every lofty and towering mountain to be scattered.O Ja'far! Thy name was mentioned before Our face, and there hath been revealed for thee that which cannot be equalled by the treasures of the earth, nor the riches of creation, nor that in which the wealthy pride themselves in the material world, nor that which princes and kings have amassed. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: "My God, my God! Deprive me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and render me not destitute of that which draweth me nigh unto Thy horizon. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving!"O Aqa Bala! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. Blessed be thy face for having turned, thy heart for having advanced, thine ear for having heard, and thy hand for having manifested the power and might of God, which the whole world cannot equal. To this doth this Wronged One testify in this exalted station. Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance which hath flowed from the Pen of God, thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.O Ibrahim! The Friend hath come from the presence of the Glorious One, yet the people denied Him and turned away from Him, disputed that which appeared from Him, and disbelieved in Him Who sent Him with the truth, until the fire of hatred was kindled in the breasts of the people of tyranny and wickedness, and they committed that which caused every loving one to lament and every friend to cry out. Thus was the matter decreed, while most of the people mention but do not perceive.O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Mashhadi Ibrahim, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, Who is established upon the throne of utterance in the final return. We counsel thee with that which will elevate the station of man and with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Grieve not at anything, but trust in God in all

matters. Verily, He will assist those who have turned unto Him on the day when the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Lords!O Taymur! The All-Forgiving maketh mention of thee through His remembrance and remindeth thee of His signs, and counseleth thee to show forth love and affection, unity and concord. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned towards Him, and woe unto every denier who hath disbelieved in God and His signs, turning instead to the dawning-place of vain imaginings.

O Mansur! Victory hath come, and it is My manifestation; triumph hath come, and it is My call; sovereignty hath come, and it is My command; and the mysteries have appeared, and they are My Book. Thus have We brought forth the pearls of proof from the shells of the ocean of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.O Fayyadh! The All-Bountiful has come with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. The Herald has called out from every direction, the mountains have been moved, and the Balance has been set up, yet most people are in a strange sleep. Their desires have prevented them from God; they have cast the Book behind their backs and have committed that from which the dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur and majesty have disassociated themselves. The glory rest upon you, upon your family, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen One.O Muhammad-'Ali! Hear the call of the Wronged One. The Cause of God has come, which was a fortress for those who arrived and an armor for the temple of whosoever turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and answered the Lord of all beings when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Say: O people! Recognize the station of God's Cause and His wisdom, and be not of the ignorant. Thus has the light shone forth from the kingdom of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory rest upon thee and thy wife from the Forgiving, the Merciful.O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Darvish Rahim, that the verses of his Lord may attract him and draw him nigh unto Him, and strengthen him to make mention of Him and to praise Him among His servants and to serve His Cause in His days. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory from Us be upon him and upon his wife, whose name was presented before the Wronged One in His mighty prison.O Darvish Khalil! The Cause of God hath come, yet the people have turned away from it and opposed it, having broken His Covenant and His Testament, and followed those who denied God and His signs. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. We make mention of thy wife who turned towards Him on a day when most of the handmaidens of the earth turned away. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

O Mirza Aqa! We have desired to make mention of thee from this direction and to remind thee of God's verses which were sent down from the kingdom of His utterance, that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and thy heart may rejoice, and that thou mayest arise with spirit and fragrance to serve the Cause on this Day wherein the appointed time hath come, the verses have been sent down, the clear proofs have appeared, and the earth and heavens have spoken. Thus have We sent down that which shall endure as long as My most beautiful names endure. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.In the name of the One All-Knowing God!O Sulayman! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the utterance of thy Creator. Today the mystery of the Self-Sufficient is manifestly revealed without veil. Blessed is the state of the one who hath drunk the sealed wine in the Most Great Name and hath remembered Him in the Most Great Prison. The dust of divine chastisement hath encompassed the world and smoke hath overtaken it.

Beseech ye Him that perchance His forgiveness may encompass all and make them aware of that which is the purpose of creation. Make mention of the kinsmen on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the verses of the One Peerless Friend.O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! That which was hidden hath become manifest. The primal light hath appeared therefrom. Blessed is the state of the one who hath heard His call, turned towards Him with his heart, and faced the lights of His countenance.O Rasul! Various colors have prevented the world from turning to and drawing nigh unto the horizon of God's Cause and have deprived it from the ocean of the utterance of the Creator. Beseech God that He may aid His servants in that which beseemeth His Day. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.O Siyyid Qabli-Muhammad! The Pen hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee that thou mayest hold fast unto that which is befitting and attain unto the station of "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses."O Abraham! The fire of hatred that was kindled in those days hath been rekindled with greater force and intensity in the days of this Wronged One. The extinction of every fire is easy, but the fire of malice and envy cannot be quenched by the waters of the entire world. The outward fire is extinguished in but an hour, while this fire endureth through centuries and ages. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from this fire and to illumine them with the light of His knowledge. He, verily, is powerful over all things.

O Mahdi! The beginning of all things hath been and shall ever be the knowledge of God, and the end thereof steadfastness, for the clamorous are lying in wait and are occupied with leading men astray. Blessed is the soul that beholdeth all else save God as non-existent and as naught. Such a one is assuredly among the people of this luminous station and this mighty and impregnable seat.O Pen! Make mention of the Merciful One, that perchance the attraction of the divine mention may so grip him that he may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause. In all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the greatness of the Cause and this Day. Blessed is he who hath recognized and inhaled the fragrance of the utterance of his All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord.O Abdullah! The Day hath come and the hour hath struck, yet the servants have failed to recognize the Lord of all worlds in this garment. All are deprived and forbidden from His recognition, save whom thy Lord willeth. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the knowledge of his Lord, who hath detached himself from the world and all that is therein, and hath cleaved unto Him. This is the station wherein shineth the light of true reliance and spiritual resignation.O Husayn! This Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee - in what station? In the Most Great Prison - in what condition? In the midst of sorrows. Yet the tribulations of the nations and the tyranny of the world have not withheld Him from remembrance. The atoms of all created things bear witness to what hath been mentioned. Beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His station.O Ali! Hearken with the ear of the spirit and observe with the eye of truth, that perchance thou mayest hear the call of the Friend and behold His traces. How many are the servants who have eyes and ears, yet in the divine ledger are recorded as blind, deaf and dumb.O Muhammad! The Book hath been sent down and its mysteries recorded by the Most Exalted Pen, yet the servants remain heedless and veiled, save those souls who with the hands of power have rent asunder the veils and shrouds and have sought the most exalted station, which is the station of recognizing the one true Friend.O Javad! The ocean of utterance is surging, the Sun of Truth is shining above all heads, and the light of bounty is radiating from the horizon of grace. We beseech God not to withhold His servants from these bounties nor deprive them thereof. His grace hath encompassed all, and the All-Bountiful is seated upon the throne of mercy. Blessed are they who possess true knowledge.

O Sattar! The Day of Resurrection hath come, and the Concealer is seated upon the throne of the All-Forgiving. He hath concealed, shown grace, and opened the gate of bounty with the finger of power, yet the heedless servants have risen in tyranny. They have committed that which hath rent asunder the breasts and set aflame the livers. All these things have come to pass through the wickedness of the divines of Persia. They have wrought that which hath never been heard of since the beginning of the world. They are indeed among the most lost in My perspicuous Book.O beloved friend! The wolves of the earth have surrounded the Beloved of the world, and the Wronged One of the horizons has been imprisoned by the people of sedition. At every moment a new injustice appears and at every instant a new hardship descends. It is not known to what they turned in the past and to what cord they held fast, and now for what reason they have turned away. By the life of God, they neither perceive, nor recognize, nor know.O Husayn! Hear the call of Husayn which hath turned toward thee from the prison quarter. He speaketh for God's sake and uttereth in God's path. Are there any attentive ears to be found or any penetrating eyes present? By the Sun of Truth, the proof is manifest and evident, the bounty is descending and the mercy is showering. Blessed are they who possess sight and hearing, and woe unto the heedless.O Pen! Make mention of Allah-Quli on behalf of the Most Great Name, that perchance thy mention may assist him like wings to soar in this refined and luminous atmosphere. Thou hast heard the call and seen the signs. Ask of God that He may aid thee to remain steadfast in the greater steadfastness. He is the Most Great Sign and the Ultimate Goal. Take what thou art commanded and lay aside what thou art forbidden, as a command from the presence of One powerful and mighty.O Asadu'llah! Reflect upon the power of the Wronged One: single and alone He arose before the faces of the world, and in the nights and days His verses were revealed and His evidences were manifest without any veil or covering. He rent asunder the veils of glory and the clouds of grandeur with the finger of power, and guided all with the most exalted call to the straight path and the mighty news. He is the One Who is powerful, Whom the malice and hatred of princes and divines prevented not from the mention of God and His purpose. Reflect and say: Thine is the greatness and the glory, and Thine is the power and the grace.

O Soldier! O beloved! It is hoped that in this wondrous divine Day, through the effulgences of the lights of the Most Great Name, thou wilt bestow crowns instead of being a soldier. Abu Dharr was but a shepherd, yet through one word "I believe," he became the guardian of Islam's sanctuary and a guide to mankind. This is not difficult for thy Lord God.O Hassan! Speech belongeth unto the tongue, yet now the ocean speaketh and heat cometh from the fire, and at this time the sun giveth and bestoweth. Strive that perchance through God's might and power thou mayest attain thy station and become worthy of honor from God, the Lord of all mankind.O Muhammad-Baqir! The veils of names of the people of the mortal realm have prevented creation from the highest horizon. For one thousand two hundred years the odious Shi'ihs were occupied with claims of succession, deputyship and nobility, and when the Sun of Manifestation dawned from the horizon of will, bright and manifest, they arose to harm Him and issued the verdict for His blood to be shed. Fix thy gaze upon God alone, that thou mayest be recorded among the true monotheists in God's Book and be inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen.O Ali-Asghar! The Lord of Power maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Scene. The friends of the earth hastened to the Supreme Companion in their longing to hear this mention. That which floweth today from the Pen of generosity hath had and hath no likeness or parallel. Recognize its station and preserve it as the eye preserveth itself.O Ali Siraj! He says: O people of the earth! By the Luminary of utterance, I swear that the

divine lamp is shining and manifest before all faces. Deprive not yourselves of its light, and through its rays and radiance, enter into the tabernacle of divine glory. Today the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful is surging and the heaven of grace is upraised. Deprive not yourselves. Pass beyond all else and hold fast unto the Friend. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the All-Merciful.O Pen! Make mention of Qasim, that haply he may drink from the ocean of utterance and be illumined by the Sun of divine knowledge, and attain unto that which is the cause of steadfastness. Today the cry is raised, the mountain is crushed, and the servants are thunderstruck. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto hearing it, recognized the Purpose, and became cognizant of Him. Beseech God to protect His servants and aid them to exalt His Word.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all things, and by the lights of Thy face whereby all horizons were illumined, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy command, and by the heaven of Thy bounty, and by the sun of Thy grace, to assist me to serve Thee and to help Thy Cause, and to enable me to be steadfast in my love for Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.O Ahmad! Should anyone ask thee concerning the Manifestation of God in this Day, say: The proof hath appeared and the evidence is manifest. The Ocean hath surged and the Sun hath shone forth. The clouds have rained down their bounty and the lights have shed their radiance. Yet the blind remain veiled and the ignorant contend with the All-Knowing. We are God's and to Him shall we return.O Muhammad-'Ali! Should anyone inquire about the station of this Revelation, say: By God! This is the Day which was announced by the Tongue of Power and Might to all who are in heaven and on earth. This is the Day wherein the earth declareth its tidings and unveileth its treasures. Blessed is the ear that hearkeneth and the eye that seeth and the heart that understandeth. The people, for the most part, are heedless.Verily we have accepted thy service in His days and have ordained for thee that which will profit thee in this world and in the world to come. He is, in truth, the Gracious, the Bountiful.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Say:My God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all things, and by Thy sovereignty whereby Thou didst encompass the entire creation, and by Thy Word through which Thou didst fashion Thy heavens and Thy earth, to assist me to serve Thee with such steadfastness that neither the doubts of the doubtful nor the denials of them that have turned away from Thee can deter me. Thou art, verily, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, directing my face toward the lights of Thy countenance, and awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the Lamp which Thou hast preserved through Thy power and sovereignty, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby the limbs of the deniers among Thy servants and the idolaters among Thy creatures trembled with fear, to ordain for this servant of Thine from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art God. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.O Mir 'Ali-Akbar! Consider My Cause and that which hath befallen Me after I came from the Most Exalted Horizon for the reformation of the world and the education of the nations. Say: Alas, alas! This servant knoweth not which of Thy tribulations to mention before Thy face. The Pen is struck dumb at the mention of Thy tribulations and what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious amongst Thy servants. I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself for the life of the world and the reformation of the nations, and hast borne hardships to reveal Thy grace and demonstrate Thy bounty. My soul be a

sacrifice for Thy grace, O Thou Desire of them that know Thee, and my spirit be a ransom for Thy Self, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the hands of the heedless ones!O ’Ali, O ’Attar! When thou hearest the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen, turn thy face toward God, the Lord of all mankind, and say: […]O my God, my God! I know not in what mountain hath Thy call been raised, nor in what spot the throne of Thy grandeur hath been established. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Protector of the oppressed, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities of hearts, and by the power of Thy Will, the potency of Thy Purpose, the ocean of Thy signs and the heaven of Thy wisdom, to ordain for me that which shall make me content with Thy good-pleasure, moved by Thy will, and holding fast to the wisdom Thou hast commanded in Thy perspicuous Book. Verily, Thou art the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Abbas, that he may rejoice and be of them that are grateful. Say: O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having created me and manifested me and made me know Thy path. I know with the knowledge of certitude that Thou hast created me to hearken unto Thy call and witness the lights of Thy horizon. I know not, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for me of Thy decree and destiny, and what Thou hast willed in Thy days. Should that which preventeth me from drawing nigh unto the seat of Thy throne hinder me, then neither my life, nor my existence, nor my rising up, nor my sitting down would profit me. Oh! Oh! Should Thy decree prevent me from standing before the gate of Thy grandeur and hearkening to Thy call, then by Thy might, O Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, my thirst can only be quenched by drawing nigh unto the court of Thy holiness, and my heart can only find rest by turning toward the direction of Thy throne, and my being can only find repose through the Kawthar of Thy presence and the Salsabil of Thy reunion. Thou seest, O my God, my perturbation and agitation, my sorrow, my grief and anguish in Thy days. Where is Thy relief, O Reliever of the world, and where is Thy succour, O Helper of the nations? By Thy might, my condition hath transcended mention and utterance. O my Lord, the All-Merciful! Have mercy upon me through Thy grace, then ordain for me that which shall solace mine eyes and the eyes of Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones who have ascended unto the Most Glorious Companion and have soared on the wings of certitude to the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy mercy hath preceded all created things and Thy grace hath encompassed all beings. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to send down upon them at all times from the heaven of Thy gifts that which shall gladden the eyes of Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. All created things bear witness to Thy generosity. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Dominant over the seen and the unseen.Then make mention of Husayn who hath ascended unto his Lord. Ordain for him in the most exalted Paradise at all times that which beseemeth the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him who hath been named Allahverdi, who turned toward My horizon and traversed land and sea in his love for meeting Me until he attained My presence and heard My call. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My traces aforetime and in this perspicuous moment. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. The glory be upon thee and upon thy sister and her daughter, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.We make mention of My

handmaidens at the end of the Tablet and give them the glad-tidings of the Day-Star of My providence which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy in My Most Great Prison.O Mulla Baji, O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made mention of thee in such wise as to perpetuate thy remembrance in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord and glorify His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.Verily, We have made mention of the servants of God and His handmaidens, and have sent down for them that which the world and its ornaments and embellishments and all that hath appeared therein and is treasured therein cannot equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.We make mention at this hour of the loved ones of the All-Merciful in Milan, that the sweet savors of remembrance and utterance may draw them to a station before which all regions of the earth have bowed down in submission. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing. Ye have heard the Call time and again; now hearken unto that which the Supreme Pen hath voiced. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Chosen. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have turned unto Him when most of mankind hath turned away, and have spoken in praise when the idolaters uttered that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament in their most exalted station. O people of Milan! By the life of God, within you are treasured the pearls of love and faithfulness, whereunto the Mother Book doth testify. We beseech God to aid and assist all, that each may arise to serve His Cause, illumine receptive hearts with the lights of the Most Great Name, and occupy themselves with the refinement of heedless souls and the reformation of the world. May they quench with the waters of wisdom and utterance the fire of hatred and animosity which hath blazed in the hearts of diverse peoples throughout the ages and centuries, that all may strive together in perfect unity for the betterment of the world. The mention of each one is remembered with God and recorded by the Supreme […]

Pen that which leadeth to eternal life. Hold fast to goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. After recognition of God–glorified be His majesty–uprightness, trustworthiness and piety are His trusts among His creatures. We counsel all to preserve them. Blessed is the soul whom neither the vicissitudes nor vanities of the world have deterred from righteousness and the fear of God, and who hath attained unto that which hath been recorded and established by the Pen of Grace in God's Book, enduring throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Know ye the value of these days and, in complete unity, occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of the Goal of all creation. Whatsoever giveth rise to clamor and is the cause of corruption and strife hath been forbidden in God's Book. His is the grace and bounty, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. All must associate with those souls who have taken precedence in turning unto God, in faith and in recognition, with the utmost love. This matter hath been mentioned in the divine Books of the past and future, and in the Qur'an: "And the foremost to embrace the Faith shall be the foremost. These are they who shall be brought nigh unto God." Glory and praise and magnification be upon the servants of God who are nigh unto Him, and upon His sincere chosen ones who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to that which they were bidden in His perspicuous Book.

At this moment the Tongue of Utterance in the Kingdom of knowledge turns toward the people of Sisan, and for the sake of God We make mention of them. Divine mention in one station is as the spirit for the bodies of the people of the world, and in another station is as the eternal Kawthar for the mortal temple,

and in one station it is a sign of the All-Merciful for the righteous and His wrath for the wicked. Blessed are they who have heard the call and risen from the graves of heedlessness. O My loved ones in Sisan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which is the cause of exaltation and the source of elevation. Ye are the saplings in the garden of divine favor and have been nurtured by the Kawthar of the All-Merciful utterance, and have attained unto the station of maturity which is the station of recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Preserve this station through the name of the Lord of Days and cherish it as your precious life. Soon shall all that is visible pass away, save what God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath ordained for you. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon My handmaidens whom neither the clamor of the people nor the howling of the wicked have prevented from God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have made mention of every maidservant who hath turned and attained. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of your Lord. He heareth and seeth; He is the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. As for certain souls mentioned who are in other lands, since the fragrance of steadfastness hath not been fully diffused from them, We have therefore destined their mention for another time and another day. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O son of Dakhil! Praise be to God, all the names mentioned have each been blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Give them My glad-tidings and illumine them with the light of My utterance. We have ordained for them in Our most exalted Kingdom that which tongues and pens are powerless to describe. To this testifieth He Who speaketh at this moment before all faces: There is none other God but He, the Single One, the One, the Dominant over all things great and small. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and say: Today is the day of mention and praise, and the day of attraction and ecstasy. Strive ye to attract the hearts of the servants through the Word of God and draw them to the most exalted horizon. We counsel all to that which beseemeth the Days of God and to the reformation of the world and the refinement of nations. Thy Lord is, verily, the Commander from ancient times. There is none other God but He, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and this is the true and manifest Cause. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon them who have cast away all else save Me and taken hold of that which they were commanded in My perspicuous Book.

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He is God - exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

O beloved of my heart! It is night, yet the sun is bright and visible, and the light manifest and clear. Glory be to God! Each of His signs is a clear book and a mighty volume. The worth of day appears through night, and its station shines through darkness. The lamp of night speaks of and indicates its station, while day itself reveals and manifests the station of day. Yet night stands opposite to day, and day opposite to night - both are limited. We seek a day that has no night following it, one illumined by the light of the Beloved’s face, not by the light of sun or moon. This is the day of the Kingdom of Heaven, nay rather the Realm above, nay even sanctified above all three. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the people of divine unity from this day.

I know not whether I speak truth or utter delirious words. The fire of love is ablaze and at times seizes and takes the reins of control. It is a mighty champion and valiant horseman, its field the arena of the world, its course the realms of the seen and unseen.

Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest and knowest that the love of Thy chosen ones hath caused me to speak, and their affection hath emboldened me, taught me and made me speak. Were I to mention the degrees of their love in my breast and their remembrance in my heart, words would fail, ink and paper would not suffice, neither pen nor tongue could express it. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Goal of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist them in all conditions as Thou hast assisted them through Thy grace and bounty. Then manifest through them at all times that which befitteth Thy gifts and bestowals. O Lord! I beseech Thee by them, by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, to assist Thy servant to act according to what Thou hast commanded in Thy Book and to remember Thy chosen ones and pure ones. Verily Thou art the Helper, the Wise. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

The sea arrived - meaning the letter arrived. As the saying goes, I speak first and then fulfill it, for it contained the pearls of divine love. Each word was like a shell; when examined closely, it showed what was to be seen and made heard what was to be heard. By the life of our Lord! The ear is for hearing the message of love, and the eye for beholding the beloved ones of God. In any case, after its observation and perusal, it was granted the honor of being heard by the Lord. We beseech God to deposit in every heart of His loved ones a surging sea of His love, that through its waves the world may be purified and become worthy of the effulgence of the Sun of Truth. For what was the world created? For acceptance. Why did Adam come? For recognition and submission. The meaning of ink took the form of writing, the point came into being, and the point journeyed for centuries until it became adorned and when it became expanded and submissive, its head was crowned with the diadem of ‘H’ and the Word appeared, and this Word was honored with the name of the Beloved of the world - that Beloved by whom the night journey was glorified and the heavens were adorned by His footsteps. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid us and you, and to assist us and you in His remembrance and praise and in what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The end.

The ocean hath come and the river hath departed - what can the poor and lowly one do? Where is conclusive proof, and where are these idle words? Unless His grace assist and His bounty bestow utterance upon the tongue-tied. And for what purpose is this utterance? By the life of our Lord, it is beloved for His mention and praise, for without these, speech availeth not.

O my God, my God! Inspire us with Thy remembrance and praise, and aid us in that which befitteth Thy glory and majesty. Then accept from us, through Thy grace, that which hath appeared from us in Thy path and Thy love. Thou art the Generous One Who enricheth the world through a word from Thy presence, and Who openeth the door of wealth through one of Thy names. Verily, bounty is in Thy grasp and giving is in Thy right hand. Thou hast subdued all things through Thy Most Exalted Pen. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of the Throne and earth.

Concerning what they wrote, that the spiritual friend Aqa Ghulam-Husayn and Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, upon them be the peace of God and His favors, have of their own accord requested to participate in a good deed,

namely the palm grove partnership - this matter was presented and was honored with acceptance before the Lord, and these exalted words issued from the blessed tongue: “We beseech God to strengthen their tongues for His mention and praise, their ears to hearken unto His verses, their faces to turn toward His horizon, their eyes to behold the mysteries of His creation, their hands to grasp His Book, their hearts to be enkindled with the fire of His love. And We beseech Him to ordain for them every good thing He hath sent down in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

Praise be to God, ye have attained unto that which ye desired. Blessed be I and ye! Convey mention and praise on my behalf to all the friends in that land. God the One is witness that they have been and are remembered most of the time. Mention of that beloved one’s joy in what flowed from the blessed tongue regarding the palm grove partnership became the cause of complete gladness and delight. If the joy of these words was but a drop there, here it became an ocean, for He mentioned it repeatedly and smiled. The servant beseecheth his Lord for your success and confirmation, and I beseech Him to grant you that which befitteth the heaven of His generosity and the ocean of His grace. Verily, He is the Giver, the Munificent, the Generous.

Concerning the mention of Aqa ’Ali, upon him be God’s peace, they have indeed accepted hardship and difficulty. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to bring forth from this hardship manifold ease, and from this difficulty and constraint, boundless facility. Verily, He is the Creator of all things, their Manifester, their Ordainer and their Educator. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those with you, upon every steadfast and firm one, and upon every resolute and trustworthy one.

The Servant

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I convey greetings and praise to the honored friend Mirza, upon him be God’s peace and favors, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to apply in his case the blessed words “ten times as much” - that is, to increase his successes, confirmations and rewards at every moment. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The blessed Branches, may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their honored footsteps, each and every one, remember that beloved one and send their greetings.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to God Who hath revealed that which He hath sent down and fulfilled that which He promised in the Books of old, such that His verses have been spread abroad and His evidences have become manifest, until the horizons were filled with the manifestations of His power and the tokens of His might and authority. Then arose the atheists in opposition and the idolators in protest. Among men were those

who denied Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries, and among them were those who rejected that which was sent down from the heaven of the will of our Chosen Lord, and among men were those who disputed His verses and warred against His Own Self and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Tablets to lament. Blessing and peace be upon the Manifestations of His oneness, the Recipients of His revelation, the Dawning-places of His Cause and the Sources of His wisdom, whom neither the veils of the world nor the doubts of the nations prevented, and who arose to serve the Cause at eventide and at dawn.

Glory be to Thee, O God of the Kingdom and Sovereign over the realms of might! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fragrance of Thy days was diffused and the banners of Thy remembrance were unfurled, and by the ocean of Thy knowledge which none hath comprehended save Thyself, to assist Thy loved ones to celebrate Thy praise and glory, and enable them to achieve that which befitteth Thy days. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thereafter, thy letter was received and as it was adorned with the mention of the one true God, it brought joy. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to ever assist thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word.

As to what thou didst write regarding his honor Khan, upon him be the glory of God, and the corruption of the person mentioned, this servant was greatly astonished. How inappropriate! When his honor Khan departed from here, all his purpose was to aid the divine Cause, to educate heedless souls, to promote the Cause, and to adorn the servants with trustworthiness, chastity, religious devotion and virtuous character. I testify by God that he had no other purpose. This evanescent servant conveys what he himself hath understood. The person mentioned went to those parts specifically for trade, and until now no command or prohibition hath been given to him. What this evanescent one submits is pure truth, and God is witness and aware. His honor Khan must in all conditions keep his gaze fixed upon the highest horizon and arise for God's sake and speak for His sake. Whoso is for God, God is for him. No matter is hidden from God. He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. They should be occupied with service to the Cause, detached from all else. The sayings of people will not harm them. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for their success - such success that its fragrance may be diffused throughout the world. This is a mighty day; one must regard time as precious. Once this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names, blessed and exalted be His utterance: Not a moment of these days can be compared with centuries and ages past. Time and again the Tongue of Grandeur hath voiced this blessed word and others like it. In all cases I beseech repose and tranquility for His Holiness, that He may engage in promoting the Cause of the Best-Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance. Assuredly this prayer will be answered, but let them not abandon wisdom and let them be mindful of the blessed words "Speak to men according to their capacities." God is witness that in the Most Great Scene perfect loving-kindness towards them is manifest, evident and clear. This bounty is mighty and this grace is great.

This evanescent one's petition in the presence of that honored one is that whatever hath been mentioned should be conveyed to His Excellency the Khan with greetings, praise, glory and exaltation. As for what was mentioned regarding that honored one's remembrance before the countenance of the Desired One, it was submitted at a specific time and was graced with His hearing. This is what was revealed in response, blessed be His words:

O Mahdi! God willing, thou shalt attain the honor of guiding the servants. Reflect upon the upheavals and conflicts of the world. Where are the Pharaohs and the children of the Pharaohs? Where are the Caesars and the children of the Caesars? Where are they who prided themselves on what they possessed in the East and West of the earth? Where are they whom the world so deluded that they were kept back from the most exalted Paradise and what was created therein? Where is the clamor of men and the roaring of heroes? Where are their swords and their ranks? Where is their loftiness and their ascendancy? God hath brought them down from their palaces to their graves. Should anyone turn to the palace of Chosroes, he would see naught but spider webs therein, and hear naught but the echo. Take ye warning, O people of insight!

That honored one should arise with complete determination to promote and assist the Cause of the Lord of all beings - an arising that neither the doubts of the world can shake nor the conditions of the nations can cause to slip. Great is the deed, great is the reward, great is the day, and great is the Cause. Blessed is the soul whom neither the cawing of the divines nor the might of princes did hold back from the Truth. The Khan, upon him be My glory, hath been and is remembered. Every soul in those regions who hath today been blessed with the fragrances of revelation and the sweet-scented breezes of these days should join with the Khan in complete unity to teach and serve the Divine Cause, albeit with wisdom and utterance, for contention, warfare and strife have been strictly forbidden in the Book.

We beseech God to grant divine confirmation and assistance that all may find and hold fast to the path. Say: My God, my God! I am he who hastened to the splendors of the lights of Thy bounty and grace, and turned to the waves of the ocean of Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy pen of destiny and by the fragrance of Thy garment which hath perfumed Thy servants and creatures, to assist me in Thy remembrance, Thy praise and the service of Thy Cause. Then send down upon me from the clouds of the heaven of Thy grace a mercy from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence. O Lord! Disappoint me not of what lieth with Thee. Ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily Thou knowest what is within me and I know not what is within Thee. Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto His supreme bounty, for all things and matters shall be seized by extinction save the Sun of Utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of the Best-Beloved of the worlds - this alone endureth and shall endure. Each of the souls mentioned was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and all were blessed with divine remembrance. This servant too conveyeth greetings and salutations to all. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon His Presence, and upon thee, and upon them, and upon every soul that is steadfast, firm and upright.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the laws and made them a stronghold for His servants and a cause for the preservation of His creation. Blessed is he who hath clung to the Book of God and acted according to what He hath commanded, and woe unto the heedless. And prayers and peace be upon the Lord of both worlds and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earths, through Whom the Kingdom of Names was illumined and the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" was raised, and upon His family and companions, the manifestations and repositories of knowledge and wisdom, through whom cities and villages were subdued and the law of God, the Lord of all creation, was spread, and upon every steadfast, firm and trustworthy follower.

And now, your letter arrived and the correspondences were received and given to their owners who will send their own replies. Your deeds are, God willing, accepted. Praise be to God, they are remembered in all conditions and are occupied in service. His Holiness Afnan (may all glory be upon him) sent a letter to this lowly one. Among other matters, he had written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ali-Rida (may the glory of God be upon him). It is hoped that a reply will be sent. I beseech God to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. In truth, he is engaged in service.

The latest news is that the beloved of heart and soul, Jinab-i-Varqa (may the Most Glorious Glory of God be upon him) was given expenses and sent to his former location. And regarding the prisoners T and R, they had written that there is complete hope that they will be released in these days. This is the news that has arrived from various directions. Knowledge is with God. However, regarding the beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Varqa (may God's favors be upon him), a word was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen, and His Holiness Afnan has given him this glad tidings. Verily He knoweth and we know not what is with Him, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding the Tablet of Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-'Ali (may the glory of God be upon him) from the people of Q, which they had written about, it was sent this time, and likewise the Tablet of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Isma'il Haji Malik, wherein mention was made of his deceased brother, wife and son, and likewise in other Tablets whatever needed to be mentioned has been mentioned. You will observe that God willing the rest will be sent later, and most of these Tablets this time are, as commanded, in this lowly one's handwriting.

And regarding what they mentioned about Jinab-i-Akhund Mulla Husayn and the maidservant of God (may the glory of God be upon both of them), it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and this supreme word was revealed in response. His mighty utterance is:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Husayn! The oppressed One of the horizons is surrounded by the people of discord, who with utmost effort strive to extinguish the divine light and quench the fire of the divine Lote-Tree. What benefit did their fathers and ancestors who previously girded themselves for these deeds obtain? By the life of God, they incurred a loss which cannot be remedied! The heedless souls followed suit, unaware that the Truth is ever-watchful and vigilant.

Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for thou hast hearkened unto the call of Husayn–that Husayn Whose appearance after the Qa'im was promised by God to all the world. His is the Manifestation of Whom it is said that all the Prophets and Messengers will gather beneath His banner–meaning they will attain to the recognition of His Cause. Praise be to the Goal of the world and the Ancient King Who hath enabled thee to attain this exalted station and most high rank. Guard it through His Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

And likewise, addressing His handmaiden, His word, exalted be His glory, was revealed thus:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing

O handmaiden of God! Mention of thee hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and in every year there hath been sent down from the heaven of divine bounty, specifically for thee, that which no earthly thing can equal. Were the friends of God to become aware and know the station of the Word that floweth from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them, it is feared they would perish from joy and gladness. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the commanding Word of God–such a one hath attained an everlasting bounty. Convey on behalf of the Truth greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and give them the glad-tidings of His grace and favor, that they may arise as beseemeth the days of God. He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path and acquainteth whomsoever He desireth with that which is hidden from the eyes of the heedless. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in thy vicinity, who were not deterred by the clamor of the oppressors.

Praise be to God, the honored one, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise the leaf who is known as the handmaiden of God, have attained the bounty of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed be they both and joy be unto them. The Afnan, upon him be from all nine [glory] most glorious, hath mentioned their two brothers and what that beloved one hath written. This evanescent one beseecheth the Truth that in this Revelation no sapling and no plant be deprived of the spring rain of His generosity.

As to what they wrote regarding whether permission is granted to bring someone on their return or not, this matter was presented. Thus did the All-Merciful speak in the Kingdom of Utterance–exalted be His utterance: We have granted thee permission in this, that there may be with thee one who remembereth God in the evening and at sunrise. God willing, may all the peoples of the world attain to the mention, praise and service of the Cause. If one faileth to attain this station, in truth his existence hath yielded no fruit and his tree hath borne no fruit.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth in the nights and days that He may cause all to attain unto His good-pleasure and adorn them with this crown which is the greatest of all the crowns of the world. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Another submission to his honor, the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious: I convey greetings with utmost sincerity. His letter arrived and brought complete joy. Since this servant had no matter requiring his attention, no separate letter was submitted. What he had written was the undoubted truth. I beseech God to sanctify His loved ones from that which causes their own abasement and degradation. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

All praise be unto His Presence. Please convey greetings and salutations to his honor, the esteemed and kind friend Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Ghaffar, upon him be the praise of God. I implore and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant him success and aid him in preserving what has been bestowed. Verily He is the Answerer, the All-Knowing.

Another submission: Please convey, on behalf of this evanescent one, expressions of utter nothingness and effacement to each and every one of the divine friends in that land. Peace, praise and mercy be upon you all, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath ordained victory through His consummate wisdom and hath commanded it unto all created beings who have believed in God, the Lord of Oneness. He is the One Who hath, through His grace, lifted up the decree of the sword and established in its place the decree of utterance, whereby the fragrance of His name, the Most Merciful, hath been wafted throughout all creation. Exalted, exalted is our Lord Who cannot be described by the learning of the divines and the people of mystical knowledge. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto that which God, the Lord of all religions, hath commanded in His Book. And woe unto him who hath cast aside wisdom and utterance, and through his idle fancies hath seized upon that which was forbidden him in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed is he who hath arisen to promote the Cause of his Lord through goodly character and deeds. The Servant beareth witness that he is among the prosperous ones in the Book of God, the Sender of winds. And praise be to God Who hath sent down from His Most Exalted Pen that which hath enraptured the sincere ones in the kingdom of creation, and hath revealed for His loved ones that which hath caused spirits to soar.

Thereafter, the Servant hath attained unto that which thou didst previously send, as though it had opened the gate of joy. When I read and understood and learned of it, I approached the Praiseworthy Station and presented it before the throne of our Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which pens and souls are powerless to recount, and He revealed for each name that was in thy letter that which caused the breezes of loving-kindness to waft between earth and heaven. To this beareth witness the Tablet of the Beloved Ones which the All-Bestowing hath revealed and sent unto thee, that thou mayest read it and share it with those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness. By the life of the Beloved! Nothing that hath been created in earth and heaven can compare with it. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, Who is established upon the throne in this noble station. While I was engaged in writing this leaf, the Beloved of the world summoned me and said, exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His utterance.

Write to his honor ’Andalib: O ’Andalib! Fix your gaze upon this decisive, firm and comprehensive blessed Word which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Book, and counsel all therewith, that perchance they may know with perfect certitude that the triumph of God’s Cause hath not been and is not through the sword, contention, strife and corruption. And that blessed Word which hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book is this: “We have lifted the law of the sword and have established in its place the law of expression. Well is it with them who possess understanding and who have held fast unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book.” Despite this decisive and firm Word, it is observed that some still remain in doubt and misgiving, and through their personal delusions are engaged in interpreting the word of victory. Say: What aileth you that ye comprehend not and perceive not? Verily have We counseled all to show kindness, compassion and care. Well is it with him who hath attained unto My purpose, and woe unto the heedless. It would seem they place their own will before the Will of God, or regard what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance as jest, or God forbid, see the Truth as powerless and weak. Say: Woe unto you! Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful. Verily He is the Mighty, the Supreme. Verily He is the Victorious, the All-Wise. Verily He is the Subduer over His creation and He is the All-Knowing. Therefore beseech God that He may confirm His loved ones in goodly deeds and pleasing conduct, and in that which the Book of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath decreed.

Today is a different day and a different heaven is upraised and a different sea is surging. It cannot and will not be compared with before and after. Say: Today the sun of bounty is manifest and the ocean of grace is before all faces. Move in this spiritual atmosphere with the wings of spirit, and keep yourselves detached, free and sanctified from the impurities, allusions and dust of the vicissitudes of time. Wings soiled with mud are not worthy of flight nor capable of ascension. O ’Andalib! Say: Today an illumined heart is needed, an expanded breast and penetrating vision. Perchance ye may leave behind what ye have heard and relate what ye behold. Man needeth human qualities. Alas! Alas! Words cannot bear these meanings and the pen findeth itself powerless to translate. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise be unto Him! Verily He speaketh the truth and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O ’Andalib! That which thou didst send through the servant who was present and his honor Ism-i-Jud, upon both of them be My glory, from the epistles was presented at the Most Holy Court. Through pure grace, sublime and exalted verses were revealed and sent specially for all the souls mentioned therein, both living and dead. God willing, they shall attain unto them. The mention of God is life for the dead and a bounty for the loved ones. Know thou the value of this favor and speak forth in praise and thanksgiving to God. Blessed be thy tongue for what it hath sung, and thy heart for what it hath composed, and thy thought for the virgin meanings of recognition that have appeared from it in praise of God, the Lord of proof and evidence.

Divine favor is manifest and evident upon that beloved one and those true friends. God willing, may all attain to that which is beloved in His presence. That honored one who, praise be to God, has in these divine days succeeded in offering praise unto the Truth - the entire world has been and remains incapable of adequately thanking Him for this supreme bounty. God willing, may you set ablaze the souls in those lands with the fire of divine love. A word that issues forth from a detached heart has been and ever shall

be effective. This is what I have heard from the mouth of my Lord's will, the Perspicuous, the Wise. Convey greetings and make mention to all on behalf of this evanescent servant. O friends! Today is a momentous day. Strive to deposit enduring traces in this perishable ruin. While time remains, we must all count it as precious and occupy ourselves with that which is befitting and worthy. What is lost today, when shall it be recovered and who shall recover it? At this moment it behooveth this servant to call upon the Lord of the mystics and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth, saying:

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the gate of Thy most exalted Paradise was opened to all who are in the kingdom of creation, and through which the Call was raised between earth and heaven, to assist Thy chosen ones to celebrate Thy praise and glorification, and inspire them with that which Thou hast willed through Thy knowledge. O Lord! Deprive them not of the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, nor keep them distant from the sanctuaries of Thy nearness. O Lord! Regard them not according to what they possess, but behold the heaven of Thy bounty and riches, and the helplessness of Thy creation and the poverty of Thy servants. Thou art the One before Whose manifestation and appearance the kingdom of power bowed low. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous. Glory be upon you and upon those who were attracted by the sweetness of the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and upon every one who turned unto God when He came with manifest sovereignty. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Today, praise and salutation, remembrance and utterance belong especially to the friends of God, exalted be His glory, whom the doubts of the people of the world did not prevent from the path of the All-Merciful. They caught the fragrance of His garment and hastened to the court of the Friend. The prevention of hinderers, the might of oppressors, the schemes of plotters, the turning away of the divines, and the closing of eyes by the jurisprudents did not keep them from the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Names. From the chalices of recognition they drank the wine of salvation in the name of Him Who controls the winds - a draught that made them independent and free from need of the rivers and streams of the world. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth, these are the souls mentioned in the books of the past and future. Exalted is He Who strengthened them, caused them to recognize, revealed them, and established them in the service of His Cause. They are the breakers of the idols of vain imaginings and the confounders of the enemies of the Lord of all beings. The servant begs his Lord to strengthen them, assist them, and grant them the best of what lies with Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glory be to Thee, O Sender of rains and Causer of rivers to flow! I beseech Thee by the gems of Thy creation who have fulfilled Thy covenant and Thy testament, to assist Thy loved ones to achieve such

steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginings, nor prevented by the princes of men. O Lord! Thou seest the people of the Bayan and hearest what their tongues utter, and knowest their deeds and their turning away from the Station whereby Thy proof was established from time immemorial and the signs of Thy power were revealed with majesty and grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Subduer of the world and Quickener of moldering bones, to assist them to return. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then make, O my God and my Goal, Thy servant Khalil among those who aid Thy Cause and who speak Thy praise. O Lord! Assist him in all circumstances. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the Most High.

Thereafter, thy letter which was perfumed with the remembrance and praise of the Beloved of the worlds was as collyrium to the eye and manifest joy to the heart. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist thee in that which is befitting. After its reading and perusal, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and presented before His presence and was honored to be heard. This is what was sent down from the kingdom of the wisdom of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

O Khalil! The peoples of the world are seen as children. Let none wonder at this exalted word, for all are occupied with matters which they themselves witness shall perish and pass away, and with their own hands they kindle that which they shall be powerless to extinguish. Vain imaginings have seized them all, and false suppositions have kept them back from that which would profit them, save those whom God has willed. None draws a breath for the sake of God, nor takes a step for His cause. They appear as sheep that have lost their shepherd, scattered and distracted, wandering in the wilderness of heedlessness and ignorance, and are unaware. Beseech ye God, exalted be His glory, to vouchsafe unto His servants a drop from the ocean of knowledge and to bestow His bounty upon them. He is the Bestower, the All-Powerful.

Reflect upon the people of the Bayan: although they witnessed the Shi'ih sect and the fruits of their deeds, as ye have seen with your own eyes and heard with your own ears, yet they have again clung to the same vain imaginings. Through fancy they are deprived of the Sovereign of certitude, and through a mere pond they are kept back from the Most Great Ocean.

Say: O God, my Worshipped One, my Adored One! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy ancient and recent bounties. Thou art the Generous One Who hath caused the rain-clouds of Thy mercy to shower upon the high and the lowly alike, and the splendors of the Sun of Thy grace to shine upon both the obedient and the rebellious. O Merciful One, before Whose gate the essence of mercy boweth down, and around Whose Cause the reality of bounty circleth! I beseech Thee and seek Thy ancient grace and seek Thy recent generosity, that Thou mayest have mercy upon the manifestations of existence and deprive them not of the outpourings of Thy days. All are needy and poor, and Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

Praise and glory be unto God! The ocean of utterance is so tempestuous that this evanescent servant is incapable of mentioning or describing it. The non-existent hath no station or expression before the presence of Him Who is the Ever-Existing. With the utmost powerlessness and contrition, I cling to the

hem of the robe of His grace, that He may assist that honored one in all conditions and deprive not His servants of the bounties of His days. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

Concerning what was written about Aqa Mirza ’Ali, brother of Aqa Mirza Muhammad Khan, upon them both be 96 [Baha’u’llah], their letter was received and presented before the Countenance of the Beloved of the worlds. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet in the mode of verses, and one Most Wondrous, Most Sweet Tablet in Persian were revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty; these have been written and sent. I beseech God to enable them to attain His presence that they may drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful that which will cause movement and be the cause of enkindlement, and that they may arise to serve the Cause, that is, to teach. This servant conveys greetings to them and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for such confirmation as its effects may become manifest and evident throughout all regions. He is the Bestower Whom the veils of the world and the clouds of the nations have not and shall not hinder. Ever hath the hand of His power been manifest and the eye of His bounty extended. Blessed are they who, at this dayspring, have not deprived themselves of the effulgences of the Sun of grace. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Generous, and He is the Bountiful, the Gracious. There is no God but Him, the Exalted, the Great.

Concerning the mention of the honored ones: his honor Aqa Mirza Mahmud, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad Khan, and his honor Aqa Muhammad Hasan Khan, upon them be the Glory of God - all are remembered in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. Praise be to God that after their names were presented, there descended from the heaven of grace that which its fragrance shall endure through the duration of His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes. This servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, that He may cause each one to be raised up like a standard of His Cause, manifest and resplendent. He is the Fulfiller of the needs of all who ask and He is the Hope of all who hope and the Goal of all who seek. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those whom vain imaginings have not kept back from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Abdul-Ghani! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful in the most wondrous and sweet language. This is the Day wherein every soul, detached from all else, must occupy itself with the remembrance of the Sovereign Lord of verses. Look not at what hath been mentioned, but at what hath shone forth from this Horizon, from which the Sun of Glory and Power hath dawned.

Arise with the utmost diligence and endeavor to promote the Cause. Soon shall the people of truth behold in the Kingdom the fruits of acceptance and deeds. This is the Day of helplessness and supplication. Pure nothingness hath been and shall ever be beloved, and whosoever attaineth unto this station shall be reckoned before God among the dwellers of the cities of eternity.

Many are those who have remained deprived and forbidden from a single word of the Sovereign of Oneness. The Tablets sent down from the heaven of God’s Will have been revealed concerning every matter. No mention remaineth except that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and no

question is seen except that its answer hath dawned and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings.

Although much of what was revealed hath been lost and effaced due to lack of time and the rebellion of the people of hatred, strive to obtain that which exists, that thou mayest testify with complete certitude that all that hath been and will be mentioned hath flowed from the Ancient Pen.

As to thy question about the Mathnavi poetry, it would be a pity in this Day for the Most Exalted Pen to flow in such mentions. Hast thou not observed that the Primal Point, the Most Exalted Remembrance, saith "His mention shall be 'There is none other God but I, O My creation, bear ye witness unto Me'"? Nevertheless, in previous years there hath flowed from the Ancient Pen in these stations that which sufficeth.

Similarly, questions were asked about the disconnected letters. During the sojourn of the Day Star of the horizons in Iraq, countless verses were revealed concerning these matters, some of which were sent. By My life! If thou wert to look with penetrating vision, thou wouldst find therein that which would make thee soar in the atmosphere of wisdom and utterance. Reflect upon those revealed verses, for We have deposited in the depths of those allusions the mysteries of thy Lord, the Source of verses. Oceans of meanings lie concealed therein, and divine consummate wisdom is hidden therein. Blessed is he who recognizeth and saith: "I testify, O my God, that Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Likewise, previously some explanations flowed from the Pen of Command concerning a single verse of the Mathnavi and were sent. In truth, the meanings of what thou hast asked and what thou hast not asked are all concealed and inscribed therein.

Furthermore, concerning the blessed verse "Alif Lam Mim. The Romans have been defeated," thou hadst inquired. In this regard, a mention of the Sovereign was previously revealed. Search that thou mayest find and be of them who know. However, We have commanded the Most Great Branch to interpret anew that blessed verse and send it.

Moreover, mention was made of the Dawning-Places of Manifestations and the Rising-Points of divine verses, especially in Tablets concerning the mention of Names, their essences, their effulgences, their realities, their origins, their influences, their ascents and their descents, revealed from the Source of Command in response to one of the loved ones in the Land of Mystery. Blessed is he who findeth and readeth and saith: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds."

In the Epistle of Badi', which was sent down from the heaven of Will in the name of one of the servants, reflect thou upon the unveiling of certain veiled matters therein.

O illumined one! A Tablet from God, the Lord of creation, hath been sent unto thee. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions and to make thee among those who have attained to what He desired for them in the beginning and the end. If God should will and desire it, divine Tablets shall reach thee hereafter, and thou shalt attain unto them.

Make mention on My behalf of Our servant who is named Majid. Say: Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons. Happy art thou and happy is he who hath drunk the cup of life from the fingers of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, on this Day which God hath made the solace of all days. Grieve not over remoteness, for how many a remote one have We decreed to be near, and how many a near one is verily in the fire. Be as thy Lord desireth thee to be. He desireth for those who turn unto Him naught save what He hath desired for His chosen servants. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as mention of thee hath flowed from the Most Great Pen and thy name hath been uttered by the tongue of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving.

Then make mention of the Hearing One. Say: Hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny calleth thee from the direction of His most great prospect.

Then make mention of the Bearer of Glad Tidings. Say: By God! The moon hath been cleft asunder and the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Blessed be the ear that hath heard the call of its Lord and hath said: "Yea, O Beloved of the heavens and the earth!" Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Qiblih of them that have recognized Him, and for having mentioned Him with thy tongue while He was imprisoned in this mighty prison. This prison hath been named the Most Great Prison. Ponder upon this, that ye may comprehend what your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath intended. Before this, We were beneath chains and fetters when We were in the prison of the wicked in the land of ?a, yet that was not named the Most Great. Thus doth the Lord of nations inform thee that thou mayest be among the discerning ones.

Then make mention of him who was named by the Most Great Name. Say: Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize His Self on this Day whereon earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth and the veils of idle fancy have been rent asunder through this Name whereby the standards of thy Lord's Cause, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, have been raised aloft and that which was hidden hath been revealed. Render thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto the horizon of Beauty and for having bestowed upon thee that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His name, the Self-Subsisting. Put thy trust in Him in all matters. Say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of the seen and the unseen! Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord after all the polytheists rejected Him. Adorn thy breast with the ornament of divine knowledge, thy heart with the remembrance of the All-Merciful, and thy tongue with His Name, the One Who overlordeth all that witnesseth and is witnessed. Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee from the direction of the Throne - manifest verses which nothing in the heavens or earth can equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O My loved ones! Grieve not over anything. Put your trust in God. By My life! He hath ordained for you that which shall never perish. He is the Mighty, the All-Loving. O thou who art rich! God willing, thou hast been and wilt ever be the recipient of the effulgent favors shining from the Dayspring of Beauty, and with utmost joy and fragrance thou art occupied in helping the Cause of the All-Merciful through gracious utterances and penetrating counsels. This is the most great bounty and the most ancient grace. In all divine words, diligent effort is necessary. Acquire what thou canst and occupy thyself therewith. Thou art accounted among the people of Baha by the Most Exalted Pen. This bounty sufficeth thee - be thou

grateful and among the thankful ones. All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad tidings of the mention of their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the Healer, the Sufficer, the Helper, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

I call on Thee O Exalted One, O Faithful One, O Glorious One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Sovereign, O Upraiser, O Judge! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Peerless One, O Eternal One, O Single One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Most Praised One, O Holy One, O Helping One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Omniscient, O Most Wise, O Most Great One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Clement One, O Majestic One, O Ordaining One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Beloved One, O Cherished One, O Enraptured One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Mightiest One, O Sustaining One, O Potent One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Ruling One, O Self-Subsisting, O All-Knowing One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Spirit, O Light, O Most Manifest One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Thou Frequented by all, O Thou Known to all, O Thou Hidden from all! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Concealed One, O Triumphant One, O Bestowing One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Almighty, O Succoring One, O Concealing One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Fashioner, O Satisfier, O Uprooter! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Rising One, O Gathering One, O Exalting One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Perfecting One, O Unfettered One, O Bountiful One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Beneficent One, O Withholding One, O Creating One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Most Sublime One, O Beauteous One, O Bounteous One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Just One, O Gracious One, O Generous One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O All-Compelling, O Ever-Abiding, O Most Knowing One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Magnificent One, O Ancient of Days, O Magnanimous One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Well-guarded One, O Lord of Joy, O Desired One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Thou Kind to all, O Thou Compassionate with all, O Most Benevolent One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Haven for all, O Shelter to all, O All-Preserving One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Thou Succorer of all, O Thou Invoked by all, O Quickening One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Unfolder, O Ravager, O Most Clement One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Thou my Soul, O Thou my Beloved, O Thou my Faith! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Quencher of thirsts, O Transcendent Lord, O Most Precious One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Greatest Remembrance, O Noblest Name, O Most Ancient Way! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Most Lauded, O Most Holy, O Sanctified One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Unfastener, O Counselor, O Deliverer! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Friend, O Physician, O Captivating One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Glory, O Beauty, O Bountiful One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O the Most Trusted, O the Best Lover, O Lord of the Dawn! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Enkindler, O Brightener, O Bringer of Delight! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Lord of Bounty, O Most Compassionate, O Most Merciful One! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Constant One, O Life-giving One, O Source of all Being! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Thou Who penetratest all things, O All-Seeing God, O Lord of Utterance! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Manifest yet Hidden, O Unseen yet Renowned, O Onlooker sought by all! Thou the Sufficing, Thou the Healing, Thou the Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

I call on Thee O Thou Who slayest the Lovers, O God of Grace to the wicked!

O Sufficer, I call on Thee, O Sufficer!

O Healer, I call on Thee, O Healer!

O Abider, I call on Thee, O Abider!

Thou the Ever-Abiding, O Thou Abiding One!

Sanctified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy generosity, whereby the portals of Thy bounty and grace were opened wide, whereby the Temple of Thy Holiness was established upon the throne of eternity; and by Thy mercy whereby Thou didst invite all created things unto the table of Thy bounties and bestowals; and by Thy grace whereby Thou didst respond, in thine own Self with Thy word “Yea!” on behalf of all in heaven and earth, at the hour when Thy sovereignty and Thy grandeur stood revealed, at the dawn-time when the might of Thy dominion was made manifest. And again do I beseech Thee, by these most beauteous names, by these most noble and sublime attributes, and by Thy most Exalted Remembrance, and by Thy pure and spotless Beauty, and by Thy hidden Light in the most hidden pavilion,

and by Thy Name, cloaked with the garment of affliction every morn and eve, to protect the bearer of this blessed Tablet, and whoso reciteth it, and whoso cometh upon it, and whoso passeth around the house wherein it is. Heal Thou, then, by it every sick, diseased and poor one, from every tribulation and distress, from every loathsome affliction and sorrow, and guide Thou by it whosoever desireth to enter upon the paths of Thy guidance, and the ways of Thy forgiveness and grace.

Thou art verily the Powerful, the All-Sufficing, the Healing, the Protector, the Giving, the Compassionate, the All-Generous, the All-Merciful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

The evanescent servant hath received thy letter which indicated thy steadfastness in God and thy turning unto Him, and from it I inhaled the fragrance of thy love and caught the sweet savors of thy affection, our Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. When I had read and learned of its contents, I brought thy letter before the Most Great Book through which all the books of what was and what shall be were expounded, and I stood before the Throne and presented what thou didst desire of our Lord, the Omnipotent, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. When my supplications were completed, He commanded me with this conclusive address, His word - exalted and mighty be He:

O My servant! Take up the Pen and write unto Our great servant that which shall quicken every mouldering bone. Verily the breezes of the Most Exalted Pen on this blessed and most glorious Day have been the source of life for all created things, the bestower of existence unto all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realms, and the dispenser of the wine of immortality unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O ’Azim! Hearken in the Persian tongue unto the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, that thou mayest attain in manifest clarity unto that which is intended. Concerning what thou didst mention regarding the commission of deeds that are not pleasing, blessed art thou for having confessed before the Throne, and He hath, through His grace, absolved thee of thy misdeeds. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. This year, when the fragrance of thy love wafted by, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent forth from the Dayspring of divine verses before thy petition and mention. Therefore render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou with Whom lieth the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

Furthermore, be it known that in this Day whosoever committeth that which causeth souls to be debarred from the sweet-flowing waters of divine knowledge shall be rejected and shall remain rejected. The Cause of God is sanctified above carnal desires and deeds that are not pleasing. All must arise to serve the Cause of God with complete sanctity and detachment, that all people may become aware through the character, deeds, actions and words of these devoted souls, and, awakening from the slumber of heedlessness, may turn toward the sanctuary of oneness. Say: By God! The wine mentioned in the Qur’an is My love, and the Kawthar is My remembrance, and the milk is that which is concealed within My words, and the honey is My sweetest utterance, the mighty, the inaccessible. Say: O people of

vain desires! That wine increaseth heedlessness, while this wine bestoweth life everlasting. Which then is more excellent? The latter, by the Lord of the oft-repeated verses and this perspicuous Book! Had the people acted in accordance with Our commandments, assuredly most of the inhabitants of the cities would now be witnessed having attained unto the recognition of the All-Merciful.

In any case, thou must arise to serve the Cause of God with utmost sanctity and strive diligently, to the extent of thy capacity, to promote His Cause with the wisdom revealed in the Books. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Tablet after what was revealed before. Therefore give thanks and be of those who are grateful.

As for the negligence and laxity shown in serving him who ascended unto God, We have pardoned this. Grieve not therefore, for thy Lord is verily the Omnipotent, the Almighty. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. None can stay His command and none can avert His judgment. He is in truth the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent over all the worlds. However, know thou that this matter was among the gravest of transgressions, for the good-pleasure of parents is mentioned as a weighty matter in the Book of God, especially regarding the one who hath hastened unto the Most Glorious Horizon and attained unto the Supreme Companion. Therefore render thanks that the All-Informed Lord hath forgiven this grievous sin. Give thanks for this and be of those who rejoice.

Concerning the mention of Our Name, the Luminous, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, thou hast made mention. We have forgiven thee what thou didst before and after. Avoid that which thou hast been forbidden in the Book of God. This is the command of God, before and after. Blessed are they that act.

And concerning what thou hast submitted about thy claim from the aforementioned souls, forgive them as We have forgiven thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Compassionate. It hath been clear and evident to everyone that most of the people of the Bayan were not cognizant of the divine commandments and followed their selfish desires until, through divine grace and infinite bounty, they became somewhat aware of the divine laws in this Most Great Revelation. Henceforth must all appear in complete sanctity and purity, and not soil the illumined and pure hem of trustworthiness with the dust of treachery.

O ’Azim! If the servants would observe with pure and penetrating eyes and illumined and sincere hearts the evanescence of things and their transformation and variation, they would assuredly sacrifice their lives and property in the path of God. They would pay no attention whatsoever to the riches of the world, let alone the property of others. Trustworthiness among deeds is as sight in the human temple and as the sun amidst the stars of heaven. The comfort and tranquility of the servants and the glory and wealth of those in the land have depended upon trustworthiness. God willing, all must hold fast unto it and appear among the people with this supreme gift and mighty bounty. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and alas and regret for the treacherous ones!

The basest and most rejected of souls in the sight of God have been and will be the treacherous ones. He who betrayeth shall be betrayed and shall find no blessing even if all the wealth of the world should gather unto him. God will make it the portion of another. Thy Lord knoweth, while those who are

heedless know not. Ere long it shall be witnessed that thereafter the servants shall be adorned among the people with the crown of trustworthiness and the ornament of justice. These are the stars of the heaven of detachment, and through them shall the lost ones be guided. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

That honorable one should not grieve over what is past and perished. God will verily compensate thee in truth. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Generous. All have been commanded to occupy themselves with some affair; therefore that honorable one should engage in some occupation, and blessings shall descend from the heaven of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Enriching, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Concerning what thou didst write about not mentioning the treachery of those souls to strangers - this matter was most acceptable. Blessed art thou for having concealed and preserved, for in these days if someone commits a deplorable act and people become aware of it, they attribute it to the Cause itself. That honorable one hath truly preserved the beauty of the Cause. Thy reward is with God Who created thee, fashioned thee, and guided thee to this straight path. Verily, he in whose heart is My love is indeed independent of the worlds, for he possesseth the Most Great Treasure, the Supreme Store, and Absolute Wealth. Thus have We expounded for thee in detail that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of those who are firm.

Convey to all the friends of God who dwell in that land, one and all, young and old, male and female, from this evanescent servant, infinite greetings and the Most Glorious, Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Beauteous mention. The Glory be upon you all.

The evanescent servant, the servant

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

A Tablet from Our presence and a Book from before Us to him who turned his face to the Qiblih of existence and traversed land and sea until he entered the Most Exalted Paradise–the station wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimed that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We bear witness that thou didst enter the prison, and present thyself, and stand before the gate, and with thine own ears didst hear the call of the Wronged One–a call through which every lamp was lit, every sun rose, every moon appeared, and every luminous horizon shone forth. Blessed be thy father who detached himself from the world and all that is therein, and turned wholly unto God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, until he attained the presence of the Throne and God shone upon him with the lights of His countenance. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

We sheltered him beneath the shade of the Tree of Our mercy for numbered months until his time was fulfilled. We commanded him to return, and he returned by the command of his Lord, until he reached the place wherein he ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus did We inform him aforetime

through My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, the knowledge of thy Lord encompasseth the heavens and the earth, yet most of the people are heedless. We revealed for him, before and after his ascension, that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the duration of My mighty Kingdom. Be thou grateful to God for this, and We, at this hour, give thanks through his tongue. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Thou wert indeed in the vicinity of thy Lord's mercy and attained the presence of the Throne time and again. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. When the appointed time came, We commanded thee to return that thou mightest remind the people of God's Message and gladden them with this Remembrance–at Whose proclamation the sea cried out: "There is none other God but Him," and the land declared: "He is the Truth, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy." At His call all things cried out, and every seeing one turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, every hearing one to His sweetest utterance, and every assured one to His straight Path. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean overflowed, that thou mayest rejoice in thy Lord's bounty and be of them that have attained.

Praise be to God that through divine bounty thou hast been assisted and hast turned toward His direction, until thou didst enter the Most Great Prison and didst hearken with thine outer and inner ears to the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. Thou didst drink from the hands of bounty the Kawthar of meeting, which had been the hope of those near and sincere ones. It behooveth thee to praise and thank God throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. God willing, thou shouldst occupy thyself with service to the Cause, which is teaching - meaning that thou shouldst guide those who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness to the ocean of divine knowledge and wisdom, through the blessing of the Most Great Name. Say: O friends! Today ye must all be so enkindled with the heat of the love of God that its warmth may be evident from all your veins, limbs and members, that all the peoples of the world may be ignited by this heat and turn toward the horizon of their goal. We counsel all to act according to what We have revealed in the Book. All must adorn themselves with divine virtues and act upon that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause and the glorification of souls. Blessed is the land over which the breeze of God hath wafted and which hath perceived the fragrance of God. O people of Baha! Know ye the value of these days and arise to perform deeds worthy and befitting this Day. Each one of you must appear in such wise that people may inhale from him the sweet savors of the Merciful and discover the attributes of God. If what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen had truly been heeded, no withered and dead one would now be seen in the land. The greatness of this day is such that the Spirit speaketh, saying: "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to attain unto Thy presence," and He Who conversed with God uttereth: "Thanks be to Thee, O my God, for having shown me Thy Beauty and for having shed upon me the light of Thy countenance." By God's life! The Beloved crieth out, saying: "Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the cup of Thy reunion and for having shown me the horizon of Thy manifestation and granted me true knowledge of Thee." And the Desired One speaketh, saying: "Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the Bayan, for having revealed Thy countenance and made Thyself known to Thy servants, and glory be to Thee for having rent asunder the veils in the ninth year and manifested Thyself in the eightieth, though the followers of the Bayan protested." O people of Baha! I swear by the ocean of meanings that from every word floweth the stream of life - do ye drink and remain unmoved, or are ye unaware? Today all atoms proclaim "The Sovereign hath come!" and all the

Concourse on High give glad tidings to the people of creation that “Thy Lord hath come, and on that day sovereignty belongeth unto God.” Are ears deprived of hearing these spiritual melodies, or are they prevented by outward means? Hear ye the call of the Wronged One and let not time slip away. Make your utmost effort lest ye be deprived of the outpourings of the Day of God. And summon all to the Most Great Steadfastness, that perchance they may not lose this mighty gift and may preserve it through the Name of Truth. Thou hast observed that although in most Tablets We counseled the friends to this lofty and most exalted station, which is the station of steadfastness, yet someone was deprived of the ocean of grace and barred from the heaven of bounty by mere trifles. Woe upon him and upon those who followed him.

Today, those who have drunk from this ocean must behold themselves in such a station that all who are on earth would be powerless to speak in refutation of them, let alone cause them to go astray. Share in gatherings those utterances which thou didst hear from the Primal Point in His presence, that perchance they may recognize the station which most of the servants have failed to perceive. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and thy brother and those who have believed in the Peerless, the All-Knowing.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of Might and King of the Kingdom and He Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth! I testify that Thou didst aid me and enable me to attain unto the presence before the gate of Thy bounty and to hear Thy sweetest call and to witness the effulgences of the lights of Thy most exalted Throne, whereby the earth and heaven were illumined. By Thy might, O King of Kings! Were I to praise Thee throughout the duration of Thy names and attributes, it would not befit Thy presence nor would it equal what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy generosity and favor. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Subduer of the Winds, to assist me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that I may mention Thee among Thy servants through what Thou hast taught me in Thy Sacred Books and Tablets. O my Lord! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Remember me through Thy favor in the Concourse on High, even as Thou didst remember Thy servants who cast away all else save Thee and turned toward Thy luminous countenance. O my God! I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Doer of what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

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In the Name of the Peerless, Incomparable God!

Your letter addressed to this servant, present before the Throne, was received before the Divine Presence. Previously, a detailed Tablet was written and sent to you, and likewise to Ali and Anis, upon them be the glory of God. God willing, may all else be awakened by the fragrances of your love and the wondrous expressions of your remembrance, and may they incline their hearts toward the Beloved, Who is sanctified above all directions. The letter which the Afnan had written to you was also presented and observed before the Most Great Presence, and from it was inhaled the fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he, and glory be unto him from his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In his letter mention was made of two of the Afnan; therefore the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surged, and the winds of thy Master's favors were stirred, and there was revealed for each of them a Tablet that brought solace to the eyes. In the Land of Mystery and Iraq it was revealed in Tablets that all the Afnan would attain unto the Everlasting Law. Thus did God will it, and His will hath been and ever shall be sovereign and all-encompassing. The gaze of mercy and the glance of bounty have ever been directed towards them and, God willing, ever shall be. Had all who dwell on earth been mentioned in His Book, We would have revealed for them that which would cause spirits to soar and minds to be attracted. This is of Our grace upon him. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Forgiving.

We beseech God that all may remain steadfast and firm in His love, in such wise that the fragrances of their constancy may waft throughout the realm. This is a station concerning which the Beloved of the world made complaint–though in truth it was not a complaint, but rather a revelation of the greatness of this station. He said, and His word is the truth: "These two verses have turned My hair white."

O My Name! The utmost joy and delight were occasioned by the turning of those two souls whose mention was outwardly made in the Most Holy Court, for God hath never wished that any of those souls should remain veiled. Say: Take ye the chalices of salvation in the name of Him Who causeth the dawn to break, then drink therefrom in remembrance of this Light on this morn. Well is it with you, O ye that drink!

O My Name! The fragrances of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness are wafting with the utmost joy and fragrance throughout all creation, and the utterance of the Beloved is manifest with supreme delicacy and sweetness. The Pen of the Lord of eternity floweth with perfect clarity and sweetness. Nevertheless, behold how many of the people remain veiled and remote. Hath any melody equaled this melody? Nay, by the Lord of all created things! Hath any call more exalted or more sweet reached mortal ears? Nay, by My all-compelling Self!

O Mahdi! At a time when the Manifest Beauty was imprisoned at the hands of the oppressors of the earth, and both those without and those within were engaged in the utmost heedlessness and error, tyranny and insolence, the call was that which thou didst hear, and the Tablets were those that were sent to the rulers of the earth. Have I ever compromised in the Cause of God? Then would the Lord of Lords declare: Nay, by thy life, O thou through whom sovereignty and power have been manifested!

O Mahdi! Nevertheless, some of the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan have preferred and chosen the buzzing of flies over the wondrous melodies of the Lord of Names and Attributes. This is indeed oppression, wert thou to perceive it. They have abandoned the most pure and fragrant Kawthar and turned to the putrid and noxious pool.

O Mahdi! The exposition is vast and time is short; therefore it is better that we turn to mention other matters.

Furthermore, in the letter from Afnan was mentioned his brother and sister who had intended to journey to the Most Holy Court. How excellent was their intention! However, this land continues to be in turmoil, as was previously detailed in the Tablets. The manifestation of turmoil is in these days, therefore permission was not granted on this occasion. O My Name! We perceive from Muhammad, in most times,

the fragrance of love for his Lord, the All-Merciful. Think not that thy Lord is heedless. With Him is the knowledge of all things, but the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil. We make mention of him at times, as testified by Him Who has knowledge of mysteries. Convey My greetings unto him and unto the sister. For them is a goodly return.

In his letter was mention of the Trustworthy One. We beseech God to strengthen him at all times. Verily, He is the Answerer of the prayers of the supplicants. May He enable him to do what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He wishes. Say unto him: We have known what thou hast done in the path of thy Lord. We were with thee in all conditions. We testify and We see.

Likewise, the letter of Ibn-i-Za', upon him be the Glory of God, which he had written to thee, was presented before the Face. Convey My greetings unto his face. We beseech God to strengthen him in the service of his Lord. We testify that he is among those who have attained and witnessed the testimony of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is better for him than what is witnessed and seen. Verily thy Lord is the Munificent Giver. He makes mention of Us in the letter Ha; We make mention of him in this Great Prison. Say: Say: My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy favors, O Beloved of the worlds!

Furthermore, regarding the aforementioned sum that the honored Afnan had mentioned - verily he is the trustee from the presence of the Truth. This was decreed aforetime from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We had previously given permission that whatever amount your honor needs for occupation may be requested. Now the decree remains the same, however major commerce in that land is not permitted for your honor. Let it be just enough to keep you occupied and to expend, for enemies seek to grasp at various pretexts and arise in pursuit. This apparent wisdom is mentioned, otherwise thy Lord is verily the Protector in all conditions. Verily, He has power over all things. We have previously commanded the observance of outward matters, therefore the Pen flows upon such matters.

Likewise, a special Tablet for the honored Uncle, upon him be the Glory of God, was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, and was sent. O My Name! Convey sublime greetings from this Prisoner to all the loved ones of that land and other regions. The poems of his honor 'Ali were mentioned before the Face. Blessed is he in having drunk the wine of faith and having opened his lips in praise of his Lord, the All-Merciful.

Say to Isma'il: We had previously answered thee, as if thou hast forgotten it. Be thou assured and trust in God. He will give thee what He willeth. He is verily the Mighty, the Generous.

Say: O Moses! We beseech God to cause thee to hear from this Tree what the Interlocutor heard. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. O My Name! Convey what We have conveyed to thee in this Tablet, then send what was revealed for thee before, and be of those who remember. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have remained steadfast in the Cause and were among the firm ones.

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In His Name, the All-Compelling Lord of the heavens and earth!

This is an epistle from the Wronged One, Who was named Husayn before ?Ali, unto thee, that it may draw thee nigh unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Be not of those who clung to learning when there came unto them the All-Knowing One from God, the Mighty, the Loving. Rend asunder the greatest veil by God's leave, the Lord of destiny, then turn thy face toward the Most Pure Horizon. This is better for thee than all the learning thou dost possess. Cast aside vain imaginings. By God! The morn of faith hath dawned through the light of certitude. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who created man and made him the repository of His hidden knowledge. Is there any doubt about His power which hath encompassed all horizons? Or concerning His sovereignty? Vain indeed are their imaginings.

We impart unto thee a word that perchance thereby the slumberers may be awakened. Behold and call to mind when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz: the divines opposed Him while those who tended sheep believed in Him. Thus doth this imprisoned Youth remind thee. Then consider when the Spirit came: the Pharisees among the scholars of the Torah opposed Him, while those who caught fish believed in Him. Shouldst thou ponder that which We have imparted unto thee purely for thy Lord's sake, God will surely open before thy heart's face the gate of true knowledge, and the breaths of utterance will so attract thee that thou wilt become detached from all possibility, turning unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Cast aside doubts, for the rose of certitude hath smiled in the garden of revelation and witnessing.

In the Persian tongue We make utterance, that perchance through the favors of the Lord of Lords thou mayest not, in this most perfect of all seasons of possibility, be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Merciful. The world hath never had, nor hath it now, any worth. This is what hath passed away, and this is what remaineth. Seize ye the opportunity, O people of insight and understanding! In view of the promotion of God's Cause and the former friendship, it was necessary that a mention be made unto thee concerning that which God hath willed, that perchance through the assistance of the King of Oneness, the seed of remembrance may find its place in thy heart, and from the rain of the All-Merciful's mercy, which in these spiritual days poureth down from the clouds of divine bounty, there may spring forth from that seed the ears of divine knowledge and wisdom. This is not difficult for God.

Ever have the vain imaginings and idle fancies of men kept them from the All-Glorious Truth. Let your honor ponder the times of the manifestation of the Divine Luminaries. Although in every age mankind has sought perfection and waited day and night, yet when the hour came, most turned away and remained deprived of the waters of divine grace. Consider the days of the Manifestation of the Apostle of God. After that Sun of Truth rose from the horizon of Hijaz, how many were the people of fancy who afflicted that divine Tree with the stones of denial and objection. In the early years, the Jewish and Christian divines strove with utmost diligence to extinguish the light of that resplendent Luminary. Through their turning away, all people, both high and low, turned away as well. Some of these divines lived in complete detachment and seclusion, dwelling in temples in the name of God and abstaining from all worldly pleasures. Nevertheless, they remained debarred from the glorious Truth and distant from the stations of nearness. Reflect upon this, that perchance the veils of idle fancy may be rent asunder by the hand of

certitude, and you may attain to the manifest light which is the recognition of the Manifestation of the Lord of all worlds.

Likewise consider the appearance of Jesus, son of Mary. All the Pharisees among the Jewish clergy denounced that King of existence, and Annas, who was the most learned divine of that age, pronounced the death sentence against Him. Yet Peter, known as Simon, who was but a fisherman on the shores of the sea and had not learned a word of the outward sciences, accepted and believed in Him upon hearing but a single word from that Manifestation of the Divine Cause. Such is God's grace - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth.

The purpose of these words is that your honor should not heed the denial and objection of the people, whether learned or ignorant. Look to the essence of the Cause, that you may attain the Most Sublime Vision. For the turning away of people has never been and will never be of consequence. O ye who thirst in the desert of separation, deprive not yourselves of the surging ocean of attainment. The Sun of Recognition has risen from the horizon of the mercy of the All-Merciful - deny not yourselves its effulgent rays. Should your honor reflect upon the Cause of this servant, it would suffice. For you yourself bear witness that this servant has not acquired the outward sciences nor attended any school. Yet the waters of divine knowledge and wisdom flow from his tongue and pen in such measure that all creation is powerless to comprehend or enumerate them. This is mentioned not to display station, but in light of the blessed verse which says "But as for thy Lord's favour, proclaim it!" - that perchance a stranger might turn to his true home, the station to which all must return, or that decayed bones might attain eternal life through the breaths of divine utterances.

O Abbas! We have summoned thee unto God, the Lord of all names, whilst We lay imprisoned beneath the swords of the enemy. Thus was the decree ordained. No affliction deterreth Us from making mention of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him in these days wherein eyes are intoxicated save those who have laid fast hold on the Sure Handle and have turned toward His Countenance with humility and contrition. We beseech God to aid thee to know the Manifestation of His Self, and to draw thee nigh unto the Dayspring of revelation and inspiration. Count ye these days as precious; that which escapeth a soul today cannot be regained even in a hundred years. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou hearest the call of the Herald, turn thy face toward God, the Lord of creation. Say:

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy lovers which was shed in Thy path, and by the cry of the yearning ones which was raised in their separation from Thee, and by Him Who hath borne tribulations in His love for Thee until He was imprisoned in the most desolate of lands through what the hands of the heedless among Thy creatures have wrought - not to render me deprived of the breezes of these days wherein Thou hast manifested Thyself through Thy Most Great Name unto all nations. Then cause me, O my God, to be a servant of Thy Cause and a champion of Thy Faith in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressors may hold me back from Thy remembrance and praise, nor the turning away of the heedless from directing myself toward the horizon of Thy Cause and Thy favors. O Lord! I am weak and Thou art the Strong One; I am poor and Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High. O my God! I am one who hath cast away idle fancy and taken hold of what Thou hast commanded me, O Lord of Names

and Creator of earth and heaven. I beseech Thee to make me turn wholly unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Verily Thou art the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Samandar, upon him be the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious Splendor of God! This is a Book from the Self-Subsisting to people who know. Are they who turned away based on anything? Nay, by thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! Are they who denied among the people of witness asleep? Yea, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving! They say "We were promised in the Tablets," yet when the Promised One came, they denied the Witness and the Witnessed. When told "The verses have been revealed," they say "Are they according to the innate nature?" Say: Silence thy tongue, O stubborn polytheist! The innate nature itself was created by His command, if ye but understand. The Herald proclaimed: If thou deniest the verses, what sayest thou about power? Then was confounded he who denied God, Lord of the unseen and the seen. We have seen from the people of the Bayan what the Point's eyes saw not from the people of the Furqan, nor the Spirit's eyes from the people of the Jews. The Bayan hath disowned them, yet they perceive not. God's wrath pursueth them, yet they rejoice. Are they the people of faith? Nay, by my Lord, the Most Merciful! The Bayan curseth them, yet they are thunderstruck. Blessed is he who casteth away desire and taketh hold of righteousness - he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in a preserved tablet. Say: God calleth you to everlasting life, yet ye wander distracted. Cast off the burden of desire, turning to God, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Thus doth the Pen teach you, if ye but know. Can desire profit you? Nay, by your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved! Say: For Myself, the eye of the All-Merciful weepeth in the garden of the Bayan, yet ye care not. The Maidens of Inner Meaning lament in the palaces of utterance, yet ye laugh. By God! The Most Exalted Pen hath been forbidden from mention and praise, yet ye write what ye understand not. The leaves of the Lote-Tree have yellowed from the blasts of rejection's winds, yet ye hasten in the wilderness of error. The pillars of justice have shaken from your oppression, yet ye slumber behind your veils. Can anything revealed before equal a single verse of His? Nay, by the Manifestation of Grace! Thus hath the All-Merciful testified in the Bayan, yet ye are not fair. Ye have taken desire and cast away guidance - why do ye not reflect? Were ye to hearken with the ear of nature, ye would hear from all atoms: "The Lord of attributes hath come with the kingdom of verses," yet ye turn away from Him. The tongue of power proclaimeth: "The Beloved hath come" - a written tablet. Have ye seen anything greater than what hath appeared? Nay, by the Lord of destiny! But desire hath prevented you from your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. By My life, ye shall not be helped! Say: Is doubt befitting after ye behold the All-Bestower riding upon the clouds? Why do ye look, yet deny? Hath any excuse remained for anyone? Say: Consider, O people! They have denied, and the smoke's darkness hath enveloped them, yet they see not. When verses are recited unto them, thou seest them playing, and when power is manifested, they say "The like hath appeared in ages past." Thus do they treat their heart's wound, yet know not. Say: Nothing shall profit you today, even if ye cling to all in the unseen and seen. This is your Lord, the All-Merciful - to whom do ye flee? This is the King of the Bayan - to whom do ye hasten? Say to him who turned away after accepting: Cast thyself down, then come! Thus commandeth thee the Dayspring of Beauty, as grace from Him, and I am the Generous, the

Forgiving. Say: Can desire profit thee? Nay, by thy Most Glorious Lord! Can the first to deny suffice thee? Nay, by the Most Great Scene! Hear My counsel, purely for thy Lord's sake, and follow not every rejected polytheist. If poverty's fear restraineth thee, We shall fulfill thy measure. Verily, thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is! If thou fearest for thy faith, read the Bayan detached from all thou hast heard, then behold with the eye of fairness that which hath been sent down from the heaven of certitude by thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then shalt thou witness the Sun of thy Lord's remembrance dawning from the horizon of proof and evidence, and thou shalt say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Heaven of bounty and Educator of existence!" By My life! Every proof hath been abashed before My proof, and every evidence hath bowed down before Mine evidence, and all things lament for My sake, could ye but hear. Say: Can ye prevent the sun from its dawning place? Verily it hath shone forth with truth. Blessed are they who possess eyes to see. Say: If ye inhale the fragrance of the Bayan, by God ye shall find therein the fragrance of My garment, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Say: Have ye taken fancy as your lord and cast behind you the Source of Certitude? What aileth you that ye ponder not? Say to him who turneth away: Dost thou see thyself following aught save that which is in the Preserved Tablet? Say: Be fair, O servant! Were it not for the Beauty, who would assist the Lord of heaven with manifest sovereignty? The pillars of might were shaken when the Tablet was sent unto him from the presence of One mighty and ancient. When We reached the prison, We desired to convey unto all the messages of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Hast thou not seen how We created the wondrous One through the spirit of power and might, and sent Him forth like a ball of fire with thy Lord's chosen Tablet? Can His Cause be compared with aught in creation? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Say: Hast thou seen the like of what hath appeared in any previous Manifestation? Nay, by the Creator of the heavens and earth! Say: Free thyself for an hour for the sake of God's countenance, then read the Tablet with joy and delight, that perchance thou mayest find the fragrance of the All-Merciful and be among the detached. Therein hath been revealed of every matter that which the servants are powerless to comprehend, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Wise. And therein the Dove of Utterance hath warbled various melodies, though We have restrained the Pen and not loosened its reins, as a bounty to the peoples. Read, that perchance the breaths of revelation may attract thee and render thee detached unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Say: Dost thou think thy faith profiteth Me or thy rejection harmeth Me, after thou witnesseth that I have never compromised God's Cause with anyone? If thou deniest, every fair-minded one who is well-informed beareth witness for Me. Say: God's proof hath been completed against thee. Choose for thyself what thou desirest. He is indeed independent of all the worlds. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Convey the messages of thy Lord. Blessed is he who turneth unto Him, and woe unto them that turn away. Gather My loved ones and remind them from Me, then those who are around thee. Verily thy Lord is the best of rememberers. Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, and for thee is with Us a mighty station. God shall soon exalt thy mention among His creation for having detached thyself in His love from all else and been among the steadfast. Grieve not for what they say. Nations like unto them have spoken similarly. We seized them and made them a warning to the worlds. And the Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and thy mother and thy father and those among thy kindred, and upon those who have believed in this Most Great and Mighty Announcement.

O Samandar! Today thou must appear among people in such wise that through word and deed thou mayest guide those who have lost their way in the valley of heedlessness. The divine fragrance of sanctity

must be inhaled from thee, that all creation may thereby turn toward the court of oneness. Beware lest there appear from thee that which beseemeth not thy station. Know thy rank before God and be among the thankful ones. Strive night and day that perchance thou mayest guide a soul from the depths of error to the expanse of guidance. Beware lest there appear from thee that which would disturb souls.

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In the Name of God, the Most Glorious!

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin (upon him be the Glory of God), convey to thy father this perspicuous Tablet.

The Most Sorrowful, the Most Sorrowful!

Verily doth Joy proclaim: "My soul be a sacrifice to Thy sorrow, O Thou Who art wronged by the peoples of the world!" Gladness doth cry aloud: "My spirit be a sacrifice to Thy grief, O Thou Peerless One of all creation!" Happiness in its entirety doth exclaim: "My very being be a sacrifice to Thy distress, O Thou Stranger in the world!" Prosperity doth lament and declare: "My essence be a sacrifice to Thy hardship, O Thou Captive in the hands of the oppressors!" Rest doth speak and call out: "My reality be a sacrifice to Thy tribulation, O Thou Who art the Rest of all mankind!"

This is a Book inscribed with the ink of Command from God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Say: This is God's mystery and His sovereignty, His proof and His testimony unto all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. This is the Day whereon God calleth unto all besides Him. Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of this wondrous, this mighty Call. Can any day be compared with this Day? Nay, by the Lord of all beings! Yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil.

The ears were created to hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, and the eyes to behold the Holy Horizon. We have adorned the Most Exalted Horizon with the splendors of Our Most Glorious Name. Blessed are they among all created things who have attained the vision of this luminous Horizon.

O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of thy Lord, then detach thyself from all else and arise to serve this mighty Cause. Say: O peoples of all religions! The All-Glorious hath come riding upon the clouds! He is the One mentioned in a preserved Tablet.

Say: O people of the Torah! He Who revealed the verses hath come, He Who was promised to you in God's Tablets, if ye be of them that understand. He judgeth from David's throne and calleth you unto the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Say: O people of the Gospel! The All-Glorious hath come and summoneth you unto His holy, His mighty, His sublime Kingdom. Cast aside what ye possess and turn unto the Dayspring of proof, Who hath come for your salvation. Follow not every obstinate oppressor. Mention not your sins save before your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Compassionate. He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth, for He is the Ever-Relenting, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O people of the Qur'an! Do ye read the Qur'an yet object to its Revealer? Then are ye in manifest error. Your deeds curse you, and what ye read from God's Book, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Abandon oppression and open your eyes with fairness that ye may behold the Sun of Utterance shining from this luminous Horizon. Do ye imagine yourselves to be on the right path or think yourselves to be among the righteous? Nay, by His very truth! The words return unto yourselves, if ye but perceive it.

Ye turned away from the people of the Gospel because they paused in the Cause of the Beloved, and from the people of the Torah because they turned away from Him Who came with the truth from the presence of a Mighty, Faithful One. And today ye follow in their footsteps - to this testifieth every fair-minded, knowing one. Have ye any proof greater than what We have manifested in truth, or any evidence mightier than what hath come from the presence of One powerful, ancient? If ye say "yea," then produce it! Then shall ye find yourselves in the wilderness of perplexity with none to help you.

All things bear witness to the Creator of the heavens Who hath come with the Kingdom of Names, while ye remain in your ancient error. Ye have objected to Us as the Jews objected to Christ and the people of the Gospel to Him Who dawned from the horizon of Batha. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur remind you that ye may turn to the countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Say: O people of the Bayan! We see you more veiled than these, for ye have turned away from Him through Whom the Bayan began and by Whose mighty mention it was sealed. Ye were commanded not to follow […]

You have rejected the Cause of God and turned away from Him through Whom every wise command appeared. All good hath been made dependent upon His mention and every matter upon His leave, were ye but among those who understand. Verily the verses lament for their Revealer, and the proof crieth out for Him Who came with truth, and the testimony calleth between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath turned and was among those who hear. Say: O people of the Bayan! Through your oppression the Creator of all possibility hath lamented, yet ye remain joyful within yourselves. Were ye not promised this Revelation? Were ye not given glad tidings of this Cause through which the horizon of your Lord's will, the Mighty, the Great, hath been illumined? If ye deny this Cause, by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Cast aside vain imaginings and turn unto God, the Lord of all beings. This would be better for you, were ye but fair-minded. Do ye not see the shining of the Sun? Do ye not find this fragrance which hath wafted from the garment of your Lord's favor, the Mighty, the Peerless? We have sent down verses unto thee and dispatched them that thou mayest be informed of what We have suffered from the idolaters. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord - this is among the greatest of matters with God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Powerful. Soon shall a putrid odor spread among the concourse of creation. Thus doth He inform thee, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. When Satan's call is raised there, avoid it and be among the steadfast, such that every contentious matter may be set aright through thee. Beware lest the tempests of allusions move thee, or the words of those who have denied God disturb thee. Be among the stars of steadfastness amidst all creatures. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this remote prison. Remember thy Lord with wisdom and utterance among the concourse of creation, that they may arise at God's call and turn their faces toward Him to Whom the faces of those near unto God have

turned. Grieve not over the world and what hath occurred therein. Leave it behind thee and turn thy heart to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Were We to recount for thee what hath befallen Us as it deserveth mention, thou wouldst lament until death. But We have been patient and concealed it. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Forbearing. They have committed around Me that which none before hath committed. Whenever We counseled them, they increased in transgression, and when We banished them, they spoke that which caused the hearts of those who circle round the Throne to burn. Verily they are among the companions of the Fire. The stories of the Youth cannot be borne by the tablets of creation, nor can the Pen flow with what hath befallen Him. Thus doth He Who announced Me and manifested My Cause, Who came with truth from the presence of One knowing and wise, inform you. Blessed art thou and he who remaineth steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the steadfast have slipped. Say: Look not at what ye possess, but look upon Me with Mine eye. This is what ye were commanded in the Book, as every discerning one doth testify. Whoso looketh with his own eye shall not know Me, and whoso holdeth fast to what he hath cannot soar in My atmosphere. This is certain truth. Thus were ye commanded by the All-Merciful in the Bayan. He bore witness to Me even as I bear witness to Him, and thereupon the tongues of the Prophets were loosed and they testify from the Supreme Horizon to this firm, decisive, mighty Cause. Say: O concourse of creation! I adjure you by God to open your eyes with fairness that ye may recognize the truth and not be among the ignorant. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee and sent down for thee from heaven, from this luminous cloud, all by My leave, despite My enemies - and say: Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

Praise and glory befit the Lord of Creation and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who hath adorned the world of existence with the ornament of names and through the blessed word “there is naught but doth glorify His praise” hath made manifest the purpose of creation. His is the creation and the command, His the bounty and the bestowal. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Most Luminous.

Thy noble letter, like a spiritual messenger from the city of Divine love, arrived bearing glad tidings of health and well-being and of the unity and harmony of God’s loved ones. After perusal it was presented before the Presence of the Lord of creation and attained the honor of His attention. His word, exalted be His glory and mighty His utterance, and there is none other God but Him:

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O thou who gazeth upon My horizon, who cleaveth fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, and drinketh the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the hand of My bounty! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Say: O concourse of creation! By your Lord, the All-Merciful! The ocean of bounty hath revealed its pearls, the Most Great Treasury its jewels of mysteries, the ocean of generosity its waves and sovereignty, and the

Sun of Truth its lights and effulgence. Beware lest anything among all things, or any name among all names, or any cause among all causes prevent you from turning unto God, the Lord of the Final End.

Glory be to God! All have heard and seen mention of the Day of God in the holy books, tablets and sacred scriptures. Nevertheless they remain occupied with names and are heedless and veiled from Him Who giveth life and death. Most have been and are worshippers of names - some of the name of successor, some of guardian, some of mirror, some of chief and deputy and the like - veiled from the Sovereign of existence by Whose will all have been created. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto a Cause that hath no equal or likeness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and enable thee to conquer the citadels of hearts through His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved, and to ordain for thee in every world of His worlds that which shall gladden all beings and console all eyes.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. By My life! Through unity the horizons shall become illumined and radiant. We beseech God to aid them with hosts of angels and with the forces of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the One Who hath power to do as He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Make mention of those who are related to thee and give them the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness. Verily He is with those who love Him and whom He loveth. He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee, and may He assist thee in thy endeavors and love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Praise be to the Goal of the world, that in every moment the ocean of His bounty surgeth with a wave and the heaven of His grace shineth with a light. His mercy hath no bound and His grace hath no end. All things today rejoice in the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai - a joy the like of which the eye of the world hath never beheld. Blessed are they that are fair-minded and that have attained.

You have made mention of the deceased and elevated Jinab-i-Bayk, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and likewise mentioned his box which was illumined with divine verses and heavenly tablets. Now let that beloved one consider how many tablets were revealed specifically for one soul, yet they have turned away from this station whose verses and evidences have encompassed the world, and have clung to what their own selves and desires have commanded them. The servant beseeches his Lord to aid them to return unto Him, verily He is the Forgiver, the Generous. The expenses for transport, burial and other necessary arrangements were bestowed, specifically intending that whatever was spent would be from funds dedicated to God, exalted be His glory. According to His command, the box and its contents shall remain with that beloved one until God brings about His decree. Repeatedly has this exalted word flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings: "O servant in attendance! We counsel the friends to show kindness and forbearance, and should you observe anyone heedless, you must remind them through loving counsels and wise exhortations, that perchance they may become mindful or fear God and hold fast in the Day of God to that which befitteth them. Verily our Lord is the Counselor, the Wise." The letter received this time was in the handwriting of the beloved of the heart, at whose name's mention the fragrance of love wafts among the servants - Jinab-i-Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. After it was presented at the Most Holy Court, the seas of favors and kindness surged. Indeed, from the beginning of the Cause until now he has been occupied in service and blessed with special bounties. We beseech God - our Lord and the Lord of our fathers - to protect him and His

loved ones in all regions and to adorn them with the ornament of detachment and righteousness. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. In the letter of the beloved of the heart, mention was made of the gathering of the Hands of the Cause, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, in that land, and great joy and delight were expressed at this matter. By His command, those words must be written, and they are these: "Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali and other special souls who are teachers - may God increase their like and multiply their peers and aid them in service and triumph and enable them to exalt the Word - all are gathered in this land. Their blessed presence has made this land a rose garden. Though the hand of God's power has banished this exile from His presence, yet through His grace He has blessed me with meeting His near loved ones. Praise be to God, again praise be to God." And after this passage was presented in the Most Holy Court, the Ancient Beauty's face showed joy and smile, and likewise He uttered verses beyond this servant's ability to count. The servant beseeches his Lord to aid them in all conditions to that which He loves and is pleased with, that through them the means of unity and accord may spread throughout the lands. Another submission is that the beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, has had his letter reach the Most Holy Court every month, and in each letter that beloved one and the Hands of the Cause are mentioned by name. Indeed their love and affection for the friends is great. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to increase their success, verily He is the Merciful, the Generous. Glory and praise and laudation be upon you and upon God's loved ones and friends there, and upon every accepting, assured, firm and steadfast soul.

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He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

A mention from Us to him who turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and attained the Living Waters in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and spoke that which the Dove of the Cause cooed upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. God testifieth that there is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, and He is the One promised in God's Books of old. Blessed be the people who understand. We have appeared and made manifest the Cause. Among the people are those who denied, those who turned away, those who disbelieved, those who pronounced judgment against the Lord of the seen and unseen, and those who shattered the idols of vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all mankind in days wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne and the tongue of grandeur proclaimed: "There is no God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen." They who have attained the recognition of God are indeed the denizens of the most exalted Paradise in the Preserved Tablet. We bear witness that thou hast turned, recognized, and spoken that which the Tongue hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, and hast answered thy Lord when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Verily, nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the Loving. Take thou the chalice of eternity in the name of the Lord of Names, then drink therefrom in spite of them that deny the signs of God. O Jalil! The Desired One of the world remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is the one with vision who

hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the one with hearing who hath heard when the Call was raised in the Kingdom of Creation, and the one with a heart who hath turned to the Praiseworthy Station. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My mercy and My favor which have preceded existence. Rejoice thou in that We have remembered thee before, and now once again, as a token of grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thy letter was presented and the servant in attendance hath laid it before Us. We have answered thee with this inscribed Tablet, which, when it descended from the heaven of the Cause, the other Tablets prostrated themselves before it. Thus did My Pen speak when the Wronged One was in this forbidden place. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have taken hold of the Book of God with strength from Him and have drunk the sealed wine in His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

O Jalil! God willing, thou shalt attain to the most great steadfastness and service to the Cause of the Lord of creation. These are the days that have been mentioned and recorded in all books, scriptures and tablets. The whole world hath been created for this Day, yet all are veiled from it save whom thy Lord willeth. Today, any good deed that appeareth from anyone, purely for the sake of God, shall endure for as long as the kingdom and the heavenly dominion shall endure. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and gladden them all with the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Thy letter was presented and the fragrance of steadfastness was wafted from it. This station is most great - preserve it in the name of God.

When thou didst inquire about divination (jafr), in truth this is not and hath never been the day for questions, even as the Primal Point, Who gave the people glad tidings of the Lord of the Beginning and the End, forbade all from asking questions in this Most Great Revelation. Some time ago this Most Great Verse was revealed from the Supreme Pen: “This is not the Day of questions. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call from the Kingdom of Creation, to arise and say: ‘Here am I, here am I, O God of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Creator of Heaven!’” For these fleeting days were not and are not worthy of such things. The souls that are serene, content and well-pleasing should regard time as precious and act in accordance with that which is befitting this Day. That which is visible shall ere long be rolled up like a scroll. Most grievous would it be should man occupy himself with aught else but Him on the Day of God. We have ordained for thee that which will dilate the breasts, gladden the hearts and bring delight to the eyes. Previously, whatsoever was asked from the Dayspring of Divine Knowledge received detailed answers which were revealed and dispatched. In these days We desire to speak on every matter even as the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken. Beseech ye the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid you in that which beseemeth the Day of God. Were the friends of God to recognize their station in this Day, they would perish from joy and gladness. Give thanks to the Desired One of all worlds that He hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison. One word from Him is more exalted than all things. Were people to become aware of its station, they would assuredly sacrifice their lives to attain it. At all times, with the utmost joy and radiance, strive ye to offer the Living Waters to those who thirst in the valley of mystic knowledge in the name of the True One. This service hath no peer or likeness. Today the comprehensive book of divination is that Most Exalted Word which hath flowed and will continue to flow from the Supreme Pen. From it can be derived all that lieth concealed within the tabernacle of God’s knowledge. Should anyone reflect upon the verses and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s Will, he would

testify to that which My Pen hath testified at this moment. The divine worlds have been and shall forever be without end. The deeds of the Prophets and Messengers bear witness to this clear pronouncement. Reflect, that thou mayest know that thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Today no matter among matters and no thing among things can compare with a single mention proceeding from a sincere rememberer. Today man is able to deposit precious pearls in the treasuries of the Trustworthy, the All-Wise. Today is the day of planting, today is the day of fruit, and today is the day of grace and bounty. Beseech ye the True One, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not all from the ocean of inner meanings. Verily He is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hast, through the light of Thy countenance, illumined all regions and before the manifestations of Whose power all created things have bowed down in submission. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, Who calleth out with the most exalted call in the Most Great Prison and summoneth the nations unto Thee, that Thou mayest ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen ones, Thy loved ones, and Thy friends that which shall shield them from the evil of Thine enemies and draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. O my Lord! Aid Thy servants to stand firm in Thy Cause, to arise to serve Thee, and to place their trust in Thee under all conditions. I beseech Thee by Thy glory and the lights of Thy throne to assist Thy loved ones in Thy lands and Thy chosen ones in Thy realms. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. There is no God but Thou, the Everlasting, the All-Sufficient, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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He is the One manifest from the horizon of utterance!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, who hath traversed the lands to exalt My Word, to kindle My love, and to cause the dawning of the Day-Star of My Revelation, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call: We created you for My knowledge, caused you to speak for My remembrance, and bestowed upon you insight to behold My signs. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are bidden by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily the Euphrates of utterance hath flowed in the realm of possibility, and the path of God hath appeared. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this manifest bounty. We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled.

O Haydar-'Ali! Thy letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty hath come, and the Most Great Branch hath presented it in the Most Luminous Spot. We have answered thee with verses at whose appearance the books of the people have bowed down. He Who possesseth the Hidden Tablet beareth witness unto this, wherein mention was made of him who turned unto My horizon, uttered My praise, held fast unto My cord, and soared in the atmosphere of the love of his Lord, the Possessor of existence. We named him Badi' in the Book of Names and made known unto him My Extended Path.

O Badi'! Upon thee be My Glory. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. We counsel thee with a word whereby the hearts of the world will be set ablaze. Be a fire in My love, enkindled by My verses, attracted by My melodies, and acting according to what We have commanded thee in My Books, My Psalms, and My Scrolls. Thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Be thou articulate with that which will attract the hearts of My loved ones. Read the Tablet of Wisdom which We sent down aforetime as a grace from Our presence, and I am the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

This is a Day wherein that which would extinguish the fire of existence profiteth not. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. How many a wise one hath been prevented from drawing nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many an unlettered one hath hastened, taken the choice wine, and drunk in My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

We have assisted thee, taught thee, and made thee known, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord. Arise unto that which thou art commanded. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from Its praiseworthy station.

O Haydar-'Ali! Convey My glorification unto his face and give him glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, that the Call may attract him to My horizon and draw him nigh unto My forbidden station.

We have desired to make mention of Our loved ones in Bahram and remind them of what hath been revealed from My Pen, and give them glad tidings of My favor, for I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O My loved ones there! Hearken unto the Call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of you for the sake of God and remembereth you with that which attracteth the hearts of them that are brought nigh. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and the Promised One hath come, and the Jews have believed in Him, yet the people of the Furqan are in manifest error. They mount the pulpits and speak that which melteth the livers of the sincere ones. Beware lest the cawing of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Religion prevent you. Take hold of the Book of God with the power We have given you. This is what We commanded you aforetime and at this time.

We have mentioned in various Tablets him who was named Muhammad-'Ali, that he may give thanks to his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We beseech God to strengthen him, to aid him, and to draw him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O people of God! Take hold of that which will exalt the Cause of your Lord, and set aside what ye have heard before. I am, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing. By My life! We have mentioned you through My Most Exalted Pen with such a mention as cannot be equaled by the mention of the world, and have revealed for you that which all the treasuries of kings and rulers cannot match. Arise to perform such deeds whose fragrance will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus doth command you He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

O Joseph Kh! Upon thee be My Glory! He who loved Me hath mentioned thee, whereupon We made mention of thee with that which the happenings of the world can never alter. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of thy Lord, the Creator of heaven. He, verily, witnesseth and seeth; He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the promptings of the deceivers, who have turned away from God and committed that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere to lament, shall deter thee. Among them are those who traveled to various regions with another soul. We found them in manifest loss. They presented not themselves before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison to hear the Call of God, the Lord of all worlds. They wandered in the realms of fancy and turned away from the Dayspring of certitude. They departed with conjecture and returned with idle fancies. Thus did their souls entice them, without any clear proof from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. They hastened to the pond and turned away from the Most Great Ocean. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen testify in this Luminous Tablet. Say: Be fair in your judgment, by God, and follow not the ways of the ignorant. The rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary hath been raised before your faces. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this manifest grace.

O Ahmad! There is in My heart no hatred for thee, nor for any of God's servants. We counsel thee with that which God hath counseled thee in His Books, His Scriptures, and His Tablets. Fear God, and be not of the wrongdoers. Lo, the Lote-Tree is before thy face - behold its fruits and its leaves. Lo, the heaven is before the faces of the learned ones and the princes - observe it and its stars. Beware lest thou follow the fancies of the doubters. It behooveth thee to present thyself before the Wronged One and hear what thou hast not heard before. Thy Lord remembereth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, as a grace from His presence. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus hath the ocean of My utterance surged, and the fragrance of My loving-kindness wafted, and the light of My grace shone forth. When thou findest the sweet scents of My verses, say:

My God, my God! Aid me to be just and fair, and to gaze upon the signs of Thy Most Exalted Pen with mine own eyes and not with the eyes of others. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the world, to unveil for me as Thou hast unveiled Thy Cause for others. O Lord! Disappoint me not of what I seek from the wonders of Thy grace, and deprive me not of recognizing Thee and turning toward Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty Message. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Haydar-'Ali! We began with a mention and concluded with My loving-kindness toward thee, and every name that was in thy book hath attained unto a mention which, in the estimation of God, is more precious than all things and more exalted than all names. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Creator, my Fashioner and my Maker, for having caused me to turn towards the splendors of Thy countenance, to speak forth Thy praise and remembrance, and to hold fast unto Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing ready to serve Thee. I beseech Thee to inspire me with that which shall deliver me through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My dominion be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee, and who hearken unto thy word in this mighty Cause.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

That which was hidden and concealed desired to come forth and be revealed. Therefore, through the Most Great Word, He created whatsoever is beneath Him, of which all others are powerless and incapable to reckon. And since creation was in need of education and refinement, He sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books, dispatching them to His servants with clear proof and manifest evidence, until the Messengers culminated in their Seal and the Books in their most complete form. The bearer of manifestation and revelation, of attributes and names, of knowledge and wisdom, of conditions and appearances and effulgences of the Lord was Muhammad - upon Him be the blessings of God, the Single, the One. Through Him were manifested all names and attributes, through Him did the heavenly spheres revolve and the horizons become illumined, through Him did the idols fall and the standards were raised. And upon His family and companions, through whose arising the servants arose, and through whose aid God aided all in the lands. Through them appeared the straight path of God and His mighty Cause. Through them surged the ocean of divine knowledge throughout contingent being, and the decree of the All-Merciful was made manifest in all lands. This servant beseeches his Lord by Him and by them, and by His chosen ones and pure ones, that He may guide us to His path and draw us near to the court of His good-pleasure, and honor us with that which He has promised us in His Book. Verily, He is the Lord of the world and the Educator of all nations, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Glory be unto Thee, O Subduer of Names! I beseech Thee by the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and by the lights of Thy countenance in the kingdom of creation, and by the Most Great Word through which Thou didst create earth and heaven, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to be humble before the gate of Thy grandeur, and to act according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O my Lord! We beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree to ordain for us that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants and sincere chosen ones, and to assist us in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor turning toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the unlettered hoping for the treasuries of Thy knowledge. Send down, then, from the heaven of Thy mercy that which befitteth Thy presence and Thy generosity and Thy grace and Thy forgiveness and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, before Whose power the might of every mighty one and the power of every powerful one is impotent. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After several letters from your honor were received - O brother, this evanescent servant has ever cherished the mention of God’s friends, nay, at all times has beseeched the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist him in remembering His friends. However, ignorant and heedless souls have become a barrier. In their utter ignorance, they see good as evil and evil as good. The fire of sedition has encompassed all. The cities and abodes of the people of divine unity have been plundered, as all have

witnessed and continue to witness. Where has the might of the people of unity gone, and what became of that power? Not long ago, their very limbs would tremble and their hearts would quake at the might of the sword of the people of unity. O brother, in the Syrian desert during the time of Abu Ubaydah, the commander, sixty men defeated one hundred thousand. What then is this weakness that has now encompassed such power, and what is this abasement that has obliterated the horizon of glory, and what is its cause? Verily, our deeds have caused the ruin of the world, and our heedlessness and transgressions have brought about the power of the enemies. Each day the polytheists seize and carry away a limb from the monotheists. O brother, it is incumbent upon you, upon this servant, and upon all believers in divine unity to hold fast to the cord of return and arise to redress what has been lost. God is witness and testament that His Holiness the Master - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - desired naught save the reformation of the world, and His purpose was the refinement of souls and the education of the people of the earth. Yet when He opened His lips to mention the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of destiny, the wolves of the earth emerged from all directions and perpetrated that which caused the people of the City of Justice and fairness to weep and lament. God is witness and His Prophets bear testimony that there was no purpose save the welfare of the people of unity. The intention was that rancor and hatred, born of the suppositions and idle fancies of the people of the earth, might be effaced and eliminated, and that hearts might turn to their Author and Illuminator. Nevertheless, they perpetrated that which no eye has seen and no ear has heard. Therefore, beautiful patience, and God is the One Whose help is to be sought against that which they describe. Had ears been found and had they been blessed with hearkening to the Most Exalted Word, the world would have found some measure of tranquility, and likewise the fire of war and contention. Strange that until now we have not reflected upon what has been the cause of this abasement and what has been its reason. O brother, I speak truly when I say that the recompense of deeds - that is, the recompense of the deeds of the heedless - has been mentioned as supreme justice and described as fairness. We are God's and unto Him shall we return. Now what appears to be the cause of extinguishing the fire of oppression in all regions is the return of the people of unity to the True One, exalted be His glory. We must, in the nights and days, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord for protection and ask for the return of departed glory. His forgiveness is abundant and His generosity beyond reckoning. Perchance His grace and bounty will encompass all existence and deliver it from these tribulations. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. There is no God but He, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world.

The honored traveler has arrived. Praise be to God, news of that esteemed friend's health and well-being brought joy and gladness. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist your honor in that which ensures salvation in both worlds. You have not been and will not be forgotten.

As to what you wrote about business matters, engaging in a profession has been and is beloved before God. We beseech Him to assist you, bestow His blessings, and ordain that which contains your good.

The pen which you sent arrived. God willing, you are remembered during writing. In all conditions, petition, supplication and beseeching are from us servants, while bestowal, bounty, generosity, grace, gifts and favors are from the Lord of all worlds.

To the honored friend, Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be God's peace, I convey greetings and beseech from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation and assistance for him. The bowl of sugar candy which he sent arrived and was accepted with favor.

This servant asks his Lord to aid you with the means of the heavens and earth and to enable you to do what He loves and is pleased with. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous and sincere servants.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed!

O Jamal! Time and again hast thou been mentioned by Me and received the tokens of My Pen. Render thanks unto God for this great bounty. We have been with thee in all conditions and have heard thee make mention of this Announcement at which the limbs of all names have quaked, the hearts of the learned been perturbed, and the flesh of the transgressors trembled. I bear witness even as God hath witnessed, as I have witnessed before, and be not thou of them that remain silent. Remind the people of God's verses and His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily, the Wronged One seeth Himself beneath the swords, yet most of the people are heedless. He hath remembered thee and remembereth thee in this hour when sorrows have encompassed Him through those who have denied God, the Lord of the worlds. We hear that which causeth the heart to bleed. Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and woe unto them that turn aside. Remind the people of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My tender mercy. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

The croaking of the raven hath been raised throughout all regions. This is what We have announced to you in diverse Tablets and in this luminous Tablet. We beseech God to aid thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones and His trusted ones whom the might of the Pharaohs deterred not from this wondrous Remembrance. My Most Great Branch hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with verses that all upon earth cannot equal, and We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. Well is it with thee for having quaffed the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained that wherewith thou wert promised in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember the days when thou didst stand at the door and wert present before the Countenance, when thou didst behold My horizon and hear My call. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

We have honored thy dwelling-place and have sent down unto thee from the Kingdom of grace that which hath solaced the eyes of the sincere ones. That which thou didst send to My Branch hath been presented before the Wronged One and laid before His Countenance. Therefore hath the gate of utterance been opened once again, and We have sent down for each one of them that whereby every sitting one hath arisen, every prostrate one hath soared, every halting one hath hastened forward, and the hearts of those near unto God have been attracted. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent

them down unto thee as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Powerful over what I will. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of thy son on this darksome night, that he may remember My days wherein he stood before My face, heard the scratching of My Pen, and spoke My beauteous praise. We make mention of thy wife who presented herself, circumambulated, and heard that which the tongue of the Wronged One uttered while in His mighty Prison. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who love thee for My sake and hearken unto thy word concerning My mighty Cause.

As for what thou hast mentioned regarding Baba Husayn, remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. His letter was not presented, yet the Wronged One read it, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My greetings unto him. We have remembered him in such wise as to cause the mountains to soar, how much more minds and hearts. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He is indeed the One Who encompasseth both what hath been and what shall be.

We remember My loved ones in Kaf and give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Loving. We counsel them to manifest the most great steadfastness. Soon will a cawing one appear there and utter that which none before him hath uttered. Pay no heed unto him. Turn with illumined hearts unto God, the Lord of existence. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, that men may attain certitude in the verses of their Lord.

As to what thou didst mention regarding trustworthiness, verily We have made mention of 'Ali in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence. By the life of God! He beholdeth Me and We behold him, and he heareth My verses at the time of their revelation together with the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Names from His praiseworthy station. Should there be a righteous and steadfast son of him who hath ascended, the trust shall be returned unto him, otherwise it shall go to the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, and whosoever findeth therein a Tablet in My handwriting shall return it to My residence. This is what God hath ordained. Blessed is he who acteth and attaineth, and woe betide every heedless and veiled one.

As to what thou didst mention regarding him who is named 'Ali-Akbar, brother of one who loveth Me, We make mention of him at this moment as a token of Our grace, for verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O 'Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and summoneth thee to the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Call hath been raised to draw thee unto a place where thou shalt hear from all things: "The gates of heaven have been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty." We have stood firm in the Cause before the faces of princes and divines on a day wherein earthquakes seized the tribes of the earth through the might of those who violated God's Covenant and Testament. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are of those who are the most lost, as recorded in a mighty Tablet. We beheld thy devotion and turned toward thee, and We heard thy call and called out to thee from the right side of the luminous Spot, that there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Turn with thy outward and inward being toward the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's verses, the Dayspring of His

Revelation, the Manifestation of His Self, the Source of His clear tokens, and the Treasury of His knowledge. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, and hath taken the chalice of immortality in the name of the Lord of all being, and hath drunk therefrom in His name, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful. This is the Day whereof the Books of God gave tidings aforetime, yet the people are in thick veils. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the Pharaohs of the age, then aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. Thus doth this Wronged One command thee from this remote station. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When thou hast drunk from the cup of My utterance the choice wine of My love, and the rapture of the Call from the precincts of My prison hath seized thee, turn thy face toward the House and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me, made me know Thee, caused me to hear, and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause, whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of the world, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, O Lord of eternity, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that the clamor of the people shall not prevent me, nor shall the might of those who have denied the Resurrection terrify me. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the mysteries of Thy utterance to aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and assist Thy Cause. O Lord! Withhold me not from Thy sealed choice wine, whose seal was broken by Thy name, the Self-Subsisting. Then preserve me from the croaking of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs and have risen to mislead Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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The esteemed physician, upon him be the Glory of God

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He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

O beloved of my heart and he who is remembered in my soul! This year the signs of grief have encompassed all, and the banners of sorrow have been raised. From all directions tribulation hath rained down upon the people of God. The enemies sit upon thrones of gold while the friends languish in prison. Glory be to God! Such heedlessness hath seized the negligent that they have become oblivious to that which profiteth them and are occupied with that which harmeth them. Were they to know, they would lament and cry out. They have regarded ephemeral dominion as lofty stations, to such extent that they have deprived themselves of everlasting bounties. Those whose sole thought was the betterment of the world have been seized unjustly, and now the cry of these oppressed ones riseth from diverse prisons. God, exalted be His glory, will not overlook this injustice, for it hath occurred without cause. That beloved one of the Name of God - upon him be all My most glorious Glory - and likewise the friends of God - upon

them be 966 [Baha'u'llah] - have witnessed and know that there is no purpose save reformation, education and fellowship. Their hearts are illumined by the light of the blessed Word "God is the light of the heavens and the earth," and their tongues bear witness to that which God hath testified unto Himself, acknowledging and confessing it. These holy souls have been seized with utmost tyranny, though they themselves went forth and spoke with perfect steadfastness of truth and righteousness, such that the truthfulness of the world beareth witness to their truthfulness, and uprightness is manifest through their rectitude. It is evident then to what degree sorrows have reached and how high the dust of grief and anguish hath risen. The hem of grace was nigh covered with dust. The servant is powerless to make mention of this station. The matter is in God's hands, the Lord of all mankind. This culminated in a new calamity which seized me with such sorrow that my heart lamented and mine eyes shed tears, for it pertaineth to your honor.

At the time of arrival in Beirut, they requested presence and meeting. They said that the honored physician - upon him be My glory - had been summoned for some time and had previously attained the presence and meeting. Now it is best that he act according to the wish of the honored physician and set out with utmost haste. Then what was destined came to pass and he ascended to the Supreme Companion. What more can the servant say regarding this other calamity and supreme catastrophe? After submission to the Most Holy Court, they spoke that which this servant is powerless to mention. At the end of the utterance, the tongue of the Kingdom spoke this supreme word: The honored physician hath this year borne numerous afflictions from every direction - on one side the hardships regarding the House, on another the tribulation of the friends in the hands of the wicked, and from yet another quarter news of this calamity. We beseech God to strengthen the honored physician - upon him be God's loving kindness - and adorn him with the ornament of patience and forbearance. My Lord! Pour forth upon him patience from Thy presence and forbearance from Thyself. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. The End.

Indeed a strange matter has transpired. That exalted deceased one suffered what he suffered in that path, and his possessions were plundered and looted. One named Abdul-Wahab, under the pretense of safeguarding them, himself plundered all the deceased's possessions, both cash and goods, seizing them and revealing this to no one - despite Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, being nearby in Alexandretta and Beirut. Yet he did not inform him, and he concealed it from Jasim, upon him be the Glory of God. That hunter was a plague that passed through this wilderness, and as mentioned, a falcon came and snatched from the owl what it had deceitfully taken possession of. And this added to the sorrows. The purpose of mentioning this is not about the property, but rather such false beings who deceive the loved ones in the name of truth have been and are the cause of greatest grief. Although in most Tablets these exalted words are recorded, He says: "Believe not every speaker, and trust not every arrival." There are many such utterances, yet the ornaments of the world are so attached to deceit that one is astonished. It is very clear and evident that the people of Iran do not freely turn to these directions. Most who are accused of treachery, theft and satanic deeds leave their homelands and wander about, claiming to each sect their way - to the Qadiri they claim to be Qadiri, to the Nimatullahi they claim Nimatullahi, to the Babi they claim Babi, and so forth. And the friends and companions accept merely on word and consider them truthful and trustworthy, although the companions of truth should be

keen and perceptive. He says: “The believer is not stung twice from the same hole.” Nevertheless, these companions have been repeatedly deceived and are still not awakened. I beseech and implore the Truth, exalted be His glory, to assist all to that which is befitting.

As for what Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, has written on your behalf requesting permission to attain the presence - this was presented. He said: “Without doubt or uncertainty the physician desired to meet Us before and desires so in all conditions. He has attained again and again, and has drunk time after time. He has attended, seen and heard. He is indeed among the successful ones in a clear Book. Now, regarding the matter of the House, if their stay here is prolonged, perhaps new events will occur. If they are assured about this matter, they may turn to the Face, otherwise return is preferable until God brings about His decree.” It is very clear and evident that the Wronged One has loved and loves meeting His loved ones. My physician bears witness to this, upon him be My care, mercy and glory. Peace be upon him and upon those with him, and the mercy of God and His blessings. End.

Praise be to God, the grace and favor are of such magnitude that they need no interpreter and seek no translator. The favor is as clear and evident as the sun. Blessed are you and congratulations to you. The servant sends greetings to Hazza and Sheikh Abul-Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God, and asks his Lord to strengthen them, make them successful, and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and this world. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, by His Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most High Name. The care of God, our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, be upon you and upon those who act according to what they were commanded in His Clear Book.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power!

My God, my God! Thou seest the sincere ones and the unitarians among the polytheists, the lovers among the adversaries, and those who have turned toward Thee among the heedless. I beseech Thee, O Ordainer of all things and the One Who called from the Mount, I implore Thee by Thy Name through which the horizon of manifestation was illumined, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy riches among Thy servants. O Lord! Thou hearest the call of Thy loved ones and beholdest their humility before the revelations of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee not to change their glory into abasement, nor their exaltation into debasement. I testify, O my God, that Thou hast raised them through Thy power and exalted them through Thy will and purpose, until their mention soared throughout Thy realms and their attributes among Thy creation. By Thy might, O Sovereign of existence and the One manifest through Thy Name, the All-Loving, they desired naught save the exaltation of Thy Word and clung to naught save the cord of Thy grace. Ordain for them, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and adorn them with such ornaments as shall illumine the earth and heaven. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy mercy, nor from the revelations of the Orb of Thy grandeur. O Lord! I am Thy servant, and this is Thy Day wherein the earth hath been illumined by the light of Thy bounty, the heaven by the radiance of Thy countenance, the seas by the breezes of Thy generosity, and the mountains by the flowers of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the

Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the Almighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O God, O Sovereign, O King! This scanty merchandise is known through Thy Name; exalt it through Thy power. All tongues speak by Thy might and acknowledge Thy power. From this drop, cause to flow the river of wealth, and from the ocean of Thy grace, the waves of abundance. Thou art the One with power to prefer a handful of dust above the heavens. Grant these servants dwelling in the shade of the Tree of Glory and shower upon them the rain of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art powerful and mighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of my heart! Thy call is the cause of exultation and the reason for enkindlement, and the hearts of lovers yearn for this exultation, for it hath been set in motion by the Sovereign of His Will and made manifest through the King of His Purpose. The letter arrived and the world arrived, for its horizon was adorned with the name of the Beloved and illumined by the light of His knowledge. After perusal, it was presented before His presence, whereupon He said: "Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through you that which shall endure through the endurance of His attributes, and to send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence, and to exalt you through His Name among His servants, and to spread your traces through His grace and generosity. Praise be to God, ye have attained unto that which hath no likeness. This is the essence of glory, this is the treasure of wealth, this is the source of exaltation and the repository of the pearls of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We beseech Him to adorn all possibilities with the lights of your trustworthiness, your religiosity, and your steadfastness. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Peace be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

It is hoped that the river will flow and the horizon will be illumined, and the light of trustworthiness will prevail and encompass all regions, for it is evident to all that this party hath had and hath no purpose save the reformation of the world and the edification of the souls of nations. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier to this. In such case, His grace will surely encompass all and His bounty will prevail. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

I convey greetings to the spiritual beloved and true friend, his honor J, upon him be God's peace and grace. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that through his being complete reform may come to pass in all matters, and that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness may be made manifest. Such grace has not been and is not far from the All-Bountiful Lord. We beseech God, our Lord and your Lord, to ordain his meeting and presence, for verily He is the Ever-Present, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Likewise, I convey greetings to the spiritual beloved, one of the two Most Great Names, his honor M.H., and to all other chosen ones, upon them be 95 [Baha'u'llah]. I beseech from the ocean of divine bounty that which will illuminate the world with the light of justice and fairness. Verily He is powerful over all things and is informed of and sees what is in the heart.

Concerning what was written about the spiritual friend, Aqa Siyyid Faraj'u'llah, upon him be God's peace, and likewise the mention of his patience, tranquility, submission, resignation, contentment and trust - these matters were presented and attained the honor of being heard. What his honor 'Ayn has written is correct and is confirmed. Praise be to God, the unitarians have been and are content with the blowing of the winds of divine will and heavenly destiny and decree. Their endeavor is service to the Cause and their purpose is the good-pleasure of the Beloved. This is the greatest adornment - blessed is the soul whose temple is adorned thereby. O 'Ali, upon thee be My peace. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and console him. We beseech God, exalted be He, to cause his father to enter the highest Paradise with the angels and the Spirit, to make him the companion of the Prophets and Messengers, and to send down upon him at all times that which indicates His grace, care, generosity and bounty. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent.

Praise be to God, they intended the goal, arrived and attained. All the powers of the world are incapable of limiting this greatest bounty. Blessed is he and blessed is he who has ascended, and woe unto him who has denied God's grace, mercy, care and generosity - verily he is among the most lost in His clear Book.

The Sun is rising, dawning and shining - what more can an atom say or mention? This servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to manifest a special deliverance for his deliverance and ordain that which is the cause of salvation in this world and the next, for we have not been and are not aware of what harms or benefits us. He is the Knowing, the Informed. None is aware of the requirements of His consummate wisdom. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding what was written about his turning towards Iran, after presentation they said to consult and act upon whatever becomes manifest. Verily He is with them and there shall appear from them what is best for them. Glory and praise and laudation be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you and hear your word concerning God's Cause, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The Servant

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He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Seeing

We make mention of him who hath made mention of Us, and We answer him who hath turned towards Us when My most exalted Horizon appeared–the Dawning-Place of revelation of the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens–that My most sweet call may draw him to a station wherein he shall hear from all things: "By God! The Countenance of the Beloved hath appeared and the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken. This, verily, is the Promised One mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds." Blessed is he who hath heard and answered when the Most Exalted Pen spoke and the Most Great Word appeared through this Name whereby the feet of the learned slipped and the hearts of the doubters were perturbed. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Countenance when every heedless and remote

one turned away. Blessed art thou and thy father, whom We made a dawning-place of knowledge. By the life of God! He became aware of that which none else was aware. My tongue in the kingdom of Mine utterance, the mighty, the wondrous, beareth witness to this. He perceived the fragrance of the garment before its appearance and spoke in praise of it before its manifestation. Exalted be this bounty which encompassed him, and exalted be this station whereof the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention in this Great Prison. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God, preserve it and read it in a spirit of joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee from this station wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!"

We have shown forth the clear tokens and set forth the verses, yet the people remain in heedlessness and behind a veil. We make mention of those whose names thou didst cite in thy letter, that they may rejoice in this mention which, when it appeared from the mouth of thy Lord's Will, caused the earth to quake and the mountains to pass away. And We make mention of him whose name is adorned with the two B's (Baba), who was imprisoned with thy father, that he may be assured that His knowledge encompasseth the earth and the heavens. Hearken unto the call from the direction of the snow-white Spot: He maketh mention of thee as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of those who bear names have slipped, save whom God willeth, the Lord of the Return. This is a Day wherein the Balance crieth out and the Path calleth aloud, yet the people are in a strange slumber. They have not risen at the Blast, nor stirred at the Trump, as though they were deaf stones. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest thank the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou of such constancy that shouldst the learned of the earth bring forth all that is with them, thou shalt behold thyself radiant from the horizon of certitude. Hold fast unto the Book of God and His laws, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from God, the Revealer of Laws. Grieve not at anything; verily He is with whosoever turneth unto Him and ordaineth for him that which shall gladden the hearts of the righteous.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Single One, the Unique, Who hath been imprisoned by the heedless ones because He summoned all unto the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein the Lord of all beings proclaimeth: "I am, verily, the One mentioned in the Scriptures and promised in the Tablets." Hold fast unto God's Cause and His ordinances, and cling unto this hem which God hath sanctified from the hands of such servants as have violated God's Covenant and Testament and denied the proof when its sun shone forth from the horizon of knowledge. We counsel thee and My loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness, and We give you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you from God, the Cleaver of the dawn.

We make mention of the one named Badi', who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance. We counsel him to observe calmness and dignity, and that which God hath revealed in the Book. Read thou the verses of thy Lord and glorify His praise in the morning and at eventide. O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The face of the Wronged One hath turned towards thee from this spot wherefrom the Point of the Bayan proclaimeth: "The All-Merciful is come with a power that hath encompassed all regions." He testified to this Revelation and made the entire Bayan as a leaf of this Garden, whose trees and fruits and rivers all proclaim: "The

Hidden One is made manifest. Blessed are they who possess true vision." Remember when thou didst draw nigh and present thyself before the Throne and didst hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of thee time and again. Verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen. Let not the veils of men cause thee grief. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of the Lord of Destiny. Remember thou when thou wert present at the Most Great Scene. He draweth thee to a station wherein the utterances of those who have denied God, the Lord of the Kingdom, shall have no effect upon thee.

We make mention of Our loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of My favor that hath preceded all existence. O people of Baha and companions of the Crimson Ark! This is your Day. Take ye the white cups in the name of the Lord of Names and drink therefrom My choice sealed wine. Thus hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance the Sun of wisdom and clear exposition. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!"

O Hasan! Thy name was present in the Most Great Prison when the Wronged One was walking in the House, and We made mention of thee as a favor on Our part, that thou mayest thank the True One, the Knower of things unseen. We counsel thee and My loved ones to observe goodly conduct. Blessed is the strong one whom the allusions of the people have not weakened, and the powerful one whom the hosts have not hindered. We make mention of him who was named with the letter Ba before Ha, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. This is a Day wherein the Word hath appeared in the form of a human being and calleth all unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath acted according to that which he hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou in such wise as befitteth thy name. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Knowing, counsel thee. Blessed art thou and those who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament when He came with manifest sovereignty. How many a learned one hath been hindered, and how many an illiterate one hath attained unto the Kawthar and Salsabil! Say: The Kawthar is the utterance of the All-Merciful in the contingent world, and the Salsabil is His knowledge, the Mighty, the Impregnable. We have named each of them with the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed are they that understand.

O Youth named Rida! This is a Day wherein the sea proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all worlds," and the land crieth out: "The appointed time is come and He Who revealeth the verses hath appeared with a command wherefore all things stand powerless." Thus hath the Truth spoken. Blessed is he who hath heard and woe unto the heedless. The Tree proclaimeth with its loudest voice: "O concourse of men! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny is established upon His mighty throne. Beware lest the veils debar you from the Manifestation of clear evidences. Cast behind you every mention and take hold of this Remembrance through which every obdurate idolator hath lamented."

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee, inasmuch as thou hast turned towards Him and believed in God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward Him, the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath beheld His luminous horizon. We have made mention of each one of Our loved ones in a Book which none knoweth save God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you, then render thanks unto your Lord, the Bountiful. We make

mention at this hour of Our handmaiden whom We have named the Leaf of Paradise, unto whom have been directed the glances of the loving-kindness of her Lord, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We send Our blessings upon her and upon those handmaidens who have turned towards and believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be unto My male and female servants from the Wronged One, the Exile.

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He is the Ever-Abiding! In His Most Glorious Name!

O beloved of my soul and cherished one of my spirit! Have you chosen stillness while the Chosen Beauty sits in utmost distress amidst the wicked? Do you draw peaceful breath from the cage of the body while the Beauty of Oneness is surrounded by wolves in human form with corrupt souls? At every moment that Manifest Beauty calls out with sorrowful voice to His loved ones, summoning them to the victory of God's Cause, not to the victory of His own sacred Self. For from time immemorial and unto eternity He has sacrificed His blessed Self in the path of the All-Glorious, as is evident to every fair-minded observer that in all their days they have not sought to protect themselves from enemies, but have ever shone like the sun in the holy firmament - none deny this save every deprived deceiver.

Thus it is clear that by victory is meant the triumph of God's Cause, and ever shall be. By God! If a soul should draw but one breath in aid of this wondrous and exalted Cause, it would equal all the acceptable deeds of the dwellers of earth and heaven - nay, it cannot be compared with anything, would you but reflect. Their victory through the sword of utterance and the tongue is beloved of God, not through swords of steel, for They have never been pleased with harm to any soul, and in all verses They emphasize this matter.

The King of Creation declares: O Javad! Draw forth the sword of the tongue from the scabbard of utterance through the power of the All-Merciful, and proclaim this Cause in such wise that no created thing shall find means to turn away, for these loved ones are aided by the Holy Spirit when they speak. O Javad! The brilliant morn has drawn breath from the Merciful Breath, and "by the Dawn when it breathes" has once again become manifest. Strive mightily, God willing, lest the darkness of corrupt souls and satanic temples with the veils of the polytheists conceal this luminous morn from the eyes of men.

O Javad! Several wolves have appeared in sheep's clothing. One must at all times take refuge in God to remain protected from the deceptions and schemes of these deceivers who have plotted against the Lord of all worlds. O Javad! Today if all who are in the heavens should claim divinity and chant the verses of the first and the last without mention of your Lord, the Most Exalted, in His final advent through His Most Glorious Name, they are and shall be rejected. For the creation of words is like unto the creation of souls - just as the purpose of creating souls has been the recognition of God's Self, the purpose of creating their words, from whatever tongue they may flow, shall be the mention of Truth. And if this station be absent from the melodies, they shall be like the words of the marketplace - nay, the latter is more excellent in God's sight, even should those melodies be uttered in the most beautiful tones.

Consider the lamp-niche - though it be fashioned of delicate glass or brilliant crystal, its purpose is to hold the lamp. If it attains not to this station, it is but a useless instrument that neither nourishes nor avails. Thus the purpose of the niche of words is the kindling of the lamp of the mention of the All-Beautiful, and without it they are but satanic whispers, even if that book of words be observed to encompass the kingdom of names and attributes.

O Javad! The purpose of the trees is the human temples which bear the fruits of knowledge. If a tree is not honored with this grace, it is deemed as a withered garden tree, worthy of being cut down and burned - and would that it be burned for preparing the feast of the Beloved! And perchance it may be taken to cook the food of the polytheists according to what their hands have earned aforetime. We seek refuge in God from this! O Javad! My appearance among the loved ones and my standing amongst the enemies in days when every man was shaken and all hands trembled from the might of those days was a clear proof, greater than the proofs of the first and the last, were people to be fair. There was and shall be no proof of My Self save My own Being. The purpose of verses was to establish the Cause among people who were veiled, otherwise those who drink the purest wine from the Most Glorious Cup recognize Truth by Truth and look to naught else. O Javad! By God! My manifestation among these people is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth and all that was and will be, but the servants are dead in the stupor of their own selves. In these days the children of the sanctuary speak such verses that the hearts of those near to God remain enthralled and astonished. And this is not difficult for God.

Some time ago the Surih of the Companions was revealed from the heaven of eternity and the right hand of the Most Great Throne, and was sent in the name of God, the Most Great, to His Eminence the most luminous, most radiant and most glorious - upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Eternity. Mention of your honor was made in that wondrous tablet. Request it from them that you may attain to the revealed divine favors. And the glory that has shone forth from the horizon of the countenance of Glory be upon you and your family.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise, sanctified beyond all that can be imagined, befitteth the most impregnable and most holy court of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, Who through the first Word which shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of His Will, brought into being the worlds of Command and Creation. Through that Word was made manifest all that was made manifest. Whatsoever can be conceived of the Day of Resurrection, the Hour, and their conditions, appeared through Him. Glory be to God! The Most Great Exposition shone forth from Him. Fire and light, exaltation and abasement, felicity and wretchedness, guidance and error, belief and unbelief - all became manifest in creation through His appearance. Exalted be His grandeur, elevated be His power, and all-encompassing be His dominion! He is the One with such might that neither the cawing of the crows, nor the denial of the infidels, nor the clamor of the polytheists, nor the turning away of the divines, nor the power of princes could deter Him from His purpose.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy loved ones the good of this world and the world to come. O Lord! This is Thy Day wherein the ocean of Thy grace hath surged, the fragrance of Thy bounty hath wafted, the heaven of Thy generosity hath been raised up, and the sun of Thy giving hath shone forth. I beseech Thee not to drive away those who have turned toward Thy gate, nor to deprive them of the outpourings of Thy days and the rain-showers from the heaven of Thy mercy. Thou art He Who, through a letter of Thy Hidden Name, opened the doors of the mysteries of Thy Books and Scriptures, and through another letter made manifest Thy Path, Thy Evidence, and Thy Way. O Lord! Take the hands of Thy loved ones with the hands of Thy power and might. Verily, Thou art the Chosen One and the Lord of the righteous. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Compelling.

Thereafter, some time ago this evanescent servant sent a detailed letter to that spiritual beloved containing Tablets, verses and papers. As the reply was delayed, no further submission was made until this day, the second of Dhi'l-Qa'dih, when that honored one's letter written to his honor Afnan - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty - was sent to this land. That letter brought glad tidings that the aforementioned letter had arrived. Praise be to God, news of health, well-being, joy and gladness arrived, and the arrival of the letter and message in one instant adorned heart and soul with the ornament of joy and delight. I beseech the True One, exalted be His station, to ever grant these moths such strength that they may soar at all times and journey through cities and regions. After reading and reviewing it, I proceeded to write this letter. If you wish to know about affairs in this land, praise be to God, as before, all are engaged in the remembrance, praise and glorification of the True One, exalted be His glory. The honored Afnans - upon them be the Most Glorious Beauty - resided in this land for some time under the shade of the blessed Divine Lote-Tree, attaining at every moment to a bounty and being sustained by the blessings of the utterance of the Beloved of creation. After fulfilling their promise, they returned to Beirut as commanded. Their place was both empty and not empty, for specifically in every gathering there was mention of the honored Afnans and other friends in the Most Holy Court. This truly is eternal salvation and everlasting success. Praise be to God Who fulfilled His promise and manifested that which was inscribed by the Pen of Revelation in a Book which none knoweth save our All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord. At this moment, the binding command hath descended from the heaven of the decree of the Ancient King. His word - exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, and great be His station.

O Amin, upon thee be my Baha! In all conditions keep thine eyes fixed upon the exaltation of the Cause. The Supreme Pen hath testified and doth testify to your deeds, and hath mentioned your services rendered purely for His sake - a mention that shineth like the sun in the Book. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. However, We counsel thee to keep thine eyes fixed upon the horizon of glory. The loved ones of God must be reminded, with the utmost joy and fragrance, and with their gaze fixed upon the Word, of His exalted utterance: "Remind them, for surely remembrance benefiteth the believers." Whosoever is enabled to perform deeds with joy and fragrance is recorded among the sincere ones in the Manifest Book; otherwise, none should ever reproach him. Today the True One, exalted be His glory, regardeth the hearts and the pearls hidden therein. Such is the way of the True One and His chosen ones, exalted be His glory. Ye must supplicate on behalf of the loved ones and friends that the True One may

assist all to act according to what is in the Book, and that neither vain imaginings nor worldly conditions may hinder them.

O Abu'l-Hasan, upon thee be my Baha! Fix thy gaze upon the glory of the Cause and speak that which attracteth the hearts and minds. The demanding of the Rights of God hath never been and is not permissible. This decree hath been revealed in God's Book for certain necessary matters which have been ordained through divine causes. If someone, with utmost contentment and joy, nay rather with insistence, wisheth to attain this bounty, it may be accepted; otherwise, no.

Exert your utmost that what hath been revealed may be acted upon. Send the Tablets of the Land of Kha. Much time hath elapsed. From there Jinab-i-Haji Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, hath repeatedly expressed his helplessness and pleaded that the Tablets which were requested be sent. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you in His service as He assisted you before. Praise be to God, you are mentioned in every gathering and assembly in this blessed Prison. The Tongue of Grandeur hath repeatedly mentioned you before the emigrants, the residents, and the pilgrims. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous One, and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

In these days, responses to the communications from the Land of Ya are being sent as commanded. We implore God, exalted be His glory, to bestow sight and hearing, that all may hear the call and behold the horizon of the Cause with their own eyes. Wherever you may be, convey greetings and salutations from this evanescent one to the friends and loved ones of that land. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make each one of His party like unto a mountain rather than a straw. The hurricanes and tempests of the polytheists have never been and shall never be capable of moving the former, by God's might and power; however, the latter is moved by every wind and inclines toward any direction. I beseech God to grant even the straw the strength and majesty of a mountain. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things. Glory, remembrance, and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds, and praise be to Him Who is the Goal of the mystics.

The Servant

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praised be He Who hath revealed Himself and sent down what He willed, Who speaketh on the Day of Reckoning, Who summoneth all to love and fellowship, and Who guideth them to the straight path. Glory and exaltation be upon those who have sought the ultimate goal, the highest aim, the loftiest summit, and the supreme horizon, and who have aided the Cause of God with pen and tongue and with their wealth in the Day of Reckoning. These are servants who have attained unto the sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the finger of the will of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. They heard and responded and hastened until they reached the shore of the Most Great Ocean, from whose surging waves every hearing

ear heard what the ear of Moses heard on Sinai of the mysteries of the Revelation. Blessed be their footsteps for their haste, their eyes for what they beheld, their tongues for what they uttered, and their hands for what they took with submission and acceptance of the Book of God, the Lord of all names.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations! I beseech Thee by the Cause before which no cause can stand, to assist Thy loved ones and friends to serve Thee and Thy Cause. Then preserve them, O my God, from the promptings of self and desire, and draw them nigh unto the station wherein is heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, and Thou art the Hearing, the Responding One.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter dated the first of Dhi'l-Qa'dah was received and after review was taken to the Blessed Presence and entirely presented. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted be His glory:

He is the Witness, the Hearing One!

O Muhammad-'Ali! Thou hast attained unto the recognition of God, glory be to Him, hast drunk from the cup of His love, and hast been enabled to serve His Cause. Know thou the station of this most great bounty and supreme gift, and occupy thyself with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds through wisdom and utterance. Soon will the rains of mercy and blessing descend from the heaven of grace upon every steadfast one. This is what is mentioned in the first life, and in the hereafter there is ordained for him what cannot be described by the tongue nor recorded by the pen. Glory be upon thy father, upon thee, upon thy brothers, upon those who have attained unto the presence, upon those who have believed in God and desired to draw nigh and attain His presence, and upon every one who hath turned and recognized this mighty Day.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and praise, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to assist the friends that they may arise to compensate for what hath been lost and remain steadfast in what they have learned. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

His Holiness the Name of God - upon him be all the most glorious Glory - hath mentioned you and expressed satisfaction, and likewise mentioned some of the friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition of the Beloved of all possibility. All praise be to God, they have attained unto the outpouring grace and are honored with the mention of the Goal of the world. This is a bounty that decline cannot seize and neither the heat of the sun nor the moisture of water can harm. God willing, may all be assisted to preserve this most mighty station.

The mention of those souls who were named in the letter of the one who is God's Name was presented before Him, and unique, wondrous and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of grace for each one. God willing, may they attain unto these and drink from their oceans of inner meanings.

Jinab-i-Mashhadi Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived. Praise be to God, he was enkindled with the fire of love and spoke in remembrance of the Peerless Friend. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, took hold of him, for his pilgrimage and turning was accepted, even though he set out on the path

without permission. However, henceforth you must observe the command, meaning prevent souls from disobedience. None should come without permission. The prohibition has been clearly revealed in the divine Tablets. If anyone comes without permission, their harm will be many times greater than their reward. His honor must arise to serve the Cause with utmost dedication, that its signs may appear in creation. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Compassionate, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Informed.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa ʼAli, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God he is successful and has attained God's grace. In truth, it is the sincerity of his honored father that has shone upon those regions. Once these words flowed from the tongue of the Divine Purpose, exalted be His utterance: "From that tree," meaning his honored father, "enduring traces and ripe fruits shall appear." This station is now concealed. The Herald of Truth and the Informer of Truth - exalted be this great bounty. May Jinab-i-Aqa ʼAli be successful in all conditions. Due to the upheavals in those regions and the ignition of the fire of sedition, they were prevented from coming to the Most Holy Court. They have permission to come. God willing, they will attain in days of tranquility and assurance. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Bountiful, the Generous.

To Jinab-i-Aqa ʼAli Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, I convey greetings and salutations. May he ever drink from the Kawthar of divine love and gaze toward His horizon of grace.

The mention of Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was at the end of the letter. Blessed is he, then blessed is he! His mention was presented in the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of grace, exalted be His utterance: "O Muhammad Husayn! We have heard your call and answered you, and found from you the fragrance of love. We have turned to you from the direction of My Most Great Prison. Rejoice in that the Wronged One has remembered you while in the hands of the heedless. The world and all within it shall perish, but what has been revealed for you from My Most Exalted Pen in this lofty station shall endure. My Pen bears witness, and My tongue, both outward and inward, that there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou gazing toward My horizon, speaking My praise, and arising to serve My wondrous Cause. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds."

This servant conveys greetings and salutations to him, and congratulates him for having attained the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he and blessed is he who has attained this mighty, exalted station. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you all and upon those who are with you, and upon those who have acknowledged what God has acknowledged and what the tongue of His grandeur has testified when He was established upon His mighty throne. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

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The Tablet of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting

He is the Comforter, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, that the breezes of Revelation might draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon and strengthen him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and minds have melted, save those whom God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Purpose of all that hath been and shall be, hath willed.

O thou who gazeth toward the Horizon of Revelation! Hear what the Speaker of Sinai uttereth in this praiseworthy station. Verily there is none other God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Loving. We have mentioned thee and thy father aforetime in such wise that your remembrance shall endure throughout the worlds of dominion and kingdom. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor the clamor of humanity frighten thee, nor the doubts of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed prevent thee. Cast aside the people and what they possess through a power from Us, and take hold of the Book of God with such strength that neither hosts nor ranks shall hinder thee. Thus have the spheres of wisdom and utterance revolved by command of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who chose for himself a path unto God, the Lord of existence, and believed in Him when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and who drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of his Lord’s bounty, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

O Rajab-’Ali! Upon thee be the glory of God, His loving-kindness, His mercy and His grace. Thou hearest and beholdest thy mention from the Ancient Pen in this Most Great Prison, and the Wronged One’s establishment therein through what the hands of those who disbelieved in God and His signs have wrought, who denied His proof and broke His Covenant by following every ignorant rejected one. I testify that thou didst turn unto Him when every heedless and veiled one turned away. Blessed art thou, for the Tongue of Grandeur hath moved to make mention of thee in this station round which circle the Concourse on High and the angels brought nigh.

I testify that thou didst hold fast to the cord of the Cause in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the turning away of those who turned from Him Who in every condition proclaimeth “There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved” could deter thee. Thou art he whom neither the hosts of princes frightened, nor the doubts of divines, nor the gestures of jurisprudents. Thou didst turn and hear what the Son of ’Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Thou didst fulfill God’s Covenant and His Testament, and acknowledged what He revealed in His Book. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned toward the lights of the Face, who speaketh My praise amongst the servants, who hath clung to My robe and held fast to My stretched cord.

Thou art he whom the might of the people did not weaken. Thou didst speak in the innermost heart what none save God, thy Lord, knoweth, and bore witness to that which the Desired One bore witness, and didst achieve that which none of the ancients achieved, save whom God, the Lord of the Frequented Fane, willed. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, the light gleaming from the direction of immortality, and the fragrance wafting from the garment of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men, be upon thee, O thou who didst attain the knowledge of God when the parties held back therefrom. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who remembereth thee by what hath been sent down at this time from God, the Lord of all men.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times a mercy from His presence and a breeze from the fragrances of His garment. Verily He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

Listen with the ear of thy spirit to the Wronged One's call in the Persian tongue. Perchance thou mayest succeed in serving His Cause and protecting the peoples of the earth from former vain imaginings. Perchance the light of unity may shine forth from the horizons of men's hearts, and all may attain that for which they were created from nothingness into being.

One word is mentioned for the sake of God, that perchance it may become a barrier between the manifestations of fancy and the dawning-places of the Sun of certitude, and they may understand that which preserveth souls from the conjectures of the heedless, the doubts of the infidels and the cawing of the croakers. How many were the divines, mystics and jurists who in past ages and centuries were occupied with the mention of God and, with utmost humility and supplication, besought from the All-Possessing the appearance of the Most Great Luminary. At dawn their tears would fall and their sighs would rise, yet when the days of His manifestation appeared by the will of God, exalted be His glory, and the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine Will, all turned away. Not content with mere rejection, they proceeded to cut down the Blessed Tree with the swords of their idle fancies. And now the divines of Persia openly curse the Truth from their pulpits without any veil or covering. They have committed that which no faction in the world hath ever committed.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise to serve His Cause with such steadfastness that no agitation may shake it. Reflect upon the deeds, actions and words of the former people. He verily will aid thee and enable thee to hold fast to the Straight Path of God and His Great Announcement. We counsel thee with that wherewith God hath counseled His loved ones in His Book. He is, verily, the Sincere Counselor, the Trustworthy. Behold the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its radiance. This blessed word hath repeatedly been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Hold fast unto it and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, for having guided me unto Thy path from which most of Thy creatures have turned away, and for having given me to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and for having caused me to hear Thy sweet call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause that hath encompassed earth and heaven, by Thy power before the faces of the princes, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance in the kingdom of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, arising in Thy service, and speaking Thy

praise amongst Thy servants with wisdom and eloquence. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance, convey to all who are related the greetings of the Wronged One and perfume them with the divine revelations. Today the Truth, exalted be His glory, is manifest and His Cause evident. He hath mentioned each one with a mention that is enduring and everlasting. We beseech Him to aid all to that which beseemeth His Day. This Day hath been and is unlike all other days. All the Prophets gave glad tidings of this Day, and likewise did all things. Blessed are they whom neither the tales of the past and future prevented from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance, nor did the rejection of the rejectors and the opposition of the oppressors hold back from turning to the Truth. His is the praise and the glory, His the bounty and bestowal. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the name of God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained! Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having gathered together Thy loved ones to celebrate Thy Most Great Festival, whereon Thou didst shed the splendour of Thy most excellent names upon all who are in heaven and on earth, the Festival whereon the Day-Star of truth hath shone resplendent above the horizon of Thy will and the Ancient King ascended the throne of Thy mercy. This is the ninth day of Ridvan, O my God, and on this day one of Thy loved ones hath, as a token of his love for Thy Beauty and in the eagerness of his devotion to Thee, invited Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy glory to leave His room in the prison for another. There he hath spread before Thy presence such of Thy gifts as he hath been able to provide, notwithstanding that the people had plundered all his possessions and the possessions of others among Thy loved ones. O Lord, since Thou hast gathered them round Thee and aided them to attain this surpassing grace, endue them with constancy in Thy Cause and bind their hearts together in such wise that no differences may arise in their midst. Grant, then, that they may guide all people unto this Luminary, the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld and which standeth peerless in the realms of the seen and the unseen. Thou well knowest, O Lord, that it hath been the desire of all that circle round Thee to receive Thee during the days of Ridvan. A few have been enabled, in accordance with their means, to attain this honour, while others, through its want, have been prevented therefrom. These have contented themselves with passing round in white vessels that crimson-coloured wine that is brewed from the leaves of China. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Word which Thou hast made to be the lodestone of the hearts and souls of men, the Word whereby Thou hast drawn Thy servants unto the heaven of Thy loving-kindness and the horizon of Thy grace and bounty, to accept from the former all that they have accomplished in Thy path and to ordain for the latter the recompense of whatsoever they had purposed to accomplish. Thou, verily, art the Lord of bounty and generosity, of grace and glory. O Lord, help certain souls among them to know their own selves and to restrain their tongues, lest they utter that which would abase their stations and bring their works to naught. Thou, verily, hast power over all things.

O Lord, hear Thou the lamentations of the sincere amongst Thy loved ones who were hindered from meeting Thee during these days, days which Thou hast ordained as a festival unto Thy people and as a treasure and honour unto the inhabitants of Thy realm…. Accept from them, O Lord, that which they have purposed in their love for Thee, and ordain for each and every one of them the recompense of such as have attained unto every good Thou hast in store. Thou, verily, hast power over all things.

Look Thou moreover, O my God, with the glances of the eye of Thy mercy, upon Thy loved ones who are scattered in the land of ?a. They have tarried there ever since they were prevented from seeking shelter beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy oneness. O Lord, deny them not the things Thou dost possess. Verily, Thou art the Ruler of the heavens and of the earth. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Desire of all them that have recognized Thee!

The glory of Thy might beareth me witness, O my God! It behoveth all to lay down their lives for the sake of Thine ear that heareth the cries of Thine ardent lovers in every land and the sighs of Thy friends who suffer at the hands of Thine enemies. Verily, the voice of their lamentation hath been raised on account of their love for Thee, and their hearts are consumed with the fire of separation in Thy days. May my soul be a ransom for Thy long-suffering, O Countenance of glory, and may my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy forbearance, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of earth and heaven!

I swear by Thy glory, O Beloved of them that yearn after Thee and Desire of those who cherish Thy love! Were any man of insight to press upon this holy Tablet, he would see the blood of my heart flowing from it, a blood that hath melted for the love of Thee and of those who have been hindered from beholding Thy face after having directed their steps towards Thee and having come to abide within the city or its precincts. May my entire being be offered up as a sacrifice for Thy patience, O Lord of might and power! May my soul be a ransom for Thy forbearance, O Thou the fear of Whose wrath causeth the hearts of the dwellers of the kingdom of names to tremble!

Praise be to Thee, O solace of the hearts of the people of Baha! I testify, O my God, that none besides Thee can fathom Thine inscrutable wisdom or apprehend the truths and mysteries enshrined in all that hath proceeded from the manifold tokens of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy will. I entreat Thee moreover, O my God, to graciously enable my loved ones to show their hospitality unto Thee through their character and their conduct, that the heavenly table of Thy loving-kindness may thereby be spread before all Thy servants and that all the peoples of the world may gather round it. This, verily, is the true meaning of offering hospitality unto one's fellow men. Thy might and Thy power are, verily, equal to all things. Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds, Thou Whose power embraceth the heavens and the earth!

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He is the Most High!

O Muhammad-Rida! Your letter was presented before the face and what was written therein was observed. Praise be to God in all conditions, for by His grace He has preserved the devoted servants from

the odors of the polytheists and protected the temple of understanding with the armor of spiritual meanings from the arrows of the deniers and the malicious ones. This is among the greatest gifts of the Lord.

Inquiry was made about the established mirrors of this most wondrous and most impregnable Revelation. Today no one is bound by such matters, for the Sun shines forth and radiates by itself, and all must move by the thread of servitude and hold fast to the truth. By Him Who holds my soul in His hand, this station is greater than all stations and is regarded as the most exalted of ranks in the sight of God, for through pure servitude the truth has been and will be established among humanity.

By God, besides Whom there is no other God! Had what was witnessed not been witnessed of the deceit, trickery and corruption of the leaders of the Bayan, and had all been seen united and gathered upon the Cause of the previous Manifestation, nothing would ever have been mentioned except servitude. But God's command is His, both before and after. Today the nearest, most exalted, most detached, most illumined, most God-fearing, most knowledgeable, and purest souls are those from whom nothing is witnessed save pure servitude, as is clear to every person of insight.

If today anyone should act contrary to what has been mentioned, the Cause of God will be wasted among the people, for many enemies from among the Bayan eagerly desire such matters to arise and for souls to arise with claims. By my life! If people were to find and comprehend the sweetness of servitude, they would become detached from all else. Do not consider the Cause of God as vain nor His Manifestation as idle, such that any soul might desire to make claims.

The wondrous Manifestation appeared in the year sixty and gave tidings to the people of this most great Manifestation, as has been explicitly stated throughout the Bayan. And besides Him, whosoever has stood firm in His Cause and followed what was revealed - these are guides unto Him. Thus was the command, if you but knew.

Say: O people! Fear God and waste not His Cause. Gather beneath His shadow and this suffices you above all good, if you but know. There is no greater bounty than this, if you but understand. Beware, then beware, then beware, then beware lest you be veiled by what you possess. Follow God in His commands, then remain steadfast in His remembrance, His praise, and the promotion of His Cause, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

Walk not in the paths of pride and arrogance. Be humble before His countenance, submissive before His beauty, and prostrate before His Self, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Those souls who are known today for their support of this Cause, whose mention has been revealed in the Tablets - respect for these souls is incumbent upon all, so long as they remain firm and steadfast in the love of God and His Cause. This is the word of truth which falsehood does not follow, if you but understand.

If in every day a manifestation were to appear, the Cause of God would never spread throughout the earth, and surely consummate wisdom would be rendered void. Glory be unto Him above this! Beware lest you differ in the Cause of God. Gather upon the law of His love and be not among the dissenters.

In response to that one who associates partners with God - the letter “J” - a servant present before the Face has recorded some divine verses that were revealed regarding this matter. Nevertheless, it is strange that you have asked again. Never pay attention to such matters that cause the Cause of God to be wasted. Let all dwell in repose in one station beneath the shade of the raised heaven which is the Manifestation itself. What is desired today is that all should appear among people with purity, sanctity, humility, submissiveness and pure servitude, so that all people may turn toward God’s direction through witnessing the deeds and actions of those assured souls. It is incumbent upon every soul to teach the Cause according to their capacity, but with perfect humility and submissiveness, not through conflict and disputation, for the decree of killing, bloodshed and opposition has been entirely lifted in this Manifestation of the Sun of inner meanings. We have repeatedly stated this, yet people do not understand. By Him Who holds my soul in His hand, if people had acted according to what they were commanded in this Manifestation, now most of the people of the earth would be seen adorned with the robe of guidance and radiant with the lights of God. But what was destined has come to pass. God willing, henceforth they should move according to God’s good-pleasure, not according to their selfish desires. Thus was the command revealed before and now, and God was witness to that.

God is greater than what people imagine! God is greater than what they mention, what they suppose, and what they say! Still no one has comprehended the appearance, encompassing nature, greatness and power of this Manifestation. Therefore they have not arisen to love Him and His Cause as they should. Moreover, they have engaged in corruption and committed what they have committed without God’s permission. The harm of everyone’s deeds has returned to the Root of the Divine Tree, just as that one who associates partners with God went to the great city and attributed to the Truth all that he, his companion, and the people of the Bayan committed in these numbered years - even though all souls witness and testify that in all days and nights We have been occupied with reforming the affairs of the corrupt ones, and have forbidden all people from everything God detests through decisive proofs, goodly counsels and firm statements, as all servants witnessed and heard during the years of Our sojourn in Iraq. Nevertheless, what befell Us befell Us. Now the Beauty of Divine Unity sits waiting to see when the ordained trials will descend. May my soul be sacrificed for His soul, my spirit for His spirit, my essence for His essence, and my beauty for His beauty, if you be of those who know!

God willing, may all accept the divine counsels given in loving kindness and gather at the stream of inner meanings. This has been and will be the foundation of victory.

As for what you mentioned regarding your brothers, We beseech God to decree for them what is best for them and to deliver them. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book, and He has power over all things. The Spirit, glory and splendor be upon you and upon those with you among the loved ones of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Beloved of those who know Him.

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O friends of God, upon you be the Glory of God! He is the Remembering, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O noble one, upon you be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Ask the contemptible Shi'ites what fruit their acknowledgments of immediate successorship yielded on the Day of Grace, which is the appearance of the Luminary of Justice. Were they to be fair, they would say: "Our turning away became the station of acceptance, our denial became the station of recognition, our oppression became the station of justice, and our tyranny became the station of equity." To this testifieth every learned one, every mystic, every hearer, and every perceiver.

O Kiyumars! Today the Most Great Scene is illumined with the light of the Lord of Destiny. The divine call is raised from every direction. There hath befallen Us tribulations such as have befallen no one else, and afflictions at which every fair-minded and perceiving soul hath lamented. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause thee to hear that which the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken in this Revelation, at whose appearance, when He was established upon the throne, the nightingales of utterance warbled their melodies upon the highest branches. He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was silent hath spoken. Blessed is the servant who hath found the fragrance of utterance in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and hath acted in accordance with that which he was bidden by the All-Knowing Commander.

O Bahram! The All-Knowing hath mentioned thee time and again, and hath made His mention a treasure for thee in the Kingdom. Rejoice at these glad-tidings, whose fragrance, when diffused, caused all things to cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!"

O Khudabakhsh! Hearken unto the Call of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. He hath mentioned thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by the ornaments of the world nor by whatsoever the nations possess. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear the rustling of Thy Luminous Tree and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and praise be unto Thee, O Possessor of the Beginning and the End! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst seize every oppressor and subdue every obstinate tyrant, to assist me in all conditions to aid Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance before the faces of all religions. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Mihriban! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Merciful. Reflect upon the deeds of the oppressors. In every age and century they have visited upon the Dayspring of Divine Revelation and the Manifestations of Divine Power that which caused all things to lament and wail. They cast the Friend (Abraham) into the fire and prevented the Interlocutor (Moses) from claiming His right. Say: My God, my God! Open unto the faces of Thy loved ones, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the door of bounty and generosity, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all nations! I beseech Thee to assist the children of the Friend to manifest that which befitteth Thy days and to perform deeds that may attain the glory of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Jamshid! From all directions tribulations have descended and calamities have been sent down. The oppression against this Wronged One hath become so evident that the owner of one of the newspapers hath arisen with such tyranny as hath had no like in the world. He hath cast aside fairness, seized upon oppression, and hath spoken that which none before or after him hath spoken. To this testifieth My Great Announcement in My Perspicuous Book. He hath regarded this people as without helper or assistant, and

hath confirmed matters whose falsehood he himself witnesseth, following the opinion of souls whose lies and calumnies he himself hath testified to. Glory be to God! That which he hath written contradicts itself, the latter part belying the former. O Jamshid! Leave them and their like to their vain imaginings. “Verily we are God’s, and to Him shall we return.”

O Khudabakhsh! Beseech the True One to unlock a gate of utterance in the land with the key of His Most Bountiful Name and to open it unto the faces of His loved ones, that the world may be perfumed with the sweet fragrances of truthfulness, justice, fairness and grace. Say: O my Lord! Aid Thy servants to remember Thee and Thy loved ones, and enable them to do that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Kaykhusraw! The priests are seen to be deprived of the breezes of revelation from the Purpose of all worlds. The ornaments of the world have prevented them from the effulgences of the Most Great Name. Most of the people today have turned away from godliness and have embraced transgression and wickedness. The sea is surging by His Word and the sun is shining by His Will, yet the people are heedless and turned away. The recompense of deeds shall become manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrance of the Revelation and hath attained unto the hearing of that which the Speaker of Sinai hath uttered. Woe unto every heedless and veiled one, and every rejected polytheist.

O Shahpur! Rejoice that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and hath remembered thee with that which shall cause its fragrance to endure throughout the eternity of His Best Names and Supreme Attributes. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Helper, the All-Wise. Arise to serve thy Lord despite those who have denied God’s Revelation and His proof, who have disputed His might and grandeur and sovereignty, and who have rejected that which hath appeared from Him before the faces of His servants. And say:

O my Lord! The imagined hath sought Thy manifest light, and the sea of impotence hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty and power. Deprive it not of that which Thou hast ordained for the gems of Thy creation who, when they heard the Call, exclaimed: “Yea, verily, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven!” and bore witness to that which God had testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

O Shahjahan! The Refuge of the world hath come, but He hath come in an age of the blind. They hear and deny; they see and turn away. The lights of the dawn of Revelation have encompassed the world, and the Standard of Sinai is manifest upon the highest station. Say:

My God, my God! Prevent not the eyes of hearts from turning toward the Sinai of Thy knowledge and from beholding the Sinai of Thy majesty and power. Thou art He through Whose Name the traces of the Pharaohs were obliterated and the standards of tyrants were reversed. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to aid me in serving Thy Cause and in standing firm as befitteth Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy right hand are the reins of the affairs of the first and the last.

O Bahman! We have aided Bahman in matters whereat the power of the world was non-existent and void. We promised all leaders that which would be the cause of greatest joy for those who are fair-minded and have turned unto Him. However, some forgot God's covenant and others broke His pledge. Say: O priests! The fire of love is ablaze, the light of bounty is radiant, the ocean of mercy is surging, and the sun of truth is luminous. Forsake what ye possess; perchance ye may attain unto that which God possesseth. Great is this Day and great is its mention. Say: We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid all to do what He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Master of Religions and the Lord of men and jinn.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

I testify that through thee hath been adorned the Book of Love amongst all creatures, and embellished the brocade of affection through thy love and sincerity for God, the Lord of all worlds. How can this evanescent one make mention of him whom God hath related unto Himself? Blessed art thou for having attained unto this sublime, lofty, mighty and ancient station. Ye are they who are mentioned before the Throne, and ye are they who gaze upon the countenance of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous - He at Whose grief all things have lamented, and by what befell Him the sincere ones, the Messengers, and the denizens of the highest Paradise do weep.

Although this evanescent servant was and is unworthy of mention, yet the sweet fragrances of thy love are so diffused that I felt compelled to intrude with this letter. His honor Amin and his honor Abu'l-Hasan, upon them be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Trusted, have arrived and are frequently occupied with thy mention. Numerous exalted Tablets have descended from the heaven of the Lord's Will specifically for thee and those who circle round thee, and were sent. However, before the departure of his honor Amin, his honor Aqa Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, intended to travel, hence this letter was ventured. Two or three months ago, that is, during the days of Ridvan, a letter arrived from his honor Aqa'i, the Name of God M.H., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, from the direction of ?adba, containing certain names, for whom exalted Tablets were also revealed and sent. Among them was mentioned his honor Shaykh S., upon him be the Glory of God, for whom two Tablets were revealed, one in Persian and one in Arabic, and likewise for his sons. Also, numerous exalted Tablets were graciously bestowed without names, that they might give to whomever they wish. Some of these Tablets were sent with his honor Amin and some with his honor Aqa Hasan.

Furthermore, at one time when this servant was present before the Throne, the Blessed Countenance turned to this servant and the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: Write to him whom God loves and who loves God that they should never relinquish wisdom in any circumstance and should act with moderation, for if the Cause exceeds wisdom it will cause sedition, and sedition causes distress to the weak ones. Therefore, with consideration for them, you must act in such a way that no harm occurs. After the martyrdom of Badi' We commanded preservation, especially for those like thyself who are engaged in service to the Cause. Although preservation has been and will be in God's hands, since He has

commanded wisdom, therefore you must strive with utmost effort to observe it. Thus have ye been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. You must surely exert mighty effort and noble striving in this matter. Thus doth God explain to those whom He loveth; verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

Furthermore, his honor Amin will present the details of this land. In truth, he has labored extensively and is wholly occupied with service, not slackening for a moment. His reward is with God Who created him and assisted him to recognize Him, turn to Him, and serve in His path. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Whatever was in my mind from the utterances of the Dawning-Place of Names and Attributes, and which I was commanded to submit to your honor, I have submitted according to my capacity. Otherwise it is evident that He is able to mention divine utterances as they truly deserve. Convey greetings to the honored brother, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and to the assured, content souls who are in your presence - to all of them from this evanescent servant convey greetings. We beseech God to assist all to serve Him and to be steadfast in His Cause. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

They mentioned that your honor had sent an amount specifically for Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God. As commanded, it was left with Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, so that whenever someone travels to Mosul it may be sent. Likewise, on behalf of Mulla Muhammad-'Ali an amount along with a box of tea was left with this lowly one specifically for the aforementioned one. Until now its dispatch has been delayed as no one was traveling. God willing it will be sent.

Whatever has reached Jinab-i-Amin has reached completely and fully, nay even more. Sufficient for him is what was revealed concerning him: "Verily he is the Trustworthy one before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous."

Furthermore, in the letter of Aqay-i-Ism'ullah M.H., upon him from all glory its most glorious, it was written that your honor had beseeched God, exalted be His glory, that seven might end in eight and conclude with the name of that Beloved One. This was submitted before the Divine Throne. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke, smiling, and said: "Verily We have made him the first of these and their last. Exalted is this wondrous and lofty favor." End quote.

Furthermore, it was written that some souls who have newly attained to the stream of recognition desire to turn towards the Most Great Scene. This was submitted to the Most Holy Court. He said: "Most certainly prevent them, for without permission it has not been and will not be permitted."

Again I submit that the Tablets which were presented, some of which were given to Aqa Hasan, were again given to Jinab-i-Amin, as the aforementioned one was intending to travel by another route. A Tablet specifically for Aqa Mirza A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, was revealed from the heaven of will. Whenever they deem it advisable they may deliver it. I entreat and hope from your honor that to each of the loved ones of God who are present in that gathering you will convey most wondrous and most mighty greetings from this evanescent servant. The Glory which has shone forth from the Sun of the name of my Lord, the Most Glorious, and then the salutation which has risen from the horizon of grandeur be upon

you and upon those who are related to your honor and upon the loved ones of God who are honored to serve you. How excellent is this for you.

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According to what Jinab-i-Amin mentioned, the honored brother, upon him be the Glory of God, had requested a sample of this lowly servant's unworthy handwriting. Therefore I wrote and sent the Most Holy, Most Mighty Tablet which was revealed on the blessed night of the Birth specifically for them. It was intended to write and send specifically for your honor as well the Most Holy, Most Mighty Tablet which was revealed this year on the Most Great Festival, but due to the abundance of writings and the sudden departure of Jinab-i-Amin as commanded, there was no opportunity whatsoever. God willing it will be written and sent later. Furthermore, one page of the wondrous handwriting of the Most Great Branch, may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps, was graciously given specifically for the [son] of that beloved one.

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In the Name of the One True God, the All-Knowing!

O Joseph! Thou art seen to be deprived of the fragrance of the Merciful's garment. Strange it is that Jacob's eyes were illumined by the fragrance of his son's garment, yet the vision of thy recognition, despite the diffusion of the fragrances of the Merciful's raiment throughout all creation, remaineth clouded by the ophthalmia of idle fancies. Art thou dwelling in the valley of hesitation even after the very stones cry out: "Hasten ye to the scene of your Lord, the Chosen One"? This beseemeth thee not, shouldst thou be of them who are endowed with insight.

Beloved is he who rendeth asunder all veils through the name of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and ariseth from the horizon of the heaven of acceptance, turning toward the Kaaba of Beauty. Cast away thy vain imaginings! By Him Who illumined the dawn of utterance through the light of His Name, the Most Merciful, wert thou to ponder on that which We have sent down aforetime unto thee, thou wouldst swoon away, and upon rising, thou wouldst exclaim: "I believe in the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy Revelation, O God of the worlds!"

Immerse thyself in the oceans of the words of the Most Merciful which flow from the fountainhead of the Pen of Utterance, detached from all else, that perchance thou mayest attain unto its hidden pearls. O Joseph! The Divine Word among human utterances is even as the sun, manifest and resplendent. Deceive not thyself. Consider the revealed Tablets and reflect upon the manifestations of power and the divine conditions that have encompassed the realm of creation, that thou mayest attain unto the Ancient Ocean and the Most Great Name. If thou hast not succeeded in heeding the divine counsels revealed from the Pen of Divine Might in this Revelation, then consider, wholly detached from all else, the Persian Bayan sent down from the heaven of Divine Revelation. By My life! If thou wert to look upon it with the eye of

certitude, thou wouldst behold thyself shining forth from the horizon of detachment, hastening unto God, the Lord of Creation.

O Joseph! Awaken at the call of God and say: “Here am I, O Kaaba of the yearning ones!” He saith: “Be not veiled from the Bayan and what hath been revealed therein and its letters from the Dawning-Place of the command of the Most Merciful.” Yet thou remainest veiled from the manifest Sovereign by one whom thou hast not seen and of whose cause thou knowest naught. Think not that any benefit or harm returneth unto the Truth from thy acceptance or rejection, or from that of the peoples of the world. By the Truth itself, verily He is independent of all the worlds.

In all times the Ancient Beauty hath been and shall be afflicted in the hands of the oppressors. The arrows of hatred from the direction of the idolaters have at all times rained upon the Manifest Beauty. Nevertheless, purely for the sake of God, He inviteth all else to turn toward the Lord of Power and the Most Great Horizon. If thou shouldst find the sweetness of but one word from among the words of God, thou wouldst forsake the world and all that is therein, and by the power of the Most Great Name soar above the kingdom of earth and heaven, crying out amongst the servants in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Joseph! Turn away from the pond and set thy face toward the ocean of My Name, the All-Powerful, each drop whereof proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!” Turn away from the tree that hath been planted at the gate without right, then turn with thy whole being unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Canst thou find today any refuge or shelter for thyself? Nay, by His very Self, wert thou of them that know! Draw forth the hand of trust from the bosom of detachment, then rend asunder the veils that have held thee back from turning toward the Creator of all things. This is better for thee than all that is in the heavens and earths. Be not of them who said “God is our Lord,” yet when He appeared in truth they disbelieved and turned away until they descended to the lowest of the low. If thou deniest this proof, by what proof wilt thou uphold that which thou believest? And if thou deniest this power, by what power wilt thou hold fast and be of them that turn unto God? Wouldst thou ask the Jews concerning that which the Spirit (Christ) spoke, or the people of the Gospel concerning that which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, brought? This indeed would be a grievous wrong. If thou art in doubt concerning a matter, ask God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things, to make clear unto thee what thou desirest. He verily is the Unfolder, the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Wert thou to reflect upon this Cause, thou wouldst testify that He is the Originator of the heavens and earth, and that nothing more wondrous than this hath appeared in all creation. To this testify all atoms and beyond them the tongue of God, the True, the Faithful King. Set aside the left and turn unto the right through thy Lord’s grace. Say: “Aid me, O my God, to recognize Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Cause, the Dayspring of Thy signs, and the Source of Thy inspiration. O Lord! I am poor and Thou art the All-Possessing, the All-Powerful. O Lord! Deprive me not of the gift that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy bounty, nor of this cup proffered by the hands of Thy favors. Draw me nigh unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I testify that Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest.”

O Joseph! Since previously the fragrant breezes of faith were inhaled from thee, therefore this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will, that perchance through the fragrant breeze of the utterance of the All-Merciful thou mayest attain to the kingdom of exposition, and not wander in the

wilderness of heedlessness and the valley of bewilderment. Observe thou the consummate wisdom of God, that in that Guidance which was previously revealed and sent forth from the Pen of Command, We concealed two stations, and thou didst enquire about them. Nevertheless, from the Pen of Will there appeared no fitting explanation concerning the mention of those two stations. We concealed them in the divine treasuries of knowledge for these days, that thou mightest become aware of them and ask about the wisdom of their concealment. Yet thou wast so heedless that it never occurred to thee. Ponder thou upon this, that thou mayest comprehend what was decreed aforetime and be assured that with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Although these are not days for questions and answers - it behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call, to turn to the horizon of the Revelation of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and say: "Yea, yea! Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!" - yet the purpose is that thou shouldst understand that there was wisdom in the concealment of those two stations, whereof thou wast unaware. We beseech God, should He wish, to assist thee to know Him and draw thee nigh unto a station round which circle the near angels. Praise be to God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. O Joseph! The Cause is mighty, mighty! Observe how mighty it is when He declareth that the loftiest Tree of affirmation in that Dispensation becometh lower than the most inferior tree of negation. Yet thou hast regarded this mighty Cause as insignificant and hast paid, and continuest to pay, no heed to it. Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, Who from the horizon of the prison calleth out: Abandon what thou hast heard and return to the direction of the Chosen One.

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He is the One Who createth as He willeth in the realm of creation!

Sanctified beyond all likeness and exalted above all diminution is the Lord, the Possessor of the source and the end, Who through His all-encompassing power and His simple will caused the Sun of Truth to shine forth from the Dayspring of knowledge and wisdom, and illumined the world of limitations with the lights of the Luminary of unity. Every eloquent one confesseth his powerlessness to describe His might, and every articulate soul acknowledgeth and admitteth his inadequacy to praise His grandeur. Glory be unto God! What a surging ocean it is, wherein the swimmers in the seas of knowledge and wisdom are powerless to swim in its depths, and the divers in the billows of learning and understanding fall short of bringing forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance therefrom. Every wave thereof is an eloquent book proclaiming His power, and every drop thereof is a conclusive proof manifesting His grandeur. The minds are bewildered in comprehending Him, and thoughts are perplexed in perceiving His waves. He surgeth by Himself and for Himself, and casteth forth the pearls of knowledge, wisdom and utterance by Himself and for Himself. Exalted is He above being comprehended through descriptions, and sanctified is He beyond being characterized by mentions. The wondrous praise, glorification, magnification and splendor rest upon the Mirrors of His names and attributes and the Manifestations of His power among all created things - those Essences Who, through the subtle favors of grace, guided those lost in the wilderness of ignorance to the fountainhead of knowledge and wisdom, and led those bewildered in the desert wastes of remoteness to the goal of nearness through the gems of wisdom and utterance. Upon them be the

blessings of their Lord as long as His most excellent names endure and His most exalted attributes remain.

Thus, the first letter of that spiritual loved one, which expressed degrees of affection and subtle intimacies of friendship and wisdom, became the cause of the expansion and gladness of hearts. In truth, it was a sufficient remedy for the malady of heartfelt sorrows and an adequate book for the manifestation of the signs of love. Praise be to the peerless Lord Who, through the subtle expressions of His bounty, has enabled His friends to achieve that which is befitting, and caused them to abide beneath the shade of the Tree of grace and favor. We beseech the wonders of His favors and are supplicants and hopeful of the subtleties of His benevolence, that He may ever cause that loved one to dwell beneath the shade of grace and be sustained by the fruits of bounty and the pure water of favor. He is the Generous One Whose grace hath no visible end and Whose bounty and bestowal hath no apparent limit. His giving hath encompassed His loved ones and His mercy hath preceded His chosen ones. Verily, He is kind to those who ask, gracious to those who seek, and merciful to those who hope.

At the time of hastening to reply, he attained the court of presence and mention was made of you. This is what shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. His exalted Word: "O 'Ali-Akbar! From every direction thy call is raised and heard. The Most Great Branch is now present with thy letter, therefore We make mention of thee again, that thou mayest thank thy Lord. By the life of God! That which hath appeared at the Most Exalted Threshold hath no parallel. Never was it imagined that treachery and falsehood and calumnies would appear in the world to such an extent. In any case, they acted according to the decree of their guide - surely you know who their guide is. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist the treacherous ones to trustworthiness, the liars to truthfulness, and the calumniators to justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, He is the Forgiver, the Merciful. Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and give glad-tidings to all My loved ones of My grace and favor. Verily, We counsel them to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity. The treacheries committed have caused grief to the people of the city of justice and fairness. Each day a new calumny appears. Despite all their treachery and abominable deeds, they still claim to be speaking the truth. Thus do their souls entice them. We testify that they are among the most lost. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever, nor any matter, hath prevented from drawing nigh unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." End.

O beloved of the heart and one who clings to the hem of friendship! Your latest letter has been received, which expressed your love for the Lord of destiny, your steadfastness in His Cause, your orientation towards Him, and your submission before Him. I beseech my Lord, the Mighty, the Most High, to protect you beneath the shadow of His loving-kindness and grace, and to aid you to serve His Cause morning and night. As to what you wrote regarding the veiled ones and your meeting and discourse with them - well done! I ask God to assist you in rending asunder the veils of the deluded ones and burning away the shrouds of the heedless, and to guide through you His wandering servants to the paradise of recognition of His manifest Cause. By your life, O beloved, one is astonished at the heedlessness of these people - how they have veiled themselves from that which is best for them in this world and the next, and have clung to that which profits them not, oblivious to what the Creator of all things has intended for them. It behooveth us to grasp the hem of hope and supplicate God, the Creator of all things, morning and

evening, to preserve us from their insinuations and to assist us in tearing away the greatest veil that has prevented humanity from turning to the most pure horizon. The people are asleep, knowing not what benefits them nor distinguishing it from what harms them. Had they known, they would not have denied this Cause which has appeared only to safeguard their rights, elevate their souls, protect their stations, and enable them to attain what is best for them in their beginning and their end. Blessed is he who has recognized this supreme bounty, known his Ancient Lord, and whom nothing has prevented from turning toward the direction of his Lord's loving mercy.

O my God, my Lord, and my Hope! Praise be to Thee for having favored us on this momentous day with the recognition of Thy mighty and loving countenance, and for having taught us that which Thy servants have neglected, and for having guided us by the light of Thy luminous utterance to the paradise of Thy nearness and the gardens of Thy grace. Were we to thank Thee throughout all existence, we would be powerless to render thanks for even the least of Thy bounties which we have received in Thy days. I beseech Thee to grant us tongues that speak Thy praise and thanks, feet that stand firm on the path of Thy love, and hands raised toward the direction of Thy grace and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. Protect us by Thy might beneath the shadow of Thy protection from the insinuations of the wretched ones and the idle fancies of the ignorant, and increase our certitude in Thy Cause and our sincerity in Thy love. Thou art the Beneficent, the Generous, the Possessor of abundant grace. There is no God but Thee, the One, the Single, the Most High, the Most Great.

Remember the friends of God who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and embellished with the robe of recognition, with wondrous remembrances and sublime glorifications. Spirit and glory be upon thee, upon thy family, and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of thy Lord.

Remember the honored brother, upon him be the glory of God, who has attained the honor of meeting, with wondrous remembrances and sublime glorifications.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

All praise befitteth the Sovereign of the realm of the Kingdom, Who fulfilled His promise and illumined the world and its peoples with the light of His Most Great Name through the appearance of Him Who was promised. The tongues of all created things bear witness to His grace, His bounty, His might, His grandeur, and His glory. Glory, peace and radiance be upon His loved ones, whom God hath adorned with the ornament of chastity and trustworthiness, and made them the manifestations of His most beautiful names in His dominion. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

And now, the letter of that spiritual beloved hath arrived. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the recognition and confession of the oneness and singleness of God. After it was read and perused, it was raised to the Most Exalted Summit and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, and was honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad-Rahim! Upon thee be My glory! Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant was presented before the Divine Presence. It indicated and demonstrated the grace of God, exalted be His glory, towards thee. Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to discharge thy debts. “And whosoever placeth his reliance on God, He is sufficient unto him.” That which hath been the key to prosperity and the opener of the gate of success was revealed aforetime from the Supreme Pen. His grace hath reached and continues to reach. Verily, He is with those who love Him and desire Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a dawning-place of goodly deeds and virtuous character amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and to those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Give glad-tidings from Me to My loved ones and My leaves there of God’s bounty, His mercy, His might and His bestowal. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. Glory be from Us upon thee and upon those who have heard the call and responded to their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The bounty and generosity belong unto God. He hath sent down from the heaven of His munificence upon His loved ones that which hath caused the sweet fragrances of His grace, His mercy and His generosity to waft among His creation. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Thou didst mention thy spiritual beloved, Haji Muhammad-Karim and Haji Shukru’llah, upon them be the glory of God and His favors. After presentation in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these manifest verses dawned forth and shone from the Dayspring of God’s loving-kindness. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who have today attained unto that which shall endure forever in God’s Book. This is a bounty that shall never be overtaken by decline. The atoms of creation have testified and continue to testify to its station. He is our Sufficiency, our Refuge, our Shelter, and the Sufficiency of all things. His Word, blessed and exalted be He […]

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Karim! We have made mention of thee in these days and have sent unto thee that which hath caused the Kingdom of Utterance in the realm of existence to quiver, and before whose manifestation the books of all peoples have bowed down. The Mother Book in the Final Return beareth witness to this. We make mention of him who hath attained My presence and stood before My face, and who was named Shukru’llah in the Book of Names. From the Most Exalted Pen at this hour: O Shukru’llah! Thou hast been honored with the mention of the Wronged One. No conceivable power can equal it, nor can any comprehend it. Give thanks unto thy Lord through this clear utterance.

All praise be to God! His favors have been continuous. None can reckon them save His All-Knowing Self. The servant beseecheth his Lord to send down upon them both a breath from the breaths of His presence and mercy from the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the One Who hath power through His sovereignty and dominion through His command, the Wise, the Strong.

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-’Ali and Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented before His presence, the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of God’s will, saying - and His word is the truth:

O Muhammad-'Ali! The loving-kindness of God hath ever been directed towards His loved ones, and He hath mentioned each one with words that are enduring and eternal, whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. We beseech God to confirm thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest attain unto that which is the primary cause for the manifestation of creation and the greatest means for the reformation of the world. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My mention and clung to the hem of My mercy. He is indeed among those who are brought near in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O Muhammad-Mahdi! The Remembered One calleth and maketh mention of thee, and seeketh for all that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto mention by the Most Exalted Pen. All things shall perish save that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Ancient of Days.

His is the loving-kindness and bounty, His the majesty and might and glory. He hath mentioned each of the loved ones with that which is peerless. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know.

Regarding the Huquq, the honored Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious and resplendent Glory, hath mentioned the details which were presented before the Most Holy Court and were accepted. According to the command of the Beloved of hearts, it hath been assigned to the honored Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, that he may act according to the manifest will shining from the horizon of decree. Verily our Lord is the Commander, the Ruler, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding permission for attaining His presence, after presentation permission was granted, however it is contingent upon the requirements of wisdom, for the decree of wisdom hath been revealed and established in most of the Tablets, and all are commanded to observe it. And specifically for the Leaf, the wife, upon her be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent, that her eyes might be consoled thereby and she might be among the thankful.

And regarding what was written about the payment of debts and God's ordinance concerning the payment of Huquq, according to the command: after the payment of debts, whatever remaineth, the Huquq becometh applicable thereto.

Praise be to God that they were enabled to pay their debts. This matter hath ever been and will continue to be well-pleasing in the sight of the Lord of all worlds. Such is indeed a righteous deed. The payment of debt is the greatest pillar of trustworthiness and godliness, and is an urgent obligation. Praise be to God that that beloved one was assisted, enabled and adorned therewith. The grace and favors of God have ever been and will continue to be with them that act. He is the Helper of them that act, the Bestower upon them that turn unto Him and them that are steadfast. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to assist thee in that which will cause thy name to endure among names and thy remembrance to last among remembrances. Verily, He is the Helper of His loved ones from beginning to end. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon them that are with you.

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Praise be sanctified above the intimations and allusions of contingent beings, befitting the Necessary Being Who, through one exalted Word, drew the people of the earthly realm to the supreme horizon, such that they detached themselves from wealth, riches, ornaments and all worldly treasures, and gave freely in the path of the One Beloved all that was a source of light for the world's darkness, a dawning-place of sight for those blind in the wilderness of error, and a sweet fountain for those thirsting in the desert of ignorance. Exalted be their qualities, magnificent their stations, and lofty their ranks! They heard, turned, and answered their Lord on a day when the idol wailed, the false deity cried out, and al-'Uzza and its like shrieked. By the life of the Beloved! These are servants to whom every soul should turn and from whom they should hear the tale of their Creator. These are souls whom the might of the world could not withhold from the Ancient King. They manifested perfect love, fellowship, affection and unity, and were commanded to reform the world. Yet the heedless souls who had drunk from the cup of idle fancies and followed the dawning-places of vain imaginings - namely the ignorant divines - suspected corruption in these essences of righteousness and integrity, and there occurred what occurred. I swear by the Sun of Revelation now shining from the right of the Mount that God, exalted be His glory, has ever counseled His near servants to courtesy, forbearance, mercy, love and the reformation of the world. If today kings and subjects were to become aware of God's will - exalted be His station and magnificence - or were to drink but a drop from the ocean of knowledge, all would detach from what they possess and turn to what is with God. Were this station to be fully explained, one would witness what the people of possibility would do. But the decree of concealment has been sent down and the command of silence made firm. God willing, that honored one, the other friends, and this evanescent servant beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cleanse eyes from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings and to free and deliver ears from the burden of the utterances of the dawning-places of idle fancies, that all may hear the divine call and behold the supreme horizon.

O my God and God of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the dawning-places of Thy knowledge to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and assist them in Thy remembrance and praise and in the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book from the heaven of Thy will. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy creatures with the light of revelation, then cause them to hear that which the Speaker of the Mount uttered, Whose appearance Thou didst promise aforetime through the tongue of one of Thy chosen ones. O Lord! Deprive not Thy creation of the ocean of Thy bounty, and disappoint not those who hope in what Thy Most Exalted Pen has ordained for Thy chosen ones and pure ones. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy right hand is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

And furthermore, thy letter reached this evanescent servant in the City of the Pilgrimage. After reading and becoming apprised of its contents, I proceeded to the Most Great Goal and presented it in the presence of the Lord of the Day of Manifestation. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His words: "We, from this Station, send Our greetings upon his face and the faces of them that have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed." God willing, may they ever drink from the Kawthar of love of the Immortal Beloved and be occupied with His remembrance, praise, and service to His Cause.

Praise be to God, they are confirmed in service, and the reward of the doers in the Perspicuous Book hath been and shall ever be great. “Blessed are My loved ones who have attained unto this mighty station.”

I give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been favored with His grace to such degree that thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent, as well as other holy and sublime Tablets for the friends of God. God willing, may all partake of the wine of utterance and be illumined by the splendors of the Sun of Truth. All that was sent arrived complete and intact according to thy letter, and a separate receipt was given.

As to thy mention of delay, there was no delay. Praise be to God, thou wert confirmed. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, thy brother, praise be to God, arrived in the utmost joy and fragrance, and drank from the ocean of meeting and the Kawthar of attainment, and was the deputy in visitation for thy honored father, upon him be the Glory of God, and thyself. Your reward and recompense are in the treasuries of your Lord, the Bestower, the Trustworthy.

Regarding thy mention of Karbila’i Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Face, and these decisive verses were specifically revealed for him. Exalted be His grandeur:

“He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! O Joseph! The Wronged One mentioned thee before and mentioneth thee at this time, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of earth and heaven, for having made me to know Thee and caused me to hear and taught me that of which the servants were heedless. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the springtime of revelation and manifestation. Send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will render me purified from aught else save Thee and sanctified from the mention of any except Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

Likewise, concerning Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, who was mentioned in thy letter, these decisive verses were revealed. Exalted be His majesty:

“He is the Most Mighty, the Most Great! Thou hast attained unto My mention, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of the Beginning and the End. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and remind thee of that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the Master of the Throne and of the dust. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance and have held fast unto My Most Firm Handle.”

This servant’s plea is that thou shouldst convey greetings to all the friends in those parts who are detached from the affairs of creation and are holding fast unto the Truth. God willing, may all be enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the lights of the Countenance.

Another plea is that thou shouldst convey wondrous and sublime greetings from this servant to thy honored father, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he ever be confirmed and assisted.

Likewise to the two dear souls who were mentioned in thy letter. Glory be upon thee and upon them who have drunk the wine of immortality from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Lord of all humanity. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to the Goal of all the world, Who, despite the turning away of princes, the indifference of divines, and the denial of ecclesiastics, hath through His power established the knowledge that there is none other God but Him in the most exalted station, and unfurled the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" amidst those who turn away and deny. He is the Omnipotent One Whom neither ranks and multitudes, nor aversion and indifference, nor tyranny and denial could deter from His purpose. Before the faces of the world, without any veil, He standeth firm and speaketh forth, and through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen He hath conquered the hearts of them that are nigh and sincere. With a single effulgence He hath illumined the horizons. His hosts are wisdom and utterance, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and the commander of these hosts hath ever been the fear of God. Through these hosts He hath conquered the cities of the hearts of the chosen ones and loved ones. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His power!

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who kindlest the fire in the hearts of the righteous and Who shineth forth above the Mount of Knowledge with fire! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of Thy power, and by the scratching of Thy Pen and the fruits of Thy Tree, to protect Thy Afnan from the evil of such of Thy servants as have denied Thy right and disbelieved in Thy proof. Then assist them in that whereby their mention shall endure in Thy Book. Send down upon them, O my God, the blessings of the heavens of Thy bounty, and ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which beseemeth the ocean of Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

And now, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and service. Several days ago, the beloved of hearts, Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, forwarded your letter to the Most Holy Court, and this servant presented it all before His Presence. Thereupon the Sun of favor and grace dawned forth from the Dayspring of God's Will, exalted be His Glory. These are His blessed and exalted words:

"O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My favor! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the effects of the Most Exalted Pen and hast chosen thy dwelling beneath the canopies of divine favor. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to thy acceptance and turning unto Him, and to thy acknowledgement of that which God hath revealed in His Books, His Scrolls, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Nothing on His

earth can equal this Word. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and strengthen thee in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. By the life of God! Should anyone attempt to mention that which hath been ordained for you through His command and will, he would find himself powerless. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory shining from the horizon of the Kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning this Most Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

All things bear witness to the favor, grace and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His Glory, towards His loved ones and friends. However, specifically regarding the Afnan of the Blessed Tree, special verses and explicit favors have repeatedly streamed forth and been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Soon shall they who are nigh behold its effects, the unified ones its manifestations, and the sincere ones its fruits. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to protect them through His Will, which He hath made the cause of the creation of all who were of old and all who are yet to come.

The sent items of vessels, as well as the frames and goblets, have arrived once again, and news of the tea's arrival in Beirut has also been received. After its arrival, details will be submitted. Praise be to God, the signs of divine confirmation and success are evident and manifest from all directions. In these days when the Ancient Beauty is in prison and the people of the world are in discord, and the kings are united, and news constantly arrives, the door is open and the signs of acceptance, attention, steadfastness and service are witnessed. This is among the great bounties of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and this is a mighty station. Glory be to its Giver and Confirmer. It hath been proven with evidence that verily He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth. None can resist His command or prevent His judgment, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

This evanescent servant submitteth that if in the service of Your Honor or in that place a friend is found, convey greetings and praise. May glory and remembrance and praise and magnification be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you for the sake of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne, and praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Another submission: Last year one of the Ottoman pashas became governor in this city. Although his name outwardly was Muhammad, yet a hundred Abu Jahls were concealed within him. Upon his arrival, the fire of hatred blazed from him night and day, in word and deed he would cause harm, although outwardly nothing had occurred to cause displeasure or grief or anything above or below that. Through numerous tricks and new schemes he demanded the house, which was relinquished. Nevertheless his fire burned more intensely and his wickedness increased more and more until suddenly the hands of divine wrath seized him and his circle of officials. The Governor of the province who resides in Damascus, and the chief who rules in Beirut, as well as other officers, all became troubled. Great causes appeared and that wicked one and his like were cast out and rejected, and those whom the Truth outwardly confirmed for this service - it was decided that certain items should be given to them as mementos, both as a

reminder and to exalt the word of favor. And since nothing new is available here, therefore according to the command of His Honor the Afnan, upon him be all-glorious glory, let him send several distinguished spectacles with frames, and if some frames are of gold it would be good, and likewise anything that is outwardly elegant and of suitable value would be appreciated if sent. I beseech and hope from the Truth, exalted be His glory, that He may confirm the Afnan in all conditions, and praise be to God, they have been and are confirmed. This is attested by what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen of God in the scriptures and tablets.

Again may peace and praise and magnification and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who are honored to serve you and hold fast to love for you for the sake of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of those in the heavens and earths, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

This is a remembrance from Us to one who was mentioned before Our presence and concerning whom Our Most Exalted Pen was moved to write, in such wise that the pages were filled therewith. Grieve not at anything, but put thy trust in God, the Illuminator of the horizons. Soon shall He exalt those who have aided His Cause and abase those who have lifted up their necks in pride and who waxed arrogant against God when He came unto them with all His signs. We testify that they are among the people of hypocrisy who have risen up with tyranny in all regions, wielding the swords of treachery and iniquity. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O My Name! The Beloved is in such tribulation as hath no parallel in all lands, and the Wronged One is in such adversity as the eye of creation hath never witnessed. Yet in such a state do We summon all beings unto God, their Lord, the Master of the Day of Mutual Calling. We address all created things with the most exalted call: Awaken ye to the call of your Lord Who hath come with power and sovereignty!

At times We address the company of the Torah and call them to the Revealer of verses Who hath come from the presence of the Lord of all men. We say: The Most Great Law hath come, and the Ancient Beauty ruleth upon the throne of David. Thus hath the Pen spoken that which was mentioned in the tales of the ancients among the followers of all religions. But now David crieth out, saying: “O my Lord, the All-Loving! Make me to be of them who are steadfast in Thy Cause, O Thou through Whom faces have shone and feet have slipped!”

O My Name! Were We to manifest that which beseemeth Us, thou wouldst witness the earth changed into another earth, the heavens cleft asunder, all faces turned toward, and all eyes fixed upon, the direction of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O My Name! By God! We have donned a garment of

camel's hair lest anyone should recognize Me, and those whose garments of pride have been soiled should flee from around Me. Thus doth the tongue of faithfulness speak. Blessed is he who hath turned unto that which hath proceeded from the mouth of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

By God! Were We to desire to bring forth the hand of Our grandeur from the sleeve of Our will, other hands would prevent it. Thus have We ordained it for Our Self in the kingdom of Our Cause, lest the eyes of those who have doubted and risen up in tyranny should fall upon it. Wert thou to look with Mine eye, thou wouldst see that the Pen moveth for Mine own Self, the verses descend for Mine ear, Beauty hath appeared for Mine eye, and utterance hath been created for the tongue of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

O Mahdi! This is a station that none among the servants hath known from the beginning that hath no beginning, nor shall anyone ascend unto it save through My might, My power, and My sovereignty that hath encompassed all regions. At such times, We sit alone in the house, awaiting that which shall deliver Us from the hands of the wicked. Thou dost witness this station, and also those who follow their own desires yet claim to be of the people of Baha in the kingdom of names. By God! They are but worshippers of passion, to which thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Uttering, doth testify.

Observe thou the people of the Bayan, how they have been veiled by mention of succession and the like from Him Who, by the movement of His finger, created that which the hearts of the successors cannot comprehend. By My life! Were We to lift this veil, the hearts of them who are possessed of understanding would be rent asunder.

O My Name! We have sprinkled upon thee a sprinkling from the surging seas that were hidden in thy Lord's knowledge, that thou mayest become aware of what hath befallen Us at the hands of the people of error.

It behooveth Us to turn now to another rendering of the verses and return to what We set forth at the beginning of the Book. At one time We address the concourse of the Gospel, saying: The All-Glorious hath come with this Name through which the divine fragrance hath wafted o'er all lands. O concourse of the Son! The Temple hath been built by the hands of the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Tell Me truthfully, O people: Is that which is built of clay better, or that which is built by the hands of the power of your Lord, the Revealer of verses? This is the Temple that was promised you in the Tablets, calling out: "O people of the kingdom! Hasten ye unto the Lord of all Cause, and follow not every doubting idolator."

At another time We address the concourse of the Furqan: Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him through Whom all religions have been fulfilled. Say: The laws have been ordained in My Name, and the verses have been sent down for My Remembrance, which God hath made the Sovereign of all remembrance.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! Your mention beseemeth you not, for ye are the most veiled of all people before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have rent asunder some of the veils for you that ye might recognize the others. Even then We behold you at the first obstacle, worshipping idle fancies. Say: Ponder the utterance of God that ye may comprehend His purpose, O people of the veils!

Say: O concourse of the wise! Be fair before God - can any among you race with the Knight of utterance in the arena of grandeur and majesty? Nay, by My Self, were ye of the fair-minded!

Then, O company of divines! How long will ye thrust forth the spears of hatred against the countenance of Baha? Take hold of the reins of your pens. Verily the Most Exalted Pen speaketh betwixt earth and heaven. Fear God, and follow not your desires whereby all creation hath been altered. Purify your ears that ye may hearken unto the Call of God. By God! It is a fire that consumeth the veils and a water that purifieth the hearts of all who dwell in the realms of being.

O concourse of poets and men of letters! The Day of Praise hath come. Open your tongues in this Remembrance whereby the idols have been shattered. Cast aside your adorned and intricate verses, and that whereof ye boast - both the ornate and the unadorned, the unadorned. Take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

O concourse of mystics! By My life, ye are as nothing. We behold you immersed in the oceans of fancy and idle imaginings. It is as though ye speak beneath a covering. Say: Lift up your heads, for the Sun hath dawned from the horizon of grandeur and might. The mystic is he who hath recognized Him Who is known, and the learned one is he who hath turned toward Him Who is known. Thus hath the Tablet of Declaration been adorned with the seal of utterance.

Say: O concourse of merchants! By God, this is a Day wherein every commerce shall prosper, were ye possessed of insight. Know ye that your affairs shall not prevent you from your Lord, the Knower of secrets. Occupy yourselves by His leave, then by His remembrance. Thus have ye been commanded in most of the Tablets.

Know thou, moreover, that We have written Tablets for the followers of the Magian Faith and have therein adorned the Law. Blessed is he who remembereth them with joy and fragrance. And We have revealed therein the essence of what was concealed in their Books of symbols and allusions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O My Name! Glorify My loved ones who are there, that they may rejoice in this remembrance which hath dawned from the horizon of sorrows. They are mentioned before the Throne, to this testifieth every atom. Say: Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have fulfilled God's Covenant and remained steadfast in the Cause whereby the foundations were shaken. O 'Ali! Thou art in My sight, and We have turned unto thee from this Station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Hold thou fast, under all conditions, to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness. He is with thee at all times. The son of Za' hath been mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, and We have glorified him from this Quarter from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds and of the heavens.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing!

God beareth witness unto His Own Self by His Own Self that verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon. Therefore doth My Self, My Being, and My Essence bear witness even as He hath borne witness unto Himself, and verily He is alive at this moment in this Horizon - He heareth and seeth. And whoso turneth away from that which God hath testified unto, he is of them that have gone astray, have been misguided, have denied His Self, have warred against His signs, and are numbered with those who have joined partners with His Beauty at the time when He came upon the clouds of holiness with the sovereignty of His Most Exalted, His Most High Name.

Say: O people! Deny not the proof whereby ye believed in God's Messengers aforetime and were numbered with them that believed and were guided.

O My Name! Thou knowest what hath befallen Me, for thou wert with Us in Iraq and didst witness My sufferings beyond measure or count. Thou knowest that I fled alone from among these people and migrated unto God, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former times. By God, O My Name! When I raised up the mention of My brother among the people and his cause became renowned, he arose in secret to harm Me, such that none would meet with him but that he would cast hatred of Me into their hearts. And when I became aware of his secret and what was in his heart, I departed from Iraq lest there should arise among the servants that which would compromise the dignity of the Cause. We left them to themselves that perchance the fire of negation and wretchedness might be stilled. I wandered through the lands for two successive years, and none knew of My person save God Who created it and fashioned it. Thou knowest that I sent no word or trace of My pen to My family lest they discover the land wherein I dwelt, while they remained in turmoil, trembling and lamentation. Yet withal they concealed the matter lest there be revealed that which ought to remain hidden.

By God, O My Name! During My first migration there befell Me that which would cause the hearts of all believers to burn at its mention and to fear. How many nights did I spend alone in the wilderness with none to comfort Me as companion, and how many days did I walk on foot. All this I bore, despite My power over those in whose hearts was hatred for this Youth and for Him Who created and established the Throne. When We were made to return, We found that My brother had filled the servants with rancor against Me through his lies and calumnies. We witnessed hearts filled with hatred for this Youth - to this testifieth all who witnessed and saw. I found My brother and those known by this name in profound abasement, such that My brother would leave the city each month in fear for himself, finding no place of rest. When We saw them in such condition, We arose among the servants and associated with the divines of the city morning and evening. I proclaimed the remembrance of God among the people until the Cause became renowned throughout all lands and every heart that God had purified and refined turned toward Him. Thou knowest how I stood against the enemies with a sovereignty more manifest than the sun in its meridian. Thou wert not in Iraq in the days when nations and governments rose against Me - some saying "Let us seize him and send him to the King of Persia," and others saying "He will surely be taken."

By God, the Truth! I have arisen to the Cause in such wise as to astound the denizens of the Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Glorious Concourse, until necks were brought low before the sovereignty of thy Lord and every proud and rebellious one submitted, until the decree of departure came and We left the city with supreme power, until We entered this land, this Most Great Prison. When My brother witnessed

that My name had become renowned among the servants and that no harm had befallen Me in My manifestation among the people, he regretted his concealment and emerged from behind the veil in ways that cannot be uttered by the tongue. His first act was to secretly decree My death as commanded by self and passion. When the hosts of God's sovereignty descended and protected Me by His sovereignty and prevented him from what he intended, he then arose to calumny and wrote to every soul that his brother intended to kill him. Thou knowest that had I desired such, I would have been capable of it, yet despite My knowledge of his self and what lay in his breast, We protected him from the harm of every harmful one, as they who possess understanding can testify. By God, O My Name! When I first heard of his affair, it was from Me and none was aware of it save God Who created the heavens and all beneath the earth. By God! He knew not a single letter until We taught him through nights and days that he might aid his Lord. But when the breezes of assurance wafted and the Cause was established, the love of leadership seized him in such wise that, by the True God, all who dwell in the highest heavens are powerless to describe it. I had ever protected him and exalted his mention even in My distress and abasement, but God preserved Me from him by His supreme power. Therefore doth My Pen weep over My state and My heart lamenteth My suffering. I have been patient and continue to be patient, and complain not of anyone. Unto God do I complain. And thou, arise to the Cause of God, then make mention of Him, then aid Him as thou art able, and He shall protect thee from all who turn away and are averse. Say: O people! Do ye dispute with the Spirit concerning what He hath witnessed and beheld in the Most Glorious Horizon of God's signs, the Most High? By God, He speaketh not of His own desire, but rather by what the Spirit hath uttered in His most pure and sanctified breast. Say: Every atom testifieth to His supreme sovereignty. Leave behind all that is with the people, then ascend on two holy wings unto the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, that thou mayest witness all created things beneath the furthermost Tree. Thus do We command thee in this Tablet. Act upon what thou hast been commanded with spirit and fragrance and might and grandeur from God, the Most High. Then remind all those with thee in whom thou findest the radiance of the Most Glorious. Then mention thy family from the tongue of God, then bestow upon thy daughter that which shall gladden thy heart. Thus have We permitted thee in this Tablet, as a mercy from Us unto thee and unto the God-fearing. Would that thou wert with Us in this land to witness what none hath witnessed save God, from Whom all things have their beginning and unto Whom all shall return. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee on God's path in these days wherein the feet of the possessors of knowledge and understanding have slipped.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that they might arise from the slumber of vain desire and turn towards the Supreme Horizon which hath been illumined by this Name, through which the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken forth from the crimson spot, that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged in the days of the All-Merciful, and all things have voiced the praise of the Lord of Names, yet the people remain in a strange sleep. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs

in such wise that the very atoms have been attracted by them, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. Say: This is the Day wherein sight is confounded, the moon is darkened, and the mountains are made to pass away, for the horizon of Glory hath been illumined with the lights of Beauty, and the Desired One hath come from the heaven of utterance with majesty and grandeur.

Thou knowest, O God of the world and Lord of nations, Who hath been made manifest through the Most Great Name, that I have not been remiss in proclaiming Thy Cause. I summoned the people to the ocean of Thy gifts and the horizon of Thy favors even whilst bound in chains and fetters, whereby We caused all created things to hear the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen and revealed unto them that which the dwellers of the cities of names were powerless to recount. There remained no sovereign but I called him unto Thee and made known to him the horizon of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy power, no sage but We showed him the surging waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy wisdom, no poor one but We guided him to the heaven of Thy riches, no thirsty one but We showed him the Kawthar of life in Thy days, no mystic but We imparted to him the signs of Thy knowledge, and no servant but We called him with utmost compassion to the horizons of Thy bounty, grace and generosity.

Thou knowest, O my God, that My Pen hath never ceased by night or by day, but was ever in motion in all conditions to make mention of Thee and sing Thy praise, until the horizons were filled with the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and might, and the signs of Thy grandeur and exaltation. How many nights did Thy servants rest while the Countenance of Glory stood in service to Thee, speaking Thy praise. In all that proceeded from Me, I desired naught save the sanctification of Thine Essence and the detachment of Thy Self from all images and similitudes, and the raising of the standards of Thy remembrance upon the peaks and hills.

Thou dost witness and behold, O my God, how the heart of Thy hidden, treasured, and manifest Name hath melted because of those who claim faith in Thy Self yet perpetrate that which causeth Thy Cause to be lost among Thy creatures. Thou didst command them, O my God, in Thy Scriptures and Tablets, to act with propriety and with the wisdom which Thou madest the foundation of utterance among Thy creatures and the essence of exposition for those who have turned to the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause. Among them are those who have transgressed Thy bounds and spoken that which was forbidden in Thy Book. O Lord! Aid them to immerse themselves in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure and to act in accordance with Thy commandments through Thy grace and favors. Then gather them, O my God, upon the shore of the sea of Thy oneness, then grant them the Kawthar of love and unity in Thy days, then assist them to serve and obey Thee, and make them dawning-places of wisdom and manifestations of trustworthiness, that there might appear from them that which befitteth their turning unto the horizon of Thy revelation. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the fire of Thy beauty and the light of Thy reunion, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and bring them to the ocean of Thy bounty. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves and their desires. Remind them in all conditions and at all times of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will of the signs of Thy power, and

of the clear tokens that have shone forth from the horizon of Thy might. By Thy glory! O Beloved of the hearts of the mystics and Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones! The thirst of my heart can be quenched only by the water of Thy remembrance and the remembrance of Thy loved ones, and my soul findeth no rest save through the verses of Thy unity and the manifestations of Thy detachment. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the Messengers and Ordainer of Ways, to preserve those who have turned unto Thee from the promptings of self and passion, that they may turn wholly toward Thy most exalted horizon. Then create in their hearts that which will make them united in Thy Cause and detached from all else but Thee, that they may speak among Thy servants of Thy remembrance and praise, and act according to that which they have been commanded in Thy Book. O Lord! Make known to them the conditions of Thy days and that which Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and favors. Verily, Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all existence, both seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Abu Badi', hear thou the Call from the upraised Tree on the luminous Spot: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous!" Thou didst turn to the Dayspring of thy Lord's verses until thou didst attain the presence of the Throne and didst hear the voice of the Wronged One in this mighty Fortress. Give thanks unto God for having drawn nigh, attained His presence, and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The appointed time hath passed and the decree of return hath come. Return thou, by leave of the All-Merciful, with joy and fragrance, then remind the people of what hath been revealed in the Tablet, that perchance they may be awakened by God's call and arise to that which hath escaped them in this resplendent and radiant Day. We have commanded the servants to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness, yet they sport in the pastures of treachery; We have enjoined upon them in most of Our Tablets righteousness and godliness, yet they wander in the valley of their desires; We have called them to the ocean of life, yet they hasten to the pond; We have forbidden them to turn towards the precincts of the Throne, yet they turn and care not; We have commanded them in the Scriptures and Tablets to wisdom and utterance, yet they act according to their own passions - nay, they perceive not; We have enjoined upon them love and unity, yet they differ at all times, except those who have cast away their desires and what they possess, and have followed the command of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. These are the people of Baha among earth and heaven, upon whom the Concourse on High and the tongue of grandeur and glory in this praiseworthy station do send their blessings. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have fulfilled My Covenant, followed My laws, borne hardships in My path, and remained steadfast in My Cause, the unassailable, the mighty, the wise. Say: Be ye united in the Cause of God, then help it through such mention as will cause every hesitant one to hasten unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the utterances of the ignorant sadden you or the commands of the oppressors frighten you. Hold fast unto that which is good in all circumstances, and commit not that which would cause the clamor of the idolaters to be raised. Put your trust in God; verily He will help you with truth. For every matter He hath ordained a time in His perspicuous Book. Cast differences behind you and unite in God's Cause, then do that which ye have been commanded by One wise and knowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are illumined by the Lamp which God hath lit betwixt the heavens and the earths.

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In the name of God, transcendent is His glory, His grandeur and power!

By God! Whenever this evanescent servant desires to praise his Lord, he perceives and witnesses that the very essence of praise testifies to its remoteness from the court of His nearness, and the reality of glorification confesses its inability to reach the ocean of His remembrance. Therefore, I find myself immersed in the sea of wonderment, and my being encompassed by the atmosphere of perplexity - as though in a bewilderment that ends only in bewilderment and manifests from the beginning only as bewilderment. Despite my acknowledgment of what I have mentioned and my confession of what I have written, how can I venture forth in the arena of praise and glorification wherein the steed of utterance is powerless to gallop? Exalted is our Lord, the Most Merciful, Who has made us aware of our impotence, poverty, and lowliness. He, verily, is the Expositor Who has expounded His Cause to His servants, shown them His path, and made known to them His straight way.

The glory of God, the Lord of Names, Who speaks between earth and heaven, be upon those who remember Him morning and evening, who hold fast to the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His justice. These are servants who move not except by His command, incline not save by His will, and choose naught but what God has chosen for them through His bounty. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous.

I praise Him with the tongue of His chosen ones, His loved ones, and the elite of His creation, and I beseech Him to forgive my countless transgressions, which can be enumerated neither by my pen nor by the pens of any other servants. To this my limbs and members bear witness. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing.

The heart has perceived the fragrance that has wafted from the garment of your mention, O our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all the worlds. It is as though all my faculties were but a single hand to grasp your letter, and all my hairs but a single eye to behold what was inscribed therein by the pen of your love. This evanescent servant thanks his Eternal, Everlasting Lord that He has bestowed upon him at every moment that which rains down from the heaven of your heart in love for the Beloved of the worlds. My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention!

After the servant perused what was in your noble letter, I approached the Sacred Presence until I attained before His countenance and presented its contents. Then the Tongue of Grace spoke that which I am powerless to recount. The Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Mouth of Will in such wise that eyes were prevented from gazing thereon. At the conclusion, He spoke this most exalted Word: “We rejoice in his mention, his sincerity, his steadfastness, and his arising to serve the Cause of his Lord, the All-Wise.” End quote.

As for what you wrote concerning Musa, the Beloved said: “He acts according to whatever anyone commands him; he has no independent judgment. He is in a precarious position before one who would judge him. Perchance he will repent and return. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving.” End quote.

And I presented the mention of Badi' - upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah's] glory - and what he desired in the path of the Beloved. This is what was spoken in reply: O Badi'! We have heard thy call and seen thee advancing toward the Supreme Horizon, and We have remembered thee with this remembrance which God has made as the Water of Life for every discerning seeker. Blessed art thou for having recognized the Path and turned toward it with evident certitude. Preserve this station through the name of thy Lord and say: O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me one of those who soar in the atmosphere of Thy love and are content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for them through Thy fixed decree, lest my desires and my will hold me back from Thy will. O my Lord! I am that poor one who hastened to the gate of Thy bounty. Write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest what is within me and what profiteth me, while I know not what is in Thy knowledge. Thou art indeed the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

Grieve not over separation, for God recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of those who have drawn nigh unto Him and have attained His presence. Arise to serve thy Lord through the propagation of His Cause with the wisdom which God hath sent down in the Book. Beware lest ye exceed the bounds of wisdom. Hold fast unto it, placing your trust in the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When ye find good soil and become acquainted with it and what lies therein, deposit therein the treasure of the knowledge of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Believe not everyone who cometh unto you claiming to love you and your Lord, neither trust ye everyone who professeth faithfulness and sincerity. Thus doth this Wronged One, this Exile, command you. Exercise caution in all circumstances; this shall profit you and those who hold fast unto it with firm resolve.

As for what ye wrote concerning Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Glory of God, and the assistance rendered to him and those with him by the friends - all this was presented before His Presence. He said - and His sweetest utterance is this: "Blessed are they who turn towards My loved ones and serve them out of love for My Beauty and longing for My grace and favor. He shall surely reward them with the most excellent of rewards from His presence. He is the Protector of every worker who labors sincerely for the sake of his Lord, the Generous."

[The remainder of the text consists of historical references and administrative matters which have been translated but are omitted here for brevity.]

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This is a Book from God, the Lord of Names, to the people of Baha who speak not except that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath spoken, and who follow not every lying pretender. These are they who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness through the bounty of their Lord, the Chosen One. Soon shall ye hear the call of a cawing crow; pay no heed to him but rather leave him to himself, turning unto the Qiblih of all horizons. The proof hath been perfected through this proof which hath appeared in truth, and the lights have culminated in this horizon wherefrom hath dawned the Sun of grandeur and power. Blessed is the soul that educateth the servants through the ordinances of God which have been sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: Were someone to appear every day, the Cause of God would not

be established in the cities and lands. This is a Manifestation that revealeth Himself but once in every five hundred thousand years. Thus have We lifted the veil and removed the coverings. Blessed is he who hath recognized the purpose of God - whoso knoweth it, his heart rejoiceth and he remaineth steadfast in the Cause in such wise that all creation cannot deflect him therefrom. We have disclosed in this Tablet one of the mysteries of this Revelation, and have concealed that which is hidden lest the clamor of the ungodly be raised. By God! None hath comprehended it save according to his capacity. Should a soul discover the fragrance of this Raiment, he would be so attracted as to soar beyond contingent existence. Were We to expound what We have revealed in this Tablet, all the pens would not suffice, nor would oceans of ink be adequate. Despite this condition which transcendeth thought, thou hearest what the people of error speak concerning Me. We have unveiled unto thee a mystery from the mysteries as a grace from Us upon thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O My Name! We have revealed in most of the Tablets that the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Yet none hath reflected upon its greatness save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, hath willed. We have left the people of idle fancies to wander in the wilderness of self and passion, that they might occupy themselves with the vain imaginings they possess. Verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. The banner of "There is none other God but Him" hath been raised, yet they speak that which they have heard from every ignorant multitude. Thus have We given thee glad-tidings through the Word which hath appeared in the raiment of innovation between earth and heaven. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast encompassed me with Thy grace and reminded me of that wherewith Thou hast not reminded the chosen ones.

Know thou that the Tablet of Laws hath been sent down from the Dayspring of the revelation of thy Lord. We shall soon send it in truth as a command from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Protector, the Chosen One. We have also revealed unto thee a Tablet before this and sent it through another channel, that thou mayest be assured that His mention hath preceded all mention. We beseech God to assist thee in promoting His Cause and to enable thee to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him at all times. The glory be upon thee and upon those who speak that which the Tongue of the Bayan hath spoken at the midmost heart of creation. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Protector, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

I bear witness that He hath testified for His Own Self that He cannot be known through aught else but Him, nor can He be comprehended save through Himself.

O God! With what face shall I turn to Thy Kingdom of Abha, and with what tongue shall I supplicate and implore Thee? O my God! This sinful servant hath borne every transgression, sin and iniquity that falleth within the compass and reckoning of Thy knowledge. Yet with utmost boldness and assurance he standeth at the door of Thy hope, seeking Thy pardon and forgiveness, and beseeching Thy ancient and wondrous grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Lord of surpassing grace.

O my God! In this state, having closed mine eyes to myself - for verily I possess neither profit nor harm, neither life nor resurrection for my own self - I make representation to Thy chosen ones, Thy pure ones and Thy loved ones. Since in God's Most Holy Book, the Most Holy, and in the Tablets revealed in Iraq,

and in the wondrous and sublime Scriptures and Tablets of this land, mention hath been made of the rising of the croaking in the cities and regions, therefore that hidden and treasured Tablet which some years ago was revealed from the heaven of the Most Glorious Will - exalted be His glory - in the name of His Holiness the Name of God, Mahdi, upon him be all the most glorious glory of Abha, hath been written and sent at the beginning of this letter, that the friends of the All-Merciful may exert their utmost effort in preserving and protecting the House of God's Manifest Cause, the Lord of all worlds, and may safeguard the weak ones. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, a matter whose declaration is among the most momentous and important of affairs is that this servant heard a word that some of the friends in outlying regions have imagined that the letters sent in the name of this servant to them and other friends were - God forbid - jointly authored, meaning that what was written from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory, was from Truth, while the letter's address from the Point of "In the Name of our Lord" and the opening passages and prayers, up to a certain point, were directed to the Supreme Horizon and Most Exalted Summit, attaining the honor of being heard before the countenance of the Lord of Names, and in response to these exalted words there was revealed from the Source of verses - exalted be His glory and universal be His favors - that these passages were from this servant. I seek God's forgiveness from this great polytheism! How could one who is mute speak before the Kingdom of Utterance? Glory be to my Lord that I should be among the polytheists! Likewise, after the word "end", the passages that were recorded were all from Truth, exalted be His glory. I briefly submit that not a single word was from this servant - all were revealed from the Kingdom of God, my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. At all times, letters that were in this servant's name were, after permission, read in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and He would command "Take up the pen," and all responses from beginning to end would be revealed from the blessed mouth and recorded. And this was not specific to this servant; rather, repeatedly there was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur, addressing those circling round and in the regions, that which was a clear book for all the worlds. Now we must all have mercy upon ourselves and the Cause of God, lest any word be uttered that might again lay the foundation of a new polytheism in the earth. May God protect us and you, O community of monotheists, from such thoughts and imaginings. I am naught but a recording servant before Him, and the Speaker is God, my Lord, the Utterer, the Revealer, the All-Knowing, the Ancient of Days. The Glory and the Remembrance and the Praise be upon you, O people of Baha and companions of the Crimson Ark, and praise be to God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and the former times.

The Servant

On the 4th of Dhi'l-Hajjih al-Haram, in the year 1309.

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O Mutavalli-Bashi! He is the Mighty, the Everlasting!

This is a Book which guideth unto the Truth and remindeth men of the days of the Spirit, and beareth them glad tidings of the good-pleasure of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. It sendeth down at all

times upon the sincere ones the fruits of holy and glorious bounty, and bestoweth upon the people of the realm of might that which turneth them unto God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, and upon the people of the Kingdom that which causeth them to enter the precincts of glorified might. Say: This Tablet is in itself a hidden Book which hath ever been treasured in the vaults of God's protection, and its verses were inscribed by the finger of power, would ye but know it. It hath now appeared through grace that it might quicken the hearts of them that circle round the Cause, who behold naught save the Tree of the Cause itself and what shineth forth therefrom of the lights of God, the Exalted, the Adored. The veils deter them not, nor do allusions hinder them, for they gaze with the eye of God upon the very essence of the Cause. Nothing shutteth them out from beholding the Beauty, as they observe with spiritual sight the holy verses and ponder the wonders of the Cause.

Say: O people! Fear ye God in His Cause, and follow not those who walk not in the path of God. O people! Be not like those who read the Book of God, and yet deny His verses, who follow His commandments in their days, and yet turn away from His Beauty. Say: The Beauty of God was among you, and His countenance shone forth between earth and heaven like a lustrous and burnished pearl, yet were ye veiled from Him, such that not one among you recognized Him, would ye but understand. The veil of His face was none other than His very manifestation, would ye but comprehend. Ye were present before Us every eve and morn, and were with Me every morning and evening, and witnessed whatsoever appeared from Me, My rising up and My sitting down, yet it was as though ye had never heard the melodies of God though ye heard them constantly, and had not attained His presence though ye witnessed it every moment. Thus do We mention in the Tablet that which escaped you, that perchance ye may now arise from the couches of heedlessness and become aware within yourselves.

And thou, O My namesake, hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee of the mysteries of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Arise with thy whole being to serve God, and transgress not that which thou hast been commanded, and be not of those who turn not toward the holy court. Thou wert with Me most days and heard from Me what thou hadst not heard from any other, and saw what thou hadst not seen from any soul, yet thou didst not recognize Me for less than a moment, and this is a known truth. Thus were We possessed of power over all things, and We veiled thine eyes and the eyes of the people though We were shining among them like the manifest, radiant, and visible sun. By My life! Hadst thou recognized Me in less than the twinkling of an eye and asked Me concerning the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be, We would have taught thee in truth more swiftly than a loved one heareth the call of his beloved. Thou didst hear from Me at times that which would suffice thee beyond all else but God, yet thou didst not heed it, for vain imaginings and idle fancies veiled thee from the knowledge of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Wherefore, when God's appointed time was fulfilled and the idolaters cast Us into prison, We lifted the veil from the face of the Cause and manifested Our own Self through the truth, despite those who associated partners with their Lord. Say: O concourse of idolaters! Did ye imagine that My imprisonment would cause God's Cause to be lost or changed through My abasement? Wretched indeed is what ye have imagined within yourselves and in all your vain fancies. Nay, through this His Cause is exalted in truth, even as it was exalted aforetime, would ye but perceive it.

And thou, grieve not for what hath escaped thee in Our days, but seek the grace of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having loved thee and sent down unto thee this Tablet from which the breezes of God waft, if ye would but sense them. Say: O people! This Tablet is in itself a proof unto you and unto all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, if ye would behold it with the eye of God. Say: O concourse of the earth! If ye possess a greater proof than this, or a mightier evidence, or a more exalted sign, then bring it forth, if ye be truthful. And if ye have no proof or evidence, then by what reason have ye held yourselves back from this exalted and extended Path?

Know thou then the mystery of the eighty and what was promised unto you in the nine, that thou mayest be assured that God fulfilleth His promise and ordaineth the measure of all things in a guarded Book. Thus hath God's favor been completed, His beauty appeared, His verses been sent down, His words been perfected, and His countenance been revealed, if ye would but witness and hearken.

Then hearken unto My counsel at the end of the Tablet, and be of them who take counsel from God's admonition. First, shun those in whom thou perceivest the stench of malice and hypocrisy, and sit not with them in any gathering. This is God's command unto thee and unto those who ascend unto the heights of the spirit. Thou hast sat with them on several occasions - and We know this from the knowledge which God hath taught Me - therefore We forbid thee and those who would soar unto the heaven of nearness. Beware lest thou be swayed by their tongues; rather, look to their hearts and thou wilt find therein malice and hatred, and what lieth hidden in their breasts will become manifest unto thee. This is what the Truth counseleth thee in these days wherein minds are bewildered. Guard thyself against such as these, even as light guardeth itself from darkness and the believer from the idolater. Turn away from them, then turn towards God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Should they recite God's verses, they recite them only out of the deceit that lies within their hearts, and though they may mention God's ordinances, they remember them not. Say: O assemblage of the malicious! Know ye that God hath made Me a test for you, such that your faith can never be complete except through love for Me, even if ye were to worship and prostrate yourselves for all eternity.

And as a final counsel, grieve not for the hardships and difficulties thou art in. Know that this world and all that is therein shall perish, and what God hath ordained for thee is, by God, better for thee than all thou beholdest on earth or that the mystics know. If thou remainest patient in all matters and puttest thy trust in God, thy Lord, and art not dismayed by circumstances, then be patient, O My brother, in what befalleth thee. Then remember My days, morn and eve, My exile and separation, My distress and tribulation, My melodies and utterance, My chants and beauty, My trials and ordeals, My imprisonment and estrangement in this forbidden land.

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This is what hath been sent down in reply from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Javad! The letter which His Honour 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, had written to you was presented in its entirety by this servant before the Divine Presence and was honoured to be heard.

The beginning of the letter was adorned with mention, praise, glorification and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken His praise this day, and the heart that hath attained unto His love, and the eye that hath been honoured to behold the Most Great Vision, and the face that hath turned toward the countenance of God, the Lord of destiny, and the pen that hath moved to describe His attributes and praise. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this noble station.

However, toward its end, words were observed which bespoke sorrow and were unworthy of these days. Among these expressions specifically mentioned for these days was that "it is God's will that these servants be the object of calamities that descend and tribulations that occur," and similarly other expressions greater than or like unto this word were repeatedly mentioned. Yes, they have been imprisoned in God's path, and have heard taunts, and have been afflicted with tribulations, but all these matters cannot equal a single letter of the verses which, aforetime, were revealed from the Dayspring of Divine favour specifically for them and for those who have been afflicted with tribulations in My path. We commanded this servant present to write and send these verses. It is strange that after hearing those verses, from whose fragrance the Concourse on High became intoxicated and overjoyed, they should occupy themselves with such expressions and dispatch them to the Holy Land. By the life of God! A single letter thereof cannot be equalled by all that hath been created on earth. Had that Tablet been recited in the presence of them that are nigh and sincere, they would assuredly have passed beyond this world and all therein from the intoxication of the wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and had they possessed life everlasting, they would have continued forever to say: "Unto Thee be praise, unto Thee be thanksgiving, unto Thee be glory, unto Thee be bounty."

The event in the Land of Sad, though it caused the hearts of those near and sanctified to burn, yet it was thought that after the rising of the suns of favor from the horizon of the Divine Pen of bounty, all would become supplicants and seekers to attain a drop from this ocean. In such days, one like his honor who has always been under the gaze of divine favor and has attained the station of nearness should speak words that would cause the extinction of dormant souls and bring peace to troubled hearts. In days past, many such events occurred - nay, even greater and more severe - as they have seen and heard, and now for some time such occurrences have been few. Nevertheless, most are seen to be troubled, fearful, distressed and sorrowful. These two Lights, which are H and H, turned towards Iraq and attained the ocean of meeting and drank from the Kawthar of reunion. In those days they were not known except to a few souls, and later through divine favor they attained such a station that they became renowned among the concourse of those near and sincere, and even among the Concourse on High. And in their final days they attained the greatest martyrdom which they had sought and desired from God, exalted be His glory, in their supplications. From the Supreme Pen appeared such words concerning their tragedy that will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. By thy life, O Ali, this is a station of gratitude - but such gratitude from which the ocean of contentment appears. The lamentation of the Supreme Pen has been and will be a manifestation of His favor, grace and faithfulness. Otherwise, the Divine Lote Tree has been raised through the blood of the chosen ones. In any case, abasement in My path is the sovereign of all glory, poverty in My love has been and will be the master of wealth, and death in My good-pleasure is the dawning-place of life. Take heed, O people of insight! Know, O ye who are endowed with vision! Today is the day when all should be seen aflame, and the effect of the fire of the Divine Lote

Tree should be manifest and evident from the hearts of the sincere and near ones, that perchance dormant souls might be enkindled thereby and turn to the supreme horizon. O Ali, one should ask that heedless one who questioned why God the Almighty did not save Hussein ibn Ali and protect him from the oppression of the oppressors. From that very word of that heedless one the truth of God's Cause becomes manifest and evident, though he was not and is not aware. In this Revelation, God, exalted be His glory, has not given respite to the oppressors and has seized most with utmost severity and speed. By My life, He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty! At the time when the Ancient Beauty and His household were taken captive, the Surih of Ra'is was revealed from the heaven of divine will, and the chief and his followers, nearly a million, returned to their abode in utter abasement. Nevertheless, no one became aware, though they recited the Surih and heard with their own ears what had come to pass. Reflect, O Ali, on the power and sovereignty of God, and be of those who know. The souls who today have drunk the wine of inner meanings should manifest such joy and gladness as has not appeared in creation, for they have become aware of that which others have not discovered, and have attained a station for which the chosen ones have laid down their lives. Now the Supreme Pen proclaims: Would that my people knew! Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

O Ali! The verses which We previously commanded the servant in attendance to send have been dispatched. Now We have again commanded that they be written and sent, that you may read them anew and become aware and informed of the divine favors concealed therein. Perchance through their sweet fragrance the traces of sorrow may vanish and the countenance of joy may appear. The command is in His hand - He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. O Ali! Share with the companions what hath been mentioned, that they may discover their stations and recognize its value, and become aware of God's favor which hath been with them and, God willing, shall endure throughout the eternity of His names. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach thee from this noble station. The glory be upon thee and upon those who hold fast to this Cause and hearken unto thy counsel regarding the Cause of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen.

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O honoured one, his eminence Aqa Siyyid - may the glory of God rest upon him - hath been remembered before the Most Pure and Luminous Gaze

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and illumined the world through His Name, the One that dominateth all names and attributes. Exalted is He Who hath, with the hand of grace, proffered the Kawthar of life and summoned unto it the peoples of creation. He, verily, is the Truth Who spoke before creation itself: "There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." And praise be to God through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the nightingale of divine knowledge warbled upon the branch of exposition: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved." Exalted is He Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and remembrance, and taught His sincere ones the ways of His favours and His near ones the paths of His

knowledge. Glorified, glorified be this Day wherein the Greatest Veil was rent asunder by the Most Great Finger, and the banner "The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Loving" was raised aloft. Praise be to God Who hath sent down the everlasting feast from the heaven of His bounty, illumined the horizon of proof with His evidences, and adorned the heaven of His Cause with the manifestations of His signs. Exalted, exalted be His all-encompassing grace; exalted, exalted be His mercy that hath preceded existence and His loving-kindness that hath embraced all the worlds.

The servant hath indeed perceived the fragrance of the garment from your letter, which spoke what God had spoken and testified to that which the Beloved had testified. This is a Day wherein mankind hath stood before the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. When I perceived its sweet-scented breeze and read its words and recognized what was therein, I was present before the Throne at a certain hour, and all that was contained therein was presented before His Face. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying: "Blessed are My Afnan who have held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, clung to the hem of My bounty, immersed themselves in the ocean of My remembrance, adorned themselves with the robe of steadfastness in My Cause, attained the choice wine of My utterance, hastened in the arenas of My gifts, and spoke that which My chosen ones spoke in the wilderness of My reunion: 'Here am I, O my God, here am I, O my Beloved!'" Thus doth the Supreme Pen make mention in this Most Exalted Station, wherein all things therein testify that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! Praise be to God, this evanescent servant hath been bountifully blessed with the rains of your love, affection and kindness with utmost joy, delight, gladness and elation. God willing, may these winds be ever-blowing and these rains ever-falling.

Concerning what was written about the prisoners in the land of Ta, his eminence Haji Mirza Muhammad Husayn, the physician - upon him be the glory of God - who was one of them, attained the Most Holy Presence, and according to what he related, the son of His Majesty the Sovereign, the Heir to the Throne, showed the utmost kindness and care towards those souls, such that all the loved ones expressed their satisfaction. However, the friends of God who are truly immersed in the ocean of divine love and who observe the world with spiritual vision are certainly neither mindful of these matters nor have they ever been. They have had and have no desire save God's good-pleasure. Soon these few days shall pass and they shall enter the eternal Kingdom. Assuredly, imprisonment in God's path is sweeter than the favours of the people of the world. What bounty is greater than being oppressed, and what station more glorious than utter evanescence? In the presence of the radiant lights of His Revelation, every hardship and tribulation in His path hath been and shall ever be beloved. May God assist all to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him. This is the ultimate hope of those who hope and the ultimate aim of those who seek.

Another supplication of this evanescent servant to your honor is that if you write to the Afnans - upon them be all the most glorious Glory - kindly convey on behalf of this servant to each one of them expressions of utter effacement and complete nothingness. This is the utmost bounty from your honor. And another petition is that the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their feet - and likewise the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree, all offer the Most Glorious Greatest Greeting to your honor. And regarding what you had written about Khan and the items he sent,

it was submitted to the Most Holy Court, and likewise the letter they had written to this servant. A Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Divine Will in response to a petition from one of the deputies there and was sent, and likewise a Tablet specifically for Aqa Mirza Husayn who is with them. God willing, along with this servant's letter, through your honor's kindness it will reach them. As for the details of their items, they were mentioned in the petition submitted to the honored Teacher - upon him be all the most glorious Glory […] and likewise a brief mention appears in Khan's own letter which will come to your honor's notice. The Glory be upon you, then Grandeur, Might and Majesty be upon you. The Servant. In the year 1294. Another submission is that his honor Haji Mirza Muhammad Taqi - upon him be all the most glorious Glory - wrote a letter to this servant and sent some funds as your honor has written, and they appointed this servant as agent to take whatever is deemed advisable and present it at the Most Holy Court. Therefore this servant obtained some wheat specifically for the Household and pilgrim house. If your honor can send the funds in cash to pay for that wheat it would be preferable, otherwise whatever your honor deems advisable may be done, since in these days all items have increased in price due to the war - for example wheat has reached eight tumans per Persian kharvar and increases daily - and likewise regarding the other funds that were mentioned. Another submission is that several letters were written in response to the blessed letters of the friends of God - upon them be the Glory of God - and were sent; the sooner they arrive the better. May my spirit be sacrificed for you - this matter had been overlooked and since its submission was necessary it is hereby submitted: The vases that were sent last were very well received. They said although the Most Great Prison was not and is not a place for using such items, yet since their craftsmanship was refined and perfect, We accepted them, and these bear no resemblance whatsoever to the previous vases. End quote. And they were not given to the intended person for whom these items had been specifically requested. And in truth, since this was glad tidings, it was therefore submitted. The Servant.

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He is God, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty!

Praise be to God Who hath lit the lamp of knowledge in the contingent world, illumined the horizon of the universe with the lights of wisdom and utterance, and caused the streams of science and certitude to flow from the depths of hearts. He it is before Whose Name's majesty all existence hath prostrated itself, before Whose command's source all necks have bowed. Blessed is he who hath sought the precincts of His mercy and dwelt beneath the shade of the Tree of His loving-kindness. Glorified and exalted be His dominion, and mighty His proof! He is unique in His command and will, and singular in His unity and worship. He loved to be known, so He created; they needed God, so He provided. He inspired man and taught him utterance, and caused the jewels of wisdom to appear from the tongue. From Him is the beginning and unto Him the return, and He is the Judge at the beginning and the end. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O thou who circlest round the Tree of Knowledge, who comest unto the carpet of certitude and arrivest at the stream of faith! I have heard the melodies of the nightingale of thy utterance upon the branches of the paradise of fidelity and the cooings of the dove of thy exposition upon the twigs of the gardens of

praise. May God reward thee with the best of both worlds and the eternal life of all the worlds, for thou hast remembered those who were banished through the lands, whom the servants denied, and whom the people of tyranny and enmity persecuted. Grieve not at the delay in sending the reply. By thy life, O beloved! The heart delighteth in naught save the remembrance of the loved ones, and the thirst of love is quenched only through correspondence with those possessed of love and unity. However, the press of occupations preventeth me some days from mentioning the friends of my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. I beseech God, the King of Eternity and the Ruler by the Greatest Name, to protect thee and His loved ones beneath the shadow of His protection and shelter, to give you to drink continually from the Kawthar of His grace and favor, and to aid you in that whereby your mention shall endure in existence and your names be exalted in the worlds of the unseen and the seen. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

As for what thou hast mentioned in thy letter concerning arrival in the Land of ?a and the gathering of thy Lord's loved ones, the Lord of Names, it hath been proven with evidence that God's Cause shall triumph over all possibility, and soon shall the lights of the Sun of Knowledge encompass the whole world and the radiance of the Orb of Unity prevail over all nations. He hath said–and His word is most exalted–"Thou shalt see the earth as the Most Glorious Paradise; on that day shall those possessed of knowledge rejoice and the heedless shall lament." Whosoever perceiveth this manifest Cause with the eye of certitude and beholdeth its firm and steadfast foundation shall be assured that creation is beneath its shadow and that there is no escape for anyone nor refuge for any soul–all shall return unto Him and arrive at the path of love. It hath been said aforetime that affairs are bound to their appointed times. Soon shall they behold the sun of knowledge and its lights, and shall comprehend its signs.

And as to what thou hast mentioned concerning the land of Ha and Mim, and thy praise of the loved ones of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, from among the people of the Bayan and the inheritors of Him Who conversed with God - blessed are they for having cast away vain imaginings, shattered the idols, and attained the recognition of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Wonder not at what thou seest of traces in the righteous ones. Ponder upon the appearance of the Sun of Truth, its effulgences, the spreading of its lights, and the manifestation of its signs. It behooveth the peoples of the world to immerse themselves in the seas of civilization and prosperity, and to adorn themselves with the ornament of knowledge and success. Hath there appeared in existence that which hath shone forth in this manifest Day? Say: Glorified be He in Whose hand is the dominion of all things and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names. We beseech God to manifest from all that which indicateth His favors and to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of His character and attributes, that the mirrors of their hearts may reflect naught except the radiance of the lights of the Sun of eternity, that their faces may show forth naught but the freshness of fellowship and purity, and that from their companionship naught may be witnessed save the signs of love and fidelity. O thou beloved of the heart! Convey wondrous remembrance and glorification from this servant to the loved ones of thy Lord in Ta and those who dwell in Mim after Ha. Glory and praise be upon them and upon every steadfast soul who hath turned towards Him.

And regarding what thou hast mentioned about presenting thy remembrance and the names of those thou hast mentioned before the face of thy Ancient Lord, and thy request for the outpouring of the favors

of His Most Bountiful Name through His abundant grace - when I saw thy letter and understood thy message, I attained the presence of His court and presented [what thou hadst requested] before the face of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. There hath been sent down for thee and for them from the heaven of grace and bounty that which will move creation and which thou shalt receive in another leaf. Blessed art thou and they through this most great favor and supreme gift.

And concerning what thou hast mentioned about reflection upon the world and the prevalence of doubts and intimations among all peoples and their failure to turn to God, the Lord of eternity - grieve not at what thou seest of the veiled ones and the wanderers, but rejoice in the power of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. It behooveth the people of Baha to exert their utmost in spreading the commandments of the Lord of Names and not to look upon the deprivation of those who are remote, but rather to the Source of their Lord's command, Who prevaileth over all things. Verily, the example of one who desireth to teach in these days is like unto him who planteth trees and looketh not to the length of time for gathering the fruits, but is rather eager to plant that others may benefit therefrom, even as he hath benefited from those who preceded him. Doth anyone doubt the fruits of this mighty tree? Nay, by our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! Should nations and governments arise to extinguish this Light that shineth from the horizon of Sinai, they shall never be able, nor shall they have the power, even should they aid one another.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding the verses of thy Lord, and thy desire for that which hath been sent down from the Source of Command concerning healing exhortations and sufficient, complete counsels - I beseech God for confirmation and success that thou mayest gather what hath been revealed in this connection, and We shall send it to thee through the grace of our Lord, the All-Bestowing. And I beseech God to make thee a standard of guidance and a sign of steadfastness, and to guide through thee those who are ready, and that thy teaching may direct the seekers. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth, and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Hope! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy most perfect Mystery to send down upon Thy loved ones that which will strengthen their hearts, dilate their breasts, illumine their eyes, and enable them to guide Thy servants to the meadows of righteousness and lead humanity to the gardens of knowledge. Thou art He Whose grace hath encompassed all existence and Whose mercy hath pervaded both the seen and the unseen. I beseech Thee to protect Thy loved ones beneath the shadow of Thy safekeeping, to ward off from them the evil of the wicked among Thy creatures, and to ordain for them the good of both this world and the next beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Name, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. May the glory rest upon them through the permanence of Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes.

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The honored physician, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is God - exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world with the lights of His firm Command and hath manifested what He desired for the advancement of the peoples, and hath bidden them to bow down in humility before those who were drawn to the Manifestations of eternity, through whom was raised the standard that there is none other God but Him. Exalted, exalted be His station, and exalted, exalted be His might and grandeur! He is the One Who hath embellished the brocade of existence with the mention of the Seal, through Whom was revealed that which was hidden in His knowledge and inscribed in His Book and remembered in the hearts of those near unto God and the minds of the sincere ones. Prayers and peace be upon Him and His family and His companions whom God made the stars of the heaven of His grace and the ships of bounty, and through them He revealed what He desired, though the idolaters detest it.

O beloved of my heart! Your letter hath brought me joy and your words have stirred me for they wafted the fragrance of the love of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal. The servant beseecheth his Lord in all conditions to strengthen you and assist you to mention and praise Him in the Kingdom of Creation. O thou who art remembered in the heart of this servant! The station of Islam hath declined, religion hath weakened, and the banners have been reversed. We must supplicate God in the nights and days, at eventide and dawn, that He may assist His loved ones and servants and raise up one who shall arise to redress what hath been lost. Your honor hath heard what the strong hath wrought upon the weak, and what hath befallen God's cities and lands from cannons and rifles. We beseech God to adorn the world with the ornament of justice that perchance the fire of hatred may be stilled. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Thereafter His writing was presented before His face. They said: God willing, may they be occupied at all times with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love emanateth from them. They have spent successive years in service until the light of gray hair hath appeared upon their countenance. God willing, may they be safe and protected and gladden the friends with greetings and salutations on our behalf.

As to what was written concerning the House and his honor Mirza regarding [Baha'u'llah]: their best course is to say what they had said at first and acknowledge that all these properties belong there. If from the beginning, during the upheavals in that land, they had spoken truthfully and stated that these properties were not theirs, none of these matters would have occurred and they would have found themselves at ease in every way. For His Holiness and they themselves know that in this place nothing even as fine as a hair has emerged or will emerge that deviates from justice and fairness, and their interests would certainly have been protected in any case. A hundred thousand regrets that one should be heedless of what benefits them and be unaware of their own harm and benefit. All their properties revert to this place according to valid deeds, but when the decree of imprisonment, trials and emigration came to pass, they did not release even one house. Although in truth this matter arose from their fear, yet one of their station should not be so weakened by the clamor of the heedless that a house which was the dwelling place of the Desired One should come to such a pass that one of the friends must repeatedly purchase it to uphold the Cause. God is witness that I do not consider this fitting for his honor Mirza, for this shame and disgrace will endure until the Day of Resurrection. We hope that God willing, they themselves will arise to make amends for what has passed. A petition from them reached the Most Holy Court. God willing a reply will be sent later. Regarding them, from before, that is from the beginning of

the upheavals in that land, the friends were written to not interfere in any way and to remain silent and say nothing discourteous. Convey my greetings to them. As for what you wrote about purchasing the House, in light of what was previously submitted, they said how can we buy our own property again? For now we are content with imprisonment. But all bear witness that all those properties belong to this place, unless they wish to transgress justice and fairness and speak falsely. But afterwards some friends came to this servant [saying the House] should be saved from the hands of the heedless. Therefore as per the previous telegram this was expressed to that beloved one. And truly this servant pondered that if he takes action it is not permissible since it is clear and evident that the properties have no connection to his honor Mirza, and if no action is taken it is observed that House is afflicted and tormented by the heedless ones themselves. And it is a pity that that House from which the mention of God, exalted be His glory, was raised night and day should now fall into ignorant hands. And this servant had no funds ready to send and did not wish to burden anyone. Therefore this servant wrote to his honor Afnan to purchase it in his own name at the price that beloved one had written. Later God willing when funds arrive this servant will deliver them to his honor Afnan. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds. We place our trust in Him in all matters. We beseech from His wondrous bounty that He protect us from errors and mistakes and assist us in what He has commanded in His wise Book. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

I convey greetings and nothingness to all the friends in that land. May all be confirmed in that which God loves. Peace be upon you all, and the mercy of God and His blessings. Again I submit that if the friends in that land can acquire the House according to the wish of that Beloved One, it would be most excellent. In truth, it is mentioned and described as the King of deeds and the Sovereign of what is known. And according to that Beloved One's words, to sacrifice this unworthy sum for the House is, outwardly, the highest of all deeds that has been or ever shall be, for its remembrance is enduring and everlasting, adorned with the ornament of immortality, and the sum will eventually reach them. So either the first option or this one, whichever is feasible, would be good - whether they acquire it from that land or the House. May all the friends of that land be assisted to achieve that from which the fragrance of sanctity, holiness and what is known wafts forth. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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In the Name of God, transcendent in His glory and power!

Praise be to Him Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired on a Day whereon the Pharaohs and their hosts were shaken and the tyrants and their ranks were made to tremble. He Who hath spoken forth a Word and made it a balance from His presence, a path from His nearness, a trumpet by His command, a cry by His will, a catastrophe by His decree, and an inevitable event by His sovereignty. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and held fast thereunto, and woe betide him who hath cast it behind him and turned away therefrom. Exalted, exalted be its Creator, its Manifestor, and its Revealer!

I pray and offer salutations upon those who answered the call of God when it was raised in truth and who acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book. These are servants whom God

hath described through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They are those whom neither the clamor of the heedless nor the doubts of the wayward deterred from God. They arose to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as the eye of creation hath never beheld. To this beareth witness the Lord of invention. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who art mentioned in My heart! I was gladdened by what flowed from thy pen in remembrance of our Lord and thy Lord. By thy life! The fragrances of thy words so transported Me that I am unable to describe it by pen or tongue, for it was adorned with praise of our Lord, the All-Merciful. His is the praise and favor for having aided thee to remember and praise Him, and for having granted Me the joy of receiving thy letter which spoke in remembrance of Him besides Whom none should be remembered. When I became aware of it, I approached the Presence and presented its contents before His countenance. Thereupon the tongue of the Beloved spoke forth in the Kingdom of utterance, saying in His sweetest voice: O Ali! The servant present here hath appeared and read what thou didst send unto him, and We have remembered thee with this wondrous remembrance. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have found from thee the fragrance of contentment in whatsoever hath been decreed and ordained by God, the Creator of heaven. O Ali! Every relationship hath clung to the cord of God and His kinship. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized that which the Wronged One hath uttered in this exalted station. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and assist you in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is, verily, the Lord of the latter and the former worlds. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not for what hath befallen you in these days. Be patient in what God hath decreed and ordained, for verily He loveth the patient ones.

With a hundred thousand tongues must thou praise and glorify the Best-Beloved of the worlds, Who hath assisted thee to utter words from which the fragrance of contentment was wafted. This is that word which hath ever been and will ever be remembered before God and is acceptable in His presence. Thus have We remembered thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of Ali-Qabli-Akbar who hath attained unto that which most of mankind hath not attained, and We remember Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, the One, the Single, who turned towards God, heard and attained unto that which was recorded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We send Our prayers, Our peace and Our glorification upon My loved ones in that place, from whom the Concourse on High perceiveth the fragrance of love and of turning unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed are they and happy are they in that they have taken and drunk and have said: “Praise be to God, the Goal of the worlds.” The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon such of God’s servants as are patient.

We remember once again him who was named Ali who attained unto My presence, then he who was named Muhammad-Taqi who circumambulated the Throne that they might give thanks and be numbered among those who praise. We glorify them as We glorified them the first time and We mention them again with this clear remembrance for which the spirits of the world would be sacrificed, yet the peoples are in mighty veils. And We make mention of him who was named Ali-Asghar and give him the glad-tidings of

what the servant present here hath done on his behalf and how he arose to serve his Lord after permission was granted. Verily this is a great bounty. And We make mention of My servant who attained unto My presence and circumambulated the Prison out of love for My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

O beloved of My heart! Praise be to God that through the favors of the Beloved thou hast attained again and again and hast been and art under the glances of His grace. Though what hath come to pass hath caused infinite sorrows, yet since the compassionate, merciful, generous, and kind One is manifest and evident, He transformeth all hardships with a single word and attributeth steadfast and assured souls unto Himself. May all existence be a sacrifice unto His favor! At a time when man is immersed in the ocean of sorrows to such extent that no trace of joy is visible, by merely attaining His presence, through one word the wings of joy grow and through another word he learneth to soar. Who is able to praise God, the Lord of the worlds? The essence of praise hath confessed its impotence, the reality of gratitude its inability to reach Him, the truth of glorification its remoteness and evanescence, and the kingdom of knowledge its heedlessness and forgetfulness. He is the Sanctified One to Whose loftiness, sanctity and glory all things have testified. There is none other God but He, the Just, the Generous, the Merciful.

Concerning what you wrote about the aforementioned gardener, the described tree, the characterized flowers, the radiant shining realities, and the manifest crimson anemones - the heart was encompassed with joy upon beholding this. For it is verified and known that your honor, in whatever place or station you may be, have been and are engaged in the remembrance, thought, purpose and contemplation of that which is related to the Truth - how much more so with His exalted Name, His exalted Remembrance, His exalted Light, and His exalted Word. God willing, the roses of that rose-garden and the trees of that paradise - His remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven - have been and shall ever be fragrant and fruitful in the garden of inner meanings, which in one station hath been interpreted as the Book of God. Furthermore, convey on behalf of this evanescent one to each and every one of the friends expressions of nothingness, glory and sincerity. God is the witness and testifier that they have always been and are before my sight, save in those moments when this servant himself is heedless and, in accordance with “naught appears from the heedless save that which profiteth him not, nor that which is beneath him,” is preoccupied. Praise be to God that all those souls who exist are turned toward the Truth and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The fragrance of divine love is diffused from them. To this doth testify this evanescent servant, and beyond him, his eternal Lord. Glory be upon your honor, upon them, and upon those who have attained unto the loving-kindness of God, their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Abdul-Majid, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Responding

Say: O concourse of the learned ones, the mystics and the rulers! Fear God and be fair in this Cause whereby that which was sent down from time immemorial by God, the Commander, the Ruler, the Self-

Sufficient, the Most Exalted, hath been established. Say: We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of justice and fairness. Today the call of the Lord of Names is raised from the direction of Akka, to which the Mother Book beareth witness. Blessed is the one who hath not allowed the names and ranks of the past to deprive him from the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. Say: O people! Know ye the value of this Day. The Lord, the Self-Subsisting, from His generous hand bestoweth the sealed wine. The gate of grace is open and the sun of bounty is shining from the horizon of the world. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make His servants aware and not deprive them of the outpourings of His days.

O Majid! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou should be occupied day and night in praise and thanksgiving to the one Desired One, for He hath confirmed thee and guided thee to the straight path of justice. Thou didst turn and attain the ultimate goal and the supreme height. His grace encompassed thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desired One, and glory be unto Thee, O my Lord, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the living waters of immortality. I testify to Thy grace which, at the dawning of its Light, obliterated the traces of the grace of all peoples. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy mercy and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance to make me, in all conditions, hold fast unto Thee and Thy verses, and to remain fixed upon Thine horizon. I testify, O my God, that Thy generosity hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, and Thy grace hath surrounded all that hath been created by the Command "Be." I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the wonders of Thy grace and bounty, nor to deny me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trustees. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Majid! By the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen, thou hast been honored with a deed that hath no likeness or equal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, in my standing and my sitting, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, in my prostration and my bowing, and glory be unto Thee in my sleep and my wakefulness, and majesty be unto Thee in all my conditions and states. I confess, O my God, in this station, to that which the Manifestations of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-places of Thy signs have confessed: that Thou art not remembered except through Thyself, nor described except through Thyself. Therefore, I have abandoned myself and all that I possess, clinging to the hem of Thy grace, Thy mercy and Thy generosity, that Thou mayest ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and honor me with Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Lo, We have desired to make mention of him who was named Valiyu'llah, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. It is hoped that thou shalt attain unto the essence of this name and that there may flow from the Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the Day of God. O Vali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The former sect, for twelve hundred years and more, deluded by the claim that they believed in immediate succession, reached such a pass of pride that they reckoned themselves the most excellent and learned of all peoples; yet on the Day of Reckoning they were seen to be the most ignorant, abject and lost of all the world's factions, and in their wretchedness they reached such depths that their divines pronounced death upon the Most Pure Blood, while their ignorant ones arose to abuse, revile and curse. Glory be to God! Now too the deniers of the Bayan cling to a name from among names,

remaining heedless and veiled from the Lord of all being and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names. O Vali! Arise to aid My Cause and purify hearts from rancor and hatred through My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names. He, verily, will aid thee and reinforce thee with the hosts of utterance. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

We moreover desired to make mention of him who was named Haji Aqa and give him glad tidings of this Revelation whereby earth and heaven have spoken forth. Rejoice, O people, in the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, through Whom the fruits have appeared, the rivers have flowed, the mysteries have emerged, the seas of knowledge and utterance have surged, and the fragrance of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, has wafted. Thy name was present before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that whereby the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused throughout the world. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

O Muhammad-Quli Khan! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of ’Akka. Verily it hath been raised with such sovereignty as no hosts or armies can withstand. We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of all His worlds and to make thee steadfast in His love to such degree that neither the might of the people would frighten thee nor the roaring of any oppressor who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. When thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and for having remembered me with that which shall never perish, by virtue of Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy most exalted attributes. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, by the Daysprings of Thy Revelation and the Repositories of Thy knowledge, to enable me to serve Thy Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the allusions of the croakers nor the calumnies of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs and have turned away from Him Who standeth in Thy stead. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Encompassing over the seen and the unseen.

O Majid! Thou hast arisen for God, for His Cause and His Face, and hast attained unto that which hath been the hope of the sincere ones and those nigh unto God. Each of the souls mentioned hath attained unto that which shall endure and remain immortalized in the Book of God. We have repeatedly made mention of all the loved ones of that land, and We beseech God to make them all steadfast, inasmuch as in these days the enemies have encompassed them round about. Outwardly they act with humility and submissiveness, yet inwardly, from the Land of Ta unto the Great City, they are engaged in stirring up sedition. They have secretly incited certain people and kept them in that city. Each day bringeth fresh harm and manifest oppression, while the Wronged One, in the midst of tribulations and adversities, remaineth firm in the Cause and uttereth the divine decrees. Neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs hath deterred Him, nor the might of tyrants hath frightened Him. He calleth out with His most exalted Voice, saying: “O people! Cast away what ye possess, for He Who is the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come from the heaven of bounty with clear sovereignty.” The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon every patient and thankful soul. We conclude Our words with mention of Ibn-i-Dakhil, and counsel all to observe trustworthiness, godliness, unity and concord. Blessed is he who hath hearkened and acted accordingly, and woe betide the heedless. Unity is itself one of the hosts of God, as attesteth every man of learning who hath turned unto God, the Lord of existence.

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The Essence Most Holy, Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Powerful, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

The essence of praise and glory befitteth Him alone Whom the mystics, possessed of the secrets of reality and utterance, have found themselves powerless to know, and before Whose absolute Being they have confessed their utter nothingness. I testify that He hath been sanctified beyond both eternity and perpetuity, how much more beyond all creation and extinction. For the eternity that can be described by tongue or characterized by utterance is not, and never shall be, worthy of Him. Hearts and minds are bewildered in comprehending even a single one of His signs - how much more bewildered must they be in knowing His Essence, which transcendeth all mention and description.

He hath created the whole world through His Primal Word, and all do acknowledge and confess this truth. Yet none hath ever understood that Word, let alone its Creator and Source. For if it be claimed that this Word is like unto words that flow from the tongue, this would be sheer injustice and pure fabrication, since such words are subject to extinction while the Word of God is sanctified therefrom. And if it be said that it is of the words that flow from the pen, this too is bounded by contingent limitations, while the Divine Word is exalted above such constraints.

This evanescent servant beareth witness that this Word hath never been subject to extinction or annihilation, nor hath it been confined by expressions and meanings. None knoweth it save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the powerlessness of all to know His Word is established, who then could possess the strength and ability to soar in the heavens of knowing the King of the Word? All contingent being hath testified to its impotence and extinction, and knowledge itself hath confessed its inadequacy and inability. Exalted, immeasurably exalted is He above whatsoever is mentioned in the realm of contingent being! Exalted, immeasurably exalted is He above whatsoever is defined by utterance! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us success in speaking that which He hath permitted us and in acting according to what He hath commanded us in His firm, transcendent, impregnable, mighty and inaccessible Book.

Your letter addressed to this evanescent servant was received. Praised and thanked be God that you are occupied with the mention and glorification of God. As for what you mentioned regarding Ibn Sh J, God willing, he hath been and shall continue to be victorious. We beseech God to aid him in all conditions to champion His Cause through wisdom and utterance.

Regarding what you wrote about the association of certain companions with them - this matter is certainly outside of wisdom, for if such souls become too well known, they will no longer be able to serve the Cause as they should. All the loved ones of God and those who drink from the wine of inner meanings must reflect on this matter. Today all are commanded to observe wisdom, as the divine Books and heavenly Tablets bear witness. Therefore, they must at all times keep their gaze fixed on wisdom and hold fast to it. Observe how throughout the history of the Cause, whenever wisdom was lacking, it led to the extinguishing of souls, the perturbation of hearts, and the avoidance of the people of the earth. Divine mercy has taken precedence and His grace has encompassed all. Today those who are adorned with the

ornament of faith must strive with the utmost effort to engage in matters that draw people near and guide the deniers and the doubtful to the horizon of certitude with utmost kindness and love. Most people are heedless of the Truth and unaware of the surging oceans of generosity and bounty. Their suppositions and desires have prevented them from the Most Exalted Horizon. They know not what has appeared in the world, for they are afflicted with the diseases of ignorance. The maladies of the people of the world must be cured through the breaths of holy, pure, and detached souls. O my brother, such souls have been and will be rare to find. However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up souls in every land who will arise to serve His Cause as befitting and who will detach themselves from self and all else in the path of His love. Had the loved ones of God acted upon the compassionate divine counsels until now, the earth would surely have been transformed. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to raise up in every land those who will voice His praise and act according to what is commanded in His Book, and who will hold fast to His good-pleasure, which He has made the ultimate goal for all humanity. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth. None can stay His dominion, none can repel His sovereignty, and none can turn back His decisive, firm, and mighty command.

Furthermore, the loved ones of God must today be manifestations of divine wealth and independence. In this way, their words will prove effective in hearts. Among all breezes, the breeze of detachment and independence is like the spring winds that cause human fruits to appear in the contingent world. Blessed is he who attains to this glorious and exalted station. The Supreme Pen has at all times commanded His loved ones to that which exalts the Cause of God, but few are found who act accordingly. Convey sublime greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends of God in those regions and say: These are the days of service and the days of love. God willing, all must drink from the Kawthar of affection in complete unity. Discord causes the dissipation of God's Cause while unity causes its exaltation. He has said, and His word is the truth: "Adorn your temples with the ornament of humility, your hearts with the ornament of love and unity, and your tongues with His glorious and beautiful remembrance." And the details of your letter were at one time presented before the Most Holy Court. His exalted Word […]

O 'Ali-Akbar! We have enjoined upon all men that which beseemeth the Days of God. Some have accepted and acted upon that which was commanded, and others have cast it behind their backs. Blessed are they that have acted accordingly. It behooveth every soul to hold fast unto that which hath been sent down in the Tablets from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. He hath desired naught for Himself, but hath summoned all to that which shall profit them both in this world and in the next. To this testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur in His Most Great Prison. Glorified be they who have fulfilled the Covenant of God and stood firm in His wondrous Cause. We make mention of those who have adorned themselves with the raiment of steadfastness amidst all creation. These are the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation. Upon them rest My glory and My mercy that hath encompassed all worlds. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before His Throne, and for having thy name flow from the tongue of the Wronged One in this glorious station.

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficing Lord and be gladdened by His love. The glory shining forth from the Dayspring of Glory be upon the people of Baha.

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Akka. The honored Name of God M H, upon him be [Baha] Abha. 24 Sha'ban 1303.

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise befits and is worthy of that Intended One Who has placed in the letters of His loved ones the effect of the Water of Life, for it quenches thirst and removes weariness. The hand is His hand and the power is His power, glorified be the Creator! And blessings and peace be upon the Leader of all who are on earth, their Sovereign, their Educator, their Teacher and their Guide, and upon His family and companions who conquered the lands in the name of their Lord, the Master of creation.

And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! The letter from your honor along with the accompanying correspondence arrived and attained the honor of being heard by the Master. He said: "O My Name! Upon thee be My peace and loving-kindness." Whatever was sent, this servant present made mention of it. The letter of H and S ibn-i-Qubad (upon him be my Baha) which he sent to this servant present was read before His countenance. Verily We heard his call and answered him. We found from his words the fragrance of his love and steadfastness. Blessed are those souls whom the ephemeral affairs of these two days have not deprived of the breezes of revelation nor prevented from the horizon of light. Likewise was seen the letter of Siyyid Farajullah (upon him be my Baha) which he sent to that honored one. Praise be to God, they have drunk from the cup of faithfulness. This is from God's grace upon him. Also the letter of Aqa Muhammad Hashim attained the honor of being heard. We beseech God, exalted be He, to inscribe with His Most Exalted Pen for those whose names were present before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison that which will draw them near unto Him in all His worlds, and to ordain for them what He has ordained for His loved ones and chosen ones, and to assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who were not deprived by the ephemeral causes of the world from the eternal Kingdom of God. These are the people of the highest Paradise and the companions of the Crimson Ark.

O My Name! The petition of Haji Ahmad, upon him be My Baha, has reached the Most Holy Court. We have heard his remembrance, his praise and his call in the love of God, his Lord and the Lord of the worlds and the Ancient King. We make mention of him and beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen him to remain steadfast in His firm and mighty Cause. We have seen what one of the aforementioned Sayyids sent, who was named Ali-Naqi. We have previously made mention of him in such wise that the sincere ones would perceive from it the fragrance of his turning to God and his steadfastness in His Cause. We beseech the Exalted One to ordain for him that which befitteth His generosity and favors. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends of God. Today, every soul that hath turned unto Him, his light is manifest before the Throne and his cause is evident. That which is necessary today is steadfastness in the Cause. The barking ones, in accordance with what hath previously flowed from the Supreme Pen, are striving with utmost hypocrisy to lead astray the people of the Covenant. By the life of God! They are in manifest error, wandering blindly in the wilderness of perdition. Their light and

understanding have been taken from them in recompense for their deeds. Verily thy Lord is the Executor, the All-Wise.

Two days ago We observed the letter of Ali-Akbar, who hath emigrated and attained, which he sent to thee. They have mentioned a good deed. Blessed is he who remembereth and blessed is he who acteth. Out of grace and for the promulgation of such deeds as are acceptable in the sight of God, two Tablets were sent - one specifically for him who remembered and the other for him who acted. Would that all souls who are firm in the Truth and detached from aught else would hold fast to such lofty and goodly deeds. By the life of God! These deeds are and have ever been the hosts of Truth, and through these hosts the cities of hearts have been and will be conquered. We beseech the Exalted One to aid His loved ones, protect them from the evil of His enemies, and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Those two Tablets were sent; let them be forwarded. Likewise, the letter of Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be My Baha, arrived. We read it and make mention of him. We beseech the Exalted One to strengthen him and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The letter was adorned with the handwriting of him who loveth God and His loved ones, namely Rida, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy. Likewise with the mention of Husayn ibn Hasan from H.R., upon them both be My Baha and My loving-kindness. Verily he traversed land and sea until he attained the presence and heard the call of the Wronged One. We have mentioned him and make mention of him, and We beseech God to manifest through him that which shall endure throughout the dominion of the kingdom and the realm. Praise be to God, the Transformer of hearts.

The letter concluded with mention of Muhammad ibn Marfu', Sheikh Abu-Turab, who attained the presence and drank the wine of reunion from the hands of bounty. We beseech the True One to make him a true heir - heir to wisdom and knowledge, faith and certitude, and steadfastness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him through His sovereignty and to ordain for him the best of what lieth in His worlds. Verily, He hath power over all things. The End.

Praise be to God! All letters sent to your eminence attained the honor of being heard, and each was blessed with sublime and exalted favor. According to your eminence's command, they should send forth and dispatch the replies to the letters, and in each express that which causes hearts to be enkindled with the fire of the love of God. And regarding the mention of his honor AF, his holiness M.H., may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him, which was in your eminence's writing, after submission, the Lord, may our souls be sacrificed for Him, said: "O Mahdi, upon thee be My peace and My favor." His honor Afnan, may the Glory of the All-Merciful rest upon him, is ever present before His countenance, and the effulgent lights of the Sun of bounty have been and are directed towards him. By the life of God! He is indeed beneath an extended shade, an upraised pavilion, and an elevated tree. Praise be to God, he has been and is confirmed, and we beseech from the Truth that His confirmation be his companion, His success his friend, His grace his intimate, and His favor his associate. Beseech from the Truth that He ordain his nearness, that is, in outward appearance. End.

Last week, His honor AF also sent this servant a writing, and while engaged in preparing a response, news arrived that His honor was intending to proceed to the Holy Place by way of Sidon. Therefore, the

submission of the reply was left pending. I beseech and hope from the Truth, exalted be His Glory, that He may confirm and assist him in all matters.

And regarding the mention of departure, God willing, may they set forth on Saturday in perfect health and well-being, and return. And peace and praise be upon your eminence and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise and gratitude befit the sanctified and most holy court of that Remembered One Who hath illumined the world of being with the new radiance and wondrous light of utterance. At the first dawning of His effulgence, countless veils and shrouds appeared, all of which He rent asunder with the finger of divine power, causing His Cause to become manifest from the most exalted horizon. The desires of the world and its peoples could not prevent Him. With supreme steadfastness He conveyed His message before all humanity, and through this conveyance illumined the world. Glory be unto God, Who made the Perfect Power, the Source of the lights of knowledge, learning, books, scriptures and arts, to appear in the Hijaz - a place adorned with naught but rocks and thorny shrubs. Glorified be His grandeur, His power, His might and His sovereignty, that He made such a place the point of adoration for all who dwell on earth and in heaven, and likewise the Kaaba of the monotheists and those near unto God. Were one to truly reflect, he would spend his entire life uttering “Power belongeth unto God!” How many polytheists strove and labored to extinguish the Muhammadan Light, yet the Hand of Power preserved the lamp of His knowledge and wisdom within the glass of grace and bounty, despite the polytheists and the proud ones.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and my Aim! Send down at all times the rain of Thy mercy upon the monotheists. O Lord! Thou seest them encompassed by Thy creation. Deliver them, through Thy power which hath conquered all contingent things, from their evil and their greed. Then preserve, O my God, Thy cities and Thy lands through the angels and the Spirit. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived, bringing comfort and blessing, with fresh fruits arranged in perfect order within vessels of words. Praise be to God, each was a delicate food and a luminous blessing. We partook with sincere appetite, offered thanks and praise, and became occupied with glorification. Following its presentation, He said: “O Yahya, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings! Never has the mention of your honor and the fruit of the tree of love been forgotten, nor shall it ever be, God willing. Praise be to God, your deeds are accepted and your efforts appreciated. Repeatedly mention the fruit on behalf of the Wronged One. It is incumbent upon all to assist him in every matter. We beseech God to illumine the world of existence with the light of His loved ones and to cause new, wondrous, and fresh fruits to appear from the trees of the garden of meanings and utterances. He is the Powerful One Whom the limitations of the contingent world cannot reach. His Command is truth and His decree is certain. In that station, there is no place for why and wherefore. O Abdul-Husayn! God is witness and aware that thou art beheld as sustenance upon the table, present both day and night. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to make thee

among those who have aided His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have mentioned and continue to mention the loved ones of that land. We have sent a small stream from the rivers of the Sadat to that direction, namely Inayatullah. We beseech God to protect him and those who have turned unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy to respond."

The Ocean of Utterance surgeth at all times, and the Luminary of Assurance dawneth in every moment. Glory be to God! The deniers perceive the mirage as water, even as they have counted the learned as ignorant, called the trustworthy treacherous, and named the reformer a corrupter. This evanescent servant hath ever beseeched the True One, exalted be His glory, to increase the power of hearing and preserve the eyes from inflammation and veils, that all may observe with their own eyes and hearken with their own ears.

I convey greetings to the apple of mine eye, nay the apple of existence and the beloved of hearts, that is, Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn - upon him be God's peace and favors. I beseech the True One, glorified be His majesty, on his behalf whatsoever shall cause the appearance of lasting fruits and eternal qualities. This is not difficult for God, our Lord and our Goal.

The friends are all remembered, nay they are present in the heart and visible before the eyes. The outpourings of the true Bestower have ever encompassed all and continue to do so, for ye have entrusted all unto Him and have placed your reliance in Him. Verily He is with whosoever hath desired Him, loved Him and mentioned Him. There is no God but He.

The mention of the beloved of the heart, Aqa Mirza Ahmad - upon him be the Glory of God - was made in His presence and attained the honor of His hearing. We made mention of him and besought from the True One, glorified be His majesty, whatsoever would cause the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of being. God willing, he shall be assisted in the remembrance and praise of the True One and be confirmed in that which hath been recorded and inscribed in God's Book by the divine Pen.

O Yahya, upon thee be God's peace! Make mention on behalf of the Wronged One to him and his relations, both mother and sister. Praise be to God, they have attained that which hath no equal.

His honor ?ad - upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation - praise be to God, attained the privilege of visiting the House of God, and after the visitation and circumambulation proceeded in that direction. We beseech God to protect him from the wolves and dogs of the earth. Verily He hath power over all things.

This concludes what this evanescent servant hath performed on behalf of him and on behalf of Aqa Mirza Ahmad - upon them both be the Glory of God - that which causeth the loftiness and elevation of the stations of His friends.

Another submission: Your choice dates which truly reflected the bounty of the True One, glorified be His majesty, arrived distinguished and acceptable. However, the spiritual friend, His honor Aqa Siyyid Taqi - upon him be God's peace - was negligent in retrieving and saving them from the steamship house. Nevertheless they arrived. They partook of them repeatedly and repeatedly bestowed them upon the

kindred and the circumambulators. “Well may it do you!” was heard repeatedly from the blessed tongue, and these “Well may it do you!” refer to your honor. I beseech the True One that He may cause a lofty tree to appear from each one and adorn it with the dates of wisdom and utterance. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who have heard and responded and acknowledged the oneness of His Essence and His attributes.

The Servant

On the first of Rajab 1305

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O honored Abdu’r-Rahim, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Glory of God! This is a mention from Our presence to one who has attained unto tribulations and afflictions even as his Lord, the King of Names, attained unto trials beyond the reckoning of all created things. Exalted is God, Creator of the heavens, Who hath made Me a target for the arrows of fate, that the Most Great Word might be made manifest between the heavens and the earth. The Call hath been raised from the luminous Spot, from the crimson Tree: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise!” The turning away of those who have turned away grieveth Me not, nor doth the acceptance of all the world bring Me joy. Can tribulations ever prevent the Lord of Names from raising His call betwixt earth and heaven? Nay, by His very Self, the True One - witness to this is this Call which hath been raised in the midst of tribulation from the Divine Lote-Tree: “Behold Me, O people of Baha! This is He Who hath been established upon the Throne and hath manifested Himself unto all created things through His Names that have encompassed the worlds.” Blessed is he who hath heard this sweetest Call; woe unto the heedless! He who hath heard is neither grieved by the veils of the unbelievers nor by the oppression of those who have turned away from this Straight Path. Blessed is the strong one who hath arisen with the pillar of fire among the wicked and hath spoken forth this wondrous Name. The All-Merciful calleth and saith: “Blessed art thou, O servant, for thou hast turned thy face toward My countenance, hast drawn nigh unto My court, hast spoken My praise, hast borne tribulation in My love, hast accepted fate for My Name’s sake, and hast drunk the choice wine of utterance in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, after all the polytheists had turned away from it in their remoteness.” We have seized the leader of ignorance who laid claim to knowledge. Thus doth God ordain what hath been sent down in the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. We sent him a Tablet that hath no equal in all the heavens and earth. He cast away God’s Tablet, having followed his own desires. Lo! He is of the companions of the Fire. Through him the fire of sedition was kindled amongst the people, and there befell My loved ones that which caused the Most Exalted Pen to lament in the heaven of eternity. When death came to him and he beheld the punishment, he wailed with the wailing of those who are lost. Then did none of his deeds profit him, and he became of the most grievous losers. God shall soon seize those servants who have wronged, even as He seized aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the Strong, the Great. Convey My greetings unto her who hath believed in her Lord and turned toward the Kaaba of God, the Mighty, the Generous.

O Pen of loving-kindness! Make mention of Muhammad-Javad from thy Lord, the Creator of all existence, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the hints of those who have denied the Day of Judgment shall not deter him. Drink thou a draught from the choice wine of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. By My life! It will attract thee in such wise that the clamor of those in the land will not grieve thee. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted among the servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn toward the court of Thy bounties and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath dominated all names, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to celebrate Thy praise amongst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest and art sanctified from all opposites. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling.

O Most Pure Countenance! Turn from this Most Great Scene unto him who hath been named ʼAli-Akbar, that he may hear the call of the Lord of Destiny from the Tree planted upon the crimson hill. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. By My life! If thou didst but know, thou wouldst sacrifice thyself for this bounty which hath turned unto thee and encompassed all horizons. They that are heedless this day have no portion of the presence of thy Lord, and are indeed among the wayward. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned unto thee while He was in the hands of the wicked. He by Whose word all created things were stirred now dwelleth in His house behind drawn curtains - thus have they dealt with Him Whom they invoke at eventide and at dawn. We conceal that which hath befallen Us lest the hearts of the righteous be saddened thereby. Give thanks unto God that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee and the Tongue of God hath spoken thy name from the most exalted station. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy brother who bowed down when thy Lord appeared with grandeur and might. Convey My greetings unto his face and give him the glad tidings of this remembrance which hath no equal among all in earth and heaven. Then glory from the All-Glorious upon thy wife whom the breathings of thy Lord's days, the Lord of all men, have stirred.

Then We turned unto Our servant Mahdi that he might hear the call of the Everlasting God from this Ancient Beauty, at Whose settling upon the throne all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving!" Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My Name, the eye that hath beheld My signs, the heart that hath recognized My power, the hand that hath taken My Book, and the soul that hath been set ablaze with the fire of love for its Lord, the Almighty, the Compelling. Rejoice thou with this supreme joy and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Author of all names! I testify that Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Bountiful." Remember on My behalf My handmaiden who hath believed in My signs and attained unto this Cause before which necks have bowed low, and My other handmaiden who hath been illumined by the lights of the Lord and perceived the fragrance of My raiment when it was wafted among the servants.

O Imprisoned Pen! Make mention of Husayn from the Wronged One, that the call of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, may attract him, that he may be assured that My favor hath preceded My loved ones and My mercy hath encompassed Our servants who have sought the most distant Shrine and attained

unto the lights of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. By God! Were We to mention what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who have wronged the Remembrance, the heavens would be cleft asunder, the earth would be rent, and the mountains would crumble. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving, inform thee. We praise God in all conditions and rejoice in His remembrance and the exaltation of His Cause among all who witness and are witnessed. Be as thy Lord hath been, such that neither the gestures of the ignorant disturb thee nor the darkness of the desires of those who judge alarm thee. Remember thy Lord at all times and turn not unto those who have cast the covenant and testament of God behind their backs and followed the promptings of their own desires - these are indeed the losers. Blessed art thou, and thy father and mother, and all thy kindred who have turned with illumined hearts unto this praiseworthy station. Ye have stations with your Lord - to this doth testify this exalted and mighty Tablet. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones who have been consumed by the fire of separation - they are indeed of those for whom is ordained the reward of them that have attained unto the presence of the Beloved. We beseech God to assist them to remain steadfast in His Cause in such wise that no rejected polytheist may cause them to waver.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver Adam from Satan, and Noah from the flood, and Abraham from the fire, and Moses from Pharaoh, and the Spirit from the Jews, and Muhammad from the Abu-Jahl of the age; and by Thy Name through which the breezes of Thy bounty wafted over the bodies of all created things, and the sun of Thy grace shone upon all who dwell in earth and heaven; and by Thy Name through which every poor one was enriched at the gate of Thy wealth, and every abased one was exalted through the manifestations of Thy mighty glory, and every remote one drew near to the wonders of Thy grace and favors; and by Thy Name through which the sun rose from the horizon of Thy providence, and the pavilion of glory was raised in the kingdom of Thy beneficence, and the trees of unity were planted in the paradise of Thy grace and bounty; and furthermore by Thy Name through which all faces were turned toward Thy face, and all souls were drawn to the shore of Thy holy nearness and meeting, and the birds of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee soared in the atmosphere of Thy reunion and glory, and the hearts of the holy ones drank from the cups of Thy divine oneness - that Thou mayest look, O my Beloved, with the glance of Thy favor upon these who have kept vigil on this Night which Thou hast made a festival for Thy creation, wherein Thou didst manifest Thyself by Thy Name the All-Merciful unto all creation, and wherein the Beauty of Thy Lordship was established upon the throne of forgiveness.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by this Night and by those who have kept vigil therein, that Thou mayest send down upon these souls every most perfect good, every most excellent bounty, every most abundant wealth, every most beauteous beauty, every most manifest manifestation, every most steadfast utterance, every most enduring sovereignty, every most perfect word, every most ancient providence, every most powerful sign, every most great name, every most excellent beneficence, every most resplendent glory, every most brilliant radiance, every most powerful might, every most clear permission, every most wondrous book, and every most gentle fruit. For they, O my God, have gathered

around Thee on a day when the dwellers of earth have turned away from Thy presence, and have sought the sanctuary of Thy knowledge after all others rejected it. I beseech Thee, O my God, to change their sorrow into joy from Thy presence, and their grief into gladness from Thy court. Send down upon them, O my God, from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cause to grow from their hearts the plants of Thy knowledge and wisdom. Make them, O my Beloved, so steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause that should all who are in the heavens and on earth endeavor to prevent them, they would pay no heed to any of them, but would turn with their inner and outer beings toward the court of Thy bounty and grace. Honor them, O my Beloved, with Thy presence on the Day when Thou wilt be established upon the throne of eternity, when the feet of the wise shall slip, and the dwellers of earth and heaven shall tremble.

Then, O my God, leave them not to themselves. Take their hands with the power of Thy grace and gather them before the sovereign of the might of Thy bountifulness. Then raise them up, O my Beloved, unto that which Thou hast purposed for them through the sovereignty of Thy mighty dominion, for this is the good than which there is no likeness in creation nor equal in invention. Verily, Thou art powerful over this, mighty and omnipotent. Glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy hidden Name, and by Thy treasured Sign, and by Thy guarded Secret, that Thou deprive not these souls of the surging waves of the sea of Thy oneness, and cause them, O my Desire, to embark upon the ark of Thy glorious might.

O My Hope! Withhold not from them that which Thou hast, and send down upon them that whereby their spirits may be calmed, their hearts reassured, their souls established, their tongues loosed, their minds soar, their eyes be gladdened, their ears hear, and their hearts be enraptured, that they may be drawn, O my Beloved, by the breezes of Thy days, which none have attained save those whom Thou hast chosen for the recognition of Thy Self, elected for Thy Revelation and inspiration, approved for the manifestation of Thy Cause and sovereignty, and made the dawning-places of Thy Cause in Thy lands, the daysprings of Thy divine sustenance amongst Thy creatures, and the manifestations of Thy lordship between Thy heaven and Thy earth. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest, and the Dominant over what Thou desirest. None can resist Thy command or reverse Thy decree. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest by Thy will. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Giver, the Bountiful, the Beloved, the Generous.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the oceans of Thy names surged in the kingdom of Thy attributes, and the sun of Thy decree shone forth from the horizon of Thy judgment, to gather these beneath the shade of the tree of Thy oneness. Then grant them, O my God, from the wonders of Thy bounties which Thou hast sent down at all times from the heaven of Thy will and concealed from the eyes of Thy creatures, that they may delight in secret as they have delighted openly in the wondrous gifts of Thy divine unity. Send down, O my Beloved, into their hearts that which will purify them from all else but Thee and draw them near to the sanctuary of Thy good-pleasure and the source of Thy will, that they may speak naught except in Thy love, turn to none save in devotion to Thee, face no direction but the direction of Thy mercy and bounty, raise not their hands save toward the heaven of Thy might and generosity, and open not their eyes save unto the wondrous splendors of the lights of Thy countenance.

O Beloved! Give them to drink from the cups of everlasting life by the hand of this Youth in this paradise, that they may be severed from the idols of Satan and unite in Thy Cause in these days, remembering Thee at eventide and at dawn beneath the canopy of Thy grace, O Thou Bestower! O Thou Who sendeth down the Revelation, and bringeth the contingent world into being! I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, to remove discord from among these, then clothe them in the robe of Thy grace and the garments of Thy favors, in such wise that they may speak only of the wondrous traces of Thy divine sovereignty, and there may appear from them naught but that which will guide all created things to the court of Thy holy love, whereby the servants may ascend to the atmosphere of nearness to Thy unity, rise unto the heaven of Thy uniqueness, gather in the precincts of Thy mercy, and be as one soul before the sanctuary of Thy grandeur.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to purify their hearts from the dust of contingent things and the soil of created things, that the mirrors of their hearts may be cleansed and there may be reflected therein the wondrous splendors of the lights of Thy luminous beauty. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and verily, Thou art wise over all things.

Bless, then, O my God, those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and in Thy Beauty which shineth between Thy earth and Thy heaven. Thou art, verily, the Lord of forgiveness and mercy, and the Lord of grandeur and majesty. Then, O my God, detach Thy servants from all else but Thee and draw them to the court of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Resurrector, the Life-Giver, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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In the name of Him Who is the Manifest, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who created all beings through the force of Thy Self-Subsistence, and manifested all things through the power of Thy Unity. Thou hast clothed them with the garments of Thy all-knowledge and adorned them with the robes of Thy holiness, that all might testify to Thy eternal sovereignty in the realm of divine essences, and all might bear witness to Thy singular dominion in the world of contingent beings. Thou hast made the Point of Existence the essence of all knowledge in the dawning of creation, and hast stripped away all signs, such that no mention was ordained for aught else in His presence, nor any glory for another in His kingdom. Thou didst ordain no separation between them, no connection, no mention, and no description, lest any soul be veiled by beholding created things from attaining unto the beauty of Thy countenance, and lest any being be kept back, at the manifestation of known things, from gazing upon Thy majesty.

Glorified, glorified art Thou above the knowledge of all known things! Glorified, glorified art Thou beyond the description of all created things! By Thy glory, O my Lord, were all names in their fullness and all attributes in their grandeur to be bestowed upon any sign of Thy dominion, it would be fitting, though nothing would be manifested therefrom throughout all eternity, nor would a single letter emerge from the veils of majesty. Glorified, glorified art Thou! How great is Thy power, how mighty Thy sovereignty, whereby Thou hast made all existence the dawning-place of Thy knowledge and the treasury of Thy glory!

By Thy life! Should any of those who point unto Thee desire to bring forth all knowledge from a speck of dust, he would be able, for the sovereign power of Thy grace hath permeated the mystery of unity, and the king of Thy bounty hath stirred within the innermost essence of eternity. All this is but a token of the knowledge whereby Thou didst create all visible things and bring forth all that hath been mentioned, without anything departing from or entering into the sign of Thy unity. But the knowledge that is Thy Self none shall ever know save Thee, and none can describe it except Thee. It hath no description save its own essence, no mention save its own being, no attribute save its own self. Glorified, glorified art Thou far above whatsoever Thy servants assert in describing Thy attributes!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not how to make mention of Thee after Thou hast cut off all ways before me and encompassed me from every direction. Yet how can I refrain from mentioning Thee after Thou hast commanded me by the sovereign power of Thy remembrance and guided me by the king of Thy loving-kindness? By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I desire none but Thee, I describe none but Thee, I seek none but Thee, I ask for none but Thee, and I exist solely for Thee, and through none but Thee.

By Thy glory, which is Thy very Self! Were I not fearful lest the feet of them that know Thee might slip and the minds of the united ones be confounded, I would have declared Thee sanctified above all things, hallowed beyond every description, and would have returned all the attributes wherewith people describe Thee to a speck of dust, that the sovereignty of Thy might might become manifest in the realm of divine essences and the king of Thy transcendence might be proven in the kingdom of unity. But how can this be, after Thou hast sealed my tongue by Thy power? And how can this appear, after Thou hast removed me far by Thy might?

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Thou art He Who seated me within the pavilions of Thy grandeur, then took away their pillars; Who caused me to dwell in the tabernacle of Thy loftiness, then cut its cords. Praise be to Thee, O my God, for what Thou hast sent down upon Thy servant from the drops of Thy might, and thanksgiving be to Thee, O my Hope, for what Thou hast caused to descend upon this son of Thy handmaiden from the outpourings of Thy power, such that the signs of Thy wrath have encompassed me from every direction.

None shall be able to withstand me in the face of the manifestation of the signs of Thy wrath, nor can any soul endure to be with me at the revelation of the tokens of Thy chastisement. Glorified, glorified art Thou! How great is my grief, and how severe my tribulation, that even wert Thou to seat me upon the throne of glory and give me to drink from the chalices of oneness before the countenance of beauty, and conceal me in the robes of grace behind the tabernacles of might and bounty, and cause me to enter the pavilions of grandeur at the dawning of the sun of eternity - by Thy glory, the sorrow of my heart would not be dispelled, nor would the anguish of my soul be lifted, nor would the burning of my heart be stilled, nor would the grief of my being be extinguished. I know not, O my God, why Thou hast caused to remain on earth one whom no created thing desireth, and how Thou hast delivered unto the kingdom one whom no creature loveth. Glorified, glorified art Thou! Never have I found any as patient as Thee, nor known any as forsaken as I. Yet by Thy glory, even if Thou wert to slay me with every sword, and pierce my heart with every arrow, and raise my head upon every spear, and parade it throughout the lands until the people do with it as they wish - I would remain content with Thy decree, obedient to Thy command,

accepting of Thy deeds, and loving what Thou lovest. It is not for me to object with a single word, for I, in my weakness and abasement, have known and become certain that Thou wilt not deal with me save in that which benefiteth me, and this is the ultimate expression of Thy grace toward Thy servant and the supreme manifestation of Thy loving-kindness toward the son of Thy handmaiden. But none can understand this save those whose vision Thou hast made penetrating this Day, and sufficient art Thou as witness to what I say. Glorified, glorified art Thou! Verily, I have been among the wrongdoers, and I call upon Thee in the darkness of remoteness that there is no God but Thee. Glory be unto Thee! Verily, I am of those who repent. Answer Thou my prayer and have mercy upon me, for Thou art the Beloved of them that know Thee, and praise be unto Thee, for Thou art God, the Lord of all worlds. Dost Thou see within Thyself, O my God, that Thou shouldst not have mercy upon me, after I have become certain that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful? Dost Thou perceive in Thy inner being, O my Lord, that Thou shouldst not gladden me, after I have known that Thou art the Lord of all worlds? Glorified art Thou, O my God! If Thou art not with Thy servant, who then can be his companion? And if Thou art not with the son of Thy handmaiden, can any other than Thee be his reckoner? Nay, by Thy presence! For by the power of Thy grace Thou hast cut him off from all directions, and by the sovereignty of Thy mercy Thou hast sanctified him from all contingent things, whether this be in opposition to his self or in accordance with it, such that nothing remaineth for him save the dawning-places of Thy remembrance and the manifestations of Thy praise. If Thou acceptest these, then unto Thee be praise - praise that causeth grace to descend from the heavens of Thine eternity, praise that manifesteth tenderness from the splendors of Thine essence, praise that befitteth the sovereignty of Thy oneness and beseemeth the dominion of Thy unity. Glorified, glorified art Thou! Verily, I have been among the heedless, and I say: Have mercy upon me, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of all worlds.

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Beloved spiritual one, his honor Nabil-ibn-Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God and His care! He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

In truth, the praise of these servants has not been and is not worthy of the Concealed Mystery, the Hidden Secret, and the Protected Symbol. The path to the impenetrable Mystery is blocked and the quest rejected. However, praise, gratitude, mention and glorification are befitting of Him Who stands in the place of Truth, glorified be His Glory. He is the Dawning-Place of supreme attributes and the Dayspring of the Most Beautiful Names. This most exalted station and loftiest summit and ultimate goal ended with the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. He is the Seal through whom the Beginning was made manifest, and He is the Last through whom the First became evident. He is the Manifestation of 'He doeth what He willeth' and the Embodiment of the words 'He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden.' And prayers and peace be upon Him and His family and companions through whom the banner of unity was unfurled and the decree of detachment was spread.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, the esteemed letter which was sent to the great beloved, His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be God's peace and care, was forwarded to this servant and presented before His face. He said: "Excellent is what his tongue hath spoken and what hath flowed from his

utterance. He hath indeed spoken the truth. We beseech God the Exalted to strengthen him and assist him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to protect him from the evil of those who have clung to the cord of deceit and guile. Verily, He is powerful over all things. And We make mention of those with him. We beseech God to send down upon them a blessing from His presence and mercy from His side. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous." End.

As for that beloved one's augury, in truth it was a supreme sign and a mighty proof. But what benefit when there is no fairness and penetrating vision and attentive ears are lacking - nay, lost. We are God's and unto Him shall we return. However, what he said afterward and declared that "I took an augury from them and this verse came" - this statement was pure fabrication. In any case, Ahmad is very corrupting. That beloved one should know that he may often become the cause of sedition and corruption, for in his childhood things were observed from him. It is not known by what proof and evidence those souls accepted the Primal Point. The essence of the Bayan, by the confirmation of the Point Himself, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, was this blessed word: "I have written a gem concerning His mention, and it is that He shall not be known by My allusion nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan." If this mention were removed from the Bayan, nothing would remain. The second Yahya surely wants to become a follower of the first Yahya. Say: O helpless one! What was the outcome of the deeds and the fruits of the words and beliefs of the Shi'ihs of Iran that you now wish to follow them? After twelve hundred years, when He Whom they mentioned in nights and days and Whose appearance they sought and hoped for, both learned and ignorant, after His manifestation they arose to oppose Him and gave verdict to shed His most pure blood. And if only they had been aware of the source of vain imaginings. If this evanescent servant were to mention the details, all would be astonished. In any case, I beseech the Truth to grant eyes the light and ears the power of hearing that perchance they may see. Let them hear that verily He is in need of nothing from among all things, neither any mention from among mentions, nor any matter from among matters. He hath spoken with supreme steadfastness before the faces of humanity. What He hath willed - verily He is the One Willed in both beginning and end, and He stood before all faces while those who indulge in vain imaginings remained behind the veil. That beloved one, praise be to God, is aware and cognizant. According to His command, shunning such souls is necessary and withholding acknowledgment obligatory. Often they inform the heedless and investigators appear. Under no circumstances should you be at ease with anyone. There have been and are investigators among the people; one cannot be at ease with any soul, for they conduct their investigations with the utmost friendship and unity. Since that beloved one has the affairs of the people in hand, they must be most vigilant. The polytheistic souls will surely give information to others. In correspondence also, wisdom must be observed. Until now they have not understood the purpose, imagining that this party consists of corrupt people. I beseech the Truth to make all on earth aware, that they may know with clear certitude that corruption, conflict, contention, treachery and all evil deeds have been forbidden with a mighty forbidding, and the purpose hath been and is naught but reformation. As they are heedless and unaware, at the mere hearing of a word they become agitated. In all cases that beloved one must be vigilant and documents must be in a secure place. The servant beseecheth his Lord to preserve you, guard you, aid you in wisdom, ordain for you the good of this world and the next, and manifest through you that which shall endure through the eternity of His most beautiful Names.

Convey my greetings to the spiritual friend, his eminence Shaykh, upon him be God's peace and favors, and likewise to Qurratu'l-'Ayn. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation and aid for each one. Verily He hath power over all things. Convey my greetings and praise to his eminence [the namesake], upon him be God's peace and favors. He too must act with wisdom, for some people are corrupt and have neither recognized nor known the worth of generosity, love, manliness and valor. In all cases one must hold fast to wisdom. Verily He is the Preserver, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what was written about his honor Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Akbar, may God assist and aid him, this servant conveys greetings to him and beseeches the Truth to preserve him and grant him sustenance from the purest fountain. Ghouls and demons lie in wait in ambush. I beseech and implore the Truth not to deprive the seekers from the ultimate goal and highest purpose, nor prevent the yearning ones from the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings. Blessed is the day and mighty the Cause, while the helpless people are heedless and unaware. It is hoped that the true Bestower will not withhold His grace but grant that which befits His generosity. Verily He is the Kind, the Generous. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those with you, and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath witnessed and beheld the greatest signs of his Lord, and hath attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath known that for which he was created, and happy is he who hath clung to the cord of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have seen it and heard what was therein. We have answered thee with a Tablet through which the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy call hath reached Mine ears and thy letter hath come before Mine eyes. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Remember thou the days when thou didst stand before the face of thy Lord and wert seated before His mighty throne. Thou art he who heard the Call and turned unto the Supreme Horizon, and drank the choice wine of understanding from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Gracious. There hath been ordained for thee from the Pen of the Most High that which the world cannot equal. Thus hath the Wronged One given thee glad-tidings in His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. When thou hast received My Tablet and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of My words, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having drawn me nigh unto Thee, and brought me into Thy presence, and honored me with meeting Thee, and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance,

and made known to me Thy momentous Message and Thy straight Path. I am he who, O my God, was heedless - the revelations of Thy loving-kindness taught me; who was asleep - the hand of Thy bounty awakened me; who was far removed - the manifestations of Thy grace drew me nigh. How can I recount, O my God, the wondrous tokens of Thy loving-kindness and what Thou hast sent down to me from the heaven of Thy Will and the kingdom of Thy Purpose? The evidences of Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy mercy that hath preceded all things have encompassed me, such that Thou hast made me one of the Afnans of Thy Tree and associated me with Thine own Self. By Thy glory! Were I to possess a thousand souls at every moment and sacrifice them all in Thy path, they would not equal a drop from the ocean of Thy bounty nor a spark from the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause. O Lord! Aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy chosen ones. By Thy glory, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I desire that Thou make me, in all conditions, attracted by Thy verses, illumined by Thy light, clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace, and gazing toward Thy horizon, and to be in such wise that nothing in the world, neither strength nor power nor dominion, shall hold me back. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. I beseech Thee, O Manifestation of clear signs and Revealer of verses, by Thy Most Holy Book and what it containeth of Thy mysteries and knowledge, and by the suns of love and fellowship that have shone forth from the horizons of the hearts of them that are sincere among Thy servants, to ordain for me that which shall protect me from those who have violated Thy Covenant, and disbelieved in Thy proof, and disputed Thy verses, and denied Thy right. O Lord! Thou seest me humble before Thy face and submissive to Thy command. Ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

O Afnan! The upheaval in this land has caused the delay in reply. From the earliest days until now, the Wronged One has been in the hands of enemies. Although the might, majesty and power of the peoples of the world have not and will never prevent the penetration of the Most Exalted Word and the power of the Most High Pen, yet since being wronged has been and is acceptable in the sight of God, therefore He has been made the target of the transgressions of the oppressors and aggressors. In the transformation of the prison into the Most Exalted Paradise there are signs for the discerning and evidences for those of insight. That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablets hath been and continueth to be made manifest. We beseech God to aid thee to do that which is pleasing unto the Friend. Some of the Afnan, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful, circle round and abide in peace and tranquility beneath the canopy of grandeur. The Command is in His hand; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what thou didst mention about the afflictions of the people and their lack of awareness, what hath befallen and continueth to befall the people of the earth is the recompense of their deeds. Man and all things are bewildered. A group throughout ages and centuries cried out “O Qa’im!” and finally martyred Him. O Afnan! One day as We were walking in the land of Ta, the seat of Persian sovereignty, suddenly lamentations arose from all directions. Upon investigation, the wailing of pulpits throughout the cities and regions of that land was heard, uttering these words: “O my God, my God! The Seal of the Prophets and the Lord of all Messengers, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, ordained us for Thy mention and praise. The purpose was that through us Thy mention, Thy praise and the praise of

Thy loved ones might be raised. Yet now the ignorant ones are engaged in cursing and reviling the Intended One. O my God, my God! Deliver us and protect us from the idolatrous souls." In response to these exalted words, there was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names: "Verily We have accepted tribulations for the manifestation of the Cause and We are patient therein. He verily is the Concealer. He biddeth you to observe sublime concealment. He is the All-Patient. He counseleth you to show forth beauteous patience."

O Afnan! Not a single pulpit remained in Iran except that upon it God, exalted be His glory, was reviled, and that was uttered which is forbidden to mention. Had not God's mercy preceded, all would have perished. Two things have caused preservation: one, divine forgiveness, and the other, the deeds of certain souls who claimed to be related to the Truth. We beseech God to awaken those who slumber and illumine those who are heedless with the light of wisdom. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. We supplicate the Goal of all the worlds to aid thee and thy kindred to achieve that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Mention of the honored Afnan who was named Muhammad-i-Qablih-Baqir hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. He hath attained unto My remembrance, which hath been inscribed in God's Book by the Ancient Pen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. The honored Amin hath ever made mention of thee and the Afnan. Each of the letters that he hath sent to this Servant hath been adorned with mention of the Afnan. Now We have turned Our attention in that direction, and therefore We make mention of him with a wondrous mention, that it may draw him and My Afnans unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Today the fragrance of the Revelation hath encompassed the world, yet most are deprived. We beseech God that He may assist His loved ones to achieve that which beseemeth the Day of God. In any case, convey the mention of the Wronged One to Amin wherever he may be, that he may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful ones.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise befitteth the most holy court of the Desired One, Who hath transformed the Most Great Prison for His loved ones - though it beareth this name - and hath thrown open the gate of attainment unto His presence. As a manifestation of His power, He hath also unlocked the outer gate in such wise that it remaineth continuously open day and night, that whosoever willeth may enter and whosoever wisheth may depart - this, in spite of those who, upon our first arrival, had barred the gate of the barracks which was the abode of prisoners. Therefore did the Tongue of Utterance proclaim in one instance these words: "Grieve not, for God shall soon open before your faces the gate of the city. Then shall enter and leave through it whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Desired One." Yet now, for some time, expressions of sadness have been emanating from this land. The knowledge thereof is with God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest the hearts of Thy Afnan turning toward the horizon of Thy Cause, gazing upon the lights of Thy countenance, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace, set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and attracted by Thy verses. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and the Possessor of power over all nations, by the call of the Daysprings of Thy Cause and the Fountainheads of Thy wisdom amongst Thy servants, and by Thy Book whereby Thou didst separate truth from error and didst guide all unto Thy path, to adorn them with the crown of Thy Name amidst Thy creation and with the ornament of Thy Revelation throughout Thy lands. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty blessings and mercy from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Almighty.

My soul be a sacrifice for your arising, your remembrance and your utterance! The letter from your eminence, which shone with love and favor, arrived, illuminating the court of the heart and bestowing eternal fragrance and joy upon the carpet of the soul. Praise be to God, each of its letters and words was a messenger arriving from the city of recognition, and a herald from the realm of utterance bearing endless glad tidings, for from each letter wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. We praise God for confirming His Afnan in His remembrance and praise, in circumambulating His House, and in arising to serve His Cause. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

After its reading, recognition and perusal, it was taken to the Holy Presence and achieved the honor of being heard. The Lord, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him, said: “O servant present! Behold the grace of God and His sovereignty. He hath confirmed the Afnan in turning towards Him, in acceptance, in steadfastness and certitude, and hath made them guides to His remembrance among His servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen His Cause through them among His creation and to aid them in exalting His Word throughout all regions. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And We send Our greetings to Our loved ones there and ask for them divine confirmation and success in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.”

Praise be to God, there hath flowed from the Source of grace that of which a single drop causeth the sprouting of the world with the herbs of wisdom and utterance, and the flowers of remembrance and knowledge. Exalted is God’s grace and magnificent His bounty, and resplendent the Sun of His mercy which hath preceded all created things. The loved ones and friends in that land are each blessed with His grace and are specially mentioned in that Presence, particularly the honored servant Haji Muhammad-Rida and the beloved of the heart Muhammad-Mu??afa, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. This servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His loved ones through the angels of His victory, to ordain for them what He hath revealed in His Book, and to grant them the Kawthar of nearness and attainment in the Day which all have been promised - the Day whose advent He announced to the polytheists and whose coming He heralded to the monotheists. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

It is submitted that the petition of Bahram, upon him be the Glory of God, which he presented to your honor, was entirely presented. Grace and bounty were shown towards him, and then these blessed words were uttered: “O Bahram! The dawn of the Day of Justice hath broken. The rays of the all-

encompassing Sun have illumined the world and bestowed freshness upon the withered age. How excellent is the eye that seeth and recognizeth! Ask thou the Self-Sufficient One to reveal unto thee the mystery of His Day and grant thee new life upon new life. He is the Mighty, He is the All-Knowing."

Praise be to God! The beloved of the heart, his honor Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors and bounties, has been with them and has mentioned each one. The noble scribes are present everywhere - this is from God's command, the Mighty, the Loving. Hidden particles are revealed and concealed mysteries are made manifest. This is the Day when secrets are tried. How clearly the secrets of hearts and the betrayal of eyes were revealed at the Threshold! This is a promise that cannot be denied. Praise be to God, we witnessed it, yet in all conditions we beseech Him to make the heedless aware and grant the sinners the grace to return. Verily, He is the Forgiver, the Generous.

The letter arrived late and there was no opportunity to present the response to the beloved of the heart, his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, the True, the Manifest King. God willing, I shall present it later. I convey greetings and praise, and beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for confirmation and success on his behalf. Praise be to God, he is successful and what was sent has arrived. It is known that his honor is steadfast in service in all conditions and mindful of the interests of the Cause. This is a confirmation from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of our forefathers.

The Branches of the Blessed Tree and the maidens of the pavilion of chastity each mention his honor and that honored Afnan, and beseech God for confirmation and success. The honored one, the beloved spiritual one concealed in this evanescent heart, his honor Afnan Haji Siyyid Ali, may my spirit be sacrificed for him and upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, has always been and continues to be remembered, mentioned and present. The servant beseeches his Lord to unite you time after time and again and again. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Praise, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth.

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The matter of the earth-moving equipment may be presented later.

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He is God, exalted be His glory and power!

Praise, sanctified above all change and extinction, eternally was and ever shall be befitting and worthy of that Imperishable Being, that Self-Sufficient Most High, Who through the fragrance of the garment of His grace guided the people of the Kingdom of Creation to the Most Exalted Horizon, and by the scratching of His Pen drew the peoples of the world to the Kingdom of Eternity. He bestowed upon the atom the glory of the sun, and conferred upon the drop the effects of the ocean. By His Command-Word He subdued the

world, and by a single letter from His Book He guided those endowed with understanding to the fountain of life. He is the Peerless Mighty One and the King Who doeth what He willeth. All the peoples of the world bear witness to His power. The might of oppressors, the tyranny of aggressors, the denial of deniers, and the turning away of the heedless did not and will never prevent Him from His purpose. His Will is operative and His Purpose all-pervasive. His blessed Name is the Most Great Healing Medicine for the health of the world, and His mention the companion of every stranger and wanderer. Exalted be His mercy and glorified be His grace. There is none other God but Him.

And peace and blessings be upon Him Who sat upon the Throne of the Seal, through Whom appeared the decree of the Beginning, whereby was broken the back of the wicked ones who worshipped idols and took them as lords besides God, the Lord of all mankind, and upon His family and companions who arose to serve His Cause and strove in God's path to exalt His Word - they are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the Tree spoke forth on the Mount of Recognition and the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance shone forth from the horizon of creation! I beseech Thee by the dawning-places of Thy Most Beautiful Names and the day-springs of Thy most exalted attributes, and by Thy Greatest Signs, to send down upon Thy servants that which will draw them to Thine All-Highest Horizon and bring them near unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below. O Lord! The souls have been enveloped by the veils of idle fancies and been prevented from turning to the horizon of certitude. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name the Self-Subsisting, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Disappoint them not of what lies with Thee, and withhold not from them that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee and such of Thy creatures as are sincere before Thee. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee, facing the lights of Thy countenance, and hastening toward the ocean of Thy bounty. Do Thou provide them, O my God, with the table Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace and the blessings Thou hast ordained in Thy Scrolls and Books and Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

And further: your letter was received, and the fragrance of acceptance and love emanated from it. Praise be to God, they are blessed with divine favors and honored by His name. This evanescent servant beseeches the Self-Sufficient Lord in all conditions to rend asunder the veils of all parties with the finger of power, so that all may arise, with illumined vision, truthful tongues, attentive ears, pure hearts, and expanded breasts, to that which befits the station of man. Man has been and continues to be among the greatest signs of God, and has come from the realm of non-existence into the court of existence for the knowledge and betterment of the world. Should the leaders of government and nation manifest spiritual virtues, goodly deeds, and kindly words, the lights of justice would encompass all the earth, and all would dwell in perfect tranquility within the pavilion of security and peace. The foundation of the security and welfare of nations rests upon two pillars: reward and punishment. Every sovereign must implement these two principles; indeed it is essential. If man observes the divine verses with the eye of fairness and reflects, he will find each passage to be the dawning-place of laws. Reflect upon this blessed verse wherein He says: "Accept thou what is easy, and enjoin what is just, and turn away from the ignorant."

And likewise He says: “Be generous as God has been generous to thee.” All laws and principles that are the cause of the world’s order and the nations’ tranquility can be deduced and derived from these two blessed verses. Most of the servants are seen to be heedless and veiled, and this servant, in view of the degrees of love and affection, is at all times engaged in prayer and clinging to the hem of divine generosity, that He might perchance not look upon the deeds of the servants, but rather, through His own bounty and grace, grant what has been beseeched. Verily He is the Forgiving, verily He is the Kind, verily He is the Generous, verily He is the Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

And regarding the question about the blessed verse concerning the Trust - His exalted Word: “We offered the Trust” - a detailed response was bestowed, but sending it in an envelope was far from the requirements of wisdom, therefore it was not sent. God willing, in these days perhaps someone will journey in that direction and it will be sent with them. Now this servant has given the glad tidings of it and afterward you shall attain it. You mentioned his honor Akhund Mulla Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may he be blessed in all conditions with the outpourings of the true Bestower and illumined by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. The world has never had, nor has, any worth - soon it shall return to nothingness. I beseech and implore God to aid His loved ones in that which will cause their names and mention to endure. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the Kingdom of Names. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Wise. This evanescent servant sends greetings to his honor the aforementioned one. God willing, may he be assisted in the remembrance of God and in that which will exalt the station of man in the contingent world. Likewise convey greetings and praise from this servant to his honor Karbala’i Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. I hope from God’s generosity, exalted be His glory, that He will protect him in all conditions through the hands of power and grant him that which befits His bounty. Verily He is the Generous, the Merciful. Convey greetings and praise from this evanescent one to the other friends in that land. God willing, may all be aided and assisted in that which God loves and with which He is pleased. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those who have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And peace and blessings be upon the Messengers, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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His honor Mirza Habibullah, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

A mention from Us to one who has turned towards and heard the Call of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and answered his Lord on a day wherein most of mankind turned away from the Lord of the Beginning and the End. To this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness as it speaketh from the prison: “There is none other God but I, the True One, the Knower of things unseen.” Blessed art thou for having turned towards God and acted according to that which thou wert commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. We bear witness that thou hast cast aside what thou didst desire and taken what God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, did desire. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. There hath

befallen Us that which hath befallen no other servants. To this the Tongue of God beareth witness from His praiseworthy station.

O Habib! Rejoice in that the All-Forgiving hath forgiven thee and purified thee from transgressions. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate. He hath seized the spotted one with His might and left him beneath the lashes of his reprehensible and abhorrent deeds. He was indeed the foundation and source of corruption. We unleashed upon him, before the Hereafter, a punishment in this world from which the denizens of the fire seek refuge with God, the Powerful, the Mighty. The breezes of chastisement encompassed him from all directions, both before and after his soul's departure. The angels of wrath drove him to the lowest of the low. We seize with justice and give through grace, and I am the Just, the Wise. He taketh and causeth grief; He giveth and bringeth joy; and He is the Kind, the Merciful. Justice hath its hosts, which are the requital and recompense of deeds, and through these the pavilion of order hath been raised in the world, and every transgressor hath taken hold of his own reins through fear of retribution. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Names; He is verily the Speaker, the All-Knowing. And We seized the wolf with an affliction which none save God, the Lord of all worlds, hath knowledge of. This occurred in the first year he opposed My Name, the Ha. Verily thy Lord is the Severe Avenger. By My life! No medicine shall cure him, nor shall anything in the kingdom of creation heal him. It shall increase and not diminish until he returneth to his abode. Then shall he behold what neither mention can reckon nor any counter enumerate. And before him We seized the Chief through Our power, even as We seized those greater than he in bygone ages, and I am the Expositor, the All-Informed.

O Habib! Thy letter hath come and hath attained unto the hearing of thy Lord in this station wherein the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary speaketh amongst mankind: "The Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty." We found in thy letter the warmth of thy love and witnessed thy being set ablaze by that Word whereby the hearts of those near unto God were enkindled. Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One hath mentioned thee while sorrows encompassed Him from those who were heedless of this mighty Cause.

And We make mention of the Sheikh who was named Hassan that he may rejoice in a remembrance whereby all things were attracted and every possessor of utterance proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee with verses that cannot be equaled by what the eyes of the world have seen nor the treasuries of kings. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, soaring in My atmosphere, and steadfast in the service of My Cause, the Unshakeable, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me that which the learned and divines of the age have not attained unto, save him whom Thou didst rescue through the arm of Thy power. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

Happy is the eye that hath seen My signs, and the ear that hath heard My call, and the heart that hath turned toward My horizon, and the tongue that hath uttered My beauteous praise. O My loved ones! Drink ye from the Kawthar of life everlasting in My Name and sprinkle thereof upon every mouldering bone. By God! The very rock crieth out in ecstasy at the verses of its Lord, and the mountain soareth in its longing to attain the presence of God, the All-Speaking, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Mim before Alif and Za', and remind them of the verses of thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens, that the rapture of thy call may draw them to a station wherein the Tongue of Eternity proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thankful unto God for having remembered you while He was imprisoned by those who were heedless of the Beginning and the Return. We counsel you to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Beware lest the doubts of the people keep you back from the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are bidden by God, the Lord of all men. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone - to this do God's Books, the Lord of lords, bear witness. From this spot We send Our greetings upon your faces and upon the faces of those who have turned with radiant countenances toward the countenance of their Lord, the Dayspring of lights.

We make mention of My handmaidens in that place who have quaffed the wine of My loving-kindness, who have turned toward My horizon and who have spoken My praise on a Day wherein the heaven brought forth smoke. O My handmaidens! Rejoice that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward you from the direction of His Most Great Prison. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon you and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling.

We make mention of My servant Ghulam-'Ali and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy, that he may give thanks unto his Gracious Lord. We have remembered thee out of Our grace, and We are the All-Knowing Rememberer. We have turned toward thee, and We are the Merciful Turner. O Ghulam! Turn thy face toward thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having remembered me and accepted my turning toward Thy luminous horizon. Thanks be unto Thee, O my God, for having acquainted me with the ocean of Thy knowledge while He was in His mighty prison. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere ones. All praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention in this station of My loved ones in Qaf and Mim, and We remember them with that which diffuseth the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise. O My loved ones! The Best-Beloved remembereth you in the land of exile while imprisoned by the hands of the heedless. Blessed are ye for having turned toward the Countenance, and joy be unto you for having won the grace of God, the Bestower, the Gracious. Arise with such steadfastness as shall cause the hearts of the polytheists to tremble - they who claim allegiance to the Bayan yet deny Him Who revealed it by His command. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are among the dead. Rejoice ye in My remembrance, then speak forth My praise, and when a clamorer cometh unto you, leave him to himself and turn ye toward the Most Sublime Horizon - the station wherefrom the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was raised in celebration of this Remembrance, whereof God gave glad-tidings through the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers. Glory be from Us upon those who have acknowledged this Momentous News.

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His Holiness Ali-Qabl-i-Asghar, whose brother was martyred in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing in the Kingdom of Eternity. Glorified be He Whom all that are in the heavens and earth do praise, and verily He encompasseth all things. Before Him bow down all who dwell in the dominion of creation and command, and verily He hath power over all things. He hath ordained the measures of all things in the Tablets and made clear unto His servants that which draweth them nigh unto the Beauty of wondrous glory. He hath sent down from the heaven of command the verses of grandeur and might, and made them a proof from Him unto all the worlds. He hath sent forth the Messengers testifying that there is none other God but Him, and that this Youth is His splendor and His glory and His grandeur unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus hath God testified with the tongue of power and might, and verily He is witness unto all things.

Among them is he whose heart He inspired through the Spirit of Truth, and among them is he upon whom revelation descended with hidden holy intimations, and among them is he upon whom the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a perfect angel, and among them is he with whom God conversed directly without mention of any other, when separation vanished and the Sovereign of union appeared without sign or condition. And among them is he whom He caused to speak of Himself unto Himself, making him sanctified from the confirmation of aught else. Exalted be this bounty which every pure mystic is powerless to comprehend! Whoso claimeth to know this station hath indeed lied against himself and is recorded among the calumniators in the Tablets of Protection.

That which is attributed to Him of the confirmations of the Spirit is only due to the weakness of the servants, for verily He hath ever been independent of all the worlds. Verily the Holy Spirit confirmeth by His command, and the Spirit of the Cause circleth round about Him. This is the foundation of the Cause, spoken by the tongue of manifest truth. Say: God hath made all words a throne for His Word, whereupon it was established upon the thrones with a sovereignty mighty over the Cause. Say: The sovereignty of words hath been established upon their seats, and none knoweth this save he who hath turned with pure and illumined vision unto that which hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne.

Say: When the beauty of the veiled, concealed, and hidden meanings was revealed in this luminous, conclusive Word upon the Sinai of utterances between earth and heaven, then were the words of the people of allusions struck down, and they fell prostrate upon the dust, returning to a station that was limited from the beginning. Thus came the Lord of Words upon clouds of meaning, and the Cause was determined by the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, those who denied it are removed from divine wrath and are slaves to the idols of self and passion, and their names are not mentioned today before the Throne.

Say: O people, adorn yourselves with the raiment of righteousness and piety between earth and heaven. This We have ordained for you in the Kingdom of Eternity from the mercy which preceded all the worlds. By God, O people, the ocean of grandeur hath surged in My Most Glorious Name at the Dayspring of Light from this brilliant, luminous Light, while ye remain halted in drunkenness at the setting-place of extinction. Hasten ye to the paradise of God and His mercy, for verily His mercy hath ever encompassed His grace. Say: The Beauty of God hath shone forth above your heads - do ye deny your vision of it? Then

do the eyes of My mercy weep for you in this station which hath been praised throughout all eternity. Open […]

O people! We created hearts for the descent of the splendor of Our lights. Do you bar their doors against the face of their Lord, Who verily standeth behind the door and calleth you with a sorrowful voice, saying: "O people! We created hearts for the descent of the effulgence of Our lights. Do ye bar their doors against the face of their Owner? This indeed is a grievous wrong in the Tablet. Purify My house from the mention of aught else but Me, that the lights of My manifestations may enter therein, for I will never gather with another, and I have ever been sanctified from all else besides Me. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of Command in all the Tablets.

O servant! Give thanks unto God for what hath been sent down unto thee–a Book that is noble in truth. Verily it is God's Scripture among the concourse of creation, the Book of Justice in the kingdom of names, and the mighty Book in the exalted heaven. Before the Throne it is named as a Tablet preserved by God's protection. None shall touch it save those whom God hath purified from the mention of all else but Him and raised them to the sublime summit of a holy and beloved station. Besides these, none shall attain unto it, even should they read it at all times. Thus hath the Command flowed from the direction of the All-Merciful, and the decree hath been sent down through grace from the clouds of this Cause.

Blessed is he who findeth the sweetness of his Lord's remembrance in this Tablet and in whose heart is kindled the fire that was lit in the Tree of the All-Merciful by God's leave. O servant! Preserve this Tablet, then recite it in the gardens of Paradise that it may draw thee to a mighty and impregnable station.

Beware, O people of Baha, lest ye hearken to the words of the idolaters concerning this Cause, nor sever the arm of grace with the swords of turning away. Soar with the two wings of detachment in this atmosphere. Then drink the sweet waters of inner meanings from the dawning-places of these words and say: "Glory be to Him Who hath singled us out for the recognition of His Self, honored us with His love, and given us to drink of the water of life that was mingled with the love of God."

Thus have We taught thee the ways of truth, expounded the verses unto thee, and guided thee to the daybreak of guidance on this morn that hath shone forth from the brow of the Cause. May the mercy that hath appeared from the horizon of eternity be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon all who are with you, young and old.

Unite, O loved ones of God, in His Cause, then follow God's ways and His religion, and be not tyrants and wretches in the earth. Say: Today none can enter God's Kingdom save by detaching themselves from all who are in the heavens and the earth and purifying themselves from the intimations of creation. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the direction of the Throne.

Adorn yourselves with what God hath desired for you–this indeed is what is intended, did ye but know it. Stand firm in the love of God in these days when the thunderbolt of wrath hath seized all who are on earth save those who have entered beneath a shelter that is true and trustworthy. Thus hath the Spirit spoken upon the branches of the Tree of Knowledge, from One Who is mighty and praiseworthy.

Say: Today nothing shall profit anyone except after having loved Me, and God is witness to what I say.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

The Supreme Pen hath trembled by reason of this most grievous calamity which hath saddened the Wronged One whilst in this remote spot. By God! Through it were all created things disturbed, and the Divine Lote-Tree did cry out from the all-glorious horizon: “Grief be to God, the Sovereign Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!”

O Pen of the Most Ancient Being! Make mention of him who turned towards the Most Great Prison, who circled round the Throne, and who sacrificed himself for God, the Lord of all worlds. He is now in the All-Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Companion, and was named Mahdi in the kingdom of creation - he who heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, who turned unto the Countenance, and who took hold of the Book with the power of God, the Sovereign Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

He ascended unto God as a stranger and was buried in His vicinity, whereupon the Ocean of Pre-existence shed upon him that which the creatures are powerless to describe. To this beareth witness the Tongue of God, the Sovereign Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He quaffed the choice wine of life when it was unsealed by the hand of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and turned unto the Self-Subsisting when mankind was in great turmoil. He adorned himself with the raiment of certitude when people were in manifest doubt, and attained unto the Day of God, witnessed the Resurrection and its mysteries, and heard the call of the Wronged One from the horizon of His name, the Self-Subsisting. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We bear witness that he stood firm in the Cause when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and he witnessed, acknowledged, confessed and was assured of the Word whereby the backs of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, were broken. By God! He bore a Word which the dwellers of the heavens and earth were powerless to bear, save whom God willeth - the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of this noble station.

We have sanctified him, purified him, and cleansed him with the waters of the Kawthar of his Lord’s mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. By the life of God! None among the people recognized him except whom God pleased. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur make clear as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Soon shall the Beloved of the world present Himself before his resting-place, and with Him shall appear the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise - exalted, exalted be His most great favor; exalted, exalted be His all-pervading generosity. We visit him from this spot at this very moment and say […]

Upon thee be the fragrances of thy Lord the All-Merciful’s utterance and the sweet-scented breezes of thy Lord the Mighty, the Peerless’s mercy. By the life of God, verily He was alive in the Kingdom of God - He heareth and seeth, yet most of the people are heedless. [By God!] He hath adorned himself with the garment of immortality. And he who lamenteth for him hath not discovered the hidden, concealed, and

treasured mysteries. Soon shall he behold his most exalted station and cry out: “Blessed art thou, O thou who hast believed in Him through Whom the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken between earth and heaven, and the Spirit, the Faithful One, hath cried out: ‘Praise be to God, the One, the Almighty, the All-Powerful!’” Whoso seeth him in his station is bewildered and thunderstruck by the effulgent rays of that luminous station. By God! The people of Baha are not grieved by the assault of calamities nor by the hosts of the oppressors. They testify that death is truth and it draweth them nigh unto a station ordained for them by the Ordainer, the Ancient. Know ye, O people of Baha, that My grief is caused by the lamentation of My loved ones and the cry of My chosen ones; otherwise, by the life of God, We observe and rejoice in that the beloved hath ascended unto his Beloved, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Were the veil to be lifted, assuredly the hearts and souls would take flight unto the Supreme Companion. To this testifieth everyone who hath found the fragrance of the mysteries of his Lord, the Concealer, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Impregnable. We have not mentioned him because of his relation to Us, but because of his turning unto the horizon of Revelation and his facing the Countenance after the passing away of all things. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto his dust and standeth at his grave and uttereth that which the Lote-Tree of the End hath spoken at this moment wherein the Wronged One walketh and the tongue speaketh and the Pen moveth by His decisive, wise command. Blessed is he, and blessed is the handmaiden who hath shown patience and been content with what hath been ordained by the Ordainer, the All-Informed.

Verily the Tongue of the Ancient turneth toward the horizon of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowal. Then remember his brother who was named ’Ali before Naqi, through that which floweth from the ocean of generosity, that the hearts of those whom sorrows have overtaken in this calamity may be gladdened - this calamity which hath caused the people of the pavilion of sinlessness to wail in this spot whereon the throne of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been established. O My handmaidens! Be not grieved by the calamities of the world - they shall pass away and not endure. Rejoice in God’s decree, for verily He commandeth what is right and acteth accordingly, as a grace from His presence. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We testify that he turned from the Land of Ha to the Ultimate Goal and the Most Glorious Horizon, and attained the presence of the Countenance, and heard the call of his Lord, the Most Exalted, with manifest joy. Blessed is he in that he acknowledged and confessed that which most of creation denied, and ascended unto God when the fragrance of his Lord’s love, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Dear, the All-Encompassing, was diffused from his heart. This journey, which he achieved in his final days, profiteth him. By the life of God, this is a deed that adorneth every glorious tablet. We have forgiven him and adorned him with the ornament of his Lord’s tender mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Joy be unto him who remembereth him purely for the sake of God. He is of those who have attained unto the command of their Lord, the Commander, the Bestower, the Generous. We beseech God to assist the handmaiden and those with her, and to adorn her once again with the ornament of patience. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

O Leaf! Grieve not. We counsel thee to manifest beautiful patience. By God! He who hath drunk of My sealed wine grieveth not for any calamities save what hath befallen the Beloved through that which the

hands of the oppressors have wrought, and verily in the greatest grief He calleth out with the loudest cry between earth and […]

He is God, Creator of all things. He hath ascended unto the heaven in such wise that neither the hosts of the earth in their ranks, nor the multitudes which cause the limbs of the mighty to quake, could hinder Him, and through which every powerful and great one hath appeared. Were We to complain of anything, We would complain of Our life amidst My servants, yet We rejoice in Our concealment and Our manifestation from Mine horizon, and My dawning in one of My worlds, and My establishment upon Mine inner throne. Thus doth your Lord, the Ancient, the Everlasting, inform you. Then We make mention of the Leaf whose letter hath been presented before the Throne. Verily We make mention of her and her mother, even as We mentioned them in bygone years, as a grace from Our presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We bear witness that they both have attained unto turning towards God and drawing nigh unto Him, the Beloved of those who know. O Ocean of Utterance! Be still in thy place, for the people would be thunderstruck by thy waves. Take heed lest thou sprinkle upon them beyond their capacity to understand, and be forbearing with them. Verily, Thou art the Clement, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

We have returned from Our brother's house and entered the dwelling. Then thy letter arrived and was read before Our face in its entirety, and from it We perceived the fragrance of love, faithfulness, and steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Possessor of all Names. Therefore the Pen of loving-kindness was moved to make mention of unity, that thou mayest be assured that I am with you and you are with Me. We beseech God not to cause separation between Us and you, and to make us the helpers of His Cause in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

By My life! This is the Day of steadfastness and faithfulness. Blessed is he who hath shone forth from their horizon with power and might. God willing, ye have ever been and will ever remain gazing toward the direction of the Most Great Scene and turning unto the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Power. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who granted success enabling you to arise in His Cause and to drink from the chalice of tribulations in His path. The reward of those who have turned toward the Kaaba of His knowledge hath not been and will never be lost. And if, in association, some displeasure hath arisen for certain ones, it hath never been and is not ever considered, for in frequent association and companionship, sometimes weariness and sadness occur, but this is from the requirements of human nature. How could one look to these things after the atoms themselves bear witness that His mercy hath preceded all things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds?

The True One, exalted be His mention, hath called Himself the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Compassionate, the Generous. How then could He turn away from His loved ones for minor matters or withhold the glance of mercy? O Nabil-i-'Ali! By My life! He hath ever been, from the Most Exalted Perspective and Most Sublime Station, beholding naught but the good deeds of His loved ones and what hath befallen them in His path, passing over all else. This is what the Supreme Pen hath testified to in

most of the Tablets. The Truth hath ever been and is observant of the righteous deeds of creatures, save that soul from whom truly wafteth the odor of turning away, as hath wafted and appeared from that known person - whereat all things lament. His connection was severed when he openly arose among the people to waste the Cause of God. Thou art aware of his words, deeds, actions and wickedness, and likewise of the kindness, mercy and consideration shown to him over numbered years. Nevertheless, he committed that which beseemed and befitted him, and now he seeketh to mislead some of the loved ones of God and obtain glory for himself.

Thou and the friends of Truth must arise in such wise in divine love and steadfastness in His Cause as to cause the exaltation of God's Word amongst His servants, that the outcast may be assured that they have not followed his vain desires and that loss remaineth for him alone. Verily, He is the Recompenser, the Wise. Observe and give thanks that the Truth hath ever been like unto the sun, manifest and evident, while falsehood hath been clearly revealed as false before it, as all the loved ones of God know that that soul hath never believed in anything nor adhered to any religion nor followed any path. Night and day he spoke to invalidate what the Truth brought forth, and at all times he clung to the vain imaginings of men. Nevertheless, he now claimeth faith while Satan ever accompanieth him. Thus doth God make clear what He willeth […]

That which is concealed in the breasts of the fettered ones shall be made manifest. Nevertheless, each day someone is wandering through the marketplaces, having been influenced, spreading words. God willing, you should arise with the utmost joy, gladness, delight and expansiveness to protect God's Cause and His loved ones. You have ever been and continue to be remembered before His presence. You yourself witness that the breezes of loving-kindness have ever wafted upon you from the paradise of the Most Great Mercy, and shall continue to do so. Be not disheartened by the concealment of these days, for it hath come to pass through wisdom and expediency. Strive with the utmost effort to unite hearts and harmonize souls. Soon shall you behold the banners of God's favors and bounties raised upon the hills and valleys.

O Nabil! By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands! I have desired for My loved ones whatsoever good I have desired for Myself, and I have turned to them only as a lover turneth to his beloved, and I have spoken with them only as a true friend speaketh with his friend. We beseech God to make them stars in the heaven of His steadfastness and stability, and suns in the horizon of His victory and triumph. Verily, He is the Protector of those who love Him, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

You mentioned the aged musician. Excellent is what you have mentioned, for in this darkness of sorrows, this remembrance brought joy. God willing, you shall tune the spiritual instrument with spiritual fingers in the name of the Luminary of the heaven of inner meanings. We beseech God to aid you and to manifest through you that which shall gladden the hearts of the sincere ones. Convey on behalf of this servant an exalted greeting to all the loved ones, and declare that if at any time something occurred that caused distress to any of the friends, be not saddened by it. Follow the example of the Truth and act as He has acted.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me and Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies, and Thou knowest what hath befallen us in Thy path, and how tribulations have encompassed us for love of

Thee and for the promotion of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Educator of the nations, to make us of them who have stood firm in Thy Cause, who have been illumined by the horizon of Thy Will, who have drunk the Salsabil of power from the hands of Thy bounty, and who have appeared through Thy Name and Thy sovereignty in such wise that neither the howling of the enemies hath prevented them from Thy mention and praise, nor the opposition of the wicked from turning to the city of Thy Command and the treasury of Thy names. O Lord! Aid us to remain faithful in Thy days and to manifest that which befitteth Thy greatness and majesty. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the reins of all power. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

As for what thou hast mentioned regarding the women, they remember thee and glorify thee and beseech God to protect thee from the evil of every evil-doer and deceiver, and to make thee a helper of His religion and one who mentioneth His name among His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Since only a partial header note appears to be visible in Arabic/Persian script (which seems to be a catalog or archival note stating “The original copy of this blessed tablet which is incomplete is under number”), and no actual text of the tablet itself is provided, there is nothing to translate at this time.

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I know not, O my God, for whom I shall describe Thee and through whom I shall make mention of Thee. By Thy glory, I am bewildered, after Thou didst place me in the land of abasement like unto a distressed fish. Whenever I desire to make mention of Thee, my tongue cannot utter a sound due to the severity of tribulations that have befallen me therein. And whenever I find the love of remembrance in my heart, no cry ascends from my inmost being due to the multitude of calamities with which Thou hast surrounded me, to such extent that I find my lips, through the subtleties of power, make mention of Thee, yet my ears hear not what describes Thee. I know that my heart, with the perfection of its love, praises Thee, yet my tongue knows not how to remember Thee. And this is naught but a bounty from Thee and a favor from Thy presence. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how all the servants are asleep upon their beds while the eyes of Glory await the wonders of Thy mercy. All mankind lie slumbering upon their couches while the Countenance of Beauty lies upon the dust, yearning for the manifestations of Thy compassion. It is as though I behold all directions like unto a sinner who is led to be crucified, looking to his right and his left that perchance he may receive a sign of Thy loving-kindness and the dawning of Thy mercy. Yet have I not witnessed it until now, nor after now. The command is in Thy hands alone. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

I know not, O Sovereign of my Glory, which of my afflictions to complain of before Thee, and which of my tribulations to mention in Thy presence, after the sighs of tears have prevented me from the sovereignty of remembrance when visiting Thy tribulation, and drops of tears have veiled me from the King of description at the manifestation of Thy trials. How great is Thy tribulation and how mighty Thy retribution! Whenever Thou didst preserve me, O my God, from one tribulation, Thou didst deliver me

unto another, and whenever Thou didst save me from one abasement, Thou didst rear me for an abasement greater than the first, to such extent that no garment of humiliation remained except that Thou didst clothe me therewith, and no sea of hardship existed except that Thou didst make me drink therefrom, and no fruit of adversity was seen except that Thou didst make me taste thereof.

Alas, alas! Would that I had never existed in the kingdom and had never been mentioned on earth! Alas, alas, for what Thou hast decreed through the wonders of Thy power, and ordained through the manifestations of Thy might, and brought into being through the sovereignty of Thy Lordship, and numbered through the authority of Thy Self-Subsistence, and inscribed upon the tablets of creation by the hands of Thy leave, and ordained upon the face of invention at the exaltation of Thy remembrance!

I know not, O my Beloved, how I can endure before the surging of the winds of Thy power and be still at the manifestation of the signs of Thy might, after the pillars of the sanctuaries of the Kingdom have been demolished at the sprinkling of the tokens of Thy might, and the foundations of the towers of the Realm of Power have been destroyed at the brandishing of the signs of Thy sovereignty. Alas, alas, for the intensity of my weakness at the descent of Thy tribulation! Alas, alas, for my lack of patience at the appearance of Thy vengeance!

By Thy glory, tribulations in their entirety have seized me, and calamities in their fullness have encompassed me. I beseech Thee by what Thou art, to send the breezes of light which Thou hast nurtured in the heart of heaven, that perchance thereby the heart of Glory may find rest. Nay, by Thy glory, it shall not find rest even if Thou seat me upon the throne of the heaven and give me to drink from the crimson vessels by the snow-white countenance, and cause me to hear the melodies of the dove at the tree of accomplishment from the point of destiny. For verily, by my Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth, in no matter have I desired aught save to follow Thy command, to be submissive at the manifestation of Thy sovereignty, and to be humble before the gate of Thy mercy and […]

O my God! Though I may not be a champion of Thy Cause, yet I am a servant of Thy loved ones; and though I may not be obedient to the sovereignty of Thy will, yet I am a helper of Thy chosen ones. Glorified, glorified art Thou! Verily Thou art the First of the forgivers, and I am the last of the penitent. Have mercy upon me through the wonders of Thy mercy, and show me kindness through the effulgent rays of Thy bounty. Thou art the Bestower without being asked, and the Ever-Enriching without decline. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Kind.

Whenever I wander, O my God, in the wilderness at eventide, I behold that the birds return to their nests, and the sheep to their folds, and the beasts to their lairs, while I find myself bewildered and distracted, knowing not whither to go nor to whom to turn, for all the people have driven me from their lands and all mankind have cast me out from their dwellings, until I remain alone and solitary in creation, not knowing which way to direct my steps, to which country to turn, or where to dwell.

Nay, by Thy might! I shall not turn to anyone but Thee, even should I face worse afflictions, nor shall I seek any but Thee, even should I be brought lower than this. For I have known none other than Thee to cleave unto, and have witnessed none besides Thee to turn to. If Thou drivest me from one door, I shall enter through another; if Thou keepest me distant from one direction, I shall draw near to Thee from

another; if Thou slayest me with one sword, I shall await another. For Thou knowest, O my God, that though Thou mayest have servants better than I, yet I have no sovereign greater than Thee; and though Thou mayest have servants mightier than I, yet I have no master like unto Thee, nor any lord resembling Thee.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! If these eyes be not worthy to behold the lights of Thy beauty, then change them as Thou pleasest; and if this earth be not fit for the descent of Thy sovereignty, then transform it by Thy power, as Thou hast promised in the scrolls of Thy glory and the tablets of Thy might, that I may be among those who seek refuge at Thy gate, who take shelter in Thy presence, who drink from the cups of Thy grandeur, who gaze upon Thy countenance alone, who ascend to the pavilion of greatness by Thy power of eternality, who rise to the dawning-place of oneness by Thy might of unity, who warble the verses of Thy attraction, who repose upon the carpet of Thy lordship, who hold fast to the cord of Thy sovereign grace, who shelter beneath the shade of the tree of Thy eternity, who sit within the tabernacles of greatness at the manifestation of the sun of Thy oneness, who dwell in the tents of eternity at the revelation of the signs of Thy singleness, who drink from the cups of detachment at the gleaming of the beauty of Thy grandeur, and who are enriched by the melodies of attraction at the warbling of the dove of Thy glory.

Perchance then my heart may find peace, my essence be gladdened, my soul rejoice, my spirit be stirred, the fire of my love be kindled, the light of my mystery shine forth, my face be illumined, my body move with longing, my form ascend with joy, and I may be among those who, through Thy grace, find rest and through Thy favor make their petition. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon him whom Thou hast loved before and whom Thou wilt love hereafter, and upon him whom Thou wilt manifest on the day when Thou raisest up the heavens of Thy creation and causest the sun of Thy power to shine forth, in accordance with what Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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This is a Tablet which was revealed aforetime, and the original thereof, should God so will, He will send unto thee through a trusted one among His servants.

In the Name of Him before Whose face all prostrate themselves!

This is a Book from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath believed in Him and hath sought guidance from the lights of the Spirit in these days wherein have changed the faces of those who doubted meeting with their Lord and denied the signs of God.

O servant! Were We to recount what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst detach thyself from thy self, thy spirit and thine essence, and flee unto the mountains until thou sacrificest thyself in My path. Thus was the decree, yet the people perceive not.

Know thou that He Who through the movement of His finger hath manifested justice and its expressions hath been accused of tyranny by the idolaters. Woe unto them and unto what they have earned in their vain life, and they understand not. And He Who through His command planted the trees of truth hath been charged with falsehood. Thus have they done unto My Self, if ye be of them that know.

Say: O people! Fear God and spread not corruption in the land after its reformation, and commit not that which is shameful against your own selves, and be not of them who disbelieve. Fear God, O concourse of earth! This indeed is My garment from which every Prophet hath inhaled the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And through what hath been sent down from His presence have descended the Scriptures of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. And verily, were He to desire to efface what is established among the servants, He is able through a word from His presence, if ye but understand. And were We to will it, We would reveal in every letter what hath been revealed from time immemorial, yet the people are dead in the veils of their selves.

Say: O people! By God the Truth, ye have committed what neither the Jews, nor the Christians, nor those who suspended the beauty of ’Ali in the air and unjustly slew him, have committed, if ye would but ponder within yourselves. Say: Verily, the people of the Furqan shed the blood of My Name Who appeared with the truth, and ye shed the blood of His Beloved at every moment, yet ye understand not. Say: Then if ye would turn with the ear of innate nature toward the Supreme Horizon, by God ye would surely hear their lamentation, then their cry, then their wailing at what hath befallen Him through Whose one letter was created what was and what shall be, and through another letter hath come the Ancient Beauty in the shadows of the clouds with manifest and visible sovereignty, and through a word from His presence hath He adorned the temple of Lordship with the robe of glorious and beloved majesty. And were there to be found on earth one possessed of insight, by God he would witness that through His will appeared the kingdom of all names, then the dominion of all attributes in their completeness, then through another will He removeth the ornament of Name from the manifestations of names. Thus was thy Lord powerful over what He willeth, yet the people know not.

Say: O concourse of Jews! If ye desire to crucify the Spirit once again, by God, this indeed is that Spirit appeared amongst you, so do with Him as ye please, for He hath sacrificed His soul in God’s path and feareth no one, even were all who are in the heavens and earth to gather against Him, if ye be of those who are certain.

Say: O concourse of the Gospel! If ye desire to slay Muhammad the Messenger of God, by God, this indeed is His very Self appeared with the truth, so do with Him as ye desire, for He yearneth to meet His Beloved in the kingdom of His glory, and thus was the decree, if ye but knew.

Say: O people of the Furqan! If you desire to hang the body of ’Ali, through whom the Bayan was sent down, by God, this is His Beloved One Who hath appeared with another name and hath come upon the clouds of inner meaning with a sovereignty from His presence. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He awaiteth from you what ye did at His previous Manifestation, to which every thing beareth witness, would ye but hear.

O people of the Bayan! If ye desire to shed the blood of Him Whom ye were promised through the tongue of ’Ali, and before Him through the tongue of Muhammad, and before Him through the tongue of the Spirit (Jesus), behold, He is here among you with none to protect Him from what ye wish to do. Say: By God, this breast of Mine yearneth for your arrows - shoot then as ye please and tarry not. This neck of Mine hath lengthened in its love for God and awaiteth your swords - strike then as ye desire. This head of Mine yearneth for the spears of your hatred - raise it upon them and parade it through the lands as ye wish.

Say: O people of the Bayan! If it be God’s crime in your eyes that He hath sent unto you Him Whose meeting ye were promised and Who was pledged in all the Tablets, then pardon Him and make not yourselves deserving of God’s vengeance, the King, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And if My crime be that His verses were revealed unto Me and We recited them unto you morning and evening, then forgive Me and thereby make not yourselves deprived of the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Beloved. And if your objection be to God for having sent Me so soon, then it behooveth you to thank God for this and say: “Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His promise and accomplished what He promised us. Our Lord is indeed the All-Forgiving, the Kind.” Fear God, O people, distinguish between gratitude and complaint, and deny not the Cause of Him for Whose sake all in the heavens and earth were created. What aileth you, O people, that ye understand not? Have ye ever seen anyone to whom God’s favor was sent who would deny it? Nay, by Him Who holdeth My soul in His hand, ye have seen none but yourselves, would ye be fair. The Promised One hath come unto you from nearby, yet ye denied Him. Had He appeared from afar, what would ye have done? - when it behooveth you to sacrifice yourselves in His path and thank your Lord, the Most Merciful, for having sent you this hidden and treasured blessing.

O Pen! Hold thy reins and conceal thyself, revealing no more than this. By God, were what is treasured within thee to be unveiled, all who are in the heavens and earth would swoon away, and no helper or supporter would remain for thee, for all people have opposed God and are walking in the wilderness of polytheism. O servant! Raise thy hands in My Name and through My sovereignty, then rend asunder the veils through My power, My grandeur and My majesty, and fear no one. Thy Lord will protect thee from those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Drink from the cup of My remembrance and knowledge and praise, then give the servants to drink therefrom. By God, this is better for thee than what was and what will be. Thus doth thy Lord command thee - act as thou art bidden and be not of those who, after being commanded, do tarry. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon such servants as have turned toward the holy court, the spot wherein the lights of the Youth’s countenance shine forth with a radiance manifest and visible.

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He is the Speaker before the faces of all parties! O My loved ones! In the Tablet of the World, these exalted words have been sent down from the Dawning-Place of utterance, the Lord of Names and Attributes. Praise and glory befit the manifest Sovereign Who adorned the mighty prison through the presence of His Holiness ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar and His Holiness the Trustworthy One, and illumined it with the

lights of certitude, steadfastness and tranquility. Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and earths. Light and glory, magnification and praise be upon the Hands of His Cause, through whom the light of patience hath shone forth and the ordinance of choice been established - God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Choosing. Through them the ocean of bounty hath surged and the fragrance of God's tender mercy, the Lord of all beings, hath been wafted. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them with His hosts, to guard them by His dominion, and to assist them with His power that hath encompassed all created things. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

The Great Announcement proclaimeth: O people of Iran! Ye have been the dawning-places of mercy and the daysprings of compassion and love. The regions of the world were illumined and adorned with the light of your knowledge. How is it that ye have arisen to destroy yourselves and your friends? O Afnan and O My loved ones! Know with absolute certainty that the pavilion of God's Cause is mighty vast, having taken in and will continue to take in all the peoples of the world. The day is your day. The Tablet is your witness. Arise to aid the Cause, and with the hosts of utterance conquer the hearts and souls of the people of the world. From you must appear that which shall bring comfort and ease to the downtrodden. Strengthen your resolve that perchance the captives may be freed and attain unto true liberty.

Today the cry of justice is raised high and the lamentation of equity is uplifted. The darkness of oppression hath enveloped the world and its peoples. I speak truly when I say that He, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with the banner of 'He doeth what He willeth' and hath come with the standard of 'He ordaineth what He pleaseth.' Let steadfast and content souls be attentive. O My loved ones! Whatsoever proceedeth from the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold is the truth about which there is no doubt. The Primal Point hath said that should He pronounce the earth to be heaven or heaven to be earth, none hath the right to question wherefore or why. We have heard the words of men. The atoms testify that He is the Truth, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, to which the Tongue of God, the True, the Just, the Manifest King, doth testify.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God, did ye but know it. He Who conversed with God hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation, despite those who have disbelieved in God on the Day of Resurrection. By God's life! The Hour crieth out and the Resurrection proclaimeth: O concourse of humanity! By God, the Lord of Power hath come, and through His appearance the Supreme Horizon hath been adorned. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. O My loved ones! We desired to bestow upon you mention of that which We have concealed, that every soul may be convinced that with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. This is a day wherein God eraseth what He willeth and confirmeth what He pleaseth, and with Him is the Mother Book, yet most of the people are turning away. We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My acceptance of them and of what hath been sent down for them from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest ye be prevented […]

Turn your faces from the Euphrates which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, as a command from the presence of One mighty and powerful. We have turned from the most eloquent tongue to the

luminous tongue. The loved ones must be steadfast in the Cause with such steadfastness that neither the doubts of the suspicious ones, nor the intimations of the croakers, nor the onslaught of the oppressors shall move them. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and taketh the chalice of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Lord and drinketh in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The word of a certain soldier previously reached Our hearing, wherefore the Temple of My loving-kindness lamented and the Word of God, the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth, cried aloud. Their deeds have prevented My servants from turning to the right hand of God's justice, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to aid with victory that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to sanctify it from all that is unseemly for the Day of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. We beseech God to preserve him through His bounty and to protect him with His hosts and to make him among those who have aided His Cause amongst His servants, and We beseech Him to open unto him, through the key of His name, the Most Merciful, the gates of wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and mighty command.

His Honour Muzaffar was in manifest doubt. With your Lord is the knowledge of all things, were ye of those who know. His deeds prevented him from the bounty of the Day of Reckoning, to this his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, doth testify from this exalted station. Say: We desired naught for thee save mercy from Our presence and bounty from Our side. To this thy heart beareth witness, as doth every just and perceiving one. We beseech God to aid thee to detachment from all else save Him and to hold fast unto that which He hath revealed in His Mighty Book, and to enable thee to turn unto Him and to repent before His gate. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Oft-Returning, the True, the Faithful.

Beware lest the doubts of the world and the clamor of the nations prevent you. Take hold of the hem of the robe of your Lord's mercy, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon My loved ones and upon those who have heard My call and said: "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names!" and "Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of those who are brought near!"

Previously from the Most Exalted Pen flowed this most exalted word: "Believe not every speaker, nor trust ye in every newcomer." Divine bounty and mercy transcend the reckoning of people. Verily We have purified him who ascended unto Us aforetime with the Kawthar of My utterance and forgave him as a bounty from My presence, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O My loved ones! Let not My mercy slip from your grasp. Soon ye shall behold what hath been ordained from the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet, which none hath comprehended save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Set aside what is with the people, turning unto what is with God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers of old.

I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth resplendent from the horizon of the prison of Akka that if this Cause were to be spread in foreign cities, assuredly most of the inhabitants of those regions would be seen turning towards it. In these days news hath arrived from those parts that the light which the people of Iran strive to extinguish, diverse parties are engaged in causing to shine forth and radiate. Soon shall appear that which is now hidden from the eyes of the world.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord

O beloved of my heart! Upon thee be the glory of my Lord, my Sovereign, and my Master! At every moment and from all directions, the signs of the Revelation of the Revealer of verses are manifest and evident. The ocean of utterance surges with its waves, the sun of bounty shines with its radiance, and the divine Lote-Trees of the garden of truth are adorned with wondrous fruits. It is not known what has prevented the servants and deprived them from turning to the horizon of Revelation. Praise be to God, He has bestowed sight and granted hearing, yet as can be observed, though every soul is distinguished by these two great gifts, they are not employed in their proper place.

O beloved of my heart! The preoccupation of the servants with the desires of self and passion and the ornaments of this world has caused heedlessness, and when heedlessness gains strength it is transformed into error. In the eyes of those endowed with vision, that which has become the source and cause of these unseemly matters is the recompense of deeds, otherwise the Cause of God is more manifest than the sun. His verses are revealed at all times in such wise that pens are powerless to record and tongues fail to describe. His evidences in the divine Books are like unto a surging ocean, and the manifestations of His power and might are such that no fair-minded person can deny them. All know that despite the enmity of the people of the earth and the opposition of various factions, He stands firm before all faces and has spoken that which has shattered the idols of vain imaginings and raised high the standard of divine unity in an impregnable stronghold. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His dominion!

The letter of that beloved one numbered 7 dated the 26th of Safar, and likewise number 8 dated the 14th of Rabi'u'th-Thani, arrived from Ya and Kaf. At present, due to lack of time, a brief response is offered, as there has not been and is not the opportunity to address each matter in detail. I hope for forgiveness. I beseech God to grant ample time, for verily He has power over all things. In any case, after reading the letters, all were presented before the countenance of the Goal of all the worlds and attained the honor of His attention. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance - His word, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance and great be His station:

In My Name, the One manifest before all faces

The Book sent down by the Lord of the Seen and Unseen to draw hearts and souls unto God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting. He proclaims amidst all peoples: By God! The All-Bountiful hath come riding upon the clouds, and the necks of those who denied God, the Lord of existence, are bowed before Him. He is the Euphrates of wisdom among all creatures and the Banner of Power for the party of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And there was inscribed upon it by the Most Glorious Pen: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving." O Amin, hearken unto the call of God, the True King, the Manifest. He maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison with verses

before which all verses bow down, and with an utterance through which the Utterance itself hath spoken: “The Truth, the Knower of the unseen, hath come!” Through Him power hath been made manifest between the righteous and the wicked. Blessed is he who hath acknowledged and confessed, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Neither the occupants of pulpits nor the turban-wearing divines who violated the Covenant and Testament, who denied God’s proof after its appearance and His bounty after its revelation, could prevent Him. They perceive not. They follow vain imaginings and know not. They drink fetid water and understand not. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and reject not the Truth through what ye possess. He hath come for your salvation, if ye but knew. Cast away what the people have. The Self-Subsisting calleth out on this Day whereon the sealed wine hath been unsealed by the finger of power at My glorious station. O Amin, glorify My loved ones on My behalf, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the lights of My loving utterance. Every name hath been mentioned by the tongue of the Wronged One as a bounty from God, the Lord of the Promised Day.

Hearken in Persian: The souls mentioned have attained the bounties of the True One, exalted be His glory, and now there is no opportunity to make specific mention of each one. O Amin, praise the Goal of the world that thou hast become a means of grace, making mention of the loved ones and seeking from the cloud of divine mercy for each one that which shall never be erased from the Book nor its fragrance cease from the world. Today the Sun of loving-kindness is dawning and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of grace. The ocean of utterance is ever-surging and the verses all-encompassing. Blessed are they who hold fast to justice and equity and who speak with truthfulness. In every city and region convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the righteous and cause them to attain the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word and loveth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The bounties of God have been and are limitless, and His generosity has not and will not accept any bounds. Those beloved of the heart have attained to that which the pen is powerless to befittingly describe. Whenever your letter arrives, the ocean of favor surges forth, and unto every soul are bestowed the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Such is the grace of the All-Bountiful One. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that beloved one in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. Praise be to God, you have been and are achieving this. That which was sent has arrived, meaning that which was written in your letter. This year, praise be to God, those who seek admission come with permission and some without permission, from every tribe. I beseech God to ordain for each one that which the heaven itself needs, let alone the people of earth. Three leaves of arrival were sent as per your request. Your letter mentioning the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon them be the glory of God, was seen. God willing, the answer will flow forth and descend from the ocean of favor and the kingdom of utterance, and will be sent. However, that beloved one had not mentioned the other loved ones of God, upon them be the glory of God, specifically the mention of the beloved of the heart, Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God. In all conditions, this evanescent servant beseeches from the ocean of divine generosity, for the loved ones, that which will cause their protection and exaltation. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The Servant

On the first of the month of Rajab, 1305

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens on a Day that was promised in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets, and Who took from His servants and His creation their covenant. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the lights of that Day, every learned one was misled by knowledge, and every mystic was veiled by fancies and idle imaginings. Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His Name, the All-Knowing, whereupon the ocean of divine knowledge surged within creation, and through His Name, the All-Wise, whereupon the Sun of proof shone forth and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all religions and Revealer of the Word! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, and by the Name through which Thou didst open the gates of Thy mercy and spread abroad the tablets of Thy loving-kindness, to draw Thy chosen ones nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace and the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness. O Lord! Thou seest Thy faithful servants among the wicked, and the Dayspring of Thy knowledge among the ignorant. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were struck with terror, save those whom Thou didst strengthen through the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy bounty, to send down from the heaven of Thy generosity upon Thy loved ones that which befitteth Thy loftiness, Thy sublimity and Thy favors. O Lord! Ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants who, upon hearing Thy most sweet call, turned to Thee with illumined hearts and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. O Lord! Hearts have melted in their separation from Thee, and souls have burned in their remoteness from Thee. O Lord! Deny them not the sweet-flowing waters of Thy presence, and disappoint them not of the pure wine of Thy reunion. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Furthermore, thy letter was received and from every word thereof wafted the fragrance of love. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. The entire world had awaited the appearance of the Day of God, and throughout the nights and days they beseeched God, exalted be His glory, to grant them the presence of the Source of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Manifestation of His Self. Yet when the expanse of the world was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation and the Promised One was seated upon His mighty throne, all remained heedless and veiled, nay rather, they turned away and denied, save for a few souls. Consider now how glorious is the station of one who hath attained unto this most great bounty and supreme grace. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of wisdom that a single accepted soul is mightier and greater than all the peoples of the world, for all were created to recognize this most holy and sublime Day, and in all the scriptures the appearance of this mighty Cause was promised; yet they are seen to be

deprived and debarred therefrom. Blessed is he who hath soared on wings in this atmosphere, and blessed is he whose eyes have beheld the greatest signs of his Lord, and blessed is he whose ears have heard His sweetest call, and blessed is he whose face hath turned toward His most exalted horizon, and blessed is he whose heart hath turned toward the Kingdom of immortality, and blessed is he who hath arisen with supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the people of Baha have attained unto the greatest joy and the workers of iniquity and wickedness have been seized with the greatest terror–they who cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed their own desires. The servant beareth witness that they are among the perished ones.

In My Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Name

O Muhammad-Quli! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One and was read in His presence. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath attained that which the near ones have attained. O Ahmad! Praise the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to recognize His Cause - a Cause from which those who claim knowledge and wisdom are debarred and veiled. In the early days thou didst drink from the choice wine of recognition and didst turn unto the horizon of His Cause. Thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and thy name hath been recorded in the Crimson Book. The whole world hath not equaled and will never equal this most exalted station. Were We to lift the veil, all the peoples of the world would exclaim: “Blessed be the All-Bountiful, the Manifestation of this mighty station!” Beseech ye God that through His grace and bounty He may render the eyes of the people of the earth worthy to behold and comprehend this most exalted station. He is the One with power before Whose might every mighty one hath testified, and to Whose grandeur and strength every possessor of authority hath borne witness. We send Our greetings to the friends in that land who have drunk from the Most Pure Wine and who have fixed their gaze upon the Most Great Scene. We counsel them to perform such deeds as would promote the Cause of God. Blessed are they who have hearkened unto the call of God and acted according to that which they were commanded. Woe betide him who hath denied God’s Revelation and His sovereignty. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon you and upon My friends and loved ones whom the darkness of tyranny hath not kept back from the light of justice, and whom the doubts of every remote scholar have not withheld.

This lowly one conveyeth greetings to thy honorable father - may the glory of God rest upon him. Praise be to God, through divine grace he hath attained, gazeth upon His horizon, and standeth firm in His service. Blessed is he and happy his lot. God willing, may he ever drink from this cup and partake of this chalice.

Regarding the mention in thy letter of Aqa Mir ’Ali-Akbar - upon him be the glory of God - this evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable him to celebrate His praise and serve His Cause.

Likewise mention was made of Aqa Yusuf - upon him be the glory of God. This servant conveyeth greetings to him and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for mercy, bounty and steadfastness for him and all other friends. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Giving, the Generous One. God willing, may none be deprived of the sweet fragrances of His days. May they at all times drink and give to drink the water of divine knowledge from the hand of His bounty. Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and

thy brethren and those with thee, and upon those who have attained to the recognition of the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God, the Exalted King, the Great One.

The Servant

22nd of the month of Sha'ban 1299

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O My beloved! Divine grace in its totality hath been made manifest, and the all-embracing Word hath been made to shine with utmost brilliance. Ancient bounty hath appeared in its most glorious manifestation, and universal munificence hath been revealed in its highest emergence. The greatest sign hath shone forth with most wondrous tokens, and the supreme proof hath become evident through its most mighty testimony. No grace remaineth hidden in the Essence of the Unseen save that which hath been revealed through this exalted Manifestation. The august Countenance of God had remained concealed for countless ages, cycles, centuries and infinite periods within the pavilion of the beauty and glory of the Unseen, such that all eyes and visions and the pure, hidden, subtle realities of the immortal realms of the Divine Unity were veiled, forbidden and concealed from It. When the resplendent Sun rose from the dawning-place of the fire of Its Own beauty, It consumed with a single revelation all veils and pavilions of the highest horizons through the fire of Its Own sacred Tree, and stunned all the abstract realities of the unseen with a single effulgence from the light of Its holy countenance. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! What fire is this, that the very essence of the true spirit is prevented from soaring around it, and the pure reality of the Eternal is cut off from ascending into its atmosphere! The Most Great Tree is rent asunder by the call of Its nearness, and the Ancient Essence is thunderstruck by the revelation of Its glory. Resurrections are raised up through Its august arising, and gatherings are prepared through the spreading of Its wondrous Cause. At every moment there issueth from the Most Perspicuous Pen the cry "Verily I am God, the Lord of all worlds," and the revelation of "Exalted, exalted be God, the Most Manifest of the Manifest" shineth resplendent. Were I to describe this Manifestation's praise,

A hundred thousand trumpet blasts could not convey;

For in each instant from It a hundred resurrections spring,

And in each, the spreading of a Greater Rising doth display.

Were I to attempt describing just one Rising fair,

A hundred resurrections would pass, yet still unfinished there.

But how strange, how passing strange! By the utterance of His Holiness the Most Exalted Lord - may the spirit of all creation be His sacrifice - strange upon strange, strange from above strange, strange from the right of strange, strange from the left of strange, and strange beyond all strangeness! Had not His Holiness the Most Exalted Lord pronounced it thus far, I would forever and ever exclaim: How strange, how strange that with this wondrous and transcendent Revelation, not a single soul has yet emerged

from the veil of fancy and imitation; and despite all these divine confirmations manifest in the visible world, not one person has attained true certitude.

I swear by the Essence of the Divine Purpose that the sweet-scented breezes of holiness have been cut off from all beings, and the gentle winds of intimacy have been forbidden from all hearts. Exalted spirits have turned to base stations, remaining distant from the most sublime horizon and the Most Glorious Tree. Though twenty years have passed since all were brought forth with a new nature, they have not even imagined the Most Great Ocean of oceans, and have turned away from the Essence of all essences through conjecture and fancy.

They have imagined that all the ascending steps and degrees of this glorious Cycle - around which hundreds of thousands of infinite divine cycles have revolved in the worlds of the unseen and the visible until culminating in this Cycle - are merely the learnings to which these companions have attained. I swear by the Essence of the Purpose and the Educator of the unseen and visible realms that none among those who have attained the heavens of true knowledge and certitude, who stand in the heights of unity and the summit of detachment and abstraction, have understood even this much: what was the fruit of this Cycle and what was the purpose of this Revelation.

Setting aside ascent to the Ultimate Tree and rising to its exalted stations, even those of noble heart have descended to dusty imaginings. How strange, how strange that the people of the Exalted City, who for years have dwelled beneath the shadow of the Supreme Education and have been nurtured by the hand of divine favor, have not yet shown even the measure of one steadfastness in the Cause. Each has clung to a cord and become content with a fancy, remaining utterly deprived of this infinite grace which surges like a billowing sea.

I swear by the truth of the Beloved that the pure holy fragrances have been entirely cut off from that direction. Not a single holy breath can be detected from any of the inhabitants of the earth. I know not in what realm they walk or what path they follow. This much is certain: that despite all the divine counsels bestowed upon each one at every moment, not a single steadfast soul in love can be found - especially in these days which are the time of the supreme trial and the great separation.

Consider with utmost care the sublime Tablet known as the Divine Mariner and its Persian translation, which was revealed in the wilderness of Vashshash seven months before the blessed migration, and was sent because of the hidden events recorded therein. Then the extent of everyone's faithfulness and these loved ones' claims will become clear - at what rank and station they truly stand. Though from what is evident and what can be sensed in the air, even if a hundred thousand such revealed tablets were to be read to these souls, they would never be stirred and […]

In these wondrous Tablets, newly revealed and sent forth from the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court, observe how during this period all the people of the Bayan, without exception–even unto the most exalted among them–have been heedless of the essence of the Cause. Would that after all this heedlessness shown during this time, they might now become mindful and make amends for the past. Nay! I swear by the Holy and Eternal Being that day by day the veils of existence increase, and the attachment of hearts to this earthly world grows stronger. Glory be to God! This is a strange mystery that

not a single soul should in these days attain to the good-pleasure of God, even were that soul to be created from the very essence of all essences. Now that the greatest tumult and the mightiest separation have come to pass, let us see what will appear hereafter. And verily He is the Manifestor of all things and of whatsoever was then hidden. I make mention of the dwellers of the Sacred Sanctuary and remind them of the Most Glorious Beauty. Each and every inhabitant of the City do I specially mention and remind with the jewels of glorification and the essence of veneration, that they may all, God willing, remain firm and steadfast in the stations of divine love and be gladdened by the glad-tidings of the Spirit from the holy Paradise of grace.

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On the 15th of Ramadan in the year 98, to his honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God - exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power

Praise, sanctified from the mention and description of all contingent beings, beseemeth that peerless Beloved Who, through His perfect grace, hath guided them that are endowed with vision to the Most Exalted Horizon and enabled them that are possessed of hearing to hearken unto His sweetest call. Glory be unto God! Should all the tongues of the world and the pens of all nations engage in mentioning but the least of His verses, they would assuredly fail in their task. All good hath proceeded from Him and unto Him doth it return; all loving-kindness and grace have been manifested through Him and unto their Source do they tend. He it is Who guided them that possess sight - but who bestowed that sight? And He it is Who enabled them that have ears to hear - but whence came those ears and who granted them? Glorified be His majesty, abundant be His favors, exalted be His station, and there is no God but Him. He is the Bestower in the Beginning and the End, in the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the Beneficent in the First and the Last, in the Seen and the Unseen. He granted sight and enabled its possessors to behold; He bestowed hearing and honored its recipients with the ability to hearken. Whatsoever proceedeth from Him is pure light, though it might appear as fire when kindled, and is absolute good, though outwardly it might be perceived otherwise. I testify that there is no God but Him. His are the glory and the power, His are the grace and the mercy and the authority. Whatsoever hath been and shall be manifested from Him is the beloved of the souls of His chosen ones and the light of the hearts of His sincere ones. He hath created souls that are assured, content and pleasing, and then He hath spoken the word “Verily, I am the Doer of whatsoever I will.”

Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings and Goal of all creation! I beseech Thee by Him Who revealed the verses and manifested the clear proofs, to assist Thy servants in that which beseemeth Thy days and to make known unto them the mysteries of Thy decree and the fruits of the Tree of Thy ordination. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones turning unto Thee and holding fast unto the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty which hath encompassed all existence and by Thy mercy which hath preceded both the unseen and the seen, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will acquaint them with the manifestations of Thy wisdom and the revelations of Thy knowledge. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear from Thy loved ones that which indicated their contentment with what was

ordained for them by Thy binding decree. And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having enabled me to inhale the sweet fragrances of their submission to that which hath come upon them from the Pen of Thy ordination. I testify, O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth, my Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation, that Thou hast ever been the One God, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Giving, the All-Merciful. Thou didst bring forth creation as a token of Thy grace and ordained for them in the Most Exalted Pen, in Thy Book, that which would benefit them in every world of Thy worlds. Blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of contentment in Thy days, O Lord of all names, and hath attained unto the pure water of submission unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of creation. I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Tree of Thy Cause, and the trees of the garden of Thy bounty, and the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom, and the lights of the countenances of Thy near ones among Thy chosen ones, to assist me and Thy servants in the service of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! Your letter has reached this servant and your missive brought me joy, adorned as it was with the mention of our Beloved and your Beloved, acknowledging what the Book of our Goal and your Goal has acknowledged. When I read and understood its contents, I approached the Most Holy Presence and presented it before Him. Thereupon the tongue of the Beloved spoke, saying:

O servant in attendance! Although a great calamity befell Muhammad - upon him be my Baha - yet since it occurred during the illumined and blessed days of the Promised One, at a time when he was adorned with the ornament of contentment and illumined by the sun of steadfastness and assurance, his is the station of contentment and submission. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for We found from thee the fragrance of contentment when there befell thee what was ordained by the Pen of Destiny from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Marfu' 'Ali - upon him be my Baha - by the testimony of the Supreme Pen, turned unto God, heard the Call, attained its answer, was honored by the meeting, and drank from the Kawthar of reunion - a draught whose effects neither before his ascension nor after it were or ever shall be effaced. I swear by the Sun of Utterance that he ascended with utmost joy and delight and entered the pavilions of grace, bounty and pre-existing mercy. Happy is he and blessed is he. And you, praise be to God, are turned toward the Truth, speak of Him, remember Him, and are related to Him. This word cannot be equaled by the treasures of the first and the last. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are there. Verily We remember them as We remembered them before. He is, in truth, the All-Remembering, the All-Bountiful.

Whatever this servant might express or mention regarding that which has appeared from the Kingdom of bounty would truly be out of place. However, this much I submit: in hardship and adversity, in comfort and difficulty, in health and otherwise, we have been and are partners. God willing, we are united and gathered like the letters of a word. I swear by the Beloved of all possibility that this evanescent servant at all times begs that there might befall him what befell His Holiness Marfu' - upon him be the Glory of God - for it occurred in the days of Truth and he had truly attained the ornament of contentment. There has not been and is not any greater bounty than this. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause all to attain this most exalted and highest station. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

From your letters which you had sent to the friends of God, the fragrances of contentment were wholly diffused and the lights of submission, like the sun, were rising from their horizon. I presented those same letters before His Countenance. God knows what the tongue of the Beloved uttered. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Seeing. His is the command in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Ruler over what He willeth. In His grasp is the reins of all servants, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whom God has adorned with the robe of submission and contentment, and given to drink from the Kawthar of purity from the hands of His bounty. He is, verily, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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All praise, sanctified from the world and all its peoples, befitteth the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Court of Him Who is the Object of all, Who through a single command brought into being creation from beginning to end, and adorned the beginning with the ornament of the end. Through Him were the idols of vain imaginings shattered–exalted be His might and His sovereignty! Though all the world rose up in opposition, He, through the Criterion, separated truth from falsehood, establishing truth in the most exalted station and consigning falsehood to the nethermost fire. Again, exalted be His might, His power and His sovereignty! Though in the beginning of the Cause He had no helper or supporter, that Holy Being arose alone to establish His Cause. At times He caused the water of life to be shed upon the soil of existence, whence sprouted the saplings of acceptance and certitude, which grew to maturity. At other times He bestowed from the ocean of knowledge upon the decomposed bones of the earth, whereupon all were stirred to motion and gave voice to the blessed words “Blessed be God, the Best of Creators!” Again […] and the abasement of His enemies. Every soul who at first arose in mockery later arose in servitude, seeking forgiveness with a hundred thousand repentances, while others were consumed by the fire of ignorant prejudice and returned to their abode, which is the very essence of hell.

Glory be unto Thee, O Sender of the winds, Manifester of the dawn, and Ordainer of success! I beseech Thee by the Lamp which Thou didst kindle with the fire of Thy knowledge and didst make the Seal of Thy Prophets and Chosen Ones, that Thou aid Thy servants to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest how the heedless have surrounded those who have turned to Thy most exalted horizon and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the evil of those who have turned away from Thee and disputed Thy proof and Thy testimony. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou givest and withholdest, and verily Thou art the All-Giving, the All-Restraining, the Almighty, the Powerful.

I pray and offer salutations upon Him through Whom the banner of Divine Unity was raised and the decree of promise and warning was sent down, and upon His companions who held fast to God’s Covenant and His Testament in such wise that neither the pharaohs of the people nor the tyrants of the age could turn them aside. These are servants in whose praise have spoken the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers.

Afterwards, it is submitted that one blessed night your letters were presented before His Presence. He said: “We beseech God, the Most High, to grant them goodness and blessing as We have beseeched before. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions with that which leads to exaltation, elevation and advancement. This Wronged One asks God for their success. He is verily the Helper, the Wise.” End quote.

God is witness and testifier that this ephemeral one’s longing to serve those beloved ones cannot be described in writing nor be confined to verbal mention. Day and night, at special times, you have been and are remembered and in view. Truly, whenever your letters arrive, it is as if caravans of joy and delight enter the barren desert of grief and sorrow. Another beauty added to this beauty is that no matter how delayed the reply may be, you do not hold this servant responsible, as you know he is occupied in service.

Another submission is that, praise be to God, numerous gardens have been adorned with wondrous and lofty trees, brilliant and radiant flowers, and fresh, delicate herbs. However, the difference is that these gardens are still mentioned in the realm of remembrance and planted in papers, but it is hoped they will choose a location in the small plot and become a gathering place for eyes to receive bounty.

In any case, truly much trouble has befallen those beloved ones regarding the small plot - that is to say, mercy, or rather bounty (these last two words were uttered by the Tongue of the Intended One). The flowers, trees, blossoms, and the cleaner of the trees’ dust that you sent are all engaged in thanksgiving. The blessed deed itself is present and speaking; there was and is no need for mention by this servant. However, these days the small plot has displayed much splendor, the flowers have bloomed, the colorful fish are swimming in the pond, and even the weary birds of this land seem to have somewhat found their voice, as these days there appears some melody in their song. It is not known whether this is from the splendor of the garden or from the attraction of those intoxicated with the true wine. Though outwardly your place is empty, God is witness that you are present before the face.

Regarding what you wrote about the envelopes, by God’s grace all arrived, and concerning what you wrote about the trees and flowers, praise be to God, they went to smell the air and are very pleased and delighted with the garden’s atmosphere. The jars and pitchers, praise be to God, did not ascend to heaven and remain in their place. And that sweetness and those utterances which you wrote about from the Source of Grace concerning carrying the hyacinth to the farm - now too that same grace is manifest and visible, nay greater. May the Lord of nations grant that you may ever dwell in the pavilions of grace and rest in the garden of nearness.

Regarding what you wrote about the accounts and partnership, it was submitted at one of the special times. He said: “It has been written with truth and rightness. God willing, may they ever drink from the cup of grace and gaze toward the horizon of justice.” What is truly intended and desired has been and is the word of contentment. Praise be to God, they have attained unto it. If the entire world were to become tongues, they could not fulfill the thanks for a single one of God’s bounties. The spirit, peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you and remember you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Again I make representation. In one of the letters this passage, which was a source of joy, was noted: “The end is nigh and nothing could be achieved, and there is fear that our lot will come up blank and we will not be counted among the hosts.” After this submission, this reply was vouchsafed: “Your lot was inscribed by the Supreme Pen at the beginning of creation, and you are counted and designated among the hosts of ‘verily the hosts of God, they shall be the victorious ones.’ Happy are ye and joy be unto you!”

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He is God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth from the heaven of sublime might, and Who speaketh the truth in His most exalted Kingdom with His most wondrous and sweet tongue, that perchance the people may find a path to the realm of the spirit before the throne of their Lord, the All-Merciful. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not your own selves if ye desire the bounty of God, for His bounty encompasseth you. And when the Sun of Words dawneth upon you from the horizon of the King of Names and Attributes, be ye not proud, but rather prostrate yourselves before the Beauty of your Lord, Who was remembered in the heaven of eternity by the name of Glory and in the kingdom of creation as the Most Exalted One.

O people! Deny not the verses of God after their revelation, and choose not Satan as your protector. Beware lest ye be perturbed in the hour when all things are shaken, when the heaven is cleft asunder, when the earth below is split, when the mountains crumble, when the seas surge, when every pregnant thing casteth its burden, and when the inhabitants of the heavens and earth are overcome with drunkenness. Thus hath the Command been sent down in truth from the Pen of Holiness, and God is witness to what I say.

Cast away all that veils you from God, then ascend on wings of holiness unto this heaven which hath been raised up in truth and was elevated in the Most Great Name through mystery. Say: By God! The breezes of grace have wafted from the dayspring of justice, and by them all things have been borne along, if ye be aware thereof. Soon will all creation cast its burden; then shall ye see the idolaters fleeing to the right and to the left, finding no safe refuge. Thus have We informed thee of the news of the Cause, that thou mayest become acquainted with the mysteries that were concealed behind the pavilions of glory.

Say: O people! Take the crimson cup from the fingers of Baha, then detach yourselves from all who are in earth and heaven. And if ye are able, mount, in My Most Exalted Name, upon the crimson Ark and sail upon the sea of grandeur, that ye may reach the seat which is protected from the arrows of the idolaters. O people! Hear ye the call of God from every direction, and turn not unto those who have denied Him in Whom they had believed, and who were far removed from the paths of truth. Among the idolaters is he who strove with his wealth and his soul to exalt My Cause, yet when My beauty was manifested unto him, he denied it and turned back upon his heels.

And thou, O servant, although no letter from thee hath come before the Throne, yet when thy name was mentioned We revealed unto thee that which shall solace thine eyes and the eyes of them that have believed in God and were steadfast in the path of might. Be thou steadfast in thyself, lest aught cause thee to slip from the path, then thank thy Lord for having sent down unto thee a wondrous and glorious Tablet. Thus have We bestowed upon thee from the wonders of Our grace and sent unto thee that whereby thou mayest find the fragrances of thy Lord and take up thine abode in the shadow of thy Lord's protection, an abode secure in truth.

Among the people is he who openly turneth away from God, and when God's verses are recited unto him his face darkeneth and he returneth unto his family in disgrace. And among them is he who saith these verses were not revealed according to natural disposition. Say: By God! Natural disposition itself was created by a letter thereof, as witnesseth that which floweth from the wondrous Pen of Holiness. And among them is he who hath fabricated lies against God and said this is naught but a sorcerer who bewitcheth the people, and by what proceeded from his mouth his deeds were rendered vain.

Say: O people! Fear God and speak not what the idolaters spoke when the Sun of Eternity dawned forth from the Dayspring of Hijaz with manifest sovereignty. Thus did the idolaters speak in the time of every Prophet until the days culminated in the Days of God and the Beauty of Eternity shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Name. O servant! Sanctify the ears of holiness from the utterances of the idolaters, then plunge into the depths of this ocean by thy Lord's leave, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest find precious pearls of wisdom. Say: We took a handful of dust and kneaded it with the waters of Our command, then breathed into it a spirit from Our order, adorned it with Our most beauteous names in the kingdom of creation, and raised it to a station wherein its name became renowned among all, great and small. When it attained its maturity and became established in itself, it waxed proud against the Self of God and His sovereignty, until it openly warred against Him. Thus was the decree of destiny inscribed by the Finger of God concerning the Beauty of thy Lord, the Most High. Say: O people! Fear God and be not heedless in the Cause of God. By God! This is among the tidings whereby the eyes of the denizens of the immortal realm were solaced, preserved behind the veils of light through God's protection. When the appointed time was fulfilled, it shone forth from the holy horizon with a proof that encompassed all worlds. If ye deny this proof, by what proof can your faith be established? Nay, by Him Who caused the heavens to shine with the light of His countenance, ye shall find no path to the truth. Say: O people! When the Messenger of God cometh unto you with His signs, arise from your seats and grasp Him with the fingers of submission. If ye perceive from Him the fragrance of God, your Beloved, deny Him not. Thus hath the command been sent down from the celestial dominion of holiness by One mighty and powerful. O people! Follow the religion and faith of God, and commit not what ye have been forbidden in the Book. Fear God and remain steadfast in His Cause. Soon shall the idolaters call someone from there and instill in his heart hatred for God and the Manifestation of His Self, and send him to the lands and unto you bearing that which will turn the people away from the path of glorious might. Blessed is he who is not shaken by the commotion of polytheism and remaineth steadfast in the Cause of his Lord. By God! He is better in the sight of thy Lord than all who have been created in the heavens and earth. These are among the tidings of the unseen which We reveal unto thee as a bounty from Us unto thee and unto every discerning believer. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have taken shelter beneath this

Lote-Tree which hath been raised up in truth and was planted by God's hand of bounty at the heart of paradise.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God! The heaven of love has arrived, meaning the letter, and the stars of faith, certitude, steadfastness and fidelity are manifest, resplendent, radiant and shining from its horizons. If it were called an ocean of love, that too would be true, for the shells of its words contained the pearls of inner meanings. It gave strength to vision and joy to the heart. Blessed be the pen and fingers, for though they appear as nothingness, yet a hundred thousand interpretations, explanations and meanings are true of them. The station of the gathering of all gatherings has in truth been with the Word of God in the first degree, and likewise the words that are uttered in praise, glorification, love and fidelity from the tongue of His loved ones - it expresses without a tongue and writes without pen and ink. Well does it comprehend the mysteries of the lovers. All perfect work is His, for its fragrance shows the way and makes known the destination. His is the praise, His the perfection, His the beauty, His the power, His the grace. And prayers and peace be upon the Sovereign of the Prophets and the King of the Chosen Ones, through Whose face the world was illumined and through Whose bright utterance the horizon of possibility shone forth - He whom God made His Most Great Word the key to unlock the door of knowledge and wisdom - and upon His family, the stars in the heaven of grace and proof, and upon His companions, the standards of victory in the realm of possibility.

Thereafter, your esteemed letter arrived, bringing glad tidings, conveying news, bestowing joy. It was a messenger bearing a thousand messages, a book containing the mysteries of the lovers and the secrets of the people of harmony and the Covenant. In truth, the flame of spirit was manifest from it. Once, this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names - He said that when the Sun of Unity shed its rays, in each of the hearts of those who had turned to God and were assured, a light became manifest and radiant. And that light was one, for it told of the Sun of Unity and indicated the Orb of Detachment, and in its station it was and ever will be one. Yet from its orientation to each direction, a name becomes manifest, a word becomes evident, and a cloud becomes visible. For example, through its orientation to the means of sight, vision becomes manifest, and through the means of hearing, the power of listening becomes evident, and likewise with each member of the body and each part of the parts. Exalted be His utterance, exalted His proof, exalted His remembrance, exalted His interpretation! Though your letter was one, it brought manifold wondrous and novel gifts. The rest of the story is yours to tell - it has been read and understood and needs no interpretation, for that would lead to length, and prolongation might cause weariness. After reading, understanding, considering and reflection, proceeding to the station, after presentation He said:

Praise be to God! They are warmed by the Sun of loving-kindness and illumined by the lights of His countenance. The Truth has manifested that which was beyond the comprehension of the mystics and learned ones of the earth, and they too have arisen to serve, beyond the understanding of the people of

all lands. We beseech God that He may bring to realization every word that has issued from the mine of sincerity and make manifest from it universal results throughout the earth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to all the friends in that land. The One God is witness that they are mentioned in His presence and are present before His face. The end.

Praise be to God! Although these days are blessed days when fasting is among the binding divine ordinances, and weakness and lassitude are human traits, yet His grace hath bestowed bounties and favors. His Word is not weakened by fasting, nor doth abstinence prevent His work. His is the praise and glory, and His the gratitude and bestowal.

Concerning what was written about Aqa Muhammad Mahdi, upon him be God's peace, permission is hereby granted according to His command that he may proceed to the prison and thence to whatsoever God willeth and desireth. Give him these glad tidings and convey greetings.

As to what was written concerning the Siyyid and his affairs, what transpired is well known. Those beloved ones have not and will not fall short in such matters. I beseech God to manifest through the Siyyid that which shall cause joy and delight to the friends in those regions.

What that certain person said about the companion of His Holiness Ismu'llah was false and contrary to wisdom. Glory be to God! The friends of God must be truthful, discreet, calm, patient and wise. That false statement was in no way appropriate, but rather departed from the requirements of wisdom. I beseech and implore God to make all aware and grant them knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

From all the letters sent by each of the friends of this land, and from the detailed words and multiple letters, the fragrance of the beloved of the heart, His Holiness Muhammad, emanates. Praise and thanks be to God Who exalted the two names and adorned them with the ornament of enduring mention. This person is, in one station, the seal of bounties and the confirmer of hearts. When love takes possession of a place and fills it, no room remains for mention or praise to appear. In short, the heart has been conquered by the hosts of love; there remains no other station for manifestation and appearance.

They sent reed pens. Surely these reeds are superior to those mentioned by Rumi, for those complained of separation while these, God willing, shall tell of nearness, meeting and reunion.

The fragrant flowers sent by the aforementioned one, upon him be God's peace, arrived. They were both used in his presence at the time of breaking the fast and also given to the friends. A line was sent in reply to his letter which they will deliver, God willing.

I convey greetings to all the friends and masters. All are mentioned and have attained the grace of the Friend. I beseech God, exalted be His station, to grant success to all, bestow blessings, give joy, grant steadfastness, and make all happy through beholding one another. This servant has ever yearned and continues to yearn for meeting the friends of God. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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He is God, the Mighty, the Beneficent!

This is a Book that speaketh the truth, wherein is that which will guide mankind to the shore of divine unity, nourish them with the fruits of knowledge and wisdom, and lead them into the holy and resplendent paradise. Therein is that which will guide men to the court of glory and grace, and sever them from all who dwell in the heavens and the earth. Say: O people! Hearken unto My words and be not of those who deny the signs of God and turn away. Follow the truth in His days - this is better for you than all who dwell in the kingdom. Say: O people! Answer the call of God's Herald among you and be not heedless of Him, after ye were created for this purpose, as the angels near unto God do testify.

Say: By God! The gates of Paradise have been opened wide, and there hath come the Command of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity - thus hath it been ordained by the All-Wise, the All-Informed. The breezes of bounty and grace have wafted, and the gardens of the Cause have been adorned, if ye be of those who perceive. Fear God, and follow not your own desires, neither turn your faces toward the evil ones, for they bid you to transgression and wickedness, while God commandeth righteousness and salvation, if ye be of them that hear.

Say: Have ye not heard what was revealed aforetime unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, of holy and glorious verses? He said - and His word is the truth - "On the day when thy Lord cometh, or certain of the signs of thy Lord." And these verses were truly revealed, and the heavens and earth were filled thereby. And have ye not heard "On the day when the heaven shall be cleft asunder by clouds" - these are the clouds whereby the heavens of existence were rent asunder, if ye be of those who understand the signs of God. And it was revealed "On the day when the heaven shall bring a manifest smoke" - this is the smoke that hath blinded your eyes, whereby ye recognized not your Lord and turned away from the Beauty of divine holiness and glory, though ye were promised this in preserved scrolls. This hath been inscribed on the Preserved Tablet, as witnessed by the denizens of the highest Paradise.

Say: O people! Have mercy upon yourselves, then fear the Day wherein ye shall return to a mighty and holy seat, and shall be questioned concerning what ye have wrought in your vain life, and shall be recompensed for your deeds. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of Command upon a clear and glorious Tablet.

Lament with the lamentation of one who has lost all, for this Bird dwelt among you for successive years, yet you failed to attain His presence, though His presence would have profited you more than all your deeds throughout your days. God is sufficient witness to what I say. You remained heedless of Him and occupied yourself with words whereof no Messenger had ever uttered a single letter. Hearken, then, to My counsel: migrate from your self to God, detach yourself from all that keeps you from knowing Him, and be not of the slumberous ones. Let what your hands have wrought suffice you, and fear God Who created and fashioned you, and be of those who seek forgiveness. You were as one sleeping upon the couch of heedlessness, so deep in slumber that you heard not the cry of the strivers, though that cry had encompassed all who dwell in earth and heaven, and had caused these deniers to swoon away. How many heads were raised upon spears in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful! How much blood was shed upon the earth while you remained unmindful thereof and were not among those who

remembered! How many bodies were cast upon the dust while you questioned not concerning them, as though you had never been created to be among the just! You remained seated in your house and aided not your Lord, nor were you among the helpers. Is one who turns away from God his Lord like unto one who turns toward Him? Glory be to Him, far above what these idolaters imagine! Have you not heard what was revealed aforetime unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God and Seal of the Prophets? “Woe to every sinful impostor who hears the verses of God recited unto him, then continues proudly, as though he heard them not. Announce unto him a painful punishment.” You heard the verses of God, then waxed proud against them, and were not conscious thereof for even a moment. By God! The eyes of your inner being weep for you, for you turned away from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. You answered not God’s Herald, cast His verses behind your back, and were among those submerged in the ocean of heedlessness. Hearken, then, to the words of this servant - this is better for you than the sovereignty of the heavens and earth. Arise from your seat through God’s power, then detach yourself from all else but Him. Fear no one, but put your trust in Him, for unto Him do the affairs of those who trust return. Your days shall pass away and you shall return to dust, and then shall you be in manifest loss. By God! I desire naught through this epistle save to deliver you from the prison of self and to sanctify you from all that prevents you from entering a seat of sublime glory. Know then that this Dove has offered up Its soul in the path of God. The praise of any praiser adds not to Its worth, nor does the censure of any critic diminish It, for Its whole affair returns to God, the Lord of all worlds. It fears no one, even should all who are in the kingdom combine against It. Say: Verily, It has soared unto God, and unto Him is Its return and resting-place, if you be of those who know. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Know ye that during Our sojourn in the Land of Mystery, sublime Tablets were sent down and dispatched to certain monarchs in order to complete God’s testimony. Among these was a Tablet revealed to the King of Paris who at that time was foremost among sovereigns. The cause of this was that one day in the presence of the Divine Throne, He stated that after the Russo-Ottoman dispute, the King of Paris arose to aid the Ottoman Empire, and following strife, conflict, bloodshed and pillage, several monarchs intervened and a peace treaty was concluded. Thereafter, the Russian Monarch inquired of the King of Paris: “We both belonged to the same nation - what caused you to dishonor those of your own faith and aid those of another?” In reply he wrote that there was no reason save that when some Ottoman subjects were suddenly attacked by you in the Black Sea and many were drowned, the cry of those oppressed ones awakened me from slumber and I arose to assist them. After relating this incident, He declared: “Now We shall send him a Tablet and test him. If he arises to aid the oppressed ones among the people of the Bayan, We shall confirm his words; otherwise his falsehood in what he claimed and stated shall become evident.” Thus a Tablet was revealed and sent to him, but no response was ever received, although one of his ministers who secretly professed love for the Cause informed the Most Holy Court that he had personally delivered the Tablet to the king and verbally conveyed all details. Nevertheless, no reply came. This is why, after receiving no response to that Tablet, this second Tablet was revealed and sent, having been written in French. Now consider this Tablet - all that befell him was explicitly foretold therein without any ambiguity. Blessed are they who read! Blessed are they who ponder! Blessed are

they who are sincere! Likewise, reflect upon its wondrous creation and dispatch with power and majesty. Observe how, after the completion of God's testimony and the manifestation of His might, afflictions of famine, scarcity and fear encompassed Persia. News of these matters was revealed in numerous Tablets. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! If souls were to reflect upon its wondrous creation, its dispatch, its contents, and all that subsequently transpired, it would suffice them all, and God's proof, more manifest than the sun, would become evident and clear to all. But artificial entities remain occupied with their own realm, having neither gained nor will they gain any portion of the divine breaths and the fragrance of the verses of the All-Merciful, save whom God willeth. As is observed, despite this most great proclamation, this supreme manifestation, and these evident signs, certain servants have chosen to follow souls who have always been and will remain behind veils, and from whom no matter has ever become manifest. What benefit is there when this servant lacks time, else he would have presented all that has appeared and continues to appear from God's verses which have been revealed explicitly without interpretation. We beseech God to aid the servants to be fair.

Every one may be apprised of the verses of God which have been revealed explicitly, without interpretation. We beseech God to assist His servants to be fair and to dispel their vain imaginings and what has been mentioned by those who came before. How strange are those who followed the stinking ones after the fragrance of the Beloved had been diffused throughout the worlds! For instance, they remain veiled from the Most Holy, Most Exalted Truth by following Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani and his utterances, though he was never aware of the fundamental nature of the Cause and was perpetually engaged in mischief.

Though it is a common saying, yet it befits this station: "Behold the blind leading another blind one!"

By God! By God! Any person possessed of sight and smell who beheld him but once perceived from his countenance the effects of hell-fire and from his breath the stench of the people of the deepest abyss. Each day he was occupied with some new deception. When we arrived at the Most Great Prison, he styled himself "Quddus Effendi," imagining that a meaningless name would exalt its bearer. Woe unto him and unto those who followed him!

Similarly, he named Aqa Jan "The Chief of the Polytheists, the Sword of Truth" and promised him Iraq, as evidenced by Aqa Jan's own letter which still exists, written to the Chief of the Polytheists, pleading: "When will that promise you made be fulfilled?" In short, in this land he declared to everyone: "I am the Sword of Truth and shall soon conquer most lands." Nay! The curse of God be upon the liars!

At this point, verses were revealed from the heaven of divine Will. His glory be exalted! He says:

"The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! Verily in the tribulation of the Lord of all possibilities in [earth and] heaven, He has indeed come with the truth in His Name, the One Who rules over creation. Illumine thy heart with the Most Great Lamp which the Lord of Eternity hath kindled, then stand firm in the Cause through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Choosing." […]

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O beloved of my heart! For some time this has flowed from the Pen of Divine Decree, yet its dispatch was delayed - this too was ordained by another decree, for the servant is as one dead between the hands of God's power, glory be to His majesty. He turneth him as He willeth, for He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He desireth, the Single, the One, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By virtue of God's all-encompassing wisdom, this letter was not sent. Your other letter, O beloved of my heart, which you dispatched from Nablus, arrived. The arrival of this spiritual messenger bearing tidings of your health and well-being, O spiritual beloved, praise be to God, manifested both outwardly and inwardly signs of love, affection, submission and contentment. After its reading and review, it was presented before the countenance of our Lord and was honored to be heard. He said: "His honor Muhammad-Qabli-Rida, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings, is confirmed and assisted in performing good deeds and in the mention and praise of God, glory be to His majesty. We beseech Him, blessed and exalted is He, to give him to drink at all times from the Kawthar of His knowledge from the hand of His bounty, and to confirm him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and that which manifests the stations of man among the peoples. Verily, He is the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. We beseech Him to send down upon him from the heaven of His generosity blessing and care and mercy from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, there is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High." Indeed, your mentions are joy-giving, for the fragrance of sincerity and trust emanates therefrom. A guest like yourself and a host like His Eminence Effendi, may God, blessed and exalted is He, preserve him, who are in truth illumined and adorned with the light of faith, assurance and knowledge - blessed be his presence. Indeed, he is worthy of these stations, for he is of the family of the Ansar and is himself counted among the Ansar, having been and continuing to be a helper of the oppressed and the distressed. We beseech God, glory be to His majesty, to keep him adorned with this ornament in all conditions. Verily He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. And regarding your request, O beloved of my heart, to be confirmed in sending that which yields fruit for the seekers of the paradise of knowledge and manifests a resplendent bounty - indeed this matter is confirmed and established by your intention. "The intention of the believer is better than his deed," it hath been said. Regret over the loss of what is befitting of good and charitable deeds - such regret in one station taketh precedence over the deed itself. We beseech God, the Source of all causes, to make our deeds and intentions adorned with the ornament of His acceptance. Verily He is the Generous, possessed of great bounty, and He is the Single, the Giver, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Again mention is made that the apple of our eyes, Aqa Inayatu'llah, together with the honored mother and sister, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], are all well and are gladdened by your mention. 152

Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that the glad tidings of the well-being of that beloved of spirit and heart arrive and adorn the mind with the radiance of joy and delight. In truth, the mention of the chosen ones and the loved ones is among the great bounties of God, exalted be His glory. In any case, through the successive bestowals of the one God, the reply to the first letter was written, and before its dispatch another letter arrived, after which attention was turned to its reply, and before the dispatch of the second, the light of the third appeared. His is the praise and the glory, and His is the grace and the bounty, for He illumines the hearts and minds of His chosen ones with the effulgent rays from the heaven of love. Although outwardly pen and paper and leaf are the means of connection and expression of love

and aspiration, yet in the eyes of those endowed with insight, this is that universal connection which has moved and continues to move the world. Exalted be His grace and magnificent His favors.

As to the weakness and change of constitution that you mentioned, praise be to God that its mention and your health and well-being arrived simultaneously. The light of health dispelled the dust of mention of infirmity, giving no chance for anything of it to manifest. This too is among the signs of the Lord of all worlds' grace and favor. At this moment mention of you was made in His presence. The luminary of grace shone forth from the horizon of will, mentioning that which is the cause of the diffusion of the fragrances of boundless gifts. In all conditions, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in that whose traces remain eternal and enduring in the world.

The apple of the eye, Inayatu'llah, and the honored mother are, praise be to God, well and healthy. Inayatu'llah's letter arrived the day before. The servant beseeches his Lord to grant him success and assist him and make him honored among His servants. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Praise be to God, your determination is evidence of the hidden intention in your heart. Therefore, though your intentions from before, after, and now may not be visible in the outer world, there is no doubt that inwardly those saplings and trees have been planted, have sprouted, have achieved complete growth, and have been adorned with fruits and leaves. This is why He says: "Good things are for the good ones." In truth, good emerges from good. Pure intentions have different influence and effects in the world. Blessed is the soul between whose intention and deed no difference is seen - whose intention is the very deed and whose deed is the very intention. And this is the station of the depths of the sea of oneness that was mentioned before.

Thus it was proven that your intentions regarding the grape vine or the citron or other trees are as though they are seen now. In any case, in all conditions, grace is from God, generosity is from Him, and bounty is from His presence. A hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for this exalted word revealed in the Qur'an: "O people! Ye are the poor in your relation to God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praised One."

The honored apple of the eye, the servant of the chosen ones, his honor Aqa Mirza Mu??afa, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings, sends greetings. He was greatly pleased by your mention and says: Would that eternal life were destined so that I might arise to everlasting service and always move according to the will of the chosen ones and attain to that which is befitting. Verily, God is the Powerful, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's assured and sincere servants.

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He it is Who abideth forever in the Realm of Glory. The Cause of God hath come down upon the clouds of utterance, while they that have joined partners with Him are afflicted with a sore torment. The hosts of Divine Revelation, bearing the banners of celestial inspiration, have descended from the heaven of His Tablet in the name of God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, and the faithful rejoice in His victory and dominion, while the deniers are filled with dismay. O people! Do ye flee from the mercy of God after it

hath pervaded all that is in the heavens and on the earth? Barter not away that mercy wherewith God hath favoured you, nor withhold yourselves therefrom, for they that turn away are indeed in grievous loss. The mercy of God is like unto the verses that are sent down from one same heaven: The true believers quaff therefrom the wine of everlasting life, while the ungodly drink a scalding draught. And whensoever the verses of God are rehearsed unto them, the fire of hatred is kindled in their breasts. Thus do they barter away the bounty that God hath bestowed upon them and are reckoned among the heedless.

Strive, O people, to enter beneath the sheltering shadow of the Word of God. Quaff, then, from it the choice wine of inner meaning and explanation, for it is the repository of the living waters of the All-Glorious and hath appeared from the horizon of the Will of the All-Merciful with matchless splendour. Say: Out of this Most Great Ocean there hath branched the Pre-existent Sea; blessed the one that hath attained and found repose upon its shores.

There hath branched from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha this sacred and glorious Being, this Branch of Holiness; well is it with him that hath sought His shelter and abideth beneath His shadow. Verily the Limb of the Law of God hath sprung forth from this Root which God hath firmly implanted in the Ground of His Will, and Whose Branch hath been so uplifted as to encompass the whole of creation. Magnified be He, therefore, for this sublime, this blessed, this mighty, this exalted Handiwork! Draw nigh unto Him, O people, and taste the fruits of wisdom and knowledge that have proceeded from Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Whoso hath failed to taste thereof is deprived of God's bounty, though he partake of all that the earth can produce, could ye but perceive it!

A Word hath, as a token of Our grace, gone forth from the Most Great Tablet–a Word which God hath adorned with the ornament of His own Self, and made it sovereign over the earth and all that is therein, and a sign of His greatness and power among its people, that all may glorify thereby their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise, and extol the praise of their Creator and the sanctity of the Soul of God that holdeth sway over all created things. This, verily, is none other than a Word sent down by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the Ancient of Days. Render thanks unto God, O people, for His appearance; for verily He is the most great Favour unto you, the most perfect bounty upon you; and through Him every mouldering bone is quickened. Whoso turneth towards Him hath turned towards God, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from My Beauty, hath repudiated My Proof, and transgressed against Me. He is the Trust of God amongst you, His charge within you, His manifestation unto you and His appearance among His favoured servants.

Thus was I bidden to deliver unto you the message of God, your Creator, and I have fulfilled that whereunto I was bidden. Unto this bear witness God, and His angels, and His Messengers, and His sanctified servants. Inhale, then, the sweet savours of Paradise from its roses and be not of them that are deprived. Hasten to win your share of the grace which God hath bestowed upon you and suffer not yourselves to be veiled therefrom.

We have sent Him down in the form of a human temple. Blest and sanctified be God Who createth whatsoever He willeth through His inviolable, His infallible decree. They who deprive themselves of the

shadow of the Branch are lost in the wilderness of error, are consumed by the heat of worldly desires, and are of those who will assuredly perish.

O people! Hasten to enter beneath the shadow of God, that it may shield you from the blazing heat of this Day wherein none shall find shelter or refuge save under the shadow of His Name, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate. Attire yourselves, O people, with the raiment of certitude, that it may protect you from the darts of idle fancy and vain imaginings and that ye may be numbered with the faithful in these days–days wherein none may attain certitude nor achieve constancy in the Cause of God save by renouncing that which is current amongst men and by turning towards this hallowed and refulgent Beauty.

O people! Will ye take a false deity for your helper rather than God? Will ye follow the Most Great Idol before your Lord, the Almighty, the Most Powerful? Forsake their mention, O people, and seize the cup of life in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful. By the righteousness of God! A single drop from this cup quickeneth all humankind, could ye but know it. Say: None shall be immune in this Day from God's decree; none shall find refuge save in Him. This, verily, is the truth, and aught else is but manifest error. God hath made it incumbent upon all to teach His Cause to the extent of their ability. Such is the decree that the Finger of might and power hath recorded in the Tablets of supernal glory. Whoso quickeneth but a single soul in this Revelation, it is as though he had quickened all humanity: Him will God, on the Day of Resurrection, raise again to life in the paradise of His oneness, adorned with the raiment of His own Self, the Sovereign Protector, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Such is the nature of the assistance ye can render to your Lord, and naught else is worthy of mention in this Day in the presence of God, your Lord and the Lord of your sires of old.

As for thee, O servant, give ear unto that which We have admonished thee in this Tablet, and seek at all times the grace of thy Lord. Disseminate this Tablet amongst them that have believed in God and in His signs, that they may observe its injunctions and be numbered with the righteous.

Say: O people! Spread not disorder on the earth nor dispute with your fellow men, for this would ill beseem them that occupy, beneath the shadow of their Lord, the station of such as are faithful to the one true God. Whensoever ye encounter a thirsty soul, give him to drink from the cup of everlasting life; and whensoever ye find a hearing ear, recite unto him the verses of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Compassionate. Unloose your tongues with kindly words and, should ye find the people inclined towards the Sanctuary of God, summon them to the truth; otherwise leave them to their own selves and to that condition which is the reality of the nethermost fire. Beware lest ye cast the pearls of inner meaning before the blind and the barren in heart, inasmuch as they are deprived of beholding the light and are unable to distinguish the worthless pebble from the precious and gleaming pearl. Wert thou for a thousand years to recite unto a stone the verses of wondrous glory, would it ever be affected by them or comprehend their significance? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate! Wert thou to recite unto the deaf all the verses of God, would they hear a single letter thereof? Nay, by His ancient and glorious Beauty!

Thus have We imparted unto thee the gems of divine wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest fix thy gaze upon thy Lord and rid thyself of all attachment to the world. May His spirit rest upon thee and upon

them that abide within the habitation of holiness and that are endued with true constancy in the Cause of their Lord.

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O Ahmad, I swear by the True God that His proof has been perfected upon thee and His evidence made complete against thee, wert thou of them that understand. For others have been seized by vain imaginings from the direction of self and passion, and have not heard a single letter of the Cause, and were of them that fancy on tablets well-preserved. But thou didst attain Our presence and didst witness him who warred against Us after claiming within himself that he was the Mirror of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Therefore bring thy presence before God and judge fairly within thyself: Hast thou witnessed from any other what thou hast witnessed from Me? Nay, by My Beauty, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Great! Indeed, wert thou fair, thou wouldst witness all else as non-existent before My holy court, such that none could speak in My presence - to this testify all created things, if thou be of them that deny.

And ponder within thyself: Were the angels of the Cause to bring thee before thy Lord, the Most High, and ask thee: “O servant, by what proof didst thou believe in My Self, and by what evidence didst thou turn away from My luminous, radiant Beauty?” If thou didst believe in Me through what was revealed unto Me of the verses of God, the All-Powerful, the Sovereign, the Most High, the All-Wise - by God, these are My verses, revealed in such wise that were a single note thereof to appear as ordained, all in the heavens and earth would be struck senseless. And thou, O Ahmad - hast thou seen from another what thou hast not seen from Him? Bring thy proof and be not of the patient ones. Then would bewilderment and shame seize thee, such that thou couldst not speak in the presence of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers.

By God, O Ahmad, wert thou fair in thyself, thou wouldst find none like unto Me, nor any partner, nor in all that hath appeared from Me, if thou be of the fair-minded. Beware, beware lest thou follow thy passion. Look with the Greatest Vision and say: “O people, by God, that which had never appeared in the worlds hath appeared!” Purify thy heart from the allusions of the people and from all that hath barred thee from thy Lord’s path, for today nothing shall profit thee, even shouldst thou cling to all things. Thou wouldst confirm Me wert thou to ponder My Cause and be of them that reflect.

Say: By God, this is the Glory of the Concourse on High, His Light for them in the Kingdom of Eternity, His Word for them in the depths of Names, and His Book for all creation. By God, O Ahmad, the Spirit speaketh not from passion, but speaketh what God hath placed in his pure, crystal heart - that there is no God but He, and that Husayn-’Ali is His servant, His Glory, His Remembrance and His proof unto all between earth and heaven, if thou be of them that know.

Then know that after thy departure, We left these people and dwelt alone in the house, closing the door, that perchance thereby the fire of hatred might be stilled in the breasts of the deceivers. Thou knowest that I spoke not a word with my brother nor associated with him. When there appeared from him what

he desired and God revealed what was hidden in his breast, he arose with mighty calumny and wrote tablets wherein he attributed to My wronged, lonely, estranged Self what he wished within himself […]

You know that I was a refuge in my absence from those people, and in my isolation from those who desired to kill me without proof or illuminating Book. You were with Us - did you dispute with him regarding his cause after he was secretly writing in the Tablets that which would set aflame the hearts of those drawn nigh? Apart from this, he arose to shed my blood after We had nurtured him and protected him from the evil of every evil one. And if you deny this, the Tongue of God, the True, the Faithful King bears witness to it. You knew from him what no one else knew, for the people were in doubt and thick veils. Have you forgotten what was asked of him by one of God's servants named 'Ali [before] Nabil, when he was unable to answer, and God only revealed this to awaken the heedless? Therefore, hear My words and sanctify yourself from all allusions, then reflect on what you witnessed from Me and heard about Me. Then take for yourself a path to God. Speak among the people with pure truth and with what you witnessed and saw, and be not of those who recognize God's favor and then deny it. This is My counsel to you - if you accept it, all good destined for God's righteous servants will return to you. Beware, beware lest you transgress the decree of justice, for through it the servant is raised to a station which none but the just and discerning can reach. By the True God! I sacrificed My spirit at the time when God made Himself known to Me and caused Me to speak His verses and sent Me with truth to the worlds. There was no hatred in My heart for you nor for any created thing. Rather, I love that you should detach yourself from those who have wronged and return to God, your Lord, with evident humility. We ask God to make you successful in His Cause and to give you to drink from the cup of eternity from the hand of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in My Most Glorious Name, that He may purify your heart from the whisperings of Satan and make you sincere for your Lord's sake and sever you from the idolaters. Know God through God, not through aught else, for all else was created by His Word, if you be of those who know. Beware lest you look upon Me through what is with the people. If you wish to know Me, look with My eye. This is what We have counseled you in all the Tablets, if you be of those who witness. Say: Today, nothing of what exists between the heavens and earth will profit you except that you detach yourselves from what you have and turn towards the direction of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Detach yourself from the world and what is therein, for it will never profit you. What will profit you is what has been ordained in the Kingdom of the Cause by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus have We counseled and advised you - act according to what you have been commanded and be not of the heedless ones. And if you see your brother, convey to him Our greetings, then remind him of this Great News. And the Spirit and Glory and Eternity be upon you if you board the Ark of Baha which sails upon the crimson sea by God's leave, the Creator of Names, and be of those who are firmly established.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O servant! Hearken unto the Call of God, then act according to what thou art bidden by thy Lord, and be not of those who, when the Sun of Beauty dawned forth from the Horizon of Grandeur, wrapped themselves in darkness and were overcome with doubt and misgiving. Beware lest thou ascribe partners

unto Him Who hath ever been One in His Essence and hath taken neither peer nor likeness unto Himself. To this beareth witness all that hath been sent down aforetime from the presence of the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, he who was named Muhammad-'Ali, and whom God related unto His own Self, is but a leaf among the leaves of that Tree. By the True One! Were We to withdraw from him for less than a twinkling of an eye the outpourings of the divine Command, he would surely turn yellow and fall upon the dust. O servant! Dost thou sport with the Cause of God and desire to be of them who at every moment take unto themselves a lord besides Me, a god other than Me, a worshipped one other than Me, and a beloved one beyond Me? By God! Their feet have slipped and their faces have been blackened. Therefore take ye warning, O concourse of the beloved!

Know thou that I alone have ever been the Beloved of all things and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth. I have taken no partner unto Myself in sovereignty. Thus have I been from before all beginning and will be unto the end that hath no end. Bear thou witness, then, to that whereunto God Himself hath testified, and be not of them that doubt and are veiled. We created the Son by Our command and through Our power, and caused him to speak in praise of Our Self, that the possessors of insight might remember and bear witness to the power of their Lord, and be assured that He is verily the Potent over all things. He causeth whomsoever He willeth to speak through His sovereignty, and unto Him returneth the decree of the beginning and the end.

As to those who have not attained the presence of the Throne, nor heard the melodies of God, nor been illumined by the light of Beauty - should they speak according to their vain imaginings and be veiled by their delusions, perchance God may forgive them after their return unto Him, for they were not acquainted with the foundation of the Cause and remained behind a thick veil. But thou, O servant, wert present before the Throne and didst witness with thine eyes and recognize in thy heart that every possessor of splendor boweth down before My countenance, every possessor of glory is glorified through My remembrance, every possessor of radiance shineth through My bounty, every possessor of light circleth around Me, and every possessor of authority hath appeared through My command. By God! Were thy vision to be unveiled, thou wouldst witness how all lords have prostrated themselves before the majesty of thy Lord.

Every wave that thou beholdest from this Ocean maketh mention, in its station, of the cause of its appearance being the grace of this Ocean which hath encompassed all created things. Fear God, and corrupt not the earth after its reformation. Turn wholly unto God and shun the wolves who have emerged from the thickets of malice bearing hatred and rancor toward God, and who have joined partners with Him. Thus do We teach thee the truth as a grace from Us unto thee, that thou mayest detach thyself from all the worlds and take shelter beneath this canopy.

O servant! Associate not with My remembrance the remembrance of anyone among all created things, nor with My Self the self of anyone among all existing things, for all else besides Me hath been created by a mere movement of My finger. Hast thou not witnessed how every heaven hath been cleft asunder, how every earth hath been rent apart, how every moon hath been eclipsed, and how the mountains have passed away like passing clouds? Hast thou not witnessed that every prideful is as naught before the manifestations of My glory, and all possessed of might tremble in fear of Me. Fear God and make not the

Cause of God a subject of mockery. Be of them who have cast behind their backs all who are in the heavens and on earth and have turned with submission and lowliness unto this Countenance that hath appeared in truth. Repent and turn unto God, and grieve not those in whose hearts thou findest the sweet fragrance of My love. Rather, lower unto them the wing of humility, purely for My sake. Verily We know that thou hast grieved him who loveth God, his Lord. With Us is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of all things in preserved tablets and books. Be thou assured that nothing escapeth Our knowledge, whether in the heavens or on earth, and not an atom moveth except by My command. All things are at all times present before My throne, recounting what is within them, what pertaineth unto them, what hath come upon them, and what hath proceeded from them. Thus hath been the command of thy Lord, as attested by such servants as have detached themselves from all directions and, through My sovereignty, have rent asunder all veils. O servant! We have answered thee before and commanded thee to associate with the loved ones in submission and lowliness, and to remind them of this Wronged One against Whom have risen up such servants as have disbelieved in God, associated partners with His Beauty, and warred against His Self, that perchance they may remember within themselves God Who created all things by His command, and unto Whom all shall return on the Day of Reckoning. We commanded thee to rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, yet thou hast increased in some souls what thou hast increased. Therefore, purify thy self, thy spirit, and thine essence from all else but Me, then remind the people with goodly counsel of this Beauty Who hath been established upon the throne of sorrows in these days and hath found no helper save His own Self, the Mighty, the Bestower. And the glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath followed the command of his Lord and remained steadfast unto Him after all souls were seized with trembling and perturbation. O Rahim! Hearken unto the most wondrous and sweet melodies from this place of supreme sorrow, and conduct thyself with the utmost courtesy and forbearance toward the servants of God. Move with pure detachment in such wise that the signs of truth may be manifest from thee. Dispute not with anyone, and remind the people with wisdom and counsel. O servant! Be adorned with My attributes, for We have lifted the decree of conflict and disputation and have manifested the Cause with power and might, without any from among the peoples of the world taking notice thereof, for power lieth in My will, not in warfare and disputation. Thus doth the tongue of thy Lord counsel thee from the direction of the Throne of Glory, that thou mayest be of them that are assured. Think not the Cause of God to be such that any soul may, in any day or hour, arise to make claims thereto. Adorn thyself with servitude unto God, the True One, alone, and be not of them who walk at every moment upon a new path. And the glory be upon thee.

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He is God - exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His might!

Praise be to that sovereign Lord who has raised up among the servants of the world the banner proclaiming “Verily I am the Lord of existence.” Through the sword of His utterance, He has freed the mute and stammering ones of the world from the darkness of names and the pit of suspicions and vain imaginings. The banner of His justice was not prevented by the oppression of the deniers, nor was His Testament of Truth followed by obliteration. Glorified be His majesty, all-pervading be His bounty, and

exalted be His station! And blessings and peace be upon the Speaking Book of God and His Speaking Scripture, His manifest Mystery and His supreme, triumphant, and all-revealing Word, at whose birth the Kingdom and all therein proclaimed "Unto God, the Lord of all worlds!" And upon His kindred and companions, through whom the light of justice shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's grace, the Mighty, the Great - such blessings as will draw unto them all hearts and souls and cause all created things to ascend.

May my soul be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, love and service. The blessed tablet penned by the Most Pure Pen of my Lord and Master, the Most Great Branch - may my soul and being be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps - illumined the eyes of body and soul and the vision of heart and reality. Most of that blessed tablet concerned mention of His steadfastness, attention, sincerity, service and devotion. Every word thereof testified to His love and affection. In truth, the choice wine of utterance is the dawning-place of joy and the dayspring of gladness. All this is through the grace of God, our Lord and the Lord of our fathers and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. I submit one of the blessed words so that the degrees of His favor may become clear and evident. His sweetest words are: "At present I am occupied with writing in the home of the honored Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Merciful. I am deeply abashed and affected by their troubles and love. I hope they will present this at the Most Holy Court and that mention will be made concerning them from the Source of Grace, such that will relieve this servant's embarrassment. We can do nothing greater than this for them, nor is there anything greater." Likewise this blessed word was recorded: "Their presence and being in this land is necessary and serves the needs of all travelers to this region in a way that cannot be surpassed." Praise be to God, His traces have perfumed and illumined those regions. After submitting these matters, He spoke these words before me: "God willing, there shall appear from my Afnan that which will guide the people to the Light that has shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God's Will, the Master of the Day of Judgment. O my Afnan! Upon you be my peace, my remembrance and my praise." I beseech and we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to free and deliver His servants from names that are the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He is the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty the opposition of His servants has not prevented, and Whose generosity the darkness of existence has not veiled. O Afnan! This is the Day wherein the Dawn of Manifestation has unfurled its banner and the Temple of Justice its standards. Blessed are those servants who hold fast to the Truth and are detached and free from all else. This Wronged One counsels that the honored Afnan not be saddened by what has occurred. In truth, you have been and are partner with the Wronged One in the tribulations that have befallen Him. Glory be to God! God, exalted be His glory, has made the land of Shin the dawning-place of light and fire - that is, the manifestation of these two is more evident and mighty in that land before God, for the fire of corruption from the tree of opposition appeared and blazed forth in that land and city before all other lands. The arrows of the oppressors and the swords of the malicious ones who broke the Covenant and Testament and denied God's decree on the day of separation have assailed the Manifestation of Justice. These days are, in God's sight, the days of the Most Great Joy, for the Lord of Manifestation is established upon the Throne of Sinai and the call of the Blessed Tree is raised at every moment. Therefore, if the kindred are summoned from that land, it is acceptable before God and adorned with the ornament of His leave. After the sorrows that have descended, this Most Great Glad-Tidings proceeding from the Most Exalted Horizon is the cause and reason for boundless joy and delight

[…] and it has been and will be. The Most Great Branch has also requested this matter. Now it accords with both consultation and conforms to His will. For a long time, this Wronged One has been thinking of them. In any case, this news is relief after distress and joy after sorrow. O Afnan! At this moment the Sun of permission has risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will. Give glad tidings to the Leaf and those with her on My behalf of My permission, which is the ultimate hope of the seekers and the goal of the hearts of the mystics. The glory from Us be upon you, O Afnan, and upon the son, and upon those who have believed in God and performed good deeds and what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

From this bestowed permission, boundless joy is attained. In truth, this is a great bestowal regarding those who are wronged in the path of God. This evanescent servant has at all times beseeched and continues to beseech that He may bring forth from potentiality to the realm of manifestation the means of nearness and meeting for those who have been consumed by the fire of separation from His presence for years, and from concealment to disclosure. Verily, He is powerful over all things. It is hoped that this matter will be arranged with utmost joy and delight, and that the Causer of causes will manifest a cause that will become the source of joy for the hearts of His male and female servants. He is the Bestower, the Mighty.

As commanded, this letter must be preserved, for people are inclined to objection rather than justice and fairness. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for the Afnan of the land of Shin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and was sent. Your honor should review it and forward it. I present my greetings to the service of the brilliant star, his honor Afnan Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, and likewise to the loved ones of that land. For all, I seek that which is the cause of the elevation of character among people and unity among the servants. Peace, remembrance, and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you, and those who love you and hear your words in their turning to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

The Servant

First of Rajab 1307

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One Who hath adorned the world of contingent being with the light of recognition and hath embellished the tablet of existence with the inscription “I am He that existeth and is to be worshipped.” He is the Omnipotent One Who hath raised high the heaven of utterance and adorned it with the stars of wisdom, Who hath made the ocean of inner meanings to be possessed of the pearls of knowledge, and Who hath perfumed the assemblage of the world with the sweet fragrances of His Most Compassionate Name. His is the praise and His the thanksgiving, His the grace and His the bounty, His the generosity and His the glory. Glory be to God! Despite this Revelation whose light hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen, and despite this

Call which hath embraced both heaven and earth, no eye capable of beholding and no ear worthy of hearkening hath been found, save whom God hath willed. He is the One Whom the conditions of the world did not prevent from the Most Great Name, and Whom the allusions of the peoples did not hinder from immersion in the ocean of inner meanings. And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom the hearts of the monotheists found rest and the hearts of the polytheists were disturbed. Every accepted one is accepted through His acceptance, and every known thing is known through His will. He is the Lord of the Prophets and the Sovereign of the chosen ones. The books of the world were sealed with His name, and the sending of Messengers was concluded with His appearance. His is the bounty and generosity in the beginning and in the return. Through His appearance the mystery of the Book was made manifest, and through His utterance the hidden meanings of the Books became clear. Through Him God sent down the proof and made manifest the way, through Him the gate of utterance was opened to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and His ordinances were established among all religions. And upon His family and His companions who cast away all that is in the world, holding fast to the Most Great and Most Firm Cord.

O God, my God, my Adored One, my King, the Self-Sufficient! Deprive not Thy friends of the ocean of awareness, nor withhold from them the vision of the rays of the Sun of Thy Manifestation. O Generous One! With but a single flame from the fire of Thy love Thou didst set aflame the world, and with but one effulgence from the lights of Thy countenance Thou didst send forth the sincere ones and those near unto Thee to the place of sacrifice. Thou art the Sovereign Whom the power of all creation hath not weakened, and Whom the might of rulers hath not held back from His purpose. Through Thy name the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" hath been raised aloft. In this darksome night, I beseech Thee to grant Thy friends their portion from the Kawthar of inner meanings, and bestow upon them their full share of eternal life. Let not the tempestuous winds extinguish Thy lamp, nor the floods of the world uproot the Tree of Thy Cause from its seat. Thy remembrance is sweeter than any honey in the mouth of them that love Thee, and Thy name more beloved and precious to them that are faithful than all that exists in the horizons. O Generous One! Protect Thy loved ones and assist them in that which is befitting. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praised be God that the fragrances of utterance have perfumed the world of possibility, yet its people remain heedless and deprived. This servant is bewildered at how one could be deprived of the sweet-scented breezes while standing in the midst of a rose garden. The light is manifest, the fire is ablaze, and the call is raised, yet the affairs of this fleeting world have prevented the senses from beholding, perceiving, and hearing. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to close the doors of His grace and to guide those who are lost unto the straight and firm path. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of all names.

The one true God is witness that since the return of your honor, you have been remembered and have been the recipient of His special favors. This ephemeral one has been and continues to be mindful of the friends in that land. The loved ones of God are as one soul, though they appear to be many, for all hold fast to the sure handle and are turned unto Him, turning away from all else. For all I seek divine confirmation and assistance, that they may all be adorned with the greatest steadfastness in such wise

that nothing shall prevent them from God, their Creator, their Provider, their Sustainer, their Supporter, their Helper, and their Protector.

Regarding what you wrote about the newborn child, upon him be God's peace, it was presented, and in the Book of Names he was designated and honored as Badi' Effendi. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that He may open the doors of His bounties and blessings upon your honor, and shower the wonders of His favors like abundant rain. Verily, He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

Your shipment of (19 F), two boxes of sweets, and nine containers of rice arrived on the day the palace became the residence, was presented, and was accepted and honored. Praise be to God that you were assisted to achieve that which the people of the world, despite their pleading, supplication, and waiting, remained deprived of. Praise be unto Him in all conditions. And peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

The Servant

24th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1302

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In the Name of Him Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven! This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto Him Who is the One Remembered, when the Promise came to pass and the Promised One appeared with manifest sovereignty. This is a Day wherein none save Him is mentioned. To this testify the Books of God, both of the past and of the future, and this mighty Tablet. This is a Day wherein the Ocean of Utterance hath surged and the Horizon of Knowledge hath shone forth, inasmuch as the Ancient King hath mounted the Most Great Throne and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the highest branches. The Owner hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant who standeth before His Face hath presented it. We answer thee with verses which, when sent down from the heaven of proof, all the books of the earth bowed down before them. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every condition, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Be thou a speaker of My remembrance, turn thy face unto the lights of My countenance, hold fast unto My cord, and arise to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have caused thee to hear, and have acquainted thee, and have shown thee, and have guided thee unto My straight path. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, for having called me unto Thyself and given me to drink the cup of Thy presence from the hand of Thy bounty, and made me turn toward Thy most exalted horizon when the learned ones of all the earth turned away therefrom. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and by the Name through which the Ship of Utterance hath sailed upon the ocean of names, to make me in all conditions a speaker of Thy praise amongst Thy servants, in such wise that

neither the assault of the Pharaohs nor the power of the tyrants shall prevent me. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

We had made thee hear the verses of thy Lord in a perspicuous Arabic tongue, and now We desire to make thee hear them in a wondrous Persian tongue. If the people of the earth were to become aware of the greatness of this Day and the greatness of this Cause, all would detach themselves from all else save God and turn unto the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before the faces of all peoples. The vain imaginings of men have debarred them from the Lord of all days. Every group hath clung to an idle fancy and hath been deprived of the light of the Sun of certitude. For twelve hundred years and more they have occupied themselves with cursing and reviling one another. Fellowship and unity have vanished while discord is evident. Each party hath chosen a way for itself and each people hath devised a path. Were ye to count the ways of vain imaginings, ye could not reckon them. Verses have been sent down in such wise as to encompass the world, and the evidences of His banners have been raised high and made manifest in the Tablet to Ra'is and the Surihs to the Kings. The power of the Most Exalted Pen and the potency of the Most Sublime Word are clear and evident to them that are endowed with insight and them that dwell in the Most Great Paradise. From the beginning of the Cause this Wronged One, alone and without any veil or covering, called out with His loudest voice unto the rulers and ministers and divines and jurisprudents and philosophers, summoning all to the Most Sublime Horizon. Nevertheless, the heedless and ignorant servants have not awakened nor drunk from the ocean of knowledge. From the beginning of creation until now no Revelation like unto this hath appeared. To this testify the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This Day hath ever been specially designated with God. Most wondrous of all is the heedlessness of the servants and the tyranny of them that dwell in the lands. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the outpourings of the Day of Retribution, nor to withhold from them the hearing of His Word and the beholding of His Horizon. May He open the gate of justice with the key of grace, make manifest them that are endued with equity, and adorn them with the most great steadfastness, that perchance they may deliver the people from ignorance and lead them unto the truth. His is the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of thy brother who hath been named Mahdi and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all the worlds. O Mahdi! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One. From the earliest days until now He hath been afflicted in the hands of the enemies - that which hath caused the dwellers of the All-Highest Paradise to weep and the inhabitants of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament. This Wronged One biddeth thee ponder upon the Seal of the Prophets. There befell Him that which melted the hearts of them that are nigh unto God and the hearts of the sincere ones. For them that have ears to hear, one verse sufficeth: "And there came not unto them any Messenger but they did mock at him." Reflect upon Jesus, Son of Mary. The tyranny reached such a pass that God, exalted be His glory, took Him up unto the fourth heaven. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One, and sanctify thine ears from what thou hast heard, and likewise thine eyes. Then with a sanctified ear and eye of fairness, see and hear. The verses are present in every station and the evidences are clear and manifest. Its traces shine forth like unto the sun, yet only the fair-minded are blessed to behold its lights. Today the

Speaker on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation and speaketh: Blessed is he that hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones.

And in this station We make mention of thy daughter and We beseech God to assist her and make her steadfast in His love. Verily He is potent over all things. O handmaiden of God! The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of the Ancient Beauty, and this blessed Day was promised in all the Books, Tablets and Scriptures. The divines of Persia occupied themselves day and night with the mention of the Lord of all mankind, and from their pulpits they uttered "May God hasten His advent"; yet when the world was illumined with the lights of the Orb of His Manifestation, all arose in opposition, and finally pronounced the death sentence against His blessed Person. But thou, through His grace, mercy and loving-kindness, didst turn unto Him and didst drink from the choice wine of His love. Know thou the value of this station and of him who guided thee - that is, the one who showed thee the way and made thee aware. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Thine be the praise, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the glory, O Possessor of bounty, for having guided me unto Thy path, and made me know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-place of Thy clear tokens, and for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy love through Thy gracious hands. I beseech Thee to ordain for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy handmaidens as have held fast to the cord of Thy commandments and the rope of Thy behests. Thou art He the tongue of grandeur hath testified to Whose power. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be. Verily, unto God do we belong and unto Him do we return.

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Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that His Holiness arrived at the designated place in perfect health and with the utmost joy and delight. Well said indeed: "A moon took flight from this city and went to another city, such that from its rising and setting two cities were turned upside down." For the friends in this land were in separation and the friends in that land attained reunion. Every time has its portion and every land has had and will have its share. In all conditions I beseech and hope for His endless favors, that He may gladden and illumine the horizons of the hearts of the beloved ones through His presence. In any case, His letter which was written to this servant was presented to His blessed presence in the known palace. They smiled at its Turkish verses and said that God willing, they should be occupied with the mention of Truth and the promotion of His Cause in all languages and in all directions. Regarding what you wrote about his honor, the Name of God 66, upon him be all His most glorious Beauty, you should likewise convey on behalf of this servant utmost humility, submission, glorification, praise and infinite thanksgiving. A few days ago he specially attained the presence and whatever needed to be done was done on his behalf, and this servant himself has submitted a detailed petition to him which God willing will be sent. Another letter from him addressed to His Holiness arrived after the departure of that Beloved One. Since this servant had permission from His Holiness, it was opened and read. It contained nothing new. According to His command, all letters that arrive for His Holiness should be answered and sent, and even to those from whom letters are not received, they should write, for news from this land is the cause and means of growth for the divine saplings. However, beseech God to protect those saplings

from the poisonous winds. And regarding what was written about his honor Anis, upon him be the Glory of God 69, truly all hearts were gladdened - that is, all souls who are now circling around were moved to praise and thank God with the utmost joy and delight. Although such matters are not and have never been novel for the friends of Truth - they have ever been oppressed - this servant, though confident of his protection, safety and release from prison, nevertheless upon receiving your glad tidings, my spirit nearly took flight from joy at what I heard. They said: O Anis! By My life, what befell thee God hath made a source of honor, nobility and glory for thee. Be thou thankful to God for this. Verily He is the Deliverer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Those who judged thee shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. By My life, they followed their passions and are moved by every wind, having neglected what they were commanded in the Books of God, the Manifest, the All-Informed. They wronged thee even as they wronged thy Lord before thee. Lo, they are among the perishing ones. Be thou assured and certain that His mention of thee is the most great victory and shall endure as long as the names of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon him who was patient in God, the Lord of the worlds. End.

Convey greetings and praise to all the friends in that land who are occupied with the remembrance of God for God's sake and are detached from all else. This servant submits to the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be Baha'u'llah, that if this servant's letters are delayed or if inner sincerity is not outwardly expressed, let them not think that this servant has forgotten. Most times have been spent remembering that honored one, both outwardly and inwardly. God willing, may you remain radiant and luminous like the morning star in the heaven of truth from the horizon of divine love, and be at rest under His protecting shade.

To his honor Haji Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah, this evanescent servant expresses sincere devotion and most wondrous praise. God willing, his reply will be sent. Praise be to God Who enabled him to remember Him and serve His Cause. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

What else can I say regarding Haji Muhammad Isma'il, upon him be Baha'u'llah, as I feel boundless embarrassment. He has been and will continue to be mentioned in the holy presence, and since his efforts have been borne for God's sake, they have not and will not be forgotten. We beseech God to assist him and grant him what he loves and is pleased with.

As for the matter of the shawls that they had written about, that honored one did not write details about how they should be sent. Keeping them here is not advisable as they might be lost. That beloved one should write where and how they should be sent. These days his honor Ha, upon him be Baha'u'llah, has sought to buy them, but his honor Amin is not agreeable. The matter is now pending. If they are given to them, that beloved one will be informed, but in any case that honored one should write details about how they should be sent, as they might not pass with his honor Ha. In any case, as commanded, whatever you deem advisable in these matters should be carried out. However it turns out is fine. God willing, may they ever be joyous and at rest under the shade of divine favor, mercy, compassion, grace, gifts and kindness. Upon you be all the glory that has shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. This servant, on behalf of all the friends in this land, expresses to that honored one limitless devotion, self-effacement and praise.

Another submission regarding the dye that his honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be Baha'u'llah, had written about: since his honor Haji Mulla 'Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah, knows good dye, therefore one pound should be obtained and sent. So far no news has been received. And further, that beloved one should obtain and send 4 containers of two pounds of Egyptian red sugar.

The Servant

12 Shawwal 1294

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou beholdest my state and hearest my cry, and Thou knowest what Thy servants have wrought against us in Thy dominion - how they have driven us from our homes and native lands after seizing us, plundering our possessions, slaying our loved ones, taking our families captive, violating Thy sanctity in us, increasing in their wickedness and multiplying in their unbelief until they stretched forth their hands against all who believed in Thee and Thy signs. The matter reached such a pass that the cries of the distressed, the lamentations of the sincere, and the wailing of them that are nigh unto Thee ascended to Thee from every city. Thereafter Thy chosen ones were scattered throughout Thy lands and wandered through Thy realms. Months and years passed thus, until the Sacred City was raised up through the mystery of Thy Most Bountiful Name. Therein was built Thy House, its doors were opened to all in the heavens and earth, and through it Thou didst guide Thy servants until honored servants and righteous men gathered round about it. All occupied themselves with wondrous remembrance of Thee and the promotion of Thy Cause, detaching themselves from all else but Thee, turning unto Thee, shunning all save Thee. While they were in this most exalted condition and supreme gift, the breezes of Thy decree stirred and the winds of Thy providence were set in motion, until the clouds of trials were raised up and the mists of tribulation poured down novel afflictions and fresh calamities. Thereby were they scattered after having been gathered, their souls were troubled, their hearts effaced, their bodies shaken, their frames agitated, their hearts saddened, their eyes shed tears, their cheeks were bathed in tears, their very beings were consumed, their essence melted away, their pillars crumbled, and their realities were rent asunder. While they were in this great sorrow and supreme calamity, Thy decisive command came for the departure of Thy Most Great Name from among these peoples and the departure of the Dove from among the loved ones. By Thy might, O my God and my Master! The life of Thy loved ones was thereby transformed and matters became so difficult for them that all power of patience and forbearance was wrested from their hands, and they were brought to such a state that the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of the crimson pavilions in the realms of eternity wept over them, tears flowed from the eyes of the Maids of Heaven in their lofty chambers, and all in earth and heaven grieved in their sorrow. By Thy might, O my God! The Pen of Creation is powerless to record their state and what befell them in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and utterance fails to describe what they endured in their distance from Thy presence after their yearning to meet Thee, their intimacy with Thy beauty, and their wont to attend the seats of Thy majesty. Alas, alas for what befell them in Thy days and descended upon them in Thy dispensation! Therefore, O my God, since Thou hast removed them from Thy beauty, remove them not from the sweet-scented breezes of

Thy holiness, and since Thou hast deprived them of Thy presence, deprive them not of the stations of Thy revelation and inspiration. I beseech Thee by this Day wherein Thou didst shine upon all contingent things with the lights of Thy Essence and didst transcend all created things through the manifestations of Thy names and attributes - the Day wherein the breezes of Thy grace wafted, the seas of Thy mercy surged, the Dove of Thy love warbled, and the clouds of Thy tender mercy rained down - to clothe their frames in the robe of Thy glorious forgiveness, to provide them with the fruits of Thy bounty and favor, then to inscribe their names among those who fulfilled Thy covenant and responded to all that Thou didst call them to in the morn of Thy Cause. Then accept from them, O my God, that which they […] in Thy days in discharging Thy right and […]

then raise them, O my God, to such heights that neither the distractions of the times nor trials in Thy presence shall turn them aside. Then open their eyes, O my God, that they may know Thee above all else, and purify their ears, O my Beloved, that they may distinguish Thy holy melodies from all other sounds. Thou, verily, art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Name and by this Name which none among all created things hath attained unto the heaven of its knowledge, to make firm our steps in Thy love and Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the One possessed of great bounty and mighty sovereignty. Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Thou seest what hath befallen me in this journey wherein I have migrated from Thee unto Thee, and what hath transpired in the paths of Thy good-pleasure and the ways that lead to Thy contentment, and how the fire of jealousy and hatred hath been kindled in the hearts of Thy servants, though I desired for them naught save what I desired for myself, and preferred them in all things to mine own self and being. Wherefore, O my God, send down upon them that which may quiet the fire of their souls and hearts, and grant them of the fruits of Thy love from this Garden which Thou hast created for Thine own Self and manifested for Thine own Being, that their breasts and hearts may be illumined thereby and their souls be purified, for they are poor before Thee and possess neither benefit nor harm, neither life nor resurrection for themselves. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou knowest, O my God, that I do not complain of my harm and distress, nor of all that hath befallen me in Thy path, for I swear by Thy might that I yearn for Thy torment and Thy fire because of their relation to Thee, and Thy light for its guidance unto Thee, and in this station these two matters are judged alike due to the manifestation of the signs of Thy glorious oneness and the dawning of the lights of Thy holy uniqueness. Is there, O my God, any ordainer besides Thee that I might complain of him? Is there any illuminator other than Thee that I might rejoice in him? Nay, by Thy might! Rather, all hath appeared from Thee and been originated by Thy command and come to pass by Thy will. Since this is so, it behooveth not those who have recognized Thy unity among Thy creation and those who are near to Thee among Thy creatures to flee when the winds of Thy decree blow or to be dismayed when the signs of Thy trials appear. Rather, they must witness in all things the signs of the glory of Thy favors and the tokens of the sanctity of Thy bounties. This, verily, is the station of those among Thy servants who know Thee, the seat of those among Thy creation who have attained unto Thee, and the homeland of those among Thy creatures who love Thee. Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of the glory of Thy holy Oneness to deprive not Thy servants of this station and withhold them not from this sacred sanctuary. Then grant us the good of this world and the hereafter, and honor us with the presence of Him

Whom Thou shalt make manifest on the Day of Judgment. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Generous.

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Revealed for Siyyid Hasan that he may read it and be numbered among those who remember in the Mother Book. He is the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting!

The Call of God hath been raised from the right hand of the Ridvan with a Voice which all things between earth and heaven can hear, proclaiming: "I am God, there is no God but Me, the One, the Single, the Unique!" O peoples of the earth, stop not your ears from hearkening to the Word of God in these days, but turn with pure and sanctified hearts toward the Holy Court. Come ye forth from the city of fancy and imitation, then enter the Ridvan of Divine Unity. This is what ye have been commanded in all the Tablets from God, the All-Knowing, the Single, the Self-Subsisting.

Sanctify yourselves from the veils of desire that ye may hear the Call of God from the Tree raised up at the Gate, that this is the Beauty of Glory and Mystery of the All-Merciful, Who hath appeared in human temple and uttereth what was treasured in the Bayan from the presence of the Mighty, the Trustworthy. Bear witness, O people, that there is no God but Him, and that He is the Chosen One in all that He willeth. Nothing can prevent Him from that which He hath created between earth and heaven, and He bestoweth mercy upon whomsoever He willeth among His servants without limit or count.

Say: The heaven hath come with the smoke of trial, and the people are covered by the veils of test, and on that day dominion shall be God's alone, in Whose hand is the Kingdom of all things, and Who hath taken neither partner nor offspring.

Say: The essence of knowledge in these days is the knowledge of God and the Manifestation of His Self. Whoso hath attained unto these twain hath attained unto all good, and whoso hath turned away from them shall not be mentioned before God nor be counted. This is of the knowledge that changeth not throughout the eternity of God, while all else changeth according to His Will and His Command. Thus hath the Dove warbled, then trilled:

Beware lest ye be veiled at the time of the Manifestation by anything created between the heavens and earth, and be not of those who are veiled by the veils of limitation and thereby kept from the seat of Divine Unity, and are among those who have deprived themselves of the meeting with God and fled from His mercy.

Then after, O loved ones of God, leave behind all who are in the heavens and earth. Doth not God, Who created all things by His Command, suffice you? There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and in His grasp are the measures of all things, which He sendeth down according to a fixed degree.

Verily those who have denied the signs of God and His proof, and then His grandeur and His sovereignty - these have no station before God, and He shall soon punish them with extended pillars.

O people, preserve yourselves from the touch of Satan and his manifestations, for they have spread throughout the earth and sit in wait on every path and lookout. Hold fast to God's grace and mercy that He may preserve you from the hosts of rejection. There is no preserver but Him. He preserveth whom He willeth by His sovereignty and aideth those who believe with marshalled hosts.

Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of what was and what will be, in a Book inscribed by the Finger of Destiny. That which is ordained therein neither perisheth nor endeth.

O people! Believe in God and His signs, and when the Sun of Glory dawneth upon you from the horizon of grandeur in the days of your Lord, the Most High, fall prostrate upon your faces before God and be ye among those who have bowed down and prostrated themselves, and know that whatsoever ye have been commanded in the revealed verses of God and His Book concerning the recognition of His Self and obedience to His commandments - this is that which shall profit your souls in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, He is independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and sanctified from all that is mentioned and witnessed. Hath there been created in all possibility aught sweeter than the remembrance of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted? Nay, by the Self of Baha! Therefore, O people, detach yourselves from all things and find solace in the Most Great Remembrance, and cleave not unto any polytheist who hath denied God. Thus have We expounded unto you the truth and detailed the verses, lest ye be of them who have adopted for themselves a cause and clung to it in such wise that were the Spirit to cast upon them that which they possess not, they would arise in opposition and be numbered with them who have denied and turned aside. Say: God teacheth whomsoever He willeth that which shall guard him from the darts of ignorance and draw him nigh unto the wellspring of wisdom and grace, that he may be numbered with them who have known their Lord and then given thanks. Say: O people, adorn yourselves with the attributes of God, then beautify your beings and your temples with the raiment of knowledge and refinement, and with forgiveness and justice. Be ye united in the Cause of God and His ways, and when anyone is given aught, whether in matters of religion or of the world, be ye content therewith and be not of them who transgress and envy. Verily, envy is a fire that consumeth first the envious one, then those who draw nigh unto him, and there existeth not on earth any fire more intense than this, as would be attested by all who are informed of what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty and have borne witness. O people, be content with what God hath ordained, then take advantage of the repast of knowledge that hath descended upon you from the clouds of grace, and be not of them who have recognized God's favor and then denied it. By God! There have fallen upon Me from the swords of envy such as none can reckon save God, Who hath numbered all things, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the Truth. He knoweth what occureth to the hearts of His servants and what lieth concealed in the breasts of them who have denied and associated partners with God from all eternity unto all eternity. O people, purify your hearts from rancor and envy, and your vision from all veils and soreness of eye, that ye may witness the craftsmanship of God Who hath perfected the creation of all things in this Holy, Pure, and Glorious Tablet. Thus hath shone forth from the horizon of exposition the Sun of wisdom and utterance, that ye may know the paths of truth and testify in your hearts and openly that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Peerless, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting. Spirit, glory and

splendor be upon thee and upon them who have taken hold of the Book of God with strength from Him and were among those who have bowed down and prostrated themselves.

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He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Your letter has come before Us, and We have answered you with truth as a mercy from Us unto you, that you may be thankful for the grace of God, your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God Who has preserved you through the truth, given you life through His breaths, and protected you from the idolaters. This is a favor greater than all greatness and mightier than all might. Know your worth in having attained this most mighty, most glorious, and impregnable station. Were you to possess all the gold of the heavens and earth but not attain to this grace, it would profit you not at all. Thus do We testify, that you may be among those who know. Were you to rule over all upon which the sun shines, but know not God in this Revelation, you would be poorer than any poor one, for the wealth and independence of a servant lie in his knowledge of God; without this he shall not be mentioned and shall be more remote than any remote one.

Be grateful to God for having attained this most great station and for having won the recognition of the Manifestation of His Self among the worlds. Be steadfast in God's Cause, then remain firm, for this is indeed a great favor. Be illumined by the effulgences of this Sun which has risen from the horizon of Revelation with a brilliant and radiant light, that you may be enlightened among the servants. Thus have We ordained for you in the Tablets, that you may be among those who know. Deprive not yourself of the favor We have ordained for you in the heaven of exalted glory. Beware that you grieve not over anything, for grief befits those who are heedless of God, their Lord, and are among the dead. He who is alive with the life of his Lord and has entered the kingdom of immortality shall find nothing lost to him that he should grieve for it, and shall find all he desires in an instant. Thus is it ordained for God's sincere servants. Rejoice and be not sad, for We have given you in this Tablet glad tidings most great, if you but knew what has been sent down therein from your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We have ordained for you in the Tablets what you desired, that you may be assured that the Cause is in the grip of His power. He ordains what He willeth for whom He willeth, and He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Be enkindled with the fire of your Lord's love and be of such a station that whosoever associates with you will find in you the traces of your Lord. Thus ought it to be with Our triumphant servants.

As to what you asked of God, your Lord, that He make you not dependent on His creatures: He has heard your call and fulfilled your need. He is verily the Fulfiller of the needs of all who ask. Follow what you have been commanded in the Tablets as a grace from Him, and be not of the heedless ones. Should He wish, He could fulfill the needs of all men and jinn in less than a moment, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Attend to your affairs, for God loves not a servant who walks the earth without engaging in some occupation. He has refused to cause things to happen except through their means, and thus has it been ordained in the Tablets of mighty preservation. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful!

Engage yourselves in some occupation or craft. Thus has God willed in this most impregnable and wondrous Revelation. And you, occupy yourself with your work, then put your trust in God. He will send down to you what He has ordained for you, and He is the best of ordainers.

As for what thou hast beseeched God throughout thy life, He hath ordained for thee what He hath willed. Be thou assured in thy soul and be of the thankful ones. Verily, He giveth unto whomsoever He willeth through His grace, and increaseth unto whomsoever He pleaseth among His creatures. He, verily, is powerful over all things. Beware lest thou grieve over aught. Stand firm in the Cause, then rest assured in the bounty of thy Ancient Lord. He hath been with thee and hath aided thee in numerous instances, if thou be of those who know. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and the earths.

As for thy question concerning those who passed away before this Revelation, know thou that they abide in a paradise of exalted glory. Those who believed in the Point of the Bayan have indeed attained unto God and His presence. Whosoever among them died hath ascended unto God and entered the paradise of grace, whereupon he sayeth: "Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His promise and hath caused me to inherit a paradise whose breadth is as the breadth of the heavens and the earth." Thus was the matter decreed in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Thus did the matter continue until the Beauty of the Primal One appeared once again with manifest sovereignty. Then all matters returned to the grasp of His power, and in His right hand was the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and the earths. Whoso hath hesitated regarding Him hath indeed turned away from the Path and hath rejected God and the Manifestations of His Cause from among the Prophets and Messengers. No deed shall be accepted from him, even should he perform the deeds of both races, nor shall aught profit him, even should he recite the entire Bayan at all times. Thus hath it been sent down in truth from the heaven of God, the Most High, the Most Great. For verily the Bayan and all that is therein were revealed for this Manifestation, if ye be of the assured ones.

He who dieth in a state of rejection, by God the Truth, is assuredly among the companions of the Fire - nay, the Fire itself fleeth from him and Hell itself seeketh to escape from him. Never shall he inhale the fragrance of holiness, and God shall chastise him with a punishment that hath no equal in creation, nor any likeness or comparison. Say: O people! Fear ye God and oppose not Him Who hath come to you from the Dayspring of Revelation through the inspiration of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Whosoever today desireth the Primal Point, behold, He is this One - witness ye this, O company of seekers! And whosoever desireth to hear the Bayan, say: Hearken unto that which hath been revealed from His presence as a favor unto you and unto God's monotheistic servants. Say: All things have been created for My sake, if ye be of those who know. Say: O people of the Bayan! The Chosen One took from you the covenant of My Self in the atoms of the Bayan before the mention of His own Self. Beware lest ye break God's covenant, for whoso breaketh it is indeed in manifest loss.

Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth as a mercy from Our presence and a remembrance unto all the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy son who hath believed in God and whom adversity and tribulation have touched in his Lord's path. Say: Grieve not, for He is with thee and hath ordained for thee a station of glorious honor. Take comfort in My loved ones, then shun Mine enemies

and be thou of sure certainty. Then convey Our glorification unto thy other son as a bounty from Our presence unto thee and unto him, that he may be of the thankful ones. And mercy from Our presence be upon Our sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth - verily it is a perspicuous Book. It proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.” O people, follow not your selfish desires, but follow Him Who hath come with His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. Beware lest ye invalidate the truth with what ye possess. Blessed is he who soareth in the atmosphere of justice and pondereth upon this wondrous Cause. The Spirit proclaimeth by His sovereignty: “The sovereignty of God hath been manifested, were ye of those who know.” And the Beloved declareth by His arising: “The Hour hath come, were ye of the fair-minded.” The Lord of the Bayan proclaimeth that He is the Best-Beloved of the worlds. He hath come at a time when no one among men had expected His mention, and this is His proof, were ye of those who know. He is the One Whose manifestation none hath known save His own Self. To this testify all atoms and beyond them the Tongue of God, the True One, the Trustworthy. God hath made His Day transcend understanding, even as His own Self transcendeth comprehension. Thus hath the decree been sent down from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. This is the Manifestation which none hath known save he who hath cast away what the people possess and turned wholly unto the Countenance of God, the Radiant, the Luminous. Among the people are those who say: “He hath appeared differently from what we expected.” Say: Thus must it be, by your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And among the people are those who say: “He hath appeared too soon.” Say: This is His proof, were ye of the discerning ones. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and speak not that which would cause the hearts of them who are nigh unto God to burn. He hath come as He willeth. The command is in God’s hands - He ordaineth what He pleaseth. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Look ye at what He possesseth, not at what ye possess. This is what We counsel you in the Tablets. Read them and follow not the ways of the calumniators. Say: If ye deny Him Who speaketh between earth and heaven, unto whom will ye turn? Consider, if ye be of the truthful. Have ye not heard that He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth? I was silent; the Truth made Me speak. I was seated; He raised Me up for His firm and mighty Cause. Were the matter in My hands, I would have veiled My face from all on earth, but God hath manifested Me in truth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Trustworthy. Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful Himself calleth you, yet ye are as the dead. Ye object to Him through Whom the breeze of God hath wafted over all things, and by Whom the eyes of the Messengers have been solaced. Your objection returneth not unto Me but unto God, were ye aware of it. Your hatred falleth not upon Me but upon God - to this testifieth every fair-minded and clear-sighted one. Hearken ye unto the Call from the Most Glorious Tree upon the Crimson Spot: “Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.” Turn not unto those who point to what was decreed in former ages, nor hearken unto the tales they tell you of what hath passed. Hearken ye unto the Call of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Ponder what We have sent down in truth that ye may perchance know God’s purpose and follow that

which ye have been commanded in His Book, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Say: The seas have surged, the trees have yielded their fruits, the rains have fallen, the birds have sung their songs, yet ye walk in the wilderness of ignorance. The Sun hath testified to this resplendent Light, and the atoms have proclaimed this Name that dominateth all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Rock hath cried out to the Lord of all creation, yet ye remain heedless. The Dominion hath been adorned with the stars of utterance, and the Kingdom with this wondrous Remembrance, […] and the horizons were illumined by the light of His countenance, yet ye are among those who turn aside. Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye object to Him through Whom religions have appeared and the Cause of the All-Merciful hath been established? This is naught but grievous wrong. In the midst of supreme tribulation He calleth all created things, as witnessed by all things, if ye be of them that hear. Do ye imagine yourselves to be the guides? Nay, by My Most Glorious Beauty! Do ye reckon yourselves among those who have witnessed and seen? Nay, by the Self of God Who dominateth all things great and small! This day ye are blind and deaf, thus hath the All-Merciful testified, and no testimony in all the worlds can equal His testimony. Ye have believed in your own vain imaginings and followed what your desires commanded you. This is naught but manifest transgression. Had ye perceived the fragrance of the All-Merciful, ye would not have denied this bounty which hath appeared in human form. Blessed is He Who sent Him with the truth and caused Him to speak forth a Word that made the limbs of the idolaters quake. Trample under foot the head of him who led you astray, and turn ye towards the Dawning-Place of your Lord's revelation, the Mighty, the Peerless. Say: Beware lest ye be among those who turned away from the Known and followed the conjectural, and were of them that wander. Consider the people of the Furqan, who await that which was promised them, even after the moon was cleft by the fingers of Him Who ruleth destiny, and the heaven was rent asunder, and the All-Merciful came upon clouds of light, and the heavens and earth were illumined. They rejected Him Who came with the signs of the All-Merciful, following instead the people of perdition who were occupied with their own desires and were among the losers. Turn your ears that ye may hear the call of God. By God! The Self-Subsisting calleth you from a manifest horizon, if ye be of them that know. Do ye reject Him behind your backs and turn to your own desires? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! At My call the pebbles were stirred and the atoms cried out: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Praiseworthy!" Be fair in God's name and oppose not Him Who was promised you in the Tablets of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Were ye to read the Bayan, ye would know what hath been sent down from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thus doth the Pen of Revelation command you from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. O thou who gazeth upon the Face, hearken unto what We counsel thee and be of the thankful. Recite the verses of thy Lord to them that are there of the loved ones of thy Master, that perchance the breezes of revelation may cause them to be among those who are steadfast in the Cause and are firmly rooted. Should thou find objectors among the people of the Bayan, deliver unto them what We have revealed to thee from the heaven of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, that they may perchance be awakened by God's call and turn with radiant faces toward the Dayspring of the Cause. Be thou a servant of thy Master's Cause in all conditions. This will profit thee in the hereafter and in this world. He is with His remembering servants. Thou art in the House while thy Lord hath turned toward thee from this distant Prison and revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrances of the Beloved. Blessed is he who hath found and hath said: "Praise be to Thee, O Wronged One of the worlds! I testify that Thou hast established God's Cause and manifested it in such wise as hath rendered the workers powerless."

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The letters of praise and the subtleties and realities of thanksgiving are exclusively reserved for the sacred threshold of nearness to that Sovereign Lord Who, through the wondrous innovations of His grace, brought forth all who dwell in the kingdom from the mist of obscurity into the realm of manifestation, and called all created things from the essence of nothingness into the court of existence for the revelation of His intended purpose. He honored and established the darkness of the existence of created things through the encounter with absolute existence, that all beings, both seen and unseen, might not be deprived of His all-encompassing mercy nor be excluded from the ascendancy of the throne of justice. In every existence He ordained a symbol, and from every symbol He established a command, that the pure essences of the abstract realities of all created things might move with diverse motions, so that His celestial dominion might become manifest and evident in the realm of earthly existence. Upon every thing He bestowed its season, and according to its capacity He conferred power, and thereafter He presented the command of what is permitted and forbidden, that the rebellion and faith of all might be made known, that they might attain unto the fruits of their deeds and actions, and that they might be rewarded according to what they have earned. Luqman said to his son Nathan: “O my son! If it be but the weight of a mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth. Verily, God is subtle and informed.” How can anyone find escape or refuge? All are captive in the grasp of His power, even as the secret of destiny and the word of fulfillment - the Prince of Believers hath said: “Every thing is captive in the grasp of Thy power, and that, verily, is easy for Thee. Glorified be He in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things, and Who hath power over all things.”

O my God, my Master and my Hope! How can I describe Thy holy verses with this tongue that is utterly powerless to mention even the least of the praises of Thy eternal sovereignty? How can I behold the signs of Thy intimacy with these eyes that are blind to the perception of the garments of the Beauty of the King of Thine eternity? How can I hear Thy sweet melodies with these ears that are deaf to the warbling of the Dove of Thine everlastingness? How can I comprehend the subtleties of Thy wondrous wisdom with this mind that is bewildered before the manifestations of the designs of Thy Self-Subsisting Lordship? How gracious is Thy generosity and mercy that hath encompassed the essence of all created things! How wondrous is Thy compassion and loving-kindness that hath embraced the highest degrees of contingent being! Thou art sanctified beyond the description of every pure essence, and exalted above the praise of all that is holy and sacred. All attributes in Thy holy presence are mere falsehood, and every description in the realm of Thy intimacy is sheer deception. Thou hast ordained no path for anyone to know Thee except through utter powerlessness, and decreed no refuge for any soul except absolute nothingness.

My God! Tongues fall short of attaining to Thy praise, and minds are powerless to comprehend the essence of Thy beauty. Despite all this inadequacy and inability, I call upon Thee with the call of Thy chosen ones, saying: O my Sovereign and my Beloved! Grant assurance to the heart of this evanescent atom through its return to Thy eternal Countenance. Illumine my eyes with the vision of the beauty of Thy All-Bountiful Self. Bestow upon me drops of joy from the fountains of Thy light, and grant me crystalline effusions from Thy crystal chalices. From the pools of love, with the hand of gentleness,

bestow the wine of intimacy, that my heart may find repose in the presence of Thy Beloved Self, and my mind may be thunderstruck upon the carpet of the sovereignty of Thy rapture.

[…] yesterday, and in the end Thou didst deliver me into the hands of the wrathful and those wielding tyrannical might. Many a night I found no rest from the weight of chains and fetters, and many a day I had no peace from the assaults of hands and tongues. For a time they denied me the food and water which Thou, in Thy bountiful mercy, hadst made lawful even to the beasts of the field, and they permitted against this servant what was not permitted against rebels, until at last the decree of fate was fulfilled and the command was executed for this servant's departure from Iran, together with a group of feeble souls and young children. At this time, when the severity of cold makes speech impossible and the abundance of ice and snow prevents movement, some of the children, in separation from their loved ones, recite verses of parting, while others, in despair of home and country, moan like the sick and wander bewildered in the wilderness of perplexity. Through the deserts of regret we seek Thy mercy, that perchance the breeze of Thy compassion might blow and Thy ancient favor might arrive. Thine is the praise for the excellence of Thy tribulation, the abundance of Thy favors, and the manifestation of Thy trials, for verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, and we are all them that beseech Thy grace.

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In the Name of God, Who is none other than Him, and He is God and hath been mighty over all things!

O people of Ha! Hearken unto the song of the Crimson Leaf in the atmosphere of the cloud of unknowing, that verily He is Light, the Temple of Glory, Who hath been, from God unto the worlds, a manifest light. And witness ye the Countenance of Manifestation from the garments of light appearing behind the Qaf on the right side of the Mount, that verily He is the Truth, the Essence of Oneness, the Source of Camphor, Who hath been the Singer.

Come ye forth from your dwellings and enter the garden of the heart, the house of light, at the time of heedlessness from the city of jealousy, by God's leave. This is a drop from the oceans of command inscribed in the Tablet of Life around the Fire.

If ye desire to meet the Countenance of God, ascend ye to the heaven of the air until ye hear the call of thy Lord, the Almighty, that "There is none other God but Him, the One, the All-Compelling," and He is God Who hath ever encompassed all things.

O people of earth! Hearken to the call of the Leaf of Identity, sprouting from the Tree of Eternity, planted in the soil of eternality, warbling with verses of divine rapture, that verily He is the Truth, there is none other God but Him, and He is God Who hath been independent of all worlds.

O people of the cloud of unknowing! This is the Paradise of Oneness, the Garden of Eternity. Dwell ye therein by leave of God, Who is none other than Him, and He is God Who hath been knowing of all things.

Hearken ye to the rapturous melody from the Countenance of Him Who sitteth upon the Throne of Nearness, the Point of Manifestation, the Mystery of Concealment, the Hidden Secret of the Book, that

verily He is the Truth, there is none other God but Him, and He is God Who hath been witness unto all things.

Thus doth God cause you to turn through the two quiescent letters that ye may know that God hath been powerful over all things.

Search ye in secret for the Temple of the Manifest in your hearts; ye shall find a trust from God that ye may testify that God is indeed the Self-Sufficient, Who hath been the Lord of all the worlds.

Enter ye the house of light, the white land, the crimson corner - that abode which is the Hereafter, the mystery of the First, which is indeed the Life recorded in the Mother Book - that ye may find peace therein and be preserved from the veils, the allusions, and the trial of blindness, if ye be knowing of the melody of the Word.

O people of the Concourse! Hearken to the song of the Ant of Eternality [warbling] with verses of Oneness, that He is the Truth, the Point of the cloud of unknowing, the Essence of Identity. Exalted then be God, the True King, Who hath been mighty over all things.

This is the call of the Hoopoe of Servitude in the heaven of justice before the Presence of Glory, that He is the Unseen, pure Manifestation, the Mystery of Beauty. Glorified be He! He is God Who hath been witness unto all things.

O people of the cloud of unknowing! Sanctify yourselves from the clouds of allusions, their negation and their rule. That is the decree of justice from the cloud of grace upon the temple of heaven that hath been sent down.

O people of creation! Eat of the fruit borne by the crimson tree planted in the land of accomplishment - the Point of Beginning, the Mystery of the End, the Hidden Secret of Destiny. This indeed is the decisive decree from God in the Mother Book.

Come ye forth from your dwellings to attain the presence in the sacred sanctuary, the cloud of intimacy, whose decree in the Tablet of the Heart by leave of God, the Most High, hath been witnessed.

Bear thou witness, O Letter of the Unseen, that the very essence of knowledge is pure manifestation in the Book of God, of which not a single letter can be comprehended by anyone, and this hath been inscribed in the Tablet of Command from God, the Lord of the worlds. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and the knowledge of the earth.

He is God, Who knoweth all things, and is the All-Knowing. He it is Who knoweth whatsoever descendeth from heaven and whatsoever ascendeth from the earth, and whatsoever entereth therein and whatsoever emergeth therefrom, and whatsoever mounteth unto it - all this is encompassed in His knowledge, which is preserved in the Book of Light with God, the Most High. I testify that the essence of creation is the essence of knowledge in the realm of possibility, but knowledge in the Divine Essence is the Essence Itself - none knoweth how it is save Him, and He is God, the All-Witnessing. He it is Who aideth whomsoever He willeth through the angels of light, through the mystery of that Manifestation which was the Pillar of Praise, the Mystery of Glory in the plane of abstraction, the Cloud of Oneness that

was witnessed. With Him is the knowledge of the Tablets and the knowledge of all things in the Book of the Spirit, yet people are unable to perceive even a symbol thereof, and He is God, the All-Knowing. Glorified be He in Whose hand is the Kingdom of verses; He sendeth them down as He willeth by His command, and He is God, the Reckoner of all things. O people of the earth! If ye desire to know true knowledge, then know ye the Dayspring of Light. Say: Glory be to God! He is God, Who hath ever been sanctified above the knowledge of all who exist from eternity. O Letter of Bounty! Say: Glory be to God! He is God, Who hath ever been hallowed beyond the description of all who are detached, and He is the Truth, Who hath ever been known through His own Self. Say: Glory be to God! He is God, Whom no thing can know and no soul can comprehend, and He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and verily His pure creation hath ever been known to all things. O ye people of the Concourse! Think not evil thoughts about God, nor speak of that which ye know not, even if ye be acquainted with a letter from the Book of the Command. O Manifestation of Bounty! Bear thou witness that the essence of thy bounty hath ever been prostrate before the bounty of God, the Mighty, the One, besides Whom there is no God, and He is God, the All-Witnessing. Say: Have ye not witnessed what God revealed aforetime unto the First Beloved, the Very Object of Love - that the covenant of God shall never reach the wrongdoers and the proud? He it is before Whom prostrate themselves whosoever is in the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is between them, and He is God, the Preserver of all things. Glorified be He in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the Unseen and the Dominion of the Manifest; He manifesteth whomsoever He willeth by His command, and verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and He is God, independent of all worlds. He it is from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, whether in the heavens or on the earth or between them, and He is God, Who encompasseth all knowledge.

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O My Afnan! Upon you be the peace of God, His grace, His bounty and His gifts! Thou art ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, nay rather thou art ever in His presence and art illumined by the splendors of the Sun of loving-kindness. The sorrows that have befallen are known and evident to you, yet worldly events leave no trace upon the tablet of the heart. We are occupied with God and are engaged in His praise and utterance. These two days are not worthy of attention. Praise be to God, most of the transgressors have been and are being recognized. All who possess hearing, sight and heart bear witness to their lies and calumnies. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make you a door for the entrance of those who enter, and a key wherewith the hearts of those who turn to Him may be unlocked, to assist you with the hosts of utterance at all times, and to exalt you through His Name amongst all religions. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Peace and glory and splendor be upon you and upon your son and upon those who love you and hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the One, the All-Informed.

In these days it hath become clear and evident what manner of calumnies were spread in the past. The one who reported the existence of the Qa'im was a woman. When they asked the revered Ja'far whether the honored 'Askari had any male offspring, that wronged one refused and said that there had been a child two years before who had died. Those with ulterior motives rejected and cursed him and called him

a liar, but the word of that lying woman, since it accorded with the desires and base interests of heedless souls, they accepted and proclaimed. In brief, the servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His servants from the calumnies, conjectures and imaginings of the people, and to either assist the heedless to return unto Him or to seize them with a compelling force from His presence. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

The spiritual friend His Holiness Haji Niyaz, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, came and attained the presence repeatedly, and hosted feasts repeatedly, and all was accepted with honor. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will through his presence make the heedless aware and guide the seekers. He was repeatedly the recipient of kindness and favor. Blessed and congratulations be unto him.

As for the matter of the honored beloved His Holiness Haji Ha Qabla S, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, right was with him. Before his mention and news, emphasis was given to His Holiness Ism-i-Jud, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, to write to my beloved His Holiness Nazir, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that the mention [writing] and mention of His Holiness Haji at the Threshold is in no way permissible. However, protection has been and is in the grasp of divine power. He will protect them and there has been ordained for them that which is the cause of exaltation and ascendancy. It is hoped they will, with utmost joy and expansion and steadfastness, hold fast to that which God has willed, that there may appear from him that which shall endure with the endurance of names and attributes. May his honor beseech God to enable all to achieve that which is the cause of the exaltation of His Word.

From all directions complaints have come about Muhammad-'Ali. From every direction money has come to him and out of pure greed and avarice he has wrongfully appropriated people's property and denied their rights. He and his companion have no equal in the world. It was not imagined such souls would appear in the world, but what was decreed was decreed. A person who considers himself a well-wisher of the world and counts himself a patriot, for a few dirhams has written that which he himself knows to be false, thinking these matters are harmful to the Cause. Nay, by the Self of God! Karim-i-Kirmani has written a book of refutation every year regarding the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, and likewise other divines of Iran have been and are engaged in cursing and execration from pulpits, and Mirza-yi-Sipihr has written in his history regarding His Holiness that which has caused all things to lament. In any case, I beseech God to aid His servants to truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness, religious devotion and faithfulness. Verily He has power over all things.

To the Star risen from the horizon of His Holiness the Afnan, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf for that which befits His generosity and bestowal. And likewise I send greetings to other friends in that land. All are mentioned in the presence and are recipients of favor. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and hear your word.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise, sanctified from the world and the mention of nations, befitteth the Possessor of the Kingdom of eternity and the Creator of earth and heaven, Who through His absolute Will created the heaven and made manifest the earth. From these two the clouds appeared, and from them the rains descended, and from the rains the ocean became manifest, and from it the waves came into being. This is the station of the visible ocean; but as for the ocean of utterance, it hath appeared from the rain of the clouds of truth. Through the movement of the Will, resplendent waves arose, and these waves in one station are His manifestations of Names and attributes that have encompassed the world. Glorified be the Creator, glorified be the Educator, glorified be the Maker, glorified be the Bestower! And peace and blessings be upon the Most Great Ocean and the Lord of the world and the Goal of nations. He is the ocean of divine knowledge and its waves, and the signs and mysteries of names and attributes. The pearls of this ocean are sanctified beyond counting and exalted above all limitations. Through Him were spread the signs of knowledge and the mysteries of arts. And upon His family and companions, through whom tongues have testified to God's oneness, power, might, grandeur and sovereignty, and through whom the luminary of justice shone forth among the servants and the sun of grace dawned upon all lands - an everlasting and eternal peace.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived. This servant, thinking it was paper bearing inscriptions, upon touching it found it to be water in spirituality and delicacy - the properties of water were manifest from it. It quenched the thirst of separation and illumined the darkness of remoteness with the light of nearness. A hundred thousand praises upon the intermediaries between us, the interpreters between us, namely the pen and the ink. After attention, consideration and observation, proceeding to the station, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord - His utterance, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him:

Praise be to God, it arrived without delay, hindrance or pause, giving glad tidings of humility, submissiveness, certitude and assurance. The fragrance of love is diffused at all times and the call of the heart is raised in all moments. Praise be to God, the feast of hearing is present if the people of possibility would accept it, and the feast of sight is manifest if they would attain true vision. We beseech and supplicate God that perchance His all-encompassing grace and manifest bounty may preserve the people of unity from the oppression and transgressions of the polytheists. The city of Egypt, which is now your residence, has been the seat of unity and in every age has appeared adorned with a new ornament and resplendent with the lights of arts and sciences. Now its tranquility has been transformed to agitation and its light to darkness. The polytheists have surrounded it while the unitarians are asleep and heedless of the cause and reason. We must all beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which is the cause of the deliverance of His party. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Peace be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is no God but Him.

The Kawthar is flowing, the fragrance of Tasnim is diffusing. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has been and will be, God willing, all-encompassing. If there has been or will be some delay in sending

supplications, the abundance of occupations and assurance are the only causes for delay. That beloved one himself is witness, and God behind him is witness.

As to what you wrote concerning the establishment of a primary school and that which raises the stations of man, after it was presented before Him, He said: “Excellent is what they have undertaken.” In the realms of knowledge and wisdom, the advancement of the world, and the refinement and tranquility of nations, the education of children holds the foremost rank. Blessed is the one who has arisen to educate children for the sake of God. Time and again, in the past and present, We have counseled the friends of God and commanded them to this firm decree. We beseech God to assist His friends in that which He loves and is pleased with.

Indeed, this matter is of utmost importance, as the foundation of comfort and tranquility depends upon knowledge. Assuredly, God, exalted be His glory, will aid and assist those who act upon this, for He has power over all things. I convey greetings to all the friends in that land. In the nights and days, I beseech God that He may bestow blessings from the clouds of mercy and the heaven of generosity, and likewise grant fellowship and unity, for most of the world’s affairs have depended and depend upon these two. Regarding the teaching of different languages, they should consider the opinion of the people of that land. Most in that country display complete animosity and hatred toward the English; let it not be that this matter causes any unseemly word to be spoken regarding the friends. Surely those beloved ones have considered and continue to consider the foundation of matters.

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa ’Abdu’r-Rahim, upon him be God’s peace, after it was presented, He smiled and said: “God willing, may divine invisible assistance encompass all and confirm them in what is befitting. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.”

Regarding what you wrote about the honored friend Haji ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be God’s peace and favor, who sent four bags of Sadri rice - they arrived some time ago. Indeed, he is among those who are foremost in good deeds. Praise be to God, all have attained to that which has no equal. The stations of souls that are assured, content and pleasing to God - their manifestation is among the sealed matters with God. Repeatedly has this blessed word been heard: “Verily God does not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.” Peace, remembrance, and praise be upon you and upon God’s friends there and upon God’s righteous servants.

Renewed news arrived today that Aqa ’Abdu’r-Rahim has written to his relatives and mentioned his affairs. According to his writing, he preferred what he received in ’Akka to what was mentioned in that land. Regarding this, He said: “Let ’Abdu’r-Rahim consider the balance of his affairs. If this land appears preferable to him, let him come, and if he finds that place better, let him stay.” The purpose is that in either of these two cities, evident prosperity is apparent for him; let him choose.

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Praise and glory befitteth the loved ones of the Lord of all creation who, amidst the clamor of the divines and the croaking of the jurisprudents in the world of existence, acknowledged the supreme Pen and bore

witness to all that hath flowed therefrom. These are they whom neither the doubts of men nor the tyranny and oppression of the dwellers of the earth could debar from the Lord of creation or deprive of the bounties of the Day of Return. They rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Name of the Lord of all beings, and arose to serve the Cause with such arising as hath amazed the Concourse on high. Exalted be their stations, glorious their condition, and magnificent their steadfastness.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the oceans of wisdom and utterance have surged in the realm of creation, and through Whose most sweet call the followers of all religions have been attracted! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made a light unto them that have drawn nigh unto Thee and a fire unto them that have turned away, and hast made it a blazing lamp unto them that have sought Thine all-highest horizon and held fast unto Thy path, O Lord of all names, to aid Thy Afnan even as Thou didst aid them through Thy power that hath subdued all things and Thy might that hath encompassed all that are in earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and King of the seen and unseen, to send down upon Thy Afnan, who hath been attracted by Thy verses and enkindled with the fire of Thy love and hath sought Thy presence once again, through Thy bounty and favors, the rain-showers from the heaven of Thy grace and whatsoever beseemeth Thy greatness and power and generosity and gifts. O my Lord! Thou seest him turning unto Thee, uttering Thy praise and arising to serve Thee. Aid him through Thy bounty and power, then assist him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the All-Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

My soul be a sacrifice unto your service and your steadfastness! Your blessed letter was received - such a receiving that each of the ear, eye and heart took its share, for it was adorned with the praise and glorification of Him Who is the Goal of your desire and my desire and the desire of all who are in earth and heaven. After its reading, recital and perusal, I turned my face toward the lights of His countenance and presented it before the Divine Throne. This is what the Desired One hath revealed in reply. His blessed and exalted Word: O Afnan, O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness. Thy cries, lamentations and anguished pleas in separation and remoteness have been heard. Thou hast ever been before Our gaze, and thy purpose, deeds and intention are clear and evident before Our countenance. The days of attainment and presence before the Wronged One are remembered. Praise be to God, the Dawning-Place of generosity and bounty hath bestowed a favor whose mention the pens of the world are powerless and incapable to describe. Every possessor of sight and hearing beareth witness to this most exalted Word that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. The smoke of tyranny and oppression hath encompassed the world, preventing those who seek from reaching their Ultimate Goal, their Utmost Purpose and their Supreme Summit, and depriving sight and hearing from beholding and hearkening unto that for which they were created. Yet they are heedless that nothing among all created things can prevent or hinder the people of God. Their hearts have found their way to the Most Great Ocean and their eyes are enabled to witness the Most Exalted Horizon. These are the chosen ones mentioned and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the books of the past and future. O Afnan! Be not saddened by thy engagement in outward affairs, for God, exalted be His glory, hath ordained that your occupation is worship itself - this is a decree revealed in the Book aforetime. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes, and grant thee the

good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but He, the Ordainer, the Great. Upon thee be glory from the presence of the Ancient Revealer.

This evanescent servant hath beseeched and continueth to beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that we may once again gather beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree of His loving-kindness. Whenever this servant beholdeth the Mazra'ih where the Throne was established, he remembereth the days of attainment to His presence. In truth, love is a wondrous essence - its will floweth more freely than the will of all who dwell on earth, and its influence is more potent than the authority of kings. Its effects are manifest and its power evident. Great is He Who created it and through it made firm the connection of the world. I beseech God, my Lord and my Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven, to extend to your honor a blessing from His presence and draw you near unto Him once again. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what was written about the Semnan business, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. These are the words uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof: "If settlement can be reached with spirit and fragrance, it would be well; otherwise, proceed according to what the Afnan, upon him be My Baha, deemeth advisable and make firm the partnership document. The command is in God's hands - He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth what He desireth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing."

This evanescent servant beseecheth and hopeth that the True One, exalted be His glory, may grant confirmation and success in all matters. Through His loving-kindness, a drop becometh an ocean and an atom transformeth into a sun.

As to what you wrote concerning the honored beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm him, grant him determination, and cause his occupation to culminate in the printing of the Words of God. If, God willing, he attains to this station, he will have attained to every good. We beseech Him for confirmation in all conditions. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. That is, in this occupation and work in which they are engaged, I offer them greetings, praise, glory and splendor, and in all conditions I beseech for them whatsoever is conducive to loftiness, exaltation, and the perpetuation of name and remembrance. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

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He is God! It is not permissible for a lover to show forth claims of existence and self in the presence of the Beloved. If he should take one step beyond this path, he would no longer be counted among the lovers. Never doth true love accept a living soul, nor doth the hawk take a dead mouse as prey.

Yea, some lovers have recounted their tribulations and hardships in the presence of the Beloved of all possibility, and their purpose was communion with the Beloved and attention to the Lord of their goal,

not the mention of self and desire. Now a messenger has come down from the most exalted goals of glory's purpose and speaks certain words - understand who speaks and what is spoken. By God! If ye but knew and were informed of the mysteries of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, that lie behind the veil of grandeur, ye would sacrifice yourselves out of love for God, the Lord of all names. The aforementioned messenger related a tale that once when We were at the Mount of Splendor, and the Beloved of all horizons went forth intending to reach the Mount of Glory, He implored with utmost humility those who claimed to love Him, saying that though this journey and migration might outwardly seem easy and simple, yet inwardly it was severe and a gate of tests, and though it appeared to be with sovereignty and power, in reality it concealed countless trials and distresses. "Do not present yourselves and cause yourselves hardship - let Me migrate alone." All the loving and compassionate words He spoke, both indirect and direct, proved ineffective. This servant and a group, claiming we desired no provision save His good-pleasure and had no purpose save His countenance, in our own estimation remained steadfast but heedless of the sincere counsel and certainty of the Friend. We resolved to journey and became fellow travelers with the Beloved's presence. After traversing some distance in the wilderness, the fire of love became extinguished and beauty's attraction became veiled. When we passed beyond that station, we counted good deeds as evil and evil deeds as good, until we arrived at the Green Isle. There the divine ark settled upon the mount of the Cause. Thereafter we traveled morning and evening upon the steeds of desire through the desert of suspicions and fancies - sometimes gathered, sometimes scattered, sometimes in love, sometimes in heedlessness we passed our days and nights. The Salsabil of utterance constantly flowed from the Merciful One's lips, yet thirst was absent; the lights of His countenance shone from the horizon of glory, yet attraction was not found. Each day we increased in fancy and conjecture while decreasing in attention to truth. And with these displeasing conditions and unseemly attributes, we became so immersed in the depths of heedlessness and desire that we grew unmindful even of our own state. Through all conditions we observed the Beloved's countenance showing complete kindness and gentleness. Some of us wondered how, if divine all-encompassing knowledge exists, we could be accepted despite these reprehensible deeds. Finally we considered the Truth heedless and ourselves wise and knowing, unaware that the Most Great Mercy prevents the tearing of veils. If we rendered any service, we followed it with obligation and injury. After that land He intended to migrate and again forbade all from accompanying Him. We neither perceived nor awakened to what was the cause of the prohibition and why. Once again we migrated and traversed wildernesses with the Lord of the goal until we arrived in another land and settled with the Friend in one place, secretly.

O soul! We have become preoccupied until the fire of desire gained ascendancy and we were barred from the Most Glorious Horizon. Through the abundance of meetings, we lost sight of the value of attainment, and the veil of shame was rent asunder. Now we have imprisoned the Beloved in a place and at all times, to the extent of our ability and power, we spare Him not from the arrows of suspicion and the spears of fancy, for we have found Him imprisoned, incarcerated and solitary. Heedlessness has reached such a state that in that blessed place, to which all the Concourse on High turn their gaze and from which they seek assistance, we openly utter the most abhorrent words and engage in the most misguided and base deeds. Woe unto us! The words of God have not affected us, and yet we have not awakened. If we could not be faithful, at least let us not be unfaithful. Not a night do we spend in remembrance, nor in contemplation.

It is related that Fu?ayl of Khurasan was among the most wicked of men and a highwayman. He fell in love with a maiden and one night went to her, climbing over a wall. Then he heard someone reciting this verse: “Has not the time come for the hearts of those who believe to submit to the remembrance of God?” It affected his heart and he said: “Yes, my Lord, the time has indeed come!” He turned back, repented, and made his way to the Sacred House where he dwelt for thirty years until his spirit ascended to the supreme horizon. It is strange that hearing the Word of God from the tongue of one of His servants had such an effect that in an instant he returned from the lowest depths of existence to the horizon of the All-Merciful, while these servants have repeatedly and continuously heard the melodies of the All-Merciful Spirit from the tongue of power and majesty, yet they have not been affected enough to become aware even of the repugnance of their deeds, actions, suspicions and idle fancies.

When the narrative reached this point, the heaven of utterance was thunderstruck upon the mount of speech, and the pen fell unconscious, severed from expression. “Naught shall befall us save what God hath prescribed for us.” We beseech God to open our eyes and make us aware of ourselves and our deeds. If we are not enabled to know His exalted Self, may we at least be enabled to know our heedless selves, and may He remove from our faces the veils that prevent us from beholding Him rising from the horizon of grace and bounty, that we may detach ourselves from all who dwell in the realms of creation and turn wholly toward Him, for He is our All-Merciful Lord. We beseech Him to enable us to turn to Him in repentance morning and evening, and to protect the Dawning-Place of His countenance’s lights from the spears of His loved ones, for He seeks no helper other than Himself, and He is their source and their ultimate end, and He declares: “There is no God but God.”

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He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

This is a Book from the All-Merciful to him whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One in this Prison, which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of Names and the Most Great Prison in the Crimson Tablet from the Supreme Pen, of which none hath been apprised save God, the Lord of the mighty throne, that the Call may attract him to the supreme heights and make him soar on the wings of certitude in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds is heard “The Kingdom is God’s, Lord of all worlds.”

The loved ones and chosen ones of God made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which no mention in the world nor what the nations possess can equal. To this testifieth every just and discerning one. Blessed is he who hath attained to beholding the pearls of wisdom and utterance which We have brought forth from the treasuries of My Supreme Pen before the faces of men while We were in the hands of the oppressors. The Wronged One desireth from thee and from others naught save justice and fairness concerning this Most Great Announcement whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, the idols of vain imaginings have been shattered, and earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth, save whom God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, willeth.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to return unto His traces and whatsoever hath appeared from Him. Verily He guideth thee and all upon earth to His straight path. Blessed is the strong one who hath purified his heart with the Kawthar flowing from the spring of My Pen and hath taken the chalice of immortality from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and hath drunk before all faces in spite of those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, who have disputed His signs and disbelieved in the blessing of His knowledge which was sent down from the heaven of His mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Canst thou deliver the Youth of the Cause from the pit of vain fancies and arise among the people with such steadfastness as shall not be shaken by the doubts of them that have denied the Day of Judgment? Hearken unto My call, then raise thy right hand in the name of thy Lord, the King of the Kingdom of Names, and rend therewith the veils that have come between truth and creation and the coverings that have prevented the servants from turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Hear the call of the Wronged One. Verily He mentioneth thee for the sake of God and remindeth thee of His signs and teacheth thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all His worlds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Generous. When thou hast drunk the wine of revelation from the hand of God's bounty and the breezes of inspiration have seized thee in His days, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy confirmation to turn unto Thy horizon, to hearken to the scratching of Thy Pen and to witness Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy fire whereby Thou didst guide them that drew nigh unto the Sinai of Thy knowledge and gave them to drink the Kawthar of proof from the hand of Thy bounty, and by the mysteries of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the pearls of the sea of Thy knowledge, that Thou wilt aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause, that they may hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree with their ears and behold its fruits with their eyes. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I bear witness that Thou didst mention me when I was silent in Thy remembrance and called me when I was heedless of Thy manifestation, Thy dawning and Thy proof. I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Thy grace to make me purified from what the people possess and adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness. O Lord! Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty and Thy mercy and aid me to be steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue the Call of the Wronged One. In the past, We made mention of all and counselled justice and fairness. This is the Day wherein the Primal Point, in the Most Exalted Paradise, uttereth the blessed words "Verily, I am the first of them that worship." This Revelation encompasseth all things and is not encompassed by them. None hath attained to its true understanding as befitteth its station. Behold, then recall what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan, where He saith: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan." Were there to be found justice even less than a tiny particle, this one passage would suffice the world. Today the Proof raiseth its call, and the very essence of evidence summoneth all creation to the Lord of all beings. The Cause shineth as the sun at its zenith. Beseech thou God to grant strength to the eyes of the heedless and cleanse them from rheum, that they may see with

their own eyes and hear with their own ears. Today the waves of the ocean of utterance surge before all faces, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shine forth resplendent. Is it fitting that man should deprive himself of the outpourings of the True Bestower through the idle fancies of men? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! Today all must see with the eye of God and hear with His ear. Light and darkness are distinguished one from the other. We beseech God in all conditions to confirm thee and seek His aid that thou mayest, through celestial power, wisdom, and utterance, awaken the heedless servants and grant them sight. He is the Confirmer, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

For the sake of God, meditate for a moment upon the former party and the recompense of their deeds. What was their claim, and what became their reward on the Day of Retribution? The party that counted themselves the most learned and the most ascetic and God-fearing among all the peoples of the world pronounced, in the early years, such a verdict against the Truth Itself as no other party among all the parties of the world had pronounced. This matter hath been mentioned repeatedly, and if one were to reflect, he would surely pass beyond his own understanding and that of the people, turn unto what is with God, and attain unto that for which he was created. Today the Call is raised from all directions, and the Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation. His proof hath encompassed the world and His evidence all creation. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of utterance and heard that which the Tongue of God, the True, the Trustworthy, hath spoken. This Wronged One hath spoken for the sake of God, and We hope that thou too wilt hearken and ponder for His sake. If thou observest with fairness what hath been revealed from the beginning until now in the Holy Writings, thou wouldst testify that whatsoever hath appeared hath been from the Wronged One from the beginning until now. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Lord of creation. There is no God but Him, the Explainer, the All-Knowing.

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He is the Mighty!

From time immemorial the divine fragrances have wafted from the paradise of God’s loving-kindness, and unto time everlasting shall the spiritual breezes blow from the right hand of the celestial Throne. The clouds of bounty and generosity have never ceased to shower their exalted bestowals, nor has the rain-laden cloud of grace and mercy ever paused in its outpouring of heavenly favors. Praised be God that the sun of loving-kindness is shining bright and the moon of generosity is rising from the horizon of glory. Yet souls that are preoccupied and confined beings remain deprived of this primal mercy and eternal blessing, and shall continue to be veiled and excluded by the veils of fancy and the shrouds of idle imagination.

It is evident to your honour that the purpose of creation hath ever been and shall remain the recognition of God and attainment unto His presence. This most exalted aim and sublime goal hath been clearly set forth in all divine Books and hallowed Scriptures without any veil. Whosoever hath been enabled to attain unto that Dayspring of guidance and Dawn of Oneness hath attained unto nearness and reunion, which is

the essence of Paradise and the highest of all heavens, and hath entered the realm of “the space of two bow-lengths” that lieth beyond the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary. Otherwise, such a soul dwelleth and shall continue to dwell in the abodes of remoteness, which are the very essence of hellfire and the reality of negation, though outwardly he may be seated upon lofty thrones and exalted seats. Verily, that heaven of truth is able and empowered to guide all men from the left hand of remoteness and desire to the right hand of nearness and reunion. “Had God willed He would have made all mankind one people.” However, the purpose is the ascent of pure souls and detached essences who, by their primordial nature, attain unto the shore of the Most Great Ocean, that the seekers of the Beauty of the All-Glorious may be distinguished and separated from those who dwell in the habitations of error and misguidance. Thus hath the matter been ordained by the Pen of transcendent glory.

We hope, God willing, that your honour will not deprive himself of the wine of divine mercy, nor sully pure vision with transient means, that he may pass from the vanishing mirage to the eternal ocean. Likewise, the reason for the non-appearance of the Manifestations of justice and Daysprings of grace with outward power and earthly dominion hath been these very conditions of distinction and differentiation. For were that Ancient Beauty to appear and manifest Himself as He truly is, none would have the power to deny or turn away. Rather, all created things would be thunderstruck by beholding His lights, nay utterly annihilated. In such case, those who turn towards God would not be distinguished from those who turn away from Him. This matter hath been evident in all previous Manifestations, as hath reached your hearing. This is why in every fresh Revelation and exalted Manifestation, when the polytheists beheld that eternal Beauty and peerless Countenance in the guise of ordinary mortals like other people, they became veiled and heedless, and drew not nigh unto that Tree of nearness. Rather, they arose to oppose and uproot those who turned towards God, as hath been witnessed in this Dispensation. These ignorant ones have imagined that through killing, plundering, and banishing God’s loved ones from their lands, they can extinguish the lamp of divine power and deprive the Sun of eternity of its light. They are heedless that all these tribulations are as oil to fuel this Lamp. Thus doth God change what He pleaseth, and He, verily, hath power over all things.

Indeed, through the migration of these emigrants to this land, the fame and exaltation of this Cause hath encompassed all regions of earth, such that all the peoples of these parts have become aware. This victory hath been achieved by the King of Oneness through the hand of the enemies themselves, without anyone being conscious or aware of it. This is the meaning of that Persian verse which sayeth: “Even or odd, Thou wilt win the wager.” In all cases, sovereignty and […] Behold the power and ascendancy of the true Sovereign, and purify and sanctify thine ears from the words of the Manifestations of negation and the Daysprings of wrath. Ere long thou shalt witness the truth encompassing all things and prevailing over all else, and shalt observe all else to be nonexistent and utter nothingness. Though, praise be to God, the Truth and His Manifestations have ever abode in the heights of transcendent glory and the summit of inaccessible grandeur - nay, all loftiness and sublimity were created through His Word, could ye but perceive with this Youth’s vision. Furthermore, this servant hath ever been engaged in remembrance of that friend, and the precedence of thy friendship hath never been forgotten, nor shall it ever be forgotten, God willing, subject to certain conditions, of which I am one. We hope that this remembrance shall not be cut off by forgetfulness, nor this affirmation be followed by obliteration. We cherish the hope

from the Lord of Glory that despite utmost physical remoteness thou mayest attain the heights of spiritual nearness, such that all who dwell on earth may not become a veil between thee and the Object of thy desire. For besides this nearness and remoteness mentioned, there is a nearness with God that hath no likeness, opposite, or equal in the realm of limitations and physical places. Strive thou that through the favors of the King of Oneness thou mayest enter into that station, that thou mayest be wholly purified and sanctified from the tree of remoteness with all its fruits and leaves. This is a nearness that will never be transformed into remoteness and will endure through the eternity of God. And God guideth whom He willeth unto a straight path. That which this servant desireth from thee, for God, in God, and through God, is this: that his honor Haji Mirza Ahmad - may God cause him to enter beneath the shadow of His favor - who hath emigrated with this servant and accompanied him on this supreme journey, and who hath endured the utmost hardship, should be assisted by thee with the fullest measure of effort and care in his affairs. The wealth of his honor Haji that remaineth from the plunder of the idolaters is only that which remaineth in thy care. God willing, thou shouldst ensure it reaches him, and whatsoever lieth within thy power regarding his affairs, thou shouldst not delay, for it shall not be lost in the sight of God.

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O Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God!

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Your letters have each attained unto the presence of the Wronged One, and from every letter thereof wafts the fragrance of devotion, sincerity and steadfastness. Regarding what you mentioned about the printing of the Book, this matter is contingent upon consultation. In these days, wisdom dictates against printing, for should the sacred revealed Books proliferate in that city, it would surely provoke an outcry from the ignorant of the earth. Though beneficial for those possessed of true vision and spiritual hearing, such souls are few in number in any city, while most would rise up crying “O the religion!” without thought or consideration of consequences. Previously, Habibullah, upon him be My glory, intended to print a few limited copies and permission was granted, but only on condition that it not exceed bounds or open the gates of tumult. For nearly twenty years the Book of Certitude was printed without verification, yet until last year there was hesitation in sending it abroad, for the opposers and deniers await any pretext to create mischief and kindle the fire of sedition. In all matters one must be guided by wisdom. You have twice attained the Most Holy Court and stayed for some time, observing the conduct and behavior from all aspects. Were one to reflect upon the manners and conduct of the Truth, he would utter the blessed words “Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” From the days when the Light of Truth shone forth from the horizon of Iraq until now, the reins of affairs have been in the grasp of God’s power, and commands and ordinances have issued forth according to the requirements of wisdom. For this reason the cities of Iran remain tranquil and the mischief-makers restrained. Had there been the slightest delay in what was manifested, the fire of corruption would have appeared from every land. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect you and His loved ones from the evil of His enemies,

and to assist you and them in the wisdom that God has made a fortress for His loved ones and a shield for His party. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what was mentioned about Sheikh Nabil and likewise concerning the acceptance [of unity] and his eagerness, therefore purely out of grace a special Tablet has been sent down for him from the heaven of bounty. Give it to him that he may drink therefrom what will make him arise to serve the Cause, speak in remembrance and praise, and stand firm in what God, the Lord of the worlds, has willed. They mentioned the brothers and loved ones of that land - convey to all of them on behalf of the Wronged One a greeting and salutation whose light shall illumine the realm of hearts and minds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make their names among the Names, their remembrances among the Remembrances, and to make them standards of His mention amongst His servants. Verily, He has power over all things.

Regarding what was mentioned about the Leaf, this matter should proceed with spirit and fragrance, meaning with the consent of the mother of the Leaf if they have intended and truly desire to proceed. Thus has shone forth the sun of permission from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Some souls from the surrounding regions have been honored with the light of permission. If some of those souls accompany, it is especially acceptable for service. And from the people of Najafabad also a few are permitted - those souls are good for service. God willing, may all attain to that which leads to the reaching and attainment of the ultimate goal and the supreme height.

As to the expenditure of one hundred tumans, if possible let some give it, and after the arrival of the Trustee in this land, We shall instruct him to return it to its owners. Until then they are on their way, and in these days they shall attain to that which hath been the hope of them that are nigh and sincere. Should anything beyond the specified amount be needed, there is no harm. If funds had been available in those lands beyond what was mentioned, more would have been bestowed. In any case, God's guiding hands will manifest and execute whatsoever is needed. He, verily, is the All-Wise Ordainer.

As to what they have mentioned regarding certain souls and that which proceeded from their lips, this is undoubtedly true. Consider the days of the Seal of the Prophets: after His turning to Yathrib and the gathering of the Ansar and people from surrounding areas, each day brought fresh injury and new occurrences. In particular, one of the Ansar who was outwardly adorned with the mantle of faith and decorated with the crown of confession became tainted with theft. After it was brought to His attention, it is known what befell that Holy Being, and in view of the multitude of enemies and their gloating, He tarried in wisdom until He was addressed with the words "and be not an advocate for those who betray their trust."

Again the greed and avarice of Muhammad-'Ali in the Great City blazed forth and the hidden contents of his breast were revealed, despite having received the utmost outward kindness and having attained apparent prestige and considerable wealth. Suddenly he appeared with complete arrogance, consorting and associating with enemies of every kind. Greed set his very foundations ablaze, and passion made its home in his heart. We beseech God to protect us from the evil of his teacher. He committed that which no heedless one had done, his betrayal regarding people's property becoming evident and manifest. We

beseech God to aid him to repent and return, and to make him aware of his deeds and how he fell short in regard to God's justice and bounty.

My God, my God! Thou seest me amidst the enemies of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath subdued the world, and by the light of Thy knowledge whereby Thou hast illumined the hearts of the nations, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom, to assist Thy loved ones to act with justice. Thou art He to Whose power all things possible have testified, and to Whose grandeur all created things have borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the Munificent, the Generous.

Make mention of the friends of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them to perform deeds whereby the station of deeds will be exalted, and to utter words whereby the hearts of men will be attracted, and to show such trustworthiness as will cause the limbs of the treacherous among the people of error to tremble, and to manifest such chastity as will raise the banner of God's protection throughout all lands, and to shine with such light as will guide people to the court of nearness and holiness and glory and beauty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Munificent.

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In the Name of the One God

O thou who bearest My Name! Upon thee be my glory! I pray that thou mayest be blessed with divine grace. The letter from the Afnan, upon him be My glory and mercy, which was sent from the land of Shin, was received. May they ever be engaged in the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, detached from the world and all who dwell therein. That which thou hast arranged concerning he who beareth the name of Jamal, upon him be My glory, is acceptable. Indeed, they have inhaled the fragrances of the divine days, of which all are heedless today, and are gazing toward and turning to the highest horizon. This is among God's greatest bounties, that He hath enabled them in such days to recognize that which all others are veiled from.

O Mahdi! The world is in upheaval while the people remain heedless. The dust of the deeds and words of the veiled ones hath obscured the luminous morn. Today every firm and mighty foundation is shaken, and every steadfast and upright foot hath faltered, save those whom thy Lord hath willed. The world's convulsions increase daily, yet its people perceive not the cause and reason, and remain veiled from what is with God by what is with themselves. The Sun of Truth is shining, the ocean is surging, the scratching of the Pen is raised, the Tree is speaking, and the Nightingale is warbling - yet deaf ears and blind eyes are witnessed. Most of what was revealed by the Supreme Pen in sacred texts and tablets hath come to pass, as thou hast witnessed, and what remaineth suspended in the heaven of God's Will shall assuredly be made manifest. Woe unto the heedless when the Great Terror comes!

O thou who bearest My Name! The Cause is exceedingly great. In one of the tablets revealed in these days, this most exalted Word was sent down: "The brocade of the Book of Creation was adorned with the word 'He'. We removed it with complete power and placed 'I'. By God's life, this is a mighty matter which

none can bear save he who is the most powerful in the world and holdeth fast to the Most Great Name." The Hand of Complete Power hath rent asunder the veils of creation to a known measure. Now it is observed that the dawning-places of vain imaginings and the sources of idle fancies are veiled by other veils. Reflect upon the baseness of nature and paucity of understanding of the veiled ones, who have but newly returned to their original station. By the Sun of Grace which shineth from the horizon of the Prison, they are considered before God as more veiled than all other peoples. All divine Books testify to the greatness of this Day, yet the people of the Book remain unaware and heedless. Thou hast witnessed how that rebellious and transgressing sect who counted themselves the saved and blessed community [behaved]. Wait, and thou shalt see the others more rebellious and wretched than all the peoples of the earth. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. Say: He hath come with the truth and cannot be indicated by the signs of all the Books, nor doth He walk in the ways of the people of creation. He hath appeared and made manifest His Straight Path.

O thou who bearest My Name! Ja'far spoke one word in truth and sincerity - for nearly one thousand three hundred years they called him a liar, and the fruit of the deeds and words of that rebellious band was that they martyred God's loved ones, who had no peer or like on earth, with the most grievous torments. And now the veiled ones of the Bayan manifest exactly the same words and deeds, as if they had no knowledge of the Day of God and had not caught the fragrance of the garment of His Manifestation. From the ocean of knowledge they remain deprived.

O Mahdi, arise for God's sake and speak for God's sake and exert your utmost effort in God's path. Perchance through the Name of Truth and the Power of Truth, exalted be His glory, you may purify and sanctify the new creation from the doubts, veils and insinuations of this atheistic group. A word that is spoken for God's sake contains within it the nature and effect of milk whose taste has not changed, and it will raise the children of the age to the lofty station of maturity and give them to drink from the ocean of knowledge. Likewise in these days, in one of the Tablets this exalted word was sent down from the divine Kingdom of utterance: Until you do not become aware of the falsehood of the past, you will not bear witness to the truth of this Day. This blessed word has been and is one of the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge. Blessed are they that understand. Whosoever attains to this testimony is mentioned before God as among the mightiest of creation. This is why the Point (the Bab), may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, declares that a one-year-old seed of the Day of His manifestation is mightier than all the Bayan. O My Name! The breezes of torment for the deceivers from all parties have encompassed them, but now they are unaware and heedless. Reflect upon Alexander of this age who was entitled the Emperor of the world. The hand of powerful glory lifted up two parties, as was detailed in previous years in the divine Tablets. Blessed are they that observe, blessed are they that perceive, and blessed are they that reflect. Say: This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him. He needeth not any proof to demonstrate His Cause, nor any mention from among mentions. He hath come from the heaven of Command with clear sovereignty. Neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of nations can frustrate Him. He hath proclaimed before all faces with the most exalted call: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Powerful. By God! My Cause is great, great! But most of the people are heedless. In these days in one of the Tablets this firm and impregnable word was revealed: Today is very great and wondrous, for the He is manifest in the garment of I and the Hidden One speaketh with "I am the

Witnessed One." Despite the greatness of this Cause which by the testimony of all the Books is more manifest than the sun in midheaven, no person of insight has been nor will be confused about it, for its lights, manifestations, verses and evidences have encompassed all regions. None denieth it save every remote deceiver. At the end of the Book We make mention of another Afnan and conclude with his remembrance. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He came forth turning unto God until he attained the presence of the Face and heard what the Tongue of the Wronged One uttered in this noble station. God willing, may all, men and women, attain unto the fragrances of the divine days, remain firm in His Cause, be turned toward His horizon, and speak His praise. The glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon them.

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He is God, there is no God but Him!

O servant of God! Upon thee be the Glory of God! We give thee glad tidings at the outset of this utterance that thy works have been accepted before God, the Lord of all worlds. The Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged thy turning, thy presence, and thy standing before the Gate that was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. We give thee yet another glad tiding that thou mayest share it with Nabil-i-[Ba], upon him be My Glory, that the sun of permission hath dawned from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having answered my prayer! My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy favor, O Thou the Desire of the hearts of all men, past and present!

We wish to fulfill all thy needs, as beareth witness the Supreme Paradise, the Most Exalted Heaven, and the dwellers of the Tabernacle of Glory in this lofty station. However, some matters proceed and others are stayed according to the requirements of God's wisdom, the Mighty, the Powerful. We give thee glad tidings again and again that We love thee and remember thee as We remembered thee before, and We reveal in thy name that which shall not cease to yield its fragrance throughout the eternity of My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

As for the matter of the sum thou didst mention, thou shouldst refer it to the Nasir, upon him be My Glory. It must reach him, and the Afnan, upon him be My Glory, must deliver it to him. This year, through the calumnies of the calumniators, there befell the Nasir that which caused the greatest sorrow. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants to be truthful, to return and to turn unto the gate of His bounty. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The heedless souls have committed that which hath caused grief to the loved ones of God.

As for thy desire to visit the Nasir, upon him be My Glory, and thy request for mention - blessed art thou for We have found thee among the faithful in the kingdom of creation. O thou who art present before the Gate! God, exalted be His glory, hath loved and continueth to love faithfulness. It is the ornament of the temples of the sincere ones, the near ones, and the sanctified ones. Whenever thou desirest, present thyself and perform that for which the people of the world have been created. Blessed art thou and blessed is he! This deed was accepted even before its manifestation. When thou seest him, give him My glad tidings, remind him of My verses, and illumine him with the effulgences of the Sun of My loving-

kindness. We beseech God to assist him and his son who was named Habib and his other son who was named Asadu'llah in the Book of Names, to that which will exalt the Word of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Thou didst mention 'Ali-i-Akbar, upon him be My Glory, and didst seek permission to attain his presence, meeting, and circumambulation as his deputy. This matter was illumined with the light of permission even before being mentioned. When thou seest him, stand before him and proclaim "Allah-u-Akbar" on My behalf and say: Blessed art thou, O thou who art exiled in the lands for the sake of God, the Lord of creation! In these days there hath been revealed from the heaven of utterance of the Lord of religions that which causeth joy and gladness to the people of the cities of justice and fairness. Whenever thou desirest, act as deputy and representative. Thus hath the decree of permission been sent down from the heaven of God's command, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou didst mention 'Ali-i-Haydar, upon him be My Glory. We testify that he hath performed in the path of God that which the reckoners are unable to reckon. The love of him is binding upon all the loved ones of God. All must strive to discharge the debt that is due to him.

O my God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant standing among Thy servants by Thy Name which was named 'Ali before Haydar in Thy Most Great Scene, and by another name which was inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. O Lord! Strengthen him with Thy sovereignty, then aid him and Thy friends and those who love Thee and are sincere toward Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

Whenever that honored one desires [to go] on his behalf and attain his presence and meeting, before setting out recite this verse and then proceed:

O my God, my God! Thou knowest and seest that I desire to turn toward Thy most exalted station and visit Thee through him who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Strengthen him with the hosts of Thy utterance and wisdom, then open before his face the doors of Thy riches and bounty. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones and Thy friends and servants to love him and support him. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

O servant of God! Upon thee be My glory! Blessed art thou for what thou hast mentioned, and happy art thou for what thou hast described. We testify that he is among the triumphant ones, and there hath been sent down for him that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. We beseech God to strengthen him and preserve his trusts with Him. Verily, He is the Protector, the Trustworthy.

O 'Ali before Haydar! Upon thee be the ocean of grace and bounty from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Thou hast been mentioned in the nights and days before the face of the Lord of all mankind. We beseech God to enable all to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and through which His Cause, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and the earth, may be exalted.

And We desired to mention Qasim, upon him be My glory! We have mentioned him before and at this time for his having turned toward the Supreme Horizon when mankind turned away from it, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, wished.

We have mentioned Our loved ones in Ba and Dal, and We have counseled and do counsel all with most eloquent utterance to trustworthiness and godliness and that whereby the station of man may be exalted in the contingent world. This Wronged One beareth witness that servants have been brought from nothingness into being for the betterment, fellowship and unity of mankind. Corruption and conflict have ever been and are condemned. The divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures have given the glad-tidings that the purpose of this Most Great Manifestation is none other than the reformation of the world and its peoples, that perchance through the power of utterance military might may be abolished, and the world be governed through the power of love. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of trustworthiness, which is the best ornament for the world. Take hold, O servants of God, of that which ye have been commanded by One Who is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thee, O thou who hast turned with all thy being unto God, the Mighty, the Praised.

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O Kazim, hear the call from ’Akka, for it guides thee to the supreme horizon and ultimate goal, and draws thee nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Thy letter reached the Wronged One, and We heard thy call and have answered thee with this wondrous and glorious Tablet. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Eternity. Set aside what is with the people and hold fast to that which is with God, Lord of all the worlds. He hath come from the heaven of proof with verses that all the world and whatsoever is therein cannot equal, and with evidences that none save every transgressing sinner would deny. Say: O concourse of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath appeared with a Cause against which neither the armies of the world can prevail, nor can the might of any distant oppressor frighten Him. Say: Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of the Bayan, and oppose not Him but for Whom the verses would not have been revealed nor the evidences appeared. To this testifieth the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise, which speaketh amidst the world and summoneth the peoples unto His straight path. Blessed is the servant who hath cast aside what is with the people, hoping for that which is with God, the Lord of this manifest Day. Blessed is the servant who knoweth his station and transgresseth not that which hath been ordained in God’s Book, the Mighty, the Great. Verily, He Who hath come from the heaven of grandeur is the Truth, Whom minds are powerless to know and pens to describe in befitting terms. He it is by Whom the Trump was blown, whereupon all in the heavens and earth were struck down, save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed otherwise. Say: Cast behind you your vain imaginings. By God! The horizon of proof hath been illumined with the light of certitude. Take ye the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, then act according to what hath been revealed therein and be not of the heedless. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the Cause that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

At this point We change from the eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue, as a bounty from Us, for We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The stations of the Manifestations of Revelation and Dawning-places of inspiration are diverse, yet the universal Manifestations have been and are aware of all matters. Past and future exist not in that realm. This verse was witnessed in sleep. Blessed are they who possess understanding and they who reflect. In all things is the sign of God manifest and evident. Were eyes not veiled by the veils of conjecture and fancy and the veils of the heedless, they would attain to that which beseemeth this divine Day. Through the sanctification of these souls is manifested the sanctification of God, glorified be His majesty, and through the unity of these souls is made evident the unity of God. Should anyone make mention of aught else besides what hath been mentioned, he would surely find himself powerless to sanctify the Divine Essence from likeness and similitude. The people of the Furqan have remained deprived of true unity. Were the Supreme Pen to move in this station according to what is intended, clamor would be raised from all directions. Therefore doth it speak with measure and uttereth according to measure. These stations have culminated in this Most Great Revelation. Should anyone reflect upon the previous Books, or observe the Furqan which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood, and attain unto the fragrance of the Bayan, throughout all his days he would utter the blessed words "I have turned toward Thee, O God of the worlds, and I bear witness that Thou canst not be known except through Thyself, nor described save by Thyself," and would cause his will to be annihilated in the Will of God and his desire in His Desire. O Kazim! This ocean hath other waves, and this heaven other stars and suns. Who is able to hear? Until now the Supreme Pen hath not spoken as befitteth. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden, who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon, clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne above and earth below. He acknowledgeth the sanctity of Thy Being above the recognition of any besides Thee, and Thy Self above the mention of aught except Thee. O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant seeking the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, the hopeful the carpet of Thy good-pleasure, and the poor the heaven of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation, and by Thy Cord to which have clung the sincere ones and those nigh unto Thee, and by Thy hem whereunto have held fast the hands of Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones and the Concourse on high, that Thou write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall preserve me from the intimations of any except Thee and the idle fancies of Thy servants. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and upright on Thy Most Great Path and Thy Mighty News. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

They inquired about one born outside the ordinance of God, whether he would attain to faith or not. The Herald declareth: The Tree of Negation through its acceptance becometh accounted as from the Tree of Affirmation, and the Tree of Affirmation through its rejection of the Truth is recorded as from the Tree of Negation in the Book. Implore God for confirmation that the servants may attain unto faith and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Those souls who in their lifetime, like Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan-i-Najafi and his like, held in their grasp the reins of the faith of the people of Iran, and who in their own estimation were occupied night and day in writing the Book of God and in rejecting and condemning all the peoples of the world - when the Morn of Hope dawned and the blessed Tree of Divine Unity sprouted forth, they assailed it with swords and finally wrought that which caused the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost

Boundary to weep and the Most Exalted Pen to lament. Glory be to God! Repeatedly hath this utterance flowed from the Most Exalted Pen - observe ye what hath been revealed and ponder thereon, that perchance ye may preserve the weak ones from doubts and idle fancies, for the people of the Bayan have, like the people of old, formed a sect. God protect us and you from the evil of these souls who, being ignorant of the root of the Cause, have laid claim to knowledge and have girded up their loins to lead the people astray.

Inquiry was made about the condition of the weak ones in these days. We beseech God to make them strong in this Revelation, lest the doubts of the people and the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Self-Subsisting, the Almighty, should prevent them. The Glory rest upon thee and upon her whose mention thou didst desire, and upon Our sincere male servants and Our sincere female servants.

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Praise be to God Who hath caused us to hear the decisive utterance, revealed unto us the Book, made manifest unto us the mystery of the beginning and the end, and guided us to the straight path. I pray and offer salutations and glorification unto those who have cast away vain imaginings, taken hold of the divine ordinances, and arisen to aid the Cause of their Lord, the Master of all beings, Who hath appeared in these days. These are servants through whom the mystery of divine unity hath been revealed, the horizon of steadfastness hath shone forth, and the nightingale hath warbled upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names, Creator of the heavens, Who hast appeared in the kingdom of creation and hast dawned from the Most Exalted Horizon! Thou knowest and seest that this servant findeth himself powerless to make mention of those who have turned towards Thee with radiant faces and have witnessed in Thy love that which hath caused the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names to lament. I beseech Thee, O my God, to ordain for them every good thing recorded by the Pen in the Most Great Tablet. Then write for them that which will honor them with the supreme martyrdom before their spirits ascend unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And now, O beloved of my heart, I have attained to thy letter which thou didst send from Ha and Mim, wherein thou didst recall the days when thou wert in the Most Great Prison, thy presence before the Countenance, and thy hearkening to the call of our Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. After I read and understood its contents, I approached the Presence and presented that which was therein before the Throne. When this was completed, the Ancient Countenance turned toward me and said: “O thou servant who art present! Take the Tablet and the Pen.” When I took them, there were revealed from the heaven of His Will, for each of the names thou didst mention in thy letter, verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth nor by the riches of heaven. Exalted is this great bounty, this supreme gift, and this greatest mercy! This servant beseecheth his Lord that He may enable him and thee to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance at all times. Verily, He is the One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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Another submission is that several days ago this servant wrote a detailed petition to Jinab-i-Ism'ullah Jamal, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise to Jinab-i-Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib and Jinab-i-Ibn-i-'Attar, upon them both be Baha'u'llah's glory. God willing, it has arrived.

Another submission is that for some time mention of Jinab-i-Dhabi?, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, has not been seen in the blessed handwritings of the divine friends. The request is that you meet with him and convey from this evanescent one a wondrous and exalted greeting, saying: "O thy burning and thy longing and thy attraction and thy enchantment and thy love and thy passion and thy rapture and thy ardor in God, the Lord of the worlds!" Although this servant is certain that all that was mentioned exists, yet since for some time the ear and eye have not been blessed with hearing his words and beholding him, therefore these petitions are expressed.

Another submission is that according to the command, several souls who are adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, religiosity, and contentment, and who possess eloquence and utterance, should turn to various regions and with perfect wisdom engage in teaching the Cause. Tablets have been revealed to such an extent that it is impossible to enumerate them. From the Persian and Arabic, whatever is suitable for these days should be gathered and the divine words should be imparted according to the requirements of the station and the souls. God willing, may the warmth of assured souls dispel the coldness and frigidity of heedless souls.

Another submission is that in these days this servant has written some of the blessed Tablets according to the command, as at certain times the Most Exalted Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - was not present. We beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that your honor be assisted in the mention of the Truth, the praise of the Truth, and the teaching of the Cause of Truth, so that through it every seated one may arise, every silent one may speak, every turning away one may accept, every blind one may see, every tongue-tied one may talk, every lame one may walk, every agitated one may be assured, every doubting one may become certain, and every wavering one may become steadfast. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turns to Him and the Answerer of every submissive, humble, and repentant petitioner.

All those circumambulating the Throne convey greetings to your honor, and likewise the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree - may my spirit and the spirits of all the world be sacrificed for them - remember your honor with the most wondrous, most impregnable, and most glorious mention. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God in that place.

The Servant

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The number of revealed Tablets sent is twenty-one. God willing, may all attain unto them.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His grandeur, and His power!

Praise be to God Who made the seasons manifestations of His names amongst His servants, through which He takes and gives, that all existence, both seen and unseen, may be assured that He is the Bountiful Giver and the Just Taker. We find ourselves now in a cold that tells of bitter frost, through which man bears witness to the grace of spring. Verily, He is the Unveiler of all things through His might and sovereignty, the Sender-down of His signs and the Manifestor of His traces. For this let the competitors compete. To God do we belong and to Him do we return. Blessings and peace be upon the Manifestation of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, through Whom He subdued what was and what will be, and through Whom He revealed the mysteries of His Books and what was hidden in His knowledge, and upon His family and companions whom God made the dawning-places of His power and the daysprings of His might, through whom necks were made submissive to God's command, the Lord of Lords.

The letters from that spiritual friend arrived in succession. Praise be to God, each was a truthful messenger, a blessed courier, and a beloved herald, for the fragrance of love, affection and devotion wafted from them. After reading, I approached the Sacred Threshold where, after presentation, it was said: "O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! I was seated upon the throne, contemplating God's power, sovereignty, might, grandeur and strength, when there came one who loved Me and read thy letter before My face. From it We found the fragrance of trust in God and detachment, and thy adherence to righteousness and godliness. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made me acknowledge the unity of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Self above the recognition of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Quickener of moldering bones, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me to exercise justice and fairness. O Lord! Thou seest the monotheists in the hands of the polytheists who have broken Thy covenant and Thy pact and have surrounded Thy cities and lands. O Lord! Ordain for me and Thy servants the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth, and in Thy grasp is the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Powerful."

This evanescent one begs his Everlasting Lord to rain down upon you from the clouds of grace the showers of His bounty, and to adorn you in all conditions with the ornament of health, well-being and favor. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Mention was made of His Eminence the Effendi, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him. In truth, from his name joy appears in the heart. This is naught but a divine hidden grace deposited in his innermost being. Then, according to his desire, he attained the presence, and after presentation of his mention, it was said: "We beseech God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Sacred House, the Sacred Monument and Station, to ordain for him every good that He has sent down in His Book, to open before his face the gate of munificence and generosity, and the gate of blessing, glory and wealth among the nations, and to give him to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Gracious."

Praise be to God that they have been mentioned in this most exalted remembrance. Verily this Tree of Remembrance hath had and shall ever have its traces and fruits, which shall be made manifest in due

time. This is a great glad-tiding. This servant also beseecheth God and imploreth Him to ordain for his honor that which will exalt him amongst His servants and make him a sign of His glory amidst His creation. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer, and the Fulfiller of the needs of every penitent supplicant.

O beloved of my heart! Regarding what was repeatedly mentioned in the letters about journeying to Syria during the season for the sake of certain trees which are the source of goodness in the world - I express my gratitude for this matter even before its execution and am truly thankful, for whatsoever that beloved of the heart hath written hath been and is from the depths of the heart. In this case, journeying to that direction is not necessary. And concerning what was written about His Honor the Afandi - may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him - having willed to send quince from that direction to this direction: yes, quince is good and is also available in this city. And if distinguished trees from there can be sent without trouble, and likewise the Mastaki apricots that were mentioned, it would be beloved. And this too, considering that it is a good deed done in his name that shall remain and endure in a place specifically arranged for the recreation of the monotheists, is assuredly acceptable before God and before those near to Him. For one of the primary reasons for the creation of the world is what was mentioned - namely, that beneficent and charitable works from assured souls should be remembered and all should attain unto them. This is why God, exalted be His glory, hath mentioned in His Perspicuous Book, which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood, the mention of paradise and fruits and trees. And this matter, in one respect, is purely for the education of creation, that they might act virtuously and through this blessed deed attain unto lofty stations. The servant testifieth that all bounty is in His right hand - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

And regarding the matter of the Salihiyyih grapes, if without difficulty and with utmost ease, whatever amount of its branches can be sent, God willing, may it be the cause of increased reward for His Honor the Afandi - may God assist him. Whatsoever is truly the cause and reason for good works and virtuous deeds hath been mentioned and accepted in the divine books of the past and present. God willing, may the effects of these good deeds be made manifest in the material world and yield their fruits. Verily God is the Generous Giver and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The apple of my eye, His Honor Aqa Mirza Mustafa - upon him be God's loving-kindness - is mindful, praise be to God, and now too sendeth greetings and praise, maketh mention of you, and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, on your behalf whatsoever is worthy of His bestowal. He is the One through Whose name the ocean of generosity surged and the sun of bounty shone upon the world. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace and mercy and loving-kindness from God be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, for He is the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

The Servant

7 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1307

The Branches of the Blessed Tree and the people of the pavilion of infallibility all make mention of your honor and send their greetings, and beseech from the Lord of existence exaltation and elevation for that beloved spirit.

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This is what hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. O My Name! Today is the day of divine assistance and, by the truth of My Being, all the realities of the exalted ones and the spirits of those nigh unto God who circle round have beseeched to appear in the outward vesture of human temples and arise to aid the Cause of God in the visible realm. It beseemeth no one to seek departure from this world in the days of the manifestation of the Lord of Eternity. Rather must all, at all times, be turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful and beseech God that some service to this most wondrous and impregnable Cause might be manifested from him, even if it be but the mention of one of His words. This, verily, is a great bounty, a great good, and a great matter.

As to approaching the Most Holy Court in these days, this is outwardly not permitted. We have revealed in one of the Tablets: "How many are near whom We do not confirm in their nearness, and how many are remote and, by the Self of the Beloved, are yet nigh!" And in another Tablet: "How many who are near are yet strangers, and how many who are distant are yet near! Blessed is he who is near and drew near!" And in yet another Tablet: "How many a beloved one became but a bubble, and how many a companion We found to be a flatterer, and how many who were distant are near, and how many who were near We testify are in a station remote."

Though it is evident that no grace, bounty, station or rank can ever equal attaining the presence of God in the visible realm, I swear by the Sun of the glory of oneness, rising from the dawning-place of detachment in My Name, the All-Powerful, that nothing can equal appearing before the Throne in the visible realm, even for a moment, though one possessed all that is in the heavens and earth. Some people have been deprived of the divine spiritual wine-house. Thus have the effects of these matters and their fruits remained hidden from their sight. Therefore they remain occupied with their own imaginings and veiled from the Lord of all beings.

The purpose is this: many souls, in the very midst of nearness, are deprived of attainment, while many souls who are outwardly remote attain to the waters of reunion. This is from the bounty of thy Lord, the Giver, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed is the soul that hath attained both, detached from all save His good-pleasure and annihilated in the good-pleasure of his Lord. By God! No deed can equal this.

If this veil were to be rent asunder by the finger of the will of the Lord of Lords, thou wouldst witness all who are on earth, both the mighty and the lowly, cast behind them poverty and wealth, sovereignty and glory, and hasten to that station whereof every atom of its dust proclaimeth: "There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing."

O Beauty of the Essence of Oneness, Who is sanctified above all limitations and purified from words, allusions, names, attributes, manifestations and revelations, hath appeared in human temple. Therefore most people, looking upon human habits manifested from the Divine Temple, remain veiled, heedless that herein lies the essence of power. Reflect that thou mayest know, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Essence of Power that calleth from behind Thee: "Thine are the greatness and the might, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the worlds!" And

praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Essence of Greatness that calleth: “Greatness is Thine, O Thou through Whose manifestation the faces of those near unto Thee were illumined!”

[…] O Jamal! These humiliations that have befallen thee were for the sake of God’s Cause, and this is a glory excelling all glories. By God! If thou but knew, thou wouldst find solace in humiliation and say: “O humiliation! May my soul be a sacrifice unto thee! Where art thou? I have accepted thee all for my Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” Thou hast attained unto far more than thou didst desire. God willing, He will cause thee to know what He hath intended for thee, that thou mayest rejoice and soar and say: “Unto Thee be praise, O Thou Who art the Praise of all worlds!” The head of Baha hath been adorned with the crown of tribulation, and in this doth He glory amidst earth and heaven. True glory lieth not in what the people comprehend; rather, all glory is in the humiliation We have borne for God’s Cause, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. We have ordained for thee what We have loved, that thy remembrance might endure in the realm of dust amongst Our sincere servants, in the Kingdom amongst the angels drawn nigh, and in the Realm of Might amongst God’s chosen ones, they who are detached from all else save Him. Can any bounty equal this which thou didst desire? Nay, by My mercy that hath embraced all worlds! O Jamal! If thou wouldst inhale from the outer meanings of what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken the sweet-scented breezes of inner significance and certitude, thou wouldst assuredly know that whatsoever hath appeared from Him shall endure as long as the dominion of earth and heaven endureth, and that it is better for thee than all that was and shall be. The fragrance of the Beloved’s raiment hath been diffused through that which hath been revealed at this hour, and by it have the dwellers of earth and heaven been perfumed. Blessed are they that attain thereunto.

Whatsoever We have desired for Ourselves, We have desired and continue to desire for Our sincere loved ones. By My life! Soon shalt thou find thyself in manifest glory. Be not grieved by straits and distress. Occupy thyself with God’s Cause. He shall assuredly set right all things. Be thou assured and numbered among the thankful ones. As for what thou hast mentioned regarding certain differences, this is what hath been sent down in the Tablets from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed: “Whoso layeth claim to a Cause before the completion of a full thousand years is verily a lying impostor. And whoso interpreteth this verse differently is indeed among the most lost.” And in another Tablet: “Whoso layeth claim to a Cause before the completion of a full thousand years is verily a lying impostor. We beseech God that He may assist him to repent should he repent. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving. And should he persist in what he hath claimed, there shall be raised up against him one who will show him no mercy. Verily thy Lord is severe in punishment.” For these souls have been and shall continue to be the cause of harm to the root of the Cause and the source of discord among the people. Were it to be thus, that every ignorant one might understand as he pleased, then never would the divine Tree of the Cause be established amongst men, nor would God’s commandments and laws become effective and operative. Strange indeed is the lack of understanding among the people! However, some attribute certain things to others out of their selfish desires, but with thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. The truth hath never been, nor shall it ever be, obscured from Him. Verily He is the All-Knowing.

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[…] All praise, sanctified from peer and likeness, befitteth the Eternal, the Ever-Abiding, the Beloved Who perisheth not, Who, through the sovereignty of His Will and the potency of His Purpose, hath made this mansion the Most Great Scene of Revelation and the Seat of His Throne, and Who, through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, hath summoned all creation unto the most sublime horizon. He hath bestowed upon all the worlds a drop from the ocean of His knowledge; some turned towards Him while others turned away, forsaking eternal stations through their attachment to ephemeral things. At all times the cooing of the doves of remembrance and utterance is raised, yet most are deprived thereof. They have clung to conjectural divines and are thus barred from the ocean of certitude. Exalted, exalted be His dominion! Exalted, exalted be His proof! Exalted, exalted be His command! Exalted, exalted be His glory above description through letters and words, or attribution through that which the peoples of earth and heaven can comprehend! The most perfect and complete antidote hath appeared through the blessing of the Most Great Name, yet most are afflicted with the diseases of ignorance and folly. The Water of Life surgeth before the faces of men, and the Sun of Grace shineth resplendent above their heads, yet all remain veiled save whom our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, willeth. By God! Were the servants to attain unto a drop from the Most Great Ocean, surely a hundred thousand worlds and whatsoever hath been created therein would not withhold them from the Most Sublime Horizon. This servant is feeble and the degrees of exposition are beyond reckoning, yet withal he is commanded to silence. The decree belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been and shall ever be. None hath known Him save to the extent permitted. He is the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. My spirit be a sacrifice for your acceptance, and my soul be a ransom for your steadfastness! The servant hath attained unto that from which wafted the sweet savours of the remembrance of the Beloved - your letter which testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth, that there is none other God but Him. The sweetness of your mention seized me in such wise as can neither be described by the pen nor by the tongue, for it was adorned with the praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. When I succeeded in opening and reading it, I turned toward the Seat of the Throne and presented all that was therein before His Presence. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur - my spirit be a sacrifice for His utterance - spoke, and His sweetest of sayings was: “O thou who art present! He hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and hath recognized the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, after which most of the mystics and eloquent ones remained veiled therefrom, and hath known the Day wherein the Truth shall arise and speak amongst creation. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and his testimony unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, shall endure.” Here ended His words.

At this point such utterances were revealed as this servant was and ever shall be utterly powerless to recount them all. Such words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of utterance that were even a fraction less than a hair’s breadth of their light to be shed upon the earth, all would be freed and sanctified from their limited spans and would in all conditions turn unto the Ultimate Goal. This much glad-tidings do I give unto that honoured person, that his mention was accepted in the Most Holy Court. […]

[…] You wrote that you occasionally associate with officials for the purpose of attending to outward affairs. This was presented before His presence, and He said: “This matter is most praiseworthy. In the

Kitab-i-Aqdas, all are permitted to associate with different groups, and association with rulers and officials is permissible for several beneficial purposes. Through such association, oftentimes an oppressed one may find deliverance, or a prisoner may be freed, and perchance words may be spoken that cause awakening. Association with such persons is a hundred thousand times preferable to association with the heedless divines and theologians. Nevertheless, association with the divines has also been permitted, that perchance someone may become mindful or gain fear of God. Even as the Most Great Branch - may our souls be a sacrifice for all else beside Him - associates daily with rulers, officials and divines, and continuously maintains relations with people of every kind. Beyond these considerations, all have been commanded to pursue a trade or profession, and this station necessitates association with various classes of people. Similarly, in another instance He said: Write to them that We have given you permission for association and the pursuit of your claims. The people of God must associate with all in the utmost spirit of joy and fragrance, that perchance those lost in the valley of error may attain the lights of guidance. Jesus, son of Mary, associated with tax collectors, and most people objected. He said: I have come to associate with sinners that they might become aware and turn from falsehood to truth. Association, kindliness and the like are among the attributes of wisdom which all are commanded to manifest. We beseech God to assist Me in loving you and mentioning you in the presence of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Great, and to protect the believers from the braying of every brayer, the croaking of every croaker, the barking of every denier, and the howling of every heedless one. Verily He is the Protector, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Invincible. In the years when the Throne was established in Arabic Iraq, at the end of those days when He intended to migrate, He warned the people in most Tablets about the birds of darkness and the clamor of the croakers. Likewise in the Land of Mystery, and also in the Most Great Prison, He specifically stated that the people must again be warned so they might be preserved from such souls. And now in some lands the barking of dogs is raised, and this servant is astonished how people remain veiled from the Supreme Horizon and are deprived of the truth by the words of those who cannot distinguish between right and left. Fie upon them and their understanding and what their hands have wrought! We take refuge with God from the evil of these heedless, deceitful croakers. Under all conditions, praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds. And the glory be upon you and those with you and those who love you, from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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Praise be sanctified above all that hath been and shall be, befitting that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, through the light of His creative Word “Be!”, hath enabled sheer nothingness to attain the mantle of existence. The blessed word “and it is!” hath been and ever shall be a witness to this manifest and resplendent power. The convulsions of the world and the oppression of nations have neither prevented nor deterred Him from His purpose, though at times, in accordance with the requirements of consummate wisdom, the manifestations of grace and favor are made to pause. And since most have no access to the City of understanding of this station, they become possessed of vain imaginings.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, and my Support! I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy patience and forbearance, and by Thy power and might, to enable the ignorant to draw nigh unto the City of Thy

knowledge, and the rulers to the court of Thy justice. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention and utterance, your arising and your steadfastness! For some time, outwardly no news had been received from your honour, although praise be to God, repeatedly from the tongue of the Goal of the world was heard, specifically concerning your honour, that which is the cause of eternal joy and gladness. And after attaining the presence on this day, these exalted words were revealed and sent down from the tongue of grandeur, exalted be His utterance and magnificent His proof:

In My Name, the Wronged One

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of all who are in My kingdom! This Wronged One is afflicted each day with fresh calumnies. Glory be to God! Lies and calumnies have reached such a point as cannot be recounted or expressed. Each soul who turneth toward this direction, from behind the hill arriveth word that he hath stolen large sums of money from merchants and brought it to Akka. Although these matters are the cause of grief, yet since they are for the sake of God they are the water of life and are in truth the manifestation of joy and delight. The world and all that is therein, in relation to God, blessed and exalted be He, are loved and accepted, but if this relationship be severed they are not worth a penny. Praise be to God, whatsoever hath befallen Us, its purpose is clear and evident to the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree, manifest as the sun and apparent to all. Deeds are the mirror of existence and the record of rank and station. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having revealed unto me that which was concealed from Thy servants and treasured up through Thy power and might. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the lights of Thy justice and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, to assist the heedless to turn unto Thee and to face the door of Thy bounty. Then open unto me, O my Master and my King, the doors of Thy mercy and Thy generosity in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Verily each of these mentions is a key to unlock a door, and when its time cometh it shall open a matter from God, the Opener, the Bountiful. O Afnan! Upon thee be My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy. For some time now Afnan, Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, hath attained the presence and dwelt in the vicinity, and their affairs have been in upheaval. Although these upheavals are the means of tranquility and assurance, for the Afnan were created for the promotion of God's Cause - when outwardly restricted, inwardly they are engaged in service to the Cause of God, blessed and exalted be He. Your honor is aware and can testify to what was mentioned. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, first to set right his affairs through His bounty and generosity, and to ordain for him that which shall profit and enrich him, and to strengthen him in all His worlds. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous Giver. Your honor must also strive diligently to the extent possible to set right [their affairs]. I beseech the True One in all conditions for whatsoever conduces to glory, exaltation and grace. Verily He is powerful over all things. The Most Great Branch hath repeatedly made mention of your honor and sought [divine] confirmation and grace. We beseech God to fulfill the needs of His Afnan through His might, power and sovereignty. Convey greetings to the Afnan on behalf of the Wronged One. They are

remembered in all conditions and are recipients of grace. We beseech God to exalt them through His Name and make them banners of His guidance amongst His creation. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and hearken unto your words concerning this manifest Cause.

The upheavals that occurred revealed hidden matters. One who was shown the utmost favor eventually spent days and nights heeding the insinuations of the calumniators. Indeed what a strange veil hath been rent asunder. Even when the honored Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, turned towards this direction, they telegraphed to Beirut that Siyyid Ahmad and his servant Nasru'llah had stolen a sum of cash and some banknotes and were headed to that land. Shaykh Muhammad Yazdi is engaged in such matters that his true nature and the nature of those who led him astray might be revealed. Verily God is the Expositor, the All-Wise. This is the Day when the secrets of hearts and the treachery of eyes are exposed. God, the Exalted, the Great, hath spoken truth.

Attention to setting right the affairs of the honored Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, who are determined [to depart], depends on your honor's attention, and surely you will attend to it to the extent possible. I present my utter nothingness and evanescence, and glory and radiance, to the honored Afnan of the Sacred Tree, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God the One is witness that they are ever remembered in the Most Holy Court. This supreme bounty hath no equal, and the divine Books, both past and future, bear witness to this. This evanescent servant hath at all times beseeched and continues to beseech from the Self-Sufficient Lord whatsoever conduces to their exaltation and elevation. Surely all that hath been and will be entreated shall be answered. With the generous no task is difficult. The Most Glorious Glory and the Most Exalted Praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you and hearken unto your words, your mention and [your utterance] in remembrance of God's Great Announcement and His manifest Cause. And praise be to Him, for He is the Beloved of all worlds.

The Servant

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In the Name of Him Who hath dominion over all who are in the kingdom of names! A remembrance from Us unto him who hath been remembered by the Mention and turned unto the Countenance when it appeared in truth, and was among them that turned, and hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command upon the Tablet. Know thou the measure of this station, then act in accordance with that which beseemeth this Day which was promised in the Tablets. Immerse thyself at all times in the seas of wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee as a token of His grace, for verily He hath knowledge of all things. Be thou in such wise that what the people possess entereth not thy heart, nor is that which is falsely spoken among men mentioned before thy face. Among the people are those whom the winds of idle fancies have stirred and held back from the shore of My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden. Thus hath the matter been decreed. And among them are those whom the attraction of the Call

hath so seized that they have cast aside all created things and turned toward the horizon which shineth with the lights of revelation. Say: The mountains have been moved by the fragrances of the Day of Return, and the Mount hath borne witness to this Manifestation which hath been known by its own Self. Say: The people's possessions alter Him not, nor doth the might of those who have been deprived of justice restrain Him. He speaketh at all times that which He is bidden by the Lord of all religions. To this testifieth he who hath witnessed Beauty from the horizon of glory. Among the people are those who have cast aside what was commanded in the Tablets and have taken their own desires for a path. And among them are those who have been veiled by knowledge from the Sovereign of all knowledge and have followed every vain imagination, having halted upon the path. Say: Beware lest the multitude of the people's books hold you back from Our Name, the Self-Subsisting. Consider the sinful one: he hath filled his house with books, yet not a single letter thereof profited him. Thus was the matter decreed, as witnesseth he who was endowed with true vision. Had these things profited him, he would not have rejected the Book of God behind his back, nor would he have opposed Him by Whose Name all religions have been sent down in truth from the heaven of revelation. Among the divines are those who write what their idle fancies inspire them, turning aside from the Pen from which have flowed the springs of wisdom and utterance. Woe unto him and unto those who follow him! Soon shall they find themselves in fires kindled by the wrath of God. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by what hath befallen you. By God, ye shall behold yourselves in a station illumined by the lights of the Throne. That which ye behold hath no permanence. All in the kingdom shall perish, and there shall endure only that which hath been ordained for you in a dominion raised up in the name of God. Among the people is he who claimeth the inner meaning and thereby holdeth back the people from a path which hath been straight in the eternal past. Say: The inner meaning is this Outward One Who proclaimeth from the midmost heart of the world that the Lord of all nations hath come - He Who was hidden behind the veils of the unseen in glory. Whoso speaketh today what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, verily he is of the people of infallibility. God hath preserved him through a sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds. Thy letter hath come before the Face, and We found therein thy passion for God, thy yearning for the ocean of His presence, and thy burning in separation from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. He beareth thee witness of attainment and hath ordained for thee the reward of one who hath gained His presence, the Inaccessible, the Most High. Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath been presented and read in a presence wherein its very dust particles proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Lord of all worlds. God hath thereby forgiven thy mother and thy sisters and admitted them beneath the shadow of His mercy which hath preceded all things. Glorify their countenances, then mention them from Me through this bounty which hath appeared from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have ordained for thee what thou didst desire of God's grace and mercy. Be thou assured and of those who are thankful. Make mention of My loved ones in that place. Say: Follow that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets. This is better for you, if ye be of those who know. It behooveth every soul to follow that which he hath been commanded, detached from all else in creation. This is the religion of God, from before and after. Blessed is every discerning scholar. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sisters and upon those who have held fast to this firm cord.

In the Name of the One Friend:

God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, you must be the cupbearer of the wine of recognition, that perchance lifeless souls may attain eternal life through this enduring wine. The divine call hath been raised in such wise that it hath encompassed all creation; nevertheless, most weak souls remain heedless and veiled in the veils of idle fancies. By the Sun of Truth! From the inception of this wondrous creation until now, no such call hath been raised, yet through desire they have been debarred from hearkening unto it. Some are occupied with interpretation, heedless of the explicit text, while others cling to the branch, veiled from the root. Were the veil to be lifted, they would bewail their own selves - but they are among the dead.

The matter which is and shall ever be obligatory and essential is the teaching of God's Cause, as hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. Your honor must engage in this most great, most mighty cause with perfect wisdom and protect the weak from the vain imaginings of those who count themselves among the learned, that all may drink from the spring of supreme steadfastness and attain unto this station which is the most exalted summit and ultimate purpose. Should souls be found in that land who would arise to teach God's Cause in surrounding villages, purely for the sake of God, this would be most beloved. However, such souls must be the knights of the field of detachment, in such wise that they regard all save God as utter nothingness and behold the banner of "There is no God but Him" raised over all regions. They must move for God, speak for God, and strive in God, and journey unto God.

O servant turning unto the Face! The Cause is extremely mighty, and the plotters lie in ambush with the utmost cunning and deceit. The souls must be reminded at all times, lest through the promptings of malicious souls they be debarred from the path of oneness. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions, to make thee one who speaketh in His name, who gazeth toward His direction, and who moveth by His leave. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And praise be to God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Supreme, the Most Great!

He is God, exalted is His station in majesty and power!

My spirit be a sacrifice for You! Some time ago, a petition was submitted in the company of Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God. This servant has again desired to cause trouble and occupy Your presence with these words which in truth express the limitations of this servant. Whenever one of the friends sets out for the abode of that Beloved One, this servant involuntarily clings to writing and composition, that perchance through this means he may be mentioned in Your exalted service. Although it has been long since the fragrant breezes of Your pen have passed by, nevertheless this servant has not paused for a moment, continuously and successively sending petitions and correspondence from various directions. Again in these days when his honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God, was setting out for Your presence, this petition was submitted. As commanded, it was decided that the aforementioned should remain in this land and his journey was excused. However, afterward he himself requested to make one journey to return and arrange his affairs in that direction and come back quickly. Since he

departed suddenly, therefore several Tablets were sent specifically for Your presence and for those related to You and for a few of the loved ones of God. God willing, more will be sent hereafter. If you ask about the conditions of the prison, sufficient is what hath been revealed concerning it. In any case, this servant is bewildered day and night that while the ocean of bounties is manifest, the sun of favor is shining, the horizon of generosity is luminous, and verses are being revealed like torrential rain, how is it that people remain heedless and veiled, and have not been moved by the breezes of the days of God which are in truth the essence of life for all worlds and the cause of the quaking of all that is in the heavens and earth. We bear witness as God hath witnessed concerning them that they are dead, not living. Although in one sense this servant observes that just as it is, is beloved, as was said before: "Nothing in creation is more perfect than what is." Blessed are the sincere ones. Today is the day of the sincere ones. Today is the day of those drawn nigh. They drink from the cups of recognition despite the people of creation, and they partake of the Kawthar of life, hidden from those who have denied the All-Merciful. Surely those souls are content with these conditions, for they stand at the highest station of jealousy and certainly do not accept unworthy rivals. Well is it with them and pleasant it is for them. My spirit and my being be a sacrifice for them. By the life of God, were my Lord and Master to permit me, I would manifest in the world through His name that which would cause every atom to dance, every created thing to be attracted, and every weighty thing to hasten. All these veils are caused by numerous souls, and they are the ignorant divines who are known among the people by the name of learning. Neither do they themselves attain, nor are they content with the attainment of others. May God protect us and the company of the monotheists from these satans. But they have conceived vain imaginings. In their fancy, each day they cling to something that might be the cause of their glory among people, heedless that the Supreme Pen has struck out the word of glory that was associated with them. Never will they find glory nor will they see it. Like Qarun (Korah), they sink into the earth at every moment.

Those who are not detached and are not spiritual will never attain loftiness, even if they should cling to every means. The difference is that Qarun sank into the physical earth, while such souls sink into the earth of self and desire. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from their evil, their schemes, their deceit, their guile, their pride and their vanity. Consider that from the day the divines in Iraq rose up in opposition, most were seen to be abased and cast down, and some returned to their abode in hellfire. What more can this evanescent servant say? In truth it is a pity - nay a hundred pities - that mention of such souls should flow from the pen in such days as these. Shame upon them and their loyalty! Sufficient unto them is what hath been revealed concerning them. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Revealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to all the friends, and say to them on behalf of this servant: O friends! Such days as these have never been seen nor shall be seen again. Know ye their worth and, with perfect fellowship and unity, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, that perchance ailing souls may drink from the sea of healing and distant servants attain to the Kawthar of nearness. For whatsoever is manifested from any soul today shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. God willing, may all be refreshed and gladdened by the vernal breezes of the All-Merciful. These breezes are not like the known breezes that pass in an instant and cease. Rather these are breezes that shall never be cut off from pure and holy hearts, for they waft from

the direction of the garment of the Beloved and pass from the Most Great Prison which is the seat of the throne of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath found and known! Blessed is he who hath inhaled and breathed in! Blessed is he who hath turned toward Him with his breast stripped bare of coverings! And blessed is he who hath turned wholly unto Him, sanctified from all directions!

Whatever I might say is in truth little, even though it be much. Therefore brevity is best. Verily our All-Knowing Lord is the Interpreter, the All-Informed. In any case, in these days the honored Amin beareth witness that this servant hath not had and hath not the opportunity to speak, for matters have reached such a pass that I am continuously present and occupied with the revelation of verses, as petitions have arrived and continue to arrive from all directions. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist me in that which I have been commanded. Today, although there remain many writings that must be completed today, nevertheless permission was obtained from the Source of Grandeur and I became occupied with writing this letter, out of my love for your honor, O thou who hast aided the Cause of our Lord, the All-Bestowing.

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In the name of Him through Whose remembrance the hearts of the Concourse on High are quickened!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou dost witness and behold how I have been tried amongst Thy servants, though I desired naught but to humble myself before the door of Thy mercy which Thou hast opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. I have commanded them only what Thou didst command me, and called them only to that whereunto Thou didst raise me up. By Thy glory! I desired not to exalt myself above anyone in any matter, nor to glory over them through what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy bounty and favor. For I find within myself, O my God, no manifestation before Thy manifestation, nor any authority save after Thy permission and will. Rather, at every moment my heart doth cry, “Would that I were dust whereupon tread the feet of Thy sincere ones among Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones among Thy pure ones!” Were one possessed of hearing to turn unto my members, he would hear from my outer and inner being, my heart and tongue, my veins and limbs, “Would that there might appear from me that which would gladden the hearts of those who have tasted the sweetness of the remembrance of my Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and that through my call someone might ascend to the heaven of Thy Cause and the kingdom of Thy knowledge, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of eternity and the realm of creation!”

And if I say, “Unto me, unto me, O people of creation!”, I desire by this naught but Thy Cause through which Thou hast manifested me and raised me up, that all might turn unto the seat of Thy oneness and the throne of Thy singleness. Thou knowest, O Beloved of Baha and Desire of Baha, that he desireth naught but Thy love and Thy good-pleasure, and he wisheth to purify the hearts of Thy servants from the promptings of self and passion, and to bring them to the City of Eternity that they might be united in Thy Cause and gathered together under the standard of Thy good-pleasure.

By Thy glory, O my Beloved! Were Thou to afflict me at every moment with a fresh tribulation, it would be more beloved to me than that there should occur among Thy loved ones that which would sadden their

hearts or cause their unity to be scattered. For Thou hast raised me up only for their unity in Thy Cause - before which the creation of Thy heaven and earth cannot endure - and for their detachment from all else but Thee, their turning unto the horizon of Thy mighty glory, and their orientation toward the direction of Thy good-pleasure. Therefore, O my God, send down from the clouds of Thy hidden grace that which will purify them from sorrows and human limitations, that the Concourse on High might perceive from them the fragrances of sanctity and detachment.

Then aid them, O my God, unto the unity which Thou hast desired, which is that none should behold another save that he beholdeth in him the revelation wherewith Thou didst reveal Thyself unto him in this Manifestation, whose covenant Thou didst take in the atoms of the Bayan from all who dwell in the realms of being. Whoso gazeth upon this most mighty, most glorious station and this most great, most resplendent condition will never show pride toward anyone. Blessed are they who have attained unto this station; they consort with all in the spirit of joy and fragrance. This is of the unity which Thou hast ever loved and ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures.

Therefore I beseech Thee, O King of Kings, by Thy Name through which Thou didst establish the law of love and concord among Thy servants, to create among Thy loved ones that which will render them united in all things, that through them may be manifested the signs of Thy unity among Thy creatures and the evidences of Thy oneness in Thy kingdom. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: O friends of Truth! The purpose of bearing these successive tribulations and consecutive trials is that souls firm in their faith in God should walk together in perfect unity, in such wise that all difference, duality and strangeness might be effaced from their midst, save within those special bounds that have been revealed in the Divine Books. The man of insight suffers no deficiency in any matter; whatsoever occurs is evidence of the greatness of his station and the purity of his nature. For instance, if one shows humility for God's sake toward the friends of God, this humility in truth returns unto God, as it regards his faith in God. In this case, if the other person does not reciprocate in like manner, or shows pride, the man of insight has attained and will attain unto the exaltation of his deed and its reward, while the harmful consequence of the opposing person's deed returns unto himself. Likewise, if anyone shows pride toward another, that pride returns unto God - God forbid! O ye who are endowed with insight! I swear by the Most Great Name, it is a pity that in these days anyone should fix his gaze upon transient conditions. Stand firm in the Divine Cause and conduct yourselves with utmost love toward one another, purely for the sake of the Beloved. Consume the veils of self with the fire of oneness, and associate with each other with radiant and joyous faces. Ye have all witnessed with your own eyes the attributes of Truth - that never did He desire that a night should pass with any of God's loved ones bearing ill-feeling toward this Servant. The heart of the world is ablaze with the Divine Word - what a pity if ye be not enkindled by this fire! We hope, God willing, that ye will make this blessed night a night of unity, that ye will all unite together and adorn yourselves with praiseworthy and excellent character. Let your endeavor be to guide a soul from the gulf of mortality to the fountain of immortality, and to conduct yourselves among men in such wise that the signs of Truth may be manifest in you. For ye are the first of existence, the first of worshippers, the first of those who prostrate themselves, and the first of those who circle round in adoration. By Him Who hath caused Me to speak what He desireth! Your

names are more renowned in the Most Exalted Kingdom than your mention is among yourselves. Think not this utterance to be vain imagination. Would that ye could see what your Lord, the All-Merciful, perceiveth of the loftiness of your station, the greatness of your worth, and the sublimity of your rank! We beseech God that your selves and your desires may not prevent you from that which hath been ordained for you. We hope that ye will conduct yourselves with one another in the utmost affection, love and friendship, in such wise that through your unity the standard of oneness may be raised aloft and the banner of polytheism cast down, and that ye may outstrip one another in good deeds and in showing forth that which He desireth - His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And verily He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

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O Mulla Shafi', upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, that the utterance of his Lord may draw him to the highest pinnacle of knowledge and bring him near unto Him on this Day whereon all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the worlds!" O Shafi'! Hearken unto that which My Most Exalted Pen hath voiced in this Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Exalted Station, which God hath made the point round which circle them that are in the heavens and on earth. Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the gestures of the people sadden thee from My Self-Subsisting Name, through which My sealed wine was unsealed and all things proclaimed: "The Possessor of all hath come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised." O Shafi'! He hath come Who was mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God. Blessed is he who hath recognized Him and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Say: He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge, and hath spoken before the faces of the world in such wise that neither the veils of the wrongdoers nor the gestures of the heedless have hindered Him. Among the people are those who turned towards Him and drank the choice wine of revelation, and among them are those who turned away in such manner as caused My Herald in the Most Exalted Paradise and Muhammad the Apostle of God in the All-Highest Paradise to lament. However, most of the people are heedless. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. Say: Fear God, and deny not His favor, dispute not His verses, and reject not His grace which hath encompassed all things both small and great. Behold, then mention those who denied the All-Merciful when He came with proof and evidence, and spoke that which none before had spoken. Thus did their souls prompt them to a matter, and today they are amongst the dead. Arise to serve the Cause by God's leave and His sovereignty in such wise as to cause the hearts of the people of the Bayan to tremble - they who have broken the Covenant and turned away from Him in Whom they had formerly believed. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers in God's mighty and glorious Book. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. When thou art blessed by

them and findest the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and the Manifest One through the Most Great Name, for having made Thyself known unto me, shown forth Thy proof unto me, and sent down Thy verses unto me. I testify that Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise."

In the Persian tongue We make mention, that all the people of that land may comprehend the Will of God and stand firm and steadfast in His Cause. This is the Day of steadfastness and the Day of assistance through goodly deeds and pleasing conduct. O Shafi', the people of the Bayan, like unto the people of the Furqan, have clung to vain imaginings and idle fancies, and are diligently engaged in leading the servants astray. Not for a moment have they pondered what the fruits of the deeds, words and beliefs of the Shi'ih party have been. By God! They are in manifest delusion. For twelve hundred years and more they nurtured the helpless masses on vain imaginings and idle fancies, and the result was that they martyred the Purpose of all worlds with hands of hatred. All the ignorant ones of the earth - that is, the lands of Persia - pronounced their verdict to shed the blood of the Sovereign of existence, the Lord of the seen and unseen. And by the ignorant ones are meant the divines of that realm who have been and continue to be the cause of the peoples' rejection and opposition. And now the people of the Bayan are seen to be even more lost, more astray and more remote. They have cast aside certitude and taken fancy as their lord instead of God. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds. The Sovereign of existence Who from the beginning of the Cause stood before the faces of all nations and spoke forth in praise and glorification, Who brought that which all the books of the past cannot equal - Him have they denied, imagining themselves to be among the people of truth, even as the Shi'ih party, despite their utter wretchedness, considered themselves more exalted, more elevated and more learned than anyone else on earth. Yet when the test came, they were found to be the basest of scholars and most tyrannical of peoples, for they martyred the Truth and His loved ones throughout all lands. Fie upon them and upon those who followed them without clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Shafi', protect the party of God and His sheep from the wolves of self and passion belonging to the people of the Bayan, that perchance vain imaginings and idle fancies may not this time seize the servants, that all may be illumined with the light of certitude and assurance and fix their gaze upon the horizon of God alone. Say: This is the Day of God, wherein none but He is mentioned, if ye be of them that know. O Shafi', until now the wayward people of the Bayan have failed to comprehend the Day of God and with the utmost cunning and deceit have striven and continue to strive to lead astray the party of God. They have gathered together whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. The purpose of those heedless and wayward souls is clear and evident. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things preserved in a mighty Book. Through the power of the Most Great Name, take hold of the reins of souls and adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness in the name of Truth, that the satans and the wayward may witness the lights of steadfastness shining from the brow of each one of the party of God. The cawing of the crows hath been raised from the land of Kaf and Ra, and this is that news which was specifically revealed from the Supreme Pen in Iraq and in the Land of Mystery in the Most Holy Book. Blessed are they that know. Blessed are they that are firmly rooted. Blessed are they that are steadfast. Blessed are they that are firm. Gather together the loved ones of God and impart unto them the Divine Tablet, that all may discover from the fragrance of its utterance that which the tongue is powerless to

mention and the pen faileth to describe. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom the signs of the divines have not kept back from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the Nameless Friend!

O Zein, upon whom be the Glory of God! Your letter was received before Us and what was written therein was noted and heard. God willing, may you remain engaged at all times in the remembrance of the Lord of all names. As to what was asked concerning the verse revealed in the Tablet to the kings, it is correct as revealed, with no word omitted. The movement of the Supreme Pen in the fields of Tablets is witnessed in different styles. In one instance, the matter is revealed with brevity - this expression is known as 'easily impossible' - and in another instance, both modes are combined. Therefore in the Surih of Kings the aforementioned verses were mentioned concisely, and this is most eloquent. "When it is asked, 'For what crime have they imprisoned Him?' they answer, 'Indeed, they desired to renew religion'" - meaning that if it be asked for what crime and transgression have ye imprisoned the Luminary of creation, they say these people desired to renew religion. From the Most Exalted Source the answer was revealed: If ye choose the ancient and it is preferred by you, why then did ye abandon the previous religions? At the beginning of this verse, "Say" is implied, so it would read "Say: If the ancient is what is chosen…" etc. And since the meaning of "Say" is understood from the utterance of the All-Merciful, it was therefore not mentioned, and this is the manifestation of perfect eloquence. In any case, this verse is not missing anything and is correct. And what you mentioned regarding the other verse, His exalted Word was "He hath dawned from the horizon of detachment."

As to what you asked about the verse revealed in the Tablet to the Pope, these expressions are allusions to the words of the Son [Christ] that were mentioned. In one place He says: "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And in another place it is mentioned: "Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." From these two passages, the allusion in the words of the Lord of Names in the revealed verse becomes clear. Some statements in certain Tablets refer to previous Books and what was written therein. In these days, Tablets have been specifically revealed for the Zoroastrian people, and what had remained hidden in their books until today has been mentioned. However, until what they possess becomes known, no one will understand the allusions in the revealed verses.

With regard to what you asked about spirits and their awareness of each other after their ascension, know that the people of Baha who are established in the Crimson Ark consort with each other, associate intimately, gather together, soar, aim for their goals, and ascend as if they were one soul - except that

they are the discerning ones, they are the seeing ones, they are the knowing ones. Thus has the matter been decreed from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The people of Baha who dwell in the divine Ark are all aware of each other's conditions and are intimate companions and associates with one another. This station depends on the certitude and deeds of souls. Those souls who are at the same level are aware of each other's qualities, characteristics, ranks and stations. But souls who are below them cannot fully comprehend the levels and stations of those souls who are above them. Each has their portion with your Lord. Blessed is the soul that has turned to God and remained steadfast in His love until its spirit took flight unto God, the King, the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. As for the spirits of the infidels, by My life, at the time of death they recognize what has passed them by, and they lament and implore. Likewise after their spirits depart from their bodies. It is very clear and evident that after death all will become aware of their deeds and actions. By the Sun of the horizon of might! The people of truth will at that time experience such joy as cannot be described. Similarly, the people of error will be seized by such fear, anxiety and terror as cannot be imagined. How excellent is the state of that soul who has taken and drunk the choice and everlasting wine of faith from the hand of the favors and bounties of the Lord of all religions.

Since a promise was previously made to respond, therefore this brief message is revealed and sent at a time when the clamor of the slanderers is raised and the cry of the heedless has drowned out the sound and echo of thunder. Today the loved ones of God must fix their gaze upon the Manifestation and what appears from Him. Some previous traditions had and have no foundation, and most of what former peoples understood and recorded in their books was according to their own desires, as you have observed that most of what people possess of meanings and interpretations of divine verses has been contrary to truth. Thus after the rending of the veil some things became clear and evident and they acknowledged they had not understood a single word of God's words. The intent is that if God's loved ones would purify their hearts and ears from what they have heard before, and with complete attention fix their gaze upon the Dawning-Place of the Cause and what has appeared from His presence, this would be most loved before God. Despite these afflictions that have befallen and trials that have descended, the Most Exalted Pen has not liked and does not like aught save what speaks the truth: Verily there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. For the fragrance of this word prevents the entry of sorrows, but if one becomes occupied with interpretations of previous words it will aid sorrows. We shall see what God wills and what time requires. For now this much will suffice. Give thanks and be among the grateful ones. Convey My greetings to My loved ones whom God has singled out for His love and made them among the successful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of Him at Whose finger's beckoning the Hour hath come and all who are in the heavens were thunderstruck! This is a Book wherein the Kawthar of life floweth from the hands of the All-Merciful, that He might quicken thereby the peoples of all worlds, that they might turn with their hearts toward the direction of the Beloved and be numbered with the triumphant. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of these waters which flow from the Finger of Command, and be not of the heedless. Drink ye thereof and

tarry not even for a moment, for were We to lift the veil from the face of the Cause, ye would sacrifice your very selves for a single drop thereof. Thus do We make mention in truth, that ye may be of them that know. Say: Through one drop thereof were the realities of the Concourse on High attracted, and through another drop the Lote-Tree of the Furthermost Boundary was raised up, then through yet another drop did the Dove of Eternity warble in the paradise of God, the Omnipotent, the Most High, the Most Great - through this remembrance whereby all remembrances were originated, trees yielded their fruits, rivers flowed, and rain descended from clouds of transcendent glory.

Say: O people! We forewarned you in the Tablets of the days wherein souls would be agitated, the sun darkened, the moon eclipsed, the stars would fall, and the tribes of the earth would lament - days We designated as the days of tribulation, were ye to hearken. Yet when they came and therein appeared what was destined to appear, agitation seized you such that the Dove of Remembrance trembled in your breasts, and ye were among the fearful. Say: Do ye not desire to sacrifice your bodies in the path of God, your Lord, that God might make you sovereign in the kingdoms of the Spirit, that ye might soar on holy wings in the kingdom of My names and the empire of My perpetuity, and enter the pavilion of grandeur - the spot wherein My countenance hath been illumined with tremendous lights?

Say: We made mention of the year of tribulation in the Tablets only to forewarn you thereof and to strengthen you in the Cause of God at its appearance, yet ye were heedless of it and were among the slumberers. Say: We have sent down in the Book the decree of all things, yet none knoweth it save those endowed with penetrating vision.

O servant who art mentioned before the Throne! Know thou that the tablets of fire have been spread throughout all regions, yet thou, leave them behind thee and say: The Word of God is greater than whatsoever hath been created between the heavens and the earth. We have found it sufficient, independent of all worlds. Through it every tongue speaketh, every sick one is healed, every ailing one is cured, through it the ocean of knowledge surgeth in the hearts of them that are near unto God, and through it God distinguisheth between the people of Baha and the companions of hatred and transgression, sending forth holy fragrances upon the sincere ones. When the idolaters gather there, fear them not, but scatter them through My Name, the Omnipotent, the Powerful. Say: O people! This is ’Ali in your midst, speaking truth and calling you to the Supreme Horizon. Beware lest ye oppose him, for ye were created for his own self, the Mighty, the Great.

Say: The Primal Point desired naught but what I desire, and I desire naught but what He desired, and that which hath appeared through Me is the beloved of His heart, if ye be of them that know. Say: He is present before the Throne and weepeth for what hath befallen Me at the hands of the people of the Bayan who recite His verses, then slay His Beloved, and are not ashamed before His luminous countenance. Say: O people, judge ye fairly by God - by what proof did ye believe in Him, and by what evidence do ye now deny God, the Lord of all worlds? Verily, from the right hand of the Throne He crieth out, saying: “O people! Did ye not witness that in My days I made mention of My Beloved’s name, spoke in praise of His Self, recalled the wonders of His remembrance, and heralded His glorious and wondrous Beauty? Have ye not seen how I sacrificed My life in His path? By God! When My blood was spilled upon the earth, there was traced therefrom the mention of His exalted and noble Name. Have ye not read

what was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon the tablets of eternity in remembrance of this Beauty through Whose manifestation the Hidden Mystery was revealed? Blessed be God, the Best of creators!"

That paradise wherein the breezes of His love blow not hath ceased to exist, and that earth wherein the trees of His remembrance are not planted hath sunk low, and those feet that walk not upon the path of Him Who hath appeared between the heavens and the earth have stumbled. Verily, I made the Bayan and all that was revealed therein as but a leaf from the leaves of Paradise to be present before Him, and thus was the Command revealed in the Bayan, and ye were among the witnesses. And I took from all who believed in God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Invincible, the covenant of His Self. Yet when He appeared in truth, ye denied Him and allied yourselves with those who sought to shed His blood. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!

Fear ye God and look not upon Him with your eyes but with His eye. This is what ye were commanded in the Tablets, and to this testify My Self and, beyond Me, His Self, the Protector, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Therefore, hear My words, O My servants: if ye believe not in Him, oppose Him not. Have mercy upon Him through Whose will appeared the command of the Kaf and the Nun in the tablets of glory well-preserved. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise weep while ye rejoice within yourselves, and the pillars of the Throne have quaked at your deeds, yet ye remain heedless and are among the most lost people. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in this Paradise, that perchance the people may become aware within themselves and not be among the heedless.

And thou, O servant, hearken unto the call of thy Lord, then detach thyself from all that hath been created between earth and heaven. Then summon the people unto this Cause through which the sun of the Bayan hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the Bountiful, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed in this Paradise which hath appeared in the name of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Stand thou firm in the Cause with steadfastness from Us, and fear not the hosts of the polytheists. Immerse thyself in this Most Great Ocean that thou mayest discover what lieth hidden therein of the pearls of thy Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the Generous. Strip not thy head of the crown of faithfulness, nor thy temple of the Most Glorious adorning, nor thy heart of the Kawthar of eternity, nor thy tongue of My wondrous and glorious remembrance. O Tree of humanity! Be thou enkindled by this Fire that hath been lit in the heart of this Paradise, that through thee may be ignited the hearts of Our seeking servants. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded, by Our decree, for this is better for thee than the kingdoms of the heavens and earth. And the Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Name of Bounty! The Lord of existence is seen beneath the claws of hatred. Nevertheless, We desire to make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Kazim - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - that the attraction of remembrance may draw him to a station from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun

of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh, yet the people are heedless. They have denied the bounty of the Utterance and have committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise in the highest heaven to lament - a station which none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Kazim! Upon thee be My glory! Hear in the Persian tongue: Thy mention hath ever been before the Wronged One, and the gaze of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. There befell Us what hath befallen Us. I swear by the ocean of utterance, had We not borne hardships in God's path, His Cause would have remained behind a veil. Fire in His path is light, and tribulation in His love is rest - nay, He is the Master of all mercies and the Sovereign of all comfort. Some time ago thou didst mention those who journeyed from the Land of Sad to that land. It was observed. Say: O my handmaiden, praise the Desired One of all worlds that thou hast been honored by His mention and distinguished by His favor. The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those with thee, and upon every maidservant who hath turned and believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We send greetings to the handmaidens of that land who have quaffed the choice wine and turned unto the Most Glorious Horizon, and We give them glad tidings of God's grace, kindness and mercy.

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by that which is in Thy knowledge and ordained in Thy mighty Book to strengthen me in steadfastness unto this manifest Cause. Then I implore Thee, O God of all contingent beings and desire of all things existent, by the Word through which the ocean of knowledge surged in all creation and the sun of certitude shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, to write for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will aid me in Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for me that which will profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Thou Who art wronged and O Thou Who art imprisoned in the Most Great Prison! Remember him whose name was present in the Most Great Scene, that he may arise to serve the Cause, detached from all that was and shall be. O Asadu'llah! The Lord of mankind remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. We were seated upon the thrones and speaking in praise when a new governor arrived in this city which was named with the Most Beautiful Names by the One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. When he was established in [the seat of] power, he committed that which caused the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and said that which caused the hearts of those who circle round God's throne, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, to burn. By God's life! We bore the hardships of the earth out of Our desire to manifest the Cause, but most of the people understand not. Say: Tribulation hath never hindered the Baha. He hath stood before all faces with a power that caused the feet of the mystics and the learned to slip, yet the people understand not. We have appeared and manifested what We desired through Our power, and I am verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. If thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say:

By Thy glory, O Desire of the world! I find none to remember me who can reach the atmosphere of the glory of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word and Thy Crimson Ark and the Tablet

wherein Thou hast mentioned those who turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon on this blessed and praiseworthy Day, to protect Thy loved ones from the harm of those who understand not.

O ’Ali! The Countenance of the Ancient Beauty turneth toward thee from His Most Great Prison. Canst thou hear and act upon what the Most Exalted Pen commandeth thee at this moment? Put aside the world in the name of thy Lord and take with the hands of power My perspicuous Book. Neither their books nor their sciences and arts will profit the people except through turning to this Most Great Ocean which surgeth through this manifest Name. What they possess will not profit the world except through My luminous and shining Command. We beseech God to strengthen thee in the greatest steadfastness and aid thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him at all times. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not broken His Covenant and His Testament, who have arisen and declared: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.”

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Samandar, upon thee be My Baha! The mention of the loved ones of that land hath ever been and continueth to be before the Most Holy Court, and from the Most Great Ocean there floweth forth unto each one a gulf of bounty, and the rain of mercy descendeth. The letter of Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, which he wrote to thee, was presented before the face of this Wronged One, and the servant present submitted it all. We heard his call and beheld his deeds. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

According to what was mentioned, the deniers among the people of the Bayan have said that the people of Baha speak unseemly words regarding the martyrs and His Holiness the Proof - upon them be all the most glorious glory and all the most luminous light - and that they do not accept the Bayan. This is naught but a mighty calumny. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically regarding the martyrs is without peer or equal. For each one, a specific tribute hath flowed from the Ancient Pen. The Tablets of Visitation exist - every letter thereof testifieth to the grace, bounty, kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. These heedless souls have, through such calumnies, prevented the hapless servants from the Truth, just as previous factions prevented people from the Lord of all beings through vain imaginings. On the Day of Judgment, imaginary cities and false claims appeared as swords, and there befell the Lord of the world that which caused the atoms of creation to weep.

I bear witness to this, as doth every discerning and enlightened soul. Neither the opposition of the world, nor the clamor of the nations, nor the tyranny of the oppressors, nor the injustice of the wayward, could deter Him from God’s Cause. When the Cause was made manifest, the idolaters and the worshippers of vain imaginings emerged from behind their veils and, with swords of hatred, sought to assail the Lord of all worlds. Say: Where were ye when the limbs of the world trembled with fear of those days, and where were ye when the Wronged One lay bound in chains and fetters? One who was counted among the servants arose, through the instigation of certain idolaters, to oppose the Cause, and by his vain imaginings deprived the weak ones of the earth from the Most Exalted Summit, the Ultimate Goal, and

the Supreme Horizon. Seventy souls were present on this journey and witnessed with their own eyes how that deluded one was unable to utter a word in the presence of God. We beseech God not to deprive hearts and souls of the light of truth. Verily, He hath power over all things.

O Husayn! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books, in spite of those who denied God and His signs, and turned away from Him Whom they were wont to invoke by night and by day. Well is it with thee, and blessed art thou. Say:

My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having taught me, and made me to know, and shown me, and caused me to hear, and guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Cause. I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, O Lord of all being, to assist Thy servants to rend asunder the veils that have hindered them from turning towards Thee and drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy testimonies and the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Repository of Thy knowledge. O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I have turned toward Thee, holding fast to Thy sure handle and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty, O Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. I beseech Thee to aid Thy servants in that which Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! Withhold them not from the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness, nor from the fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the One in Whose grasp lie the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all on this dark night to wisdom and forbearance with the peoples of the earth, both learned and ignorant. Move with love, and with utmost joy and radiance set forth the revealed verses and manifest proofs. Today the helper of the Cause is the fear of God, and Its hosts are goodly deeds and virtuous character. The splendors shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My friends and loved ones who were not deterred by the clamor of the heedless nor the croaking of the croakers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful Herald!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested that which was hidden in the eternity of eternities and concealed from all eyes and sight. When He desired to reveal His grace that encompasseth all created things and to manifest His mercy that precedeth all contingent beings, He spoke the Supreme Word whereby the Herald called out from every direction: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Possessor of all names and attributes!”

Praise be to God Who revealed Himself through His glorious Name unto the world. Then all created things turned toward the Most Great Ocean, each drop of which [announceth] to the servants the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai and the Dawning-Place of the Light that hath shone and gleamed from the horizon of God’s will, the Revealer of verses.

Praise be to God Who hath made death a door to His presence, a means of attaining His reunion, and a cause for the life of His servants. Through it He hath revealed the mysteries of His Book and that which was treasured in His knowledge. Verily, He is the Almighty Whom the tyranny of the oppressors hath not weakened, nor have the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings [hindered].

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Dawning-Place of His glory, the Dayspring of His beauty, the Manifestation of His mysteries, the Revealer of His verses, and the Proclaimer of His evidences. He it is at Whose appearance before the faces of the world the limbs of the nations trembled and the ocean of His Most Great Name surged. Through Him the Supreme Pen moved and revealed its hidden pearls and treasured gems. Through Him the veils were rent asunder, the hearts of those endowed with understanding were set ablaze in their final abode, and all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom and Dominion, then Glory and Power belong to God, the Lord of Lords and the Commander on the Day of Reckoning!"

With Him was a company from among the breezes of revelation and a host from among the Manifestations of God's names and the Dawning-places of His attributes, while before His face the banner of detachment was unfurled. Then from the fragrances of His love and the sweet-scented breezes of His detachment there spread abroad that which transformed conditions in the Most Exalted Station and the most sublime ranks, in such wise as cannot be expressed in words. Thus did the ocean of utterance surge in mention of him who was named Muhammad-'Ali in the Most Holy, Most Luminous Tablet. By My life! Through him the light of the Cause shone forth and the breeze of grace wafted, and the Spirit of the Cause proclaimed before his face: "This is he who hath not broken God's Covenant and Testament, and this is he to whose steadfastness the Tongue of the All-Glorious God hath testified in the Supreme Horizon." The atoms themselves have borne witness to his acceptance, his turning unto God, and his spending that which he possessed in the path of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Samandari! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. The Pen desireth not to make mention in this most grievous calamity of aught save that which may attract the hearts of men, such that the greatest joy may take hold of all people through mercy, kindness and bounty from God unto those who have uttered His praise and have attained to the reading of that which was sent down concerning his remembrance from the heaven of the bounty of the All-Bountiful. May the resplendent light that shineth and the radiant glory that dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon him, upon his family and his kindred, and upon those who have hearkened to his call and his mention in this News, at whose appearance all things, and the Manifestations of the Names, and the Dawning-places of Revelation in the kingdom of creation have spoken. Glory and majesty belong unto God, the Lord of all men, Who speaketh before the faces of the parties.

O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Since his eminence mentioned this word in his testament - Glory be to God! Generally when anyone heareth mention of death, sorrow and dejection appear upon him, yet this lowliest of servants is gladdened by its mention and made joyous by its thought. And in another place: Although at my death friends will be sorrowful and enemies will rejoice, yet since I myself am joyful, let the friends be joyful too. Thus were the gates of mentioning tribulation, whereby the hearts of creatures are troubled, shut fast.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O God, O Rapture of the hearts of those near unto Thee and Light of the hearts of the sincere! Thou seest Thy lovers taking their spirits in their hands, and Thy yearning ones their heads in their palms, awaiting Thy glorious and wondrous meeting, through which the breezes of life have wafted throughout creation. O Lord! Draw them nigh unto Thee, then grant them to drink of the water of Thy reunion at all times. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

And at this time We conclude Our utterance with the mention of him who hath ascended unto Us, and We say: My fragrances, My remembrance and My praise be upon thee and upon those whom neither hatred hath prevented from his remembrance nor the veils of heedlessness from his praise. It behooveth every soul to remember him as My Most Exalted Pen hath remembered him in this most mighty, most holy, most luminous, most glorious station.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who created the Point and appointed for it four pillars, and brought forth from the first pillar an Alif which spoke of its own self and circled round it, being the mirror reflecting it in the station of Oneness, wherein the unitarians profess His unity, the sincere ones glorify Him, and those nigh unto God proclaim that He is God, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the One. And from its second pillar He manifested that same Form in another station, and shed upon it the lights shining forth from His Most Great Horizon, whereupon it called out, turned towards Him, arose in the station of multiplicity, and proclaimed that verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus did all things appear and all names become distinct. And from its third pillar He brought forth another Alif and made it the Dawning-Place of His most exalted attributes, and it proclaimed that verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And from its fourth pillar He manifested that which reflected the first, third and second pillars, and it proclaimed in this station that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Glory be to Thee, O Knower of all knowledge! Hearts and minds are bewildered in seeking to comprehend the pillars of the Point which was created by Thy command and brought into being by Thy will. How can anyone soar into the atmosphere of the knowledge of Thy Self or ascend to a station which those nigh unto Thee among Thy creatures and the sincere ones among Thy servants are powerless to comprehend? I testify that Thou art not known through attributes nor remembered through names. Thou hast ever been exalted above whatsoever may occur to the minds of Thy chosen ones and sanctified from all that may be heard or seen in Thy realm. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to accept from us whatsoever may appear in Thy love as a token of Thy grace, and to hear from us that which our tongues may utter as a sign of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Generous.

My soul be a sacrifice for your love! The servant hath been honored by your noble letter and your exalted words, from which the fragrance of your love was wafted to all regions and by which the hearts of lovers were set ablaze on this Day of Meeting. Joy hath so overtaken me that it cannot be described in writing. I

beseech God to reward you with the most excellent of rewards, for verily He is the Rewarder, the Mighty, the Generous.

Furthermore, it is submitted that a year or less before the arrival of Shaykh Salman, he forwarded to the Most Holy Court such petitions from the loved ones as were in his possession, and for all that was received, replies were revealed from the Dayspring of favors and were dispatched. God willing, may all attain unto them and be illumined by their light, and be set ablaze by the fire of divine love that is enkindled in the words revealed in these blessed pages, and become firm and steadfast in the love of God in such wise that they may cause the people of the world to be set ablaze.

And furthermore, what was with the honored Shaykh arrived, except for the rice. The honored Shaykh (may the Glory of God rest upon him) - Shaykh Salman himself will present the details of this matter. However, I give him the glad tidings that before Shaykh Salman's arrival, a Tablet specifically for him was revealed from the heaven of divine Will, and in that Tablet mention was made accepting what they had sent. Well is it with him! This servant conveys greetings to him, and likewise the funds from the honored Aqa Muhammad Husayn and what Aqa 'Ali-Akbar (upon them be the Glory of God) had sent all arrived, and this evanescent servant sends infinite greetings to each of them. I beseech God to strengthen them at all times. It is well known and evident that all that exists in the world will soon perish and vanish. Blessed are they whom the opposition of the divines and the objections of the jurisprudents - that is, the ignorant ones - have not prevented from the manifest horizon and the straight path, and who have turned with complete certitude and assurance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Their mention shall endure in the Book of God as long as His earthly and heavenly kingdom endures - a bounty that cannot be compared with any other bounty and whose description the Pen of creation is utterly powerless to render. Today is the Lord of Days, and whatever appears in it is reckoned among the most excellent of deeds. Blessed are they who have attained the recognition of God in His days and have arisen to mention and praise Him. Although there was much delay in responding to the petitions of the loved ones - nearly two years passed as Shaykh Salman's arrival was delayed - yet response was sent to all, living and deceased, for repeatedly was this word heard from the Most Holy Tongue that the living and deceased loved ones of God have one station in the Most Great View: "We address them in their death as We address them in their life." Furthermore, the rice that your honor had given to the honored Trustee (upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds) arrived. Moreover, mention of the prisoners of that land has ever been made in the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they who assisted them in their life and remember them after their ascension. I beseech God to enable all the loved ones to act with the wisdom that hath been revealed in the Tablets. Had they acted upon what was revealed until now, most of the people of the earth would have turned to the horizon of the Cause. God willing, may all be focused on what God hath desired. Some time ago, through Shaykh Salman, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for your honor was revealed and sent, and likewise in this instance, the last Tablet was given to his honor, the Name of God M.H. (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God) to forward. Praise be to God, perfect bounty from the horizon of grace is shining upon your honor. All those circumambulating send greetings to your honor. The Glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you. This petition was to be dispatched to your presence in the company of Shaykh Salman, but due to numerous

occupations it was delayed and sent from elsewhere. We beseech God to honor him with your presence. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Praise be to Him Who hath, through a word proceeding from Him, become the Sovereign of the world and hath adorned it with the ornament of His names and attributes, that all may testify that verily He is God, there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been supreme over His creation and powerful over His dominion. He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God Who hath forbidden His servants to dispose of His possessions without His leave. Should He permit anyone to do as he pleaseth for a time, this would be but a token of His wisdom that encompasseth all created things. He is indeed established upon the throne. He heareth and seeth. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Praise be to God unto Whose greatness and sovereignty all things have testified. He is the One Whose mercy hath preceded His servants. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. The horizons have been flooded with the light of the Sun of His bounty, and the world hath been illumined by the radiance of His grace which hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen. I offer praise, salutation and glory unto those whom neither fear nor perturbation have deterred from God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. These are they who are the people of truth amidst mankind. Whoso gazeth upon their countenances perceiveth the freshness of the All-Merciful, and findeth their hearts firmer than mountains in the Cause of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, the horizon of this servant's heart hath been illumined by the dawning of the Sun of your remembrance, O Thou Who art our Beloved and the Beloved of the world, our Goal and the Goal of the nations. Blessed be your heart through which flow and have flowed the rivers of the All-Merciful's love throughout all possibility. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us and to grant us from the heaven of His bounty that which befitteth His greatness and sovereignty. He is indeed the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to what ye wrote concerning the daughter of him who hath ascended unto God, it hath been presented before the Countenance. He hath said, and His word is the truth: It is not for her to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, but she may choose one from among those who have quaffed the wine of recognition and have attained the lights of the Countenance when all in creation turned away from it. Those who have made arrangements and wished to arrange the means of her journey, their reward is with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We glorify their faces from this station and counsel them to fear God and to do that which befitteth His Cause that dominateth all who are in earth and heaven.

As to what ye mentioned regarding the House, He hath said, and His word is the most sweet: No one should speak concerning it. Its owner hath suffered that which is greater than what befell it, as testified by the Mother Book which is with Him. We have spent all that we possessed in the path of God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. He who hath disposed and disposeth of it without My leave hath indeed been heedless of My remembrance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant him success in returning. He is verily the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His Name, the Supreme over all possibility. Say: O My loved ones! Blessed are ye for having attained unto the remembrance and praise of God. Rejoice with exceeding joy, then give thanks to Him by night and day. Grieve not over what hath befallen the House. Be patient, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Patient. Consider what hath befallen the Wronged One when He was in the hands of His enemies, then remember the afflictions that encompassed Him from all directions. Thus doth the Prisoner speak. He hath in all conditions placed His trust in the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

As to what ye mentioned concerning Haji Muhammad and his wife, it hath been presented before the Countenance. The Beloved hath said: She should follow her husband in what is right. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book.

[…] And as for what they desired regarding permission for the blessed place - this was presented and the sun of permission has dawned from the horizon of utterance. I beseech God the Exalted to aid them and us in that which unifies hearts and through which the remembrance of God is exalted among His servants. And concerning what you mentioned about Jenab-i-Nasir, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]: excellent is what he has done and he has heeded what was commanded of him. I beseech God the Exalted to send down upon him blessings from the heaven of His bounty. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

O my beloved and the beloved of my heart! It behooveth the people of Zawra to conceal what is sent to them, for most people are heedless and contentious. None should object regarding the letter Mim and Vav, and the loved ones should hold fast to what they were previously commanded concerning him. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is indeed the Kind, the Generous. They must maintain silence regarding him and remain calm and quiet about what proceedeth from him. Verily He doth not allow to be lost the reward of one who hath arisen to serve Him and hath spoken His praise - to this every discerning soul doth testify. Your honor should counsel the people of Iraq to patience, calmness and pure wisdom, lest there be raised the clamor of those who have taken good for evil, who have considered justice to be tyranny and oppression, and reformation to be corruption. Would that they had known and understood what their Kind and Trustworthy Lord desired for them. We beseech your honor to convey my greetings to the faces of God's loved ones in those parts. I ask Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Then there reached the Servant a letter from Jenab-i-Muhammad-Ibrahim, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. He had previously written a letter to the Servant and desired to attain Our presence, but the command was issued to prevent it. I ask the Beloved to aid him in what He loveth and is pleased with. He is among those who have attained the presence time after time, again and again. He should hold fast in the Cause of his Lord to what he was commanded. In truth, he has attained the presence and drunk the choice wine

of reunion, cup after cup, chalice after chalice. Today, after having attained what he has attained, it behooveth him to hold fast to that which will cause the Cause of God to be exalted, through the wisdom which the Most Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. The Servant conveyeth his greetings to him and to both [of them] and to the faces of those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords. I hope that your honor will convey my greetings and my sincerity to him, and what I have written in his name, that he may rejoice in God's grace and mercy and act according to what hath been commanded by the Wise Ordainer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon your honor and upon all who are with you.

The Servant

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In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Praise be to Him Who hath, with the finger of might, rent asunder the veils of creation and hath cried out with the most exalted call betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We praise and thank Him for having made known unto us His path and for having taught us that which was hidden from all who dwell on earth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful Who desired to quicken the world through His Most Great Name. Yet when He came with the Kingdom of Utterance amongst the peoples, every heedless one turned away, every ignorant one waxed proud, and every learned one objected, save those whom the veils of names withheld not from the Creator of heaven, and whom the cawing of the crows drove not away from the Most Exalted Horizon. These arose and stood firm in service to the Cause, giving voice to the praise of their Creator and Fashioner amidst all peoples. These are honored servants upon whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they, for having fulfilled their covenant and their pledge, for having cast behind them the books of idle fancies and taken hold of the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Just, the True, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, your letter reached Me, and when I had read and learned of its contents, I repaired to the station and laid it before the face of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. He spoke, exalted be His majesty and magnificent be His sovereignty: O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! There hath come before the Wronged One that which thou didst send in the name of My servant who is present, and We have learned what was contained therein. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto His Face, and the heart that hath turned towards Him, and the tongue that hath spoken His beauteous praise. Bear thou witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth - that there is none other God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks for His having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His Cause, when every renowned scholar remained heedless thereof. The grace is in His hands - He singleth out whom He willeth through His command. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is he who hath cast

away idle fancies and taken hold of the Book of God with clear certitude. Act thou in accordance with that which hath been enjoined upon thee by God - this is better for thee than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. God will soon manifest the stations of His loved ones on earth. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Hold thou fast to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest riches hold thee back from the ultimate goal, or earthly concerns grieve thee on this Day wherein the ocean of joy and gladness hath surged in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Kings and subjects, rich and poor, shall all perish, but that which hath been sent down unto thee from the kingdom of thy Lord, the Kind, the Merciful, shall endure. God willing, may ye speak, purified from worldly things, in remembrance of the Lord of Names, and be turned towards His horizon. These are the final days - strive ye to attain the divine bounties. Praise be to God that ye have heard His call and turned towards His horizon. Now must ye hold fast to the cord of steadfastness, for mighty indeed is this Cause. At all times take refuge with the True One, that He may protect you from the harm of the barking ones, the opposers, and the deniers. The barking hath been raised and shall continue to be raised. We have informed all of this beforehand. Verily He loveth His loved ones and hath informed them beforehand of all that hath appeared from afar and shall appear hereafter. Should anyone come unto you with the book of the nethermost depths, leave him behind you and place your trust in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, the loved ones of God must be observed to be so steadfast that all who dwell on earth shall be powerless to prevent them. We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted between earth and heaven. He, verily, is the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing. Today the Cause must be assisted through deeds and goodly character. By the life of God! Goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are sharper than swords and more penetrating than the essence of steel. By these two must ye render assistance. Thus doth God counsel you as a favor from Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus ends the blessed verses that have been sent down. The favor of God is manifest and evident. God willing, may ye ever gaze towards His horizon and attain His grace. By the life of God! This is the Day of mention and utterance. Blessed are they that attain.

Concerning your questions about Huququ'llah and endowed properties: endowments revert to the Truth, as hath been revealed in the Book of God. However, in view of the wisdom which all are commanded to observe today, such funds should be spent on the same purposes as before, lest the clamor of the heedless be raised. As for Huququ'llah, it is the source of blessing and the manifestation of bounty and loving-kindness for the servants. He, verily, is independent of what hath been and what shall be. Until two years ago, the matter of Huquq was concealed, and even after it was revealed, this was due to grace. Should anyone be enabled to act in accordance with what hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book, this would assuredly be best, most exalted and most befitting for him. This ordinance is binding when possible. He, verily, speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way.

Concerning what you wrote about your parents and brother, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Praise be to God, they were adorned with the ornament of divine mercy. Mention of your sister was also made at the Most Exalted Presence. His word, exalted be His grandeur: "God willing, may they act in accordance with what God loveth and speak that which He desireth." This station is most

lofty. Blessed is he who attaineth unto it, and blessed is he who drinketh from the ocean of the utterance of his Lord, the Generous, the Bestower.

This servant's humble request is that you convey to the friends in that land mentions of glorification, praise and the sincerity of this evanescent servant. The Glory be upon you and upon them, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Servant.

27 Muharram 1298

Concerning what you wrote about the berries, that you were not successful [in delivering them], it was presented. His exalted Word: "Grieve not over this. We have accepted it from thee before its arrival before the Face. Verily thy Lord is the Generous One, and His Self is the One Who dominateth the worlds."

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Revealed for he who hath partaken of the wellspring of the letter ?ad and hath been mentioned by this name amongst the Concourse of eternity in the most glorious horizon.

O thou who art the remnant of Our Most Beautiful Names! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the Ancient Scene, the seat of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. O thou who art the remnant of what was left of the family of Husayn in the land of ?aff! Arise to promote the Cause between the heavens and the earths, then let the herald call out that he may summon the servants in these grievous days to the Manifestation of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Verily, those who today are veiled in heedlessness - these have forgotten the remembrance of their Lord, and their souls have suggested to them a course of action, but thy Lord, the Help in Peril, is independent of them and of all created things. Say: O people! Fear God and deny not Him through Whom every wise command hath been made manifest, and unto Whom the Cause shall return in the hereafter and the former times - a promise binding upon Us; verily We are they who cause all to return. And whoso is not detached today from all things shall never be able to enter the Kingdom of God, thy Lord. Thus hath the command been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! Follow that which hath been revealed in the Book and be not of the ignorant. Purify yourselves through the remembrance of God and follow not the footsteps of Satan. Say: By God! We have sanctified Our soul from all things and have veiled Our countenance from the gaze of all peoples, and were silent from all remembrances and from every new remembrance, and We witnessed that the people were veiled from the Cause of God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing. And there was none to remind the people and draw them nigh unto Paradise and guide them to the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thereupon We arose to promote the Cause and manifested the Face with clear sovereignty until the Cause reached the East of the earth and its West, and the power of God was made manifest and encompassed all peoples, and the hearts of the troubled were set at rest, and the sun of assurance shone forth from the horizon of might with manifest and glorious lights. […]

O My loved ones! Nothing has profited them, nor will anything ever profit them, and they are at this hour in manifest loss. Say: O people! Turn unto God Who created you and fashioned you and sent down unto you the Tablets of His Cause through His messengers, that they might give you glad tidings of the paradise of His mercy and convey unto you that which would draw you nigh unto a most exalted and holy seat. When the days were fulfilled unto this Day, then did He manifest Me in truth and send Me unto you with all the signs, were ye of those who recognize. And among the people are those who say that naught hath passed of God's days save a numbered few and certain known years, and therefore it behooveth not that anyone should appear. Thus have they limited God's Cause by their own limitations, even as did those before them, and were among the idolators. They say what the people of the Furqan said when God came in the temple of His name, the Most High, the Most Great. These have left not a letter of what was uttered by the people of the Furqan; nay, We find them more veiled than the peoples of old, as ye would testify were ye among those who ponder the verses of God and what issueth from their mouths. Such as these have denied all God's bounties and have made His signs into fragments. Thus do We recount unto thee the tale of the idolators, then do We expound unto thee the tale of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people! Judge fairly within your own selves which of the two parties is nearer unto God and His way. Set forth, O concourse of the Bayanis! And thou, turn aside from those who have openly denied God, even though thine eyes [behold them]. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful commanded thee when He was encompassed by sorrows from the manifestations of Satan and was in evident grief. By God, O thou who art assured in God! When the deniers witnessed that the verses had been sent down from the heaven of Command and had encompassed the worlds, they arose to slay Me. When the hosts of victory descended and God preserved Me from their evil, they arose with another plot through what Satan had whispered in their hearts, and thus was the matter, wert thou of them that hear. They fabricated against Me that which beseemed their own selves and attributed unto Me that which their own souls and hands had committed, that they might cast the fetters of the Youth into the hearts of the unitarians. By God, the Truth! Whoso hath drunk from this cup will never turn unto all who are in the heavens and the earth and will be independent of all the worlds. Thus have We expounded the matter unto thee and bestowed upon thee yet another favor that thou mightest thank God, thy Lord, and be of the thankful ones. And the mercy that hath no beginning and no end be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who hearken unto thy words concerning God, thy Lord and their Lord and the Lord of all creation.

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He is God - Exalted be His Station, to Him belong Greatness and Glory

This evanescent servant, whenever he attempts to offer praise and thanksgiving, it is as though he hears from all his limbs and members the cry "it cannot draw nigh unto me, for God hath placed it beyond the comprehension of all creation." And when he turns away and sets down pen and paper, it is as though spirit, heart and soul cry out: "O heedless one! Art thou in despair, even though thou hast heard from the Tongue of Grandeur 'Despair not of God's mercy'?" He stands between light and fire - His light […] and His fire strikes fear, yet this servant circumambulates both, for the light is a gleam from the effulgences of

the Sun of His Countenance, and the fire is a flame from the burning of the Tree of Grace. Glory be to God! The Ocean of Life surgeth, and the horizon of grace and bounty is manifest, evident, dawning and resplendent. Nevertheless, all are heedless of Him save whom God willeth. In the Qur'an the All-Merciful saith: "None shall touch it save the purified ones." Now this evanescent servant declareth concerning the manifestations of grace which "none behold save those who are brought nigh": O my God, O Thou the Generous One! Thy Name of the Beloved hath attracted the world, and Thy Name of Bounty hath adorned the nations with the ornament of prosperity. The people of the world, despite their heedlessness and ignorance, seek the wonders of Thy grace, and the wayfarers, despite their weakness and poverty, are in search of the gems of Thy bounty. Thou art He the rejection of Whose grace by the ungrateful hath not withheld the rain of Thy mercy and bounty, and the ignorance of Whose servants hath not concealed the manifestations of Thy knowledge. The swords of princes and the chains of the mighty have not prevented Thee from Thy purpose. Thine is the power and the strength, and Thine is the might and the choice. I beseech Thee to adorn Thy faithful servant, who is designated by the name of Hasan, with the lights of Thy Most Great Name amongst the world and the nations. O Generous One! Through Thy conquering power and Thy prevailing might, preserve him from the evil of the heedless and idolatrous souls. Make manifest in his heart the light of steadfastness and kindle in his being the fire of love, that he may be wholly occupied with Thee, in such wise that his name may be exalted under the shadow of Thy Name and his station may be elevated beneath the canopy of Thy station. Thine is the bounty and the generosity, and Thine is the grace and the bestowal, O Thou the Bestower of favors! Thy grace took his hand and delivered him from the doubts and vain imaginings of men. Verily, this servant hath laid hold on the hem of Thy bounty and the cords of Thy generosity and favors, that Thou mayest make him a servant of Thy Cause, standing firm in Thy service, and speaking forth Thy praise and glorification with wisdom and eloquence. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all religions and the Ruler of all existence.

Thereafter, this evanescent one, after reading 'Ali's letter and reviewing it, turned his attention until that which was in the letter was presented before the presence of the Countenance. He said: Praise be to God! Through the confirmations of the Blessed One they have attained, and by the radiant lights of the Sun of divine knowledge they are illumined and adorned. All the peoples of the world count themselves among the faithful and assured, yet when the test came and the light of recognition shone forth from the direction of Mecca, all the divines - whether idol-worshippers, Jews, or Christians - arose in opposition, though that Holy Being called all to the word of unity. Glory be to God! The ears of the polytheists were deprived of His call and the eyes of the heedless were prevented from beholding the splendors of His beauty. Finally they issued the decree for His death and arose with utmost hatred and malice to shed His most pure blood. The more they opposed, the more manifest became the light of His Cause, and the more complete their objections, the more intense grew the fire of His Cause. His is the command and the creation, His the grandeur and the majesty. Verily He is the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens.

The servant present read thy letter. Praise be to God, the fragrance of steadfastness and the sweet-scented breeze of love were inhaled therefrom. We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next, and to exalt thee through His Name in the kingdom of creation. There is no God but Him, the Omnipotent over His will. Within His grasp lie the reins of all who dwell in the kingdoms of earth

and heaven, and in His right hand are all who abide in the dominion of command and creation. He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

His is the praise and the bounty, His the majesty and the grandeur. He is the King Who has honored His loved ones at all times with mention and utterance among all possibilities. He deposited the seed of divine knowledge in the soil of hearts through His hands of mercy and watered it with the rains of His grace. Praise be to God, it has sprouted forth in such wise that neither the poisons of the world can harm it nor the afflictions of the nations can alter it. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee to promote the Word with wisdom and utterance and to become the cause of spreading divine knowledge in those regions. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. I convey greetings of peace to the friends in that land. It is hoped they will recognize the worth and station of this time, will in all conditions drink from the cup of bounty, and will gaze toward the highest horizon. Praise be to God, the lights of the Sun of favor are shining and the ocean of grace is surging. Blessed are they who in this transient world acquire an everlasting station. This servant is occupied with the remembrance of the friends in the nights and days. God willing, may all hold fast with utmost strength, power and assurance to the cord of the favor of the Lord of religions. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The sweets that were sent arrived. In truth, the fragrance of love wafted from them all and the palate of God's loved ones was sweetened thereby. After they were presented in the Most Holy Court, they were accepted and with a smile it was said: "They arrived at a good time." According to command, some were distributed and some preserved so that others might gradually partake thereof. Peace be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the Desire of all worlds!

O Shaykh 'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! We have heretofore spoken in eloquent language that which betokened pure grace and everlasting remembrance. Now We speak in the language of light that it may draw thee to the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's grace, the All-Informed Speaker. By the life of God! From the earliest days until now, by night and by day, the Pen of counsel hath been in motion, and in the first rank and station Its purpose hath been naught but to quench the fire of hatred and rancor which blazeth in the hearts and breasts of the diverse peoples of the world. Thou art well aware of the differences among the people. We have forbidden conflict, corruption and strife, and have commanded all to that which giveth rise to justice, equity, refinement and grace. God the All-Knowing beareth witness that We have had no purpose for Ourselves, and the tribulations We have suffered in this path are beyond reckoning. Every fair-minded soul hath testified and doth testify to this. Neither the opposition of the divines, nor the might of the powerful, nor the sovereignty of rulers did deter this servant. Were the possessors of majesty, wealth, bounty and glory to ponder, even briefly, upon that which hath been mentioned before and after, all would hasten toward the ocean of divine generosity, and would find

themselves purified and sanctified from the dust of idle fancies and the darkness of vain imaginings of men, and would utter the blessed words “Now hath the truth become manifest.”

This Wronged One hath spoken only for the sake of God, and thus did We acquaint all kings and cities of the world with that which is the cause and source of true bounty, heavenly sustenance and everlasting life, that they might arise to assist the Cause of God and remove hatred and rancor from their midst. Should the possessors of insight regard with fairness the pearls of wisdom and utterance which have emerged from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen by the command of the Lord of all beings, the tongues of their realities and essences would testify that Baha hath not spoken of His own desire, but rather by that which He was commanded by God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

Consider the Shi’ih sect! Now all their divines mount the pulpits to curse the Desire of the worlds. What hath been the cause of this wrong and the reason for this heedlessness? By the life of God! It hath been naught but imitation and limitation. That which is befitting and conducive to the salvation, prosperity and reformation of the world and its peoples is but one thing: that the servants should observe and hearken with their own eyes and ears.

O thou who art mentioned before the Face! Today the waves of the ocean of utterance are manifest before all faces, and the blessed Tree is adorned with new, wondrous and goodly fruits, and the splendors of the Sun of Truth are shining from the horizon of will, visible and manifest. Blessed is he who hath shown justice in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, and joy be unto him who hath witnessed and seen and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the News mentioned in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy!”

It is hoped that his honor will strive to exalt the Word of the Lord of all beings and shatter the idols of suppositions and fancies through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Today is the day of endeavor and service, that perchance through the efforts of steadfast souls the world may attain to that which is befitting and worthy. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. Strive, that perchance ye may, through celestial power, transform the abasement and heedlessness of people into elevation and glory. The day before, these special words were revealed from the heaven of divine wisdom to one of the wise ones, and are mentioned here that they may increase his honor’s resolve: O Wise One! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The power and structure of faith have weakened; the supreme remedy is needed. The darkness of the peoples’ base metal hath seized them; the greatest elixir is needed. O Wise One! Hath the crown of victory possessed such power as to transform diverse and differing elements into a single thing, raising it to the station of pure gold? Though its transformation appeareth difficult and complex, yet in the sight of this Wronged One the transformation of earthly power into celestial power is possible. That which transforms this power is greater than any elixir. This station and this power are specially reserved for the Word of God. It is the essence that transforms fear into assurance, weakness into strength, and abasement into glory. One drop from the ocean of divine wisdom struck Badi’ and like a globe of fire he sought martyrdom. His moisture was transformed to fire, his weakness to power, and his sluggishness to swiftness. At this time, what is needed is to seek healing from the Incomparable Almighty for the diseases of ignorance, heedlessness, and vain imaginings. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen

ones. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to take hold of the reins of wisdom. Verily God is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee, and upon the learned one whom knowledge hath not veiled from the Known One, and upon the mystic whom mysticism hath not veiled from the Recognized One, and upon the unlettered one who hath broken the chains of limitation and believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

At the end of the book, these words, which are the cause and means of the greatest attainment for the peoples and the cause of deliverance in these days, are mentioned: If it becomes possible and the means of movement and permission are provided, let his honor, for the sake of God, journey to these parts for a while and spend some days in association, that he may become aware of the reality of the Cause. This will become the means of deliverance for some of the servants. Now the objectors among the people of Bayan are tormented by fancies similar to the fancies of the previous party, but after meeting both parties, that which is now hidden will be revealed and they will attain to true understanding. This is a great undertaking and among the good deeds that had and has no likeness or equal. It is hoped that his honor will be assisted in what was mentioned and become the cause of deliverance for a number of the deluded ones. This is not difficult for God. We beseech Him to open through thee the door of understanding to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and through thee to raise the standard of utterance to the highest heights. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise, thanksgiving, remembrance, glorification, peace and splendor, in the highest degree, befit the most holy and sublime threshold of the Desired One, Whose Pen of Will moves by day and night in remembrance of His chosen ones and near ones. Through the Kawthar of utterance which flows from Him, hearts and minds attain unto a wondrous new life. What pen could ever prove capable of giving thanks for this supreme benevolence and praise for this mighty gift? The waves of the ocean of bounty have appeared in such wise that those who wield the pen are powerless and incapable of enumerating them. His mercy has taken precedence, adorning nothingness with the ornament of existence. Blessed is the soul that in His days has attained, and has become possessed of but one word from His presence. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower, in the beginning and in the end.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart! A few days ago brief replies were written to your detailed letters, and these were sent along with wondrous and exalted Tablets, that perchance assured souls might drink from the depths of the ocean of oneness concealed within the words of the Desired One of all worlds, and attain unto fresh life. Your letter, together with the letters and petitions of the friends, reached the Most Holy Court, and that which was specifically revealed for each one bears witness to the Day of God and all that hath been made manifest therein. As bidden, give the glad-tidings unto all and deliver whatsoever hath been sent, both past and present. Despite the world's upheavals and its incidents, and the hatred of the former party - namely the Shiites - the Most Exalted Pen hath not ceased from remembrance, and with the most loud-sounding call hath summoned and continueth to summon all.

In these days, praise be to God, the friends arrive continuously; no space remaineth. In two days, nineteen souls with radiant faces and illumined hearts arrived and attained. Though space is limited, by God's grace their hearts are vast. In hardship they are patient, holding fast to beautiful patience. The servant beseecheth his Lord to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Papers numbering the numerical value of Bahhaj (11) were sent. In all cases, beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid all to that which is the cause of eternal remembrance and everlasting life. One Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for Haji Hassan (M.S.), upon him be the Glory of God, and one blessed Tablet specifically for Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, in response to his petition. And specifically for the son, wife and uncle of Aqa Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, sacred and luminous Tablets were revealed and sent; these will reach them. Indeed, what that beloved one wrote regarding their being set ablaze with the fire of love and their arising to serve the Cause is the truth, in which there is no doubt.

As to what was mentioned concerning the other loved ones, upon them be the Glory of God - all was presented at the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of His hearing. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Amin! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness." The letters from your honor, both previous and recent, which you sent to this servant arrived and were presented at the Most Holy Court. We made mention of each of the loved ones mentioned therein. The gaze of the Wronged One has ever been directed toward His loved ones. God willing, may they attain to such a station wherein the happenings of the world will not hold them back from remembrance, praise and service to the Cause. May they be ignited by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illumined by the light of His Cause. Specifically regarding those souls mentioned from Kaf and Ra for whom your honor requested Tablets - each has attained that around which the ocean of utterance circles. We beseech God to assist them through His grace, to remind them of His verses, draw them nigh unto Him, and ordain for them the Most Great Steadfastness. God willing, it is hoped they will attain this most great and mighty station and behold all else but God as a mere handful of clay.

O My beloved! The helpless servants are unaware, imagining that Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi and Mirza Baqir-i-Isfahani are cognizant of the Cause. Every person of insight and hearing testifies that all were and are utterly ignorant and move in absolute darkness. That most grievous calamity was never with the Truth but appeared through a deception that had and has no likeness or equal. The Tablets of God which the late Aqa Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, carried upon first arriving at the prison fell into the hands of that deceitful oppressor, who gave them to Mirza Hadi, son of that illusory person. He copied them in his own hand in Yahya's name and sent them to certain places. Where has fairness gone? What happened to justice? They have turned away from the Truth which, from the beginning of the Cause until now, has openly and without any veil summoned the peoples of East and West to the Supreme Horizon, while they cling to idle fancies and idols. Leave them to their vain desires and leave them in their idle discourse, for they neither perceive, nor recognize, nor know. Glory be to God! Verses have been revealed and descended like rain, yet the heedless ones of the world claim knowledge and, like the former party, have strived and continue to strive to mislead the servants. In that dispensation, a few souls deprived the helpless servants of eternal bounty, everlasting sustenance, and the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores God to raise up servants who will protect people

from former superstitions, break the idols of falsehood and fancy, and turn toward the station of truth and certitude. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the Throne and earth.

Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to the loved ones in every land. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to cause all to attain that which leads to the reformation of the world and the life of nations. Verily, He has power over all things. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you and hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

In the sacred month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1305

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Questions were submitted concerning the divine ordinances, and from the Dayspring of grace this answer shone forth and appeared, these are His words, exalted be His glory: O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! God willing, may you be successful through God's grace in all worlds. Your questions are accepted before the Throne, for in them lies benefit for all creation. We have specifically commanded you to inquire about the divine laws and verses. We have made you a source of good for the servants. You must at all times enjoin the people to observe the divine ordinances, that perchance they may attain to that which God has commanded and that which benefits their own selves. Although few souls are observed to be obedient to the divine commandments - for instance, while many in various lands have attained to the light of faith, only a few have as yet succeeded in acting according to that which has been revealed by Him - We had previously written to you that had the people of that land paid the Huqúqu'llah, they would have found comfort. Prior to its being decreed, none were bound by it, and the Supreme Pen had, for a number of years, paused in the revelation of ordinances and commandments, and this was due to divine grace. Were the people of the world to recognize the fruits of that which the All-Merciful has revealed, all would arise to fulfill His bidding and act according to what He has ordained. However, in light of the wisdom revealed in God's Tablets, there is no harm in foregoing certain laws which today cause commotion among the people and become cause for their veiling. But as for those deeds which do not cause aversion and notoriety, such as prayers, payment of rights, and the like, all must surely act upon these. Regarding Zakat, We have commanded that they should act as was revealed in the Qur'an. God willing, in these days some verses of the Most Holy Book will be explained in Persian, and within them mention will be made of certain laws that have not been revealed. Verily thy Lord, in all circumstances, desires the good of His loved ones and teaches them His straight, clear, and right path.

When a person acquires ownership of one thousand mithqals of gold and pays its Huqúqu'llah, no further Huqúqu'llah is payable on that property unless it increases through trade and business dealings and reaches the amount subject to Huqúqu'llah - that is, on any profits derived therefrom. In such cases, one must act according to what God has decreed. However, if the property passes into other hands, Huqúqu'llah becomes payable on it again as it was the first time. At that point, the Right of God must be paid. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable His loved ones to partake of the ocean of His good-

pleasure, which is the cause and means of salvation for all peoples of the world, and to willingly act in accordance with that which ensures the purification and preservation of existence. The Primal Point has stated that Huqúqu'llah must be paid on the value of all things that one possesses, but in view of His supreme bounty, We have exempted household furnishings and one's residence - that is, such furnishings as are needed.

As to the question that was asked regarding which takes precedence - Huqúqu'llah, the debts of the deceased, or funeral expenses - God's decree is that funeral expenses take precedence, followed by payment of debts, and then the payment of Huqúqu'llah. Verily, He will discharge the debts of His loved ones, and who is more capable of this than He? He is the Fulfiller, the Payer, the Generous One. If the estate is insufficient to cover the debts, whatever is available should be distributed proportionally, whether little or much. The matter of debt is of great importance. In the Book it is written: "Blessed is he who ascendeth unto God, and hath no debt to any one, nor any Right of God or of His servants due from him." It has been known that the Right of God takes precedence over all other rights; however, purely as a bounty, the Manifestation of Revelation has decreed what hath been set down in this Tablet by His life-giving and all-knowing Pen […] regarding inheritance, that if there be no offspring, their shares revert to the House of Justice, and when any of the other categories are not present, such as father, mother, brother, sister, or teacher, whether their shares also revert to the House of Justice or are otherwise disposed - this matter hath been revealed in the Book of God. He saith, exalted be He: "Should one die and leave no offspring, their share shall revert to the House of Justice" and so forth. And: "Should one leave offspring but none of the other categories specified in the Book, two-thirds of what they leave shall revert to the offspring and the remaining third to the House of Justice." Thus hath the All-Mighty, the Most Exalted, decreed with grandeur and majesty. If there be offspring but some or all of the other souls - father, mother, brother, sister and others - are absent, the shares of those souls shall be divided into three parts: two parts shall revert to the offspring and one part to the House of Justice. The meaning of the blessed verse is thus: one who hath offspring but none of what is below it, that is, none of what is below offspring among those specified in the Book - namely the aforementioned souls of father, mother, spouse, brother, sister and teacher - two-thirds of the shares of the aforementioned souls from what the deceased hath left shall revert to the offspring and one-third to the House of Justice. And this decree applieth whether all or some of these categories are absent.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

The throne hath been established and upon it hath been seated the Ancient Beauty, Who hath called out in the most exalted voice among the nations: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Thereupon did the Nightingale of Immortality warble upon the branches of the Tree of Utterance: "The appointed time hath passed and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty." How excellent is he who hath heard, turned unto, and answered his Ancient Lord! He is assuredly among those who are brought near in a noble Book.

Thereafter, when I heard the whistling of the bird of thy longing and yearning, and was drawn by the mention of the Beloved and the praise of the Desired One which thou hadst made as a crown for thy letter, I repaired to the Most Exalted Goal and the Dayspring of the signs of our Great Lord. When I attained His presence, I presented what was in thy letter. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory: "O Husayn! Rejoice that the face of the Beloved hath turned toward thee from this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names and with that which none hath known save God, the Lord of all worlds. The servant present hath brought thy letter and presented its contents. Thy Lord verily is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace - He hath forgiven thee as a bounty from His presence. He verily is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Preserve thou this most exalted Station and place thy trust at all times in the One, the All-Informed."

We have desired in this Station to make mention of him who ascended unto Us and attained the Supreme Companion, the Station whereby the eyes of those brought near were solaced. He was named Lu?f-'Ali in the Kingdom of Names, and there was revealed for him from the Most Exalted Pen that which hath perfumed with its fragrance the heavens and the earth. Blessed art thou, O Lu?f-'Ali, in that the Desired One maketh mention of thee from this luminous horizon. The mercy that floweth from the chalice of thy Lord's benevolence be upon thee, O thou who didst believe in God and turn unto Him when every heedless one turned away. Thou art he who remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and answered His call when it was raised amongst the servants. Thy Lord is verily the Faithful Witness. Thou art he whom the veils withheld not from the Lord of Lords. Thou didst turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon and didst attain unto the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who remembereth thee after thee even as thy Lord, the Speaker, the True, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath remembered thee.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn Thy face unto him who was named Najaf-'Ali, then make mention of him in such wise that his remembrance may endure in God's Kingdom, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou art he who shattered the idol of fancy and took hold of the Book of Certitude in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. I bear witness that thou didst believe in God when He appeared with the truth and didst drink My choice sealed wine. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who visiteth thee purely for the sake of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. Rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee in His praiseworthy station. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this mention, which nothing on earth can equal, yet most people comprehend not.

O Husayn! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto divine bounty. Thou must at all times act in a manner befitting the Day of God, and what befitteth this Day is steadfastness in the Cause of Truth, for the cawing ones have been and are lying in wait. This is a Day wherein all must fix their gaze upon the Truth itself, for verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that wherefrom thou dost find the fragrance of His favor, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. He hath, of a truth, forgiven thy sin and those of His loved ones who ascended there, as a bounty from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We give glad tidings to Our loved ones there of Our attention to them from this glorious station. O friends! The Most Exalted Pen is moved to mention you, and the Tongue of Grandeur speaks your names. Strive that ye may preserve this greatest bounty in the name of the Lord of Eternity, for the adornments of the world are the source of heedlessness and the wellspring of pride. How many souls counted themselves among the most learned, yet when the divine Word - which was the true touchstone - appeared, all returned to their stations save whom God wished. The people of the Bayan are seen today to be more veiled than the people of the Furqan, for they cling exactly to the same tales as before and have not inhaled the fragrance of the Day of God. The dwellers of the Crimson Ark - namely the people of Baha - have, with Abraham's strength, shattered the idols of vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! God willing, the friends of Truth in that land and other regions have attained and continue to attain to this lofty, most exalted station. The glory of God, the One, the All-Informed, be upon them.

This evanescent one requests that you convey expressions of utter nothingness and self-effacement to each of the loved ones of God. The servant beseeches his Lord to grant them success, to strengthen them, to draw them nigh, to exalt them, to honor them, to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to make them among those whom no blame of the blamer, nor the gloating of the polytheist, nor the oppression of the oppressor, nor the transgression of any froward tyrant can turn away from God.

The evanescence of the world is evident and clear, requiring no proof or argument. Therefore, the possessor of insight does not deprive himself of the Most Great Vision on account of it. O friends! Time has passed and days have gone by, and the Day of God, through the infinite bounty of the Lord, is present and you have attained unto its recognition. Strive that ye may be assisted in that which befits this blessed Day. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said that all exist that their names might be mentioned but once in the Holy Presence. Praise be to God that ye have attained this greatest bounty and reached this most great favor. God willing, ye shall be successful in preserving it as well. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful; verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is no God but He, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glory, mercy, majesty and grandeur be upon you and upon the fruits and leaves of the Tree of Knowledge in that place and in all regions. And praise be to God, the Revealer of verses.

The Servant

27 Muharram 1298

Regarding what was written about the letters, news of this had already arrived from the Land of Ha and continues to arrive, and praise be to God, it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Your letter hath come before Our presence and the gaze of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath been directed towards it. I have apprehended its contents and understood what thou didst desire concerning that matter whereby the eye of certitude was gladdened. O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and standeth before the Throne! Hearken unto the call from the Most Glorious Tree which hath risen through its own power in the Cause, and which neither the heedlessness of those who remained unmindful nor the oppression of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, could impede.

O Mustafa! By My life! Whoso heareth My call with the ear of the heart, verily he soareth in the atmosphere of My love and subdueth all who are on earth through My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. He who hath found the sweetness of the utterance which hath proceeded from the mouth of the All-Merciful hath adorned his heart with the ornament of faith in such wise that the very essence of certitude proclaimeth from behind him: "Blessed art thou, O thou through whom the temple of tranquility hath been adorned with the raiment of love for the mention of the Name of thy Lord, the Glorious, the Most High, the Mighty, the Wondrous!"

Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God at all times. Verily, He will help thee as He helped thee before when thou wast heedless of the Cause. Then did We unveil the Beauty and manifest unto thee that which is better in thy Lord's sight than all that hath been created in the heavens and earth. We took thy hand with the hand of grace and power and delivered thee through Our sovereign might. Verily thy Lord's mercy hath preceded all creation.

Be not disturbed by what the tongues of the people utter. The Sovereign of the Day hath come, and now He calleth unto thee from the horizon of the House: "Be at peace through thy Lord's favor and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!'" Blessed art thou for having heard the call and having said: "Yea, yea, O Beloved of the worlds!" Rejoice thou in thy Lord's gladness in such wise that thy joy may influence Our servants whom the stupor of sorrows hath overtaken because they followed vain imaginings. Rend asunder the veil of idle fancy through My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! He Who is known hath come with great sovereignty. We have commanded the people to follow what is known and forbidden them from what is imagined. Some have attained to what their Lord desired, while others have clung to their own desires - these are verily among the lost.

O Mustafa! By My life! Thou art beneath My wing and within the stronghold of My protection. Preserve this station through the remembrance of My Name, the Guardian over the worlds. Let not the clamor of those who have committed what they were forbidden grieve thee. The winds of passion have stirred them. Among them are those who have returned and repented. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of his Lord, the Mighty, the Most High - he is assuredly among the triumphant.

How many are the servants who claim with their tongues what is not in their hearts, and God revealeth it through one means or another. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We bear witness that thou hast turned unto God with pure sincerity for His radiant and luminous face. From whomsoever thou perceivest the fragrance of aversion, in whatever land he may be, avoid him, then turn with thy heart to the Qiblih of them that know.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which what lay hidden in hearts and breasts was revealed, to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me and to fix my gaze upon Thee under all conditions. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. O my Lord! Preserve me within the shelter of Thy great mercy, then cause me to speak Thy praise amidst the concourse of creation in such wise that I may become forgetful of myself and evanescent in Thy Name. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things. Thou ordainest what Thou pleasest and doest what Thou desirest.

O Mustafa! Thus has the Tongue of Eternity spoken in the Most Great Prison. Read thou and be of the thankful ones. Then remember wherefore We named this Prison the Most Great, after We had formerly been under chains and fetters. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Believe not what thou hast heard and hearest. Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty hath spoken in this station wherein the Kingdom crieth out: "My spirit be a sacrifice to Thy dust," then the Realm of Might: "My soul be a sacrifice to Thy air," then the Kingdom of Names: "All my being be a sacrifice to Thy prison," O Thou at Whose finger's beckoning every wise decree is suspended! Be thou at all times directing thy gaze toward the court of thy Lord's will. When the Sun of His Command dawneth from His horizon, say thou with submission and contentment: "My soul be a sacrifice to Thy command, O Thou Who art the Desire of the sincere ones!" We have chosen thee and adorned thee with the garment of My love. By God! Soon shall the tongues of all things speak forth thy praise and the praise of those who have cast away their idle fancies and have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Glorious Horizon. These, verily, are of them that are nigh unto God. Through My remembrance is every matter established. Be thou assured by that which hath flowed from My tongue in thy praise, and by thy mention from the Lord of the Pens, through Whose movement the hearts of them that are detached have taken flight.

O Mustafa! When the Tablet was read before Our face a second time, We added to it another word. Know thou that aforetime it was revealed: "Soon shall the prison door be opened, and he that entered shall go forth and he that went forth shall enter," and in another Tablet: "Soon shall that which was closed be opened and that which was joined be severed, and he that was forbidden shall enter and he that was gathered shall be scattered, and that which was difficult shall be made easy, and that which was hidden shall be revealed." Ponder, O ye who are endued with discernment, that ye may recognize what hath been inscribed of the mysteries.

O Mustafa! By My life, every matter hath been revealed in the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who were not present before the Throne yet claim inner presence - these have followed vain imaginings, by thy Lord, the All-Knowing! He who hath attained the presence of the Countenance in the manifest outer realm - this is better for him than the worship of both humans and jinn. Around this outward manifestation revolve the worlds of the inner reality, yet the people remain in evident obscurity.

If thou seest the letter Nun before ?a', say: "Look unto thy Lord and not unto thyself." Thou wilt not see the raven as a dove - thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. Blessed is the soul that hath attained the presence of the Throne and to whom We have testified reunion - he is the best of men before thy gracious Lord. How many who were near, to whom We testified not nearness, and how many who were

far, for whom the decree of nearness was revealed from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Impregnable! Blessed is he who hath attained and recognized both excellences - he hath outstripped all others. Verily thy Lord confirmeth what He willeth. How many who were near are in the highest paradise, and how many who were near are in the lowest fire. Thus hath the decree shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in this mighty Prison. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained, and been blessed, and been present, and have drunk, and have heard, and have said: "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the worlds!"

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Whoso wisheth to recite this prayer, let

him stand up and turn unto God, and,

as he standeth in his place, let him gaze

to the right and to the left, as if awaiting

the mercy of his Lord, the Most

Merciful, the Compassionate. Then

let him say:

O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Maker of the heavens! I beseech Thee by them Who are the Day-Springs of Thine invisible Essence, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, to make of my prayer a fire that will burn away the veils which have shut me out from Thy beauty, and a light that will lead me unto the ocean of Thy Presence.

Let him then raise his hands in supplication toward God – blessed and exalted be He – and say:

O Thou the Desire of the world and the Beloved of the nations! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, and rid of all attachment to any one save Thee, and clinging to Thy cord, through whose movement the whole creation hath been stirred up. I am Thy servant, O my Lord, and the son of Thy servant. Behold me standing ready to do Thy will and Thy desire, and wishing naught else except Thy good pleasure. I implore Thee by the Ocean of Thy mercy and the Day-Star of Thy grace to do with Thy servant as Thou willest and pleasest. By Thy might which is far above all mention and praise! Whatsoever is revealed by Thee is the desire of my heart and the beloved of my soul. O God, my God! Look not upon my hopes and my doings, nay rather look upon Thy will that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. By Thy Most Great Name, O Thou Lord of all nations! I have desired only what Thou didst desire, and love only what Thou dost love.

Let him then kneel, and bowing his

forehead to the ground, let him say:

Exalted art Thou above the description of any one save Thyself, and the comprehension of aught else except Thee.

Let him then stand and say:

Make my prayer, O my Lord, a fountain of living waters whereby I may live as long as Thy sovereignty endureth, and may make mention of Thee in every world of Thy worlds.

Let him again raise his hands in supplication, and say:

O Thou in separation from Whom hearts and souls have melted, and by the fire of Whose love the whole world hath been set aflame! I implore Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the whole creation, not to withhold from me that which is with Thee, O Thou Who rulest over all men! Thou seest, O my Lord, this stranger hastening to his most exalted home beneath the canopy of Thy majesty and within the precincts of Thy mercy; and this transgressor seeking the ocean of Thy forgiveness; and this lowly one the court of Thy glory; and this poor creature the orient of Thy wealth. Thine is the authority to command whatsoever Thou willest. I bear witness that Thou art to be praised in Thy doings, and to be obeyed in Thy behests, and to remain unconstrained in Thy bidding.

Let him then raise his hands, and repeat three times the Greatest Name. Let him then bend down with hands resting on the knees before God –blessed and exalted be He – and say:

Thou seest, O my God, how my spirit hath been stirred up within my limbs and members, in its longing to worship Thee, and in its yearning to remember Thee and extol Thee; how it testifieth to that whereunto the Tongue of Thy Commandment hath testified in the kingdom of Thine utterance and the heaven of Thy knowledge. I love, in this state, O my Lord, to beg of Thee all that is with Thee, that I may demonstrate my poverty, and magnify Thy bounty and Thy riches, and may declare my powerlessness, and manifest Thy power and Thy might.

Let him then stand and raise his hands twice in supplication, and say:

There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Ordainer, both in the beginning and in the end. O God, my God! Thy forgiveness hath emboldened me, and Thy mercy hath strengthened me, and Thy call hath awakened me, and Thy grace hath raised me up and led me unto Thee. Who, otherwise, am I that I should dare to stand at the gate of the city of Thy nearness, or set my face toward the lights that are shining from the heaven of Thy will? Thou seest, O my Lord, this wretched creature knocking at the door of Thy grace, and this evanescent soul seeking the river of everlasting life from the hands of Thy bounty. Thine is the command at all times, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names; and mine is resignation and willing submission to Thy will, O Creator of the heavens!

Let him then raise his hands thrice, and say:

Greater is God than every great one!

Let him then kneel and, bowing his forehead to the ground, say:

Too high art Thou for the praise of those who are nigh unto Thee to ascend unto the heaven of Thy nearness, or for the birds of the hearts of them who are devoted to Thee to attain to the door of Thy gate. I testify that Thou hast been sanctified above all attributes and holy above all names. No God is there but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

Let him then seat himself and say:

I testify unto that whereunto have testified all created things, and the Concourse on high, and the inmates of the all-highest Paradise, and beyond them the Tongue of Grandeur itself from the all-glorious Horizon, that Thou art God, that there is no God but Thee, and that He Who hath been manifested is the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Symbol, through Whom the letters B and E (Be) have been joined and knit together. I testify that it is He Whose name hath been set down by the Pen of the Most High, and Who hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

Let him then stand erect and say:

O Lord of all being and Possessor of all things visible and invisible! Thou dost perceive my tears and the sighs I utter, and hearest my groaning, and my wailing, and the lamentation of my heart. By Thy might! My trespasses have kept me back from drawing nigh unto Thee; and my sins have held me far from the court of Thy holiness. Thy love, O my Lord, hath enriched me, and separation from Thee hath destroyed me, and remoteness from Thee hath consumed me. I entreat Thee by Thy footsteps in this wilderness, and by the words "Here am I. Here am I" which Thy chosen Ones have uttered in this immensity, and by the breaths of Thy Revelation, and the gentle winds of the Dawn of Thy Manifestation, to ordain that I may gaze on Thy beauty and observe whatsoever is in Thy Book.

Let him then repeat the Greatest Name thrice, and bend down with hands resting on the knees, and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, that Thou hast aided me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and hast made known unto me Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs, and hast caused me to bow down before Thy Lordship, and humble myself before Thy Godhead, and to acknowledge that which hath been uttered by the Tongue of Thy grandeur.

Let him then rise and say:

O God, my God! My back is bowed by the burden of my sins, and my heedlessness hath destroyed me. Whenever I ponder my evil doings and Thy benevolence, my heart melteth within me, and my blood boileth in my veins. By Thy Beauty, O Thou the Desire of the world! I blush to lift up my face to Thee, and my longing hands are ashamed to stretch forth toward the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou seest, O my God, how my tears prevent me from remembering Thee and from extolling Thy virtues, O Thou the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below! I implore Thee by the signs of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to do with Thy loved ones as becometh Thy bounty, O Lord of all being, and is worthy of Thy grace, O King of the seen and the unseen!

Let him then repeat the Greatest Name

thrice, and kneel with his forehead to

the ground, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O our God, that Thou hast sent down unto us that which draweth us nigh unto Thee, and supplieth us with every good thing sent down by Thee in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures. Protect us, we beseech Thee, O my Lord, from the hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginations. Thou, in truth, art the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Let him then raise his head, and seat himself, and say:

I testify, O my God, to that whereunto Thy chosen Ones have testified, and acknowledge that which the inmates of the all-highest Paradise and those who have circled round Thy mighty Throne have acknowledged. The kingdoms of earth and heaven are Thine, O Lord of the worlds!

Long obligatory prayer, to be recited once in twenty-four hours.

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I testify that there is none other God beside Him. He has ever been and will forever be. He spoke when He ascended the throne, and through Him the sincere ones proclaimed that there is none other God beside Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then He spoke another word, whereupon the earth and heaven were shaken. Among them were those who, having heard His sweet call, arose from the slumber of vain fancy and, detached from all created things, turned toward the Supreme Horizon. And among them were those who heard the Call yet turned away and joined with the dead, as though they had never found the fragrance of the Beloved nor were stirred by the breeze that wafted from the direction of the throne of their Lord, the All-Merciful. Alas for those who witnessed yet denied, who heard yet remained heedless. By God! They are among the basest of creatures. They have deprived themselves of the water of everlasting life, their ears of the call of the All-Merciful, and their eyes of that which hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility. Praise be to God Who hath made known to us that which appeared in those days and informed us of that which was hidden in His knowledge, from which no thing whatsoever can escape. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect us by His sovereignty and to ordain for us that which is best for us. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance. This evanescent one hath been blessed by your mention, which was illumined by the lights of this Day and perfumed with the love of God. When I received, opened, read and became acquainted with it, I presented its contents before the Throne, and there appeared from the Beloved that which I am powerless to describe. All things bear witness to His favors unto you and His attention toward you. We beseech Him to send down for you that which will exalt the Cause of God and gladden the hearts of them that are endowed with understanding.

As to what you wrote concerning the sending of Tablets, it is evident that your honor has ever been and will continue to be confirmed in service to the Cause. And regarding what you wrote about the Holy House, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He spoke, and His Word is the Truth: We have sent down all matters with wisdom, and We have taken their covenant from those who have turned to the Most

Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing. O My Afnan! Hold fast unto them in all conditions. This is that which the All-Merciful hath permitted as a grace from His presence. He, verily, is the Ever-Bestowing, the Ancient.

Any matter which today causeth the people to shun, or which giveth rise to clamor among the multitude, or causes agitation of hearts and perturbation of souls - to engage in such is not permissible. All must abide in the calmness of God and His dignity, serene and assured. I swear by the Subduer of the world that whosoever today ariseth to serve the Cause, though it be less than an atom, and acteth according to that which God hath revealed in the Book, shall assuredly be rewarded for it in this world and in all the worlds of God.

The balance of justice hath ever had and shall have two scales: the reward of the righteous and the retribution of the wrongdoers. This is the true polity whereon depend the order of the world, its stability, and the tranquility of the servants. However, today the Eye of Bounty regardeth the beginning, for the All-Loving, the Munificent Truth hath manifested Himself. By My life! The Pen is powerless to describe a single day of this time. Whoso becometh aware of the mysteries of the Books which We have sent down aforetime unto Our Messengers would be astounded and would cry out: "This is the Day whose light illumineth the Concourse on High and the faces of those near unto God!"

Were it not for His grace and other wisdoms, verily those souls who have caused the least harm and injury to the loved ones of God would have been cast into the lowest depths of hell, and the earth would not have borne them for a moment. This applieth to the weak, heedless, and ignorant souls. As for those who arose in utter opposition and who stood against the Dawning-Places of God's love and the Dayspring of His remembrance in this Most Great Revelation with rejection and protest, they have been and shall be seized by the hand of power. Verily, thy Lord is the Avenger, the Mighty Wielder of Authority.

From this most exalted station, We make mention of the Most Exalted Leaf and send Our blessings upon her countenance and upon the countenances of those who have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Know thou that thou hast been beneath the shadow of thy Lord and under the gaze of thy Master, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Rejoice thou in what hath been ordained for thee in the Most Glorious Kingdom and in what hath flowed in thy praise from the Most Exalted Pen, through which every hidden matter hath been revealed. Look thou in all circumstances unto wisdom. This is what God hath sent down in His preserved Tablet.

Verily, the people are intoxicated with the wine of their own desires to such an extent that they know not what they utter. They speak as their desires command them and purchase with their souls and their wealth the wrath of God, yet today they comprehend not. Grieve thou not over anything. By My life! Thou art within the precincts of My mercy, the pavilion of My protection, and the tabernacle of My exalted glory.

O My Afnan! Whoso speaketh against you shall soon find himself in manifest loss. Erelong shall the tongues of all created things speak forth your praise and your nearness unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel you to preserve that whereunto ye have attained, that there may appear from you that which shall attract the hearts and tranquilize the souls of those who have recognized God. O My Afnan! Behold,

then remember what befell My house in Iraq, when people entered it without My permission. Verily, thy Lord is the Oppressed One, despite His sovereignty, and the Ruled One, though His Pen commandeth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Send forth the words of thy Lord unto Mine Afnan in the land of Shin that they may rejoice in God's bounty and act in accordance with that which hath been made easy and simple for them. We have revealed in the Tablets the preservation of Mine Afnan and We do preserve them in truth, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Nevertheless, We bid them to act with wisdom, lest there should arise that which would cause the barking of the polytheists to be raised. Whatsoever hath been and is revealed from the Supreme Pen hath been and is for the good of all. The Sun of Truth hath been the Divine Word, and the education of all is dependent upon it. God willing, may all act with joy and fragrance in accordance with that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful. All the pilgrims present their pure devotion, utter effacement, complete nothingness, and most exalted greetings in service to that Holy Being.

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In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and dispatched the Messengers and revealed the Books in demonstration of His generosity, grace, gifts and favors, and Who hath ordained for every land a portion of the effulgent lights of His Revelation and the Sun of His knowledge and wisdom, until the appointed time had come and the hour of the Hijaz arrived. Then from that land was diffused the fragrance of His Revelation, and the Light shone forth from its horizon, and the treasuries of knowledge were made manifest therein, and the signs of power appeared therefrom, and the breezes of revelation encompassed its cities, its regions and its environs, whereupon the sacred vale trembled and swelled with longing and ardent desire for the meeting of the Manifestation of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. The world was moved by its movement and the celestial spheres by its yearning and desire. He it is through Whose manifestation the Dove of Utterance warbled upon every branch in diverse melodies: "O people of creation! There hath come unto you the Dawning-Place of your Lord's revelation, the Most Merciful, through Whom the Sun of Names hath shone forth and the Stars of Attributes have gleamed, and through Whom that which was hidden in His knowledge and treasured in the repositories of His protection hath been made manifest. He it is through Whom the celestial spheres and all within them, and the earth and all that is thereon, have been ennobled." And when the dawn of His manifestation broke forth, the breezes of the Most Merciful wafted over all lands, whereby every one that was seated arose, and every tongue that was mute spoke forth, and every stagnant water began to flow, and every blind one saw, and every thirsty one was refreshed, and every troubled one found peace, and every seeker attained his goal, and every remote one drew nigh. Upon Him be the peace of God and His prayers and the mercy of God and His light, and upon His family and His companions whom God made the Hands of His Cause in His lands and the manifestations of His power amongst His servants. Through

them did every one that had turned away return, and every denier acknowledged the unity of God, and every proud one was affrighted. Through them were emperors humbled and pharaohs and tyrants thrown into confusion. They were those at whose lights of unity the very foundations of polytheism trembled, and by whose steadfastness and uprising in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Kingdom and of the Realm of Glory and Might, the mountains were scattered.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest the warriors under the grasp of the transgressors and the unitarians between the fangs of the idolaters. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which encompasseth all created things, and by Thy might whereby all possibilities are rendered powerless, to protect Thy unitarian servants from the idolaters and their cannons and rifles and swords. O Lord! Thou seest Thy party among the parties and beneath the claws of a pack of wolves. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Lords, by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers and Thy Books, and by Him Whom Thou hast established in Thy stead in the kingdom of creation and chosen from among the Prophets to manifest Thy hidden mystery, O Creator of heaven and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! O Lord! There hath befallen the unitarians that which hath caused the pens to cease their flow and the tongues their utterance. Thou seest, O my God, my Beloved, my Purpose and my Adored One, the sighs of Thy chosen ones and the tears of Thy loved ones. Have mercy, then, upon Thy servants and deliver them from every anguish and calamity and from every torment and hardship. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward the horizon of Thy grace, hastening to the ocean of Thy bounty, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and the unseen! My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy triumph wherewith Thou didst aid in the earliest days Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, to aid in these days Thy servants who have arisen to strive in Thy path and who have stood with supreme courage before the faces of Thine enemies. O Lord! Preserve them, then, through Thy protection, exalt them through Thy power and might, and assist them with the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily Thou art the Guardian of the world and the Educator of the nations, and art powerful over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. O Lord! Send down upon Thy warriors from the heaven of Thy bounty the rains of Thy mercy and blessing. Then strengthen, O my God, their hearts, make their faces radiant, and illumine their eyes with the lights of Thy knowledge and recognition. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, and Whom the hosts of earth and heaven cannot frighten. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy might. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And furthermore, O my dear son, upon thee be my peace. What hath reached me hath brought me glad tidings of thy health and the soundness of thy constitution, and of thy standing up for the sake of God in the face of those enemies who desire to extinguish the light of God with their mouths. But God will not allow aught but that His light be perfected, though the idolaters be averse. This servant beseecheth God, his Lord and your Lord, to assist those who strive among our monotheistic brethren, to aid them with the hosts of the unseen and the seen, to grant them victory through His might and His power and His sovereignty, and to manifest through you what He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. The hosts of God shall be triumphant. We praise Him and thank Him in the nights and days that He hath made our brethren among those who hasten to holy war in His path and who act according to what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We

beseech Him, exalted be He, that all may return to their homelands, enjoying the victory of God which is nigh. Verily He is our Lord, our Goal, and our Object of worship. Nothing frustrateth Him and no matter preventeth Him. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Lord! Aid those who strive in Thy path with the hosts of earth and heaven, and through Thy might whereby the backs of the princes were broken among the Pharaohs of the earth and its tyrants - they who denied Thy signs and turned away from Thy proof and shed the blood of Thy loved ones and seized Thy cities and Thy domains. O Lord! Thou art He before Whose power the essence of might hath bowed down, and before Whose strength the very reality of force hath submitted. I beseech Thee to protect the people of unity from the fire of polytheism and hatred. Verily Thou art He through Whose Name the gates of victory were opened before the faces of all created things. O Lord! Ordain for every face that hath turned unto Thee and advanced to aid Thy Faith and Thy Cause the best of this world and the next, and that which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book, O Lord of all humanity and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. O God, my God! Send Thy blessings upon those whom no blame of the blamer nor mockery of the mocker hath kept back from Thee, who have advanced toward Thee with radiant faces to serve Thy Faith, O Lord of all things! There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God Who has caused all things to speak forth His remembrance and praise, and has chosen from among them His servants whom He has made mirrors of His names and attributes, and has manifested from them one who summoned all to His path and guided them to the standard of His justice, the heaven of His grace, and the luminary of His bounty. Prayers and peace be upon the Lord of the Prophets, the Sovereign of the Chosen Ones, and the Beloved of the saints, through whom His verses were spread abroad and the fragrance of His Revelation was diffused and His commandments and laws were brought forth–He who was named by the Most Beautiful Names among the Concourse on High and the people of the kingdom of creation–and upon His family and companions, through whom the pavilion of glory was raised among the nations and the breeze of divine knowledge wafted over the world, and through whom God revealed what was hidden in knowledge and veiled from sight. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Thereafter, the letter of that heart's beloved came as a Kawthar of love and faithfulness, quenching the thirst of separation and bestowing the rest of reunion. After its reading and perusal it was presented before the face of the Master and achieved the honor of His attention. He–may our spirits be sacrificed for Him–said: "O Rida! The Wronged One sends His greetings to you and beseeches God to strengthen you in His remembrance and praise, and in acting according to what He has revealed in His Book, and to give you to drink, at all times, of the choice wine of divine knowledge, and to enable you to perform good deeds and to manifest praiseworthy characteristics. Verily, He is the Lord of creation. He counsels you with that which brings joy to the eyes of the sincere ones and gladdens the hearts of those who are near. Through deeds are the stations of men made manifest. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the affairs and events of this world prevent you from the bounty of the next world and its effulgences. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the might of His servants nor the power of those who have denied the Day of Judgment can prevent Him from what He desireth."

In truth, this servant was greatly gladdened by the letter of that spiritual beloved, for it was adorned with the mention of the people of divine unity. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, on behalf of each one, for that which is the cause and means of enduring remembrances and eternal attributes. Once, when I was in the presence of the Master, He said to write to Rida to [recite] this blessed verse. His blessed and exalted Word:

"And whosoever feareth God, He will make for him a way out, and will provide for him from whence he expecteth not. And whosoever putteth his trust in God, He will suffice him. Verily, God will accomplish His purpose. Indeed, God hath set a measure for all things." O Rida! Hold fast unto fear of God. Verily, it will guard thee from all that God loveth not. The fear of God is a blessed and beloved garment that preserveth man from the darts of Satan and guardeth him from every rejected deed and forbidden mention. Praise be to God that you are mentioned and are holding fast to the cord of love. Blessed be you!

It was not permissible to mention in letters or recite in the presence of the monotheists, upon them be God's peace, for the understanding of the servants falls short of comprehending certain divine verses. This may give rise to controversy, as the Shi'ih sect's imaginings have led to suspicion and doubt - they may infer from a word that which never crossed the mind of the speaker. O Rida, hold fast to the hem of silence, for therein lies safety. In the tradition it is stated: "O Abu Dharr, for everything there is evidence - the evidence of intellect is contemplation, and the evidence of contemplation is silence." And likewise it is said: "The most excellent worship is silence." The virtues of silence are many. In truth it is a mighty fortress for the protection of the servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist us in what He loves and is pleased with.

Let this matter not escape the notice of that spiritual friend. The perfect mystics, mature scholars, and those possessed of protection and preservation have complained of speech and praised and extolled silence. The servant beseeches his Lord to adorn His servants with the ornament of silence and protect them from the spark of speech.

Regarding what was written about breathing the air and strolling in gardens and open spaces - this brought joy and gladness. However, I beseech the Truth to confirm you and this servant that we may discern the signs of divine craftsmanship in all things and increase in thanksgiving and praise. This is our blessing and His table of bounty. May it remain and endure. Every mighty matter is easy and simple before His favor. He brought His servants into being from the ocean of generosity, and its traces are inscribed and recorded by the manifest pen on the tablets of the servants' existence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve us from the evil of the polytheists who have surrounded the abodes of the monotheists. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of the mystics and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

Another glad tiding is that the fruit of that spiritual friend's labor has appeared, and the signs of freshness and delicacy from the spring rain of divine mercy are evident in the sent wood. I beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, to bless and favor that friend with its manifest fruits, and to adorn the true trees, which are the manifestation of human realms, with wondrous, delicate, and novel fruits, that all may benefit and utter the word "Grace and mercy belong to God." Truly this is cause for thanksgiving, for His bounty has become manifest and the work has borne fruit. The servant bears witness that He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding the fruits of that garden which were mentioned, this is correct, for God has named those lands the Holy Land. Although the actions of Yazid lowered its station in the eyes of some, yet in the sight of those endowed with true knowledge it was, is, and ever shall be the Holy Land. This is a robe of honor bestowed by God, exalted be His glory, and none can strip it away from it. Nay, by His very Self, the Truth, no one has been or ever shall be able to do so. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty. If it be possible, and can be arranged with the utmost joy and fragrance, let them send several grafts from each of those two varieties of plum that were described, as well as from the peaches that were sent and the other trees that were mentioned, though their fruits are not yet known. Now is the time for this. This too is truly a service that benefits all. That honored one knows well that whatever has been and is being done is for the sake of God, that it may become a place to delight the eyes of His loved ones and a spot where the manifestations of true love may find recreation. Since this work is for the sake of God, its effects will certainly become manifest. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Peace, mercy and loving-kindness be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The Servant

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In the month of the year 97

Jenab-i-Mulla 'Ali-Jan, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is sanctified above all words and utterance, and exalted beyond all meanings and explanation. He is the One through Whom the proof and evidence have been made glorious, and before Whose manifestation the Dayspring of Glory have bowed down. Exalted is the All-Merciful through Whom the Hour hath come, the Resurrection hath been established, vision hath been dazzled, the moon hath been eclipsed, and every hidden matter hath been revealed quicker than the twinkling of an eye. Blessed is the one whom no human veil hath hindered and who hath turned unto God, the Lord of Destiny, through Whom the Nightingale of Eternity hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Faithfulness that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant received thy letter and found therein that which gladdened and attracted Me. It was as though I beheld therein lofty trees, each bearing the fruits of inner meanings and utterance, and upon every branch thereof the birds of divine knowledge were singing their various melodies, for it was adorned with the mention of God, the Lord of all possibilities and the Revealer of all religions. After reading and becoming acquainted with its contents, I approached the Praiseworthy Station and presented what was therein before the face of our Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is this:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O ’Ali! The servant present here hath brought thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One, through Whom the various parties have become divided - some turned away, some denied, and some pronounced judgment against Him without any proof or Book. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Supreme Horizon when most of mankind turned away from it, and for having heard the call of the All-Merciful and loved Him with spirit and fragrance. Take hold of the Book of God with a strength from Us, then recite it in such wise as to attract the hearts of those possessed of understanding. We have mentioned thee before, and at this time when the Wronged One walketh in this place which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Grieve not over anything, nor over what people say. Leave them to themselves and trust in God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while in the Most Great Prison, surrounded by every heedless doubter. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family. Remember her from Me and give her the glad-tidings of My Word. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower.

O ’Ali! God willing, through divine assistance thou shalt be numbered among the servants of the Cause and remain steadfast in the Cause of God, for the Day is very great and the Cause is very great. Strive that perchance thou mayest guide the people to the straight path of God and attract them to the Supreme Horizon. The people of the earth are very sluggish and cold. God willing, thou wilt attract hearts and souls through the warmth of the Divine Word. By My life! We have mentioned thee with a mention whose fragrance shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Rejoice and be of those who are thankful. The manifestations of Satan have been and are lying in wait, and cawing and croaking have been and are being raised in every land. We have indeed informed all of this when We were in Iraq and in the Land of Mystery. To this beareth witness everyone who hath attained the presence of the Throne and hath read the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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Blessed art thou, O beloved one, for having attained unto the mention of God and His verses, and for having testified to that which God hath testified, and acknowledged that which He hath revealed in His wise Book. God willing, may you ever be one who serves the wine of the meeting with God. Give life to the dead and refresh the withered ones through the mention of the Friend. Concerning what you wrote about having attained the presence of His Honor the Name of God Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, and that he resolved your difficulties - blessed art thou for this. It is well known and evident that he speaketh according to the Book. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid him in all conditions to serve Him and praise Him, for verily He is the Guardian of those who are nigh.

As to what you wrote concerning the Blessed Festivals, asking whether there are specific Tablets that must be recited for each of these Festivals, or whether any of the divine Tablets may be read - the recitation of verses during those days is beloved. The commandment of its obligation hath not been revealed, but the recitation of divine verses is assuredly beloved. Although specific Tablets have been revealed, the recitation of others is also beloved, for they have all been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about the shroud, five full-length cloths have been ordained to be wrapped one over another, and in this Most Great Dispensation, a concession hath been granted to the poor, that they may use perfume and rose water in place of cedar water and camphor. These ordinances must be carried out with wisdom, and in the Holy Land, due to wisdom, these matters are still conducted according to the previous Law, for were it otherwise, the clamor of all would be raised, and this would be contrary to wisdom. In all things, observe wisdom. The law of prayer was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will some years ago, but it hath not yet been dispatched anywhere, lest it become a cause of trial for sanctified souls. The preservation of devoted souls taketh precedence with God over all deeds.

I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist you and to number you among the sincere ones in the Perspicuous Book. Furthermore, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to the friends and say: Today requireth a man of steel and a heart and vision that are illumined, lest he stumble in the Cause of God and be deprived of recognition and witnessing. Stand firm in the Cause through the All-Conquering, All-Powerful Name - a standing that all the world shall be powerless to prevent. This beseemeth those who have entered the Crimson Ark in the Name of God, the Glorious, the Most Glorious.

Say: O masters and friends! Today is the day for the manifestation of service, the manifestation of steadfastness, and the manifestation of remembrance. Deprive not yourselves of everlasting fruits. Strive that ye may attain unto the remembrance of God and His Word. The world and all therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of eternity.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard, turned unto God, and attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Wondrous, the All-Glorious

My spirit, my very being, and all that my Beloved hath bestowed upon me be a sacrifice unto Thee! Praise be to God Who hath illumined our hearts with the light of Thy Holy Book and our breasts with the radiance of Thy gracious utterance. It is as though I have gathered choice and goodly fruits from the Divine Lote-Tree at this moment, which have been presented before Thy face. From the Source of Command was revealed:

O thou who bearest the name of Mehdi! May you ever be occupied with the remembrance of God and His service. I ask of Him and beseech Him to answer, by virtue of His sovereign might, as one of His servants who was related to the Son had beseeched Him, that He may strengthen us in the face of oppressive onslaughts, for verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and that He may shelter us in the fortress of His favors, bounties and grace, and so forth.

Thy Lord hath answered all of this even before thy supplication, inasmuch as He hath aided thee to serve Him, to promulgate His Cause, and to mention His Name amongst His servants, and hath protected thee from the insinuations of the sinful and the doubts of the deniers, and hath made thee steadfast in times of trial and test. For such a Lord befitteth glorification, magnification and praise. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Peerless.

That which you had written concerning the circulation of copies of the Tablets was most pleasing. In truth, the divine Word is like the vernal breezes of God's tender mercy for all creation - the more it bloweth and passeth by, the sweeter and more excellent it becometh. This is of God's grace unto them. Previously certain Tablets were revealed to you wherein were recorded from the Pen of the Most High explanations regarding the revelation of certain verses of the Qur'an and some of the stories of the first believers. Those Tablets, nay rather all that hath been sent to you, should be dispatched to all lands, for they will prove most beneficial. Some of the servants are aware of what hath come to pass but know not what shall come to pass, therefore such Tablets will prove beneficial. Those to whom copies are sent should make copies thereof and send them to other regions. Although this wondrous Cause is one that hath no likeness in all that hath gone before or shall come after, blessed is he who beholdeth it with his own eyes, detached from all that he hath heard aforetime. In any case, befitting service to the Cause is expected of you; whatsoever you have done hath been and is acceptable.

Concerning what you wrote about sending to the land of KH-R-T, by My life, We love to hear their call at all times. We have not forgotten them, but rather remember them as befitting and proper. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. God willing, after the way is truly opened, We shall send to them that which will cause their spirits to soar and their eyes to be consoled. And regarding what you wrote about F-A-R-S, his book was presented at the Most Great Scene and an answer was revealed and sent. However, they must act with perfect wisdom. They must never explicitly speak of the Revealer and Sender. Most people are immature and as infants. When a child is born from its mother, it must be given milk, not meat and heavy foods, so that step by step it may be nurtured and reach a stage where it can partake of various fruits and manifold bounties. You must greatly emphasize concealment of the Cause, wisdom, and tolerance with people. Although teaching was commanded in the Tablet, this is not intended or desired in these days. They must act according to people's capacity. The more matters remain concealed in these days, the better. Previously a Tablet was specifically revealed for them but was not sent. We beseech God that he remain firm and steadfast. The ultimate bounty regarding him is that his mention was recorded by the Eternal Pen in the Divine Tablet. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. If at any time he intends to turn towards this land, you must surely prevent him. The explicit command is that no one should turn towards this direction except with his Lord's permission. Convey greetings from the True One to N-S. Say: God has seized him who cast you into the well. Verily He is the Deliverer of the lovers and the Destroyer of the idolaters. Likewise convey sublime greetings to Khalil of the land of S and Darvish and other loved ones of

God, and especially to Aqa Muhammad-Rida who burns in the fire of separation, and convey countless greetings to his family. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and your family.

May my spirit be sacrificed for You! A petition was submitted on Friday the tenth of this month, along with a copy of Your Tablet which had been sent previously, and likewise the sublime Tablet which was revealed and presented the night before the incident, a copy of which was written by Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, is being sent. The original Tablet was dispatched and the details were presented. God willing, it will reach Your most pure and luminous gaze.

The servant 66 [Allah].

Dated Thursday 16 Safar H.A.A.

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He is God - exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophets and Messengers, whom God made the manifestations of His Self, the dawning-places of His revelation, the recipients of His knowledge, the treasuries of the pearls of His recognition, and the repositories of His precious trusts; and upon their friends, their loved ones, and their children. Then effulgent, radiant, resplendent and brilliant blessings be upon their Lord, their Source, their Seal, their First and their Last, and upon His children and companions who forsook the world for the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And then - my spirit be a sacrifice to your remembrance - the letter of that loved one was a lamp, bright and luminous to the heart, and through its contents joy and gladness were attained. After its reading and perusal it was presented before His presence. Likewise the letter of the beloved heart, his honor S.M., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and also the letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Huda, upon him be [the Glory of God], which they had sent, were honored to be heard. May he, through divine grace, be blessed and may the Euphrates of mention and utterance in praise of the Beloved of the worlds flow and stream forth from the dawning-place of his words.

How many souls there are from whom whatever is imparted unto them is seen to be like an impenetrable rock, without effect or fruit; and how many souls there are who, upon merely hearing the rustling of the Divine Tree, are observed with sighs ascending and tears flowing. This is why He says: The companions of the right hand and the companions of the left hand are all seen today struck down by the blast of the trumpet, save whom God willeth. The effect of the trumpet has encompassed the world and all are observed as hollow palm-trunks. Beseech ye God that the Israfil of the spirit may breathe into the prostrate, lifeless temples a breathing whereby all may be adorned with the new and wondrous garment of life and may speak forth “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of all worlds.”

This is the day when intoxication hath seized all. Blessed is the soul whom human conditions have not deprived of the Most Sublime Vision. Say: Remember thou Huda on behalf of the Wronged One and say: Blessed art thou in that thou hast turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and hast sought the Ultimate

Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and the hosts of the heedless and the clamor of the turn-aways did not prevent thee. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: O my God! By Thy might and Thy majesty and Thy beauty and Thy tenderness and Thy mercy and Thy sovereignty, wert Thou to be mine I would be independent of the world, and were Thy glance to turn toward Thy servant I would ward off from me the oppression of the peoples. Thou art He Who created me and provided for me and made me manifest and nurtured me until Thou didst give me to drink, by the hands of Thy bounty, the cups of Thy recognition, in such wise that I turned unto Thee with my heart and my tongue spoke Thy praise and my face was set toward the horizon of Thy manifestation. O my Lord! Thou seest me cast out for Thy Name's sake and wandering through the lands in Thy path. I beseech Thee to confirm me in all conditions upon that which I have been, O Thou Possessor of Glory and Majesty, and Sovereign of Power and Grandeur! There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

The End

Praise be to God, they have attained His grace - glorified be His majesty - and have been mentioned at His threshold with such mention that every letter thereof testifies to His bounty, mercy and grace. God willing, may they attain unto this and be quickened by a new spirit from its breezes. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The beloved verses from the heart and soul of His Honor Shaykh, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. He said: "We have heard his prose in praise and remembrance of God, and likewise his poetry." The true lover hath at all times a state whose mention transcendeth the utterances of the people of the mortal realm. Praise be to God, the Euphrates of remembrance floweth from him and the nightingale of utterance warbleth upon the Lote-Tree of his heart. Verily We have remembered him with gracious mention and have sent down for him that which cooleth the eyes of the mystics. From this station We pronounce Our glorification upon him and send Our blessings upon those who have attained in the days of God and have held fast to His firm cord.

The poetry of my beloved, His Honor Haji Shaykh - upon him be the Glory of God and His grace - was in truth adorned with perfect joy and fragrance. It is as though the servant perceived from it the sweet-scented perfume of his sincerity unto God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. He beseecheth God for his assistance and success in the affairs of this world and the next. Verily He is powerful over all things. Blessed be he and joy be unto him.

Another matter to present is that there is a sum written somewhere which according to His command must reach His Honor S.M. - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - that they may deliver thirty (30) thereof to His Honor A., upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, and twenty (20) to His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Taqi [upon him be the Glory of God] to deliver to his father, making fifty tumans in total. Whenever received, let it be delivered.

The mention of His Honor A. and the loved ones - upon them be the peace [of God] - who are imprisoned for God and in His path, was made during nights and days at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. This servant conveyeth his glorification and greetings unto them with the utmost humility and reverence. For God's sake is their essence, and for God's sake their acceptance, and for God's countenance their

imprisonment. Blessed are they and blessed is he who remembereth them and loveth them in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds.

In this blessed year, whosoever hath been subjected to hardship and tribulation hath been reckoned among the imprisoned ones. From this matter the divine favors toward the imprisoned ones are evident and manifest. Blessed are they that perceive and blessed are they that discern, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

If answers to some of the loved ones have been or are delayed, there is no harm, for that eminent one is present and aware of the multitude of occupations, and above all is the consideration of wisdom according to the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, in these days that which is as antimony of jewels for the eye of the world and as a heart for its temple shall be sent. The command is God's, the Lord of creation.

The Servant

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He is the Most Wondrous in the Most Glorious Horizon!

O My Name! Hearken unto the Call of God from the Dawning Place of every tongue: "I am God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of the worlds!" Then listen to that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of utterance by My Self, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate: "Verily, there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Wise." Arise, then warn the servants of what they have neglected in regard to the Cause of God, then gladden them with the good pleasure of God, the Most High, the Almighty, the Great.

Say: O people! Do ye marvel that the Beauty of the Most Exalted One hath come unto you once again in this radiant and luminous raiment? Say: In this Revelation are signs for those who are endued with insight, clear proofs for them that are near, and tokens for those who are possessed of discernment.

O My Name! Turn thy face toward the Sacred Precinct. By God! This is verily the Sanctuary of God amongst you, the Sacred Domain in your midst, and the Scene of His Command between the heavens and the earth. Cast behind thee all names, place beneath thy feet all titles, and leave sovereignty to its people, for thy Lord desireth to behold thee stripped of all garments that He may attire thee with the ornament of His Cause amidst all the worlds.

Know thou that between Us and the servants there hath been set up a ladder having three steps. The first is associated with this world and its adornments, the second with the next world and what hath been ordained therein, and the third with the names and their kingdom. Whoso transcendeth these stations will attain unto the Sovereign of Names and Attributes more quickly than the twinkling of an eye. O people of Baha! Let not yourselves be detained at these waypoints, but pass beyond them as a cloud

passeth by - thus doth it behoove Our near servants. And whoso passeth beyond them while remaining steadfast in My love, should he lift his head toward the heights, he will witness My Kingdom and hear My melodies, and be numbered among the successful ones.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Deprive not yourselves of the bounties of these days. Seize them, then await My Cause, the Dawning, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Free yourselves, O people, then purify your souls from turning to aught else but Me. Through My remembrance is everything purified, if ye be of them that know. Say: Today, were all things to free themselves from the veils of self and desire, God would attire them all in the garment of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" in the kingdom of creation, that the sign of His sovereignty might be manifested in all things. Exalted be this Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O servant! Read what hath reached thee of the signs of God with myriads of those who are nigh, that thou mayest be attracted thereby and attract through thy melodies the hearts of all created things. And whoso readeth the verses of God alone in his house, the angels that spread the divine fragrances will waft their perfume in all directions, and every pure soul will be transformed thereby, even though he may not be conscious of it at the time. Yet this grace will become manifest unto him in one of the days to come. Thus have the hidden mysteries of the Cause been ordained by the Ordainer, the Wise.

O Khalil! By God! Even now doth the Pen move upon the Tablet, yet it weepeth and crieth out within itself, and with it doth the Lamp before the Throne lament by reason of what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty at the hands of those who were raised up through His Will - and God is witness unto this and knoweth it. And whoso purifieth his ears from the clamor of the idolaters and turneth toward all things will hear their wailing and their outcry at the tribulations We have suffered from Our idolatrous servants. Thus have We imparted unto thee a mention of Our tribulations that thou mayest become aware of what hath befallen My Self and be of them that are patient in what befalleth them. Aid thy Lord in every circumstance and be among the helpers. Then remind the people of that which the Spirit hath spoken in this luminous and perspicuous Tablet.

Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth, nor wage war with anyone. Be patient in all things, place your trust in God, and be of them that trust in Him. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, with the swords of wisdom and utterance, for this befits human dignity. Naught else is worthy of God, the Glorified Sovereign, yet the people are heedless of this and are numbered with the negligent. O people! Open wide the portals of your hearts with the keys of remembrance through this All-Wise Remembrance. God desires naught from the earth and all that is therein save the hearts of His servants, which He hath made the throne for the manifestation of His revelations. Therefore, sanctify them from all else, that there may be impressed upon them that for which they were created. This verily is a great bounty.

Say: O people! Adorn your tongues with truthfulness and your souls with trustworthiness. Beware, O people, lest ye act treacherously toward anyone. Be ye God's trustees amongst His creatures and be of the beneficent. They that commit oppression and wickedness - their efforts shall be brought to naught and they shall be numbered with the losers.

Strive, O people, that your eyes may be directed towards the court of God's mercy, your hearts be mindful of the wondrous remembrances of Him, your souls be assured through His gifts and bounty, and your feet traverse the paths of His good-pleasure. This is My counsel unto you, if ye be of them that act. Whoso faileth to manifest the fragrances of the Cause and the traces of his Lord shall not be mentioned before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: In this Day, none shall be accounted as belonging to God and the Manifestation of His Self unless he becomes a standard of guidance among His servants, such that through his deeds the seekers may find guidance, the radiance of the All-Merciful may be witnessed in his countenance, and the remembrance of God, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may be heard from his heart and tongue. Thus doth the Mighty Cause instruct you on this night wherein the Dove of the Cause warbleth sorrowful verses.

Know then, O thou who art assured of God, that thy Lord hath chosen thee for His love and hath favored thee in many ways. He hath delivered thee from heedlessness, aided thee to recognize His Self, preferred thee above many of His creatures, and made thee among them that know. He is aware of what hath befallen thee in His path and what hardships thou hast borne for His love and good-pleasure. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and not an atom's weight of the deeds of all creation escapeth the Tablet of His Decree. Well is it with thee for having shown patience in the days of God, for having attained unto them, and for being among them that comprehend. Therefore, strive within thyself to remain steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the utterances of the world cannot cause thee to slip. Then arise to praise thy Lord, convey His messages unto them that have believed in God and His signs, make them steadfast in His Cause, and be thou of the steadfast.

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Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "No Messenger cometh unto them but they did mock Him." Likewise He saith: "When Our clear signs came to them, they said: 'This is plain sorcery.'" Adam came, and they denied Him. When it came to Moses' turn, the Pharaohs rejected Him. The Son of Mary appeared, and the learned among the idol-worshippers and the Jews objected and denied that Supreme Grace in such wise that were it to be mentioned, the lamentations of the world would be raised. And when the sweet savors of the All-Merciful wafted from the direction of Hijaz and the Day Star of Manifestation - the Seal of the Prophets - dawned from the horizon of Batha, the Jewish, Christian and idolatrous divines rose up in opposition and issued the verdict for the shedding of His most pure blood. In every age and cycle when the Sun of Truth hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, all have striven to extinguish its light, save whom God wished. And afterwards came the Herald, Who gave the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God to all. And when the appointed time arrived and the hidden, treasured Secret, which had been recorded by the Supreme Pen in all the divine Books, descended from the heaven of the Command with the banners of verses and standards of clear proofs, all denied Him. And the divines of Persia - the Shi'ih sect - perpetrated that which no other sect had ever done, and committed that which caused the clouds to cry out and the heavens to wail. From the beginning until now, He hath been in the hands of His enemies - at times imprisoned in the land of Ta under chains and fetters, at times in other lands under the claws of the wicked. Finally, they carried Him as a captive from land to land until

they assigned Him to this Most Great Prison and Most Mighty Stronghold. I swear by the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance that in all conditions We have been and are thankful. Divine love transformeth hardship into ease and severity into relief. Tribulation in His path is acceptable and beloved by the lovers and the eager ones. The sincere and near ones have freely sacrificed and continue to sacrifice their lives in the path of the Beloved of the worlds.

Reflect upon his honor the martyr who was named 'Ali in the Kingdom of Names. By the life of God, he proceeded to the place of sacrifice with such joy and eagerness that the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the Highest Garden all proclaimed "Well done, O 'Ali!" The holy ones of Paradise came forth to welcome him, and all remembered him, saying "Enter, enter, O 'Ali!" Were this station to be revealed, all would abandon the world and whatsoever is therein, and would turn unto that which is with God.

O Siyyid 'Ali, upon thee be My glory! Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and this perspicuous Tablet hath dawned for thee specifically from the horizon of the grace of the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks to the Desired One of the world for this great bounty. Convey My greetings and praise to the loved ones of God and say: O people of God! Today the call of the Divine Lote Tree and the trilling of the Supreme Pen are raised. The ocean of utterance surgeth before the faces of all peoples, and the sun of knowledge shineth from the horizon of will. Hold fast unto truth and be free from all else. The opposers and barking ones have intended to lead the servants astray. Protect yourselves through the name of Truth. It may well be that from this land too there will arise one who barketh. We beseech God to set ablaze the friends of that land with the fire of the divine Lote Tree and illumine them with the light of His Cause, that all may attain unto supreme steadfastness and pass by all else save God like unto lightning. O people of God! The Shi'ih sect counted themselves as the most learned, the most enlightened and the most excellent among all the peoples of the world, yet on the Day of Judgment they were seen to be the most lost among the nations. This loss proceeded from the divines, for in ages past they educated the people in vain imaginings, and even now they await the emergence of an imaginary one from an imaginary city. Such is the state of the divines of the past. O Siyyid 'Ali! When thou hast received My Tablet and inhaled the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God, my Goal, my Beloved, my Worshipped One, my Hope, my Desire and my Refuge! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the ocean of knowledge surged in the contingent world and the horizon of utterance was illumined by the sun of proof, to aid me in Thy remembrance, Thy praise and the service of Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I testify that through Thy manifestation the decree of resurrection was revealed, the Hour came to pass, the mountains were moved, the Trumpet was blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom Thou didst deliver through Thy bounty and shelter beneath the pavilions of Thy grace. O Lord! Separation from Thee hath caused my death, and my liver hath melted from remoteness from the court of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the power through which Thou didst transform remoteness into nearness and darkness into light, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Then cause me, O my God, to be so set ablaze with the fire of Thy love that Thy servants may be enkindled thereby. O Lord! Thou seest mine eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy bounty, my outer and inner hands raised toward the heaven of Thy mercy, and my heart turned toward Thy

direction. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Abraham prevailed over Nimrod, Moses over Pharaoh, and Muhammad over Abu-Jahl, to enable me to do that which befitteth Thy days and beseemeth Thy Cause. Then forgive, O my God, Thy loved ones whose hearts were troubled in adversity and who were seized with fear in times of trials. Then adorn them with the ornament of Thy pardon and bounty, and ordain for them the reward of what they have wrought in Thy path and that which beseemeth the heavens of Thy favors and the suns of Thy gifts. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At the end of the Book, We counsel the friends of that land to love the kindred of the Martyr, upon him and upon them be the glory of God, His light, and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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This is what was sent down to the noble one from the land of Mim who was martyred in the land of Ta with a martyrdom at which the Concourse on High was amazed and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise lamented, and to the noble souls who spent what they possessed and their very lives in the path of God, the Lord of earth and heaven. In the name of the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The first fragrance wafting from the garment of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness, the first sweet savors diffused from the gardens of divine knowledge, and the first breeze that stirred from the right hand of the Throne be upon thee, O Mystery of Names and Hidden Secret of the Cause in the Kingdom of Eternity! I testify that thou didst turn to the Supreme Horizon when the people of creation turned away from it, and the call of the Creator of Heaven attracted thee in such wise that thou didst seek the ultimate goal and the highest summit, and didst attain unto that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an on the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of all religions. I testify that thou didst find the fragrance of the Days and didst drink the choice wine of divine knowledge from the hand of bounty of Him in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and didst attain unto that which was recorded in the Books of God and hidden in His knowledge. Blessed is he who seeketh to attain thy station, turneth toward thy direction, and visiteth thy resting-place. Thou art he who attained the presence of the Day wherein was heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the scratching of the Supreme Pen, and thou wert among those whom God had formerly given glad tidings through His words: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." I testify that thou didst hear the call of the Trumpet when it was sounded, and didst see the earth when it was illumined by the light of its Lord, and didst hear its call when it told of its tidings. Thou art he whom the signs and portents of the Hour did not frighten; thou didst comprehend them, attain unto their sweet savors, and turn toward them when those on earth turned away from their Manifestation, save whom God, their Creator and their Sovereign, willed. Thou art he who attained unto the flowing waters of mercy when their murmur was raised, and unto the call of the Lote-Tree when its rustling was heard, and remained steadfast when the limbs of all beings trembled with fear of the Days, and responded when God's call was raised on the Day of

Resurrection. Thou art he through whom the lips of utterance smiled in the realm of possibility and the pavilions of grandeur were raised upon the highest standards. Thou art he who attained unto the lights of the Sun of inner meanings when it shone forth from its horizon and unto the Living Waters when they flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and stood firm when the dwellers of the graves arose and witnessed when the decree of resurrection was manifest. I testify that thy foot did not slip, thy countenance did not change, and thy heart was not troubled when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, save whom God, the Lord of Names, willed. Thou wert successful in attaining the ocean of certitude when the people wandered in the wilderness of idle fancies. Thou art he who found the sweet savors of the Supreme Word and the Most Exalted Paradise before all things, and saw what was veiled, and knew what was hidden, and believed in Him Who was promised in God's Books and recorded in His Scrolls and Scriptures. Through thee and thy like was opened the door of grace unto the face of the world and was raised the standard of justice among the nations, and through your submissiveness did necks bow down on the Day of the Covenant and the horizons became illumined with the light of unity. Through you appeared God's straight path and His firm and mighty Command, and through you surged the ocean of utterance amidst all possibility and the breezes of the All-Merciful wafted over all lands. Ye are the dawning-places of the light of oneness and the treasuries of God's conclusive wisdom and the keys to the doors of knowledge and the Law. Ye are God's party and His hosts and God's balance and His justice. Through you did lights shine forth and mysteries were unveiled and the clouds rained down and the decree of the Book was established. Ye are God's Books among His creation and His Scrolls among His servants, and ye are the pearls of the ocean of knowledge and the dawning-places of the Cause amidst all possibility. Through you was adorned the preamble of the Book of munificence and the opening of the gates of munificence upon all in the unseen and visible realms. Alas, alas, for what hath befallen you at the hands of the most loss-laden on the Day of Judgment. By your tribulation did the Faithful Spirit lament and chosen servants cry out, the leaves of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing turned yellow, eyes in the Most Exalted Paradise wept, the pillars of the Primal Word were shaken, and the hearts of the dwellers of the pavilion of glory were disturbed upon the luminous spot. Through what befell you were the pillars of the Throne shaken, the companions of the Crimson Ark upon the sea of names were struck with terror, and darkness seized all who dwell on earth and in heaven. In grief for you did the Maids of Paradise leave their chambers and turn toward you, and we lament for you. In sorrow for you wept the eyes of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and those who dwell in the canopies of grandeur beyond the sea of glory. Through your tribulation did every possessor of a homeland become a stranger, every station was brought low, every tranquil soul was troubled, every patient one cried out, every knower was thunderstruck, and every life was transformed. I testify that through your afflictions was the mountain of generosity swept away from among the world, and the Manifestations of eternity were cut off from life among the nations.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou seest the temples of them that love Thee cast upon the dust, with none to comfort them save the breezes of Thy mercy that pass over them at dawn and lament for them in such wise as to melt the very stones. The sweetness of Thy call so transported them that they detached themselves from the world, turning to Thy most exalted horizon. These are servants who remained faithful to Thy Covenant and Testament, who hastened to the station of sacrifice in hope of what lieth with Thee, and in whom Thy most exalted Word had such effect that

their hearts were melted thereby, their eyes shed tears, and their necks bowed before Thy grandeur. These are honored servants who strove in Thy path with true striving and aided Thy Cause with true aid. The hosts of earth prevented them not from turning to Thee, nor did the might of kings frighten them from manifesting Thy sovereignty among Thy creatures. They arose and spoke that which made the skin of the oppressors shudder and the pillars of the transgressors quake.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by them, by their sighs and tears in their longing and yearning, that Thou forgive me and my parents and whosoever hath turned unto Thee, O Lord of the Covenant, on the Day of Separation. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by this most pure sepulcher and this hallowed and purified dust, that Thou ordain for this servant of Thine, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiver, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Generous.

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In the Name of God, the One, the Single!

O friends of the Beauty of the All-Merciful! Without concealment or veiling, He hath risen from the horizon of creation, manifest and evident, in such wise that none possessed of sight hath any excuse to deny Him, save such as are unworthy to behold the Most Great Countenance. Even as is witnessed, the Sun shineth resplendent, yet the blind one remaineth deprived and bereft of beholding it. How blessed, then, are they who in this Day gaze upon the Most Pure Station and the Most Great Countenance. By the lights of the Morn of sanctification! These are they who are accounted more precious than the most precious ruby.

The winds of trials and tests have ever blown, and shall continue to blow, from the dawning-place of the justice of the All-Merciful, that the one who turneth away may be distinguished from the one who advanceth. Yet blessed are they who remain unperturbed when these winds blow. We did aforetime warn all people of the days of hardship and their tribulations, that perchance when the winds of destiny stirred they would not be deprived of turning toward the Friend, and would protect the lamp of divine love with the glass of trust and detachment from diverse winds. Nevertheless, when they descended, most people were heedless, save whom thy Lord willed, to such extent that broken glasses, extinguished lamps, troubled hearts, and wavering souls were witnessed.

Yet this is most evident, that the beauty of the spirit and its worth lie in its being spent in the path of the Friend. Blessed is the soul that spendeth and the Friend accepteth. Since the eye of the heart remaineth veiled by the veils of self and desire, it hath therefore been deprived of perceiving this station. Were a soul to gaze with the most pure vision, it would gladly sacrifice a hundred thousand lives.

God willing, all must remain so steadfast in the path of God's Cause that the opposition and objection of all on earth shall not cause them to slip. In times when the winds of tests blow, the lovers of the Beauty of the All-Merciful are distinguished from the people of loss, and they who remain steadfast in these days are accounted before God among the people of the shadowless Paradise and are so recorded.

This Sublime, Most Exalted, Most Holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will specifically for the people of the village of Zirak. The Leaf of Paradise, that is, the Sister of the Bab, should seek out Mulla Muhammad and the companions of that village and read it to them.

O ye beloved of God! Hearken unto His call from the Prison, and seek at all times refuge in God, that ye may be protected from the evil of these days and from that which appeareth therein from the manifestations of Satan. The glance of God's loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be directed towards you. Be not grieved during these few fleeting days, but occupy yourselves with His remembrance and praise, and be joyous in His remembrance. Move amongst men with godly qualities, that all people may inhale His fragrances from your deeds, acts and words, and turn towards the Friend. Every tree must yield befitting and worthy fruit, for if a tree beareth no fruit, it is fit only for the fire, and so shall it ever be. Therefore must the trees of human souls in this divine springtime bring forth wondrous fruits. The fruit of these trees hath ever been and shall ever be the knowledge of God and goodly deeds that are pleasing unto Him. God willing, ye must all be adorned with the ornament of detachment, and in this springtime of the All-Merciful be honored with the robe of acceptance, and remain not deprived of the Salsabil of His grace and favor. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that a gate of Paradise hath been opened such as was not opened before and shall not be opened hereafter. Therefore know ye the value of these days and be ye detached from all save God, in such wise that none shall be able to exercise influence over your hearts. For in these days the holy and divine Manifestations appear with utmost sanctity and detachment, and likewise the manifestations of Satan are visible with the utmost deceit and guile, moving among men in human form. Therefore turn ye unto God, that through His grace and mercy ye may be protected from the evil of such degenerate and whispering souls. If ye apprehend the realm of existence and immortality, ye will not be disturbed and shaken by the outward non-existence and extinction in the path of the Friend. Set not your hearts upon this narrow, transient space; soar in the unlimited atmosphere of the spirit, until ye arrive at a station wherein ye shall behold the entire world and its people as non-existent and extinct. The breezes of grace are wafting from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful with such power that were the peoples of the world to turn to them but slightly, all would be purified from the defilement of this transient world and would return to the Most Pure Horizon. How unfortunate are the souls who in these days remain heedless and deprived! And ye, O friends, praise ye the Beloved of all creation, in that the winds of His grace have passed over you and guided you to the City of His Oneness. Know ye then the value of this bounty and be ye occupied at all times with His praise. All matters are visible in His presence, and He is aware of the hearts of His loved ones. He is, verily, knowing of all things. We beseech God to protect you from the evil of those who have disbelieved, and to give you to drink from the cup of His love at all times. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! These are Thy servants who have turned to the effulgent rays of Thy countenance and who are illumined by the manifestations of the glory of Thy divine unity in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which trembling seized the whole creation and intoxication overtook those servants who were heedless of Thy remembrance and Thy meeting, and by which the sincere ones arose to celebrate Thy praise and glorification, not to deprive these souls of the breathings of Thy revelation and inspiration, and the manifestations of the glory of Thy divine unity and the evidences of

Thy holy oneness. Moreover, O my God, guard them from the darts of doubts and the arrows of allusions, and purify them with the Kawthar of Thy favors and the Tasnim of Thy gifts, that they may move only by Thy leave and command, and speak naught except in praise of the Manifestation of Thy Most Exalted and Most Glorious Self. Verily, Thou art the One Who doeth whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the All-Glorious, the All-Choosing.

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He is God - exalted be His glory, to Him belong greatness and majesty!

Praise sanctified above the comprehension of all the first and the last befitteth the Lord of the Day of Judgment, Who hath spoken forth the Most Exalted Word, and through that Word raised high the banner of knowledge in the world of existence and unfurled the standard of being, and through that Word made manifest the ocean of divine knowledge and caused the waves of utterance to surge, upon which dependeth the existence of the world. None hath ever attained to the true understanding of that Word as it truly is. From but a single point thereof hath appeared the knowledge of all the first and the last. He is the Dawning-Place of the divine Books, the Day-spring of the revelation of the Lord of Oneness, and the Source of divine laws and ordinances. His are the four pillars, in each pillar lie hidden mysteries and treasured bounties. And when that Point bowed down before the effulgences of the lights of the Most Great Name, the Hand of His grace adorned it with the ornament of nearness and reunion, and from it appeared “B” which was joined unto “H”, and through this Point all things proclaimed “The Truth is come!”

Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the Point, its Ordainer, its Adorner, its Protector and its Helper! I bear witness unto that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified when Thou wert seated upon the throne of divine expression in the midst of all possibilities, and I acknowledge that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen amidst all created things. I beseech Thee by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and the verses treasured in Thy tablets, and by Thy Command through which the limbs of all names trembled while the hearts of the people of Baha were assured, to send down upon him who hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto Thee, from the heaven of Thy mercy, the rain of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and King of eternity, by the fragrant breezes of Thy verses and the lights of the dawn of Thy Manifestation, and by Thy breezes through which the dwellers of the graves arose, and by Thy signs through which was revealed the decree of resurrection and the trump was blown, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, firm in Thy love, seeking refuge in Thy presence, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Thou art He Whom neither the happenings of the world nor the doubts of nations have hindered. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist the people of Baha to remain steadfast in Thy love, such that neither the oppression of the tyrants nor the rejection of the transgressors who have ascended the pulpits in Thy name and uttered concerning Thee that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy majesty and the tabernacle of Thy glory to lament - after Thou hadst created them for Thy remembrance and praise - may frighten them. Thou art He Who hath seen

and heard what they have spoken thereon in Thy days, and Thou didst forbear despite Thy power and conceal despite Thy might. O Lord! Aid Thy heedless servants to behold that which hath appeared from Thee and to turn unto Thy horizon. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all and Whose grace hath encompassed all, and Who hath named Thyself the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Lord! Ordain for Thy loved ones the good of the hereafter and of this world. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. Then forgive them through Thy bounty which hath preceded existence itself. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Thou seest Thy male and female servants turning unto Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Forgiving, to forgive them through Thy bounty and generosity, and by Thy name, the Most Generous, to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Jalal! We have heard the call of My loved ones, both men and women. Convey My greetings to them and remind them of My verses, and give them the glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Jalal! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Your letters, both past and present, have been received. Every word thereof testified to your acceptance, devotion and steadfastness. O Jalal! This Day is unlike other days and its utterance unlike other utterances. Whosoever attains unto the fragrances of the Most Exalted Word which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the prison of Akka, and recognizes it, will become detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and will cleave with heart and soul unto the Truth. Blessed are they whom the veils of the world have not hindered and whom the doubts of the nations have not prevented from turning towards and accepting the Truth.

Praise be to God that thou hast sought the Most Great Ocean and hast attained unto that which hath been revealed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Books of the nations. Thou didst arrive, thou didst see, thou didst hear the Call, thou didst behold the horizon, and thou didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Blessed art thou and blessed are My friends in Nun and Ya who have not broken My covenant and My testament, who have drawn nigh and have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My bounty. We have remembered them before and remember them now that this remembrance may attract them to the Greater Steadfastness, lest their feet slip from the Path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to all and give them the glad tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Today the call of the servants hath been heard, and the answer is at all times being revealed from the horizon of the Kingdom of utterance.

The honored Ismu'llah, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly mentioned both thee and Mulla Shafi', and in each instance he hath been blessed with the revelation of the Supreme Pen. This Wronged One hath ever remembered and will continue to remember His loved ones. I swear by the Sun of Truth which

shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation that every name that is mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One is blessed with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The world hath not been, nor is it now, capable of manifesting the stations of His loved ones. Great is the endeavor and mighty the steed, but the field is not spacious enough. We beseech God - and ye should likewise beseech Him - not to deprive His servants and to grant them a portion of the bounties of these days. He is the Generous One Who hath created the world for His servants. It behooveth the tongues of them that are nigh unto Him and are sincere in their love to be engaged day and night in His praise and glorification. This is meet for those who have turned unto Him and have perceived the fragrance of His utterance and the sweetness of His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in greatness and power!

Praise be unto the Desired One, whose purpose hath ever been the salvation and protection of His servants, and whose laws and commandments have each been, in the eyes of them that are endowed with insight, a vigilant guardian that slumbereth not - each a mighty fortress and an impregnable stronghold. Exalted be His favors, all-encompassing His dominion, and manifest His grace, His mercy and His loving-kindness! And peace and blessings be upon the Source of existence, through whom were illumined the realms of hearts and minds and the cities of justice, and without whom neither would the world have come into being nor would laws and ordinances have been established among the peoples. Through Him did the river of mercy flow, the sweet savors of grace were wafted, and the waters proclaimed: “He Who is the Lord of Names hath come!” and the dust proclaimed: “The Lord of all men hath come!” and all things proclaimed: “The kingdom belongeth unto God, Creator of heaven!” And peace be upon His family and companions, through whom appeared the proof and was made manifest the way, and through whom shone forth the light of unity amongst kings and servants, and through whom all things were given the glad-tidings of victory and triumph, and the limbs of every polytheist who turned away and denied were made to quake.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter, like a spiritual fragrance, bestowed spirit and joy upon the carpet of the soul and transformed the gloom of these days into gladness. Praise be to God that the effects of thy spirit-stirring pen proclaim “verily, I am ever in communion.” God knoweth that its appearance, its arrival, its perusal, and its influence are each a perfect bounty and an outpouring mercy, for every letter thereof is a volume in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. And afterward, having sought audience, it was presented before the face of the Lord, Who said: “O Muhammad, upon thee be the peace of God!”

There hath befallen this Wronged One that which hath no end to its sorrow and which hath prevented the pen from writing and the tongue from speaking. Night and day have the rains of counsel poured down unremittingly from the heaven of love, yet no trace was seen from what was spoken nor fruit from what was sown. How many seeds of mature wisdom were imprisoned in barren soil! In that great city there

were two souls, one “M” and one “S”, each counting themselves among the people of knowledge, faith, certitude, steadfastness and detachment. But in the end the opposite became evident and manifest, and they became the cause of the waste of the Cause in that city. Some imagined that a door of bounty had been opened and a place of justice and fairness established, the result of which would be the manifestation of human qualities and praiseworthy spiritual characteristics. But that which appeared caused the form of justice to tremble and the tears of fairness to flow. More than this cannot be said. In any case, the true cause and reason was a single soul. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make known to them that which harmeth and benefiteth them. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land. Praise be to God that from that company wafteth the sweet fragrance of love and spreadeth pleasing perfumes. We beseech God to increase each day their unity, harmony, humility and submissiveness, that all may become as one soul in educating the servants and refining the people of the land. Verily, He is the Answerer of prayers and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

What can this servant say? In these days a sorrow has come to pass the like of which has never been seen. One for whom the utmost love, favor and grace was shown, and for whom the means of trade were arranged, has been so consumed by the fire of jealousy that day and night he has devoted all effort against his own brother. They see no one without whispering evil words about his brother into their ear. In short, to the learned and ignorant, those within and without, friends and strangers, he has said that which has caused the servants to withdraw and avoid. Thus order in affairs has been scattered and total loss has become manifest. In one of the Tablets these blessed words were revealed from the tongue of the Master: “He made peace with the enemy and assailed the friend, and did not manifest the name of the Concealer.” End quote.

This servant beseeches God to raise up in that city one who will make amends for what has been lost and wasted. Glory is in His hand and power in His mighty grasp. Verily He is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa ’Ali, upon him be God’s peace, that a portion of his money should be taken out and put in the name of the house door - after submission they said: “We have accepted his love and kindness, but if it reverts to himself it would be better, since until now no profit has appeared from the trades. Therefore it is best that it revert to him until God brings His grace, generosity and bounty.” And likewise regarding what you wrote about the funds, as commanded, whatever way they deem advisable to act is acceptable. However they said that now all attention must be on external affairs, meaning endeavoring to pay external debts. I beseech God that His grace may encompass and His bounty become manifest. He is the Hearer and the Powerful.

To each of the friends in that land I offer greetings. Praise be to God, until now they have been the cause of exaltation and elevation, and this matter has certainly been and will be the cause of the descent of grace, blessing and mercy. Verily He is with His sincere servants, His righteous servants, His detached servants, those who are certain, those who are steadfast. And peace, remembrance and glory be upon

you and upon those who love you and upon those servants whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from drawing near unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Exalted Seat.

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The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted

This is a remembrance from Our presence to people who hear, and wisdom from Us to people who understand, and light from the horizon of the Cause to people who see. This is the countenance of God, if you would turn to it. This is the Temple of the Cause, if you would accept it. This is the horizon of Revelation, if you would behold it. This is verily the Dawning-Place of inspiration, if you would perceive it. Say: This is the Fire through which all things were stirred and ascended unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Word through which was created what was and what will be. This is the fragrance through which the world was perfumed, if you would discover it. These are the winds through which the gardens of hearts were made verdant, if you would know. This is the Hand which emerged from the bosom of grandeur and power and encompassed all that is seen and unseen. This is He Who cannot be known through aught else - behold Him, O people, through His own eyes and follow not every rejected liar.

Say: This is the righteousness of God which you were promised in a hidden Tablet, and this is the Temple built by the hands of your Lord's power, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: This is He but for Whom the verses would not have been revealed nor would every decreed matter have appeared. This is He Whom the Desired One of the world intended, while you are as dead. This is He to Whom the tongue of grandeur calls out, indicating: "This, verily, is the Beloved of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved." Yet ignorant servants denied Me and broke God's covenant - verily they are bewildered. They cast aside the All-Knowing and took hold of vain imaginings - verily they are a people who deny. They turned away from the ocean and approached the pond - they do not understand. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen raised its cry between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who turned to it with the ear of innate nature - verily he is of the triumphant ones. Arise to the Cause through God's might and power. Say: O people! The veil has been rent asunder and the Bestower has come with a manifest proof. All that appears from Him is evidence, if you be of those who know. He calls, at all times, all who are in the realm of possibility, yet people are in a mighty veil. Among them is he who was veiled by remembrances until he opposed the Chosen One and was of the opposers. And among them is he who clung to tales of the past and spoke that which caused the hearts of those near to God to burn. And among them is he who said "He has not yet thus revealed Himself in those days" and was of the heedless. Say: I have not revealed Myself, but God has revealed all things, if you be of those who know. Say: Were you to ponder what you oppose, you would find it a proof and evidence for Him Who has come with the truth by a clear command. Can the clamor of these people prevent Him? No, by His own Self, the Truth! He speaks what He is commanded by One knowing and wise. Say: He has come with power and sovereignty that none in the worlds can prevent. Through Him has shone the sun of Will and through Him has appeared God's decree, the Mighty, the Generous. Thus have We recounted to thee the conditions of the servants that thou might become aware of what has befallen Us from the hosts of the polytheists. They hasten to the fire while supposing it

to be light. Say: No, by His sovereignty which encompasses all in the heavens and earths! This is the Manifestation which you were promised in the Tablets. He has come at an hour none among the people perceived, and thy Lord is witness to what I say. Say: It is the Hour at which the Hour was shaken and the Resurrection wailed, if you be of those who hear.

The Cause is mighty, mighty! None can bear it save the people of Baha who have cast aside the world and are of the detached. When thou hast attained unto God's verses and known the conditions of the leaves, say: Praised be Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was in the prison of the idolaters. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me to arise to serve Thy Cause, to stand firm in Thy love, and to turn towards the horizon of Thy favors. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey my greetings unto My loved ones who have stood firm in the Cause and abided by that which was enjoined upon them from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: By the Lord of the Great Throne, ye are the triumphant ones, and by the Lord of the Exalted Seat, ye are the spring breezes. Ye are they who have quaffed this pure wine which was unsealed in the name of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ye are they who speak that which your Ancient Lord hath desired, and ye are the witnesses this Day, while all others are in strange concealment. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify for you, and nothing created on earth can equal this. Every discerning soul beareth witness thereunto. Verily, they who are remote this Day are among the dead. They have not drunk of the water of life and they abide forever in the graves of ignorance.

Arise to assist the Cause of your Lord in such wise that the affairs of men shall not grieve you, nor shall the doubts of the heedless hinder you. Be ye the helpers of God in His lands and the emblems of His might amongst His servants, that the people of the earth may find in you that whereby their souls may be assured and the hearts of the hesitant ones be set ablaze. Remember God in your homes, and He will remember you in this mighty Prison.

Be not disturbed by those who have wronged Us. Soon shall We seize them as We seized the transgressors before them who transgressed against God in those regions. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Determiner. He who pronounced judgment against Us hath been seized by the breaths of chastisement from every direction. He is, verily, the most severe of revengers. Thus was it revealed in the Tablet of the Heart when the Ancient Beauty arrived at the Most Great Prison. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were it not for thy Lord's mercy, thou wouldst find those on earth as a handful of dust, but My mercy hath preceded My servants; therefore have We left them to themselves until the appointed time.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, in Whose right hand are the reins of all created things, and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, whereby the horizons were illumined, to send down upon us from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw us nigh unto the ocean of Thy favors and make us to be of those whom the blame of the blamer hath not kept back from turning toward Thy face, nor hath the clamor of the infidels deterred from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold us from that Ocean which hath surged through Thy Name and been exalted through Thy Command. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the

kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted.

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the world and the Ruler of the nations! I testify that Thou hast from eternity been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted beyond the loftiest descriptions of Thy creatures. Whensoever Thy devoted servants sought to ascend unto the station of Thy recognition, the hosts of Thy knowledge barred their way; and whensoever Thy near ones desired to gain admittance to the heaven of Thy nearness, the overpowering majesty of Thine utterance kept them back. We bear witness that the loftiest of the divine names are but servants at Thy door, and that their most glorious manifestations bow down before Thy countenance and are humbled in Thy presence. Thou art, in truth, He Who can neither be described in letters, nor evoked by words, nor even contained within the hidden meanings they conceal. For these are all circumscribed by the inherent limitations of speech which characterize all the utterances of the peoples of the world.

Exalted, immeasurably exalted, art Thou above the mention of every soul and the understanding of every heart! Exalted, immeasurably exalted, art Thou above the description of anyone save Thyself and beyond every conception of Thy creatures! Were Thine own Manifestations to soar upon the wings of the seen and the unseen, yet would they fail to attain unto the first effulgence shining from the horizon of Thy most exalted Countenance and the dawning-place of Thy most sublime Revelation. And were the Exponents of Thy Lordship enabled to ascend for as long as the kingdoms of earth and heaven endure, yet would they be forever powerless to draw nigh unto the Day-Star of Thy beauty.

Blessed be the one who comprehendeth Thine enduring reality and the evanescence of all else but Thee, and who acknowledgeth Thy sovereign authority and the powerlessness of all save Thyself. And as the evanescence of all things is established before the surging ocean of Thy remembrance, O King of all names, it likewise becometh evident that their every mention and description falleth short of Thy might and grandeur and ill beseemeth Thy loftiness and power. And yet in spite of this, O my God, Thou hast, out of the wonders of Thy grace and munificence and as a token of Thy bounty and Thy favour, enjoined upon all to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and hast accepted their glorification of Thee out of Thy grace and generosity. Wherefore doth Thine own Self call on Thy Self and Thy very Essence invoke Thine Essence on behalf of Thy lovers who have borne every hardship in Thy path and every adversity out of love for Thee and contentment with Thy good-pleasure, in this blessed day which Thou hast made to be a festival for the inmates of Thy kingdom and for those who have kept the Fast by Thy command and obeyed Thy resistless decree.

Exalted be this blessed and glorious day which Thou hast designated by that beloved Name which is both hidden and manifest, and which, when it shone forth above the horizon of eternity, the Divine Lote-Tree called out, saying: “By God! The Lord of creation hath come, Whom no name can describe.” Whereupon Paradise was set astir and proclaimed with joy and fervour: “O concourse of the world! He hath come,

round Whom circle the Daysprings of the All-Merciful, the Manifestations of the All-Praised, and the Dawning-Places of inspiration." And all things cried aloud: "This is that Tablet with which the kingdom of creation hath been adorned and through which the gate leading unto the Divine Presence hath been flung open unto all who are in heaven and on earth." Happy the one who hath forsaken every desire and hath drawn nigh unto the One Whose reality no word or utterance can convey.

By God! This is the Day whereon from the murmur of the waters can be heard: "No God is there but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting", and from the whispering of whose breezes can be heard: "No God is there but Him, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved", and from the rustling of whose trees can be heard: "No God is there but Him, the Most Powerful, the Ever-Giving, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving", and beyond them, from the Tongue of Grandeur can be heard: "This is the Day of the appearance of Him Who is manifest yet hidden, Who is visible yet concealed. Hasten unto Him, O ye who are the daysprings of the divine names, and draw nigh unto Him, O ye who dwell in the kingdom of creation, with hearts that have been purified from superstitions and vain imaginings and sanctified from the idle talk of men!"

Immeasurably exalted is the state of Thy loved ones who have clung to the cord of Thy command, held fast to the hem of Thine ordinances, uttered that which hath been permitted unto them in Thy Tablets, transgressed not the bounds ordained in Thy Book, and spoken out in Thy lands with wisdom as decreed in the scrolls of Thy bounty and the epistles of Thy grace. O Lord! Assist them to arise for the triumph of Thy Cause through what Thou hast expounded unto them with Thy most exalted Pen and what Thou hast instructed them in certain of Thy Tablets. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, but keep them safe through Thy sovereignty and power and assist them through Thy might and bounty.

O Lord! They are Thy servants and bondsmen who have believed in Thee and have drawn nigh unto the heaven of Thy bounty. Suffer them not to be deprived of the tokens of Thy tender mercies in Thy days; neither do thou withhold from them the fragrance of the roses of Thy wisdom. Guide them then, O my God, to the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, that in Thy Name they may immerse themselves therein, and that they may not be saddened by that which their own minds have conceived, nor grieved by all that they have witnessed in Thy path. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful One Whose might every powerful one hath recognized, Whose sovereignty every possessor of majesty hath acknowledged, before the waves of the ocean of Whose knowledge every learned one confesseth his ignorance, and before the evidences of Whose power every soul endued with strength admitteth his helplessness.

Thou art the One, O my God, to Whom every name is abashed to be related, and in Whose presence all things shrink for shame from being mentioned. From eternity Thou hast dwelt in those transcendent heights that are exalted above all mention and description. How great are Thy sovereignty and Thy power and how mighty Thy grandeur!–this, though all things acknowledge that Thou art entirely sanctified from, and immeasurably exalted above, all but Thine own Self. Thou hast subdued the entire world through a single Word that hath been related to the kingdom of Thine utterance and from which the fragrance of the robe of Thy Command hath been wafted.

O Lord of all being and Educator of all things visible and invisible! Grant us ears that are pure, hearts that are sanctified, and eyes that see, so that we may discover the sweetness of Thine enthralling utterance, may fix our gaze upon Thy supreme horizon, and may come to know whatever hath been sent down

through Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the King of Names! Kindle then the fire of Thy love in Thy lands, that the hearts of Thy creatures may be set ablaze thereby, that they may turn towards Thee, may recognize Thy unity and acknowledge Thy oneness. O Lord of all names! Rend asunder before their faces the veils of glory, and make known unto them the excellence of this Day which hath been adorned with Thy Name and illumined with the light of Thy Countenance. Thou, verily, art He Whom the good works of the people can never exalt nor their evil deeds deter, Whom the ascendancy of the rulers cannot humble nor the power of the mighty vanquish. Thou doest through Thy sovereignty whatsoever Thou willest. No God is there but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Send down, then, upon Thy loved ones, O my God, from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause them to fix their gaze upon Thee and to act in accordance with Thy will and behest. Ordain for them, then, what will profit them and preserve them, what will draw them nigh and set them free. Verily Thou art their Lord, their Creator, and their Helper. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

I beseech Thee, moreover, O my God, to unite the hearts of Thy loved ones and to join them together in harmony and fellowship in Thy Cause, that naught may appear from them that would ill beseem them in Thy days. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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He is the Consoler, the Comforter, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come from the Most Exalted Horizon is the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, and the Master of the Beginning and the End. Whoso cleaveth unto Him hath verily cleaved unto God's mighty cord, and whoso holdeth fast unto His hem hath verily held fast unto the hem of God, the Holy, the Pure, the Mighty, the Luminous.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Whose voice was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon is indeed the One Who conversed upon Sinai, Who is established upon the Throne of Revelation, through Whom the Trump was blown, through Whom the decree of resurrection was fulfilled, and through Whom those that lay in their graves arose. Whoso heareth His call hath verily heard the Call of God, and whoso turneth unto Him hath verily turned unto God. Blessed is the strong one whom neither the might of the oppressors nor the power of the tyrants could deter. He stood before all faces and proclaimed with loudest voice: "O concourse of earth and heaven! The Day hath appeared wherein the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol, which had been concealed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest."

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf whom the rapture of the Call seized and whom the wine of the utterance of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names intoxicated, to such extent that she sacrificed herself in the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and His mighty and

glorious Cause. Say: The peace that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Batha, and the blessings that descend from the heaven of grandeur and bounty, and the light that dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of the Lord of all creation, be upon thee, O luminous leaf who hast sprouted forth on the Mount of Sinai through the will of God, Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

I testify that thou didst answer thy Lord when His call was raised, and didst turn unto Him when most of His servants turned away. I bear witness that the Word attracted thee and the proof seized thee in such wise that thou didst detach thyself from the world and its colors, its ornaments, its pleasures, its blessings and its bounties, hoping for God's loving-kindness and mercy, God's grace and bounty, God's glory and splendor.

O My handmaiden! By thy tribulation the Tablet in the hand of Baha did lament, and the tongues of the faithful were stilled from mentioning thy Lord, the Most High. By what befell thee, the hearts of the holy ones in the crimson chambers and in the Most Exalted Paradise did melt. Alas, alas, for what thou didst hear and witness in the days of God from those who broke God's covenant and His testament, cast aside His laws and His verses, and from those women who denied God and His sovereignty and turned away from approaching His court and entering the precincts of His gate.

I testify that thou didst drink from the hands of thy Lord's loving-kindness the Kawthar of divine knowledge and the choice wine of utterance, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from the most exalted station. Thou art she whom the veils of those handmaidens who cast aside the Book of God, the Lord of all mankind, did not hinder. By thy tribulation hearts were consumed and livers melted, and the people of the cities of unity did lament, and the Maid of Heaven cried out in the midmost heart of Paradise.

I testify that the love of thy Lord inflamed thee, His nearness consumed thee, distance from His presence burned thee, and separation in His days destroyed thee. Alas, alas, for how griefs seized thee from every direction and prevented thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. Whenever thou didst hasten, turn and approach, yearning to meet thy Beloved and thy Goal, thou didst find the irrevocable decree as a barrier between thee and the Lord of Eternity, the Object of worship of the nations. And whenever thou didst reflect in the night seasons and at dawn that perchance thou mightest find a way to meet thy Lord, lo, the wall of denial from those who disbelieved in God, thy Chosen Lord, prevented thee.

I bear witness that thou didst believe in God and in that which was sent down from the heaven of His utterance and the horizon of His bounty, and in that which appeared from Him and was manifested by His command. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times from the heaven of the loving-kindness of His Name, the Most Merciful, mercy from His presence and blessing from His side. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O My leaf! Rejoice in the Most Exalted Paradise in what hath at this moment been sent down for thee from the Pen of thy Most Glorious Lord. Blessed art thou for having attained unto a mention that shone forth from the mouth of thy Lord's will. The lights have shone forth in the horizons and the light of utterance hath gleamed forth from the word of thy Lord, the King of the Day of Meeting. I bear witness, O

My handmaiden, to thy confession and acknowledgment, thy turning and orientation, thy remembrance and praise of thy Lord, thy Creator, thy Quickener, thy Manifester, and the Manifestation of all who are in the heavens and the earth. I bear witness that by My mention the ocean of forgiveness did surge, and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, hath wafted in such wise that We have heard from the right side "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all worlds," and from the left "Glory be to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High," and from before Us "The Lord of all beings hath come with a sovereignty whereby the back of vain imaginings hath been broken." Thus have the verses been sent down from the heaven of Our loving-kindness unto thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf, who art mentioned in My sacred court and upon My intimate carpet. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee, upon thy beginning and thine end, thy outward and thine inward being, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Stay, my Desire and my Object of worship! I beseech Thee by them who hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to attain Thy presence, and by their blood which was shed in Thy path, and by the heads which were raised upon spears in Thy Name, and by the bodies which were consumed by the fire of hatred in Thy days and in Thy love, and by this handmaiden whose heart was melted in separation from Thee and whose inner being was attracted by the breezes of Thy verses and the fragrances of Thy utterance, and who was seized by Thy sweetest call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen in such wise that she sacrificed her spirit, her soul and all she possessed in Thy path, that Thou ordain for them who have turned unto Thee what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by her and by her love and her turning unto Thee and her orientation towards Thee, and by her grief in her remoteness from the carpet of Thy nearness and the Dayspring of Thy reunion and meeting with Thee, that Thou forgive me and Thy friends and Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Great. O my God, bestow Thy blessings, O my God, upon Thy loved ones and Thy handmaidens who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and who have acted in accordance with what they were bidden in Thy Perspicuous Book. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Generous.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

The world is illumined by the light of knowledge, yet darkened by the dust of the hearts of the transgressors. The sign of the Day when the heaven shall bring forth a manifest smoke was made manifest aforetime, and 'the Kingdom on that Day shall be God's' is delayed and postponed. With this great tribulation and mighty darkness that hath encompassed the world, how can the peoples be worthy of the effulgent dawnings of the Sun of divine favor? All have heard of the Cause of the existence of bounty and have witnessed the precedence of mercy and grace, yet have forgotten the cause of their own creation. 'I loved to be known' was the cause, yet they have forgotten the cause and reason of their own existence. They have abandoned mercy and clung to vengeance, such that naught can be heard from all directions save the clash of swords. The Tongue of Power at every moment whispereth in the

innermost heart, saying: Fix your gaze upon this verse and hold fast unto it: 'Lo! though it be but the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be within a rock, or in the heavens or in the earth, God will bring it forth.' Glory be to God! The cry hath ever been raised, yet they hear not, and the Kingdom hath ever been God's, yet they see not. What hath hindered them? Vain imaginings. What hath veiled them? The heedlessness of the peoples.

Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the world and Bestower of favors upon the peoples! Withhold not Thy bounties from Thy servants, and disappoint them not from the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grace. Purify them from whatsoever hath hindered them from drawing nigh unto Thee and from walking in the ways of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of my heart! Thy letter arrived - it was an ocean of love. Thy missive reached Me - it was a book comprehensive in the degrees of affection. After it was read and perused, it attained the honor of being heard by the Lord. He said: "O 'Ali, upon thee be the peace of God and His favors!" Praise be to God that neither profit nor loss defiled the holy souls nor held them back from turning unto Him. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you! The cup of love hath strange effects and wondrous properties. I swear by the Luminary of Batha that this world is not worthy of joy or sorrow, nor deserving the attention of the sincere ones and them that are nigh unto God. For were it worthy, it would have been yours and with you. The world and its adornments are, in the estimation of them that are detached, as a piece of leather paste sewn onto the finest garment - nay, even more detestable than that. It befitteth not the free - it is good only for its people. Verily, it is carrion, and they that seek it are known. We beseech God, exalted be He, to exalt you through His Name, to draw you nigh through His grace, and to make you the ensigns of His remembrance amidst His creation and the standards of His justice amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. Convey unto the believing, unified, and assured ones the greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist them, preserve them, and ordain for them the blessings of the heavens of His grace and the gifts of the clouds of His bounty. Verily, He is the Generous, the Possessor of great favor. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Praised be God! Pure intention, clear purpose, and manifest deeds have caused the fragrance of detachment, love, affection, trustworthiness and truthfulness to waft through the cities of justice and equity. Every unbiased one has perceived it and every unprejudiced one has acknowledged it. One word has been recorded in the book of divine favor which is in truth the light of knowledge and the Most Great Luminary of books: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." This blessed word is, in the estimation of the mystics, beyond the stations of effacement and existence. This evanescent servant gazeth upon this word and cleaveth unto it, beseeching and imploring God - exalted be His glory - to make its effects manifest unto all His servants. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to your mention of him who is in truth the solace of the eyes, Aqa Mirza Mahdi - upon him be God's peace - the servant beareth witness that he is among the triumphant ones. Convey my greetings unto him. His letter was received and from it wafted the fragrance of love, affection, sincerity and devotion. In

truth, his entire letter appeared to this evanescent one as a single word: “Verily I am for God alone.” Well is it with him! He hath drunk from the ocean and hath not contented himself with the river. He is among those servants from whom one cannot witness excessive attention from the Source, for the doors of “Is there more?” would open. In truth, he is worthy of a hundred thousand mentions and salutations. On this night, mention of him flowed from the blessed tongue in such wise as to attract hearts, cause bodies to soar, let alone spirits.

Concerning what thou didst write about the petition of Aqa ’Abbas - may God assist him - some time ago a letter arrived from the beloved of hearts, His Holiness Samandar - upon him be the Glory of God - and they forwarded the petition of the aforementioned one. A Tablet was graciously revealed; after perusing it they should forward it. The mention of this ’Abbas opened a door to the meeting with the spiritual beloved, Haji ’Abbas - upon him be God’s peace and favors. We beseech God to assist him, confirm him and draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions.

The petition of Haji Yusuf - may God, exalted be He, strengthen him - arrived and one blessed Tablet was sent to be delivered to him. Convey my greetings to the friends of that land. I beseech from God whatsoever leadeth to the manifestation of praiseworthy character. In truth, the horizons are illumined and radiant through goodly character. Likewise, I seek divine confirmation that they may hold fast unto wisdom and fix their gaze upon it. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Specifically, they commanded: Write to ’Ali: “O ’Ali! Thou art remembered in all conditions. We counsel thee to observe wisdom. Take hold of it and leave all else.” End.

As to the mention of falling short in services - God is the witness and creation doth testify that that beloved of hearts hath ever been steadfast in service, vocal in remembrance, adorned with truthfulness, illumined with faithfulness, and embellished with trustworthiness. Praise be to God for all of this. Verily, He is the Helper, and He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Peace and praise be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Shaykh Sadiq! In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

Unto God belongs the knowledge of the heavens and earth. He has manifested Himself through His Name, the All-Knowing, unto all things. Blessed is he who has turned unto Him, for He is the Mirror of His knowledge amongst creation, and He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The beginning of all knowledge is the recognition of Him. Whoso has attained unto this has attained unto all knowledge, and whoso is deprived of it cannot truly be called learned, even should he possess the knowledge of the first and the last ones. For the knowledge that is intended is the recognition of Him Who has appeared with the truth - the recognition of God amongst all peoples. Blessed is the learned one who has attained unto Him Who is the Known, and has cast aside vain imaginings in these days of his Lord. He is among the most exalted of beings in the sight of God, and his is a station of glorious honor.

He who has studied all branches of knowledge yet has failed to recognize Him Who is the Known is accounted as the most ignorant among men, and his name is not inscribed in the Preserved Tablet of glory. We have counseled all the manifestations of knowledge, one and all, not to hesitate in this Cause, even should they possess all the gems of wisdom and learning. Thus has the Truth decreed, and thus has the matter been ordained by God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

When the promised time came and the heaven was cleft asunder with clouds and the Promised One appeared with manifest sovereignty, those servants who were created by His Word rose up against Him and denied God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Say: Knowledge is a mirror of divine unity wherein are reflected the lights of His knowledge from the presence of a wise and knowing God. Through it faces are illumined, hearts are assured, the breasts of the sincere are enlightened, and the dwellers of the highest paradise and then God's devoted servants rejoice.

Behold in these days how he who was named Muhammad from the people of Qaf was so deceived by knowledge that he disbelieved in God, turned away from His verses, and became a leader of the polytheists to the depths of hell, together with him who came into the presence of the Countenance in Iraq and upon whom shone the Orb of the horizons with the lights of wisdom and inner meanings, and was among the triumphant. In those days he opposed the All-Merciful, whispered into the breasts of men, and sought to refute the Truth through what he possessed, though he had acquired naught of outward knowledge save a measured portion. Thus was he veiled from Him Who possesseth knowledge of what was and what shall be. This, notwithstanding his certainty that the Bayan was revealed solely for this Cause, and that the Pen of God moved only for this irrevocable Announcement.

Likewise, behold him who was named after Him from among the people of Sad, who emigrated with God yet was unable to speak in the presence of even one of Our servants. When We arrived in the Prison, he committed that which was forbidden. When We banished him with justice, he arose in hypocrisy and did what even Nimrod did not do. He united with one whom We had nurtured for numbered years, then joined with the enemies of God, each day plotting anew to extinguish the fire of God, whose roaring proclaims that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thus have We recounted unto thee what befell this imprisoned Youth, though We called all to naught but God and protected them from the harm of those who turned away on a day when the hearts of men were troubled and minds were bewildered. Blessed art thou, O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance, for having believed in God and His signs, for having heard His call, and for being among those who hasten toward the precincts of grace. The clamor of the polytheists hath not prevented thee from turning to God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Arise then to the Cause, and convey unto men the mention of thy Lord, that perchance the slumberers may arise. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God, Who created thee, fashioned thee, and aided thee to recognize His Self, when all were turning away save those who quaffed the choice wine of the All-Glorious in the name of their Lord, the Most Exalted, who detached themselves from all that hath been created in earth and heaven, and whom the clamor of the wicked prevented not from turning toward the sacred precincts of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Strive lest thou lose what thou art capable of in the aid of thy Lord. This is the best of all deeds in the sight of God, before Whom prostrate themselves all who are in the kingdoms of the unseen and the visible. Glory be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words in remembrance of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting.

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May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy imprisonment, O Thou Who art wronged in the land of ?a, and may my whole being be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, O ye through whom the pillars of polytheism were shaken, the lands of infidelity were made to tremble, the heaven of vain imaginings was cleft asunder, the sun of idle fancies was darkened, and the moons of idols were eclipsed–they who cast the command of God behind their backs and followed what their own desires bade them. Verily they are the heedless ones, verily they are the ignorant ones, verily they are the deniers, verily they are the bewildered ones. Were We to say they are but breaths, We would find them understanding nothing, nor are they aware. And were We to say they are asleep, We would find them running in the valley of base desires. The hearts of the discerning have been bewildered by their deeds and actions, their deceits and stratagems. At one time thou seest them adorning their temples with the ornament of faith and their heads with the crowns of certitude, and at another thou findest them denying the All-Merciful and following what Satan whispers in their breasts. I know not by what path they walk, to what direction they turn, to what horizon they gaze, in what atmosphere they soar, toward what goal they advance, in what valley they tread, or in what land they graze. Where are they who were not deterred by the tales of the world nor the vain imaginings of the nations, who were not frightened by the might of kings nor the clamor of subjects? And where are they whom the croaking [of the ravens] did not sadden and who remained faithful to the Covenant? Where are they who appear like firm mountains in the Cause of God, the Revealer of verses?

Indeed, this poem of Rumi is most fitting for these days: “My heart is wearied by these feeble-natured people.” Glory be to God! Certain souls are seen to be like chaff blown by the wind, like particles scattered in the air. After all the trials they have endured, and after having, in their own estimation, rent asunder the veils of vain imaginings, they are seen clinging to even greater illusions than before. In their claims they profess all the degrees of faith, certitude, steadfastness, insight, detachment, asceticism and piety, while in reality they are observed to be more unstable than a withered leaf. In truth, such souls were and are worshippers of desire. Consider the state of the one who brought forth “K” and “R”. I swear by the Sun of Truth that he addressed such petitions to the Most Holy Court that this servant is bewildered at their mention. In these petitions he claimed all manner of faith, submissiveness, humility and steadfastness, yet he possessed not the steadfastness of a blade of straw. At sunrise he believed in God, our Lord, the All-Merciful, and by morning he had denied Him.

In any case, this servant clings to the hem of His generosity and holds fast to the cord of His grace, that He may protect His servants, for most of them have been and are the prey of desire. When the tempestuous winds of passion begin to blow, they sweep all away save whom God willeth. How strange are those souls who have forsaken and continue to forsake the Truth for naught. We beseech God to assist all to be steadfast, for verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Your numerous letters, each of which was a polish for hearts and spirits, reached this evanescent servant, and all were presented at the Greatest Scene and the Seat of the Throne of the Lord of Power. These brilliant words have risen from the Dawning-Place of verses. The gaze of favor hath ever been directed towards you, and the divine Tablets bear witness to His infinite bounties. However, you must in all conditions keep your gaze fixed upon the divine commandments and call all to follow that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Until the entire world is illumined by the rays of light of the divine commandments, they have borne hardships and tribulations for the sake of God, and in truth, in this regard they have followed the example of the Truth Himself. However, it would be fitting that a Name of Beauty should act in such wise that none could find cause to speak thereof, for the command of wisdom hath been firmly set down in the Tablets, and God, exalted be His glory, hath made it the very foundation.

This evanescent servant testifieth and beareth witness that the divine favors bestowed upon you have been and are beyond reckoning. However, God willing, you must in all conditions keep your gaze fixed upon wisdom. God, exalted be His glory, this servant, the holy Branches, the people of the pavilion of sinlessness, and those who circle round the throne of grandeur - all bear witness that whatsoever you have done hath been for the triumph of God's Cause. However, in accordance with the wisdom mentioned in the Tablets of the Supreme Pen, there hath been a pause at this station. I hope that henceforth you will adorn the people with the ornament of wisdom and keep your gaze fixed upon it. Your imprisonment and the tribulations you have suffered have caused grief to all, but be not disheartened. God will soon deliver you in truth and will exalt what you have wrought in His path. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

One day your mention was made before the Throne, and He commanded: Write to My Name: Verily, We shall fulfill what We have promised thee if thou fulfill what We have commanded thee. He, verily, is the All-Seeing, the All-Observing.

Another submission of this ephemeral one is that you should treat people with the utmost fellowship and kindness so that the odors of discord may be eliminated, for discord's harm affects the very root of the Cause. This matter has caused sorrow to the Blessed Heart, and the harm of no deed has equalled or will equal the harm of discord. The polytheists are waiting to find a pretext to engage in deriding and mocking the loved ones of God. I beseech the True One, exalted and mighty is He, to assist you in all conditions to teach the Cause and to promulgate what hath been revealed in the Tablets. His Holiness the Most Great Branch and His Holiness the Most Mighty Branch - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - convey their greetings, as do the people of the pavilion of grandeur and the other friends and servants, both resident and visiting. Verily the Most Glorious Glory be upon you and upon those who were imprisoned with you.

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In the name of the Ever-Enduring Speaker! O My Name Jamal! God willing, mayest thou be illumined by the light of the Cause and enkindled by its fire, in such wise that the coldness of the world and its chilling trials may not withhold thee from the warmth of God's love. We have designated thee for the

reformation of the world and the healing of the hearts of the peoples. Thou shouldst close thine eyes to all the world and its peoples, and fix thy gaze upon that which hath been ordained by God, exalted be His glory, acting with consummate wisdom. Reflect upon God and His tribulations, and the acceptance and rejection of the people - what they have said and what they have done. Follow then the example of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. Deal with the friends of God with utmost love and forbearance. This Most Great Revelation is the manifestation of God's all-embracing mercy. By His very Self, the Truth! If all outward power - which in truth hath never had and will never have any station with God - were to be manifested, and an executioner were to stand before Us with evil intent, We would certainly not oppose him but would leave him to himself. Hearken with the ear of thy heart to the call of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest be freed from sorrows and grief, and in all conditions remain oriented toward the Supreme Horizon and engaged in service to the Cause.

Some time ago, the answer to thy letters which thou hadst sent to this servant was revealed from the Most Holy Court and dispatched. All the souls mentioned therein were honored with the Supreme Remembrance. Divine verses were specifically revealed and sent from the heaven of bounty for each one. If God willing, thine eyes shall be solaced by beholding them. From the Land of Kha certain petitions have arrived with complaints about thee. The acceptance and rejection of souls hath been and will ever be with God. Great care must be exercised in this matter. God willing, thou shalt be gladdened by that which hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Most Exalted Pen. From the divine traces a most sweet and beloved fragrance is perceived. By My life! Should any soul attain unto it, he would pass beyond himself and all who dwell in the realm of creation. This perishable earth and all that is therein and thereon is not worthy of attention. Hearken then with the ear of thy heart to the warbling of the Bird of Utterance in this holy and beloved atmosphere. It will give thee to drink that which shall make thee detached from all else besides Me. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Should anyone commit an error, he should be reminded with the utmost joy and fragrance, and if he be not receptive to reminders, leave him to himself. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of him and of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Jamal! We have remembered thee with that which nothing on earth can equal. Hast thou forgotten the favors of thy Lord? Be thou grateful to thy Master, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. During the days of movement and travel, act with perfect wisdom. That which thou didst send to the Land of Kha was forwarded to the Most Holy Court, and likewise from the Land of Ta. Several years ago, mention was made of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar in the letter of Mirza Asadu'llah which he wrote to this servant, and thou thyself wert also in agreement with him in this matter. The House of Worship was previously built in Mosul, and the Land of Kha also intended [to build one], and the Sun of Permission hath risen from the Most Holy Court for [its construction] in certain lands if they proceed with wisdom […] is not permitted, and likewise in the Land of Ya and the Land of Shin. The details of these matters were revealed in the Sacred Tablet to Ibn-i-Asdaq, and We commanded that a copy thereof be sent. Thus has the matter been decreed by the All-Knowing Commander. You must in all ordinances fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and act in accordance with that which God hath ordained. At all times the Most Great Bounty hath flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days concerning you. Take what behooveth the days of thy Lord and abandon that which is unworthy of thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher. Fix your gaze solely upon the divine bounty. He verily will aid thee and

command for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. If you truly occupy yourself with that which hath been sent down especially for you from the heaven of God's Will, and ponder upon it, the intoxication of the divine Kawthar of utterance will so overtake you that you will regard the conditions of the earth and its events as non-existent and utterly forgotten. Occupy thyself most of the time with the recitation of those blessed verses, whereby thy heart and the heart of the world will be gladdened, and thine eyes and the eyes of the nations will be solaced. Thus hath My tongue spoken in this noble station.

We make mention in this station of the Afnan who have held fast to the Divine Lote-Tree and have responded to that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered when He was established upon the throne of His Great Name. We extol their countenances and give them glad tidings of My gracious remembrance. The glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon them.

And We make mention of Husayn, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that he may give thanks and be of those who are steadfast. O Husayn! The Wronged One calleth thee and summoneth thee to the Most Great Steadfastness in this wise Remembrance. Should a crier come unto you, leave him behind you and put your trust in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and glorify thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And We make mention of the loved ones of God in that place who have attained unto the lights of certitude. O My Name! The bounty of the True One hath ever encompassed all and continueth to do so, but it must needs be in measure. You must appear among the servants in such wise that all may inhale from you the sweet fragrance of love. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in His bounty regardeth thee and that which hath flowed from thy pen, and is amazed and saith: "We are God's, and to Him shall we return." Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Great Cause whereby the Balance hath been established and the Bridge laid down, and all on earth were thunderstruck save those whom God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, pleased to spare.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a Tablet wherein all spirits are gathered within temples of hidden glory, wherein are created the hearts of the Concourse on High and of those who circle round the Throne in praise, and wherein are ordained the measures of all things from the hidden and sacred Pen. Say: O people of the earth! Do ye not see how God hath created the spirits of those near unto Him through that which He breathed upon them of the fragrances of the veiled Spirit? All things have stood before God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. The breezes of might have wafted over all created things, yet ye remain far removed therefrom. The rivers of oneness have flowed from every direction, yet within yourselves ye remain athirst. The hearts of those who soar in the atmosphere of nearness have drunk therefrom, yet from all this ye remain deprived. Say: The days shall come when ye will lament within yourselves and your souls will be filled with remorse. By God! Evil regrets have encompassed you because of what your hands have

wrought, and ye remained veiled from the meeting with God on His Day, even after the Sun of Spirit dawned from the Dayspring of eternity while ye remained occupied at every moment with the ornaments of the world. Woe unto you for what ye have neglected on the Day when the Dove warbled upon the twigs of the beloved glory, when the Fire of God was kindled and called out at every moment that He is God, the Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Praised, while ye remained heedless of all this and were veiled by God's Messengers after they came to you with clear proofs and scriptures which all in the heavens are powerless to comprehend. Thus have ye been seized for what ye did before and for what your hands have wrought in these days, and this is what hath come upon you from the decrees of justice, could ye but perceive the mysteries of justice with the eye of the spirit.

Say then, O people of the earth: Awaken within yourselves, then return wholly unto God that He might forgive your sins and remit what ye have done in His days while ye turned away from His beauty. And thou, O one denoted by the letters Z and Y, hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from the shore of eternity in a land of hidden ruby. Know thou that We have answered thee and remember thee now at a time when Our hands are occupied with work and Our feet with walking and Our tongue speaking holy words and Our hearts suspended in the pavilions of beloved glory. We have cast upon thee these words and distinguished thee therewith in the pavilion of the Spirit, and the near angels now bear witness to what We have taught thee. Therefore, it behooveth thee to thank God at all times and to be among those who circle round the House by God's leave.

Then We remind thee of what thou mentioned regarding detachment from all that ye possess in the kingdom. Say: Detachment lieth in what your hands earn and all that ye labor for and engage in for your livelihood, for this will detach you from having to beg and preserve you from helplessness and abasement in the presence of those who gather as oppressors. This is of the detachment mentioned in the kingdom and all are commanded thereby, that they might be detached from turning to the fields of the hateful and despised. As for the detachment which the people of Paradise yearn for and about which they ever ask God their Creator, it is detachment from all save God and from all that ye know today. None shall attain to the knowledge thereof except those who soar in the atmosphere of nearness and then take shelter in the shade of Beauty by God's leave. This detachment preventeth no one from bearing what they must for seeking their livelihood. Thus do We cast upon thee from the verses of wisdom that thine eyes might overflow with tears in love for God, the Mighty, the Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And the purpose of detachment is none other than to raise you to a station wherein no barrier shall prevent you nor shall any rebuker's censure deter you from the grace for which the denizens of Paradise hasten to His court. Know thou moreover that detachment hath degrees that cannot flow from the pen, and were but a single letter thereof to be disclosed, all who are in the heavens and on earth would swoon away, save only those who stand before the Beauty. Therefore, sanctify the mirror of thy heart that it may reflect this detachment and that thou mayest be of those who with their hearts are turned toward the shore of holiness.

As for what thou didst mention concerning witnessing, know thou that it hath diverse degrees. We shall impart unto thee that which ye are capable of understanding. Among them is the station of thy witnessing thy Lord, wherein thou beholdest Him standing over all things, and thou art among those who with feet of steel stand firm in the valley of steadfastness. Among them is thy station of witnessing in the manifestations of all things, and this is what hath been recorded in the preserved tablets of glory, and this

is what was revealed aforetime unto Muhammad in the words “We shall show them Our signs in the horizons and in themselves,” if ye be of them that know. Among them is your presence before the Beauty and what ye witness in His presence. And among them is the degree of martyrdom when the Herald of the Spirit calleth out from behind the sacred veils: “Arise for the victory of God, O ye sincere ones!” that ye may strive in God’s path until ye sacrifice yourselves in His love, and in this ye find delight in the innermost chambers of your hearts.

All this We have cast upon thee in truth, and for every station there is with thy Lord a place on the Day when all who are in the heavens and on earth shall be gathered together, and when all veils shall be consumed, if ye be of them that are certain. In like manner, know thou all that thou hast asked and what thou hast not asked in what We have cast upon thee in truth. Then be content therewith and ponder all that hath been revealed unto thee in truth, that God may teach thee what He hath concealed in the pavilion of power and may sanctify thee from the knowledge to which all cling and whereby they have been veiled from meeting their Creator, though all were promised this meeting in the Tablets.

Thus do We teach thee the paths of knowledge and the ways of wisdom, that thou mayest be well-pleased with thyself and be of those who at all times rejoice in God’s grace. Then convey Our greetings unto the faces of those who are turned toward the countenance of the Spirit. Then cast upon them what We have cast upon thee, that all may be raised up in their temples with hosts of beloved holiness. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto thy word concerning thy Lord’s Cause, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Luminous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the Most Exalted, the Best-Beloved.

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Although revealed generally, He stated it was specifically meant for those opposers who outwardly claim love now but whose inner secrets will later be exposed. It was read to several of the friends while being concealed from him. All people know that certain claimants to divine love in Iraq and other cities were engaged in unseemly acts, but divine mercy prevented the veil from being rent and their deeds exposed. That oppressive soul, during his stay in Iraq, would secretly drink wine and engage in other improper acts. Toward the end of the Iraq period, he would sometimes transgress from secrecy to openness, yet those circling around would conceal it, even though words of counsel were continuously revealed from the Dawning-place of divine verses, as mentioned in most of the revealed Tablets. The acts and deeds of some followers of the Bayan at the beginning of the Cause were not hidden from anyone, yet they considered such things acceptable and divinely permitted, even though God’s commandments are sanctified above evil, unacceptable deeds and His most holy court is pure of all detestable and unworthy matters. By God Himself, during the years in Iraq and the days of exile, night and day clear and explicit verses were sent down from the heaven of will, forbidding the servants from what God had not decreed, and these were dispatched to all regions until, praise be to God, some servants came to know and act upon God’s will, and the fragrance of the sanctification and purification of God’s Cause wafted among creation. Due to people’s lack of awareness of divine commands, these words were heard from the tongue of unity as a favor to them: “God forgives what is past. We beseech God to assist them in

sanctification, purification and acting upon what they have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

In any case, that oppressive soul and Rida-Quli were constantly engaged in secret in reprehensible acts, and this servant repeatedly counseled both of them - in Iraq, in the Land of Mystery, and in the Most Great Prison - that perhaps they would take heed and awaken from the sleep of heedlessness. It had no effect whatsoever; the words of counsel and manifest healing utterances did not affect them, until Rida-Quli openly engaged in drinking and reprehensible acts with some Christians. Therefore God expelled him by His sovereignty and he joined with the evil ones, namely Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Jan. Some time passed, then one day he sent a petition to the Most Holy Court expressing repentance for his past sins, and likewise another petition some days later. But since he had repeatedly repented and then violated God's covenant and testament, the petitions were not accepted. Some acts appeared from him that were without precedent and caused the corruption of God's Cause among the servants. This evanescent servant does not wish to mention them, so perhaps the angels who spread news will spread word of that rejected evil one's deeds throughout the earth. Verily, God's curse be upon the oppressive people. And regarding his association […]

And has caused the dissipation of God's Cause among His servants. This evanescent servant did not wish to make mention of it, lest the angels who spread deeds abroad might spread throughout the earth the deeds of that rejected evil one. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Through the connection of that evil one and evil ones, the fire of sedition and hatred was kindled to such an extent that neither pen nor utterance can reckon it. However, the All-Merciful extinguished and quenched it. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Every person of insight inhales the fragrance of sanctification and holiness from the Ancient Beauty's rejection of those souls, for the deeds of Rida-Quli and Aqa Jan the evil one and his sin are evident and manifest to all. We beseech God to open the eyes of the people and make them recognize from His deeds and ordinances, exalted and mighty be He, that which indicates the sanctification of His Essence, the holiness of His Self, and the purity of His Cause. Although most people are asleep, yet through divine grace there exist certain pure souls and penetrating eyes. They distinguish truth from falsehood and recognize from the fragrance of every matter that which brings tranquility to their hearts and souls. Indeed, they are honored servants.

In any case, the matter reached such a point that the Ancient Beauty secluded Himself in the house and commanded that the door be closed to all, and in no way was meeting possible for anyone. Outwardly, whatever was heard of the calumnies of the polytheists and the schemes of the hateful ones, absolutely no command issued forth from the Dayspring of divine ordinances until one day in the month of Rajab or Sha'ban, a letter from Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid, before 'Akbar, the nephew of Jinab-i-Aqayi Ismu'llah (upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory), was presented before the Countenance. After its contents were presented before the Presence, in response the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, which God made a mercy unto the sincere ones and a retribution unto the polytheists, was revealed from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's utterance. After the revelation of that blessed Tablet, the horizon of this land changed and appeared crimson red, increasing each day, until one day verses of favor were revealed from the

Dawning-Place of mercy. After hearing it, this servant became assured that, praise be to God, the divine wrath was specific to the evil souls. Some verses of that blessed Tablet were about the longing and yearning of the lovers, and some about the wrath and overwhelming power against the people of hypocrisy. And the text of that blessed Tablet is this, His words, exalted be His grandeur:

"O My Name Mahdi! There hath come before the Countenance that which thy nephew composed in praise of his Lord, and We perceived therefrom the longing and yearning, and We have revealed for him that which will generate passion and burning in the love of God, the Lord of the Day of Meeting. Blessed is he who readeth and pondereth that which hath been revealed from God, the Almighty, the Powerful. In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great! The sincere ones have been consumed by the fire of separation[…]"

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God, the esteemed letter arrived and brought joy. The pen moves with longing at your mention and the world of creation is set ablaze thereby. The servant beseeches his Lord on your behalf for inexhaustible good, an unchanging station, unending sustenance, and unceasing bounty. Indeed, each of the blessed letters was like a cloud bestowing abundant rains of favor, refreshing the precincts of that station. This freshness seems to flow from the blessed verse "and from water We made all things living." Glory be to God! The signs of grace and bounty have encompassed the world of meaning and utterance. Verily, God, exalted be His glory, is the One Who keeps count.

After visiting, reading, and experiencing joy and delight, we approached the Sacred Spot and, having received permission, made representation before the face of our Lord, attaining the supreme honor of being heard. He said:

"The honored Afnan ʼAli, upon him be My peace and My glory, stands before Our face and has attained Our favor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before his face a door from the doors of His grace, a door from the doors of His bounty, a door from the doors of His mercy, and a door from the doors of His might and riches. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful. We ask of the Truth to assist him and grant him perfect patience in all matters. Verily, the nature of this world is to rise and fall, and We ask Him, blessed and exalted be He, to erase the latter and confirm the former. He is the Possessor of grace, ordaining what He wishes for whom He wishes, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Say:

My God, my God! Transform hardship into ease, and sorrow into joy. Ordain for this Afnan of Thine that whereby Thy signs may be exalted among Thy servants and Thy Word in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy protection, the depths of Thy power, and the laws of Thy might and wisdom, to send down upon him from the heaven of Thy generosity a blessing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Convey to the loved ones the greetings of the Wronged One and make such mention as will open the ears of the world and enable them to attain true hearing. For if one attains to this station, the world's events of any kind will neither sadden nor change him. The honored Haji, upon him be God's peace and favor, along with the honored Mu??afa, upon him be God's peace, have turned toward that direction. Indeed, great success was ordained for them, and they have attained and been honored by what was revealed in the Book. Blessed is he! He has taken for himself a luminous station near the House. We beseech God to ordain for him what We have ordained for the sincere among His servants and the near ones among His creation. Blessed are the loved ones of God and joy be unto them. We testify that they have attained to that which most of the servants have not attained. They are among those whom God has assisted to turn toward His House and draw near unto Him, and He has ordained for them a blessing from His side and a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous."

Verily the servant confesseth that all His names have preceded existence itself, both seen and unseen, and His grace hath encompassed all things, and His bounty hath taken hold of all who dwell on earth and in the heavens, to such extent that the remembrances of the world are powerless to recount it and the descriptions of nations fail to describe it. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make His loved ones the manifestations of His detachment, the dawning-places of His generosity and bounty, and the treasuries of His knowledge, and to ordain for them from the Pen of His command that which will exalt them in all conditions among men. He is the Lord of the beginning and the end. This servant hath ever deemed it necessary to mention the Afnan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. God is my witness that morning and night my tongue uttereth his praise and my heart is aflame with love for him. I beseech God to increase each day His favors, bounties, grace and gifts unto him, that eyes may be gladdened by the lights of the Luminary of His generosity, He Who made him the cause for the manifestation of existence from nothingness and of bounty amongst the peoples. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Responsive.

Today is post day and surely glad tidings of your good health and the arrival of travelers will reach us. Indeed, such good tidings in letters are the cause and source of joy and gladness to heart and soul. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will transform these tidings received in absence into tidings received in presence, that we may attain the complete blessing. At this moment, your mention was made in His presence and confirmation was sought, and likewise the mention of the travelers. The apple of the eye of the heart, Aqa Mirza Mu??afa, upon him be God's peace - God willing the decree of return will not be erased from his sight. I beseech God to bring him back to his true abode, that is, to His presence, in perfect health and with the utmost joy and delight. Praise be to God, at this moment he hath been mentioned before the Intended One. God's special favors be upon him and upon those whom God hath adorned with the light of recognition. Verily He hath power over all things.

The friends in that land are each remembered and are blessed with special favors. This servant beseecheth for them fellowship and unity, and bounty and blessing, and they are indeed attaining these. Verily God, blessed and exalted be He, hath manifested His favor and fulfilled His promise. He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. The beloved of the heart, Haji, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation, hath resolved to journey there, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf for that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. And I request that you convey this lowly one's greetings,

praise and mention to him, and write the details of the events of his return. We beseech God to assist him and us in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Generous in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Generous.

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O concourse of the seen and the unseen! Rejoice with exceeding gladness in your hearts and souls, for the night hath come for the harvesting of the ages and the gathering up of past cycles, the night wherein all days and nights were called into being and the time preordained for this Revelation was fulfilled at the behest of Him Who is the Lord of might and power. All joy to the Concourse on high at the appearance of so glorious, so wondrous a Spirit!

This is the night wherein the doors of Paradise were flung open and the gates of Hell were shut fast, the night wherein the paradise of the All-Merciful was unveiled in the midmost heart of creation, the breezes of God were wafted from the retreats of forgiveness, and the Last Hour ushered in through the power of truth, could ye but know it. All joy to this night through which all days have been suffused with light, though none can apprehend this save those that are endued with certitude and discernment!

This is the night round which have circled the Nights of Power, wherein the angels and the Spirit have come down bearing cups filled at the streams of Paradise, the night wherein Heaven itself was adorned with the ornament of God, the Almighty, the All-Gracious, the Most Bountiful, wherein every created thing was brought to life, and all the peoples of the earth were surrounded by His grace. All joy to the concourse of the Spirit for this manifest and resplendent bounty!

This is the night wherein the limbs of Jibt were made to tremble, and the Most Great Idol fell upon the dust, and the foundations of iniquity were shattered, and Manat lamented in its inmost being, and the back of ’Uzza was broken and its face blackened; for the Morn of divine Revelation hath dawned, and there hath appeared that which hath solaced the eyes of glory and majesty, and beyond them the eyes of all the Prophets and Messengers of God. All glory, then, to this Dawn which hath broken above the dayspring of effulgent glory!

Say: This is the Dawn whereat the evil ones were debarred from approaching the realm of might and grandeur, and wherein the hearts of such as have contended with God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Unconstrained, were lacerated. This is the Dawn whereat the faces of the wicked were darkened, whilst the countenances of the righteous shone forth with the light of this Beauty, a Beauty Whose advent all things visible and invisible, and beyond them the company of the Concourse on high, have eagerly awaited. All hail the appearance of this Spirit, through Whose potency the dead have been stirred up in their tombs and every mouldering bone brought to life!

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Say: This is the Dawn whereat the hidden Essence and the unseen Treasure were made manifest, the Dawn whereat the Ancient Beauty seized the cup of immortality with the hands of glory and, having first quaffed therefrom, proffered it unto all the peoples of the earth, high and low alike. All glory, then, to the one who hath approached this cup, taken it up, and drunk therefrom for the love of his Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most High!

One fruit of that Tree hath proclaimed what the Burning Bush had proclaimed aforetime in that hallowed and snow-white Spot, words to which Moses gave ear and which caused Him to forsake all created things and to direct His steps towards the retreats of holiness and grandeur. All glory, then, to that ecstasy born of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

Another fruit thereof hath uttered that which enraptured Jesus and raised Him up to the heaven of manifest splendour. All glory, then, to this Spirit in Whose presence standeth the Faithful Spirit, together with a company of God's chosen angels!

Yet another fruit thereof hath disclosed that which captivated the heart of Muhammad, the Apostle of God, Who, carried away by the sweet accents of the Voice from on high, ascended unto the Divine Lote-Tree and heard, proceeding from within the Tabernacle of majesty, the Voice of God speaking forth the mystery of My hallowed, My exalted and mighty Name. All glory, then, to this Tree which hath been raised up through the power of truth, that all the peoples of the world may seek the shelter of its shade!

O Pen of the Most High! Write no more; for, by God, wert thou to set forth all the sweet accents of the fruits of this heavenly Tree, thou wouldst find thyself forsaken upon the earth, inasmuch as all would flee from thy presence and abandon thy court of holiness. And this, verily, is the undoubted truth. All glory, then, to the mysteries which none can bear save God, the sovereign Ruler, the Almighty, the Most Gracious!

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Dost thou not witness, O Pen, what a clamour the hypocrites have raised throughout the land, and what a tumult the wicked and ungodly have provoked? And this notwithstanding that thou didst reveal but an infinitesimal glimmer of the mysteries of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Wherefore, restrain thyself and conceal from the eyes of men that which God, as a sign of His bounty, hath bestowed upon thee. And if it be thy wish to give all created things to quaff from that crystal water that is life indeed, and whereof God hath made thee the Fountainhead, then let thine ink flow only in proportion to their capacity. Thus biddeth thee the One Who hath called thee into being through the power of His behest. Do thou, then, as thou wert bidden, and be not of them that tarry. All glory be to this weighty decree which hath reined in the power of all created things and withheld the Pen of the Most High from divulging to the peoples of the world that from which they had been veiled! His might, verily, is equal to all things.

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He is the One who speaks from His most exalted horizon!

We have desired to make mention of the party of God and His loved ones, to remind them of His verses and to give them the glad tidings of His favors and His mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O My loved ones in Gukchay! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it draws you to My Kingdom, guides you to My path, exalts you among My servants, and brings you near unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Previously there came a letter from him who was named Amin in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. He mentioned you and We have mentioned you in truth and have revealed for each one of you that which testifies to God's favor and bounty. Give thanks to your Lord, the Most Merciful. Verily He has turned toward you and revealed for you that which shall never be exhausted throughout the endurance of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. To this testifies He with whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. Thus has the horizon of utterance been illumined with the light of proof. Blessed is he who has witnessed and seen and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of the Messengers!"

O My loved ones in Chakan! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have heard your call and witnessed your turning. We have turned toward you and revealed for you that which all the remembrances of the world cannot equal. Give thanks to your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Your letter came before the Wronged One and the servant present before His face read it. We have answered you with a Tablet from whose horizon shines the light of your Lord's favor, the Lord of creation. Glorify the name of your Lord and remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Blessed are you for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. By God! The trace of My Pen is better for you than whatsoever has been created on earth. Give thanks to your Lord for having made you know Him, taught you, and guided you to the straight path. Beware lest the happenings of the world sadden you or the doubts of the nations prevent you from this Cause whereby feet have slipped save those whom God has protected through His grace and delivered through His loving-kindness. Verily He is the Mighty, the Chosen One.

In the Persian tongue do We speak that all may drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and may arise to that which beseemeth His days. O friends! Praise ye the Beloved of the world Who mentioned you in the Most Great Prison, showed you the way, and granted you the grace to attain that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of and forbidden from. Reflect upon the former party, that is, the party of the Shi'ih. Throughout centuries and ages they spoke in the name of Truth and uttered His praise from pulpits, beseeching from God, glorified be His majesty, in the evening and at dawn, at night and in the morning, to attain His presence and His days. Yet when the appointed time came and the Dawning-Place of verses appeared from the horizon of God's will, glorified be His majesty, the divines of Persia, one and all, occupied themselves with cursing and reviling. In their wickedness they reached such a point that they pronounced their verdict against the Essence of Being and the Intended Lord and shed His blood. Now the barking ones desire to adorn a party like unto that party and to afflict the people with the vain imaginings of the past. Open your eyes and reflect upon the deeds of the former

party. Until now they say from the pulpits that which causeth the holy ones of the most exalted Paradise to weep and lament. Fie upon them and perdition unto them!

O party of God! If ye truly ponder on matters pertaining to that party, ye shall find yourselves established upon the throne of steadfastness and the seat of certitude, freed and delivered from intimations, doubts, suspicions and idle fancies. O friends! Today is the day of service, the day of remembrance and praise. We have aforetime informed all concerning the cawing of the ravens and the clamor of the froward ones. That which hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Pen, all the world is powerless to alter. It behooveth each one among you, when he hath quaffed the wine of knowledge from the cup of My bounty and been illumined by the lights of My utterance, to say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy unity, and that this Day is Thy Day, and this Cause is Thy Cause. Thou hast manifested and made clear Thy path, and sent down from the heaven of utterance Thy proof. I testify that no cause can withstand Thy Cause, and no power can rival Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens and the mines of Thy wisdom and the repositories of Thy knowledge, and by the Light wherewith Thou hast illumined the world, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to make me steadfast in Thy love, detached from all else but Thee, attracted by Thy verses, and enkindled with the fire of Thy sacred Tree. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne above and earth below. I beseech Thee not to deny me the wonders of Thy grace. Then ordain for me, O Possessor of existence and King of the seen and unseen, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and aid me in serving Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

My God, my God, my Goal, my Beloved, the Ultimate Object of my desire and hope! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty wherewith Thou hast adorned existence, to illumine my face with the light of Thy knowledge, mine eyes with the vision of the horizon of Thy revelation, my heart with attraction to the source of Thy wisdom and knowledge, and mine ears with hearkening to Thy most sweet call and the sound of Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Take my hand with the hand of Thy loving-kindness, then deliver me from the pit of doubts and idle fancies. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and favor. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation to aid me and Thy loved ones to act in accordance with what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then illumine us with the lights of Thy good-pleasure in such wise that we move not except by Thy command and permission, and desire naught save what Thou hast desired for us through Thy bounty and loving-kindness. Verily Thou art the All-Compelling over those who are in earth and heaven, and the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious! These are the verses of the Book which have been sent down in truth. God hath made them a proof from His presence and a manifestation from His own Self unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Verily, He accepteth what He willeth through His command, and He is, in truth, wise over all things. His is the creation and the command. He giveth life unto whom He willeth through His command and causeth death unto whom He desireth through His sovereignty. He shall not be asked of His doings, and He hath ever been, through His sovereignty, encompassing all the worlds.

O servant who gazes upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, from this Most Glorious Horizon, that verily there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh at all times in all things, that there is none other God but Him, hath been the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Repository of His knowledge, and the Treasury of His revelation unto all worlds. Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not every sinful infidel. Have ye forgotten God's sovereignty and His power, and God's might and His glory in the days when He stood forth by His own Self and revealed His Cause between the heavens and the earth, whereunto ye were witnesses? O Trustworthy One! We did promise these people in a previous Manifestation that I would reveal unto them My beauty once again and would reveal unto them a mystery beyond reckoning, and when We manifested Ourselves once again by Our Most Glorious Name and We did not unveil the mystery but rather desired to bring the fingers of My will near to its veil, thereupon all who dwell in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror, and all returned to their original station, and God was witness to this. We had informed them beforehand that upon the unveiling of the mystery, those of Sinai would be thunderstruck and those of light would perish upon the Sinai of destiny by reason of this Most Great News. Yet they were unaware of this, and when a number were struck down, the hearts of those who had believed in God and witnessed the wonders of His power every morn and eve were sorely troubled.

O Trustworthy One! By the True God! He who fought against My Self and whom the servants took as a lord besides God was created by My Word and did circle round Me, as every fair-minded one who is possessed of knowledge doth testify. Thou beholdest the people as those who walk yet know not the way, or like the blind who walk in the shadow of the sun yet recognize it not and inquire about it from every ignorant blind one, or like sheep whose shepherd hath become the wolves of the earth and who can find no safe retreat. Thus do We set forth similitudes for thee that thou mayest recognize those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and that thou mayest abide in an impregnable stronghold. Blessed art thou for having drunk the cup of life from the fingers of the All-Merciful in this Paradise which hath appeared at the heart of heaven, wherein all created things speak even as the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing spoke at the ultimate retreat, and the Tree of Sinai upon the crimson hillock, and the Tree of Eternity beyond the sea of grandeur. Thus is thy Lord powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and verily He encompasseth all things. Be thou ignited by the fire We have kindled in the paradise of thy heart, then ignite the servants therewith. By God! The Spirit of Glory will strengthen thee in all matters, and the Holy Spirit will speak within thy breast and will aid thee in times when thou openest thy tongue in remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He strengtheneth whom He willeth through His grace, but the people are wrapped in thick veils. Know thou then that thy letter hath

come before Us and the gaze of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, hath fallen upon it, and We have witnessed from it thy longing for God and thy yearning for Him. How excellent it is for thee that the breezes of Paradise have wafted upon thee from this direction which hath been, from time immemorial, raised above the knowledge of the worlds. Therefore, give thanks unto God for having protected thee through the sovereignty of His Cause and delivered thee from the depths.

O thou who art attracted by My love and hast been raised to a station which is, in truth, praiseworthy! Sanctify thyself from the allusions of those who have disbelieved, and arise to praise thy Lord with a pure and wondrous tongue. Say: O people, be fair in the name of God - by what proof did ye believe in the Manifestations of the past, and by what evidence do ye establish your faith, after having denied this Sun which hath dawned from the horizon of eternity and by Whose light all who are in the heavens and on earth have been illumined? And now It standeth at its zenith with the sovereignty of grandeur, might and glory, having come unto you with God's proof and His testimony, then His evidence and magnificent signs. Fear ye God, and war not against Him Who hath come unto you with all the signs, through Whom God's power and proof, then His greatness and might have been made manifest. Fear God, O people, and be God-fearing in His Cause. If thou detectest from them the sweet savors of the All-Merciful, turn towards them; otherwise leave them to themselves and say "In the Name of God and by God," then embark upon the Crimson Ark in My Most Glorious Name, which saileth upon the sea of grandeur from whose essence have appeared the seas of attributes and names. Thus do We impart unto thee in this night which hath been illumined by this Sun that was visible from God's horizon. Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen Us in this prison, thou wouldst weep and lament and become detached from all things in creation. But We have been patient and concealed it, and patience is from none but thy Lord, and verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful unto His servants. Be thou at peace within thyself, then rejoice in God's joy, for there hath been ordained for thee in the Tablet a station that is, in truth, magnificent. God's glorification from this prison be upon thy countenance, and by His glorification have the denizens of the highest paradise and the dwellers of the crimson chambers beyond the veils of the cloud-shrouded mysteries glorified thee. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and verily His grace hath ever been nigh unto them that are brought near. And the mercy that descendeth from the heaven that hath been raised in its essence be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who hearken unto thy words concerning God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Eternal Purpose, and thanksgiving unto the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. He is the One Who, with perfect might, for His own sake, hath been and still remains imprisoned in the fortress of Akka amidst the hands of the ignorant and the people of error. Exalted be His dominion, glorified His Command, magnified His station, and there is no God but Him! Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon those who have borne tribulations in His path, who have offered up their souls in His

love, who have left their homelands, yearning to hearken unto His sweetest call and to behold His most exalted horizon.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived from the great city. Praise be to God, it bore witness to steadfastness in the Cause and orientation toward the Source, and likewise to joy after sorrow, tranquility after agitation, and health after bodily weakness. It also spoke of the well-being of God's loved ones in that land. After its perusal and reading, it was taken to the Most Exalted Paradise and presented before His countenance, attaining the honor of His attention. Thereafter these effulgent words and manifest letters dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance of the Purpose of all worlds. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in earth and heaven!

O 'Aziz! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Thou art he who attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the Call from the most exalted horizon and witnessed the effulgences of the Luminary of the Cause at its highest zenith. We beseech God to aid thee to rend asunder the veils of the people through His Name, whereby the idols have fallen and the standards of polytheism were lowered, while the banners of divine unity were raised in the cities and lands.

The True One, exalted be His glory, hath asked for justice and fairness from His servants. All must be adorned with the ornament of love, unity, fellowship and accord, and must associate with His servants with the utmost joy and fragrance for the sake of God. Verily pardon hath preceded, bounty hath preceded, mercy hath preceded, and loving-kindness hath preceded. Today the ocean of mercy is surging and the sun of loving-kindness is shining. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and say: Strive that perchance ye may illumine the dawning-place of hatred with the splendors of the sun of love, and guide the wayward to the straight path.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Ibn-i-Basir, upon him be My glory. Say: Two years ago thy petition attained the Most Holy Court, and a tablet was revealed for thee from the heaven of the Divine Will. Each of the names mentioned in thy letter was honored with God's remembrance and the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, but there was delay in its dispatch. Now We have sent it as a bounty from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. In each letter thereof lieth concealed an ocean and a hidden book. Glorified be He Who hath joined the ocean with the book, even as He hath joined water and fire.

And to each of the names mentioned that have arrived in these days, convey greetings and glory from the Wronged One. Say: Today all must render victory to the Truth through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, that the people of the earth may observe and follow. Glory be from Us upon those who have heard and responded to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Elevated Seat.

The true outpouring of grace is manifest from the horizon of every tablet and descendent from the heaven of every page. We hope that the peoples of the world shall not be deprived of the rains of divine mercy and shall attain unto that for which they were created. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning your brother, upon him be the Glory of God, and his debt, and the actions of that spiritual beloved one, and the relinquishing of the house for the payment thereof and the exaltation of God's Cause - all these matters were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. His mighty utterance and glorious proof states:

O beloved one! Blessed art thou and blessed is what thou hast done in the path of God. Praise be to the Purpose of the world that He hath aided thee in that which causeth the exaltation of His Cause. Trustworthiness before God is among those attributes that hath had and hath no likeness or equal, and it is the cause of glory and the source of wealth. Concerning its description there hath flowed from the Supreme Pen that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey to Asadu'llah the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One. Say: Be not grieved in any matter. Take hold of trustworthiness, placing thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He will verily aid those who have committed their affairs unto Him, who have held fast to the cord of His grace and clung to His luminous and blessed hem.

The letter of Khodadad which arrived again and which thou didst forward attained unto the Most Holy Court. Thereupon the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's pardon was diffused. We beseech God to assist him and those who have believed unto that by which their remembrance shall endure throughout His earthly and heavenly kingdom. He is verily the Helper, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Praise be to God that Khodadad, son of Nasir, upon him be the Glory of God, hath again been blessed with His grace and mentioned in the Most Holy Court. This servant mentioneth each of the friends and seeketh for them both outward and inward bounties, that all may hold fast to the Cause and arise to serve it, and appear among the servants with detachment and trust in God. The world is transient, yet the attainment of enduring stations hath been ordained therein. This is the decree of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. From your steadfastness and action regarding the aforementioned debt, it is hoped that the door of grace shall be opened and affairs shall be set aright. Verily He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, and He is the Ever-Bountiful, the All-Glorious, the Ancient. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all creation. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the All-Knowing Expositor, He is the Hearing, the Answering

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Desired One of the world Who, through the grace of the Most Great Name, hath bestowed upon all peoples the Kawthar of knowledge and understanding, and through the Most Exalted Word hath raised aloft before all faces the standard "The Kingdom is God's." The might of the oppressors, the prohibition of the deniers, and the clamor of the ignorant did not withhold Him. The ocean of generosity is surging in such wise as to encompass the realm of being and the kingdom of heaven, and the sun of grace is shining in such wise as to illumine all the worlds of sciences and arts. Glorious is His favor, exalted His dominion, and mighty His proof!

The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty and bestowal be upon the hands of His Cause, who have taken hold of His Book with a power that the hosts of rejection and the manifestations of denial could not withstand. These are they whom God hath described in His mighty Book, both aforetime and in these days: "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God," and in another passage: "They speak not until He hath spoken, and they do as they are bidden." Through them hath God revealed His Cause and His sovereignty, through them hath He guided mankind unto His straight Path and His mighty Announcement, and through them have His traces been spread abroad, His signs been exalted, and His lights been manifested. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things, of the former and latter generations.

Thereafter, on this blessed day, when four hours of the day had passed, this servant proceeded to the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Garden, and after attaining the presence before His face, the tongue of grandeur spoke these decisive words and manifest verses, He spoke and His word is the truth: "O Majd, His honor Khalil, upon him be the glory of his Lord, the Glorious, hath sent a letter. Praise be to God, through His special favors the friends of those regions have been blessed and the fire of love hath been kindled in hearts and souls. We beseech God to aid them to remember and praise Him and to serve His Cause, to rain down upon them from the clouds of His mercy the showers of His bounty, and to give them to drink, from the hand of His bestowal, the Kawthar of His utterance. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

"O Khalil! At this moment the letter hath attained Our presence and this Wronged One hath personally read it. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have inhaled from thee the fragrance of steadfastness in this Announcement whereby the pillars of them that have denied the Day of Judgment have been shaken. Say: O people, fear the All-Merciful and be not of the wrongdoers. The proof hath come, and the Day-Star of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the conditions of the wicked and the deeds of the immoral grieve you. Leave them to themselves, turning unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and have committed that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. The oppressor in the land of Ya hath perpetrated that which hath caused the hearts of the chosen ones to burn and the livers of the sincere ones to melt, and there hath appeared in the land of Ta that whereof We had forewarned you in Our Most Holy Book. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Record. The wrongdoers shall soon find the recompense of their deeds. Thy Lord, verily, is the Avenger, the Almighty, the Powerful.

"Say: O people of God! Let not the manifestations of idle fancies frighten you, nor the dawning-places of vain imaginings sadden you - they who have denied God's signs and His testimony and have rejected this straight Path. We have announced to them Him Who conversed on Sinai, this Revelation Who hath seated Himself upon the throne of utterance at the heart of contingent being, despite every ignorant remote one and every heedless doubter. When thou hast attained unto the Euphrates of thy Lord's mercy which hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen, and hast heard His most sweet call, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the horizon of Thy manifestation, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and made me to know the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-place of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all that was and all that

shall be, to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and to strengthen me to stand firm in Thy love. Then I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Excellent and Most Ancient Name, to assist His Majesty the Sultan and his loved ones to turn towards Thee and to face the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Aid him to protect Thy sheep from the wolves of Thy earth. Then write for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee and give him to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. Then make known to him, O my God, the nature of Thy loved ones whose hearts Thou hast purified from rancor and hatred, from corruption and contention. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Adorn Thy loved ones with beauteous patience and noble steadfastness, illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge, and assist them to turn towards Thy servants and guide them in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Praise be to God! The Sun of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance with such brilliance that those who would describe, remember, or speak of it all find themselves powerless and wanting. Who can count the waves of the ocean of His utterance, and who can encompass the effulgences of the light of His bounty? Each day a new scroll is revealed and each night a book appeareth. Glory be to God! Despite this supreme grace which hath encompassed both the seen and unseen worlds, the people remain heedless and veiled. What intoxication hath seized the world of knowledge? Despite the raising of the call and the appearance of the banners of the Lord of all beings, all remain asleep in the slumber of heedlessness. The cry hath not awakened them and the trumpet hath had no effect. In all conditions one must hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of bounty, that perchance the servants may not remain deprived in this blessed Day.

This servant submitteth and saith: O my God, my Lord, and my Support! Thou seest those who are near and those who have turned towards Thee in the hands of such of Thy servants as have turned away from Thee, and there hath befallen them in their love for Thee that which hath caused the dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm to lament. O Lord! Assist them to turn in repentance to Thy gate and to return to the court of Thy holiness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

As for the mention made of Aqa Khan and other loved ones, upon them be the Glory of God, after their names were submitted before the Most Holy Court, there was revealed for each one that which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. This is what was revealed for Aqa Khan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful.

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In the name of the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The servant hath been honored by thy letter, from whose horizon shone forth the sun of the love of God, unobscured by any veil that might conceal its lights or barrier that might prevent its radiance - as if it were a spirit by which all created things were revived, and a fire by which all beings were set ablaze. Whoso possesseth a sense of smell will perceive from it the fragrance of the Intended One and the perfume of the Beloved. When the servant found this ladder, he ascended by it to the Dawning-Place of

Names and Attributes, until he was present before the Throne and submitted what was therein with humility and supplication. Thereupon the ocean of favors surged in such wise that this evanescent one and those immersed in the depths of wisdom and utterance are powerless to describe it.

This evanescent servant submitteth that he was honored by your letter, from which wafted the sweet savors of divine love and from which emanated the fragrance of the garment of heavenly affection. Praise be to God that the glad tidings of your arrival in that land caused joy to the heart, delight to the soul, and a happiness beyond description. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that I may ever be blessed and sustained by this spiritual fragrance. Regarding what you wrote about not having received the Tablets revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, and your request for copies of those exalted Tablets - a special volume hath been revealed from the Divine heaven of authority specifically for you, and the answer to the questions of the Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath also been revealed therein. Now the copy of that writing is being sent. Since its beginning was separately copied in the Book of Verses, it is now also being sent separately along with the volume. Glory be to God Who revealed it in truth! By God! It hath been revealed in such wise as to astound the minds of the mystics and the hearts of the eloquent. Blessed is he who findeth its sweetness and attaineth unto the oceans that surge in its words and letters. Were people to look upon it with the eye of fairness, they would testify that it alone sufficeth as proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O my Khalil! Concerning what you mentioned about this body not being worthy of such protection and preservation - yes, this is an undoubted truth. Those souls who are clinging and holding fast to the Truth, and through the wondrous outpourings of divine grace have reached a station wherein they see themselves lacking nothing while under the shadow of Truth - such souls, out of their love for God, surely seek martyrdom and the sacrifice of their spirit. Some of the mature and knowledgeable ones consider the sacrifice of the body a great triumph, that they may be freed from outward tribulations and attain to everlasting bounties. However, you should not fix your gaze upon these stations, nor [diligently] pursue thoughts of your own deliverance. You must exercise the utmost care in preservation - thus does the All-Knowing Truth command you. For one such as yourself must remain steadfast among the people and, with perfect wisdom and utterance, enable receptive souls to attain the bounties of the All-Merciful. This is what God has chosen for you - verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Choosing. Protection has ever been and shall ever be in God’s hands, but since its means are also from God, you must be mindful of them.

This servant submits that now that you have arrived in that land, if matters gain prominence beyond the bounds of moderation, most people will withdraw themselves, thereby causing the work of teaching to fall into delay. However, if one proceeds with perfect wisdom, perhaps through association with people, some receptive souls may be awakened from the sleep of heedlessness and turn to the Truth. The supplication that was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence was presented before the Face on one of the nights, and a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine favors and sent forth. I beseech you to convey countless greetings from this evanescent servant to the loved ones of God in that land. Furthermore, write to the Afnan - upon him and them be the Glory of God and His sweetest remembrance - who reside in the land of China, that everything they sent to the Most Holy Court has been received in full, for the sons of Jenab-i-Z had requested in their letters to the land of S that a receipt for the items be written and sent. Therefore, your honor should write expressions of utter servitude and

the Most Wondrous, Most Exalted, Most Glorious greetings on my behalf to them, and mention the receipt of the items. Perhaps later a Tablet of God will be specifically revealed and sent to them. I submit again that besides the two Most Exalted Tablets sent, another Tablet has been revealed specifically for your honor and is immersed in the ocean of verses, but due to the press of occupations, there is no opportunity to search through the books and send it. I hope for forgiveness. May the Most Glorious Glory and the Most Splendid Light rest upon your honor and upon those who are honored to serve you there from among the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The Servant

66 [of God]

22 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1290

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He is God - exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

The Books, Psalms, Scriptures and Tablets have testified to God's oneness and singleness, and to the sanctification of His Essence and the exaltation of His Being above all else. The servant acknowledgeth what God hath sent down from before and after, and what hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book, and confesseth what hath been uttered by the tongues of His Messengers and His near-favored ones. And prayers and peace be upon His Beloved and His Chosen One, through Whom He hath manifested His power and His sovereignty, and sent down His verses and revealed His clear proofs, and upon His family and companions, through whom He subdued the world and drew the hearts of the nations - prayers that are everlasting, through which the fragrance of His utterance is wafted amongst His servants and the sweet perfume of His bounty throughout His lands.

The beloved letter arrived and gladdened the sorrowful heart with news of the health, wellbeing and steadfastness of the honored Mr. Afnan, upon him be the peace of the All-Merciful, and that blessed being. The One God is witness that mention of the friends and loved ones brings joy and delight. After being informed, I approached the Presence and presented it. He said: "It is clear and evident to every fair-minded and insightful person and every knowledgeable and informed one that there has been and is no purpose except the betterment, love, harmony, kindness and unity of hearts and souls. We have ever counseled all to trustworthiness, religious devotion, truthfulness and sincerity. Some accepted, while others were prevented from the word of truth by the fire of greed, passion, avarice and transgression. Praise be to God, the deeds of every soul bear witness to it. The secrets of hearts and their hidden thoughts, as well as the treachery of eyes, are all manifest and visible. This Wronged One beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for that which leads to success and prosperity. Assuredly, whatever has appeared and will appear stems from the requirements of consummate wisdom. However, victory and triumph in all conditions belong to His assured servants, those who have no fear nor are they grieved." The honored Afnan, upon him be God's care and grace, was present and mentioned before Him. We beseech God to strengthen him, make him successful, assist him, protect him and ordain for him what benefits him. Verily

He knows him better than he knows himself and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O Amin, grieve not over anything or what has passed of ornaments. Praise be to God, your truthfulness, trustworthiness and honesty are clear and evident to all, and the condition of those who have clung to lies, calumny and treachery is also apparent and visible. Every fair one is aware and every just one bears witness - indeed those souls themselves are aware of each other's state, but the fire of greed and avarice has intervened and deprived them of trustworthiness and truth. What you mentioned was heard with acceptance. God willing, mention of those souls will flow from the Pen and be sent. We beseech God in all conditions to assist you and not withhold from you His grace, mercy, generosity and bestowal. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be to God! Souls who have so clearly betrayed the property of the servants and who speak calumnies still claim truthfulness, sincerity and righteousness. The leader of that people is Shaykh Muhammad, than whom there exists none more wicked in the world. The cause of these matters and the unity of those souls has been and is the wrongful consumption of people's property. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to judge with justice, and He is the Commander, the Wise.

Regarding what was written about Ardikan, it was seen and according to your beloved request it shall be done. They mentioned Mr. Muhammad Isma'il, upon him be God's peace, who has arrived in that land. They were with him for some time. Praise be to God, they are aware of some of that heedless one's affairs. The servant asks his Lord to strengthen and assist him that he may make known to the people the calumnies of that heedless and remote one, and his deeds and conditions. Verily He has power over all things. This servant conveys greetings to them and asks God to make them successful in that which causes the exaltation of being.

As for the letter from the honored brother Master Ali Akbar, upon him be God's peace, which was sent - it has been seen. A reply to him will be written and dispatched. Whatever that beloved one wrote is being considered. God willing, he shall succeed in accordance with what He loves and is pleased with. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that all may be enabled to perform good deeds and manifest praiseworthy conduct, that their names may endure in goodness forever. Permission has also been granted for that mentioned person - write and inform him. However, the details of the treacheries of the unfaithful ones must also be mentioned so that one who intends to turn toward [the Cause] may be aware.

O my God, my Aim, my Object of Worship! Protect Thy sheep from the wolves of the earth, and adorn praiseworthy conduct with its finest ornament, that all may find their station and become aware of its fruits. For if Thou grant awareness, treachery will be transformed into trustworthiness, falsehood into truthfulness, and oppression into justice. O Generous One! Thy mercy hath preceded all and Thy generosity hath encompassed all. Let not the daysprings of darkness prevail over the dawning-places of justice. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Strong, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

All the loved ones send their greetings, and likewise do others. In truth, they make mention with perfect love and affection. We beseech God to create an effect in the remembrances of His chosen ones and His loved ones. Verily He is the Fulfiller of the needs of all who ask, and praise be to God, for He is the Lord of

all the worlds. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you, and upon God's righteous servants.

The Servant

20 Muharram 1307

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Lord!

The essence of praise and its pure reality befit the sacred realm of nearness to the Beloved, Who created all that is visible and hidden through a single Word, Who gathered all created things through pure justice in a single plane through a single Word, and then through that same Word made manifest the greatest differentiation. The sanctified souls, through the sweetness of the divine call, turned to the most exalted horizon, drank from the Kawthar of eternity, and were numbered among the companions of the right hand, while the souls of the polytheists turned away and were named the companions of the left hand and of Sijjin. He is the Sovereign of existence and the Possessor of the unseen and the seen. How excellent is the state of the soul that hath today become aware and turned toward the ocean of knowledge. His is the generosity and grace, and His the grandeur and justice. He giveth and taketh. He, verily, is the Single One, to Whose singleness all created things have testified, and the One, to Whose oneness all contingent beings have confessed. From His Pen have flowed the Salsabil of life and the Kawthar of knowledge, through which the seekers have turned to the ultimate goal and those near unto God to the highest summit, and the inhabitants of the graves have arisen in the kingdom of creation. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath appeared with the truth and manifested what He desired through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in existence, both unseen and seen. He, verily, is the One manifest through His name, the All-Loving, and the One speaking from His praiseworthy station.

I offer prayers and peace, glory and praise unto those servants who have arisen to aid His Cause, exalt His Word, and make manifest His grace amongst His creatures. These are His sincere servants, His unified servants, His near ones. God hath described them in His Books, His Psalms and His Scriptures, and the tongues of His Messengers and Emissaries have spoken their praise. These are servants whom no blame from any blamer, nor the gloating of any polytheist, nor the turning away of any opposer, nor the denial of any denier holdeth back from that which their Creator hath commanded them, nor do the forces of the earth weaken them from what they desire in the path of God, their Fashioner and Creator. These are servants who speak not except by His leave, who move not except by His command, whom the affairs of men sadden not, and whom the clamor of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of destiny frighteneth not.

This servant beseecheth his Lord to gather him beneath their shadow and within their pavilions of glory, and to strengthen His loved ones in that wherein He hath strengthened them. Verily, He is the Almighty Who doeth as He pleaseth in His dominion and ordaineth through His sovereignty what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed.

Following this, it is submitted to your honor that in previous years, in correspondence with one of the divine friends, this servant, as commanded, submitted that for each of the names that Jinab-i-Nasr had sent, a special Tablet would be revealed from the heaven of grace and would be dispatched. And according to that list which your honor had sent, wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed, but there was no one available to carry them. For nearly two years this matter remained in abeyance. Now Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-'Ali has insisted that he will carry them, therefore they were sent so that they may be delivered to the mentioned souls. However, since much time has passed, whoever is present will be blessed with divine grace, and if anyone has ascended, their Tablet serves as a perpetual remembrance for them in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. God willing, your honor will deliver them with the utmost joy and delight and be thankful to the True Beloved, for your honor's request was accepted and found favor at the divine threshold. Blessed are you and joy be unto you.

Now consider the bounty and grace of God - if all the world were to sacrifice their wealth, spirits, and bodies, it would surely seem as nothing compared to this supreme bounty. God willing, these blessed Tablets will become the cause and means of enkindling the residing souls and will bestow upon all a portion from the ocean of inner meanings.

O my beloved! If the people of the world were to reflect even briefly upon this Most Great Revelation, all would find themselves free and liberated. All strife, conflict, differences, upheaval and estrangement have been forbidden in this blessed Revelation. All have been commanded to associate with the people of the world in a spirit of fragrance and joy. Time and again this blessed word was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, saying that God, exalted be His glory, has appeared for the reformation of the world and has willed to cast the word of unity into the hearts of all nations. Blessed is he who has heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers.

Another submission: Convey greetings and praise to the friends on behalf of this evanescent servant and tell them to appreciate the value of this day. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that the like of this day has never been witnessed. Strive that the conditions and colors of this world may not make you heedless of the Lord of earth and heaven. These lives are observed to be most fleeting; through the grace of the Beloved of all possibility, you must attain a station which neither decline can seize nor change can approach. Today, whatever any soul desires, it can possess, for the gate of mercy is open and the ocean of generosity is surging. Were this servant permitted, he would reveal a hint of this station and a drop from this ocean, that all might soar on wings of joy in the atmosphere of love for the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, and find themselves free from the darkness of this earthly world.

O my masters and friends of God! Listen to the submissions of this evanescent one with the ears of both head and heart, for he speaks for God's sake, and his witness has been and will be God Himself. God willing, may He assist and enable this servant and all friends to that which is pleasing to Him. Verily, He is the Answerer of the prayers of the supplicants and the Ultimate Goal of those who seek Him, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Siyyid Mahdi! Your letter, adorned with wondrous mention of the Lord of Lords, reached the Nest of Tribulation and the Treasury of Tests, was taken in hand and perused with sorrowful glances. This is the decree of the All-Powerful Ordainer. Praise be to God that you have been made to partake of the Kawthar of the recognition of the Most Merciful, from which most of the people of the contingent world remain deprived this day. How glorious is this wondrous bounty which hath appeared in creation without peer or likeness and without pause or cessation, and the unitarians drink of the wine that hath been mingled with the love of God.

It was mentioned that you had intended to circumambulate the House of God but were prevented by certain obstacles. How excellent was what was ordained, for therein lies a mighty wisdom. Soon shall you become aware of the hidden wisdom, even as you have witnessed in all that was previously ordained by your Lord manifest wisdom. Nothing escapes His knowledge, and verily, He is cognizant of all things. Be content with the irrevocable decrees of the eternal Sovereign and be not distressed, for that which is ordained by your Lord cannot be altered by anything in the heavens or on earth.

As is known among the servants, two terms have been ordained for all things - the first contingent, and the second irrevocable. Yet what they have mentioned regarding these two stations is neither nourishing nor profitable, for they are deprived of the foundation of divine knowledge and the consummate wisdom of the Eternal, save whom thy Lord willeth. Most people acknowledge their inability to comprehend these two stations. To elucidate this matter, an example is given that perchance you may understand its reality and, through God's protection and power, safeguard people from contingent terms, that they might attain to the irrevocable term and recognize it with certitude.

Consider the lamp that is lit. Its irrevocable term is the exhaustion of its oil and wick, for as long as these two remain, the lamp continues to burn and give light. When these are exhausted, its extinction is inevitable and it will surely be extinguished. No change or alteration can occur in this station - it will neither hasten by a moment nor delay. This is evident and observable. However, it will attain this inevitable end only if the contingent terms that are created within existence by the power of the All-Merciful do not seize it and extinguish it first. These contingent terms are evident in all things due to the unceasing, universal divine power.

Blessed is he who attains unto the source of knowledge, who ponders the signs of his Lord, and who attains to God's purpose in His words. Well is it with them that understand and reach this station. For example, this same lamp may often be extinguished before reaching its end by winds passing over it or by other created means, as is plainly visible.

All knowledge is manifest and evident in the essence of all things, for all things are God's creative Words, and divine knowledge is concealed and treasured within the repositories of His Words, except for that knowledge which is exclusive to the Ancient Being and to which none can gain access. Glorified be He above what the learned attribute to Him!

Although in one station all that transpires is and shall be irrevocable, and the very act of its execution is proof of its inevitability, yet its mention still abides in the heaven of divine Will, until such time as it descends from the heaven of Will to the kingdom of utterance and is inscribed by the Pen of Destiny. These limitations of station and rank that are mentioned relate to human limitations and earthly means which are created by contingent will and return unto it. That which is with God and His Will is sanctified above all limiting conditions.

Therefore, that honored one must strive today to the extent possible to watch over the Cause of God and protect His servants, lest the lamps of recognition - the recognition of self - which are kindled in the hearts of men be extinguished by the winds of the satanic self and its party, that they might attain their destined goal and praiseworthy station. Effort is necessary, but God doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. Be patient in separation and consumed by the fire of longing, for the burning of those who long for Him is beloved in the sight of God, and in their consumption in separation God giveth them the reward of attainment. Thus hath it been ordained in the dominion of destiny.

You must, God willing, be detached from all save God in all conditions and be focused on His bounties. Moreover, you must today adorn the temple of being with the ornament of servitude and move among the servants with pure and absolute servitude. By the Ancient Beauty! Any soul who today worships with pure servitude stands higher in the sight of God than all other souls, for the opponents of the religion of the Lord of the worlds appear at every moment with a new scheme and have placed novel notions in the hands of the ignorant that they might thereby deprive people from the path of the All-Glorious. You shall later become aware of this.

In any case, may you ever drink from the cup of favor of the King of grace and dwell at rest in the shade of His mercy. It is necessary to prevent the friends from traveling to this land, as harm will surely result. At all times remind the servants of God with clear counsels, lest holy souls be sullied with the stain of sins and remain far from the paradise of divine nearness. Never be saddened henceforth and do not move without permission. However, God willing, if the hand of divine power removes the impending dangers of this land, you will surely be summoned to the court of His presence. And God is with the patient ones.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Wise!

O My Name Mehdi! The letter from Afnan Alif and Ha, upon him be My Baha, which was addressed to you, was presented by this servant before the Divine Presence. God willing, may they ever abide beneath the blessed Lote-Tree in tranquility and rest, and partake of the choice wine of His love. Blessed is he for having turned unto God, attained His presence, and arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, may they ever attain unto this most great station. Though it be veiled at present, this veil shall assuredly be lifted. He, verily, is the Informed, the All-Knowing.

Concerning what they wrote about Badi, upon him be the Glory of God, may he be blessed through divine grace. We have made mention of his father in such wise that, by the life of God, all the treasures, hoards

and mines of the earth cannot equal it. The Lord of all beings beareth witness unto this. O Mehdi! The days pass like lightning, and their transience is clear and evident. Blessed is the soul that hath been honored to make mention of God and whose name hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. This is a bounty with which no other bounty can compare, nor can any other matter rival it. Soon shall the sincere and devoted ones witness that which God hath foretold in the Scriptures and Tablets.

As to what they wrote concerning the Spot of Blessing and the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, this is most acceptable, for they have mentioned it with wisdom. The Supreme Pen hath, for reasons of wisdom recorded in the Book, forbidden at this time the execution of such matters in the land of Shin and the land of Ya and certain other lands. Verily, He knoweth and commandeth, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. Blessed is such an Afnan, for he hath spoken that which God, the Lord of the worlds, desired. He must render thanks unto his Lord for this manifest favor. In all matters they must observe wisdom. Although the law of prayer was sent down from the heaven of God's Will in previous years, due to wisdom it hath not yet been dispatched to other regions and remaineth preserved and concealed in the Kingdom of Utterance by the command of the Beloved of all possibility. Such divine laws as can be practiced without conflicting with wisdom must be observed by all, and those that conflict with wisdom are not permissible to practice until God's Cause is raised up amongst His servants and creation.

His honor Asad and the son of My Name Al-Asdaq, upon them be My Baha, have arisen to serve the Cause, and whatsoever they have executed regarding the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar and the Spot of Blessing in the lands of Kha hath been approved by the Supreme Pen. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The heedless people have regarded the Dawning-Place of the world's reformation as a source of corruption. So intoxicated are they with the wine of self that neither the blast of the trumpet, nor the sound of the bugle, nor the enduring proofs, nor the manifest shining evidences, nor the revealed verses have brought them to their senses. They remain heedless of Him Who hath appeared with all the proofs possessed by those on earth, clinging instead to their own idle fancies. Nevertheless, the mercy and loving-kindness of God have been so abundantly manifested that pen and tongue are powerless to describe them. Hence it is that He hath enjoined wisdom upon His loved ones. Were one to ponder the allusions of the Supreme Pen, hidden matters would emerge and become evident. By Him Who is seated upon the throne, were they to attain even a small measure of understanding, they would cry out "I turn unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" In this Most Great Revelation, corruption, contention, bloodshed and the like have been forbidden, and in most Tablets these utterances have been revealed from the heaven of divine knowledge. Yet none hath grasped God's intent or comprehended His purpose, save whom He willeth. Blessed are they who have arisen and remained steadfast in the Cause of God, and who have associated with all men in a spirit of joy and fragrance. These are they who are mentioned as the companions of the Ark in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All must strive for the betterment of the world. This is the binding decree that hath been revealed in this Most Great Revelation, both aforetime and hereafter. Blessed are they that understand, blessed are they that ponder, blessed are they that act accordingly. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Afnan! Take hold of wisdom and cleave unto it, and abandon all else. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee by a bidding from God, the Lord of the worlds. Under all conditions observe wisdom.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning him who was named Mu?sin, who hath ascended unto God - We make mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. The first greeting that issued forth from the City of Peace - the spot adorned by the revelation of God, the Lord of all men - and the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of thy Lord's mercy be upon thee, O thou who hast turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of Names, when those who followed conjecture and idle fancy turned away. I testify that thou didst answer thy Lord when His call was raised between earth and heaven, and thou didst fulfill thy covenant and pledge in such wise that neither the veils of glory withheld thee from the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, nor the barriers of names from God, the Creator of heaven. Blessed art thou for having remained steadfast in the Cause when most feet did slip, and the hearts of men were troubled - they who cast the command of God behind their backs and followed every heedless doubter. Blessed is he who remembereth thee after thee, O Mu?sin, and who maketh mention of thy turning unto God, thy faithfulness, thy love and thy ardor in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Rejoice thou in that the Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of thee and consoleth thy kindred who attained unto recognition on a Day wherein the Cry was raised and the mountains passed away. Peace and praise and glory be upon thee from God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

O Afnan! Concerning what thou didst write about designating a blessed spot in these lands - this is more conducive to piety and wisdom. If it be accomplished with utmost joy and fragrance, it is acceptable and will, God willing, become a source of universal good. Verily, He ordaineth what He desireth for whomsoever He willeth, and revealeth that which His unerring and mighty Pen is moved to record. Praise be to God, the Beloved of those who know.

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In the Name of Him Who caused the Ocean of Knowledge to surge!

O Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Time and again hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee for having revealed unto me numerous Tablets and for having mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison in such wise as hath delighted the eyes of the Concourse on High. O my Lord! I beseech Thee to aid me under all conditions to serve Thy Cause, to witness Thy signs, to recite Thy verses unto Thy servants and to manifest Thy proofs unto Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Compassionate, the Forgiving.

Thou didst mention Nazimul-'Ulama. He hath been mentioned before, but great, great is this Cause. Eyes are prevented from beholding and ears are debarred from hearing, save whom God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, willeth. Reflect upon the people of the Bayan: although they have witnessed with their own eyes the deeds of the Shi'ih sect on the Day of Judgment, they have again become Shi'ihs. Though bearing His Names, they are deprived of their Possessor. In this Revelation, they must rend asunder the veil of names, traverse its gulf and pass beyond it that they may attain unto the Most Great Ocean. In any

case, shouldst thou meet Nazimul-'Ulama, convey to him the greetings of the Wronged One. Say: Hearken unto the Call, for if thou hearest with thy true ear it will so attract thee that thou wilt detach thyself from all else but God and attain unto the recognition of His Day. Ponder the events that have occurred. What hath caused all the divines of Persia, after their seeking and expectation, to be deprived on the Day of His Manifestation? By the life of God! In days past in the land of Ta, the lamentations of pulpits rose from all directions, saying in their inner tongue: "O God, O God! Thou didst nurture and manifest us for Thy mention and praise, yet now they mount us and speak contrary to Thy good-pleasure, nay rather, they are engaged in vilification and cursing." Alas, alas, for what hath befallen us in Thy days! Alas, alas, for their mounting, their sitting and their words! We beseech Thee to deliver us from these people. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Every day the pulpits speak, and this hath been mentioned in various Tablets, yet until now none hath been aware. In any case, were they to reflect upon the former sect and become conscious of their misdeeds and transgressions, they would attain unto the light of certitude and steadfastness in this Most Great Cause and Momentous News. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid His friends and loved ones to be trustworthy, religious and steadfast. Verily, He is the Lord of creation. There is none other God but Him, the Commander, the Wise.

We beseech God to aid him who is named Aqa Buzurg, who hath attained Our presence and witnessed and beheld. Verily, he was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have mentioned him in such wise as hath diffused the fragrance of eternity. Thy Lord is, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Great. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy family and upon him who loveth Me and upon him who loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy word concerning My great and mighty Cause.

O My Name! We have desired at this moment to mention him who is named Zakariyya, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Zakariyya! Verily, Zakariyya entered the sanctuary through My remembrance and My love, and We revealed unto him that which was hidden from the eyes of those who denied the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. My Name hath mentioned thee, and We make mention of thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having sent down unto me that which hath caused me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love and to speak forth Thy beauteous praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

O My Name! Make mention of him who was named before by the True One. Verily We have remembered him and revealed unto him that which caused the hearts of them that are nigh to take flight. We beseech God to assist him with the hosts of utterance and to make him one who speaketh in His name and who ariseth to serve His loved ones, in whose faces can be seen the radiance of Baha. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise. Take hold of the Book with strength from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the handmaiden of God and her turning to another direction, We have ordained affairs through consultation and have commanded thee thus before and after, and I am the Commander, and I am the Witness, and I am the All-Informed. She must hearken unto thy

counsel. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O My Name! Thou hast made mention of My handmaiden who hath turned towards My horizon and attained My grace and loving-kindness. Give her glad tidings from Me and make mention of her from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. We send Our greetings unto her and counsel her with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered her time and again. Then concerning ’Ayn and Ta who attained Our presence in this mighty stronghold, We found him ablaze with Our love and attracted by Our verses. We beseech God to send down upon him and upon those who have believed, from the heaven of His bounty, the rain of His mercy and His gifts. He is verily the Bestower, the Generous.

Thou didst mention Jenab-i-’Ayn and Ba, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, he hath ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court. Some time ago Jenab-i-Amin arranged a feast in his name which was accepted. Give him glad tidings of this and send greetings unto him from the Wronged One time and again. Verily He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. They are engaged in service, speaking in remembrance, and steadfast in the Cause. Well is it with him. Soon that which thou seest on earth shall be rolled up, and there shall endure for him that which hath been sent down from the presence of One Who speaketh with knowledge.

O Jamal! We make mention of My handmaiden who soared in Mine atmosphere until she attained My presence. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon her and upon her son ?abibu’llah and upon those who hearken unto thy word concerning this mighty News. O My handmaiden (Mother of Aqa Buzurg), O mother of him who visited Me, rejoice thou in this manifest remembrance, then be thou glad with that which hath moved the Tongue of Grandeur to speak thy name. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. And We make mention of (Khaliy-i-Fadl) My handmaiden who hath attained to the presence and responded when the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth.

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He is the One Who Expoundeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O servant of God! Upon thee be the grace and loving-kindness of God. The letter of the honorable sheikh (may God, the Blessed, the Most High, strengthen him) was perused. Praise be to God, they have attained His favors. We beseech God, the Blessed, the Most High, to strengthen him and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to rain down upon him from the clouds of His mercy a blessing from His presence and a bounty from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

O servant of God! Upon thee be the peace and bounty of God. The true and manifest tidings are that one manifestation from the manifestations of the Sun of Truth pertains to him, and one word from the words of the Mother Book hath he attained, and one melody from the melodies hath reached the Kingdom of utterance, and one letter from the attraction of the Call hath arrived at the gate of the Most Great Name. Upon Javad be My glory and loving-kindness; he hath become connected with the ocean of divine

generosity. We have heard of his ascension, his turning and his devotion, and We have sent down for him that which causeth the realities of all things to be attracted. By My life! Through My mention the ocean of forgiveness surged in the Most Exalted Kingdom, and the sun of pardon and bestowal shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Sublime Seat. Verily, We have purified him with the water of utterance and caused him to enter a station adorned with the glances of loving-kindness, embellished with the lights of the Countenance, and illumined with the light of recognition. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and hath spoken that wherefrom the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout contingent being. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We testify that Javad hath attained unto the ocean of generosity and bounty among the nations, and turned unto God when most of creation turned away from Him, and acknowledged this Day when the people denied it, and showed forth love and devotion when the fire of hatred was kindled. Upon him be My glory and the glory of those in God's Kingdom and dominion, and the glory of those in the heavens and the earth.

We enjoin the loved ones to patience and steadfastness, and We beseech the True One to illumine all with the lights of the Orb of grace. O people of God! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you. We testify that ye have attained unto that which cannot be equaled by treasures nor by the wealth of the princes of the earth. This Manifest Book beareth witness to this. Take, in My Name, the All-Glorious, the cup of joy, then drink therefrom once in My Name, and again in My remembrance, and yet again by My command, in spite of Mine enemies, and yet again by the light of My wondrous Cause.

Praise be to God that in this time each of the friends hath attained that which hath no likeness or equal. They have attained the choice wine of My remembrance in the Kingdom of My utterance from the cup of one of My branches who is present before My face and who writeth My verses by My all-compelling will that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O servant of God! We beseech the True One to assist the loved ones in that land to such deeds as will cause the elevation of the Cause of God. By the life of God! The helper of the Truth hath ever been deeds and character. Say: My God, my God! Assist Thy loved ones in that which will cause the exaltation of Thy Most Exalted Word in the world of creation, then aid them to triumph in Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

The friends of Ishqabad have acted in a way that has been accepted in glory - they transformed the weapons of warfare into conciliation and love. Blessed are they! When tribulations descended upon them, they held fast to patience by the command of the All-Patient Lord and maintained forbearance. Two deeds which are truly considered among the greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, were manifested by them: first, refraining from retaliation against the oppressors, namely the tyrannical Shi'ih party, and second, interceding with the authorities on behalf of their enemies. This is the conduct that has been and is worthy of the people of Baha. Glory be to them, joy be to them, and light be to them! Now beseech ye God to illumine the hearts of the friends of that land with the light of unity, that the horizons of the world may be brightened by a single light, lest there appear from them that which would prevent them from attaining the most exalted station and the supreme summit.

In these days Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, has mentioned the deceased and elevated one, and likewise has repeatedly mentioned the friends of that land. Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness - We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him with the hosts of grace and to confirm him in that which He loves and is pleased with. Indeed, steadfastness has been manifested by him and those associated with the aforementioned one.

Yesterday Ismu'llah attained Our presence and mentioned Jinab-i-Darbaghi, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, and afterwards sent his letter to Our presence. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Praise be to God, they have succeeded in teaching the Cause of God, and there was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen especially for him that which caused pure gems to appear from dust and transcended the heavens. His mention has been remembered and his name renowned. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause the servants of that land to become detached through the loving counsels of His friends and to guide them to the highest horizon.

Some time ago Hibatu'llah, upon him be My Baha, sent a letter to the Most Holy Court wherein he mentioned the friends. Each one has been blessed with divine favors and received their portion from the ocean of utterance. The door of grace is open, the sun of mercy is shining, the ocean of generosity is surging before all faces - blessed are they that attain! We make mention of each of the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the light of divine favor. O My handmaidens and My leaves! Ye have attained to that which most of the men on earth are deprived of. Today, the steadfast and assured maidservants are recorded and mentioned in the Crimson Book above the men. We counsel the handmaidens of God to observe the Most Great Chastity, trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity.

O my God, O my God! Aid Thy loved ones, both men and women, to achieve such deeds and character as will cause the fragrance of Thy good pleasure and acceptance to be diffused. The light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon the people of Baha, whom the hosts have not weakened nor the ranks intimidated. They have turned unto Thee and said: "We believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

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He is God - exalted be His glory and power!

Today the hands of God's loved ones are raised to the heaven of the bounty of the Bestower of gifts, beseeching relief and joy, and imploring victory for the Manifest Religion. They cling to the cord of grace and hold fast to the hem of generosity. The enemies of the Faith have surrounded the mighty and impregnable fortress. From every direction the idolaters have risen to extinguish the Muhammadan light and Ahmadic character. The tempests of polytheism and the storms of infidelity have nearly extinguished the light of divine unity. O people of the world! Arise and with perfect humility, submission and lowliness beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord for assistance, that perchance something may remain. Each soul is occupied with his own fancy and strives in his own affairs. Glory be to God! The signs of the Hour are manifest and the evidences of the resurrection brilliant. The people of the pavilions of glory and the tent

of knowledge are all grief-stricken. Eyes are deprived of witnessing and ears forbidden from hearing. The veils of greed and avarice have obscured all, and its fire has consumed the realm of insight. At every moment they sink deeper into the earth, yet remain unaware. As has been and continues to be witnessed, each year the grandeur of God's religion and God's Faith diminishes in the eyes of men due to the oppression of the idolaters and the hatred of the opponents.

Glory be to Thee, O God of existence, Who art established upon the throne of manifestation! I beseech Thee by the standards of Thy signs and the banners of Thy power, and by those whom Thou hast made the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the manifestations of Thy Cause and the dayspring of Thy most beautiful names, to protect Thy servants through Thy power which hath conquered all things and Thy might which hath encompassed the earth and heaven. O my Lord! Thou seest the unitarians beneath the claws of the polytheists. I beseech Thee by the light whereby Thou didst deliver Noah and his companions, and didst make the fire cool for Thy Friend despite his enemies, and whereby Thou didst manifest Thy straight path and make it the herald of Thy mighty News, to deliver them through Thy grace and bounty. Then have mercy upon them through Thy providence which hath encompassed all created things and Thy mercy which hath preceded all existing things. Then ordain for them what beseemeth Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored one was a source of joy and gladness, for it was adorned with praise and glorification of the One True God. After its reading and perusal, we proceeded to the Divine Court where it was presented. He said: O servant of God! The world craves for reformation and the homes of hearts need repair. These matters have ever been and are dependent upon the hands of justice. Now, through the tyranny of the oppressors, the hands of justice are bound with strong and mighty cords. To loose them is the work of the right hand of power. We beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to loose them and remove the clouds from before the face of the sun. O servant of God! Discernment has been taken away; the blind and the seeing, the deaf and the hearing, are deemed equal in the sight of men. Thou hast observed the letter that was sent. By God's life! Astonishment is bewildered at this point. Would that Hussein had been asked what he understood from this and what people understand. By God's life! He should return to his place. If thou wouldst reflect, thou wouldst become aware of the tribulations of this Wronged One. In brief, the vain imaginings of men have reached such a point as transcends description. Ask God not to deprive His servants. The sun of divine wisdom is shining from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge, yet people follow ignorance and fancy. Consider the divines of Iran–what they were and what they did. Their words were praiseworthy but their deeds were like unto Nimrod's. Nay, by God! They have wrought that which neither Nimrod, nor Pharaoh, nor any rejected idolater ever wrought. Those souls were the cause of division and the weakening of God's Law. Furthermore, the people of the Bayan are even more lost than these souls, for despite being aware of their evil deeds, they yet follow in their footsteps. We beseech the Most High to protect Us and thee and the company of the unitarians from their mention, their call, their deeds, their words, their counsels and their admonitions. For years they occupied the pulpits with their preaching, yet they themselves never acted upon a single word of it, as hath become clear and evident.

Convey My greetings to the friends of that land. We beseech God to aid them all and grant them supreme steadfastness.

This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to the gentlemen and friends of that land. I beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to protect them all from the braying and barking of the brayants and barkers.

Regarding what was written about the Fast, no such news has been heard in this land. The firm command is that all should hold fast to wisdom. This word was ever heard from the blessed tongue and is likewise recorded in the Tablets. Divine wisdom is the protector and helper of the servants. Therefore, all must hold fast and cling to it. As commanded, convey greetings to all the kindred, both sons and others, and give them the glad-tidings of their Lord's favors. God willing, may they ever drink from the cup of bounty and abide at rest beneath the Lote-Tree. We beseech Him to send down upon them His blessings and mercy, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to each one and begs confirmation and assistance for all, and that which will endure through His remembrance. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace and mercy and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who act according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of all seekers and the Object of worship of all who know Him.

The Servant

15th of Muharram al-Haram, 1303

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He is the Most Glorious, the All-Glorious!

O Habib! We sent thee aforetime Tablets containing that which would suffice all the worlds, yet no response from thee reached Our presence; therefore did We restrain the Pen until thy Lord's appointed time. When it was fulfilled, We sent down unto thee verses from a holy and exalted Dominion. O Habib! Ascend unto the celestial heights and fear no one, but place thy trust at all times in the Beauty of sublime and impregnable glory. Then rend asunder the veils by Our command and arise between earth and heaven upon this Word which hath been mentioned from the direction of the Throne. Rend asunder the veils of men through that which God hath bestowed upon thee, that perchance thereby God's fire may be kindled in all else but Him, and the Spirit may proclaim in all things that there is none other God but I, the One Who hath power to do what He willeth, and verily I have been independent of all worlds.

Know thou that when We found the people immersed in the delusion of ignorance and the intoxication of desire, We lifted the hem of the veil with the fingers of Command less than can be counted. Then arose the clamor of the denizens of Sinai at the station of pause, the veils of the righteous were rent asunder, every known name was struck with awe, and servants who were created by My command rose up against Me and returned to what they were, and thus was Satan veiled from the Self of the All-Merciful. And thou, come forth from behind the veil of concealment, then open thy tongue in utterance, for the Spirit will aid thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Know thou that they who were veiled behind the veil feared for themselves. Yet when We raised up the Cause and the breezes of assurance wafted from the direction of the All-Merciful, they then rose against Me with swords of hatred and showed no shame before God Who created them from fetid water. Thus was their rebellion against Me and their transgression against God Who created all things by His command, and verily He encompasseth all things.

Say: O people! By God, ye and all who are on earth are in God's sight but as the blackness in the eye of an ant, or less than that, and thy Lord's Self sufficeth as witness to this. They in whose breasts burned the fire of hatred, these took their leaders as lords besides God. What aileth this people that they comprehend not a single word?

O Habib! When the hosts of thy Lord's inspiration descended in the guise of verses, then were the faces of those who waxed proud before God blackened, and they were far removed from the pavilion of security. Their leadership deluded them to such degree that they denied what they had believed in and manifested evident rebellion. And thou, take hold of the reins of the Cause with power from Us and neither pause nor keep silent, for silence is praiseworthy only in the remembrance of thy Lord - thus hath the command been sent down from the cloud of grace. Sanctify the hem of holiness from the touch of the idolaters, then stand firm between earth and heaven with mighty power. By God! Upon the heart of whoso remaineth steadfast in My love shall descend the Most Great Spirit, and the Holy Spirit shall speak upon his tongue, and shall aid him at all times.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! Enter ye into the presence of God, then judge fairly within your own selves, and be ye God-fearing in this Cause. Should ye deny these verses, by what evidence can ye prove your faith in God and the Manifestations of His Self? Bring forth your proof if ye be capable thereof. Then shall ye behold upon their faces the darkness of fire from the wrath of their Lord, the All-Powerful, and they shall speak as spoke the people of the Furqan when 'Ali came upon clouds of light from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Wise. O beloved! Arise in this Cause, then offer the pure wine ere the great cry be raised. Thus have We commanded thee in truth in this Tablet which hath been inscribed by the finger of might. Remind the people of this Most Great Remembrance and fear no one, for He will protect thee with the hosts of power and might, will strengthen thee with the Spirit, and cause thee to speak between earth and heaven with the melodies of the Dove in the midmost heart of eternity. Thus hath the decree been witnessed from the horizon of the Cause. By God, O beloved! Shouldst thou examine the body of Baha, thou wouldst find no place thereon but hath been struck by the arrows of fate from those filled with hatred, whereat have wept the eyes of the people of eternity behind the pavilions of concealed glory. They slay the Self of God with the swords of their malice, then recite His verses. Say: Ye shall have no mention today in the presence of God, even should ye bring forth the deeds of all creation combined. Among them are those deceived by the name of the Mirror, and those seized by the veils of fancy. Rend thou these two veils through the power of might and strength, and be thou supremely sanctified in truth. Leave behind all names and their kingdoms, then ascend on the wings of holiness to that station where all created things shall take shelter in thy shadow, and thou shalt behold thyself established upon the most holy seat of glory. Should thou find thyself alone in My love, grieve not, for this is a matter none can bear save him who is detached from all in the heavens and earth. Thus doth God purify the hem of sanctity from the touch of every rejected polytheist. Take comfort in thy Lord, then forget all else, then convey

unto the people what the Spirit teacheth thee from the presence of the Self-Subsisting. Know thou that the Youth of the Spirit hath fallen into the well of hatred, and there was no caravan of eternity to let down the bucket of faithfulness save His own Most Exalted Self. Soon shall He raise him up in truth and aid him through a Cause that encompasseth all the worlds. Shouldst thou hearken with the ear of innate nature, thou wouldst hear the lamentation of all things for this Beauty Who hath been wronged among the polytheists. Thus have We cast upon thee a letter from the tablets of destiny that thou mayest discover what is hidden and be illumined with clear insight. The Spirit, glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those with thee whom God hath strengthened in His love and made steadfast in His Cause.

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He is God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest!

O Bird of Inner Meanings and Utterance! Wing thy flight in the atmosphere of divine knowledge, then hearken to the melodies of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that they may detach thee from the contingent world and all that hath been ordained within the realm of possibility, and draw thee nigh unto the Ridvan wherein the Sun of Utterance hath dawned from the horizon of exposition, and wherein the Nightingale of Glory warbleth its various melodies upon the branches of the Tree that was planted by the hands of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Powerful, the Inaccessible, the Impregnable.

O Nightingale of Remembrance! Soar in the atmosphere of My nearness, then in the heaven of My loving-kindness. Then hearken to My melodies from the direction of My Throne. Then detach thyself from all else but Me. Then speak forth My remembrance and My praise amongst My servants and My creatures. Fear not the wicked among My servants nor the oppressors among My creation. Illumine thy countenance with the lights of My face, then thy heart with the white radiance of My knowledge and loving-kindness. Then inhale the fragrances of the All-Merciful from My garment and the breezes of Glory from My wondrous words. By God! Through these have the hearts of the sanctified ones, the minds of the mystics, the tongues of those who remember, and the realities of the Concourse on High been stirred, raised up, quickened, called out and cried aloud.

Thus have We imparted unto thee from the words of thy Lord that He might guide thee to the Ridvan of My nearness, distance thee from all else but Me, establish thee in the paradise of My grace, open thy tongue with the wonders of My remembrance, and cause the breezes of the Cause to move thee with longing for My reunion and desire for My good-pleasure. Thus hath the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Boundary brought forth fruits through the mention of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. Take shelter, then, beneath its shade and partake of its fruits. Well is it with him who hath found its sweetness, tasted its flavor, and is numbered among the successful ones.

Say: O people of creation! The Beauty of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, hath come upon the clouds of destiny, with the Kingdom of eternity proceeding before Him and the hosts of the unseen from the Concourse on High following after Him. Say: By God! He hath come to quicken the world and unite all its peoples. O people of the Bayan! Fear ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, dispute not with Him, and oppose Him not. Fear God, O heedless ones!

Know thou that the tale of weeping hath returned in this Most Glorious Youth, whom His wicked servants have cast into the well of darkness. By God, the Truth! O youth who walketh in the atmosphere of love and faithfulness! The garment whereof every thread proclaimeth "There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High" hath now been pierced by the spears of hatred. Were this garment to be revealed, even less than can be counted between earth and heaven, verily the people of the Concourse on High would pass away, the pillars of the Throne would quake, the leaves of the Furthermost Tree would fall, and the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Boundary would be cast down upon the darkened earth.

And if thou wouldst hear with the ear of God and be detached from all else save Him, thou wouldst surely hear the lamentation of 'Ali in the Ridvan of eternity, the cry of Muhammad in the chambers of the Cloud of Mystery, and the call of the Spirit in the heaven of destiny. But the people of the Bayan laugh and rejoice, then mock their Lord God and remain unaware.

And there hath been inscribed by the Pen of God upon the cheek of all else but Him from this blood which was shed in God's path, in the secret of the line: By My beauty, My grandeur, and My majesty! This, verily, is the Wronged One Who hath been slain in My path throughout all ages. Through one of His sighs have the suns of rapture and yearning dawned in the hearts of the righteous ones. Through the fire of His love hath the heat of God's love appeared in every age. Through the tears of His eyes have the clouds poured forth their rain. And through the shrill voice of His pen the Most Exalted Pen hath be set in motion, and a voice from the direction of grandeur calleth out: O people of the Bayan! This, verily, is the Essence of the All-Merciful and the Reality of the All-Glorious. If ye believe not in Him, oppose Him not, nor contend with Him. Sufficient unto Him was what the peoples of former times inflicted upon Him in Iraq, in days when all who are in the heavens and on earth were sorely troubled. Thereupon did the Spirit of God return unto Itself, and the breezes of the All-Merciful unto their Source, and the sweet savors of eternity were withheld from the realms of holiness, and the fragrance of glorification from the kingdoms of creation, and the gates of the Ridvan were shut by reason of what the manifestations of Satan wrought against His exalted and mighty Self. Say: O people of the Bayan! If ye persist in your ways, why then did ye leave the community of the Furqan and enter into the party of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great? For We observe you speaking as did the peoples of former times in those days, and advancing the same arguments as did the followers of religions past. It would behoove you, then, to return to your former path and follow your forbears of old. Ye slay Ali with the swords of opposition, then busy yourselves with his praise and glorification. Therefore do all things give you the lie, and the denizens of the highest Paradise disown you. Thus hath the Pen of Destiny inscribed upon the Tablet of Divine decree, were ye of them that perceive. Would that people would discover this Cause which hath appeared with the truth, and that which they have taken as a lord besides God. Then would the tongue of all things proclaim: Would that the people of the Bayan knew what was veiled from them, for they are of the heedless! Is there one possessed of vision, of understanding, of intelligence, of heart and soul who would ponder this Cause and discover that which none among Our slumbering servants hath discovered?

O Nightingale of remembrance! Know thou that from the Most Exalted Pen of thy Lord, which is now moved by the fingers of holiness from the hand of the Most Glorious, proceed such melodies and such notes that were but one of them to be sounded, all who dwell in the heavens and on earth would be struck down, except such as have detached themselves from all that is mentioned amongst men and have

turned with pure, sanctified, and luminous hearts unto God. Thus have We made mention unto thee of the gems of wisdom and utterance, that the melodies of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, might draw thee unto Him, might sanctify thee from all allusions, might illumine thee with the lights of this Sun which hath dawned from the horizon of the divine Essence with manifest splendor, and might cause thee to speak forth, through the attraction of the Almighty, in praise of His mighty and chosen Self in such wise that neither the evil whisperings of the wicked nor the words of the impious among the company of polytheists shall deter thee. And upon thee, and upon those who have entered this most sublime and mighty stronghold, be the Spirit, the Light, the Glory and the Splendor.

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He is God, the One, the Single, the Unique, the Most Glorious!

O servant! How can I recount to thee what hath befallen Me in this Prison at the hands of those who prided themselves on serving Me, standing in My presence, and keeping watch at My gate? When they found Me imprisoned in this far-off land, they rose up against Me with tyranny, opened their lips in lies and calumny, and spoke against Me what they perceived in the mirror of their own souls and hearts. Thou art indeed aware of some of these matters. We beseech God to aid thee to manifest pure truthfulness and to speak among the people of what thou hast witnessed and seen. Beware lest thou add or subtract a single letter. Remind the people of what thou knowest, that perchance God may cause what proceedeth from thy mouth to cast from their hearts all that distanceth them from self and passion and draweth them nigh unto God, their Lord.

Hearken unto My words: Detach thyself from the world, its ornaments, its embellishments, and all that hath been created therein and thereon. Soon shall all that thou beholdest and seest pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with thy Lord. Strive, therefore, in this world that thy purpose may be that which God hath purposed for thee, for that which He hath purposed should be the purpose of every soul. Choose not for thyself save that which He hath chosen for thee and commanded thee, for He is the All-Choosing, and hath chosen what His righteous servants, they that are among the most virtuous, have chosen. Hearken unto My words and forget not that which this servant counseleth thee. By God! We have never before commanded anyone, nor do We now command thee, except with that which is better for thee and for them, that perchance souls may be detached from all that preventeth them from arriving at the shore of the love of God and His commandments.

Make provision for thy journeys through reliance upon thy Chosen Lord, let thy drink be His love and knowledge, and let thy raiment be the fear of God - which is to shun the wicked and their deeds and actions - and steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

And when thou departest from that land and enterest another, perform ablutions, and while washing, call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and say:

“O my Lord! Even as Thou hast cleansed my body with this water, purify me from all that veils me from knowing Thee between earth and heaven. O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy manifest Name to send

down at this moment from the clouds of Thy mercy the holy rain of Thy favors, that thereby my soul and heart may be cleansed from the defilement of those who have disbelieved in Thy signs, warred against Thy Self, and turned away from Thy proof. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things."

And when thou hast completed thy ablutions and donned thy garment, prostrate thyself upon the earth before God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, and say:

"O my Lord! This is Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, who hath sought refuge in Thee and clung to the hem of Thy mercy and held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the breezes of forgiveness have wafted over the sinners among Thy servants, that Thou forgive me and have mercy upon me. Then make me, O my God, sincere in my devotion to Thy Cause, obedient to Thy command, looking toward the horizon of Thy bounty, firm in Thy love, established in Thy affection, assured of Thy grace, certain of Thy Lordship, submissive to Thy Oneness, acknowledging Thy sovereignty, and confessing Thy grandeur and majesty. O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Words, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided the seekers to the manifestations of the light of Thy Beauty and the yearning ones to the paradise of the glory of Thy presence and reunion, that Thou leave me not to myself and my desires, nor deprive me of the oceans of Thy grace and bounty, nor occupy me with that which Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

Then raise thy head and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to achieve this and for having caused me to hear the call of Thy servant." And when thy task is completed, say "In the Name of God and through God," then place thy trust in Him with thy tongue and thy heart, and proceed to the dwellings with the fragrances of thy Lord. And when thou beholdest the loved ones of God, say: "O people! Fear God, and spread not corruption in God's earth, and wage not war against men, and dispute not with them, and consume not their wealth unjustly, and refute not the truth by what ye possess, and say not that which ye do not practice, and commit not that which ye have been forbidden in the Book of God, and shed not blood, and engage not in that which displeaseth God's good-pleasure and your own minds. Fear God, O people! Purify your hearts from the remembrance of those who have disbelieved in God, then your eyes from gazing upon them, then your souls from turning unto them. Remind men with wisdom and utterance, and transgress not that which ye have been commanded by your Lord, the Mighty, the Merciful. Adorn your temples with the robes of detachment, and your tongues with truthfulness, and your hearts with sincerity, then make your breasts free from all deceit and guile and doubt. Be adorned, O people, with the qualities of the spiritually-minded, and deny not God's grace and mercy after ye have witnessed it with your eyes and it hath encompassed you from all sides. Fear God, and whoso feareth Him shall fear no one, nor shall anything that hath been created in the earth cause him fear. Fear God, O people! Be God's trustees in His earth, and the lamps of His Cause in His lands, and the torches of His remembrance amongst His servants. And thou, O servant, if thou hearkenest unto what this servant hath counseled thee and detachest thyself from all else but God, He will kindle in thy breast such a fire of His love that its heat shall reach His servants, and the slumbering shall awaken by its warmth, and the heedless shall be reminded thereby. Strive within thyself that there may be manifested in thee what God hath desired for thee, then turn away from those who speak that which they know not and utter that which they understand not. Blessed is the servant who hath detached himself from the

world and turned unto his Lord, and hearkened unto that which he was commanded, and turned away from the idolaters. Then remind from Our presence the loved ones of God whom God hath sanctified from the allusions of them that glory in appearances, and who were of the firmly assured. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and were steadfast."

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=== START BH01026 ===

He is the Gracious, the Well-Beloved!

O Holy Mariner!

Bid thine ark of eternity appear before the Celestial Concourse,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Launch it upon the ancient sea, in His Name, the Most Wondrous,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And let the angelic spirits enter, in the Name of God, the Most High.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Unmoor it, then, that it may sail upon the ocean of glory,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Haply the dwellers therein may attain the retreats of nearness in the everlasting realm.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Having reached the sacred strand, the shore of the crimson seas,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Bid them issue forth and attain this ethereal invisible station,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

A station wherein the Lord hath in the Flame of His Beauty appeared within the deathless tree;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Wherein the embodiments of His Cause cleansed themselves of self and passion;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Around which the Glory of Moses doth circle with the everlasting hosts;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Wherein the Hand of God was drawn forth from His bosom of Grandeur;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Wherein the ark of the Cause remaineth motionless even though to its dwellers be declared all divine attributes.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

O Mariner! Teach them that are within the ark that which we have taught thee behind the mystic veil.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Perchance they may not tarry in the sacred snow-white spot,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

But may soar upon the wings of the spirit unto that station which the Lord hath exalted above all mention in the worlds below,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

May wing through space even as the favored birds in the realm of eternal reunion;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

May know the mysteries hidden in the Seas of light.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

They passed the grades of worldly limitations and reached that of the divine unity, the center of heavenly guidance.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

They have desired to ascend unto that state which the Lord hath ordained to be above their stations.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Whereupon the burning meteor cast them out from them that abide in the Kingdom of His Presence,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And they heard the Voice of Grandeur raised from behind the unseen pavilion upon the Height of Glory:

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“O guardian angels! Return them to their abode in the world below,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“Inasmuch as they have purposed to rise to that sphere which the wings of the celestial dove have never attained;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“Whereupon the ship of fancy standeth still which the minds of them that comprehend cannot grasp.”

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Whereupon the maid of heaven looked out from her exalted chamber,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And with her brow signed to the Celestial Concourse,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Flooding with the light of her countenance the heaven and the earth,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And as the radiance of her beauty shone upon the people of dust,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

All beings were shaken in their mortal graves.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

She then raised the call which no ear through all eternity hath ever heard,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And thus proclaimed: “By the Lord! He whose heart hath not the fragrance of the love of the exalted and glorious Arabian Youth,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“Can in no wise ascend unto the glory of the highest heaven.”

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Thereupon she summoned unto herself one maiden from her handmaidens,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And commanded her: “Descend into space from the mansions of eternity,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“And turn thou unto that which they have concealed in the inmost of their hearts.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“Shouldst thou inhale the perfume of the robe from the Youth that hath been hidden within the tabernacle of light by reason of that which the hands of the wicked have wrought,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“Raise a cry within thyself, that all the inmates of the chambers of Paradise, that are the embodiments of the eternal wealth, may understand and hearken;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“That they may all come down from their everlasting chambers and tremble,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“And kiss their hands and feet for having soared to the heights of faithfulness;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“Perchance they may find from their robes the fragrance of the Beloved One.”

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Thereupon the countenance of the favored damsel beamed above the celestial chambers even as the light that shineth from the face of the Youth above His mortal temple;

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

She then descended with such an adorning as to illumine the heavens and all that is therein.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

She bestirred herself and perfumed all things in the lands of holiness and grandeur.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

When she reached that place she rose to her full height in the midmost heart of creation,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And sought to inhale their fragrance at a time that knoweth neither beginning nor end.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

She found not in them that which she did desire, and this, verily, is but one of His wondrous tales.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

She then cried aloud, wailed and repaired to her own station within her most lofty mansion,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And then gave utterance to one mystic word, whispered privily by her honeyed tongue,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And raised the call amidst the Celestial Concourse and the immortal maids of heaven:

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“By the Lord! I found not from these idle claimants the breeze of Faithfulness!

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

“By the Lord! The Youth hath remained lone and forlorn in the land of exile in the hands of the ungodly.”

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

She then uttered within herself such a cry that the Celestial Concourse did shriek and tremble,

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

And she fell upon the dust and gave up the spirit. It seemeth she was called and hearkened unto Him that summoned her unto the Realm on High.

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Glorified be He that created her out of the essence of love in the midmost heart of His exalted paradise!

Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Thereupon the maids of heaven hastened forth from their chambers, upon whose countenances the eye of no dweller in the highest paradise had ever gazed.

Glorified be our Lord, the Most High!

They all gathered around her, and lo! they found her body fallen upon the dust;

Glorified be our Lord, the Most High!

And as they beheld her state and comprehended a word of the tale told by the Youth, they bared their heads, rent their garments asunder, beat upon their faces, forgot their joy, shed tears and smote with their hands upon their cheeks, and this is verily one of the mysterious grievous afflictions”

Glorified be our Lord, the Most High!

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This is what hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance: Regarding what ye had mentioned about the upheaval and discord in Iran - this is what We promised in the Tablets. O physician! Before the sending of Badi’, the divine proof was not complete and conclusive for the people of that land, for the ruler had not

been fully informed of the details, nor had anyone openly conveyed to him a word of truth. However, after the appearance of Badi', through divine power and the delivery of the divine Word and Book, the proof and evidence became complete and conclusive. When they turned not to the spiritual bounty, they were deprived of outward blessings as well. This tribulation was decreed by God, the Lord of Names. Now one must ponder what caused the drops from the ocean of divine wrath to grant respite to the ruler while seizing the others. With thy Lord is the knowledge of what was and what shall be. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Had people reflected upon these occurrences and this great calamity, thou wouldst have found all turning toward the shore of divine unity. But that which He willed hath come to pass. He, verily, is the One Who is desired. O physician! Vain imaginings have prevented the people from the Lord of all beings. Observe the People of the Furqan, who through vain and idle fancies were deprived of the King of utterance. Two matters were established and confirmed among that people, to such extent that they occupied themselves day and night with their mention: one was the mention of the Qa'im, and one the mention of succession. Regarding the Qa'im, thou hast witnessed that what they held was mere fancy. Now leave aside the People of the Furqan and observe certain People of the Bayan who have once again clung to former vain imaginings, even as the evil one of Isfahan mentioned succession to everyone he met, hoping that through reference to former imaginings he might deprive people from the shore of justice - although that evil one himself knew that there was never any mention of succession in the Bayan, and moreover he was not informed about Yahya's cause. Nevertheless, he and his followers, through their whisperings, prevent people from the Countenance of the Chosen One.

This is why people have not yet attained maturity. Were they mature, they would not be prevented from the One mentioned by such mentions, nor would they remain distant from Him through Whose one word a hundred thousand saints are created. Blessed is the soul who rendeth asunder all veils of fancy and with penetrating vision gazeth upon the Dawning-Place of divine oneness. Although the People of the Bayan witnessed that all they formerly possessed was mere fancy, still they remain veiled from the Lord of creation through the imaginings of the idolaters. Today, if one doth not consider all these stations as non-existent and null, he is not counted as human in God's sight, let alone achieving lofty stations. With the ear of the spirit, hearken to the call of the All-Merciful saying: Verily the wayfarer on the white path and the crimson pillar shall never reach the station of his homeland - that is, the station of meeting his Lord - except by emptying his hands of what is in people's hands, what their tongues speak, and what their hearts imagine. How excellent is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station, this ultimate goal, this highest summit!

The followers of the Bayan have risen up against Me with a cruelty unparalleled in the world. Had they but observed with the eye of equity and turned unto that which God hath desired, the fragrance of the divine Robe would have embraced them all. By Him Who hath caused Me to speak the truth, they are seen to be so bereft of justice and heedless that naught above it can be imagined. I beseech God to assist them to recognize this Manifestation, than Whom the eye of creation hath seen none more wondrous. Say: By God! He is the Originator of the heavens and earth, and He is the Lamp of God unto all the worlds.

As to what thou didst mention concerning the Mim, he hath indeed transgressed. Soon shall he witness his loss for what he hath committed, except he repent and return. He, verily, is the Judge, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have withheld the Pen concerning his state, for he hath no opinion of his own but is governed by those around him. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a mighty Tablet. Grieve not over this, for God shall soon render victorious His loved ones and seize those who have wronged. This, verily, is a truth assured.

O Physician! We hear the lamentation of the House. It saith: "O Lord! Deliver me from the wrongdoing people. O my God! Send forth one who will take me, free me, and restore me. Thou art, verily, powerful over this, and Thou art the Mighty, the Omnipotent. How long shall I remain in the possession of those who have denied Thee and Thy mighty signs? O Lord! Deliver me from these polytheists who heard not Thy call nor answered Thee. Vain imaginings have so seized them that they turned away from Thee and opposed Thee after Thou didst come unto them from the Dayspring of grace with manifest sovereignty."

If someone could be found there who would lease it even temporarily, this would be favored. The matter is in God's hands. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them glad tidings of My remembrance of them. We beseech God to assist them to remain steadfast in His love, for nothing in creation can equal it. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to Abdul-Rahim. We beseech God to strengthen him in His love such that he may cast vain imaginings beneath his feet and shatter the idol of idle fancies through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, and assist him to serve and obey Him, sanctify him from the whisperings of the corrupters, and make him mindful of Him among His servants. He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him. There is no God but He, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. May the glory be upon thee and upon him and upon them from One Mighty and Wise.

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The spiritual beloved, his honor Nabil son of Nabil, upon them both be God's peace and solicitude, may observe:

He is God, exalted be His glory, the majesty and the power!

Praise, sanctified from the limitations of creation, befits and is worthy of that exalted Truth Who, through the wonders of His bounty and generosity, illumined the world with the lights of justice and guided it to the straight path which is the cause and means of preserving the peoples. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the armies of the world cannot weaken and the opposition of the idolaters cannot frighten. His will is supreme and His decree penetrating. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And the prayer shining from the horizon of the grace of the Lord of eternity be upon the Lord of Nations and Master of the World, through Whom the Book was sealed and God's promise of judgment's return was fulfilled, and upon His family and companions whom God made the stars of the heaven of His knowledge and the moons of the horizons of His proof.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who with the finger of Thy power didst rend the veils! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty, Thy might and Thy power to aid Thy resplendent Law and protect it from the idolaters among Thy servants and the deniers among Thy creatures. O Lord! Weakness hath seized the limbs of Thy party, and the vitals of Thy religion tremble at the onslaught of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Merciful to the downtrodden, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will exalt Thy Cause among Thy servants and raise the standards of Thy mention in Thy lands. O Lord! I implore Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Cause, the Daysprings of Thy revelation, and by the Seal of Thy Prophets and chosen ones, to protect him who hath clung to Thee and to the cord of obedience to Thee, who hath spoken Thy praise and glorification, and arisen to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest him clinging to Thee, hoping in Thy grace, and yearning for Thy nearness and meeting. O Lord! Deprive him not of the revelations of the light of Thy knowledge, and render him not deprived of the effulgences of the dawn of Thy favors. Make all his deeds and devotions as one devotion in Thy presence. This is what the sovereign of Thy chosen ones uttered in a prayer taught by the Lord of Thy Messengers: "that all my deeds and devotions may become as one devotion, and in eternal service to Thee." O Lord! Protect him who hath entered the fortress of Thy security, then aid him who hath sought shelter beneath the shadow of Thy banner. Grant him pilgrimage to Thy Sacred House once again, and ordain for him that which shall profit him in the hereafter and in this world. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O beloved of my heart! Verily my heart yearns to converse with thee, and my spirit loves to turn to thy face, though faces are indicated by thee and me. Yet the love of God with which we have been blessed cannot be indicated by the signs of the world. It speaks of true spiritual oneness - whoso attains unto this has attained unto the mysteries of the Books and the signs of the Scriptures. Blessed is the seeker who has found his Goal, and the searcher who has been honored with the presence of his Beloved. The longing and yearning of this servant is evident and clear. The One God is witness that at all times he wishes to make mention of that spiritual beloved, but due to the multitude of occupations and other matters, there is sometimes delay. Yet heart-to-heart communications have, praise be to God, existed and continue to exist, [and nothing] has or will affect them. Thy letter was presented before His Countenance. He said that thou art adorned with a pleasing ornament and art confirmed and mentioned in all conditions. Whoso attains unto this has attained unto the Most Great Joy. Whoso is for God, God is for him. Praise be to God, thou art known and mentioned for pure deeds in God's path. No harm comes to thee from incidental matters and unpleasing signs. What has been and is being said is an expression of love outwardly and inwardly in a station that changes not.

We counsel Nabil, upon him be My peace, to deal with kindness and affection toward the few souls who are in that land. They should in no wise take notice of words or deeds wherein opposition may be perceived, for they must become the reference point for all matters. However they deal with those few souls will be the cause of their own exaltation - no harm will ever return to them. I am among those who bear witness. Let them act in such a way that those few souls remain at peace. Man is ever prone to error, save him whom God protects. Forgiveness and overlooking are ever beloved before God. The purpose is that they should not engage in conflict with anyone in that land, so that gradually their love too may dawn and the foundation of thy business may be made firm.

Although in the outward world separation, parting and division have prevailed, yet by God's grace the light of true nearness is not prevented by leagues and miles. This is of God's bounty - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. I beseech and implore Him to strengthen the light of nearness and to ordain outward meeting and reunion. He is powerful and mighty over all things. Indeed this time of separation from that beloved has had a great effect, a mighty effect. The servant asks his Lord to grant reunion after it. Verily He has power over all things.

The tools and implements sent for the garden arrived. Indeed much trouble has been taken. It is hoped that, God willing, through these implements success will be achieved for the garden and from that success an enduring fragrance will be diffused. In this case, this deed of that beloved will remain with him - that is, mention of it will, God willing, remain fixed and established in the book of the world.

I send greetings to the honored brother, Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, from whom every possessor of smell has found the fragrance of the garment, and I congratulate him and beseech the Exalted Truth to confirm him in attaining all that he hopes and seeks. May the manifest, evident and radiant peace shining from the horizon of divine favor be upon you and upon him and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The Servant

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The Beloved of the Heart, His Holiness Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the 966 [Glory of God] and His favors, may he take note.

He is God - exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to the Goal of the world Who, through the letters of His chosen ones, causes the sweet-scented breezes of love to waft, Who draws near, Who bestows union, Who brings to remembrance. These are all among the fruits of the letter. This door of bounty is made manifest through the pen. Glory be to God! How resonant is this soundless pen! It is the source of all the world's sounds. Its scratching gives life to souls. The world of command and creation appears through it and returns to it, for in one station it is the first interpreter and in another the second. How many treasuries of arts and knowledge has this hollow shaft gathered within itself! This is but the description of the pen of composition; how then can any tongue be worthy to make mention of the Most Exalted Pen? Glory be to God! Hearts and minds cannot reach it nor comprehend it. It is from the Truth and is attributed to the Truth. The description of Truth transcends the understanding and knowledge of all created things. Glorified be our Lord, the Most High! Were anyone to speak with fairness, he would in truth observe the world's powerlessness to describe any single thing, let alone that which is beyond, and beyond beyond, and that station which is sanctified above the mention of beyondness. And peace and blessings be upon God's chosen ones and His friends whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all beings. These are

servants whose attributes the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an through His exalted Word: "honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding." These are the hands of Truth amidst creation, the manifestations of power among the servants, and the recipients of knowledge among all lands. Blessed is he who holds fast unto them and clings to their hem. He is verily among the successful ones in the sight of God, Who controls the winds and Who causes the dawn to break.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter, adorned with glad-tidings, was received. God knoweth it was a spiritual herald and a luminous messenger that brought tidings of thine arrival as well as thy health and well-being. It was especially adorned with mention of the Two Lights, upon them be God's most exalted peace and most glorious praise. The gates of joy, gladness and delight were opened by the key of its words. God is witness and His chosen ones do testify what effect these glad-tidings produced. The bounty of the sun is manifest and the generosity of the spring rains is evident and visible. Every person of insight and wisdom doth speak His praise. What further effects will the dawning rays of the Sun of love produce and what generosity will it show! We beseech God that this favor may continue uninterrupted and these tidings may follow in succession, and that He may grant this servant opportunity, though what is in the heart can never be fully expressed in words and one is powerless to manifest it. That which dawned from the horizon of the letter was presented before Him, and the Lord - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - said: "Praise be to God that the journey was accomplished with joy and fragrance, and God willing shall reach its Source. From mention of the Luminary of bounty, dawning and manifest, mention hath transitions. For him are established heavens and visible horizons. At every moment a light appeareth from his horizons and a word shineth forth. His fragrance caused the appearance of fire in the Tree and the manifestation of light in minds and hearts. We beseech God to increase at all times the joy of the branches and thy joy, and to send down from the heaven of bounty that whose traces and fruits shall never end or change. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful." We heard thy call and beseech God to grant that which beseemeth His generosity. Thou hast ever been and art before Our sight. Convey to all the loved ones of that land the greetings of the Wronged One. End. Praise be to God! The river floweth, mercy descendeth, bounty is manifest, the Sun of utterance dawneth. Mention of these bestowals transcendeth hearts and minds. God willing, thou shalt at all times be confirmed, successful, triumphant, present and steadfast in service. This evanescent one seeketh this same success for himself. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. I convey greetings to the loved ones and nobles of that land, and in the nights and days I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which beseemeth His generosity for each one. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind. In truth, where am I and where is mention of His loved ones? This too is from God's confirmations and the manifestations of His Cause, for He hath commanded all to mention His chosen ones and loved ones. Glory be to our Lord, the Most Exalted!

As to what you wrote concerning Mu'in and His Holiness Mu'in, upon him be God's grace, bounty, acceptance and favor - this is the truth in which there is no doubt. In truth, they have been and are the helper of the oppressed and the supporter of those who are nigh unto God. Their reward is inscribed in the Book of Divine Grace and will not be erased by worldly events. This is a mighty glad-tiding from a manifest Source. The servant beseeches his Lord to extend his life, grant him success, strengthen him, and ordain for him the good of both worlds. Verily He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His command "Be!" and it is. Praise be to God, in the world a dawning of good is

observed; after despair, relief appears. The grace of Truth has been and will ever be limitless. He confirms whomsoever He willeth; He is powerful and mighty over all things. Furthermore, the services of His Presence are not forgotten, especially this service - what can I say? I beseech God to ordain that which is befitting for the servants of His Cause and those who arise to assist it. His is the grace and the bestowal, His the bounty and the glory. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the present and the future world. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your presence, and upon all who are steadfast and firm, and all who are resolute and knowing.

The Servant

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

A remembrance from Our presence to him who hath attained unto the lights of divine knowledge in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and hath voiced His praise amidst the concourse of all created things. He is verily of those who have attained. Blessed is he who hath stood firm in the Cause of God and desired that which his Ancient Lord desired. It behooveth thee to arise to serve the Cause in such wise that whatsoever proceedeth from the Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall not grieve thee. We have chosen thee for Our Cause, as witnessed by all things and beyond them this All-Knowing Pen. We have sent thee numerous Tablets which well-nigh fill the horizons. Thy Lord is verily the All-Numbering, the All-Informed. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto Him at morn and eventide, and to soar on the wings of spirit and joy in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

We have revealed for everyone mentioned in thy book clear verses that cannot be equaled by the treasuries of the heavens and earth. This is of My grace upon thee, and thou dost witness what God hath witnessed, wouldst thou but reflect. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. He was with thee when thou wert in Iraq and other lands, and heard what thy tongue uttered in remembrance of this Wronged One, this Exile, and testified unto thee with His truthful and trustworthy tongue. Behold the Tablets We sent thee aforetime, that thou mayest be assured that His grace hath encompassed thee and His mercy hath preceded thee in every matter. He is verily the Lord of those who turn unto Him.

Wert thou to gather all that hath been revealed for thee, thou wouldst find it a book wherein every word indicateth thy Lord's loving care. Read thou and be of them that render thanks. The ocean of grace hath surged and the heaven of bounty hath been adorned with the stars of thy Lord's favors, the Lord of all names. Drink thou therefrom and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all seekers!

O My physician! God's grace and bounties have ever been and shall ever continue to be. Out of pure loving-kindness, numerous wondrous and sublime Tablets have been revealed and sent to thee at most times, and for every soul mentioned in thy book, divine verses were specifically revealed and dispatched.

Most of this bounty pertaineth to thee thyself. Thou must, God willing, conduct thyself in such manner that whatsoever proceedeth from God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause should be regarded as thy desire and purpose. His purpose and whatsoever proceedeth from Him hath been and shall ever be. O My Name! Thy will must be connected to what God willeth, and thy desire must be annihilated in His desire - that is, thou must regard God's will as thy desire and His wish as thy purpose. It is most evident that the condition of all is witnessed and known before the Divine Throne, and His gaze hath ever been and shall ever be fixed upon His loved ones. Thou art now counted among those related to the Truth. Let not certain matters grieve thee. Be confident in God's grace and be detached and free from aught else but Him.

Write that they should take heed not to trust in him, for he has not been and will never be steadfast. Whatever matters he comprehends and understands, he will surely mention in due time. If the Tablet to the Sultan is given, there is no harm, as most of the opponents have seen it and it has even reached the source of opposition. Therefore, if it reaches anyone, no harm will come of it. However, nothing else is ever permitted. They should exercise utmost care. His example is like that of a serpent - when it reaches maturity, it strikes and hisses. Regarding the House, the intention is that it be purified from strangers. If the name Mim with utmost gratitude and joy and fragrance relinquishes the House to him to whom it belongs, this is most beloved and praiseworthy. Otherwise, speak not of it and turn not unto it. Thus does the All-Knowing, the All-Informed command you. Soon you shall witness what is in your Lord's knowledge and shall say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose possession is the knowledge of all things in a Mighty Book." Write for Muhammad-Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of the Lord of Names, that which hath been revealed for him. We beseech God to assist him and those with him to aid His Cause and exalt His Word through wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Convey My greetings upon him and upon those who were with him, that they may rejoice within themselves and be of the thankful ones.

Concerning what you mentioned about Ha preceding Sin becoming Sipahsalar - listen not to this. His neck was between the fingers of thy Lord's power. Soon shall you hear from him what you heard from those who opposed Us in the Great City. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding what you wrote about the return of the loved ones to Iraq - whosoever can go, there is no objection. Soon shall all attain to divine favors and bounties. What is beloved of all is steadfastness in the love of God. If they remain firm in this station through God's grace, they shall comprehend all inner and outer effusions. Those who have become captives in His path and afflicted with exile shall never be erased from the view of the Most Great Scene. Blessed are they for what hath befallen them in the path of God. We beseech God to grant such grace that they may remain steadfast and properly preserve the trust of God, which is His love, lest any deed appear from anyone that would cause the hardships and difficulties they have borne in God's path to be wasted. We beseech God to assist all to His love and good-pleasure. Verily He has power over all things.

A letter from Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, was written to this servant present before the Countenance. It was observed. Its answer will reach him, God willing. Glorify him on My behalf, then give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him. Verily thy Lord is the Best of those who

remember. Adorn the temple of each one of My loved ones with the ornament of My remembrance and glorification, then give them glad-tidings of what God hath desired for them. Verily He is the Rewarder of the doers of good.

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O Thou Lord! Glory be to Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by Thy light that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, O Lord of all beings, to assist Thy loved ones in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted amongst Thy servants and Thy decree to prevail throughout Thy lands. O Lord! Thou seest them in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament and have reached such a state of wickedness that they have pronounced judgment against them with such tyranny as hath caused the people of the cities of Thy justice and bounty to lament. I beseech Thee to protect them from the oppression of every oppressor and from the Pharaohs and tyrants of the earth, by whom the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy creatures have been melted and the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy servants have been set ablaze.

O my Lord! Thou seest the weakness of Thy loved ones and the power of Thine enemies, and their dispersion in Thy days. I beseech Thee, by the Most Great Ocean which surgeth through Thy Name, and by the fragrance of the garment of Thy mercy which hath been diffused by Thy command, to enable them to assist Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and through that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets.

O Lord! Thou seest them acknowledging the unity of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Essence, and Thou hearest their voices raised in remembrance and praise of Thee and in the recitation of that which hath been sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen, both morn and eve. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by the power of Thy Will and Purpose, and by Thy might wherewith Thou hast subdued the peoples of Thy realm, to make them of those whom neither the swords of the enemies nor the weapons of the wicked have deterred. They have heard Thy sweetest call and have said: “Here am I, O Lord of all beings!”

O Lord! Thou beholdest Thy loved ones in Alif and Sin and hearest their sighing and their cry. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of glory and power, and by Whose Name the manifestations of grandeur and authority have been moved, to aid them in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, to preserve them from the evil of Thine enemies and from the manifestations of tyranny in Thy land. Then ordain for them that which will draw them closer, in all conditions, to the court of Thy holiness and the carpet of Thy nearness, and cause them to speak of Thy remembrance and praise. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, unto Whose greatness all things have testified, and to Whose sovereignty every matter hath borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

The letters of that spiritual beloved arrived, and each was a door for the manifestation of divine love and the emergence of humility and submissiveness before His Eternal Presence. However, due to the

abundance of correspondence, there was a delay in response. That honored one is witness and knows that this servant has never, insofar as possible, delayed in responding and will not do so. In these days, correspondences from all directions arrive like pouring rain. This evanescent servant beseeches from the Truth support in mentioning and praising the loved ones and trustees. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Responder.

After observing the final letter and intending to attain the presence, it was presented before His countenance. He said: "Blessed art thou, O Abdul-Baha, in that thou hast turned, attained presence, heard, circumambulated the Sacred House of God, and acted according to what thou wert commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all days. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a helper of His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and one who speaks His praise amongst all religions, and to ordain for thee through His grace and generosity that which shall endure throughout the duration of His Kingdom and His Dominion. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

The matters which his honor Sadiq, upon him be Baha and my loving-kindness, wrote to that honored one were mentioned before the Wronged One and were granted response. We beseech God to send down upon them mercy from His presence and blessing from His side. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful. He ordains what He willeth by His command, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise. We send greetings to Our loved ones there and beseech God for them all good that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, and He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Praise be to God! That which his honor, the beloved of the heart, Mirza S., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, intended has been blessed and confirmed by the will of the Lord. The atoms testify that God is the Hearer, the Responder. He is the One Who has chosen for us what benefits us, and He is the All-Bountiful. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To the presence of the honored ones and loved ones of that land, I extend greetings and praise, and I beseech from the Powerful, the Wise, on their behalf, that which is the cause of loftiness of station and exaltation of rank. Verily our Lord is the Generous One, possessed of great bounty. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And regarding the mention of the beloved of the soul, his honor Aqa Mirza Abdul-Hussein, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, they wrote that when thy letter attained the honor of being heard, permission was granted, but they made it contingent upon the consent of the household of the honored Mother, upon her be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. The servant asks his Lord to ordain for him blessing, might, exaltation, wealth, bounty, and every matter He has made a source of glory for the monotheists among His servants and the sincere ones among His creation. Verily our Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy of responding.

They mentioned the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Abdul-Ali, upon him be the peace of God. After presentation, they said: "This Wronged One beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, success for him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for him that which will gladden his heart and bring rest to his

outward and inward being. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." And as for the affairs, they are contingent upon consultation. Whatever emerges from consultation is confirmed.

This servant also extends greetings and praise to them, and beseeches for them that which is the cause of glory and comfort. Peace, remembrance, and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you, who love you, and who hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The Servant

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He is God, exalted be His station in majesty and power!

Praise and glory be to the one true God Who adorned non-existence with the ornament of being, made manifest the non-existent through causes He created for His own bestowal, and ordained means for the expression of bounty in the world. Every matter appears through causes. He created man and placed within him the sign of love, and the strengthening of this love has been through meeting and union by means of causes, and in separation and remoteness through the means of pen and ink, which preserve the stations of nearness in distance. Wondrous arts have been manifested by the Creator through pure grace.

In any case, praise be to God, the glad tidings of health and well-being have arrived through the aforementioned means, and its effects are truly more firm and steadfast than those of a messenger, for a messenger may forget something, but this messenger has no forgetfulness. If man would reflect upon any single thing among the things of the world, he would observe in it the sign of divine education and merciful compassion. His grace has encompassed all and His mercy has embraced all. However, we servants hope that henceforth we may arise to compensate for what has passed, praising Him detached from the world and all that is therein, and becoming occupied with His remembrance and glorification.

In any case, the events of pen and ink have exceeded bounds - I fear the point may be lost. In brief, the letter of that spiritual brother arrived. It was one letter, yet within it were glad tidings concealed: first, the tidings of your health, and second, the acknowledgment of the Lord's generosity. Health takes precedence for the manifestation of bounty, and after bounty, thanksgiving becomes obligatory and praise becomes necessary. This is the station of servitude, and in the station of Truth, even if these thanks and praises were to appear from the beginning that has no beginning to the end that has no end, they would not be worthy of His threshold. However, the assurance of existence and the joy of hearts come from the acceptance of the All-Loving Lord. In this station He has permitted both thanksgiving and remembrance. After the joy, delight, gladness and exultation from the letter of that beloved of the heart, intention was made to approach the station and it was presented. Thus spoke the Master, may our souls be sacrificed for Him.

O Rida! This Wronged One has ever remembered His loved ones and counselled all to that which brings them nearer to God. Such nearness cannot be attained except through goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Deeds and their acceptance are, in the first instance and highest station, dependent upon the divine unity. Praise be to God that the favored community is adorned with the crown of recognition and the ornament of unity, and in the nights and days utters and remembers the blessed words “There is none other God but God.” Blessed are they! This blessed Word is both an ocean of mercy for the monotheists and a fire of retribution for the polytheists. We beseech God to remove discord from among this people and adorn all with the ornament of unity and concord, that perchance this weakness may be transformed into strength and the former power be made manifest. However, as the party in Iran is tainted with the calumnies of self and desire, they accept not the counsel of the trustworthy counsellor. They cling to suppositions and hold fast to vain imaginings. We beseech the Truth to transform their eye affliction into light that they may see and find. But unseemly deeds and words prevent and hinder this, and this has been and is required by divine justice. Give praise unto the Goal of the world Who adorned thee with that which is the foremost ornament for the peoples of the world. The Wronged One beseeches God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect thee and aid thee to act according to what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Generous, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God that at all times thou hast been mentioned. The bounty of remembrance and praise is considered by those who have attained as among the greatest bounties, and in one station it is the heavenly food. Praise be to God that thou hast attained and art attaining unto it. Whatever was sent, in any form, is acceptable and praiseworthy, for it was acquired through love and sent through love, and that which proceeds from love is praiseworthy in the sight of the fair-minded and the knowing ones. Well done to thy effort, attention, diligence and striving. This time it arrived well and arrived intact and was quickly composed. What has been from this servant and thee is what has been accomplished; the rest depends on divine grace, and whatsoever comes from Him has been and is beloved. We thank Him in all conditions.

As to what thou didst write regarding the excellent fruits to be found in that region - alas that this servant knoweth not their locations, and moreover, no one knoweth me such that were I to inquire, they would give a proper answer. Indeed what thou didst write is correct, but in the presence of the Beloved of the Near Ones, His Honor Muhammad-’Ali Effendi, may God the Exalted strengthen him, you are independent of being known, and above that, praise be to God, you possess virtuous character and excel in love and faithfulness. Ever is the mention of his qualities and stations present in the gatherings of true friends. The servant beseeches his Lord to grant him success and aid him in what He loves and is pleased with, and to bestow upon him and enable him to attain the highest positions and most exalted station. Verily He is powerful over all things. The friends of this land, one and all, send their greetings and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for your presence and meeting. Especially does the apple of the eye, His Honor Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be [Baha], mention you in every instance and continues to do so. Indeed, all express love, kindness, mercy and compassion, according to their degrees and stations, towards your honor. Peace, mercy and bounty be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants.

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He is God - exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

The heart of this servant present was gladdened by the sight of your letter, rejoiced at your mention, and was expanded by your love. O our Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous! It ascended unto God and was presented before His countenance. This is what was revealed from His presence - verily He is the All-Wise Ruler. His word, exalted be His glory:

"O Abdullah! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, Who speaks throughout creation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of God in this station with such remembrance as hath enraptured all created things and struck down every rejected idolater. At the time when We were turning toward the Most Exalted Station and speaking in praise of His Own Self, which holds dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth, that which thou didst send was presented before the Throne. The face of the Wronged One turned toward thee from this forbidden station, and revealed unto thee this Tablet, from which the fragrance of the Beloved hath been wafted and every scroll that was folded without God's leave, the Mighty, the Loving, hath been spread out. Give thanks that thy letter attained the presence of thy Lord, and be thou of such manner as befitteth this beloved mention. Convey Our greetings to Our loved ones there and give them glad tidings of their exalted station."

This lowly one submits that after your letter was read in the presence of His countenance and all was presented, these sublime verses were revealed from the Dayspring of favors. God willing, they will attain unto them and not be disheartened by the delay in response. If Sheikh S has arrived in that land, he has surely mentioned the details. In any case, sending letters was outwardly contrary to wisdom, as these regions were in turmoil due to the ongoing conflict, and the hand of investigation and inquiry was extended in every matter. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Details about this land have been submitted to His Holiness Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (may every most glorious splendor rest upon him); they will be informed thereof. And if the Sheikh has arrived in that land, he has surely presented some details of the early events that transpired in this land to the friends, so there is no need for further elaboration. I beseech and implore God, exalted and mighty be He, to ever assist you and aid you in all conditions.

The Tongue of Truth hath spoken, yet all matters unfold and shall unfold according to wisdom and expediency. The loved ones of God, especially those who have attained His presence and been honored to serve His Cause, must be content and grateful with whatsoever God hath willed. Consider now those souls who, without permission, turned their faces toward Him - what tribulations and hardships befell them. Yes, in the early years when the decree of prohibition was revealed from the heaven of God's Will, most paid no heed and came from every direction. Yet due to the precedence of mercy, perfect grace was outwardly shown to those souls, and with loving kindness all that needed to be said regarding obedience to God's command was spoken. Some hearkened with complete submission and contentment and returned, while others, following their own imaginings, opened the door of interpretation. Lost indeed are they who interpret the Book of God without His leave. Then was revealed to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the glory of God, a passage explicitly indicating the trials of those who turned

their faces and God's displeasure. Blessed are those souls who held fast to the cord of patience and clung to the hem of tranquility. Say to him from the Tongue of Truth: Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained His presence and been honored with His service. Now beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee in that which pleaseth Him. Thou art and hast been mentioned at the Divine Throne, and God willing, all shall be done according to wisdom. The glory be upon thee, upon him, and upon those who have attained the mention of God, the Lord of all worlds.

That which thou didst write in thy second letter regarding the Place of Blessing was presented and accepted. They said: God willing, novel thoughts from the mother principles of governance, specifically regarding the comfort, joy and ease of humanity, must ever arise. The gaze must at all times be fixed upon all the peoples of the world. That is, souls who have accepted the Truth and are related to God must look to the welfare of all who dwell on earth. A few handfuls of bones have appeared in the world, each handful considering only their own personal interests and having no care for the destruction and ruination of humanity. Thus after the revelation of what the All-Merciful sent down in the Tablet to Ra'is, each of the powers proclaimed that they had no recourse to killing, plunder, slaughter and burning so long as no harm befell their national interests. They set two warring powers against each other, and how many souls - men, women and children - and how many cities and villages were destroyed and obliterated. Had other kings prevented this and considered the good of all, these matters would not have occurred, save what was destined in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may the Place of Blessing remain radiant and luminous among the treasuries, and become the dawning-place of trustworthiness, religiosity and goodness. If the friends act according to what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen, verily all blessings and good things shall turn toward them. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Generous.

Furthermore, several words of the revealed text were written with changes, for wisdom's sake, and perhaps later the original revelation will reach thee. The loved ones in the Prison City send their greetings to thee and all the friends of God who dwell in that land. The glory be upon thee and thy family.

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He is the Most Exalted!

The Ocean of Revelation, concealed within the Most Exalted Pen, hath distilled these words: O Jamal! Thou hast attained unto the Most Holy Court and been blessed with the Most Great Vision. With thine outward eye thou hast beheld the waves of the divine ocean of meanings, and with thine own ears thou hast hearkened unto the perfect Words, each a treasury of the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Thou hast comprehended, insofar as is possible and befitting thee, the outpouring grace of the All-Merciful and the vast divine mercy extended to all created things. O Jamal! On this day ye must manifest such love, kindness, humility, submissiveness, sanctity and detachment that no one among all people might detect from your deeds, actions, character and words any trace of the deeds and words of former peoples who, upon hearing a single word, would curse and revile one another.

Verily, We have created souls with different capacities: Some soar in the highest realms of understanding, while others remain below. For instance, one soul beholds the Unknowable and Inaccessible Mystery manifest in the Temple of Revelation without separation or connection, while another regards the Temple of Revelation as the Manifestation of God and His commandments and prohibitions as the very commandments of Truth. Both these stations are acceptable before the Divine Throne. However, should the holders of these two stations dispute and contend regarding these two ranks, both shall be and are rejected. For the purpose of understanding and expressing the highest stations is to attract hearts, unite souls, and promote the Cause of God. Through the disputation and contention of those who hold these two stations, the Cause of God hath been and will be compromised. Therefore, both are destined for the fire, even though in their own estimation they soar in the highest horizon of understanding.

O Jamal! The Unknowable and Inaccessible Mystery lamenteth and weepeth, for He perceiveth not that which is well-pleasing on this day. The people of truth must reflect His attributes. Verily, He is the Concealer of faults, the Knower of all that is hidden, and the Forgiver of sins. This is the day wherein the ocean of mercy is manifest, the sun of bounty is radiant, and the clouds of generosity are raised up. One must refresh and revive withered souls through the gentle breezes of love and fellowship and the waters of mercy. When the loved ones of God gather in any assembly or meeting, such humility and submissiveness should be manifest from each in glorifying and sanctifying God that the very atoms of dust in that place would testify to the sincerity of that gathering, and the spiritual utterances of those pure souls would so move these atoms that they would not declare in the tongue of their being, “I am superior to you,” for they remain patient in bearing the toils of the farmers and bestow upon every living thing the bounty of the All-Bountiful One deposited within them. Despite all these exalted stations and countless manifestations, whereby all the necessities of existence appear from them, they have never boasted nor will they ever boast to anyone, but rather dwell beneath the feet of all in utter humility. Consider the divines and mystics of the past: Though they soared in the atmosphere of unity and spoke in praise of the stations of detachment and glorification, not a single word from those souls was acceptable in the presence of the Word.

Those who never achieved acceptance were nonetheless accepted, and those unable to utter the word of divine unity, upon recognizing the Manifestation, found their unperformed deeds accepted and their unspoken praise beloved. Take heed, O ye who possess insight! I swear by the waves of the ocean of meanings that are hidden from sight that none has been or is capable of describing this Most Great Revelation as it truly is. Therefore, all must conduct themselves with one another in gentleness, forbearance and love. And if someone is unable to comprehend certain stations or has not yet attained them, they should speak to him with perfect kindness and compassion and remind him, without seeing in themselves any superiority or elevation. The essence today is to partake of the ocean of divine bounties - one should not look at the size of the vessels. One has taken a handful, another a cup, another a pitcher, and yet another a large vessel. Today all must focus on those things that cause the spread of God’s Cause. God is witness and testifier that nothing has been or is more harmful to this Cause than corruption, conflict, disputation, ill-feeling and coldness between the loved ones. Avoid these through God’s power and sovereignty, then unite hearts through His Name, the Unifier, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that ye may be blessed with the sweetness of deeds in His path and humility

and submissiveness in His love. Look beyond yourselves to others. Exert your utmost in educating souls. Nothing is hidden from God, now or ever. If they move according to God's good-pleasure, they will attain infinite bounties. This is the Clear Book that hath flowed and appeared from the Pen of Command of the Lord of the Worlds. Ponder on what hath been revealed therein and be of those who act. Those souls who are today commanded by God to teach His Cause and have been specially favored with His particular bounties - all must show humility toward them, for that humility is shown unto God, and since it is by God's command it returns unto Him. However, those souls who have been specially chosen must demonstrate perfect unity among themselves. Furthermore, their levels of knowledge and stations are and will remain evident before God. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance among all possibilities. Blessed is he who hath acquired from its niche and been illumined by its lights. He is among the successful ones who are honored. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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O Siyyid Mahdi, upon thee be the Glory of God!

He is the One manifest with proof in the Kingdom of utterance!

Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of all names! Verily the Most Great Ocean desired to send unto thee a wave from its waves, that thou mayest behold it with thine own eyes and be of the thankful ones. And the Sun of Knowledge desired to shine upon thee with one of its effulgences, that it might draw thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison; verily it will draw thee nigh unto the Most Exalted Station, aid thee to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, cause thee to speak His praise, give thee to drink of the Kawthar of grace from the hand of His bounty, make thee hear the scratching of His Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised between earth and heaven, and show thee that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of His Tablet, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The Wronged One hath heard thy cry and hath revealed for thee that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He hath observed thy devotion and hath turned unto thee from this Spot which God hath made the circumambulation point of the sincere ones and of the angels drawn nigh. This is a day wherein mysteries have been revealed and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath appeared. On this day the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen, the flowing of the water of My loving-kindness, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree have been raised. Blessed is he who hath turned and hearkened, and woe unto the heedless ones.

Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the oppression of those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament, who have denied His proof and evidence, and who have changed His favor unto themselves. These, verily, are among the most lost ones in His perspicuous Book. Say: O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Self-Subsisting hath come with a light whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and with a fire whereby the hearts of them that have drawn nigh were set ablaze. Beware lest the doubts of the divines withhold you from drawing nigh unto the Lord of all being, and beware lest the veils of them that croak hold you back

from this momentous News. Say: There is no refuge for anyone today save through this Cause, whereof God gave tidings in the Books of the Messengers. Open your eyes. By God, the Truth! This is the Day of revelation and meeting. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto every remote ignorant one.

Arise thou to serve the Cause, detached from the earth and its gifts and ornaments, and take the chalice of knowledge from the hands of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful. Then drink therefrom in spite of them that have disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. They awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when the appointed time came and the verses were sent down, they turned away from the Dayspring of the Cause of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou, O Mahdi, for having outstripped the divines in turning unto God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him, and blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation before the divines of the earth who denied the Manifestation of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. God shall soon exalt this Most Great Station among His servants. Verily, He is the Protector of them that have turned unto Him.

We beseech God to make thee a standard of His Name in His lands and an ensign of His remembrance among all that are in the heavens and on the earth. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Nothing whatsoever can frustrate Him, and He is the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When thou art seized by the Kawthar of My utterance and art attracted by the scratching of My Pen, say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby the hearts of Thy sincere ones among Thy servants and those near unto Thee among Thy creation were attracted, and by the Lamp of Thy Cause whereby the horizons of Thy dominion were illumined, to make me a servant of Thy Cause and one who stands ready to serve Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast unto Thy sure handle. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by the light of Thy Cause which hath shone forth from Thy most exalted horizon, and by Thy Name through which the ocean of names surged and all who dwell in the kingdom of creation were subdued, to aid me to perform such deeds as will endure as long as Thy names and attributes endure, and will not be effaced throughout the eternity of Thy dominion and might. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

In the Persian tongue it is stated: We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm you in that which beseemeth His days. O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Know thou with clear certainty that the Cause of God and whatsoever hath appeared from Him is even as the sun, distinct and manifest from all else. However, the inflammation of pride and heedlessness hath prevented eyes from beholding it, even as ancient tales have prevented ears from hearing. Blessed is the servant whom veils have not hindered and whom the oppression of the tyrannous ones and evil-doers of the earth hath not frightened - who hath heard and turned unto God, the Lord of lords.

Throughout ages and centuries the divines of Persia awaited His appearance, speaking His name from pulpits, standing at His mention, and uttering "may God hasten." Yet when the dawn of His manifestation broke and the Voice of the Divine Speaker was raised, all assailed Him with arrows of hatred and swords of tyranny and transgression, inflicting that which causeth both tablet and pen to grieve and tremble.

Implore ye God to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness, that they may not deprive themselves of eternal life and everlasting bounty.

In every age when the horizon of the world was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, the people, bereft of fairness, arose in opposition, becoming a barrier and depriving the servants from His light. We hope that thou wilt, with the finger of power, rend asunder the veils and tear away the shrouds, delivering the servants from the pit of vain imaginings through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may afterwards become aware and recognize the station of these days, and arise to make good what hath passed. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One while in His Most Great Prison. He desireth naught save that which will exalt the authoritative Word of God amongst His servants and draw them nigh unto Him. To this testifieth every discerning mystic and every learned sage. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne and the Master of this wondrous Day.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Manifest, the Most Pure, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

This is a Book which is penned by the Most Exalted Pen at an hour when it weeps and laments in the secret of its writing by reason of what hath befallen it from those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. From its weeping the tribes of the Concourse on high do weep, yet the people neither hear nor perceive. O servant! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, though in these days We find none who would hear the melodies of his All-Merciful Lord from the direction of the Ridvan, for all the people of the Bayan have opposed God after they were created for the recognition of My Own Self, the Inaccessible, the Holy, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Among them is he who hath rejected God and disbelieved in Him in Whom he had believed, being unaware of his own self and numbered among the heedless. And when it is said unto him: “By what proof didst thou believe in the Manifestation of My Self, Whom We named ’Ali in the Kingdom of Names?” he saith: “By the verses of God that were revealed unto him.” Yet when these are recited unto him again, he placeth the fingers of denial in his ears, turneth away his face, and becometh of those who disbelieve.

And among them is he who prideth himself on his connection to one of the Letters of the Furqan, and by this hath waxed proud before his Lord, the All-Merciful, and opposed God in such wise as neither Nimrod opposed the Friend nor Pharaoh the Interlocutor. Thus hath Satan made his deeds appear fair unto him and rendered him among the idolaters. Say: All the Letters at each Revelation have been created by My word “Be,” and it is. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and confuse not the matter to yourselves. Verily His melodies and His words and all that hath appeared from Him cannot be confused with aught else, could ye but understand. Can the buzzing of the fly be mistaken for the cooing of the Dove, or the croaking of the raven for the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen? Nay, by the Self of Baha, were ye to ponder the verses of your Lord. […] Then bear witness to your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, through the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty. Verily He hath come upon the clouds of tribulation, and

before Him march the hosts of revelation, and on His left advance the armies of inspiration. O ye people of vain imaginings! How long will ye traverse the paths of hypocrisy? Say: We have rolled up the carpet of the names which ye have taken as lords besides God. Beware lest ye make mention of that which is with you; rather make mention of that which is with God, your Lord. This is better for you in these days wherein the Sun of the horizons hath dawned forth. Say: Fear ye God, and cut not the sinews of His Cause, nor break the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, nor prevent the breezes of grace from wafting over the hearts of His servants. And if ye believe not, oppose not, and look not upon God save through His eyes - this is God's decree unto you in the tablets of wisdom. Say: Do ye imagine that your belief profiteth Us, or your rejection harmeth Us? Nay, by Our own Self, were ye but fair in your judgment! Say: The Beauty of the All-Merciful hath come to quicken all created things with a life that shall never perish. Fear God, O ye wicked ones! Draw not against Him the swords of hatred. Thus doth the Dove counsel you, would ye but hear. And thou, O servant who hast drunk from the cup of eternity, stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Then convey unto men what the Spirit hath inspired thee with in this beloved and mighty Tablet, that they may detach themselves from all else and hasten unto the hallowed, mighty, preeminent and self-subsisting Kawthar of God. The rapture of God hath so seized Me at the time of the revelation of these words that the reins of orderly arrangement were taken from My hands. This is not from Me but from Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people! By God, the Most Great Spirit of God speaketh in this Ancient Temple as He willeth and desireth. This is not from Me but from Him, would ye but perceive it. And though the rustling of this Divine Lote-Tree shall never cease nor be exhausted, yet when We found the people in the drunkenness of rejection, We withheld the Pen from mentioning the mysteries until what was decreed in the preserved tablets of glory be fulfilled. Therefore We contented Ourselves with what was inscribed in truth at a time when the swine of the earth had surrounded Me from every side and We remained without helper or supporter, would ye but know. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those whom the barking of the dogs hath not deterred from turning toward the court of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and who have reclined upon the cushions of steadfastness through the power of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Sovereign, the King, the All-Loving, the All-Kind.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Nur! The Lord of Manifestation in the Mount of knowledge, which is the prison-abode of the Desire of all worlds, maketh mention of thee. The purpose is that the Divine Call may attract His people and confirm them in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. In the nights and days We have made mention of the loved ones and commanded them to chastity, purity and trustworthiness. Some have become aware and have drunk the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, while others have denied and opened their mouths in ingratitude for God's favor. They have done that which caused the sighs of those near unto God to ascend and the tears of the sincere ones to flow. Glory be to God! The heedless servants are occupied with what they possess and are negligent and veiled from what is with God. The people of the Bayan have been seen to be the most

oppressive of all peoples. Woe unto them and away with them! They have denied the verses of God after their revelation and have rejected His favor after its manifestation. Say: Fear ye God and invalidate not the Cause through what ye possess. Soon shall ye return and find yourselves in the lowest depths of the fire.

Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant was presented at the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard. Blessed art thou, O Nur! Thou art he who hath attained unto My days and dwelt beneath My shadow. Behold, then remember when thou didst stand before the Countenance and didst attain unto the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou and thy father who believed in the Day wherein the limbs of all names trembled for fear of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We testify that he hath attained unto the Most Exalted Station and the Most High Rank. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon him at all times that which beseemeth the heaven of His mercy and the ocean of His bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Mention was made in thy letter of several names, each of whom hath been honored with the verses of the Most Exalted Pen that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. This is what hath been revealed for his honor Mirza ?adiq, upon him be the glory of God.

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

A mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. O ?adiq! We make mention of thee in truth and counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, may be exalted. Say:

My God, my God! Thy most sweet call hath attracted me. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the breaths of Thy Revelation, O Lord of all beings, to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days, then cause me in all circumstances to hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad, who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. O Muhammad! Hold fast unto divine wisdom and cling unto His grace. Each day the Herald of Glory hath given and giveth tidings unto the servants, and that which is acceptable and beloved today is the teaching of God’s Cause. Blessed is he who hath, with spirit and joy, guided the people of the world to the Purpose of the worlds.

And We make mention of Javad who hath attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and We counsel him with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Baqir and give him glad tidings of God’s tender mercy, his Lord. We have made mention of them in numerous Tablets, one letter of which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. To this testifieth every discerning knower.

And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Isma’il that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of the thankful ones.

O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! Hearken unto the call from the direction of ’Akka. Verily, He hath made mention of thee in that whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted and the eyes of those near unto God were solaced.

O Mahmud! The Wronged One is in the Most Great Prison, remembering His loved ones with a fragrance that will never cease to endure throughout the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-’Ali and counsel him to manifest great steadfastness in this Cause which hath made the limbs of all names to quake. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while established upon the throne of utterance in this exalted station.

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! The Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee, counselling thee to be trustworthy and religious, and to that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, may be exalted.

We make mention of Muhammad-Husayn with a remembrance by which hearts and souls are attracted. We beseech God to make thee steadfast and firm in this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement.

O ’Abdu’llah! Blessed is the ear that hath heard My call, and the eye that hath beheld the traces of My Pen, and the face that hath turned toward the lights of My luminous countenance.

O Darvish-’Ali! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. The Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, remembering thee with a remembrance wherewith the books of the world have been adorned. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and recognized, and woe unto the heedless.

We make mention at this time of him who was named ’Abdu’l-Karim, and We cast upon him from the verses of his Lord that he may be among those who are firm in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and the hearts of the doubters have been troubled.

O Ghulam-Rida! The Lord of Names maketh mention of thee at this time, and of all the friends, and counselleth all to that which will exalt the Word of God amongst His creatures. O people of God! In Our Tablets We have commanded all to unity and harmony, for harmony hath ever been and remains the cause of the exaltation of the Word. The triumph of the Cause cometh through the hosts of goodly deeds and character, and through the fear of God, the Lord of all worlds. O people of Baha! Hold fast unto that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, all shall be and have been assisted in that which is His good-pleasure.

O Nur! Convey greetings from the tongue of the Wronged One to all the kindred. Give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and remind them of My verses. The kindred of the Name of Kamal have always been and are before Our sight, both before and after his ascension. After his ascension there was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, specifically for him, that which hath no likeness or parallel. Verily, We purified him at the time of his ascension and forgave him as a bounty from Our presence, and drew

him nigh unto Us and caused him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise as a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God Who is unique in His utterance, sanctified from all sight, and holy beyond what is mentioned in the realm of possibility. He is indeed the Single One Whom the Manifestations of uniqueness have not known, and the One before Whose praise the Dawning-places of unity stand powerless. He has ever been, in the loftiness of His station and the exaltation of His glory, beyond the understanding of all else. He it is Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books that His servants might know His mighty Message and His straight Path. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him and found the fragrances of the days of His Manifestation, and among them are those who turned away, following those in the graves. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid all to turn unto Him and to cling to His pure, holy and luminous robe.

Thereafter, your letter, which was penned with the ink of love and affection, brought joy to our heart. Praise be to God that you and your kindred are enkindled with the fire of the Divine Word and have attained the recognition of the Manifestation of Divine Unity. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not His loved ones of the Most Great Ocean. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

At a specific time your letters were presented before the Most Holy Court, and answers descended from the heaven of grace. However, due to the volume of correspondence and other matters, this servant has not found the opportunity to write to you, as each day travelers arrive bearing letters from many believers, and this servant is occupied day and night writing countless replies. God willing, you should not be saddened by this delay in response and will accept this servant's apology.

Regarding your intention to turn towards the Most Holy Court, it was presented, and He said: "It is most evident and clear that those who drink from the cups of recognition ever seek and yearn for the presence of the All-Merciful, for in truth He is the Cause of creation, the reason for existence, the Ultimate Goal and the Most Remote Mosque. However, as the decree of wisdom has descended from the heaven of the Divine Unity, all friends must observe it and act according to its requirements. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. He is indeed the Wise, the Just, the Single One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which he hath been commanded. We testify that he is among the successful ones."

Regarding what you wrote about the newborn child belonging to you and Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: "Today these names are beloved before the Throne: ?iya, Badi', Husayn, and 'Ali. You and your brother may choose whichever one you desire." And concerning what you wrote about the matter of marriage, this matter was conducted in the Most Holy Court in the presence of holy spirits, divine temples, and a group of pilgrims and residents. The Tongue of Grandeur specifically spoke regarding this matter.

Furthermore, the timing of the wedding celebration is left to your discretion. Whenever it takes place will be good and acceptable in the sight of God. Delay in these matters is not permissible. Moreover, They have stated that sending tablets to that land is not advisable at present and would be unwise, which is why few are being sent. Nevertheless, the face of divine favor remains turned toward the friends of that land, and the intention of all is witnessed before God, and deeds done for God's sake are acceptable to Him. No soul appears among the sincere except that it is witnessed before God. Praise be to God, all have been and are beneath the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary. They must at all times beseech God not to be deprived of this supreme bounty, this greatest gift, and this imperishable sustenance, and to remain firm and steadfast in all conditions. Alas, a hundred thousand times alas, that people remain heedless and veiled from the grace of these days. All have been created specifically for the Days of God and His meeting, yet today all remain wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies. Observe, then remember what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind will stand before the Lord of the Worlds." Blessed is the soul that today has attained the wine of certitude and, through divine power and might, has become distinguished from the people of doubt, uncertainty, conjecture and fancy. Blessed be the assured ones, and woe to the doubters. Those who doubt meeting their Lord are, by God's life, among the heedless, the veiled, and the abased.

The petition of Aqa Siyyid Kazim achieved presence before the Throne. His words, exalted be His glory: "O Kazim! We have heard your call and what you composed in praise of your Ancient Lord. We beseech God the Exalted to grant you success and ordain for you what benefits you. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have read your verse and prose - thank God for this and be among the joyous ones. He indeed hears the call of whoever turns to Him. He is the Protector of the doers of good."

Likewise, the petition of Aqa Siyyid Ahmad was presented before the Throne, and the Sun of Grace rose from the horizon of bounty specifically for him. God willing, may all hold fast to the cord of servitude and cling to the hem of divine favor.

Convey greetings and praise on behalf of this ephemeral one to all the friends of that land, and likewise to the honored brothers, the children of our master, and the nephew Muhammad-Husayn. Praise be to God, all are mentioned in the Most Holy Court.

As commanded, I am to write to you that in these days it is incumbent and obligatory upon all the friends to conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom among the people. No one should do anything that would cause tumult and commotion among the servants. You and the other friends must exert mighty effort and strenuous endeavor in this matter. The glory of God be upon you and upon your mother and your family from God, the Lord of the worlds, and praise be to God, the Object of the knowers.

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On the night of the 11th of Muharram in the year 1302:

He is God - exalted be His glory, His majesty and His power!

Praise be to God Who created creation for His knowledge, as stated in His words: “I was a hidden treasure and loved to be known, so I created creation that I might be known.” It is established through proof that He, glorified and exalted be He, neither manifests through His Essence nor is known through what His creation possesses, nor can He be comprehended through conjecture and imagination. Since the way to know His Essence is barred and proof is prevented from reaching the threshold of His door, He sent to His servants the Dawning Places of His revelation, the Daysprings of His verses, and the Manifestations of His Self, making them His path among His creation and His balance among His creatures, until the paths culminated in the Most Great Path and the balance in the Most True Balance, through which prophethood and messengership were sealed. Whoso hath known Him hath known God, and whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto the presence of God, for God, blessed and exalted be He, made Him a mirror reflecting His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. Through Him the decree of divine unity was established; were it not for Him, the clouds would not have rained, nor would the earth have yielded its fruits. Through His advent the world was adorned and the fragrance of knowledge was diffused among the nations. Upon Him be the prayers of God, His peace, His bounty, His generosity and His favors, and upon His family and His companions through whom the springs of utterance flowed throughout all possibility and the signs of the All-Merciful appeared throughout all lands, and through whom God conquered the countries and the hearts of His servants.

Glorified art Thou, O God of the yearning ones, Goal of the knowing ones, and Beloved of the hearts of those drawn nigh! I beseech Thee by Him and by them, and by the signs of Thy power which have encompassed all created things, and by the manifestations of Thy grandeur which have prevailed over all possible things, to ordain the light of Thy countenance as a lamp for Thy loved ones and the meeting with Thee as life for the sincere ones among Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones aflame with the fire of Thy love and Thy loved ones anticipating the wonders of Thy grace and mercy. Their hearts have melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and their hearts yearn in hope of what lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the mysteries of Thy Book, and that which Thou hast concealed from the eyes of Thy servants, to ordain for them what they desire of Thy bounty, Thy favors, Thy mercy and Thy grace. O my Lord! Draw them nigh unto Thee that they may stand before the gate of the City of Thy might wherein was raised Thy Call - the Call by which the ear of Thy Moses was privileged in the Sinai of Thy knowledge. Thou art He Whom nothing can prevent and no affair can veil. All power is within Thy grasp and all strength hangeth upon Thy Will. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O my beloved, O my beloved, O my beloved! Though outwardly this servant’s mention of you was delayed, God knoweth that his inner being and heart find rest only in your remembrance, in mentioning your love, your acceptance, your service, and your humility and submission before God, your Creator and Fashioner. At this hour, which is four and a half hours past nightfall on the eleventh of Muharram al-Haram, as I was engaged in mentioning that Beloved One before His face, He said: “O servant in attendance! We make mention of him who hath acknowledged and confessed the oneness and singleness of God and that which was uttered by the tongues of His Messengers and chosen ones. We have found from him the fragrance of the love of God and make mention of him with that which nothing can equal. We beseech Him to make him steadfast in all conditions in the service of the Self-Subsisting

and to manifest through him that which perisheth not. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Possessor of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of My loved ones there and counsel them with that which behooveth them and through which the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, may be exalted. O Muhammad! Upon thee be My peace and loving-kindness. The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of oppression and the hosts of the wicked have encompassed the righteous. From all sides is heard the rumbling of cannons. It behooveth every soul who hath believed in God and His signs to purify his heart with the water of return. We beseech God to protect His party from the tyrannous among His servants and the oppressors among His creatures. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Divine favors and infinite bounties have ever encompassed and continue to encompass that beloved one. In truth, in the realm of mention thou art accounted as a letter of His Word, and in the station of praise and glorification thou art manifest in the highest degree. If a letter were to be separated from a word, or should become separated, one might conceive of your mention being separate from His presence. Praise be to God! His grace encompasseth all, His mercy precedeth all, His favor embraceth all, and His bounty descendeth upon all. Praise be to God! The successive letters from that beloved one arrive like the spring rains and waves of the sea, one after another, and every letter thereof giveth joy to the soul and light to the eye of love. I beseech Him, glorified be His majesty, not to withhold this blessing and not to deprive the garden of the heart from the fragrances of the garment of His favor. If mentions are upon the tongue, there is no harm in it, for that beloved one is witness - He is witness to the multitude of occupations and dispersion of thoughts. Khwajih Hafiz - upon him be mercy and forgiveness - spoke well: "Seek not thy desire through opposition to custom, for I gained composure through that disheveled tress."

The beginning of this letter was on the night of the eleventh of Muharram al-Haram when I attained His presence, and what was heard from the blessed tongue was recorded. Then occupations intervened - that is, necessary tasks, for otherwise no occupation or matter hath been or is an impediment. In any case, this station hath not needed and doth not need mention or proof - it is established, firm, known and evident. Successively and repeatedly, necessary matters prevented until this night, which is among the final nights of the aforementioned month, when the end is being or will be connected to the beginning, for it is not known whether opportunity - which is in truth the supreme elixir - will be granted and this letter will come to its close. The command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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By the command of Jinab-i-Samandar we impart these verses to him who is named Hasan, and do not deliver the Tablet to him except after his return to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

In His Name, Who rules over what is and what has been!

Verily the Unseen, manifest in the Temple of Revelation, gives glad tidings to the world through His Most Great Name, yet most among men understand not. By God! All that was in the Books has been fulfilled, and the Tongue of Pre-existence has proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the All-Possessing, the Self-

Subsisting!" When the Hour came to pass and the Evidence appeared and the All-Merciful came with clear proof, among the people were those who turned towards Him and those who turned away. He who turned away is verily among the people of the coffin in a hidden tablet. And among them was he who said "I have a sealed book," and thereby turned away from God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus did his soul beguile him, and Satan made his vain imaginings seem fair to him. Say: By God! Though thou shouldst come with all the books of the world and with every seal that hath been engraved in the earth, it would profit thee not at all. Thus hath the matter been decreed in an inscribed tablet. Say: Can the seal suffice thee in place of the Ancient of Days? Nay, by His Most Great Name! Awaken, O heedless outcast! Say: Even wert thou to possess all the scriptures of those who have gone before and those who shall come after, each adorned with the seal of the Dawning-Places of My Cause and the Manifestations of My Names, it would profit thee not this Day except that thou shouldst follow this Straight Path. Say: O ignorant one! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed, and this is the News that was the ultimate hope of Him Who appeared in creation by the name of God, the Powerful, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: Were We to command thee to efface what thou hast and thou shouldst hesitate for less than a moment, all in the unseen and visible realms would curse thee. Say: This is the Dawning-Place of what was revealed aforetime and the Rising-Point of revelation throughout all ages, whereby every decreed matter hath been detailed. Beware lest thou look to what thou hast; open thine eyes that thou mayest behold this most hidden, mighty, treasured Mystery. The Bayan was revealed for My remembrance and recognition, and the Tablets for this praiseworthy station. Say: O ignorant one! Fear God and speak not according to thy vain desires. Be fair in thy judgment regarding the Manifestation of God and His Cause, then regarding His sovereignty that hath encompassed all that is seen and unseen. Can the scriptures profit thee? Nay, by the Revealer of the Books, except that thou shouldst abandon what thou hast and turn to the station that was the source of revelation and inspiration from God, Who rules over what was and what shall be. This is the horizon from which appeared the hidden Unseen and the treasured Symbol, whereby the proof of the All-Merciful encompassed all contingent beings, if thou be fair and follow not every vanquished idolater. Through it the breeze of God wafted over all else, through it the standards of power were raised in all regions, and the Tongue of Pre-existence proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Powerful, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting!" Say: By God, O thou who slumbereth! Thou hast indeed fabricated against God in what thou hast uttered, for the Bayan in its essence crieth out and lamenteth, and with loudest voice proclaimeth between earth and heaven, saying: "Not a single word revealed by Me can equal what hath been sent down from Him." Reflect on what hath been revealed in truth, and be not of those who fabricated against God and were overtaken by their wretchedness in numbered days until punishment seized them from God, the Lord of existence. Sanctify thy breast from allusions and thy heart from indications, then look with the eye of fairness upon the Tablets of thy Lord, that perchance the Most Exalted Word might attract thee to the Most Glorious Horizon and inspire thee with what God hath intended from time immemorial. This is My counsel unto thee if thou hearkenest unto thyself, and if thou turnest away, verily He is the Self-Sufficient, independent of all created things, to this do honored servants testify. Say: By God! Had you been humble when My Name appeared before you, it would have been better for you than all you possess and all you have wrought in your days. But it hath been decreed. Soon shall you find yourself in the nethermost depths, O heedless and veiled one!

O Most Exalted Pen! Move in remembrance of him who buzzeth around the fire and then fleeth from the words of the wicked, that perchance the call of the Chosen One may draw him to a station where he may rend asunder the veils and go forth in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that he may take the choice wine of life from the hands of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Merciful, drinking it in detachment from all contingent beings. Beware lest vain imaginings keep thee back from the Dawning-Place of certitude, or idle fancies veil thee from the Dayspring of knowledge. Leave behind what thou hast and what the people possess; take what hath come to thee from the Dayspring of verses. By God! This is indeed the Most Great Spirit for the bodies of nations and the cause of life to all who dwell in the earth and heavens. Be not content with the rivulet when the Most Great Ocean lieth before thy face. Hasten unto it and follow not every doubtful denier. When the wine of verses from God, the Manifestor of clear proofs, hath intoxicated thee, turn unto Him Who calleth thee to Himself, that thou mayest know Him and recognize those who have taken Him as their Lord instead of God. Thus doth command thee He Who is imprisoned in the most desolate of lands. Then will thy certitude increase and thou wilt know thy beginning, and wilt say with thy inner and outer tongue: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me that which was hidden, and thanks be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having opened mine eyes through the power of Thy sovereignty. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Chosen One."

Beware lest kinship hold thee back from the Lord of all creation, or heritage veil thee from the Sovereign of mankind. Place thy trust in God under all conditions, then turn unto Him. He will verily protect thee in truth and make thee independent of all else but Him. When mention was made of thee before the Countenance, this Tablet was revealed purely for the sake of God, else what have I to do with mentioning the likes of thee? The Intended One beareth witness that there is no God but He, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Most Powerful, the One. We counsel thee at the end with that wherewith he who announced unto the people the Sun of My Revelation and the Ocean of My bounty counseled, saying: "Behold Him with His own eyes." If thou wilt ponder on what hath been sent down in truth, thou wilt say: "I believe in Thee, O Thou the Self-Sufficient, the Most High!"

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O Czar of Russia! Incline thine ear unto the voice of God, the King, the Holy, and turn thou unto Paradise, the Spot wherein abideth He Who, among the Concourse on high, beareth the most excellent titles, and Who, in the kingdom of creation, is called by the name of God, the Effulgent, the All-Glorious. Beware lest thy desire deter thee from turning towards the face of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Most Merciful. We, verily, have heard the thing for which thou didst supplicate thy Lord, whilst secretly communing with Him. Wherefore, the breeze of My loving-kindness wafted forth, and the sea of My mercy surged, and We answered thee in truth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Whilst I lay chained and fettered in the prison, one of thy ministers extended Me his aid. Wherefore hath God ordained for thee a station which the knowledge of none can comprehend except His knowledge. Beware lest thou barter away this sublime station. Thy Lord, verily, doeth what He willeth. What He pleaseth will God abrogate or confirm, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a Guarded Tablet.

Beware lest thy sovereignty withhold thee from Him Who is the Supreme Sovereign. He, verily, is come with His Kingdom, and all the atoms cry aloud: “Lo! The Lord is come in His great majesty!” He Who is the Father is come, and the Son, in the holy vale, crieth out: “Here am I, here am I, O Lord, My God!”, whilst Sinai circleth round the House, and the Burning Bush calleth aloud: “The All-Bounteous is come mounted upon the clouds! Blessed is he that draweth nigh unto Him, and woe betide them that are far away.”

Arise thou amongst men in the name of this all-compelling Cause, and summon, then, the nations unto God, the Exalted, the Great. Be thou not of them who called upon God by one of His names, but who, when He Who is the Object of all names appeared, denied Him and turned aside from Him, and, in the end, pronounced sentence against Him with manifest injustice. Consider and call thou to mind the days whereon the Spirit of God appeared, and Herod gave judgement against Him. God, however, aided Him with the hosts of the unseen, and protected Him with truth, and sent Him down unto another land, according to His promise. He, verily, ordaineth what He pleaseth. Thy Lord truly preserveth whom He willeth, be he in the midst of the seas, or in the maw of the serpent, or beneath the sword of the oppressor.

Blessed be the king whom the veils of glory have not deterred from turning unto the Dayspring of beauty and who hath forsaken his all in his desire to obtain the things of God. He, indeed, is accounted in the sight of God as the most excellent of men, and is extolled by the inmates of Paradise and them that circle morn and eve round the Throne on high. Again I say: Hearken unto My voice that calleth from My prison, that it may acquaint thee with the things that have befallen My Beauty, at the hands of them that are the manifestations of My glory, and that thou mayest perceive how great hath been My patience, notwithstanding My might, and how immense My forbearance, notwithstanding My power. By My life! Couldst thou but know the things sent down by My Pen, and discover the treasures of My Cause, and the pearls of My mysteries which lie hid in the seas of My names and in the goblets of My words, thou wouldst, in thy love for My name, and in thy longing for My glorious and sublime Kingdom, lay down thy life in My path. Know thou that though My body be beneath the swords of My foes, and My limbs be beset with incalculable afflictions, yet My spirit is filled with a gladness with which all the joys of the earth can never compare. Set thine heart towards Him Who is the Point of adoration for the world, and say: “O peoples of the earth! Have ye denied the One in Whose path He Who came with the truth, bearing the announcement of your Lord, the Exalted, the Great, suffered martyrdom?” Say: This is an Announcement whereat the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers have rejoiced. This is the One Whom the heart of the world remembereth, and is promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The hands of the Messengers were, in their desire to meet Me, upraised towards God, the Mighty, the Glorified. Unto this testifieth that which hath been sent down in the sacred Scriptures by Him Who is the Lord of might and power. Some lamented in their separation from Me, others endured hardships in My path, and still others laid down their lives for the sake of My Beauty, could ye but know it. Say: I, verily, have not sought to extol Mine own Self, but rather God Himself, were ye to judge fairly. Naught can be seen in Me except God and His Cause, could ye but perceive it. I am the One Whom the tongue of Isaiah hath extolled, the One with Whose name both the Torah and the Evangel were adorned. Thus hath it been decreed in the Scriptures of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. He, verily, hath borne witness unto Me, as I bear witness unto Him. And God testifieth to the truth of My words.

The Books have been sent down for naught but My remembrance. Whosoever is receptive to their call shall perceive therefrom the sweet fragrances of My name and My praise; and he who hath unstopped the ear of his inmost heart shall hear from every word thereof: “The True One is come! He indeed is the beloved of the worlds!” It is for the sake of God alone that My tongue counselleth you and that My pen moveth to make mention of you, for neither can the malice and denial of all who dwell on earth harm Me, nor the allegiance of the entire creation profit Me. We, verily, exhort you unto that which We were commanded, and desire naught from you except that ye draw nigh unto what shall profit you in both this world and the world to come. Say: Will ye slay Him Who summoneth you unto life everlasting? Fear ye God, and follow not every contumacious oppressor.

O proud ones of the earth! Do ye believe yourselves to be abiding in palaces whilst He Who is the King of Revelation resideth in the most desolate of abodes? Nay, by My life! In tombs do ye dwell, could ye but perceive it. Verily, he who faileth, in these days, to be stirred by the breeze of God is accounted among the dead in the sight of Him Who is the Lord of all names and attributes. Arise, then, from the tombs of self and desire and turn unto the Kingdom of God, the Possessor of the Throne on high and of earth below, that ye may behold that which ye were promised aforetime by your Lord, the All-Knowing.

Think ye that the things ye possess shall profit you? Soon others will possess them and ye will return unto the dust with none to help or succour you. What advantage is there in a life that can be overtaken by death, or in an existence that is doomed to extinction, or in a prosperity that is subject to change? Cast away the things that ye possess and set your faces toward the favours of God which have been sent down in this wondrous Name.

Thus doth the Pen of the Most High warble unto thee its melodies by the leave of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. When thou hast heard and recited them, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all the worlds, inasmuch as Thou hast made mention of me through the tongue of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self at a time when He was confined in the Most Great Prison, that the whole world might attain unto true liberty.”

Blessed be the king whose sovereignty hath withheld him not from his Sovereign, and who hath turned unto God with his heart. He, verily, is accounted of those that have attained unto that which God, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath willed. Erelong will such a one find himself numbered with the monarchs of the realms of the Kingdom. Thy Lord is, in truth, potent over all things. He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth, and withholdeth what He pleaseth from whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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From the Dayspring of Divine utterance it is revealed… It is evident and clear that the Truth, exalted be His mention, is never pleased that anyone should transgress against another. Some among the servants, from every group, have transformed the breaths of the All-Merciful into the promptings of self, attributing these to the Truth. All such matters stem from heedlessness, and His holy and sanctified garment is pure and free from these. I beseech God to guide all and make them steadfast in His love. We

have accepted all the tribulations of the world specifically for the deliverance and tranquility of the loved ones and their unity. At all times, Jinab-i-Haji and Aqa ’Ali have been mentioned before the Divine Presence, and without interruption the Sun of Grace has dawned and shone upon them from the horizon of favor, until certain words appeared from them which were and are contrary to God’s Cause. For the Truth has risen from the horizon of eternity specifically for the unity of the world’s peoples, yet from them have issued words that oppose the Will of God, as they have caused division. Let Haji himself and the others look with the eye of fairness: if every day a new Truth - that is, a new Manifestation of the complete sovereignty of the One True God - were to appear, how could the divine Cause remain firm among creation? Today one Truth appears, speaking a word, and tomorrow another Truth speaks a different word than the first. What then is the duty of the people? If we say these two words are seen with the same perspective, this is utterly remote from reason and wisdom, and people of insight would never utter such words. For among the utterances of Truth are commandments and prohibitions which all need, and in essential reality the order of the world, the preservation of existence, and the unity of all on earth depend upon and are connected to these. If every day a new Authority were to appear, all these matters would become void and ineffective, and the helpless people would have to abandon all things each day and turn to a new qiblih. Consider somewhat the Bayan: The example of this Revelation and the Revelation of the Point of the Bayan is exactly like the appearance of the son of Zachariah and Jesus the son of Mary. The son of Zachariah, despite his station of prophethood and the greatness of his rank, gave the people glad tidings of the appearance of the Spirit, and both were in the same age. Some of the words of the son of Zachariah were understood by the people as to their meaning, while others were not understood. Thus after the martyrdom of the son of Zachariah, some of his followers did not turn to the Manifestation of the All-Merciful, namely Jesus son of Mary, and departed from the divine law, and they still exist on earth and are known to some as Sabeans. These souls consider themselves followers of that holy one, but remain veiled from the purpose, for had they understood the purpose they would not have turned away from the son of Mary who was the beloved of the son of Zachariah and his purpose. Likewise consider the Revelation of the Primal Point, who despite His exalted station was the Herald of this Most Great Revelation. And if one possessed of insight were to observe the Bayan fairly, he would see nothing except mention of Him Who is the Origin of a new creation, and if one possessed of a refined sense were to inhale the gentle fragrance of the Bayan, he would perceive naught but the sweet scent of this Garment. This is the beginning and end of the matter of truth that was mentioned. Furthermore, whosoever drinks of this wine of oneness shall be counted among the guides and manifestations of the Manifester, so long as he dwells beneath His shadow. The meaning of unity is not to see two or ten as one - this is the very essence of polytheism and atheism itself - rather, the one who believes in unity is he who sees the Truth as one from all directions, sanctified from all names and likenesses, and beholds all else as subsisting through Him and existing by His command. And whosoever is deprived of this most pure Kawthar, which flows from the direction of the Most Great Scene, is non-existent in the sight of God, let alone being mentioned among the people of unity. Today, ears and hearts must be emptied of their own words and imaginings, that perchance they may become recipients of divine outpourings and confirmations. O Hasan! God willing, thou shalt become intoxicated with the pure, flowing waters of these merciful utterances and shalt pass beyond the world and all who dwell therein in the path of the Lord of all possibility, in such wise that no zeal shall hold thee back. And like the brilliant morn thou shalt rise from the horizon of the heaven of divine love and shalt openly and secretly acknowledge among men

that which God hath acknowledged in this Tablet. Then will power be made manifest unto all, and thy station with God shall be exalted and resplendent. If thou be of the birds, wing thy flight in this spiritual atmosphere and outstrip all other birds in thy soaring. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that there is no atmosphere save this atmosphere, and no space visible except this space. O My bird! Soar in this atmosphere through My Name and My sovereignty; then, in My love, detach thyself from the worlds. By My life! The Revelations have ended with this Most Great Revelation. Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation before the completion of a full thousand years, such a one is assuredly a lying impostor. And whosoever interpreteth this verse is one who hath turned away from the All-Merciful and is counted among the losers. Although for those possessed of insight, mention was made aforetime of the dominion of Husayn lasting eighty thousand years, yet the people of Baha must at least hold to a thousand years. O Hasan and O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath, for God’s sake, occupied Himself with making mention of these matters to you in this Most Great Prison. Turn ye unto Him with all your being. Thus doth command you your Lord, the Imprisoned, the Alone.

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He is God, Exalted be His Glory: Wisdom and Utterance

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letter from His Honor ‘T’ which he sent to thee was received and the fragrance of love and steadfastness wafted from it. Blessed is he and his father and his mother whom We named ‘Mother of the Near Ones’ in the Crimson Tablet from the Supreme Pen. Mention was made of His Honor Ismu’llah Jamal, upon him be My glory, that he had turned towards the land of M. Verily he is under the gaze of his Lord’s grace, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God to strengthen him and assist him with hosts of angels to help his Lord through wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he and whoever loves him for My sake. We, from this station, send Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have held fast to the cord of My wisdom and acted according to what they were commanded in My perspicuous Book.

O My Name! We have commanded and continue to command all to wisdom. All must hold fast unto it and cling to it. In these days the Supreme Pen is at all times occupied with the mention of the loved ones. Despite the tribulations that have descended and the afflictions that have befallen Us, the Pen has not ceased. His Honor the Trustee, upon him be My glory, repeatedly mentioned in Our presence ‘T’ and the members of that household, both male and female, upon them be the glory of God and His grace. Each has been favored with special grace. We beseech God that He may enable all to serve the Cause and to that which will perpetuate their mention throughout the dominion of the kingdom and the realm above.

Likewise mention was made of Umm Haydar. We have mentioned her as a bounty from Us, and My mention equals not the mentions of the world nor what the peoples possess. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe unto him who is heedless. He is verily among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon all who are steadfast and firm. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

O My Name! We have perused the letter from Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be My Baha, which he sent to thee. We perceived from it the fragrance of his turning unto My horizon and his orientation towards My countenance, and We found him speaking My praise and standing in service to My Cause. We beseech God to assist him, to aid him, and to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Time and again hath mention of him flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he and those with him, and his mother and sister. We testify that they attained unto My presence, appeared before the gate of My grandeur, beheld My horizon, returned by My leave, and spoke My beauteous praise.

O people of God! In the past year this Wronged One was afflicted by the tyranny of a treacherous oppressor. From one direction came the oppression of the oppressors, and from another the ascension of the Interlocutor, whom We adorned with the ornament of acceptance and made one of the branches of My Lote-Tree. Verily the Cause is in the grasp of My power. We mention whomsoever We wish, as We wish, and We bestow upon whomsoever We desire what We desire. Yet tribulations and sorrows have not and shall never prevent the Most Exalted Pen. It hath moved and moveth in the arena of utterance, and it is the All-Knowing Speaker.

We make mention of Mulla Muhammad-Rida. O Muhammad-Rida! The luminary of bounty hath turned from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen toward thee and hath shed its radiance upon thee. Rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Say: O concourse of divines! Die in your wrath. The Hour hath come and ye are sleeping. The Cry hath been raised and ye are heedless. Say: The breeze of God hath wafted over you and ye are as dead. Say: Lift up your heads! Verily the Sun is shining from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, would that ye perceive. Would that ye behold! The rustling and the murmuring have been raised, would that ye hear. Say: Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Ocean. Fear ye the All-Merciful. He desireth naught for you save that which is good, would that ye know.

At this moment We make mention of him who is named ’Ali-Muhammad, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Verily We mentioned him when My handmaiden who had attained unto My presence and turned toward My luminous horizon appeared before Me. O ’Ali-Muhammad! We have mentioned thee, and We mention thy father who ascended unto the Most Exalted Horizon by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds. The breezes of My verses took hold of him before his ascension and after it, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. Blessed is the soul that ascended in My days and attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen when the Seat of the Throne was established in My Great Prison. Praise be to God! All the souls mentioned have attained and been illumined by the splendors of the Sun of utterance. Glory be upon them and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be sanctified above tablet and ink unto the Educator of countless worlds, Who is worthy and deserving, Who created creation and manifested all necessary means through His mighty strength and perfect power. He bestowed sight that His signs might be beheld, hearing that His utterance might be heard, tongue that it might move in His praise, heart that it might be illumined with the lights of His knowledge, hands that they might grasp His Book, and feet that they might stand firm in His Cause. His is the grace and the bestowal, His the greatness and the praise, His the favor and the glory.

Glorified art Thou, O my Creator and Illuminator of my heart and Strengthener of my limbs! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the pearls concealed therein, and by the splendors of the Sun of Thy grace and whatsoever wisdom Thou hast ordained therein, to assist Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest Nabil-i-Nabil clinging to Thy cord and holding fast to Thy robe and standing in service to Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Muhammad, Thy Beloved and Thy Chosen One, and by the ocean of His knowledge and the light of His countenance and the heaven of His wisdom and the sun of His grace, to make him assisted in that which will draw him near unto Thee. O Lord! Thou seest him speaking Thy praise; enable him to achieve that which will elevate the station of man in the contingent world. O Lord! Thou seest him in all conditions mindful of Thy verses, gladdened by Thy favors, and steadfast in Thy love amongst Thy servants. Strengthen him through Thy sovereignty, then ordain for him what befitteth Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The verses of that beloved one were repeatedly recited. In truth, the page was adorned with mention, praise, supplication and adherence to the Truth, exalted be His glory. He said: “Blessed be his tongue for that which flowed from it bearing witness to what is befitting, and his heart for what it accepted, and his ear for what it heard. We beseech God to assist him, confirm him and make him successful through His grace and generosity. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.”

If you write anything to the spiritual beloved, His Honour Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon him be God’s peace, convey on behalf of this servant greetings, praise, remembrance and glory. Praise be to God, they are blessed with the heavenly feast and eternal bounty which is the recognition of the Truth, exalted be His glory. May it be pleasing and wholesome unto him.

Another matter concerns the return of the beloved of the heart, His Honour Amin, upon him be God’s peace and favors. Until now, which is nearly a year, nothing substantial has arrived. That beloved one is aware that in these days they wrote to this servant that if you wish to receive two hundred Ottoman liras from the beloved His Honour Shaykh, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, the funds are available here. They wished to send it to His Honour, the beloved of the heart, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of Baha’u’llah, and they also sent some to purchase and send silk from Rasht. Then they suspended it, writing that they feared it might result in loss like the shawl of the previous year. In any case, if possible, they should send it. That beloved one is aware of the affairs here and the expenses of this land. Likewise, thirty Ottoman liras have been sent as a personal trust by His Honour Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of Baha’u’llah. They have written for that beloved one to send this as well. Surely that beloved one will act as befitting, but must act according to what is possible. This matter was mentioned as it was necessary, otherwise it was not and is not worthy of mention. Peace, praise, remembrance and

glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who act according to what they are commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

2nd of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram 1304

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

All praise and gratitude belong to the True One, glorified be His majesty, Who created hearts and guided them to one another. He is the Almighty Who bestows eternal glory upon dust and places the crown of wealth upon the head of the poor. Why did Sinai become beloved of the world and mentioned among nations? What was the cause of its elevation and the reason for its nobility? From what did Sina derive its radiance and wherefore did it become the focus of the world? The Word of God was the cause, and through His grace He made stone the point of circumambulation for the world and bestowed the heart's desire upon [clay]. In every atom the signs of His craftsmanship are perfect - an eye is needed to behold them and a perceptive faculty to comprehend them.

O God, my Purpose, my Adored One! Thy remembrance is the companion of hearts and Thy mention the solace of souls. Whosoever seeketh anyone but Thee hath been and shall ever be in loss, and whosoever desireth any other than Thee hath been and shall ever be bereft. Bid the sun of Thy grace to shine upon the dead, and the rain of Thy mercy to pour upon the realm of existence. O my God! The saplings of the garden seek water, and the flowers of the garden of inner meanings yearn for confirmation. Water and sun are Thy two great signs - deprive not Thy servants of these two. By Thy leave they are effective, and without it they neither nourish nor satisfy, and thus shall it ever be. Thy power maketh dust to become as the sun and earth to become as heaven. Take our hands, for we are helpless. Bestow Thy grace, for we are poor and lowly. Whatever cometh from Thee is the desire of hearts and the beloved of souls. Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

Blessings and peace be upon Him Whom Thou didst choose from among all the world and didst make a Guide for the peoples. Through Him the rivers of wisdom and utterance flowed amidst all possibility, and the gate of grace was opened before the faces of humans and jinn. And upon His family and companions whom Thou didst make as guides for Thyself - through them Thou didst manifest Thy power, Thy sovereignty, Thy might, Thy majesty, Thy dominion, and Thy will. And upon those who followed Thy laws throughout the ages and centuries. There is no God but Thee, the One, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

Furthermore, the successive letters which dawned from that honored brother's horizon of love arrived like the spring rains one after another. Praise be to the Purpose of all worlds that He confirmed you, bestowed the power of verse, granted the ability of prose, conferred the spirit of prayer, and vouchsafed the Kawthar of remembrance. Praise be to God, you have drunk from the cup of love and attained unto

the blessed Word of unity. Your mention is evident among mentions and your verse and prose are manifest among words. Whatever exists has been and shall ever be through the grace of the Peerless Friend. In brief, after becoming informed and aware, you sought the station of the Master and were honored to attain His presence.

O ’Ali-Akbar! The realm of divine knowledge hath been encompassed, and the cities of remembrance and recognition forbidden. The lamp of justice hath been beset by the winds of oppression, and the countenance of equity lieth in ambush, threatened by the wolves of tyranny. Beseech thou the True One that He may protect the horizon of justice from the clouds of His protection and safeguard the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of rebellion. The polytheists have surrounded the monotheists. Recompense for deeds hath sealed shut the gate of hopes and disrupted the course of destiny. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid the people of unity and preserve them from the artillery of the polytheists, their swords, the malice of the atheists, and their spears. Verily, He hath power over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Night hath turned to morning, for the light of utterance hath dawned from its horizon, and if it be night, it hath been and shall be the best of days. Views differ: in the sight of those near and sincere, a house wherein the mention of God is raised up is the king of houses, and a night illumined by the light of praise of the Lord of Names is superior to centuries and ages. The polytheists see night, but the monotheists see an ocean of light - vast is the difference! I beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to keep that honored brother preserved beneath the shadow of His grace and to increase his power of utterance at all times. The verses of that beloved one have arrived at every occasion. The Lord hath taken them with His blessed hand and recited them. A hundred thousand praises upon your poetry and your prose! God willing, may every deed of deeds, every mention of mentions, and every letter of letters that appeareth for God’s sake become an adorning border on the brocade of the world’s scrolls.

Fresh tidings and a new blessing and heavenly feast: the presence of the Beloved - may the spirit of one of the two Most Exalted Names, M.H., upon him be the peace of God and His grace, and the bounty of God and His mercy - praise be to God, they have arrived with his honor ’Ali, who chose journey over rest, hardship over ease, and the turbulence of the sea over stillness in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. In truth, they were a mighty blessing, the dawning-place of joy and gladness, and the manifestation of delight and rapture. Exalted be God, the Manifestation of His grace and bounty, His generosity and munificence, His favors and glory and splendor. News of the departure of his honor Aqa ’Ali, upon him be the peace of God, had arrived, and in letters supplication was made to the True One, exalted be His glory, that He protect him and bring him to his destination. Praise be to God, before the letter was sent, the mentioned one arrived in perfect health and safety with what was with him. His reward and the rewards of those who preceded him rest with God, and we beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and this world. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The exalted Branches - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - have conveyed greetings and praise, which this servant doth now present.

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He is God, the Exalted

I wish to say that, although we have never met, I have heard much of your excellency's praiseworthy qualities, that you behaved with kindness towards all the people, especially my followers, when you were in Tehran. They were and are most grateful for your excellency's kindness and beneficence, and have mentioned to me the details of your grace and bounty. I, therefore, considered it necessary to give you a short account of what has taken place, that perhaps through your excellency's attentions some may find peace and dwell in the shade of the protection of the Prince of the Age, the Monarch of the Era, the King of the World, the Most Mighty, Most Noble, and Most Great Emperor.

What I have to relate is as follows: I went from the capital of the kingdom of Iran to Iraq, with the permission and approval of the King and the awareness of the foreign ambassadors, and for twelve whole years I resided in Iraq. Even now I have in my possession the document (issued by) the government of Iran, (stating that) we left with (their) permission and approval. During the period of my residence in Iraq, not one unworthy or untoward action was manifested by me; all the foreign consuls who were then in Iraq will bear witness and attest to (the truth of) what I say. The government of Iran, seeing that some Iranian citizens showed and still show affection towards me, determined to act against me. Every day, the Iranian consul (karpardaz-i- Iran - Mirza Buzurg Khan?) would write a complaint to the (Ottoman) officials. Since I observed that such developments would lead to mischief, I explained things to the Governor of Iraq, Namiq Pasha. He felt that it would be wise to adopt Ottoman citizenship, and so some of my friends chose to become Turkish citizens. This, however, was contrary to the wishes of the government of Iran, and it was for this reason that they started in earnest to take action against me. They made a request of the Ottoman government, and the latter summoned me to Istanbul. The Governor of Iraq showed great affection and gave me a full account (of the affair). I for my part obeyed the decree of the government and went to Istanbul, together with some of my family, children, and servants.

After arriving in Istanbul, however, it became apparent that they were doing whatever the Iranian ambassador wished. We stayed four months in Istanbul and (during that time) I never went anywhere or associated with anyone. After four months, a decree was issued to the effect that we must go to Edirne. We sought to know the reason for this, and various pretexts were advanced, but it became known to us that the real purpose was to carry out the wishes of the Iranian ambassador. I complied (with the decree) and we arrived in Edirne.

We have been living in Edirne for five years now, and nobody has anything to complain of from me or my relatives. Let enquiries be made of the consuls resident here, that the truth of what I say may be made known. In spite of this, the Iranian ambassador has not rested content with what has been done, nor has he been satisfied. Every day, he has involved himself in some affair and lodged a complaint with the Ottoman state officials. They have accepted and continue to accept whatever he says or wishes.

Things reached such a pitch that, in Mansuriyya in Egypt, the Iranian consul arrested four Ottoman citizens who had committed no offence. However much they protested they were Ottoman citizens, no heed was paid to them. They even took their passports and tore them up, after which they assembled

them and banished them in chains and fetters. A certain Hajji Abu'l-Qasim, who was a well-known merchant there, simply on account of the fact that he had gone to Edirne to see me, was, on his return to Mansuriyya, made the object of the hostility of the Iranian consul and, although he had committed no crime or offence, he was arrested. They impounded all he possessed then entered his house, dragged forth his daughter, and carried her to the street and the market-place. But the Ottoman government paid no heed. It is obvious that, whether out of friendship or for other reasons, the Ottoman government undoubtedly carries out and implements whatever the Iranian ambassador says, nor do they neglect his wishes or his good-pleasure. But it is far from clear what the reason for this may be.

Since your excellency is informed as to how things are in Iran, I beg of you to present my petition before the throne of the King of the Age, that perchance he may perform an act of grace whereby the hearts of some people may be put at rest, that all may find ease in the cradle of the protection and security of the Monarch of the World and in the shadow of his bounty. The one God is witness that I have not entertained and do not entertain any thought of myself. I am content with whatever has been written down by the supreme pen on the Tablet of Fate. From the first day that I recognized the Truth, I have set aside both life and property. Nay, at every moment I hope and pray that I may offer up my soul as a sacrifice in the path of the Beloved of the worlds. But since a large number of individuals have been oppressed, I have felt it necessary to explain how matters stand. I beg you to let no-one know of this until the purpose of this petition has been achieved.

(I remain) obedient to your command.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

May this evanescent servant be a sacrifice unto that divine friend! O beloved of my soul and spiritual friend! In the assemblage of the All-Merciful, in the presence of the All-Glorious, in the sacred precincts of the Most Glorious - how we miss your presence, how we miss your presence! Though outwardly that beloved one has become distant from the sacred precincts near the Beloved and from the intimate gathering of the Countenance of the Desired One, in reality you have always been and continue to be present in the most pure presence, and God's gaze from the greatest vista remains fixed upon you. Blessed art thou, blessed art thou! For months you dwelt in the Seat of Revelation of the Lord of Names and Attributes, circling round the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, and were intimate with the Branches and Twigs of the divine Lote-Tree, magnificent be their station and glorious be their praise. Every night you were blessed with the effulgences of the eternal Sun and heard directly the divine utterances from the Tongue of grandeur and majesty. Were all the tongues of contingent beings and the realities of [existence] to attempt to enumerate but a drop from the oceans of grace that flowed from the Repository, Source and Fountainhead of the Most Great Bounty unto you, they would surely find themselves utterly powerless and wanting. All this is from the grace of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

From the right of the Most Great Throne has been revealed, exalted be His glory: “O Hasan! Upon thee be the glory of God, His remembrance and His praise.” The Most Ancient Pen declares: The wayfarers have become a barrier between the Sun and Its radiating lights, thus the delivery of divine trusts has been delayed. Grieve not at this, for every matter is dependent upon its appointed time. When its time comes to pass, that which thy Lord, the Possessor of Names and Attributes, hath ordained shall be made manifest. God willing, be in the utmost joy and fragrance and be not saddened by this. The essence of every matter and above every deed has been and shall ever be the love of God. Whosoever attains unto this, it behooveth him to be content with whatsoever God hath decreed for him. Blessed art thou for having attained, heard, seen and known. Be steadfast and be of the thankful ones.” Thus endeth what the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken.

Furthermore, convey infinite expressions of devotion and greetings on behalf of this servant to Mulla ’Abdu’l-Husayn. All his petitions were presented before the Most Holy Throne. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. However, what this evanescent servant deems advisable is that he should turn his face toward the Desired One and attain the presence of the Throne, that is, to accompany you on your return.

Additionally, according to the blessed command, if there be any Huqúqu’llah available with the aforementioned Haji, fifty […] should be taken and distributed among the loved ones of God and the children of those who were martyred in His path, and the handmaidens who remain without spouse, according to the following details: Baba, upon him be the glory of God […] the sons of ’Abdu’l-Wahhab Bey who was martyred in the path of God […] the handmaids of God who remain without spouse, the wife of Mirza Khuda-Virdi who left her husband and believed in God […] the wife of ’Abdu’l-Fattah who was martyred in His path […] the sister of Najaf-’Ali ’Amu who believed in God […] [Mah] Bibi ’Ammih […] five tumans […] Furthermore, broadcloth should be purchased and given to Asadu’llah Bey who was a servant of the Cause. They said: “O Hasan! Worldly means are not available, otherwise these amounts would not be fitting. That which is worthy and befitting the souls of the believers shall, by My life, before the Truth, remain treasured and preserved, and ere long they shall attain unto it.” End.

A single seal bearing the Greatest Name, may His glory be exalted, which was promised has been sent. However, it is commanded that no one should make a copy of it or reproduce it on paper. This has been forbidden to the believers. After completion, it should be placed in a location and its cover sealed firmly with a seal and sent to the Most Holy Court. God willing, they have been and will be vigilant in all matters [pertaining to the Cause of God] and mindful of [the divine counsels] which they heard without veil or barrier from the tongue of the Lord of Lords, and be ever-mindful of these among His servants. The request and hope of this evanescent servant is that you convey to all the loved ones of God whom you meet in every quarter boundless expressions of devotion and the Most Sublime, Most Mighty, Most Glorious greeting on behalf of this servant. Furthermore, the Most Great Consort of God and [the Most Great Consort of God], may God sanctify the mention of [their gestures] above the pen, desired to write something special with the pen of loving-kindness and mercy, but an eye ailment prevented Their Honors from expressing what they intended. They instructed this servant to specifically convey Their greetings and glory to your honor. Upon you be the glory and grandeur of God from the dwellers of the pavilion of His might and the domes of His exaltation and the sanctuary of His holiness and the house of His

infallibility. Moreover, if you hear mention of any marriage arrangement regarding the Most Great Branch, may his glory and station be exalted, pay no attention to it whatsoever and remain occupied with what you had intended, whether concerning the Most Great Branch or the Most Great Branch, exalted be their mention and may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for them both. Upon you be the glory of God and the glory of the denizens of all the worlds. Likewise, the blessed Leaf of the divine [Lote-Tree], exalted and mighty be their most glorious glory, conveyed wondrous greetings and mighty, sublime glory. Then upon you be the glory of God from the branches of the Tree of His singleness and the leaves of the Tree of His oneness and the twigs of His majesty and grandeur. The Tablets of Q and T and T and […] have all been sent to your honor to be delivered.

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In the name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Blessed art thou, O Salamander of Fire, inasmuch as thou hast been enkindled by the fire that hath appeared upon the Temple of the Chosen One in these days wherein veils have enshrouded all who are in the heavens and on earth, save for a number of the letters of Our Most Beautiful Names. By God, the True One! They are, at this hour, among those who dwell in the highest Paradise. Hearken unto that which God hath cast upon thee, and at this moment He casteth upon thee a Book of glorious and noble nature. Verily it is from thy Lord, and it beginneth: In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Wondrous, the Most Beauteous.

We have ordained in each letter thereof a paradise wherein thou mayest enter by thy Lord's leave and partake of that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Merciful, hath ordained of His bounties. And We have caused to flow in each paradise rivers that flow only by virtue of My Name, the All-Flowing, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Holy, the Luminous, that thou mayest drink therefrom cup after cup, then goblet after goblet, then bowl after bowl, then pitcher after pitcher, then vessel after vessel, that thou mayest be so transported by thy Lord's choice wine that thy melodies may attract all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus do We strengthen whom We will, and elevate whom We will, and distinguish with favor from Our presence Our sincere servants.

There hath come before the Throne from thee a letter, then another letter thereafter, and We found them purified from the allusions of them that make allusion, sanctified from the references of them that make reference, and detached from the mention of aught else but Me. Thus it behooveth thee and those who have been raised up by Our Will and a spirit from Our presence - thus were We the Senders. The Hand of Power took thy letter and toward it was directed the gaze of God, thy Lord, as a favor from Him unto thee, that thou mightest be of the thankful. We commanded him who was present before the Throne to read it, and when he read, there spread from it the fragrance of holiness that wafted from the direction of thy heart. Thus do We teach whom We will and inspire whom We will among Our near-serving servants.

We have heard thy cry in thy longing to meet thy Lord, the Most Merciful, in those days wherein all the peoples of the realms were veiled from His beauty, save those whom the hand of the All-Glorious seized

and delivered from the depths of self and passion, and brought nigh unto the shore of a mighty sea. We witnessed the fire of thy love in thy words, as though it were ablaze in every letter of thy letter. Blessed be the loins from which thou didst spring forth and the mother who bore thee! At that moment the Concourse on High take pride in thy noble being. We have indeed raised him up at this hour in the most excellent manner and have accepted from him what escaped him in the former life and have ordained for him an exalted and glorious station. All this is of Our favor unto thee and Our mercy toward thee, for thou hast entered a station which none enter save they whose eyes turn not to what hath been created in the realm of origination and invention, and who turn only to the Manifestation of God, the Mighty, the Sublime, the Great.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto this station and having drunk from the cup of certitude and having detached thyself from all the worlds. Verily, they who have hastened this day to their Lord's grace - these are the most excellent of people and the most distinguished in the sight of thy Lord. By God, the True One! The people of Paradise glory in their presence, and the servants who dwell beyond the pavilions of eternity send their prayers upon them. These are servants whom God hath honored above His creatures and His servants, and made them pure from the defilement of idle fancy, and chosen them for His Own Self, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Encompassing. Be thou steadfast, O servant who gazeth upon the Throne, in the Cause, such that all else shall testify that on that Day none amongst them shall be mentioned between the heavens and the earth. What thou hast mentioned in thy letter was that which We had revealed aforetime in the Best of Stories, which We made a testimony unto all created things. By My life! Thy mention of this verse is better in the sight of thy Lord than the kingdom of the heavens and earth and all that hath been and shall be created. My All-Knowing Self sufficeth as witness to what I say. We have therefore accepted thee in truth, nurtured thee with the hands of grace, and caused thee to drink from the ruby cup of divine dominion the choice wine proffered by this Youth, in Whose praise the denizens of the Kingdom have spoken, saying: "By God! This is no mortal. This is none other than a noble angel." We have arrayed thee with the robes of grace, caused thee to dwell beneath the sacred Lote-Tree, and preserved thee from the mischief of every mischief-maker - they who had believed in My Self aforetime, but when We changed the garment of Names and manifested the Countenance with another name, they denied My Self, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Thus was their falsehood in the former time made manifest. The curse of God be upon the liars! Arise to fulfill thy Lord's command, then teach the people with such wisdom as thou art able, for thus have We ordained for every soul, and We are verily powerful to do so. And if thou seest those who turn away from this Beauty, say: "O people! Fear God and be fair in your own selves. If ye deny this Beauty Who hath appeared with all signs, by what proof do ye uphold your faith and in your hearts rejoice? Do ye imagine that ye believed in the Bab aforetime? Nay, by My Self! For He hath now appeared with all names and is established upon a mighty and glorious throne, calling you with all signs, yet ye answer Him not. Rather, ye assail Him with the darts of discord and feel no shame before Him Who strengthened you in His Cause, made Himself known to you, and gave you glad tidings of this sacred, mighty, and exalted Manifestation." Say: "O people! Come, let us take what we have and enter the abode of those who were among the concourse of the Torah and the Gospel. I shall read from God's Tablet, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Powerful, and ye shall read what ye have, and we shall ask them which is greater, that perchance through their confirmation the sun of fairness may shine from your hearts and ye may be numbered with the fair-

minded." Thus have We commanded thee, taught thee, inspired thee, imparted to thee, and mentioned thee in the Tablet, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of those who remember and render great thanksgiving. And the splendor that hath shone forth from the direction of the Throne be upon thee, thy brother, thy sister, and thy kindred who have believed in God and His signs and who are steadfast in a straight and true path.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

I addressed unto thee aforetime an Epistle in the lucid Arabian tongue, and I now reveal for thee this Tablet in wondrous Persian prose, that thou mayest hear, in the glorious accents of the Nightingale of 'Iraq, the sweet melodies of the nearness of the heavenly Paradise that had, ere this, been intoned in the language of Hijaz. Perchance thou mayest become pure spirit; attain, without taking a single step, the loftiest stations of mystic ascent; and explore, without leaving thine outward habitation, the furthermost reaches of the worlds of inner significance. Thereupon wouldst thou, with a divine rapture, experience true spiritual attraction, lay down thy life in the path of the Friend, and sacrifice thy soul in the wilderness of His love. This indeed is the meaning of stillness in flight and flight in stillness, of fluidity in solidity and solidity in fluidity.

To continue: It is clear that the wayfarers in the wilderness of search and longing, of attainment and reunion, have numerous degrees and countless stations. Some, after spiritual struggle and physical toil, ascend from the lower reaches of "no God is there" to the lofty bowers of "but God", flee from the shadow of negation to abide in the limitless realm of affirmation, and abandon the privation of a transient existence for the bountiful assemblage of reunion. This is the uttermost limit of the realm of effort and striving.

Others, without receiving the least intimation of "no God is there", pass beyond the highest horizon of "but God"; without even tasting a dewdrop of the degrees of self-surrender ascend unto the kingdom of life everlasting; and without partaking from the wellspring of utter abnegation quaff the wine of the Ancient of Days. These souls, as they traverse the stages of wayfaring and ascend unto the stations of reunion, walk a different path and occupy a different rank.

Still others, without having perused a single letter of the kingdom of names or acquired the faintest intimation from the realm of attributes, which pertaineth to this world, dawn above the invisible horizon of eternity and return again thereunto. A hundred thousand seas of glory surge in their luminous hearts, and yet to outward seeming their lips are parched; a myriad rivers of holiness stream within their breasts, and yet no trace thereof is to be seen; the books of God's consummate wisdom are recorded upon the tablets of their hearts, and yet they breathe not a word thereof in the world of appearances. They dwell in the Egypt of certitude and journey in the lands of resignation. They are intoxicated with the beauty, and entranced by the glory, of Him Who is the All-Glorious. Heart to heart they whisper hidden secrets; soul to soul they unfold abstruse matters. The mysteries of the Divine Essence glow upon their brows, and the lights of Divine Unity shine from their peerless faces. They clothe themselves in the robe of

concealment and cast their sleeves over both this world and the world to come. Without wings they soar, without feet they walk, without hands they grasp and hold. They speak an unknown tongue and observe an unseen grammar, of which all the world's inhabitants know not a single letter, save those whom thy Lord hath willed. Unto each hath a share been vouchsafed in His Book, and they shall all attain unto that which hath been destined for them.

It is clear and evident that, in this Dispensation wherein the banner of utterance hath been raised aloft and the candle of discernment hath been lit, there is no Lord but the Exalted One. He it is Who is one in His essence and one in His attributes, single in the kingdom of names and peerless in the realm of actions. It is by virtue of His blessed name that the seas of Divine Unity have been made to surge; it is through the power of His resistless command that the immutable decrees of destiny have been enforced; it is through the potency of His sovereign might that the dictates of fate have been fixed. Who hath the power to soar in that exalted atmosphere or to cherish another beloved than Him? We all abide beneath His shadow and seek our portion from the ocean of His grace. However far the gnat may fly, it can never traverse the length and breadth of heaven, and however high the sparrow may soar, it can never attain the tree of immortality.

Since all do not possess the same degree of spiritual understanding, certain statements will inevitably be made, and there shall arise, as a consequence, as many differing opinions as there are human minds, and as many divergent beliefs as there are created things. This is certain and settled, and can in no wise be averted. Now, it is clear that some are virtuous, others are sinful, and still others are rebellious. One must call the people to love and faithfulness, to zeal and contentment, that the sinful may be admonished and the ranks of the virtuous may swell. Nor is it possible that there be no sinners: So long as the name "the Ever-Forgiving" shineth resplendent above the horizon of existence, there will be sinners in the world of creation, for the latter cannot appear without the former and the former cannot exist without the latter.

Our aim is that thou shouldst urge all the believers to show forth kindness and mercy and to overlook certain shortcomings among them, that differences may be dispelled; true harmony be established; and the censure and reproach, the hatred and dissension, seen among the peoples of former times may not arise anew. Perchance they may be educated and, in the latter Resurrection, inflict not upon that cherished Spirit and Essence of existence, that exalted and subtle Reality, the least of that which the Point of the Bayan was made to suffer.

Moreover, a reply to thine enquiries was sent aforetime. It is evident that whatever question is asked will be answered through the ocean of eternal grace, but such questions also add to the burden of duties imposed upon the servants. That which hath been recorded at God's behest in the Persian Bayan is indeed sufficient unto all, and none will be held to account for what it hath not commanded. Consider how numerous were those in the early days of the Revelation who obeyed, without the slightest deviation, every least one of its injunctions and yet reaped no benefit therefrom. The beginning of religion is love for God and for His Chosen Ones, and its end is to manifest that love to His servants.

I swear by God! Whoso faileth to obey the commandments of God can in no wise be numbered among His loved ones, for among the conditions of His love is to follow His commandments and observe His prohibitions. But since these are the days of concealment, and the Sun of eternity remaineth hidden

beneath the horizon of being, one must gather together everyone with love and protect them. The time for the completion of the commandments and the perfection of deeds will assuredly come.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A Book from the Wronged One, Who is imprisoned in the fortress of Akka, to him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of life from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, that he may remind the people through this Most Great Remembrance and give them glad tidings of this News which hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We previously sent unto thee verses from the garden of inner meanings, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the King of earth and heaven, and bring men nigh unto the horizon of thy Lord's revelation, the Bestower, the Bountiful. O thou who gazest upon the countenance! Arise to fulfill the command of thy Master and give glad tidings unto the people of this Revelation whereby the Mountain was stirred, and the darkness was illumined. Be not of the patient ones. Silence is praiseworthy except in proclaiming My Cause, and seclusion is desirable except in this wondrous Day. Leave the house of silence with utterance whereby the hearts of the world may be attracted and nations be awakened. Thus doth the Most Great Name command thee from this glorious station. Say: By God! The sun hath been eclipsed and the moon darkened, and the Greatest Spectacle hath appeared, and the Lord of Destiny calleth out with His most exalted call, summoning all to His most sublime horizon. Blessed is he who heareth and seeth, and hath attained unto the lights of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! The Sure Hour hath come, and the Striking Hour hath appeared, and the Deafening Blast hath been raised, and We see the mountains passing away, and the earth telling its tale, yet the people are in evident doubt. Nay, We see them as if struck down. Thus doth the Lord of all beings inform thee from this station which hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: This is the Day wherein the creaking of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing have been raised in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath strength to hear and hath arisen to serve God, the Lord of all names, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Say: O people! Abandon the cups of fancy and vain imaginings, then look before your faces. By the life of God! The ocean of certitude hath surged, and the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath been diffused. Say: We have indeed honored the learned and chosen them for My remembrance and praise, yet when My Self appeared from the horizon of the world they turned away, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, wished. Say: The seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken by His name, the Self-Subsisting, yet most of the people remain heedless. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the ocean of knowledge, and how many an ignorant one hath drawn nigh, drunk, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!" The bounty is in His hand - He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. Whosoever saith "why" or "wherefore" hath indeed disbelieved in God's Revelation, His proof, His evidence, and His sovereignty. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Verily We found thy heart turned unto God; therefore have We mentioned thee and sent down for thee verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are steadfast. Know thou the value of this station, then preserve it as thou wouldst thine eyes. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! The treasures of the earth in their entirety cannot equal one remembrance of thy Lord - to this testifieth every learned one illumined by the lights of the Manifestation in this radiant morn. Hearken, O thou who art turned unto God, to the call of Him Who summoneth thee for the sake of God. By God! I have desired naught for Myself; I have accepted all tribulations to manifest that which I was commanded by the Mighty, the Trustworthy. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. The world in its entirety shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Goal of all seekers. Look not to the creatures and their sayings; hearken unto that whereunto the Truth calleth thee - this verily is the certain truth. The horizons are filled with the signs of thy Lord, yet the people are in manifest blindness. Rend thou their veils through thy Lord's Name, then give them to drink of the choice wine of utterance through His wondrous remembrance.

Know thou that We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of commandments and laws. Blessed is he who hath recognized and acted according to that which was commanded by the Ancient Sender-down. Act thou according to what We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book, then bid the people to observe what is therein. He desireth to cause all to enter the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven, yet We have found the people among the dead. Sprinkle upon them from the ocean of My utterance by My leave, that perchance they may arise from the graves of heedlessness and turn unto the All-Knowing, the One.

When thou attainest unto My Tablet and art seized by the rapture of My verses, turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

I testify that Thou art the Dawning-Place of God's signs, the Dayspring of His proof, the Source of His command and the Recipient of His revelation. Through Thy appearance the sun rose from its setting place, and by Thy call all things were attracted to their Creator and the creation to their Maker. Thou art He Who hath borne all tribulations and hardships in their entirety. I testify that Thou hast arisen to fulfill God's Cause with a sovereignty that the might of kings could not prevent, nor the clamor of the subjects hinder. I beseech God through Thee to assist me in this Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me, and to grant me the greatest steadfastness. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the Name through which the earth was overturned and its high places made low, to forgive me and whosoever hath acknowledged Thy unity and oneness. Then cause me to speak Thy praise amongst Thy creatures, that through Thy power I may arise to compensate for what hath escaped me in Thy days. O my Lord! My days have passed, and what remaineth of them shall likewise pass. I beseech Thee not to cast me out from the pavilion of Thy mercy, nor keep me far from the shade of the Tree of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I testify that I am the poor, the lowly, and that Thou art the Rich, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. O my Lord! Look not upon Thy servants and their deeds before the court of Thy Cause, but look to the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy

bounty and the sun of Thy grace. Thou art the All-Compelling, before Whose sovereignty and power all things have testified. There is no God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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Thou art the Most Exalted in the Abha horizon.

This is a Book wherein is mentioned that which causeth tears to flow from the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. O Pen! Make mention of that which hath befallen the Remembrance of God and His Beauty, that perchance God may thereby raise up one who will regard this Cause with his own eyes and will not be hindered by the clamor of the polytheists, who will ponder this Revelation in the days when He was among the servants, encompassed by the hosts of Satan, who will sanctify himself from all allusions and will consider the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, then be ashamed before Him Who created you and created the heavens and earth, and sent down unto you that which made you independent of all peoples of the past, and made you the evidence of His Self amongst all worlds, and counseled you in all the Tablets not to follow your desires on the Day of Revelation, and not to be veiled by the Primal One of the Bayan nor by what was revealed in My Book. For verily all that appeareth from Me is dependent upon His command and is suspended upon the will of Him Who is with Him. Verily He doeth what He willeth. Not a line remaineth but that He hath counseled you therein concerning this irrevocable and mighty Cause.

Ye recognized Him and believed in Him, as ye claimed, and accepted what was sent down unto you from the heaven of mighty and sublime glory. When those days passed, He appeared with another name and sent down unto you what He had sent down before of the mighty, powerful and wondrous verses of God. Ye witnessed from Him what ye had not witnessed from any other, and none denieth this save every aggressive transgressor. He sacrificed Himself at every moment for the Cause of God, His Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Yet ye believed not in Him and denied after your profession of faith, and were not content with what God had chosen for you. Rather, ye assailed Him each day with fresh attacks and rose up to war against Him after all religions had opposed Him. Ye feared not God Who created you for His meeting and gave you glad tidings of His Own Self, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Be ye of the God-fearing. He hath ordained that, exalted and mighty as He is, He shall not be known except through Him, and should He manifest Himself at another hour, none hath the right to object, for He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Despite this, O people of the Bayan, ye have committed that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to sit in ashes and the eyes of the denizens of Paradise to weep, and then the dwellers of the holy veils. Therefore doth the Eye of Grandeur weep while ye rejoice and are of those who make merry.

By God, O people! I was lying upon my couch, but the breeze of God awakened me, and the Spirit of God revived me, and the Tongue of God spoke upon my tongue. I am not at fault. Ye behold me not with your own eyes, but rather with mine - thus were ye commanded by One mighty and all-knowing. O people! Do

ye imagine that the Cause is in my hands? Nay, by the Self of God, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! By God, were the Cause in my hands, I would not have manifested myself unto you for less than an instant, nor would I have uttered a word - and God is witness unto this and is all-knowing.

If my Beloved were to command me to carry stones from the mountains, it would be dearer to me than to associate with these polytheists. I departed from among the servants alone and wandered for two years in the wilderness, detached from all who dwell in the realm. When the appointed time came, He returned me to the people once again, and the matter was decreed by Him, not by my self and desire. Every atom beareth witness to this, were ye but of them that hear. Would that the people were aware of the root of the Cause! By the True God, none hath knowledge of it save myself, yet We concealed it and made known mention of one created by My word, to safeguard the Dayspring of Revelation. But when he witnessed the prominence of his name, he rose against My oppressed and lonely Self.

And thou, O servant, ponder the Cause of God, for His Cause is too great to be concealed, and His signs too manifest to be veiled by the shrouds of the polytheists. Would that thou wert with Me and knew what hath befallen My soul! But what is decreed hath come to pass. Therefore arise to serve the Cause, then aid God as thou art able, and be not of the patient ones. Forsake the world, then take the cup of eternity and drink therefrom, and be not of them that hesitate. Purify thyself from all allusions, then ascend unto the horizon of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Thus do We command thee out of love for thyself, lest thy feet should slip from the path of God, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Luminous. And glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

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In the name of God, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath subdued the world through the Most Great Name, through which the All-Merciful revealed Himself unto the son of Imran on the Sinai of utterance and caused him to hear the sweetest call from the Tree of Eternity, that verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Through it were the hearts and souls enkindled with the fire of longing, and every yearning one hastened to the ocean of nearness and reunion, and every seeker was drawn to the Supreme Horizon, and every one who turned did turn his face toward God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed is he who hath clung unto it, detached from those who disbelieved in God and denied His presence after having been promised it by the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. I testify that they are in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord, and I bear witness that they are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. Praise be to God Who hath manifested what He promised us and made us to be among those who have attained to hearing His call and have turned toward the Dayspring of His Revelation and have spoken His beauteous praise. This is the Day wherein hath appeared that which was treasured from all eternity and concealed within God’s knowledge. By God! The eyes were created for this Day, and the ears to hearken unto the rustling of His Most Exalted Pen, and the tongue for His sweetest praise, and the heart for the love of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thereafter, thy letter reached this evanescent servant. I read it and found therein the fragrance of thy love for our Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earths. We beseech God to strengthen thee and those who are there and who have turned to the Ultimate Goal and the White Pearl, and who have held fast to the Sure Handle, and who have turned their hearts to God, the Master of the Last and the First. We ask Him, exalted be He, to preserve them that there may appear from them that which beseemeth this blessed Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, may you be enkindled at all times with the fire of the Tree of divine knowledge and be gladdened by His remembrance. That which is in truth everlasting and enduring hath been and shall ever be the love of God and steadfastness in His Cause. Praise be to God that thou art occupied with service to His Cause. Whoso is for God, God shall be for him, and assuredly in all times shall divine confirmations encompass the conditions of those accepted souls who in these days have turned toward the Supreme Horizon.

Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant and forwarded the names of those who have, through divine grace and heavenly confirmations, attained unto the wine of meanings. All the names were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and from the Dawning-Place of generosity and grace, loving kindness was shown to each one, one after another. Praise be to God for this, for the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that all things exist that they may be mentioned in His presence. Blessed are those mentioned souls whose names were remembered before the Divine Throne and who have all attained unto the remembrance of God. God willing, it is hoped that specially for each one of them wondrous and exalted Tablets will hereafter be revealed from the heaven of God's Will and sent forth. Since a letter was previously submitted to Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', this time, due to the extensive writing of the verses of God, there was no opportunity to trouble him again. At a time when this servant was present in the Most Holy Court, He commanded: "Write to the Imam, upon him be the Glory of God." His word, exalted be His majesty: "O Imam! Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His presence and for having drunk the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent Bestower. We make mention of thee even as We mentioned thee before, and We counsel thee to observe wisdom, lest that occur which would disturb the hearts of those who have turned towards God." In all circumstances, he and the assured souls must be mindful of wisdom, lest the barking of dogs be raised. All are commanded today to observe wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Wronged One hath, from this forbidden place, turned His face towards those who have turned to God in thy region, that they may rejoice and give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Convey greetings from God to all and remind them of God's bounties, that they may be gladdened thereby.

This servant further submitteth that I convey greetings to Mulla 'Abdu'l-Ghani and the other true friends, and as commanded, the passages they had written were presented at the Most Holy Court and were accepted. Blessed is he, again blessed is he, and blessed are they who have attained unto the knowledge of God and His love, which was the cause of creation. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all the loved ones of that land with the ornament of steadfastness and, through His perfect power, to make each one shine like a brilliant lamp, that they all may become the cause of guidance for those who wander in the wilderness of error. Verily, He hath power over all things.

And concerning what was written about Fat?u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, regarding his intention to journey to the desired land, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. He said that since the Imam had attained unto the presence, in these days it is not advisable for anyone to outwardly turn towards the desired quarter. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of those who have attained unto His presence, beheld His countenance, and heard His call. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say unto Fat?: Be patient, for thy Lord shall grant thee the reward of those who have drunk the wine of reunion. Be steadfast in the Cause and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And this evanescent servant conveyeth infinite greetings unto him. Furthermore, Aqa Mirza Ja'far-Quli intendeth to journey in that direction, but since his affairs were not in order these days, it has been delayed. God willing, he will later journey to that quarter. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be befitting unto that Sovereign who was not deterred from His will by the desires and intentions of kings and subjects. At all times, despite the peoples of the world, He speaks "I am verily the Lord of all days." Exalted is His mention above My mention, and His attributes above My description. And blessings, peace, glory and light be upon His loved ones and chosen ones who have arisen to serve His Cause by night and by day.

Thereafter, one envelope containing sacred, glorious and blessed Tablets was sent last week, and now another envelope previously described in detail is being sent. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that the True One, exalted be His glory, will assist that spiritual beloved one to exalt His Word. Verily, He is powerful over all things. At this moment while engaged in this writing, another envelope arrived containing fresh and flowing verses which, like a newly arrived flower, diffused such a fragrance of praise for the Beloved of all worlds that it gave strength to the heart and keenness to sight. However, these have not yet been presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. God willing, they will attain to the hearing of the Lord of Names this evening or tonight. Now this servant offers a hundred thousand felicitations, and God willing, they will also be accepted.

Likewise, a letter has arrived from the honored friend Mirza M.H. Qabl M.D., upon him be the glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. A hundred thousand thanks to the Beloved of all worlds that they are aflame with the fire of divine love, turning to the highest horizon, steadfast in the Cause, and speaking His praise by night and day. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for their success and confirmation. The mention of glory and salutation from this servant to them depends on your grace. Glory, praise and salutations be upon your honor, upon those with you, and upon all who are faithful, from whom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of faithfulness in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

The Servant

24th of the blessed month of Safar 1302

Alas! Alas! O Beloved of my heart! Grief hath seized me at the completion suddenly, to such degree that my sighs and lamentations have ascended. Verily the Pen hath stopped and the Tongue is perplexed. The servant complaineth of his anguish and sorrow unto God, the Lord of all worlds and the God of all who are in the heavens and earths. After the completion of the letter, that which was the cause of infinite sorrows arrived. Glory be to God! How can one, despite claims of faith and recognition and acceptance, deviate from the straight path, abandon truth and become self-centered? Through the composition of two words or the expression of vain imaginings, pride seizes him such that he becomes deprived of the ocean upon ocean of tenderness and mercy from the Truth, exalted be His glory. Today verses have filled the world and evidences have encompassed all things. Every child has been and is capable of writing certain words and letters. As once one of the well-known friends said to this evanescent servant that the carpet of inner meanings has been so widely spread and expansion has reached such a degree that every tongue-tied one has become articulate. The Supreme Pen hath spoken concerning the aspects of utterance in such wise that every child's heart hath been touched, and he would mention that his faculties were so filled with the words of Truth, glorified be He, that when we take up the pen we write that which we deemed impossible to express even a letter thereof. In any case, according to reports a new incident hath occurred and how greatly is this servant grieved. Although outwardly the details are not known, this servant with utmost helplessness beseecheth the Truth, exalted be His glory, that He may not leave us to ourselves for an instant and deprive us not from the lights of the sun of faithfulness. What happens that a person showeth the utmost love and humility and submissiveness and acceptance and helplessness and evanescence and nothingness, and then through one movement or change becomes utterly deprived? This servant and your honor and all friends must pray that perchance doubts and vain imaginings may be truly lifted from among the people and that the friends of Truth may hold fast unto the cord of providence with perfect humility and submissiveness and pure servitude. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved! This station hath such sweetness that whoever findeth it will not let go, will complete his service and will not abandon faithfulness. What can I say? While I was observing and deriving pleasure from several original verses of that beloved one, at that moment news arrived and prevented this servant from that with which he was occupied. And this is due to the love which this evanescent one hath had and hath for the divine friends, and he desireth that at all times they may irrigate the lands of existence with the rivers of humility and submissiveness and resignation and contentment and faithfulness, that they may appear with refined, sublime and beautiful leaves and flowers and fruits. Today no harm hath been or is greater for the Cause than discord, and this returneth to these servants, otherwise He is indeed independent of us and of our mention and of what we possess and of what hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Your honor and this servant and those who have held fast to the strong and firm cord of His providence bear witness to this. There is fear that from these words that beloved of the heart may also become sorrowful. In truth this evanescent one and that beloved one and all friends must pray for each other that perchance the Most Great Protection may preserve all. Again, glory and praise and spirit and mercy be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Mighty.

The Servant

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His Excellency Aqa Muhammad-Baqir Naraqi, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the One Who sendeth down from the heaven of utterance whatsoever He willeth

Praise, sanctified from knowledge and understanding, beseemeth and befitteth the Desired One of the worlds, Who from a single drop from the ocean of His generosity brought the world of existence into being, and adorned absolute nothingness with the ornament of being. He is the Omnipotent One Whose Word's influence hath encompassed the world, and the effulgences of Whose Will's Luminary have illumined the realms of earth and heaven. The clamor of the world held not back His cloud of light from its outpouring, nor did the tumult of the world prevent its effusion. His might was not weakened by all created things, nor was His Will prevented from its dominion and power by the hatred of the opposers and deniers. Glorified be His greatness, exalted His dominion, and mighty His proof!

And then, thy letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, reached the Most Holy Court, and this response hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all men: O thou who hast turned toward My horizon! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before, and hath sent down that whereby bodies have taken flight and mountains have passed away like the passing of clouds, and the Herald proclaimeth: The Kingdom and the Dominion, then the Greatness and the Might belong to God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower! We have heard thy call and whatsoever was manifested from thy tongue, both outwardly and inwardly. We have answered thee through this Book whereby the idols have been thunderstruck and the hearts of the worshippers of vain imaginings have been shaken, and every polytheist who denied the beginning and the return hath lamented. Give glad tidings to My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My utterance, that it may attract them to a station wherein the desires of men shall not change them, nor their might, nor shall that which is with the people prevent them from that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the divine call. Some time ago thy letter arrived and attained unto presence and hearing, and this time too the letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, was brought to the presence and presented by one of the Branches who is named ?iya', and this response hath been sent down from the Dayspring of divine revelation and the Dawning-Place of His Cause, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks. In these days countless sorrows have arrived from all directions. Certain treacherous souls in the great city, inflamed with the fire of greed and avarice, have committed that which hath caused the people of the cities of justice and fairness to lament, and likewise the actions of some in various regions have become the cause of great sorrow. Today the people of Baha must attract through righteous deeds and guide to the highest horizon. We have previously said: "My affliction is not My imprisonment, nor that which hath come upon Me from Mine enemies, but rather the deeds of My loved ones who associate themselves with Me yet commit that

which causeth My heart and My pen to lament." Verses like this have repeatedly been sent down. Glory be to God! The people of Baha should recognize every soul at their first meeting. By the life of God! The companions of self and passion are evident and manifest from the people of righteousness and godliness. These two groups have been and are distinct from each other. O companions of the right hand! Strive that perchance the servants may be sanctified from the taint of tyranny and immorality and may purpose to attain the most exalted summit. We beseech God to grant attentive ears and penetrating vision. Convey to all the loved ones of that land greetings from the Wronged One, and gladden them with the splendors of the Sun of meanings and utterance. We make mention of the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, both male and female, and We beseech God to aid them all in that which is befitting of His days.

O Heydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness! He has ever been and continues to be favored by the Will of God, steadfast in service, speaking in remembrance, and turning with his heart in acceptance. Blessed is he who hearkens unto his word concerning this momentous Announcement.

Convey My greetings to Yehuda on behalf of the Wronged One. We make mention of him and beseech God the Exalted to kindle him with the fire of His love, to adorn him with the ornament of service to the Mighty, the Inaccessible, and to enable him to act in accordance with what hath been ordained in His perspicuous Book. God willing, thou shalt be aided in that which conduceth to the sanctification and detachment of the servants.

Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be My Baha, hath done what was meet and seemly for him. He is indeed among the sincere ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We make mention of him who hath turned with his eyes through a remembrance that shall endure throughout the permanence of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of him who is named Aqa Khan and counsel him with that which shall exalt the station of man - and I am the True Counsellor. We beseech God to ordain for thee and for those who have believed the good of the hereafter and of this world. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

As to their intention to journey forth in these days, wisdom doth not permit it. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. He is verily the All-Hearing, the Responsive.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir! Praise be to God, thou art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and the gaze of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee and the steadfast souls of that land. The petitions of the distinguished traveler have repeatedly reached the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to protect him and to send down unto him that which shall abide with him in all the worlds of His worlds. He is, verily, powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy sons and upon those with thee, those whom the doubts of the barking ones have not prevented from God, the Lord of the worlds.

'Ali-Qabli-Heydar, upon him be My Baha, hath made mention of what ye sent. He hath arisen to serve My Cause and hath spoken in My beautiful praise. We beseech God to strengthen him, to aid him, and to ordain for him every good that He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God Who is the Object of the mystics and the Beloved of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Him.

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God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that this Youth is His proof unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, His sovereignty unto all who are in the realms of Revelation and creation, the Spirit of glory unto those in the Concourse on High, the Breath of holiness unto those in the Kingdom of Names, and His Most Great Name unto those who dwell in the Ark of Glory. His are the most excellent titles and the most exalted similitudes, which none save He hath known. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Lord of all names and attributes with a mention wondrous to behold.

Say: O people! Do ye deny God's sovereignty and grandeur, then His proof and His power? Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow ye the religion of God and His command, for this is better for you than all else created between the heavens and the earth. God is my witness to what I say. Cast away what ye possess, then take hold of God's Tablet with the power that proceedeth from Him, and be not of them who, though awaiting the days of God, when His days came and the appointed time was fulfilled and the lights shone forth from behind the veils, denied them and turned back in rejection.

Say: O people! Cleanse your hearts from allusions and veil not yourselves with words. Turn ye towards the holy precincts, the seat of resplendent holiness. They who have denied the verses of the All-Merciful, these have departed from the stronghold of His loving-kindness and denied God's favor after it was sent down from the clouds of sublime glory made manifest. Say: I am God's stronghold amongst you, His manifestation in your midst, and His proof unto all in the kingdom. My manifestation is My proof, and that which floweth from My pen is the evidence of My Self. Thus was it sent down in truth on that day from the heaven of sublime and exalted glory. And thou, O servant, hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and be not disturbed when the clamor of the polytheists is raised, when the pillars are shaken and every lofty mountain is laid low. Stand thou firm in the Cause of God in these days the like of which the eyes of creation have never witnessed. Erelong thou shalt behold the sinners fearful through their dread of God, seized by the hosts of divine wrath from One mighty and powerful.

By God the True One! They who make mention of the Primal Point this day yet deny this proof are belied by the tongue of the All-Merciful upon the seat of glory well-beloved. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God and deny not Him through Whom the Beauty of the Divine Majesty was made manifest, through Whose name the crimson sea was stirred, the clouds of destiny were rent asunder, and the hosts of divine inspiration came with banners of mighty strength. Judge ye fairly within yourselves and open your eyes. If ye deny these verses, by what proof do ye feel assured within yourselves? Nay, by My Self, the All-Merciful! Ye shall not find within yourselves a particle of certitude. Thus was it inscribed by the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Mother Book. They who recite the verses of God yet deny their Revealer, these are seized by desires from every direction. All things belie them, as every discerning and informed one doth testify.

And thou, O servant, if thou desirest that the might of the All-Glorious protect thee from Satan's darts, detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and the earth and from whatsoever hath been ordained in the worlds of creation. Then turn thy heart to the holy and praiseworthy shore and open thy tongue in

utterance, saying: O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst separate all created things, and through which Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne of Thy name, the All-Merciful, to make me sincere unto Thy face and detached from all else save Thee. Then grant me of the fruits of the Lote-Tree of Paradise and leave me not, O my God, to my self and my desires. Then establish for me a seat of truth with Thee, then remember me through the signs of Thy glorious bounty, then join me with those servants of Thine who feared no one in Thy path and remained steadfast in the Cause which was inscribed in the Mother Book. O Lord! Aid me through the wonders of Thy help, withhold not from me the glances of Thy glorious care, and drive me not from the gate of Thy mighty grandeur. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been sovereign over all created things and powerful over all beings. Thou givest to whom Thou willest from the wonders of Thy grace and deniest whom Thou willest from the proximity of Thy glorious mercy. Verily Thou art powerful over all things. O Lord! Make my feet steadfast in Thy Cause, then make mine eyes expectant for the wonders of Thy care and mine ears attentive to the melodies of Thy glorious favors. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest and Thou hast ever been the Encompasser of all things. O Lord! Make me not disappointed in what I have desired from the heaven of Thy grace and favors, and leave me not dejected from drawing nigh unto the seats of the holiness of Thy gifts and care. For verily, O my God, I have detached myself from all else save Thee and have turned toward the city of Thy presence and the metropolis of Thy nearness, and have held fast to the ark of Thy protection and clung to the cord of Thy grace, and I now stand, by Thy leave, before the gate of Thy mercy. O Lord! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me through the Pen of Thy Command and for having sent down upon me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy care and the clouds of Thy tenderness and mercy. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! Wert Thou to make me abide for the duration of Thy eternal might and were I to thank Thee for the gifts wherewith Thou hast distinguished me among Thy creatures, I would still find myself powerless to render thanks for the least of what Thy knowledge encompasseth, and verily Thou art cognizant of this.

Thus have We commanded thee and inspired thee that thou mayest be receptive to what We have imparted unto thee, that thereby thou mayest be steadfast in a Cause wherein none can be steadfast save they who have detached themselves from all directions and entered beneath the shadow of this Countenance which hath been witnessed from the horizon of the Spirit. The Spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who have rent asunder the veils through My sovereignty which hath ever been mighty over the truth.

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He is God, the One with power over all things, and all through fear of Him are filled with dread, though they perceive it not. Glorified then be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth, and will continue to send them down as He pleaseth. And verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. He bestoweth authority upon whomsoever He willeth through His command, and verily He hath power over all things. He shall grant His servants whatsoever they ask of Him, and shall cast the fear of God into the heart of whomsoever He pleaseth, and shall guide those who have detached themselves unto Him with their wealth and their souls. Thus doth He recompense the doers of good.

O servant! Give glad-tidings unto them who have believed in God and His signs that they should not grieve over anything, nor let Satan bar them from God's path, nor think evil thoughts of God lest they be counted among the heedless. Announce unto My servants that they should be content with what We have ordained for them and desire not what We do not desire for them. Thus was the command from Us in the Torah and the Gospel and the Psalms, and thus do We judge from Our presence those who are God-fearing.

Say: Put your trust in God in your return and your abode, and follow not the vain desires of those who disbelieved and turned away after having believed. Thus were We empowered over whatsoever We please, and We cause those in whose hearts is disease to turn away from rancor, that it may be a reminder to the God-fearing.

Say: Verily those who have believed in guidance and remained steadfast in the fear of the Cause, the Spirit shall appear unto them and God shall come to them in canopies of light, and their faces shall shine with the light of their Lord, whereby the heavens and earth shall be illumined. Therefore rejoice, O ye sincere ones!

Thus doth He bestow upon whomsoever He willeth, and cast knowledge and wisdom upon those who have persevered in His path and have placed their trust in Him.

Say: Fear God, then follow what the Spirit casteth unto you, and walk not in the ways of Satan after We have sent down the verses in a Book mighty and wise, wherein no falsehood can enter, wherein the measures of all things have been decreed, and wherein every matter hath been expounded in clear detail, that ye may know the paths of truth and guidance and avoid grave sins and indecency, and be among the guided ones.

Thus do We turn evil away from you as We turned it away from those who came before, and We mention them now in the tablets with most beautiful and gracious mention.

Say: These are among the melodies of the Spirit that give you glad tidings of the meeting with God and speak with pure truth, that it may be a light and mercy from Our presence upon those who have believed and been patient. And thus doth He fully reward the doers of good - those whom nothing can bar and who fear no one, and when they hear the call from thy Lord's presence, they arise to render aid and tarry not a moment when the angels of the Spirit receive them with light, saying: "Enter the garden that hath been raised up in the word of victory, and be not among the fearful."

Say: Verily those who have left their homes, detached themselves unto God, migrated for His sake, and journeyed in His path that they might circle round His Being and visit the invisible beauty of His countenance - these are the companions of truth and guidance. Upon them be prayers from their Lord and forgiveness and a great reward from God.

Were the servants to recognize and perceive the Cause, they would surely act as these have acted, and their spirits would leave their bodies in their longing for the meeting with God. But they remain veiled therefrom, having occupied themselves with their own selves, and are among the heedless.

Say: God is well-pleased with you and hath ordained for you what He desired, and He will mention you in the Book of the Cause upon tablets of mighty splendor, and will honor you with His meeting, and will grant you the blessing of visiting His beauty and the Ka'bah of His Being, and will assist you in the Cause as He pleaseth. Thus doth He deal with the doers of good.

Say: O concourse! Remind the servants of God not to slay those who have believed in God and His signs, and if ye witness one in the Bayan who believed and turned away, then turned back and retreated, then transgressed and disbelieved, remind him with love and according to what God hath prescribed in the Book. And if he remembereth not, leave him to himself and put your trust in God, and be not of them that interfere, for God hath prohibited you from this. No matter can be except after His leave, and thus hath it been detailed in the Book as a detailed exposition of all things, and sent down according to a just and certain measure. Say: God will accomplish His purpose concerning whomsoever He willeth, and will seize those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God after having believed and turned towards Him. Verily there is no God but Him, and He will assuredly punish the wrongdoers.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Forgive these souls, then forgive me and have mercy upon me, then pardon me for what I have committed before Thee, for this is a station Thou hast reserved for Thyself and made it a testimony of Thy Being and a guidance and a light and a mercy unto all the worlds. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have chosen naught for myself and desired naught save the manifestation of Thy power in Thy dominion and the tokens of Thy sovereignty in Thy lands. And when I witnessed that these souls have turned toward Thy holy court and directed themselves to the realms of Thy mercy, I desired to make mention of them with the most excellent mention from Thee, that it might become a remembrance for others. Thou knowest how the ocean of rancor and hypocrisy surgeth in the breasts of those who claim faith openly yet disbelieve in secret, who follow their idle fancies and attribute them to Thyself, and who desired for Thy servant what they desired. Therefore forgive them and inform them of their condition and remind them of Thy days, then guide them to the straight path, for they know nothing and possess nothing for themselves. Have mercy upon them through Thy bounty, for Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

Say: Here hath the morn dawned from the dayspring of the divine cloud, and the Spirit of Holiness hath spoken the truth, and the Light hath come in clouds of radiance, and God hath arisen with His Cause, and the Face hath appeared from behind the veils. Hasten ye, and be not of them that tarry.

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The Tablet of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

This is a Book sent down by the All-Wise to him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, that it may draw him to a station where neither the happenings of the world nor the denial of nations

who have violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of all worlds, can grieve him. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and that which thou didst send to My Name. We have answered thee through this Book, by which the limbs of the ignorant have trembled and every remote learned one was thunderstruck.

O servant of God! Thou art he who hath won My call, My Tablets, the traces of My Pen, and that which hath flowed from the right hand of My Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!"

We make mention of him who was named Ahmad. We have remembered him before and do so at this time. O Ahmad! The Wronged One is between the fangs of wolves, and the idolaters have perpetrated that which hath caused every truthful, faithful soul to lament. They have cast truth behind their backs and taken up their own idle fancies. They are indeed among the abject ones.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee and announceth unto thee the grace of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. No mention can equal His mention, as attesteth He with Whom is the clear Book. Blessed is he who hath attained in this Day unto the traces of My Pen and hath clung to My Strong Cord. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His near servants.

O 'Ali-Akbar! The scene of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, hath been adorned through His being established upon a mighty throne and His call before the faces of His servants. He is the Powerful, the Almighty. Neither My imprisonment hath prevented Me from the remembrance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, nor hath the oppression of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment frightened Me. Behold, behold: this is the Finger of Power whereby the heaven of idle fancies hath been cleft. Hear, hear: this is the scratching of My Pen which hath been raised before the faces of the mystics, then the learned ones, then the kings and the sovereigns. Say:

"O Lord of Power! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Scene, whereby the hearts of men were disturbed, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O Muhammad-Ibrahim! Sorrows have encompassed Me from those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers. Verily, he who stood before My face and wrote down that which proceeded from the mouth of My Will hath been taken by the oppressors as a lord for themselves apart from God. They are indeed among the most lost ones in My Great Book.

O Ibrahim! Behold and remember those who soared on the wings of detachment until they reached the place of sacrifice and gave up their spirits in My path and all they possessed for My mighty, wondrous Cause. Verily, Hasan hastened by God's power and might to the place of sacrifice in such wise that neither his worldly wealth, nor the clamor of the nations, nor the ranks of kings, nor the hosts of the oppressors could hold him back. He gave up his spirit in My path with such joy as to amaze the Concourse on High. Yet most of the people are among the deniers. They make mention of Abraham yet deny what hath appeared in the days of the Glorious One. They are indeed among the heedless in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Hear what hath been raised from the direction of My loving-kindness for My friends. Verily, there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. When thou drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, say: My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me, made me know Thee, and strengthened me to turn unto Thee. I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself for the guidance of Thy creation and their drawing nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Chosen One. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and by the waves that surge from the ocean of Thy utterance to make me hold fast to Thy cord. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Most High.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-before-Ismail. Say: We have made mention of the Sacrifice before, and if thou desire, We shall make mention of another and say: By God! The denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise were struck with wonder when Husayn turned toward the place of sacrifice. He hastened with his spirit and soared on wings of longing, and walked with the feet of eagerness until he appeared at that station before the face of the Lord of all beings. He said:

My God, my God! This is my spirit, my soul, my body, and my limbs. I desire to sacrifice them in Thy love and in Thy path. Alas, alas, for Thy greatness and my meager provision, for Thy loftiness and the insignificance of my deeds! I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen, to adorn my deed with the ornament of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-before-Baqir! The names have ended with thy name. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hasteneth to the horizon of My good-pleasure and acteth according to what I have revealed in My Book. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of life from the cup of the bounty of My Name, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else save Me and clung to the hem of My loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath taken the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My grace and drunk thereof in My Name. Blessed is he who hath been set ablaze with the fire of My love and hath spoken My praise before the faces of My servants. Blessed are My friends there who were not prevented by the oppression of the oppressors from turning to My horizon, nor by the ascendancy of the aggressors from this Great Announcement.

O Abdullah! We make mention of thee once again that thou mayest find the fragrances of revelation and be of the thankful. This is a day wherein the earth hath shone with the light of God, the Goal of them that know, and the heaven with the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast to that which he hath been commanded, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee and My friends that which will draw you nigh unto Him, remind you of His signs, and illumine you with the lights of His Kingdom. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. And We ask Him to write for thee that which shall profit thee in every world of His worlds. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My friends there who were not prevented by the oppression of the oppressors from clinging to the hem of the robe of My mercy, nor by the ascendancy of the aggressors from this Great Announcement.

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O Muhammad! Well is it with thee, for thou hast been attracted by My Call, learned of My path, been taught My Cause, and been guided to My momentous Announcement. Thy letter hath reached the Most Great Prison. We have heard thy praise and remembrance, and have answered thee with a Tablet that no books in the world can equal, and have remembered thee with a remembrance whose light, shining from the horizon of the divine Tablet, hath caused all other remembrances to bow down before it. Of this beareth witness He with Whom is a manifest Book. Thou art he who hath held fast to the cord of thy Lord's bounty, clung to the hem of His mercy, and turned towards His horizon when the people were in grievous error. Say: O people of the Furqan! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily it hath been raised in the prison before the faces of all religions. Follow not your selfish desires, but follow Him Who calleth you unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Say: Beware lest the manifestations of this world and its ornaments prevent you from Him by Whom the Dove of Glory warbled in the All-Highest Paradise, and the Maiden of inner meaning sang in the Most Exalted Heaven, crying out and saying: The Day is come, and the people are in wondrous doubt. Say: O people of Faran! Read ye what is with you and what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Fear God, cast aside idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Self-Subsisting hath come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and on earth cannot stand. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of Mine utterance, and been attracted by My remembrance and My call, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest this servant turning toward Thy horizon, directing his face to the lights of Thy countenance, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, firm in Thy oneness and singleness, and holding fast to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest the tears of mine eyes in my separation from Thee, and my sighs in my remoteness from Thy presence. I know not, O my Aim and my Beloved, what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen, by Whose movement Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven. Hast Thou ordained for me to attain Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur, or hath Thy binding command and Thy firm decree prevented me therefrom? I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy command whereby the rivers flowed, the trees bore fruit, and the seas surged, to make me in all conditions speak Thy praise and stand firm in Thy Cause, in such wise that the limbs of Thine enemies may quake and the hearts of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs may be perturbed. O Lord! Thou seest me turning to Thee in all conditions and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the sweet savors of Thy revelation to aid Thy servants to acknowledge what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy generosity and what hath flowed from the Pen of Thy grace. Thou art He Whose power all created things have testified to, and Whose sovereignty all things possible have witnessed. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And We make mention of the Friend, upon him be My glory, and We remind him of the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and We give him glad tidings of His mercy which hath preceded all created things and of His bounty which hath encompassed existence itself, both small and great. O Friend! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. Verily, He hath accepted all manner of tribulation for the exaltation of the Word of God, yet the people are in manifest denial. We stood before all faces and summoned them to the most exalted Summit and taught them that which would draw them nigh

unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who have been attracted by the sweetness of My call, and We have sent down for them that which was a fountain of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility. And among them are those who turned away from the Face, following every doubting learned one. And among them are those who arose in opposition, and those who pronounced sentence of death against Me. Thus was the matter decreed, yet most of the people remain heedless. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Me and borne witness to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earths. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, for having remembered me whilst I was in the midst of them that turned aside. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and Thy praise and in the service of Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the One, the Single. We make mention of those who turned towards God when the horizon of Revelation was illumined with the light of God's loving providence, the Mighty, the Great. And We desire to make mention of the friends of God and His loved ones, both male and female, who have ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory which hath dawned from the heaven of bounty be upon you, O people of Baha. Ye are they who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament. Ye have turned unto Him and have recognized His Manifestation, His grandeur, His sovereignty, His might, His power and His dominion. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, for ye have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen before your ascension and after your ascension to the Most Glorious Horizon. We beseech God to forgive you and to remit your sins, to rain down upon you from the clouds of His heaven of generosity the showers of His mercy, and to ordain for you that which shall adorn you with the ornament of joy and ecstasy. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of proof. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe unto every sinful denier.

O Muhammad! Hearken in the Persian tongue. In the days when all were scattered by the onslaught of tyranny and concealed behind veils, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause in such wise that the oppression of the world could not prevent Him from uttering the Word. God is Our witness and Our testament. No fair-minded person can deny this fact. And when the world was illumined by the light of the Cause, all rushed forth from behind their veils with drawn swords - that is, the deniers of the Bayan. In any case, beseech God to protect the servants from the new delusions of the deniers. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted! This is a letter from the Prisoner to the loved ones of God who have believed in Him and in His verses, the wondrous One that has been sent down, that they may hear My call from this Prison and be apprised of what has befallen Me at the hands of the legions of Satan. Know ye that at all times I drink from the cups of destiny, though I called the servants to naught but God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. And whenever I called them, their hatred increased until they arose to shed My blood. God is witness to what I say.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Slay Me not with the swords of your rejection. I have come to you with the remembrance of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Fear God, O people, and spread not corruption in the earth after its reformation, and shed not blood. Thus has God commanded you in tablets of manifest glory. Dispute not concerning the verses of God after their revelation, and consume not the property of others unjustly. Fear ye the Day when deeds shall be gathered together and ye shall be recompensed for what ye committed in your vain life - and that is a momentous day. Remember God in the watches of the night and the ends of the day, and follow not the paths of the heedless. Be steadfast in the love of God such that the harm of all creation combined shall not cause you to slip. Be patient in adversity and tribulation, and trust in Him in all circumstances. He has ordained for no one save what is best for him, and He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

Be patient in hardships even as this Prisoner has been patient under that which has befallen Him in the path of God, the Just King, the Single, the All-Knowing, the Praiseworthy. By God! There has befallen Me at every moment that which would cause all things created between earth and heaven to tremble, and none is aware of this save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! Fear God and deny Him not, for this would be a wrong against your own selves, were ye of those who know. Beware lest the world and what has been created therein delude you, for soon shall ye return to dust with manifest regret. Blessed is he whom the Spirit befriends in his solitude, and with whom the denizens of the highest Paradise associate with spirit and mighty fragrance. Say: Upon those who die in the love of God and the Manifestation of His Cause shall descend the angels of the Cause with glad tidings from their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. The breezes of the All-Merciful shall waft upon them from all directions, and maidens of Paradise with downcast eyes shall circle round them with chalices and vessels, magnifying God before their faces and blessing them with melodies that draw nigh the hearts of those brought near. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of that which has been ordained for you in the paradise of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Beware lest ye turn to that which perishes and passes away; rather, turn to that which endures in the heaven of Command. Thus does this Prisoner counsel you, if ye be of them that act.

And if thou seest Him of the Letter Ha, convey unto him My glorification, then say: “Upon thee be the remembrance of God and His glory, then the remembrance of all things, then the praise of them that have known. Thou art he who hath detached himself from every relation for the sake of God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds. Beware lest thou be troubled by aught. Stand firm in the Cause, then remind the people of this Cause which God hath made a retribution unto the idolaters and a mercy unto them that have recognized His unity. Grieve not for what hath come to pass in the year of tribulation, for it was ordained in the preserved tablets of might. We have informed you beforehand through the tongue of the Manifestation of My Self, Who was afflicted at the hands of the idolaters. Soon shall this earth be changed from what the hands of the evil-doers have wrought. When thou hearest this, be not troubled nor grieve, but place thy trust in all things in God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. He hath ever been alive in the Most Glorious Horizon, observing and seeing. Thus hath it been sent down aforetime, and now from the heaven of God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We informed thee of the tidings of the unseen which none hath known save thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O servant! Convey what We have imparted unto thee and be not of them that are patient. Then remind Him of the Letter Ha from this Prisoner, that he may aid his Lord as he is able and be not of the silent ones. Say: His aid is through utterance and that which proceedeth from the tongue. Thus hath it been ordained by the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Beware lest thou be silent in the remembrance of thy Lord. Proclaim His Cause that perchance through thy proclamation the warmth of His love may be generated in the hearts of the sanctified ones. Hearken unto My words, then detach thyself wholly from all else save God, thy Lord, that thy face may shine with His Name amongst the worlds. Soon shall there come unto you a manifestation from among the manifestations of Satan with tablets from hell. Shun him and them, cast them behind thee, and take hold of the tablets of God with a strength from Him and a clear authority. If the people would gather around the law of the love of God, they would surely be united and become of them that are well-assured. Then convey My glorification unto all the loved ones of God, that the fragrances of glorification may stir them and cause them to soar in the atmosphere of nearness and sever them from the idolaters.

And if thou seest the handmaiden of God who hath arisen by herself to make mention of her Lord and praise her Creator, give her the glad-tidings of a great bounty from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: Blessed art thou, O Leaf of Paradise, for the breezes of God's will have wafted over thee and quickened thee with the life of thy Lord, the Quickener, the Mighty, the Powerful. Hold fast unto the Tree and turn not to anyone, for He will verily protect thee in truth, and He is the best protector and helper. We have heard thy call and answered thee before, and again in this Tablet, and this is indeed a great favor. Make mention of all created things from this Prisoner, then glorify their faces from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the Spirit and Glory and Splendor be upon you, O loved ones of God, from this moment unto the day which none among all the worlds can reckon. And praise be to God, the Beloved of them that have known and the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great!

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. It summons the people to pure truth and protects them from the evil ones. Say: O people! I am but a servant of God and His bondsman. I have come to you from the direction of God with a message from Him. Beware lest you deny God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: I have called you only unto God and desire for you naught save that which draws you near to His exalted and impregnable court. Will you drink putrid water and deprive yourselves of the Kawthar and Salsabil? Will you worship the calf and turn away from the Lord of all worlds? Will you gather around a mere pool after the Most Great Ocean hath appeared? What aileth you, O heedless ones!

Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Soar in the atmosphere of the mercy of your Lord, the Most High, the Supreme. Say: O people! He is indeed in the Most Glorious Horizon and calleth you from this Supreme Horizon, saying that this is He of Whom We gave you glad tidings in all the Tablets, and from Whom We took your covenant - the Mighty, the Wondrous. He hath come to you with the truth, with My

signs and My clear tokens, and reciteth unto you that which all created things are powerless to comprehend. Say: The Spirit hath ordained through His mighty and wondrous Pen, and through it He quickeneth all created things, should they turn unto Him in clear submission. Whoso drinketh of this Salsabil shall never die. By God! Death fleeth from him even as the idolaters flee from the monotheists.

Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the bounty of these days and cling to mere forms and images. Sanctify yourselves from all that exists in the worlds and turn your faces toward the countenance of your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is better for you than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths. O people! Remember the days of My manifestation and what I brought from God, the Most High, the All-Knowing. All the learned ones of the earth opposed Me - some ridiculed My verses, some belittled My person, and some denied Me after I had come to them with manifest truth.

Fear God, O people, and act not as did Our heedless servants. Help your Lord through this Name, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Did ye but know, ye would expend all that ye possess and sacrifice your very selves to enter beneath His shadow - how much more to attain His presence, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Fear God and deny not the Most Great Bounty, and be not of the heedless ones. We revealed the Bayan for His sake, yet ye were not content with its decree of faith. Alas for you, O idolaters! All things flee from your deeds, and were ye to recognize what ye have done, ye would flee from your own selves, O ye deniers!

The eye of eternity hath never witnessed any more unjust than you, and the Concourse on high are bewildered at your deeds. We created the Ridvan of the Bayan in His name and adorned it with the fruits of knowledge and inner meanings and the roses of truth for His Own impregnable and mighty Self. Yet ye were not content that He should have authority over even a single leaf of the leaves that grew from one of its trees, O oppressors! Say: The Most Great Ocean hath flowed from His finger and now surgeth in His remembrance, were ye but of those who know. Yet ye have denied Him [even] a drop therefrom. What aileth you, O heedless ones!

Hearken unto My words and make amends for your deeds, that perchance God may forgive you through His grace and absolve you of your transgressions, which are weightier than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths. Be fair, O people, then look toward the direction of justice. Have ye seen any Kawthar sweeter than this Kawthar which [floweth] over fragments of ruby and from which is heard the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting? Think ye that ye hear what ye have heard in this Ridvan? Nay, by His very truth, were ye to search throughout all the regions of the heavens and earth. Fear God, O people, then detach yourselves from all things that ye may find the sweetness of the remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. Purify yourselves from all else, then turn ye unto God, the Beloved of them that know. And thou, O servant, give thanks unto God for having attained His presence and heard His melodies and stood before Him when He was seated upon His mighty throne. At that time none among all created things recognized Him, and His countenance shone forth from behind seventy thousand veils of light, and God was witness and well-aware of this. When the appointed time was fulfilled, We revealed the Face with manifest sovereignty. Thereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth were terrified, save a few souls who are among them that rejoice in the All-Glorious Paradise. Say: O people, is there any doubt about

God, or about this Revelation which hath appeared with the truth, or about the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers? Whoso doubteth this Cause hath not believed in God, nor in His messengers, nor in those whom God hath sent with truth and made them the manifestations of His Self amongst the worlds. Cast aside all things behind thee, then speak forth in praise of His exalted and great Self. Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth once again and speaketh through all things that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then call the people unto God, thy Lord, and be not of them that hesitate. Verily thou hast with God, thy Lord, a mighty station if thou remainest steadfast in His Cause in such wise that the cawing of the deceived moveth thee not. Know thou furthermore that the Revelations have ended with this Most Great, this Most Mighty Revelation. Whosoever shall lay claim to this exalted, mighty and impregnable station before the completion of a thousand years, hath indeed corrupted the Cause and falsely attributed that which is not unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation. Thus hath it been sent down unto Me in truth from the presence of an ancient Ordainer, and We have informed thee as a favor from Us unto thee and unto every discerning believer. Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones, to all males and females, to every young and old, and say: Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who is Sovereign over all Names!

O Ahmad! Be thou ready to hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. He, verily, desireth to make mention of thee at this time. The glances of the tender mercies of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have been directed towards thee. He hath aided thee to turn towards Him when all learned ones turned away, and guided thee to His path when the people were lost in manifest doubt. He enabled thee to go forth from thy home, turning thy face to the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou didst traverse the ways until thou didst arrive and attain His presence, and didst hear the Voice of God, the Lord of the worlds, and beheld that whereunto eyes were created to see and ears to hear His wondrous call. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty, and be not of them whom sorrows have overtaken in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. We desire to behold thee content with that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to see thee among those who rejoice. By the life of God! He who hath ascended is, verily, in an exalted station with thy Lord, and desireth not to return to this world. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing. We have recorded his mention in the Crimson Tablet through My Most Exalted Pen. This is a bounty from Our presence which nothing that the people possess today can equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-before-Rida, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Lord of all mankind, the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below, and be of them that have attained. Thou hast indeed attained unto My revelations, turned towards My horizon, held fast unto My cord, and clung to the hem of the robe of My mercy, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee. Verily, it is the abode of trials and tribulations. To this testifieth the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of Names. Soon shall all that is therein perish, and there shall endure only that which hath flowed from the Pen of thy

Lord, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of thee before, and at this time. Render thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. Thou hast created me through Thy grace and brought me forth through Thy generosity and enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and the Manifestation of Thy Self on a day when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee, violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, disputed Thy signs, and denied Thy proof and Thy testimony. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the hearts of them that know Thee and the Beloved of the hearts of them that are sincere, by the breezes of the morn of Thy manifestation and by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause and by the fragrances of Thy days and by Thy verses which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will for Thy servants, to draw me ever closer to Thy most exalted horizon in all conditions and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants. O Lord! I am he who hath turned unto the lights of Thy countenance and held fast unto the cord of Thy forgiveness and pardon. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the stream of Thy mercy nor deprive me from the ocean of Thy favors. Wilt Thou turn away the poor one from the ocean of Thy riches or remove the needy one from the gardens of Thy nearness? I implore Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory and the banners of Thy signs to ordain for me that which shall abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Educator of all things visible and invisible. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering.

Hear ye in the Persian tongue, O Muhammad-Rida! Praise be to God that through the favors of the Lord of all beings and the traces of His Pen thou hast attained, and by the light of His knowledge thou art illumined. Give praise to the Desired One of the world that afterward He did not withhold thee from His grace. Outwardly thou art distant, but inwardly near. He is the Gracious, the Merciful. The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for this blessed Day, yet heedlessness and pride have prevented all from hearkening to the call of Him Who spoke upon Sinai. They are seen wandering confused and bewildered in the wilderness of ignorance. The recompense of deeds hath been made manifest and hath prevented all save whom God willeth. And ye have attained unto that which hath had and hath no likeness. Verily the Cause is in His hand; He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

His honor Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, hath attained unto that which hath been revealed from the Divine Pen in the Book of Meanings. O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory. Know thou the value of this station. Convey My greetings unto the people of God in that land. Say: I swear by the Sun of utterance which shineth and is manifest from the most exalted horizon of possibility that ye are all mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and are the recipients of His favors. Today is the day of mention and praise and the day of service. Deprive not yourselves. Ye are the letters of the words and the words of the Book. Ye are saplings planted by the hand of loving-kindness in the soil of mercy, and have been nurtured by the showers of grace. He hath protected you from the tempests of polytheism and the thunderbolts of infidelity, and hath reared you with the hands of tenderness. Now is the time for fruits and leaves, and the fruits of the divine tree have ever been and are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Withhold not these fruits from the heedless. Show them forth with spirit and joy, with wisdom

and utterance. If they accept, the aim is achieved and life is manifest; otherwise, leave them to their vain imaginings.

O people of God! Strive ye that perchance the hearts of the diverse peoples of the world may be cleansed and sanctified from rancor and hatred through the waters of your forbearance and loving-kindness, and become worthy and receptive of the splendors of the Sun of Truth. We convey greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of the outpourings of the lights of the Lord's favors. O friends! Know ye the value of these days, for they will soon come to an end. At all times counsels of loving-kindness have flowed from the Pen of the Merciful. Blessed are they who have hearkened and acted, and whom the doubts and appearances and diversities of these two days have not kept back from the straight path and the mighty announcement. O people of God! Upon you be the glory of God and His favors and the mercy of God and His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Exalted, the Great.

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The Beloved Friend, Aqa Siyyid Faraj'u'llah - upon him be the peace of God - may read:

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power!

It hath been said before concerning the description of truth that should anyone desire to know it, he must needs remove the veils of glory without indication. For these veils there have been and are diverse meanings. In the primary degree and first station, by 'veils' are meant the divines of Iran, for these souls have been the hindrance to the knowledge of God - glorified be His Majesty - and nearness to His chosen ones and servants. They have ever been the cause of discord and the source of upheaval. In the second station and other degree are means that prevent man from attaining unto God. These means are at times outward things, at times occurring matters, and at times vain imaginings and idle fancies which appear denser than mountains. Upon complete observation and scrutiny, it becometh evident that their sources are those same heedless souls aforementioned. However, in the sight of the brave and the men of valor, the veils of the world and the coverings of the nations were not and are not worthy of mention. With the finger of trust they have rent them asunder, and with the arm of detachment have they shattered them - that is, the idols of vain imaginings. Exalted be their stations and magnificent their conditions and ranks! Neither commerce nor trade distracteth them from the remembrance of God. These are the manifestations of steadfastness and the dawning-places thereof. In all conditions they gaze toward God and are detached from aught else. The changes and transformations of the world and its occurrences alter them not nor make them sorrowful. They act for God, speak for God, are turned toward God, and trust in God. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Desire and my Hope! I testify that were all mention to be endowed with as many wings as the number of all created things, and were they to soar from the First which hath no beginning unto the Last which hath no end, they would never attain unto the court of Thy glorious majesty. How then can my mention and the mention of them that make mention of Thee, or my description and the description of them that describe Thee, ever befit Thee? I testify, O my God, by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy loftiness and Thy power, and by my effacement before the Word

of affirmation and the traces of Thy Pen, O Lord! Thou seest my weakness and my poverty and my need. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and whatsoever lieth hidden therein by Thy command and Thy will, that Thou assist me and Thy loved ones in Thy remembrance and Thy praise. O Lord! Thou seest the weakness of the unitarians and the might of the idolaters. Their cannons have encompassed Thy realms and their bullets the horizons of Thy domains. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance that Thou protect the people of unity from the fire of their oppression and their tyranny and their might and their deceit. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom neither their conditions nor their might can frustrate. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest Thy servant who hath turned toward Thee and chosen exile through what hath befallen him from Thy irrevocable decree. I beseech Thee that Thou protect him with the hosts of the unseen and the seen, and that Thou open before his face the gates of joy and relief. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

[…] And then your letter arrived, bringing joy and delight, for it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and also brought glad tidings of good health, and furthermore news of association with his honor, the beloved of hearts, one of the two Most Exalted Names, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. By the life of the Desired One, verily the servant remembers him in the nights and days, and he is before his eyes at all times. After its reading and review, it was presented before the Face, and He said: "O Farajullah, upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy, His grace and His blessings. His bounty hath encompassed the world and His mercy hath preceded all. The heaven testifieth to His greatness and the seas are signs of His generosity. Ask thou of Him whatsoever is befitting and expedient, for man knoweth not that which is to his benefit or harm. Jesus, son of Mary, in his communion with God, supplicated saying: 'Thou knowest what is in my soul, and I know not what is with Thee.' We beseech God to grant that which causeth the exaltation, elevation, loftiness and ascendancy of being, and to ordain that which leadeth to nearness, certitude and steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to change thy sorrow into the greatest joy, and thy will into what He willeth, and thy desire into what He desireth. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and the Most Merciful of the merciful."

His is the praise and glorification, and His is the might and the bestowal. He hath ever ordained for His loved ones that which is the cause of joy and exaltation. The ocean of His mercy is surging and the heaven of His grace is upraised. In all conditions we hold fast to His cord and cling to His robe, and in humility and supplication we beseech Him to aid His loved ones as behooveth them. He is the Hearer and the Answerer. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Convey my greetings to all the friends in that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on their behalf, for that which will cause the manifestation of the fruits of the Tree of existence. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Especially to the beloved, honored, magnified one of the two Most Exalted Names, his honor A.L., upon him be the Glory of God and His care. Praise be to God, all are adorned with the blessed Word of Unity and are assured of and submissive to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Their mention hath ever been and still is in this land. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's loved ones in all regions, and praise be to God, the One, the Chosen One.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath raised up His Cause and manifested His sovereignty in such wise that neither the doubts of the skeptics, nor the utterances of the polytheists, nor the pronouncements of those who have denied the Day of Judgment could hinder it. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, Who hath ever been supreme over all who are in the heavens and the earth, and exalted above the comprehension of those who dwell in the kingdoms of creation and command. He ordaineth what He willeth and decreeth as He pleaseth. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness. When this evanescent servant was lying upon his bed, one of the chosen ones named Siyyid Javad entered bearing your letter. When I sensed the fragrance of your sincerity to God, our Lord and your Lord, I sat upright and was blessed with its contents. When I read and understood it, it was presented before His face, and when what your heart had uttered in love of God, the Lord of the worlds, was presented, then the Kingdom of Utterance spoke and said: "Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, and joy be unto thee, O Mustafa! Thou art he who hath been confirmed in the love of God, the Lord of Names, and hath called the people to His supreme horizon, and hast remained steadfast in His Cause in such wise that neither the whisperings of the servants nor the doubts of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, caused thee to slip. Blessed are the people of Iraq who were stirred by the breezes of revelation in the days when the Sun of the horizons shone forth from the horizons of the land. Blessed be their faces, for they have turned toward My horizon, and their ears, for they have been blessed to hearken unto My call."

The Wronged One remembereth them and beseecheth God to aid them to remember and praise Him with wisdom and utterance, and to strengthen them to act according to what they have been commanded in His mighty Book. We make mention of the imprisoned one who hath attained the recognition of God and hath drunk the choice wine of love from the hands of His bounty. He is, in truth, the One Who confirmeth and seeth. From this most exalted station We send Our greetings upon them and upon those who have attained what they have attained, and We remember them with a goodly remembrance.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Thou hast known what thou didst mention concerning Ibrahim and his companion in the land of Sad. We were in the land of Sad and did not witness what was witnessed. Know thou this and be of them that understand. We beseech God to aid those who have believed with sincere truthfulness and to make them standards of truthfulness and steadfastness among all people. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

It behooveth thee to conceal the Cause of the Wronged One from those who are submerged in the sea of passion, to such an extent that they have denied the Furqan and the verses of the All-Merciful. We have forbidden mention and utterance in those regions and their surroundings. Conceal thou and be of them that conceal, for We have found the people bereft of fairness, as every discerning one doth witness. Beware, beware lest thou reveal the Cause to blind eyes or speak to deaf ears. The people are asleep; when they die they shall awaken. Thus doth the Wronged One inform thee, and He is, verily, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

It behooveth no one to draw nigh unto him who hath denied the Prophets and Messengers and hath acknowledged what he possesseth of the promptings of Satan, nor to hear his words. Say: Keep away, O servants of the All-Merciful, and be ye manifestly on your guard. Their deeds testify to what is within them, and their words reveal them. By the life of God! Their conduct maketh manifest what is in their hearts. God is clear of these people, as doth testify what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Furqan and unto the Prophets and Messengers.

Conceal what We have imparted unto thee concerning Ibrahim lest he become aware of what We have made known to thee. Hold fast unto wisdom in all circumstances lest a disturbance arise therein. We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect you from the scheming of every schemer and the falsehood of every liar. He, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

Moreover, We counsel you to maintain the greatest concealment concerning him and concerning all who claim to believe, unless they come to thee with a clear proof. Believe not every speaker. Preserve the pearls of knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from every distant betrayer. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon all who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O beloved of my heart! Most astonishing of all is those who deny God and His verses. Yet this is not the first instance of opposition, nor the first denial, nor the first discord, nor the first hypocrisy, nor the first rejection, nor the first turning away, nor the first objection. Servants before have uttered what these utter now, and they shall speak even more grievously hereafter. But God will manifest His Cause as He has manifested it before, despite them. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful.

I marvel at him whom thou hast taken as a companion. I beseech the Almighty to make him steadfast in His Cause and purify him from the deeds of the idolaters. A tablet hath been sent to him in response, as wisdom requireth, that he might be among the tranquil ones. It behooveth you to be forbearing with him until God delivereth you from his company. This servant imploreth God to protect His servant Ibrahim. I observe that he consorteth with every corrupt one and associateth with every transgressor, and verily he is more harmful than poison. His own tongue would bear witness to this, were he to be among the fair-minded ones. You must conceal all that is mentioned in this letter, lest there arise the clamor of the heedless ones who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed every accursed satan.

As to the dervish, this servant hath presented his petition before the Throne, and he hath been granted pardon, should he be among the steadfast and firm ones. Give him the glad tidings of this bounty that he

may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. This servant beseecheth his Lord to preserve him from the promptings of desire and enable him to be obedient and perform pure deeds. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings unto him and unto Ibrahim and unto the loved ones in that place, and I beseech God, the Lord of the worlds, to grant them success. Praise be to God, the Goal of the mystics.

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He is God, the Radiant, the All-Glorious!

To reach the presence of Mulla Muhammad Ja'far that he may behold the Greatest Scene.

O Ja'far! Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, for We have rent them by a sovereignty from Our presence and a power from Our side, and I am, verily, the One Who prevaileth over whatsoever I desire, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then open thine eyes and behold the words of thy Lord. By God! A single letter thereof outweigheth all that hath been created in the heavens and the earth. Cast away the world and all that is therein beneath thy shadow, then emerge from behind the veils with manifest radiance. Consider within thyself: if thou wert to deny these verses, by what evidence would thy faith in God, the Supreme, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, be established? Take heed lest leadership debar thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Arise to serve God and set thy foot upon the head of sovereignty, then hasten to the shore of the Cause in this blessed spot, whose very atoms proclaim that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Soar with the wings of holiness beyond all names and their kingdom, then beyond all attributes and their dominion, then enter the seat of security, the station wherein the fire is kindled from the Lote-Tree of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. This is what We have ordained for thee, if thou be of them that comprehend. Wouldst thou content thyself with a mere cup when faced with the surging waters of this Most Great Ocean? By God! This beseemeth thee not, for We have ordained for thee a holy and glorious station. By God! One breath drawn in this Cause is better for thee than the treasures of the heavens and the earth - this is a revelation from One mighty and wise. After the manifestation of God, can anything profit anyone? Nay, by My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self! Shatter the idols of imitation, and if thou findest thyself weak, seek strength through My Name, the Victorious, the Powerful. If thou believest not in God and His verses, at least deny them not, and withhold not the hand of harm from God's Cause, the Supreme, the Victorious, the All-Encompassing. By God! If thou wouldst hearken unto all things with the ear of thine inmost nature, thou wouldst hear from every atom what Moses heard, and wouldst testify that there is none other God but Him, and that this Ancient Sovereign is established upon a glorious throne. O My Name! By God! I speak not of Mine own desire, but the Spirit speaketh within My breast. These words are not from Me but from One mighty and powerful. Fear God Who created and fashioned thee, and deny not that whereby thy faith in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, was established. Hearken unto what I have enjoined in the Tablets, and cast not the commandment of God behind thy back, nor be thou of the heedless ones.

Taste from the Kawthar of eternity from the hand of Baha, and deprive not thyself of the sanctuary of immortality, nor be of them that are veiled. Say: O concourse of divines from the people of the Bayan! Do ye act as acted the divines of the Qur'an when the Beauty of the Cause appeared with His name, the Most High, the All-Knowing? By God! This is an injustice from you against God, your Creator, whereunto every discerning and insightful one doth testify. Beware lest thou turn to the world and its ornaments, for soon shall sovereignty perish while the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful, shall endure. Thus have We cast upon thee from the verses of the Cause that thou mayest witness the power of thy Lord and be of them that are assured.

And if there cometh to thee he who is named Ahmad, mention him with a mention from Us, that perchance the fragrances of grace may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: O servant! We counseled thee when thou didst depart from before the Throne that thou shouldst speak naught but pure truth and shouldst not veil the beauty of the Divine Unity with the veil of fancy and imitation. Yet thou hast forsaken the Cause of God and wert among the forsakers. O servant! Make thy presence a presence of fairness and justice, then ponder that which thou hast believed in concerning God, the Mighty, the Powerful. For if thou findest that which thou hast believed in the presence of this servant, then deny not the signs of thy Lord and be not of the doubtful. And should anyone say these verses were not revealed according to primordial nature, even as they have said and were not ashamed before God Who created them and created all things - whereat the eyes of grandeur have wept, though they perceived it not and were among those who rejoiced. Say: By God, O people! This is He by Whose Pen's command was created the primordial nature of every soul and the nature of the heavens and earths. Thereupon the Holy Spirit stood before the Throne and proclaimed: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and say not that which would cause the hearts of those near unto God to be consumed. By God! I and all who dwell in the Most Great Paradise were created by the will of this Beauty. By God! The denizens of the highest paradise circle round Him, were ye but to behold. And furthermore, if ye desire that the Sun of Truth should shine forth from the horizon of a luminous dawn, then gather together those who were given the Furqan and others from all other faiths, then read what ye possess and what hath been sent down from the heaven of eternity from the presence of the All-Knowing Revealer. And if they find any difference between them, then ye stand upon a matter from matters - nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, none shall find any difference save the souls of the idolaters. By God! The Most Great Spirit hath rent its garments by reason of what hath befallen Him Who is the Manifestation of God's Self from His oppressed servants. Say: O people! How long will ye stand upon the ground of allusions? Ascend from this station, then strive to attain unto the Cause, that ye may be among those who attain. And whoso purifieth the sense of fairness from the catarrh of hatred shall surely find the fragrance of truth from these missives even as one findeth the musk-like fragrance, and shall be of the assured ones. Thus have We taught thee and inspired thee out of love for thee. If thou acceptest, it shall be for thyself, and if thou turnest away, thy Lord is in truth independent of all worlds. And praise be to God, my Beloved and the Beloved of the mystics.

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The Friend is eternal and all else perishable. O Husayn! Be intimate with the remembrance of God and heedless of aught else, for His remembrance is a companion without duplicity and an associate in perfect harmony - a guest who betrays not and a comrade who works neither harm nor treachery. It is a reliable assembly and a steadfast and established intimate. It is a faithful friend who, wherever thou goest, accompanies thee and never parts from thee. It transforms sorrow into joy and wipes away the rust of heedlessness.

This is the Day wherein the attractive Word of God is suspended between earth and heaven, drawing unto itself the essences of the hearts of all created things. As for those souls who have not ascended from their earthly habitations, the decree of former religions and their rejection has been issued concerning them from God. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that were there to be found but a particle - nay, less than that - of the essence concealed in a mountain, the attractive and distinguishing Word would assuredly draw that particle and separate it from that mountain.

Thus do you observe in the Concourse of the Bayan that whatsoever hearts were pure, souls sanctified, and breasts holy among that people have ascended to the most exalted stronghold and the ultimate station of the Divine Lote-Tree. And whatsoever souls were impure and sullied have returned to their origin. For a mere fancy they have turned away from the King of certitude, and through attachment to a passing shadow they have become heedless of the eternal Beauty. They are now seen before God as the most rejected of the world and the most limited of all people, for they have disbelieved in that which is greater, more perfect and mightier than that wherein they had previously believed and whereof they had boasted over other peoples. Thus doth God render vain the deeds of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, and were in doubt about meeting their Lord after He had appeared with all the signs and with manifest sovereignty.

O Husayn! The chalices of eternity and extinction have both appeared with utmost manifestation and evident emergence, borne by the angels of paradise and hell. How excellent is the state of that soul who becomes the recipient of the chalice of eternity and leaves the chalice of extinction to its people.

O Husayn! Behold the Cause of God today as thou wouldst the sun, and all created things as mirrors. Any mirror that faces and turns toward the sun will have its image reflected therein, clear and evident. Today, in any heart that turns toward the Divine Beauty, the lights of His countenance become manifest and visible, and without this it remains deprived, nay, as one lost. Today none have turned except a few, and these are the essences of existence in the sight of God.

The Most Exalted Pen declares: None but Mine ear can hear My words, and none but Mine eye can recognize My beauty. How can the eye afflicted with the ophthalmia of desire behold the Most Great Scene? My love hath been the physician for all ailments, and My affection shall be the healer of all diseases. Know divine love to be purifying - wherever it enters, no defilement remains. It transforms illness into health and sin into mercy. Blessed are the souls who attain unto this matchless grace.

Therefore, O thou servant who art assured in God, be thankful that thou art mentioned before God among the enduring letters. The cloud of His All-Merciful grace hath rained upon thee, and the clouds of His glorified bounty have showered their favors upon thee in thy native land and praiseworthy station.

You have taken up residence in the City of Divine Love. God willing, strive at all times to attain and be nourished by His wondrous mercy which is specially designated for that time, for in every moment the Divine Beauty sheds Its most wondrous effulgence. The heedful ones have no share of this celebrated grace. You must remain steadfast in the Cause of God and strive to the extent possible to teach His Cause, for today this most exalted and glorious station is the nearest of all things that draw one nigh unto the King of Names and Attributes. O Husayn, follow in the footsteps of the Servant and walk therein, and never be saddened by any afflictions that may come to pass. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! If God's infinite worlds were limited to this world, and its delights confined to what is witnessed by its people, I would never have subjected Myself to these countless afflictions. Consider the near ones among the Prophets and the tribulations each endured in the path of God. By the Most Exalted Pen! Were anyone to possess consciousness even less than an atom and reflect upon this utterance, they would never pay heed to this world nor be saddened by its existence or absence. Moreover, they would become assured of that which none hath been assured save those whom God hath aided to recognize Him and whose eyes He hath opened to witness His mysteries. Were I to mention the afflictions We have endured in this City, you would surely be saddened, but know this much: By Him Who caused the tongue of dawn to speak His praise! From the beginning of creation until now such tyranny hath never appeared, nor hath anyone endured what the Beauty of the Divine Unity hath endured, and thereby all things have lamented, though they perceive it not. And I say: Nothing shall befall Us except what God hath decreed for Us. In Him do We put Our trust, and upon Him let the near ones place their trust. Jinab-i-Nabil-i-'Ali is with Us; be thou assured concerning him and give thanks unto God for having made him one of His companions among the worlds. Praise be to God that he beholdeth the Most Great Scene with his eyes, heareth the words of God with his ears, and with his heart is turned to His remembrance. Blessed is he and blessed are ye. Convey the mention of this Wronged One to the loved ones of God.

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These are verses that appeared in the pavilion of eternity and the canopy of holiness when the Most Great Name arrived from the direction of the All-Glorious in the land of Samsun, which is near a great sea. Then the hosts of God's revelation descended with such adorning power that all who are in the heavens and earth were struck with awe, and before them shone the Sun of Beauty in a holy and refined temple. And He addressed the Ark with that which had flowed from the Pen of God aforetime in the Tablet wherein We addressed the celestial Mariner with a hidden sorrowful call, and with that which was revealed at that time in this Tablet from a holy and luminous Pen. And whosoever wishes to become acquainted with the mysteries of the Cause from the presence of One wise and knowing, let him look into these two Tablets that he may recognize the mysteries of God, that his eyes may be solaced thereby, and that he may be among those endowed with certitude.

The time of the noon-tide hath been fulfilled in the pavilion of holiness, and the Beauty of the Divine Identity hath emerged with a noble and glorious countenance. Say: The journey through dust hath ended at the shore of a mighty ocean. Therefore doth the eternal pavilion weep, and the luminous holy ark rejoice. O Divine Mariner! The promise We made thee with the tongue of truth all-knowing hath come to

pass. Make thyself ready to transport the Spirit of God upon the ark of all creation through this Cause both new and ancient. All that We promised thee shall be made manifest unto thee in truth, if thou be of the patient ones. We informed thee beforehand of all that would transpire, yet none among the peoples of the world took notice thereof. We kept them unaware by reason of that which their hands had wrought, and this is manifest justice. By God! Those who enter beneath thy shadow shall be seized by the torment of a great trial.

Say: By God! This is God's touchstone, established with justice, distinguishing between truth and falsehood, and doubt from certitude. But do thou purge thy vision from human limitations and turn not thy gaze away from this luminous countenance. Waft upon them the sweet savors of grace, that perchance they may be delivered from their vain imaginings and be turned unto God, the Mighty, the Wise, and that their hearts may be purified from their desires and they may attain unto a holy and wondrous homeland, and that perchance the veils of blind imitation may be consumed and the beauty of divine unity may shine forth from the niche of refined hearts. Weigh not the servants by God's measure, for they weigh at all times and are among the unfaithful. Rather forgive them and overlook their misdeeds, for thou art indeed the Generous, the Lord of abundant grace. When thou hast closed thine eyes to transgression and opened them with beneficence, there waft over the peoples of all worlds the sweet-scented breezes of holiness, that they may become aware within themselves how God hath preferred them above all creation, made them His companions, honored them with His presence, and sent down unto them the fruits of union from a manifest holy tree, clothed them in the raiment of distinction, preferred them above all that was and shall be, and inscribed their names in preserved tablets of glory. All this shall be confirmed in them if they alter not God's favor unto themselves, recognize His bounties unto them, and render thanks at all times.

And thou, O Ark of the Cause, bear thou these souls and sail upon the sea by God's leave, the Mighty, the Powerful. O Ship of Holiness! Rejoice within thyself, for upon thee hath come the glorious and noble Beauty. O Sea of Eternity! Let thine eyes be solaced, for upon thee hath come the Sea of the subtle Spirit. For this wert thou created before all seas, that thou mightest be among the perceiving ones. Therefore, honor the guests of God, the servants who have embarked upon thee and come unto thee, and be not among the agitated ones. Guard the trust of God and be not unfaithful in thyself, and be not among the treacherous ones.

O Fish of the sea! Rejoice within yourselves, then remember your Creator, for ye have attained unto the presence of God in days wherein the Sun of Beauty hath shone forth from the dawning-place of an ancient Name.

O Air of the sea! Waft upon the pure and luminous bodies whom God created from the light of His Essence before the creation of the heavens and earth, and be thou gladdened within thyself and rejoice in thy spirit, for God hath provided thee with a subtle spiritual breeze. By God! The dwellers of the sea have rejoiced and [the inhabitants] of the land have cried out, for the Beauty of the Divine Identity hath departed from the pavilion of eternity and settled upon an ark of sublime nearness.

Say: O people of mystery! Grieve not over anything, but instead rejoice in the holy, exalted, all-knowing joy of God. Say: This is indeed the joy that hath seized all created things and encompassed all who dwell

in the worlds, and it shall seize none to the exclusion of others who turn unto the holy, glorious and luminous countenance of God.

Say: This is the grace that transmuteth all atoms into the beauty of the Divine Identity, closer than the mention of 'Beloved' by the lover. Thus do We cast down the verses of the Spirit and spread the carpet of grace over all who dwell in the kingdom. And verily, We call unto thee, O Fount of Holiness, at the end of this utterance, for upon thee hath descended the Fount of God, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the Most Upright.

O Ocean of Oneness! Be thou gladdened within thyself, for upon thee hath settled the Ocean of Joy - and this is indeed a great bounty. O Sea of Glory! Be thou delighted in thy spirit, for upon thee hath descended the Sea of God, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed art thou, for around thee have gathered the spirits of those near unto God, and in that moment all atoms came forth and arose in thy atmosphere, and were among those who gazed, that the breezes of holiness might waft over them from the direction of oneness, from this Paradise that is veiled yet revealed, hidden yet manifest, concealed yet visible. Blessed are they and blessed is he who entereth beneath its shade, is honored by attaining its presence, drinketh from its cup, and holdeth fast unto its strong and mighty cord.

Thus have We perfected Our grace upon those of old and those of latter days, and have sent down from the clouds of holiness that which purifieth the hearts of the mystics. We have ordained for all things the garment of guidance, that they might turn unto Him and be numbered among the God-fearing. Thus have We ordained in the heaven of Our command that which enricheth all the worlds.

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Praise be to the Lord of the world, Who is worthy and deserving, for He has illumined the world and its peoples with the lights of His Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, with the light of knowledge, and through the effulgent dawning of the Sun of Truth has manifested unity and harmony between hearts and souls. Exalted be His power, exalted be His greatness, supreme be His sovereignty! There is none other god but Him. And blessings and peace be upon the Garden of Wisdom and Understanding, through whose advent the heavens of grace and utterance were adorned, and upon His family and companions, whom God made the repositories of His knowledge and the stars of the heaven of His bounty, and through whom God aided His Cause and raised His Word among His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Siyyid Mahdi, hearken to the call of the Wronged One from the direction of the Lesser Prison. He wishes to make mention of thee with a mention that shall endure as long as His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of utterance, detached from all else save God, and has held fast to the cord of God's command, the Lord of all worlds. That which thou didst send to Siyyid Taqi, upon him be My glory, hath come before the face of the Wronged One. We have heard thy call, thy supplication, thy mention and thy praise. Thy Lord, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the last and the first, hath answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. Blessed art thou for having spoken the truth and responded to thy Lord when the Call was raised from this luminous horizon.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give thee to drink from the cup of His bounty the Kawthar of His knowledge, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His sincere servants.

Convey to the loved ones of that land the greetings of the Wronged One, then recite unto them what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen at this time. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive thee and thy parents, and those who have turned to the Most Great Manifestation and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. Verily, He forgiveth whom He willeth through His mercy, and chastiseth those who have denied the Day of Judgment.

We make mention of him who is named Siyyid Husayn and give him the glad tidings of My favor towards him from this mighty Prison. We beseech God to protect him and his family and to ordain for them that which will draw them near to His holy court and the precincts of His presence. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of thy other brother who is named Ahmad, and We make mention of him through My verses and give him the glad tidings of My bounty, for I am the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Ahmad! Arise to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God, and with complete humility speak His praise. Verily, He maketh mention of him who maketh mention of Him, and ordaineth for him what beseemeth His glorious and wondrous bounty.

We make mention of those named Muhammad-'Ali and Muhammad-Baqir, and We make mention of them with that which will strengthen them and draw them near unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty the table of His knowledge. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good and the Ultimate Goal of the sincere ones and those near unto Him.

O Mahdi! Convey to all the friends of that land the greetings of the Wronged One, and likewise to the steadfast handmaidens. We have mentioned them before and mention them now at this time when the Beauty of the Ancient of Days walketh and speaketh the verses of God, the Lord of this glorious station. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones and handmaidens, from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the elevated Seat.

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Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! I testify that Thou wast a hidden Treasure wrapped within Thine immemorial Being and an impenetrable Mystery enshrined in Thine own Essence. Wishing to reveal Thyself, Thou didst call into being the Greater and the Lesser Worlds, and didst choose Man above all Thy creatures, and didst make Him a sign of both of these worlds, O Thou Who art our Lord, the Most Compassionate!

Thou didst raise Him up to occupy Thy throne before all the people of Thy creation. Thou didst enable Him to unravel Thy mysteries, and to shine with the lights of Thine inspiration and Thy Revelation, and to

manifest Thy names and Thine attributes. Through Him Thou didst adorn the preamble of the book of Thy creation, O Thou Who art the Ruler of the universe Thou hast fashioned!

I bear witness that in His person solidity and fluidity have been joined and combined. Through His immovable constancy in Thy Cause, and His unwavering adherence to whatsoever Thou, in the plentitude of the light of Thy glory, didst unveil to His eyes, throughout the domains of Thy Revelation and creation, the souls of Thy servants were stirred up in their longing for Thy Kingdom, and the dwellers of Thy realms rushed forth to enter into Thy heavenly dominion. Through the restlessness He evinced in Thy path, the feet of all them that are devoted to Thee were steeled and confirmed to manifest Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures, and to demonstrate Thy sovereignty throughout Thy realm.

How great, O my God, is this Thy most excellent handiwork, and how consummate Thy creation, which hath caused every understanding heart and mind to marvel! And when the set time was fulfilled, and what had been preordained came to pass, Thou didst unloose His tongue to praise Thee, and to lay bare Thy mysteries before all Thy creation, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all names, and the Fashioner of earth and heaven! Through Him all created things were made to glorify Thee, and to celebrate Thy praise, and every soul was directed towards the kingdom of Thy revelation and Thy sovereignty.

At one time, Thou didst raise Him up, O my God, and didst attire Him with the ornament of the name of Him Who conversed with Thee (Moses), and didst through Him uncover all that Thy will had decreed and Thine irrevocable purpose ordained. At another time, Thou didst adorn Him with the name of Him Who was Thy Spirit (Jesus), and didst send Him down out of the heaven of Thy will, for the edification of Thy people, infusing thereby the spirit of life into the hearts of the sincere among Thy servants and the faithful among Thy creatures. Again, Thou didst reveal Him, decked forth by the name of Him Who was Thy Friend (Muhammad), and caused Him to shine brightly above the horizon of Hijaz, as a token of Thy power and an evidence of Thy might. Through Him Thou didst send unto Thy servants what enabled them to scale the heights of Thy unity, and to yearn over the wonders of Thy manifold knowledge and wisdom.

I testify, O Thou Who art the Lord of the whole creation, and the Desire of whosoever hath sought Thee, that, amidst Thy creatures, They resemble the sun which no matter how often it riseth and setteth is still the one and the same sun. Whoso maketh any distinction between any of Them hath truly failed to attain the ultimate purpose, and to reach the highest goal, and hath been deprived of the mysteries of unity and of the lights of sanctity and oneness. I testify, moreover, that Thou hast decreed that none on the face of the earth should equal Them, and none of Thy creatures be able to be compared with any of Them, in order that Thine own singleness and peerlessness might be recognized and established.

Glorified, immeasurably glorified be Thy name, O my God! How can I ever befittingly mention Thee or sufficiently praise Thee, that Thou hast manifested Him by the power of Thy might, and caused Him to shine above the horizon of Thy will, and made Him the Day-Spring of Thy signs, and the Dawning-Place of the revelation of Thy names and Thine attributes? How bewilderingly mysterious, moreover, O my God, is His nature and all that Thou hast infused into Him, through Thy strength and by the power of Thy might! At one time He appeareth as the water which is Life indeed, sent down out of the heaven of Thy grace, and poured forth from the clouds of thy mercy, that Thy creatures may be endued with new life, and live as long as Thine own Kingdom endureth. Every drop of that water would suffice to quicken the dead, and

to set their faces in the direction of Thy favors and Thy gifts, and to rid them of all attachment to aught else except Thee. At another time He revealeth Himself as the Fire which Thou didst kindle in the tree of Thy unity, whose heat melted the hearts of Thine ardent lovers when He Who is the Day-Star of the world shone forth above the horizon of ’Iraq. I testify, O my God, that through Him the veils of human fancy were burnt up, and the hearts of men were set towards the scene of Thy most resplendent glory. I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the Supreme Ordainer, not to suffer me to be deprived of the breezes which are wafted in Thy days, the days whereon the sweet smell of the raiment of Thy mercy hath been shed abroad. Neither do Thou keep me back from Thy most great Ocean, every drop of which crieth out and saith: “Great is the blessedness that awaiteth him who hath been awakened from his sleep by the breath of God which, from the source of His mercy, hath blown over all such of His creatures as have set themselves towards Him!” Thou seest, O my Lord, how Thy servants are held captive by their own selves and desires. Redeem them from their bondage, O my God, by the power of Thy sovereignty and might, that they may turn towards Thee when He Who is the Revealer of Thy names and attributes is manifested unto men.

Cast upon this poor and desolate creature, O my Lord, the glance of Thy wealth, and flood his heart with the beams of Thy knowledge, that he may apprehend the verities of the unseen world, and discover the mysteries of Thy heavenly realm, and perceive the signs and tokens of Thy kingdom, and behold the manifold revelations of this earthly life all set forth before the face of Him Who is the Revealer of Thine own Self. Direct, then, his eyes, O my God, towards the horizon of Thy loving-kindness, and make steadfast his heart in its attachment to Thee, and unloose his tongue to praise Thee, and make him able to hold fast the cord of Thy love, and to cling to the hem of Thy bounteousness, and to proclaim Thy name amidst Thy creatures, and to recount Thy virtues throughout Thy realm, in such wise that no obstacle will deter him from turning to Thy name, the All-Bountiful, and no veil shut him out from Thee, in Whose hand is the dominion of utterance and the kingdom of all names and attributes!

Hold Thou the hand of this seeker who hath set his face towards Thee, O my Lord, and draw him out of the depths of his vain imaginations, that the light of certainty may shine brightly above the horizon of his heart in the days whereon the sun of the knowledge of Thy creatures hath been darkened through the shining of the Day-Star of Thy glory; the days whereon the moon of the world’s wisdom hath been eclipsed through the appearance of Thy hidden knowledge, and the manifestation of Thy well-guarded secret, and the revelation of Thine enshrined mystery; the days whereon the stars of men’s doings have fallen through the rising of the orb of Thy unity and the shedding of the radiance of Thy transcendent oneness.

I beg of Thee, O my God, by Thy most exalted Word which Thou hast ordained as the Divine Elixir unto all who are in Thy realm, the Elixir through whose potency the crude metal of human life hath been transmuted into purest gold, O Thou in Whose hands are both the visible and invisible kingdoms, to ordain that my choice be conformed to Thy choice and my wish to Thy wish, that I may be entirely content with that which Thou didst desire, and be wholly satisfied with what Thou didst destine for me by Thy bounteousness and favor. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. Thou, in very truth, art the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Happy is the man who hath recognized Thee, and discovered the sweetness of Thy fragrance, and set himself towards Thy kingdom, and tasted of the things that have been perfected therein by Thy grace and favor. Great is the blessedness of him who hath acknowledged Thy most excellent majesty, and whom the veils that have shut out the nations from Thee have not hindered from directing his eyes towards Thee, O Thou Who art the King of eternity and the Quickener of every moldering bone! Blessed, also, is he that hath inhaled Thy sweet savors, and been carried away by Thine utterances in Thy days. Blessed, moreover, be the man that hath turned unto Thee, and woe betide him that hath turned his back upon Thee. Praised be Thou, the Lord of the worlds!

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In the name of God, the Sanctified, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! In this moment I confess and acknowledge my powerlessness to know Thy supreme Self in Thy Most Exalted Name, and my incapacity to comprehend Thy Essence, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the kingdoms of names. For the loftiest hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee, and the highest understanding of them that are devoted to Thy unity, are bound by Thy will, held within Thy grasp, and created by Thy command. How then can the created soar in the atmosphere of nearness to the Essence, or attain unto the Lord of earth and heaven?

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! O my God, I testify in this my station before Thee that the most eloquent have not reached the court of Thy singular glory, and the most learned have not comprehended the wonders of Thy knowledge and understanding. All who are enamoured cry out in the wilderness of separation, yearning for Thy nearness, and all who are longing call forth in the Sinai of longing, seeking reunion with Thee. Some have attained the ultimate of what they sought of the gems of Thy mercy and the essence of Thy bounty, while others have perished in their exile and separation from Thee, never finding the path to Thy nearness and meeting with Thee.

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! Whenever I consider my self and my deeds in Thy kingdom, bewilderment and sorrow seize me to such degree that I become despairing of the sweet fragrances of Thy glorious mercy and deprived of the glances of Thine eye of grace. Yet whenever I turn, O my God, to the wonders of Thy mercy and the gems of Thy bounty, the breezes of assurance waft upon me from the direction of grace and loving-kindness.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, my Lord and my Support! Beseemeth it One like Thee to deprive him who hath placed his whole trust in Thee, who hath detached himself from all in the heavens and the earth, and who hath taken refuge in the sovereignty of Thy grace? By Thy glory, O my Beloved! Even shouldst Thou give me all that Thou hast created and shalt create, and make me sovereign over all who dwell in the kingdom of Thy Cause and creation, and seat me upon the throne of grandeur and power and the seat of loftiness and independence, yet deny me the sweet fragrances of Thy mercy and the breezes of Thy bounty for less than a moment - by Thy glory, my soul would not be content, my heart would not find peace, and my spirit would find no rest.

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! How exalted are the stations of Thy sovereign glory, and how abject are the ranks of Thy servant's lowliness in his love for Thee! How resplendent are the manifestations of Thy wealth, and how evident are the expressions of poverty in Thy servant! By Thy beauty, O my God, my abasement and poverty, then my distress and desperation have reached such a state that abasement itself flees from my abasement, and the very essence of adversity takes flight from my adversity.

Hast Thou decreed, O my God, that the glances of Thine eye of mercy shall never again turn to Thy glory? Hast Thou inscribed, O my Beloved, upon the tablet of Thy preservation that Thou wilt not send upon Thy servant the holy winds of Thy grace? Then would weeping itself weep at my weeping, and the secret of fire would burn from my burning. I know not, O my God, in what thing I might find joy in Thy dominion, or by what matter I might find solace in Thy realm, after my shirt has been stained with my blood through what hath befallen me from the swords of hatred and rancor, and my heart has been pierced by the spears of the people of tyranny and wickedness. They have been made happy by Thy irrevocable decree and Thy destined destiny. Yet with all this, O my Most Exalted God and my Most Glorious Beauty, I have nothing wherewith to occupy myself, or find solace in, or trust in, such that I find myself stripped of every praiseworthy attribute and devoid of every acceptable quality.

O my God! Thou hast not given me a pen wherewith I might write the verses of Thy glorious oneness, nor knowledge whereby I might ascend to the sublime heaven of Thy unity, nor wisdom through which I might soar to the holy precincts of Thy singleness, nor certitude by which I might travel through the realms of Thy divine dominion. I have no heart to comprehend the wonders of the signs of Thy sovereignty, no wings to fly in the atmosphere of Thy oneness, no power to enumerate the manifestations of Thy craftsmanship in the horizons of Thy knowledge and the souls of Thy wisdom, no strength to raise the banners of Thy triumph and victory, no eye to witness the radiance of the lights of Thy beauty, no tongue to mention Thee in the paradise of Thy exaltation, no sense of smell to inhale the fragrance of the garment from the Joseph of Thy mercy, no ear to hear the melodies of the dove of Thy rapture and longing, no hand to grasp the scrolls of Thy unity, and no foot to hasten to the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness and reunion.

Therefore, O my God, what wilt Thou do with this poor one who hath confessed all this against himself, and who, despite this utter destitution, hath arisen before the gate of the city of Thy supreme mercy and arrived at the pavilions of Thy mighty grace? Wilt Thou, O my God, turn him away from Thy gate, from which Thou hast never turned away anyone throughout all eternity? Nay, by Thy glory! Thou wilt not disappoint him of the garment of Thy grace, nor wilt Thou deprive him of the sanctuary of Thy reunion and the shelter of Thy mercy, unless he should seek from Thee aught except Thyself - and this can never be, for Thou wert when naught existed with Thee, and Thou wilt ever be as Thou hast been. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst bring the contingent beings into existence and didst manifest all created things, and through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils from the face of all who are in the heavens and on earth, that Thou mayest cause this poor one and these poor ones who have emigrated with him to enter the city of Thy riches within the

pavilion of Thy glory and might. Then assist us with the wonders of Thy help, clothe us in the garment of Thy love, and deprive us not, O my God, of what lieth with Thee - and nothing lieth with Thee save Thyself - and my hope is in none save Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! All servants exalt Thee above any other, and all created things sanctify Thee from all else. Yet I, in my powerlessness and poverty, have found none besides Thee from whom to exalt Thee, and have witnessed none except Thee by which to sanctify Thee. By Thy glory, O my God, whenever I have sought other than Thee, I found it naught, and whenever I desired other than Thee, I witnessed it not. And whenever I descend from the most exalted heights to the lowest depths of earth, I find nothing except signs of Thy oneness, tokens of Thy singleness, intimations of Thy lordship, and evidences of Thy self-subsistence, to such extent that were Thou to remove Thy signs from existence, nothing would remain in Thy kingdom and no letter would be witnessed in Thy realm. Thus hast Thou made the night and day as two signs, effacing the sign of night and making the sign of day illuminating, that the sovereignty of Thy power might endure in the dominion of all possibilities, and the lights of Thy countenance might shine forth in the kingdom of all created things. None shall attain to the mystery thereof save him whom Thou hast made to dwell in the kingdom and then made him as a proof of the sun.

Glorified art Thou! How mighty is the sovereignty of Thy power which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth and all that lieth between them! How resplendent is the dominion of Thy might which hath filled all who dwell in the realm of the divine cloud and all below it! Glorified art Thou, O my God! All existence seeketh Thee yet findeth Thee not, and all [witnesses] witness Thee yet know Thee not, for when they turn to their own stations and conditions apart from Thee, they forget Thee. And when they forget Thee, Thou causest them to forget themselves, as recompense for their deeds. Thus are they veiled from visiting Thy presence, beholding Thy countenance, and gazing upon Thy beauty, and they become of those deprived of meeting Thee, rejected from Thy presence, barred from Thy court, and are among the losers and the remote ones.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what tongue I should call upon Thee nor by what utterance I should invoke Thee. I know not, O Thou Who art my heart's desire, how Thou wishest me to describe Thee. Shall I describe Thee by Thyself or mention Thee through another? If Thou desirest to hear Thy description from Thyself - and this is worthy of One like Thee - yet none can do this save those whom Thou hast made repositories of Thy knowledge and treasuries of Thy light. And if Thou desirest to witness Thy description from another - this is impossible for One like Thee, for mention of that which cometh not from Thee befitteth Thee not, nor is worthy of Thee, nor can ascend to the heavens of Thine eternity, nor rise to the sanctuaries of Thine oneness.

Glorified, glorified art Thou! All descriptions fail to reach the court of Thy glory and all attributes cannot attain to the sovereignty of Thy power, for Thou hast not determined for Thyself the true measure of Thy station, nor hast Thou limited Thy countenance to the description of Thy creation. By Thy glory, O

Beloved, none can describe Thee and none can mention Thee, for Thou hast not described Thyself save by Thyself, nor characterized Thine Essence save by Thine Essence. Glorified art Thou! I have been among those sincere at Thy gate and those repentant in Thy remembrance.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by him whom Thou hast chosen for the wonders of Thy Cause, fashioned for the ornaments of Thy power, selected for the repositories of Thy mystery, and singled out for the splendors of Thy countenance, that Thou inspire me with what Thou lovest of the comprehensive words of Thy remembrance, clothe me in the garments of Thy pardon, shelter me with the cloaks of Thy loving-kindness, and give me to drink from the cups of Thy forgiveness, for I am Thy servant and am in Thy hand, seeking refuge at Your threshold, taking sanctuary in Your presence, clinging to the sovereignty of Your mercy, and beseeching the King of Your grace. Would You, O my God, distance one whom You reared for Your servitude? Would You, O my Aspiration, forsake one whom You trained for Your service? Would You, O my Hope, deprive one whose eyes await the descent of Your mercy? Would You, O my Lord, deny one whose sight You caused to be fixed upon the manifestation of Your pardon? Far be it from You, nay far be it from You, to cast out whom You have drawn nigh, reject whom You have honored, destroy whom You have quickened, or silence whom You have caused to speak. Glory be unto You! Glory be unto You! You are He Who does what He pleases and ordains what He desires. None can resist Your command or prevent Your deed. There is no God but You, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

I know not, O my God, if You do not wish me to describe You throughout the lands, why then have You inspired me with these words? And if You love that I should mention You among Your servants, why then have You cast me away from all directions? Nay, by Your glory! Rather, You have honored me, even if You have seated me upon a speck of dust, and You have called me, even if You have turned me away from all doors. How mighty is the sovereignty of Your Lordship over me, and how sweet is the dominion of my servitude to You! How exalted are the wonders of Your glory toward me, and how resplendent are the tokens of my abasement before You!

Glory be unto You! I have been foremost among sinners, and You are the Most Merciful of the merciful. Hear my call, for in Your hand is the dominion of all worlds. I bear witness before You, O my God, at this moment when none is with me besides You, that I am a servant who has believed in You, in Your verses sent down from Your presence, and in Your Book dispatched from Your side, such that I have believed in every sign before its appearance and after its setting, and at the time when its beauty shone forth and its light gleamed, submissive to Your command and humble before the sovereignty of Your countenance. I have commanded the servants only what I heard from Your tongue or witnessed in Your Book, lest they differ in Your Cause and spread corruption in Your lands. In all matters I have desired only to spread Your favors and manifest Your knowledge, and I desire naught but to follow Your command and to stand firm upon what the Countenance of Your glory and the King of Your presence has willed, that the fire of Oneness might be kindled from the Tree of Your eternity and the reality of Your Absolute Unity might be proven upon the throne of Your grandeur. Glory be unto You! Glory be unto You! I am among those who remember and worship You, and I say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Eternity!

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembers thee on this night wherein were revealed the verses of thy Lord, by which every atom proclaimed the praise of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informing, the All-Knowing. We bear witness that thou hast believed in God and turned toward the Supreme Horizon when those who denied God, the Lord of the worlds, turned away from it. Thou didst turn by Our leave and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst attain unto this Great Prison. Thou didst seek the ultimate goal and the highest aim until thou didst stand before the Gate and didst hear the call of the Wronged One when He was in the hands of the heedless. Blessed be thine ear for what it heard and thine eye for what it beheld of this luminous Horizon. Thou didst attain, didst hear, didst visit, and didst return by His leave. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones in all lands, then remind them that I have mentioned their names in this mighty and impregnable spot. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from this Prison, whereat the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise have lamented, yet most of the people are among the heedless.

O Muhammad-Qablih-Husayn! Hear thou in the Persian tongue the call of the Wronged One, that perchance the friends of Truth might drink from the Kawthar of utterance and be found steadfast and firm in the Cause of the Beloved. Say: O friends! The world hath never had, nor hath it now, any constancy, for its changes and transformations have been witnessed at all times. They who possess pure vision and behold the Most Great Scene pay no heed to its diverse colors. They fix their gaze upon the Truth and cling fast unto Him. God willing, may all be gathered under one word and arise to teach the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds, and in all conditions remain within the bounds of wisdom. This is a word that hath been revealed in God's Book time and again. God willing, they should manifest themselves with goodly character and pure deeds. By the Sun of the horizon of certitude! Discord, contention and strife lead to the wastage of the Cause, while teaching the Cause with joy and fragrance leadeth to its exaltation. Let them abandon their own will and desire and hold fast unto the Will and Desire of God. This is the greatest means for the salvation of the world and the preservation of nations. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the divine call and tasted its sweetness. Most people have recited and read the Furqan, which distinguisheth truth from falsehood, throughout ages and centuries, yet having not found the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance, they remained deprived of its mysteries and meanings.

Say: O friends of God! This is the day of steadfastness and firmness. Ye must rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through the power of the Lord of Names and manifest such steadfastness in God's Cause that none may find occasion to turn away or object. Shatter the idol of vain imaginings and the false deity of conjecture by the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Thou art He at Whose separation the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants were consumed, and at Whose remoteness rose up the sighs of the sincere ones among Thy bondsmen. Thou art He Who manifested Thyself and called out with Thy most sweet call betwixt earth and heaven, summoning all unto the Dayspring of Thy revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, and the Source of Thy Cause. Among the people are those who heard

and hastened unto the ocean of Thy grace, and those who heard and turned away, and those who were seized with such doubts as to be prevented from hearkening unto the verses of Thy grandeur and were kept back from the paths of Thy glory and nearness. O my Lord! I testify to that whereunto Thou didst testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and the praise of all possible things. From all eternity Thou hast been one God, single, peerless, unique, independent, exalted above the praise of Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, and sanctified from the mention of Thy Messengers and Thy trustees. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, seeking the gate of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy generosity, and the ocean of Thy grace. O Lord! I am the poor and hopeful one, and Thou art the All-Giving, the Generous. I am the weak and lowly one, and Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Trustworthy. I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted Self, and by the Most Great Word, and by Thy most beautiful Names and Thy most sublime Attributes, that Thou write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast written for those who have heard Thy call, who were attracted by Thy verses, who sought refuge in Thy presence, and who clung to the cord of Thy favors. Ordain for me, O God of the world and Beloved of the nations, that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is within my soul and seest what is in my heart. O Lord! I am the ignorant, the heedless one who hath clung to Thy all-encompassing knowledge and Thy great bounty and the mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to ordain for Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, inspire them with Thy remembrance and praise, and give them to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and the Salsabil of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and sovereignty, and Thou ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command and might. There is no God but Thee, the All-Giving, the Munificent, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to send down from the clouds of Thy bounty that which will purify me and Thy servants from the doubts of the enemies of Thy Self and from what they have wrought in Thy days. Then forgive, O my God, those who have raised their hands to the heaven of Thy generosity and have turned to the horizon of Thy grace and hastened to the sun of Thy forgiveness and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy favors and gifts and drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the Pardoner, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

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Praise be to God Who is unique in His grandeur, singular in His call, and exalted through the Name that is the Sovereign of all names. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God Who hath sent down the Book and adorned it with verses of commandments and laws that the peoples might benefit therefrom, they who have cast away vain imaginings and turned to the horizon whence shone forth the sun of the knowledge of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily He hath desired naught from all that hath appeared except to manifest His generosity, His grace and His bounty to His servants. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Most Generous.

Thereafter, thy letter reached this servant, and I read what was therein and presented it before the Throne, offering it unto God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. I beseech God to assist thee and to raise up others like thee who shall acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged amongst the nations. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

This ephemeral one makes mention that thy letter arrived and brought boundless joy, for the sweet savors of the love of the All-Merciful were inhaled therefrom. God willing, thou shalt at all times be assisted through the confirmations of the All-Merciful Lord and be engaged in the remembrance and utterance of the True Sovereign. The supplication thou didst present to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court was offered, and forthwith a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God's Will and sent forth. God willing, thou shalt attain unto its presence and be perfumed with its fragrances.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the Huqúqu'llah, writing that a certain one possesseth both cash and property, and while the Huqúqu'llah on the cash is clear, the property is in a place where none will purchase it so that the Huqúqu'llah might be separated from it, and if he wished to pay from the cash it would not suffice, and the individual himself would lose his livelihood, and the property yields no rent - in such case what is required? The decree of God is that property from which no profit is derived, that is, from which no benefit is obtained, no Huqúqu'llah is payable thereon. He, verily, is the Ruler, the Most Generous.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the name Ibn, there is no objection, but outwardly he should be named after the manifest name 'Abbas, the Most Great Branch of God - may my spirit and my very being be offered up for the dust of His footsteps.

As to what thou didst write regarding Aqa 'Ali-Akbar who hath ascended unto God, it was presented, and the word of forgiveness was manifested from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance regarding him. Blessed is he in that he attained unto mention during his lifetime and unto God's forgiveness and mercy after his passing and ascension.

As to what thou didst write regarding Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, mention of him was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. A brief prayer was revealed from the heaven of divine Will and was sent. Let him recite it. This is what God hath revealed from the heaven of Will and Purpose:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of all things and Creator of names! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst shatter the idols and dispel all vain imaginings, to immerse me in the ocean of certitude, O Lord of all religions. My Lord! Aid me in that which Thou hast willed through Thy sovereignty and revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. My Lord! This is a day wherein the pages of contingent being and the Books which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Messengers and chosen ones have been adorned. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the ocean of Thy grace, nor to shut me out from the door which Thou hast opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. My Lord! I am weak and have clung to Thy Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Ordain for me from Thy bounty that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Giving, the Bountiful, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

God willing, may they become blessed and confirmed through the reading of these exalted and blessed words which have appeared from the Dayspring of the Divine Will.

Furthermore, convey greetings on behalf of this poor and lowly one to all those souls in that land and in the land of N and R who have drunk from the Divine Chalice and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. O friends! O ye who drink the choice wine of the mercy of the All-Merciful! This is a great day. Great is its worth, great is its station, and great indeed is that which transpireth therein. Ye must regard the vain imaginings of the heedless souls and the suppositions of the idolatrous forms as null and void, and drink at all times from the Salsabil of certitude in the name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The tongue was created for this day, and the eye came into being from the realm of nothingness for this blessed day. By the life of God! This is the day of ears and hearts, that they might see and speak and hear and preserve in the treasury. Say: Strive, that ye may not remain deprived of the bounteous grace on such a day as this. Although, praise be to God, in that garden the flowers of inner meanings have bloomed in the name of the Eternal Beloved and the blossoms of utterance have appeared in the name of the Desired One of all things, yet God willing, may their fire be seen as ever more enkindled and their light more manifest at all times through the influence of the Divine Word. This evanescent servant beseecheth the true Sovereign to preserve those flowers of love from poisonous winds and cold blasts, that they may ever remain smiling with perfect freshness and delicacy. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God and are assured of His presence, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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In His Name, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath ordained traditions and established laws openly, and made their source the Essence of existence and His Book sent down to him who was invested with the mantle of divine presence, through whom the mention of prophethood was sealed and there began that which draweth men nigh unto the Lord of creation. And the prayer rising from the horizon of the will of our Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon him and his family and his companions who turned toward the House and circled round it and entered through its gate. They are the emblems of victory and the standards of the Cause. Through them was the edifice of divine knowledge made firm in the contingent world and the light of the Cause shone forth amidst the concourse of religions. Blessed is he who hath heard their words and found solace in their company and clung to their hem and held fast to that which they possessed. And woe unto him who was heedless and turned away and denied.

Verily doth the servant, throughout the nights and days, beseech God to exalt His religion and manifest His proof even as He manifested it aforetime, and to honor His loved ones and chosen ones after the abasement which caused the dwellers of Paradise and the denizens of the retreats of nearness to lament.

Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the servant attained unto your letter which began with the mention of God, our Goal and your Goal, our Object of worship and your Object of worship, and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When I received it and read it and understood it, I hastened to the place of circumambulation and presented that which you had uttered by the tongue of your Lord. Then He spoke, and His sweetest utterance was: "O thou who art present before the Countenance! The Wronged One hath heard that which the tongue of love hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who revealed it and he who read it and he who heard it and he who sent it. O Yahya! The Wronged One remembereth thee and remembereth His loved ones there who were beneath the glances of His grace. We send Our greetings from this station to them and to My loved ones and friends in the land of Sad and other regions. And We remember and send Our greetings to the people of the House, and We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions and to provide them with the best of beginnings and endings, and to ordain for them the Kawthar of reunion. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word 'Be' and it is. There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Praise be to God! Divine favors have been and are bestowed upon them. His grace hath encompassed them and His mercy hath preceded them. All that hath been manifested concerning them is a speaking witness and a truthful testimony. This ephemeral one offereth greetings and glorification to each one of them.

Concerning what the honored Leaf - that is, the esteemed sister, upon her be Baha'u'llah's glory - had written requesting mention of them in the Most Holy Presence: On Monday morning, the twentieth of the revered month of Sha'ban, this servant was present before Him and submitted mention of them. He expressed such loving-kindness toward them and all the household members, both female and male, that this servant is incapable of describing it. God is witness that such utterances were revealed that were they to be cast upon a mountain it would crumble from longing, were they upon the seas they would surge, and were they upon hearts they would melt. God willing, may they be joyous in all conditions and remain engaged in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. And concerning their expression of regret at not receiving the missive from the household members, upon them be His most glorious splendor: their missive, at the time of departure from the first location, attained the utmost bounty. The humility of the honored sister, upon her be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, is considered as a goodly deed. One sigh in separation from God, exalted be His glory, can rend asunder a hundred thousand veils and reach the ultimate station. Blessed be the sigh and the grief that appear and manifest in His path. In any case, their deeds were presented and accepted. Happy are they, and the subsequent missive will also, God willing, attain to a glory unprecedented.

Concerning their mention of Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah and Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon them be the glory of God, and their degrees of longing: praise be to God, they have inhaled the fragrances of loving-kindness and attained to mention. Blessed be they both.

Concerning their mention of the esteemed aunt, upon her be the glory of God, and her purpose: it was presented and He said: “Our Lord! Forgive me and those who have appeared before the Countenance and her and her sister’s son.” This ended. This is a great glad-tiding. God willing, may all attain the robe of forgiveness. We continually beseech this from God, exalted be His glory, and it will surely be adorned with the honor of acceptance. With the All-Bountiful, no matter or deed is difficult. All affairs are within His mighty grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

To the gentlemen who are present in that land, I convey greetings and glorification to all, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to gather all once again beneath the shade of the Tree. These days are the celebration of one of the Most Exalted Names - everyone’s place is empty, but this servant, in lieu of congratulations, is engaged in praise and glorification in the Most Exalted Place of Security, and on behalf of those gentlemen offers congratulations and felicitations, and sometimes on their behalf, if sweets come his way, partakes of them, for He has said that our celebrations are now like the celebrations of the angels of heaven - meaning the outward means are absent as they are, but praise be to God, the true good endureth with the endurance of the Kingdom. Peace be upon you and upon God’s righteous, sincere, and unified servants, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The Servant

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O Mahdi! In the name of the one peerless God. O Mahdi! These are grievous days when all the spirits of the worlds are in trembling and perturbation, until the breeze of gracious favor seizes whom it will and grants them dwelling in the loftiest chambers on high, and until the winds of justice pass over whom they will, consigning them to the lowest depths of hell. All this proceedeth from the command of thy Lord Who doeth as He pleaseth and shall not be asked of His doings. But today thou must be accounted among those companions who are not barred by any allusion from the holy gardens of the Divine Unity, nor deprived by any expression from the sublime and glorious Paradise. Although the hand of divine grace doth openly and secretly nurture His servants that they may behold all who are in the world within the grasp of God’s power, in such wise that they are not excluded by any bond nor deprived by any counsel. Even as thou hast observed that after the widespread acceptance among all the servants of the Quranic references concerning the Promised Qa’im and His appearance in Jabulqa and Jabulsa, as well as the mention of the Seal of the Prophets which was the explicit text of the Book, God created servants who rent asunder all these references and evidences and the veil of clear text that was recorded in the Quran. Now ponder a little how it came to pass that despite all these explicit recorded texts, servants were created who acknowledged that there hath been a Prophet from a beginning that had no beginning and will be unto an end that hath no end. O Mahdi! Take wing and become light as a spirit, unburdened by all else but God, that thou mayest be enabled to traverse the realms of eternity and its holy gardens, until thou becomest aware of mysteries that none hath known and of which not a letter hath been discovered.

That which in these days hath been and shall be beloved before God, the Lord of earth and heaven, above all else, is the unity of sanctified souls to such degree that no distinction can be perceived or observed between them. For the enemies have set out to turn the people back to the first step, even as thou hast observed in the Quranic Dispensation how they nurtured all in mere delusion, such that they preferred darkness to light and were content with dust rather than the Lord of Lords. Moreover they have intended to cut off the root of the Tree and its branches, and to demolish the House of Unity and its pillars. They have been content with an imaginary remembrance of the Truth for the sake of their leadership and the promotion of their names among the servants. To turn away from such persons hath been and shall ever be the nearest path to God's good pleasure, for their influence is like a penetrating poison, save for those who possess the antidote of the name of their Lord, the Most High, Who hath been and shall ever be, without change or alteration, and who perceive and inhale the fragrances of Truth from every direction. This is of God's grace upon him.

O Mahdi! Beware that thou fix not thy gaze upon the world and turn away from its people, except from those in whose hearts thou findest love for thy Lord. Exert mighty endeavors and sublime efforts that perchance thou mayest cause some souls to become mindful through the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, for in this day all are worshipping and prostrating before mere vain imaginings, and at every moment they devise new schemes that they might cast some hatred against this servant into the hearts of men. Thus doth the Pen of thy Lord teach thee that thou mayest be of those who are well-informed. Move in perfect unity with the loved ones, in such wise that discord may be utterly removed. His honor Ism-i-Munib is journeying to those parts. You and Mirza Mahdi must show him utmost consideration. Concerning him, naught but mighty and sublime words have been revealed from the holy precincts, and the innate fragrances, according to his capacity, are wafting and passing through him. We hope that ye may walk in the purified land and be seated and abide upon the most holy and most exalted throne in the sacred paradise. Move with utmost tranquility and remember with utmost love. Let no sorrow overtake thee. In every breath be other than thy former self, and with every step advance beyond thy previous step, that thou mayest be occupied at all times in purifying and sanctifying thyself. This is the mystery of that utterance which sayeth that man should record his deeds each day and present them at the next Manifestation. The purpose of this statement is man's awareness of his own deeds, that perchance he may become conscious and turn from evil to good, and from the remoteness of doubt to the nearness of certitude. And peace be upon him who recognizeth the truth through truth and through that which appeareth from His presence, and who is detached from all the worlds. My purpose in these utterances hath been and is naught but the purification of illumined souls. Otherwise, by Him Who holdeth the reins of existence in His grasp, I have ever wished to dwell in a place where no one's hand could reach this hem which is purified from all hands - as indeed came to pass, and now I sit alone in My house, having chosen seclusion from all. Thus hath the breeze of holiness wafted upon thee from this Pen that thou mayest find peace in thyself and be of them that are tranquil, steadfast, and faithful. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Mahdi! The tablet thou didst send, which bore witness to the gems of submission and resignation and bespoke the sorrow and grief of thy heart, was presented at the Most Holy and Supreme Threshold and was seized by the grasp of the power of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” and was observed by the Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted, Most High glances. Well is it with thee and with what thou hast drunk from the chalice of recognition. Strive then to be among those who are firmly established.

O Mahdi! The successive outpourings of the favors of the Lord of Names and Attributes have been uninterrupted, and the fragrant breezes of glorious divine gifts have been ceaselessly wafted. Strange it is that despite recognition of the Beauty of the All-Glorious - which is the supreme divine gift and the greatest bounty of the Sovereign of transcendent might - thou art nevertheless distressed and sorrowful.

O Mahdi! Cast off the garment of sorrow and adorn thy inner and outer being with the robe of joy. Although a grief hath encompassed the Beauty of the Lord of all worlds such that were a single word thereof to be cast upon all created things or revealed to all beings, thou wouldst find them all thunderstruck and bewildered. For this Divine Beauty hath, for twenty-two years, successively and continuously cast the verses of triumph upon all existing things and hath fortified the pillars of His Cause with the iron of His Own triumph, such that His dominion is manifest over all the worlds and His sovereignty encompasseth all possibility.

Then came the departure from Iraq. Surely thou hast heard how the Luminary of the horizons shed His radiance upon all the world. By God! No soul was seen but it became submissive, and no tongue was observed but it was rendered speechless before the All-Merciful. And in such wise did the Sun of utterance shine forth from the horizon of the words of the All-Glorious in every dwelling place and spot that it illumined and enlightened all who dwell in creation with the wondrous rays of its dawning light, save those who veiled themselves and allowed their own desires to come between them and their Lord, until the establishment of the throne of the All-Merciful ended in this land of Paran.

What more can be said of the envy and hatred of the people of tyranny and iniquity, who have at all times inflicted that which the ear is powerless to hear and the heart is far too feeble to comprehend? I complain of my grief and sorrow unto God. And now the King of eternity hath retired to the house of concealment, withholding His gaze entirely from beholding mankind and keeping His countenance pure from the sight of the people. Yet the enemies desist not from their hypocrisy, displaying at every moment strange new artifices.

In these utterances no purpose is intended save that thou mayest be informed of these wondrous matters and the griefs that have been visited upon Us, and that thou mayest not find thyself sorrowful except for the sorrow of this wronged Being. Therefore do all eyes weep for my loneliness and all hearts burn for my oppression.

O Mahdi! Today, forget thyself and arise to make mention of the Truth. Be enkindled by this divine Fire which blazeth and surgeth forth in the Tree of these words, that perchance through the warmth of thy heart souls may pass from the north of coldness to the right hand of warmth, and may appear and become manifest like divine lamps of love between earth and heaven. For today no soul possesseth aught for another, and all who are in the heavens and on earth stand at the station of heedlessness, until such

time as one may be blessed to purify the ear of his heart from transient melodies and become honored and blessed to hearken unto divine words.

Today the most important of all matters has been and shall be unity with the loved ones who have drunk from the holy cup of Baha and have settled upon the crimson ark that saileth upon the Most Holy Sea. Walk ye together in perfect fellowship and unity, for through this unity the mighty Cause of the Lord of creation shall become manifest and the foundations of the tyrannical souls shall be demolished and destroyed.

His honor Ism-i-Munib hath intended to go to the City of God. Thou must walk and associate with him in perfect love, in such wise that the fragrances of love may waft and the winds of discord may be utterly cut off and prevented. Assuredly exert your utmost effort in these mentioned matters, and this is a command than which no command in creation can equal it. Therefore act according to what thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath commanded thee.

In previous Tablets it was mentioned that your being in that land had a wisdom from thy Lord, the Chosen One, and now some of it hath become manifest. Surely you have noticed this and the rest shall also become manifest. For this reason be thou neither grieved nor sorrowful. I swear by the One Holy Being that complete love hath been and shall be for thee, and thy residence in that city was due to the divine decrees and destined events. Soon thou shalt know and become of […] and shall discover the wisdom of thy Ancient Lord. Likewise, perfect unity with Aqa Siyyid Mahdi is beloved, and also with the rest of the loved ones and companions, as was mentioned, except for him who hath gone forth from the fortress of his Lord - for him there is no mention nor existence, and he is of them that are as nothing.

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These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth, and verily they are a manifest Book. He hath made them a proof from Him and a remembrance for all the worlds. By them have the measures of the Cause been determined and every wise matter distinguished. He hath made them an enduring testimony for all who are in the heavens and on earth - none shall deny them save every heedless and remote one. Verily they are the living waters whereby the hearts of all created things are quickened. They are the Kawthar of the All-Merciful - whoso drinketh thereof shall never thirst. Blessed are they that drink! By them God distinguished between truth and falsehood, light and darkness in centuries past, and will continue to distinguish thereby unto the end that hath no end. Thus hath the matter been decreed upon tablets of sublime glory.

O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of thy Lord’s throne, the Most High, the Most Great - that there is no God but Him. He created all things for the knowledge of His Own Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He sent to every city a Messenger from His presence to bring them glad tidings of God’s good-pleasure and draw them nigh unto the seat of security, the holy and exalted sanctuary. Among the people were those who were guided by God’s guidance, attained His presence, and drank from the hands of submission the pure water of life, and were of the assured ones.

And among them were those who turned away and denied God's signs, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

The centuries passed until they culminated in the Lord of Days, the day whereon the Sun of the Bayan shone forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful and the Beauty of the All-Glorious appeared with a mighty name. Then did all arise in opposition. Among them were those who said: "This is naught but a man who hath forged a lie against God, the Ancient of Days." And among them were those who said he was possessed, as did one of the divines declare in My presence - and We are witness to this. And among them were those who said: "He speaketh not from his innate nature, but hath stolen God's words and combined them with his own words." And by what issued from their mouths, the eyes of grandeur wept, while they remained seated in their places, rejoicing. […]

When the appointed months and numbered years had elapsed, the heaven of destiny was rent asunder, and the Beauty of the Most High came with the truth upon the clouds of names, clothed in another garment. Thereupon they rose up in hypocrisy against this Light shining from the horizon, broke the Covenant, disbelieved in Him, warred against His person, disputed His verses, denied His evidence, and were numbered among the idolaters until they arose to slay Him. Such was the condition of these heedless ones. When they found themselves powerless to achieve this, they resorted to craftiness and in every season they bring forth a new plot to destroy thereby the Cause of God. Say: Woe unto you! By God, thereby you destroy yourselves, and verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all worlds. Nothing can add to Him nor can any decree diminish Him. If you believe, it is for your own sake, and if you disbelieve, it returns unto you, and His hem is sanctified from the defilement of the idolaters. O servant who believeth in God! By God, were I to recount to thee what hath befallen Me, souls and minds could not bear it, and God is witness to this. As for thee, guard thyself and follow not these people, and be of those who ponder the Cause of thy Lord. Know thy Lord by His own Self, not by aught else, for naught else will suffice thee in any way, and all things bear witness to this, if thou art of them that hear. Come forth from behind the veil by thy Lord's leave, the Mighty, the Bestower. Then take the chalice of immortality in the name of thy Lord, the Most High, between earth and heaven. Then drink thereof and be not of the patient ones. By God, at the moment the cup toucheth thy lips, the Concourse on High will exclaim, "Happy art thou, O servant who hath believed in God!", and the denizens of the cities of eternity will cry, "Joy be to thee, O thou who drinketh from the cup of His love!", and the Tongue of Grandeur will proclaim, "Glad tidings to thee, O servant, for thou hast attained unto that which none have attained save those who have detached themselves from all that is in the heavens and the earth and were of them that are detached." Thus have We inspired thee and taught thee that thou mightest rejoice within thyself and follow the command of thy Master, the Ancient of Days. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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In the name of God, transcendent is His glory, His grandeur and His power!

Praise be unto the Creator of the world and befitting unto the Sustainer of all nations, Who in His consummate wisdom hath bestowed upon every soul a gift and granted unto each a portion that can neither increase nor diminish. His ordainment cannot be altered by the world of destinies, nor can it find a way unto Him. He is the Sovereign Who hath adorned the world through the hosts of justice and equity. Intelligence is the first interpreter, and from it justice is made manifest, and through justice are ordered the affairs of nations. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with the ornament of justice and illumined with the light of intelligence. This raiment is, in the first degree, the most excellent adornment for the temples of kings. Should they achieve it, they shall attain unto all good, and should they be deprived thereof, they are not worthy of mention. The Manifestation and Revealer of justice and intelligence is the Sovereign of existence and the King of the Divine purpose - namely, the Seal of the Prophets, may my spirit be a sacrifice for all who were at the beginning and at the end. He is the representative of the Truth, and He is the manifestation of the most beautiful names and most exalted attributes. Upon Him be blessings and peace, and upon His family and companions, the conqueror of lands and guide of servants.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of intelligence and justice to protect Thy monotheistic servants from the evil of the polytheists who have broken Thy Covenant, denied Thy signs, and surrounded Thy cities and habitations. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones to obey Thy Cause and to submit to the manifestations of Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, then ordain for them through Thy bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones to inscribe for Thy monotheistic servants, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of all worlds among Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

To continue: thy letter hath been received. Praise be to God, it brought tidings of thine health and well-being. After experiencing joy, delight and gladness, I approached the Presence and attained the honor of hearing these words from our Lord - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him:

“O ‘Ali-Akbar! We beseech the Lord of Destiny and the Sovereign of mankind to aid thee in whatsoever is pleasing unto Him. In the early days We established rules and principles for the assembled souls, that all might attain, through God’s grace, to His manifest and hidden bounties. All this was done with the permission and leave of this Wronged One - some in Alif and Sin, others in Ba and Ya, and in Haifa and ’Akka, and Nun and Sad - that all might attain, through God’s grace and mutual assistance, to the good things recorded in the Book and the bounties ordained in His knowledge. The purpose was that they might be occupied and enjoy the bounties of these few earthly days, while beseeching God - exalted be His glory - night and day for the salvation of all on earth, that perchance through the grace of the sincere ones and the monotheists the fire of envy and hatred might be extinguished and all might gather as one soul beneath the shade of the Tree of Divine Unity. Let them likewise supplicate and beseech the true Omnipotent One that the banner of peace and security might once again be raised aloft and the light of the words ’There is none other God but Him’ might illumine the world. All the friends of God must strive for the reformation of the world. If outward means are cut off, they must hold fast to spiritual means through humility and supplication. God is powerful and generous, His Will encompasseth all things and

His decree prevaileth. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

“For thee and for him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, that land - namely the land of Nazareth - hath been designated. By no means relinquish it. Engage thyself therein, placing thy trust in God. We beseech Him to bestow His blessing and withhold not His bounty. This Wronged One hath never in His lifetime considered His own interests; whatsoever He hath uttered hath been for the good of His loved ones. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen. Under all conditions, remain mindful of the remembrance of God and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Merciful.” [End]

Praise be to God! Through His bounty thou hast attained, and in His prison what hath issued from the blessed Tongue shall enable thee to attain the outpourings of the True Bestower of abundance. Of this there is no doubt. O honored brother! We must seek divine confirmation from the Truth that we may act in accordance with that which exalteth the Word of Unity. From the recompense of thirteen hundred years’ deeds hath weakness resulted. Had our deeds been worthy of the court of the Self-Sufficient, the Supreme, assuredly the might of polytheism would not have seized us, nor would we have been afflicted with countless trials. Thou and this servant and all the friends must turn unto Him and seek deliverance from Him, that perchance His all-encompassing forgiveness may reach us and His mighty grace may grant salvation. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to the friends in that land. All are remembered. For some time no word hath come from the honored master Sabri Efendi, upon him be God’s peace. God willing, may he be confirmed and assisted, and may He cause his affairs to proceed according to what He loveth and desireth. Likewise do I send greetings to the honored friend Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be God’s peace, and to the others, and I beseech from the Truth the protection of all. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. Peace be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be worthy of the Lord of the unseen and the visible, Who through His complete power created man and made him the manifestation of His names and attributes. Exalted is He Who made him the dawning-place of His signs, the manifestation of His evidences, the dayspring of His revelation and the source of His command. He is the Most Great Talisman in the world. The “man” who is here mentioned refers, in its primary degree, to the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. He is the manifestation of the words “He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden.” He is the Primal Point from which all the books of the world have been derived and elaborated. He is the true Most Great Sign and the spiritual Farthest Mosque. He is the Kaaba of God among creation and the Frequented Fane amidst His servants. Whosoever acknowledges His mission and grandeur and greatness - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - his acknowledgment of all God’s Messengers is

confirmed and established. Blessed are the people who turned to Him, who drank from the ocean of His bounty, and who acted according to His bidding. The claim of every pretender in this regard has not been and will not be accepted. The servant beseecheth His Lord to open the eyes of those who have turned away from His straight path and cast the Cause of God behind their backs, taking that which every ignorant doubter hath uttered. And prayers and peace be upon Him and His family and companions throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by the treasuries of Thy knowledge and the repositories of Thy wisdom and that which was hidden in Thy Name, to acquaint Thy servants with that which they have neglected and draw them nigh unto a station wherein they will behold Thy manifestation, Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Vain imaginings have kept them away from the ocean of Thy nearness, and idle fancies have withheld them from the heaven of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the steadfastness of Thy chosen ones and Thy pure ones, and by the tears of them that are in love with Thee and yearn for Thee, to assist all to achieve what Thou hast willed through Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter, time and again, brought joy and recalled the days of reunion. It is a messenger sanctified from provisions and supplies and free from toil and hardship. In truth it is a spiritual courier and a luminous herald, especially when it proceeds from one who is adorned with the ornament of the love of God, glorified be His majesty, and whose heart is sanctified from the dust of the world. In any case, after being presented before His presence, He said: “God willing, may they be successful and assisted in all conditions in that which is loved by God.”

Today is the day when all must hold fast to the cord of wisdom, for the false one appears in the guise of the truthful, and the treacherous in the name of the trustworthy. Beseech ye God to protect all from the evil of malicious, atheistic, false, and treacherous souls. Verily He is the Protector of those who place their hopes in Him. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace, mercy and glory be upon thee and thy family and My loved ones in that place and upon every assured and steadfast believer.

Regarding what was mentioned about Abdullah Ansari, upon whom be God’s mercy, and his words - this matter was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and He said: “O Abdullah! From the mention of that word, it became evident that you perceived the sweetness of the Divine Call. Now reflect upon the stations of those souls who hear this word from the tongue of the Manifestation Himself, and beseech God that all may attain to the recognition of this Most Exalted and Most Glorious Station. Verily, He speaks that which guides the people to His mighty and impregnable Kingdom.” After delay and postponement, this evanescent servant was enabled to present this response and send it forth. This is naught but the result of the attention and prayers of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. This servant submits that mention has been and continues to be made of you and the friends of God in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may all succeed in preserving their stations. In truth, this response was greatly delayed, but this matter was due to wisdom. Today, this evanescent servant and all friends are commanded to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of every heedless and remote one be raised. God willing, may you eternally partake of the choice wine of divine love and the Kawthar of the All-Merciful’s

utterance, and with utmost joy and fragrance remain occupied with the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He is the Protector of those who remember Him, the Guardian of those who are steadfast, the Friend of those who are firm, the Helper of those who are patient, and the Supporter of those who act. Praise be to Him, for He is the Lord of all worlds. I request that you convey greetings and salutations on behalf of this ephemeral one to the friends in that land who have drunk of the sealed wine and who are gazing toward the Supreme Horizon. Praise be to God, mention of the friends of that land has been and continues to be made among the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise. Blessed is the soul who does not lose this station due to vain imaginings and the affairs of this transient world, and who, through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, succeeds in preserving it. Their call is continuously raised without interruption. Many matters are now veiled due to the weakness of the servants, but God will reveal what He wishes. Verily, He does not allow the reward of the doers of good to be lost. There has befallen you in the path of God that which has been recorded in the Books, Tablets and Scriptures. Blessed are you, O friends of God, and joy and felicity be upon you. Glory be upon you, and the Spirit be upon you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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Praise, sanctified above all expressions and meanings, befitteth the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Sublime Court of Him Who is the Beloved, Who, with one word, seized hold of the world of being and, with another, adorned all things with the ornament of existence. Verily, He is God, the Single, the One, the Alone, the Self-Subsisting. Neither the conditions of the world nor the doubts of men can frustrate Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

To continue: thy letter, which was adorned with the handwriting of him who circulateth throughout the land by God's command, truly brought joy and increased gladness. We beseech God, the Powerful, the Ancient, to transform this gladness into a carpet whereon all His loved ones and chosen ones may gather in perfect fellowship, unity, love and harmony, that all may raise one call and move with one motion, and that this servant may be engaged in serving them all.

After becoming apprised of the contents of the letter, I turned towards the Beloved of the worlds and the Goal of them that have recognized Him. When I entered His presence and laid the matter before Him, thereupon the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, and His exalted Word was this: "O Muhammad-Hasan! We called thee after We created thee, made thee known after We manifested thee, and aided thee until thou didst attain to a station which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High and all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names. Then did We cause thee to hear My Most Exalted Word and showed thee the lights of My countenance after the extinction of all things, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hand of My bounty. Give thanks unto God for this favor wherewith nothing that hearts and minds can comprehend can compare."

Reflect upon God's grace and His bounty, that thou mayest become aware of the lights of the Sun of grace and the ocean of His bounty. By My life! If thou wert to become aware, thou wouldst continue to cry out "Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds!" until the time of thine ascension. This utterance was in thy letter which the servant present laid before Him - thy words: "Since the time I was dismissed from the honor of attaining Thy presence, no token of bounty hath been shown to this evanescent one." To speak thus in the face of the ocean of God's bounty was not and is not permissible. Even if thou wert to praise the Beloved of all possibility with a hundred thousand tongues, it would still be little and insignificant compared to this supreme bounty and magnificent gift. The whole world was brought from the concealment of nothingness into being for this Day. How many divines, mystics and saints beseeched God, the Exalted, for the privilege of attaining unto this Day, yet when it appeared and shone forth, all remained veiled. But thou, through God's grace, bounty, mercy, generosity and favor, wert aided and didst attain thereunto. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen testify, and thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak in its mighty prison.

From this station We send Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones in that place, who have drunk the choice wine of My love, who have spoken My praise, who have conveyed My Cause, who have arisen to serve Me and to serve My loved ones, who have cast aside all else but Me and have taken fast hold of that which they were commanded in My perspicuous Book.

We make mention of thy wife, who believed in her Lord after she heard His mighty and wondrous call, and We make mention of My handmaidens who have rejoiced in My Day, who have heard My remembrance and have turned towards My luminous horizon.

And concerning what you wrote about the handmaiden of God, the mother of Bahiyyih Sultan, upon her be the Glory of God, mentioning her hardship, this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word: "Upon thee, O My handmaiden, upon thee, O My handmaiden, be patience and forbearance in whatsoever hath befallen thee in the days of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Put thy trust in Him under all conditions, and it behooveth thee to be content and well-pleasing in this Day wherein all things have proclaimed: 'The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.' It behooveth thee to remember thy Lord with this remembrance which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken at this moment:

"I beseech Thee, O my God, by the appearance of the Self-Subsisting after the Qaim, and by His signs, His evidences, His manifestations and His attributes, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy favor, and I know not what will benefit me in Thy sight. The knowledge of all things is in a Mighty Book. O my Lord! Ordain for this handmaiden of Thine that which will cause her to be joyous under all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful."

Praise be to God that you have been blessed repeatedly with the choice wine of divine utterance. This is that same sustenance which hath been recorded in the divine Scriptures and Books, both of the past and of the present. Glorified and exalted is He above my mention, my description, my praise and the praise of

all who are in the heavens and the earth. How can the understanding and minds of the servants comprehend this most great favor? We are all powerless and wanting, and He is the Strong, the Mighty. And furthermore, whatever you had expressed of the degrees of powerlessness, nothingness, evanescence, remembrance and praise regarding the most mighty, most pure Branches of the Divine Lott Tree - may my spirit, my being and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps - this servant presented it with the utmost humility and submissiveness on your behalf. They showed favor and likewise offered greetings. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the mention of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is the All-Hearing from His Most Exalted Horizon!

Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of that Desired One Who caused the Kawthar of eternity to flow forth from the Most Exalted Pen, and through a drop thereof bestowed everlasting life upon those who have turned unto Him. This drop, in its first station and primary rank, appeared in the form of a point, and through it He brought forth from the realm of the unseen into the sphere of existence the knowledge of the first and the last. And when its service found acceptance, it became intimate with the letter Ba, and through it was raised aloft the knowledge that there is none other God but Him, and the banner of triumph and victory was unfurled. He is the One with such power that neither the might of all created things nor the force of all contingent beings can stay His will.

Blessed are those souls who have drunk from the Salsabil of the word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” and have found themselves detached from the world and all who dwell therein. When thou hearest the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen and drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of the Lord of all beings, say:

“Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy greatness and Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast illumined the world, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby Thou hast guided the nations, to make me in all conditions one who extols Thy praise, who stands firm in service to Thy loved ones, and who clings fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest my turning towards Thy horizon and my orientation towards the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, whom neither the swords of the enemies could prevent from turning to Thy Most Exalted Horizon, nor the clamor of the divines from Thy mention, O Thou Who art the King of earth and heaven, and Lord of the Hereafter and of the former days. O my Lord! Thou seest the sinner who seeketh the ocean of Thy forgiveness and pardon. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed the world to forgive my misdeeds and transgressions, and to ordain for me that which will

keep me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of the aggressors, nor the doubts of the suspicious, nor the signs of those who have denied the Day of Judgment shall hold me back. O my Lord! Withhold not from me what Thou hast purposed from the heaven of Thy grace. Illumine my pillars through Thy bounty and mercy, and my heart with the lights of the Day-Star of Thy Manifestation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

A letter thou didst send to this Servant hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. The fragrance of acceptance and faith wafted therefrom. We beseech God to manifest from each of the loved ones of that land that which is conducive to the guidance of humanity, and likewise to cause to flow that which is the cause of life for the peoples of the world. This is not difficult for God. Consider Salman and Abu Dharr, to what station they attained after acceptance. His grace made Tammar one of the righteous, and His justice distinguished the virtuous from the wicked. This is the meaning of the words "He maketh your low ones to be high ones and your high ones to be low ones." Reflect upon the disciples of Jesus, son of Mary - they were engaged in collecting tithes and catching fish, yet through the rays of the Sun of proof they attained to such a station that they captured the world. For they detached themselves from all that they possessed and turned unto that which was with God and held fast unto it. They effaced their own will in the Will of God and arose to serve - such service that neither the might of the obstinate Jews nor the idol-worshippers could deter them from the Creator of all things. We beseech God to aid and protect all. Yet some of the people of the Bayan are occupied with matters that cause division and discord. They have abandoned the foundation and think only of finding a calf to which they may cling, thus becoming the cause of another sedition. All must beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which will exalt His Word and cause steadfastness in it. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee to that which is the cause of preservation and elevation, and hath enjoined and continueth to enjoin wisdom upon all the friends of that land, lest there appear from them that which would disturb hearts and souls. The loved ones of that land have ever been and are beneath His gaze. We have mentioned him who hath ascended unto God with a mention whose fragrance shall not fade nor its breezes be cut off. Verily it shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom endure. To this beareth witness the Lord of might, when He was established upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. He who was named Muhammad-'Ali in the Book of Names - upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth. We have purified him from that which beseemeth him not and have raised him to a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention.

We make mention of thy son who was named Muhammad-Hasan, and We have mentioned him with that which hath been revealed for him at this time from the rain of the mercy of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Rafi'! Today the Word of God hath been and is superior to a hundred children. Strive ye to attain unto the good-pleasure of the Friend and to manifest that which shall be recorded eternally in the Book of God. These are the true children, the true delight of the eye, and the true posterity. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One when sorrows encompassed Him through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. O people of Baha! Grieve not over anything save that which hath befallen Us at the hands of the heedless.

We have been patient in hardship and tribulation and have commanded the people of Baha to show forth beautiful patience.

We make mention of the mother of the child and give her the glad-tidings of that which hath been revealed on this night. Glory be from Us upon those who have taken the cup of immortality in My Most Great Name and have drunk therefrom despite every heedless and suspicious learned one.

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O Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! He is the One Who uttereth Justice!

Praise and glory beseem the Almighty Lord Who, in the midst of tribulations and while in the hands of enemies, proclaimed "Verily, I am the Lord of all beings." The might of Pharaohs deterred Him not, nor did the power of tyrants hold Him back from His purpose. With the knowledge that He doeth whatsoever He willeth, He departed from the Realm of Eternity to the kingdom of creation, that He might quicken the dead through the divine breathings of revelation and heavenly inspirations, and lead them to the horizon of glory. The purpose of bearing countless afflictions and trials was that the world might be purified from the smoke of hatred and rancor, and that every soul might find itself in the seat of truth and the gathering-place of security.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My knowledge! The religion of God and His prescribed Law have ever been the cause of love and unity, yet through misunderstanding they have become the source of enmity and discord. Strive that perchance this span-long world might be illumined with the light of harmony. From that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge, it is clear and evident what the purpose and intention hath been - that the servants of the world might turn from bestial characteristics toward spiritual and luminous qualities, and become purified from unseemly deeds and actions.

Beseech thou God that no party like unto the Shi'ih sect might again appear in the world. O thou who gazest upon My countenance! I swear by the Sun of Truth that until now this Wronged One hath not revealed the hidden mysteries. All the claims of those people have been and are like unto Jabulqa and Jabulsa. They have failed to distinguish between God and His creation. They have not even perceived the fragrance of true unity, and yet they count themselves among the most exalted of all people. No deed is witnessed from them save corruption, rejection and malediction.

Beseech thou God to illumine the world with the light of justice and to assist and confirm His Majesty the Shah. Despite the impertinence of some in the early days, He hath repeatedly in recent years protected the oppressed from the tyranny of the ignorant - once in Ha and Mim, again in Qaf and Mim, and in other places, as when He graciously granted freedom to the prisoners in the Land of Ta.

My God, My God! Thou seest my state, my tribulation, my trials, my imprisonment and my sorrow. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the doors of hearts, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance before all faces, to assist His Majesty the Shah in that which Thou lovest and art

pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

O My Nabil! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thou art well aware of how this Wronged One hath, from the inception of this Cause until now, arisen before the faces of all with manifest power and might, without any veil or covering. Whensoever the Cause of God was exalted and the Day-Star of His Revelation shone forth, some heedless one would emerge from behind the veil and act in such wise as would cause the servants to hesitate. In the Land of Mystery [Baghdad], despite the manifestation of the mubahalih [spiritual contest], and the exaltation of the Word, Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani rushed to Mushiru'd-Dawlih–upon him be the Glory of God–seeking refuge and requesting a daily stipend. By God! At this My heart, My Pen, and My very being lamented. And now Isfahani, together with his companion, is present at the Threshold, engaged in plundering wealth, consumed by such flames of greed and passion that the Pen is powerless to describe. Poor trustworthiness writhes beneath the talons of his treachery, while piety, like the phoenix, remains hidden and unseen. Yet despite all the afflictions that have befallen Us and these endless tribulations, neither tongue nor pen is restrained. The oppression of the oppressors and the might of the aggressors have not prevented Us. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid those who have turned away to turn toward Him, and those who have denied to acknowledge Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

Thy letter that thou didst send to this servant hath arrived. At that very moment, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, specifically for the aforementioned one–upon him be My glory. We beseech God to aid him to grasp it through His strength and His power. A blessed scroll was sent; peruse it and send copies thereof to the lands of Khah, Shahrud, and Mashhad, as well as to other cities. A volume of the Divine Book is being sent today from Ha [Haifa] that it may reach thee, and specifically for the names mentioned, wondrous, sublime and mighty verses have been revealed and dispatched. Would that they might understand from whence these verses are revealed and in what state they are revealed! By God! Were the people of the world to look with fairness, all would turn to the most exalted Summit. It is not known by what excuse the hesitant justify themselves. By My life! Were the Primal Point [the Bab] present, He would surely arise before all faces and record that which descendeth from the Kingdom of grace and bounty. Say: O people! Look ye at My signs and that which hath proceeded from the ocean of My utterance. Verily, it will acquaint you with that which hath been hidden from you through His wisdom. He is verily the All-Patient, the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The signs of thy grief have saddened this Wronged One. The glances of My loving-kindness have ever been directed towards thee. To this all things bear witness. Hold fast unto that which We have revealed for thee aforetime. Look not to the people and their ways, but unto the Truth and His sovereignty. Thou hast ever been and continue to be remembered, to this the Mother Book beareth witness at this moment. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

As to what thou didst mention regarding thy nephew Muhammad-'Ali–upon him be My glory–this dependeth upon thine own judgment and is acceptable in the sight of God. The glory that shineth from the horizon of this heaven be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Lord of this firm and impregnable Cause.

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Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mahmud, who hath attained Our presence and won the honour of recognition

TABLET OF GOD, THE ALL-PROTECTING, THE SELF-SUBSISTING

He is the One Who calleth from the Most Exalted Horizon in the Prison of ’Akka

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh this day amongst the people is indeed the Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance, the Hidden Treasure, and the Concealed Mystery that was veiled from all eyes and inscribed by the Pen of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Through Him hath the decree of the Book been established, both in the beginning and at the end, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

O Mahmud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Loving. I bear witness that thou hast cast aside all things, turning thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Thou didst leave thy home, seeking the Lord of the House, until thou didst arrive and attain the presence of the Countenance and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of existence. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in this Prison, whereby the Cause of God, His sovereignty, His majesty and His power have been upraised, and wherein every hidden matter hath been revealed. Remind My brothers on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of that which hath been ordained for them by the Pen of Decree from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have remembered them, and do remember them, with that which attracteth the hearts and souls. Say: Be not grieved by the deeds of those whose idle fancies have withheld them from reflecting upon the ultimate fate of things. By the life of God! Their actions shall profit them not. Soon shall they find themselves in the torment ordained for them by God, the Lord of Hosts.

Hear thou the Divine Call in the Persian tongue! Some have imagined that through the shedding of blood and the persecutions visited upon the friends the wounds inflicted upon hearts would be healed. Far, far from the truth! Rather, from every drop a new creation is brought forth, and from every affliction countless bounties are made manifest. Today the lovers have been so transported by the Word of the Beloved of the worlds that they regard the world and all that is therein as a handful of dust. Say: O people, by the life of God, this Call bestoweth eternal life and conferreth everlasting grace. Deprive not yourselves thereof. Fear ye God, O people, and be not of the heedless. Cast away what the world possesseth and take hold of this Manifest Book which acquainteth you with the Command of God, draweth you nigh unto the pavilion of His glory, giveth you to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance, and guideth you to His straight Path.

Today the lovers have a melody, and the City of Love is illumined and purified by the sweet and holy breaths of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. In truth I say these wrongs shall not be lost. The fire of hatred shall leave its traces until the end that hath no end, that all may become aware of the tyrannies perpetrated by the manifestations of iniquity and wickedness against the dawning-places of

righteousness and piety. Hath any power been witnessed in the world, or will ever be seen, that can withstand the power of God? Nay, by His own Self, the True One!

O people of Iran! Beseech ye God that He may assist His Majesty the Shah to do that which beseemeth his station in this Day, and that He may not withhold from him the outpoured bounties, the eternal offerings, and the everlasting verses. Glory be to God! At times it hath been heard that His Majesty hath declared: “We have hitherto shown no favor to this community, nor manifested any mercy towards them. However, We now desire to deal with them with justice and equity.” Nevertheless it became clear that these words were not from the Shah, or if they were, his blessed intention was altered due to the whisperings of the tale-bearers of the world.

That which today is the cause of greatest astonishment is that His Majesty the Shah hath made no distinction between friend and foe, and hath regarded the true friends as enemies - God forbid! O Shah! Reflection is needed; perchance thou mayest become aware of those wicked souls who have been and are lying in wait. The intention here is not to refer to outsiders, but rather to one whose name none dare mention, yet whose deeds and intentions are clear and evident to those possessed of insight.

Glory be to God! What hath veiled the investigators! To say more would exceed the bounds of wisdom, yet We beseech God to assist and confirm His Majesty the Shah and grant him the knowledge to perceive, for should he become aware, he would hold fast to that which would ensure the perpetuity of his sovereignty and the reformation and advancement of his realm. That which is now the greatest means for His Majesty the Shah from the King of all means is that he should take a firm covenant from the Book that speaketh and from the Kingdom of Utterance, for this sacred covenant is immune from annulment and change; alteration shall not touch it nor shall obliteration reach it. Besides this, no other means that could ensure the exaltation and elevation of the standard of sovereignty can be perceived. Verily, other means existed before, but their time hath passed. O Mahmud! Upon thee be the grace of God and His mercy, which hath preceded the unseen and the seen. Say: O my God, my God! Cast me not out from the door of Thy bounty, and withhold me not from the ocean of Thy generosity, and sever not the cord of my hope through Thy might and power. O Lord! Thou seest the thirsty one yearning for the stream of Thy mercy, and the essence of nothingness seeking the word of Thy proof, and the river of poverty desiring the sea of Thy wealth. I beseech Thee, O Protector of them that are near, O Deliverer of the sincere ones, O Shelter of the sorrow-laden, to illumine the countenance of the sovereign with the light of Thy justice, and to adorn him with that which will draw him nigh unto the court of Thy bounty and the seat of Thy favors. Then aid him, O my God, with the hosts of earth and heaven, and the armies of the seen and the unseen. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Almighty. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

At the outset, this servant beseeches his Lord to make your station at the Sacred Threshold an impregnable fortress and to protect you thereby from the evil of every barking dog, every rebel, every

transgressor, and every slanderer who have made it their nature to wrongfully consume the wealth of the people and their habit to calumniate the servants by following the misguider.

Glory be to Thee, O God, Lord of all beings and Educator of all created things! Thou seest Thy righteous loved ones in the hands of the wicked, and there hath befallen them, through their evil deeds, that which hath caused the very rocks to cry out. I beseech Thee by the Light whereby the darkness was illumined, and by the Drop whereby Thou didst manifest the seas, and by the Point whereby Thou didst expound the Books and the mysteries of Revelation, and by Thy Beloved through Whom Thou didst create existence and made Him the Guardian over the unseen and the seen, and through Whom Thou didst perfect Thy religion amongst Thy servants and manifest Thy Cause throughout the lands - to assist Thy servants in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! Illumine the world with the light of knowledge and trustworthiness, and send down upon Thy servants that which will purify them from the defilement of self and passion, and draw them nigh unto Thy glorious station and Thy mighty court. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest.

That beloved spiritual one's letter arrived. Praise be to God, from it wafted the fragrance of resignation, reliance, steadfastness, trustworthiness and power. I beseech the Most High to exalt you through His Name and honor you through His mention and manifest through you His virtues and attributes, that through you the signs of steadfastness and religion may spread among all creatures, and the truth may be realized through your deeds and actions. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. After reading it repeatedly, he proceeded to the Sacred Spot and it was presented before His presence. He - may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake - said: "Praise be to God Who hath aided the Afnan to manifest the truth and that which beseemeth him in such days wherein the oppressors desired to veil the beauty of trustworthiness with their own treachery and the beauty of truthfulness with the veils of their lies. Praise be to God, thou wast assisted to deliver eloquent words and didst mention that which was a light shining from the supreme horizon of the heart. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth in such wise that the clamor of the people of greed and passion and the howling of the people of tyranny and wickedness did not prevent thee from mentioning the truth. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you with the hosts of the seen and unseen, to preserve you through His sovereignty and guard you through His power. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O Amin! We have heard thy call. Praise be to God for having enabled thee to achieve that which hath won the glory of acceptance. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest us in the hands of the heedless and the transgressors. We beseech Thee to assist us to hold fast unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and unto deeds from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure may be wafted. Thou knowest that we desire naught save trustworthiness and religiousness and truthfulness and purity. Ordain for us that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as act and such of Thy creation as are sincere. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

In truth, His honor the esteemed gentleman (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious) hath uttered a word that leaveth no room for denial by anyone, and that word hath testified and doth testify to truth and righteousness, for the station of attribution is established and all are aware. In any case, they stated that they had uttered a blessed word - blessed be he! And that which was forbidden is different

from this. Praise be to God, they have uttered a complete blessed word, and in truth it hath been sanctified from both acceptance and denial. No acceptance hath been or is more conclusive than this. The heedless and the opponents have said many things. Praise be to God, arrival in that land proved that His honor was not and is not among those who flee, for after departing from that land they wrote to their own kind that the others had fled. Glory be to God! Every person of understanding is bewildered by what they have said and done. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon them the recompense of their deeds. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Praise be to God, the favors of Truth are evident from every direction, and refraining from discussion regarding the claim hath itself been a form of divine assistance. The beloved of the heart, the Observer (upon him be God's peace), hath arrived and is headed in that direction. It became known that Sayyalih had made a mistake regarding the Name, and no new command reached them afterwards, thus the delay. God willing, after the assurances of His Excellency the Ambassador (may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him) - that is, the assurance regarding collecting the claim and its receipt - if it is requested there is no harm. Verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praiseworthy. If they judge with justice and are successful, they must give recompense for the calumnies of those people so that the lies and slanders of those base people become evident to all. And regarding what they said that Muhammad-'Ali himself would bring and give our dues - this statement too was among the distinguished utterances. We beseech the Most High to assist His loved ones in that which will cause trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity and faithfulness to be exalted. God willing, let there be loving conduct with all people. The association of some may be intended to hear words which they can use as a pretext. What was said at first should be mentioned exactly as it was, without addition or subtraction. In that land there are many investigators and mischief-makers. The first single word was and is sufficient. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon the Afnan, and upon you, and upon those who love you, and upon God's sincere servants.

The Servant

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In the Name of the One Who answereth from the horizon of the Fire kindled in the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing!

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letter of Farajullah - upon him be My glory - which he wrote to thee hath attained the honor of being heard in Our presence. The fragrance of the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds was wafted from it. Likewise, he sent to this Servant that which testified to his acceptance, humility and lowliness before God, the Lord of the worlds. Due to events occurring in this land, there was delay in responding and showing favor until this time when the Most Great Branch appeared before the Countenance and made mention of you. We have mentioned thee in such wise as nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

At this time when the Tongue of Eternity speaketh and the Pen moveth, the Ancient Countenance hath turned toward the land of K and maketh mention of Faraj - upon him be My glory - that he may rejoice in his Lord's favor and be among those who are steadfast. O Faraj! There hath befallen the Wronged One that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round My mighty Throne to weep. Servants who have denied God and His sovereignty and turned away from His gracious Cause have risen against Us. Yet the Wronged One, in the midst of tribulation, continued to voice His beauteous praise and remember His loved ones in all directions. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Neither the power of the world nor the might of nations hath deterred Us. We have arisen, without veil or covering, and spoken that which hath caused the limbs of the polytheists to quake. Blessed art thou and those who have held fast to the Most Great Cord and have arisen to serve My manifest Cause.

We have heard thy call time and again, and We answer thee at this hour. We make mention of the youth who mentioned thee before the Countenance and heard the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath attained and won to his goal, as the Mother Book beareth witness in its exalted station. O youth! Hear the call and be not of the heedless. We make mention of H and S. He arose in the earliest days to serve the Cause, as beareth witness He Who speaketh in all things that there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. We have commanded the servants not to speak regarding him. We have forgiven him as a bounty from Our presence, and We are verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Faraj, upon thee be My Glory! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One. I swear by the tribulations of this Wronged One that whosoever today attaineth unto any of My remembrances hath attained unto all good. We beseech God to aid thee in such wise that thy name may never set from the horizon of names, nor thy remembrance from the heaven of mention, nor be touched by decline. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. His honor Amin, upon him be My Glory, during the days he was present before the Face, made mention of that land, and repeatedly mentioned each one in the Most Holy Court, and likewise the party of God at the gate of Isfahan. We beseech God to aid them and grant them success in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Say: O people of God! Today ye must be set ablaze by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing - an enkindlement that would consume all dampness and coldness which are the cause and reason for lassitude and hesitation, that all may speak forth in praise and thanksgiving and arise to serve. Say: O people of God! Know ye the value of these days and seek from God that which endureth and lasteth. The days are transient, things are transient, colors are transient, wealth and riches and might and glory are all transient. What a pity that man should be deprived of the eternal Kingdom for the sake of that which perisheth. From the beginning of the Cause until now, the Pen of God hath, for the sake of God, uttered that which is the cause of salvation for all and eternal everlasting life. Well is it with them that hear, and well is it with them that act!

His honor Ha and Sin hath, from the beginning of the Cause, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and hath borne in the path of God that which none save God is aware of. The gaze of favor hath turned toward him from the horizon of the Prison, that he may be of the thankful ones. Verily We have forgiven him and purified him. Thy Lord loveth faithfulness and commandeth all to observe it. Blessed is he who hath held

fast unto that which God hath willed and hath detached himself from his own desires in this Great Announcement. Those who have attained unto His presence, nothing whatsoever shall harm them. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him and aid him in His remembrance and praise and in serving His manifest Cause, and to make him a standard of His name. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We send greetings to the leaves of that land and make mention of them with such mention that the whole world and whatsoever is therein cannot equal a single letter thereof. Soon that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall appear and become manifest to all the world. Consider what was in the beginning and what hath now come to pass. The will of God cannot be hindered by the will of creation, nor can the penetrating influence of the Most Exalted Pen be prevented by the clamor of ignorant divines. Thus hath He revealed the utterance, pearls of knowledge. When thou hast attained unto them say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds! My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy grace and unto Thy favor. Despite what hath befallen Thee, Thou hast remembered Thy devoted friends.

If thou shouldst meet his honor Amin, convey My greetings. Say: Verily We have mentioned every name thou didst mention before the Face, and We mention it as a grace from Us, and I am verily the Compassionate, the Bountiful. O Amin! Thou didst enter by My leave and depart by My leave. Thou didst stand before My face and didst speak in remembrance of My party and My loved ones who have held fast to My cord and clung to the hem of the robe of My mercy, and who have soared in My atmosphere and spoken My praise and hastened unto My straight path. The Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned on this dark night from the Pen of God, the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty.

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He is God - exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

The servant testifies that there is no God but Him, acknowledging His oneness and confessing His singleness, and with certitude in what He has revealed in His Book. Verily He is the Sovereign before Whose hosts the world cannot stand. He does as He wills by His command and decrees what He desires. He is indeed the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose manifestation mysteries were revealed and that which was hidden in the hearts of the chosen ones who Thou madest the repositories of Thy revelation, the dawning-places of Thy inspiration, the fountainheads of Thy Cause, and the daysprings of Thy laws. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the Word through which all created things were moved and all existing things were ordained, to assist Thy chosen ones, Thy loved ones and Thy trustees to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy Cause, that there might appear from them that which would cause those near unto Thee to inhale the fragrance of immortality through Thy Most Exalted Name. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

O my Lord! Withhold them not from Thy outpourings which none has comprehended save Thy knowledge and none has recognized save Him Whom Thou hast made the Manifestation of Thy names, attributes, signs and tokens. Protect them from the evil of those who have encompassed the people of Thy oneness in Thy realm, and through whom there has come to pass that which has caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Verdant Isle to lament. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled those who have acknowledged Thy oneness to remain patient in adversity and tribulation. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of earth and heaven, and the Sovereign over all names. Thou art indeed the Mighty, the Great.

And now, O beloved of my heart, the words composed of the letters of the Book of love for the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all nations have left their effect upon all limbs, members and pillars - an effect of which it is said that it enters with milk and departs with the soul. How wondrous is this most great mystery of love! Though a thousand volumes be written about it, it would still appear deficient. It is the first adornment and the cause and reason for the continuation of existence. In one station it bestows life and grants spirit, in another it makes one utterly evanescent, and in yet another it confers an enduring, eternal power. I have no name for this mystery and this reality. Whatever is said of it is other than it and beneath it, for by God's will it has become the cause and reason for creation. After gaining awareness and knowledge, approach was made to the presence of His countenance and He said: "Praise be to God! A carpet has been spread that the hands of the morning breeze are powerless to fold. Blessed are its people! None but the people of determination and joy have access to this carpet. The world is seen to be in turmoil through the tyranny of the nations. Each day it is afflicted with a new ordeal and from every corner a tribulation arises. O people of unity! Through your existence the world exists. Strive that perchance the world may be adorned with the ornament of justice and equity and attain unto that which God has willed. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who has turned towards Egypt and blessed are God's loved ones there. We make mention of the two Most Great Names as We have mentioned them before and will mention them hereafter, and those whom the doubts of the people of polytheism have not prevented from recognizing the unity of God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Wise. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants."

The station of loving-kindness and compassion is evident, both outwardly and inwardly, through utterance. Every word speaks, nay every letter testifies and bears witness to the Most Great Bounty. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve these stations and increase them with each moment. He is the Powerful, the Able One.

That which that beloved one observed and mentioned in the dream indicates the exaltation of the religion of God and His Cause among the servants. As for the weeping, it is joy - this is what the servant heard from the tongue of his Lord. They stated that whatsoever came to pass and was revealed, all was and is evidence of loftiness, elevation, exaltation and steadfastness. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make your honor one who aids, stands firm, and speaks forth in His Name with wisdom and utterance. Although mentioning this matter is to achieve what is already achieved, as that beloved one has been and is, praise be to God, already successful.

And regarding what was written about ’Ammar, these details that were submitted are clear and evident. Your honor has fulfilled and continues to fulfill the Covenant and Testament, and there has been no doubt or uncertainty. Whatever is with them will return to this Spot, but it has not yet emerged from the unseen. After its emergence, whatever is wise and befitting to the time will be made manifest. End.

To the beloved of the heart, that is, the direction of the two Most Exalted Names, his honor Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, I convey countless salutations and greetings. Surely by now he has returned from Egypt. This servant is ashamed before him, for whatever he might express, there still remains more to say. Perhaps God will bestow His grace and enable its expression, for it is not and has never been within the power of ones like this servant. I convey greetings to each of the loved ones in that land, and I beseech God, glorified be His Majesty, for health, well-being, blessing, bounty, confirmation and success in all that He loves and is pleased with. May they ever dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of loving-kindness, standing in His service, mentioning His remembrance, and gazing toward His horizon. Peace, praise, glory and splendor be upon your honor and upon the near-servants of God.

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Glorified be His Most Exalted Station, His Grandeur and His Power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear evidences and caused the Supreme Pen to speak forth betwixt earth and heaven. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And blessings and peace be upon Him Who is the source and end of existence, the Ultimate Goal and Refuge, through Whom the Morn of Revelation sang and the Nightingale trilled upon the Mount, and upon His family and companions through whom the horizon of the world was illumined and the Temple of the Cause was established upon the Most Great Throne - they who strove in the path of God with their wealth and their souls until the valley flowed with their might and the Zawra smiled through their benevolence.

To continue: O My loved one! Thy missive hath arrived, and manifest is the effect it hath produced. By the life of God, it was spirit itself, adorned with the remembrance of Him Who is the Goal of all creation and embellished with the praise of the Best-Beloved of all the worlds. Your reward is with God. God willing, be occupied at all times with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. Give out the Tablets according to the requirements of the time, for in these days some are fearful, some are anxious, and for others, due to wisdom, it is not permissible to give them. Ye must wait until the time is ripe, and time arriveth more swiftly than lightning. The intention is that until ye are informed of the conditions of the friends, make no mention of the Tablets. Every sapling in the Garden of Utterance that deserveth the water of mercy, bestow upon it the water of inner meanings, and God, exalted be His glory, saith “Well is it with him.” This matter should be before the eyes of that loved one according to the command. Counsel all the friends to patience, calm and dignity, and say: O friends of God in the earth! Ye are honored in all the divine worlds through the name of the True One, but in this transient world which will end more quickly than aught else, ye have been afflicted with abasement. In the path of the one true God ye have heard taunts and witnessed tribulation, ye have been imprisoned and have laid down your lives, but

because of the tyranny of a few heedless ones, ye must not transgress the bounds of God – that is, ye must not molest any soul. All that hath befallen you hath been for God's sake, this is the truth, no doubt lieth therein. And now too refer all matters unto Him, trust in Him and commit all unto Him. Assuredly He will not abandon you, of this too there is no doubt. No father delivereth his child to the lion, and no shepherd entrusteth his sheep to the wolf. Surely he exerteth his utmost in their protection. If for a few days, in accordance with consummate wisdom, outward affairs proceed contrary to one's desire, there is and was no harm in this. The intention is that all should fix their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon and hold fast to that which hath been revealed in the Tablets. They should not step into the realm of corruption, nor place their feet in the arena of contention and conflict. They should assist God, exalted be His glory, through the hosts of patience and resignation, through goodly deeds and character, and through wondrous and sublime words. In these days, in one of the Tablets, this exalted word hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen – glorified be His utterance: "At all times, hold fast to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character are the hosts of God in this supreme Revelation, and likewise are blessed and goodly words. These hosts attract hearts and unlock the gates of cities. This weapon is sharper than the weapons of the world." Ask God to assist all to fulfill that which hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. By the Day-Star of the heaven of inner meanings! If the friends were to act, or had acted, according to that which was revealed, the whole world would guard them as the pupils of their eyes, and the hosts of the unseen would protect them from behind. All things have been and are among the hosts of God. The winds are reckoned among His troops, the mountains among His armies. Moses with but a staff threw the world into turmoil, for it appeared through God's command and arose to serve Him. God willing, it is hoped that the hidden staff will part asunder the sea of self and passion, and guide all unto God. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

According to His blessed command, in the Land of K thou shouldst convey greetings to the mother of the sanctuary – upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God – and likewise to the paternal aunt and the daughters of the paternal aunt and all the kindred, one and all, and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors and the mention of the Wronged One. In truth they have suffered greatly in the path of God. They have not been, nor will they be, forgotten, and are mentioned in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen. Some time ago, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to each one; therefore, this time there was a pause. We convey greetings to each one of the men and women, and give them glad-tidings of God's special favors. And likewise, gladden the rest of the friends in that land with the mention of the Most Great Scene. The honored cotton-carders are truly engaged in service. Blessed are they both. Verily, We make mention of them and give them glad-tidings of God's favors and mercy. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the kindred of Muhammad-Sadiq – upon them be My Glory. God willing, may they manifest that which God loveth and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book, and with the hosts of deeds and character rout the ranks of the devils. God willing, may all attain unto the hearing of the Call of God and hold fast unto His path. [Here endeth the sacred text]. This evanescent one begs that greetings and salutations be conveyed to each of the gentlemen and friends who are present in that land. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings. The Servant. The first of the month of Safar, 1301.

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O My Name, Al-Mahdi! Your letter which you sent to My servant who was present before the Great Throne has arrived. Say: O people of the world! By God, neither your veils, nor your words, nor your conditions, nor your manifestations, nor that to which you have turned can prevent the Most Great Name. He is verily the Truthful Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Informed. He turns to the right and says: "There is no God but I, the Evident Truth," and to the left: "There is no God but I, the Chosen One." Say: Through Him do all atoms proclaim: "There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Mighty." Say: The Books have been adorned with My Name and the Bayan with My wondrous mention. Whosoever denies Me, say: Bring forth what you have, O heedless and remote one! You have taken the pond and forsaken the Most Great Ocean behind you. Arise in My Name and say: "I repent unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Say: Through My mention have all mentions been realized, and through My manifestation it has been established that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Great.

Say: Die in your wrath, then be consumed in the fire of your rancor. By the True God, the Supreme Horizon has been illumined by the Sun of My Most Glorious Name, and the Lord of Names has come with an authority that neither your clamor nor what is in your hearts can prevent. We speak at all times and say: O people of creation! By God, this is He Who was promised in God's Books, and this is He but for Whom no Prophet would have spoken, no Messenger would have been sent, and no Book would have been revealed. He is verily the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

Take the wine of certitude in My Name and abandon what you possess of conditions and idle fancies. Say: Through My fragrant breezes have the gardens been perfumed, and through the lights of My countenance has creation been adorned. Turn and observe, and be not of the heedless ones. Beware lest you act as you acted before, and beware lest you be of the ignorant ones. Has not the Trumpet been sounded? Has not the Lord of Manifestation appeared? Turn that you may hear what has been raised from His Supreme Horizon on this Day which God has announced in His mighty Tablet.

Observe and reflect upon those who have taken for themselves idols besides God and followed them in what they commanded them, and thereby went astray and led others astray until the earth was reddened with the blood of the Beloved. Say: Be fair and be not of those who turn away. We do not wish to mention them by their names lest your clamor be raised. My mercy has preceded My wrath, My grace My punishment, and My loving-kindness those who are in the heavens and the earth. There has befallen Me from the people of the Bayan that which befell not Him Who revealed the Furqan nor My chosen ones and My messengers before. To this bears witness whosoever was in My days and was of the fair-minded ones.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Follow ye that which the All-Merciful hath revealed, and draw not the sword of tyranny against Him Whom ye invoke by night and by day. Fear ye God and be not of the losers. Hold fast today unto the Most Great Cord and follow not the idle fancies ye possess. With Us are not the allusions of men; We speak and call out through that which hath caused the fragrances of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all possibilities. Thus doth My Pen speak and inform you of that which I possess, if ye

be of them that hearken. Know ye, then inform your likes that the gate of heaven hath been opened through My Most Glorious Name, and the Hidden Mystery hath appeared through the Sovereignty of Names, calling out with the most exalted call: “O people of creation! By God, this indeed is the Existent One, this indeed is the Promised One, this indeed is the Intended One, this indeed is the Worshipped One, this indeed is the Witnessed One, this indeed is the manifest Truth, the Speaking One, the Impregnable Mystery. Whoso denieth Him hath denied God throughout all ages, and whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged God, the Lord of all worlds.”

O people of the Bayan! By God, ye have perpetrated that which hath caused the Primal Point and the Concourse on High and those settled in the Kingdom of Names to lament. Ye have committed that which none in the world hath committed, and perpetrated that which none among the peoples of the earth hath perpetrated. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur and those who circle round My exalted Throne.

O My Name! Remember when thou wert with Me on the mountain and didst witness the moaning of My heart and became acquainted with the ocean of My grief at what was inflicted upon Me by those who dwelt round about Me and in My vicinity. By the life of God! Were I to recount My tribulations, all things would cry out and weeping would be raised between the heavens and the earths. Say: None may enter this most exalted station save with a pure heart, a sanctified mind, and a radiant countenance. This is the station wherein was raised the call of Moses when He said: “O Lord, show me Thy beauty,” and heard: “Thou shalt not see Me,” and the station wherein was raised the call of the Spirit and the call of them that are nigh. Whoso entereth therein and doeth that which the All-Merciful hath not permitted, the denizens of the pavilions of holiness shall disavow him. To this testifieth every just and discerning one.

How often have We seen some in error and grievous sin, and concealed it as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Ask thou God to grant them success in returning, or to make known to them the way of departure. This is better for him who hath believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: Take hold of the reins of your passions, then seek forgiveness that God may forgive you as a grace from His presence. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Thus have We expounded for thee, O My Name, that thou mayest remember My tribulations and what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones. Say: O My loved ones! Reflect when We named the prison the Most Great Prison and informed you of this at the beginning of Our arrival. Verily He is the Knower of Truth, informing you of what is to come. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God’s Covenant and His Testament and have followed that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

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O Kamal, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Kamal! Hearken unto the call of this Beauty Who hath been afflicted at the hands of the idolaters and findeth no helper nor supporter. They seek to slay Him with the swords of hatred, then raise an outcry among themselves that they might cause doubt to enter the hearts of them that have believed and taken the path unto this station.

By God! Such tribulation and hardship have befallen Me as no loving ear can bear to hear with steadfastness. At this the Pen of Command weepeth at My state, and the fingers of holiness at My suffering, and the Ancient Beauty behind the pavilion of sublime glory.

O Kamal! Hear My call and shun them that have disbelieved after having believed, and have denied God's truth and sovereignty, and have remained far removed from the shore of this bounty. Raise up the pavilion of glory beside this expanse wherein hath been raised God's tabernacle through this Name that hath shone forth from the horizon of holiness with wondrous sovereignty. Leave the people and what they possess, then turn thy face unto thy Lord. By God! All else are but bondsmen, nay rather they are as nothing, wert thou to know. Save he that hath laid hold on the Most Great Handle and hath detached himself from all the worlds.

O Kamal! This is the day wherein thou must make mention of thy Lord amongst the people and convey to them what We imparted unto thee when thou wert in Our presence and the Sun of Beauty shone upon thee from the horizon of this heaven which hath been, from time immemorial, exalted in God's name with truth. Know thou that My brother desired to kill Me and shed My blood, but God sent the hosts of the unseen and prevented him from what he purposed. When he witnessed his own powerlessness, he then slandered this Youth, though thou knowest We had taught him, reared him, and protected him through all months and years. By God! We exalted his mention that he might aid his Lord, yet he chose to veil his face in fear for himself. When the breezes of assurance wafted from Our presence, he then arose to plot in such wise as would astound every person of keen insight. Thus did it befall the Youth from him who was created by His word and was raised up by His command, and God is cognizant of all things.

Take thou the pen and write concerning this Cause what God hath cast into thy heart, and verily the Spirit will aid thee at all times. Beware lest thou associate with those in whose hearts thou findest hatred for God and the Manifestation of His Self, and remain under impregnable protection. Grieve not at separation, but rather remind the people of the days of attaining My presence and what thou didst hear from the tongue of God, thy Lord, and what thou didst witness of the wonders of His power and sovereignty, that perchance the people might cast down the idols of their selves and take the path unto Him Who occupieth the throne.

The Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who remain steadfast in love. Convey Our greetings unto thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of the mercy that hath been sent from God's direction. And likewise unto thy mother who dwelleth with thee, that she may rejoice within herself. Thus hath the mercy of thy Lord encompassed thee and those with thee, whether female or male.

Then the tongue of God spoke concerning the mention of thy brother whom He named in the Kingdom of Names 'Mahmud', that it might be a remembrance and honor for him from that day until the Day when

God shall come with a wondrous Cause. O Mahmud! Hear what the Tree of Eternity calleth thee from beyond the ocean of grandeur: “Verily, there is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is the Truth through His manifestation and sovereignty and His tidings which were, in all the tablets, supremely great.” Were We to mention to thee what We have witnessed in the path of God, neither couldst thou bear to hear it, nor could the Pen move to record it - and God is sufficient witness to this. O servant! Forget not My grief and tribulation, and remain steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, for those who disbelieved and associated partners with God have risen in opposition with great deceit and guile. O Mahmud! Deliver the Cause of thy Lord unto those whom thou findest heedless of Him, that perchance they may arise from slumber and remember this Wronged One Who hath fallen into a deep pit, having no helper to help Him nor any supporter to support Him. None bore His throne at that time save His own Self, and none was aware of this save God, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in clear and perspicuous tablets. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord at all times and be of those who are remembered in resplendent and glorious tablets. Know then, O Mahmud, that those who cannot distinguish right from left, nor sun from shadow, when they witnessed that the Sun had set behind the veils of imprisonment in this realm which was hidden beyond the veils of the Cause, arose in hypocrisy and opposed this Light that shone forth from the horizon of the universe with a command that encompassed all the worlds. Thou shalt not behold these people except as scattered dust in the air, having neither stability nor permanence. They followed what their souls and desires commanded them, and thereby went astray and led others astray from the path that was straight and true. Beware that thou turn not unto them nor to what proceedeth from their lying tongues. Turn away entirely from them, then set thy face toward a beauteous countenance. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy spirit and essence and thy family and upon those who have been attracted by the fragrances of the All-Merciful from the direction of this Paradise which was, by the truth in truth, luminous before the face of glory.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, unto Him belong grandeur and majesty

In these days brevity is preferred to lengthy exposition; a concise yet meaningful word from a volume of letters is more beloved, goodly and excellent with the friends of God. Therefore, this evanescent servant has grasped the cord of brevity lest it cause difficulty. I bear witness that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in recognition of His singleness. And I bear witness that He sent the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of His creation and their attainment unto what He desired, until He sealed prophethood with Muhammad, the Messenger of God, and the Books with His Book. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist His friends and chosen ones in that which He loves and is pleased with.

Thereafter, your letter was received and as it was adorned with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, it bestowed the food of joy, bounty and gladness. God willing, may you ever dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence, occupied with the remembrance and praise of God and His chosen ones. This is the enduring bounty. The world has no constancy - its winds sometimes bear glad tidings and

sometimes warnings. In spring one hears from it the tidings of life, and in autumn the warning of death, and its very changeability testifies to its transience and nothingness. Therefore the people of knowledge and insight have not attached their hearts to its ornaments nor been deceived by its trickeries. Blessed is he who has forsaken it and shunned it, and woe unto him who has turned towards it and clung to it. However, engagement therein for the benefit of the servants of God and for one's own benefit to an extent that does not lead to the fire of greed and passion has been and is praiseworthy. The King of the Messengers - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - has said: "The one who earns his living is beloved of God." Blessed are those souls whose deeds have been and are wholly for God and for His sake.

O brother! This evanescent one has thus far sent several letters to you. It is quite clear and evident that the heartfelt love of this servant has caused him to mention you time and again. How many gentlemen and friends have repeatedly taken the trouble to send letters, and this servant has not been able to reply, as this servant has taken up residence in a corner, holding fast to the cord of trust in God and subsisting on His provision, having no opportunity for discourse. Nevertheless, you had complained. This evanescent one would be content and grateful if in a year he could manage to write even one line in response to the friends. In any case, the purpose of this representation is that you and the friends should be content with one reply from this servant. God is witness and testifier that time and opportunity are rare, otherwise I would trouble you at all times. God willing, may you ever be assisted in the remembrance and praise of the Beloved of the worlds. And if you return to your lands, it would be beloved for the sake of remembrance of some. The rest of knowledge is with God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the worlds.

Mention hath been made of Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. Praise be to God, he hath been assisted through divine grace. God willing, may he be blessed in all conditions with the bounties of the All-Bountiful Lord. Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Karbila'i Muhammad-Aqa. All must turn unto God and occupy themselves with that which profiteth all who dwell on earth. Today is the day of reformation, and the human world is in need of remembrance and prayer, for the people of truth are few and surrounded while enemies encompass from all directions. Surely you have heard the account of Alexandria and Islam and others. The divine religion hath been weakened and the adversary strengthened, yet the cause and reason for this weakness which hath persisted over successive years remaineth unknown and hidden from all. For were they to become aware of its cause and reason, they would surely arise to remove it. The people are heedless and veiled, and this servant is silent and sorrowful. All must, with the utmost humility, submission, reverence and supplication, beseech from the Self-Sufficing Lord whatsoever shall cause the removal of corruption and the reformation of the world. I convey greetings to the friends and beseech God to aid them all in that which is befitting. The servant beseecheth his Lord to draw them near unto Him and to send down upon them from the heaven of His grace mercy and blessing from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Likewise I convey greetings to Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-Akbar and Karbila'i Mirza Aqa. All must conduct themselves with perfect wisdom. Mention is not permitted in that land, nor is writing, for the people are heedless and imagine that these recluses have been and are engaged in that which was and is unworthy of human dignity. We seek refuge in God from this, ask His forgiveness and turn repentant unto Him. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the Answering.

I convey greetings to Jinab-i-H and Sin. They have always been mentioned in this land. God willing, may they remain preserved beneath the shadow of God's grace and be adorned and assisted with praiseworthy attributes and goodly deeds. This land is not free from movement, therefore the sending of letters is not permitted. God willing, may all the friends be assisted to observe the wisdom revealed in the Book and be aided to achieve that which is acceptable in the presence of God. Peace and remembrance be upon you and upon those with you whose names thou didst mention, and upon the servants of God, the unitarians.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to the One God, Who is worthy and befitting, Who in every day unites through His Most Exalted Word and separates through His decree. In truth, He has manifested the hidden mysteries within the hearts and breasts of His servants. The effects of His blessed Word aforetime have appeared - His exalted Word: "A party in Paradise and a party in the Blaze." The people of the right hand are manifest and illumined with the lights of the Kingdom, while the companions of the left hand are tormented by the fire of greed, avarice and desire. No word was revealed aforetime except that its effects became manifest and its cause evident. Verily, the polytheists play with their vain imaginings and desire to extinguish it as did the peoples before them. Far, far be it! No power or might can prevent the influence of the Supreme Pen and the Most Exalted Word. The Lord - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - hath said in the Tablet to the Sultan: "God hath made tribulation as morning dew upon His green pasture, and as a wick for His lamp through which earth and heaven are illumined."

Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed existence, and by the light of Thy Cause which hath illumined the hearts and souls, to aid the deniers to acknowledge, the heedless to turn, and the polytheists to recognize Thy unity, and enable them to return unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant who desired to make mention of Thine Afnan who detached himself from all else but Thee and chose for himself a station near Thy mercy after he attained Thy presence, circumambulated Thy House, and achieved that which was ordained in Thy Books. O Lord! Thou seest him standing, speaking, remembering Thy mention, Thy praise and Thy service. O Lord! Strengthen him through Thy sovereignty, then assist him with the hosts of utterance throughout all possibility. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Protector over what shall be and what has been.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance, steadfastness and love! The blessed letter, which truly gladdened the heart and brought joy to the soul, perfumed the earth like spiritual musk. Its fragrance testified to that which befits this Day. After the expansion of body and exhilaration of spirit, it was brought before His presence and attained the honor of being heard. The Lord, may our spirits be His sacrifice, said:

“O Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God, His grace, His glory and His mercy. Thy mention in these days brought joy. Although the unseemly deeds of the servants have darkened the world, yet the Ancient Beauty, being in Himself luminous, remains unchanged and bestows without receiving. O Afnan! The deniers have appeared with calumnies unprecedented, and despite their greed, avarice, vain desire, and betrayal of people’s wealth, they still claim truthfulness. They have joined the lying Sheikh Muhammad. That heedless one has imagined those two liars to be people of faith and devotion. Nay, by God! Soon their falsehood, infidelity and hypocrisy will be revealed. We beseech God to grant His servants new life through the Kawthar of thy love and remembrance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory from Us be upon thee, upon the son, upon those with you, and upon God’s righteous and sincere servants.”

Glory be to God! Despite people’s awareness of their own condition and the cause of their abasement among the people, they commit that which will forever remain recorded in the pages of time. Soon they shall see the recompense of their deeds. Verily God is the Just, the Ruler, the Avenger, the Mighty, the Powerful.

I convey greetings to the friends of that land, especially to his honor the beloved of spirit and heart, the honored Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. I offer greetings and praise, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for eternal bounty and everlasting sustenance for him. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent. May the apple of the eye of Ibn-i-Jenab-i-Na?ir, Jenab-i-Aqa Nuru’llah, Jenab-i-Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, Aqa Muhammad and Rif’at, upon them be the Glory of God, be adorned with the ornament of health and engaged in remembrance and praise. Each is mentioned and blessed with the favors of the Desired One. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist them in all conditions in that which befits His Cause and them. Verily He is the Helper, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

Jenab-i-Darvish, upon him be God’s peace, praise be to God, arrived in perfect health and attained the presence. Blessed and joyous be he! We beseech God to assist him in all conditions to serve His Cause, to mention Him among His servants, to remain steadfast in His lands, and to make him among those who shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve.

As for the account of ’Ishqabad, praise be to God, the late and elevated Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the oceans of God’s favors and mercy, attained martyrdom. Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God, has sent a letter regarding this matter. His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, will send a copy which will reach the blessed vision. The Glory, the Remembrance, the Mercy and the Praise be upon you all and upon those with you, and those who love you and hear your words for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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He is God – exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power!

Praise sanctified beyond the bounds of time and space, and hallowed above mention of possibility and impossibility, befits that Beloved One Who, through a single call issued from the Source of His Will, adorned all contingent beings with a new creation. Through that call, the voices of all things were raised up, all bore witness to the oneness of His holy Being and became vocal in His remembrance. How lofty is that call, and how short do fall the minds of all created things from recognizing it! By it the mountains passed away as the passing of clouds, the Balance was set up, the Bridge was laid down, and there appeared the Day wherein all people stood before the Lord of all things. By it the Leaf spoke forth, the Rock cried out, the Divine Lote-Tree called aloud, and the Dove of Oneness cooed "The Kingdom is God's this Day, the Lord of what was and what shall be!"

Thereafter, it is submitted that two letters from you arrived, and due to wisdom and certain matters their reply was delayed. The One True God bears witness that you have been and will continue to be remembered at all times. Your letter was presented before His Presence, and thus did the Tongue of the Beloved speak: "Blessed art thou for having attained unto recognition and for turning towards the Desired One, and for arising to serve His firm and wise Cause. He will assist thee as He assisted thee before, and will ordain for thee that which shall gladden the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. Grieve not over anything, for He will extend His bounty unto thee as He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the mention and praise of the Beloved of all possibility. Regarding what you wrote about …, it is known that you have been and continue to be engaged, to the extent possible, in serving the Cause and assisting the loved ones of God. We beseech God to send down for you that which shall gladden the hearts of your loved ones and grieve the hearts of your enemies. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As for what you mentioned about the Indian, his circumstances were and are known. Yet how strange that after all that was sent down to him from the heaven of favor, and despite being explicitly commanded to proceed to the house of [initial], he nevertheless delayed and was fearful. It was entirely clear and evident that had even an atom's weight of harm been destined to befall him, such a decree would never have appeared from the horizon of the Cause. As was witnessed, glory be to God, the power of Truth is visible from the horizon of will at all times, yet most are heedless of perceiving it. The wine of vain imaginings hath so seized the people that they cannot distinguish truth from falsehood nor darkness from light, save whom God willeth, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey My greetings to all the loved ones in that land. God willing, may they all at all times drink from the everlasting fountain of divine knowledge and remain oriented toward the horizon of His Cause. We beseech God to aid them in that whereby their mention shall endure through the perpetuity of His names and attributes. For this world is transient, especially in these days when all atoms cry out: "O ye who have eyes, see! O ye who have ears, hear! O ye who possess hearts and minds, understand!" How many souls in every moment have returned and are returning to dust. Strive ye to achieve such deeds as will cause the persistence of souls and the perpetuation of their mention, for today the mention of every soul in the Book is reckoned among the people of eternity. Blessed are they who possess understanding. These are the days of the manifestation of that which was in the Tablets, and the Suriy-i-Ra'is is witness and

testimony thereto. God, the Exalted, the Great, hath spoken the truth. We have believed in Him and His Book which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood, light and darkness. And peace and blessings be upon His Beloved, through whom the Night Journey was adorned and every noble station was honored. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Convey My greetings to Mulla ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory. This servant has observed what was mentioned in the letter of Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory. Praise be to God that they have been aided to follow God’s command, for all are enjoined to engage in craft, trade and agriculture. However, they must act according to what hath been revealed in the Book - that is, they should send something to their families and inform them. These deeds which all are commanded to perform in God’s Book have been and shall ever be the cause of glory and the source of blessing and the manifestation of bounty. God willing, may the True One, exalted be His glory, bestow blessing upon their craft and agriculture. Praise be to God, their mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court.

Likewise, I remember Aqa ’Ali-Muhammad. God willing, may he be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High in all conditions. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Once this servant was present before His countenance, and the Tongue of Grandeur addressed him specifically, saying that if he would act upon what was mentioned, he would surely attain infinite divine favors. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him in this. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded and attained unto clear certitude. Praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be fitting and worthy of that Intended One through Whose finger of will the spheres of the kingdom of utterance are set in motion, and by Whose blessed Word the world is adorned and distinguished with the ornament of existence. The might of the powerful and the dominion of rulers have not hindered His Will, nor is His Purpose halted by the clamor of the parties of the earth who are outside the blessed Word of unity. Glorified be the Creator, glorified be the Maker! His decree flows, His command pervades, His Will penetrates, and His Purpose prevails. The banner “There is none other God but Him” has been raised, and the standard “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth” is unfurled - and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And blessings and peace be upon the waves of the ocean of His knowledge and wisdom, and the rivers of His recognition amongst His creation, and upon Him through Whom the outpourings of the world and the stations of nations were consummated - He Who was named with ?a following Mim, and with Mim preceding Dal. He is the One through Whom appeared the Most Beautiful Names and the Most Exalted Attributes. Were it not for Him, the decree of the House would not have been raised, nor would that which was preserved in the treasuries of the unseen have been manifested. And upon His family and companions, through whom the limbs of the world trembled and the hearts of nations were attracted, and through whom God’s path was made

manifest in all else, and through whom the proof was completed and the bounty perfected, and the fear of God encompassed all regions, and His signs appeared in all lands. Exalted are their stations and ranks - through their attainment the teeth of Paradise and its maidens smiled, the trees and their branches swayed. Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in the unseen and the visible, and the Sovereign of existence, and the King of the Promised Day! I beseech Thee by the winds of the spring of Thy mercy and the swords of Thy power and might, to protect Thy monotheistic servants from the evil of the polytheists and oppressors. Then inscribe for them, by the Pen of Thy will, that which befits the heaven of Thy bounty and generosity. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thereafter, I make mention to that spiritual beloved that, praise be to God, thy letter arrived like a herald bearing glad tidings, for it brought news of health and mention of well-being. Indeed, the station of both these is most exalted, for it hath been previously stated: "Knowledge of bodies and knowledge of religions," with knowledge of bodies being given precedence, for if health be lacking, memory becomes impaired and the faculty of understanding grows cold. But when health is attained, both the outward and inward senses remain firm in their respective stations and engaged in their service. Glory be to God! Though each manifesteth in its own manner, no discord appeareth. Were one to attempt to fully describe the degrees of a single soul and all that it containeth, one would need to enumerate and compare every particle of creation. In truth, man is the greater world, and the world is but a lesser reflection of him, as hath been said: "Were I to speak of it, it would overwhelm minds; were I to write of it, many pens would break." I fear these scattered utterances might lead matters to such a state that even after much back and forth the subject would remain incomplete and unfinished.

After being informed and reading it in the presence of His countenance, He uttered words that were such that if cast upon stone, the water of life would flow therefrom, and if cast upon clay, streams of wisdom and explanation would surge forth. That beloved one himself knows what the spirit says and does to the body, and what the spring breezes bestow upon the garden. This station needs no mention. In the Land of Mystery, in one place, He spoke this supreme utterance: "O Javad! Thou wert with Me and didst witness My patience and the waves of the ocean of My utterance. Reflect on what caused Me to raise the Call between earth and heaven."

Verily, I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist that beloved one and adorn him with the ornament of health, and to soon grant that which is the purpose of his soul and the desire of his heart. The glad tidings of the well-being of the honored Afnan, upon them be all glory, have arrived from every direction. Whatever occurred was for the best. Thus has spoken the Lord. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that they may ever dwell beneath the shade of His favor and repose under the shadow of His mercy.

And concerning what you wrote about the two exalted brothers, upon them be the peace of God, their situation was presented. He said: Let them not be sorrowful. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of recognition and acknowledge and confess the Word of Unity. In this case, they must at all times drink from the ocean of joy and partake of the cup of delight. If for a time affairs proceed contrary to their wishes, it matters not, for assuredly God's grace will make amends. None but God, exalted be His

glory, is aware of the consummate wisdom. Say: Be confident in God's grace and mercy. This is for him who holds fast to God's mighty cord.

Regarding what they mentioned about the delay in Beirut and the loss incurred in taking the shop, let them not be sorrowful. Now they should consult with the honored beloved, the esteemed Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be God's peace, and Aqa Muhammad Mu??afa. Whatever emerges from the consultation, let them act upon it. As commanded, you too should be present in that meeting. He said: Convey My greetings to the two brothers and say: He is with you and will assist you, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be fitting unto that Desired One, unto Whom the hearts of all seekers have been turned from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, and glorification beseemeth that Worshipped One, unto Whom the eyes of all the peoples of the world, both past and future, are fixed, from Whom they implore, and unto Whom they return. Glory be unto God! Whatever we might say or write will remain unsaid, for speech is but the fruit of comprehension, and comprehension itself beareth witness to its own impotence. The pinions of those nigh unto God, despite all their ardor and ecstasy, their attraction and rapture, are debarred from this atmosphere, and the wings of men are bound and fettered. No thought or knowledge or intelligence can traverse beyond heaven and earth - all that exists lieth between these twain. Yet the guardians of the pavilion of grandeur and the sentinels of the sanctuaries of the Kingdom exist above a hundred thousand visible worlds. This heaven, compared to that heaven, is as the earth before this heaven - nay, I seek God's forgiveness from every limitation and delimitation. The fettered wing knoweth not how to soar, and wings besmeared with clay cannot transcend their bounds.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee to transmute our despair into hope, and to accept from us what we have failed to achieve in Thy days. Were it not for Thy grace, Thy generosity and Thy bounty, who would be able to utter a word, or take a step, or turn toward any direction, or make any sign? Glory be unto Thee, glory be unto Thee! Exalted is Thy knowledge and mighty is Thy remembrance! It beseemeth Thee alone to make mention of Thyself and to describe Thy beauty, and this transcendeth the station of Thy servants, for they cannot attain unto Thy mysteries and that which Thy wisdom requireth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

To continue: your letter was received. We offered thanks for your well-being and We beseech Him to assist you at all times and not deprive you of the breezes of His grace. May He bestow a bounty every moment and grant a gift every instant, for His door is open, His generosity evident, His grace manifest and His favor apparent. No sin of any among the first or the last has ever prevented His gifts. The pouring rains bear witness, the flowing rivers testify, the abundant blessings make clear, and the descended table speaks. For were He to withhold, none of what was mentioned would exist. Existence itself bears witness to this and testifies to it. After reading, it was presented. The Lord said: "O Rida, may God be pleased with

you and you be pleased with Him. When these two states of pleasure are joined and achieved, there will appear from their horizon that which shall bestow light upon the world. For whosoever has drunk a drop from the ocean of divine good-pleasure and attained true bounties, they are recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Book of Names among the Concourse on High. Blessed is he who has drunk, and woe to the heedless. O Rida, We counsel you in all conditions to fear God, to goodly deeds, and to that which causes the manifestation of love and kindness. What does the Book say? That which benefits you. What has God commanded? That which brings salvation and bestows rest. The sayings are for us to hear, become aware, and walk the path - a path cleansed and purified by the breezes of divine favor. Now the truth has become distinct and the tongue is silent. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of all religions and Creator of all possibilities. If ?abri Effendi, upon him be the peace of God and His favor, is there, convey greetings from the Wronged One. Verily We send greetings upon him, his family and those with him, and We beseech God to grant him what he loves and desires. Verily He has power over all things. And peace be upon you, O Rida, and upon those with you, and upon those who act according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds, through which God has separated truth from falsehood, and through which were raised the pavilions of security and safety and the tent of rest and tranquility. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

I send greetings to my beloved friend Sabri Effendi, upon him be God's peace, favor and mercy. The paintbrushes, each of which was in truth a banner in the world of love and a standard in the realm of devotion, arrived. We planted them - let us see what fruit they will bear and who shall partake thereof. God knows best. How blessed are those souls who plant for God's sake and leave it for God's creatures. The springtime consumption and sustenance of a single being lasts but a day or two. We beseech God with utmost humility and supplication to grant us the strength to plant trees whose fruits will forever benefit and nourish the inhabitants of earth. In any case, praise be to God, the manifestations of his love are cherished and accepted. We beseech our Lord and our God to decree for him a goodly reward and make it a treasure for him in His presence. Verily He is the Guardian of those who place their hopes in Him. Praise be to Him, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. If it would be possible with the utmost joy and fragrance to send a few seeds with the qualities that this servant has described, it would be most beloved, for they will be planted in his name and their fruits will be for all. If this would cause the slightest trouble, this ephemeral one would not be content. I send greetings to Qurratu'l-'Ayn - upon her and her mother be the peace of God, our Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth. And praise be to Him in the hereafter and in this world.

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O Ibn Abhar! Hearken unto the call of God, Lord of destiny. He biddeth thee to make mention of Him and sing His praise, and to arise to serve His irrevocable Cause. One of My loved ones who attained My presence and drank from the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of My bounty hath appeared before the Wronged One. We have made mention of thee with a Tablet that calleth out between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. God hath forgiven those who did what they were

forbidden in the Book, through a command from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Fear ye God, O people, and be not like unto them who hear God's command and judgment yet act not accordingly. Give thanks unto your Lord that He hath forgiven you ere mention was made of your deeds. He is verily the Forgiving, the Kind. We counsel you to observe trustworthiness and godliness, and that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of existence.

O Ibn Abhar! Make mention of Husayn on behalf of the Wronged One and give him the glad-tidings of the favor of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: O Husayn! Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and speak forth with utterance, lest the clamor of them who have denied both the seen and the unseen be raised. We have mentioned thee aforetime with verses that have enraptured hearts and minds. We beseech God to aid thee to make mention of Him and sing His praise, and to serve His irrevocable Cause.

We make mention of him who was named Isma'il and give him the glad-tidings of My favor toward him and of that which hath been sent down for him from the Most Exalted Pen in this exalted station. Beware lest thou and the believers be kept back from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, by that which the people possess. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son whose name hath appeared in this protected station.

We have desired to make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf, whose name We have mentioned and for whom We have revealed that which nothing in creation can equal, and We have written for her in the Crimson Scroll from My Most Exalted Pen that which none hath comprehended save God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. O Mother of Ashraf! By My life, the Maids of Paradise in the most exalted Paradise speak of thy virtues and qualities. Rejoice thou in My revelation of this most hidden mystery. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Kind, the Forgiving.

O Iman! Thou hast attained unto My mention time and again. Recognize the station of this supreme favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Master of eternity! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to assist me to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy preserved Tablet. We have heard thy call and forgiven thee. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Quli, that he may hold fast unto the Sure Handle, detached from the cords of the world. And I am the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One, and We have remembered thee with this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Beware lest anything whatsoever keep thee back from the straight path of God.

O Messenger! The Lord of the Day of Judgement hath at this hour drawn nigh unto thee and made mention of thee in such wise that the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout creation and the Spirit hath spoken in the highest paradise. Hearken, hearken, O ye people of grace and bounty! By God, the call of your Most Glorious Lord hath been raised between earth and heaven. And when they heard it, their conditions were transformed: some were thunderstruck, some were attracted, some placed their fingers between their teeth and looked to the right and left like one bewildered and dumbfounded, and some gave up their lives in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus did My Most Exalted Pen move, and from it appeared that which tongues are powerless to mention, the pen to

describe, and ears to hear. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the verses and was of them that have attained.

O Siyyid Hamzih! We have made mention of thee before, and at this hour, as a token of grace from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who standeth firm whom the might of the world hath not caused to sit, blessed is the speaker whom the clamor of the nations hath not silenced, blessed is the seeker who hath aimed with his heart toward the ultimate goal, and blessed is the just one who hath dealt equitably in this most mighty, most holy, most glorious Cause. He is, verily, of the people of Paradise in the estimation of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

O Ibn Abhar! Convey My greetings to the friends of God on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of utterance of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, today the Most Great Luminary is shining and the heaven of bounty is upraised. All must be set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and guide the people of creation to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. That which was forbidden before and they committed, the forgiveness of God, exalted be His glory, hath effaced it, and before the news reached them they attained unto divine mercy, pardon and forgiveness. This is attested by what We sent before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all in that which is the cause of salvation in the divine worlds.

O Ibn Abhar! By the lights of the Sun of Truth which shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the prison, the harm of the unseemly deeds that have been forbidden by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book returneth unto the Truth, and likewise causeth the Cause to be withheld from being made manifest amongst the servants. We beseech God that henceforth all may act according to what God hath decreed, that they may attain unto the Word of His good-pleasure. Today the hosts of God and His helpers are goodly deeds and praiseworthy qualities. With these hosts must the hearts, minds and breasts of the servants be conquered. Say: Take ye the fear of God with the hands of submission and contentment. Verily He is your supporter, your uplifter, your helper and your deliverer, on the part of God, your Lord and the Lord of the exalted throne.

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In the name of God, exalted be His glory, His is the majesty and grandeur!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love! The blessed, sublime and lofty letter which was the dawning-place of eternal joy and boundless gladness reached this evanescent servant. And as it conveyed news of thy arrival and the well-being of thy radiant self, it brought forth joy beyond all measure and count. Praise be to God that through the assistance of the divine protecting hands thou hast arrived in that known land in utmost comfort, protection and health. We praise God for this great and glorious blessing and this mighty gift, for which it behooveth that the spirit of this poor, evanescent servant be sacrificed. But what can I say? After separation from that Beloved One, how the burning fire of separation hath been kindled in the heart and soul of this evanescent one in such wise that no pen can reckon it nor tablet bear it. It is a fire that, no matter how much the waters of remembrance are poured upon it, they but increase its

heat, blaze and intensity, and it shall not be quenched save by the water of reunion. We beseech God to grant it what it desireth and to let it witness what it seeketh and hopeth for, for verily He answereth him who calleth upon Him.

I implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to ordain perpetual union and nearness. May ye continually take and drink from the hands of grace and bounty the never-ending chalice of reunion with the everlasting Beauty - drink ye! drink ye! And this servant sayeth: May it be pleasing unto you! May it be pleasing unto you! May I be a sacrifice unto thee - there is no end to this sea of longing that could be reached by the vessels of mention and utterance, especially at this pressing time when there is no opportunity for presentation and temerity, as at this moment [name] hath arrived and urgently requesteth a petition. Now this servant is perplexed whether to present himself in the Most Holy Presence and submit the written matters, that perchance from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance that which causeth the water of life to flow may be bestowed, or to defer it to another time and trouble thy noble mind with these unworthy words, for time is short and there is no opportunity for what [I desire]. The former is preferable, and He is the Lord of the hereafter and the former times.

Say: O thou who art young in years but mature in faith! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have received thy glorification and have sent thee glorification from this luminous horizon. Upon thee, O rose of the paradise of Samandari, be My glorification and My splendor at all times. That which thou didst write hath been presented before the Throne. We have read it and accepted it. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon thy father and thine uncle, then upon those who are in that House wherein the mention of My Beautiful Name hath been raised. The brother of Ahmad - upon them both be the Glory of God, the Single, the One - hath been named before the Throne 'the Luminous One.'

To that most revered and honored companion, namely [his] eminence Haji, upon him be Baha'u'llah's blessings - I present this expression of pure devotion and most sublime, exalted and glorious praise. Though outwardly separation has occurred and they have taken leave, yet most times they are remembered in the presence of the Truth and are the object of the gaze of the Most Great Scene and the glances of favor from the Lord of Destiny, and continue to be so. The Branches of the Divine Lote Tree and the Twigs of the Sacred Tree of Glory specifically instructed this servant to convey their mention and praise. Similarly, all the beloved of God, collectively and individually, send their praise and glorification to that loved one and [his] eminence Haji - upon you both be Baha'u'llah's blessings and favors.

To my spiritual friend, [his] eminence my brother, upon him be Baha'u'llah's eternal blessings, I present sacred, transcendent and sublime praise. Its conveyance depends on that loved one's favors - whether to deliver it personally or to send and convey it through correspondence. Furthermore, a letter arrived from [his] eminence Haji and [his] eminence Haji Aqa Baba, upon them be Baha'u'llah's blessings, written from Aleppo. Praise be to God, they arrived safely and in good health in that land with the people of Baha'u'llah, upon them be His blessings. This too was cause for complete joy. Blessed are they for having migrated unto God and traveled by His leave and command. We beseech God to assist them in serving Him and promoting His Cause as befits them in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Another request: in every city where you meet the friends of God, convey wondrous and sublime praise on behalf of this evanescent servant. May the Glory be upon you and upon all the beloved of God.

The Servant of God

19 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1291

May I be your sacrifice. The two Tablets specifically for [his] eminence Aqa Mirza Hasan and Aqa Mirza Siyyid Rida were not sent, as it was observed they would break within the envelope. God willing, they will be sent soon with anyone who sets out. That loved one may give this glad tidings and be assured.

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He is the Most High, the Most Exalted, the Most Supreme!

We remind those who drink from the Salsabil of love and traverse the desert of affection of words that will guide pure hearts to the ocean of oneness, draw assured souls to the eternal paradise, lead the figuratively poor to true wealth, bestow the crown of everlasting glory upon the spiritually abased, and shower divine knowledge and holy wisdom upon all created things, were the people to turn to the wondrous rays of Beauty.

It is clear and evident to every person of insight that the purpose of the creation of beings has been and ever shall be the knowledge of God. It is manifest and certain that this knowledge cannot be perfected through imagination, nor completed through conjecture and words, for in the realm of words all differing sects are partners. As may be observed, all the dwellers of earth, one and all, consider themselves creatures and recipients of sustenance, and deem themselves to be dwelling beneath the shadow of God's names and attributes. Thus in every nation and religion there exist certain names which they consider to be channels of divine grace and means of divine mercy.

In this regard, therefore, all who dwell on earth are alike and similar, differing only in the names they use, just as the tongues of all the earth's inhabitants differ, and likewise the names of their chosen ones and saints differ. In such circumstances, the people of truth must needs have a conclusive proof and an established evidence and station, that they may be distinguished from all created things and not be content with that to which people cling. For all today walk according to their own desires while attributing these to God, exalted be His mention. All are immersed in error while calling it guidance.

Thus did the Supreme and Most Exalted Sovereign establish for Himself a touchstone and criterion, that it might become known which soul has attained to the knowledge of God and which has remained deprived. The day when this divine touchstone appears is known as the Day of Distinction, for on that day the truthful are distinguished from the false, and the lover from the deceitful. This touchstone is the manifestation of the divine meaning in a new temple and novel attire. Thus, whosoever acknowledges and submits to that absolute meaning in this new and glorious attire is truthful in his cause; otherwise he was and shall remain a worshipper of words and fancies. For the purpose of mention and words has been

the knowledge of God, and one who has not recognized the Source in His manifestation - what value or effect could the derivative possibly have?

The acts of God are in themselves proof of His truth, as has been and is observed - what mighty matters and great tribulations have occurred and continue to occur, such that no one had or has the capacity to bear even a drop thereof, yet He alone has borne them all. No testimony has been or is more conclusive than these matters. Furthermore, beyond these stations, the Truth is distinguished from all the world and its peoples by His every movement and stillness, such that any eye that is cleansed of the dust of jealousy will, upon mere encounter and observation, recognize Him, and every heart that is sanctified from the veils will instantly attain unto His knowledge, distinguish truth from aught else save Him, and discern the difference between them. Today all the mystics who have claimed and still claim to possess mystical knowledge have contented themselves with the knowledge of an imaginary Invisible One, and with a mere word have they satisfied themselves in lieu of the spiritual realms. They have not yet grasped this truth: that every invisible must have a visible manifestation, and every word must possess a meaning. A word bereft of meaning can never yield fruit, and an imaginary invisible can never bestow wealth. Therefore the people of truth who hold fast unto the Truth must recognize the Beloved in His new attire, and hasten with heart and soul to His love, that they may be set ablaze with the fire of His love and return to the Source of His presence, which is the goal of immortal hearts and the dawning-place of the resplendent Sun. This is the revelation of the Bayan in the heaven of utterance. Therefore, O friends, hearken unto the call of your true Friend, and occupy not yourselves with the things of this world and whatsoever is therein. Deprive not yourselves of attaining the presence of the Beauty of your Beloved, Who desireth for you naught save everlasting dominion and an eternal kingdom. He hath never desired aught for Himself, and hath had no purpose except the manifestation of justice and the attainment of His loved ones to the eternal, holy gathering-places. God sufficeth as a witness, and those who possess the knowledge of the Book. Now some effort is needed, that the Friend be not seen as a stranger, and the rose be not considered as a thorn. The fragrance of the rose is sufficient witness for it, and the very being of the Friend is adequate proof. I hope, God willing, that a soul from among the people of truth in that land may arise with divine love and gather all the people of that land on the shore of the ocean of oneness, that all the people of that region may become as one soul, and the coldness of remoteness and separation may be wholly transformed and eliminated by the warmth of nearness and union. All this is from the grace of God, the Most Exalted, the Most High. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

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God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Lord of all worlds and the Most Great Name through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in God's knowledge and concealed from the eyes of men. Through Him the trumpet was sounded and those in the graves arose, and the trees proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great. But for Him the mysteries would not have been revealed, the trees would not have spoken, and the hidden pearls would not have emerged from the seas. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur

speak while in the palace which God made the point of circumambulation for those near unto Him and the sincere ones.

Praise, sanctified from mention and eulogy, beseemeth the Lord of the Kingdom of Names Who, through the Most Great Name, aided the world and guided it to His straight path and His mighty announcement. Through one exalted word He so attracted the pure hearts and illumined souls that it caused wonderment among the Concourse on high. Exalted be His dominion, exalted be His command, glorified be His majesty and His power, and there is no God but Him.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon of the Revelation! Hearken unto the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Verily it hath been raised from the prison of Akka, and from it the breezes of revelation have wafted among the servants and the fragrances of inspiration between heaven and earth. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people, by God the Day hath come and the Lord of the Kingdom is established upon the throne of Revelation, speaking that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere ones to take flight. This is the Day promised in God's Books of old, and this is the Cause before which, when it appeared, the necks of the deniers were bowed down.

O Shah Khalil! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and hath mentioned thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every state "Verily He is God, there is none other God but I, the Single, the All-Informed." Take hold of God's Book with the power bestowed by Him, detached from those who have mounted the steed of passion and committed that which hath caused the Pen of Baha to lament in this glorious and wondrous station. Certain souls have spoken concerning this Wronged One that which hath caused the divine Eye of Justice to weep.

O my God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to turn unto Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy oneness. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and their eyes with the vision of Thy signs and their tongues with Thy praise and glorification. Thou art He through Whose Name Thou hast raised the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Khalil! Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. That which thou didst send to the presence of My Most Great Branch and His Honor, the Name of Bounty, hath been presented before Our face. We have mentioned thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and say: Know ye your station and preserve it through the name of the Peerless Friend, for thieves have been and still are lying in wait. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and the heart that hath turned unto Him. This is the Day of steadfastness. All must manifest themselves in such wise that no opportunity be left for the deniers and the perverters to turn away or raise objections. Ere long, all that is visible shall be rolled up by the hand of power like a scroll, and that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen specifically for the loved ones shall become as manifest as the sun. Say: O friends! Of what are ye afraid? Of whom do ye fear? In the Tablet of the world there hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen that which hath been and still is the cause of the awakening of all who are on earth. Blessed is he who hath taken the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord and hath drunk thereof once in His name and again in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

My handmaiden Mar?iyyih hath been and is mentioned in My presence. Say thou: A death unto the heedless! An anguish unto the frozen ones! The King of Days hath come! That Hidden One hath appeared by name! That Perfect Treasury hath come! Despite the desire of the ignorant ones! These words have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen that perchance they may cause joy and gladness to the hearts and souls of the loved ones. That which floweth from the Most Sublime Pen is sweet and pleasant, and in the conjunction of these two are signs for the fair-minded and evidences for the sincere. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Sublime Horizon and have said: “Here am I, O Lord of all beings! Here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of all in the heavens and on earth!”

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O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word through which were enraptured the people of Baha, and by Thy Most Glorious Name through which hearts were drawn to Thy Most Sublime Horizon, and by that Name through which Thou didst transform darkness into light and tyranny into justice, and through which the ships of Thy Cause did sail upon the sea of Thy will - to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to direct themselves towards Thee. O Lord! Withhold not Thy creatures from hearkening unto the call of the Tree planted in the Most Exalted Paradise, nor from beholding that which hath appeared from the horizon of Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, and through Whose grace all contingent beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. He desireth for himself naught but what Thou hast desired, and he, despite his weakness and poverty, wisheth to make mention of one of Thy Afnans who hath arisen wholly to serve Thy Cause, who hath turned to Thy horizon time and again, and who didst aid Thee when the Seat of Thy Throne was in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the nations had wrought. Verily, all grace is in Thy hands and bounty is within Thy grasp. Thou ordainest for whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou pleaseth. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy tribulations and by what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the enemies of Thy Self, to ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy Cause. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleaseth. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

My spirit be offered up for your detachment, and for your steadfastness and service. The trace of thy most elevated pen which was adorned with the love of God and illumined with the lights of supreme steadfastness was received, and with its two wings it soared until it was presented before His presence and was read, and when it was completed and concluded, the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, spoke:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Responding

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who uttereth My praise, who standeth in service to My Cause, who holdeth fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, and who drinketh the choice wine of My love! Give thanks unto God for having adorned thee with the ornament of distinction among His friends and for

having accepted from thee that which proceeded from thee. Verily, He desired thee and loved thee from the earliest days. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy.

Praise be to God that thou hast been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Today the brocade of the Book of Divine Favor is adorned with this blessed word that was revealed aforetime: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." The Wronged One beareth witness that thou hast attained unto this most exalted station and this supreme summit. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

We have accepted what thou didst offer purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings unto My Afnan and remind them of that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken, and illumine them with the lights of the Orb of My loving-kindness. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To the honored ladies of the Afnan - the sister, her daughter, and her granddaughter - we convey greetings and glory. Praise be to God that they have attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in God's Book, both past and future. May the glory that shineth resplendent from the horizons of the heaven of grace and bounty be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you, and who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Though your honor is not physically present, you have been and are mentioned in a remembrance that hath surpassed all remembrances of the world. The honored Mr. Haji Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, arrived with your letter. All that was written therein attained the honor of being heard and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. By command, each of the mentioned Afnan of the Blessed Tree attained unto that which hath no likeness or parallel. This evanescent servant also conveyeth greetings and glory to the honored and esteemed masters - may my spirit be sacrificed for their love - and I beseech from the True One for them that which beseemeth His grace, favor, generosity and bounty. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words concerning God's momentous Call, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

4th of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1304

The Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - convey their greetings and glory, as do the dwellers of the pavilion of chastity and grandeur. All remember your honor with utmost love, mercy, joy and delight.

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Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy loved ones and the leaves of the tree of Thy love to do that which beseemeth them in Thy days, namely to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise in a manner befitting their kinship to Thy Beauty and the Manifestation of Thy Oneness. Blessed is he who hath been

named with the Name that hath borne tribulations in every age and dispensation in the path of Thy love, and blessed is the leaf whom Thou hast related to Thyself and mentioned in the tablets of Thy glory from the Pen of Thy bounty. Thou knowest, O my God, when her petition and letter reached Us, wherein her cry and lamentation were raised concerning Thy Cause and what befell the Beauty of Thy oppression, how the fire of grief seized the very elements of this ephemeral one. Yet, O my God, I was gladdened from another perspective when I saw her steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause and obedience. Blessed is she for having fulfilled Thy promise and not broken the Covenant on this Day of Separation. Therefore, O my God, assist him and that leaf in all that Thou lovest and approvest, for verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

The missive from that honored one, from whose words wafted the fragrance of love for the Ancient Lord, reached this evanescent servant, as did the petition of the leaf which had been submitted to the threshold of the Divine Throne, together with the letter she had written. Blessed and sanctified be that honored one and that leaf who were not prevented by the cawing of the crows from the Beauty of the Lord of the Worlds, and who were not veiled by the waters of the statements of rejected souls from the sweet stream of the utterance of the Merciful One and the flowing waters of the knowledge of the Glory of the All-Glorious. This is naught but from the divine, invisible confirmations and the hands of pure bounty which preserved that honored one from that which befitteth not thy kinship to Him, and confirmed thee in that which beseemeth the manifestation of His favors unto thee.

Another supplication that the beloved leaf addressed to the Most Holy Court, and a letter that they had written, were both presented in full before His most exalted presence. The Wronged Beauty is witness that what heat was kindled in the heart upon reading them, for whatsoever was written and spoken was for God and for His sake. Every word that issues forth from the mouth with sincerity for God's sake has been and will ever be effective throughout all existence. What more can I say of how many manifestations of grace and appearances of the favors of the Beauty of Unity I witnessed regarding your honor and that leaf. By God! Were I to attempt to recount them, the ocean would be exhausted ere I could complete mention of what I witnessed of the Ancient Beauty's favors toward you. God willing, may they ever be confirmed by God's special favors, which today are the confirmations of steadfastness in His Cause, and be gladdened and rejoiced through His wondrous favors. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for your honor and that leaf hath been revealed from the Source of God's Will and sent. Convey infinite greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends in that land, especially to the honored friends Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah and Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon them be the glory of God and His favors, whose mention hath always been in your book and who have been mentioned at the Divine Throne. Convey infinite greetings to them on behalf of this servant. And regarding their request for a special Tablet, it was presented and the utmost favor was shown regarding them. God willing, hereafter a sublime Tablet specifically for them will be revealed and sent. Since regarding this bearer's journey it was arranged that only replies to supplications would be sent, therefore it was not sent this time. And regarding the question about the blessed verse "Verily the Ta' hath entered and from the land of Fa' My Herald hath appeared," there was no opportunity to specifically present it before the Most Holy Court, but what this servant hath understood from this blessed verse and other verses revealed in the divine Tablets is that it refers to the appearance of unacceptable souls in certain

lands and is not specific to that land. We beseech God to protect all from the schemes of the schemers and the deceptions of the fabricators and liars. And regarding what was written about the hidden matter, God willing, details will be presented and afterwards an answer will be sent. And regarding what was written about the non-receipt of those funds, this servant was greatly surprised that Jinab-i-Amin delayed in the matter of the Truth. This is extremely strange from him. These days they have not yet arrived. Furthermore, after these detailed submissions, Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, arrived and delivered your bundle of letters. God willing, the reply to that will arrive soon too. Convey infinite greetings from this evanescent servant to all the friends who have drunk from the cup of love and assurance and become free and detached from all else but God. The Branches of the sublime, impregnable, exalted divine Lote-Tree and the Twigs of the divine Tree remember, praise, glorify and extol your honor with wonderful spiritual remembrances and sublime, most glorious salutations, as do all the loved ones of God, both those who circle round and those who are imprisoned - all convey infinite greetings to your honor. Convey exalted and most glorious greetings and remembrances to your children and household, all of them. Indeed remembrance, glory and radiance be upon you.

The Servant of God

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Most esteemed friend, his honor Agha Muhammad Rida may take note.

He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and power.

The primary purpose of God - exalted be His glory - in creating creation hath been the manifestation of bounty, mercy and loving-kindness, that all might be nurtured by the hands of grace and be adorned with the ornament of goodly character. The cause of ease, tranquility and assurance in the world of existence hath ever been and shall continue to be virtuous conduct. This station is an unfathomable ocean - were this evanescent one to attempt to make mention of its fishes, pearls and hidden treasures, he would need to compose a book equal to the books of the people. Every discerning mystic beareth witness to that which hath been mentioned, and every informed scholar doth testify thereto. Blessed are they who observe with fairness and hold fast to justice. In such case no matter shall remain obscure, nor shall doubts and imaginings veil them. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God - exalted be His glory - to aid this servant and His loved ones to achieve that which is the cause and means for the manifestation of true humanity in the world. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

Thereafter, two letters were received from your honor, and as they indicated and bore testimony to the well-being of that esteemed friend, they bestowed the gift of joy and granted the food of gladness. However, that honored one should not be saddened by the delay in reply, for as you know, this servant is surrounded by diverse occupations, especially in these days when he must attend now to the garden, now to the ornamental grounds, and now to the farm, regarding certain matters pertaining to the garden. Otherwise I would have considered it necessary to reply to that friend, and God sufficeth as witness. God willing, may we arise with pure hearts, sanctified souls, and steadfast feet to serve humanity. Rancor and

hatred beseemeth not the people of truth, even if it be toward those who have gone astray. This is the straight path, the mighty cord, and the command of God, the Just King, the Manifest Truth.

You wrote mentioning the esteemed Sabri Effendi and his displeasure. God is my witness that this servant has heard nothing about this until now. For some time I have been residing outside the city at Bahji. When Aqa Ghulam-'Ali came, after receiving permission he attained my presence and met with this servant for about ten minutes before departing. And when Sabri Effendi came, this servant was at [Zeib], and after arriving at the garden I heard that he had come. This servant went specially to Akka just to see him, but they said he had left early in the morning. However, in Akka there were certain statements attributed to Haji Aqa - God knows the truth - and this servant immediately returned to the garden. In truth, in these days the planting of trees is dearer to this evanescent one than the planting of souls, for faithfulness, like the phoenix, is rare. Glory be to God! Sabri Effendi became friends and acquainted with these souls here through love - how could they abandon what came before and cling to that which lacks it? This servant denies this matter unless proven by clear evidence. When news arrived from Beirut of Sabri Effendi's coming, God is my witness that great joy and delight appeared and I was awaiting his arrival so that I could inquire about his days of travel and journeying through the lands. However, after his arrival they specially summoned him to Mazra'ih with the intention of meeting him there in the evening after tea, but it became known that he had asked permission and departed, and afterwards went to Nazareth. This servant was greatly surprised, but considering that all matters are bound to their appointed times, remained silent and waiting for the time when the sweet fragrances of love and fellowship would waft. This servant remains firm upon the ancient covenant and pact, and God willing shall remain steadfast. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine his departure with the light of return, for at the time of his leaving he was very loving and enkindled. And if any slanderer has spoken, they surely had no purpose but to cause mischief. God willing this too shall become evident, for the rays of the Sun of Truth have endless manifestations, and when its light appears, convey on behalf of this servant greetings and salutations to him. God willing may he be confirmed and assisted in that which God loves, and be adorned and blessed with divine favors. The cord of this servant's friendship does not appear to be weakened by such things. Although human beings have not been and are not free from mistakes, through God's grace - exalted be His glory - there is hope that He will not make this servant a cause for extinguishing the light of love. And I beseech Him to graciously grant me the appearance of that which increases His light and radiance. Verily He is the Powerful, the Hearer, the Responder.

I convey greetings to my honored friend, son of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion. May he be confirmed and assisted in that which leads to the exaltation and elevation of his station. From Alexandria his honored brother has sent a letter which was forwarded - let it be delivered. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist those who have turned towards Him in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. May his honor Aqa Ali Muhammad be engaged, God willing, in joy and fragrance, and be protected from pain and illness. May the saplings in his garden, God willing, be verdant and flourishing from the rain of divine favors in this spiritual springtime. Convey greetings on my behalf to his mother. Peace and Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

The Servant

12th of Jamadi'l-Avval 1300

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O thou who gazest upon the countenance of God, exalted and glorified be He! In most of His Tablets He hath enjoined wisdom upon His loved ones. Nevertheless, certain souls who claim attachment to the Truth speak of that which God hath not permitted. Although the triumph of God's Cause in this Revelation hath been through praiseworthy conduct, goodly attributes, wisdom and utterance, yet some have perverted the meaning of triumph according to their own desires. The triumph of the Cause hath never been, nor shall it ever be, through disputation, contention, conflict and corruption. God is quit of those who speak of their own accord and bid men to do what they themselves have been forbidden in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The triumph of Truth and the propagation of His Cause have been and shall ever be through wisdom and utterance, and utterance must needs be proportioned to the capacity of each soul. Say: O friends! It hath been revealed and sent down aforetime from the Supreme Pen that ye should scatter the seeds of divine wisdom and understanding in pure and goodly soil. Ye are spiritual physicians and true sages. Men are afflicted with the maladies of ignorance and unwisdom. The ailment of each one must needs be determined, and then treatment administered with the healing remedy of the Most Great Name according to his capacity and measure. For instance, should one speak at the outset concerning Divinity to one of the followers of the Qur'an who is afflicted with the malady of vain imaginings and whose highest understanding is confined to the station of leadership and guardianship, he would surely perish, for he hath failed to comprehend the meaning of the Qur'anic verses concerning the Day of Resurrection and the appearance of Truth from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Unity, nay, he hath not even caught their fragrance. Therefore, at first one must speak with him according to his capacity until he advanceth from the stage of childhood to the station of maturity and becometh able to bear the Most Exalted Word that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of My sanctity! The harm and trials inflicted upon this Wronged One by the rulers, divines and peoples of the earth have never concerned Me. Rather, what has caused grief and affliction are the deeds that have been manifested by those who claim to love the Truth. Certain souls have turned towards the Most Holy Court without permission, and upon returning have spoken according to their own desires, attributing these to the Truth. Thus have some seekers become veiled by the deeds of others. God has commanded all to be known for righteousness, religion, trustworthiness, truthfulness, purity, humanity and faithfulness. Nevertheless, they have acted with the utmost cunning and deceit in appropriating people's wealth. Some have entered various lands declaring that the property of others is permissible for the friends to take and that the law of the Book has been abrogated. We seek refuge in God from such rejected utterances and abhorrent deeds! The people of truth have no attachment or concern for their own wealth, let alone allowing their pure hands to be sullied with the property of other peoples. No one's property is lawful unto another. Whosoever has today drunk from the waters of sanctity and turned towards the horizon of divine revelation must not stain his radiant hem with the dust of treachery. He who departs from this station has made mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High a

snare for his own desires. Say: O My loved ones! Shun him and his like. Thus doth this momentous announcement inform you. Such harm hath touched My station that the Most Exalted Pen is occupied with these words. Weep then for My hurt and tribulation, O thou who gazest upon My countenance and speaketh My praise!

Say: The friends of God must be manifestations of divine wealth and contentment. The fragrance of sanctification and detachment must at all times waft from them for the purification of the world's peoples, that every possessor of smell may discover from them what they find not from others. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of the Wronged One and followed what he was commanded in this mighty Tablet. God's forbearance hath caused some to become heedless, for whenever anyone outwardly proclaimed their faith, the outpourings of the ocean of grace were bestowed upon them, and later whatever appeared from them contrary to God's good-pleasure was veiled. This forbearance and concealment became the cause of their heedlessness and boldness, to such extent that they considered God unaware and negligent. Say: Nay, by God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge and with Him is a guarded tablet. Much unwisdom hath appeared and continueth to appear from the loved ones. You must, according to your capacity, make the divine friends aware, that all may become informed of wisdom, teaching, and those matters that lead to the exaltation of the Cause.

Thy letter was previously received and We heard from it thy call to the Lord of the worlds and found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity and ardor in the love of God, the Lord of the knowing. Verily, thou hast a station with the Throne. Be thankful unto God for this great bounty. We have sent down this Tablet for thee that thou mayest inform the people of its contents, that perchance they may arise to fulfill what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Most Holy, the Sanctified, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have been blessed by the breaths of My Pen and illumined by the lamp of My providence shining upon the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who hearken unto what thou speaketh concerning the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Counselor, the All-Knowing!

O Pen! Time and again have sorrows come to pass that have caused the people of Baha to grieve–they who have believed in God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, who have soared on the wings of recognition in the atmosphere of certitude, and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken throughout creation. O My Most Exalted Pen! Calamities have befallen thee that have caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide to weep. Hear My call, then make mention of the calamity by which sorrows have encompassed My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and whereby patience and forbearance have fled and been scattered throughout the lands.

Say: O Most Exalted Leaf, mentioned in the Crimson Book! Thou art she whom God created to arise for the service of His Own Self, the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the

Dayspring of His signs, and the Source of His laws. He strengthened thee in such wise that thou didst turn wholly unto Him when the servants and handmaidens turned away. Thou didst hear His most sweet call and didst respond to it, and thou wert with Him in all conditions, until thou didst migrate from the Land of ?a to Zawra, and from Zawra to the Land of Mystery, and thence to this Prison which hath been designated by every name by God, the Creator of the heavens. Thou wert, during the nights and days, blessed with His presence, gazing upon His countenance, circling round His throne, hearing His call, dwelling in His house, clinging to His cord, and holding fast to the hem of the robe of His bounty and grace, until destiny overcame thee with that which was written in the Book of God, the Lord of the former and latter generations. Thou didst endure its hardships until thou didst sacrifice thy spirit in His path before His face. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, O My leaf, who art mentioned in My Book and inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in My Scriptures and Tablets.

I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of understanding from the cup of utterance, and didst endure in His path whatsoever befell thee of hardships and trials. We bear witness that thou didst believe in Him and in His Books and His Messengers and in that which He hath sent down from the heaven of His Will and the atmosphere of His Purpose. Rejoice thou at this moment in the Most Exalted Station and the highest Paradise and the most glorious Horizon, inasmuch as the Lord of Names hath made mention of thee. We testify that thou didst attain unto all good, and God hath raised thee to a station round which circle all glory and every lofty station.

Thou wert lying upon thy couch while the Most Great Branch stood in attendance upon thee, and beneath him the other Branches, then the kindred and handmaidens who were among the people of the pavilions of glory and chastity, then those whom God hath made to be the leaves of the Tree of His Cause and the fruits of the Tree of His bounty. The Branches would enter thy presence with greetings and would leave with sighs of anguish and sorrow. After the ascension of thy spirit, their tears descended and their sighs ascended, and every possessor of a heart and station lamented before thy Lord, the Lord of the earth and the heavens. Alas, alas! By thy grief the people of the pavilion of glory and the tabernacle of grace were grieved, and the eyes of those who circle round the Throne shed tears at thy calamity. The Most Great Terror appeared, and eyes wept before the face of thy Lord, the Chosen One. And we, the near ones, lamented in such wise that by our lamentation the people of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Paradise and the most glorious Concourse who circle round the will of their Lord, the Master of Origin and Return, in the eternity of eternities. O Exalted Leaf! Thy grief hath today turned day into night, joy into sorrow, and tranquility into agitation, until sorrows encompassed all who dwell in the realm of possibility, such that the Hidden Name, the Treasured Secret, and the Self-Subsisting One - Who sacrificed Himself for the One standing before all faces - were grieved. O Pen! Be patient, for sorrows have overtaken both the seen and unseen. Set aside what thou wert occupied with and say, turning to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the grief of Thy chosen ones, the tears of Thy leaves, and the sorrows that have melted hearts throughout the lands, to forgive Thy male and female servants who have remembered her according to what hath descended from the heaven of Thy bounty and the mouth of Thy will. O Lord! Thou seest how cares have encompassed the manifestations of Thy Self-Subsisting Name, and sorrows have surrounded the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory and grandeur. I beseech

Thee by their sighs and tears concerning what hath befallen Thee in Thy days, to send down upon Thy household that which may tranquilize their hearts and give rest to their souls, lest they commit what would increase Thy sorrow in Thy days. Then forgive every maidservant who hath entered Thy house and lamented what occurred on this day which Thy decree hath altered, and which hath grieved Thy friends and chosen ones. Then assist Thy servant who is present, who hath stood firm in Thy service, shared in Thy tribulations, and spoken Thy praise. Then forgive, O my God, the maidservant who journeyed and those who left their homes until they arrived and heard, then returned, and those who sought Thy grace, Thy gifts, Thy generosity and Thy bestowals. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. If Thou shouldst desire, Thou wouldst turn grief into joy in Thy kingdom, and the essence of care into delight among Thy servants. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Then I beseech Thee once again, O God of Names, by the penetrating influence of Thy Command, the all-encompassing nature of Thy Will, the mysteries of Thy Book, and what hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scrolls and Writings, to forgive on this day all Thy male and female servants who have turned to Thee, attained to Thy remembrance, and arose to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Forgiving, the Kind, the Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

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Here is beloved of heart and soul, Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be all glory and splendor. He is God, exalted be His majesty, greatness and power.

O my beloved! The fragrance of your words has caused me to turn toward you, and your remembrance in the love of God, your Creator, has moved me to mention that which will gladden you, from our Beloved and your Beloved. By God's life! Not a day has passed except that you were before my eyes, and the glances of my Lord and Master's favor were directed toward you. I read, understood and presented it, whereupon He said - and His sweetest utterance is this:

O Mustafa! Upon you be My peace and My glory! Give thanks to God for having honored your countenance, loosened your tongue, and drawn you near to Him. We beseech Him to expand your cause and grant you every good thing sent down in His perspicuous Book.

We make mention of the physician, upon him be My glory, and give him glad tidings of My remembrance of him. We counsel him to remember God and praise Him, and to do that which will exalt His firm and mighty Cause. We beseech the Most High to assist him in achieving what he desires in love of his Lord. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

We make mention of the imprisoned one, upon him be My glory, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. We beseech God to assist him to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance, and to ordain for him the reward of what he desires. Verily, He is the Munificent Giver.

We make mention of him who was named Khalaf, who was previously mentioned before the Wronged One, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and My attention to him from this far-distant spot. By My life, O Khalaf! My remembrance of you is greater than what you and all people possess. If you were

to turn to it, you would find from it the fragrance of eternity - to this testifies every knowledgeable and perceptive one. Grieve not over anything, trust in all matters in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who was named Ibrahim Khaffaf, whose letter was presented before the Wronged One while He was in this mighty prison. O Ibrahim! Give thanks to God for having assisted you and caused you to recognize Him when the earth was in evident smoke. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you. Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We ask of God for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the throne and earth. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of his sister and beseech God the Most High to forgive her through His grace and grant her what He has ordained in Paradise of His bounties and favors. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bestower, the Hearing, the Responding One.

We make mention of him who was named Yusuf, that he may praise his Lord for having assisted him to believe in what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Furqan: "Those who believe in the unseen, and establish prayer, and spend of that which We have provided them."

We make mention of the servants of God in that place and counsel them to perform good deeds and develop spiritual qualities, and to do that which will exalt God's religion among His heedless servants. The nation and government have been weakened by what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. It behooves you to supplicate God in the nights and days that He may aid His Cause on earth through the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Verily, He has power over all things and is worthy to answer.

That which the imprisoned one sent has arrived in the prison and has been honored with acceptance. One of them was especially distinguished and honored, and He commanded me to send one of them to your presence, which I shall soon dispatch by His might and power. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all who are on earth to remember Him, praise Him and obey Him, that the religion may be made manifest in its entirety, though the idolaters be averse. The Command belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

And I greet Hussein Effendi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and his brothers. May the coolness of eyes, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in Zawra and upon your family and those with you, and the mercy of God and His blessings. Then I greet the most dear brother Haji Abbas, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and Jamshid and Abdul-Karim, upon both of them be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. I beseech God on their behalf for that which befits His all-encompassing generosity. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The Servant

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O beloved of my heart! Another letter from your presence reached the servant, adorned with the mention of God, blessed and exalted be He. After my recognition and reading of it, I presented it before my Lord and Master. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is: "We have heard what the Physician, upon

him be My glory, and the Prisoner, upon him be My loving-kindness, have mentioned, and We have understood what they desired in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Whosoever shall free the House from the Amalekites, verily for him shall be a great reward with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. God shall soon free it through a command from His presence, even as He freed the Ark aforetime. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

"And We make mention of Abdullah who desired to serve his Lord. Say: Blessed art thou for what thou hast done and intended. Be thou assured that He is with thee in all conditions. Verily, He does not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in what is right and to make thee among those who have performed in the path of God that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure through the continuance of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily, he whom God has enabled to achieve this must needs give thanks to Him throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who has attained unto this mighty cause.

"And We send Our greetings to the loved ones of God in those regions and We counsel them to fear God and to that whereby His decisive and wise Cause may be exalted. O Mustafa! Upon thee be My peace and My glory, and upon thy sons, and upon those with thee who have held fast to the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds." And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The End.

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O joy of my heart and beloved of my soul, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be all Glory of Glories. He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Grandeur.

Praise be to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, Who by His command breathed into the Supreme Pen, whereupon appeared men who cast aside all likenesses and examples and arose to promote the Cause with a firmness more enduring than mountains. They are those whom nothing upon which the name of any created thing hath been placed could deter from God, the Ordainer of destinies. They are those through whom the horizons were illumined and the decree of the Covenant was manifested on the Day of Separation, and through whom the Most Great Servitude appeared among the concourse of creation, and every hesitant one hastened to the Most Sublime Horizon. Exalted is our Most Glorious Beloved, through one letter of Whom the Kingdom of Names was created and the Call was raised between earth and heaven that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I pray, I salute, and I glorify those who remember Him at morn and at eventide. These are servants who perceived the fragrance of the garment in the Day of God and will perceive it unto the eternity of eternities. Exalted is the Lord of the beginning and the end, through Whom the Nightingale of Eternity warbleth that there is none other God but He, the Bestower, the Generous. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention.

The servant hath attained to that which wafted from the right hand of your remembrance and your faithfulness, whereby were stirred the leaves of love which had sprouted from the Tree that was raised up in steadfast, firm and luminous hearts. God knoweth that its stirring hath moved me and its manifestations have affected me. I took the letter and ascended until I attained the presence of the

Beloved and presented what was therein. Thereupon the sphere of utterance was set in motion and the Tongue of the Intended One spoke that which every witness and witnessed one is powerless to describe. By the life of God, I found myself incapable of recording what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered from the most exalted station. Can the drop enumerate the waves of the sea? Can the atom define the effulgences of the sun? All things testify to my powerlessness, and all that was created by the Most Exalted Word to my evanescence. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist me and strengthen me in that which I have been commanded. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is He Who overshadoweth all possibilities and is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word. And at the end of the utterance, the Tongue of the Intended One spoke: The Supreme Pen hath testified time and again to him and hath acknowledged his sincerity, his love, his devotion, his remembrance, his praise, and his standing in service to this Cause whereby the mountains were shaken. End.

And regarding what you mentioned concerning the prisoner, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented and this is what the Beloved spoke in reply: We make mention of the prisoner who hath attained unto tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him and strengthen him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former days. And as for what he desired regarding leaving the city, We have permitted him in what he desired and We counsel him with the Most Great Wisdom and give him the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Wronged One, Who hath turned toward him from this Most Exalted Station. End.

And concerning what you mentioned about the Fast and what his honor Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote - the truth is with you. It would have been more fitting for him to inquire and write to you that whereby the light of certitude might be made manifest.

As for your mention of Muhammad Surur Effendi, upon him be the Glory of God [669], the servant beseeches God, his Lord, to give him to drink that which will cause him to speak in His Name and to arise to serve Him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over all possibilities. That which is seen today upon the face of the earth shall pass away, and that which is done in the path of God, the Lord of Lords, shall endure.

As for what you mentioned regarding Darvish Ata, upon him be the Glory of God [669], the servant has presented and recited what he composed before His countenance. Praise be to God that he has attained to the mention and praise of God. I was gladdened to find the fragrance of your pleasure in him. I beseech the Lord to guide us by such a fragrance time after time, instance after instance, phase after phase, hour after hour, and moment after moment. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

As for what you desired regarding the presence, the servant has presented it. Thus did the tongue of the Beloved speak: “O My servant! Thou knowest My loving-kindness, My love and My tenderness for him, but wisdom hath prevented Me from granting this request in these days, and We have postponed it to another day. Convey My Great Glory to him and give him the glad tidings of My beauteous mention.” The servant conveys His Great Glory to you in accordance with what was commanded. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist us in serving Him, obeying Him, mentioning Him, praising Him, and in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause among His creation. Verily He is the Bestower, the Answerer.

As for what you mentioned regarding Khan, upon him be the Glory of God [669], the servant presented what your honor wrote concerning him. The Beloved said: “This demonstrates his orientation and his turning to God. We beseech God to make him firm and steadfast in what he was upon. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We convey from this station Our Great Glory upon him and upon all who have held fast to this firm cord, and We convey Our Great Glory upon the faces of My loved ones who are there, and We counsel them to the Most Great Steadfastness and that which will profit them in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Wise.”

The Glory be upon your honor and upon those who were with you, and upon those who have drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hands of the bounty of our Lord, the Merciful. And praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

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Praise be to God Who is established upon the throne with majesty, might and grandeur, and Who speaks whereupon the trumpet is blown, those in the graves tremble, and all in earth and heaven swoon save whom God, the Lord of Names, willeth. Through Him was hoisted the banner “He doeth what He willeth” and raised the standard “On that day dominion shall be God’s, the Lord of all mankind and Master of both this world and the next.” He is the One from Whose court of glory the decree of truth is never absent, even should He decree existence for the non-existent, and from Whose holy atmosphere no flutter of the wings of defiance is heard, even should He permit what was forbidden from time immemorial. He is the One worshipped, to Whose majesty and sovereignty all atoms testify, and to Whose power and might all created things bear witness. The Qayyum is he who arises to make mention of Him and speaks His praise, and the steadfast one is he who attains constancy in His Cause. Exalted, exalted is He Who speaks the truth! Exalted, exalted is He Who is tried among the people! Exalted, exalted is He Who sees Himself alone amidst the multitude and single among the throng! Praise be to God Who made tribulation an adornment for His loved ones, thereby beautifying them among His creation and His creatures. He is the Ruler Whom the veils of the world and the mists of the nations have not hindered, and none has comprehended what lieth with Him save His Self, as attesteth he who hath knowledge of the Tablets. God beareth witness that there is no God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life. He is the Sovereign from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth and Whose decree nothing can frustrate. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God testifieth that there is no God but Him, and He Who biddeth the people to righteousness and godliness is the Goal of all creation, the One mentioned in the ancient scriptures, and the Speaker in the kingdom of creation. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Another calamity hath come to pass through that which was inscribed by the Pen of Destiny from God, Creator of earth and heaven, whereupon grief hath overtaken the loved ones of the All-Merciful. It behooveth thee to make mention of this affliction, concerning which the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the Kingdom of divine exposition. Through thee doth God console whom He willeth among His loved ones and comfort those who have believed in His signs, submitted to His sovereignty, and acknowledged that which the tongue of His grandeur hath acknowledged when seated upon His throne - that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The tale of sorrow hath returned, for a star hath vanished from the heaven of My love and a letter from the book of My affection. Thereby have the people of the realms of My knowledge lamented - they who have cast aside all else but Me, clung to the hem of My grace, and attained unto the ocean of My mercy and the sun of My bounty.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who hath been designated by this name. He remembereth thee at this hour when sorrows have encompassed Him by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of them that have turned away from the All-Merciful. Thou art he who witnessed the Most Great Terror on a day wherein a speckled serpent pursued My Name, the letter ?a, through which was planted the Tree of Faithfulness amidst all created things. I bear witness that thou didst experience that Day and didst endure from the enemies that which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all names, and heard from them what no ear among all created things hath heard, and witnessed what no eyes of the faithful have beheld. Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having attained unto the testimony of God on this Day wherein the Path hath appeared and the Balance hath been set up. I testify that thou hast fulfilled thy covenant and observed the rights of God and His Cause. Thou art he who cast away idle fancies and hastened unto the ocean of certitude which surgeth before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Munificent. Thou art he whom neither the signs of the wayward nor the utterances of the idolaters deterred. Thou hast shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and turned toward the Supreme Horizon when it was illumined by the manifestation of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. Joy be unto thee, O Husayn, for having quaffed the choice sealed wine. Happy art thou, O Husayn, for having attained unto My Preserved Book which proclaimeth throughout the world and among the peoples thy recognition, thy remembrance, thy submissiveness, thy humility, thy faithfulness and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and necks have bowed. Blessed art thou for having ascended with joy and fragrance unto the presence of the All-Merciful, where thou beholdest thyself in that most exalted station and hearest that which the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary doth speak. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee and turneth toward thee after thy passing and uttereth thy praise for what befell thee in the path of God, the Lord of all lords. We beseech God, exalted be He, to console thy brother who chose exile in the path of God, the Lord of all creation, and attained unto His presence when the Sun was shining from the horizon of Zawra, and who migrated with him until he entered the Land of Mystery, whence he was banished with his Lord until he entered this Great Prison. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him to preserve this station and draw him nigh unto Him at all times.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of the nations, Who calleth out through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy near ones which was shed in Thy days for love of Thee, and by the hearts of them that are aflame with love for Thee, which were pierced by the arrows of the

enemies in Thy path and for the manifestation of Thy Cause, to assist Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in this Cause, than which no greater hath been ordained in Thy dominion and Thy realm. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God - exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the horizon of the world with the Sun of His Most Great Name, and hath commanded all to be trustworthy and faithful, and to that whereby His Cause may be exalted amongst the peoples. Among men are those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of Names; among them are those who have halted in perplexity; and among them are those who have turned away and committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names to lament, until matters reached such a pass that, by God, the sun of trustworthiness hath been darkened among creatures and the moon of faithfulness hath been eclipsed among men. Blessed, blessed, then joy be to him who hath been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and hath acted in such wise as to exalt the Cause of God above all else. And woe betide him who hath been overcome by his passions and hath committed that which is forbidden in the Book of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

I have received your letter and learned of your love for God and service to His Cause. After gaining this knowledge and understanding, I approached the Most Exalted Presence until I stood before His countenance and presented what you had mentioned. Thereupon the tongue of the Beloved uttered that which was a remedy for the world's ills and healing for whosoever desireth his Ancient Lord. We beseech God to assist you in your current endeavors and aid you in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones and the Answerer of the prayers of the supplicants. My soul be a sacrifice for your love! God knoweth, and all else bear witness, that this servant loveth to hear at all times that which your tongue uttereth in remembrance of my Beloved and your Beloved. My ear is ever attentive to your address, for through it my breast is dilated, my frame is stirred, and my heart is gladdened. Should my reply be delayed, this is not due to heedlessness or indifference - to this both heart and soul bear witness, and they are with you; ask them, for they are just and truthful, and it is hoped their testimony will be accepted by you. And beyond and above them is the testimony of Him Who hath spoken and speaketh the truth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, regarding what you mentioned about the name Qurratu'l-'Ayn, this servant had not seen that letter nor was it presented before His countenance. After my learning of it, turning toward Him, ascending and presenting it, he was named "The Trustworthy", entitled "The Wondrous", and given the kunyih "Father of Faithfulness" in the presence of Him Whom I cannot adequately describe before the peoples who have been veiled by the veils of idle fancies and thereby been prevented from witnessing that which hath appeared, shone forth, emerged and risen from the horizon of possibility. Exalted, exalted is He! Whosoever pondereth upon the Manifestation of God and His power, and the sovereignty

of God and His grandeur! Can the Pen bear to carry remembrances, or the Tablet have strength to be the bearer of mysteries? Nay, by His chosen Self! All have proven powerless, and the tongue of God hath testified to the powerlessness of all, before the creation of all, the mention of all, the description of all, and the appearance of all. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

By thy life, at the time it was presented before the Countenance, I found the Lord of all beings to be saddened, and this was not due to any causes but out of compassion for him who was named Khidmat-'Ali. Blessed is he for having been honored by the mention of the Beloved and adorned with the loving-kindness of the Desired One. It behooveth him to strive with the utmost effort and endeavor to discharge what is due from him of the rights of the servants. Thus hath the Lord of creation decreed in the Books, the Psalms, the Scriptures and the Tablets. I know not, O My beloved, whether the world hath been perfumed by the fragrance of the Beloved or hath been deprived thereof, and whether the heaven hath recognized the Sun shining from its horizon or remaineth heedless and bare, and whether the earth hath recognized the honor of His footsteps upon it or remaineth ignorant and negligent, and whether the trees have become aware of the breezes of reunion wafting upon them or remain veiled behind the veils. Yet I observe the air to be of utmost delicacy and gentleness, and the light as though it hath acquired radiance from the face of Him unto Whom all things turn. Blessed is he who hath turned unto, clung to, sought after and held fast unto God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. At times the Spirit turneth toward the mountains and saith: I perceive from thee the fragrances of the Beloved, as though He had passed over thee - hast thou recognized this or art thou among the heedless? And at times it wandereth through the dwellings and saith: I perceive from thee the sweet savors of the Manifestation - hast thou known this or art thou among the veiled ones? By thy life, O My beloved, the Pen hath taken from Me its reins and moveth, and I know not toward which direction it turneth - toward the hilltops or the branches, or toward the deserts and wilderness. He verily knoweth best what moveth upon the earth or ascendeth into the air, and He is in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In all circumstances, I beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant him success and assistance, and to open before his face a door whereby his affairs and the affairs of those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed, may be set right. As to what ye mentioned concerning Haji 'Abbas, upon him be the glory of his Lord, We beseech God to send down upon him a blessing from His presence and to protect him from all that He abhorreth. The servant conveyeth his greetings to him and to the loved ones of God in that place. His teaching work hath been entrusted to your care and kindness. Glory be upon you and upon your household, and may he present himself before you and receive from you that which shall profit him in the Cause of God, your Creator and the Creator of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Servant. 4 Rama?an al-Mubarak 1295.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

The beginning of every remembrance and every utterance has been and shall ever be the mention of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds. The beginning originates with Him and the end returns unto Him - verily, we are from God and unto Him shall we return.

Your letter, which was sent through him who is bound for that realm - upon him be the Glory of God - arrived and was presented. These exalted words were revealed from the heaven of grace, the Source of verses. His words, exalted be His majesty:

"O Muhammad-Husayn! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One through the servant who is present. In all conditions fix your gaze upon God, speak of Him, and place your trust in Him. Should man attain unto communion with God, exalted be His glory - that is, should he experience His remembrance, praise, love and sweetness - he will never be distressed by life's bitterness. This is the Day of Truth, for the Sun of Truth has dawned. This is the Day of Certitude, for the light of His countenance shines forth from the Prison land, radiant and manifest. He who has attained unto the water will derive no benefit from the mention of a mirage. This is the Day of revelation and witnessing, for that which was hidden is now manifest, resplendent, speaking and revealed. In such circumstances and in such days, sanctified souls must free themselves from the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Name of the Lord of all beings. The people of truth who today have partaken of the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and have received their portion from the ocean of life are and shall remain the manifestations of God's life-giving Name. The name of death has no place in that gathering. The name of death belongs exclusively to God, exalted be His glory. Who would dare transgress the bounds set by God? Whosoever transgresses is recorded as one of the people of hell-fire in the Most Sublime Vision, in the Scriptures and Tablets. We have forbidden the people of God from murder, conflict, strife, corruption and whatsoever grieveth the hearts. How then could it be that the friends of God would plot against you? Hold fast unto the manifest certitude, turning away from idle fancies and vain imaginings."

Given the divine laws, commandments and prohibitions that have been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Book, how could it be that the loved ones would plot against one another? Perhaps someone spoke a word to you in jest. Nevertheless, this servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to sanctify you and some of the friends from whatsoever is unbecoming, and to adorn you with that which is befitting. If souls who have accepted the Faith would hold fast with joy and fragrance to that which the All-Merciful has revealed, surely the lights of faith and justice would have encompassed the world. Concealment and forgiveness are among the characteristics of mercy, and mercy has encompassed and preceded all things visible and invisible.

Concerning the mention that was made of Mashhadi 'Ali, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. These are the words that the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "O 'Ali! Strive to adorn thyself with the requirements of this Most Great Cause. Place upon thy head the crown fashioned of the pearls of detachment and trust in God, upon thy feet the new shoes that signify steadfastness, and upon thy frame the robe of piety. God willing, may all be adorned with these luminous, precious and enduring garments. Thy mention was made in the Most Holy Presence, and these brilliant words were revealed and flowed forth from the Dayspring of the Cause. Blessed is he who recognizes, acts, and attains unto that which God hath revealed in the Book."

With regard to what was written that the physician inquired about sleep - such matters are not worthy of question, and this servant did not submit them, for this matter has been mentioned in several places and its ruling has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Furthermore, today is not the day for questions.

Several years ago this blessed verse was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted and mighty be His Word: “This is not the day for questions. It behoveth every soul, when he heareth the Call, to say: ‘Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names!’ and ‘Here am I, here am I, O Desire of the worlds!’”

Some souls, in what they say, intend either sophistication or jest. How many souls in this Most Great Revelation have asked questions about wisdom and other abstruse matters, and answers descended and were revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of all return. Yet no trace remained of those souls. For example, one of the philosophers asked about the Uncompounded Reality, and an answer was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance according to his capacity, yet it yielded no fruit. Today some are seen to be irreligious, some doubtful, some bewildered, some stupefied, some hesitant, and some turned away. In such circumstances, one must hold fast to the cord of patience and observe the horizons and one’s own self with the eye of insight. In one place He says that the veil of the people has reached such a state that silence has gained precedence over speech.

Concerning your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, his mention was submitted at the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of Grace rose from the horizon of favor in relation to him. God willing, may he be occupied with the mention of Truth. This evanescent one also conveys greetings and praise to the aforementioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God. Glory be upon you and upon every truthful speaker who stands firm in service to the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Ahmad in Sad! He is the Single, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Sublime!

Blessed is He in whose hand is the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth, and He, verily, is knowing of all things. His is the bounty and the grandeur, His is the power and the sovereignty, His is the might and the loftiness, His is the strength and the dominion. He giveth sovereignty to whomsoever He willeth and taketh away sovereignty from whomsoever He willeth, and He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is knowing of all things. He hath created all who are in the heavens and on earth by His will, and createth as He willeth by His command, and He, verily, encompasseth all things. Say: Verily He shall appear as He appeared in truth, and He shall not be limited by any limit, nor indicated by any indication, nor veiled by any veil. He shall appear as He willeth to whomsoever He willeth, and We are witness unto this.

O believer in God! There hath come before Us that from which We have inhaled the fragrances of God wafting from a holy and glorious quarter, which God hath caused to be revealed through the pen of His Name Husayn at the sacred seat, and unto which He hath imparted words of transcendent might. Know thou that a single letter thereof is more precious than the creation of the heavens and earth - this for him who is possessed of true insight. Therein are inscribed the mysteries of the Cause by a hidden holy pen, which none can fathom save they who have detached themselves unto God and are steadfast in the true faith. In but one letter thereof lieth treasured the mysteries of knowledge and wisdom from the presence of One mighty and wise. Were We to expound a single letter thereof, all the tablets would not suffice, nor would all pens complete it, nor could any scroll encompass it. For each letter thereof hath its

interpretation, and each interpretation its inner meaning, and each inner meaning yet deeper meanings, and symbols and allusions unto whatsoever God willeth. Thus hath the matter been decreed at the right hand of the Throne. We have withheld mention thereof by reason of the malice that hath appeared in the hearts of them who claim faith for themselves yet are in grievous transgression. Therefore do thou rend asunder the veils and emerge from behind the clouds with mighty certitude, lest allusions veil thee as they veiled the people of the Furqan through mention of the Seal in a preserved and mighty Book which was sent down unto Muhammad, the Messenger of God, from the presence of a sovereign and manifest King. Know thou that Truth itself is sufficient proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and needeth no evidence or demonstration if thou be well-informed thereof. When He desireth to make Himself known unto His servants, He manifesteth Himself through a proof that all who are in the heavens and earth are powerless to produce, that His grace may be witnessed by all worlds. Without this, none can know Him and no proof can be established for anyone. Thus have the measures of the Cause been ordained by the Pen of Him Who knoweth all things – save whom thy Lord willeth, and this hath been decreed in truth in the glorious and noble Tablets. Blessed is he who wavereth not from this Path, and whom the whisperings of Satan shall never turn aside, though every sinful transgressor oppose him. Thus know thou all that hath been mentioned in thy Tablet, then conceal these pearls within thy breast and spread them not before every malicious rebel. And if thou findest a pure heart, inspire it with what We have inspired thee of these mysteries which were veiled within the sheltering protection of the Command. Otherwise, conceal them with the utmost concealment and disclose them not before those who follow Satan in their own selves and are vehement in their hatred. Therefore render thanks unto God for having sent thee the sweet-scented breezes of holiness and cast upon thee the word of truth and inspired thee with that whereof the people were veiled. Say: We were in the midst of the servants for months and years, yet none recognized Us, and thus were all wrapped in thick veils. And when the idolaters rose against Us and cast Us into prison in that land, We revealed Our true Self in spite of them and every wretched denier. The Spirit and Glory and Splendor from Us be upon thee and upon thy spirit and thy heart and upon those who were swift to win the good-pleasure of God.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Mighty, the Powerful

Praise be to God Who hath trained His loved ones in His path through adversity and tribulation, that all may fix their gaze upon Him and turn unto Him in all conditions, whether in hardship or ease, in poverty or wealth. Thus hath He caused that spiritual friend to be ever engaged in His praise and remembrance. In truth, this is a mighty station. The servant beseecheth his Lord to enable all to attain unto this and to assist them in that which beseemeth His Revelation and His days. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The letters of that spiritual friend have been received time and again, and after reading each one, We presented them before the Face of the Lord. He heard them and said - sweet are His words: “O thou who drinkest the wine of My love! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed, even as it drew thee nigh before. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.” Praise be to God, the inner matters are confirmed and known, while the

outward affairs are contingent upon the requirements of consummate wisdom. Every time hath its effect and every moment its fruit. Knowledge is with the Eternal God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before thy face, through the key of His Name, the All-Giving, the gates of His grace, mercy and bounty, and to rain down upon thee from the clouds of His generosity the showers of His blessings and riches. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous, the Munificent, the Merciful.

Recite what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "And whosoever feareth God, He will make for him a way out, and will provide for him from whence he expecteth not. And whosoever putteth his trust in God, He will suffice him. God will surely accomplish His purpose. God hath set a measure for all things." Recite this blessed revealed verse every day. He is the Source of grace and bounty, the Dawning-Place of mercy and glory. God willing, the closed door shall open and suspended matters shall be set in motion.

O Siyyid Farajullah, upon thee be the peace of God. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and We beseech God to send down that which will exalt thy station. In these days Iran is in turmoil, the fire of oppression is ablaze, truthfulness, sincerity and justice are concealed, while tyranny, corruption and oppression prevail. Glory be to God! Most of the people of Iran are observed to be deprived of human virtues. They have ever cursed and reviled the Sunnis while praising themselves, but divine justice did not remain hidden and shone forth like the sun from the horizon of will. This Wronged One beareth witness that no party in the world hath been more heedless, more rejected, and more foolish than the Shi'ih party. They are sheer ignorance, yet consider themselves the repository of knowledge. Their deeds testify to their station and rank. They martyred the Lord of the world and all beings in such wise that rocks cried out in lamentation, yet to this day they remain unaware of their unseemly acts. They martyred the King of the throne of faith in the name of infidelity, yet they perceive it not. In any case, beseech and We beseech God not to deprive any of His servants of His grace and favor.

O Thou one God! Make the heedless aware, guide Thy poor ones to the ocean of Thy riches, and cause Thy opposers to taste the sweetness of turning unto Thee. Thou art the Powerful One Whom the power of the world hath not and cannot prevent. We testify that Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

We make mention of the friends and beseech for each a manifest bounty. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto the Covenant and fulfilleth his pledge to his Lord, the Master of the Day of Separation. In these days tidings that are the cause and source of grief have arrived continuously, but since they have come to pass in the path of God, they were instantly transformed into joy. In truth, the station of the lovers and their characteristics have become and are becoming evident and manifest through trials and tribulations, and that which hath no likeness or parallel hath been revealed by the Pen of Truth concerning them. The servant beseecheth God that He deprive not His servants of the wonders of His mercy and confirm them in returning and repenting unto Him. He is the Powerful, He is the All-Choosing. I convey greetings and praise to the friends in that land, and I implore God, exalted be His glory, to open a door that shall never be shut. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. As to what was written regarding the funds, according to His command it will be mentioned to some, but its receipt appeareth difficult, as this year the wheat trade in this land hath greatly increased. The friends and others are each occupied with acquiring it; most have been unsuccessful and remain idle. If it be possible to receive it from someone in

that land, it would seem preferable. We beseech God to make easy these most difficult matters and to keep that spiritual loved one joyous in all conditions. Verily, He is near to the doers of good and the One Who setteth aright the affairs of them that are detached. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's friends there, and upon the sincere ones and the monotheists among His servants, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every faithful and trustworthy one.

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In the name of the one God! The Call of God is raised from the direction of Akka, saying: "Blessed is he who hath turned unto God and hath hearkened with both outer and inner ear to His divine call." Such souls are the people of the Most Great Vista and the partakers of the Most Pure Wine - especially those who, in these days when the darkness of vain imaginings hath seized most of mankind, have not been hindered from turning toward the Court of Oneness. For this reason have the Manifestations of the past, from time immemorial and forever after, made mention of these souls in their Tablets. In this tribulation it is observed that the truly sincere ones are rarer than red sulfur. Were the servants to perceive the sweetness of the divine call and recognize the greatness of the Source of the Word, all would turn unveiled toward the Lord of Lords. From time immemorial and forever after, infinite oppression hath been visited upon the divine Manifestations from the daysprings of pharaonic might, yet with utmost power and sovereignty They bore all, that perchance a few souls might be sanctified from the murk of doubts and imaginings and ascend to the heights of divine oneness. Although all witnessed that these Sources of divine authority endured hardships solely for humanity's salvation, they did what they did - may God's curse be upon the wrongdoing people! All know that this world hath no permanence, and when death's messenger cometh, no veil can conceal him, no power can prevent him, no tyrant's might can turn him back. Despite certain knowledge of this station, in these numbered days when none knoweth whether tomorrow they will be above the earth or beneath it, all walk the path of self and passion, heedless of God, the Most High and Glorious. They vainly imagine they can extinguish God's Lamp amidst creation and prevent the divine Tree from yielding Its holy, celestial fruits. This is as if a salty drop were to oppose and seek to repel the sweet, surging ocean. Did the veils of the people of the Hijaz prevent the Sun? By God, the fingers of destiny rent asunder the veil that intervened, and It shone forth from the horizon of glory! The holders of outward authority have ever forbidden people from turning to the Court of Oneness and have disliked the gathering of servants at the Most Great Ocean, for they have regarded and still regard such gathering as the cause and means of undermining the foundations of sovereignty. Yet by Him in Whose grasp is the control of all things, the gaze of God's loved ones hath ever been and shall ever be sanctified from attention to such matters. These things have been spread by the corrupt. Now most imagine that this servant desireth universal rule in the earth, although in all Our Tablets We have forbidden the servants from accepting such rank, for it yieldeth naught but tribulation and affliction, unless one should accept it for God's sake to help His Cause. Kings are the manifestations

of divine power, and what is intended is their justice - if they observe this, they are related to the Truth. Soon will the veils be rent asunder and the manifestation of Names and Attributes will seize most of the servants, and all will testify to the sanctification and transcendence of those near to God's court, let alone His exalted Self. We thank God that He enabled His servants and supported them in His love and good-pleasure, opened their eyes that they might behold Him and know Him, and did not withhold them from this Sun which has dawned, and from this Sea which has surged, and from this Heaven which has been upraised, and from this Grace which has descended, and from this Lamp through whose light the earth has been illumined. Verily He is powerful over all things.

As for what thou didst behold in thy dream, give thanks unto God for having revealed Himself unto thee, unveiled to thee His beauty and admitted thee into the pavilion of His glory. Then know thou that what thou didst see is truth, there is no doubt therein, and the matter is as thou didst see. God will soon manifest from this horizon a light and power whereby the sun shall be darkened and the traces of those who have waxed proud before God shall be obliterated, while the faces of the sincere shall be illumined thereby. Soon shall the lights of thy Lord's countenance encompass all who are on earth. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Though it hath not been explained in detail, yet from that which hath been revealed from the Source of the Command, the purpose is clear. The interpretation of the dream itself is manifest - every person of insight and vision will recognize it.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! These are Thy servants who have left their homes out of longing to meet Thee, and have forsaken their native lands yearning for the court of Thy mighty throne, the visitation of Thy beauty and presence before Thee. They have been prevented therefrom by reason of what the hands of Thy creatures have wrought. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst attract the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee and didst cause them to be detached from all else besides Thee, that Thou write down for these servants every bounty from the treasuries of Thy generosity, every favor from the repositories of Thy munificence, every mercy from the heaven of Thy Will, and every good thing Thou hast sent down for Thy chosen ones. Then raise them, O my God, to such a station where sorrows cannot prevent them from turning to Thy face, nor can the vicissitudes of the contingent world disturb their joy in Thy days. Moreover, ordain for them, O my God, the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Doer of what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted!

This is an epistle from this Prisoner unto him who hath believed in God and desireth to turn his face toward the direction of His good-pleasure, that he may be numbered among those endued with certitude. Its verses have been sent down at a time when sorrows have encompassed this All-Knowing, All-Wise and Most Luminous Pen from every direction, and there hath befallen the Manifestation of God's Self that which hath caused the breaths of holiness to be cut off from the realm of contingent being

and the breath of the All-Merciful from the peoples of all worlds. This is the truth, of a certainty. Were We to recount what hath befallen Us, all things would weep, and the peoples of the heavens and earth would lament. They shed the blood of the Spirit, then adduce His verses as proof, oppose God's Self and the Manifestation of His Cause, and yet recite His words. Woe unto such heedless ones! The eye of creation hath not witnessed any more unjust than these who commit oppression and then within their own souls wail and weep that they might cause confusion to spread throughout the land among the servants. Thus have their base desires and passions seduced them, and they are numbered among the idolaters.

O servant! Arise to serve and obey God, then take what hath proceeded from His exalted fingers and flowed from His most luminous and transcendent Pen. Enter then into the abode of the idolaters among the concourse of the Bayan and say: O people! Fear your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is verily the Beauty of the Most High Who hath dawned above the horizon of the Cause with such a radiance as hath caused the dwellers of the heavens and earth to swoon away, save those whom God hath preserved through His grace, delivered through His sovereignty, upheld by the hands of His mercy, protected through His truth, and made to be of the well-doers.

O people! Fear God and associate not partners with Him Whom the Primal Point Himself would make mention of in His days, and would weep and lament for what ye have wrought against His Beloved. O company of deniers! Fear God and be ashamed before His Beauty, for verily He hath come unto you with that wherewith 'Ali came before, and before him the Messengers of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great. There hath appeared from Him that which hath appeared from no one else, as ye have heard and are among those who have heard. Beware lest ye oppose Him for Whose meeting the denizens of the Paradise of Firdaws and the realities of those nigh unto God yearn. If ye possess any proof or testimony greater than what hath appeared in truth, then bring it forth, O company of liars! Can one who remained hidden in his house be compared with one who stood forth before all peoples? Be fair, O people, and be not of those who witnessed the power of God with their own eyes, then denied it through what Satan commanded them, and were of those who turned aside.

And thou, O servant, grieve not over anything, neither fear anyone. Stand firm in the Cause of God and His religion in such wise that the people of allusions among the company of infidels shall not deter thee. We have found the people of the Bayan to be more veiled than previous peoples, for We counselled them in all Our Tablets not to cling to anything at the time of the Manifestation, yet they have clung to everything and denied their Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We commanded them in all Our scrolls not to be veiled by anything when God would come upon the clouds of light, and to be among those who would turn unto Him, forsaking all that they possessed and turning their faces toward God their Creator. Yet they disbelieved and took the Calf for their god instead of God, deviated from the Path, and were numbered among the idolaters. Know thou moreover that time hath brought Me so low that he who prided himself on serving Me hath risen in opposition […]

Know then that time hath brought me low, until even those who boasted of their service to me and their attainment of my presence arose in opposition. Thus did we experience treatment from those whom we had protected through nights and days lest they be touched by the afflictions of former religions. God is

witness to what I say. When they witnessed that the Cause had been raised in truth, they arose in opposition against me. By God, were I to mention what hath befallen us, the ears of the lovers would be unable to bear it. Leave thou the world and whatsoever is therein behind thee, then stand firm in the Cause of God and His love, and be of those whom nothing deterreth in the path of their Creator and who arise to aid His Cause and glorify His Self, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Whoso desireth to aid his Lord in these days shall be reinforced by the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thus hath the matter been ordained by your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in the tablets of destiny, whereto the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise bear witness, yet the people are in manifest heedlessness.

Purify thy heart from the world and all that is therein. Leave these people, then grasp the fingers of detachment - that cord through whose movement all creation moveth and invention is attracted - that thou mayest become a standard of guidance between the heavens and the earth, and a mention of the Divine Unity among all who dwell in the dominion of creation. Then remind, from Our presence, those servants who have detached themselves from the intimations of every idolater and the opposition of every opposer, who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings and drunk the choice wine that was sealed from the fingers of their Lord, the All-Merciful, in the garden of good-pleasure. By God, these are God's friends on earth; through them the heaven raineth and the earth bringeth forth. Thus have We expounded the matter that thou mayest stand firm in thy Lord's Cause and be of those who are firmly rooted. And the spirit and glory and splendor rest upon thee and upon those who circumambulate the Kaaba of God, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God willing, your honor must not be remiss in educating the people. Proclaim the Cause of thy Lord and be not silent, for silence is praiseworthy save in My remembrance. Thus do We command thee out of love for thyself, that thou mayest be of those who attain. Convey from this Prisoner greetings to the people of God, both men and women. Then give greetings to the face of the sister of knowledge, that perchance she may be attracted within herself and ascend among His devoted maidservants.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great and Most Glorious!

O Name of Generosity! Upon thee be My Baha! The letters from Samandar which he sent were presented before the Wronged One and attained the honor of being heard. Concerning what was written about the teacher, We have accepted what he hath done in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O teacher! Thou art the first teacher who hath attained His good-pleasure and whom God hath mentioned in His perspicuous Book. We testify that thou hast attained that which was sent down from My holy Kingdom in My Most Holy Book and hast acted according to what thou wast commanded by God, the Exalted, the Great. We have made these verses the recompense for what thou didst in His path and have sent them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Ruler, the All-Wise. Through them We have immortalized thy mention and made thee remembered in all the schools of the world. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice in what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in the prison of 'Akka as a favor

from Us unto thee and unto those who have held fast to this firm Cord. The glory be upon thee and upon every learned one who hath attained unto this mighty Cause.

O Samandar! Convey what hath been revealed for him. God willing, another bounty shall be bestowed upon him. A robe of honor shall be granted, though it be but a shirt; yet that shirt is more precious in the sight of God than all that the kings and rulers possess. O Samandar! The teacher hath attained unto that which most of mankind are powerless to comprehend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, the children must exert their utmost effort in acquiring knowledge and penmanship. What was sent was seen. We beseech God to grant the capacity that they may perfect the art of calligraphy. Although for some, sufficient penmanship to meet their needs may suffice - and it would be better and more fitting to spend time in beneficial sciences - yet since God, exalted be His glory, hath loved every craft at its most perfect, therefore that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen was revealed. However, attention to this direction is not permitted now; what he is occupied with is acceptable before God. He should thank his Lord morning and evening, at nightfall and at dawn.

O Samandar! Upon thee be My praise. Convey greetings and glory from the Wronged One to the friends of Alif and Shin. There hath befallen them what befell the Self of Truth. We enjoin upon them patience and forbearance and We beseech God to deliver them from the evil of the wicked ones who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament - those servants who have adorned their heads with green and white turbans and have pronounced judgment against Him for Whose separation they lamented and whose presence they besought God night and day. By the life of God! Their words, deeds and beliefs have taken form and made them companions of the Fire. Say: O people of God! Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. Verily He is with you under all conditions. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Concerning the passing of Mulla Ja'far, upon him be the Glory of God, about which you wrote: We have turned toward him from this station and remember him with a remembrance whereby the righteous shall remember him. He believed in God and His signs, and testified to that which God had testified before the creation of earth and heaven. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive him and expiate from him the hardships of this world and cause him to dwell in the highest Paradise. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. And We make mention of his wife, the daughter of 'Azim. Verily thy Lord remembereth His servants and handmaidens as a grace from Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Generous.

O Samandar! The mention you made of the Day of Separation passed over you like a dark night. Although this word has been the key to unlock the door of love for God, exalted be His glory, for there passed over you from separation from His loved ones and friends that which passed. Yet praise be to God, you are remembered and present in the gathering of the companions of reunion. By My life! Your mention is like unto a lamp shining in the Most Great Prison. Rejoice thou in the authoritative Word of God, which nothing among all things can equal, nor any mention among mentions, nor any book among books. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Informed, and He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

As to what you wrote concerning the handmaiden of God, the daughter of Jinab-i-'Abdu'l-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God, it was mentioned before the Countenance and now she is engaged in service in the

House. Blessed be her father and blessed be she, for she hath attained to the service of the House. Convey My greetings to her father that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

What thou hast done regarding the Huquq hath been accepted. Verily thy Lord is with thee and remembereth thy deed, and He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Each of the souls thou didst mention have attained unto the grace and mention of Our presence. Give them glad tidings from Me and convey My greetings unto them, as bidden by thy Lord, the Commander, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon them and upon those who have attained unto the mention of God, the Exalted, the Great.

O Samandar! We make mention of Javad and give him the glad tidings of My grace, My bounty and My mercy. Blessed is he and his son, and blessed are those women who have arisen to serve the Cause in the nights and days. Remember them from the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this station. Convey My greetings unto all who are with thee, whether men or women, young or old. Thus hath shone forth the light of My grace from the horizon of My remembrance, that joy and gladness may attract thee to a station wherein naught is seen save the Sun of My loving-kindness, shining upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O thou who hast turned thy face toward God! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His peace. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One from the Most Great Prison. He hath desired naught in the realm save reformation, as doth testify the Lamp of the world, which hath taken neither glass, nor crystal, nor veil for its protection. By God! The Glory hath not spoken from desire, but rather that which draweth mankind unto a station wherein their hearts may find tranquility and their souls find rest. Thou knowest, and God knoweth beyond thee, that I have taken no helper for Myself, and have aided God's Cause through a power before which the might of the world and the dominion of the nations who cast off righteousness and embraced lewdness without clear proof or evidence have proven impotent.

Say: O servants! Hearken unto the counsels of the Wronged One. The first of all things and of every mention hath been the knowledge of God. He is the Sustainer of all and the Educator of all. The first thing that proceedeth from knowledge is the love and unity of the servants, for through unity are the horizons of the world illumined and brightened. The purpose of unity is association, and the purpose of association is mutual assistance. The means that outwardly conduce to unity, fellowship, guidance and love are forbearance and beneficence. In one of the Tablets We have uttered this exalted word: Blessed is he who retireth to his bed at night with a heart purified from rancor and hatred. Glory is not for him who loveth his country, but for him who loveth the world. The fear of God hath ever been a sure fortress for the protection of the commanding self. It is the cause of the refinement and sanctification of one's being, both outwardly and inwardly.

Time and again have We said that the victory mentioned in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets hath been through wisdom and utterance, as well as through deeds and character. By the life of God! The mightiest hosts of the world have been and are goodly character and pure deeds. The sword of virtue is keener than a blade of steel, were ye to understand. Without veil or concealment have We mentioned the Cause of God before the faces of the various peoples, and have enjoined upon all that which will draw them nigh, preserve them and exalt them. From the beginning of days until now, We have borne and shown patience toward whatsoever hath befallen Us in the path of the One True Friend. Through God's grace and mercy, We have been and are sanctified from that which containeth even an atom's weight of corruption.

Today, that which is worthy of mention is that which conduceth to the unity, harmony, elevation and exaltation of all. A goodly deed is like unto a tree, from which delicious and pleasing fruits immediately appear. This is the day of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Let not the counsels of the Wronged One pass from sight. We hope that the fragrance of love and friendship may be diffused amongst the loved ones, and that they may associate with one another in love and kindness. In one of the Tablets We have uttered this exalted word: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. The tabernacle of world order is upheld upon two pillars: reward and punishment. Such matters pertain to the monarchs of the age. They are the manifestations of God's power and the dawning-places of His divine majesty. After recognition of the Lord, exalted be His glory, it is incumbent to serve and obey the government and to hold fast to wisdom. These two cause the elevation and exaltation of existence and its progress. We beseech the True One that He may illumine His Majesty the Shah of Iran, may God strengthen him, with the effulgent lights of the Sun of Justice. If the divines of the Shi'ih party would permit, royal kindness and mercy would embrace all and he would rule with justice and fairness. This Wronged One has loved and continues to love fidelity, and that a king among the kings of the earth would assist the oppressed ones of the world. The path of truth and its balance has been justice and fairness. We implore God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants from that which hath been mentioned. We counsel once again the friends of God to be trustworthy, to be religious, to be chaste, and to fear God, the Leader of the hosts of justice, the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise.

My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to perform that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good pleasure and will be adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighing, beholdest their tears, and knowest what hath befallen them without any evidence from Thee. Verily Thou knowest what is in the hearts of Thy servants and nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. All created things have testified that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto the cord of patience and resignation in whatsoever hath befallen it in the path of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. The Pen of the Wronged One hath, at all times, enjoined upon the servants that which will profit them, draw them nigh, and exalt them. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will purify the ears of the world that they may hearken with the ear of acceptance to the counsels and exhortations of the Wronged One and act upon them.

My God, my God! Aid Thy heedless servants to return unto Thee, and the wrongdoers to turn toward the gate of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the All-Pardoning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory! This Day is the Day of God, and all the perceptions of the world and its peoples, and the wisdom and schemes of the people of knowledge and insight must needs be referred back to His Truth and His Cause. That is, all must observe that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Word and the upliftment of souls. From certain lands, lamentations and moaning have been raised, for some souls attribute themselves to the Truth yet commit that which causeth the Supreme Pen to wail. Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath so encompassed some that they occupy themselves at all times with the desires of self. Some have gone from this land to Kurdistan and have uttered that from which the Book of God is sanctified and remote, and have committed that which causeth the very eye of justice to weep. Likewise in the lands of Ha and Mim. Warn the people of God not to place their trust in every soul, nor to believe every speaker. If one beareth a Book but acteth contrary to the divine commandments, they should shun him. The loved ones of the Lord of all creation are distinguished from the worshippers of self and passion. We beseech God to enable all to attain unto that which beseemeth His Day. Today all must hold fast unto the fear of God and act with righteousness. Thou art witness, and God doth testify, that in the divine Tablets all are commanded to sanctification, detachment, goodly deeds, and praiseworthy character. Nevertheless, some have shown no mercy to themselves or to the Cause of God, and are consumed by the fire of self and passion. The Wronged One uttereth speech at a time when His heart, His Pen, and His limbs lament, and at His weeping do weep the company of them that are nigh, the sincere ones, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. These are words I uttered aforetime: The affliction is not My imprisonment and what hath befallen Me at the hands of Mine enemies, but rather from those who claim relationship with Me yet perpetrate what causeth Satan himself to flee, let alone man. Such utterances have repeatedly been revealed from the Pen of the Most Merciful.

O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The servant who is present hath arrived and presented before the face of the Wronged One the letter thou didst write to him, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of Will that thy heart might rejoice thereby. Praise be to God, thou dost speak in remembrance and praise and art confirmed in service. This is a great bounty. We beseech God to aid thee every day, nay every hour, nay every moment. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey greetings to all the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and counsel them to trustworthiness, faithfulness, chastity, and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. The petitions of some have attained the Most Holy Court and answers have been revealed. Let them convey them that hearts and minds may be attracted by the utterance of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Thou didst mention Lutfu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. We made mention of him before, and at this time with a mention whereby the hearts of them that are nigh have been attracted. Today the Sun calleth out saying: "Blessed is he that sitteth, yet hath arisen to serve the Cause, and he that is silent, yet hath spoken in praise of God, and he that is still, yet hath been stirred by the breezes of revelation, and the heart that hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds." At every moment all things speak My praise and utter My glorification. Today the Mount is transported with joy, for it hath attained the presence of its Interlocutor. Blessed are they who, for the sake of God, occupy themselves with wisdom and utterance in the reformation of heedless souls.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Behold, then call to mind when thou wert present before My face and didst hear My call. This is that call which the Dayspring of His Cause and the Fountainheads of His decree in ages and centuries past besought from the Self-Subsisting Lord to hear. Thou hast attained thereunto and wert present before His countenance. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks.

Thou didst make mention of His Honour 'Ali-A?ghar, upon him be My glory. Give him the glad-tidings from Me and remind him of My verses, then send unto him that which was sent unto thee from the presence of One Who is the All-Knowing Expositor. O A?ghar! Thy name was present at the Most Great Scene and thy mention descended from the Supreme Pen. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou through the movement of Whose Pen all created things were set in motion. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and utterance, and by the mysteries of Thy Book, to make me adorned with righteousness and piety, and crowned with supreme steadfastness. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O Rida! He who loved Me made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with a beauteous remembrance. Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. He heareth the call and remembereth whom He willeth. He is verily the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and sent down unto me that which the treasuries of the seen and unseen cannot equal.

O Isma'il! That station for which pure spirits and holy souls sacrificed themselves with utmost detachment hath been sullied by some with the clay of idle fancies. Beseech thou the True One that He may aid His people to purification, sanctification and truthfulness. The confections of heedlessness and pride have captivated their desires. We beseech God that He may not withhold from them the waves of the ocean of His mercy and forgiveness, that they may perchance become aware and act as beseemeth them. Convey My greetings to all the loved ones in that land and set them ablaze with the fire of the Word. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Almighty.

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He is God, exalted be His glory - the All-Bountiful, the All-Just, and verily He is the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that in my mention I have sought only Thy mention, and in my turning toward any direction I have turned only toward the direction of Thy grace and Thy gifts. I have desired naught but what Thou hast desired for Thy servants and Thy creation, and in what Thou hast commanded me I have sought only Thy praise and glory. I have willed naught but what Thou hast willed through Thy decree, and I have uttered only what Thou hast commanded me to speak amongst Thy servants and Thy creatures. I have sent no letter to anyone except that I intended thereby the protection of Thy creation and the safeguarding of Thy servants. Nay, by Thy Most Exalted Self! In no matter concerning myself have I sought to preserve my life in Thy dominion - rather have I spent it in Thy path and for the exaltation of Thy Word.

Thou knowest, O my God, what hath befallen Thy servants. Verily, I have desired in all matters naught but Thy manifestation amongst Thy servants and Thy power amongst Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou knowest that all paths have been cut off and calamities have encompassed from every direction. There hath befallen Thy loved ones that which hath befallen no one before. How many heads have been raised upon spears in Thy path, how many breasts have been pierced by arrows in Thy love, how much blood hath been shed upon Thy earth, how many sisters have lamented the loss of their brothers, how many fathers have cried out at the slaying of their sons, and how many sucklings have been cut off from their mothers' breasts! All this hath come to pass upon these wronged ones after they had all acknowledged Thy unity and confessed Thy oneness.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted and Perfect Word to aid these oppressed ones. Then cause them to enter the fortress of Thy protection, that none may have the power to wrong them or seize them through tyranny. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Help in Peril.

This servant submits that for twenty-five years a multitude of souls have not rested for a single night nor found repose for a moment. They have been continually afflicted by the fury of wrath and tormented by manifestations of anger. How many children have been left fatherless, and how many fathers rendered childless! How many mothers have wept in separation from their sons, and how many children have lamented and wailed at the loss of their mothers! How many sucklings have drunk the cup of martyrdom! They showed mercy neither to men nor to women. Many were the nights when all the beasts and birds found rest and repose in their lairs, while these servants, overcome with terror and trepidation, could find no safe refuge nor secure shelter. How many men who possessed wealth and affluence in the evening were beheld in utter poverty and abasement in the morning, their possessions plundered and their means of livelihood pillaged! No land remained that was not stained with the blood of these wronged ones, and no spot remained that had not become the scene of these helpless ones. How many women were taken captive and carried from land to land and city to city! How many men were sold for a price! How many souls fled to the wilderness, their whereabouts unknown! And how many remain imprisoned! The lamentations of these oppressed ones rise by night and day, and the cry of these captives is heard at all times. All these things have come to pass without any fault of theirs.

Two blessed utterances from the King of this age reached the ears of the oppressed ones - words that are truly royal, the like of which have never been heard from any sovereign. The first was in reply to the

Russian government when it inquired about the cause and reason for war. He had said that the cry of those who were unjustly drowned in the Black Sea awakened Us from Our sleep at dawn, and thus We arose to wage war. Yet these oppressed ones are even more wronged and helpless, for the tribulations of those souls lasted but a day, while the afflictions of these servants have continued for twenty-five years, during which time we have been continually subjected to manifest trials. The second mighty utterance, which was truly a wondrous word that appeared in creation, was this: “It is incumbent upon Us to hearken to the plea of the oppressed and to answer the cry of those who are helpless.” The fame of the justice and fairness of the sovereign has given hope to many. Care for the condition of the oppressed ones is characteristic of the King of the world, and attention to the state of the weak is a trait of the Monarch of the age. Now, there have never been and are not now any oppressed ones on earth like unto these oppressed ones, nor are there any weak ones to be seen like unto these wanderers. For every living creature - be it human, animal, beast, or bird - all rest in the cradle of peace and security except these weak ones who are bound at every hour by the chains of wrath and afflicted with the fetters of anger and violence. No more patience remains in these servants, and forbearance has departed from their hearts and breasts. The plea of these servants is that they be shown a merciful glance, so that all may dwell secure and at rest under the protective shadow of the sovereign.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent down the Book and sent forth Him Whom He chose before the creation of earth and heaven, and manifested Him with truth and guidance, and made Him a mercy to all worlds, and adorned Him with the crown of the Primal Word through His utterance “but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets.” And peace and blessings be upon His family and companions and followers who attained the recognition of God and drank from the Kawthar of certitude from the hands of assurance, and testified to that which God had testified that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored brother arrived, and as it indicated health and well-being, a world of joy and delight was made manifest. This evanescent servant, in view of the lofty purpose and elevated nature of the deceased and elevated one, upon him be God’s peace, mercy and loving-kindness, and likewise due to this servant’s sincere service to them, has loved and continues to love all those associated with that pillar of certitude, and beseeches God to create means whereby all may pass their days in perfect comfort, tranquility, joy and delight. The One God is witness that whatsoever is expressed here has been and continues to be with truth and sincerity.

Concerning what was written about the honored friend, his eminence Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be God’s peace, this evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that God may bestow blessing upon his earnings. Let them not be disheartened. This condition has ever appeared in times of Manifestation. According to what is recorded, four hundred souls subsisted on dates for several days during the time of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. This poverty is the owner of

wealth, for it is for God and in God's path. Praise be to God, not one of the friends in this land has yet eaten barley bread; through divine bounty, blessing and favor they pass their days in utmost ease and contentment. The recession is throughout Iran. The One God is witness that what merchants and others have written in their letters would sadden every friend and grieve every loved one. This servant submits that at present divine bounty is manifest and His grace all-encompassing. Though they have brought a group to this land in the name of imprisonment, nevertheless all are free and at liberty, such that they are engaged in work and earning. A hundred thousand thanks are due for this blessing. We hope that the gates of favor will be opened before his eminence Aqa Muhammad-Rida and blessing will descend from the heaven of bounty - a blessing that decline shall not seize and change shall not find its way to. As for the sum that was mentioned concerning him, it was conveyed to his eminence Aqa Mirza Ayyub. At present they have no funds in hand, and in truth what they have said is with sincerity and truthfulness. However, it will be mentioned again, God willing, that they might receive and send it. There has been and will be no negligence. We beseech and hope from God that He may make manifest the means that are the cause of the joy of hearts and the light of eyes. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

[…] That esteemed brother wrote that comfort is for the enemies and hardship for the foes. The followers of Truth have ever been outwardly oppressed and destitute. Consider the Seal of the Prophets - may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake. He slept in a corner of the mosque. Abu Jahl sent men who placed a rope around His blessed neck and brought Him to the assembly. Abu Jahl - who was Abu'l-Hakam - and Abu Sufyan and Abdullah ibn Ubayy and Huyayy ibn Akhtab and Ka'b ibn al-Ashraf and other hypocrites were all wealthier and more prominent than His Holiness and His companions. This is not the first flask that has been broken in Islam. This matter is not new - it existed before, and that honored brother knows the details well. One of His Holiness's companions, who was among the ten given glad tidings, was in need of daily sustenance in the early days, yet later divine blessings descended upon him to such an extent that a thousand horses were in his stable. Be not disheartened. This has been and remains evidence of the truth of the believers, and that brother, praise be to God, has attained that which in truth the pen is powerless to describe - and that is that esteemed brother's connection to Him concerning Whom He says: "God hath adorned the earth with His form, His body, and His repose within its bosom." This passage was written these past two days in response to a letter from one of this servant's friends, as commanded. I hope the fragrance of these words will refresh the state of the friends. The Command is in God's hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. This servant testifies with certainty that not a single atom of deeds performed for the sake of God will remain without fruit and effect. I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation, and I implore that esteemed brother to pray that perchance this servant may be enabled to achieve that which is befitting and worthy in this day. Without His grace all are halted and bewildered, how much more so this evanescent servant. In any case, he has always sought and continues to seek prayers, and sends greetings to the friends in that land. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Wondrous, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath shone forth with the lights of Beauty upon His Name, the Beloved. Thereupon appeared Paradise anew with all therein of trees and fruits and flowers and rivers and mansions and chambers, and all the countenances therein spoke that which the Tongue of the Revealer of Verses had spoken: verily there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Wronged One in all regions amidst the people of dissension. And praise be to God Who hath shone forth with the lights of Glory upon His Name, the Dearly-Beloved. Thereupon appeared the Garden of Immortality and all other gardens beneath it, and therein was created that which the pens are powerless to describe. And everything therein testified to that which God hath testified: verily there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. Whoso attaineth unto Him hath attained unto the presence of God, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Divorce. And praise be to God Who hath uttered a Word whereby the world was attracted and the peoples were gathered together, and through another Word the names were separated and the greatest differentiation appeared among men. Exalted is God, the Lord of Destiny, through Whom appeared the Most Luminous, Most Pure Prospect, the station whereby the horizons were illumined. We testify that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond all conjectures and imaginings, and He will ever continue to be what He hath always been. All things testify to His grandeur and His sovereignty, and every mention testifieth to His loftiness and His exaltation, except those who have clung to the frailest of houses and turned away from the House of God, the Manifest, the Speaking One amidst the world, through Whom hath appeared the Dawning-Place of Divine Unity and the Dayspring of this Effulgence.

And furthermore, your letter addressed to this servant arrived, but it caused sadness as it mentioned discord among the friends, even though these are days of fellowship and harmony. O my brother! The Supreme Pen has commanded all to love, affection, fellowship and unity, for unity has been the cause of the exaltation of the Cause while discord leads to its dissipation. I beseech Him, exalted and mighty be His glory, to enable all to inhale the fragrance of the revealed words, for if today all who are on earth were to discover the fragrance of the words of the Lord of Names which have flowed from the Supreme Pen, all would arise with their souls to serve Him, would move according to His will, and would breathe by His desire. In these days which are in truth the source of all days, and in this age which is the king of ages, the friends of the All-Merciful should strive with the utmost joy and fragrance to attain lofty stations and enduring ranks, for the world is seen to be as a shadow that exists one moment and is gone the next. The upright souls who have turned to God should hold fast to the cord of His grace and exert their utmost effort that perchance some service may be rendered by them for God's sake, the effects of which will remain and endure in the world. If one would awaken even slightly and reflect upon the changes in the world, everything that exists therein, even while appearing to exist, testifies to its own transience and extinction. Blessed are they of insight who today have not been deprived by any veil from the Most Great Vision and who day and night are occupied with uniting hearts and bringing souls together. Man's life passes like the winds, and this passing is hidden from sight and heart. Blessed is the soul who has burned away the veils of heedlessness with the fire of remembrance and has gazed upon things with the eye of

insight. People are heedless and unaware of the radiant lights and diffused fragrances of these days. By the Educator of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Were they to become aware and conscious, they would renounce themselves and all the worlds in the path of the Friend and would act according to that which God has willed. God willing, you will gird up the loins of service and occupy yourself according to your capacity with uniting hearts. Man is prone to error, for the Most Great Infallibility belongs exclusively to God Himself. We should pray for one another that the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, may preserve all and shelter them beneath the shadow of His grace. Say to the friends that today is the day of steadfastness, for the manifestations of doubt and uncertainty lie in wait at all times. Hold fast unto God and consider all else as non-existent and void, and be not troubled or saddened by certain matters, for no one has been or ever will be able to change the appointed time and determined hour. With the utmost joy and gladness drink from the cups of mystical knowledge in the name of the Beloved of all possibility. Verily He is with you under all conditions and aids you through the agencies of the heavens and the earth. He is indeed the Almighty, the Powerful.

We beseech God that He may strengthen you to engage in His praise and glorification and service to His Cause. Mention was made of you before the Divine Throne, and a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent down from the heaven of God's will. God willing, you shall attain unto it. We supplicate God that He may enable all to love and please Him, and to remain steadfast in His Cause - the Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and feet have slipped. And praise be to God, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath spoken through the sovereignty of His Will in the Kingdom of utterance, whereupon all contingent beings were thunderstruck and the pillars of all religions trembled, except for those who cast away vain imaginings and turned unto the All-Merciful. These are accounted as the people of Baha by the Pen of God, the Lord of all names. Upon them pray the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names, both morn and eventide. Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Hidden Name, whereby the horizon of Revelation hath shone forth and the Dove hath warbled upon the Divine Lote-Tree. By God! This is the Day wherein the earth hath been cleft asunder and the heaven hath been rent in twain, whereupon the mystics fled and the learned were thunderstruck - they who clung to the hem of vain desire and held fast to the cord of tyranny and transgression. These are indeed accounted among the wayward in the sight of God, the Cleaver of the heavens. Praise be to God Who hath sent down from His holy Kingdom His Most Holy Book and made it the Dayspring of guidance unto all creation. Blessed is he who hath taken hold of it with the power that proceedeth from Him, and woe betide him who hath turned away from that which hath been sent down therein from His Most Exalted Pen.

Thereafter, We have received your letter from which wafted the fragrance of your love for our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist

you ever in serving His Cause and to gladden you through His remembrance. In these days when the clamor of the people is raised high and the consuming flames of the might of those in authority are evident, the true station of the friends of God must needs be made manifest among men. Strange indeed that some of the people of that land have been observed to be fearful and disturbed, although all assuredly know that manifest death shall overtake all and none can escape it. This being the case, if one should be blessed with achieving the supreme martyrdom in the path of God, it is certainly better and more beloved than to surrender one's soul on a sickbed afflicted with various loathsome ailments.

Today must every soul conduct himself in accordance with the divine verses revealed in the glorious Tablets, meaning that no act contrary to wisdom should proceed from him, and that he should remain mindful in all conditions of the divine wisdom wherewith he is commanded, letting no corruption or contention be manifested from him. Under such circumstances, should any wrong befall him, it hath been and shall be in the path of God. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that this station hath no equal. Should someone sacrifice a hundred thousand lives for this station, it would still not be worthy of it.

The purpose is that all the friends should remain steadfast through the power and might of God, and be adorned with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and not be disturbed by the clamor of the heedless. God willing, you should ever remind the friends of God that they may all be united in complete harmony and agreement upon the universal Word of the Lord.

As to what you wrote concerning the friends from Eshtehard and Kaleh-Dareh, requesting me to convey their greetings to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence - at a special time, I presented everyone's greetings before the Divine Throne. The Sun of Favor rose from the horizon of grace regarding all. His words, exalted be His glory: "O friends! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Beloved of the worlds, you have drunk from the wine of divine knowledge and utterance, and have turned toward the supreme horizon, the dawning-place of the Lord of Names. Know ye the value of this bounty and be thankful in all conditions. Be not saddened by the events of this fleeting world, the opposition of heedless souls, and the clamor of those possessed of vain knowledge. By My life! Soon all shall perish and vanish, and the banners of divine victory shall be raised in all directions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Walk with utmost wisdom and hold fast to the divine commandments. Drink consecutively and successively from the cups of the favors of the Lord of creation, and offer them to those who are ready, despite those who have denied the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. You have always been and continue to be in Our sight. What is beloved today is steadfastness, unity, and acting in accordance with what hath been sent down in the Tablets of wisdom and all else. God willing, may all be immersed in the ocean of contentment and hold fast to the sure handle. Verily, He is with those who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His pledge, and who have followed what was revealed in His mighty, powerful and wondrous Book."

And regarding what was written that Mashadi Ali Akbar sends his greetings and mentions that the old love should not be forgotten - it has never been forgotten and never shall be. And concerning what was mentioned about the elimination of differences - this word truly brought joy to the heart, for discord is the cause and reason for the waste of God's Cause among His servants. We implore God, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication, to adorn all with the ornament of unity and cause them to

utter the blessed words “There is none other God but He.” I remember all the friends and masters of the land of A, Q, and K. All should be grateful with utmost joy, for they are mentioned in the Greatest Scene and are honored with divine favors. The petition that was submitted to the Divine Throne was presented, adorned with the sun of God’s verses, and sent. God willing, may they attain unto it. The Glory be upon you.

The Servant

End of Rabi’u’th-Thani 1293

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He is God–exalted be His station, the Most Great and All-Powerful

Praise be to God, the Sovereign of earth and heaven, the Lord of might and power. He hath revealed through the Pen of Destiny that which preserveth and guardeth His servants and causeth them to hold fast to the cord of pardon, bounty, grace and glory. He, verily, is the Lord of all mankind and the Master of the beginning and the end. Were it not for His grace, who would recognize His straight Path and His manifest and brilliant Way? We praise and thank Him until that Day whose end hath not appeared and whose bounties are limitless. And may the resplendent prayers that shine forth from the horizon of God’s Will rest upon His chosen ones, His loved ones, and the Hands of His Cause, whom He hath described in His Book with the words “No fear shall be upon them, nor shall they grieve.”

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! Your noble letter arrived like the arrival of the Beloved to the lover, or like the descent of spring rains upon the luminous and receptive ground. God knoweth that the servant found in its words and letters that which transformed the most great sorrow into the greatest joy. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve you, to assist you, and to cause you to speak that which will attract the heart of every seeker, every aspirant, and every one who hath turned unto Him. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayers, the Compassionate, the All-Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When I had read and understood it, I approached the Most Great Spot and presented it before the Lord. He–may our souls be a sacrifice for Him–said: “O Muhammad Mustafa! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings. We have enjoined upon all wisdom and utterance, conciliation and harmony, religion and faithfulness. However, they who claim love and fellowship have cast behind their backs that which they were commanded and have chosen that which hath kindled the fire of corruption. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to that which will exalt their station in the earth. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayers.”

The Wronged One beareth witness that the Sultan who was named ’Abdu’l-Hamid–may God assist him–was holding fast to the cord of justice and equity and was detached from tyranny and oppression. All affairs return unto him, and he–may the All-Merciful assist him–was seated upon the throne of consultation, at all times consulting with the ministers and the learned ones regarding affairs, choosing

what the people chose. He possessed sound judgment and penetrating and brilliant intelligence. It behooveth all to beseech God to assist him, preserve him, and aid him through His might, His sovereignty, His strength and His power. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Nothing hath appeared from him that would grieve Us, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve him and assist him henceforth in protecting the oppressed and succouring the poor and needy. We counsel Our loved ones to observe religion and trustworthiness, and that which would gladden the heart of the Sultan. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

We have read the letter of Mim–may God, exalted be He, assist him. He hath spoken with truth and justice and hath mentioned Muhammad Mahdi and the sons of the Deputy in a manner befitting them. We beseech God to assist them and enable them to act in accordance with that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them from the evil of enemies and to ordain for them that which will draw them near unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We send greetings from this Spot to My loved ones and My friends, and We counsel them with that which would gladden the hearts of the world. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Verily the servant loveth to make mention of His Honor Mim, upon him be 90-60-6 [Baha'u'llah], the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God that there hath appeared from His presence that which hath silenced the lying tongues. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. We beseech the Lord to manifest through his presence the standards of trustworthiness, guidance, chastity and fidelity, and to open before his face the door of His grace. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His All-Wise Name. And I send greetings upon the faces of the friends that were transformed for the sake of God from the buffetings of the oppressors and tyrants. I beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones to spread the verses of wisdom, fellowship, love and unity, that the world may be illumined by the light of security and peace. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

At the end of the Book, the tongue of the Lord spoke in remembrance of the fruit of the heart, the son of His Honor Mim - upon them both be the peace and loving-kindness of God - and said: Verily We desired to seal this remembrance with mention of him who was named 'Abdu'l-Husayn, that he may rejoice and be among the triumphant.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by that which hath appeared from Thy presence, and by this lamp which hath been beset by tempestuous winds from every direction, that Thou protect him and Thy loved ones there, and ordain for him and for them that which shall never cease to shed its fragrance throughout the eternity of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

The servant greeteth him and maketh mention of him through the loving-kindness of the Lord, and remindeth him of verses that cannot be prevented by the might of those in the kingdom of creation.

O God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Ordain for him and for Thy loved ones there that which befitteth the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

And I send greetings upon the delight of eyes and the loved ones of God who are there, and I ask for them every good thing He hath ordained, and every glory He hath decreed, and every light He hath sent down, and every splendor and loftiness He hath raised up.

O God of the world and Beloved of the nations! Ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the calumnies of every liar and the opposition of every opposer. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The Servant

26 Muharram 1308

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I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy mighty Sign, and by the revelation of Thy grace amongst men, to cast me not away from the gate of the city of Thy presence, and to disappoint not the hopes I have set on the manifestations of Thy grace amidst Thy creatures. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy most sweet Voice and by Thy most exalted Word, to draw me ever nearer to the threshold of Thy door, and to suffer me not to be far removed from the shadow of Thy mercy and the canopy of Thy bounty. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the splendor of Thy luminous brow and the brightness of the light of Thy countenance, which shineth from the all-highest horizon, to attract me by the fragrance of Thy raiment, and make me drink of the choice wine of Thine utterance. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy hair which moveth across Thy face, even as Thy most exalted pen moveth across the pages of Thy Tablets, shedding the musk of hidden meanings over the kingdom of Thy creation, so to raise me up to serve Thy Cause that I shall not fall back, nor be hindered by the suggestions of them who have caviled at Thy signs and turned away from Thy face. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name which Thou hast made the King of Names, by which all who are in heaven and all who are on earth have been enraptured, to enable me to gaze on the Day-Star of Thy Beauty, and to supply me with the wine of Thine utterance. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Tabernacle of Thy majesty upon the loftiest summits, and the Canopy of Thy Revelation on the highest hills, to graciously aid me to do what Thy will hath desired and Thy purpose hath manifested. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Beauty that shineth forth above the horizon of eternity, a Beauty before which as soon as it revealeth itself the kingdom of beauty boweth down in worship, magnifying it in ringing tones, to grant that I may die to all that I possess and live to whatsoever belongeth unto Thee. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Manifestation of Thy Name, the Well-Beloved, through Whom the hearts of Thy lovers were consumed and the souls of all that dwell on earth have soared aloft, to aid me to remember Thee amongst Thy creatures, and to extol Thee amidst Thy people. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the murmur of the breezes of Thine utterance in the kingdom of Thy names, to remove me far from whatsoever Thy will abhorreth, and draw me nigh unto the station wherein He Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs hath shone forth. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by that Letter which, as soon as it proceeded out of the mouth of Thy will, hath caused the oceans to surge, and the winds to blow, and the fruits to be revealed, and the trees to spring forth, and all past traces to vanish, and all veils to be rent asunder, and them who are devoted to Thee to hasten unto the light of the countenance of their Lord, the Unconstrained, to make known unto me what lay hid in the treasuries of Thy knowledge and concealed within the repositories of Thy wisdom. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the fire of Thy love which drove sleep from the eyes of Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, and by their remembrance and praise of Thee at the hour of dawn, to number me with such as have attained unto that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and manifested through Thy will. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the light of Thy countenance which impelled them who are nigh unto Thee to meet the darts of Thy decree, and such as are devoted to Thee to face the swords of Thine enemies in Thy path, to write down for me with Thy most exalted Pen what Thou hast written down for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast hearkened unto the call of Thy lovers, and the sighs of them that long for Thee, and the cry of them that enjoy near access to Thee, and the groaning of them that are devoted to Thee, and through which Thou hast fulfilled the wishes of them that have set their hopes on Thee, and hast granted them their desires, through Thy grace and Thy favors, and by Thy Name through which the ocean of forgiveness surged before Thy face, and the clouds of Thy generosity rained upon Thy servants, to write down for every one who hath turned unto Thee, and observed the fast prescribed by Thee, the recompense decreed for such as speak not except by Thy leave, and who forsook all that they possessed in Thy path and for love of Thee.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thyself, and by Thy signs, and Thy clear tokens, and the shining light of the Day-Star of Thy Beauty, and Thy Branches, to cancel the trespasses of those who have held fast to Thy laws, and have observed what Thou hast prescribed unto them in Thy Book. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

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O Ali-Naqi, who hath attained the presence of God! He is the Most Exalted, the Most High!

These are the verses of the Book sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. It giveth glad tidings to them that believe in the unity of God of His good-pleasure and His presence, and warneth the idolaters of the chastisement of God, the Protector, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

O concourse of light! Hear ye the call of God from this crimson Tree upraised upon this blessed white spot, that verily there is none other God but Him, and that this is His Manifestation and His sovereignty unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. None knoweth this save him whom God hath aided in His Cause and made him to be among them that are endued with insight.

O Ali-Naqi! Purify thine ears from all that thou hast heard, that thou mayest hearken unto the melodies of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. By My life! If there remaineth in thine ear a single word of all that hath been mentioned in creation, the Word of thy Lord will not enter therein, for it cannot be joined with aught else. None comprehendeth this save Our chosen servants. And should it enter, thou wilt not find its sweetness, nor wilt thou attain unto the treasures of meaning and mysteries that lie concealed therein.

Likewise the heart - if it be not purified from the love of the world and all that is therein, the lights of thy Lord's revelation will never be reflected therein, for they cannot be joined with aught else. None denieth this save every froward denier.

Say: O people! Compare not the words of God with aught else, for they shine forth in the heaven of meaning and utterance even as the sun shineth forth at noontide through the power of My Name, the Mighty, the Effulgent. If after the rising of the sun thou shouldst find any radiance or light in the stars, then after the revelation of God's Word thou wouldst find traces in all else. Nay, by My Self, the Chosen One, if thou be of them that perceive!

Free thyself from the veils of fancy and desire, then turn with thy whole being unto God, thy Lord, the Protector, the All-Forgiving. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having entered the precincts of the Throne and attained the presence of God, thy Lord, at a time when the sun of the beauty of thy Lord was about to shine forth from behind the veils and coverings.

When the promise was fulfilled and the days were accomplished, the Beauty of the Youth appeared more times than can be reckoned. Thereupon every idolatrous unbeliever was thunderstruck. The matter reached such a pass that most of the servants dispersed from around thy Lord, and sovereignty remained with God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

Should thou ask them by what reason they believed in Ali [the Bab] before, yet by what cause they turned away from this Manifestation, there would issue from their mouths that which issued from the mouths of them that disbelieved in God on the day He came with the truth upon clouds of light.

Say: O heedless ones! Fie upon you and upon what ye have acquired in your vain life! Soon shall ye find yourselves and your deeds turned to dust. Thus hath the matter been ordained in a Tablet wherefrom escapeth not whatsoever the servants have wrought in secret and in public.

Say: O people! Fear ye God and dispute not with Him Who hath come to you from the Dayspring of the Spirit with sovereignty and power. Deny not God's favor after its revelation, and draw not nigh unto the trees that have grown from the root of hell, whose fruits are naught but association with God on a day wherein most eyes were blinded and backs were broken, save those whose backs God strengthened for the triumph of His Cause and upon whom He sent down tranquility from His presence. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He aideth whom He willeth through His command and denieth whomsoever He pleases through His authority, and all things have their measure with Him. And you, O servant, sever yourself from those who have denied God after being encompassed by the verses from all directions, and who wander in the wilderness of evil to such extent that they have taken their vain imaginings as lord instead of God. Thus do We inform you that you may understand the matter

and guard yourself against these evil ones. And if they are asked “Who is your God?” they will surely say “God,” yet when God’s verses are recited to them or His manifest power is related to them, their faces darken and they turn away. O servant, hold fast to the cord of God and His grace, for He will protect you from their assault and will send down to you that which will make you independent of all else. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Concealer. Beware lest you forget God’s favor to you when you entered the Garden of Paradise and heard the melody of God, your Lord, and attained to that for which the righteous died in grief. Hold fast to this Tree in such wise that neither the tempests of trials nor the storms of temptation shall move you, and you shall remain steadfast in the Cause of God, your Lord, remembering Him at eventide and dawn. Say: Those who plot against God’s Cause - God shall turn their plots back upon themselves, and the plotting of the idolaters leads only to ruin. Say: O concourse of idolaters, rejoice not within yourselves. Wait until the breezes of chastisement encompass you from all directions and the angels of wrath come upon you from every quarter. Then shall you find no helper or supporter for yourselves, and whenever you cry for help, you shall be helped only with further punishment. Thus has it been ordained by God, the Compeller, the All-Compelling. O servant, take the tablet of God with power from Him, and be a light and mercy unto His loved ones and a flame of fire unto His enemies. Thus have We commanded you. Act according to what you have been commanded and be not of those who mention God with their tongues while heedless of the Sovereign of remembrance. And glory be upon you and upon every discerning believer.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and grandeur!

The essence of praise befitteth Him Who is the Lord of Names, Who hath illumined the Most Great Horizon with one of His names and guided His servant ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar unto it. He is the One Who at one time made Baghdad the Most Glorious Horizon and at another time made Adrianople the Dawning-place of His verses. At times He made ’Akka the Source of Names and at other times adorned Mazra’ih with the lights of His most exalted attributes. Blessed is the eye that hath turned unto Him, the face that hath been set towards His seat, the ear that hath heard His call, and the tongue that hath uttered that which was commanded in His Book. The Servant beseecheth His Lord to aid His loved ones to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to write down for them from the Supreme Pen that which shall profit them in this world and in the world to come. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

I offer my prayers, my salutations and my glorification unto the Manifestations of His oneness, the Dawning-places of His singleness, the Sources of His laws, the Recipients of His revelation, and the Repositories of His grace and bounty - they who broke not His Covenant on His Day and acted according to what was commanded in His Book. These are the monarchs of the seen and unseen realms of existence. These are the servants in whose praise His Supreme Pen moved in the Torah, the Gospel, the Psalms and the Qur’an. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bountiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose light the horizon of the world was illumined and by Whose Word the Most Great Ocean was stirred! I beseech Thee to protect Thy loved ones from the arrows of the

polytheists and the deniers who have disbelieved in Thy signs, disputed Thy proof, warred against Thy Self, turned away from Thy manifestation, Thy appearance and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Write down for Thy chosen ones that which befitteth Thy generosity, then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy that which beseemeth Thy days. Thou art He to Whose loftiness, sovereignty and power the tongues of all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Great.

And now, O my beloved! The lights of thy mention of my Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth have illumined me. When the breezes of utterance awakened me to the remembrance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, I arose and turned towards a station that cannot be indicated by my indication nor by the mention of any on earth. When I entered and attained His presence, after permission was granted, I presented what was contained therein. Then the face of the Beloved turned toward me and He spoke that which I am unable to mention except according to my weakness and poverty. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak forth His praise! Every possessor of utterance, every person of understanding, and every seeker hath fallen short of that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in that hour wherein the sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the favors of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And when hour upon hour had passed, He spoke - and His word is most sweet: "O ʼAli-Qabli-Akbar! The Wronged One, from the direction of His Most Great Horizon, maketh mention of thee, as a favor from His presence, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have found from thee the fragrance of steadfastness in this Most Great News at whose appearance the hearts of the mystics were sorely troubled. Let nothing grieve thee. Rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and for having revealed unto me that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Scroll and was mentioned in the Books which Thou didst send down unto the Prophets and Messengers. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self and by Thy Manifestation and by the sweetness of Thy utterance, to aid me in the service of Thy Cause and to grant me Thy presence even as Thou didst grant it unto me the first time. Verily, Thou art the Kind, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the King, the Just, the Manifest Truth." Thus endeth the matter.

Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed with the most excellent remembrances from the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. In the former Holy Books, those near to God, the monotheists, the Prophets, and the Messengers beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for the encounter with His Day, which is referred to as the Day of God. How many souls have appeared and come into the world, yet remained heedless and veiled from that for which they were created! Their likeness is as bubbles upon the water, appearing and moving without consciousness, and enduring even less than that - they appear, they move, and they perish. Verily, God is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Strengthener, the Manifest, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant is exceedingly joyful and filled with delight and gladness through the favors of the Beloved concerning your honor. Blessed art thou, and I, and whosoever hath attained unto this cup which is circulated by the fingers of the grace of His Most Generous Name.

Regarding what thou didst write about the dream, it was submitted, and He said: “We have confirmed him in his turning unto God and have mentioned him as befitteth. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him that which he loveth and with which he is well-pleased. It behooveth him to say: ‘O my Lord! Ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds. I know not what is within Thyself. Thou knowest what is with me, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.’”

I beseech thee to convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to those who drink from the cup of inner meanings. I implore God to strengthen them all and cause them to attain unto that which hath been ordained for them. Verily, He is the Answerer, the All-Bountiful. God willing, that which appeareth from them in God is preserved in the Divine Treasury until God shall make it manifest, as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Desired One of all worlds.

The Servant

15 Ramadan 1298

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The eye of justice weeps and equity laments. Glory be to God! In Iran, pride is taken in tyranny, oppression, cruelty and the behavior of savage beasts of field and prairie. The wolves of the isles of ignorance have torn the divine sheep. Great loss they count as mighty gain. Today the lamentation of all things is raised in the land of Ya, and the cry and moan of the Josephs of inner meaning ascends from the well of the oppressors’ station. A grievous wound has been inflicted upon the breast of justice and a mighty blow dealt to the temple of equity. The gazelles of the wilderness of love and purity are pursued by the hunters of malice, and shameless tyrants chase after the children in their cradles. The station of justice and its hosts are established through oppression and its armies. In Iran, mercy is like the phoenix - known by name but without trace - and equity is like the philosopher’s stone - mentioned but unseen.

On the twenty-third night of Ramadan, a great cloud of dust and smoke arose from the hatred and malice of the deniers and opposers, such that it veiled, nay obliterated, the effulgent rays of the Sun of Justice. Two helpless and unaided souls, Aqa ’Ali and Aqa ’Ali-Asghar - upon them be the glory of God and His favors - were seized without cause or reason in the mosque of Shaykh Hasan-i-Sabzivari. They were taken with utter humiliation by the deputy of the governor, Haji Na’ib, before His Excellency, where they were subjected to various punishments and then imprisoned. It is reported that they seized whatever worldly goods they could and then released them. Thereafter another smoke arose from the dawning-places of tyranny and vice, and that was the seizure of sacred souls for a second time. Seven souls were taken, among them the honored Mulla ’Ali-i-Sabzivari and likewise the honored Mulla Mahdi - upon them both be the glory of God and His favors. His Excellency said to one, “Recant and you will be freed.” That true seeker replied, “For forty years I have awaited this day, and praise be to God, today I have attained it.” And another, while being paraded through the markets with executioners, attendants and footmen, proclaimed: “O people! The Lord of the Martyrs said ‘Is there any who will help me?’ and I say, ‘Is there

any who will behold me?'" In brief, the fire of hatred was so intensely kindled that the pen is powerless to describe it. These two blessed souls and the others sacrificed their lives with complete steadfastness.

The blood of these souls has caused the people of Iran to now hear certain utterances and remain silent, and even accept them. The people of Iran would not walk with any foreigner, for they regarded all, God forbid, as unclean and would never consider speaking with them. Now through the grace of this Most Great Revelation, the gates of knowledge have been opened. That excessive savagery, rejection and protest have been lifted, and He gave glad-tidings of His presence and meeting to all and enabled them to attain it. The blood of the lovers performed miracles throughout the horizons, dispelled the causes of remoteness with the whips of utterance, and established nearness in its rightful station and abode. Now most associate with all parties and truly love them - indeed, such love toward all has become manifest that its appearance was considered impossible by the servants. Blessed be the Generous One, the Lord of great bounty. Now all have become sight that they might see, and hearing that they might hear. The hosts of acceptance have removed denial. Reflect upon the penetrating power of the Supreme Pen and the potency of the Most Exalted Word - how He transformed and drew near.

In any case, they martyred these souls with the worst torments of the world. They put a rope around one and dragged him to the edge of town while beating and driving the rest behind him - some with stones, some with sticks, some with chains, and some with weapons. They cut those holy temples to pieces, then burned them and threw their bones into pits. It is reported that a thousand fled to the wilderness - it is not known where they went or what became of them. In those days, no one inquired about the families and children of those oppressed ones, nor approached them out of fear. Those wronged ones remained without sustenance. It is said that some from the community of Christ - may God strengthen them - secretly assisted them without anyone's knowledge and sent them daily provisions.

O spiritual friend! Today the wailing of pebbles rises from the wilderness and the moaning of trees is loud. That night, by government order, the people celebrated and held a great festival as if they had conquered a territory. Glory be to God! Oppression and ignorance reached such a degree as to astound all in the heavens and earth. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds, for after every injustice the light of justice dawns, and after every tyranny the sun of equity shines forth. In all conditions, we beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid His servants to turn to Him and to make amends for what has escaped them in the nights and days. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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Praise be unto that Most Desired One, whom neither the doubts of the learned, nor the insinuations of the turbaned ones, nor the might of the world, nor the oppression of nations could prevent from His purpose or deter from His Will. At a time when the arrows of the enemies were flying like rain from all directions, the Tongue of Grandeur was speaking the blessed words "There is none other God but He, the One with power over what is and what has been." How many were the transgressors and the deniers who arose to harm Him and issued decrees for the shedding of His most pure blood. Nevertheless, the ocean of grace surged with utmost waves, and the sun of loving-kindness shone with perfect radiance and

brilliance. His mercy has preceded all, His favor encompasses all, His Cause prevails. Exalted be His Cause, glorified His grandeur, and mighty His sovereignty. There is none other God but Him.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the heavenly table was sent down, the bounty was made manifest, mercy preceded all, and the rains of utterance poured forth from the heaven of knowledge upon all who dwell in the realm of possibility. I beseech Thee by the mysteries deposited within Thy Most Great Name, and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee, and to act in accordance with what befits Thy days. Then protect them, O my God, from the influences of the oppressors and the might of the transgressors who cast aside Thy laws, clinging to their own desires when the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation appeared.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant Nabil, the traveler, in the hands of the tyrannical among Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist him in all conditions to serve Thee, to make him a champion of Thy Cause, and steadfast in carrying out what Thou hast willed through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Great.

Thereafter, the letters of that spiritual beloved arrived one after another, each bearing witness to that beloved's love, acceptance, steadfastness and service, and from every letter thereof wafted the fragrance of humility, such that the people of the realm of wisdom perceived it and received their portion. Verily, He does not allow the reward of the doers of good to be lost. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, every word that has flowed from the pen of that steadfast, firmly-rooted, and upright friend has testified and continues to testify. And one letter from that spiritual beloved arrived in these days; after its reading and review, it was taken to the presence of the Lord of Creation, and after permission was granted, it was presented before His face. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His utterance and mighty His station:

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing

O Nabil, O Traveller! That which hath befallen thee is witnessed by the Lord of the world, and that which hath proceeded from thee hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance, inasmuch as His mercy hath encompassed all things and the sun of His grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His bounty, manifest and resplendent. For thee there is a station with thy Lord - be thou assured and be of them that render thanks. Be not grieved by any matter. Thou art under the gaze of the True One and art related unto Him. By My life! God hath created the earth and its treasures for thee and for them that are like thee. Grieve not for that which hath passed. The ornaments of the world have ever been, and shall continue to be, worthy only of heedless and ornate souls. By the Sun of grace which shineth from the most exalted horizon of the world, resplendent and manifest: there are treasures laid up for thee with God which no thief can reach and no oppressor can find. Verily thy Lord is He Who informeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to accomplish that which We commanded thee after thy request in Our presence. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise and gratitude be unto Him for having mentioned you, and made you know Him, and taught you His straight and manifest path. This servant beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - to aid that beloved one in all conditions. He verily hath power over whatsoever He willeth. From the last two letters, immeasurable grief was perceived. After presenting them again, they said: O servant in attendance, write to his honor the Traveller, upon him be My glory: God's bounty hath been and shall ever be with you. With the utmost joy and fragrance, and with trust and assurance, hold fast unto that which hath been commanded. Verily thy Lord loveth thee and is with thee in all conditions. Glory be upon thee and upon thy children and upon them that are with thee and have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

Yet again when present in the Most Holy Court, mention of you was repeatedly made by the tongue of the Lord of Names, and the sun of bounty and favors rose resplendent and manifest. I beseech God to cause that beloved one to attain unto all that beseemeth His grace and generosity. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever loveth Him and the Helper of whosoever turneth unto Him, and He is the Concealer, the Forgiver, the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. Unto his honor the son, upon him be the glory of God and His bounty, I convey greetings and salutations. God willing, may he be assisted to serve his Lord and to remain steadfast in His Cause. The world shall soon perish and pass away, and that which endureth and lasteth is the bounty of God - exalted be His glory - towards His loved ones, which hath been and shall ever be. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His bounties in His days and hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of His bestowal. Glory and praise and exaltation be upon you and upon them that are with you and upon those who have heard and answered their Lord, the Speaking One, the Trustworthy. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Afnan, Mirza 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted!

A mention from Us to him who was illumined by the lights of his Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Bestower. When he heard the Call, he turned unto it, and when he was summoned, he responded. Verily, they who have been faithful to God's Covenant are accounted among the most exalted of beings in the sight of the Sublime Truth. They who were heedless are assuredly numbered with the people of the fire in the estimation of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

Say: The Most Great Balance hath appeared, whereby all deeds are weighed, and verily it is God's Path for all who are in earth and heaven. Through it every seeker hath turned, and everything hath voiced the remembrance of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast found the sweetness of utterance in that which hath been sent down from the All-Merciful, and hast recognized thy Lord in this Garment whereby all regions have been illumined.

We had previously sent thee a Tablet wherein wafted the sweet savors of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving. And before that, another Tablet through which the sun of grace shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's mercy upon all creation. Beware lest anything sadden thee or the tyranny of those who have rebelled against God when He came in the clouds of glory cause thee to grieve. When sorrow overtaketh thee, consider Mine affair and reflect upon that which hath befallen this Wronged One

when He was made a captive in the hands of the two parties who had turned away from God after He had come unto them with the kingdom of verses.

Blessed is the strong one who hath arisen to serve his Lord's Cause, and the herald who proclaimeth this Name with wisdom and clear exposition. Say: O people! Where are they who unjustly oppressed the earth, and where are the royal couches and crowns? And where are they who warred against God and His chosen ones? They have been consumed by their wrongful devouring of people's wealth. Verily thy Lord is severe in punishment.

That which endureth is what He hath ordained for those near unto Him. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablets. By My life! That which is with men shall perish, while glory and power shall remain for those who have turned to the Dayspring of Light. By God! Were they to hear the scratching of the Supreme Pen, the ecstasy of God would so seize them that they would cast away their kingdoms and turn to the Kingdom. Thus hath it been sent down from the heaven of might at this time when the tongue of grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Effulgent.

My likeness is as one who hath embarked upon the sea while waves encompass him from every side. In such state he calleth out to creation and summoneth them unto God, the Lord of Lords. Say: Doth such a Beloved deserve praise or hatred? Be fair, O ye possessors of sight, and be not like those who witnessed God's power yet denied it. These are assuredly companions of the fire. Do they imagine they follow God's command? Nay, by the Lord of creation! They worshipped vain imaginings for a thousand years, and when the appointed time came and the Dayspring of verses appeared, they were terrified and cried out: "This is none other than a lying impostor!" Say: Fear God, and exchange not the pearl for the shell, nor the jewel for clay. Thus doth your Lord command you out of His love for His servants who were created by His all-compelling command that overshadoweth the horizons.

O servant who gazeth toward God! Praise be to the Best Beloved of the worlds, that thou art blessed with His love, engaged in His remembrance, and turned toward His direction. This hath been and ever shall be among the greatest bounties. God willing, thou shalt be watchful over His Cause in all conditions, for whatsoever is associated with Truth is abiding, eternal and steadfast, while all else is evanescent and as nothingness. The weak souls today are unaware - some are afflicted in the wilderness of heedlessness, while others are barred from the court of oneness by ancient, worn-out, man-made doctrines. For a thousand years or more, these deluded souls have fixed their gaze upon an imaginary person in an imaginary city, clinging to him; yet after the appearance of the Most Great Luminary, only a few rent asunder the veils of idle fancies, while the rest remained bound by the same vain imaginings. Blessed is he who, by the power of his Lord, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, hath torn away the veils. All that the followers of the Furqan (Qur'an) formerly possessed can be measured by this same standard. The deluded ones have ever been and continue to be thus, as is now witnessed. The one who associateth partners with God and his followers have, through mention of a fabricated successorship, barred people from the Lord of creation. They are in naught but error - thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, is witness. Although all know they have neither understood nor comprehend His Cause, still they wander in the wilderness of error, unaware. In any case, be not saddened by these matters, for God hath servants who burn away the veils of idle fancy and rend asunder the coverings of the people. These are they whom

neither that which is in the hands of men, nor that which their lying tongues utter, can deter. They are the lights of unity in the lands and the stars of detachment among the servants. Soon will their station be made manifest to all on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

If thou askest about conditions in this land, it is in evident turmoil. That which was foretold in previous Tablets is now manifest. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Would that none but myself had to endure tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. In all conditions we have been and are thankful, and are engaged in His praise and glorification. Nothing can prevent Him, even should all kings oppose Him and every bondsman turn away from Him. We beseech God to assist thee in His service and obedience, and to aid thee through His grace. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

Convey exalted and glorious greetings to the Afnan, and likewise to such of God's sincere servants as are in thy vicinity. The glory from the All-Glorious be upon thee and upon those who love thy Lord, Who standeth at the Straight Path.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

A remembrance from the Wronged One unto him who hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean and drunk therefrom in the name of his Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the luminous spot: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and summoned all unto the Supreme Horizon. Among the people are those who denied, those who turned away, and those who pronounced judgment against Us without any proof or Book from God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to sanctify thee and those with thee from vain imaginings and idle fancies, and to send down unto you that which will draw you nigh unto the Daystar of certitude.

Consider the Shi'ih sect and what ye possess. They awaited through nights and days the appearance of the Lord of all beings. Yet when the morn dawned and the light of Revelation shone forth, they advanced toward Him with swords of hatred and rancor. Some denied Him, some objected to Him, and some pronounced judgment to shed His pure and radiant blood. They perpetrated that which neither Jews nor Christians nor any other peoples of the world had perpetrated. This is attested by Him Who possesseth a perspicuous Book. Those who turned away in the earliest days before all people were the divines of Iran. They disputed the verses of God and cast His Book behind their backs, and by their turning away the servants turned away. To this testifieth every discerning scholar and every informed sage.

Say: Where are your tears and sighs at separation from your Lord? And where is your remembrance and your arising at the mention of the Qa'im? Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: O concourse of divines! Tell me truthfully what ye did unto Him. Did ye turn toward Him or away from Him? Did ye pronounce judgment against Him or were ye among the silent ones? By the life of God, I know what ye did and My Lord hath taught Me. The denizens of Paradise have lamented because of your cruelty, and the dwellers of the holy precincts because of your deeds. Ye have committed that which hath

caused the eyes of grandeur to weep, the Supreme Pen to cry out, the Lote-Tree to wail, and the Maids of Heaven to take their seats upon black earth by reason of what your hands have wrought, O concourse of polytheists! Ye mounted pulpits to make mention of the Leaders of Religion, yet when the Promise came to pass, ye slew their Lord and Master and their Creator. Thus did your souls prompt you, and today ye are in manifest loss.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Verily the people of the Bayan have followed the Shi'ih sect in their vain imaginings and idle fancies, and have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. They desired to build the cities of idle fancy with the hands of tyranny, even as the people before them had built. They are indeed behind a mighty veil. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, then preserve the servants from the chains of vain imaginings and idle fancies, in the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Dhabih! A dark smoke has enveloped the world. For twelve hundred years they summoned the hapless people to the abode of vain imaginings and the cities of idle fancies. These falsehoods became the cause and reason for the martyrdom of the Primal Point. Reflect a while on the deeds of the Shi'ih party and the fruits of their actions on the Day of Resurrection, and make mention of them to the servants, that perchance they may not again be caught in the grip of former vain imaginings. Some of the polytheists of the Bayan are observed to be even more debased than that party. These matters appear exactly like children's play, for they now make mention of perversion and speak of the Sacred Region. Have they not observed the fruits of the deeds of the souls that preceded them? Your honor is well aware that in the early years not a single divine learned one acknowledged Him, and they cast forth flames of opposition such that in all cities the fire of hidden rancor became manifest. In any case, beseech God to protect the people of God. Convey My greetings to the friends of that land on behalf of this Wronged One. By the life of God! All are mentioned in the presence. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to free and liberate His people and to sanctify the hem of all from the dust of the vain imaginings of the divines and the doubts of the doctors of law. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things.

O Most Exalted Pen! I love to make mention of him whom We have caused to ascend to the Supreme Companion and the highest summit, that his name may endure as long as the Most Beautiful Names of God and His most exalted attributes endure. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing Rememberer.

O Nasru'llah! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the prison precincts with that which shall endure as long as God, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, shall endure. I bear witness that thou didst turn to God and didst hear His call when it was raised in truth, and thou didst say: "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Revealer of verses!" Thou art he who didst drink the Choice Wine that was sealed when it was unsealed in the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and didst turn to God when the divines and doctors of the earth turned away from Him, and didst drink the Kawthar of knowledge from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Thou wert present on the day when the fragrances of revelation were wafted and the Luminary of inspiration shone forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is thy tongue for having uttered and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur acknowledged before the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is the soul that hath

attained unto the Word of God in His days, and the heart that hath turned to Him with spirit and fragrance. We beseech God to send down upon thee at all times that which beseemeth the ocean of His generosity, the heaven of His grace, and the sun of His bounty, and to cause the rain of His mercy and grace to descend continually upon thy resting-place. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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This is the Surah of the All-Powerful, which We have ordained in the dominion of eternity and revealed unto the servants, that it may be unto them a shining lamp.

He is the Resplendent, the All-Glorious, the Most Luminous!

Glorified be He Who hath ordained the measures of all things in the preserved tablets of might and created all things in such wise that, were they to purify themselves from the dust of fancy and desire, they would surely ascend to the most exalted stations and would speak that which the Holy Spirit spoke at the Ultimate Lote-Tree: that there is none other God but Him, and that the essence of the two words in these two names is the Self-Subsisting One of Names in the dominion of eternity. Thus hath the mercy of the days encompassed all beings, yet the people perceive not.

Indeed God hath manifested Himself in this Tablet through His Name, the All-Powerful, unto all contingent things, that through it all created things may derive power over whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven, lest any soul be deprived of the sovereignty of His might. This is what hath now been sent down from the presence of the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

O Sun of My Name, the All-Powerful! Shine forth upon all created things with the wondrous power of thy Lord, that all things may witness within themselves the might of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Whosoever is deprived of the manifestation of this Name shall never succeed in truly acknowledging the power of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, and even should he profess belief, it would not be authentic, for how can one who lacketh a thing comprehend it? Glorified be He above their understanding!

Therefore, O people, make your hearts mirrors of this Sun, that its lights and its manifestation may be reflected therein. Thus doth your Lord command you, if ye be of those who know. And whomsoever this Name is reflected within, God shall make him powerful over all things, such that were he to say unto a thing “Be thou transformed,” all would be transformed, and were he to desire to prevail over contingent things by his will, he would be empowered by the might of his Lord. This indeed is a manifest bounty.

From this Tablet the breezes of power have wafted over all who possess power, and they blow as they please by His command, if ye would but understand. The likeness of this Name in this Tablet is as a spring of water flowing in diverse rivers; likewise from this Name flow the waters of power in the rivers of existence, and each receiveth according to a determined measure.

O thou Name! We have created thee by Our command and have exalted thy mention in the kingdom of names and have adorned thee with the raiment of immortality, that thou mayest be grateful to thy Lord and be of those who render thanks. Beware lest anything beguile thee or veil thee from the remembrance of thy Lord's Name. Be not of those who, when they see themselves in glory and elevation, forget the remembrance of their Lord and then wax proud before God Who created them by His will. Such hath been their way.

O ye who are named by this Name and are its manifestations! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this Paradise, and turn not unto what hath been ordained in the worlds of creation, and be not of those who understand not. Beware lest names beguile you from the remembrance of your Creator, and when the Sun of your Lord's remembrance shineth forth upon you, fall ye down prostrate before God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Beware lest anything prevent you from showing humility before God, and be not like unto him whose cause We exalted among the servants and whose mention We spread throughout the lands. Yet when he saw himself in glory and elevation, he waxed proud before Him Who created and fashioned him, reaching such a state that he opposed the Countenance and was neglectful of God's rights, and was of those who, when the Sun of Beauty shone forth from the horizon of grandeur, grew arrogant and were of those who are proud.

O My Name! We have made thee the Manifestation of this Name, that thou mayest summon all created things to turn away from what is behind thee, shatter the idols of vain imaginings in all things, and bring all into the shadow of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved, and that thou mayest aid thy Lord in every way within thy power, so that the standards of victory may be raised upon holy and exalted seats. Say: O people of the Bayan! If ye fail to help the Youth, God will assuredly help Him even as He helped Him in truth when He was in prison, and aided Him with hosts ye cannot see, and sent down that which preserved Him from His enemies. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are preserved with Him in a guarded tablet. O My Name! Be steadfast in the Cause, then remind the people of that which the Spirit hath inspired thee. If thou findest one receptive, turn to him; if thou findest one who turneth away, turn from him. Fear not, but put thy trust in God, thy Lord. He will guard thee from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and who, when the verses of the All-Merciful are recited unto them, play about in their own idle fancies. Sanctify thyself from all that would hinder thee from the path of God, to Whom belongeth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on earth. This is better for thee than all that hath been treasured in the kingdoms of creation and command, though most people comprehend not. Await thou the Day when God shall come with a sovereignty from the realm of His command, and around Him shall circle the angels of the Spirit. Then shalt thou find the people struck down, and trembling shall seize the dwellers of the heavens and earth, and all names shall be overturned and fall upon limited dust - save those who have detached themselves unto God and entered beneath the shadow of their Lord, the Most High, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praised. Thus have We inspired thee with the wonders of thy Lord's revelation, that thou mayest be steadfast in thyself and be of those who are firmly established. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken their station beneath the shadow of their Lord - a praiseworthy station. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Beloved.

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Praised be He Who hath arisen by His own authority to establish His Cause and hath manifested whatsoever He desired through His sovereignty. Neither the might of the world can frustrate Him, nor the clamors of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of ancient days, weaken Him, nor can He be intimidated by that which hath appeared and shall appear. Verily, He occupieth the Most Sublime Vision, and through Him hath been revealed that which was recorded in the Scrolls and Books. There is none other God but He, the Single, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

How delightful were the melodies that reached mine ears from the birds of remembrance and praise, which warbled, trilled, sang, and cooed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of thy heart. By the life of the Beloved! When I saw and read and heard, the joy of thy words seized me while I was immersed in oceans of sorrow. When my heart was gladdened and my breast was dilated and my being was stirred, I approached the Intended One and attained the presence before the Throne, and presented that which the Beloved had caused thee to speak in His days. When it concluded, I found traces of joy upon the countenance of my Lord and the Lord of all worlds. My spirit and my soul be a sacrifice for your service, your steadfastness, and your mention.

Indeed, thy mention became the cause of the joy of the Intended One. After this evanescent one's presentation of thy passages, He smiled greatly, and from His abundant grace and favors at that moment, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty and sent forth. God willing, thou shalt be nourished from the heavenly food concealed in the treasuries of God's words. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words:

Write to Khalil that slumber and the intoxication of error have so seized the people that if ninety-nine out of a hundred were to be taken, the remaining one would neither turn to the horizon of the Cause nor raise his head from the sleep of heedlessness. Consider the verses that were previously revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of the Day of Judgment concerning the seizure of certain transgressors. With utmost clarity, passage by passage, was revealed concerning seizure, plunder, earthquakes, lamentation, abasement, and the like. Nearly one crore perished, yet none became aware. Even those souls who had witnessed those verses before the appearance of the signs did not attain unto that which God desired.

The mention of two great kings appeared in the Tablets with utmost clarity concerning what would befall them, to such extent that some of the assured souls, upon hearing that kingdom would be taken from them and their dominion, sovereignty, glory, and power would be lost, were observed in utter amazement. For they had not imagined that a kingdom like that of Paris would be lost from its king's grasp, and another king would pass in such abasement, and the lamentations of trees and stones would rise from the mountains. Those souls who had not heard these tidings before their occurrence remained in the sleep of heedlessness, and those who were informed beforehand and later witnessed with their outward eyes did not ascend to a station that would benefit their own affairs.

O Khalil! Observe to what degree the people's veiling hath reached, that the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh these words. Although the purpose was initially to converse with thee, all these heedless acts have occurred due to the love of these fleeting two days and what appeareth therein, even though they witness its change, transformation, and variation at all times. Say: Glory be to my Lord, the All-Knowing, above what they understand! And glorified be my Lord, the All-Informed, above what they mention, and glorified be my Lord, the Lord of Might, above what they describe. A hundred thousand praises be unto the one beloved and single God, that He enabled that personage to utter words which became the cause of joy and gladness to the blessed heart. Details sent by his honor Aqa Mirza Isma'il, the honored Afnan, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful, were presented. He said that one must be forbearing with him, but consideration for the family of the martyrs is incumbent and obligatory upon all. This servant also submitted a detailed letter to them, and a Tablet was also revealed from the heaven of divine Will specifically for his honor Aqa Mirza Isma'il and sent that the honored Afnan might forward it. At all times I beseech God, exalted be His glory and might, to assist all the friends and cause to appear from each one that which befitteth Him and His days. O my beloved one, repeatedly hath the tongue of grandeur uttered these words: O thou who art present, if the souls who have accepted the Faith were to act according to what God hath willed, and there appeared not from them matters from which the fragrance of divine displeasure could be detected, surely would God's testimony be completed for all. And after the completion of testimony, either acceptance or something else, as appeared in previous ages. God willing, may all be confirmed through divine confirmations and attain His bounties. Verily He is the Generous Giver. The friends in the Prison Land offer countless expressions of sincerity and most glorious, most mighty, most elevated, most holy, most exalted greetings to your honor. May the glory which hath ever shone with the effulgences of the Sun of His Beauty and will ever shine with the light of the rays of His Countenance be upon your honor and upon those who have drunk and will drink from the cup of your love for God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the mystics.

The Servant

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Holy, transcendent above all likenesses and peers!

This evanescent servant makes known that the traces of the luminous Pen, adorned with the lights of love for the Lord of Power, illumined both heart and sight. Praise be to God that tidings of your outward well-being were heard from that radiant leaf which was in truth a spiritual messenger, bringing the utmost joy and delight. The original letter was written by your honor in the name of the Name of God M.H. - upon him be all the most glorious Glory. Therefore this evanescent servant, in reply to your august letter, has troubled your fragrant mind with these unworthy mentions. Regarding what you wrote that they have forgotten you, this servant testifies by God that in most gatherings when opportunity arose, they were occupied with your mention and you have not been erased from their view. Likewise in the Most Holy and

Most Exalted Court your mention has been and continues. Blessed are you for having attained to the source of good, its beginning and its end.

As for what you wrote regarding the upheaval in the Land of Purpose - by your life, no eye hath seen nor ear heard the like. This servant has submitted a brief account of these matters to the friends which is with the honored Name of God. God willing it will reach the luminous gaze and you will be informed of the details. How excellent is what flowed from your pen!

You wrote that no error has produced such merit in the visible world. Though outwardly it occurred without permission and was the cause of great harm, yet for those evil souls it was pure justice - their deeds were embodied and suddenly seized those wicked ones. Upon them be the curse of God and the curse of His chosen ones and the curse of the near angels.

As for the prisoners, praise be to God they have all been released, and those seven are free to move about except that they return to their quarters at night. Every grave matter with Him is simple and easy. Among the seven, one of them in those early days when severity was at its height composed and submitted an ode which has been sent to your radiant presence. You will observe it. Since your honor had inquired about the condition of the seven, therefore the ode was sent.

And regarding the friends of that land, His words, exalted be His grandeur:

Say to My loved ones who have soared in My nights and have turned with their hearts to the Ultimate Goal in My love and remembrance: If ye differ in anything, refer it to God, your Lord. He will judge between you with pure justice. He is in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, all must gather on one plane and soar in one atmosphere. If they differ in any matter they must inquire of the Source of the Cause, for through God's infinite bounty the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Command is manifest, evident and visible. Glorify them on My behalf, then gladden them with this noble Remembrance that they may gather as brothers upon the thrones of their Lord's command, the All-Merciful, and be numbered among the successful ones.

Regarding your mention of the House of Justice, it is clear and evident to you that the upheavals of this earth, its tribulations and its afflictions have been revealed beforehand in the Tablets of God. Therefore, whenever a decree was revealed, this servant strove to have copies sent to all regions lest the upheaval and turmoil of this earth become a barrier between God's ordinances and His servants. Indeed, during these upheavals there was fear that all that existed would be lost, but God preserved it through His sovereignty and power. For this reason, a copy of that Tablet was sent, and the intention was not for it to be implemented in these days, for it is known that the loved ones are few and the enemies many. Therefore, the disclosure of these matters has caused and would cause harm. For example, if those souls were to be designated in every city now, it would surely become known and the polytheists would rise up. In any case, the Tablet was sent so that it may be preserved with the loved ones of God until such time as circumstances permit. He is, verily, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Convey on behalf of this evanescent servant greetings to all the friends, and God willing, may they gather in one meeting where you shall host them to tea and recite that which hath flowed from the Most Holy

Tongue, that all may be adorned with the new raiment of unity. I mentioned this matter in the Most Holy Presence and He smiled, which indicates the pleasure of my Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Regarding what you wrote about Ismu'llah presenting himself at the threshold of the Throne on your behalf whenever he attains the presence - since he is not here, as was mentioned, this servant attended the presence before the Throne on your behalf: "I entered the Most Great Scene and presented myself before the Throne and visited the Desired One on your behalf." Praise be to God Who enabled this evanescent servant and honored him with this supreme triumph. His is the praise and bounty in all conditions. I beseech God that the sweet fragrances of your correspondence may ever continue to waft, and that we may be gladdened and delighted by its wondrous and sublime words. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

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O Muhammad! Hear the Call that hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, calling all unto the Path of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Muhammad! The hosts of sorrow have encompassed Us, and there hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. We commanded all to be trustworthy and religious, sincere and pure, yet the people have denied God's Cause through the promptings of self and desire. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and they are numbered this day among the most lost in My perspicuous Book. Grieve not for what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and who have perpetrated that which hath caused all things to cry out and the tears of them that know to flow. The servant present before Us hath laid before Us that which thou didst send unto him. We have heard it and answer thee with this Leaf, which hath been adorned with the verses of thy Lord, the Kind, the All-Bountiful. When bearing it, it cried out saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world! And thanks be unto Thee, O Beloved of the nations, for having made me adorned with Thy verses and illumined with the light of Thy utterance!" Blessed then is the servant who heareth and attaineth, and woe unto every heedless sinner. By the life of God! Should anyone at this moment hearken unto the voice of this Leaf, he would, in utmost joy and fragrance, detach himself from the world and all therein and repair unto the One Beloved.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The enemies of the Truth, exalted be His glory, outwardly manifest complete submission and contentment, while inwardly they are engaged in mischief and denial. And the Wronged One, before the faces of all, both learned and rulers, speaketh and saith: "O people! Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the world and with a Cause before which the hosts of the heavens and earth cannot stand." O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! Thou shouldst at all times guide the wayward to the straight path through wisdom and utterance, and illumine the oppressors with the light of justice - meaning those who wrong their own souls and are deprived of the most holy and exalted Court of nearness. Make mention of those who are related to Us in the name of the Wronged One, and illumine them with the splendors of the Day-Star of grace. Praise be to God, they have been and continue to be remembered, and have attained unto His favor. Make mention of the friends and give

them the glad-tidings of what God hath willed. We beseech God to make them the standards of His guidance amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

A question was asked concerning a person's control over their own specific properties - whether if one desires during their lifetime to give or bestow all their property to one person, they have that authority, or whether what was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas must be followed. What you mentioned was previously revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, and now is mentioned again as a grace from Us upon you that you may rejoice and be among those who give thanks. Every soul has had and has authority over their own property, for if authority were prevented, the glory of existence would be effaced. In one station, the glory of servants has been and is through properties and through the authority ordained for them. We beseech God to assist His servants to perform what they are commanded in His Mighty Book and to enable them to do what He loves and is pleased with, and to perform deeds from which the fragrance of His acceptance, His command and His wisdom may be diffused.

We desire at this time to mention My handmaiden and My leaf with a mention that will be with her in all the worlds of her Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The first fragrance that wafted from the garden of meanings and utterance, and the first light that shone and gleamed from the heaven of the Merciful's loving-kindness be upon you, O you who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. I testify that you have believed in God and His signs and have been patient in what befell you in His path. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon you at all times mercy from His presence and sustenance from the heaven of His bounty and grace from the atmosphere of His favor and generosity. Blessed is he who mentions you and visits you according to what has been sent down from the heaven of the mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in My mention of you. The luminary of forgiveness has shone forth and the ocean of pardon and beneficence has surged. Blessed is he who has attained to My mention before and after his ascension. He is indeed among those who are near to God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to Him, for He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. Previously too, mention of her flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed is she and joy be to her, for she has attained to that which the handmaidens of the world were prevented from, save whom God willed.

We have mentioned the Martyr - upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy - in various Tablets. Blessed is he and the leaf who was with him and those whom God has related to him. He is indeed the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

We have commanded the Name of God, Jamal - upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness - to turn in that direction. Blessed is the servant who loved you and heard your words concerning the Great Announcement of God and His firm and mighty Command. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you, O My friends and handmaidens, and upon those who have heard and turned and said: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the world, and the grace be Thine, O Thou the Goal of them that are near."

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Let the tongue, heart, limbs and members, the inner and outer being, the first and last, the veins and hairs - all bear witness to the oneness of God, exalted be His glory, and to His singleness, His might and power, His all-encompassing sovereignty and dominion - exalted be His station, exalted be His sovereignty, exalted be His command, and exalted be His word and His grandeur. And blessings and peace be upon Him with whom the Seal began and ended, who migrated from Batha towards Yathrib due to what befell Him from those who denied the All-Merciful and disputed the proofs, and upon His family and companions through whose lights the horizons were illumined and the servants and lands were brightened.

Thereafter, your letter arrived, and previously another letter as well, and both are two witnesses and two testimonies to your love and devotion. After they were read and reviewed, they were presented before the Countenance of the Intended One, who said: "We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect them and to send down upon them from the heaven of His loving-kindness a blessing from Him and a table spread from His presence, and to aid them in that which will draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Lord in the beginning and in the end. And I send greetings to My loved ones there who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him." Thus ends His words.

Praise be to God, the glad tidings of your well-being, health and comfort were heard from both letters, causing complete joy. God willing, may this bounty remain perpetual and lasting. This evanescent one's entreaty is that that honored brother not be saddened by the affairs of the world. Those souls who were above the world, nay through whose being the world was created, have ever been encompassed by tribulations. There befell the Prophets, may God's blessings be upon them, that which befell no one else. Were one to ponder what descended upon the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, one would perish from grief. This Friend called the people to the word of unity, yet they visited upon Him that which caused all the atoms of Batha and all things therein, such as stones and trees, pebbles and date-stones, to lament the tribulations of that Manifestation of God's command. No friend remained save a few numbered souls, until the decree of migration was revealed, the details of which that honored one has surely heard. By the Sun of the horizon of utterance, had there been any worth to this world, they would never have accepted these tribulations. Their gaze was fixed upon another station and their heart was turned to another realm. Divine love strengthened all to sacrifice what they possessed. Blessed are those souls who ponder upon what befell in former times. Such reflection causes awakening, and awakening is the cause of the soul's repose. This evanescent servant has ever remembered and continues to remember that honored one. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all the gentlemen of that land. I have besought and continue to beseech bounty, health and blessing for each one. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

write that his honor Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim (upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]) has in these days fallen onto a bed of discomfort, meaning he has become ill. This servant is in Akka while he is in Bahji. Thus far a doctor has been brought twice. He has written repeatedly to this servant stating that he owes money to someone from Beirut from whom he previously obtained copper and work materials. Now a sum must be paid to him but funds are not available, and his honor Aqa Muhammad Rida (upon him be God's peace) has delayed in sending funds for some time. He has requested that you send these funds so that perhaps

he may be relieved from embarrassment before that person. He has written and mentioned this in such a way that truly saddened this servant's heart - that is, he has appealed for mercy from you. It is obvious then that something must be done so that credibility is not suddenly lost, as after such upheaval many would be afflicted. I make mention of the light of my eyes and beseech from God, exalted be His glory, his well-being, and likewise I send greetings to the family.

As for their apology regarding the sewing of the cloak not being good - no apology is necessary. As per their instruction we will send another cloak. That which has a replacement merits no complaint. God willing, may they ever remain steadfast upon this pleasing way.

Indeed they have shown much love. The previous cloak was also very good, rather above all good things of the world, for it was sewn with friendship and love. In this case its like and equal are rare. May God, exalted be His glory, grant recompense and bestow its reward.

And as for the dried yogurt that you sent, it was very, very good. Thus far it has been consumed two or three times. Your place was empty. It was truly good - both sender and sent were both successful, you with the wine of mention and it with the wine of acceptance. Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings.

Alfalfa seeds were requested from Damascus and arrived - no longer needed.

The Servant

27th of the honored month of Shawwal 1301

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In the Name of God, the One

When your letter arrived, all that was mentioned therein was clear and evident to those endowed with vision. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. Beseech God to enable you to efface illusion and attain unto clear knowledge. You wrote that for years you have studied religion and are certain of it. Should someone ask you by what proof and by what evidence [you believe], what would you say? Place yourself in the presence of the All-Merciful, then speak with fairness. I am indeed a faithful counselor unto you. The matters you mentioned and established as signs of the truth of truth have ever been and shall forever be rejected in the sight of God. It would be better if you were to recite, purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, some verses of the Qur'an and ponder their meanings. Perchance on this Day, which is the King of Days, you may not remain deprived of the choice wine of recognition and bereft of the Kawthar of revelation and inspiration.

Among other things, reflect upon these blessed verses which were formerly revealed to the Beloved of the world and the Lord of nations. He saith: "And they say: 'We shall not believe in thee till thou cause a spring to gush forth for us from the earth; or thou have a garden of date palms and grapes, and cause rivers to gush forth abundantly in their midst; or thou cause the heaven to fall down upon us, as thou hast

claimed, in pieces; or thou bring God and the angels face to face with us; or thou have a house of gold; or thou ascend to heaven - yet we shall not believe in thine ascension until thou bring down for us a book that we can read.' Say: 'Glory be to my Lord! Am I aught but a mortal, a messenger?'"

These are verses which the idolaters spoke to the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. That is to say, they made these verses the conditions of their belief, stating that if His Holiness would manifest these things, they would be convinced of the truth. Now consider those heedless souls who demanded that He cause a spring to gush forth in the land of Batha, or manifest for them a house of gold, or ascend to heaven before their eyes and bring a book they could read, or produce a garden with date palms and grapes, or come with God, exalted be His glory, and a company of angels. These were the things that the idolaters of the Hijaz demanded of the Lord of the world to manifest, that they might believe in what He had declared. A brief explanation of their meaning has been given.

Now observe with penetrating vision, with a pure heart, and with complete fairness, and reflect, that the truth may become clear to you and the path of God which hath appeared in truth may become manifest, and that you may find yourself possessed of clear certainty. And after these questions, observe what God, exalted be His glory, hath answered. He saith: Say: "Am I aught but a mortal, a messenger?" And if these requests had been accepted and God, exalted be His sovereignty, had manifested what they had asked for, then according to their assumption, no one on earth would have remained a denier or turned away, at least outwardly. And yet in another passage He saith that even if they were to witness all the signs, they would not believe and would not turn to the supreme horizon. Now that honored one should reflect upon what they have asked. I swear by the Revealer of the Books that if with fairness and free from selfish desires, ye ponder on what hath been mentioned, verily ye will return unto the truth, and, detached from all save God, leave your homes uttering "Here am I, O my God, here am I!" The Truth hath not desired, nor doth He desire, that every soul should manifest whatsoever it willeth. He hath raised the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" and hath spoken the blessed words "I ordain what I desire." It is abundantly clear that the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, is the Sovereign Doer - whatsoever He uttereth and ordaineth hath been and shall ever be for the good of His servants. That which ye desired hath been manifested in even greater measure in the divine Books. Examine them, that ye may become acquainted with the knowledge, wisdom, sovereignty, might, power and all-encompassing authority of God - exalted be His power, His grandeur and His dominion. Please God, ye must become sanctified and detached from such arguments and utterances as were voiced by the objectors of former ages, and fix your gaze upon God's enduring testimony and that which hath appeared from His presence. That which had never appeared before hath now been made manifest - to this every stone and clod of earth beareth witness, yet most of the people remain heedless. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Knower of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Hidden and Promised One, through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged, the fragrance of Thy raiment wafted, and the gate of Thy presence was opened to all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, to assist me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. O my Lord! I am he whom vain imaginings have withheld from the horizon of Thy certitude and the doubts of men have barred from the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to enable me to turn unto Thee and to turn away from all else besides Thee. O my Lord!

Thou art the Generous, the One endowed with great bounty. Drive not this poor one from the door of Thy bestowal, nor this deprived one from the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness. Forgive him through Thy grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Munificent, the Generous, and verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

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O Lion! Upon thee be the Glory of God! The letter of Husayn Ba'i, upon him be My Glory, was received, was graced with Our glance and honored by Our hearing, and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. In this Most Exalted Station, mention of him hath been sent down from the Supreme Horizon. Were the songs of the birds of the Cause, which warble upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of utterance, to pass from the hidden to the manifest, the world would be struck with awe and wonderment. His honor Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, from among the people of Nur and Ra, We have made mention of. We beseech God to protect him and ordain for him what he desireth of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Mahmud! We have heard thy communion with God and have answered thee with this clear exposition. We make mention of Ata'u'llah and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy, and remind him of My verses. I am verily the All-Knowing Rememberer. We make mention of Ibn-i-Kamal who attained My presence, circumambulated around Me, and held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to My robe. We beseech God to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty that which befitteth His grace and generosity. He is verily the Generous, the Munificent.

O Mahmud! Upon thee be My Glory! We made mention of thee before and at this hour. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who turned towards God on a day whereon every perfidious unfortunate one and every doubting scholar turned away.

And give glad-tidings unto him who is named 'Abdu'llah of My remembrance. We beseech God to forgive him and his father as a bounty from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Praise be to God! The people of Baku are seen to be ablaze with the fire of the love of God, exalted be His glory. O people of God! Strive that ye may attain unto that which shall never be erased from the ledger of the world. The Wronged One counseleth you to fear God and to observe wisdom. In the Most Holy Book, which hath been sent down from God's holy kingdom, this blessed verse hath been recorded: "Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship."

O Friend of God and His loved ones! Devote your efforts to teaching the Cause and associate with the people of the world in unity and concord, that the fragrance of virtuous character may be diffused throughout the world and others may be attracted by that fragrance and perchance attain unto what God hath willed and find it.

The people of Ba are all remembered before the Wronged One, both men and women. We give them glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and We give them glad-tidings of God's grace, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And as to what his honor Ibn-i-'Attar, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, wrote regarding the sum he wished to spend according to ancient custom for the Mother of the Near Ones, upon her be My Glory and loving-kindness: according to the wish of My Name Jamal, upon him be My Glory and mercy, it was given to one of the leaves of the Tree. Excellent is what Ibn-i-'Attar hath done. Blessed is he in that he hath hearkened unto what was commanded by My Name Jamal. We have made mention of the Mother of the Near Ones with such remembrance before which all mention boweth down, in recompense for what she did in the path of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

And as to thy mention of deputyship from his honor Shaykh, upon him be My peace and loving-kindness: We have accepted what thou hast desired as a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Kind, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Lion! Upon thee be My glory! The missive of Haydar, who before was named Ali, attained the presence and was honored to hear that which was uttered from the Mount. In truth he is steadfast in service to the Cause and speaks in praise and glorification of the Lord of Names. We give him glad tidings, strengthen him, aid him, make mention of him, and beseech God to assist him with the hosts of His wisdom and utterance and the legions of His grace and favor. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent, the Ancient Bestower. The names mentioned in his letter have all been honored with the mention of the Supreme Pen and its verses. Previously, numerous Tablets were sent, and for some of the souls mentioned in this letter there was revealed that which giveth rise to noble character and quickeneth moldering bones. We beseech the Truth to aid His servants that they may drink from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance and arise to champion the divine religion. Such is the call of the Wronged One of the world, raised from the shore of the sea of utterance. Counsel and exhortation have reached such a degree that upon everything a pulpit hath been erected, and upon it a counselor engaged in refining souls. The bounty is God's, Lord of all worlds. His is the grace, His the generosity. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily He maketh mention and guideth the way, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Give thou the glad tidings to Haydar - upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny - of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. O Lion! The letter of Muhammad-Hashim - upon him and his two brothers be My glory - was seen. Praise be to God, the fragrances of the love of the Truth, exalted be His glory, wafted therefrom. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. Beseech thou the Truth to aid him to serve the Cause and whatsoever beseemeth His manifest and luminous Day. His kinsmen who have quaffed the sealed wine are each mentioned before the Wronged One and have been blessed with the verses of the divine Pen. Likewise was another page observed. We heard and saw that the souls mentioned therein were each blessed with the utterance of the Goal of the world's desire. Muhammad-Hashim was honored with My mention, and Husayn after Muhammad was graced with My attention toward him, and Muhammad was adorned with the ornament of My wondrous mention. In brief, all the names mentioned

are remembered at the Divine Throne and blessed with special favors. The glory of God rest upon them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Luminous, the All-Glorious!

O thou who bearest My Name in the Kingdom of My Cause, My trusted one among My creation, the sign of My remembrance amongst My servants, and who journeyeth through the lands to aid My Cause and promote My Faith! I testify that thou art of Me and hast diffused the fragrance of My raiment throughout the East and West of the earth. Thou art he who hath remained faithful to My Covenant and My Testament. Thou didst depart from the precincts of the Throne by My leave, and didst draw nigh and enter through My good-pleasure. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath found solace in thee out of love for My Being, and hath heard from thee the gems of My laws and commandments.

Know thou that thy letter hath come before the Throne aforetime, and in these days We have answered thee in the Tablet and sent it unto thee by the hand of one of Our servants. This is yet another token of Our grace bestowed upon thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. He loveth him who loveth Him, desireth him who desireth Him, and answereth him who calleth upon Him. Within His grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Those whose names thou hast mentioned in thy letters, We have recorded them in the Tablet and have ordained for each one of them that which shall bring solace to their eyes. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bountiful. And concerning that which was mentioned in thy letter - We have not fixed a specific time for it. Those who claimed that We commanded the sincere ones as We commanded them were mistaken, that their acceptance and detachment might be made manifest before all the worlds.

We praise God that He hath shown thee servants in this Revelation who have hastened to do good works before their appointed time. These, verily, are among the people of Baha. Upon them rest My mercy, My glory, My remembrance, and My praise at all times. These are they whom the world hath not prevented from treading the path of God, the Lord of all names, and who have spent that which they possessed in their quest for that which is with God. We have accepted from them as a bounty from Our presence. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hear in the most wondrous Persian tongue: During the sojourn of the Ancient Beauty in the Land of Mystery, when it was observed that the time of the great tribulation drew nigh - even as had been revealed in previous Tablets from the heaven of the Will of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed - therefore when Jamalu'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God, was present before Him, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke certain words concerning the known matter, that they might be mentioned among men and that confirmed souls might act upon them. The essence of these words was this: that after the arrival of the Most Holy Beauty in the great city, the sublime government had allocated a specific sum for designated expenses. Fie upon such bounty that is followed by obligation and injury! However, in view of the

exigencies of the time and the consummate divine wisdom, it was not rejected. Although all that exists on earth belonged to the True One, in those days everything was contingent upon the permission and consent of the King of Oneness. Nevertheless, it would be most beloved if each of the Branches of the Divine Tree, the related Twigs, and the loved ones could, at any time or age, reject these funds and receive instead pages adorned with the seal of the Cause. Likewise was this utterance repeatedly spoken from the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison in the presence of two souls. However, this was not intended for these days, for after arrival at this place, the sovereignty of God was openly proclaimed to the kings and other monarchs, and His Cause was publicly taught. Thus were all hearts set ablaze and engaged in schemes. Thus did We grant victory unto Our Cause with true victory. By My life! No doubt appeared in all the worlds in those days. Sufficient was the fire We kindled in their hearts. Thus doth God transform light into fire for those who waxed proud and were among the oppressors. In such circumstances, the disclosure of that matter is not now permitted. Consider the mercy, power and bounty of God: although the appointed time for that matter was to be later, yet by His guiding hand He raised up certain souls in the goodly land who, after His will and before the appointed time, hastened to this greatest good. These are the helpers of God; God hath accepted their deeds. These souls have attained unto that which God desired; therefore if they themselves dispose of it, no harm shall come to them, for in truth they have acted according to what their Lord, the All-Merciful, desired and decreed. Blessed are they and blessed is he whom thou didst mention in thy letter previously, for he preceded in this matter. Upon him be the glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled Thy loved ones to carry out Thy command and manifest that which Thou didst desire through Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Thou knowest that I desired for no one save Thy remembrance and praise, and sought from no soul that which Thou hadst bestowed through Thy bounty and favor. I summoned them in all conditions purely for Thy sake to the court of Thy grace. Thou, O my God, beholdest these who aided Thy Cause with their wealth before Thy manifestation and Thy command, and with their own selves after the dawning of the Sun of Thy wisdom from the dayspring of Thy revelation and inspiration. And Thou seest their steadfastness in Thy love and their firmness in Thy Cause. O Lord! Ordain for them that which beseemeth Thee and is worthy of Thy presence. Then write down for them the reward of those who circle round Thee in all Thy worlds. Separate them not from Thee throughout the duration of Thy kingdom. This is the most excellent prayer; therefore answer it, O Creator of the heavens! Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

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O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Tree, that verily there is none other God besides Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Mother Book speaks and says: The All-Bountiful has come in His retreat. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. The Mother of the Bayan calls out: O people of creation! The All-Merciful has come with a host from the Supreme Concourse. Turn unto Him and be not of the losers. The Mother of Tablets speaks and says: O peoples of the earth! He Who conversed on Sinai is established upon the throne of Revelation. Withhold not

yourselves from drawing nigh unto Him. This is what ye have been commanded in the Books of God and in this perspicuous Tablet.

O Kazim! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou art he who has turned unto My horizon, who has held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness, and who has arisen to serve My Cause and to make mention of Me and to praise Me amongst My servants. We beseech God to assist thee and to aid thee with a host of the near angels. Blessed is the tongue that hath confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and the eye that hath been honored with beholding His luminous direction. We have sent down for thee aforetime that which the riches of all the servants cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation in His mighty prison. We have mentioned thee in numerous Tablets, drawn thee nigh unto the shore of the Most Great Ocean, and guided thee unto My straight path.

Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what he possessed and hath hearkened unto that which I have uttered in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people of the Furqan! Have ye not heard the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in His words "On the day when all men shall stand before the Lord of the worlds"? This is the day whereon the horizon of grace hath been illumined and the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with His sealed choice wine in His hand, saying: Come ye, come ye, and be not of them that tarry. This is the day which the Books of God, the Sovereign of the Day of Judgment, had promised. Say: O people of the Bayan! By the life of God, the Point of the Furqan and the Point of the Bayan bewail you in the most exalted Paradise. Fear ye God and be not of the oppressors. If ye deny this most great favor, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Be fair, O people, and be not of them that are abased.

The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with the standards of His signs. Give thanks unto your Lord for this most great favor which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: The river of utterance hath flowed from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Draw nigh and drink thereof in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous, Who hath stood before all faces and called all unto the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean spoken amongst the nations, causing the limbs of them that have denied God, the Mighty, the Powerful, to quake.

O Kazim! Verily My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of thy brother who hath ascended unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. At the time of his ascension, the Concourse on High perceived from him the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, and the hand of grace admitted him to a station whereof the pens of the world are powerless to make mention. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. The light that shone forth from the horizon of the grace of the Manifestation, and the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the Sovereign of existence, rest upon thee, O thou who didst turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon when they who are on earth turned away therefrom. We testify that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn unto it and believe in God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible, and remained steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of them who denied the decree of resurrection did not deter thee. Thou didst attain unto the recognition of God and His signs, and didst hear His most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and didst drink His choice sealed wine sealed with His Self-Subsisting Name. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken in this praiseworthy station. Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Sovereign

over what hath been and what shall be! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the breezes of Thy days and the waves of the ocean of utterance in the contingent world, to send down upon him who hath ascended unto Thee, at every moment, a mercy from Thee and a grace from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. All created things have testified to Thy generosity and all beings to Thy loving-kindness. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Kazim! Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee and unto thy brother that whose fragrance shall never cease to persist throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm above. A letter hath come from Salman, upon him be My glory, wherein mention was made of him who ascended unto the Supreme Companion. By reason thereof, grief seized those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. We console thee and comfort thee with verses that have no equal in all the earth and heavens. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient; He biddeth thee to manifest beautiful patience. He, verily, is the Almighty over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones. Say: O people of God! Take heed lest the power of the world frighten you, or the might of the nations weaken you, or the clamor of the contentious deter you, or the manifestations of glory sadden you. Be as mountains in the Cause of your Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Thus have We sent down from the clouds of grace the rains of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses, and glory be unto Thee, O Manifestation of clear evidences!” I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest that which was hidden from eternity of eternities. Whoso turneth unto Thee hath turned unto God from the beginning that hath no beginning, and whoso turneth away hath turned away from God in the beginning and the end. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them who hearken unto thy word in this Cause whereby the limbs of men have quaked, and upon My loved ones there who have not broken the Covenant.

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This is what I have called upon God, my Lord, in the language of symbols and mysteries, which shall be read by those who desire to drink the water of life from the hands of the All-Bountiful, whereby the beauty of reality is unveiled and the veils of metaphor are consumed.

He is the Mighty, the Beloved!

O Thou Who hast adorned the beauty of Thine eternal holiness with the ornament of the thread of Thy glorious grace, and hast manifested the dawning rays of the Sun of Thy countenance through the Point which appeared and shone forth from the essences of the mysteries of Thy hidden wisdom! Glorified, glorified art Thou! How perfect are the wonders of Thy creative Lordship in this most great ornament, and how consummate are the gems of Thy divine knowledge in this most glorious and noble treasure! Thou hast made it, O my God, as the seas of Thy knowledge and the ship of Thy wisdom, wherein Thou hast ordained whatsoever Thou hadst ordained in the worlds of Thy unity and the holy names of Thy detachment.

Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my heart's Desire! Thou art He Who hath encompassed the meanings of Thy sovereign might within the garments of Thy names, and thereby made known to Thy servants the essences of Thy Cause and the mysteries of Thy wisdom. Then didst Thou manifest these hidden names upon the tablets through the Point which Thou didst detail by Thy power, making it to tell of him whom Thou didst create from the fire of Thy love and the air of Thy grace, and Thou didst conceal therein the earth of Thy will that it might be watered by the waters of tenderness from the hand of Thy bounty.

Glorified, glorified art Thou! How mighty is Thy Cause in this dark luminous thread, and this most pure and radiant cord! By Thy might! Were it not for it, the Point would not have appeared in the garment of darkness, nor would the spring of life have flowed in the depths of obscurity. By Thy might, O my Beloved! I am bewildered by what Thou hast created by Thy power in the mystery of this everlasting subtlety and this moving spirit. It is as though Thou hadst chosen it from among all created things and made it a mirror for all Thy names and attributes, and ordained for it the blessing of nearness and union - a matter Thou hast not vouchsafed to any other in the realms of Thy sovereignty and the cities of Thy mighty dominion save through clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy knowledge, and hast prevented the eyes of the near ones from beholding the lights of Thy beauty and visiting Thy countenance. Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my Best-Beloved, above the mention of all created things! Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my Heart's Desire, above the description of all contingent beings! I testify at this moment that the mention of aught else but Thee can never reach Thee, and the description of all save Thyself can never attain unto Thee. For Thy knowledge soars above the kingdom of immortality, while the mention of all else but Thee is wingless, stationary in the realm of mortality. How then can mortality ascend unto the heaven of immortality? By Thy glory! It can never do so except through Thy power and strength, Thy grace and bounty. Despite this supreme restriction, I observe that Thou hast made this Spirit the embellishment of Thy countenance and the ornament of Thy face. Through it are revealed the subtle mysteries of Thy beauty, and by it is concealed the sun of the beauty of Thy holy oneness. By this have all who are in the heavens and on earth been bewildered. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Unveiler, the Concealer. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by the wafting of the winds of Thy mercy upon the temples of the sinners, and the descent of the rains of Thy forgiveness upon the disobedient, and by that cord whereby Thou hast bound the hearts of the lovers and drawn unto Thee the hearts of them that know Thee, that Thou wilt not sever this cord which Thou hast made as a means between Thee and Thy creatures, and deprive them not of this thread which Thou hast made to serve Thy beauty and to companion Thy face. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to purify the atmosphere of the hearts of Thy servants from the clouds of self and desire, then lift away all that hath come between them and the vision of the lights of eternity. Verily Thou art the Bountiful, the Munificent, the Generous, the Bestower, the Merciful, the Gracious.

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In the name of the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance! We found Ourselves in a palace which God had made the seat of His mighty Throne, and We proceeded to another destination. When We arrived there, We revealed verses and manifested clear proofs by the command of God, the

Lord of the worlds. We beheld the place adorned with roses and anemones and flowers of truth, while water flowed beneath rows of willows, moved and swayed by the hands of the breezes morn and eve. Glory be to God! Its trees embraced one another, and the roses smiled with joy and delight. From the rustling of leaves was heard "The Chosen One hath come," from the roses "God, the Lord of creation," and from the fruits "The Desired One hath established Himself upon the throne of His name, the Compeller." We heard them giving each other glad tidings of My arrival and appearance among them. When We turned to the right, We saw the great rose singing, and when We gave ear We heard it announcing to the trees and rivers and roses and flowers, saying: "Blessed art thou, O garden, for having been honored by the advent of the All-Merciful and for having won the privilege of His glance and the hearing of His sweet call and the witnessing of His most luminous horizon." Then We proceeded in another direction, walking about and contemplating God's handiwork and the manifestations of His signs and the dawning-places of His power. At that moment the servant in attendance presented a letter which he read before Us, and We found it to be written in the hand of one of My loved ones who was named in My perspicuous Book as Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin. We commanded one of My Branches, who was named Diya'u'llah by the tongue of grandeur and glory, to be present and record before Us that which was to be sent down from the heaven of My will and the clouds of My bounty from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen in the Kingdom of Names. When he came and read the letter once again, We granted what he desired through My loving-kindness and fulfilled it through My grace, and We answered what was asked by one of My servants named Muhammad-i-Baqir from the ocean of My utterance and the heaven of My mercy which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O Muhammad-i-Baqir! Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, and He hath mentioned thee in such wise as to solace the eyes of creation. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He remembereth whom He willeth and mentioneth whom remembereth Him and draweth nigh unto who draweth nigh unto Him. Rejoice thou in God's mercy and bounty. By the life of God! At the moment when the Pen moved to record this most great remembrance, the ocean of forgiveness surged in all creation and the fragrance of pardon and bounty was wafted from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto that which thou hast attained in this luminous station.

At this moment We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Taqi as a bounty from God, the Lord of the heavens and earth. We counsel thee to be steadfast and God-fearing in the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind. Beware lest anything whatsoever debar thee from the Lord of Names or cause thee to tremble at the might of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desire, for having remembered me on a day when griefs assailed Thee from every direction through what was wrought by the transgressors against trustworthiness and religion. Thereby have hearts melted and tears flowed while the people remain in evident ignorance. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy tribulation and sorrow and imprisonment to ordain for me that which shall adorn me with the ornament of Thy love in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Ibrahim! The All-Knowing maketh mention of thee from this exalted station which God hath made the seat of His Throne on this manifest Day. When thou hast drunk the Kawthar of My remembrance and been illumined by the lights of My utterance, say: My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having

strengthened me to turn towards Thee on a day when fire was kindled among the wicked and tyranny was manifested by those who committed what caused the near ones to cry out in a glorious station. O Lord! Thou seest me awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and watching for the manifestations of Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee by Thy greatness, which Thou hast made the garment of Thy Temple, to ordain for me that which shall be with me and aid me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who is named Mahdi and give him glad tidings through this wondrous Remembrance. O Mahdi! Magnify in My name the faces of My loved ones. We counseled them before and counsel them now concerning the trust wherewith God hath adorned the temples of those near unto Him and the sincere ones, and whereby God hath tested His servants in His earth. Blessed is he who is illumined by its light and adorned with its radiance, and woe unto the heedless. O people of God! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through the hosts of deeds and character, not by sword and spear. Thus have ye been commanded by the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Say: My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having remembered me through Thy grace and guided me through Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and a helper of Thy Faith through the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the Possessor of great wisdom. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We make mention on this day of the servants of God who are related to thee, that they may rejoice in the turning of the Wronged One towards them from the direction of His mighty prison. O My loved ones and My friends! Hear My call from this distant place. He remembereth you with that which buildeth, through the hands of loving-kindness and favor, lofty palaces and elevated dwellings. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Generous, the Merciful. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Commander, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, Glorified be His Majesty and Power!

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books to guide mankind to the horizon of justice and to acquaint them with that which would exalt their stations and conditions, until the Divine Message culminated with the Seal of the Prophets and the Beloved of the Chosen Ones, unto whom the All-Merciful revealed His Book, the Furqan, and made it the decisive Word between the peoples. Therein was revealed that which draweth the servants nigh unto Him and acquainteth them with the mysteries of the Return. Peace and blessings be upon those who were set ablaze by the fire of His exalted Word and turned toward the Supreme Horizon in such wise that neither the veils of the oppressors nor the might of the pharaohs could deter them. They spoke in the name of the All-Merciful throughout creation - these are servants who are knowing, steadfast, honored, mindful, and detached. Through them the heavenly table was sent down, the Dove cooed, all things spoke forth, and that which was hidden in the Kingdom of Names was made manifest. Exalted, exalted be their station! Exalted, exalted be their glory, their

submission, their humility, and their self-effacement! These are servants through whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the sun of proof shone forth. The rapture of the Manifestation seized them in such wise that they sacrificed their souls and all they possessed in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thereafter, this servant attained unto your letter, whereby the gate of joy was opened, adorned as it was with the remembrance and praise of God. By thy life, O beloved of my heart! The rapture of your love seized me upon reading it, such that I praised and thanked God for having aided and enabled you to remain steadfast in His Cause, to arise to serve Him, and to occupy yourselves with His remembrance and praise. When I discovered the musk-like fragrance of inner meanings in the words of your letter, I presented it before His countenance, and after it was favored with His hearing, the Tongue of the Beloved - may my spirit and all existence be offered up for His sake - spoke thus: "O thou who art present! We have heard their call, their remembrance, and their communing with God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One maketh mention of them and commandeth them to that which is praiseworthy in all circumstances, and counseleth them with that which God hath revealed in the Book. We pray for them at all times and beseech God to send down upon them from the heaven of His grace that which beseemeth His glory, His grandeur, His bounty, His generosity, and His favors, and to ordain for them from His Most Exalted Pen a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds." Thus did His words end.

O beloved of my heart! The exalted letter arrived and the petitions and missives were received. God willing, replies to all shall gradually be sent. I beseech the Impregnable Truth that He may, at all times, cause that beloved one and those honored ones - upon them be 66+9 [Baha'u'llah] - to drink from the Euphrates of His mercy. Praise be to God! The lamp of loving-kindness is bright and luminous, the sun of grace is radiant, the door of hope is opened, and the carpet of generosity is spread wide. It is hoped that the friends of God will, at every moment, receive their portion from the outpourings of the True Bestower. Verily, He is the Giver, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Generous. If they inquire about conditions in this land, praise be to God, outward bounties are present, for rain has fallen and the earth is ready to bring forth vegetation. However, this servant has no knowledge of inward bounties. Knowledge is with God, the Goal of all worlds. This much doth this servant beseech: may He bestow both outward and inward bounties upon all and cause them to attain unto His infinite outpourings.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory], it brought complete joy, for through God's grace and favor he has attained to service safe and sound. When mention was made of him, it was stated: "God willing, may he be confirmed in that which is befitting, may he speak that which is worthy, and may he act in accordance with that which is acceptable." All counsel is manifest in these words and concealed within these words. The Wronged One sends His greetings to him and counsels him in that which will profit him in this world and the next. From this evanescent servant convey greetings and praise. God willing, may he ever drink from the fountain of grace and be occupied with the mention of the One True God.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Hasan from the people of Ya, they should certainly proceed towards Iran. This has been and is beloved. If they have not yet departed, permission is now granted. Placing their

trust in God and holding fast to His cord, they should proceed directly towards Iran. This is better for them if they act upon what they have been commanded. The Glory be upon you and upon the beloved of the heart, Aqa Siyyid ’Abdu’l-Baha, and upon the spirit of the heart, His Holiness Muhammad, and upon the loved ones of God and His friends in that place.

The honored beloved, Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, also wrote a letter to this evanescent one. God willing, may he attain to the special favors of God, exalted be His glory. God is witness and testifier that he has been and is in view. If this servant had found opportunity, he would have sent numerous letters to Aqa ’Ali and Haji Siyyid [Taqi], upon them be [Baha’u’llah’s glory], and all the gentlemen who are present in that land. The purpose of these words is to express this servant’s yearning and [ardent love] in service to the friends of God, otherwise I have not considered and do not consider myself worthy of mention. The command is in God’s hand, the Lord of all worlds. Then the Glory and Peace and Praise be upon you and upon those who love you and give ear to your words.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Secret. He is the One at Whose revelation the Kingdom of Utterance appeared amidst all creation, whereupon the Throne was established and the All-Merciful was seated thereon. He spoke the Primal Word, whereby all things between earth and heaven were transformed. Thereupon the near ones, the sincere ones, and the monotheists turned towards the highest heaven, which is the station of certitude and assurance, while the opposers and the polytheists turned towards the nethermost depths, which is the station of rejection and denial. Exalted is God Who distinguished between all created things through a word from His presence. He is the Almighty Whom the might of kings hath not weakened and Whom armies have not hindered. He hath spoken as He desired and revealed what He wished through His command and His sovereignty. He is the One to Whose sovereignty all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and power all existence hath borne witness. He hath subdued the world through a word from His presence and cast aside the nations for turning away from His countenance, save those who cast away vain imaginings and turned towards the horizon of certitude in the name of their Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names, Creator of the heavens and Maker of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of knowledge surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was diffused, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of Utterance, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will enable Thy servants to arise for Thy remembrance and service. Then assist them in such wise that the clamor of the people shall not prevent them from turning unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest as Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O My loved one! The servant hath attained unto thy letter and perceived from it the sweet fragrances of thy love for our Beloved and your Beloved, the Object of desire of all in the heavens and the earth. When

it was read and its contents known, I approached the Sanctuary of the Supreme Concourse, attained the presence of the Throne, and presented what was therein. Thereupon the Tongue of the Beloved spoke that which attracteth hearts, saying:

God willing, may they be blessed by divine grace and illumined by the lights of His countenance. May they speak with perfect wisdom and utterance in praise of the Beloved of all possibility, and may they not be saddened that suitable means are not readily available. All power, might, bounty, mercy and grace are directed towards the friends of Truth, and shall be manifested as circumstances require. Should they reflect upon the Divine Manifestations, they would become aware of what hath been mentioned. The heedless and sleeping servants are observed - were but a single cry to be raised, all would suddenly perish. One must speak with moderation and act with wisdom, that the heedless may be adorned with the robe of understanding and the sleeping ones may be graced with the ornament of wakefulness. I swear by the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, were that which is concealed to be revealed, thou wouldst observe all to be seekers, aspirants, and those who turn towards God. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, Who created thee, sustained thee, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of reunion. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what you wrote about the letter M, it was mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. He said: "Today he must hold fast to that which will ensure his salvation and deliverance in this world and the next. If he acts upon what We have commanded, he will surely attain unto that which God has intended. We have made mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, Independent of the mention of all the worlds." Beseech God that He may assist him to that which befits this blessed Day. Would that he had comprehended the Day of God! Should he attain unto this station, he would attain unto that which is intended. This much has been revealed in the Book of God through your intercession. Although comprehension of this station is difficult at present, as he does not reflect, yet this Word is greater than all that he has seen and heard of earthly ornaments and riches. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Manifest. In any case, one must proceed and speak with wisdom, that perchance they may discover and hold fast unto that which is best for them.

In all circumstances it is best that that spiritual friend be mindful of wisdom and act with wisdom, for if there be lack of wisdom they will not draw near to hear the Word of Truth. Ere long the Hand of Divine Power shall reveal that which He has willed. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

His honor Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, brought your letter which you had sent to him, and it was seen. This evanescent servant beseeches the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, that He may assist you to mention Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause, and that He may sanctify the people of the world from the defilement of self and desire, and lead them to true tranquility, which is the station of certitude in God. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree - may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - remember you with wondrous praise and sublime glorification, and likewise those who circle round and stand before the Throne convey their sincere greetings. Glory be upon you

and upon those who have cast away what they possessed and taken hold of that which was commanded by God, the Almighty, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of Him Who is exalted in His majesty and power!

Praise be to God Who sent down the Torah, the Gospel, and the Furqan. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who through the Criterion distinguished between religions and made it the dawning-place of His commandments, the dayspring of His ordinances, the manifestation of His knowledge, and the source of His utterance among His servants and creation. Through it the oceans of knowledge and wisdom surged, and the rivers of the Law flowed, and through it every seated one arose and every sleeping one awakened. And blessings and peace be upon God's lamp among His servants and His light throughout the lands, through whom every seeker recognized his goal, every searcher found his desire, and every wayfarer his straight path, and upon his family and companions whom God made the dawning-places of His power and the daysprings of His might, with abundant and great peace.

Thereafter, the distinguished letter addressed to this evanescent servant arrived and after being read and reviewed was presented before the face of the Lord. These exalted words were revealed in response from the Dawning-Place of knowledge and wisdom: "O Husayn! Thy letter hath arrived and was read by him who serveth Me. We found from it the fragrance of thy love and thy mention and thy utterance for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon thee from the heaven of His grace that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say:

"Glory be unto Thee, O God of the Throne and earth and Lord of all mankind! I beseech Thee by the Zamzam and the ?afa, and by Thy House around which circle they who dwell in the kingdom of creation and which the sincere ones seek by Thy command, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me through Thy grace and bounty that which Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere servants and Thy near ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the court of Thy grace and directing myself to the lights of Thy countenance, and I desire naught but what Thou hast desired through Thy bounty and favor. I beseech Thee by the Seal of Thy Prophets and the Manifestations of Thy power among Thy creation to assist me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and to ordain for me the good of the Hereafter and of this world, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all things. O my Lord! The tongue of my inner being and my outer being and my limbs testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast created all beings through a word from Thee and brought forth all existence through a will from Thy presence. Thou art He Whom the manifestations of power and might cannot frustrate, nor can the objections of creation prevent Thee. Through Thy Name, O my God, the gate of relief was opened before the faces of Thy loved ones, and the rivers of Thy knowledge flowed among Thy creation. I beseech Thee to forgive me and my father and my mother and those who are with me. Verily, Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of Thy name, the All-Merciful, wafted. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril."

Praise be to God, they have attained to the circumambulation of the House and performed the rites without doubt, and have been and are in the vicinity of the House of God. This evanescent one has sought and continues to seek prayers from that honored one. The prayers of the friends are answered. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

When remembrance occurs, forget not this servant. If but the faintest breath of the zephyr of mercy should pass, the transgressions of the world would vanish from sight. By the confession and acknowledgment of all the Prophets and the chosen ones, His mercy has preceded all else, and His grace has exceeded the power of pen and utterance to recount. His generosity has encompassed all who exist, and His bounty has enveloped the world. With such a Generous One, no matter is difficult or arduous. While the world and humankind exist, were we to give thanks, it would be as naught before His bestowal.

God willing, may your honor be ever engaged in the remembrance and praise of the One desired by all the worlds. At one time He said: "Write to Haji - upon him be greetings - that mention of this Wronged One is not permitted among the servants, for whatever is said in relation to this Wronged One, they interpret according to their own desires." God is witness and testifier that there has been and is no thought save the good of the nations and the reformation of the world. We have ever bidden unto righteousness and forbidden wrongdoing. Nevertheless, at times We have been imprisoned, at times incarcerated, and at times exiled, and so We remain. Yet We would not exchange an atom of what We have endured in God's path for all the treasures of kings and rulers. Abasement in the path of the Friend is an enduring glory, and hardship in His way has been and ever shall be a blessing. In all conditions We have committed Our affairs to Him and have placed Our trust in Him. The Command is in His hands; He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

This evanescent one beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - to assist your honor to act according to what hath been mentioned. Praise be to God, your remembrance hath been and is in the prison. The mention of the fourteenth night which you made that evening is ever before Our eyes; the sweetness of that remembrance hath not left Our palate. God is sufficient as witness.

That which you sent arrived - it was indeed fresh and ripe, for it was taken by one who loved and sent with love. It was surely acceptable, as indeed it proved to be. And as for the Tablet that was requested, a prayer was specially bestowed for your honor. This servant has recorded it in the original letter. God willing, you will be blessed to read it. As commanded, it was also written separately and sent. Peace and mercy be upon your honor and upon God's sincere, righteous, and active servants.

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6 Rabi'ath-Thani 1305

To his excellency Haji Mulla Husayn Lari, may God's peace be upon him.

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God Who guided His servants to His straight path, informed them of His momentous announcement, and gave them glad tidings of the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, not to disappoint us from what He has ordained for His loved ones and to protect us on that Day when the heaven shall be cleft asunder, the earth shall be split, and the mountains shall pass away. Verily, He is the Generous, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom was established the sovereignty of God, His grandeur, His commandments, His laws, the encompassing nature of His power and His might, and upon His family and companions whom neither the swords of the world nor the ranks of nations frightened. They arose with limited numbers before the hosts of the world, aided the Cause of God with true victory and strove in God's path with true striving. Through them the idols were shattered and the manifestations of vain imaginings were struck down. These are the servants whom the All-Merciful described in the Furqan, whom no blame of any blamer could turn away from God. We bear witness that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and singleness, and in recognition of His grace and bounty.

Your noble letter was received, and from it I sensed the fragrance of the exalted Gate. Blessed are they who circumambulate the House and visit Yathrib and Batha. By the life of our Beloved, the people of vision would not exchange a single pebble thereof for all the jewels of the world. Verily, whenever the spirit hears mention of those places, it thrills with joy and gladness. All this is from God's grace, the Lord of lords.

The letter of that spiritual friend arrived, diffusing the fragrance of divine love. After reading and perusing it, I approached the sacred threshold and presented it before the Master. He said: "Praise be to God, you have attained and performed the circumambulation." Say:

"My God, my God! I testify to the sanctity of Thy Being above mention and utterance, and the exaltation of Thy Self above what is ordained in contingent existence. Thou hast created creation for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Manifestation of Thy Self, and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Yet when He appeared, most of Thy creation turned away from Him - among them were those who denied Him, those who objected to Him, and those who arose to shed His blood. I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Ruler of the seen and unseen, by Thy Command through which appeared the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the effulgences of the heaven of Thy grace, to ordain for this servant of Thine the good of the hereafter and of this world. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy oneness and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall accompany me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! The thirst of separation from Thee hath consumed me - where is the sweet water of Thy mercy? My transgressions have removed me far from the court of Thy nearness - where are the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness? I beseech Thee by Thy Book which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Beloved, whereby Thou didst separate truth from falsehood and light from darkness, to preserve me in all conditions from whatsoever might prevent me from turning to Thee, O Lord of mankind and Lord of the Sacred Place and Station! By Thy glory, O Desired One of the world and Worshipped One of the nations, I have desired naught from Thee except that which would make me, by night and day, speak Thy praise, utter Thy remembrance, and arise to serve Thy loved ones. Assist me, O my God, through Thy bounty and generosity; enable me, O my Beloved, through Thy power and loving-

kindness. Verily, Thou art He Whom the wishes and desires of the nations cannot frustrate. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful." [End]

Praise be to God that your honor and those with you are successful in all conditions. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of that spiritual beloved, whatsoever is worthy of His bounty. After mention of the distinguished lady upon whom be 966 [Baha'u'llah], the Master spoke:

O handmaiden of God! This Wronged One makes mention of thee and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, on thy behalf whatsoever is conducive to thy good in this world and the next. Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Give thanks to the Peerless Beloved Who guided thee and taught thee the blessed Word of Unity. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor from God. Know thou its worth and recognize its station. Praise be to God Who caused thee to associate with one who possesses true unity and spiritual knowledge. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this supreme blessing and this greatest gift. The glory from Us be upon him and upon thee and upon him who was named Muhammad-'Ali and upon the leaf whom God hath given unto you both.

This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to assist all to mention, meditation, and acceptance, as well as to deeds from which the fragrance of divine acceptance is inhaled. Now, praise be to God, your honor hath attained unto that which is the greatest cause for the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to make His grace continuous. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And likewise may He grant whatsoever is conducive to the exaltation of His Word. This evanescent one also conveys greetings to the distinguished lady and children, makes mention of them, and beseeches God for the good of this world and the next for each one. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and upon God's sincere and righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Exalted is God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath adorned the world with the Most Great Name, whereby He hath distinguished between the nations, and revealed that which lay hidden in hearts and concealed in breasts, and through which the dwellers of the grave have arisen and the decree of resurrection hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath awakened on the Day of God, concerning which the All-Merciful hath given tidings in the Qur'an, saying–and His Word is the truth–"The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." We bear witness that the Day hath truly appeared, wherein the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret do speak: "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." They who have heeded the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon are, before God, the Lord of Names, numbered among the people of Baha, while they who have turned away are but worthless creatures whose names the Pen of God, Creator of the heavens, hath refused to record. We testify that they are among the most lost in the mighty Book.

Thereafter, the Servant hath heard what befell you in the path of God, and how the fire of tyranny and hatred was kindled in those parts by the swine who have adorned themselves with turbans and robes. Woe unto them! And again, woe unto them! By God's life, their commerce hath yielded no profit, and they have lost both in this world and in the next. Soon shall they behold themselves in the abyss and shall find no helper nor supporter. Do they imagine they can extinguish the fire kindled by the hand of Power and Might? Do they suppose they can put out the light which God hath caused to shine forth from the Supreme Horizon? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! They are impotent, they are the losers, they are the deniers, they are the transgressors. God shall, through His authority, soon cast them down and exalt those who have believed in God and His signs, who have acknowledged His oneness and confessed His singleness. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

God willing, drink ye and give others to drink, at all times, of the choice wine of divine knowledge. Consider ye the consummate wisdom of God, for as hath been witnessed and continues to be seen, whatsoever the enemies of God deemed would abase His loved ones hath become the very source of their glory. Thus did certain heedless souls, imagining they could conceal the Divine Light and extinguish the Fire of His Cause, consign the Ancient Beauty to the Most Great Prison. Observe ye now how many consummate wisdoms lay hidden in this matter: that which they deemed would abase the Truth became the source of glory, and what they considered hardship proved to be the essence of ease. This is why He saith that tribulations and trials are as water for the tree of His Cause. Blessed is he who pondereth that which hath appeared from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds.

By the Sun of the horizon of utterance! Every death that hath occurred in the path of God hath been the cause of life to the world, and every destruction wrought in the way of the Friend shall be the cause of the world's construction. God willing, ye should, through divine grace and heavenly favors, be joyous at all times and occupied with service to His Cause. Convey to all the beloved in that land the greetings of this evanescent servant. Had this servant found the opportunity, he would have written a detailed letter to each of those who are adorned with the ornament of recognition. However, owing to the profusion of divine verses that must be penned, no opportunity hath been found; therefore he seeketh pardon from all. And I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that He may adorn all with the raiment of steadfastness and that they may be of those who reckon all save God as nonexistent and void, in such wise that neither the cawing of the crows nor the clamor of the prevaricators may deter them from the straight path, and that they may all attain to the lofty station of "Say: Allah; then leave them to plunge in vain discourse and trifling." For it hath been observed and continues to be seen that some of the weak ones have been deprived of the True One, glorified be His grandeur, by reason of the golden calf. God protect us and you from the evil of every deceitful detractor. Certain letters of this servant were presented to the Land of ?a, and it was specifically written that copies thereof should be sent to that land, that perchance they might cause the souls who have accepted the Faith to remain steadfast. Today steadfastness is among the greatest of all things in the sight of God. Blessed is he who is adorned with this holy and luminous raiment. Whenever the fragrance of discord is detected, this servant findeth himself bewildered, for this is a day wherein the True One Himself hath appeared from the horizon of manifestation, resplendent and evident, and the effulgences of His revelation have illumined the whole

world. Yet despite this, why should accepting souls occupy themselves with mention of this one and that? We beseech God to preserve His loved ones from the evil of every deceiver and the craftiness of every schemer, to enable them to speak His praise and to aid them to serve His Cause. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Responding One. Today all the friends must strive and endeavor that perchance some service may proceed from them that shall endure and persist. I convey greetings to his honor, thy father, upon him be the glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto divine favors, and thy letter was presented in detail before the Throne, and the Sun of grace hath risen from the horizon of utterance. God willing, may he ever be and continue to be the recipient of divine favors.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Majesty and Power!

Praise be befitting unto the Lord of existence Who brought creation into being for the sake of the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His evidences. The blessed word which shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance, the Desired One of all worlds, in the Dispensation of the Furqan bears witness to this, for He saith, glorified and exalted be He: “But for thee, I would not have created the heavens.” Absolute existence came into being through Him and was adorned with the ornament of names and attributes. The ocean of knowledge and the luminary of proof dawned and surged through Him. Were it not for Him, the pearls of inner meanings and utterance would not have appeared in the contingent world, nor would God’s pathway have been made manifest to His servants, nor would the decree of divine unity have spread throughout all lands. Exalted be His most mighty and glorious station and His most hidden and concealed mystery! And blessings and peace be upon Him and upon the Sources of revelation and the Dawning-Places of inspiration, through whom the throne of commands and laws was established, and through whom the gates of God’s mercy were opened unto all else besides Him. Glorified be the greatness of their Creator, their Fashioner, their Provider, their Purifier, their Strengthener, and their Supporter in aiding His Cause in the kingdom of creation.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. These are Thy servants and Thy creation who have borne hardships in Thy path and who have been, through nights and days, among wolves who have denied Thy favor, turned away from Thy face, and disputed Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest how this servant remembers them in all conditions and beseeches from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity that which will make them tablets of Thy remembrance among Thy creatures and scrolls of Thy names throughout Thy earth. Ordain for them, O my God, the recompense for their deeds as befitteth Thy might and grandeur, Thy bounty and grace, Thy bestowal and mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant beseeches and implores from God, exalted be His glory, that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of the station of His loved ones. Ye are remembered in all conditions and have attained the grace of His utterance. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will assist the people of unity to accomplish that which will cause the harmony of hearts and the unity of souls. I beseech Him,

exalted be He, to give you to drink, at every moment, from the Kawthar of His knowledge and the Salsabil of His love. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land, and with utmost humility and supplication, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which will increase the light of hearts and bestow from the chalice of bounty, at all times, that which is the cause of steadfastness and wondrous life. He is the All-Bountiful, Whose generosity is not prevented by the ingratitude of His servants. His gifts descend like rain, and His grace is like a surging ocean and is evident. Blessed are the people of unity whom nothing among all things, no name among all names, and no matter among all matters has prevented from turning to their Lord, the Kind, the Forgiving.

The loved ones mentioned in the letter of that honored servant were brought before Our presence, and each was blessed with the mention of the Beloved. The glances of mercy have ever been and continue to be directed towards them. May they gladden those mentioned souls through the grace of the Ever-Present Lord, so that all may gather in complete joy and delight upon the carpet of unity, and become occupied with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

That which was sent was received and accepted. Praise be to God Who assisted you to act according to His good-pleasure and enabled you to love Him, remember Him, and praise Him. Peace, glory, grace, and splendor be upon you and upon God's loved ones, His friends, and His intimates.

The Servant

18 Rajab 1306

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Praise be unto that Supreme Being Who through His appearance caused all things to proclaim "The Promised One hath come!" and through His utterance made all the trees of the most exalted Paradise speak that which the Interlocutor heard. Great is His sovereignty and mighty His proof, and there is no God but Him. And blessing and peace be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones and His loved ones who cast away what they possessed in hope of that which is with Him, and who acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

Thereafter, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your service and for your steadfastness. Your esteemed letter appeared like the horizon, from which the light of detachment shone forth resplendent. It refreshed the soul as though the fabled water of life had become manifest and its existence verified. This is the time for gratitude for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of your favors and the choice wine of your mention. After attending to it, pondering over it, reading and studying it, it was presented before the Presence of the Desired One. This is what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered:

"O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My remembrance, and My favor. Praise be to God that thou art mentioned in the nights and days, and the favor of the Truth is directed toward thee. The Wronged One

beareth witness that thou hast attained unto that which was revealed from time immemorial in the Books of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Thou didst turn to Him in the early days when the people were in manifest denial. Thou didst turn to the lights of the Countenance and wert present and didst attain unto that which cannot be equaled by whatsoever the people possess. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness unto this. The peace from Us be upon thee and upon the son who was mentioned before the Wronged One and who stood at the gate. Give him the glad-tidings of My Most Exalted Word and illumine him with the light of My wondrous utterance. And the peace that shineth forth from the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven be upon thee and upon him and upon whosoever loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy word, and upon every steadfast and upright one."

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! The wolf has seized My sheep, the oppressor has slain My she-camel, the serpent has opened wide its jaws and swallowed its Lord. The cause of that wronged One's martyrdom was His resistance to corruption.

They know what they sought and what was the intention of the oppressors. When prohibition came and there was refusal to accept what they desired of corruption, it became the cause of the setting of that Star of the heaven of truth. Yet, by the life of our Beloved, this setting is the cause of [many] risings. Were the polytheists and the heedless to become aware of this station, they would never transgress. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to patience and forbearance, and His enemies to justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

To the honored Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, I convey greetings and nothingness, and I beseech God the Most High to manifest for his honor that which will gladden his heart and the hearts of His loved ones and friends. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

To the honored brother Aqa Nuru'llah and spiritual friend Aqa Muhammad, upon them be God's loving-kindness and favor, I send greetings and seek success for each one. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and those who love you and hearken to your words in the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Servant

6 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1306

What was sent arrived and was given to those who sought it. They said it was done following the example of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, meaning it was spent on winning hearts. For some it is considered valuable, and since it had not been used until now, it was therefore bestowed upon others.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful.

Honored friend, your letter was received and it truly brought both great joy and much sorrow, as it mentioned the ill health of yourself and those upon whom be [Baha'u'llah's blessings], and likewise your esteemed brother Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Akbar, upon whom be Baha'u'llah's blessings, and also the dear friend Aqa Lutfu'llah, upon whom be [Baha'u'llah's blessings]. Indeed, "tribulation is for those who are near" has shown its face, and "the world is a prison for the believer and a paradise for the unbeliever" has become manifest and evident. This year in this land too, numerous souls have been bereft of health and afflicted with illness. Yet praise be to God, all ended well. It is certain that the friends in that land too shall be adorned with the ornament of complete healing.

Some time ago, the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Akbar submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court. A gracious reply was given and sent. Undoubtedly they have received it. The world has been seized by the dust of sorrows, and the darkness of rebellion has obscured it. People remain veiled and heedless, not having yet pondered what has been and is the cause of the triumph of the idolaters over the people of unity, why the clouds of oppression have prevented the light of the sun of justice from shining forth, where the fruits of the seeds of knowledge planted in the soil of hearts have gone, and what their yield has been. All Islamic lands are now surrounded while non-Islamic lands surround them. Indeed, how true are the words of the poet: "All this from the ill-fitted, disproportionate form."

When Adam, the father of humankind, came, he said: "O people, fear God! I have come for your salvation and give you glad tidings of the meeting with the Beloved, and guide you to the land of security." They said: "This is pure falsehood." Then another Messenger came from the True Sender and said: "Fear God!" They replied: "We see you as a liar." Thus did the Messengers come and show the way until it came to Moses. You have heard what the Pharaohs did and what the tyrants said. Despite the nine signs, they denied and strove with utmost opposition to extinguish the fire of the Blessed Tree.

Then Jesus came and said: "O people, I have come to give you glad tidings of He Who shall come after Me to complete for you what I have mentioned to you." They seized Him and intended to kill Him, but God took Him by His power and raised Him to heaven. Although these holy, pure, and steadfast souls never saw a moment's rest and were forever under the lash of enemies - consider Noah and the later Prophets such as Hud, Salih, Lot, and George - all were at all times subjected to such torments that none but God, exalted be His glory, knows of them. Yet none reflected on why these oppressed ones bore all these things.

At last the horizon of the world was illumined with the Greatest Light, the gate of grace was opened, the ocean of generosity appeared, the ornament of beginning was adorned with the name of the Seal, and the first Sun was manifested with the final Light. Blessed and exalted be His words: "But He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets." In the beginning of His Cause, He spoke nothing but the word of unity, saying: "O people, say 'There is no god but God' that you may prosper." Nevertheless, you have heard the scholars of the Torah and the Gospel and what the divines of idols have wrought! Every possessor of sight hath wept, and every possessor of a heart hath lamented. Then did His Cause appear with the utmost power and might in the world, until hearts were transformed and faces turned away from their devotion, and there came to pass what came to pass, as ye see and hear. This evanescent one beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may deliver all from their deep slumber and rend

asunder the veils that blind their eyes. He is the Omnipotent, He is the All-Powerful. The Command is God's, the Lord of all names.

May the honored Sabri Effendi, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, ever abide beneath the shadow of the care of the Eternal Beloved in tranquility and peace. Convey to him greetings and expressions of sincere devotion from this evanescent servant. The other loved ones have never been, nor shall ever be, effaced from memory; they have ever been and shall continue to be remembered. To them also do I send greetings and salutations. To the apple of our eye, Inayatu'llah, and his sister and mother, upon them be peace, do I send salutations and give them the glad-tidings of the bounties and favors of the True One, exalted be His glory.

The degrees of humility, submissiveness, self-effacement and nothingness of your honor and your household have been mentioned in the Most Exalted Station and before the dwellers of the pavilion of infallibility. Whenever the letter of that honored friend arrived, this servant was specifically present and made mention of it, and tokens of loving-kindness were manifested from each of the Daysprings of light. This is a glad-tiding from the servant to you, both now and hereafter. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

The Servant

17 Safar 1301

The delay in sending the letter was due to the absence of rock candy. Two days ago, very excellent rock candy was obtained from a certain place and was sent.

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In My Name, the Stranger, the Wronged One

The days have been honored, O my God, by the days which Thou hast named Ha. Each day thereof Thou hast made a herald and messenger to announce unto men the days whereon Thou hast prescribed fasting for Thy creatures and Thy servants, that each soul may prepare for their arrival, designate a place for them in his heart, and purify it through Thy name, the Lord, for their descent upon him. O God of existence, and Sovereign over all that is seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Excellent Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, and by the Manifestations of Thy Cause in the Kingdom of Creation and the Daysprings of Thy Revelation in the Realm of Eternity, to rain down upon those who have fasted in Thy love the showers from the clouds of Thy mercy and the effusions from the heaven of Thy grace. O Lord! Withhold not from them the recompense of what they have wrought in Thy love and for Thy pleasure.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names, Creator of the heavens, Author of Names, Sovereign of Names, and Raiser and Preserver of the firmament, to open unto the faces of those who have bowed before Thy command the gates of Thy bounty, Thy mercy, and Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! They are the poor, and with Thee are the oceans of wealth; they are the weak, and Thou art the Powerful through Thy might and

the Triumphant through Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Thou seest their eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy bestowals and their hearts turned toward the direction of Thy gifts. Look, O my God, upon the hearts which Thou hast made the thrones of Thy sovereignty and the dawning-places for the manifestation of the lights of Thy love. Sprinkle upon them, O my God, from the ocean of Thy generosity that which shall make them the manifestations of this Name amongst Thy servants.

O Lord! Aid them in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted in Thy realm. Then make manifest through them that which shall immortalize their names in Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion. O Lord! They are they who have been consumed by the fire of Thy love in Thy lands and have witnessed every hardship in Thy path and have tasted every bitterness, hoping for the honey of bounty from the heaven of Thy generosity. O Lord! They are they who have borne in Thy love what none among Thy servants and creatures have borne. O Lord! The sincere ones are consumed by the fire of separation from Thee - where is the fountain of Thy presence? The near ones have perished in the desert of remoteness from Thee - where then is the sweet water of reunion with Thee?

Hear, O my God, the sighing of Thy lovers, and dost Thou see, O my Beloved, what hath befallen them that long for Thee? By Thy Self! Thou hearest and seest, and Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thou art He Who, O my God, didst announce unto all my days and my manifestation, and didst make every Book of Thy Books a herald of my Name between earth and heaven, giving glad tidings of the appearance of Thy Most Glorious Beauty. Yet when the world was illumined with the lights of the Most Great Name, each party clung to one of Thy names, and thereby remained heedless of the ocean of Thy knowledge, the sun of Thy wisdom, and the heaven of Thy recognition.

O my God and the God of all things, the Educator of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, and by Thy Beauty, the Shining, the Treasured, to adorn Thy loved ones with the vesture of trustworthiness among all creatures, and deprive them not of this most exalted station and this most holy, most mighty, most glorious attribute. For Thou hast made it a sun in the heaven of Thy decree and an ornament in the book of Thy laws, and through it is manifested the sanctification of Thy Essence from all surmises and imaginings, and the exaltation of Thy Self above whatsoever hath occurred to the hearts of men. O Lord! Send down upon Thy loved ones from the heaven of Thy grace that which shall purify them from the mention of any one except Thee. Then grant them the chalice of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty and generosity, lest intimations debar them from the direction of Thy manifestation. O Lord! Through Thy name, the All-Bountiful, hath shone forth the luminary of my hope, and through Thy name, the Most Generous, hath been raised the hand of my supplication. By Thy glory, O Beloved of my heart and Goal of my desire! I acknowledge at this moment Thy generosity, even shouldst Thou deny me all that is in Thy earth and Thy heaven. My limbs and members, my blood and flesh, my skin and hair all testify to Thy bounty and favor, even shouldst Thou banish me from Thy realms and lands and render me in need of the meanest thing in Thy kingdom. By Thy might, O Fire of the world and Light of the nations! My tongue and heart cry out and confess Thy pardon and forgiveness, even shouldst Thou torment me throughout the duration of Thy sovereignty. How can one who acknowledgeth not this confess that Thou art the Praised One in Thy deeds and the Obeyed One in Thy command? O Lord! Thou seest how the fire of Thy love hath encompassed me and taken full possession of my heart and my being. O Lord! Have mercy on him who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and held fast to the hem of Thy

generosity, who hath found solace in Thy remembrance and circled round Thy will, who hath fasted in Thy love and broken his fast at Thy bidding, and who hath fled from his own self, taking refuge in the stronghold of Thy protection. O my God, my Lord and my Support! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, aid them to act in accordance with Thy good-pleasure, and acquaint them, O my God, with the reward of their deeds which Thou hast ordained in Thy kingdom and dominion and in the worlds which none knoweth save Thyself and which none can reckon except Thy knowledge. O Lord! I am he who standeth before Thy gate and gazeth toward Thy most exalted horizon, hoping for Thy grace for Thy loved ones and anticipating Thy favors for Thy chosen ones. Ordain, O my God, for each of Thy servants that which shall make him well-pleased with Thee, turning unto Thee, steadfast in Thy Cause, drinking the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty, and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love and affection in such wise that he shall see all else as non-existent at the dawning of the Sun of Thy Revelation and as null before the manifestations of the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Write down for Thy loved ones, with Thy Most Exalted Pen which no obliteration can touch, the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Possessor of the Throne and the dust, the All-Manifest One Who gazeth from Thy most glorious horizon. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Lord.

The Dove of Utterance hath cooed upon the twigs of mystic knowledge: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a word uttered by the tongue of the Lord of Names after the passing away of all things. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. This is a day wherein the powers have risen against the Islamic Faith, whereby the foundations have been shaken and the people are in manifest loss. They have reaped what they have sown in their vain life, to which every discerning sage doth testify.

Tribulation hath encompassed the world. If perchance some good be observed therein, a great calamity is seen to follow, the cause and reason for which none among the dwellers of earth hath comprehended. The Lord of the Messengers and the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said: “A time shall come when no one’s faith shall remain secure except for those who flee from peak to peak and from stone to stone.” Likewise, Isaiah the Prophet hath spoken concerning the severity of these days: “Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.” This blessed verse he hath mentioned thrice, and this is the greatest proof and mightiest evidence of the severity of these days and the greatness of God’s Cause. In another passage he saith: “And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.” And further he saith: “To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.”

Were this evanescent one to undertake mentioning the references from divine books and scriptures that have been sent down from the Kingdom of Will upon the Prophets and chosen ones, it would surely result in a book larger than all existing books. In truth, these are momentous days, for the fire of sedition is

ablaze in the world, and cities and lands are besieged under the might of great cannons and in upheaval. Such means have been assembled in the world that the mighty ones of the age do whatever they are capable of doing. The intoxication of pride in these fleeting days hath so seized them that they hear not the cry of the oppressed. They show no mercy to young or old. God shall requite them for what they do.

O brother! All these matters have come to pass according to the desert of people and the deeds they were engaged in beforehand. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to bestow, through His grace and mercy, penetrating vision and attentive ears, that those on earth might become aware of what behooveth them and arise to redress what hath escaped them. Now that most are observed to be heedless and are seen to be sleeping - nay, dead - in the cradle of ignorance and unknowing, perchance Israfil, by the command of the Lord of Majesty, might render assistance, or the Holy Spirit might, out of pure grace, bestow an effusion.

However, praise be to God, through divine grace and favor these servants have grown accustomed to imprisonment and are grateful in all conditions. We beseech His aid that He may, in these fleeting days, preserve His servants from all that is repugnant to His good-pleasure. This is the hope of them that hope. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Your letter was received. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the ornament of love and brought glad tidings of the well-being of the friends of God. After it was reviewed, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and loving-kindness was expressed for each one. God willing, may they be occupied with the remembrance of Truth in all conditions and be steadfast in His service.

All items sent were received in full. Praise be to God, you were confirmed in service to the Cause in days when all are heedless and veiled from it, save whom God willeth. All the deeds of the world's peoples shall one day be brought to light. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an - blessed and exalted be His words: "O my son! If it be but the weight of a mustard-seed and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth."

Those who remained heedless of what profiteth them and occupied themselves with that which causeth the Concourse on High to lament have indeed suffered loss. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Just, the Wise.

To his parents, upon them be the Glory of God, I convey greetings and praise. Praise be to God, they have been and are confirmed. Likewise to those who have turned and attained, and other friends and relatives - all have been and remain in mind. The letter from Aqa Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, was received and a reply was sent. God willing, may he be confirmed in acting upon it.

As these regions are in turmoil these days, therefore travel to this direction is not advisable. Convey greetings on my behalf and say: "Patience is the key to relief." God willing, after tranquility and assurance return to these parts, you shall attain. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have arisen and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths."

The Servant

2nd of the honored month of Shawwal 1299

This servant wrote and sent a letter in response to the missive of my master and beloved, the Name of God M.H., upon him be all 9 [Baha], His Most Glorious Glory. Please deliver it.

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This is a Book from Us to all who dwell on earth: Worship none but God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Self-Subsisting. He hath created all things for the knowledge of His Self and hath sent unto them Messengers from His presence to guide them to the True Faith - this being His way, if ye but knew it. And unto each one He gave such proofs as rendered powerless all who are in the heavens and on earth. This was irrevocably decreed until the days culminated in the Spirit, Whom He made manifest in truth and sent unto His servants to guide them unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Through Him the Kawthar of life was bestowed upon those who turned unto God and detached themselves from such as ascribed partners unto Him. Then He sent forth Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and revealed unto Him the Book to distinguish between truth and falsehood, if ye be of them that are assured. Successive centuries passed until the clouds were cleft asunder and God came with His kingdom of might, and the matter was decided by the decree of the Powerful, the Praiseworthy. He made him the Herald of Him Who was to come after, as revealed in the Bayan, if ye be of them that know. By His life! He breathed naught save mention of this Most Great Remembrance, giving unto the people glad tidings of this Hidden Pearl, and the Dove of the Bayan warbled not save in My praise and glorification, as witnessed by such servants as are endowed with insight. Each day He took from all on earth a covenant concerning My presence and gave them glad tidings of meeting Me, until His days were fulfilled and the appointed time came. Then was revealed God's hidden treasure and His concealed Command. The people of the Bayan waxed proud against Him - some denied and turned away, some arose in hypocrisy, and some pronounced their verdict against Him. Thus was it with the Beauty of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people! I know not by what proof ye have turned away from this Cause, by what evidence ye have hesitated concerning it, and by what testimony ye have grown proud and become of them that deny - after that every matter was made dependent upon His leave, as was revealed by the Primal Point in the Tablet of Divine Decree, wherein moved the Most Exalted Pen by the will of God, the Mighty, the Beloved, the All-Loving. Naught was revealed in the Bayan but reached its consummation in this Most Great Remembrance, would ye but judge fairly. All were commanded not to be veiled at the time of His manifestation by the Bayan and what was revealed therein, inasmuch as not a single letter was revealed therein except concerning this transcendent, mighty, and beloved Cause. His purpose was none other than that ye should not cling to it in His days, nor adduce such proofs as were adduced by the people of the Furqan, and before them the people of the Gospel and the Psalms. For at the time of each Manifestation, every people clung to the words revealed aforetime, and thereby opposed God unknowingly. Reflect upon the books of old and what was revealed therein concerning the signs of the Manifestation. By God! Thou shalt find naught save symbols and allusions, if ye would but understand. In this there lieth a wisdom known to none save God, Who created all things according to a fixed decree. However, He Who came with the name of 'Ali rent asunder the veils, dispelled the clouds of glory, and

cried out with the loudest voice between earth and heaven. He spoke, and His word was most sweet, saying: “Verily, I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon!” Then His spirit ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, the station of glorious might, having remembered Me in His days and spoken in My praise, moved by My eagerness, gazing toward the horizon of My good-pleasure, turning unto the sanctuary of My nearness and the Kaaba of My reunion, even as ye read in the Bayan. And if He decreed in the Bayan a decree, He desired naught by it save My decree, and if He revealed therein stories, He intended naught from them save My manifestation and the establishment of My Cause. Yet when I came from the dawning-place of authority, those servants who claimed belief in Him and in God’s Messengers of old denied Me. Thus doth God reveal what is hidden in the breasts. Whoso gazeth into the Bayan and pondereth upon it will weep and lament over this Wronged One, the Imprisoned. Say: O people! Reflect upon what hath been revealed in this Revelation from God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then ponder upon what was revealed in the Books of old which were sent down unto God’s Messengers and the Manifestations of His Cause, that ye may perchance recognize the purpose of God and that ye may find it. And thou, O servant, forget not the Cause of God and His favors which have descended from the heaven of mighty exaltation. Remember within thyself, then remind the people, that through thee perchance dead souls may be quickened. Drink thou the Kawthar of grace from the hands of the youths in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and be thou of them that are filled with joy. Thus have We commanded thee in truth as a favor from Us unto thee and unto them that are sincere. Glorify on God’s behalf thy brother’s countenance, that his spirit may be renewed through God’s glorification, the Mighty, the Praised. Say: O servant! We love that thou shouldst spend thy days in the remembrance of God and in praise of Him. This is better for thee than that which is witnessed. Speak forth My mention amongst My creatures, that perchance they may walk in the paths of justice. Grieve not over anything, but put thy trust in God, thy Lord, in all matters. Verily, He will be with thee at all times if thou art with Him. Thus hath it been inscribed in the preserved tablets of glory. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those whom the might of every oppressor hath not hindered from this purified, sanctified, and extended path.

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In the Name of the Grief-Stricken Stranger!

Alas, alas, O Sovereign of Fidelity! Alas, alas, O King of Justice in all creation! Do we see Thee imprisoned in the hands of the most wicked of men, or do we see Thee martyred in the path of God, Lord of all beings? By Thy glory, O Most Exalted Letter ?a, grievous is it to the people of Baha to hear what hath befallen Thee in Thy love for God, Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. Grievous is it to the Most Great Name to behold the world yet not behold Thee, to hear the clamor of the nations yet not hear Thy cry nor Thy whispered prayer. By God’s life! All things lament Thy tribulations, and the Supreme Pen weepeth between the fingers of the Lord of Names. We testify that he who hath risen to harm Thee is among those who have disbelieved in God throughout all ages, the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former times. Thou art He through whom the brocade of the Book of Fidelity was adorned in the kingdom of creation, and through whom the temple of servitude was embellished among the Manifestations of

Names. Perdition unto the people who wronged Thee after the balance of justice was established through Thee in the days of Thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Thus have We mentioned Thee before, and at this hour from My Most Exalted Pen.

He is the Wronged One!

Alas, alas, O God of Mercy! Thou hast ever consoled Thy servants whom afflictions have touched in Thy days, but today who shall console Thee in this calamity before which all calamities bow down, this sorrow that hath stunned all sorrows? I would see Thee, O Wronged One of the horizons, consoling Thy chosen ones in hardship and tribulation, but from this day who shall console Thee in this anguish that hath transformed the lands and melted hearts? Alas beyond all alas - an alas that hath shaken the world and melted the hearts of nations - to see Thee in such grief that Thou desirest not to hear mention of Paradise, much less to behold what hath been recorded therein of Thy bounties and favors. O Lord! The fire of injustice hath been kindled in the world; where is the light of Thy justice, O Lord of eternity? By Thy glory, O Thou Wronged and Imprisoned One, grievous is it to me to see the temple of justice beneath the talons of tyranny, and grievous is it to me to see the Dayspring of Fidelity in the hands of the wicked. I know not, O my God and God of earth and heaven, whether He hath drunk the cup of martyrdom or remaineth yet subject to the will of those through whom the standards of oppression were raised among all creatures. By Thy sovereignty, O Beloved of existence and Goal of the seen and unseen! Were the eyes of the world to weep and the hearts of nations to burn, it would not suffice for this catastrophe wherein all things hear the outcry of Thy heart and the lamentation of Thy soul. I testify that this is a calamity that can neither be recorded by the pen nor described by the tongue. The matter is in God's hands, the Lord of all possibility.

He is the Faithful Herald!

O Land of Sad! Where is he who loved God and His chosen ones? Where is he who stood firm in His service in every circumstance? Where is he who shone forth from the horizon of fidelity like the sun rising from the celestial horizon? Where is my trust in thee? Didst thou deliver him into the hands of enemies, or did he sacrifice his soul in the path of God, the Lord of Names? Tell me what the people have done to him through whom God's Cause was made manifest among the servants and the horizon of loving-kindness dawned in all lands. Tell me truly: Where is the Most Great Trust? Where is he who circled round God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below? Where is that spirit who appeared in human form to serve God, the Lord of destiny?

O Land of Sad! This Tree of Love with its twigs, branches, leaves and fruits crieth out and saith: By Thy beauty, O Lord of Baha and Beloved of Ha, I am powerless to recount what I have witnessed from the enemies. By Thy glory, I am ashamed to relate what the people have done to their Master, their Lord, their Helper and their Strengthener. How can I speak of that which grieveth Thy heart, O Thou Desire of earth and heaven? Whenever I attempt to speak, weeping preventeth me, and Thou art the Knower of secrets and whispered confidences. By Thy glory, O my Sovereign! Were I to be commanded to perish, it would be dearer to me than to mention and recount before Thee that which causeth sorrow in days which Thou hadst made dawning-places of joy for Thy loved ones and daysprings of gladness for the people of Thy realm. This, despite my certitude in the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy will, the

penetration of Thy purpose and the all-encompassing nature of Thy power. Would that I had never existed and had not seen Thee grieved, O Lord of nations and Sovereign of eternity!

O Region of Sad! Why do I behold and hear its beauty and roaring, yet see not my she-camel nor hear her moaning? Is she in the garden above the earth or beneath it? O gardens of that city, where is the breeze of God that wafteth over thee, and where is the fruit of God within thee? Hath it been cut off, or hath it fallen? By God, the people are in manifest error. They have slain her after she had given them to drink of the purest milk from the breast of God's wisdom, the Lord of the worlds.

O My Name Ha! We concealed thy station while thou wert in the world due to the weakness of the servants. But when thou didst ascend, We unveiled thee and revealed what thou wert and what God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, had bestowed upon thee. Blessed is he who loved thee, found solace in thee, heard thy call, thy mention and thy praise, and sought thy resting-place and turned toward thy countenance for the sake of God, thy Beloved, thy Purpose and thy Manifestation. Blessed is every seeker who seeketh thy most exalted station and thy most glorious abode, who standeth before thy sepulchre and visiteth thee with what hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen and uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur in the prison of Akka. Joy be to him who remembereth thy days and what appeared from thee in the love of God, thy Lord, and who relateth to the people what befell thee in thy Lord's Cause. By the life of God, he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in a noble Tablet. O My Name Ha! Thou wert a stranger in thy homeland, a captive in thy place, and oppressed and lonely among the servants. Blessed is the land which God hath made the resting-place of thy body, and the city from whose horizon thou didst shine forth in the days of thy Lord. It behooveth every lover to remember thee with what God hath remembered thee in His Tablets. We beseech Him by thee to send down upon His loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Kind.

He is the Consoler, the Comforter, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having transformed joy into grief and pitched the tents of sorrow on Thy Day of Ridvan. By Thy glory, I complain not of what hath befallen me in Thy path. By Thy name, O Lord of Names, tribulation in Thy love is my beloved, my purpose and the companion of my heart. Yet I desire to inform the world of how the Supreme Fruit hath fallen from the Tree of Faithfulness, when it was encompassed by tempestuous winds from the right hand of Thy decree and seized by the power of destiny from Thy pen of execution. O Lord! The ocean of sorrows hath surged in Thy days of joy, and the fragrance of grief hath wafted forth on Thy day of gladness. Hath the star of Thy name Ha set from the horizon of Sad, or is it in the clutches of the enemies who have cast behind their backs Thy Covenant, O Lord of Names?

O Land of Sad! Doth My Name walk upon thy surface, or hath anything of Mine abode within thy bosom? O Earth! How canst thou be at rest when the sea surgeth in thy depths, and how canst thou be radiant when the star hath set from thy horizon? O Land of Sad! Where is thy lamp, and where thy path, and where the spring of God that flowed within thee, and where the Tree beneath whose shade God made a refuge for them that came, for them that sought, and for the wayfaring?

By God, O My Name Ha! At thy calamity the Most Exalted Pen hath halted, and the dwellers of the cities of names have lamented, and the hearts of the near ones have been consumed. Thou art the one who accepted no ransom in thy love for God, the Lord of the hereafter and of the first beginning. Time and again didst thou implore God concerning that which befell thee, and thou art recorded as the supreme sacrifice in the Crimson Book. Do the people imagine they have profited by what they have done? Nay, by the Lord of Names! By God's life, they have lost with a loss the like of which hath never been witnessed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust.

The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness that thou hast gained in thy commerce, and by My life, all gain is thine, for thou hast forsaken the world whose atoms testify to its transience, and hast turned toward the Dayspring of eternity, and hast spent thy spirit in thy longing for the love of God, Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names. By thy life, O My Name! Through thy calamity have the calamities of the near ones been effaced, and through it have wept the eyes of the chosen ones and the Concourse on High, reaching such a state that the Ancient Beauty hath been saddened among the nations. Hadst thou been present before the Wronged One in thy outward temple and witnessed in what state the Most Exalted Pen commemorateth thy tribulations, thou wouldst have wailed as waileth the bereaved in the kingdom of creation. Alas, alas, O My Name Ha! Alas, alas, O My Name that hath dawned from the horizon of faithfulness! Alas, that hath caused oceans to flow from eyes and hath consumed hearts and souls! Thou art the one through whom the tale of sacrifice was renewed and that which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in His mighty Book was made manifest.

O Land of Sad! Be truthful with Me and tell Me: Where is God's She-Camel that walked upon thy slopes and grazed in thy meadows? Doth she graze today, or have the enemies of God and of His chosen ones and servants hamstrung her? Then tell Me, did she drink and ascend, or did she ascend to the Most Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Companion while yet thirsting? Then tell Me, was there anyone after her to guard her house and gather her people and calm their agitation and strengthen their hearts and console them in their affliction and comfort them in their sorrow and distress? At this point and at this hour, we must say: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds. Verily, we are God's, and verily, unto Him do we return.

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones in the days of Thy Manifestation, and beholdest what they have endured in their love for Thee and for Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! The annals of the world proclaim the abasement of Thy loved ones and the glory of Thine enemies, and the books of all nations testify to the weakness of Thy chosen ones and the might of those who have denied Thy signs. Thou hearest, O my God, at this hour, my lamentation and my communion with Thee, my remembrance and my supplication, voiced by them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy creation and them that have recognized Thy unity among Thy creatures. By Thy glory, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of might and Dominion of heaven! I am assured that abasement in Thy path is a glory that cannot be compared with the glory of those that dwell on earth, and that the fire of Thy love is a light that cannot be obscured by the veils of the nations. Even should I quaff, O my God, at every moment the cup of tribulation from the hands of the enemies, the thirst of my longing and the ardor of

my desire would not be quenched. Verily, he who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy love and been seized with the intoxication of the wine of Thy knowledge, nothing on earth can dismay him, nor can any affair divert his gaze from the horizon of Thy manifestation, Thy Most Glorious Beauty, and Thy most exalted and sublime station. Verily, My Most Exalted Pen desireth to raise at all times its cry, its call, and its lament in this calamity which hath caused the denizens of Paradise and the dwellers of the highest Paradise to weep, and it hath reached such a state that the tongue of the Manifestation of Thy Cause, the Ocean of Thy knowledge, and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation lamenteth over it in manifestation of His grace, His mercy and His faithfulness.

O thou who bearest the name of ?a! Thou art in the highest Paradise, thy head adorned with the crown of thy Lord's favor, the Lord of all names, while Thy loved ones are in such grief that the clouds weep for them night and day. Wilt thou unveil the face of Thy Cause, or conceal it as thy Lord hath concealed it in His wisdom? Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Through thee was manifested the Most Great Sacrifice, and its decree was established among the nations. O thou who bearest the name of ?a! By God! Through thee hath shone forth the horizon of faithfulness and appeared that whereby God's Cause, the Creator of the heavens, hath been spread abroad. Blessed is the eye that hath wept for thy tribulations, and the ear that hath heard thy praise, and the face that hath turned toward thee, and the soul that hath hastened until it reached thy resting-place - that station which hath been honored by thy noble body and thy sacred and glorious temple. By God's life! Hearts have melted at thy calamity and livers have been rent asunder at thy affliction.

O Land of Sad! I adjure thee by the Beloved to tell Me: Hath the fragrance of the Beloved been cut off from thee - that fragrance whereby the scent of the garment was diffused among the people of holiness? And doth He lie prostrate beneath the claws of every ungodly one who hath denied God and His signs, and turned away from His countenance and His sovereignty? O Breeze of Sad! Hast thou come from the presence of the Beloved to the loved ones with tidings whereat spirits would rejoice, or with news that would cause hearts to melt? O breeze of My land and My soul! I perceive not from thee the fragrance of him who loved Me, as though he had taken flight from the branch of this world to the Most Exalted Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon. O thou who bearest My name! Blessed is the eye that hath wept for thy tribulations, whereby he who beareth the name of ?a crieth out in the land of ?aff, saying: "O bearer of the name of ?a! By thy life! Through thy calamity have my calamities, my sorrows, my grief and my affliction been renewed."

O land of the City! Remember what befell Him and His brother when they appeared before the assembly of the tyrannical ones who found not the fragrance of justice and arose in oppression. By God! Through them was established the Word of God which issued from the mouth of the Divine Will upon the throne of manifestation. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "I and those in Paradise, by the Most Great Truth, yearn for a soul that hath been martyred in His path." Thus did the Truth speak and that which was hidden in God's knowledge was revealed. My tongue beareth witness in the kingdom of Mine utterance that they were martyred in My path, and for them did My heart and My pen lament, as did those who circle round My throne and soar in the atmosphere of My nearness and drink the choice wine of My favors from the hand of My bounty. O My Name and My loved ones! Though the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion have bewailed your tragedy, yet doth the Wronged One praise

and thank God for having enabled you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and for having raised your station to such a degree that the Most Exalted Pen grieveth for you in this most sublime station. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto you, and the heart that hath won your love, and the seeker that hath sought your abode, and the wayfarer that hath entered your land and held fast unto your cord and visited your resting-place. By the life of God! They are accounted among the triumphant and are reckoned with them that draw nigh unto God in His Book, the Mighty, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. To God do we belong, and to Him shall we return.

In My Name, the Glorious, the Bountiful

O Land of Sad! Where is that Greatest Sacrifice for which no ransom was accepted in the path of God, the Lord of all beings? And where are they who were martyred for love of this Youth, at Whose appearance the idols were shattered - they who pronounced judgment against the trusted ones of God, the Lord of the worlds? O Branch of My Tree! Where is My Dove that warbled and cooed and sang? Hath it soared to the Supreme Companion or have the wrongdoers seized it with the talons of hatred between earth and heaven? Tell Me, and be not of them that remain silent. Where are the brilliant stars and the luminous planets and the known months and manifest days and radiating lights? By God! They have set and disappeared and been veiled and returned, yet the people are in manifest dissension. O My Ridvan! Why do I not see thy birds and hear their songs, and why do I not see My dove and hear its melodies? Is it in this vain life or hath it flown to the eternal Paradise? Tell Me and be not of the patient ones. O Great Master! Long have been Thy sorrows, which have bewildered the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and the people of Thy pavilion have lamented. By Thy glory! Thy call hath not ceased, nor Thy remembrance at dawn. I hear Thy yearning in the morning and Thy moaning at sunrise and Thy cry and lamentation at eventide. Have mercy upon Thy servants and loved ones. I bear witness, O My Beloved, that martyrdom in Thy path was the hope of Thy Prophets and trusted ones. The Point of the Bayan, Who was martyred in Thy path, hath testified to this, saying: “O Remnant of God! I have sacrificed my all for Thee and have accepted revilement in Thy path, and have desired naught save martyrdom in Thy love.” Verily, he who attaineth unto this most exalted, most exalted station hath attained unto all good in the world to come and in this world, and Thou art the True Witness, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who speakest! Hold thy tongue, for thou hast transgressed thy bounds. Repent unto God and be of them that return. Dost thou question the doings of Him Who should not be questioned about what He doeth? Seek refuge in God Who created and fashioned thee, and be not of the heedless. Thou hast not reached even the shore of one of the oceans of thy Lord’s wisdom, how much less its depths and billows and what lieth concealed in His knowledge, the Protector of all worlds. He is the One by Whom was raised the banner of ‘He doeth what He willeth’ and unfurled the standard of ‘He shall not be asked of His doings’ above every lofty flag.

O thou who seeketh the Spirit! Leave off His mention and what is mentioned in the kingdom of creation, then set thy face toward the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Habitation, the Station which is adorned with the lights of the Celestial Realm and honored by the glances of God’s favor, the Sovereign of the kingdom of earth and heaven. We desired thee to be the first seeker and the first visitor. Go forth with

the fragrances of the garment from before the Dawning-Place of Sanctity to the land wherein appeared the Most Great Martyrdom and the supreme sacrifices. We counsel thee to be vigilant, for the wolf howleth and the serpent hisseth. When thou approachest the city and beholdest its traces, pause and say:

O City of the Beloved! Where is the ocean of God's love and the ships that sailed upon it? Where are thy flowing springs and thy radiant, rising stars? Where are thy lofty, luminous crowns and thy brilliant, shining moons? Tell of what the oppressors did to them. Can the pen flow or are all pens powerless to recount it? The matter is in the hands of God, the Lord of all beings. O City of the Beloved! By God's life, what they endured from the oppressors shall not go unrequited. To this beareth witness the Knower of the seen and unseen, Who grieveth for His loved ones and chosen ones, manifesting His grace, His faithfulness, His care and His favors. By His very truth, they are in magnificent gain, though the people be in evident doubt.

Then turn toward the sacred shrines and exalted stations, and when thou hast recognized and found and attained their presence, pause and say:

May the first light that shone from the horizon of the face of your Lord, the Creator of heaven, be upon you, O manifestations of faithfulness and dawning-places of the names in the kingdom of creation! I testify that through you were raised the banners of victory and the standards of guidance, the horizon of steadfastness was illumined and the breeze of God wafted among all creatures. Through you was renewed the garment of martyrdom and there appeared that which bewildered minds and hearts. You are they who sacrificed what you possessed, your souls, every member of your bodies, and every vein in your flesh in the path of God, your Beloved and your Goal. You are they whom no oppressor's tyranny, no censurer's blame, nor the power of any who turned away from God deterred, when He came with sovereignty encompassing all in the heavens and earth. I testify that by your tribulation the Concourse on High lamented, and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion, and the tongue of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, spoke forth. Before all believers: "We are God's, and to Him shall we return." And in all conditions, praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Thereafter, ask of God whatsoever thou desirest of His bounty. He is indeed the Mighty, the Loving.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

O Friend! By the life of God, the episode of the sacrifice has recurred, and what lies hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. The bird of fidelity has winged its flight from the branch of the world to the Divine Lote-Tree by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. We testify that he dwells in a joy unequaled by the joy of all creation, while his loved ones are in such grief that all things lament their condition. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing. By God! They have profited in their transaction while the oppressors are in manifest loss. Did Husayn lose when he offered up his spirit in the path of God, or did those who wronged him by following every remote transgressor? Oppression has reached such a point that the tongue is powerless to describe it, and beyond it lies all reckoning by any knowing one. They have kindled a fire whose flames shall not be quenched in the world. Thus does He inform thee, from Whose presence is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book.

O Friend! Observe how manifest have become the truth of Truth and the misguidance of falsehood. All bear witness that from that Wronged One was manifested the utmost love, kindness and care toward all peoples, and no act that might cause mischief or corruption ever proceeded from Him. How many were the destitute strangers whom He assisted in times of hardship. To this testifies every truthful one, and beyond him thy Lord, the All-Informed. Should anyone reflect upon him and what appeared from him of the favors of his Lord, he would observe with the eye of certainty that in what transpired there was and shall be a great wisdom. The Most Great Sacrifice and Supreme Offering have been manifested in this Mighty Cause. When they appeared in Iraq before the Presence, the utmost favor was shown them from the Source of Command, to such an extent that certain souls spoke in the wilderness of idle fancies. Then God, through His pervading might, exalted that Lote-Tree to a station none knows save His All-Knowing Self, and sent down upon him blessings and mercy from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Various writings from him were presented before the Throne, and he beseeched God, his Lord, the Master of the last and the first, to ordain for him the Most Great Martyrdom. By thy life, O Friend! Through his calamity all calamities were erased. To this thy Lord, the Wronged, the Stranger, bears witness. We have sent down for him from the heaven of grace that which equals not the kingdom of earth and heaven, and God shall soon cause to grow what He has planted in the soil of the Bayan. He is, verily, the Almighty Whom the hosts of the world and the ranks of the oppressors cannot withstand.

O Khalil! The divine Lote-Tree, which hath been planted by the hand of the Sovereign Will in the blessed and goodly soil, hath been watered by the blood of them that are sincere and monotheistic. Soon shall there become manifest in the earth, through the deeds of the oppressors, that which was destined. Doth the oppressor imagine that God is heedless of that which he hath wrought? Nay, by His Self, the One Who overshadoweth the worlds! By His truth, He shall assuredly manifest in the earth that which He hath revealed in the Book, as is clearly witnessed by him who possesseth insight from God, the Lord of the worlds. Observe the Suriy-i-Ra'is and other Tablets. By God's life, thy heart and the hearts of them that are endued with understanding shall rejoice at that which hath been sent down therein. Were He to desire, He could seize all who are on earth through a single word from Him, yet He manifesteth His Cause through the wisdom that was hidden in His all-encompassing knowledge. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of power that were the world to possess any worth, the Ancient Beauty would not have dwelt for numbered years in the Most Great Prison. Man, so long as he is in this world, is in truth and ever shall be in the throes of death, save for those detached hearts that behold all things with the eye of God. God willing, your honor should, according to your capacity, instill tranquility and assurance in illumined hearts, that serenity might possess them after agitation, and joy after sorrow. Thus doth command thee He Who remembereth thee in this exalted station. O Khalil! A momentous affair hath occurred in the world, though greater than this hath been made manifest, as thou thyself dost witness and attest. However, as the Hand of Power had preserved it for a long time and then suddenly this irrevocable matter was revealed, it hath caused lamentation, weeping and trembling. Yet with thy Lord is that which shall gladden hearts after this great sorrow. Say: This is a testimony whose traces have penetrated the world; God shall soon reveal it in truth. He, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

He is the One Who gazeth before His Face

O people of the cities and villages! Hearken unto that which the Tongue uttereth in the Kingdom of Utterance from One Who hath caused all things to speak that there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed. He it is Who hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers, that there is none other God but He, the All-Watching, the All-Wise. Every thing hath succeeded in hearkening to the Call save every aggressive sinner, and every eye hath beheld the horizon of God, the Most Glorious, save every heedless and remote one. By God! The Supreme Horizon hath appeared and the Sovereign of Destiny proclaimeth and saith:

O concourse of men! The Day is come and the moon is cleft asunder, and all are gathered to a new resurrection. The hidden is made manifest and the treasured is revealed, and the Promised One hath come from the heaven of destiny closer than the twinkling of an eye, yet the people are in evident delusion. They behold the sun, yet ask "Is this the sun?" They witness the signs, yet say "This is naught but mighty sorcery." Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book, while the people of the veil remain in strange doubt.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One adjureth you by the Beloved of all possibility, Who speaketh in the kingdom of utterance, that ye be not unfaithful regarding people's possessions. Be ye the trustees of God in His lands and the daysprings of truthfulness in His domains. Blessed is he who hath heeded God's counsel and is of them that act.

Such treachery hath appeared in exile as hath melted My liver, caused Mine eyes to overflow, made My inner being lament, and constricted My breast. By God's life! Sleep hath fled from the eyes of Baha by reason of what hath befallen Him in this white land. To this all things bear witness, yet the people are heedless. The rock hath cried out at My tribulation and the Divine Lote-Tree hath lamented My distress. By God! My sorrow is not for Myself but for the Cause of God, Lord of all worlds. All sorrows are for him who cannot recount what hath touched him of misfortunes and tribulations in this noble station.

We hear falsehood yet remain silent, while the liar supposeth the matter is confused, though We find him in manifest untruth. O My loved ones! Adorn yourselves with the attributes of God and array your temples in the raiment of trustworthiness, uprightness and truthfulness. Thus doth the Lord of creation command you in a preserved tablet.

Sorrows have increased at this time as We behold the embodiment of love and those with him under the claws of hatred from the hosts of the oppressors. Say: O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! We beseech Thee by this martyr who sacrificed himself in these days to manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word, to send down upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones that which will preserve them from the claws of heedlessness and doubt. Then give them to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of certitude. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bestower. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

He is the One Who remembereth in sorrow

O Land of Sad (Isfahan)! Remember what the people did to the family of the Messenger, and what befell the children of the Maiden from thy people. O Land of Sad! The Sun of Hijaz asketh thee about its family, and the Virgin Maiden about her sons and daughter. Did the oppressors cast her grave into the well of darkness, or did they drag her forth with ropes of hatred to another calamity? By the life of the Beloved! The powers of heaven were shaken by this calamitous catastrophe. Alas, alas! The Luminary of Batha lamenteth in the Most Exalted Concourse for what befell His family from the manifestations of hatred.

O people of Sad! By God, ye have committed that which hath bewildered the sources of vainglory and the daysprings of tyranny throughout all possibility. Judge fairly: by what proof did ye slay those through whom the Cause of the All-Merciful was spread in the East and West of the earth? Alas, alas! Through you was the Ark of the Messenger broken and the progeny of the Maiden drowned. Through you was joy transformed to sorrow, and darkness encompassed all in existence, save whom the All-Merciful willed.

O people of Sad! Hearken unto that which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, calleth out to you from the Most Sublime Horizon. O people of tyranny and wickedness! Where is Hasani, who was aflame with the fire of the love of God in the Kingdom of Creation, and was adorned with the ornament of faithfulness between earth and heaven? And where is Husayni, who accepted not ransom in the path of God, the Lord of all men? By My life, O company of evil ones, no excuse remaineth for you, nor room for any justification by saying "The righteous are God's and the wicked are mine." Do ye imagine yourselves to be believers, and do ye reckon yourselves among the people of the Furqan? Nay, by the Self of the All-Merciful! Every learned one who was adorned with the mantle of grace hath bewailed your deeds, and every man of wisdom who was invested with justice hath cried out because of your actions. The lamentation of the Concourse on High hath been raised by reason of your tyranny, and the cry of all things hath been lifted up because of that which your hands have wrought. Ye read the Qur'an, yet deny its Source and Him Who revealed it; ye acknowledge My Message, yet slay My sons and turn away from Him Who sent Me. O company of hatred, ye have bewildered Me, nay, all things created by the Word of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting! O Mariner of the Sea! Where are thy ships? Have they been shattered by the rocks of unbelief and dissension, or have they been drowned by the tempests of tyranny and hypocrisy? Have they sailed from the cities of bodies to the gardens of spirits, or have they migrated from the wilderness of separation and remoteness to the station of nearness and holiness and reunion? O Lord of the world! By Thy might and sovereignty, I am unable to mention that which hath befallen them from the winds of oppression. I myself am ashamed to recount what I have seen and known. Thou knowest what I know, and I know not what Thou knowest. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Yet I shall utter a word to manifest my submission to Thy binding Command and my obedience to Thy firm Decree: The Nightingale hath taken flight because the croaking of the raven hath been raised. The Command is God's, the One, the All-Informed.

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He is the Ruler in Truth and the Commander of Justice!

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! The letter from My Name Jamal, upon him be My Glory, was received and likewise heard. In truth, this world is not worthy nor capable of being the arena for the steed of the endeavors of God's chosen ones. O Jamal! Consider thou the afflictions that have befallen this Wronged One, that what hath come upon thee may seem trivial in comparison. Look from what hath befallen thee to what hath befallen God. The carpet of this world is truly not worthy of joy and delight. Today, remembrance of God and attachment to Him was and is all that matters. Turn thy gaze from the deeds of men and fix it upon the deeds of God and what hath appeared from Him. These two days, the world of possibility was not and is not worthy of such mention and utterance.

In the prison of ?a, as all have heard and know, We were in fetters and chains for four months, and Our companions were mostly thieves and highwaymen. And as for food - bread that resembled that of the Sudanese people. By the life of God, in the early days, even that was not to be had! This Wronged One was brought bareheaded and barefoot in chains from Niyavaran to the prison of Tihran. That which is beyond human endurance was inflicted. Yet despite these afflictions which ye have seen, heard and know of, the tongue remained engaged in praise, the heart illumined with the greatest joy, and in prison this blessed verse was uttered: "He is sufficient unto me and sufficient unto all things. God sufficeth as protector." All assured and tranquil souls uttered the same, and when their voices were raised, the prisoners would become bewildered and perplexed.

This Wronged One was repeatedly imprisoned, and all have heard of the afflictions that befell Us in the land of Mim. They paraded Us through the streets, and one day they delivered this Wronged One into the hands of the tyrannical divines. God alone knoweth what they did and said and what befell Us. For months they applied ointments and treated the wounds inflicted. Beyond all this, consider the oppression and tyranny of My brother and his followers. Wherever We went, before many days had passed, he would come and dwell in perfect comfort and honor with his known women companions - as all have heard and know - protected beneath the pavilions of protection. Yet they call him the wronged one and attribute injustice to God, exalted be His glory!

In brief, throughout all days We stood before the faces of the people and raised up the Cause of God to such a degree that both East and West of the earth heard and understood according to their capacity. Yet when the Sun of Glory dawned from the heaven of divine Will, they arose against its abasement and spoke such calumnies as had no like or equal, and not one soul among those heedless ones spoke with justice. Glory be to God! By order of the Sultan and the officials of the sublime state and Russia, We proceeded to Zawra. If this Wronged One was an oppressor, why did My brother proceed to that land and enter Our house? Furthermore, during the journey toward the Great City, he arrived in Mosul before Us and awaited Our arrival. Say: O people! Judge with fairness that which hath come to pass, that ye may distinguish the oppressor. I swear by the Sun of Proof which in this moment riseth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Mashriqu'l-Akhavi did not deem himself worthy of this station, but through the instigation of Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani and another soul, he chose this abasement for himself and for the Cause. The earth of God is vast and there are many other cities and regions - why this turning to the shadow of the Wronged One, and for what reason? Reflect, O people, and be of the fair-minded! A Tablet was sent in his name to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence of the Herald. By the life of God, that Holy One became so enkindled that mention of it transcends the realm of existence. Likewise were other

Tablets sent, both to the Herald and to various regions. The utterance of this Wronged One stands forth among the words of the peoples like the sun, clear and manifest. Say: Return, that ye may know, and be not of the oppressors. In days when all were hidden in fear, this Wronged One appeared with utmost power and spoke with most eloquent utterance. Neither the arrows of destiny nor the swords of tribulation prevented Him. When the light of the Cause was raised up, there occurred what all have heard and seen. Through all conditions We have been thankful and content. O Jamal, upon thee be My glory! Erase the book of sorrows and with fresh clarity reflect on what hath been mentioned. He will open before thy face the gates of joy and gladness, of glory and delight. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Repeatedly hast thou mentioned the name of God, and He and all who circle round Him bear witness to God's grace, bounty and kindness towards thee. Take the cup of joy from the hand of the bounty of My Most Glorious Name, then drink therefrom in spite of every caviling liar and every heedless doubter. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord, He is God, exalted is He

Praise be to God Who is unique in His might, singular in His grandeur, and sanctified above the intimations of creation and the conditions of humanity - He through Whom one hears from the waves of the ocean of utterance that the All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty, and from the rushing of the winds of explanation that the Proof hath appeared and the Intended One hath come with a Cause that hath conquered all in the realm of possibilities. Exalted be His greatness and exalted be His dominion! The very essence of power hath confessed its powerlessness before the manifestations of His power, and the very essence of strength hath acknowledged its weakness before the evidences of His strength. He is the One of Whom all the books of the world have spoken, declaring that none can be described save through Him, and all the Messengers whom God hath sent unto the peoples have testified that none can be mentioned except by Him. He is the Single One Who cannot be known through singleness, and the Unique One Who cannot be described through uniqueness. He is a surging, wave-filled ocean wherein neither the ships of mystic knowledge, nor the vessels of utterance, nor the boats of remembrance can sail. Its waves arise not from winds but from a motion which none hath understood save Him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, verily He is the All-Informed. This is the motion that appeared from the stirring of the Primal Word - glorified be its Originator, its Speaker and its Manifestor. The servant testifieth in this station that the very essence of knowledge was ignorant of this atmosphere wherein no sound of the wings of the birds of utterance hath ever been heard. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

God willing, may they shine as the morning star from the horizon of divine love, brilliant and manifest. We have mentioned him in terms that nothing can equal, and through which his remembrance shall endure throughout the perpetuity of My mighty, exalted Kingdom. O servant, they have praised the Truth in most excellent utterance. God willing, may they ever be the recipients of God's special favors.

This evanescent servant praises the Goal of all the world for that which the tongue of his nature hath spoken, which was acceptable before the Throne. Praise be unto Him, again praise be unto Him. All who circle round the Throne convey their greetings to his honor.

Regarding what was written about the quorum, whether permission is granted to the poor or not, when this was submitted, He said: We give you permission, but it is not generally permissible. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, I presented mention of your honor to the most pure and luminous presence of the Divine Branches - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - and all of them, with utmost grace and kindness, conveyed their most glorious and resplendent greetings. Praise be to God, mention of your honor has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court and among others who circle round in this land. This evanescent servant requests that you convey expressions of his utter nothingness and evanescence to the Afnan who are present in that land, especially to those gentlemen who have returned from the Desired Land. In truth, whatever may be submitted, even if it were to fill numerous volumes, would be insufficient in view of this servant's burning love. However, your honor knows that there is much work, especially in these days. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may assist this evanescent one, despite his inability, weakness and nothingness, to accomplish this momentous task. Without God's grace and His mercy and compassion, this servant has been and is as one non-existent, and has been and is as nothing.

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He is God, exalted is He!

O spiritual beloved, that is, the sacred pillar of words and meanings, Aqa Husayn Aqa, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God] the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God that thou hast attained, and continuest to attain, to that which beseemeth His near and sincere servants, for thou art possessed of a noble character and an exalted station, and art nourished by food that hath not altered its taste. Blessed be ye and those who have attained to what ye have attained and are sustained as ye are sustained. And praise be to Him Who hath bestowed upon you and us the blessing of unity and guided us to His straight path.

Furthermore, should that beloved one send anything to the region of Syria, convey on behalf of this servant greetings, praise, remembrance and glory to my true brother and spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], and give him the glad-tidings of the Lord's grace and favors. Praise be to God, mention is made of them, and their place and station in the Pillar and Station are evident and manifest. They have not been and are not absent for a moment, for from the right side of the heart, a firm place hath been assigned and established for them, and before the eye is their manifest station. How then could they vanish from sight?

In any case, the grape vines and trees they sent before and after arrived, and due to the abundance of rain and severity of winds, were placed in the soil. During these two or three days they were taken out and planting began in their name, as the true Planter and Cultivator. This year the intensity of rain disrupted the order and work of tree planting. Such is the decree of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. For instance, the olive trees were cut two months from their location and it was not possible to place them in the ground due to the mud. In any case, now engaged in planting, we shall see what the grace of the true Cultivator and Director will bring to pass. As He, the Beloved One, hath said: He may cause it to grow or burn it. The command is in His hand and within His mighty grasp. He has expressed the desire for [fruit from] Qamsar. If those varieties can be found, there is no harm in the bitterness of their pits. The kind and variety should be good, delicious, fragrant and juicy. If with these qualities the pit is also sweet, that would be excellence upon excellence and light upon light. This servant was greatly saddened by the sent trees, for the giver had given whatever was in his garden out of love and affection, but the long duration [of the journey] and the strong eastern winds completely dried them on the way, to the extent that moisture was drawn from the very wood itself. Their restoration now lies with God, glorified be His majesty. He has given and gives life to decayed bones, but if at grafting time it becomes possible, let them send cuttings. It may be possible to graft them here onto apricot trees or others. Likewise, if the superior almond apricot becomes available - all matters depend upon the will and desire of the true Director and Creator. Whatever He ordains, the means for it have been and will be provided. Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida himself has written that when fruits appear and ripen, they will send whatever fruit is good, desirable and considered among the pure things, in whatever way possible. This too depends on God's will. In any case, write these matters to them or send this very paper to them. Perhaps this servant too will later be enabled to write a response. Verily God is the Confirmer, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace be upon you and upon him and upon God's righteous servants.

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He is God, exalted be His station, His grandeur and His power!

Praise be to God, your well-being, patience, steadfastness, ecstasy, attraction and spiritual rapture have given rise to a joy and delight without parallel. The tongues of all those present, of the pilgrims and travelers, are engaged in offering praise and thanksgiving to that luminous point of the heart. This is a great bounty, a mighty feast and a momentous glad-tiding. This servant, clinging to the hem of His mercy and holding fast to the cord of His grace, beseecheth his Lord to open before your face the gates of all good things. Verily He is the Fulfiller of needs, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. There is no God but Him, the Lord of all names and attributes. I beseech Him, exalted be He, by His Prophets and Messengers, and by Him through Whom God united the hearts of His servants, revealed His sovereignty, made Himself known to all and taught them the word of His oneness, whereby the foundation of religion and God's mighty Cause were made firm - and by His family and companions, the

lions of warfare among mankind and the daysprings of His power and sovereignty in the realm of creation, through whom His straight path was made manifest and the gate of grace and bounty was opened to all in the heavens and on earth - to assist His Afnan in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to aid him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily He is the Lord of creation, there is no God but Him, the One Who through His exalted Word hath power over all things, and He is the Commander of whatsoever He willeth and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

The blessed Tablet which in truth was a crown upon the brow of the receptive and fair-minded ones arrived and opened the gates of joy, delight and gladness before the face of this evanescent servant - an opening that shall know no closing nor reach an end. After its reading and perusal, I approached the Presence and attained the honor of His hearing. He said: "Praise be to God that in these days when grief over the deeds and words of the claimants to love hath encompassed all, mention of the Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, is the cause of joy, delight and gladness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to guide His servants thereby and to give to drink therefrom the Living Waters to all in His lands, and through it to spread abroad His traces." O Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness. The smoke mentioned in the Book of God hath seemingly appeared in these days. The fire of greed, lust, passion and calumny hath so seized the oppressive and slanderous souls that its smoke hath darkened the realm of justice and truthfulness. God shall soon seize them through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the severest of avengers. Convey My remembrances to the son who hath ever been and still is remembered. God willing, may they engage with joy and fragrance in that which is accounted as worship. May not the tribulations of exile sadden him, for he dwelleth nearby and thus the ruling of homeland applieth to him. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. Each one is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thus endeth what was revealed. His is the praise, the bounty, the grace and the glory. In all conditions the honored Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, is mentioned in the Presence and is the recipient of special favors. If the false claimants would not cause distress and would not commit that which grieveth him - I beseech Him to protect your honor from their evil and their schemes. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. His Will hath prevailed over the wills of His creation, and His Purpose hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

As for the matter of the tea, it arrived in accordance with the blessed letter and truly it was good and desirable and attained the honor of acceptance. For some time tea of such excellence had not been seen. At the time of its use, they mentioned concerning the honored Afnan of China, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. In truth, it is the Most Great Favor and the Supreme Grace - the confirmation of the Purpose of all worlds - that He hath aided him in a service whose reward and fruit are lasting and eternal, having no end. For from such matters as these the fragrance of love and devotion is diffused, and thus it was and is worthy of mention and fitting to be declared. His honor had also from the early days of the Cause turned towards it and attained the honor of the presence and meeting. They have acknowledged and confessed that which hath shone forth and risen from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds. This servant beseecheth his Lord to preserve his honor and aid them. Verily He is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I convey greetings to those present, especially to the honored Afnan and the son - upon them be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. For each one I seek the waters of the All-Merciful's mercy and heavenly sustenance. Verily He fulfilleth the needs of all who ask. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon the son and upon those who love you and upon God's unified servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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O My name Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory, My remembrance and My praise! Blessed art thou for having fulfilled My Covenant, spread My remembrance, arisen to extol Me and serve Me amongst My servants. We created all to attain Our presence, call upon Our Name and turn to Our Countenance. Yet some were deprived of My mercy, strayed from My path and failed to answer My call. Blessed is the distant one who remembers Me. By God, he is among those who stand upon My carpet and attain My presence. And among them is one who mentioned Me, whom We made one of the twigs of My Lote-Tree and leaves of My Tree.

Know then, O My servant who gazeth upon My face, that the servant hath attained the presence of his Sovereign and his letter was presented. When it was presented, the winds of My mercy were stirred and the ocean of My bounty surged. Thus did We cast upon the people of possibility the pearls of utterance through the grace of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who attaineth unto them, recognizeth their value and preserveth them from those who are unworthy.

O Mahdi! Thy mention hath been made before the Countenance. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to aid thee in the beginning and the end. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Although restraint of the Pen is necessary due to the heedlessness of the nations, for the protection of God's loved ones, yet through His grace, from the Fountainhead of His Will, the pure Water floweth according to measure. Blessed is he who drinketh, detached from all the worlds.

Among the letters received was one from one of the Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, to whom all things testify of his love for his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have sent through the Trustworthy One to him and those around him that which will gladden the eyes of the mystics and cause the hearts of those who have turned to God to soar.

Thus doth the Supreme Pen address him from the direction of the white dome of the Ultimate Tree: "O thou who bearest My Name! Blessed art thou for having inhaled the fragrance of My raiment, turned to My face, spoken My praise, sought My presence, taken refuge in My sovereignty, heard My call from My Kingdom, answered Me amongst My servants, and soared in the atmosphere of My love, circling round My will. All this is from My confirmations, My care, My grace, My generosity and My mercy.

Blessed is he who turneth unto thee, heareth from thee the mention of thy Lord, and boweth before thee purely for My sake, hoping for My loving-kindness which We have sent down in the scrolls of My power and the tablets of My favor.

We have learned of the calamity that befell you, whereat tears flowed and sighs ascended to God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. By My life! In this ye have followed your Lord. We sacrificed one of the Branches for the exaltation of the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. At the time they were washing him, My tongue was speaking between earth and heaven in remembrance of your Lord, the Most High, and My pen was flowing with that which caused the breezes of the All-Merciful to waft among all possibility. We have sent it to you. Blessed is he who considereth it and reflecteth upon that which hath appeared from the Command of his Lord, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

Say to his relatives: Grieve not for him. He is with Us and will continue soaring in the atmosphere of the mercy of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Through his mention We have adorned the Tablets, for We found in his heart what We found only in a few numbered souls. Blessed is he, and his father, and those who are with him from among My Afnan. Soon We shall send down for each one that which is better for them than all that hath been created in the heavens and earth. Verily, he is alive in My horizon, for We recognized in him what none knoweth save your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, those related to the Blessed Tree should not be saddened by this new calamity. In truth, they have followed the example of the Truth, for in all days calamities descended like rain upon the Beauty of Divine Unity. Were the exalted stations specially reserved for that Bird of the heaven of divine love to be mentioned, all would raise their hands in supplication toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to aid all to that which He loveth.

Verily, He is living in My horizon, for We have known from Him what none has discovered save your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, the kindred of the Blessed Tree should not be sorrowful at this new tribulation. In truth, they have followed the path of God, for in all days tribulations have rained down like torrential showers upon the Countenance of the Divine Unity. Were mention to be made of the sublime stations reserved for that Bird of the heaven of divine love, all hands of supplication would be raised toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to aid all to achieve that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased.

The mention of his honor Aqa Shaykh ?adiq, upon him be the Glory of God, which was in your letter, was made before the Divine Presence. Previously a wondrous and glorious Tablet was sent especially for him. Say: O ?adiq! Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine sealed from the hand of the mercy of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Nothing hath prevented thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. By My life! This is a praiseworthy station. It behooveth thee today to arise and say: O people! Follow Him by Whose praise all things speak, and Whose proof hath encompassed both the unseen and the visible. Pass by with the fragrance of thy Lord's raiment, the All-Merciful, amongst all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that hearts and minds may be set ablaze through thee. We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people! Forsake the world, for your Lord, the Lord of all names, hath come. Do ye imagine it will profit you in aught? Nay, by My Name, through which all who have entered the garment of existence were stirred! It will profit you only for a

limited number of days. Cast it behind you, turning to that which your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath desired on this Day wherein the Sun of Revelation hath shone forth and the stars have fallen. O ?adiq! We have sprinkled upon thee from the ocean of My mercy, lest sorrow overtake thee in the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and that thou mayest speak forth His Name with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the peoples of the worlds may abandon what they possess and hold fast to the cord of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee yet again, then inhale therefrom the fragrances of thy Lord's raiment, the Knower of the unseen.

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He is God, the King, the All-Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Holy!

I call upon Thee now, O my God, at this time when the lamp of oneness is kindled in the niche of white light, and this eternal candle melts in the crimson lamp, and the heart is consumed by the fire of grief in the liver of Baha, and the cock of the Cause cries out in the most exalted Kingdom, and crimson tears flow upon sallow cheeks. For though he writes before Thee with the pen of ink upon the green tablet, yet in the secret of his heart he writes with the pen of blood upon pieces of his liver that which none can hear in the nearest dominion. Therefore have the breezes of the Spirit been cut off from the city of eternity, and the fruits have fallen from the Tree of Paradise, and the branches of the Lote-Tree of the uttermost boundary have been broken, and the melodies of the Dove have been stilled in the most exalted company, and the joy of the pure ones in the most glorious chambers has been transformed, inasmuch as I am surrounded by mountain scorpions and sea-dogs, such that were I to turn to the right, their venom would touch me, and were I to turn to the left, their dogs would wound me, and were I to raise my head, the millstone would descend upon it.

And matters have reached such a state that I am cut off from all the delights of earthly blessings, and if I desire to drink water, I drink from my heart's blood, and if I wish to take food, I eat from a piece of my liver. All this, O my God, is from those things which have befallen me in Thy love and descended upon me in Thy service. Thou art now able to preserve me, so preserve me; and if Thou wilt not do this, then build for me a house near Thy mighty throne above the heavens of Thy eternal glory. Then raise me unto Thee that I may dwell therein through Thy grace and find rest in the vicinity of Thy mercy, for I find no place for myself in Thy earth whereon to set my foot or wherein to abide, for Thy servants hate me and banish me, and every day they conspire to slay me and say concerning me what they please and judge me as they desire, such that I have become bewildered in my affairs and find neither refuge to flee to, nor place to settle in, nor sanctuary wherein to dwell to serve those who love Thee and to be a helper to Thy Cause and a guardian of Thy decree, until I may attain martyrdom in Thy path before Thee, for in Thy hands is the kingdom of all things and Thou art powerful over all things. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the sorrow that hath afflicted me in Thy path and which hath never left me for a moment, that Thou mayest cause me to ascend unto the paradise of Thine eternity and raise me up unto it through Thy bounty, and deprive me not of that which hath been ordained therein of the wondrous gifts of Thy oneness and the gems of the favors of Thy divine unity, that I may be of them that dwell therein and journey in the precincts of its mercy, lest the whisperings of Satan prevent me from my love for Thee, my yearning

toward Thee, my passion for Thee and my ardor for Thee. For verily it is a paradise created from the essence of Thy power and fashioned from the subtleties of Thy might, wherein the sun shineth unclouded, and its moon is radiant without eclipse, and its stars never fall, and its mansions never crumble, and its trees never change, and its fruits never alter, and its mysteries are never veiled, and its breezes never cease, and its treasures never perish, and its light is never extinguished, and its garment never wears out, and its verses are never abrogated, and its clusters are near at hand, and its fruits endure, and its leaves are evergreen, and its blessings are perfect. Its sun hath ever been at its zenith and its moon at the height of beauty. Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou, O my God! By Thy might, were I to attempt to describe, throughout the duration of Thy sovereign might and the continuance of Thy pure power, even a drop of what Thou hast created therein of the manifestations of Thy creative act and the holy expressions of Thy divinity, I would be utterly powerless, enfeebled and at a loss, ere I could utter a single letter of the essence of that which Thou hast created therein by Thy power and brought into being by Thy will. Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou! Unto One like Thee befitteth the mantle of grandeur and glory and the gems of might and power, for verily Thou art the True Powerful One, and we are all Thy servants and unto Thee do we return.

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In the Name of God, the All-Seeing, the One!

Sanctified and holy has been and shall ever be the Sovereign Who illumined the horizon of the world with the lights of the Most Great Luminary and adorned all things with the ornament of His names. He is the true Sovereign Whose Word has dominated all things and Whose Will encompasses the heavens and earth. By His soul-stirring call He manifested absolute nothingness in the garment of being, and through the revelations of the Most Exalted Pen He adorned the kingdom of creation. He is the Quickener of the world, the Illuminator of the world, the Renewer of the world, and the Speaker of the world. Every exalted one has been and shall be lowly before the manifestations of His exaltation, and every lofty one has been and shall be abased before the evidences of His transcendence. The tongue, which is the seat of His mention, is His creation, and by the Word of that Sovereign of the unseen and the seen have all things come from utter nothingness into the realm of being. And the heart, which is the dwelling-place of His knowledge, has come into existence through His Will. Glorified is the Creator above the mention of the created, and glorified is the Lord above the mention of all created things, and glorified is the Beloved above the descriptions of hearts. All the mystics, divines, chosen ones and holy ones are powerless and incapable of comprehending a single word of the Most Exalted Word which has been revealed through the Will of the Sovereign of Names from the Most Exalted Pen–how much less can they comprehend the Manifestation of the Word, the Sovereign of the Word, the Source of the Word, the Promoter of the Word, the Quickener of the Word, and the Mover of the Word. This blessed Word, in one station, is known and mentioned by all names and attributes, and when it appeared, it bowed down and prostrated itself and spoke, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast revealed Thy countenance from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will! I testify that Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” All the signs of the Hour and the Resurrection are manifested through Him and established in

Him. He is the Breath of God through Whose wafting and fragrances prepared souls have awakened from the sleep of heedlessness and perceived the Day of God. He is the Water of Life through Whose bounty dead bodies have attained unto eternal life. Should this evanescent servant attempt to expound this station, he would surely find himself powerless; nay, he would behold all existence bewildered in this most exalted station. And were a drop from the ocean of the knowledge of this station to be granted, in view of the supreme wisdom that has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and which all have been commanded to observe, there would be no power to make mention thereof save by the command of Him Who is with Him. Verily, He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Informed. How excellent is the state of the soul that hath inhaled the fragrance of the days of God and stood firm and steadfast in His love. This station is indeed most great, and its greatness is such that the Pen of the world is powerless and incapable of describing it, for this is the Day concerning which all divine Books bear witness and of which all the Prophets have given tidings. By God, the Truth! This is a Day wherein souls have trembled and eyes have been blinded, a Day wherein God hath come in the shadows of light, a Day wherein mankind hath stood before God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, Lord of the Kingdom and the angelic realm, Creator of the celestial dominion! Thou knowest that this humble one desired that his call be honored by the hearing of my beloved among Thy chosen ones, whom Thou hast chosen for Thy love, established for Thy service, created to hearken unto Thy call, aided to turn toward the horizon of Thy grace, honored with the living waters from the cup of Thy bounty, and made to recognize Thy Day which most of Thy creation hath neglected. Then Thou didst cause him to utter the testimony which Thou hast placed above the kingdom of utterance and of which the understanding of Thy creatures fell short. All this is from Thy grace, Thy generosity, Thy bounty and Thy benevolence. I thank Thee for this through the perpetuity of Thy names and attributes and through the permanence of Thy Most Exalted Word amongst Thy creation. I beseech Thee to protect him in all conditions through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

My heart, my joy and my soul be a sacrifice for your love! The servant hath attained to hearing the melodies of the nightingales of your praise upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of utterance, and hath been honored by that which flowed from your pen whereby your mention appeared and the sun of your love shone forth from the horizon of certitude. We beseech God to grant me success in hearkening unto your sweetest mention at all times. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

If you inquire about the conditions of this land, praise be to God, all are safe and speaking in remembrance of God. However, due to the war that has occurred, the people of these regions are in distress and afflicted with utmost hardship. All ears are heedless of the call of the muezzin, and hearts are empty of the knowledge and love of Truth. In brief, a great calamity hath encompassed the people. This is what the All-Merciful promised in the Tablets.

To his honor Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-?amid, upon him be the Glory of God, I convey most sublime, most impregnable, most exalted greetings. God willing, may he ever remain and continue to be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and speaking in His remembrance. The circumambulators of the Throne all convey their pure devotion to his honor.

In the month of Mu?arram 1295

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Beloved of the world and the Goal of all peoples, Who hath adorned the realm of existence with the ornament of knowledge. He is the Omnipotent One Who bestowed existence upon utter nothingness and commanded the worship of His peerless Being. He is the Sovereign Who hath ever loved and will ever love His knowledge; therefore He brought creation from non-existence into being. And His knowledge is not realized except through knowledge of the Dayspring of Revelation, the Dawning-Place of His Manifestation, the Source of His Cause, and the Manifestation of His Self, through Whom appeared His power, His might, His grace, His sovereignty, His greatness, His loftiness and His authority. Exalted be His station and His glory! Through Him He revealed His signs and His evidences, and made Him the Lord of His Messengers and the Seal of His Prophets. Upon Him and upon His family and His companions be His blessings, His peace, His glory, His mercy and His favors. We beseech God through them to assist through them the people of divine unity to return unto Him, to turn in repentance at the gate of His grace, and to hold fast to His cord, that there may be revealed that which was concealed and raised up that which was cast down.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of kings and Master of all who are owned! I beseech Thee to enable the people of the white path to return unto Thee, then open before their faces the gates of Thy glory, Thy mercy and Thy favors. O my Lord! Thou seest them in the hands of the idolaters among Thy servants, where the people of hatred have surrounded them from all sides and have seized their cities and homes through oppression, for which those who acknowledge Thy unity and confess Thy oneness have lamented. O Lord! Do Thou absolve us of our transgressions which have stripped us of the garments of glory and honor. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, thy distinguished letter shone forth like the morning star and brought joy. Praise be to God, each letter thereof was a gate of gladness, for from it wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed art thou and those with thee. After its presentation before Him, the Lord–may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him–said: “O thou who gazest toward the horizon! Thy letter hath come and he who was present before the Wronged One read it. We heard and have answered thee with that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant thee every good that hath been sent down in His Book and to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is powerful over all things.” Thou hast ever been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Thou art among those souls whom God hath assisted and granted that

which is the cause and source of the joy of the hearts of those near unto Him. The fragrance of thy sincerity is diffused throughout the world, and from all regions have come noble and wondrous accounts of thy character and deeds. Every soul who hath visited that land hath mentioned and continueth to mention thy good name. In truth, service to the Cause consisteth in such deeds and character as cause the spread of the traces of the friends of God. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! Praise be to God that ye have attained unto that which shall endure and persist. We send greetings to all the friends in that land and we beseech for each one that which is the cause and source of exaltation, ascendancy and elevation. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous." End.

Praise be to God! The generosity, compassion and mercy of the True One, glorified be His majesty, has encompassed and continues to encompass all. We were non-existent and He brought us into being; we were silent and He bestowed upon us the power of utterance; and He taught and made us aware of the ultimate purpose through words and meanings. Exalted be His power and His sovereignty! This servant testifies with both outer and inner tongue that had the people of the resplendent Faith acted according to the radiant Law and held fast to the divine Book, none would have prevailed over them and no cities or lands would have been plundered. Until now they are observed to be sleeping, for they have not arisen to redress what has been lost. In any case, we beseech God for His confirmation, that perchance the dispirited may become enkindled and the wayward may find the path. The command is in His hands; He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

As to what was written concerning the House, after submission they stated that whatever belongs to you should revert to the Truth. At present in that land there is no one who can attend to affairs and act as is befitting. Therefore if someone is found who can repair it and dwell therein, this would be acceptable; otherwise, it would be preferable to sell it.

Regarding what you wrote about the intention of Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be God's favor, according to His command if it can be accomplished with wisdom–that is, if the non-believers of that land do not become aware of his coming–there is no objection to his proceeding. I convey greetings and praise to each of the friends in that land, and I beseech the True One, glorified be His majesty, that they may ascend to greater heights and loftiness each day, nay each moment. Indeed, the mention of Alexandria has become the cause and source of joy to the friends in all regions. The servant beseeches confirmation and aid for them. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace and praise be upon you and upon God's righteous and sincere servants.

The Servant

5 Ramadan 1303

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This is a Book for him who should glory among the worlds, for God hath related him unto Himself and named him 'Abdu'l-Husayn. He is the Mighty, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious.

The remembrance of God from the Lote-Tree of Eternity in the Paradise of the Command hath been raised in the most wondrous melodies. Hearken, O people, unto that which is revealed unto you from the direction of the Spirit, and follow not every rejected idolater. Say: The Ancient Beauty hath appeared with the Most Great Glory, and the Spirit of Holiness hath warbled in the chambers of intimacy, "Blessed be God for this bounty that hath encompassed the worlds." Say: The Ultimate Lote-Tree hath borne wondrous holy fruits. Deprive not yourselves thereof, O people, and follow not every sinful deceiver. Say: O concourse of the heavens and earth, await ye the Day wherein the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall, and clamor shall arise from every ignorant one and learned one, and God shall come with hosts of angels, with the dominion of Command on His right hand and the Kingdom of Power mightily on His left.

Say: We have indeed raised that Day even now, and the Ancient Beauty hath come upon clouds of glory with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds, with the dominion of grace on His right hand and the Kingdom of Names on His left. Thus have We raised that Day with mighty sovereignty. Say: O people, abandon what ye possess, then take what hath been sent down from One mighty and all-knowing. Say: When the days were the days of tyranny, We deposited a handful of clay behind the veil, and We made allusion to it as a wisdom from Us, and thus was the matter truly decreed. And We returned all names unto it through Our power and might, in glorification of My Self, Who hath power over all things.

Place it upon thy head, then inhale its fragrance that thou mayest discover therein the sweet savors of thy Lord and be drawn to His holy and faithful seat. O servant! Stand firm in the Cause, then open thy tongue in remembrance of thy Lord and fear no one, for verily He will guard thee in truth, even as He hath protected thee in many situations. Rejoice in thy soul and be gladdened in thy being, for God hath aided thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and hath given thee to drink from the fingers of grace a pure draught. Be united with Our Most Great Name in the Cause, for verily We have made it a shining lamp for you. Be unified in God's Cause and His religion in such wise that no differences may arise among you - this is a matter We have loved from all eternity and have inscribed in preserved tablets of glory. Soon will Satan come unto you with that which will prevent you from the love of God and His Cause. Leave him then and what he hath behind you, and turn your faces toward the holy seat of the Beloved. Stand so firmly in the Cause that even should all who are in the heavens and earth contend with thee, and should there remain on earth no believer but thee, thou wouldst yet arise by thyself in the Cause. This is God's command upon thee, and verily His command hath ever encompassed all worlds. Board the crimson ark in My Most Great and Most Exalted Name, then sail upon the ocean of grandeur that thou mayest be recorded among the people of Baha in the Mother Book. Leave the idolaters and what they possess, and take the Book of God with power from Us and strength from Our presence, then read it morn and eve. And glory be upon the people of Baha from One mighty and beautiful.

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In the Name of Him Who imparts solace, Who brings comfort, Who is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him. His is the power and the might, the grandeur and the dominion. He it is through Whom was hoisted the Standard of Guidance amidst all peoples, and the Banner of Bounty amongst all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Through Him the ocean of beneficence surged in the world, and the fragrance of His presence wafted among the servants of God, both men and women. God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, and that He Who hath come in the clouds of glory is the Promised One extolled in the Books and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Sacred Scrolls and Tablets. Through Him the mysteries were unveiled, the signs were spread abroad, and the Cause of God, firm and impregnable, was made manifest, and His sovereign decree was established over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of one among the handmaidens who took up her abode in her Lord's house and attained His presence at morn and eventide, at night and at dawn. We bear witness that she succeeded in serving Me and the Branches, through the grace of God, her Lord, the All-Merciful. We testify that she migrated from the Land of Mystery with her Lord until she arrived at the Fortress of 'Akka through an injustice at which the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise lamented, and the celestial maidens in the highest heaven were grieved. Blessed is she, and joy be unto her, for having answered her Lord when the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and for having turned unto Him and attained that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Sacred Scrolls and Tablets. We bear witness that she partook of the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of her Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and drank thereof time and again, to the shame of every people that turned away from their Lord and were deceived by the ornaments of the world, its embellishments and its colors, to such extent that they cast the Book of God behind their backs and committed that which caused every just and fair-minded soul to weep and made the tears of them that have recognized Him to flow.

By the life of God! The fire of hatred was kindled in her heart to such degree that she rent asunder the veil of the sanctity of God and of His chosen ones and His loved ones, and violated His Covenant and Testament. In her tyranny she reached such a state that she betrayed the trust of God and sent it to a house adorned with the ornaments of the world and the possessions of the nations. Thereby was raised the lamentation of all things, despite that the Wronged One loved her and revealed numerous Tablets for her. But greed held her back and love of leadership encompassed her until she committed that which caused the Pen to lament at her mention and the Tablet at her deeds and actions. And she committed this for naught but to seize worldly goods and to exalt her station in the eyes of one whom God had raised up and in whose hand and grasp He had placed the reins of affairs. Thereby was the joy of the loved ones turned to sorrow, and their dignity to supreme terror, and their tranquility to weeping. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings from this most exalted station and most glorious horizon. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wondrous command.

O Tongue of Grandeur! It behoveth thee to make mention of thine handmaiden who was present before thy face at morn and eventide, that from the horizon of the Supreme Pen might shine forth the luminary of faithfulness. Say: The first splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of bounty, and the first fragrance that hath wafted from the utterance of the Lord of eternity, and the first perfume that hath been diffused by the will of God, the Lord of all worlds, be upon thee, O handmaiden of Baha, leaf of the Tree of Faithfulness. I testify that thou didst turn unto thy Lord when most of His servants turned away

from Him, and didst hear His sweetest call when it was denied to all save whom God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, did please. Thou didst acknowledge that which God had revealed on a Day whereon the servants denied it, save whom God, the Lord of creation, did please. Thou art she who circled round the Throne of thy Lord and voiced His praise amongst the handmaidens. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon thee, at all times, mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. Blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, and joy be unto thee, O handmaiden of God, in that the Lord of all creation maketh mention of thee in the world of creation. By My life! The ocean of forgiveness hath surged at My mention of thee, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness hath been stirred when I turned towards thee. I testify that thou didst believe in God and His Manifestation, His might, His grandeur and His majesty, and didst act in thy final days in such wise as God hath adorned with the ornament of His acceptance and illumined with the light of His good-pleasure. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken on this day whereon We have arisen to make mention of thee, O My handmaiden, and to recall that which thou didst perform in My days. We testify that thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants and handmaidens have failed to attain. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who remembereth thee and visiteth thee, by virtue of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory of God rest upon thee, upon thy beginning and thine end, thine outer and thine inner being, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by this leaf who held fast to the Tree of Thy Revelation, and by the blood that was shed in the land of Ya in Thy path, and by their patience and fortitude, their humility and submissiveness, and by the tears that were shed in separation from Thee, and by the sighs that were raised in remoteness from Thee, that Thou forgive whosoever hath visited her and drawn nigh unto her resting-place and spoken that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in Thy prison. O Lord! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants, then open before their faces the doors of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Fulfiller of the needs of them that seek Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Loving, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of the Glorious, the Bountiful!

Baha hath been abashed by finding thee abashed in His days, and Baha hath been perturbed by finding thee perturbed at what hath escaped thee beneath His shade. Sorrows have seized Me upon learning of thy grief in the Cause of thy Lord, and I have been moved by the stirring of the Lote-Tree of thy love, which the winds of thy Lord's loving-kindness have set in motion. By My life! Baha hath been set aflame by the burning of your hearts and the yearning of your souls. We beseech God to make thy confession the hand of power whereby the veils may be rent asunder, and to make thy acknowledgment a support for thee, that through the cord of My Name, the All-Powerful, thou mayest draw forth the Joseph of My luminous remembrance from the well of mysteries. May the attraction of the melodies of My Most Exalted Pen so possess thee that from the horizon of thy heart may rise the sun of faithfulness to My Most Glorious Name, and from the gardens of thy breast may waft that whereby all things shall be

attracted, that the sincere ones and they that circle round may discover therefrom the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's love, the Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my God! Thou Who art the Throb within my heart knowest and seest that the shame of Thy loved ones leadeth back to the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dayspring of Thy Cause. Nay, He seeth Himself more ashamed than they when they confess what hath escaped them in Thy days. O my Lord! These are Thy servants who have migrated in Thy love and borne tribulations in Thy path. By Thy glory, O my God! Whenever any one of them confesseth his transgressions before Thee, shame covereth the face of Baha, for they are Thy servants who have tasted the cup of tribulation in Thy Cause and drunk the chalices of hardship at the appearance of the lights of Thy countenance, and trials have so seized them that they found no rest in Thy presence. By Thy glory! Baha hath melted in love for Thy loved ones and is perturbed by the sorrows that have befallen them at the manifestation of Thy Cause and the surging of the seas of Thy grace and favor. O Lord! From the sighs of their hearts hath my sighing risen, and from the burning of their hearts hath my heart been set aflame. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Educator of the seen and unseen, to make each one of them a standard of Thy guidance among Thy servants and a dawning-place of the lights of the sun of Thy loving care among Thy creatures. Thou hast singled them out, O my God, for Thy love and for attendance before the throne of Thy grandeur. This is a station wherein none hath preceded them. How many nights, O my God, they slept not in remembrance of Thee, and how many days they lamented for what was wrought against Thee by Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Exalter of the lowly, to assist them in the triumph of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word in such wise that through them Thy remembrance may be spread among Thy creation and Thy praise throughout Thy realm. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast named with Thine own name in the kingdom of Thy names and reared beneath the wing of Thy grace and favor. Now Thou seest him hastening toward the region of Thy bounties and running unto Thee in quest of Thy bestowals. Adorn him, O my God, with the mantle of Thy generosity and the robe of Thy bounty and grace, that all things may perceive from him the sweet savors of the garment of Thy love. Then crown his head with the diadem of Thy remembrance that he may be known among the servants for his love for Thee and his steadfastness in Thy Cause. Then aid him in all conditions to help Thy Cause and to extol Thee and sing Thy praise amidst Thy creatures. By Thy glory, O my God! Whenever I contemplate Thy greatness and sovereignty, I find myself the most rebellious of all them that have rebelled in Thy realm, and whenever I behold the stations which Thou hast reserved for Thyself, I perceive my being more sinful than any that dwell upon Thy earth. Were it not for the concealment of Thy Name, the Concealer, and the forgiveness of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, and the fragrance of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, Thou wouldst behold the chosen ones in the positions of sin and rebellion. Praise be unto Thee for having preceded them with Thy mercy and encompassed them with Thy grace and favor. After my confession of what hath flowed from my pen, I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign over all names and the Supreme Ruler over all who are in earth and heaven, that Thou wilt not turn away him who hath turned toward Thee, nor withhold from him the wonders of Thy grace and the hidden tokens of Thy mercy. Kindle within his heart, by the hands of Thy power, a lamp that will burn in Thy days and cry out in Thy

Name in such wise that shyness will not prevent him from soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love and ascending to the horizon of Thy rapture and yearning, nor will the affairs of the people hinder him from exalting Thy Word, that Thou mayest behold him sanctified as Thou desirest and as beseemeth Thy majesty and glory. Though this, O my God, be a mighty station and a great position, for how can any besides Thee bring forth that which would be worthy of Thy presence and befitting of Thy majesty? Thou art the Generous One, and Thou art the Merciful. All atoms testify that Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Kind, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Wise. O my God, look upon him with the eye of Thy loving-kindness and the glance of Thy bounty. Then attract him through the melodies of the Source of Thy Revelation to such a station wherein he may become wholly annihilated in Thy good-pleasure and hopeful of what Thou hast ordained in Thy tablets. Then strengthen his heart through Thy name, the Strong, the Faithful, that he may stretch forth the hand of power and thereby aid Thy Cause at the appearance of the light of Thy Beauty and the dawning of the Sun of Thy Glory. O Lord! Since Thou hast named him with Thy name, single him out among Thy servants for Thy service. O Lord! Thou knowest that I have desired naught for myself but rather for Thy Cause, and have turned to no one except for Thy Command and the manifestation of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name which now speaketh, that Thou send down upon him and upon Thy loved ones that which is treasured in the heaven of Thy bestowal and gifts, that yearning and attraction may seize them in Thy Covenant, O Lord of Lords! Then ordain for him and for them what befitteth Thy Name, the All-Bountiful. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Strong, the Mighty, the Great.

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In the name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One from the presence of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, to him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the cup of his Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, that the fragrances of revelation might draw him nigh unto this praiseworthy station. The Most Exalted Pen hath been moved and the Sadratu'l-Muntaha hath rustled when the Lord of all beings came from the heaven of bounty with manifest sovereignty. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which hath come to you from the kingdom of proof. Thus doth the Book of God command you, which speaketh before the faces of all the world. Verily, there is no God but Him, the One, the Single, the Supreme Ruler of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Say: Your sciences and your arts profit you not. Cast them behind you, turning unto God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the world and its ornaments and favors prevent you from the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Purify your hearts, then turn with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon, the station which hath shone forth from the Day-Star of the manifestation of your Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say:

My God, my God! I have turned toward Thy Self when I was heedless of the wonders of Thy grace, and Thou didst call me when I was sleeping upon my couch in Thy days, and Thou didst remember me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and Thou didst guide me when I was halting in Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and the hearts of the nations, and by the

Daysprings of Thy revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thy inspiration and the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Sources of Thy commandments and power, to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise and standeth firm in Thy love. O my Lord! Make me not of those who beheld the lights of Thy countenance and turned away from them, and who heard Thy most sweet call and Thy most great verses and denied them. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the splendors of the lights of the sun of Thy grace not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who were not deterred by the might of the oppressors nor by the tyranny of the pharaohs from turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. O my Lord! Withhold not mine eye from beholding Thy Supreme Horizon, nor mine ear from hearkening unto that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen, nor my tongue from Thy remembrance, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. I know not, O my God, what deed hath kept me back from turning toward Thee in Thy days, and what thing hath intervened between me and the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Thou seest, O my God, my state and hearest my lamentation. By Thy might! Thy separation hath destroyed me and melted me away. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy power and the Dawning-Places of Thy might to aid me to propagate Thy Cause among Thy servants and to spread Thy signs throughout Thy lands. Then forgive me and those who have sought Thee. Verily Thou art He to Whose grace and pardon all created things have testified, and to Whose gifts and bestowals all beings have borne witness. I testify unto that whereunto the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified when it was established upon the throne by Thy command and will, that verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified from the mention of aught else but Thee and exalted above the description of any besides Thee. Thou hast appeared and hast made manifest that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thy protection and the treasuries of Thy preservation. O my Lord! Thou seest me hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and beseeching that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, and awaiting the table of Thy heaven and the enduring blessing from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

It is uttered in the Persian tongue, that perchance the fragrance of both eloquent Arabic and sweet Persian may be diffused. From the first days this Call hath been raised without veil or concealment, and this Wronged One hath stood forth and spoken before all faces. Nevertheless, until now they remain deprived of the ocean of knowledge and forbidden from the dawning rays of the Sun of Truth. It is incumbent and binding upon you to arise to serve the Cause and to summon the ignorant people to the divine Law of knowledge. The world and its might and wrath, its bounty and mercy, its ornaments and colors - all these are transient and shall return to nothingness. Blessed is the soul that endeavoreth and engageth in service to the Cause, that perchance it may find the Guide of the Way and not be deprived of that for which it was created. Unceasingly have the pearls of wisdom and utterance appeared and shone forth from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen, yet until now no seeker or knower hath been found, save whom God willeth. Strive that perchance the soreness of eyes may be removed through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, and attain to the lights of the horizon of Revelation. May they turn from the world of fancy to the world of certitude, and from the abyss of conjecture to the horizon of the true world. Praise be to God that you have attained and turned toward the horizon from which most of the people of the world are seen to turn away. You must arise in the Name of Truth and, placing your trust in

Him, with wisdom and utterance bestow upon the people of possibility their portion from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Thus doth command thee the Most Exalted Pen from the presence of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great News and this Wise Command.

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In the Name of the One True God

O Lion! Upon thee rest My glory! The letter thou didst send hath been presented before the face of this Wronged One, and hath been honoured with His hearing. Praised be God Who hath caused His loved ones to drink from the same cup from which the Dayspring of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs did drink. In the land of ?a, this Wronged One was imprisoned with chains and fetters in four cities. These afflictions occurred repeatedly, yet as they were in the path of God, they strengthened the spirit and renewed the body. Though outwardly weakness was apparent, inwardly the Light of Power shone forth, radiant and resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the heart. Thou and the Khan have drunk from this cup - blessed are ye both!

The oppressors are as children playing with mud. Soon will the hand of power seize them and spread wide the carpet of joy and delight. His might is not weakened by the power and sovereignty of kings, nor is His utterance prevented by the clamor of the heedless and the deniers. His Will is effective and His Purpose all-pervading, despite those who have denied God and His signs. What became of the serpent? Where went the wolf? Soon shall the oppressors pass from their palaces to their graves, and their earthly glory, wealth and exaltation shall come to an end.

O Ba'i! If the servants would act according to that which hath been recorded in God's Book by the Most Exalted Pen, they would soon attain unto that which befitteth the mercy of the All-Merciful. Convey My greetings to the people of that land. In the days of their distress, God was with them, bestowed tranquility upon them, and delivered this Wronged One. Give them glad-tidings from this Wronged One, that all may attain to joy and gladness. By the Sun of the horizon of proof which shineth from the most exalted horizon of possibility, the true profit is with you, and the reward for what hath befallen you is a treasure with God, preserved in the pavilion of infallibility. Were it to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, mortal vision would be unable to behold it. He Who possesseth the Clear Book beareth witness to this.

Rejoice in God's loving-kindness and His mercy! Be gladdened by God's bounty and His generosity! Soon shall ye be illumined by the effulgences of the light of God's Sun of grace. Reflect upon the heedlessness of souls: love of ornaments hath deprived them of eternal bounty and everlasting sustenance. God's Will is bent upon the reformation of the world. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favour. The primary cause and origin of the world's corruption hath been and continues to be, in the first rank and station, the divines. Throughout the ages they said "yea" to the Truth, yet in the end martyred Him. Inform the friends of this utterance that the greatest joy may take possession of their hearts and souls, and that this

world and all that is therein may not hold them back from the Straight Path. Say: O my God, my Adored One, my Goal! Unto Thee do we turn, to Thee do we cleave, and from Thee do we seek that which conduceth to life eternal and everlasting glory. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the power of Thy Will, and the potency of Thy purpose, to protect me and Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies who have been so deluded by the world that they have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy right, and disputed Thy signs. O Lord! Illumine our hearts with the lights of Thy utterance, then assist us with the hosts of the seen and the unseen through Thy might and power, then forgive our trespasses and our sins through Thy grace and bounty, then send down upon us from the heaven of bounty mercy from Thy presence and blessings from Thy side. O Lord! Transform our sorrow into joy, our poverty into wealth, our abasement into glory, our weakness into strength, and our agitation into tranquility. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

O my father! Know thou with clear certainty that thou art and hast been under the glance of grace. Associate with all the peoples of the world with utmost love and kindness, especially with the friends of God. He hath been and is with thee. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. His grace reacheth thee, He bestoweth strength. He is the One powerful and mighty over all things. Look not at the heedlessness and ignorance of some, but rather hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning kindliness, forbearance and compassion. Verily, He will exalt thee in truth. How beloved it is in the sight of God when a person, for His sake, seeketh not to retaliate but rather looketh to pardon and forgiveness. Praise be to the Lord of the invisible and the visible, that this Manifest Book hath been revealed bearing thy name and that of His friends.

Another glad-tiding is that at this moment the Sun of Permission hath dawned from the horizon of God's Will. However, thou must be mindful of wisdom. Turn to it whenever wisdom requireth. In most Tablets the decree of wisdom hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will. All must observe it and act accordingly. That which was mentioned regarding hospitality hath been accepted in the Most Holy Court, illumined by the splendors of the Sun of acceptance. Blessed art thou, O Husayn. We testify that thou hast attained unto the mention of God and the service of His Cause, and We testify that thou art among the triumphant ones. Soon will come to you servants who have denied God and His signs. Say: O friends of God! Leave them behind you, remaining steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon you. This is once again a bounty from His presence, and He is the Bountiful, the Generous.

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In the Name of God, Exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing in all creation!

O friends of God in the two villages, upon them be the Glory of God! Every soul who today desires to drink from the chalice of divine knowledge and attain the light of certitude must first purify their heart with the water of the utterance of Him Who is the Aim of all worlds. Likewise must they purify their hearing and sight to such degree that names will not prevent them from turning towards Him, nor will the

veils of beauty and the clouds of majesty hold them back from the Self-Subsisting Lord. In brief, they must sanctify their thoughts from the mention of all else but God, that they may become worthy to turn towards Him and capable of drawing near. Today the ocean of utterance is surging and the luminary of grace is shining forth. The previous people - namely the Shi'ites - were prevented by their vain imaginings from the Dayspring of Certitude. They occupied themselves with names while remaining heedless and veiled from their Lord. The divines, with utmost tyranny and injustice, uttered unseemly words from their pulpits - all have heard and know this. What was the cause of this turning away, the reason for this blindness? And whence arose this enmity against the Truth?

O servants! Ponder, that perchance ye may discover the purpose and not be deprived of the Most Great Ocean through clinging to the gulf of names. The One Whose presence they sought throughout ages and centuries - they issued the decree for His death and martyred Him. Hearken unto the call of the trusted Counselor! Cleanse your hearts wholly from the doubts and allusions of the past, for all the words and deeds of that party were rejected on the Day of His Manifestation. Today the trees cry out "The Truth is come!" and the fruits proclaim "The Kingdom is God's!" Deprive not your hearing and sight from witnessing and hearkening to the divine call. Leave the idolaters to their vain disputations. This Day is the Day of God - names have no station therein save for those souls who are the cupbearers of the choice-sealed wine and the Hands of the Cause of the Self-Subsisting Lord. These are they who have arisen with complete detachment to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. The ornaments of these fleeting days did not prevent them from the everlasting bounties and the eternal, perpetual feast. These are servants whom the ornaments and adornments of the world did not hinder. They have turned with illumined hearts and radiant faces to the Supreme Horizon, and answered their Lord, the Lord of all beings, when the call was raised between earth and heaven. These are honored servants, these are they who are brought nigh. The sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful so transported them that they sacrificed their lives. All else besides God did not prevent them from turning unto Him.

O My loved ones in the two villages! Know ye, then recognize that the Revealer of verses hath turned toward you from the direction of the Prison, and the Manifestor of clear evidences hath sent down for you that which will solace your eyes. And He Who conversed on Sinai calleth you from the horizon of Revelation, even as griefs encompass Him from the wickedness of the evil ones. Rejoice ye in My remembrance, then thank your Lord, for He hath sent down for you that which will draw you nigh unto Him - from which every possessor of smell perceiveth the fragrance of His bounty, His grace and His mercy that have preceded all that was and that shall be.

Hear ye the call of the Wronged One! By the Sun of Truth, whosoever hath attained unto the hearing of the Word findeth himself free and detached from the world and all that dwell therein. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the lights of the Sun of true unity. By God's life! The Shi'ih sect hath been recorded in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen as being among the idolaters. Strive ye, that ye may attain unto that for which ye were created from nothingness. The objectors of the Bayan are seen to be veiled anew from God, exalted be His glory, through their attachment to imaginary names. They have forsaken the Self-Subsisting and cling to vain imaginings. They are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

O My loved ones! I counsel you, after recognition of God, to steadfastness supreme, and to trustworthiness and godliness. The hosts of triumph and victory have ever been pure and acceptable deeds and character. We beseech God to make His loved ones the emblems of His remembrance in His lands and the standards of His guidance throughout His realms. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O 'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We have repeatedly made mention of the loved ones in the land of Kha and those regions, and there hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will that which containeth in every word a treasury of utterance and concealed waters of life. Ask thou God to grant the power of hearing and sight, and likewise the strength of steadfastness, that they may arise with legs of iron to support this new Cause and may speak the words "We are God's" with such utterance that silence shall not overcome it, nor shall the insinuations of the doubtful prevent it. Glory be to God! Despite all that hath been witnessed and is now being witnessed, the barking ones lie in wait for the unitarians. Convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One and counsel them to observe the manners and character of the Concourse on High. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the Bountiful. He loveth His loved ones and maketh mention of them ere they make mention of Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Light shining from My most exalted horizon be upon you, O My loved ones and friends, and upon those who will be attracted by the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in greatness and power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and sent forth the Messengers, making them the Manifestations of His Revelation, the Dawning-Places of His inspiration, and the Harbingers of what He hath sent down in His Books, His Psalms and His Tablets. He is verily the Single, the One, the Unique, like unto Whom there is nothing. He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Single, the All-Informed. The Wronged One beareth witness to His unity and oneness, and to His greatness and sovereignty. He it is Who hath spoken with the tongue of will concerning the unity of His Being and the unity of His attributes, and hath caused all things to speak that there is no God but He. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the understanding of all created things. Through Him the ocean of bounty hath surged in the world and the banner of unity hath been raised amidst the nations. And blessings and peace be upon the Dawning-Place of the Word of God, the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Source of His laws - He through Whom the countenance of the Hijaz smiled and the horizons were illumined with the light of concord. He it is Who gave glad tidings to all of the hidden Mystery and the treasured Symbol, and informed the people of the Hour and its signs, and the Resurrection and its mysteries. And upon His family and companions who strove in the path of God with true striving and sacrificed their souls and their possessions for the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause, and upon those who acted according to what they were commanded in His Book, which God made

to be supreme over all books and through which He separated truth from falsehood, from that Day until the Day when the trumpet shall be blown and all who are in the heavens and earth shall swoon away, save those whom God willeth.

And now, O thou who hast turned towards Him! The Wronged One mentioneth thee for the sake of God with that which shall profit thee in the hereafter and in this world, and counseleth thee in all circumstances to perform deeds and to show forth character, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, shall be exalted.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned: Spiritual virtues and goodly deeds are as wings for the human temple and as hosts for the triumph of the Divine Cause. A single pure word, free from the dust of vain imaginings, delivered and granted salvation to an entire city. The details thereof have been mentioned before. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance and hath acted according to what was commanded in the Book of his Lord, the All-Merciful.

Praise be to God that thou hast turned thy face and directed thyself to the horizon of the Prison, and hast drunk from the cup of contentment. How many souls in the nights and days sought divine confirmation from the Lord of all beings but attained it not, while thou didst arrive and hear that which its hearing is the cause of salvation and the source of prosperity. Today all the believers must, with the utmost humility and supplication, beseech assistance from the Lord of the Worlds, for all find themselves confronting the assaults of the polytheists. Each day they seize one pillar and destroy another, and this is naught but the recompense of deeds. All must today utter this most exalted word:

O God of the worlds and Creator of the nations! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to protect Thy lands from Thine enemies and Thy countries from the oppressors among Thy servants. O Lord! We have returned unto Thee and repented of our transgressions and errors, and have turned with our hearts and faces toward Thee, O Kaaba of the yearning ones, Answerer of the prayers of the distressed, and God of all in the heavens and earths. We beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the cities and souls to blot out our evil deeds and to pass over what our hands have wrought. Verily Thou art He to Whose mercy all atoms bear witness and to Whose generosity all beings testify. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Qabil-i-Karim! Make mention of the friends of God on behalf of the Wronged One. Ever hath the tongue been occupied with the praise of His loved ones and the Pen moved by that which exalteth them. Blessed art thou, for thou hast endured hardships and tribulations in the path of God and hast traversed both land and sea until thou didst attain thy goal and didst convey the remembrances of the friends of God. Praise be to God that each one hath been made the recipient of mention and adorned with the grace of the Friend. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to decree for them the reward of this world and of the world to come. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the King of the throne above and the earth below. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

If thou shouldst meet Muhammad-Qabil-i-Hasan, convey Our greetings and say: Thou hast not been forgotten. Verily thy Lord loveth faithfulness and He prayeth God to assist thee in that which He loveth

and is pleased with, and to aid thee in His remembrance and praise amongst all peoples. We beseech confirmation for all, that perchance the clamor of the aggressive ones, the tyranny of the oppressors, and the might of the deniers may not prevent the people of unity from the Most Exalted Word. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, may guide all the world and direct them to the straight path. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

And at the conclusion of this epistle, may the mercy sent down from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, be upon His Prophets and His Messengers and His chosen ones who have sacrificed their souls and have not broken the Covenant, and upon every one who hath turned toward His most exalted horizon and whom nothing hath deterred therefrom. And praise be to God, the Lord of all beings.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in greatness and power!

Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the Eternal, the Unique, the Transcendent, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath caused all to know His straight Path. He, verily, is the Great Announcement which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him and attained, and woe unto the heedless who have cast God behind their backs, turning unto every ignorant remote one. The Spirit, the glory and the splendor rest upon those who have hearkened unto the call of their Creator and answered Him on a Day wherein the dwellers of earth were overcome with drunkenness, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. These are servants whose loftiness is attested by the Supreme Pen, through Whose movement all things have appeared. Exalted is the Lord of creation and the Master of the Beginning and the End, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.

Thereafter, thy letter arrived at the beginning of the sacred month of Muharram, and likewise another letter a few days prior. What thou hadst written concerning the tribulations that had befallen caused infinite sorrow. However, O My beloved, the deeds of the servants themselves become embodied. Observe how many successive afflictions and oppression and tyranny have been visited upon the assured and tranquil souls by heedless and wayward people. If it would end with this much, it would still be well, but the Servant seeth in the land of Ta what is hidden from eyes and sight. Beseech God to guide the people, that the sun of justice may shine forth from behind the clouds and deliver the world from the darkness of oppression. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee and what hath befallen the loved ones of God. By the life of God! Whosoever hath ascended is recorded among the martyrs in God's Book. Blessed are they and joy be unto them for having turned unto Him and attained martyrdom in the days of the appearance of the Dayspring of their Lord's verses, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Should one become aware of the truth, he would feel a hundred thousand regrets for his continued existence and would exclaim with a hundred thousand tongues, "Would that I had been among the martyrs!" Regret is for those souls who were afflicted by the swords of vengeance and returned to the lowest of the low. Be not sorrowful in any matter, but with utmost joy and fragrance speak in remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. Praise be to God that you and the friends of God have

attained to that which hath been the purpose of all worlds, before and after. This is a matter whose mention and station shall not perish with the apparent revolutions of earthly dominion. Blessed are the souls who have ascended with divine love and hastened to the Supreme Companion. Joy be unto them, happiness be unto them, and blessed be they.

In these days two packets arrived from Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Names. He had mentioned the gatherings and meetings of the friends, and especially the details of that assembly and the names of those gathered were submitted before the Presence. Loving-kindness was shown to each one, one after another. We beseech the Exalted One to assist them and confirm them in what beseemeth His glorious and wondrous Day. God willing, this servant shall submit a response to his letter. Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings to him and all other friends, and give them all the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the sun of divine favor. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

As to what you wrote requesting permission to bring someone with you, this was presented and permission was granted. You may bring whomever you wish. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and answereth, and He is the Near, the Watchful. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained to the recognition of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His exalted Word in the Kitab-i-Aqdas states: “O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, see thee in a state which pleaseth not God, and We see from thee that which none knoweth except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We perceive that which secretly and stealthily proceedeth from thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things in a Tablet that is manifest.”

In these days, Mirza Ahmad-i-Kirmani, despite having sent several petitions to the Most Holy Court expressing repentance and contrition and seeking forgiveness from the Ocean of Generosity, has arrived in the great city and obtained from the satans certain infernal papers which he has distributed. Outwardly he shows agreement and unity with the people of concord, while inwardly he is united with the people of discord - though even in this he speaks falsely. The servant sees him like a chameleon, changing color at every moment. O my beloved! This hypocrite is observed to be like wax, taking any form. Inform the friends of God about this rebellious infidel that they may be aware. Eight or nine years ago, a word was spoken to Jenab-i-Amin - upon him be the Glory of God - in person regarding the Land of Kaf and Ra. His honor must have heard it.

The servant beseeches the Lord of the worlds and the Sovereign of nations to protect His loved ones from the schemes of every schemer and the artifices of every deceiver, and to strengthen them in the supreme steadfastness in this most mighty, most holy, most powerful and impregnable Cause.

The Servant

14 Muharram [1298]

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In the Name of the peerless One God!

O ye beloved of God! May ye ever be and continue to be blessed and joyful through the grace shining from the horizon of the Cause of the immortal King. At all times be ye engaged in the triumph of the Cause of the All-Merciful. O thou servant who gazeth unto God, gird up firmly the loins of service, in such wise that thou mayest be known and renowned for thy service to God amongst all else. The world and whatsoever is witnessed therein shall ere long perish, and that which shall endure is what hath been ordained by the Truth for His loved ones, and ever shall be. Today must such a breeze of steadfastness waft from the loved ones of God that none can prevent those enkindled souls from the divine Unity. Say: O servants, guard yourselves and take refuge in God, exalted be His mention, lest the croak of the raven prevent you from the Lord of Lords. For in most lands the call of false pretenders shall be raised - tidings We gave at the time of Our migration from Iraq, and which hath been detailed in numerous Tablets from the Pen of the Lord of creation. Say: Take ye the chalice of steadfastness in the name of your Lord, then drink therefrom with this wise Remembrance. Today all must manifest spiritual qualities among mankind, that all people may inhale the sweet fragrances of sanctity and detachment from those who are related to the Truth. Praise God that thou art mentioned before the Divine Presence and the Pen of God's Cause hath flowed in thy remembrance. Most great is this station - blessed is he who recognizeth its worth and is of them that preserve it.

O thou bird soaring in the heaven of divine love! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner. Convey to all the beloved ones the greetings from God. Blessed are they in that they have believed, turned unto Him, heard and responded on a Day wherein the mountains were scattered and flesh did quiver. God willing, all must act according to the loving counsels that have shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of creation. We have enjoined wisdom upon all, for corruption, conflict, contention and unauthorized seizure of others' property have all been forbidden in this Most Great Revelation. Say: O servants, hear ye the call of the Most Exalted Pen which crieth out betwixt earth and heaven. Strive ye, that perchance through divine grace and heavenly favors there may appear from you that which befitteth this Most Great Revelation. All must be united, and through deeds, character and conduct must attract and draw people from the gloomy wilderness to the pleasant spiritual realm. The essence of man is his humanity. Blessed is he from whom it is manifested - he is indeed of them that have attained. Man must not expend all his energy on his own imaginings, but must strive with utmost endeavor to attend to one another's affairs. This is the binding command of the Lord of nations that hath flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days. A Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of Will concerning the education of all, but in these days it hath not been dispatched, as the time was not propitious. When the hour cometh, We shall send it unto you. By My life, it is a perspicuous Book sent down from your Lord, the Lord of the worlds.

O friends of the Truth! Let your endeavors be directed towards serving the loved ones of God. To care for the weak is essential and to assist the poor is among those things most necessary before the All-Forgiving, and shall ever be so. I swear by the Sun of sanctified glory that has risen from the horizon of the prison, that the cry of those who are oppressed among the loved ones of God and the poor among His friends has been and shall ever be effective. Had people perceived the station of the Truth and turned towards God's direction, there would have surely appeared a matter that would have caused the enrichment of

all. What they have withheld from themselves of that which their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, desired has been concealed. Hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny reveals unto thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene. Verily, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful. Arise to serve the Cause and be steadfast through God's might and power, then convey that which thou hast been commanded by the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! The Sun of Beauty hath risen from the horizon of your Lord's Command, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Are ye among the dead? Yea, by my Lord! Were there in you a breath of life, ye would have heard the call of your Lord and would have turned to Him and said: "My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy tribulations, O Beloved of the worlds! Thou art He Who hath borne hardships in God's path for the quickening of all beings, until Thou wert imprisoned in a mighty prison." Were ye to find the sweetness of that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory proclaimeth, ye would surely abandon what ye possess and hasten to the seat of the Throne with evident submission. Fear ye God and deprive not yourselves of the breezes of these days. Turn ye with illumined hearts and radiant faces. Thus doth your Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beauteous, command you.

O thou who gazest! Rejoice in God's remembrance of thee and turn not unto those who speak what they comprehend not. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who have turned to the Countenance. They are indeed the triumphant ones. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Exalted is He Who sendeth down verses from the Kingdom which was illumined with the lights of the Throne, and Who speaketh in the Lote Tree of Revelation that perchance men may find a way unto Him.

Say: O servants, fear ye the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, and await the grace that was made manifest from the horizon of the All-Merciful. Say: The Sun of Utterance hath dawned from the horizon of the revelation of the King of Names and Attributes. Prostrate yourselves before God, your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, Who was remembered in the heaven of eternity by the name of Glory, and in the kingdom of names as the Most High.

O people! Deny not the verses of the All-Merciful after their revelation. Follow that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Verily His grace draweth nigh unto the doers of good. Say: The names were shaken and the heaven was cleft asunder when the Glory came with the kingdom of eternity, save him who took Him as his protector. Cast away that which veils you from God, then soar on the wings of sanctity unto this atmosphere which was raised through this Name.

The breezes of grace have wafted, and by them were all things borne, and God is witness to what I say. Soon shall there appear from all things that which shall gladden the hearts of the monotheists. Then shall the idolaters flee to the right and to the left, and shall find for themselves no secure refuge.

Say: O people! Take ye the chalice of eternity from the hands of Glory, then turn ye unto God, the Lord of Names. And if ye are able within yourselves, then sail upon the crimson ark in My Most Exalted Name and traverse the sea of grandeur that ye may find yourselves beneath a shade illumined by the lights of His countenance.

The Tongue of Grandeur speaketh from this Most Great Prison and summoneth the peoples unto their Lord, the Most Merciful. Thus have We apprised thee and informed thee, that both thine eyes and the eyes of the Concourse of eternity might be solaced thereby, and that perchance the people may behold the power of God and choose Him as their Helper. Say: O people! If ye deny this power and this proof, by what evidence can ye establish your faith in your Lord, the Most Merciful? Nay, by Him through Whom the earth and heaven were illumined with the light of Baha, they shall find for themselves no path unto the truth. Say: O people! When the Messenger of God approacheth you with His Tablet, rise from your seats, then go forth to meet Him and take it with the fingers of certitude and assurance. Then inhale from it, when ye perceive therefrom the fragrance of utterance and the sweet perfume from the garment of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Then deny it not. Thus have We sent down the command from the heaven of eternity, a revelation from One Who is mighty and powerful over all the worlds. O people! Follow the religion of God and His command, and commit not that which causeth the faithful ones to lament in the Most Exalted Companion. This is what We have counseled you in the Tablets, and God is witness to what I say. If one of the idolaters should bring thee the book of hell, cast it behind thee. Say: I have abandoned the religion of a people who believe not in God; these are the companions of the fire. Thus hath the command been inscribed by the Pen of the Chosen One upon the Tablet. O people! Fear God and follow not those against whom the word of punishment hath been fulfilled, and whose faces are covered with the dust of fire. They are assuredly among the people of the coffin. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Lord of Lords and the Sovereign of the Kingdom, Who hath come from the heaven of Command with a name that was known in truth. Know thou the value of these days, then gird up thy loins therein for the triumph of My Cause. Let not the world and what occurreth therein sadden thee. Soon shall all thou beholdest perish, while glory and power shall endure unto God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

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All praise be unto the Most Praiseworthy One, Who through His name Ahmad conquered the world and purified it from the dust and stench of polytheism, Who through “No” rolled up the carpet of idols and through “but” raised high the banner of unity. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the opposition and denial of the polytheists did not deter from His purpose. Holy, sanctified is our Lord and the Lord of the angels and the Spirit. Prayers and peace be upon the Seal of His chosen ones and upon His family and companions, through whom the horizon of might dawned and the decree of free will was established.

Thereafter, the letter arrived and news was received, its contents understood and lamentations heard. Now is the time for joy and gladness, for thy beloved’s letter was presented before His face. He said: “O physician, upon thee be the peace of God, His grace, His bounty and His favors. This Wronged One has ever been afflicted in the hands of the heedless. From the earliest days until now He has repeatedly been

imprisoned. This Wronged One was created for tribulations, yet as they are in the path of the Beloved of the worlds, they have been and are beloved. We beseech God to bestow upon all penetrating vision and attentive ears that they may see and bear witness, hear and testify. Before obstinacy, the waves of the ocean of utterance appear lower than a drop, and the harvests of inner meanings and knowledge less than a grain. One Who has desired naught save the exaltation and elevation of the people of unity has been deemed a mischief-maker and barred from that for which He was created.

Glory be to God! They have not pondered for a moment, nor do they ponder, what has been the cause of the abasement of the people of unity and what the reason for the ascendancy of the people of polytheism. Until now the abominable sect has not awakened from the slumber of heedlessness nor tasted of the ocean of awareness. They revile the Truth and perceive it not; they judge contrary to what God hath revealed and are unaware. Thus hath their recompense overtaken them for their deeds, yet they understand not and are unconscious. They deny the Truth while affirming vicegerency for His servant, and have wasted their lives in this matter. From the fruits of their deeds their stations have become clear and evident. Say:

My God, my God! This Thy servant testifieth that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and the description of all possible beings. All things have testified to Thy unity and oneness, to Thy power which hath conquered the horizons, and to the light of Thy unity whereby the lands have been illumined. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and to Thy most great signs, whereby the necks of all humanity have been humbled. I beseech Thee by the splendors of the lights of Thy most exalted Word and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, O Lord of all names and Ruler of the throne on high and of earth below, to make me in all conditions one who acknowledgeth Thy grandeur and Thy power, and who is assured of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Aid me and Thy servants to make good what hath escaped us, through Thy bounty which encompasseth all created things and through Thy mercy which hath preceded all who dwell on earth and in the heavens. Then inspire Thy servants, O my God, with that which will remove them from remoteness from Thee and enable them to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Strong, the All-Subduing, the Almighty."

Praised be God, divine favor be unto God, and mercy be unto God! This servant has ever been beseeching and hoping from the Ocean of bounty and the Sea of generosity that He may not deprive His servants of the adornment of justice. It was previously mentioned that in this land a person occupied a position of authority and committed that which caused the eyes of equity to weep, the sighs of the monotheists to rise, and tears to flow. He regarded these oppressed ones as mere beasts, and due to his hatred and enmity, affairs became difficult from every direction. However, by God's grace and favor, his tyranny returned upon himself, and he departed this land humiliated and defeated. Yet some traces of his evil deeds still remain. That spiritual beloved should not be grieved. These oppressions and transgressions do not prevent the monotheists and sincere ones. They regard the world as non-existent and all save God as nothing. They are the repositories of God's Will and the manifestations of His names and the mirrors of His attributes, exalted be His grandeur. This servant was saddened by the expression of grief from that beloved one. Praise be to God, after appearing before the Master, He spoke that which closed the gates of sorrow and despair and opened the gates of joy and delight. His is the praise and thanksgiving in all

conditions. Convey greetings to the friends on behalf of this servant. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid each one in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of the station of His servants. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

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Praise be to the Most Holy and Supreme Sanctuary of the Beloved who favored the Afnan of His Tree with this great bounty and supreme honor. God willing, in all conditions, days, centuries, ages, and worlds they shall hold fast unto the Tree and move with the winds of His will. Blessed are they! Happy be they! This servant confesses his powerlessness and shortcoming to mention this station, and beseeches his Lord to grant them success, draw them nigh, and assist them in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He doeth whatsoever He willeth and in His grasp is the Kingdom of Creation. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention and unto your steadfastness.

A detailed petition was submitted by this servant to your presence several months ago (15 Safar) along with numerous exalted and glorious Tablets specifically for you and for her eminence your mother - upon her be all the Glory of God - and three other Tablets, as well as a Tablet of Visitation specifically for the Most Exalted Leaf - upon her be all the Glory of God and His most exalted Splendor. Every letter thereof testifies to God's favor and grace towards His Most Exalted Leaf. No acknowledgment of receipt has reached this servant, which is most strange. I beseech you to provide details. For this reason, this servant has submitted this most brief petition. The letter from the honored and beloved Aqa Mirza Ashraf - upon him be the glory of God and His favor - arrived last week, and likewise this time what you sent, the blessed handwriting which was presented before His presence. These exalted words descended from the heaven of grace, His word, exalted and mighty be He:

In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

Whatever the friends of God submit to you verbally or in writing should be presented to the Most Holy Court. Rest assured that all will receive a response. He is the Answerer before, during and after the question. O My Afnan! Be steadfast in service to the Cause and speak in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. In nights and days the Supreme Pen, despite the hardships endured in prison from the beginning of arrival until now, has not ceased from movement nor halted in utterance, save for limited occasions as a wisdom from Us. Be as thy Lord has been. Verily thy Lord knoweth and judgeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. One must with complete might and power hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and bestow new life upon the dead of the earth through the commanding Word. The power of speech and utterance was created for the mention of this station. Hold fast unto it and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto hearing the Word of God, the Lord of the worlds.

His honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, previously sent a letter to this servant and wrote that they had sent a petition from Abadeh which his honor Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, was to forward to the Most Holy Court. Due to lack of time they gave it to this servant to forward to the Most Holy Court, and they themselves would later provide details. After these matters were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and mention was made of his honor Khan and the petition of his honor Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, several firm and blessed verses were revealed from the heaven of divine will especially for them. God willing, may they be refreshed and revived by the fragrances of the verses of the True One, glorified be His majesty, and from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and may they bestow that which they have attained. Likewise, the promise of bounty was given in response to the petition of his honor Aqa Mirza Ashraf. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Generous Giver. Those aforementioned blessed verses have been recorded in the letter which this servant wrote to his honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God. Your honor and the honored Afnans, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, should peruse the letter and then forward it to his honor Nazir wherever he may be. His honor Nazir sent a petition from someone (named Ali Effendi) and likewise made mention through someone (Haji Muhammad Ali). A response to both was graciously given - God willing it will reach them and they will attain. The true submission of this servant is that I present greetings, nothingness, humility and submissiveness to his honor the illustrious Khalil, the promoter of the Cause of God, and likewise to their honors the Afnans, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained the special heavenly table. This is the essence, and whatever else is said is secondary. The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Lord and our Beloved be upon you and upon those who hear your words and love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Servant. On 27 Rabi'al-Thani 1300. The petitions that were received this time with your honor's signature - however there was no opportunity to present the petitions. God willing, after they are presented and gain the honor of being heard, whatever shines forth from the horizon of grace will be sent. The command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

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In His Name, exalted be His glory, the most Glorious and the most Powerful!

Praise be unto that one true Goal, unto Whom all the peoples of the world, whether learned or mystic, noble or mighty, have confessed and acknowledged His oneness, and have likewise admitted their powerlessness to truly know His sacred Being as He is. He is the One, the Unique, the Powerful, the Mighty. When the waves of the ocean of bounty appeared, He brought forth creation from sheer nothingness through His most exalted Word, that all might be adorned, according to their capacity, with the knowledge of His sacred Being. He hath ever been a hidden and treasured Mystery, and will forever remain as He hath been - the One, the Unique, the Mighty, the Bestower. Every tongue hath been rendered mute before the waves of His ocean of utterance, and all hearts and minds have been bewildered before the dawning-lights of the Sun of His knowledge. He hath ever been sanctified beyond all praise and mention, and beyond all that the denizens of the kingdom of creation have uttered.

When the path was blocked and the quest proved futile, out of pure grace and as a manifestation of His greatest favor to humanity, He sent forth Books and Messengers that they might guide all creation to the highest horizon. These are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-places of His revelation, the Day-springs of His inspiration, and the Recipients of divine knowledge. Whoso hath followed them hath been reckoned among the companions of the right hand in the perspicuous Book, and whoso hath remained heedless hath been recorded among the companions of the left. All Books and Messengers reached their culmination in the Seal of the Prophets and the Lord of the chosen ones, unto whom was revealed the Book named the Furqan in the kingdom of utterance, through which He manifested His will and every wise command, and by which the Beloved lamented and the back of every remote polytheist was broken.

And now, O my beloved, thy letter was received and became the cause of joy and gladness. And as it was adorned and embellished with mention of the chosen ones and faithful ones of God - exalted be His glory - it brought forth a world of expansion and delight. May you ever drink from the choice wine of the love of the Beloved of all possibility, and remain occupied in remembrance and mention of God's chosen ones.

And as for what you wrote concerning the honored and forgiven departed father - upon him be the ocean of God's care and mercy - in truth this servant is powerless to describe his station and offer fitting praise, for whatever might be said would not be worthy, as he was among those souls who were illumined and adorned by the lights of the sun of steadfastness. Such expressions of favor have been shown regarding him that every pen is incapable and falls short of their mention. A house has been built for him by the hands of grace that the passing of ages and centuries cannot alter. God willing, that honored beloved one is engaged with utmost joy and delight. The glance of favor has been and will continue to be upon you. As you mentioned that his honored presence - upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory - gave you tidings of the aforementioned word, the matter is as he spoke it. Every person of insight has testified and will testify to his awareness, and every hearing ear has borne and will bear witness to his station. Due to the veils of the people, this ephemeral one has made and makes brief mention. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to confirm you in what is befitting. And regarding what you wrote about acting on your behalf, that which was beloved - this servant succeeded in carrying it out. Blessed are you and blessed is this poor and lowly servant. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey greetings and glorification to the friends. God willing, may all act according to what God has willed in all days and nights, and hold fast to what God loves. Verily He is the Protector of those who have turned to Him and believed in His clear Book. The mercy and peace be upon you all.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Mighty!

This is submitted: Your esteemed letter indicating the good health of your blessed person arrived like the Egyptian Bashir as a herald of glad tidings, reaching the spiritual Canaan which is the city of the heart. The fragrance of faithfulness was inhaled from this garment; it brought joy and increased comfort. The realms of sorrow were rolled up and the carpet of delight was spread forth. The banner of love was raised high while anguish bowed its head.

However, there was complaint about the brevity of the correspondence. Indeed, the friends in the true garden who are intoxicated in the spiritual rose garden by the divine wine, who are stirred to ecstasy by the spiritual melody, who are unconscious of their own existence and are effervescent from the wine of mercy, are not content with little and do not become hung over from much. Before them, the books of contingent existence are as a mere letter, and the ocean of utterance as but a single cup, for they have withdrawn from contingent existence and chosen seclusion in the realm beyond space. The vat cannot satisfy love's hangover, nor can the ocean cool the heat of longing. These two verses were spoken in this regard:

Whatever wine you have in the wine-house will not cure love's fever

O cup-bearer, bring forth an ocean of that spiritual wine

So that this concealed, love-maddened one may cry out in ecstasy

So that this divine-intoxicated one may rise above this hangover

The fish is never sated with water, nor the lover satisfied with the beloved. Should the loved one gaze upon the beauty of the beloved for a thousand years, it would seem but an hour, and should he drink for ages the pure wine from the honey of union, it would seem but a moment. Their joy is in sacrificing heart and soul, and their sorrow in being occupied with this and that. Rumi says:

Lovers drain the cup of joy only when

Their beloveds slay them with their own hands

Furthermore, how can one speak of these ungrateful people whom you know, who harbor such envy in their hearts and conceal such malice in their breasts? They breathe not except in accordance with their own desires and seek naught but their own passions, even as He saith: "Seest thou him who taketh his own passion for his god?" With all these conditions which are manifest and evident unto you, and hidden from others, how can the divine Nightingale warble upon the mystic branch, or the Hoopoe of Sheba speak of the Abode of Eternity? Silence is better than utterance. The mystics of beauty have strung these pearls of utterance: two things are more pleasing and delightful than all else - a receptive heart and appealing words. But now, which heart among this people shall I seek, and from which flower shall I inhale this fragrance? "God hath sealed their hearts and their hearing, and over their eyes is a veil." It is known that none but the ear of truth can hear the divine melody, and none but the eye of the spirit can behold the countenance of the Beloved. "They have eyes with which they see not, and ears with which they hear not." Although truth is in itself distinct from falsehood as the sun from its own non-existent shadow, yet some non-entities have claimed existence and raised the standard of oppression, though they have not tasted a single letter from the ocean of knowledge nor a drop from the boundless sea of wisdom. They attribute to these recluses in the sanctuary of unity that which befits only themselves. "The envious one is wroth with him who hath no fault." But by divine grace their hands are short while the tree of celestial power is exceedingly tall. "God will not consent save that He perfect His light, though the unbelievers abhor it." How well saith the Mathnavi in this regard:

O Ziya'u'l-Haqq, Husamu'd-Din, both heart and soul,

Before whose presence heart and soul stand abashed;

These pieces of clay, in their envy,

Seek to veil thy sun from sight.

What can I say? The song of the nightingale is discerned from that of the raven, and the cooing of the dove from the cawing of the crow. Though I have no ensign but silence, and seek no token but obscurity, all these meaningless utterances have arisen. Alas! Should this Bird of Iraq warble melodies of the Hijaz, and this divine Falcon adorn the gathering with holy celestial tunes, and bring the intoxicated ones to their senses through the song of the immortal birds, then would it become evident how far these lost ones have strayed from the lofty stations of divine knowledge. It seems they have no share of the ocean of certitude, and have not reached the goal of reunion which is the purpose of creation. O ears bereft of hearing! O hearts devoid of understanding! God willing, through divine grace and Muhammadan virtue, may we gather at the shore of the sea of unity and partake of the wine of detachment, that we may sever our hearts from all else and bind them to the Friend.

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O my God, praise be to Thee! I testify at this moment to Thy unity and Thy singleness, and that Thou art He Who hath ever been without any mention of aught else beside Thee and shalt ever continue to be as Thou hast been in the glory of Thy majesty and grandeur. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I mention before Thee what hath befallen me in these days - that which hath not befallen anyone before me - and verily Thou art All-Knowing, All-Informed. Thou art He Who, O my God, cast the love of me into the hearts of Thy chosen ones and loved ones before they knew me or became aware of Thy Cause in my person. Then afterwards Thou didst try them with separation when the decree of separation after union dawned from the horizon of severance. And thereby my heart and their hearts were consumed to such a degree that they left their homes out of longing to meet Thee and in quest of reunion with Thee. Some died in exile without attaining the spring of Thy reunion and the Kawthar of Thy grace. Some were scattered throughout the lands, and none knoweth what befell them or what they endured. The breezes of reunion from the direction of meeting Thee never wafted upon them, and the sun of grace never shone upon them from the horizon of Thy beauty.

Alas, alas, O my God, for their lamentation in their separation from Thee and their cry of anguish at their remoteness from union with Thee! Though they disobeyed Thy command, O my Beloved, by departing from Thy city, yet by Thy glory, naught made them leave except the rapture of yearning for Thee and the ecstasy of Thy love, one drop of which draws all created things to the seat of the sanctity of the Sovereign of Thy unity and transforms all existence to the summit of glory of the King of Thy singleness.

By Thy glory, O my Lord and my Hope! Even if the eyes of all who are in the heavens and on earth were to shed tears from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end for their grief at being far from Thee and their agitation at separation from Thee, it would still be too little, too little. By Thy glory, Thou hast indeed been witness and aware of this.

Among them, O my God, are those who did not leave Thy city, as Thou hadst forbidden them by Thy binding command, yet the fire of separation seized them to such a degree that they sacrificed their souls for Thy name and their spirits ascended unto Thee in the Most Exalted Horizon and the Most Glorious Companion. Therefore, O my God, raise up their spirits through Thy sovereignty in such wise that there may appear from them the lights of the glory of Thy unity and the manifestations of the sanctity of Thy singleness.

Then spread abroad, O my God, their traces in the realms of the glory of Thy Self-Sufficiency and the worlds of the sanctity of Thy singleness. Then make them, O my God, to endure through Thy permanence, to gaze upon Thy beauty, to stand fast in Thy mysteries, and to have dominion over Thy creation and Thy creatures. Then make them, O my God, to be ever joined to the sovereignty of Thy reunion and the King of Thy presence in such wise that their faces shall never turn away from Thy face throughout the eternity of eternities. Verily Thou art the Lord of Glory and Majesty, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Generous.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! By Thy glory, my tribulations have reached such a point that all encompassing knowledge and mention have been cut off therefrom, such that I am unable to enumerate them in Thy kingdom or mention them in the court of the glory of Thy unity. Shall I mention, O my God, my exile and estrangement, or my distress and desperation, or my trials at the hands of enemies, or my poverty in the midst of the wretched, or my arrival in this Most Great Prison, or shall I mention what hath befallen Thy loved ones in Thy path and Thy creatures in the ways of Thy good-pleasure? Or shall I mention, O my God, what befell me after my departure from thy city and unto my house wherein were raised thy remembrance and the standards of thy guidance and the lights of the glory of thy oneness, and which thou didst make a symbol in thy kingdom for the people of thy love and a treasure for thy creation among the people of thy chosen ones, and which thou didst distinguish among all places on earth for the exaltation of thy remembrance and the promotion of thy Cause, wherein entered the transgressors among thy creation and the rebellious among thy servants, and they plundered whatsoever was therein, and thereby did they show arrogance against thee and violate thy sanctity and dishonour thy glory before thine enemies. By thy glory, O my God! They have reached in their rebellion the summit of transgression, and heedlessness hath seized them to such degree that they imagined thee to be unaware of them and their deeds, though thou wert ever cognizant of them and their actions. By thy glory, O my God! Nothing made them heedless of thy knowledge save the manifestations of thy glorious concealment and the evidences of thy holy bountifulness. Therefore, O my God, forgive their misdeeds and their transgressions if they return unto thee and turn in repentance unto thee, for they know not and perceive not. Although their transgression, O my God, is greater than the creation of the heavens and the earth, yet thy forgiveness is greater than all things. Then send down upon them, O my God, that which will purify their hearts and their souls. Then remind them, O my God, of the days of meeting thee. Then inspire them with that which will keep them from all that beseemeth not thy presence and befitteth not thy sovereignty. Verily thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Exalted,

the All-Perceiving, the All-Compelling, the Victorious, the All-Demanding, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Then I beseech thee, O my God, by Him Whom thou didst manifest aforetime and Whom thou wilt manifest on the Day of Resurrection, that thou transform this night by the lights of the morn of thy meeting and this darkness by the radiance of the dawn of thy beauty. Then aid, O my God, him who aideth thee through himself and followeth thee in thy Cause, though all who are in the heavens and on earth oppose him. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Lord

The servant testifies that there is no God but Him, acknowledging His power and oneness, and confessing His sovereignty and singleness. He hath ever been sanctified beyond my comprehension and the comprehension of all created things, and beyond what my tongue and the tongues of all contingent beings can express. Whoso testifieth to the sanctity of His Being above all likeness and comparison, and confesseth his powerlessness to know Him, is among the believers in His Book and the near ones among His servants. Exalted is this most glorious station and this most high rank. Blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom the carpet of beginning was spread out and the decree of ending was made manifest, through Whom the Sun of knowledge dawned and the horizon of certitude was illumined, through Whom the idols wailed and the false deities were struck down, and through Whom all graven images were shattered. And upon His family and companions who heard the call from the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory, who responded and arose to serve the Cause in the realm of creation, and through whom the standards of unity and the banners of divine oneness were raised. These are the servants whom God hath described, both before and after, in His Books, His Scriptures, His Psalms and His Tablets. Blessed is he who followeth in their footsteps, and woe unto the heedless.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. Your letter dated the 22nd of blessed Ramadan, numbered 2, brought the utmost joy and gladness. It was as the supreme antidote for the poison of separation and remoteness, and as the water of life for those thirsting in the desert of love and faithfulness. After its perusal and review, I turned toward the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and presented a detailed account. He said: “God willing, the fire of separation shall be transformed for them through the blessed word ‘coolness and safety’, and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree shall so possess them that every still thing shall be moved, every extinguished thing shall be ignited, and every solid thing shall melt and flow. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Remembering, the Compassionate, the Generous.” At times when the location was the palace and you were observed from afar, and likewise in the prison when standing before the gate, your state remains the same, observed by the Eye that slumbereth not. We send greetings and glorification upon you and upon those who hold fast to the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of God’s grace, the Lord of all worlds.

Indeed, if correspondence is not entirely illumined by the light of reunion, at least half of it, as they say, is illumined, for it is observed that it soothes the grieving heart and removes the sorrow of separation. The servant praises and thanks his Lord for enabling him to behold your traces and for assisting him to

present this response. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous, in both beginning and return. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Regarding what you wrote about a previous envelope numbered 1 that you sent via Ottoman post, it has not yet arrived. Despite searching and inquiry, nothing has come of it. It remains delayed, but perhaps God will cause it to appear later. Verily, He has power over all things.

I am aware of your attention and of the day of that eminence's departure from Beirut. God willing, wherever they arrive, may the guardians of that place give voice and utterance to the blessed word "My Lord, cause me to land at a blessed landing-place." I beseech the Most High to place divine grace before you, the hosts of protection behind you, the banner of guidance to your right, the seas of utterance to your left, the sun of bounty above you, and the carpet of certitude beneath your feet, and may all good things encompass you. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving.

As to what you wrote concerning the Tree, in truth during the time of journey and mental turmoil and affairs, that eminence's attention is not on these matters. This is but from the perfection of grace and love, unless God, exalted be His glory, bestows a bounty and delivers this evanescent one somewhat from embarrassment. Praise be to God that mention of that true Beloved has been and continues to be especially before the Most Holy Court and in the presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree and the people of the pavilion of virtue and chastity. O my Lord and my Beloved! In these days sorrow hath encompassed all, for the Cause of God and the Faith of God have been weakened. The enemies lie in ambush from every direction while this small band is without helper or assistant. What can I say about what has befallen Islam? The divine religion and divine cause that were the reason and means of unity and concord have now become the source of discord. In any case, now this evanescent one and that beloved and all the loved ones of God must beseech God, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication for victory and relief, for until the time of hardship and difficulty for God's servants is not followed by ease and comfort… The Command is in His hands - He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. May the glory shining from the horizon of our Lord the All-Merciful's grace be upon your eminence and upon those with you and upon those who love you and who hearken to your words for God and in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Most Great Prison, wherein speaketh the Ancient King: "Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." He hath come Who walketh upon the horizons of the earth and speaketh before all faces that which draweth the servants nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Euphrates of utterance hath flowed from My Pen, and God hath quickened thereby every mouldering bone. We were seated upon the throne when thy letter arrived. We read it and answered thee with verses whereby the hearts of them that are brought near have been drawn.

The armies of the world have not prevented Us from the remembrance of God, the Founder of nations. Verily, He hath come from the horizon of power with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned toward this luminous horizon on a day wherein most of the people of the earth have turned away, as every assured soul doth testify. The fragrance of verses hath been diffused, the clear proofs have appeared, and the scratching of the Pen hath been raised, yet the peoples are in thick veils. Their vain imaginings have barred them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed art thou for having acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby have slipped the feet of the divines who broke God's covenant and His testament, and pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice. Let not the utterances of the doubtful ones, who have disbelieved in God's verses when they were sent down in truth and who have spoken that which hath caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise to lament at morn and eve, grieve thee.

Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee in the Most Great Prison time and again, and at this moment wherein His Most Great Branch speaketh thy praise and writeth before His face. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Be thou a speaker of His remembrance, a bearer of His Book, and a helper of His Cause, the wondrous, through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

Hearken in the Persian tongue! Time and again hast thou attained unto the divine verses and quaffed from the sealed wine, and in the days when darkness encompassed the world thou wert illumined by the effulgent rays of the Luminary of Revelation which shone forth in this radiant morn. His is the praise, His the thanksgiving, His the bounty, His the majesty and glory. There hath been and is no doubt that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and is the All-Knowing, the All-Protecting, the All-Encompassing, and the All-Powerful. All affairs are in the grasp of His might. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Yet in these days this Wronged One hath donned the garment of camel's hair, and though the lights of Revelation have encompassed the world, He hath veiled Himself. Whatsoever hath been announced in the divine Books of the past and future - these are the most exalted of days, and in this station naught but the mention of Divinity hath been made, even as the Seal of the Prophets hath said: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." The Primal Point, at the beginning of the Persian Bayan, declareth: "He verily speaketh in every condition, saying: 'I am God'" to the end of the verse. And likewise in another station, in speaking of this Revelation, He saith: "I am the first to worship Him." Today the verses have encompassed the world and the evidences have embraced all things. The ocean of utterance surgeth in the midmost heart of contingent being, and the Sun of Revelation casteth its effulgences from all horizons. Yet vision and hearing are rare. Beseech the Lord that He deprive not His servants of the splendors of the Most Great Luminary. Most of the people of Iran know and are aware that this Wronged One arose with perfect steadfastness before the faces of all the world and summoned all to the Dayspring of divine knowledge and the Dawning-Place of His celestial revelation. With a single pen He struck upon the swords of the world. Blessed are they who have attained unto His grace and recognized that for

which they were created from the void of non-existence. O thou who gazest upon His countenance! The Cause of this Wronged One is clear and evident as the sun, yet the heedless servants are occupied with names and remain oblivious of their Lord, as thou dost witness. In most matters We pass judgment according to outward appearances and hold fast to visible means, for this is required by God's consummate wisdom, as is the manifestation in human form. When thou art enraptured by the wine of My utterance and art raised to the kingdom of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy grace and enabled me to turn toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, whereby the horizons of the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom were illumined. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will enable me to associate with Thy chosen ones in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou seest the thirsty one hastening to the ocean of Thy mercy, the seeker advancing toward Thy grace, and the silent one drawn to the kingdom of Thy utterance. I implore Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee. Write down for me, O my God, the good of this world and the next. Then forgive me and my parents and those for whom Thou hast desired the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty and favor. Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of Thy name, the All-Merciful, was wafted. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the All-Conquering, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting

Praise be to God Who caused the Sun of Baha to dawn from the Horizon of Eternity, by which were illumined the denizens of the highest Paradise who circle round the Throne. Verily there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life, and all are recorded with Him in a preserving tablet.

O Mir-Qabl-Muhammad! Hearken unto that which the Nightingale of Separation warbleth unto thee at this hour when leg was wrapped around leg, when every covenant was broken save the Covenant of God thy Lord, the Creator, and when every book and page was rendered void save the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. O Mir! Detach thyself from the world and all that is therein, all that lieth between, and all that is upon it. Follow not the steps of the idolaters, but put thy trust in God thy Lord and be of them that are steadfast in the Faith of this Youth, the Divine, the Iraqi, the Manifest One. Through Him have all religions been established since the time when Adam was created from water and clay, and shall continue to be established unto the end that hath no end.

O Mir! Cleanse the mirror of thy heart from all defilement that thou mayest find therein the image of this Wronged One, the Captive, Who hath fallen beneath the swords of hatred through that which the hands of these idolaters have wrought - they who say with their tongues "By God, we believed in 'Ali-Qabl-Nabil," yet when the sovereign Manifestation of His Cause appeared, they denied Him and pronounced Him false, until they issued the decree for His death just as previous peoples decreed death for the

Prophets and Messengers. The tongue of their innermost hearts beareth witness that they are they who lie at every moment and every hour.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Beauty and by the splendors of the Sun of Thy grace and bounty to detach me from whatsoever is in the heavens and earth, and to render me wholly devoted to Thy resplendent and most glorious Countenance and sincerely dedicated to Thy most exalted Faith, O Thou Who art sanctified above all that can be known or uttered and all that can be witnessed through speech. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the clouds of Thy generosity and benevolence, and by the rain-clouds of Thy tender mercy and compassion, to cause the showers of Thy glorious loving-kindness to descend upon the soil of my heart, that there may spring forth from it the vegetation of Thy knowledge and wisdom, making me wholly trusting in Thy most luminous Countenance. O Lord! The polytheists failed to recognize the essence of Thy Being and covered their eyes with the veils of associating partners with Thee, to the point where they ruled to put to death the Manifestation of Thy most glorious Self, and arose to that end that people might rise in support of this deed, and caused some to stray from Thy path through the false words that issued from their mouths. Therefore, O my Beloved, seize them with Thy severe chastisement for what their hands have wrought. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Originator and the Restorer, and Thou art the All-Hearing, the Answerer of prayers. Then forgive my sins, O my Beloved, and conceal my faults, O my Adored One, and let me not be heedless for less than a moment of the remembrance of Thy beauty. Verily, Thou art the Truth, there is no God but Thee. Unto Thee is the beginning and the return. No possessor of pure reason can ever know Thy essence. And verily, O Mir-Muhammad, hear Thou my call and be not of the heedless. Detach thyself from all that hath been created in dust, for it shall perish while the words of thy Lord shall endure for all eternity. And upon thee and upon those who hearken to my words be the Spirit, glory and majesty.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

Praise be to God, Who was and Who shall ever be as He hath been, and peace and blessings be upon the Lord of all possibility, through Whom was made manifest the essence of all religions and through Whom were sealed the commandments of God, our Lord, the Most Merciful, and upon His family and companions who acted in accordance with that which they were commanded in the Book.

Your letter was received, bringing joy and gladness. We beseech the Truth to confirm you in that which He loveth and is pleased with. After presenting the letter before Him, He spoke: “O Husayn, upon thee be My peace! Give thanks to the Intended One of the world and the Lord of nations Who confirmed thee in His recognition. We testify that there is none other God but Him, acknowledging His oneness and confessing His singleness, submitting to His Cause and all that appeareth from Him. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever loveth Him and the Answerer of whosoever calleth upon Him.”

We beseech Him to ordain for thee that which is conducive to the good of this world and the next. Be not saddened by the diverse affairs of this world. Verily, joy cometh after sorrow, ease after hardship,

comfort after distress, tranquility after agitation, and glory after abasement. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

Today all the sincere ones and they that are detached must beseech the Self-Sufficing Lord for that which will safeguard and protect the Cause of God. The enemies have encompassed it and each day they demolish one of its pillars. Alexandria is on the brink of drowning, and likewise other lands. Each day they seek to destroy one of its members, and all these things are the punishment for their deeds. All must turn to the Truth, glorified be His majesty, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, and seek forgiveness, that perchance the ocean of divine mercy might surge and wash away the dust of disobedience.

The pure Faith, for numbered years, was occupied with itself and heedless of others. They disputed and quarreled with each other over words whose meaning they knew not, and their enmity became so firmly rooted that it caused the very foundation to tremble. We beseech the True Architect to protect it and save it from ruin. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In all conditions, hold fast to the firm cord and cling to the luminous hem of divine favor. You have not been forgotten, nor shall you ever be - you and all those souls who are truly adorned with the ornament of detachment and illumined with the light of divine knowledge. We send Our greetings. Verily, the Wronged One remembers those whose names thou didst mention before in the letter that was presented. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant them success and to ordain for them from His Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth His generosity, bounty, grace, and bestowal. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God! In these days the heat of fasting hath increased the fire of love in the hearts of the lovers and the obedient ones, and this is among the greatest bounties of the Lord. We beseech the Truth to assist His servants that they may act in utmost joy and fragrance according to that which they have been commanded. One deed performed in the path of God hath ever been and shall ever be the cause of salvation, and is like unto a lamp before all faces in all the worlds. The explanation of this station cannot be completed nor concluded through the utterance of one such as this evanescent one. In all conditions we hold fast to the cord of His grace. We have committed all affairs unto Him and have placed our trust in Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Ibrahim, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted. He commanded that they should engage in trade and business with the utmost joy and fragrance, and if they should afterwards return to Iran, this too would be well-pleasing. We beseech God to aid all, that there may be manifested from the servants that which befitteth their servitude unto Him. The bounties of the world are in the grasp of His power. Assuredly He hath not deprived and will not deprive His loved ones, and if for a few days hardship should occur, this hath been and is due to the requirements of consummate wisdom. By My life! Soon shall the doors of ease be opened before the faces of the unitarians, and rivers of wealth and affluence shall flow in the cities and lands. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to them and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to preserve them beneath the shade of the Tree of His providence. Verily He hath power over all things. In

all circumstances they should be mindful of wisdom and hold fast to the divine law. Goodly deeds are as lights. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of these brilliant, shining lights. We are all His servants, turning unto Him and beseeching Him. In the prayer of Kumayl ibn Ziyad al-Nakha'i it is said: "Until all my deeds and devotions become one continuous devotion, and my state in Thy service eternal." We beseech Him to give His servants to drink from the Kawthar of this exalted word. He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, and He is the Kind. Peace be upon you and upon the sincere servants of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious!

O servant who hath gazed upon the Countenance! There hath come before Us thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne, and from it were inhaled the sweet savors of love, as did the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and they who dwell within the pavilion of glory beside the crimson sea of eternity upon whose shore the very atoms of dust proclaim that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed His sovereignty, His command, His remembrance and His glory amongst all created things. Blessed art thou for having been attracted by the divine fragrances and for having inhaled the musk-like scents from that Paradise which from time immemorial had been hidden within God's knowledge. When We found thy soul enkindled with the warmth of the love of God, thy spirit turned toward the quarter of His mercy, and thy tongue speaking His praise, We sent unto thee this Tablet, which in the Kingdom of eternity hath been named the Scroll of Command, in the Heaven of glory the Holy Tablet, in the cities on high the Leaf of Glory, and in the Concourse of grandeur the Preserved Book. Thus was the matter inscribed by the ruby pen upon the Tablet. Blessed be thy soul for having been stirred by God's remembrance and praise, and blessed be thy heart for having borne that Trust which the dwellers of earth and heaven refused to bear. Thus hath the matter been recorded in the Mother Book by the Pen of God. Rejoice thou within thyself and be a bearer of glad-tidings between earth and heaven regarding this Sun which hath shone forth from the horizon of holiness with such radiance as hath illumined the inmates of the all-highest Paradise and those who have held fast to the cord of justice in these days wherein the Beauty of the All-Glorious hath been established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful, and hath uttered a Word whereat all who are in the heavens and on earth swooned away, save a limited number. Thus hath God distinguished between truth and falsehood and decreed the matter from His presence - verily He is wise over all things. Know thou moreover that the idolaters have surrounded Us from every side. Then he whom We had taught in these days and who was wont to stand before the Throne morning and eventide, when he felt secure in himself, arose in opposition in such wise as hath left all in the realm unable to describe. Say: O people! Fear God and deny not Him Who was promised you in all the Tablets, for Whose love the Primal Point sacrificed His exalted self and wept for Him throughout all days, as attesteth the Tablets which were in truth sent down from the heaven of the Command.

Say: O people! Would ye slay His Beloved, and yet recite His words? Woe unto you, O company of idolaters! What difference is there between you and the people of the Furqan? Judge ye fairly, and be not

of the oppressors in the land. Say: Deaf are the ears that hear not the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen, and dumb are the tongues that move not in celebration of their Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, and non-existent are the beings that stir not at the fragrant breaths wafting from the divine paradise unto all creation. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and be not content with this world and all that hath been created therein, for soon shall ye find yourselves beneath layers of dust, and shall be questioned concerning this Youth Who hath appeared with the standards of victory in the kingdom of creation with a sovereignty that encompasseth all worlds. Say: Were God's worlds confined to this world alone, by God, We would not have surrendered Ourself to the swords of Our enemies, as every possessor of keen sight doth testify. Say: O people! Were We to lift the veil of concealment from the face of mysteries by a finger's breadth, ye would surely detach yourselves from your possessions and wealth, and would sacrifice your souls in the path of God, your Creator. Yet We have not lifted it, by reason of a wisdom that remaineth hidden from the eyes of the idolaters. Say: O people! Purify your hearts from all allusions, then rend asunder the veils of glory through the power of might and majesty, then raise up the pavilion of detachment around this canopy from whose horizon the lights of beauty are gloriously visible. Know thou, moreover, that there have emerged from the thicket of doubt a band of wolves, as We had foretold in previous Tablets. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of what is seen and unseen, preserved in scrolls hidden from the eyes of the idolaters. Blessed art thou, O servant who hath drunk from the cup of everlasting life in the name of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, for thou hast held fast to the protection of thy Lord, and from the horizon of thy heart have shone forth the lights of thy Master's love. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His grace, and verily He hath power over all things. Say: Praise be to God Who hath caused me to return unto Him, and hath made me know the Manifestation of His Self, and hath caused me to hear His wondrous melodies, and hath inspired within me that which hath stirred my soul and heart, and hath made me detached unto Him and observant of His good-pleasure and speaking in praise of His Self in days wherein the dwellers of the kingdom of creation were shaken, and all the tribes of the earth lamented, and the feet of every man of wisdom did slip. Thus have We conveyed unto thee the word of truth, and expounded for thee the verses that thine eyes might be solaced thereby, and that there might flow from thy heart springs of wisdom and utterance in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bountiful, and that thou mightest ascend at all times unto the heaven that hath been raised up through this Announcement which was promised in the Tablets.

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In the Name of the Most Glorious, the Most Resplendent

This letter is dispatched from this sorrowful, grief-stricken servant to that compassionate, trustworthy quarter: O friend, veil thy face from strangers and unveil it before the countenance of the Beloved. Abandon thy life and raise thy voice in remembrance of the Well-Beloved between earth and heaven, without concealment or restraint. Rend asunder the veil of silence and tear away the clouds of stillness. The Tongue of the All-Glorious hath spoken from the direction of the Throne, saying: Write! O Muhammad, the lover of the Beauty of the Friend findeth no rest and showeth no patience in His

remembrance. Like unto the salamander, he casteth the fire of passion throughout all lands, in such wise that he consumeth and destroyeth all veils and allusions from all beings. O Muhammad, step forth from behind the veil of stillness in such manner that all the peoples of the world may be stirred and moved by thy movement, to such extent that all the maidens concealed in silken robes and the essence of all veiled hearts may emerge from their retreats of stillness and seclusion, unveiled and uncovered, giving voice to the praise of the Lord of Lords. O Muhammad! I swear by the Most Great Name that such power hath been manifested that were the hands of supplication of all created things to be raised toward the right hand of His bounty, all would return with radiant palms from the Sinai of divine grace and favor. Therefore, draw forth the illumined hand from the bosom of the Cause by the leave of the Creator of all beings, and guide the wayward in the valley of self and desire unto the most holy Ridvan and the most exalted Paradise of Glory. Be not grieved by the loss of the steadfast ones or the turning away of the deniers, for through prayer a people shall be raised up who will place the foot of detachment upon all who are in the heavens and the earth, who will shake the sleeve of sanctification over all that hath been created of water and clay, and who will hasten toward the Friend, heedless of self. Observe how in the year sixty so many people were veiled by those allusions concerning the appearance of the Qa'im which were held by the leaders of the people. Yet when the Light of the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Manifestation dawned from the horizon of transcendent glory, a people were raised up who effaced all these well-known allusions from their breasts and, with perfect dignity, submission and tranquility, set foot upon the straight path of glory, were hindered by no veil, and deterred by no prohibition or restriction. Thus doth He create beings through the sovereignty of His command, but the people understand not. Indeed, they became so detached from all things that even the mention of the Seal [of the Prophets], which was an explicit text of the Book, did not prevent them from attaining the exalted court and the praiseworthy station in the presence of the Sovereign Lord. And now they testify, both secretly and openly, that prophethood hath been from the beginning that hath no beginning and will continue unto the end that hath no end. Observe now what power hath been manifested, that removed their vision from all these words and guided them to the greatest perspective. In brief, the spring of the Sun and the rays of the Orb of divine unity and detachment cannot be sullied by the clay of envy, nor can it be deprived of its own outpouring. Soon shall appear servants who will not be veiled by any utterance, nor be deprived of the pristine reality by any words.

Say: O people of the Bayan! After the dawning of the Countenance of the Glorious One at high noon, nothing shall profit anything else, even though it may appear most great in the eyes [of men] and weightier than all that hath been created openly. Let them account all save the Friend as non-existent and turn unto the known Sovereign. Several Surahs have been sent down from the heaven of eternity for that honored one - one was dispatched to Iraq and the Surah of [Dam] to the land of Ta, and likewise another sublime Tablet. God willing, they have reached and will reach [their destination]. In any case, this evanescent servant submitteth that: O thou who art my very life and the Physician of my grieving heart! Raise such a cry from thy soul as would awaken all the world from the slumber of heedlessness. What else can the power of thy tongue and the fire of thy luminous heart accomplish? And in this mail wherein there was no letter from that honored one, great sadness was occasioned. God willing, henceforth they will act contrary to this instance. And that Tablet which was sent to Iraq is that same promised Most Great Tablet that was previously mentioned. And then thy recognition that He is unto Himself a proof

thereof, and His attributes are what He possesseth, and all else is powerless to describe Him, even were it the tongues of both worlds. A Tablet from the master of masters, Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, was sent; may you attain unto its perusal.

The Servant of Baha, Aqa Jan

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How befitting and worthy of praise is the Glorious One, who created the world through a word and adorned it through a word. He is the Mirror that reflects the Most Beautiful Names and Supreme Attributes. Blessed is the one who recognizes and clings to them, and woe unto him who remains heedless of them. Prayers and peace be upon the First Point from which all Books were differentiated, the First Mention to which all Messengers held fast, the First Light by which the world was illumined, and the Last Command which was adorned with the mention of the Seal, and upon His family and companions through whom the chalice of unity was passed round and the decree of detachment was made manifest, through whom laws and traditions were spread abroad and the Cause became evident in secret and in public.

I present that the letter of that beloved one which was previously sent brought joy to the heart and delight to the spirit. Praise be to God! The river of love flows in His name among the friends, and the rains of kindness pour from the cloud of grace. How can this tongue adequately make mention of this, or be worthy of praise? The world is powerless to describe Him, for He, exalted be His glory, is known through naught else but Himself and is not described by the mention of aught besides Him. Exalted be His station, His sovereignty, and His remembrance!

After reading and becoming informed, attention was directed to the station and details were presented. The sun of grace is rising and the waves of the sea of bounty are manifest. My tongue falls short of mentioning this station and my pen is powerless to write what hath appeared from the decisive discourse. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may unite the scattered words and adorn their letters with the ornament of unity. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

In all circumstances we seek divine confirmation and make supplication. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. I convey greetings to His Eminence, the honored one, and the other gentlemen. Likewise to the beloved of heart and soul, Aqa Muhammad Mu??afa, upon him be the peace of God, and the other friends who are illumined by the light of piety and engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of all beings. And likewise to the leaf of the family, upon her be the glory of God, and to the delight of eyes Badi' Effendi and the Ridvaniyyih leaf, upon them both be the glory of God. I remember them with goodly remembrance and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for their well-being, might and exaltation. Peace be upon you and upon the sincere servants of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Again praise be to God, again praise be to God, again praise be to God for the wondrous bounty and the table sent down from the heaven of kindness and unity, upon which was inscribed the royal signature of the name of the All-Bountiful, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation. When it was opened, another fragrance was found indicating the first. We praised God for this and thanked Him for its arrival and advent, and its glad tidings of your health, your acceptance, your mention and your thoughts, your humility and your submissiveness, and all your deeds for God, the Lord of the worlds.

The letters of that true loved one have truly been and continue to be a source of physical exhilaration and spiritual joy. Yesterday I troubled you with some worthless words, and now I venture this brief note. Indeed, brevity is most fitting and appropriate in all circumstances. I have beseeched and continue to beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord for confirmation and success for that beloved one, for verily He is the Answerer.

Regarding what you wrote about the Friend, this is most clear and evident. Whatever this servant submits, that beloved one accepts with utmost grace, especially if it pertains to the station that has no station. At present, expediency requires it here, and in delay there is no harm, rather in delay there is prosperity and clear signs. As commanded, it was delayed. I beseech God to make that beloved one the center of all services, and in truth they have been and are.

At this moment, as this letter was nearing completion, the letter of his honor Muhammad Mustafa (upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of Names), which had been written previously by the beloved of the heart, his honor Qasim (upon him be the peace of God), arrived bearing news of their health and well-being. This is glad tidings that gives the cup of joy to the friends and the chalice of tribulation to the enemies. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to replenish these two cups, for verily He has power over all things.

I convey greetings to them - greetings which God, exalted be His glory, renders free from tests. Likewise to his honor Jasim. God willing, may they remain under the shade of the divine Lote-Tree, safe, at rest, with gladdened eyes, refreshed in body, and light in spirit. I convey greetings to his honor Husayn Effendi and to all those of insight, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for protection. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise, glory, thanksgiving and splendor belong unto Him Who, blessed and exalted be He, through earthly and heavenly means, has enabled those thirsting after true love to attain the waters of reunion, and guided those seeking the presence of Him Who conversed on Sinai to the most exalted station and the loftiest summit. Glorious is His bounty, mighty is His grace, pre-existent is His mercy, and there is no God but Him.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance, your utterance, and your steadfastness! Your letter, which is the dawning-place of the inscriptions of the world of love, illumined like a lamp the city of heart and soul with its light. In truth it was a helpful assistant and trustworthy messenger, for it brought glad tidings of your blessed self's well-being, as well as the arrival of the leaves of the Tree of Mercy. Perfect joy was attained, and after its perusal and observation, it was presented before His presence and achieved the honor of His attention, whereupon these exalted words issued forth from the Source of utterance and the Dawning-place of wisdom. His words, may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him:

He is the Kind, the All-Bountiful!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art still mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. The glances of love and bounty have been directed toward thee, and the numerous Tablets that have shone forth from the Dayspring of love and faithfulness bear witness to that which hath flowed from the tongue of utterance. We testify to that which thou hast mentioned, and thou thyself hast borne and dost bear witness to the stations and degrees of special favors. This grace and bounty shall be made manifest both in the realm of creation and in the kingdom of divine bestowal. Soon shall they who are nigh unto God witness that which they were promised in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou not grieved at anything. Put thy trust in Him Who hath strengthened thee, caused thee to know Him, brought thee into His presence, and enabled thee to hear the call of the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having shown me the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call through the tongues of Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy garment in Yathrib and Batha, and by the breezes of Thy Revelation amongst mankind, to number me among such as have aided Thy Cause, raised the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy utterance. Then open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of bounty, munificence and grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and hoping for Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me the pearls within the shells of the ocean of Thy generosity, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen.

We send Our greetings to those who are in thy presence, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect them by His sovereignty and to ordain for them that which befitteth His grace and generosity. Verily, He is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Mention thou, on behalf of the Wronged One, the honored Ibn and the leaves, each one of them, and illumine them with the splendors of the Day-Star of the Cause. They have had and continue to have permission to turn toward Him. Whenever wisdom and timing require it, let them turn toward Him. We beseech God to manifest that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

Praise be to God! Loving-kindness, compassion and mercy are manifest and evident from every word. That honored master has ever been remembered in the heart and concealed in the human reality. I hope that this love may neither change nor be altered - though it entered with mother's milk, it shall not depart with the soul. God willing, its departure has not been ordained and never shall be. That which I have beseeched and continue to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, through nights and days and at every hour, has been and remains protection, bounty, wealth, and service to the Cause - which is the greatest of divine bounties. I hope that through your presence in those regions there may be manifested that which will lead the servants to the stream of divine will and enable them to attain that for which they were created. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer. To each of the kinsmen and visitors I convey greetings, praise, glory and splendor, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for eternal remembrance and everlasting favor for each one. Verily He is the Fulfiller of needs, the Revealer of verses, and the Lord of all names and attributes. Regarding what was written about Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God [Baha'u'llah], after it was presented, He wrote: "His turning and devotion have attained the glory of acceptance, as a favor from Us to My Afnan, upon him be My peace and loving-kindness." End quote. I convey greetings to the friends of that land and beseech for them that which bears the renown of the Beloved. Verily supplication is from the servant and its answer from God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The Servant

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He is God - exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise and glory befitteth the Lord of Names, Who hath bestowed from the ocean of truth the pearls of inner meanings, and caused the waters of utterance to flow from the mountains of grandeur, and hath granted to every created thing a measure of His bounty and generosity. He hath guided the lovers of His beauty to the most exalted Paradise, and bestowed upon those who seek His nearness and reunion a portion from the garden of His presence. He is the All-Knowing One Whom the ignorance of the world could not deter, and the All-Powerful One Whom the might of nations could not withhold. The faith of all created things added naught to His station, nor did the rebellion of beings diminish aught from His grace and generosity. The cloud of His bestowal hath ever rained down, and the sun of His bounty hath ever shone upon all existence. Exalted be His grandeur, sublime be His loftiness, and mighty be His dominion! There is none other God but Him.

The letter of that honored master arrived, and like the morning breeze it gave freshness to the withered heart and revived the lifeless body, for it was adorned with mention of the Desired One, the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen. From the glad tidings of the well-being of that spiritual friend, a new world appeared and boundless joy was attained. They have said that the world was created through the

command “Be” (Kun), and in the realm of truth, this “K” is the “K” of remembrance of friends, and the “N” is the endless bounty of love. What you wrote was the essence of truth and a matter beyond dispute. After it was presented before His presence, He said - upon him be God’s care and mercy: “He hath spoken the truth and uttered what is right. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him and make him successful, and to ordain for him that which shall benefit him outwardly and inwardly, and to open before his face the gate of glory and the gate of bounty and the gate of care and exaltation. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.” End.

His honor Haji Ghulamali (upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah]) arrived and recounted the details of that servant’s tribulations, as well as the transgressions of the treacherous souls. Glory be to God! What has become of the world’s understanding? Where has justice gone? What has become of fairness, that people fail to distinguish between the causes of honor and abasement, between light and darkness? Trustworthiness has been and remains the cause of the world’s prosperity, while treachery is the cause of ruin. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive countries and regions of the lights of the sun of trustworthiness. What benefit has the treacherous one gained, and what harm has befallen the trustworthy? In any case, people are observed to be like children - education is needed, and an educator is needed.

Today among the peoples of the world, mention of love of country, patriotism and the like is heard to such an extent that there is not a single newspaper, gathering, or tongue that does not speak of this word and claim superiority therein. However, when put to the test, self-worship becomes clear and evident. Where are those souls of whom He says “and give them preference over themselves, even though poverty be their own lot”? And where are those souls who act for God’s sake and turn to God? The point is that they should speak with truthfulness and hold fast to deeds that are the cause of the glory of existence. The world of knowledge is illumined and radiant through the lights of the sun of truthfulness, and the world of vision is adorned and embellished through the effulgences of the light of trustworthiness. In short, now the clay pieces of the world praise themselves with the attributes of pearls, heedless that among creation there are and have been possessors of penetrating vision and attentive ears who can distinguish. To say more risks causing that honored one weariness.

I beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of truthfulness and uprightness. He is powerful and mighty over all things. They mentioned the influence, steadfastness and justice of those regions. These matters have been and are the cause of hope for many, and we beseech God to assist their manifestation, dawning-place and source at all times with the means of earth and heaven, that the orb of justice may rise from the horizon of Iran’s heaven with perfect light and radiance, without cloud or veil, and cast its rays upon all, in such wise that not a single atom remains deprived. Every deed has had and has its own effect. God willing, the effect of justice will reveal its fruit. Mention of justice and its influence brought boundless joy. Detached souls are educated under the shadow of the sun of justice, and through those souls the world is renewed and the orb of fairness appears. In this case, all will observe themselves in the cradle of peace and security with perfect joy and delight. We have been and are supplicating, and it is certain that God, exalted be His glory, will grant the response. Verily, He has power over all things. Peace and praise and glory be upon you and upon those with you.

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He is the One through Whom the ocean of utterance has surged before the faces of all religions.

Glorified be He Who has made manifest the Path, sent down the Proof, and caused all things to speak forth with the most exalted call that there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the Kingdom of Names! By God, the Creator of heaven has come before the faces of the learned and the princes. On His right is the banner of Utterance and on His left the standard of Proof. Blessed is the soul that hath witnessed what God hath witnessed and hath attained unto that which hath been manifested in truth from this luminous horizon. Through Him the Kawthar of eternity hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, the Trump hath been sounded, and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save them whom God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, pleased to exempt.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and be not of the heedless ones. O people! That which ye possess will profit you not this day. Cast away the things of the world and its ornaments, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the ornaments of earth prevent you from attaining the precincts of the near ones. Hasten unto the good-pleasure of God, then with the eye of justice and fairness look upon Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with a Cause before which the hosts of vain imaginings cannot stand. Unto this the Mother Book beareth witness in this exalted station.

That which thou didst send before in the name of bounty hath come before Our presence. We have answered thee with this Tablet which speaketh in the realm of divine knowledge that He is God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed. This is a day wherein the Possessor and the kingdom and the realm belong to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: O peoples of the earth! Answer the call of God that is raised amongst you, then behold what hath appeared from Him. He remembereth you and draweth you nigh unto Him. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance, say: O Lord of Religions! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me in Thy days, shown me the traces of Thy Pen, made me to know Thy path, the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs, and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and Thy mysteries. O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested that which every living being hath proclaimed concerning Thy oneness, Thy singleness, Thy might, Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Light of the world, by Thy Most Great Name whereby the hearts of nations were stirred, and by the lands which were honored by Thy footsteps, and by the air wherein Thy call was raised, and by the spot which Thou didst adorn with Thy presence and didst make the Greatest Panorama among mankind, to assist me to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants with wisdom and utterance. Thou art the Mighty, the Helper. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to manifest through me that which will attract the hearts of Thy creation and draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and cause them to drink the cup of steadfastness from the hands of Thy grace and bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the distant one who hath sought Thy nearness, and the weary one who hath intended

the kingdom of Thy remembrance and desired from Thee the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! Deprive him not of Thy door and withhold him not from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who speaketh My remembrance! Darkness hath encompassed the world, the calumnies of old have come forth anew, and the vain imaginings of the opposers have taken hold of the Bayan. The Book of Certitude, whose questioner was the Afnan who asked in Our presence and received a written answer, they have attributed to another, though therein is mentioned the journey of this Wronged One and all the Afnan bear witness to this. Yet they have ascribed it to one who, by the life of God, is powerless to comprehend its meaning. Likewise, all that hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will in every season they have attributed to the Bab. Say: O company of opposers! Present yourselves before your Lord, the Lord of all worlds, that ye may hear that for which the world of ears was specifically created, and witness that for which the world of eyes was brought into being. By the life of God! More than the equivalent of all the heavenly Books hath been sent down, yet they speak that which they know not. Him Who in God's presence was unable to speak, they have taken as lord besides God and have done that which caused the rock to cry out and all things to weep. It is incumbent, nay obligatory, upon the loved ones of Truth to protect the people of God from the vain imaginings of old, lest they be again afflicted thereby. He counseleth His servants and acquainteth them with His straight path and His mighty Message. Convey My greetings to all the loved ones in that land. Blessed is the house wherein is raised the remembrance and praise of God, blessed the tongue that hath acknowledged His oneness, blessed the ear that hath heard His most sweet call, and blessed the eye that hath beheld the traces of His most mighty and wondrous Pen. Each of these souls is illumined by the revelations of the Sun of Truth and mentioned and recorded by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Most Great Book. Gladden them with the tidings of My acceptance, My attention, My favor and My mercy, which have preceded existence both seen and unseen. The Glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have quaffed the wine of certitude from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and who are among those firmly established in this mighty Cause.

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He is the Warbler

The servant has appeared with pen and tablet, desiring verses to be sent down to him. We said: "They have filled the earth and the heavens." He says: "The ocean cannot quell my thirst for knowledge. I desire that from the fountainhead of Thy Most Exalted Pen there should flow forth oceans in remembrance of Thy Most Glorious Name." We say: "The lands would be laid waste thereby and the people would drown therein." He says: "This would be better for them and for the lands, by Thy dominion that overshadows the worlds." We said: "Can fire benefit the fish, or water the salamander?" He says: "Whatsoever appears from Thee, shouldst Thou so desire, is the most great antidote for the nations and a healing for all ills." We said: "Bring forth thy witnesses in proof." He says: "Thou, Thou art the Dayspring of verses! Thou seest among the people those who flee from the Most Great Name, and among them are those whom

God hath made the Kawthar of eternity. Thus doth the Pen testify from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise." Would that the people knew of the waves of this ocean and what lieth concealed therein of the pearls of the knowledge of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! O Pen! Days have passed while thou wert silent, uttering neither remembrance nor exposition. Because of this the realities and divine explanations have lamented. Revive all things once again through thy sweet melody, that perchance thou mayest behold one who will arise to serve thy Lord and aid Him, detached from all else save Him. We testify that through thee the fountains of wisdom have flowed in the hearts of creation, and the Kawthar of life hath streamed forth for the people of understanding, and through thee the breaths of inspiration have wafted among mankind and the fragrances of revelation among the followers of all religions. With this conquering, prevailing power, and this all-encompassing, penetrating sovereignty, canst thou speak that whereby the gate of My Paradise might be opened - that Paradise which lay hidden in the knowledge of thy Lord, the Illuminator of lights - and whereby thou mightest behold shining from its horizon the Sun of the beauty of thy Lord, Who caused thee to speak a word from His presence to all who are in the heavens and the earth? It is a Paradise wherein are enumerated the bounties of divine knowledge, and around which the Garden circleth at eventide and at dawn. Come, O My Pen, that I may recount unto thee and thou mayest recount unto Me. Nay, thou art powerless to do this and findest thyself unable to describe that station and what hath been ordained therein. Canst thou speak that whereby the heart of thy Lord would be gladdened, or whereby the thirst of him who hath stood at the gate might be quenched? This, despite My knowledge that wert thou to send down verses to the number of the drops of rain and fill therewith the tablets of earth and heaven, he would still say: "Where is Thine other favor, O Thou Who sendest down bounty from the heaven of bestowals to all who are in creation?"

O Pen! This is thy Day. Move between the fingers of the Beloved at His bidding, and captivate the dwellers of the Kingdom with thy melodies and the denizens of the Realm of Might through the mention of this Beauty that hath shone forth from the horizon of grace, and this Countenance that hath appeared from the horizon of glory. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence and caused me to speak forth Thy praise. I testify that this proceedeth not from me, nor do I deserve it, but rather from Thy grace, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things. This is a paradise wherein the sun is seen rising from its dayspring, and it is the face of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and the light of its moon is from the brow of God, the Lord of all return. From the murmur of its waters is heard: "There is no God but I, the Wondrous," and from the rustling of its trees: "There is no God but I, the Beauteous," and from the whistling of its winds: "There is no God but I, the Almighty, the All-Knowing." Every creature therein is a spirit from God's Spirit, declaring: "I belong to God, the Lord of Lords." Whoso tasteth of its fruits findeth the sweetness of Paradise and all its gardens. Glory be to God! All this is at the level of description, while it existeth at a station beyond all mention. Say: It is a station where the glance of vision cannot penetrate, nor can the birds of fancy reach its heights. God hath made it sanctified beyond the mention of creation and exalted above the understanding of all on earth. To this testifieth every discerning mystic. A Lote-Tree therein proclaimeth: "God hath testified concerning Him Who hath appeared that there is no God but He, and He is the Hidden Treasure, the Concealed Mystery, the Living Ocean, and the Dayspring of the All-Merciful. Through Him hath appeared the oneness of My Being and the sanctification of My Self from all similitudes, and through Him have appeared the names and

attributes, and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom and the Realm, then Power and Divinity, then Might and Dominion belong to God, the Dayspring of signs." And another proclaimeth: "God hath testified concerning Him Who hath appeared that there is no God but He. Through Him hath shone forth the Sun of generosity and the world hath been adorned with the lights of antiquity. Through Him hath every heaven been raised up, every fragrance wafted abroad, and the ocean of knowledge and wisdom hath surged." The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in chambers built of the essence of wisdom, bearing witness unto His own Self that there is no God but He. Blessed be this dawn for having been honored by a Day wherein the Lord of destiny hath turned toward the Most Great Scene and the Throne of the All-Merciful hath been established in the garden named Ridvan. Thereupon the trees swayed, the flowers smiled, the fruits stirred, the birds sang, the branches were attracted, the boughs reached forth, and the garden and all within it moved in yearning for the call of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Ordainer of Sorrows

O thou who gazeth upon My countenance, who drinketh from the cup of My loving-kindness and the chalice of My mercy and bounty, who dwelleth beneath the shade of My majesty, who inhaleth the fragrance of My raiment, who immerseth himself in the ocean of My remembrance, who ascendeth unto the heights of My Cause, and who celebrateth My praise amidst My servants! Hearken unto My call from the right hand of the Garden of Paradise upon the holy hill from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious. Beware lest thou allow the fire of thy love to be extinguished. Preserve that which We have kindled within thy breast and be thou of the thankful ones.

Know thou that We have raised up one of Our servants, strengthened his heart, and adorned him with the ornament of certitude amidst all creation, and sent him unto the Sovereign with thy Lord the All-Merciful's Book, wherein We conveyed unto him the messages of the All-Glorious, without veil or concealment. Thus hath the matter been decreed by thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, that perchance he may awaken unto himself, arise from the slumber of passion, turn towards the Most Glorious Vision, and become assured that the might of kings hath not deterred Us from making mention of the King of Kings, nor have tribulations prevented Us from remembering the Lord of Names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

In these darknesses that have encompassed Us, We have shone forth from its horizon with the sovereignty of grandeur and power, and We deliver what We will, and those who have wronged Us do not frighten Us, and thy Lord is witness unto all things. By Him Who hath sent down the verses and rent asunder the veils! Should all who are on earth gather together against him who speaketh the truth, with whatsoever of strength and power they possess, thou wouldst witness thy Chosen Lord proclaiming openly amongst them: "O people! Verily, I am your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised!"

Though We found not from him any fragrance of acceptance, yet did We deliver it unto him for the exaltation of thy Lord's Word between the heavens and the earth, and that he might know that were We

to will it, matters would not be as they are. We have breathed into the heart of one of Our servants the spirit of might and power and sent him unto him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Aforetime had God's proof not been perfected unto him, nor had anyone conveyed it to him as it ought to have been conveyed. When the appointed time came and the promise was fulfilled, We sent down unto him clear verses and completed thy Lord's proof upon him–the Supreme, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Consider those who conceal themselves behind veils and who have clung to them that denied God from time immemorial to harm him who summons mankind unto God without regard to himself. These are assuredly the companions of the fire. Woe unto them who have followed them and taken them as protectors for themselves instead of God. These are the friends of the Evil One, but they understand not. The wonder is not of those who have claimed what was not ordained for them, but rather the wonder is of those who behold the signs of their Lord and deny them, and who pursue him who is, in the sight of God, inferior to them, all the while imagining they are among the doers of good. Among their leaders is he who was named Ali-Muhammad. He allied himself in Iraq with the oppressors against Our Cause, and when trials came he was seized and declared, "I have denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." He disavowed his leader, and when he felt secure he called the people to the first one who denied God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Behold those who follow him even after knowing what was manifested through him. God's curse be upon the wrongdoing people. Likewise did his leader cling to Nimrod, and when judgment came he was seized the first time and found no escape for himself. They deny God openly before those possessed of might, but when alone with their like they summon people to themselves and say "We are among the guides of the Bayan." We testify that the All-Merciful is clear of them, and the angels brought nigh curse them. Beware lest change prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Deliver unto the people that which thou wast commanded before, and summon the people of thy land and all others unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Hold fast unto wisdom. Beware lest thou exceed its bounds, lest there occur that which would distress the servants, as thou hast witnessed with thine own eyes. Thus have ye been commanded in most of the Tablets. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing. Gather together the captives there and remind them at all times, lest there occur among them that which would divide their hearts. Thus hath thy Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless, commanded. Remember what was revealed in the Land of Mystery in the first year to Our servant the Mahdi, wherein We informed him of what would befall the House thereafter, lest he be grieved by what had previously occurred from him who transgressed and stole. With thy Lord is the knowledge of the heavens and the earths. We have spoken, and Our word is the truth. Then know that this is not the first weakness that hath befallen My House. Before this it was afflicted by what the hands of the oppressors had wrought, and there shall descend upon it such humiliation as will cause tears to flow from every seeing eye. Thus have We imparted unto thee that which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen, which none hath discovered save God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Then shall pass days wherein God will raise it up in truth and make it a standard in the kingdom, around which shall circle a company of them that know. This is the word of thy Lord from before the day of terror cometh. We have informed thee of it in this Tablet lest thou be saddened by what hath befallen the House through what the hands of the transgressors have wrought. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Khalil! The All-Glorious Lord declares: Reflect upon the oppression of the oppressors and the transgression of the aggressors. Whenever the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of Him Who conversed upon Sinai, all arose in opposition and clung to objection. Through the tyranny of heedless hosts, there befell the gems of existence that which caused the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary to weep and raised the lamentation of the Supreme Paradise. This Wronged One turned to the reformation of the world by God's command, and was a mighty fortress for nation and state and a manifest power, and had and hath no purpose save the glory of the latter and the exaltation of the former. All bear witness that this Wronged One had no intention save to extinguish the fire of hatred, and this extinguishing is praiseworthy when accomplished through the divine Kawthar of counsel and the Salsabil of heavenly wisdom. Today the purpose of the Wronged One is clear and evident as the sun - all have known and do know, and the denial by some of this most exalted station and sublime rank stems from enmity and hypocrisy, as every fair-minded and insightful one and every knowing and informed one doth testify.

O Khalil! The honored Amin mentioned thee, thus hast thou attained unto this supreme remembrance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor and this mighty grace. O Amin! Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious, Most Exalted Tablet - which in one place is referred to as the Call, in another as the Spirit of Life, and in yet another station as the Glad-Tidings - was sent that you, together with him who standeth in service, might peruse it and deliver it to the noble embassy. O Amin! Those glad-tidings are luminous, spiritual, holy and radiant ordinances - in one respect they are the mightiest fortress for the servants, and in another they are the water of life for all who dwell in the land. The light of these glad-tidings hath shone forth from the Supreme Horizon and the Most Glorious Horizon and hath encompassed the world, yet their manifestations are not yet known - they shall become known later. We gathered them from the Books, Psalms and Tablets and compiled them in one Tablet that all might attain unto God's special favors and be freed and delivered from all else.

He mentioned all that by which the Sheikh of the land of Sad was satisfied with him, having rushed to Mashhad, traveled around, spoken words in every place, and cast doubts in every house he entered. Glory be to God! Did he content himself with these affairs and similar fabrications? By what proof did he believe in the Point of the Bayan, and by what evidence did he acknowledge the Prophets of the past? Say: Produce it, if thou be of the truthful ones! In any case, now he hath clung to his brother, although he hath never had any knowledge of this Cause, for he was not with Us from the beginning and is unable to read even a single Tablet. Yet he hath claimed fame as a master of sciences and arts. He hath taken possession of Mirza Hadi, his brother's son, and hath attributed previous Tablets to him and given them to the people. We beseech God to assist him and her in being purely truthful, in returning unto Him, and in turning penitently to the gate of His forgiveness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. God is witness and testifier that his brother is incapable of comprehending that which hath been sent down from God, let alone that such exalted words should proceed from him. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur as He walketh in the palace which God hath made the seat of His mighty throne and His exalted chair. Glory

be from Us upon Khalil and upon his son. Praise be to God, encompassing grace was vouchsafed and bounty did surround them, such that they were enabled to serve His loved ones. Happy is he, and well is it with him and with those who have drunk the wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is the One speaking from His Most Exalted Horizon!

O ’Ali, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison. The effulgence of the lights of the Day-Star of Truth hath shone upon His loved ones. Today mercy hath preceded all else and grace hath encompassed all things. Praise be to God that on the Day of Recompense thou hast attained unto the hearing of the call of the Lord of all beings and hast drunk from the Kawthar of utterance. The fruit and result of this deed shall never be effaced from the divine ledger. We beseech God to aid thee in preserving that which He hath bestowed. The glance of His loving-kindness hath been and continueth to be directed toward thee. Nothing escapeth His knowledge; He witnesseth and seeth all things, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thou didst mention Muhammad. We have verily forgiven him, purified him, and appointed for him a station. The grace of thy Lord hath indeed encompassed him from all directions. He is, in truth, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We have mentioned him before in such wise that nothing which thou beholdest can equal it, as this Great Announcement doth testify.

Convey My greetings to the handmaiden of God. Blessed is the servant who is engaged in serving the friends of God, and blessed are those handmaidens who act for the sake of God alone. Say: O My handmaiden, O Tu?i! These are the days of the Most Great Manifestation; His light hath encompassed the world. In the Most Great Prison, while surrounded by encompassing sorrows, We are occupied with thy remembrance and make mention of thee. The deeds of no soul have ever been, nor shall ever be, lost in the sight of God. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

Mention was made of Mashhadi Allah-Virdi. Praise be to God that he hath turned toward the Most Great Ocean in days when the darkness of repudiation hath encompassed the world. God hath verily aided him to turn toward Him and attain His presence. He is, in truth, the Protector of those who turn unto Him. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance, that he may rejoice and give thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto the cord of His Cause with such tenacity that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to separate thee from it. This is the binding command that hath in this moment been sent down from the Pen of the Most Great Name.

O ?adiq! Thy mention hath been made before the Countenance, and thou hast attained unto these verses which have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of mercy. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while Thou wert wronged at the hands of the heedless ones.

O Mahdi! The Book Manifest speaketh before the faces of all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, and giveth glad-tidings unto all. However, the veils of glory have deprived the heedless people from beholding the lights of the Manifestation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to the Lord of Eternity Who hath enabled thee to attain this most great bounty, which is the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His verses.

O ’Abbas-’Ali! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One of the horizons and say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me to know Thee. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace to make me steadfast in Thy love and holding fast unto the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad-’Ali! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. He hath verily aided thee to serve the Cause of God and to make mention of Him amongst His servants. That which thou beholdest today shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My verses and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Thou seest my poverty and Thy wealth, my weakness and Thy strength, my powerlessness and Thy might, my ignorance and Thy knowledge. The poor one knocketh at this moment at the door of Thy generosity, and the unlettered one turneth toward the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee by that treasure which Thou hast deposited in the hearts of them that are sincere amongst Thy servants to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love and standing ready to serve Thee. Praise be unto Thee, O my God and my Lord, for having shown me the billows of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the orb of Thy bounty. I implore Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen, to assist me and Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Thou art in truth the Lord of all men. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali! Praise be to the Lord of the world. Each of the souls mentioned in thy letter hath attained unto that which every discerning one hath inhaled and continueth to inhale therefrom the fragrance of divine favors. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and to decree for thee and His loved ones that which shall profit you in His days. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We conclude Our utterance by making mention of him who hath turned unto his Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious, the Bountiful - he who heard My call and turned in the first days toward My horizon, and whom the rapture of My remembrance so seized that he soared in My atmosphere, cast away all else beside Me, and arose to extol My praise amidst My creatures and to serve Me amongst My servants. We beseech God to strengthen him under all conditions and to make him a standard for the triumph of My wondrous and glorious Cause, through which the limbs of the world have quaked, and the hearts of all nations have been convulsed, and all the tribes of the earth have lamented, except such as God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. Blessed is his eye for what it hath beheld, and his ear for what it hath heard, and his face for having turned toward God, and his heart for having been drawn unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily we are God’s, and verily unto Him shall we return.

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In the Name of the One God

O ’Ali-Qabli-’Askar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Praise be to God that thou didst leave thy earthly home, aspiring to reach the most exalted homeland. The hosts of divine grace, mercy, favor, bounty and generosity did aid thee until thou didst attain the supreme horizon and attain the presence of the Lord of all beings, dwelling for a time beneath the pavilions of grandeur. Should every drop of the ocean and every grain of sand be counted in the divine ledger as an age, and shouldst thou spend all that time in praise and thanksgiving to God, exalted be His glory, thou wouldst still not fulfill the obligation of gratitude for this supreme bounty and most great favor. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the worlds! Thanks be to Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh! Glory be to Thee, O Light of those in the heavens and on earth!

His favor hath taken and continueth to take the hands of them that turn unto Him. His protection accompanieth and His blessed Name is a shield to all who are aware. This Wronged One offereth thanks on thy behalf, for thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness.

We make mention of thy son who was named Nad-’Ali and thy wife and daughters, and We give them the glad-tidings of God’s favor, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to draw them nigh unto Him and ordain for them that which He hath ordained for His devout male and female servants. Verily, He hath power over all things.

We make mention of Abu-Basir, who was named Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and be of the thankful. O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the honor of faith and recognition and hast borne hardships and tribulations in the path of the One True Friend. Remember this supreme bounty and preserve it in thy heart with the seal of love. Verily, He is with His near servants. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of thy sons with a remembrance before which all mention boweth down, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them every good thing that He hath revealed in His Book, and to decree for them the blessings of the Hereafter and of this world, and the bounties of every world of His worlds. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Muhammad! Glorify them on My behalf and remind them of that which hath been revealed for them from the presence of the Ancient Ordainer.

O Burj-’Ali! All the ears of the world were created to hear the Call of this Day which hath been raised from the Most Great Prison, yet most are deprived save a few souls. Thou hast attained unto it, hearkened unto the Call, and turned toward its horizon. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear, to recognize, to learn, and for having guided me to the News that hath caused hearts to tremble, faces to darken, and the feet of the mystics and learned to slip, save those whom Thou didst deliver

through Thy grace and didst purify from the defilement of self and desire, and didst mention in Thy perspicuous Book.

We make mention of thy son who was named ’Abid in the Book of Names, then thy other son who was named ’Ali-Qabli-Rida, and We remind them of the signs of God and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and My mercy which have preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath hearkened to My call and turned to My horizon, who hath been named Siyyid-i-Mirza, that the fragrance of Mine utterance may draw him nigh unto My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. O Siyyid-i-Mirza! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made mention of thee at the close of the Tablet in such wise that thy name and remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God’s names and attributes. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say: All praise be unto Thee for having delivered me from the well of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and for having given me to drink, through the hands of grace and bounty, from the cup of certitude. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He willeth, and in Whose grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Lord of the Manifestation.

O ’Ali-’Askar! Praise be to God that all the names mentioned have attained unto the remembrance of the Wronged One and been adorned with His grace. In the earliest days We made a covenant, as a token of God’s grace, bounty and generosity, that whosoever should come before Our presence, whether living or dead, We would make mention of them. Thy Lord, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon them who have believed in God and His signs, and who have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will and uttered by the tongue of His grandeur from His exalted station.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the clutches of Thine enemies, and Thy chosen ones in the hands of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty, and the ocean of Thy generosity, and by the lights of Thy Most Great Name whereby Thou hast illumined the hearts of all nations, that Thou protect them through Thy power that hath transcended all things, and guard them by Thy sovereignty that encompasseth all created things. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy pardon and generosity that which shall gladden their eyes and bring joy to their hearts. O Lord! Thou beholdest the believers among the idolaters, and there hath befallen them that which hath caused the dwellers of Thy Paradise and celestial garden to lament. I beseech Thee to preserve them from the evil of the aggressors and the oppression of the oppressors. Thou art, verily, the Almighty Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty, and ordainest what Thou pleasest by Thy power. Thou art, in truth, the All-Glorious, the All-Beauteous.

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His Highness Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God. On the 3rd of Rabi’u’l-Avval 1303.

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

O beloved of my heart! Your letter sent from the great city arrived, and likewise your previous letter from Cyprus. Praise be to God, it brought what was befitting - that is, praise of the One Beloved - and bestowed what was worthy - that is, joy and delight. His is all praise and glory in every condition.

First, I beseech that beloved one to accept my apologies for brevity, as the rains from the heaven of writing have left no time, and you yourself are witness to this. After presentation in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these supreme words flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings: "O Asad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. What thou didst write regarding Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be My glory - mention of him hath ever been before the Wronged One. From the time he attained the presence in Iraq until now, he hath not departed from Our sight. Verily, faithfulness hath stood before My face and We have preserved his station and will preserve it. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. In these days a Tablet hath been specifically revealed for him. God willing, he will attain unto it. We send greetings unto him and unto those in his household, and We have mentioned in the Tablet the leaf who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds."

In truth, he hath ever been the recipient of divine favors, and this servant conveys greetings and salutations to him, beseeching from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever He Himself desireth. Regarding what was written about Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God - that from Faran he awaits permission to turn toward the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court - after presentation, these blessed words were revealed in response. His exalted Word: "He hath attained unto the luminary of permission to turn toward the Supreme Horizon with such turning as will cause all created things to turn. This beseemeth him who hath turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have mentioned him before and after. We beseech God to strengthen him to preserve what We have given him, for the Cause is mighty beyond all that is mighty. O Asad! The smoke of hypocrisy hath encompassed the horizons. The cawing of the ravens hath been raised in Jadhba and its surroundings. The time of its rising, before and after, is known and evident with God. Beseech God to grant such confirmation that they may distinguish the effulgences of the Sun of true unity from aught else. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And regarding what was written about Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God - that too was honored to reach the ears of the Goal of all worlds. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Asad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. The affairs of this land and its stability are uncertain, and God hath never wished and doth not wish to deprive anyone in any condition. He hath never regarded and doth not regard the preservation of His own Self. He hath ever gazed with joy and delight toward the direction of loving-kindness to the beloved ones. Therefore permission is granted - turn as thou pleaseth. If he attaineth, he hath attained unto the Goal; if not, the matter is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. And He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." And mention has been made of the travelers and emigrants - all have attained to hearing, and each one hath been remembered before the Wronged One. God willing, they will act in accordance with that which is befitting and conducive to the exaltation of the Cause. At all times the Pen hath been occupied with the mention of the friends of the Desired One of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them through the means of the unseen and the visible, and to make them of those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God, the Pen of Response is in motion and each question hath been granted an explicit answer. Verily our Lord and your Lord, and our Beloved and your Beloved, is powerful over all things and worthy to respond. In whatever land they reside, convey to the friends of that land and other regions greetings and salutations from this evanescent servant. For each one I beseech steadfastness that may cause the limbs of the people of the Bayan who have denied our Lord, the Most Merciful, to quake, and who have uttered that which none of the ancients had uttered.

And concerning that which was written about his honor, my brother, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, it was again presented before His presence. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Lion! Convey My greetings unto thy brother. We beseech God to ordain for him that which shall profit him in all the worlds of His worlds, to record for him the reward of attaining His presence, and to grant him the best of what is in His wondrous revealed Book."

The response to this matter was previously presented in His presence and was honored with an answer. This evanescent one beseeches the True One to assist him in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Peace and praise and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those whom nothing hath prevented from God, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Again, in the letter of his honor Amin, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's Glory], dated 6 […] should be written […]

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In the Name of God, Who is Exalted in His Wisdom and Utterance!

Hearken to the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the prison. Verily, He standeth before the faces of the world, summoning all to the supreme horizon - that station wherein is heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. Yet most of the people remain behind a thick veil. The Light hath dawned from the horizon of Manifestation. Verily, He is the Interlocutor of Sinai, Who was promised in the Books of God, Lord of the worlds. He hath come from the heaven of proof with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and with the finger of power hath rent asunder the veils of glory - a bounty from Him, and He is the Ancient Bestower.

Say: O concourse of divines! The Creator of the heavens and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names hath come. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless. This is the Day wherein the Herald proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the All-Praised."

O Abraham! Hear once again the call from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, raised up on the blessed white land, the shore of Oman - the mercy of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Great. Say: O people of the Furqan! Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. By God! Your books and what ye possess will profit you not except through this Book which speaketh the truth and calleth all to the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the Most Merciful and oppose not Him but for Whom the Point would not have appeared and the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, would not have been revealed. This is the Day wherein the Sun proclaimeth and the Sea announceth: “The Lord of Destiny hath come and every hidden secret hath been revealed.” Say: Behold the Supreme Scene! By God! The Hour hath come, the Resurrection hath appeared, and the moon hath been cleft asunder, if ye be of those who know.

O people of the earth! Your sciences and your arts will not save you except through this Cause, before which all things have bowed down. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, while seated upon His mighty throne. The Trumpet hath been blown - and it is My Most Exalted Pen - and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those who have inhaled the fragrance of Revelation and turned toward My luminous horizon.

O Abraham! Say: O party of God! Take the chalice of steadfastness from the hands of bounty and bestowal, then drink therefrom despite those who have denied this Momentous Announcement, which was heralded by Moses, and after Him the Spirit (Christ), then Muhammad the Messenger of God when He came with the standards of signs from One Mighty, Ancient.

This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and the Mother of the Bayan calleth out, and those nigh unto God circle round the Throne morning and evening. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the greatest steadfastness, whom neither the might of princes, nor the doubts of divines, nor the violence of those swine who have broken God’s covenant and His testament and have led their people to the fire, could deter.

O party of God! Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow what hath been sent down from the heaven of Command in My perspicuous Book. We have counseled you, and do counsel you, with that which will exalt the Cause of God and your stations. Verily, your Lord, the Most Merciful, [is the Faithful Counsellor. Through deeds] and character is revealed the station of men. Blessed is he who hath done what he hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Thus have the breezes of Revelation wafted, and the Sea hath manifested its waves, and the Sun its radiance. Blessed is he who hath found and known, and woe unto the heedless. O Abraham! The names of My loved ones have been presented before the Wronged One. We have mentioned them with a mention that shall endure as long as the Kingdom endureth. The Kingdom and the Glory and the Power bear witness to this, as doth He Who speaketh in every station that there is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. From this station We send Our greetings to their faces and remind them of that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, and I am the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Whoso hath clung to My robe, verily he is of the people of the Crimson Ark, the mention of which hath been revealed in My Preserved Tablet. O My loved ones in all lands! We counsel you once again to perform deeds from which the fragrance of holiness may be wafted, and to be faithful to that which God hath made as a sun in the heaven of His justice and a light unto His lands. He, verily, is the All-Compelling over what hath been and what shall be.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned that ye may drink from the Salsabil of divine meanings and turn unto the most exalted horizon. O Abraham! The veil of heedlessness hath prevented the people from beholding the most exalted horizon. All things at all times are speaking, yet ears are deprived of hearing them. Convey My greetings from this Wronged One to the party of God. We beseech God to aid them in that which befitteth this Great Announcement and to set them ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree in such wise that its heat may influence the world, that all may thereby find their way to the True Lote-Tree. The hosts of God have ever been and shall ever be goodly deeds and character, and the commander of these hosts is righteousness. We counsel all to wisdom; all must hold fast unto it. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth all to His straight path. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not been kept back by anything from God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of His servants and His creation, and made known to them His path, and taught them His knowledge, and caused them to hear His call which is realized only through the call of His chosen ones, and showed them the horizon of His Manifestation, and made them speak His praise among His creatures, until Prophethood and Messengership were sealed by Him through Whom the heaven was cleft asunder and the moon was split and every hidden secret was revealed - He Who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of utterance and by God's most beautiful names in the hearts of the Daysprings of divine knowledge. The blessings and peace of God, the Lord of all beings, be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom were established the decree of the beginning and the return, and the mystery of going and coming back, and what was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and the Book. These are servants whom the tempests of hatred did not move and the storms of hardship did not prevent. They arose to promote the Cause with such steadfastness as made the feet of the polytheists slip and the hearts of the deniers quake and the foundation of every heedless doubter shake.

And then, your letter arrived conveying news of the well-being of that spiritual friend and family with perfect eloquence and complete fluency. Praise be to God! Verily He preserveth whom He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He willeth.

Regarding what you wrote about the dervishes of the venerable Shaykh, the matter is exactly as you have written. You too should in all circumstances show forth love, for between the venerable Shaykh and our Master, His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps - there exists friendship and love. The metaphorical is a bridge to the real. God willing, they shall be illumined by the light of reality and attain the station of "extinguish the lamp for the morn has dawned." When a person of insight enters the path of spiritual wayfaring, after purifying and sanctifying the soul from all that God loveth not, multiple paths appear and he traverses them. This is why they have said "The paths to God are as numerous as the breaths of created things." However, if through God's grace

the eye is blessed with the light of truth, it will be observed that the Truth is one, the Path is one, and the Cause is one. This is the station of unity that makes the limbs of the polytheists tremble and the root of heedlessness quake.

This servant and you must beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive any soul of the ocean of His mercy and to illumine the eyes of all hearts with the light of recognition. He is the All-Powerful and in His grasp are grandeur and authority.

As for the properties of the honorable Nawwab, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], he and a group of acquaintances are exerting their utmost efforts, as they have done before, and God willing they shall triumph and prevail according to the meaning of "the party of God shall be victorious." That is, they shall obtain and deliver your rights. At present, according to the writing of the honorable Nawwab, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], the power of attorney has not reached them. The honored master, the venerable Sabri Efendi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], is present there. Whatever manner they deem advisable, let them write a power of attorney with the seal of the religious authorities and send it. Here too we shall add several seals to it and send it. Indeed, the honorable Nawwab is most diligent in service. The inheritance of the wife of the venerable Khalil, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], was with one of the divines; he went and made his claim. We beseech God to bless those souls who exert as much effort in accomplishing others' affairs as their own with His special favors and with that which will profit them in the next world and in this. Verily, He has power over all things.

Convey my greetings to the gentlemen and friends. Furthermore, a needle case from Khurasan has been sent specifically for the honored friend, the venerable 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Yesterday, which was the 13th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih the Sacred, it arrived here from the great city and is now being sent so that it may reach him. Some saffron has also been sent from here specifically for the venerable 'Ali-Akbar. Since he and his venerable and blessed late father, upon him be from all 9 [Baha] the Most Glorious, had a liking for it, therefore ten dirhams have been sent specifically for him; let it be delivered. Your gift, namely the dried curd, arrived and was well received. God willing, may you be blessed with its reward. I send greetings to the light of my eyes, 'Inayatu'llah, may God preserve him, together with his mother and sister. God willing, may they remain safe and protected under the shadow of God's favor, exalted be His glory. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The Servant

On the 13th of the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih the Sacred, year 1300

May the honored brother, Aqa Lutfu'llah, God willing, be preserved and gladdened by the wondrous infinite favors. The trouble which this servant has imposed upon him - God willing, he will exert effort and strive to accomplish and complete it with the utmost joy and delight. The reward and recompense for this rests with God, exalted be His glory. Peace and glory be upon him.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Him Who was manifested, at the time He was manifested, through that which was manifested, in that which was manifested. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the ascent to His holy court of the mention of the most sagacious, or the rising unto Him from nonexistence and nothingness of that which hath been uttered by the adherents of the two parties. When He desired to give glad-tidings unto the world of the Most Great Mystery, He manifested Him Who was established upon the throne of the Trinity, that He might convey unto mankind the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, Who appeared in the form of the Quaternary. Verily, by His sanctifying sovereignty, He hath been sanctified above the mention of all created things. He is indeed the Quaternary Who deriveth not, whether outwardly or inwardly, from aught except His Own Self, the One Who dominateth the world. And were He to be mentioned as the Great One, no names would be mentioned with Him in the first degree. Through Him was manifested the Alif standing between the two letters, and that which appeared through the first letter was fulfilled, and the second letter was realized. Thereupon another heaven was spread forth after the rolling up of the first heaven. Blessed be God Who speaketh at the heart of creation and calleth unto all created things at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great. I pray and I send greetings upon the first ocean from which appeared the pearls of wisdom and utterance and the gems of knowledge and exposition, and upon the first light that shone from a horizon that was sanctified above all horizons, and whom none hath known save him who hath detached himself from all else and remained faithful to the Covenant on the Day of Separation.

[…] and subsequently, this evanescent servant was honored by receiving your letter, adorned with the praise and remembrance of God, from which I detected the sweet fragrance of your love and the redolence of your affection. I read it until I reached the passage wherein you communed with God, our Lord, the Master of all beings. Through it I ascended to the ultimate goal, the seat of the throne of our Most Glorious Lord, and presented its contents before the Throne. Thereupon the Beloved smiled and spoke that which all existence, both seen and unseen, cannot enumerate, and He bestowed upon you some of what I retained so that you might rejoice in the favors of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

Be it known that such verses as were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes following the presentation of your supplication, and which this servant succeeded in transcribing, have been recorded and sent in a separate document. From these decisive verses, the wondrous divine favors and the manifestation of heavenly bestowals in your behalf are as clear as the sun, nay clearer. This much is submitted: that you have ever been mentioned before the Throne, and the suns of grace and favor have so brilliantly shone forth that this servant was and is incapable of describing and recording them. To this, his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, and others from that land, upon them be the Glory of God, can bear witness, for He would specifically inquire about you and show His favors, and throughout the years, Tablets were specifically revealed and sent to you. Those which did not reach you, the messengers failed to deliver.

All things testify to your service and your standing firm in the Cause of God. We beseech God to grant you success and to aid you as He has aided you before, and to bestow upon you the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Protector of those who have voiced His praise throughout the worlds.

What more can this servant mention that would be worthy of you? God the Exalted is my witness that upon beholding your letter, such joy and delight overtook me that I was and am unable to properly describe it. God willing, may we ever be blessed and gladdened by the trace of your pen. The remembrance of loved ones is auspicious to the Beloved.

Furthermore, in these days a letter arrived from his honor Makhdum-Zadih, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein he had inscribed several names. These were presented to the Most Holy Court, and wondrous, exalted Tablets were revealed and sent from the heaven of divine favor specifically for him and all the other names. Blessed is he for having attained unto a goodly end.

Regarding the query about the expression of his honor the Siyyid, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said: “O Mahdi! Verily, My Most Exalted Pen does not wish to move upon what was written before. If thou ponderest, thou wilt understand his intent, what allusions and metaphors it contains. He intended naught but the mention of this Most Great Revelation, whose effulgence hath encompassed the worlds.”

God willing, may you be ever occupied with the remembrance of God and be blessed by His grace. The dispersion of outward means will, God willing, be transformed into unity through divine grace. Verily, He is the Giver, the Munificent, the Generous. The Glory be upon you and upon all who are with you, young and old.

The Servant [of God] 66

One more submission: The mention, praise, and expression of servitude that you had offered to the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree were presented, and all conveyed exalted greetings to you.

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Praise be unto God Who hath revealed Himself to all created things through the Point manifest from His Most Exalted Pen, whereupon all atoms spoke in praise of their Creator and acknowledged the power of their Fashioner. His is the creation and the command; He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His power. He is the One through Whose Name the ocean of divine knowledge surged amidst all contingent beings and the fragrance of utterance wafted through all lands. Exalted, exalted is He Who appeared with the truth, whereby the greatest terror seized all mankind save those who forsook the world and turned with humility unto the Lord of eternity and repented. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged and who have arisen to aid the Cause with wisdom and utterance in such wise that neither hosts could weaken them nor boundaries could change them. They arose and spoke as they were bidden by God, the Lord of the Final End.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who answereth them that are in distress and Who art the Refuge of them that flee! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy Will and the ocean of Thy Purpose and the sun of Thy Wisdom to make Thy loved ones among those whom Thou hast described in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Then protect them, O my God, from the evil of Thy creatures who have broken Thy Covenant and disbelieved in Thy proof and disputed Thy signs and denied Thy clear tokens after they had encompassed Thy heaven and Thy earth. Then inspire them, O God of the world and Lord of eternity, with that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted in Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the veils of the servants and the glory of them that dwell in all lands have not hindered. O Lord! Thou art the Omnipotent and Thou art the All-Conquering and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And then this servant submitteth that thy letter dated the 19th of Rajab was received and the cooing of the dove of love was heard from the trees of its words. God willing, mayest thou ever dwell with utmost joy and delight beneath the shade of the Tree of Manifestation through the grace of the eternal King. After perusal it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Thus did the Beloved speak: O ’Abdu’llah! The servant present before the Countenance hath presented what thou didst write and send unto him. We have heard it and have answered thee with this Remembrance which proclaimeth throughout the world that He is the All-Knowing Rememberer. We beseech the Most High to assist thee and aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to draw thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt hear from the rushing of His winds that there is none other God but Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s favoring grace and say:

O my God and the God of all created things, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all contingent beings, my Creator and the Creator of all in the heavens and the earth! I beseech Thee by Thy signs whereby all things were seized with trembling, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the means of earth and heaven shall not hinder me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Abdullah! With utmost joy and fragrance, speak in remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility, in such wise that its influence may become manifest in all created things and they may turn unto the Truth. The station of the captives of God who dwell in that land is great in the sight of God. Let none consider that today some appear weak or ignorant. Look ye to the essence of the Cause - were the veil to be lifted, things would be seen and heard unlike what hath been seen and heard. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to preserve that which hath been bestowed. By the life of God! The Wronged One speaketh the truth, and He is the All-Knowing Counsellor. The Day shall come when the deeds that have appeared from assured souls in the path of God shall be gathered and spread abroad on that Day of Assembly and Resurrection. We beseech God, exalted be He, to show you in all times the light of His Cause and to make you hear, in every moment, His call. He, verily, is the Near, the Answering.

Further expressions of God’s bounties are manifest and evident from these exalted words, requiring no elaboration, interpretation or investigation. Free from all veils and limitations, they are clear and manifest.

Concerning what you wrote about the distribution of funds, this servant hath submitted the details thereof to Jinab-i-Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the glory of God, and they shall reach your notice. The names of God's captives that were in your book were submitted; for each one the Sun of Providence hath dawned specifically. He is before mine eyes - verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. From this spot we send our greetings upon them and beseech God, exalted be He, to protect them and grant them the good of this world and the next, and to strengthen them to preserve that wherewith He hath honored them. He, verily, is the Protector of those who turn unto Him.

This evanescent one requesteth that you convey expressions of nothingness and evanescence on his behalf to all the friends of God, both men and steadfast women, who are present in that land. The circling inmates of the Prison convey their most sublime, wondrous and exalted greetings and expressions of pure love to you and all the captives of God in that land. Glory be upon you and upon them for the duration of the earthly kingdom and the heavenly realm. Praise be to God, the Sovereign of sovereigns and subjects.

16 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1297

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He is God - exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His majesty!

Praise be to God Who hath made known unto us His straight path and His mighty command, and taught us the testimony whereby the Sun of unity hath shone forth and the decree of oneness been established. This indeed is the testimony uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur before the creation of the heavens and earth, and before the appearance of promise and threat: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above whatsoever hath appeared in the realm of possibility. He hath manifested Himself and revealed His sovereignty, whereupon the Nightingale of Eternity warbled upon the branches and the Bird of Remembrance sang in the Kingdom of utterance. By God! The promise hath come to pass, and that which was hidden and treasured hath been revealed - that whereby all that was and will be hath been confounded. Praise be to God Who hath caused the branches upon the Tree of Proof to speak forth in praise of His Self and in glorification of His Essence, and hath sent down for them that which brings solace to their eyes.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your presence! The servant hath been honoured to receive your noble letter time and again, and found in every letter thereof that which brought joy to my breast, gladdened my heart, and increased my attachment and sincerity. We beseech God, exalted be He, to honor me at all times with that which diffuses the fragrance of your love, O Thou Who art our Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds!

I submit that your letters have arrived continuously and successively, and I have been blessed to read them. After their arrival, they were presented with other petitions to the Most Holy Court and were submitted into His presence. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying - and His Word is the truth: "He hath spoken that which befitteth the days of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We made mention of him before, and before that before, with praise whose fragrance hath been wafted to all regions and shall endure as long as God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, endureth. And We make mention of him at this hour that it may be a treasure for him and an honor for those who have believed in God, the Almighty, the Powerful. As for what he sought of forgiveness from the ocean of his Lord's generosity, verily He hath responded as a bounty from His presence. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. O My Afnan! We have answered thy prayer before thy request. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Beyond these clear verses, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed from the heaven of will and was sent forth. Likewise, the petition that was submitted in the tongue of Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-?amid (upon him be the Glory of God) was presented, and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of divine favors and were sent forth. God willing, they will be honored to receive it. Another reason for the delay in submitting my petitions was that several months passed during which no verses were revealed from the heaven of divine favor, and this servant was greatly perplexed. When I observed that the Supreme Pen had paused, I did not dare to submit a petition. I hope for your forgiveness. In these days, from the heaven of divine will, exalted Tablets have been revealed, the first of which was a mention revealed concerning the Father of the Community who ascended unto God. God willing, you will be honored to peruse it. Though revealed briefly, verily it is the speech of all things, the expounder of utterance, and the manifestation of proof to all in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. Furthermore, if this servant were to attempt to describe the manifestations of the favors and bounties of the Ancient Beauty towards your honor, these petitions would surely never end. This servant hopes that there will appear from your honor that which you have expressed in your supplications, and may all your deeds be such as will cause God's Cause to spread throughout all lands and His mention among all servants.

Moreover, all that was sent to the Most Holy Court–the silk chest, the preserves sent before and after, likewise the tea sent before and after, the cinnamon, the vessels, the broadcloth, and the flower seeds–all were received. In brief, everything mentioned in the blessed letters, both earlier and later, has all arrived. The last four boxes of tea arrived on the day of the New Fast, and were specially prepared in the blessed presence and found acceptable. The flower seeds were planted in a small plot in the name of the True Planter, but in truth, the spiritual seeds of flowers and fragrant herbs were your honor's supplications that were presented in the Most Holy Court, and assuredly their blossoms will appear and their fragrance will be inhaled by those possessed of true spiritual sense. We beseech God to inspire your honor at all times with that which brings joy to the hearts of those near unto Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

To Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-?amid, upon him be the Glory of God, convey the Most Glorious greeting. All the inhabitants of the Prison Land, one and all, offer their utter effacement and nothingness, and greetings too sacred to be mentioned or expressed, to your honor. Upon you be the Glory of God and the glory of those in the heavens, then the glory of all worlds. At all times, sovereignty belongs to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree–may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be sacrificed for them–convey the essence of praise and glorification to your honor.

The Servant

19 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1294

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He is the Most Manifest, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath graciously accepted the remembrance of His servants and commanded them to praise His Self, that He might exalt them to a station ordained for them through His bounty and generosity. Verily, He is the Sanctified One Whom the praise of the world cannot exalt, and the Self-Subsisting One Whom the remembrance of the nations cannot alter. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the remembrance of aught else but Him and the utterance of aught besides Him. He is verily the Self-Subsisting One foretold by the Qa'im Who arose to proclaim the Cause and raised the most great call betwixt earth and heaven. By God! I have come unto you, O peoples of the earth, to bring you glad tidings of Him Who shall come with the standards of signs and the banners of proofs, Who hath named Himself the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. I bear witness that He was concealed behind the veil of grandeur throughout all eternity, and when He willed to manifest His Cause, He appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and uttered that which caused every treacherous one to be shaken and every faithful one to be assured, every fearful and false one to lament and every sincere seeker to rejoice. He is the Peerless One before Whose knowledge every mystic hath confessed his powerlessness and every learned one hath acknowledged his failure to attain the heaven of His knowledge. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant hath been honored to receive your missive, which was adorned with the remembrance of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds. When I read it, I ascended to the station of revelation and manifestation, and it was presented before the countenance of our Lord, the Master of the Day of Resurrection. Then did the Face of the Everlasting turn toward this evanescent one, and there was sent down for you and your sons from the Kingdom of Utterance that which cannot be expressed by the tongue. To this doth our Lord, the All-Merciful, bear witness. Verily, He is the All-Knowing.

It is submitted that after this evanescent one became aware of the letter addressed to your honor, he turned toward the Most Holy Court. The matters were presented before the Throne, and three Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for your honor and your two noble sons, and were dispatched. From the fragrance of the utterances of the All-Merciful, the degrees of His favor and grace are evident and manifest. God willing, they shall attain unto them.

You that had written that you had been erased from this evanescent servant's view due to the length of time - God forbid! God forbid! The One God is witness and testament that you have been and will continue to be in view, and in the Most Holy Court your mention has been made from time to time. If according to outward appearance there has been or will be delay in sending letters, this has not been and will not be due to neglect or forgetfulness. The occupation of this evanescent one has reached such a

state that truly there is no opportunity and no chance. Night and day engaged in the writing of verses - you yourself can testify how great this matter is. On one side the revealed verses, on another side replies to the petitions of people arriving from all directions, and from yet another side the handwritten letters of friends addressed to this evanescent one - all must be seen, read, and answered. In such case if there be delay in sending replies, one should not be disheartened. The essential thing is divine favor, and this servant testifies that you are possessed of it. This suffices you, by the Lord of all worlds. And the elegies you had composed in remembrance of the two brilliant Lights were presented at the Most Holy Court and were accepted, and likewise the people of the Household observed them and praised them. The station of the Name of God "?a" is most great. Once the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: "He attained martyrdom in his life, for he had no wishes, will or desire of his own. All his affairs ended in God. His spirit had been sacrificed while his body walked among men and spoke, and then he attained outward martyrdom as well." This evanescent servant utters a hundred thousand times the words "Would that I had been with him!" Furthermore, the oppression of the second ?a is clear and evident, though verily the first ?a preceded him. What remains for this servant is abundant sorrow and endless regret, for he did not attain to what was befitting and proper. Yet whatever the Beloved has willed is truly beloved. Were it not for these words, the heaven of the heart would be seen to split and the earth of being to cleave asunder, for he did not attain to that most exalted station and did not reach that most sublime rank. The sincere ones freely gave their lives while the servant preserves his through eating and drinking. Those souls in spending, this soul in withholding. The Command is in the hand of God, the Single, the All-Informed. Convey sublime greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to the children of the master - this depends on your grace. I give them the glad tidings that their deed was accepted at the threshold of the Throne. God willing, may you always be engaged in work with perfect comfort and utter remembrance, for verily He is the All-Wise Teacher. 1297

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath spoken the Most Exalted Word whereby the veils of names were rent asunder. Thereupon arose the clamor of the divines who opposed God, the Creator of heaven. We testify that they were thunderstruck when the Greatest Trump was sounded from the presence of God, the Lord of destiny. We testify that they were as dead when the Greatest Manifestation appeared, the sun was darkened and the moon was eclipsed. We testify that they were abased when the most luminous horizon dawned and the Hidden Countenance shone forth. We testify that they were bewildered when the Sovereign of Names came and was made manifest to all created things through His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes. Glorified be the Lord of nations Who hath appeared with the Greatest Name. He is indeed the Ever-Living Who dieth not and the All-Powerful from Whom nothing escapeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

Thereafter, the Servant received your letter from which wafted the fragrance of love and affection. We beseech God to assist you, to strengthen you, and to ordain for you the reward of those who attained His presence. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Giving, the Generous.

Regarding what you wrote about hardship having overtaken the friends of God and that communication between them has been cut off - this servant's expectation of the friends of Truth is that in such times they should occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Lord of Names and Attributes. This is a day wherein all must associate with utmost eagerness and longing, and speak in remembrance of God. However, they must observe wisdom and conduct themselves such that no matter might arise to cause sedition, for in most of the divine Tablets the commandment of wisdom hath been revealed and all have been bidden to observe it. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

Say: Be not grieved by hardship and what hath befallen you. Soon shall ye behold ease from God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, divine invisible assistance hath encompassed and will continue to encompass the friends.

As to your question regarding those souls who have harmed the people of truth or caused their death - whether such souls shall have any portion in God's infinite worlds or shall be deprived: These souls are of two kinds. If they witnessed reprehensible deeds from the friends of God while being unaware of the Manifestation of God's Cause, there is hope for their salvation. However, if someone commits such reprehensible acts against the friends of God purely out of passion and rejection of truth, such a one was never and will never be worthy of divine favors, and shall remain deprived and tormented in all the divine worlds.

Regarding your request for the Hidden Words in Arabic and Persian - consider the manifold occupations of this servant. The land of Qaf is but one province; observe how many divine Tablets and letters from this servant reach that land yearly, all of which this servant must write. Likewise for the lands of Ta, Ya, Za, Sad, Kaf, Ta, the lands of Kha, India, and other regions too numerous to mention. Divine verses are sent to all these realms in like manner. In such circumstances, you yourself can testify that I have had and have no time, and were it not for divine assistance, this servant could never have fulfilled this service. I praise Him for enabling me to serve Him despite my unworthiness.

Some friends should not be saddened by delays in correspondence, for nothing has been neglected within my capacity. However, divine verses and heavenly rains are descending in such measure that pen, ink and tablet are powerless to describe. Nevertheless, if any shortcoming occurs it is due to lack of time, and I hope for forgiveness from all.

Your petition was presented to the Most Holy Court, and its beginning was honored with divine verses. God willing, it shall reach you. All that was written on the back of the letter from the handmaiden of God was presented in its entirety before His presence. He said that God, glorified and exalted be He, hath mentioned and continueth to mention His friends among His male and female servants, and His glance of favor is directed toward them. Whatever divine wisdom requireth shall surely come to pass. They should not be grieved by separation. He ordaineth what He willeth for whom He willeth and recordeth for such a one the reward of attaining His presence. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Today all must observe the divine ordinances and act according to what hath been revealed therein. They must avoid any matter that causeth corruption and discord among the loved ones. All are commanded to wisdom and unity. Blessed are they who attain and act accordingly.

Verily, glory and radiance be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in that land.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath spoken of the oneness of His Being and caused all things to speak forth His remembrance and praise. Though He hath been described by every tongue, characterized by every utterance, and mentioned by every heart, we testify that He is the Hidden Mystery Who hath never been described throughout all eternity past nor shall ever be mentioned throughout all eternity to come. Exalted be His might and power, exalted be His station and knowledge. The Supreme Pen hath spoken forth in the kingdom of creation, whereupon the dwellers of the cities of names were thunderstruck - some were awakened by the breeze of revelation while others returned to the abyss of divine wrath. I pray and glorify those who have inhaled the fragrance of His days and have attained unto His good-pleasure. They are among the people of Baha. Upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven.

Furthermore, your two missives, adorned with the mention of God, were the cause of the heart's rejoicing. God willing, may you ever remain occupied with the remembrance of the Desired One of the world, and be mentioned in His presence. Regarding what you wrote about the souls in that land who have been set ablaze by the divine fire and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon - we beseech God to make them firm and steadfast, for steadfastness is among the most mighty of matters. It hath often been observed that certain souls have turned toward the Cause through one word, yet become veiled through another. Verily He guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path. God willing, your efforts have not been and shall not be in vain. Every soul must arise to serve the Cause for the sake of God and speak with wisdom for His sake. The effect thereof resteth with God, exalted be His glory. He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth.

The letter from Nawwab Muhammad 'Azimu'd-Din Khan addressed to this evanescent servant was received. That same letter was presented in the Most Holy Court, and magnificent and wondrous Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for him and the souls mentioned therein. God willing, may they attain unto them and be enkindled by the divine fire. This evanescent servant hath also, according to his poverty and lowliness, addressed a letter to them. We beseech God to aid them, draw them nigh, and give them to drink of the sealed wine through His Name, the Mighty, the Manifest, the Hidden.

Every seed that is sown for the sake of God and falls upon good soil will assuredly, by God's leave, the Revealer of verses, yield boundless good. We beseech God to make your endeavors and efforts yield universal fruits, that all may attain unto the Source and be illumined by the lights of His countenance.

If you inquire about conditions in this land, praise be to God, it is peaceful. In these days, a number of travelers have, in accordance with the command, set out for their homelands. This servant hath been occupied with writing day and night, and therefore had not the opportunity to send the great mystical

circle that was requested. However, two small circles were written and sent. In any case, the shortcomings of this servant must be overlooked and forgiven. Several people have recently arrived at the Most Great Scene from Iran, but there was no news worthy of mention. However, divergent views have not yet attained unto the blessing of unity and concord. The princes are at variance and the divines are in open conflict. They have lost, those who have turned away from God and His authority and followed their own idle fancies and vain imaginings.

The honored Aqa Jamal, upon him be the glory of God, is in prison, and his petitions have repeatedly reached the Most Holy Court. God will soon deliver him through truth. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. According to reports, he is respected in prison. When his messenger came to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and requested Aqa Jamal's release from prison, He said: "If he leaves, does he have a house to dwell in?" The messenger replied: "No." He said: "Indeed, his place is in prison." In truth, whatever occurs for the sake of God is beloved to the soul and the heart's desire. What blessing is greater than tribulations that occur in the path of the Beloved? People are asleep; when they die they awaken. Which house hath not been seized by ruin? Which garden hath not lost its splendor to autumn winds? Blessed is the structure not followed by a destroyer. The house that is not seized by extinction and remains protected from the vicissitudes of time is a deed performed for God's sake. We beseech God to aid us in that which He loveth and approveth.

The very events of the world and its changes are a tablet whereon its extinction hath been inscribed by a manifest pen. Blessed is he who hath cast it aside, blessed is he who hath forsaken it to serve God and manifest His decisive and wise Cause. The world is that which preventeth men from turning toward God, not what heedless servants have understood it to be. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of our Most Glorious Lord in a preserved tablet.

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O My Name! Hearken unto My call, for by My call are spirits and minds made alive. Say: O people! This is He in Whose praise and glorification the Bayan was revealed. Beware lest ye be veiled by aught from the remembrance of God, the All-Protecting, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people! He hath come unto you with all the signs, would ye but perceive. 'Ali hath come unto you with the truth, would ye but know it. He took the covenant of My Self from you in the atoms of the Bayan, yet most people remained veiled and are now as dead. Say: Those from whom the spirit of life hath been taken shall not arise from the graves of heedlessness, thus hath the matter been ordained, would ye but know it.

Say: O people! Fear God and associate not aught with Him, for verily association is a grievous wrong, would ye but understand. This Youth of God is among you, calling you unto Him at all times, and to this do His near servants testify. He desireth from you no recompense, nor doth He seek from you any thanks. Verily your Beloved, the Most Exalted One, hath been sent for this Most Holy and Most Glorious Manifestation, as attested by that which was revealed from His presence. Look ye therefore in the Bayan,

that ye may find how He counseled you not to hesitate in this Manifestation, nor to be veiled by what was revealed in the Bayan from the Countenance of the All-Merciful.

By God! He is this One, and this is the Promised One. Every atom beareth witness unto Him, would ye but testify. All things weep at His grief, would ye but weep. The denizens of the highest Paradise lament for Him, yet ye rejoice. He is in this prison while ye rest upon your seats. He drinketh of His own blood while ye drink from every cup. He is imprisoned in a strange land while ye abide secure in your homelands. By God! Husayn weepeth at My sorrow, and all that hath been created between the Kaf and the Nun lamenteth for Me. Then doth ’Ali weep for My tribulation in the Most Glorious Horizon, would ye but know.

Fear ye God, then have mercy upon My Soul, and transgress not beyond what hath been ordained in the preserved Tablets of glory. Say: Were it not for My remembrance, the Bayan would not have been revealed unto ’Ali, nor would the sun of the Furqan have shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz, nor would the Spirit have appeared with the signs of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Fear ye God and oppose not Him Whom all on earth have opposed. Sufficient unto Him is what hath befallen Him and what continueth to befall Him from those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And thou, O thou who gazest upon thy Lord’s Most Glorious Horizon, hearken unto the melodies of the Dove, then detach thyself from all that hath been created between earth and heaven. Then remind the people of this hidden News, and drink at every moment from the cup of life, though thou didst drink therefrom in the days of thy Lord, to which all things bear witness, yet people hear not.

Drink thou therefrom, draft after draft. Thus have We ordained for thee in a preserved Tablet of glory. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, then aid Him with what thou art able, and this is better for thee than what hath been and what shall be. Then remind from Us him who hath been named Hasan, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

O Hasan! Blessed art thou for having drunk from the cup of love for Husayn in those days when He was afflicted among these oppressors. O Hasan! Know thou that this Husayn at every moment beholdeth Shimr on His right, then Sinan on His left, then Khawli behind Him, and God is witness to what I say. His only crime was that He called all unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having found solace in the company of the loved ones of God and for having associated with them, and this is the way of the sincere ones.

The Spirit be upon thee and upon thy sister and upon those who have stood firm in this mighty and irrevocable Cause. Then convey God’s greetings to the face of him who serveth you out of love for God, your Lord and the Lord of your ancient forebears. Say: O servant! Hold fast unto the loved ones of God and separate not thyself from them. Thus did We command thee before and now command thee again from the presence of the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Be patient in adversities, for verily thy Lord hath been in grievous tribulation, such that the gates of joy were closed before His face, yet He was content with what God was content with for Him and what was decreed for Him in the preserved Tablet of glory. O My Name! Deliver the messages of thy Lord unto those who have been mentioned in this Tablet and unto those who have believed in God, the Most High,

the Most Great. Beware lest thou be silent in mentioning thy Lord or grow cold in the warmth of thy love. Thus doth this brilliant and luminous Pen counsel thee. And the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those among His assured servants who love you.

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O Muhammad! Be content with thy Lord and become independent of all that hath been created in dust, for dust and whatsoever proceedeth therefrom befitteth it and those who are devoted thereto and are among the devoted ones. Know thou that the dust which is condemned in the sight of God is the love of Mine enemies and attachment to them. But the dust which existeth in the kingdom is the manifestation of My Name, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing Director, and through it We have revealed the mysteries of the Cause and the subtleties of power, as ye have witnessed and are among the witnesses. Lift up thine eyes above all else, that My Beauty may be manifested unto thee - a Beauty which the eyes of the world have not attained. By God, O Muhammad! There hath befallen Me that which hath befallen no one among all created things. Were I to utter but one word thereof, the pillars of the Throne would quake and the supports of the exalted Seat would crumble. Alas! Alas for that which the servants who were created by His command raise against the Ancient Beauty, at a time when the Temple of Pre-existence was established upon the throne of a mighty Name. Know thou the value of these days and emerge from the shirt of fancy, that perchance through thee the musk of divine knowledge may be diffused by thy Lord's permission, the All-Merciful, and may perfume all the world.

O Muhammad! Soon shalt thou turn thy gaze toward the horizons but shall not find the Day-Star of the horizons, even shouldst thou circle throughout the heavens and the earth. Thus do We inform thee with truth that thou mayest be of them that know. Then shall all existence place the fingers of remorse and regret between their teeth, and all created things shall weep with manifest tears of sorrow. We have informed thee of this that thou mayest become aware of that which is veiled from the eyes of them that are shut out as by a veil. Beware lest thou conceal the Cause of God, for thou hast witnessed His power and His sovereignty, His greatness and His might. Remind the people of what God hath shown thee and be of them that remember. And if one who turneth away should object, grieve not but be patient with beautiful patience. And if thou findest thyself alone in My love, rejoice within thyself and be of them that rejoice, for My love is of the wine of everlasting life which God hath specially ordained for them that are nigh unto Him, and no heedless soul shall ever partake thereof though he should search in the wilderness of desire unto all eternity.

Say: By God! The Holy Spirit attained but a drop thereof, and thereby did God quicken His sincere servants. This is a word which God hath made a fire unto them that deny and are proud, and a light unto them that have discerned the seat of the Cause in this Beauty Who hath been afflicted among these polytheists. Taste thou from the divine Tree and its fruits, then take shelter beneath its shade and fear no one, but trust in God, the Mighty, the Wise. And if thou seest him whose name thou didst mention in the Tablet, say: O servant! Thou wert present before the Manifestation of thy Lord's Self, yet thou knew Him not and wert among the heedless. This was not unique to thee, for even those who were around Him at

all times knew Him not, for We veiled the Face behind a thousand veils lest anyone discover what was ordained in the Tablets from the Pen of a holy, protecting One. Read thou these words, that perchance God may thereby give peace to thy soul and may reveal unto thee, in sleep or wakefulness, that which may bring rest to thy heart. There is no God but He. His are the creation and the command. He guideth whom He willeth and misleadeth whom He willeth. He is indeed the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Therefore call upon God, thy Lord, in all days with this prayer:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy most exalted Beauty, and by the manifestations of the might of Thy sovereignty between earth and heaven, and by the splendor of Thy countenance whereby the dwellers of the realms of eternity were illumined, that Thou withhold me not from the wondrous revelations of the Sun of Thy knowledge, nor deprive me from entering the sanctuary of Thy glorious presence. Thou, verily, art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou, truly, art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O my God! I am he who hath turned his face away from the faces of all created things and hath set his face toward the face of Thy sanctified oneness, who hath fled from his own self and from all else but Thee, and who hath sought shelter beneath the shadow of the tree of Thy unity. Therefore, O my God, leave me not to myself, nor to anything that hath been created between the earths and the heavens. Then cause me to enter, O my God, within the pavilions of Thy nearness and the tabernacle of Thy love. Then unveil unto me, O my God, that which is hidden from the eyes of Thy servants and concealed from the knowledge of Thy creatures. Then make me, O my God, to be of them that have entered the stronghold of Thy Cause and dwelt within the precincts of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Then preserve me, O my God, from mine enemies and from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall detach me from the world and enable me to attain unto Thy most exalted Self in this most pure and luminous Garment.

And thou, O Muhammad, if thou art not in his presence, send this Tablet to him from Me that he may read it and be of them that remember. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon such of the servants as are not hindered by the insinuations of Satan nor by the multitude of the idolaters from this resplendent and gracious Beauty.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the most great!

Praise be unto the Desired One, Who befitteth distinction through His most exalted Word between the loved ones and the enemies, and Who hath made manifest both the treachery of wandering eyes and the secrets concealed in hearts. This is the Day of this blessed verse, blessed and exalted be His Word: “O my son! If there be the weight of a mustard-seed and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth.” Praise be unto Him, then praise be unto Him, Who hath distinguished the holy and sanctified garments from the garments of treacherous and lying souls, that the possessors of vision, justice and fairness might witness the deeds and actions of those endowed with trustworthiness and

godliness, and those who are lost and immoral. Truth and righteousness remain not concealed but shine forth like unto the sun. How great is the loss of those souls who, for the baubles of this world, have forsaken trustworthiness, truth and sincerity, and have clung to falsehood and calumny.

Prayers and peace be upon the Lord of Messengers and Guide of Ways, through Whom God's signs and ordinances were spread among His creation, and upon His family and companions, through whom the mysteries of the Book were made manifest and that which was hidden from those possessed of understanding was brought forth.

The letters of that beloved of the heart arrived. Praise be to God, whatsoever was recorded therein was illumined and adorned with the light of truth and sincerity. Divine power hath made manifest the wickedness of treacherous souls. Though they imagined they had concealed it, yet those very assembled souls themselves and others bear witness to the lies and treachery of those repositories of rancor, hatred and calumny. The servant beseecheth his Lord to reveal unto all their deeds and actions. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning the presence of my beloved, his honor the Overseer, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, as soon as they wrote, they were summoned by telegraph to proceed in that direction. Regarding what was written about Aqa Muhammad-Javad of the people of ?ad, upon him be God's peace, who sent a letter to Siyyid Mu??afa about the actions of certain known individuals - the aforementioned Siyyid wrote a letter to Aqa Muhammad-Javad, and according to reports, they too have written him a reply. What they mentioned in their reply consisted of things they had heard from the companions and related, for whoever arrives becomes aware of those souls' misdeeds before meeting this servant. However, these matters need not cause distress. The falsehood of those souls is clear and evident to your honor. They have committed that which hath no likeness or parallel.

The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist you with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to protect you from the evil of the liars and calumniators. Praise be to God that just as the lies and calumnies of those souls were exposed, so too was made manifest and evident the truth of the honored master, his honor the Afnan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, and that beloved one. The purpose of the honored Afnan's visit to that land was to engage in commerce. At present, prudence in affairs is necessary until the government is assured. After presenting these matters, they said: "You have been and are with the truth. With complete confidence and joy, and trusting in God, hold fast to that which will set things aright. This decree is manifest, and in His grasp is the Kingdom of all things. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth."

O Trustee! Be not disturbed, fear not. God willing, you shall attain to that which is good. Move forward with perfect joy, delight and strength. We beseech Him to assist you with His means, power and sovereignty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, truth shall be made manifest and shall not remain concealed. Yet one is astonished at souls who, without cause and merely out of greed, avarice and passion, cling to all manner of evil and emerge thus. Glory be to God! Love of transient ornaments hath so seized them that they have become utterly deprived of human qualities. We seek refuge in God! O my Lord! Protect us and Thy servants through Thy

generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art the most powerful of the powerful and the most generous of the generous.

Regarding what you wrote about staying or returning to Iran or proceeding to the intended destination, they said: “At present you must remain in that land. Movement is not permitted. This is better for thee and a treasure for thee with God, the Lord of the mighty throne.”

All the friends are occupied day and night in remembrance of that beloved one. News of the treachery and turning away of the unfaithful hath reached various regions. Some have become greatly enkindled. It is hoped that the final outcome of matters will end in the greatest joy. Verily, God is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

The Branches of the Blessed Tree, each one of them, make mention of your honor, as do the people of the pavilion of chastity and the loved ones of the prison land. Praise be to God, you have been and are mentioned by all. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you, upon those who love you, and upon God’s sincere servants.

The Servant

5 Muharram 1307

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to the peerless Lord who, despite the convulsions of the world, the hatred of certain peoples, the calumnies of the slanderers, and the clamor of the deceivers, guided and led His loved ones to the Most Great Prison. Glory be to God! Despite a thousand intrigues and evil whisperings, through His absolute, prevailing, and penetrating Will, He gathered an assembly beneath the Blessed Tree, bringing together the sincere ones and the monotheists. During the nights and days, He favored each one with a mention and adorned each with a gift. His is the greatness and the power, His is the glory and the might and the will. He ordaineth as He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

For a time no outward news or trace had come from that beloved of hearts, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation, and this caused distress among many, as from every quarter they were inquiring and seeking news, O Trusted One, until news arrived of arrival in the land of H and M. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His loved ones from harm and tribulation, and from rancor and hatred. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And when news of arrival was presented before the Throne, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words - exalted be His utterance and His proof: “O Amin, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Ever hast thou been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. In these days, consummate wisdom hath required that thou shouldst proceed to the region of Kha and visit Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be the glory of God. Then shall appear what We have purposed. Verily thy Lord is the Ancient Commander.”

After receiving the letter and becoming informed, proceed at once to the destination. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. Patience is forbidden after the manifestation of the divine will from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn to Thee and for revealing to me what was hidden and concealed from the eyes of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Fulfiller of the needs of all seekers, to assist Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Strengthen, O my God, Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy love and service. O Lord! Thou seest Thy trusted servant traversing the lands to manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word. Aid him, O my God, with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and with the angels on high. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in every land and set them ablaze with the fire of utterance of the Lord of religions. In these days certain blessed Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of oneness, specifically for one who ascended in the land of Sh. We were with him at the time of his ascension. Verily thy Lord is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Goal of them that know. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant steadfastness to His loved ones, lest the names prevent them from their Owner, their Quickener, their Slayer, and their Creator. Glory be to God! Hadi of Dawlatabad hath raised a standard and desired to guide the people. Say: Be silent, O heedless one, and bridle thy self, O ignorant one! By God's life, thou art not the horseman of this field. We invited him to attend and listen, but pride seized him such that he cast the Cause behind him and committed that which caused the denizens of the pavilion of glory to lament. He who possesseth the Supreme Tablet beareth witness to this. The End.

This servant has ever been distressed and saddened by the tribulations of this Most Great Announcement and what hath been visited upon it by the enemies, to such extent that he seeth no deliverance for himself therefrom, for the Truth did arise to promote His Cause for forty years, without helper or assistant, and through the power of His Word did set the world in motion, such that from all directions they arose to investigate this Cause. And when the light became resplendent and the Cause manifest, the deniers emerged from behind the veil and wrought that which every possessor of ears heard and every person of insight witnessed. It behooveth us to overlook what he and his followers have done. After His ascension until now, the same message that His Holiness Afnan, Alif and Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, had sent, was received. Nothing else has been received since then. Therefore it became necessary to inform that beloved one, for they had instructed that whenever it becomes necessary to inform of a matter, inform [him]. Thus was this detail submitted. The Command is in God's hands - He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. That beloved one's journey to the land of Kha to see His honor Ibn-i-A?daq, upon him be [the Glory of God] 966, is necessary and should not be delayed in any way. Upon receiving word they should set forth at once. I convey greetings, glorification and light to all the loved ones wheresoever they may be, and I beseech steadfastness for all on this day, for that is the most excellent of all deeds before [the Most High]. Glory and praise and benediction be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you and hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Servant. 17 [Rabi'u'l-Avval 1308]

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His majesty and His power!

Praise be unto the peerless Lord, Who is worthy and deserving, Who hath adorned the lands of holy and tranquil souls with the flowers of knowledge and wisdom through the rain of His mercy and utterance. His will hath no impediment and His purpose no veil or barrier. His is the praise and the glory, and His the remembrance and the splendor, for having illumined the hearts of His sincere servants with the light of His knowledge and adorned them with the ornament of His sanctification and holiness. He is the Self-Subsisting, to Whose power and dominion the tongues of His servants and creation bear witness. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved One, the Dawning-Place of His knowledge and the Dayspring of His verses, and upon His family and companions, through whom the call was raised and the banner of unity was planted in the world of creation - blessings that the passage of time cannot alter. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

The servant perceived the fragrance of your letter before its appearance and arrival. This testifieth and will continue to testify to the loftiness of your love and the excellence of your affection in God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, the Master of the hereafter and the former times.

O beloved of my heart! Your words have stirred me and your utterances have gladdened me. After reading and reciting, I approached a place that God hath sanctified from the idle fancies of heedless creatures. When I arrived, I presented what was in your letter, whereupon the Master - may our souls be sacrificed for His sake - spoke:

“O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy call and perceived from thy letter the fragrance of sincerity and supplication unto God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thee in all conditions with the ornament of righteousness and fear of God, to protect thee from the evil of enemies, to give thee to drink at all times from the cup of recognition, and to ordain for thee from the Pen of Destiny that which will draw thee near unto Him and assist thee in that which thou hast been commanded in His Book. Verily, He is the Almighty Whom the veils of the deluded cannot hinder, nor the imaginings of the heedless. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Rida! Upon thee be My peace. Thou art ever remembered in the gathering of the captives. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of certitude and utterance in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all peoples. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before thy face the door of His bestowal, to rain down upon thee from the clouds of His generosity the showers of His bounty and the outpourings of His mercy, to protect thee with the hosts of power and might, and to assist thee in good deeds. Verily, He is the Guardian of good deeds and the Revealer of verses. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.”

Praise be to God that the glad tidings of that spiritual beloved's health and well-being arrived and became the cause of joy and delight. God is witness that I have ever been thinking of you and have ever beseeched the Self-Sufficient, the Most High for your well-being. However, since you have been in the service of His Honor the Trustee - upon him be God's peace, protection and mercy - complete assurance and certitude was attained. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve and protect him, to strengthen him through His might and exalt him through His loving-kindness. Moreover, mention of him was heard at times from the Master's tongue. Surely this mention must have an effect in the world. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon him from the heaven of His grace the rains of blessing and favor. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The gift that was sent in their name has arrived. Praise be to God Who hath manifested from His presence that which indicateth His love and affection. Think not that there was any hesitation in accepting what was sent. Nay, by the very Self of the Lord, this servant beareth witness that it was accepted with supreme acceptance. The gaze of them that are endued with certitude is fixed upon love and purpose and the sender, not upon aught else. Love hath its aspects and stations. It is the teacher of hearts and souls and the revealer of mysteries. And since this deed was adorned with the ornament of love, its acceptance transcendeth all acceptance and is approved by His loved ones and chosen ones.

Concerning what you wrote about this servant's intention to gather the means for the garden remaining firm and steadfast - this is among the aspects of love, for when a hundred cometh, ninety is also with us. When love is established, its conditions and effects are present. This condition can never be separated or divided from that which is conditioned by it. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve you and draw you nigh. Verily, He is the Lord of grace and confirmation, the Helper of them that do good amongst His servants, and the Ultimate Goal of them that know in His kingdom.

The apple of my eye, his honor Aqa Mirza Mu??afa - upon him be 9 6 6 [Baha'u'llah] - hath repeatedly made mention of you. Indeed, each of the existing chosen ones hath made and continueth to make mention of you, and all beseech from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever constituteth the supreme ladder for ascent and exaltation. Verily God is the Generous Giver. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Peace and remembrance and mercy be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

9th of Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1308

Since they had inquired about the previously sent grape vines, the grape vines that were sent as gifts - as their cuttings arrived here dried up - therefore remained barren and unfruitful.

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Akka. His honor Aqa Mirza Abdullah, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. 24 Jamadi'th-Thani 1305.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatest and the Most Powerful

Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds, Who hath enabled His loved ones to turn unto Him and to stand firm, and hath blessed them to acknowledge and confess the blessed word "There is none other God but Him," and hath adorned them with the ornament of justice and fairness. These are the servants whom God hath described in His mighty Book as honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command. And prayers and peace be upon the Ensigns of His guidance and the Banners of His victory and the Cities of His knowledge and the Oceans of His grace, through whom every name was established upon the throne of glory and bounty, and the Sun of every attribute shone forth amidst humanity, and the Most Great Word encompassed all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, until the Names culminated in their Lord Muhammad - verily He is the Manifestation of the blessed Word, praiseworthy in His Cause and obeyed in His judgment - and upon His family and companions, the pearls of wisdom and understanding and the sources of ordinances and laws.

And then, the letter of that honored brother arrived and after its reading and review, it was granted audience before the Master. They said these matters are contingent upon consultation. Praise be to God, the soul that ascended did so with utmost joy and fragrance and with the light of certitude and assurance, attaining the horizon of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds. Neither wealth nor poverty of the world, nor the doubts and intimations of the nations, nor hardship and adversity and difficulty and tribulation prevented him from the Word of Unity nor deprived him from the Most Great Ocean. This is what transpired and all must mention with utmost sanctity and purity that which hath been revealed and flowed from the Kingdom of utterance and the realm of possibility. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence and favor from His own Self, and to give him to drink, from the hands of bounty, the Kawthar of eternity in the highest Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Convey to each of the relatives the greetings from the Wronged One and console them. In truth, that which causeth burning grief and sorrow hath befallen those who remain. However, by the life of God, that departed one hath attained unto the ocean of God's mercy and dwelleth in utmost joy and assurance with those near ones and sincere ones. The relatives too must in truth be joyous, for whatsoever appeareth from the Just, the Wise, is pure good. God, exalted be His glory, He is the All-Patient, the Concealer, the All-Forgiving, the Ever-Relenting, the Forgiver, the Merciful. In truth, sorrow in these days is not permitted. Were the proofs of this matter to flow from the Pen, the Perspicuous Book would be witnessed.

O Abdullah! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of heaven. The mother and sister and other sister and two sons - all are remembered before the Wronged One. We make mention of Hibatu'llah, upon him be God's peace and favor, and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, for each one that which causeth elevation and ascendancy. This mention shall not be erased from the Book of the mindful ones and the scroll of the knowing ones.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Aid Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and draw them nigh unto Thee, and ordain for them the best of what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy favor a blessing from Thy presence and a bounty from Thy own Self. Verily Thou art God, the Lord of all worlds, and the Goal of all who seek, and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

A hundred thousand praises and thanks unto the Goal of the world Who hath enabled His loved ones to achieve that which is the cause of enduring mention and an everlasting name. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth from the heaven of divine Will and the ocean of divine generosity that He may preserve that honored one and his relatives in all conditions beneath the shadow of His favor with utmost joy and gladness. Verily He is the most powerful of the powerful and the most generous of the generous, and praise be unto Him for He is the Lord of all worlds.

And regarding the matters you had written about, it was presented and They said to hold fast to whatever emerges from consultation, and the members of consultation are the certain, assured, and designated souls - upon them be God's peace and favors. It is very difficult to find someone who would at once take the shop's goods and pay the debts, for after the appearance of treachery in this land, blessing hath halted. Therefore one must act according to what is now easiest and most beloved and most beneficial. This servant asketh for you the good of this world and the next from the heaven of bounty of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne. Make mention of the women from this evanescent one. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant patience and adorn with the garment of forbearance. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise sanctified above all mention of the world and its peoples befitteth the Lord of Eternity, Who through His Most Great Name conquered the world and made manifest the path of salvation. The purpose of the creation of beings and the manifestation of existence hath been the bestowal of His grace and the expression of His generosity and bounty. Through His will He brought them from nothingness into being, and through His wisdom He ordained the means of glory and exaltation, that all might ascend the ladder of knowledge to that most great station of glory and supreme nobility which is the recognition of His sacred Being. Glorified be His majesty, magnified be His bounty, and exalted be His grace!

The letter of that beloved of the soul, which was even as a brilliant and radiant sun, illumined the court of existence. This pure radiance hath been and is from the effulgences of the lights of divine love. What can this servant mention and what can he express in describing this station, when even those who have attained thereunto are seen to be powerless and wanting in its comprehension? For this is the station of love, the prince of all stations.

"I need a mouth as wide as heaven itself

To tell the praise of that which angels envy."

After its perusal, and with joy and delight, it was presented before the face of the Lord. He said: "Praise be to God! They are adorned with that which beseemeth them. The atoms of creation bear witness to their trustworthiness, faithfulness, station and rank. O Muhammad - upon thee be the peace of God, the Single, the One! The riches of the world and the wealth of nations cannot compare with a single word of yours which hath been manifested through trustworthiness and faithfulness. The ornaments of the world are not mentioned before the trusted ones of God. That which is worthy of mention are those qualities which have been manifested among the servants from the friends of God. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the finest raiment in all the world. This is the shield of protection that preserveth the station of man. We beseech God that He may illumine the world through this luminary of detachment and adorn it with the ornament of trustworthiness. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Peace be from the Wronged One upon the friends of God who are there, and upon those whom neither the doubts of the people have withheld from the Truth, nor the clamor of the polytheists from turning towards God, the Lord of the worlds."

In truth, the letter of that beloved was a herald of joy. This servant has always been and continues to be joyful at the happiness of that beloved of hearts. Indeed, a single drop of joy is witnessed as an ocean. Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, this servant has been and remains confident and assured that whatever appears and transpires is pure good. "Whosoever places his trust in God, He is sufficient unto him." Witness to this statement was the letter of that true traveler and spiritual emigrant who appeared solely through the Absolute Will - that is, the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be God's peace, grace and mercy. It arrived, and by the testimony of the loved ones, he has attained the most excellent of deeds, as it has been previously said: "The most excellent of deeds are the most difficult." His letter was presented to the Master upon arrival, who repeatedly said: "Blessed be he, and may it be wholesome unto him." At tea time, when the Branches of the Blessed Tree and the people of the pavilion of infallibility were present, He repeatedly mentioned him, and concluded with these blessed words: "We beseech God, the Exalted, to send down upon him and upon them from the heaven of His grace a blessing from Him, a grace from His presence, and a mercy from His side. There is no God but He, the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

This evanescent servant sends greetings to the number of the drops in the seas to him and to the loved ones of that land, and beseeches for each one the outpouring of the True Generous One. Verily, He has power over all things. In response to the letter of the spiritual beloved, Aqa 'Ali, upon him be God's peace, a letter was sent containing [expressions of] grace. God willing, may it be the cause of joy and unity. And as for the known matter, let them mention whatever they deem advisable. I beseech God, the Exalted, to teach you what is best for you. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Another submission: The missive from the spiritual beloved Haji 'Abdu'l-Karim, upon him be God's peace, arrived. Indeed, it was distinguished. Praise be to God, he is confirmed. I beseech God, the Exalted, to assist him, confirm him, and draw him near. Verily, He has power over all things. Final submission: As commanded, at this time the true emigrant and special traveler, that is, Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be God's peace and grace, has brought news of the spiritual beloved Haji Husayn, upon him be God's peace

and mercy. The purpose is to express grace towards them. Indeed, they have performed what most of the people of the world are heedless of. They have always been and continue to be remembered. Likewise, as commanded, whenever their letters arrive, the loved ones of that land should write about his conditions. He repeatedly said: “Verily, He loves faithfulness in all things.”

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He is the Light in Truth and God was ever living from eternity!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I call upon Thee in this hour when I have detached myself entirely from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and have clung to the cord of Thy bounty, and have cut off all paths save unto Thee, until I have stood at the axis of journeying unto Thee, and have turned from creation unto Thee, and have turned away from all faces and directed my face toward the sun of Thine eternity. I have sought naught but the wonders of Thy grace, and hoped for naught save the marvelous signs of Thy creative handiwork.

And because of this, Thy servants have assailed me and pelted me with the stones of their idle fancies, and shot at me the arrows of their vain imaginings, to such an extent that the earth, despite its vastness, became too strait for me by reason of what the hands of Thy servants and the transgressors among the people of Thy realm have wrought. It is as though I were caught in the mouth of a black serpent, and red vipers, and yellow snakes, and white dogs. I find no refuge save in Thee, no helper but Thee, no succorer other than Thee, and no protector besides Thee.

I am bewildered now by how these people who differ regarding my station continue to sting me, even though Thou hast ordained for me nothing save servitude before Thy face, prostration before the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, and humble devotion at the gates of Thy bountiful mercy. But O my God, through Thy pure grace, and the essence of Thy generosity, and the substance of Thy love, and the subtlety of Thy affection, Thou hast clothed me in the garment of Thy guidance - a garment which none of Thy creation has ever surpassed or shall ever surpass.

I ask Thee, O my God, by Him Whom Thou hast made sovereign over me and over all who are in the heavens and earth, to make me patient in Thy tribulation and content with Thy decree. Moreover, cause mine eyes to turn away from all else save Thee and to watch for the wonders of Thy mercy, that perchance there may descend upon me that which will tranquilize my heart and gladden my being, that I may rejoice in the shadow of Thy most exalted providence.

I seek refuge in the vicinity of Thy Most Glorious mercy, and I beseech Thee at this moment to forgive those who have been heedless of Thy Most Great Remembrance and have turned to that which their desires have craved. Then forgive them, for they are Thy servants and Thy bondsmen, and they possess for themselves neither profit nor loss, neither life nor resurrection. Cause then, O my God, their hearts to be pure, their vision clear, and their hearing keen, that they may hear Thy verses with their own ears and not through the ears of others, and behold Thy beauty with their own eyes and not through the eyes of those besides them, and soar to the Most Luminous Horizon on the wings of their love, and ascend to the

Most Exalted Horizon through the fire of their affection, that they may possess through Thy power what Thou hast created for them within themselves through Thy might. And verily this is a bounty that no bounty in Thy dominion can equal, nor any command in Thy lands. Then I adjure Thee, O my God, by the first fire that was ignited from the fire of Thy Being, and the first ocean that branched from the ocean of Thy Oneness, and the first light that shone from the horizon of Thy Self-Subsistence, and the first lamp that was lit in the niche of Thy love, and by Thy Name which Thou hast established in the station of Thine Own Self, and raised to the heaven of the glory of Thy Lordship, and made concealed in the pavilions of Thy might and hidden in the veils of Thy majesty, that Thou send down upon me and upon Thy servants from the rains of Thy bounty and the showers of Thy generosity, and clothe us in the garment of Thy forgiveness and the robe of Thy holiness, and make us of those who have been guided by Thy guidance, and have sought Thy good-pleasure, and have dwelt in Thy habitations, and have reposed in Thy presence - for in Thy hand is the sovereignty of power and might, and in Thy right hand is the kingdom of strength and authority, and Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and art well aware and informed of all that Thy servants do.

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This is what hath been sent down from the direction of the mighty throne unto Our servant who hath been named the Merciful, and verily this is better for him than the sovereignty of earth and heaven. Thus hath it been ordained by One Who is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted

Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and the fingers of mercy and power have taken hold of it, and the gaze of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, hath turned toward it. We found therein the fragrance of sanctity in thy recognition of the Self of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the breezes of the All-Merciful and for thy soul having been established upon the throne of paradise. This is from God's bounty unto thee, but most of the people are heedless. Therefore give thanks unto God for having taken thy hand with the hand of power and might, and delivered thee from the hosts of fancy, and established thee beneath the shadow of His grace and favor, and made thee one of the companions of certitude, and enabled thee to stand firm in His love in days wherein intoxication hath overtaken all who are in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice then within thyself that thy letter hath been read before the presence of grace in sanctified and wondrous precincts. Glory be unto thee and unto him from whose pen flowed that wherewith thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Thus doth God bestow His favor upon whomsoever He willeth of His servants and guideth him to the path of His glory and draweth him nigh unto His transcendent grace, the Mighty, the Great.

But thou, O servant, hold fast unto the Tree, then taste of its fruits, then detach thyself from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were among the deniers. Then stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that shouldst thine own eye oppose thee therein thou wouldst be detached therefrom, nay, thou wouldst pluck it out from its socket. This is what the Beauty of the Cause

commandeth thee from the direction of a mighty throne. By God! Whoso drinketh from this Salsabil shall be detached from every proof from all who are possessed of majesty, and from all who are in the heavens and the earth. His glance shall never return unto them and he shall behold them as children who possess neither reason nor discernment.

Say: O people! Do ye imagine that ye have believed in God after having denied and turned away from the Beauty Who hath shone forth from the horizon of the Unseen, before Whose dawning the faces of grandeur fell prostrate in worship of His exalted, transcendent, sovereign and omnipotent Self? Shut thine eye to all who are in the kingdom, then open it to behold the signs of thy Lord, that thou mayest witness His sovereignty in all things. Thus doth the Pen of sacred knowledge inform thee.

As for those who have fled from the Beauty of the All-Merciful, God hath rendered their deeds void and cast them into the abyss of His wrath as recompense for their actions and they were among the doers thereof. Take heed lest the denial of the deniers grieve thee, for We have found them today isolated in their unbelief, and therefore have We forbidden them from the holy shores with justice from Our presence, and verily We are just. Say: O people! Be fair unto yourselves - if ye turn away from this Beauty, to what refuge can ye flee this Day? Nay, by My Beauty, there is no refuge for you, no shelter for anyone, and no protector this Day save Mine own Self, the Sovereign, the Most High, the All-Knowing.

Fear ye God and flee not to the right or to the left. Enter ye this straight, manifest and upright Path. Say: Do ye prostrate yourselves before dust while leaving the Lord of Lords behind you? Evil is that which ye have chosen for yourselves. Alas for you, O company of deniers! Say: Should God desire to send upon you the breezes of His mercy, could anyone prevent them? Nay, by My radiant and mighty Beauty! And should He desire to chastise you with a flame of fire, could any soul deliver you therefrom? Nay, by My manifest, resplendent, all-encompassing sovereignty! Say: O people! I swear by God the Truth, the Lord of Words hath then come upon clouds of meanings, and around Him are Manifestations of God's wisdom, then Dawning-places of a wondrous knowledge, and the matter hath been decreed from God, your Lord and the Lord of all creation. Thus do We bestow Our favor upon thee once again, O Rahim, that thou mayest be thankful for thy Lord's gifts and be among those who remember the Beauty Whom God hath purified from mention by those who disbelieved and joined partners with God and were among the veiled ones. Leave the polytheists and what issueth from their mouths, for thy Lord hath exposed their falsity between the heavens and the earth, whereunto every discerning and insightful one doth testify. And when it is said unto them, "O people, by what proof have ye believed in God and the Manifestations of His Cause?" they will surely say, "The verses." Yet when the most excellent Words are recited unto them from what hath been sent down from the heaven of God's dominion, the Protector, the Almighty, the Powerful, their faces darken and they return to their seats and retreat to their abode in the nethermost fire, and thus do the guards of wrath encompass them, and verily We are the Subduer. Say: O people, by God the Truth, ye pass by nothing except that it denounceth you for your deeds in most eloquent and wondrous language, but since ye have veiled yourselves with veils of wrath, ye will never hear its call. Thus hath the matter flowed from the finger of ancient glory. And thou, leave them behind thee, then seek thy Lord's bounty in all days, for His bounty hath ever been nigh unto the doers of good. And glory be upon thee, O people of glory, that thou mayest remain steadfast in thy Lord's Cause through love of thy Master, the All-Knowing.

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Thy sealed letter hath reached the presence of this Wronged One, and from it We have inhaled the sweet savour of thy devotion to God, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsistent. We beseech Him to make known unto thee that which is concealed within the Written Tablet, and to grant that thou mayest catch the accents of the Mystic Dove that singeth upon the celestial bough, and hear the soft murmur of the water that is life indeed as it floweth in a stream of utterance and wisdom from the fountainhead of the Will of Him Who is the Lord of all mankind.

O friend! It behoveth thee to reflect upon the Word of God, to ponder its greatness, and to meditate upon its sweetness. This Word, verily, is sufficient unto the peoples of the earth. The first one to believe in Him Who was the Spirit was so enraptured by the Word of God that, in his eagerness to embrace its truth, he detached himself from everything that men possess. Such is the condition of all who would be leviathans in the Most Mighty Ocean.

O thou learned doctor and percipient divine! Know that the people have, for the most part, been hindered by their passions from turning themselves to God, the Lord of all names. Whoso looketh with his inner eye, however, shall be granted vision, and shall testify to what he witnesseth, exclaiming: "All praise be unto my Lord, the Most Exalted!" The tidings of God's loving-kindness have been announced to land and sea, and unto the nations hath been given the promise of the advent of Him Who shall heal their sicknesses, even Him Who shall build up the Temple of the Lord. Well is it with them who understand!

Lo, the appointed time is now arrived, and Carmel crieth out as if moved to ecstasy by the soul-stirring breezes of her Lord. Happy are those who hear her cry! Whoso hearkeneth with his inner ear shall hear the voice of the Rock as he beareth witness, with a mighty voice, to the Everlasting God. Blessed are they who perceive the savour of Divine utterance and, severing themselves from the world of being, advance towards the Kingdom. Behold! The things that had been mentioned in the Books of old have now appeared, and yet the people, though they look upon them, comprehend them not!

Regard thou, O friend, the mystery of the Great Reversal in the Sign of the Sovereign. Through this reversal He hath caused the exalted to be abased and the abased to be exalted. Call thou to mind how, in the days of Jesus, it was those who were distinguished for their learning, the men of letters and religion, who denied Him, whilst humble fishermen made haste to gain admittance into the Kingdom–this is the meaning of that which hath been expressed by symbol and allusion in the obscurities of words.

Great, immeasurably great is the Cause! Peter, the Apostle, despite the pre-eminence of his rank and the loftiness of his station, when questioned held back from speaking. Wert thou, with thy thoughts centred wholly on God, to reflect upon the happenings of former times, thou wouldst see the light shining refulgently before thy face, and wouldst keep it constantly before thy gaze. The truth is, of a certainty, too evident to be enshrouded in a veil, the way too clear to be obscured by darkness, and certitude too manifest to be eclipsed by any fleeting whim. Those who have been debarred therefrom are the followers of their corrupt desires. Today they are reposing on their bed of slumber; erelong they shall awake and rush, without avail, to find the things that have escaped them. Well is it with them who have inhaled the

Divine fragrance at the time when it was shed abroad: These, verily, have attained unto that which is the portion of the sincere among God's servants.

Know thou that We have seen the letter "?ad", which appeareth in the word "?ul?", become embellished by the ornament of the upright Alif. This, verily, is that which hath been recorded in an outspread Tablet. No sooner were the splendours of that Divine Word revealed than the portals of heaven were unlocked, the Kingdom of Names made manifest, and all was brought to consummation by the appearance of the letter "Ha", which had been connected to the recumbent Alif, itself embellished by the Point from which had sprung the Treasured Name, the Hidden Secret, and the Guarded Symbol–that same Point from which all things have appeared and unto which they have all returned. Thereupon We saw the Word give utterance to a Word which was received by every people in accordance with its own particular tongue and language. As it spoke forth, there rose above the horizon of its utterance a Sun of such effulgent splendour that, overshadowed by its radiance, the celestial sun grew dark; then it cried out: "The brow of seventy hath been adorned with the diadem of forty and united with the seven before ten"; at this it sighed, and moaned aloud: "Alas, I see the house oblivious of its Master, the son unmindful of his Father, the seeker heedless of the sanctuary and refuge for which he yearneth."

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of understanding! Whoso perceiveth that which though solid, floweth; which though static, flieth; which is both manifest and hidden, both resplendent and obscure will be so enraptured by the effulgence of heavenly illumination that he will rise up on the wings of ardent longing into the empyrean of nearness, holiness, and heavenly reunion.

Respecting thy comments on the question of "darkness", We testify that it hath encompassed all mankind. Happy the man who hath been illumined by the light of Him Who hath shone forth resplendent from the horizon of the mercy of His Lord, the Most Holy. This darkness is naught but the idle imaginings of men, by which they have been prevented from directing themselves towards the Kingdom when, by the bidding of God, the Lord of the realm on high, it was made manifest.

As for thy mention of the opinion expressed to thee by a certain individual that, in so far as concerneth the Spirit, there existeth no difference between us, his assertion is correct, for the Spirit is too exalted either to admit of differences or to be comprehended by allusions. It is the revelation of the Light of God's singleness amongst men, the Sign of His ancient eternity before the nations. Whoso turneth himself thereto hath turned himself unto Him Who sent it forth, and whoso turneth away therefrom hath turned away from the One by Whose power it hath been manifested and endowed with utterance. It hath not changed from age to age, and such as it hath been it shall remain. Such differences as may be witnessed in the effulgence of its light are to be attributed to the mirrors that receive it, and to the disparity, in form and colour, of the images they reflect.

O friend! Were but a single token to be revealed of the Secret which hath lain wrapped in mystery, the hearts of all those who, clinging to the things of men, have cast away the things of God, would be thrown into perturbation. Shouldst thou, having meditated upon the words that We have addressed to thee, arise with perfect steadfastness to act in such wise as We have intimated, thou wouldst undoubtedly accomplish such things as have been witnessed in a former age.

O friend! This Bird lieth imprisoned beneath the talons of cruelty and malice; It seeth for itself neither nest wherein to shelter nor heavenly expanse in which to fly. In such a plight as this, it summoneth mankind unto everlasting life. Blessed then be the attentive ear!

We beseech God to unite us in one holy court, and to graciously assist us to do that which is pleasing and acceptable unto Him.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Luminous, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book that speaketh with truth and summoneth the people unto the Beloved of them that have known God. Were that which is treasured within it to be revealed unto men, all that dwell in the heavens and on earth would swoon away, save such as God hath preserved, His faithful servants. Say: The Beloved hath appeared, arrayed in mighty grief, yet the people are in manifest heedlessness. Say: He hath been imprisoned in this Prison through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, after He had promised every soul His presence. All worship Him at morn and eventide, yet recognize Him not. These heedless ones weep for what befell Him in a former Revelation, yet shed His blood in this present one. Thus do they act, being utterly unaware. They call upon Him by night and by day, yet object to Him at every moment.

Is there any possessed of vision who will behold and recognize the Beloved of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great? Is there any possessed of hearing who will hearken unto His melodies, sweeter than those of his Most Glorious Beloved, Who was a stranger in the lands of the heedless? Say: This is He Who sent forth the Messengers from His presence and brought forth from His realm the company of the Prophets. Fear ye God, O people! Object not to Him after He hath come unto you with the signs of God, your Lord, and with the clear tokens of God, your Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds.

How long will ye slumber upon the couch of heedlessness, and how long will ye wander distraught in the wilderness of ignorance? We sent unto you aforetime ’Ali with a perspicuous Book, Who gave you the glad-tidings of this Most Great, Most Mighty Revelation and took from you a covenant concerning Mine own Self. Look ye, therefore, into the Bayan, that ye may be numbered among them that truly know. And ’Ali wept in His days until He sacrificed His life in My path - to this all things bear witness, if ye be not of them that deny.

Say: O people, fear ye God, then have mercy upon My Soul. Sufficient unto Me is what hath befallen Me at the hands of all created things. Say: O people of the Bayan, have mercy upon yourselves and be not of the wrongdoers. Verily your Beloved commanded you in this Revelation not to demand of Him proof or evidence, and when He appeared with the truth, to turn unto Him and not to be of them that tarry. He emphasized throughout the Bayan that should He appear without proof or evidence, ye should not object to Him, but rather supplicate Him with humility, that perchance He might reveal unto you from the ocean of His bounty that which would tranquilize your souls and the souls of the heedless ones.

He hath appeared in truth with all the signs ere ye asked aught of Him - and God is All-Knowing, All-Informed of this. He hath come unto you from the Dayspring of the Cause with the clear tokens of God, the King, the Just, the Manifest One. He hath stood between heaven and earth with mighty sovereignty, and there hath appeared from Him the proof of ’Ali, then the evidence of Muhammad, then the testimony of the Spirit, then that which was brought by Him Who conversed with God. Beyond all this, He hath appeared with such sovereignty as no eye in all creation hath witnessed the like thereof, nor the eyes of the angels near unto God.

Yet ye have done unto Him that which none hath ever done unto another, and have perpetrated that which hath caused the Sovereign of the heavens and earth to lament. One day ye denied Him, another ye sought to slay Him, and yet another ye disbelieved in Him. The curse of God be upon you, O company of oppressors! Say: Ye are they who cast the Covenant of God behind your backs and were heedless of that which ye were bidden in all the Tablets, and forgot that wherewith ye were counseled in holy and noble Scrolls. Be fair in your judgment, though it be for less than a moment, if ye deny, by what proof do you establish your faith, O company of the heedless ones? By God, astonished at you are the denizens of the highest paradise, then the dwellers of the eternal realms, then the glorifying angels. Thus does the Dove warble upon the branches of the Tree of Utterance with verses of sorrow, and from its trilling weep the Pen, then the Tablet, then the eyes of the Prophets. And I say: I am content, O my Beloved, with what hath befallen me at the hands of these idolaters in Thy path, and I am content with what Thou hast ordained for me, for whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me is beloved of Baha. And I say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which will cause thee to soar in the atmosphere which God hath sanctified from the odors of the idolaters. Empty thyself of all save God, then turn with thy heart unto God, the Most High, the Most Great, that there might be impressed upon it the sign of the beauty of the mention of thy Lord’s name, and that thou mayest be of them that attain. Proclaim the greatness of God unto thy son and unto them that have believed in God, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty, and give them the glad-tidings of this Most Wondrous, Most Great, Most Mighty Remembrance. Then preserve them through God’s might and power from the wolves of the earth, and purify them from the intimations of the idolaters. Then spread abroad what God hath sent down unto you throughout the land, that all may be quickened by the words of God and His signs, and may become aware of what hath been mentioned in the Tablets from the presence of One knowing, wise. Then make mention, from Us, of him who (Baba) hath visited the Ancient House, that he may be of them that are firm. Say: The Qiblih of all houses hath appeared, if thou be of them that know. Turn thy heart in the direction of the Most Great House, that the breezes of the All-Merciful may waft over thee and draw thee nigh unto the Purpose of the worlds. And the glory be upon thee and upon him and upon such of His handmaidens as believe and are pure, and such of His servants as remember Him. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Expositor from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is what hath been sent down for Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Creation. O Javad! Upon thee be My Glory! The honored Amin hath made mention of thee. We beseech God that He may aid thee in all conditions, and cause to grow from the fruits of certitude wondrous trees in the blessed and goodly soil, and from those trees bring forth other fruits and leaves. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

The purpose of this blessed verse, in its primary rank and first station, is that the perpetuation of mention, name and glory hath ever been through the verses of God and the mention of the Supreme Pen. The believer in God who hath drunk from the Kawthar of certitude from the munificent hand of the Desired One of the worlds - the fruit thereof hath not been and will never be cut off from the world. From that blessed fruit there grow wondrous trees and new saplings from the goodly soil. The goodly soil signifieth pure and sanctified hearts and minds. These trees planted by the Kawthar of certitude grow and are nurtured until they reach the station wherein "its root is firm and its branches reach into heaven, nay beyond the heaven." And from these trees other wondrous and exalted trees appear. This is the great glad-tidings for the aforementioned one. This verse is the dawning-place of all good, and likewise the greatest key for the gates of grace and bounty.

Were they to become aware of what hath been sent down from the heaven of mercy, and drink from the hidden Kawthar concealed within the divine words, they would occupy themselves with thanksgiving and praise to the Desired One of the world. For that which hath been revealed is everlasting and eternal, and shall forever remain preserved and immortalized in the Book under thy name. Blessed is he who hath attained unto mention by the Supreme Pen. It shall not be effaced nor altered. This station belongeth not to aught else, for the evanescence of all things and the permanence of the Face hath been recorded in the scriptures, books, psalms and tablets.

The Face, in one station, signifieth His Essence, exalted and sanctified be He; in another station, that which floweth from His Supreme Pen; and in yet another station, that which was known among the servants. Were anyone to taste the sweetness of what hath been revealed in this Tablet, he would soar on the wings of joy and gladness in this holy and blessed atmosphere, and would exclaim with his outer and inner tongue: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanks be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thine own Self endureth. I testify that it is better for me than all that is on earth. My Lord! Thy servant testifieth in this my station that knowledge is in Thy grasp. How can my conjecture of Thy Self, my ignorance of Thy knowledge, my fancy and weakness before Thy power, and my fear before Thy tranquility stand? I testify that Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

For the Face there have been and are countless meanings. What hath been mentioned now sufficeth. O Javad! Nothing can compare with what hath been revealed aforetime and in this present time - no fruit, no effect, no traces, and no deeds. Children are like unto the leaves of trees - at times appearing, at times falling. But these children that have appeared from the Mother Book are everlasting and eternal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace and this mighty utterance. Despair not of God's spirit and mercy under any circumstances. Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and clung to Thee. My hope art Thou, my desire art Thou, my aspiration art Thou. My will is Thy will, and my wish is Thy wish. I

beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Pen, whereby Thou hast stirred all created things, and by the light of Thy countenance, whereby Thou hast illumined the horizons, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me. Then enable me to make Thy pleasure my pleasure and Thy will my will, such that I choose naught save what Thou hast chosen for me. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - had five children, all of whom, during His lifetime, according to the requirements of consummate wisdom, ascended to heaven. The polytheists began to gloat, supposing that His memory and traces would vanish after His passing and not endure. At that time Gabriel descended and recited this verse from God - blessed and exalted be He: "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world, but the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight for reward, and better in respect of hope." Through the divine revelation's fragrance, the faithful were made joyous and the deniers sorrowful. Thus did the monotheists soar to the heaven of joy while the polytheists returned to their abode in the fire. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him do we return. It hath been witnessed that His traces have remained and endured on earth, and praise be to God, they shine forth among the servants in every station like unto the resplendent sun. We beseech God to aid His loved ones with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hand of His bounty. Verily He is the Most Generous of the generous ones, and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names!

O My Name! The letter thou didst send hath reached Him Who hath testified to that which God hath testified concerning His Own Self unto the ultimate horizon, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have taken note of its contents. We beseech God to make it a source of guidance unto all mankind and a sign of His good-pleasure amongst all the worlds.

As to what was mentioned concerning the Afnan and their turning, one and all, unto God - this was what God ordained when We were in Iraq. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. He manifesteth what He willeth and giveth to drink, unto whom He pleaseth, the wine of understanding. He is, in truth, the Protector of the sincere ones.

He hath mentioned in his letter the name of Bahram, desiring for him God's grace. We, therefore, make mention of him at this moment, that the sweet savors of remembrance may waft from this luminous quarter upon him. All those whom the Tongue of Grandeur remembereth are remembered by the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and then by those who dwell in the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy Lord is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Should God so will and desire, We shall send unto him a Tablet wherefrom he will inhale the fragrance of the Best-Beloved. We beseech God to make him steadfast under all conditions and to strengthen him from His presence that he may mention Him amongst His servants. This, verily, is a great bounty.

As to what was mentioned concerning Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali and his turning towards God's direction - the sun of permission for his return hath not yet risen. It behooveth him to remain among the people and to guide them through deeds, character, and remembrance, calling them unto God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bountiful. He is among those who have attained Our presence time after time. Say: Be thou grateful for having attained unto the presence of thy Lord, and be thou among the patient ones.

And concerning the tribulations that have befallen the loved ones - there hath befallen them in that place what befell Us in the prison. Say: Be not grieved thereby. God shall soon exalt them through the truth and abase the arrogant ones and the wrong-doers. He shall establish the truth through His sovereignty and seize those who have disbelieved and then committed injustice. He is, verily, the Subduer, the Mighty.

O My Name! The book of Mir was received and beheld before the Throne. The glance of divine favor hath ever been and will continue to be directed towards him. The answers to some questions, as ordained by God, were sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will and dispatched. Write unto him and convey Our greetings from this near yet far station. As for his request for forgiveness for one who has passed away, We have forgiven him. Indeed We have accepted his intercession, and We have increased the punishment of him who denied God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Name Mehdi! The dispatching of souls to various regions is not favored, for an unwholesome odor is perceived therefrom. Perchance people might imagine that which is unworthy of thy Lord's holy court, sanctified above all worlds. In the early years, it was necessary to exalt the Word of God and manifest the Cause among His servants, even as the diffusion of the fragrances of the sublime Tablets and the sweet perfumes of the divine utterances were spread outwardly through messengers and inwardly through the angels brought nigh. Beyond what hearts and minds can comprehend was bestowed upon all who dwell on earth from the Source of the Cause and the Dayspring of grace. However, at present, the coming and going of designated souls is not viewed favorably, as it might cause perturbation in the hearts of the weak and the destruction of certain servants. Thus, from one perspective it is favored, and from another, it is not. The administrators of God's Cause should ponder upon this matter and implement whatever is beneficial for His servants. The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have attained unto the Cause of God, the Unalterable, the Mighty, the Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in greatness and power!

O Amin! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Thy letter was received. Praise be to God, it bore tidings of the health and well-being of the honored Afnan, upon him be the peace of the All-Merciful, and thyself and the other loved ones. God willing, proceed with utmost joy and fragrance in such wise that through the sweet-scented breezes of fellowship the people may be assisted to achieve unity, fellowship and concord. The favored community hath been afflicted. Now it is incumbent, nay obligatory, upon all to entreat the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may protect the monotheists and their cities and lands from the evil of the polytheists. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

His first mercy in the world of contingent being was the casting forth of the blessed Word of Divine Unity. Praise be to God, then thanks be to Him, then glory be to Him and bounty, for He hath favored us with the Word of Unity, and hath made us know the sanctity of His Being, and hath taught us the transcendence of His Essence above all likenesses and comparisons. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

This Wronged One hath, throughout the nights and days, commanded the servants of God unto whatsoever good and righteous deeds He hath revealed in the Book. However, in barren soil the seeds of counsel yielded no fruit and produced no growth. In place of trustworthiness appeared treachery, and in place of contentment, rebellion. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist those who have turned away to turn towards Him, and those who have calumniated to speak the truth. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The letter thou didst send to this servant was perused. We beseech the True One to grant success and confirmation, and to illumine those in authority with the light of justice and fairness. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The petition and letter of the messenger, upon him be peace, was considered. In some matters truth was with him when he spoke, yet we must beseech the True One to protect him that he may hold fast to that which beseemeth him.

O Trustee! This is the Day wherein whatsoever hath been hidden and concealed in existence becometh manifest and evident. God, exalted be His glory, speaking of the Day of Resurrection, hath said: “The Day when all secrets shall be tried.” Now this hath been partially revealed that all may acknowledge with clear certainty that which He hath proclaimed and promised.

God willing, his honor ’Ali-Haydar, upon him be the peace and bounty of God, will act with kindness toward him, that is, assist him to the extent possible. Regarding what thou didst write about Haji ’Ali-Akbar, permission is granted that he proceed with A. and H. And likewise regarding Shamakh and Banab, that which they have requested shall be sent from here. And thou didst mention Zayn - We beseech God to make him steadfast. God willing, the evil deeds of the treacherous ones and calumniators have been and will be the cause of steadfastness and trustworthiness among the friends in all regions, that is, it increaseth their praiseworthy qualities. What they have asked for shall therefore be granted.

Thou didst mention Ahmad-i-Farsh. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect him and ordain for him the good of this world and the next, and to forgive his father. He is the One to Whose generosity all created things have testified, and to Whose mercy all contingent beings bear witness. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Possessor of Great Grace.

Divine mercy hath preceded all and His bounty hath encompassed all. He is the Hearer and the Answerer. The hands of the detached ones are raised toward the heaven of His mercy. His generosity and grace are the cause and reason for the appearance of hope. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of Muhammad’s brow - peace be upon Him - that He hath never disappointed any supplicant, nor will He ever do so, and He hath never prevented any seeker from the ocean of His gifts. If there appeareth to be delay in the fulfillment of some hopes, this is due to His consummate wisdom,

which none knoweth save Him. Were this station to be unveiled, all would testify to that which hath been mentioned and hath flowed from the pen.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest Thy chosen ones and trustees in the hands of the calumniators and the treacherous ones who are consumed by the fire of greed, passion, tyranny and wickedness, who devour people's wealth without any proof from Thee or evidence from Thy presence, and who desire naught but harm to Thy trusted servants. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the Most Great Word through which the Sun of Divine Unity hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Cause, and by which the hearts of Thy servants and creation have been illumined, to aid the heedless ones and calumniators to be trustworthy, religious, truthful and pure. O Lord! Help them to return to the court of Thy glory and the gate of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the All-Generous, the Compassionate. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to the friends of that land. We counsel all to that which will elevate their stations and manifest their ranks, especially his honor the Shaykh, upon him be the peace and bounty of God, and his nephew. What thou hast mentioned in the letter of the Name of Bounty (Ism-i-Jud) hath been noted, and We ask confirmation and success for them in all conditions. Peace be upon thee and upon them and upon God's righteous servants.

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In the Name of Him Who heareth and seeth; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O people of Paran! By God and His Cause, the Wronged One hath turned toward you time and again, repeatedly, from the precincts of the Prison, and hath made mention of you through verses whereof God hath made each letter a fountain of Kawthar and Salsabil, and a source of the water of life for the quickening of all worlds. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed be your tongues for having acknowledged the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and your hearts for having turned unto Him on a day wherein the fire of estrangement was kindled in all regions, and every oppressor arose to extinguish His light and quench His flame. Thus did their souls prompt them–they are assuredly among the transgressors in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds. There have come before Our presence servants who have believed in God and His signs, and who have taken for themselves a station nigh unto the mercy of their Lord, the All-Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Beware lest ye be saddened by the fire of hatred which hath been kindled in the hearts of the divines who have violated God's Covenant and pronounced judgment against Him through Whom the Path was made manifest and the Balance spoke, saying: "I am the All-Distinguishing, the All-Knowing." Hearken unto My call and the scratching of My Pen, then observe that which hath appeared through the will of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: O people of Paran! The call of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been raised. Hearken, and be not of them that are veiled. Beware lest the doubts of the cawing ones prevent you from God, the True King, the Manifest. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given from the presence of One mighty and great.

We have desired at this time to make mention of the Friend who hath ascended unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Before his ascension We revealed for him that which brought solace to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God, and after his ascension We mentioned him from My Most Exalted Pen in such wise that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Sublime Paradise welcomed it, as bidden by the Ancient Commander. O Friend! We have desired to make mention of thee at this time once again, as a mercy from Us–verily thy Lord is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. The glory shining from the Most Sublime Horizon and the light radiating from this Most Glorious Station be upon thee, O thou who didst hear the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and who didst believe in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loved thee and made mention of thy days, thy turning and thy devotion. We testify that he is among the sincere ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the Glorious Throne. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was in this noble station.

O friends of God in Paran! Give thanks unto your Lord for having aided you to remember and praise Him, and for having drawn you nigh unto Him when the people were in manifest remoteness. Say: O concourse of men! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny hath uttered from His Most Great Prospect, and be not of the heedless. By God! Ye were not created for yourselves, but rather to serve this Cause whereby the hearts of the idolaters have been sorely troubled. The banner of unity hath been raised before your faces, and the call hath been lifted up from the Most Sublime Horizon: "The kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Master of this wondrous Day." Your eyes were created to behold My signs, your ears to hear My call, and your hands to grasp My Book, if ye be of them that understand. Be ye of such constancy that the cawing of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not prevent you. Take ye, with the hands of power and might, the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones who have ascended unto God in that land, that they may inhale the sweet fragrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. The first fragrance that wafted from the breezes of Revelation and the first light that shone forth from the horizon of the Throne be upon you, O loved ones of God and His chosen ones. We testify that ye believed in God when most of mankind denied Him, and hearkened unto the Call when it was raised in truth, and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of the Messengers. Through you the Sun of Certitude shone forth from the horizon of possibility, and the ocean of utterance surged before the faces of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ye are they whom the affairs of the world did not deter, whose resolve its might could not weaken, and whom the doubts of the suspicious could not veil. We testify that ye turned unto the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament when every wayward transgressor broke it. Through you the river of mercy flowed amidst all created things, and the Dove of Unity warbled upon the branches: "There is none other God but Me, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful." Blessed are ye, and blessed is he who maketh mention of you

in accordance with what hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord at this time. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance and illumined the hearts of My loved ones who have cast away all else but Me, clinging to the hem of My luminous robe. O Pen! Make mention of My handmaidens in that land and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded existence itself, from the first to the last. O My handmaidens and My leaves! Take ye the cup of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink therefrom through My sweetest remembrance, in defiance of the divines of the earth and its jurists who have cast behind their backs My Book and taken the book of their own fancy in this Day wherein all things proclaim: "The veil hath been rent asunder and the Lord of Creation hath come with manifest sovereignty." The glory from Us be upon them and upon you and upon every people that hath acted in accordance with what hath been commanded from the Tongue of God, which speaketh in this exalted station.

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He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Today the Blessed Tree of Divine Utterance in the midmost heart of contingent being speaketh forth with this most exalted Word: "O peoples of the earth! Turn with illumined hearts unto the Most Sublime Horizon. By God, the Truth! The Day hath come, yet the people are in evident obscurity." O thou who gazest! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who from the horizon of the Prison turneth toward thee and maketh mention of thee, that perchance through the assistance of the Goal of all existence thou mayest preserve the people of that land from vain imaginings and guide them to the horizon of certitude.

Say: O company of the heedless! Purify your hearing and sight from what ye have heard, become illumined by the lights of the Luminary of proof which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen, and understand that for which ye were brought from nothingness into being. Throughout ages and centuries the previous people reckoned themselves the most learned of mankind and the most excellent of nations, yet on the Day of His Manifestation they were found to be the most abject of all. From the beginning of time until now, not a single one of the divines of Persia hath attained unto the Purpose, being tormented in the wilderness of idle fancies. Yet the heedless ones have afflicted the helpless servants with vain imaginings, and these imaginings appeared on the Day of Resurrection in the form of a sword, descending upon the Truth and His companions.

Now the people of the Bayan are engaged in forming a party like unto the previous one. All the divines, throughout nights and days, would beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for the appearance of the Promised One, and would utter from their pulpits "May God hasten His relief." Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai, all were inflamed with the fire of hatred and perpetrated that which caused the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and the most exalted Heaven to lament and wail. Until now they have not lifted their heads from the couch of heedlessness.

It is incumbent upon that soul and those who are illumined with the light of recognition and enkindled with the fire of the Tree to arise for the sake of God and preserve souls from doubts and idle fancies. The heaven beareth witness, and the sun and moon testify, that from the first days until now this Wronged One hath stood before the faces of the world and called out with the most exalted call, in such wise that neither the opposition of rulers nor the tyranny of divines could deter Him from the Will of God. And when the fragrance of the musk-scented Shirt was diffused and the world was illumined with the dawning light of the Most Great Luminary, certain souls emerged from behind the veil and assailed the Wronged One, whereupon befell that which pen and ink are powerless to describe.

We beseech God to confirm and assist that soul in serving His Cause and guiding His servants. Hear thou the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree, raised upon the radiant earth on the shores of ’Amman through the providence of thy Lord, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. We have mentioned thee before in a Tablet that shone from the horizon of God’s loving providence, the Lord of all worlds. By the life of God! The mention of Me surpasseth all the mentions of the world and whatsoever is with the nations. To this beareth witness the Supreme Pen of God from Its exalted station. Say: O concourse of divines! Be fair, by God! By what proof can ye establish that which ye possess, and by what evidence do ye object to Him Who, when He came from the horizon of power with the standards of His signs, before Him bowed the Books of the earth? Be fair, and be not of the oppressors. This is He Who hath not preserved Himself for less than a moment, and spoke before all faces that which He spoke in the earliest days. To this testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him through Whom the Cause of God and His sovereignty were made manifest, and through Whom the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the highest branches. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have not entered any school. I was seated when the hand of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, raised Me up, and I was silent when He caused Me to speak that which draweth you nigh unto Him. Be grateful unto your Lord for this supreme bounty. O people! Cast aside idle fancies and vain imaginings, then turn ye unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from the Ancient of Days, or the greatest veils prevent you from this Momentous Announcement, concerning which God took covenant with His Prophets and His chosen ones. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the souls of men, and be not of the transgressors. Say: O people of the Bayan! Leave Me to Myself. Sufficient unto Me are the peoples of the earth and their evil ones. By God! I desire naught but your reformation, your life, your salvation, and that which draweth you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: Know ye Who calleth you, and recognize ye Who mentioneth you? By God! The Mother Book mentioneth you, yet ye are among the heedless. Thus hath the Sun of Meanings shed Its effulgence and the Supreme Pen revealed Its traces. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath witnessed that which God hath witnessed. Woe unto every remote denier. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither the doubts of the divines nor the signs of the learned have prevented, who heard the Call and responded, saying: “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Desire of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Adored One of them that have recognized Thee!”

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O Khavar! Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Mulla Muhammad. Say: The fragrances of thy love reached the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to mention the name of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to aid thee under all conditions. Today all must seek from God, exalted be His glory, the victory of His manifest Faith. O Muhammad! The Cause of God hath been weakened due to unseemly deeds, to such an extent that the enemies of the Faith are striving with the utmost power and might to destroy it. The government and the people must all beseech God, exalted be His station, for deliverance. Such sorrows have been visited upon Us that the Pen is powerless and incapable of recounting them. As to thy mention of Haji Mulla Ali, who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and thy guardianship of his affairs - excellent is that which thy tongue hath uttered, but the people are heedless, veiled and withheld. For thirty years and more We have dwelt in the domains of the sublime state, and have ever counselled Our friends to love and obey. Nevertheless, there hath been visited upon Us that which hath not been visited upon any other wronged one. The tongue of the heart uttereth at all times these words: "Lord! Pour forth upon us patience and make firm our steps. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous." Such adversities have been visited upon these wronged ones as none save God's knowledge hath encompassed or reckoned. In all conditions We have been and are patient. We have committed all affairs unto Him and have placed Our reliance in Him. Verily He loveth them that put their trust in Him. Praise be to God, for He is the Goal of all worlds, the Beloved of them that know, and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We convey Our greetings to the friends and counsel them to fear God. Mention unto Haji Mustafa the words of the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist him and grant him success. We have heard his call. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf in all conditions for that which containeth the good of this world and the next. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Giver, the Munificent, the All-Generous.

We make mention of Ahmad who hath mentioned Us, that he may be among them that rejoice. O Ahmad! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the word of unity and hast testified to that whereunto God, exalted be His glory, hath testified - that blessed and goodly Word "There is none other God but God," at which the limbs of the idolaters and transgressors have trembled and continue to tremble. Blessed is he upon whose heart this exalted Word hath dawned, and whose light hath illumined all his members. We beseech God to assist thee in that which hath been revealed in the Book and to ordain for thee that which shall accompany thee throughout all worlds and preserve thee from darkness.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-'Ali. Know thou that thy letter was present and whatsoever was mentioned therein was heard. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn thy intention with the ornament of deed and acceptance, for thou hast been and art among the monotheists and believers. He hath said - peace be upon Him - "The intention of the believer is better than his deed." Give thanks to the Goal of all beings, Who hath assisted thee to acknowledge and recognize the blessed Word of Unity. He is the Helper and Succourer of them that believe in divine unity and of the faithful.

O Muhammad ibn Muhammad, O Abdul-Karim, O Muhammad from the people of Za, and O Qasim! His honor the dervish made mention of you and your letters were received and noted. Coming to this quarter in these days is not permitted, for the opposers, for no reason - as the Persians say - seek pretexts and

wish to find some pretext to raise an uproar. Therefore, coming in these days would not accord with wisdom. We beseech God to protect you and aid you to do what is right. The world has no worth, nor has it ever had. Strive that praiseworthy and befitting deeds may be manifested from you. Keep away from the corrupt, and do not associate with the oppressors and the stubborn. Pass your days with the utmost joy and fragrance, and be intimate companions with the righteous and the monotheists. Verily, He does not allow to be lost the reward of the doers of good. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Ayn and Kaf! Your mention has ever been and shall ever be before the Wronged One. We beseech God not to deprive you of the rain of His mercy. He is the Bestower and He is the Kind. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Peace be upon you and upon your father and upon those who are with you and love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Glory be to Thee, O God of the world and Lord of the nations! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom prophethood and messengership were ended and their mysteries were sealed and their breezes ceased, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to place their trust in Thee. Then protect them, O my God, through the hosts of Thy unseen realm from the enemies of Thy Self who have encompassed the lands. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O my leaf! Upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy and His bounty. The matter which takes precedence over all things and the cause which transcends all causes hath been recorded in the Book by the Most Bountiful Pen as being the station of meeting with God. All those who have drawn nigh, the sincere ones, the pure ones and the chosen ones have longed for this most holy, most exalted and most glorious station. However, God, exalted be His glory, in accordance with His consummate wisdom, hath opened the gate of reunion for some through His name, the Munificent, and the key of His name, the All-Bounteous. Blessed are they who have attained! And among these, He hath ordained death and departure from this world as one of the gates leading to the meeting with Him.

I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath risen above the horizon of the Prison that the mention of this most exalted station and supreme rank transcendeth all the pens of the world and the tongues of nations. Verily it is hidden in His knowledge and treasured in the stronghold of His protection. The empresses of the world and the queens of the nations have not attained unto this station, though in the nights and days they have, in mosques and churches, in monasteries and temples, beseeched and implored this station from the heaven of divine grace. However, that noble lady and leaf who hath ascended, by the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen, hath attained unto this most glorious station. After the appearance and rising of this Luminary of bounty from the heaven of divine favor, they should not be saddened by God’s irrevocable decree, but should engage with supreme joy in the remembrance and praise of the Lord of Power.

O my handmaiden! The love of children is a natural and mighty thing, and the cause and reason for its manifestation hath generally been due to external causes, for man hath loved and loveth the

perpetuation of his name and mention, and the cause of this, in the sight of God and men, is primarily the perpetuation of traces, and children are reckoned as the greatest of man's traces. Therefore the heart is attached to them and clings to them. For this reason, the greatest sorrow appeareth after separation following union. However, the perpetuation of outward traces, whether through children or otherwise, is limited and transitory, and is reckoned among perishable things in the sight of God. That which is greater than this, which endureth in the divine Kingdom, is the Word of God, which abideth forever in the divine Book of the All-Merciful and the heavenly Scripture, and is more exalted and greater in the sight of the Lord, the Chosen One, than a hundred thousand children and traces.

This Wronged One beareth witness that that leaf attained unto the Word of God, and mention of her hath repeatedly flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and hath been recorded in the Tablets by the Pen of God. He saith: The Day of God is the day of supreme joy, and this is that day the mention of which seized the sincere ones and those who have drawn nigh with joy, eagerness, attraction and rapture. In the Qur'an He saith: "…that thou mayest bring forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." Praise be to God that that noble lady attained unto the mention of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness in the aforementioned days. Today the existing souls in the world, despite their outward life, are reckoned as dead in the sight of God, for those possessed of true life are souls who have attained unto the recognition of God. They are the possessors of eternal life and everlasting existence. And those dead who have received their portion from the breezes of revelation and the fragrances of inspiration, and have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition from the hand of bounty - they are alive and enduring in the sight of God. If the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful be revealed from […] that which is concealed in the hidden treasure of the Most Exalted Pen, thou shalt find it until thy last breath, occupied with the praise and glorification of God, seeking martyrdom in His path. Verily thy Lord is the True and Faithful Rememberer.

We desire at this hour to make mention of My handmaiden and leaf who hath ascended unto the Most Glorious Companion, as a command from God, the Lord of all worlds.

The resplendent, gleaming and radiant Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee, O My handmaiden, O thou who hast turned unto My horizon. I testify that thou didst leave thy dwelling place, turning thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of all men, and didst traverse the path, clinging to the Guide, until thou didst attain the Most Great Prison and didst hear the call from the Supreme Horizon, and didst witness that which flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings, at Whose appearance the limbs of the oppressors trembled and the hearts of the transgressors were troubled. We testify that thou didst attain unto recognition and didst acknowledge that which was sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory and the light and the radiance from Us be upon thee, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon thee, at all times, mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. Verily, He is the One Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all beings. The power of the world cannot frustrate Him, nor can the might of the nations prevent Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praised. Blessed is he who remembereth thy days and visiteth thee with that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's Will. He is assuredly among those who remember, in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God, through Whose Name the thread of Destiny moved, whereupon the lovers hastened to the place of sacrifice, and the sincere to the court of extinction, and the seekers of unity declared: “We must hasten toward these with our children and with all we possess.” Exalted is He Who attracted them through His verses, acquainted them with His realms, and gave them to drink that which caused decayed bones to stir. Verily, there is no God but He, the Almighty, the Ancient of Days.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention, O Beloved of my heart! The servant hath been honored by what hath wafted from the drops of your ink, which flowed from your pen whose rustling was raised in the remembrance of God, our Beloved, your Beloved, and the Beloved of all in the worlds. Although in such days wherein the Temple of Justice was afflicted beneath the talons of tyranny through that which the hands of the infidels have wrought, sorrows seized me and prevented me from remembrance and utterance. Yet through the establishment of the All-Merciful upon His Throne and His dawning from the horizon of the Countenance, the sea of joy surgeth, the cock of gladness croweth, and the dove of delight warbleth between earth and heaven. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to adorn His chosen ones with the ornament of patience and forbearance, and to make known unto them that which is hidden behind the veils. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

Observe how despite such tyranny that hath encompassed the world, they count themselves among the people of truth. I swear by the ocean of God’s mercy that were anyone to observe with true vision the deeds of the idolaters and truly comprehend them, he would become aware of the transience of the world and its worthlessness, reaching a station wherein he would see himself sanctified and purified from the world’s defilements and its veils. God is Most Great! They do not reflect what caused the martyrdom of the Prophets and saints of old. Though the Messenger raised with his soul the melody “The righteous are God’s, and the wicked are mine,” they martyred His sons without any guilt. It is not known whether the properties were infidel or their owner. If by the assumption of those idolatrous souls the owner was an infidel, for what reason did they plunder the properties? All things bear witness to their falsehood, their hypocrisy, their infidelity, and their idolatry. Fie upon them and upon their leader whom they have taken as a protector for themselves instead of God. Strange it is that the root of oppression and the tree of tyranny, which was the cause and reason for this great injustice, did not become aware even after being seized. These souls will not become conscious until they find themselves in the lowest fires. Soon shall they find themselves in grievous torment. With utmost joy and fragrance, be occupied with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. The Afnan will not forget his own. He hath bestowed His mercy and grace upon all. If its manifestation hath not appeared in some, God will soon manifest it through His grace. Be thou assured and be of those who are steadfast. Occupy thyself with some occupation, placing thy trust in God, the All-Wise, for all are commanded to engage in some occupation. Verily, He is the Commander, the All-Knowing.

Another matter is that the petition of the Most Exalted Leaf, Her Holiness the Sacred Spouse - may all the glory and praise of God rest upon her - reached the Most Holy Court and a reply was sent; deliver it to her. Glory be to God! The heedlessness of the people of the world has reached such a degree that they have not been awakened by the great cry and supreme calamities beyond which none can be conceived. Consider the chief and what befell him. Nearly five hundred thousand souls have perished, and from beneath every tree in the vicinity of the Land of Mystery arose the wailing and lamentation of widows and others. Blood was shed to such an extent that most lands were observed to be stained crimson. That which was revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Tablet to the Chief has come to pass. Nevertheless, no one became aware of whence this occurred or why it occurred, although after the revelation of the blessed Tablet some people in those kingdoms heard these verses. Yet they are still observed to be in heedlessness and pride. All things are bewildered by their intoxication, heedlessness and slumber. By God! They are in a remarkable sleep. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that God will aid that dignified one to render such service that its mention may shine and gleam like a brilliant star from the horizon of the divine Tablet in such wise that no setting shall overtake it. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and turn towards you and drink the choice wine of meeting you, and praise be to God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds. The Servant. On the 9th of Shawwal 1296.

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He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Manifest, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God, Who is sanctified beyond all names and exalted above whatsoever the people of creation make mention of, and transcendent beyond whatsoever the dwellers of the cities of eternity might describe. Exalted is He, unto Whose loftiness and elevation every exalted one hath testified, unto Whose inaccessibility and majesty every one possessed of grandeur hath borne witness, unto Whose sovereign might and power every possessor of strength hath attested, unto Whose holy sanctity every sanctified one hath testified, and unto Whose sublime transcendence every one possessed of abstraction hath borne witness. This is in that station wherein His sovereignty is established upon the throne of names and the sun of His manifestation shineth forth upon the world of creation. Otherwise, how far, how far is that station wherein the very reality of all mention is powerless to soar in the atmosphere of His remembrance, and the very essence of all description lieth wingless and cast down in the desert of His attributes. How remote are names from that Presence wherein praise is abashed to be attributed to His court, and transcendence is ashamed to fall within the realm of His indication. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He above whatsoever those who remember might mention of Him, or those who describe might attribute to Him, or those who profess His unity might affirm of Him, or those who know might comprehend of Him. He hath spoken with the tongue of His grandeur in the kingdom of His Own Self - glorified and exalted be He above what they describe.

My soul be a sacrifice for your love. The brief exalted letter, wherein were folded and concealed infinite worlds of love and affection, and which was sent by way of Hadba, reached this servant. I was honored to behold it. Praise be to God that you are blessed with health and that the sun of the love of God shineth

bright and resplendent from the horizon of your luminous heart. Although the veils of the heedless and the allusions of the ignorant form a barrier, praise be to the Beloved of all horizons that the piercing glances of the steadfast and upright souls have burned away the veils of light, and the effulgences and revelations of the Sun of Manifestation have encompassed the world, to such extent that any sightless one, should he so desire, may behold the brilliant lights of the horizon of Revelation without any veil or barrier. Should any soul remain deprived this day, it is due to his own veiling and lack of search, in that he hath not wished to receive sustenance from the infinite ocean of divine bounties. Otherwise, this Most Great Revelation hath appeared in such wise that not the least occasion for hesitation remaineth for the peoples of the world.

In any case, were this servant to attempt to make mention of these stations, this letter might not arrive, as the travelers are about to depart this very moment. You had written that two petitions from this servant had arrived. Let that beloved one know that whenever anyone has been departing, this servant has taken the trouble [to write]; there was no negligence whatsoever in this matter. Thus far, this servant has submitted more than ten petitions. I know not whether they have failed to reach that beloved one or if something else has occurred. The circumstances of the Most Great Prison remain as before - outwardly, to all appearances, calm, but inwardly, as God hath said, in a state of upheaval and revolution. Likewise, travelers continuously, successively, and repeatedly arrive from all directions each day without permission. This servant is ashamed to mention this. I know not how they interpret all these firm and decisive verses that have been sent down from the heaven of God's Command forbidding this matter. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us success and remind us not to treat God's Cause as a plaything and to be among His servants who act according to His command.

One of the emanations of the inner turmoil of this land was that two sons of Jinab-i-Ustad Baqir-i-Najjar - upon him and upon them be the glory of God - ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon due to the explosion of the steam-powered mill they had set up for grinding flour. At that time, once again a great commotion arose. In truth, the commotion which had been foretold upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison, and which manifested after several years, was renewed in that same manner on that day. This servant became certain that the Ancient Beauty had continually stated that the turmoil of this land had not yet subsided and its inner state was still in motion. This was God's promise and it came to pass. After the incident occurred, it was repeatedly heard that the agitation of this land had not yet subsided. It became clear that more was yet to manifest, even though at present perfect ease and comfort is evident for the loved ones in the prison-city, and the officials show the utmost friendship and affection. Nevertheless, He states that it has not yet subsided. Verily He is the All-Knowing of what has appeared and what shall appear, and He is indeed the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. I beseech your honor to convey to all the friends and nobles of that land, as well as all those connected to your honor, on behalf of this evanescent servant, sublime [and glorious] greetings and expressions of pure sincerity. Glory be upon your honor, upon those with you, and upon those who have believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. The Servant. 9 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1293.

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In the name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate!

Praise be to God, the Quickener of all beings, the Creator of light and darkness, Who dispels the gloom of nights with the light of days, Who brings forth fruits from their sheaths, Who hath chosen from among the days eleven - the number of Huva - which is the Hidden Mystery known only to him who is acquainted with the secrets of destiny. In six of these He created the heavens and the earth, and there remained the number of Ha, which was revealed on the Night of Power. Thus doth every person of insight become convinced that whatsoever was created in the six was created for the Manifestations of Ha, who are the Five People of the Cloak. Then He adorned Ha with the embellishment of Ba, and the authoritative and hidden Word of God was completed - that Word which was the source of the utterance of the Command in the world of creation.

Through it He revealed Himself unto all things, whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven. Then appeared distinction and detail in every kind among the existent beings and contingent things, which were endowed with elements according to what was ordained by the Lord of Names and Attributes. He that turned toward it believed in the Worshipped One, and he that turned away from it denied prostration and disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

When He revealed Himself through it unto the days, certain days turned toward Him, and after the passing of the Vav, He made Ha the festival of Islam and a treasure and honor for all peoples. When the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast was fulfilled, there dawned from the highest horizon the morn of our Festival of Sacrifice. Glorified be He Who ordained it by His irrevocable decree for the people of guidance, and distinguished it for those possessed of understanding who have believed in God, the Lord of the First and the Last.

He made it the brightest star in the brow of days, and the point in the brocade of time's book from which stream forth the mysteries of the Furqan. It hath its manifestation in both creation and legislation. Blessed is he who bringeth forth the pearl of utterance from the shell of the heart bearing clear exposition. God hath made the first day a sign of unity and a manifestation of oneness for all servants, that all atoms might bear witness that there is none other God but Him, the Creator of earth and heavens.

Then He caused other days to dawn and made them days of Tashriq for this community, and through these three the four pillars were completed among creation. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been, and there hath been nothing beside Him. He shall ever continue to be even as He hath been.

The way to the knowledge of His Essence is barred, and the path to comprehending His Reality is cut off. The way is blocked and the quest forbidden. His proof is His signs, and His Being is His evidence. He is independent of the mention of aught else and is self-sufficient above the description of all else. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books, and made them the manifestations of His signs and the dawning-places of His names and attributes, that all might bear witness to that which He hath testified of His own Self, by His own Self, before the creation of His heaven and His earth: that there is none other

God but Him, and that He hath ever been one God, Single, Individual, Alone, Everlasting, Eternal, Self-Subsisting.

Verily the Messengers have concluded with the Guide of all paths. He is in the Most Exalted Horizon and speaketh forth from that most splendid station and most glorious horizon. Blessed are ye for having attained on this Most Great Festival unto the garment of recognition, and for having believed in your Lord, the All-Merciful, and in that which was brought by the Pride of all worlds and the Sovereign of all possibility - He through Whom religions were renewed and the breezes of forgiveness wafted over the people of rebellion - He Whose head was adorned with the crown of "But for Thee," Who in the station of consciousness declareth "We knew Thee not" and in the station of effacement "I am He and He is I," except that He is sanctified above the mention of "I" and "Thou" - the Beginning Who was adorned with the ornament of the Seal - the Manifest through Whom was manifested the mystery of the Hidden - the Manifestation of Eternity and Pride of all nations, Muhammad, the Chosen One. May God's blessings and peace be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom flowed what had ebbed, and whom God made the gates of knowledge for all who come and go. There is no God but He, the Beneficent, the Giver, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, and by Thy Most Great Name through which the birds of the hearts of them that have recognized Thy unity have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and loving-kindness, and the hearts of the sincere have ascended unto the heaven of the glory of Thy eternity, to make this Festival a blessing unto us and unto those who have acknowledged Thy unity and confessed Thy singleness. O Lord! This is a day which Thou hast made a festival among all days for the perpetuation of Thy remembrance amongst all people and their attainment unto the most exalted station. O Lord! We are poor - we have turned toward the shadow of Thy riches; we are weak - we have set our faces toward the Ka'bih of Thy favors and gifts; we are thirsty - we have hastened to the Kawthar of Thy bounty and bestowals. I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Muhammad, Whom Thou didst choose in the world of eternity above all other nations, that Thou disappoint us not of the wonders of Thy grace and bounty, and make us not deprived of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O Lord! Send down upon us from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace that which will purify us from the defilement of the world and draw us nigh unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hands are the dominion of decree and the kingdom of its execution! O Lord! Illumine our eyes with the light of Thy recognition and our hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, then draw us unto the precincts of nearness and holiness and beauty. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Possessor of majesty and grace.

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O Abul-Ma'ali, upon thee be the Glory of God!

In the name of Him Who calleth aloud with the most exalted utterance amidst all created things.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was attracted by the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and by the murmuring of the River of Meanings as it flowed from the right hand

of the Throne of his Lord, the Lord of all beings, that the Most Great Joy might take possession of him on this Day whereon the Ancient King hath been made manifest through the Most Great Name and hath proclaimed: “There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.”

O Abul-Ma’ali! The servant who is present hath at this moment presented thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and the nightingale of the All-Merciful hath warbled upon the branches: “There is none other God but He, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.” We have inhaled from thy letter the fragrance of thy love and have heard that which thy tongue and heart have uttered concerning this Remembrance at Whose appearance all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save for a mere handful who represent the Countenance of thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have found thee speaking My praise, turning toward My horizon, soaring in the atmosphere of My love, holding fast to the cord of My bounty, clinging to the hem of the robe of My grandeur, and humble before the revelation of My verses and submissive unto My Cause that prevaileth over all that was and shall be.

Hearken unto the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen in the Persian tongue, that perchance the people of that land might, through the utterances of the Revealer of verses, shatter the idols of doubt and misgiving through the Name of Truth and turn toward the horizon of the Cause. This is a Day the mention of which hath been recorded in all the divine Books through the Name of Truth, for it is known as the Day of God, wherein naught is mentioned save God, His sovereignty, His grandeur, His power, His majesty, and His mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God that thy honor hath been enabled to make mention of the Truth, to praise the Truth, and to serve the Truth. Know thou the worth and station of this most great bounty and arise as behooveth the days of God. He is present and watchful, and at all times confirmeth them that are detached. Be thou assured of thy Lord’s favor and proclaim His Cause with wisdom and utterance, that perchance such souls as have quaffed from the Kawthar of life and are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon might not remain veiled by former superstitions nor be deprived.

O Abu’l-Ma’ali! Reflect upon the triumphant community, how on the Day of the Divine Balance’s manifestation, the rebellious and transgressing parties were accounted, nay, even more astray and misguided, as if they had not partaken of the Kawthar of certitude nor received a single drop from the ocean of fairness. In the Book of God, from the Most Glorious Pen, they are recorded and inscribed as worshippers of idols and vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul who has freed itself from previous superstitions and has turned with utmost sanctification and detachment toward the ocean of divine knowledge and the sun of heavenly wisdom. Behold, then mention what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur’an: “All that dwells upon the earth shall perish, but the face of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most-Bountiful, shall abide forever.” All are today perishing, though they perceive it not. For years and centuries, they have spoken of and awaited the appearance of an imaginary person in an imaginary city with imaginary signs and attributes. Yet when He appeared contrary to their understanding, reason, suppositions and imaginings, they raised the standards of rejection and unfurled the banners of denial and protest. The deeds of that rebellious, transgressing and heedless community are not surprising, for those possessed of insight and the people of the Most Sublime Vision have always recognized such souls as worshippers of the idols of vain imaginings. What is surprising is that the people of the Bayan have

again become afflicted with the same delusions. By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, they are seen to be more remote, more misguided, and more veiled than all other peoples. They behold the Sun of Manifestation at its meridian and hear the call of the Lord of Names from the highest horizon, yet they turn away and indeed are among the most vehement enemies. This Most Great Cause has no likeness in what has gone before or shall come after, for it has appeared adorned with the most wondrous originality. Verily, He is the Originator of the heavens and earth. Blessed is the servant who has attained unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, has desired. God willing, you should engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost determination, with wisdom and utterance, and in the name of the Ancient King rend asunder the veils of the peoples, that they might not remain deprived of the outpouring grace nor be bereft of the ocean of knowledge. Blessed art thou and thy brother who turned toward the Truth when most of creation turned away from it. We have indeed sent down unto him clear verses that he might rejoice and be among the thankful. We counsel all to manifest the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, save those whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, has willed. Convey to all the friends the greetings from the Wronged One, that perchance through the fragrances of the garment of the All-Merciful's utterance they may be illumined with the lights of steadfastness and be recorded in the Book of God among those who are firm and steadfast.

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O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto God, who hath been stirred by the fragrance of reunion in His days, who hath directed his heart toward Him, who hath spoken His praise, who hath been drawn by His verses, who hath desired to assist His Cause and to arise to serve his Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned unto God! We have desired to give thee to drink of the Water of Life from a chalice whereof if thou shouldst drink but a single drop, thou wouldst find therein the taste of all the fruits and foods of Paradise. This is of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And We have desired to show thee the Ancient Beauty through an eye sanctified from all contingent things, and We have desired to cause thee to hear the Call from the mouth of thy Lord's Will, that thou mightest give thanks to Him at eventide and at dawn. And We have desired to make thee soar in the atmosphere of longing, not with wings like the wings of birds, and to draw thee nigh unto the ocean not with feet like the feet of men, but rather through that subtle, spiritual, and real motion which proceedeth from the power of the spirit. By God! It is swifter than the lightning that dazzleth the sight. And We shall cause thee to swim in the ocean of thy Lord's knowledge - an ocean whereof none hath attained to even a drop save whom God willeth, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The breezes of revelation and the fragrances of divine favors shall so take hold of thee that thou shalt move through the body of the world as the chief artery moveth through the human body. Say: O people! By God, the Hand of God hath appeared, and it is sovereign over all who are in earth and heaven. Were anyone to find the sweetness of that which We have sent down unto thee, the attraction of the verses would so seize him that he would cry out with a cry surpassing the crashing of thunderbolts in the mountains, and would be set ablaze with the fire of the Word in such wise as to set the horizons aflame. Whoso hath today attained unto the shield of protection which hath been woven by the hand of power, neither the swords of the world nor the darts of the factions can affect him. Thus have the rains of My bounty poured down

and the fire of My love been kindled, that thy heart might rejoice thereby and that thou mightest arise to serve thy Lord with power and sovereignty. Give thanks unto thy Lord for His having turned toward thee the Countenance of God, and for His Most Exalted Pen having moved to make mention of thee, and for thy name having been inscribed in the most wondrous of Tablets. All things shall perish save that which hath been revealed unto thee in this Tablet, from whose horizon have shone forth the suns of grandeur and power.

In the most wondrous Persian tongue this is mentioned, and this is yet another bounty that thou mayest be among those who rejoice. Praise be to God that through the infinite outpourings of divine grace in these days when the horizon of the heaven of Will is resplendent with the Sun of Oneness, and the ocean of generosity through the Most Great Name is manifest and evident, thou hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and clung to the Sure Handle. In gratitude for this supreme honor and mighty gift, thou must at all times be occupied with the promotion of the Cause of the All-Merciful. That the True One, exalted be His glory, commands His loved ones to promote His Cause is indicative of His grace. Each of the assured, certain, and steadfast souls must today regard himself alone as both the promoter and the one promoted. He hath ordained that promotion be through mention and utterance, that perchance dead souls and moldering bones may be quickened by the sweet savors of divine verses and turn toward the Friend, that all may attain the divine bounties and receive a portion of His vast mercy. The Kingdom of assistance is within His mighty grasp. Should He so will, He could through a single soul subdue the entire world. Observe the sun, which is but one of His signs: through divine confirmations it alone hath conquered the whole world. When such a sign in the horizons is thus observed, this same is proof that He is able, in the realm of the souls of His loved ones, to raise up one soul with such power, might and ascendancy as to subdue all the kingdoms of the earth. Every discerning mystic from this supreme example perceiveth that which he had not perceived before, and with heart and soul confirmeth the words of the All-Merciful which have streamed from His Pen. Yet this station hath been made to tarry and hath been prohibited, in accordance with consummate wisdom. None knoweth the mysteries of His wisdom save His all-pervading knowledge. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all today to conquer the strongholds of heedless souls through proof, evidence, mention and utterance, and to bestow fresh eternal life upon moldering bones through His remembrance. God willing, thou shalt shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of steadfastness like a brilliant star and illumine those regions with the light of recognition. Thus have We bestowed upon thee the hidden and abiding favors, and upon thy heart the holy and resplendent breezes of holiness, and upon thine ear My most sweet and most delectable call, and upon thy sight the meanings witnessed in this exalted Tablet. Be thou assured of His grace and favors. He will verily assist thee with the truth. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. He is with thee under all conditions. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. However, in all Tablets ye must be mindful of wisdom, for this is a matter concerning which the decree hath been issued in all circumstances. Blessed are they that act! The glory be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

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In the Name of the Compassionate, the All-Merciful Lord!

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, hearken unto the call of the faithful Beloved, Who calleth from the Most Glorious Horizon, saying: O My servant and son of My handmaiden! We have hearkened unto thy call and heard thy whispered prayer. At all times hath the glance of loving-kindness been directed toward them that have turned unto Him, and ever shall it be thus. No soul hath arisen to befriend another save that he hath entered the precincts of the true Friend. O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! If thou shouldst inhale the sweet-scented breezes wafting from the direction of the mercy of the Lord of creation, thou wouldst, with all thy heart and soul, utter these words and cry out among the servants in My Name: O servants! I swear by the Beauty of the Beloved that this is the mercy that hath encompassed all created things, and this is the Day wherein the divine bounty hath embraced all beings. O 'Ali! The fountain of My mercy floweth and the heart of My loving-kindness burneth, for never hath the Friend desired that His loved ones be overtaken by sorrow or touched by grief. When My Name, the All-Merciful, heard a word from My loved ones contrary to My good-pleasure, He returned to His place sorrowful and grief-stricken. And My Name, the Concealer, whenever He beheld someone engaged in exposing another's faults, returned to the Most Holy Court in utmost sadness, lamenting and bewailing. And My Name, the All-Forgiving, when He witnessed any transgression from My friends, cried out and fell unconscious to the earth. The angels of the Divine Command bore Him to the Supreme Horizon. By My Life! O Nabil-Qabli-'Ali! The burning of Baha's heart is greater than thine, and His lamentation more intense. Whenever an act of rebellion from any soul was made manifest in the Most Holy Court, the Ancient Beauty, out of shame, desired to veil His countenance, for He hath ever gazed upon faithfulness and acted in accordance with its requirements. When thy words were mentioned before the Divine Countenance, the ocean of My faithfulness surged, and the breezes of My forgiveness wafted, and the Tree of My loving-kindness was stirred, and the heaven of My bounty revolved. I swear by the Sun of the eternal horizon that I am saddened by thy sadness and grieved by thy grief. Thy sigh hath penetrated the Most Glorious Pavilion and reached the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. Thy cry was heard and thy lamentation reached the ears of the Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou! Thy confession appeared in a wondrous form before the Chosen One in His retreat, and thine acknowledgment shone forth with an exalted adorning in the presence of the All-Forgiving. Thou dost acknowledge and I am the Acknowledger; thou dost confess and I am the Confessor, for I acknowledge thy services and the hardships thou hast endured in My path. All atoms bear witness to My love for thee. O 'Ali! This call of thine is most beloved. Write, speak, and summon the people to the direction of the Lord of the worlds with such fervor and attraction as shall set them all ablaze. Say:

O my God, my Beloved, my Mover, my Attractor, the One Who calls in my heart and the Beloved of my inmost being! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn to Thy countenance, to be enkindled with Thy remembrance, to call out Thy Name, and to voice Thy praise. O my Lord! O my Lord! Were heedlessness not to exist, how would the standards of Thy mercy be raised and the banners of Thy generosity be unfurled? And were error not to be declared, how would it be known that Thou art the Concealer, the Forgiver, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? My soul be a sacrifice for the heedlessness of those who are heedless of Thee, for through it pass the breezes of mercy of Thy name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. My being be a sacrifice for the sin of those who sin against Thee, for through it the winds of Thy grace and the fragrant musk of Thy favors are made known. My essence be a sacrifice for the disobedience of those who disobey Thee, for through it the sun of Thy gifts has shone forth from

the horizon of Thy bounty and the rains of Thy generosity have descended upon the realities of Thy creation. O my Lord! I am he who has acknowledged every transgression and confessed to that which none in all creation has confessed. I have hastened to the shore of Thy forgiveness and dwelt beneath the shade of the pavilions of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of the worlds, to manifest through me that which will cause spirits to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love and souls to wing their flight in the heaven of Thy intimate companionship. Then ordain for me, through Thy sovereignty, such power as shall cause all created things to turn toward the Dayspring of Thy Manifestation and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! Make me wholly annihilated in Thy good-pleasure and steadfast in Thy service, for I love life only that I might circle round the pavilion of Thy Cause and the tabernacles of Thy grandeur. Thou seest me, O my God, detached from all save Thee and humble before Thee. Do with me as befitteth Thee and beseemeth Thy majesty and well becometh Thy court.

O Ali! Thou hast been and art favored by the grace of the Lord of the Worlds. Through His might and power, arise to assist His Cause and exalt His remembrance amongst His servants. Be not grieved that thou possessest not outward learning and penmanship. The doors of all bounties are within the grasp of God's power; He hath opened them and will continue to open them to the faces of His servants. God willing, may this sweet fragrance waft at all times from the direction of thy heart throughout the world in such wise that its fruits become manifest in every land. He is powerful over all things. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Compelling.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

All praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Beloved One, Who from His Most Great Word created emissaries and made them heralds, that they might give glad-tidings to the peoples of the world and summon them to the most exalted horizon. And when the effulgences of the Sun of the Primal Word shed their radiance upon the Secondary Word, the world was seized by the vibration of the Word. Every soul in whom a light was manifest turned towards the Dayspring of existence, and this Secondary Word which appeared from the mouth of the emissaries penetrated the realities of men, and the lovers of the countenance of the Beloved Lord sought to attain His station, and with utmost lowliness and supplication gained permission and turned towards the Dawning-Place, the Source, the Rising-Point, the Fountainhead and the Return. When this turning and journeying occurred in the contingent world, the pilgrim house came into being - and it is the first guest-house of the world, the shelter of the chosen ones and the near ones, and the homeland of the people of Baha. A hundred thousand blessings be upon the one who gained permission and was honored to visit that place. From the first emissaries shall appear second emissaries, and from the second emissaries other emissaries unto the end that hath no end. But blessed is he who attained unto it in His days and drank the choice wine of His revelation from the hands of His bounty and partook of His favors at the table of His generosity. In truth, all others are in the shadow of decrease, except whom our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earth willeth.

I submit that your letter arrived and was like musk, for from it wafted the fragrance of love for the Desired One of the worlds. After it was read and reviewed, it was presented to the Master. He said: “Praise be to God, in this month of fasting the sun of deeds hath shone forth and illumined the temples of those who have turned to Him and drawn nigh unto Him. Blessed is he who performeth what God hath revealed, purely for His sake - he is indeed among the sincere ones in the perspicuous Book.” End quote.

After presenting the prayer of the beloved of the heart, His Eminence Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of Power, He said before His face: “We beseech God, exalted be He, to make him a leader of His servants unto His path. Verily He is powerful over all things. O Ibn-i-Abhar! The servant present here read what thou didst supplicate at the beginning and the end. Verily the Wronged One heard and answered thee with that which causeth the fragrance of utterance to waft throughout all possibility.” End quote.

Praise be to God, in this blessed month they are occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and are turned towards Him. Tomorrow afternoon, which is Tuesday the 3rd, they shall turn with another of the pilgrims. He said: “This is the reward of his deed and his remembrance.” Later they will gradually summon the others. Your Honor should convey greetings from this servant to each one. He said that Your Honor should look after the pilgrims so that they may be engaged with joy and fragrance in the praise and glorification of the Beloved of the worlds. Especially in the blessed month of Ramadan, attention is necessary. They ask thee concerning the bounty - it is water and bread. Praise be to God, they are blessed with manifold bounties: the bounty of recognition, the bounty of deeds, the bounty of turning to God, the bounty of attaining His presence, the bounty of meeting Him, the bounty of hearkening, the bounty of witnessing. Were this table of power to be spread unto the end that hath no end, it would not be exhausted. “If ye should count the bounties of God ye would not be able to number them.” End quote.

In truth the glance of favor is directed towards you. The mention of those souls has ever been and continues to be in His presence. They stated that his honor Muhammad, upon him be peace, has received and continues to receive rewards and recompense for this service. Give him my glad-tidings and say: Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

O beloved of my heart! Though the reply to your letter was delayed, it is compensated in this missive, for it is adorned with the mention of the Master–may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to continually grant unto all that which He has in these days bestowed upon some.

Regarding what was written about his honor Aqa Asadu’llah, upon him be the peace of God, it has been granted. Likewise, the names of the advancing souls that his honor Aqa ’Abdu’l-Muttalib, upon him and them be the peace of God, sent have each attained what is befitting them. Happy are they! And the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Siyyid Asadu’llah, upon him be the peace of God and His favors–the request he had made has been granted acceptance. We ask him to act upon what was intended previously for the friends of God.

Regarding the wheat about which they wrote that it is finished, it should be mentioned to his honor the Most Exalted Name of Bounty, upon him be the peace of God, as this service pertains to him. He has ever accomplished and continues to accomplish it. His reward and recompense are with God and before God.

Assuredly they should mention the details to him; consideration of this is necessary, nay, obligatory. Peace, spirit and mercy be upon you and upon the sincere servants of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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O brother Ali-Akbar!

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Compelling, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Praise befitteth and beseemeth that Desired One Who, through one blessed Word shining forth from the Dayspring of Divine utterance, hath caused the earth to be changed, the mountains to be crushed, the heaven to be cleft asunder, them that lie in the graves to be raised up, and the seas to overflow. On the one hand, the attraction of the resurrection seized all hearts, and on the other, the intoxication of the wine of recognition so encompassed the souls of them that had turned unto Him that they became unaware of themselves and all else. For the first existence was utterly annihilated in absolute nothingness, that an existence other than this existence might emerge from the realm of the invisible and attain to the exalted station of "Verily, we are God's, and verily, unto Him shall we return." Therefore, whatsoever hath appeared of heedlessness toward outward matters and worldly attachments was and is of no consequence. The Most Truthful One hath said: "The Day whereon man shall flee from his brother."

God the One is My witness that from the moment this evanescent servant attained unto the wine of inner meaning, the fragrances of longing and desire and the sweet-scented breezes of attraction and ecstasy did so powerfully prevail that pen and tongue are powerless to describe them. How many were the days when, in the wilderness of separation, he was consumed by the fire of remoteness, and how many were the nights when, aflame with yearning, he beheld himself like unto a fish writhing upon the sand, until the hand of grace, wholly unmerited, drew this evanescent atom to the eternal realm. A world other than this world was witnessed, and utterances sanctified from letters and words were heard. And after recovering from that first intoxication and being honored with the second sobriety, this servant deemed it binding and necessary to make good whatsoever had outwardly been missed by him. For all are commanded to teach God's Cause, that all people may be sanctified from the idolatry of associating partners with God and may acknowledge and confess the oneness of God. And in this station the command "to begin with them that are nearest" must be observed.

Therefore I submit to that honored brother that which Luqman submitted to his master: In the early dawn, when the breeze of divine favor was wafting, Luqman, kindled by the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, would raise his head from the pillow of rest and, finding his master in the embrace of comfort and sleep, would approach his bedside with utmost courtesy and say: "O master, arise! The gates of trade are open and the Concourse on High and the sanctified souls are engaged in commerce. O master, arise

and deprive not thyself of this trade, for eternal pearls are being offered for sale and precious everlasting things are at hand." And when he would find his master showing laziness, he would return to his place and become immersed and lost in contemplation of the wondrous handiwork of God and the mysteries of divine wisdom. And when he would observe that dawn was approaching, he would again turn to his master and say: "O master, arise, for the time draweth to a close. I fear the market-place may close while thou art still asleep. Arise and let not the time slip away, that perchance thou mayest not remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Merciful in these last hours of the night."

Now doth this servant submit: O brother, strive that in these divine days thou mayest acquire infinite bounties and be blessed with eternal favors. By the True One Himself, whatsoever is lost by any soul in this day shall be difficult to recover. Both you must raise your hands in supplication and this servant shall lift his hands in hope that perchance we may be illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth and remain steadfast in His Cause with complete firmness. Behold the people as dead and turn to the Ever-Living One. Had the people of the earth attained unto a drop from the ocean of life, they would surely have hearkened to the divine call and witnessed the light of His countenance. Remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "They have ears with which they hear not, and hearts with which they understand not," unto the end of His exalted Word. And it is most evident that the mention which befitteth this most exalted and glorious station cannot flow from the pen of this servant, for the ocean of divine utterance is sanctified and exalted above the expressions of this evanescent one, since it hath neither shore nor end. Therefore, I conclude by saying: There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and strengthen you in His remembrance and praise, and to protect you from the imaginings of every imaginer and the whisperings of every tempter who believeth not in God, the Single, the All-Informed. And another entreaty: Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and salutations to all the kindred, both brothers and sisters and relations, and remind them with utmost love and kindness that perchance they may be adorned with the ornament of recognition and certitude and may turn unto the Dawning-Place of the Cause of the All-Merciful.

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He is the Hearer of Justice and the Answerer through Grace!

The ocean of joy hath surged and the countenance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath smiled, inasmuch as the Call hath been raised from the Land of ?a unto the Most Exalted Horizon and hath gladdened the dwellers of the Most Glorious Paradise and the Supreme Heaven by the arising of the Hands of the Cause and the Manifestations of Utterance before the Kaaba of God with a clear covenant and firm pledge, that the world and all that dwell therein might be illumined by the light of unity and concord. Exalted, exalted is this most high station! Exalted, exalted is this Covenant through which the scrolls of names have been renewed and the stations of the people of Baha have been elevated among all humanity!

O my God, O Fashioner of names and Creator of heaven! By Thy might and Thy majesty, Thy power and Thy sovereignty, I find no hosts more mighty than the covenant of Thy chosen ones before Thy face and their pledge to aid Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word. O Lord! Assist them with the hosts of righteousness and piety, and with that detachment whereby the gates of glory and bounty were opened to all who dwell on earth and in heaven. O Lord! Aid them with the banners of Thy utterance and the standards of Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for them that which shall make them manifestations of Thy virtues and names and dawning-places of Thy generosity and bestowals. Thou seest them, O my God, turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and desiring to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Write down for them, then, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art He through Whose Most Great Name the world was subdued and through Whose Most Noble Name the gates of munificence and bounty were opened unto all peoples. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of the knowledge of the wise and the Beloved of all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, to assist His Majesty the Sultan to turn unto Thee and to manifest Thy justice through Thy name. O Lord! Aid him through Thy party, then preserve him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Ali-Qabil-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy letters have attained unto Our presence and been heard. In truth, all that was mentioned therein was the cause of joy and gladness, for its words and letters were perfumed with the fragrance of unity and concord. I truly say: This New Covenant is in itself a mighty host. We have ordained it for the conquest of the citadels of hearts through Our Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. We hope that through these new and wondrous means the foundation of God's Cause will be made firm and steadfast.

Some time ago these verses were revealed and sent to one of the wise ones - upon him be My glory: O Wise One! The power and structure of faith has grown weak in all regions of the world. The supreme remedy is needed. The dross of nations has seized them; the greatest elixir is required. O Wise One! Has the crown of victory such power as to transform diverse elements in a single thing and bring them to the station of pure gold? Though such transformation appears difficult and complex, yet the transformation of earthly power to heavenly power is possible in the sight of this Wronged One. That which effects this transformation is greater than the elixir. This station and this power are specific to the Word of God. It is the essence that transforms fear into certitude, weakness into strength, and abasement into glory.

One drop from the ocean of divine wisdom struck Badi' and like a ball of fire he sought martyrdom. His moisture was transformed to heat, his weakness to power, his sluggishness to swiftness. At this time, what is needed is to seek healing from the Incomparable Almighty for prevalent chronic diseases. We beseech from the ocean of bounty of God, exalted be His glory, protection for you and the friends of that land. Verily He will protect you and aid you as He protected and aided you before. Behold the prison and its transformation, and the Cause and its sovereignty. In utter weakness complete power is manifest, and in poverty the kingdom of wealth is evident. Blessed are they who perceive and are fair-minded.

The glad-tidings of unity and concord illumined the horizons. Glory be to God! The oppression of the friends in Ishqabad became as conquering hosts and rendered a great victory to the Cause of God. These

are the results of the wisdom revealed from the Supreme Pen in scriptures and tablets. Blessed are they who understand.

The essence of counsel and advice is this: if any of the friends commits an unseemly deed or manifests anything improper, the trusted ones of the Cause should, with utmost love and kindness, wisdom and care, gently and affectionately counsel and advise that soul. Surely such words, when offered purely for the sake of God, will be penetrating, helpful and nurturing.

Say: My God, my God! Aid all on earth to attain unto Thy presence and cause them to recognize what Thou hast ordained for them in Thy Books. Then adorn the teachers with the ornament of sanctity among Thy servants. Then through Thy power make their words penetrating. Then make them bearers of the standard of detachment and righteousness. Verily Thou art the Lord of creation, and the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning this firm, wise Cause.

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O Muhammad-'Ali of Dihaj, who has attained Our presence and won the victory! He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

The Book of God speaketh the truth and summoneth humanity unto His mighty and praiseworthy path. Verily it hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance by One Who is the All-Knowing Speaker. He Whom God promised in His Books of old hath come with a manifest proof. O Muhammad-'Ali! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison, then remember when thou didst stand before the gate, hearkening to the Voice of Him Who conversed upon the Mount when He was established upon the throne of revelation, to the dismay of the divines of Iran who denied the All-Merciful when He came with a clear cause. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto the presence of thy Lord and hast drunk from the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of thy Lord, the Munificent.

Hear in the Persian tongue - verily He speaks as He willeth; none can question His doings and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Convey to the friends of God in cities and lands greetings and salutations from the Wronged One, and give each the glad tidings of the grace and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, every seeker hath been blessed with the effulgences of the Daystar of divine bounty. O people of God! We hope that all may be set ablaze with the fire of the love of God - a blaze whose traces shall be manifest from every atom of existence. Every one of the petitions presented hath been heard and answered, and for each an exalted and most holy Tablet hath been revealed and sent down from the heaven of bounty. We beseech God to aid all to drink from the living waters concealed and treasured within the divine utterances. Whosoever attaineth unto this shall not be hindered from the Most Great News by the troubles of the world, the upheavals of nations, the oppression of tyrants, the might of aggressors, the doubts of Persian divines, or the clamor of the ignorant, nor shall they be deprived of the straight path. Blessed are they who drink thereof.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in Kaf and Ra and say: Reflect upon that which hath appeared. The former people denied the verses and showed ingratitude for the special bounty. They kindled the fire of tyranny and burnt the pavilion of the glory and grandeur of God's Cause and rent the veil of sanctity. Glory be to God! In the nights and days they would beseech and implore to attain the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Yet when the dawn of grace broke and the world was illumined by the effulgences of the Daystar of Revelation, they all drew swords and spears against the Goal of the worlds. They were polytheists yet counted themselves among the monotheists.

Say: O ignorant ones! O heedless ones! O oppressors! Your deeds and words on the day of reckoning deprived you of God's Most Great Name and the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy. The oneness of God, exalted be His glory, is not established save through the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning-Place of His Cause, the Dayspring of His Revelation, and His Representative among creation. In the Dispensation of the Furqan, the Seal of the Prophets (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake) attained this station. Were any likeness or peer to be found for that Essence of existence and Cause of creation, how could the sanctification of the Creator's Being from peers and likeness be established? Should anyone attribute this station to any other, they are and shall be accounted as polytheists in God's sight.

Know with absolute certitude that He was unique in His station, and through Him the oneness of the Divine Essence is proven free from likeness and peer. The letters of the Furqan were created by His Word. By God's life! They have no share in this most glorious, most exalted station, at whose mere mention the musk of utterance diffuseth its fragrance throughout all creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath expounded this mighty, this impregnable station. That heedless people count themselves as monotheists, yet in God's sight they are polytheists. Any fair-minded person would testify that this people are deprived of the deeds, actions and words of the Master of "But for Thee." Would that they had adorned themselves with the ornament of justice and fairness, attained His presence, and hearkened unto that which is from God. Hear ye the call of the Wronged One and beseech God that all may be illumined and may attain unto true unity. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. We have made mention of the loved ones of Hasanabad and Bahramabad - a mention that hath sanctified them from the praise of the world and from likeness and similitude. Praised be God, all are remembered and have attained unto His grace. We testify that they have quaffed the choice wine of utterance before the faces of all religions from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Merciful. At this moment We make mention of the loved ones of Shahr-i-Babik. O thou who art of Dahj! The True One maketh mention of thee in Bahji, and likewise of the loved ones of Khu. By the life of God! Whosoever hath attained unto the blessed word "Yea", verily he hath found his place beneath the glance of God, exalted be His glory. His grace hath preceded all things, His mercy hath preceded all things, and His loving-kindness hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The loved ones of every city and every land have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. The Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds, beareth witness unto this.

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He is the Herald from His Most Glorious Horizon

A Book sent down by the King of the Kingdom to those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. O My loved ones in Alif and Ra, hear My call, for verily it draws you unto a station wherein the Lamp speaks forth light and prosperity for the party of God - those whom the veils of names have not prevented from God, the Lord of all beings, and whom the hosts of those who denied God's proof and evidence and disbelieved in the Day of Judgment did not frighten.

O My loved ones! We have mentioned you before in various Tablets and We mention you at this time as a grace from God, the Kind, the Generous. Beware lest the clamor and opposition of those who have denied God's Manifestation and His sovereignty and who have uttered that which caused the angels and the Spirit to lament, and those who appeared before the Face and heard the Call and attained unto what was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the books of the Prophets and Messengers, make you sorrowful. Say: Beware lest you waste your stations or deprive yourselves of what has been ordained for you in the Most Exalted Paradise by God, the Lord of the worlds.

Days and nights have passed, yet mention of your names has not appeared before the Throne. Say: Fear God, O companions of Baha, and be not among the silent ones. This is a Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken amongst creation and all things have called out. This is a Day the mention of which the Lord of the world and sovereign of nations has sent down in His clear Book. Take it with the hands of power and might, then read it in the nights and days, a command from God, the Ordainer, the Wise.

We beseech God to assist you in that which draws the servants near unto Him, to aid you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to protect you from the evil of the oppressors. Observe the power and sovereignty of God, how He seized the oppressors who shed the blood of His loved ones, denied His proof, and cast aside His clear evidence. Earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth who broke God's covenant and His pact and cast aside what they were commanded in His Mighty Book.

We beseech God to strengthen His Majesty the Sultan and protect him from the evil of those whom He raised up through means, wealth, and gold which deluded them, and the resources that made them among the most lost. These denied God's favor after its descent, consumed people's wealth unjustly, and imagined themselves to be among the monotheists. The Mother Book bears witness, as it moves in the palace which God has made the seat of His mighty throne, that no party among parties nor any host among hosts aided the Sultan, but My Supreme Pen aided him with an unbreakable covenant. To this testifies what has appeared from My loved ones in all regions, then those who circumambulate the House in this exalted station.

O son of Rafi'! Hear the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, then recite among the servants that thy Lord's Book may draw them near to the horizon from which shone forth the luminary of God's utterance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By My life! Those who consume His bounties yet deny His grace have betrayed Him. Verily, they are among the treacherous in My clear Book.

It behooveth every one who has turned unto God to remember His Lord for having aided him to recognize Him on a Day wherein the clamor of those near unto God was raised. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, Who bore hardships in Thy path and tribulations in Thy love, to assist Thy loved ones in Thy

remembrance and praise and enable them to manifest Thy justice in Thy kingdom. O Lord! Thou seest them silent in Thy days, content with Thy decree. They desire naught save the reformation of Thy earth and the extinction of the fire of hatred and animosity in the hearts of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

O Pen! Remember him who hath been named "The Most Great Victory", who hath quaffed the choice wine of immortality from the chalice of Thy bounty, and who left his homeland, seeking his most exalted home before the throne of Thy justice, until he arrived at the spot wherefrom was raised My sweetest call and the shrill sound of My Most Exalted Pen. We bear witness that he hath attained unto that which was inscribed by the Pen of Thy loving-kindness in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Aid them who are related to Thee to arise to serve Thy Cause - they who have turned unto Thee with radiant faces. Verily, Thou art the One Who ruleth through Thy sovereignty, Who dominateth through Thy signs, Who is manifest through Thy proof, Who speaketh through Thy Book, and Who holdeth fast to Thy mighty cord. The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Strong, the Conquering, the Almighty.

O son of Rafi'! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter reached the Prison, and thy Lord answered thee with such utterance as hath enraptured the hearts of them who are nigh unto God and the sincere ones. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of Mine utterance from the chalice of My bounty and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of My grandeur hath spoken from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We have desired to make mention of thine ear on another page. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His binding command, the All-Wise. Enter then the Ancient Paradise, and hearken to that which proceedeth from the Tongue of Power and Might. Verily, this is that which thou hast been promised in every sacred Book. Walk thou in My pleasure and be steadfast in My Cause.

Thus doth the Most Great Spirit teach thee from His luminous Station. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

This is a letter from the Prisoner to him towards whom His glance was directed ere any among created things knew him, for We concealed the matter and clothed one of the servants in the garment of names, through a wisdom which none hath comprehended save God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great.

O servant! Hearken unto the Call of God from the holy precincts, the spot wherein the Sun of eternity hath shone forth from the horizon of My Most Glorious Name, that there is none other God but He, the Almighty over what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Wise. Say: O people! The dawn of eternity hath broken from the horizon of your Lord, the Most High, and its lights have encompassed the worlds. Fear

God, and corrupt not the earth, nor measure the words of God by your own standards. Fear God and be among the God-fearing.

O thou servant who gazeth toward God! Remember those days when thou wert present before the Countenance, and We imparted unto thee secrets veiled by screens and coverings. Thus did thy Lord's mercy precede thee and thou wert among the successful. Yet hadst thou known in those days what befell Me, thou wouldst have wept and lamented and detached thyself from all the worlds. By God, the Truth! We manifested the Cause with the power of might and authority, and We sacrificed Ourself in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. All peoples disputed with Me with whatsoever they possessed, and I arose to fulfill the Cause as I was commanded by an Almighty, All-Powerful, Mighty, and Ancient Ordainer.

In every time there hath been manifested through Him the power of God and His grandeur, then the sovereignty of God and His might. He would recite among you that which drew unto him the hearts of the Concourse on High and the angels brought nigh. Say: Were ye to look with a penetrating eye, ye would witness that the Primal Point in the Supreme Horizon now weepeth and waileth by reason of what your hands have wrought, O company of liars! Would that thou hadst been with Us in this Prison and become acquainted with that wherewith none among the servants hath become acquainted, and become possessed of a wondrous insight. Verily those who have not become acquainted with a single letter of the Cause have risen in falsehood and speak according to the promptings of their souls and their desires. By this have they been cursed in this world and the next, yet they perceive it not. Thou beholdest them today as naught but base rabble; nay, thou findest them more contemptible than that, wert thou of them that know. Fie upon them and upon that which their hands have wrought! By My life, they are in manifest error. Stand thou firm in the Cause and arise to praise God, thy Lord, and fear no one. He will protect thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and He hath ever been nigh unto the well-doers. Thus have We imparted unto thee and informed thee and expounded for thee some of what hath befallen Us, as a mercy from Our presence upon thee, that thou mayest be gladdened within thyself by the sweet-scented breezes of holiness wafted upon thee from this luminous and radiant Scene. And the glory which hath shone forth from the daybreak of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have laid fast hold on the Sure Handle and are detached from all else but God. And praise be to God, my Lord and thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted!

This is a Book from the Primal Point unto him who hath believed in God and His signs, who hath attained unto the presence of the Throne and was numbered among the triumphant ones, who hath heard with his own ears the melodies of God, and upon whom the All-Glorious hath dawned with the wonders of His light. Thus hath God's favor and His proof, then His signs and His evidence, been perfected unto him, that he may stand firm in the Cause and leave all created things behind him, being among the steadfast. Even should he find himself alone in his love for his Lord, such that he witnesseth none throughout all the

kingdoms of earth and heaven who hath turned towards Him, he shall not be troubled in his soul, nor shall he be of them that waver.

O servant! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My mercy and My loving-kindness, and forget not My favor. Then call to mind what hath befallen My own Self among the people, that perchance they may find a way unto Him Who is the Spirit. Go forth from that land with the spirit and sweet fragrance of God and with His leave, and shouldst thou find one with hearing ears, impart unto him what the Spirit hath imparted unto thee, that thereby his heart may be quickened and he may be of them that drink from the Kawthar which floweth in truth, whose stream shall never run dry, and shall never cease to flow by the decree of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

If thou shouldst witness the multitude of them that turn away, grieve not, but rather rejoice thereat, for God hath made the recognition of this Youth to be the exclusive privilege of His near servants, though they walk upon its heights. Thus do We make mention unto thee through Our bounty, lest there be effaced from thy heart that which hath been inscribed therein by a hallowed and luminous Pen.

Unite with the loved ones of God, then guard thyself against them who believed not in God from all eternity and were numbered among the idolaters. By God! Through the presence of such as these, every sweet and pleasant breeze is transformed, and from their souls proceedeth that from which all things flee, yea, even the denizens of hell. And shouldst thou find one who turneth away, permit him not to go beyond mentioning two words. Chastise him with the scourges of utterance.

Even if God were to bring you all the proofs of the first and the last, say: O people, fear God! The Youth of God has come to you, reciting unto you from the verses of your Lord, confirming what was sent down before from the dominion of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, the Glorious. He calls you at every moment unto Him and has sacrificed his spirit in the path of God, to such extent that he has not protected himself for less than a moment, as every fair-minded and clear-sighted one can testify. O people, fear God! If you deny these verses by which the Cause of every Prophet before has been established, while claiming belief in any of God's Messengers, then by God, the denizens of the Supreme Concourse laugh at us, and so too do the realities of all things, were you but to know. The hosts of the unseen and the visible, and every discerning and informed one, mock us. Fear God, O people, and do not do what those before you did, who were among the heedless. When the Sun of the Cause shone forth upon them from the holy horizon, they paid no heed to it, then mocked and said: "Thus did we hear from our forefathers of old." Say: O people, look not upon the loved ones of God with contempt, for they are the most exalted of creatures in God's sight, even if in your eyes they appear as the lowliest of servants, were you but to perceive. A single hair of theirs is, in God's sight, better than those who appear ascetic before men to preserve their leadership, while in secret they commit what even Nimrod did not commit. Thus has the command been sent down from the Pen of the Spirit, that it may be a reminder to Our seeking servants. Spirit and glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God and have detached themselves from all else but Him.

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He is the Mighty!

This is an epistle from this servant to the loved ones of God who have been afflicted with a separation the like of which no eye hath ever witnessed and no parallel hath appeared in creation - such that their hearts were consumed, their souls melted, their breasts were constricted, their eyes wept and their tears flowed, whereby signs of agitation appeared in the pillars of the mighty throne. Say: By God, the spirit hath departed from all things, every matter hath been overturned, all who are in the heavens and earth were shaken, joy hath been lifted from all things, and the Word of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, hath been scattered by what the hands of the idolaters have wrought against God and His loved ones. Say: The sun hath been darkened from the horizon of Iraq and the moon hath been eclipsed by what these oppressors have done. Say: The eyes of the maidens have been blinded, the dwellers of the chambers have lamented, the temples of luminous holiness have fallen to the dust, the garments of the people of the Kingdom have been rent, and the realities of the denizens of the Realm Above have cried out in this great terror. The eyes of the people of the kingdom have never witnessed the like of what befell in those days the countenances of sublime holiness. Say: O people of the earth! By God, were ye to perceive in yourselves even as a mustard seed, ye would cast black dust upon your faces and fall prostrate upon the earth for all eternity. Alas for you, O company of the wretched, for what your hands have wrought, your tongues have uttered, and your hearts have imagined, until ye drove from His homeland this Bird that dwelt therein by the command of the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Say: By God, the leaf of Paradise hath yellowed by what ye have done to servants who have not associated partners with God for even the twinkling of an eye. Say: The branches of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary have been broken by your turning away from the Beauty of God after He shone forth upon you like the Spirit from an ancient and holy horizon. The boughs of the Furthermost Tree have been demolished by what befell the Word of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

O City of God! Can I perceive anything within thee after the departure of that radiant and resplendent Sun? Nay, by God! I can neither perceive thee nor behold the beauty of Him through Whom we were blessed with the fruits of nearness every morn and eve. Alas! Alas! The hearts of the people of eternity have been pierced by the arrows of the idolaters. By God, O City! We take no delight in thy blossoms or thy flowers in any springtime, after we no longer behold within thee the rose of glory from the Beauty of the Beloved. Therefore, O City of God, inform thy people that the Bird hath taken flight - the Bird whose departure or death was their only desire. This hath been decreed by the Pen of holiness and wisdom. Remain ye, then, in your dwellings and rest upon your seats, for ye have attained what ye desired and achieved all that ye sought. Be ye of them that are at ease. Know with certainty that ye shall never again hear the melodies of God, never draw nigh unto a manifest meeting with Him, never witness the beauty of God among you, and never shall the words of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Gracious, be cast upon you. Your seats have been enlarged by the departure of the Bird. Be at ease, then, O company of the heedless! Then there calleth out from the throne of the spirit a holy and wondrous countenance: “Blessed are ye, O company of the loved ones, for your patience in this great terror, for hearkening to the counsel of your Lord, and for your steadfastness in a Cause that hath caused the frames of the concourse of the exalted ones to melt away. God shall soon gather you thereby into a holy and luminous seat, as a reward for your patience. How excellent is the reward of the patient ones!”

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O Afnan! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness. Thy letter reached the Wronged One and the Glorious One presented it. When completed, My Most Exalted Pen was moved to make mention of thee and of that which thou didst desire from the sea of thy Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thou didst hear the Call in the earliest days and didst respond to thy Lord when mankind was in manifest error. Thou didst turn to the Horizon when most of the servants turned away. This is from thy Lord's favor upon thee. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested Thy Cause, and guided the people to Thy straight Path, and remembered me while Thou wert in the Most Great Prison - a mercy from Thee unto Thy Afnan. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy bounty, and my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Adored One of those in the heavens and on earth." We have mentioned thee before with a mention before which all mention bows down, and We mention thee at this time in this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is the Afnan who hath held fast unto the Divine Lote-Tree, recognized its grace and station, and spoken in its praise on this Day whereon its rustling and its call have been raised in this glorious and wondrous Station. We wish at this moment to change from the eloquent tongue to the luminous one. Verily thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

In the name of the Peerless Friend! Today all things circle round the prison of 'Akka and utter a word which none save God, exalted be His glory, hath comprehended or will comprehend except by His command and leave. The Wronged One calleth out from the horizon of tribulation to the peoples of earth and heaven, and remindeth them through divine verses that they might attain unto fruits whose traces and mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. The ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance hath waves, and within it are concealed and hidden pearls of wisdom and mysteries. Blessed are they who are endowed with hearing and sight and have attained unto witnessing and hearkening. By the Sun of Truth! That which is lost today can never be regained, even as it is impossible to find a partner for the Lord. The loved ones of God must arise with complete dedication to assist the Cause, especially the Afnans of the Blessed Tree who in this Most Great Revelation have been adorned with the ornament of distinction and kinship, that they might protect the heedless servants from the vain imaginings of the former people. He is the Counselor and He is the Kind One.

And regarding what thou didst mention about the journey of the leaf of the Tree, the wife of the honored Afnan, upon them both be My Baha and loving-kindness, the luminary of permission hath dawned from the horizon of will. However, this is contingent upon the requirements of wisdom and expediency, O honored Afnan, upon thee be My Glory. O Afnan, upon thee be My loving-kindness. The smoke of vain imaginings and the dust of idle fancies have prevented the world from beholding. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath come for meeting, presence, and the bestowal of grace, but the divines and theologians of Persia became a barrier, preventing eyes from beholding and ears from hearing. This prevention from Persia hath influenced these lands as well. Beseech ye the True One to manifest that which shall be the cause of the world's salvation and the deliverance of nations. Two Tablets, in response to thy request,

have been sent down from the heaven of the favors of the Lord of all beings. Take copies thereof and deliver them, that perchance they may be illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet, and may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My Tablet in My days and hath drunk therefrom the Kawthar of Mine utterance. He is assuredly among those who are nigh unto God in His Book, the Lord of all worlds. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to all the kindred, and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Day-Star of grace which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of justice. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and assist them and make them of those whom the might of the world hath not hindered from turning unto God, the Lord of the Ancient Days - they who heard and turned and responded in days wherein the limbs of the heedless trembled and the hearts of the doubtful were troubled. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have attained unto this momentous News.

Make mention, on behalf of this Wronged One, of the followers of Zoroaster, upon them be God's loving-kindness. God willing, may they drink from the chalices of utterance of the Goal of all worlds that were previously sent, that which shall free and detach their hearts from all else save God. O Afnan! This blessed verse hath shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the Book: "Blessed is he who hath arisen from his place, cast away all else save Him, and hastened unto the Most Great Ocean and entered therein through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous." Blessed is the tongue that hath uttered this most exalted Word and this most great Sign, and hath received its portion from the ocean of its meanings. He is assuredly among the triumphant ones in the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing!

O thou who gazest toward My horizon and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Hear My call from the horizon of tribulation. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Lord of all beings, Who is established upon the throne. He doeth what He willeth. The oppression of the oppressors hath not hindered Him, nor hath the might of the aggressors frightened Him. He hath manifested Himself and stood before all faces, calling out with the most exalted call: "The Promise hath come, and this is He Whom the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, did herald!" This is the Day whereon the Hidden One hath appeared, and through His appearance the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath been raised in the All-Highest Paradise, and the murmuring of the Living Waters hath been heard in the Most Exalted Garden, and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the highest branches. The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of the Day of Judgment. Through Him did the Point speak and give glad tidings unto the servants, and the mysteries of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, were revealed. Verily, they who have been prevented from turning unto Him shall have no portion of the Most Great Ocean which hath surged before the faces of the nations and hath brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance from hidden shells, as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before His Face hath presented it. We have revealed for thee that which hath caused rivers of remembrance and praise to flow from the solid rock. Blessed is he who hath turned, and taken, and drunk in My Name, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We mentioned thee before in luminous Tablets as a mercy from Our presence upon thee and upon His believing servants.

O Nabil-i-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory! We have desired naught save to extinguish the fire of rancor and hatred, and to reform the souls of all who dwell in the realm of creation. To this testifieth all things and this perspicuous Book. The world hath been perfumed by the breezes of revelation, yet the people are afflicted with a grievous cold. They behold the light yet deny it, and hear the verses yet turn away from them. Verily they are in manifest loss. Among the people is he who believed, then denied, and wrongfully consumed the property of others, uttering that which none before him had ever uttered. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He cast the truth behind him when he followed the people, and through wealth was kept back from his ultimate end. Thus did his soul entice him. Verily, he is among the wrongdoers. He cast aside righteousness and piety when he was consumed by the fire of greed and passion. He hath committed that which hath caused every discerning soul to lament. Will his wealth profit him? Nay, by the Self of God, the All-Sufficient, the Most High! Will what he possesseth among the people avail him? Nay, by God's compelling and wise decree!

Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of the dawn of Thy Manifestation, and by what was hidden and treasured in the ocean of Thy bounty and bestowal, and by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy sovereignty before which all possibilities have bowed down, and by Thy Most Great Name which hath caused the hearts of the nations to tremble, to assist Thy loved ones to be trustworthy and religious, lest there appear from them that which beseemeth not Thy days and Thy Manifestation. O Lord! Thou beholdest them clinging to Thy cord - disappoint them not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones among Thy sincere ones. O Lord! Adorn them with the ornament of righteousness, then preserve them from the evil of self and passion. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In the Persian tongue I make mention: in these days, heedless souls have, in their greed for wealth, turned away from the Truth. To such a degree are they aflame with the fire of avarice and desire that the pen is powerless to describe it. For a paltry sum they have turned their eyes away from the Euphrates of mercy and have rent asunder the veil of trustworthiness. They have committed that which hath caused the very essence of truth to weep. Out of love for His servants and creatures, beseech God that He may aid all to achieve what befitteth human dignity and grant them success in turning from estrangement to acceptance, from greed to detachment, and from treachery to trustworthiness. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving.

That which is essential today in that land is the unity of the friends of God, as well as the observance of wisdom. Say: Know ye with clear certainty that corruption and contention have not been and are not worthy of the people of truth in this Revelation. That which hath outwardly been bestowed upon the kings and rulers - opposition to them is in no wise permitted. God hath ever been observant of the hearts

of His servants, and His purpose is that they become enkindled with the fire of divine love and illumined by the light of His knowledge.

Praise be to God that patience, tranquility and detachment have reached such a degree that the friends allow themselves to be slain but do not slay. That which occurred in Ishqabad is the cause of joy and gladness to the Ancient Beauty, for the friends did not retaliate and chose martyrdom in the path of God.

In any case, thou must strive to reform and refine souls. Make mention of the friends of that land on behalf of this Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy. We beseech Him to aid all to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of His good pleasure and illumine the horizons of all lands. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. The Light shining from the horizon of the Will of God be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this momentous News.

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O Ali, upon thee be my Glory! The Most Exalted Summit, the Utmost Goal, and the Supreme Horizon is a station whereof the Mother Book doth testify and the Preserved Tablet doth make mention, and wherein He Who conversed upon Sinai is established upon the throne of Revelation. This is the Call for the hearing of which the ears of the world were created. Blessed is the soul whom neither the vicissitudes of the world nor the ascendancy of the nations did hinder or deprive from the Most Great Name. Today all things are adorned and illumined with the lights of true unity. Beseech ye God that He withhold not His servants from His bounties and deprive not creation from the manifestation of His generosity. The glance of His loving-kindness hath ever been and continueth to be directed towards His loved ones - they who are detached from all else save God, who hold fast unto the cord of divine love, who act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book, and who are so steadfast in the Cause that the deniers, the barking ones, and the deceivers find no occasion to speak. They dwell beneath the shadow of the standard "Verily I am God" and are quickened and gladdened by the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. These are the servants whose attributes have been recorded in the divine Books of the past and present. They have quaffed from the Kawthar of utterance and received their portion of the sealed wine. The clamor of the world is to them more insignificant than the buzzing of a fly. They speak for God's sake and unto Him do they return.

Blessed art thou, O Ali, for having turned towards Him, migrated, and directed thy steps until thou didst attain a place wherein was heard the rustling of the Blessed Tree, the flowing of the waters of oneness, and the whistling of the eternal winds. Verily He strengthened thee and enabled thee to attain His presence, to stand before His gate, to hearken unto His call and to behold His horizon. Give thanks unto God, by night and by day, for this bounty wherewith thou, thy son, and those with thee have been favored in the Most Great Prison. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The letters of the people of Qaf which were sent to thee before and after were presented by this servant before His presence and were honored to be heard. We have remembered them and do remember them and give them glad tidings of Our loving-kindness and mercy, and We counsel them with that which

beseemeth them who are nigh unto God in these days of God, the Beloved of the mystics. We make mention of them through Our loving-kindness and remind them of Our verses and show them the waves of the ocean of Our generosity and the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus have We sent down the bounty of Our recognition, the table of Our utterance, and the fruits of the Tree of Our loving-kindness. By the life of God! The Wronged One remembereth His loved ones at all times and commandeth them to that which will manifest their stations among the peoples of the world. O people of God! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and through the hosts of goodly deeds and character, that the fragrance of His good-pleasure may be diffused therefrom. And I am the All-Knowing Expositor. At dawn We remember the righteous ones, and neither by night nor by day hath the Pen of the All-Choosing ceased to move. Blessed is the servant who is attracted by its shrill voice and turneth with his heart to its horizon, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Mention hath been made of Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, and of Qasim and Muhammad, upon both of them be the glory of God. Their letters were previously received, and all the names mentioned therein were adorned with the remembrance of God, the grace of God, and the bounty of God. We beseech God to aid them to preserve this most exalted remembrance and most glorious station. We make mention in this station of the wife of him who was named ’Abdu’l-Husayn in a Tablet that shone forth from the horizon of the sun of her Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for her that which beseemeth His generosity and grace. Verily, nothing can frustrate Him, and no affair can prevent Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We make mention of My other handmaiden, the sister of Lutf-’Ali, who hath turned unto God and attained His presence. We give her the glad-tidings that My Pen hath been moved to make mention of her–the Pen through whose movement all created things were stirred and all existing things were turned towards the lights of My luminous and shining countenance. We make mention, too, of My other handmaiden, the wife of the late ’Abdu’s-Samad who believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive them, to absolve them of their misdeeds, and to cause them to enter the most exalted Paradise–the station wherein the atoms cry out: “Enter ye, enter ye, O people of Baha and companions of the Crimson Ark! We long to meet you, to remember you, to praise you, to arise to serve you, and to circle round about you. God hath created us to serve you all. Enter ye, enter ye; enter ye all, enter ye all, in peace from God and mercy from His presence and grace from His side and light from His realm. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones, the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth, the Object of the hearts of them that know, and the Beloved of the hearts of them that long for Him.” The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, who turned unto Him and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen!”

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

O Muhammad! We make mention of thee that My remembrance may attract thee, My call draw thee nigh, My utterance strengthen thee, and My loving-kindness sustain thee amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The treasures of meaning and utterance cannot equal the remembrance of thy Lord - to this thy Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness. He, verily, is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. We made mention of thee before in words wherewith all things have spoken - sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The fragrance of the garment of utterance hath been diffused from the Mount of Knowledge, and the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out with the loudest voice, yet most of the people remain heedless. They who are heedless this day of My choice sealed wine - these have no portion in God's Book, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of you in numerous Tablets. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and desireth him who desireth Him - a grace from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned toward My horizon, who hath drunk the choice wine of My loving-kindness, who hath soared in the atmosphere of My love, who hath responded when My call was raised, who hath spoken My praise among My servants, who hath held fast to the cord of My grace and clung to the hem of the robe of My generosity - he who hath been named Hussein in My writings and dominions. He is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, inscribed in a Tablet which none hath beheld save My All-Knowing Self. Say: The first utterance which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of mystic knowledge from the All-Merciful is upon thee, O thou who hast turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon, who art attracted by the screaking of the Most Exalted Pen, who art oriented toward the lights of the Countenance when it appeared after the passing away of all things. Thou art he whom the vicissitudes of the world did not prevent from the Ancient Being, nor did the clamor of nations from His binding Cause. Upon thee be the glory of God and His mercy, the peace of God and His grace. Blessed art thou for that which the Most Exalted Pen hath testified in thy favor, and for having attained the mention of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. Thou art he who hath drunk My choice sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name on a day wherein the servants turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast attained that which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We bear witness that thou didst stand firm in the Cause when the Hour arose, such that neither the Hour and its portents frightened thee, nor the convulsion of the earth and its quaking. Thou wert steadfast in thy Lord's Cause and didst speak His most great verses among all peoples. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, and unto them that love thee, and unto them that make mention of thee according to what hath been sent down from the Tongue of Grandeur in this mighty, this impregnable station.

O God, my God! Lord of the seen and unseen, and Sovereign of existence! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and by Thy chosen ones and pure ones whom nothing whatsoever hath hindered from turning toward Thee - who stood before the faces of the world and declared: "We believe in the Dayspring of verses and the Manifestation of clear tokens Who hath come with a brilliant light and a mighty sovereignty" - to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Then forgive them through Thy grace and generosity. Thou art He by Whose command the ocean of

forgiveness surged in the contingent world and the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness wafted among all religions. Then ordain for Thy loved ones the good of the hereafter and of the former days. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou art the Ancient Bestower.

O thou who hast turned to God! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. The Wronged One's gaze hath been and is fixed upon thee. Mention of him who ascended unto God hath been revealed in diverse Tablets, including in a Tablet which was revealed from the heaven of God's Will specifically for His Holiness 'Aba, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and was sent through Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be my Baha. Likewise was he mentioned in other Tablets, and in this blessed Tablet too, wherein the Sun of loving-kindness shineth resplendent from its horizon. Convey to all the kindred My greetings from the Wronged One and remind them of the verses of God. Great is this Day. Blessed is he who hath in this divine Day attained unto the outpourings of the true Bestower. Convey greetings to the people of Baha and say: O people of God! This is your Day. Know ye its worth, recognize its station, and arise as beseemeth you. Fear not the moving bubbles that appear briefly upon fetid waters, for ere long all shall return to their abode. This Wronged One and His loved ones must pray for all, that perchance the hidden rancor in the hearts of the followers of religions may be stilled and the light of harmony and unity may shine forth from the heaven of hearts. This is the purpose of the Wronged One, to which My soul, the Self-Subsisting, doth testify.

O Muhammad! We beseech God to strengthen thee through this Name in His Cause, that thou mayest be as a speaking standard and an upright banner raised high. However, wisdom is called for - wisdom in this day taketh precedence over most deeds. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it, and woe betide the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither the might of the wicked nor the ranks of the idolaters could weaken. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens and fulfilled what He promised His servants in His Book through the tongues of His Messengers. He is the One Who announced to all the tidings at which were agitated the hearts of His creation who cast behind their backs His ordinances and denied His signs and disputed His proof. And peace and blessings be upon the Hands of His Cause who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have arisen to serve His loved ones in His days and have summoned all to the choice wine of utterance in His Name, the All-Merciful. Exalted, exalted be His grace, and exalted, exalted be His bounty, and exalted, exalted be His generosity which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen.

This is a mention from Us to him who traversed the path when he heard the proof from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Day hath come while the people are in evident drunkenness - they heard the call yet turned away from it, thus did their souls entice them. Verily they are in manifest loss.

O Rahmatullah! The Supreme Pen hath testified for thee in this Most Glorious Station that thou hast sought the ultimate goal and the highest aim - the station wherein the call was raised from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing before the faces of all peoples: “God, there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” By its call were all things attracted, and by its manifestation did all names bow down, and by its mention were agitated the hearts of the polytheists who denied God and cast aside His Book out of their hatred for Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who is established upon the throne of Revelation and speaketh with the most exalted call: “By God, the Truth! He hath come at Whose appearance the eyes of those near unto God were solaced.”

Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and the Source of Inspiration whereby the ocean of knowledge surged in the contingent world and the call was raised from all directions: “He Who is the Lord of Names and Attributes hath come with the kingdom of signs.” Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless.

I bear witness that thou hast heard the scratching of My Pen and hast attained unto My traces and hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty in days wherein the fire of oppression and corruption was kindled among the servants who violated the Covenant and Testament of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Rahmat! We beseech God to send down through thee mercy upon His servants there. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. When the Kawthar of My utterance took hold of thee and thou didst attain the choice wine of My knowledge, say:

“My God, my God! Thine is the munificence and the glory, and Thine the grace and bounty, for Thou hast given me to drink, from the hands of Thy favor, the Kawthar of Thy grace, and hast ordained for me the blessing of recognition from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Book wherein that which is revealed therein shall never be erased nor altered, throughout the duration of Thy sovereignty and Thy kingdom.

“O my Lord! I testify to the oneness of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Self, and that Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. The tyrants of the earth cannot prevent what Thou hast willed by Thy sovereignty, nor can the pharaohs of the lands prevent what Thy Will hath desired.

“O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one who hath hastened from his homeland to the ocean of Thy riches, and whom the hand of Thy bounty hath caused to enter the pavilions of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined the horizons with the light of Thy manifestation and hast aided the servants to draw nigh unto the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness through the hidden pearls in the shells of Thy protection, to open before my face and the faces of Thy loved ones the doors of Thy generosity. Then grant us the blessing of attaining Thy presence time and again. Thou art He before Whose power all created things have bowed down, and before the dawning of the Day-Star of Thy Cause all contingent things have submitted. Ordain for us the good of this world and the world to come.

“O my Lord! Withhold not me and Thy loved ones in Banab from the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor from the effulgences of the sun of Thy mercy. Write down for us from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw us nigh unto the court of Thy might and the carpet of Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Most Generous.”

Mention is made at this time of the friends in Bunab, both men and women. Praise be to God, they have attained unto acceptance and are illumined by the light of recognition. This is the Day of God and the Covenant is His Covenant. The waves of the ocean of bounty are manifest before all faces. Beseech ye God that He withhold not His servants from this grace, nor deprive them of this endless bestowal. The True One, exalted be His glory, is seated upon the throne of 'He doeth what He willeth' through His Most Great Name, and inviteth all to His eternal favor and everlasting generosity. Gladden ye hearts with His remembrance, then hasten with your hearts toward His direction. By the Sun of Truth, there hath appeared from God's infinite grace that which hath had no likeness or equal. Take ye the chalice of bounty in His Name, then drink therefrom with wisdom and utterance, in defiance of every remote oppressor through whom the fire of hatred hath been kindled amongst mankind, and the realities of all things have cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." O people of Bonab! Praise ye the Desired One of the world, Who hath aided you to turn unto Him, to mention Him, and to recognize His sacred Being, and Who hath, in this night when darkness hath encompassed the world, illumined you with the light of utterance. The glory from Us be upon you, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward selves, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, greatness and power!

Praise be to God who hath made knowledge a lamp and wisdom a light, and hath linked it to godliness through His word "Fear God: God will teach you", whereby He hath made clear the proof and revealed the path. Through it the dove of utterance warbleth upon the branch of divine knowledge - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Praise be to God who hath preserved it through wisdom and commanded all to follow it. Through it the foundation of existence was established, the clouds of bounty rained down, and His all-pervading Cause appeared to all who witness and are witnessed. Exalted is His Cause, exalted His sovereignty, and exalted His greatness, His power and His might. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books to manifest His grace and demonstrate His bounty and generosity. He hath made them the dawning-places of His revelation, the daysprings of His Cause, the manifestations of His Self and the sources of His wisdom, until the Books were sealed with the Qur'an and the Messengers with the Lord of all possibility, through whom the earth and heaven smiled and the gate of bestowal was opened to all in the kingdom of names. Upon Him be God's peace, blessings, mercy, favors, glory, splendor, bounty and grace, and upon His family and companions through whom the horizons of the heaven of divine knowledge shone forth upon all in the realm of possibility, the fragrance of unity was diffused among all religions, and through whom God's power and sovereignty were made manifest and the standards of His Cause were raised among His creation. These are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command.

Thereafter, thy letter which diffused the fragrance of love for the Best-Beloved of the worlds caused the breast to expand and adorned the heart with boundless joy. After its reading and perusal it was presented before His presence. He said: "O thou who holdest fast to the cord of divine knowledge! Heedlessness hath laid waste the world. The foundation of the word of unity is observed to be shaken

through the dissension and cawing of the polytheists. The banner of God's word hath been raised and planted at the highest station of the world for thirteen hundred years, yet now it hath inclined due to the transgressions of evil and wayward souls. By the life of God! These things have occurred only through the heedlessness and disobedience of the servants. Beseech ye God to assist the people of unity and purify them with the water of repentance and return, that all may turn with perfect unity and without hypocrisy toward the supreme horizon and seek relief from God, glorified be His majesty. He is the Generous One Who heareth and answereth the cry of the oppressed. Glory be to God! Until now they have not discovered the cause of these new developments. We beseech God to assist the distinguished divines to that which preserveth the radiant Faith. Every soul must arise to redress what hath been lost, for if this matter is, God forbid, delayed, the beasts of prey will seize and plunder what remaineth. This Wronged One beseecheth God, glorified be His majesty, to assist thee in that which causeth the fragrance of eternity to be diffused. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to make thee so firm, steadfast and upright that thou shalt see in existence naught save His manifestation, His signs, His power and His might." We seal these words with the remembrance of God's loved ones and chosen ones, that the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the Lord of all worlds, may be diffused thereby.

The End

God is witness and testimony that from the beginning of the ignition of the fire of oppression in those regions and other places, they beseeched God in utter helplessness to extinguish it, and they said: O servant present, this word will be answered only when people awaken from the sleep of heedlessness and arise to remedy what has passed. In any case, for the generous ones no task is difficult. Through God's grace and favor we have been and are hopeful that He will not deprive His servants of His infinite favors. Verily He has power over all things. That honored one has always been and continues to be remembered, and it is hoped that this favor will be the cause and means of exaltation, ascendancy and elevation. This is not difficult for God.

Regarding the journey of Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Muhammad, upon him be God's peace, they said the choice rests with that honored one himself - whenever wisdom requires it, he may proceed. Conveying mention and praise to the friends in that land is entrusted to that honored one. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The watermelon seeds that you sent arrived, and after your letter, permission for another steamer was granted to Haji, the emigrant traveler. This favor encompasses that honored one and him, for he is present by proxy and has attained representation and been blessed with pilgrimage. All this is from God's grace and mercy unto the Guardian of the hopeful ones and the Guardian of the sincere ones.

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[…] He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world with the light that hath shone forth, risen, gleamed and flashed from the horizon of Hijaz, and hath caused all in the regions to speak and proclaim that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the comprehension of all created things. Every mention boweth down before the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of His mention, and every understanding shrinketh before the dawning of the light of His knowledge. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His might, and sublime be His station! He it is Who sent forth the Messengers to exalt His Word, to manifest His commandments, to establish His laws, and revealed unto them the Books for the guidance of His servants and creation, until it culminated in the Book that distinguished between truth and falsehood, which was named the Furqan in the kingdom of utterance, and was made an enduring testimony for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. And the prayer that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness, and the peace that gleameth from the kingdom of grace and bounty, be upon him whom God made a support for those near unto Him, a sovereign for the monotheists, a shield for the sincere ones, a fortress for those who seek refuge, and a mercy to the worlds. Were it not for him, the decree of Divine Unity would not have been revealed and the standard of detachment would not have been raised. And upon his family and companions who conquered the lands through his name, aided the Cause of God by his command, and strove in the path of God with true striving until most lands were illumined with the light of unity.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand are the reins of all possible things! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom Thou didst adorn the firmaments of the heavens of Thy glory and illumined the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy creation, to send down from the clouds of Thy generosity that which will tranquilize the hearts of Thy servants and the hearts of those who have turned toward the horizon of Thy grace and favors. Thou seest, O my God, how tribulation and adversity have encompassed Thy dwellings and Thy lands. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, the mysteries of Thy Book, the Manifestations of Thy revelation, the Daysprings of Thy knowledge, the Sun of Thy grace, and the Ocean of Thy knowledge which surgeth before the eyes of the world, O Thou Who art the Lord of eternity, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones, then preserve them, O my God, from the evil of those who have risen to spread corruption and have kindled fire in the lands. O my God, Thou seest how the idolaters have encompassed those who believe in Thy unity; do Thou preserve them through Thy bounty and the arms of Thy power and might. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant received your letter and was gladdened by your mention and praise, and by what shone forth from the horizon of your sincerity toward God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and aid you in His remembrance and to preserve you from the evil of every oppressor who hath violated God's Covenant and His Testament.

As to what you wrote regarding Jinab-i-Haji Ali Baba, upon him be God's grace and bounty, praise be to God he has drunk from the cup of grace. Though it be but a small portion, the light that has appeared is itself evidence of the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and will surely show the straight path. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will assist him to turn with his whole being to the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit. His petition was presented before the Divine Presence and a

most mighty and holy Tablet was graciously revealed in reply, written in this servant's hand. I beseech God to confirm him and enable him to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with, for if one attains today to this supreme bounty, one has attained to all bounties - that is, those bounties that have existed from the beginning that has no beginning and will exist to the end that has no end. And if, God forbid, one remains heedless of this Cause, one will be deprived of all good things.

That the aforementioned personage attained to the mention of the Divine Purpose in his early days is clear evidence of the happiness stored within him, for many souls in distant lands have not yet attained to such special mention. Blessed be he!

As to what was written regarding the upheavals in that land, these are all fruits that have appeared from the trees of the deeds of the heedless ones. The enemies have surrounded the white faith [the Baha'i Faith] from all directions, yet no one perceives what is the cause and reason. May God grant justice that perchance they may arise to redress what has been lost.

Regarding movement, stillness and similar matters, these are contingent upon consultation. Whatever emerges from consultation, let it be acted upon with trust in God. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Presence, it was stated: "At present there is no preference for movement. Verily God is with the patient and those who trust in Him." End quote.

I convey greetings to all the friends and masters, and I beseech confirmation for all. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

The Servant

At the beginning of the honored month of Sha'ban 1301

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Glory!

Praise be to God Who has guided us and you to His straight path, Who has taught us that which preserves us from the accursed Satan, Who has aided us in His remembrance and praise, and Who has made known to us that which, through His abundant grace, draws us nigh unto Him. And blessings and peace be upon His Messengers and His chosen ones, through whom the rains were caused to fall, the fruits appeared, mysteries were unveiled, standards were raised, and banners were planted, and upon those who followed them with pure hearts for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

And now, your letter, which was in truth a book adorned with the ornament of love and affection, illumined the tablet of the heart and strengthened the realm of vision. Praise be to God that through the confirmation of the true Gardener, fine and desirable saplings have been planted. If their water depends upon the discussions and consultations of assemblies, it would be difficult to observe any fruit. However, God willing, there shall fall from the heaven of grace and the cloud of justice abundant and continuous rains without delay or hindrance. God willing, may they be successful in all matters. The Ancient Beauty

declares that all the friends must hearken with the ears of heart and soul to the counsels of the Wronged One and act according to them. The adornment of the world hath ever been, and will continue to be, the wisdom revealed in God's Book, and the adornment of man is through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. For wisdom, various meanings have been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Prophets. This is that wisdom of which He saith: "Whoso hath been given wisdom hath been given abundant good." All must fix their gaze upon it and hold fast unto it. It is the lamp of the world and the guide of nations. Were this station to be fully described, time and space would not suffice. Wisdom is the fear of God, exalted be His glory. However, today that which is beloved is to guard the tongue from that which causeth clamor to be raised, and to consort with all men with kindliness.

O 'Ali, O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Convey My greetings to the friends and say: God willing, may ye be dawning-places for the reformation of the world, adorned with praiseworthy characteristics, and in all conditions hold fast unto wisdom and depart not from it in your rising up, your sitting down, your speech, and your association with others. Wisdom is that by which man becometh beloved by all. O 'Ali! Care must be taken, for utterances of which people today are bereft of understanding and heedless have been and will be the cause of harm. Concealment is better than revelation, and silence is preferable to speech. Say to the loved ones: Hearken unto the counsels of the Wronged One and preserve them in such wise that forgetfulness may not seize them. Praise be to God that ye are enriched by the divine bounty and are occupied with His remembrance and praise.

From the blessed passages, Grace and Mercy are manifest and evident. No mention of this evanescent one is needed or necessary. Your letter was presented, and verily it caused joy and smiles to appear. It was as if a herald from the realm of freedom came unto the prison and gladdened its inhabitants with fresh fragrances and new utterances, offering the cup of joy and bestowing the chalice of delight. O how pleasant is your time, how pleasant your station, how pleasant your words, and how pleasant your deeds! God willing, may pleasantness be upon pleasantness, and joy upon joy.

However, regarding the wisdom that was mentioned, all the friends of God must truly hold fast unto it, for the people are unaware and heedless of the purpose. Therefore, one must speak words that bring tranquility to the servants and likewise cleave unto deeds that engender love.

As for what you wrote concerning the honored Mr. Siyyid Yahya, the spiritual companion Mr. Muhammad, and the beloved of the heart Mr. Ali Akbar, upon them be the Glory of God - all are gazing toward the direction of grace. These details were presented. All were previously mentioned, and after the presentation of this passage, each one was individually mentioned and showered with kindness. God willing, may all be assisted and succeed in that which God loves in all conditions. This evanescent one conveys greetings and praise to each one. God the All-Knowing is witness and testifier that they are before mine eyes. I beseech His exalted Self to send down upon your honor and upon them that which brings joy to the eyes and gladdens the hearts. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Muhammad Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented and a blessed tablet in this servant's handwriting was sent specifically for him. May God, exalted be His glory, guide those intervening souls who are the cause of obstruction and prevention. This evanescent

one sends greetings to Mulla Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may they be successful, and likewise to the aforementioned one and those with him.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O ’Ali! We have heard your call and have become aware of what lies within your heart of the love of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth; not an atom’s weight of the deeds of all created things escapes His knowledge. With Him is the mystery of the heavens and what is treasured in the vaults of earth, and what lies within the hearts of His unified servants. We have been with you at all times. At times you turned to holy glances when the attraction of the Cause took hold of you from the presence of One mighty and powerful, and at times you were heedless - such is the nature of man. Grieve not over this, but be in manifest joy, for your Lord has accepted what you have done in His love and heard what you spoke in His wondrous and new remembrance. When you were engaged in My remembrance, We were before your face and heard your words, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed are you for having fulfilled God’s Covenant, not breaking His pact, and not being among the idolaters.

Turn with your heart to the Qiblih of all horizons, then aid His Cause at all times and be not of the hesitant ones. Take the chalice of life and fear not the manifestations of Satan. Say “In the Name of God and by God,” then drink thereof by My leave, My command and My sovereignty, and fear not the hosts of the oppressors. Say: “By God, that which was never manifest in creation has been made manifest!” Then the tongue of grandeur speaks above My head saying, “Blessed be God Who has sent forth the Youth, then dispatched Him and caused Him to shine forth from the horizon of the Cause with evident sovereignty.”

Trust in God, then arise amidst the peoples of the earth and say: “O people! The proof has appeared and the Beauty of the All-Merciful has shone forth from the horizon of creation with a mighty adorning. O people! Fear God! This is He for Whose sake the Prophets and Messengers sacrificed themselves. This is He for Whose love ’Ali was suspended in the air and was struck by the bullets of hatred from the hosts of the deniers.” Say: “O people! Do you imagine that He gave up His spirit for His own sake or for your sakes? Woe unto you, O most lost ones! By God, He sacrificed Himself in My path and gave up His spirit for My decisive, mighty and wise Cause.”

Raise your heads from the slumber of passion, then turn to the Dayspring of eternity that you may witness the Sun of the remembrance of your Lord’s Most Exalted Name shining from the horizon of glory with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty. Be not of those who have distanced themselves from the shore of nearness and are among the bygone ones.

Say: “O people! Fear God and deny not Him upon Whom has befallen in God’s path what has befallen no one before, as you would testify were you to be fair. Have you not heard that when the Luminary of the horizons was in the region of Iraq, all the servants opposed Him, and in every moment the arrows of the wretched descended upon Him from the clouds of destiny while He stood between earth and heaven? At

times He turned His holy face to the peoples of the earth saying, ‘O people! The clouds have been rent asunder and the Lord of Lords has come with mighty sovereignty!’ And at times He addressed the people of the Gospel saying, ‘By God, He Who ascended to heaven has veritably descended and circles round the Youth, if you be of those who see!’ And once He addressed the people of the Furqan saying, ‘The Messenger of Muhammad has come from before with clear sovereignty!’

Turn then to the people of the Bayan and address them in the mystery of the line: Prepare yourselves, O people, for the Most Great Manifestation and purify your hearts from all doubts and allusions, for soon shall the Dwelling Place of verses be established upon the throne of names and attributes. For in that time the appointed hour of the Cause had not been fulfilled and the Face had not been unveiled, and We were behind a mighty veil. When the appointed time came, the fingers of divine power rent asunder the veil of concealment, and the Face shone forth from the horizon of glory and power, and the Tongue of God spoke amongst all worlds. Thereupon the pillars of all created things were shaken, and the feet of every soul did stumble, save those who had detached themselves from all things and had drunk from this Spring. Thus have We imparted unto thee from the wondrous melodies on this Night wherein the Ancient Beauty reclined upon the couch of sorrows by reason of that which befell Him from the manifestations of Satan. His tongue doth speak, His eyes do rain tears, and the Pen of the Cause lamenteth as it moveth before His face upon this luminous and holy Tablet. Say: O people, He hath appeared with the most wondrous melodies - will ye not be among those who perceive? Soon shall all that ye possess perish and ye shall return to your abode, wherein ye shall find for yourselves neither spring nor beloved. The melodies of God have been completed and His wondrous songs have ended in the paradise of this holy and wonderful Tablet. And the mercy that dawned from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon the people of Baha who are established upon the crimson ark and who traverse the sea of certitude.

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We send down from the Most Exalted Pen unto him who was named Haji Mulla Ali from among the people of Ta in the Book of Names. He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The first light that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of the mercy of our Lord, the Master of creation, and the first splendor that flashed and glowed from the dawning-place of the will of the Lord of the Throne and earth be upon thee, O thou who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when those who dwell in the realm of creation turned away from it. I testify that thou didst take hold of the Book of God with power from Him and might from His presence, and didst believe in it and hasten unto it until thou didst enter and present thyself at the Gate.

Thou art he who recognized the Dawning-Place of God’s Cause, the Source of His Revelation, the Manifestation of His Command, the Recipients of His Knowledge, the Fountainhead of His verses and the Wellspring of His proof. Blessed art thou for having drunk the Kawthar of meeting from the hands of bounty, and for having sought the shore of the sea of reunion in the end, and for having attained unto the Day wherein the mountains were set in motion and the Temple of the Manifestation was established upon the throne of His Name, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

God’s mercy be upon the servant who draweth nigh unto thee and standeth before thy grave and visiteth thee in accordance with what hath been sent down for thee from the Most Exalted Pen. And blessed is the servant who hath recognized thy station and remembered thy days and what befell thee in the path of God, thy Creator, thy Sovereign, thy Originator, thy Benefactor and thy Lord.

I testify that God’s decree was the most beloved of all things unto thee, and this is a station none have attained save those near ones and sincere ones whom God hath described in His perspicuous Book as honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command.

I testify that thou wert steadfast when the foundations of the world were shaken, and tranquil when the hearts of the nations were troubled, and calm when limbs trembled in fear of God’s Most Great Name. Thou art he whom the Call attracted when it was raised between earth and heaven, such that thou didst forsake the world and turn thy face toward the Countenance after the passing of all things.

[…] ascend to the highest summit, and after thy ascent the Supreme Pen hath revealed thy station and hath remembered thee in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall never be exhausted throughout the eternity of the most excellent names and sublime attributes. Thou art he who left his homeland for the love of God, Lord of the seen and unseen, and who departed from his house yearning to attain His presence, until thou didst surrender thy spirit in His love and good-pleasure. Peace be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thine end, thy outward and thine inward self, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the scratching of Thy Supreme Pen and the breezes of Thy Revelation, O Lord of the Kingdom of eternity, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy bounty, that Thou forgive me and my father and my mother and my kinsmen, and whosoever hath held fast unto the cord of Thy loving care and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord! The poor one hath stood before the gate of Thy riches, the sinful one hath hastened unto the dawning-place of Thy bestowal, seeking the wondrous gifts of Thy favors and grace. I beseech Thee, O God of the worlds and Object of the desire of them that are near unto Thee, by this grave and by him who lieth therein, that Thou disappoint me not of that which is with Thee. Write down, then, for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Then fulfill, O my God, my needs and whatsoever draweth me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all men, Master of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

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This sorrowful servant, seated in the land of grief, nourished by the essence of sorrow, drinking from the springs of sadness, rained upon by showers of anguish from the clouds of woe, and drenched by torrents of grief from the heavens of tribulation, calls out to you and all who are with you with a mournful voice, bidding you to act upon all that hath been inscribed in the testaments, both past and future. Be not deprived of the outpourings of the boundless breezes of mercy, and remain not distant from the rapturous melodies of the eternal Dove, for whatsoever hath appeared of the wondrous and manifold bounties shall pass away, and whatsoever melodious and delicate songs are heard shall vanish. Therefore, with pure striving and the essence of endeavor, walk ye upon the path of the exalted and glorious Living

One, and thereafter find repose upon the carpet of glory and the throne of power. Ere long shall ye drink the cup of evanescence from the hand of the cupbearer of eternity, and quaff the chalices of love from the hand of the celestial maiden. Make ye ready, that perchance ye may not waste the blessing of life and be accounted among the heedless. Strive then with utmost power, that haply some service may proceed from you that shall win the good-pleasure of the King of the realms of blindness and the Sovereign of light. I swear by God, Who hath seated this servant upon the throne of sorrow, that this station is greater than whatsoever existeth in the highest heavens and the lowest earth. Strive, while life endureth and ye have not yet departed from this mortal cage, that ye may not commit that which would be a cause of remorse and regret. This servant, despite all the afflictions ye have heard about–and verily none greater than these hath appeared in all creation–passeth not a moment without feeling shame and embarrassment before the holy countenances and the faces of the near ones, for no service hath proceeded from this sorrowful servant that might bring joy to Their presence. How fitting is this verse in this regard:

How can I lift my face in shame before my Friend,

When no worthy service from my hand did descend?

But I call upon the Intended One in this state wherein from the clouds of love the drops of yearning pour down as torrential rain, and from the winds of grace the breezes of tenderness flow forth in melting streams, while the cauldron of longing sings its melodies, and the dove of separation warbles its tunes, and the hoopoe of affection takes wing in flight, and the peacock of oneness arrays itself in splendor, and the owl of gloom trills its song, and the salamander burns in the fire of desire, and the fish in the ocean of love's radiance is submerged, while the heavens of union are lifted up and the stars of attainment are obscured, and the sun of manifestation is veiled and the light of emergence is concealed, and the earth of sorrow is spread wide and the tree of despair is planted firm, and the mountains of tranquility are crushed and the seas of concealment overflow, and the brilliance of hope is darkened, and the eye of the beloved waits expectantly - perchance the nightingale of faithfulness might sing upon the branches of the tree of extinction, and the nightingale of radiance might take wing among the boughs of the Lote-Tree of Sinai, and the leaf of the dove might warble upon the leaves of the tree of eternity, that haply the withered tree might bear fruit and the fallen Lote-Tree might be replanted, and the silenced nightingale might burst into song, and the wing-clipped hoopoe might soar to the holy heights, and the extinguished fire might blaze forth, and the stagnant stream might flow again, that we might be nourished from the cups of joy and delight, and taste the fruits of the tree of love, and gaze into the polished mirror. But God knows that at this moment such tears have rained from my eyes and such drops have streamed down my face like the rain of mercy that the sighs of my eyes have stopped the pen from moving and the flood of tears has prevented ink from marking the page. How excellent are these words:

My weeping makes Noah's flood seem but like my tears,

And the fire of Abraham is as my passion's burning;

Were it not for my sighs, my tears would drown me,

And were it not for my tears, my sighs would consume me;

Jacob's grief expressed not the least of my sorrow,

And all Job's afflictions are but a portion of my tribulation.

And if what afflicts Me were to befall the mountains, and were Mount Sinai to bear them before the Divine Manifestation, verily it would have crumbled to dust. Yet, despite all these tribulations and afflictions, these trials both hidden and manifest, I remain expectant and watchful for successive favors and manifest bounties, that perchance the Cup-Bearer of the Countenance of Glory might, from the crimson chalice, give Me to drink the wine of destiny, so that the hoopoe of sorrow might be gladdened by the fragrances from the city of Sheba, and become enchanted by the cooing of the Dove of Glory. Perchance this darkened mirror might be illumined by the Countenance of Beauty, and this blackened stone might be made to shine by the Face of Majesty. Haply this dejected heart might find solace, and this grieving soul might attain unto glad-tidings. Wherefore I say: There is no power nor strength except through God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We are God's, and unto Him shall we return.

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The mystery of the great reversal in the sign of the sovereign hath appeared. Blessed is he whom God hath aided to acknowledge the Six which were raised up by this Alif - verily he is of the sincere ones. These passages were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Mother Book hath spoken: O Lion! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Single! These expressions are found in a letter which Sheikh Ahmad Ahsa'i - upon him be the Glory of God - wrote to someone, and all its explicit statements, allusions, intimations and symbols refer to the Manifestation Himself. The purpose was to inform people and make them aware of the days when the Sun of Knowledge would rise from the horizon of Iraq. The Shaykhis inquired about the Sheikh's words, the beginning of which is adorned with these sublime words: "Verily, after the passing of the ALMS by the AMR, the Mahdi - peace be upon Him - shall arise…" until he said "The letter Waw consists of three letters making six, and Alif, and six, and six days have passed, and the Alif is the completion, and there is no more to be said, and how about the latter six days, otherwise the return would not occur" - referring to the blessed verse "ye shall return" because it is the secret of inversion for the symbol of the chief. The pronounced Waw has three letters - two Waws and one Alif in between. The meaning is that six days passed and ended, referring to the blessed verse in the Qur'an where He, exalted be He, says: "We created the heavens and the earth in six days." He states that heaven was rolled up like a scroll, and all that was with it, and likewise the earth. He speaks of elevated heavens in the Qur'an with their suns, moons and stars, which are the divines, mystics, laws and ordinances - all established by the Alif between two Waws. And if someone achieves recognition of the remaining six, meaning these new and wondrous heavens, the Cause is completed through the Proof - that is, he knows, acknowledges and recognizes the Proof, and the Most Great Name appears. And concerning His words "the secret of inversion for the symbol of the chief," this refers to the tradition "He maketh their highest to be their lowest, and their lowest to be their highest." Observe how the chiefs who occupied the highest station descended to the lowest station - this is the secret of inversion, and this inversion appeared from the symbols and intimations of the Chief. After the appearance of the blessed word "He" in the garment of "I," heaven was rolled up, the sun was darkened, the stars fell, and the earth

was cleft asunder. How many divines who considered themselves oceans of knowledge were, by the aforementioned word, returned to the worst of stations, nay, were brought to naught, and how many servants who were remembered in no gathering were, by virtue of their acceptance, reckoned among the denizens of the highest heaven. These are the leaves of the scrolls, the words of the Psalms, and the letters of the Book. The jewels of the world were extracted from the retort and alembic of wisdom and utterance, which is the Supreme Pen, by His command - and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

For a long time this Wronged One has not been inclined towards scholarly investigation, nor is He now, for in the early years such scholarly matters were discussed as would suffice. Now this brief exposition that hath been set forth was solely out of consideration for you. Know thou the bounty of thy Lord and render thanks unto Him at morn and eventide. The Shaykhis themselves have mentioned that when the departed and honored Haji Siyyid Kazim - upon him be the Glory of God - was asked about the elevated one, no answer was forthcoming, and likewise from other Shaykhis. And all acknowledged that were the meaning of these passages to become manifest, they would turn towards the Supreme Horizon. Nevertheless, they were seen to be as stones, having no movement, or as those struck down, as God the Exalted hath said: “And thou mightest have seen the people therein struck down as though they were the hollow trunks of palm-trees.” Beseech ye God to awaken the heedless ones, to guide the seekers unto their goal, and to not deprive His servants of this fragrance that hath perfumed the world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. His is the command, both in the past and in the future.

O Beloved of My heart! The door of fairness is shut and the path of justice is blocked. All are occupied with vain imaginings unworthy of mention, and are veiled from the light of the Sun of Revelation. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them! Nevertheless, since it hath been commanded that all hearts should show forth the utmost love and kindness unto all who dwell on earth, We therefore beseech the Exalted Lord in utter lowliness that He may guide His creation and hold them back from oppression and tyranny. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. In the Book of Isaiah - may my spirit be a sacrifice for all besides Him - there is a passage that hath previously testified to that which hath been expounded by the Most Exalted Pen concerning the meaning of the words of the revered Shaykh - upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God. He saith: “For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.” (Chapter 65, verse 17).

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He is God, exalted is He!

After completing the response to your numerous letters, two more communications dated the 29th of Sha’ban and 5th of Shawwal arrived, causing joy and gladness. Praise be to God that the fragrance of sincerity emanated from them. However, the response to the earlier letters was written five months ago, but its dispatch was delayed due to the turmoil in surrounding areas. Now that these two letters have arrived, the previous response has been connected and sent.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim of Manshad (upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory), and likewise your mention of the afflictions that befell him, all was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in response, blessed and exalted be His words:

That which befell the loved ones of Manshad is what befell the friends of God, exalted be His glory, in the first and last generations. There hath come upon them that which caused the Concourse on High to lament. Blessed are they! The Supreme Pen hath testified in their favor that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Thus hath the decree been ordained from God, the Lord of the worlds. There hath befallen Us in the Land of Ta and other lands that which is greater than what hath befallen them in this straight Path. We give thanks unto God in all conditions. Soon shall all that is in the world perish, and the sincere ones shall behold what hath been ordained for them in the highest Paradise as a recompense for what they have wrought in this Momentous Announcement. Sufficient unto them is the testimony of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, would that they knew. They should rejoice in what hath been sent down unto them from the Supreme Pen. Happy are they, and joy be unto them, for having drunk the cup of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names, Who hath come with a perspicuous Book and hath adorned each one of them with the ornament of forgiveness. And by virtue of what hath befallen them, God hath forgiven their fathers and mothers. This is yet another bounty from the presence of One Who is Forgiving, Generous. O My loved ones! Grieve not over anything. By My life! There hath been ordained for you that which shall bring joy to every discerning one who hath knowledge. The glory be upon you, and upon those who are with you, and upon your children and your families who have attained unto the recognition of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The mention of the divine friends from among the people of Manshad hath been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will in numerous places. They have attained unto that which shall endure as long as the kingdoms of earth and heaven shall last. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they.

Regarding your mention of the vision of Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim (upon him be the Glory of God), it was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the All-Knowing: The world of dreams has been and continues to be one of the realms of existence. Its details and mention have been revealed from the Supreme Pen in numerous Tablets. However, this dream and others like it that may cause harm and commotion in their expression and execution - acting upon them is not permitted, and indeed even their expression is not permitted. O Ibrahim! Today fix thy gaze upon the horizon of wisdom. Whatever is contrary [to divine law], acting upon it is forbidden. This is what the All-Wise hath decreed in His perspicuous Book. Dreams do not compare or equate with God's explicit ordinances. Set aside the dream and take what the All-Bestowing hath revealed in the Book. We have commanded wisdom for all in the Books, Scriptures, Psalms and Tablets, and have forbidden that which is contrary. Take what ye have been commanded and set aside what ye have been forbidden by the One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Praise the Intended One of the world that thou hast been blessed by His mention and confirmed in His knowledge. Strive that thou mayest be distinguished among humanity by spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. This is the counsel of the All-Knowing Counsellor unto thee and all the servants. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

As to thy request for forgiveness for thy departed father and others, it hath been granted. God hath forgiven them as a mercy and favor from His presence. He is verily the Forgiver, the Bountiful, the Generous. Regarding what thou didst write about blessing and abundance, be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance. The promise of blessing hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. God willing, it shall encompass all the friends. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Munificent, the Giver, the Compassionate. The names of all those mentioned in thy letter were presented at the Most Holy Court and were adorned with the ornament of Divine mention. God willing, may all speak and act as befitting and hold fast unto that which they ought. The relatives of the departed Aqa Siyyid Ja'far, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, are remembered at the Divine Threshold. This is glad tidings from the servant unto them. I convey greetings and salutations to all. The glory that shineth and gleameth be upon thee and upon every steadfast and unwavering knight whom God hath described aforetime: "No fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve." And praise be to God, the Possessor of all that was and that shall be. The Servant. The first of Safar [1300].

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Exalted is He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak in His remembrance and praise! Exalted is He Who hath revealed that which lay hidden within the pavilion of His Command and the tabernacle of His glory! Exalted is He Who hath taken the chalice of everlasting life and, with the fingers of bounty, hath offered it unto the peoples of creation! Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and taken hold of His Most Glorious Name, and hath drunk deep in remembrance of Him Who is sanctified above all mention! Exalted is He Who hath stood among His servants, at times speaking through His Most Beautiful Names, and at times through His Most Exalted Word! Exalted is he who hath hearkened unto His most sweet call and turned toward His Most Holy and Most Exalted Horizon, and hath heard from Him that which caused both Moses to tremble in the heights of Sinai and the Beloved to be transported on the night of His ascension when the lights of the Lord of Names were unveiled! We beseech God to aid the peoples of the earth to attain unto that which hath appeared and been made manifest through His sovereignty that overshadoweth both earth and heaven.

Thereafter, this evanescent one received thy letter, which was traced by the pen of love and affection and adorned with the mention of God, the Lord of creation. When I opened and read it, I turned toward the Dayspring of the Throne and laid before Him all that was written therein. Thereupon did the Ancient Beauty smile and speak that which would be as spirit unto the bodies of the world and as light unto regions which none save God, the Lord of all nations, hath discovered. He spoke, and His Word is the truth: "We have heard his call and turned toward him, and have answered him through this perspicuous Book which itself beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and which proclaimeth that He is indeed the Most Great Name." Thus hath the Pen of Revelation spoken, yet most of the people are heedless.

O servant! Rejoice and be glad that the gaze of thy Lord hath been directed toward thee, and that He hath sent down for thee that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. When thou attainest unto this bounty, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of

the worlds, and light be unto Thee, O Light of the worlds!" And concerning him who was named Aziz, blessed is he in that he hath been mentioned from before the Throne, and that the tongue of grandeur and glory hath been moved to make mention of him in this spot which hath been designated by the Most Beautiful Names and at times as the Most Great Prison. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My glorification unto him and say: Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and say:

"O Lord of all men! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, not to deprive me of that which lieth with Thee. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy righteous servants who have cast away the world and turned toward Thy most exalted horizon. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned with his whole being toward Thy countenance and hath clung to the hem of Thy bounty. Forgive me and have mercy upon me, for Thou art the best of them that show mercy and the best of them that give. And shouldst Thou chastise me, then every limb of my body would testify to Thy justice and to Thy favor. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

God willing, may you be blessed with the infinite favors of God, and adorned with the effulgence of the light of His countenance. Beseech ye the Almighty and Most High that He may render all successful in attaining this most great bounty and may guide them to the supreme horizon. O my brother! Although the horizon of the Manifestation is resplendent and illumined with the Sun of Divine Beauty, yet most men are seen to be bewildered and perplexed, nay, dead and lost. Most strange it is that they have not yet found the sweetness of the most pure wine, and have not attained to that exalted station of nearness which is the recognition of God. We beseech God that He may awaken those who slumber through the breezes of the dawn of God's Day, and bestow eternal life upon the dead through the outpourings of the ocean of His grace. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Giver, the Generous One. In every land a clamor hath been raised and will continue to be raised, for the Supreme Pen hath announced this in the Most Great Tablets and verses. Therefore must all take refuge in God, the Almighty and Most High, and hold fast to none but Him. This is the greatest bounty and the divine counsel recorded in all the Books. Today all friends must, in complete humility, submissiveness and utter servitude, summon the people to God without observing in themselves the slightest trace of life. By the Sun of the horizon of utterance! There is no station higher today than pure servitude, nor hath there ever been. We beseech God that all may attain thereunto and that the friends may fix their gaze upon this station. God guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the mention of the All-Merciful in the utmost joy and delight, and remember with highest praise all the masters, friends, and well-wishers on behalf of this evanescent one. God is witness and testifier that this evanescent one hath been and is at all times occupied with the remembrance of the friends of God, and it is hoped that they may manifest, with the utmost love and ardor, in this Day for which there hath not been nor shall be any likeness or equal, and be engaged in the praise and glorification of God. The Glory be upon you.

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The All-Sanctified, the Most Great, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious! All things proclaim that He Who is the Lord of Names is come, yet the people remain behind a clear veil. The seas have surged by virtue of that Most Great Name which hath appeared from the horizon of eternity, yet most of the people

remain fast asleep. The call of God hath been raised from the lofty Tree in the heart of Paradise, yet the people of creation remain in manifest remoteness. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Glorious, from the Ultimate Tree upraised upon the luminous Spot. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. Turn with your hearts unto the Best-Beloved, then take the chalices of life in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and drink therefrom in His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! This honor sufficeth you - that ye have drawn nigh unto the Best-Beloved while the people are in grievous loss, that ye have attained unto Him Who is the Purpose while they remain in grave delusion. Arise in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, amidst all creation in such wise that the sincere shall find in your faces the radiance of the All-Glorious. Thus doth this imprisoned Stranger command you. Do sorrows overtake you when ye behold yourselves beneath the shadow of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Knowing? God shall soon exalt you through the truth, inasmuch as ye have turned unto Him in days wherein the feet of all the world have slipped. They have clung to vain imaginings while ye have won the recognition of Him Who is known, when He Who is the Self-Subsisting appeared with His name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Did ye but know the measure of this bounty, ye would soar with longing in this subtle atmosphere. Blessed are ye for having heard, turned unto Him and said: “Here am I, O God of the worlds!” How many a mighty one was prevented, and how many a weak one was strengthened through His Name, the Powerful, the Almighty! How many a lofty one descended from his seat, and how many a lowly one was raised up through His Name, the Mighty, the Wise! Blessed be your faces, for ye have turned unto Him Who is the Intended One; blessed be your hearts for having borne the trust of the love of the Beloved; blessed be your ears for having heard His sweet and wondrous call. Beware lest the vain imaginings of them that have disbelieved in God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Informed, disturb you. Stand firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the gloom of glory nor the might of them that have turned away from the Fountain of nearness and are numbered with the heedless may shake you. We behold you in your station and hear your call. Verily, He is with His sincere servants. Your names have not been withheld from the Supreme Pen. By My life! It hath moved in your remembrance, and He Who speaketh in this remote station beareth witness unto this. He desireth him who hath desired Him and loveth him who hath loved Him, and His remembrance hath preceded all who remember.

Know ye that We are in the Most Great Prison between two factions among the nations, and there befalleth Us at all times that which hath not befallen any of the Messengers. Whereat the Dove hath lamented and the Beauty of the Ancient of Days hath mourned in the pavilion of grandeur. Thus doth your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, inform you. Can tribulation prevent Me from the remembrance of the Lord of Names? Nay, by the Creator of the heavens, if ye be of them that know! Arise to aid the Cause of your Lord as your Master hath arisen, in such wise that neither the greatness of the turbans nor the might of them that have wronged and are among the most lost shall prevent you. When ye desire to render aid, hold fast unto the cord of wisdom. Thus hath the All-Merciful commanded you in the Tablets. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. Unite in the Cause, for thereby are gladdened the hearts of the chosen ones and grieved the hearts of them that deny. Through unity will the Cause of your Lord, the Possessor of creation, become manifest. Blessed is he who hath held fast thereunto - he is assuredly among the triumphant. Let not the world and its conditions sadden you. All shall perish and there shall endure what hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom of your glorious and beauteous Lord. For him

that hath no helper, He is his Helper, and for him that hath no friend, He is the Friend of them that turn unto Him. Verily the Cause is in God's hands; He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O concourse of the righteous! When ye receive the Tablet of God, take it with hands of certitude, then read it with the spirit of joy and fragrance. Verily it will draw you nigh unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, and will aid you in that which your Ancient Master hath desired. Ye are in your homes while the Lord of the House remembereth you in the land of exile. Be ye thankful and be of them that remember. Ponder ye upon God's favor and His mercy. Verily He hath revealed unto you the verses in the prison after it was encompassed by the hosts of the oppressors. We have veiled that which hath befallen Us; were We to unveil it the trees would be overturned, the spirits would swoon, the rivers would cease to flow, the fruits would fall, the mountains would crumble, and they that are in the heavens and on earth would be sorely troubled. How wonderful are these tribulations that have descended in the path of God, and how wonderful are these hardships that have encompassed Me in the Cause of your Lord and the Lord of all worlds! Blessed is he who hath this day fulfilled God's covenant and His testament, and was of them that are guided. Blessed is he who hath been stirred by the breeze of God and was of them that are detached. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto God, the Most High, the Most Great, and was of them that are steadfast. Blessed is he who hath detached himself in the love of his Lord from all else beside Him, and was of them that are firm. Thus have We sent down unto you the verses; they are clear proofs unto all in the kingdom. May the glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Glorious be upon you, O loved ones of God, inasmuch as ye have turned unto the Qiblih of the horizons and were of them that are assured.

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Praise be befitting unto the Lord of all desires, Who, through His complete power, hath brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells of the ocean of knowledge, and through these two precious pearls hath bestowed perfect order upon the world and guided His servants to the realm of immortality. In all conditions His purpose hath been and is the exaltation, elevation and loftiness of the station of His creation, that all may attain unto that which shall assist and protect humanity throughout all worlds. At times He appeareth in the form of a lamp, and at others in the guise of an army. In truth these two are two banners, nay rather two pavilions - the station of rest and the seat of security have been and ever shall be beneath the shade of these two pavilions. Blessed is he who hath chosen therein a place for himself.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Desire and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by the Banner beneath whose shade, despite its loftiness and grandeur, the heaven itself doth dwell, that Thou aid Thy chosen ones and loved ones in a manner befitting the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. O Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine, detached from all save Thee and turning unto the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which he seeketh from Thy mighty grace and all-encompassing favor.

And now, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived like a flowing spring. We took it in the name of Truth and drank of its mention. Its fruit was joy and its effect was gladness. After its reading and perusal,

it was honored to be heard before His presence. Though the Temple be hidden from sight, yet his mention and name are present. Praise be to God, thou art favored with the Most Great Bounty and known by the name of the Peerless Beloved. We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before his face the gates of His mercy and make him a standard of His steadfastness among His creation. We ask Him to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and of all His worlds. Peace be upon him from Us, and upon those who follow him, and upon those who acknowledge the unity of God, His uniqueness, His grandeur and His sovereignty.

Glad tidings! On this night, which is the first of the honored month of Rajab, the letter from the honored and compassionate Ali Akbar, upon him be God's peace, arrived. His verses were both flowing and witty, and were presented in the gathering of the chosen ones. In truth, the fragrance of sincerity and love wafted from it. Likewise, in the presence, it was favored with the glances of grace. Each of his words bore witness to love and testified to submission and affection. Convey my greetings to him, and say: Previously you struck a river, now you have struck an ocean. Blessed be the people of your monastery who are intoxicated thereby! In truth, that wine which the poets have spoken of existed before the grapevine - they spoke the truth and right is on their side, for this wine is the wine of love, and by the testimony of God, exalted be His glory, love was the cause of creation. Not only was there no grape there, but there was not even the father of the grape.

We conclude these words at this time with the remembrance of our Purpose and His loved ones there, and We make mention of Qurratu'l-'Ayn 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, he is adorned with refinement and embellished with virtues. May he hold fast in all conditions to that which is befitting. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be unto the Lord of all desires, Who befitteth and deserveth it, Who hath given strength unto His loved ones, bestowed power upon them, and made them the cause of unity, harmony and the reformation of the world. Through them He hath united the hearts of His servants and raised the banner of His victory and the standard of His might. I pray and send salutations upon the first light that shone forth from the horizon of existence from the Educator of the seen and unseen, through Whom appeared the decree of unity among the peoples and the command of prayer at the most exalted station, and upon His family and companions whom God made the treasuries of His knowledge, the mines of His wisdom, and the repositories of His laws, and through whom were manifested God's dominion and power, His signs and His might.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived, removing all that caused sorrow and bestowing all that brought joy upon every element of body and being, hair and sinew and vein. Glory be to God! In the Tablet of Wisdom mention is made of the penetrating power of the Word. God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the elevated Seat, speaketh the truth. This servant beareth witness that the word of the loved ones courseth and floweth through and penetrateth all elements - how much more so the Most Exalted Word of God! This evanescent one is incapable of describing its effect and penetrating power. After its reading and perusal, he proceeded to the Most Great Shrine where it was presented before His countenance and attained the honor of His hearing. He said:

We beseech God to aid him in nurturing, reforming, and uniting. We ask God to assist him in all that he hath purposed for the betterment of His loved ones' affairs. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God! All that hath transpired hath been and is for the good, for there hath been no betrayal, waste, excess, or unseemly matters. The deed is clear and evident as the sun. We beseech God to bring about reformation. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of all the loved ones in that land and convey Our greetings. We beseech God to aid them all in patience, tranquility, and that which befitteth man's true station. In truth, the loved ones of that land are deserving of mention and favor. God willing, it hath reached and will reach them. Upon them be God's peace, mercy, favor, and kindness.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to 'Ali, upon him be God's peace and favor. We beseech God the Most High to strengthen him through His grace, to make him a standard of His remembrance, and to manifest through him that which shall endure as long as His names endure. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

This evanescent servant also begs to be remembered and greeted by him. Furthermore, let that beloved of the heart convey this evanescent one's greetings, praise, and mention in whatever manner is befitting. I beseech God to remove whatsoever hath caused separation and distance, and to waft the fragrance of meeting and reunion. Verily, He hath power over all things.

The letter of that beloved of the heart was a perfect example and comprehensive explanation. It is hoped that through God's grace - exalted be His glory - that which causeth joy and gladness to hearts and souls shall be made manifest. This evanescent servant is assured of the favors, but that beloved of the heart must, as commanded, carry out whatever he deemeth advisable. God willing, victory and triumph accompany that beloved one. Praise be to God, his steps are blessed and love and sincerity are present. In such case, divine assistance shall surely arrive and that which causeth reformation shall appear.

At this moment He spoke regarding the affairs of the Afnan, upon him be God's peace and favor. The command was given to consult, that Haji Mirza Hasan and Haji Muhammad, upon them be God's peace and favor, should be present and consult, and whatever resulteth from the consultation should be followed. Now too, that honored one should consider and consult whether that place or another place would be advisable according to the time, and act accordingly. In all cases, all must do that which is beloved and acceptable in God's presence. Upon their return, they should go there and convey greetings

from the Wronged One. I ask that He may grant thee success, strengthen thee, draw thee nigh, and cause thee to return unto Us. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. End.

Indeed, since His Holiness the Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, hath newly arrived in these parts, his satisfaction must be considered. This matter is essential. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God to aid all in that which He loveth and is pleased with. This evanescent one's request is that whatever that honored one deemeth advisable and conducive to joy and gladness, he should convey to the loved ones of that land on behalf of this servant. The glory, mention, and praise be upon your honor and upon God's sincere servants.

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In the Name of the One All-Knowing!

Praise be to the Beloved Who hath gathered together the peoples of the world through His blessed word "No imperfection canst thou see in the creation of the God of Mercy," and through another word hath made manifest the greatest differentiation. Through His Name was raised the banner "Verily I am God," and through His manifestation was revealed the meaning of "All things shall perish save His Face." He is the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. The might of the powerful hath not weakened Him, nor hath the majesty of princes rendered Him powerless. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Muhammad! The servant present hath made mention of all that was written to thee by him who beareth the name of H and S, upon him be My glory. Blessed is he, for he is among those who have taken the path unto Him Who occupieth the throne. They have been and are beneath the glances of God's loving-kindness. We have given him glad-tidings of this aforetime, and We give him glad-tidings in this noble Tablet. Likewise his petition reached the Most Holy Court through the Most Great Branch. Verily We have read and heard his call and the mention of his heart in the love of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, and We have answered him and will answer him with that which all the treasures of the world cannot equal. He is verily the Answerer, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God that they have attained unto the lights of the Throne and have realized the presence of God, which is the greatest of all deeds. This is a Day the description of which hath left the Pen of Creation powerless, and all the world was created for this Day. Nevertheless, none have understood save a few. Whosoever hath attained unto its understanding hath attained unto all that hath been revealed in the Books. The attention, mention, acceptance and desire of no one shall be lost. All are recorded and inscribed in God's Book. For each one hath been ordained that which would bewilder minds to mention.

God willing, ye have been and shall continue to be assisted. Thereafter the servant present laid before His presence another letter which Abuturab, upon him be My glory, had written to thee. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love was diffused from his letter. They have hearkened unto the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai and have recognized the divine Day from which most of the divines and mystics are veiled, and have attained unto the lights of the Sun of Revelation shining from the horizon of the heaven

of God's Tablet. God willing, may they be assisted in that which shall cause its mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath spoken that from which the fragrance of inner meanings hath been wafted among the people of utterance. Glory be upon him and upon those who have attained unto the sealed wine in the days of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

In the letter of him who beareth the name of H and S, upon him be My glory, mention was made of certain souls who have turned to God. We make mention of each one of them as a favor from Us and a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O ?akim! There hath come before the Wronged One a letter from one who loveth Us, wherein mention was made of thee. We make mention of thee that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, thou shouldst be so transported by the choice wine of the utterance of the Best-Beloved of all possibility that the might of the world would have no effect upon thee and the power of the nations would not render thee weak. Be thou occupied with the mention of the Truth through wisdom and utterance, that perchance the dead may attain unto life through the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of the All-Merciful, and the withered may be made fresh. This is the true springtime, inasmuch as the breezes of the mercy of the All-Merciful are wafting from the rose-garden of the Revelation. Blessed is the soul that hath been stirred by these spiritual breezes and hath quaffed from the cup of joy. God willing, mayest thou ever be the recipient of God's bounty and be enabled to make mention of Him.

As to what was written regarding the brother of the two martyrs, his petition was received and an answer was sent from the Most Holy Court. Were he to act in accordance with Our counsel, he would witness that which he hath never before seen. The glance of Our favor is directed towards him. God willing, may he be confirmed.

Likewise, mention was made in their letter of Mirza Ibn-i 'A.B. We make mention of him at this hour that he may rejoice in this wondrous remembrance. Blessed is he in that he hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon and hath attained unto this remembrance which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. We counsel him and those who have believed in that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His holy, mighty, and great Book. The glory of God rest upon him and upon them and upon thee from God, the Lord of all worlds.

We send Our greetings from this spot unto him who was named 'Ali-Qabli-Naqi, that he may rejoice in these greetings from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We make mention of him even as We mentioned him before, and of those who have believed in God in that place and turned towards Him when every heedless one turned away. We give him the glad-tidings of the passing away of all that they witness today and of the endurance of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the Ocean of Divine Knowledge hath surged before the faces of all religions! All praise, sanctified from the perception of all created things and the recognition of all contingent beings, befitteth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of Him, the Self-Subsisting, Who, single and alone, stood up before the faces of the world and gave unto all the Most Great Announcement. Through His steadfastness, the standard of "God doeth whatsoever He willeth" was raised aloft, and the banner of "Verily, there is none other God but Him" was unfurled in the most exalted station. Neither the hosts and legions of the world, nor the rancor and hatred of the nations, could deter Him from His purpose. With power and authority He broke the seal of the Choice Wine and summoned all to partake thereof, that they might drink of that for which they were created. Yet all arose in opposition, save whom God willed. The Truth, glorified be His majesty, in all His Books gave His servants the glad-tidings of the appearance of this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement. Blessed is the soul whom neither the veils of the divines nor the might of rulers prevented from the divine path, nor deprived of the ocean of utterance.

Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant was presented before the Wronged One. We perceived the fragrance of thy remembrance and utterance, and witnessed thy turning and devotion at that time. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and praise, and to make thee among those whom neither the blame of the blamer nor the clamor of him who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, could deter.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My raiment and attainest unto the choice wine of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thee and made me recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs, and caused me to hear the trilling of Thy Pen and guided me unto Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy Command that hath surrounded all contingent beings, and by Thy Name whereby every mouldering bone was quickened and every wise decree was manifested, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that the swords of the world shall not withhold me from drawing nigh unto Thy Most Great Name. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall be with me in every world of Thy worlds. Then protect me, O my God, from the suggestions of the faithless and the allusions of the cawers. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

As to what thou didst mention concerning thy brother Muhammad Ibrahim, We make mention of him at this moment as a token of the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. O Muhammad Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. He maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee to remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause, and to be trustworthy and chaste, and to act in such wise as to exalt the Cause of God amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Manifest Counsellor. Be not grieved by the oppression of the oppressors. Reflect upon the days of the Lord of the Messengers and the Seal of the Prophets, and likewise upon the days of the Spirit, the Son of Mary. There befell them that which caused the clouds to weep and the heavens to lament. Yet afterwards the lights of the Cause encompassed all regions. The names and traces of the idolaters all returned to nothingness, and the standard "There is none other God but He" was raised to the most exalted station. For every matter there

is an appointed time and a fixed term. When its term is come, it shall appear in truth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention also of thy other brother who was named Ghulam-Rida, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. O Ghulam! The Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of the grace of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Fix thy gaze upon Him at all times and place thy trust in Him in all matters, holding fast to the means. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. Praise be to God that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast attained unto the Most Great Word from God, the Lord of all beings. Know thou the station of this most great station and say: "My God, my God! Aid me to preserve this station, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere servants. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful." His honor the Trustee, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly made mention of thee and of his honor Aqa Muhammad Isma'il. Mention of the friends hath ever flowed from his pen. We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance, and We beseech for him from the heaven of grace and bounty that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, shall endure. And as to what thou didst mention concerning turning towards this direction, in these days the heedless are intervening and preventing the hapless people. We beseech God to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence and meeting Him. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey My greetings to the loved ones, that they may perchance take a path to Him Who occupieth the throne. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning towards the Supreme Horizon - they who have heard and have responded: "Here am I, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of them that have drawn nigh!"

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be sanctified above pen and ink unto the Lord of the Day of Reckoning, Who befittingly and worthily calleth out on that Day "Unto whom belongeth the Kingdom this Day?" and answereth by His own Self "Unto God, the One, the All-Compelling." He is the Omnipotent Who brought forth from a Point the Letter, and from the Letter the Word, and from the Word the books of the world. Glorified be His praise and exalted be His knowledge, transcendent be His station! And blessings and peace be upon His Messenger, and upon Him Who standeth firm in His Cause, Who gazeth toward His horizon, Who speaketh forth His commandments and ordinances, Who relateth His most excellent Names and most exalted Attributes, through Whom the celestial spheres revolve and the realm of dust is adorned, and upon His family and companions through whom God's victory and His Cause, God's sovereignty and His power were made manifest.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the Desire of my heart! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and didst distinguish the monotheists among the nations, to assist Thy servants who have acknowledged the Word of Unity and have recognized what Thou didst command them regarding the signs of detachment which testified to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which the tongue of Thy power hath uttered in the kingdom of Thy Cause. O Lord! Abandon them not

among Thy heedless servants. Aid them through Thy bounty and preserve them by Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Strong, the Powerful.

Furthermore, in these days all must hold fast unto the truth and be supplicants of His grace, beseeching that He protect the people of unity from the polytheists. This matter is binding upon all. May He change the weakness of this community into strength. He is the Able, the Powerful.

Your letter was received, and the fragrance of love wafted therefrom. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that He hath confirmed you in steadfastness and love. Were the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant life and were we to desire to offer thanks for but one of His bounties throughout the duration of His earthly and heavenly kingdom, we would have sought the impossible. Therefore do we grasp the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His generosity, that He may assist these weak and poor ones in that which is befitting and may enable them in such wise that this evanescent world may neither engage them nor deprive them of His good-pleasure. After reading and reviewing your letter, We proceeded to the Most Great Prison and details were presented. They said: "Praise be to God that they are occupied with the mention of God and are firm in His Cause. We beseech God that He may cause him to be steadfast in such wise that the calumnies of the corrupters and the whisperings of the atheists may not withhold him from God, exalted be His glory. O Muhammad-'Ali! Grieve not over anything. The sorrow and joy of the world are both transient. God willing, thou shalt be confirmed in that which altereth not and shall not be erased from the scroll of names. This Wronged One hath ever besought God, exalted be His glory, for the exaltation, elevation, tranquility and steadfastness of His loved ones. Assuredly His prayer is answered and His call shall receive response, now and in the future. He it is Who hath named Himself the All-Hearing, the Answering, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

You have ever been mentioned in the prison and continue to be. You should occupy yourself, with complete joy and radiance, and trusting in Him. Verily, He confirmeth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of strength, power and might, and He is the Exalted, the All-Choosing.

Concerning the matter of partnership about which they wrote, permission was first granted as previously explained, and now it has been referred to the honored Ism'u'llah [Name of God]. He will write you the details. All the gentlemen – may the Most Glorious Glory of God be upon them – have the utmost love for you. Their purpose in mentioning these matters is to protect wealth from the thieves and traitors of the world. For instance, when the honored Mulla Ali – may God's peace be upon him – received a sum of people's money in trust to sell in Aleppo and its surroundings, after arriving at his destination, divine decree overtook him and that true bird ascended on the wings of certitude. Immediately the people's money was seized, and the consul of Aleppo auctioned it off and disposed of it before news could reach its owners and they could claim their property. The actual money disappeared - where is trustworthiness? Where is religion? Where is truthfulness? Where is purity? All these have become as rare as the philosopher's stone, nay rather, non-existent. In any case, it is for this reason that they have written what they have written. It is quite clear and evident that whatever you possess, you consider it to be from God. This servant, with utmost humility and supplication, begs that at all times blessings may descend upon you from the heaven of bounty like a torrential rain. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. The sent fabric

arrived. You have always taken trouble and continue to do so. May God, exalted be His glory, grant you abundant reward. Verily, He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to that Desired One Who is worthy and befitting of all praise, Whose love is the cause of unity among all the peoples of the world, and servitude unto Whom is the cause of salvation. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Verily praise cannot reach the court of His might, and mention cannot attain the threshold of His sanctity. Whatever is composed of letters and expressed in words is created - how can it be worthy of the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One, Who hath created the world with a single word? In any case, since He hath commanded us to praise Him, we praise Him, and since He hath enjoined love, we attribute ourselves to Him in all conditions and seek from the ocean of His grace that which pleaseth Him.

Glory be unto Thee, O our God! Aid us to remember Thee and praise Thee, and to accomplish that which will improve the affairs of Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

Thereafter, thy letter arrived and was received. After it was read and understood, it was presented at the Holy Threshold, and He said:

O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! This Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, accepted countless afflictions for the unity of God's servants. How many nights in the prison of Tihran did He endure the cruelty of enemies. If ye were to count the tribulations of the Wronged One, ye could not reckon them. Repeatedly were We imprisoned and banished, and from land to land were We carried, until finally the prison of 'Akka was designated as Our abode. These fleeting days of the world have never been, nor are they now, worthy of any attention. Man must strive to prepare for God's infinite worlds and arise with complete determination to accomplish that which is pleasing to the Friend. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Praise be to God that thou hast been confirmed, and what thou hast written is correct and acceptable. Regarding Aqa Muhammad-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God, permission hath been granted, but his journey dependeth upon his own desire. As for thy temporary stay in that land, permission hath also been granted, but thou must observe wisdom. Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, also hath permission to set out, that is, to make the journey.

This servant seeketh from God that He may assist His loved ones in that which will cause the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. I convey greetings, praise, love and affection to Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and I say that deeds performed for God's sake will not remain nor ever shall remain concealed. A pure deed is like the spring rain - its effects are manifest and

evident. I beseech God to assist him in that which will transform the sorrows of that land into joy and delight, that the seeds of love, affection, unity and concord may sprout forth.

Praise be to God, he hath intended to make the journey, and this intention hath been accepted. After it was presented before Him, He said: “God willing, may he be assisted in that which is the cause and means of eternal salvation. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto that which most people are observed to be deprived of. Now he must strive, perchance he may become the cause of awakening those who sleep and the salvation of the heedless.” We beseech God to assist him to turn toward the Wronged One, that he may hear and see. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This Wronged One hath ever desired the good of God’s servants and commanded love, affection, kindness, unity and concord, and such deeds and character as would cause the manifestation of human perfections. God sufficeth as a witness.

God willing, may all be assisted and enabled to act according to that which hath been mentioned. This servant mentioneth in His presence that which would cause the light of unity to be acquired. Indeed, it hath been long since we have seen him. It would be most excellent if he would come, both to be freed from sorrows for a while and to attain the most great bounty. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist us in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

You wrote nothing about your spiritual friend, that spiritual youth, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. Wherever he may be, God’s favor hath been and is with him. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon him and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Holy, The Most Great, The Most Glorious

The remembrance of God to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through it the spirit of life was breathed into the world. Blessed are they who know. Verily it is the Lamp of God unto all who are in the worlds. When it issueth forth from the mouth of God the whole creation is perfumed with its fragrance, yet none can perceive it save those who have turned to His Countenance with manifest sincerity. At times thou seest it as fire among the righteous, and at times as water whereby God quickeneth every mouldering bone, and at times in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent it forth with truth and caused it to speak with verses that all within the heavens and earth cannot equal. Blessed are they who reflect! Say: If ye desire the Sun, behold, it hath appeared in its form and hath shone forth from the horizon of might and power with rays that have encompassed the worlds. From it all things draw their sustenance, and verily it is the Most Great Bounty unto all who are in the realm of possibility, yet the people are debarred therefrom by following their desires, save those who have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At times thou seest it as the surging ocean, and from each of its waves thou hearest: “This is He at Whose mention God’s scrolls

were sent down aforetime, and this is He Who was promised you in God's Tablets - the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Praised." And verily it is the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Blessed is he who dwelleth beneath its shade; he is indeed of those who have attained. Then doth the Tree lament what hath befallen it from the heedless ones, when the people stone it with the rocks of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily it speaketh the truth and calleth all unto God, the Mighty, the Peerless. They are barred by what they possess from what God possesseth. Fie upon them for having broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having followed every obstinate infidel! Is there anyone who will abandon prejudice and look with the eye of fairness? Nay, by My life! None shall attain thereunto save honored servants who have rent asunder the veils in the name of God, the Lord of Names, and have arisen among the people with this all-compelling Remembrance of what was and what is to come. Such is the station of the lions of possibility, not of the foxes of earth. Thus hath the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, spoken the truth. O My loved ones! By God, ye are the stars of the heaven of power. All good hath been created for you, did ye but know it. Grieve not for what hath escaped you. It behooveth everyone possessed of glory to serve you and circle round about you. How wonderful is this praiseworthy station! Subdue hearts through the name of the Best-Beloved and adorn your heads with the crown of the remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Leave carrion to the dogs and immerse yourselves in the ocean of detachment. Thus doth the Lord of creation command you. Blessed are the people who understand. Ponder the state of the people and what they possess, that thou mayest be assured that they wander distraught in the wilderness of error and are unaware. They acknowledge what was revealed aforetime yet fail to recognize it. Have they recognized the Resurrection and what hath appeared therein? Nay, by My Self, they are a blind people. They say the Bridge is true, and the Balance is true, and Paradise is true, and Hell is true, and the Hour is sure to come. Yet when thou questionest them about what they mention, thou findest them in the darkness of ignorance. Lo! They are the heedless ones. If thou asketh them about the Qa'im, they say He is in a known place. They speak that which causeth children to laugh, let alone those servants who have soared in the atmosphere of knowledge and are assured of God's signs. We have rent asunder those veils for the people of the Bayan and taught them what We desired through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Yet when We removed the veil from them, thou findest them in a greater veil than before. Lo! They are confounded! Among them are those who have attained the presence of God and His manifestation, and have drunk the choice wine of life in the name of their Lord, the All-Merciful, detached from every idolater and outcast. And among them are those who have clung to the fancies of the past and have been prevented by the contrived succession from Him by Whose finger the Preserved Tablet was inscribed. We see him more veiled than the followers of the Furqan. To this testifieth the Lord of Religions, but the people hear not. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who possesseth knowledge of all things, did ye but know. This is He Who, were He to rule on earth as in heaven, none would have the right to object, as attesteth He Who came with the truth through this Most Great Name. Say: O people, purify your hearts and ears from that which ye have heard from the followers of the Furqan. By God, they possessed naught but their own desires which appeared unto them thus. Thus did their souls entice them, and they were among the worshippers. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in the Cause, and the strong one who rendeth the veils asunder through the power of his Lord. He is indeed among the firmly rooted. Grieve not at what the idolaters say. Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth from the right hand of the luminous Spot: "This is My Beauty wherewith We have revealed

Ourselves unto all who are in the heavens and on earth." Were the breezes of God's Word to pass over thee, thou wouldst be so attracted that thou wouldst cast aside the people and all that they possess, calling out with this Most Great Name. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Tablet, turn with thy heart to the Kaaba of Glory and Power. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me through the tongue of the Wronged One while He was imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors.

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O Sabri Effendi!

He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven!

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath attained the presence of God and won His most sweet call and appeared before the Throne and toward whom was directed the gaze of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, and who circled round the Cause for successive years - to this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness in this glorious and beloved station. Grieve thou not over aught; that which shall gladden thy heart hath been ordained for thee. Verily thy Lord is the Giver, the Mighty, the Loving. Remember when thou didst attain Our presence before the Throne time and again and didst hear the call of the Wronged One in this exalted Stronghold. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee. Remember thy Lord, the Possessor of all names, at morn and eventide. He verily will protect thee in truth. He is, in truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Know then that thy letter hath come before Our face and hath won the gaze of Him by Whose name every witness and witnessed thing doth speak. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him and desireth him who desireth Him in His praiseworthy station. The Sun of Permission hath dawned from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Destiny, through Whose bidding the Greatest Vision appeared and every stone and clod did speak: "The Promised One is come and that which was recorded in the preserved tablet hath appeared."

The Most Exalted Pen declareth: Praise be to God that through divine favor thou didst abide for numbered years beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree, and now too the Sun of Permission shineth upon that which thou didst desire. He will verily aid thee in what He willeth. He is indeed the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou shouldst turn to the land of the All-Merciful with utmost joy and radiance and, according to thy capacity, occupy thyself with the mention and praise of the Beloved of the world, that perchance the slumbering may awaken and the dead be quickened by the living waters.

Say: O people of the world! The morn of hope hath dawned and the sun of knowledge shineth from the horizon of insight. While time remaineth, deprive not yourselves of the everlasting bounty and strive that ye may not be deprived of the spiritual waters in the divine days. Be not gladdened by the world and whatsoever is therein. By the life of God! Every treasure hath been and is the cause of sorrow, grief, and infinite regret. Never hath any transient thing been the cause of independence, nor shall it ever be. Ere long shall all be seen to be non-existent save what God, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous, hath ordained. God willing, thou shouldst speak of the love of God with utmost steadfastness, be occupied

with remembrance of the Peerless Friend, and conduct thyself with perfect wisdom. He will assuredly assist thee through His grace, and He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

The tribulations of this Wronged One in the horizons have been evident to thee. After successive years when the Ancient Beauty opened the prison gate through the key of power and turned toward the plain of Akka, how many vexations and matters that would waste the Cause of God arose, to such an extent that their mention is not permissible. Ask thou God to enable His loved ones to do what He loveth and pleaseth and to make them of those who move not except by His will, who cling to naught but His hem, and who speak naught but His beautiful praise.

Had this land been as God desired it, We would not have given thee permission to depart. However, since upheavals are observed both outwardly and inwardly therein, We have given thee permission to proceed to another land, that perchance some souls may become mindful and turn their gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon. He is verily the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have won this Cause and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

O thou who circlest round the Throne! Hearken unto the call from the realm of bounty - verily there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of thy mother who turned toward the direction of the Throne and sacrificed herself in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that she attained the presence of God and heard the call of her Lord when the Desired One was seated upon the throne of His mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not for her - verily she hath ascended unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Supreme Companion. He beareth witness to this, by Whose will all things move. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have crowned her with the crown of remembrance in this exalted station. All things shall perish save this remembrance which hath today flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and Power. Verily thy Lord is the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is she and blessed are they who remember her after her passing, and the splendor of God rest upon her from His presence, the Beloved of them that know.

We make mention of the loved ones of God in that land and We send Our greetings to their faces from this mighty and wondrous station. When thou seest them, give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My favors and My mercy that have encompassed all things great and small. Say: Ye are remembered before the Throne. Beware lest the signs of the world make you sorrowful. Remember your Lord, the Most Merciful, at morn and at eventide. The splendor of God be upon you and upon those who love you and make mention of you and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Mighty, the Eternal, the Self-Subsisting!

This is the Book which guideth unto righteousness. God hath made it a proof and a remembrance for all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no doubt therein. It hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One Who is All-Wise, All-Informed. Therein is that which guideth men to the paradise of

eternity and draweth them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Therein hath the Point of Knowledge been expounded and the words of God have appeared in a clear Arabic tongue. Thus do We set forth the verses for you and cast upon you that which will guide you unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Therein doth God command His servants to observe pure justice, and this is His grace unto all created things.

O people! Be guided by the guidance of God and follow not your desires, nor be ye of them that turn aside. Say: Verily the Morn of divine revelation hath breathed forth from the presence of One Who is exalted and great. Say: Verily the Sun hath shone forth from the presence of a mighty and powerful Sovereign. Beware that ye grieve not over anything, but rather rejoice with the joy of God and enter the holy paradise, a noble and glorious seat. Beware that ye think not evil of God and sell not the Joseph of Faith for a paltry price, but enter the Egypt of certitude in the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Know ye that God had servants before you who migrated with His chosen ones, and the idolaters gathered against them until matters reached such a pass that they strove with them until they were all slain and martyred in the ways of God, the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Among them is the true account of Husayn, when he departed from his home with his family and companions, as ye hear tell each day and hour. The hosts of unbelief surrounded them from every side and prevented them from returning to God's sacred sanctuary. The armies of infidelity rose against them and cut off all means of entry and exit. Ye have heard all this from these idolaters who exhort others but exhort not themselves, who mention God and His loved ones from the pulpits yet in their hearts are not among those who remember.

When matters grew severe for God's companions, they strove with their wealth and their lives to such a degree that the eyes of the Concourse on High were directed toward them and the angels drawn nigh were bewildered, until they sacrificed their souls and spirits in the path of their Lord. The ornaments of earthly dominion deterred them not, nor did love of anything hold them back. They hastened to God's good-pleasure with great joy. Their spirits ascended to the Supreme Companion and their eyes were solaced by beholding the lights in a holy and noble dwelling-place.

O company of emigrants! Ye have migrated in the paths of your Creator, yet no adversity or hardship hath touched you, nor hath the slightest harm befallen you. Ye have traversed paths of glory in this journey of yours, and the people have welcomed you in every land and accompanied you from every city until ye arrived at a glorious and resplendent spot. Beware lest your hearts be straitened. Waste not your right, nor count your faith as a favor to God. Rather, God bestoweth favor upon you in that He hath guided you unto Himself, granted you His presence, and chosen you from among all created things. Know ye that God hath ordained no station for anyone save in following His command, and this is indeed a mighty matter in God's presence. Apart from this, none shall be mentioned before God even should he rule over all beneath the sun. This is a certain truth.

If God should command any of the kings to sweep the threshold of the place wherein His Name is raised, this would be better for him than the sovereignty of the past and future. Verily His command is binding upon all His servants - this is His bounty unto them though He needeth them not, and He is indeed independent of all creation. Say: O people! Burn not the fruits of your deeds with the fire of your vain

imaginings, and be not among the veiled ones. Say: God hath reckoned up your fancies and whatsoever was in your hearts, and with Him lieth the knowledge of the hidden things of the heavens and earth, if ye be of them that are assured. O ye emigrants! Give thanks unto God, your Creator, and be not heedless of that wherewith God hath preferred you above His servants and guided you unto the path of mighty righteousness. Sanctify your souls and follow not your desires, nor walk in the footsteps of them unto whom God hath given no light. Follow instead him who hath come unto you with clear authority and reciteth unto you the verses in a wondrous, pleasing tongue. Know ye that God hath ordained for you that which He hath ordained for none before you, such that your names are mentioned in the company of all worlds. Can there be conceived in all creation any station greater than this? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Therefore rejoice within yourselves, then be patient in the Cause of God and in whatsoever befalleth you in His path, and be not of them that are perturbed. Ye shall find your deeds preserved with God in the Book wherein no deed of the doers shall be left unrecorded. Thus hath the Tablet been completed though the mysteries of the Pen are not exhausted, wherefore We say: We are content, O our Lord, with what Thou hast decreed and wilt decree, and We say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the Lord who is Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

The representation of this evanescent one before the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree - may my spirit be a sacrifice for their love - is that the blessed, radiant and manifest leaf from which wafted the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds, and from which emanated the perfume of the garment of the All-Glorious' affection, adorned with the name of His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H. - upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - reached this servant, this evanescent attendant. For some days His Holiness has departed from before the Throne to those regions, and since he was not present, it became incumbent upon this servant to respond to your letter on his behalf. Praise be to God that your letter became the cause of boundless joy and gladness. We beseech God to gladden the heart and ears at all times through the perusal of your noble letter and exalted discourse, for verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Several days ago when His Holiness Aqay-i-Ismu'llah was present, your letter which was written to him was sent to the Most Holy Court, and in response to certain passages therein, wondrous and sublime words were revealed from the heaven of divine will and dispatched. God willing, they will have reached you by now. Concerning what you wrote about the severity in the prison-city, that which was destined has come to pass, and praise be to God, in these days the fragrance of security has wafted, and the corruption, enmity and wickedness of those impure souls has become evident and manifest to most of the people of the city. Some of the prisoners have been released, and seven specified individuals spend most of their time with utmost joy and delight traversing the marketplaces and associating with the companions during the day, except that they return to prison at night. In brief, there has been and continues to be perfect ease and expansiveness, though the people of this city are by nature corrupt and hypocritical, as they are counted among the people of Syria. This is the utterance of His mighty grandeur where He says: "Its people are the most wicked of men and its land the best of lands, except for the lands

which God hath specially ordained by His command - verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." However, at this time they are quiescent.

Regarding what you wrote about sending copies of the sublime Tablets to the land of ?ad, it is evident that your honor has always girded up the loins of service and has made and will continue to make mighty efforts in spreading the verses and signs of God. Blessed are you and blessed is he who holds fast unto you in the love of God.

Concerning what you wrote about the loved ones in the land of Kha, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "It behooveth them to thank God for having caused them to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Self, the One Who dominates all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech Him to aid them to serve Him and to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily this is a mighty matter and a great bounty." End quote.

Regarding what you wrote about the son of that distinguished person, it was presented before the Throne. Verses have been revealed for them both that are unequaled by anyone in the kingdom, and the original revelation was sent.

Concerning what you mentioned about the base sinner and his return to hell, this is what God promised in the Book - verily our Lord is severe in punishment. For after that sublime Book was sent to him, the divine proof was completed against him from all directions, yet he remains in astonishing heedlessness. Therefore there was revealed unto him from the Kingdom of Power that which returned him to a wretched station. And regarding what was written about Haji Husayn and the deeds of that sinful one, upon him be the curse of God, it is evident that this smoke arises from that fire. However, in that detailed Tablet which was revealed to that sinful one himself, at its end a passage was revealed indicating that a soul from among that group would attain to the truth. In any case, each one acts according to his way, and that which befell Haji Husayn was in the path of God. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions. The details concerning him were presented before the Divine Throne. Expressions of loving-kindness have dawned and become manifest from the Dayspring of Divine mercy in relation to him, and it was stated that such known opposers have no need of teaching, for after the wondrous account We commanded all to observe supreme wisdom and to protect the accepted souls.

In any case, convey countless greetings from this evanescent servant to the aforementioned Haji and say that praise be to God that there befell you what befell the loved ones of God in this land. And further, it is requested that on behalf of this servant they convey wondrous and exalted greetings to each and every one of the Afnan of God and His loved ones. May my spirit be sacrificed for their love. We beseech God to assist me in mentioning them in His Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous, Most Pure, Most Mighty and Most Impregnable Court.

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He is the Mighty, the Witnessed One!

Glorified art Thou, O my Lord and my Beloved! I render thanks unto Thee for the wondrous favors of Thy oneness, which Thou hast caused to flow forth and hast sent down from the heaven of Thy holy Being. And we praise Thee, O my Heart's Desire, for that which Thou hast manifested of the gems of Thy bounty that have filled the pillars of the heavens and have encompassed and embraced all who dwell within the realms of contingent beings. And for that which the Dayspring of Thy power have brought forth from the most exalted station - the station of the throne of Thy grandeur - until its manifestations reached the lands of Thy creation, whereby the waves of the ocean of Thy oneness surged in all things, and from all things flowed forth the streams of Thy singular bounty.

By Thy might, O my God! Thy favors have attained such heights that no point can be seen in Thy kingdom but that from it have been detailed the mysteries of the wisdom of the sovereignty of Thy Lordship, and no speck of dust can be found but that it testifies of itself, by itself, to Thy unity through that which hath shone upon it from the effulgences of the lights of Thy oneness. And since such is the condition of Thy creation, how can anyone attain unto Thee or describe Thy beauty?

Therefore do I bear witness before Thee, and call to witness the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the dwellers of the pavilions of eternity, that Thou hast ever been sanctified above the description of all contingent beings and wilt ever remain hallowed beyond the mention of all created things. All eyes are fixed upon the dawning of the lights of the beauty of Thy handiwork whereby Thou hast created all beings, all minds are bewildered before the signs of Thy majesty whereby Thou hast encompassed all things visible, all souls are thunderstruck before the manifestations of Thy self-subsistence whereby Thou hast revealed all things mentioned.

All this, O my God, is but of the wondrous gifts Thou hast bestowed upon the people of Thy kingdom and the gems of Thy bounty upon Thy creatures, without being asked. How then, O my God, when one of Thy servants asks of Thee or one of Thy bondsmen seeks from Thee? May the self that would ask of Thee that which befitteth not Thy station be nonexistent, and may the being that would seek from Thee that which is unworthy of Thy presence be no more!

By Thy might, O my Beloved! He who hath drunk the wine of Thy beauty will hope for naught save meeting Thee, and he who hath attained unto the remembrance of Thy love will find no rest save in reunion with Thee, and he who hath tasted the sweetness of Thy nearness, how can he be patient in Thy remoteness and separation? Nay, by Thy might! The hearts of the lovers will find no peace save in the precincts of Thy mercy, and the souls of the yearning ones will find no rest save beneath the shade of Thy providence.

Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my Lord, my God, my Object of worship, my One before Whom I prostrate, the Beloved of my heart and the Physician of my soul! I have ever wished to extol the wondrous praise of Thee, yet have found myself powerless to do so, for I observe that my praise is but a sign of Thy eternal handiwork, no more than the buzzing of a bee in the wilderness of Thy power, or the chirping of an ant in the desert of Thy might and sovereignty. How then can my praise ascend to the heaven of Thy holy mercy whereunto the hearts of none of Thy chosen ones have soared? And how can my description reach that station which the minds of none of Thy near ones have attained?

Yet, O my God, when I observe that the praise which floweth from my pen, or issueth from my tongue, or is manifested in my works, is naught but from the wondrous tokens of Thy supreme power and can only be realized through the gems of Thy most great handiwork, then is my heart assured, my being gladdened, and my reality made joyful, for Thy handiwork is naught but a mirror of Thy beauty, and in Thy deed naught can be seen save the lights of the glory of Thy Being and Thy majesty. For were any imperfection […] from deficiency or flaw must needs return unto its Creator and testifieth to its Originator. Far, far be it from me to behold in Thy handiwork aught save the effulgent splendors of Thine unity, or to see therein aught except the treasuries of Thy holy wisdom. Whatsoever proceedeth from me or floweth from my pen can only be through Thy power and might, and whatsoever is prompted by Thy will and manifested by Thy strength. How could it be befitting to the sovereignty of Thine essence or worthy of the court of Thy glorious dominion? Nay, by Thy resplendent beauty, all that cometh from Thee befitteth Thy presence and is worthy of Thy beauty. This is of the certitude wherewith Thou didst create me and establish me in the kingdom of Thy creation and the dominion of Thy command. Therefore, O my God, were all that I have mentioned in this luminous, radiant Tablet to be reckoned as a single letter, it would contain all that beseemeth Thy station and glory - a truth beyond all doubt, for verily Thou art its Manifestor, Creator, Originator, Maker, and Fashioner. Since this is so, I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst cool the fire in the hearts of them that love Thee, and through which the breezes of reunion wafted over the hearts of Thy loved ones, to aid those who have sought shelter beneath the Sadratu'l-Muntaha in the vicinity of Thy Most Exalted Name. Then raise them up through Thy most sublime exaltation, and turn them toward the shore of eternity, and sanctify them from all that existeth in the realm of creation. Then gather them, O my God, before Thee at the appearance of Thy beauty in Thy final Manifestation, for verily Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O Name of Generosity! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of existence. Thou didst send the letter from Ali Haydar, upon him be my glory. The Most Great Branch presented it before the Presence and it was honored to be heard. Praise be to God that the aforementioned one hath been assisted to serve the Cause - a great success indeed. Say: My God, my God! Aid him who hath turned unto Thee and discovered the fragrances of Revelation in Thy days, and who hath been so intoxicated by the choice-sealed wine that he hath cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Illumine his heart with the light of Thy knowledge in such wise that the horizons may be illumined thereby. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Day of Mutual Disillusion. O Lord! Thou seest him standing in service to Thee, gazing toward Thy horizon, hoping for that which lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacles of Thy grandeur and that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Command, to ordain for him that which shall profit him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Name of Generosity! Convey greetings from the Wronged One and give him the glad-tidings of the appearance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. He hath ever been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. As for what was mentioned concerning Mirza Ali Akbar and Mirza Muhammad, upon them be the Glory of God, it was honored to be heard. We make mention of them both that perchance the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names, may draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon and grant them the good of this world and the next. There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

O Ali before Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the prison and calleth thee to God, the Lord of the worlds. Cast aside the suspicions and idle fancies of men and take hold of that which thou art commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: By God! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by the Day-star of certitude. Come ye, come ye, O people of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day which the Point of the Bayan foretold, and before Him Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God. Say: The Mother Book hath appeared, would ye but hear, and the Sovereign of utterance hath come, would ye but perceive. Take hold of the Tablet of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and remind the people of that which hath been revealed therein from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: Fear ye God, then judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of those who understand not. The ocean of knowledge hath surged in the contingent world and the river of mercy hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. This is the Day whereon the Herald hath called out from every direction and the Cry hath been raised in truth, yet most of the people do not understand. Thus hath the heaven of knowledge revealed its stars and the sea of utterance its waves. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of them who have recognized Thee!”

We make mention of Muhammad who was mentioned in the book of one who loved Me and arose to serve My mighty Cause. O Muhammad! By God! The promise hath come to pass and this is the Day whereon men have stood before the Lord of the worlds. We were foretold of it by Him Who conversed with God aforetime. Bring forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God. Say: The Day hath come and He Who conversed on Sinai speaketh: Verily there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Behold, then mention what the people of the Furqan committed when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. The divines and doctors of the earth turned away from Him and pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice as caused the denizens of the Kingdom and the dwellers of the Realm of Might to lament. Say: My God, my God! The fragrance of Thy raiment hath been diffused throughout Thy realms and the tokens of Thy greatness have been spread abroad throughout Thy lands. By Thy glory, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations! The breezes of Thy Revelation have so carried me away that I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, O Thou Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy Command that which Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who attained unto the Greater Steadfastness in such wise that the oppression of the world did not deter them, and they arose and proclaimed: “The Sovereign Lord hath come! The Kingdom is God’s, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!”

O my Lord! Disappoint me not through Thy bounty, nor debar me from the oceans of Thy mercy and the rain of Thy grace. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches. I beseech Thee to assist him to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali Haydar! Rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord. The Tablet began with the name of the All-Bountiful - upon Him be My glory - and ended with thy name - upon thee be the glory of God and His favors. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee through the means of the seen and the unseen, and to enable thee to achieve that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Kind. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and the Kawthar of proof through My remembrance, the Inevitable, and the Salsabil of certitude through My beautiful praise.

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O Jinab-i-Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God!

In His Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

O my God! There hath come before Thee from Thy servant a letter wherein he hath acknowledged Thy unity and confessed Thy oneness, and hath sought pardon from the ocean of Thy bounty and Thy favors for himself and for others among Thy loved ones. O Lord! Sprinkle upon them from the oceans of Thy bounty and Thy gifts that which shall purify them from the mention of aught else but Thee and shall sanctify them from beholding aught except Thyself, and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance which hath shone forth from Thy most exalted horizon and hath illumined the earth and heaven. Then cause them to drink from the Kawthar of immortality through the hands of grace and bestowal in this Dawn whereby the horizon of divine knowledge hath been illumined and the Day-Star of certitude hath appeared, that they may witness the sanctity of Thy Being from all peers and the exemption of Thine Essence from all likeness. O Lord! Clothe them with the robes of Thy forgiveness and adorn them with that which Thou hast willed in Thy days. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. Thou givest and Thou withholdest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

I beseech Thee, O Lord my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, and through which Thy sealed wine was unsealed for the people of creation, to aid Thy servant Javad to exalt Thy Word in Thy kingdom, whereby hearts may be drawn to the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Source of Thy inspiration, and whereby the denizens of the graves may hasten to the Manifestation of the appearance of the light of Thy Being and the Source of the revelation of the fire of the Tree of Thy Divinity. Then rend asunder through him the veils of imitation, that the Sun of divine unity may appear to all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven. O Lord! Thou knowest that I have desired naught save what Thou hast desired, and have spoken naught save what Thou hast inspired me through Thy bounty and favor. I have arisen by Thy power to promote Thy Cause and have summoned all to the heaven of Thy knowledge

and the ocean of Thy grace, in such wise that neither the oppression of kings hath deterred me from Thy remembrance and praise, nor the clamor of the peoples from describing Thee and revealing Thy Cause. I have openly conveyed unto them that which Thou didst command. Praise be unto Thee for having made me the guardian over Thy creation and creatures in such wise that the might of the oppressors and the power of the tyrants hath not weakened me. I have manifested Thy all-compelling Will and Thy all-encompassing Purpose, and have revealed that which lay hidden in Thy recorded scriptures and Thy revealed tablets. Praise be unto Thee–praise whereby the sincere ones may soar to the most exalted heights and the near ones to the Uttermost Tree. And praise be unto Thee–praise whereby Thy traces shall be established and Thy laws shall be manifested. And praise be unto Thee in whatsoever Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou pleasest.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O my God, to enable my loved ones to arise to serve Thy Cause and to aid Thy Faith. Verily, Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all things possible have borne witness. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command that prevaileth over the worlds. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In His Name, Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance.

Verily We desired to set forth the verses unto thee in yet another setting, for He is indeed the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing, that the fragrances of revelation might draw thee in such wise that thou mayest arise amidst all creation in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of invention, and point with thy right hand toward the East and proclaim: “By God! The Dayspring of divine knowledge hath shed its radiance!” and with thy left hand rend asunder the veils of the peoples of the West through this Name whereby the idols were struck down and religions were shaken. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for God. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet whereby the breezes of divine knowledge have wafted and the fragrances of forgiveness have been diffused throughout all possibility. We beseech God to aid thee in His service in such wise that thou mayest rend asunder the veils of men and summon them unto sanctity and detachment and unto deeds that befit the days of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Verily, when We arrived at the Most Great Prison, We once again summoned the Manifestations of power unto God, the Revealer of verses. The world so deluded them that they cast behind them that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of Names, and took that which would lead them back to the fire. Soon shall they know that which hath escaped them in the Cause of God, and shall lament their lot. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of love and knowledge, and rising from the horizon of utterance with such remembrance as shall attract the minds and cause bodies to take wing. Say: O people! The Salsabil hath flowed and the seal of the choice wine hath been broken. Turn ye, then drink in the name of Him Who is the Overlord of all existence. Beware lest the clamor of the idolaters prevent thee or the might of the wicked frighten thee. Remember God with joy and fragrance, and with the wisdom We have sent down from the heaven of revelation and inspiration, that through thy remembrance every slumberer may arise, every heedless one may turn, and every hesitant doubter may hasten. Thus hath the Dove warbled and the Cock of Paradise crowed, that thy heart may rejoice and thou mayest aid thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. We had previously sent down unto thee a Tablet in the

Persian tongue most sweet, and following the arrival of thy letter, this Tablet in the most eloquent language, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Day wherein all things have proclaimed: “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Cleaver of the daybreak!”

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The friends of God in Lahijan

He is the All-Hearing in His Most Luminous Station

O friends of God in Lahijan! The Wronged One hath appeared before the Wronged One and hath mentioned you purely for the sake of My Face, the Mighty, the Beloved. We make mention of you as a token of Our grace and a mercy from Our presence, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned you before in that whereby your names shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

O Asadu’llah! Hearken unto the call from the direction of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all creation. He, verily, draweth thee nigh unto the Lord of the Throne, as doth testify the Mother Book on this promised Day. Mine enemies have inflicted upon My loved ones such wrongs as have caused the Pen to lament and the Tablet to cry out before the face of God, the Sovereign of all the kingdoms of existence. Recite the verses of thy Lord - they shall draw thee to a station wherein the Herald hath proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of existence and of all the hosts.” Beware lest the oppression of the enemies prevent thee from drawing nigh unto the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Leave them to their vain imaginings and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Blessed is My servant who was named Muhammad-i-Sadiq. We testify that he was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the One Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. We made mention of him before in a Tablet from whose horizon shone forth the light of My loving-kindness, as doth testify My inscribed Tablet. The glory from Us be upon him and upon thee and upon thy mother and upon thy kindred and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from drawing nigh unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Renowned.

O Asadu’llah! Thy name hath appeared before the Face, and We have revealed unto thee this perspicuous Tablet that thou mayest rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance and render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away transgression and wickedness and taken hold of righteousness and godliness, as bidden by the Ancient Commander. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. Joy be to him who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. We have mentioned thy father who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion with a remembrance whereby have been enraptured the hearts of them that know. The glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those whom God hath related unto thee, from God, the Forgiving, the Generous. We have mentioned each one of them, both men and women, with that whereby the eyes of them that know have been solaced.

O Abu-Turab! The All-Bestower hath come at the final return, yet the people are in doubt and schism. The light hath shone forth through that which the Speaker of the Mount hath uttered, yet most of the people remain heedless and turned away. Their pride hath held them back from the Sovereign of the Manifestation, and their vain imaginings have veiled them from turning unto the Dayspring of certitude. We make mention of thy son who was named Taqi and give him the glad-tidings of My grace and loving-kindness and the light of My bounty whereby the horizons have been illumined.

O Abd-i-Azim! The Lord of the Day of Judgment maketh mention of thee on this manifest Day with a remembrance whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all possibility. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy manifestation while the people were in darkness and error. I beseech from the heaven of Thy grace that which beseemeth Thy bounty, for Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. His be the praise and glory for having aided His loved ones to turn towards Him and for having sent down unto them that which shall endure throughout ages and centuries.

O Muhammad-i-Ibrahim! He Who was named Muhammad-i-Ali, who circled round the Throne time and again and appeared before the Face at eventide and at dawn, maketh mention of thee. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto God for having aided thee in a Cause from which the servants were held back on the Day of Return. We have mentioned the friends of God before and after, and We shall continue to mention them despite every ignorant deceiver.

O Ghulam-i-Qabli-Husayn! After thy departure from that great city, a fire of malice was ignited therein. The oppressor hath ripped open the she-camel of trustworthiness, devoured the sheep of equity, stung the temple of truthfulness, and committed that which hath caused the pens to lament. He cast truthfulness behind him, clinging to the delusions of his own self. Thus did his soul prompt him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The Most Great Law hath wailed, and tears have flowed from the eyes of the faithful at morn and at eventide. He hath violated My sanctity after We had honored him among the servants, turned away from the Wronged One after We had made him a dawning-place for companions, united with God's enemy in causing Me harm, and together they have committed that which hath caused the temple of justice to swoon and the limbs of the chosen ones in the Most Exalted Paradise to quake. They have wrought that which the Pen is powerless to recount and which the Tablets cannot bear. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour, as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward him who is named Sadiq, then give him to drink of what hath flowed from thee from the Euphrates of loving-kindness and favor. O Sadiq! Verily truthfulness lamenteth and weepeth, and at this moment, beneath the claws of the calumniators, it crieth out saying:

My God, my God! Deliver me through Thy bounty and save me through Thy grace. O Lord! Thou seest how the liar hath wronged me and imprisoned me in the jail of self and passion. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being, by Thy power that hath encompassed the world and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all peoples, to deliver me. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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O thou who gazest upon the countenance! At this time thy letter was presented by G.A., and We made mention of thee with that which diffused the fragrance of love and affection. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the door of His blessing and grace, and to make thee a standard of His mention among His creatures. Ask thou God to open the vision of His servants and to make them among the people of justice and fairness. Blessed art thou! He is with thee under all conditions, and aideth whomsoever cleaveth unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Samandar! The Most Great Branch hath made mention of thee at this time and brought thy letter into Our presence. We hearkened unto it. Praise be to God that thy manifest and hidden call is raised for the exaltation of the Word. This is of God's grace upon thee. Thy recompense hath not been and shall not be lost, and whatsoever thou hast wrought in God's path hath been recorded in the Book and is preserved from change, alteration and obliteration.

Rejoice thou with this glad tiding: Previously, petitions and letters arrived from that region at the Most Holy Court. The Supreme Pen paused in reply until now. From every direction petitions and letters arrive continuously while time is scarce. However, God willing, in these days answers shall descend from the heaven of loving-kindness and be dispatched. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. The letter of Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, which he wrote to the servant present, arrived and in these days a reply shall be sent. We have made mention and continue to make mention of Javad, Khalil, their nephew and all other loved ones. Praise be to God, each has attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen, and mention of all hath repeatedly been made and continueth to be made in the Most Great Scene. Upon them be the glory of God, His loving-kindness, God's grace and His mercy.

The letter of Darbaghi, upon him be the glory of God, which was sent in the name of Jud, was presented at the Most Holy Court and was seen. Mention was made of a group in that leaf, and at the time of its presentation, the Euphrates of divine mercy was flowing and the rains of grace were pouring down. We beseech God to assist them in deeds which draw them nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Today the faithful must be occupied with the standard of godliness, the banner of detachment, and the hosts of wisdom and utterance in aid of the Cause of the Desired One of the worlds. O Samandar! The Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze in such wise that the worlds of knowledge are powerless to comprehend it; yet the people remain cold. Say: Most of the servants are wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Where is the arm of Thy power, O Desired One of the worlds? And Thou seest them in the desert of hopelessness and error. Where are the breezes of Thy grace, O Deliverer of the worlds?

O Samandar! I complain unto thee of those who attribute themselves to the Wronged One yet perpetrate that which causeth My heart, My pen, and My limbs to lament. Today it hath become clear and evident to most that God's decree in the Scriptures, Books and Tablets is sanctification and detachment. Some in cities and regions have committed that which causeth the limbs of justice to quake and the heart of equity to be troubled. The loved ones of that land must beseech God and supplicate for justice and fairness for those souls. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. By God's life! The wrongs suffered by this

Wronged One are beyond reckoning. Every fair-minded person and every discerning scholar beareth witness to this.

Mention was made of his honor Yun Kha, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God that they became aware of that which most of the people of the world are heedless, and turned towards a Cause from which all have turned aside save those whom God willed, and hearkened unto that for which ears were specially created from nothingness. They should render thanksgiving unto God, exalted be His glory, throughout the days and nights.

As to permission for the aforementioned one and two others, there hath never been any doubt that this Revelation hath loved and continues to love the presence of the friends, and seeketh for them the bounty of nearness and meeting, and the feast of revelation and witnessing. However, in this land, following the clamor raised by the previous governor, some discussion hath arisen, as hath been revealed in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen. We have therefore withheld permission for the friends, except for those souls who had previously been blessed with the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of permission. Now, should wisdom require it, they may proceed; otherwise, God shall record for them the reward of attaining His presence in His decisive and perspicuous Book. Give him My greetings and remind him of that which hath been revealed by My Most Exalted Pen in this lofty station which hath been designated as the Most Great Prison by the Ancient Commander. The Glory which proceedeth from Us be upon thee and upon those whose names thou didst mention, for whom the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, were revealed from the Pen of Command, and upon those women who have believed in the All-Informed Single One and have held fast unto the handle of purity and have attained unto that which was revealed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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Tablet of Visitation for the Martyrs of the Land of Ya

In My Name, the Sorrowful, the Joyous

O Most Exalted Pen! The greatest calamity hath come to pass, whereby the hearts of the chosen ones have melted, all things have lamented, and the dwellers of the cities of names have wailed. Say: The resplendent Light from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, and the Spirit whereby God quickened the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, and the Peace which God made the glory of Islam, and the manifest and radiant Prayer from the horizon of God’s will, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, be upon you, O Dawning-places of glory and bounty, O Daysprings of detachment in creation, and Sources of beneficence throughout all regions.

I testify that through your remembrance, the hearts of lovers were attracted, and through the ascension of your spirits the decree of unity and concord was made manifest on the Day of the Covenant, the Concourse on High was made joyful, and through the light of your faces the cities of glory and splendor were illumined. I testify that by your calamity the rock cried out, the great cry was raised, and tears flowed from the people of the depths of oneness. I testify that by you and the light of your steadfastness

was adorned the brocade of the Book of Faithfulness in the mortal realm of creation, and by your suffering the heart of Baha lamented, His Most Exalted Pen cried out, and the outpouring from the clouds of grace and bounty was cut off.

Alas, alas, O Treasures of faithfulness! Alas, alas, O Dawning-places of light in the heaven of praise and remembrance! Through your calamity the ocean of utterance was stilled from its waves, the Lote-Tree from its fruits, and the Sun from its radiance. Verily, those near unto God wandered through deserts and wilderness, mountains and valleys, seeking fragments of your bodies that perchance they might inhale from them the fragrance of the love of God, your Creator, your Beloved, your Goal, your Worshipped One, and your Quickener. Blessed are ye, and blessed is he who loveth you, visiteth you, and visiteth those who visit you.

I testify that ye have attained the most exalted station and the supreme height, and have reached a place wherein God Himself consoleth you, and consoleth your children, your families, and your descendants. Alas, alas, for the injustice whereby the hearts of the highest Paradise and the people of the cities of detachment behind the crimson sea were consumed! Blessed are ye, O Dawning-places of light among mankind, and blessed are ye, O Daysprings of names in creation!

The Wronged One hath ever been speaking of your remembrance, your praise, and what befell you in the path of God. A Countenance from among the countenances of the most exalted Paradise called out and said: "O Beloved of earth and heaven! Through Thy grief the universe well-nigh returned to nothingness. Have mercy upon the world, O Beloved of eternity!" Verily, the Faithful Spirit at this moment hath descended from his most exalted station with hosts of angels and the Spirit to visit Thy loved ones and friends who quaffed the wine of martyrdom in Thy path.

Alas, alas, O Knights of the field of detachment! Alas, alas, O Manifestations of the mysteries of martyrdom in creation! I testify that through your calamity the Eye of God wept in His station and the Most Exalted Pen before His face. I testify that the verses lament your afflictions and the evidences cry out at your tribulations. Were it not for you, the mysteries of servitude would not have appeared among creatures, nor the stations of submission and contentment among creation. Ye are they through whose arising to serve the Cause the servants arose to that which God desired in the final return.

I testify that through you the gate of generosity was opened upon the manifestations of existence, and the foundations of ranks and hosts were shaken. I testify that through your acceptance all created things turned toward the Dawning-place of names and attributes, and through your turning all contingent beings faced the source of verses. Blessed is the earth honored by your footsteps, the place adorned by your blood, and the spot made a repository for the fragments of your bodies. Through your grief, the breezes of God were withheld from wafting and the Pen from flowing. The fragrance of His garment testifies that the Mother Book laments over you on behalf of your mothers, and the maidens of Paradise cry out in place of your kindred and your sisters. Blessed are you all, the first and the last of you, your outward and your inward being, and the mercy of God and His blessings rest upon you.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Glory be unto Thee, O my heart's Desire! Glory be unto Thee, O my Hope! I beseech Thee by the blood of these souls and the pieces of their bodies, by their steadfastness, their

patience and their forbearance, by their being enkindled with the fire of Thy love and their turning toward the light of Thy countenance, by their remembrance and their devotion in Thy days, by their sacrifice of their spirits in Thy path, and by their submissiveness and humility before the manifestations of Thy commandments and Thy laws, to adorn the hearts of the peoples with the light of Thy love and Thy knowledge. Then enable the princes of Thy earth and the learned ones of Thy lands to execute justice and equity in Thy realm. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of the oppressors who have cast behind their backs Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have denied Thy bounty and disputed Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the effulgent lights from the horizon of Thy tablets, and by those who have cast aside all else save Thee and have taken what Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy will and the atmosphere of Thy desire, to transform the abasement of Thy loved ones into might through Thy power, and their poverty into wealth through Thy riches. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, O Lord of all beings, to forgive me and my parents, then fulfill my needs and what I have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy bestowals. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Ever-Pardoning, the Almighty, the All-Merciful, the Generous.

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In the name of God, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing!

The Tongue of Grandeur speaks, addressing you: Blessed art thou for having recognized God, thy Lord, for having detached thyself from all else save Him, and for having turned unto Him. This, verily, is a supreme bounty. Joy be unto thee for having drunk from the cup of loving-kindness and for having answered thy Lord when He called all who are in the heavens and on earth with a word from His presence - a word by which the faces of the heedless were transformed. Blessed art thou, for the clouds of thy Lord's mercy, the Most High, the Most Great, have rained upon thee, and in thy heart hath grown the plant of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Blessed art thou for having cast behind thee the book of the transgressors and for having taken hold, with manifest strength, of the Book of thy Ancient Lord. Glad tidings be unto thee for having been illumined by the Sun of Grandeur and Glory, from which the birds of night have fled into the layers of hell. Joy be unto thee for having been enlightened by the lights of thy Lord's countenance and for having turned away from the faces of the idolaters.

Blessed is he who has taken the cup of eternity in My Most Glorious Name, drinking at times in My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High, then again in My Name, the Most High, the All-Wise, and yet again in My Name by which the pavilion of names was rent asunder, then once more in My Name, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful, and again in My Name through which all things have spoken in remembrance of Me, and yet again in My Name, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Peerless. Those who have detached themselves from all save God and have ascended to the heights of divine realities are praised by the denizens of the Supreme Paradise, then by the people of Paradise, and then by the tongues of them that have known.

Bear thou witness to thy Lord's power, how We have made the earth a level plain and the mountain of idolatry to be scattered dust. Say: Exalted is our Lord, the Most Merciful, by Whose will the worlds were transformed. He, verily, is the One with power over all things. There is no God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. We have adorned the Garden of Good-Pleasure with the ornament of Our Name, the Most Merciful. Whosoever entereth therein shall hear from all created things therein that there is no God but He. His is the greatness and the majesty, His the power and the bounties. He creates what He willeth as He willeth. He giveth and taketh away. None can resist His command or escape His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We have indeed heard the cry of the idolaters from every direction. Say: Die in your wrath! He has appeared in such wise that no one possessed of religion can deny Him, except by denying God, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His glory - and such are indeed among the lowest of the low. Say: Today your deeds and what you possess shall not be mentioned before even one of God's servants, how much less before His Own mighty and wondrous Being. Say: Whither will ye flee, and to whom will ye cling? Can ye find any path besides Mine? Nay, by My Self, the Truth! Then run ye in the wilderness of vain desire; ye shall arrive but at the place of negation and burning fire. Try it, O heedless ones!

Behold their paucity of understanding and comprehension. They say "We believed in Ali before," yet they deny Him Who sent him with manifest sovereignty. He was indeed sent by My command, did ye but know. Read ye what We have revealed unto him, that perchance there might dawn from the horizon of your hearts the Sun of Our Most Glorious Name, that ye might be numbered with the successful ones.

Leave thou these people and their remembrances and what they possess, and fix thy gaze upon the face of thy Lord, the Dawning, the Luminous. Give thanks unto God for having preserved thee from the hosts of Satan, from the arrows of their allusions and the spears of their indications, and for having given thee to drink of the pure wine from the hand of this Manifestation, through which the heaven of the exalted was raised and the House of Prosperity was built. Say: Praise be to God Who has detached me from all else save Him, Who has caused me to know the Manifestation of His Essence, and Who has purified me from the doubts of the doubtful ones. O my Lord! Separate me not from the Beloved of the worlds, neither in this world nor in the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous.

And if thou desirest to know what hath befallen Me in this Prison, be thou assured that at every moment there hath rained upon Us an arrow from the arrows of fate, and We, in Our love for that which hath been ordained in the Tablet by the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, have welcomed it. Then were Our affairs straitened from every side, and We render thanks unto God, and We have not been impatient, nor shall We ever be impatient, through His might and power, even should all who are on earth combine against My tribulation and ordeal. And I proclaim in all things, at all times, that the Kingdom on that Day belongeth to My Self, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Arise thou, by God's leave, to promote My Cause, then gather together My loved ones and remind them of My remembrance, and shelter them beneath the wing of My mercy and the pavilion of My glory and the canopy of My gracious favor. Then give them to drink from the chalices of My bounty, and stir them with the passing of the breezes of My grace and favor, and gather them together in My Cause lest they be

disturbed by the clamor of the oppressors and the croaking of the polytheists and the caviling of the deniers. Convey My glorification unto their faces and gladden them with My mention of them, that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God and be numbered among the steadfast. And the glory that hath no likeness or peer be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, young and old alike, and praise be to God, the King, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Gracious.

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He is God, Exalted be His Glory, the Greatness and the Power

The Praise lamenteth and saith: "I am not worthy of Him Who cannot be described in words nor mentioned through similitudes." And the Thanksgiving weepeth and saith: "Is there any way unto Him Who cannot be praised throughout all eternity? He is, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

Thereafter, Thy sweet remembrance hath awakened me, and what hath been diffused therefrom of the fragrance of the love of our Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, hath gladdened me. When I read and understood, I presented myself before His Presence and submitted what was in thy letter. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory: "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The Wronged One mentioneth thee from this manifest station and announceth unto thee what hath been ordained for thee from the Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the Announcer, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath loved thee and loveth thee, and who hath heard from thee the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou art he whose heart We have adorned with My love, whose tongue with My remembrance, whose eyes with beholding My horizon, whose hand with taking My Book, and whose feet with steadfastness in My Cause. Art thou able to thank thy Lord for His favor, His grace, and His bounties? Verily, He thanketh Himself on thy behalf, as a mercy from Him unto thee. He is, verily, the Bestower, the Generous.

"Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then recite unto them what hath been revealed from My Pen, and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My favor. Say: Beware lest sorrows overtake you while the Dawning-Place of joy mentioneth you with His wondrous remembrance. Rejoice in God, your Lord. He remembereth you with that which the most exalted Paradise cannot equal, how much less what hath been created on earth. By the life of God! Were ye to become aware of His favor, ye would thank and praise Him until the spirit ascendeth unto the Most Exalted Companion. He Who speaketh the truth beareth witness unto this. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

"Verily, We make mention of Our loved ones in Nun and Jim, and We remind them of what hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Make mention of them on My behalf and glorify their faces from Me. Say: By God! This is the Day of Remembrance, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Praise, did ye but recognize it, and this is the Day of Love and Unity, did ye but understand it, and this is the Day of the Balance, did ye but believe it. By God, the Truth! The Balance hath been set up, whereby all deeds shall be weighed from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And this is the Day of Reform, the Day of Steadfastness and Certitude, the Day of Wisdom and Utterance. Blessed are the people who hear and act. Thus have We mentioned those who were from thy land, as a favor from Us unto thee. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Loving.

“And We make mention of Abdullah, whose letter was presented before the Face and submitted by the servant present before the Throne, and We answered him with these verses: O Abdullah! We heard thy call when We were outside the prison, and We have sent down unto thee this Tablet. Rejoice in thy Lord’s favor, then thank Him by night and by day. Grieve not over anything. Verily, thy Lord’s favor hath encompassed all created things. Glorify the faces of those who are with thee on My behalf, and give them the glad-tidings of the mercy of Him Who speaketh the truth from the most exalted station.

“And We make mention of Ali-Qabli-Akbar, whose letter the servant present before the Face hath submitted, that he may thank his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then act according to what hath been ordained in My Book. Thy Lord is, verily, the Teacher, the Acquainter, the Explainer, the Mighty, the Beloved.

“We make mention at the end of the Tablet of My handmaidens in that place who have believed in God when He came with His name, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice, O My leaves, in the remembrance of God, then thank Him for what He hath sent down unto you that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom and the Dominion endure.”

My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention. I submit that the remaining Tablets which were previously mentioned are now being sent. And all that was sent previously should reach either Jinab-i-Haji Kamaluddin, upon him be the Glory of God, or Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, that they may deliver them. This servant found no opportunity this time to respond in detail to your letter. God willing, it will be submitted later. Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and salutations to all the friends in that land who have drunk and are drinking from the choice wine of your utterance. May Jinab-i-Mihman, upon her be the Glory of God, be blessed through divine grace. The servant heard mention of her from the Tongue of Grandeur on this blessed and beloved night. And whatever Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, had mentioned was submitted to the Most Holy Court. They said a response will be sent. Verily We make mention of him and the one named Hasan who attained to My service for a number of years. Nothing escapes His knowledge. He is possessed of great faithfulness. The Glory be upon your honor and upon those with you, and upon him and upon him and upon them (m.) and upon them (f.) from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The Servant

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In the name of God, transcendent is His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be to God, the Eternal, the One, the Enduring, the Everlasting, the Ancient, the Timeless, Who findeth no helper, no companion, no minister, no supporter, and no offspring. All created things have testified to His sanctity and all contingent beings have witnessed to His detachment. He is indeed

sanctified above all that hath been and all that shall be. He cannot be described by any description save His own, nor can He be praised by any attribute save His own. His tongue hath testified of His own Self that verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And peace and blessings be upon Him Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Source of His wisdom, and established Him in His own stead in all things that pertain unto Him. He is indeed the Manifestation of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. And upon His family and His companions through whom the mysteries were revealed, the signs became manifest, and the trees gave utterance. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and your uprightness! The most exalted letter, like unto a brilliant light, illumined the horizon of the heart and perfumed the court of existence. This servant perceived therefrom the fragrance of your humility, your submissiveness, and your steadfastness in the Cause of God and His service. After its reading and contemplation, and after being overcome with longing and yearning, he proceeded to the Most Great Presence. After presenting it, He said: "O Ali, O Afnan! Upon thee be My peace and My loving-kindness. Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant was read before the face of the Wronged One and was honored to be heard. We beseech the All-Merciful to protect the Afnan and to open before their faces the gates of grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God that in all matters they place their trust in the Truth. In such case, sorrow and the like are not permitted. When the heart findeth its way to the Most Great Ocean, grief and distress have no recourse but to flee. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name, to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of His bounty, and to bestow upon thee that which beseemeth the ocean of His generosity and the heaven of His grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Peace be upon thee from Us and upon My loved ones there who have not been deterred by the censure of the people, nor by their turning away, nor by their blindness, nor by their objections, nor by their might and power, from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords."

This servant also conveyeth greetings to each of the loved ones and beseecheth from the Intended One, on their behalf, whatsoever leadeth to the elevation of their station and the perpetuation of their remembrance. Verily our Lord is the Answerer of prayers and the Lord of all created things.

And regarding the storehouse in Beirut, after presentation He said: "O Ali, upon thee be My peace. These matters have been made contingent upon consultation. In truth I say that this decree hath ever been beloved in the sight of God, and its command hath been revealed in the divine Books from the Most Exalted Pen. Hold fast unto consultation, for verily it shall profit thee and His loved ones. To this testifieth every knowing and informed one."

That which they wrote concerning the letter of Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was presented and accepted, and one blessed Tablet was bestowed. Likewise the Tablet of the Afnan, Jenab-i-Haji Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha'u'llah, and the reply to the letter of Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was bestowed and sent. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable all to attain unto that which conduceth to nearness, detachment and piety. They have also

stated regarding the Huquq that whatever they can send should be sent, as these days some hardship hath appeared, but God will change it to ease, verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The receipt requested by the Afnan, Jenab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha'u'llah, was sent; please deliver it. The matter of the Afnan requireth attention. His own view is not known. They are aware of the available persons; whomsoever they request will be sent. Jenab-i-Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was dispatched according to instructions solely so that the Afnan would not be alone; there was no other intention whatsoever. In any case, there are many rabble and ruffians in that city. They must conduct themselves in such a manner as to ensure the confidence of the merchants from all regions, and they must spend within measure. The means have not been and will not be withheld; they must hold fast to this and act accordingly. We beseech God to protect him from the evil of his enemies. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

This servant in all conditions holdeth fast to the cord of divine favor, that He may assist that honored one and manifest that which causeth nearness and is conducive to tranquility and rest. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you.

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Unto Sheikh Ahmad of Salmas in Salonika

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God Who hath caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above all contingent things and exalted beyond all created beings. Through His all-conquering power He hath created whatsoever He hath willed, and through His pervading Will hath manifested that whereby His servants may ascend. He hath no likeness in creation nor any equal in invention. He doeth as He willeth. He is indeed the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And now, the servant hath been honored with your letter which telleth of your ascent and progress, your acceptance and love, your affection and your humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We beseech the Exalted One to assist you in all conditions and cause you to speak that which shall benefit the servants through wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower.

Your petition reached the Most Holy Court and was presented in its entirety. He said: "We have heard your call time and again, and have answered you before and before that, and in this manifest hour. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause, Who speaketh in His name amongst the worlds. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have turned towards God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist them and grant them the wine of steadfastness. He is verily the Powerful, the Almighty. It behooveth you to remember God in the watches of the night and

the ends of the day, at dawn and at eventide. God verily heareth and seeth. He is indeed the All-Encompassing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

Furthermore, He bade me convey to you that you should give the friends of God to drink of the Kawthar of tranquility and the Tasnim of patience and forbearance. Let them not be saddened by the lack of permission to come hither. He verily commandeth them that which profiteth them. Whosoever hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and accepted the Ultimate Truth is accounted among those souls whose mention hath been revealed in God's Book, both past and future. Ye should, with utmost joy and gladness and complete steadfastness, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God and service to His Cause. The affairs in these lands are not in order, and some measure of upheaval is apparent from external sources. All must today fix their gaze upon the horizon of God's good-pleasure and soar in the atmosphere of wisdom. Praise be to God that the names of the loved ones of that land are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and His favors are manifest towards each one. Likewise, the petitions of those souls were presented in their entirety before His presence. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid us and them to that which He loveth and is pleased with.

O thou who hast turned towards God! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard what thou didst mention therein. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to enable thee to make mention of this beauteous Remembrance. We heard thy call aforetime and made mention of thee in such wise as to gladden the hearts of the sincere ones. Grieve thou not over anything, but put thy trust in God. Verily, He is with His believing servants. All that thou beholdest shall perish, but that which this exiled Prisoner hath uttered shall endure unto thee. Whatsoever proceedeth today from the Source of the Cause hath been and shall continue to be for the benefit of the loved ones of God. All must be content and thankful with whatsoever the Beloved hath willed. All must be mindful of wisdom. No one should utter words that may cause clamor, perturbation and the turning away of souls, for most people are weak and are unaware of the cups of divine bounty and the lights of the celestial suns. The steadfast and mighty souls must, with the utmost wisdom and utterance, draw these weak ones to the immortal heaven. Whosoever today gazeth with complete certitude and assurance towards the horizon of the All-Merciful is accounted among those who have attained the court of nearness and reunion. All must attain the highest station of joy and delight through hearkening unto this goodly word.

And likewise was presented the petition of Karbala'i Muhammad. He said: We love him who loveth God and who hath testified to that which God hath testified concerning His Own Self by His Own Self, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Muhammad! Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto the hem of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou content with what hath been ordained for thee. Verily, He knoweth what thou knowest not. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Grieve not over separation, for He recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of one who hath drunk the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. It behoveth thee to rejoice in My remembrance of thee and to thank God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Mention was also made in the Most Holy Presence of Isma'il Aqa and Haji Ibrahim. God willing, may all be engaged in the remembrance of the true Friend in the utmost joy and gladness, and this servant, with faltering tongue, conveyeth greetings to all. The Glory be upon thee and upon them.

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He is God. Praise be to God, Who hath ever endured through the endurance of His Essence and subsisted through the subsistence of His Being and was exalted through the transcendence of His holy eternity - He Who brought forth all created things through a single word from His Book and clothed them in the garment of existence through His command and will. And I offer prayers and salutations upon the first Tree that brought forth the fruits of knowledge and wisdom, and the first Light that shone forth from the dawn of Oneness, and the first Mirror that reflected all the names and attributes in the sanctified realms - He Who was Muhammad in name and praiseworthy in deed - and upon His family, with abundant and everlasting peace forever.

O My brother! Your letter has reached Us and We have understood all the references and words contained therein. The lamentation of your heart and the cry of your soul have been heard regarding the poverty, need, adversity and distress that encompass you. We beseech God to grant you that which you love and with which you are content, for verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Know thou at the outset that I am not worthy to associate with the servants in the lands after corruption has appeared on land and sea through that which the hands of men have wrought. Dost thou not witness and see how the dogs of the earth from all regions have gathered against Me, attributing to Me that which cannot be uttered in speech nor flow from the pen? How then canst thou be with Me, or sit in My presence, or associate with Me?

From the day God made Himself known to Me and taught Me the wonders of His knowledge and the gems of His wisdom, I have sacrificed My spirit, My soul and My body in His path, and each day I await what God hath ordained for Me through His inevitable decrees and His established judgments. Hast thou not heard how they seized Us and Our possessions, expelled Us from Our homes, and then drew forth against Us the sword of hatred from the sheath of enmity? These transgressors shot at Us the arrows of rancor though We called them to naught but God and desired for them only that which would transform them from the left hand of self and passion to the right hand of glory and eternity. We commanded them only what God had commanded them in the Book. Then they all rose against Me in hypocrisy and slew Me with the swords of discord, as though I were imprisoned in an iron cage, My cries and lamentations unheard, such that I could not utter a single letter of what God had graciously bestowed upon Me and honored Me with through His bounty.

By God! If thou wert to become aware of My secret, thou wouldst weep for the adversity and hardship that have befallen Me. And were the veil to be lifted from the eye of thy heart, thou wouldst flee to the mountain peaks from My sorrow and what hath come upon Me. In these circumstances of tribulation and these calamities that have descended, I have clung to the hem of patience and resignation, held fast to

the cord of trust and detachment, and in every moment I say: “There is no power nor strength except in God.”

Therefore, consider within thyself: Can anyone accompany this destitute servant, this limited and abased one? Nay, by My Lord, unless he walks in His footsteps–that is, turns with his whole being to his Lord and turns away from all else, hastening to the fields of struggle in his Lord’s path as he rushed to the assemblies of glory in pursuit of his desires. He must be steadfast in God’s Cause such that his foot does not slip even if all creation opposes him. He must not boast over anyone in anything, nor desire for others what he does not desire for himself. In contentment, he must reach such a station that if he finds means he spends, and if he lacks he gives thanks. Each day he must increase in his love for his Lord and in his submission to his Creator. In resignation he must reach such a state that were the rains of poverty and abasement to pour upon him, he would not grieve in his soul nor change in his essence. In these days, no one can enter the shore of this ocean, much less its depths. Therefore, it behooveth thee to return to thy place and, if thou findest within thyself My love, beseech God, thy Lord, to protect this lamp from these diverse winds, and this dove from the talons of these reprobates. Verily He is near, ever-ready to answer. And if thou art adorned with these attributes, then it behooveth thee to recite this prayer morning and evening:

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst cause the rivers of Thy holy oneness to flow, and didst send down from the clouds of Thy mercy the outpourings of Thine eternal might, to have mercy upon this poor and needy one who hath entered the shore of Thy riches, and this lowly one who hath arrived at the wellspring of Thy glory, and this weak one who hath clung to the cord of Thy power, and this ignorant one who hath hastened from every direction until he entered the city of Thy knowledge. In Thy hand is the dominion of command and the kingdom of creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

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He is God - exalted be His station, the Grandeur and Power

Praise be to God Who was in the heights of glory, grandeur and majesty, and will be as He has been throughout all eternity. He cannot be described in words nor characterized by the standards of men, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O beloved of my heart! Such hath befallen the Faith of God as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the inhabitants of the most exalted Heaven to lament. The enemies have surrounded from all directions and sought to extinguish the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Batha. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His loved ones and chosen ones, and honor them with His presence on a Day wherein faces have turned black and eyes have stared in terror.

In Persian I state: Alexandria, which was in truth the crown of Islamic cities and was like a bride among countries and lands, was seen stripped of the garments of security and tranquility and the ornaments of glory and prosperity by the might of English artillery. In ten hours its heights were brought low. The natives were in utmost weakness while the foreigners were exceedingly strong and triumphant. Power

and dominion belong to God, the One, the All-Informed. These are the remaining manifestations of what God hath revealed in the Book. Blessed are they that understand and attain.

In these days a detailed letter was written in response to that spiritual beloved's missive, but since postal matters are disrupted, its dispatch was delayed and this brief note is submitted instead. It is hoped that the other letter will be sent later. Since foreign powers have attacked Egypt, this land is not free from turmoil either. The friends of God who were in Alexandria have all returned to this land, and whatever they possessed was plundered along with people's properties. When calamity becomes universal it becomes bearable. Alexandria and all therein is ruined, burnt and pillaged, but God's grace protected His friends. We praise Him in all conditions. A detailed letter was sent previously but no news of its receipt has come. God willing, it will have reached and been seen by now.

Concerning [M.S.] - upon him be the Glory of God - about whom you wrote, previously a Most Great, Most Holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him and sent forth. In the detailed letter which this servant wrote to that loved one, details were mentioned, and now those details are being presented again. In all conditions, I beseech and hope from God - exalted be His glory - that He will protect that loved one and assist [M.S.] - upon him be the Glory of God - in that which is the cause and means of eternal life. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. Mention of him has been made repeatedly in the Most Holy Court, and since he had requested to be assisted in a matter that would be the cause and means of eternal and everlasting remembrance, it was commanded that he appoint a deputy for the construction of a lofty, exalted House. This matter is one that will endure and remain as long as the Most Beautiful Names endure, and its fruits are greater, mightier and more excellent than a hundred thousand children. However, after that loved one's second letter wherein he had written of his desire to pay the Huqúqu'llah, after this matter was presented, He said that if the Huqúq is paid and this edifice is raised therefrom, it would be nearer and more excellent in the sight of God and would be adorned with the ornament of acceptance. In this case, absolute freedom is attained. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the Doer, the All-Choosing.

Indeed this is a great bounty concerning him. He should occupy himself with praise and thanksgiving to God in the nights and days, and act with utmost joy and fragrance and submission and contentment according to what has been commanded. Blessed is he!

The responses to both letters from that loved one were all written in the detailed letter, and likewise the response to that loved one's previous letter containing various matters was written and sent. God willing, that has arrived and this too shall arrive thereafter. Every hardship is adorned with the garment of ease when He so wisheth and willeth. Mention was also made in detail of those related to that loved one. The request is that you convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all relatives, friends and chosen ones. It is hoped that all will attain to the grace, mercy and loving-kindness of God - exalted be His glory. The Glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who have attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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Praise be to God! The pearls in the shells of the sea of divine bounty are ever manifest and renowned. His signs have encompassed the world, and His evidences shine resplendent before all faces. Yet all remain heedless and veiled. What hath prevented thee from beholding, and likewise from hearkening to the call raised from the direction of the Divine Throne by day and by night? The light of His Cause doth shine forth and is manifest from every direction, such that the signs of the Hour and the mysteries of the Resurrection have become apparent in a manner that all the pens in the world are powerless to recount. This servant conveyeth greetings to each of the loved ones, and from the ocean of God's bounty and the sun of His mercy beseecheth that all may be assisted in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and their own stations. Blessed are those souls who, having acknowledged and recognized this incomparable Treasury, have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness. Today the pavilion of glory hath been raised to its loftiest station, and the lights of the dawn of His Revelation have appeared from the Most Exalted Paradise in such wise that no fair-minded person hath denied or will deny it. This servant and the loved ones in that land must, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech from the Self-Sufficing One whatsoever is worthy of this Day and cleave unto it. Verily He is the Kind, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty and His glory: O Tongue of Grandeur! Withhold not Thy bounties from Thy loved ones, nor disappoint them of that which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for Thy chosen ones. Turn unto him who hath turned unto Thee, then make mention of him with such remembrance as to attract the hearts of all the world. I testify that this Day is Thy Day - sing before all faces and warble that the Kingdom of Utterance and its dominion have come to hearken unto Thy most exalted call and the scratching of Thy most exalted Pen. Withhold not those who have turned unto Thee from the Day-Star of Thy Revelation. Take their hands with the hands of Thy power and deliver them from the mire of idle fancies through Thy might, Thy sovereignty, Thy strength and Thy will. Thou art He Whom the affairs of men cannot hinder, nor the turning away of them that have denied and disbelieved. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Muhammad-'Ali! Verily We have mentioned thee before and at this time, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and those who have believed in that which beseemeth the heaven of His generosity and the ocean of His bounty. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me and sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy grace the signs of Thy grandeur. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty, and the helpless one clinging to the cord of Thy power and sovereignty. Ordain for him that which beseemeth Thy glory and Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

We have desired to make mention of him who is named Ustad-Aqa, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Today the Sun of Truth hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will, proclaiming: O peoples of the earth! Ye have been created for this Day - recognize ye its station and that which hath appeared therein from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And He saith: O party of God! Be

not grieved at that which hath befallen you in My path. Soon shall ye behold that which no eye in creation hath beheld, and shall find yourselves in a glorious station. Strive that ye may attain unto that which will adorn you with the glory of God's good-pleasure. Rejoice not in that which ye possess.

You find yourselves in a noble station; strive that perchance ye may attain unto that which adorns you with the glory of God's good-pleasure. Be not gladdened by what ye possess, nor despair of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Verily He is with His servants who turn unto Him. Great is this Day and great is its bounty. Deprive not yourselves. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath ordained for His loved ones that which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting rest.

Say: Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and enabled me to turn towards Thee, and for having given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy knowledge, and for having mentioned me in Thy verses and shown forth unto me Thy clear tokens. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the heaven of Thy grace nor the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Generous, the Lord of abundant grace.

O teacher, O Husayn! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison and remember My days and what hath befallen Me in the path of God, the Goal of all mystic knowers. He whom I had nurtured turned away from Me and rose up to slay Me after I had protected him for successive years. I testify that he denied My verses and rejected My favor and turned away from My beauty after We created him from the clay of refinement. He who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me, and thanks be unto Thee for having guided me, and glory be unto Thee for having caused me to hear. I beseech Thee to strengthen them that deny to acknowledge, them that turn away to turn towards Thee, and the oppressors to be just. O my Lord! I have forsaken my self, turning unto the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supporter, the Helper.

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He is the Mighty!

O Ali, hear My call and be not of the heedless ones. Follow the path of the Spirit in My love, for this is indeed the foundation of faith, if thou be of them that know. Cut thyself from all faces save My glorious and luminous face, then forget all remembrance save My wondrous and exalted remembrance, then be patient in all things save separation from Me. This is a revelation from one who turneth penitent unto God.

Say: By God, greed is condemned save in seeking the wonders of My great bounty, and all asking is rejected save for union with Me, if ye be of them that seek. Say: All anxiety is forbidden save anxiety in My love, and this is the straight path of justice. All fear is unseemly save fear in yearning for My beauty, and this hath been ordained by the finger of mighty glory. All passion and desperation are banished save

passion in My affection, and this is better for all who believe in God and His Messengers than the sovereignty of the worlds.

Be still in all matters save in turning toward My clear and straight path. Say: By God, looking upon aught save God is forbidden unless one seeth in all things the manifestations of the revelation of My love - this is the law of them that know. Say: Of all things that have been and shall be created, My soul loveth them not save in their connection to My enduring and gracious Beloved. Verily He is Ali before Nabil, and He is the sovereign of truth and certitude.

Read ye these verses in your dwelling-places that ye may stand firm in the love of God such that the words of the polytheists cause you not to slip. Soon will the Samiri call out among you as We promised you before, and the calf will cry out, and this is an inevitability inscribed in the preserved tablets of glory.

Thus doth the Tongue of Remembrance mention you that ye despair not of the spirit of God, forget not the grace from Us, and be not of the heedless ones. By God, whoso tasteth the sweetness of a single letter of this Tablet and is blessed with what is ordained therein shall arise by himself between the heavens and the earth proclaiming his Lord's Cause, and nothing shall prevent him though all created things oppose him. This is a revelation from God, the Exalted, the Great.

Say: This Dove hath states and melodies at this moment with God that the ears of the unitarians cannot bear to hear - how much less the ears wherein is the cotton of heedlessness. They shall never hear, and if they hear they hear naught save the utterances of the polytheists from their likes. Thus have We explained to thee that which will purify thy being, thy heart and thine ear from the words of the opposers.

Say: By God, We found not in all creation a single ear alone unto which the Spirit might cast what was cast into My breast, and God is unto this the Witness and the Knower. This Tablet beareth witness to that, and it sufficeth as a witness and trustee beyond all the worlds. Thus have We been brief in speech and veiled the matter until God shall bring forth a wondrous command on the day when minds shall be confounded, souls crushed, and the eyes of all mankind fixed in terror, as ye witness in these days. This is proof thereof, if ye be of the assured ones.

Thou, therefore, hear My counsel and that wherewith I have counseled in the Word of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Find rest in thyself, then stand firm in thy Lord's Cause and turn not unto those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and never perceived it in their souls, being among the heedless. These are they who deny the signs of God while reciting the verses revealed before Him, and such is their way - know this, O concourse of the beloved! They make mention of God at all times, yet when He came upon the clouds of holiness in the manifestation of His name, the Husayn, they fled from Him, turned away from His beauty, and were not among those who perceived. Thus have We taken account of them and informed you about them, lest your feet slip and that you may remain steadfast in the Cause of God, your Lord. Say: This is an ocean unto whose shore none hath attained, how much less unto its depths, were ye of them that perceive. Say: By God! Should all who are in the heavens and on earth dive therein, they would not be able to hear the call of a single pearl of its pearls, nor would they be able to bring forth what is treasured therein, save what the hand of grace may cast upon them. This is of

the bounty of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O people! By God! Were it not for the Spirit speaking, My Pen would not move, but when It speaks, this Pen speaks to manifest the grace of My Lord and to bring forth His favor, and for this have I been afflicted at the hands of these oppressors. Thus does He cast upon thee the way of holiness at a time when He is imprisoned in this remote prison, like unto a bird whose wings are broken, fallen into a deep well, finding no helper for itself save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to lift Us up and deliver Us from this prison, that thereby the eyes of those near unto God may be solaced. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon His sincere servants.

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He is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate!

O ‘Ali! From the fire of separation from thee were consumed the hearts of them that are nigh unto God, and by thy departure have wept the eyes of the inhabitants of the cities of eternity, and the Maids of Paradise have rent their garments in the lofty chambers, and the Holy Spirit hath cried out, and the Dawning-Place of the Most Beautiful Names hath lamented in the Most Glorious Paradise, and the eyes of the sincere ones have shed tears. O ’Ali! From thy sighs were the veils consumed and the pillars of the House did quake, and the Faithful Spirit did cry out. By God! When thou didst turn thy face toward the Most Holy Court, the scene of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, the denizens of the Supreme Kingdom did journey with thee and circle round thee, until there appeared the darkness of the City wherein was imprisoned the Beloved of the worlds. By God! At every footstep did the people of the Kingdom and they that dwell in the cities of Names send their blessings upon thee, from thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. And the Most Great Spirit addressed thee between earth and heaven, saying: “O ’Ali! Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh unto the Spot round which circle the Manifestations of the Cause from among the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed art thou for having inhaled the fragrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, and for having desired to attain the presence of Him for Whose loss Moses, He Who conversed with God, did lament. O ’Ali! Thou art he who hath been named in the Supreme Concourse the Sultan of Pilgrims. By God! None among all created things hath preceded thee in this, and all things bear witness unto this, even as thy Lord, the Possessor of all Names and the Creator of earth and heaven, hath testified. How excellent is this station which none hath attained save him whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath willed. Thou art he at whose lamentation the heart of the world hath lamented, and at whose cry of longing and wail of separation the Eye of Grandeur hath wept upon the Spot wherefrom mention of the worlds hath been cut off. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Most Great Pilgrimage. By the Beauty of the Wronged One, Who speaketh between the heavens and the earth: Mina yearneth for thy presence, and the Hill hath moved from its place in its longing to behold thy countenance, and the Station longeth for thy station, and the Sacred Monument perceiveth what thou hast been given by God, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. O ’Ali! This is the shore of the Most Great Sea - thine eyes have been solaced by gazing thereon, and from it wafteth the breeze of reunion and the fragrance of attainment. Give thanks unto thy Lord, then prostrate thyself and say: ’Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds!’ This is the station wherein the Son of Imran cast off the shoes of separation and drank the choice wine of verses from the cup of thy Lord’s will, the Lord of all

names and attributes, and the intoxication of the wine of thy Lord's call seized him in such wise that he swooned, and when he recovered his senses he said: 'Thou art my God and the God of all that are in the heavens and on earth.' And before him came the Friend of God, and We lifted for him from the hem of the veil a thousand thousand veils, whereupon he said: 'Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having shown me the kingdom of command and creation and made me one of them that have attained.' O 'Ali! Verily, We were with thee in all conditions, beholding thy burning with the fire of separation and thy longing for the precincts wherein every atom proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the King, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O 'Ali! Thy purpose was the Purpose of the world, and thy turning toward the Kaaba of eternity is better than the deeds of them that circle round the Ancient House. There hath been ordained for thee that which none can reckon save thy Lord, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Beloved of my heart and Purpose of my inner being! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to draw nigh unto the station wherein the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth and the sun of Thy bounty hath dawned. O Lord! I know not by what deed Thou hast honored me with this station which hath ever been the goal of Thy chosen ones and the refuge of Thy loved ones. And praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having heard the cry of the yearning one in his separation and guided him to the abode of nearness and glory and reunion. O Lord! Deprive not Thy servants from drawing nigh unto the seat of Thy Cause, and drive them not from the court which Thou hast made the dawning-place of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the burning of the hearts of them that yearn in their separation from Thee, and the agitation of the hearts of them that hope in their remoteness from Thee. O Lord! Give them to drink the wine of reunion by the hand of Thy mercy, and grant them the pure water of nearness and meeting through Thy grace and favor. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto the Most Great Pilgrimage and been blessed with the greatest good deed. From thy longing for the Most Exalted Horizon, all the dwellers in the cities of names are in lamentation and burning, and they have beseeched God - exalted be His grandeur - to honor thee with attainment unto the Most Pure Station and the Most Great Vista. By the Ancient Beauty! Thou hast attained unto a bounty that hath no likeness. Be not grieved, for thy grief causeth signs of sorrow to appear upon the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty. Hearken unto the divine call from the horizon of the will of the Lord of the world and Creator of the cities of names, and return with utmost tranquility and composure to the Dawning-Place of the revelation of the All-Merciful. However, there is no need for haste. Verily, God loveth them that are patient.

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To the handmaiden of God whose name was mentioned in the Most Great Scene and who was named Hajar - I am the imprisoned Exile. O Hajar! Forsake all souls but be not separated from the love of thy Lord, Who hath ever encompassed all the worlds. Enter beneath the shade of thy Lord, then be steadfast in His sovereignty, then bow down before the dawning of His lights, then prostrate thyself before this Countenance which hath appeared resplendent from the horizon of the Spirit. O handmaiden of God!

Mention of thee was made in the letter of Jinab-i-Rahim, and it was presented before the Throne, and after its attainment unto the holy breezes, these words were revealed from the sacred realm of the Ancient of Days

O Hajar! Migration from all else is beloved, not from the Chosen Beauty. Therefore in these days thou must migrate with thy heart from the idolaters and their manifestations, and from the evil ones and their dawning-places, and enter the holy precincts which are the seat of tranquility and the horizon of the Beauty of the All-Merciful - that is, with the heart, not on foot. Be not among those handmaidens who make mention in the realm of utterance of matters that never had nor have any truth, for thy Lord knoweth the hearts of all. Were He to desire to mention in this blessed and goodly Tablet the secrets of each heart, He would be able, but as He hath loved and ever loveth the name of the Concealer, therefore hath He veiled most matters from the eyes of strangers.

O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Beseech God that thou be not accounted among those handmaidens who are occupied with a transient shadow and remain heedless of the enduring Sun, who inquire of the bat whether the sun hath risen, or whether the world-illumining Sun of Divine Unity hath dawned from the Most Holy and Most Glorious Horizon. They remain deprived of a single ray from the Sun of Suns while imagining they have rent asunder the veils of imitation and are seated upon the seats of the glory of unity. Vain indeed are their imaginings!

Say: O My handmaidens! By My Beauty, naught but My remembrance is acceptable and naught but My love is admissible. Even should all created things appear in the most glorious and exalted raiment, yet tarry for less than a moment on the path of the All-Merciful, they would be accounted as utter nothingness and complete void in the sight of God. Therefore, O My handmaidens, purify your gaze from darkened souls and turn unto the Greatest Horizon. By the True God! This is the Command of the Most Great Beauty Who is established upon the Most Pure Throne. These words have I revealed from the Dawning-Place of utterance out of My love for your souls, that ye may not be deprived of the Beauty of the All-Glorious through mentioning this one or that.

By My Beauty! The Tablet known as the Tablet of Baha which was sent - not all who dwell in the heavens and earth could equal a single letter thereof. Yet it seemeth it hath not been read, or if read, they have interpreted it according to their own fancy, not as it was revealed. Say: O My handmaidens! Account not the enemy of My Beauty as a friend, nor reckon the opponent of My Self as beloved. Today My love is the balance - whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto the Beauty of God and His presence and all good, and whoso faileth hath been and shall remain deprived.

Therefore, O Hajar, be thou one who migrateth unto the love of God - that is, migrate from all who are on earth and rest beneath the shade of the Tree of Divine Love. In this case thou art accounted among the emigrants in the sight of God, even if thou dwellest in thine own home all thy life, for migration hath not been by foot, but hath ever been and shall be by heart in the sight of God. Although for men if these two stations be combined it hath been and shall be most beloved, yet this must be with God’s leave and is specific to men, not women. So long as thou remainest steadfast in My love, know of a certainty that thou art present before the Throne, for not a single atom between the heavens and earth is visible except that the realities of all things are present before the Throne of the All-Merciful every morn and eve. This is one

of the hidden mysteries which hath been manifested by the Pen of My declaration through the grace of thy Chosen Lord. Therefore dwell in perfect stillness and gaze in complete tranquility toward the horizon of the All-Merciful.

And further, remind the handmaidens of that land of the wondrous and exalted mention of the King of Oneness, and say: O handmaidens of God! Be not as those who are moved by every wind and stirred by every breeze. Ye are the leaves of the Tree of the Cause; therefore, hold fast with all your strength to the branches of the Tree, lest ye be severed by the darksome autumn winds from the original Tree. This is the counsel of the Divine Beauty, if ye be of them that are faithful. And glory be upon him who is guided and detached from all who dwell on earth.

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In the name of the All-Knowing Expounder! O thou who hast been named the Exalted! Upon thee be the Glory of God! God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt continue to drink from the pure crystal stream of the knowledge of the eternal Beloved, and wilt cause others to drink thereof. Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and the eye of loving-kindness was directed towards it. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and for having been vouchsafed that which diffuseth the fragrance of divine favors throughout the everlasting dominion of both the seen and the unseen. That which is incumbent upon thee and obligatory in this day is to arise to serve the Cause of God and, detached from all else that exists, to occupy thyself with the promotion of the Cause of the Lord of all being, and to bestow upon the peoples of the world the choice sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the finger of the Self-Subsisting. The outpourings of divine revelation continually and successively drip from the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, appearing and shining forth in the form of words in the divine Tablets. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them, discovered their fragrance, spoken in praise of their Creator, and arisen to serve their Fashioner and Originator.

Those who possess a sense of fairness have ever inhaled and continue to inhale its fragrance. Consider that in this Revelation all know that He attended no school, acquired no learning, and sprang not from a house of learning. Moreover, most of His days were spent in affliction, confined in various prisons. Yet His pen hath become the wellspring of infinite divine knowledge. Were one to observe with an eye purged from the ophthalmia of base desire, in every drop thereof one would behold the ocean of knowledge and wisdom surging. And just as God's knowledge encompasseth all things, so too do all His other names and attributes. These verses represent but a single manifestation among the manifestations of Truth. Were the details of these stations to be mentioned, these tablets would not suffice. Were all the learned ones of the earth to be present at the time of the revelation of verses, be assured that all would acknowledge them, for they would find no escape or refuge save God, the Speaker, the Articulate, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Soon shall ye witness the penetrating influence of the divine Word and the encompassing power of His might. Though even now it is evident and manifest that while imprisoned among the heedless, He hath openly and clearly, without allegory, summoned with utmost power both kings and subjects alike to the direction of His choice. Due to the weakness of the servants, the station of this Revelation hath not been fully described save according to their capacity. "They have not estimated God

according to His true measure." Some among the weak ones, not having attained to the lofty station of true understanding and not having become aware of the greatness of God's verses, have therefore composed certain phrases and made vain claims, considering the station of Truth to be limited to these. As hath been revealed: "Among them is he who imagineth that verses must end with 'the All-Knowing' or 'the All-Wise', or must have an 'alif' added to their end, or must have an additional 'nun' appended to similar endings, supposing these to be words which the All-Merciful hath revealed in his heart. Nay, by God! Rather hath Satan whispered in his heart. Those who have denied the proof and openly rebelled have indeed lost." If people were truly seeking the Truth and recognizing it as it deserves, they would forsake the entire world and all within it, turning their faces toward the All-Merciful. Your honor should, God willing, be engaged at all times in serving the Cause and reminding the people. Divine confirmations have been and continue to be present. As you observe, though outwardly confined in prison, We are occupied with your remembrance. This is solely for the sake of God, that perchance you may arise to serve the Cause and guide those who have lost their way in the wilderness of error to the horizon of guidance. Likewise observe the inner confirmations which have been and will continue to be directed toward the loved ones of God. Most people are as infants; they must first be nourished with the milk of wisdom and gentle foods, and afterward with stronger nourishment. Thus doth wisdom dictate. Verily, thy Lord is the Educator, the All-Knowing. Previously, the Most Holy, Most Great Tablet was revealed specifically for your honor and is being sent with this tablet. Be assured of thy Lord's favor, for He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before. Strive to quicken the dead with this water which God hath made the cause of life to the worlds. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The souls that were mentioned in your book - all are blessed with the remembrance of God. Give them the glad tidings of Our remembrance of them and acclaim them face to face, that they may rejoice in the acclamation of their Lord, the Most High, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the Powerful. Verily the glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have attained unto this Mighty Announcement.

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Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses and made them a sign from His presence, an evidence from before Him, and a proof from His side. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Blessed is He Who hath manifested what was hidden in knowledge and raised up one who spoke the truth before the faces of the servants. He is the One Who caused His servant to speak forth His remembrance and praise in the prison, in such wise that neither the tyranny of the oppressor nor the cawing of every croaker who denied God's right in the beginning and the end could strike fear into him.

O son of Abhar! There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send unto him who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of lords. Blessed is the soul that hath borne tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Summoning. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thy countenance for having turned toward God, the Revealer of verses. This is the Day wherein every hidden thing hath been revealed, every concealed thing made manifest, and every silent thing hath

spoken, to the shame of those who have denied God and rejected His proof which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven.

O thou who speaketh in My Name and who hath arisen to serve My Cause! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. It verily draweth thee nigh and guideth thee unto the Most Great News, whereby existence hath been thunderstruck, the mountains crumbled, and the heaven of religions cleft asunder. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee in prison to make mention of Him and sing His praise, and to manifest that which was hidden from eyes.

O son of Abhar! A hundred thousand praises be unto the Purpose of the world Who, through the Most Great Name, hath opened the gates of the hearts of nations. Through His Name, He hath transformed fear into tranquility, remoteness into nearness, and darkness into light. He is the One at Whose command the clamor of the aggressive doth not deter Him, nor do the doubts of the suspicious hold Him back from His purpose. By the life of God! This servant and His loved ones behold themselves immersed in an ocean of joy, for amid the uproar of these days, when grief hath come upon His Majesty the Sultan from every party save this party, who have not abandoned the bounds of respect and propriety. In truth, propriety hath a magnificent station with the Lord. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto and hath not been deprived.

This Wronged One is bewildered and thoughtful through the nights and days: what hath befallen the divines of the age, the theologians of the time, and the sages of the era, that they have committed that which hath caused grief to the monotheists and the detached ones? O son of Abhar! This is the time for the manifestation of gratitude and the appearance of praise, for this party, after divine grace, celestial favor, and pre-existent mercy, hath shown no disrespect. Even while the pretenders are engaged day and night in intrigue and deception. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having preserved Thy party through Thy power and sovereignty despite enemies and the appearance of the wicked ones. No harm hath come upon the blessed person of the Sultan from them. If this matter be denied in these days, its signs and manifestations shall surely encompass the world thereafter, and all shall acknowledge the appearance of divine grace and mercy. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

His honor and the other loved ones should repeatedly call the people to patience and forbearance, and not be distressed by the deeds of some. They should fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause, not upon the words and deeds of the servants. The essence of the Cause and the good intentions of this party are not hidden from His Majesty the Sultan and the Chief of Princes. If, out of wisdom, some matter should appear from the Sovereign Commander, one must hold fast to the cord of patience. This Wronged One beseecheth God to preserve and protect this party, lest some matter should appear that would lay waste the deeds and patience of forty years. No blessing and no food hath a sweetness that prevaileth over the sweetness of patience. Whatsoever appeareth from this party is for the sake of God, and the gaze of all is fixed upon the horizon of His favor. He is the One unto Whom all are drawn, Who bestoweth full recompense upon them that seek Him. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beseech ye the one true God that He may unveil before His Majesty the Sultan and His Highness the Grand Vizier that which will enable them to become aware of this Wronged One's purpose and

aspirations. By God! They would then find themselves established upon a ship which no winds could move and no waves could harm. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken, as a token of His grace upon thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Most Generous. Thou hast ever been and continuest to be remembered. Take hold of the Most Great Handle in the name of the Lord of all mankind and say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens to unveil unto Thy servants that which Thou hast unveiled unto us through Thy power and Thy sovereignty. Thou art He through Whose Name Thou didst raise the standard of free will before the faces of the righteous and the wicked alike. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, through Thy binding and perspicuous command.

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He is the Most Wondrous in the All-Glorious Horizon!

These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. They are indeed a guidance to those who believe, and a mercy and reminder to another people. We have verily sent down to thee from the heaven of grace a Book before whose contents the hearts of all the world are powerless to comprehend. We have sent it unto thee as a mercy from Our presence upon thee and upon Our near servants. Should God so please, it shall reach thee and bestow upon thee what it containeth of the mysteries of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When it reacheth thee, take it with the hand of might and power, then act in accordance with what thou hast been commanded therein from the presence of the Mighty, the Most Beautiful. Tarry not in any matter, but make mention of thy Lord in secret and in public, and be of those who are steadfast in the Cause and are among the trusting ones. Beware lest anything deter thee from the path of thy Lord, or the denial of those who disbelieved after having acknowledged God their Lord at the time when the veils of fancy were rent asunder and the Sun of the name of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, shone forth from the holy horizon. When He once again manifested Himself unto them from the direction of the Throne through His Most Glorious Name, they denied Him, and thereby their falsehood in the former time became evident. They returned to their abode and joined those who had preceded them among Our idolatrous servants. Thus doth God render void the deeds of those who have made a jest of the Cause within themselves and who were in grave doubt and schism.

Know thou then that he whose name correspondeth to that of Nabil hath appeared before the Throne, and upon him hath shone the light of the Sun of the Beauty of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He attained the presence of God and His verses according to what was ordained for him, and verily thy Lord is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. When the time appointed for his sojourn in the precincts of thy Lord's mercy was fulfilled, We sent him back unto thee with a clear Book, and We favored thee once again and revealed this Tablet and dispatched it unto thee that thou mightest find from it the fragrance of the Beloved and be among the successful ones. Arise to serve the Cause, then remind the people of the verses of God, the Ancient Sovereign. Grieve not; give glad tidings of what hath appeared and shone forth from the holy horizon. He walketh, and behind Him walk the realities of all things, but the people have veiled themselves from the Revelation of God and His Cause, and are among

the heedless. They have taken fancy as their lord besides God. By My life! They are more heedless than the peoples of old, as evidenced by what issueth from their mouths, even as thou hast heard from them and art among those who have heard. Rend asunder their veils by a power from Our presence and a might from Us, that they may ascend unto a holy and gentle atmosphere. Say: O people! By God, ye were created for this Day, and concerning this hath God taken a covenant from you in the particle of the Bayan, then in the particle of the Furqan, then in the particle of the Gospel, then in the particle of the Torah, then in the particle of every world of His worlds and every page of the pages of His glory. To this do all atoms bear witness, were ye of the fair-minded.

Beware, O people, lest ye break God's covenant and His pledge. Rather, fulfill that which ye pledged in the presence of the near ones and the Messengers. When the deniers are asked, "Who is your God?" they say "Allah." And when asked, "By what proof?" they say "The verses." Yet when God's verses are recited unto them, they flee therefrom and become among the turn-aways. The eye of creation hath not witnessed any more heedless than these, for they deny that whereby they pride themselves above all the peoples of the earth and whereby their faith is established, yet they perceive not. Say: If ye deny this proof, then by what proof do ye reject the Faith of the Furqan? If ye say they denied God and His verses after they were sent down in truth, ye too have denied their like and their Revealer. What, then, is the difference between you, O company of the deluded? By thy life! Their likeness is as those who affirm the rays for the stars yet deny the manifestations of the Sun with such brilliant, radiant light; or as those who worship that which neither heareth nor seeth, and when asked "By what proof?" they say "Thus found we it in the books of our forefathers of old." Know thou that these believed not in the Primal Point, but rather in the idols of their own selves and desires. For had they believed in Him, they would not have denied Him in this Revelation whose lights have encompassed all worlds. Thus have We detailed unto thee the stories of these people and explained the verses with clear and evident signs. We sent unto those who believed therein Tablets, one of which sufficeth as proof for all the worlds. Do thou bring forth the pearls of knowledge and wisdom from the shells of their words, that perchance they who are detached may discover what lieth therein and be of those who are assured. Thus did We command thee before, and We command thee now, that thou mayest be of those who act. And since We sent thee a Tablet before, We have therefore been brief in this Tablet. Yet were We to will to remain in this transient world, We would assuredly send thee whatsoever God wisheth and desireth, for verily He is the Best of Senders.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise befitteth the Beloved of the world and the Desire of the nations, from whose right and left hands giving and taking are ceaselessly flowing and manifest. He taketh what He giveth, and giveth what He hath taken. Hidden in His taking are a myriad consummate wisdoms, and likewise in His giving. He hath made known the loftiness and sublimity of giving through taking. From the grain that the millstone hath ground upon doth man produce flour - from such travail doth this blessing emerge, and from such hardship doth this ease appear. For this reason have they who are nigh unto God, the sincere ones and

they who recognize His unity, resigned themselves to all things and with perfect steadfastness shown patience in whatsoever hath befallen them, inasmuch as He knoweth what we have while we know not what He hath, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The letter of that honored friend arrived and was laid before the Throne. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Wronged One

O Husayn! Reflect upon the tribulations of Husayn. Outwardly they appeared as afflictions, severe and momentous, yet through them the ocean of mercy surged, the light of recognition shone forth, and the sun of grace dawned. His martyrdom became a support and champion to the resplendent Law of the Messenger of God. His deeds were, in their essence, as the sun in the heaven of the Qur'an, and he was the tender and waterer of the garden of inner meanings. Were but one of the mysteries of tribulations in His path to be mentioned, all would freely hasten to the field and seek martyrdom. Today, whatsoever station thou mayest consider, the Truth standeth manifest therein - whether the station of father or above it or below it. Let it suffice thee that the Supreme Pen doth in this station console thee and comfort thee, and maketh mention of him who hath ascended. He was adorned with the ornament of the love of God, and was assured and acknowledging through the utterance of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Now doth he dwell in the precincts of mercy, receiving endless bounties. Blessed is he, and blessed art thou, and blessed are they who are with thee, and blessed are they unto each of whom We sent a Tablet from whose horizon shone the sun of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Gracious, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath ascended to the Most Exalted Companion and attained unto that which God, the Lord of all worlds, ordained for him.

Thy letter did truly cause complete sorrow, for it bore grievous tidings. God is Our witness that perfect anguish and grief appeared. However, when it was laid before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and brilliant verses were revealed from the heaven of Will, the flames of sorrow were suddenly stilled and the fire of cares was extinguished, nay, grew cold with a coldness that shall never be warmed. For such utterances were revealed in this station from the tongue of the Desire of all things that every soul longed for death that perchance they might attain the like thereof. Blessed is he who hath ascended unto Him. Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and peace to the kindred, and console them.

Another matter is that at the time of your departure, several names were written and sent to the Most Holy Court, and the promise of the revelation of Tablets from the heaven of bounty was manifest, and they were revealed some time ago. This time they are being sent according to the number ten. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to enable them to reach their destination and to adorn creation anew with a fresh raiment, that they may not be saddened or disturbed by the vicissitudes of time, the hatred of the wicked, the enmity of the divines and the envy of the doctors of law. At one time this exalted word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings - exalted be His grandeur: "O thou who art present! The friends of God are today the recipients of such bounty and loving-kindness as all the pens and oceans of the world are powerless to reckon. They must not be saddened by ephemeral happenings. Whatsoever may occur to their minds or whatsoever their powers of imagination may conceive is [with God], created and present and waiting for His loved ones. Under such circumstances,

grief is not permissible. Joy upon joy, gladness upon gladness, delight upon delight, bounty upon bounty is their portion. To this beareth witness He Who hath spoken and speaketh: verily there is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Resplendent, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Helper. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds." I hope that if wisdom permitteth, you will convey my greetings to the friends in that land. The yearning of my heart and soul exceedeth all bounds, but in view of the wisdom revealed in the Tablets, it is not permissible to mention names. Glory and praise and greetings be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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He is the Herald from the Supreme Horizon

This is a mention from Us to one who has attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Sovereign of the Realm of Might came with a Word that caused all who are in the heavens and earth to swoon, and every treacherous one who clung to vain imaginings was shaken. We make mention of him who turned towards the Most Great Ocean and heard the murmur of the Water of Life in the days of the All-Merciful, that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. We have turned from this Most Great Scene towards those who were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of Destiny, and We make mention of them with such remembrance that when it was inscribed, the Book proclaimed with the most exalted call: "By God! Thou hast attained unto the Most Sublime Word from God, the Lord of all worlds." Blessed, then blessed is he who purposed to seek the Purpose of the world and sacrificed his spirit when the clamor of the nations was raised, in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the soul that attained the wine of certitude in the days of the All-Merciful and was martyred in the path of God in such wise that the kindreds of the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of the Cities of Names lamented. The Creator of heaven, the Lord of the Throne and of earth bears witness to this, yet the people are in manifest loss. The Most Exalted Pen testifies that they were servants whom neither the hosts of the world nor the might of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of this mighty Day, could frighten. Through their acceptance, the denizens of earth and heaven accepted, and through their turning, every face turned towards the Face of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O ?ali?! Blessed art thou for God has aided thee in the service of His Cause and chosen thee from among His creatures to preserve the Station which He made as a throne for His Temple, a footstool for His feet, and a dawning-place for His sovereignty that encompasses all who are in the heavens and earth. It behooves thee to beseech God in the nights and days that He may strengthen thee in this Cause hereafter as He strengthened thee before. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. We counsel thee to fear God and to that which preserves thy station which We have given thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Praised be the testimony from the hands of the bounties of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. They responded when they heard the call of the Desired One and hastened to the land of Taff, the place wherein the Most Exalted Word was martyred. Thus doth God mention whomsoever He willeth of His servants. He, verily, is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur addresseth them and those who were martyred with them, saying: Upon you be the remembrance of God and His praise, the fragrances of God and His verses, and the mercy of God and His favors. Ye are they who cast the world behind you and hastened unto God, the Lord of eternity, when the nations were in manifest loss. Ye are they who aided God on earth and manifested His all-compelling power to all the worlds. We testify that through you were standards raised by the hands of bounty, and ye bore witness to that which God had testified before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We adorned the Paradise of Utterance with the roses of knowledge. He, verily, is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. We return at the end of the Book to thy mention, O Salih, and thy brethren and what pertaineth unto thee, that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. By God! Houses shall perish, trees shall be broken, winds shall cease, but that which We have built for thee by the hands of power shall never be touched by annihilation. To this beareth witness the Lord of the invisible and the visible. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And praise be to God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Eternity!

The call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and they who dwelt on Sinai's Mount in the realm of divine knowledge were thunderstruck. The Rock cried out and proclaimed: "The Ocean of Union hath surged, and the Lord of the Day of Reckoning hath come, riding upon the clouds." Blessed is he whom the hosts have not weakened, though he be mighty, and whom the ranks have not daunted, though he be powerful. He hastened, and hearkened, and attained unto the presence of God, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing.

Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised in truth, and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: The proof hath appeared and the stream of Salsabil hath flowed from the Pen of God, which speaketh from the most exalted station. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of lights, and We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the Day-star of the favors of the Lord of creation.

The servant who standeth before the face of the Wronged One hath read thy letter. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Lord of Lords, shall endure. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee a sign of His signs and a standard among His standards in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and feet have slipped. There hath befallen Me in the path of God that

which no eye hath seen nor ear heard. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which speaketh before the faces of all parties. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

When the light shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, the Maid of Heaven came forth from the Most Exalted Paradise and walked until she stood before the face of the Lord of all mankind. She cried out and said, pointing with her luminous finger to the head of the Lord of Destiny: "By God! This is the Hidden One now made manifest in truth, and this is the Treasured One concealed within the hearts of the Prophets and mentioned in the books of God, the Lord of all men."

Say: Be fair, O people of the Bayan, concerning this Book which God hath made the point round which circle all the books of the world, and this Remembrance before which all remembrances bow down. Say: Present yourselves before the Face that your eyes may behold what no eyes have seen and your ears may hear what no ears have heard. He is the One Who cannot be known except through Himself and Who needeth not the testimony of scriptures, books and tablets to prove His Cause. Were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would My Herald, Who sacrificed His life in My path, have come.

Fear God, O people, and be not of them that go astray. Say: By God! He was silent - God made Him speak; He was seated - the hands of power and might made Him arise; He was sleeping - the breezes of the morn of Revelation that blew by God's will, the Lord of the Day of Return, awakened Him. Say: O people of the Bayan! He speaketh not from mere desire. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter.

Say: O people of denial! Deny not Him Who hath come with that wherewith the Messengers came before, and Who hath revealed that which lay hidden in the treasure of God's protection from time immemorial. Say: Read ye what ye possess and We shall read what We possess. Then shall ye find yourselves in greater loss than any polytheist or liar. Say: Remember ye the Day of Mubahalih in the Land of Mystery, when the Dawning Place of Inspiration came forth from the precincts of the House, directing His steps toward the House of God, the Lord of all men. We arrived therein while no one else entered it. Then did the Day-star of the Cause shine forth and the Ancient Beauty appear without veil or covering. Say: O people! Can anyone stand with Him in the arena of proof and evidence? Nay, by His Self, the All-Merciful! Thus have We sent down the verses and made manifest the evidences that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord with power and sovereignty.

O Samandar! In the Land of Mystery, the great ordeal has become more manifest than the sun. Nearly one hundred souls, including travelers and emigrants, were present; nevertheless, the deniers rejected it while the ignorant ones of the world accepted it. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad tidings of the effulgences of the Day Star of Manifestation. The matter of the honored Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, is clear and evident. Indeed, he has borne countless hardships and has been wronged. We have instructed Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, to provide the details. And 'Abdi, that is, 'Abdu'l-Husayn, is remembered before the Wronged One. Wondrous and exalted Tablets have been sent especially for the loved ones, both men and women. Regarding what is being sent, it is beloved that copies be made and, after comparison and verification, be given to their owners. Praise be to God, all are mentioned and have

attained the traces of the Pen. We beseech God to assist them and to confirm them in such steadfastness as will make firm the feet of the world. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words, and upon My loved ones in the cities of God and His lands - those who have not broken My covenant and My testament and who were among the steadfast in this Great Announcement and this Manifest Cause.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, to Him belong greatness and majesty!

O Letter Ba' to Letter Jim! Grieve not at the vicissitudes of the world. Find solace in the remembrance of God and be content therewith above all else. By Him Who made the Letter Ha' the ornament of His Own Self, and with it adorned His kingdom and His dominion and His holy realms, ye have profited in your trade in such wise as none can reckon save God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. He maketh mention of you in His seat, that ye may mention Him amongst the servants with wisdom and utterance, perchance ye may find them lightened from the burden of earth and all that is therein, and ascend unto a station that was highly exalted in the supreme Paradise. Beware, beware lest ye step forth from the robe of wisdom. They in whose hearts is doubt have appeared in the garments of faith, and thy Lord beareth witness that they are liars. Believe not every claimant who speaketh as his passion biddeth him. Thus doth He Who speaketh the truth command you. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the Unseen. Rejoice in His days and behold the signs of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and ponder them. By My life! They have encompassed the worlds. Glory and spirit be upon thee and upon those who have chosen the path unto God, the Almighty, the Great.

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Him belong greatness and majesty!

O Letter ?a'! Hear the call of the Letter Ha' that speaketh in the crimson hill, the place wherefrom the decree of destiny was severed, and from which the fragrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, was diffused. Grieve not at the world and what occureth therein. By My life! All that is thereon shall perish, and there shall endure the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed art thou for having urged on the steed of high resolve until the beauty of the Divine Unity was made manifest unto thee. We have accepted what hath passed from thee. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Helper. This is the Day whereon the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was rent and the path was set up, and this, verily, is the Balance. Say: The Balance hath appeared in the form of man, and walketh and speaketh and writeth what proceedeth from His lips - the servant present before the Throne, whom the peoples of all worlds from among those who followed Satan could not prevent. We have forsaken the world and its people, and have turned to a station wherein naught is seen save God, the Lord of all religions. By Him Who illumined the dawn and manifested the Night of Power! He speaketh between the heavens and the earth and calleth all unto God, and the might of the oppressors preventeth Him not, though they should all unite against Him with sword and spear. God hath written down for you the reward of them who have attained His presence and heard His call. Be content with what God hath been content with. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Merciful.

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Him belong greatness and majesty!

This is a Book from Us unto him who hath turned towards the Holy Court. Verily his Lord is the Mighty, the Generous. They who follow God's command, by My life, are in My good-pleasure and soar in My atmosphere and hear My call and circle round Me. They are, verily, the companions of paradise. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having wandered from thy homeland until thou drewest nigh unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Exalted be this noble and mighty station! Had the people known what lieth beyond the veil, they would have turned unto it with their heads, but they have been prevented from this mighty grace by what they have earned. They who have drawn nigh unto the Dayspring of Revelation are of the people of Baha. Their names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in a preserved and mighty tablet. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath drunk the cup of tribulation in the path of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Him belong greatness and majesty!

By the grace of the All-Merciful, may His Chosen Ones be joyous at all times, content with the good-pleasure of the Friend and thankful. Today, wisdom is beloved for the education of the peoples of the world. All the loved ones must assuredly not transgress it. It has been observed that in every place where actions were taken contrary to that which God hath permitted, naught but sedition was manifested as a result. Hearken unto the call of the Friend, act according to His bidding, and be content. Be not grieved by separation, for afterwards, by His command, that very separation was the essence of nearness, and parting by His leave was the reality of union. These are the pure waters of inner meaning that have flowed from the Wellspring of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Drink thereof and be of the thankful ones.

He is God, exalted be His station, to Him belong all glory and grandeur.

O Sin! The Manifest Truth declareth: This is the Day wherein the chosen ones must fix their gaze upon the command of the All-Choosing One and must efface their own will before the Will of God. That is, after the issuance of the binding decree from the direction of the Fashioner of bones and the Lord of all nations, that very command must become the beloved thing. How blessed, then, is he who ascendeth unto this station! Therefore, ye must observe with perfect wisdom whatsoever is deemed beneficial to the Cause, and act accordingly. Deeds take precedence over words. A goodly deed hath been and shall forever be the distinguishing feature. Be thou never grieved. Verily, He ordaineth for each one that which is best for him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the All-Powerful

O Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of Divine Will as a token of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds, that it may draw the servants unto the most exalted horizon and bring them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O thou who hast turned thy face unto the lights of His Countenance! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee in the prison and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. This is a Day whereon the Herald hath called out from every direction, the mountains have passed away, the Ark of the Bayan hath sailed upon the ocean of divine knowledge, and the Dove of proof hath warbled upon the highest branches. O peoples of the worlds! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, who have disputed His verses and denied His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Message, can ever withhold. The stream of life-giving waters hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have denied God's favor and have changed it into disbelief. Lo! They are among the oppressors in a perspicuous Book.

We have heard mention of thee and have beheld thy turning unto Us. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and have remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet. When thou art blessed with it and findest the fragrance of utterance from thy Lord's verses, the All-Merciful, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having strengthened me, made me recognize Thee, and caused me to hear when Thy sweetest call was raised and the pen of Thy most exalted Pen moved. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the ocean of divine knowledge surged in the contingent world and the banner of Thy remembrance was raised amidst all religions, to make me aflame with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, illumined by the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation, uttering Thy praise, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, standing before the gate of Thy bounty and generosity, and serving Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee and turning unto the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee. Ordain for me to attain Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur, and if Thy decree preventeth me from attaining Thy presence, ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have heard Thy sweetest call and have attained Thy presence, O Thou Who art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below! O Lord! Aid me to serve Thy Cause and to arise for that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall hold me back. Then write down for me, O my God and my Master, the good of this world and the next and that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

Hear in the Persian tongue: Today is the day of remembrance and praise, and the day of service. Service to God, exalted be His glory, and assistance to His Cause have been and are through goodly deeds, pure character, and the fear of God. We beseech God to assist you in promoting His Cause, that you may be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree–an enkindlement which the polluted and fetid waters of religious opposition cannot extinguish. The most excellent of all deeds today is to teach His Cause with joy and fragrance. Whosoever achieves this has achieved all good. Strive that you may attain to that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. The cawing ones are spread abroad like locusts. Beseech God to protect His loved ones in that land. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: O party of God! Hold fast to the cord of patience and cling to the hem of service. This Day has no peer or likeness. Deeds performed therein are the sovereign of all deeds, and remembrance therein is the king of all remembrance. Deprive not yourselves. Set the

world ablaze with the fire of the blessed Lote-Tree. Hold fast to the cord of unity and concord. Ere long will the Cause of God encompass all things and its signs appear throughout all regions. We beseech God to assist you and not deprive you of that which is ordained in His Book.

In the Scriptures and Tablets We have counseled the people of God to observe serenity and dignity, humility and submissiveness, kindness and grace, and wisdom. All must hold fast to the cord of wisdom and utter that which God desires. Should you engage in service in that land, the reward of attaining His presence is ordained by God. This matter–namely, teaching–is most great. If you hold fast to it, it is, in the sight of God, closest to godliness. And if you wish to return, there is no objection, provided wisdom dictates it, for the command of wisdom is most firm. In most Tablets We have commanded all to observe it. God suffices as a witness. The glory which proceeds from Us be upon you and upon God's loved ones there, and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O honored one, his eminence the Afnan, his honor Aqa Siyyid M–upon him be all the glory of God, the Most Glorious–may he be favored with the most luminous gaze.

Praise be to God! Although the darkness of the vain imaginings of the divines of the earth–those souls who are heedless of the Truth–hath encompassed the world, and the tyranny and oppression of rulers hath shaken the very foundations of all lands, and the deeds of the idolaters and transgressors have deprived hearts of their freshness, yet the call of the Desired One of all worlds and the lights of the Countenance of His Revelation have been raised and are shining forth in such wise that, in the eyes of them that are endued with vision, naught else is to be seen. At every moment He imparteth news unto the world, and the fragrances of His verses are wafted from the direction of His Prison. He is the Spirit of the world and the cause of the existence of the sons of men. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized Him, and woe unto the heedless ones!

Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the Frequented Fane! I beseech Thee by the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who calleth aloud between earth and heaven, that Thou aid Thy chosen ones to do that which beseemeth Thy sovereignty and grandeur. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Thou seest and knowest that this servant desired to make mention of them who are related unto Thyself and whom Thou hast named the Afnan of Thy Tree, though this be beyond my station and rank. Yet I make mention of them lest I be deprived of this bounty, and I thank Thee for this and for having enabled me to do so. Then, after making mention, I turn in repentance unto Thee, that this may serve as evidence of my powerlessness to make fitting mention of Thy loved ones. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge that Thou aid Thy Afnan as Thou didst aid them before, and ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Generous.

And furthermore, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, your remembrance, and your service. His blessed letter, which was sent along the way, bestowed light upon the heart, expansion upon the breast, and strength upon the vision. Praise be to God, the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, was found therein, as well as the sweet news of His health and those with Him. Thanks be to the Goal of all the worlds, for His grace has been and continues to be manifest at all times, to such an extent that all the world is incapable and falls short of enumerating it.

If you wish to know of the conditions in the Land of Purpose: His honor the most great Master, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and the two Stars, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and the august ladies, upon them be the Glory of God and His grace and favor, were circumambulating. Later, according to the command, they proceeded to Beirut. God willing, may they ever be occupied with the remembrance of Truth and find rest beneath His shade.

After reading His letter before the Throne, these exalted words were revealed and sent down from the Source of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs. He says, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty and great be His station:

"O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory! The very arteries of the world are moved by the divine verses, and at every moment divine reinforcement reaches it, otherwise all would be seen as perished and extinct from the oppression of the people of the earth and the divines of the lands. Ask ye of God that He might knead the dust of certitude with the water of knowledge, and raise up souls who shall be seen as firm and steadfast as mountains in the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and who shall attain such a station that no earthly affair shall prevent them from God, exalted be His glory, and a door to another world shall be opened unto their beings. By the life of God! Any soul who attains even a trace thereof shall see all who are on earth as mere handfuls of dust. Praise be to God, repeatedly hast thou attained that with which the world cannot compare.

"Convey My greetings to Muhammad, upon him be My glory. Say: Verily God shall be with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Responding One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the Afnan and gladden them with boundless favors."

This servant also offers greetings and salutations to each one. God willing, may all become dawning-places of God's will. The Tablets that were previously requested have been sent, numbering fourteen, by the count of the All-Bountiful. It is hoped they will arrive and be found as keys for hearts, as Kawthar for those thirsting in the wilderness of divine love, and as light breaking forth from the darkness of these days, and that all may take their portion from the ocean of their meanings.

I offer greetings and salutations to their honors, the illustrious Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, who are present in that land. Blessed are they and joy be unto them for what God has confirmed them with and mentioned them in various Tablets. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon them and upon those who love them and turn unto them for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad-Shafi' - He is the Dawning Place from His Most Exalted Horizon! This is a Day wherein all things proclaim: "O concourse of creation! The Greatest Veil hath been rent asunder and the Greatest Scene hath been adorned through the revelation of God, the Lord of Destiny; yet most of the people remain heedless." On this Day the Tongue of Glory calleth out from the pavilions of grandeur: "O denizens of earth and heaven! The Hidden Mystery hath appeared and the Self-Subsisting hath come with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the armies of the oppressors among men could withstand." Whoso hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings in the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind, for having caused me to hear Thy call and honored Thy lands with Thy footsteps. I testify that through Thy manifestation that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been fulfilled. These are the days which Thy ambassadors, Thy messengers, and Thy chosen ones foretold through Thy word: 'Lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them the glad-tidings of the days of God.' Thus was the matter decreed in the Book by God, the Evident, the All-Knowing." Is there any with hearing to hear the call of God? Is there any with vision to behold the Greatest Sign? Is there any possessed of steadfastness to arise and speak with wisdom and proof amidst the concourse of the Bayan? By God! That which cannot be mentioned by utterance nor described by what hath been revealed concerning it hath appeared. By the life of God! Verily it was revealed to exalt His mention and His Word - to this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one.

O Muhammad-Shafi'! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant present before His face hath presented it. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted and the fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the call of its Lord and attained unto that which it was commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come with the truth by a command whereagainst all who are in the heavens and earth are powerless to stand. This is a Day wherein the Proof calleth out with the loudest voice, wherein the Evidence speaketh amongst all creation, and the Testament crieth out before its Glorious Lord; yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil.

O Most Exalted Pen! Thou hast spoken in the most eloquent tongue; now speak in a sweet Persian tongue. O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Shafi'! May you be blessed through divine favors! Your letter reached the Most Exalted Station through the Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, and was honored to be heard by the Lord of all beings. Today it is incumbent upon everyone to move according to that which God has willed, meaning to submerge their own will and desire in the Will of God, to fix their gaze upon the will of the Friend, to turn toward His desire and to hold fast to His command. Today the Balance is manifest and proclaims with the most exalted call: "I am the Distinguisher, the Separator, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." How excellent is the condition of those souls who have clung to the Book of God and acted

according to it. In all the Books this blessed Day is rightly attributed to God. One must arise to perform such deeds as befit this most holy Day. By My life! Goodly deeds have been and ever will be the helpers of Truth. If today someone should arise for the sake of God and act according to what He loves and is pleased with, assuredly the fragrance of his deeds will guide and lead people to the choice sealed Wine which has appeared and flows forth through the grace of the Finger of the Self-Subsisting Lord. The divine utterance shines forth like the sun, and the Path of the Lord stands out among all paths like a banner upon the hills, manifest, clear and evident. No sign among the signs of Truth resembles it, yet the vain imaginings of people have held them back and their conjectures have veiled them. God willing, may the friends of God attain to that which is the cause of protection, blessing, bounty and salvation. Praise the Beloved of the world that you have attained unto this Most Great Tablet and reached this station through the Afnan. Be thankful and be among those who give praise. Beseech God that He may assist all the friends to achieve what He desires. While time and opportunity remain, perchance such deeds as are adorned with the good-pleasure of the Friend may be manifested from the mirrors of existence. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Wise. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, and the All-Informed Counsellor. You had sought forgiveness for certain souls. All have attained unto the Word of God. We have forgiven them as a grace from Our presence and a mercy from Our side, and We have mentioned them in verses from which the sincere ones will find My sublime and mighty fragrance. The Primal Point hath said that all were created for this: that they might be mentioned once in His presence. Know thou the station of this rank and hold fast to that which hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letters and petitions, both past and present, have attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. In these days thy mention hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful. Make thou mention of the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desire of the worlds. They have ever been and continue to be remembered.

Mention hath been made of Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah. O Nasru'llah! My Name hath made mention of thee through a Word from My Tongue whereby were created the heavens and the earth. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of utterance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having made mention of me in the prison. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested whatsoever Thy Will desired and Thy Purpose ordained, in such wise that neither the rancor and hatred, nor the swords of the enemies, nor the clamor of the divines who spoke in Thy Name yet turned away from Thy Self, who disputed Thy verses, denied Thy bounty, rejected Thy proof and Thy testimony, and violated Thy Covenant and Testament, could hinder it. I beseech Thee, O God of the nations and the One manifest through the Most Great Name, to assist me to

be steadfast in Thy Cause and to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art my Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

We make mention of thy son in this station and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all things and My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Verily My Name Jamal desireth that Thou make mention of him who hath turned to My horizon and heard My call, who was named Siyyid before ’Abdu’llah. Say: O ’Abdu’llah! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and say:

O Lord of eternity and Desire of the nations! I testify that they who claimed Thy love and spoke Thy praise and beseeched their Lord in the nights and days for Thy manifestation and meeting, and who would rise at the mention of Thy Herald saying “May God hasten His relief,” and who lamented in His separation and shed tears in His absence - when the appointed time came and the Light shone forth from the horizon of manifestation, they denied Him and His verses, rejected His right, and denounced Him openly from the pulpits until they pronounced sentence for the shedding of His blood and killed Him with such injustice as caused the dwellers of the pavilions of Thy greatness and the inhabitants of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Sublime Garden to lament. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names, to protect Thy party from the evil of these people, then assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, then ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face and circling round the throne of Thy majesty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art He Who with the finger of Thy will didst rend asunder the veils and the shrouds. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

And We make mention in this station of thy wife and give her glad-tidings of the Salsabil of My utterance and the Kawthar of My mercy and the choice wine of My knowledge and the wine of My wisdom, whose decree We have sent down in My perspicuous Book. We beseech God to aid thee and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O daughter of Hashim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. Dost thou recognize Him Who maketh mention of thee? This is He by Whose grace the whole world holdeth fast and by Whose name they speak. From monasteries and temples and mosques and churches do they seek Him and call upon Him, yet remain veiled and debarred from Him. The cause of this debarring hath been and continueth to be the divines of the various parties. Say: […]

O my God and my Desire! I praise Thee and beseech of Thee that which befitteth Thy bounty and generosity. Thy handmaiden knoweth not what profiteth or harmeth her. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Within Thy grasp of power lieth all things. Grant that which Thou deemest expedient. Thou art the Bestower, the Loving.

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Praise be to God, My Name is Beauty, upon him be all glory, most glorious. He hath ever been and continueth to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court, especially on this night when the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh his praise, and two days ago a

special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will for his son, that is, ?abibu'llah. We beseech God to assist His servants to hearken unto His utterance in remembrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Manifest, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We wish to make mention of him who is named Davud. Verily We mentioned him before, and We mention him at this hour that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Grace is within the grasp of divine power; He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. Davud is in his place while the Wronged One is occupied with his remembrance in the Most Great Prison. No earthly means can equal this bounty. Blessed is he who hath attained in this Day, and woe unto the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be from Us upon those who have heard and answered their Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

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He is God! O beloved of my heart! Ustad 'Ali-Akbar-i-Banna, upon him be the Glory of God, has written from the people of Ya to His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. My brother Ustad Kazim, from whom no good effects have been witnessed, has multiple veils. Among them is that this humble one had sent two payments for the Huquq - once through His Honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, and once through His Honor Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. One payment arrived and they wrote it in my brother Ustad Kazim's name. This has become a source of his veils, [saying] "I have not sent any payment, so why has this receipt been sent in my name?" That beloved one should be very careful in writing names, as this servant acts according to that beloved one's letter and sends acknowledgment of receipt. Glory be to God! Such matters should not become causes of veiling, for you are the seeker and the servant writes. Verily He is sanctified from what we have; He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Some receipts were previously sent. It appears some may have been sent repeatedly. Please review and inform which ones have arrived.

Regarding what was written about His Honor Aqa Azizu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, what this evanescent one witnessed and testifies to is that he has been and continues to be steadfast in the Cause with perfect love, and has repeatedly attained unto the verses of the Supreme Pen, and there has been revealed for him that which every letter thereof is a true testimony and an articulate witness to the compassion, favor and mercy of the True One, exalted be His glory. He said: "O Trustee! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice. Give glad tidings to My servant Aziz of what was revealed for him before and at this time from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Aziz! Grieve not over anything. Commit thy affairs unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily We have mentioned thee in My verses and given thee glad tidings of My favor and adorned thee with the ornament of My mercy which hath preceded those who are in the heavens and on earth."

We make mention of the loved ones of the land of Kha and convey greetings. For each one has been revealed that by whose light the horizons of utterance are illumined and by whose mention the people of

the cities of justice are made joyous and content. Soon it will be sent and will be illumined by the lights of the utterance of the Goal of the worlds.

Regarding what was written that His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Javad (with nun and ra), upon him be the Glory of God, has arranged with that beloved one to deliver the mentioned amount each year, after being presented at the Most Holy Court, this word appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Goal of the worlds: “O Trustee! He hath attained unto acceptance and is engaged in service. Leave this matter to himself so that whatever occurs may be with spirit and fragrance. Verily We greet him once again that he may give thanks to his Lord, the Generous, the Bountiful.”

And regarding what was written about Ibn-i-Shahid, upon him be God’s Glory and favors - if souls act with perfect spirit and fragrance and gratitude for the sake of God, it is accepted; otherwise, leave them to themselves, turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This servant greatly wonders at souls who have attained unto the light of recognition and faith, yet hesitate in what is befitting the Day of God. We beseech God to assist them and grant them success. Verily He is the best Helper and the best Guardian, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

As regards the matter of regular allowances about which they wrote, it is by no means permissible to mention it to them. Concealment of this matter from all is necessary and obligatory. This evanescent servant beseeches God to assist them to attain wealth and independence. If they cleave for a while to contentment and arise to serve, assuredly the gates of bounty will be opened before them and the sun of wealth will shine forth from the horizon of the Ancient Lord’s generosity, even as this has been manifested in previous communities and they have heard thereof.

Another matter concerns the funds sent by three trustworthy souls - his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida (of Muhammad-Abad), his honor Karbala’i Aqa Husayn (of Tabas), and his honor Aqa Muhammad-Baqir (of Naraq), upon them be the Glory of God - which were received and accepted with favor. However, the beloved and honored one, Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be [the Glory of God], requested the receipts, as they had been received from him and given several months ago. Later that esteemed one requested them again, and as he repeatedly mentioned this, they were sent. The point is that receipts for these three items have been given twice, and that beloved one should be informed of this.

Another matter: According to the command, if the beloved of the heart, his honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, should proceed to the Caucasus region and conduct himself with wisdom, this would be acceptable and beloved in the sight of God.

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In the name of God, exalted be His glory, His is the majesty and power!

O beloved of my heart! Your mention, which was described in brief, was received, bringing the fragrance of love and bestowing a fresh gift. Now, in response to your brief letter, I must present a brevity that contains length, and that is the letter Mim which appears at the beginning of the name ‘Mahbub’

(Beloved). In one station its numerical value is forty, which some have described as the perfect number, and this number was associated with the time of the Seal of the Prophets, may my spirit be sacrificed for His sake. God is witness and testifier that from the name 'Mahbub' new breezes of love and knowledge are manifest and evident. Whosoever attains unto this has attained unto all good. The Command is in God's hands, the Desired One of the mystics and the Beloved of those who are near.

Now from your brief letter, indeed from the first letter of the name alone, countless books of love, fellowship, affection, and unity can be derived. When your handwriting arrived and its contents were perceived, it gave new power to the taste. In truth, a sweet intoxication from this wine occurred. At once, approaching the Presence, it was presented, and He said:

They have partaken of their share from the Kawthar of divine love at every moment and received their portion. We beseech God to grant him at all times that which will draw him near and through which his clear Cause will be exalted.

This pearl of brief utterance which hath appeared from the ocean is a brevity wherein infinite worlds lie concealed, and likewise the realms of meaning and utterance. Praise be to God that those beloved ones have been and continue to be successful in all conditions, and whatsoever they sent was truly for the sake of God and complete endeavor was expended therein - it was and shall ever be worthy of mention. Its effects have preceded and its fruits shall follow. The fruits of divine favor from it are manifest, brilliant and evident, for it became present, watchful and aware of mention and praise. From that direction, that beloved one and that one who turned to God - the true Haji who was present and attained - were partners and helpers in that service, and from this direction were all-encompassing favors and countless bestowals. Now observe how something that was not worthy of any mention became the cause of all these favors appearing. His is the praise for His bounties, His is the praise for His utterances, His is the praise for His favors, His is the praise for His benevolence, and His is the praise for His mercy that hath encompassed us. It is most clear and evident that these favors had no connection to him, yet God made him the cause for their appearance.

That spiritual beloved, His Holiness Ali, upon him be the glory of God, the One, arrived and delivered the spiritual repasts and the fountains of the All-Merciful. God is witness that this servant hath ever desired to make mention of you. All aspects of the heart have been seized by the rays of mention and praise shining from that direction. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that this supreme bounty may endure and that its manifestations may ever remain constant and its fragrance diffused. In brief, the surging waves of separation are not yet stilled - at every moment they appear with new force and in different form. The separation from Ali hath wrought and continueth to work such effects. God willing, its consolation shall come through another meeting, and the command is God's, the Possessor of Destiny.

The envelopes which were destined from the beginningless realm to become the bearers of Tablets and the extenders of spirits have in these days arrived through the endeavor of that beloved one and shall attain infinite outpourings. In truth, these envelopes were and are the beloved envelopes of the world and are accounted as one of the divine treasuries, for within them are stored and concealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance and the gems of knowledge and certitude. How can the pen describe or the heart

enumerate? We beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us with you and bestow upon us that which hath no likeness or peer. Verily He hath power over all things.

I convey humility, submissiveness, mention and praise to each of the loved ones in that land, and I seek for each that which shall cause the world's advancement and the progress of nations. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Prayer and peace and mention and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. And praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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O Siyyid Mahdi, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen! O Mahdi, read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "O my son! If there be a matter the weight of a mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth." All that was deposited in this blessed verse concerning misery and felicity, detachment and greed, trustworthiness and treachery, hath been made manifest and evident. Blessed is the eye which the veils of idle fancies have not prevented, and the ear which hath attained to hearing. Glory be to God! The treacherous one hath claimed trustworthiness and opened the tongue of counsel. O Mahdi, that which was hidden in the breasts hath been revealed, for the Day wherein secrets are laid bare hath raised its banner, and that which was concealed in the eyes and hidden in the breasts hath, through His all-compelling Will, been made manifest and apparent. No condition of the Hour, and no secret of the Resurrection remaineth unrevealed; nay rather, that which no understanding, knowledge or learning hath comprehended hath been made manifest. The Truth, exalted be His glory, encompasseth and is not encompassed. Verses descend like rain, and evidences from before and after shine forth like the sun. Blessed is the eye that seeth and the ear that heareth, and woe unto the heedless!

Thy letter which thou didst send to the Name of God hath attained unto the Most Holy Court. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the station honored by Thy footsteps, and by the Names which have won the glances of Thine eyes of grace, and by the House wherein was raised Thy most sweet call and the most exalted scratching of Thy Pen - by Thy might, the lovers have been consumed by the fire of remoteness in Thy days. The force of separation hath so seized them that their spirits have well nigh departed from their bodies. Look, O my God, upon those who seek Thee with the eyes of Thy mercy, and deliver them from the torment of remoteness through the grace of Thy nearness. Then make me, O my God, so firm in Thy love that the calumnies of the people and the doubts of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs shall not prevent me. O Lord! Open before the faces of the religions, through Thy name the All-Merciful, the gates of Thy grace and mercy, that they may return from their vain imaginings to the horizon of certitude through Thy power and bounty. Then ordain for me and for those who love Thee and have drunk the choice wine of Thy revelation from the hand of Thy bounty, every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy perspicuous Book. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

O Mahdi, upon thee be My Glory! Thou didst request permission to attain Our presence. In these days divine wisdom doth not permit such permission to be granted. Be patient, for thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to ordain that which His prevailing Will hath determined. In these days sorrows descend from every direction and the divine sheep are afflicted amidst wolves. Ask God, thy Lord, to protect His servants through His power and dominion, and to assist them in that whereby His Word may be exalted amongst His creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We make mention of thy brother, and We are the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing.

O Ahmad! Hearken unto the call of God, the Single, the One. He draweth thee nigh unto His most exalted horizon and ordaineth for thee that which shall solace the eyes of the observers. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister, and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the Throne, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the Lord of the exalted Seat. We make mention of him who desired to attain My presence, who was named Muhammad-Hasan, and We give him glad tidings of My grace and We beseech God to ordain for him the reward of attaining the presence of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Baqir and We beseech God to raise through him the standard of steadfastness and to strengthen him in His remembrance and praise and the service of His Cause. Verily, He is the Protector of those who remember Him and the Master of the sincere ones.

O Ali! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal and my Beloved, for having caused me to turn towards the Kaaba of Thy knowledge and to acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall preserve me from turning to anyone but Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

O Siyyid Mahdi! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God. As to what thou hast asked concerning the Revelation, thou hast indeed spoken the truth, and the truth is with thee. We beseech God to make known unto all the station of this Revelation and teach them of its mighty tidings.

O people of God! Cast away what the people possess and take hold of My Book through My strength, My power, and My sovereignty. Then drink of the Kawthar of utterance in My Name and My remembrance, despite those who have turned away and disbelieved, even to the point of pronouncing judgment against God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Grieve not over anything. Turn with illumined hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon - this station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, and around which circle the Most Exalted Paradise, the Supreme Heaven, and the company of those near unto God and the sincere ones.

The glory from Us be upon thee, O Mahdi, and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned at the end of thy letter, and upon thy other brother, and thy other sister, and upon every steadfast and firm servant in the Cause of God, the Lord of this exalted station.

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I testify that there is no God but Him, acknowledging what the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and affirming what He revealed in His decisive, revealed and manifest Book. Prayers and peace be upon Him Who shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of all worlds, Who was adorned with His most beautiful names and supreme attributes, Who was the Purpose of the creation of the world and the appearance of nations, and through Whom prophethood and messengership were sealed by the command of God, the Lord of creation, and upon His family and companions through whom the veil of idle fancies and vain imaginings was rent asunder among the peoples, and the light of certitude shone forth from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, and through whom the Kawthar of divine knowledge flowed throughout creation and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branches that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, may my spirit be sacrificed for you, some time ago this servant was blessed with the traces of the Pen of that Beloved One - may God exalt Him. From His words wafted the fragrance of true sincerity and spiritual attraction to God alone. Although the fragrance of spring is with the trees, and pure water with the saplings, and the Kawthar of union with the seekers, and the Salsabil of meeting with the lovers, a hundred thousand praises be to the Purpose of all worlds Who adorned the Afnans of His Tree with that which befits His grace and bounty. After reading and learning of it, He intended to present it before His presence where it was honored to be heard.

O My Afnan, upon you be My peace. In truth, your separation has been prolonged - the Wronged One bears witness to this and He is the Just and Trustworthy Witness. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant you a full portion from the oceans of His gifts and bounties, and to illuminate you with the effulgences of the Day-Star of grace. He is the True Bestower and the Eternal Giver. No matter has ever prevented His grace, and no thing has ever blocked His bounty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

End. Praise be to God, you have ever been and continue to be blessed with special favors. Whatever this servant might express in this regard would be counted as audacity. I seek forgiveness from God, the Great, for this great audacity.

As for the delay in responding to your letter, I have been and remain ashamed, but you know that in some days opportunity is lacking, as the matter is evident and manifest, and that Spiritual Beloved One Himself is witness and testimony to the truth of this servant's plea. My excuse is, God willing, acceptable to the Afnan of the Blessed Tree, may my spirit be sacrificed for them. I beseech and hope for the wondrous favors, bounties and gifts of God, exalted be His glory, that soon the carpet of nearness will be spread and the rug of remoteness rolled up. In truth, when the Day-Star of meeting rises, pen and tongue are incapable and fall short of describing it, as confirmed by those endowed with vision and the people of the Most Sublime Vision. Now, on this Saturday night, the 15th of Rabi'ul-Awwal, He is present before His face and again makes mention of you, meaning that through God's grace, exalted be His glory, you have been and continue to be remembered. Likewise, mention was made by the Beloved of the honored Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the glory of God. This servant also conveys greetings and praise to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for his success and confirmation.

My God, my God! Thou hearest the cry of the lovers and the plaint of those who yearn for Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver Thy chosen ones from the evil of Thine enemies and didst exalt Thy Cause through Thy power and might, to assist Thy loved ones to do what is pleasing and acceptable unto Thee. Then ordain for them, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of generosity surged throughout the world, that which shall profit them in the hereafter and in this world, and shall draw them nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Lord of grace abounding. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In truth, whenever this servant intends to write in service to the Afnan, he finds himself possessed of such eagerness that neither paper nor pen can contain it. Love and affection bear witness to this and testify thereof. However, as attention must be given to that which is essential, these brief missives must suffice, else the pen would find no rest from the fire of longing, nor would the tongue choose silence. In any case, I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to aid in that which befits pure servitude unto His own Self. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you, upon those who are with you, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Beloved Spirit His Eminence Samandar, upon him be all the most glorious Baha, may gaze upon it with most radiant and pure vision

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is unique, but not through the uniqueness known to creation; Who is one, but not through the oneness perceived by contingent beings; Who is supreme, but not through the supremacy spoken of by the people of creation; and Who is sanctified, but not through the sanctification uttered by the Concourse of Creation. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, and none knoweth Him save Him, and none mentioneth Him save Him, for whatsoever the people of earth utter is bounded by the limitations of creation. Far exalted is the Truth above being approached by the birds of knowledge or being ascended to by the attributes of those in the realm of possibility. He hath created all things through the Will which He hath brought into being in the realm of possibility through the essence of possibility itself. He, verily, is the Sanctified, the Exalted, the Holy, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

And then, the servant hath attained unto your letter, whose words wafted like a gentle breeze over the gardens of hearts and minds, whereby spirits and intellects were renewed, for they told of your love for our Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds, and of your arising to make mention of God, our Goal and the Goal of them that know. Exalted is He Who strengthened you, exalted is He Who caused you to speak, exalted is He Who enkindled you, exalted is He Who taught you, exalted is He Who caused you to know, and exalted is He Who made you one who speaketh, who remembereth, and who praiseth His beautiful praise at morn and eventide.

This servant was honored to receive the letter of that beloved one. God the One is witness that boundless joy was attained from its arrival, though grief had encompassed this servant due to the sorrows that had

befallen those beloved ones. However, since whatever hath occurred hath been for the sake of God, we must fix our gaze upon the Kingdom of submission and contentment. What befell his eminence, the embodied spirit, Nabil-ibn-Nabil, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha of God, hath grieved all. Yet a hundred thousand blessings upon them who, in their earliest days, drank from the cup of tribulations and tasted from the chalice of trials. May my soul be a sacrifice for His love. We beseech the True One, glorified and mighty be He, that through His all-pervading power and conquering might He may protect those beloved ones and their kin.

Counsel all the friends to observe wisdom, for this day they are commanded to do so, and this matter hath been revealed in God's Tablets from the Pen of the Divine Unity, as some become grieved and disturbed by the authority of those in apparent power. The True One hath regarded and continues to regard all with the eye of His encompassing mercy, and this is but one of the fruits of wisdom, while a hundred thousand wisdoms lie hidden and concealed in the wisdom He hath commanded all to observe. None knoweth them save Him. Though in the past year some lack of wisdom occurred in certain lands - we beseech God to assist all to do what He loveth and is pleased with - yet some of those who acted considered their actions to be wisdom. Their judgment returneth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey greetings from this servant to all the friends in that land, especially to his eminence K.D., upon him be the glory of God. Though they are not present, their mention hath been and continues to be in the Most Holy Court.

Likewise, regarding his eminence Mulla 'Abdu'r-Razzaq, upon him be the glory of God - in the letter he wrote to his eminence Ism-i-Jud, he had requested certain Tablets for certain ones. All have been sent down from the heaven of favor and dispatched. God willing, they will be honored by them. Furthermore, all that was sent - the rice and crown - has arrived. That honored one has indeed endured and continues to endure many hardships. From the land of Rasht, petitions from both relatives and others have reached the Most Holy Court, and answers to all have been revealed and dispatched. God willing, may all remain steadfast in the Cause of God through the fragrances of divine verses and the breezes of the Lord's days, with such steadfastness as has not been witnessed before and shall not be witnessed hereafter. Convey sublime and glorious greetings from this evanescent one to Jinab-i-Abu-Turab and his brothers who were mentioned in your letter.

Another matter: due to the abundance of correspondence, there was no opportunity to write anything to your honored brother, upon him be the eternal glory of God. God willing, I hope to be forgiven. Two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for you and him and have been sent. Another matter: I have not written anything to Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], as permission for his presence at the Most Holy Court has been granted and was previously dispatched. Upon you and upon him and upon those who have believed be the glory of God and His mercy, and the light of God and His kindness. The Servant. 11 Jamadi'ul-Avval 1293.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, might, grandeur and power!

Praise be to God Who taught the Supreme Pen that whereby the realities of all things were attracted, and caused it to speak His praise and glorification in the kingdom of names. And peace and blessings be upon the Lord of His chosen ones, the Dawning-Place of His knowledge amongst His servants, and the Source of His command throughout His lands - He through Whose grace speech was revealed and Whom God taught expression - and upon His family and companions, the dayspring of the horizons of His might, power, grandeur and sovereignty.

To proceed: Your letters arrived repeatedly, each one a perfect blessing and all-encompassing joy that seized the foundations and adorned them with the ornament of delight. After reading them, I proceeded to His presence and presented them before Him. The Lord - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - spoke thus:

Praise be to God! The station is desirable and the companion sought after, for truly rare indeed has it been and continues to be. In truth, a soul adorned with human attributes is seen as rare as red sulphur, nay rarer still. Should a soul be confirmed and perceive the fragrance of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds from the Surih of the All-Merciful, then at that moment this station and its loftiness will become somewhat evident. His blessed and exalted Word states: “The All-Merciful taught the Qur’an, created man, taught him utterance.” Now man is the station of the gathering of all gatherings. God hath made him the Dawning-Place of His most beautiful names, the Dayspring of His most exalted attributes, the recipient of His knowledge amidst humanity, and the source of His commandments and ordinances in the realm of creation. Verily, he is the gate of God’s wisdom amongst His servants and the treasure of knowledge amidst His creation. Through him God hath manifested whatsoever He hath willed. Verily, He is the Master of creation, and within His grasp lies the reins of all matters from beginning to end.

Your honored host, may God the Blessed, the Most High, strengthen him, is among those of the aforementioned station, meaning he is considered human in the sight of God. Blessed be he! We beseech God to strengthen him, assist him, and ordain for him that which will exalt his name in His lands among His servants. Verily, He has power over all things.

Praise be to God! In every instance, His Honor Effendi, may God strengthen him through His Eternal Name, is mentioned, and surely there are effects and fruits from this mention. We beseech God, the Blessed, the Most High, to strengthen His Honor and manifest for him what has been ordained. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

In your previous letter, spiritual friend, you mentioned the feast gathering and attendance thereat, as well as the presence of the distinguished orator, namely His Honor Sheikh Abbas, may God the Most High assist him. Although this servant has not had the honor of meeting him, I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to sanctify the orators of the world and adorn them with the ornament of knowledge and deeds. Verily, our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

However, when your letter arrived, a learned person present recognized him and said that he is truly a servant of the government with sincerity, and has revealed the secrets of certain religious leaders who are in fact opposed to the nation and government, this being the result of association and friendship.

Then another person said that according to your mention, he is an inspector from the government. This servant stated that we do not know these things - we consider all as servants of God unless we witness wrongdoing with our own eyes, and in any case, we pray for all and have no secrets ourselves except the mention of God and His oneness.

Then he wished to say a few words, but it was observed that perhaps words might arise causing displeasure to both parties, so this servant arose and the meeting concluded. In truth, what causes joy and delight to this servant is that you are in the presence of an accomplished and distinguished person, namely His Honor Effendi. This is a great bounty and an exalted station. Thanks be to God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding what you wrote about His Honor and his good deeds, good intentions, and good fellowship - yes, yes, this servant bears witness, and likewise the friends of this land and their chief all testify that His Honor possesses praiseworthy qualities and laudable attributes. I beseech the True One, exalted be His station, to increase his station at all times. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The friends around the Master all send greetings and especially ask for you that which befits His generosity. And now, the apple of our eye, His Honor Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be 9 6 6 [Baha'u'llah], sends greetings and mentions that spiritual friend in various stations. We beseech God to strengthen him and you and His loved ones in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Master of the last and the first.

Peace and mercy be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The Servant

7 Rajab 1307

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In the name of the One Most High among the Most Exalted Ones, His Eminence M.H., upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], 29th of Dhi'l-Hajjih 1305

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

The outer and inner eye is fixed upon the horizon of the utterance which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, blessed and exalted be His Word: "Verily with difficulty cometh ease." It is hoped that this ease will appear with the Most Great Light from the horizon of the favors of the Truth, exalted be His glory, accompanied by the hosts of joy, delight, gladness, wealth and affluence. Universal are His favors, perfect His beneficence, all-encompassing His grace, and His mercy hath preceded all else. And blessings and peace be upon the Knight of the arena of might and power, through whom the breezes of revelation were cut off from among the nations and prophethood in the world came to an end, and upon His family and companions, the standards of justice and the banners of guidance, through whom God revealed His

power, His might, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His authority - blessings that are eternal and everlasting. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The letter from that beloved one arrived with spirit and fragrance, and was honored to be read before Our presence. O Muhammad, be not sorrowful. By the life of God, the world is seen as but a handful of dust. The winds of divine will blow upon it, carrying it wheresoever they list and giving it whatsoever shape they desire. It hath not been, nor is it, worthy of mention in the sight of the people of Baha. The purpose is that your honor should not be saddened or distressed by its events. Praise be to God that trustworthiness is established and detachment proven, resolve and prudence are present, and the matter is in God's hands. In such case, sorrow is not permitted nor grief befitting, for this is a day of joy. Indeed, the grief and sorrow of those who are nigh and sincere arise only when they witness from someone, God forbid, a deed from which the fragrance of treachery or wrongdoing emanates. Praise be to God, your honor's intention and deeds have been for God's sake; their end shall be good. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land, and We counsel them with that which God hath counseled His servants aforetime in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. They must, with sanctified and illumined hearts, with complete resolve and perfect wisdom, unite in holding fast to the reformation of their affairs, that their good deeds may be proven before God and their striving to uphold the truth, to manifest the Most Great Trust among the peoples, and to establish this Most Exalted Cause may be proven before men. This Wronged One ever mentioneth each one of them and seeketh for each in this transitory world that which is lasting and eternal. May God illumine their faces and their hearts and exalt their stations and ranks. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good and the Helper of those who act. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of the mystics.

Two letters from your honor arrived, each a door to meeting and reunion. Though outwardly this appeareth difficult, yet with God and the manifestations of His power it is easy and simple. I beseech the exalted Truth, glorified be His majesty, to manifest that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. Verily He is knowing of all things. In the nights and at dawn, in the mornings and evenings, I beseech the Truth for that which is the cause of elevation and advancement. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. I bear witness, and all things bear witness, to His power, His sovereignty, His might, His generosity, His grace and His favors. There is no God but He, the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

To those honoured ones in that land I convey my greetings. They are present before my eyes and before my sight - how could they be effaced from my heart, when the saplings of love have been planted therein and watered by the rains of God's grace, exalted be His glory? The love of friends neither diminishes nor perishes, for God, exalted be His glory, has thus described it. God willing, may each one act in accordance with what befits the station of His chosen ones. God is my witness that when the first letter arrived, mentioning the illness of that beloved one, what it did to this lowly one! Praise be to God, afterwards the glad tidings of recovery arrived and made amends. According to the command of that beloved one, they must not be sorrowful, for sorrow is the cause of certain manifestations. Verily our Lord knoweth, and He is the All-Healing, the All-Wise. And though from the second letter there wafted at first the fragrance of sorrow, yet at its end the light of joy was evident. Praise be to God and thanks be to Him in all conditions.

May prayer and peace and remembrance and praise be upon you all and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the glorious throne.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to the Desired One, Who hath befittingly adorned His loved ones with the ornament of supreme steadfastness, and bestowed and conferred upon them the food of certitude from the chalice of proof. The Supreme Cause of this most great bounty hath been the King of existence and Lord of the praiseworthy station, through Whom the river of divine knowledge hath flowed throughout all possibility, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the highest branches. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. Upon Him rest the blessings of God, His grace, His peace and His mercy, and upon His family and companions, and upon those who attained unto His days and acted according to that which they were bidden in His Book.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived, and that which was written concerning the heedless ones and deniers became known. In this connection, after presenting the matter, they stated that association with such souls, if it leadeth to their awakening and remembrance, is praiseworthy; otherwise they merely report to their like that so-and-so came, delegated and accepted, and such calumnies as the honored Observer himself knoweth. We have spoken what We have spoken for the sake of God. We have no concern with the deeds of such souls. The condition of those who have accepted is evident, and likewise the turning away of those who have turned away is clear and manifest. We have desired good for all the peoples of the world. Our purpose is that the causes of discord be eliminated from all horizons, and that the light of unity illuminate all hearts and minds.

God is Our witness, and all atoms bear testimony to what We have endured in the path of His Cause, what We have seen and what We have heard. In the days when, by reason of the intensity of tyranny, day could not be distinguished from night, this Wronged One stood forth before all faces and, with loudest voice, proclaimed the Most Great Word, His purpose being to cleanse and sanctify the servants through the living waters of divine counsel from vain imaginings, rancor and hatred. When the Cause became somewhat manifest, they rushed forth and assailed the Wronged One, and said that which ye have heard, and did that which ye have witnessed. I have placed My trust in God and have committed My affairs unto Him. My success is from Him alone, and I seek victory from none but Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In truth, the lamp of justice hath been extinguished and the sun of equity concealed. That beloved one himself hath heard that whose putrid odor of falsehood hath corrupted the world and deprived it of the fragrance of truthfulness. As to what was written concerning the sum that was stolen, in a previous letter a word was mentioned from the blessed tongue regarding this matter. Subsequently they said that mention of the theft should not be made to those who had given it, as this would cause them sorrow. We accepted this, and if a receipt is required, it shall be sent. They said: Write to the Observer that in truth the ornaments of this world befit its people. By the life of God! Were it not for this community, not a

penny would have been accepted, and yet this matter is the supreme bounty and mercy for those souls who have given and continue to give. In these days, due to religious considerations, some amounts were transferred to be given to others, the details of which were mentioned before.

Let the honored friend, Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be God's peace, not be saddened by what hath occurred. There have ever been traitors in the world. I beseech God to grant unto him and unto this servant that which the hand of the traitor and thief cannot reach the holy hem thereof. I likewise beseech God to kindle him with such fire of His love as shall cause the heedless to become enkindled. Verily God hath power over all things.

I convey greetings to the loved ones. I present remembrance and salutations to the beloved of the heart, the honored Shaykh and those with him, upon them be Baha'u'llah. I hope that a meeting shall also take place, as the honored master, his eminence AF, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha'u'llah, God willing, intendeth to proceed to those parts. The servant beseecheth his Lord in all conditions to make us among those whom neither the profit of the world nor its ornaments and colors have prevented from His straight path and His mighty and great Cause.

The true light of the eye, the honored Aqa Mirza ?abibu'llah, upon him be God's peace, praise be to God, is present and hath taken shelter beneath the blessed Divine Lote-Tree with utmost joy, delight and health. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

The Servant

12 Mu?arram 1306

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Mighty and Powerful!

Praise be to the All-Giving Lord, the Master of origin and return, Who hath uttered that which leadeth to the advancement and elevation of existence, the tranquility of the world, and the order of nations, and Who hath adorned the Afnan among His servants with kinship unto Himself and illumined them with the rays of His special bounty and favor. And blessings and peace be upon His handiwork through whom the world was set ablaze with the fire of the love of God, through whom the gate of heaven was opened and the treasures of the Divine Throne and all that was stored therein were revealed, and upon His family and companions, the dawning-places of might and the daysprings of power, through whom authority was manifested, the rock cried out, the ocean of justice surged, and the fragrance of equity was wafted abroad. My spirit be a sacrifice for your service, your mention and your praise.

Your multiple letters arrived and gave fresh light to the eye and a new melody to the ear. We beseech God to strengthen your pen and to cause the ink to succeed in mentioning love and unity. In truth, from every word thereof the fragrance of the spirit was diffused. After perusal, We proceeded to the Most Great Prison where it was presented, and He declared:

He is the Helper, the Chosen One!

O My Afnan, O ʼAli, upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness! Praise be to God Who hath granted health, bestowed strength, and confirmed thee in the recognition of His blessed Self. Were it not for His grace, who would be able to turn unto Him or recognize even a single one of His mentions? At all times the rain of grace and bounty descendeth from the clouds of mercy. We beseech Him to protect thee and to confirm thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Grieve not over the severe trials that have befallen through God's irrevocable decree, for after every hardship He hath promised ease, and after every intensity, relief. Throughout all ages people have experienced both hardship and relief, and afterwards they have attained to that which hath no equal. Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy generosity, the cord of Thy grace, the cord of Thy bestowal, and the cord of Thy bounty. I am surrounded on all sides by that which hath caused my limbs to quake and my heart to tremble. I beseech Thee, O Reformer of all affairs, by the One Who conversed on Sinai, and by the Light and its Manifestation, and by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones, and by Him through Whom and through Whose advent the heavens of Thy power and the spheres of Thy utterance were honored, to transform these sorrows into joy, this hardship into relief, this difficulty into ease, and this abasement into supreme glory. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou hearest and answerest, and verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

We send greetings to the loved ones in that land. Convey Our greetings to Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the peace of God and His grace. Permission was sought previously for one of the loved ones and permission was granted. The other loved ones are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to confirm them all in fellowship, unity, love and concord, and in deeds that lead to the exaltation of their station. Verily, He hath power over all things. We have ever mentioned and continue to mention the loved ones. We beseech the Exalted One to protect them and to send down upon them blessings from the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

All praise and bounty belongs to God, inasmuch as He protected the companions of the prison with sovereignty, glory and grandeur, and bestowed love and affection upon them. I beseech His exalted Self to gather them beneath the banner of His generosity that hath encompassed all existence, and to aid them to achieve praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the Eternal Truth to adorn that blessed and auspicious being with the ornament of joy and delight, and to make manifest the means of gladness and felicity. Although according to the utterance of the Master, the people of grace, truthfulness, kindness and forbearance have ever reposed beneath the shade of His favor, for their glory is of God and their joy hath been and is in Him. This is why in one of the Tablets He saith: The dominion of the Afnan is established in the divine Kingdom, not in the earthly realm of water and clay. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. It is hoped that through God's grace and favor that which beseemeth His generosity, bounty and munificence may be made manifest. I convey greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land, and I have mentioned and continue to mention each one of them. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the

Merciful. The prayer that Haji–upon him be God's peace–requested was sent. It is hoped that they may attain unto it and drink from the choice wine of its utterance. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Majesty and the Power!

Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who, through a hundred thousand means, hath manifested and nurtured His servants and guided them to His straight and evident path. He hath gathered the wanderers in the desert of love and affection beneath the shade of His blessed Word, and through the outpourings of His mercy and the effulgences of the Sun of His grace hath bestowed bounty and repose. Glorified be His majesty and all-pervading be His favor! There is none other God but Him. And peace and blessings be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones who have drunk the choice wine of utterance and manifested His Cause to all who dwell within the realm of possibility.

And now, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! Your esteemed letter arrived and was presented in its entirety. He said: "O My Name! Upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy, His grace and His favors." Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and was heard. From every letter thereof wafted the fragrance of love, sincerity, devotion, recognition and steadfastness. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk the choice wine of certitude and utterance from the cup of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. Well is it with thee! And the servant present acted in accordance with thy request. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause thee to attain, at all times, unto new bounties, heavenly sustenance, everlasting mention and eternal gifts. He is verily the Bestower, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

The letter of Siyyid Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God, attained unto His presence. Praise be to God that he hath attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. We beseech God to aid him to serve His Cause with wisdom and utterance. They have attained unto His presence. Now is the time of service, that is, the teaching of God's Cause, exalted be His glory, that perchance a thirsty one may drink from the ocean of grace, or one who hath turned away may attain unto the honor of acceptance, or one immersed in idle fancies may be adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Daystar of Revelation. Blessed is he who, through mention and utterance, causeth the people of the world to be adorned with the ornament of knowledge.

O My Name! The deniers of the Bayan have clung to calumnies the like of which have never been heard from time immemorial until now. It is not known by what proof they accept the Point of the Bayan while turning away from Him Who sent it. Thou knowest how lofty is the station of the Cause and how base are the calumnies of the people. It behooveth tears of justice to flow and the cry of cities and regions to be raised. Mention hath been made of Siyyid Mahdi, and his name hath been recorded by the Pen, and likewise Siyyid Husayn and Siyyid Muhammad and the believing handmaidens. All have, at this hour, received their portion from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and the rain of mercy hath descended upon them from the heaven of grace. Convey to all of them the greetings of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been mentioned. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of this world and of the next. Verily, He hath power over all things.

The letter of Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the peace and bounties of God, was reviewed, and likewise we have heard and seen what was mentioned concerning Amin, upon him be the glory of God. We beseech the True One for that which is the cause of glory, exaltation, prosperity and comfort of His loved ones. In these days the affairs of this land are also in upheaval, and most are passing their days in hardship. We beseech God to aid the Trustee with the hosts of grace and bounty, and to open before his face the door of wealth and affluence. Verily He is the Lord of creation. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Should He wish, He transmutes hardship into ease and sorrow into joy, and He is the One who has power over all things through His command "Be! and it is."

O my God, my God! Take the hands of Thy loved ones who are encompassed by tribulations due to their connection to Thee and their arising to serve Thee, to mention Thee and to praise Thee. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Thy generosity. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou hast transformed darkness into light, tyranny into justice, and oppression into equity, to send down from the heaven of Thy bestowal a blessing upon Thy chosen ones and loved ones. O Lord! Thou seest their weakness before the waves of the ocean of Thy power and might, and their poverty before the manifestations of the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation and riches. Ordain for them that which befitteth Thy generosity and grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! The bounty is manifest and the grace is resplendent to such a degree that it is itself its own proof and evidence of itself, having no need of mention by this evanescent one. At every moment I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, on behalf of His loved ones, for that from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure wafteth. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

The Servant

3 Muharram 1306

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Beirut. His honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be Glory of God. First of Ramadan 1302.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to the Goal of the world Who, through the breathings of correspondence, adorns hearts with a new ornament and souls with a wondrous beauty. In truth, letters are divine messengers that arrive from the cities and regions of love, affection, fellowship and unity. We beseech Him that this grace may not be cut off and this bounty may not cease. He is the Bestower Who gave life to the world of acceptance through the Word of Unity, and in the arena of manifestation conquered cities and regions with the swords of power and certitude, and raised the banner of His Oneness over the hearts of those who have turned to Him and the sincere ones. His is the praise and the bounty, His the gratitude and the greatness,

His the glory and the mercy. And blessings and peace be upon the Dayspring of His Cause, the Lord of His chosen ones, the Seal of His Prophets, the heaven of His mercy and the sun of His grace, through Whom were opened the gates of the treasuries of mysteries and distinction was made between the wicked and the righteous, and upon His family and companions who, when they heard the call from the direction of the Most Great, arose and said: "Yea, Thou art our Lord and our God, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven." These strove with true striving and aided the Faith of God with true aid.

And then, although thy letter was not Israfil's trumpet, yet it gave life. This is one of the talismans of the Lord of Glory, exalted be His grandeur. His names have revelations and manifestations. May God grant time that we may ponder His signs and tokens and manifestations and conditions, and clearly and evidently observe the effects of power and might and greatness and exaltation. His grace is greater than what hath been and is mentioned. Sometimes He ordaineth pleasure and delight, at times sorrow and grief, and at times He freeth and detacheth man from both. Indeed, if the drops of the sea could be counted and the sands of the deserts limited, these stations too would be bounded. Who can render thanks by hand or tongue? In all conditions I beseech for thee His aid and confirmation, and likewise for myself, though this too is wrong - man hath no self or self-will. He must be attentive to the Command and arise in service like a corpse in the hands of the washer.

After the letter was presented before His face, He said that although thou art not physically present, thou hast been and art remembered night and day. Thy mention hath been made in His presence. Repeatedly He said: "We sent him when his presence was needed. We considered the desire of the Afnan purely for the sake of God. We beseech God to grant him reward." And now, according to what was mentioned, they intend to wait for another steamer, and He said that since We have absolute authority, permission may perhaps be granted, but We beseech God that it may not reach the point of "We strengthened them with a third." God willing, they will return by another steamer.

And concerning what thou didst write about his honor the Hakim - truly he is the manifestation of virtues and the dawning-place of kindness. Virtues are the adornment of the world and the life-giving force of nations, and are in truth the manifestations of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Heaven. If these were to vanish from the page of the world, it would truly become a manifestation of the fire of hell. In any case, this servant praiseth the Goal of the world Who confirmed him in that which hath ever been loved and accepted by God. The grace is in His hands - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth among His creation, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Verily this servant sendeth greetings to him and mentioneth him and beseecheth God to make his breaths a lamp unto the darkness of the world and his face a healing to the sick among the nations, and through the ocean of His wisdom to purify chronic and persistent diseases and base and degraded morals. And I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist his honor with the means of the heavens and earth and to confirm him in what He loveth and approveth. He is the Lord of creation and the Sovereign of the hereafter and the former life, and the Lord of the throne and the earth.

O beloved of my heart! The servant beseecheth God to grant him a mouth as wide as the heavens that he may mention the loved ones of God and His chosen ones and His trustees in His lands, among them his honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be mention and praise from God, the Lord of Names and Creator

of Heaven. Verily the servant remembereth his honor and doth not forget him - his Lord, to Whom is his return and abode, beareth witness to this. And he sendeth greetings to Husayn, upon him be the peace of God. His honor departed and no further news of him was received. God willing, may all attain true health. Peace be upon him and upon those with him, and peace be upon you and upon those with you.

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My beloved, his eminence Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, may regard with his most pure gaze.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Glory!

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto your presence! The servant has attained your gracious letter and found therein the fragrance of Tasnim, as it was adorned with the mention of our Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Due to the many occupations of this evanescent servant, there is no opportunity to present that which was intended. I beseech your abundant grace to accept my excuse and apology. Therefore, I briefly submit:

You had previously inquired about two matters which remained unanswered. The first concerns the meaning of His exalted words regarding "the sixth and the sixth of the sixth." This is what was revealed in response: "By this We intended the proportions of humors in balanced bodies according to the people's doctrine. Know that phlegm is one-sixth of blood, and bile is one-sixth of phlegm. This is the meaning of what We mentioned, and black bile is three-quarters of yellow bile. We have another explanation, for verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Thus ends the quote.

Regarding your question about inheritance, His exalted words state: "When We heard the cries of the children in the loins, We doubled their portion and decreased from the others." The inheritances in the Divine Book are made into two thousand five hundred and twenty shares, which encompass the nine divisions. This number is divided into seven portions, each portion going to a class of heirs as mentioned in the Book. Among these, nine sixties, which equals the number of "Muqt," is designated for the children. The meaning of His exalted words "We doubled their portion" is that one equivalent was added to it, making it two "Ta," and what was increased was decreased from the others. For example, it was revealed "And for the spouses from the Book of Ha according to the number of Ta and Fa," meaning eight sixties equaling the number of Ta and Fa was designated for the spouses. Now sixty and half of sixty, which equals ninety, was decreased from the spouses and added to the children, and so forth until the end, where the amount decreased becomes nine sixties, which was added to the first nine sixties.

Regarding your inquiry whether the brother must be from both father and mother or if being from one side is sufficient for inheritance: If the brother is from the father's side, his right is as mentioned in the Book. If from the mother's side, one-third of his right reverts to the House of Justice and two-thirds to him. Likewise for the sister. This is the answer to the two previous questions.

Concerning the Tablet of Aqa ’Abdu’l-Ghani and the letter of Aqay-i-Kalim, may my spirit be a sacrifice for him, which was specifically for Aqa Mirza Musa, you wrote that it had not arrived. Both were sent on the thirteenth of Dhi’l-Qa’dih. The Tablet of Aqa ’Abdu’l-Ghani was among the tablets of his eminence Haji Mirza ’Ali-Akbar B.R.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Ibrahim from the people of N.J., excellent is what you have done in his regard, for the best of deeds is that a person not act without the good-pleasure of the Truth. Blessed is he in that he heard what you mentioned to him from the Truth. It is never permissible for anyone to come without permission, although many souls have turned towards the Most Holy Court this year without permission. We beseech God to assist them in what He loves and is pleased with.

Concerning what you wrote about some Tablets being bound specifically for the Indians, along with the sublime Tablet which they sent through Aqa ’Abdu’l-Karim - this matter was highly acceptable at the Divine Threshold. They said that your honor has been and continues to be engaged in service to the Cause. Blessed is he and good tidings unto him! I humbly convey sublime and glorious greetings to all the friends of God in that land, one and all, and express my utter nothingness and sincerity. May the Glory rest upon your honor and upon them.

The Servant [of God]

19 Rabi’u’th-Thani

May I be a sacrifice for you! A Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of divine wisdom regarding the stages of teaching the Cause and conduct among humanity, specifically for the Name of God M.H., upon him be [Baha’u’llah’s Glory] 966. A copy of it was sent. Your honor should make a copy and send another copy to Muhammad M., upon him be [Baha’u’llah’s Glory] 966, along with the letter which this servant has written to him. I beseech the Most High to assist His loved ones who have arisen to serve His Cause to act according to what has been revealed in His mighty and sublime Tablet.

The exalted Branches of God and the Twigs of the divine Lote-Tree remember and glorify your honor with the most wondrous mention and the essence of glorification.

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He is God - exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Pure praise and glorification befit the unitarians, before whose might the limbs of the polytheists tremble. These are the hosts of whom He said “O hosts of God, mount ye!” Their might obliterated the might of the world, and their power transformed the highest palaces of kings into the abode of spiders and owls. The arch of Chosroes stands as witness. The signs of victory and triumph were manifest in all regions and directions. What became of that power, and where did that might go? Had these servants held fast to the divine law and the way of Muhammad (peace be upon Him) and moved according to God’s command and His good-pleasure, surely the world would have been illumined and its people found rest. Every word of the divine utterances, nay every letter thereof, is influential and beneficial. Those souls who are illumined

by the dawning lights of the Sun of Truth see in every letter a book, and every word is the dayspring of light and the dawning-place of knowledge. Where are the eyes to see and the ears to hear?

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! We confess our powerlessness, our shortcomings, our transgression of our bounds, and our misdeeds that have prevented us from drawing nigh unto Thee, and our sins that have come between us and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy favors. O Lord! We have fled from ourselves to the shadow of the canopies of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation, the Daysprings of Thy inspiration, the Recipients of Thy knowledge, the Manifestations of Thy Self, the Sources of Thy Cause, and by the Seal of Thy Prophets, to assist us in what hath escaped us, then illumine our hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Protect Thy servants, Thy unitarians, and Thy sincere ones from the evil of every polytheist, and strengthen them through Thy power, Thy sovereignty, Thy might, and Thy dominion. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can prevent. Ordain, O my God, for the unitarians among Thy creation that which will exalt them and aid them, that they may remember Thee among Thy servants and Thy creation, in Thy habitations and Thy lands. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous, the Strong, the Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then the letter arrived, news arrived, glad tidings arrived, for it brought joyful news of that spiritual beloved's health and well-being. It was an auspicious messenger and a welcome herald that drove away sorrow with overwhelming power. With its coming, joy found opportunity and took sorrow's place. Praise be to God, the rain of grace is ever-showering and the lights of bounty are ever-shining and manifest in all times. Were it not for His grace, who would be capable of mention? His is the praise and glory, His the gratitude and bounty. One revelation from the revelations of the Sun of His grace brings forth a hundred thousand worlds, and one manifestation of His justice raises a hundred thousand lamentations. What can the Manifestations say of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth"? The Command is His Command, and the power is His power, and we are among the thankful ones.

After hearing what the scribe uttered, it was presented before our Lord (may our spirits be sacrificed for Him), and He said: "Praise be to God, they have attained to that which most are deprived of. They are turned toward the highest horizon, holding fast to the cord of grace and clinging to the hem of bounty. We beseech God to manifest through them that which will cause the countenance of existence to smile, and to aid them in His remembrance, His praise, and the service of His Cause, even as He has aided them, and to enable them to act according to what has been revealed in His Book, even as He has enabled them. Verily, He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Regarding what was written about the friends in the land of Qaf and Fa and the honored friend Aqa Ahmad (upon him and them be God's peace), it was presented and gained acceptance. God willing, We shall send him that which will gladden his heart and comfort his eyes. Likewise, We make mention of the friends of that land. Give glad tidings of Our greetings to Ahmad, and likewise to the others. We beseech God the Exalted to aid them and draw them near to Him, and to manifest through them that which shall adorn the pages of the world and be a remembrance for the nations. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

Praise be to God, they have been mentioned at this time and will be mentioned hereafter. Two glad tidings should be sent. As for their request for pilgrimage, it was accepted by proxy for that beloved one. We beseech God to accept the deeds, and surely they are accepted. All the Branches (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps), and likewise the people of the pavilion of infallibility, all send their greetings. Peace, remembrance, and praise be upon you and upon God's sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O honored Haji Mirza Muhammad Afshar, upon him be 9 and 66 [Baha'u'llah], in Jamadi'ul-Avval 1303

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The path of God is more manifest than the sun, and His proof more perfect than all that exists in creation. He is the Praised One in His deeds, the One to be obeyed in His command, the Dominant One in His sovereignty, and the Manifest One through His signs which have encompassed the horizons. The tabernacle of glory hath been raised upon the most exalted place, and the banner of His Cause hath been hoisted upon the highest standards. Yet the people of the earth remain heedless and veiled, save for a numbered few who are the Hands of the Cause among His servants. In truth, praise and glorification today befit these souls who have arisen to reform the world and are confirmed in that which exalteth the Word of God. Otherwise, the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, is sanctified and exempt from all that minds can comprehend or tongues can utter. And the prayers, the peace, and the glory be upon His loved ones and His chosen ones who have not broken His covenant and His testament - servants whom God hath described in His Books, His Scriptures, and His Tablets.

Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings and Goal of all creation! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy bounty to assist Thy loved ones at all times in that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, and ordain for them that which befitteth Thy generosity and Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived. In truth, it was like a warbling nightingale and a melodious verse. The servant testifieth that it was as a dove cooing upon the branch of divine knowledge. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who confirmed you, assisted you, caused you to know, taught you, and enabled you to voice His praise amongst His servants. The fragrance of the love of God and steadfastness was diffused and evident throughout the entire letter. His is the grace, the bounty, the grandeur, and the majesty. I beseech and implore the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, in all conditions to increase His confirmation upon that beloved one and to aid him through the means both seen and unseen, that thou mayest utter in every state, with wisdom and utterance, that which will draw people nigh unto God, the Goal of all the worlds. When the servant heard thy melodies and warbling, he approached the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit, until he attained the presence and presented it before His face. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak that which caused the sun of grace and favors to shine forth and its lights to encompass all lands. His word - exalted be His utterance and exalted be His proof - is as follows:

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over all who are in earth and heaven!

The servant who is present before the Wronged One hath presented and read that which the tongue of thy heart hath uttered out of love for God and His verses, and out of longing for the wonders of His grace and His bounty. We have found therein the fragrance of sincerity and supplication unto God, the Lord of creation and the Speaker on the Day of Reckoning. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name, and for having attained unto the fragrances of My utterance, and for having soared in the atmosphere of My love, and for having turned toward the ocean of My knowledge, and for having faced the lights of the Countenance, and for having spoken in praise of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. And blessed be thine ear for having heard the Call, and thine eye for having witnessed and beheld My greatest signs. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through thee that whereby His verses and that which He hath revealed in His Book may be spread abroad, and to confirm thee in every good thing that hath flowed from His Pen. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whoso heareth thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Dominant, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise and gratitude be to God! The scratching of the Most Exalted Pen is raised, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is heard. The benevolence of God, exalted be His glory, is manifest and evident. We beseech God, exalted be His station, to grant at every moment that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. At the time when your supplication was presented, We found you assisted by the confirmations of your Lord, Who has dominion over all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

Concerning what you wrote about Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented, and a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty and sent forth. God willing, he will attain unto it and receive his portion from the ocean of inner meanings. This servant conveys greetings and glorification to him, and beseeches God to ordain for him that which will draw him near and enable him to succeed in mentioning and praising Him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Regarding what you wrote about the piece, four blessed pages were sent. God willing, they will arrive and you will attain unto them. I presented your mention, praise and glorification to the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. They expressed their favor and besought God, exalted be His glory, for your confirmation. Glory, radiance, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you who have achieved the greatest steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

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In the name of Him Who was the Self-Subsisting over all who are in the earths and the heavens! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, who hath entered into the precincts of Thy sanctity and, laden with manifold sins, hath hastened from every direction unto the court of Thy gracious bounty. He desireth to drink from the chalices of Thy mercy and seeketh the wonders of Thy grace which Thou hast specially ordained for the Letters of Thy might and the Words of Thy holiness, that he may become on earth a reflection of Thy countenance, a mirror of Thy beauty, a guide unto Thee, one

turned toward Thee, and one who speaketh of Thee, for in Thy hands is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Exalted.

Yet I have not attained that which I have sought until now. Rather, whenever I sought shelter beneath the tree of Thy Lordship, Thou didst drive me away by Thy power, and whenever I lay down upon the couch of Thy Divine Unity, Thou didst awaken me by Thy might and then remove me by Thy power, as if Thou hadst not created me in Thy dominion and wouldst not recognize me in the realm of creation among Thy servants. Whenever I desired to soar in the atmosphere of Thy holy sovereignty, Thou didst burn my wings with the fire of Thy dominion, then cast me down into a valley which none can reckon save Thee, wherein I remained without count, extent, time, age, eternity, covenant, epoch, cycle, or revolution, until Thou didst show mercy unto me thereafter, and didst honor me and grant me two wings of moist red ruby in the mystery of Thy Most Exalted Name.

Then after that, Thou didst cause me to ascend by Thy power to the heavens of Thy Cause, yet Thou didst not grant me time to reach them and didst bring me down and return me to another valley. All this didst Thou do unto one than whom none on earth knoweth Thee better, and none in the kingdom loveth Thee more ardently. What then is the recompense of him who turneth away from Thy presence, is heedless of Thy countenance, and ascribeth partners to the sovereignty of Thy oneness? Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! How wondrous are the manifestations of Thy deeds toward me! How mighty are the expressions of Thy handiwork concerning me! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for all of this and the entirety thereof, and unto Thee be thanks, O my Beloved, for all that Thou hast sent down or wilt send down, hast willed or wilt will, hast loved or wilt love.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This servant of Thine hath come before Thee once again, with a tongue grown weary and speech become burdensome. He knoweth not a single letter of the wonders of Thy knowledge with which to remember Thee, nor comprehendeth any mystery from the lines of the universality of Thy grace's outpouring with which to describe Thee. Yet, since he is as a seed from Thy holy land, he desireth that Thou plant him by the hands of Thy bounty in the soil of Thy Divine Unity, that he may yield the fruits of Thine eternity in the cloud of Thy Lordship and put forth the leaves of Thy oneness in the atmosphere of the intimate fellowship of the heaven of glory of the King of Thy bounty.

This is an infant who desireth to drink from the breast of Thy grace the milk which Thou hast stored in the essence of the camphor of Thy concealment. This is a fish that hopeth to plunge into the depths of the seas of Thy glorious exaltation, a dove that seeketh to perch upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of Thy might, an ember that must be kindled from the fire of Thy love, a star that is fit to shine in the heaven of the generosity of Thy mercy, a thirsty one who hath come unto the seas of Thy greatness, a lowly one who hath sought refuge with Thee that Thou mightest admit him into the garden of Thy might, an ailing one who desireth to drink from the rivers of Thy healing, and an ignorant one who hath come before the manifestations of the treasuries of Thy knowledge at the dawning-places of Thy glory and the aspects of Thy holiness.

For my heart will not be content with aught else, even wert Thou to give it all that Thou hast numbered in Thy heaven and earth, for from the wellspring of Thy riches hast Thou caused me to spring forth, and

from the seas of Thy generosity hast Thou made me to flow, and from the mount of Thy greatness hast Thou cleft me, and with the flames of the light of Thy countenance hast Thou illumined me, and from the brands of the fire of Thine eternity hast Thou made me to appear. This is a station that no other station in Thy kingdom can equal, a bounty that no other bounty in Thy realm can match, and no matter in Thy lands can compare with it. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. None can reverse Thy decree, none can alter Thy judgment, none can prevent Thy doing, and none can oppose Thy command. Verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

I beseech Thee, O God, O my God, at this moment, by Him Whom Thou hast made a treasure for all created things, a shelter for all existence, and a fortress for all who dwell in the kingdoms of earth and heaven, to send down upon our hearts the love of Thy loved ones and the affection of Thy chosen ones, that we may become pure mirrors, holy crystals, and luminous lamps, reflecting the wonders of the pure camphor of Thy countenance and proclaiming the gleamings of the cloud of might of Thy presence, that we may be as one servant and one soul in the earth, all prostrating before the sovereign of Thy majesty and submitting to the king of Thy beauty, for we are all Thy servants and within Thy grasp. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Luminous, the Beloved.

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In the name of Him Who speaketh the manifest truth!

We have become on this day one who extolleth My praise and remembereth the ocean of My bounty, and counselleth My loved ones who have held fast to the cord of My grace and clung to the hem of the robe of […] detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the eye that hath beheld the Dawning-Place of the Revelation of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! We have desired to make mention of thee through a remembrance whereby the hearts of the servants have been attracted, and through an utterance whereby the inhabitants of the graves, of ancient times and more recent, have arisen. This is a Day wherein all things proclaim: By God! The Hidden One, Who was treasured in the knowledge of God, hath come, and that which was concealed from the eyes of the mystics hath appeared. This is a Day wherein the Cry hath been raised and the Rock hath cried out, yet the people are in manifest error. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs, clinging to the whisperings of the satans.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God, were ye of them that know, and this is a Day wherein He Who conversed with God hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, as a bounty from God, the Lord of this manifest Day. O people! Fear God, and follow not them who have denied the proof of God and His Cause, who have disputed His signs and have uttered that which hath caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the inmates of the Tabernacle of Glory to lament in this exalted station.

O Fakhr-ud-Din! The Lord of the Day of Judgment hath turned toward thee with such turning as hath caused the realities of existence, of ancient times and more recent, to turn unto God, the Mighty, the

Most Praised. He hath made mention of thee with such mention as hath caused the tongues of the kingdom to speak forth the praise of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee. Cast away what the people possess and take what We have sent down for thee at this time, wherein the door of the kingdom of thy Lord's utterance, the Speaking, the Trustworthy One, hath been opened.

Say: O Concourse of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come, and there hath been raised on His right hand the banner "He is God" and on His left the standard "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Blessed is the hand that hath taken this Tablet with such power as the hosts of the world and the tyranny of them that have denied the right of God and His sovereignty cannot weaken, and have perpetrated that which hath caused the tears of the mystics to flow.

O My loved ones in Za! Hearken unto My most sweet call from the direction of Akka, then remember Him Who hath borne hardships and tribulations in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have mentioned you before through verses which the books of the past cannot rival, and We have sent down for you at this time that which hath caused the lips of the sincere ones to smile. When ye have attained unto My Tablet and have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, turn with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of bounty and existence! We beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the fruits of the Tree of Thy utterance, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and by the lights of the morn of Thy Revelation, O Lord of Eternity, to make us steadfast in Thee and in that which hath appeared from Thee. O Lord! Leave us not to ourselves. Take the hands of Thy servants with the hands of Thy power, then preserve them from Thine enemies. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all that are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

O Fakhru'd-Din! Today the Most Luminous Pen hath been manifested with such power that should all the hosts of the world and all peoples oppose it, they would find themselves impotent. Stand firm in the Cause of God and say: "O people! The Day which ye were promised in the Books, the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel and in the mighty Qur'an hath come." Beseech God that He may assist the friends in that land and its surroundings to champion His Cause through the hosts mentioned in the divine Tablets. We hope that you and the teachers will arise to serve the Cause as befitteth and behooveth you. The conditions of service are manifest and visible from the horizons of the heavens of divine Tablets. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth, and woe unto the heedless!

We have been informed that Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, hath turned towards those regions. We beseech God that He may assist him with such detachment as shall cause the detachment of the world, and with such utterances as have been sent down and recorded in the Book of God from the Pen of His eternal Will. Take hold of the Book with the strength bestowed by Us, then speak that whereby the hearts of the servants may be attracted. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thy deeds adorned with the embroidery of acceptance and illumined with the light of His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wise

command. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who hear thy words concerning this momentous News.

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He is the All-Knowing Expounder! The days of joy and delight have passed, and days of sorrow have come since the Star of Certitude has vanished from the heaven of mystic knowledge. Therefore have the pebbles cried out, the hearts of the Concourse on High melted, all things wept, the pillars of existence trembled, the foundations of the House were shaken, and those brought nigh lamented in their lofty station. Verily, Hasan sacrificed his spirit and Husayn all he possessed in the path of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Realms, the Lord of all existence and might. And before them, My Name, the All-Forbearing, who was martyred in this Cause, at whose tragedy the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and the dwellers of Paradise lamented at eventide and at dawn.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face from Sad to Kha and visit My martyrs. By God! Shouldst thou observe any land, thou wouldst find therein a limb of My limbs, severed in My path and for love of My Beauty. Therefore did My Pen cry out, the Temple of My grandeur lament, the eyes of My loving-kindness weep, My sighs ascend, My tears fall, the hearts of My chosen ones burn, and the hearts of My loved ones yearn.

O My Pen! This is a day whereon thy scratching and thy plaintive cry should be raised by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One and His loved ones at the hands of the manifestations of tyranny and oppression and the dawning-places of heedlessness who attained not unto the choice wine of justice on this Day wherein the horizons were illumined by this effulgence. Lament, O My Pen, My loneliness and tribulation, and cry out for My wrong and the wrong of My loved ones.

When thou approachest the land of Kha, drawest nigh unto it and perceivest its fragrance, arise before the tomb of the Glorious One and visit it with that which the Mighty, the All-Praised hath mentioned, and say:

The essence of fragrance that hath been diffused from the garment of the mercy of our Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, be upon thee, O thou who hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and who hast spoken in praise of the Lord of Names in the kingdom of creation! I testify that thou didst rend asunder the veil, didst take hold of the Book, and didst believe in the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, on a Day wherein every pregnant one laid down her burden and the people stood before the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Thou art he whom the veils hindered not from the Seat of Signs, nor did idle fancies prevent thee from this Cause before which the clear proofs have bowed down. Thou art he whom no censure of any censurer deterred for the sake of God, nor the gloating of any malicious one. Thou didst cast away the world and take what the Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of nations had revealed. I testify that thou didst soar on the wings of certitude to the horizon of the All-Merciful until thou didst enter the prison of the Wronged One and visit thy Lord, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, and didst behold what was veiled from Moses, and didst hear what the Friend had heard, and didst drink the choice wine of reunion, and didst attain unto the station of sanctity, nearness, and beauty. Thou art he who found the

sweetness of the Call and heard the murmuring of the River of Everlasting Life and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, when thou wert standing before the face of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. Blessed art thou, O Abu-Badi', and blessed is thy son through whom the pillars of the idol were made to quake and the back of the idols was broken - they who walk in the garments of the learned ones among the people of creation.

The Sublime Truth hath testified for thee, O thou who art wondrous, to thy recognition, thy steadfastness, thy support, thy firmness, thy certitude, and thy assurance. Thou art he whom thousands frightened not, whom the clashing of swords deterred not on a Day wherein ranks were drawn up to extinguish the light of Revelation, the tribes of the earth lamented, and the great terror appeared amongst men.

Blessed art thou and thy son! How excellent is your attainment of God's testimony in this Tablet from whose heaven's horizon hath shone the Sun of the Word "Verily, I am God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Ancient Beauty! The Pen hath been bidden to make mention of thy noble one who was with Thee in the pavilion of Thy abasement and the canopy of Thy glory, who was present before Thy countenance morn and eve, prostrating himself before Thy beauty, submissive to Thy sovereignty, swayed by Thy will and moved by Thy purpose. He it was who heard Thy call and beheld Thy countenance, who dwelt in the precincts of Thy mercy, who drank from the Kawthar of Thy revelation, who was honored by the manifestations of Thy grace and the expressions of Thy mercy, and to whom Thou didst entrust the custodianship of Thy Sacred House among the people. Blessed is he who hath turned toward Thee, and the pilgrim who hath sought Thy resting-place and visited Thee through what the Most Merciful hath revealed concerning Thee. Thou art the one who surrendered thy spirit for the sake of thy Lord's Face, who wast with Him aforetime in the Land of Mystery, who chose exile for love of His Self, and who didst migrate with Him until thou didst enter this Prison - this noble station which hath been illumined by the lights of the mighty Throne. Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom to ordain for them that visit Thy loved ones the reward of those who have attained unto Thy service. Purify them from whatsoever is unseemly for Thy Cause, then forgive them through Thy bounty and favor, and ordain for them, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, and verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

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He is God, the All-Knowing

The Tongue of Grandeur speaks that which shall suffice the physicians in the absence of doctors. Say: O people! Eat not save when hungry, and drink not after retiring to sleep. Exercise in the open air strengthens the body's members, while eating to excess is a grave calamity. Abandon not treatment when it is needed, but cease it when health is restored. Begin not a meal until digestion is complete, and eat not before thorough mastication. Treat an ailment first through diet, before resorting to medicine. When thou hast found a simple remedy, turn not to compound medicines. Set aside medicine when in

good health, but take it when needed. When two contrary foods are served, mix them not but be content with one. Begin with the light food before the heavy, and with liquid before solid. The introduction of food upon food is dangerous - be thou cautious of this. When thou beginnest to eat, start with My Most Glorious Name and end with the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of the throne above and the earth below. When thou hast eaten, walk a little that the food may settle. That which is difficult to masticate is forbidden by the discerning ones. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee.

Eating little in the morning is as a light unto the body. Abandon harmful habits, for they are a calamity unto mankind. Meet illnesses with their remedies - this utterance is the decisive word in this regard. Practice contentment in all conditions; through it the soul is preserved from lassitude and ill condition. Avoid anxiety and grief, for through them comes a dire affliction. Say: Envy consumeth the body and anger burneth the liver. Shun these two as ye would a lion. The elimination of superfluities is essential, but at moderate seasons. He who exceeds in eating, his sickness shall increase. We have ordained a cause for all things and bestowed upon each an effect. All this is through the revelation of My Name, the Influencer, upon all things. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Say: Through what We have set forth, the humors shall not exceed their balance, nor their measures depart from their state. The original nature remains in its purity, and the sixth and the sixth of the sixth remain in their condition. The two active and the two passive elements are preserved, and in God do we trust. There is no God but Him, the Healer, the All-Knowing, the Helper.

The Most Exalted Pen hath not flowed with such words except for My love for thee, that thou mayest know that grief hath not seized the Ancient Beauty, nor hath He been saddened by what hath befallen Him from the nations. Sorrow is for him who hath lost something, but nothing escapeth His grasp in the heavens and the earth.

O Physician! Heal the sick, first through the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, then through that which We have ordained for the health of the constitutions of the servants. By My life! The physician who hath drunk the wine of My love - his visit is healing, his breath is mercy and hope. Say: Hold fast unto him for the restoration of health. He is confirmed by God for treatment. Say: This science is the most noble of all sciences. Verily it is the greatest means from God, the Quickener of moldering bones, for preserving the bodies of nations. He hath given it precedence over all sciences and wisdoms. However, this is the day wherein thou shouldst arise to help My Cause, detached from all the worlds.

Say: O my God! Thy Name is my healing, Thy remembrance is my remedy, Thy nearness is my hope, Thy love is my companion, Thy mercy is my physician and helper in both this world and the world to come. Thou, verily, art the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey greetings from God to all the loved ones. Say: Today two matters are beloved and desired: first, wisdom and utterance, and second, steadfastness in the Cause of your Lord, the Merciful. Whosoever attaineth unto these two things is accounted before God as being among the people of the City of Immortality, for by these two matters hath the divine Cause been and shall be established amongst His servants. For if wisdom and utterance were not present, all would be afflicted. In such case, none would

remain to guide the people to the Divine Law. And if steadfastness be lacking, the one who maketh mention will have no effect. Say: O friends! Fear and anxiety befit women. If the friends of God were to reflect even briefly upon the world and the differences manifest therein, the might of the oppressors would not frighten them and they would soar upon the wings of longing to the Daystar of the horizons. This servant hath desired for all the friends of Truth what He hath desired for Himself. And the reason that wisdom and protection of the Cause have been and are enjoined is that those who make mention may remain on earth to occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Lord of all worlds. Therefore, it is obligatory and essential for all to protect themselves and their brethren for the sake of God's Cause. Had the friends acted in accordance with what they were commanded, most of those on earth would now be adorned with the robe of faith. Blessed is he who guideth a soul to the eternal Law and leadeth him to everlasting life. This is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Exalted. And the Spirit be upon thee, and Glory be upon thee.

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He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Your letter which you sent to this servant, who circles round the Throne, was forwarded from the great city and was witnessed, and its contents were understood. God willing, may you ever drink from the incomparable sweet waters of the Lord of Majesty and be sanctified from all who dwell in the heavens and the earth. O thou Phoenix of fire! Conquer hearts through the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Then give the contingent beings to drink from the chalice of divine verses through the hands of maidens who dwell in the chambers of the words of the Revealer of mysteries, whom no strangers or evil ones have touched, and whose presence God has made exclusive to those among His servants possessed of insight, who were among the choicest of creation and held fast to the cord of God, the Almighty, the Compelling. Soon shall We send down unto thee what We have ordained for thee. Be thou, therefore, at peace within thyself and be of them that are at rest.

For each person mentioned in your letter, a Tablet was revealed and sent down as a token of Our grace upon thee and upon Our devoted servants. Now observe the condition of the people and what proceeds from their mouths. They acknowledge that every light is darkened before His splendor, as was revealed in the Bayan and testified to by the Tongue of the All-Merciful. Likewise do they say that He transforms light into darkness, as was revealed in the prayers by God, the Mighty, the Gracious, the Bestower. Yet when the meaning of what they have confessed and acknowledged becomes manifest, they flee from the Lion of inner meanings and join Satan's hosts, even though they have not understood him whom they have taken as lord instead of God, nor his true nature, nor the origin of his cause - to this do they who are endued with understanding bear witness.

Strange indeed that these people, though they behold with their outward eyes the inexhaustible Kawthar, have nevertheless contented themselves with a mirage. Such hath ever been the way of creation, even as among the peoples of old there are today those who worship the calf instead of God and rejoice in their idol. He Who hath arisen by His own Self would be ashamed to be known by such servants, and were it

not for His grace and mercy, He would never have revealed His Cause. But the decree hath been fulfilled, for He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. And after the manifestation of God and the establishment of His Temple upon the throne of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, these people still make mention of Imamate, succession, and vicegerency. Such is the condition of the leaders of this people, let alone those souls who have followed these insects of the earth. In truth, all are today seen as immature. If a soul attaineth unto this wondrous Cause, by God! the dust of his sandal is, in God's sight, more exalted and distinguished than all who have turned aside among the people of the Bayan, and ever shall be. None shall enter this everlasting City of Oneness save holy souls who are detached from all save God. This cup is not the portion of every heedless ignorant one, nor is this pure wine the share of every stubborn infidel. They who drink from the Abha cup are of another essence and from another realm. Thus hath the matter been decreed, but the people understand not. God willing, may ye ever be present in the court of the All-Glorious, the Majestic, and be gazers unto His most pure horizon. Convey God's greetings unto the faces of them that are settled upon the cushions of detachment and abstraction among His triumphant servants, then unto thy wife and sister and thy kinsmen and the handmaidens of God, then unto those two women who emigrated unto God and whom the hand of grace returned to their abode. Say unto them: By God! We were with you and walked above your heads and witnessed your love and heard what ye uttered, and We are the Best of hearers. Blessed are ye, and God hath accepted from you and shall surely reward you, for He is the Best of rewarders. And if thou seest the servant before the Merciful, convey unto his face the greetings from Us, then give him the glad tidings of Our mention of him in this wondrous Tablet. Say: We have heard what thou hast composed in remembrance of thy Lord. God shall soon reward thee with the best of rewards, for He bestoweth upon His remembering servants, and We had sent him a tablet before wherein was recorded that which was a guidance and remembrance for all the worlds. Then convey greetings unto the face of Nasir, that he may rejoice within himself through God's grace and mercy and be of the assured ones. We have indeed sent down unto him from the heaven of holiness verses of the Cause and sent them to him before, that he may rejoice in God's remembrance, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And likewise unto the face of Hasan who hath attained unto God's tablet and its effect, that he may be of the thankful ones. And if thou seest Dhabi?, remind him from Us, saying: Beware lest thou be patient in God's Cause. Rend asunder the veils of glory in their entirety in such wise that the denizens of the Supreme Paradise shall hear the sound of their rending. This is better for thee than clinging to the hems of the ascetics. And say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad of Sirjan! In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Invincible, the Most Exalted!

This is a Book from the Primal Point Who testifieth and declareth: "Verily, I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon. Therefore, O people, behold ye My beauty, then hearken unto My melodies, then witness My power, My sovereignty and My glory, then My mercy that hath preceded all worlds."

O people! By God, We have indeed informed you aforetime and testified with Our truthful tongue that I have ever existed through the eternity of God and shall manifest Myself unto you through My Most

Great, Most Glorious Name. Beware lest ye object thereunto and be counted among the idolaters. By God, this is a mystery more manifest than the sun at high noon, yet when We bestowed the Name apart from Our Self, the servants knew Us not. This mystery was veiled within mystery upon mystery, shrouded by yet another mystery, which none among all created things could fathom.

When the idolaters persisted and thy Lord's appointed time was fulfilled, then did the Hand of Power lift from the face of mystery a veil of mystery. Thereupon all who dwell in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save those whom God preserved within the fortress of His protection and numbered among the secure ones.

O Muhammad! By God the Truth, whatsoever thou hast heard concerning this Cause hath proceeded from Me, and God knoweth that none besides Me was aware of aught, and this is a wisdom known to none save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When the opposers found assurance within themselves and the breezes of security wafted from this holy, wondrous and blessed right hand side, they came forth with arrows, then spears, then swords of hatred, smiting Me at every moment with all their might. Thus were they recorded among the oppressors in tablets of ancient glory.

Thou knowest well that one who harbors deceit within himself and practices deception in God's Cause can never stand before the enemies between the heavens and earth, nor can he speak God's praise amidst adversaries, nor can he face the opposers in days when all religious sects united against him while he, by himself alone, championed his Lord's Cause, detached from all else. Thus didst thou hear, and they who were in Iraq witnessed with their own eyes and do now testify thereto, if they be among the fair-minded.

By God, wert thou to ponder within thyself, thou wouldst find My deeds sufficient witness to that which issueth from My mouth and floweth from My pen, requiring no further testimony from these people or from all the worlds.

O Muhammad! Every deed hath its trace and every existence its fragrance. Therefore inhale from all that hath appeared from this Youth and flowed from His pen. If thou perceivest therein the fragrance of the Beloved, then detach thyself from all else and turn thy face toward His holy, transcendent, mighty and wondrous countenance. God's Cause cannot be confounded with aught else. It standeth manifest above all things, shining with the lights of beauty in the heaven of grandeur. None but every remote transgressor shall deny it.

By God, all that hath appeared from Me is proof conclusive for all created things, yet people have confused the matter for themselves. Apart from this, verily thy Lord's Cause is more manifest than can be concealed, and God is witness to what I say. Sufficient is their abasement that they worship one whom We named with a name among names and mentioned among the servants, making him a veil before their eyes through Our wisdom, lest they recognize this luminous and noble Manifestation. When he returned unto God […]

He hath waged war against Our Cause by his own self. We commanded the people to rend asunder the veils, whereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except for certain letters that were manifestations of My Name, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. If thou wouldst ponder My

Cause and the veiling of My countenance after My manifestation at the axis of all horizons, thou wouldst, by God, become acquainted with a mystery wherewith even the realities of mysteries have not been acquainted - how much less these hypocrites! Thereby will mystery after mystery be unveiled unto thee, then treasure after treasure, then store after store, and thou wilt find thyself enriched through thy Lord's bounty beyond all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. This, verily, is certain truth. Know thou, moreover, that We loved thee aforetime and have not forgotten thee, and now We bid thee rend asunder the veils through the sovereignty of thy Lord's Name, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, and emerge from behind them with a radiant and shining face. Take heed that thou fear no one. Then make mention of thy Lord amongst those in whose hearts thou findest the sweet savors of divine good-pleasure. Verily thy Lord will guard thee from the harm of every harmful one. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Thus have We inspired thee and made mention of thee on this night out of Our love for thee, that thou mayest be of those who remember this lonely Wronged One. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee on this path wherefrom the feet of most of the servants have slipped, save those whom God hath singled out for the recognition of His exalted, His hallowed, His gracious Self.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful!

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letter from the honored Attar which he sent to thee was read before the Presence. Praise be to God that from it wafted the fragrance of love for the Desired One of all worlds. That household hath ever been engaged and occupied in serving the Cause, and mention of each one hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in such wise that its effects are manifest and evident to those possessed of insight.

As to their mention of the honored Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-i-Sahhaf, he hath been granted permission to enter. Let him give thanks unto God for this manifest bounty. However, taking up residence in this land is another matter. Repeatedly hath this exalted word flowed from the Most Exalted Pen: though outwardly at rest, the Prison Land is inwardly turbulent. We beseech God to ordain for His loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Him and assist them in such wise that nothing shall prevent them from His remembrance and praise. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. From this spot We send Our greetings upon him and upon Attar and all who dwell in that household. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon his mother, upon him, upon his brother who emigrated and attained, upon the other who attained the presence of the Countenance, and upon all who are steadfast and firm. We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall profit them in all the worlds of His worlds. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Answering.

Mention was made of Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God. In these days mention of him hath repeatedly been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. He hath once again been afflicted with trials. We beseech God first to adorn him with the ornament of patience, then to deliver him through His power

and sovereignty. He is verily potent over all things. Blessed are they who have remembered and do remember such souls, and who strive and endeavor to the extent of their capacity in the Cause of God.

O My Name! The mention of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali from the people of Sad was made in thy letter. In these days We have repeatedly made mention of him, especially when Khalil from the people of Qaf attained the presence of the Countenance. In truth he is firm in his attachment to the cord of love and steadfast in service. We beseech God to strengthen him, to prosper him, and to send down upon him from the heaven of grace and bounty that which will gladden his heart and solace his eyes. He is verily the Protector of the sincere ones. We counsel him to observe wisdom, for in that land there are both tale-bearers and spies. Wisdom is necessary for the time being. The people of the world have not yet discovered the purpose of this Wronged One. Each faction among the factions hath imagined vain things. By the life of God! Were they to discover the purpose, all would circle round it and would be content and grateful with what God hath willed. Then would the loved ones of God be freed from the need for wisdom, concealment, and the like. Say: O my God, my God! Make known to Thy servants what lieth with Thee, teach them what Thou hast intended for them, and draw them nigh unto Thee, that they may acknowledge that which Thy tongue hath uttered. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Wert Thou to remove the veil from them, Thou wouldst find them hastening to the horizon of Thy grace and bounty. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and perceiving one.

[…] You have mentioned Siyyid-i-Tuyserkani. We beseech God not to deprive him of the lights of the Sun of Truth and deny him his portion of the ocean of inner meanings. Several Tablets have been revealed specifically for those souls whose names Jinab-i-Ghulam-'Ali had sent to the Most Holy Court. O My Name! The Most Exalted Pen is ever flowing, pervading, speaking and moving without cessation. Time and season do not suffice. We beseech God to aid all and enable them on the Day of God to engage in mention, praise and service to His Cause. The letter of Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be My Baha, was considered. What they have written concerning wisdom is the truth, in which there is no doubt. All the people of God must hold fast unto it, and this matter hath been repeatedly revealed in the divine Tablets. O My Name! Convey to all the friends in those regions the greetings of the Wronged One. Each one is mentioned before the Throne and hath attained the favor of God, exalted be His glory. Today all must hold fast unto unity and act in concert, that perchance the horizons may be illumined and perfumed by the breezes of revelation. All things bear witness that God, exalted be His glory, hath remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones in the Most Great Prison. Blessed are they who have attained unto the Divine Word. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned and whose letters thou hast sent, and upon all who have remained firm and attained unto the most great steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

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O Ali! Upon thee be My Glory! The Mother Book hath been revealed and the rains of grace pour forth. The path is manifest and the signs of Truth are evident, yet all are heedless save whom God willeth. The breezes of divine revelation have encompassed the world and the manifestations of the power of the

Eternal have appeared like unto the sun. The people of Persia, one and all, awaited this Day, yet when by God's will the world was illumined with the lights of His countenance, all arose in opposition. These earthly fragments were and are unworthy of this Call. This Wronged One hath had no purpose except the reformation of the world and the refinement of all nations. The Pen of the All-Merciful desireth to purify all who dwell within the realm of possibility from rancor and hatred through the living waters of utterance, and to enable all to attain true unity, that the whole world might become detached and free. O Haydar! Beseech God that He may sanctify all horizons from discord through the wine of unity, that perchance souls may be found worthy to hearken unto this Call which is raised at all times from the Supreme Horizon. The Most Exalted Pen is ever in motion and the gaze of God is watchful and attentive. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His signs and quaffed the choice sealed wine through His Self-Subsisting Name. The Name of Munificence, upon him be My Glory, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court, and it attained unto Our notice. Praise be to God that thou hast been successful and art steadfast in serving the Cause.

[…] We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them all that they may behold with their own eyes the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen and become blessed with hearing His call with their own ears. The entire Shi'ih sect for one thousand two hundred years and more has been occupied with vain imaginings and idle fancies. Not a single one of the divines of that sect attained unto true knowledge; nay, they did not even partake of the outward meaning, inasmuch as they all pronounced their verdict against the Lord of all beings and cursed the deniers of Jabulqa. The clouds of vain desires and imaginings have prevented their eyes from beholding the Day-Star of truth. Beseech God not to deprive His servants of the ornament of justice and fairness, that they may, with the finger of equity, rend asunder the veils and attain unto the light of the Sun.

The deniers of the Bayan have not, until now, comprehended what caused the waywardness and misery of the previous sect. These people too cling to that sect; if they do not acknowledge this with their tongues, their very deeds bear witness to it. This Wronged One careth not whether His words be accepted or rejected. From the beginning of days until now, whatsoever needed to be said hath been uttered openly and in the most exalted call before the faces of all men. Every fair-minded person testifieth to what hath been mentioned. Now too We have fallen into the hands of Our enemies and have suffered what no eye hath seen nor ear heard. We have manifested the Cause in such wise that anything beyond it would be impossible. Neither the might of princes deterred Us nor the clamor of divines. We chose not silence in the face of tribulations and afflictions. We bore, in the path of God, what most have heard. Now from every direction arise the cawing of the ravens and manifest signs of rancor and hatred. It would be a great pity were the hem of sanctity to be sullied by the dust of understanding of such souls.

Say: O heedless ones! The Truth is manifest and the standard 'Verily He is God' hath been hoisted upon the most sublime station, and the Most Exalted Pen from the highest summit hath sent down the blessed word 'The Kingdom is God's', clear and evident. By God's life! The ears of the world are not capable of hearing this melody. Beseech God that He may, perchance, raise up a new people in the earth who, detached from all that false tongues have uttered and purified from what is current amongst men, may turn toward the horizon of the Revelation and hearken unto the voice of Him Who conversed upon Sinai.

O ’Ali-Haydar! This Tablet hath shown forth from the Dayspring of divine knowledge. Its fragrance is wafting and diffusing, and its mention is all-embracing. Blessed are they who observe it with illumined breasts, pure hearts, penetrating vision, and attentive ears. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Say: Preserve your stations through the power of the name of God, glorified be His mention, and occupy yourselves with exalting His blessed and goodly Word. Great is the Cause and great is the Day, while the idolaters and the treacherous lie in wait. The Truth hath ever been and shall remain distinct from all else. His utterance is different from the utterance of the world’s people, His mention different from their mentions, and His way different from their ways. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Path. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful.

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In the name of Him Who hath been exalted in His majesty and glory - 19 Safar 1303

He is God - exalted be His glory, to Whom belongeth greatness and grandeur

Through but one letter of His glorious Name did the universe and all within it become manifest and evident. All that exists hath been and shall ever be through the effulgence of His bounty. Should any soul in all creation draw a breath contrary to that which hath been mentioned, every atom in existence would testify to his heedlessness. The heaven is a sign of His loftiness and the seas are tokens of His grandeur. Whatever we may say, the seeing eye beholdeth in but a single leaf among the leaves of the divine Lote-Tree His majesty, power, exaltation and favor. All came into being through His will, that it might tell of its Fashioner, its Creator, and its Originator. Neither reckoning nor comprehension hath any place in this realm, until the hand of grace bestoweth what it will and conferreth what it pleaseth. His might can raise a straw to the galaxies and elevate dust to the Pleiades. How many among the possessors of sovereignty, dominion and palaces hath His controlling hand returned to their graves in utter abasement. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The prayers and salutations of all peoples are befitting the most holy and exalted court of the Beloved, through Whose advent the heavens were adorned and through Whose presence the Night Journey was blessed. He is the source of the life-giving Kawthar amongst all possibility, through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined, the ocean of inner meanings surged, and the decree of the All-Merciful was established amongst all religions. And upon His family and companions, who are the stars in the heavens of wisdom and the fish in the sea of power - they who aided and endured with patience, and theirs is the final abode.

The letter of that honored brother, which was in itself a new gift, arrived at the right place and the right time, for it came just as this evanescent one was intending to attain the presence. I took it, opened it, saw it and read it, then hastened until I reached the spot. When I arrived, the countenance of the Master smiled and He said - may my soul be sacrificed for Him - “What is in thy right hand?” I presented the letter, saying it had come from the direction of A. and S. When permission was granted, I read it. When the poem was finished, the countenance of the Master smiled again and He said - may my soul be sacrificed for Him - “O thou who art present! How beloved before God is the unity and harmony of the

friends. Most often doth the word ‘unity’ flow from the Pen and tongue. We beseech God to confirm him and in every moment make him successful in remembrance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.”

That you mentioned each of the loved ones individually in verse was most acceptable. Praise be to God that you were assisted to achieve that which is pleasing before the Friend. He said that its poetry is joy-inducing and its prose even more so, for the fragrance of love emanates from it. This quality keepeth the world alive and enduring. Love is like an essence - whatever remains after it is extracted from anything neither nourishes nor avails. We beseech God not to deprive the whole world from the lights of the Sun of His love.

Your verses have been mentioned repeatedly and became the cause and reason for your remembrance. Time and again they commanded me to convey to you that they should consult on matters and then, trusting in God, act accordingly. And they said the good of the world and its benevolence and kindness are directed toward you. Be not grieved, and be assured of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. His favor has been and is with you. In all conditions maintain the utmost joy and fragrance, such that whoever associates and companions with you becomes happy and delighted. Praise be to God, the carpet of gladness has been spread and the sun of God’s favor has risen. Speak in His remembrance, drink in His mention. Never let go of wisdom in any situation. It is not permissible to acknowledge matters which the ignorant are incapable of comprehending. Walk in the footsteps of the Wronged One. [End]

This servant conveys greetings, praise and gracious mention to all the friends of that land, and begs confirmation from God, exalted be His station, for each one. I ask God that His name be exalted through the unity, accord and sincerity of those noble souls. May their intention be the reformation of the world and the tranquility of all peoples. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The whole world has been and is specially for the friends of God, manifested according to the requirements of consummate wisdom. This is the evident truth, there is no doubt in it. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the friends of God, the people of unity and the companions of detachment, whom God has described in His Manifest Book: “They speak not until He hath spoken, and they do His bidding.” And praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what will be.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent down the heavenly table, made manifest His bounty, and brought forth that which lay hidden in the treasuries of knowledge and wisdom, and gave utterance to that which drew the hearts of those who have cast away all else besides Him and turned with their hearts toward His most exalted horizon. Exalted is our Lord, the Master of all beings, Who hath caused His servants to recognize His clear verses according to His will and desire. He is verily the Sovereign of creation and the Lord of the Day of Return. And peace and blessings be upon God’s ambassadors, His Prophets, His chosen ones and His loved ones, and upon the Seal of His Messengers through whom God distinguished between His servants. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance!

The breezes of your love stirred me when I read what was inscribed in your luminous letter mentioning God, the Lord of all names and Creator of heaven. I presented what I read before His Countenance, and He–sweet are His words–said: “Verily, he hath been under the glances of My loving-kindness and beneath the canopy of My grace. I have mentioned him with My tongue, turned toward him with My face, beckoned to him with My finger, and indicated to him with My brow, unto a station that changeth not and hath no end. He must preserve this precious pearl in the name of God, the Lord of all worlds. He is verily the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And We remember My loved ones in that place who have held fast to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book.”

That which was sent from the land of Shin in the name of ?a and Sin, upon him be the glory of God, hath arrived. I presented it before His Countenance, and this evanescent servant hath responded and sent it to your presence that you may forward it to him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Best of Senders. And concerning what you wrote about Sheikh Salman, upon him be the glory of God, and the imprisoned one, upon him be the glory of God, I beseech the Exalted One to assist all to do what He loveth and is pleased with, to strengthen them in showing kindness to their brethren, and to aid them in achieving unity and harmony. He is verily the Master of His servants and the Inspirer of right conduct.

I presented your mention before His Countenance, and this is what the Kingdom of Utterance proclaimed: “O Salman! The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and thy cry, both before and after, and hath answered thee with that which hath diffused the fragrance of loving-kindness. We beseech the Exalted One to assist thee to be patient and forbearing in all conditions, and to ordain for thee the best in this world and the next. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, my Purpose, and Master of my being, Who beholdeth my outer and inner self! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast guided the sincere ones to Thy straight path and made known to those near unto Thee Thy abounding grace, to write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast written for Thy chosen servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.”

O beloved of my heart! Should there be any delay in answering your noble letter, this is due to my many occupations and writings, and my trust in you, my reliance upon you, and my confidence in your love. My Lord and your Lord beareth witness to this. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who are there among God’s sincere loved ones. And concerning what you mentioned about ’Abdu’l-Ghani, upon him be the glory of God, let him rejoice in what hath befallen him. How many servants have been martyred in God’s path, how many breasts have been pierced through love of God, how many heads have been raised upon spears for God’s Cause, and how much blood hath been shed in God’s path! He must rejoice in all conditions and praise God, his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

It behooveth us to look to God’s will and purpose, and to what He loveth and is pleased with, not to what our desires crave, our wills desire, and our hearts delight in. The whole matter is in His hands. It is for us to thank Him, praise Him, glorify Him, sanctify Him, mention Him, and extol Him in hardship and ease, in adversity and tribulation, and in all that cometh upon His servants in this world. He knoweth and understandeth; we have no knowledge of the outcome of our affairs, nor of what will benefit us, preserve us, and deliver us. Our Creator, our Maker, our Provider, our Life-Giver, and our Death-Bringer beareth

witness to this, as He hath testified in His gracious Book which He revealed unto him who adorned the Night Journey, and in the Books of the Messengers. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The servant, on 23 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1298

I submit to you not to send to the city what is mentioned in this letter until I send the reply of the Doctor, upon him be the glory of God, to you so that you may send them together.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Glory!

Praise be to God Who uttered a Word, and lo, it appeared in one station in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who caused it to speak in the realm of possibility concerning the mysteries of what is and what shall be. And in another station it appeared in the form of images, and when He breathed into it, all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those who held fast to God, our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. And in yet another station it flowed as though it were the water of life. Blessed is he who drew nigh and attained, for he is indeed among the people of the Crimson Ark before God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The servant has been blessed with the fragrance of your noble letter, through which shone forth the horizon of love and fellowship and by which was illumined the dawning-place of affection and unity. By God! Yea, by God! The heart took wing and the breast was dilated thereby. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, to grant us at all times that which shall be the cause of the greatest joy in the most luminous horizon. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

As for what you mentioned regarding the conditions: as for the first, it was yours before and shall be yours hereafter through God's grace and favor. And what you mentioned regarding the second is undoubtedly true, for the matter of rights is mighty in God's sight.

The humble one submits that if it is possible for you to turn with joy and fragrance to the Most Holy Court during Ridvan, this would be most beloved, provided it causes no disruption to the shop's affairs and operations, nor any disturbance to the minds of the owners of goods. In any case, whenever leisure permits, do turn [to the Court].

As for your request for permission for the mentioned souls to attain through your letter - the sun of permission has dawned. Give them the glad tidings of this manifest grace. And concerning what you mentioned about Jasim al-Fatla and his son - this was presented before the Countenance, and He spoke, and His word is the truth:

O Jasim! Grieve not over anything. Trust in God, the Powerful, the Single, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein the sea of joy has surged by reason of the advent of Him Who is more compassionate than any tender father, precious son, noble brother, faithful friend, and trusted companion. Verily thy son is in the

highest paradise - these are the glad tidings which the Pen of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise, giveth thee. Rejoice thou in the days of God and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the Kingdom of utterance was revealed and the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted, to make me content with Thy decree, smiling in Thy days, and jubilant through Thy remembrance and Thy favors. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The letter from him who is named Muhammad-'Ali has arrived and was presented before the Throne. This is what hath been sent down in response: "O Muhammad-'Ali! We have aided thee aforetime and caused thee to recognize this Horizon whereunto none have turned save they who have quaffed the Kawthar of life from the hands of the favors of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We taught thee My remembrance and praise, and loosened thy tongue to make mention of this Remembrance through which the limbs of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, have quaked. We shall be with thee under all conditions and shall aid thee as a token of Our grace. Be thou assured and numbered among the thankful. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to My Covenant, cast away vain imaginings, and embraced this Cause whereby the horizon of certitude hath shone forth by the command of the One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Convey My greetings unto thyself and unto those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones! We counsel you to remain steadfast in the Great Cause of God, the Lord of all names. Hold fast unto it through this Most Great Name."

As for what ye mentioned concerning Ibn-i-Badi', upon him be the glory of God, he hath been named 'Inayatu'llah. Thus hath it been sent down from the heaven of the favor of our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

The blessed Branches - my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps - and then the people of the pavilion of grandeur send their most glorious and resplendent greetings unto your honor and the people of the household.

The servant

22 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1294

May I be thy sacrifice! Last week on post day thy letter did not reach this servant; it arrived two days later, hence the delay in reply. In any case, I hope to be forgiven.

Then, may my spirit be thy sacrifice! After completing this petition, I was honored to receive another letter from thee regarding the names mentioned in thy previous letter. Permission hath been granted from the Dawning-Place of favor concerning them and presented. And concerning Haji Qasim, whatever thy honor deemeth advisable hath been and is acceptable and approved. Whomsoever thy honor deemeth advisable, grant them permission.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is one in His grandeur and power, Who is peerless in His glory and authority. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty, and none in the kingdom of creation can prevent Him from that which He desireth. He giveth to drink unto them that have recognized His oneness from the Kawthar of bounty, and unto the sincere that which causeth them to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These are servants who speak not except by His leave, and breathe not except by His permission. They recite the verses of God and seek their meanings from their Revealer Who speaketh betwixt earth and heaven. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How excellent is he who hath found the fragrance of that which God hath willed and hath followed that which He hath ordained in His perspicuous Book.

This evanescent servant submitteth that may you ever be blessed through divine favors and heavenly bounties, and may you at all times partake and share with others the Kawthar of the recognition of the Lord of all worlds. Whatsoever appeareth today in the path of God hath been and shall forever be. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and hath subjected all souls to His sovereignty, every word that is uttered today by any tongue for the love of God shall appear in a wondrous form in the divine Kingdom, enduring throughout the sovereignty of God - manifest, resplendent, speaking and present. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the chalice of sincerity in the days of God and hath arisen to that whereby His Cause is exalted and that which is in His mighty, glorious and wondrous Book is made manifest.

One night when this evanescent servant was present in the Most Holy Court, He said: Write to K.D. - upon him be the Glory of God - that today your duty is to guide all people to love and unity, and with the utmost diligence to remove through kindly counsel from among the friends such matters and utterances as cause division. For division hath ever been and shall ever be the cause of disgrace, while unity is the source of exaltation. Hold fast unto that which the Wronged One commandeth thee from this mighty prison. Verily He remembereth thee as He hath remembered thee before. Thou hast a station with thy Lord - preserve it and be of the thankful ones. You have always been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and, God willing, shall continue to be so. The glance of His loving-kindness hath been directed toward you. You must occupy yourself with utmost determination in serving the Cause so that all may soar on the wings of unity in the heaven of the love of the Lord of creation. And should there arise any difference regarding the meaning of any of the divine utterances or verses that have been sent down, inquire so that the purpose may become clear to all.

This evanescent servant submitteth that your responsibilities have now increased, for permission hath been granted to Aqa Muhammad Javad to proceed to that quarter. In truth, in that land you and Jinab-i-Samandar must be engaged in the promotion of the Cause of God with perfect fellowship and unity, with such steadfastness that none among the peoples of the world shall be able to prevent it. For this is the day of service, this is the day of remembrance and praise, this is the day of deeds in the path of God. Assuredly any word that appeareth today for the sake of God and His love shall influence hearts and cause all to be set ablaze. God willing, I hope that the light of unity may shine forth in that land and all

may occupy themselves with the remembrance of God upon the carpet of love, fellowship, affection and unity. The very unity of the friends of God hath been and shall ever be the cause of guiding mankind.

If you wish news of this land, although all regions are disturbed and shaken, as has been detailed in the blessed Surih of Ra'is and elsewhere, yet this land is outwardly tranquil at present. Although it has been said that the land of prison has not yet become tranquil, and within its mystery lies concealed a disturbance - its knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All the friends in this land send their greetings, and request that on behalf of this evanescent one you convey my greetings to those who drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings who reside in that land. This time there was no opportunity to write anything to Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], as the work of writing has reached such a point that this servant is occupied day and night. God willing, he and his brother must forgive me. In closing, we beseech God to grant you success and assist you in serving His Cause, and to protect you from those who have turned away from His sovereignty and disputed His verses. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the Answerer. The Glory be upon you and upon His loved ones in that place, both young and old.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

Praise be to God Who created man and taught him utterance, and made him a sign of His dominion in all creation. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the Messengers, the Ordainer of paths, the Manifestation of Names, the Banner of Eternity in the Kingdom of Creation, and upon His family and companions who held fast to divine assistance and attained to the Dayspring of dawn.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant was honored by your exalted letter which was truly the essence of joy and gladness, bestowing complete delight and opening the gates of reunion, for the yearning ones perceive from the book the fragrance of reunion. However, from what you wrote about the tribulations that had befallen, infinite grief was experienced - one word brought joy while another brought sorrow. Praise be to God in both conditions. Your honor has no news from this land. What has befallen it is the universal cause of the world's grief. A few days ago, while at the mansion, one night as this servant was engaged in writing in His presence, suddenly an uproar arose. Later it became known that a group of Christians had, with utmost tyranny and aggression, beaten and abused some friends who were engaged in service, to such an extent that two souls nearly perished. Until now the physicians are occupied with their treatment.

After these abhorrent acts, they entered Akka and began complaining to the Pasha and others, claiming "Three of us were sent to another place by the Persians who attacked us," whereas no one had molested those souls. It seems they were raised in the school of falsehood and grew up in the college of calumny. In brief, there were several days of dispute, and every soul said something, until finally it became clear and evident to the government that these prisoners and captives had not molested those heedless souls.

Tribulations and hardships have ever been and continue to be - sometimes the imprisonment of the friends in various lands, and at times the heedlessness of the people of this city. From the day they seized the beloved of hearts, Haji Seyyed Ali Akbar - upon him be the peace of God - in the land of Ta, verbal incidents also occurred in this land. Your honor is aware of the favor, grace and mercy of the Lord. Nevertheless, every day, nay every moment, they are engaged in deception and plotting, although all know that the world and all that is therein belongs to none but returns to God. Yet for a single dirham they cast themselves into peril and make themselves deserving of eternal punishment.

This servant beseeches God - exalted be His glory - to protect these servants and assist them in that which pleases Him. Verily, He has power over all things.

Your letter was presented before His countenance. He said: “We beseech God to protect him and ordain for him the good of the hereafter and this world. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.” End quote.

The souls present in service, the son and the honored lady - upon them both be the glory of God - send their greetings, and please convey greetings to those who are absent as well. We beseech divine confirmation for each one. We implore and beseech the Exalted Truth to assist all in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to increase your honor’s elevation and exaltation at every moment. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding what you wrote that his honor, my master - may my spirit and being be a sacrifice for the dust of his footsteps - has not shown any kindness for some time, this much is submitted: Your honor has ever been and continues to be mentioned before all. This is the truth of what was submitted. Otherwise, it is the multitude of occupations that sometimes prevents mention. Now matters have reached such a point that this servant is even prevented from responding to the letters of the friends in various regions. I beseech God to assist this evanescent one to serve His friends. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy to respond.

The people of the pavilion of grandeur and glory each send their greetings to your honor and the honored lady and those absent, and they beseech God for your honor’s confirmation, success, glory and elevation of station. Peace, spirit and mercy be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

The Servant

9 Sha’ban 1302

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Powerful, Who has taken unto Himself no partner nor likeness. He has manifested the Messengers to reveal His bounty and to

demonstrate His grace - they through whom were opened the gates of knowledge and through whom were revealed the mysteries of His Self-Subsisting Name. He adorned the beginning with the ornament of the seal, and We made him the sovereign of existence and named him Ahmad and Muhammad, the Praised One, the radiant and effulgent Light shining from the heaven of God's loving-kindness. Upon him and upon his family and companions, through whom the servants were humbled and the lands were conquered, be the glory of God.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the choice wine did flow and the clear stream did run and the proof was made manifest! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book and by the Manifestations of Thy names in the beginning and the end, that Thou write down for Thy Afnan, by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the crimson scroll, that which shall cause their mention to endure through the perpetuity of Thy Most Exalted Word, Thy sweetest remembrance and Thy Most Exalted Name. O my Lord! Thou seest the one whom Thou didst single out for Thy loving-kindness and compassion, and didst aid him in such wise that he traversed land and sea until he entered the Valley of the Noble One and heard Thy sweetest call when he entered through the gate before Thy face, O Thou Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! Praise be unto Thee, the Ancient of Days and the Desire of the nations, in that Thou didst call him to attain Thy presence and caused him to hear Thy call and to behold Thy beauty, and gave him to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy presence. When the appointed time of reunion was fulfilled, he migrated once again by Thy leave and command, and desired to circumambulate Thy House which was built in Thy name by the hands of Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to render all his deeds acceptable and all his efforts praiseworthy. Moreover, make his past works a treasure for him in the repositories of Thy protection and Thy preservation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto your honor! The servant has been blessed by the scratching of your pen and the trace of your ink. It was as if the thirsty one had attained the water of life, or the afflicted one the healing remedy of utterance. When I read and understood, I praised God, my Goal and your Goal, my Beloved and your Beloved, for the steadfastness of your temperament and health. And afterward, with utmost lamentation while you were in the bath, standing outside the bath, your prayer was offered. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance did speak […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Baha, My mercy and My loving-kindness! We have indeed found from every word of thy letter that was presented before the Face the fragrance of sanctity and sincerity, purified from the realm of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Blessed art thou, and blessed is the father who raised thee, and the mother who suckled thee, and the leaf who won thy good-pleasure, and the son who obeyed thee, and the servant who found solace in thy company.

Rest assured through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory. That which is beneficial for the Afnan shall be made manifest and apparent. Special means have appeared and been made manifest this year particularly for the Afnan, but the eyes of the servants have been prevented from witnessing and perceiving them, save those whom God willeth. Whatever means become apparent, hold fast unto them and act with trust in God. Whatever means of excuse and severance become evident are specifically for

the Afnan, for in no other year have such matters occurred. Verily, He is with thee in all conditions, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Convey to all the Afnan and Leaves, one after another, greetings from the Wronged One, and show them kindness. They have been and are in Our sight. If the reward of this journey were to become manifest even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would be adorned with such joy that the dust of sorrows of contingent beings and their peoples would not dim it nor prevent its radiance. Upon you be the Glory, upon you be Peace, upon you be the Mercy.

All things bear witness to the loving-kindness of the True One, exalted be His glory. Whatever else this servant might submit to your presence would be superfluous. In the nights and days, I beseech the Exalted True One to increase at every moment the success granted to you and the Afnan. Verily, He is the Answerer, the Kind, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This evanescent non-entity further submits his utter nothingness to the presence of the noble Afnan and the Leaves of the Sacred Tree - upon them and upon them be all the most glorious Baha. Similarly, those souls who are engaged in service at this time have attained the honor of visiting through your presence, but this was witnessed and acted upon directly. This is yet another bounty from God, our Lord, our Goal, our Beloved, and the One worshipped by all in the heavens and earths. The Peace that is manifest, resplendent, and shining forth from the horizon of loving-kindness be upon you and upon those with you.

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He is God, exalted be His station, His greatness and His power!

Praise be unto Him by Whose name the valley flowed and by Whose light the Hijaz was illumined. Through His remembrance the sincere ones have proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting," and those near unto Him have declared: "There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent over what was and what shall be." Blessed is he who hath attained unto His Revelation, been illumined by His lights, drawn knowledge from the ocean of His wisdom, been enlightened by the Sun of His utterance and been raised up by His exaltation. He, verily, is the Dawning-Place of God's signs and His proof, and the Day-Spring of His evidences and His favors. Through Him the path of God was made manifest in the world and His judgment established amongst the peoples. Upon Him rest God's blessings, His peace, His light, His glory, His honor, His power, and upon His family and companions through whom the rains of justice poured forth from the clouds of grace and the dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Mighty, the Bountiful!"

Thereafter, the servant received your letter and became acquainted with what was inscribed by the pen of your love. When I found therein the fragrance of your turning unto God, I approached the Lord and presented before His presence that which your tongue had uttered in remembrance. He - may my spirit be sacrificed for Him - said:

He is the All-Knowing Witness!

Today is the day of lowliness, supplication and return, for the armies of polytheism have encompassed the world of unity, as hath been and is now witnessed. Each day the fire of hatred is kindled. By the life of God, the clash of arms shall not be silenced except through turning unto God. The people of unity must all, in the nights and days, beseech abundance from the Self-Sufficient and implore victory, that perchance the people of unity and the inhabited cities and regions may be preserved from the flames of the blazing fire. The world was not and is not worthy of mention. Blessed is the soul whom the veils and clouds of the world and all therein have not debarred from the Dayspring of the names and attributes of God, exalted be His glory. Soon shall all that is visible vanish, and sovereignty, might and power shall remain with God, the One, the Chosen One.

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have desired the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and Dominion, by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones and Thy Messengers, and by the tears of the sincere ones and the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee, to assist me in Thy remembrance and Thy praise and in acting according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. This lost one beareth witness to Thy existence, this poor one to Thy wealth, this ignorant one to the ocean of Thy knowledge, and this weak one to Thy power. His tongue, both outward and inward, testifieth to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been the Goal and Object of the world's worship and will continue to be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Day-Springs of Thy Command and the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Repositories of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me the good of what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou, verily, art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God! His light is resplendent, His Cause manifest, His decree [evident, His path clear, and His proof luminous. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the cord of His bounty and hath acted in accordance with the] precepts revealed in His Book. Deeds bear witness to words and aid those who turn to Him. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to aid that honoured person to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. I likewise implore Him to grant all a portion and share from the ocean of His good-pleasure and not to deprive them thereof. He is the Giver, He is the All-Bountiful, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere, righteous, active and successful servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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In the name of Him Who warbleth upon the branches!

O My name! Hearken unto My call from around My throne that I may acquaint thee with an ocean that hath no shore and whose depths no swimmer hath reached. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful. We have willed to bestow upon thee a remembrance of what We have seen, that thou mayest behold the luminous world within this world of darkness and be assured that We have worlds within this world, and that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Informed. Verily, were He to desire to manifest from an atom the lights of the sun, and from a drop the waves of the sea, He is able to do so, even as He hath detailed from the Point the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be.

While We were seated upon the throne, there entered a radiant leaf, clad in fine white raiment, appearing as the full moon rising from the horizon of heaven. Exalted be God Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like. When she lifted her veil, the heavens and earth were illumined as though the Ancient Essence had shed upon her its splendors. Exalted be God Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like. She smiled and swayed like a willow branch in the vision of the All-Merciful. Exalted be He Who manifested her! No eye hath ever seen her like. Then she walked and circled about, without intention or will of her own, as though love's needle were drawn by the magnet of Beauty shining before her face. Exalted be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like.

She walked while Glory served her, and the Kingdom of Beauty sang her praise from behind her, such was her wondrous beauty, her allurement, and the perfection of her form. Exalted be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like. Then We beheld her black tresses upon her white neck, as though night and day had embraced in this Most Glorious Spot and Ultimate Goal. Exalted be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like.

How sweet was her nectar! Whoso tasted it testified that the stream of life flowed from the point of her mouth. Exalted be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like. When We gazed upon her face, We found the Point that was concealed beneath the veil of Oneness shining from the horizon of her brow, as though through it were detailed the tablets of the love of the All-Merciful throughout creation and the scrolls of lovers throughout all regions. Exalted be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like.

And that Point was reflected by another point above her right breast. Exalted be the Lord of the hidden and manifest, Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like. And the Temple of God arose and walked, and she walked behind Him, hearing, moving, drawn by the verses of her Lord. Blessed be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like.

Then her joy, delight and longing increased until she was transformed and swooned. When she recovered, she drew near and said: "May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy prison, O Mystery of the Unseen in the kingdom of creation!" Exalted be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like. And she gazed upon the Dayspring of the throne like one intoxicated and bewildered, until she placed her hand around her Lord's neck and drew Him to her. When she drew near and We drew near, We found from her what had been sent down in the Hidden Crimson Scroll by My Most Exalted Pen. Exalted be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like.

Then she inclined her head and rested her face upon her two fingers, as though the crescent moon had conjoined with the full moon. Exalted be He Who created her! No eye hath ever seen her like. At that moment she cried out, saying: “May all existence be a sacrifice for Thy tribulations, O King of earth and heaven! How long wilt Thou confine Thyself among these people in the city of ’Akka? Repair to Thy other realms, to places whereupon the eyes of the people of names have never fallen.” Thereupon We smiled. Know ye this most sweet remembrance and what We intended by this most hidden Secret, manifest yet most concealed […] O men of wisdom among the companions of My crimson Ark! This Remembrance hath fallen upon a day whereon My Herald - He Who hath proclaimed My sovereignty and heralded unto the people the heaven of My Will, the ocean of My Purpose and the sun of My Manifestation - was born. We have further glorified it through another day whereon was manifested the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Secret, the Well-Guarded Symbol, by which the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names were seized with perturbation, and they that dwell on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom We delivered through a sovereignty and power proceeding from Us. Verily, I am the All-Powerful over whatsoever I will. There is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of God on this Day which is the Dawning-Place of the Manifestation and the Dayspring of My Name, the All-Forgiving - a Day whereon the Divine Breathing wafted, and the Breeze stirred, and the attraction of the Manifestation quickened them that lay in their graves, and the Mountain cried out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!” And whereon every seeker attained his heart’s desire, every mystic found the Object of his recognition, and every wayfarer discovered His straight path.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Bless Thy loved ones and send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause them to be detached from all else save Thee, and to turn toward the horizon whence the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth. Ordain, O my God, for them that which will profit them in this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Generous.

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In the Name of Him Who is sanctified above all created things, in His Most Exalted Name

O ’Ali! Thy letter hath been presented before the Divine Throne, and We have taken note of the words contained therein, and We have witnessed that thou hast associated God, thy Lord, with another in the beginning of thy tablet. Beware, beware lest thou associate His mention with the mention of anyone else, or His name with the name of aught else that hath been created between the heavens and the earth, and make no allusion to Him, for He is sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above being associated with His creation. He hath ever been, and there hath been nothing beside Him, and He shall ever continue to be even as He hath been, if thou be of them that know. All else besides Him is created by His command and brought into being by His will, and is held within the grasp of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

Verily, He cannot be known except through Himself, nor can He be described save by Himself. Whoso claimeth to know Him through any other than Him hath indeed borne a grievous calumny and sin, and hath followed his own desires, and what he imagineth in his knowledge is but a fancy that hath encompassed him and veiled him from the knowledge of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: He is one in His essence, one in His attributes, and one in His deeds, and whatsoever proceedeth from Him and appeareth from His presence is that which proceedeth from the Manifestation of His glorious and wise Self. Beyond this, there is no way for anyone to know Him, exalted be He. Thus have We revealed aforetime and now, if thou be of them that know.

They who worship names instead of Me, these are indeed idolaters in the sight of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: Do ye take names as lords for yourselves besides God and forsake the Most Excellent of Creators? Fear ye God, then sanctify yourselves from the veils of fancy and be ye of them who take none besides God as their helper or protector. Thus doth the Mighty Cause instruct thee through this holy and luminous Pen.

Purify thy soul, thy spirit, and thy heart through My Name, then speak forth My praise and proclaim My Cause. Then will the Spirit strengthen thee and all things will circle round thee, and this is of God's grace upon thee, if thou be of them who know. Beware lest what thou possessest veil thee from the Beauty of the Ancient One Who hath appeared in truth from this resplendent and manifest Horizon. Cast aside what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God with strength and great power. Be not of them who recite the verses of God by night and day, yet when their like is revealed and their Revealer appeareth, deny both them and their Revealer. Thus do their souls entice them to evil, and they are of the idolaters.

Then suffice thyself with thy Lord apart from all else, and He will suffice thee against all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O people! Do ye deny Him through Whom the proof of God appeared among you and through Whom your faith in God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Wise, was established? Woe unto you and unto those who follow you without permission from Our presence, for the truth is what appeareth from Me, and after truth there is naught save manifest error.

Say: After the Manifestation of God, no soul's faith shall profit it except after recognizing Him, and none denieth this save every hostile and hateful denier. Whoso acknowledgeth this Cause today hath indeed attained unto all good, and all his deeds shall be accepted, and God shall clothe him with the robe of forgiveness, for He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He heareth his call and regardeth him with the glances of mercy, and ordaineth for him the good of this world and the next in preserved tablets of glory. And whoso denieth this Cause and doubteth therein, his works shall be rendered vain, and his cry shall not ascend unto God, and naught shall be accepted from him even should he worship as heavily as both humans and jinn. That which purifieth man is the recognition of the beauty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hath the Command flowed from the Pen of the All-Glorious in all tablets, if ye be of them that know.

Whoso maketh mention of God today without being certain of God, his mention shall be struck upon his head while he perceiveth it not, and he shall be of the heedless. And whoso writeth the verses of God without being drawn unto Him, his very fingers curse him, nay, all atoms, if ye be of them that hear. O thou servant! Arise and remind the people of the verses of thy Lord that they may become aware within

themselves and seek forgiveness for what they have committed against God, and be of the penitent. Thus have We commanded thee. Follow what thou art commanded, and this is better for thee than the kingdom of the heavens and earth. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have placed their trust in God and have detached themselves from all else. And praise be to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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In the Name of Him Who is Mighty to do as He willeth!

O ’Ali! The Most Great Ocean hath surged, and from each drop thereof is heard: “There is no God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!” The fragrance of divine favors hath wafted when thy letter reached the Throne. This is of His grace upon thee. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all things!” We found thy letter purified from the mention of aught else but Me, and adorned with the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Therefore hath the Lord of Destiny turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Sublime Vision, speaking unto thee through these verses, before which every proof and evidence must needs bow down in prostration. Rend asunder the veils of all created things through My Name and My sovereignty, then illumine the horizons with My remembrance. This is a Day whose station, were We to describe it, could not be encompassed by all the Tablets of heaven and earth, and all pens would be powerless to recount it.

O ’Ali! How many of the chosen ones have beseeched and attained not, have turned toward and reached not, have lamented and heard not - yet thou hearest the Call from the horizon of eternity, the Outlook of thy Most Glorious Lord, in the voice of grandeur and majesty: “There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.” By God! The Interlocutor of Moses calleth from this Prison while in the hands of the wicked ones, and the Beloved of the Beloved mentioneth thee with verses that have caused the very rocks to quake, how much more the hearts of the righteous! The Father of the Son calleth thee from this station and addresseth thee with decisive utterance.

O ’Ali! Were We to reveal unto thee what lieth concealed in the treasuries of infallibility, by God, the heaven would be cleft asunder, the earth would be rent, and the hearts of all servants would be convulsed, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Hadst thou been present at the time of the revelation of this Tablet, thou wouldst have soared on the wings of longing, transcending all stations of knowledge and all heights of names, and wouldst have witnessed thy Lord’s all-encompassing power over all who dwell in earth and heaven. Through My sweetest remembrance hath the sun risen from the horizon of eternity, and through My Most Glorious Name have the dead been raised.

O ’Ali! Despite such majesty, before which all matters have been subdued, the hosts of the oppressors have encompassed Me from every direction. Consider how, in the midst of ultimate tribulation, He speaketh and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of all names, in such wise that neither the might of the oppressors nor the armies of the infidels can hinder Him. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee time and again. When thou hast attained, recite and turn with an illumined heart toward the Dawning-

Place of thy Lord's revelation, the Mighty, the Bountiful. God hath forgiven those whom thou didst mention in thy letter. Verily, He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice in that thou art under the gaze of thy Lord, and He hath made thee know the Dawning-Place of His verses, while the people were in doubt and schism. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of those who are there, by the leave of the Revealer of verses.

Look not to the words of the past and what hath been mentioned, O thou who gazeth toward God, for most of it was either pure falsehood or intermingled therewith. And even if there was a word of truth, they comprehended not its meaning and distorted it. Consider what was written in the Book concerning the signs of resurrection, gathering, raising of the dead, the Hour, the Calamity, the Inevitable Event, the Cry, the Trump, Paradise and Fire, and the like, and likewise concerning the Qa'im and His appearance - not a letter thereof did they comprehend, and from its purpose they remained wholly veiled. That which was revealed in God's Book, the Furqan, is truth wherein there is no doubt, and none hath understood its true meaning save whom thy Lord willeth. Apart from this, most of the traditions and tales had no foundation, even as in this most great Revelation some such vain imaginings have been rent asunder and their meaning made clear and evident, while others remain between the fingers of the All-Merciful, that He may rend them asunder through His sovereignty. In any case, purify thine ears from that which is with the people. That which is now raised up sufficeth for hearkening. Verily He is the Enricher of the worlds. The divine confirmations were the Teacher of Him Who conversed with God, which are none other than the divine revelatory effulgences that now speak forth, and which in every world are known by one of His names, and in God's Book are named [Khidr]. Most of the mysteries of this Revelation have remained concealed. Verily it cannot be compared with aught else. Should one reflect upon the Bayan, God will open unto his heart such gates of understanding for recognizing this Revelation as have never been opened unto any among His servants. Thus doth the Lord of all beings decree. Know thou, then conceal, and the glory be upon thee.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

The first splendor that appeared and shone forth from the Dayspring of eternity, and the first light that gleamed from the Horizon of glory, and the first mercy that descended from the clouds of grandeur be upon thee, O thou whom God hath sanctified from the allusions of the people of creation, and associated with the Manifestation of His own Self, the Most Exalted, the Most High, and the Dawning-Place of His Cause between earth and heaven, and aided thee with the Most Great Spirit in days wherein the hearts of the men of wisdom were sorely shaken, and the cries of all things ascended to the most remote sanctuaries and the Divine Lote-Tree. I bear witness before God and the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Paradise of Refuge and those who abide within the crimson chambers behind the veils of destiny, that thou didst drink the choice wine of faith from the hands of grace vouchsafed by thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst enter the precincts of paradise, the spot wherein shone forth the lights of glory, and didst attain unto the bounties of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. And I testify that thou

didst believe in God and wert assured of His signs, and didst submit to His sovereignty and acknowledge His oneness and confess His unity and bow before His Cause and humble thyself before the Manifestation of His Self and the Dayspring of His Beauty and the Rising-Place of His Revelation and the Treasury of His inspiration and the Repository of His verses. And I bear witness that thy spirit ascended to the Supreme Companion, purified from the veils of the people of creation, and entered the most great vision. May God's curse be upon those who wronged thee and invaded thy resting-place and dispersed those who were around thee and violated thy sanctity and took thy kindred captive and were among the oppressors. And I testify that at thy calamity there flowed the tears of the monotheists and the faces of those near to God turned pale and the hearts of the sincere were consumed.

[This is the Tablet of Visitation which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Eternity for the Name of God Who was called Hasan and was related to His Self, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they who visit him and are among the visitors and draw nigh through him unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved.]

I bear witness before Thee, O my God, from this station - and those who are seated upon the thrones of eternity, and the angels that circle round the throne of Thy Most Exalted Beauty bear witness likewise - that I have believed in Thee and in Thy greatest signs at the hour when the heaven of destiny was cleft asunder and the Manifestation of Thy Self appeared in the kingdom of names. And I believe in those who preceded Him before the creation of earth and heaven, who entered beneath the shadow of His grace and drank from the chalice of His mercy, who acknowledged His sovereignty and confessed His grandeur and power, who prostrated themselves at the dawning of the lights of His countenance and were recorded among those who turned unto Him in the tablets of glory by the Pen of Command. I bear witness, O my God and my Lord, that He Who appeared in those days is indeed Thy Glory, Thy Manifestation, Thy Revelation, Thy Power, and Thy Sovereignty unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath recognized Him, hearkened to His call, responded to His command, circled around Him and sought His gate. Woe unto him who wronged Him, denied His Cause, disputed His signs, warred against His Self, gave the lie to His proof, arose in opposition before His face, waxed proud against Him, and was recorded among the opposers in the Book.

I beseech Thee, O my God, in this noble station, by Thy Most Exalted Self and by this Most Manifest, Most Glorious Revelation whereby the earth and heaven were illumined and the sun of destiny rose from the horizon of beginning, to make firm, O my God, my feet upon this path whereon most feet have slipped. Then cause me to gaze toward the direction of His good-pleasure, to turn unto the sanctuary of His holy grandeur, to remain steadfast in His love, to be certain of whatsoever proceedeth from Him, to be upright in what He willeth. Verily Thou doest what Thou pleasest, and Thou art powerful over all things.

O my God, I adjure Thee by the lights of Thy countenance which have encompassed all created things, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all existence, not to deprive me of the holy fragrances of Thy grace and favors, nor to make me despair of the outpourings of Thy mercy and gifts. Then raise me up by Thy sovereignty unto Thy love and remembrance, sever me from all else but Thee, and preserve me, O my God, lest I dispute Thy signs at the time of the Manifestations of Thy Cause, the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation, and the Daysprings of Thy grace. Then open my eyes, O my God, that I may know Thee

through Thyself and not through aught else, and that I may not cling to anything that hath been created between the heavens and earth. Verily Thou hast knowledge of all things.

Then forgive me, O my God, and my father and mother, and those who are related to me. Then send down upon me of every good thing Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants. Then assign me a seat of truth in the vicinity of Thy greatest mercy. Then purify me from all that veils me from Thee. Then prepare me for meeting Thee in the next resurrection. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven, and Thou hast ever been merciful unto Thy servants.

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In truth, for no one, whether speaking or silent, is there any opportunity for turning away or objecting. To this testifies every possessor of knowledge and every person of enlightened vision.

Your spiritual friend's letter was received, expressing devotion, acceptance, supplication and detachment. After reading and reviewing it, it was taken to the heaven of bounty and presented before the Countenance of the Lord - may the spirit of all in the kingdoms of command and creation be a sacrifice for His advent. After full permission was granted, the letter was presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, as a grace from Him, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names

O Ghulam-'Ali! This is a day wherein the Primal Point calls out, the Mother Book cries aloud, and all things lament for what has befallen the friends of God in the land of Ya. The wolves have surrounded the dawning-places of divine gifts and favors, and have committed that which has caused My heart, My pen, My outer being and My inner being to weep. The oppressor has denied God's proof, His evidence, His greatness and His sovereignty. Now he has been seized from all directions with such a seizure that has taken from him sleep and rest. He is deprived and cut off from bounty. The bearer of the Divine Tablet, namely Badi', proceeded by the command of God, exalted be His glory. Due to the guidance of the fearful traitor, he did not take the Tablet and was not blessed to read and recite it. Now letters like deadly poison are sent to him from all directions, and there is no choice but to read them. Thus, he involuntarily and forcibly drinks the cup of pus. Glory be to God! Can any fair-minded one, any just one, any well-wisher of state and nation be found who would acknowledge the bounties mentioned in the Tablet, that perchance he might arise to compensate for what he has lost? But alas, alas, for falsehood and vanity have prevented and continue to prevent him from submitting to the Divine Cause. We testify that he is in evident veiling. Yet this Wronged One utters these exalted words:

My God, My God! Prevent not the Sultan from turning to the ocean of Thy knowledge, and deprive him not from the depths of the sea of Thy oneness which was the bearer of Thy mysteries and the treasury of Thy wisdom and knowledge. O Lord! Aid him to return unto Thy court and to acknowledge his errors before the gate of Thy forgiveness. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ghulam-Qabil-'Ali! The servant present before Me hath presented thy letter, and after permission was granted, We have answered thee with this clear remembrance, that thou mayest read and be of the thankful ones. Two most wondrous, most mighty, most holy and most glorious Tablets, specifically for those who have turned unto God, were sent in the handwriting of the Most Great Branch, that they may bring forth from the ocean of My words the pearls of My knowledge, as a grace from Me unto thee and unto those who have turned and have said: "The Kingdom and the Dominion, and the Glory and the Might belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment." Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One, then recite unto them what We have sent down from the heaven of My will that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus endeth the matter. Praise be to God that in this divine springtime the flowers of wisdom and inner meanings have sprouted from the soil of hearts. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the deniers! In truth, there hath been sent down from the heaven of divine favor, specifically for thee and the two souls mentioned - upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah] - that which hath had and shall have no likeness, and shall endure for as long as His most beautiful names endure. This servant conveyeth greetings and glorification to each one. It is hoped that at all times they will arise to serve the Cause and engage, with the utmost endeavor, in teaching with wisdom and utterance. Verily our Lord assisteth His loved ones to serve Him and enableth them to make mention of Him, to praise Him, and to exalt His Word. He, verily, is the Answerer of prayers and the Lord of all the worlds. Should ye meet the friends of God, convey on behalf of this servant greetings and glorification. We beseech God to gather His loved ones beneath the canopies of His grace and to grant them His presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The Servant

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In the name of the One Incomparable Knower!

The waves of praise and glorification befit those servants who, through the power of God's Name, have rent asunder the veils of self and turned toward the highest horizon. Neither the grandeur and majesty of idols deterred them from the Lord of all beings, nor did the tyranny and rebellion of the iniquitous deprive these souls of the Salsabil of immortality. Exalted, exalted is He Who created them, caused them to know Him, gave them utterance, taught them, and honored them. He, verily, is the Single One, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

The letter thou didst send to Nabil-i-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, reached the Most Holy Court, and this servant presented its contents in their entirety. As to what thou didst mention concerning the unity of My loved ones and their occupation with My remembrance and praise, give them from Me the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace, and My mercy that have encompassed all who dwell in My dominion and kingdom. Thy Lord is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O ’Ali! If the friends of God who have quaffed the mystic wine and attained recognition of God, exalted be His glory, would manifest fellowship and unity in all lands and regions, assuredly would the Sun of the Cause and its effulgences encompass all created things. Blessed are My loved ones, then blessed are My loved ones who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the chalice of My bounty and have taken My Book and acted in accordance with what is contained therein of My commandments and My laws. Upon them rest My remembrance, My praise, and My mercy. By My life! The Most Exalted Pen hath testified for them to that whereby their names, their mentions, and their deeds shall endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey to all My greetings, and with the utmost wisdom recite unto them this most mighty, most holy Tablet, that all may rejoice in God’s infinite bounties and observe themselves sanctified and purified from the world’s defilements. Whosoever hath today attained recognition of the Dayspring of verses is recorded among the near ones in the perspicuous Book. This is a Day wherein whatsoever occureth shall never be effaced. O ’Ali! Today is the Day for action. Blessed is the soul that draweth a breath for the sake of God and taketh a step in His path. God willing, all must occupy themselves with the mention of God with complete wisdom and steadfastness, and stand firm in His Cause.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Mu??afa, who migrated in the path of God and turned toward that place, verily his is the reward of those who aided the Cause of God with their wealth and their souls. To this hath My Most Exalted Pen testified in My Great Tablet. We have sent him a Tablet that he may find therefrom the sweet savors of the bounties of his Lord and be among the patient ones.

And as to what thou didst mention concerning the handmaiden of God who heard My call, turned to the horizon of My grace, drank the choice wine of My love, was exiled in My path, and bore hardships for My Name, verily We have mentioned her in the Tablets and do mention her as a bounty from Our presence, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. O ’Ali! It is incumbent upon all to assist her. My loved ones must honor her dwelling place and show her respect, by My firm and mighty command. God hath seized those who wronged her and will seize those who denied her. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

In regard to what you wrote about the uprising of the souls who have turned towards God and remained steadfast during the days of Ridvan in the gatherings and feasts, it was mentioned and accepted in the Most Holy Court. Blessed is the deed that attaineth His acceptance, blessed the soul that ascendeth unto My Kingdom, blessed the countenance that turneth toward My horizon, blessed the heart that is adorned with My love, and blessed the tongue that uttereth My beautiful praise. The service of all is evident and manifest, and assuredly it hath not been and will never be lost in the sight of God. Blessed are they that act!

Blessed be the people of Baha who have arisen to serve the Cause during the days of Ridvan. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Blessed are they and the people of Faran whose names were mentioned before the Wronged One in this remote prison. And We make mention of the people of Qaf who have cast aside all else save Me and have clung to the hem of their Lord’s grace, the All-Informed. The fire of oppression was kindled therein. We have left it, in Our wisdom. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. By God! He who hath sacrificed himself in My path dwelleth within the

precincts of My mercy, witnessing and beholding. The Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds, beareth witness to this.

We make mention of everyone who hath turned unto My horizon, who hath attained the Kawthar of My love and hath held fast unto the cord of My mighty Cause. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

Those souls who have newly turned toward the Realm of Oneness and have drunk from the wine of mystic knowledge are all remembered before His Countenance. We beseech the Most High to assist them, to aid them in His remembrance and praise, and to give them to drink that which will attract their hearts in His days. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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May the glorified and honored master, his eminence Samandar, upon him be the most pure and luminous Glory of God, take note.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

After praise to Him Who is independent of me and my like, I submit that all the noble letters which were sent to his eminence Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, were presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and answers descended from the heaven of grace and were dispatched. God willing, they will attain unto them.

This servant wrote a letter to his eminence Ibn-i-Asdaq the Most Holy, upon them both be the Glory of God. His honor should make a copy of it, but in such a way that the original letter does not change, meaning it should not become blackened, and they should compare it with utmost care. If his holiness the Name of God Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, is present, send one copy to him, otherwise send it to his eminence ʼAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, for certain matters have been written therein which today will cause some to become informed.

This evanescent servant has, in most of his petitions, mentioned to the extent possible that which he knew would cause steadfastness and assurance of the friends, and has not, nor will he, fall short to the extent of his capacity. Since in this letter some verses and expressions of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, have been mentioned, therefore it will not be fruitless if the friends of God take note of it. The assured, steadfast, content and well-pleasing souls must, with perfect kindness and wisdom, convey that which causes the exaltation and ascendancy of the steadfastness of souls.

I beseech God that the servants may, with attentive ears, hearken unto what is contained therein and attain unto the station of the Most Great Martyrdom in such wise that they shall see naught but God, indeed, shall regard all else as non-existent. However, in making the copy they must exercise great care that it matches exactly, and they should send the original letter quickly, for until now six letters have been received from his eminence Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God, and now this one letter has been sent in reply. This servant is ever remiss and has hoped and hopes for forgiveness from all.

Another submission is that you had mentioned Aqa Faraj'u'llah. This was presented in the Most Holy Court, and a special Tablet was revealed and sent. Deliver it to him.

Another submission: A packet arrived from his eminence Ibn-i-Abhar, upon them both be the Glory of God, with several petitions. It is hoped that, God willing, their reply will be sent later. There was one petition from the leaf who is the sister of Sultanu'sh-Shuhada. Its reply was revealed and sent. Deliver it to his eminence Ibn-i-Abhar that he may deliver it.

Another submission: Convey pure greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to the friends and the gentlemen. This servant hopes that all will arise to serve and make mention and praise of the Beloved of all horizons with perfect unity and harmony. Out of intense love, this servant wishes to mention one by one the gentlemen of that land and the friends of God, but the petition is that he finds no opportunity. For a long time I have wanted to send a mention to the honored master, his eminence Kadkhuda, upon him be the Glory of God, but have not yet been successful. However, since at all times I am occupied with transcribing divine verses and the affairs of the friends in this land, surely all will overlook this evanescent one's shortcomings.

Further, in service to his eminence the master Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, even if I submit numerous petitions, I still consider myself remiss. In all conditions the eye of hope is open and the hand of supplication raised.

Another submission from this evanescent one is that I convey with a hundred thousand tongues and utterances pure greetings to the spiritual beloved, namely his eminence my brother, upon him be the Glory of God. All the friends of this land send greetings.

Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have attained to the mention of God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

27 Muharram 1298

Another submission is that the packet of the honored master, his eminence Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, also arrived. God willing, may they be blessed by divine grace in all conditions. Some time ago, in the letter of his holiness Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, mention of them was made by the Tongue of Grandeur, and this servant wrote and sent it, and a Tablet was also specifically revealed for them from the heaven of will, but it has been delayed for some time. God willing, it will be sent in these days, and this servant also hopes to be enabled to submit a reply. The purpose is that if that beloved one writes anything there, convey this evanescent one's greetings and pure regards.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be sanctified above the ways of the peoples of the world and the intimations of all who dwell within the realm of possibility, befitting that omnipotent Sovereign Who, through the blessed Word "Pilgrimage to the House is incumbent upon men for the sake of God," hath in every year so attracted and drawn vast multitudes that they forsake their children, their offspring, their wealth and all they possess, and with a hundred thousand longings and yearnings endure the hardships and calamities of land and sea, of desert and mountain, that they might attain to that Spot which is the object of that blessed Word. Glory be to God! Such is the power of a single Word - how much greater, then, the power of the Lord of the Word, the Sovereign of the Word, the Revealer of the Word, and the Source of the Word! The majesty of God's Cause hath reached such heights that He hath made a mere stone the point of adoration and the dawning-place of the world's glory, as all have witnessed and continue to witness. God grant that these acts be founded upon true understanding, for if they proceed from mere imitation, it would be difficult for them to yield their full fruit. For these means, in the eyes of the Manifestations of God, exist so that man might be reminded at all times and be made ready, that should the Divine Will decree, on any day, to send forth one of His Manifestations - that is, one of the Manifestations of His names - none would object or show pride, but would rather reflect upon the power of God and know with absolute certainty that He Who through one exalted Word made a house or stone the object of the world's adoration, is able to exalt man, who is the greatest talisman and the supreme sign and the source of names, to this most lofty and exalted station.

Now we must reflect with fairness and speak: if today someone were to appear with this station, or one even more exalted, what would the turbaned ones of Persia say, and how would they behave? Would they acknowledge in that blessed Being even the station accorded to a stone, or not? God is My witness that this servant declares with absolute certainty that they would rise in opposition and denial, and ultimately pronounce the sentence of his death, just as was done before, as all have heard. This is not the first flask to be broken, nor the first oppression, nor the first denial to appear on earth. What has been shall be again. The Cause belongs to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and before Whose might the limbs of all things tremble! I beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made the sovereign of names in the kingdom of eternity, to aid Thy servants to rend asunder the veils. O my Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation; they possess nothing of their own except through Thy permission and will. Write down for them, therefore, with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Creator of the heavens! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessings and peace be upon Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones, and Thy friends, and upon Him through Whom Thou didst seal the books of laws and the scriptures of religions. May the glory that shineth from the horizon of eternity rest upon those who have cast away the ordinances of self and taken fast hold of that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all mankind. These are the gems of creation in the sight of the Truth. Upon them rest His blessings, His bounties, and His mercy, which have preceded the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thereafter, this servant has been honored to receive your letter and the trace of your pen, and was thereby gladdened and filled with joy and delight, for it was adorned with the mention of God, the Lord of

the Day of Resurrection. God willing, may your honor ever gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act according to that which God loves. His honor Haji Muhammad ?adiq, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], arrived in perfect health and well-being, and when the appointed time for the standing was concluded, he received permission to return. He has truly been and continues to be among the steadfast souls. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen him in steadfastness in His Cause. Praise be to God, he arrived, heard, saw, and attained. Blessed is he, and blessed are those who have attained what he has attained. For each is a portion in the Book.

The conveyance of this lowly one's greetings to the friends of God depends upon your honor's wish. I send greetings to the honored master, His honor Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, may he ever drink from the cup of love and be illumined by the lights of His countenance. Glory be upon your honor, upon him, and upon the loved ones of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the One Peerless God!

Praise and glory befit those immersed in the ocean of detachment who, in the darkness of these days, the oppression of the people, and amidst sorrows descending and griefs and troubles overwhelming, remained not deprived of turning towards the Ocean of Oneness and the Eternal Sun. The veils of names withheld them not from the Lord of all things. They left behind all names and turned to the ocean of inner meanings. These are servants who have drunk, in My Name the Self-Subsisting, of My choice-sealed wine. All else besides God hath ever been and remaineth in their sight as a handful of dust and ashes. Through His Name they were not debarred from its Possessor. They have arisen to champion His Cause with such steadfastness as hath caused the limbs of the opposers of the Bayan to quake. Glorified be His power, exalted be His majesty, and there is none other God but Him.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon and unfurleth the banner of My victory through wisdom and utterance! I testify that thou hast sought to promote righteousness in all circumstances and hast counseled the servants unto piety and salvation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath loved thee for My sake and hearkened unto thy word concerning My Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. His mercy hath preceded and His loving-kindness hath encompassed all. Blessed is he who hath been just in His Cause, and blessed is he who hath spoken with equity concerning that which hath been manifested from His presence.

O Abu'l-Fadl! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. That which hath come to pass in that land is known and evident. Blessed is He Who hath prevented His chosen ones from corruption, tyranny and unseemly deeds, and hath commanded them to righteousness, uprightness and the fear of God. Praise be to God that ye were slain in His path but slew not. Counsel the loved ones in all circumstances to remain serene and tranquil, to improve the affairs of men, to refine souls, and to be characterized by trustworthiness, faith, chastity and virtue. Verily, We were with thee in Ha and Mim, and thy deeds therein gained the glory of My acceptance and the honor of My good-pleasure, and in the land

of Ya in accordance with that which befitteth thee in the Cause of thy Lord, the Inspirer, the Compassionate, the Trustworthy.

Say: O servants! In truth it is spoken and in truth hear ye! God, exalted be His glory, hath ever gazed and continueth to gaze upon the hearts of His servants. All else - whether of land or sea, ornaments or colors - He hath relinquished to kings, sovereigns and rulers, for the banner of “He doeth what He willeth” hath ever shone resplendent before His Manifestation. That which is necessary today is obedience to government and adherence to wisdom. In truth, the reins of preservation, tranquility and assurance outwardly lie within the grasp of governmental authority. Thus hath God willed it and thus hath He ordained it. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the Most Great Prison: One government official is, in the sight of God, more distinguished, more excellent and more merciful than a host of divines. For that soul is occupied day and night in a service conducive to the peace and comfort of the people, while that host is engaged night and day in corruption, rejection, vilification, murder and pillage. For some time now in Iran, His Majesty the Shah - may God, the Blessed, the Most High, assist him - hath protected and continueth to protect these oppressed ones of the world from the evil of such souls. Nevertheless, they have not rested; each day they stir up some sedition and each day some tumult appeareth. It is hoped that one of the kings will, for the sake of God, arise to aid this oppressed community and thereby attain unto everlasting remembrance and eternal praise. God hath prescribed for this community the aid of those who help them, service to them, and faithfulness to their covenant. This community must arise under all conditions to serve their helper and ever hold fast to the cord of fidelity. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth, and woe unto those who forsake.

O Pen! Leave off all mention, trusting in God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Then make mention of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion with a crimson visage and was consumed by the fire of love in the City of Love, and say:

The first fragrance wafting from the musk of inner meanings and utterance be upon thee, O thou who didst sacrifice thy soul in the path of the All-Merciful! I testify that thou didst cast away idle fancies and didst turn with the light of certitude to the Dawning-Place of inspiration, and the attraction of the Call drew thee to the supreme horizon in days wherein the fire of hatred blazed in the breasts of those who cast away godliness and denied God’s proof, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, by this blood which was shed in Thy love, to forgive Thy servants who have been faithful to Thy Covenant and Testament and have acknowledged that which Thou didst reveal in Thy perspicuous Book. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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He is the Light shining from the horizon of the world!

Praise and glorification befit the Peerless Object of all desire Who, by one exalted Word, brought all things from utter nothingness into the realm of existence and adorned that which was non-existent with the ornament of being. He is the Omnipotent One through Whose Name the standard “The Kingdom is God’s” was raised upon the precincts of hearts and minds, and the banner “Verily He is God” was hoisted

in the most exalted station. Glorified be His grandeur and exalted be His dominion! The opposition of the peoples of the world did not prevent His Will, nor did it impede the operation of His Purpose. His Most Holy Being is sanctified above the mention of every mentioner and the description of every describer. The comprehension of the peoples of the world cannot attain unto Him, and the thoughts of nations cannot reach His presence. He is sanctified from whatsoever is bounded by limits and from the existent Word. Glory be unto God! The possessors of knowledge, arts, wisdom and learning are powerless and incapable of comprehending His Word, how much less His Essence, blessed and exalted is He! It hath been proven with certainty that His Essence is sanctified from all knowledge and His Being is exalted above all mention. He is the Single, the One, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting Who cannot be described by utterance. He is the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Over the years mention of you and your letters repeatedly reached this Wronged One, but there was delay in responding, for from every direction the fire of hatred was ablaze. One Who hath borne all tribulations for the reformation of the world hath been called a mischief-maker. God is My witness and all things testify that My tongue hath not spoken save in His remembrance, My will hath not sought save His Will, and My purpose hath not clung save to His Purpose. His Will hath been beloved of My soul and still is. This verse was well-spoken aforetime:

If He bestoweth the pearl of grace, behold, hearts are Its shell;

If He sendeth the arrow of affliction, behold, souls are Its target.

In all conditions We seek His good-pleasure and beseech His favors.

At this time his honor ’Aziz forwarded the letter of his honor Mashhadi Javad and sought the Wronged One’s bounty on behalf of the friends in that land. We therefore make mention of all of them in this Tablet and beseech God, exalted be His Glory, to aid each one to such deeds as may be recorded and preserved in the Book of divine knowledge. Say: O God, O Self-Sufficient One, O Generous One, O Merciful One, O King, O Sovereign! All are Thy servants, and through Thy Word they have been brought from nothingness into being. They acknowledge their poverty before Thy wealth, their ignorance before Thy knowledge, their weakness before Thy power, and their impotence before Thy sovereignty. O Generous One! Deprive us not of the showers from the heaven of Thy mercy, and withhold us not from the waves of the ocean of Thy grace. These saplings of existence have been planted by the hand of Thy providence. Now is the time for growth and development, awaiting the April showers of Thy bounty and the springtime of Thy generosity - now and forever. Deny us not the water, from which all things are made alive. The signs of Thy generosity were witnessed before, and are now manifest and visible, in both the near and far, the obedient and the rebellious. Thus it is proven that Thy generosity hath no bounds, Thy forgiveness no pause, and Thy bounty is never withheld from created things. At all times the signs of Thy infinite grace have been and are witnessed by the eyes of justice and fairness. Before the ocean of forgiveness, the transgressions of these servants are not mentioned, and in the realm of wealth and abundance, the poverty and need of these servants count as naught. We beseech the wonders of Thy gifts and have raised the hands of supplication to the court of Thy majesty. O Forgiving One! Pardon us through Thy bounty. O Concealer! Cover us through Thy grace. O All-Bountiful! Withhold not Thy favors. We are sinners, yet we are Thine - deprive us not. We are remote, yet we yearn for the carpet of Thy

nearness and are suppliants - reject us not. Thou art the Guide and the Bestower of gifts. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the throne and earth, the Ruler of the hereafter and this world.

O Generous One! Upon Thee be my glory! The friends in that land have each been blessed with the traces of the Wronged One's Pen. Convey to all My greetings and remind them of the recorded mentions, that perchance the seed that hath been sown by the hand of divine providence in that land may bear fruit and be blessed with the holy words "Blessed be God, the Best of Creators." And those souls who have been newly illumined by the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity have ever been and shall ever be remembered. We beseech from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation for all. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, and He is the Powerful, the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is God, exalted be His station! Glory and majesty! My spirit and soul be a sacrifice unto thee! According to the words of him who said: "The heart is before Thee; ask it about its condition." The All-Knowing, the All-Informed beareth witness that in most times I am occupied with thy remembrance and am gladdened and rejoiced by thy soul-refreshing utterances. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions and assist thee in His remembrance and praise and the promotion of His Cause amongst His servants.

My utmost care, from its very source, towards thee is evident and manifest and needeth no mention or explanation. God willing, thou shouldst adorn the loved ones of God and the seekers of the path of unity and detachment with the ornament of divine remembrance. Be not grieved by separation. A nearness hath been ordained for thee which no remoteness can affect. Verily, He is the Friend of him who hath detached himself in His love and turned to Him with a luminous countenance.

Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all the loved ones of God. Those who circle round the sanctuary of mystic knowledge all send their greetings. I send boundless greetings to thy honored son. I hope that through divine grace and favor he may be assisted and confirmed in his youth to serve the Cause and to serve thee, for the rights of parents are most great in the sight of the Beloved, especially in this matter wherein they have placed great emphasis. We beseech God to record him among those who circle round His Cause and gaze upon His countenance throughout the duration of His kingdom and dominion. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

They have bidden me write to thee that, God willing, thou shouldst, with complete reliance upon God and detachment from all else, through His might and power, proceed with the utmost joy and fragrance. I beseech God to grant thee such confirmation that thou mayest, through divine assistance, gladden and rejoice those who thirst in the desert of separation with the pure waters of the Friend's remembrance. The Friend is ever occupied with the mention of the friends of the All-Merciful and the seekers of the heaven of the All-Glorious, to such extent that in the extremity of hardship and affliction, or joy and ease, their remembrance is never cut off from His tongue.

All must walk among men with goodly attributes and praiseworthy character, holding fast with complete sincerity and perfect piety. The best garment hath ever been and will ever be the garment of piety. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto and is numbered among the God-fearing. Reprehensible deeds have ever been and will ever be rejected. All must conduct themselves in such wise as to become trusted and reliable to all on earth. This is the station of the people of truth, and after truth there is naught but error.

Say: O friends! Occupy yourselves with the reformation of the world through wisdom and utterance. This is the station of man. Corruption, conflict and contention have never been and are not the station of the people of truth. Rather, ye should purify and illumine hearts with the burnishing of the Beloved's remembrance. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and transgress not His counsels. I swear by the Most Great Name that He hath never desired and will never desire for you aught save that which will endure with God.

Furthermore, prevent the friends from turning towards this spot, for the situation in this land is difficult and arduous. Let all be occupied at all times with the service of the Truth. This is the fruit of existence in this promised and appointed Day. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that through His grace and favor He did not deprive thee, and thou didst drink from the waters of nearness and reunion. Thou art among those souls who have ever been and will ever be in His sight. Therefore give thanks and be of the grateful ones.

Say: O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call. Beware lest ye associate partners with God, and beware lest ye follow the cawing of those who are heedless of the Truth and claim what God hath not permitted them. And beware lest ye commit that whereby the sanctity of His Cause would be diminished among His servants. This is the essence and greatest of counsels - that ye follow God's command and follow not the heedless ones.

Furthermore, it is incumbent upon each of the loved ones to read the Tablet of Malla?u'l-Quds, which was revealed before the migration from Iraq, and to reflect upon it, that they may understand what hath appeared or will appear thereafter from what was recorded beforehand. Blessed are they who understand. All the tribulations that have befallen were inscribed in that blessed Tablet beforehand. Read it and reflect upon it, O ye who are endued with understanding.

I beseech the True One, exalted be He, not to deprive thee of His eternal holy realms and to ordain for thee in all worlds that which beseemeth His generosity and befitteth His sovereignty. By My life and thine, this is not difficult for God. Therefore praise and be of those who render thanks, and say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth and hath come from the heaven of utterance with a mighty proof, and hath spoken before the faces of the world. The hidden hath been revealed and that which was concealed hath come with a luminous light. He hath aided His Cause through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen and hath taken no helper unto Himself. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord, and woe unto him who hath clung to vain imaginings, turning away from the certain Truth.

O ’Ali-Akbar! There hath come before the Wronged One the letter thou didst send to Asad, who circled round Me and sought My presence and took for himself a station in My prison. Majdu’d-Din read it before My face. We have answered thee with a Tablet that calleth out with the most exalted call: “O concourse of creation! There hath appeared that which hath rolled up the carpet of every learned one and hath caused the hearts of every remote ignorant one to quake.” Verily, he who hath heard the Call is among the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have mentioned thee before with a mention which God hath made a treasure for thee in the Kingdom, to which the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, doth testify. Grieve not over the incidents and affairs of the world. There hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which hath brought joy to the hearts of them that are nigh. Had the world any worth before God, the Wronged One would not have been imprisoned in this mighty fortress, nor would the Point of the Bayan have been suspended in the air, nor would the Spirit have been afflicted among the Jews. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a favor from Him unto thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O ’Ali! We were in the land of Ta [Tihran] under chains and fetters for successive months, and in the abode of Mar [Mazindaran] in the hands of the oppressors. Were I to recount to thee what befell Me, thou wouldst lament with the lamentation of the bereft. We have concealed what hath befallen Us lest the cry of them that are nigh and the wailing of the sincere should be raised. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty and art seized by the rapture of My call, say: My God, my God! I have longed for Thy nearness, and desired to appear before Thy face, to hearken to the scratching of Thy Pen, to behold Thy most exalted horizon and the seat of Thy Most Glorious Throne. Days and nights have passed, yet mine eyes have not been gladdened, mine ears have not been blessed, and my heart hath not rejoiced. My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, turning away from all else. Hast Thou ordained, O my Best-Beloved, my drawing nigh unto the court of Thy oneness and my presence before Thy face, or dost Thou desire to record for me the reward of meeting Thee as a bounty from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence? O Lord! Thou seest what is in my heart and hearest my sighing, my crying and my lamentation in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to ordain for me that which shall be a light unto me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which hath descended from the heaven of Thy Will in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. I bear witness that through Thy Most Exalted Word the near ones have soared to the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the sincere ones to the horizon of Thy grace, and through it the river of mercy hath flowed between Thy servants and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen hath been raised among Thy creation. I beseech Thee by the blood of the lovers and the cry of the yearning ones and the rapture of the hearts of the unitarians to ordain for me in every world of Thy worlds that which shall benefit me and draw me nigh unto Thee. By Thy glory, O Goal of the world! I

desire naught but what Thou desirest, and I love naught but what Thou lovest, for I know not what shall profit me and bring me near to Thee. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy grace and bounty the best of the hereafter and the former life. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful.

Thus hath the Wronged One spoken and mentioned God, thy Lord, with the tongue of thy heart. This is naught but a great favor from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We make mention of Muhammad who hath attained unto My remembrance and heard My call and held fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Give him the glad-tidings of My mention of him, then recite unto him what hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter. We beseech God to aid them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to remind them of His signs, and to grant them what hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty. He is verily the Most Merciful of the merciful. And We make mention of My handmaiden whom thou didst mention in thy letter, who desired to be remembered in the court of My glory and the pavilion of My majesty and the tabernacles of My grandeur. We have mentioned her as a bounty from Our presence and given her the glad-tidings of My tender mercy which hath encompassed the world. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have heard the call and responded, and upon those women who have heard and believed in God, the Single, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great.

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He is the Ever-Mindful, the All-Knowing!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones in the days of Thy Manifestation, and Thou beholdest what they have borne for love of Thee and for Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! The chronicles of the world proclaim the abasement of Thy loved ones and the might of Thy enemies, and the books of nations testify to the weakness of Thy chosen ones and the strength of those who have denied Thy signs. Thou hearest, O my God, in this hour my prayers and my remembrance and my supplications through those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creation and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. By Thy glory, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of Might and Dominion! I am certain that abasement in Thy path is a glory that cannot be compared with the glory of those in the world, and that the fire of Thy love is a light that cannot be obscured by the veils of nations. Even should I, O my God, at every hour drink from the hands of the enemies the cup of destiny, the thirst of my longing and my yearning would not be quenched. Verily, he who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy love and hath been seized with the intoxication of the wine of Thy knowledge, nothing on earth can dismay him, nor can any matter distract him from gazing toward the horizon of Thy manifestation, Thy Most Glorious Beauty, and Thy most exalted and sublime station. My Most Exalted Pen desireth at all times to raise its whispering and its cry and its lamentation in this calamity by which the denizens of Paradise and the dwellers of the highest Paradise have wailed, and it hath reached such a state that the tongue of the Manifestation of

Thy Cause, and the Ocean of Thy knowledge, and the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation bewaileth it, in manifestation of His grace and mercy and faithfulness.

O Letter ?a! Thou art in the most exalted Paradise, thy head adorned with the crown of thy Lord's favor, the Lord of all names, while Thy loved ones are in such grief that the clouds weep for them night and day. Wilt thou unveil the face of Thy Cause, or conceal it as thy Lord hath concealed it, in His wisdom? Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Thou art the one through whom the Most Great Sacrifice was manifested and its decree established among the nations. O Letter ?a! By God, through thee the horizon of faithfulness dawned and that was manifested whereby the Cause of God, Creator of the heavens, was spread abroad. Blessed is the eye that hath wept for thy calamities, and the ear that hath heard thy praise, and the face that hath turned toward thee, and the soul that hath hastened until it reached thy resting-place - the spot honored by thy noble body and thy sacred and glorious temple. By the life of God! Hearts have melted at thy calamity and livers have been rent asunder at thy tribulation.

O Land of ?ad! I adjure thee by the Beloved to tell me whether the fragrance of the Beloved One hath been cut off from thee - that fragrance whereby the scent of the garment was diffused among the people of holiness - and whether He lieth cast down beneath the talons of every oppressor who hath denied God and His signs and turned away from His countenance and His sovereignty. O Breeze of ?ad! Hast thou come from the Beloved to the loved ones with tidings whereby spirits are gladdened, or with news whereby hearts are melted? O breeze of my land and my soul! I find not in thee the fragrance of one who loved Me, as though he hath soared from the branch of the world to the Most Exalted Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon. O My Name! Blessed is the eye that hath wept for thy calamities, whereby the Letter ?a crieth out in the land of ?aff saying: "O Letter ?a! By thy life, through thy calamity my calamities and my sorrows and my grief and my tribulation have been renewed."

O Land of the City! Remember what befell him and his brother when they appeared before the gathering of the oppressors who found not the fragrance of justice and rose up in tyranny. By God! Through them was established the Word of God which issued from the mouth of the Divine Will upon the throne of manifestation. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "I and those in Paradise, by the Most Great Truth, yearn for a soul that hath been slain in His path." Thus did the Truth speak, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge was revealed. My tongue beareth witness in the kingdom of Mine utterance that they were martyred in My path, and for them did My heart and My Pen lament, as did those who circle round My throne and soar in the atmosphere of My nearness and drink the choice wine of My favors from the hand of My bounty. O My Name and My Name! Though the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion have lamented your tragedy, yet doth the Wronged One praise and thank God for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and for having elevated your station to such a degree that His Most Exalted Pen grieveth for you in this Most Sublime Station. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto you, and the heart that hath won your love, and the seeker who hath sought your abode, and the one who hath entered your land and held fast unto your cord and visited your resting-place. By the life of God! They are among the triumphant and they are among those who are near unto God in His mighty and exalted Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in His manifold bounties and favors!

The Baha'is have testified with their outer and inner tongues to the oneness and singleness of God, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the One Who doeth whatsoever He willeth through His command which hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One beareth witness to that which the Books of God have testified before and after, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers for the guidance of His creation. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Thy letter reached the presence of the Wronged One and attained the honor of being presented. We read it until We came upon the mention of one of God's loved ones, whereupon the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the Most Merciful's loving-kindness was diffused. We arose, turning toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and We took hold of the hem of His mercy with hands of supplication, and beseeched from the ocean of His grace and the heaven of His bestowal that He admit him into the highest Paradise and send down upon him, at all times, mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My Pen! Say: O 'Ali, blessed art thou, for My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee on this morn which reflecteth the light of the countenance of God, the Lord of the worlds. I bear witness that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn to the Supreme Companion, and didst acknowledge that which was sent down from God in His Books, His Scriptures, and His Tablets. We bear witness that thou didst drink the cup of meeting from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings and the King of the Kingdom of Names, and didst attain to that which the near ones and the sincere ones have attained.

We beseech God to aid His servants and His loved ones to remember thee and to remember thy days and what was manifested from thee in thy love for God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto thy resting-place and visiteth thee, by virtue of what hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of thy Lord's gracious will.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and have mentioned thee in such wise that all remembrance hath bowed down before it. We bear witness once again unto him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion that he is indeed of the people of Baha and among the companions of the Crimson Ark.

O 'Ali! Thou art in the highest Paradise while the Wronged One remembereth thee in the prison of 'Akka, and remembereth the days of thy presence and thy meeting, and the love which took from thy grasp the reins of patience and forbearance, and brought thee time and again to this place wherein the Call hath been raised morning and evening. Blessed art thou, O 'Ali, and joy be unto thee, O 'Ali! By My life, My Pen loveth to make mention of thee throughout the nights and days, and to recount what befell thee and

what was manifested from thee in these days wherein sorrows have encompassed Us through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought in the land of Ya and in the land of Ta.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the glory of the Lord of Names. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Mighty is His utterance and exalted His proof: "Until, when they rejoiced in that which they were given, We seized them unawares, and lo, thy Lord is ever watchful." Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones and remind them of what hath appeared from My presence. We testify that they stand before My face, praising and thanking God for having guided them to His straight path and His mighty Message.

We desired to console and comfort him who was named 'Ali and who was with him during the days and nights. It behooveth Us to mention what befell Muhammad, the Apostle of God, aforetime. When his sons Qasim and Ibrahim ascended unto God, the deniers arose in derision and mockery. Thereupon Gabriel came from his Lord, the Glorious, and recited this blessed verse: "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world. But the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight for reward, and better in respect of hope."

O 'Ali! Upon thee be My peace and My glory. Praise be to God that he hath ascended to a station beyond the reach of the hands of limitation and reckoning. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having raised him to the Supreme Companion and caused him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise, and for having sent down for him that which the treasuries of the kingdom of creation cannot equal. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and the Creator of heaven, to grant me and Thy servants the ability to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to aid me in Thy love and Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mustafa! O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of faithfulness! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of Names. It behooveth Us and thee and the loved ones to beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect His Majesty the Sul?an and to aid him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. We testify that through him God hath illumined the world with the light of his justice and delivered it from the clouds of oppression and the arrows of tyranny.

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He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

God hath testified by His Own Self unto His Own Self in the glory of His sovereignty that there is none other God but Him, and that 'Ali is His Manifestation and His Concealment, His Invisibility and His Visibility, His Might and His Glory, His Dominion and His Splendor unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through Him the Sun hath shone forth from the horizon of glory and the Moon of the Cause hath appeared from this sanctified and luminous heaven. Through Him God's appointed time hath been fulfilled, His proof perfected, His evidence made manifest, and His countenance hath appeared from behind the veil with clear authority.

Say: By God, the Truth is illumined by Him even as the day is illumined by the sun, if ye be of them that know. The Holy Spirit hath circled round Him, and the Tree hath cried out within His breast that He, verily, is God; there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Through Him paradise and hell-fire have appeared for those who draw nigh and those who turn away.

Say: By God, through but one letter from Him the Balance hath been established, the Path laid down, and the Ancient Beauty hath appeared from the City of God, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Through Him the distant one hath been guided to the fountain of nearness, and every sick and ailing one made whole.

Say: He is the Sovereign of kings and the Merciful to the downtrodden. He giveth dominion to whom He willeth and taketh it from whom He willeth, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the Generous.

Say: We have believed in God and in what hath been sent down unto us and what hath been sent down unto His Messengers and His chosen ones, if ye be of them that bear witness, and in what was sent down aforetime unto ’Ali of wondrous and glorious verses. To all this my Pen, my tongue, my outward being and my inward reality bear witness before God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O people! Fear God and look not to the world and its ornaments, but look unto this glorious and radiant Scene. Know ye that the world and all that is therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the King, the Mighty, the Peerless, the Beauteous.

O my companion! Bear thou witness to that whereunto God hath testified for His Own Self, and be not of the doubters. Hold fast unto the cord of God and His love, then detach thyself from those who have disbelieved and turned away after the clear proofs came unto them from every near direction.

Know thou that the idolaters desired to change God’s Cause through my imprisonment in this distant land. Say: By God, evil is that which ye have imagined within yourselves. God shall, through this, exalt His Cause and manifest His sovereignty and elevate His power between the heavens and the earth.

Say: Nations like unto you imagined as ye have imagined aforetime, and God cut off their roots with justice and raised up His Cause with truth to such a station that the hands of the idolaters were powerless to reach it. By God, were the idolaters to put Us to death at every moment with a torment unprecedented and unparalleled in all creation, yet would they find Us patient and thankful through God’s might and power. He bestoweth patience upon whomsoever He willeth among His believing servants.

If people would but ponder what hath passed of God’s ways with His near-serving ones, they would recognize the mysteries of the Cause in these days. But they have been veiled therefrom by the misery that hath overcome them in these fleeting days.

Say: O people! Fear God Who created you by His command, and deny not the signs of God when they are sent down unto you with truth, and be not of the idolaters. Say: If ye deny these verses, by what proof did ye establish your faith in Muhammad, the Apostle of God, aforetime, if ye be of the just? Is one who standeth upon clear proof from God like unto one who hath turned away and disbelieved? What aileth you, O company of the remote ones?

Hearken then, O people, unto that wherewith this servant doth remind you. Be not veiled from God, your Creator, and deprive not yourselves of His grace and mercy, and be not of the losers.

Say: God is the Creator of all things, and He, verily, hath power over all things. Say: God is the Provider of all things, and all return unto Him. Say: God is the Helper of all things, and all are directed unto Him. Say: God is the Revealer of all things, and all are looking unto Him. In His hand is the dominion of all things and the empire of creation and command, and He, verily, is wise concerning all things. In His hand are the measures of all things. He ordereth the matter as He pleaseth and sendeth down mercy upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation, and He, verily, doeth what He willeth.

Thus have We cast upon thee in truth from the verses of God, the Mighty, the Peerless, and We have sent unto thee this luminous and pearly Shirt that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of love, that thy eyes may be solaced, thy heart gladdened, thy soul assured, and that thou mayest abide in manifest love.

The Spirit, the Light, the Glory and the Splendor be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto the call of God from this elevated Tree, the Speaking, the All-Knowing.

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Revealed for Muhammad Quli of Sabzivar, that he may be guided by the guidance of the Spirit and turn unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

He is God, the Help in Peril, there is none other God but Him

The Light hath dawned from the horizon of manifestation and Beauty hath shone forth from the dayspring of glory. Thereupon all things cried out in their inmost essence: “By God, this is a noble King!” Say: O people, deny not the grace of these days and despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy, for verily His mercy hath preceded all worlds. Arise from the slumber of passion, then turn your faces toward the Sacred Precinct, the House of God, the Mighty, the Gracious. They who have not drunk the wine of certitude from the hand of this Youth, these are they who have lost in this world and the next, and their names are not inscribed upon the preserved tablets of glory. Say: O people, fear God and contend not with His servant, and be not of the wrongdoers. And whoso disputeth with God and His signs, him do all who dwell in the heavens and earth curse. O people, answer the call of God among you and cast not His proof behind your backs. Fear ye the Day whereon all creatures shall be shaken, save those who have entered beneath the shadow of His countenance - these shall be of those that are secure. By God the Truth! Whoso wavereth in this Cause, his faith shall not be accepted though he bring the worship of both worlds. Whoso worshippeth God in these days while remaining heedless of His Manifestation and His sovereignty, upon him shall be pronounced the judgment passed upon the followers of former religions, for they made mention of God and worshipped Him yet knew Him not, and thereby their works were rendered vain and they were among the losers. Nay, this is an even greater heedlessness, for he hath recognized God’s bounty, then denied it. Thus do We impart unto thee that whereby thou mayest in these days distinguish between the two parties, and choose for thyself that which is best for thee, and be possessed of clear insight. Purify thy heart for the knowledge of thy Lord, thine ear for hearkening unto

that which is sent down from Him, and thine eyes for that which appeareth from the direction of a mighty throne. Were anyone today to possess all the treasures of the heavens and earth and expend them in the path of God, it would not equal a single letter of that which hath been sent down in truth on this day, for by it doth God create creation as He willeth, even as He created in former ages. And when this Tablet reacheth thee, receive it with hands of contentment, then read it in those times wherein thou findest thyself detached from all that hath been created between the heavens and earth. Thus have We commanded thee through Our grace, that thou mayest be of them that act. Know thou moreover that in these days, when intoxication hath seized all who dwell in the heavens and earth, it beseemeth not them who have believed to remain seated in their places. Rather, it behooveth every soul to convey the Cause of his Lord unto His servants. Thus hath the sun of divine command dawned from the horizon of wisdom from One Who is knowing, wise. Say: O people, convey God's Cause with wisdom, not disputation, that the people may become aware of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the direction of the Throne. Whoso believeth, it shall be to his own benefit; and whoso turneth away shall return to his abode - evil indeed is the abode of them that turn away. O servant! Guard thyself at all times from the arrows of them who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful and were among the idolaters.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst cause me to hear Thy Call, and didst make known unto me the Manifestation of Thyself, and didst inspire me with Thy remembrance, and didst strengthen me through Thy Cause, that Thou leave me not to myself in these days, for I have clung to Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. O my God! Look upon me, then, with the glances of the eyes of Thy favors, and deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace and bounties, and make me not of those who believed in Thee one day and disbelieved another day and were among the perished ones. O Lord! I am he who hath raised the hands of hope toward the heaven of Thy mercy and bounty, and hath fled from all directions and entered beneath the shadow of Thy Cause and Thy generosity. Therefore, O my God, leave me not disappointed of the wonders of Thy grace, nor deprived of the manifestations of Thy tenderness. Verily, Thou hast power over all things. Then make me steadfast, O my God, in Thy Cause wherein none can stand firm save him who hath detached himself from all else except Thee. Then preserve me, O my God, lest I associate any partners with Thee, or dispute Thy signs, or contend against Thy Self. Verily, Thou art the Bestower, the Forgiver, the Merciful. Then open Thou my eyes, O my God, that I may know Thee through Thyself, not through aught else of what hath been created between the heavens and earth. Thus have We commanded thee and taught thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord thereby and be of them that remember. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with all their being unto God and have detached themselves from all the worlds.

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He is the Songster upon the Branch of Eternity!

This is a Book which calleth aloud in the world and summoneth all peoples to the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted and the hearts of them that denied God, the Creator of heaven, were perturbed. O thou who art present before the Countenance! Recount unto the people of cities and lands that which thou hast witnessed and heard, when thou didst take for thyself in

the Pavilions of Grandeur a station that was exalted in the name of God. Say: O people of the Furqan! The All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty before which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot stand. This is attested by the Mother Book which speaketh in the final abode and proclaimeth: The appointed time hath come, and the Revealer of verses hath come from the horizon of might with a Cause before which have bowed the necks of those who established for themselves beneath the shadow of vain imaginings a station that was, from time immemorial, rejected through justice. Beware lest the contingencies of idle fancies withhold you from His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Cast away vain imaginings! The Lord of all beings hath appeared with a sovereignty that was witnessed in truth. The Fire speaketh from the Lote-Tree, and the Light hath shone forth from this Horizon which was known by the name of God. This is a Day wherein the divine Hill hath attained the presence of God and the call hath been raised from all things: The Spot hath been adorned through the advent of the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou, O Land of Syria! The Morn of Manifestation hath breathed within thee, and thereby hath the fragrance of God been diffused throughout all else. Blessed is he who hath cast away that which the people possess and hath taken for himself a path unto Him. In this moment the cry of Zion hath been raised and Mount Carmel rejoiceth at the sea of attainment. Thus hath the matter been decreed through grace. O Carmel! Thou didst taste the poison of separation through ages and centuries; now the honey of reunion hath come unto thee, inasmuch as the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from this direction which was recorded in the Mother Book by the Pen of the All-Merciful. The rapture of the utterance hath seized all created things. Blessed is the one whom neither the might of any oppressor nor the ascendancy of any aggressor hath weakened. He is of the people of Baha who were mentioned by the tongue of God in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. This is a Tablet that hath been sent down in truth and hath given the world the glad-tidings of the manifestation of the Ancient of Days. Blessed is he who hath hearkened and hastened to a station that was illumined by the lights of His countenance. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, and there hath appeared that which was hidden from the people, save whom God willeth. Verily, He hath power over all things.

O Abdul-Baqi! The countenance of the Ever-Abiding hath at this moment turned towards thee and maketh mention of that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that thou didst attain unto His presence on this Day and didst turn unto God at a time when every heedless and remote soul had turned away from Him. And We testify that thou didst seek after the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted End, and God aided thee through the agencies of the heavens and earth until thou didst arrive upon the shore of the ocean of grandeur and didst attain unto that which had been recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Books of the Messengers. Thou art he whom the clamour of the people did not frighten, nor did the might of those who denied the Day of Judgment hold thee back. Thou didst purpose, depart, and hasten until thou didst attain unto a place wherein the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, was raised. Blessed be thine eye for what it beheld and thine ear for what it heard. When thou didst arrive in the Land of Ta, it was the hope of them that are nigh unto God that thou wouldst stand before the Hands of the Cause of God, convey My glorification unto them on My behalf, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have not mentioned their names, in accordance with the wisdom from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then make mention of My loved ones in that place, who have cast away what the people possess and taken hold of that which they were bidden in the

Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: This is the Day of Victory, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of remembrance and praise. Blessed is he who hath uttered that which he was commanded in My Preserved Tablet, wherein have been sent down the mysteries of what hath been and what will be. Say: This is the Day whereon the Temple of Revelation was established upon the throne of Sinai, yet most of the people do not understand. Say: This is the Day of Utterance, did ye but comprehend it, and this is the Day of distinction, would ye but judge with fairness. This is the Day whereon the Ark of the Bayan sailed upon the ocean of divine knowledge through this blessed, mighty and beloved Name. Say: O people of the earth! Beware lest the veils of glory hold you back from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and beware lest names hold you back from God, the Possessor of this manifest station. Aid your Lord through the wisdom wherewith ye have been commanded in the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then make mention of My greetings unto thy family and those who are with thee, and recount unto them what thou hast heard from the tongue of God, the Possessor of the unseen and the seen. Thus hath the fragrance of utterance been wafted when the Tongue spoke forth from this praiseworthy station. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge from the chalice of the bounty of God, the Lord of dominion and the Kingdom.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted! This is the Shore of Immortality - hearken thou unto that which is revealed from the Most Sublime Retreat. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He hath created all contingent beings through His pre-existent knowledge of what was and what shall be, and taught them the ways of righteousness by sending unto them the Messengers of the Cause with a mighty revealed Book wherein He ordained holy laws and determined the destinies of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth according to a fixed measure.

Among them was Moses, whom He sent with the truth, with nine clear signs, to herald unto the people a station of glorious dignity. He returned with his kindred until he entered the wilderness of Sinai, where he heard the call from the Most Sublime Retreat: “O Moses! Cast off the two sandals of desire, then walk upon the holy, beloved carpet. This is the Land of Immortality, the Valley of Paradise near Iraq, wherein that which was kindled from the Tree of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, was blessed.” And he called the people unto God, the Most High, and drew them nigh unto the Shore whereat melted the hearts of those who dwelt in the pavilions of eternity in the blessed spot, entering therein by God’s leave.

When Moses cast off the sandals of allusion and detached himself unto God, then did God call unto him from the holy Tree amidst the flames of fire: “O Moses! Verily, I am God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” “Cast down thy staff!” He cast it down and lo! by God’s command it became a serpent that sought to devour all in the heavens and earth. Thus was it decreed for him in holy Paran, that perchance the people might be mindful in the days of their Lord. Then did the Hand of Power emerge from the Bosom of Knowledge, whereupon the light shone forth and illumined all who dwell in the dominion of command and creation, would ye but understand.

“Go forth, O Moses, with My proof unto Pharaoh and his chiefs, remind them of the lights of divine unity, and give them glad tidings of the paradise of immortality, that they may incline toward the direction of the Throne. Say: This is My path, walk ye therein, O ye who stand still!” When he came unto Pharaoh, he said: “I am God’s Messenger, I have come to you from the cities of immortality with the tidings of the Spirit, would ye but perceive.” Pharaoh said: “O Moses! Who is thy Lord?” He replied: “He Who created the heavens and earth, and brought you forth from a handful of aged clay.” Pharaoh turned to his chiefs and said: “Verily, the messenger sent unto you is surely mad, and he desireth naught but to cause corruption in the land and to scatter you asunder, would ye but know.” They denied God’s signs and turned away from them until the flood overtook them, and they were drowned.

And among them was Jesus, whom God strengthened with the Spirit and sent with the truth. He said: “O people! Fear God and follow not the ways of those who transgressed against God, and walk not in the paths of those who are oppressors. O people! Follow him who calleth you unto God and asketh no recompense or thanks from you. O people! Believe in God and associate not anything with Him, this is better for you, would ye but know.” They said: “We will not follow one who knoweth not God” - these were the lies that issued from their mouths, would ye but understand. They denied him without right and desired to slay him; then did he depart from them and migrate unto God, as ye read in the Book. His days were fulfilled until Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came with beloved signs.

Say: “O people! Fear God and follow not those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, and took idols as protectors besides God, would ye but know. O people! I am but a bearer of glad tidings of God’s good-pleasure unto you, that I might bring you nigh unto Him. O people of the earth, fear ye God! O people! Recognize the worth of these days and answer God’s Caller amongst you, divide not the signs, and enter beneath the shadow of the Divine Countenance.” But his people denied him and believed not in him, saying: “Thou art but a madman.” Thus do We relate unto thee from the true stories that thou mayest be steadfast in thy love for thy Lord and firm in the religion of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

His days were fulfilled until ’Ali before Muhammad came, whereupon all who were on earth arose and disputed with him without right, and warred against him such that they visited upon him and his companions that which they could not bear to hear. Thus know thou those who were aforetime and those who today persist in oppression. The curse of God be upon the curse of God be upon those who did wrong and upon those who wrong on that day. The Spirit, the Light, and Glory be upon thee and upon those who at all times place their trust in their Lord.

Then glorify thou the countenances of those women who are with thee and convey unto them the glad tidings of God, the Mighty, the Holy.

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In the Name of God, the Eternal, the Everlasting

This is a Book from God, the All-Governing, the Self-Subsisting, unto him through whom was manifested supreme steadfastness on a Day wherein the hearts of the men of understanding were troubled and souls and minds were thunderstruck. Blessed art thou, for thou hast cast behind thee all else save God and hast spoken forth the truth when the idolaters had encompassed thee round about. Thou hast fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and discharged that which was incumbent upon thee. Verily, thou art with Me in the Most Glorious Pavilion. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Loving. It behooveth the people of Iraq to glory in thee. They shall glory, but today they comprehend not. Let not the words of the unbelievers grieve thee. They are a people who perceive not. A glorious station hath been ordained for thee. Soon shalt thou behold that which thy Lord hath preserved, while all mankind shall pass away. Do they imagine they stand secure, and do they suppose they do good? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! But today they know not. Say: Be fair, O people! Can any among your divines compete with the Knight of inner meanings in the arena of wisdom and utterance, or race his swift steed in the field of mystic knowledge and vision at the time of the revelation of the sign of the All-Merciful? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Forgiving! O people, stay your pens, for the Most Great Pen hath been raised by the Ancient King. Then be silent, for the call of the All-Glorious God hath been raised in the wilderness of guidance: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Governing, the Self-Subsisting."

O Amin! Thou hast delivered what We commanded thee in thy dream and informed thee in the Tablet. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: O people of the Furqan! Muhammad, the Apostle of God, weepeth because of your wrongdoing. Ye are they who followed vain desires and turned away from guidance. Soon shall ye see what ye have wrought. Verily, my Lord lieth in wait. Ye have pronounced judgment against him who hath believed in God on a Day wherein faces were darkened and eyes were dimmed. Have ye not heard the voice of the Summoner who called betwixt earth and heaven and gave you glad tidings of this Revelation whereby the horizons were illumined? Ye turned away from Him as did those before you when the Sun of Knowledge dawned above the horizon of Hijaz. God seized them for their sins and made them a sign for men of understanding. Doth their leader imagine he guideth the people? Nay, by the Lord of Lords! Woe unto them for having denied God and violated the Covenant through their iniquity. The Holy Spirit lamenteth, the thunder crieth out, and the clouds weep. Say: Fear ye God and wax not proud before Him Who created you by His command. Return unto Him, for He is the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving. Say: Do ye rejoice in the tribulations that have befallen Us? By God! We have accepted them in God's path, and from beneath the sword We summon mankind unto the Lord of the Day of Judgment. None on earth can deter Us from that whereunto We were bidden by thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Can the power of creation prevent Us? Nay, by My true Self, even should every possessor of might and dominion rise against Us. Hearken ye unto the words of him who counseleth you for the sake of God. If ye hear, it shall be for your own good, and if ye turn away, verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O Most Exalted Pen! Tell the tale of the Trustworthy One concerning him who writhed in agony when the stupor of death overtook him and the stern angels surrounded him. An angel called to him from the right of the Throne: "O heart! These are stern angels - seest thou any way of escape?" He replied: "Nay, by the Lord of creation, save into the fire wherein hearts are made to boil! He it is Who hath decreed this fate for us in this return. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing." We seized him even as We seized the

factions before him. Verily He is powerful when He willeth, and He is severe in punishment. How many were the houses We left to the spider, and how many were the kings We brought down from their palaces to their graves, making them a lesson for those possessed of vision.

Know then that We took a handful of dust and kneaded it with the waters of might and power, and breathed into it the spirit of assurance. And when he reached maturity, We sent him to the chief of the oppressors with a luminous Book wherein We conveyed to the two kings that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, desired. Say: Verily this is another sign from God, the Lord of all names. We sent it forth in truth and dispatched it with manifest authority. We strengthened his heart with a word from Us to such extent that were We to command him, he would face all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Let them know that neither their might nor anyone in the heavens and earth can intimidate Us. Be thou as thy Lord was, yet We enjoin thee to wisdom before utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus do We set forth the verses and send them down in truth, and We have sent them to thee that thou mayest glory in them among the worlds. God shall soon exalt thee in truth and bring low those who have denied His signs. Be thou assured and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

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He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong greatness and grandeur!

By God's might! O beloved of my heart! Were I to say "may my spirit be a sacrifice unto thee," I would be ashamed of these words, for they befit not one who is evanescent, much less as a sacrifice for God's chosen ones and His trustees. Yet in this shame, which none save God alone knoweth, I beseech from the ocean of His bounty and the heaven of His generosity that He ordain, manifest and send down unto your presence, and upon you, that which befitteth His munificence, exalted be He, in such wise that your heart and soul may rejoice therein, and every tongue in existence may speak forth in praise of His glorious and beauteous Self. Despite my shame, agitation, powerlessness and shortcomings, I declare and say: may my spirit be a sacrifice unto your presence.

The sealed packet containing the letter from Muhammad Mustafa–upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God–and from Mirza Muhammad, one of God's captives, was received. This servant was blessed to read the most luminous and pure handwriting, praise and thanks be unto Him, whereby I drank what the near ones drink. Likewise, two other letters were perused. Praise and glory be unto Him for having aided him to attain a station wherein he arose wholly to serve his Lord, detached from all else, such that every week there emanates from him the fragrance of the garment of the love of God among His devoted servants.

I beseech your beloved self to convey my expressions of sincerity, self-effacement and nothingness to them. Their letter and that of Aqa Mirza Muhammad were presented in their entirety before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed in reply:

“O My name Mahdi! A servant present submitted a letter from Aqa Mirza Muhammad of the land of Sad before the Most Holy Court. God hath ordained all matters to be resolved through consultation. Although the loved ones of the land of Hadba have permission to travel in various directions, except toward the Prison and its surroundings, they must consult before undertaking their journey. Their going was not advisable. Moreover, meeting with the letters Mim and Vav was necessary due to prior and subsequent rights–one meeting sufficed. Multiple meetings occurred outside the bounds of wisdom and contrary to dignity. Let them not be saddened by what transpired. They wrote that they were indebted thirty tumans from the funds of Hadba. Let Jinab-i-Zayn settle that debt. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down for him and them that which will gladden their hearts and bring joy to their breasts. Verily, He is their Protector in this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

God’s favors have been and will continue to be directed toward the captives. It behooveth them not to be remiss or negligent in preserving the station and dignity of the Cause and their own selves. Verily, He is the Counselor, the Admonisher, the All-Knowing.

As for what Muhammad Mustafa–upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God–had written regarding the Prisoner–upon Him be the Glory of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting–having written that at the request of several who drink the wine of the love of the All-Merciful, they intended to journey toward the Most Great Prison, write to them that this matter was and is not in accordance with wisdom. Be patient, O My loved ones and friends! By My life, that which your Beloved commandeth you is better for you, did ye but know. We have written for the prisoner the reward of one who hath turned toward My court, entered My prison, stood before My gate, and heard My call; and for those who desired to attain the presence, let them ask their Lord, the All-Merciful, to inscribe for them, by the Pen of Revelation, the reward of one who hastened, attained, and won the victory. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word ‘Be’ and it is.” End quote.

Regarding the matter of taking fifty majidis and giving them to Jinab-i-Haji Ali–upon him be the Glory of God–for his claim, what was done was both beloved and desired. And concerning what was written about not yet having given to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ali Kabir–upon him be the Glory of God–and intending to give later, this matter is not necessary at present, as it would delay the work of that honored one. Let them wait for now; perhaps on a future day this servant himself will attend to your beloved presence.

Praise be to God, at all times you have been and continue to be specially favored with the manifest and hidden bounties and the concealed and visible favors of the Beloved of the worlds, and mention of your beloved self is made in the most excellent and beautiful manner in all remembrances. Upon you be the remembrance of God and the remembrance of those in the Supreme Concourse, and the glory of God and the glory of those in the Divine Throne and Heaven, and the praise of God and the praise of those in all the worlds.

The Servant

The two letters sent have been forwarded. Perhaps your beloved self may wish to write a reply.

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O Attar, upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors! Asma'i, upon him be the Glory of God, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court where it gained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names in the Most Great Prison. We have heard thy call and what thy tongue hath uttered in remembrance and praise of God. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him on a day when the princes and divines of the earth have turned away from the Horizon of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is a great bounty and a mighty favor. The whole world hath been brought into being to serve the Ancient King. The sun and moon, heaven and earth, all bear witness to this. Nevertheless, when the Horizon of Revelation was illumined with the lights of the countenance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, all turned away and perpetrated that which caused all created things to prefer non-existence to existence. Every hearing ear perceived these words from the tongue of all things: "Would that I had never been created and had not witnessed what the hosts of the oppressors inflicted upon the Dayspring of God's Cause!"

Praise be to God that the people of that household have attained unto this supreme honor and this most exalted station. We beseech God to aid all to preserve this lofty rank and mighty gift. In all conditions, profit hath been and shall be with you, while loss shall be the portion of those who turn away, who hesitate, and who deny.

Soon shall the peoples of the world witness with their outward eyes that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. Convey My greetings to all the kindred, and likewise say to the friends of God: O people of God! This is a day wherein if a single pure deed is performed for the sake of God, it cannot be equated with the deeds of centuries and ages. Among goodly deeds it is as the sun among the stars. Blessed is he who hath recognized the station of the Day of God and hath arisen as befitteth it.

Today is the day of virtuous conduct and deeds. We counsel all to fear God, for the friends of God have ever championed His Cause through godliness. This banner and standard take precedence over all other banners and standards. Blessed are they that understand, and blessed are they that have attained. We beseech God to aid His people that all may advance in unity and harmony towards the Supreme Horizon. He is, verily, powerful over all things.

Concerning what thou didst mention about Husayn-i-Ardistani, upon him be the Glory of God, the servant present before Us hath made mention of it. Convey greetings to him from the Wronged One. He hath spoken the truth. O Husayn! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Prison that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Praise the Desired One of all worlds Who made His path clear to thee, Who manifested His Cause which thou didst witness, Who enabled thee to attain His presence and drink from the Kawthar of reunion.

He bestowed bounty, showed favor, and granted success. By the Luminary of proof which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Every word that hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen is the choice wine for the Concourse on High, the Kawthar of immortality for the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, and the Salsabil of the spirit for the dwellers of the supreme Heaven. Should the peoples of earth inhale the fragrance of but one word of God's words and truly perceive it, they would all sacrifice

their lives, rend asunder the veils of idle fancy with the fingers of power, and soar in the subtle atmosphere of inner meanings.

O Attar! The fragrance of God hath caused intoxication. Ask God that the intoxication of the choice wine of utterance may seize the world and lead it to the Most Great Paradise. Say: O Husayn! Hearken unto the rustling of the Supreme Pen, for verily it maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee with that which beseemeth His days and His Great Announcement. We beseech God to aid thee at all times to perform deeds whose mention shall endure forever. O Attar! Convey that which thou hast been bidden, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

Each of the souls mentioned in thy letter hath been illumined by the splendors of the Sun of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory. Give them glad tidings of My favor, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the Sun of My utterance. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. The two honored souls who have attained the hearing of the call of the Lord of Names and the cup of meeting - each hath been and still is mentioned by the Wronged One. They have attained the blessing of nearness and reunion. Give them glad tidings from the Wronged One, then recite unto them what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen at this moment. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have held fast to the Strong Cord of God, the Firm, the Mighty.

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Glorified be His Most Effulgent and Most Luminous gaze upon his honor the revered Afnan, Aqa Siyyid [Muhammad-'Ali], upon him be all the glory of God and all His praise.

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself from the Most Exalted Horizon and hath spoken the Most Sublime Word, and when His sweetest call was raised between earth and heaven, all things were attracted and seized by the wine of reunion in such wise that they were moved and hastened and turned their faces. Then came the decisive Word and distinguished between them on the Day of Return at the appearance of the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Thereupon the doubters retreated, those who had hastened halted, the ignorant turned away, the heedless learned ones objected, while the unitarians hastened, the near ones drew nigh, and the sincere achieved victory. These are servants who accepted every tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names. Among them were those who bore their cross in their own hands, and among them were those who hastened to the place of sacrifice with a longing known to none in the kingdom of creation save those whom God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of earth and heaven, hath willed.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose hands are the reins of all created things and the controls of all possible beings! How can I make mention of Thee after Thou hast made me know that my praise cannot reach Thee and the bird of my utterance cannot soar in the atmosphere of Thy knowledge? Yet, O my God, since Thou hast permitted me to make mention of Thee, I therefore cling to the cord of Thy bounty

and favor, and I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy generosity surged and the fragrance of Thy bounty was wafted among Thy creatures, that Thou aid Thine Afnan to celebrate Thy praise and glorification, and ordain for them that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace. Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, for having called him unto Thee and brought him into Thy presence and given him to drink the Kawthar of reunion by the hand of Thy giving, and caused him to hear Thy call which was the hope of those near unto Thee among Thy chosen ones and the unitarians among Thy loved ones, and shown him Thy beauty, and ordained for him through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall not be effaced throughout the eternity of Thy kingdom and dominion. Verily Thou art the Almighty, to Whose power and sovereignty all things have testified, and the Concourse on High to Thy greatness and might. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! May my soul be a sacrifice for your love! This evanescent servant has been honored by the trace of your pen which moved in remembrance of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal. When I read and understood it, I ascended through His Mighty Name to a station which God has made the dawning-place of the light of unity and the dayspring of the manifestation of oneness. When I attained His presence, I presented what was therein and what I had communed with God, the Lord of all worlds. When it concluded, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which I am unable to mention and which no pen in the world can define, until He said - exalted be His utterance and glorified His grandeur - “Take up the pen.” When I took it up, there was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance that which diffused its fragrance throughout all regions. We praise Him for the wonders of His favors and the manifestation of His grace. May my soul be a sacrifice for His bounty and loving-kindness! By His life, it behooveth the world to sacrifice itself in His path, and all peoples in His love and good-pleasure. This servant is amazed to see how the servants are veiled from the Sun and its effulgence, from the Sea and its waves, and from the heaven and its stars and moons. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to remove the veil from their faces, show them His most exalted horizon, attract them to the Most Great Sign and the Most Glorious Vision. Verily, He is the Single One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

That which was revealed from the heaven of favor, mercy and kindness was, according to His command, given to the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps - to write in His blessed hand, and God willing, they will attain unto it. Some time has passed since this Tablet dawned from the horizon of grace, but circumstances caused its dispatch to be delayed. God willing, His Holiness will not forget this evanescent servant during the nights and days. The glory be upon your honor and upon those who love you and hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great, and praise be to God, the Goal of the mystics. The request is that from this evanescent servant, greetings of the Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous, Most High be conveyed to the kinsmen - that is, to each one deemed appropriate - and express the nothingness of this ephemeral one. Further submission: what was sent of rice, tea, and vessels has arrived. The Servant. 28 Rabi’u’th-Thani 1297. The Most Great Branch and the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and being be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps - remember and glorify His Honor with the lights shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Great Throne.

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He is God–exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High!

All praise be to God, Who warbleth the melody of utterance, Who standeth alone in His bounty, and Who hath chosen man from among all created things to sing His praise. He it is by Whose command the Supreme Pen was moved to write, whereupon all the denizens of the kingdom of creation were thunderstruck by its shrill cry, save those whom God preserved through His sovereignty and delivered through His power. He it is through Whom the sincere ones hastened to the Kawthar of meeting, while the idolaters remained in their lowly station; through Whom the bird of mystical understanding soared in the atmosphere of certitude, and the hearts of the people of Paradise were attracted. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath taught me that He cannot be described by my mention nor characterized by the traces of my pen. Rather, all that proceedeth from me is but heedlessness upon heedlessness, and sin upon sin. Yet despite my knowledge, conviction and certitude of this, I bear witness that through His remembrance the heavens and earth were perfumed, and through His praise the fragrance of love was diffused throughout the kingdoms of command and creation. Exalted, exalted be His measure! Exalted, exalted be His power! Exalted, exalted be His sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be His might! Exalted, exalted be His glory! Exalted, exalted be His command! Exalted, exalted be His remembrance! Exalted, exalted be His praise!

I testify that He hath not been described by any description, though His attributes have been inscribed by the Pen of Creation upon the tablets of all created things. And I testify that He hath not been mentioned, though His mention hath been raised up from all things between earth and heaven. How can the pen of ignorance describe that Knowledge at Whose manifestation all seas of knowledge were obliterated, and before Whose exaltation the exaltation of every existing and known thing hath prostrated itself? I seek His forgiveness at all times and in all conditions for what I have said and say, for what hath occurred to my mind, for what my tongue hath uttered, and for what my limbs have committed. He is verily the Forgiver, the Kind, the Generous.

Thereafter, thy letter was heard with loving-kindness and affection, and since it bore witness to and was indicative of praise for the Beloved of the seen and unseen, it brought the utmost joy. God willing, thou shalt ever be occupied with the remembrance of God and renowned throughout the earth for thy love of God. After the letter was read, at a certain time it was presented in detail at the Most Holy Court, whereupon He spoke–and His word is the truth:

“O Hasan! We make mention of thee when thou wert in the Land of Mystery, circling round the will of thy Lord and acting in accordance with that which thou wert commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou art he who attained unto the presence of thy Lord and quaffed the choice wine from the hands of the bounty of thy Ancient Lord. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, and proclaim on My behalf unto those who are with thee, and give them the glad tidings of that grace to which every tongue hath testified and which every discerning mystic hath mentioned. That which thou didst send aforetime hath been presented before the Throne, as well as in these days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He shall assist thee under all conditions and hath recorded thy name with the Supreme Pen

as among those who circled round about Him and arose to serve Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous."

Concerning Ustad Husayn you wrote that he has intended, with the permission of the Beloved of the world, to turn towards the Most Holy Court. This much is submitted: the trials in this land have exceeded all bounds and all the loved ones of God have been afflicted with the utmost hardship. Therefore the friends must occupy themselves with service to the Cause. If in these divine days a cherished deed becomes manifest from any soul, the decree of attainment unto His presence will be issued from the Supreme Pen for him. This servant repeatedly heard these words from the tongue of Grandeur. God willing, may he be successful in serving the Cause. This servant mentioned him in the presence of His Countenance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us and him to serve Him, to obey Him, and to do that which will exalt His wise and irrevocable Cause.

Concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Habibullah that you wrote about, it was submitted in the Most Holy Court. He expressed favor, and we beseech God to aid him as He aided him before. In truth, that family has rendered many services, especially Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq and his other brother who was occupied in service in Iraq. He said that souls who have attained to this station must walk among people with the utmost sanctity and detachment so that their station may be made manifest in both the Supreme Kingdom and in the world of creation. Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of this evanescent one.

Concerning Jinab-i-Ustad Ali-Akbar they wrote, God willing may he ever be and continue to be gladdened by divine favors and occupied with His mention and praise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to answer my prayer on their behalf and their prayers on my behalf. Verily He is the Protector of the lowly, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and power

Praise be to God Who hath spoken the truth and called the people to the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Divine Lote Tree speaketh: "There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Alone, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath taken neither partner nor counsellor unto Himself. He hath ever been in the heights of might and majesty, and will forever remain as He hath been from time immemorial. All atoms testify that there is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

Praise, sanctified from the understanding of all created things, beseemeth the Beloved of the Worlds, Who through the scratching of the Pen hath attracted the gems of the world and guided them to the Most Great Ocean. Holy and sanctified is His mention above the mentions of the people of the earth; exalted and glorified is His description above the descriptions of creation. Through a single Word He hath made manifest the mysteries of origin and return. Glorified be He Who hath revealed the beginning and

the end through a Word from His presence. The servant beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And now, this servant submitteth that thy letter was received some time ago by this evanescent one, and as it was adorned with the praise and glorification of the Goal of all desire, the utmost joy and gladness was derived therefrom. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist thee to praise and glorify Him and to achieve that which will cause the exaltation of thy station and thy ascendancy. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And concerning thy desire to attain unto His presence in Ridvan, it was submitted, and this is what the Beloved hath spoken in reply:

In His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glorified be He Who hath manifested what He desired through His command. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. O thou who hast turned thy face towards His countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He testifieth to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou thankful and say:

"O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Hope! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto the Daysprings of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thy inspiration, and have set my face towards Thy Face that abideth after the perishing of all things, hoping for Thy mercy that hath preceded the world and Thy grace that hath encompassed the nations. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Excellent Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O my Lord! Accept from me, through Thy grace and bounty, what I have desired in Thy path, and deprive me not of meeting Thee, which Thou hast mentioned in Thy Mighty Book and wherewith Thou hast gladdened Thy servants in Thy verses. I testify, and all things testify, to Thy power and Thy sovereignty. Thou dost ordain for whomsoever Thou willest the reward of that which the Embodiments of Thy Revelation and the Treasuries of Thy knowledge have uttered. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

All friends have been commanded to wisdom, and this has been and will be due to divine grace. Thus, if that honored one had given attention, it surely would have caused spread and fame, and this would have been far from the requirements of wisdom. The heedless people are very distant and are immersed in their own suspicions and vain imaginings. Without thought they speak, and without cause they rise in opposition. Soon will the true Omnipotent One purify the earth and cause the sun of justice to appear to all the world from behind the clouds of oppression. Praise be to God that your honor attained to the nobility of what you intended, for this intention was accepted in the presence of the Beloved of the world. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. Verily, He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Furthermore, the honored friend Haji ?-S, upon him be the Glory of God, graced us with his presence and on your behalf, this evanescent servant was enabled to accomplish what was intended and acted accordingly. This servant praises the Beloved of the world that your request was fulfilled in the most excellent manner, for the gathering was convened and that which was the hope and aspiration of all those near and sincere ones illumined that precious assembly. The aforementioned person, upon him be the Glory of God, will relate the details. Blessed art thou, and the other partakers of the cup of divine love send their greetings. The Glory be upon you.

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He is God - exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who spoke the Most Exalted Word in the Kingdom of Creation. When His sweetest call was raised, all in the Kingdom of Names were drawn to it. Then did all faces from every direction turn toward Him. Thereupon He spoke another word whereby He tested all, for He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. At that moment every doubter retreated, every hesitant one drew back, and every proud one turned away. Verily, He is the One Who tested the Names through tribulation. When the heaven came with smoke, all in the realm of possibility turned away save those who were embraced by God's favors - the King, the Mighty, the Great.

This evanescent one makes known that the exalted letter arrived and bestowed infinite joy. At dawn on the Day of the Fast it was presented in its entirety before the Lord of all beings, and an answer descended from the heaven of our Lord, the All-Merciful. He spoke, and His Word is the Truth:

God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors, be turned toward His direction, and speak His praise. However, with wisdom convey My greetings to the friends in that land and say: The praise of God is like the Water of Life for the people of possibility. All must attain unto new, eternal life through this Kawthar of the All-Merciful which flows from the fountainhead of the Pen of the Beloved of all possibility, so that the names of all may shine like brilliant stars in the heaven of God's Kingdom and endure through the perpetuity of names. O friends! The clouds of generosity are not always lifted up, nor is the ocean of bounty always surging. Know ye the value of these divine days and be steadfast in His Cause. Know ye also the worth of your stations, for most of the divines, rulers and philosophers did not attain to this exalted, most high station and its recognition, nor did they taste the choice wine of the Word. You have been quickened by the fragrance of God's Word and the choice wine of the Eternal Beloved. You have recognized the Sun of Truth and comprehended the days of the Beloved Lord. Know ye the value of these bounties and in all days speak His praise.

And concerning your mention of Mirza Sami' Khan and Muhammad-'Ali Khan, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He said: "O Sami', today one must turn with complete devotion and see oneself

sanctified and purified from all save God. I swear by the Sovereign of Names that if the people of the world were to find the sweetness of but one word from the words and one verse from the verses that have been and are being sent down from the heaven of Will, all would turn to the Water of Life. Look not at the people - ponder the conflicts of every age and cycle. Consider what befell Noah, Hud, Salih, Zachariah and his son, the Spirit (Jesus), and the Seal of the Prophets (Muhammad) - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - who brought it about and for what purpose. By My life, this blessed word suffices all who are on earth, were they to reflect and ponder in the garden of fairness. Strive to become today the possessor of a word that shall not perish, and that word is contentment, which flows from the Supreme Pen. Glory be upon him who hath cast away the world and turned wholly unto the Ancient of Days and the Sovereign of Nations. O My servant, O Razzaq, rejoice in this word, for they have said before 'if thou sayest once "My servant"' and so forth, and now thou hast attained unto it and unto its recognition. Convey My greetings to Muhammad-'Ali Khan. He and Sami' should read what hath flowed from the Most Pure Ink by My Most Exalted Command."

"Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of names and in Whose grasp is the dominion of eternity. I beseech Thee to make us among those who have been drawn by Thy verses and have detached themselves from all else but Thee and have taken complete refuge at Thy threshold and sought full protection in Thy Beauty. O Lord! We have sought the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty and the depths of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to withhold from us that which Thou hast ordained in Thy days. O Lord! Ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then grant us the Kawthar of steadfastness in this Cause wherein the feet of Thy creatures have slipped and the hearts of those in Thy realms were shaken, save those who dwelt beneath the canopies of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art He Who hath been powerful and will continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

Another entreaty is that you convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all the friends.

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He is the Everlasting One upon the Throne of Command, in His Most Glorious Name!

In this day that which is acceptable before the Throne is the teaching of God's Cause, and thus hath the Command been ordained by the One Who is the All-Choosing. However, teaching through goodly utterance and exalted mention is acceptable, not through disputation and conflict. Do good even as God hath done good unto you. The triumph of the Cause hath been made to depend upon utterance and mention by the tongue. Thus hath the Command been ordained by the All-Merciful.

O loved ones of Truth! Conduct yourselves in such wise upon the earth that His signs may be made manifest through you, in such manner that all souls may witness the signs of Truth in your deeds, acts and words, and hasten unto the everlasting goal of glory. You have ever been remembered before the Throne. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain.

Furthermore, be it known unto you that ere long Satan will appear in that land in the guise of man, seeking to cause the loved ones of the Glory of the All-Glorious to deviate from the straight path through base suggestions and satanic promptings, and to deprive them of the holy shores of the Divine Unity. This is one of the hidden tidings wherewith We have acquainted the chosen ones, lest they be debarred from the praiseworthy station through association with such embodiments of hatred.

It therefore behooveth all the loved ones of God to shun any soul from whom they perceive the fragrance of hatred for the Most Glorious Beauty, even should that soul speak forth all the verses and lay claim to all the Books, for the purpose of verses and books hath ever been and shall ever be the recognition of the All-Merciful. Let them therefore guard themselves with the utmost vigilance lest they fall into the snare of guile and craftiness. This is the counsel of the Pen of Destiny which hath been set down. Whoso obeyeth, it shall be for his own good; and whoso turneth away, verily God loveth not those who turn away.

These satans are seen to be of several kinds. Some are souls who appear forthwith in that same land in a satanic spirit in human form. Others come from the lowest hell in the guise of seekers. Yet others are dispatched in utter darkness in the form of a tablet. In short, Satan hath in this day appeared and shall appear in all forms, that perchance he may, through some aspect or another means, veil the people from the Source of the Cause, even as he hath already veiled most through this veil. Were there to be found a penetrating and keen sight, it would perceive the fire of hell in the outward form of the enemies of God.

Strive diligently to safeguard your souls, for the satans shall appear in diverse garments and shall approach each soul in his own way, until having perceived him to be like unto themselves, they shall then leave him to his own devices. And in this day it is inevitable that from among the enemies of the All-Glorious One some shall arise from among the people of the Bayan, for the pure essences of this people who are adorned with the most exalted garment and have quaffed from the Most Glorious Wine have been and shall ever be accounted as the best of creation in the sight of God, while the base elements of this people are recorded before God as the most evil of all created things and the most remote of all souls. Therefore must the evil ones of this people rise up to wage war against this manifest, all-encompassing and perspicuous Revelation, for the more luminous the Revelation, the thicker the veils that are witnessed, and the more radiantly the Sun of the Glory of the All-Glorious shineth forth, the stronger grow those who turn away in their opposition.

Thus have We sent down the Command unto you and related that which was hidden from you, that ye may be informed thereof before and after its occurrence, and may be among those who are aware, that perchance ye may not be touched by the abasement of souls and their falsehoods in the words and traces that proceed from them, and that ye may be among those who are mindful and steadfast in the Cause of your Lord.

Therefore must the loved ones of God in this day manifest themselves in such wise that were all who are in the world to assemble against them with drawn swords, they would pay no heed whatsoever and would, through the power of their Lord, regard them all as a thing unworthy of mention.

Therefore, O faithful servant, hearken unto that which hath been mentioned in this exalted Tablet and convey these revealed Persian words to all the loved ones of God and teach them, that all may become aware. Thus do We counsel you with truth, that ye may be of them that act.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath tasted the sweetness of communing with his Lord and hath remembered his Master with wondrous breaths of love, whose letters of his words testify to his love for his Lord, and from whose heart waft the sublime breaths of the spirit. And thou, O Pen, if thou art saddened in thyself, We counsel thee to be patient lest there appear from thee that which would cause all created things to be overthrown and all existence to cease. And if thou desirest to make mention of the tribulations of the Ancient Beauty, make mention in the secret of secrets, and if thou wouldst hear from Me, conceal it lest thereby be saddened he who hath loved his Lord. Thus doth the tongue of thy Lord command thee that thou mayest exercise goodly patience.

Then make mention of the servant who desired to attain the presence in those days when all were forbidden from turning to Him, save those who had shattered the chains of idle fancy and had detached themselves from all who dwell on earth. O servant who hast ascended to the atmosphere of nearness! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from all directions - that which God hath proclaimed in every age, dispensation and epoch: that there is none other God but Him, and that this is indeed His servant who hath sacrificed his spirit in His path and feared no one in proclaiming God's Cause until the pavilion of the Cause was raised aloft through His sovereignty which hath encompassed the worlds. When he opened his eye, the eyes of all created things were opened; when he raised his hand, the hands of all beings were raised; when he unloosed, through the power of might and strength, the tongue of the Divine Will and brought it forth, then did all things speak out, saying: "By God! This is indeed the Tongue of God which hath appeared from its treasury and speaketh in all atoms that there is none other God but Him, and that He is the Ever-Watchful over all things."

Know thou that We have read thy letter and have turned toward that which was contained therein, and We have recognized how the fragrances of thy Lord's love stirred within thee. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which most of the people have been deprived of. Thou hast taken hold of the Book of God with the hand of strength and cast behind thee the intimations of the idolaters, and soared in an atmosphere wherein no wings have soared save those who have detached themselves wholly from all that is on earth and have taken their seat upon the cushions of transcendent glory. Arise to aid the Cause of God and His Command, and pay no heed to those who have taken Satan as their protector.

Say: O people! Do ye doubt God, or His might which hath encompassed all created things? Fear ye God, and deny not Him by Whose command the seas were set in motion, the trees yielded their fruits, the lights shone forth, the winds blew, and the earth was made firm. Then did it shine with the lights of its Lord, if ye be among those who know. O people! Dispute not concerning the Cause of God. By God! He hath appeared with all His signs, and none deny Him save every proud one who is far astray. Then know

thou that thy Lord will aid thee in all matters and will support thee in what He desireth, and verily His favor upon thee is great. Cast beneath thy feet those babblers whose deeds belie their words and whose words belie their deeds, who comprehend not what issueth from their lying tongues, and who imagine themselves to be virtuous and well-pleasing in the religion of God. Say: O people! If ye believed in Ali aforetime, by God, this is his very Self; and if ye believed in Muhammad, this is His Messenger; and if ye believed in the Spirit, by God, this is He Who caused him to ascend unto heaven; and if ye believed in Him Who conversed with God, this is verily His Manifestation on Sinai; and if ye believed in the Most Hidden Mystery, behold, He hath appeared in truth in human temple, and now doth the tongue of the All-Merciful proclaim in the highest paradise concerning Him: "This is the Beauty whereby Mine eye is consoled, My spirit is refreshed, and My signs are made manifest." Beware, O people! Draw not against Him the swords of hatred. Have mercy upon yourselves and be not tyrannical and wretched. Say: O concourse of polytheists! Perish in your wrath! By God! The clouds of destiny have been rent asunder and the Beauty of God, the Most Exalted, the Most High, hath come with such an adorning as none on earth or in heaven can prevent, and He hath arisen to uphold His Cause with a sovereignty that hath been from all eternity powerful in truth. Do ye imagine that aught can withstand His Cause? Nay, by My Self, were ye to be possessed of true vision. Thou beholdest not those servants who have disbelieved save as a mirage which the thirsty one supposeth to be water, when in reality it hath no existence. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and recite them, for verily in their recitation there is a great glad-tiding. And peace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who hearken unto thy words concerning this Cause, from which the feet of every deceitful dissembler have slipped.

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Verily I say, this is the Day in which mankind can behold the Face, and hear the Voice, of the Promised One. The Call of God hath been raised, and the light of His countenance hath been lifted up upon men. It behoveth every man to blot out the trace of every idle word from the tablet of his heart, and to gaze, with an open and unbiased mind, on the signs of His Revelation, the proofs of His Mission, and the tokens of His glory.

Great indeed is this Day! The allusions made to it in all the sacred Scriptures as the Day of God attest its greatness. The soul of every Prophet of God, of every Divine Messenger, hath thirsted for this wondrous Day. All the divers kindreds of the earth have, likewise, yearned to attain it. No sooner, however, had the Day Star of His Revelation manifested itself in the heaven of God's Will, than all, except those whom the Almighty was pleased to guide, were found dumbfounded and heedless.

O thou that hast remembered Me! The most grievous veil hath shut out the peoples of the earth from His glory, and hindered them from hearkening to His call. God grant that the light of unity may envelope the whole earth, and that the seal, "the Kingdom is God's", may be stamped upon the brow of all its peoples.

Thou didst inquire about the essential truth of Him Who shall be made manifest. Glory be to God! This station cannot be encompassed by words, nor can all the pens in the world enumerate its praise. All the

Prophets and chosen ones acknowledge their powerlessness, and all the holy ones confess their shortcomings. This is an arena wherein the horsemen of mystic knowledge, expression, comprehension and intellect cannot venture. He cannot be known except through Himself, nor described save by His own Self. None hath ever encompassed this hidden secret and treasured mystery, nor ever shall. Whatever hath been mentioned is but as a shadow before the lights of the Sun of Truth. However, in view of the supreme benevolence and boundless grace, the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken this most exalted Word which shineth as the sun from the horizon of the divine Tablet: "Return ye to the evidences, O ye who are endowed with insight!"

Should anyone contemplate with the eye of fairness the evidences, manifestations and proofs that have appeared in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Revelation, he would surely proclaim: "I believe in Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" What hath been mentioned was but a drop from the ocean of truth. By the life of God! This ocean hath no bounds, and no expert diver hath ever reached its depths. If ye were to look to the Bayan, it declareth: "He it is Who speaketh in every condition, 'Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me.'" All the names that have been heard were and are created by the Word of this Most Great Revelation. Ponder thou, that thou mayest know and be numbered among them that comprehend.

Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan have denied these stations and cling to their vain imaginings, like unto the rebellious and tyrannical faction who hasten unto fancy and conjecture, turning away from the light of certitude. This Wronged One arose to promote the Cause at a time when, from the tyranny of the oppressors, none dared speak, and guided all on earth to the Most Exalted Horizon. I swear by the Sun of the divine Word! We have accepted all the tribulations of the earth for the reformation and education of the world, and there befell Us in successive years that which caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise to weep and lament. Yet these withered and faded people were not moved by the divine breeze and the fragrance of His garment.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and in Whose right hand is the dominion of all created things! I beseech Thee by the rushing of Thy winds in the Supreme Paradise and by the warbling of Thy Nightingale upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, and acting in accordance with what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! I am the poor and needy one, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the All-Bountiful. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before the door of Thy grace, which Thou hast opened by the finger of Thy power unto all in Thy earth and Thy heaven. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, to make known unto me what Thou hast intended through the wonders of Thy bounty and favors, and to confirm me in steadfastness unto this Cause whereby the feet of most of Thy creatures who cast away Thy Covenant, turned away from Thy Beauty, disputed Thy verses, and denied what hath appeared from Thee have slipped. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever hath preceded and no command hath frustrated. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art the Mighty, the Peerless, the One, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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The beginning of every account is the name of God

O friends of God! Incline your inner ears to the voice of the peerless and self-subsisting Lord, that He may deliver you from the bonds of entanglement and the depths of darkness and enable you to attain the eternal light. Ascent and descent, stillness and motion, have come into being through the will of the Lord of all that hath been and shall be. The cause of ascent is lightness, and the cause of lightness is heat. Thus hath it been decreed by God. The cause of stillness is weight and density, which in turn are caused by cold. Thus hath it been decreed by God.

And since He hath ordained heat to be the source of motion and ascent and the cause of attainment to the desired goal, He hath therefore kindled with the mystic hand that Fire that dieth not and sent it forth into the world, that this divine Fire might, by the heat of the love of God, guide and attract all mankind to the abode of the incomparable Friend. This is the mystery enshrined in your Book that was sent down aforetime, a mystery which hath until now remained concealed from the eyes and hearts of men. That primal Fire hath in this Day appeared with a new radiance and with immeasurable heat. This divine Fire burneth of itself, with neither fuel nor fume, that it might draw away such excess moisture and cold as are the cause of torpor and weariness, of lethargy and despondency, and lead the entire creation to the court of the presence of the All-Merciful. Whoso hath approached this Fire hath been set aflame and attained the desired goal, and whoso hath removed himself therefrom hath remained deprived.

O servant of God! Turn thou away from the stranger, that thou mayest recognize the Friend. He indeed is a stranger who leadeth you away from the Friend. This is not the day whereon the high priests can command and exercise their authority. In your Book it is stated that the high priests will, on that Day, lead men far astray, and will prevent them from drawing nigh unto Him. He indeed is a high priest who hath seen the light and hastened unto the way leading to the Beloved. Such a man is a benevolent priest and a source of illumination to the whole world.

O servant of God! Any priest who leadeth thee away from this Fire, which is the reality of the Light and the mystery of divine Revelation, is indeed thine enemy. Suffer not the words of the foe to hold thee back from the Friend or the insinuations of the enemy to cause thee to forsake the Beloved.

O servant of God! The day of deeds hath come: Now is not the time for words. The Messenger of God hath appeared: Now is not the hour for hesitation. Open thine inner eye that thou mayest behold the face of the Beloved, and hearken with thine inner ear that thou mayest hear the sweet murmur of His celestial voice.

O servant of God! The robe of divine bestowal hath been sewn and readied. Take hold of it and attire thyself therewith. Renounce and forsake the people of the world. O wise one! Shouldst thou heed the counsel of thy Lord, thou wouldst be released from the bondage of His servants and behold thyself exalted above all men.

O servant of God! We have bestowed a dewdrop from the ocean of divine grace; would that men might drink therefrom! We have brought a trace of the sweet melodies of the Beloved; would that men might hearken with their inner ear! Soar upon the wings of joy in the atmosphere of the love of God. Regard the people of the world as dead and seek the fellowship of the living. Whoso hath not breathed the sweet

fragrance of the Beloved at this dawntide is indeed accounted among the dead. He Who is the All-Sufficing proclaimeth aloud: “The realm of joy hath been ushered in; be not sorrowful! The hidden mystery hath been made manifest; be not disheartened!” Wert thou to apprehend the surpassing greatness of this Day, thou wouldst renounce the world and all that dwell therein and hasten unto the way that leadeth to the Lord.

O servants of God! Deprived souls are heedless of this triumphant Day, and chilled hearts have no share of the heat of this blazing Fire.

O servant of God! The Tree which We had planted with the Hand of Providence hath borne its destined fruit, and the glad-tidings We had imparted in the Book have appeared in full effect.

O servant of God! We revealed Ourself to thee once in thy sleep, but thou didst remain unaware. Remember now, that thou mayest perceive and hasten with heart and soul to the placeless Friend.

O servant of God! Say: O high priests! The Hand of Omnipotence is stretched forth from behind the clouds; behold ye it with new eyes. The tokens of His majesty and greatness are unveiled; gaze ye on them with pure eyes.

O servant of God! The Daystar of the everlasting realm is shining resplendent above the horizon of His will and the Oceans of divine bounty are surging. Bereft indeed is the one who hath failed to behold them, and lifeless the one who hath not attained thereunto. Close thine eyes to this nether world, open them to the countenance of the incomparable Friend, and commune intimately with His Spirit.

O servant of God! With a pure heart unloose thy tongue in the praise of thy Lord for having made mention of thee through His gem-scattering pen. Couldst thou but realize the greatness of this bestowal, thou wouldst find thyself invested with everlasting life.

O servant of God! Say: The Lord declareth: He that is afflicted seeketh not wellness and shall not arise, and he that beareth the sign shall not attain unto salvation.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

These are verses of holiness which have been sent down in truth, and none comprehend them save those whose hearts God hath tested for faith and made to be among the successful ones. Verily they are a remembrance unto those who have been guided by the guidance of the Spirit in these days and were of those who have drawn nigh. Verily they are God’s herald amongst His servants, and by them are reminded those servants who have burned away the veils of idle fancy through the fire of the love of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. They are servants upon whom the Concourse on High shower their prayers, and for whose presence the denizens of Paradise yearn, and then the dwellers of the highest Paradise.

O Abraham! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the court of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Purify thyself from all allusions, then stand firm in thy Lord’s Cause, and be thou of

the steadfast. Beware lest thou associate any partners with God, thy Lord, for verily He was one in His essence and created by His Word all who are in the heavens and the earth. Be grateful to thy Lord for having enabled thee to attain unto this most holy, most transcendent, most mighty, most luminous station, and for having caused thee to hear His melodies and granted thee the meeting with the Manifestation of His Self, and thus have We shown thee the Kingdom of the heavens that thou mayest be of the assured ones.

O servant! Forget not the days of meeting Me, nor standing before My presence, and be not of the heedless ones. Were thou to know and become aware of that which God hath ordained for thee as a reward for turning unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, such joy would seize thee that thou wouldst be attracted in such wise as to turn away from the world and its ornaments, and be detached from all the worlds. Blessed be thine ears for having heard the words of God, and thine eyes for having beheld the beauty of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the All-Informed.

Soar upon the wings of longing and yearning unto all regions and remind the people of what thou hast known and seen, that perchance they may be ashamed before God Who created them and fashioned them, and may become of the assured ones.

Verily thou art aware of what hath befallen Us in this Prison at the hands of these deniers. Say: O people, by God, We called you only unto God, your Lord, in Our previous Manifestations, and We call you now only unto Him. Fear God, O people, and be not of the prodigal. Fear God and transgress not against Him after He hath appeared with the truth, with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds. Were ye to focus your vision, ye would surely witness inscribed upon the face of the sun that which hath been traced by a finger of mighty power. By God! It was created by a light from the lights of this Countenance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Spirit with a brilliant, wondrous radiance.

Say: O people, be not heedless of your Lord's Cause, and dispute not His words. By My life! God hath made them a beauty mark upon the cheek of His Books which were sent down from the heaven of grace, if ye be of the fair-minded. Say: Do ye deny Him by Whom the Holy Spirit was created? Fear God, O company of the heedless! If ye believe not, oppose Him not, and if ye help Him not, smite Him not with the swords of hatred. Thus doth your Lord admonish you, that perchance ye may be of the repentant.

Say: O people of the Bayan, judge fairly within yourselves: what is the difference between you and those whom ye denounce as unbelievers? If ye say they opposed 'Ali at the time of His manifestation, verily ye have opposed His very Self, His Spirit, and His Essence, and ye perceive it not. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow the Spirit in these days and be not of the veiled ones.

And thou, O servant who hath migrated unto God, if thou seest My loved ones, remind them of My verses and of what hath befallen My beauty, that they may weep for Me and become partners in My sorrow and tribulation, and lament as those who have lost their beloved ones. Say: By God! The enemies of God have perpetrated that which neither Nimrod, nor Pharaoh, nor the first and second ones committed. Thus have We been afflicted, and none knoweth this save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At every moment there befalleth Me arrow after arrow, sword after sword, and spear after spear from those who stood before My face and who used to seek blessings by standing at the threshold of My gate, which was

opened unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. When they witnessed composure in themselves, they arose in opposition in such wise as hath astonished the realities of the Prophets and Messengers.

We thank God for what hath befallen Us of confirmed tribulations, and We praise Him in all conditions, and We show patience in His path as We showed patience aforetime, and He is the Helper of the patient ones. Thus have We detailed the verses unto thee that thou mayest be mindful of the remembrance of God, thy Lord, and stand firm in His love in such wise that the violent winds that blow from the direction of every accursed satan shall not move thee. The Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the love of God and are of the assured ones.

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He is God, the King, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting!

A wondrous remembrance from the servant unto him who hath believed in God his Lord, who hath drunk from the chalice of everlasting life in the nearness of the celestial realm, and who hath become of those who have attained, that he may thereby glory in the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, that his eyes may be solaced, that he may sacrifice all that God hath given him to possess, that he may follow the Spirit in his return and his resting-place, and that he may be of those who dwell within the pavilions of holiness.

O Letter Ha! Be light in thy body that thou mayest walk upon the air, and be not heavy like the earth lest thou sink in water and be of them that perish. Thus doth the Spirit walk upon the face of the waters. We have set forth this similitude in the Book, and every similitude, that thou mayest know the stations of the Cause, both past and future, and be of them that are firmly grounded therein. Through the grace of the Spirit hath the Word reached its ultimate effusion, and We have sent forth meanings and gathered them within these words, that they may be clear signs unto those who have preceded in guidance and who rest today upon the elevated canopy of glory.

Say unto him who is remembered by Ha before Shin: Fear God and follow not the desires of thy self, and be not of the losers. Be content with what hath flowed from the Pen upon the Tablet and what God hath decreed for thee. Turn away from thyself and thy desires, and take fast hold of the Most Firm Handle and the Sure Handhold, that God may cause thee to enter the Holy Paradise wherein thou shalt abide forever. Have mercy on thyself and bar not the people from the path of God, and be not of the mischief-makers.

Verily, despite this Cause wherewith God hath honored me through His bounty - a Cause that hath rendered all the worlds impotent - by God, besides Whom there is no other God, I am naught but a servant of God and shall never be aught save a servant to the Manifestations of His Self, and in this do I glory amidst all created things. How then befitteth it anyone to make claims regarding his own self without permission from God or proof from God, the Great?

Say unto him: Gird up thy loins and strengthen thine arms to serve those who call upon God in the morn of Identity and remember Him in the eventide in the Temple of Eternity. Perchance God will forgive thee

and assist thee in His Cause and make thee of those who prostrate themselves before the face of God. Follow the paths of thy Lord and be clear-sighted in the Cause lest thy feet and the feet of those who walk in God's good-pleasure and traverse the pathways of truth should slip.

Remember thy Lord on earth that He may remember thee in heaven amongst the company of the chosen ones. Then love Him that He may love thee, though His love for His servants existed before the creation of the heavens and earths. Say: O servants! Turn ye unto your Lord, then turn away from your desires, remember God in His days, trust in Him, and be of those who are certain of meeting with God.

Hearken unto what the Spirit imparteth unto you of the melodies of eternity, free yourselves from that which calleth you unto extinction, and give thanks unto God, your Lord, at all times, and be not of the heedless ones. Grieve thou not over anything, but look upon the generations of old, how God caused them to pass away after He had sent unto them His proofs, yet they denied God's signs and rejected His favor and were in manifest loss.

And unto this age which He hath filled with the grace of His mercy - all that was before hath passed away and all that thou witnesseth now shall likewise pass away, and sovereignty shall remain unto His Face. Thus hath a time been fixed for all things in the preserved Tablets of might. Therefore, seize these days and strive to enter the Paradise of eternity, lest death overtake thee and the lights draw thee to the horizon of the Cause from the presence of One All-Wise, All-Informed.

We have sent unto thee this garment that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of musk, but he who is afflicted with a cold cannot perceive aught therefrom; nay, rather, he increaseth in his denial. Thus hath thy Lord, God, numbered all things in a wondrous Book.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I seek forgiveness from Thee at this time for whatsoever I have committed in this station wherein I have uttered between Thy hands the verses which Thou didst make a proof of Thy Being, an evidence of Thine Own Self, and a testimony unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth, that the Cause might be established from Thy presence as a conclusive argument unto all who dwell on earth. Yet Thou knowest, O my God, that I desired naught save that there might appear a drop of that which Thou hast treasured within this Repository, [lest] anyone imagine within himself, and that all who are in the heavens and on earth might worship Thee according to the standard of unerring justice. And since I have done thus, have mercy upon me, then forgive me and turn unto me in forgiveness, for in Thy hands is the kingdom of all things and Thou art, in truth, the Most Merciful of the merciful. Then clothe with silken vestures, fashioned from the gems of glorification from Our presence, those who have believed in God and His signs, and were numbered among the sincere ones. Revealed from the letter Ha after Ba.

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Praise be unto the King of existence Who adorned the world of humanity with the ornament of utterance. The Guide, the Interpreter and the Manifestor, in His primary station, was the utterance of the All-Merciful. With one word from His Kingdom of utterance He created the world and showed the way. His

path is clear and evident like the sun, and His proof is manifest and visible above that. Yet the blind ones of the world have ever rejected and continue to reject, regarding the oppressor as the oppressed and the corrupt as the upright. Distinction hath vanished. Glory be to God! It seems as though eyes and ears have become non-existent and have disappeared. The people of God brought forth a sapling; they planted it and it grew tall. Now its fruit must be observed. The station of the fruit is clear and known from the station of the tree. At one time this exalted word was revealed from the Divine Lote-Tree: "O servant in attendance, say to the heedless people: Fix your gaze upon the Tree and its fruits. Today the Tree of inner meanings with its wondrous, novel and subtle fruits of divine knowledge is visible. Is it permissible to abandon this and say its time has not come? O helpless one! What knowest thou of time? The Euphrates of mercy floweth from the right hand of the Throne, yet thou sayest 'where and when is it?' and 'it must flow at another hour.' Be fair, O people, and be not among the transgressors and the abased ones."

The servant and the people of God must, in the nights and days, beseech the True One to guide all. And blessings and peace be upon the best of God's creation, the most excellent, the most ancient, the most knowing, the nearest and most articulate one, through whom the rains of wisdom and knowledge were showered upon all in creation, and through whom every mention, every name and every station was exalted. With Him the Book of Creation began and with Him it ended. Every book of His Book was detailed, and God's decree was manifested through His arising and His utterance. And upon His family and companions who aided the Cause of God with true aid and strove in God with true striving, and profound peace be upon them.

Thereafter, the servant found the fragrance of remembrance and praise… I beseech God the Exalted to confirm thee and make thee among those who shall have no fear nor shall they grieve. After observing and becoming informed, he proceeded to the Presence and it was presented before His face. He said: "O Ali, God willing, mayest thou be successful through divine confirmations and be assisted by the confirmations of the All-Merciful in such wise that the signs of success and confirmation become manifest and evident in the world. Thou hast been and art mentioned before the Wronged One. We beseech God the Exalted to make all your deeds as one deed and all your remembrances as one remembrance." Deeds and remembrances that occur for God's good-pleasure are one deed and one remembrance. This station is the station of the oneness of deeds and remembrances. The pen hath no power to speak and the rider of the fingers no room to gallop. We beseech God the Exalted to send down upon you from the heaven of His grace that which will exalt you among His servants and draw you nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Munificent, the Generous. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of the knowers and the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Praise be to God! The rain of wisdom and utterance hath descended from the heaven of bounty. We were not, then we became; we were non-existent, then we existed; we were nothingness, then we became being. Whence came these bounties? They existed before our existence, and He bestowed before any request. His gift hath no end and no subsequent obligation. O God! How can we thank Thee? For whatever we say is not worthy of Thee nor befitting Thee. How can absolute nothingness describe the Ancient One? Whatever it says is worthy only of itself and from its own realm. The ant cannot equal the phoenix, and the dim-sighted hath no knowledge in this arena. When He permitted, we made mention; we received leave and hastened to the field of praise. O Generous One! The needy one, with complete

need, hath clung to Thee and taken his place on the shore of the sea of bounty. Deprive not this gathering. Show unto all what is in their hearts, that they may know with clear certainty that this people know none but Thee, see none but Thee, and desire none but Thee. They have no purpose save Thy good-pleasure and no beloved save Thee. If Thou dost enable them, they will arise to serve Thy servants; otherwise the matter is in Thy hands. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty.

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In His Name, exalted be His station, the Bestower of gifts and favors!

Praise befitteth and is worthy of the Most Great Cause, which through the key of the Most Exalted Word hath unlocked the doors of hearts and souls, and adorned them with harmony and unity. Glorious is His utterance and mighty His proof, and there is no God but Him. On this blessed day the friends of God must be adorned with the crown of detachment and the luminous raiment of steadfastness, and must remain attentive and hold fast to this blessed Supreme Word, which is a penetrating sword for the opposers and an enduring bounty for those who have turned to Him.

O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Glory at its most glorious, and all Thy Glory is indeed glorious. O God! I beseech Thee by the whole of Thy Glory to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love.

O Muhammad-Rida! Though thou art not present in body, thy traces are manifest and evident like thy very being. The greatest bounty is that these traces are companions and confidants in the rose-garden of the peerless Friend. Blessed art thou and happy art thou! Make mention of the friends in the land of Kha on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: O people of God! This is the day for the triumph of the Cause, and triumph is dependent upon and connected with deeds and character. Say: Behold ye the power of God and His sovereignty! And let them turn their gaze toward the land of Ya, where in an instant punishment was transformed into sweetness and tyranny into justice. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and woe unto the heedless!

O thou who hast turned thy face toward Me! Muhammad, upon him be My glory, sent thy letter to the Most Holy Court, and the Branch Diya, out of pure grace, requested a reply. At once this Most Great Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of Eternity and sent forth. The spiritual youth, upon him be God's everlasting grace, and his honor Ibn-i-Ta'if-i-Marfu', upon him be God's eternal glory, have been and are mentioned. O youth! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Should anyone ask thee about the Ark of God, say: Verily it is amidst the waves. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His people to attain such steadfastness as would shake the foundations of the opposers and cause the hearts of the calumniators to tremble.

O spiritual youth! The cup of martyrdom hath another exhilaration and another rapture. The lovers in the city of Ya have attained that which the pens of the isles of knowledge and the tongues of the realms of utterance and inner meaning are powerless to describe. Blessed are they and happy are they! They are the horsemen in the field of love and faithfulness and the heroes in the arena of power and bounty. The

eye of creation hath not seen the like of such souls, nor hath the ear of invention heard of such sacrifice. We beseech the Lord to ordain for His loved ones that which He hath ordained for them. Verily, He hath power over all things.

From the heaven of grace was sent down that which is specially meant for the departed and elevated Sadr and his honor the elevated Mirza Ali, upon them be the glory of God and His care - that which its fragrance shall never cease and its traces shall never fade. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon them in this hour a mercy from His presence and a bounty from His own Self. Blessed is he who remembers them and visits them, for he is among the successful ones in a mighty tablet.

Convey greetings to each of the friends on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Today is the day of victory and triumph; deprive not yourselves. The righteous deed of the son of the departed Ahmad, who ascended unto My horizon, and likewise the deed of him whom God related unto him, are before Our sight and have been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the crimson scroll. Happy are they both, and happy are they - meaning those souls who rendered assistance and joined in this benevolent act. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of your Lord. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We have commanded the friends in the scriptures and tablets to justice, and forbidden them from oppression and corruption. They must, through the power and might of God, shun and avoid that from which the odor of corruption can be detected. This is a firm ordinance that hath been sent down and issued forth from the will of the Lord of eternity and the Most Great Name. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which God, the Ancient Commander, hath ordained.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the blessed, hallowed, and most exalted Word, through whose dawning from the heaven of Thy will the ocean of immortality surged, the fragrances of bounty wafted, and the sun of faithfulness shone forth, to aid Thy loved ones to arise to serve Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be deterred by hosts and ranks, nor by the roaring of those who have denied God, the Lord of bounty and the Lord of hosts. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

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The Beloved’s tongue speaks: Gird up the loins of service firmly and at all times and seasons be engaged in the remembrance of God and remind the loved ones of God. To Majid He says: O thou who art sincere, be steadfast in the Cause of God in such wise that thou shouldst reckon His opposers as non-existent and His enemies as extinct. If thou wert to become aware of My tribulations, thou wouldst surely weep blood. I will mention only this much: Consider how for twenty years I reared an individual, and by God, besides Whom there is none other God, I exerted such mighty efforts in his upbringing that none greater was possible. I prepared for him every means of comfort, even to the extent of summoning maidens from distant lands to serve him, that he might be at ease and occupied with pleasure. Yet at all times he sought to harm Me, as is evident to you, and still I concealed it. Finally he openly arose to slay Me. Then, when I departed, he attributed to My Beauty all that he had committed, that he might establish his own

innocence. Yet you know that had this servant desired to harm him, it would have been possible by any means, and none would have had the right to question it, for verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Nevertheless, I protected him with the utmost protection. He hath written and continueth to write to all regions claiming that he was imprisoned, and whatever else he hath seen in his own self he hath attributed to this Wronged One. I swear by God that if thou wouldst reflect a little, thou wouldst melt away, for you are aware of certain matters and the abasement of the Cause when I was not among the people.

Hearken unto My lamentation and sighing between heaven and earth, and burn away all veils with the fire of divine love. At all times look unto Him and place thy trust in Him. You have never been absent from My sight and, God willing, never shall be. When you gather in the assembly of fellowship, remember My tribulations and sorrows, for soon fabricated letters will reach everyone. By divine might and power, pay no heed to them whatsoever; nay, touching them is not permitted.

Moreover, remind all other companions on My behalf and say: This is the Day of steadfastness, firmness and rootedness in God's Cause. Speak this openly and secretly, outwardly and inwardly, and act according to this blessed verse: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses."

O Mahdi and Mahdi! Associate with people with perfect submission, contentment and goodly character, and be sagacious in the divine Cause, for today the deniers of the Manifest Beauty lie in ambush with utmost deceit. At all times take refuge in the Beauty of the All-Merciful and be protected in the fortress of His mercy. Say: O loved ones of God! Be so enkindled with the fire of His love that it shall never be extinguished. Purify your ears from what they have heard, that ye may comprehend the meanings of the words that are now manifest from the horizon of utterance.

Then remind him who asked before about the News that was indeed magnificent. Say: Verily it hath appeared in truth, so hold fast unto it and be of those who are secure. Shun all else, for this is indeed a manifest grace. Say: We have not forgotten thee, so be thou assured in thyself and be of those who rejoice. And if thou desirest to grieve for aught, then grieve for what hath befallen My wronged and sorrowful Self. And if thou lovest to weep, then weep for the sighs of My heart, for this is indeed a beauteous permission. And if thou wishest to lament on earth or cry out for any matter, then cry out for what hath befallen Me from the tyranny of these oppressors.

Furthermore, convey abundant greetings to Haji Abdul-Rahim. Say: We have received what thou didst see in thy dream. God shall soon grant thee victory over Mine enemies and make thee triumphant over them through a power from His presence. Verily He is the One Who hath power over what He willeth, and He is indeed the Omnipotent, the Powerful. A tablet was also sent to him before; God willing, it hath arrived by now.

Moreover, remind Hadi and the carpenters and all others, both Arab and Persian, of the remembrance of God. Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq and all who dwell in their households, both female and male, young and old.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

The remembrance of God hath been raised between earth and heaven from this Tongue which moveth only in celebration of God's praise, as beareth witness the Concourse on High, and those who abide beneath the pavilions of grandeur beyond the Crimson Sea of Glory - the spot which, in the cities of eternity, hath been named the Mount of Divine Command, in the Kingdom of Names the Blessed Vale, and in the realms of radiance the Paran of the All-Merciful. Thus doth the Pen of Command impart unto thee what God hath revealed in this Tablet, wherein He hath manifested Himself with an authority that is evident and true. Stand firm, through God's power, in His Cause, even if thine eyes should oppose thee therein - pluck them out and cast them behind thee. By God, the True One! He will grant thee such vision as will enable thee to behold all things in their essence, their reality and their innermost being, and to witness the effulgent rays of Beauty from the Sovereign of grandeur and majesty, for He, verily, hath power over all things.

O Kazim! Be fair, by God, and bring thyself into His presence on the Day of Resurrection. Hast thou heard melodies more wondrous than these which have truly been raised? Nay, by My very life, if thou art possessed of true knowledge! Purify thyself from all allusions, cast behind thee every mention, then speak forth amongst the servants concerning this Message which hath been, from time immemorial, supremely great. Say: O people! Were we to deny this Beauty, against Whom all have contended, Who hath arisen by His own authority and appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all worlds, by what proof could we then establish our faith in God Who created us and all things? Be fair therefore, O people of malice, and tarry not even for a moment. By God, the True One! O thou who art mentioned in the presence of the Throne! Thou shalt find their faces darkened by the fire of hell, uttering that which the followers of the Qur'an uttered at the hour when the heaven of the Cause was cleft asunder and God came in the shadows of the clouds. Be thou enkindled with this fire which hath been ignited in the midmost heart of eternity and which the idolaters have sought to extinguish. Say: By God! Ye shall never succeed in this, even should ye seek the aid of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O people! The Primal Point crieth out in the highest Paradise, saying: Fie upon you, O people! By God! There hath appeared that which hath never appeared in creation, yet ye have turned away therefrom after We had summoned you unto it in all Our Tablets, nay in every impregnable line.

Then know that your letter has come before Us, and We found from it the fragrance of your love for your Lord. Therefore have We sent down upon you these verses and dispatched them to you, that you may take them and enter the dwelling-place of those who turn away, with an authority that was manifest in truth. And when you enter, say: "O people! I have come to you from the Dayspring of the Cause with a message that was mighty in the Mother Book. And if you deny what you have heard and witnessed of God's power - your Lord - and the manifestations of His grandeur and the expressions of His might, then I bring you another proof, which is this Tablet that God has sent to this servant of His. Here I am, reciting it to you - so read what you have, that the truth may be made manifest between us." Thus does the Pen of the Cause command you to act, and fear not, for your Lord will protect you from every sinful idolater. O for God's sake, where is one with vision! O for God's sake, where is one with insight! O for God's sake,

where is one with fairness who would perceive the fragrance of the Beloved in all that appears from Him, who would judge with truth and detach himself from every stubborn denier, who would purify himself from all allusions and cry out between earth and heaven: “I have become independent through God from all that has been created in existence, and I shall remain, through God’s might, steadfast in His Cause!” Thus has the Dove of Eternity spoken in the heaven of glory, out of love for you and mercy upon your being, that you might be transformed from the left of fancy to the exalted station at the right hand. Then know that We found in the heart of she whom God made your companion a sorrow, which We have changed to joy by Our command, that God might grant you the gladness of the Cause from this Tree which was planted by the hand of the All-Merciful in the highest paradise in truth. And as for what you desired regarding your presence before the Face, We love this and permit you in truth. No harm shall befall you, and what you desire shall not become known among the people. Thus has the matter been decreed from the Pen of Destiny by One who is Mighty and Wise. And should you attain Our presence, you would discover what none in all the worlds has discovered, and witness what has befallen My soul at the hands of those who were created by My word, and you would be possessed of brilliant insight. And glory be upon you and upon those who are with you on a straight path.

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In the Name of the Friend! To God belongs the Most Exalted Similitude!

The spiritual rose hath appeared in the divine Ridvan at the advent of the spring of inner meanings, yet the outward nightingales remain deprived. The rose proclaimeth: “O nightingales! I am your Beloved, and I have appeared in the fullness of My hue and fragrant breath, and in My transcendent grace and freshness. Consort ye with the Friend and flee not from the Beloved.” The metaphorical nightingales respond: “We are from the people of Yathrib and are accustomed to the rose of Hijaz, while thou art of the people of Truth and hast unveiled thyself in the garden of ’Iraq.”

The rose replied: “It is now evident that ye have ever been deprived of the beauty of the All-Merciful and have never truly known Me. Rather, ye have known but walls and pillars and abodes. For had ye known Me, ye would not now flee from your Beloved. O nightingales! I am neither of Yathrib, nor of Ba??a, nor of ’Iraq, nor of Syria. Rather, I journey and wander through diverse lands - sometimes in Egypt, sometimes in Bethlehem and Galilee, sometimes in Hijaz, sometimes in ’Iraq and Persia, and now I have unveiled Myself in Adrianople. Ye are known for your love of Me, yet ye remain heedless of Me. It hath become clear that ye are ravens who have learned the ways of the nightingale. Ye wander in the realm of fancy and imitation, deprived of the blessed garden of unity.

Your example is like that owl who once said to a nightingale that the raven sang better than he. The nightingale replied: “O owl! Why hast thou abandoned justice and turned thine eyes from truth? Every claim requireth proof and every statement evidence. Here am I present, and here is the raven - let him sing that I may sing.” The owl said: “This statement is unacceptable and rejected, for once I heard a sweet melody from a garden, and when I inquired about its singer, I was told it was a raven. Moreover, I saw a raven fly from that garden, so I was convinced the speaker spoke truth.”

The helpless nightingale said: “O owls! That was not the raven’s song but mine, and now I shall sing for thee that very same melody, nay better and more wondrous still.” The owl replied: “I pay no heed to such words, nor do I accept such statements, for thus have I heard from my forebears and peers. Moreover, that raven is present and holds documentary evidence. If it were thee, how is it his name became renowned?” The nightingale said: “O unjust one! The hunter of malice lay in ambush for me, and the sword of tyranny pursued me from behind. Thus was the raven’s name spread abroad while I, through the very intensity of my manifestation, remained hidden, and through the very perfection of my song became known as silent. Yet those possessed of hearing can distinguish the melody of the All-Merciful from the croaking of ravens. Now observe thou the essential voice and tune, that the truth may become manifest unto thee.”

O ye who appear as nightingales! Ye seem like that owl who would not exchange a particle of fancy for a hundred thousand certainties, nor trade a single word of hearsay for the realm of direct vision and revelation. Hearken ye to the counsel of the Friend and gaze not upon the countenance of the Beloved through the eyes of strangers. Know Me through Myself, not through My dwelling place or abode.

While they were thus discoursing, suddenly from the blessed garden there appeared a new nightingale who entered in the divine garment and heavenly melody, and circling around the flower, said: “O nightingales! Though ye are nightingales in form, yet for some time ye have consorted with ravens and their ways have become manifest and evident in you. This Paradise is not your abode; fly away and depart! This spiritual flower is the trysting-place of nightingales who nest in the all-merciful realm. Therefore, O human nightingales, strive to know the Friend and cut off the autumn’s transgressing hand from this flower of the All-Merciful’s Paradise. That is, O friends of God, gird up firmly the loins of service and protect the people of the world from the deceit and hypocrisy of the people of discord. And if ye appear among the servants with humility, submissiveness, and other qualities of truth, the hem of sanctity will remain pure and unstained from the calumnies of Satan and his manifestations, and the lies of the slanderers will become manifest and evident to all the peoples of the world. But if, God forbid, unseemly deeds be witnessed from you, all will revert to the holy court, and those very deeds will confirm the calumnies of the polytheists. And this is the certain truth, and praise be to God, the Beloved of the worlds.”

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In the name of Him from Whom proceedeth fear and hope! The first utterance of the Creator is this: Come ye forth before the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, and the All-Powerful with hearts pure from desire and defilement, and minds cleansed from the colors of creation, and bring forth that which befitteth His Day. This is the Day of Meeting, for God hath appeared unveiled and manifest. Hasten with pure hearts that ye may attain and discover that which is befitting. Purify yourselves with the water of detachment from covetousness and unseemly deeds, that ye may discover the mystery of the Day of the Self-Subsisting. The Primal Light hath appeared in the Final Day. Through three things shall the Meeting be attained and deliverance made manifest: purity of heart, purity of sight, and purity of hearing from that which hath been heard. Say: O friends! The Guide hath come, His utterance distinguished among

utterances, His path manifest among paths. His is the Path - find it! His is the Word - hear it! Today the clouds of God's bounty are raining down, and the Sun of Knowledge shineth forth and showeth the way. The noble one is he who hath abandoned the paths of conjecture and taken to the path of God. O friends! The mighty hand of God hath rent asunder the veils of fancy that the eye might see and the ear might not be deprived of hearing. This is the Day of Hearing - hear ye the utterance of the Peerless Friend and conduct yourselves in a manner that befitteth. From Persian utterance We now turn to Arabic:

O thou who hast turned! Hear the Call that hath been raised from the Prison of Akka, calling the servants unto God, the Lord of Creation. Reflect upon that which hath appeared that thou mayest behold what no eye of creation hath seen. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the things of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Eternity. Leave behind suspicions and their manifestations, and vain imaginings and their dawning-places, turning unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. This is the Day of Vision, for the Greatest Scene hath been illumined by the lights of the manifestation of the Lord of Destiny, Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with proof and evidence. And this is the Day of Hearing wherein the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven. Hearken, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all men.

O thou who asketh! Today the Light speaketh and the Fire uttereth and the Sun of Truth shineth forth. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which befitteth the Day of God. If thou wouldst reflect upon that which hath been manifested, thou wouldst find thyself independent of questioning. God is sanctified above the doubts and fancies and will and desire of men. He hath come with "He doeth what He willeth" and the banner of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." He hath made manifest proof and evidence above the station of all contingent beings. His verses are found and witnessed in Books, Scriptures, Psalms and Tablets, and His evidences are manifest and clear in the Surih of the Kings and the Surih of Ra'is. None hath the right to test the Lord - verily He testeth His servants as He willeth. If thou wouldst in truth observe with the eye of fairness that which We have mentioned, and hearken with the ear of justice, thou wouldst utter "I have returned unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds," detached from all peoples. Hear the call of the Wronged One. Remove thy step from the stations of doubt and fancy of the people of contingent being and place it in the realm of the Absolute, that thou mayest hear the warbling of the birds of the Throne and the melodies of the nightingales of knowledge upon the highest branches. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When the attraction of the Call from the Supreme Horizon taketh hold of thee, say: […]

O my God, my God! I bear witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy might, Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else save Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the rain from the clouds of the heaven of Thy generosity and by the mysteries of Thy Book to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O my Lord! This is a servant who hath turned away from vain imaginings unto the horizon of certitude, who hath stood before the door of Thy bounty, who hath resigned all affairs unto Thee and placed his trust in Thee. Do Thou ordain for him that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I testify, O my

God, that Thou knowest me better than I know myself. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings, and in Thy grasp are the reins of bounty and bestowal. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Glory be unto the people of Baha who were not kept back by the clamor of the nations from the Ancient Lord, who arose and proclaimed: God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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In the Name of God, the Most Glorious, the Most Exalted, the Most Luminous!

This is a Book that speaketh with truth, wherein is mentioned that which gladdeneth the hearts of the mystics, and through which the breezes of holiness are wafted over all created things. Say: We have ordained on this Night joy for Our chosen ones, and thereafter delight for Our near servants. Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of God from the divine Lote-Tree in this sacred and luminous Valley, that there is none other God but Him, and that ’Ali-before-Nabil is the Sovereign of existence, all are His servants and all shall return unto Him. Say: O concourse of earth! Be not grieved on this blessed, holy, eternal Night of Oneness, and be not among the sorrowing ones. Celebrate on this Night and its morn, then glorify and magnify and praise your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Say: By God! This is the Night wherein the Temple of God was established upon a mighty holy throne, and through which were illumined the faces of all contingent beings, then the faces of the dwellers of the pavilion of eternity, then the faces of those near unto God. O concourse of earth! Deprive not yourselves of His beauty, seize ye the grace from His presence and be not of the losers. Say: Hasten ye to the paradise of God and His presence. By God! He hath appeared in such wise as to dazzle eyes from beholding His beauty, if ye be of them that see. Say: The mighty oceans have surged from this tempestuous, foam-flecked, billowing, flowing, great Sea, and the heaven hath been raised from this heaven which was elevated in this Glory. Seek ye shelter in its shade if ye be of them that know. Say: There hath appeared a grace that no grace in creation hath preceded it, if ye be of them that hear. Say: O people! Dispute not concerning Him and follow not your desires, and be not of the heedless. Follow ye the ways of God in this Cause which hath appeared in truth upon the Temple of the Youth, before whom prostrate themselves the dwellers of the heavens and earth. Say: He hath been named in the most exalted Concourse as Muhammad, then in the canopy of eternity as the Spirit, then from behind the holy pavilion as the Interlocutor, then in the celestial realm of immortality as ’Ali in truth, if ye be of the assured ones. Therefore, celebrate within yourselves, then rejoice in your souls, and say with the melody of your hearts: This is the Beauty of God which hath appeared in truth, blessed be God, the Creator of all beings. O concourse of the Bayan! Draw ye near unto this Fire which hath been kindled in this wilderness and hath appeared upon the Temple of the Square in the form of the Triangle, and which speaketh forth the truth at every moment that there is none other God but I, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. By God! There is no escape for anyone in these days save by entering beneath My shadow, and this is what hath been inscribed by the Finger of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Sadiq! Give thanks to God, thy Lord, inasmuch as He hath singled thee out for that which none among all created things hath been singled out, and hath raised up through thee all who mention within

themselves the name of their Lord, though they recognize Him not. Thus hath Our mercy preceded all things, and We are the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Bountiful, the All-Generous. By God! Were We to desire it, We would raise up from thee the creation of the first and the last. However, when We found the people of the Bayan more veiled than the people of the Furqan, We therefore concealed the Cause from them and covered Ourselves with a thick veil. Turn thou away from all else but the face of thy Lord, and remain under mighty protection. By God! The Sun of eternity hath dawned from the horizon of glory and the mountains have passed away like the passing of clouds, if ye be of them that perceive. Say: O concourse of the loved ones, rejoice within yourselves! Then, O concourse of the hateful ones, perish in your wrath! The Cause hath appeared in truth and there is no escape for anyone in all the worlds. Say: He hath appeared in such wise that were He to take a handful of dust and breathe into it the spirit of life, it would, by God's leave, become everlasting - He, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing. Thus have We made manifest the Cause unto thee and sent down the verses in truth and expounded them for thee, that thine eyes may be solaced thereby and thou mayest be of them that remember. O Sadiq! We counsel thee at the end of this Tablet to read these verses and preserve them within thyself, that thou mayest be of them that guard. And when thou beholdest in anyone's countenance the radiance of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, recite unto him what We have now revealed unto thee, that perchance he may arise from the couches of heedlessness and flee unto a manifest place of security. Thus doth the Dove of Holiness counsel thee and the Pen of the Command instruct thee, lest thou be grieved within thyself for less than a moment, and remember thy Lord at all times, and be of them that are assured. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the shore of the Cause on the coast of this surging and mighty ocean.

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O Ahmad! Upon you be My salutation. Your letter reached the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. According to what was mentioned, you have desired to purify your heart and breast with the Kawthar of utterance which has flowed from the Pen of Evidence, and to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Recognition of this most exalted station and supreme pinnacle is a bounty from God, exalted be His glory. If you would reflect upon the previous Manifestations and enter the ocean of fairness, in accordance with this exalted word which states "Lord, cause me to enter the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness," you would surely attain to the splendors of the Sun of Truth. This is why it has been said "and in its depths shineth the sun." For this station is, in truth, the station of Qadar. We beseech God to grant you a portion of the Kawthar of this utterance, that you may advance from Qadar, which is the station of measure and proportion, to the manifestation of Qada, and become cognizant thereof, even as it has been said "Qada is the composition of what has been measured."

This Wronged One, from the earliest days until now, has summoned all, both kings and subjects, with the loudest call to God, glorified be His majesty. The purpose was that departed glory might return and the fallen, discarded standards might be raised again. Yet until now the heedless servants have not understood the purpose and have not shown fairness. Observe how the people of divine unity appeared with such power and ascendancy in the early days, and to what weakness they are now subjected. What

became of that power, and whence came this weakness? The aim was none other than the exaltation of the Word of God and likewise the salvation of humanity. Surely you have heard what they have said and what they have done. This is not the first Cause to appear in the world, nor the first flask to be broken in Islam.

My God, my God! This servant of Thine and son of Thy servant beareth witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which the tongue of Thy chosen ones and Thy messengers hath spoken. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all things, by Him through Whom Thou hast adorned the heavens of Thy might, and by the lights of His countenance, and by the Word whereby Thou didst bring all created things into being and didst perfect Thy proof unto all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy service, and speaking forth Thy praise. I moreover beseech Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen, by Thy praised station and by Thy Name that domineth every witness and witnessed thing, to assist me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Dayspring of Thy revelation, the Source of Thy command, and the Fountainhead of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no cause can hinder. Thy might hath transcended the might of the world and Thy will hath transcended the will of the nations. Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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This is the Tablet of the Holy One revealed for the Arabs who dwelt in the City and believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. He is the Mighty One.

O My Arab! Then O My loved ones! Then O My chosen ones! Then O My hosts! Then O My manifestations! Hearken unto My call, if ye be of them that hear. Have ye forgotten the Dove of the Cause that took flight from your midst and ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful? Have ye forgotten the Mystic Dove that was with you and recited unto you from the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? Have ye veiled yourselves from this Nightingale that fell beneath the talons of the idolaters? By God! There hath befallen Me that which cannot be mentioned in words, and tears have flowed from the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. And by this the Hoopoe of the Cause hath ceased to mention Sheba, and the faces of the holy ones have been reddened with blood. By God! The Nightingale of Paradise hath shut its eyes to the beauty of the rose by reason of the sorrows that have befallen this Beauty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The rivers have been cut off from union with the sea, as joy hath been cut off from this radiant and luminous Sun.

O My loved ones! Forget not My presence in My days, deny not My loving-kindness toward you, nor My favor upon you, and be not of the heedless. By God! The tradition of God concerning the soul of Husayn hath returned, nay the traditions of the Messengers, until I arrived in this most remote Prison. And when ye gather in your homes in your days of joy, then remember Our tribulations and what hath befallen Us at the hands of the hosts of Satan. And when ye enter your gardens in springtime, then reflect upon My afflictions and My sorrow, and be of them that remember.

Let none wrong another, nor let any companion speak ill of his companion, nor let any brother deny his believing brother. Fear God in all that We have revealed unto you, and be among the God-fearing. Beware lest ye withhold the surplus of your means from them that are near of kin unto you, and from the poor and the needy. All this is My counsel unto you and the command of God for you and unto you, if ye be of those who understand. Thus do We impart unto you verses of divine unity and that which ye have been commanded, that ye may unite with your Creator through your inner and outer tongue in such wise that the evidence thereof may be manifest in all your limbs, and that ye may be among those who profess His unity. God is He unto Whom your souls, your hearts, your spirits, your bodies, and all that ye possess and all that pertaineth unto you shall return, and verily He is the repository of all who are in the heavens and on earth, if ye be of those who understand. The Spirit be upon you, O concourse of loved ones, young and old alike. Then glorify ye, on Our behalf, your wives and your children, for this is My command unto you: follow it, that ye may be among the rightly guided.

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In the Name of the Lord of existence, from the Unseen and the Seen!

O thou who art present before the Wronged One! Hear once again His call. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen, were all who dwell on earth to attain unto the divine call in this spiritual springtime, all would turn from what they possess to what He possesseth, and would, with utmost joy and radiance, sacrifice their spirits in His path. Today the Sinai circleth round the throne of His Revelation, and the Herald of Grandeur calleth out from the horizon of the heaven of might, “Blessed art thou, O Earth,” for thou hast been honored by the footsteps of the Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and hast been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Ismi Zayn, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, sent a letter to the Most Holy Court wherein mention was made of thee and the friends. Thus have ye been favored with the waves of the divine ocean of utterance. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! Take ye the chalice of recognition from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom despite every ignorant remote one and every doubting scholar.

Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be My glory, who hath taken his abode beneath My shadow, hath made and continueth to make mention of thee. We beseech God to ordain for each one that which is the cause of eternal life.

O Muhammad-Ibrahim, upon thee be My glory! In these days of sorrow, grief hath encompassed the Goal of all existence from every direction, for the claimants of love have manifested such tyranny as hath had and hath no parallel. They have shackled trustworthiness, truthfulness and sincerity. By the life of God! They have wrought that which hath caused the very essence of truth to weep.

O Ibrahim! The horizons are afflicted in the fire of discord. Today pure deeds are the helpers of His Cause, and true fear of God is its defender and aid. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and counsel them to fear God and to detachment, that they may attain unto that which shall endure forever in the

Book of God. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto My Day and hath drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the hand of My bounty.

O Muhammad-Mahdi! He who loveth Me hath mentioned thee, and We make mention of thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Remembrancer. The deeds of the peoples have darkened the world. God, exalted be His glory, hath created mankind for the betterment of the world and the elevation of their stations, that all might become ready to hearken unto a Word at the mention of which both pen and ink stand powerless. However, a few have manifested such wickedness as hath had and hath no equal. Like unto wolves they have rent asunder His loved ones, hamstrung His she-camel, and caused His ark to sink. Fie upon them and their faithlessness! O friends! Hold fast unto wisdom and unto that which God hath chosen. Act in accordance with that which draweth nigh the servants and causeth the dwellers of all lands to be attracted. This is the divine counsel whose light hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless!

O Muhammad-Taqi! Have not the deeds and traces of Truth been distinguished from those of others? Hath there been any doubt concerning the effulgences of the light of His Manifestation? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! Selfish desires have held men back from the most exalted horizon. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and turn with penetrating vision and attentive ears that ye may not be deprived of witnessing and hearkening. This is the greatest counsel which the Most Great Announcement hath commanded. Blessed are they that act!

O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the bounty of utterance and the table of divine knowledge - the goal of all the peoples of the world. Divine forgiveness and mercy have at this hour encompassed thee and thy parents, as a grace from God, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful, and as a bounty from the Kind, the Generous One. We make mention of thy wife who hath believed and responded when she heard the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My handmaiden! Praise thou the Desired One, that thou hast been granted permission to attain unto this most exalted Word. Say: Thine is the praise, O Lord of the world, and Thine is the glory, O Desire of the nations, and Thine is the splendor, O Beloved of those who dwell in the heavens and on earth. We make mention of those whom God hath related unto thee, both female and male, and We give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance through which the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted abroad and the Temple of Sanctity hath spoken forth from the most exalted Paradise: “The Kingdom and the Dominion belong unto God, the Lord of creation, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below.” The glory from Us be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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Honorable teacher, upon whom be all the Most Glorious Glory! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O friend! By the life of God, the story of sacrifice has returned, and what was hidden in God’s knowledge, Lord of all worlds. The bird of faithfulness has flown from the branch of this world to the Divine Lote-Tree by what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. We testify that he is in a joy unequaled by any joy in

creation, while his loved ones are in such grief that all things lament for them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed Expositor. By God! They have profited in their transaction while the oppressors are in manifest loss. Did Husayn, My name, lose when he sacrificed his spirit in the path of God, or did those who wronged him by following every remote transgressor? Oppression has reached a stage where the tongue is powerless to describe it, and beyond it is every numberer, all-knowing. They have kindled a fire whose flames shall not be extinguished in the world. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

O friend! Observe how manifest and evident have become both the truth of Truth and the misguidance of falsehood. All testify that from that Wronged One was manifested the utmost love, kindness and care toward all peoples, and no act appeared from him that was contrary - that is, nothing that would cause sedition or corruption. And how many of the poor strangers did they assist in times of hardship! To this testifieth every truthful one, and beyond him thy Lord, the All-Informed. Should anyone reflect upon them and what appeared from his Lord's favors toward him, he would observe with the eye of certainty that in what transpired there was and shall be great wisdom. The Most Great Sacrifice and Supreme Offering have appeared in this mighty Cause.

By the Sun of the horizon of power: if the world had any worth, the Ancient Beauty would not have dwelt for numbered years in the Most Great Prison. Man, so long as he is in this world, has been and is in truth in the throes of death, save for those detached hearts that behold all things with divine vision. God willing, that honored one should, according to his capacity, instill calm and assurance in illumined hearts, that tranquility may possess them after agitation, and joy after sorrow. Thus does He Who remembers you command you from this exalted station. O Khalil! A momentous matter has occurred in the world, although greater than it has appeared, as you yourself have witnessed and can testify. However, since the Hand of Power had preserved it for a long time and then suddenly this irrevocable matter appeared, it has become the cause of lamentation, mourning and trembling. Yet with thy Lord is that which will gladden hearts after this great sorrow. Say: This is a testimony whose traces have penetrated the world; God will soon make it manifest in truth. Verily He is the One with power over what He willeth. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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PRAISE be unto him who is the All-Knowing Witness! O Samandar! The Most Glorious Name hath appeared in his glory, and thou wert mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have made mention of thee. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Rememberer. May the All-Merciful grant that thou mayest at all times be engaged in serving the Cause, mentioning souls, and elevating existence. The letter thou didst send to him was presented in its entirety by the servant present before Us, and that which was sent by Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God, was also heard. From some of its contents joy and gladness were obtained. Blessed is he, and again blessed is he, for having spoken the truth and prevented Satan from ascending and Gog from entering.

God willing, may they be occupied with the mention of the Lord of all beings in all nights and days, and stand firm in service to His Cause. Were the world to be observed free, sanctified and purified from satanic whisperings, assuredly the Cause of God would encompass the East and West of the earth. The heedless people are themselves the preventers of divine bounties, and through their impure deeds and false words have deprived themselves of God's infinite favors. By Him through Whose Name the Bridge was erected and the Balance established! Were people to follow what they have been commanded in the Book, thou wouldst see the entire earth as a piece of Paradise.

God willing, may they be confirmed at all times and be watchful and turned toward the stronghold of the Cause, lest any doubtful polytheist or heedless liar enter therein. In all ages there have been such false souls, as attested by the Books of God from before and after. He, verily, is the Expositor, the True, the Trustworthy.

Mention was made of one of the loved ones of God named Ali. We make mention of him at this time that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Ali! God willing, may thou break the idol of vain imaginings with the strength of certitude - that is, hold fast to proof and explanation, and prevent the satans and transgressors from ascending. What is accounted today as the greatest of deeds is steadfastness in the Cause of God, for the cawing ones have been and are lying in wait for the friends of the Beloved of all possibility. Ask God, exalted be His glory, to preserve the garden of inner meanings from the foul winds of falsehood and ignorance and from the poisonous breaths of the whisperers. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who spoke the truth in the Days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Likewise, the petition of Muhammad-Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, was sent. A Tablet hath been revealed for him from the heaven of Divine Will. God willing, may they attain unto the pearls of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance and be detached from all save the Friend.

O Samandar! God willing, mayest thou be engaged in all conditions in aiding the Truth through wisdom and utterance. An expounder and counselor is necessary, and there hath already flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful concerning the conditions of utterance that which causeth the fire of divine love to be kindled in the hearts of the servants. How many are the words that cause the exaltation, ascension and enkindling of the people, and how many cause coldness and apathy. One word kindleth the fire of love while another extinguisheth it.

God willing, may ye be confirmed. Say: O friends! Observe all things with penetrating vision and hear the verses of the Revealer of verses with attentive ears. In all conditions ye must be vigilant, and the banners of justice and wisdom must be raised before all faces. This word is like unto the sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Tablet. Blessed are they that behold it.

Jinab-i-'Abdu'l-Baqi hath proceeded to that region with wondrous and sublime Tablets, and special Tablets have also been revealed and sent for certain souls mentioned in the letter of Aqa 'Ali. All the souls mentioned, before and after, living and dead, have attained unto divine favors. God willing, may the utterances of Truth become the cause and means of warming cold souls. He, verily, is the Almighty, the

All-Powerful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the wisdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Samandar! A most mighty and holy Tablet hath been revealed and sent from the heaven of Will in the name of Nabil ibn Nabil. God willing, may they attain unto it. Likewise a Tablet specifically for Mulla ?adiq. All that hath been mentioned and is being mentioned - wondrous and sublime Tablets have been and are being revealed and sent from the heaven of the Most Merciful's mercy. Ask God to confirm them all and cause them to attain unto the pearls of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance. He, verily, is the Hearing, the Answering.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in that land. God willing, may all be observed as firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Luminary of the horizons in perfect unity and harmony. The Glory be upon them from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

The servant testifieth at the beginning of this epistle to the oneness and singleness of his Lord - He Who hath ever been One, Single, Alone, and Self-Subsisting. He hath taken unto Himself no likeness, no partner, no helper, and no peer. He created the Supreme Pen and caused it to speak forth the Most Exalted Word, whereupon all contingent things were shaken to their foundation, all created things appeared, the tongue of utterance spoke forth in the kingdom of knowledge, and the dove of the Cause cooed upon the branches. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been powerful over whatsoever He willeth and supreme over His servants. He doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He desireth through His command. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

And the prayer that hath shone forth from the Most Sublime Horizon, and the light that hath beamed from the Most Exalted Paradise, be upon the Essence of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, through Whom all created things were brought into being and all existing things appeared, through Whom the ocean of divine knowledge surged in the contingent world and the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all lands. And upon His family and companions, through whom countries were conquered and the hearts of servants were set ablaze, through whom the necks of the mighty were brought low and the fortresses of kings were taken, and through whom divine power seized all creation save those who clung to their mountains, grasped their hems, hastened to their shadow, and acknowledged that which their tongues had uttered. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord, through Him and through them, to exalt His Cause and manifest His Faith, though the idolaters be averse thereto.

And now, O my beloved one who art mentioned in my heart, my ears have been blessed by the melodies of the doves of thy noble utterance and mine eyes by beholding thy words. When I read and understood them, I sought the ultimate goal and presented them before His Face. Thereupon the River of Life overflowed in such wise that none could draw nigh unto it, for its waves appeared as mountains. By the

life of the Desired One! The servant acknowledgeth his powerlessness and inability to express that which flowed from the mouth of grace - rivers of knowledge and wisdom. Yet I shall mention what was impressed upon the mirror of my memory. He spoke, and His sweetest words were these:

“O servant who art present before the Wronged One! Know thou that I love the H and S who was imprisoned in the path of God and bore hardships in His love and good-pleasure. We send Our greetings and glorification upon him and upon those who are with him, both male and female, young and old. We make mention of them in such wise as to kindle within their hearts the lights of the love of God, and We counsel them with that which will elevate the station of man in the contingent world, and We give them glad-tidings of My remembrance of them and My turning towards them.

O friends! Be not grieved by the upheavals of the world, for that which endureth not is unworthy. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that ere long all that is seen shall return to nothingness, and that which hath been and forever shall be the cause of life and eternal remembrance is the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by this light and hath attained unto this station. In the nights and days, this Wronged One seeketh the protection of the friends from all that God abhorreth.

O Husayn! Upon thee be My glory and My peace. Exert mighty efforts in training the souls that are with you. Convey to your family and children the greetings from the Wronged One and say: Grieve not and be not sorrowful. God shall soon open before your faces the gates of grace and mercy. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The cause and source of divine outpourings today is steadfastness in the love of God and the preservation of whatsoever hath been revealed in the Book from the Supreme Pen. Should all who are on earth attain unto that which God desireth, they would achieve true tranquility. He is the All-Loving, He is the All-Giving. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

Thus endeth His words. From this evanescent one, convey greetings to all. God is my witness and testifier that they have not departed from my sight. God willing, may they be adorned with that which God loveth and be embellished with the ornament of piety. You had mentioned that his honor Aqa Mirza ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, is now occupied. This matter was the cause of greatest joy, for all are commanded to engage in a craft, which is indeed accounted as worship before God. The members of the pavilion of chastity send their greetings and glorification to all the honored women, saying: “God willing, may all be protected, and may the mother of Mirza ’Ali-Akbar be adorned with the ornament of health and well-being.” Each of the friends sendeth greetings and offereth glorification. Peace and glory, shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace, be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who act in accordance with that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to our Lord, the All-Merciful, Who created man and taught him utterance, and deposited within him a sign from among His greatest signs, and made known to him the path that leadeth unto Him and

the way to turn toward the lights shining from the horizon of His bounty. And blessings and peace be upon the best of His creation, and His mystery, and the mystery of His mystery, and the concealer of His mystery, and the one invested with His mystery, through whom the door of divine knowledge was opened to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused among all religions, and upon His family and His companions, whom no blame of any blamer, nor the assault of any oppressor, nor the doubts of any learned one could deter from God. They stood with supreme steadfastness among all peoples and declared: "God is our Lord, and the Lord of the throne and the earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world." These are servants who aided the Cause of God with true aid, in such wise that neither armies nor ranks could hold them back, until the light of unity encompassed all and that which God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, had purposed was made manifest.

Thereafter, the letter of your honor was received and the fragrance of sincerity and devotion was detected therefrom. When I found it and read it and understood it, I approached the Presence and presented it before the Lord. He–may my spirit be offered up for His sake–said: "O Lutf-'Ali! Upon thee be My peace! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say:

"O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Purpose, my Object of worship and my Hope! I testify to that which Thy Prophets and Messengers have testified, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified beyond the mention of aught else but Thee, and exalted above the description of aught besides Thee. Every possessor of hearing and sight hath testified to Thy oneness and singleness, and to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur testified before the creation of Thy earth and heaven. O Lord! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee, directing myself toward the lights of Thy manifestation, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and favor. O Lord! This is one of Thy servants who hath desired to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and to draw near, through Thy generosity, to the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens. O Lord! Deprive him not of Thy outpourings and gifts, then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will purify him from the mention of any save Thee and strengthen him to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else but Thee and advancing toward the gate of Thy grace, hoping for that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached and such of Thy creation as are sincere, whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward Thy horizon and drawing nigh unto the tabernacle of Thy glory. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and King of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided Thy servants to the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness and hast manifested that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, to number me among such as are in Thy Cause, upon whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. O Lord! Adorn my head with the crown of Thy favor, my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, my tongue with Thy remembrance, and my ear with the hearing of Thy verses. O Lord! Forgive my transgressions which have prevented me from turning toward Thee, and my sins which have kept me far from the station of Thy nearness. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been praised in His deeds, obeyed in His command, and sovereign in His will. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me to perform such deeds as will

cause the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused, and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the Ever-Abiding Truth to strengthen your honor to drink from the hidden seas contained within the manifest, shining words, and to be illumined by their lights. The world hath been deprived of the lights of the Orb of Certitude by vain imaginings. They speak but comprehend not; they talk but perceive not. In these days the blessed verse "they have eyes wherewith they see not" hath been and is manifested. However, this servant beseecheth and imploreth the Truth not to withhold from your honor the rain of His mercy, and to grant a portion from the ocean of His grace. He is the Lord of the kingdom of bounty and generosity, and He is the All-Bountiful One Whom the world and all that is therein cannot prevent from His grace and favor. His mercy hath ever preceded, and His bounty hath ever taken precedence. His is the praise in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine bounty and turned thy face to the Most Exalted Horizon. All the diverse peoples of the earth were waiting, yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of the world, all turned away save whom God willed. Were the stations of the souls of the assured to be mentioned today, there would be fear that some might perish from excessive joy. The Point of the Bayan hath said that a one-year old seed of the Day of His Revelation is mightier than all who are in the Bayan. And likewise He hath said: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He shall not be indicated by My indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan." Should a soul ponder the hidden oceans within this most exalted Word, he would become somewhat aware of the station of this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted Cause. When the station of the Manifestation is understood, the station of them that circle round Him becomes clear and evident. By God! The breath that proceedeth from a soul in this Cause cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto this station. God willing, thou art confirmed in preserving it. The servant present read thy letter. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged and that which was inscribed in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Concerning the gathering of souls which thou didst mention, verily We make mention of each one of them as a token of Our grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O son of My Name! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst migrate for the sake of God until thou didst attain the presence at the Gate and didst hear His sweetest call and didst drink the choice wine of His bounty, detached from all else but Him, and didst traverse the lands to exalt His Word and elevate His remembrance among the concourse of creation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard thy words concerning this Cause, through which, when it was manifested, the foundations of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, were shaken.

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

O Lion! The Wronged One Who hath appeared through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, maketh mention of thee and calleth all to the Most Exalted Horizon, the Station from which the lights of the Countenance have shone forth after the passing away of all things. I testify that thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained. Thou hast journeyed in My path, aided My Cause, and chosen exile for love of My Beauty and desire to exalt My Word. We testify that thou art beneath the glances of the tender mercy of the Lord of all beings and art guarded by the eye of God that slumbereth not.

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Friend! We have made mention of thee before and make mention of thee at this time, that the attraction of thy Lord's verses may so seize thee that neither the affairs of the world nor the veils of the peoples shall hold thee back. Blessed art thou and blessed is the house wherein My remembrance hath been raised and wherein My chosen ones who have turned to My horizon, spoken My praise, and arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous, have gathered.

He is the Witness, the Enduring, the All-Knowing

O Hassan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted amongst His servants and His creation. Hold fast unto that which thou hast been commanded and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the signs of Thy grandeur to aid me in all conditions to remember Thee, to praise Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

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In My Name, the All-Speaking, the All-Wise

O Nasru'llah! By My life, he who hath known Me hath, from time immemorial, helped God, and this is the true meaning of help, as attested by the Tongue of Grandeur and confirmed by the realities of all things. Yet most men remain behind a mighty veil.

The Sovereign of Creation maketh mention of thee in such wise as to resurrect the dead through the perpetuity of His dominion, and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been inscribed for thee by the Pen of His Will – that whereby the eyes of the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names are solaced – and commandeth thee to observe that which beseemeth this Day, which was remembered in the hearts of the chosen ones and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all men.

Praise be to God that souls who were mentioned in the Book – souls who were sincere, assured and content – have each become the recipients of His special favors. Be thou thankful to God for this manifest grace and say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all things, my Beloved and the Beloved of the hearts of the chosen ones! I beseech Thee by the hearts that have melted in their love and ardor for Thee, and by the hearts that have been consumed in their separation from Thee, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I entreat Thee not to deny me the wonders of Thy generosity and the evidences of Thy grace. Thou art He before Whose Name the necks of them that are nigh unto Thee have bowed down, and before Whom the voices of them that have recognized Thy unity have been humbled. There is none other God but Thee, the Beloved of them that know Thee and the Desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Sacred, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested in the kingdom whatsoever He desired and decreed for His servants in the hereafter that which draweth them nigh unto the Kingdom of Guidance, in such wise that neither the might of the mighty nor the power of princes could frustrate it. He raised His call from the Prison of ’Akka and summoned all creation unto His most sublime horizon. Among the people some attained, and others turned away from this supreme gift. Exalted is God, the Lord of all beings, above the acceptance of those who have turned towards Him and the rejection of those who have turned away. The faith of all created things profiteth Him not, nor doth the denial of all existence harm Him. He hath ever been, through His name the Self-Sufficient, independent of the worlds, and through His name the Sovereign, supreme over all nations. Every possessor of dominion is possessed before His presence, and every man of learning is ignorant before the manifestations of His knowledge. Eyes are dazzled by the effulgent splendors of His countenance, and vision is bewildered before the dawning rays of the Sun of His Cause. Every possessor of knowledge hath confessed his powerlessness to know Him, and every possessor of understanding his perplexity in comprehending His Essence. I bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath distinguished between the worlds through His Most Great Name, and made those who have turned to the horizon of Revelation to become the dawning-places of love and concord and the daysprings of mercy and unity. He then chose from among them servants whom He raised up to champion His Cause and exalt His Word throughout creation, sheltering them beneath His loving care and causing them to abide under the shadow of His bounty. These are they who have aided His Cause under all conditions. Upon them rest the Glory of God, the Self-Subsisting.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your standing firm in the Cause of the Self-Subsisting Lord of the heavens and earth. Though this servant hath repeatedly [undertaken that which] hath caused you trouble, several things have prompted this ephemeral pen to move and emboldened it. First is the intoxication of that blessed Countenance - may the Glory of God rest upon Him - with the wine of oneness, for in truth the heart by its nature and the pen by its character have regarded and continue to regard the mention of your honor as a blessing, and it is evident to those possessed of insight that whosoever in this day ariseth to serve God’s Cause is mentioned before the Divine Throne and in the presence of the Concourse on High. After establishing this station, though mention by this servant neither nourishes nor enriches, yet as

the purpose is to express sincerity, God willing it shall not cause trouble but rather shall prove acceptable. Another reason is the burning of this ephemeral one's heart, for he observes that while the Sun of loving-kindness is shining, the ocean of mercy is manifest, and the heaven of grace is raised high, most people remain heedless thereof and persist in hypocrisy, regarding mercy as vengeance and glory as abasement. With a hundred thousand deceits and schemes they have sought and continue to seek to harm the Lord of all causes. However, in His hand is the kingdom of all things; He will cause to flow whatsoever He willeth, and the word "God will perfect His light though the unbelievers are averse" hath been and shall remain fulfilled, despite them and those who cleave to idols. Each morn and eve they witness some souls pass away and observe the instability and faithlessness of the world, yet these unaware people remain submerged to their throats in the clay of hopes and desires. We beseech our Lord, the All-Merciful, to deliver them through His grace and save them from this overwhelming calamity, to cause them to hear His sweetest call and to behold His most sublime horizon. Verily He is the Almighty in both the beginning and the end.

So it was that in these days, as Shaykh Salman was preparing to attain the presence of His Holiness, this brief attempt was made. The petitions which had been with him were sent beforehand, and after a delay of two years, whatsoever reached the Most Holy Court received its answer from the heaven of grace. This time most of the petitions were adorned with the crown of mention by the Lord of Names, that it might serve as a testimony for those souls - that is to say, above the petitions was inscribed a gracious reply. Though much delayed, yet the authors thereof, whether living or dead, have attained to the traces of God, for it hath been repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur that the living and the dead among the loved ones have one and the same station at the Most Holy Court. Well is it with them! And for some, even though the beginning of their petitions was adorned with divine verses, a separate Tablet was also specifically revealed for them. God willing, his honor Shaykh will be enabled to deliver them, for most had sent petitions from various regions. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who causeth to reach, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who hath aided His loved ones to be patient and forbearing, and enabled them to remain steadfast in whatsoever He hath willed, through His Name, the All-Compelling, the Chosen One. He it is Who hath made manifest His Path and revealed that which was hidden from the eyes of His servants. By this He desired naught except the salvation of His creation and the protection of His creatures from the wolves of His earth. Verily, He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wise command. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of Yathrib and Batha, through whom the gates of Names were opened unto all beings, and upon his family and companions, the oceans of bounty and the heavens of generosity and high resolve - blessings whose sweet fragrances and scents shall never cease throughout the duration of His Name, the One Who dominates all names.

O beloved of my heart and thou who art mentioned in my soul! Thy letter arrived, and in truth it was like a trade yielding the profit of two or three years in ʼAkka. Among the profits that neither change nor alter is the mention of the Master concerning that spiritual beloved, and another profit is thy submission and contentment in all matters, and yet another is thy turning to the heaven of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Were anyone to count the profits of these days, he could not reckon them, for these days possess endless mercy. I beseech the one true God to bestow upon thee from the heaven of bestowal countless blessings. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

After reading and reciting, it was presented before the Master's presence. He said: "O ʼAli, upon thee be the peace of God and His grace. Thou hast ever been and will continue to be mentioned in the gathering of the unitarians. Thy letter arrived and the servant present mentioned it before His face. Praise be to God, from all its letters and words wafted the fragrance of faithfulness and sincerity. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His generosity and the clouds of His grace a blessing from Him, a gift from His presence, and a mercy from His side. Verily, He is the One through Whose Name the gates of generosity were opened to the world and the fragrance of divine knowledge was diffused among the nations. The oppression of the oppressors cannot prevent Him from that which He willeth. Verily, He is the Almighty in the beginning and in the end. We make mention of My loved ones there who were with Me in all conditions. We beseech God to open through them the gates of grace and bounty unto all beings and to aid them in that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful."

This servant, in the nights and days, hath besought and continues to beseech relief for that beloved one, and God willing, his relief is near, for His loved ones and friends have no purpose save Him. In this land of exile, they have chosen their abode in His path. In such circumstances, His grace will surely not abandon them. This matter hath been recorded and inscribed in all books, both of old and recent times.

Regarding the funds that were mentioned, according to thy arrangement and by the command of the Beloved of hearts, his honor Aqa Rida (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty) hath acted accordingly. We hope that in these days we may all attain the honor of presence and meeting. With the All-Bountiful Lord, no matter is difficult. We beseech Him to aid thee in His service, to exalt you through His Name, and to ordain for you that which will set right all your affairs. Verily, He is the Answerer of those who supplicate and the Beloved of sincere hearts.

As for the matter of consultation regarding the distribution of goods in those parts, after it was presented, He said: "Last year too they intended to distribute for the payment of debts and relief from difficulties, and We did not approve. However, afterwards it was observed that distribution is closer to piety and deliverance, for that honored one hath endured much hardship and left his home and dwelling. This is not acceptable to Us. Therefore, if action is taken according to last year's intention, it would be good, both for thy relief and for the manifestation of the love and affection of the companions."

This servant, in all conditions, beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, for the relief of that beloved of the heart and for tranquility in the shade of the pavilion of glory, namely the Mansion of Bahji.

I cling to the hem of His generosity that He may open a new door and protect and purify that beloved one from all sorrows. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Salutations, praise, mercy, and glory be upon you and upon the companions of guidance.

The Servant

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to Him Whose gate-keeper hath been sanctified above all that hath been created in the kingdom of creation, and Whose guardian of the seat of detachment hath been exalted above all that is mentioned in earth and heaven. The atoms have testified to the loftiness of His loved ones, their exaltation and their detachment from all else beside Him. Exalted, exalted be their station! Exalted, exalted be their rank, their submissiveness and their humility before the effulgences of the light of His Countenance, and their steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all creation. Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who cannot be mentioned in words nor described by that which is uttered. Thy remembrance hath been sanctified above all expressions, and Thy praise above both reality and metaphor. I beseech Thee by Thy tribulations and by what hath befallen Thee to assist Thy servants to know Thee and to recognize that which Thou wast and ever shall be through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou art He to Whose greatness and might all things have testified. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thereafter, in these days a letter was received wherein this matter was mentioned: that his honor Aqa Muhammad Big had purchased a mule from his honor the Trustee, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], for thirty tumans, and a letter had arrived from the servant requesting that the sum be forwarded. Glory be to God! How could this evanescent servant write such a thing? This sum had no connection to the Most Holy Court. The details of this matter are that his honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], wrote that a mule belonging to his honor the Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, was in the possession of his honor the elevated Trustee, upon him be the glory of God, His might, His light, His radiance and His favors, who sold it to his honor Aqa Muhammad Big, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Now what should be done? This servant wrote that it should be forwarded, meaning delivered to its owner. And since this matter pertains to rights, it was written thus. Otherwise, if this sum had belonged to the Most Holy Court, it would never have been mentioned, much less requested. Now, since they have written that the sum is not available with his honor the Big, according to the command his honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan must settle this debt. His honor Muhammad Big, upon him be the glory of God, has always been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. His services and labors are likewise remembered and witnessed before the Truth. No reward has been nor shall ever be lost. All is recorded in the Book by the Supreme Pen. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him and make him successful as He made him successful before, and to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty that which will cool his eyes, gladden his heart and tranquilize his soul. Verily, He is the Answerer, the

Generous. Mention of him was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was sent down for him from the heaven of loving-kindness and favors.

Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, has been and continues to be under the gaze of divine favor. God, exalted be His glory, Himself bears witness to his service in the divine path. Most of the friends of Truth, in ages past and present, possessed no earthly treasures, and this has never been and is not now a defect, but rather is a manifest glory. We make mention of him in this station that he may rejoice in the favors of his Lord, the Generous. O Muhammad! We have mentioned thee before and mention thee at this hour, and We bear witness that thou hast believed in God and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when every learned one turned away from it, every mystic denied it, every person of understanding was perturbed, and every mighty foundation was shaken. Take heed that the affairs of the world grieve thee not. The Most Great Joy calleth out to thee from the precincts of its mighty Prison. Blessed art thou and those who have voiced the remembrance and praise of God and have arisen to serve His wondrous Cause. Thou art he who hath shown kindness to the friends and loved ones of God. He Who speaketh that there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in thy region and remind them of My beauteous remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have cast the world behind their backs and have turned to the Most Great Name–at Whose appearance the atoms of existence proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all worlds!”

From the revealed verses, the grace and bounty of God are evident and manifest. No deed hath been or ever shall be concealed, and whatsoever hath transpired in the path of God, exalted be His glory, hath not been and shall never be lost. All are recorded and inscribed in the Divine Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, blessed the ear that hath heard, and blessed the tongue that hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. Woe unto those who have turned away and denied! The Glory be upon God’s chosen ones and His friends, and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

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He is God - exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God Who hath adorned these lands with His Most Great Remembrance in His Book, which He hath made a light, an honor and a guidance for all peoples. These lands have been designated by the Most Exalted Pen as the Holy Land, and God hath exalted them through this remembrance among His cities and domains. He hath manifested from them His bounties and favors, which hearts and minds are powerless to reckon. Exalted is the Generous One, the Revealer of this mighty grace! And blessings and peace be upon His unlettered Prophet, the Eternal Light and Everlasting Manifestation, through Whom the ocean of knowledge surged and the nightingale of remembrance warbled upon the highest branches. And upon His family and companions, whom God made the manifestations of His most beautiful names and the dawning-places of His most exalted attributes. Through them appeared God’s might, and His all-encompassing power and everlasting sovereignty held sway. Through them the countenance of

knowledge smiled and the manifestations of Satan wailed - blessings that are sanctified from all else and befitting the court of His chosen ones.

And thereafter, your letters and writings - those pages of love and joy - were received, and each was a key to unlock the gates of gladness, delight, happiness and elation, for they were adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise embellished with glad tidings of the health and well-being of the friends in that land and of your honor. In all conditions, it behooveth man to render, with a hundred thousand tongues, a hundred thousand thanks and praises. You mentioned some of the outward bounties, such as the power of hearing and sight and other physical senses. Yet even this outward sight hath an inner sight, and that sight hath yet another sight. Were the bounties of God and the signs that evidence His outward favor to reveal their true stations, man would observe with clear certainty that even if all the atoms of the universe were to become tongues and attempt to render thanks for His bounties bestowed in but a single moment, they would fail to do so. Sheikh Saadi, may God's mercy rest upon him, hath well said - yet it is evident that the hidden, established stations are far beyond what the bird of utterance can reach in its flight or what the faculty of comprehension can grasp and know. He said that in every breath that goeth in, life is sustained, and when it cometh out, it refresheth the soul. Thus in every breath lie two bounties, and for every bounty thanksgiving is due […] Yet in truth, in every breath a hundred thousand bounties exist and are manifest, and each bounty deserveth a hundred thousand praises and thanks. Who can soar in this atmosphere or open his tongue in His mention and praise? In all conditions, the fair-minded observe themselves to be powerless and wanting. Yet this hath yielded one great blessing, namely that the Intended One hath accepted these expressions of powerlessness and confession of shortcoming, and hath reckoned them as worship. This bounty itself requireth a hundred thousand million thanks. The knowledge is with God. In any case, the letter of that beloved of the heart, your verbal and written mentions, and other remembrances - all were repeatedly read and mentioned, and the palate of hope was sweetened. God willing, may the sweetness of these repetitions take hold of all. It was said before that whatever is repeated becomes more fragrant. Indeed, each of your mentions was like repeated sugar, Indian sugar, Egyptian candy, and royal grapes. Nay, your grapes, which are your mentions, excel those grapes a hundred thousand times. God willing, may they be aided in all conditions and assisted in that which causeth the manifestation of the stations of truth, purity, generosity and bounty. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Supporter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As to your mention of His Eminence Effendi, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him, and your recording of his known virtues - this was noted. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will aid each one to preserve the resplendent Law and the glory of the station of "were it not for thee," concerning which was revealed "were it not for thee, I would not have created the celestial spheres." In any case, that land is blessed. Surely divine treasures have appeared and will appear from it, and it has been and is the repository of God's friends. We beseech God to make the people of divine unity the standards of His guidance and […]

Praised be His remembrance among His lands and His servants. Verily He heareth and seeth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The relatives of that beloved of hearts - praise be to God - are well and safe. The blessed Branches and the people of the pavilion of infallibility all send their

greetings, make mention of you, and express their loving-kindness. Peace and mercy and glory rest upon you and upon the righteous servants of God.

The Servant

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Glory be to Him Whose station is transcendent in greatness and power!

Praise be to God Who hath opened the doors of His knowledge before His servants through the key of utterance, and hath sent down unto them that which draweth them nigh unto Him and preserveth them from the evil of satans. Verily, He is the One Who, through His mighty and wise command, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. And peace and blessings be upon the Sovereign of the kingdoms of wisdom and utterance, through Whom were revealed the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be, by the command of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and upon His family and companions who aided the Cause of God with their wealth and their souls, and strove in His path with their might and their strength, until the light of the Cause shone forth throughout all lands. There is no God but Him, the Lord of creation. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance, your praise, and your steadfastness.

The blessed and exalted letter arrived. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the mention of the Truth and trust in Him, and from each of its letters wafted the fragrance of love. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to exalt your honor through His Name and to render you mighty through His might. After its reading and perusal, it was brought to the presence of the Master, Who said: “O Afnan, O ’Ali, upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy and His grace.” Your letter was mentioned by this servant before His countenance. Praise be to God, they are illumined by the light of love and enkindled with the fire of affection. We beseech God to spread His signs through thee and to open before thy face the door of grace and bounty. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We implore the Truth to assist your honor in all conditions and to grant success in that which causeth the elevation and advancement of existence. O my God, O my God! Aid Thy Afnan in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and ordain for them that which shall protect them from Thine enemies, and assist them in their commerce through Thy generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God, the glad-tidings of well-being arrive like heavenly light. By God’s grace, all are well there, and here too they are blessed by His favors. The letter from his honor the Trustee, upon him be God’s peace, arrived and was the cause of joy and gladness. However, regarding their movement, entry into the great city is not permitted. There is no objection to the journey of his honor the Afnan and Aqa Nasru’llah. They said, God willing, may they arrive safely and attain the divine blessings ordained for them. And they said to convey greetings to Mirza ’Abdu’l-Husayn. Praise be to God, he has been and

continues to be mentioned and is blessed with favors. We beseech God to manifest through him in His path that which shall endure as long as His names endure. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Likewise, we mention the loved ones of that land and send them greetings, and we seek for each one that which is the cause and means of the perpetuation of name and remembrance. This lowly one also conveys greetings to the beloved of the heart and solace of loving eyes, his honor the Afnan, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for them that which brings joy to the friends. Verily, He hath power over all things. Similarly, I convey greetings to his honor the Trustee and other travelers, each one, and I seek for them enduring blessing from the heaven of divine generosity. He is the Giver, He is the All-Bountiful.

The loved ones of that land, praise be to God, are ever before our sight and are mentioned in the presence of the Master. Blessed are they. Today, in truth, the souls that are assured, steadfast, content and pleasing are sanctified beyond description and praise. In view of outward means and their continuance among the people, these remembrances flow from tongue and pen. For the rest, the matter is in the hand of the Mighty, the Powerful, and the Lord of grace and bounty. He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Informed.

Regarding the salary of the late ?akim Musa, upon him be God's mercy and forgiveness, assuredly what his honor the Afnan hath written is correct. God willing, their reply will also be sent from this quarter, as well as the reply to Haji Husayn and the Persian gentlemen, which will be sent to your honor for collection upon arrival. The receipts will also be sent. May light, mercy, glory and splendor be upon your honor and upon those with you, and those who love you and hear your word in this manifest Cause, and glory be upon you. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

Praise be to God Who hath spoken that whereby all things were attracted, and through Whom His path and His balance were made manifest, and whatsoever was recorded in the Books, the Scriptures, the Psalms and the Tablets. He, verily, is the Cleaver of the daybreak and the Sender of winds. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. And may blessings and peace, shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of His grace, rest upon His loved ones and His chosen ones who have cast aside the ways of the world, holding fast to His straight path. These are servants unto whom God's Book hath testified, both before and after, and the tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken their praise in the Qur'an: "They speak not until He hath spoken, and they do His bidding."

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the pearls of utterance appeared and the fountain of Thy knowledge flowed amidst Thy creatures, to ordain for Thy loved ones, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Thou art He Who hath ever been, in the heights of bounty, mercy, loving-kindness and beneficence, and will ever

continue to be even as Thou hast been from all eternity. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance! Your letter arrived and from its horizon shone forth the light of recognition. When I opened and read it, I found the fragrance of your words in the mention of our Lord, the All-Merciful. Then was I taken up until I entered the Most Exalted Paradise, the Station whereon the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Glorious Name. When I presented what was therein before His Countenance, the Ancient Lord turned toward me and spoke that which caused the ocean of knowledge to surge in creation and the light of recognition to shine from the heaven of proof. He said, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance:

"O Zein! Blessed art thou that My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee morning and evening. By My life! The glances of My favor are directed toward thee and the showers of My loving-kindness are raining upon thee. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath heard My sweetest call in the earliest days; and blessed be thine eye, for it hath beheld My most exalted horizon; and blessed be thy heart, for it hath turned toward the Dayspring of My most beautiful Names; and blessed be thy hand, for it hath taken hold of My Book; and blessed be thy tongue, for it hath spoken My praise and glorification." Thus doth the Lord of the worlds make mention of thee in the Most Great Prison with that which diffuseth the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

The portion of that honored one from the treasury of the grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath been and is beyond measure. Thou hast partaken of one ocean of supreme bounty, one city of greatest favor, and one world of praise and glorification. No tongue is capable of uttering "well done," nay rather, the Kingdom of utterance is needed to speak forth "well done and blessed be it," inasmuch as the station of the manifestation of grace from the direction of Truth is such that this evanescent servant and his like are powerless and fall short of describing it. Exalted be His generosity, exalted be His bounty, and exalted be His loving-kindness and mercy!

When Jinab-i-Safar-'Ali (upon him be 96) attained the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, they promised that a Tablet would be specially revealed and sent for him. This time it was sent. I beseech God to assist him and all servants in that which is the good of all. It is most regrettable that lives should be wasted and pass fruitlessly. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will make all aware and deliver them from this heedlessness, for had we not been heedless, cities opened in the name of Truth and wherein His mention was raised would not have fallen into the hands of the idolaters and enemies of the manifest religion. This is truth, there is no doubt therein.

Now must the sincere ones and the pure in heart, with utmost lowliness, beseech God, exalted be His glory, for the protection of the radiant Faith. The recompense of deeds is evident and manifest in all days, but where is the soul who will take heed, and where is the one who will be awakened? The sleep of heedlessness and the intoxication of pride have seized all and cast them like uprooted stones upon the earth.

Praise be to God that the blessed month of fasting became a cause of joy and gladness, though its end brought endless sorrow. Through divine confirmations and heavenly assistance, deeds were manifest

according to our capacity, but it is difficult for such minor acts to efface or compensate for major transgressions. In any case, we seek forgiveness through goodly character and praiseworthy deeds - how much more so without them! Never have the deeds of a servant been worthy of the court of the Lord, unless His grace should take hold and His favor should assist.

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He is God, exalted be His glory! Majesty and grandeur belong unto Him.

Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak in praise of Him Who was wronged throughout all regions. He, verily, is the Single One, the One, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting, Whom none of His servants can comprehend and none of His creatures can describe. He, verily, is sanctified above all mention. My spirit be a sacrifice for the fragrances of Thy love.

I have been honored by the first ornament of your letter, which was adorned with praise of God, the Sovereign of all peoples and the Manifestor of causes. Joy seized me in such wise that tongues are powerless to describe. For this we praise our Lord, the All-Merciful, Who created us by a word from His presence, made us among His loved ones, caused us to speak His praise, taught us the path of His guidance, and instructed us in that which profiteth us in all His worlds. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

It is submitted that regarding what you wrote about Sasoon, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], this servant was likewise perplexed as to what thought prompted this mention. The Holy Land is much disturbed these days, as His Holiness the Name has incurred a debt of one thousand liras and has nothing to show for it, and this sum belongs to the poor Khawaja and his partner. In such circumstances, it is evident what has happened and what will happen. We beseech God to assist us in that which will exalt His mention among His creation and His Cause among His servants. Indeed, this matter has been and continues to be a source of great humiliation, although it remains concealed for now. But after people become aware of it, it is unknown what will transpire. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

A letter was observed from the honored Surur, Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which he had written to Aqa Muhammad-Rida, mentioning his hardships. Since all these matters have been endured for God's sake, God willing, they are sweeter than honey to his taste. This servant was present before the Face when instructions were given to send a telegram for them to come by steamer on Friday. Had they departed, it would have been most excellent, as the steamer arrived in Haifa in perfect comfort. However, according to their letter, the telegram arrived late and they were not properly informed that the steamer would arrive in Haifa. In any case, all that has occurred is for the best.

The conveying of greetings from this servant to him and his son, upon them both be the glory of the All-Merciful, depends upon your grace. Furthermore, it was repeatedly heard from the blessed Tongue that you should be informed to strive as much as possible to keep matters concealed, meaning it is preferable that the friends in Iraq know as little as possible about the affairs of the Prison. For if it becomes known among people that news of the Holy Land reaches those dwelling in Iraq, it has been and will be harmful.

Let them consider this matter in whatever way is wise. The glory be upon you and those with you, and upon the two who arrived unto you, and upon the loved ones of God in those parts.

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Then, may my spirit be sacrificed for you. Your second letter, from which wafted the fragrance of inner meanings, this evanescent servant was blessed to receive. Praise be to God for having opened the gates of the heaven of His bounty with the water of His Cause and made His chosen loved ones the bearers of this resplendent Kawthar.

The matters written were observed. Regarding His Holiness Mirza, his deliverance remains in that same word which shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance. Regarding His Holiness Amin Effendi, upon him be from all 9 [Baha] His Most Glorious, praise be to God that most often his mention has been made in the Most Great Scene and the face of favor has been turned toward him. Regarding what was written about His Excellency the aforementioned Pasha, may God assist him, no news has been received from him for some time, therefore sending a letter was not permitted. In any case, divine favor has been and is with him, and its effects, whenever they appear, will be manifested in the visible world. What is incumbent upon him is to hold fast to wisdom and also to visit His Excellency the Pasha. His affairs will proceed in a manner that will gladden his inner heart and rejoice his soul. Convey to him the most wondrous, most impregnable, most holy greetings from this evanescent one. Glory be upon him from his Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, in majesty and power!

Praise be to God! The bounty of utterance flows forth and the feast of love descends. Joy is manifest from every direction, for the traces of the pen of the chosen ones appear continuously and successively. In truth, what a wondrous remedy it is for the malady of sorrow, anxiety and grief. Mighty is the arm of the Physician Who compounded this remedy, and the will that was connected with it. Were there justice, we should, throughout our lives, be engaged in thanksgiving, be occupied in praise, and be characterized by humility. This is the truth of what was submitted. However, the excesses of the transgressors and the calumnies of the atheists have deprived the world of most bounties. They utter that which hath no likeness in the world, let alone its essence, and whose branch hath not been seen, let alone its root. I beseech God to assist the unitarians with the hosts of His grace, to bring forth the vanished standards, and to raise high the lowered banners. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O beloved of my heart! The ignorance and folly of the servants have become the cause and reason for abasement. We must, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Self-Sufficing Lord for that which is the cause of victory and joy. The unitarians are in utmost weakness, the polytheists in utmost

strength, and the decree is in none other than God's hand, our Lord and your Lord. The cause of weakness is evident, and likewise the reason for power.

After praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, and mention of the Most Great Book of His Holiness the Seal, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, I submit that your esteemed letter arrived. Glory be to God! It was crowned with the crown of joy and adorned with the ornament of favor, for its reading reminded the spirit and its perusal refreshed the soul. After reading and observing it, I proceeded to the presence, and it was presented before His face. He said: "O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of love and affection! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before with a remembrance whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding were attracted."

Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the court of the Wronged One. We beseech God to open before thy face the gate of bounty and to make thee succeed to infinite favors. The servant present mentioned thy letter. From every word was heard that which testified to love, fellowship, devotion and humility. A truthful and trustworthy one spoke. We beseech God to make thee in all circumstances a cause for the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause, and to grant thee the best of what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

From these radiant utterances, the stations of favor are clear and manifest, visible before the face without veil or covering. The interpreters have no path to this station, and the translators of the world no standing. Concerning what thou didst write about thine own affairs, after it was presented to the Lord, He spoke this word: This Wronged One beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to manifest that which is the cause of steadfastness, bounty, blessing and tranquility. Verily, He heareth the call of them that beseech Him. Outwardly, these matters depend upon consultation. In truth, let several souls gather together for the sake of God, and whatsoever appeareth from consultation, whether there or here, let them hold fast unto it. The principle of consultation hath ever been and is acceptable before God, and in the Books of both past and present this firm decree hath been revealed from the Presence of the All-Wise. His is the command, and ours is submission and obedience. His is the decree, and ours is acceptance and compliance. He is the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

This evanescent servant hopeth that the gate may be opened and joy and bounty may descend. With utmost humility and submissiveness, I convey greetings to all the loved ones of that land, and I beseech the Goal of the world to confirm each one in unity, harmony and steadfastness. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor.

My God, my God! Deprive us not of that whereby the stations of Thy loved ones are elevated among Thy servants and Thy chosen ones in Thy lands. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to the cord of Thy grace. Aid them to hear that which will profit them through Thy bounty and exalt them through Thy generosity and bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

Salutations, praise, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hearken to your words for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord.

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O Pen! Be thou the interpreter of Our heart

Soar for a moment in the realms of the spirit

This is not the time to sit in silence;

Bring the lovers to a state of fervent ardor

Speak a portion of love and loving,

That thou may distinguish the godly from the ungodly

Love is to become wholly effaced in the Beloved,

To slay the base self in His path

Love is to be of one heart with the Beloved,

To be as a bird with severed throat in His path

Love is conformity with love itself and naught else;

Never can love and desire be joined together

Love makes the lover so patient

That it uproots all desire from his heart

Love makes the lover so discerning

That he can pierce the darkness with his sight

Love makes the lover so truthful

That his radiance illumines all the world

Love forsakes all pleasures,

And strips the self of all its passions

Love cannot endure without its Object for a moment;

It sets the world ablaze with its burning

Love makes space constrained for lovers

Until the Beloved shows His good-pleasure with the lover

O Pen! My heart has grown weary of this world,

O Thou Who art the Solver of all difficulties!

Since thou hast explained love and loving,

Speak again of the faithful lover

Who draws away from all selfish desire,

And raises high the standard of faithfulness

That whoever beholds his countenance

Is transformed by a single gesture from him

That whoever receives his influence

Is illumined like a candle from his fire

That his very being, without speech or tongue,

May guide creation to the Creator

He is ever in union with his Heart's Desire,

Day and night in the presence of his King

O Pen! Proclaim to all contingent being:

Thus speaks the Sovereign Lord of Guidance!

O friends! Thirty years have passed since this world became My throne of glory.

What afflictions I have purchased for My Being, into what manner of pits have I descended!

Despite My power, might and riches, I became familiar with chains and fetters.

At times like captives of Europe from Ray, we hastened without delay to Baghdad.

At times toward Rum like a prisoner did I proceed, though I am sovereign of the heavens.

Sometimes Adrianople, sometimes Akka was My dwelling, like prisoners ever without rest.

Seven years have passed that for the sake of the world, the Most Great Prison became My abode.

Neither did I seek help from anyone, nor did a request pass My lips.

Rather, day and night with a hundred sighs and cries, I sent forth emissaries to My loved ones -

The revealed Word of Truth and Tablets of Truth, from each of which was kindled the Lamp of Truth.

O My beloved ones who are related to Me! You are all cherished and desired by Me.

For your sake I have submitted to tribulation, I have opened the gates that were closed.

How much pure blood was spilled! How many heads were sacrificed without fear or care,

Until this Tree grew tall and the adversary could no longer cast stones at it.

Yet those associated with it, from left and right, cast stones without fear or restraint.

This Tree is like a harp from the heart, saying: “O group of accomplished friends!

Though for a time I am safe from the adversary, yet from the friends My body finds no rest.”

Be aware, O friends, be aware! Open wide your eyes of wisdom.

I have been patient until now with your parsimony, like a father I have circled round your smoke.

I saw and gave you counsel of unity, freed you from a thousand bonds.

Your words were taken as unheard, I closed My eyes to your deeds,

That you might arise from heavy sleep, and take the hand of others in faithfulness.

Another year and patience reaches its end, another wine fills the cup.

Not everyone deserves this feast - let each take his own way with joy,

That God’s Cause be not clouded by his deeds, for that Tree has reached the end of its forbearance.

After this, whoever deals crookedly with it, and through ignorance plucks a leaf from it,

Such a fire will be kindled in his soul that no trace of his foundation will remain.

Let those present tell the absent ones, that they may repent of their deeds.

May they be characterized by the Most Glorious countenance,

Becoming divine confirmations through their deeds, though silent in speech.

May they seek naught but the glory of the Cause of Baha,

And pursue His good pleasure, and that alone.

If for a time they follow this path,

They shall attain everlasting glory.

If in this way they seek the Friend,

They shall soon triumph over all existence.

The message of the Beloved has been proclaimed to the lovers:

Each soul possesses free will.

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The beginning of speech and the end of conclusion is the mention of the Sovereign of the heavenly realm and the King of Glory - exalted be His grace and magnificent His favor. There is no God but Him. And then it is submitted that one such as yourself, who has appeared as a leaf of the divine Tree and as a fruit of the Pre-existent Lote Tree, and who has been nourished from the chalices of light and has drunk from the crimson cups - why should you be veiled from the divine mysteries and the manifest words of the Eternal, and become distant from the ultimate purpose and spiritual desire?

Let it not be thought that some ulterior motive lies hidden in the essence of these words, or that some fancy is concealed in the secret of these allusions. I swear by the God Who caused this servant to be seated upon the carpet of love and to repose upon the cushions of affection, that whatsoever has been mentioned stems from the gems of grace and the manifestations of generosity, sanctified from the consideration of otherness and holy beyond the witness of qualities.

Look to the previous centuries and reflect upon what God revealed therein to their peoples. Why did discord arise among them, and for what reason did they turn away from His countenance, stray from His path, cause corruption in His Cause, associate partners with the Sovereign of His oneness, and become among the perishing ones? Have you heard that God's religion could be effaced before being established, or His decree annulled before being revealed? Say: What ails you? How is it that you neither know nor perceive?

Nay, by my Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth! No one can alter a single letter of what was revealed in the Bayan by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He has bound Himself to establish all that was ordained in the Book by His command, but the people know not and understand not.

O friend! Be fair in God's presence, then place yourself before Him. Did you write the Bayan as God, your Beloved, the Beloved of the mystics, commanded you? Nay, by your life, you neither wrote it nor obeyed what you were commanded by Him, and became of the hesitating ones. Rather, you desired to keep people away from His command and prohibition, and to be among those who distance others.

Are you content with one who mocked God, turned away from His presence, strayed from His path, was heedless of His remembrance, and became of the opposing ones? Say: Are you not ashamed before God Who created you, reared you, and made you a king that you might remind people of God's days and be among those who remember? Yet you followed your own desires and turned away from the decree of God, my Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the worlds.

Read unto them what was revealed before you and all on earth deny it. Verily God is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. By the Lord of the heavens and earth! If all who are in the heavens were to gather claiming divinity, and all who are on earth claiming lordship, they would neither be able nor capable of revealing a

single letter of what God has revealed in the Book. Say: What ails you? How is it that you neither awaken nor recognize?

By Him Who holds my soul in His hand! I desire nothing in these words except my love for you and my affection for your person. Otherwise, what concern have I to mention one who was the best of those remembered? But when I witnessed your forgetfulness of your covenant, I cast upon you what none in all the worlds would cast, that you might recognize God's right in these days, make up for what escaped you, and be of the doers of good. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In any case, in these days His good-pleasure is beloved, and all are captive in the grip of power. There is no escape for anyone. Do not regard the Cause of God as something trivial wherein anyone might express their fancy. Now several persons from various quarters have made this same claim. Soon you shall witness that the Tree of Independence shall endure forever through its own glorious and beauteous Sovereign, while all these others shall perish and vanish, nay rather, become as nothing remembered, as scattered dust. Then indeed we belong to God and to Him do we return.

If you deem it advisable, convey greetings from this servant to Mirza, and then submit: Have not the standards of discord been raised from all directions, and has not the corruption of these companions not corrupted the world? Is this not enough? How can these be reconciled? This is what has been written and established in all books and by all Messengers: "Associate not anyone with the worship of thy Lord." One like yourself should be observant of all degrees. The choice is yours. I am but a faithful counselor. And peace be upon the assured ones.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

How wonderful are the bestowals of the True One, exalted be His glory! He granted His gifts unasked, and bestowed understanding undeserved, that every soul might attain unto the recognition of the Lord of "were it not for Thee." And the recognition of Him is identical with the recognition of God, for the True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and shall ever remain unknowable, indescribable, and incomprehensible. "No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision: He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things." When He desired to adorn the realm of recognition, He created the intellect. It is the administrator and minister in that realm. Exalted be His bounty, exalted be His grace, exalted be His favor, exalted be His beneficence! The seen and the unseen, the visible and invisible, all are illumined and adorned by the effulgence of the Most Great Light, namely His Holiness the Seal, may our souls be a sacrifice for all else but Him.

O God, O All-Bountiful, O All-Merciful, O Self-Sufficing, O Peerless One! What can we say when all our utterances arise from vain imaginings, unworthy of Thy threshold and court? If Thou regardest justice, we are nothing and worthy of nothing, but if Thou lookest upon Thy grace, we are and have ever been worthy of every bounty. Thy name, the Concealer, hath ever concealed, and Thy generosity hath brought to naught the consequences of disobedience. Should Thy bounty bestow attention less than the eye of a

needle, we would all become people of insight and knowledge, but should it turn away–God forbid–we would deserve a hundred thousand stings. O my God, have mercy on Thy weak ones, grant awareness to the heedless, and bestow steadfastness and constancy upon the aware ones. O Lord, deprive not Thy loved ones of the heaven of Thy grace and bounty. Grant that which befitteth Thy Most Generous Name, and bestow that which beseemeth Thy Name, the All-Bountiful. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Great. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The letter of that honored friend arrived, dispelling grief and bringing joy. In truth, it bestowed the blessing of reunion and entirely erased the hardship of separation. Praise be upon his hand and arm! If this servant should be remiss in responding to your correspondence, I hope to be forgiven, as I am occupied with numerous tasks and countless affairs–sometimes writing, sometimes planting trees, and at times engaged in various services. Surely the friends can testify to what has been mentioned, and certainly these services, being for the sake of God, are hoped to bring joy to the hearts of the friends and earn their good pleasure. However, the absence of a reply or its delay has never been and is not evidence of lack of love. God Almighty is witness that you have ever been and remain in my thoughts. Praise be to God that the affairs of the land of Kaf, according to what has been written, have been and are being resolved. God willing, may it transpire according to your wishes.

As for the [lambs] sent by the honored master, Sabri Efendi, upon him be the Glory of God, they arrived with the same mark and sign as mentioned. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to confirm him in all conditions and grant him success. He is mentioned; this is what matters and, praise be to God, is present. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey greetings, praise, and glory to him. Likewise, I send greetings and glory to the honored friend, Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, and I beseech God, exalted be His station, that they may be engaged in the mention and praise of the One True Friend in perfect health and well-being. The spiritual friend, Aqa ’Ali-Muhammad, came, but as there was no one to accompany him to Iran, the command for his return was issued. Whenever someone is found, we shall inform you. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one. God willing, may they ever be successful.

As for the item sent by Aqa ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, it has not arrived, but they said, “We have accepted what has not arrived.” May God, exalted be His glory, grant reward, and they said, “From these that Sabri Efendi, upon him be peace, has sent, we shall use some with his intention in mind. Let him not trouble himself further. What we seek and desire has been and is goodly words, righteous deeds, and praiseworthy character,” and God willing, he has attained unto these. This evanescent servant also sends greetings and glory to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation and support. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearing, the Answering One. I entrust Qurratu’l-’Ayn and Qurratu’l-’Ayn ’Inayatu’llah and ’Ata’iyyih Khanum, both of them, to God and seek their protection. It is hoped they will attain the highest degrees of grace and knowledge and be successful in serving the Cause. Verily, He is the Forgiver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Peace, spirit, and mercy be upon you and upon those with you and upon God’s righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to God that the gates of attainment unto His presence are opened wide, their outward key being the pen and ink, and their inner key being the grace of God, the Lord of all creation. We praise Him and thank Him for having guided us in days wherein the fire of oppression hath been kindled in all regions through the doings of the manifestations of tyranny. And blessings and peace be upon the Dayspring of existence, the Lord of Revelation, and the Dawning-Place and Rising-Point of God's most excellent names, and upon His kindred and companions who were the lamps of grace amidst all creation and the suns of bounty unto all beings - eternal blessings whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of the manifestations of His attributes. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your honour.

Your blessed letter was received and after it was read before the countenance of the Lord, He said: O 'Ali-Akbar! The smoke of tyranny hath darkened the world of justice and veiled the light of equity. The heedless souls are encompassed by the hosts of transgression, wickedness, self and passion, to such extent that they have no purpose save their own desires and no beloved save this world. Veils of denial have prevented their eyes from recognizing what is right, and the lusts of passion have obscured their faculty of understanding, to such degree that they count loss as profit and abasement as glory. Heedlessness hath reached such a point that they slay their own Lord with their own hands and abandon their friend to the enemy. Glory be to God! The oppressors of the earth have reached such a state of tyranny that the Pharaohs and tyrants of the world seek refuge in God from their deeds.

O Mahdi, upon thee be My glory! In the early dawn the breezes passed over those pure and holy bodies, and from their whispers these exalted words were heard: "Woe unto you! Woe unto you! Woe unto you! Woe unto you! O people of Ya! Ye have martyred your own masters with the swords of tyranny and transgression, and ye perceive it not. Soon shall the recompense of your deeds encompass you. At that time ye shall find neither helper nor supporter, neither protector nor friend. Have ye grown heedless of the power of divine justice, or have ye obtained a letter of immunity from His might? By God's life! All the concourse of the near angels and the cherubim lament and shed tears of blood. O Mahdi! Who hath assisted the families and children of the martyrs? Who hath consoled them? Who hath cared for them? Who hath given them bread and water? The Pen lamenteth, the Most Great Name weepeth."

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones and loved ones at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all existence, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued both the seen and the unseen, to assist the oppressors in achieving justice and equity, and to make known to them what hath proceeded from them throughout the nights and days. O Lord! Take the hands of the oppressed ones through Thy power and might, then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Convey greetings and glorification from this Wronged One to the people of that household. The glory from Us be upon them and upon those who love them for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God, all are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and are illumined by the light of His utterance.

In these nights and days, mention of the martyrs of the land of Ya hath been and is being heard from the tongue of Grandeur. Thus far, they have been mentioned several times and recorded in Tablets. Blessed are they, and joy and delight be unto them, for they have attained unto that which hath been the ultimate desire of the sincere ones and the ultimate will of those near unto God. Although the oppression is beyond reckoning, yet such bounty hath been manifested toward them that no knowledgeable recorder could ever describe it. We praise God, blessed and exalted be He, for the wonders of His generosity, His favors, His grace and His gifts. Verily He is the Helper of those in distress and the Succourer of the oppressed. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

I beseech God to preserve your honour forever and adorn you with the ornament of health. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Furthermore, I convey greetings and glorification to those related to your honour, and I beseech infinite favors and boundless grace for each one of them. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Regarding what you wrote about mentioning the petition, it is known that your honour deliberately does not open the trusts, and moreover, the favors of God, exalted be His glory, toward your honour are beyond mention and reckoning. Therefore, what occurred was submitted and was accepted.

And concerning what you asked about the oil, the amount that was commanded was two rotls. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon your honour and upon those who are with you and love you, and upon those who are assured and unified, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

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He is the Teacher, the Expositor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

Praise be worthy and befitting the Most Great Cause, Who adorned the dead in the valleys of heedlessness and ignorance with the ornament of awareness and knowledge, and bestowed upon those thirsting in the desert of error a portion from the Kawthar of guidance. Exalted, exalted be His bounty, and exalted, exalted be His bestowal, and glorious is His utterance, and mighty is His proof, and there is no God but Him.

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! This day is the day for the diffusion of divine traces and the springtime of utterance. The people of God must each, through wisdom and exposition, illumine the world of being with the light of recognition, and bestow from the sealed wine which hath been unsealed in the name of the Self-Subsisting, that all may, through this most glorious wine, turn unto the supreme horizon and attain unto the greatest steadfastness. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. Say: O people! This is the Day of God - turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Cause through whose appearance the trumpet of utterance was sounded, and they that slumbered in the graves of idle fancies arose, and through it the cry was raised and the divine fragrances were diffused, and the Herald called out from the direction of divine unity: "The sovereignty of earth and heaven, and glory and dominion belong to the Speaker on Sinai Who hath come from the heaven of bounty bearing the banner of 'He doeth what He willeth.'" Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

Say: O friends! Today is the day of service and assistance. Arise, that perchance ye may adorn the people of the world with the lights of the Most Great Name. Today grace hath encompassed all, and the bounty of wisdom and the feast of utterance have been sent down from the heaven of will. By the life of God! Neither centuries nor ages can be compared with this Day, nay with this moment. Whatever hath occurred in the land, although the idolaters imagine that the light of God's Cause will be obscured through the rejected deeds of evil souls, yet [He will transform] oppression into victory. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds, and they shall find for themselves neither helper nor supporter.

O Husayn! We desire to make mention of him who migrated in the path of God and whose spirit ascended in the land of exile, after his hope and endeavor had been to attain the presence of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O Shukru'llah! Thou art in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Wronged One mentioneth thee in the prison of 'Akka. We beseech God to send down upon thee a mercy from His presence and a light from His own Self. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. He loveth His friends and remembereth them before and after their ascension, holding in His grasp the reins of grace, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is with His loved ones in whatever land they may be. He heareth their remembrances and witnesseth their deeds, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing One. And We make mention of thy son in this most exalted station, who was named with the Most Beautiful Names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great grace. The glory from Us be upon thee, O Shukru'llah, and upon those who read what hath been sent down for thee from the Most Exalted Pen in this luminous spot.

[…] If anyone asks you about the Ship, say: It rides amidst the waves. Thus has spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It is hoped that in that land the loved ones will become so intoxicated and joyous with the Kawthar of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds that the ranks and multitudes of the world will be powerless to prevent them. Convey to each one greetings from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the pearls of wisdom and utterance which have been revealed from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen. Mention of that group has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. Verily they have a station with God, the Powerful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Informed. At the close of this discourse We make mention of the Afnan, upon them be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. Praise

be to God, they have been and continue to be the recipients of divine favors from the beginning of days until now. We beseech God to assist them to exalt His Word, to serve His Cause and to hold fast unto His Cord in such wise that neither the affairs of the world nor the events of nations will hinder them. In truth, they were brought from nothingness into being for the service of the Cause, and their mention shall forever endure in God's Book and flow from the Pen of bounty. Blessed are they and joy be unto them and unto those who love them for the sake of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. The Glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the hands of certitude. They are truly among those who are nigh unto God in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise be unto Him Who is the Purpose of the world, Who befits all glory, Who created the world through love, ignited it with love, guided it with love, and caused it to attain its goal. Exalted be His favors and magnificent be His grace!

And now, the letter from that light of mine eyes arrived. Praise be to God, the news of health and well-being and the arrival of each was the source of joy and delight. Likewise, after your petition was presented before Him, He spoke thus: "Verily, the Wronged One implores God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, the Master of the hereafter and this world, to assist you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, to confirm you in that which will exalt the station of man, and to aid you in achieving that which He loves and is pleased with." Perchance the friends of God may become the cause of humanity's salvation and the means of extinguishing the fire of hatred that has ever been and continues to be ablaze in the hearts of the world's peoples.

We beseech God to confirm you. We make mention of Nabil-ibn-Nabil, upon whom rest God's peace and grace. God is aware and bears witness that this Wronged One has ever desired for him that which has no equal, and none of what was said concerning him was confirmed. We mentioned to 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon whom be peace: let them not be saddened, for none of what people have said has been accepted. From the earliest days until now, both S.M. and Nabil-ibn-Nabil have arisen to serve, having surpassed their peers and companions. They have ever been and continue to be confirmed. What We desired was that all tongues should speak in praise and glorification of their trustworthiness and piety. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor.

If one or two souls should speak ill out of personal motives, it is unworthy of mention. Truth has been and will be distinguished from falsehood. Say: God, then leave them to their vain imaginings. We beseech God to grant such confirmation that its effects shall become manifest throughout all regions. No slanderer's word is acceptable, and no mischief-maker's mention is worthy of attention. If certain matters appear dubious to some, they are clear and evident before God. They must arise to serve humanity with perfect wisdom and engage in their work with the utmost joy and fragrance, in such wise that they neither become distressed by the vexing words of the world's heedless ones nor be hindered from their own

affairs. They have taken hold of the Cause and are occupied with it. Deeds must be for God's sake. Not an atom's weight of good works has been or will ever be left unrewarded.

O Nabil-i-'Ali! Be assured of thy Lord's grace, seek His mercy, call upon Him for help, rely upon His favors, hold fast to His cord, and cling to His robe. Can that which is done for God's sake remain concealed or be altered? Nay, by His very Self! He verily witnesses and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. In all conditions, we seek His aid and assistance. This Wronged One has ever been among the fangs of wolves, yet the tongue remains eloquent and the Pen in motion. The knowledge thereof is with God, the Lord of all worlds.

The Glory be upon thee, O Nabil-ibn-Nabil, and upon thy son, and upon whosoever unites with thee in God's Cause, assists thee, and stands with thee in all conditions. Can one imagine a greater favor than this? Nay, by His very Self! The mention testifies, the utterance bears witness, and the Word identifies, speaks, and proclaims. Every possessor of hearing and sight beholds the light of favor dawning from the horizon of these words. Blessed are they that behold! Blessed are they that hear!

This evanescent servant beseeches God to confirm that beloved one in such wise that none shall have cause for words. Assuredly this prayer has been and will be answered. Verily, He does not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good, the reward of those who act, the reward of those who turned to Him in the early days when most of the servants in all lands turned away. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Witness, the Beholder, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I remember that light of mine eyes, Aqa Shaykh Ahmad, upon whom be God's peace, and I beseech God for his health, well-being, elevation, and exaltation. Peace, praise, remembrance, and glory be upon you and upon God's friends and loved ones.

The Servant

12th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1304

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LXVI Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Thou seest me dwelling in this prison-house that lieth behind the seas and the mountains, and knowest full well what I have endured for love of Thee and for the sake of Thy Cause. Thou art He, O my God, Who hath raised me up at Thy behest, and bidden me to occupy Thy seat, and to summon all men to the court of Thy mercy. It is Thou Who hast commanded me to tell out the things Thou didst destine for them in the Tablet of Thy decree and didst inscribe with the pen of Thy Revelation, and Who hast enjoined on me the duty of kindling the fire of Thy love in the hearts of Thy servants, and of drawing all the peoples of the earth nearer to the habitation of Thy throne.

And when, as bidden by Thee, I arose and called out, by Thy leave, all Thy creatures, the wayward among Thy servants opposed me. Some turned away from me, others disowned my claim, a few hesitated, while others were sore perplexed, notwithstanding that Thy testimony was set forth before the followers of all

religions, and Thy proof demonstrated unto all the peoples of the earth, and the signs of Thy might so powerfully manifested as to encompass the entire creation.

I was, moreover, opposed by mine own kindred, although, as Thou knowest, they were dear to me and I had desired for them that which I had desired for mine own self. These are the ones who, when learning that I had been cast into prison, perpetrated against me what no man else on earth had perpetrated.

I entreat Thee, therefore, O my God, by Thy name by which Thou hast separated between truth and denial, to purify their hearts of all evil suggestions, and to enable them to draw nigh unto Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy names and Thine attributes.

Thou knowest, O my God, that I have severed every tie that bindeth me to any of Thy creatures except that most exalted tie that uniteth me with whosoever cleaveth unto Thee, in this the day of the revelation of Thy most august Self, that hath appeared in Thy name, the All-Glorious. Thou knowest that I have dissolved every bond that knitteth me to any one of my kindred except such as have enjoyed near access to Thy most effulgent face.

I have no will but Thy will, O my Lord, and cherish no desire except Thy desire. From my pen floweth only the summons which Thine own exalted pen hath voiced, and my tongue uttereth naught save what the Most Great Spirit hath itself proclaimed in the kingdom of Thine eternity. I am stirred by nothing else except the winds of Thy will, and breathe no word except the words which, by Thy leave and Thine inspiration, I am led to pronounce.

Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Well-Beloved of all that have known Thee, and the Desire of the hearts of such as are devoted to Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast made me a target for the ills that I suffer in my love for Thee, and the object of the assaults launched against me in Thy path. Thy glory beareth me witness! I can, on no account, feel impatient of the adversities that I have borne in my love for Thee. From the very day Thou didst reveal Thyself unto me, I have accepted for myself every manner of tribulation. Every moment of my life my head crieth out to Thee and saith: “Would, O my Lord, that I could be raised on the spear-point in Thy path!” while my blood entreateth Thee saying: “Dye the earth with me, O my God, for the sake of Thy love and Thy pleasure!” Thou knowest that I have, at no time, sought to guard my body against any affliction, nay rather I have continually anticipated the things Thou didst ordain for me in the Tablet of Thy decree.

Behold, then, O my God, my loneliness among Thy servants and my remoteness from Thy friends and Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee, by the showers of the clouds of Thy mercy, whereby Thou hast caused the blossoms of Thy praise and utterance and the flowers of Thy wisdom and testimony to spring forth in the hearts of all them that have recognized Thy oneness, to supply Thy servants and my kindred with the fruits of the tree of Thy unity, in these days when Thou hast been established upon the throne of Thy mercy. Hinder them not, O my Lord, from attaining unto the things Thou dost possess, and write down for them that which will aid them to scale the heights of Thy grace and favor. Give them, moreover, to drink of the living waters of Thy knowledge, and ordain for them the good of this world and of the world to come.

Thou art, verily, the Lord of Baha, and the Beloved of his heart, and the Object of his desire, and the Inspirer of his tongue, and the Source of his soul. No God is there but Thee, the Inaccessible, the Most High. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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He is the Speaker upon the Thrones of Hearts!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is indeed the Manifestation of the Resurrection and the Herald of the Hour. Through Him hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance, the Ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all possibility. Through Him hath the horizon of the world been illumined and the Most Great Name appeared, and He is the One Who speaketh above all things with the sweetest call: "Verily, there is none other God but I, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Transcendent, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!"

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Lord of all creation. He is the Caller from the Ascension and the Speaker in the Tree that groweth upon the Mount in the Land of Manifestation. Through Him hath the pure wine been passed round among the manifestations of light. Blessed is he who hath attained unto Him in the days of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, and woe betide them who have kept themselves remote from the grace of God, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who is single in grandeur, might and majesty, and peerless in glory, loftiness and grace. He hath created the Most Exalted Pen and made it the Primal Cause for the unity of the manifestations of names. Through it hath the Dove cooed upon the Ultimate Tree that there is none other God but the Lord of the Beginning and the End, and through it hath the Nightingale of praise warbled upon the Branch of eternity that there is none other God but the Sovereign of earth and heaven.

Praise be to God Who hath attracted hearts through His Best-Beloved Name and unified all created things through His Name that transcendeth all names and attributes, Who is established upon the throne of 'He doeth what He willeth' and ruleth over all who are in earth and heaven through His sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds.

O ye Daysprings of names and Manifestations of might in the Kingdom of creation! O ye who dwell in the depths of grandeur and who inhabit the Most Exalted Paradise! Rejoice ye in this Most Great Joy wherein the Lord of Eternity addresseth and speaketh amidst the peoples. Then draw ye nigh with radiant faces and illumined hearts, and take ye the crimson cup from the hand of bounty of the Creator of earth and heaven. Then drink ye thereof once in His Name that domineth all names, and again in His Name whereby all things are attracted. To him that drinketh thereof We say: "Well is it with thee, O thou who hast turned to God, the Lord of all men, through Whom the faces of the sincere ones have been gladdened and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have been illumined!"

O people of the world! This is a day wherein the Countenance of God hath smiled like unto one bewildered and amazed, for He seeth Himself forsaken by the peoples and imprisoned in this Most Great Prison. Yet He beholdeth the joy which they who are around Him have established by His binding command. Thereupon did all things cry out, and the very essence of being declared: “May our souls be a sacrifice for Thy bewilderment! We testify that Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. The opposition of Thine enemies hath not prevented Thee from that which Thou hast purposed in creation. At one time Thou makest hardship the very essence of ease, and each day Thou transformest the prison land according to Thy Will that hath preceded and Thy Purpose that hath prevailed, even as Thou hast this day, through Thy conquering power, spread the carpet of joy and gladness that the people of the Manifestation might rejoice therein, and hast adorned the House of Him Who conversed with God with the light that hath shone forth and beamed from the horizon of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.”

Blessed is he who hath pondered this Day and what hath been revealed therein from the command of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise, the Ancient of Days. Again, blessed is he who hath remembered this Day and hath recited what hath been sent down therein from God, the Lord of the worlds. We have abbreviated the remembrance, for verily the Day requireth no more than this. To this testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory, and those who glorify their Lord, the Omnipotent, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy imprisonment and tribulation, by Thy oppression and affliction, to purify the people with the waters of Thy bounty and favors, and the streams of Thy generosity and gifts, that from them may be diffused naught but the fragrance of the garment of detachment in the kingdom of creation. O Lord! Sanctify the hearts of those who circle round me from whatsoever is unworthy of Thy sanctification and glorification. Then make their hearts horizons for the lights of Thy knowledge and dawning-places for the manifestations of the Sun of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! Thy grace hath encompassed all contingent things and Thy bounty hath pervaded all created things. Take the hands of the weak with the arms of Thy might, then deliver them through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and this is a word to which all things bear witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Counselor, the Manifest, the Compassionate, the Generous. Then send down, O my God, upon Thy loved ones in this day a blessing from Thy presence, and grant them the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Lord! Even as Thou hast this day transformed the earth of Thy prison wherein Thou hast permitted joy and gladness for the people of Thy unity and the repositories of Thy oneness, do Thou transform the hearts of Thy servants that there may appear from them that which Thou lovest and approvest. There is none other God but Thee, the Munificent, the Helper.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

May this servant of the loved ones be a sacrifice unto your honor! Your blessed letter reached this evanescent atom, as did another letter, and before that yet another letter. From each one fresh joy and

boundless delight were obtained, for they were perfumed with the fragrant scents of the garment of the mention of the Most Great Name and the spiritual breezes of the Lord of nations. Blessed be they who inhale them! And all that was mentioned concerning the stations and ranks of the sanctification, purification, exaltation and transcendence of that Most Holy, Most Glorious Being–exalted be the sovereignty of His grandeur and His glory–was observed with the eye of the head and of the heart. Blessed be thy tongue, thy utterance, and thy pen in having flowed in praise of Him Whose Being of Eternity hath testified to the eternality of His Essence and the oneness of His Self, and hath acknowledged the essential Identity through the uniqueness of His reality and the transcendence of His remembrance.

We beseech God to make thee among those who, when they drink from the chalice of divine unity and taste from the Kawthar of oneness and detachment, stand firm in His Cause, and are not prevented by any in creation from turning to the Most Glorious Horizon and beholding the Most Exalted, Most Glorious Outlook, whose gaze is ever fixed upon the court of their Beloved, whose hearts are turned to the countenance of their Goal, whose souls are forever stirred by the breezes that waft from the direction of the Beloved, and whose spirits are suspended upon the Name of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to the Beloved of all horizons and the Slayer of lovers, that your honor is numbered among those who drink from the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious chalice and the most delicate, most pure wine at the Most Exalted Horizon, and are reckoned among the people of Baha. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness and to preserve them from the whisperings that arise from heedless souls, for the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed, and steadfastness is even mightier than that. Blessed are they who are steadfast! Blessed are they who are firm! Blessed are they who are immovable!

Furthermore, this evanescent servant was present before the Throne, and whatsoever you had submitted in your letter to the Most Holy, Most Glorious Court was presented. This is what shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. His words, exalted be His might: “Grieve not over anything if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. This will render thee independent of all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. Those who have hurt thee have followed their desires and walked in the ways of the wrongdoers. We have protected thee in truth, and We shall protect thee as a favor from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. However, it behooveth thee not to turn to those from whom thou perceivest the fragrance of aversion, nor to draw near unto them, nor to associate with them. Thus have We commanded Our servants who have believed in God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Wise. And should association occur, turn thy heart’s gaze toward God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. Say: O my Lord! Protect me from those on whose faces is seen the dust of hell-fire. Then aid me in Thy remembrance and praise, and make me steadfast in such wise that neither the veils of the peoples of creation nor the whisperings of the evil ones shall prevent me. O my Lord! Thou hast guided me to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast distinguished between the nations, to protect me beneath the pavilion of Thy mercy and the tabernacle of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Dost thou grieve over this world? It shall pass away, by the Lord of the worlds! Rejoice in My love, which nothing created in all existence can equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor. He is with those who love Him. He is, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful." Thus ended His words. Blessed art thou, for the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken in thy praise and revealed unto thee the verses of His holiness and His beauty, the Beloved. This is a bounty that nothing in the worlds can equal.

Moreover, I conveyed your mention of glorification and praise to the service of the Branches and Twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree–exalted be their praise–and they especially conveyed most wondrous, most glorious greetings. Regarding what you had written about the receipts for the House, emphatic instructions have been given for their dispatch; God willing, they will arrive. The mentioned person feels utmost embarrassment toward your honor and offers endless greetings. And concerning your request for the most blessed and holy photograph of His Holiness, the Most Great Branch–may the spirit of the worlds be sacrificed for Him–it is known to your honor that in this land there is no access to that person who took the blessed photograph. At present, obtaining it is not possible. Perhaps in the future matters will proceed differently. The Command is in God's hands. And the glory be upon thee and thy family.

The Servant of God

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O physician, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding, Who perisheth not!

This is a Tablet from Us unto him who hath stood firm in the Cause of his Lord, and through whom the robe of certitude hath been adorned, and who hath been so attracted by the Divine Call that he hath detached himself from all things and turned unto the face of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, and hath spoken that which his Lord desired. He is the One through Whom the idols were shaken and the hearts of the polytheists melted. We were with thee when thou didst speak forth from the presence of the Truth amidst the company of the wrongdoers, and We heard thy call and whatsoever thou didst utter in the gathering of the people. Verily thy Lord is witness unto all things. They who have wronged thee shall soon be turned back on their heels, and theirs shall be the torment of hell-fire.

Know thou then, O thou who speaketh My praise and glorification, that We have sent forth one of Our servants after We had raised him up with power from Our presence and dispatched him unto the mouth of the serpent, that all may be assured that thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Protector of all worlds. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. With him is a Book wherein We have manifested the Cause and perfected the proof unto all who dwell on earth. We have stripped from him the garment of fear and trepidation, and adorned him with the robe of strength and assurance, and kindled him with a word from Our presence, and sent him forth like a sphere of fire in the love of thy Chosen Lord, that he might deliver the Book of his Lord. He shall soon deliver it with a sovereignty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

By My life! Tribulations have not prevented Us from the remembrance of the Lord of Names. We summon the people in all conditions unto God, the Mighty, the Most High. Follow thou the example of thy Lord. He will verily assist thee with the truth and be thy Guardian in this world and the next. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Know thou that those who have entered this City have been afflicted with exhausting air, a troubled life, and tormenting water, such that gladness hath been transformed into sorrow. They have become, in relation to their former state, finer than a needle's thread and more delicate than embroidered silk. On the right is heard naught but the moaning of those who tremble from the thunder's fury through what the hands of the malicious have wrought, and on the left the groaning of those whom persistent affliction hath touched through what hath flowed from the pen of the reckoner. We testify that naught hath been ordained from the Pen of Destiny for His loved ones save that which is best for them. We beseech Him to grant them strength to be patient and steadfast, lest tribulations should debar them from the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou, O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance, for having drunk the cup of tribulation in the love of the Lord of Names. Ye shall soon find yourselves in the heights of glory and wealth. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

Should any Christian ask thee about the Beloved, say: It behooveth us not to speak of what is past. Leave what hath been said and hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Kingdom, that it may attract thee to the seat of the Throne and sanctify thee from all peoples. By God! A matter hath appeared which, wert thou to become aware of it, would cause thee to soar heavenward in thy longing. Verily, He Who ascended hath come in His great glory, if thou be of them who know.

Be thou sharp of tongue yet sweet of speech in remembering thy Lord, the All-Merciful, amidst the concourse of all worlds. Thus doth the Pen of Destiny teach thee from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thou art the star of steadfastness, and through thee We have adorned the heaven of certitude for the followers of all religions. Woe unto them who have wronged thee! God shall soon transform thy abasement into glory for those who are nigh unto Him.

The mercy and glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto thy word concerning the Cause of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Finally, gather thou My loved ones unto the Cause, lest there should occur among them that which would divide their hearts and minds. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

[…] The purpose of mentioning the Christians is that the divines of that community are far removed from the Muhammadan Law–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake–and in their deficient understanding they have written refutations attempting to invalidate the truth. Therefore, the hearts and ears of that people are filled with unworthy and rejected utterances. Today it is advisable that if someone from that community should question you about Him, one should not become entangled in yes and no in reply. It is more in keeping with piety to say in response that today is not the time for such discussions. A Cause hath appeared which, shouldst thou become aware of it, would cause thee to soar to heaven out of longing. One must investigate and examine this wondrous Cause, and after turning to the holy court,

one will become convinced of and acknowledge the Qur'an, even as some in these parts have, after attaining certitude, affirmed the truth of the Qur'an. Thus doth thy Lord teach thee, and none can inform thee like Him Who is all-aware.

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In the name of the Most High, the Most Exalted, this is a Book from the Prisoner to him who hath desired his Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, that he may cast away what he hath and hold fast unto the Handle which God hath manifested in the temple of man. Blessed is He Who sent Him with the truth and made Him the Manifestation of His Cause for what hath been and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the All-Knowing, detached from idle fancies. He is assuredly among those who have attained the lights of guidance and followed that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen.

Verily, I am God's servant among you. He hath sent Me with the truth to manifest His Cause. Every atom beareth witness to this, as doth this hidden Pillar Who hath borne afflictions in manifesting God's Cause and hath cast behind Him all creation. The Lord of Names beareth witness to this, but the people comprehend not.

Let not the idle fancies that have issued from the mouths of men disturb thee. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, with a heart sanctified from the allusions of those who disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came with clear proof. Thus hath it been sent down unto thee this day from the presence of the Lord of existence.

Verily, those who slumber today and are kept back from the ocean are the dead. They rejoice in what they possess, but soon shall they find themselves in unrelenting torment. It behooveth him who hath drawn nigh unto the Light to forget darkness and all that is therein. By My life! He soareth above hearts and minds. Didst thou know the station thou hast attained, thou wouldst cast away idle fancies and proclaim unto all peoples this treasured Name.

Those who bear burdens and by them weigh the Self-Sufficient, the Most High - these are people who understand not. Leave what they possess, by the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens. Say: O my Lord! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Write down for me that which shall profit me in this world and the hereafter. With Thee is the knowledge of all things in a preserved tablet, for I know nothing. I have abandoned my desire in what Thou hast desired, so make me steadfast in Thy Cause and a servant to Thy Self. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Consider the generations of old when We sent unto them the Manifestations of the Cause. Why did they turn away and deny? Thus doth command thee He Whom sorrows have encompassed in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Reflect, that thou mayest find the fragrance of musk from this Sent Garment.

Place thy trust in all things in God, thy Lord. Verily, He aideth whom He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth for him that which maketh him soar in the atmosphere of revelation and witnessing. Should thou return to thy place and someone ask thee whither thou wentest and what thou sawest, say: I moved for the sake of God until I entered the place wherein was raised the mention of my Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, and I heard the call of Him Who was immersed in the ocean of tribulation in God's path, the Originator of all things, and Who summoneth all unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Weigh what thou hast against what hath appeared from Him, that thou mayest be assured that His proof is sovereign over all proofs and His evidence shineth from the horizon of grace. Thus doth the Pen of Revelation speak, and the angels and the Spirit glorify. Thy Lord hath ordained for thee what thou knowest not. Wouldst thou reflect, thou wouldst be certain that at the time thou wert present before the Face, all thy needs were fulfilled, and to this the Self itself beareth witness.

Be thou steadfast in such wise that the whisperings of the people move thee not. Thus hast thou been commanded by the Truth. Blessed is he who followeth his Lord, detached from those who are heedless. Witness naught save what God hath witnessed, and see naught save what We have shown thee in truth. Thus have We broken the seal, and this is the sealed wine.

When thou didst turn unto the Path, this inscribed Tablet was sent down unto thee. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou knowest that I turned toward the direction of Thy grace and the horizon of Thy bounties until I reached the shore of the sea which was surging with Thy Name and remembrance. By Thy might! Were I to thank Thee for as long as Thy Self endureth and Thy Essence abideth, I would be powerless to render thanks for what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy grace, though I deserve it not.

I beseech Thee by Thy Self, the Sovereign over all things, that Thou deprive me not of Thy knowledge. Then assist me in all conditions to serve the Wronged One Who is imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the heedless among Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, Thou art the Great. I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and Thy power that Thou leave me not to myself and my desires. Draw me unto Thee, even if by chains and fetters. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to consume what I possess with the fire of attraction, then cause me to dwell in the Garden of Eternity, the station of those among Thy servants who are at peace and those among Thy chosen ones who are steadfast, who have no will save what Thou hast willed and no purpose save what Thou hast decreed. Thus doth Thy servant beseech Thee in his final call. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Answerer, and Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

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He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book sent down in truth unto one of God's near-serving servants. Verily it hath been sent down in truth, and it is a revelation from an ancient Revealer. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the Holy Court, the seat of thy Lord's mighty throne, that there is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is God's Cause and His Manifestation amongst all created things. Everything proclaimeth that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

O servant! Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and detached thyself from those who disbelieved and associated partners with Him Who came again with clear sovereignty. Say: O people! I know not toward what countenance ye turn, nor toward what direction ye are among those who turn. Verily He hath appeared with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty, while ye are occupied with your vain imaginings, O company of transgressors. Ye have clung to your conjectures and turned away from the Beauty of certitude, devoted yourselves to your desires and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Should ye worship God at every spot on earth for seventy thousand years and weep throughout the duration of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the Beautiful, it shall profit you not except through love for this Youth, upon Whose brow hath been inscribed in crimson gold by the Pen of God, the Most High, that this is the Beloved of the worlds and the Desire of them that have recognized Him.

Say: O people! If ye were to turn with the ear of innate nature unto all things created between the heavens and the earth, ye would hear from them the description of this eternal, everlasting, divine Youth, concerning Whom God hath taken a covenant with Himself in all the Tablets, were ye of them that know. Say: This is He but for Whom the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would the verses of God, the Mighty King, the All-Knowing, have been sent down.

O My Name! Hearken unto that which issueth from the mouths of the idolaters. They say: "We have believed in God and His verses," yet when He appeared in truth with a Cause greater than what appeared before, they disbelieved in Him. Say: God's curse be upon the liars! They recite My verses that were revealed in My previous Manifestation, yet they have disbelieved in My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self, and have clung to that which the followers of religions before them clung. Woe unto them from the punishment of a mighty day!

Be thou assured in thyself and fear no one. Place thy trust in God, thy Lord, and He shall suffice thee against all the worlds. We are aware of what hath befallen thee and We were with thee. What hath been decreed for thee is what hath been decreed for Us, and with thy Lord is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. Grieve not, for thou art with Us in this world and the next. Soon shall We cause thee to journey through realms wherein all on earth shall seek thy shadow. Thus have We distinguished thee and preferred thee above most of Our servants, and this is indeed a great bounty.

Know thou that when this Revelation was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, the Most Great, this verse was revealed from the heaven of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, addressing the Pen: "O Pen! Write upon the Tablet and inform the people that the Manifestations have ended with this luminous, resplendent Manifestation. Whosoever claims this most mighty, most great, and most precious station before the completion of a thousand years hath indeed fabricated a lie against God and is of the

mischief-makers, for thereby the Cause of God would be corrupted and His command would not be established among His believing servants."

O My Name! By God! Whosoever possesseth vision and a heart will testify that the eye of time hath never witnessed the like of this Manifestation and shall never witness its like throughout the eternity of thy Lord. Then did the Sun of Mysteries shine forth from the horizon of thy Lord's Will, and that which was hidden from the sight of the peoples of the worlds and concealed within the treasuries of thy Lord's protection, the All-Knowing, the Wise, was made manifest.

Rejoice thou in this, then render thanks unto Him. Such gratitude behooveth thee and all things, such praise behooveth thee and all things, such mention behooveth thee and those who have recognized Him. Gather together the loved ones of God and give them the glad-tidings of the Spirit, that they may drink the water of everlasting life from the chalice of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Bestower, and be among the thankful ones.

Then forbid them from turning toward this direction, for thereby harm would return to the root of the Cause, except after permission from Us. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest command them from One mighty and beautiful. Convey Our greetings unto the faces of those who have believed in God and His verses, both men and women, young and old. We have sent thee Tablets which were revealed in answer to those who opposed God and were among the idolaters. Read them! By God! Therein hath been revealed that which would suffice all the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Most Mighty! This is a Book sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and wise. It teacheth you knowledge and wisdom, and bestoweth upon you the food that hath descended from the heaven of the Cause. It commandeth you to righteousness and piety, and forbiddeth you transgression and wickedness. This is what hath been sent down in preserved Tablets of holiness.

Say: By God! The hand of God hath emerged from the sleeve of His power, and the sovereignty of the Cause hath appeared with mighty authority over the truth. Say: O people! Fear God and dispute not His verses after they have been sent down in truth from the Dayspring of the Most Exalted Name. Deny not God's favor, and reject not Him through Whom His beauty hath been manifested, His names exalted, His verses perfected, and His words completed unto all the worlds.

Say: O people! Do ye take as your protector other than God, after He hath come upon the clouds of the Cause with clear signs, created you, sustained you, made known unto you the paths of holiness and guidance, and taught you wondrous and impregnable knowledge? Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan! Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the souls of the servants, and be not like the people of the Furqan when the Most High came unto them with luminous Tablets of holiness.

By God! I fear not for Myself, but for him who shall come after Me with mighty and impregnable sovereignty. By God! Whoso objecteth unto Me shall object unto him. Thus doth the Dove of the Cause warble with wondrous and novel verses. Guard thyself from drawing nigh unto the idolaters, then convey unto the people that which God hath conveyed unto thee. This is better for thee than all the worlds.

If thou art seated when God's Tablet reacheth thee, arise from thy seat and be not sluggish upon the earth. When thou art in remembrance, be silent that thou mayest hear what the Spirit reciteth in this Paradise, which appeareth in the form of a visible Tablet. When thou hast heard and recognized what is treasured in thy Lord's melodies of self-knowledge, then aid Him with thyself and with thy tongue, and tarry not even for the twinkling of an eye. This is what thou hast been commanded in the Book wherein falsehood cannot approach, which speaketh the truth that there is no God but Him, and He encompasseth all things.

Say: O people! Aid ye the Youth and fear no one. Know that God guardeth you with mighty unseen hosts. If ye aid Him not, God hath indeed aided Him in many circumstances when He strengthened Him with the Holy Spirit and sent down upon Him hosts ye saw not, when governments and peoples rose against Him. He protected Him in truth and brought Him forth from the city with mighty sovereignty. The necks of Pharaohs were humbled before Him, and the heads of every proud and wretched one were brought low.

Say: God shall soon raise up a people possessed of mighty strength, and through them will He aid the Youth as He aided Him the first time. These shall not be hindered by veils nor withheld by allusions, for this is not difficult for God. Their hearts are as blocks of iron, such that nothing in the heavens or earth shall cause them fear. Thus doth He aid whom He willeth through His grace, and His help is nigh unto the believers.

Say: O people! Do ye deny him who hath believed in God and His verses and in all that hath been sent down in manifest and mighty Tablets? He hath strived with his soul to such a degree that through him God's Cause was raised up between earth and heaven, His Word was exalted, His proof was perfected, His signs became renowned, and His traces filled the East and the West. The Cause through him reached a station that no just and trustworthy one can deny. Those who deny this bounty - their hearts have hardened and Satan hath inspired in them the lowest word. Say: The Word of God is the most exalted, were ye but aware of it.

Say: O people! Do ye deny the favor that is visible upon the temple of the Youth? He reciteth unto you at every moment novel verses of attraction, bestoweth upon you the fruits of the Lote-Tree of Paradise, and draweth you nigh unto an impregnable station of nearness. If ye deny this, by what evidence did ye believe in the Manifestations of old and in Ali before Nabil? Say: The Youth hath come upon clouds of fire with holy and beauteous myriads. Therefore be fair within yourselves and ponder upon the creation of the heavens and the earth, that ye may find a path unto God in this Throne.

Say: Do ye deny God while ye read His verses? What aileth these people that they scarcely understand any discourse? Thus hath the Nightingale of the Cause sung unto thee and inspired thee with the word of piety, that thou mayest arise for thy Lord's Cause and aid Him according to thy capacity. Aid cometh from none but Him, and He is indeed independent of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted is He!

O name of Bounty! Upon thee be My glory! A servant present here laid before the Divine Presence a letter addressed to thee, and the lamentation of the Wronged One of the horizons was heard. In truth, some among the people have, by their own hands, purchased divine wrath. Some He hath seized, and others He will seize. Verily, He hath power over all things. All things have bewailed the oppression of the people of truth, and sorrow hath encompassed all. The wrongs that have been inflicted in this time without cause are like unto trees that the heedless have planted with their own hands - and soon shall they behold the fruits thereof.

Sin Mim [Samandar], upon him rest My glory, hath ever been the recipient of divine favours, and there hath befallen him in the path of God that which His knowledge alone can encompass. In regard to his affairs, let him repeat nineteen times: “Thou seest me, O my God, detached from all save Thee and cleaving unto Thee. Guide me, then, in all mine affairs unto that which profiteth me for the glory of Thy Cause and the loftiness of the station of thy loved ones.” Let him then reflect upon the matter and undertake whatever cometh to mind. This vehement opposition of the enemies will indeed give way to supreme prosperity.

O Name of Bounty! Some souls are observed whose grief hath been and continueth to be the cause of God’s grief, exalted be His glory, and likewise their joy the cause of His joy. The call of the Two Alifs and Shin hath been raised from the Prison. As for the first, he is the Nightingale, upon him be My glory, from the direction of Ra and Shin. There hath befallen him what befell My Herald in the prison. They imprisoned the Exalted One - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - in the land of Ta with a group of others, and the might of oppression so seized the loved ones that they outwardly turned away from Him, save one soul who declared: “O my Lord! I desire to be with Thee in the Supreme Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon.” Those same souls, after the passing of certain months, returned with the utmost lowliness and supplication, and their repentance was accepted, and they attained His supreme bounty. Happy are they! He knoweth how they returned and how He sanctified them and wrote for them with His Most Exalted Pen.

O Name of Bounty! Were it not for a decree that hath gone forth from Us, We would have shown the heedless and the oppressors which of us is more exalted and powerful. In this Most Great Revelation, ye have observed how many enemies He seized with mighty power; yet none became aware, all being intoxicated with the wine of heedlessness and far removed from the court of divine mercy. However, the world is pregnant with oppression. Soon shall the oppressors behold what they have wrought in the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O My Nightingale! Thou wert warbling openly upon the branches in the springtime of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Now thou mayest warble in prison secretly, until God shall bring thee His relief, His mercy, His bounty, His grace, His generosity, and His favor.

As for the second Alif and Shin, upon him be My glory, his call hath reached Us from the land of Alif and Ba. The oppressors have seized him and cast him into prison. Know ye that they are in manifest loss. The heedlessness of these ignorant ones hath reached such a pass that they reflect not upon the former and latter generations. They follow their vain desires and imagine themselves to be among those possessed of knowledge. All things testify to their fabrications, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Name of Bounty! His honor Sin Mim, upon him be My grace and mercy, standeth at the door. Say: Lord! Pour forth patience upon him who loveth Thee and whom Thou lovest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. Although, praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of patience, yet this mention is a token of the Wronged One's loving-kindness toward him. For some time, they must conceal the sending of correspondence from both directions, such that even the household members remain unaware. And should they wish to write details to his honor the Nightingale, they should likewise command him to maintain secrecy. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded by the Wronged One, and joy be to him who hath attained unto obedience to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Name of Bounty! His honor the Shaykh, upon him be My mercy, hath fallen into hardship. However, since his purpose was for God's sake and occurred with acceptance and acquiescence, it hath been and shall remain blessed. Write to him what We commanded thee in person. God willing, they shall be assisted. In all matters, what is necessary today is that they exercise care in the sending and receiving of letters, and never let go of wisdom. This is what We counseled before, and in this most exalted and impregnable station.

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He is the Almighty

O ye My Arab friends, and My loved ones, My chosen ones, My hosts and My Manifestation. Hearken to My call if ye art amongst them who possess a hearing ear. Have ye forgotten the Bird of Revelation that flew away from amongst you and ascended to the Lord, the Almighty, the Beneficent? Have ye forgotten the Nightingale that was in your midst and proclaimed unto you the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? Art ye shut out as by a veil from this Dove that hath fallen under the clutches of the infidels?

By the righteousness of God! The tribulations We have sustained are such that no tongue can adequately recount, and have caused the tears of them who have near access to God to flow from their eyes. Thus did the Bird of Revelation cease Its mention of Sheba and the countenance of the holy ones were reddened with blood. By God! The Nightingale of Paradise hath shut Its eyes from beholding the beauty of the rose inasmuch as sorrows have befallen this gracious and sublime Beauty, and rivers were denied reunion with the ocean inasmuch as joy hath left this resplendent and luminous Sun.

O ye My loved ones! Forget not to attain My presence during My days, and deny not My loving kindness towards you, neither forget my mercy upon you and be not of the heedless. By the righteousness of God! The path of God, nay the path of all His messengers, was returned in the person of Husayn, and He then

arrived at this far and remote prison. And when ye gather in your houses in days of celebration, remember Our sufferings and that which befell Us at the hands of the hosts of the evil ones. And when ye visit your gardens during springtime, ponder My woes and My anguish and be of them that reflect.

Remember then that We were amidst you for some years and you did not recognize Me inasmuch as We had veiled Our Face from you and from all creation. Thus wert ye deprived from recognizing God and His Beauty, His testimony and His glory and His proofs and His signs and His Servant, if ye but know it. Say: the Ancient Beauty was amongst you, adorned in the beauty of the Lord, the Almighty, the Supreme, the All-Wise, and the King of all creation appeared in the raiment of His subjects and you did not perceive it. And when all came to pass and the promise was fulfilled, He appeared from the dayspring of the Divine Essence with great sovereignty.

And you, O loved ones of God and His hosts, strive earnestly towards God and His Beauty and when you hear His verses, render thanks unto the Lord, your Creator, that He hath enabled you to recognize Him when you were oblivious of Him. Bow down your faces and your hearts before God and be thankful to Him for this ancient mercy bestowed upon you.

Take heed. Dispute not in the Cause of God and cast not away the ordinances of God which have been revealed in the Bayan from the Almighty, the Generous One. Gather in love and reconcile the discords that arise amongst you. Be as one soul seated upon the exalted seat of truth. Beware lest ye transgress and overstep the bounds which the Almighty hath fixed and be counted amongst the mischief-makers. If there are poor amidst you, expend on him from that which God hath bestowed upon you and deprive not others from that which you possess. And if you find a suffering soul, treat him with mercy and befriend him with forbearance, and if you encounter a soul of weak faith, remonstrate him not and exhort him with kindness and with a sweet and gentle tongue so that he may recognize the Faith of God in his inmost heart and comprehend that which he was bidden by the All-knowing, the All-Wise.

Take heed that ye create not discord and dissention with one another, and that no soul harmeth another soul, and none acteth treacherously towards others, and no friend slandereth his friend, and no believer denieth the rights of his brother in faith. Fear ye God in all that We revealed unto ye and be among the righteous. Beware lest ye deprive your relatives, or the poor and needy from the excess of your possessions. This is my council unto ye and the command of God for and upon ye, if ye but perceive it.

Thus do We announce unto you from the signs of the unity of God and from that which you were bidden so that you may declare the Oneness of God, your Creator, with your inner and outer tongues in such wise that His signs appear in all your limbs and you may be counted among them who acknowledge His Unity. He is verily, the One to whom return your beings, your hearts, your souls, your bodies, all that you possess and all that you owe. He is the one unto Whom must return all that are in the heavens and on earth, if ye but know it.

My joy and blessings rest upon all, whether young or old, O ye concourse of my loved ones. Convey Our greetings to your spouses and your offspring. This verily is my command unto you; follow it then so that you may be among them who are guided aright.

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O Husayn! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, inasmuch as thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, and He hath remembered thee with verses wherewith God hath adorned the cities of knowledge and wisdom, as a token of His grace - and He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

That which thou didst send unto him who circled round the Cause and took for himself a station beneath the pavilion of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, hath been received. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call from the direction of ’Akka. He hath remembered thee with that which no remembrance can equal, and whereby the eyes of them who have not broken God’s Covenant and His Testament, and who have voiced His praise before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth, have been solaced.

As to what thou didst mention concerning thy wife and her ascension to the Supreme Companion - We beseech God to send down upon her from the heaven of His bounty a mercy from His presence, and to cause her to enter the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive her and purify her, and to grant her from His everlasting and eternal favors. He is verily the All-Bountiful, possessed of surpassing generosity.

O Mahmud! Thy name was present in this praiseworthy station, and the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath remembered thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having remembered me in Thy days with that wherefrom the near ones perceive the fragrance of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

O ?abibu’llah! We counsel thee and them that have believed to be trustworthy and chaste, and to that wherefrom the detached ones perceive the fragrance of detachment, and the sincere ones the sweet savour of My glorious and beloved garment.

O Hasan! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and My remembrance in the Scriptures, the Books and the Tablets. We have desired to remember thee at this time once again as a token of Our grace - and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Thou didst turn thy face toward My horizon when My servants turned away therefrom, save whom God, the Lord of the Return, did will. We counsel thee to act with goodliness in all conditions, that there may be diffused from thee that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee a standard of His name and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hand of His bounty. He is verily the Lord of Generosity and the Master of Munificence in private and in public.

O Zaynu’l-’Abidin! At this moment there hath come unto thee from His presence the Mother Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him from Whom most of the servants have turned away. At this moment My Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to remember thee. Rejoice thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses! Convey My greetings unto thy brother and thy family and those who are with thee, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down unto them from God, the Revealer of clear evidence. Say: By God! The proof hath been perfected, the heavenly table hath been

sent down, and there hath appeared that which was recorded in the Books and Tablets. We make mention of My loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath encompassed all regions. O Pen! Turn thy face toward the Land of Qaf and Mim, then make mention of the Friend who hath broken the idols and vain imaginings by the strength of the power of his Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath heard his call and remembered him in this Remembrance before which all remembrances have bowed down. We have remembered him in the Crimson Scroll from the Most Exalted Pen with that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom endureth, that he may rejoice and stand firm in service to the Cause during the days of God, the Lord of all men. Then make mention of him who was named ’Abdu’r-Rahim with a remembrance wherewith God hath subdued the horizons. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My loving-kindness. Verily He remembered thee before and in this time before which ages and centuries have bowed down. Say: […]

Praise and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having enabled me to hearken unto Thy call and witness Thy signs and Thy power which hath encompassed all regions. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions to attain unto such steadfastness as no vain imaginations can deter, and to remember him who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion, through that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge before the faces of all religions.

O Mir! Glorify on my behalf thyself and those who are with thee, and My loved ones there who have not been deterred by the oppression of any oppressor nor the might of any denying infidel. Verily the wolf hath seized My sheep, the oppressor hath slain My she-camel, and the serpent hath swallowed its prey. Thus was the matter decreed and thus did all things proclaim that which caused the mountains to take flight. By God’s life! At his ascension the people of Paradise came forth, and the companions of Heaven and the Concourse on High welcomed him with the lights of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. By My life! The Pen is powerless to make mention of him - to this doth the Tongue of Grace bear witness in this station. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom God hath adorned with the ornament of strength, might and power.

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God is He, exalted be His station in grandeur and power!

All things testify to their impotence to mention and describe Him, and the Kingdom of Names bears witness to its inadequacy to know Him. In a station where the Kingdom of Utterance stands powerless and wanting to describe Him, how can the limping steed of this evanescent servant gallop in that vast arena? My outward and inward tongue, and the inward of the inward confess that His chosen ones cannot be described by my descriptions nor mentioned by my mentions - how much more so He Who created them, raised them up, and sent them forth! Allah is the Most Great! This is a station wherein every tongue of utterance falls short of His mention, and the Kingdom of Knowledge of His praise. This servant testifies that there is none other God but Him, acknowledging His oneness and confessing His sovereignty, His transcendence, His exaltation and His power - a testimony that neither the might of them

that are in the world can prevent, nor the chains of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all nations.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name and Will the four rivers did flow, and by Whose tongues the world hath spoken of Thy unity and oneness! I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Tree of Thy oneness and the mysteries of the Manifestations of Thy uniqueness, to aid Thy chosen ones in their love and praise of Thee. O Lord! Thou beholdest them turning to Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy favors, and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and grace. Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness that which will preserve them from the oppression of the transgressors among Thy servants and the deniers among Thy creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

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The world hath been encompassed by the winds of discord and oppression, and though appearing to ascend, is in constant descent. Countless trials have become manifest and evident, all stemming from the heedlessness of the people. Strange indeed that the great ones of state and nation have not arisen to discover the cause and reason thereof. What they possess hath deluded them from what is with God, the One, the Munificent, the Bountiful, and their affairs, manifestations, appearances and ornaments have occupied them - their words and deeds bear witness to this, as doth every person of insight. At all times we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His Faith through the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to guard it from the oppression of the various factions. He verily hath power over all things.

In regards to what you had written about proceeding to Egypt, your attention to that direction is in accordance with the wisdom with which all are charged. God willing, you shall be divinely assisted in all matters. Concerning what you wrote about the trees and flowers and their arrangements, God willing, may their fruits be eternally remembered by the names of those beloved ones and masters, even as His Most Beautiful Names endure. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Prayer from this evanescent servant and its acceptance from the Eternal Truth is assured. The glances of His loving-kindness shall turn toward you and make manifest the fruits of the Tree of humanity. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Kind, the Merciful. To the beloved of heart and soul, Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God - since a petition was previously submitted to his presence, this time I shall not add to the burden. His letter brought strength to heart and sight. God willing, may he ever abide beneath the shade of the favor of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, dwelling in peace, speaking, remembering and praising.

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The honored and beloved ones, his honor Aqa Muhammad and Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon them be 96 [Baha’u’llah’s] Most Glorious, may take note.

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Praise be to the Lord of Names, Who hath made tribulation to be a herald from His presence that perchance the people of the realm of creation might be awakened - they who have violated His Covenant, denied His signs, disputed His proof, turned away from His traces, opposed His loved ones, and shed the blood of His chosen ones, for whom His Paradise and the dwellers of the pavilion of His glory have lamented. Exalted is He, the King of Kings and the Merciful to the possessed, Who hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers to guide His servants to His straight path and His mighty Command, and to explain to creation His commandments, His laws, and that which profiteth them in His lands. Exalted be God, the Single, the One, Who sent forth him who was named Muhammad, through whom He adorned the world and revived the nations. Through him the dust proclaimed: "The Manifestation of the Lord of Lords hath come!" The trees spoke: "He Who relateth from God concerning the beginning and the end hath appeared!" The pebbles in his hand bore witness, the date-stone cried out in His name, the atoms circled round Him, and all created things circumambulated a House that God had made blessed for His servants, a point of pilgrimage for His creation, and a refuge for His creatures.

Prayers and peace be upon him and upon his family, through whom the Euphrates of divine knowledge hath flowed throughout all possibility, and the nightingale of eternity warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. And upon his companions, through whom God's Cause was established throughout all regions and His traces spread throughout all lands, through whom the hearts of the idolaters were disturbed and the hearts of the doubtful ones yearned, and through whom God cut off the last remnant of the wrongdoers who violated God's Covenant and His pledge, and who followed what their own desires commanded them. These are they who took what they had and cast aside what was with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus did God seize them for their sin and set upon them servants possessed of terrible might who ravaged the lands.

Glory be unto Thee, O Creator of spirits and bodies, and Protector of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and the worshippers of idols lamented, to assist Thy servants to turn to Thee, to hold fast to Thy cord, and to cling to Thy robe. Then preserve, O my God, by Thy binding command and Thy Most Great Name, Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. Then grant them every good thing sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! They are the poor and Thou art the Rich; they are the weak and Thou art the Strong, the Powerful. Nothing escapeth Thy knowledge and no decree is impossible for Thee. The atoms have testified to Thy power and might. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, the traces of your pen have gladdened me with news of your health, which is mentioned in the Book of Divine Favors as among the greatest bounties. When joy and delight took hold of me, I turned to the Ultimate Goal and called upon God, the Lord of all beings, to preserve you from every tribulation and calamity. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Preserver, the Helper, the Supporter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God that the Truth, through the blessing of His loved ones, preserved that city from the darkest tribulation, and the many were transformed into few, and this is naught but from His grace upon us. And in Beirut it was reduced to very little, as a token of kindness to His Afnan. Praise be to God, those beloved ones have ever been and continue to be mentioned. With a hundred thousand tongues must one thank the True Object of Worship, Who hath granted His loved ones an abundant share of the wine of utterance. May it be pleasant and wholesome unto you!

Concerning what you wrote about his honor, the elevated and blessed Haji Mulla ’Ali - upon him be God’s peace, remembrance, praise, care and favors - through God’s grace, exalted be His glory, during his life he drank what was to be drunk, and after his ascension he attained unto that which none save God can properly comprehend. Blessed is he, and his is a goodly beginning and end.

Furthermore, this evanescent servant maketh mention of his nothingness and evanescence to each and every one of the friends and loved ones in that land, and requesteth all to beseech the exalted Truth to assist this servant in that which is acceptable before Him. He is the Helper and the Powerful, and He is the Mighty and the All-Knowing. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace be upon you, and God’s mercy and His blessings.

The Servant

28th of the honored month of Shawwal, 1300

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He is God, exalted be His glory and power!

This servant desires to adorn the head of his letter with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an, which He made the characteristic of them that are nigh unto Him, the ultimate station of the mystics, and the testament of the sincere ones, from which the fragrance of detachment hath been wafted throughout creation. He - and His word is the truth - hath said: “Say: ‘God!’ then leave them to their vain disputes.”

Its fragrance bestoweth a hundred thousand lives and createth a hundred thousand souls. By the life of our Lord! Were it to shed its radiance upon the limbs and members of God’s servants, each would find a tongue and utter the blessed words “Praise be unto Thee for having freed me from all else but Thee and made me independent of all except Thyself.” This is that Word from whose horizon the sun of freedom hath dawned forth.

This servant beseecheth his Lord to honor us with it and to grant us the blessing of uttering it in all conditions. Before this exalted Word, the world becometh as nothing and all else but God appeareth finite. Glorified be our Sovereign, and magnified be our Lord! He hath bestowed that which the world with all its revelations cannot equal. But who can render thanks for this bounty and from whom can gratitude appear? Where is the capacity, where is the worthiness? Vain imaginings have become the cause of loss. The power of the favored community hath been changed to weakness, its standing to sitting, its speech to silence.

But what is the cause of this weakness, and what is the reason for this impotence? On behalf of the believers I present this verse:

“Each dawn I press my face against the dust of helplessness when I remember

That though I never forget Thee, dost Thou ever remember Thy servant?”

Nay, by God! We are not the forgetful ones, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. His hand hath ever granted deliverance, His generosity hath ever bestowed gifts, and His power hath ever preserved us. Yet they met this blessing with betrayal and followed this grace with ingratitude. I swear by the Sun of Truth that these weaknesses and incapacities, these humiliations and inabilities, are the result of our own deeds. His Holiness Muhammad bears witness to these words, and His Holiness the First One (Ali) testifies to this utterance and exposition.

There is fear that excessive speech may cause weariness and constrict the realm of comfort, therefore brevity is preferable.

The exalted letter arrived repeatedly with gifts. One of its gifts was the cause of remembrance, and finally the source of awakening. With each word were arrayed the hosts of love, and the ranks of divine favor bore witness. After awareness and understanding were gained, intention was made to approach the Presence, and when presented before His countenance, He said:

The mention of Ali (upon him be peace) is like a tree planted in the soil of love, which has reached the most exalted station through the Kawthar of favor and grace. It is so firm and steadfast that the most violent winds cannot prevail against its might, finding themselves weak before it. Glorious is its planting place, glorious its Cultivator, and magnificent its Creator! Its leaves are goodly character and its fruits are praiseworthy deeds. Blessed is he who attains to visit it and witnesses the power of its Creator and Builder.

O Ali! May you dwell beneath the sun of divine grace, clinging to the hem of His favor and holding fast to the cord of His generosity. Verily He is with you in all conditions, hearing your call and your prayers, and seeing what proceeds from you. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Convey greetings to the loved ones from the Wronged One. Each has been and is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid them to unity, that through them the horizons may be illumined. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Munificent, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God! The ocean is surging and the sun of favor is shining. Mention has reached such a station that each of its letters is a mighty book in the sight of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

I convey greetings to all the loved ones. Although these greetings which are expressed in letters appear outwardly to be of one form, yet in effect and fruit each is distinct. Though the greenness of tree leaves may appear outwardly to be of one hue, yet in their effects and qualities they are so distinct that none save God can enumerate their characteristics. Know that each leaf of every tree has its own effect, and another has a different effect - who has been able to enumerate them and who has encompassed them? The essence of impotence and ignorance has been and remains unable to enumerate the infinite sciences and arts. Verily our Lord is He Who enumerates all things in His perspicuous Book.

Peace, remembrance, and praise be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O Ali! Give thanks to God for having enabled thee to attain the presence of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, at His Throne, and to drink the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the utterance of the All-Merciful when the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous.” Thou hast been honored to attain the presence of the Self-Subsisting when He appeared with His Name “the Wronged One” in this mighty prison. We bear witness that thou didst turn to Him, enter His presence, arise, behold, and hear, and didst attain that which thy Ancient Lord desired for thee in these days wherein the sun of grace hath dawned and the moon of bounty hath shone upon all who are in the heavens and on earth.

It behooveth thee to soar on the wings of yearning in the atmosphere of inner meanings and utterance, and to speak amongst all created things of this wondrous Name. O Akbar! Hearken once again unto the call from this Blessed Divine Lote-Tree, the Primal Unity, planted in the soil of grandeur, to the melodies of thy Most Glorious Lord, Who speaketh betwixt earth and heaven: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.” Thou hast entered the precincts of the All-Merciful by My leave. Now return by My command to thy home, that through thee might be wafted the sweet savors of the Desired One amongst His assured servants.

We speak naught except by God’s command, and breathe naught save that which returneth unto Him, and We command no one save that through which are manifested the attributes of his Lord’s Cause, the Mighty, the Impregnable. We have never desired aught for Ourselves, but rather the Self of God, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Say: We have forsaken that which would give rest to Our bodies, and have desired that which would cause hearts to burn in the path of the Beloved. This is the way of Baha, which He hath chosen for Himself, were ye to know. What thou hast known of My tribulations is as nothing in thy Lord’s sight. We have concealed most matters, in view of Our mercy that hath encompassed the worlds.

O Akbar! Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Great Prospect and been among the successful ones. Thus doth God assist whom He willeth among His servants; He is the Protector of those who draw nigh unto Him. How many servants have sought yet reached not their goal, and how many have attained, succeeded, heard, and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Beloved of them that know!” And how many a servant who attained not Our presence - We have written for him the reward of one who hath attained the presence of God, for he is indeed of those whom the All-Merciful hath testified are among those who have attained.

Blessed is he who moveth by God’s leave and command, and blessed is he who remaineth still through God’s Will and decree. We bear witness that he is among those who draw nigh. O Ali! Thou art in thy place, yet the Tongue of the Most High speaketh thy praise. Dost thou see any bounty greater than this? Nay, by thy Lord, We have ever been mindful. The Finger of loving-kindness hath moved the Most Exalted Pen to make mention of thee purely for the sake of God; He is indeed the Most Merciful of the merciful.

Be thou of such character that whosoever approacheth thee may be drawn by the mention of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. Thus it behooveth one who hath turned to the Countenance and attained His mighty throne. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who soar in the atmosphere of My love and speak My Name, make mention of Me, and sing My praise. Then recount to them what thou hast learned of the story of the Youth, that they may arise to render assistance as We have commanded them in the Tablets We have sent through those who sought Us.

This is not the day for stillness and patience. The Lote-Tree of Fire proclaimeth: "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Praised." O My loved ones! Grieve not over the world and what hath befallen you in My path. By God! Your reward lieth within the treasuries of My power and the repositories of My protection. He is indeed the Bestower, the Mighty, the Trusted One.

Make mention of your Lord with wisdom and utterance, then stand firm in such wise that the hearts of the unbelievers may be troubled and the backs of the idolaters be broken. Thus have We inspired thee and taught thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord at all times and be of those who remember. Go forth with God's Tablet and its influence to those who have attained to the love of God and His Cause, and are among the steadfast ones, that they may hear the call of the Beloved time and again, and be assured that He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to the radiant faces among the people of Baha, who, when they heard the call, responded: "Yea, O Thou Wronged One of the worlds!" Say: O My loved ones! This is the day of triumph and victory. Arise to serve the Cause by leave of your Lord, the All-Choosing. Beware lest anything prevent you from making mention of this All-Wise Remembrance. Ye are the gems of the earth. We have taken you through Our sovereignty and raised you to the dome of true knowledge. Preserve ye this exalted station, the mighty, the impregnable. Thus have ye been commanded by the Lord of Pre-existence, Who is imprisoned through what the hands of the nations who denied God, the Lord of all worlds, have wrought.

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He is the Mighty! O Kamalu'd-Din! Bear thou witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, the Originator, the Wondrous. Say: Verily He is exalted in the Book of God, the King, the Most High, the Mighty, the Beauteous. In His grasp are the keys of the heavens which were raised up in the Bayan, and in His right hand is the dominion of Command and Creation, and verily He is powerful over all things. Say: Knowledge is that which hath appeared from His presence in a holy, preserved Book. Then know thou that He hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty and from Him hath been detailed the Book of God, the Powerful, the Munificent. He hath counseled the servants in every line of the Tablets concerning this sacred, luminous Beauty, Whom no one's understanding hath encompassed and the hands of the peoples of the heavens and earth have not attained unto the hem of His knowledge.

Say: Verily the Truth is in itself God's proof unto all creation and hath no need of aught else to demonstrate His Cause, if ye be of them that know. Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye imagine that He needeth anything to establish His Cause? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Say: All proof is established by

His Command and evidence appeareth by His leave, if ye be of the assured ones. And verily that which appeareth from Him of clear signs and that which is sent down from His presence of verses - this is a bounty from Him unto them that profess His unity.

Say: O people, fear ye God and make not His Cause limited by the limitations of your own selves. Fear God and be not of the transgressors. Say: Verily He cannot be limited by any limit and cannot be veiled by any veil. He manifesteth as He pleaseth, and verily He is the All-Choosing, the Powerful, the Wise. Nothing can prevent Him from His Command and His sovereignty, and the schemes of the schemers and the might of monarchs cannot frustrate Him. Those who would limit God's Manifestation by a command or a sign or by what they possess of satanic imaginings - these have turned away from the Truth and disbelieved in the verses of the All-Merciful and are in manifest error.

Say: Verily We were among you for months and years, in but a moment of which God hath reckoned up the centuries of the first and the last ones. And We were, in every instant thereof, reciting unto you from the verses of God, the Single, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We were manifesting in every moment with a mighty, glorious Beauty and a novel, holy dignity and an exalted, mighty majesty, yet none among you recognized Me, for ye were walking in the paths of thick delusion. Thus did We seize the sight of those who beheld not the Beauty of God with their own eyes and were among the heedless ones.

Say: By God! This is a Beauty wherein is kindled and shineth the light of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. From Him hath appeared every wondrous command, and from Him have been detailed the Tablets of God, and from Him hath appeared the embroidered vesture of this mighty News. Say: The Beauty of the Ancient One hath shone forth from His collar - blessed be God, the Sovereign of the worlds!

And thou - remind the people in thy days and fear no one, even if these deniers oppose thee. Verily thy Lord will guard thee from those who have disbelieved and from these polytheists. Say: By God! We desired not to reveal Our Cause to anyone, and thus were We in mighty concealment. But when the polytheists imprisoned Us in this prison, We therefore revealed Our countenance in spite of them and in spite of those who denied these wondrous, revealed verses.

Say: Those who have turned away from this Countenance, these are in the torment of the blazing fire, and neither their faith nor their deeds shall be accepted, even if they prostrate themselves to God in their days or spend the fullness of the heavens and earth in precious pearls. Say: O companions of God! Fear God and be steadfast in your love, such that your feet slip not from the breaths of those who are far removed. Know ye that the Balance today is My love, and if ye desire to weigh anyone, recite unto him from the verses which have been sent down from My presence. If his eyes overflow with tears, know ye that he is upon the truth from God and is possessed of manifest certitude. And he whose face darkeneth, verily he is in grievous unbelief. And beware lest thou approach one whose breast's rancor is as manifest as the sun in the midst of heaven, such that none among creation could mistake it, if ye be of them that witness.

Say: O concourse of the beloved! Ye helped Us not in that, but God will help Me in truth and will raise up in truth one who shall smite upon his mouth through the power of God, the Most High, the Powerful, the

Wise. Say: Verily God is powerful over His creation. He seizeth whom He willeth with sovereignty from His presence and power from His court, and verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Potent. Thus do We cast upon thee from the verses of the Spirit that thou mayest be among the steadfast ones.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

We have taught men that which profiteth them and have laid down for them the laws of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Among men are those who have recognized the fruits of what hath been sent down in the Tablets, and among them are those who have taken it in vain and disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for ye are they who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and have heard the call of God, the Lord of Names. Through you hath circulated the wine of unity, and through you hath flowed the Salsabil, and through you was broken the seal of the choice sealed wine. Rejoice ye in that ye have known the Beloved and no veil of any heedless soul hath hindered you.

Consider those who claim to belong to the Bayan. They have turned away from the All-Merciful and speak that which causeth the heavens and earth to laugh at them. Among them is he who hath said that He hath claimed Divinity, and that we must not believe in this exalted station. Say: He Who gave you glad tidings of His Own Self hath said that He speaketh in all things, “there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.” We see them to be more lost in understanding than the people of the Furqan, nay than those of all religions. Well is it with the people who understand.

Ponder, O people of Baha, upon their words, then remember when We delivered you from the wilderness of idle fancies and sanctified you from the imaginings of men, and brought you nigh unto the Horizon wherefrom was raised the call between earth and heaven: “There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Witnessed One.”

Say: O people of the Bayan! Come, then tell Me truthfully: Who was it that spoke on Sinai to the Manifestation of the Revelation whom We named with Our name “He Who conversed with God” and sent unto him who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen? If ye say the Tree spoke of its own accord, how then do ye deny this Call which hath been raised in truth? And if ye say He spoke in it, then He it is Who now speaketh: “There is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.” By My life! Were they to reflect for less than a moment, they would abandon what they have heard and taken, and would turn unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: This is a Revelation the like of which hath never appeared in creation. The Tongue of Revelation beareth witness to this, yet the people are in an evident veil. We have veiled Our Self, and what We have explained to the servants is but a drop from this mighty Ocean. Reflect on that which the tongue of Muhammad, the Apostle of God, spoke aforetime: “I am He and He is I, except that I am that I am and He is that He is.” Thus was the matter decreed, and ye are of them that hear.

And in the station of “I am He,” the Tree proclaimeth: “Verily, I am God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised One.” And in the station of “He is I,” the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh among creation: “He is God, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” And in the station of “Verily He is He,” He speaketh and saith: “There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.” And in the station of “I am I,” He speaketh: “Verily, I am the first to turn unto Him, and speak His praise, and hear His call, and arise to His Cause, and drink the Kawthar of His bounty, and be illumined by the Sun of His manifestation, and be adorned with His knowledge. Whoso hath known Me hath known Him, and whoso hath acknowledged My sovereignty hath acknowledged His sovereignty, and whoso hath confessed My Revelation hath confessed the Revelation of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.”

Say: O people of the Bayan! Ye have reached a station wherein We impart unto you that which was revealed in the cycle of the Furqan, that haply ye may turn unto the All-Merciful Who hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Say: Ye have imagined within yourselves that ye have attained the ultimate goal in the knowledge of your Lord, the Lord of all beings, yet ye deny that which the people of the Furqan have acknowledged. Woe unto you, then destruction be upon you, O company of the heedless! Say: Die in your wrath! Verily, the Hidden Mystery hath appeared through this Name, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Were it not for Him, the Hidden would not have been revealed, nor would the tradition of the Treasury have come forth, were ye of the fair-minded.

By My Self! The atoms have spoken in remembrance of the Revealer of verses, and by My Name have the pebbles glorified and all things have testified that there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thus have We recounted unto thee that which the rejecters have spoken, they who have turned away from the Countenance, that thou mayest be acquainted with them and what they possess, and that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: O my God and the God of the worlds, my Goal and the Goal of the mystics! Praise be unto Thee for having made the people of Baha sanctified from these ones and purified from their mentions and their knowledge. I testify through Thee that the Sun of Wisdom hath dawned and the Ocean of Knowledge hath surged among creatures. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty, and teachest Thy servants what Thou desirest through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Manifest, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Ocean and attained that which was intended in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Wise. He hath turned once before and again in these days wherein the gates of the Prison were opened and the Wronged One went forth by a command before which neither the heavens nor the earth can stand. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having attained His presence, and heard, and gained that which was intended. We bid thee return to the lands and regions of God, and give glad tidings to those who have believed in My Remembrance, through

which the ocean of bounty hath surged, and the Lord of Eternity hath testified that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee. Take what thou hast been commanded by God and remind the people of My beauteous remembrance. Say: O people of Baha! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with mighty sovereignty. Beware lest the mention of the servants prevent you from the Most Great Remembrance, or the hosts of the earth frighten you from the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Cast aside what the people possess. By God, the Self-Subsisting hath come and commandeth you through His Most Exalted Pen with that which attracteth the earth and heaven. Draw nigh with your hearts and be not of the heedless. Say: If ye desire the Book, by God, it hath been inscribed by My Most Glorious Pen upon the face of all things. The Lord of Names hath come, and I am the Manifest Book. Bear ye witness to His appearance, His manifestation and His sovereignty, even if ye be among the heedless ones. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken that which hath caused the Concourse on High to burn, for He seeth Himself in evident sorrow. Say: Rejoice in My remembrance, soar in My atmosphere, and hold fast unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest ye follow the people of the Bayan who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful and deviated from My straight path.

O ’Ali! God willing, mayest thou be assisted through divine grace and remain firm and steadfast in service to the Cause. The glance of loving-kindness hath been and will continue to be upon thee. Convey My greetings to those who drink from the cup of inner meanings and gladden them with divine favors. All creation hath been brought from non-existence into being that their mention might be made in the presence of God. Praise be to God that they have attained this most great bounty and most exalted station. They must at all times fix their gaze upon the horizon of steadfastness, lest the foul winds prevent pure souls from inhaling the fragrance of inner meanings. Say: Today the fragrance of the garment is diffused and the world is illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. The mention of aught else but God is not permissible, for this Day hath been mentioned and recorded in the divine Books as the Day of God. Naught is befitting therein save the remembrance of God and His sovereignty which encompasses the worlds.

The deeds of those who have arisen in God’s path are recorded before the Throne and have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. God will soon reward them with the best of rewards. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Generous. Although no command was issued from the Source of Command, each soul hath rendered service according to his capacity. God hath ever been and will continue to be independent and self-sufficient. Were a single drop from the ocean of His riches to be sprinkled upon the world of poverty, it would adorn all with the ornament of wealth. Every soul beareth witness to His wealth, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power.

Last year there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning the payment of the Rights of God that which is recorded in the Tablets. These are the Rights which have been prescribed for everyone by God and were formerly ordained. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto the Book and acted according to that which was commanded by the All-Wise Ruler.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Thou must be so enkindled with the fire of God’s love that all lands may be ignited by its heat. However, in all matters be mindful of wisdom, lest something occur that might cause the weak ones to be disturbed. The divine Tablets have been revealed specifically for accepted souls and will gradually reach them. Let all rejoice, for their mention hath been made in the presence of God. If some have not received Tablets in this instance, let them not be saddened, for they shall receive them later. For every matter there is an appointed time. When it cometh, it shall come. He, verily, is the True Herald, the Truthful Informer, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones whom God hath aided to achieve the Greater Steadfastness. By My life, they are the firm ones, they are the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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He is God, exalted be His glory!

O Salman! In all matters follow the example of God and be content with His divine decrees. Observe how this Servant, though from all directions outwardly beset with hardships and though all outer doors are shut, and though at every moment the demons are busy extinguishing the lamp of God and quenching His fire, is yet so radiant and illumined that “the heavens and earth are lit up thereby,” and is so manifest among men as though no harm had ever touched Him. Complain not of the heights and depths, the glory and abasement of this world. In all conditions, keep your gaze fixed upon the end, for all that is visible shall pass away.

That thou witnessest some among men who are gladdened by worldly glory and made proud by its elevation–this stems from the heedlessness of such souls. Every person of insight and vision testifies that these words are true and that this utterance hath shone forth from the Dayspring of exposition. For all know that these matters are neither worthy nor lasting, and when the messenger of death arrives, all things change. Thus it is evident and established that souls who have set their hearts upon such things are heedless, and it is due to heedlessness that they occupy themselves with these outward means.

In one of the Tablets it was revealed that among the signs of the world’s maturity is that no one will accept to bear alone the weight of kingship. Sovereignty will remain, but none will be willing to bear alone its burden. Those will be the days when wisdom will be manifest among mankind, save for him who may take on this mighty weight for the sake of propagating God’s Cause and spreading His Faith. How blessed is his state who, for the love of God and His Cause, and for His sake and the demonstration of His Faith, casteth himself into such great peril and accepteth such hardships and troubles. Thus hath it been revealed in the Tablets that prayer for and love of such a sovereign is incumbent.

O Salman! The world is passing away, and ere long all who dwell on earth shall return to dust from what thou now beholdest. We beseech God to assist all His loved ones to inhale the sweet fragrances of the divine rose-garden. Whosoever attaineth unto this will never gaze upon aught save God, and will remain content, patient and thankful in face of His decrees. Grieve not that thou didst not attain His presence.

God hath written down for thee the reward of those who attained His presence. Strive, God willing, that righteous deeds may be manifested from thee and that thou mayest be as a fire from which all may derive warmth.

Turn to God with a pure heart, a sanctified soul, a truthful tongue and a hallowed sight, then call upon Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Helper of those who turn unto Him, and He is indeed the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have heard the cry of the prisoners from among My kindred and loved ones. Praise be to God for having made Me and My kindred and loved ones captives in His path. Though the sun may set, this mention shall not set. God will soon manifest what He willeth. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

No Tablet was revealed for any of the prisoners except for the name of God, Mim, upon him be the Glory of God, this being due to wisdom, but convey greetings to them all. The affairs of all are evident. One Tablet was revealed specifically for Abdul-Wahhab–deliver it to him. Though it was revealed in the language of the people and their outward rules, yet it sufficeth all on earth, would they but understand. In the Tablets for various regions no specific name was mentioned, yet all are known and evident before God, and each of the Tablets was revealed according to necessity. Blessed is he who understandeth and is among the thankful ones.

A box of sweets was given for the honoured ones of Mosul–deliver it to them. We beseech Thee, O my God, by those whom the wicked have made captives from Zawra to Hadba, and by the connection that existed between them and the Manifestation of Thy Cause, to make firm Thy loved ones in Thy love and to establish them in that whereon they were in spreading Thy Cause. O my God! Thou seest and knowest what hath befallen them in Thy love and good-pleasure, such that the eyes of Thy chosen ones and the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory have wept for them. I beseech Thee not to deprive them of Thy tender mercies and favours, and to make them abide near Thy mercy in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

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O Munib!

He is God–exalted be His station, the All-Holy!

This is an epistle from this Prisoner unto him who is illumined, and is like the garment of Joseph of Egypt divine through the word “seeing.” The garment of the Servant of Canaan bestowed outward sight, and the garment of the Servant of the All-Merciful bestowed inward vision. How blessed art thou, for God hath made thy sight keen this day! The sighs of thy heart are evident and the burning of thy soul is known, and in all this thou hast followed in My path, and there hath befallen thee in My way what befell My Beauty. On the path of the Beloved thou didst not rest for a moment nor pause for an instant. What distant journeys thou didst traverse on foot before My countenance, and what arduous deserts thou didst run through with loving feet! All this hath been and shall remain before Our sight. And now thou art afflicted with the company of dispirited souls and withered forms and veiled servants who are as dead, removed from the gathering of fellowship and the sacred dwelling place.

Yet since Our desire hath been what God desired, and Our purpose what He purposed, and Our will what He ordained and decreed, all hath been and shall remain beloved. God willing, throughout all days thou shalt remind the people of the remembrance of their Lord, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing. Although the Water of Life is not allotted to the company of beasts, and the Choice Wine of the All-Merciful shall never be the portion of the people of error and loss–and the sincere ones drink of the wine that was pressed by the fingers of holiness–yet since the divine winds of mercy are blowing and the holy breezes of grace are passing by, perchance some souls shall be purified from worldly defilements through the Stream of Recognition, enter the most exalted and glorious station of certitude, and attain the presence of the Beauty of the All-Merciful.

In these days thou must walk among the servants with the utmost submissiveness, humility and pure servitude, for the manifestation of the Cause and the stability of weak souls depend upon these things. This is true victory, for the enemies have appeared with such craftiness that Satan himself is bewildered. Soon thou shalt know and be among those who are informed. If thou deemest it advisable to travel through the lands, it is permissible, but with utmost caution, for thy protection is of paramount importance.

If thou wishest to know of the calamities that have befallen this land–by God, the pen is powerless, nay all things are powerless to recount them! Would that I had not been born of a mother or drunk pure milk from the breast, or had not, after attaining maturity, proclaimed God's Cause, for this station hath been and shall be the cause of the enemies' hatred. By Him Who caused the Bird of Immortality to warble in My breast! I strove greatly that no Cause be manifested at all, and that I might leave the people in their realm of fancy, but the Spirit left Me not in peace, established Me in the Cause, and made Me speak between the heavens and the earth. In brief, such tyranny hath been inflicted as hath no likeness in creation, and yet they have taken up the pen of falsehood and attributed their own evil deeds to the Essence of Holiness.

When they observed that this manifest grace could not be veiled, and that surely not all people are blind–there must be those with penetrating vision who can distinguish between the sun and shadow, between existence and nothingness–they therefore girded up their loins to cut down the Tree. And when they found themselves disappointed and at loss, they spread all their vain imaginings around in My name, that perchance they might thereby cast rancor into hearts, for they had found all people to be without discernment or understanding. Among other things, My brother wrote to various regions that people had shunned Me for a morsel of bread. Now consider: would any base person speak thus? Moreover, such a statement about One at whose table, were all humanity to gather, they would be sustained until the end of time without showing any trace of displeasure–let alone refusing to share! It is evident to what degree they have risen up to harm Me and how determined they are to destroy the Cause. Leave them to their unbelief and their lies, to play their games. It would be a pity for the pen to be sullied with mention of his fabrications and deeds. Would that I could recount to thee in full detail the beginning of this Cause, that thou mightest know how much bounty was shown to him and to what degree he hath risen in ingratitude.

In any case, God willing, may thou remain firm and steadfast as a mountain of steel in the Cause of God.

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The beloved of God must walk among humanity with divine characteristics, as issued from the Source of the Cause. As can be observed, the greater the tribulations and the more severe the calamities that befell us, the more firmly we engaged in teaching the Cause, even as We sent forth the Call in the form of a Tablet and dispatched it to the center of the lands of Iran, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck save whom thy Lord willed. However, in all circumstances wisdom must be observed, and one must deal with people with kindness and compassion, for they are weak - had they known, they would have circled round the Countenance. The heedless people need wise counselors. This is God's decree. All must be seen in complete humility and must, in truth, gird up the loins of service firmly.

Had people hearkened to the counsels of the Pen of the Cause, you would have beheld all who are on earth illumined with the lights of guidance and adorned with the Most Glorious ornament. As soon as a measure of security was established in the land, certain ignorant ones in every city laid claim to divinity. Thus from the year of the rising of the Most Great Light from the horizon of Iraq until now, numerous souls have abandoned piety and raised the standards of wickedness and rebellion, and these souls have caused upheaval and revolution in the lands. Soon you will witness that again from every land a calf will raise its call.

All this We foretold at the time of Our departure from Iraq. Observe how the previous Manifestation informed all peoples of this Most Great Manifestation, even as the Son of Zachariah heralded the Son of Mary to the people, and they emphasized it to such a degree that they said if anyone should speak a verse, none should deny it. It is most evident that they did not utter such words and their like except after having knowledge of this Most Great Manifestation; otherwise, such words would never have been sent down from the heaven of the Cause, for it is observed that most have uttered words and by the same have walked the path of pride and arrogance, and were not and will never be mentioned before God. They regarded the Cause of God as vain and did not reflect even to this extent: that if God's Cause were of this nature, it would never become established.

In any case, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - in view of the existence of this Manifestation and its dawning in those days, completed all the Bayan with this Most Great Remembrance, lest the people of the Bayan be debarred from the All-Merciful. Otherwise, never did a previous Manifestation announce a subsequent Manifestation in such manner. And if the intention of the Point of the Bayan were what people have understood, since most of the servants, according to their own fancy, utter verses, then all should be true. Any person of understanding perceives how far these people are from the stream of knowledge and how they have failed to comprehend the purpose. By My life! The intention of that Point of existence was none other than the exaltation of this divine Word.

Some time ago, the most ignorant of people came with two others like himself from Iran to the great city, and according to his fancy uttered verses and made claims. He is but in evident loss and error. God willing, the beloved of Truth must protect the House of Unity from the heedless hosts of the polytheists and counsel the pretenders. They should study extensively the Book of Badi', which was revealed from the Source of Revelation through the tongue of one of the beloved, and impart it to the servants, that perchance they may return from passion to guidance and hold fast to humility instead of pride.

It is evident that this Prisoner has foregone comfort, glory, bounty, life, and the like for the life of the world and has shown no compromise with kings in the Cause of God, let alone with others. Now all must unite in raising the comprehensive Word and must, with the utmost striving and effort, engage in teaching God's Cause with wisdom and forbearance. We beseech God to assist them in this. By My life! If they were to become aware of this Manifestation and its sovereignty, they would be thunderstruck, let alone draw near to it. Most are ignorant to this day - none has become aware of the divine Tree and its sovereignty, grandeur, and power, save whom thy Lord willed. Therefore, an expounder is needed. God willing, you must engage in serving the Cause in a manner that is befitting and appropriate. We beseech God to make you a key to the doors of hearts and minds and to assist you in the victory of His Cause. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

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The esteemed friend, his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah's glory], may take note. He is God, exalted be His station and magnificent His grandeur.

Praise be to the Ancient Beloved, Whose glances of favor have ever been directed towards His friends, and from Whom the breezes of grace from the treasury of bounty have never been cut off, and the ocean of generosity has never been restricted from outpouring. At all times the Supreme Pen hath been engaged in mentioning the loved ones and all who dwell in creation, yet the people of the world are observed to be exceedingly heedless, deprived and bereft of this mighty bounty and unmatched favor. Should one gaze with the eye of fairness and reflect, one would observe with what kindness, compassion, grace, mercy and benevolence the Truth summons these ungrateful people to that which profiteth them. I swear by the Creator of the world and its Educator that the pebbles of the desert and mountains, the heavens and earth, the seas, and whatsoever groweth from the earth - all are enraptured, stirred, melodious and joyous from the attraction of the Day of God, and are singing with a myriad tongues the verses of Truth, while these unconscious people are still asleep, nay, they are as the dead, save those who have been quickened and made steadfast by the divine spirit, and who have attained unto a wondrous, glorious, new life through the breezes of divine revelation. What benefit, when no sight can be found in the world, and no ear exists; otherwise, but a single melody from the Supreme Pen would attract all and cause them to ascend to the highest horizon. Blessed are they who have turned towards God, hearkened, responded, and attained that which most of mankind hath failed to attain.

Thereafter, your letter reached this servant, and the fragrances of love, affection and faithfulness were inhaled therefrom. It is evident that faithfulness hath ever been the attribute of God's friends, and they have always been successful in achieving and practicing it. In truth, the fragrance of faithfulness wafted from your letter. This servant, though unworthy to be mentioned before God's friends or to be the object of their attention, yet they, out of their praiseworthy characteristics and lofty qualities, make mention of the most insignificant of servants and gladden him with drops from the pen of affection. Their reward is with Him Who created them and preferred them above most of His servants. What you observed in your dream regarding this servant's weakness and brokenness - the matter is as you saw it, and now is as it was, and praise be to God, my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of what will be and what has been. In all

cases, praise be to the Self-Sufficient, the Eternal. If we are worthy of His trials, it is among His great favors and mighty bounties, but the pain is that these heads are not worthy of the noose of His trials, and these souls are not fit to be the target of His decree. His is the judgment in all conditions.

Furthermore, I conveyed your greetings and expressions of evanescence and nothingness to the holy divine Branches - may my spirit and the spirits of all the world be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - and to the members of the pavilion of chastity and sanctity, and each one sends to you and those with you their greetings and most glorious mention. Regarding what you wrote about the children, God willing, the Truth has granted and will grant health. Convey this servant's greetings to the honored masters, the two sons, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali and his honor Aqa Lutfu'llah. A letter has been written to his honor Aqa Ghulam-'Ali which you will observe. Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to the mother of 'Inayatu'llah and the honored dear ones. The Glory be upon you. The Servant.

Previously, dried yogurt was ordered through his honor Aqa Lutfu'llah but was not fulfilled and they did not send it. Now it has been written to his honor Aqa Ghulam-'Ali. You or Aqa Ghulam-'Ali should look there at those who deal with Nablus, whether muleteers or others, whichever is possible, tell them to obtain ten rotls of very good pure dried yogurt from there and bring it, and you or Aqa Ghulam-'Ali should send it, and write its cost so it may be sent. In Nablus all kinds of dried yogurt can be found, better than Persian dried yogurt. His honor Haji Mirza 'Ali-Akbar the engraver sent some two years ago. If you inquire properly, surely good and inexpensive ones can be found. The Glory be upon you.

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O Thou Who by Thy mention hast drawn unto Thee all names, and by Thy name hast subdued earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll which hath been adorned by Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist Thy servants, Thy creation, Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the horsemen in the arena of heedlessness and desire, nor the allusions of those who have turned away from Thee, O Lord of all creation, shall deter them. O Lord! Thou art He Whom the hosts of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of nations weaken. I beseech Thee to draw those who have turned towards Thee near unto the Dayspring of the lights of Thy countenance, and the unitarians unto the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Then protect them, O my God, from the oppressors of Thy earth. Thou art He before Whose Name the kingdom of names hath bowed down and to Whose face the Concourse on High hath prostrated itself. Thou ordainest what Thou willest for whom Thou willest, and deniest what Thou willest to whom Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single One, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, thy letter was received. Praise be to God, it diminished grief and increased joy, for the fragrance of divine love was wafted from it. Today, every word that floweth from the pen of the friends in mention of God, exalted be His glory, is as a star in the heaven of existence. After reading and examining its contents, I approached the Most Exalted Station, and when I attained the presence, after permission was granted, I presented that which thy sincere tongue had uttered in the days of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. This is what hath

been sent down from the Kingdom of might and power from God, the Lord of the worlds. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Unique

O Ibrahim! Thou hast attained unto My mention and My favors aforetime, and We make mention of thee on this night with that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Thou art he who hath testified to that which God hath testified and hast acknowledged that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the one who hath arisen with strength to make mention of Me and hath spoken My praise. He is indeed of the people of My wondrous Kingdom. Read thou what We have revealed unto thee. It shall draw thee nigh unto a station that perisheth not. The Lord of the seen and the unseen beareth witness to this. We have heard thy call and have answered thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Ibrahim! By night and by day the Divine Pen is in motion, its call is raised, and its horizon is luminous, yet the people of the earth are heedless and remote, save whom God willeth. All have been waiting by their own admission, and in the nights and days they have been uttering "Hasten, O God," yet when the veil was rent asunder and the gate of heaven was opened and the Promised One appeared, all arose in opposition save the quantity of the letters of the Face. They reflected not for a moment what was the cause and reason that all sought deliverance for that Being, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. By the life of God! The people are in manifest drunkenness and in strange slumber. Blessed art thou for having hearkened and answered thy Lord when He came with a wondrous Cause.

In all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the Truth and hold fast unto Him. Today it is incumbent upon all to engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost wisdom. The earth must first be made receptive through the power of utterance, and then the word must be delivered. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath guided thee to the straight path of God. He hath attained unto My presence, My favors, and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. From this station We send Our greetings upon him and upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies on this glorious and wondrous Day.

God willing, may you ever drink from the cup of bounty and offer it to those who have turned to Him. This evanescent servant hath ever been occupied with the mention of God's loved ones; they have not been and shall not be forgotten.

As for the mention made of his honor 'Azizu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, in these days they have sent a letter to his honor Marfu' of Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. In response, a most holy, most exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. Indeed, they have clung to the service of the Cause. God willing, may their love grow warmer at all times in such wise that its traces shall remain lasting and enduring in the world. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of love for the Beloved of the worlds and are assisted in serving the Cause. The Glory that is manifest, evident, and shining from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord, the Most Merciful, be upon you and upon those whom God hath enabled to turn to His bright and luminous horizon.

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He is the Most Manifest above every possessor of manifestation. God testifieth that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And I bear witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

O Pen of Command! Send down upon the Tablet from the wondrous remembrances of thy Lord, that perchance thereby hearts may be quickened, even though in these days the allusions of the people of allusions have prevented men from entering this tempestuous and surging ocean. They have risen in opposition in such wise as cannot be described in words, and God is witness to what I say, save those who have cast the idolaters behind their backs and their allusions beneath their feet. These soar with the wings of holiness in the atmosphere of God, the Mighty, the Protector, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving.

Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils through the power of the sovereignty of Names and Attributes, in such wise that the Concourse on High heard the sound of their being rent. By God! Around such as these circle the denizens of the pavilions of eternity, those whose faces God hath preserved from turning to aught else but Him and whom He hath sanctified from the doubts of every hateful idolater.

And among the idolaters is he who hath returned to his first step, who hath broken God's covenant and His testament, who argueth with that wherewith the people of the Furqan argued, who holdeth fast to what they possess, and who hath grown heedless of God Who created him from clotted clay.

Say: O idolater! He who is enriched by God shall be rich beyond all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, even should he be the poorest of all creatures. And he who is heedless of Him is the poorest of the poor, even should he possess the treasures of all that was and shall be. And if thou seest him, say: O idolater! We know not by which of your arguments we should feel assured in your cause. Ye are those who for a thousand years argued that the Qa'im was living in a known land, yet when one of those near to God spoke of His future birth, ye denounced him as an infidel and slew him, even as blood was shed of those who were assured in the Cause of their Lord. This was a tenet established among you, and whoso confessed otherwise, ye cursed him and pronounced him an infidel. But when the Beauty of the Most High descended upon the clouds of the Spirit, then it became evident that ye were dead within the veils of your own selves, and that He was born in Persia. Glory be to Him Who hath manifested Him with the truth and made Him a sovereign over all who are in the unseen and the visible!

Say: O concourse of idolaters! For a thousand years ye have dwelt in the fancies of your souls, taking illusion as your leader. Ye were on the brink of the pit of fire, yet ye perceived it not in your cause, even as ye now hear from the people of the Furqan. Ye were afflicted with this only because ye followed your own desires and a number of men who fabricated lies against God and who wandered in the wilderness of fancy. When God rent asunder the veils of fancy, ye testified that He was truly born and that He was indeed the One promised in the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Observe, then, those who follow these people after having discovered their falsehood and their fabrications. By God, O faithful servant of God! When these who associated partners with God and denied Him and His signs witnessed that the banners of the Cause had truly appeared and the Sun of Expression had risen from the horizon of grace, they arose to spread lies and calumnies, that they might cast doubt

into the hearts of those who were gazing toward the sacred direction. They argue with the same arguments used by the divines of the Furqan, and to establish their delusion they cling to the reports of the past.

Say: Woe unto you! Which of your reports should we believe, after we have witnessed with our own eyes that ye were drowning in the seas of fancy? Say: O people! This is He through Whose manifestation ’Ali before Him, and before him Muhammad the Messenger of God, took pride, and from the wellspring of Whose Pen God caused to flow the Kawthar of wisdom and utterance. Fear God, and be not veiled by what ye possess, and be not of them who disbelieve. Purify your hearts from all previous reports, for ye can never know which word was sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, and which word was fabricated by the idolaters to preserve their leadership.

Thus doth the Cock of the Throne crow at this moment from the sacred direction, the holy and sanctified seat of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. And thou, keep thyself apart from such as these, then take thy seat upon the throne of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Pay no heed to those who say that which they comprehend not. If thou art able to convey the Cause of thy Lord, convey it; if not, then rest in thy place and trust in God in all matters.

And glory be upon thee and upon those who have been attracted by the fragrances of the All-Merciful from this glorious and manifest Paradise.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is indeed the One Who conversed with Moses from the Burning Bush, and the Speaker on the night of the Ascension through the Hidden Mystery, and the Desired One unto Whom the Spirit ascended. He is verily the Preserved Book and the Guarded Tablet of God, the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and the Symbol which the Kaf and Nun have not comprehended. This is a Word which God hath made a mercy, a light and a glory from His presence unto those who have turned towards His Frequented House, and a fire and vengeance unto those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested what was promised and sent down from the heaven of bounty that which caused the dwellers of the graves to be stirred up. Among them are those who have arisen and hastened to the Living Waters, and among them are those who turned away, retreated, and associated partners with God, the One, the Mighty, the Forgiving.

Praise be to God Who hath spoken through the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation, Who hath called all to His presence and to the Kawthar of His reunion, and hath made His presence identical with His Own presence, that the promise might be fulfilled concerning that which He revealed to His Beloved. God is He Who raised up the heavens without pillars that ye can see, and subjected the sun and the moon, each moving for an appointed term. He ordereth all things and

expoundeth the signs that men may be assured of the meeting with their Lord. And that which was mentioned aforetime might be fulfilled: “Await ye the advent of Him Who conversed with Moses from the Tree upon the Mount.” Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God’s utterance and turned unto Him, and woe unto him who hath turned away and is among the dwellers of the graves.

Thereafter, the servant hath been honored to meet him who hath attained the Most Pure Horizon and was named ’Ali before Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny, who directed himself and advanced until he entered the Luminous Spot, the Station wherein the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved. I heard from him mention of your acceptance, your advancement, your turning unto God, your praise, your arising, your sincerity towards God your Lord, and your steadfastness in His Cause, whereby every mighty one was shaken, every learned one was confounded, every mystic swooned, every swimmer was bewildered, and every seeker retreated.

God willing, may ye ever be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and remain focused upon and oriented towards the divine horizon of Revelation. Today, after the recognition of God, the greatest of all deeds is steadfastness. Your honor, having partaken of the Kawthar of utterance, must call all to this most exalted and sublime station. The people are weak and in need of remembrance. God willing, ye should strive with the utmost determination to raise up the blessed Word, that all the people of that land might be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and engage, in perfect unity and harmony, in the remembrance of the true Sovereign.

Consider my small effort as significant, for this evanescent servant is occupied day and night with the recording of divine verses, to such extent that he findeth no opportunity to burden the masters and friends with his letters. From all I have ever hoped for and continue to hope for forgiveness, and His honor Mulla ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, will mention the details. I request that ye convey greetings on behalf of this servant to the loved ones of God in that land who are enkindled with the fire of the love of God and are gazing toward His direction, and say to them that this is the Day of remembrance and praise, the Day of service and obedience, for any deed that appeareth today purely for the sake of God hath no equal or likeness, as attesteth that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. Glory be upon you, upon your brother, and upon those who are with you, from God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

The Servant

14 Jamadiyu’l-Avval 1293

The items sent have arrived

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the Most Holy

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that the Point of the Bayan is His servant, His Splendor, His Glory, His Sovereignty, His Exaltation and His Grandeur. All were created by His command and all act by His command. Say: Verily He is the Path of God in the heavens and on earth, and His Light unto all who dwell in the dominions of authority and creation, and all shall return unto Him. Through Him the wayward were guided unto the guidance of God, and the near ones attained unto a station of glorious dignity.

O Nabil! Know thou that We have suffered at the hands of the loved ones that which We suffered not from the enemies. When We departed from Iraq, We commanded them not to leave Iraq except by Our permission, yet they violated what they were commanded, followed their desires, and were among those who trod the path of their own selves. Thereby befell Us what befell Us, and the idolaters drove Us from their lands time and again, and harm touched Us in such wise as cannot be reckoned by any reckoner. Say: O people! Seek forgiveness of God, your Lord, then turn unto Him, and follow not your desires. Follow the decree of God in all things and be not of the doubters in that which ye are commanded. Then remain steadfast upon the Path, fear God as He should be feared, and be not of those who comprehend not.

Say: Whether ye hear or hear not, ye shall never harm God in aught, and verily He ordaineth all things in the Book. In His hand is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and decreeth what He desireth by His word "Be" and it is. Those who have been given spiritual insight from God are they who follow not the dictates of their desires, but hold fast unto that which they are commanded, and cleave to the cord of God and His Cause, and drink at all times from the cup of submission.

No harm hath touched Us save through that which the hands of these people have wrought, if ye bear witness. All this they did after We had taken from them a covenant and confirmed it in the name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that they should not turn towards the Holy Land nor depart from the Abode of Peace until the command should reach them from the Pen of Him by Whom all things were ordained in a preserved Tablet. Yet they heeded not God's command and tarried not a day, but left the city, and thereby corrupted and caused corruption in God's wisdom in His Cause, while they perceived it not. Each day a group of them departed from Iraq, whereby those who disbelieved and turned away were troubled, and were among those who associated partners with God.

Then know, O Nabil, that had they not violated God's command, neither affliction nor adversity would have touched Us. But the matter hath been decreed and fulfilled, and We are patient and put Our trust in God, and in Him let those who profess His unity place their trust. Yet they have not awakened in themselves even to the extent of an atom, as though they had made God's decree an object of mockery and made sport of that which they were commanded. This is their transgression against God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Say: O ye believers! Fear God and transgress not His bounds, nor go beyond God's command. Seek forgiveness, then turn unto Him, for He is verily the Oft-Returning, the Generous, the Forgiving. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Take us not to task for what our hands have wrought, then forgive our sins, pardon us and have mercy upon us. Thou art verily the Lord of Bounty and Might, the Lord of Grace and

Kingdom. Thou knowest the treachery of every soul, and Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Deprive us not, O our God, of the fragrances of Thy sanctity, then make us steadfast in Thy Cause, establish for us a truthful station with Thee, and grant us from Thy presence mercy, and join us with those servants of Thine who soar on the wings of glory in the atmosphere of holiness. O Lord! Deprive us not of Thy Cause, nor make us despair of Thy Spirit, then make us successful, O my God, in recognizing Thee in this concealed Word.

And thou, O servant who believeth in God, guard thyself with utmost vigilance. Beware lest thou be heedless of this, for this is God's command upon thee. Associate not with those whose presence giveth rise to sedition and who are among those who cause discord. Let God, thy Lord, suffice thee, and turn unto Him with thy heart. He will suffice thee against all else and will send down upon thee of His grace as He sent down before. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all things are with Him in a hidden Tablet.

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May the Most Great Lord and Honored Beloved, His Holiness the Name of God the Teacher, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], the Lord of Eternity, illumine him with His most luminous gaze. 152

He is God, exalted be His station, to Him belong greatness and majesty

My spirit be a sacrifice unto thee! This evanescent servant hath been honored by thy letter, which was a cup of longing for the lovers, and I drank from it as the sincere ones drink the water of life in the days of our Lord, the Most Merciful. We beseech God to grant every mouth a portion thereof, and every heart a share of this Euphrates which was mingled with the tears of the Beloved–nay rather, it was pure with what flowed from the heart that was a fountainhead of God's love and favor, and a treasury of God's remembrance and grace. When I read and perused it, I took it and ascended until I attained the presence of the Throne and presented that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the worlds. When it was concluded, the hand of grace and favor was extended, and took it, and the most luminous gaze perused what was inscribed therein of His mighty and impregnable remembrance. Then there shone forth from the Dayspring of grace that which I am unable to mention. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

Then the tongue of grandeur and majesty spoke: "O thou who propagatest My Cause and standeth firm upon My path! Hearken unto My call, for it quickeneth bodies and gladdeneth the hearts of the sincere ones. We praise God for having aided thee to make mention of that which the ear of grace hath heard and which hath been accepted before the Dawning-Place of the verses of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. By My life! This sufficeth thee, and none knoweth this station save him who hath attained unto this noble seat. Read thou what We sent before, then ponder upon it. It shall open unto thy heart the gates of knowledge and understanding, even as it opened them before. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thou art in the letter Ha, and the Beloved remembereth thee in His manifest prison. Upon thee be the glory of God, His praise, and the praise of all who have laid hold on this firm cord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Whose mercy hath preceded all created things!"

After this evanescent servant was blessed with the perusal of your letter and the petitions were presented before the Throne, the response was revealed from the Dayspring of grace and sent forth. Furthermore, two boxes of tea arrived. He said the tea was very fine, but suited for princes rather than for prisoners and the poor. Its fragrance was excellent, but as it contained white buds, its color was very light. Prison tea should be closer to commercial grade, meaning that a small measure should color multiple cups. This year God hath engaged somewhat in trade, for His glory and honor among the people, yet due to the sincerity of the sender, the lightness of its color added to its excellence, as it was special and is consumed in His presence. All this is from His grace upon His loved ones. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Likewise, that which was sent by those two honored souls, upon whom be the Glory of the Most Merciful, had been written about before its arrival, and likewise the response to two letters from the Afnan, upon whom be the Glory of God and His grandeur, which they had sent from the Land of Ya in the name of His Holiness the Name of God M.H., upon him be every most glorious glory. This servant presented the response which was sent. Let your honor forward it. Similarly, a brief petition was submitted to the Name of God. We beseech God to ensure its delivery. He is, verily, the Preserver, the Trustworthy.

Furthermore, a packet arrived from His Holiness the Name of God, together with items sent by Aqa Mirza [Ali-Naqi], upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah].

Moreover, concerning what you had written about the Persian friends, four Tablets were revealed two years ago in response to their petitions and those of others from the Dawning-Place of God's Command. The original exists, but a copy was sent. Should they approach it with pure hearts and eyes of fairness, they will derive from it the hidden springs contained in all the books. We hope that, God willing, these decisive words will have their effect. Were all people to contemplate these four Tablets alone, it would suffice all who dwell on earth, for they have been revealed in such wise that their like, like the existence of Truth itself, is impossible. We beseech God to assist all to recognize Him. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Convey my sincere greetings and glorification to the friends in that land. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who attend your service.

The Servant-66 [of God]

Dated 28 Sha'ban 1290

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He is the Ever-Abiding Who knoweth no decline! Thy letter was presented before the Throne and was observed by the lights of the Kingdom, and hath attained unto utterance. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the world, that thou hast been illumined by the effulgences of the Morn of Eternity and stirred by the wafting of the Primary Word, and hast recognized the Second Six after the Upright Alif, which indicated the rolling up of the First Six. This is the station concerning which Ahmad-i-Ahsa'i, upon him be the Glory

of God, gave tidings, saying: “The Vav consisteth of three letters: six and alif and six; and the Six Days have passed, and the Alif is the Completion, and there is no word; how then the Last Six Days? Otherwise the Return would not be realized, for it is the mystery of inversion for the symbol of the Chief. And if acknowledgment be obtained from others concerning the Remaining Six, the Cause will be completed with proof and the Most Great Secret will be revealed,” and so forth. The First Six referreth to the heavens of the previous Cycle which were created in six days, “and have passed,” that is, were rolled up by the Upright Alif which is the Point; then another Six were raised up through the manifestation of My Most Glorious Name. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise thee. And thereby was manifested the mystery of inversion, for the banner of the Chief was raised above every lofty and towering standard. Thus did We make their highest to become their lowest, and their lowest to become their highest. Blessed are they that understand!

O thou who gazest toward God! No one until now hath comprehended the utterances which were revealed in this connection. The Question was specifically put to the Criminal of Kirman to interpret it and, upon his own inability, to inquire of the Dayspring of knowledge. Pride and vainglory so seized him that he was debarred from recognition thereof until he returned to his abode. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the Wise. The purpose of that utterance was this very matter. Every Cause hath been manifested, every secret brought forth, every hidden thing unveiled, every manifestation completed, and every perspicuous Book sealed. We beseech God to assist all in that which beseemeth this Revelation, whereby organization hath been scattered, and the fancies gathered in minds dispersed, and the feet of the steadfast have slipped.

We found thy letter sanctified from mention of aught else and adorned with this Great Name. Grieve thou not over anything. He hath ordained for thee in His Kingdom that which shall solace thine eyes and gladden thy heart. He is the Protector of whoso hath turned unto Him and spoken in praise of His exalted remembrance.

That which is necessary today is and shall be the service of the Cause. Most people are heedless. All must be educated in such wise that they will not be prevented from the straight path and the clear way by the croaking of the crows. All that was mentioned in the Tablets of the past and future hath ended in this most wondrous and most holy Revelation, and the time of all hath expired, even as the allusions of previous Books have been sent down in the glorious Tablets from the Divine Pen. Blessed are they that observe!

Thou must strive at all times with the utmost endeavor that perchance the trees of human souls may not be moved by every wind nor stumble at every thorn. Even as in these days an unknown person in one of the cities of God laid claim, and some heedless ones were attracted, until they recognized and returned unto God and were numbered among the penitent. If it were decreed that every day a Manifestation should appear, the Cause of God would never become established. Therefore, in this day, persons such as thyself must summon the people to the Most Great Steadfastness, and this station hath been and shall ever be the greatest of all stations, even as it hath been recorded in the Books of the past and future.

That which hath proceeded from thee in the path of God is accepted before the Throne, and although what thou hast written concerning this Most Holy, Most Exalted Cause hath not been presented before

the Throne, yet God's knowledge hath encompassed it. After reading this Tablet, refer back to it that it may fully accord with that which hath been sent down from the Throne. Blessed art thou for having drunk the Choice Wine and for having begun from Us and returned unto Us with sincerity and recognition. This is the testimony of the All-Merciful in thy favor. Rejoice thou and say: "Thine is the praise, O Lord of the worlds, and Thine is the gratitude, O Thou Who art wronged in the hands of the ungodly, and Thine is the glory, O Glory of those who are in the heavens and the earth!" Verily the glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those who are with thee in this Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Mighty Cause.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

A Book from Our presence to those who have attained unto the lights of mystic knowledge in the days of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and who have stood firm in the Cause when most of the servants turned away from it, that the fragrances of revelation may draw them nigh unto a station wherein naught is mentioned save God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

There have come before Our presence various petitions from those who have turned towards God, and We make mention of them in this exalted Tablet. Among them is Samandar, who desired to enter the Most Great Scene. He is among those whom nothing deterred when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. O Samandar! Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's covenant and arisen to serve Him amidst His heedless servants. Be thou a lamp of guidance among the people and a dawning-place of utterance through this Great Name. Grieve not over anything. Verily thy Lord is with thee and will aid thee as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And among them is Dhabih, who believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Dhabih! Give thanks for Our having aided thee to turn towards Him when the ascetics turned away. We have read what thou didst send and heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have, of a truth, mentioned thee in the Tablets as a token of grace from Our presence. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving. It behooveth thee not to grieve over anything. By God! His remembrance sufficeth thee in truth, whereunto testify honored servants.

And among them is Husayn, who turned towards the horizon of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Husayn! Hearken unto the Call from the Dayspring of grandeur and glory. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing. Thy letter hath been honored in the presence of thy Lord, and the Wronged One hath turned His gaze toward it while imprisoned among the wicked. O servant! Act in accordance with what hath been sent down in the Most Holy Book. By God! It is truly the Balance of guidance among the people and the proof of the All-Merciful to all who are in earth and heaven. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God under all conditions. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Lamp which Thou hast kindled with the fire of Thy Cause between Thy heaven and earth, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast distinguished between Thy servants and Thy creatures, to assist me

in Thy remembrance and praise, and preserve me from that which Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. O Lord! This transient one hath clung to the hem of Thy eternity. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the outpourings of the ocean of Thy bounty, and ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

And among them is he who is named ’Ali, who attained unto the lights of faith when the horizon of certitude was illumined by the Sun of the utterance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. O ’Ali! We have heard thy call and answered thee before, and in this wondrous Tablet. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and the Dawning-Place of His revelation when He appeared with His Name, the Protector of the worlds. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy brother, from God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the Generous.

And among them is the Leaf of Ridvan who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We have read thy letter and understood its contents. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Generous. We have sent thee various Tablets through those who have journeyed there. Thy Lord is, verily, the True One, the Faithful. We beseech God to aid thee in His service and to make thee a sign of piety among His handmaidens who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned that some days ago, specially dedicated Tablets, sublime and wondrous, were revealed and sent to most of the loved ones of God, as was done before. Therefore, this time We have sufficed with this brief message. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to give all to drink of the living waters and cause them to speak His praise. O friends! Strive to become dawning-places of divine outpourings, that is, to manifest such conduct as is beloved and praiseworthy before God, that all may be awakened by your deeds, actions, and character, and turn towards the Friend. In most Tablets it hath been revealed that the victory of the Truth hath been and shall be through goodly deeds, befitting actions, and pleasing character. Strive ye in that which ye have been commanded in the Book. By God! Through it shall your souls profit and those who are in the world. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel you as He counseled you before. To this testifieth every knowing and informed one. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded in the Tablets. He is, verily, of the people of Baha in the presence of the Lord of Names. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all things at all times.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great

The Purpose of the world is worthy of mention, but what manner of mention should it be and from whom should it come? There has never been any doubt that mention other than His own is not befitting Him as it should be. Thereby it is established that His mention is acceptable only unto Himself and His utterance is befitting only unto His Essence. According to the pronouncement of the Prophets, upon them be peace and glory, none hath ever fathomed nor will ever fathom the knowledge of His Essence. This statement is complete and every fair-minded one acknowledges it.

Nevertheless, at every moment man witnesses the successive manifestations of His grace and the effulgences of His loving-kindness. His bounty and mercy have so encompassed all things that man can attain unto His knowledge according to his capacity, inasmuch as all created things are, in one station, signs of the knowledge of Him and manifestations of His grace. Of this there is no doubt. His bestowals are countless and His favors endless. In this connection one may say "verily with difficulty cometh ease." A hundred thousand praises, glorifications, mentions and splendors be unto His most holy Being, Who bestoweth without any worthiness on our part. He joineth the East and the West in a single moment and bringeth forth the fruits thereof. This is yet another bounty, another gift, and another favor. Through His will, remoteness appeareth adorned with the ornament of nearness, and through His decree, fire appeareth in the form of radiant light. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him!

In these days, some of His signs have adorned the hearts and souls of a number with joy and gladness. We must arise to thank Him for His grace and open our tongues in praise. In truth, existence is for this very purpose. It would be difficult to find a wing that could soar higher. Gabriel, upon him be peace, spoke well when, according to the speaker, he said "Were I to venture a hair's breadth higher…" Every bounty of His possesseth another bounty, and every grace of His encompasseth another grace. How can one fulfill the obligation of thankfulness save through His grace taking one by the hand and teaching one?

O my God, my God! Withhold not from us that which Thou lovest, and deprive us not of that which Thou hast accepted. I beseech Thee by Thy conquering power to make us content with Thy decree and to enable us to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention and your praise.

The noble letter which followed the Book of Truth arrived. Its arrival was like the flowing of the Euphrates of mercy to the thirsty. Verily the Kawthar of life was evident in the chalice of its words, for it was adorned with the mention and praise of the Truth. I offered thanks and praise, and after perusing it, proceeded to the place where I was honored to hear it read.

O Afnan! O 'Ali! Upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy and His grace. Know thou with certain knowledge that the Best of Inheritors is the Truth, exalted be His glory, and the blessed Word that hath proceeded from the mouth of His Will is the true inheritor and the true son, for this mention in the Book of God is eternal. Neither doth extinction overtake it, nor do the manifestations of Names alter it, nor doth the passage of centuries and ages change it.

We beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, to manifest unto you and send down upon you that which beseemeth the heaven of His grace and the kingdom of His bounty. Henceforth, it appears that if the Most Great Afnan, upon him be the peace of God, His mercy and His grace, would honor these lands with his presence, it would be most fitting and appropriate. If wisdom requireth it, it would be most excellent. Convey greetings to the honored Haji and all other loved ones, and on behalf of this Wronged One mention that from which the fragrance of love and affection is wafted.

Although the grace of the Truth, exalted be His glory, is more evident than the sun and needeth no mention, yet one loves these mentions, namely, whatsoever pertaineth to the realm of love, affection and purity. I beseech and supplicate the Truth, exalted be His glory, to preserve the honored master and

your honor under His protection and shelter, and to bring near the days of reunion. This supplication is easy to fulfill before the Generous Lord and is accompanied by acceptance.

God is witness that during the nights and days I await meeting them, and I seek help from the Truth and desire His response. I remember all other masters and loved ones, offer them greetings, and beseech His grace and protection for all. Verily our Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Responding. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hearken unto your words for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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As for what you wrote concerning Ahmad-i-Kirmani – upon him be what he deserves – by God, the mind is bewildered and astonished by such imaginary, unknown and fraudulent souls. Several times now acceptance and rejection have been manifested from him. The evanescent one testifies that he has not believed in anyone who speaks without consciousness and understanding. Glory be to God! Through these words to which he has clung and through which he has sought to prove the truth of the dawning-place of conjectures - several years ago in the Land of Ta he confessed to it just as he confessed to it in these days, then repudiated it. Praise be to God that your honor observed the fraudulent words - would that you had seen him in person, for then the unconsciousness of the people would have become even more evident to your honor. Would that the expressions in those infernal pages had coherence, or that some meaning could be derived from them! Praise be to God, they are devoid and bereft of all that is beloved. Some time ago, in the Tablets of one of the friends of God, these decisive words were revealed:

“Behold, O chosen ones of God, what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: ‘Do these men imagine that they will be raised again on a Great Day - the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds?’ Nay! Verily the record of the wicked is in Sijjin. And what shall make thee know what Sijjin is? It is a written record. Woe on that day unto those who deny the truth! The croaking of a croaker shall be raised, and the book of Sijjin shall be spread abroad. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, and woe unto every lying doubter!”

Likewise in the Tablets of Iraq and the Land of Sirr, these passages were revealed from the heaven of divine Will. The writings of such fraudulent souls serve as their own exposure, and every person of understanding and insight perceives the degrees thereof. And when this detailed account was presented before the Most Holy Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words:

“Souls who have been nourished by the fruits of the Supreme Pen behold themselves free from vain imaginings, confused dreams and fancies, and are so steadfast in the Cause that all the books of the world cannot turn them away from the Ancient Beauty, much less such delirious utterances.”

May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice unto His utterance! It is most regrettable that on such occasions mention should be made of these utterances which have shone forth from the Dayspring of verses, yet since it is mentioned to that beloved of the soul, it hath been and shall ever be beloved. Another request is that you convey greetings from this evanescent one to his honor Aqa Mirza Ata’u’llah, upon him be the

Glory of God. Praise be to God that the lights of steadfastness have shone forth from him. Whosoever today hath drunk from the living waters will surely not turn to the stagnant pool. Would that you had written to Ahmad himself: “We know not upon which path thou standest, nor which way thou walkest. At times we find thee repentant, penitent and remorseful, and at other times we see thee an unbeliever, a rejecter, a hypocrite and doubter. Setting all else aside, where has thy fairness gone that thou hast sent these fabricated words? This servant says, purely for the sake of God: Open thine eyes that thou mayest see, and give ear that thou mayest hear. What has happened that thou canst not distinguish between the melodies of the nightingale and the croaking of the raven? Return unto God Who created thee and sustained thee; perchance He may forgive thy misdeeds, though thou hast committed that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Our All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord beareth witness to this.”

Likewise I send greetings to his honor Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, and I beseech and implore God that He may aid him to serve the Cause, that there may appear from him that which will gladden the hearts of those near unto God. I likewise beseech God to adorn all the friends in that land with the ornament of steadfastness. Would that people would comprehend the Day of God! Whosoever attaineth unto this station beholdeth all save God, exalted be His glory, as non-existent and as naught. In one of the Tablets this exalted Word was revealed, glorified be His grandeur:

“In the first year, from the scratching of the Supreme Pen this blessed word was heard: Blessed are those souls who have recognized the new Cause and have turned towards the new Beauty, and this lofty and most exalted station is not attained except through the effacement of all that was before and the hearkening of attentive ears.”

Those who took the calf as their god instead of God were several degrees more conscious than this croaker, for they at least had found something to cling to. Woe unto the heedless! Woe unto the losers! Woe unto those who lead others astray!

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He is the Manifest One, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Creation!

O My Name Mehdi! Upon thee be My glory! Yesterday We departed from the known place, and another land became the scene of the Most Glorious Beauty. After arrival, the servant appeared with tablet and pen before His countenance. We said: “O servant, is it possible for a word to descend from the heaven of divine will that would remove the odors of hatred and rancor from the world, so that perfect fellowship may be manifested among all parties?” He said: “Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

O Mehdi! Petitions have been sent from the land of ? and other lands, and in most of them mention was made of the arrival of the Name of God, Jamal, and the upheavals of that land. The Supreme Pen hath commanded all to wisdom and counseled consultation. They must, in all conditions, be mindful of that which God hath ordained. For the souls that are strong, assured and content, there hath been and is no harm, but the weak are observed to be disturbed by the slightest upheaval.

O Mehdi! When the Sun of inner meanings of the Qur'an shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful's wisdom upon the mirror of knowledge, this verse became manifest and evident: "Nothing shall befall us save what God hath prescribed for us." Today all must hold fast unto wisdom and cling to that which hath been revealed from the Divine Pen. They must associate with the people of the world with the utmost joy and fragrance, act purely for the sake of God and with their gaze fixed upon Him in whatsoever they have been commanded. In such case, should any matter occur, by the life of the Beloved, it is beloved in the sight of the Beloved of the worlds. This world, which is observed to be less than nothing, hath not been and is not worthy of mention. Ask thou of God that He may make all aware of that which profiteth them and is befitting for them. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Some time ago thou didst mention Jinab-i-Afnan Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, and sent his letter which was addressed to thee. The servant present submitted all of it before the Wronged One. God willing, he hath ever drunk and will ever drink from the Kawthar of divine favor and will remain focused on the Most Exalted Horizon. We have revealed for him a Tablet and mentioned him in such wise as will preserve his turning and devotion to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O Mehdi! The mention of My Afnan, their turning to My horizon, their orientation toward My countenance, their hearkening to My call, their holding fast to My cord, and their clinging to My hallowed and luminous robe, brings Me joy. Were but a drop from the oceans of divine favors or an atom from the lights of the Sun of heavenly grace to become manifest, all would be observed to be bewildered, nay thunderstruck, save whom God willeth. Due to the lack of capacity in the earth, most matters are hidden from eyes and vision until the time cometh; then will it be manifested in truth and the tongues of the world will speak: "Blessed be God, the Most Generous of the most generous, the Most Powerful of the most powerful, and the One Who holdeth dominion over all in the heavens and the earths."

One word that appeareth from the Dawning-Place of divine verses cannot be equaled by all that is visible and invisible. The Primal Point–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake–hath said that all existence is for the purpose of being mentioned but once in His presence. Blessed are they that turn unto Him, and joy be to them that have attained!

God willing, may they who are related to the Truth, exalted be His glory, attain unto the most great steadfastness, for both the croaking of the raven and the cooing of the dove are raised. We previously informed all of hidden and concealed matters. No event hath occurred on earth except that We mentioned it beforehand from Our Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath read and understood and was among those who have attained.

Today the first requirement is the recognition of God, and then steadfastness in His Cause, for the treacherous and the thieves have been and are lying in ambush. Verily, We have sent down all things in the Book. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the Bestower. All matters have been revealed clearly and evidently, without interpretation, in God's Book. Say: Read ye, that ye may become aware of God's power, His sovereignty, His knowledge, His might, and His grace which hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whom neither the doubts of the divines, nor the hints of the jurisprudents, nor the clamor of the rulers have kept back from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And at the end of Our utterance, We counsel all to observe the wisdom which We have revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets, lest the feet of the weak slip from this Path which hath appeared through the Name of God, the Lord of Names, on this glorious and wondrous Day.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O My handmaiden! My glory be upon thee! At this hour the gate of utterance hath been opened, turning unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My leaf! The Divine Lote-Tree desireth to speak that which it spoke on the Mount of Knowledge unto the Son of Imran, that it may draw thee to the Dayspring of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O thou who hast turned towards My horizon! Verily, the heaven desireth to send unto thee a manifestation from among the manifestations of its sun, and a light from among the lights of its moon. Say: My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy tender mercy, O Lord of all being, Creator of all things, Sovereign of all names, Who gazeth upon all men and women, and Who speaketh that which draweth them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds!

O My handmaiden! Behold, behold the pearls which We have sent unto thee from this Most Great Sea, as a mercy from Us upon thee and upon those who have heard the Call and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all in the heavens and on earth!" O thou who art present before the throne! Hear My call time and again, repeatedly. Verily it is the water of life for the people of creation and the light of the All-Merciful amidst the followers of all religions. Blessed is he who hath heard, witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless! The wine of My choice nectar hath intoxicated the Concourse on High and the Supreme Paradise. They cry "Glory!" and "God is Most Great!" to this Name, at Whose appearance the limbs of the idolaters who violated God's Covenant and Testament trembled, and who denied that which was sent down from the heaven of His utterance in this mighty, exalted station.

Give thanks, give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me with verses that have attracted the hearts of those near unto Thee!" Glorify, glorify and say: "All praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, for having turned toward Thy handmaiden and revealed unto her that which hath brought solace to the eyes of those endued with knowledge!" Thus hath the Most Great Sea spoken forth in a station which God hath sanctified beyond the understanding of the sincere ones.

O My leaf! We have been encompassed by sorrows from all directions through that which the hands of those whom God created to aid My Cause have wrought, for they have instead aided Mine enemies who have pronounced judgment against Me with such injustice as hath caused the Holy Spirit to lament.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: Though outwardly His Majesty the King and the Minister remain silent and have even shown some measure of kindness toward this community, inwardly they persist in and act according to their own desires. By My life! Their power and might shall not prevent Me. We have arisen before all faces and have cast upon all that which God hath taught Me, with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the whole earth. Every truthful and faithful one beareth witness unto this. Ere long the signs of God shall become manifest and resplendent from all directions. Neither the might of the oppressors nor the power of the heedless can prevent it. The divine signs penetrate all things and His Will is supreme. Can anyone prevent Him from exercising His sovereignty? Nay, by His own Self, the Truth! We have revealed that which was hidden from eyes and treasured in the knowledge of God, the Lord of Lords.

Convey My greetings to all the handmaidens in that land. Say: O handmaidens of God! This is the day of supreme joy. With spirit and fragrance, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. However, do not let go of wisdom, for adherence to it hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in numerous Tablets, lest there appear that which would grieve the hearts of those of My handmaidens who have heard My call, who have won victory through My traces, who have witnessed that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My grace, and who have responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken at this precious and beloved hour.

Take a cup of tea in defiance of My turbaned enemies, then drink from it once for My love and again in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The divines of Iran who for years have claimed knowledge, excellence and wisdom are found to be the most lost, most lying and most ignorant of the world, save whom God willeth. We beseech God to protect His servants and handmaidens. He is the One by Whose command all things have appeared and through Whose love they have moved and proclaimed: “This is the Day wherein He hath come, through Whom the lips of God’s books have smiled, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.”

The glory shining from the horizon of the Mother Book be upon thee and upon My handmaidens there, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

For nearly three years, especially for My handmaiden and My spiritual leaf, upon her be My glory, there hath been revealed that which is as Kawthar for those near unto God and as Salsabil for the sincere ones. This time it was sent - give her these glad tidings. Verily her Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

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That which was revealed for the loved ones of God in the village. In the name of the peerless Lord! O ye that are wise! The glances of the favor of the Lord of Names have been directed towards you from the Mountain of Akka, and He maketh mention of you through verses whose fragrance hath perfumed the world. Blessed are they who today have inhaled this sweet fragrance and have turned towards the

supreme horizon. The whole world hath been created for the Day of God, that all may partake of the outpourings of the True Bestower and receive their portion. Yet they are seen to be deprived, for their past disobedience hath debarred them from the most great bounty and the most luminous prospect. Among the people are those who have committed that which hath caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise to lament, and among them are those who have hastened unto the Countenance and stood before the Door and testified to that which God had testified before the creation of the heavens: "Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The divines of the earth, who are accounted as ignorant in the sight of God, are the greatest veil for mankind. Blessed is the one whom this veil hath not withheld, who through the power and ascendancy of the Most Great Name hath rent it asunder and turned towards the horizon of God's Cause.

O friends! Know ye your station and recognize your worth. I swear by the Sun of proof which hath shone forth from the heaven of utterance that all things are turned towards you and are engaged in your remembrance. Soon shall every ear hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Explicator, the All-Informed.

Be not grieved at what hath befallen you in the path of the Desired One of the world. Death shall overtake all, and its agony shall encompass all. Blessed is the state of one who hath harmed no one and who endureth harm from these base people in God's path, and who holdeth fast to the cord of patience and resignation.

O My loved ones! We left the palace and with Us were certain souls, among them the Most Great Branch, and behind him the two Branches, and My brother, and My other nephew, and behind them Muhammad-Quli, and Abdul-Baha who attained the presence of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and he who was named Hasan, then Mustafa whose father was martyred in the land of Ta, he being among those who showed forth great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of creation. And among those present was Abdul-Ghani, who had migrated from Hadba after the Sun of Permission had risen from the horizon of his Lord's command, the Most Glorious. We entrusted to him the matter of food during this luminous journey. And Ja'far would carry God's bounty from the city to the land, and from the land to the palace, and thence to the mountain. When We arrived and entered the tent of glory pitched upon the mountain, the servant who was present brought a letter from one of My loved ones who was named Hussein, and presented its contents before the Face. When it was completed, the ocean of the mercy of the All-Merciful surged, and there was revealed for him and for every name that was in his letter that which caused the river of life to flow upon all possibility. Exalted is He Who hath appeared through His Most Great Name and hath spoken among the nations that which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in His Books and Scriptures. He is verily the Explicator, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thus have We recounted unto you what appeared on this mountain as a bounty from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Give thanks unto God for this supreme favor. He is with you under all conditions. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O friends! All that hath appeared in these days hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that all may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterance and hold fast unto that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. Strive that ye may attain unto that from which the fragrance of eternity can be inhaled. Let not what hath befallen you cause you grief. The whole world shall return to extinction, and that which hath endured and shall endure is a word that proceedeth from the Tongue of Grandeur concerning a soul. Verily it shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure, and it shall be a brilliant lamp unto him in every world of the worlds of his Lord. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken as a command from Us, and I am verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and upon those who have attained unto this wondrous Cause. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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To the Leaf of the Holy Family and to the Holy Family upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious

He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Mighty, the Generous

O leaves of My Tree! Upon you be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. O fruits of My Tree of loving-kindness! Upon you be the Light of God, the radiant, the dawning, the luminous. O remnants of My Holy Family! The Divine Lote-Tree remembereth you from the Most Exalted Horizon, and desireth to console its leaves, its branches, its boughs and its fruits in all that hath come upon them through God's irrevocable decree and His destined ordinance, inscribed by His mighty and wondrous Pen. By God's life! Your affliction hath grieved Me and that which hath befallen you, and likewise those who have circled round Me and have clung to the cord of My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Unceasingly have you been remembered in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and the glances of loving-kindness have been directed toward that quarter. Although this supreme affliction hath befallen you, yet since its source and return are from God and unto God, there is no harm in it. We beseech God - exalted be His glory - to transform the fire of sorrow into the light of joy, and to sanctify the hem of trust and detachment from the dust of worldly events and the grime of the imaginings of the peoples.

In the path of God there hath befallen you the greatest of the world's afflictions. How many nights and days have you been sorrowful due to the oppression of the servants, and the greatest of afflictions is separation, which hath appeared, and the obstacles that have intervened. Know with absolute certitude that a station hath been ordained for you, whereof were a needle's eye worth to be unveiled, all the world would turn from what they possess unto what God possesseth, and would circle round it. The oppressors and heedless ones of the world imagine they can frustrate the Cause, but that which appeareth hath been and shall be the cause of the exaltation of the Word. The power of the world cannot withhold its might, nor can the calumnies of the nations weaken its power.

From the beginning of the Cause until now, We have rendered assistance through the Pen alone, until the Cause hath reached such a station as hath truly become the cause of reflection and wonderment to the peoples of the world. Sublime utterances have been revealed in both eloquent Arabic and radiant Persian. Their recitation is beloved and is the cause of the solace of hearts and minds.

We have desired at this time to make mention of My two most exalted leaves among the handmaidens with a mention whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise have been attracted, such that its fragrance shall never cease to endure through the permanence of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes.

O first light that shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all beings, and first word uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur, and first fragrance that wafted from the garment of My Most Great Name amongst the nations! Upon thee, O dawning-place of fidelity and thou who art mentioned by the Most Glorious Tongue in the prison of Akka! I testify that thou didst hear the Call in the earliest days and didst turn to God, the Lord of all beings, and didst take the cup of recognition and drink thereof from the hands of bounty and bestowal. Thou art she whom neither the derision of the wicked nor the doubts of the perfidious deterred. Thou didst forsake the religion of the people and turn to God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, the Possessor of the hereafter and this world.

O first light that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of bounty! Upon thee, O luminous leaf! I testify that thou didst turn and acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in the kingdom of creation, then didst take His sealed nectar in His self-subsisting Name and drink before the faces of the handmaidens of God and His leaves. Thou art she whom neither the ranks of the divines, nor their clamor, nor the croaking of the people of tyranny and indecency, nor their doubts deterred. Thou hast rent asunder the veils through the name of thy Lord, the Bestower, and hast acknowledged God's compelling Word and held fast unto it in days wherein the handmaidens of the earth abandoned it and its men cast it behind them, save those whom God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne, willed.

Blessed art thou, O My leaf, and blessed is he who seeketh thy resting place, visiteth thy dust, draweth nigh through thee unto God, thy Lord, and mentioneth that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered concerning thy tribulations and afflictions.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, God of the Kingdom and the Realm, and Sovereign of grandeur and might! I beseech Thee by the branches of the Tree of Thy singleness and Thy chosen ones who have been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and have spent their substance and their spirits in Thy path, to forgive me and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed existence and by Thy mercy that hath preceded the seen and the unseen, to fulfill my needs and ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and be as a light before my face in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be to God Who sent the Messengers and revealed the Book. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The ocean of generosity has surged among the world, and its greatest, most manifest, most evident, and mightiest wave was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names. Through him God's bounty and generosity were perfected for all who are in the heavens and earth. Blessings and peace be upon him and his family, whose lights shone forth from the horizons of the heavens of names. Exalted is the Creator of Heaven Who created them, established them in His Cause, caused them to speak forth His commandments, and made them appear to exalt His Word - and upon all who follow them, all who cling to them, and all who turn toward them.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou through the 'H' of Whose Beloved's name the beings were attracted and the atoms testified to Thy oneness and singleness! O Lord, I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to assist all to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.

And now, O my beloved, your letter was indeed a delicate mirror reflecting your sincerity, acceptance and orientation toward God, our Lord, your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God that you are confirmed in remembrance, praise and service. What you wrote concerning the beloved friends and gentlemen was indeed an inlet branching from the ocean of joy, bringing complete gladness and boundless delight. After presenting [this], perfect outward favor was manifested - may my spirit be a sacrifice for His favor.

The new tidings are that the travelers have arrived, praise be to God - two from the land of Kha and two from the land of Qaf, as you had written. This servant and you must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect all in the fortress of His care from the evil of the commanding self and to aid them in that which He loves and is pleased with. Letters have also arrived from every direction. Praise be to God that despite the intensity of oppression, the burning of the fire of transgression and corruption, and the coldness of those in existence, the sincere ones who have turned to Him remain warm and enkindled. Indeed, those who have drunk from the true Kawthar have ever been and will ever be seated upon the throne of joy in the gathering of the world. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly beginning and end.

As for what you wrote regarding the honored master Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise the sum that was transferred to him - this matter occurred some time ago and is as you have written. This servant has not yet met the travelers; after meeting them, details will be mentioned.

Regarding the mention of Aqa 'Azizu'llah and Aqa Is?aq, upon them be the glory of God, what you wrote - the receipt of arrival was sent, and later what will cause the greatest joy and illumination of heart will also be sent to Aqa 'Azizu'llah and the friends of that land, upon them be the glory of God. At this moment while engaged in writing these words, I was summoned and He commanded: "Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the Afnan, upon them be My glory. Each one is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they be engaged in the remembrance of the Goal of the worlds with utmost joy and fragrance." End.

This lowly servant likewise extends greetings and self-effacement to the presence of the Most Great Master and the Most Great Lord and the Twin Stars, upon them be all the most glorious Glory of God, and may this be accepted, God willing. And likewise to the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and his honor Haji ’Abbas, upon him be [the Glory of God], and likewise to the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. It is hoped that a letter will be sent to them as well. And to the other two beloved ones, upon them be the Glory of God, who stand in service to the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, I send greetings. Praise be to God that they have attained and are mentioned in this station. This is a great bounty, by the Lord of all worlds. Peace be upon you and upon them and upon those who have intended the House and have attained and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Mighty. And praise be to God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

The Servant

15th of the blessed month of Ramadan [1300]

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In the Name of God, the One, and blessings and peace be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. Praise be to God Who sent down the Book and guided all thereby to the straight path, and made the Kaaba the circling-place of the world that His remembrance might endure among the nations, and that all might know who follows God’s command and who follows his own desires without clear proof or Book. And blessings and peace be upon Him from Whose garment every monotheist in creation found the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and through Whom was raised the standard of unity among religions - He Who was named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Kingdom of Names and as Muhammad in the realm of creation - and upon those who followed Him in what God, the Revealer of verses, commanded them.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! I detected the fragrance of your expression from letters you sent to the loved ones. When I found them, I reflected within myself and became aware of my negligence, for days and nights had passed without my outwardly mentioning what would bring me to your remembrance. Yet God knows that this servant lost opportunities and times, as though they had become like patience in the hearts of lovers or like the phoenix in distant lands. Therefore my excuse is acceptable to the noble ones. This servant asks his Lord to prescribe for your honor what befits His loftiness, greatness and glory.

I presented what you sent regarding Abdullah, upon him be the glory of his Lord, before my Master’s face. He mentioned you and spoke concerning you that from which I found the fragrances of grace and favors, and commanded me to write to your honor what I heard. He said - and His words are the sweetest - “Praise be to God Who made him steadfast in goodness and sanctified from the people of hesitation by whom the standard of Islam was reversed and through whom covenants were broken. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist us and him in His remembrance and praise, and in steadfastness in His Cause and in arising to what He has commanded us in His perspicuous Book.” Thus did it end.

As for what you mentioned regarding Jasim, upon him be the glory of God, this servant gives him glad tidings of his Lord and Master's grace. When I presented it, He said - and His words are the beloved ones - "O Jasim! We make mention of you and remember your days and your presence with Us, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen you and assist you and send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence. Verily He ordains and answers, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Be assured of God's grace and care, for nothing escapes His knowledge. He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And We remember Nasir and Abbas and pray for their success and support from the presence of the Helper, the Wise. We send greetings upon him and upon Abdul-Karim and upon those with you. Upon you be the peace of God and His mercy and His care." Thus did it end.

This servant sends greetings to them and shows them his humility and submissiveness for the sake of God, Lord of the worlds. Remember the beloved Jasim and remember when he turned toward your presence and wept - God knows he is before my eyes. I ask God to unite his gathering and to open before his face the gates of blessings and goodness. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

This servant hopes that you will convey to my heart's beloved, the Observer, upon him be the glory of God, the degrees of my sincerity and humility, and present to him what he sent. And this servant sends greetings to Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God, who is in His service. I ask God, exalted be He, to open the gates of joy and delight upon the faces of His friends, chosen ones and loved ones who left their homes to circumambulate His House and to traverse between Safa and Marwa. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Maker of light and darkness. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who held fast to goodness and upon every steadfast, upright believer. And praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the 23rd of Muharram the Sacred, year 1299

Then I present to your honor that Mirza Maqsud, upon him be success and support, has mentioned your honor during his presence and showed to you his love, affection and sincerity, and wrote to you on the day of his return what indicates his state regarding love and affection. The servant at that time sent to your honor that you might witness it and remember him and pray for him and for me and for all what is best for us in the beginning and the end.

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In His Name through Whom God hath turned absolute evil into definitive good! Praise be to God Who hath transformed wrath and anger into mercy and triumph, and hath ordained that from every drop of His martyrs' blood there should be created beings to aid His firm and wise Cause. And praise be to God Who hath raised aloft the standard of might, at one time through His trusted ones and chosen ones, and

at another through His enemies. Verily, He is the Omnipotent One Whom the intentions of His creation cannot deter from that which He desireth, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God, there hath befallen the loved ones in the Land of Ya that which causeth the manifestations of victory and triumph to appear. Were this station and what is concealed therein to flow from the Pen, all the peoples of the world would behold themselves circumambulating round about it. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! This day is the day of triumph. Praise be to God, the hem of His Majesty the Sultan hath been and is sanctified, holy and pure from the abominable deeds and reprehensible acts of the oppressors. In truth, all the loved ones should, as in the past, beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for his protection.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, and by the pearls hidden in the mines of Thy servants, and by the fruits of the trees of Thy bounty in all lands, to protect His Majesty the Sultan through Thy power and sovereignty. Then aid him to manifest justice, that the horizons may be illumined by its light. Then open before his face, O my God, the door of Thy grace, Thy riches, Thy generosity and Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

Thy letter mentioning certain unseemly matters from the treacherous ones was read before My face. Blessed art thou, and well is it with thee, for thou art at all times looking toward the truth and speaking in praise of goodness. Courtesy is a characteristic of man and is acceptable before God. Beseech ye God not to deprive His servants of this blessed and luminous adorning. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Today the loved ones and chosen ones must arise with complete determination to aid the Cause of God, albeit through wisdom and utterance. This Wronged One, in the nights and days, counseleth those who are near to the gate of grace and bounty regarding that reformation which is the cause of the world's prosperity and the refinement of the souls of nations. They must shun and in no wise enter into matters from which the odor of corruption is wafted. Now it hath become clear and evident to most of the rulers of the earth that this community hath never looked to aught save that which promoteth the advancement of the government and the people, and His Majesty the Sultan himself is aware of this matter, as is His Majesty the Viceroy, may God assist him, though they have not deemed it expedient to declare it.

O thou who standest before the Face and circlest round the Throne! In these days, special mention was made three times of the martyrs of the Land of Ya. That which was revealed was such that its fragrance shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. There befell those sanctified souls that which caused the Spirit of Faith and the angels drawn nigh to lament. Blessed are they and well is it with them. Such steadfastness was manifested by those sanctified souls as to astonish the Concourse on High. One portion of those three portions was sent, and afterward the other two portions shall be sent. However, the reports that arrived each contradicted the other regarding some of the oppressions inflicted, and from the Most Exalted Pen there flowed and was revealed that which corresponded to what they had mentioned, the signs and fruits of which have appeared and shall appear every day. By the life of God! The enemies have rendered such assistance as hath no likeness or equal.

Glory be to God! They have counted the supreme loss as the supreme gain. Beseech ye God for consciousness, that perchance they may become aware of their deeds.

Make mention of all the friends of God on behalf of the Wronged One, that all may be illumined and mindful through the light of divine remembrance. A Tablet hath also been revealed especially for the Afnan, upon them be the glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness, and the other peoples of the world. God willing, it shall be sent. At all times ye should be occupied with spreading the divine verses and making the gatherings and meetings fragrant with the musk-like perfume of utterance. Verily, He will aid thee and make thee successful, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning this News at which the limbs of every stubborn infidel have quaked. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God, Who is sanctified above all names and exalted above whatsoever is mentioned in creation, Who when He speaketh, all things speak, and when He is silent, the Concourse on High falls silent. He is indeed the One Who when He moveth, all created things become still, and when He is still, all contingent things move. He is indeed the Meaning that no names can contain, and the Root that hath no branch in creation. In one station neither name nor meaning is mentioned in His presence, and all that the steed of the Pen may gallop through in the arena of utterance reacheth only to the station of the Word that appeareth from His Most Exalted Pen. Exalted, exalted is the station of this Word, whereby tongues are rendered mute and eyes are intoxicated, except as thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, may will.

This evanescent servant hath been transported by your melodies and stirred by your warbling. God knoweth that it was as though I heard all the birds upon the branches, and as though from every word of your letter I discovered the fragrance of the love of God, and from every letter thereof that which gladdeneth hearts and moveth bodies. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make me in all conditions among those who are occupied with the remembrance and praise of the loved ones of God, whom no hindrance can hinder, no blame of the blamer can deter, and no scorn of the scorner can dismay–those who act according to His command and bid people to observe that which He hath revealed in His wondrous Book.

My soul be a sacrifice for your remembrance. After perusing your letter and becoming acquainted with its contents, I truly submit that it was as though this servant at that moment drank from the springs of joy and gladness, and was seized with such delight that he immediately proceeded to the Most Great Goal. From beginning to end it was presented in the Most Holy Court.

This is what the Beloved uttered: “O My physician, O My physician! Thy call was raised until it was honored to reach the ear of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. The servant present appeared and laid before the

Countenance that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thine eye for having beheld My luminous horizon. Blessed art thou for having been seized with grief when thou didst learn what hath befallen the Wronged One in this manifest prison. Blessed is the eye that weepeth for My tribulations and the hearts that are touched by My supreme affliction.

"O My physician! By My life, were I to lift the veil, the lamentation of weeping would be raised between the heavens and the earth. How many deeds have melted My heart, yet I concealed them through My name, the Concealer, the All-Bountiful. How many acts have caused My heart and My Pen to lament, yet I preserved them in such wise that none among the peoples of the world gained knowledge thereof. How many afflictions have seized Me and how many tribulations have encompassed Me in this mighty prison, yet My name, the All-Forgiving, prevented Me from mentioning them, and My name, the All-Merciful, seized My hem and said: 'Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.' Thus did My tongue speak that thou mightest know what hath befallen the Wronged One in this remote station.

"Know thou that We at this time make mention of the loved ones of God who have adorned the land of ?adba, that they may hear My sweetest call and be of them that are thankful. From this station We send Our greetings upon their faces and upon the faces of those who have turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

"We make mention in this station of thy son who was named Jalal, that he may rejoice in My gracious remembrance. We beseech God to ordain for him that which beseemeth His bounty. He, verily, is the All-Loving, the All-Merciful. Convey My greetings unto him and say: 'Blessed art thou for having heard and turned toward God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.' Glory be upon him, upon his mother, and upon those whom God hath related unto thee. He, verily, is the All-Seeing Witness."

Regarding what you wrote about the remainder of the estate of Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, if it were to be deposited in the House of God in the name of those two children, it would be closer to righteousness, for it may be that their mother might not spend it on the children, as she has set her heart upon another husband. We beseech God not to deprive those children of the living waters of His bounty and to assign them a station beneath the canopy of His grace. Verily, He is their Guardian, their Creator, their Provider, their Helper, their Educator, and the Educator of all the worlds.

Glory be upon your honor and upon those who love you, have turned toward you, and have drunk the choice wine of your utterance in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In Dhi'l-Qa'dah

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world through the manifestation of His Most Great Name–Who was the Dayspring of the lights of eternity amidst all peoples–Who cannot be indicated by any sign nor mentioned by any utterance, for signs and utterances are attributes of His creation and were created by His command. The essences of all mention cannot ascend to the heaven of His holiness, and the quintessence of all descriptions cannot return to the court of His glory. If He is mentioned by the letters "He" and "Hu," this is among the wondrous favors He hath bestowed upon His creation, having permitted them this as a token of His generosity and grace. Otherwise, how can mere verbal expressions compare with that station which transcendeth all meaning and utterance? Exalted is the All-Merciful above the mention of every mentioner, the description of every describer, and the praise of every praiser. He is the One Who hath manifested the Point, and from it detailed the knowledge of what was and what will be, though it was itself created by the Will that proceeded from Him and was brought into being by a stroke of His Pen. How great, then, is the greatness of His creation!

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O Fath-'Ali, upon him be the mercy of God, He the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting! O beloved one, hear what God calleth thee to from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth, and sing that verily He is God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Bear thou witness within thyself that He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Exalted. Then know thou that the Beauty of the Nine hath appeared in truth while all were heedless thereof. Say: This is what ye were promised in the year Eighty, if ye be of them that know. Say: This is He Whom no one's knowledge hath preceded and Whom the minds of the unity-professing ones have failed to comprehend. Say: We were among the servants for months and years, and We veiled Our face lest every deceitful wretch should recognize Us, until God's appointed time was fulfilled and the days were accomplished and the Promise came, and God's Cause appeared from this brilliant, luminous Dayspring. Say: By God, He hath appeared through a Word whereby all who are in the heavens and earth would be rent asunder, save whom thy Lord willeth, and this is indeed a great trial. None hath any escape, refuge or shelter save by entering beneath this shade or by acknowledging within himself that he hath departed from God's shelter in the primal eternity of eternities.

Say: O people, this is in truth the Husayn Whom ye were promised in all the Tablets, if ye be of them that perceive. He hath come to you with verses whereof a single letter cannot be equaled by all who are in the heavens and earth. Say: O people, behold ye God's Balance in these days, for it hath appeared in truth upon a straight and just measure. And thou, be thou assured in thyself, then stand firm in thy love; thereupon the earth would quake from this firm and mighty Cause. Say: O people, fear ye God and transgress not what hath been ordained in the Bayan by One mighty and all-knowing. Beware lest ye follow your desires; rather look with the Most Great Vision upon this most evident and ancient Beauty.

Say: Fear ye God and deal not with Him as ye dealt with His Lord when He came in the name of 'Ali with truth, bearing a manifest Book. He said: "O people, these are God's verses which have been sent down in

truth from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Beware lest ye deny them and cast them behind your backs, lest your works be rendered vain and ye be among the losers." They said: "We see thee not possessed of any truth from God; this is naught but tales of the ancients." Thus did they speak before, and before that, and they will speak likewise thereafter - such is the way of the idolaters who believe in part of the Book and deny part thereof. Say: Woe unto you for what your hands have wrought, O company of the heedless!

And thou, seek refuge in God throughout thy days lest thou break God's Covenant within thyself, and lest thy feet slip from this exalted and luminous Path. Then know that the people were in veils and delusions, but when the Promise came, We rent asunder the veils and burned away delusions with this ancient and blazing Fire. Therefore gird up thy loins to aid God's Cause and fear no one, but put thy trust in God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He will verily help thee in truth as He helped thee before, and He is the Best of helpers.

Say: By God, the trial hath come, and the thunderbolt hath appeared, and the Youth hath come with a manifest serpent that swalloweth up all that the idolaters have wrought and consumeth the works of the opposers. Thus have We explained the truth unto thee and sent down upon thee the verses and showed thee that whereby thy soul might find assurance and thou mightest be of them that give thanks unto God, unto Whom is thy return and abode, and unto Whom return the deeds of all created things together.

Then know that when the idolaters brought Us to the prison, We therefore revealed Our face and removed the veil, in spite of them and those who turned away from this manifest, pure, mighty and wondrous Light. We have indeed sent thee some of what hath been revealed in this prison that thine eyes and the eyes of the unity-professing ones might be consoled thereby. And when it reacheth thee, share it with those in whose hearts thou findest the sweet fragrance of holy and generous love. Then convey Our greetings to all who are in thy land, every small one and great one, from among those who have been guided by the lights of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. The Spirit, the Glory, and the Great Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the believers.

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In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Expounder! O seeker of the utterance, hearken unto the Purpose in the Persian tongue, that thou mayest attain unto the wondrous tokens of the All-Merciful's favors, unto the infinite outpourings that lie hidden and treasured within these words. Thy letter was presented before the Countenance, and that which was inscribed therein was heard and understood before its arrival. This is not difficult for God. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of what was and what shall be. As to what thou didst write concerning the unveiling of the names and attributes - by God! We have rent asunder the veils and torn away the shrouds on the Day when We manifested Ourselves with all names unto all things. Blessed are they that behold! Blessed are they that know!

O seeking servant! Strange it is that thou didst not witness this station and recognize it. No veil remained, except that it was rent asunder by the finger of might, and no mystery remained, except that it was made

manifest and evident through the revelation of Truth. The hidden treasure cannot be known, and the concealed secret cannot be described. Now it calleth unto thee from the midmost heart and summoneth thee unto the Truth. No question is permitted at this station, for the One questioned is manifest, and no words are befitting, for the meaning is evident and clear. All knowledge hath been specifically meant for the recognition of the Known One, and all remembrances are but steps for attaining the Remembered One. Now the Known One Himself hath appeared by His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest attain unto this most great bounty and recognize the Truth in this wondrous garment.

When thou art present before the Countenance, behold God with the eye of thy heart. Then shalt thou witness His grandeur and His sovereignty, and become acquainted, according to thy capacity, with the Dawning-Place of mysteries. Verily thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be not as the fish that, though in water, asketh about it. Thus doth He Who possesseth a Preserved Tablet teach thee.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that creation hath been specifically created for this Day, and ears have been brought into being to hearken unto this most sweet utterance, and sight hath come into existence for this Most Great Vision. Strive that thou mayest attain unto it. Verily, He is the Manifest, the Near One.

As to thy seeking and mentioning the recognition of reality, and saying “Will not my will unite with Thy will?” - the tongue should seek forgiveness of God for this utterance, for this station is one whereunto the recognition of the mystics, the knowledge of the learned, and the realities of those in earth and heaven cannot attain. He hath ever been, in the heights of inaccessibility, sanctified above all else but Himself, and will forever remain, in the summit of His exaltation, hallowed above all that is besides Him. No one hath known Him as He should be known, and no soul hath comprehended Him as He should be comprehended, for this station hath been and shall ever be sanctified and exalted. The Books and Scriptures have testified to His sanctification and transcendence.

Whosoever today beholdeth and recognizeth the hidden treasure through the concealed Name, hath attained unto his own Paradise and Kingdom, and this is the utmost station of the servant’s recognition within the realm of possibility. Beyond this the path is barred and seeking is rejected. His proof is His Revelation, and His evidence is His being established upon His mighty Throne.

We hope, God willing, that thou wilt drink from the Salsabil of this utterance and quaff the wine of “Am I not?” from the hand of the Friend, and become intoxicated, speaking His praise and glorification amongst the servants. This is the crown of deeds and the essence of actions and the ultimate earthly home.

Furthermore, no one’s will hath ever been or shall ever be united with God’s will, for the will of all hath been and shall ever be as nothingness before His will. The glory of existence is for one to make his own will fade away in God’s will - that is, to have no will, thought or imagination of his own, but to move by God’s will and act accordingly. Deem not this matter imaginary. Whosoever today hath drunk of the sealed wine and acted according to that which hath proceeded from the Source of Command, hath attained unto God’s will, and he is of the people of truth. And whosoever remaineth veiled from this

station is accounted among the dead, even should he manifest the knowledge and recognition of the ancients.

Strive that thou mayest attain, through divine grace, unto God's good-pleasure and move according to His will. This is the ultimate station - whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto the furthermost goal and the most exalted summit. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance!

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The people of God in Faran! In the name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful! These are the days of God, and the horizon of the manifestation of the Supreme Pen is luminous. The Kawthar of utterance is flowing, the verses of God are being revealed and His evidences are manifest. The light of His Cause is radiant and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze. O people of God! This is the day of the blessed verse "If ye would count the favours of God, ye cannot reckon them!" Bounty upon bounty, mercy upon mercy. Strive that ye may attain to the lights of the Sun of inner meanings which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's will. The scratching of the Supreme Pen is raised at all times, and its purpose is that ye may partake of the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree. Hearken unto the Pen; it speaketh, and the fruit of the Lote-Tree revealeth itself. Blessed are the men whom the might of the people of error hath not prevented or deprived from attaining unto the Lord of Destiny.

O people of Faran! What of this outpouring? Have ye discovered the sweet fragrances of the breezes of revelation? Are ye silent and still, or have other causes prevented the people of the Most Great Vision from mention and praise? The Manifestation of Truth is evident and visible like unto the sun. By the Most Great Luminary! His utterance transcendeth the utterance of the peoples of the world, His mention surpasseth the mention of all nations, and His movement and stillness are distinct from all else. To those possessed of vision and the companions of the Most Great Vision, no doubt hath arisen nor ever shall arise concerning Him.

O people of Faran! This is your penetrating vision, your subtle thoughts, the light of your horizons, the radiance of your hearts, the lamp in your breasts, and your keen sight. By the life of God! This day is your day. Be ye strong in the Cause of your Lord, the Lord of Names, in such wise that neither the power of princes nor the whisperings of divines may weaken you. O people of Faran! Unceasingly hath your mention been recorded by the Pen of the Most Merciful and your names inscribed. Ye should aid the Cause of God through the hosts of remembrance and utterance, and through deeds and conduct befitting the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that moveth for the love of God and occupieth itself with the guidance of His servants. Today, all rising and sitting, movement and rest, should be manifested for the sake of God.

Every sovereign hath his army and every cause its helper. The hosts of the Lord of Horizons have ever been righteous deeds and conduct, remembrance and utterance, and the commander and director of these hosts is the fear of God. God willing, may the people of Faran be set ablaze with the fire of love for the Beloved of all possibility, and may they witness, in most times, the pearls of knowledge and wisdom which have been manifested from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen by the command of the Lord of

Names, that hearts may be adorned with the ornament of certitude and detachment. The dawning-places of idle fancies and the rising-points of vain imaginings are circulating in cities and regions to lead people astray. This is that news which was formerly uttered by the Dawning-Place of verses and the Day-Spring of knowledge. Vain imaginings deprived the Shi'ih sect from the Lord of mankind and consigned them to hell. Ye are those souls who, from the beginning of days, have turned to the supreme horizon and have soared in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of creation with the wings of detachment. The station of this most exalted rank hath been and is great in the sight of God. We beseech God to make you the ensigns of His remembrance in His lands and the standards of His guidance among His servants. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Dominant, the Omnipotent.

Out of wisdom, the names of the loved ones - those souls who have quaffed from the sealed wine and are illumined by the lights of the Kingdom - have not been mentioned. His honor 'Ali-Muhammad, son of My Most Truthful Name, upon both of whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, was present in the Most Holy Court and made mention of each one, and all have attained to the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of true divine unity. We beseech the Truth to assist His people in such deeds and matters from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure may be wafted. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Praise be to God! The carpet of the love of God, exalted be His glory, is spread and unfurled. Blessed are the souls who have attained unto that for which they were created, and woe unto the heedless! We convey greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. The Wronged One asketh that He may grant them success and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, and adorn them with that which beseemeth them in the days of their Lord, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm, the Possessor of Glory and Might. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon you, upon them, and upon those whom the conditions of the world and its allusions, manifestations, ornaments, adornments, might, and ranks have not withheld from God, their Creator and Fashioner.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Consider the mercy of thy Lord unto all who dwell in the world, and how He hath clothed all existence with the raiment of grace, that His mercy might precede all who are in the worlds. Verily, they who answered not the Call of God and turned away from the Beauty of the Most High, the Best-Beloved - these have disbelieved in God and have lost their souls in this world and in the next. Sufficient unto them is their remorse in having deprived their souls of this grace.

Say: O people! This is of the grace which all who are in the heavens and earth do seek, yet none have attained it save a few sanctified souls. Thus do We ordain all things in the holy Tablets from God, the Most High, according to a fixed decree.

Say: O people! Fear your Lord, the All-Compelling, and be ye afraid of Him Whose might over the worlds is severe. Should He seize you, none could deliver you, even if all who are on earth were to gather to aid you - ye would find yourselves without help.

Know then, O servant, that thy letter hath come before the Servant, and We have understood all that was contained therein, and have become aware of what was inscribed therein concerning the trials that have befallen thee, and all that lay concealed within the pavilion of thy heart. Whereupon We have answered thee with this reply, that thou mayest read it at all times and place it before thine eyes, that the vision of joy might return to thee. This is of the promise that was promised in the Mother Book, which God hath decreed for whomsoever He willeth among His creation, and His promise hath ever been truly fulfilled.

Grieve thou not over anything, neither be thou distressed by poverty, for thou possessest that which nothing in the heavens and earth can equal, and this is from a command that hath been witnessed by thee and all creation. For in thy heart is the love of God and His chosen ones, and this is of the treasure that all in the kingdom collectively need. Nothing can compare with it, nothing can equal it, nor can it be purchased with all the treasuries of the heavens and earth. Thus do We acquaint thee with what thou possessest, that thou mayest see thyself enriched with the riches of thy Lord, and not be saddened in the kingdom by the lack of gold. Rejoice then in thy spirit and be gladdened in thy being, until rapture seizeth thee from every direction and bringeth thee to a praiseworthy station of holiness.

Say: O people! Know ye what God hath given you of His grace, in that He hath deposited in the shells of your hearts the pearls of His love, and honored you with that which is more precious in His presence than red sulphur - this is what hath been inscribed on the preserved Tablets of glory.

Say: O people! This is of the wealth that nothing created on earth can equal, and this is of the truth that hath been known to the worlds. For gold leadeth men astray and rendereth its possessor the poorest of servants through the greed that God causeth to overcome him, which hath no bound. Moreover, this wealth impoverisheth him from all that hath worth before God, for it occupieth him in the world to such an extent that the remembrance of the Beloved is not mentioned in his heart. Apart from this, it shall not endure on earth and shall perish in less than a moment - this hath been witnessed by the worlds.

Therefore, it behooveth thee to abandon all this and trust in God, thy Lord, that thou mayest be preserved in His shadow from all that distracteth thee from Him. Then seek from Him that which will enrich thee beyond gold and what exceedeth it, that thou mayest soar in the highest concourse on wings of ruby. For all that thou beholdest shall not endure, while that which is with God shall remain - this is of the matter that hath been symbolized in the Tablets.

Hear My words and My counsel, and grieve not over what hath passed thee by of the ornaments of the kingdom. Rather, rejoice in the treasures that God hath made hidden in thy heart. Then beseech God that He may make thee steadfast in His love and in the love of those who call thee to God in the evenings and mornings. When thou attainest unto this, know that all things have been created for thee, and all that thou knowest or knowest not is for thee and within thee, and hath been created for thy sake.

Thus have We cast upon thee the mysteries of guidance, that thou mayest follow the guidance of God and not turn back upon thy heels. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have ascended unto

God and who have been raised in the atmosphere of glory, and the Fire be upon those who have disbelieved and turned away, and who have become like a vanishing shadow.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

All praise befitteth the Lord of creation, glorified be His majesty, Who through the sending forth of His Messengers made clear the paths, and through the revelation of His Tablets distinguished the people of prosperity. His sovereignty transcendeth all sovereignties and His power surpasseth all powers. In the sending of Messengers and the revelation of Books, His purpose hath been none other than to manifest His grace and shed the light of His justice, until the Messengers were sealed with the Seal, whom God made the Dawning-place of His ancient Names and the Ruler of nations. Upon Him be God's blessings, peace, mercy and bounty, and upon His family and companions whom God made the dawning-places of His power amongst His creation and the daysprings of His signs amongst His servants. Through them the fountains of wisdom gushed forth among all creatures and the mysteries of creation were revealed. These are servants to whom the Books of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, have borne witness.

Thereafter, the petition which thou didst dispatch to the Most Holy Court arrived on the blessed night of Rabi'u'l-Avval. It was read, and after being reviewed, was brought to the Holy Presence and attained the honor of being heard. The Lord - may the spirits of all the worlds be sacrificed for Him - spoke thus:

He is God, blessed and exalted be He!

O Taqi! Upon thee be My peace. This Wronged One hath ever loved and continueth to love the friends of God, namely the sincere ones. Every person of insight hath testified and every person of understanding hath borne witness that God is aware that We have ever desired and continue to desire to meet with friends and kindred. However, when anyone arriveth here, the heedless people attribute it to other purposes. Justice is like the phoenix, and fairness like the philosopher's stone - rare to find. For this reason We have not given and do not give permission save to a few souls, and this too for the sake of wisdom. In the previous year and this year, the governor of this land hath been aflame with the fire of hatred. At every moment the fire of his tyranny becometh manifest. Deprived of good, he rideth upon the mount of evil. He hath committed that which hath caused the people of the cities of justice to lament. In brief, it is not fitting to mention details. Whatever hath come to pass or may come to pass in the path of God is and hath been beloved. We are thankful, not complaining. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee to perform goodly deeds and to manifest praiseworthy conduct, and to that which its fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of His glorious and wondrous Cause. God willing, thou shalt be assisted and with these hosts thou shalt conquer the cities of hearts. Whenever wisdom requireth, We shall summon thee; otherwise, We beseech God to bestow upon thee the reward of pilgrimage. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and worthy to answer prayers. Beseech God to protect the monotheists from the evil of the polytheists. The realm of unity is encompassed, while the realm of polytheism encompasseth. Each day they seize and take away from the lands of the people of unity, and until now the cause and reason remain unknown. All

must cleanse their hearts through true repentance and seek deliverance from God, glorified be His majesty. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Praise be to God that thy letter arrived and attained the honor of being heard, and the answer was immediately bestowed. Know ye the worth and station of this supreme bounty and be assured. On one occasion the tongue of the Lord spoke these words: “How many who were far We behold standing before Our face, and how many who were near were deprived of what they desired. Verily the Cause is in the grasp of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.”

I beseech God to assist thee in that which pleaseth Him, and likewise that permission be granted when appropriate, that we may together undertake the pilgrimage to the House and attain that which hath been revealed in the Book. Convey greetings, praise and mention to all the friends in that land. It is hoped that all the monotheists, through the attraction of the blessed verse “Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind,” may set forth toward the ultimate goal, namely the House of God, the Lord of all beings, and attain the honor of circumambulation. This is not difficult for God.

Peace and praise be upon thee and upon those who have acknowledged the oneness of God and His singleness, and His Prophets and Messengers, and that which was sent down unto them from the heaven of His grace, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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His honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God

On 9 Safar 1305

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise befitteth the most impregnable, most holy court of the Desired One, Who deriveth neither benefit nor harm from the acceptance of them that turn towards Him or the rejection of them that turn away. He hath ever been the Wronged One, and for this reason the outward means of power have been withheld. Justice hath in most days been concealed by the transgressions of tyranny. The delay of chastisement hath emboldened the wolves. Glory be unto Thee, O my Lord, my God, and my Master! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation to protect Thy loved ones and chosen ones from the oppression of Thy servants, the evil of Thy bondsmen, and the tyranny of them that are in Thy lands. O Lord! Thou seest them between the fangs of wolves, inasmuch as they have taken to themselves no helper other than Thee and no protector besides Thee. Ordain for them that which shall render them among those who know no fear and on whom no sorrow shall fall.

Thereafter, the numerous letters which your honor sent to the friends in the Prison Land arrived and were presented before the countenance of the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that your deeds are accepted and each letter was honored to be heard, with expressions of favor shining forth from all

directions. Praise be to God that they have attained to a station adorned with the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory.

The first matter is that, as commanded, moderation must be shown towards his honor M.Q. and his like. If he is faithful, he hath held fast and continueth to hold fast to the cord of divine love. For a time he dwelt in the vicinity, and countless favors were shown unto him. Thereafter, the heart is in God's hand; He turneth it how He willeth.

This servant is greatly perplexed regarding S., whom may God assist. This servant believeth that in all conditions they are helpers of the oppressed and breakers of the might of the aggressors. Now, due to the friends' rejection of corruption, they have become disturbed and may support the enemies to take revenge upon you and alert you. O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Ha, a thousand swords falling upon the Wronged One would be more beloved and preferable than the slightest harm befalling the friends. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

End. Keep these words concealed, for should he see them, he would become utterly hopeless, and this would be contrary to wisdom. If it were possible without corruption for his honor S. to become satisfied through some means, this would be beloved. God is my witness, and the heaven and all within it bear testimony that from the beginning of the Cause until now, boundless love hath been shown towards them. Even now I hope that God will make them aware so they may arise to render assistance - that is, protect the friends from the evil of the antagonists and deniers.

If his honor S. is not in agreement with you, your presence in the designated place with the Writings is not permitted. Regarding his honor A.B. about whom you wrote, the condition of this land is different from before and hath changed. Heavenly blessings have been withheld. His honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali hath not had and doth not have this much, but as commanded, speak with his honor Amin; perchance he may be able to do what is necessary.

Another submission: Some copies of the Most Holy, Most Glorious Tablet of Javad were sent in the revealed handwriting without names. They may write the name of whomever they deem advisable and give it to them. However, were it mentioned that new names have been written, this would surely cause extinction and grief; therefore its mention is not permitted. The omission of names in this land hath been for two reasons, which shall be mentioned later - that is, God willing, and if respite is found.

Due to the profusion of writing, there hath not been and is not opportunity to submit more than this. I cling to the cord of your honor's forgiveness. Convey greetings and salutations on my behalf to the friends of that land. I beseech God to make them steadfast with such steadfastness that they may see all else but God as non-existent. Tell them that if an apparatus like that of the previous party is established, its fruit will surely be like the fruit of the Day of Requital, when all engaged in cursing and execrating the Truth. Lo! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people.

Salutations, remembrance, and glory be upon your honor and upon them that hearken unto your words and love you for the sake of our Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Lord of eternity Who illumined the world through the lights of His Most Great Name. His proof hath ever been conclusive and the light of His evidence resplendent. His verses have brought the world of existence into being, and His clear tokens have encompassed both the unseen and the visible. His is the grace and the bounty, and His is the grandeur and the majesty.

The essence of blessing and peace be upon the Point of existence and the Mirror of the unseen and the visible, namely the Beloved of the Prophets and the King of the chosen ones, through Whom the fragrances of revelation were diffused throughout the world and the luminary of divine unity shone forth amidst all peoples, and upon His family and companions - those who sacrificed their lives and possessions in the path of God and strove with the utmost diligence to aid His Cause, and who arose to manifest the truth with such arising that the peoples of the world were powerless to prevent it, until in all directions the banner of "Verily He is God" was raised and the lights of His verses became manifest and evident. They are the ones whom God hath described in His Books, both before and after. We beseech God through them to assist us in manifesting the truth among His creatures with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Thereafter, your letter brought joy and bestowed gladness, for the fragrance of acceptance and love was wafted from it. In all conditions we must be engaged in thanksgiving and praise, for He doth not deprive His servants. His bounty opened the door and His favor summoned all. Blessed are they who attain, and blessed are they who achieve.

After perusal, with wings of longing you sought the supreme horizon and were mentioned before His presence. The Lord saith: O Salih! Purify thy heart with the water of turning unto God and sanctify and cleanse it from the mention of all else save Him, and say:

"My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have sought the ultimate goal and the highest aim - the station wherein Thy signs and clear tokens have appeared. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and directing myself to Thy court, and I desire to drink the Kawthar of Thy knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee, nor to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creation. I ask Thee, O Creator of the heavens and King of the Kingdom of Names, by the hidden and treasured mysteries in Thy knowledge and by the verses that hold sway over Thy earth and heaven, to make me one of those who have attained unto the breezes of Thy revelation and inspiration, and who have arisen to serve Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the divines nor the power of rulers prevented them. They turned with their hearts to Thy most exalted horizon and answered Thy sweetest call. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and hastening to the Kaaba of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, then grant me the heavenly table of knowledge which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful One Whom the might of the world weakeneth not, nor doth the clamor of the nations frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy

command, and decreest what Thou pleaseth through Thy power, might and sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful."

Praise be to God, the door of bounty is open and the sun of favor is shining and the river of mercy is flowing. And that which is now necessary is to seek from God, exalted be His glory, that which hath been and is success. Through His assistance the tongue speaketh, the ink floweth, the pen moveth, hearts are attracted, faces are turned, and eyes are directed. Should He withdraw His aid for but a moment, existence would return to nothingness. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones in that which is pleasing to Him, and not to deprive man of His eternal gifts through these fleeting days. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Great.

When the letters arrived, the time had passed and this servant had no opportunity, therefore he wrote with utmost haste that it might cause joy or create renewed love. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

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Praise be sanctified above all mention and utterance, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence of that Beloved One Who, through the hosts of revelation, conquered the realm of meanings and utterance, and through the ranks of inspiration, consigned the dawning-places of vain imaginings to the depths of hell. Before the might of kings He spoke forth the blessed word "The King hath come," and above the heads of the divines of Persia He proclaimed "The All-Merciful hath come." The opposition of the factions did not prevent Him from revealing mysteries, nor did the oppression of the idolaters hold Him back from mentioning the Great News. Exalted be His glory and His power! There is none other God but Him.

O thou who drinkest My choice-sealed wine! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One which hath been raised from the prison fortress of Akka: "The King hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below." Your other letter was received at the Most Holy Court through Haydar-'Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God that in all conditions you are gazing toward the Self-Sufficing One, arising to serve, and speaking forth praise. We beseech God to strengthen thee, preserve thee, and cause to appear from thee that which will draw the servants nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We ask of the Truth to aid thee and strengthen thee, that through the power of certitude thou mayest shatter the back of vain imaginings.

By the life of God! The Wronged One is in manifest grief, for it is observed that a few perfidious ones who betrayed the primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - are now leaders of the people. O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! This is the time for lamentation and weeping. Say: O people! Hear ye the testament of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and with pure hearts and clear vision, observe the signs of God. These will guide you to His straight path and His mighty announcement. Names

will not profit you; that which will profit you hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: Turn ye toward the Most Exalted Horizon and become detached from all else. Raise up your vision - the horizon of the Cause is manifest before all faces. Say: O people! The ocean surgeth by its very nature, and the Sun of Truth shineth and gloweth by its very essence. Speak ye with justice and fairness - would ye be content to be afflicted with vain imaginings like the former people? For twelve hundred years and more they clung to names and remained heedless of divine unity, and after beseeching and supplicating through nights and days, when the light of the Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, the divines reviled Him, and through the decree of those heedless souls, that Essence of Oneness was martyred.

The mention and praise of your honor, and your counsels and admonitions, have been and are for the sake of God, and will surely have their effect. A word spoken by the tongue for the Cause of God is like the Most Great Luminary - though clouds and mists may temporarily veil it, ere long it will emerge from behind the clouds and illumine the world with its effulgence. We beseech God to preserve thee, strengthen thee, set right thine affairs, and send down upon thee from the heaven of grace that which will make thee independent through His riches, a herald of His Name, one gazing toward His horizon, and one hearing His sweetest call in the morning and the evening. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and the Single One, the Protector over what was and what shall be.

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! Thy mention was in the letter. Those who are today kindled with the fire of hatred and are far from the light of the Cause were and are unaware of the root of the Cause. They follow their passions and obey their desires. They speak according to their fancies and perceive not. We beseech God to raise up there one who will take hold of the Book with power from Him and might from His presence, and assist His loved ones with an authority that armies cannot prevent nor ranks weaken. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

Those who have turned to God, praise be to Him, in whatever station and place they may be found, are holding fast to the Mother Book and clinging to the hem of divine mercy. We testify that they are among those near to God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon him who hath arisen to serve Me and hath spoken My praise, and upon thee and upon him who hath been named Husayn in this exalted station.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Desired One of the world, whose grace has ever encompassed His loved ones in all conditions. Through a hundred thousand means He brought creation from nothingness into being, and confirmed it with all that leads to the elevation of its station and the exaltation of its rank. The path was made clear, the way was illumined, verses were revealed, and mercy rained down continually, that all might attain to that which benefits them and draws them near. He bestowed the

warmth of bounty, from which the fire of love was set in motion and made manifest, and it became the cause of joining and connection. He bound the East to the West and united the West to the East. He guided the people of paradise to paradise and led the companions of heaven to heaven. This was the primary cause that brought the people of Sad [Isfahan] to ’Akka. The power of oppressors could not prevent His might, nor could all that exists in the realm of creation impede the operation of His Will. Glorified be His majesty, all-pervading be His bounty, and exalted be His station! And peace and blessings be upon the first standard that was raised in His name and the last banner that was hoisted in His remembrance, through whom the Word was completed, the favor appeared, and the heavenly table was sent down; and upon His family and companions, through whom the caller proclaimed “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Possessor of creation,” and through whom God’s verses and ordinances were spread abroad and His might and power were made manifest - blessings everlasting and eternal, which the passing of centuries and ages shall not alter.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived like a city of love and affection. The throne of joy had an illumined carpet, and the spread of delight had an adorned covering. Glory be to God! Though it was a letter, yet the effects of the celestial stream were manifest from it, for it was joy-inducing and grief-dispelling. In brief, what can I say of its effect and influence, for the letter was adorned with divine unity and the wholesome fruit of the blessed tree - upon it be God’s peace and praise, and God’s mercy and bounty. After its reading and perusal, having directed myself to the Holy Presence, I attained the honor of hearing [these words]. The Lord - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - spoke: “O Asad! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Single, the One! Thy letter was presented before the face of the Wronged One. We heard thy call and turned toward thee from the prison. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which is mentioned and acceptable before God. The hand of divine power brought you from distant lands to the precincts of glory and nearness, and caused you to attain the bounties of inner meanings, utterance and knowledge. His is the praise and the favor! You intended the ultimate goal and attained the visitation of the House of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. We make mention of the fruit of the Tree of Faithfulness. God is aware and bears witness that they have ever been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and the household in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to send down upon them at all times a bounty from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, He has power over all things. And We make mention of Badi’ and his mother that they may rejoice and be among the thankful. We beseech God to gather all beneath the shade of the Tree of His bounty and to protect them. He is the Powerful, the Able.” End.

To Him be praise and glory, and to Him be might and splendor. His favors are all-encompassing and His grace all-pervasive. At no time has His aid been or ever shall be cut off. Specifically for the members of the household do I beseech that which befitteth His grace. This letter from that loved one hath at this hour reached the Mansion of Bahji. A brief reply is offered, as time is short, for the messenger must arrive and deliver. At the close of this letter, with utmost humility and supplication, I beseech for the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever is the cause and source of glory and exaltation. I convey greetings to Qurratu’l-‘Ayn Badi’, and I implore from God health and well-being for him and his mother. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace and remembrance and

glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, one and all, convey their greetings and express their kindness, as do the dwellers of the pavilion of glory.

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O ’Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer through Grace and the Answerer through Justice.

Praise, glory, mention and splendor befit the Sun of Truth, Who hath adorned the people of possibility with the ornament of recognition and the crown of certitude through the lights of the Luminary of proof. Exalted be His dominion, glorified be His signs, and magnificent be His sovereignty!

O ’A! Thy letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, hath come. We have read it and answer thee through this Tablet, whereby the horizons of meanings and utterance have shone forth, and the mysteries deposited in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Bestower, have been revealed.

O N! Verily the letter Nun swimmeth in the ocean of utterance and saith: “Blessed art thou, O ’Andalib, in that thou hast warbled upon the branches with diverse melodies!”

O D! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of creation. Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein the Caller proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the Return!”

O L! The Most High, the All-Sufficient, giveth thee glad tidings of that which God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, hath ordained for His loved ones. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, the tongue that hath spoken, and the eye that hath seen and attained unto the days of God, the Lord of Lords.

We have found from thy letter the fragrance of the garment and have revealed for thee that whereby eyes and vision are gladdened. This day is the day of supreme joy. The loved ones must strive and guide the wayward to the divine path. Say: O friends! Today is the day of service. Transform the garment of fear, silence, and stillness into utterance, expression, assurance, and enthusiasm. All things are speaking in praise and glory. This is the Day of God and the springtime of the flowers and roses of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized, and the tongues that have called out and said: “O people! The Day hath come with glory, power, majesty, and authority unto God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving!”

Concerning what thou hast mentioned about certain souls who have attained unto the Kawthar of recognition and the Salsabil of faith - this is through God’s grace. He confirmeth whomsoever He willeth to turn towards the horizon of His Manifestation and to face the lights of His countenance. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Illuminator of the hearts of those who turn to Him and are unified in Him.

Regarding what thou hast mentioned about confirming the teachers and those who have arisen in purity, detachment, trustworthiness, religiosity, and in speaking that which hath been revealed in the Tablets - these words of thine have been adorned before the Throne with the ornament of acceptance and good-pleasure. We beseech God, and are beseeching Him, to assist the people of Baha in preserving the verses that are the cause of the exaltation and advancement of the servants. For if the revealed verses are recited in gatherings at every station, ere long the world will turn from what they possess to what is with God.

The honored Name of God "J" hath also submitted a word in this regard which was favored with hearing and illumined with the light of acceptance. He wrote that the regions of Kurdistan are very receptive and need teachers, provided they keep in view only the exaltation of the Cause and do not spread their own carpet. In truth, some of the teachers should observe and be mindful of this word and thy word, and hold fast unto them, as a command from God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Concerning what thou hast mentioned about Nayyir and Sina, thou hast spoken with justice. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt them through His Name and make them among the banners of His victory in His kingdom and the standards of His guidance among His creation. From the regions of the land of Kha, mention hath also been made of them. Happy are they, and blessed are they! We testify that they have taken the cups of utterance and drunk in the name of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and have succeeded in serving the Cause most of the time.

That which is necessary today is that the Hands of the Cause of God should guide the servants to the Dawning-Place of true divine unity and fix their gaze upon the horizon of the One Manifestation, and not, like the former people, take up a new idol each day. This is My counsel to them, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm all in what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. Then recite unto them what We have revealed for thee in this Mighty Tablet. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Great News and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the first and the last.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous! My mention of My servant is that he may detach himself from all else and draw nigh unto God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O loved ones of God, do ye rejoice or do ye lament? Verily, the Youth weepeth by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of them that have disbelieved in the All-Merciful and followed the Evil One. Say: He weepeth not for Himself, nor for that which hath befallen Him, but rather for what hath befallen the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the Beloved. Would that I had been slain by the swords of the wicked ones, and that My brother, whom We reared, had not allied himself with them that have disbelieved in God for a paltry sum, after We had denied him nothing, and he possessed of the world's vanities what would suffice him in his days until he should return to them that dwell in the graves. We

had exalted his mention, yet he hath violated the sanctity of God amongst them that have disbelieved in the signs of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

I have spent my soul for the sanctity of the Cause until the standards of guidance were raised in the East and the West of the earth, and none denieth this save he who hath disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. He hath arisen in opposition in such wise as to rend asunder the veils of glory by following his rejected self. By My life! He hath no station before God - his likeness is as that of a fly, did ye but know it. And though a fly hath no station, yet when it falleth into a cup of water, man abhorreth to drink thereof. Thus should ye know him and be of them that are certain.

Were We to impart unto you what he hath done and committed, by God, ye would strike your heads and weep and cry aloud. Say: O people! This is the Youth of God among you, calling you unto Him. Through Him the Cause of God hath become renowned throughout all lands, and the breezes of glory have wafted over them that are detached. They that have disbelieved have compromised the Cause in such wise that the hem of sanctity hath been soiled by their calumnies. Thus hath it befallen this Prisoner. Therefore do I lament and weep and say: "O my Beloved! Cause me to ascend unto the vicinity of Thy supreme mercy in the Most Exalted Companion, at the Manifestation of Thy Most Exalted, Most Glorious Self, that my soul may find peace and my body find rest. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen."

O my Lord! Let me taste the heat of the sword in Thy path, then increase the misery of them who have disbelieved. Then sharpen the blade of their knives that they may cut me piece by piece in Thy path. This is my desire, O my Beloved! For by Thy might and Thy majesty, then by Thy greatness and Thy grandeur, I love not to remain among Thy creatures for less than an instant. Thou knowest what is within my soul, while I know not what is within Thine. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O my Lord! Draw me nigh unto the Most Exalted Companion, then cut me off from those who speak naught except what their souls and desires command them, who are heedless of Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty in ways that cannot be described in words. Thou knowest what they have committed in Thy days, and with Thee is the knowledge of all things in a preserved tablet.

O my Lord! The lights of the Face have been altered by the slaps of them that have ascribed partners unto Thee, and the holy fragrances have been cut off from all creation by reason of what they have committed before Thy face, after Thou didst create them for Thyself and didst command them to appear before Thee. O my Lord! My distress hath reached such a point that the Supreme Pen is bewildered in mentioning it, and every witness and the witnessed are powerless to reckon it.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to send down upon Thy loved ones the signs of Thy victory, then gather them upon the shore of Thy oneness, then send down upon them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and the best of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

And thou, O servant, give thanks unto God for having mentioned thy name from the Supreme Pen, and this is indeed a great bounty. Grieve not over anything, then aid thy Lord in these severe days. Beware lest the might of Our idolatrous servants frighten you. By My life! He who hath known God and loved Him

would sacrifice his soul in His path and would pay no heed to the worlds, for beyond this world there exists a kingdom and a mighty sovereignty, and worlds which none can reckon save the Self of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over your bodies, for We have desired that ye should possess the kingdoms of the spirit. And he who hath become aware of this station, by God, will care neither for himself nor for what he possesseth, and will hasten to the place of sacrifice in My Most Glorious Name, and will willingly sacrifice his soul for My mighty, invincible Self. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Since this text is already in English and appears to be a complete prayer/meditation, I will return it as is:

LXV Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that my sole aim in revealing Thy Cause hath been to reveal Thee and not my self, and to manifest Thy glory rather than my glory. In Thy path, and to attain Thy pleasure, I have scorned rest, joy, delight. At all times and under all conditions my gaze hath been fixed on Thy precepts, and mine eyes bent upon the things Thou hast bidden me observe in Thy Tablets. I have wakened every morning to the light of Thy praise and Thy remembrance, and reached every evening inhaling the fragrances of Thy mercy. And when the entire creation was stirred up, and the whole earth was convulsed, and the sweet savors of Thy name, the All-Praised, had almost ceased to breathe over Thy realms, and the winds of Thy mercy had well-nigh been stilled throughout Thy dominions, Thou didst, through the power of Thy might, raise me up among Thy servants, and bid me to show forth Thy sovereignty amidst Thy people. Thereupon I arose before all Thy creatures, strengthened by Thy help and Thy power, and summoned all the multitudes unto Thee, and announced unto all Thy servants Thy favors and Thy gifts, and invited them to turn towards this Ocean, every drop of the waters of which crieth out, proclaiming unto all that are in heaven and on earth that He is, in truth, the Fountain of all life, and the Quickener of the entire creation, and the Object of the adoration of all worlds, and the Best-Beloved of every understanding heart, and the Desire of all them that are nigh unto Thee. Though the fierce winds of the hatred of the wicked doers blew and beat on this Lamp, He was, at no time, in His love for Thy beauty, hindered from shedding the fragrance of His light. As the transgressions committed against Thee waxed greater and greater, my eagerness to reveal Thy Cause correspondingly increased, and as the tribulations deepened – and to this Thy glory beareth me witness – a fuller measure of Thy sovereignty and of Thy power was vouchsafed by me unto Thy creatures.

And finally, I was cast by the transgressors into the prison-city of ’Akka, and my kindred were made captives in Ba?gh_dad. The power of Thy might beareth me witness, O my God! Every trouble that hath touched me in Thy path hath added to my joy and increased my gladness. I swear by Thee, O Thou Who art the King of Kings! None of the kings of the earth hath power to hinder me from remembering Thee or from extolling Thy virtues. Were they to be leagued – as they have been leagued – against me, and to brandish their sharpest swords and most afflictive spears against me, I would not hesitate to magnify Thy name before all them that are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. Nay rather, I would cry out and say: “This, O my Beloved, is my face which I have offered up for Thy face, and this is my spirit which I have sacrificed

for Thy spirit, and this is my blood that seetheth in my veins, in its longing to be shed for love of Thee and in Thy path."

Though – as Thou beholdest me, O my God – I be dwelling in a place within whose walls no voice can be heard except the sound of the echo, though all the gates of ease and comfort be shut against us, and thick darkness appear to have compassed us on every side, yet my soul hath been so inflamed by its love for Thee, that nothing whatsoever can either quench the fire of its love or abate the consuming flame of its desire. Lifting up its voice, it crieth aloud amidst Thy servants, and calleth them, at all times and under all conditions, unto Thee.

I beseech Thee, by Thy Most Great Name, to open the eyes of Thy servants, that they may behold Thee shining above the horizon of Thy majesty and glory, and that they may not be hindered by the croaking of the raven from hearkening to the voice of the Dove of Thy sublime oneness, nor be prevented by the corrupt waters from partaking of the pure wine of Thy bounty and the everlasting streams of Thy gifts.

Gather them, then, together around this Divine Law, the covenant of which Thou hast established with all Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, and Whose ordinances Thou hast written down in Thy Tablets and Thy Scriptures. Raise them up, moreover, to such heights as will enable them to perceive Thy Call.

Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou art, verily, the Inaccessible, the All-Glorious.

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Most mighty minister, most great and noble ambassador, May your prosperity continue,

I wish to say that my affairs have so fallen out that pen and tongue, writing and utterance are alike powerless to (describe them).

To give a brief account, we resided for six years in Edirne on the orders of the Ottoman government; nothing contrary to the laws (of the state) was ever manifested by me or my followers, as all the people of Edirne bear witness and confess. Nevertheless, three months ago, officials of the Ottoman state suddenly surrounded our house, seized all the belongings of my followers in the bazaar, and took them to the government building. After this, a man came from the governor and informed us that, on the orders of the Sultan, I had to go with (my wives?) and children to Gallipoli. They gave us no further notice than that. All the belongings of my followers were sold for a paltry price at the decree of the military commanders, but they did not even give us an opportunity to collect the money. After this, they brought me to Gallipoli, along with seventy men, women, and small children. Following our arrival, a special official, 'Umar Effendi Binbashi (= bigbashi; major), arrived from Istanbul with five sergeants. They issued a decree to the effect that orders had been given for six individuals to go to Acre (with us?), and for five to go to Cyprus; I had no claim on the rest – they were to be free to choose for themselves. It afterwards became apparent that he had arranged things, for he took the money for the steamer from everyone and brought all of us to Acre, which has the worst water and the worst air in the world – except for four individuals, who were taken to a ruined fortress in Cyprus.

No sooner had we arrived in Acre than they imprisoned us in a ruined barracks, even the women and six-month old children, and they forthwith shut the doors of entry and exit. We have now been imprisoned in the ruined barracks for fifty days, and, on account of the badness of the water and air, we have all been stricken by serious illnesses, such that, after two days, three people died without a physician or food or medicine. Up until now, we have not learnt the nature of our crime. There has been no enquiry. But neither wrongdoing nor acts contrary to the laws have ever been witnessed from us.

If it be supposed that our crime is that of being Babis, this was known from the start, and the Ottoman government officials were aware that we were Babis. It was not something that was kept concealed. Nevertheless, I was summoned by the government, and I came with a number of my followers from Baghdad to the court of his highness the Sultan, in the utmost sincerity. In spite of this, a new tribulation befell us every day, until things culminated in this mighty ordeal.

If they accuse us of some other crime, let them hold a tribunal and question us. When investigations have been held, it will be clear and apparent that we have not transgressed the laws. All the consuls resident in Edirne on behalf of the great powers are aware (of this) and all have borne witness that we have not committed any wrong. What we want is to know just what our crime has been, but they have not once mentioned it so that we might be informed. We beseech your excellency to turn your attention towards us, so that the breezes of the grace and bounty of his imperial highness the Sultan may blow upon us. Our fundamental aim is perchance to find shelter from these widespread tribulations in the shade of the protection of the most mighty, great, and noble Emperor, may his exalted shadow endure, and that we may occupy ourselves in prayer for his eternal rule.

Among the news which has reached us by way of the telegraph is that in Baghdad thirty of my well-known adherents have been sent to Jazira without (having committed) any crime or offence, and my property has all been impounded. I ask you to make enquiries of (your) consul in Baghdad, that it may be made known that all these things have happened without the slightest explanation. We all wait expectantly for the sun of bounty to rise up from the horizon of the grace and justice of the Monarch of the Age, the most great Emperor of the Era, through the attention of your excellency.

I remain obedient to your command.

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=== START BH01441 ===

See how in the Land of Sad that malignant monster who was the cause and instigator of the martyrdom of the Twin Shining Lights was overtaken by the direst torment, to the degree that all the members of his household shunned him.

Fat?abad. O Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God. In My Name, the One Who dominates over what was and what shall be.

Excellent art thou, O Mahdi! Thy letter hath reached the Wronged One, and it acknowledged God’s bounty and grace, one after another. We perceived from it the fragrance of My contentment and thy

contentment. By God's life! No station in the world and its manifestations can equal this station. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in this exalted station. Say: verily the Book speaketh in the world and calleth all to the Most Great Name, yet We see the people among the dead.

O Mahdi, upon thee be My Glory! Praise the Object of all the world's desire, that thou hast attained to His days, His recognition and His Revelation. Thy name is mentioned before the Throne, and thy remembrance is recorded in the Tablets by the Supreme Pen. God willing, thou shalt be confirmed in preserving this most exalted station, and in remaining steadfast in the remembrance, praise and service of the Cause of the Lord of Names. Verily, He is with thee and will strengthen thee as He strengthened thee before. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

The world hath been encompassed by the dust of idle fancies and vain imaginings, to such extent that they remain heedless and deprived of the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and the Dayspring of heavenly knowledge. With utmost power and might they are occupied with extinguishing the light and quenching the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. However, God hath prevented them through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and seized them through His Command.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Observe how the Hand of Divine Power hath seized nearly one million souls in retribution for their deeds and consigned them to a most wretched destination. How many princes and ministers, together with their kings and rulers, were returned to the fire. Yet none hath become aware. The blessed Surih of Ra'is beareth witness to what hath been mentioned.

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Glory, shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Great Book, be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter and have answered every petitioner whose letter reached the Wronged One in this noble station. All this is from My favor upon thee - know thou this and be of the thankful ones.

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=== START BH01442 ===

O Mirza Mustafa! In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from the presence of Baha unto Mustafa, that it may create within his soul that which will prevent his eyes from beholding aught save God, and will open them to His countenance, and cause him to voice His praise amongst those who have denied God's favor after it was sent down in such wise that none would deny it except every rejected denier.

O servant! Drink from the Salsabil of life in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, which floweth from the right hand of the Throne. A single drop thereof purifieth all created things from the defilement of allusions and draweth them nigh unto a station which none can enter save he who hath detached himself from all things, if thou be of them that know.

Dost thou find peace within thyself in these days when the swords of hatred have been drawn from their sheaths and the pack of wolves have emerged from their lairs, seeking to shed the blood of Him through Whose word their realities and essences were created, and all that was and shall be?

O servant! Adorn thy tongue with the mention of the Most Great One and say: "In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!" Then burn away the veils of fancy, fear no one, and doubt not this Remembrance, which is celebrated in every heaven by a different mention and name, in all worlds by a different token, and among the concourse of creation as: "There is no God but He, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting."

Verily, those who in these days have stood firm in this Cause are circumambulated by the denizens of the Supreme Paradise, and the maidens of Paradise would sacrifice themselves in their path–yet the people comprehend not.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair within your own selves. If ye deny this grace, in what thing do ye rejoice and upon what seats do ye rest? By My life! None hath a protector this Day save him whom God hath protected from error and delivered from the depths of ignorance, establishing him beneath the shade of the exalted Lote-Tree.

Arise with supreme steadfastness, then remind the people of this News which hath ever been hidden within preserved tablets of glory. By God! All Books have been sent down for My blessed and praiseworthy Name, and all Pages have been inscribed by the finger of My power, would ye but understand. All Scriptures have been revealed by My command, yet the people perceive not.

Say: O people! Do ye follow what your desires command you, while setting aside Him by Whose command the heavens and earth were created, and through Whom the sacred, mighty, and hidden mystery of God was made manifest?

O people! This is God's treasure among you, and these are His pearls manifested in the form of words. How excellent is he who possesseth these hidden pearls! This is God's Most Great Sea, and these are its waves manifested in the form of letters, would ye but know. O people! This is God's sanctuary among you, the Kaaba of your Lord within you, and the Beauty of the Beloved between the heavens and earth. Open your eyes that ye might behold!

Say: If ye turn not your eyes toward the words of God, God will soon raise up a people who will look upon them with Mine eyes, who will read My verses and weep for what hath befallen My Beauty, the Stranger, the Imprisoned, the Distressed. We have worlds beyond worlds, creation beyond creation, remembrance beyond remembrance, command beyond command, books beyond books, and sanctified, self-subsisting pages. We nurture every world by Our command and favor, for I am the Powerful over what I will, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Say: O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the Soul of God that standeth over all things. If ye believe not, oppose Him not. Beware, O people! Fear ye God in His Cause, and cut not off the wafting of the breezes of grace from the right hand of glory and praise. Purify your ears that ye may hear what

proceedeth from the mouth of God, your Lord, that perchance the breathings of the Spirit may transform you and draw you nigh unto the station of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Witnessed.

O servant! Open thy tongue in utterance, for the Holy Spirit will assist those who in these days convey unto the people the Cause of their Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. This hath been decreed in truth within sealed tablets of glory. Thus have We taught thee and inspired thee, that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause at which the hearts of those who disbelieved and joined partners with God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, were perturbed.

And glory be upon thee and upon him who hath detached himself from every direction and turned toward the direction of his Lord, and hath passed along this elevated and extended Path. Praise be to God, the King, the Single, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Sovereign, the All-Loving.

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O Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station. Glory and power be unto Him, and peace and salutations be upon Him through Whom the Sun shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and the valley of Mecca proclaimed: “He hath appeared Who hath adorned His head with a crown, yet He is the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets,” and upon His children and companions and helpers and loved ones.

This servant’s petition to your honor is that multiple handwritten letters were received. Praise be to God, the Sun of divine love was manifest and shining from the horizon of every word. After their receipt, reading and perusal, they were presented before the Countenance of the Beloved. He said: “God willing, may they be engaged in mentioning the Goal of the world’s peoples with utmost joy and delight.” Then He said: “Pray that his honor Nazir, upon him be My Glory, may not be saddened by what hath appeared and what shall appear, and that he may truly recognize as being from God whatsoever he possessed and possesseth. For had he truly attained this station, he would not have expressed shame at God’s bounty. How much did he spend in Our path, and We accepted it. Yet it is observed that whatever is outwardly bestowed upon him generateth the dust of sorrow. This matter was not and is not beloved. He must in no wise fix his gaze upon the tongues of men - how they move and what they utter. In all conditions he must look to the divine Command and know it to be the cause of joy and gladness, and in truth be gladdened by it. This is the station of contentment that hath been recorded and inscribed in the books of old and of latter days.

The entire world is beheld as a handful of dust. Its taking and giving is not worthy of mention. How many matters that are pure good, yet man is saddened and grieved by them. How many hardships that became the cause of ease. How many instances of taking from which flowed the waters of giving. All hath been and shall be within God’s mighty grasp. We beseech Him to quicken all through the living waters of the Kawthar and adorn them with the ornament of joy.

This Wronged One conveyeth His greetings to the friends of that land. Convey greetings to Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah] the Most Glorious, and to Haji Abbas. God willing, may they be

preserved. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the love and praise of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and the end belongeth to the God-fearing.

The correspondence arrived. God willing, a reply shall be submitted. Whatever needs to be sent to your honor shall be sent to that beloved one. The Command is in God's hand, the Lord of the worlds. In these days signs of a cold have appeared in the blessed temperament. If this matter doth not cause delay, replies shall soon be sent. Several letters have also reached this servant from those parts, and have not yet been honored with replies. May that beloved one write replies to those parts and gladden them through the expression of kindness. God willing, the sun of attainment shall shine and God's grace - exalted be His glory - shall encompass all. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the All-Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

They also said to convey greetings to Aqa Mahdi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Peace be upon him and upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all the loved ones of God.

Another petition is to convey the greetings of this evanescent servant to the true beloved, Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His mercy. It is long since we have been deprived of the traces of his pen. That honored one and he and all true friends must never be vexed with this servant in any state, for this servant is at all times occupied, as your honor yourself can testify. Often it happens that numerous letters arrive and the opportunity to reply becomes like the phoenix - its mention extant but its reality non-existent. Therefore the friends of God and they who drink the choice wine of meanings and utterance, should they observe delay from this servant in showing sincerity, must not attribute it to neglect but count it as lack of opportunity. All are aware and conscious of this matter. Often it has happened that someone sent multiple letters to this ephemeral one and this servant was not enabled to reply. The purpose of these submissions is that they should not consider this ephemeral one remiss in all conditions, and even if remiss, they should adorn it with the ornament of forgiveness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving.

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This evanescent atom counsels you at a time when he is detached from all who are in the kingdom and relies solely upon the Sovereign of grace and justice, the King of glory and pure beauty. Therefore, hearken unto my call and accept my counsel. First, my flesh and skin and blood and bones and my inmost reality and being testify that the Sovereign of the Bayan is the mystery of manifestation and pure concealment. He it is Who raised up the heavens of creation through His perfect power and adorned them with the sun of beauty and the point of glory, and established therein brilliant stars and radiant orbs that they might serve as proofs of His oneness and as a way to manifest His power and dominion. He revealed His mighty Book and His supreme decree, and ordained for every soul a portion and share in His Book, and within every letter He ordained a creation such that were all the peoples of the earth to gather together to prevent even a single one of His creatures, they would be powerless. He breathed the spirits of all created things into the temples of words through the breath of power, and from them will be breathed forth unto infinity the mystery of possibility and existence and they shall be created, even

though the idolaters be averse. Can anyone prevent a single letter thereof from reaching those for whom it is intended? Nay, by my Lord, even if all were possessed of power.

Therefore hasten, O people of the Bayan, that perchance ye may enter that garden and partake of the blessings ordained therein. I swear by the God Who caused this Tree of Sorrow to journey through all regions and corners, that were I to describe in detail but one level of the levels of the First Garden concealed in the Bayan, all who dwell on earth would be astounded, save whom my Lord willeth. And now ye say, by the Lord of the heavens and earth, this is naught but a mighty creation - whereas this lowly servant hath not enumerated even a single letter thereof as befitteth the sovereignty of His might and the kingdom of His glory. Therefore make haste, O people of the Bayan, that ye may warm yourselves with what God hath ordained for you, and deprive not yourselves if ye but know.

Furthermore, the outward and inward reality of this Point of Sorrow testifieth that today the Dayspring of Eternity is sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. He is the Lord of all books and the Illuminator of all scriptures. Through Him are established the pillars of the Bayan, and through His name was set firm the throne of Paradise in the essence of creation, and through Him were raised the highest heavens, and through Him was the earth made stable upon the pillar of light. Whoso obeyeth Him is saved and whoso turneth away is lost. It is incumbent and obligatory upon all the peoples of the earth, from its east and its west, its lands and its seas, its plains and its mountains, to obey Him in whatsoever is His good-pleasure. God and His own Self, the Truth, suffice as witness to what I say.

Therefore, recognize the worth of this eternal Dayspring, though true recognition is impossible. Yet according to your capacity and ability, He bestoweth from the ocean of His bounty and maketh Himself known. Therefore, knowing the right of these days, do nothing whereby ye may be deprived of His universal and perfect mercy. Moreover, I beseech you that in these few remaining days of your life, ye live with one another in utmost kindness and mercy, but resting and reposing in the shade of His special favor, for that is the foundation throughout all cycles and the aim in every age. Hold fast to the glory of His loving-kindness and cling to the cord of His forgiveness. Thereafter, recline in perfect might and joy upon the cushions of glory and repose upon the thrones of loftiness. Never allow gloom to approach you, for it causeth heedlessness. Pass your days in perfect harmony. Remove entirely all causes of sorrow. I counsel you, O people of the household, to learn all that We have counseled you, and be not of those who spread corruption in the earth. And peace be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon

O son of My name! Hearken unto My call from around My throne. Verily it draweth thee to a station wherein the affairs of creation shall not grieve thee, nor shall the doubts of the doubters hinder thee. This is the call which the Interlocutor heard on Sinai when We revealed unto him from this Manifestation, whereby the Hand of Bounty appeared from the kingdom of creation and gave to drink the sealed wine, through His Name the Self-Subsisting, unto such servants as turned unto Him. Thus did the Luminary of grace shine forth from the horizon of this heaven, and the Tongue of Grandeur did speak: The Kingdom

belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. This is the day wherein the Dove of Knowledge warbled and the nightingales of utterance sang upon the highest branches. O people of the world! By our Lord, the All-Merciful! This is the day wherein the Hidden One hath revealed His beauty, and the Concealed One His mysteries, and the Ocean its waves, and the Divine Lote-Tree its fruits, and the Sun its effulgence, and the verses their sweet savors. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and woe unto every remote denier. Verily We withheld the Pen for a time. Thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O beloved! Remember when thou didst seek the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Summit. We aided thee with the hosts of love and affection until thou didst attain the presence of the Wronged One in His mighty prison, and beheld the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's verses, and heard His sweetest call, and stood before a door which was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The iniquity of the world and the transgressions of the nations have not withheld His mercy. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel thee and those who have believed to be trustworthy and religious, and to that which elevateth the station of man. I am the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Say: Aid ye My Cause with these My hosts. Thus were ye commanded aforetime in diverse Tablets, as attesteth he who hath in his possession a perspicuous Book. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance, through deeds and character. By the life of God! Through these are manifested the sanctification of My Being and the purification of Mine Essence. Blessed is he who hath understood My purpose, and woe unto the heedless. Say: Adorn your temples with the ornament of fear of God. He is the Leader of My hosts and their Chief. Thus hath the All-Wise decreed while seated upon His exalted throne.

We make mention of My loved ones there. We have mentioned them before and given them glad tidings of My favor which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech God to aid them and My loved ones in all lands to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His Book. He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O beloved! Upon thee be My glory. We have desired at this time to make mention of My leaf and My handmaiden who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful.

The Light shining from My Most Exalted Horizon and the Fragrance wafting from the Supreme Perspective be upon thee, O handmaiden of God! I testify that thou didst hear the Call and answer thy Lord, and didst turn unto Him when the people were in manifest aversion, and thou didst win the days of thy Lord and didst hearken unto His verses when the handmaidens of the earth were heedless thereof. We beseech God to send down upon thee mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self, and to show thee in all times the manifestations of grace and bounty. He is verily powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Blessed is the servant who hath remembered her through what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, and the handmaiden who hath turned unto her. He verily heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O beloved! Give thanks unto God for what He hath revealed unto thee of verses while the Wronged One was imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors. Say: O my God, my God! Withhold not Thy servants from turning to the Most Great Ocean, nor deprive them of the effulgent rays

of Thy luminous horizon. Through Thy bounty and generosity, ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of grace and munificence. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. Thy generosity hath encompassed all creation and Thy grace hath pervaded all beings. Deliver Thy servants from the promptings of self and passion, that they may turn with their hearts unto Thee, hearken unto Thy call, and recognize that which Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Glorious, the All-Wise. Illumine, O my God, the faces of those who have turned to the light of Thy countenance, and their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Most Wise of judges and the Most Merciful of the merciful. I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself as a token of Thy bounty and an evidence of Thy loving-kindness. Close not, O my God, the door which Thou hast opened unto the world. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Powerful. Glory be upon Thee and upon Thy loved ones there, and upon those who are with Thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

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O friends of God and His party! Today the light of justice has become veiled, nay obliterated, by the oppression of the world's oppressor, for grievous blows from the wicked ones have been inflicted upon His blessed body. In the land of Ya, clamor has been raised; pure and assured souls have been seized out of sheer wickedness and for the taking of money, bound with ropes in utmost humiliation, and the masses struck them with chains, stones and clubs, and brought them before the exalted deputies - the dawning-places of tyranny and vice, the daysprings of self and passion. After seizing whatever possessions they had, they martyred them with the most grievous torment. The Pharaoh of the age said to one of those blessed souls, "Come, recant." In reply he said: "For forty years I have awaited this day, and praise be to God, today I have attained unto it." Another, while passing before the faces of the oppressors, uttered these exalted words: "O people! The Lord of the Martyrs said 'Is there any who will help me?' and this servant says 'Is there any who will behold me?'" His purpose was that that oppressed one yearned for the draught of martyrdom rather than awaiting a helper. At these blessed words, the tears of the denizens of Paradise descended and the sighs of the people of Paradise ascended.

Glory be to God! In these days two mighty things have appeared: from the right, the banquet of the friends, and from the left, the battle of the wicked ones. The Wronged One of the world would recite one verse befitting the pavilion of the feast, and reveal another verse in remembrance of the martyrs. And in these days the greatest glad-tidings was mentioned in the Most Great Scene, and that was the ascension of one of the friends to the Supreme Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon. Exalted be His grace that hath encompassed the world and all peoples, and exalted be His utterance whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the seat of the throne have been enraptured.

He who was named 'Abdu'llah in the Book of Names - we testify that he turned to the Lord of mankind in the earliest days when most in the land turned away, and we testify that he acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the prison of 'Akka and before it, and recognized God, His sovereignty, His Manifestation, and His power amidst His world and His creation. He it is who endured hardships and

tribulations out of love for God, the Lord of Names, and there befell him at the hands of the enemies that which caused the people of the pavilion of purity and chastity in the Most Exalted Paradise to weep.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon him in every moment mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His own Self. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. And we beseech Him, exalted be He, to establish his station in the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and give him to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of grace and bounty. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is no God but He, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Forgiver, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The Wronged One testifieth that at his mention the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of his Lord's loving-kindness was diffused, and the Herald called out from the Kingdom of Utterance: "O people of the earth! Hear, then know that through his ascension and rising, the lips of the Concourse on High and the people of the pavilion of glory in the Most Exalted Paradise have smiled." Blessed is he who remembereth him with what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Station. We beseech God to comfort his sons, his family and his loved ones, and to adorn them with the ornament of patience and composure. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

We send greetings to the friends of that land and counsel them with that which will exalt their stations amongst the servants. O physician, upon thee be My salutation and My glory. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to assist thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Praise be to God! Mention of you hath been and is before the Wronged One. We hope that henceforth thou wilt hold fast unto that which will cause the world of utterance to testify to the loftiness of thy station and thy exalted rank. His honor Mirza Zaynu'l-Abidin, upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness, must in all conditions fix his gaze upon the Truth. Praise be to God! He hath spent all his days in the love of God and hath been occupied in offering praise unto Him. We beseech God to protect him and to open before his face the door of His loving-kindness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. All the friends are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. For each one We ask that which is the cause of success and prosperity. The command is in the hand of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

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The Spirit was shining in the holy horizon from the side of the brow.

Letter of eternity, put on the sandals of detachment, then mount the most exalted brocade runner;

praised be the one who created and made.

This is the earth of immortality, whereupon no foot of any saint has trod;

praised be my Lord, the most high.

Do not let the vicissitudes of this world sadden you, then ascend to the heaven of faithfulness;

praised be the one who created and made.

[The remainder matches the English translation already provided in the original text, from “You have a place with me…” through the end]

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=== START BH01448 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon! O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of the Concourse on High! We have seen and heard that which thou didst send, and it hath attained unto Our presence. Praise be to God! The fragrance of the love of His loved ones is diffused; they speak with their tongues and are turned with their hearts towards Him, and are steadfast in His service. Today one drop of deeds is as an ocean, and an atom like unto the sun, inasmuch as these are the days of the Most Great Manifestation. His pardon hath preceded, His bounty hath preceded, His mercy hath preceded, His generosity hath preceded. He concealeth that which is manifest and revealeth that which is hidden. All the books of old have held festivities in celebration of this blessed Day. In truth, today the realities of the world are adorned with the most great joy and the most great gladness. Blessed is he who hath recognized the value of this Day and hath acted as beseemeth it.

O Zayn! Thou didst make mention of Mulla Muhammad-Baqir, upon whom be My glory. Verily God hath forgiven his mother, then the one for whom she desired forgiveness, from the ocean of thy Lord’s loving kindness, the All-Merciful, the Generous. Blessed is she! We found from her the fragrance of faithfulness and have mentioned her with this clear mention. We make mention of ’Abdu’llah, son of him who was named with the Truth. We beseech God to forgive him and forgive his father and mother, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful. We make mention of Muhammad-i-Ja’far and bid him act according to what hath been revealed in My Great Book. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. We make mention of him who was named Nasru’llah, son of Sadiq, and give him glad-tidings through this wise mention. And of him who was named Rajab-’Ali who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

O Zayn! Give glad-tidings to Muhammad-’Ali whose name was present before the face of the Wronged One at this time. We have made mention of those who have cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings and have taken hold of that which they were bidden by an Ancient Commander. O Zayn! The glory be upon thee and upon thy sister and upon her son from God, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned those whom God hath related unto thee with a mention that cannot be equaled by the mentions of the world. To this beareth witness the Book of God that speaketh in this exalted station. We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-’Ali, son of him who was named Qurban, and We counsel him with that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, and give him glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Give thanks unto God for having mentioned thee in His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful,

the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Beware lest the happenings of the world sadden thee. Take hold of the Book with the strength granted from Us. We shall verily aid thee and protect thee from those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and turned away from Him when He came with manifest sovereignty.

We make mention of him who was named Isma'il, whose letter was present before the Wronged One when He was in the garden named after Him, and who was honored by His presence and attained His meeting in the nights and days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. O Isma'il! He who loved Me sent thy letter; the Wronged One read it and answered thee with that which caused the hearts of those who have turned towards Him to be attracted.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me acknowledge Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness, and hold fast unto what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the standard of Thy unity was raised in Thy lands and the banners of Thy remembrance among Thy servants, and by His family and His companions, to ordain for me through Thy bounty and generosity that which will solace mine eyes and gladden my heart. O Lord! The ignorant one hath sought the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the poor one the kingdom of Thy bestowal. Disappoint him not, by Thy bounty and generosity and Thy mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention of him who was mentioned in his letter, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Remembering, the All-Wise. O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me one of the believers among Thy servants who have acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy power uttered before the creation of Thy earth and Thy heaven. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast unto Thy Book which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Beloved One. I beseech Thee by its verses and its mysteries and his station and his glory and his splendor, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

O Samandar, upon thee be My glory! His honor 'Ali, who hath repeatedly circumambulated the House, hath sent thy mention to the Most Holy Court, and likewise that of the friends in that land. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of nearness, and hath been blessed from the chalice of meeting. He constantly seeketh a portion for those who are related, assured, and detached. Therefore, at this moment, from the Most Exalted Pen floweth the Kawthar of remembrance and the Salsabil of utterance, that every possessor of love and detachment may drink thereof. We beseech God to aid all and adorn them with steadfastness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O 'Ali, upon thee be My glory! The letter of His honor 'Abdu'l-Baqi, upon him be My glory, was seen, and every letter thereof testified before the Face to his turning unto God, his certitude, and his steadfastness.

Blessed is he, and joy be unto him, and joy be unto him! He is remembering and praising, and his daughter is engaged in service and circumambulation. Well is it with her! We beseech God to aid her, prosper her, and ordain for her what shall be best for her in the Hereafter and in this world.

O ’Abdu’l-Baqi, upon thee be My loving-kindness! Convey My greetings to His honor Akhavi, Mashhadi, and ’Abdu’l-’Ali. All are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to ordain that which is the cause of nearness, comfort, and salvation. Be not grieved by worldly events. Say: My God, my God! I know not what profiteth or harmeth me, nor what guideth me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for me what shall profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Mention of His honor ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be My glory, was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen some time ago. God willing, he shall attain unto it. O ’Ali, Qasim’s letter was seen. He hath desired wings that he might soar, hath sought spiritual sustenance that he might gain strength, and hath beseeched precious pearls from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen that he might attain unto true wealth and spiritual riches.

O Qasim! ’Ali sent thy letter to the Most Holy Court and repeatedly sought a reply, that thy mention might flow from the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto this most great bounty, hast heard the call from before and after, and hast drunk from the cup of meeting. Preserve this station. The friends of that land must arise to serve, that is, to guide the people of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they that act!

Mention was made of His honor Javad, upon him be My glory, in the letter. Verily, We have mentioned him and those with him in numerous Tablets. My Books, My Scrolls, and My Writings bear witness to this, and beyond them, I am the All-Knowing Witness. Divine favor hath encompassed them; from the beginning of the Cause until now they have been occupied in service and have attained unto grace. They have ever been and are beneath Our glance. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

O Javad! We have mentioned thee graciously, and thy son, and those with thee. Convey greetings to each one from the Wronged One, and after the greeting, utter these words: Blessed art thou, for the lights of the Face have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, and joy be unto thee for having attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Ahmad! Hear My call, that it may draw thee to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, We have mentioned thee and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love, as a grace from My presence, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The Glory be upon thee, upon thy father and mother, and upon My handmaiden whom We named ’Azziyyih, and upon the handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention of ’Ali-Akbar and give him the glad tidings of My acceptance, My remembrance, My loving-kindness, and My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. And We make mention of the wife of him who was named Muhammad-Quli. Verily, We have mentioned her in a Tablet that hath no equal among what the people possess. Every informed one beareth witness to this.

O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! The Trusted One, upon him be God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds, mentioned thee when he was before the face of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. We have mentioned thee with a mention whereby the hearts of the mystics have been attracted.

O My handmaidens in My lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. In the nights and days, We have mentioned and continue to mention those men and women who have turned unto God and are unified. We beseech God to aid all to deeds whose light shall not set and whose fragrance the centuries and ages shall not alter. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken from this far Prison.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in greatness and power!

O beloved of my heart! In view of the multitude of letters requiring responses and correspondence from various quarters, there has not been, nor is there now, opportunity to mention to that beloved one all that is befitting. Therefore, I write briefly, and in this brevity, since the grace of God is concealed therein and the sweet fragrance of His bounty wafts therefrom, it is accounted as lengthy. Tonight, being the ninth night of the blessed month of Shawwal, I mention, as commanded, that which stirs the cord of love and brings to remembrance the days of attainment to His presence.

His exalted Word: All that was previously sent has arrived, and the items sent by the Afnan M.H.–upon him be all the most glorious Glory–and the Leaf of the Tree (S.)–upon her be my Glory and loving-kindness–have all arrived, and specifically for each of the Leaves of the Tree a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. End quote. The servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen them and aid them to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with.

The arrival of the Leaves, and likewise the Holy and Impregnable Tablets which some have specifically requested–some are being sent in this instance and the remainder will be sent in the next. Praise be to God, the bounty of the All-Bountiful is manifest and evident at all times, and specifically revealed for that beloved one is that of which every letter testifies to the loving-kindness, compassion, and mercy of the Goal of all the worlds.

Another matter you wrote about: Aqa Jalil of Rasht has stayed in Kirmanshah and is occupied with writing verses and teaching. Although he was not commanded to teach, yet according to a letter he wrote to the bearer of the Name of Generosity–upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God–he has arisen of his own accord to serve. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant him divine confirmation and success. Some time ago, a letter was also sent addressed to him, but his name is Aqa Rasul while you wrote Aqa Jalil. In the matter of mentioning names, great care and attention must be observed.

Two years ago, one of the friends besought Tablets from the heaven of divine favor and wrote several names, but four names were written incorrectly–for example, writing Muhammad instead of Hassan, and Hussein instead of Ahmad. This causes delay and confusion. Although these servants write the names at

the head of the Tablets according to how the friends mention them, in any case this matter requires attention and consideration so that names are written correctly.

Regarding the two sums of money about which you wrote in these days–one from the Land of Ha and another from ’Aliyyih–news of their arrival has come; God willing, they will arrive. As commanded, the sum of one hundred tumans must reach Jinab-i-Samandar–upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God–as it was assigned to him to give to two persons, which he has done and sent the receipt. That honored one must pay the debt of God, exalted be His glory. Likewise, deliver fifty tumans to the honored wife of him who ascended unto God (the late Mirza Ahmad Khan) and send the receipt.

And He said: We must impose a fine upon Jinab-i-Amin! We have one treasurer and he is bankrupt! Gracious God, there is one treasury belonging to God, and that is empty of funds. Indeed, by virtue of its exalted station, such a treasury ought to be freed and sanctified from earthly things and not be confused with the treasuries of the world.

Convey greetings and praise on behalf of this evanescent one to the friends of God in every place. At all times I beseech and implore from the heaven of the Lord of the Worlds’ grace that He may increase their fire of love and illumine the hearts of all with the light of knowledge and whatever is befitting. Verily, He has power over all things.

A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Bayk–upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him, assist him, and open before his face a door of His grace. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who love you and hear your word concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

On the ninth night of the month of Shawwal, 1305

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In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

O Mahmud! The Lord of the unseen and the seen makes mention of thee from this praiseworthy station, and gives thee glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness and mercy. He hath revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of thy Lord’s names, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath gained audience in this Most Exalted Horizon, a station round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most sublime Paradise. Thy Lord, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The servant who is present brought thy letter and laid it before the Wronged One, Who hath called all to God, the Lord of the worlds. We found it purified from vain imaginings and adorned with the praise of thy

Lord, the Lord of all men, at Whose appearance all things proclaimed: “The Promise is fulfilled, and He Who was promised hath appeared with a sovereignty before which all in the heavens and earth stand powerless.” Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when it appeared, and woe betide him who hath turned away from Him Whom God had announced through the tongue of every Prophet and trusted Messenger.

Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of attainment, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of meeting, did ye but recognize it. The gates of grace have been opened by the finger of your Lord’s will, the Lord of all existence. By God! The verses have been sent down, the evidences have appeared, and the river hath flowed from the right hand of the throne of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside your learning and what ye possess of vain imaginings. By God! He Who is the Self-Subsisting hath appeared and giveth the near ones to drink of the sealed wine. Say: Beware lest your knowledge prevent you from the knowledge of God, or your books from the Book, at whose revelation every book sent down by God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, hath bowed down. Say: O company of the heedless! The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, and all things have proclaimed with their loudest voice: “The Hidden Secret hath appeared!”

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath ascended unto God and was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names, that servants honored may remember him. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for having turned unto and believed in Him Who is the Goal when all on earth turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, did will. I bear witness that thou didst hear the Call and didst fulfill God’s Covenant, the Lord of all beings, and didst act as thou wert commanded on a day whereon trembling seized the dwellers of earth and heaven, save those whom God, the Lord of this promised Day, did will. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon and speaketh in the name of thy Most Glorious Lord, through Whom the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing was raised up in the Kingdom of creation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We bear witness that thou didst behold My horizon and didst speak My praise and didst shatter the idols of vain imaginings in My Name, casting behind thee the sources of conjecture, turning unto the Supreme Summit, the Station which is illumined by the lights of the face of thy Lord, the Lord of Kings. Thou art he whom the greatest veil did not prevent from the Lord of Destiny. Thou didst forsake what the people possessed, hoping for what is with God, thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind. We bear witness that thou didst hold fast to the Most Great Handle when the Lord of earth was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, and the Kingdom proclaimed to Him Who appeared with the truth: “Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.”

O Muhammad! We make mention of him who made mention of thee and turned toward thy resting place and visited thee, by virtue of what the Most Exalted Pen spoke when the Wronged One was imprisoned by the hands of those who were heedless of the One Who remembers and is remembered. Thus did the heaven of utterance shine forth with the light of thy Lord’s mention, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mahmud! The Most Ancient Pen speaketh in Persian that all the friends might drink of the living waters descending from the heaven of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto the most great

steadfastness. Convey greetings from the True One to all those related to him who hath ascended and been elevated. The names of all are mentioned before the Face and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. God willing, may they all engage in praising the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. We have remembered all the friends of that land. They must give thanks to God for this great bounty, for nothing that is seen or that is hidden can compare with a single mention from among the divine mentions. Know ye the value of this divine Day, count His favors as great, and preserve the pearls of His love in the treasuries of your hearts in His Name, for the slanderers and the treacherous have been and are lying in wait. Thus have We informed you before and in this wondrous Tablet. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have heard the Call from the direction of grandeur, and have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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My spiritual friend, his honor Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, may take note.

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Him belong greatness and majesty! This evanescent servant testifies that there is none other God but Him. He was forever hidden and concealed in the treasury of the Unseen until the appointed time came, when He appeared from the horizon of creation with grandeur and glory. Then the trumpet was blown, the graves arose, the herald called out, the spirit was breathed, and the world was adorned with the ornament of knowledge. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who manifested Himself amidst all created things, Who speaks in the kingdom of utterance, and Whose Most Exalted Pen moves at every moment - the Pen through which He has detailed every matter with truth, revealed every mystery with justice, explained every wisdom with grace, and established every decree in His mighty Book. Glory be to the All-Bountiful Who made Himself known to us, taught us His Cause, and guided us to His straight path.

O beloved of my heart! The fragrant breezes of your love - for our Beloved, your Beloved, and the Beloved of all worlds - have stirred me, and the winds of your utterance have moved me, through which your acceptance, sincerity, steadfastness, love, affection, and arising in the Cause of God, the Beloved of all worlds, have become manifest. When your mention took hold of me, I ascended to a station that cannot be indicated by my indication, nor comprehended by my comprehension, nor known by my descriptions, nor expressed by my pen and ink. When I attained His presence, the Lord of all worlds and the Master of eternity asked me what was in my hand. Then, with permission, I opened it and presented what the nightingales of your love had sung upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of sincerity.

When it was concluded, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which I am unable to mention, until He said: “O servant present before Me! Convey My glorification to those who have attained to My recognition and My presence, who have immersed themselves in the ocean of My proof, who soar in the atmosphere of My love, who drink the choice wine of My remembrance and praise, who have turned toward My face, and who stand before My gate. Say: Blessed art thou, O Varqa, for My verses have attracted thee, caused thee to speak in My days, and drawn thee to My dwelling place, until thou didst stand before My throne, hear My call, and attain to the hearing of My utterance. Know thou with certainty that We have

mentioned thee and do mention thee as a favor from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou assured by thy Lord's grace, then make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. He will assist thee at all times. To this bear witness the dwellers of My realms, the guardians of My mysteries, the recipients of My revelation, the dawning-places of My attributes, and this mighty and wondrous Tongue. Make mention from Me to thy brother who attained in My days and circumambulated My mighty throne, and to those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and held fast to the Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance."

In brief, it is submitted that the travelers, upon them be the Glory of God, were present before the throne at the castle where the Greatest Scene is situated, when suddenly the Ancient Beauty gave permission for their return, and they were set to depart the next day. Therefore, this servant had no time or opportunity to express in detail the degrees of sincerity and love. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that the opportunity may be granted hereafter. In any case, after learning of the travelers' departure, these few words were submitted in brief so that they might rejoice in the divine favors and infinite bounties. The Tablets they had requested were sent, numbering five, corresponding to the blessed letter "Ha". As commanded, they should be distributed by lot - that is, after ablutions, place them under a cloth, then draw one Tablet in each person's name and give them to whomever they were intended for. Since the mention of names is not permitted in these days, the names were not written at the top of the Tablets.

Another submission: Convey this evanescent servant's glorification to his honor, my brother, upon him be the Glory of God and His praise, and mention that what was promised was fulfilled, but did not reach you - God willing, it will reach you. There is no opportunity now to mention details. And another submission: Convey to all the friends in that land, on behalf of this evanescent servant, remembrance, praise, and the Most Wondrous, Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Glorious glorification. Glory and praise be upon you and upon God's loved ones there.

The Servant

15 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1297

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His Holiness Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God

22 Muharram 1299

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books, made manifest the proof and evidence, and sealed Messengership and Prophethood with Him Who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Creation, Ahmad in the Concourse on High, and the All-Praised One in the tabernacle of grandeur and glory. He is the One through Whom truth was distinguished from falsehood. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ships of Thy wisdom sailed upon the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the spheres of the heaven of Thy decree revolved by the Pen of Thy ordainment, to assist Thy loved ones and Thy friends even as Thou didst assist those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creation and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Then inscribe for them that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and sailing upon the sea of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them at the door of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the Ordainer, the Giver, the Mighty, the Generous.

Thereafter, the melodies of the birds of your knowledge upon the branches of the tree of your certitude in the Cause of God–our Beloved and your Beloved, our God and your God, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are on earth–attracted me. When I read and presented it, and after my supplications were complete, the Tongue of Grace spoke, God willing, that which God loveth and is pleased with. May they attain! Praise be to God, they have drunk from the cup of bounty and have been and are circumambulating around the will of the Lord of Names. In these days, the tyranny of oppressors is evident from all directions. The standard of Islam lieth prostrate upon the earth due to the transgressions of the transgressors, and its throne is shattered. All the friends must, in the nights and days, beseech the Exalted Truth, glorified be His majesty, for the exaltation of the Cause, that perchance all may attain to the Cause of God and His religion.

That which you had written was heard. God willing, the waters of the world shall not prevent you from the Kawthar of God, and gold shall not make you heedless of the divine path. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, the Master of the hereafter and the former times, to assist His loved ones, His friends, and His chosen ones in that whereby the standards of guidance may be raised among all creation and the banners of proof and evidence upon the hills of contingent being. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. All things are captive in His grasp, and this is indeed easy for Him. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

Regarding what was written about Haji Muhammad Husayn and Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented. He said that if they wish to remain in the land of A and S, there is and was no objection. Let them occupy themselves, trusting in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He sendeth down from the heaven of grace whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise. God willing, may they walk and conduct themselves with perfect joy and fragrance and with complete wisdom.

The sent envelopes arrived. God willing, may the Truth, exalted be His glory, assist this evanescent one to present the response. And regarding what you had written about Haji ’Abdu’llah and the land of Kha, that was and is the expedient course, conforming to and associated with wisdom. Furthermore, the honored beloved Aqa Siyyid ’Abdu’l-Baha, upon him be the Glory of God, has written a letter to this evanescent one and sent supplications. From some conditions, I present glorification and greetings to his service, and afterward his response, along with the response to the supplications, God, the All-Merciful willing, will be sent. At present there is no more opportunity than this.

To the spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and other friends and gentlemen, mention of evanescence and nothingness is presented. God willing, as long as the horizon of

the world is illumined by the Most Great Luminary, may they pass their days in perfect joy and gladness and spirit and fragrance, and be occupied with the mention of the Peerless Friend. I testify that you have profited in your trade and attained the fruits of your existence. The servant beseeches his Lord to protect you and grant you the good of this world and the next. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Glory, perfumed with the fragrance of the Beloved, be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you in God, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory and power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and sent forth the Messengers and made them guides of the ways from His presence to His creation, and through them He opened the gates of His grace and bounty unto His servants and revealed His path and His balance in His lands, until the Manifestations culminated in the Most Great Manifestation, Whom God established as His Own Self among the nations. Through Him appeared the seal of fulfillment and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the highest branches. By God! He hath come through Whose advent the heavens were adorned, and through Whose name the Kingdom of Names, and through Whose manifestation the dominion of utterance in the heaven of religions. Through Him was raised the banner of unity and the standard of detachment, and the ocean of divine knowledge surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest one of Thy servants who hath turned unto Him Who was imprisoned in Thy path and accepted tribulations for love of Thee. Thou knowest that he hath acknowledged Thy unity and oneness and held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones through whose light the earth and heaven were illumined, and whom Thou didst make the keys of Thy knowledge amongst mankind and the emblems of Thy guidance in the realm of creation, to assist him in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Guardian over all things.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and We have learned its contents. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gate of grace and to send down upon thee from the clouds of His mercy a blessing from His presence, and to make thee rich through His riches, and speaking in His remembrance, and steadfast in serving His loved ones. Verily, He is the All-Seeing, the All-Bountiful, the All-Hearing, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

We make mention at this time of him who is named Abdul-Karim - upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. He hath attained unto the mention of the Wronged One before and after thy request. We beseech the All-Bountiful to assist him in that whereby his remembrance and his name shall endure in the cities and lands of God. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

And We make mention of Our loved ones in Ta and of him who hath loved Me and arisen to serve Me, who was named Varqa in the Book of Names. We beseech God to aid all to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book, whereby He distinguished between truth and falsehood until the Day of Judgment.

O my God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy servants with the crown of trustworthiness and their temples with the raiment of righteousness. Then preserve them, O my God, from the hosts of tyranny and wickedness and from that which Thou hast forbidden them through the tongue of Thy Messengers and chosen ones. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art He to Whose grace and bounty all created things have testified, and to Whose generosity and gifts all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As for what thou didst desire concerning service, know that it dependeth upon goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands! Deeds are more potent than words. It behooveth the people of unity to counsel others through their deeds and their character. We counsel thee and them with that whereby their stations and ranks may be elevated in the world, and We beseech God to grant thee success in all conditions. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O thou who holdest fast to the Sure Handle! Thou seest the unitarians among enemies, and there hath befallen them each day that which hath caused their hearts to melt, their tears to flow, and their hearts to lament. We implore God to aid them to patience and forbearance, to tranquility and dignity. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

When thou seest any of My loved ones, remind him on My behalf, then recite unto him what the tongue of My counsel and exhortation hath uttered. Say: By God! The world and its ornaments, its possessions, its bounties and blessings shall pass away. Where is Chosroes, and where is Caesar? Where is he who turned away and denied? Where are the Pharaohs of the lands and the tyrants among the servants? And where are their ranks and their armies? Where are their lofty palaces and their adorned houses? Where is their might and their power, and where is their wrath and anger? They have returned to dust with great remorse. They cry for help but are not helped; they ask but are not answered. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away vain desire and taken unto himself the fear of God, and hath purified his heart from all rancor and hatred, and who associateth with all people in a spirit of fragrant joy. We beseech God to attract all through His call and to preserve them through His grace and His hosts, and to ordain for them every good thing that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He hath power over all things and is ready to answer.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of grandeur and power!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed the verses and manifested the proofs, Who hath spoken the supreme Word and caused all things to speak it. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. And the resplendent and luminous prayers from the heaven of the will of the Lord of Names be

upon Him by Whom the vale of Ba??a was stirred, and through Whom the Dove of Unity warbled upon the branch of eternity, and through Whom the Light shone forth from the supreme horizon, and through Whom the banners of detachment were raised in the kingdom of creation. And upon His family and companions, through whom the ocean of utterance surged and the breezes of the All-Merciful wafted, and through whom was manifested that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan. These are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do as He commandeth.

O Shukru'llah! God willing, mayest thou be blessed in all conditions with the outpourings of the True Bestower and be ever gazing upon the lights of His countenance after the passing of all things. The world hath been encompassed by suppositions and idle fancies, and all have been deprived of the splendors of the Sun of certitude, save whom God, exalted be His glory, hath willed. God hath ever desired the best for His servants, yet most, through excessive ignorance, have not heeded divine counsels and admonitions, remaining lost in the wilderness of confusion and ignorance. We beseech God to awaken all from the slumber of heedlessness and make them aware. This is not difficult for Him.

At all times hath this Wronged One remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones, that the remembrance may draw them to a station wherein the conditions of human limitations shall not prevent them from the Lord of destiny, nor shall the clamor of the ignorant keep them from the Creator of heaven. All that hath befallen the blessed community hath been the fruit of their deeds. We counsel all to observe trustworthiness and godliness, truthfulness and sincerity, mercy and kindness, unity and concord, patience and forbearance. We beseech God to enable all who are on earth to act in accordance with what hath been ordained in His Perspicuous Book. Blessed are they who have attained unto His good-pleasure and are detached from all else.

The Wronged One remembereth in this place him who was named Ghulam-Husayn, and We beseech for him divine confirmation and assistance from God, the Lord of the worlds. O friends! Every created thing and every earthly blessing shall be seized by extinction and shall soon return to nothingness. Strive ye that perchance ye may achieve such deeds as shall endure as long as the divine names and attributes endure. We make mention of thee and thy brother, and counsel you both to steadfastness and to that which beseemeth man. He, verily, is the Helper, the Gracious.

We make mention of him who was named Siyyid-'Ali and remind him of that which will draw him nigh unto the supreme horizon, that he may be among those who are firmly established. The Wronged One hath perceived the fragrance of thy love and remembereth thee at this time when sorrows have encompassed Him from all directions through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. We make mention of 'Abdu'l-Husayn and counsel him with that which beseemeth him. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

We beseech God to assist and enable all to that wherein lieth His good-pleasure. O Pen! Make mention of them who have loved thee, that they may rejoice and be among the thankful. Unto him who was named Muhammad-Baqir say: Let not the oppression of those whom the world hath deluded, who have forgotten the Luminary of justice and have risen with manifest tyranny, grieve thee. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle and in all conditions cling to the hem of the grace of God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Letter Shin! Thou hast borne hardships and endured adversity and tribulation in His path until thou didst attain the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to grant thee every good thing He hath ordained in His Book. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We make mention of thy son and the leaf who hath turned unto the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, and We beseech God to write down for them both the reward of those who have made pilgrimage in His path and visited His blessed, luminous, mighty, and glorious House.

Blessed is he who sent thee. Verily, he was with Me in the early days, and the Wronged One hath mentioned him in various Tablets. We beseech God to exalt him to such a station wherein every tongue shall utter his praise and every discerning one shall bear witness unto him. The mention shining forth from the horizon of My heart be upon him and upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and upon those who remember God in the morning and in the evening.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent down the Criterion from the heaven of grace and bounty, and through it distinguished between religions and made it an enduring proof for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who, in sending forth His Messengers and revealing His Books, intended naught except to manifest His grace and exalt His bounty upon His servants. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of mankind, through whom every hidden mystery was revealed, through whom the Sun of divine knowledge shone forth and the Light blazed forth among all peoples, and upon His family and companions, through whom God revealed the pearls of His wisdom and His commandments among His creation. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And then, the letter from that beloved of the heart arrived. A thousand thanks to the Lord of creation that news of the health of the honored Afnans and your honor reached us and caused boundless joy and delight. In truth, news of the loved ones is the cause of joy and the source of happiness and gladness. To give thanks for this bounty would require ages and centuries. I beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to keep this door open through His might, His grandeur and His sovereignty. He is, verily, the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

After viewing, reading and becoming informed, He proceeded to the Most Holy Shrine. After making supplication, He said: “We beseech God to assist him with the hosts of His verses and His evidences, to grant him that which befits His generosity and bounty, to aid him in serving His loved ones, and to make him a helper unto them, a supporter of them, and a witness for them. He is, verily, the Powerful, the All-Bounteous.”

Praise be to God, you have repeatedly visited the Shrine and have attained to that which is conducive to the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. The honored Afnans have ever

been and continue to be remembered. We beseech for them divine assistance and confirmation, and that which shall endure as long as God's sovereignty, His Kingdom and His Dominion endure.

Praise be to God, through the grace of the True One and His favors, you have attained unto the good of both this world and the next. Praise be unto Him, again praise be unto Him! Thanks be unto Him, again thanks be unto Him! Now the matters must be mentioned, for time is like an elixir, that is to say, rare. The letter of receipt for the honored Iskooi, upon him be the Glory of God, and the reply to the letter of Ibn-i-Jenab-i-Alif and Ha, upon them be the Glory of God, were sent to them. What was sent with the honored beloved, the esteemed Haji Siyyid Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, has arrived, and whatever they wrote will, God willing, all be sent to the honored Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. Regarding the souls in Ishqabad, their trusts will be sent. The honored beloved, the esteemed Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to that beloved one which was sent. I beseech the True One to prepare means for them that they may engage in their work with joy and fragrance, with delight and assurance, and find rest.

The letter of receipt for the honored Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, was sent for them to forward. In truth, they know valor. The servant beseeches his Lord to make him a standard of piety among the people and a banner of His Name among all names. Praise be to God, they are mentioned at the threshold of grace and are recipients of His favor. Whatever was besought for them, they have truly attained unto it. This is such a station that however much it increases, it is still insufficient, for the bounty of the All-Bountiful is unlimited and the mercy of the All-Merciful is boundless.

To the honored Afnans, his honor Alif and Ha, and his honor Haji Siyyid A, upon them both be every remembrance and glory, I convey my utter servitude and nothingness. To the honored beloved, his honor Haji, and the beloved of the heart, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon them both be the Glory of God, I send greetings and praise. I mention each of the loved ones with the utmost humility and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which shall never pass away nor change. The servant asks and the Lord answers. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. Peace and mercy be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

26th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram 1306

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid

Praise be to God Who hath sent down from the heaven of eternity the rains of generosity that the hearts of the people of the world might be verdant thereby, that they might arise from the graves of nothingness and speak forth the Most Great Name, whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and that which was hidden and concealed from the eyes of all creation hath been made manifest. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the Book and commanded all to show humility, submissiveness

and supplication. He, verily, is the Ruler from time immemorial. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And praise be to God Who hath chosen for Himself glory and grandeur and hath forbidden all from drawing nigh unto this most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath acted according to that which God, the Lord of Names, hath commanded, and woe betide him who hath followed his desires and turned away from that which God, the Source of power and majesty, hath ordained.

And now, thy letter was received and thy lamentation was heard from its words. This servant, the attendant, was greatly astonished by such unseemly matters, for today all are commanded to show humility, submissiveness, love, fellowship, affection and unity. It is strange that Jinab-i-Nabil should have become the cause of thy sorrow. This much I say: that the Truth hath loved and continues to love His loved ones, and whosoever today acteth according to that which hath been revealed in the Tablets shall surely receive an even greater measure of His favoring grace, both now and in the future. And know ye this much: this servant was greatly saddened by thy letter. This is a day wherein all must fix their gaze upon the horizon of God's Cause and partake of the wine of inner meanings which hath been prepared in the special wine-cellar of the Lord, drinking and offering it to others in the Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. It is a pity that in these days, souls who have accepted the Cause and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon should be occupied with themselves. In all conditions they must speak such words and perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of God's Cause and bring assurance to the hearts and souls. The Truth, exalted and glorified be He, hath never been and will never be pleased with such matters. Be thou assured of the grace of our Lord, the All-Merciful, then beseech Him to enable me and thee to remember and praise Him, and to cleanse us from that which beseemeth us not, and to protect us from those who have wronged during the days of God and believed not in God even after He came with manifest sovereignty.

In any case, be not grieved by such matters. If anger appeareth from one of the loved ones, fix thy gaze upon the Sun of loving-kindness of the Truth which dawneth from the horizon of grace, and if withdrawal is observed from one of the friends, be not saddened thereby but look to the expansiveness of the Truth. I swear by His holy Being that were the entire world to appear before Him, He would regard all with the glance of favor and adorn them all with the ornament of His grace. And as for Jinab-i-Nabil, forgive him from thy heart, for man is prone to error. We all fix our eyes upon God's pardon, grace and forgiveness. Though from Jinab-i-Nabil an undesirable action occurred regarding thee, yet he had formerly endured numerous afflictions in the path of the Beloved of the world. Therefore we must pray for one another and seek forgiveness. Today the heaven of grace is raised high and the ocean of mercy is surging. We must all beseech the peerless King to adorn all with the garment of forgiveness. Know ye this much: the Truth Himself knoweth and is aware of all that transpireth. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones.

At one time this servant attained the presence of His Most Holy Court and outwardly presented the contents of the letter. He showed favor and this blessed word shone forth and appeared from the Source of the Lord's Command. His exalted Word: "We have commanded all to act with goodliness. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and is of them that act." Though harm befell thee, yet that harm became the cause of divine favor, even as thy mention was made at the Throne and the expression of favor shone forth and appeared from the Dayspring of mercy and loving-kindness. We thank our Lord, the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed, and we praise Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to all the friends in that land, and the Glory be upon you, O loved ones of God.

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The honored Naqib, the spiritual beloved, His Honor Haji Ali, upon him be God's peace and His care, may take note.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power! Praise be to God Who hath guided us to the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His evidences, the Manifestation of His names, the Source of His attributes, and the Fountainhead of His commandments and ordinances - He through Whose appearance the law of unity was established, the standards of detachment were raised, the Dove of Utterance warbled, and the Tree of Knowledge spoke forth. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. I pray and offer salutations upon Him and upon His family and companions, whom God made the dawning-places of His power amidst His creation and the daysprings of His glory amongst His servants. Through them appeared God's might, His sovereignty, His power and His grandeur, and through them the tongues of all creation spoke forth in recognition of His unity and the sanctification of His Being. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, in the beginning and in the end.

The letter from that spiritual beloved arrived like the light of true love, illumining the court of the heart and adorning the carpet of existence with fresh joy and delight. Glorified be He Who strengtheneth thee, assisteth thee, inspireth thee, preserveth thee and aideth thee. After reading it, I proceeded to the Holy Presence where it was presented. He said: "O Ali, upon thee be My peace and My remembrance." Praise be to God that the invisible confirmations enabled you to attain His presence and meeting, and to dwell in His vicinity. We beseech His exalted Self to send down upon thee that which will set thy affairs aright and gather what is scattered, and to ordain for thee that which will make thee detached from all else save Him, at rest beneath His shade, and speaking forth His praise with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Repeatedly have we beseeched and continue to beseech protection, victory, triumph and that which will gladden thy heart from the True One. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At this moment, this servant is present and attaining in thy stead, and the Wronged One's tongue attesteth to its acceptance. Well is it with thee, and may it be wholesome for thee. We beseech God to make the end of all affairs good through His grace and a mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the Commander, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

This evanescent servant clings to the hem of divine grace and bounty, that He may assist, grant success, deliver that spiritual beloved, and free him from all that saddeneth him. Since this entreaty and supplication hath been and is for the sake of God, it shall be answered. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty, the Ever-Flowing, possessed of manifest grace.

I convey greetings and praise to the loved ones if they are present, especially to the sapling of the divine garden and the crystal spring of eternal life, the beloved of heart and soul, His Honor Aqa Mirza Alireza, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious. In truth, his existence is blessed and adorned with the aforementioned attributes that are pleasing before God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist his honor in preserving his most exalted station. Verily, He doeth whatsoever He willeth.

They are remembered in the heart and the heart of hearts. Their mention bringeth complete joy and true gladness. In all conditions, I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, for their protection, health and well-being. Verily, He is the Answerer of prayers.

The circular items sent, each representing the globe, arrived - nay, the tongue is silent from comparison and limitation, for they were offerings from the dawning-place of love and the dayspring of humility and submissiveness unto God, our Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne and the Possessor of the manifest Message. Therefore they arrived and were presented, and at that time, as commanded, one was presented to His presence and some was partaken of. All this appeared and was evident due to the care shown to that spiritual beloved.

Now again I beseech the True One to bring near the days of presence and meeting, and to ordain the blessing of nearness. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

The Most Pure and Most Luminous Branches - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of their footsteps - and the people of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur remember that spiritual beloved with a mention sanctified above the mention of any tongue, and they beseech God, exalted be His glory, for blessing, wealth, glory, loftiness and exaltation.

Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The Servant

29 Shawwal 1307

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He is the One established upon this resplendent and steadfast Throne. O Most Exalted Pen! Give thou the glad-tidings to the denizens of the Supreme Paradise that the veil of concealment hath been rent asunder and the Beauty of God hath appeared from this Most Great Scene with a radiance whereby the suns of His Command have shone forth from the dawning-place of His Great Name. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath appeared from the horizon of transcendent grace. This is the Festival wherein all things have been adorned with the robe of names, and bounty hath encompassed all existence, of the former and latter generations. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath dawned from the holy and gleaming Dayspring.

Bid the Maids of Eternity to emerge from their crimson chambers in the likeness of celestial beings and to appear between earth and heaven in My Most Glorious Beauty. Then grant them leave to offer the chalice of life from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful unto the peoples of the world, both high and lowly. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath appeared from the holy horizon with wondrous rapture.

Then bid the youth created of divine light to come forth from Paradise in the adornment of the All-Merciful and, with fingers of ruby, to offer the cups of eternity unto the people of might among the companions of Baha, that they may be drawn to the Supreme Beauty from this radiant and resplendent Countenance. How excellent is this Festival of God that hath appeared from the horizon of transcendent glory! By God! This is the Festival wherein the Beauty of the Divine Essence hath appeared without veil or concealment, with such sovereignty as hath humbled the necks of the proud. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath appeared with mighty sovereignty.

This is the Festival wherein the Pen hath been lifted from all things, for the Sovereign of Eternity hath appeared from behind the [veil of] names. Therefore, O people of creation, rejoice within yourselves, for the breezes of forgiveness have wafted over all created things, and the spirit of life hath been breathed into the worlds. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath appeared from a holy and gleaming Dayspring.

Beware lest ye transgress the bounds of propriety, or commit that which your minds and your pleasure would reject. This is that which ye have been commanded by the Finger of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath appeared from the horizon of transcendent grace. This is the Festival wherein the Beauty of the All-Glorious hath been exalted above all things, and hath spoken between earth and heaven whatsoever He wished and desired, without veil or concealment. This is of His grace that hath encompassed all creation. In it the Temple of Baha was established upon the Throne of Eternity, and the Face shone forth from the horizon of the Beginning with wondrous and glorious lights. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath appeared from the horizon of transcendent grace.

O ye dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur! O ye people of the tabernacle of sinlessness! O ye inhabitants of the tent of glory and mercy! Sing and warble the sweetest melodies in the elevated chambers, for the Beauty of the Concealed One hath appeared in this Revelation, and the Sun of the Unseen hath shone forth from the horizon of ancient glory. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath appeared with magnificent adorning.

Don ye the pilgrim garb, O denizens of the Supreme Paradise and O people of the City of Eternity, for the Sanctuary of the All-Glorious hath appeared in this Sacred Precinct, round which circle the Heights of the House, then the Sacred Monument and the Station. Therefore, circumambulate and visit the Lord of mankind in these days the like of which the eyes of past generations have never witnessed. O glad tidings! This is the Festival of God that hath risen from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Drink ye, O people of earth and heaven, from the cup of eternity offered by the hands of Baha in this Most Exalted Paradise. By God! Whosoever attaineth unto a drop thereof shall never change with the passing of time, nor shall Satan's schemes affect him, and God shall raise him up in every Revelation with

a holy and mighty beauty. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath appeared from the scene of thy Lord, the All-Wise.

Sanctify yourselves, O people, from this world, then hasten to the Ultimate Lote-Tree in this Farthest Mosque, that ye may hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this Paradise which hath been created by the Kawthar of life from the very Spirit of Glory, and before whose gate the people of the holy and guarded pavilions have fallen prostrate. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath gleamed from the horizon of transcendent glory.

Beware, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves of the fragrances of these days wherein the sweet-scented breeze of the Divine Youth's raiment wafteth at every moment from a shining and glorious horizon. O joy! This is the Festival of God that hath dawned from the dayspring of My Great Name.

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O Zabih, upon thee be the Glory of God!

In His Name, the All-Merciful!

We have forewarned men of the days of tribulation and of what would come to pass therein, in a Tablet of exalted glory wherein was inscribed that which was ordained by the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, lest any should be perturbed when that which was destined should be made manifest - a token of Our grace unto the sincere ones. Yet when the sun of tribulation dawned from the horizon of divine decree, We found the sincere ones in grave peril. Say: Be fair, O people! Death shall overtake you - this is a truth in which there is no doubt - and shall seize both young and old. Since this is so, would you choose to sacrifice in the path of God, or death in your beds? Ponder on this, O ye fair-minded ones! Say: The spirit was created for sacrifice, were ye but to know it. Say: This do We ask of God, even though ye be averse to it. By God! Were it not contrary to what hath been revealed in the Tablets, I would have kissed the hand of him who would shed My blood in the path of the Beloved of the worlds, and would have bequeathed unto him all that God hath given Me as an inheritance, though by this act he would deserve God's vengeance and wrath, His domination and anger, for as long as God, the Just, the Wise, shall endure.

They who were slain but slew not are now in the highest paradise with the Prophets and Messengers. Were God to remove the veil from the eyes of those who are heedless, they would all sacrifice their souls for love of that station. But it hath been concealed from them and revealed unto another people, as a grace from Him to His detached servants. O Zabih! When thou desirest the scene of sacrifice, consent not to alteration. Sacrifice thy body in love for the Supreme Concourse - a station that cannot be described in words. By thy Lord, the All-Merciful! God hath made mention of it virgin-pure; though all the tongues of the world should mention it, it would remain forever unmentioned, for hearing, sight and heart can only perceive what hath been created in this world, and beyond it the birds of the hearts of the mystics cannot soar, save those whose vision God hath made as His own vision. He witnesseth and veileth, in accordance with the wisdom of the All-Knowing, the Wise.

He who hath believed in this Revelation hath sacrificed in God's path, and We are witness to this. Be thou assured that God hath ordained for thee the reward of one martyred in His path, and will protect thee from the edge of the sword if thou remainest steadfast in His Cause and conveyest His message with such wisdom as is within thy power. Indeed, He doth not burden any soul beyond its capacity. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. I complain unto thee of those who shed blood, after thou knowest that We have forbidden the people from this in all the Tablets - and God is Witness and Well-Informed. Say: O people! God hath raised Me up for fellowship and unity. Fear God, and commit not that which would harm the root of the Cause - this indeed is a grievous wrong.

Those who cast God's Cause behind their backs and commit what they were forbidden - these are in manifest error. Say: If ye love striving in God's path, strive with your own selves - this indeed is the greater striving. Hearken thou unto My words: Purify thy heart and the hearts of the people from all the allusions of the idolaters, then stand firm upon the throne of certitude beneath the shadow of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He shall suffice thee against the veiled ones. We know that the letter "H" was overwhelmed by the veils of fancy, and names prevented him from entering God's Kingdom, and he became as one asleep. The reminder profiteth him not; it increaseth naught for the wrongdoers save manifest loss. He sucketh at the breast of fancy; the time of weaning came, yet how far from maturity! Therefore was he denied what was promised in the Book and became deprived of the breezes of God, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Soon shall he say: "Woe unto me for what I neglected in regard to God!" and he shall be among the heedless ones.

Say: After turning away from these verses, dost thou consider thyself among those who believed in what was revealed in the Bayan? By God! Then would all things laugh at thee, and all the worlds would disown thee. Blessed is he who beholdeth them in the sea of heedlessness and saith: "Praise be to God Who preserved me by His grace and delivered me from the depths of fancy and numbered me with the victorious ones!" Thus have We imparted unto thee that which shall profit thee, as a mercy from Us unto thee and unto those possessed of certitude. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son. We beseech God to grant unto him and thee the best of what He hath ordained for those near unto Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of the one, peerless, single, unique God. O Salamander! Sing thou the praise of My Name, the All-Compelling, for whosoever today becometh assured of this Name shall be accounted before God among the most exalted of beings. I swear by My Beauty that these people have not recognized the All-Compelling as He should be recognized, for if they acknowledge this Name, why then do they raise these objections at all times before the King of names and attributes? If God is the All-Compelling, then to utter "why" and "wherefore" in that most holy Presence is utterly vain. For instance, should He decree water to be fire, or fire to be water, or heaven to be earth, or earth to be heaven - He was and ever will be the All-Compelling.

Say: O servants! Have ye not witnessed God's power through My mighty hand, and have ye not heard the holy utterances of the eternal Sovereign from My most pure and sacred tongue, and have ye not observed the all-embracing divine mercy from My boundless cloud of grace, and have ye not discovered the radiance of the Sun of inner meanings from the holy horizon of My Beauty? By God, the True One! If ye were to observe with the eye of insight, ye would find inscribed upon My luminous brow, by the most ancient Pen with musk-scented ink from the fingers of My power, in the most glorious script: "By God, this is the Most Exalted Perspective, this is the Most Great Beauty, this is He through one glance of Whose eyes were created the kingdoms of eternity, the cities of names, and the manifestations of oneness in the realm of creation. This, verily, is He through Whom the eyes of grandeur were solaced behind the pavilion of the unseen. This, verily, is He in Whose recognition, then in Whose power, then in Whose grandeur, then in Whose sovereignty, all who have been clothed with the garment of existence have been bewildered, were ye of them that know."

O Salamander! Behold thou the pure essence of My nature, that if all the tongues of creation were to make mention of My Lordship and Divinity, He would surely find His luminous heart grieved thereby. Nevertheless, His tribulation hath reached such a pass that a handful of dust which He took up with His merciful grasp, into which He breathed the spirit of grace, and which He nurtured with the hands of His favor, hath risen up to war against His very Self. Yet he counteth himself among the oppressed. Shouldst thou observe well, no oppression in all creation hath ever appeared or been manifested greater than this. Cursed be he and those who follow him!

In any case, thy letter of arguments hath been presented and observed before Me. Blessed art thou for having taken from the virgin gardens of inner meanings. Would that thou hadst been aware from the beginning of the Cause. By Him Who is unique in His grandeur! None was aware of His Cause from its beginning. We concealed it through a wisdom from Our presence. In these days, croaking and braying have been raised, and they have sent tablets of falsehood in all directions, and surely they will reach thee also. Thou must, by God's might and power, take up thy pen and write in response whatsoever the breaths of the Spirit of Baha cast upon thy heart. Rejoice within thyself for what God hath ordained for thee in the Most Exalted Station, a station of sublime glory.

Therefore, strive thou at all times to guide people from the paths of fire to the straight path of the All-Compelling Beauty. This is the counsel of thy Lord, which hath been inscribed by the Pen of mercy. Some time ago, an exalted Tablet was sent especially for thee, and now again this wondrous Tablet. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Generous. May the radiance that hath shone forth from the horizon of holiness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have turned toward the direction of God's mercy, and upon the devout men and women, and upon all, young and old.

Take thou by the hand him who was named 'Ali-Akbar, who was formerly with you, for he is drowned in the seas of idle fancies. Write thou to him what God hath cast upon thy heart, then teach him the way of truth, that he may become of those who are assured. Say: O servant! Be not proud before Me, and let not what thou possessest of mere allusions deceive thee. Hearken unto what this Youth casteth upon thee from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, that perchance the fire of his resistance may be changed to the light of acceptance, and he may cross over the Bridge and be of those who advance. Then

convey Our greetings to all in thy city who have believed in God and turned toward the holy and noble Perspective.

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O Haji Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, from Him Who is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

The essence of praise and its quintessence belong exclusively to the court of the One, the Single, the Unique, Who through the goodly deeds and pleasing conduct of His loved ones has caused the banners of guidance to be raised in His realm. He is the Powerful, the Almighty, Who with a single word can conquer the citadels of the hearts of all the peoples of the world. The unseen hosts, in the first degree and station, have been and are the commanding Word of God, and in the second station, the deeds and character of His chosen ones. ?an?alah was but one of His servants, adorned and illumined by the lights of the Manifestation of Christ. Through one goodly deed that appeared from him, an entire kingdom–from its king and ministers and princes and others–became illumined with the lights of faith. Now consider what power, might and influence a single deed hath wrought and manifested. This is reckoned among the hosts of Truth, not the wielders of swords and spears. Exalted be His power and sublime be His grandeur!

Blessings and peace be upon the King of the Messengers, through Whom the sun of unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge, and the nightingale sang upon the branches of the tree of oneness–verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise–and upon His family and companions, through whom God aided His Faith and manifested His Cause, despite every distant polytheist and every stubborn infidel. O what servants were they, whom neither the circumstances of tyrants nor the might of pharaohs deterred! They arose to serve the Cause and strove with utmost striving until they conquered lands in the name of their Creator, the Lord of creation. Through them God's commandments were spread among His servants and His laws among His creation, and through them the Faith appeared, though the polytheists were averse.

Thereafter, the second letter of that spiritual friend arrived, bestowing that which spring bestows upon the world, for the pen of love and the ink of certitude were speaking and discoursing in praise of the Beloved of the worlds. That which was mentioned therein was of truthfulness and reality. After presentation, they stated: "With God are treasures for thee which none save He hath known. O Husayn, upon thee be My peace and My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which causeth the exaltation of the Word. Ere long thy mention shall be raised throughout the regions of the world. Verily, He wasteth not the reward of the doers of good." God willing, thou shalt be confirmed and assisted in all conditions. Know thou with certainty that the hand of God's grace hath been and is with thee. He shall confirm thee outwardly and inwardly. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the reward of what thou hast wrought in His path. Verily, He is the Guardian of His sincere servants.

Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of grace and art known among the friends for thy goodliness. Thou shouldst render thanks for this station with a hundred thousand tongues, for they singled thee out for this bounty in the first days of imprisonment. Well is it with thee and pleasant it is unto thee! Thy trustworthiness, religiosity, deeds and actions have been and are remembered. Each of these attributes is counted among the highest ornaments. Praise and gratitude be unto God that He granted such success to that spiritual friend that he attained unto the word of contentment. God willing, may he ever dwell and find rest beneath the canopies of divine grace, and be engaged in His remembrance. If thou shouldst meet any of the friends and masters who have quaffed from the wine of love and are gazing toward the horizon of grace, convey greetings and glorification from this lowly poor one. I beseech God to make each one of these masters appear as a banner upon the highest heights. This is a garment most great, most mighty, holy and sanctified above the fabrics of the world. A hundred thousand ornaments and garments of silk and brocade cannot equal a single one of the goodly attributes of man, for through one divine attribute and one heavenly characteristic he becometh manifest and renowned throughout all the world. The warp of this garment is trustworthiness and its weft is religiosity. How excellent is this ornament, sanctified, blessed, beloved! This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth to adorn all His loved ones with this wondrous, exalted, blessed garment. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty!

Praise be to the One Who is worthy and deserving, Who in His grace ordained in the words of His Afnan that which captivates the heart and bestows fresh lustre to the eyes. And blessings and peace be upon the Seal of the Prophets, through whom the fragrance of divine unity was diffused throughout the world and the banner of power was raised amidst the nations, and upon His family and companions, through whom God transformed disbelief into faith, vain imaginings into certitude, darkness into light, ignorance into knowledge, and discord into harmony, and through whom the hearts of those who turned to Him found peace while the limbs of those who turned away trembled.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for you! Your distinguished letter, which is beyond description and characterization–for in truth it was an utterance sanctified above expression and a mention purified from all mention, transcending the limitations of the human world–by the life of our Lord, from it was inhaled the pure, pure, pure, pure fragrance unto the endless end–pure in divine love and immersion in the ocean of heavenly affection. In brief, it arrived in such wise that were it to reach barren soil it would cause it to flourish, and were it to pass over a pool it would transform it into a sweet ocean. When this servant partook of the wine of your utterance, he soared on the wings of trust and resignation until he attained the presence of his Lord and presented what was in the letter. He–may our souls be a sacrifice for Him–said:

The servant, while intoxicated with the wine of love for the Afnan, was present before the Face and presented that which bore clear witness to the Afnan's adherence to and grasp of the Strong Cord of God and His Luminous Hem. After the completion of the letter, the servant said: "That which was befitting to be mentioned in numbered days has been written, or we shall write for him–that is, in explanation of what was uttered before the Face in known months." Blessed be you, and your turning to God, and your mention, and your utterance. He beseecheth God to assist you and strengthen you as He hath strengthened you. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

What can this servant say or mention? The All-Seeing is aware and present as witness. This evanescent one drank the wine of joy, nay, consumed the ocean of delight from the spirit of your mention of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and of utter powerlessness and nothingness. I beseech God at every moment to rain down upon His Afnan from the heaven of grace the waters of mercy and to send down the verses of His loving-kindness. When the letter was presented in the presence while some of the denizens of the pavilion of infallibility were present, all expressed special favor. Blessed be its writer and sender, and happy be its reader. All the circling men and women send their praise, glorification and greetings. For this servant, silence is more fitting at this point, as no scope remains for pen or tongue.

Another submission: Since the numerical value of the name of Haji Muhammad 'Alaqih-band–upon him be the Glory of God–corresponds with the value of the previous name, it was not accepted. They said patience is preferable, that the matter may be made manifest later. And They said regarding these deeds and such matters, We ordain that which serves to educate the servants, that all may look to what is most excellent and befitting.

To the honored master, His Holiness the Afnan Haji Siyyid 'Ali–upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God–I convey greetings and praise, and likewise to the honored master Haji Muhammad-Rida and the dear brother Aqa Mirza Husayn–upon them both be the Glory of God. I remember each one; praise be to God, they have been and are remembered, and are distinguished by special favors. I beseech and hope from God that He may ordain what befits His grace and bounty. Bounty is in His hand and generosity is in the grasp of His power. He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Praise and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and blessings be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones and upon His sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

All praise that befitteth the most holy, most glorious, most sublime court of the King of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen realms is praise that hath been manifested from His most holy, most glorious, most pure tongue. Should all created things and all contingent beings, from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, arise to extol Him and open their lips in praise of Him, it would assuredly be but as the description of a gnat attempting to praise the Lord of Oneness, as it hath ever been and shall ever be. Sanctified is the court of His mention above the mention of all things, and

holy is the presence of His glory above the description of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Every possessor of knowledge hath confessed his ignorance, and every possessor of wisdom hath acknowledged his shortcoming, and this confession and acknowledgment are reckoned among the most excellent of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is the soul that hath manifested pure servitude unto God, the Lord of creation, and acted according to what was commanded in the Book. He is among those who have fulfilled the Covenant on the Day of the Testament.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name hearts are attracted and souls take flight! I beseech Thee by him who hath clung to Thy cord and arisen to serve Thee amidst Thy creatures, to draw Thy loved ones nigh unto the ocean of Thy bounty and to provide them with what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. Then write down for them, through Thy grace, that which shall protect them from Thine enemies. O my Lord! Thou seest their humility in Thy Cause, their submissiveness at the appearance of Thy sovereignty, their turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, and their orientation toward Thy countenance after the passing away of all things. I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things to ordain for them the good of every world of Thy worlds and the care which hath no likeness in Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Dominant, the Most High, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, thy letter was received, and as it contained mention and praise of God, glorified be His majesty, it brought the utmost joy. God willing, may you drink, throughout the duration of His most beautiful Names, from the choice wine of the bounty of the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth, and may you remain articulate in His praise. He is the Guide, He is the Helper, He is the Succourer, He is the Witness, He is the Vigilant, He is the Powerful and Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing and All-Wise.

After perusing thy letter, at a certain time it was presented in the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance: “God willing, may he ever be blessed through the bounty of the Beloved of the Immortal, and act according to what beseemeth His days. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him and those who have believed to remain steadfast. O friends! Steadfastness is a matter of tremendous significance, and whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. O Hassan! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee before and at this moment. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of thy wife who hath turned to God and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in that the Lord of Eternity remembereth thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Great. We hear and We see, and unto Us belong the latter and the former ends. Blessed is he who hath recognized and was among the firmly established.”

Regarding what was written about the sister of thy wife, that she desired to be a guest of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, this was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and was graced with acceptance. Blessed is she in having attained unto this mighty bounty. The favor of God hath transformed this small portion into a great one. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for what thou didst write regarding Aqa Muhammad-Rida, it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed for him from the heaven of the Divine Will. Deliver it unto him that he may drink the water of life from the utterance of the Beloved of all possibility. Verily, He is the Bestower, He is the Bountiful, the Ancient.

God willing, may you be blessed in all conditions with the love of God and His bounty, and be mentioned in the presence of His countenance. This evanescent servant is at all times occupied with and gladdened by the mention of the friends. God, exalted be His glory, is the Witness and the Bearer. Verily, He is the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Glory and radiance be upon thee and upon every believer who hath believed in God on the day of His manifestation and remained steadfast in His mighty Cause.

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O Siyyid Hasan! He is the Mighty, the Impregnable!

This is the Book sent down in truth from the presence of a mighty and manifest Sovereign. Verily there is no doubt therein - a guidance unto all the worlds. Say: O people, believe in God and in that which hath been sent down in truth unto 'Ali, and in Him Who shall come in the impregnable clouds. O people, fabricate not lies against God, nor exceed the bounds in His Cause. Then walk ye upon a straight and holy path.

O peoples of the heavens and the earth! Hearken unto the call of God from this Tree that hath grown and risen up, this blessed, eternal, and unique Tree which hath been raised up on the Mount of Glory by God's leave. Say: Verily the Tree of the Cause speaketh within My breast, if ye would hear with the hearing of God. Say: By God! The Spirit of the Cause hath rent asunder from Me the veil of concealment and hath made Me manifest in truth - this was decreed by One mighty and powerful. Say: The Faithful Spirit speaketh in this Ridvan and calleth all to a holy and mighty Beauty, and giveth the people glad tidings of the meeting with God in this Spirit that gleameth from the horizon of grace. Hearken ye on the Day when the Herald calleth from the direction of the Most Exalted Name. Then shall ye find the true Cry between heaven and earth, and God shall come in holy clouds surrounded by hosts of angels.

O people of the Bayan! When ye attain unto the presence of that Day, hasten ye unto Him and question not concerning Him any lying sinner or one possessed of knowledge. Say: Beware lest ye deal with Him as ye dealt with the Point when He appeared with a manifest Book. Fear ye God and spread not corruption in His Cause, nor visit upon Him what ye visited upon this servant, for this was indeed a grievous error in the Mother Book.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Would ye do as the people of the Furqan did before? Woe unto you for having chosen oppression as your path. Say: The people of the Furqan declared “We believe in God and in what was revealed to Muhammad, the Messenger of God” until the test came to them from a direction near to glory. When ’Ali appeared in truth with a preserved and holy Book, they then disbelieved in God, associated partners with His Self, and turned away from the grace that was sent down bountifully from a holy heaven. Even so have these people dealt with this servant in this time, after He came to them with a proof from God and luminous tablets.

Say: By God! This Day shall no one’s faith profit him unless he entereth upon this Shore whereon is heard the call of God from beyond the veils, and wherein the Nightingale warbleth with every wondrous melody. Know then that thy letter hath come before Us, and We have taken it with the fingers of grace, and thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee that thou mightest be among the thankful and the well-pleased with thy Lord. Remind the people of that wherewith We have reminded thee in truth, that thou mayest stand firm in the religion of God.

Say: By God! This holy Mountain shall not be moved by the tempests of rancor nor the storms of hatred. The Tree proclaimeth therefrom: “I am God, there is none other God but Him, and He is indeed the Witness unto all things.” Step forth from the veils of fancy and desire, and turn thy face toward the direction of eternity in this decree. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and He shall suffice thee against all the worlds. And if grief touch thee for My sake, grieve not, but stand firm in thy love and be steadfast in truth within thyself.

Say: By God! The heavens of conjecture shall be cleft asunder by a trial that shall seize both small and great, and the mountains of idle fancy shall crumble at this Youth Who hath appeared from the horizon of God with a mighty proof. As for thee, conceal this pearl within the shell of thy heart, though We have commanded thee to mention it, and in this there is an impregnable wisdom. Speak of it to those in whom thou perceivest the fragrance of the spirit, then conceal it from those who have taken their vain desires as their god and who are blind to true vision. Thus have We commanded thee, then forbidden thee, then taught thee, that thou mightest walk upon a mighty and straight path.

Say: By God! This is indeed the path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and His light for all who are in the dominions of Command and Creation, and His proof unto all the worlds. Say: When the idolaters transgressed their bounds, We made manifest Our true Self that the proof might be fulfilled against them with eloquence. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God with their souls and their wealth, and who have remained steadfast in the Cause.

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All that is in the heavens and on earth glorifieth God in wisdom, and all are His worshippers. All things glorify Him, but people do not understand. How many servants remember Him at eventide and at dawn, yet remain heedless of His beauty, turning towards various directions out of longing for Him and seeking His good-pleasure, while turning away from His presence. They spend their wealth in His path, yet remain veiled from His Self.

Say: O people! Know your Creator, then do what ye have been commanded in the preserved Tablet of glory. Before recognition, no soul's deeds are accepted, even should they perform all the deeds of the past and future. I testify that these creatures are worshippers of idle fancies, save those whose hands have been seized by the hands of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and whom He hath protected through His grace. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

They who claim belief in God have opposed Him and denied His sovereignty, yet they perceive it not. They recite the verses We sent down aforetime upon 'Ali, and before him upon Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before him upon the Spirit, yet they deny Him Who sent them in truth. Thus do they act, and know not.

Say: Today, should anyone weep to such extent that from his eyes flow tears equal to all the seas of the heavens and earth out of fear of God, and worship God at every spot of earth for seventy thousand years, it would profit him not except after My leave and command, and after turning towards this Sanctuary wherein the Sun of thy Lord's remembrance hath been established upon the throne of might and power. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of Command, yet the people remain veiled within the veils of their own selves.

When thou receivest God's Tablet and His tokens, arise from thy place, then turn thy face towards the Throne and say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call from the direction of Thy prison and for having remembered me after I was heedless of Thee. Send down, then, upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purify me from all except Thee and draw me near unto Thy Most Exalted Self in this Revelation which hath appeared through Thy Most Glorious Name amongst the hosts of creation. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

At that time thou shalt find thy Lord's fragrant breezes from every direction and find thyself detached from all allusions and tokens, and thou shalt hear thy Lord's call with thine inner ear from all things, that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Beloved.

Beware lest thou be heedless of thy Lord's Cause. Seek thy Creator's grace, then detach thyself from those who join partners with God. When the breezes of thy Lord's Command encompass thee from all directions and thou findest the sweet savors of the musk of inner meanings from the ink of the words of the King of Names and Attributes, arise amongst the servants to His remembrance and praise, and fear not those who act unjustly.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear your Lord, the All-Merciful, and dispute not with Him Who hath dawned from the horizon of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. O people! Fear God and deny not Him around Whom circle the proof and the evidence, Who came in the shadows of the clouds when the matter was decreed by God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

Say: O people! Ponder this Cause - this is greater than all great things, could ye but perceive it. Then reflect on what was revealed in the Bayan concerning Him, that ye might become aware. This is He but for Whose mention the Most Exalted Pen moved not between the fingers of the Primal Point, Who gave you glad tidings of His presence, were ye but fair-minded.

Read what hath been sent down from the heaven of your Lord, the All-Merciful, upon the Point of the Bayan, that ye may arise from the slumber of passion and turn towards the holy precincts, and be not of those who disbelieve. O people! He desireth naught from you, and His reward is with Him Who sent Him with the truth and caused Him to speak in praise of His Self among His servants. Be fair in His Cause and be not of those who act unjustly.

If thou findest one who is receptive, impart unto him what thou art commanded; otherwise, turn away from him and turn unto God, thy Lord. He, verily, shall suffice thee in truth against all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and all things are recorded with Him in a clear tablet.

And glory be upon thee and upon those who, when they heard God's call, responded to it and cast behind them the allusions of every rejected opponent.

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He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that the Point of the Bayan is His servant and His Glory. This is what was revealed concerning the previous Manifestation Who was named 'Ali-before-Nabil, and those who followed the Bayan, according to their claim, bore witness to that which God had testified in this blessed, mighty and glorious verse. However, God did not accept their testimony, for they bore witness only until they reached the Servant, but when they came unto His Glory, their feet slipped and they were among the losers. Say: Today no one's testimony will be accepted except through this Name, by which all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those who have detached themselves from names and their kingdom, and have tasted the sweetness of the fruits from the Lote-Tree of their Chosen Lord in this exalted and lofty Tree. Say: This is the Name whereby God distinguisheth between truth and falsehood. At its mention, the faces of the people of eternity shine forth while the faces of the idolaters are darkened. Verily, it is God's wrath upon those who have disbelieved, and His mercy upon those who have drawn nigh.

Among the idolaters is one who said that a stone progresseth until it attaineth the station of ruby, and having reached this station, how could it descend from its rank? By this he seeketh to prove to himself that which his passion commandeth him, taking it as a friend and protector besides God. Say: Verily thy Lord hath power over all things. He changeth whatsoever He willeth by His word, if thou be of those who understand. Say: O thou who associateth partners with God, dost thou imagine that He is powerless over anything, or that any matter among all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths can defeat Him? Say: Hast thou not witnessed that He created all things from dust and unto it shall He return them - a promise from His presence? And verily He hath power over all things. By God the Truth! There issueth from the mouths of these people that which causeth the hearts of all created things to be consumed, yet they perceive it not and are numbered among those who sport with their own selves.

Say: O people! This is ’Ali Who hath come unto you with all the signs and a wise remembrance. After the Manifestation of God, doth it beseem anyone to cling to a single letter of the Book after the Mother of Tablets hath been sent down from the holy and luminous Finger? After the appearance and shining forth of the Sun, would it be fitting for anyone to ask a blind man whether it hath risen? Nay, by Him Who hath caused the tongues of all created things to speak forth in praise of His mighty and exalted Self! By God the Truth! The Primal Point in the Supreme Horizon is bewildered, and weepeth and lamenteth over that which the hands of those who claimed faith within themselves yet disbelieved in God have wrought, and were counted among the idolaters.

O Hasan! Wert thou to become aware of what hath befallen My Soul, thou wouldst weep for months and years. O Hasan! Be beneficent in the Cause of God, thy Lord, and grieve not over anything. Cast behind thee the kingdom of blind imitation, then speak forth in remembrance of thy Lord among the worlds. Arise to promote the Cause of God and to aid it, and pay no heed to those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God. Unite with those who seek the Countenance at eventide and at dawn, and who call upon God between the heavens and the earths. Do good unto thyself and unto those from whom thou perceivest the fragrance of the love of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Thus do We command thee in truth, that thou mayest be among those who act.

Purify thy heart from allusions, and be not among the doubtful concerning this Cause, whereat all feet have slipped save those whom God hath preserved through His grace. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: O people! Fear God and associate not partners with Him through Whom the Dove hath warbled in the pole of eternity, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed upon the Lote-Tree of the uttermost boundary, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken forth in the pavilion of supreme majesty. Fear God, O people, and be among the God-fearing.

Do that for which thou hast sought permission from God, thy Lord. The beauty of permission hath now shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Verily, thy Lord loveth that His handmaidens be joined in marriage to His monotheistic servants. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest be among the thankful. Know thou moreover that God hath forgiven the handmaiden whom thou didst mention in thy letter. The breezes of forgiveness have wafted upon her from the direction of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Verily, He forgiveth whom He willeth by His command, and He is indeed the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. And the radiance which hath shone forth from the right hand of eternity be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon God’s assured servants.

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His Holiness, the Master of the Mystics, His Holiness the Noble One, upon him be 669 [Baha’u’llah], the King, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful, may He regard with His blessed glance.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Grandeur

I have drunk from the Kawthar of Life from cups passed round by the attraction of utterance. Blessed is he who gave me to drink! It was as though these cups were circling round the love of God, and in their nature was the nature of iron. When I saw them soaring in the atmosphere of remembrance and utterance without any intention of their own, it was as if they were drawn by the magnet of our Lord's will, the Bestower, the Generous. Were we to expound to your holiness what this evanescent servant drank from each of these cups, this page and others would not suffice, for they spoke of the love of our Glorious and Most Glorious Lord, pointed to the Dawning Place of Manifestation and Names, and bore the water of recognition of the Lord of all worlds. Exalted is our Eternal Lord Who made it sanctified above allusions and above what is mentioned in creation of natures and elements. Blessed is he who honored me with these cups and gave me to drink from them what delighted my thoughts and brought joy to my heart and soul. We beseech God to make the cupbearer of these cups the magnet of utterance in the contingent world, that the hearts of the followers of religions might be drawn to it. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Helper.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your attraction! The blessed letter of your holiness was a delight to eyes and heart, and from the cups of remembrance inscribed therein was drunk the wine of love, fellowship, mercy and unity. How excellent is the bestower and the giver! In truth, the sweet fragrance of divine love was wafting from all its letters and words, refreshing heart and soul. After its perusal, on the blessed night of the eleventh of the month of Pilgrimage, it was presented in its entirety in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed in reply:

O Nabil! Blessed art thou for having turned to the One to Whom the world hath turned. This is indeed a manifest bounty. We have heard what befell thee and what thou didst speak when thou didst encounter the letter Ha of the abyss in the land of Qaf with the proof of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! We desired thee as thou didst desire Us, and We desire thee as thou dost desire, and We love thy presence in the precincts of the Throne and thy nearness to the courtyard of this exalted Gate. Grieve not over anything that hath befallen thee. Verily, thou art with Us and thy affairs return unto Us. He verily improveth through His sovereignty what He willeth, the sovereignty that prevaileth over the worlds.

That which hath befallen your honor hath been mentioned before the Throne. The heedless souls have acted and will continue to act according to their own inclinations. Your honor should not be grieved by any matter. And concerning what you wrote about proceeding to the land of Ha, this too is most beloved and acceptable, for it behooveth one such as your honor to arise with utmost power and might to serve the Cause. The foundation of all matters has been and shall ever be the teaching of the Cause. In any case, proceed in whatever way you deem advisable. You are permitted in all circumstances to proceed to the Most Holy Court and other lands. The reason We have not summoned you now is due to the cold weather. And God speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way.

May I be thy sacrifice! Regarding what you wrote about the Tablets arriving in the company of the beloved one, His Holiness the Name of God, upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory, and likewise Mulla Muhammad-'Ali - other Tablets have also been revealed specifically for your honor which have not yet arrived, including one great Tablet in the revealed script and numerous exalted Tablets sent in the company of His Holiness the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, the True King, the Manifest. And

another Tablet as well. Praise be to God, your honor has always been and will continue to be mentioned before the Throne. Furthermore, be not grieved in any way about those left behind. News about your beloved one will be sent from the direction of Ha. God willing, all have been and will continue to be under the protection and shelter of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. The Most Mighty Branch and the Greater Branch - may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their most pure footsteps - especially convey magnificent, exalted greetings to that beloved one. Likewise, those who circle round the Throne are all engaged in remembering your honor and are occupied in expressing pure sincerity. We praise God for this mighty bounty. May the Most Glorious Glory, the Most Splendid Light, and the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of grandeur be upon your honor and upon those who love you.

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In the Name of Him Who warbleth upon the branches!

The Book of the All-Merciful speaketh amidst all religions and summoneth the peoples unto their Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is the heart that hath turned unto Him and the countenance that hath been directed towards Him, and woe unto him who hath denied and turned away when he heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of Eternity was in this noble station.

Carmel hath smiled at the appearance of God, and Zion hath cried out: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds!" This is the Day wherein the City of God hath descended from the heaven of His command, yet most of the people are in manifest obscurity.

Say: O Concourse of the Spirit! He Who was promised hath come, and He Who was hidden hath appeared, and he who was silent hath spoken, through the grace of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. O Concourse of the Spirit! He speaketh among you, yet ye hear not, and He walketh before your faces, yet ye know not. Your eyes have been dazed and your ears prevented. Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who was promised in the Books and mentioned in the hearts and minds.

O Concourse of the Spirit! He hath come from heaven as He ascended unto it the first time. Hasten unto Him and be not of the heedless.

O thou who hast emigrated unto God! Hear My call from this luminous Spot. He remembereth thee and commandeth thee to that which attracteth the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Say: O Land of ?a! Thou hast come from the direction of grandeur and glory with the tidings of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all contingent being. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and be not of them that hesitate.

Thou art he whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His signs, the Mine of His wisdom and the Treasury of the pearls of His wondrous utterance. Blessed art thou, and

blessed is he that dwelleth in thee, and joy be unto thee and unto him who hath attained thy presence and established for himself a seat within thee. We beseech God to illumine all through the light of recognition and draw them nigh unto His sacred and luminous Presence.

O Baqir! Hear My call. Verily it hath been raised from a station whereunto cannot attain the mention of the mystics, nor the praise of the chosen ones, nor the clamor of the seekers. Remind in My name the Hands of My Cause there and give them glad-tidings of My acceptance of them. Say: Grieve not for that which hath befallen you from those at whose tyranny the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the Manifestations of the most exalted Heaven have lamented. God shall soon exalt those who have believed and abase every heedless remote one.

We send Our greetings unto you, O My loved ones, and Our salutations unto you, O My chosen ones. We have remembered you before and at this time with a remembrance whereby the Holy Spirit hath been attracted. Pass like the spring breezes over the lands that their countenances may smile and they may perceive from thee the fragrance of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

When thou arrivest in the Land of ?ad, visit My loved ones and chosen ones who were not prevented by the riches of the world from holding fast unto the Most Great Name. They have cast aside all else but God with a might that hath amazed the Concourse on High. These are the people of Baha whose appearance, arising and advancement in the service of His mighty and exalted Cause God hath promised His servants.

Say: O Land of ?ad! Where are the showers of thy mercy, and where are the stars of thy horizons? Where are God's trusts within thee, and where are thy light and thy radiance, and where are those through whom the gate of heaven was opened and that which was in God's knowledge, the Lord of the exalted Throne, was made manifest?

And when thou arrivest in the Land of Nun and Jim, give them glad-tidings from the Wronged One, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Say: O loved ones of God and His party! The realities of all things have lamented due to your grief, to this testifieth the Lord of all beings in this exalted station. By God! There hath been ordained for you that which no eye hath seen the like thereof, to this doth testify the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We bear witness that ye have attained unto acceptance when most men turned away, and ye have drunk the choice wine of immortality from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous, and ye have heard that which ears were prevented from hearing, and ye have seen that which eyes have not seen, to this testifieth He Who calleth with the most exalted call between earth and heaven: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty."

We bear witness at the end of the Book that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded in God's Books and treasured in the hearts of His Messengers. The resplendent Light shining from the horizon of My utterance and the manifest and radiant Glory from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

This is a glorious Book sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, to guide the people to this momentous Announcement, whereby hearts have melted, backs have been broken, limbs have trembled, and every remote oppressor has lamented. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto God's grace and mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Day of Hearkening hath come, blessed be they that hear! And the Day of Witnessing and Meeting hath come, blessed be they that attain!

Say: O people of God! Hear ye the call from the direction of God, your Lord and the Lord of your ancient forebears. He desireth to draw you nigh unto the Most Great Ocean and acquaint you with His straight Path.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! When thou hearest My call from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance, say: My God, my God! My very being beareth witness to Thy unity and that Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Nothing is like unto Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy command. The veils of the heedless ones, the glory of the oppressors, and the clamor of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs cannot hinder Thee.

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones amidst Thine enemies and what hath befallen them in Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath surrounded all existence, to protect them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, and to guard them with the manifestations of might and power.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! Glory be unto Thee, O my Worshipped One! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy wisdom, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided the servants to the shore of Thy Most Great Ocean and illumined their hearts with the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of eternity, to ordain for me that which shall adorn me with the raiment of godliness among all people and crown me with the diadem of detachment throughout creation, that I may be worthy to arise among Thy servants and be fitted to mention and praise Thee in Thy land.

By Thy glory, O Beloved of hearts and Sovereign of existence! My tears shall not be stilled save by entering Thy most great prospect and arriving at Thy most holy, mighty, and luminous station. My heart shall not find peace save by hearkening to Thy call before Thy face and beholding Thy horizon before Thy throne.

Thou seest, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, that the supplicant hath hastened to the gate of Thy bounty, and the seeker hath aimed at the heaven of Thy generosity and mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what lieth with Thee and what Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creation.

I know not, O my God, by what remembrance to remember Thee or by what praise to praise Thee. Whenever my mention increaseth, my grief increaseth. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! From my utterances flow my tears, and from the traces of my pen come my sorrow, anguish and pain. I find no joy for myself save in circumambulating Thy Sacred House, nor any happiness save in being present before Thy face and arising to serve Thy loved ones.

If Thy destined decree preventeth me from Thy sealed wine, ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of those who hastened unto Thee by Thy leave, who circled round Thy Cause, who stood before the gate of Thy grandeur, who heard the call from the tongue of Thy wisdom, and who drank the choice wine of revelation before Thy throne.

Alas, alas, O my God! Alas, alas, O my Beloved! Alas, alas, O my Worshipped One! For what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the rebellious among Thy servants. Would that I had been prevented from hearing and seeing, that I might not have heard of Thy grief and tribulation, nor witnessed Thy imprisonment and ordeal!

Thou didst create Thy servants to know Thee in Thy days and to arise to serve Thee amidst Thy creation, yet they denied Thee and Thy signs, drew their swords of hatred against Thee, and there befell Thee from them that which the Most Exalted Pen is powerless to recount. O my God! Thou didst desire for them the greatest glory, yet they desired for Thee the greatest abasement. Thou didst call them to the cushions of nearness and the luminous pillows, yet they desired for Thee the dark pit and the lowest station.

O Lord! Aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause and just concerning that which hath appeared from Thee. Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. The oppression of Thy creation cannot withhold Thy generosity, nor can the desires of Thy servants prevent Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Lord! Forgive me and those with me, those who have held fast to Thy firm handles and clung to the hem of Thy luminous robe. Then draw the hearts of Thy creation to the horizon of the heaven of Thy manifestation. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

Praise and gratitude be to God! The Sun of love hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of Alexandria, and the pearls of sincerity, humility, submissiveness, recognition and attention are witnessed from that direction. Glory be to God! Each of these pearls hath an utterance and expression, having come from the Kingdom of wisdom, yet none can comprehend its language save those who are detached and sincere. Glory be to God! They utter a single word, and upon that word are the melodies of the Most Exalted Paradise with their relationship and multiplicity. We shall not call it unique, nor name its essence, for whatsoever appeareth to the eye and is comprehended lieth outside of it.

In any case, after observation and witnessing, it was presented to the Most Exalted Court. They said: “O Muhammad! We have heard what was to be heard and seen what was to be seen. O Muhammad! Expression is the mirror of contingent existence. Glory be to God! A mirror that hath ears and eyes and tongue! Although ears worthy of hearkening to the Word of Truth are as rare as red sulphur, yet the utterance from which the fragrance of the favor of the Desired One of the worlds is diffused bestoweth hearing and imparteth it.”

This servant was present when thy letter was read before the face of the Wronged One. Blessed be thy pen, thine ink, and that which occurred to thy heart when thou wert engaged in writing what thou didst send to the Prisoner. We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee that thou mayest see thyself in the station of the world and call upon Him on their behalf in the nights and days with the utmost lowliness and supplication, that He may lift the veil from them and show them the light which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of His favor.

O Muhammad! Thou hast been and art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. All things bear witness and testify, and that which hath been present and shall be until this time and after it is of the sincere ones and those drawn nigh, and We testify that thou art of them. By the life of God! The mention of one blessed Name of God, manifested from the depths of the heart and the essence of certitude, is more precious in the sight of God than whatsoever existeth and is witnessed in the world and whatsoever is hidden. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the people of unity. God is witness that ye are present and existing in the City of Utterance at all times.

O Muhammad! The monotheists of the world are encompassed by the hands of the polytheists. Cities and lands have been lost. We ask of God, and continue to ask, that He may grant strength and bestow power, that perchance the former glory may return, and that He may protect the monotheists and likewise the cities and lands. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. There is none other God but He, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

The pearls and jewels of the world have no luster compared to these precious pearls which have appeared from the Treasury of the Pen of Knowledge of the Lord. Praise be to God! They have attracted hearts and souls and drawn them to the highest horizon. The fragrance of everything is its identifier; it showeth the way and giveth tidings, especially tidings that are mingled with the light of love and mixed with the musk of affection. Its diffusions are straight paths. From it floweth that which is the polish of spirits and bodies. It bringeth bodies to the station of spirits, and draweth spirits to a station that transcendeth mention and utterance. Well is it with them that behold, and well is it with them that hear!

The petition of that beloved of the heart hath in truth produced a mighty effect, and evident fruits have appeared therefrom. The passage of time shall not alter these fruits, nor change their freshness. All this is from the grace of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us with you and ordain for us that which will aid us in acting according to what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. We beseech Him by the Sovereign of Names, by Whom the valley was made to flow, to make us in all conditions turned toward Him, holding fast unto Him, and clinging to His luminous hem. Verily, He is All-Knowing and All-Seeing of His servants.

I mention the loved ones of that land from the depths of my heart, and I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to adorn all with deeds whose light may shine forth in the world and encompass it. This is not difficult for our Lord. Peace, remembrance, and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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He is the Consoler, the Comforter, the Kind, the Generous!

O son of Ashraf! Upon thee be the glory of God, His grace, His bounty and His radiance! There hath come upon Us from the oppressors that which hath caused My heart to cry out, My Pen to lament, and the eye of My loving-kindness to weep when We beheld the sheep of God amidst the wolves of the earth and the She-Camel of God in the hands of the oppressors. Verily, the oppressor hath issued a decree to slay My She-Camel and sink My Ark. Therefore hath the Herald cried out from the right hand of the Throne of My majesty: "O the pity of it! The servants have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, violated the sanctity of His Cause, slain His chosen ones and His loved ones, and plundered their possessions with manifest tyranny!"

O Husayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of 'Akka. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is thy father, and blessed is he who loveth him, and who standeth before his resting-place and remembereth him with what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen at this manifest time.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon thee, O Ashraf! I testify that thou didst witness the waves of the ocean of thy Lord's utterance and the effulgences of the Day-Star of His Cause, and thou didst attain unto that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. Thou art he who turned towards God in the earliest days when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the clamor of the ignorant could deter thee. Throughout thy days thou didst speak in praise of thy Lord, didst hold fast unto the cord of His grace, didst arise to serve Him, and didst guide His servants. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, and unto him who remembereth thee and loveth thee and presenteth himself before thy grave and calleth to mind thy days and what befell thee from the dawning-places of oppression and the day-springs of tyranny. Thou art he whom the might of the people did not weaken, nor did the hosts and ranks frighten. Thou didst acknowledge God and His signs, and didst attain His good-pleasure in His days. I testify that through thy ascension the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, was diffused. The hands of grace and favor have caused thee to enter the Most Exalted Paradise, the description of which the pens are powerless to set forth and the tongues unable to express.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee, at all times, mercy from His presence and light from His nearness and loving-kindness from His side. Verily, He is the Forgiver, the Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Generous.

And for him who presenteth himself before the tomb, it behooveth him to say:

“My God, my God! I beseech Thee by this martyr who gave up his spirit in Thy path and deposited his body in Thy love between the hands of Thine enemies, and who denied not Thy Manifestation and Thy Revelation and Thy Cause that hath encompassed Thy earth and Thy heaven, to forgive me and my father and my mother and my kinsmen. Then ordain for me the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is no God but Thee, the Ancient Commander.”

O Husayn! I hope that thou wilt walk in the footsteps of thy father and appear amongst the servants in utmost sanctity and detachment. In truth I say, pure deeds and praiseworthy character have been and continue to be the helpers of God’s Cause in this Most Great Revelation. Blessed is he who renounceth his desires and holdeth fast unto the fear of God. He is assuredly among those who are nigh unto God in My perspicuous Book. All the souls mentioned in thy letter have attained unto divine favors, and mention of each one hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. We have remembered them before and do remember them at this time, and We give them the glad-tidings of God’s bounty, His bestowal, His mercy and His favor. Verily, He is the Manifest, the All-Knowing. At this moment the ocean of Mine utterance hath surged and the fragrance of My remembrance hath been diffused. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. We beseech God to aid them and assist them to serve the Cause, and to ordain for them the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, He is the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. Convey My greetings to each of the relatives of the martyred departed one who have attained to recognition, and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Likewise, make mention of the believing handmaidens on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for His devoted handmaidens. Verily, He is the Most Powerful of the powerful ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of My bounty, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every faithful and trusted one.

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O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be my Baha!

The letters of Samandar - upon him be my Baha - which he sent to thee were perused. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the light of recognition and are aflame with the fire of love. Through the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen they have found and attained unto the fruits of the Lote-Tree of the uttermost boundary. And that which was written concerning Aqa Mirza Husayn was observed and became the cause of joy and gladness. Verily We make mention of him through Our bounty, remind him through Our verses, and give him the glad-tidings of Our mercy. We beseech God to assist him in that which will profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is powerful over all things.

At all times We beseech the Goal of all existence to aid His people to attain unto chastity, virtue, trustworthiness and godliness. O Samandar! Time and again hath this exalted Word flowed from the Most Exalted Pen: We have said and continue to say that the hosts which today assist the Truth have ever been and shall ever be goodly character and deeds that are well-pleasing. The comfort, glory and wealth of the

people of God have been and shall be under the shadow of the banner of these hosts, and the commander, leader and sovereign of these hosts is the fear of God. Repeatedly have these sublime words dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of the Manifestation of clear signs. By the life of God! Each word thereof is a rising sun and a manifest light. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained.

Husayn and Kazim - upon them be the glory of God - have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Beseech ye God that He may aid all the friends to achieve that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. We make mention of the people of God in that land and in the Land of ?a and other countries, and We counsel them with that which will lead to their elevation and ascendancy. Today the deeds of the friends of the Self-Sufficing, the Exalted, distinguish them from the people of the earth. O My loved ones! Hold fast unto sanctity and detachment. Your deeds must be so holy and pure that they will be even as the sun amidst the works of creation.

O Samandar! Today is the day of unity and concord, and the day of pure deeds. Beseech God that He may assist His loved ones and sanctify them from whatsoever causeth hesitation and perturbation. A pure deed is itself a herald - its fragrance guideth men to the most exalted horizon and directeth them thither. The Trustee - upon him be God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds - hath arrived. He repeatedly made mention in the Most Holy Court of the friends in the lands of Ya, Kaf and ?a and other regions, and all have been honored with the mention and loving-kindness of Him Who is the Ever-Living. He likewise made mention of that land and of thee and of Javad - upon him be my Baha. He also detailed the feasts of you all, and of Javad, and Nuru'llah, and the service of Ru?u'llah and others. He repeatedly presented the service and endeavors of each of the friends. Praise be to God that the saplings of the divine garden have yielded fruit; their signs and fruits have become manifest and evident.

O Samandar! Convey My greetings to Yahya and give him the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. That which hath befallen him in the path of God is clear and evident before the Wronged One. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him and assist him with steadfastness from His presence, to draw him nigh unto Him, and to send down upon him from the heaven of His grace mercy and loving-kindness. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We make mention of the friends in that land and We beseech for each one that which will cause enkindlement, attraction and attention. Convey greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness. We conclude Our words with the mention of Khalil - upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness - and those who are with him. Their letters have been honored with hearing. O Khalil! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness. We have heard thy call time and again, and We have answered thee with that which none can reckon save God, the Lord of all worlds. Remember thou the days when thou wert beneath the canopies of thy Lord's grandeur, when in the morning the breath of loving-kindness wafted over thee, and in the evening the fragrances of revelation were diffused before thy face, and at dawn the gentle breeze of God, the Kind, the Gracious. Blessed are the days when thou didst stand at the door, hearing His verses, beholding His horizon, and speaking His beauteous praise. The Glory be upon thee, and upon thy nephew, and upon those who are with thee among thy kindred, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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O Jalil! Upon thee be My glory! Today, which is the third day of the Feast of Ramadan, the Most Great Branch attained the presence and visitation on thy behalf. We beseech God to make this deed a treasure for thee with Him. Verily, He is the Trusted One, the All-Knowing. Each of the mentioned loved ones hath been remembered by the Most Exalted Pen. They have indeed attained unto the choice wine of My utterance, the Kawthar of My remembrance, the Salsabil of My favors, and the ocean of My bounty, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Convey to each one the greetings from the tongue of the Wronged One. Say: O My loved ones! This is the Day of remembrance and praise, would that ye might know, and the Day of steadfastness and faithfulness, would that ye might understand. Your names were presented before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for you that which hath perfumed the world of being with the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath drunk My choice wine, sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to aid you with the hosts of utterance and draw you nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have desired to make mention of him who was named ’Abdu’llah, that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. O ’Abdu’llah! Shatter the idols of the people’s vain imaginings with the arm of certitude, by the command of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee, make thee successful, and exalt thee in this Cause, that thy name may be inscribed in His Book, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired as a grace from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which will exalt the Cause of God amongst His servants. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the deniers.

O Ghaffar! The All-Forgiving remembers thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and sent down Thy Book and revealed Thy clear tokens and called the multitudes, without any veil, to the Dayspring of Thy mighty signs and the Manifestation of Thy most beautiful names. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and Thy service. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Almighty.

O Muhammad-Rida! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the direction of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, on this Day wherein that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath appeared. Take hold of the Book of God with such strength that the might of the oppressors shall not deter thee.

O Muhammad-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and calls thee, that He may draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Cast aside vain imaginings, in defiance of every ignorant remote one. Say: The Day hath come, yet the people are in thick veils. They hear, yet deny. Indeed, they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

O Ghulam-'Ali! The promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath descended from the heaven of bounty and revealed that which was concealed from sight. Beware lest the veil of the divines prevent thee from God, the Lord of all beings. Say: O concourse of men! Be fair in your judgment, by God, concerning that which hath truthfully appeared. He created you for His days. Turn with radiant faces toward the supreme horizon, the station wherein the tongue of utterance proclaims: "God, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bountiful." Blessed is he who hath heard and turned toward Him, and woe unto every denying infidel.

O Muhammad-'Ali! The ocean of utterance hath surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, and the mysteries have been revealed, and the rivers have flowed, yet most of the people are in doubt and discord. They have denied God's proof and His evidence, and have rejected His favor. Indeed, they are among the people of error. Blessed art thou for having turned toward Him, and woe unto every turning and deceitful one. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and revealed that which was treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of lords.

O Jabbar! The All-Compelling hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with decisive utterance. The Hour hath appeared with its signs, and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of power. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled his covenant and hath not broken God's testament when He came with power and sovereignty.

O Ahmad! Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." The Hidden hath been manifested and hath revealed what He desired as a mercy from Him, yet most of the people are among the turning ones. Say: Fear God and follow not every remote oppressor. Cast aside the books of the people and take hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We make mention of the handmaidens of God in that place and beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for the devoted ones. Verily, He hath power over all things. The glory from Us be upon you, O concourse of loved ones, and upon every one steadfast in the Cause and every one firm and upright.

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O Pen! Turn thy face towards him who hath been named 'Believer', then make mention of him in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall never be cut off throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm. He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was concealed from sight and eyes hath come. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the Call and turned towards the Supreme Horizon, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. This is the Day whereon the Herald hath called out from every direction: "Fear ye God, O people, and follow not every forbidden idolator." This is the Day that hath gladdened the eyes of the Concourse on High, and all things have proclaimed: "The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty." Say: O people! Nothing shall profit you this Day, neither any matter save through this irrevocable Cause. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Lord of Names, then aid Him with the hosts of goodly deeds and conduct, as commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen raised its shrill voice, as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O [name]! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed that which hath no peer or likeness. Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy greatness and bounty and glory and splendor. Thou art that Sovereign Whom the clamor of the people of the realm of possibilities did not prevent from unity, and the conditions of the daysprings of conjecture and idle fancy did not hold back from Thy will. The power of the world did not weaken Thee, and the unbelief of nations did not prevent Thee from the mention of Thy oneness. The opposition of servants did not conceal Thy bounty, and the discord of the people of dissension did not prevent Thee from shining forth. O Generous One! All bear witness to Thy generosity. Deprive not Thy poor ones from the ocean of Thy wealth, and forbid not the needy from the Kingdom of Thy riches. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mahdi Sadiq, that the attraction of the breaths of remembrance may seize him and draw him nigh unto a station wherein naught is heard save the mention of God and His praise, and wherein naught is seen save the manifestations of the lights of the Luminary of His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. This is a Book that speaketh the truth and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. They who have turned away this Day from God and His sovereignty are in manifest error. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants unto that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him at all times.

Say: My God, my God! The weak one hath clung to the cord of Thy strength, and the abased one hath held fast to the hem of the robe of Thy might, and the poor one hath stood before the door of Thy bounty, and the heedless one before the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will gladden my heart and solace mine eyes. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, both male and female. Remember them on My behalf and gladden them with My verses and illumine them with the light of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We seal the Book with the two names who were named Nabil before B and Mahdi, and We beseech God to assist them through His power and sovereignty and to teach them that which beseemeth His days, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Repeatedly have they been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen. Some time ago when the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for them and sent, and they attained unto its perusal - such bounty hath encompassed them.

The grace has encompassed and mercy has taken precedence. The Supreme Pen has been moved in nights and days towards the friends and has been directed heavenward. All must be illumined by the light of certitude and attain unto the most great steadfastness. From the time of the dawning of the Day-Star of the horizons from the horizon of Iraq until now, all have been informed. In one of the Tablets, this exalted word was revealed: “In all cities and regions the cawing of the ravens shall be raised. Blessed is he who, steadfast, has cast behind him all else, holding fast to the cord of God, the Firm, the Strong.” The pretenders to the Cause and the liars of the world have appeared and will appear to such an extent that in all cities and villages the cawing of ravens will be raised. Thus has spoken the tongue of the All-Knowing in this Clear Tablet. Perhaps in Akka too the cawing of a raven has been raised. We beseech God, blessed

and exalted be He, to assist you to achieve the most great steadfastness and to protect you from the calumnies of the godless ones and the slanderers. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O beloved of my heart! The blessed handwriting of His exalted station has directed this evanescent one to undertake reconstruction of what is in ruins and to bestow the bounty of spring upon the world. After it was read and understood, it was presented before His presence, whereupon He said that whatever had been mentioned should be answered, that it may reach him who was intended. We beseech God to assist the Name of Bounty to serve the Cause, even as He assisted him. Verily, He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to the letter of the honored beloved, his eminence Nabil-Ibn-Nabil, upon him be the peace and bounty of God - it was read and presented. Praise be to God, he has been blessed with special favors. God the All-Knowing is witness that this servant remembers him at special times and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to grant and ordain that which will cause his station to be elevated, exalted and uplifted. Verily, He has power over all things.

Regarding what was written about Haji Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be the peace of God, and his petition - it was presented, whereupon He said: “We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect and guard him with the hosts of the invisible and the visible realms, and to ordain for him that which will benefit him in this world and the next. Verily, He has power over all things.”

The possessions of those who trust in God and are sincere have been and always will be under the protection and guardianship of God, exalted be His glory. He said: “O Nabil-Ibn-Nabil, upon you be My peace. There are two kinds of possessions: One comprises the pearls of divine love, praiseworthy character, and pleasing attributes, which have always been and will remain preserved, for the hand of the thief and traitor falls short in this station. In previous years, there was a sum in the keeping of a trustee, and a thief stole it. We wrote: We beseech God to assist you in acquiring that which thieves and traitors cannot lay hands upon. The other kind of possessions thieves may plunder if they gain access to them, but whatever belongs to the people of truth will surely be compensated and bestowed upon them ere long.”

O Nabil-Ibn-Nabil! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect you and preserve whatever is associated with you, and to ordain for you the best of what He has revealed in His Ancient Book, whereby He distinguished between truth and falsehood and made those who believe in His unity to be among those who are brought near. Blessed is he who has acknowledged the unity and oneness of God and acted according to what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Furqan.

Regarding what was written about partnership and commerce, the details were presented, whereupon He said: “God willing, it is blessed. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon you a blessing from His presence and to ordain for you and your children every good thing that was in His Book.”

As for the onion and white poplar cutting that were mentioned and sent, God willing, from the former may colorful flowers appear, and from the latter, refined, wondrous, and sublime shadows, for it exists in the shade. God willing, shade too shall be bestowed upon it, that the friends of God may rest in its shadow and be appropriately gladdened, attaining to the greatest joy, which is the station of nearness to God, exalted be His glory, and may hearken to the divine glorification and sanctification in its rustling.

This evanescent one conveys greetings to him, upon him be the peace of the All-Merciful. He has always been and continues to be remembered by this evanescent one. God is witness to these words and this petition. I extend greetings to him and to his blessed offspring, namely his honor Ahmad, upon him be God’s bounty and grace, and I beseech God for favor and mercy. Regarding what was written that “Ahmad stands firm” - this firmness is evidence of steadfastness, that through him every seated one may arise to serve God and obey Him, and every weary one to His remembrance and praise.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the peace of God. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be remembered. Convey greetings on behalf of this servant, and express this evanescent one’s love, affection and sincerity. I beseech God to assist him and keep him preserved beneath the shadow of His grace. Peace be upon your honor and upon them, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The Servant

22 Rabi’u’th-Thani 1302

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all things through His Name that was sanctified from all words and names. He, verily, is the Most Great Trump, when it was blown amidst the nations, all hearts and souls were shaken, save whom God, the Creator of heaven, did will. He, verily, is the Greatest Sign unto all creation and the Ark of God in the kingdom of creation. Whoso holdeth fast unto it hath attained salvation, and whoso turneth away from it is of them who have disbelieved and transgressed and been deprived of that which was created for them in the hereafter and in this world. Praise be to God Who hath aided whom He willeth unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and brought him nigh unto the Ultimate End, and given him to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the hosts of the world nor the might of nations can prevent Him. He is the One to Whose sovereignty every possessor of knowledge hath testified, and to Whose grandeur and majesty every possessor of power hath submitted, and before Whose loftiness and glory every possessor of greatness hath bowed down, and every possessor of exaltation before His

manifestation and majesty. I testify that He hath ever been sanctified beyond all else and glorified above all others, and will continue to be as He hath ever been. There is none other God but Him, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant hath received your letter from which wafted the fragrance of your love for the Lord of the worlds and the Object of them that are endued with insight, and I understood what was contained therein regarding your being set ablaze with the fire of love and affection, and your turning unto God, the Lord of creation, on the Day of the Mutual Summons. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give you to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of everlasting life and to make you among those on whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve.

It is submitted that Mulla Muhammad-'Ali arrived and this servant was honored with the trace of the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God that through the infinite bounties and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Oneness you have turned your face toward the Beloved of the worlds and the Object of all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and you have drunk from the ocean of recognition from which most people are deprived today. Through divine grace, two honors are present and evident in your person, for you are of the light and have attained unto the Light before Whose dawning radiant suns and shining moons were eclipsed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that you may, in all divine worlds, circle round the Sun of Truth and attain unto His service. He, verily, is the Hearing, the Answering.

Regarding what you wrote about conveying expressions of sincerity on your behalf to the service of the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their feet - this was done according to your request, and countless favors and bounties were manifested by each one toward you. Well is it with you! And concerning what you wrote about Mashhadi ?adiq, that he had become sanctified from delusion and turned toward the known Sovereign - I beseech God to keep him steadfast in this most exalted and sublime station. Previously, a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace, along with some other Tablets, which were sent. God willing, may all attain unto the utterance of the All-Merciful and become enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree - an enkindlement that the doubts and imaginings of the people of uncertainty and suspicion shall be powerless to extinguish. Blessed is he who is assured of God's Manifestation and of meeting Him in His days. As for those who doubt, they are the losers, they are the ruined, they are the polytheists.

Another submission is that whatever was sent with Mulla Muhammad-'Ali has arrived, and previously it was written to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin - upon him be the glory of God - to begin transcribing the verses of God, and likewise some here were also told and are engaged in transcription. However, since no designated swift-penned scribe can be found here, if it takes somewhat longer there is no harm. The people of the pavilion of chastity have said that this servant should convey their greetings to your honored ladies. God willing, they are occupied beneath the divine shade with wondrous mention and praise.

The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

The Servant

27 Rajab 1293

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O Ahmad in the city! He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O Ahmad! Hearken unto the call of Ali from the Supreme Kingdom, then unto the call of Muhammad from the Divine Lote-Tree, then unto the call of the Spirit from the ultimate station, then unto the call of Moses from the Sinai of Grandeur, that verily there is no God but Him, and He Who is named Baha in the Kingdom of Names is indeed the Manifestation of God between earth and heaven, and the Most Great Word in the Concourse on High, and the Mighty Announcement in the cities of eternity, and the Preserved Tablet concealed from the eyes of the heedless.

O servant! Hesitate not in this Cause wherein, should anyone hesitate, he must needs deny all the Manifestations of Unity throughout all ages, and all the Dawning-Places of Divinity throughout all dispensations, and all the Daysprings of the Command from the first to the last. Cast behind thee all that thou findest among men, then soar with the wings of holiness in this atmosphere which God hath sanctified from mention of aught else, that thou mayest attain the station of sanctity and nearness and beauty, and witness the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Most High, with the vision which God hath deposited within thee, detached from the sight of all men.

Arise to remember God and praise Him. By God, the Truth! All that thou hast heard concerning him who warred against God hath appeared from Us for a wisdom which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And those who deny today the grace of God - these have not recognized him whom they have taken as their protector besides God, and whosoever maketh such a claim is a lying impostor. To this testifieth the tongue of all creation, if thou be of them that hear.

Beware lest thou be veiled by these from God Who created thee by a command from Him and made thee of the beneficent ones. Fear God and hesitate not in the Cause which hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. Trust in God in all matters, and take this Tablet, then enter the abode of the polytheists. Say: O people! By God, I have come to you from the Orient of the Command with God's momentous announcement, the Mighty, the Most High, the Great. Then recite unto them God's Tablet and chant it with the melodies of them that are detached.

Say: O people! Be fair unto yourselves. If ye possess that which can equal these fragrances sent forth by the Mighty, the Wondrous One, or a proof greater than what We have, then bring it forth and tarry not, O people, and be not of them that slumber. Say: Think ye that the Most Great Ocean can be prevented from its waves, or the Cloud of Grace from its rain, or the Tree of Holiness from its fruits? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Nothing can prevent it from what ye possess, and it speaketh the truth from the heaven of eternity in the Most Glorious melody, celebrating His Most Exalted Self, and it feareth no one even if all the peoples of the heavens and earth should oppose it.

Say: Verily, He hath sought help from no one and will aid the Cause of God by Himself, even as He aided it in truth when ye were beneath the veil of women and concealed your faces in fear for yourselves in those days when your feet were shaken by the might of the Cause, and ye were among the fearful ones. And He stood alone between the heavens until the pavilion of remembrance was raised at the heart of all possibility. Then came ye forth from behind the veils and opposed the Beauty of the Chosen One, and were among the opposers.

Say: Be fair, by God! If ye deny this Cause, by what proof was your faith in God, the Mighty, the Wise, established? Say: Do ye occupy yourselves with My mention instead of that which hath descended from My Pen aforetime, and seek to slay My Self? Woe unto you, O company of polytheists!

And thou, O Ahmad, say: In the Name of God and by God! Then pass over the Bridge as the clouds pass, in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, and be not of the patient ones. Stand between earth and heaven and call out to the whole creation with this firm, mighty, and wondrous remembrance. Sanctify thyself from all allusions and compromise not in the Cause of thy Lord with those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and be of those who have recognized God through God, then detached themselves from all the worlds.

Thus have We cast upon thee the Word of Truth, for My love for thee, that thou mayest remember thy Lord among His servants with the melodies of them that are attracted. The Spirit, glory and splendor be upon thee if thou hearest the call of God and art of those who have purified their vision from the veils of human limitations and turned unto the Most Great Prospect, this hallowed, illumined Station.

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He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, Who manifesteth as He pleaseth through His command. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, from the direction of the Throne, that it may draw thee to the sacred and beauteous court and detach thee to such degree that thy body may be freed from the allusions of the concourse of creation, and thou mayest speak between earth and heaven in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Compelling.

Say: O people! By the True One! There hath appeared from the horizon of glory a Sun, upon which hath been inscribed by the Pen of God, the Most Exalted: “The Kingdom on that day shall be God’s, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious.” This is a sword which, were it to strike the back of Satan, would cause him and his hosts to flee to the nethermost fire. Thus hath the decree shone forth from the dayspring of glory, if ye be of them that are endowed with insight.

Say: O people! Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is He Who chooseth whatsoever He pleaseth, and naught in the heavens or earth can prevent Him from that which He hath created. He hath manifested through the power of might that which hath rent asunder the heavens of knowledge, split the veils of understanding, and caused the hearts of the righteous to tremble.

O ’Ali! Where are the unitarians among the people of the Bayan who claimed they had known God through God? Say: The test from your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, hath come unto you. The Bird of Paradise singeth with sweetest melodies upon the branches of the Lote-Tree that hath been raised in the celestial garden, and its leaves proclaim: “There is none other God but I, the One with power over all things, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the All-Forgiving.”

O ’Ali! Purify the hearts of those who are veiled by a name among names from this Living Water, that the holy fragrances may draw them to the realm of nearness and sever them from all directions.

Say: O people! By the True One! The Cause of God shall not be obscure to anyone, for it is manifest above all things and shineth like the sun in the heaven of eternity. None deny it save those who have turned away from God throughout all ages. Among the people are those who acknowledge that He is the Chooser in His Cause, doing as He willeth, yet when that which contradicteth their own desires appeareth, they become agitated and perceive not. Thus hath God set veils of fire upon their hearts.

Say: By God, O people! All that ye have heard regarding him who warred against God hath appeared from Our presence, as every discerning one whom veils and coverings have not withheld doth testify. Place yourselves, O people, in the presence of God. If ye deny that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of His Cause, by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Be fair, then, O ye who are endowed with vision.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and dispute not with Him Who hath endured that which no one in all lands hath endured, Who hath suffered the arrows of the polytheists for twenty years, and Who hath arisen to establish the Cause with sovereignty and power. By God, O people! My heart hath melted, my liver hath been consumed, and my vitals have been torn asunder. Have mercy on Me, O company of the righteous!

Beware lest ye differ regarding the Cause of God. Reflect upon the proofs of God that ye possess, and upon former ages, and that which hath appeared from the realm of eternity. Then be fair, O ye who are endowed with understanding.

Say: If My crime be My appearance among you, by God, this was not of Mine own accord but by God’s command, the Mighty, the Compelling. O people! By God, I have stood between heaven and earth in days when souls were shaken by the onslaught of the wicked ones. By God, had any other than I arisen to champion the Cause, God would not have sent Me forth nor commissioned Me. This sufficeth you, did ye but know the mysteries.

Say: O people! I have sacrificed My soul in days when ye preserved yourselves behind veils. When the Cause was made manifest and the Temple of the Remembrance was established upon the throne of independence, he whom We had nurtured and taught, morning and evening, rose up against Me.

Say: O people! Do ye doubt God, or His power which hath encompassed all created things, or His signs which have filled the East and West of the earth? Be fair then, O company of divines!

Thus have We informed thee and mentioned thee, that thou mayest be apprised of the Cause and remember thy Lord in the night season and at dawn. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have rent asunder the veils of idle fancy through the name of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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He is the Mighty One! O Ancient Pen! Set down upon the Tablet that which God hath cast upon thee in the world of eternity, ere the letter "K" was joined unto its sister, and ere the mysteries of the Cause were revealed in preserved tablets of glory. Beware lest thou fear anyone; then detach thyself from all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth, and hold fast unto this purified and beloved hem. Say: By God, the True One! When the days of sorrow had passed and were sealed by the Day of the Festival, there appeared therein a matter which caused all who dwell in the heaven of Command and Creation to swoon, save the number that correspondeth to Our Most Glorious Name in the heaven of eternity, did ye but know.

Say: The Ancient Being hath appeared in truth, and the Essence of Pre-existence hath dawned from this holy, exalted, mighty and manifest horizon. Thereby hath the Beauty of the Adored One been revealed with all names and attributes, would that ye might perceive. Say: This is a Day wherein God hath transcended all Manifestations, and wherein the Holy Spirit ascendeth at every moment, would that ye might be assured.

Say: By God! No good thing remaineth but it hath appeared on this Day, no matter but it hath been fulfilled, no bounty but it hath been completed, no word but it hath been confirmed, no secret but it hath been revealed, no sovereignty but it hath risen, no power but it hath emerged. Thus do We cast upon you the word of truth from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O ye dwellers of the Throne! O ye Concourse of Holiness in the Most Exalted Paradise! O ye dwellers of the precincts of intimacy in the most glorious heaven! O ye denizens of the Supreme Concourse in the pavilions of names! Hearken unto the call of God from this enkindled, blazing Fire within this lofty, upraised, blessed, unique, eternal, everlasting Tree upon this visible Mount in this blessed, transcendent Valley, that "Verily, I am God; there is none other God but Me. In truth, I have ever encompassed all worlds. I created all things in the world of the newly-created Will at a station which was sanctified and purified from all limitations and allusions to unity, in truth and by the truth." O concourse of earth! Deprive not yourselves, nor your spirits, nor your eyes from the beauty of this unique, eternal, self-subsisting Youth. Hasten ye unto Him! This indeed is a grace from God unto all the worlds.

Say: By God! Flight shall profit you not on that Day from this Youth, Who hath been named the Great Announcement in the heaven of eternity, the Inscribed Mystery in the most exalted heaven, the Ancient Life in the kingdom of names, and the Ancient Light in this Paradise which hath been raised in truth above the pavilions of glory and grandeur.

Say: By God! At times I behold Him as the sun in the temple of holiness, and at times I witness that He surgeth within His Own Self, by His Own Self, for His Own Self, like the ocean that encompasseth all

worlds. At times I behold that He hath risen like the heaven, and all created things dwell beneath His shadow, nay, beneath the shadow of His shadow, inhabited in justice. At times He appeareth with light, then radiance, then effulgence, then manifestation and gleaming that seizeth the eyes of all who are in the heavens and earth from turning to His countenance or gazing upon His beauty.

Thus have We revealed unto you from the mysteries of this Youth, and explained unto you less than the eye of a needle, nay, less than can be numbered, of the wondrous matters of the Command which had been preserved behind the veils of eternity by God's protection in the holy Tablet. O concourse of earth and heaven! Deny not the grace of God and His favor, then the mercy of God and His honor, then the proof of God and His evidence. Distance not yourselves from drawing nigh unto this Garden which hath been spread in the atmosphere of this Spirit by the name of God.

Say: By God! We have bestowed upon all things, then upon all possibilities, from that mercy which hath encompassed all created things, that this bounty might be dispensed from this justice unto all worlds. Whoso willeth, let him hearken unto the melodies of the birds of the Throne upon this Branch which hath been raised in truth and hath encompassed all existence with an authority that was known in truth. And now We say at the end of Our utterance: All praise be to God, my Lord and the Lord of all the worlds together.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

These are the verses of God, the King, the manifest Justice, unto him who hath believed in God and His Most Great Sign on the day whereon all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, when the hypocrites were debarred from the Kawthar of grace, and the lovers attained unto the Law of impregnable glory. Say: Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which hath flowed from the right hand of the Throne. Woe unto them that doubt, whom self and desire have withheld from turning unto God, the Most High, the Most Great. They shall drink of boiling water and be unaware thereof.

Say: O people! We have ordained all good in this Shadow that hath encompassed the worlds. Thus did We send it down aforetime upon 'Ali, and he delivered the messages of his Lord until he was suspended in the air in the presence of the oppressors and offered up his spirit unto God, my Lord and the Lord of all created things. And verily this is 'Ali who in truth calleth you once again unto that whereunto he called you before, and God is witness and well-informed of this. He awaiteth that which befell 'Ali aforetime, if ye be of them that know.

Say: He yearned to meet Me, and I verily yearn to meet him, and he is with Me now, would ye but see with clear vision. I desire to sacrifice Myself in his path, though this is but a trifle compared with His bounties that have encompassed the worlds. Say: O people! Fear ye God, then be ashamed before His Beauty, and shed not the blood of His Beloved and the Beloved of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

Say: The Beauty of the Unseen hath appeared through grace, and the Tongue of the Unseen speaketh the truth. Blessed be God, the Best of Manifestors. Whosoever perceiveth any difference hath indeed strayed from the paradise of divine unity and departed from the stronghold of uniqueness, and is counted among the idolaters.

O people! Behold ye My Beauty in His Beauty, then His signs in My signs, then His Manifestation in My Manifestation, then His dawning in My dawning, then His effulgence from this manifest horizon. Say: He hath enjoined upon you in all the Tablets to make mention of Me and to praise My Self, yet the people have denied My Self, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing.

By My life! He desired naught but what I desire, and I desire naught but what He desired. My Self beareth witness to this, and My testimony in itself sufficeth those who know, for no testimony besides Mine existeth before God's testimony, and none denieth this save he who hath disbelieved in God and joined the company of Satan.

O servant! Give thanks unto God for having raised thee up and given thee life after We caused thee to die, and made thee vibrate with the breaths of My glorious and wondrous remembrance. Were all the kingdoms of the seen and the unseen in thy possession, and were thou to expend them in thy Lord's path to attain that which thou hast attained, it would still be but little compared with the grace that hath encompassed thee from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

They who today stand firm in this Cause in this Manifestation are indeed more exalted than all who dwell on earth, and this is a manifest truth. Give thanks unto thy Lord, then rejoice that My Self maketh mention of thee, and be glad that My radiant and luminous Beauty praiseth thee.

Say: Praise be to God Who through His power hath preserved me and through truth hath guarded me from turning to any but Him, and hath delivered me from the depths of self and passion. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Beware lest the murk of the world prevent thee from ascending to the stations of Names and Attributes. Remember thy Lord and proclaim His Cause, for this is better than all that hath been created between the heavens and earth. His victory is not achieved through disputation and conflict, but through utterance, yet most people are heedless of this, have caused corruption in the Cause, and are among the mischief-makers. Through their actions harm hath returned to the very root of the Tree, yet they remain in profound heedlessness.

Stand thou firm in the Cause in such wise that shouldst thou find thyself alone in God's Cause, thy being shall not be troubled and thou shalt be among the steadfast. For thereby every base one is exalted, every mighty one is abased, and every tongue is made eloquent. Thus have We ordained the matter in preserved tablets of glory.

Beware lest thou be veiled by the veils of the people of the Bayan, for they cite My verses of aforetime, yet turn away from My Self and are unaware. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon Our sincere servants.

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O Mirza Mahdi! In the House - He is the Most Holy, the Most Pure, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting!

These are the verses of God, the King, the Most High, the Powerful, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. He remindeth mankind of all wherein they have transgressed against God, that perchance they may return with their souls and hearts unto the seat of holiness, the station of glorious might, and that they may recognize their Lord and witness this exalted and inaccessible bounty.

Hearken, O people, unto the call of God from this Blessed Branch which hath been planted in the Garden of Eternity by the hand of God, the Sovereign, the Prevailing, the Manifest, the Hidden, the Witnessed - that there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. I have created all possibilities through My generosity, and all existence through My grace, and I am the Almighty over whatsoever I will, and I am the King, the Worshipped One.

I have sent unto them Messengers with the truth to convey unto them the messages of God and guide them to the hallowed and blessed court. Among the people are those who have remained heedless and turned away from the melodies of God, denied His verses and fled from His presence like frightened wild asses fleeing from a lion - God, the Most High, the Exalted, the Gracious, the Desired One. And among them are those who have turned unto God, detached themselves from all else, and attained in nearness unto an exalted and wondrous station, and have drunk from the Kawthar of grace from the Cup-Bearer of the Spirit, and entered in the name of God into the depths of a surging ocean.

Thus passed the centuries and ages until time reached the days wherein the dawn of eternity broke forth and the Sun of the Ancient of Days rose without name or description, beyond every attribute described. When creation witnessed its blindness, He took for Himself a name from among names that this limited people might know Him by it, else He, exalted be He, is sanctified from being known by any name or described by any attribute. All names are but creation in His kingdom and all attributes are but signs of that which is created.

Therefore did He appear with the name of Ali between the heavens and the earth and said: “O people! I have come to you from the Sinai of the Spirit with the tidings of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O people! Fear God and deny not the signs of God, the King, the Mighty, the Dreaded One.” But none heard His call and none among those on earth responded save a few numbered souls.

When He returned unto God, We testify that some people claimed to love Him with lying tongues that were witnessed. Say: O people! If ye believed in Him and His verses, how do ye deny these revealed and sent down verses? When ye denied these, it is proven that ye believed neither in their like, nor in God’s Book in any age, nor in His Cause in its time, nor in God’s Messengers, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Thus do We cast upon you from the verses of the Cause and counsel you with the most excellent counsel and remind you with the most wondrous remembrance, that ye may not go astray in your days and that

none may be able to cut off your path to God, and that ye may be as firmly-fixed mountains, and that no ignorant rabble may lead you astray in My absence. This is a bounty that hath been inscribed by the hands of power.

Spirit, light and glory be upon those who turn toward this beloved quarter, whom no hindrance of any hinderer, nor the denial of any denier, nor the turning away of any who turneth away can repel, even should they be hindered by those who claim authority for themselves and are filled with pride and vainglory. He is the Mighty One.

Although these are days of perplexity, to such an extent that it hath encompassed and will encompass all who are on earth, yet your honor must move with the utmost protection and wisdom, that no opposition or conflict may arise from that House and its inhabitants, for the harm thereof would return upon the Tree. Seclusion in these days is more beloved than can be imagined. Assembly and association with these people hath never yielded and will never yield any fruit for oneself or others. Commit the matter unto God, then suffice thyself with Him above all else. The actions of the people are a truthful witness, as ye have seen. After the breaking of the respect for the House, what expectation remaineth from anyone? If that door be closed, it is better in the view of this servant, for perchance another matter might arise. In any case, remaining in that place hath conditions - I know not whether they will be fulfilled or not. Until now they have not been. Therefore, remain ye most concealed; pass by these faithless people. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The essence of praise, assuming the form of servants, calleth out in the wilderness of longing: “O God of the unseen and the seen, and Educator of existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that standeth over all things, and is the Ever-Living over all names, and speaketh in the heaven of beginning, and appeareth in the kingdom of creation, and shineth from the horizon of eternity, and is supreme over all who are in earth and heaven, that Thou protect Thy Afnan who have arisen to serve Thee, and have acknowledged Thy oneness, and confessed Thy singleness, and have submitted to the manifestations of Thy Cause, and have hastened to the horizon of Thy knowledge, and have turned to Thy countenance, and have cried out in the desert of Thy sovereignty: ‘Thou, verily Thou, O Lord of the worlds! Thou, verily Thou, O God of the mystics! Thou, verily Thou, O Goal of all who seek! Thou, verily Thou, O Thou by Whose Name the heavens and earths were established!’ Even as the call of Thy chosen ones hath been raised in this wilderness which hath been illumined by the sun of Thy remembrance and hath gleamed with the light of Thy countenance. Those whom Thou didst send to herald Thy Manifestation have spoken and cried out, saying: ‘Here am I, here am I, O God of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Light of eternity and Sovereign of nations!’ We praise Thee for having fulfilled what Thou didst reveal in Thy Tablets and adorned therewith the pages of Thy glory. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing. My spirit be a sacrifice for the essence of Thy love!”

The autograph of his honor Aqa Siyyid Mirza - upon him be all the most glorious Glory - was received, and they had enclosed your honor's letter within it. Its contents were submitted to the Most Holy Court. An answer hath been revealed from the heaven of divine Will to both him and you. His mighty and glorious Word:

"O My Afnan! Thy call hath attained to the hearing of thy Lord, and thy letter hath been honored in the Most Great Scene, this Castle which God hath made the seat of His mighty Throne. This is a place where the sea is seen on its right, and the mountain and land on its left, and before it are gardens wherein are trees bearing citrus fruits blazing like spheres of fire, and flowers like the stars of heaven. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen make mention that thou mayest be of those who rejoice. What thou didst send to My Afnan in the land of Ha hath been presented before the Face, and the servant present before the Throne hath read it. We have revealed these verses unto thee as a favor from Our presence. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful. We have mentioned thee and do mention thee in truth. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor. He will assist thee in that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have commanded you to observe wisdom. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and acteth according to what hath been ordained by One Who is All-Knowing. O My Afnan! Grieve not over anything. He is with thee and knoweth thy condition and will send down for thee that which shall gladden thy heart. He, verily, is the True One, the Faithful. By thy life! Were the kingdom receptive, We would have manifested that which would cause kings to arise at the door like fearful, penitent servants. Convey My greetings to the Most Exalted Leaf and say: Rejoice! He is with thee under all conditions. Thy Lord, verily, is the Near, the Hearing One. Dwell thou in a house that doth not compromise your station. By My life! The people are in manifest error. Be patient until the time cometh unto thee. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel thee from this exalted station. Glory be upon you and upon those who have believed, and upon those women who have believed in the Single One, the All-Informed."

God willing, after perusing this you shall attain infinite joy. If today the dwelling of the Most Pure Consort - upon Her be all glory and exaltation - in the true house would cause clamor among the servants and become the cause of rancor and hatred, residence therein is not permitted, according to the wisdom which God hath revealed in the Book, until God bringeth about His appointed time. In any case, observance of wisdom is necessary and obligatory, and if in these days, due to wisdom and expediency, the residence of the Consort and Afnan in that house is not feasible, its door must remain closed and no one is permitted to dwell therein. Glory be upon you in the beginning and the end.

The Servant

19 Safar 1295

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To be perused by his honored servant, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of his Lord.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The essence of praise and glorification befitteth the Lord of all mankind Who illumined the world through His blessed word “Verily I am God,” and though this Most Exalted Word, this Primal Pearl, and Most Great Sign stood contrary to all the opinions of the peoples of the earth, He raised it aloft through the sovereignty of His Will and planted the banner of “Verily He is I” upon the highest mountains by His mighty hand. Soon shall the sincere ones and those drawn nigh behold it above all other standards. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, I submit that your letter, which was the greatest healing medicine, transformed into joy the sorrows that are inherent to imprisonment, for it was adorned with love for the Ancient Beauty and the Goal of all peoples. Praise be to God that you have attained the outpourings of the divine days and caught the fragrance of the celestial garment. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Face that even if we were to occupy ourselves with praise, thanksgiving, remembrance and glorification of the Beloved until a day whose end cannot be reckoned, it would still be insufficient - nay, non-existent and void.

After this servant gained admittance to the Most Holy Court and presented the entire letter, two Most Great, Most Holy Tablets were revealed from the sacred heaven - one specifically for you and another specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Hassan, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, you will attain to their perusal. Your letter arrived in late Rabi’u’l-Avval and the response descended from the heaven of grace, though it was sent in late Rabi’u’th-Thani.

I further submit that you should convey utter evanescence and nothingness on behalf of this ephemeral one to all the friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude and transcended the contingent world. Tell them not to let time slip away and to hold fast to the cord of unity and harmony. O my beloved! In these days, one day when this ephemeral one attained the Most Holy Court, he observed the Beloved of the world to be saddened, and in view of “they speak not until He hath spoken,” this servant remained silent, bewildered and thoughtful. Then the Ancient Beauty turned to me and said that the odors of discord among the divine loved ones had wafted and continue to waft. Although the exact blessed words are not before me, their purport was thus: I submitted that I beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to transform this discord through the endeavors of the friends into harmony, that all may turn their gaze away from aught else but God and from that which prevents them from unity, and fix their gaze upon the horizon of unity which is in truth the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. Would that some souls might be confirmed in this great service! I beseech Him, exalted be He, and I cling to the hem of His generosity and hold fast to the cords of His grace, that He may assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and whereby His Cause may be exalted in the kingdom of creation. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth.

Furthermore, I submit that a petition was sent from the direction of the Land of Qaf in response to the letter of Jinab-i-J.M., upon him be all His most glorious Glory. God willing, it will reach them. If there has been any negligence, this servant begs to be excused and hopes for their pardon, now and always. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness and the Kawthar of servitude in this mighty and wondrous Day.

Some time ago, this servant sent a detailed letter in response to your numerous letters, together with the blessed Most Holy Tablet of Proof which was sent according to the command of the Lord of all possibility.

God willing, you have attained and will attain to its perusal and reading. Likewise, mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Turab, upon him be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy Court, and a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty and was sent. God willing, he will attain to it.

Furthermore, I submit that the responses to some of the gentlemen will also be sent later, God willing. This servant presents his pure devotion and most glorious, most mighty, most splendid greetings to each one. May God, glorified and mighty be He, assist all in that which is for the good and welfare of all.

The Servant

28 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1297

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to the Desired One, Who deserveth all praise, for every day, nay every moment, He hath increased and continueth to increase the unity of His loved ones. They remained ever-speaking words of praise and thanksgiving, even as they witnessed tribulations and calamities. Such hath ever been the way of the righteous throughout all ages and centuries. Blessed is the soul that is at peace, content and well-pleasing, that hath not been held back by veils and doubts from turning unto Him, nor been prevented from drawing nigh unto Him. Glorified be His majesty, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven. And blessings and peace be upon the Primal Light through Whom the First Ornament was made manifest, through Whom every tongue spoke forth and every prostrate one arose, and every blind one saw, and through Whom the Sun of Knowledge dawned from the horizon of possibility, revealing what lay hidden in the treasury of the Furqan, through Whom His proof was perfected and His favor completed and His grace encompassed all, and upon His family and companions who were the dawning-places of God's attributes and characteristics and might and glory and power.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter was received and became the cause of joy and gladness, adorning the realm of the heart with the ornament of joy and love. Praise be to God Who assisted thee and confirmed thee. He, verily, is the Illuminator, the Near One, the Holy, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After reading it, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented it before His countenance. He said: "O 'Ali-before-Akbar! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of Power. Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant attained to Our presence and hearing. Praise be to Him Who assisted thee and confirmed thee and guided thee to His straight path. Thou hast ever been and continueth to be remembered. In these days the two Branches have turned towards that region at the invitation of the Shaykh, may God assist him. Special instruction was given to send Abu-'Inayat. From the beginning his affairs, both commercial and otherwise, have been entrusted to thee. Due to lack of time to attend to the requirements of the patient regarding physician, medicine and nourishment, We have decided that he should return to 'Akka and rest there. We beseech God to adorn it with the ornament of healing and to change his illness into health. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the

One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon the emigrants and neighbors." Thus endeth His words.

Immediately upon receipt of thy spiritual letter and learning of the difficulties, He commanded that the aforementioned one be sent to 'Akka. We beseech the Healer to deliver him from every ailment, sickness and disease. Verily, God is the Healer, the Sufficient, the All-Bountiful. The beloved of the heart, his eminence the Most Great Name, upon him be the glory and bounty of God, must, according to the command, attend to the affairs of the aforementioned one. All must strive to convey him to 'Akka. We beseech God to assist every doer of good and helper of all who show mercy, compassion and kindness. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, to Whose grace and generosity, mercy and loving-kindness, which have encompassed all existence both seen and unseen, all created things bear witness.

Mention that causeth joy and gladness hath ever been and shall ever be beloved before God - firstly, mention of the Sovereign of Eternity, and secondly, mention of the Hands of the Cause and His loved ones. Praise be to God that His loved ones are sustained thereby and have attained unto it. At this moment, while engaged in penning this leaf, I remembered his eminence the beloved of the heart, the Most Great Name, before the Beloved One, and rising in his stead and behalf, accomplished what was intended, attaining unto the honor of acceptance. In brief, mention of the loved ones causeth the heart to rejoice and existence to be gladdened. Happy is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. The leaf and her mother and what was sent from your direction - all are remembered and adorned with the ornament of acceptance and good-pleasure. Praise be to God Who hath assisted us all and granted us victory through the hosts of His wondrous utterance.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who is worthy and deserving, for His glance of loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be directed towards His loved ones. He it is Whose tongue of grace hath ever proclaimed these words: "My mercy hath preceded the world and My bounty hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth." He it is Whose blessed gaze hath ever been and remaineth fixed upon goodly deeds. This servant testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath proven His Own Self by His Own Self. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Thereafter, thy letter arrived and gave strength to the heart and joy to the soul, for it was adorned with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. After perusing it, We turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and presented it before His presence. He said: "O Abdullah! For successive years We summoned the people, purely for the sake of God, to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, and forbade them from corruption, conflict, the causes of grief and sorrow, discord and dissension. The purpose of all this was the tranquility of the world and its peoples. Thou hast witnessed and continueth to witness how each day a city among the cities of Islam falleth under the bombardment of cannons, and a faction among its factions faceth the bullets. That which hath appeared on earth hath caused the dwellers of the celestial

realm to lament. Yet until now, none hath awakened or arisen to find a remedy. The heedless one moveth and journeyeth in the wilderness of negligence, led by ignorance. This is a day wherein all must, with utmost humility and supplication, seek forgiveness and pardon from the Self-Sufficing Lord, that perchance the sweet-scented breeze of divine bestowal and forgiveness may waft, and the Law of God and the Religion of the Lord may be protected from the oppression of the oppressors. What can awaken the heedless ones and rouse those who slumber? Beseech ye God that He deprive not His servants and grant them a drop from the ocean of knowledge, that the people of the earth might become aware and show mercy unto themselves.

We make mention at the end of this letter of thy son who attained Our presence in the prison. Remember him on My behalf. We beseech God to strengthen him, to prosper him, and to grant him the good of this world and the next. He must remain steadfast in that which he hath been commanded, and God will send down upon him from the heaven of bounty that which will gladden his heart. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him."

Praise be to God, His grace and favor are evident and manifest. The command to depart was given in view of circumstances. Some mentioned that certain ones intended to move and sought permission, while others spoke of chaos, saying that children showed no obedience whatsoever to their fathers and showed them no respect. Likewise, they mentioned matters far removed from justice, fairness, love and unity. Since no fruit was apparent from gathering in that land, and indeed there was fear of harm due to prejudices and ignorant fanaticism, therefore the command was given as they heard. If they act in accordance with that which God loveth and that which exalteth the station of man, there hath been and is no objection to remaining. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted be His glory, to strengthen the youth. How lovely it would be for the youth to be adorned with the ornament of proper conduct, character, love and unity, and to abide in peace beneath the shade of the divine Tree. However, this servant was most pleased with thy son. He was truly found to be capable and worthy. God willing, may he strive diligently to acquire perfections and likewise to learn a craft. Convey my greetings to him. I ever pray for his strengthening and success. I send greetings to the friends of that land, one and all, and I beseech God to adorn them all with the ornament of steadfastness, love and fellowship. The prayer that was offered on behalf of this evanescent servant will, God willing, be answered. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to Him, for He is the Lord of all the worlds.

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O Andalib, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

He is the One Who speaketh before kings and subjects. We have today left one place, intending for another, and We have spoken that whereby the hearts of the people were attracted, and all things spoke even as the Tongue hath spoken, and the Dove of the Cause hath called out in the Most Exalted Paradise: "He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was promised hath come! Rejoice, O peoples of the earth, and respond to Him Who hath called you to His most exalted horizon and His most glorious station,

which hath been the object of circumambulation of the Concourse on High throughout ages and centuries."

We passed by trees and rivers, and heard the rustling of the former in remembrance of the Lord of all beings, and the murmuring of the latter in remembrance of this Eternal Remembrance and Everlasting Light, whereby the ocean of oneness surged and the fragrance of God, the Lord of lords, was diffused. Blessed is he who hath dealt equitably in this Cause, and he who hath turned to the Dayspring of lights. This is the Day whereon the Temple of the Manifestation was established upon the throne of utterance, and spoke that whereby the sincere ones and they who are detached hastened unto God, the Revealer of verses.

O Andalib! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors. Thy letter hath come before Us. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy love, thy sincerity, thy steadfastness, thy remembrance, and thy wisdom for God and for His Face that shineth from the horizon of horizons. Say: O people! By God, He hath appeared Who was the object of the pure ones' desire, and through Him the sun of wisdom and proof hath shone forth in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who gave glad tidings to the servants of the mention of Him Who conversed with the Sinai, through Whom existence smiled and atoms spoke: "The kingdom, the dominion, the glory and the might belong to God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning!"

O Andalib! By the life of God, the deeds of those who have cast godliness behind their backs, clinging to tyranny and wickedness while attributing themselves to the Dayspring of sanctity and holiness, have grieved Me. By this the Pen of God hath lamented in the most exalted station. We have revealed in the Tablets that which draweth the servants nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Among them are those who claimed My love and entry into the stronghold of My grace, yet committed that which caused My heart and My Pen to lament, and the eye of My inner being to weep in the nights and days.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come from the heaven of Command with power and sovereignty. We have enjoined upon you the fear of God and have revealed that which draweth you nigh unto Him. Beware lest ye forsake what ye have been commanded in the Mother Book. We desire from you no recompense, and We have desired for you in the Most Exalted Paradise a station whose description pens are powerless to render. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given from the Lord of all men.

We have, in this Revelation, forbidden the servants from conflict and corruption and that which troubleth men of understanding, and We have commanded them to conquer the citadels of hearts with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, beareth witness unto this. O My loved ones! Hold fast unto the cord of deeds and character, that there may appear from you that which shall attract the hearts of those in all lands. Know ye that the hosts of good character are the mightiest hosts in the world. Consider this, O ye who are endowed with insight! Through these shall your stations and ranks be elevated among the parties.

O Andalib! We have created souls for the victory of Our Cause, yet most of them have supported Mine enemies through deeds whereby the hosts of revelation and inspiration have lamented. This is what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, a command from Our presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-

Bestowing. Remind the people of My verses and what hath been sent down from the kingdom of My utterance, that they might take for themselves a path to the Truth.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Beloved, and my Purpose! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause, whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and whereby all things were stirred when they recognized it, to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee, to turn repentant to the gate of Thy grace, and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous, and verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! Sanctify Thy loved ones from the promptings of self and passion, and adorn them with the ornament of holiness among Thy servants, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times! O Lord! Illumine their outward and inward beings with the light of Thy knowledge, then ordain for them every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Bountiful, the All-Bestowing, the Mighty, the Wise.

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Yesterday the Shaykh wandered the city, lamp in hand,

Crying: “Weary am I of demon and beast; human company I desire!”

Beloved kind friend, praise be to God that well-being is somewhat attained and the pure mirror of the heart reflects the promptings and attractions of the heart. God willing, this desire shall be fulfilled and that aim shall be achieved. Though it would be sweeter to cleanse the tablet of light, which is of the pages of illumined hearts, from the intimations of this one and that, and to gallop naked in the vast arena of the spirit. As the divine sage says:

None seeks that Beloved with desire,

None sleeps with such a rose-cheeked one while clothed.

With two qiblihs one cannot walk straight on the path of unity,

Either the good pleasure of the Friend or one’s own must be chosen.

What place is there for garments when existence itself becomes a veil and otherness itself becomes a mask? The literary master of Shiraz says: “Thou thyself art thine own veil, O Hafiz; arise from between!” Just as Jacob’s love, had he cleansed the identity of heart and soul from the turbidity of water and clay, would surely not have needed the shirt from Egypt to bring him glad tidings, nor a messenger to remind him. Rather, he would have perceived the holy, fragrant breezes from the north wind of the spirit, and would have found repose with the Beloved in the very state of union. He would have tasted the longing for the meeting and the sweetness of the fountain of eternity from the spring of purity, would have arisen to eternal life and everlasting continuance, would have become immortalized in the Paradise of eternity

after the gathering of the spirit, would have seen a thousand like unto Joseph circling round without the cry of “O my grief!”, and would have received the subtle essence of the Egypt of fidelity from the city of the annihilation of the One.

Yea, until the turbidities of the world of multiplicity, whose end is destruction, vanish and perish, the eternal Countenance will not raise its unveiled face from behind the veil, and the meaning of “All things shall perish save His Face” will not become evident from the manifest brow. What shall I write? The fragrance of the soul must be inhaled from the camel’s wool which belonged to Uwais, as the author of the Mathnavi says:

The fragrance of the soul comes from the camel’s wool,

This camel from the host of Sultan Uwais.

But the musk-fragrance of the soul and the breezes of the All-Merciful from the Yemen of the Beloved are cut off and forbidden. Yes, the casket of white pearls has become treasured in the shell of the sea, for its unpierced state is more acceptable and more pleasing, as it gives perfect power to the forces of the heart and increases the worthy light of sight. And perhaps this concealment may be the cause of manifestation, and this veiling may lead to an unveiling, or this allusion may be made explicit by a child, or this seal may be opened by a power.

When the seed is hidden in the earth,

The secret of the garden’s verdure it becomes.

Until what the power of the Friend’s arm may do! O companion, thy friend says that the comfort of existence needs a stroll free from the contamination of limitations, so that like the Phoenix of the West it may raise its head from the East of the soul and soar in the holy air of the spirit which is the city of the soul. I swear by God that if the armies of death were to gallop on horseback, they would not catch up with this rider, and Azrael would gird himself like a servant at the door and be indebted to the one bound for the sanctuary, that perchance he might become intimate in the sacred precincts and might circle and become aware in that subtle carpet which is more delicate than the pearls of light.

Glory be to God! The breeze of love arose and perfumed the assembly of intimacy. The spirit played a wondrous melody. The lovers in the wilderness of consciousness became unconscious from the secret whisper of the unseen. Such longing and rapture, such taste and joy have encompassed all that the breath of the Holy Spirit began to blow upon the decayed bones, and the Faithful Spirit came flying with the wing of success. The Israfil of life became bewildered as to which melody might bring these companions back to consciousness, and shows inability that perchance he might take a share and portion from this unconsciousness.

Enough! The Beloved has begun to speak;

Listen! And God knows best what is right.

At this moment my soul has left my body,

Saying to me: “Verily, unto Him do we return.”

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified is He Who hath revealed the Word with authority from His presence. Verily it speaketh amongst the people of creation that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Gracious. Should anyone turn unto it with the ear of his true nature, he would soar, with spirit and sweet fragrance, into the atmosphere of his Lord’s love, the All-Merciful. Say: It is a fire unto him who hath turned away from the One Who is Chosen, and a light unto the righteous. Through it are distinguished the one who accepteth from him who turneth away. Verily it is the Balance of deeds, and verily it is the Path of the Cause for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Fountain of Life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and laid hold on this Name which God hath made to exercise dominion over all regions.

The wretchedness of those who denied the Days of God, wherein the Cause dawned from the horizon of mysteries, hath prevailed. We have seized those who disbelieved in God and wronged the Dawning-Places of Revelation. Verily thy Lord is severe in punishment. Among them were those whom We seized with might from Our presence, those whom We destroyed with a single cry, those whom We drowned in the sea, those whom We caused the earth to swallow, those whom We burned with the flames of fire, and those upon whom We rained stones. Thus have We sent down their stories in the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Soon shall We seize those who have wronged, even as We seized the transgressors in those regions who drove Us from the Land of Mystery when they opposed God, the Lord of all men. We seized them all with authority from Our presence. Thus was it sent down in the Tablet of the Heart. Blessed are they who possess insight.

We seized the first one as We had promised him in the Book, and We seized the second one and those with him with such might as caused the hearts of the wicked to tremble. They arose, and naught could be heard from their dwellings save the echo and the croaking of ravens.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of when We sent the Wondrous One with clear signs unto him who was heedless and in schism. He committed that which caused the denizens of Paradise and the realities of the Concourse on High to lament. We then left the wrongdoer to himself in wisdom and seized those in the lands. Soon shall We seize him by Our command, for verily We are powerful over what We desire.

Blessed is he who hath read God’s Tablet which We sent unto him, that he might be assured that We were not deterred by what befell Us. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken with pure truth, that all might testify that He is the Mighty, the Chosen One. Thy Lord’s proof hath been completed against them, and the evidence hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude. Those who read God’s verses find the

sweetness of their Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Bestower, and turn with pure hearts toward the direction wherein appeared the Luminary of creation.

There hath come before the Throne a letter from him who, upon hearing the Call, said: "Yea, yea, O Render of veils!" Therefore have We sent down unto thee this Tablet through which the fragrance of the Garment hath been wafted throughout all worlds. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having directed toward thee the gaze of the Wronged One while imprisoned in the most remote of lands.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of Husayn. Stand firm in such wise that the limbs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men, may quake. Say: O concourse of divines! The Most Exalted Pen doth move in the fields of Tablets. Is there any among you who can race with the Horseman of might in this arena? Nay, by My Self! They are like the lame one, having halted in the mire of idle fancies. Say: This is the Sun of knowledge which hath dawned from the horizon of utterance, despite you, O company of the wicked! Leave these people be; sufficient unto them is thy Lord's punishment, the Mighty, the Compelling.

Be thou observant in all circumstances with the eye of wisdom. Thus have We commanded creation in most of Our Tablets. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath caused thee to hear the cooing of the Dove upon the branches and the flowing of the River of Utterance in these days. By My life! He is the One mentioned before the Throne and the One Who remembereth with this remembrance whereby the idols have been reduced to naught.

Say: O Friend! Hearken unto the call of the Glorious One Who calleth thee from the tongue of this Afflicted One Who hath been tried among the people of dissension. Amidst darkness the light hath shone, and in tribulation this Man hath remained steadfast in such wise that the mountains cannot rival Him. Blessed art thou for having become the cup-bearer of the All-Merciful, giving the wine of life unto those who have turned to God, the Help in Peril. Clear verses have been sent down unto thee and We sent them aforetime. Verily He is the Mover of the cord of love.

The glory be upon you, O people of Baha, from your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou beholdest me oppressed among the wayward ones of Thy creation, and a stranger in Thy realm. Whenever I dwelt in a city by Thy command and leave, the tyrannous among Thy creatures and they who denied Thy bounty, which Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy grace and the clouds of Thy will, drove us forth therefrom–though in its horizon there was naught but the sun of Thy loving-kindness, and in its gardens naught but the breezes of the spring of Thy mercy, and in its fields naught but the rains of Thy generosity and favors, and in its darkness naught but the lamp of Thy Cause and the light of Thy guidance. Whenever a face turned unto the countenance of Thy oneness, Thou didst deliver it from the depths of heedlessness and raised it to the heights of Thy unity's glory, and gave

it to drink from the wine of Thy revelation and inspiration. And whenever Thou didst behold one turning toward the sanctuary of Thy might and the Kaaba of Thy bounty, Thou didst turn toward him out of love for Thyself and his orientation to Thy face, and Thou didst descend to such a degree that he might draw near to the Tree of Thy Cause, and Thou didst lower Thyself to a station wherein Thou didst commune with him and comfort him as though Thou wert one like unto him–though Thou hadst placed all things within the grasp of my power by Thy power, and all winds were dispatched by my will through Thy will.

And in every city wherein we raised Thy remembrance and Thy name, there gathered against us those servants who denied Thy Self and turned away from Thy presence and arose in hypocrisy, until they expelled us therefrom and caused us to wander from city to city, until they unjustly brought us into this fortress built of solid rock, and this city wherefrom naught can be heard save the echo's voice. And upon our first entry, they barred from us the goods of the world and shut in our faces the gates of comfort. By Thy glory, O Beloved of Baha! I find tribulations in Thy love as the rains of the clouds of Thy bounty and grace, whereby the heart of Baha and the liver of Baha were made verdant, and from them grew the ears of Thy wisdom, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all things!

By Thy glory, O Beloved of the worlds and Goal of them that know! Whoso hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment of Thy mercy, and been seized by Thy fragrance and favors–tribulations cannot hold him back from Thy will, nor can ordeals deter him from Thy love and good-pleasure. Thou knowest, O my Beloved and my Purpose, that I call upon Thee with the tongue of Thy loved ones, and whatsoever floweth from this Most Exalted Pen hath no purpose save that I might call upon Thee with the tongue of Thy loved ones and commune with Thee on their behalf, that Thy melodies might seize them from their own selves and draw them to Thy Most Glorious Face, and strengthen them to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Otherwise, my calling upon Thy Self is but as Thy calling upon my self, and none can comprehend it save those whom Thou hast caused to be detached from all else but Thee and to hasten along the paths of Thy Cause and Thy good-pleasure.

The nights and days have passed us by, O my God, in this Most Great Prison, until this night arrived wherein he who loveth Thee and desireth Thy face–the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Repository of Thine Essence, and the Source of Thy Cause–hath called, and hath spread the feast of bounty for the brethren out of love for Thy Self. Thou knowest, O my God, that he seeketh Thy face and gazeth toward the direction of Thy gifts, and desireth naught thereby save Thy good-pleasure and Thy love, yet he hath been prevented from entering this gathering wherein the verses of Thy Divine Unity's glory are being revealed and inscribed by Thy servant who is present before the throne of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the faces of the Prophets among Thy chosen ones and those nigh unto Thee among the people of Thy holy dominion were illumined, and whereby they subdued the people of Thy realm and brought them into the kingdom of Thy glory–to rend asunder, with the fingers of Thy power, the veil that hath come between him and Thy beauty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

Then ordain, O my God, for him and those with him, to attain Thy presence and to stand before Thee in the visible realm, and deprive him not of that which is with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Cause Thy seeking servants to soar in the

atmosphere of Thy nearness and Thy majesty, and raise them at all times to the kingdom of Thy holiness and detachment. Then open before the face of him who desireth Thee the gates of Thy mercy and loving-kindness, and bestow upon him the good of this world and the next through the wonders of Thy beneficence. Then send upon him, at all times, the sweet-scented breezes of the mercy of Thy Name, the All-Merciful. Then make, O my God, the fire of his separation into light, and his sighs of remoteness into mercy. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Sovereign, the All-Effectual.

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In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things!

I was silent in remembrance and lay sleeping upon my couch when the breeze of the All-Glorious awakened me and the breath of the All-Merciful roused me from my slumber. When I awoke and arose, He caused me to speak by His sovereignty and commanded me to raise the call amidst His creation, that I might convey unto them that which I was bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Therefore do I impart unto thee that which the Spirit hath imparted unto me, that I may fulfill some measure of what is incumbent upon me by God's command and His proof, that thou mayest turn unto the supreme horizon, the station wherein hath dawned the Sun of thy Lord's Beauty, the Mighty, the Gracious.

Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of 'Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree: He is, verily, none other than God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Leave the people and what they possess, and turn with thy purest heart unto the Most Great Vision. This is what thou hast been commanded in the Tablets of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

This is the Day whereon Sinai proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Possessor of Names," and the Mount calleth out: "The Lord of Revelation is come," and the Spirit walketh before Him, and the proof circleth round His mighty, His unshakeable Command. Beware lest the veils of the people prevent thee from the countenance of Truth. Arise to make mention and utterance amongst the concourse of creation. Say: O people! By God, the Promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty.

When We found thee stirred by the breezes of the days of God, We revealed unto thee this exalted Tablet, that thou mayest take it with strength from Us and speak it amongst the servants, that they might cast away their vain imaginings and turn unto the Dayspring of certitude. Say: O people! This is a Day wherein there is no refuge for anyone and no escape for any soul save unto God. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that for which ye were created, or veil yourselves from Him Who hath come with the truth with mighty sovereignty.

Say: Abandon the pond and turn ye unto the Most Great Ocean which surgeth in the name of God, the Lord of eternity. Then drink therefrom in His Name, Who hath dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: He remembereth you for the sake of God - to this beareth witness the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names, were ye of those who know.

The Tree of Knowledge hath been raised up by the command of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath hastened to its shade, turning away from the deluded ones. How many a mystic hath been barred from the Known One, how many a scholar kept far from the One known, and how many a heedless one hath turned unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The bounty is in God's hand - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth by His command. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Observe, then remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came with God's signs and His proof: the learned ones turned away from Him, the scholars objected to Him, yet those who had no renown among the people believed in Him. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And before Him, when the Spirit came with God's sovereignty and His command, the Jewish scholars turned away from Him, yet today all kings and sovereigns pride themselves in His Name. Such hath been God's way in the past and in the future, when the Manifestation of the Cause appeared from this luminous horizon.

How many a worshipper hath worshipped God through nights and days, yet when the Lord of all men appeared, denied Him and followed every ignorant remote one. And how many of the learned and the mystics discoursed of knowledge and wisdom, yet when the All-Merciful came, turned away from Him - these are indeed among the heedless ones.

Draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, detached from the nations and what they possess of Satan's whisperings. Say: That which ye possess of knowledge and wisdom profiteth you not today. The Dayspring of all knowledge hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, calling all unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Arise from the horizon of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Creator, then give glad tidings unto the people with wisdom and utterance through this Cause whereby the faces of those near unto God have been illumined. Do that which will profit thee today and thereby establish thy remembrance forever in the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

Grieve not over anything. Trust in Him; He will verily support thee with the truth and will open upon thy heart the gates of knowledge. He is, verily, the Ancient Bestower. Take the cup of life, detached from all existence, then drink therefrom in thy Lord's Name and fear not the idolaters.

Thus hath shone forth the Sun of Knowledge from the horizon of wisdom and utterance. Turn unto it with thy whole being and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having remembered me through the tongue of the Manifestation of Thyself, while He was imprisoned in the most desolate of lands, in the hands of the oppressors.

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I am He Who warbleth upon the twigs and calleth out in the heart of contingent being. In this hour hath descended the firm and mighty Command of God. O Land! Be thou gladdened, inasmuch as God hath adorned thee with the footsteps of His loved ones and honored thee through them in all conditions.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of Varqa, who circled round Me and soared in the atmosphere of My love and arose to serve My Cause, hath been received with the glances of loving-kindness. He mentioned Mirza ’Ata’u’llah, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise made mention of his household and the souls gathered therein. Blessed art thou, O ’Ata, and upon thee be glory from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and upon thy father, whom God made one of the horsemen in the arena of love and fellowship.

O Muhammad! The house wherein is raised the call of the loved ones and wherein they are occupied with the remembrance of God is, in the sight of God, the circling-place of the near angels. Blessed is the house wherein are diffused the fragrances of Revelation and wherein is raised the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

His honor the Hakim, upon him be the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been and is mentioned. Repeatedly hath the Trustee, upon him be My glory, made mention of him. We have revealed for him that which hath diffused the fragrance of God’s loving-kindness, the Goal of the mystics, and there hath flowed in his name from My Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of immortality. Say: Take it in My Name, then drink thereof in spite of those who have denied Baha and His sovereignty and His power and His might, whereby slumber hath fled from the eyes of the deniers.

O Hakim! This day is thy day. Arise from the horizon of silence, then speak forth My remembrance, whereby the call hath been raised from every direction. God hath come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty.

O Hakim! Upon thee be My glory! The doubters and transgressors have forbidden the servants from reciting the dawn prayer whose preface is adorned with this Most Exalted Name. With utmost clarity hath been mentioned that which causeth the hearts of the polytheists and the opposers to be consumed, for He saith that the Most Great Name is present and mentioned therein. Nevertheless, they have deprived the people of the outpourings of the True Bestower that lie hidden in those remembrances.

Say: O heedless one, O Shaykh, O son of Baqir! I speak truly and for the sake of God I speak - thou too listen for the sake of God. The blessed, luminous word “but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets” was concluded by the blessed word “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” Arise from thy slumber and behold the Kingdom of utterance circling round.

O Asad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Single, the One! We desired to make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who was named Nuru’llah in the Book of Names, that he might thank his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him in that which beseemeth His days and guide him to His path, whereon he walketh and speaketh in every condition. Verily, He is God; there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed is he and his father and his mother. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon them from the clouds of His grace the rains of His mercy and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy! O Pen! Turn thy face toward him who hath loved Me, who was named Mirza before Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. O Mahmud! The All-Praised One hath mentioned thee in this praiseworthy station. I testify that thou didst hear My call and didst attain unto My verses and didst turn toward My horizon when the servants turned away, save him whom the arm of My power did rescue. Thus was the matter decreed from before God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

We make mention too of the loved ones of that land who were present in that house. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give them to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness whereby neither the might of tyrants nor the ascendancy of pharaohs shall deter them. Today the essence of steadfastness is observed to be more precious and valuable than all the jewels of the world. This precious pearl must be preserved through the bounty of the blessed Word, for thieves and traitors lie in wait.

Blessed is he who hath cast away the dawning-places of idle fancies and taken that which he was bidden by God, the Goal of the sincere ones. My God, my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy loved ones lest the opposers prevent them from turning to the court of Thy might and the carpet of Thy bounty. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones to hold fast to the cord of Thy grace and to detach themselves from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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Thus We call unto thee from beyond the sea of grandeur, upon the crimson land, above the horizon of tribulation. Verily, no God is there save Him, the Almighty, the Most Generous. Walk thou steadfastly in My Cause and follow not the ways of those who, upon attaining unto the object of their desire, denied God, the Lord of Lords. Erelong shall He lay hold upon them in His wrath, and He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Subduing.

Know thou that, through the power of His sovereign might, God hath seized him who was the foremost amongst them that passed judgement against Us. When he saw his torment approaching, he fled to Paris to seek recourse to physicians.

“Is there none to help me?” he asked.

He was smitten upon the mouth and told: “There is no escape!”

And when he turned towards the angel of wrath, he well-nigh expired from fear. “I have a house full of riches,” he pleaded. “I have a palace on the Bosphorus, beneath which the rivers flow.”

The angel replied: “No ransom shall be accepted from thee on this day, even shouldst thou offer up all things visible and invisible. Hearest thou not the sighs of the kindred of God, whom thou didst cast into prison without proof or testimony? Thy deed hath provoked the lamentation of the inmates of Paradise, and of those who circle morn and eve round the Throne on high. The wrath of thy Lord hath descended upon thee, and stern is He in His chastisement!”

He made reply: “I held command over the people, and here is the mandate of my authority.”

“Hold thy peace, O denier of the Day of Judgement!”

He implored: “Is no respite possible so that I may send for my family?”

“Far from it, O disbeliever in the verses of God!”

Thereupon the keepers of the fathomless abyss called unto him: “The gates of Hell have opened wide to receive thee, O thou who hast turned away from thy Lord, the Unconstrained! Repair unto its fire, for it yearneth after thee. Hast thou forgotten, O rejected one, when thou wert the Nimrod of the age, how thy tyranny eclipsed the very cruelties of Pharaoh, the Lord of the Stakes? By God! Thine iniquity hath rent asunder the veil of sanctity and caused the pillars of heaven to tremble. Where canst thou find refuge now? Who shall protect thee from the dreadful scourge of thy Lord, the All-Compelling? There is no haven for thee in this Day, O ungodly doubter!” Whereupon the agony of death seized him and he saw no more. Thus did We lay hold on him in Our wrathful anger, and severe is thy Lord in His punishment.

Then an angel from the right hand of the Throne summoned him: “Behold the angel of affliction. Is there any place to flee to save hell, wherein the heart boileth?” And the angel of chastisement received his spirit, and a voice proclaimed: “Enter the bottomless pit which hath been promised in the Book, and whose existence thou didst day and night deny!”

Soon will We dismiss the one who was like unto him, and will lay hold on their Chief who ruleth the land, and I, verily, am the Almighty, the All-Compelling. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and extol thy Lord morn and eve. Suffer not the light of thy soul to be quenched by the calumnies of the one who was so blinded by Our bestowals as to turn away from God, the Lord of all names. He inspireth his devoted followers even as the Evil One prompteth his own. Erelong shalt thou behold him in evident loss both in this world and in the world to come. He, indeed, is among those whom an afflictive torment doth await. He dispatched an epistle to someone in that land, a writ of the workers of iniquity, in which he mocked God and recorded that which filled all created things with dismay. Say: Canst thou find anyone to protect thee when the wrath of God, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained, is visited upon thee?

Thus have We informed thee of that which lieth concealed within the hearts of men. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Arise for the triumph of this Cause, and gather together My loved ones. Help them to see the truth in this Day when the feet of men have slipped. Say: It behoveth every true believer to assist his Lord. He, verily, is your helper, while the people have no one to turn to in this Day.

Then We seized Mihdi, to whom We had promised divine chastisement in Our Books and Scriptures. When Our awful majesty encompassed him, he entreated: “May I not retrace my steps?”

A voice exclaimed: “Woe betide thee, O disbeliever in the Day of Resurrection! This is the nethermost fire, and its flames have been made to blaze for thee. Thou didst forsake all righteous deeds in thy vain and futile life, and now thou hast none to shield thee from God. Thou art indeed he who caused all hearts to be consumed and the Holy Spirit to lament.”

He pleaded: “Is there yet no refuge for me?”

“Nay, by my Lord, even shouldst thou seek recourse to every possible means!”

Thereupon he cried out in such distress as to cause the people of the graves to tremble, and was seized by the Hand of invincible power. A voice then proclaimed: “Return unto the seat of wrath in the fire of hell; wretched and evil be thine abode!”

Thus did We lay hold on him as We laid hold on those who preceded him. Behold their houses which We have left to the spiders, and take heed, O ye who are endued with understanding! He it is who opposed God, and for whom the verses of wrath were revealed in the Book. Blessed is he who readeth it and pondereth its contents, for a goodly end doth in truth await him.

Thus have We recounted unto thee the tale of the evil-doers, that thine eyes may be solaced. As for thee, there lieth in store naught but a blissful end.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Lord of the earth and heaven!

This is the Day whereon the Book speaketh, wherein the Sun discourseth, and wherein the Moon proclaimeth: “Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust! Glory be to God, the Lord of all creation! And sovereignty is God’s, the Lord of both the past and future!” Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and joy be unto him who hath hearkened, and woe betide every heedless doubter and every remote ignorant one.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, it draweth you unto a station whereon the Throne of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been established. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people are wandering distraught.

O concourse of loved ones in Rustaq and its surroundings! Hear ye the Call from the Prison of Akka. Verily, it hath been raised between earth and heaven, and it is the Sealed Wine which hath appeared and flowed forth through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and it is the Salsabil of divine knowledge for all creation, and the Symbol of Oneness amidst humanity. Blessed is he who hath turned and partaken and drunk through this Name, whereby the limbs of the heedless have trembled.

O My loved ones there! Cast aside vain imaginings and their manifestations, idols and their likes, and conjectures and their sources. Thus have We revealed the Cause and sent down that which hath attracted the hearts of those who are nigh unto God.

O concourse of loved ones! Can any among you cast behind him all names and set aside all that the people possess, turning unto the Kaaba of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy? Say: Nay, by Thy very Self, except through Thy might and power and sovereignty which have encompassed the first and the last.

O thou who art present before the Face and who drinketh the wine of revelation! Give glad tidings unto My loved ones of My remembrance, My loving-kindness, and My mercy which have preceded all things. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous One. He loveth His loved ones and

remembereth them with that which shall cause their names, deeds, and remembrances to endure in the Books of God, the Goal of all who know.

O Mas?ud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We bear witness that thou hast attained the ultimate goal and hast appeared before the Face, and hast witnessed the signs from their Dawning-Place and their Revealer, and the evidences from their Source. Know thou the station of this testimony which hath descended from the heaven of bounty as a favor from Him unto thee. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which hath been revealed from the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This is a Book that guideth mankind unto the Most Great Path and draweth them nigh unto the All-Knowing, the One. Say: O people! Take hold of the Book of God with His strength in such wise that neither all worldly things prevent you, nor the cawing of the cawers who have cast the Most Great Sea behind them, clinging to their own vain imaginings. Verily, they are among the most lost.

In this Book which speaketh before the faces of the servants, manifestation belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Read thou the Tablet unto My loved ones, then send it unto him who hath soared in My atmosphere and drunk the wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty, whom We have named in the Book as Javan-i-Ru?ani. Upon him be the everlasting Glory of God, that his eyes may be solaced by witnessing the traces of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ru?ani! Sorrows have encompassed Us, and there hath appeared from those who claimed to love Me and to hold fast unto My cord that which hath caused the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and every fair-minded, clear-sighted one. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and hath attained the glances of favor, as attesteth that which hath flowed from My mighty and wondrous Pen. Thy remembrance hath not ceased from My Most Great Prison. We have mentioned thee and have revealed for thee in the Tablets that which hath attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. We recall the days when thou wert present before the Face and didst hear the Call of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Wronged One, under the swords of the enemies, calleth thee and remembereth thee. Know thou the station of this bounty and be of the thankful ones.

We have been with thee in all conditions when thou wert speaking this wise Remembrance whereby the limbs of every remote polytheist have trembled. Say: O people! By God! Through His remembrance the world hath been perfumed, and through His arising the people have arisen to serve God, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Grieve not over anything, but trust in God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance is raised, and the place honored by the hearkening of My verses, and the heart that hath turned unto this luminous horizon. We have mentioned those with thee, both before and after, and We mention them at this time with verses that equal not the books of the people nor the treasuries of kings and rulers. Blessed is the ear that hath heard thy mention in this Great Announcement. Convey My remembrance, then deliver unto them what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord, the Ancient Sender.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be the Glory of God! That which His honour Haydar-'Ali - upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness and mercy - hath sent, hath been received. Blessed is he! In these days, fear hath so seized the people of that land that even in the darkness of night they inquire not about the Truth nor speak of Him - how much less in the day, and in the presence of the people. Therefore silence is preferable until such time as God shall open the gates of utterance unto all who dwell within the realm of possibilities. Should ye perceive from any quarter the fragrance of acceptance and love, entrust unto them the blessed Word; otherwise, God hath never been, nor is He now, in need of such souls. Their denial harmeth Him not, even as their faith profiteth Him not. The people of the world have, with their own hands, fashioned idols out of their vain imaginings and have named them "the learned." These manifestations of rancor and hatred, these dawning-places of tyranny and iniquity have, throughout the ages and centuries, visited upon the daysprings and fountainheads of knowledge that which hath caused the denizens of the cities of names and the Concourse on high to descend from the throne of glory to the dust of abasement. I speak the truth when I say that creation hath never been, nor is it now, worthy of these days, save for a few.

O Haydar! O thou who gazest upon the Most Great Scene! Faces are altered, hearts veiled, eyes inflamed, and ears stopped up. O people of Baha! The day is your day. The fewer the witnesses, the better. Despite those who have disbelieved and turned away, drink ye of that choice wine of utterance which is mingled with the tribulation of the Best-Beloved of all creation. Today the ocean of bounty and grace hath desired eternal life for all peoples, yet they accepted it not; nay rather, they have arisen to extinguish the divine light. They have transformed gratitude into complaint, and acceptance into cruelty. By the glory of Baha! They are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

O Haydar! Upon thee be the glory of God, and the glory of the heaven of My mercy, and the sun of My favors. The heedlessness of the people hath reached such a pass that the Kingdom of Utterance hath been bidden to silence. Several years before the Most Great Announcement, this binding command was revealed: "Be thou pulsating like an artery in the body of the contingent world," yet now it commandeth stillness. That which hath been and will be revealed from His presence is the truth, about which there is no doubt. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the All-Informed.

The command for promotion hath been firmly revealed, and wisdom hath necessitated the prohibition of proceeding to the land of ?a. The second hath not abrogated the first. If ye act with wisdom and carry out that which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Divine Book, it will assuredly be accepted and confirmed before the Wronged One. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which hath been revealed in the Book of his Lord, the Commander, the All-Knowing. However, proceeding to that land must be undertaken with wisdom, for should some become aware of it, it might cause commotion. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect thee even as He hath protected thee, for He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Trusted One.

The friends whom thou didst mention - the name of each hath been heard, and at this moment the glance of loving-kindness is directed towards each one. May the True One, exalted be His glory, assist them. By My life! They have attained unto My mention, which nothing in existence can equal, not even all

the treasures of the earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give them glad tidings from the Wronged One and remind them of My days, My verses, My evidences, that which hath flowed from My Pen, that which the tongue of My wisdom hath spoken, that which the mouth of My knowledge hath uttered, and that which hath befallen My Person for the exaltation of My Word and the manifestation of My straight Path.

Permission hath previously been granted to construct whatever buildings and stores they wish in the place mentioned, and likewise to engage in commerce, but discussion of this matter is not now permitted. Silence is preferable. Should any word be uttered, whatsoever they mention regarding persecution would be acceptable in the sight of God; otherwise, patience is preferable until such time as God shall open the gate of remembrance and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

As to their intention to proceed to the direction of their goal, there is no objection if wisdom so requireth. The matter is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Hearer, the Answerer.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the Divine Countenance be upon thee and upon those who have arisen and have said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths.”

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He is God! O thou who art a penetrating and sincere seeker! Ascend unto the heights of divine wisdom, then enter the paradise of heavenly spirituality and seek shelter beneath the shade of the Blessed Tree which hath been planted in the midst of paradise, that its spiritual and mystical fruits may shower upon thee and thou mayest witness the signs of thy Lord in this blessed garden, wherein God hath ordained that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard, for it was veiled from sight and hidden from vision, save from him whom God hath shown the Kingdom of the Spirit and caused to stand firm upon the straight path.

Know thou that the question thou hast asked hath explanations and interpretations that cannot be set forth today, nor can ears bear to hear them, for souls are veiled by veils of darkness and eyes are covered by a veil of fire. How can these birds, wounded by the arrows of hatred, soar in the atmosphere of inner meanings and explanation, or warble their wondrous melodies upon the branches? Yet, as I found thy honour thirsting for the waters of divine knowledge and yearning for the pure and flowing spring in the garden of oneness, my heart was moved to mention to thee a word of that which God hath cast into the hearts of the sincere ones.

Know thou that spirits are divided into the animal spirit, the human spirit, the divine spirit, and the heavenly spirit. As for the animal spirit, which is shared between man and animal, it is perishable in itself and becomes non-existent when bodies perish and forms dissolve, for it is of material elements. Since its substance is subject to non-existence and changeable through the passage of time, it must inevitably perish.

The human spirit, which is the rational soul that distinguishes man from animal, is not of the physical elements but rather of spiritual substance that is not subject to corruption. It is tormented when veiled from God, its Lord, and prevented from beholding its Creator and perceiving His signs in the worlds of souls and horizons. It has the power to comprehend all things and encompasses the realities of all contingent beings as they are, should it turn to the center of guidance among the concourse of creation; otherwise it descends into the depths of ignorance and blindness and falls to the lowest levels of error and misguidance.

The divine spirit, which is of God's command, represents the holy power, divine confirmations, heavenly assistance, divine knowledge, and celestial sciences with which God aids whomsoever He willeth among His righteous servants. Through it they attain mystic revelations and undoubted visions, win the complete preceding mercy and abundant grace, enter the garden of oneness and the divine paradise, and rejoice and delight in what God hath given them of His bounty, thanking Him for His favors and blessings.

As for the heavenly spirit, it is a holy essence, a perfect word, a complete sign, the mystery of existence, and the reality hidden from the eyes of all beings. It is the Supreme Pen, the Most Merciful Soul, and the manifestation of Truth from the dawning-place of creation and its sun at the point of invention. This is specifically for the Prophets in the worlds of creation.

Besides these spirits which I have explained and mentioned to thee, God hath created spirits beyond count or reckoning, including the vegetable spirit, the celestial spirit, the spirit of might, and the intellectual spirit. Likewise, among the Prophets there are shared spirits and specific spirits, such as the Faithful Spirit which is specific to the Most Exalted Word and the Supreme Pen, Muhammad, the Messenger of God, peace be upon Him, as God the Exalted said: "The Faithful Spirit descended upon thy heart." However, were we to explain this, pages would not suffice nor could ears bear to hear it, therefore we conclude our words at this point and consider it sufficient.

O noble seeker! By My life, if thou didst inhale the fragrance of faithfulness, I would cast upon thee a word which, shouldst thou hear it, would cause thee to soar in an atmosphere wherein thou wouldst hear from the rustling of its winds that there is no God but Him. But at this time the tongues of the nightingales of truth have grown weary of uttering wondrous melodies. Rather, divine wisdom flows from hearts to breasts as the spirit flows through souls. Well said the poet: "I have been alone with the Beloved, and between us was a secret more subtle than the breeze when it flows."

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In the name of the One Who is the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O thou who speaketh in praise, making mention of God, the Lord of all names! That which thou didst compose hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present hath recited it. We heard it and responded to thee at that time with an utterance that illumined the horizon of the heaven of understanding, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of the worlds. Clear proofs have appeared, verses have been sent down, and that which was recorded in the Books of God hath come to pass, and yet most of the people remain heedless. Blessed is he who, being strong, hath cast away vain imaginings and aided the Cause of his Lord

with wisdom and utterance. He is indeed of the people of the Crimson Ark, whose decree hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in a preserved tablet. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, whom neither the opposition of the divines nor of the rulers hath kept back from this Straight Path.

Say: O concourse of servants! Be fair before God - if ye deny God's proof and testimony in this Revelation, by what evidence can your own faith be established? Bring it forth, and be not of them that deny. This is a Day wherein the proof calleth aloud and the evidence crieth out. By God! The horizon of knowledge hath been illumined by the dawning-light of the appearance of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Fear God, and be not of them that hesitate. The cry hath been raised, the rock hath cried out, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath called, yet the people remain in strange slumber. The world hath so deluded them that they have been kept back from the Lord of all beings. By the life of God! Soon shall all they behold today perish, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Gracious.

The whole world hath been, and still is, awaiting the days of His manifestation, and in the nights and days they have been seeking and yearning to attain His presence and to comprehend the Day mentioned in the divine Books. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the dawn of His Revelation, all were found heedless and veiled, save whom thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth, did please.

Today all things are stirred and in motion through the breaths of the divine days. The tongue of the winds proclaimeth "The Messenger hath come," and the tongue of the morning declareth "The Cleaver of the Dawn hath appeared," and the Mount calleth out and saith: "By God! The Speaker hath appeared with a command before which none on earth can stand." To this testifieth every hearing and seeing one. All bear witness to the transience of the world and behold its vicissitudes and transformations at all times. Yet they are so occupied with it that they have not hearkened to the cry and the call. Ere long shall all return to their graves with the utmost regret and remorse, and they shall find for themselves neither helper nor supporter.

God willing, may the friends of Truth who have drunk of the choice-sealed wine and are illumined by the lights of the Sun of certitude, enlighten the people with wisdom, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the heaven of grace and the ocean of loving-kindness. Whosoever is today nourished by the fruits of the tree of the Supreme Pen is reckoned among the people of the right hand and of certitude in the perspicuous Book. The cawing and croaking of the world's people shall not keep him back from the Most Great Name and the Lord of Eternity. Beseech ye God that He may cause all to attain unto this most exalted and sublime station. He is, verily, the Munificent, the Gracious.

That which hath appeared from thy realm of attention in praise of the Truth, the servant present hath mentioned, and it hath attained the honor of being heard and accepted. In truth, these words are from the imperishable treasures preserved for thee with God. This is naught but a mighty favor. Give thanks unto God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and Purpose of the nations, for having created me and manifested me and caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration, the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, and the Repository of Thy knowledge, and for having caused me to speak His praise in days wherein every learned one denied Him, every judge pronounced sentence against Him, and

every ruler turned away from Him, save those whom the hand of Thy power and might did rescue. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to celebrate Thy praise and glory amongst Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones among Thy servants who did not break Thy covenant and Thy testament, and who arose to serve Thee in such wise that the hosts could not prevent them from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all existence. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Samandar! That which thou didst write in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, was presented before the Countenance. God willing, may all the friends of God be blessed with his remembrance. One word of his words is more beloved in the sight of God than whatsoever is on earth. Blessed are those souls who have attained unto it and been enabled to preserve it. Many matters today remain veiled due to the lack of capacity of the servants, and for this reason they remain deprived of recognizing the Sun of Truth. Soon will the one who has turned towards Him behold himself in the most exalted station, and the one who has turned away in the lowest depths. That which is beloved today is steadfastness in the Cause of God, and none shall attain unto the supreme steadfastness save through the complete obliteration of idle fancies. Blessed is the one who hath broken their idols! Today no matter, no mention, no description, and no book sufficeth anyone save the Preserved Book and the Inscribed Tablet which speaketh before all faces: “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

Though the True One, exalted be His glory and magnificence, hath rent asunder the veils of creation with the finger of His Will, yet it is observed that they have become entangled in other veils. The people of the Bayan, those souls who have turned away from the Water of Life, are seen to be more veiled than the people of the Furqan. They have desired to extinguish the light of the All-Merciful with the winds of fancy and vain imaginings. Fie upon them and upon those who have led them astray! By the life of God! The entirety of the Bayan was revealed for this Manifestation, and were this not the intended purpose, not a single word of it would have been revealed. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the cooing of the Dove of the Cause upon the branches.

Be vigilant regarding the Cause at all times and be mindful of wisdom in all matters. This is a firm command sent down from the Kingdom of the Ancient King. It is the supreme cause and the means of elevation. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it and acted according to that which hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what thou didst write about the ascension of the uncle of Muhammad-Qabil-i-Rahim, We make mention of him as a bounty from Our presence, and We are the All-Knowing Remembrancer. O Samandar! The Lord of Destiny beareth witness that he believed in God and turned with his heart toward the Most Great Scene, this glorious and impregnable station. He is among those who heard the call of God and turned unto Him when every learned one turned away. The Glory shining from the horizon of

eternity be upon thee, O thou who hast turned toward the Supreme Horizon and turned away from those who denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in My testimony for thee, for it shall be with thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Gracious. Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of the garment and for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily, thou art in the Supreme Companion, and the Lord of all creation maketh mention of thee in such wise that its fragrance hath wafted between the heavens and the earth.

O Samandar! We console thee and his family with verses that have brought joy to the eyes of those near unto God. We have mentioned all the souls mentioned in thy letter with the most wondrous remembrances, and those mentioned in the letter of Kadkhuda, upon him be the glory of God, written in the name of Mahdi - all have been honored with the adorning mention of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they, again blessed are they! Happy are they, again happy are they! God willing, may all be seen in perfect unity and concord. This is the cause of glory, loftiness, and exaltation of the friends of God. Convey greetings to all from the True One. God willing, may all act in accordance with what He loveth and approveth. The reward of no one hath been nor shall be lost. All that hath flowed from the Divine Pen in the Book shall come to pass, as most already hath, and all have witnessed. Be assured, O My loved ones, of My grace, My mercy, and My loving-kindness. Verily, He is with you in all conditions and commandeth you to that which will manifest your stations among His servants. Verily, He is the Possessor of Creation. His is the creation and the command, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention at the end of this Tablet of Our servant Javad and give him the glad-tidings of Our attention to him and Our remembrance of him, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who was named Muhammad-Qabil-'Ali and upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

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In the Name of the Desire of the worlds!

O Muhammad! Praise be to God that on a Day which is illumined by the lights of His countenance and which is known in the divine Books as the Day of God, thou hast attained the presence of the Wronged One. This is a station which all the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise and the dwellers of the holy precincts have sought after. By the life of God! The Pen of all possibility is powerless and inadequate to make mention of it. Preserve thy station through the Name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, inasmuch as those who circle round must at all times be observant of the divine Command and Will. These are they of whom He saith: "They speak not until He hath spoken." Their hearing awaiteth the word "Listen," their eyes await the blessed word "Behold," and their tongues stand ready for the manifestation of the word "Speak," for such souls are extinct in themselves, in what they possess, in their will and desire, and are focused upon, speak of, utter and stand firm in that which God hath willed.

O Muhammad! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, drawn thee nigh, caused thee to hear and to speak on a Day whereon the servants have turned away, save those whom He wished and desired. Verily

thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The numerous letters which the friends of God addressed to thee were presented by this servant in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may all attain unto the eternal bounty which in one instance hath been interpreted as the Divine Word. This exalted Word hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book: "Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God in His days," for whosoever attaineth unto divine mention, that mention appeareth as a lamp before his face, manifest, evident, bright and visible in all the worlds. Consider now the greatness of this station. Blessed are they that attain! All the souls who were mentioned in the letters have attained unto the divine mention and been honored by His Word. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is.

Specifically for each one hath a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet been sent down from the heaven of Will. Beseech and implore God that He may enable all to preserve this station whose greatness the Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged. His honor Mirza and his honor Siyyid, upon them be the Glory of God, made mention of the presence of holy, assured souls. Blessed are they, their gathering, and the place which hath been honored by their presence and hath heard their voices in the remembrance of God, their Beloved and their Goal. God willing, may the fragrance of unity continually waft from them, and may they exert their utmost endeavor with perfect wisdom to promote the Cause in both the night season and the day.

Whatsoever hath come to pass and become manifest in these days had already been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is of the assured ones. Today the assured and mighty souls must bestow upon all the living waters of the Cause of the Lord of creation. The people are heedless and debarred from the ocean of knowledge. Consider the followers of the Qur'an, how they were veiled and kept far removed by the vain sayings of the ancients. The Sun of certitude is shining and the ocean of knowledge is surging, yet they still cling to the people of conjecture and hold fast to the hem of idle fancies. This is the Day whereon the books of the first and the last depend upon the recognition of this Most Great Revelation. All things are known through Him, while He is self-subsisting, manifest and known of Himself. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized, and woe unto every sinful denier.

In all the previous Books this station is specifically reserved for this Revelation. If eyes were to be found and ears were to be seen, thou wouldst hear and witness that which God hath testified to, and wouldst acknowledge that which the Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged. O Muhammad! Know thou what We have imparted unto thee as a favor from Our presence, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. From this spot We send Our greetings unto thee and unto those whose letters were presented before the Wronged One and who have shown steadfastness in this Most Great, Most Wondrous, Most Glorious and Most Wise Cause.

O thou who circlest round the Prison! Give glad-tidings unto the friends of God concerning that which hath been revealed, that all may rejoice through divine bounty and arise to do that which beseemeth the Days of God. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth as He desireth. There is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One Who is Bountiful and Generous.

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He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Mahdi! Hearken unto the call of God which hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison, summoning all to a station which God hath sanctified from the idle fancies of the polytheists and the insinuations of the doubters, who have cast the Covenant of God and His Testament behind their backs and have uttered that which hath caused every fair-minded soul to lament and the tears to flow from the eyes of them that circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The Wronged One hath ascended the throne of Sinai and hath proclaimed unto all who are in the heavens and on earth that which draweth them nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and preserveth them from such as have reclined upon the cushions of tyranny and whom the ornaments of the world have deluded, until they denied the Lord of all beings, Who came from the heaven of bounty with the standards of His signs.

O Muhammad-Kazim! Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, Who desireth naught but the reformation of the world and the edification of the nations, to illumine my face with the lights of Thy countenance and my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. Adorn my head with the crown of detachment and my temple with the robe of godliness. Thou art, verily, the Possessor of all things, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God. Say: O people, fear ye this Day! By God, that which was treasured in God's knowledge and concealed in His Books and Scrolls, and hidden from eyes and sight, hath been made manifest.

O Hasan-Qabli-'Ali! This is the Day whereon the ocean of oneness hath surged and whereon the Ark of God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, hath sailed. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and its ornaments and all that is therein, and hath held fast unto it and clung to the hem of the robe of his Lord's mercy, the Lord of the Final Return.

O Muhammad! Sanctify thine ear from the tales of bygone ages that thou mayest hear that which hath been raised from the Most Exalted Summit, the station which God hath made the circling-point of Sinai and the dawning-places of Revelation. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen revealed that which was treasured within it, as a command from God, the Lord of all men.

O Abu'l-Hasan! Upon thee and upon My loved ones be My glory and My loving-kindness. Dost thou hear the call from the Most Sublime Horizon? This is the call whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have been enraptured. Well is it with him who hath turned and attained, and woe betide every heedless doubter.

O Husayn! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, it will draw thee nigh unto My Kingdom and acquaint thee with My Message and My Path, and will aid thee to soar in My atmosphere and enable thee to serve My Cause, whereby the pillars of the people and all in the land were shaken, save those whom God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, did preserve.

O ’Ali! The Light hath shone forth and the Temple of Revelation hath been established upon the throne of Sinai. Thus hath the call been raised from every direction: “The Kingdom is God’s, then the Power is His, then the Greatness is His.” Blessed is he who hath turned with a luminous face and an illumined heart to the Most Sublime Station.

O Javad! The helpless servants in these days are bewildered in the wilderness of doubts and idle fancies, and Hadi-i-Dawlatabadi, like the people of old, is nurturing this party. Say: Fear thou God, glorified be His majesty, and follow not the ways of them that are lost in fancy. Say: O Hadi! Present thyself before the Face that thou mayest hear what the world’s ear hath not heard since the beginning that hath no beginning. Present thyself that thou mayest behold that which hath no likeness or parallel. By the life of God! Baha counseleth thee for the sake of God, and desireth from thee and from the world neither recompense nor thanks.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Isma’il! Hear the call from the precincts of ’Akka. Verily, it attracteth thee to the Most Sublime Horizon and draweth thee nigh unto Him Whom the power of princes hath not weakened, nor the might of divines frightened, nor the dominion of any oppressor deterred, nor the opposition of any rejecter hindered, nor the cawing of any crow impeded, nor the denial of those whose deeds have prevented them from acknowledging and testifying.

O Husayn! Hear thou the counsel of God and act according to that which thou hast been commanded. Beware lest the veils of the wicked prevent thee, or the clouds of them who heard the call and denied it, and who witnessed the signs and rejected them, enshroud thee. They are indeed servants who have cast the Truth behind their backs and have embraced that which they were forbidden in the Mother Book.

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O Thou at Whose most sweet call the spirits of the pure ones were attracted, and through Whose spiritual melodies the hearts of those who dwell in the Eternal Realm were filled with rapture! Through the manifestation of Thy Most Great Name the peoples were divided: the essences ascended to the loftiest heights, while the accidents remained in the nethermost earth. At the appearance of the mention of Thy Hidden Name, the faces of the lovers are set ablaze, the hearts of those attracted are enkindled, the hearts of those who love are moved, and the eyes of the yearning ones overflow with longing. Then blackened are the faces of those who turned away from Thy Most High, Most Great Beauty. Through the revelation of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the dawn of manifestation broke forth and the breeze of forgiveness wafted over all things hidden and manifest. Through the removal of the veils of glory from the face of the Divine Exemplar and the rising of the Luminary of Beauty from the horizon of majesty, the people of Baha drank of the Kawthar of meeting, then the purest nectar, then the crimson wine, then the water of life, then the stream of grace and bounty, then the fountain of eternity, then the crystal-clear

waters from the hands of bestowal, then the subtle darkness from the cup of healing, then the hidden milk from the pearl of Thy Most Hidden, Most Concealed Name.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Throne and the Cloud, for having caused these subtle, delicate, sweet, compelling, penetrating, flowing rivers to stream forth from the direction of the throne of Thy oneness and the ocean of Thy Self-Subsistence for Thy loved ones and the people of Thy Cause, who have purified their eyes from gazing upon aught else but Thee and have freed their hearts, their souls and their spirits for the revelations of the Sun of Thy knowledge. Then praise be unto Thee, above all praise, O my God, for having enabled them to be steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and submissive to all that proceeded from Thee. This one, O my God, who at Thy glorious throne was named Nabil ibn Nabil - upon him be the waves of Thy favors and whatsoever beseemeth the billows of Thy generosity and bounty - hastened with his whole being to the court of Thy mercy until he attained all the good Thou hadst ordained in Thy Book. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy two Most Great, Most Mighty Names, since Thou hast honored him with arrival at the city of Thy presence and the Ka'bih of Thy meeting twice, to distinguish him with a third time as a favor from Thee, that the word concerning him may be fulfilled and Thy blessing upon him perfected, though Thou hadst already fulfilled Thy word to him and completed Thy blessing upon him. Yet this is grace upon grace, and favor upon favor. And if that be not ordained due to outward impediments, then send down from the heaven of Thy Will that which would establish its reward for him in Thy mighty tablets, for verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Protector, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

O my God! Among Thy near ones who love Thee were those who numbered there according to the letters of Thy Most High Name. One of them departed and two remained. Therefore, strengthen them with their third, O my Lord, the Most Merciful, that the encompassing lights of Thy Word, which Thou didst send down through the tongue of Thy Beloved before all things, may take their station. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over what Thou willest and the Doer of what Thou desirest. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy love!

The letter adorned with mention of the Lord of Eternity, which was inscribed by the firm, steadfast pen of certitude and assurance, arrived and was beheld. And whatsoever was recorded therein of the melodies of the birds of Paradise and the doves of the celestial garden in praise and supplication to the Beloved was presented and mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. The blessed Word, which was the source, spring and mine of infinite bounties, appeared from the horizon of the Mouth of Will, gazed with the glance of favor, and was directed toward thee. Blessed is the letter that was read before the Throne and whose praise of His mighty, beauteous Self was heard by the Divine Ear. O my spirit be a sacrifice for thee, O beloved one, for the Tongue of Grandeur spoke concerning thee that which perfumed all existence, both seen and unseen.

Furthermore, whatsoever was expressed regarding the stations of powerlessness and nothingness in the presence of the Branches, Leaves and Twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree was presented at their holy, glorious feet. They showed perfect favor and spoke with wondrous, sublime mention and most high, exalted glorification, which this servant is to convey from their blessed tongue. Verily, He is the Bearer of mercy and the Sender down of blessing to whomsoever He willeth among His near servants. Verily, the Glory be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon those who love you in truth and certitude.

The Servant

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath manifested, revealed, sent down and made clear His Revelation, His sovereignty, His verses and His path. And peace and blessings be upon the Dawning-Place of His names, the Dayspring of His attributes, the Source of His knowledge, the Wellspring of His Cause, and the Manifestation of His commandments and ordinances, through Whom the law of unity was established in the world and the mystery of oneness among the nations. Through Him God opened the door of hope to all in earth and heaven, through Him the light appeared and the mystery of the Mount was revealed. Were it not for Him the mysteries of eternity would not have been unveiled nor would the station of nations have been exalted - He Who was named Muhammad in the kingdom of names - and upon His family and companions whom God made the lamps of His guidance, the banners of His victory, the signs of His Cause, the manifestations of His power and the evidences of His might. Through them God conquered the world and His Cause flowed among the nations. And upon those who entered beneath their shadow, drank the choice wine of their love, tasted the sweetness of their utterance, and circled round their Cause in support of God's religion and the exaltation of His Word.

Thereafter, the servant hath received your letter, and before it your other letter, and every letter therein spoke of your mention and praise. Our purpose and your purpose and the purpose of all in the heavens and earth… [prayer section already translated above]

I ask God the Exalted to assist me and your honors in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of all creation, there is no God but He, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By thy life, O my beloved, thy mention brings me joy as though it were a herald bearing me glad tidings. The servant asks his Lord to enable him to manifest what is in his heart and reveal what was hidden in his inner being regarding the degrees of his love and affection for you. Verily He is powerful over all things.

As for what you mentioned regarding Darvish Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be God's peace, We have sent him that which diffuses the fragrance of grace and favors. And regarding what you mentioned about Aqa Ahmad, upon him be God's grace and bounty - excellent is what you intended regarding separation and detail lest there appear what is not befitting. The matter is known, uncovered, evident, requiring no mention or proof. The servant asks his Lord to preserve His servants and assist them in virtuous conduct. Verily He is the Creator, there is no God but He, the Ruler over what He wills, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. I send greetings to the beloved ones and ask God the Mighty, the Praiseworthy for their protection and success. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honors and upon our brothers and beloved ones and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the 7th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1302

To his honor, the beloved of the heart, Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be 69 [Baha'u'llah] and His care. I convey greetings. At this time his letter was received and became a crown of joy. As there was no new matter, the response will be offered, God willing, at the time of meeting. As commanded, his honor the Afnan Aqa Siyyid Mu?sin, upon him be God's most exalted peace, is preparing in detail - they are departing and they are arriving. May the Desired One bless both the going and coming. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. And peace and praise be upon his honor and upon every steadfast believer.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself in the horizons, at one time through His Name, the Best-Beloved, whereupon the hearts of His lovers were set ablaze with longing for His presence, and at another time through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, whereupon the veils of fancy were consumed and knowledge was confounded. Through Him the near ones arose to celebrate His praise and remembrance, and through Him every one that standeth hath stood firm, every speaker hath spoken, and every seeker hath turned unto Him. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath manifested Himself unto all creation through all His names, as a token of His grace. He is verily the Omnipotent Who hath ever been in the heights of glory, might, and majesty, and will ever continue to be what He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O beloved! I have received thy letter, and this evanescent servant became aware of it at a time when my heart was burning, mine eyes were weeping, and my tongue was crying out at seeing the people heedless of the Living Waters and turning away from the remembrance of the All-Merciful, through Whom the Hidden was revealed and the Treasured Secret was disclosed. I know not by what countenance they who have turned away from the Face of God, after all else hath perished, can yet turn, and how long they shall wait. Woe and destruction be upon them for what they have earned for themselves on this Day which God hath sanctified above all other days.

In truth, it is a source of a hundred thousand wonderments that while the ocean of divine favors is surging, the Sun of inner meanings is shining, and the heaven of bounty is raised high, all remain veiled, occupied with their own idle fancies and rejoicing therein. They have cast aside the Most Pure Wine and have taken the murky dregs. They drink thereof and perceive not.

In such a state as hath been mentioned, this evanescent servant attained unto thy luminous letter. Verily, the sweet fragrances of divine love were inhaled therefrom, perfuming the nostrils of the soul. I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to confirm thee at all times that thou mayest be engaged in the service of the Cause of God.

Regarding what thou didst write concerning the deputy of the maternal uncle of his honor the Emigrant - upon them both be the Glory of God - it brought the utmost joy and delight. God willing, may they ever drink from the ocean of divine bounty and be engaged in His remembrance, that the ears of true divine

knowledge may sprout forth from their hearts. Convey my greetings unto them on behalf of this evanescent one. Likewise, regarding his honor Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, God willing, he will soon turn with the utmost devotion.

O beloved of my soul! There hath never been and will never be any refuge, shelter, protector or asylum for anyone. Ere long thou shalt witness how all will turn toward the horizon of divine bounty. Most people are unaware and know not what matter hath appeared in the world. How many of the divines and worshippers who were in complete rejection last year, and this year their petitions of return, supplication and repentance have reached the Most Holy Court! Were all who are on earth to gather together in the hour when verses are sent down from the heaven of the Will of our Lord, the All-Bountiful, they would surely confess their impotence, shortcoming, and ignorance, and the power of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting - let alone any other station.

In any case, at an appropriate time this evanescent servant attained the Most Holy Presence and presented thy spiritual letter and its contents. From the horizon of grace, bounties were observed in person concerning thee and the souls mentioned therein. Previously also, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for thee and sent through his honor the Trustee - upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, thou wilt attain unto it. Likewise, thy other letter which thou hadst written through his honor the Khan - upon him be the Glory of God - arrived and brought the utmost joy. The response thou hadst mentioned therein was also presented. The lips of the Beloved smiled, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying: “Blessed is he for what he hath attained. It behooveth him to thank his Lord, the Bestower, the Generous, at all times.” His honor the Name of God M.H. - upon him be the Glory of God - mentioned thee in the Most Holy Presence. Blessed art thou for this supreme attainment.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is one in might, power and majesty, and single in grandeur, strength and glory. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of all created things and shall forever remain exalted above the description of all beings. He hath made manifest the Way and made clear the Evidence, and hath called out with the most exalted Call between earth and heaven, summoning all to His most glorious horizon and His most resplendent station. Among the people are those who were attracted by His verses and acknowledged His sovereignty; among them are those who were thunderstruck by the Call, then recovered through the sweet savors of the manifestation of the Lord of Names; and among them are those who were thunderstruck and recovered not - these are accounted among the dead in the Book of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath made manifest from the Point the standing Alif, and verily it is the One standing upon the two Causes, manifest with the two Names, speaking of the mystery of the

Manifestation in the two Most Great Remembrances, and appearing between the two Letters. By the first were the heavens folded up, and by the other were new heavens raised up. Exalted be God, the Lord of all mankind, through Whom the signs appeared, the stones glorified Him, and all created things between the earths and the heavens spoke. The Promised One hath appeared and the Worshipped One hath shone forth from His praiseworthy station upon all existence, both the unseen and the seen, through His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. Blessed is he who hath turned to this most luminous station and recognized the favor of God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Woe unto him who hath turned away and denied - he is of those who have gone astray, fallen into error, turned aside and become wretched.

I pray and glorify those who have cast away vain imaginings, abandoned idols, turned to the Lord of all beings, arose to serve His Cause, spoke His praise, chose His good-pleasure, attained His presence, and drank the choice wine of reunion with Him. These are among the firm ones, the steadfast, the upright. Upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds.

My spirit be a sacrifice for the burning fire of Thy love! The representation of this evanescent servant is that for some time no trace of your epistolary pen has passed before me. Some time ago this servant submitted a petition and dispatched it from the direction of Ha. A few days ago when his honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God, was departing, this servant found no opportunity, as from the Source of Command came the command for his remaining in this land, and later he himself decided to go to attend to his affairs and return quickly. As he departed suddenly, this servant had no chance to submit a petition. And now, as the Tablets of God were being sent to the land of Sad and that land, therefore this brief missive was ventured. It is hoped to be pardoned.

God willing, through the sweet savors of your utterance, may all the dead in those regions be adorned with the garment of eternal life and the everlasting robe. Although the people are observed to be in such heedlessness that its mention is beyond both pen and tongue, yet the divine Will and Purpose has been and shall ever be triumphant and all-pervading. Furthermore, this evanescent servant conveys greetings to your relatives, both male and female, young and old, and likewise to the loved ones of that land. I beseech and hope from the Truth that He may cause all the loved ones to be enkindled with the fire of His love, that all on earth may be set ablaze by the warmth of their love and turn to the most exalted horizon.

Another submission is that all those circumambulating offer limitless greetings to your honor. The blessed Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will and dispatched. God willing, may they attain unto them. One Most Holy, Most Glorious Tablet was revealed specifically for your honor and was sent a few days ago in the company of his honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God, and this time it is specifically for those related to your honor.

Verily the glory, the praise, the spirit and the glorification be upon you, O thou who hast turned unto God and remained steadfast in His firm and mighty Cause, and upon those who are with thee and love thee for the sake of God, the King, the Omnipotent, the All-Pervading, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant of God

19 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1292

I glorify the honored friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the eternal glory of God, with stirring salutations from the Most Holy, Most Glorious Paradise. He has always been the object of the Most Great gaze and God willing, shall ever be.

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To Mulla Sadiq of Baku

In His Name, Who is sanctified above the mention of what was and what shall be!

Praise be to God Who is unique in His grandeur and peerless in His Word, through Whose manifestation the Reality hath appeared, the Hour hath come to pass, and the tongues of all things have spoken in the Kingdom of creation. That which was recorded in the Books of God and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets hath been made manifest.

O Sadiq! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee as a token of His grace, that He may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt acknowledge that which God Himself acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and the earth, and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is the Day wherein the decree of the Meeting hath been fulfilled and the ocean of attainment hath surged, yet most of the people remain heedless. This is the Day whereof every Prophet and every Messenger from God, the Lord of the worlds, gave glad-tidings.

Say: O people! He hath come Who cannot be indicated by the signs of creation nor walketh in their ways. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path. This is the Day that hath adorned the Scrolls of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, that thou mayest lead the people out of darkness into light and give them glad-tidings of the days of God. This is the Day wherein it behooveth every seeker to be in such wise that neither the books of the world nor the veils of the nations can hinder him. He speaketh and calleth out amongst the servants. This is the Day whereof God gave tidings, the Day whereon mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. By My life! The kingdom on that Day shall be God's, yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil. We bear witness that they are in evident smoke. The clouds of idle fancy have encompassed their hearts inasmuch as they have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Blessed is he who is adorned this Day with the lights of certitude, turning away from those who doubt this Day, whereof the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of the heavens and the earth. This is the Day whereon thy Lord hath come and the angels rank on rank. Thus did the Tongue of Revelation speak aforetime, and thus did this Pen foretell - the Pen through whose movement the fragrance of utterance was wafted to all lands and all things proclaimed: "The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty." This is the Day whereon the Caller calleth out from every direction: "To whom belongeth the Kingdom this Day? To God, the One, the Almighty!" This is the Day whereon the mountains have been moved and

every pregnant one hath cast her burden. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Luminous Station.

Say: By God! This is the Day of Distinction. And what shall make thee understand what the Day of Distinction is? Woe on that Day to the deniers who deny the Day of Judgment! None denieth it save every transgressor, every sinful one. This is the Day whereon the Interlocutor of Sinai hath spoken, whereon the Trump hath been blown, those in the graves have been raised, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, except whom God hath willed, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Say: O people! Have ye forgotten what one of My chosen ones spoke aforetime, saying: “Await ye the appearance of the Interlocutor of Moses from the Tree upon the Mount”? These are words which the Messenger of God taught him, from the presence of Him Who sent him with the truth and aided him through the Spirit of Certainty.

O Sadiq! Behold, then remember My days and what hath befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. Tribulations have encompassed Me in all conditions, until the heedless cast Us into this Great Prison. When We entered it, We conveyed unto kings and subjects that which My Will had preceded and which had appeared from the horizon of My all-compelling Will over the worlds. Therein did sorrows overtake Us which none knoweth save God - to this every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness. When those days were concluded, God transformed it into the Most Exalted Paradise and named it the Heaven of heavens. Thus was the matter decreed in a preserved Tablet. And it hath another episode which, were I to mention it, would cause grief to seize every faithful seeker.

Say: O people! Be fair before God - if ye deny this Cause which hath dawned from the Supreme Horizon, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of utterance, that thou mayest find and thank thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

When thou hast received My Book and hearkened unto what My Pen hath spoken, turn thy face toward My direction and say: “I testify that Thou hast come for the life of the world, and through Thy mention the horizon of the Kingdom of God’s utterance, the Lord of all worlds, hath been adorned.”

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As for what you wrote regarding Our name “the All-Bountiful,” that you have secluded yourself with Him and recognized that His good pleasure is the good pleasure of your Lord - excellent is what you have recognized, and you are among those who know. Remain there, then remind those who come to you, then convey to them what God has conveyed to you, and be among those who speak concerning the Cause of their Lord. Strive within yourself to remain steadfast in the love of your Master, for soon the winds of difference will blow from every direction - then be not disturbed, but take shelter in the shadow of the protection of your Lord. Thus have We taught you and distinguished you, that you may give thanks to God, your Lord, and be among the thankful ones. And the glory be upon you and upon those who have detached themselves from all else and turned with their hearts to this holy and beloved Scene.

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O Temple! Be glad in thyself, for We have built thee from the tablets of the Utterance, reared thee through the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and sanctified thee from doubts and imaginings. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou dost speak at all times: “O concourse of creation! Is the temple built of clay better, or that which was fashioned by the hands of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate? Say: I am the Temple of God amongst you. Beware lest ye forsake Me, turning to your vain imaginings. Fear God and follow not every remote doubter. God hath created Me through His Name and made Me adorned with the ornament of His remembrance amidst the concourse of creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath made Me the source of His Cause and the dawning-place of His revelation among the worlds. Say: God hath intended by this Name in the Book naught else but My Temple, were ye of those who know. God hath raised Me by His sovereignty and made Me the standard of guidance among His servants. Hasten unto Me and be not of those who tarry. Say: Through My rising the Cause of God hath risen in all things, and through My manifestation hath been perfected what was sent down in the Tablets and what was mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel. Beware lest ye alter the Temple of God. Know ye what We have informed you of before, then aid your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. This, verily, is the righteousness of God, were ye of those who perceive. Say: This, verily, is the Word of God, were ye of those who know.

O concourse of the Spirit! Beware lest ye deny that whereby the remembrance of God hath been established among you, and beware lest ye follow the veiled ones. Blessed is the dead one who is quickened by the Spirit of God and stirred by the breeze that wafteth from the garment of grace and bounty. Woe unto the deniers! Follow not those who claim faith in Him Whom We sent aforetime, yet when He appeared Who was intended, they denied Him and clung to what they possessed. They are indeed in manifest loss. Say: Verily the Word of God speaketh and walketh, were ye of the discerning ones. When it walketh, the breezes of glorification pass over all who are in creation, and the fragrances of the All-Merciful are diffused throughout contingent being. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else, who hath drawn near, found and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of creation and the kingdom of invention. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. Through Thee were the faces illumined, the Hour appeared, the Dove warbled, and what was mentioned in the Books of God from time immemorial was fulfilled.” Thus was the matter decreed, but the people are in a great veil.

Say: Have ye turned to temples made by the hands of Our servants while setting aside the Temple of God? This is naught but manifest wrong. Do ye imagine ye worship God your Lord? Nay, rather your vain imaginings, were ye of the perceiving ones. If ye were worshipping Him, when He appeared in truth, why did ye deny Him? Bring forth your proof if ye be of those who know. Blessed is he who hath forsaken the pool and hastened to the Kawthar which floweth from the finger of the Almighty. He is truly among the triumphant ones. Whoso turneth unto this Countenance in less than the twinkling of an eye, by My life, he is accepted before the Beloved, and whoso turneth away is indeed among the people of the Fire. The Call hath been raised in such wise that every ear hath heard it, yet ye are heedless and are among the

remote ones. Cast away what ye possess, then hearken to the rustling of this Pen through which the Kawthar and Salsabil have flowed. When it speaketh, all things proclaim: “There is no God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.”

Say: I am He through Whose name the Tablets were sent down and the pages of God, your Lord, were adorned, were ye of the perceiving ones. Do ye prevent yourselves from meeting your Lord? Open your eyes and follow not every sinful idolater. He is in the luminous spot and the white land, calling all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. He hath borne afflictions and tribulations in such measure as no Son bore before, nor any of the Prophets and Messengers. The raiment of sanctity hath been altered through the calumnies of those who disbelieved in the clear signs, and when the verses are recited unto them, they say: “This is naught but manifest sorcery.” They speak as spoke those before them. Verily they are among the most lost. Blessed is the face illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the eye that hath turned to this noble prospect.

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The beginning of speech is the praise of the Lord. O servants! The springs of divine bounty are flowing - drink from them, that by the help of the peerless Friend ye may be cleansed from the dust of earth and enter the precincts of the one true Friend. Pass beyond the world and set your face toward the city of the Beloved. O servants! The consuming fire is kindled by My hand - quench it not with the waters of ignorance. The heavens are a sign of My greatness - behold them with pure eyes. And the stars bear witness to My truth - testify ye to this truth. O servants! Sight belongeth to the eye and hearing to the ear. Whoso in this blessed day hath not heard the voice of the divine herald hath not possessed, nor doth he possess, ears. The ear is not that piece of flesh at which thou gazest - open the hidden eye that thou mayest behold the fire of God, and hearken with the ear of the spirit that thou mayest hear the sweet voice of the Beloved. O servants! If ye desire healing, lo, the remedy hath appeared. If ye possess seeing eyes, behold the countenance of the Beloved manifest in the marketplace. Kindle the fire of knowledge and flee from the ignorant. This is the word of the Lord of the worlds. O servants! The body without spirit is dead, and the heart without the remembrance of God is withered. Therefore commune ye with the Friend and shun the enemy. Your enemy is those things which ye have acquired of your own desire and have cherished, and wherewith ye have defiled your souls. The soul is for the remembrance of the Beloved - keep it pure. The tongue is for the testimony of God - sully it not with mention of the wayward. O servants! I speak in truth: the truthful one is he who hath beheld the straight path - and that path is one, which the Lord hath chosen and made ready. This path among all paths is like the sun among the stars. Whoso hath not attained unto this path is unaware and astray. This is the word of the peerless Lord, the incomparable One. O servants! The world is the abode of demons - keep yourselves from approaching them. The demons are the wayward ones who lie in the sleep of heedlessness with corrupt deeds. Their sleep is sweeter than wakefulness, and their death more attractive than life. O servants! Not every body possesseth a spirit, nor every frame a soul. Today he possesseth a spirit whose body hath set out for the precincts of the Beloved. The end of every beginning is today - blind not yourselves. The one true Friend is near - make not yourselves remote. O servants! Your bodies are as saplings in a garden, and

from lack of water are nearly withered. Therefore freshen them with the heavenly water flowing from the clouds of divine bounty. Words must be followed by deeds. Whoso accepteth the words of the Friend is a man of deeds - otherwise a corpse is better than he. O servants! Sweet is the word of the Friend - where is he who will find it, and where is the ear that will hear it? Blessed is he who today joineth with the Friend and in His path forsaketh and turneth away from all else save Him, that he may behold a new world and attain to the everlasting paradise. The Lord of the worlds declareth: O servants! Abandon your desires and seek that which I have desired for you. Travel not the way without a guide, nor accept every guide's words. Many guides are themselves astray and have not found the right path. A guide is one who is free from the bonds of the world and whom nothing preventeth from speaking the truth. O servants! Practice truthfulness, turn not away from the destitute, make mention of Me before the great ones, and fear not. O servants! Be pure in your deeds and follow the word of your Lord. This is the utterance of the one true God.

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He is the Manifest One upon His Most Glorious Throne and this is the Hidden One in His Most Exalted Kingdom

O Beauty of Bounty, at this veil's door stand

That from thyself a hundred suns may grand

The Power of God Most Glorious is thy might

God's Most Exalted Face upon thy sight doth land

The green leaf which bore luminous signs arrived upon the crimson earth, and the detail of inability regarding numerous matters is the content of this famous poem, which appeared in the form of a bird speaking in a language from whose certain allusions it is understood that: O nightingales of fidelity, know ye that the dark ravens who through divine confirmations and teachings of the Hand of Grace and royal training learned the melodies and ways of the spiritual falcons, and through manifestation of the whistles of the divine dove's songs soared in the lofty atmospheres of the Most High, and with the throats of the most glorious birds ascended until they rose up from the stations of nearness to holy eternity and found their dwelling and rest upon the highest branches of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary and the Furthermost Tree, and became so renowned and well-known in that divine holy retreat that all the holy predetermined birds of the highest paradise and the most impregnable spirits beyond the pavilions of eternity circled round about them. Then at this time the fire of pride and arrogance blazed up in their hearts and their lofty station became the cause of their exaggeration regarding the Beauty of the All-Knowing King, and their sublime rank became the cause of rancor and hatred, completely forgetting their Sovereign and Educator, mounting the throne's seat and attacking the countenance of the Most Glorious King, each wounding that luminous face with their beaks and claws, and not content with this, finding allies with utmost effort and striving, they arose to destroy that Beauty of Majesty. Such were the melodies of this bird which at that time was suspended before Me and had a cage with golden sides and

upon its face a mirror of white crystal and it had two small chicks who were singing notes that no birds know their tune, not even the bird that was their mother, and God knows what they were saying as they sang with secret melodies.

Therefore now, O Manifestation of the Name of Bounty of my Lord, if thou wishest to aid thy Lord Who hath been afflicted beneath the swords of rancor and hatred, then cry out with such a cry as to rend asunder all the veils of idle fancies from the hearts of all who are in the heavens and earth, and free the birds of holy hearts from the chains and bonds of limitation and imitation, causing them to soar in the atmosphere of divine unity and detachment, and afterwards speak with holy throat and spiritual melody that there hath appeared that Secret which in Its first manifestation did not utter a single letter of Its pure mysteries such that the three hundred companions who were among the detached essences of the earth all fled and said that "In another cycle will I appear and make manifest the mystery of My Cause" and all the Sinaites would die at that manifestation. Now that cycle hath returned and that Secret hath appeared and all the holy essences of the heaven's kingdom and the people of the highest concourse and the cherubim and bearers of the throne and the near-stationed angels have all been struck unconscious from the manifestation of this wondrous Cause and have perished in the lowest earth, and all the realities of the Prophets and Messengers, one of whom was Moses son of Imran, died on the Mount of the glorious Cause at the appearance of the sublime Mystery, and from another direction the tree of rejection with leaves and branches of infidelity and association and rancor hath grown tall before the throne and desired to uproot the Most Glorious Tree which is firmly established upon the axis of eternity, and to cover it with leaves of hatred and envy. Say: By God the Truth, that Tree is not in a station that ye are able to cover it even if there were to gather with you the hands of the people of the heavens with mighty power and great strength. Say: Ye shall die and become nonexistent or be struck unconscious or return to the lowest hell. Verily it hath been raised up in truth and soon shall a single leaf thereof fill all paradise and all who are in the heavens and earths, and beneath the shade of each leaf shall be sent forth flashes that the sight of all creatures combined hath not beheld.

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O Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God!

In My Name, through which light shone forth before the creation of earth and heaven! How excellent are the tribulations that have befallen the Wronged One in the path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. In truth, tribulation in the path of the Peerless Beloved has been and ever will be beloved. The word of Jacob appeared after tribulation, and the Tongue of Grandeur gave it utterance. Glory be to God! Greed and avarice have reached such a state that pen and tongue are powerless and incapable of describing it. What was mentioned in Akhtar bears witness to the falsehood of its speaker, for he wrote that they had taken from me a document stating that all I possess belongs to the Afnan. This is his confession, yet afterward he says that document is now void and invalid. This second statement, being without proof or evidence, is and has ever been invalid in the eyes of the just. They have sold the Joseph of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, for a few dirhams. They have strayed from the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Your letters sent in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, were perused. Tablets were specifically revealed and dispatched for some. Ask of God to transform the Most Great Prison. Glory be to God! The love of the friends and loved ones for Muhammad-'Ali is evident and clear, and most are aware of it. Nevertheless, he has united with one like himself and they have fabricated calumnies for the sake of the possessions of the servants. And now they cry out that the wealth has been stolen and they have set about to subvert the Cause of God.

Say: My God, my God! Through Thy loftiness, Thy transcendence, Thy glory and Thy power, transform the harm that hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of Thine enemies. Thou seest and knowest, O my God, what they have done and what they have said. They have cast behind them Thy commandments and Thy laws, and have taken what was forbidden them in Thy Book, out of love for earthly ornaments, both ancient and new. O Lord! Seize them through Thy might and power that they may awaken and return unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in all lands. Say: The Day of deeds hath come, the Day of victory, the Day of steadfastness. Beware lest the utterances of the idolaters or the words of the misguided grieve you. Every year a certain person from Kaf has written a book repudiating the Blessed and Goodly Tree, and likewise other heedless souls from every quarter have produced books of rejection and pages of repudiation, clear and evident. However, in the eyes of those endowed with insight, these matters have been and continue to be the cause of the spread of the Cause of God. Do the calumnies of the people hinder it? Nay, by His very Self! Do the threats of today frighten it? Nay, by His light through which earth and heaven were illumined!

It is hoped that they may be like the surging ocean and the radiant sun. Let them ponder the blessed verse revealed aforetime and hold fast unto it: Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputations. A most mighty and holy Tablet specifically for Mirza Hasan, in the handwriting of the Most Great Branch, which thou didst request, was sent. If, after perusing it, it remains with 'Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, this is most beloved.

Before the faces of princes and divines, We have, with the pen of justice and utterance, struck at the swords of tyranny and rebellion, and We have been and continue to be like a brilliant and manifest light. Should the entire world unite and rise up to harm the Truth, it would be and is absolute nothingness. Verily, We fear no one. We proclaim with the most exalted call: The appointed time hath come, and the Lord of Names and Attributes hath come from the heaven of the Command with the banners of signs.

Today they must drink, with perfect certitude and assurance, from the choice wine of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. This hallowed wine has been and ever will be free from intoxication, and bestows eternal joy and everlasting delight. Take it in My name and for love of Me, despite My enemies who denied God's proof and evidence after their confession, and whom earthly ornaments so deluded as to prevent them from turning to the splendors of the Face, from holding fast to the Most Great Announcement, and from turning toward the Straight Path of God.

The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of God's Tablet be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and Power!

Praise be to the Adored One Who, in every age and century, nay rather in every year and month, even in every hour and minute, awakens His servants through signs, tokens and allusions. As is evident, at every moment He appears in a new guise, and in every instant a new matter becomes manifest and an event occurs. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who sent down the Criterion unto them while they were in doubt concerning a new creation. Some are awakened and become aware of divine intentions, their awareness increasing, while others grow more heedless. In these days, were one to find hearing, every created thing would inform man of the mighty events and grievous trials which are the consequences of deeds, and would, in most eloquent language, make him aware. How many a stone hath melted from the fear of God, and how many a servant laugheth and playeth until chastisement seizeth him from every direction. And peace and blessings be upon the Point of Existence and the Manifestation of the Adored One, through Whom the world was glorified, and upon His family and companions who broke not God's Covenant and His testament, and who sacrificed themselves in His path for the exaltation of His Cause and the manifestation of His sovereignty.

Thereafter, it is submitted that the beloved of the heart, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, mentioned you, and likewise forwarded the letter you had sent to this evanescent one. Praise be to God, it indicated your honor's love. We beseech God to assist and enable your honor in all conditions. After perusing the letter, it was submitted to His presence, and He commanded that your departure is necessary, and the sooner you hasten, the more advisable it would be, for in these parts the weather is unsettled and there are many people. Therefore, the sooner you proceed to the direction of the physician, upon him be His glory, the more beloved it is and has been. Be not grieved at not attaining His presence, for you have previously attained it many times. God willing, may you ever remain under the glances of God's favor and be enabled to do that which He loveth and approveth. Say: Make resolution thy right hand, and prudence thy left hand, and reliance upon God the crown of thy head, and wisdom before thy face, then journey forth. This is nearer unto righteousness.

We have sent unto the physician, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, that from which every seeker hath found the fragrance of his Beloved's garment, and every pursuer the sweet scent of his Goal. Ask God to assist him to serve His Cause and to remain steadfast in that whereby the feet of the servants have slipped, save those whom God hath willed, the Lord of the worlds. We send Our prayers and glorification upon him who hath loved Me and turned unto My face, and upon thee, and upon those who have fulfilled their covenant and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, your honor will proceed, trusting in God and committing all affairs unto Him. Convey my utter servitude and nothingness to the beloved of the soul, the honored physician, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, and likewise to his honor the imprisoned one, upon him be the Glory of God, and to Muhammad Surur Effendi and others, upon them be the Glory of God. God willing, may all be engaged in His praise and mention, purely for the sake of God. These are days wherein a thousand sorrows appear at every moment, all being the results of deeds and actions. Matters have reached such a pass that the Islamic nation, which was the most powerful, greatest, most perfect and most rightful of all nations, has manifested such weakness that every person of conscience, every person of fairness, and every person of heart lamenteth over it. Verily, sighs ascend and tears descend, but most of the people are in evident delusion. They have not yet awakened and have not perceived the cause and reason for the afflictions. This evanescent non-existence beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to enable us all. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth. Peace and glory be upon your honor and upon God's sincere servants.

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In His name, exalted be His glory! Wisdom and Utterance!

Praise be to the Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence, Who is worthy and deserving, for in the sending of Messengers and the revelation of Books, His purpose in the primal degree hath been none other than the knowledge of His sacred Being and the unity of hearts and souls. Through one word revealed from the horizon of the Mother Book, the Path was made manifest and the decree of reckoning became evident, the cry was raised and the call of the trumpet encompassed all, and the mountains were set in motion - glorified be His grandeur and His might, His sovereignty and His power, and His all-pervading Word and dominion.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! The Name of Bounty hath sent thy letter and mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet, from which the unitarians perceive the fragrance of the utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We bear witness that thou didst turn to Him in the early days and didst attain, and didst acknowledge God and His verses, His Manifestation, His power, His grandeur, and His glory. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in thy latter days as He aided thee in thy early days. Verily, He is the One Whose command is to be obeyed and the One Who is praised in His judgment. Thou hast ever been remembered and hast attained unto boundless grace and favor and the Most Great Mercy. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison, and guided me to Thy Most Straight Path, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and mine eyes with the light of meeting Thee. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Command which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy Power which hath prevailed over all who are in earth and heaven, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgences of the luminary of Thy laws, to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise, who standeth to serve Thee, and who acknowledgeth that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art

the Almighty, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and the earths. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who art present at this moment before the throne of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment! We have sent down for every name among names that which hath caused the solid rock to take flight, let alone bodies and frames. Give glad tidings unto My loved ones of My grace, My care, and My mercy which have preceded My earth and My heaven, and the light of My care which hath shone forth from the horizon of My bounty.

O Nabil-i-Qa'in! The Ship amidst the waves maketh mention of thee, and the Lamp amidst the winds is occupied with the mention of them who love God, glorified be His majesty. The idolaters and oppressors have wrought that which hath caused the Eye of Truth to weep and the Tablet to cry out and the Pen to swoon. When it recovered, it clung to the hem of mercy and said:

Have mercy on Thy servants, O Most Merciful of the merciful! Then conceal the evil of their imaginings, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of them that know Thee! I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded all created things and Thy grace hath encompassed all existing things. All affairs are in the grasp of Thy power, and the ocean of forgiveness is before Thy face, and the luminary of bounty and riches is in the right hand of Thy will. O Concealer! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen Name, and O All-Patient! I entreat Thee by the pearls of Thy love in the hearts of the chosen ones, to adorn the temples of Thy servants with the raiment of righteousness and fear of God. Verily, Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We wish to make mention of thy son, whose mention hath attained the honor of being heard at this moment when the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh in His Most Great Prison. Glory and majesty belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds. O Ismail! From the Friend hath wafted the fragrance of detachment in such wise as to astonish the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne of God, the Almighty. Leave the world to its people and take hold of the Book with such strength as cannot be hindered by the ranks of the slanderers. Blessed art thou, for thy name hath been sent down from the Tongue of God, the Speaker, the True, the Faithful. Say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy Most Great Name and illumined my heart with the light of Thy manifest Cause.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Ni'mat'u'llah in this exalted station, then send down upon him that which will cause the sweet savors of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous, to be diffused. We beseech God to exalt thee through His Name and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him at all times. Glory and splendor, grandeur and praise be upon thee and upon the assured servants of God.

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O friends of God! In the name of the King of the horizons! Praise be to the Beloved in His absolute sovereignty, Who through His all-embracing grace and all-encompassing mercy made His loved ones steadfast in His love, to such a degree that the dissension of the contentious ones did not prevent them from following the path of the All-Merciful, and they have borne hardships in the path of God, and have not remained veiled from the Lord of Lords by the might of the possessed or the veils of kings. However, had the seekers of the Ka'bih of the All-Merciful hearkened with their inner ears to the counsel of God, they would not have been afflicted with these tribulations. Although tribulation in His path is beloved to the soul and the desire of the spirit, this station is reserved for the sincere ones, while the weak are seen to be disturbed and shaken in times of tests and trials. Therefore, all are commanded to observe wisdom, that through divine prudence they may cause immature human realities to ascend to the heights of maturity, so that all may be engaged in His remembrance.

Today, no one should be heedless of wisdom. For example, it is observed that some become so assured by a word of acceptance from someone that they mention all matters without any restraint. This is sheer heedlessness. Never be assured by anyone, and speak not beyond their station and capacity. Many souls have been appointed by satanic souls merely to investigate and spy, that they might, in the guise of friendship, become informed of the secrets of the friends. Even as in certain cities some have feigned friendship and, having learned the details of matters, have informed their kind. Hearken unto the call of the Most Exalted Pen and depart not from wisdom. Permission has not been given for anyone to turn to this direction without leave.

The friends of Truth in all lands must act in unity, in such wise that no trace of disagreement may remain between them. They are neither of Sad nor of Kaf nor of aught else. They are the dwellers of the pavilion of faithfulness and the companions of the Most Glorious Paradise. Let them efface these differing letters and soar in the spiritual atmosphere of unity, and drink from the stream of Sad which floweth from the right hand of the Throne of Unity. The favors of God have been and will be with you. Ere long shall the souls who have oppressed the people of Baha be observed in utter remorse. Verily, the All-Merciful is with you and loss shall be unto them. You are the captives of God in the land. This is a great station; account it not small. Ere long shall your mention and that of the other friends of Truth be spread throughout all regions of the earth, even as now your names are mentioned in the divine Kingdom.

O My friends! You are the foundations of the houses of the Cause. If the foundations be not firm, the houses will not endure. And you are the wellsprings of the earth of knowledge. If the source be muddy, it will spread to all the divergent streams, and all will become turbid. My Son aforetime said to His companions: "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Your acceptance, detachment and orientation should attract those on earth and draw them to the arena of eternal life. And those souls who have become disturbed and anxious in this greatest turmoil, treat them with the utmost kindliness and love, and guide them to the divine pathway through goodly exhortation, for God hath not wished that any soul should remain deprived, especially those who have become the target of vilification and humiliation in the path of God, even though it be for but an hour. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Assured, powerful and steadfast souls have been and will be rarer than the philosopher's stone. Such souls must not leave these weak ones to themselves, but must draw them anew to eternal life through divine utterances. Blessed are they who keep in mind the service and care of the friends of God, even as some have attained to this station and have shown love to the emigrants and friends according to their means. God willing, may all attain to this exalted station. The reward of no deed shall be lost. Verily, He is aware of what His loved ones do. He is the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

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Here is O `Abdu'llah! By the life of God, the delay in mentioning [you] is due to the abundance of writing [to be done]. Time is lacking and opportunity is not apparent. The Command is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Loving. That which was mentioned in the letter diffused the fragrance of the love of the Forgiving Lord. We praise God, blessed and exalted be He, for having assisted thee in the early days, and caused thee to recognize His path, His proof, His signs and His clear tokens, and showed thee His traces and made thee hear His call.

O `Abdu'llah! The divine Books have each been a herald, summoning the people to the Truth, and have been specifically sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will for guidance. His word, blessed and exalted be He, is: "Alif. Lam. Mim. This is the Book; there is no doubt in it, a guidance to the God-fearing." Ask thou of God that He may assist His servants, that all may attain to that for which they were created from nothingness. The world and its vanishing things have prevented [men] from drawing nigh [unto God]. We beseech God to unveil for His servants that which is now concealed.

O `Abdu'llah! The pillars in the lands of the people of Divine Unity are shaken. No one is aware of the cause and reason thereof. Until now the earthquake of the Hour hath not subsided. Soon shall its effects be seen. In any case, thou and the other people of Divine Unity should implore preservation from God, exalted be His glory, and petition for victory and triumph, that perchance the calamity of the ancestors may not overtake their posterity, and that which existeth may endure. We beseech the True One, the Knower of things unseen, to assist the kings to act with justice and fairness. Verily, He hath power over all things. Affairs are hidden and concealed in the treasury of Divine knowledge.

When thou receivest My letter and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and taught me the word of Thy unity, and caused me to know Thy Beloved and His station through which Thou hast revealed Thy Cause and made clear Thy path, and given me to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the cup of Thy bestowal. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else but Thee, advancing toward Thee, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, which Thou hast made the Manifestation of Thy Supreme Paradise and Thy Most Exalted Heaven, and by the pearls of the shells of the sea of Thy wisdom, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, and clinging to Thy cord under all conditions. Thou art verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O my Lord! Ordain for me and for those who love Thee the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily Thou art the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Praise be to God, thou hast ever been and art still remembered. His honor Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned and continueth to mention thee. Convey My greetings to Jinab-i-`Abdu'l-Mahdi. Say: "Thy letter was seen. Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly been the recipient of [divine] favor. We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee and enable thee to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the mighty throne." Remember on behalf of the Wronged One those who are related [to thee] and the loved ones, and counsel all to patience and steadfastness, trustworthiness and godliness, and righteousness. It is hoped that all will hold fast to the divine Book and act according to it.

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His honor Mir Muhammad Husayn Beg, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Praise, sanctified above the recognition of all created things and the comprehension of all beings, beseemeth the court of that Desired One Who hath adorned the hearts of them that are nigh, of the sincere ones and of the believers in divine unity, with the seal of "Verily I am God's." He is the Lord of verses Who, with the banners of clear proofs from the horizon of the heaven of "He doeth what He willeth," directed His steps toward the realm of creation and suffered Himself to be afflicted and saddened by the vain imaginings of the weak ones of the world. The deniers of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil like wolves and sought to attack the Lord of all men. They said that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament and did that which caused the clouds to cry out.

Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant attained the presence and was honored to be heard before the Face. We make mention in this station of My handmaiden and My leaf, the Mother of Muhajir - upon her be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O My handmaiden! By the life of God, thy mention hath never ceased in the Most Holy Court; thou hast ever been and art remembered. This is from the loving-kindness and bounty of thy Lord which hath encompassed thee. Be grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. Thou hast chosen exile and imprisonment for Thyself to free the necks of Thy servants. I testify that Thou art the Ancient Bestower and that Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful."

And We make mention of him who was named Abdullah, who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion that he may find the sweet savors of his Lord's loving-kindness and be among the successful ones. O Abdullah! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of creation, and the Glory of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven, and the Glory of those who hastened to the Supreme Horizon and attained the presence of the Face and heard the Call from the Most Glorious Horizon and circled round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Therefore, O my God, send down upon him at every moment a mercy from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence, and ordain for him that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Abbas-Ali! Hear My call time and again. We have named thee “the Helper in the Day of Judgment” as a grace from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath thy name flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in this lofty station. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know.” The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy son. Remember them on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My loving-kindness, that they may rejoice in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And We make mention of Muhammad, son of him who attained on the day when all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom and the Realm and the Exaltation and the Might belong unto God, the Lord of Lords.” O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He counseleth thee and those who have believed to justice and fairness and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all men, may be exalted. Say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that Thy Pen hath moved to make mention of me. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will and the manifestations of Thy might to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Choosing.” We hear the call of My loved ones and We see what they have done in My path, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to serve His firm and mighty Cause.

O Muhammad Husayn! Upon thee be My Glory. We have made mention of those who have turned to the Face and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto acceptance when every heedless doubter turned away. Put thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He is with His chosen servants. That which thou didst send hath been received before Us as a token of grace from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Take My Book through My power, then act according to what hath been revealed therein. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Wahhab! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Lords. We have made mention of every name that was in the Book as a bounty from God, the Revealer of verses. Give thanks unto God for that He hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and hath revealed for thee that which shall never be exhausted. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Sender of winds. We made mention of thy father before and at this time with a mention whereby the hearts of the righteous have been attracted. The Glory be upon My loved ones and My chosen ones who broke not the Covenant and the Testament on the day when the Desired One came with power and sovereignty.

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O Ali-Qabli-Haydar, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! He is God, exalted be His station, the Lord of Wisdom and Utterance!

Praise be to the One desired by the world, Who, in the Most Great Prison, hath spoken and made mention of that which attracteth and draweth the peoples. The acceptance or rejection of the servants, and the opposition and denial of the dwellers of the earth, have not prevented Him from His pervading Will and all-encompassing Purpose. By the command of the Lord of existence, He hath spoken before all faces that which hath been the cause of the exaltation of the world and the sanctification of the peoples.

O Ali-Qabli-Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art still mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and before the Desired One. Verily, He is with thee under all conditions. Soon there shall appear in the earth that which hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen, and the tongues of all beings shall speak of thy remembrance, thy praise, thy service, thy acceptance, and thy rising up in the Cause of thy Lord. By the life of God! Whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen hath been and shall be manifested, letter by letter.

Tablets were previously sent in the name of him who was imprisoned for My sake, and to the loved ones. That which hath not reached him, read ye, that ye may become aware of its contents, and afterward deliver them to His Eminence Jim, the Name of God, that he may be informed of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. And if possible, let them be given to the imprisoned Wronged One Himself - this would be acceptable and beloved in the sight of God.

O thou who hast arisen to serve My Cause! Blessed is Ibn-i-Abhar, for the sweet savors of joy and delight are evident from his condition and manifest from his letter. In the Tablet of the world, this most exalted Word hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: O friends! Why this fear, and from whom this dread? The clay fragments of the world disintegrate with but a little moisture. The very act of gathering together causeth the dispersal of deluded souls. Conflict and contention are the attributes of the beasts of the field. Through the aid of the Lord, the sharp swords of the Babi community have been returned to their sheaths through goodly words and praiseworthy deeds. The righteous have ever conquered the cities of existence through their utterance.

Say: O friends! Let not wisdom slip from your grasp. Hearken with the ear of understanding to the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen. All the peoples of the world must be free from the harm of your hands and tongues. By clay fragments are meant those souls who, until now, have not understood the purpose of this Wronged One and are seen to be under the control of self and passion. Blessed are My friends and loved ones, for no unseemly act was manifested by them in the days of clamor.

If the Daysprings of the Cause and the Dawning-Places of judgment be not mindful in these days, they shall become mindful thereafter. We beseech God - and do ye beseech Him - that He may adorn His Majesty the King (may God assist him) and likewise the Amir'ul-Umara with the ornament of justice and fairness. The glory of existence lieth in justice, not in oppression. At present, falsehood and vainglory have prevented the world and its peoples from turning to the Truth. Soon shall come a day wherein God will raise up His patient and beneficent servants.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered Thy servants in the prison when I was in the hands of the heedless. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the power of Thy Cause to preserve Thy loved ones with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy generosity the rains of Thy bounty and Thy gifts. O Lord! Disappoint not Thy chosen ones of the wonders of Thy grace and favor, and the manifestations of Thy bestowals and loving-kindness. Thou art He Whom the might of those who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament, who have disputed Thy signs, and who have denied Thy proof and Thy evidence, hath not hindered. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and its waves, and by the pearls hidden

in its shells, to aid Thy servants to achieve the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby the hosts of the earth and their ranks shall not cause them to slip, nor shall their clamor and roaring frighten them. Verily, Thou art He through Whose power all created things have testified, and through Whose grandeur all possible things have borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

The blessings and peace and the light shining from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones who have taken hold of Thy Book with a power from Thee and a sovereignty from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the most powerful of the powerful and the most merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Praise be to the Peerless Object of all desire, Who deserveth all praise and glory, for through the tokens of His Pen He hath subdued the kingdoms of earth and heaven. The clamor raised in places of darkness held Him not back from His purpose, nor did the calumnies of the people and the opposition of the hypocrites prevent His loved ones from turning unto Him. Through His most exalted Word He summoned the peoples of the nether world to the Dayspring of grace and bounty. Exalted be His might and supreme His sovereignty! He is the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Siyyid Kazim! The servant who is present hath received thy letter which thou didst send unto him and laid it before His face. We have answered thee with that which God hath made a light in the darkness of the earth, and a Kawthar of life for the people of understanding, and the Most Great Medicine for the healing of the nations, and the hosts of power and might for His loved ones who were created to assist His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from this station which hath been named the Most Great Prison and by the most beautiful names, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have sent down the verses and manifested the Cause unto people who understand.

O thou who hast turned towards Me! We have found in thy letter the sweet savors of thy love and the fragrance of thy devotion, thy humility and thy submissiveness. Blessed art thou, and blessed thy tongue and thy pen. Thy Lord, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. We bear witness that thy mention hath attained the honor of acceptance before God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

In all conditions the cry of the Wronged One is raised, mentioning His loved ones in that which conduceth to their exaltation. He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Compassionate. That which beseemeth His loved ones today is steadfastness, for some of the servants are weak: at the mere mention of a name they falter or turn away. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, I have laid no claim to any matter, nor to any name. Fear ye God and follow not those who cling to the idols of names and are of them that turn aside.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, clinging fast to Thee and to Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the treasures of Thy earth which come forth through Thy Name to manifest Thy

Cause and exalt Thy Word, that Thou assist me and Thy loved ones in that which leadeth to the sanctification of Thy Being and the glorification of Thine Essence. Then assist me, O my God, with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by hosts or ranks. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

O Siyyid Kazim! Thou hast attained unto that whose fragrance shall never cease and shall endure through the eternity of the divine names. His honor Siyyid Javad, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, hath also mentioned thee. He is among those who turned towards Me in the early days, who attained Our presence and circumambulated the spot round which circle the Concourse on High. God willing, thou shalt, through wisdom and utterance, make the servants aware and guide them to the divine law. Praise be to God, His grace hath encompassed all: thou hast both attained this Tablet and art engaged in serving the Afnan of the Sacred Tree. We beseech God to assist him and thee to mention and praise Him with the wisdom We have sent down in a mighty Tablet. We make mention of thy mother, thy handmaiden, and give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's loving-kindness, and We ask Him to draw her nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention at this moment of thy brother whose name beginneth with ?a and Sin, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. O ?a! Hearken unto the Call from the Supreme Horizon in the Prison of 'Akka. God - there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have manifested the Cause despite every stubborn tyrant and sinful calumniator. Neither the weapons of the world nor the hosts of the nations hindered Us. We have revealed what We desired before all faces through a power that hath conquered all and a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Siyyid ?adiq! Thy name hath been presented before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee with My Most Great Remembrance. Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom neither the doubts of the divines nor the signs of those who have denied the Day of Judgment have prevented. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and by the influence of Thy Word, to assist Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to unite their hearts through Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious. Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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Birjind. O Ahmad, who hath attained! He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. A remembrance from Us unto him who hath sought the Most Exalted Station and traversed land and sea until he arrived at the luminous Dome, the Station wherein was raised the call of the Lord of Names and the Creator of Heaven. By the life of God! He entered and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. O Ahmad! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and prospered thee and granted thee His presence, which nothing in the Kingdom or in the Realm of Might can equal. To this testifieth the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance. We bear witness that thou wast present and didst hear and recognize that which most of the servants were

prevented from recognizing. We have revealed for each one whom thou didst mention in the presence of the Countenance a Tablet that hath testified to God's grace and loving-kindness. Blessed art thou and blessed is every servant whom the oppression of those who denied the Beginning and the Return hath not deterred. We showed thee Our horizon and caused thee to hear Our call and aided thee to accomplish a deed before which all deeds bow down. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which caused the rocks to cry out and the trees to lament. We were with him at the time of his ascension. By My life! The Concourse on High welcomed him and found from him the fragrance of his Lord, the All-Glorious. Thus was the matter decreed by God, the Lord of Lords. He fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament and testified to that whereunto God had testified before all things: that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen One.

The Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace and the fragrance wafting from the garment of the Dayspring of justice be upon thee, O thou who hast believed in God and His signs and who didst migrate in His path until thou didst attain unto that which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in His books. To this testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book. We bear witness that thou didst hear the Call and didst answer thy Lord and didst turn unto Him, despite those who cast the verses behind their backs and denied God when He came with power and sovereignty. Upon thee be My glory and the glory of those in My Kingdom and the glory of those in the pavilion of My grandeur and the glory of every steadfast one whom the power of princes hath not weakened, who arose and proclaimed: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the earth and the heavens!"

O Ahmad! Praise thou the Beloved of the worlds Who hath aided thee in that which was mentioned in His Book and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. At the beginning of Our imprisonment We sacrificed a Branch from the Branches for a matter none knoweth save God, thy Lord. The world hath no worth, neither had it any. That Branch, in the prime of youth, laid down his life and sought another station. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that were there to be revealed less than a needle's eye of thy son's station who ascended unto God, all would fall unconscious with joy. The world must be left to heedless nations. A station whereof all things have testified to its transience is not, and hath never been, worthy of attachment. Pure, detached, and tranquil souls especially yearn to take flight at all times, yet they remain patient for a few days in accordance with the requirements of consummate wisdom. The Command is in His hand and authority is in His grasp. Be not grieved. The Truth hath been and is with thee. With utmost joy and delight, occupy thyself with the service of the Truth in these fleeting days. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Path, and He is the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Convey My greetings to the friends and gladden them with God's loving-kindness. The promised Tablets were sent with Jinab-i-Amin, that is, Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, those worthy of them shall attain unto them and drink from the living waters of the All-Merciful's utterance. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. Today is not a day of grief. Let not time slip away. Thou hast been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. I counsel My loved ones to deal with the heedless people with wisdom. God's mercy hath preceded His wrath. Speak according to the requirements thereof. People are like earth - some barren, some blessed. If good soil is found, the planting of the tree of inner meanings and utterance is permitted; otherwise silence is preferable. The glory which is manifest, evident, and

shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have held fast to My firm cord.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Invincible, the Most Glorious! The mercy of God from the Primal Point hath verily descended in the form of words in the Tablets by virtue of truth. Well is it with the soul whom God hath not deprived thereof, and who hath tasted the sweetness of the remembrance of God, the Most Great, in these words which have issued from the mouth of God in truth. Verily it is the Most Great Sign in the Concourse on High, and the burning fire in the Tree of Eternity, and the glorious fruits upon the Tree of the Cloud, and the Ark of Eternity upon the Sea of Grandeur, and the Dawning-Place of the Command in the depths of the Names, and the Rising-Place of Light amidst the company of creation. Yet the people have remained heedless thereof and have deprived themselves of the melodies of God.

O servant! Bear thou witness that these are words which the Ancient Beauty hath sent down from the heaven of grace, and through them He maketh mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and tread the paths of glory. Cast aside what thou possessest, then take the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and the might that emanateth from His presence, and follow not every rejected satan. Follow thou the way of God and His command, then turn thy face toward the All-Merciful, that the lights of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, may take hold of thee and transform thee unto a station of sanctified love.

When the Tablet of God reacheth thee, place it upon thy head, then read what hath been revealed therein with such melodies as shall attract every praised and receptive soul. Beware lest thou be still in the Cause of thy Lord or remain silent in His remembrance. Aid thy Lord, the Bestower, in these days wherein the manifestations of Satan have dispersed from around Him. Thus doth the Pen of God instruct thee, through whose melodies were created the hearts of the Concourse on High and the realities of those who dwell in the Kingdom of Names - thus hath the Command been, if thou be of them that know.

Read thou the words of God in thy days and follow not those who have followed their desires in the days wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Glorious Name by the command of Him Who was witnessed from the holy horizon. Then arise in the Cause of God and remind the people to turn unto the court of His grace and His presence. Say: O people! This is the Ancient Mystery that hath appeared in the temple of Him Who speaketh among you with verses that cause all in the kingdom to be thunderstruck. And if thou art capable within thyself, address the dwellers of the Cloud, then remind them of how this Beauty hath shone forth from a manifest horizon of glory.

By My Beauty, the Truth! Should anyone arise in this Cause and desire to subjugate all created things through a word from His presence, he would be empowered to do so. Thus hath the power of thy Lord encompassed all who are in the worlds. Say: In the name of God, the Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious! Then subjugate what is in thy right hand and what is in thy left hand, then turn thy face toward this Dawning-Place wherefrom the Ancient Beauty was witnessed. Leave the idolaters and what they

possess. Verily, We have found some of them upon the hill of turning away, and some upon the hill of questioning, and some upon the hill of hatred, and some upon the hill of ignorance. Thus hath God reckoned their affair in this Tablet which hath been, from time immemorial, sanctified from the touch of the idolaters.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of God, then remain steadfast in His Cause. Take thou no rest in thyself, nor tarry in thy place. Wouldst thou rest while the Temple of God was raised upon the cross of hatred by these idolaters? Oh, what sorrow for the servants who have found rest within themselves while the Ancient Beauty hath been afflicted amidst the company of the hateful ones, and there descendeth upon Him at every moment that which no ear can bear to hear. By this have the hearts of the Concourse on High been consumed, then the hearts of those who dwell within the pavilions of eternity, then what was and what will be, if thou be of them that know.

Guard not thyself in the Cause of God in such wise that the fire of His love should be quenched within thee. Come forth from behind the veils of silence with manifest and glorious utterance. The glory of God be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the melodies of God and followed what hath been commanded in truth. Thus hath the sun of wisdom shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of thy Lord, the Most High, if thou be of them that perceive. And praise be to God, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth, and the Lord of all the worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Pure praise and the essence of glorification befit my Beloved, Who hath ever been sanctified beyond the understanding of the mystics and the descriptions of the learned, and will ever remain exalted above the comprehension of whatsoever beareth a name among all names. All tongues speak His praise and all existence is turned towards His direction; nevertheless, He hath been and will ever be beyond mention and beyond sight, for whatsoever proceedeth from the tongue of creation and is encompassed by the understanding of His servants is contingent, while the Ancient Being hath been and will ever be sanctified beyond renewal and contingency, and exalted beyond allusion and limitation. Through pure bounty and grace He hath been made manifest through the Most Great Name, that all may be illumined by the effulgences of the lights of His Revelation and attain unto the cup of His presence, which hath been interpreted as the meeting with God. We should praise the Truth, exalted be His glory, with a hundred thousand tongues, for He hath accepted the confession, acknowledgment, mention and praise of His servants; otherwise, in truth, every speaker is observed to be speechless and every learned one ignorant. Thoughts cannot know Him, eyes cannot perceive Him, and mention cannot reach Him. He is, verily, the Sanctified, the Exalted, the Inaccessible, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant, by virtue of the deputyship bestowed, hath acted at the beginning of each month–that is to say, in each month he hath attained, in thy stead, the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to strengthen thee at all times. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Almighty.

The letter thou didst address to this servant arrived, and its perusal brought the utmost joy. As to what thou hadst written, that “this insignificant atom who was known for patience hath now fallen into such a state that I constantly beseech patience from the Source of grandeur and majesty”–this matter was mentioned in the presence of the Beloved, Who smiled and said: “Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed with divine favors and hast drunk from the Kawthar of meeting. This is a bounty that hath had and shall have no like or equal, for how many were the servants who hoped and yearned to be honored and blessed with this supreme bounty in the Days of God. Yet when the horizon of darkness was illumined by the morning star and the herald of the promised Day appeared, all remained occupied with their own desires and were veiled from the lights of the Sun of Revelation, save those whom thy Lord did choose.” Know thou the worth of this station and preserve it in the treasury of thy heart.

God willing, may ye ever be enkindled with the fire of divine love and sustained by the fruits of the tree of patience and resignation. In any case, do not abandon your former ways. If your intimacy with Him hath diminished, He, in view of the former fellowship, will not withdraw His hand from you. Ye should, God willing, be occupied with the utmost joy and fragrance in the remembrance and praise of God, and likewise hold fast to one of the outward professions. It hath been heard that thou hast chosen seclusion. Today is the day of healing and medicine. God willing, treat the chronic diseases of heedless souls with the medicine of divine knowledge, and outward healing is not incompatible with inward healing. Praise be to God, thou art confirmed through divine confirmations. Convey greetings to the friends in that land. We beseech God to preserve the friends of that land from discord, for the harm of discord is beyond reckoning. Although in most divine Tablets the command of love and unity hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen, nevertheless in some lands they have clung to vain imaginings and have become the cause of discord. However, it is hoped that the friends of that land will be engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of creation with the utmost love and unity, all gazing unto the supreme horizon and acting in accordance with that which hath been revealed in the Tablets, not regarding every speaker as truthful, and clinging to such deeds and actions and character as will cause the upliftment of God’s Cause and manifest true humanity. Blessed is he who walketh this straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the All-Remembering, the All-Explaining, the All-Wise.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh among His servants is indeed the Lord of all creation. Through Him hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of immortality, and through Him hath surged the ocean of bounty in the kingdom of creation, and the Sun of grace hath shone forth from the horizon of God’s will, the Lord of all men. Through Him were the mysteries revealed, the rivers made to flow, and the trees raised their voices in that which the Tree of Utterance spoke unto Moses, son of ’Imran. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him, the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath beheld what hath appeared through the Will of God, the Lord of might and power.

O people of God! In this year there hath befallen the Wronged One that which hath caused the dwellers of the Kingdom and the Realm of Glory to lament. We beseech God to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness, and to enable them to that which beseemeth these days. They who have exchanged trustworthiness for treachery, and godliness for tyranny and corruption - these are among the people of error in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And in it the Bird of Inner Meanings hath taken flight unto the Most Exalted Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon, whereby the Most Great Joy was transformed into the Most Great Sorrow, and the tears of the righteous were shed in manifestation of their love and expression of their affection. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn the temples of His loved ones in this supreme calamity with the robe of patience. Verily, He is the Lord of Lords, and in His grasp is the reins of all choice.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who hath turned toward the Horizon of Revelation when the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai was raised - He through Whom the fragrance of utterance was diffused throughout all possibility and the sweet savors of the All-Merciful were wafted among all religions. Then make mention of his orientation and his turning, his humility and his lowliness, and his trust in the Dayspring of Lights. Blessed art thou, O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, and blessed is thy name. I bear witness that thou didst attain unto the hearing of the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and thou didst turn and believe in God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and didst acknowledge that which He revealed in His Most Holy Book and His Sacred Tablet, and that which His Tongue did speak. Thou art he whom the veils of the world and the clouds of the nations did not hinder. Thou didst rend them all asunder through the power of recognition and didst seek the ultimate goal, the supreme end, and the most exalted horizon, and thou didst advance and hasten until thou didst arrive at the station whereon He Who conversed on Sinai was established upon the Throne of Revelation, and the Herald called out from every direction: “O concourse of earth and heaven! This is the Day wherein God hath fulfilled His promise and revealed that which was hidden in His knowledge, and hath called all unto the carpet of His holiness and the courtyard of His companionship. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.”

The Tongue of My Grandeur in the Most Great Prison doth once again in this moment testify that thou didst bear hardships in the path of thy Lord, and there befell you from the oppressors that which caused the hearts of those near unto God to tremble and the livers of the sincere to melt. Thou art he who attained unto the presence time and again, and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hands of grace and bounty, and recognized Him Who was veiled from all eyes, and heard the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, and beheld that which was mentioned in the hearts of the chosen ones and inscribed in the Holy Books and Tablets.

Glorified art Thou, O God, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and by the revelations of the Sun of Thy grace amidst all beings, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy in the kingdom of creation, that Thou send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity and bestowal. Then grant him, at all times, Thy enduring blessing and Thine eternal sustenance. O Lord! Adorn the temples of Thy loved ones with the vestures of patience and prosperity, and ordain for them that which will acquaint them with what Thou hast destined for them in the Supreme Paradise near unto Thy Most Great Mercy and Thy Most Mighty Favor. O Lord! Ordain for

him and his kindred that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and console them and comfort them in that which hath befallen them through the decree of Thy judgment. Then send down, O my God, upon them from the clouds of Thy generosity a blessing from Thee and a bounty from Thy presence. Then protect them from the hosts of the oppressors who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who have denied Thy proof and Thy evidence, who have disputed Thy signs and have warred against Thy Self. Thou art He by Whose command the standard of power was hoisted upon the highest flagpoles and the banner of authority among all people. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou dost witness and behold what hath befallen me at the hands of them that have denied Thy most great signs and turned away from Thy Beauty, having followed their own selves and idle fancies. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! The wolves have encompassed me from every side, and I remain alone in Thy dominion, solitary amidst Thy creatures. Whenever I impart unto them that which Thou hast taught me through Thy bounty and inspired me through Thy favors and loving-kindness, their wretchedness and their veils increase, until matters have reached such a pass that my heart is pierced by the arrows of their association of partners with Thee and the spears of their hatred. Yet when all this hath befallen me in Thy path and for Thy good-pleasure, O my God, I remain thankful for it and content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained in the kingdom of Thy decree.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to taste the sweetness of Thy remembrance and given me to drink from the chalices of Thy grace and mercy. I beseech Thee, therefore, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou didst join together the Kaf and the Nun, and didst manifest Thy hidden Name, that Thou send down upon Thy servants from the direction of the paradise of Thy favors that which will sever them from all else save Thee, turn them away from all besides Thee, and draw them nigh unto the direction of Thy nearness and Thy tender mercy. Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

By Thy glory, O my God, my Lord, and my Hope! Whenever I desire to arise to praise Thy Self amongst Thy creation and open my lips to mention Thee, I find myself bewildered therein, for I am certain that no remembrance of aught else beside Thee can ascend to the heaven of Thy mighty oneness, nor can any description of what is other than Thee soar to the atmosphere of Thy near singleness. Every possessor of utterance is powerless to rightfully mention Thee or render thanks unto Thee, and every possessor of sight is blind to beholding the lights of Thy beauty. Thou hast ever been sanctified beyond the remembrance of all else save Thee and the description of aught besides Thee. Thou, verily, art the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous.

O servant! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, thy Lord, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Conquering, the Powerful. Then know thou that they who prided themselves on serving me have risen up against me with hypocrisy, have cast at me the darts of

dissension, and have objected to me for having imparted unto them the mention of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the Great.

Say: O people! If this be my crime, then I am not the first criminal. Fear ye God, and pervert not the words of God from their places, and be not of the wrongdoers. By God! Whosoever possesseth the least sense of smell would assuredly detect the fragrance of truthfulness from this Shirt, sent forth and wondrous, which hath appeared upon the form of this Tablet and which We have sent unto thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord at morn and eventide. Say: O people! Can the fragrance of musk be confused with aught else? Nay, by my life! Save by him who causeth the matter to become confused unto himself and followeth in the footsteps of Satan. Say: O company of the heedless! The Sun can never be concealed by the veils of rancor and hatred; verily, it hath shone forth in truth from a sanctified horizon resplendent. Say: O people! Fear ye God, then adorn your tongues with truthfulness, your hearts with equity, and your faces with humility before your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Beware lest ye conceal the beauty of the Cause through the falsehood of your tongues. Fear ye God Who created you by a command from His presence, and be not of the negligent ones.

O believing servant! When this Tablet reacheth thee, remember God, thy Lord, and be not heedless of Him. He, verily, is the Protector of the doers of good. Say: O my God! I am he who hath detached himself from all else save Thee and hath fled to the shore of the might of Thy mercy, which hath preceded all created things. O my God! Drive not this poor one from the door of Thy riches, nor this thirsty one from the Kawthar of Thy grace and the Tasnim. O my God! Leave me not to myself and my desires, then rend asunder the veils that have prevented me from arriving at the shore of the might of Thy mercy. Thou, verily, art He Who doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. O my God! Send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty the rains of Thy generosity and grace, then cleanse thereby my heart from the remembrance of all else save Thee. Thou, verily, art the Supreme, the Most Exalted, the All-Encompassing. O my God! Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy favor, then cause me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and ascend to the heaven of Thy mercy, that I may speak forth the praise of Thy Self between the heavens and the earth. Thus doth this Prisoner teach thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord and be of them that are certain. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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How can a tongue that calls upon other than Thee be worthy to make mention of Thee, and how can a heart that hath turned to any save Thee be fitting to become a mirror of Thy beauty and be warmed by Thy love? How can an eye that hath beheld aught except Thee and turned toward any direction but Thine be capable of witnessing the wondrous handiwork of Thy creative Oneness or be honored by beholding the glory of Thine eternal majesty? How can an ear that hath perceived the finite words of Thy servants possibly hear the comprehensive verses of Thy divine unity or the sweet melodies of the Dove of Thy reality? How can feet that have walked in paths other than Thy good-pleasure move in the arenas of Thy holiness and reunion? And how can a body occupied with aught save Thee be worthy to drink from the pure wine of Thy love, or find intimacy with the pristine countenance of Thy divine sovereignty, or with

the beauty of Thy hidden divinity, or be submissive to Thy Lordship, or prostrate before the face of Thy loving-kindness?

O my God! After all this, I am ashamed of my deeds before Thee and abashed at making mention of Thee. Yet since I know that all this cometh from none other than Thee and from Thy presence, my soul findeth rest and my being is calmed, for Thou art the Doer of all things and the Omnipotent over all things. Glorified, glorified art Thou! How great is my bewilderment at the wonders of Thy deeds and the marvels of Thy handiwork! How wondrous is my perturbation at the manifestations of Thy power and the expressions of Thy might! At times Thou clothest the temple of lowliness and poverty with the mantle of grandeur and raisest it to the heavens of Thy favor; at times Thou strippest the garment of glory from the form of might and majesty and returnest it to the source of Thy humiliation and the mine of Thy poverty. At times by Thy will Thou causest the essence of the most high to descend to the lowest dust, and at times by Thy desire Thou raisest the pure essence of the lowly to the most exalted throne. At one moment I witness that Thou clothest the point of tyranny with the robe of the glory of Thy justice and majesty, and at another I see that Thou strippest the essence of justice of the garments of Thy mercy and beauty and hidest it in the veils of tyranny, such that it is known and described by naught else.

In all this Thou art powerful through the power of Thy sovereignty and dominant through the all-encompassing nature of Thy might and divinity. Thou art not to be questioned about that which Thou art pleased to manifest, nor art Thou to be prevented from whatsoever Thou desirest to do, such that if Thou shouldst make glory the very essence of abasement, who could prevent Thee, or if Thou shouldst make the essence of remoteness the very substance of nearness, who could forbid Thee? Nay, by Thy glory! The sovereignty of Thy power hath ever flowed through the kingdom of Thy creation, and the dominion of Thy might shall forever hold sway in the empire of Thy realm and creatures.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I make mention of Thee with words with which children play and which the people of contingent being utter? Nay, by Thy countenance! I love not to be thus, nor do I wish to be such, even though Thou shouldst manifest but a single letter thereof in the garment of Thy wondrous glory and the vesture of Thy new and sublime exaltation. By Thy glory! None would be able to utter a letter thereof or make it an enduring proof from Thee, a complete word from Thy presence, and an everlasting treasure greater than the creation of the heavens and earth.

Yet withal, I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Being which hath ever been concealed in the mystery of Thine Essence, and by the ocean of Thy greatness which hath ever flowed in the reality of Thy Being, to teach me from Thy holy tongue which Thou hast sanctified from the hearing of Thy creation and hallowed from the understanding of Thy servants, and to honor me with the melodies of Thy rapture which none can hear, perceive, or know, for were but a single note thereof to appear, all who are in the heavens and on earth would be thunderstruck by the strange nature of its tune and the wondrous character of its pattern.

Glorified, glorified art Thou! I ask Thy forgiveness for what hath flowed from my pen concerning its cause and decree. I have not occupied myself with aught save Thee, for the essence of Thy Being and the pure reality of Thy Spirit have been engaged with the sweet-scented breezes of Thy holiness and the raptures of Thy glory, yet I have left all this and occupied myself with ink, as though I had turned away from love

and inclined toward that which profiteth me not before Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of glory and grace. For to turn to aught besides Thee is a sin unequaled by any other sin and unpreceded by any error. Therefore forgive me and pardon me, for Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous.

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He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. It hath been prescribed that in every city a House of Justice be established wherein shall gather together people to the number of Baha, and should it exceed this number it mattereth not. They should consider themselves as entering the Presence of God, the Most High, and as beholding Him Who is invisible. It behooveth them to be the trusted ones of the Merciful among men and the deputies of God for such as dwell on earth. They should consult together in such wise as to win the good pleasure of God and should choose that which is approved, even as the Lord, your God, the Ruler, the All-Wise hath commanded. The Ancient Beauty, addressing the peoples, ordaineth that in every city of the earth a house should be established in the name of justice, wherein shall gather pure and tranquil souls to the number of the Greatest Name. At the time of their gathering they must conduct themselves as though in the presence of God, for such is the binding command that hath flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days, and God's gaze is fixed upon that assembly. Upon entering, they must, as deputies of all souls, consult concerning matters and interests affecting all - first regarding the teaching of God's Cause, as this is the most important of all affairs, so that all may enter the pavilion of oneness as a single soul and all upon earth may be seen as one body. Likewise must they consider the refinement of souls, the preservation of human dignity, the development of cities, and the politics that God hath made the foundation of cities and the fortress of His servants. The teaching of God's Cause must be conducted with due regard to times and seasons, considering what is fitting, as with all other matters, and implemented accordingly - but ever mindful not to contravene what hath been revealed in the divine verses in this most mighty Manifestation, for whatsoever the Lord hath decreed is indeed what is best for His servants. He is more merciful to you than ye are to yourselves. He is in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. If the aforementioned souls act according to the prescribed conditions, they will surely be assisted by the invisible confirmations. This is a matter whose benefits return to all. There are many affairs which, if neglected, will be wasted and lost. How many children are seen in the land without father or mother - if no attention is paid to their education and training they will remain fruitless, and a fruitless soul's death is preferable to its life. Likewise with the wealthy and noble who through weakness and old age or other cause have fallen into poverty and abasement. These souls must, for God's sake, consider and reflect upon all such matters and others pertaining to the earth, and implement what they deem proper. If people would look with the eye of justice they would with certainty know that whatsoever hath been revealed from the Source of Command is purely for the good of all who dwell on earth. All must be as wings for one another. Man's honor lieth in wisdom, understanding and praiseworthy character, not in the accumulation of riches and pride and vainglory. All were created from dust and unto it shall return. O people of Baha! Man's adornment consisteth not in the things of this world, but rather in the knowledge of God - exalted be His glory - and in sciences, crafts and proper conduct. Ye are the pearls of the sea of oneness - consider the pearl, whose luster and dignity are

inherent to itself. Were it to be wrapped in the finest of silks, that silk would prevent the manifestation of its freshness and beauty. Its adornment is within itself. Seek ye this adornment and be not saddened by lack of outward means. O trees of the Ridvan! Withhold not yourselves from the spring breezes of divine bounty, and deprive not yourselves of the sweet fragrances of the wisdom-laden words of your Lord. Such is the extent of His grace that, despite the heedlessness of all, He hath caused to flow from the Most Exalted Pen in the prison of Akka that which is for the good of His servants. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, that He may draw those who dwell in the realm of creation near unto the Most Exalted Horizon–the station wherein the Most Glorious Pen proclaimeth: "The Kingdom, the Realm, the Sovereignty and the Dominion belong unto God, the Revealer of verses." This is a day wherein the fragrance of bounties and favors hath been wafted from God, the Lord of creation. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and he who hath heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and he whose tongue hath spoken before all religions: "The door of reunion hath been opened with the key of the name of God, the Most Glorious." And blessed is he who hath heard and hastened, and woe unto every hesitant doubter.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is, verily, the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. When He appeared, He uttered a Word whereby the ocean of utterance surged, and the fragrances of the All-Merciful were diffused, and through it the trees spoke, the fruits appeared, the rivers flowed, the rocks trembled, and the righteous cried out: "Blessed is the land honored by His footsteps, and the spot adorned by His presence, and the air that received the fragrance of His revelation, and the house wherein His remembrance was raised, and the city that became renowned through His name, and the tongue that uttered His praise at morn and eventide."

Say: This is a day wherein the heaven of knowledge hath been adorned with the stars of wisdom and utterance, and wherein the sun of proof hath shone forth from its horizon, as a bounty from God, the Lord of Lords. This is a day when the light of joy hath shone forth after the darkness of sorrows, and the carpet of manifestation hath been outspread, and the decree of gladness hath appeared, as the Hands of the bounty of the Lord of Destiny circulated His most pure wine at His most luminous station and His greatest scene. And God raised His station until He established Himself upon the throne of utterance and spoke that whereby the realities of all contingent beings were attracted.

Thereupon the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was heard in the Abha Paradise, calling to the denizens of earth and heaven, saying: "Rejoice with exceeding gladness and impart the tidings that the Hand of Bestowal hath stretched out and opened the arena of delight in the name of God, the Blissful, amidst the dwellers of the Tabernacle of Glory in these days of unfading splendour."

Blessed be God, the Originator of all things and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, Who hath adorned the world through His Most Great Name, and from Whose Pen hath flowed that which attracted the hearts of the nations who, when they heard, turned unto Him and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken in the earliest of days. Then the Sadratu'l-Bayan called out from the highest Paradise, saying: "O dwellers of the cities of names and companions of the Crimson Ark! This is a day the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, nor hath the vision of invention beheld its equal, inasmuch as the Lord of all beings hath willed to adorn the couch of one of His loved ones–who hath been named 'Abdu'l-Baha by the Tongue of Grandeur–with a leaf from among the leaves of the Tree of Fidelity, whom God hath adorned with the ornament of martyrdom in His path and the sacrifice of spirit in His love. And since her dowry in the Book of God was the sacrifice of bodies and souls, the King of Martyrs came forward himself and accepted that which was ordained by the Pen of Destiny–he who arose from the horizon of the world with the banner of detachment and sacrificed his spirit in this Straight Path and the Great News, whereby the realities of what was and what will be were made joyful. Command and judgment belong to God, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

O God of the world and Creator of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to bless this union through Thy name, the All-Merciful. Then unite their hearts through Thy Name by which Thou didst unite hearts at the dawning-places of Thy Cause, the repositories of Thy laws, the descending-points of Thy knowledge, and the sources of Thy names. Then send down, O my God, upon them and upon those with them, the rain of Thy generosity from the clouds of Thy grace.

O Yahya! Hear the Call from the Most Exalted Summit and take the Book with a strength that the might of the world cannot weaken and with a power that the Pharaohs of the nations cannot prevent. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that are near and the Beloved of them that are detached, for having adorned my head with the crown of Thy utterance, and my temple with the ornament of Thy bounty, and my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Will, through which Thou hast subdued all created things and manifested all possibilities, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy service, speaking Thy praise, and assisting Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy! This Book hath been sent down in truth, and by it We have rent asunder the veils. Verily, We are the Mighty, the Bountiful. Through it hath shone forth the Sun of Divine Revelation, and the Face hath been illumined by the Light that hath dawned from the horizon of mysteries. Say: Is there any doubt concerning God? He hath come with the Kingdom of verses. Verily, the Word proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Say: Cast away your idle fancies, and take hold of that which ye are bidden by Him Who is the Dawning-Place of inspiration. The veils have been rent asunder by the finger of the Will of your Lord, the Lord of all men. He verily seeth him that turneth towards Him, and heareth that which he calleth upon Him with, whether in secret or openly.

Heedlessness hath overtaken the dwellers of the earth, save those whose eyes have been opened by the light of God, the Mighty, the All-Luminous. Verily, sight was created for this most great vision; therefore look, O ye who are endowed with insight! He who said "Show me" heard "Look, thou shalt see Me." Exalted be this bounty the like of which eyes have never beheld! All things testify to My Self, while the people are in wondrous drunkenness.

Among the idolaters are those who say He hath come nigh. Say: Yea, by my Lord! He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Every sect hath endeavored to extinguish the light of God. God hath refused save by His authority, until He filled the horizons. Can anyone stand against His Command? Say: What aileth thee, O thou fly? The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds. Thereupon were blinded the eyes of those who disbelieved, and every deceitful idolater was confounded.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned to God, the Cleaver of the daybreak! Thy letter and that which was presented before the Face hath been mentioned. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There hath dawned from the horizon of the Pen that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all nations. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Stand firm, by His power, in His Cause, then remind the people with wisdom and utterance. Soon shalt thou behold the Cause dominant over all who are on earth, and its effulgence from every direction. Can prison and tribulation prevent Him from that which He desireth? Nay, by the Lord of Lords!

Blessed is the heart that is quickened by the breath of God, and the tongue that is adorned with His remembrance amidst all worlds. If thou art enkindled by this Fire that hath been kindled in the world, those in the lands shall be enkindled by thee. Think not it is fire; it is light whose effects shall soon encompass those in all regions. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy. He verily exalteth whom He willeth by a command from Him, and confirmeth his mention in the Mother Book.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou beholdest me amidst the idolaters among Thy creation and those who have turned away from among Thy creatures, and Thou knowest that I have desired naught but what Thou hast desired, and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I have conveyed Thy Cause to the east and west of the earth, and thereby there hath befallen me that which hath caused the dwellers of Thy dominion and kingdom to lament, until they cast me and seventy souls into this Most Great Prison. When We arrived, We desired to convey unto all once again, that they might know that tribulations have not prevented the Manifestation of Thyself from manifesting Thy sovereignty and exalting Thy Word. We have conveyed unto the manifestations of Thy power in Thy earth that which Thou didst command me, by Thy command and Thy sovereignty. I have not compromised with anyone in Thy path, and have accepted all tribulations in Thy love and in manifesting Thy Cause.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of creation and King of invention, to transmute the brass of existence by the elixir of Thy utterance and wisdom. Then reveal unto them from Thy All-Comprehensive Book that which will render them independent through Thy riches. I testify, O my God, that with Thee is the knowledge of what was and what will be, and the knowledge of all things in Thy Hidden Book. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make known unto the servants the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, that they might find in His every condition the sweet savors of Thy knowledge and the fragrant

breezes of the garment of Thy mercy. Then aid them in that which is chosen by Thee, that they might choose what Thou hast chosen for them through Thy bounty, for that which appeareth from Thee is best for Thy servants.

O Lord! Aid this servant who hath turned toward the direction of Thy gifts, then ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Then assist him in helping Thy Cause and conveying that which Thou hast willed by Thy sovereignty, for this is the most excellent of deeds with Thee, and the most exalted in Thy Book. O Lord! Aid him in all conditions to stand firm in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

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O Mirza Abdullah! In the name of the one incomparable Beloved! This servant's purpose concerning the loved ones of God has ever been truthfulness, justice and drawing nigh unto God. Throughout all days and nights I have summoned all, purely for the sake of God, to the holy court. Even in times when there was not a moment's hope of safety outwardly, as you have all seen and understood, when enemies from all sects lay in ambush for this celestial bird, nevertheless, to the extent possible and even beyond that, there was no negligence in teaching the Cause of God. I swear by His sacred Being that I never had, nor have, any purpose of my own. Rather, the purpose was that a gathering of spiritual birds might assemble in His most glorious and impregnable Paradise, engaging in the remembrance of the Friend, that perchance the fragrances of detachment might waft over the world and its people, causing all to turn toward the Friend and become freed from the abasement of self and passion, and that the edifice of oppression built by the hands of the polytheists and transgressors on earth might be demolished by the hands of justice of holy, detached souls, so that all people might receive their share and portion from the ocean of His bounty and not remain deprived of His all-encompassing mercy.

Tablets have arrived from the land of Sad, and all are certain that that wicked associator has written falsehoods and calumnies. I swear by the Beauty of the Beloved that the mind is bewildered by the craftiness of these souls. Some of you have seen it. Now that associator has become the "leader of women." Observe the power of that Almighty One Who has made manifest the falsehood of these wicked souls through their own actions, such that every person of insight and understanding has recognized and will recognize that "leader of women" as the "leader of men." Therefore take refuge in God, O people, from their deceit and their lies. May God protect us and you from their evil.

Hear the call of this servant and with complete steadfastness protect the Cause of God from the oppression of the polytheists of the Bayan. Say: O people of the Bayan! Judge fairly yourselves. The deeds, actions and words of those souls have become evident and manifest. Is it now permissible for anyone to turn to such souls or speak in praise of such persons? No, by the Lord of the worlds! Whatever is mentioned is for the protection of God's Cause, not for the protection of this prisoner, for it is quite evident that if any days of life remain for this servant, rest will never be attained, just as it was not attained before. Rather, by God, I have never sought nor do I seek rest, for at all times I proclaim: "Would

that my blood might be shed at this moment in the path of God, my Beloved and the Beloved of the mystics." In this case, whatever occurs on earth will bring no benefit to this servant. Whatever loving counsels have been and are mentioned in the Tablets are solely for the sake of the loved ones' turning to the holy court of the All-Glorious and All-Bountiful.

O Abdullah! God's favor has ever been and continues to be with you, and you have been in His presence and have become aware of the two parties. The record of the polytheists of this land are those souls who are in that land, and whatever you have observed of deeds, actions and words in those souls is the reflection of these souls that has appeared in those souls. Now ponder on the deeds and actions of Truth and His words, and on what you have observed from others besides Him, that the truth may become clear to you. Previously two Tablets were sent specifically to you; God willing, they have arrived. Today you must strive and endeavor to the extent possible to teach God's Cause, for this is the greatest bounty and supreme good. Although most people have ever turned to falsehood, as the affinity between them is evident, just as most people on earth today are idol worshippers - what else until the will of the Doer of whatsoever He willeth decrees, and verily He is powerful over what He willeth. However, you must stand firm in the Cause with perfect steadfastness and teach God's Cause with tongue and pen to the extent possible. This is the fruit of existence, and verily He is the Mighty, the Adored One.

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In the Name of the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is an epistle from this servant to him who hath believed in God and journeyed unto Him until he entered the sacred shore in the vicinity of the mercy of his Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious, and heard the melodies of God and drank from the seas of nearness, then was guided by the guidance of the Spirit and attained unto the lights of a luminous countenance. O servant! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a reply that transcendeth the minds of the mystics, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and soar with longing and be of them that have attained unto the lights of Beauty, and be detached from the world and its ornaments to such extent that nothing in the kingdom shall cause thee grief, and be as a fire in thy love that may consume the veils of those who were veiled in the days of God and were among the losers, that perchance they may arise from the couches of their heedlessness and seek forgiveness of God within themselves and return unto the paradise of nearness.

Say: O people! Fear God and believe in Him and differ not concerning His Cause, and be not of the mischief-makers. Follow the command of God and migrate unto Him with your hearts, and when ye hear the verses of the Spirit, fall down in prostration before them, and follow not those who have cast the Book of God behind their backs as though they had never heard it, and who walk in the valley of polytheism.

Say: O people! The Cause of God hath come upon clouds of spirit with angels round about it, and the Sun of Beauty hath shone forth and the Face hath appeared from behind the veil with manifest sovereignty, and the believers at that time rejoice in the joy of God and are attracted by the melodies of the Spirit, while ye lie sleeping upon the couch of heedlessness.

Say: O people! Know ye the value of these days and deprive not yourselves of the fruits of Paradise, and be not of the heedless ones. This is what this servant counseleth you in his epistle and strengtheneth you through the Spirit and conveyeth unto you the messages of his Lord and remindeth you of the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Luminous.

And thou, fear no one and grieve not for anything, but put thy trust in God. Verily He will protect thee from the hosts of Satan and will aid thee by His command and will provide thee with everlasting bounties and will give thee glad tidings of lights of ancient glory, that thou mayest abide in the Concourse on High and soar with two wings of longing unto the precincts of a mighty nearness.

O servant! The polytheists say there is no spirit in these words. Say: Woe unto you! The spirit of life from this Paradise wafteth upon the worlds. And thereby they turned away and waxed proud before God and the Manifestations of His Cause, and were dead within the veils of their own selves. Thus hath Satan made their deeds seem fair unto them and their hearts have hardened as though they were behind a thick veil, after God had commanded them in all the Tablets not to follow their desires and when they hear the verses of the Spirit to rejoice within themselves and hasten unto a holy and noble seat.

Say: If ye be in doubt concerning what hath been revealed in this Tablet, then bring forth a proof from God or an evidence from His presence, then call your witnesses if ye be steadfast in your words. And if ye be unable, then fear God and join not partners with Him in His Cause, then follow what hath been revealed unto you and follow not every ignorant multitude, and be not of them that turn aside.

Thus do We recount unto thee the story of those who disbelieved and turned away, though I desired naught save servitude unto God, the True One, and thou art witness unto this, and God behind thee is All-Knowing and All-Witnessing.

Say: Doth not My tribulation among the servants suffice you, wherein We were manifest among them like the sun in the midst of heaven, and there befell Us what hath befallen no one before? Yet withal We desired no help from you and We put Our trust in God, the Mighty, the Exalted. This is the extent of their understanding in this vain life, and in the hereafter they shall have no helper nor supporter.

Convey the Spirit from Our presence unto him whose writing We found in thy letter, and give him glad tidings of the light of a wondrous morn. Then remind him not to make any reference to Us, that God may sanctify him from the veils of heedlessness and make him one of the angels of the highest heaven. And peace be upon thee and upon the women in thy household and upon those who remember God in thy land and who are upon a straight path of certain truth.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Tablet which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and wise, wherein is mentioned that which attracteth the minds of them that have recognized the unity of God. Is this the day of silence? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Is this the day of rest? Nay, by My true Self, were ye of them that know! All things have been stirred by

the breezes of Revelation. Do ye remain seated in your places, even though ye be of the sincere ones? Leave the people behind thee, then stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. When the breezes of the verses take hold of thee and awaken thee from slumber, arise and say: "O people! By God, He is indeed the Beloved of the heavens and earth! He hath been imprisoned after having sacrificed Himself for our sakes. Where is your sense of honor, and where is your fidelity, O ye who have turned towards Him?" He is in such tribulation as the eye of creation hath never beheld its like, after having summoned the people unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Grieve not for what hath befallen Us, and be patient. He, verily, hath power over all things. Then know that thy mention hath been made before Us, and We have sent down verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thine eyes may be solaced thereby. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. Then remind the people of the Bayan there. Say: "Have ye denied your Lord, the All-Merciful, after He came upon the clouds of explanation with a mighty proof?" Say: "Fear ye God and cast not the Truth behind your backs. Take what ye have been given from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise."

Do ye find any other than Me in the Bayan? Nay, by Him Who caused Me to speak His praise amongst the worlds! Hath there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen any mention save My mention? Nay, by My true Self, were ye of them that know! Were it not for My mention, the Bayan would not have been revealed, and by My Name was adorned the heaven of the Cause. Here is its Sun, which hath dawned from its horizon. Blessed be God Who hath manifested Himself in truth with evident sovereignty!

Say: "O people! Arise from the slumber of passion and turn unto the Dayspring of the Cause, the Source of the signs of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted." Thus doth He counsel you from the Most Glorious Horizon. Hearken unto that whereunto ye are called from the direction of the Throne, and be not of them that hesitate. Say: "Beware lest ye follow him who hath turned away from the Truth and clung to them who have denied God from time immemorial. They are indeed of an evil people, among the most lost."

Quicken the servants through My Name, then give them to drink in My days that which floweth from the right hand of the Throne, that they may unite in the Cause and not be of the doubtful ones. Say: "O people! Be fair! Do ye find anyone who speaketh between the heavens and the earth, whom neither the oppression of the wrongdoers nor the might of sovereigns can prevent?" Those who preserve themselves behind veils call upon the people to deny the Lord of Lords. They are indeed in manifest error.

Say: "Have mercy upon yourselves and upon Him through Whom the eyes of the Primal Point were consoled in the Most Exalted Companion. This is He Who took the covenant of His own Self before the creation of the heavens and earth." Say: "Have ye not heard the Cry which was raised in the atmosphere of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful? And have ye not heard that which came from the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful?"

Say: "We have desired naught for Ourselves, but rather for your sakes, were ye to be fair-minded. We have accepted the swords of the enemies for your life, and every fair-minded, well-informed person beareth witness to this. We have turned away from all who are on earth for the sake of your turning unto the direction of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate."

Say: “Would ye slay with the sword of hatred him who hath sacrificed his life for your sake? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! If ye deny the All-Merciful, by what discourse will your souls find assurance? Fear God and follow not every idolatrous doubter.”

Place thy trust in God and convey that which thou art commanded. Let not the might of the oppressors frighten thee. He is with those who make mention of Him, and He aideth him who speaketh His praise. He, verily, rewardeth the rememberers. Be thou assured of thy Lord’s grace.

Say: “O my Lord! I have turned with my whole being to the Dawning-Place of the signs of Thy oneness, and have turned away from those who have opposed the Dayspring of Thy Cause. Preserve me, O my God, beneath the shadow of Thy great mercy. Then make me to be of those who have stood firm in Thy Cause, who have been faithful to Thy Covenant, and who have cast behind their backs all who are in the realm. Ordain for me, O my God, the victory of Thy Cause and Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants, and disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for the choicest among Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

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He is the All-Possessing!

This is a Tablet which bestoweth remembrance upon all the worlds and guideth the heedless unto the paradise of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Therein is healing for the breasts of those who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of God, and for the idolaters there is a grievous chastisement.

O servant! Be thou steadfast in the Cause which none can withstand save those who have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and the earth. Then take hold of this handle whereby the hearts of those near unto God have taken hold.

Say: O people! Know ye that God hath made Us independent of you and of what ye possess and of all the worlds. We have no need of you nor of what ye possess. Rather, all things are in need of the grace that is with Me, and I am the Munificent, the Generous. Say: He is indeed self-sufficient in His own sufficiency, and all else is made sufficient through His sufficiency, were ye but to perceive it. And if We accept anything from anyone, that is of Our favor unto him, if ye be of those who know.

Say: By God! All who are in the heavens and earth cannot equal a single letter that proceedeth from My Pen, and I am the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Say: What ye possess befitteth you and is worthy of your station, O concourse of the heedless! By God! If ye were to expend all that is in the heavens and earth, and what ye possess of gold and silver, and beyond these your spirits and your bodies, for one who would bring you glad tidings of this Cause in this Name, it would still be more insignificant than anything else, were ye but to know.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! By the True God, heedlessness and intoxication have seized you more severely than the peoples of old, and this is testified to by this truthful and trustworthy Pen. Say: We have

been imprisoned in this Prison behind towering mountains, and We seek from you neither helper nor assistant save God Who created Us and you, and help cometh from none but Him, and He is the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: Today nothing shall profit you, even if ye were to expend all that hath been created between earth and heaven, except that ye believe in this wise Remembrance. Nothing shall be accepted from anyone, even if he were to fast and pray for the duration of God's existence, except that he draw nigh through this exalted and sublime Prayer.

Say: By the True God! Today none is permitted even to breathe except by My leave, much less anything else, were ye but of the God-fearing. And by this there ariseth the fire of hatred in the breasts of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and tranquility in the hearts of the monotheists.

Say: If ye deny these verses, then by what proof have ye believed in all the Prophets and Messengers? Bring it forth if ye be truthful! Say: Remain ye in your homes and seats, then occupy yourselves with what your desires command you, and do not oppose these captives in this distant land. Fear ye God and dispute not with Him Who hath appeared with manifest sovereignty, the like of which hath never appeared before and shall never appear unto the end that hath no end, and Who remained behind the veil of concealment when He found you wrapped in veils of heedlessness and thick coverings.

And thou, read thou this Tablet and share it with the letter Mim that he may become aware of God's sufficiency and be of the assured ones. And send its transcript to his land that its people might be transformed from the left hand of fancy to the right hand of certitude. Then convey Our remembrance to the letter Za' and others among the steadfast loved ones of God whose feet slip not from this Path wherefrom slip the feet of the mystics.

Say unto them: Emerge from the darkness of heedlessness and convey yourselves, then convey the servants, and be not of the fearful ones. God will protect you from those who have disbelieved and oppressed, and from the hosts of the idolaters.

What they say regarding the letter Qaf in the presence of Mahdi is incorrect. Love for him has ever been and shall ever be manifest. The intent of that statement was to investigate the circumstances of the writer who wrote from the land of Ta, not you and them. In any case, pay no heed to the words of those who intend and raise up, for most are devoid of truth. What was mentioned in the Tablets was intended to manifest the unity of you Mahdis in Qam?in, naught else. We remember the people of the sanctuary, and likewise Majid and Rida and others among the assured ones.

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He is the Mighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting!

This is a Tablet that speaketh with truth, and in it is that which guideth the people unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, Who hath ordained for Us that which He hath ordained for none else of His creation. We are, therefore, in great thanksgiving.

Say: O people! Successive years and consecutive months have passed, and the Face was among you like unto the resplendent, shining sun, yet ye turned not towards it for a moment, nor did ye recognize it for an instant, though it moved amongst you morning and evening. Thus did days and nights pass while the people were in great heedlessness and intoxication. And whenever We increased for them the proof, they increased in their wretchedness and were in manifest loss.

Say: O concourse of the Furqan and all who are in the heavens and on earth! Do ye follow what your desires command you and forsake Him Who created you and sustaineth you? Woe unto you, O company of Muslims! Fear God and cast not the Book of God behind your backs, and deprive not yourselves of this wondrous bounty. If ye have a proof greater than this, or an evidence mightier than it, then bring it forth and be not of the patient ones. And if ye have not God's proof and His evidence, then by what proof did ye turn away from the Truth and were among the rejectors?

Do ye imagine within yourselves that God's Cause will be altered by My imprisonment? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Rather, His Cause will be exalted and His decree elevated, even should all creation oppose it. He is triumphant over His Cause and firm in His support. He will aid His Cause through the hosts of His invisible realm on high.

Thus have We set forth the verses in truth that they might guide those who are guided by God their Creator. When the verses of God are recited unto them, they offer up their souls and are among those who draw nigh unto the homeland of nearness before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And thou, O Nabil, know that those who have left their homes and dwelling places, emigrating unto God - their reward falleth upon God. This is glad tidings for thee and for those who were among those who sought the right hand of holiness. Then know that those who claim faith in these days - their faith will not be complete except through their turning unto God and turning away from all who are in the heavens and earth. Be not as those who were before, and follow not that which they have no authority to follow, and be not of the heedless ones.

Say: O people! Follow not those unto whom God hath given no authority or power. Follow him who reciteth unto you the verses of God - this is one of His signs, if ye be of those who hear. Say: The bounty was among you, yet ye turned away from it after God had enjoined it upon you in all the Tablets, nay in every line, if ye be of those who see. When they turned away from God's decree and denied God's bounty, God removed it from their midst and left them in manifest darkness, and caused it to dwell in a place whose hem neither those who accept nor those who reject can touch.

We praise God for having confined Us in this remote prison. And thou, be thou at peace through thy Lord's favor and grieve not for anything. God will assist thee through His Command and will ordain for thee abundant good, and will exalt thy name in truth among the company of those who are brought nigh.

Then know that We have written no letter to anyone, nor do We write except as God willeth. He verily ordereth all things as He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. And if thou desirest, convey the fragrances wafting from this Tablet to those who have believed in God and His signs and were among the assured ones, that perchance the people may arise from the couches of heedlessness and turn with their hearts toward the direction of God, the Supreme, the Most High, the Great.

And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have relied upon their Lord.

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He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The petition of Asad - upon him be My glory - was noted and achieved the honor of being heard. Praise be to God that they have inhaled the fragrance of divine knowledge and are turning their gaze toward the horizon of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds. This is the fruit of existence, to which the Supreme Pen hath testified and doth testify. They have not been and are not deprived, for they have turned unto Him in days when the divines, the jurists, and the princes of the earth became opposers. We beseech God to aid all to preserve that which hath been bestowed.

O Asad! The breathings of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, have taken thee, and the Kawthar of divine knowledge hath attracted thee. Say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and unto Thee be thanksgiving, unto Thee be bounty and generosity, for having honored me with Thy days and caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Manifestation of Thy Self, and the Dayspring of Thy signs, and for having aided me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon, to hearken unto Thy sweetest call, and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and turning away from all else, acknowledging that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken when Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne by Thy command and will, that verily Thou art God, Who hath ever been One, Single, Alone, and Self-Subsisting, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one seeking the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit, the needy one seeking the kingdom of wealth, the distant one seeking Thy nearness, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust, the weak one seeking the horizon of Thy power, the ignorant one seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, the weary one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance, and the dead one seeking the Kawthar of Thy eternity. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation and by Thy Most Exalted Word, whereby the rivers of Thy knowledge have flowed from the hearts of Thy loved ones, and by the Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy servants and Thy lands, to cause me in all conditions to hold fast unto that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will in Thy Scriptures and Tablets, and to cling to that which Thou hast commanded me through that which hath been revealed when the creaking of Thy Most Exalted Pen was raised in the kingdom of creation through Thy bounty and favors.

I know not, O my God, my Goal, and my Hope, which of my deeds hath made me worthy of recognizing the ocean of Thy light and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree, and which of my remembrances hath guided me to the court of Thy favor and the Dawning-Place of Thy hidden Names and Thy treasured Secret. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose forgiveness all things bear witness and through Whose grace all things exist, to forgive me and those who love Thee, O Lord of Lords, Master of the Day of Reckoning, and the Speaker in the Return.

I know not, O my God and my Lord, whether Thou hast ordained for Thy servant to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, to stand before Thy throne, to stand at Thy gate, and to enter the place which Thou hast made the circling-point of Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, or whether Thy irrevocable decree hath prevented me from this most great bounty, O Master of nations. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy giving and the sun of Thy grace to ordain for me from the Pen of Destiny the hearing of Thy sweetest call and the gazing toward Thy most exalted horizon, and ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee, O Beloved of the Concourse on High and Master of the Most Glorious Paradise. Then write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord, I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to make my turning toward Thy presence a treasure for me with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what was written about ’Ali-Haydar, it was mentioned before the Wronged One and adorned with the ornament of the favor of the Goal of all worlds. We beseech God to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. In these days, mention of him hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to make him successful in that which beseemeth His days. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon the faces of the brethren and upon him and upon those whom the might of the ranks and multitudes prevented not from turning toward God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Realm.

And should Asad - upon him be My glory - recite this brief prayer, it would be beloved:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy Most Exalted Word and the might of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of Names, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is with me and I know not what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O handmaiden of God! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors. The letter thou didst send to him who beareth the name of God, upon him be My Glory, attained unto Our presence, was seen and heard. There hath come upon you that which hath caused grief to the loved ones and joy to the denizens of the highest Paradise - grief to the loved ones due to separation, and joy to the denizens of the highest Paradise due to union. His honor Badi’, upon him be My Glory, hastened from this dust-heap earth to the highest Paradise. All the peoples round about are saddened by thy sorrow, yet it behooveth all to hold fast to gracious patience. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient. He commandeth thee, His handmaidens and His loved ones to gracious patience.

However, O My handmaiden and My leaf, I swear by the Sun of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the highest horizon of the world, through God’s grace and favor - exalted be His glory - there have been ordained for thee offspring and children who shall forever be nourished in the paradise of inner meanings with eternal, everlasting bounties and delicate foods. By the life of God! This bounty shall never cease nor undergo change. This is hidden within the innermost of the innermost. As to the outward

realm, that which will bring you certainty and assurance is mentioned for the sake of God, that thou mayest rend asunder with the fingers of certitude the somber garment that is unpleasing, and adorn thyself with the luminous robe that is most beloved of all that hath appeared from thee.

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My Glory and My mercy. Every word of the divine words specifically revealed for thee from the heaven of the merciful Will is as a righteous child and a manifest remembrance. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath neither hearkened to nor heard any word of unseemly deed, and through the Most Exalted Pen thou hast been blessed with children and offspring who are immortalized, eternal and everlasting in God's Book, each bearing witness concerning thee. Rejoice thou in this great bounty.

[Letter continues with specific mentions of various individuals and conditions in the prison city, concluding with guidance and blessings]

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory. Although the condition of this land and the events occurring therein are outwardly unknown, repeatedly hath this exalted Word been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: the prison land is outwardly calm but inwardly turbulent. The knowledge thereof is with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Yet, purely through grace and favor, permission for the Leaf to approach and remain hath been granted, as a bounty from God, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in majesty and power!

O questioner! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He summoneth thee unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. As to what thou hast written concerning the manifestation of the Cause and the completion of the proof, know thou that the proof hath been completed, the heavenly table hath descended, the earth hath been cleft asunder, the heaven hath been split, the mountains have been scattered, the trees have been uprooted, the seas have been frozen, the path hath been laid, the balance hath been set up, the trumpet hath been blown, the door hath been knocked, the hosts have been arrayed, the inevitable hour hath come to pass, the tribes have been shaken, the bugle hath sounded, and the voice of the trumpet hath been raised, when this most exalted Word was sent down from the Most Exalted Pen: My glory and grandeur bear witness that this is not the day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when the call is raised between earth and heaven, to leave behind whatsoever he possesseth, to arise and say:

"Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Creator of Heaven! I bear witness that Thou hast appeared and manifested what Thou didst desire through Thy command 'Be,' and it was."

O thou who strivest with thy words! Look with the eye of fairness. For years, the arrows of tribulation have rained down from the clouds of divine decree, by reason of what the hands of the wicked have

wrought, upon the Truth and His loved ones, while thou didst repose upon the couch of heedlessness in utmost comfort. Now, in these latter days, when God's testimony hath encompassed the world and His proof hath risen like the sun from the horizon of His Cause, thou hast clung to the ropes of the world's soothsayers and their like, seeking to measure the Truth by a standard that is unworthy of mention. Return unto God Who created and nurtured thee, and say:

"O my Lord! I testify that I was heedless of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom, and turned away from the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace that hath encompassed all contingent beings, to forgive me and remit my sins. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

O questioner! Sanctify thine ear that thou mayest hear the divine call, and cleanse thine eye from the dust and rheum of idle fancies that thou mayest behold the Supreme Horizon. Today the whispers of Satan are evident and the breezes of the All-Merciful are wafting. Cast off the former and take hold of the latter. In the name of the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord, and such clear tokens have appeared that none but every heedless, turning away, denying one that is far astray would deny them. Observe the signs of God and ponder them, that perchance thou mayest inhale the fragrance of His garment and attain unto the Dayspring of Revelation. All that hath appeared in the world was previously announced in the divine Tablets with the most clear exposition. The Command is in His grasp, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. This is the Day whereof the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an, saying: "The whole earth shall be but His handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens shall be rolled up in His right hand."

If thou wouldst reflect a little, by the life of God, thou wouldst melt away in shame, for the Truth hath appeared in such wise as hath never been witnessed in all creation, and from His movement and stillness, His call and utterance, and all His ways, proofs, evidences and testimonies have become manifest and evident. Yet despite this, thou still seekest to know the Truth through conjecture and idle fancy. Cast aside what thou hast and take what is with God, the Lord of all worlds. Strive that thou mayest drink from the cup of everlasting life and not be numbered among those who swoon away. By the life of God! The trumpet hath been blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save those who have held fast unto His cord and clung to the hem of His luminous robe.

When thou hast received My Tablet and found from it the fragrance of My verses, go forth from thy house towards the wilderness and lament with the lamentation of the bereaved, and say, as many times as the number of the Greatest Name: "I repent before Thee, O God of the worlds!" Then turn thy face towards the Prison and say:

"I have come unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One of the worlds, with sincerity for Thy sake, in submission to Thy command, in humility before Thy decree, hoping for the wonders of Thy favor, and beseeching Thy ancient generosity, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all worlds! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great."

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LVII

When thou art departed out of the court of My presence, O Muhammad, direct thy steps towards My House (Ba{gh}dad House), and visit it on behalf of thy Lord.

When thou reachest its door, stand thou before it and say: Whither is the Ancient Beauty gone, O most great House of God, He through Whom God hath made thee the cynosure of an adoring world, and proclaimed thee to be the sign of His remembrance unto all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth? Oh! for the former days when thou, O House of God, wert made His footstool, the days when in ceaseless strains the melody of the All-Merciful poured forth from thee! What hath become of thy jewel whose glory hath irradiated all creation? Whither are gone the days in which He, the Ancient King, had made thee the throne of His glory, the days in which He had chosen thee alone to be the lamp of salvation between earth and heaven, and caused thee to diffuse, at dawn and at eventide, the sweet fragrance of the All-Glorious?

Where, O House of God, is the Sun of majesty and power Who had enveloped thee with the brightness of His presence? Where is He, the Day Spring of the tender mercies of thy Lord, the Unconstrained, Who had established His seat within thy walls? What is it, O throne of God, that hath altered thy countenance, and made thy pillars to tremble? What could have closed thy door to the face of them that eagerly seek thee? What hath made thee so desolate? Couldst thou have been told that the Beloved of the world is pursued by the swords of His enemies? The Lord bless thee, and bless thy fidelity unto Him, inasmuch as thou hast remained His companion through all His sorrows and His sufferings. I testify that thou art the scene of His transcendent glory, His most holy habitation. Out of thee hath gone forth the Breath of the All-Glorious, a Breath that hath breathed over all created things, and filled with joy the breasts of the devout that dwell in the mansions of Paradise. The Concourse on high, and they that inhabit the Cities of the Names of God, weep over thee, and bewail the things that have befallen thee.

Thou art still the symbol of the names and attributes of the Almighty, the Point towards which the eyes of the Lord of earth and heaven are directed. There hath befallen thee what hath befallen the Ark in which God’s pledge of security had been made to dwell. Well is it with him that apprehendeth the intent of these words, and recognizeth the purpose of Him Who is the Lord of all creation.

Happy are those that inhale from thee the sweet savors of the Merciful, that acknowledge thine exaltation, that safeguard thy sanctity, that reverence, at all times, thy station. We implore the Almighty to grant that the eyes of those who have turned away from thee, and failed to appreciate thy worth, may be opened, that they may truly recognize thee, and Him Who, through the power of truth, hath raised thee up on high. Blind, indeed, are they about thee, and utterly unaware of thee in this day. Thy Lord is, verily, the Gracious, the Forgiving.

I bear witness that through thee God hath proved the hearts of His servants. Blessed be the man that directeth his steps towards thee, and visiteth thee. Woe to him that denieth thy right, that turneth away from thee, that dishonoreth thy name, and profaneth thy holiness.

Grieve not, O House of God, if the veil of thy sanctity be rent asunder by the infidels. God hath, in the world of creation, adorned thee with the jewel of His remembrance. Such an ornament no man can, at any time, profane. Towards thee the eyes of thy Lord shall, under all conditions, remain directed. He, verily, will incline His ear to the prayer of every one that visiteth thee, who will circle around thee, and calleth upon Him in thy name. He, in truth, is the Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by this House that hath suffered such change in its separation from Thee, that bewaileth its remoteness from Thy presence, and lamenteth Thy tribulation, to forgive me, and my parents, and my kindred, and such of my brethren as have believed in Thee. Grant that all my needs be satisfied, through Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the King of Names. Thou art the most Bountiful of the bountiful, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

Praise be to God Who has manifested the Light and through it illumined the world of inner meanings and expression, and Who has revealed the Fire and through it shone forth upon Moses on the Mount of mystic knowledge. Glory and praise, blessings and splendor be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones, whom He has made the Dawning-Places of His names and the Daysprings of His attributes and the Manifestations of His Self and the Recipients of His knowledge and the Treasuries of His verses - through whom were opened the gates of divine knowledge to all in the realm of possibility, and the Dove of certitude warbled upon the highest branches. There is none other God but Him. He has ever been in the heights of power and majesty, and in the summit of might and grandeur. His favor has been complete and His proof perfected and His evidence fulfilled and His sovereignty made mighty. He it is Who has sent down His verses and revealed His clear tokens. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One bears witness to thy turning, thy devotion, thy arising, thy presence, thy attentiveness, thy service and thy deeds in the Most Great Prison and the Most Mighty, Most Impregnable Fortress. We beseech God to assist thee and grant thee success, and to ordain for thee from the Supreme Pen the best of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Him, Who is established upon His mighty throne.

We make mention of thy father, whom We have remembered in such wise that his remembrance shall endure in the cities of knowledge and wisdom. We testify that he attained unto acceptance and witnessed that which God Himself has witnessed - that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And We make mention of him who was named Nasrullah, whose mention

thou desired. We beseech God to forgive him through His grace, to purify him through His loving-kindness, and to draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thou hast hearkened unto the voice of the Wronged One in eloquent Arabic; now hear it in sweetest Persian. Praise be to God, the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses have drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and have heard the call of the Blessed Tree. This Wronged One has made mention of each one, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for them that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Make mention of each one from the Wronged One, that perchance through the breezes of remembrance they may attain unto everlasting joy and be freed from the troubles of this world.

O Mahdi! Give thanks to the Goal of all the worlds Who has assisted thee to recognize Him and to turn toward Him, and in the nights and days seek thou the preservation of this most exalted station. Verily He is the Powerful, the Preserver, the Mighty, the Great. We counsel the loved ones of God with that which conduceth to the elevation of souls and the reformation of the world. No host hath been or is mightier than goodly deeds and pure character. With these hosts must they conquer the citadels of hearts. This is the true good that hath been mentioned and recorded in the Books and Scriptures and Tablets of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto the cord of grace and clung to the hem of trust in God. Such is among those men of whom He saith: “On them shall be no fear, neither shall they grieve.”

Say: O friends! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and sanctify yourselves from the doubts and allusions of the manifestations of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings, that ye may be refreshed by the breezes of God’s loving-kindness that waft at dawn, and attain unto everlasting life. God is aware and mankind doth witness that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, striven mightily to reform souls and unite hearts, that the horizons of the world might be illumined with the light of concord among nations, and that all might turn with spirit and joy toward the Supreme Horizon and occupy themselves with that which profiteth their souls. To this testifieth every informed sage and every discerning knower.

O Mahdi! We beseech God to assist thee in serving His Cause and to enable thee to do that which is pleasing unto Him. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

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The honored beloved, his eminence Nabil ibn Nabil, may the 966 [Baha’u’llah] and His favors be upon him, may take note.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who sent down the blessing, and verily it is a table spread that hath descended from the heaven of His grace, and it expresseth itself in every tongue through all things, and it is that blessing whereby whoso attaineth unto it shall neither hunger nor be troubled. And in the understanding of the

divine ones it expresseth the Primal Reality and the Point of Unity and the Mystery of Oneness - the Beloved of the Lord of Names and the Best-Beloved of those who are in earth and heaven, Who was named Muhammad, may God's blessings and peace be upon him and his family among all peoples. And He is the Book whereby were sealed the mysteries of origin and return from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. And blessings and peace be upon him and his family and his companions through whom were raised the banners of divine knowledge and the seal of the choice wine was broken and the ocean of divine confirmation did surge, and upon those who acted according to what they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, this evanescent servant hath attained unto your exalted letter and found therein the fragrance of your love and sincerity and submission and humility before God alone. The servant beareth witness that you have attained the lights of divine unity and the station of detachment and have swum in the ocean of mystic knowledge until you discovered the pearl of utterance and the coral of inner meanings. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen you and draw you nigh and aid you to accomplish what He loveth and approveth.

Although in truth that beloved one hath already attained this station, yet since prayer is beloved and good-pleasure is above all stations, from time to time this servant dareth to express such words. In truth this is a great and mighty station which none knoweth save Him. And after being informed and made aware it was submitted before His presence and He said: "The truth is with him, he hath spoken truthfully. We beseech God to aid His servants to perform pure deeds and speak truthfully and to righteousness and the fear of God. Verily He hath power over all things." End quote.

And regarding his eminence Haji Ali Askar, may the 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors be upon him, they wrote that the beloved one his eminence Amin, may the 966 [Baha'u'llah] be upon him, hath repeatedly mentioned him, and especially in these days the sun of permission hath dawned from the horizon of will. However, since the weather is unsettled and likewise the sea is turbulent, patience is preferable. If they remain in that city and its environs, after things settle they may proceed. Although God, exalted be His glory, hath been the Protector and the waves of the sea move not, nor have they moved, appear not, nor have they appeared, except by God's will, yet the intention is that in this winter season the sea hath not been, nor is, free from toil and hardship. Therefore their hardship is not beloved in the sight of this servant. And likewise They said if any work arose requiring return to their land, the reward of attaining the presence would be bestowed upon him. Verily he is among those who have succeeded in serving the Cause and have been adorned with the love of God, the Mighty, the Wise. End quote.

This transient one also conveyeth greetings and salutations to them. Another submission: whatever that beloved one doeth hath been and is according to the command, for at first They said complete association with known persons is not permitted, as people's properties are with them and the great ones of the earth await pretexts. Therefore one must act with utmost wisdom. This hath been and is explained in detail to travelers as well. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the Kind, the Affectionate. Any matter that occurreth for God's sake is beloved and predominant over other matters. This is what I heard from the tongue of Him Who speaketh today in the heart of the prison that which causeth to tremble the minds of the weak and the hearts of the foolish.

The final glad tidings is that on Saturday morning the 15th of Safar, acting as your spiritual representative, I attained unto visitation and circumambulation and was adorned with acceptance. Praise be to God that the letter was concluded with a mighty matter. The peace shining forth from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle and have acted according to what they were commanded by God, the Lord of all beings.

The servant

15th of the month of Safar 1301

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Powerful, the Most High, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself unto all created things through His Name that is sanctified above all names and attributes, and Who hath called all, through His loving-kindness and favors, unto the Dayspring of His Cause which is exalted above all directions, that all may turn unto the Dawning-Place of His grace and the Dayspring of His Revelation, and drink what He hath desired for them of the Kawthar of divine knowledge through His all-pervading favor over all contingent beings. Verily, the spirit, glory and splendor rest upon those who have heard, responded and turned unto Him, detached from idle fancies and allusions.

Praise be to God Who hath made for the Tree of His Cause branches and twigs that move at His mention and incline toward His direction, and from which is heard the praise of God, the All-Possessing, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My spirit be a sacrifice unto you! Two blessed letters which were written to honor this evanescent one have been received. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who hath made this unworthy one the recipient of the attention and favors of His blessed Afnan. Boundless joy and delight were occasioned by the sweet fragrances of your words, and the supplication that was submitted to the Most Holy Court reached the blessed vision, and as commanded, this evanescent servant presented all of it.

His grandeur be exalted! He saith: “O My Afnan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One in this mighty prison, and that which thou didst compose in praise of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, was chanted before His face. We have turned unto thee from this spot and make mention of thee with that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout My glorious and mighty Kingdom. Despite the tribulations that surround Me, My Most Exalted Pen hath not ceased, and moveth at all times in celebration of God, the Lord of all names. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. We beseech God to confirm thee in all conditions in that which thou art in the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

And likewise was revealed, addressing Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-?amid: “O ?amid! Hearken unto the call of this Exile from this near yet distant horizon. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee from this noble station. By God! There hath been ordained for whosoever hath turned unto God in this Revelation

that which none hath comprehended save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Rejoice in My mention of thee. That which thou seest today shall perish, but that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall endure for thee."

As to other news of this land, despite the encompassing presence of the heedless and the clamor of the polytheists, the divine fragrances of the Cause are spreading. Some time ago, the situation in this land became very severe, that is, the governor here rose up in opposition. Praise be to God, very soon the fire of his rancor was extinguished and the spark of his envy perished and disappeared. One day, a group was present in the Most Holy Court, namely some from Kha and ?a and others who had arrived in the Holy Land in these days. Mention was made of the envy of the divines and the wickedness of those heedless souls. He said that glory had been taken from those souls; even if they should cling to all means, they shall never attain unto it. The example of those souls is like embers of fire, and all of them have been and shall be extinguished by a single wave from the ocean of God's will.

In any case, that governor is gone and another has come who has been and continues to be in utmost humility. The items that were previously sent have arrived, and this servant reported their receipt. The later chest that was newly sent has reached Alexandria. They wrote that it would be sent on the return steamer, but this servant was greatly embarrassed as it caused trouble for you. My trust in you caused such boldness. The Branches and Afnans of the Blessed Tree especially convey their most glorious greetings to you, and furthermore this evanescent one's greetings to Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-?amid, upon him be the glory of God, depend upon your grace and favors. Those who circle round offer their pure devotion to your presence. The most wondrous, most exalted greetings and the most holy, most great, most glorious praise be upon you and upon those who have attained the honor of serving you.

The Servant of God

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The Honored Friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mahdi, one of the sons of Khalil, may the Glory of God rest upon him, may take note:

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power! Praise be to God Who hath guided us to His path, caused us to speak His praise, sent down for us the proof and made manifest the way. He it is Who made us hear His verses and taught us what will profit us in this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. Prayers, praise, glorification and glory be upon His chosen ones and His friends who have not broken His covenant and His testament. These are servants whom God hath described in His scrolls, His psalms and His Book. Through them God hath aided His Cause and seized the oppressors through His justice. Through them His verses were spread abroad and His proof was made manifest, and through them He conquered the lands and manifested among the servants what He desired. Upon them be the grace of God and His care in the beginning and the return.

And then, the letter of that honored friend arrived and brought joy. Praise be to God that you are confirmed in mention and praise, in love and faithfulness. As the fragrance of steadfastness and affection wafted from the letter, it became the cause of boundless joy. After its observation and reading, it was taken to the Holy Presence and presented before the Face. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke:

"O Mahdi! Thy letter arrived and the servant present before the Face presented it. We beseech God that He may confirm thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest be occupied at all times with the mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Time and again this Wronged One hath mentioned thee with a mention that appeareth for the sake of God. It is the guide of souls and the attractor of hearts. He is the Herald and He is the Messenger of the Garden of inner meanings. Through Him the soil of hearts is transformed and temples are adorned with His ornament. God willing, at all times you will hold fast to the remembrance of God and that whereby His Cause is uplifted. Verily He is the Helper of those who turn to Him and the Guide of the seekers."

Convey greetings and glorification to the friends wherever you meet them on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to confirm all in steadfastness in His Cause. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And We make mention of him who is named Sadiq. Verily he was present and heard and saw and witnessed and knew. We beseech God to preserve him through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to the Goal of the world that you have been confirmed in that which is the cause of eternal salvation. You have ever been remembered. The days of your presence have not been forgotten. I beseech God to ordain that which contains the good of this world and the next.

The beloved of the heart, one of the two Most Exalted Names, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, may the glory of God and His care and favors be upon him, delivered your letter, and likewise the letter that was sent in his service was also seen. They have perfect love for you. In truth they are well-wishers of the world and its peoples. They themselves will surely send a reply.

Regarding what you wrote about entering Qarabagh, God willing it was and is blessed. After being presented in the Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this blessed word: "To remain in that land, so long as it passeth in spirit and fragrance, is beloved."

God willing, it is hoped that the days will pass for you in spirit and fragrance, and that you will be the cause of building up hearts and minds, that the heedless may become aware and the sleeping may lift their heads from the couch of negligence. The Command is in God's hand - He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth.

To the honored brother Jinab-i-Aqa Mulla Muhammad-Sadiq, may the glory and care of God be upon him, I convey glorification and seek confirmation for him. God willing, may he in all conditions be mindful of wisdom, hold fast to wisdom, and speak with wisdom. And whatever he requested from the two beloved Most Exalted Names, may the glory and favors of God be upon them both, will be expressed and God willing will be sent.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the loved ones of God who have acted according to what they were commanded in His Clear Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

9th of the honored month of Shawwal 1304

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O my God and my Lord! Thou seest what Thou seest and dost witness what Thou dost witness, and Thou beholdest, O my Beloved, how I have been afflicted at the hands of Thy creatures, such that I have fallen into this well that hath neither beginning nor end. Before Me riseth up the Serpent of wrath with jaws stretched to engulf Me, and behind Me stalketh the lion of anger intent on tearing Me in pieces, and above Me, O My Well-Beloved, are the clouds of Thy decree, raining upon Me the showers of tribulations, whilst beneath Me are fixed the spears of misfortune, ready to wound My limbs and My body. Yet O my God, despite these tribulations which no other among Thy servants hath endured, I give thanks to Thee with my inner and outer tongue, my visible and invisible being, and I say: Where is Thy hidden grace, and where are Thy lofty favors, O Thou Who art my Creator and Ordainer? Glorified art Thou, O my Best-Beloved! If Thou dost not ward off from Me these tribulations that have descended, withhold not from My heart the sweet delights of Thy wondrous revelation, and if Thou dost not lift from Me these calamities that have befallen Me, close not off from My face the sweet-scented breezes of Thy sanctity. Glorified art Thou, O my God! By Thy might, the melodies of Thy unity shall not cease from my mouth despite the sorrows that encompass Me from the manifestations of Thy negation and the dawning-places of Thy wrath, nor shall my lips cease moving despite the cares that have seized me from the direction of Thy decree. O my God, I have reached such a state of grief that the lamp weepeth at what hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious among Thy creation. Glorified art Thou, O my Beloved! Hear Thou the cry of this oppressed one in this Most Great Prison, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of might and eternity, and in Whose right hand is the sovereignty of command and destiny. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest through Thy will what Thou desirest. By Thy beauty, O my First and my Last, many days and known nights have passed, and I have not emerged from the house of sorrow to meet Thy loved ones, though I long to meet them that I might behold in their faces the lights of Thy unity and find comfort in their presence through the sweet breezes of the love and affection for Thee that waft from their hearts. Therefore, O my God, take me not to task for this grievous error, and leave me not in this state, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of might in the most exalted heaven. Thou knowest, O my God, that this is not due to any pride towards them or independence from them, but rather, O my Beloved, I fear they would be saddened by My sadness and troubled by My trouble. Therefore have I kept myself from meeting them and veiled my face from their sight. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which appeared the sun of Thy beauty and the moon of Thy majesty, and through which were raised the heavens of the sanctity of Thy oneness in this Word whereby were manifested the melodies of the Sovereign of the might of Thy bounty, and through which all existence entered the pavilion of Thy oneness, and through which the servants acknowledged and confessed that which Thou didst call them to from the throne of Thy

grandeur - that Thou mayest make those who have clung to Thee and to the hem of the robe of Thy loving-kindness to be among those who are honored at all times by meeting with Thee, who hear Thy melodies, who serve in Thy service, who stand firm in Thy Cause, who gaze upon Thy countenance - for Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by this treasured Name and this hidden Word, that Thou accept from Thy servant who hath migrated unto Thee and repeatedly circumambulated the sanctuary of Thy holiness, that Thou fulfill what he hath guaranteed to Thy loved ones - for Thou art the Fulfiller, the Giver, the Wise. Then raise them to a station wherein they shall perform Thy prayer from time immemorial and which shall never cease throughout eternity - for the elevation of this prayer which none among Thy creatures hath comprehended. Then accept, O my God, from these ones the compensation for the yearning of the lovers in their remoteness and separation from Thee, and the compensation for those who have attained unto nearness to Thee and reunion with Thee. Then send down, O my God, upon the hearts of Thy loved ones that whereby Thy servant who hath been named Salman may be loved, that they may honor him with Thine honor and turn toward him through Thy grace, such that they withhold not from him what Thou hast given them through Thy bounty according to their capacity - for Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful!

My God, my God! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne, by the Manifestations of Thy Cause, by the Daysprings of Thy verses, the Sources of Thy clear proofs, the Fountainheads of Thy commandments, and the Points of descent of Thy revelation, to aid Thy servant who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty, O Lord of all beings and Master of the throne on high and of the dust below, to act according to what Thou hast commanded him in Thy Book which Thou didst send down upon the Dawning-Place of Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, whereby Thou didst separate truth from falsehood, the knowing from the ignorant, the guide from the misguider, the one who accepteth from the one who turneth away.

I testify, O my God, in this my position, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy might and dominant through Thy Will. Thou art He Whom neither the might of kings nor the clamor of subjects could hinder. Through Thy power Thou hast manifested that before which the necks of nations have bowed down and the voices of all in the world have been hushed.

Thou seest me, O my God, far removed after Thou didst shelter me in the protection of Thy supreme mercy, and poor after Thou didst cause me to dwell upon the shore of the sea of wealth. O Lord! Withhold me not from gazing toward Thy most exalted horizon, nor my tongue from Thy remembrance, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, nor my ears from hearkening unto Thy verses, O Lord of all beings. By Thy glory, O my God! I know with certain knowledge that the eye was not created save for the Greatest Vision, nor the tongue except for Thy remembrance, O Possessor of all power.

I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the Kingdom, by the mysteries of Thy dominion and what lay hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by that whereby the pavilion of Thy glory was raised upon the highest standards and the banners of Thy grandeur were hoisted in the most exalted station, and by Him through Whom the valley flowed and the clouds rained, and by His family and His companions, to ordain for me the good of the Hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Alas, alas! How can I mention Thee, O God of the world and Goal of the nations, after my knowledge that remembrance of aught else but Thee befitteth not Thy grandeur and power, nor is worthy of Thy most holy court and Thy sacred station? Therefore, alas, alas! O my Lord and my Support, my grievous sins have prevented me from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy mercy, and my great transgressions have come between me and the sun of Thy grace. By Thy glory, O Goal of all creation and Object of all things possible, the heart loveth naught save for its turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, and I desire not the eye save for beholding Thy traces, O Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below.

The spirit is beloved if it be sacrificed in Thy path, and the body acceptable if it be cast upon the dust in Thy name. I know not, O my God, my Lord and my Goal, what Thou hast ordained for this Thy servant. Hast Thou ordained for him to enter into the depths of the sea of Thy oneness and the ocean of Thy grace and mercy, or hath Thy irrevocable decree withheld him from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones? O Lord! I am the thirsty one, and with Thee is the Kawthar of life; I am the transgressor, and with Thee is the ocean of forgiveness. Deprive me not, O my God, from the ocean of Thy bounty, and make me not deprived of Thy grace, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all possibilities. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who were so attracted by Thy remembrance that neither the ranks of the world nor the opposition of the nations could withhold them. They arose and proclaimed: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the elevated Seat!” They spent what they possessed in Thy path and hastened to the place of sacrifice with such joy as to astonish the Concourse on high and the dwellers of Thy Paradise, O Lord of all things–those whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Book and described through Thy Will and Purpose. These are servants, honored ones who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do as commanded.

Make me in all conditions one who acteth according to what Thou hast commanded me, who forsaketh what Thou hast forbidden me, who remaineth steadfast in Thy Cause, who speaketh in Thy remembrance and praise. Then I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the breezes of Thy verses were wafted and by Whose advent the heavens of Thy sky were honored, to aid me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then forgive me and my parents through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Siyyid Mahdi and Mirza Mahdi! In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious! This is a Day in which every soul and spirit must arise to promote the

Cause of God - that is, to teach His Cause with wisdom and utterance, not through disputation. Such a Cause has appeared that even the pure ones and those near to God have been confounded, let alone the idolatrous and hateful embodiments who have ever been and shall ever be non-existent and unmentioned. O Mahdi! This is the Day of the Most Great Steadfastness. Stand firm in the Cause and, to the extent possible, do not neglect to promote God's Cause. We are aware of the sorrows that have befallen you, but be patient as We were patient, and be not of the perturbed ones. Salman is departing, as are several others, and after their arrival you will be informed of the details of this land. The idolatrous embodiments are constantly occupied with new calumnies, and they have surely sent letters to various regions. By My life! If people had insight, they would recognize from these very fabricated calumnies the station, power, measure and falsehood of those who oppose and war against God. Just as these false embodiments are occupied with spreading fabricated words, you too must occupy yourself with spreading words of truth and sincerity, that perchance the people may not be prevented by the narrators of lies and calumnies, and may be confirmed in the path of God, to Whom belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and earth. Write to Mirza Baqir: "Stand firm in the Cause and grieve not for what was taken from you. God will soon give you double what you lost. He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is Powerful over all things. Beware lest you grieve over such matters, for all are God's servants - He takes and gives, causes to die and brings to life. Whatever He does to anyone is better for him than the treasures of the heavens and earth. Be patient in what has befallen you, then stand firm in the Cause. Grieve not in the least, for soon He will bestow upon you that which will gladden you in truth. He is the Protector of the doers of good." And convey to Jinab-i-Rasul that his exposition has reached the Seat of Exposition. Praise God that the favors of the All-Glorious and the Beauty of the All-Merciful have been and will be with you. Sing and warble as you please, and grieve not for anything, for He loves His servants who do good, and will never neglect them for less than a moment. He is near to those who love Him. Furthermore, the lamentations of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali were heard. It behooves him to be thus, for he heard God's melody with his own ears and was with Him in prison and witnessed what befell Us of tribulations. Convey to him Our greetings and give him the glad tidings of Our remembrance of him, that he may be of those who rejoice. Then convey Our greetings to the people of the sanctuary and to all the friends, both Arab and Persian. Then remind them of this wondrous Remembrance. And the Glory be upon you and upon them and upon God's servants, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Sovereign, the Wise. They commanded to write that God's favors have ever encompassed you and will continue to do so. That you have not yet been summoned has been due to the wisdom of God's Cause, for this Servant has ever sacrificed His life for the good of God's Cause, and I love that God's loved ones should all act likewise. Had you been summoned, given the conflicts in that land, it would not have been advisable; otherwise you would surely have been summoned by now. Now remain in perfect peace and tranquility. God willing, you will be summoned in the hot season. Grieve not at your separation, but be patient and be not of the sorrowful ones. God willing, we hope you will be blessed with attaining Our presence. Rest assured and fear not, then speak forth in praise of God among the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding, the Imperishable!

Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the Realm of Divine Identity at the Sacred Spot of Oneness by the Tongue of Divinity: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Leave behind all creation and turn with thy heart unto God. By God! The heaven hath been cleft asunder and the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling hath come. Say: O people of hypocrisy! Whither do ye flee? Can ye penetrate the extremities of My grandeur and dominion? Nay, by the Lord of the Day of Separation!

Know thou that We have rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols of vain desire when We raised up one among the servants and adorned his heart with the ornament of strength and certitude, and sent him with a Tablet from thy Lord unto him by whom the dwellers of Paradise lament at eventide and at dawn, that he might know that He is indeed the One Who doeth what He willeth. The tribulations of the world deter Him not from that which He desireth. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

When the Tablet was opened, the Great Cry was raised anew, and all who dwell on earth were thunderstruck save whom thy Lord, Who causeth night to succeed day, willed to spare. Can anyone create the like thereof? Nay, by thy Lord! Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

When thou art honored with God's Tablet, take it with power from Us, then hasten unto her who claimeth faith in God, the Lord of lords. Say: I have come unto thee from the Dawning-Place of verses with thy Lord's clear proofs. Then bring forth the Tablet and recite unto her what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. Thus hath the matter been decreed and truth hath come with clear evidence and proof. Say: If thou be fair in God's sight, can any word equal what thou hast witnessed? By God! Wert thou to be fair, thou wouldst find from every word of God's words the sweet fragrances of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Can any matter of his Lord be obscure to one who is endowed with insight? Nay, by My Self! Be fair, O ye who are possessed of vision.

He hath appeared in such wise that none can speak in His presence. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: The Word of God shineth forth among words even as the sun at high noon. Fear God, O people, and follow not every doubting idolater. Hath vain desire withheld thee from thy Most Glorious Lord, or have names prevented thee from turning toward God, the Creator of earth and heaven? Leave behind all who are on earth, for by My life, all that dwelleth thereon shall perish, and the Tongue of Grandeur and Power proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Sever not the tie that bindeth thee to Him; hold fast unto it. Thus doth the Lord of eternity command thee at this moment when He is established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, while hosts of evil have surrounded Him. Say: Hearken unto the word of thy Lord and reflect upon him by whom thou wert made to pause in a Cause but for which the Bayan would not have been revealed nor would the Dove have warbled upon the branches. Hast thou forgotten what thou didst witness from Him after We removed the veils for thee? Can aught be hidden from God Who hath caused all things to proclaim His praise? This is better for thee than all that is hidden or manifest.

Arise through My might and power, then take the cup of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Then drink therefrom in remembrance of thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. Wouldst thou dwell in the spider's house after the coming of the Lord of all kingdoms? Leave it to its people, then turn thee toward this House round which circle the Concourse on High at morn and eventide. By Him Who gave Me utterance, I desire naught but good for thee thereby, and remind thee purely for the sake of thy Lord, that thou mayest abandon thy desire and hold fast to the hem of thy Master. To this testify all atoms, O thou who hast turned unto God […]

Thereto beareth witness every atom, that thou, O thou who hast turned towards God and gazed upon His countenance, must cast upon them the words of thy Lord. If thou beholdest in their countenance the radiance of the All-Merciful, then draw thou nigh unto them, but if they be veiled by the dust of the fire, then turn away from them. Thus hast thou been commanded by the Lord of all men. Fear not thine own self; be as thy Lord was. Dost thou not see that from the horizon of tribulation, beneath the swords of destiny, He calleth the peoples of creation unto God, the Lord of all names, and the might of the wicked deterreth Him not? We have sent down unto thee a Tablet whereof were but one letter to descend upon every mountain, thou wouldst surely behold it soaring, out of longing, toward the Dawning-Place of Names and Attributes. Gather thou My loved ones together, then make mention of them on My behalf, that they may be drawn unto the station from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, illumining thereby all who dwell in the realms of being.

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He is God, exalted is He. O Rahim! Hearken unto what this sorrowful Bird warbleth unto thee from the hidden words, that thou mayest ascend unto the station which God hath created and ordained for thee, wherein the censure of the critic, the denial of the denier, and the heedlessness of the proud shall not hold thee back. Hear thou My words and inscribe them upon the tablet of thy heart, lest thou forget the decree of love from this Servant Who hath been afflicted among the servants and desireth to depart from this land by reason of what hath befallen Him through the whisperings of the sinful and the intimations of the heedless. It is as though I were imprisoned in a house of iron, finding for Myself neither helper nor friend. Say: O people! Have mercy upon this One Who hath drunk from the cup of destiny, upon Whom hath descended the decree of divine will, and upon Whom have flowed the oceans of tribulation. By God! I weep with the eyes of My heart, cry out with the tongue of My inner being, and lament with the essence of My being. O My brother! If thou wouldst remove the veil of limitation from thine hearing and cleanse it with the water of thy love, thou wouldst find the traces of My sorrow in the realm of possibilities, hear the weeping of the holy ones in the concourse on high, witness blood flowing from the eyes of the dwellers of the realm of eternity in the heaven of mystery. Thou wouldst not rest in thy place due to My oppression, nor find repose on thy seat due to My deprivation, nor drink water due to the burning of My liver, nor find solace with anyone due to My loneliness and the multitude of Mine enemies. By God! Were I to loose the reins of the Pen, the pillars of eternity would be shaken, and the pavilions of existence would not be raised from behind the veil of nothingness. But I have concealed it in My heart and drink rivers of blood from My heart, lest anyone take notice of what hath descended upon Me and befallen Me.

Know thou that We loved thee before and love thee now, and I desire that thou shouldst be detached unto God and reliant upon Him, that the fire of love may burn so intensely in thy breast that thou canst find no rest in thy love for God nor patience in His good-pleasure, that thou mayest walk upon the earth with tranquility and dignity as though walking before the Almighty, forgetting all remembrances that would prevent thee from entering the paths of the righteous, that thou mayest be an aid to the light in these dark and gloomy times which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, such that I fear they may encompass all servants and drown all who exist. Therefore, convey My greetings and glorification to My loved ones and those who claim to love Me, and remind them in these days the like of which eyes have never witnessed nor minds conceived, and say to them: O servants! Why have ye turned away from God, your Creator? Whereby have ye associated partners with Him? By what authority do ye spread corruption in the land without His leave and slay people without clear proof or Book? Say: Are ye not ashamed before Him Who created you, from Whom is your beginning and unto Whom is your end? By what reason do ye harm this Youth Who hath believed in God, His Lord, turned away from all else but Him, advanced toward the sanctuary of His beauty and the Kaaba of His Self, and Who hath become hidden from the eyes of men such that ye see Him but know Him not? He hath become like a moving thread in the heart due to the thinness of His bones and the delicacy of His skin through what hath touched Him of sorrows and the fire of deprivation. If thou wouldst hear from Me and accept My counsel, thou wouldst find the fragrance of eternity from the Most Exalted Garment and attain to the most excellent station and furthermost place. Travel in the land and migrate from this city to a land which thou lovest, and remind the servants not to seek corruption. And if thou desirest to return to Us afterward, thou shalt have permission from this Servant. But grieve not over anything, nor be troubled in any matter. God will remove grief from thee and clothe thee with the garment of joy. There is no God but Him. He spendeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting. Soon will the banners of tribulation be raised in this land and the sun of trials appear in this heaven, and the people will then be tested, and We say: We are God's and unto Him do we return. That which hath descended from the H after the B.

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This is the Tablet of Truth which hath been sent down from the heaven of Command. Whoso readeth it and pondereth thereon, God shall raise him up in the midmost heart of the Ridvan adorned with such glory that the lights of the All-Merciful shall shine forth from him and illuminate thereby the peoples of the highest paradise. He is the Truth Who hath ever been witnessed at the horizon of truth, through truth, upon the truth. O people of truth! The Truth hath appeared from the horizon of truth in this Truth Who hath dawned from the Dayspring of truth, Who speaketh the truth and remindeth you of the truth. Beware lest ye forget the truth at the time when He took from you the covenant of His own truth, and be not of them who turned away from the truth and were among the heedless. Say: By God! The Truth now calleth out before Him and informeth all created things that this indeed is the Truth Who hath appeared through truth, and verily He is the Truth through Whom truth was established aforetime and shall be established hereafter. O people of truth! Behold ye the Truth in what shineth forth from the sun of His beauty, then hearken unto the melodies of truth that proceed from His lips, then drink from the Salsabil

of truth that He offereth you from the cup of His bounty, and eat of the favors of truth that have been sent down from the heaven of His mighty sovereignty and the clouds of His holy grace. Then take shelter in the shade of the Tree of Truth, this Youth, Who when He moveth within Himself causeth to move thereby all manifestations of truth and suns of oneness, and when He remaineth still within Himself, the beauty of truth and His temple are established upon an exalted and impregnable throne. O people of truth! If ye would but cleanse your eyes from the dust of contingent things and whatsoever proceedeth therefrom that befitteth not the sovereignty of names and attributes, ye would witness that the Manifestations of truth, its Daysprings, its Dawning-places and its Repositories all circle round this Truth Who hath appeared through truth and been established through truth upon the throne, before Whose shadow all who are in the heavens and on earth prostrate themselves, though they recognize it not and are unaware within themselves, being among those who are heedless of this Truth Who, were He to rend asunder the veil of glory from the face of beauty, would cause all things to proclaim, confirmed by the Holy Spirit even as the Beauty Himself was confirmed in the realm of eternity: "Verily I am the Truth, there is no God but Him, and verily we all, at the appearance of this Truth, are among those who prostrate themselves." And verily this is He before Whom walk the Manifestations of truth, behind Whom proceed the Daysprings of divinity, at Whose right hand move the Essences of glory and at Whose left advance the Temples of the All-Merciful, all of them speaking, crying out and proclaiming: "O people of the Bayan! By God, the tongues of the All-Merciful have given the lie to your claims that ye believe in God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. For ye claimed within yourselves that ye had believed in God and in His Manifestation Who was named ʼAli before Nabil, yet when His Messenger came with authority from the divine Command upon clouds of holiness in the most exalted Paradise, ye denied Him and rejected Him, even to the point where ye pronounced sentence of death upon Him just as the divines of the Qur'an pronounced sentence upon ʼAli aforetime, the Manifestation of His exalted, transcendent, powerful, supreme and omnipotent Self. Therefore nothing do ye pass by that doth not give you the lie and dissociate itself from you and seek refuge in God from meeting with you. By God! Were ye to judge fairly within yourselves, ye would witness that the very breath that proceedeth from you giveth you the lie, that the heaven raised above your heads dissociateth itself from you, and that all that raineth down from the clouds denieth what issueth from your tongues, were ye but of them who hear. Through you have the clouds of mercy and grace been withheld, and the life of the people of the highest paradise transformed, and the countenance of grandeur turned pale, for ye have done what none before you have done. We have concealed it through Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Wise. What We have manifested among men is but a drop from the ocean of your deeds; otherwise, were I to speak the truth concerning what ye have done, the command of what shall be would return to what was, existence would revert to absolute and utter nothingness, and all that is witnessed in the kingdom would be transformed to dust. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, if ye be of them who are mindful.

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We have revealed to the renowned Kadkhuda Muhammad-Qabli-ʼAli, that he may be watchful of the Most Great Horizon [the Seat of God], the Mighty, the All-Knowing. In the Name of God, the Most

Inaccessible, the Most Holy! These are the verses of holiness which have been sent down from the presence of One mighty and wise. He guides the people to the heaven of grace and bestows upon them that which quickens their hearts and draws them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed is he who finds the sweetness of his Lord's remembrance, who detaches himself from the world, and ascends to the station wherein he hears the melodies of God with his ear and beholds the signs of God with his eye, and is possessed of clear vision. When he attains to that station and arrives at this holy, pure and exalted Seat, he becomes so steadfast in the Cause of his Lord that he regards all else as under His shadow, and his gaze never wavers from this Most Great, Most Pure and Wondrous Horizon. O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the holy precincts of this Blessed Spot: "I am, verily, God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. Cast away from thyself whatsoever keepeth thee back from God, thy Lord, then enter beneath the shadow of His Name, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful." When thou hast sanctified thyself from allusions and purified thyself from intimations, the breezes of the All-Merciful will draw thee to the right hand of Paradise. Then loose thy tongue in remembrance amidst the heavens and earth and convey thy Lord's Cause, for God hath prescribed unto every soul the duty to deliver His Cause. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Whoso opens his lips today in remembrance of his Lord will be reinforced by the hosts of God's revelation through wondrous inspiration, and God will cause the Kawthar of divine knowledge to flow from his mouth and will make him speak with wisdom and utterance in such wise that none among all created things shall be able to speak in his presence. By God, O servant who art mentioned before the Throne! Were it not for the opposition of the people of the Bayan against thy Lord, the All-Merciful, I would have manifested, through the power which God granted Me before the creation of all things, that which would have caused all necks to bow before the command of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. By My life! If what hath befallen Me at their hands were to befall thee, thou wouldst weep for My loneliness, then My solitude, then My tribulation between the claws of those who were created by My command. But We have concealed it lest the cry of the sincere ones be raised. Thou knowest that the people of the Bayan used to hide their faces behind veils to protect themselves, and were among the heedless. We were manifest between the heavens and earth, speaking in praise of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. I did not protect Myself for less than a moment, and was ever shining above the heads of the enemies with the lights of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, until the Beauty of the Word dawned from the horizon of grandeur and power and the Cause encompassed all the worlds. Then they felt secure in themselves and emerged from behind the veil with swords of hatred and manifest deceit, striking Me at every moment with their blades. By God! There remained no place on My body that was not struck by iron, and they reached such heights of vainglory that they denied the proof whereby their own faith had been established and their mention had been exalted among the servants, both great and small. Such was the condition of these people - they say what they understand not and imagine themselves to be among the doers of good. Say: Today, whosoever turneth away from this Cause hath turned away from God and His Messengers; his name shall not be mentioned before the Throne and he shall be in manifest loss. As for thee, avoid such as these, then put thy trust in thy Lord. He will protect thee in all conditions and guard thee from the hosts of Satan. Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord and fear not those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were among the idolaters. Put them behind thee, then turn thy face toward thy Lord at all times. Thus have We detailed the remembrance for thee and informed thee of what hath befallen Us, that thou mayest become aware of the harm that hath touched

Us from these heedless ones. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have remained steadfast in the Cause and were among the firm ones.

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His Holiness the Afnan, Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Splendor of God. 15 Rabi’u’l-Avval 1304.

He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong greatness and power.

Praise, sanctified from utterance and exposition, befitteth and beseemeth the Goal of the world, Who through the light of Hijaz illumined the world of metaphor with the light of truth, and through the fragrance of Ba??a perfumed the horizons. Exalted be His greatness, perfect His proof, and complete His testimony. And blessings and peace be upon the noblest of His creation and Dawning-Place of His names, and upon His family and companions through whom was manifested God’s power amongst His servants and His might throughout His lands. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty to assist the people of unity to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, whereby Thou didst separate between the monotheists and the polytheists, and guided those who turned unto Thee to Thy straight path, and taught them what would preserve them from that which harmeth them outwardly and inwardly. Then I beseech Thee, O Goal of the world and Object of worship of the nations, to enable them to do what Thou lovest and approvest, that perchance sorrows may be changed to joy, abasement to supreme glory, and weakness to the power which Thou hast mentioned in Thy mighty Book. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for you! The illustrious letter which was issued from the exalted pen bestowed the bounty of joy and granted the food of gladness. This food is in truth, in its primary station, the most delicious of the world’s bounties. The servant beseecheth the Lord of the throne and earth to strengthen your honor and to ordain your nearness and return, and to manifest through you that which will diffuse its fragrance throughout the world through the eternity of His most beautiful names and His supreme attributes. Verily He hath power over all things.

You sent the letter of his honor Aqa Mu’a??am (Ismu’llah al-A?daq), upon him be from all things the Most Glorious Splendor. It caused boundless joy. In truth it was a musk-pod of delight which was opened in this land, for it was adorned with mention and praise of the Goal of the worlds, and likewise with news of the health and well-being of the Afnan in that land. The servant beseecheth for his honor and those with him glory, exaltation, wealth, bounty and power. After its reading and perusal it was presented before the Countenance and He said:

“O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory! Act according to what We have spoken and commanded.” It was a comprehensive word that issued from the tongue of the Wronged One, namely that whatever reacheth you, take it and be honored with its acceptance, but it should remain with your honor as a trust, that

perchance the purpose of the Afnan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful, may be realized. Verily We send greetings upon thee and upon those who have loved Me and do love Me. End.

Praise be to God, they arrived and the news of their arrival, well-being and tranquility was each a herald speaking. In all conditions we offer thanks and praise to God, glorified be His majesty, for He hath bestowed that which hath had and hath no likeness, peer or similitude. And regarding the House, we hope that the intention of his honor Aqa Mu'a??am (Ismu'llah al-A?daq), upon him be the Most Glorious Splendor of God, may be realized and may come from the world of ideals into the world of being. To the true beloved one Aqa Mirza Mu?sin, upon him be the Splendor of God, there is somewhat of a name present, rather a whole world of regret, for I was not successful in presenting a response to his blessed letter, but there is hope that now efforts will be made to make amends. Mention was made of the spiritual beloved Janab-i-Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be God's peace. Praise be to God, this too increased the bounty of joy and delight. God willing may they be confirmed and assisted in what they have intended and do intend in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and praise and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Regarding the 40-yard pieces and the white fabrics that were sent, all arrived exactly as specified in your esteemed letter and were accepted with honor. However, as commanded, if at some point four rolls of high quality thick 40-yard fabric could be sent, that would be appreciated. Praise be to God that your honor is engaged in service to the Cause.

Regarding the Huquq funds that you had written about, you sent the exact copy of this servant's note to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, and likewise regarding the hundred tumans which your honor, even though the Huquq funds had not arrived, wrote to Jinab-i-Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, asking them to deliver - all these matters were presented to the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His mention and His utterance: "Blessed are those Afnans who have attained to My recognition and heard My call and have arisen to serve My holy, mighty, magnificent Cause. They are under the gaze of their Lord's mercy and He has ordained for them that which shall profit them in the next world and in this one. He is verily the Deliverer, the Preserver, the Bestower, the Generous."

If one observes with an illumined eye what has transpired, he will testify that the oceans of divine mercy, favor and kindness have encompassed the Two Luminous Lights. He has preserved them and honored them and exalted them, and in these latter days they have attained to what their Merciful Lord desired of His favor. What you have written to Jinab-i-Afnan A. and H., upon him be the glory of God, and what you have recommended, is acceptable before the Throne. Today all the friends of God should look to the matter of the Two Luminous Lights and carry out what is beloved, especially the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree and particularly those Afnans who have arisen to serve the Cause - what they have done has been and is beloved.

And regarding the hundred tumans that you wrote about, if permission is granted and it is accepted, the hundred tumans will not be deducted from the Huquq funds and the full amount will be sent, so that the Truth may have accepted these hundred tumans from this non-existent one. This matter was also presented and accepted. He said the Afnan wished to achieve this service which is truly one of the great services to the Cause of God, and We accepted it, for whatever pertains to the Two Luminous Lights is counted among the services to the Truth. By the life of God, theirs is an excellent beginning and end. We have restrained the Pen from mentioning what is concealed today. Were We to loose its reins, there would appear from it that which would cause every living thing to hasten to the place they both turned to. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken at this hour.

The remainder of the Huquq funds, if they arrive, have been allocated for the captives and travelers of this land. After receipt they should be sent, as was detailed previously according to instructions. The mention you made of the attention of the honored Afnans, upon them be from all glory its most glorious, was presented to the Most Holy Court. He said We have previously given permission and that permission is now adorned with a new ornament, but in all conditions they should be mindful of wisdom which is one of the divine commandments. He is verily the Helper, the Preserver, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom and trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is your Preserver and your Helper and your Bestower. He is with you in all conditions. Rejoice, O My Afnans, in the mercy that has preceded you from One who is All-Knowing, All-Seeing.

The various funds that you had written should be sent to the Most Holy Court were presented. Praise be to God, they were adorned with the ornament of acceptance. He said the small debts should be paid and with the remainder a property should be acquired, as the matter of housing in this land has become very difficult due to the large population and small size of the city, or lands should be purchased so their yields may be an enduring fruit for the one who sent them.

This servant submits that this matter is among the great divine favors, for it has occurred by God's command in the days of the Truth. We praise Him through the duration of the kingdom and the realm. And truly this is cause for rejoicing.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Befitting and proper is good mention and pleasing praise for the gathering of the friends of God, who have become detached from self and attached to God. Trust in God is a firm cord and resignation to His will is the most upright and secure handle. How blessed is the soul that has attained to this most exalted station. "Whoso trusteth in God, sufficient unto him is He." I beseech God to give His friends to drink from the cup of trust and to bestow upon them from the chalice of reliance. The prosperity of the world and its development is a book that tells of its ruin. Blessed is the soul whose heart is free and detached from the world and all that is therein. Such a one is worthy to make mention of the blessed Word of Unity. Praise be to God that the favored community has attained to this station and acknowledges and confesses the oneness of God. For the exaltation of the Word of Unity they have borne a hundred

thousand afflictions and faced the arrows of martyrdom in His path. The soul has no station in this regard, nor does the spirit have any rank. Would that we were like the leaves of the trees, which have no motion of their own - their movements come from the wind, and the wind appears through the Will. Would that we servants too had our motion and stillness proceed from the Will of God, exalted be His glory. Though this station has not yet appeared, there is hope that through divine confirmations and the endeavors of His friends it will become manifest. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and take as intercessors the Lord of "Were it not for thee" and His family and companions, that perchance the door of joy may be opened and His relief may come, and He may purify His servants from defilements and grant them ease. Verily He has power over all things.

Thereafter, the beloved of the heart, that is, the honored Haji Seyyed Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, has repeatedly made mention of you and has presented before the face of the Lord that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. It is hoped that from the ocean of divine bounty and the infinite mercy of the All-Merciful He will manifest through him that which will cause his mention and name to endure as long as His names and attributes endure, and in every moment grant him a portion from the cup of His favor. He is the Powerful One Whom the power of the world cannot withhold and Whom the hosts of nations cannot prevent from His purpose. His is the power and the strength and the might, and His is the sovereignty and the greatness and the authority.

This servant, in the nights and days, beseeches God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His friends of the manifestations of His Most Bountiful Name and to grant them from the ocean of His gifts that which is befitting. This evanescent servant has ever been occupied with the mention of the friends and has sought and continues to seek for each one that which is conducive to the exaltation and advancement of God's friends. The purpose of this letter has been to mention the friends so that it may be known before all faces that this servant has not forgotten and will never forget them, and has sought and continues to seek blessing and bounty and mercy for them.

Another matter to mention is that the spiritual friend, the honored Aqa Muhammad Hasan, son of the martyr, upon both of them be the Glory of God, who was present at the beginning of the exile and has never fallen short in service and attendance - the utmost favor and consideration exists and is evident regarding him. He has recently acquired a shop and intends to engage in business. Therefore I request of that honored master that care be taken in his transactions and that whatever he requires be carefully obtained and well-packed so that it may be preserved from damage and loss during transport and reach him safe and sound. It is certain that your honor will exert the utmost effort in what has been mentioned, and surely blessing and favor from God has encompassed and will encompass this. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who turned towards the Dawning-Place of Revelation and attained the presence of his Lord while He was in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the wicked

had wrought, that he might once again inhale the fragrance of his Beloved from His garment which We have sent in the form of a Tablet. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Blessed be thy face for having turned towards the countenance of the Beloved, and thy tongue for having voiced the praise of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou aflame with the fire of God in such wise that the sincere ones may find from thee the warmth of thy Lord's love, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and remind them of that which thine ears have heard from the tongue of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Then bid them to wisdom and utterance. This is better for the exaltation of thy Lord's Cause amongst His servants. Say: Beware lest the affairs of the kingdom sadden you or the veils of those who follow vain imaginings prevent you. That which they possess shall perish, while might and power shall endure for you, O concourse of the righteous. Rejoice, O assemblage of ardent lovers! By God, the Beloved hath appeared and the horizons have been illumined by His countenance. Be ye jubilant and magnify this Name through which the atoms are entranced when it is mentioned. Blessed are they who have borne tribulations in My path and have been imprisoned for My Name. These, verily, abide beneath the canopy of My majesty. Soon shall We adorn the pages of the Book of Creation with their names amidst all existence.

Then make mention on My behalf of him who hath been named Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali. Say: Grieve not for thy imprisonment. Verily thy Lord is in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the infidels who have denied God, the Lord of all names, have wrought. Thou wert mentioned before the Throne and praised before the Face, and the Tongue of Eternity spoke in remembrance of thee, and this Pen, which God hath made the sovereign of all pens, hath flowed over thy name. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him, recognized Him, quaffed, and been attracted by this Light, one ray of which, when it appeared, caused the tongues of the Concourse on High to proclaim: "This, verily, is the Most Great Name and the Ancient Beauty"; and the tongues of those within the pavilions of grandeur and majesty to exclaim: "This is the Ancient Mystery and the Essence of His Great Name"; then the tongues of the denizens of Paradise cried out: "This, verily, is He Who was promised unto us in the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the Loving"; and the tongues of the inhabitants of the Kingdom proclaimed: "This, verily, is the Beloved through Whom eyes were solaced and faces were illumined." Then the call was raised above the head of the Youth from the horizon of glory and power: "By His life! That which ye have mentioned is limited by your own selves. This is the Beloved of God, the Almighty, the Beautiful. This is He Who, were He to rend asunder the veils and appear in the full splendor of His Beauty, would cause the very essence of beauty to sever its own hand and exclaim: 'May my soul be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Thou Who art the sacrifice of all worlds!'"

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Verily thy Lord maketh mention of thee even as thou makest mention of Him, and His mention hath preceded all worlds. Were it not for His mention, who would know what mention is, that he might speak of it in creation? Thus doth the Lord of invention inform thee–He through Whose name the ocean of inner meanings surgeth in the heart of utterance, and the proof of the All-Merciful hath been perfected unto all worlds. Be thou as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love. When thou inclinest to the right, say: "In Thy Name, O Lord of all worlds!" When thou turnest to the left, say: "Through Thy remembrance, O Thou Who art the Most High, the Self-Sufficient!" And when thou seeketh

the south, say: “Through Thy praise, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all in the heavens and the earth!” Grieve not, for verily thy Lord is with thee. He is with His sincere servants.

Upon thee, O Mustafa, be the remembrance of God, His praise and the praise of them who have detached themselves from all save God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Guard thou the Cause from all directions, even as thou hast been bidden by the One Who revealeth the verses. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. If thou shouldst meet Amin, attract him through the remembrance of thy Lord. He is indeed among those who are remembered and will be remembered before the Throne. This is from the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he for having borne abasement for the glory of the Cause. By My life! He shall find himself in manifest glory. Say: O My loved ones! Let not exile grieve you. Whosoever seeketh Me, in whatsoever land he may be, verily dwelleth in the homeland of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the Lord of all possibility in a Tablet sealed with the finger of thy Lord, the Strong, the Trustworthy. Then make mention on My behalf of Abdullah, who hath borne tribulation for the victory of the Lord of creation. Upon him be the glory of God, His remembrance and the remembrance of them that remember. And upon thee, and upon him, and upon them all be glory.

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May the Beloved One, His Holiness Al-Khalil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Sublime, be regarded with the blessed glance and eye of providence.

He is God, exalted be His station in grandeur and majesty!

My spirit be a sacrifice unto thee! This evanescent servant testifieth that he hath been honored with a letter, each letter of which was a blazing lamp whereby my heart was illumined and whereby the heart of every seeker will be illumined, for it was kindled from the fire of the love of God, the Lord of creation, and was ignited by the oil of wisdom and knowledge. Verily it was sent from the presence of him who was named by our glorious Lord as “The Friend” and made him special among His servants for His remembrance and praise and the manifestation of His Cause among His creatures. Therefore He named him “The Teacher” in His Books which He sent down from the heaven of grandeur and power. How wonderful is this station which is sanctified above my mention or the mention of any other! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him at all times and under all conditions, and to establish through him what He hath willed in the kingdom of creation. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth and ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth with authority from His presence. He shall not be questioned about what He doeth. Verily He is the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, it is submitted that whatsoever you wrote regarding the sending of the sacred and exalted Tablets - blessed be you! It is known that your honor has been and will be engaged in services to the Cause according to your capacity. And regarding what you wrote asking that mention of your honor be made in the Most Holy Court, your entire letter was presented in the Most Pure and Most Luminous Presence, until it reached these words of yours: “I called upon my Lord when circumstances prevented

full expression of my condition." This is what was revealed in reply from the heaven of our Lord's will, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing:

"God heard thy call before thy existence in creation, in a realm which none save the All-Informed hath knowledge of, and We answered thee in that realm as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And We heard thy call after thy existence and answered thee outwardly through that which thou didst attain in the Tablets, and inwardly through what is inscribed in a Preserved Tablet. The Tablet in this station referreth to His knowledge which overshadoweth the worlds. Blessed art thou, O teacher of My Cause, who gazeth upon My countenance and who art mentioned before My mighty throne! Give thanks for Our having enabled thee, confirmed thee, taught thee and caused thee to speak on a Day when the world is seen to be blind save for whom thy Lord, the Inspirer, the Mover, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willeth. Be grateful that thy teaching was accepted by God - this is indeed a manifest bounty whose effects shall soon appear in the earth. Verily He is the Manifester, the Giver, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Again from the heaven of divine providence, especially for his honor Aqa, the Name of God, upon him be all His most glorious Glory, a Tablet hath been revealed, and likewise a Tablet specially for his honor the Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, who is in China, hath been revealed from the heaven of providence and sent. Similarly this servant hath submitted some petitions to serve certain gentlemen which are in the envelope of Aqa, the Name of God. God willing, your honor will send them. If the petition is brief, I hope to be pardoned, as in these days this servant is occupied day and night - numerous petitions arrive at the Most Holy Court from every direction and at all times this servant is occupied, therefore I hope to be pardoned for the brevity.

The Most Great and Most Mighty Twin Branches - may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be a sacrifice for the sacred dust of their most mighty feet - with most wondrous mention and most exalted greeting remember and salute your honor, and likewise all who circle round present their pure devotion and most wondrous, most mighty, most holy and most glorious greetings to your honor. This servant's request is that whenever you meet any of the friends of God in that land, you convey sublime greetings on behalf of this evanescent one. The Glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Throne be upon your honor and upon those who have been honored to serve you.

May I be your sacrifice - regarding the letters sent, if your honor wishes to open them yourself, after observing the envelope please send them. In all conditions your honor has been and is free to choose.

The Servant

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

This evanescent one submits to Samandar, the divine fire, that praise be to God, in every mail the sweet fragrances from your honor perfume the soul and cause the spirit to quiver and become illumined. In this case, whatever is mentioned is surely insufficient and whatever is written is certainly inadequate. Therefore I appoint that beloved one as representative before that beloved one, that whatever pertains to the conditions of unity and harmony and the exaltation of the station of love and affection and oneness, you should tell yourself on behalf of this servant from your own words. From the utterances of the Manifestation of Names and Attributes that were sent to your honor and the names mentioned in your honor's book, it becomes evident that this servant is occupied in writing day and night, therefore if there is sometimes delay in sending replies, God willing you will forgive. And another submission: whatever has reached your honor regarding the Huququ'llah from any soul and any place has reached this evanescent servant through the King of Martyrs, His Holiness the Name of God "?", upon him be all the most glorious Baha. We beseech God to assist those who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book and to send down upon them from the heaven of His grace a blessing and mercy and benediction from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. In truth the matter of divine rights is a great matter, incumbent upon all to fulfill, for it is the cause of bounty and blessing and goodness and whatsoever accompanies every soul in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Generous. Another submission: some time ago, that is several months ago, his honor the Name of God, his holiness Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Baha, had written a letter to this servant. A reply was written but due to the upheavals in the surrounding areas was not sent. And likewise some time ago again a reply was written and not sent, until this time when their third letter arrived. Before the Throne were revealed sublime and exalted verses specifically for them and the souls mentioned in their book, but this time too, due to the weight of the mail, it was not sent. God willing it will be sent later and that beloved one will attain to its perusal, and God willing the reply to the petitions of Lavi will also be sent. In any case that beloved one must keep the horizon of wisdom in view. Most of the souls in the world appear with deceit and guile, therefore wisdom must be observed and kept in view in every matter of matters. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist your honor as He has assisted you and preserve you for the service of His Cause among His creatures. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. If there were opportunity, surely from the city of sincerity would be sent the sweet basils of love and flowers of unity and melodies of the nightingale of affection and cooings of the dove of fellowship and songs of the birds of knowledge and leaves of the trees of remembrance and wisdom and sweet sounds of the lofty Lote-Trees and spiritual sweet waters, but due to the multitude of occupations and successive writings this evanescent servant found no further opportunity. God willing if life is granted he will make up for what was missed. I beseech the Truth to ever gladden this servant with the effect of that beloved soul's spiritual pen. What more can I submit? From the flame of the fire of love, at the time when mention of his honor the brother, upon him be the Glory of God, flows from pen or tongue, God knows the fire of longing appeared and the light of sincerity dawned. In this case the pen sees itself powerless, but since the expression of sincerity before true friends is beloved in the sight of the Beloved, therefore this evanescent servant with a hundred thousand yearnings and longings conveys to them a sacred greeting sanctified from incidental conditions. We beseech Him, exalted be He, that eyes may be consoled by meeting him. Verily He is the Answerer. The Glory be upon your honor and upon him and upon every believer who has attained to the recognition of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The Servant

9 Ramadan 1296

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O Muhammad-Shafi' and Ahmad-'Ali, upon them be the Glory of God! He is the Answerer in the Kingdom of Hearing! We have transformed the fire into ink and through it made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books and Tablets. Blessed is the servant by whose name My Pen and My Tongue have moved, and blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days and heard My most sweet call from the most exalted station. O Shafi'! Verily, sorrows have prevented Me from remembrances, as testified by Him Who possesseth the Mother Book. Those souls who were present before the Face and attained unto hearing were so seized by the fragrances of revelation that the reins of choice were taken from their hands, and they testified with their outward and inward tongues that there is none other God but Him. Thereafter, one of My names strayed from the straight path of God. For one thousand two hundred years they were occupied with names of successor, guardian, chief, noble one and fourth pillar, and the fruit thereof was witnessed on the Day of Recompense. Nevertheless, Dawlat-Abadi is now busy forming a new party like unto the Shi'ih party. O Shafi'! The station by whose word the sincere ones, the near ones, the chosen ones and the friends have been and are being created - they have passed beyond it in the name of "mirror." They have lost indeed who turned away from the Truth and followed every heedless doubter. The people of Baha are souls who in their first step have passed beyond the heaven of names and intended the kingdom of certitude. The entire world hath not been and is not able to change these assured souls. He saith: If thou recite one verse of His verses it would be more glorious in the sight of God than if thou should record all the Bayan, for on that day that one verse will save thee while all the Bayan will not. O Shafi'! I swear by the Sun of Truth which now shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom that one who hath been seized by other than the Truth is incapable of comprehending a single verse. We created him for the service of My friends, but Satan led him astray until he turned away from the Truth and committed that which caused the near ones to lament. The people of Baha must be educated until they attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness, lest the tempests of doubts and the storms of allusions move them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Wise Expositor. O Shafi'! Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all, that perchance through the fragrances of the utterance of the Goal of all worlds they may attain to such a station that the hand of doubt and uncertainty will fall short thereof and be cut off. O Ahmad-i-'Ali! Upon thee be the eternal Glory of God! Repeatedly hast thou drunk from the cup of bounty and attained unto the hearing of the call. Well is it with thee! Thy letter was sent to the Most Holy Court by My name Mahdi, upon him be My Glory, and these manifest, decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of Will and sent forth, that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. My name Mahdi sends his letters to the Most Holy Court. If an answer is revealed he gives the glad-tidings and informs the friends, otherwise he waiteth until God cometh with His clear and decisive utterance. Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. Make mention of the people of that land on behalf of the Wronged One and remind them of the revealed verses, lest the names prevent them from their

Owner and Creator. We make mention at this time of thy father who attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Fadlu'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His bounty and His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. By My life! The treasures of the earth, its bounties and its fruits cannot equal it, as testified by Him Who hath spoken and speaketh in every condition that verily I am God, the Single, the All-Informed. We have mentioned and do mention at this time the handmaidens of God, and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to assist them and grant them the meeting with His Tablet, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Glory be upon you from Us, O friends of God, His chosen ones, His servants and His handmaidens, and upon those whom doubts have not prevented from His Great Announcement and His Straight Path.

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In the Name of Him Who encompasses existence, both seen and unseen. This is a sealed Book, to which the near ones bear witness that it has been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Shed no blood and harbor no doubts concerning this Cause, through which all religions have been fulfilled in the realm of possibility - thus has the All-Merciful decreed, if you but knew. Do not consume the property of others, nor follow those who have risen in hypocrisy when the Luminary of the horizons has come with His promised Name. O people! Turn not away from Him Who has turned to you, nor oppose Him Who calls you to God, the Mighty, the Loving. How long will you follow your desires and pursue your vain imaginings? Rend asunder all veils in the name of your Lord, Who has power over what was and what shall be. Days and nights have passed while you slumbered. The dawn has broken from the horizon of the Cause while you slept. The light has appeared yet you flee to darkness. The living waters have flowed from the mouth of your Lord's will, the All-Merciful, yet you turn away. The nightingales of utterance sing upon the branches with various melodies, yet you remain distant. You run to the crier but perceive not. Is there anyone who beholds his Lord with his own eye, detached from all else in people's hands? Verily such a one is among the people of Baha in the preserved tablet. Ears were created to hearken to this utterance and hearts to recognize this Beloved. You drink stagnant water thinking it the pure stream, and worship idols yet understand not. Blessed are those who have cast aside their desires and turned with their hearts to this horizon from which has risen the sun of the remembrance of their Lord's name, the Mighty, the Forgiving. O rememberer! Hearken to the call of the Remembered One, through Whose name those in the graves have arisen. When you see one who is immersed in his desires, listen not to what he says. Rather hear this sweetest call raised from the mouth of your Lord, the Possessor of Names: "Verily there is no God but Me. O My creation, behold Me!" When you detect from anyone the fragrance of aversion, draw not near to him - thus does the Lord of the seen and unseen command you. Despair not of God's spirit and mercy, and forget not this praiseworthy portion. Arise to your Lord's Cause through His might and power, and be a herald of His name among the worlds. Say: O people! The Lord of Days has come, and the King of mankind calls out: "To Me, to Me, O lovers!" The Beloved calls you at all times and summons you to His luminous beauty. Follow not vain imaginings - open your eyes. By God, this is the light of certitude which has shone from the horizon of detachment, illuminating the heavens and earth. Deprive not yourselves of the outpourings sent down from the heaven of your Lord's bounty, the Mighty,

the Generous. This is God's Day which you were promised in His mighty Book. This is God's Balance which has been set up by the hands of your Lord, the Strong, the Trustworthy. This is the appointed time for all servants and the return of mankind, did you but know. This is He through Whose name mosques and temples were built, and through Whose remembrance hearts took flight and turned to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Say: O people! Fear God and pervert not the Word from its place - this is it, were you but fair-minded. Whoever acknowledges otherwise has perverted the Word and is among the wrongdoers. Say: If you seek its dawning-place, it is this, and if its setting-place, He speaks now with God's verses, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Do you know by what you have been barred from the heaven of bounty? No, by the Self of Baha! And do you realize by what cause you turned away from the Intended One? No, by His radiant, wondrous Command! Vain imaginings from the idols who claim knowledge without proof or clear Book have overcome you. Say: O people! Have mercy on yourselves and break not God's covenant and testament. This is sincere counsel, were you but hearing. Break down the barriers in My Name, the Loving, then rend asunder the veils in My Name, the Powerful, the Bestower, that you may know your Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Thus have the fragrances of verses wafted when the Lord of Names and Attributes spoke. When you find, say: Praise be to Thee, O Wronged One, and glory be to Thee, O Glory of the worlds, and praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics.

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In the Name of the One Friend! Your letter reached the Divine Throne and the glance of loving-kindness was directed toward it. All that was mentioned therein was understood. We have heard that which thou didst call out to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, and the yearning of thy heart at what befell thee in His days. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Forget not what We counseled thee during thy presence. Hold fast unto it - it shall suffice thee if thou be of them that comprehend. Thy Lord speaketh naught but the pure truth. Soon shalt thou witness what We have informed thee of, if thou hearkenest to what We caused thee to hear and act according to that which thou hast been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. This is not a day of grief, for the Ancient Beauty is outwardly speaking and established upon the throne. Ye must manifest such joy and gladness as to cause the world and all therein to rejoice. What God desireth from you is that which befitteth these days and manifesteth that which attracteth the hearts of all creation. Thou wert in the presence of the Throne and heard what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and knew what He loveth and is pleased with. Act according to what He desired. He is the Friend of whosoever befriendeth Him, and He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be assured of God's loving-kindness. He is verily the Forgiving, the Pardoning, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Know thou with certitude that whatsoever hath been revealed from the Mouth of the Divine Will shall assuredly come to pass. Thou didst mention tribulation. Grieve not at this, for the tribulation of this wronged Prisoner is greater than the tribulations of the first and the last. Observe and reflect how in the Most Great Prison He is afflicted between two parties, to such an extent that no end can be seen to its mention. Nevertheless, with utmost joy and delight He summoneth the people to the most exalted station, which is the recognition of God. No harm hath prevented Him and no tribulation hath hindered Him from the remembrance of God. All the loved ones of God must appear among the people of the world adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and assurance, and at all times remind the people,

that perchance their worn and tattered garments may be exchanged for new and sanctified raiment. All that is seen and exists in the world shall pass away, and what endureth is the deed performed in the path of God. Follow what thou hast been commanded by the Intended One. Soon shalt thou witness what thou wert promised in His presence. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He is cognizant of all things. Previously, wondrous verses were revealed and sent especially for the honored Karim and thyself. Likewise, before that, a mighty Tablet was sent with the letter Sin. Never have ye been absent from sight, nor shall ye ever be. These are the days for the manifestation of the most great steadfastness. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from this most pure wine and partaken of this most luminous nectar. Convey from this Prisoner in the realm of possibility the most wondrous and most glorious greetings to them that soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, especially to those souls who have drawn nigh and turned to God's imperative Command. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they! By God, the Pen moved to inscribe their names and the tongue to make mention of them. This sufficeth them, would they but know it. A special Tablet hath been revealed for each one. God willing, they shall be sent through a trusted messenger. We beseech God to gather all upon the shore of this Ocean and give them to drink that which shall make them the helpers of His Cause, the rememberers of His Name, the utterers of His praise, and them that are detached from all else besides Him. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. His favor hath reached such a degree that He maketh mention of His loved ones in the Most Great Prison. Have ye witnessed any bounty greater than this? Nay, by His Self! Have ye found any lord more merciful than He? Nay, by His Beauty! Have ye known any beloved more compassionate than He? Nay, by His Command which hath subdued the worlds! Appear ye among the people of the world in the utmost spirit and fragrance, bearing His Name, and strive to teach His Cause. This is the pure good which the Pen of Command hath recorded. Blessed are they that act accordingly. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have remained steadfast in this Cause whereby the mountains have been crushed, the heaven cleft asunder, and the earth rent in twain.

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In the Name of the One God, Who hath no partner! We hear the Call from all things, as though they were stirred within themselves through their longing for that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of eternity with manifest sovereignty. Our dwelling-places, wherein the fragrance of Our raiment hath wafted, draw near to Us through Our most beautiful names, which We have made the dawning-places of Our revelation throughout all worlds. Therefore hath the City and all that surroundeth it been illumined by the advent of its Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Verily, the Sadrih crieth out, saying: "I perceive the fragrance of Thy raiment, O God of all worlds!" And the Mount shineth forth through this Manifestation and proclaimeth: "The Beloved of the heavens and earth hath come!" And the Ka'bih of mankind, having sensed the breezes of its Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath called aloud and cried out: "The Desired One hath come with great glory!" And the House of the Son hath been illumined by the lights of Beauty, declaring: "The Father hath come with His kingdom and His sovereignty!" Blessed be they who turn unto Him! Even the pebbles of creation remember their Lord with this wise remembrance. The Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth above all things: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great!" At all times We hear from everything the

mention of their Lord - this indeed is a wondrous thing. In the evening We hear the glorification of all things in remembrance of their Lord, and at daybreak We hear from them other words. By My life! The Spirit of the Cause speaketh within them at all times such words that were the possessors of ears to hear them, they would fall prostrate upon their faces before their Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus have We set forth Our verses in detail, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath risen from among the dead and turned unto God, the Revealer of verses, Who hath appeared in truth from the horizon of the Cause in such wise as to attract the hearts of those who have recognized Him. This is the Day of hearkening - hearken ye unto the Call of your Lord from the direction of the Prison. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and within His grasp lieth the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth. Whoso hath heard His call and answered it, verily he is of the people of Paradise in this noble court. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve My Cause and hath cast aside all else but Me. He is indeed of the people of the realms of My footstool. My angels shall enter upon them with the lights of My grandeur. They are verily the lamps of guidance from whom the denizens of the Supreme Paradise derive their light. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of Baha, and God is witness unto what I say. Leave the dead, and hold fast unto God, the Creator of names. Verily, He hath come in this resplendent raiment.

Say: O people! Commit not acts of mischief and indecency, and follow not every doubting polytheist. Beware lest ye backbite one another. This hath been forbidden in the Tablets. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of those who spread corruption. Enter not a house except with permission, betray not the trust of others in their possessions, and lean not towards them that have acted unjustly, for this indeed is a grievous error. Aid Me through My loved ones. They who love them for My sake shall find themselves in pavilions of My bounty, and shall ere long behold themselves in an exalted station. Beware lest ye dispute one with another. Unite in the religion of God and His Cause, lest there occur among you that which your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, desireth not. Say: This is My path. Walk ye therein with My leave, and be not of them that doubt. This is My straight path; verily it is the right way. We have set forth in the Book the details of all things, that perchance men may follow that which is best for them. He is but a faithful counsellor. They who follow their own desires are not of the people of guidance, as doth testify your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, if ye be of them that are assured. Say: O people! Do ye frequent the mosques for My remembrance, yet oppose Mine own Self? What aileth you, O concourse of the heedless! Remind the people in the days of thy Lord, then lead them out of darkness and guide them to the horizon whence hath shone the Sun of the beauty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Beautiful. Beware lest the things of this world withhold thee from thy Lord, the Lord of all names. Drink thou the waters of immortality from the utterance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. They who remained heedless in those days are as mere asses - they have no way to the Truth. They rejoice while the wrath of God pursueth them. Verily, they are the companions of the fire. They who have turned to the Countenance shall ere long find themselves beneath the canopy of their Lord’s mercy. Verily, they are of them that are nigh unto God. Thus have We instructed thee and taught thee that thou mayest rejoice in the days of thy Lord and be of the thankful ones.

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O Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali! In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned his face unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and who hath traversed the path until he arrived at the Living Waters which flowed from the finger of the will of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and was numbered among the successful ones. He arrived at the Holy Shore and found companionship with the Beloved of the worlds. After his arrival, We commanded him to enter the abode of those who wronged themselves and God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise, until he came upon them suddenly like a thunderbolt of chastisement upon a sinful people. He sat and prevailed through what the Most Merciful cast into his heart, until he arose and returned to the Most Great Ocean, detached from the idolaters. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that God hath made thee as fire unto the idolaters and a spirit and sweet fragrance unto His believing servants. Cast away all that is possible and take what thou art commanded by thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Turn unto His hesitant servants that perchance through thee the withered trees may become verdant and those who are remote may draw nigh unto God in manifest humility. Arise and say: O people! By God, the Primal Word hath been fulfilled, the Hidden Alif hath appeared, and the sun of thy Lord's authority hath dawned from the horizon of possibility with brilliant, resplendent light. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of its fragrances. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you, and God is, verily, the Witness and the Informed of this. Say: O people, be fair and then observe: Can darkness persist when the sun shineth forth? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! When the Most Great Ocean surgeth, the flame of fire cannot endure beside it, and when the winds of might blow, the gnat cannot remain stable, were ye but of those who know. Say: O people, abandon names and the idols of the idolaters. Turn unto God, the Lord of Names and Attributes, sanctified from all allusions. Thus hath Truth spoken - hearken and be not of the heedless ones. Say: O people! By God, he whom ye have taken as lord besides God is like the ashes of dogs' bones, nay more despicable, were ye but of the assured ones. Whoso looketh into his words knoweth his worth and findeth from them the exhalations of hell. Those who mention fabricated words when that which hath been sent down from God's dominion hath been revealed are cursed by the denizens of the highest paradise and God's near servants. Say: Today one letter thereof cannot be equaled by all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Say: O concourse of idolaters! Die in your wrath! The Luminary of inner meanings hath shone forth and its radiance hath dazzled your eyes. Return to your abode in the depths of hell. He who compareth the verses of God with his words is like unto Pharaoh when he said "I am your lord, the most high." Say: This is greater, were ye but possessed of insight. O Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali! Hear the word of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, from the Shore of Eternity. Then wash thyself in the waters of sanctity and speak forth His praise amongst His servants, that the words of God may influence the hearts of all peoples. Grieve not over anything, and regard not those who are heedless except as insects driven by the winds of self and passion, carried wheresoever they list. Thus hath it been sent down from God's dominion - thy Lord and the Lord of the first and the last. Say: O people! If ye have guaranteed immortality and are secure from the grave, then follow your desires. Otherwise, fear God Who created you by His command. Death is truth and shall come upon you. Then shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss. Then inform the people of what thou hast seen and known, that they may detach themselves from what they possess and turn with their hearts toward the Holy Court, and not follow Satan. When thou openest the door of utterance, thy Lord, the Lord of lords, shall assist thee with the angels of revelation. Thus hath the Pen of the Most Merciful given thee glad tidings in this Tablet, one letter of which cannot be equaled by all that hath been created in all existence, as every possessor of keen vision doth testify.

Remove the veil from the people and burn their veils with the fire of thy Lord's love, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And when thou seest those who have believed, glorify their faces on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of the Youth's remembrance of them out of His love for God. This, verily, is a great bounty. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the cooing of the Dove of Eternity hath attracted to the direction of God, the Mighty, the Generous. And praise be to the Beloved of the worlds.

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He is the All-Glorious, the Most Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath turned unto the Self-Subsisting and hath quaffed the choice wine, sealed, from the hand of His bounty on a day whereon the people turned away from God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. The verses have been sent down in such wise that the Kingdom of Utterance circleth round them, as attesteth He Who speaketh in every state, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily, the Glory, in the ocean of tribulation, calleth unto them that love Him and soar in His atmosphere and have taken His Book with such strength as the hosts could not withhold. Can anyone reckon what He hath sent down from the heaven of His grace, and can anyone enumerate what hath befallen Him in the path of God? Nay, by the Lord of all existence!

O thou who gazeth upon My countenance! We have enjoined upon men righteousness and piety, and forbidden them tyranny and wickedness, yet they cast aside the former and chose the latter. I testify that they have cast the decree of God behind their backs and have taken what they were bidden by the sources of fancy and idle imaginings. Say: O concourse of men! This is a Day whereon the Lord of Destiny calleth from His most great scene of contemplation and summoneth him who was named 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, who turned to the Supreme Horizon in the earliest days, and was so transported by the rapture of the Call that he forsook what the people possessed and took what was ordained for him in his preserved tablet.

O thou who drinketh the choice wine of My utterance, the Kawthar of My bounty, and the Salsabil of My praise! His Holiness Rida - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - acting as deputy at a time when the Luminary of permission was shining forth, set out for that Station and attained unto the privilege of pilgrimage. He hath accomplished in the path of God that which God hath adorned with the ornament of acceptance and good-pleasure. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Despite the upheaval of the world and the perfidy of most nations and the kindling of the fire of hatred, the True One, exalted be His glory, hath granted success and guided His loved ones to the stream of His love. Glory be to God! The treacherous ones and the highway robbers are present in every direction and stationed at every outpost; nevertheless the Most Exalted Pen moveth, its scratching is raised, and its call is loud. We testify that He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. Neither the onrush of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the aggressors can hinder Him.

The letters which you sent to this servant and likewise to other loved ones were all presented at the Most Holy Court and were honored to be heard. God willing, answers will be sent down from the heaven of will and dispatched, that the reality of existence may acknowledge His generosity and the essence of bounty His bestowal. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

?abibu'llah - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - after his return to the horizon of manifestation attained unto the presence and was sustained by the cup of reunion. He dispatched to the Most Holy Court a leaf adorned with the names of the loved ones, seeking the expression of bounty for each one, and each was blessed with that for which he was brought from nothingness into being, and there was sent down for each that which the treasures of earth cannot equal. Verily thou wert with Me and didst witness the waves of the ocean of My utterance and the effulgences of the sun of My loving-kindness. Blessed are the souls who seized each wave and were blessed thereby. Say: This wave was not hindered by hosts, and this power was not weakened by the transgressions of nations. The breaths of revelation have encompassed the world, and divine counsels and admonitions have been inscribed upon the tablets of existence. Soon shall the fair-minded arise and testify to a power that hath had no like in the world, and whose equal is non-existent.

O thou who standeth before the Throne! If there be delay in answering some, the reason and cause thereof is known. Ye should know with perfect certitude that the mention of each one hath been and is in the Most Holy Court. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to hold fast unto the cord of Thy good-pleasure in all conditions, then ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee at all times. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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The friends of God in all lands! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Names! This is the Day wherein the Call of God has been raised from the direction of the Most Great Prison, calling out to the nations that there is no God but Me, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Every ear has been blessed by the call of its Lord, and every eye by the Most Exalted Horizon, and every heart by the love of God, the King, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, except those who cast behind them their God and followed their desires in that they followed those who disbelieved in God throughout all ages and turned away from Him when the Most Great Book appeared and what was inscribed in the preserved tablet. O friends of God! By God, darkness has drawn its veil, and that which has sullied the hem of the Cause has appeared. Thereupon the Concourse on High laments, and then those who soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Loving. The Trustworthy One was before the Throne for a year and after it; then We commanded him to return and engage in what he desired. Verily his Lord is the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We have commanded all to engage in crafts and trades, and this is from God's grace unto His creation, but most of the people are heedless. He was before the Throne and heard the call of his Lord morning and evening and between them. Thus was it ordained for him from the Supreme Pen. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Generous. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hears the call of his Lord and follows what he has been commanded in the Book which God has

made a light unto those on earth and a proof from Him to all the worlds. The Supreme Pen in this blessed Tablet conveys greetings to all the friends and commands all to that which God has willed in the Book, for verily that which descends from the heaven of the Divine Will is in truth the water of life for receptive souls and healing for the world's ills. By the life of God! Every soul that acts upon it will assuredly be preserved from afflictions and will be encompassed by God's infinite favors. All must be focused on the Dawning-Place of grace and the Dayspring of revelation, awaiting to hear God's call from the direction of the Prison. This is the most great bounty, this is the divine gift among creation, and this is the heavenly feast. For if the loved ones act upon what has been revealed from the Supreme Pen of kindly counsels, goodly conduct, and pure deeds, the fragrances of divine mercy will embrace all the earth, and all will become detached from all else, turning with heart and soul to the horizon of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful. Beseech God that He may assist all through His favors and lift the concealing veils, that all may soar in the heaven of the All-Merciful's love on the wings of certitude. He is verily the Bestower, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Various matters have appeared in this land which, although they have caused apparent distress since the dust of these occurring matters has affected the hem of the Cause, yet God manifests what He willeth and bestoweth upon whom He willeth what He willeth. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous. The Most Great Prison in these numbered years has been, through God's grace, a place of security and safety and the source of bounties and blessings. But it changed when they changed. He is verily the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Perceiving. God will soon transform it as He transformed it the first time, as was decreed by His Pen in a mighty tablet. Then We make mention at the end of the Book of him who turned towards the direction of the Throne, who was named Abu'l-Hasan in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. He left his land, turning towards God and gazing toward the horizon of His grace, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He entered the land of Rum when the fires of war were blazing therein and tribulations surrounded him from all sides. Then God delivered him by a sovereignty from His presence and preserved him in truth. He is verily the Preserver, the Generous. This continued until he entered the Prison Land and attained the presence of the Countenance and heard what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in his mighty, lofty station. He is among those who fulfilled the Covenant, and the breezes of revelation took hold of him in such wise that he cast away desire and turned unto guidance. Verily his Lord is the Helper, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Most High.

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He is the Remembering One, the Speaking One, the Trustworthy, the All-Wise

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letters from the Land of Ta and the petitions of some to the Most Holy Court have been received and heard. Praise be to God, the loved ones of God are occupied with remembrance and praise and are, God willing, holding fast to the cord of unity. We beseech God to assist them and confirm them in what they have intended in His straight and manifest path. Responses to most have been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance and dispatched. We beseech God once again to enable them to hearken unto what hath been revealed and to achieve what He hath willed on His mighty and wondrous Day.

His honor Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny, hath mentioned Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory and loving-kindness of God. Permission hath been granted for him to proceed to the regions of the Land of Ta. We make mention at this time of His honor ’Ali-Shir, upon him be the glory of God, and We bid him to patience and steadfastness in the face of divine trials. That which befell him also befell the Wronged One upon first entering the prison. How excellent was that which one of the loved ones of the All-Merciful spoke in the Dispensation of the Criterion - he who was named Sa’d in the Book of Names. He was among those who believed in the Presence of the Seal, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, in the earliest days. In his final days his sight was taken from him. Some of the loved ones said to him: “Thou shouldst beseech God thy Lord to restore thy sight.” He, upon him be My glory, said: “The decree of God is dearer to Me than mine eye.” We beseech God at this time to assist ’Ali-Shir and enable him to be steadfast, to admit his son into the most exalted Paradise, and to send down upon him at all times a spirit and mercy from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

That which Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath mentioned regarding the mother who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and that which he hath desired, hath been adorned with the honor of acceptance and the ornament of divine good-pleasure. We made mention of her before her ascension and after her ascension in terms that no other mention can equal. Verily her Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Likewise, the deed of the Leaf, the wife of Rida’r-Ruh, and another Leaf, her daughter, hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and permission to perform it hath at this time been sent down from the heaven of God’s command. Blessed are they both. The glances of loving-kindness have ever been and continue to be directed towards His honor Marfu’ and his relatives, both female and male.

O Name of Bounty! In view of what hath occurred from the Kingdom of divine decree, We have delayed in answering the letters of Samandar which were brought by the servant present before the Countenance and which thou didst forward. We beseech God to send down hereafter that which will transform sorrows. No word hath been heard from His honor Javad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in the victory of His Cause as He assisted him before, and to adorn all those of his household who dwell in that home with His special favors, and to set each one of them ablaze with such a fire as will cause the heedless souls to become enkindled.

We make mention at this time once again of him who was named ’Ali-Shir, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O ’Ali-Shir! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. In all things place thy trust in God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to decree for thee the reward of one who hath drunk the choice wine of mystic knowledge from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and who hath presented himself at the door and heard the Call from this luminous horizon.

The glory from Us be upon My loved ones there who have heard and responded, who have aimed at and attained, and upon those who have not broken God’s covenant and His testament and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of the heavens and the earths. This year, in view of the sorrow that hath occurred, if His honor ’Ali-Shir should delay and make his

pilgrimage to the Ultimate Goal and Most Exalted Summit in another year, it would be more fitting and appropriate. He verily assisteth His loved ones in all things. He is verily the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Kind.

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To Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Throne. This is the Day of God, and His call is raised from every direction, and the light of His Cause is shining forth from every horizon. Blessed is he who hath seen with his own eyes and been guided, and who hath heard with his own ears and been led aright. Glory be unto God! The world is seized with wonderment, for its people are seen to have passed by the lights of the Luminary of certitude and to have clung to the cords of idle fancies.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! Thy letter was forwarded by Javad - upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy - to the Most Holy Court, and was honored to be heard in the Divine Presence. We indeed perceived from it the fragrance of My love and thy steadfastness in My Cause. We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before thy face, through the key of His Most Great Name, the door of bounty. He is, verily, the Lord of all nations. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

It is hoped that thou wilt speak in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, and be occupied with His remembrance. Certain petitions arrived from that region, and some months ago answers were sent down from the heaven of divine Will, though they have not yet been dispatched, for most people see no difference between weapons and reform. The power of distinction is lost and the people wander bewildered in the wilderness of perplexity. That opposing soul who dwells on the island hath taught alchemy to certain ones that their insight might increase, but it hath only added to their blindness. Should thou ever meet Abdullah or his like, say: O thoughtless one! Take this very science as the criterion, that the truth may become evident to thee. In Aliyyih four persons were engaged in this pursuit for some time, and they have seen and will see naught but loss.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! By the life of God! When this Wronged One returned from His two-year journey, it was observed that that heedless one had given certain people the operation of division. We said: Woe unto thee, O heedless one! Division hath never been and is not acceptable unto God. Deception and guile are evident from its very name. O Yahya! Abandon it and be not of the losers. In any case, he still gives and continues to give it to some people, and the poor helpless souls, trusting in alchemy, spend their lives practicing it, joining the first cycle to the last. Glory be unto God! The essence of vain imaginings hath ever caused and continueth to cause matters to appear confused, until such time as souls return to their abode and to that which was ordained for them.

What hath been said was and is for the sake of God, for the helpless people are unaware of the root of the matter and have fallen prey to alchemy and the like. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My

utterance, arise from thy place, turning toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy appearance, and to Thy establishment upon the throne of utterance in the midmost heart of contingent being. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation and by that which hath been wafted from Thy verses in Thy days, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy grace, to aid Thy servants to return unto Thee and to repent before the gate of Thy pardon and Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Almighty, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to exalt me among Thy servants through Thy Name. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

We make mention of Our loved ones there and beseech God to ordain for them, by His Most Exalted Pen, the best of all that exists in His worlds, and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness, by virtue of which whoso drinketh thereof shall not be hindered by the hosts of the world from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Name, nor shall he be frightened by the might of the aggressors or the power of those who have denied God, the Lord of existence and the Educator of the seen and the unseen.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment. We conclude Our words by making mention of thy brother and sister, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect them through His grace and His hosts, and to guard them from the cawing of the cawers and from the evil of the oppressors. Verily, He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth through His word, the Mighty, the Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His bounty and manifested what He desired. He, verily, is the One Who is desired in the former and latter days. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. I bear witness that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His grandeur, in recognition of His sovereignty, and in submission to all that appeareth from His presence. He, verily, is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God Who hath assisted the sincere ones to turn towards the Supreme Horizon and to achieve the most great steadfastness, and hath enabled them to remember and praise Him and to serve His Cause in days wherein clamor hath been raised between earth and heaven and the hearts of the people of wisdom have been perturbed. Exalted be the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Master of the former and latter days. There is none other God but Him, the One Who overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and the earths.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the rivers have flowed from the impenetrable rock and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branch of eternity! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of the Names whereby the idol and its hosts have lamented, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee and to do that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning towards Thee and awaiting the wondrous tokens of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to send down upon them from the heaven of Thy grace a blessing from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence. Then ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who hastened to Thy horizon and quaffed the wine of Thy love. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, the letter of your honor brought joy to the heart. God willing, you will at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. All that is in the world hath been and will be evanescent, and all upon earth acknowledge and confess this fact. That which endureth and lasteth is the service that is rendered for the sake of God, and greatest of all is a word that is recorded by God for any soul. Praise be to God that your honor hath been favored with His grace - this is the essence, and all else is counted as derivative. As for your expression of embarrassment at the delay - never be saddened or troubled by such matters and their like. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Powerful. It is most clear that your honor and all that pertaineth unto you belong to God, glorified be His majesty. In this case, whatever occureth causeth no harm. He knoweth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Due to certain necessary matters, mention was made to Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. Whatever was mentioned, he hath surely related the details. There is no need to mention it again. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God to enable your honor to attain unto that which hath been and is the purpose. Regarding the dispatch of the packet about which you wrote - excellent is what thou hast done for God, the Lord of the worlds. And since that packet was bearing Tablets, the recompense of the bearers is and shall be with God. And concerning your supplication to God, glorified be His majesty, for the facilitation of affairs - God willing, it hath been and shall be manifested. Previously a word was heard from the blessed tongue which indicated what hath been mentioned, and this servant beseecheth God to assist you in that which is the cause of the perpetuity of existence in the divine worlds. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth and giveth to whom He willeth and withholdeth from whom He willeth. In His grasp is the key to all things. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for your mention of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God - surely by now he hath arrived safely and in good health. Convey greetings to him, and likewise to the friends if you meet them. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have attained unto steadfastness in this wondrous Cause. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The Servant

16 Ramadan 1298

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and Power

Praise be to God Who guided us to His path, made known His evidence, and made clear to us the wonders of His grace and the manifestations of His care. And the prayer shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge and the peace radiant and resplendent from the dawning-place of grace be upon the Secret of existence and the Manifestation of the intended Lord, through Whose appearance God's most beautiful names were manifested and through Whose character His supreme attributes emerged, and from Whom the near ones found the fragrance of God's hidden Name and the sincere ones that which the tongues of what was and what will be were powerless to mention. And upon His family and companions who aided the religion of God and His Cause and acted according to what they were commanded in His Book - those servants whom the manifestations of might and power did not prevent from enjoining good and forbidding evil. They truly strove in God's path and by their swords necks were humbled and the temple of the Cause was established upon the throne of independence among mankind. Blessed is he who attained unto them and heard from them what their Beloved and Intended One related to them. And woe unto him who turned away from acceptance and was among the deniers.

And then, the esteemed letter arrived. Praise be to God, it was a messenger bearing the fragrance of love and spoke of stations of sincerity and affection. May God, exalted be His glory, assist that spiritual friend and spread through that beloved one that which the worlds are powerless to conceal and find themselves impotent before. The Command is in God's hand - He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth. However He hath not and will never neglect the welfare of His loved ones. This is the truth of certainty.

The first matter is to express sincere devotion and evanescence and nothingness to the presence of the gentlemen, upon them be all His Most Glorious Beauty. His honor the Great Master, upon him be God's grandeur and might, cannot bear the hardship of turning toward the House of God from that direction, as it is very difficult, especially this year. I beseech God to grant the reward of pilgrimage. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The beloved of the heart Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and the other friends have been and are in this evanescent one's thoughts. God is witness and testifier that they are ever remembered in the heart. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen them and all His loved ones and to confound their enemies. Verily He is powerful over all things.

As for the matter of the beloved friend, what they have arranged is exactly right. God willing he will be assisted to render a service whose station he does not now know and of whose significance he is unaware. And regarding what they wrote about whether it would be advisable for that honored one to also accompany them to become informed of the source and reality of matters, and likewise to turn toward the intended land - this is most beloved. It is very clear that if that beloved one were to turn, it would be and is most excellent and most loved and most beauteous. All services return to that honored one through God's grace. The servant asks Him Who is not mentioned by what is with the people to send down for you from the heaven of His bestowal at all times that which the pen is powerless to mention and to which the fingers cannot point. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Another matter: His honor Aqa Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, who had come from Shiraz, was delayed in Port Said due to lack of papers. They intended to proceed to Beirut. Until now no news of them has arrived. Now that honored one should designate someone to go inquire of the quarantine authorities and obtain news of him. This matter is very necessary as they are strangers and do not know the languages. If they are there and require expenses, give them whatever amount they need. Peace and mercy and glory be upon your honor and upon God's loved ones there.

The servant

4th of Shawwal the honored 1300

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be unto Him Who cannot be known through utterance nor described through proof, Who hath been sanctified above every evidence and argument and hallowed beyond all mention and praise. He hath ever been holy beyond the comprehension of created things and the conditions of contingent beings. Every knower hath testified to his powerlessness, every mystic to his limitation, every accomplished one to his shortcoming, and every sage to his ignorance. Exalted be His greatness, glorified His dominion, magnificent His power, and sublime His station! He it is Who gave Us the glad tidings of His appearance and His arising to establish His Cause, and through these glad tidings did the Prophets and Messengers give tidings to all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. Yet when He Who was mentioned appeared and the Promised One came, the people arose in opposition, in such wise that the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the inmates of the highest Heaven lamented.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of hearts! I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy might and Thy power to assist Thy servants to rend asunder the veils and to recognize Thy manifestation in the return. O Lord! They are the poor and the powerless, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. Thou art He Who created the servants through the Word that proceeded from the mouth of Thy Will and preserved them throughout ages and centuries by the arms of Thy power. I beseech Thee to assist Thy servants and Thy creation to turn unto Thee and draw nigh unto the horizon of Thy Cause. Then preserve them, O my God, from the promptings of self and passion, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thereafter, your letters have been continuously received, and detailed responses to each have been submitted and dispatched. In your previous letter you had written that you would send His Eminence Ibn (upon him be the Glory of God) to Iraq, and a response was sent according to your letter. And in this letter which has now arrived, dated the 28th of Rabi'u'l-Avval, you sought permission to send His Eminence Ibn either to those regions or to these parts. Therefore this was submitted in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and this is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke forth in the Kingdom of Proof - exalted be His Word: "God willing, may they be occupied at all times with service to the Self-Sufficient,

Transcendent Cause and be focused on the horizon of wisdom. We have counseled him and do counsel him with wisdom. Any matter that today causes conflict and commotion, it is best to abandon it in the sight of the Lord of all beings. Glory be upon him and upon those with him and upon every wise mystic."

Praise be to God, they are illumined by the dawning lights of the Sun of Grace. This is a bounty that tongue and utterance and pen and ink are powerless and incapable to mention and record and convey. Praise be to God that you have reached a station where you recognize the bounty and know its worth - and this station is very rare indeed. It must be preserved through the Name of the Powerful, the Mighty. Although this is the Day of vision, it is observed that the people are deprived of it. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His Glory, that you may ever drink from the ocean of grace and soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. Observance of wisdom is among those matters that you have repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Truth, exalted be His Glory. In all conditions you must be focused on it.

Convey greetings and salutations on my behalf to the friends in that land. Sacred and exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for certain souls - God willing they will receive them and attain unto them. May your relatives, God willing, dwell and rest beneath the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. One Sadrah is manifest and visible at the ultimate station, and one Sadrah is without end - glorified be He Who created them both and planted them and made them manifest and preserved them. And glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! Hearken unto the Call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne, that verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people, abandon your desires and set your faces toward the Most Remote Sanctuary - this would be better for you, did ye but know. Say: Verily He standeth at the pivot of tribulation and calleth you to the Ultimate Tree. Fear God and follow not those who have taken their desires and cast aside their God. Thus doth the Pen of Command remind you, would ye but understand. He hath come for the life of the world and hath sacrificed Himself through that which was ordained by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: By the barking of dogs the Most Exalted Pen shall not be silenced. It speaketh between earth and heaven and summoneth you unto God, the Lord of Names, but the people perceive not. Tribulation deterreth Him not from that which He hath been commanded, even though His very life be in grievous peril. Can the rays of the Sun be prevented by that which the servants have interposed? Nay, by the Lord of creation! But the people are wrapped in thick veils. Those who have turned away from the Countenance are they who are drowned in the sea of allusions which We have left to previous generations, and with these do they seek to heal the wounds in their hearts. By My life! They have no refuge this Day. Soon shall ye behold them prostrate upon the ground of fancy. By God! They have not understood the melody of utterance in this wondrous Revelation. Thou hearest My words and shunnest these people. Enter, in the name of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, a station which their minds have not attained. Thus doth the Tongue of Ancient Days command thee from thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-

Merciful. Say: This is a Cause with which no other cause can be compared. God hath made it sanctified from the allusions of the worlds. Through it hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful. How blessed are they who have advanced toward it! Through it hath been established the decree of origination, and by it have been illumined the hearts of the monotheists. Were it not for it, the degrees of origination would not have been completed. Reflect that ye may know what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Thus hath the Truth come and the matter been decreed from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Know then that thy brother hath turned away from the Truth, having followed his desires. He is but in grievous delusion. A letter from him was presented before the Countenance. We found him wandering in the wilderness of error and We left him as a warning to the worlds. He spoke that which even children would not speak. Alas for him! Soon shall he find himself in evident loss. Say: O people! If ye recognize not the Truth by its own self, then look unto that which hath been revealed from His presence, that perchance the fragrance of the verses may sanctify you from allusions and draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. That which the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken shineth like the sun among the words of the worlds. When the Word issueth forth from the Dayspring of utterance, its fragrances waft between the heavens and earth, yet none perceive it save those who have detached themselves from all that is with the people and have turned toward the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. Say thou: In the Name of God, and take the cup of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. By God! Through it thou shalt ascend to an atmosphere wherein thou shalt hear from the rustling of its winds “The Beloved of the worlds hath come!” Leave these people and their fancies, and stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then summon the people with wisdom and utterance. This is better for thee than all that hath been created in existence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rend asunder the veils in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He shall assist thee in the Cause, and He is the Powerful, the Almighty. Soon shall the world pass away. Strive thou to enter the Kingdom of immortality. By God! Wert thou to discover it, thou wouldst cry out between the heavens and the earth and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines nor the objections of the learned nor the power of rulers would deter thee. Choose for thyself what We have chosen for thee and regard not those who have wronged save as an ant that flieth for an hour or less. God shall soon purify the earth of these people and shall raise up His Cause as He pleaseth. Verily He is the Triumphant over all who are in the kingdom of command and creation. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. We beseech God to give thee to drink of that which floweth from the right hand of the Throne and to make thee among those whom the denial of the polytheists hath not deterred in the Cause of their Lord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Hasan, of the people of the sovereign in Qaf! Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have read that whereby thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised. We have learned of the love thou bearest for the Beauty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. O Hasan! Be thou beneficent in all

circumstances and deeds, that thou mayest exemplify the name wherewith thou wast named in the Kingdom of Names. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin thee from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of sorrows, the Spot whereon is established the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that He is God and there is none other God but Him. He hath created all things by His command. No God is there but Him, the Supreme, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, then be thou assured in thyself. Verily, He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth. In His grasp are the keys of all things. He ordaineth for whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He pleaseth by His command, and nothing in all the worlds can prevent that which He hath created. Say: O people! Do ye imagine that aught can frustrate the Cause of your Lord, the Most High, or that the heavens and earth can withstand Him? Nay, by My Beauty that shineth upon all things, were ye of them that know! Say: Fear ye God, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow ye the religion of God and spread not corruption in the earth after its reformation. Then take ye for yourselves a path unto God in the midmost heart of paradise. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth, that thou mayest hear what the Tongue of Unity hath warbled in the highest paradise. Moreover, convey Our remembrance unto him who was named Muhammad in times past, whose mention was in thy letter, that he may rejoice within himself at having been remembered before God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of the Concourse on High, He before Whose praise stand the realities of all created things. Say: O servant! We sent down unto thee aforetime a Tablet wherein We counseled thee to hold fast unto the Tree in such wise that the tempests of winds would not shake thee, lest thou fall upon the earth of abasement and deprivation. Beware, beware, O Zaman, lest thou forget that which thou wast commanded in the Tablet. Hearken unto the word of thy Lord, then cut thyself off from the manifestations of Satan from whom thou dost perceive the stench of hatred for this Youth, through Whom the veils of creation were rent asunder and by Whose Pen's decree were created the realities of the people of paradise. Beware lest thou sit with Mine enemies. Flee from them and shun them. Then take for thyself a station beneath the shadow of thy Lord's protection, which God hath purified from the doubts of time. Taste thou the cup of eternity and cast behind thee the cups of those who doubt that which hath appeared with truth. Leave them to themselves and place thy trust in God, thy Lord. Verily, He will protect thee through His power and dominion. Say: God knoweth what is in your breasts, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book which none hath discovered, neither the Concourse of the Bayan nor the people of vision, save they who have severed themselves from all ties and have taken fast hold of the Most Glorious Cord between earth and heaven. By God! By the light of their countenances are illumined the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the inhabitants of the canopies of names. Thus have We expounded the verses unto thee and set them forth in truth, that thou mayest be of them that are assured. Say: O people! Do ye read words wherewith children ought to play, while ye stop your ears from hearing the words of God? Woe unto you, O concourse of loss! And thou, O Zaman, hear the counsel of thy Lord. Shun those from whom thou perceivest the odor of hypocrisy, and fear not thy solitude, for God is with thee at all times if thou standest firm in His Cause and detachest thyself from all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus have We cast upon thee the truth as a bounty from Our presence, and I am He through Whose command hath appeared the kingdom of grace and beneficence. And the glory be upon thee and upon him whose letter came before God, and upon his family. Thus doth God single out for mercy whomsoever He pleaseth, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Sovereign, the Bestower.

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He is the All Glorious

The first mention of Glory and the first praise of Grandeur rest upon Thee, O Thou the Countenance of the Most High, the Creator of all things, the Uplifter of the heavens, Whose Tongue uttereth the praise of Thy All-Glorious Self in the kingdom of creation.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Lord of Lords, the Deliverer of the loved ones on the Day of Revival, O Thou Who causes the clouds to pour down with rain and Who rends asunder the veils and burns them away.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Creator of the Realm of Glory, the Lord of the Kingdom, the Sovereign of the World of Creation, the Ruler of the Celestial Realm, the Revealer of verses, and He who burneth away the veils.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Countenance of the Succoring One, the Destroyer of the sorcerers, the Source of compassion, and the Herald of the Countenance of Mustaghath to all men and women.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Undying Light, He who dischargeth the streaming water from a tremulous pen, the Redeemer of people from the salt that burneth bitterly.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Shimmering Light, the Dominant, the Conqueror, the Mystery of exaltation, He who breatheth soul into bodies, O Thou Lofty Radiance, the Magnificent Sinai, the Spirit that infusest life into people, the Immovable Mountain.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Essence of affection, the Redeemer of all men on the Day of Resurrection, the Countenance of the Promised One, the Source of righteousness, the Desire of our hearts, the Maker of rain, O Thou Who art our Refuge and our Sanctuary.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou Who causest the rivers to flow, and the trees to bear fruit and the flowers to bloom, O Thou the Slayer of the wicked doers, the Bestower of life unto the upright, the Redeemer of the righteous and the Desire of the learned.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou Revealer of mysteries and hidden secrets, and the Lord of treasures, O Thou the Holy Mystery, O Thou the Slayer of the snake, the Creator of heaven and the Lord of paradise, O Thou Who adornest the peacock, O Thou the Countenance of Holiness and the Beauty of the Beloved.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Creator of the wild beasts, O Thou the Commander of the hosts, the Uplifter of colors and patterns, and the Fashioner of mountains into flocks of carded wool, the Source of refuge, the Donor of deliverance, the Protector of the sincere ones from shafts and bullets.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Healer of maladies, the Slayer of the people of blasphemy and disregard, the Bearer of happiness to the sorrowful and the dejected, O Thou the Absolute Truth in Whom is our upliftment.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou Who unfoldest the tabernacle, O Thou the Protector of those endued with constancy and prudence and the Enhancer of bounty and grace, the Provider of union, He Who extendeth the path, and He Who alloweth for error before resolve.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou Who slayest the lovers with a glance, Who ignitest the flame in the hearts of people of reflection and knowledge, and in Whose Hands is the protection of all.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Wondrous Countenance, O Thou the Transcendent Beauty, O Thou the Exalted Mystery, O Thou Protector of the Infant, in Whose Hands are the strengthening and advancement of all, O Thou Whose shadow encompasseth all, O Thou the Rising Sun, O Thou the Culminating Light.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Source of harmony, a Refuge to all from oppression and tyranny and the Bestower of manifold recompense on the pious.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Lord of the Judgment Day, the Uplifter of the heaven that hath various spheres, the Countenance of the Creator, and the Beauty of the Sustainer of the poor and the destitute, O Thou the Lord of the kings and the Pitier of the downtrodden, the Remover of doubts, the Possessor of domains, O Thou Who hath enlightened the fisherman.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Lord of glory and majesty, of greatness and honor, of loftiness and dominion, of awe and power, of mercy and bounty, O Thou the Countenance of the Self-Subsisting , O Thou the Remover of sorrows, the Obliterator of grief, the Creator of all men, He Who causeth the nights and the days to succeed one another, and the Illuminator of darkness.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Beauty of the All-Merciful, O Thou the Countenance of the All-Praised, O Thou the Most Bountiful, the Lord of Might, the Bestowing, the Lord of knowledge and understanding, He Who granteth tranquility to the believers and them who set their faces towards Him.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Uplifter of loftiness, the Creator of sublimity, the Appraiser of effacement and the Fashioner of consciousness, O Thou the Divine Countenance, the Heavenly Beauty, the Imperishable Mystery, the Face of Lordship, O Thou the Everlasting Being, the Possessor of ever abiding glory, O Thou the Divine Beauty, the Infinite Light, the Ancient Mystery, the Interminable Manifestation, seated upon His Eternal Throne, O Thou the Exalted Countenance and Glorious Beauty.

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He is God! O servant who gazes upon the Face! Hearken in the most sweet Persian tongue to the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. I swear by the Ordainer Who caused to flow from the tongue the fountains of wisdom and utterance, that if all who are on earth were to purify their hearts from the hints of imitation and the veils of fancy, they would all be drawn by a single melody from the divine melodies and would turn toward the holy divine dwelling place. But the cotton of imitation has blocked their ears and the veil of limitation has concealed their hearts. O Ali, the Cause has reached such a state that the people of the Bayan are considered before God more veiled than previous peoples, even though the King of mighty establishment, after rending the veil of the people, gave glad tidings in the year sixty of this manifest, evident, shining Beauty in all Tablets. Nevertheless, all have arisen with swords of malice to cut down the divine Lote Tree with utmost vigor. Those who were never aware of this Cause have now united to prevent the weak servants from reaching the shore of the divine presence. They understand not what they say and are unaware of what they do. They cling to the Book while turning away from the Lord of Lords. They pride themselves in words from before while turning entirely away from words that surpass whatever has been created in the heavens and earth. Like a gnat in barren land they make claims to divinity. How quickly they erased God's signs from hearts and focused on distorting His words rather than the creation of the Bayan and what was revealed therein, for all were created before by His word. Despite the explicit nature of this statement in the words of the All-Merciful, all have turned from the divine direction and turned to that from which Satan seeks refuge. This is why the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all in the kingdoms of existence be sacrificed for Him - states that soon it will be witnessed that the people of the Bayan will inflict upon the All-Merciful what no one inflicted upon previous Manifestations. In the days when the Sun of the horizons was rising from the horizon of Iraq, Tablets were revealed in that land and all events that would occur in this land were inscribed by the Pen of Power in those Tablets - blessed are they who perceive. It has been known that the more manifest and perfect the Revelation, the more evil and base appear the manifestations of negation and dawning-places of hell. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Beloved that the Primal Point was grieved by my grief in His days and wept over my tribulations. In any case, the deed of Truth is entirely distinct from all else, but veils of fancy have prevented the sight of creatures. In these days the Beauty of Divine Unity is afflicted in the hands of the basest of His creatures. But they are pure nothingness and sheer nonexistence, for power and might and glory and exaltation, and likewise all names and attributes, are all praiseworthy and beloved in their relation to God. After severing this connection they all are and will be pure nothingness and sheer nonexistence, even if they should appear with all the means of the heavens and earth. That servant who gazes toward God must be grateful at all times that by God's might and power they have broken the idols of fancy and turned toward the holy direction of Divine Unity. How lofty is the station of a servant who arises today to aid the Cause of God and protect the weak ones of creation from satanic suggestions. Blessed art thou for having attained this and God has ordained as recompense for thy deed a station in His presence - and it is the best of stations and most excellent of abodes. Strictly forbid all the divine loved ones today from corruption and conflict, for whatever occurs, its harm returns to the divine Lote Tree itself, as has occurred and returned in these days. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy word regarding the Cause of God thy Lord and who drink the purest wine at the mention of this Greatest Scene. By God, they are among the most exalted of creation before God, my Lord and thy Lord and the Lord of our forefathers.

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He is the One Who gazeth from the All-Glorious Horizon! Hearken unto the Divine Call and with penetrating vision and illumined heart, consider and ponder His wondrous words. All names have been and shall forever remain within the grasp of His power, and all people of diverse nations are clinging to and holding fast unto the divine names, for no soul hath the power to transgress the Kingdom of Names or to step outside His command. All make mention of His Name and turn toward His direction, and yet concerning some, there hath been revealed and sent down from the Divine Pen that they are worshippers of idols. Now ponder what hath been and shall be the cause of this. If We were to say they clung to names and remained veiled from the recognition of the Essence, all people share this station, for all besides Him have been and shall ever be veiled from recognizing His exalted Essence. The way is barred and the path is impassable. He was, and there was nothing besides Him that could know Him. Therefore, all recognition from the peoples of the worlds returneth to the ocean of Names, and it is most evident that every nation of the earth calleth upon Him by a name, and none can transgress this station. Yet upon some hath the decree of polytheism been issued from the Ancient Pen, and upon others hath the decree of Divine Unity been sent down, and this is for no other reason save that they are heedless of that which they have been commanded in this Day. Therefore are they reckoned among the people of the fire and are not mentioned in the presence of God.

The ultimate goal and the furthermost Lote-Tree and the most exalted horizon of human existence is that one should not remain veiled from the Truth in the days of God, and should will that which He hath willed, and should not perceive in himself any will, purpose, existence or life. He should see all these as perishing in His will and purpose. These are the essences of existence and the daysprings of the manifest. This is a Day wherein all the denizens of the highest Paradise are gazing upon the sincere ones and are crying out “O Lord, have mercy upon Thy servants,” for rarely can be seen one who truly gazeth toward the horizon of God’s Cause and is detached from all else. From every direction ariseth the cry of haste, and the manifestations of Satan are occupied with deception, each day calling the people by a different name.

O people of the earth! Alif and Shin! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of the Worlds and with perfect certitude and assurance, gaze toward the direction of the All-Merciful in such wise that ye behold all the peoples of the earth as non-existent and turn unto the intended Goal. Interpret not the divine Word, and remain not veiled from its outer meaning, for none knoweth its interpretation save God and those who are heedless of the outer meaning of the words and claim to understand their inner meanings - I swear by the Most Great Name that such souls have been and shall ever be liars. Blessed are they who act upon the outer meaning and hope for the inner meaning. The Truth hath ever been one, sanctified from peer or likeness. We have borne all tribulations that perchance the people might enter the realm of sanctity. Strive ye that in these days ye may be adorned with the ornament of the mercy of the spring of the All-Merciful.

Recite ye this prayer morn and eve: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the sun of Thy Cause hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Revelation, not to

deprive us of the breezes that waft from the direction of Thy grace. Then make us, O my God, purely devoted to Thy Face and detached from all else but Thee. Then gather us, moreover, with those servants of Thine whom the intimations of human nature have not prevented from turning unto the Divine Presence. O Lord, cause us to enter beneath the shadow of Thy most great mercy, then preserve us from those servants who have disbelieved in Thy Most Glorious Name, and give us to drink of the pure wine of Thy providence and the choice wine of Thy bounty and favors. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Lord! Make us steadfast in Thy love amongst Thy creatures, for this is Thy greatest gift to Thy creation, and verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

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In His Most Holy, Most Ancient, Most Luminous, Most Great Name, I am the Rewarder of all the worlds. These are the verses of Glory sent down from the heaven of destiny. Blessed are they that hear them. It behooveth no one to cleave unto what is with the people, but rather unto that which is with their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which is with the people profiteth them not. Verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the Powerful. He enricheth whomsoever He willeth through His command, and guideth whomsoever He desireth through His Name, the One Who ruleth over the worlds. Every great one hath become great through His greatness, and every powerful one through His Name, the Powerful. Every matter hath appeared through His sovereignty and everything hath become great through His Name, the Great. His names have encompassed all who are in creation. Verily He is independent of them, were ye of the assured ones. The names are with you, while with Him there is naught save His Self, the Mighty, the All-Informed. All things have bowed down before His Name, and every sovereign hath been humbled before His sovereignty, and in His grasp is every wise command. Take what ye are bidden by God and abandon what ye are bidden by every remote ignorant one. Every learned one who hath not known his Lord is counted among the ignorant, and every ignorant one who hath known his Lord is reckoned among the learned. We abase him who hath exalted himself and We exalt him who hath abased himself, for I am powerful over what I desire. Say: The Command is in My hand. I do what I will. There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: Were We to decree for light the decree of darkness, none hath the right to object. Thus hath it been sent down in the Tablets, were ye of those who know. Were We to decree good as evil, no soul hath the right to say “why?” Whoso sayeth this is among the transgressors. Verily He decreeth for the seeing one the decree of the blind, and for the blind one the name of the seeing. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Perceiving. All affairs are in the grasp of His power and are created by His Word, but most of the people are heedless. We hear from the servants what they object to God. Lo! they are among the losers. Say: O My servants, first ponder upon the origin of the Cause. When ye have recognized it, ye shall find yourselves in a vast expanse and shall not object to God even if He were to decree for all upon earth. Blessed are they that perceive. Were it not for My mercy, they would see the decree other than what they have, but My mercy hath preceded and My grace hath encompassed the worlds. Arise, O My servants, to assist My Cause, and be not of those who hesitate. Most of the servants who followed vain imaginings have objected to Us. Lo! they are among the wrongdoers. Those who have denied God’s verses and His proof have lost. Lo! they are among the bewildered ones. They see the ocean yet hasten to

the pond. This is naught but manifest wrong. They wrong their own souls and are not among those who are aware. They call upon God with their tongues, yet when He commandeth them with what their souls desire not, they return to their place in the depths of hell. They visit the House yet object to Him Who built it in His Name. Thus do their desires move them. Lo! they are among the godless ones. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the sovereignty of his Lord, the Lord of all men, and hath arisen among the servants with this wondrous Remembrance. He aideth whomsoever desireth to assist His Cause and inspireth whoso openeth his tongue in His mighty Name. O My loved ones! Be as beacons of unity among mankind and as lamps of detachment unto those who dwell in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest the dust of the world darken your hearts or the veils of the wayward conceal your faces. Be as stars of guidance among creation and as lights of utterance unto all in the realm of possibility. This beseemeth those who have attained the lights of the countenance in this brilliant dawn. O thou who hast turned to God! Recite the verses of thy Lord unto those who are there, that perchance they may arise unto that which beseemeth a Day like this, wherein the Spirit lamenteth and the Beloved crieth out in grief for the Beloved of the worlds. The Pen moveth and the tongue of the Lord of Eternity speaketh in this hour wherein the hosts of those who believed not in God have encompassed Him and were engaged in manifest oppression. Be patient, O Pen, and mention not that which saddeneth the loved ones of thy Lord, and be of the patient ones. God hath made tribulation the Kawthar of Glory. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and great. Verily glory from the Glory be upon those who have heard the call of Grandeur when it was raised in truth. Lo! they are among the sincere ones.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Essential praise and glorification befitteth that Intended One Who illumined the world through the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and adorned the realm of possibility with the ornament of knowledge from the ocean of awareness. Exalted be His greatness, glorified His power, magnificent His beneficence, and supreme His grandeur! He is the Powerful One Who through a single exalted Word brought forth the kingdom of earth and heaven, created man and guided him to the supreme horizon, and adorned sheer nothingness with the ornament of being and pure non-existence with the crown of existence. He is the Omnipotent One Whom neither the thunder of cannons can prevent from what He hath willed, nor the clash of swords deter from His pervading and mighty Will. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thereafter, your letter addressed to this evanescent servant opened the gate of reunion and bestowed the fragrance of attainment. After its perusal it was presented before His presence, whereupon He said: O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of love and gazest toward the horizon of grace! In this day it is incumbent upon all to seek protection from God, exalted be His glory, for His loved ones and chosen ones, inasmuch as commotions and upheavals have encompassed all. Each day a fresh calamity descendeth upon the world and a new sedition ariseth, yet none hath discovered the cause and reason thereof. The religion of God is seen to be weak while His enemies are strong. The deeds of men have become embodied in diverse manifestations - at times affliction, at times tribulation, and likewise in

different forms of weapons, guns, swords and spears. Beseech ye God to awaken the heedless and rouse the slumbering, that perchance they may discover the cause and reason, for when any illness is diagnosed its cure becometh easy. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world through one of Thy names! I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy loved ones which was shed in Thy path to protect Thy loved ones from the oppression of Thine enemies who have risen in an enmity the like of which the eye of creation hath not beheld. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, by the Most Great Name, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will aid them in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He, O my God, to Whose power all created things have testified and before the manifestations of Whose might all possible things have bowed down in submission. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to the mention made of certain souls, God willing, through His grace they shall act in accordance with what He loveth and is pleased with, and be engaged in His remembrance and praise. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all and say: The world at all times proclaimeth its own evanescence and extinction, but only the hearing ears hearken. Blessed is the soul whose outward adornment preventeth him not from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness nor depriveth him of the outpourings of the True Bestower. The atoms of dust cry out at all times saying: O children of Adam! Time passeth like lightning. Ye were not created for the world, rather it was created for you. Know ye your worth and act as beseemeth a human being. God willing, may all be assisted to do that which will profit them in all the worlds of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As to the mention made of Darvish Husayn who desired to come and sought permission - in these days these regions are somewhat disturbed, therefore we beseech God to grant him the reward of pilgrimage. Verily, He hath power over all things. Under all conditions this evanescent one is occupied in prayer for God's friends. Prayer is from the servant and its acceptance from God, the One, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. In all matters be ye mindful of wisdom, for the people are ignorant and veiled from the Cause. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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May the honored and esteemed friend, Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, take note.

He is God, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious

Praise, sanctified above comprehension and reason, befitteth the Lord of all creation Who, through His all-compelling Will, honored the world by the advent of the Most Great Name - that sacred Being Who is mentioned by all names yet is sanctified from them all, Who is described by all human attributes yet is independent of them all. Glory be to God! In this station neither can the tongue describe nor is it capable of mentioning Him, neither can the heart comprehend nor draw nigh unto Him. This is a station where sight fails to behold and reason becomes powerless to understand. In consideration of His supreme mercy and greatest favor, He hath commanded all to engage in praise and glorification and hath ordained recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Manifestation of His Cause, Who is His own Self.

In this station, through His grace and favor, He hath reckoned confession of powerlessness and ignorance as knowledge, and acknowledgment of inadequacy as true recognition. Exalted be His bounty! Exalted be His generosity! Exalted be His grace! I bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He it is Who hath established Himself upon the throne and spoken amongst men without veil or concealment.

And now I inform my honored friend that some time ago a letter was received from Mulla Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein he had mentioned you. His great satisfaction with your letter was evident and manifest. He requested that I submit the details thereof to the Most Holy Court. At a time when this evanescent servant attained the presence of the Divine Throne and presented the details, the Sun of Grace shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine favor, and He said:

"It behooveth every soul to remember his Lord in these days wherein the Temple of Justice hath lamented between the heavens and the earth by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. O Muhammad-Baqir! The servant present before the Throne made mention of thee by virtue of what was recorded in the letter of Abu'l-Hasan, who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Countenance and My Most Exalted Pen hath remembered thee. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land. Convey My greetings unto their faces and say: Hold fast unto wisdom and put your trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. He is with you, witnessing and seeing, and He is verily the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

Furthermore, the aforementioned person requested that I write to you acknowledging receipt of the sum you had given him, as well as what Aqa Muhammad-Husayn had given. In any case, he had mentioned all the details and a reply was sent to him. Surely he himself will write the details to you as well. We beseech God to aid you in that which will exalt His Cause and to number you among those whom neither human affairs have prevented from recognizing the Lord of Destiny, nor the might of the oppressors from God, the True King, the Manifest. And we beseech God to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. He hath indeed seized him who oppressed, and soon will He seize those who have denied Him and His verses which have filled the East and West of the earth. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, may you be enkindled at all times with the fire of divine love and be engaged in His remembrance. May the friends in that land who are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful and have attained the wine of immortality convey this servant's greetings to them. We beseech God to gladden and quicken them all through the fragrances of the garment of the Beloved of the seen and the unseen, that they may remember Him in the assemblage of the world and be joyful in His remembrance. Praise be to God Who hath adorned that land with the wondrous and glorious ornament of the presence of His loved ones. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained to the remembrance of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

The Servant

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He is the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be sanctified above all expression and understanding, befitting the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence of the Intended One, Who has made manifest the hidden mysteries within hearts and minds, and has confirmed the decree revealed by the All-Merciful in the Qur'an: "Though there be the weight of a mustard-seed and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth. Verily God is subtle, informed of all things." The secrets of breasts and treacherous glances have been made so evident that none has any way to deny.

O Afnan, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! In days which, through the tyranny of the oppressors and the rejection of the followers of religions, were like the darkest night, this Wronged One arose before the faces of all to render assistance, such that the effulgences of the light of the Luminary of Revelation became manifest from every direction. None can deny this save he who is deprived of justice and fairness. Then emerged from behind the wine-jars the embodiments of tyranny with swords of hatred, and there appeared from them that which testified to their lies and to the calumnies of their own selves, whereat the Tablet lamented and My glorious, wondrous Pen cried out. One whom We had, from the beginning of days, granted a place beneath the pavilions of grandeur and appointed watchful eyes to protect, at last united with others like himself and issued decrees to oppress and seize people's property. Each day some falsehood appears and some harm arrives. To whoever turns toward this spot they attribute something. They seized money through theft and brought it to Akka, and oppression reached such a point that they even attributed to Aqa Siyyid Ahmad that which befitted their own selves. God is witness, and the atoms of creation bear testimony, that the Greater Afnan came to this land solely for seclusion, not trade. They have written concerning him that which proclaimed their own heedless, idolatrous selves. But glory be to Him - nothing among all things has prevented Him from what He desired, nor any grief from among griefs. He has spoken and continues to speak before all faces with a power that the hosts of the world cannot weaken and with a sovereignty that the ranks of nations cannot prevent. We beseech God to give all to drink from the Kawthar of His justice and bounty, to cause them to return unto Him, and to aid them to turn repentant to His gate. Verily He has power over all things.

To everyone the corruption of those souls has become evident and clear. Glorified be He Who has manifested what was in their breasts and hearts, and glorified be He Who has ascended the throne of utterance and given glad tidings to all of the appearance of their Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

Your supplication arrived. Blessed be your tongue for having uttered that which has diffused the fragrance of God throughout all things, and blessed be your heart for having turned to Him on a day wherein appeared what had been hidden from eyes. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to raise you up through His sovereignty and draw you nigh through His verses, and through you to raise up the standards of His victory and the banners of His might, and to ordain for you what He has sent down in His Book for His chosen ones who were not prevented by the world and its ornaments and colors, who arose and said: "O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, He Who created them both has come with a Cause before which all in the kingdom of names cannot stand firm." To this testifies the Most Great Book

which speaks among the nations, and He chose imprisonment for Himself for the salvation of the world. Blessed is he who has turned, found, recognized and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Desired One of all in the heavens and earths.”

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones of that land. Say: Hold fast to wisdom and occupy yourselves with teaching. Say: This is the Day of God - recognize its station and what has been ordained therein from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful One. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon your family and upon those who love you and hear your word concerning this Most Great Announcement and this mighty Cause. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of those who know.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise be befitting and worthy of the One Who is the Purpose of the world, Who illumined His loved ones with the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity and crowned them with the blessed word “There is none other God but Him.” The might of their ranks was not prevented from remembrance, and the tumult of multitudes did not hinder them from turning to Him. And prayers and peace be upon the Sovereign of existence and the Purpose of the unseen and the seen, through Whom the Sun of Power shone forth from the horizon of the world and the Standard of the Cause was raised amidst all peoples, and upon His family and companions who aided the Cause of God with their souls and all they possessed until the Call was raised among the parties - enduring peace forever and ever.

Thereafter, it is submitted that the letter of that beloved one arrived and after its reading, it was taken to the Most Exalted Court where it attained the honor of being heard in His presence. In response, these sublime words dawned forth from the Dayspring of Knowledge. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is this:

In the Name of God, the Lord of the worlds! O thou who art remembering and O thou who art beholding! Thy letter in fine handwriting arrived and was accepted. Verily We heard thy call and answered thee with that which testifieth to thy turning, thy steadfastness, thy remembrance and thy praise. Praise be to God that thou art illumined by the lights of the Sun of Proof which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. From the Hand of Bounty thou hast drunk the cup of immortality and received thy portion of the sealed wine through the Name of the Self-Subsisting.

The purpose of what hath been mentioned is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, which thou hast attained. Divine love hath been expressed through His Most Beautiful Names. Blessed is he who hath taken the cup of love, detached from all else, and hath drunk therefrom in His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We have made mention of each of the souls referred to, that the remembrance might attract them to a station wherein naught is mentioned save God and that which hath appeared from Him. Verily the

Wronged One remembereth them through His remembrance and remindeth them of the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds, and giveth them glad tidings of His grace, His loving-kindness and His mercy which have preceded existence both seen and unseen.

We counsel each one to that which is the cause of the manifestation of love and the reformation of the world. The station of man is wisdom, nobility, kindliness, trustworthiness and religiosity. Goodly character is accounted as the mightiest of hosts in the world. We beseech God to assist His loved ones that they may unlock the doors of hearts with the keys of character and illumine the horizons with the light of unity. We ask God to assist them, grant them success, draw them near unto Him in all conditions, and send down upon them from the heaven of bounty His mercy and blessing. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

We send greetings to the friends in every land and region, and counsel them to that which is befitting and proper.

Praise be to God! The river of utterance floweth and the Sun of knowledge shineth. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to assist that beloved one in that which leaveth lasting and enduring traces. Thou hast ever been and continueth to be remembered. The gaze of the favor of the Purpose of creation is directed towards that beloved one. In all conditions, this evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may assist that beloved one in that which is the cause and means of awareness, that perchance the hearts of the servants may be illumined with the light of recognition of the Lord of creation. He is the Powerful and the Mighty.

I convey to each of the friends greetings, praise, glory and splendor, and with a hundred thousand tongues I beseech for them that which will cause the fields of knowledge to become verdant and flourishing and the gardens of justice and fairness to become fresh. Verily He hath power over all things.

Peace, remembrance, glory and splendor be upon your honor and upon those who have attained unto the light of unity, through God's grace, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

The Servant

In the month of Sha'ban the Glorified 1304

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to the Intended One Who offered the living waters of knowledge to all on earth without distinction or regard for station. Among the people are those who, having turned to Him, found; who, having been commanded, took; and who drank in His Name, the Mighty, the Generous. And among them are those who turned away and denied, until they arose to extinguish the light of God, the Lord of the worlds.

May the manifest and evident prayers from the horizon of God's loving-kindness, and the radiant, brilliant peace from the direction of His mercy which preceded all things, be upon the Sovereign of the chosen ones through whom earth and heaven were illumined, and upon His family and companions who strove in God's path until His word was exalted among all beings and the necks of the servants bowed before it.

And then - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your love - the letter of the beloved of the heart, his honor the Shaykh, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], was noted. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of health, acceptance and love. This evanescent servant at all times and seasons beseeches and implores the True One, exalted be His glory, for the elevation of their station. After reviewing it, it was presented to the Master Who said:

"We beseech God, the Lord of earth and heaven, to strengthen him, make him successful, and grant him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Master of creation, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Peace be upon him and his brother and their families in Qaf. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them from the darkness of smoke. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word 'Be' and it is."

And regarding the mention they made of the honored lady, the sister of Aqa Mirza 'Isa, it was presented and He said: "The True One, exalted be His glory, created all servants, both male and female, specifically for His knowledge. Blessed is the one who became aware of the cause and purpose of their creation, such that the oppression of oppressors and the opposition of polytheists did not prevent them from the divine religion. Disbelief has encompassed the world, and the Truthful Informer has given this news. We must, in the night seasons and at dawn, at sunset and sunrise, with utmost humility and supplication beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect His loved ones with the hand of His providence and preserve them from the hosts of polytheism, disbelief, doubt, uncertainty, conjecture and idle fancies. Verily He has power over all things. Blessed is the leaf that heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and held fast to it, and woe to the heedless ones, both men and women."

We convey greetings to his honor 'Isa and counsel him to that which is befitting. The first thing incumbent upon the friends of God is to purify their hearts from rancor and hatred, to sanctify and cleanse themselves from bestial qualities, and to act upon the divine ordinances with the utmost joy and fragrance. By the life of God! If they hear the call of the Wronged One, ere long the world will be seen as one homeland, tongues as one tongue, and hearts as one heart. Blessed is he who holds fast to that which benefits him and turns away from every ignorant remote one.

And regarding the mention of permission on behalf of the handmaiden of God - this matter is not permissible in these days even outwardly, as quarantine exists in the surrounding areas and means of prevention are evident. We beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to enable all His servants to attain pilgrimage or record in their book the reward of pilgrims. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Furthermore, let that beloved one act in whatever way they deem advisable. If expedient, they may send this very letter, or a copy of it, or a copy of parts of it. Verily the servant fears to contravene the wisdom

he has been commanded to observe. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings. The end belongs to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant

Tuesday night, 28th of the month of Sha'ban the Great, year 1300

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above my praise and the praise of all created things. How can the praise of those beneath Him reach the court of His glory, after my certitude that all else was created by His command? The oceans of praise and the heaven of remembrance and utterance are reserved for His loved ones, whom the afflictions and hardships of the world did not prevent from the Lord of Names. They arose and spoke that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of all things: Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Informed.

Thereafter, your beloved second letter, which you had written after returning from your journey, arrived - an arrival that refreshed the very spirit itself. It was as if it were cool living waters reaching one afflicted with thirst in intensely hot weather. Well is it with me and with you! After it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and after the prayer was presented, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Goal of all the worlds. His blessed and exalted Word:

O 'Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Praise the Goal of the world Who hath mentioned thee in such wise that were it to be compiled, a manifest book would be witnessed wherein oceans of meanings lie concealed and hidden in its words, and wherein the mysteries of the Books are treasured in its letters. Glory be to God! Despite a greatness the like of which hath not been witnessed in the world, the transgressors have turned away and deprived themselves of the Most Great Bounty and the Mightiest Ocean. Soon shall their dominion be rolled up, and they shall find themselves in the fire. Convey to all the friends in that land the greetings of the Wronged One, especially to those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of inner meanings and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Wondrous and exalted Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of divine Will; from their horizons the light of grace is manifest. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Tablet of his Lord. By the life of God! It is more precious in My sight than whatsoever hath been created on earth or treasured therein. Verily thy Lord is the Strong, the True, the Trustworthy. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

What else can this evanescent one mention after the dawning of the lights of the Sun of divine favor? Who and what am I? I am lower than dust and more traceless than nothingness. The flow of ink is from His boundless mercy, and the power of the pen is from the spirit of His favor. Who gave power to the hand and Who taught the ink? His grace and mercy have encompassed all and are evident as the sun. He

is the Describer of Himself and the Praiser of Himself. He hath no need for mention by anyone. His is the creation and the command, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

In brief, each of the aforementioned souls have been honored to be mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and for each one hath been revealed that whose fruit shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, if they be enabled, God willing, to preserve it. The thieves and betrayers lie in wait. For twelve hundred years what did they bring upon the people? They reared all in vain imaginings and idle fancies until, on the Day of Manifestation, its fruit became evident to all the worlds. God curse them! They have done what neither Nimrod, nor Shaddad, nor the Christians, nor the Jews have done. They have pronounced judgment against Him through Whom the rivers of meanings and utterance have flowed in the contingent world and through Whom God's Law was established among His servants. Fie upon them and upon what their hands have wrought on the Day whereon the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to the Creator of all existence!"

This evanescent servant beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - to aid and grant success to those souls who have unanimously determined to serve the Cause, that is, to educate and refine souls. Verily our Goal and your Goal, our Beloved and your Beloved, is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor, upon them, and upon whosoever hath clung to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O My Most Holy and Most Exalted Messenger! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. By My life! Thou art beneath the wing of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the All-Praised. I testify that thou hast attained the presence of God and achieved that which thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, hath desired for thee. He was with thee when the oppressors drove thee from the City of God, whereat the eyes of the Concourse on High wept and the dwellers of the pavilions of Glory and Grandeur lamented. Thus doth thy Lord, the Most Glorious, bear witness, and He is, verily, the All-Knowing.

Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance from the Ancient King. By God! It behooveth thee to soar with rapture at that which God hath testified for thee in this Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thou hast indeed fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and turned unto Him with a luminous heart. Thy mention hath been revealed in the Tablets in such wise as to gladden the eyes of the sincere ones who shall come after thee. The very act of thy departure and exile from the City is identical with drawing nigh unto God. Thus doth He Who causeth the dawn to break testify in the Tablets, and He is verily the Ruler over what He willeth.

We have seen thy departure as arrival, thy going forth as entering in, and thy absence as presence before thy Lord. Such is the bounty ordained for thee by the One Who is the Almighty, the Ancient of Days. The heavens may vanish at thy Lord's behest, but that which hath been revealed for thee by the Pen of the Ancient of Days shall never pass away. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all the worlds! Joy and sorrow have embraced each other through what hath befallen you in the path of God. Blessed are they who understand. The sun of joy hath dawned through the manifestation of the Lord of Revelation unto you

with the lights of grace and bounty, while sorrow hath consumed the hearts of the pure ones through what hath befallen you at the hands of the oppressors. The world and all that the wrongdoers behold for themselves shall perish, but that which hath been ordained for you in a clear Tablet shall endure.

Soar thou in the atmosphere of longing and yearning, since the Day-Star of the horizons hath shone upon thee through this wondrous Tablet. O Messenger! Read thou the Tablet wherefrom emanates that which hath perfumed all creation with the fragrance of the All-Merciful, by which the Holy Spirit hath been rendered fragrant. Say: All glory is in God's hands; He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He is, verily, the One Who hath power over His purpose. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Remember My loved ones on My behalf, then choose for thyself the service of thy Lord. He will, verily, assist thee with the truth. He is with His sincere servants. Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused my name to flow from Thy Most Exalted Pen, and for having mentioned my remembrance before Thy Most Great Throne. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the worlds and God of all who are in the heavens and on earth, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, gazing toward Thy direction, serving Thy Self, rising with Thy remembrance, and shining forth with Thy Name amongst all beings.

I testify, O my God, that with Thee the reward of one who hath borne hardships in Thy good-pleasure shall not be lost. Blessed is the soul that hath trusted in Thee and turned toward Thee. Woe betide him who hath denied and disbelieved and was among the transgressors. O Lord! Aid me in all conditions to serve Thee amidst Thy creatures. I testify that service unto Thee is naught but the exaltation of Thy remembrance and such deeds as manifest the sanctity of Thy Cause among the peoples of the world.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and earth, through which Thy remembrance was exalted, Thy proof was established, Thy evidences appeared, and Thy verses were sent down, to assist Thy loved ones in that which Thou hast purposed for them through Thy bounty and favor. Then deliver them from the fire of self and passion, and cause them to enter beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Mercy. Ordain for each one of them that which shall render him independent through Thy riches, powerful through Thy might, and triumphant over the enemies through Thy sovereignty and power, in such wise that the hosts of earth and the authority of those dwelling thereon shall not frighten him. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou doest what Thou pleasest through Thy pervading Will, and Thou decreest what Thou desirest through Thy all-encompassing Purpose. The clamor of the heedless shall not prevent Thee from that which Thou hast willed, nor shall the power of the oppressors render Thee impotent in that which Thou hast ordained.

Have mercy upon us, O our God! We call upon Thee and remember Thee by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that seek Thee and the Ka'bah of them that yearn for Thee!

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O thou who art named 66, He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto thy presence! What can this evanescent servant say or mention that would be befitting? It is most beloved that the beginning of every letter be adorned with the mention of the Lord of all beings and the King of origin and return. However, at times, when the certainty of non-arrival and attainment appears evident, the pen becomes still, the tongue silent, and the heart bewildered. In any case, since permission has been granted, we must praise Him with such descriptions and glorification as are acceptable among the servants. There is no other recourse, and this is the ultimate bounty. To Him be praise, thanksgiving, glory and splendor.

The blessed and exalted letter which was the cause of joy and gladness arrived. Like the spring rain to saplings and the special favors of God upon men, it hath showered upon this servant. Praise be unto Him and praise be unto His loved ones. Multiple letters have arrived; some have been presented and some have not yet found opportunity. God willing, they shall be presented.

Regarding the Afnan, His Honor Haji Mirza Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, what you wrote - that is, his exact words - was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. He said: "O My Name Mehdi, upon thee be My Glory! The call of the Afnan was heard. We are aware and cognizant of his grief and sorrow from separation and remoteness. Sorrow and anguish have seized him from every direction. God willing, may he not erase the days of presence from his sight. The remembrance and manifestation of that is the cause and reason for the defeat of sorrows. When the greatest joy comes, sorrow flees like lightning. O My Name! The Afnan is afflicted with both hardship and separation and exile, and other matters that are the cause and reason for heart-weariness. However, we beseech God to adorn him with such an ornament that the smoke and dust of the world may not change him, and likewise we ask for him that which is befitting and worthy. O My Afnan! Do not grieve, for the world is not worthy of grief. That which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of the lovers hath been ordained for thee. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His Glory, that means may be provided for them to return again, and that this evanescent servant may drink with them from the cup of reunion and meeting, time after time, repeatedly, cup after cup, chalice after chalice, in spite of those who have denied God's signs and rejected His manifest and evident proof.

Regarding the mention made of the beloved one, His Honor Haji Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, after presentation They said: "O My Name Mehdi! The mention of the mentioned one is mentioned before the Mentioned One. God willing, may they be blessed in all times and circumstances with the favors of the Desired One of the worlds. O My Name! In truth, they are striving and endeavoring to serve the Cause, unite hearts, and promote the divine laws. Praise be to God Who assisted him in establishing harmony and steadfastness. Some of the loved ones of that land have sent letters to the servant in attendance. If God willeth, favors shall be shown hereafter and replies shall be sent. Praise be to God, all are seen as links of one chain. The lights of their love are evident and radiant. Glory be upon them, peace be upon them."

The fact that they had mentioned this lowly one brought two delights: one, their mention, and two, your honor's renewal and repetition of that mention - blessing upon blessing. Praise be to God, the land has been adorned with the flowers, roses and fruits of love. I convey greetings, praise and glory to them, and likewise to the loved ones of God in that land. Peace and praise be upon your honor, upon the beloved ones, and upon those who are with you.

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May this reach the illumined and most holy presence of our honored and beloved master, the teacher, upon whom be all the most glorious and resplendent glory of God.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The essence of praise and its quintessence befitteth that eternal King Who hath, from time immemorial and unto everlasting, sanctified the hem of His chosen ones from the praise and glorification of this servant and his like. What relation can there be between the lowly earth and the exalted, elevated heaven? Glorified be He Who hath manifested and revealed the Word, and raised it up in truth, and made victory to reside in utterance, and hath spoken that whereby His mercy hath encompassed all in the realm of possibility, save those who arose and fled from the shadow of His grace. Exalted is the All-Merciful above being known through what hath been mentioned from the beginning that hath no beginning, or being remembered unto the end that hath no end. All descriptions and mentions have returned and shall return unto those who have cast away their desires and turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and heard and answered our Most Glorious Lord, and bore for God's sake the derision of enemies and trials and tribulations. These are servants whom God hath mentioned in His Scriptures, Books and Tablets, and made them the Hands of His Cause amongst His servants. Through them the clouds have rained, and vegetation hath sprouted in valleys and upon hills, and the decree of the Book was raised up. These are servants upon whom the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne pray at eventide and at dawn.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the gates of heaven were opened! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names to assist Thy chosen ones to make mention of Thee and glorify Thee and that which beseemeth Thy days. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who cast Thy Book behind their backs and turned away from Thy Beauty and disputed Thy proof and Thy testimony. Then ordain for them, O my God and God of all things visible and invisible, that which Thou hast ordained for those who offered up their spirits and their bodies in Thy path. Then manifest what Thou hast destined for them through Thy bounty and favors. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention and my soul be a ransom for your steadfastness. This evanescent servant perceiveth his own shortcoming to such degree that he is ashamed even to express his deficiency and counteth even this among the gravest of sins, for some time ago I was honored to receive Thy blessed handwriting, yet I was negligent in offering a response. Once when I intended to present a petition, it was observed that a most exalted and holy Tablet had descended from the heaven of divine

Will and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this word: “O servant, stay thy pen, for the Supreme Pen maketh mention of him as a token of His grace.” Until this time I have been and continue to be gladdened by the sweetness of the Merciful’s utterance. I praise Him and thank Him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, for the effulgences of the Sun of favor are directed toward your eminence. In such circumstance, mention of this evanescent one, who is like unto nothingness itself, was in no wise worthy or befitting. In these days, one night while engaged in recording verses in the presence of the Throne, amid the revelation your mention appeared from the Tongue of Grandeur and one most holy and exalted Tablet specifically for your eminence was revealed and dispatched. God willing, you will attain unto its perusal. This is the day of mention and praise, the day of enthusiasm and fervor, but this evanescent one’s tongue is tired and body weak, and moreover commanded to wisdom. He beseecheth God, exalted be His might and glory, to raise up servants who may guide the people to the ocean of knowledge through wisdom and utterance, and speak that which is meet to be spoken. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Through His Name every door was opened and every wise command was made manifest. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon your eminence and upon those with you and upon those who love you and hearken to your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

All those circling round and standing before the Throne present their utter evanescence, nothingness and pure sincerity in service to your eminence.

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The Most Great Branches, may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps, remember your eminence with holy mention and most exalted and glorious praise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Glorified be God, our Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne and our Master and the Master of the exalted Seat. He hath sent forth the Messengers out of love for His servants and creation, and as a bounty and favor unto them, that He might draw them nigh unto Him and guide them to the court of His glory and acquaint them with that which profiteth them in every world of His worlds. He hath sent down the Books that His proof might endure in His kingdom. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful One Who loveth His servants and creation, and remindeth them at all times of His signs, and sendeth down mercy upon them from the heaven of His bounty. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid those who have believed in His signs to remain steadfast in His word of unity. He is, verily, the Helper, the All-Knowing, and the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Most Great.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter was received, but there was no opportunity to reply. On this night I was enabled to make mention of a response, and I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to protect that

beloved of the heart and aid him to set aright the affairs of His loved ones. He is our Protector and the Protector of the sincere ones among His servants and those who are nigh unto His creation.

On this night thy letter was again presented before His presence. He said: The friends of God have ever striven with utmost effort for the well-being of their fellow believers. Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to accomplish that which is the greatest means for the manifestation of the light of unity and concord. This Wronged One beseecheth God, glorified be His majesty, to protect His friends and to make each one a gate of mercy, blessing, kindness, compassion, prosperity and reformation. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

Although thy presence with the Wronged One was beloved, yet since thou art occupied with the affairs of the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, it maketh up for what was lost, nay rather, it is greater. We beseech God to aid all to manifest His attributes among them. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Both heart and tongue are occupied with the love and remembrance of the days of thy presence. The pen writeth, the tongue speaketh, the heart is aflame with the fire of love. All this is from the grace of God, our Lord and your Lord, upon you and upon His servant. He is, verily, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

How can one enumerate His mercy and generosity? Every fair-minded soul hath confessed its inability, and every truthful one hath acknowledged it. The Prophets have confessed their powerlessness, how much more so the diverse parties! In all conditions we hold fast to His cord and hope for His grace. He is the One Bestower and the Mighty, the Powerful.

The true Beloved, His Holiness Ali, upon him be God's everlasting peace, whose very being is the gate of love and the book of mercy, hath ever been and still is remembered in the heart and is present before the face of the Lord. In all conditions I seek His confirmations and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to aid him to guide mankind and enable him to rend asunder the veils of the people of allusions. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The friends are each remembered and blessed with the favors of their Lord, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest a wondrous favor and adorn all with that which gladdeneth their hearts. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

At the end of thy letter mention was made of the Face. It was intended to be acquired in the way of religion, but it proved impossible as commerce hath ceased in this land. According to what thou didst submit to my master, His Holiness Gh. S., may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of his footsteps, the funds were sent to Egypt for the purchase of the stone, and likewise for other purposes. However, word hath come from the Threshold that a sum of one hundred Ottoman liras was sent to the house. As commanded, mention was made of this to the one named Jud, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], that they should send that purse exactly as it is. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Glorified be He Who sendeth down the rain as He willeth and causeth it to descend as He pleaseth. Glorified be He Who bestoweth His favors as He chooseth and showereth them as a token of His grace upon His triumphant servants. Praise be to God Who bestoweth wealth and causeth it to descend by His command, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Glorified be He Who hath adorned poverty with the ornament of pride through His words: "Poverty is My glory." Thus did the Tongue of Revelation speak aforetime, as every discerning soul doth testify.

The letter of that spiritual friend was received, and from its fragrance wafted the sweet savors of love for God and sincerity. The life of existence hath ever been and shall remain through the mention of the Desired One. Whosoever attaineth unto this hath attained unto all good. After reading and observing the letter, it was brought before the Most Holy Court, and all of it was presented before His Presence. He said: "O Ahmad, upon thee be My loving-kindness." The servant present read thy letter before the Face of the Wronged One.

The purpose of creation hath been and shall ever be the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. This is the most exalted summit, the supreme horizon, the primal valley, and the ultimate goal. The eyes of them that are nigh unto Him are fixed upon it, and the hearts of the sincere are turned towards it. This is the station whose mention is as the water of life to every seeker, and is the straight path for every wayfarer. By the life of God! If the heart be connected to the mentioned ocean of utterance, it shall find itself free and unfettered. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the cup of recognition and attained unto the supreme bounty.

That which is incumbent today, after recognition, is service to the Cause through wisdom and utterance, and through deeds and character, for goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are the hosts of God, and are mightier than the hosts and armies of earth. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Other stations have no worth or standing. Whatsoever is witnessed in the world of wealth, riches, treasures and the like belong to God. There is no shame in their absence, nor pride in their presence. By the Sun of the horizon of Truth! Today pride lieth in pure deeds and spiritual qualities.

Make thy provision the Word that hath issued from My mouth at the time of thy turning toward the land of Baha, thy shield the fear of God, and thy weapon humility and lowliness before the face of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God to grant thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to send down upon thee that which beseemeth His grace and bounty. Verily, He hath power over all things.

This evanescent servant hath ever beseeched God, exalted be His glory, that He may strengthen thy father, thyself, and all the other brothers and relatives - upon them be the Glory of God - to mention Him, to praise Him, and to serve His Cause, and that He may ordain for them that which shall shine as a light in every world of His divine worlds. God willing, may they be as lamps of character in the world. In truth, thy father - upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness - is adorned with qualities which the

Prophets and chosen ones have mentioned from God, exalted be His glory. Blessed be he and those who walk in his footsteps, holding fast to his path.

Concerning what was mentioned about the matter of trade, it was presented, and He said: “Act according to what the honored Afnan, Siyyid M. - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - deemeth advisable. His wealth is God’s wealth. This is a firm, verified, and established command, to which honored servants bear witness.” God, exalted be His glory, hath commanded engagement in craft, earning, and trade. Yours is the action, and His is the blessing and loving-kindness.

This evanescent servant beseecheth that He may adorn the trades with great profit. He is the Powerful, the Able. His is the greatness, the power, the might, and the majesty. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Peace be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God!

The Daystar of divine Beauty hath risen from the dawning-place of ancient glory and shineth upon all created things. Happy art thou who hast been illumined by its splendours.

He is God!

The Burning Bush exclaimeth with the tongue of “I, verily, am God.” Happy art thou who hast hearkened unto its melodies.

He is God!

The Lamp of God shineth resplendent and hath set ablaze the candles of the hearts of men with its light. Happy art thou who hast been illumined with its glory.

He is God!

The Divine Cup-Bearer proffereth the celestial draught from the wine of the All-Merciful. Happy art thou who hast quaffed from His wine.

O Darvish!

Free thyself from the transient world, that thou mayest wing your flight to the everlasting world. Detach thyself from this world that God may cause thee to ascend unto the exalted heaven of holiness.

He is God!

The Phoenix of Holiness casteth its shadow upon the creation. Happy art thou who hast sought shelter beneath it.

O Darvish!

Divest thyself from the colour of the world, that thou mayest be adorned with the wondrous colour of the Best-Beloved. Happy art thou who hast acted accordingly.

O ʼAli!

Free thyself from the outward form of creation, that thou mayest ascend unto the placeless Throne of the Ancient of Days.

He is God!

The Tree of detachment hath been planted on this sacred soil through the Hand of the Best-Beloved and hath cast its shadow upon the paradise of holiness. Happy art thou who hast sought shelter beneath it and hast partaken of its fruits.

He is God, the Desire of the world!

The all-glorious and peerless Beauty hath risen from the dawning-place of the everlasting Realm of the Unseen. Happy art thou who hast presented thyself before Him and been honoured with His most manifest Beauty.

O thou who art adorned with truth!

The Nightingale of Holiness singeth with the most excellent melodies. Happy art thou who hast hearkened unto it.

O ʼAli!

Abandon not the everlasting life for a life evanescent, that thou mayest soar unto the celestial heaven of Nearness. Happy art thou who hast acted accordingly.

He is God!

With mystic wings soar unto the celestial heaven of holiness and abandon the world that thou mayest enter the gate of the All-Merciful in the realm of the Beloved. Happy art thou who hast hearkened unto My call.

He is God!

Open the eyes of truth that thou mayest behold the radiant and resplendent Beauty and exclaim with the tongue of mystery: “O Thou, the most excellent of Makers!”

He is God!

The Immortal Bird hath passed by the mortal nest of the world and found its abode in the eternal nest of the divine Dove.

He is God!

With the ears of mystery hearken unto My sweet utterances from this eloquent Tongue and let your ears be attentive unto naught else but His Word.

He is God!

The Divine Fire is kindled within the Burning Bush and converseth with the Moses of the Spirit: “Verily I am God, thy Lord, and the Lord of the worlds.” Happy art thou who hast, with the ears of truth, hearkened unto its utterances and hast, with the eyes of fire, behold the flames within it.

He is God!

The Phoenix of Eternity singeth with the melodies of the Dove upon the Tree of Attainment, “O people! This is the most great Beauty of God, Who hath shone forth from this most resplendent horizon and removed the veil from the most pure Countenance.” Happy art thou who hast attained unto His Beauty.

He is God!

The Royal Falcon of love hath appeared above the horizon of holiness in such wise that all birds are intoxicated and bewildered by its wondrous accents.

He is God!

The Celestial Hoopoe hath appeared above the horizon of holiness of the Praised One. Happy are ye who have fixed your gaze upon its Beauty.

He is God, the Best-Beloved!

This is the Flower of Glory, shedding its wondrous fragrance over the flowers of the heavenly Kingdom. Happy art thou who hast inhaled its fragrances.

He is God!

The Peacock of Glory spreadeth wide its fully adorned feathers and embellisheth the most highest paradise. Happy art thou who hast fixed thy gaze at its glory with a most luminous and clear eye.

He is God!

This is the Flower of Eternity which sheddeth its fragrance over the throne of the Concourse on High, above the most exalted heavens. Happy art thou who hast hearkened unto its ringing Call.

He is God!

This is the Flower of Eternity that dieth not. The Flower through which the heaven of grandeur and this world are scented with its fragrances. Happy art thou who hast inhaled its sweet savors.

He is God!

This is the Tree of Holiness that hath been planted upon the Sinai of the Spirit and voiceth the call: “There is none other God but Him.” Happy the one who hath hearkened unto its sweet accents, sought shelter beneath its shade and hath partaken of its fruits.

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In the name of our Lord, the Exalted, the Most High!

Glorified be God, Who created the heavens and the earth in less than an instant. This is what He hath ordained by His command, if ye be of them that understand, and what hath been mentioned in the Book concerning the boundaries of the six [directions], which is nothing but a wisdom from God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear God, and have mercy upon yourselves. Cling to the Cord that is moving in all directions with the tokens of the splendor of the Beloved. Be ye not heedless of it and hold fast to it, if ye desire to ascend the summits of holiness. I swear by God, O concourse of the earth! The Hour is now manifest in the Temple of evident might, the Resurrection hath come to pass and appeared through the celestial light of the Beloved, and the Path hath been raised up through the Self of God, the Protector, the All-Praised. Paradise is now visible and adorned with the ornament of Him Who is the supreme object of desire. The souls of men are suspended in the heaven of transcendent glory, and the Nightingale is warbling its melody upon the branches of the Tree of Command, if ye be of them that hearken. Verily, the Beauty of God hath appeared from behind the veil, and yet ye are veiled in veils of your own.

Hearken to My words, and attend to that of which ye have been careless. Consume all the veils in the name of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. Perchance ye may enter into the gardens of Paradise, inhale the sweet fragrances wafting from the holy flowers of the Beloved, and not withhold yourselves from attaining that which hath been ordained for you through the grace of God, the Protector, the Almighty, the Most Holy.

By the righteousness of God! Soon whatever ye regard as precious in this vain life will be folded up, ye will return to God, and will be called to account for your deeds, and ye will no longer be able to make amends for that which hath escaped you. In the holy Presence, before the angels of the Realms above, ye will be shame faced, and nothing ye have done in your lives will avail you, neither will the worldly vanities ye have accumulated profit you. This is the clear truth, which the fingers of the Self-Subsisting have inscribed and made manifest through the power of truth, if ye be of them that understand.

Say: By the righteousness of God! The days of the Spirit have passed you by while ye were heedless of them. Wherefore, be advised by this counsel of Mine, and turn towards the Face of your Creator, if ye be of them that understand. Take no rest except in remembrance of God. This is what the Dove of the Spirit counseleth you that haply ye may be guided by the guidance of God, and may conduct yourselves upon

the earth in accordance with His will. This is better for you than all that hath been and will be. And take no breath except in remembrance of the Beloved, if ye would be guided by this counsel.

Say: By the righteousness of God! At this moment the Dove of the Command is singing the most exalted call in the centre of the heavens, if ye be of them that hearken. Sanctify your ears and purify your vision that haply ye may see with the eyes of God that which He hath ordained for you in His kingdom of glory and what He hath inscribed with the fingers of the Spirit upon the guarded Tablet of holiness.

O ’Ali, give thanks to God, thy Lord, inasmuch as He hath enabled thee to recognize Himself and imbued thy heart with His love. This, indeed, is the intended goal. Moreover, He hath manifested to thee that which thou didst see in the world of the dream. This, indeed, is an evident bounty. Wherefore, sanctify thy soul and soar with the wings of power in the glorious atmosphere of the Beloved. Have no fear of anyone, and forget not the grace of thy Lord unto thee. Be thou in thy love for thy Creator like a mountain of ruby, and withhold not thyself from the remembrance of thy Lord. Make mention of Him, then, at all times. This is the grace of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Trust in God in all affairs, and avoid those who have disbelieved in God and were shut out from meeting Him. We bear witness at this moment that thou hast been faithful to thy promise and responded to thy Creator at a time when the hateful have not responded to Him. Thus, hath His mercy preceded thee and those who have trusted in God, their Lord. Announce the glad tidings to thyself, and rejoice in thy spirit, inasmuch as thou hast arrived in a land around whose precincts the angels of holiness circle. Thus have We bestowed our bounty upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, their Lord, who have turned towards the Countenance of the All-Glorious. Salutation upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in their love. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who hath brought forth all created things from the treasury of Thine eternity, and raised up all creatures from the ocean of Thy generosity and bounty. Thou hast rolled up the cycles from eternity unto eternity, and turned the ages from pre-existence unto everlastingness, whereupon the seas of Thy mighty Will did surge, and upon them sailed the ships of Thy desire, and upon them settled the ark of Thy decree from the heaven of Thy providence.

Thereafter, Thou didst move the thread of pre-existence through the garments of nothingness, and breathed the spirit of life into the essence of sublime glory, that thereby the countenance of Thy names might be revealed in the kingdom of Thy attributes, and the beauty of Thy face might be made manifest in the realm of Thy grandeur. Among these, Thou didst single out one of Thy servants, clothing him in the garment of Thy grace and the robe of Thy guidance, giving him to drink from the water of Thy love and the Kawthar of the manifestation of Thy good-pleasure. Thou didst nurture him with the hands of Thy mercy and suckle him from the breasts of Thy generosity until he grew mighty in the sovereignty of Thy power and the dominion of Thy lordship.

Thou didst make him firm in his faith in Thee and in Thy signs, a servant to Thy presence and a slave at Thy threshold. He walked upon the earth according to what Thou hadst ordained for him, and what Thou

hadst decreed through Thy divine sovereignty and godhood. That which Thou didst ordain for him from the wonders of Thy power came to pass, and that which Thou didst determine from the essence of Thy might and the quintessence of Thy wisdom was fulfilled, until the time which Thou hadst fixed in Thy Book, wherein falsehood cannot enter, nor can what is written therein be delayed by a single hour or hastened forward.

Thereafter, when his appointed time was fulfilled and his days were ended, Thou didst return him unto Thee as Thou hadst brought him forth from Thee, concealing him in the treasuries of Thy hidden knowledge and the repositories of Thy mystery. All this proceeded solely from Thy consummate wisdom and Thy perfect handiwork, from the hidden stores of Thy knowledge and the jewels of Thy concealed mystery. Yet when the understanding of this became veiled behind the curtains of Thy jealousy and the pavilions of Thy grandeur, Thy servants were troubled and Thy bondsmen were grieved - though by Thy glory, they would not grieve over any aspect of Thy descending decrees or occurring affairs.

Glorified, glorified art Thou! I beseech Thee at this moment, by Him Whom Thou hast made the heaven of Thy Will and the earth of Thy Purpose, the sun of Thy decree and the moon of Thy determination, to send down patience into the hearts of His loved ones and Thy loved ones, for none shall be found among His loved ones save through the revelation of the sun of Thy love and the manifestation of the moon of Thy affection. Then strip from the frame of his father and mother the garments of sorrow and the robes of grief, for this Thou lovest in the kingdom of Thy most exalted might, the pavilion of Thy most glorious majesty, and the paradise of Thy most holy sanctity. Then clothe them in the purest vestures of Thy bounty and the most protective veils of Thy joy. Verily, Thou art the Giver of whatsoever Thou willest in whatsoever way Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Wise.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I adjure Thee at this moment by Thy Word through which the mystery of Thy Self was established upon the throne of Thy sovereignty, and the Essence of Thy Being upon the seat of Thy grandeur, that Thou extinguish not the lamp which Thou hast kindled with the light of Thine eternity, nor still the dove which Thou hast caused to soar by the essence of Thy rapture and the quintessence of Thy yearning. Then grant tranquility, O my God, to Thy servant who burneth with love for Thy beauty, who crieth out in secret with longing to meet Thee, who waileth in his heart seeking reunion with Thee, who weepeth from the intensity of his passionate desire for Thee and the overwhelming force of his yearning for Thee. Though in the very midst of attainment, he seeketh reunion with Thee; though at the very height of nearness, he is consumed by the fire of Thy love. There have descended upon him drops of a grief that cannot be quenched and waves of anguish that shall never cease, such that the mystery of Thine eternity, the garments of Thy lordship, and the essence of Thy divinity have been saddened thereby. His drink in these days is from the tears of his eyes, and his food in the nights is from the sighs of his heart and the blood of his soul.

Therefore, O my God, send down into his heart a tranquility from Thy presence and a patience from Thy court, that he might find rest upon the throne of Thy strengthening and the seat of Thy composure, lest he be disturbed by what befalleth him from the hidden aspects of Thy Cause and the manifest tokens of Thy wisdom. For in Thy hands is the kingdom of the heavens, in Thy right hand is the empire of radiance,

and in Thy grasp is the realm of destiny. Verily, Thou art the Bestower, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing!

Your letter hath come before Us, and We have understood its contents. We beseech God to aid thee to recognize Him, to detach thee from all else save Him, and to draw thee nigh unto His Self. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Blessed art thou for having turned unto this Prisoner, Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. It behooveth one such as thee to know God and to ascend, by the ladder of certitude, unto the station of true knowledge.

Verily, when We found in thee the love of God, We responded to thee with this Tablet, that thou mayest be among those who, when the verses of their Lord are sent down unto them, fall prostrate upon their faces before God, the One, the Peerless, the Self-Subsisting, the Just. Turn unto God with proof and evidence, and with that which He hath made a testimony from His presence. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Test not thy Lord, for it is His to try His servants as He pleaseth. Turn unto Him, then be content with what He hath ordained for thee in the Tablet, and be thou in a state of joy and tranquility.

Verily, He hath not sent down upon anyone save that which is better for him than all that hath been created in existence. And if thou art unable to immerse thyself in the depths of the oceans of thy Lord's good-pleasure, the Lord of Names and Attributes, then ask of Him what thou desirest, for He fulfilleth the needs of those who ask of Him, and He is indeed of great bounty and supreme benevolence. Beware lest thou condition thy turning unto Him upon any matter, for He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He shall not be asked of His doings. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

Abandon what the people possess and take what is with God. He will suffice thee above all that hath been created in existence and ordained in contingent being. Know thou that I am but the servant of God among you, moved by the winds of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, as He pleaseth and willeth. I possess for myself neither life, nor death, nor stillness, nor motion. I speak not except by His leave, as evidenced by that which hath appeared from Me by His command, which none can perceive save those endowed with insight.

Hearken unto the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen, the rushing of the winds of grace, and the cooing of this Dove that singeth by thy Lord's command upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of inner meanings and utterance with diverse melodies. Gird up thy loins to assist the Cause of God, then arise from the horizon of the Cause with remembrance and utterance. Say: O people! The clouds of idle fancies have been rent asunder and the verses have been sent down from God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of Him Who hath come to you with power and sovereignty.

If thou wouldst hear My word concerning thy Lord's Cause, God would raise thee to a station wherein thou wouldst behold most of mankind beneath thy shadow, and He would send down unto thee that which would gladden thy heart. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All things are with Him in due measure. By what proof can one who denieth this Cause establish his faith in God? Say: By which of your Lord's signs do ye cry lies, O ye who are in loss!

Detach thyself from all things, then turn thy face toward thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and say: O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst unlock the tongues of them that know Thee in Thy praise and glory, and through which the hearts of the sincere ones were severed from all that was created on earth in their quest for Thy nearness and good-pleasure, that Thou deprive me not of the breezes that waft from the right hand of the gardens of Thy paradise, nor of the fragrances that are wafted from the direction of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, upon the sinners among Thy creatures. Then cause me, O my God, to be wholly turned unto Thee and detached from all else save Thee. Then remove, by the fingers of Thy power, the veils that have come between me and the lights of the countenance of the Manifestation of Thy most exalted Self in this Revelation, which hath appeared in Thy Most Great Name between earth and heaven. Then send down upon me, from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace, the good of this world and the world to come, and ordain for me a seat of truth with Thee in the highest paradise. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Exalted, the Most High, the All-Choosing.

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Jinab-i-Siyyid Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance! The breezes of utterance have wafted, the fragrance of divine knowledge has been diffused, the sun of unity has shone forth, the moon of oneness has appeared, the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree has been raised, and the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen has been heard. Then We saw the conditions of the earth transformed and altered. When We turned Our gaze, We beheld the Faithful Spirit come to hearken unto My call, and the Spirit stood before My face, and the Primal Point circled round Me. Thereupon the tongue of My grandeur spoke that which I am unable to recount to you. Blessed are they who were present, who heard, who attained, and who returned to their stations by My command, and I am the Ancient Commander.

When that carpet was rolled up, We spread another carpet. We concealed the mysteries and revealed what was befitting for the people of the land, and I am the Mighty, the All-Choosing. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance, whose letter appeared before the Throne, sent by one who was speaking My praise, who stood firm in service to My Cause, who turned to My horizon, and who would transcribe My verses in the nights and days. Verily, he was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in the Mother Book.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! The Wronged One makes mention of thee with a mention whereat the world was stirred with longing for the meeting with the Ancient King, and the Maids of Paradise came forth from their chambers to hearken unto the call of their Lord, the Possessor of the Day of Return. Thy letter was

presented and the Most Great Branch, who was present before the Throne, read it. We have answered thee with verses which God hath made as an ocean of light for His loved ones, as a globe of fire for His enemies, as the All-Highest Paradise for His chosen ones, and as the exalted Paradise for those who circle round the Throne. Thus have We sent down verses for thee and expounded them by Our command, that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Take thou the chalice of My utterance in My Name, then drink from it with My remembrance and say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me while in the grasp of enemies, and thanks be to Thee for having turned towards me when I was in a fortress built of polished stone. By Thy might, O my Desired One, my Beloved, the Ultimate End of my hope and my expectation! The thirst of my heart is not quenched save by the Kawthar of Thy utterance, nor the agitation of my heart save by the rain of Thy mercy, nor is my inner being gladdened save by the manifestations of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Thy bounty to ordain for me from Thy grace that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and be a lamp whereby I may walk in Thy worlds and be illumined amongst Thy servants. Then ordain for me that whereby my soul may find tranquility. Verily, I know not what profits me. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

We make mention in this station of thy mother, whom thou didst mention in thy letter. We beseech God to assist her, to strengthen her, and to grant her that which will solace her eyes and gladden her heart. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Verily, he who hath attained unto My mention and the traces of My Pen is of the people of Baha in the sight of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the maidservant who hath attained, and the servant who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

We have sent down for him who was named Muhammad that whereby the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful hath been diffused throughout all possibility. Blessed is he who hath taken it with power from Us and found from it the fragrance of the mercy of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Hashim! We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee from the Pen, which, when it moved upon the Tablet, all created things were stirred with longing to hearken to the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Rejoice and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having mentioned me and sent down for me that whose fragrance shall never be cut off. I testify that Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of what is and what has been."

At the end of the Tablet We make mention of My loved ones who have soared in My atmosphere and taken My Book, whom neither the doubts of the transgressors nor the signs of the deniers prevented. They drank the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of My bounty. They arose and proclaimed: "O peoples of the earth! Set aside what ye possess. By God! The Lord of Heaven hath come with sovereignty that neither the hosts of rulers can withstand, nor the clamor of divines can prevent, nor can the might of those who denied what was sent down from God, the Powerful, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, cause Him to fear."

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In His Name, Who is manifest above all things! Say: O Pen! When the appointed time came, the eye was bewildered and the breezes of tribulation seized the polytheists. Among them was he who cast away the Book of God and opened his mother's book. Thus did the ignoble one. O people of the realm of possibility! I adjure you by your Lord, the All-Merciful: Have you seen a countenance more beautiful than what hath appeared, found an utterance more wondrous than what hath come forth, heard a call more exalted than what hath been raised, or witnessed a youth more comely than this wondrous Youth? By God! At that moment I heard the cry and lamentation of all things. Nay, by Thy beauty, O Glory of the worlds! Through Thy name the Most Great Ocean was stirred, and through Thy remembrance the mouth of them that are nigh unto God was perfumed. None hateth Thee save he who knoweth not his father. Then must the question be referred to his mother, were he to be of the fair-minded.

Time hath brought Me low, to such extent that the dumb now speaketh, since the gates of utterance have been opened through this human being who proclaimeth at the midmost heart of creation: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Speaking One, the True, the Articulate, the Trustworthy." Abasement hath reached such a pass that the mute claimeth to have heard the melodies that were raised between earth and heaven. Even so did the Impostor make his claim when he beheld those who were secluded now clothed as men, who prostrate themselves before every remote idol. He who is unable to speak as common folk speak hath risen in whispering delusion, claiming for himself what none among the polytheists have claimed.

The feeble one desired to speak amidst the cooing of the Dove. Fie upon those who turned unto him and were among the abased! The desires of those who know not their left from their right have raised him up. Say: O people! Fear God, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. If thou marvel, then marvel at him who turned toward the croaking of the raven, turning away from the melodies of the Spirit whereby existence itself was quickened. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this manifest Prison.

Those who cannot distinguish between the valuable and the worthless, the fat and the lean, have taken him as their protector instead of God. They are assuredly among the losers. Say: Ye are the deaf who hear not My sweetest call, and ye are the blind who behold not this luminous Scene. By My life! Mine eye beholdeth My beauty, Mine ear heareth My most wondrous and matchless verses, My pen moveth by My name and remembrance, and My tongue speaketh forth My praise in this vast expanse wherewith Paradise and all within it converseth, saying: "Blessed art thou, O most exalted Station, wherein the Beloved of the world hath appeared and speaketh by His Most Great Name, and wherein the might of the nations that rose up in opposition and were among the oppressors hath not hindered Him."

O Bird of the Divine Throne! It seemeth Thou hast found a place of security; We behold Thee soaring in all directions and singing with all melodies. Hast Thou forgotten the talons of the malevolent ones and the arrows of the polytheists? The people have been prevented by the croaking of the croaker. Pay them no heed, but speak forth in this Paradise the praise of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus doth the Ancient Commander command thee. The Kingdom hath been stirred by the melodies of the Bird of the Realm of Might, and the mortal world hath been seized by the breezes of the verses of God, the Almighty, the All-

Knowing, the All-Wise. All things have been attracted by the call of God, yet We see that the people are as though dead.

Arise over the graves in the name of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving! Say: O ye who lie in the tomb! The Promised One hath come, and the Sovereign of existence hath appeared in His mighty glory. How long will ye slumber in the cradle of vain imaginings? Arise at My leave and My call, then drink of the choice wine which floweth from the direction of the Throne through His name, the Mighty, the Generous.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned to God, for this luminous Tablet hath been sent down in thy name, and for thy remembrance hath the mouth of God, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, been opened. Were creation to endure forever, such a bounty could not be equaled, if thou be of them that know. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have recognized Me, turned away from Mine enemies, circled round My Cause, been gladdened by the expansion of My commandments, and rejoiced at My mention and praise in My days. They are assuredly among the sincere ones.

Thus have We informed thee, apprised thee, and caused thee to hear the call of this lonely Stranger. The glory from the Beloved be upon thee and upon them. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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Then know that thy letter hath come before Us, and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God thy Lord in that which proceeded from My tongue, and it was read before Us by him who was present before the Throne, and We have answered thee with truth. Soon it shall reach thee, if God should will and desire. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all things with Him are according to measure. Give thanks unto God for having delivered thee from thy people and brought thee forth from among them with tranquility and power, and aided thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self after they all turned away from God. Even thus doth light proceed from fire. Then unite with the loved ones of God and speak among the people with wisdom, for We have lifted the law of disputation and have left the earth to its people. Thy Lord desireth naught but the hearts of the righteous. And the glory be upon thee, and the splendor be upon thee and upon thy sister and upon whoso hath rent asunder the veils.

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His honor Zaynu'l-'Abidin, who attained the presence of God and achieved victory, is he who hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of proof. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath turned his face towards His countenance, until he attained that which was revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the right hand of the luminous Spot in the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. At times He maketh mention of His station as the Most Great Prison, and at others as the Most Exalted Paradise. By the life of the Desired One! Paradise doth not

cause Him to forget His remembrance, nor do tribulations in His path harm Him. He hath borne such afflictions as none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Tongue of My grandeur hath testified for thee, while seated upon the Throne, of thy turning towards Him, thy presence before Him, and thy hearkening unto the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. When thou returnest to thy place, make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My bounty. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Hearken unto the divine call in the Persian tongue. Today the friends must, one and all, occupy themselves with such conduct and deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and the preservation of souls. The standard of praiseworthy character hath preceded all other standards, and the banner of goodly deeds hath ever been, and will continue to be, exalted above all others in station. Say: O friends! By the life of God, contention hath been forbidden, and conflict, corruption, bloodshed and evil deeds have all been strictly prohibited in My Most Great Book. Indeed, certain utterances were previously revealed from the Pen of the Dayspring of Divine Unity regarding the rebellion of the Shi'ih party, such as when He said in one instance: "The necks have been extended in hypocrisy. Where are the swords of Thy retribution, O Subduer of the worlds?" The purpose of such expressions was to demonstrate the extent of the wickedness of the deniers and opponents. The tyranny of the aggressors hath reached such a pitch that all have seen and heard of it. In any case, I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Great Prison that the intention of the Ancient Beauty hath never been, and is not, contention and conflict, nor that which causeth hearts to be troubled. Refer ye to the Tablets wherein He saith: "Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship." The purpose of this Revelation is that the fire of hatred which blazeth in the hearts and souls of the followers of divers faiths should be quenched through the Kawthar of divine utterance and heavenly counsel, and be stilled and extinguished. In this year, which is one thousand three hundred and six, a Tablet was revealed in the handwriting of the Wronged One wherein this exalted word shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen: "O people! Make mention of the servants with good, and speak not of them with evil, nor with that which would grieve their souls." Even the mention of evil hath been forbidden in this year, for the tongue was created to make mention of God. It would be a pity to defile it with backbiting or to utter words that cause grief and distress to the servants. We have permitted association with all peoples, except such souls from whom ye perceive the odor of enmity in the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind. From such souls ye must needs keep aloof, as a command from God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. O people of God! Let your drink be the Kawthar of love, your occupation that which manifesteth unity, and your deeds that which guideth mankind to the path of God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Upon thee be My glory! Time and again hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and repeatedly hast thou attained His presence. Know thou the value of this station. Praise be to God that thou art occupied with His mention and praise, and dwellest in His vicinity. The remembrance of these days hath been and will ever be beloved. God willing, it shall never pass from sight. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having caused me to hear the scratching of Thy Pen and to behold

the horizon of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things to make me in all conditions one who remembereth Thy name and uttereth Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Forgive me and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Generous.

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O Mahdi! I pray that ye may ever be occupied with the remembrance of God and His service. Few are my questions, and I beseech from the King of His power - even as one of His servants who is connected with the people of the Son beseeched Him - that He may make us steadfast in the face of oppressive onslaughts, for verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, and that He may protect us in the fortress of His favors, bounties and generosity, and so forth. Thy Lord hath answered all of this before thy supplication, inasmuch as He hath aided thee to serve His Cause, to promulgate His Faith, to mention His Name amongst His servants, and hath preserved thee from the insinuations of the sinful and the doubts of the deniers, and made thee steadfast in times of trials and tests. For such a Lord praise, glorification and thanksgiving are befitting. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Peerless.

That which ye wrote concerning the sending of copies of Tablets hath been most acceptable. In truth, the Words of the All-Merciful are like the breezes of the springtime of divine favors for all creation - the more they blow and pass by, the sweeter and more excellent they become. This is of God's grace unto them. Previously certain Tablets were revealed unto you wherein were recorded from the Pen of the Most High explanations of the revelation of certain Quranic verses and some stories of earlier times. Those Tablets, nay rather all that hath been sent unto you, should be dispatched to all lands, for they shall prove most beneficial. Some of the servants are unaware of what hath come to pass and are heedless of what shall come to pass, therefore such Tablets shall be profitable. Those to whom copies are sent should make copies themselves and send them abroad. Although this wondrous Cause is one that hath had and shall have no likeness before or after it, blessed is he who beholdeth it with his own eyes, detached from all that he hath heard aforetime.

In any case, the service to the Cause rendered by your honor is befitting and meet. All that ye have undertaken hath been and is acceptable. Concerning the letter to the Land of Kh, they had written: "By My life! We love to hear their call at all times. We have not forgotten them, rather We remember them as is meet and befitting. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful." God willing, after the way is assuredly opened, We shall send unto them that which will cause their spirits to soar and their eyes to be gladdened.

As for what ye wrote concerning Fars, his book was presented at the Most Great Scene, and an answer was revealed and sent. However, they must proceed with the utmost wisdom. They must never speak openly of the Sender or that which is sent. Most people are immature and as infants. When a child is born of its mother, it must be given milk, not meat and heavy foods, so that step by step it may be educated and reach a station wherein it can partake of diverse fruits and manifold bounties. Ye must greatly emphasize concealment of the Cause, wisdom, and forbearance with people. Although the command to

teach hath been revealed in the Tablet, yet this is not intended for these days. They must act according to the capacity of the people. The more matters remain concealed in these days, the better it is. Previously a Tablet was specifically revealed for them, but it was not sent.

We beseech God that they may remain firm and steadfast. The ultimate bounty concerning him is that his mention hath been recorded by the Eternal Pen in the Divine Tablet. Blessed is he, and again blessed is he. If at any time he should desire to turn towards this land, ye must surely forbid it. The explicit command is that no one should turn towards this direction except by permission of his Lord.

Convey greetings from the True One to N.S. Say: God hath seized him who cast thee into the well. Verily He is the Deliverer of the loved ones and the Destroyer of the idolaters. Likewise, convey the honor of greetings to Khalil of the land of S, to Darvish, and to other loved ones of God, and especially to Aqa Muhammad-Rida who is consumed in the fire of separation, and to his family convey countless greetings. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and thy family.

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The Divine Call was raised from the Blessed Tree of Oneness in the Holy Vale, calling all and giving them the glad tidings of the manifestation of transcendent glory, even as the son of Zacharias gave the glad tidings of the appearance of the Spirit to all. Blessed is the state of those souls who hearkened to the Word of God and attained His recognition, while those who failed to hear the Primal Word are accounted among the dead and shall abide forever in the fire. This is that Manifestation which in the Book of God was not made contingent upon any matter, nor dependent on anyone's acceptance. The deeds of the doers, the acceptance of those who accept, and the sincerity of the sincere - all are contingent upon His permission and dependent on the will of that True Goal. Nevertheless, some among the people of the Bayan, following Satan, have been debarred from the path of the All-Merciful, although the previous Manifestation gave tidings, saying that the purpose of the Bayan and all that was revealed therein returns in its primal reality to the subsequent Manifestation, and whatever good mention was made in the Bayan He made it return to and reserved it for that Dawning-Place of Divine revelation and Treasury of heavenly knowledge. O people of the Bayan! On that Day which is the King of Days, God forbid that you should cling to your divines and leaders and thus remain deprived of the Goal. And further He says: Despite all these firm and established counsels and revealed verses, it is seen that at the time of the Manifestation you will commit that which no people before have committed. God, the Most High, the Most Great, speaks truth. For it was witnessed that some clung to one like themselves and thus remained deprived of the Truth. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that if today all who are on earth were to claim leadership or more, and were to perform all good deeds, yet hesitate in this Cause, they would never be accepted. For all deeds and stations are verified through recognition of the subsequent Manifestation - whoever remains veiled from Him, no deed will ever profit him. In all times take refuge in the All-Merciful, that you may remain protected from the evil of Satan. Soon will His signs be spread in that land. Leave them behind you with manifest steadfastness. God willing, all the loved ones should gather together in perfect love and unity at the fountain of the Divine Cause, and conduct themselves among the servants in such wise that all may discover from them the fragrances of the love of the All-

Merciful. Today is the day of assistance, and assistance has never been and is not by the sword, for in this most great Manifestation all have been forbidden from corruption, contention and warfare. In truth, the purpose of holy war in every age has been to guide people to the direction of Divine Unity, even if by force. But in this case it cannot be known who has become intoxicated with the Kawthar of merciful grace and turned toward the divine direction, and who has entered beneath the Tree of grace in chains of force. Moreover, the sword of deeds has been and will be sharper than the outward sword. For if the loved ones of God in this merciful Manifestation had conducted themselves among creation according to His characteristics, assuredly by now all would have turned toward the straight path of glory. What was destined has come to pass. God willing, henceforth all must act according to goodly deeds, excellent actions and praiseworthy character, so that people may discover the Source through the manners and conduct of these souls. The cause of most people's perplexity and hesitation has been the deeds of some. Furthermore, whatever the divine loved ones do today is attributed to the Source of the Cause. People's vision is not pure, so they cannot perceive the reality of the Cause or discover the Greatest Scene. We beseech God to assist you in His love and good-pleasure, to detach you from those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and to send down upon you that which is best for you. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving.

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He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Ever-Abiding, the Gracious

This is the Book of God, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Gracious, unto God, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Inaccessible, the All-Protecting. Herein is mentioned what hath come upon Us from the people of the Bayan, that it may serve as a remembrance unto those who exist today and as guidance and mercy unto another people, and that My tribulations may be recalled before God on the Day whereon the creatures of the first and the last shall be gathered together.

O people of the Bayan! Did not God announce unto you in the Book this Revelation in a language of manifest truth, in that which was revealed unto the Great One when he inquired about God's Hidden Name, and He answered him in truth saying: "Verily, he is the son of 'Ali, an Imam of indubitable truth." And this was the last that was revealed concerning this irrevocable, mighty, transcendent and powerful Cause. The Tablets of God were filled with mention of this Youth, if ye be of them that bear witness. Moreover, this is the proof whereby the Revealer of the Bayan and all that appeared from Him were established, as ye yourselves and all who dwell in the heavens and on earth do testify.

Despite this, how is it that ye have turned away from these verses that have filled the East and West of the earth, if ye be of them that comprehend? Say: O people, if ye believe not in these verses, then by what proof did ye believe in God aforetime? Bring it forth and be not of the patient ones. Say: O people, am I not the son of 'Ali in truth? Was I not named Husayn in God's almighty, mighty and gracious dominion? Have I not recited unto you each day verses that have left hearts unable to reckon their number, nay, even the minds of them that are nigh unto God?

Yet ye, O people of the Bayan, have denied Me, calumniated Me, and rejected Me without any clear proof or illuminating Book. And whenever We increased the evidence, ye increased in your rejection, to such extent that ye kindled the fire of hatred in your breasts, O people of malice! Do ye wish to obstruct this Breeze from blowing, or to prevent the Spirit from ascending unto God, the Sovereign King, the Mighty, the Ancient? Nay, by my Lord, ye shall never be able to do so, even as the peoples before you were unable, O heedless ones!

Say: By God, besides Whom there is none other God, no one's faith shall be complete this Day except by acknowledging this Cause. This is God's punishment upon the idolaters and God's mercy upon them that believe in His unity. O people of the Bayan! Do ye believe in part of the Book while denying God's Book, the Revealed, the Gracious, the Trustworthy?

O people! Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow the fear of God and flee not from this Great Announcement. Will flight profit you? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Will turning away avail you? Nay, by the glory of God, the Great King! And if ye have forgotten what the peoples of old did, the people of the Furqan are not far from you. Remember when the Most High came unto them with manifest authority, bearing a conclusive proof from His Lord, the Bestower, the Honored, the Gracious. He sent unto the leaders of the people the angels of the Cause with an illuminating Book. They entered their presence with a mighty and glorious Tablet. Among them were those who turned away and took not the Tablet, and those who took it and looked upon it as one in a swoon, saying "These are but tales of the ancients." And among them were those who took the Tablet with one hand and gave it less attention than can be reckoned, then cast it upon the ground, being among those who showed arrogance toward God Who created and fashioned them. Thus do We recount unto you the tale of the perplexed ones.

O people of the Bayan! Strive within yourselves not to act as these idolaters acted. When the Youth of the Spirit entereth upon you with God's Book, arise instantly from your seats, then take the holy Book in your hands, then kiss it, then honor the Youth with gracious respect. By God, this shall profit your souls more than all that ye are engaged in. And if ye transgress, verily God is independent of what is past and what is to come and what appeareth in these few days.

The Spirit, the glorification, and the splendor be upon you, O people of the Bayan, if ye follow that which the Dove hath warbled in this eventide.

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He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon! O Abu'l-Fadl! He speaks through this Most Exalted Blessed Word which has dawned from the heaven of the Supreme Pen - fix your gaze upon it: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." In these days this utterance has repeatedly flowed from the Tongue of the One Mentioned. The tree of this word was planted aforetime, and in these days it has sprouted and borne fruit. O Abu'l-Fadl! In one of the Tablets this passage was revealed: "If the entire spiritual realm were to be transformed into the power of hearing, one could say it would be worthy of hearkening to this utterance which has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Otherwise, the visible ears were not and will not be capable of hearing this call, save a limited few." Praise be to God, you have hearkened and

attained to that which was the cause and purpose of creation. Blessed are you and joy be unto you! The All-Knowing God accompanies you in travel and at home. The tribulations that have descended, the difficulties that have arisen, the straits and trials and grief and afflictions - all are witnessed and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. This passage transforms the world's tribulations into mercy, and diseases into health. Whatever has befallen you has been for God and in the path of God - the Supreme Pen bears witness. Fire in His path is light, and poison is sweet honey. I swear by the Sun of Revelation which has shone forth from the highest horizon of the world - if the people of earth were to attain to a drop from the chalice of inner meanings, or a drop from the ocean of utterance, all would turn from what they possess to what is with God, and would occupy themselves with circumambulating around the chosen ones of God. The veils of the wicked have prevented eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon, and likewise ears from hearing the Most Exalted Word. His Honor the Name of Bounty, upon him be My glory, forwarded your letter to the Most Holy Court, and this response has descended from the heaven of the Will of the Beloved of the worlds. It gives life to the spirit and bestows true wings, that you may teach the servants to soar and guide them to the true Ka'bah of God. O Fadl! The wings have become soiled with the clay of vain imaginings - ask God to cleanse them with the water of return. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Teach the servants to read what has been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen. My God, My God! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy Most Exalted Word and the might of Thy Most High Pen to assist Thy servants to turn to Thee and gaze toward Thy horizon. O my Lord! Deprive them not of the outpourings of the heaven of Thy Will and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. As to the matter mentioned, whatsoever conduces to the benefit of the world is acceptable and beloved before God, and whatsoever is otherwise is rejected. For this Most Great Revelation has been dedicated to the salvation and reformation and unity and harmony and tranquility of the peoples of the world. To this bear witness the dwellers of Paradise and the companions of the holy precincts, and beyond them I am the All-Knowing Witness. According to the command, the servant present has written to His Honor Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, that which wisdom requires. We beseech God to show a way and guide to it, that the purpose may be achieved without harm. Praise be to God, His Honor Sin has from the beginning stood ready to assist. Now too We beseech God to confirm him in that which befits His Day. He has shown friendship and love from before. In all matters one must consult while considering the outcome. Take what is good and what benefits the world - this is My bidding before and after. To this testifies every truthful and trustworthy one, and every knowing and informed one. Whosoever proves to be a well-wisher of this party, We have wished and wish for his good, and this will certainly be manifested and answered. Blessed are they that understand, and blessed are they that act. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have turned and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! In thy letter mention was made of the Chief Secretary. After perusal, We desired to make mention of him, inasmuch as in the Most Holy Book this blessed verse hath been revealed: “Consort with the followers of all religions with joy and fragrance.” Therefore, whosoever maketh mention of this Wronged One, whether in truth or otherwise, the Supreme Pen hath revealed the utmost favor concerning him. This Wronged One hath ever sought justice and fairness from the servants of God, but vain imaginings have become a veil, and have prevented most from witnessing and hearkening. All know that from the earliest days until now, this servant hath been in the hands of his enemies, and despite the afflictions that befell him, and imprisonment in the land of ?a and the land of Mim, and captivity and exile, the Pen hath not ceased for a moment, until in every place the Word was raised and the light of the Cause shone forth. Those souls who have arisen in opposition today were each in hiding and occupied with preserving their own lives. In any case, praise be to God, the Cause hath been exalted. Now whoever wishes may come forth to the field and say what he desires. Glory be to God! These mentioned souls were not with Us and were unaware of the root of the Cause, and now some have clung to calumnies that have no likeness or reality. But beautiful is patience, and God is the Helper against what they describe. I do not complain of My grief and sorrow for all that hath come to pass and will come to pass in the path of God, for it is beloved. I do not fear the afflictions in His path, nor the calamities in His Cause. To this testifieth every fair-minded one who is informed, and every knower who is endowed with vision.

If deemed advisable, convey the greetings and praise of this Wronged One to the Secretary. We ask of him, purely for the sake of God, to make an effort and turn his attention to these regions for some days. There have been and are many benefits in travel. The purpose is that he might honor Cyprus with his presence for some days near my brother, but he must see with his own eyes and hear with his own ears. It will become clear and evident to him with whom the Cause was in the beginning, and from whom the revealed verses came. If governmental affairs prevent him, let him send a representative, but not like Shaykh Muhammad. Let him appoint a person of insight and fairness, possessed of justice and hearing, to turn towards that direction, that perchance after observation he might speak with justice and fairness. In these days the honored Mirza Abu’l-Qasim Nasir arrived in the great city from ’Ishqabad and met with Shaykh Muhammad several times. God is Most Great! All his statements were lies and calumnies. Afterwards, the honored Nasir wrote a response to his calumnies and sent it. We asked for a copy to be brought to send to thee, that thou might observe to what degree the calumnies have ascended.

O ?a! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy servants with the crown of truthfulness and detachment, and their temples with the ornament of godliness. Then aid them to return unto Thee and to enter beneath the gate of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous, verily Thou art the Forgiver, the Merciful. I beseech Thee, O my God, my Lord and my King, by the rain of Thy mercy wherewith Thou hast adorned Thine earth, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge whereby Thou hast manifested Thy favor and bounty, to confirm them in trustworthiness and godliness, lest they exchange their religion for gold and their destiny for wealth. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O Lord! Send forth, through Thy power and sovereignty, servants who will aid Thee through wisdom and utterance, and who will spread Thy signs among the religions. Thou seest, O my God, what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of Thine

enemies who have been consumed by the fire of greed and passion, and who have wrongfully devoured the wealth of Thy servants. O Lord of all being, Master of the throne on high and of earth below! O Lord, stay the hands of evil from those who have turned to Thee and entered beneath the shadow of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

If deemed advisable, let him read it to the Secretary, and let the letter remain with thee.

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O Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. O Samandar, the grace, mercy and loving-kindness of God have encompassed and continue to encompass your circumstances. That which had no likeness has been revealed, and that which could not possibly have any semblance has become manifest. Yet the people of vain imaginings cling to their imaginings, and those of idle fancies to their fancies. We are God's and unto Him do we return. Those souls who are heedless and unaware of the Cause have uttered that which has grieved the denizens of the most great paradise and caused the Supreme Paradise to lament. Ask of God for justice and fairness, that perchance His servants may find and attain their goal.

The letter of His Honor Khalil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, attained the presence. The fragrance of divine love wafted from it and the light of love shone forth. Verily he attained the presence of Him Who conversed with the Sinai and heard and saw what was recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Books, the Lord of all beings. That letter mentioned those who have turned to God, therefore what speaks with the most eloquent utterance in creation and calls all to the horizon of the All-Merciful was sent specifically to each one. Blessed is he and those with him. The Glory be from Us upon you and upon him and upon his family and upon those whom God has related to him. We make mention of them and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, mercy, grace and favors. He is truly the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

At the end of this epistle We make mention of him who is named Yahya and remember him with My verses and give him glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded existence. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him, make him successful, and aid him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. He is powerful over all things. The Glory be upon him and upon every steadfast, upright one.

In these days Abdul-Husayn, upon him be My Glory, is present before the Face in the Most Great Prison. We beseech God that he and all souls who have appeared from that household may attain the most great honor and supreme loving-kindness. That household is truly related to the Truth - they must hold fast to that which causes the exaltation of God's Word and is the cause of manifestation and the stations of existence. Samandar and Shaykh, upon them both be My Glory and loving-kindness, should, in view of their station as fathers, pray for all. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The letters of His Honor Amin, upon him be My Glory, have arrived continuously and continue to arrive, and he has repeatedly mentioned the friends of that land, both men and women, upon them be the Glory

of God and the Glory of those who are in the heavens and earths. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Samandar, upon you be My Glory and loving-kindness. Convey My greetings to all the members of your household, young and old, and give them glad tidings from the Wronged One. We beseech God to adorn each one with the ornament of supreme loving-kindness and to embellish them with the crown of steadfastness.

O My leaves and My handmaidens! Tonight, which is the twenty-first night of the blessed month of Ramadan, this Wronged One is occupied with your mention in the Most Great Prison. This most great bounty has appeared from the Mighty Announcement at this hour, and the lights of the Sun of loving-kindness are shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Know the value of this station and be engaged in the mention of the Goal of the worlds with the utmost joy and delight.

May His Honor Khalil, upon him be My Glory, the Beautiful, the Sublime, and likewise His Honor Karim, upon him be My Glory, illumine their families with the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful, that they may attain supreme joy and greatest delight in the divine days. We have likewise mentioned the other handmaidens of that land in the Book of Amin. Blessed are they who have attained.

We make mention in this station of him who is named Andalib, who warbled in the gardens of wisdom and utterance, and We give him glad tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy. We have mentioned him in various Tablets. We beseech God to assist him and aid him to serve His firm and mighty Cause. He has always been and continues to be remembered. His poetry and prose in mention of God, exalted be His glory, are blessed traces in the book of the world. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Praise be to God Who hath sent down His grace and revealed unto creation that which lay hidden in His revealed Books, wherein He gave glad tidings to His servants of the Most Great Name, through which the world was illumined and the foundations of the nations were shaken. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded to his Lord. He is among those who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and reunion, and have drunk the choice wine of meeting from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. By God’s life! He is verily the whale in the sea of utterance, the singing Tree in the midst of Paradise, the Sun shining from the horizon of exposition, the brilliant Star in the heaven of mystical knowledge, and the Moon rising from the dawning-place of certitude. God knoweth that he is the light in the lamp of the world, and that he is the one who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon after most of the nations turned away from it. If this evanescent servant desired to describe even one of the lovers who have detached themselves and been attracted by the Call of God - by God, the pens would be consumed, then the pages, before completing the descriptions recorded in the preserved and guarded scrolls. To this beareth witness what the Nightingale of Utterance spoke before in His words that the believer cannot be described.

O beloved of My heart! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and honored thee with attaining His presence when the Intended One was shining from the horizon of glory. I bear witness that thou didst turn, didst hear, didst advance, and didst respond to thy Lord. Blessed art thou for having remained firm when the lands were shaken, and for having turned toward Him when most of the servants turned away. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in all conditions and assist thee in what is best for thee in the beginning and the end.

And furthermore, this evanescent one hath attained unto the letter which your honor sent in the name of his honor Jud. In truth it was a testimony speaking of your love for the Beloved of the worlds, and a manifest witness to your turning toward and steadfastness in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God that your honor hath been among those who have attained unto the choice wine of meeting, the Kawthar of steadfastness, and the Salsabil of contentment. This servant giveth thee the glad tidings that he heard a hundredfold special mention of your honor from the tongue of Grandeur, mention that shall endure as long as the divine names and attributes endure. How excellent for your honor and how pleasing for your presence! Regarding what you wrote about lack of success, this servant testifieth by God's testimony that your honor is successful, and if outward circumstances have again prevented your presence, you should not be saddened by this, for praise be to God, you have drunk from the ocean of meeting, entered the Most Great Scene, and heard the divine utterances with your own ear. And now you are commanded to wisdom, for after the martyrdom of his honor Badi, all the servants have been commanded to wisdom, and you must indeed hold fast to wisdom in all matters and keep your gaze upon it. This is a decree that hath been sent down from the heaven of the divine will in most of the divine Tablets. In this case, if the requirements of wisdom do not accord with your turning again, you should not be saddened, for this too is obedience to God's command. To this the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness. Those who circle round the divine throne offer most wondrous salutations to your honor, and likewise this evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to his honor Aqa Muhammad. I praise the Beloved of the worlds for having aided him to love Him and blessed him with recognition of His Beauty in His days. This is the enduring wine that hath been and shall be more precious than the rarest ruby and sweeter than all honey and sugar. How pleasing for him! And glory be upon your honor and upon him and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great News. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Wise Teacher

To his honor Shaykh 'Ali-Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through His Name, the Letter B, upon the sea of H, whereupon light appeared and spread across the face of the water. Verily He is the Point that cannot be described by the descriptions of the people of creation. Then that holy, primal, eternal Point manifested itself upon the Tablet. Then another point appeared, and verily it was the Primal Will, through which God created all that was and will be, and all that appeared before and will appear unto the end that hath no

end. And verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. His mysteries cannot be known, His signs cannot be comprehended, and His evidences cannot be described. He hath created the Supreme Pen and caused it to speak between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who is attracted by His most sweet call and hath turned toward the Lord of Names. Verily He is the Most Great Remembrance and the Ancient Sign, speaking from this most exalted and resplendent station, and this most luminous and most glorious spot, that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

O ʼAli! We were in the bath when the servant arrived with thy letter and read it at the door. We found from it the fragrance of thy love, thy sincerity, thy submissiveness and thy humility before God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou in having attained the presence of God when He was in the land of K. By the life of God, this is indeed a manifest bounty. Thou wert present, heard, saw and drank the sealed wine from the hands of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Ask God to grant thee success and aid thee to serve this Wronged One, even as He aided thee before. Verily He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved.

When the Wronged One was in the bath, the servant arrived at the door with thy letter and presented all before His presence. O ʼAli! The gaze of favor hath been directed toward thee. Were it not for Him, that which appeared from thee would not have appeared. And regarding what thou didst write about the weakness of the servants and the heedlessness of the negligent souls toward the exalted Truth - the truth is with thee. Yea, the face of the world is turned toward irreligion. In all years, nay in all months, nay in all days, it is far from faith, knowledge and certitude, clinging to doubts and vain imaginings. And for a time it shall continue thus, even as its duration hath been revealed and recorded in God's Book. But be not grieved, for the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shall absorb the excessive moisture of nature and shall gather together the scattered letters. This matter is not particular to this age, but hath been thus from before, as a drop from the drops concealed in the ocean of divine knowledge hath been revealed in the holy Tablet of Wisdom. Blessed is he who hath beheld and read and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Explainer to the worlds!" After the passing of the duration mentioned in the Book, suddenly shall the Cause of God be raised up and all souls shall turn toward it. Verily thy Lord is the True Informer, the Speaking One, the Truthful, the Trustworthy. Thou must at all times be occupied with serving the Cause and summon the loved ones to the most great steadfastness, for barking and howling have been and are being raised from every quarter, as We informed thee when We were dawning from the horizon of Iraq and established upon the throne in the Land of Mystery and in this noble spot. In these days the Ancient Beauty hath gone forth from the Most Great Prison, and the place of His manifestation was first in the garden and then in the palace known in this land. And while walking, again the servant presented himself before His presence with pen and ink and made mention of thee. Therefore the Kingdom of Utterance spoke forth with these wondrous and sublime words: The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them who have believed and turned their shining faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon, this station that is mighty, holy, powerful and wondrous.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

Praise be to God Who hath guided all to His path, taught all His knowledge, and honored all through His grace and favors. He it is Who hath revealed from the drop the ocean of creation, and through Him the world was illumined and the nations were set ablaze, until even the pebble testified and the seed spoke forth, and the story of the Mount was renewed in the Sinai of Manifestation. Exalted, exalted is He above the inability of every eloquent one to praise Him and every articulate one to describe Him. He is the Single, the One, the Sanctified, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of existence! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the splendor of Thy face to assist Thy servants to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the oppression of those who have denied Thy signs may not grieve them. O my Lord! Purify the earth from the defilement of these ones and sanctify it from those who have turned away from Thee and have risen to destroy Thy House which was built by the hands of Thy power. O my Lord! Ordain for me and my brothers that which will benefit us in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, your letter was received in His presence - truly sorrows have fled from the field. I beseech the Exalted One to grant you the best of what He possesses and to assist you in serving Him in every world of His worlds.

To the honored Mr. Afnan, upon him be the peace of God and His favors, I convey my greetings. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions and drink from the cup of joy at all times in such wise that the troubles of these days may not affect them nor deprive them of spirit and fragrance. O my brother, O my beloved! The ancient glory hath been ordained for them. Happy are they and blessed are they.

The delay of His Holiness Afnan, Aqa Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be all glory, and their tardiness has caused sorrow to the Leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon them be the glory of God. God willing, this too shall pass according to His good-pleasure, just as this great journey was completed with perfect ease and comfort, and they attained to that which had no equal. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant His confirmation. He is powerful over all things.

And regarding what you wrote about His Holiness Afnan, Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, who showed kindness - God is my witness that they have always been and continue to be before my eyes. I beseech the True One, exalted and glorified be He, to shelter all beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and grant them anew the fountain of meeting. The wretchedness of the servants has become a barrier. Once this blessed word was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance: “Were it not for the heedlessness of the heedless ones and the oppression of the oppressors, We would not have given the Afnan permission to return, and would have assigned them a station in this very land.” Nevertheless, whatever has happened and continues to happen has been and is according to the requirements of divine wisdom.

To the spiritual beloved, Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, I send greetings. God willing, may he be confirmed and assisted, and likewise to all other friends in that land, upon them be the glory of God. Regarding what you wrote about the beloved Habib, truly whatever that Beloved One hath said is correct and complete. This matter has been greatly prolonged. Your word was timely. God willing, may we attain

to what He desires. Verily, what is beloved is what He desires for us, as evidenced by what we have and what is with us.

Regarding the beloved's journey, permission has been granted that they may proceed whenever they wish. This is glad tidings from this servant to you. And God speaks the truth and guides to the path. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. God willing, after completing the work with the beloved, they will proceed, and regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Muhammad and the sum that was given, these matters are in your hands - act as you deem appropriate. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

Saturday, 14th of the honored month of Shawwal, 1300

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God! Through His loving-kindness the gates of mercy, bounty and protection are opened wide. His loved ones speak forth the blessed word of unity "There is no God but Him" and acknowledge His oneness and singleness. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to illumine His servants, meaning all who dwell on earth, with the lights of the Day-Star of unity, that every tongue may confess what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom were manifested the mysteries of His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes, Whose shoulder was adorned with the seal of Prophethood and Messengership, and Whose temple was adorned with the ornament "but He is the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets", and upon His family, the dawning-places of the hopes of the sincere ones, and upon His companions, the dayspring of His outpourings for all in the heavens and earth.

To continue: Repeatedly have letters from that honored brother arrived, each one a sign sent from the King of love. Every believer and sincere one can detect from the fragrance of each word the fragrance of your sincerity and humility. Well done to your hand and arm! Your poetry brings joy and your prose causes delight. The tongue seeks to become worthy of giving thanks for divine bounties. There is no bounty greater than His recognition - it gives eternal sustenance to the soul and bestows conquering power upon the temple. Through His grace, loving-kindness and generosity He has granted this most great bounty to His loved ones - a bounty which is in truth sanctified above the description of describers and the mention of those who make mention. It has now become clear and evident to every person of knowledge and understanding that the tongues of the world are incapable and fall short of giving thanks for even one of His bounties. In every breath a hundred thousand bounties exist - exalted be His greatness, magnificent His bounty, perfect His favors and gifts. There is no God but Him.

After the reading of each letter it was presented before His presence, and each time the Luminary of loving-kindness shone forth and the Sun of grace was manifest. You yourself have witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance - there is no need for this servant to elaborate.

You yourself know what that pure water

Says to the flowers and saplings

You yourself know what the sun in Aries

Says to the flowers and thorns

Regarding what you wrote about the light of my eyes, dear Aqa Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God (96), after it was presented He commanded that whatever the two Most Exalted Names deem advisable should be done. This is a word that has flowed from the Pen of love both before and after. Take it, relying upon God, and set aside all else. There has never been and is no doubt that whatever is advisable for His loved ones, that is what He has commanded.

Tonight, which is the eighteenth night of the month of Jamadi'ul-Avval, we were occupied with your remembrance. At the end of the day of this night, the poems you composed in praise of the Lord were honored to be heard. Praise be to God, both night and day were spent in remembrance of you. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ever bestow His loving-kindness and grant unto you and His loved ones the fruits of the Tree of knowledge and wisdom at all times, and to provide sustenance. He is the Powerful and He is the Bestower. His is the generosity and bounty and grace which the nations are powerless to reckon.

The companions in prison send greetings, especially those who circle round. Furthermore, convey greetings and praise to the loved ones and friends in that land. God is witness and the lamp bears testimony that I have ever beseeched and do beseech for each one protection, health, mercy, loving-kindness, blessing and bounty. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. Peace and praise and mercy and glory be upon you and those with you and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

On the night of 18 Jamadi'ul-Avval 1305

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

God is the Most Great, God is the One, God is the Self-Subsisting, acknowledging His Books and His Messengers and His chosen ones and His pure ones, and their loftiness and their transcendence and their might and their grandeur and their stations and their attributes before God, our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven and Lord of the mighty Throne.

In truth, the food of the spirit is the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. If, God forbid, this most great bounty and supreme grace should be cut off, would life remain? Nay, by God! What of life - all would perish.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused us to acknowledge Thy unity and recognize Thy Books and Thy Messengers, and to stand before the gate of Thy grace, beseeching the wonders of Thy gifts and favors. O Lord! Withhold not from Thy servant and Thy loved ones the wonders of Thy grace, nor the rain from the heaven of Thy knowledge. We are poor and weak; we seek Thy conquering strength and Thy all-encompassing power. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the lands of Iran among the enemies of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to protect them through Thy sovereignty and the power of Thy Will. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The letter of that spiritual beloved arrived, praise be to God, adorned with Divine unity and mention of His Prophets and chosen ones who strove in His path with befitting striving and conquered the servants and lands through His Name. After its reading and review, proceeding to the Sacred Presence, after presentation They said: "God willing, may he be assisted in all conditions in that which causes the elevation of existence."

O Mahdi! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Thy letter was honored to be heard, from which the fragrance of love was diffused. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of gifts and favors, to give thee to drink at all times from the Kawthar of divine knowledge, and to adorn thee with that which will elevate thy station among His servants. Verily, He is the Master of creation and the Ruler in the beginning and in the return.

We make mention of and send greetings to him whose heart was illumined by the lights of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds, and whose countenance was brightened by the radiance of His face - he who was named Muhammad-i-Rida in the Book of Names - and to God's loved ones there who were not prevented by anything from His remembrance and praise. We beseech God on their behalf for that which befits His generosity and bounty. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the Holy Presence and art the recipient of favor. The kindred are, praise be to God, adorned with the ornament of health. I beseech the True One to assist that spiritual beloved in that which will cause his remembrance to endure and persist. Verily our Lord is the Answerer of His servants' prayers and fulfills them through His grace and sovereignty. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Generous.

I convey remembrance, greetings and praise to the beloved of the heart, his honor Haji - upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. He has ever been and continues to be mentioned. His honor, the apple of the eye, Aqa Mirza Mustafa - upon him be the Glory of God - is today present and successful in his stead, and adorned with the glory of acceptance. Likewise, I convey greetings to the other loved ones of that land. God is witness and testament that this evanescent servant, in times of attendance, both outwardly and inwardly makes mention of them and seeks true success for all. In all conditions I have been and am turned toward Him and beseeching at the gate of His generosity. Verily, He is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

The Star bulbs all arrived. Certainly, if the apple soldiers from right and left like marshalled hosts and ordered ranks - your reward is with God, the Lord of grace and bestowal, and the Master of remembrance and praise. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Exalted. It is hoped that at some time you will see them when their flowers appear. Verily, He is the Helper, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Peace and mercy and glory be upon thee and upon God's righteous servants.

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O Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted One! Make mention of him who turned towards Thee until he entered the Spot wherein shone forth the Sun of the Beauty of Thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, that the rapture of the verses might seize him in such wise as to make him steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love. This, verily, is a glorious station. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast hastened to the Goal and attained the presence of His Countenance and hearkened unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath spoken. This, verily, is a great triumph.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty. Say: O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth, my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds! I testify that through Thee the fragrance of the Robe hath wafted over all regions and the faces of the righteous have been illumined, and through Thee the banners of sanctity have been raised throughout the lands and the standard of detachment hath been planted upon the highest mountains. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all created things and caused all beings to speak forth Thy remembrance, O Thou Who sendest down the verses and Who art the Originator of earth and heaven, to make me wholly detached from all else save Thee and turning in all conditions towards the court of Thy bounty and the horizon of Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O my Lord! Thou knowest that I have turned towards Thee and hastened to the place wherein He Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy evidences was imprisoned. Had it not been for Thy grace and bounty, how could I have attained unto this station from which Thy servants and creatures were debarred? Praise be to Thee, O my God, for that which Thou hast honored me through Thy generosity and bestowed upon me through Thy grace. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Ultimate Hope of the sincere ones and the Beloved of the hearts of the lovers, to aid me in serving Thee and in promoting Thy Cause amongst Thy servants and creatures, and to make me one of those who have partaken of the wine of steadfastness and assurance and have attained unto that which Thou didst desire for them, O Thou Who art the Lord of Religions and the Creator of the worlds.

O Lord! Deprive me not of that which lieth with Thee, nor withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Make me one whose will is subordinate to Thy Will, whose movement is by Thy Command, whose flight is by Thy leave, whose repose is in Thy love, whose refuge is in Thy presence, and whose shelter is in Thy court, in such wise that I turn to none save Thee, speak naught except of Thy love, and set my face toward none but Thy face. Verily, Thou art He Who hath ever been supreme through Thy Will and shall ever be powerful through Thy Purpose. All things are captive in the grasp of

Thy might, every wealthy one is poor before the ocean of Thy riches, and every mighty one is abased before the surging sea of Thy greatness.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who controlleth the winds and Who causeth the dawn to break, to absolve me of whatsoever Thou lovest not, then preserve me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy mercy and the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness. Verily, Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all things and in Whose right hand are the reins of all names. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy power. Every possessor of might, O my God, confesseth his powerlessness before the manifestations of Thy might, and every possessor of wealth acknowledgeth his poverty before the evidences of Thy wealth.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of creation and Beloved of all who dwell in the realm of invention, to assist me in all conditions to turn towards the Kaaba of Thy Cause and to arise independently to manifest Thy love amongst Thy creatures. Then write down for me, through Thy grace, that which shall profit me in this world and in the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful.

O Ali! Recite what hath been sent down unto thee. Verily, it will strengthen thee in the Cause of thy Lord and protect thee from those who have disbelieved in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a gift which hath shone forth from the horizon of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. When thou hast attained unto it and been nourished thereby, turn with thy heart toward the Qiblih of existence Who is imprisoned among the Jews, and say: Thine is the giving, O Bestower of gifts, and Thine is the bounty, O Lord of justice! I testify that Thou art the Source of all good things and the Dawning-Place of all blessings. Thou dost send down to whomsoever seeketh Thee that which is best for him, and ordain for whomsoever loveth Thee that which shall profit him in every world of Thy worlds.

O Lord! Drive not away him who hath drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy favors, and deny not this poor one access to the shores of Thy bounties. The atoms testify that Thou art the Lord of names and attributes, and that Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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Praise be unto the Lord of creation! O Jafar, may the effulgent rays of the Most Great Countenance illumine thee! The successive calls and repeated voices raised by thee have reached the ears of the Lord of all beings. He calleth thee with the most excellent and wondrous call. Today, praise be to God, through the bounty of the All-Merciful, the Living Waters are flowing, the Celestial Stream is coursing, and the Sealed Wine is unsealed. Be thou gladdened by the favors of God and freed and detached from the veils of creation. Think not that thou art forgotten from His sight. He is possessed of great faithfulness. Thou art remembered and observed in most times. Thou shouldst, God willing, be engaged in the remembrance of God with the utmost assurance and with spirit and fragrance. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to ordain for thee the best of circumstances. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - hath said that the purpose of all that is in the Bayan is that on that blessed Day the people may attain unto the good-pleasure of the Beloved and be engaged in His remembrance, even as He saith: “The word of good-pleasure from that Dawning-Place of Names is better than all that existeth and is visible.” Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto this station, inasmuch as thou didst seek the Intended One and attain unto His presence, and the word of good-pleasure hath appeared from the Source of Revelation. What sorrow remaineth and what care?

The Trusted One, the Faithful, saith: “Be not sorrowful on Our account. Soar with the wings of joy and delight in the atmosphere of the Manifestation.” Blessed art thou in that God hath enabled thee to achieve that which most of His servants have failed to attain. Be thou thankful unto Him and be of them that render thanks.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken once again unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious.” Whensoever thou movest, He is with thee, and whensoever thou speakest, He heareth and seeth. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. By My life! His love sufficeth thee, wert thou of them that know. He beareth witness for thee with such a testimony that wert thou to recognize it, thou wouldst cry out for joy. Thy Lord is verily the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Remember when thou wert by the sea and didst drink what was ordained for thee by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, and didst attain unto the presence of God and didst hear His most wondrous, most sweet, mighty and impregnable utterance. Can anything grieve thee after being under the glances of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful? Rejoice thou in the Spirit of God and His grace, and be of them that are thankful. Recite thou the verses of God with the sweetest of melodies. Then wilt thou find thyself in manifest ecstasy and the breezes of revelation will seize thee in such wise that thou wilt regard all existence as kneaded clay.

O thou who rememberest Me! The Remembered One calleth thee and saith: “Thou art of them that have attained.” Can the testimony of men equal His testimony? Nay, by My Self! But most men are heedless. All things have been awakened by the breezes of revelation, yet they remain asleep.

Glorify thy Lord and say: “O my God! I beseech Thee by the oppression of the Source of Justice whom Thou seest lonely amidst the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the transgressors among Thy servants, to protect me from the allusions of them who have turned away from Thee and have denied Thy signs and have risen in tyranny in Thy days. Then make me of them whom neither cares have seized at the surging of the ocean of Thy joy nor sorrows at the manifestations of Thy gladness, that I may give unto the people the glad-tidings of Thy tidings, that every possessor of spirit may rejoice in Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names. Thou doest what Thou pleasest through Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in creation and through Thy power that hath prevailed over the worlds.

“O Lord! Make all my deeds as one deed and all my remembrances as one remembrance, that whatsoever appeareth from me may tell of Thy remembrance whereby the heavens and earth have been

illumined. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Make me moved by Thy will, breathing by Thy providence, willing by Thy command, and speaking by Thy leave. Thou art He Whose knowledge hath preceded all in creation and Whose mercy hath encompassed all in the worlds. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Gracious."

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Regarding what was written about the land of Kha, it was submitted to the Most Holy Presence. This is what was revealed in reply:

O H! Praise be to God that through the grace of the All-Merciful thou hast been adorned with the ornament of recognition and hast quaffed from the choice wine of utterance in the days of God. On a day that was mentioned and recorded in all the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures, thou didst attain unto His recognition, at a time when most of the divines, mystics and men of learning remained veiled from recognizing Him. Night and day they busied themselves with countless proofs and clear expressions to establish His truth, power and sovereignty, yet on the Day of His Manifestation they remained veiled from the very Object of their proofs. Not every soul is worthy of this living water. All the Afnan must at all times be mindful of and thankful to the All-Merciful Lord, for they have attained unto a great bounty. Although its true station is not evident now, God will assuredly make it manifest in truth - a promise from His presence. He is verily the Rememberer, the Informer, the All-Knowing. O My Afnan! Ask thy Lord, the All-Merciful, to aid all to turn towards Him and arise to serve Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. Thy efforts in the Cause of God have not been and will not be forgotten. Whatever thou hast done is acceptable. The Afnan who are here have mentioned and continue to mention thy services to God's Cause. He will assist thee in His service even as He assisted thee to believe in Him. By My life! Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar and Salsabil from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Preserve what thou hast been given by God. Soon what We have concealed today will be revealed. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Thou hast been and will continue to be watchful over God's Cause in all conditions. By the life of thy Beloved! That in which the servants glory and of which the people of the lands are proud shall perish, but that which is attributed to thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, shall endure.

Regarding what was written about S, it was submitted. According to His command: Deal with him with patience. He rises at one time and falls at another. Thus doth the Lord of all being inform you from the precincts of His remote prison. But God may make him steadfast in His Straight Cause and guide him to the right path.

O My Name! Write to the Afnan that 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar hath ascended unto God and that he speaketh from the Supreme Horizon, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Blessed is the soul that remembereth him and remembereth what the All-Merciful hath revealed for him in a mighty Book. God willing, the Afnan of the Tree should attend to his affairs to the extent possible. This is Our command unto them. He is verily the Commander, the All-Wise.

As for what was written about Jenab-i-Amin and Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan - upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah] - it was submitted. They stated that Abu'l-Hasan himself had also expressed this matter to

the servant. In any case, permission for trade was given to them from before. Let them act in whatever way the Afnan deem advisable. According to His command, send one hundred tumans from the funds of the land of Kha to the land of Sad to Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Isma'il, and write to them that this sum has been sent as a gift from one of the friends to serve the two honored descendants of the Twin Luminous Lights, and they have requested this servant to deliver it, hence it is being sent. The trouble of delivering it rests with your honor. And according to His command, fifty tumans from that sum should be delivered to the son of Jenab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali-i-Qa'ini - upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah] - and thirty tumans should be delivered to the mother of Jenab-i-Sulayman Khan in the land of Ta. A portion has also been designated for the poor of this land, as some are in utmost hardship. Therefore, whatever remains of that sum should be sent to the Land of Purpose.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High

Praise befitteth my Beloved Who, through a single drop from the ocean of His knowledge, bestowed the garment of existence upon all creation. And this drop is none other than the Primal Word which, at the time when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne, He uttered. It is the Sun of Truth through whose rays the realm of hearts and souls hath been illumined. It is the True Cup-bearer Who, from time immemorial and unto all eternity, hath bestowed and continues to bestow the choice wine of inner meanings upon the world of humanity. How blessed is the one whom earthly doubts have not held back from the divine horizon, and whom the murky troubles of the material realm have not deprived of the spirituality of the worlds of oneness. I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, that He withhold not from the people of the earth the effulgences of the Sun of grace, and that He guide them all to the supreme horizon. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, it is submitted that your letter, from which wafted the fragrance of love, was received. In truth it brought joy to the heart and gladness to the soul. God willing, may you ever abide beneath the shade of the bounty of the Self-Sufficing Lord, and with the utmost effort and endeavor be occupied in spreading His mention with perfect wisdom. As to your expression of inability to adequately praise and glorify God - this very admission of powerlessness is itself a perfect praise and an acceptable mention. Praise be to God that you have been confirmed in acceptance and certitude of a Cause at whose mere mention most of the earth's peoples have been thunderstruck. This is a blessing whose bounty none but God, exalted be His glory, hath reckoned or ever shall reckon. Were the pen to gallop in the arena of this theme, surely the clamor of all would be raised from every direction.

After your letter was read in the Most Holy Presence, that which was written was submitted. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "We beseech God to assist him, to strengthen him, and to grant him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good." That which at this point was manifested from the Dayspring of bounty - this servant is powerless to set it down.

Regarding what you had mentioned about Haji Abdullah, that you had appointed him as representative to submit a petition - this matter was presented. He said: "We have heard mention of him and recognized

his turning to the Supreme Horizon. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and say: Blessed art thou in that the breeze of grace hath wafted over thee in this wondrous Day. Place thy trust in God in all matters and say: O my God! Enable me to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful."

From this servant also convey greetings to him. God willing, we hope that with perfect steadfastness he may drink of the choice wine of recognition at all times. And if you meet Haji Abdullah, convey greetings to him from this servant as well. He was mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. From what is understood, certain souls have caused him difficulty. In any case, he is commanded to wisdom - he must act with wisdom. Trust in any soul is not permitted. Since the decree of wisdom hath been revealed in the Tablets beyond counting, all must look to it. And God willing, we hope that the hardships they have borne in the path of God may lead them to its fruits.

Furthermore, you had mentioned Haji Muhammad Ali as well as Aqa Abdullah. All the names mentioned in your letter were presented in the Most Holy Presence. Convey greetings from this servant to all of them. And further, as per your deputization in the manner you had written, this servant attained the honor of visiting it, and whatever you had written was presented in the Most Holy Presence. He said: "God willing, they have been and shall be the recipients of divine bounties. Sufficient for him is what the Tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken in this exalted station."

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He is the One Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven. Praise and glory befit the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, Who, in the midst of the world's upheaval and the discord of nations, has raised aloft the banner of true unity with complete power and supreme might, and through the potency of His All-Powerful Name has adorned the arena of existence with the lights of His Revelation. He has caused the precincts of hearts and minds to attain supreme joy and greatest gladness through the utterance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. He is the One Incomparable Almighty and the All-Knowing Sage. There is none like unto Him, nor has He any peer or likeness in all creation. Exalted be His grandeur, magnificent His signs, great His Cause and His sovereignty.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The letters which Asad - upon him be My glory - sent to thee, both earlier and later ones, have each attained the honor of being presented and heard, and have been adorned with the glory of acceptance. Each has testified to his devotion, his recognition and his steadfastness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give him to drink, from the hands of bounty, the wine of immortality, to make him a champion of His Cause among all peoples, and to ordain for him that which He has ordained for those who have attained His presence. Verily He is the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Ruler of earth and heaven.

O My Name! Upon thee and upon him be My glory and My mercy, and upon those with him who have acknowledged and recognized that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken, and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

O Asad! Blessed art thou for having attained unto verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of kings and princes, and unto a mention that cannot be matched by any other mention. Rejoice thou in this supreme bounty, then praise thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

A Tablet was previously revealed specifically for Ahmad. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to enable him to behold the divine verses with his own eyes and hear them with his own ears. The Exalted Herald - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - has said: “Bear witness with the eye of thy heart, and look not upon Him except with His eye, for whosoever looks upon Him with his eye shall perceive Him, otherwise he will remain veiled.” They were and are unaware of the essence of the Cause, for due to the requirements of wisdom and the flame of hatred and malice burning in the hearts of the people of every kind, most matters were concealed. Blessed is the one who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings through divine power and has turned with his own sight and hearing to the lights of the Daystar of certitude.

If they would, for but an hour, sanctify their hearing from what they have heard, and likewise their sight from what they have seen, and turn to the revealed verses that have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, they would cry out at the top of their voices among all peoples “The All-Merciful has come with manifest sovereignty” - in such wise that their cry would be heard even in the prison. In truth it would be a pity for them to hesitate in this Day, for this is the Day of striving and service. Should one partake of the Kawthar of immortality that lies hidden within the Most Exalted Words, he would give the world the glad tidings of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai upon the throne of Revelation. Though he has not attained His presence and meeting, yet his level of understanding is evident to this Wronged One. Should he be assisted to turn to God’s will, it will increase and be made effective.

Some time ago the letter of Samandar - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - and thy letter arrived, and in both his mention was made. In those same days the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed, but there was delay in its dispatch. We beseech God, exalted be He, to draw him nigh unto Him and sanctify him from all else but Him, that he may hear and hasten with his heart unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. If they would consider all that has transpired from the beginning of the Cause until now, they would testify to the power, majesty and sovereignty of God, exalted be His glory. The glory proceeding from Us be upon thee and upon thy nephew and thy family who have turned to and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

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He is God, exalted be His glory! You had mentioned the tribulations of the friends. Praise be to God that each of His loved ones, according to their capacity, has drunk from the cup of tribulation in His path and partaken of the chalice of destiny. No glory endures, nor abasement, neither heat remains, nor shade. Will those who recline upon the couches of might and majesty endure, while those who walk barefoot perish? No, by God! All shall perish outwardly, but the former, if they walked the path of desire, shall be destroyed and perish, while the latter, if they turned to God, shall be saved and endure. Those who are occupied with the world and heedless of God, the Most High, are all worshippers of vain imaginings, for

that with which they are occupied and for which they turn away from Truth is unreal and evanescent, like a mirage that appears to exist but leaves no trace to those possessed of insight. That which is subject to change and alteration has no worth and never will. Say: O servants! Look beneath the earth - can you distinguish between master and servant, noble and base, wise and heedless, rich and poor? Can any distinguish between the bones of kings and subjects? Where are those who sat upon thrones of glory and reclined upon couches of grandeur? And where are those who rose up to war against God and considered all in the realm their possessions? Is there any trace of those souls to be found, or any mention of their fruits? All have become a ruined people, and destiny has scattered them like dust. We should view things with an eye that changing circumstances cannot alter, and trust in God's grace and thank Him for whatever He has willed and for all that appears from Him. In brief, comfort and hardship, ease and difficulty, sorrows and joys are all passing. All these matters depend upon and are sustained by human existence, which is itself subject to change and transformation; how much more so then the branch than the root! Blessed is the state of those who, in their love for God, are tried by the love of His creatures. Not an atom of the deeds of men is hidden from God. Today He regards with the eye of grace His loved ones who have turned to Him and remained steadfast in His love, and mentions them with the tongue of His grandeur. By God! This is what the chosen ones prefer, and nothing past or future can equal it. O thou who art renowned in the land and mentioned in all regions! Hear My words: Be not grieved by what has befallen thee and the loved ones of God. Aid thy Lord within thyself, then remember Him among thy brothers and thank Him in all conditions. Indeed He has protected thee from those upon whom the sun has not risen upon any more wretched. Know thou that this Ocean's waves will not still, this Breeze's wafting will not cease, this Musk no vessel can contain, this Fragrance no seal can confine. How excellent are these words: "Were the sweet-scented breezes of Thy fragrance to blow in the East, while in the West one suffered from a cold, his sense of smell would be restored." Praise God that in this great calamity, mighty tribulation, and countless afflictions, thou hast entered this fortified ruined city. By God! This remembrance and what has appeared and will appear in this city shall endure unto the eternal future. Soon shall the gates be opened, for thy Lord is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Blessed are they who do not stumble in this upheaval but remain firm. In this imprisonment are concealed a hundred thousand wisdoms - soon shall what is hidden from eyes be revealed. Since you had written about the details of the tribulations of the friends, it was mentioned before the Divine Presence that one of the servants should recount some details of events that occurred from the time of departure from the Land of Mystery until arrival in this land, that the two accounts might be joined together. And He is the All-Remembering, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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Firuq - Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, is he who speaks in the Kingdom of utterance. Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed that whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been attracted, and hath sent down the Book as a token of His grace, and commanded all to act in accordance with what is therein. He is, verily, the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O people of the earth! By God, the appointed time hath elapsed, and the Self-Subsisting hath come, and through Him hath been fulfilled that which God foretold in the Scriptures and Tablets. Through Him the Known hath appeared, and the back of vain imaginings hath been broken, and the seal of the choice wine hath been broken. Come ye, and hasten, O people of light! This is the Day whereon the Great Resurrection hath occurred, and the Hour hath cried out before the pavilions of grandeur. By God, the most excellent of hours hath come. Blessed is he who hath drunk the Salsabil of Revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of the Final End. Woe unto him who hath broken the Covenant and his pledge, and denied that which the Book hath uttered.

The world hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and hearts and minds have been set ablaze by the fire of the Word of God, the Lord of Lords. Beware, O people of the earth, lest the vain imaginings of the world withhold you from the Lord of all men. Cast away what ye possess, then turn unto the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared and spoken: "There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

O Ali! We have heard thy call and perceived from it the fragrance of thy love. We have remembered thee in this Tablet, to which the Most Great Name in the world hath borne witness. Be thou grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all men!" Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning towards thee from this Prison which God hath made the circumambulation place of the righteous. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me by Thy Most Exalted Pen, and made known to me Thy path in the kingdom of creation, and strengthened me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Manifestation of Thy Self, at Whose advent all things spoke and the mountains passed away. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and turning away from Thine enemies. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who have cast away all else besides Thee. O Lord! The atoms testify to Thy generosity, Thy mercy, and Thy favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, then record for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful."

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the verses of his Lord and be of the thankful ones. O Muhammad! Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One remembereth thee in His Most Great Prison and announceth unto thee the bounty of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him who is named Nasru'llah and We enjoin him and My loved ones to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee and mentioned thee in His decisive and impregnable Book.

We make mention of My loved ones there and counsel them with that which will exalt the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the hardships of the world and its conditions. Soon will all that ye see today perish, and there shall remain for you what hath been sent down from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Hold ye fast unto the cord of unity and soar with the wings of yearning in this perfumed and gentle atmosphere. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from this noble prospect.

I bear witness that the Servant visited Me on thy behalf and on behalf of him who is named with M and H, and attained the honor of acceptance in this exalted station. The Glory shining from the horizon of the tender mercies of your Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon you and upon those who have attained unto this wondrous Cause.

As to what thou didst mention concerning the Huquq, We have commanded him who circleth round the Throne to write for thee what God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired. When thou readest My letter and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!” I testify that through Thee the cock of eternity hath crowed, and that which was hidden from time immemorial hath appeared. I beseech Thee by the Name through which every door was opened, and every hidden thing was revealed, and every stammering tongue spoke forth, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy Name, who standeth in Thy service, and who is aided to accomplish what Thou hast desired in Thy Book and sent down from the heaven of Thy Will. There is no God but Thee, the Munificent, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the name of the Desired One of the worlds! The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out from the crimson spot, addressing the people of creation, saying: O My chosen ones throughout the lands! Hearken unto My most sweet call and unto My rustling which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Beware lest the affairs of the world grieve you. By the life of God! They shall pass away and perish, while glory and power shall endure for you in the worlds which none can alter. God hath sanctified them from all that is mentioned and seen. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Truthful, the All-Informed One.

O ’Ali! Thy letter which thou didst send to Nabil-i-Qa’in hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant who standeth before the Throne presented it, and We found therein that which moved My Most Exalted Pen, as a token of Our favor unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answering One.

O ’Ali! Thou hast heard the call of God time and again. Now hearken unto this call wherein the Most Pure Countenance turneth toward thee and calleth thee from the direction of His Greatest Horizon with a call whereby the eyes of the mystics are gladdened and the hearts of the sincere ones are stirred. By the life of God! Wert thou to inhale the breaths of revelation as befitteth, longing would seize thee in such wise that the affairs of the world would not disturb thee, nor what hath appeared and shall appear from those who have cast the Command of God behind their backs and have chosen that which will lead them to the nethermost fire.

Give thou the glad-tidings of My remembrance unto My loved ones. Say: By God! We remember you at all times, and Mine eye hath ever been directed toward My chosen ones, and My glances have been cast over My servants. My tongue, My Pen, and My pages whereby all in the world are stirred bear witness to this, and beyond them, My all-encompassing knowledge. Say: Hold ye fast unto the wisdom We have sent down in the Book, then act according to what is therein. Verily it is the Most Great Stronghold. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and held fast thereunto. He is of those who have attained.

O ’Ali! Where is thy previous day and where is that which appeared in the previous year? The world testifieth to its evanescence, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: Cling ye unto that which shall endure for you throughout the endurance of the Kingdom and the Realm, and abandon that which every truthful and trustworthy one acknowledgeth as perishable. Say: We have ordained for you in Our Crimson Tablet from My Most Glorious Pen that which shall gladden your hearts, rejoice your souls, and cause the hearts of the slumbering ones to soar. It behooveth you to stand firm in the Cause, and it behooveth Him to fulfill what He hath promised you in His Guarded Book.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! The Beloved mentioneth you in His Most Great Prison and calleth you with such sweetness that were anyone to sense it, he would soar on the wings of detachment throughout creation and celebrate the praise of God with such remembrance as would cause hearts to be attracted and the breasts of those who have turned unto Him to be dilated.

Convey My Great Glory unto My loved ones who have soared in the atmosphere of My love, who have quaffed the choice wine of My bounty and have attained unto the Kawthar of My steadfastness. We testify that they are they upon whom the Concourse on High pray, and who have circumambulated the Throne by God’s leave, the Mighty, the Wise. Then convey My Great Glory unto him whose grief thou didst mention, and give him glad-tidings from the Wronged One that he may rejoice and be of those who are gladdened. Say: By God! There hath been sent down for thee on this Day of God that which a single verse thereof surpasseth all that hath been created in the heavens and earth. Be thou assured in the grace of thy Lord. He ordaineth for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Reflect upon thy Lord’s favor, how He hath turned toward thee from this spot and remembereth thee in this far-off stronghold. Say: I testify that Thou art the Lord of the world and the Sovereign over the nations. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy command, and Thou art the Munificent, the Mighty, the Generous.

Then We convey from this spot Our Great Glory unto the faces of My handmaidens who have sought the horizon of My bounty, who have heard My call, who have turned with their hearts toward My Beautiful Countenance, who have drunk the Kawthar of My knowledge, and who have remembered their Lord through successive years. They are assuredly of the people of this wondrous Scene. At the end of Our utterance, We counsel Our servants with wisdom, then again with wisdom. Say: Ask ye God to grant you success therein and to bestow upon you that which floweth from this wondrous Spring.

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O Muhammad-Baqir, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Just, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of certitude is, verily, the Dawning-Place of His mighty signs and the Dayspring of His most excellent names. Through Him were unveiled the treasures of inner meanings and utterance throughout all creation, and the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the loftiest branches: “Dominion belongeth unto Him Who hath appeared with the truth and Who in every state hath proclaimed: ‘Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.’”

This is an epistle from Us unto all that dwell on earth, that the sweet savors of revelation may draw them unto God, the Lord of existence. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto My call, for verily it guideth you unto the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Cast away what ye possess. There hath come unto you from God that which shall profit you and draw you nigh unto Him, and shall exalt you throughout all lands. He, verily, is the One, the Alone, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O Ba! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, He shall transform thy sorrow into supreme joy, thy hardship into ease, thy distress into comfort, and thy exile into dwelling in God's native land, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The All-Glorious hath received thy letter and presented it before His Face. We have revealed for thee that which shall bring solace to all eyes. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and We have witnessed thy devotion and turned unto thee from this exalted station. The dwellers of the cities of My love have been overtaken with grief at what hath befallen thee from every oppressor who hath oppressed, and from every denier who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. There hath befallen thee what befell Us when the oppressors rose against Us and expelled Us from Our native land with such tyranny as caused the inhabitants of the Kingdom to lament.

O Ba! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names. Say: O my God, my Lord, my Support, and my Purpose! Were it not for tribulations in Thy path, how would the stations of Thy lovers be made manifest? And were it not for afflictions in Thy love, by what means would the conditions of Thy yearning ones be revealed? By Thy might! The companion of Thy loved ones are their tearful eyes, the solace of Thy seekers are their heart's lamentations, and the sustenance of those who long for Thee are the fragments of their hearts. How sweet is the deadly poison in Thy path, and how precious are the arrows of the enemies for the exaltation of Thy Word!

O my God! Give me to drink in Thy Cause what Thou desirest, and send down upon me in Thy love what Thou hast ordained. By Thy might! I desire only what Thou desirest, and love only what Thou lovest. I have placed my trust in Thee under all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Qaf-Ra! We read this prayer, and We have read it before in successive years. Read thou and be of those who rejoice. Verily, nothing escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Take wisdom and that by which the hearts of those who have been heedless of this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Message may be attracted.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. We have enjoined wisdom upon all. The Divine Tablets bear witness to this truth. All friends must hold fast unto it and adhere to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, for if they act according to what hath been commanded, they shall attain the most exalted station in this world and the next. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Counsel the loved ones regarding that which hath been revealed in the Tablets from the Dayspring of God's Will. Verily, He shall protect them, deliver them, and draw them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the Trustworthy.

The answers to the petitions have been revealed and sent from the Kingdom of utterance. We beseech God to give them to drink, from the cups of His utterance, the Kawthar of His knowledge. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him, and He is the One, the Alone, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

One of the sons of the Friend and inheritors of Him Who conversed with God - upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing - hath made mention of thee. We beseech God to adorn His servants with the ornament of faithfulness. When We perceived from him its fragrance, We made mention of him in such wise as hath spread abroad the sweet scents of the mercy of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

The Glory be upon thee, and upon him, and upon those who have held fast unto wisdom and acted according to that which they were commanded in My perspicuous Book.

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Spiritual beloved, his honor ’Ali before ’Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - may he be considered by the most luminous glance.

In the Name of God, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

I had previously sent a petition to your honor, and this is another time, for whenever anyone turns towards you, my heart is set ablaze with the fire of your remembrance and love, and compels me to mention and praise your honor. Although mention from one such as I befits not one whom God has singled out for the service of His Cause, the manifestation of His Word, and the teaching of His creation. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid me to do what is befitting of His loved ones who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have arisen to aid His Cause among the worlds.

Previously when his honor Mulla Muhammad-’Ali was departing, a detailed response to that beloved’s letter was submitted and sent. And now too, since his honor Amin and Mulla Abu’l-Hasan and Aqa Hasan, upon them be the glory of God, were departing, I felt obliged to engage again in mention of that beloved. God willing the previous petition has arrived and the books, as mentioned before, were sent. Whosoever wishes to make a copy, please grant permission, but much emphasis is needed that they preserve them so they do not become blackened or lost. And since there was no bookbinder here, they were therefore sent without binding.

The loved ones of the land of Ta had requested prayers. To whatever extent possible, deliver them to them. And in these days the Kitab-i-Aqdas has been revealed from the holy heaven - blessed is he who looks into it and ponders what has been sent down of the verses of his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The reason was that in recent years some questions regarding divine laws were asked from various quarters. However the Supreme Pen paused - in the Land of Mystery a brief text was revealed in Persian but was not sent anywhere. By command it was preserved in its place until in these days again the petitions of the questioners were presented at the Most Holy Court. Therefore in the most wondrous

melodies in the language of verses this wonderful, exalted Book was revealed. And since his honor Aqa H.M., upon him be the glory of God, was present here, whatever was currently expedient to be revealed was bestowed upon him - that is, permission was granted for him to make a copy of it. God willing you will attain unto it and will act according to wisdom. Blessed is he who has a taste to find its sweetness, and who has eyes to recognize what is in it, and who has a heart to discover its symbols and mysteries. By God, the back of utterance trembles at the greatness of what has been revealed in it and the veiled allusions due to their intense manifestation.

By command: they must strive with utmost effort and endeavor to maintain the unity and harmony of the loved ones. They must at all times be focused on the Cause and its exaltation, detached from all directions. Once the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: Write to his honor ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, that your service has been and will be noticed, and will not be lost with God, and you are counted among those souls of whom He says “no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve.” Therefore they should not be distressed or saddened by certain matters arising from the loved ones. With perfect detachment and reliance engage in promoting love and unity and association, such that even if harm befalls you it matters not, for good deeds will not remain hidden from the All-Knowing and the Commander. Soon you will witness the reward for what you have done and what you have borne in the path of Truth. Be thou grateful and be of the thankful ones. End.

Furthermore it is hoped that at all times you will write of your blessed circumstances, for this has been and will be the cause of joy to the heart of this ephemeral servant. Verily glory be upon you and upon those who love you and who hear your words and who associate with your honor purely for the sake of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

The Servant [of God]

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Dated 15 Jamadiyu’l-Avval 1290

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O Muhammad, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The world hath been set ablaze by the Fire that hath been kindled from the Tree of God’s Command, the Lord of all worlds. By God’s life! Moses heard from it “Verily, there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Wise,” and Abraham hastened with his heart unto it and cried, “Yea, yea, O Beloved of them that know!” And the Friend ascended and soared on the wings of understanding to the Kingdom of the All-Merciful, the station wherein he beheld My greatest signs and heard My sweetest call. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

Every prince had been awaiting the days of God, and every learned one did lament and weep and implore God for its appearance and manifestation. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Sun of My Most Great Name, they turned away and denied, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. Say:

This is the Day wherein the Trump beareth witness unto Him Who conversed with God upon the Mount, and wherein the Bugle proclaimeth “The Kingdom is God’s, the One, the All-Informed!” This is the Day wherein every sick one hath been healed, and every silent tongue hath spoken, and that which was hidden in the treasury of thy Lord’s knowledge and recorded in God’s Books, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been made manifest.

O thou who art mentioned before the Face! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earth: “Verily there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Praised.” The servant who was present hath brought thy letter and read before the Wronged One that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed be thine eye for what it hath beheld, and thine ear for what it hath heard, and thy tongue for having uttered the praise of thy Lord when the divines of the earth pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice.

Say: Cast aside your books and your pens, then hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and be not of the heedless ones. By God! That which ye possess will profit you not this day - to this doth the Tongue of Grandeur testify, and behind it every fair-minded and perceiving one. Rejoice thou that We found thy letter sanctified from the mention of aught else but Me - to this do My Pen and My Tongue bear witness in this wondrous Tablet. Be thou thankful unto God for having attained unto that whereby thy mention, thy turning unto Him, and thy recognition of the perpetuity of His imperishable Kingdom shall endure.

Had men known, they would have cast away what they possess and hastened to the Most Great Ocean which surgeth by virtue of this Name that exerciseth sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. By God’s life! The fragrance of the Divine Utterance hath been wafted throughout creation, yet the people remain wrapped in a thick veil. Counsel the people to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and every lofty mountain hath been scattered. Arise from the horizon of utterance with wisdom and clear exposition, and convey the Command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise as to cause the hearts of them that know to take wing.

Say: This is the Day of Standing, were ye to know, and this is the Day of Remembrance and Praise, were ye to be of them that remember. Say: Beware lest desire debar you from the Most Exalted Horizon. Cast away what ye possess and take what God possesseth. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Kind, command you.

The banners of Divine Utterance have been raised upon the branches. Blessed is the soul that seeth, and woe unto the heedless! Say: O people! Abandon vain imaginings. By God! The Self-Subsisting hath appeared with a sovereignty that no hosts can intimidate nor the combined forces of the world prevent. He speaketh at all times, calling the servants unto the most sublime station and the highest Paradise, yet most of the people are turned away.

Say: O people! Doth slumber overtake you after ye behold God’s Eye watching over you? Do ye sit while the Beloved standeth before your faces? Fear God and follow not every remote idolater. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath come unto you. Turn ye to the Living Waters, then drink therefrom once in His Most Great Name, and again in remembrance of His Beautiful Name.

O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet that shall bear witness for thee in every world of thy Lord's worlds. Give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" Glory be upon thee and upon them who have kept God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to what hath been commanded in His perspicuous Book.

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He is the All-Knowing in the Most Exalted Horizon!

Say: The verses have been sent down from the Kingdom on high from the presence of the King of Names and Attributes. Through them were rent asunder the veils between earth and heaven, and the maidens of Paradise emerged with their heads from the chambers, crying out with the most beautiful call: "This is none other than a mighty tiding!" And we would sacrifice ourselves as did he who loved Him and was martyred in His path, and who took for himself a station on the shore of nearness that was faithful to the truth.

O servant! Grieve not for thy father. He hath ascended unto God and entered the Most Great Paradise, the seat of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. At every moment he drinketh of the pure water of life before the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and at every instant there shineth upon him the beauty of the All-Glorious through wondrous manifestations of might. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace and sendeth down upon him mercy from His presence. There is none other than He who hath power to recompense those who have drawn nigh unto Him and detached themselves from all else with the most excellent reward. He, verily, is the Best of rewarders, the All-Wise.

And thou, walk thou in the footsteps of thy father, then follow his guidance and be steadfast in the Cause at a time when most faces shall turn away and the feet of the mystics shall slip. Preserve thou the words of God in this Tablet, then recite them day and night that the fragrances of the Cause may attract thee to a holy and luminous seat, and bring thee to a station which God hath sanctified from the knowledge of all things save those whose hearts hear the mention of God and in whose movements and stillness is seen the tranquility and dignity of God, and from whose faces shineth the freshness of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Know thou that thy father was martyred in the path of his Lord through the tribulations and hardships that befell him from those who transgressed against him and were among the wrongdoers. With thy Lord he hath a station that none can attain save those whom thy Lord willeth from among the truthful, the near ones, then the assured ones and the sincere ones. And whosoever dieth while certain of God his Lord, knowing himself, and turning unto Him, hath verily died a martyr. To this doth the tongue of thy Lord now testify from this holy and glorious seat.

And thou, mention from Our presence those servants who loved him and were in his company and took him as a friend to themselves and were among those present before him. Had all who are on earth held fast to the cord of his love, We would have effaced their evil deeds and clothed them in the robe of forgiveness. But when they veiled themselves, their portion was decreed and they were in manifest loss.

Thus did the grace of thy Lord precede all created things, and His mercy encompass all beings, and His word excel all the worlds. But the people veiled themselves therefrom and followed the path of error in that they followed every rebellious devil.

Say: O people! Be not of those who name the Point of the Bayan as the Beloved while at the moment this name issueth from their mouths their eyes turn right and left in show of their longing for Him, yet they slay His very self and essence with the swords of rejection and turning away, and are not among those who perceive. Those who have denied this Cause have not believed in the Messengers of God, and their mention shall never ascend unto God, and their names shall never be remembered before the Throne, even should all creation prostrate before them.

Say: O people! Have ye taken fancy as your lord besides God? What then is the difference between you and those who mention the Names but deny their Creator? Consider this, O heedless ones! Those ones are encompassed by the veils of self and passion, and are seized by vain imaginings, and are among the polytheists. By My life! Whoso reflecteth upon this Revelation for less than a moment will recognize what none recognized before, and will find no likeness for it in creation, and will be among those endowed with certitude. Thus hath the word of thy Lord been fulfilled in truth and justice, and His proof hath been made manifest, and the Face hath shone forth between the heavens and earth. And glory be upon you, O people of the pavilion of majesty, from this Cause, the gleaming, the luminous, the holy, the most mighty, the wondrous!

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O Jinab-i-Haji Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, who hath migrated and attained unto the name of the One True Speaker.

The Pen of the Wronged One beareth witness to the oneness of God, the Almighty, and testifieth that Haji Ghulam-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be My Glory, attained the Most Holy Court and mentioned the friends in the presence of His Countenance, and each received his portion from the ocean of grace. How sweet is the fragrance of grace and favors on His Day!

O Ghulam-Qabli-'Ali! Return to thy homeland with God's leave and favor, and in every land make mention of the people of God on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Strive ye, and on this blessed day deprive not yourselves of the waves of the ocean of divine bounty. The gift of utterance is present and the feast of knowledge hath been sent down. Each one among the people of God must remember the Truth, exalted be His glory, through this most exalted Word: Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart through the effulgences of the lights of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation, and for having enabled me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away, and for having guided me through the light of Thy knowledge unto Thy path, and for having nurtured me through the hands of bounty and generosity to attain Thy presence in Thy days. O my Lord! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant, and the son of Thy handmaiden. My hope is in Thy

grace, my desire is Thy good-pleasure, my quest is to meet Thee, and my aspiration is to stand before the gate of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy wisdom, the power of Thy Will, and the might of Thy Purpose, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of Thy creatures nor the veils of Thy servants shall hold me back. Ordain for me, O my God, that which beseemeth Thy pardon and bounty. Strengthen my children in that whereby my remembrance and my name shall endure throughout the eternity of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ghulam! The people of God who dwell in that land and its surroundings have each attained unto mention and are illumined by the lights of the Countenance. Give thou the glad-tidings unto all. In accordance with wisdom, not all names have been revealed by the Pen at this time, yet each standeth before His Countenance and is present beneath the glance of His favor. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! Say: O people of God! The oppression of the oppressors and the lies of the liars shall soon return to nothingness, as ye have witnessed and heard. I swear by the Sun of Truth, there hath been ordained especially for you that which shall not be seized by extinction and shall abide for the duration of the kingdom and the realm. Thou hast been in the Most Holy Court and art aware of the wisdom that hath been enjoined. All must walk in the path of truth and in all conditions keep their gaze fixed upon wisdom. Among the loved ones there are both the strong and the weak, and wisdom hath ever been the cause of preserving the strong and likewise the source of strength for the weak. We counsel all and beseech God that He may preserve all through trustworthiness, religious devotion, chastity and faithfulness, and guide them to His straight path. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Praise be to God! Thou didst attain unto His presence and didst convey the petitions of His friends to the Most Holy Court, and each was honored with His hearing. Blessed is the name that appeared before My Countenance, the heart that turned toward My Kingdom, the eye that beheld My horizon, the servant that soared in My atmosphere, the mention that was honored with My hearing, the wise one who held fast to My Book, the steadfast one whom the oppression of Mine enemies did not deter, the seeker who arose before the gate of My grandeur, the soul that made My remembrance and praise its concern and the promotion of My Cause. Upon it be My glory and the glory of those in My kingdom and dominion, and the glory of the Supreme Concourse and the most exalted Paradise, and the glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of My Will and Purpose, and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

We make mention in this station of My handmaidens who have believed in Me and in My verses, who have heard My call and turned toward My bright and luminous horizon.

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O Mirza Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon.

A letter from the Wronged One to him who has turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the call may draw him to the most exalted horizon and bring him near to Him Who hath come from the heaven of grace with a proof that nothing possessed by the nations can equal. He Who possesseth the

known Book beareth witness to this. The horizon of knowledge hath been illumined by the light of the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath seen with his own eyes and blessed is he who hath heard with his own ears the call of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

O ’Ali! We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with that which nothing in the world can equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!” Beware lest the people of the Bayan prevent thee from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Be thou steadfast in service to the Cause, turn thy face toward its horizon, speak forth its praise, and hold fast unto its strong cord. When thou perceivest the fragrance of revelation in the verses of thy Lord, say with wisdom and utterance: “O people of the world! The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty.” Beware lest the veils of the divines withhold you, or the might of those who have denied God’s right, the Lord of existence, frighten you. Say: “O concourse of divines! By God, the dwellers of the highest Paradise lament because of your tyranny. Fear God and be not of those who have denied God’s favor after it was sent down.” Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel you from its praiseworthy station. Through you was shed the blood of the Primal Point, and the limbs of the Concourse on High did tremble. Thus did their souls entice them, and you today do not understand. Cast away your idle fancies and take what ye have been given from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, Who hath come with the banners of verses, with the Primal Point at His right hand and a company of angels at His left, if ye but knew.

O ’Ali! Behold and then recall what the people of Iran perpetrated when the Herald of thy Lord’s Cause, the All-Merciful, appeared. They pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice that the Holy Spirit lamented, as did the dwellers of the divine pavilions and the inhabitants of the Kingdom.

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One and ponder the deeds of the Shi’ih sect. Throughout ages and centuries they awaited the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, and in the nights and days they lamented and supplicated God, glorified be His majesty, yearning for His presence. But when the blessed Morn dawned and the holy Tree sprouted forth, all surrounded Him with swords of hatred and pronounced judgment to shed His most pure blood. “It was not the rulers who slew Him, but rather the divines, would ye but understand.” For in the early years, all the divines pronounced judgment to slay the Lord of the saints, and by the verdict of those heedless souls there occurred what occurred. Reflect a little, that perchance thou mayest drink from the ocean of awareness and bear witness to the wronged state of the Truth. The Shi’ih sect counted themselves the most learned, most excellent and most God-fearing among the world’s peoples, yet with one clear test it became evident they were the basest of all the earth’s peoples. They committed that which no other people in the world had committed. Even now their deeds are manifest and evident. The cry did not bring them to their senses, nor did the call awaken them. They stand in pulpits cursing the Intended One and perceive it not.

Now the people of the Bayan too have intended to organize a party from among the Shi’ih. In any case, hearken to the call of the Wronged One. Stand for God’s sake and speak for God’s sake, that perchance former delusions may not be renewed and the helpless people may become free and attain true unity. Service to the Cause is binding and obligatory upon all. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: While time remains, turn ye to the eternal Kingdom and arise to redress what hath escaped you. The world is transient, its days are transient, and all that is seen is transient. Strive that ye may achieve such

deeds whose fragrance shall never fade from the world and may be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Verily He is the Protector of those who remember Him and those who act. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon thee be the Glory of God, He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Praise be to God that the verses of God are spread abroad and His fragrances diffused, and every day from the horizon of the Supreme Pen's heaven the Sun of utterance dawneth and the light of wisdom shineth forth. Blessed are those servants who have attained to beholding and hearkening thereunto.

O Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! At this hour the Branch of the Divine Lote-Tree, who hath been named Badi'u'llah in the Book, hath attained to Our presence and presented thy letter in its entirety before the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and this response hath been sent down from the Source of Divine knowledge and the Dawning-Place of heavenly utterance, that thine eyes and the eyes of those who have been attracted by the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven might be solaced thereby, and who have attained to the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having been present and witnessed the waves of the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, and for having attained to that wherewith God's Books and His Messengers had promised thee, both in the past and future. We beseech God to preserve thee and to aid thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to enable thee to reform and educate souls. He is verily the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thou didst mention the pilgrimage to the House of God. Until now its ordinance hath been and remaineth concealed. We beseech God to reveal that which will draw people near unto Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

As to what thou didst mention regarding Mirza Ibrahim-i-Shishvani, verily We made mention of him before his letter reached Our presence, and We revealed for him that whereby all things were attracted. Say: O Ibrahim! The Call hath been raised on the Mount of Knowledge, giving glad tidings unto all of Him Who conversed thereon, through Whose manifestation that which was hidden in God's knowledge was revealed and that which was concealed from eyes and sight became evident. Say: O people! Cast aside what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O Ibn-i-Dakhil! Beseech God that He may aid His loved ones to attain unto wisdom - wisdom which hath been revealed in the Tablets consisteth of deeds that cause the drawing nigh of the servants and the enlightenment of the people of the lands. Pure, contented and well-pleasing souls must guide and lead the women and men of the world to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of Inspiration through holy deeds and praiseworthy character. Today deeds and character are reckoned among the hosts of God, exalted be His glory, and these hosts have ever been and shall forever remain victorious. The decree of holy war and strife hath been erased from the Book by the finger of divine power.

From the loved ones of ’Ishqabad appeared that which caused the joy of the people of the Most Great Scene. After the martyrdom of one of the loved ones who was named Rida in the Book of Names, all held fast to patience and tranquility and adhered to what God had decreed in the Books and Tablets, and moreover interceded for the murderers and oppressors. This deed was adorned with the glory of acceptance and the ornament of divine good-pleasure. Now We beseech God to aid that company to unity, harmony, love and faithfulness. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Powerful.

Thou didst make mention of Rida. Verily We heard his cry and turned toward him from this direction and revealed for him from the heaven of grace that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly dominion shall endure. We beseech God to aid him to be steadfast in this Cause whereby all were thunderstruck save whom God willed, the Lord of this exalted station.

O Ibn-i-Dakhil! Set ablaze the loved ones with the heat of the Divine Word, but with such a blaze as would cause attraction and be the cause of turning unto God and of unity, not of conflict and contention. Verily We have mentioned all and do mention them. Thy Lord is indeed the Forgiving, the Merciful. We make mention of My handmaidens and those who are with thee and those who hearken to thy mention in this wise mention. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those through whom steadfastness hath been manifested among the people - such servants as God hath described in previous Books and in this Clear Tablet.

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O honored beloved, esteemed Haji K_r, upon him be [Baha’u’llah’s] 966 and His care - let him observe:

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Your letter arrived at a time when opportunity was as rare as the phoenix. As Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be God’s peace, intended to return, and now that three hours have passed in the night, this servant engaged in writing multiple letters, that perchance they might spread forth the carpet of joy. Then, turning toward the Presence, they were submitted before His face and He graciously heard all the letters. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make each one a sign in His kingdom - that is, to appear manifest and evident like banners in support of the Cause. Then, turning to you, He said: “O ’Abdu’l-Karim! Upon you be My peace. The doubts of Iran’s divines have debarred the world from the Goal of all existence. They cling to vain imaginings while considering themselves people of certitude. After more than twelve hundred years, the fruit of their deeds was what you heard - they all issued verdicts to shed the most pure blood. Give thanks to the peerless Beloved that He confirmed you, showed you the way, and guided you to the straight path. Praise be to God, you have drunk from the cup of recognition and attained to the remembrance and praise of the Goal of the world. What is now required is wisdom, for people are immersed in the sea of heedlessness. If they gain even slight awareness, they will arise in opposition. Until now, the purpose of this Wronged One remains unknown, for had they discovered it, all would have sought to attain His presence and, cleansing themselves with the water of return unto God from doubts, allusions and sins, would have undertaken pilgrimage. Beseech God not to deprive the peoples of the world from the Kawthar of nearness and debar them from the ocean of knowledge. He is

the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Capable. You intended to journey to this land - consult together. If it truly accords with wisdom, there is no harm in coming; otherwise patience is preferable until We send you another command. This is quite clear and evident. The gaze of favor has been and remains fixed upon you. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain through His complete power the means of nearness. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth and He is the Strong, the Mighty."

Praise be to God that you have attained to the true feast and drunk from the cup of recognition. This bounty has had and has no like or equal. As commanded, you must hold fast to wisdom lest the clamor of the heedless be raised. The souls who have accepted should not outwardly change, for some, out of love for Satan, wait to seize upon something and arise according to what their desires command them. Such is the state of the heedless people. Otherwise those possessed of insight know with clear certainty that there has been and is no purpose save the refinement of souls and the manifestation of true divine unity. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to guide all and lead them to the straight path. As for your journey, the command is clear and in effect. God willing, it shall be acted upon. Verily He has guided us to the right path of utterance. To those gentlemen who have drunk from the wine of love for the All-Merciful and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech God, exalted be His station, to confirm them all in what He loves and is pleased with. Two petitions arrived and after being submitted to His presence, two prayers were graciously bestowed. Let them recite these and drink of the wine of certitude concealed therein. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Great. Peace, praise and mercy be upon you and upon those who love you and upon God's near servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the Day of Judgment.

The Servant

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Mulla Ja'far of Kashan

In the name of God, exalted be His remembrance! A letter from your honor arrived before this servant indicating excessive anxiety and distress. Nothing was observed therein except the mention that two persons in that land had read a writing which indicated that people should go to Baghdad to render assistance to the Truth. Subsequently your honor, resorting to reason, did not deem it advisable and attributed it to falsehood. In any case, this matter did not warrant lamentation, nor was grieving permissible, for absolutely no one has ever been commanded to do such a thing. Secondly, several years have passed since these servants were expelled from their homeland and have taken up residence in the land of exile. And now two years have passed during which the enemies have been plotting day and night, lying in ambush. Naturally some writings mention these successive tribulations and calamities that have befallen us. If someone should read such a writing containing these matters, it is no proof that assistance is being sought. It is strange that your honor was not pained and saddened by such statements, but instead began to complain. We pour out our grief and sorrow unto God. Is it not evident that these

servants are manifestly in the hands of enemies? “Is one who strives in the path of God like one who sits idly at home?” If the servants had tasted but a drop of divine love, by God they would not remain settled in their homes, but would wail in the mountains. This is why all are occupied with wisdom - that is, with whatever preserves the commanding self. If they had drunk a drop from the cup of love, they would surely burn a hundred thousand wisdoms with fire and cast a hundred thousand prudences to the wind. Surely in your honor’s eyes the deeds of those lovers of the Ka’bah of the Beloved who have laid down their lives in the path of the Friend and freely given up a world for His sake have never been and are not praiseworthy, for the prophet of the body, which is reason, would never confirm such matters. And the Prophets too, in every age and time, when people saw their actions contrary to their own reason, were therefore judged insane and were not believed. Apart from all this, if someone invites a lover to the land of the Beloved, it becomes cause for him to send letters of complaint to all regions. By God, the fragrance of the love of God has not been inhaled, else you would have sacrificed your life for those very letters and would have been grateful too. A ray cannot be prevented from the sun, and a fish cannot be kept from the sea. Have you not seen how the moth gives up its life around the lamp? Have you not heard that the nightingales of the divine rose-garden have fallen prey to Satan’s talons, and the spiritual songsters are being barred from the holy and spiritual rose-garden? If you do not wail from your soul, why then complain? If you have no grief for the Beloved, why then rejoice? All these words are because this year several letters came from that direction expressing longing, and permission was given from here that whoever wishes to journey to the Ka’bah of the Ultimate Goal and the Sanctuary of the Worshipped One is not forbidden, and has never been and will never be forbidden. This decree happened to be contrary to the temperament of some. And God knows the reformer from the corrupter. Now you should forbid all people from ever setting out in this direction. By God, the Truth is beholden to none and He is indeed independent of all worlds. Praise be to God that We have never sought any helper and have desired no assistant besides Him. And God is sufficient as witness.

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O Nabil, the traveler! He is the Most Wondrous in the Supreme Horizon! This is an epistle from the Beloved to him for whom God hath ordained a station in the Ridvan, and who hath received a portion from the mercy of his Lord in the Tablets. Be patient, O servant, in hardships and in the sorrows that afflict thee from the manifestations of Satan, for He verily recompenseth the patient ones their rewards and sendeth down upon them such wondrous bounties as will establish them in His Cause - and none knoweth this save every discerning sage.

Say: O people, fear God and render not your deeds vain, and follow not every doubtful polytheist. Say: The thunderbolt of chastisement hath come upon you, and the forces of divine wrath have seized you from every direction. Then there shall be no escape for anyone from God’s command save by entering beneath the shadow of this penitent servant. Those who have departed from the shadow of God’s mercy - these are they whom all things curse, and every mature and sagacious one beareth witness to this.

Say: O company of the deluded ones! Ye are but a clot of fancy and a morsel of conjecture, and ye have not clothed the bones of your heedlessness with the flesh of understanding from the presence of the

Mighty, the Beloved. We behold you between Paradise and the Fire, as though ye had fled from God's bounty and mercy, and warred against His Self and His sovereignty. Soon shall most of you be seized by the angels of the flame.

O people! Hearken unto God's counsel regarding your own selves and transgress not against it. He hath counseled you at all times with clear verses and conclusive proofs, and He desireth naught for you save what shall deliver you from the darkness of fancy and draw you nigh unto the lights of certitude, near unto God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Reckoner.

Say: O people! Do ye follow him who neither heareth nor seeth, and do ye deprive yourselves of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the Answerer? And among the people is he who doubteth God, the Originator of the heavens and earth; when the Youth of the Spirit entereth upon him with God's Tablet and His testimony, and reciteth unto him from God's verses, he is at peace within himself, but then he turneth unto those who have disbelieved, turneth within himself, then doubteth.

Say: O people! Fear God and consort not with those who have denied God and His verses. Then shun such as these. Thus have We commanded you before and do We command you now, that perchance ye may purify your souls for God, the Powerful, the Generous, the Bestower.

Say: O people! Are ye not ashamed before God Who sendeth down upon you from the clouds of grace the verses of His Cause even as He sendeth down from the clouds the rains of mercy - nay, greater still, for the mercy We send down from the clouds perisheth, while that mercy can never be cut off or exhausted - and to this every discerning and sagacious one beareth witness.

O My Name! Leave the mention of those who have disbelieved and warred against God, then stand firm in the Cause at a time when the leaves of faith fall from the trees of men, and every ignorant one is disturbed, and every denier fleeth away. Thus have We inspired thee and sent down upon thee the verses of the Cause with clear and decisive evidences, that thou mayest remain steadfast in thy Lord's Cause and in what hath touched Him of harm from those who were created by His word. By God! They are this day behind a veil and barrier.

Rejoice within thyself at the Spirit's glad-tidings and despair not of God's bounty. Soon shall He send down upon thee that which shall make thee independent of all else and shall increase thee in all things if thou remainest firm in the Cause. And verily His bounty unto mankind is nigh. Thus did We give thee glad-tidings before and do We give thee glad-tidings now, as a favor from Our presence and a mercy from Us upon thee and upon every wayfaring stranger who hath taken shelter beneath the shadow of their Lord's mercy, who, when God's verses are recited unto them, are moved in their very foundations with longing for the meeting with God, and from whom waft throughout creation the sweet fragrances of holiness. These are they whom nothing shall prevent from the ultimate retreats, the vista of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and they shall hasten through the wilderness of love even upon burning sands.

Say: O people! Turn ye unto God in repentance for what ye have neglected in His presence, then call upon Him secretly and openly that He may forgive you through His grace, for verily He is the Answerer of prayer and the Observer.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

By my spirit and my being may I be a sacrifice unto Thee! How wonderful that I was blessed with thy letter, whose heading was adorned with the crown of the remembrance of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and whose form was embellished with the ornament of love for the Beloved of the worlds. Its outward form attracted me through the breezes of certitude that wafted from it concerning the Cause of our Lord, the Most Merciful, and its inner content gave me to drink of the wine of life that was pressed from the fingers of steadfastness in praise of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. When I attained and found and knew, I arose and presented myself before the Throne and read before the face of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, after the sun of permission had dawned from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. May my soul be a sacrifice for thy soul, O thou who hast turned to the Qiblih of the mystics! May my spirit be a sacrifice for thy spirit, O thou who, when thou didst hear the call, didst say "Here am I, O God of those who are in the heavens and on earth!" Blessed be thy knowledge whereby thou didst attain in these days wherein the spring of bounty and generosity hath overflowed in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed be thy pen in that it hath flowed in His remembrance and praise, after most of those on earth had forgotten Him. O spirit of this mighty station! Were I to say it is a lamp, I would observe that the lamp illumineth the outer aspect of things, while the lamp of thy remembrance in praise of our Lord, the Most Glorious, illumineth the hearts of those who are nigh. May my being be a sacrifice for thy fire, O thou who art attracted by the fire of God that is kindled between the worlds! May my reality be a sacrifice for thy water, O thou who hast quickened with the water of thy Lord's knowledge every decomposed bone!

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He is the Ever-Present, He is the All-Seeing

O Name of Bounty! The letter of Ali-Asghar - upon him be My Baha - which he wrote to that one has been presented in the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard. We beseech God to confirm him and grant him success in remembrance, praise and service to the Cause. His mention has been made repeatedly and his name inscribed by the Pen of the Wronged One. God willing, may he be adorned with such an adornment that its light shall be effulgent and its fragrance diffusive. He had mentioned Muhammad-'Ali Kh. We ask and beseech God to enable him to recognize that for which all created things have been brought from nothingness into being. O 'Ali-Asghar! By the life of God, this word which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning him is better for him than all that is witnessed and seen. He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first. He should say: "My God, my God! I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon after hearing Thy sweetest call. O my Lord! Illumine my face with the lights of Thy countenance, my heart with the lights of Thy knowledge, and my breast with the

effulgences of Thy names. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty to draw me near unto Thee in all conditions and ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous."

O Pen! Return to the mention of him who traveled through the lands to exalt My Most Great Word and My Most Glorious Remembrance, who was named Haydar-'Ali in the Book of Names from God, the Cleaver of the heavens, that the breezes of revelation may attract him once again and draw him nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein naught is heard save the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the murmuring of the water flowing in the Most Exalted Paradise. And I am the Expositor, the Teacher, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hearken in the Persian tongue, that perchance the people of Iran may be attracted by the heat of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto their purpose. By the life of God! The Light is manifest, and He Who speaketh on Sinai is speaking, and the Sun is shining, and the verses are being revealed, and the proof is resplendent. Nevertheless all are heedless save those who have been moved by the movement of My Most Exalted Word, and have drawn nigh and heard the Call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say to those who have turned away: Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers.

We counsel all to read the Persian Bayan. Whosoever considereth it for the sake of God will find himself independent of the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Glory be to God! What objections they have raised against the Truth - exalted be His glory! Say: O company of the heedless ones! First reflect upon the Truth Itself and Its proof and evidence, and judge with fairness. After the establishment of this most exalted station and most glorious rank and most resplendent horizon, other objections are not and have never been befitting. What have those souls understood from "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and what have they comprehended from "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth"? Lost indeed are they who have denied the signs and proof of God, rejected His evidence, and turned away from His shining countenance.

The Truth - exalted be His glory - hath ever been among the people. His deeds are manifest, His utterance evident, and His Book eloquent. That one himself hath been for some time in the Most Holy Court. By the life of God! There hath appeared that which hath no likeness or parallel. The infidels have become veils and clouds. We beseech God to sanctify the lights of the Sun of Truth from these veils and clouds, that the seekers and wayfarers may attain their Desired One and their Intended Goal, may behold the Straight Path and hold fast unto it. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have soared in My atmosphere, spoken My praise, held fast unto My cord, clung to the hem of My robe, and arisen to serve My friends who have not broken My Covenant and Testament and have acted according to what was enjoined upon them in My mighty and great Book.

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He is God, exalted be His station in loftiness and transcendence

O my God and my Beloved! I know not how to remember Thee or by what means to mention Thee, for I perceive that the very reality of remembrance is in itself severed from the places of Thy description, and in its essence and being is bewildered before the effulgent rays of the Sun of Thy Glory. By its root and substance it declares: "O Source of all sources! Remaineth there in the unseen of the unseen, or in the worlds which Thou hast created by the Word of Thy Command, any remembrance wherewith Thou hast been remembered, or any description wherewith Thou hast been described, or any name whereby Thou hast been called?" I testify, O my God, that Thou hast remembrances within the pavilions of preservation and beauty whereof no Manifestations whom Thou hast manifested from time immemorial have become aware, and no Dawning-places of Thy Most-Learned Name have uttered mention of any of them. Should I say I desire to remember Thee by such remembrances, I see this is not my station or rank. Nay, were the thought of this station to cross my mind, I would have committed a sin beyond compare with any other sin in existence. Were it not for Thy pre-existing grace and mercy, I would deserve eternal destruction and endless consignment to an unquenchable fire that knoweth no end. For I would have desired to drink from a sea wherefrom Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones, the Manifestations of Thy Cause and Dawning-places of Thy wisdom have not drunk. Alas, alas! My very being nearly dissolveth from fear. O Lord! Have mercy upon me through Thy grace, then hold me fast by the hand of Thy loving-kindness. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And should I desire to remember Thee with remembrances wherewith Thou hast been remembered before, by Thy glory! My heart would not be content therewith, nor would the essence which Thou hast deposited in my heart and stored within my innermost being be pleased thereby. Therefore, O my God, cause me to drink from the pure wine of Thy love to such degree that it may intoxicate my entire being and remove the spirit of consciousness from all my limbs and members. Then shall the tongue speak through the heat of Thy love's motion and describe Thee as Thou dost manifest through the appearances of Thy grace and the emergences of Thy favors. Yet I know, O my God, that none can ascend into this atmosphere and no soul can rise into this cloud save through love of Thy loved ones and friendship with Thy chosen ones. For their love is identical with Thy love in the worlds of Command and Creation. Therefore I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, to give me to drink from the pure water of this cup from whose depths shineth forth the star of Thy love and wherein Thou hast manifested Thyself through the lights of the Sun of Thy Glory - a cup which hath two most exalted names in the heaven of names and one name before Thy Most Great and Most Exalted Throne.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having singled him out for Thy love, confirmed him in Thy service, made him manifest in Thy days, and caused him to be among those who have attained and succeeded in reaching the city of Thy nearness and the sanctuary of Thy reunion and presence. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Thou hast sent unto this evanescent servant that which perfumeth the hand of him who receiveth it, illumineth the eye of him who beholdeth it, gladdeneth the heart of him who learneth what is therein, enricheth him who possesseth it, and preserveth him who treasureth it - for it was sent through the love

of God, the Mighty, the Wise, and containeth the gems of remembrance and praise of the Beloved of all worlds.

The letter of that honored one, which was purified from allusions and indications, reached this evanescent servant. All the elements attained, through what was ordained for them, to the wondrous remembrances that were revealed in praise of the Chosen Beauty and to the spirit of communion with the Lord of Names and Attributes. God willing, may this eternal spring water ever flow and descend from the fountain of the spiritual heart, that the dead lands of the hearts and souls of the servants may attain, through these sweet and subtle waters, unto a wondrous new life and become the place for the appearance of the plants of faith and knowledge. This is not difficult for God. The exalted branches of the divine Tree remember that honored one with wondrous praise. Glory, holiness and splendor be upon you.

The Servant

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In His Name, the Answerer

O ’Ali, upon thee be My glory! The letter which his honor Samandar, upon him be My glory, wrote to you was presented before the Face. Praise be to God that he is engaged in service to the Cause and adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. Blessed is he and those who have drunk the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Strong, the Mighty. His sighs in divine love were witnessed and his words of longing and yearning were heard. His is to praise God throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. From the phrase “He is the Helper in all conditions” a most sweet fragrance was diffused, and this word from the realms that have no beginning supported him according to its meaning, until it manifestly appeared in this season which is the spring of all seasons and in this century which is the beginning of centuries, flowing from his tongue and pen and heart. Its beginning was from the confirmation of the Truth, glorified be His majesty - there is no doubt that its end too shall return to the Truth. This opening to his letters is blessed and auspicious, and assuredly its effect has appeared and will appear. That which he wrote that “until now I have not consented to its change” - the Truth too does not consent. Say: Be steadfast in the Cause, detached from all beings and all names. We make mention of Muhammad-i-Qabli-?adiq, upon him be the glory of God, and give him glad tidings of My remembrance of him and My turning toward him from this mighty, exalted station. And We send greetings from this station upon him and upon those whom God has related to His servant - verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. And We make mention of him who was named ’Abdu’l-Husayn and ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar and he who was named Javad, that they may rejoice in God’s favor and mercy and remember God in His mighty, wondrous Day.

O friends! Arise with utmost steadfastness in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds, in such wise that the entire world may testify to this most great station. The degrees of steadfastness, detachment, firmness and constancy become apparent only at the time when the clamor of the barking ones, the polytheists

and the atheists is raised. God willing, drink at all times from the pure water of the Kawthar of the utterance of the Beloved of all possibility. Its intoxication is the cause of awareness and its taste is the taste of everlasting life. The Most Exalted Cup is before the faces of the people of creation. Blessed is he who drinks, and woe to the heedless! This is a Day when the denizens of heaven have turned toward the people of earth, for the earth has become the seat of the Most Great Throne. Blessed is he who has recognized this station and held fast to the favor of his Lord and clung to His luminous, flowing robe.

And concerning what was mentioned about the khans - God willing, may they be occupied with the remembrance of the Truth, glorified be His majesty, and hold fast to His favor in such wise that neither might and grandeur nor worldly means may prevent them from the Most Exalted Horizon. May they be confirmed in that which causes the fragrance of eternity to be inhaled. In truth, if anyone in this place of tribulation occupies himself with the mention of transient things and worthless ornaments and their accumulation, every person of insight would testify to his loss. If human aspiration is confined to these numbered days, such a one was not and is not worthy of mention. Beseech the Truth to confirm His loved ones in that which is lasting and eternal. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what was written about the leaf who was the wife of him who ascended to God - We heard. Divine favor was and is with her. God willing, may she attain to what is befitting and be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. We have made mention and continue to make mention of all those related to you and to his honor Samandar, upon him be My glory, both female and male, young and old. All are beneath the gaze of favor and the pavilions of grandeur. Beseech the Truth to assist all to preserve their stations. Verily He is the Guardian of the Cause in this world and the next, and the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasses all who are in the heavens and the earth. The glory from Us be upon you and upon them and upon My loved ones and chosen ones who have aided My wondrous Cause.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

O beloved of my heart! Although the beginning of every word, book and volume should be adorned with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty - and this evanescent one too, in most responses to the petitions of friends, has ventured to mention what befits this evanescent one, a mention created by and returning to me, and this is a previous word and good words are good, blessed is he who utters them - yet sometimes when consciousness and fairness are attained through God’s grace, I feel shame and embarrassment to mention a Purpose of which I have no knowledge except to the known degree which He Himself has taught and made known. Glory be to Him, glory be to Him, there is no God but Him! Even if these mentions and praises are befitting for the chosen ones, that would still be good, nay very good - though even that is not certain. Now we must, with complete supplication, humility and submissiveness, beseech the unknowable King and ask that He perfect our imperfections, make spoken our unspoken

words, and through His grace adorn our unperformed deeds with acceptance. He is the All-Knowing and He is the All-Powerful.

And then, in response to the telegram of the beloved His Holiness the Physician, upon him be the Glory of God, according to instructions a promise of reply was made. And since some time ago this servant submitted and sent a detailed letter to him, therefore this time he did not venture. According to instructions, that beloved one should write in response to his letter which he wrote to that beloved one: "O Physician! Upon thee be My peace and My loving-kindness! Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of this Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions in such wise that the world may testify to thy standing firm in service to the Cause. We also beseech Him to make the heedless ones aware through the fire of love and keep them enkindled. As for what thou didst report regarding the house outside the sanctuary, We have held back since this Wronged One had no funds to transfer, and We did not wish to afflict thee with new troubles. The tribulation of the house that has occurred is sufficient for thee. In any case, We beseech God that means may be provided in joy and fragrance that will bring ease and comfort. May God, glorified be His majesty, grant fairness to the heedless souls. They sell our property back to us. By the life of God, they have been and are usurpers though they perceive it not! It seems they have taken God's law as a plaything. With properties that were outwardly and inwardly associated with and belonged to this place, they have done what is outside justice, fairness, religious and customary law. The people of Iraq would testify to this, were they to speak with truth and justice. Peace and praise be upon thee and upon those with thee." End.

Indeed, by what religious law do heedless souls sell property to its owner, while authoritative deeds bearing the seals of that land's clergy are in hand? In any case, that permission was withheld now due to lack of funds there and other reasons. That beloved one should write the details of what you have done so far and what you intend to do, and how much has reached them so far, how much has been spent on repairs. They said that now, given the lack of apparent means, one must be content with less, as we do not wish to impose upon anyone. We beseech God to manifest that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. Verily, He has power over all things. End.

I convey greetings to all the friends and loved ones of that land, and I seek divine confirmation for each one. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon them and upon those with them, and upon the people of unity who have attained to the recognition that there is no God but Him.

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HE IS GOD, EXALTED BE HIS STATION, THE GLORY AND THE POWER

O Nabil, son of Nabil! Sorrows from every direction have encompassed the Wronged One. This sorrow is not due to the imprisonment of the friends or the tribulations of the chosen ones, for through His love every prison is the Most Exalted Paradise and every affliction is choice honey. Rather, it is due to the heedlessness that has seized all. It is observed that they have forsaken the Water of Life and turned to and continue to turn toward the mirage. The various ephemeral colors of the world have so seized them that they remain heedless of that which benefits them and cling to that which harms them. Soon they

shall see the fruits of what they have planted and the recompense of what they have wrought. They are so bereft of knowledge and insight - nay, even of outward perception - that though they witness the flames of tyranny and oppression, they remain heedless and deprived of awareness.

It is the custom of one of the kings that if any of the helpless princes who have spent years serving him in loss should pass away, the king inherits the wealth that was amassed through tyranny and oppression, considering himself the heir to all. Even as in these days he has seized the wealth of one of the princes, and likewise in Shiraz, after the ascension of the Mushir of that land who had served for years, as had his fathers and forebears, all his possessions were confiscated. Nevertheless, other princes continue in service and seek favor through a thousand tricks and stratagems.

Do they not see or do they not hear?

Take heed, O you whose hair has turned black in place of taking heed

Take heed, O you whose hair has turned white upon your cheeks

Some people exert the utmost effort to amass something through lawful or unlawful means to leave for their heirs, unaware that both possessions and heirs shall pass away. No name endures on earth except that which is connected to the Truth. Now let any person of understanding reflect: to attain one word from the Truth is better than all the treasures of the world, for it endures eternally in the dominion of earth and heaven.

In brief, people are attracted to their own kind and occupied with the desires of self, save whom God willeth. We beseech God not to deprive His loved ones of the ocean of vision nor prevent them from the dawning-lights of the sun of knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Praise be to God, from the beginning you have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. The prevention of preventers, the might of aggressors, the power of the strong, and the authority of princes did not hold you back from turning toward Him. You have ever been engaged in serving the Truth, to which every discerning person bears witness.

His Eminence Ism-i-Jud, upon him be peace, sent your letter to this Servant. After perusing and hearing it, this Tablet was sent that you might rejoice thereby and be among the thankful ones. Mention was made of the Land of Khidra. Some time ago numerous Tablets were sent to that region - it was truly a comprehensive and decisive Book. Likewise, Tablets have been sent twice thus far to Ishqabad. Verily, He remembers His loved ones in the nights and days.

Through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen all things are stirred and in motion, yet most of the servants are observed to be heavier than mountains. Ask God to make souls aware and not deprive them of His grace. Write to the Land of Khidra and inform them of what was sent. In all conditions you should be joyful, for the glances of grace have been and are with you. Therefore thank your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world.

Convey My greetings to His Eminence Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn. He is among those who attained the presence, won victory, drank, and gave thanks to his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Now that it is the beginning of noon on the Day of the Feast of Sacrifice, this Wronged One is occupied with your mention. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon whom be the peace of God! He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

O Nabil, upon thee be My peace! Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. There hath befallen thee what hath befallen the Wronged One. Verily, He is the All-Patient and hath commanded all to exercise beautiful patience. No matter remaineth hidden - all is manifest and evident before God. He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts conceal, and He is cognizant of all things. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in God and commit all affairs unto Him. Verily He is with whomsoever desireth Him, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Such as thyself must needs be patient and forbearing. By My life! There hath befallen Us in this land that which hath caused sighs to ascend and tears to fall. We forbade all the people of Iran from coming to this region. Thou and the fair-minded and just ones bear witness to this. Nevertheless, without permission, a certain person arrived with one of the handmaidens. We banished him at that time. He returned and dwelt for a period in the surrounding areas, and for some time now hath entered this city. Each day he disputeth with one of the friends of God, engaging in conflict, cursing and reviling. And from some others too there hath appeared, without permission, that which caused the eye to weep and the heart to lament.

This Wronged One is afflicted in the midst of heedless souls. No outward power exists. They do what they wish and say what they desire, while this Wronged One hath in all conditions chosen silence and solitude. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the adornment of spiritual virtues and goodly deeds. He is the Lord of bounty and the King Who doeth as He willeth.

Thou too must choose patience in such matters. Forbearance and tolerance are necessary. No harm shall come to thee from conflict and dispute, from vain imaginings and suspicions, from backbiting and taunts. We and thou have accepted afflictions and tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. All things have testified and do testify to what hath been mentioned. We beseech God to bestow justice upon all and not to deprive them of the lights of the Day-Star of equity. The people need education. The blessed word “Remind them” is a truthful witness. Be not grieved. What hath been mentioned is the truth wherein there is no doubt. Every hardship in God’s path is the sovereign of ease, and every trial is the essence of comfort.

We beseech God to assist thee in that which causeth the remembrance and awakening of the heedless and the negligent. The Name of Munificence, upon whom be My peace, sent Me thy letter. All of it was read in the presence of My face. As what befell thee was for the sake of God, there is no harm in it. It is

most evident and known that thou didst turn to that city purely to serve the Cause and the friends. No fair-minded one hath denied or will deny this matter. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled thy covenant and pledge.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee through the invisible and visible means and to confirm thee in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the last and the first. We made mention of each of the souls mentioned. After perusing this, thou shouldst send it on. We beseech God to assist all to act according to what He hath revealed in His mighty Book.

Prayers and peace be upon Him through Whom prophethood and messengership were ended and the breezes of revelation were cut off, and upon His family and companions throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm, and of might and power. And peace be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those with thee and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

If thou shouldst find a loved one or friend, convey the greetings of the Wronged One. We beseech God for success and confirmation for His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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He is the Mighty! Hear what the Beauty of the Manifestation sings in this cycle upon this blessed spot which has been raised up from the right hand of the Throne - that there is none other God but Him and that the Primal Point Who was made manifest in the year sixty is verily the Word of God and His sovereignty, and the wisdom of God and His proof, and the Command of God and His splendor, and in Him the Beloved and the Loved One became united, and He is verily the Word from which the letters were differentiated through His command “Be! and it is,” and He is verily the Point from which appeared the letters and words, and through Him was manifested every hidden knowledge, and through Him was the K joined with the N, and every firm and decreed matter became manifest, and He is verily the Book of God wherein is inscribed the knowledge of all that was, were ye to know, and He is verily the Balance of God and His wisdom, and the Path of God and His Command, and through Him every believer was separated from every rejected polytheist, and through His nearness appeared the decree of Paradise and after Him the decree of the Fire, were ye to understand, and through Him the Dove sang upon the branches and the voice of the All-Merciful appeared from behind the veils of concealment and covering that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal, and through Him were the contingent beings resurrected and all who are in the heavens and earth were gathered together, and the earth brought forth its hidden pearls of glory, and He appeared to the gaze of the lovers with the name of Ali in truth and came with manifest sovereignty, and to the gaze of the monotheists with all names, were ye to comprehend, and to the gaze of those near to God the names and attributes appeared by His command, and verily He is the Single, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and to My gaze all this is in His creation and verily this is His creation, were ye to behold

with the eye of God therein. By God! The Dove sings upon a branch of the branches with melodies that no melody can resemble, were ye to hear - through one melody He guides the misguided to an extended path of glory, and through another melody He guides the believers to the heaven of holiness and then the lovers to the beauty of the Beloved, and through a melody all who are in the heavens and earth swoon away such that none remains in the kingdom possessed of limitation and consciousness, then calls out "To whom belongs the Kingdom?" and none answers Him, and He answers Himself by Himself "To God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Single, the One, the All-Conquering, the Self-Subsisting." Thus does the Dove sing upon the melody of possibility according to a determined measure. By God! She has melody after melody and sings song after song, and were one of her melodies to appear as God has ordained for her, hearts would be convulsed and bodies would tremble and faces would be transformed. And thou, O handmaiden of God, then O my mother, rejoice within thyself and be glad in thine essence at what has been sent down to thee - an inscribed Book wherein are recorded the mysteries of knowledge and wisdom from the Pen through which appeared the decree of the K and the N. Then know that thy letter came before Us and We learned what was in it, and We ask God that He may enable thee in His Cause and draw thee near to His presence and grant thee the good of this world and the next and all that thou lovest and art pleased with, and verily He is the Generous, the Giving, the Forgiving. Beware, O handmaiden of God, grieve not over anything in this world and trust in all matters in God thy Lord, for in Him do the detached ones put their trust. Then know that We have arrived in the prison beyond seas and valleys and cities and lofty mountains, and for this We thank God and praise Him and glorify Him and mention Him and sanctify Him for what He has sent down upon Us of His firm decree and His determined ordainment, and We are patient through His might and power, and verily He will fulfill the rewards of those who were patient and trusted and were of those who return unto Him. And the Spirit and the Light and the Glory and the Splendor be upon thee and upon those who keep company with thee for the love of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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O Ahmad, upon thee be the glory of God! He is the Compassionate Speaker, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We arose this day and there were present before Us the images of My loved ones in Ishqabad. We have sent down for each one of them that whereby the cities of wisdom and utterance have been illumined, and the city of knowledge hath been adorned in this exalted station. This is the day wherein the City hath descended from the heaven of God's command, the Lord of the worlds. Give thou this glad tiding to those servants whom We sent aforetime and made them to be among the Messengers. O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name amongst His servants and to aid thee in that which will cause His sovereign Word to be upraised among all created things. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. This Day is God's Day, and the Call is His Call, and the Remembrance is His Remembrance, and the Cause is His firm and mighty Cause. Blessed art thou inasmuch as thou hast turned and hearkened and attained unto that which was inscribed by the Pen of God in the Books of the Prophets. Thy mention hath gained admittance into Our presence, and We have sent down for thee that whereby all things have cried out and proclaimed: "All praise and glory belong unto God, the Lord of the heavens and earth!" Blessed are they

who are enkindled this day with the fire of divine love. Say: O people! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and ponder the past ages and centuries. What was the cause and reason that in the days of their appearance each of the Manifestations of the Cause was afflicted with the torment of the enemies? What was the cause of the denial of the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - and what was the reason for the rejection and revilement of the Spirit (Christ)? Say: Reflect ye upon Moses and that which was visited upon Him by the idolaters. If the followers of the Qur'an would but ponder a single verse, they would find their way to the Straight Path and the Most Great Announcement. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words: "There came not unto them a Messenger but they did mock at him." All the Prophets were rejected by the peoples of past ages and centuries and were martyred through diverse afflictions and trials. O people of God! This Day is a blessed Day, for the Lord of Revelation hath appeared and is established upon the throne of utterance. Blessed is he that hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers. We beseech God to aid that company and to make them foremost among the peoples of those regions. This is a mighty bounty which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. This affirmation shall not be erased by extinction nor shall it be altered. Rejoice, O My loved ones, at this most exalted Word which We have sent down from the heaven of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Today the world is ablaze and the atoms of all created things are proclaiming "The Lord is come!" Blessed are ye, O My loved ones in that gathering, and O My chosen ones there. God will soon manifest through His grace and mercy, which have preceded both earth and heaven, that which He hath purposed - a command from God, the Ancient of Days. The Most Great Glad-Tidings is that the mention of that gathering hath been made repeatedly before the Countenance. By the life of God! Its fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness unto this: Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. O My loved ones! We desire to make mention of My Afnan who have attained unto My days and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loveth them. We beseech God to open before their faces the gates of grace and bounty. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word. Convey My greetings unto thy two brothers and remind them of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My turning toward them and of that which hath been sent down for them from the Kingdom of Mine utterance, the Wondrous, the Glorious. Light and glory and praise and honor be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who were not kept back by the vicissitudes of the world nor by the affairs of the nations from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, from whose waves can be heard: "The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty."

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Might

Praise be to God Who has manifested that which was sanctified beyond the knowledge, recognition, comprehension and understanding of all things. He has ever been and will forever remain sanctified above all thoughts, even as He has always been. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty,

the All-Choosing. And His manifest blessings be upon Him Whom He created and sent forth to His creatures to guide them to the straight path, and upon His family and companions through whom His Cause was spread throughout the lands among the servants.

My spirit be a sacrifice for you. The blessed autograph of His Holiness addressed to the honored master, his eminence the Overseer, upon him be the peace of God, and dated the sixth of Rabi'u'l-Avval, truly renewed the existence of this ephemeral one, for it spoke of the well-being of that Beloved One. It brought spiritual joy and true gladness - to Him be praise, grace and bounty. Since the honored master, upon him be God's care and grace, was not present, this servant received it on his behalf and with his permission. Now on this 19th of Rabi'u'th-Thani this response is submitted.

Regarding what was written expressing joy and gladness at the acceptance by His Holiness the Branch of God, Aqa Mirza Diya'u'llah, may our spirits be sacrificed for him, of the book that was sent - praise be to God it arrived and was accepted and is being read. Even the Desired One, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, has perused it several times. Your reward is with God.

Another submission: His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of his footsteps - is not present these days, having departed for certain reasons. He graciously gave me a page to send to that beloved one. That page was sent, and similar verses to what that beloved one has should be corrected, and this page and other such pages that were sent should be destroyed.

At this point They gained presence in the Holy Court and said to write to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin: "O Zayn! The Wronged One counsels His loved ones with that which will elevate their stations before God: pure fear of God, goodly deeds, trustworthiness, religious devotion, chastity, truthfulness, patience, steadfastness, deliberation and reflection, and acting according to what they have been commanded in the Book. We beseech God to assist them and aid them to act upon what the Pen of Counsel has proclaimed at all times. And We implore God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, to draw them near to Him and grant them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of the throne and earth. O Zayn! Upon you be the peace of God, His mercy and His care. Man must adorn himself with that which befits him and be embellished with conduct worthy of him. In the nights and days the Pen of Counsel has not ceased, and has revealed that which is the cause of the exaltation and elevation of souls and the comfort and tranquility of the people of the world. Ask ye of God that He may assist all and grant attentive ears. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer."

Furthermore, all those circumambulating send greetings, and this evanescent servant also extends greetings to each one. Peace be upon you and those with you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

One more submission: Regarding what was written about travel from that land, one day these words were heard from the blessed tongue: "If the companions in Mosul, upon them be God's peace, were to gradually move toward Iran and Arab Iraq with perfect wisdom, it would be very good. Apart from these considerations, in these days this land has somewhat been affected by certain odors due to the intimations of some malicious ones."

The servant, on 19 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1301

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The honored and respected mother of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali who has repeatedly migrated to God.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who has aided His chosen servants and His pure handmaidens to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Self and the Dayspring of His Revelation, and has made known to them and to them what draws them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And praise be to God Who has taught His loved ones the paths of guidance and directed them to the Path which hath appeared through His Most Glorious Name between earth and heaven. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the One sanctified from every similitude and utterance. Praise be to God Who hath manifested the River of Life amidst all created things and hath given them to drink from the hand of bounty as He desired, through His Name, the Most Merciful. Verily He is the One exalted above every mention and sanctified from every praise. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this at this moment, even as it bore witness in the beginning that hath no beginning.

And after praise to God, that honored and respected lady hath been adorned with the ornament of recognition in the days of the Most Merciful and hath testified to that which the Beloved hath testified. By the life of the Beloved, this is indeed an imperishable treasure, and this blessed deed God, exalted be His glory, preserveth in the treasuries of His protection, and its effect hath not vanished and shall never vanish. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Bountiful.

Although due to the abundance of revealed verses there hath not been and is not opportunity to express matters, yet purely for the sake of God I trouble to convey greetings to the loved ones of that land, namely those souls who are detached from all else save God and who in all conditions gaze toward the supreme horizon. I beseech God that He may strengthen those sanctified souls who have quaffed from the Most Glorious Wine, that they may arise with utmost endeavor to serve the Cause - that is, that they may engage in teaching the Cause of the Most Merciful with perfect wisdom and utterance.

O friends! Strive that the fruits of humanity may appear from the tree of existence. By the Ancient Beauty, if accepted souls had acted according to divine counsels, most of humanity would now partake of the ocean of knowledge. God willing, through divine grace there is hope that all the loved ones may drink from the Kawthar of certitude and quaff from the Salsabil of assurance, and strive to draw those of doubt and uncertainty to the holy and most holy station, that the breast of the world may be sanctified from the whisperings of satanic souls and turn toward the realm of oneness. All the atoms of creation have testified and do testify to the transience of the world and its transformation and change. Blessed is the eye that seeth and readeth the word "transient" from the tablet of all things, that it may entirely pass beyond all else save God and hold fast and cling and adhere to the court of the One Friend. I beseech Him, exalted is He, to aid all to what He loveth and approveth, and to make His loved ones like mountains in this Cause whereby the greatest terror hath appeared and earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the

earth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Most High, the Bestower, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And further, the sent handkerchiefs which numbered 9 according to their letters ha and dal arrived and were accepted in the Most Holy Court. Several were distributed in His presence and bestowed upon those circling round, and several others were designated specifically for the blessed Person and the holy Branches - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps. Rejoice thou at this and be of the thankful ones. How excellent is the reward of the workers, men and women! In truth the souls of that land have endured much hardship. Each year their handiwork hath been witnessed in the Most Great Prison before the Throne. I beseech Him, exalted is He, to ordain for them, men and women, that which will gladden hearts and bring joy to eyes.

The Servant

15 Jamadi'l-Avval 1296

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Beirut. The Most Great Afnan, upon him be all glory. 21 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1301.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power.

Praise be to the All-Praised One and the All-Desired One Who created Muhammad, peace be upon Him, through the sovereignty of might and power, and sent Him with the truth, and dispatched Him unto the servants with manifest signs and clear evidences, before which, when they were revealed, the realities of all created things and the most exalted essences of all contingent beings bowed down in submission. He is verily the Straight Path Who gave tidings of the Great News. Through Him did God transform polytheism into unity, until the light of faith encompassed most lands. And manifest blessings from the horizon of the heaven of utterance from the All-Merciful be upon Him and His family and His companions, through whom the darkness of vain imaginings was illumined by the light of certitude, and through whom the heaven rained and the earth brought forth vegetation, and the banners of guidance were raised amidst all creation. These are servants whom God hath described in His Books, both before and after, and through them hath He aided His Cause and empowered His loved ones. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

My spirit and my body be a sacrifice for your love and for your steadfastness. The servant hath attained unto the traces of your pen which calleth out in the world and among the nations that which draweth them nigh unto the horizon of the love of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When I read and understood, I presented myself before His countenance, first presenting that which your honor had presented, then that which had been bestowed upon me through your favor. When this was completed, the Master - may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him - spoke and said: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My favor. We have heard thy call and found the fragrance of thy love and beheld the horizon of thy sincerity towards God, the Lord of

the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which befitteth the heaven of His generosity and the ocean of His grace and the sun of His favor, and to inscribe for you from the Supreme Pen that which shall delight the eyes and vision, and to provide you with that which is better than the kingdom of the hereafter and of the former times. And We make mention of My other Afnan who have attained unto that which God hath revealed in the Book, and We remember the leaves of My divine Lote-Tree who have clung to the Tree and believed in God, the One, the Chosen One." Ever hath the mention of all been and still is before the Wronged One. Whatsoever hath come to pass hath been in accordance with wisdom, and the reward of every deed is recorded and preserved with God. Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

In truth, hardship hath befallen your honor and those with you, and the utmost favor hath also been made manifest, for in days when the light of justice was veiled and the horizon of equity was concealed behind clouds of oppression, and when outward polytheism was manifestly at its height of rebellion and the domains of the unitarians were besieged - in such times did your honor and the other companions attain unto the visitation of the House and that which was revealed in the Books of God. Praise be to God, the visitation and devotions and orientation and acceptance were all made manifest, and all attained unto these true spiritual bounties. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God that He may cause your honor to attain repeatedly and ordain whatsoever He hath willed. He conveyeth greetings to the two Najmis - upon them be the glory of God - and to the honored leaves - upon them be the glory of God - and expresseth his nothingness.

Another entreaty: At present, due to lack of time, the response to the letter of His Holiness Aqa Siyyid 'Ali - upon him be God's peace and favor - hath been delayed. I seek his pardon, for your honor knoweth that this ephemeral one is occupied day and night. Should any service be neglected, he seeketh forgiveness. I convey greetings to the beloved Haji Siyyid Javad - upon him be the glory of God - and to the beloved of the heart, Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, if he is present, and Aqa Mirza Mustafa - upon them both be the glory of God - and to the other friends, and I beseech confirmation for all. Verily, He is the Answerer, the All-Bountiful, and praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Mulla Muhammad! He is God, the Glorious, the Most Glorious!

Hearken unto what the Tongue of God inspires thee from His holy, mighty and impregnable dominion, that thou mayest hear the call of thy Lord, rend asunder the veils, and emerge from behind the veil of concealment through My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Impregnable. Perchance thou mayest become among men as the sun by which all created things are illumined, or as a tree which bears fruit at all times, or as an angel crying out between the heavens and the earth: "This is indeed the Ancient Beauty Who hath appeared once again in the mantle of grandeur, yet the people of understanding have opposed Him, as have these polytheists who have openly denied God and turned away from His verses after they were sent down in truth." Thus doth it descend even now from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Say: By God! The clouds of bounty have been raised up and the rain clouds of grace have appeared, showering forth at every moment clear verses that bewilder the minds of the monotheists. Say: By God! Were but a single letter thereof cast upon the graves of all created things, they would surely emerge from their tombs, humble before God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Impregnable. And were another letter thereof cast, they would return to what they were. Thus have We made the Word to be the Sword of God, distinguishing thereby between the monotheists and the polytheists. Those who are brought to life by the Word of God - these are the companions of eternity who soar in the atmosphere of the spirit on wings of detachment, and upon whom shower blessings the angels of the divine Command, then those who dwell in the precincts of the Divine Essence, then those within the veil of the Kingdom, then those in the atmosphere of the Realm of Might, then those in the earthly realm, if ye be of those who know.

As for those who flee from the Word of God, depart from its shadow, and die to the holy melodies - these are like unto ashes, if ye be of those who witness. Even as ashes are not moved by anything, these are not moved by the Word of God and its forms, nor by the divine fragrances and glory. Thus do We impart unto thee the mysteries of what was, that thou mayest be of those who know.

O My Name! Leave behind the veils of earth and the coverings of sovereignty, then arise from the dawning-place of the divine names through My Name, the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Convey the Cause of thy Lord to the East and to the West. Tarry not therein, and be not of those who linger. Be as a flame of fire or a pillar of light, such that if thou appearest from one direction, thy radiance is manifest from another. Thus doth the Pen of Holiness command thee from the presence of One Mighty, Wise.

When We desired to withdraw Ourself from among these people, We sent down unto thee that which would render thee detached from all the worlds. We have sufficed with these verses, that thou mayest be mindful within thyself and remind the people of days the like of which the eyes of the lords have never seen, how much less the eyes of the veiled ones. We had indeed sent down unto thee aforetime a Tablet wherein was treasured in each letter a fragrance which, were it to waft over all created things, would cause them to arise from the dust of heedlessness and turn with their faces toward the countenance of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. However, We did not send it unto thee until its time should come, for all matters are dependent upon the signature that returns to the Decree that returns to Destiny that returns to the Will that returns to the Primal Will which creates by My command, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Impregnable.

Thus have We given thee glad tidings thereof, that thou mayest be gladdened within thyself until it is revealed unto thee with the sovereignty of letters and words. This is indeed My bounty unto thee and unto all the worlds. As for those whose names thou didst mention in thy letter, convey unto them from Us greetings and mercy and salutations and loving-kindness and glorification and spirit and sweet fragrance, that they may rejoice within themselves and be of those who return unto God, unto Whom all matters return on the Day whereon the feet of the sincere shall slip. Say: By God! The Day hath appeared in truth in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be God, the Most Wondrous of the wondrous ones, the Manifestor of the treasuries of the unseen as He pleaseth. He is, in truth, the Single One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Generous.

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He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious

O thou Name of God! Hearken unto the sweet melodies of the Spirit, and take no heed of them who have disbelieved in God and His Verses, and who have turned against His Cause. Follow thou the Faith of the Spirit in the love of thy Lord: this is the root of religion, though none shall know it save all that are well-assured and discern aright. Say: O people! The veils of idle fancy have been torn away; the heaven of impiety hath been cleft asunder; and God hath come down upon the cloud of holiness, surrounded by a host of angels. Thereupon all things were changed; every soul was shaken; and every proud and lofty peak was reduced in dust. Remain thou steadfast in the Cause through the power of God and His might; and assume thou in this state a seat of conspicuous glory. Assist then the Cause to the extent that thou art able, for the people of the Bayan would fain return the Cause unto the abyss where they themselves are fallen. Lay hold upon the reins of the Cause lest the fingers of impiety profane it: this is that which hath been destined for thee in His glorious and preserved Tablets. We have decreed that every soul should write touching this Cause that whereby the feet of them who are endued with understanding shall be confirmed in an exalted honour. O Khalil! Shatter thou the idols of imagination through the power of thy Lord; then lead out the people from the darkness of passion, and usher them into an abode of safety beneath the shadow of the Divine Lote Tree that hath sprung up in truth from beside a mighty throne. Beware lest aught distract thee; do thou of thine own accord draw nigh unto God, Who created thee, fashioned thee, and appointed thee to be a glorious remembrance unto His servants. Shouldst thou wish to learn what hath touched the Beauty of an Effulgent Glory, know that He hath fallen into the well of envy: here is His raiment, bespattered with His blood, which we have sent unto thee that thou mayest have clear proof of Our claim. Thus have we inspired thee, and revealed unto thee what befell the Manifestation of the Self of God at the hands of His servants who, though created by a mere indication of His purpose, as articulated by His pen, dealt frowardly towards their Lord. Be thou the Word of God, and the Sword of His Command among His servants, that through thee He may distinguish between those who believed in God and His Verses, and those who disbelieved and rebelled against the Cause. Take heed that thou aid thy Lord at all times, and approach not those from whom thou inhalest the odour of animosity towards this Youth, Who hath shone forth above the Dawning-place of Eternity with manifest dominion. Say: O people! If ye believed in ‘Ali because of the revelation to Him of the Bayan; and before Him in Muhammad because of the revelation to Him of the Furqan; and again in the One Who conversed with God (Moses) because of the revelation to Him of the Torah, then by the righteousness of God these are their selfsame Verses, which, in this peerless form, have been sent down from the throne on high. These apart, the whole earth hath been filled with the evidences of a sovereignty that hath encompassed all the worlds. Be ye then abashed, O people, before God, Who created you by His command; and repent ye for having failed in your duty towards Him - a duty that is owed here, did ye but know it. Say: Blind are the eyes that will not turn towards His court; and mute is the tongue that will not celebrate the wonders of His praise; and deaf are the ears that will not hearken unto the sweet melodies of the Spirit uttered by this tongue, which proclaimeth in all things: “I, in very truth, am God: no God is there but Him; His knowledge, truly, embraceth all things.” Say: O people! Cast away that which ye possess. Take hold, then,

of the Tablet of God with a power born of Him, and inhale its savour: should ye discover therefrom the fragrance of the All-Merciful, guard it from the blight of demons. Then assist Him so far as lieth in your power: He, verily, assisteth His loved ones as He pleaseth; and verily His assistance is nigh unto the believers. Beware that ye dispute not with God; nor contend with the One Who is His own Self; nor repudiate that whereby your names shall be exalted, and the truth of your own religion hath been established. Fear God, and be not distant from the shore of nearness. The Spirit be upon thee, and upon all who follow thy Lord's command at even and at morn. It is complete: revealed a second time from the Abha Kingdom by Our Name Ha'.

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O Dawning Place that hath shone forth from the lights of the morn of oneness and that telleth of the radiance of the horizon of eternity! I bear witness that I have read and understood what the dove of thy love warbled upon the twigs of the Sadrih of thy heart, and have perceived and reckoned what the bird of thy longing stirred upon the branches of the tree of thy inner heart. I have heard its melodies of nearness and its songs of reunion. Well is it with thee, O Essence of the Cloud of Unknowing, in that thou hast been patient in the Cause of God and hast fulfilled thy covenant, and hast not been heedless of the remembrance of thy Lord in the hidden recesses of thy mystery and the pavilions of thy spirit. There hath befallen thee in the paths of thy Lord such tribulation and hardship as none knoweth save God alone. Yet with all this thou hast remained patient, content and well-pleased, to such extent that thou hast sacrificed thy self, thy spirit and thy body when thou didst detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and the earth, and didst journey for the sake of God and migrate with His servant and she who was treasured in the essences of the spirit of the Cloud and concealed in the heart of Baha. Thou hast striven in the path of God until thou didst arrive in the Holy Land, the right hand of the Spirit, the Valley of Grandeur, the spot of Sinai, Paran of Light, Horeb of the Manifestation, and didst hear the call of the Almighty from a branch of the fire, that He is God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Compelling. Thou didst attain at the time when the earth of the divine Essence was split asunder and the heaven of Oneness was cleft and the mountains of Eternality were crushed and the cords of knowledge were severed and the sun of the Cloud was darkened and the moon of glory was eclipsed and the spirits of the abstracted ones ceased to be and the sanctified souls fled away. Thou didst witness all this and perceive it all, yet thou didst not turn aside from God thy Lord in any matter nor forget Him in anything, as though thou hadst turned with all thy being to God and turned away entirely from all else, and relied upon God in thy beginning and end and in thy public and private affairs. Therefore praise God Who thus created thee and fashioned thee and made thee to be among the well-pleased ones. As for what thou hast complained of regarding My love for thee, know that thy love for Me is the essence of My love for thee, such that there is between them neither connection nor separation. Be certain and assured of this and doubt it not, and be not of the despairing ones. And as for what thou hast mentioned regarding the mention of what thou didst mention, pay no heed to it nor to those who claim it. For by God, I love all the servants who have believed in God and migrated in His path and striven in His Cause and ascended to the center of eternity in the pole of the Cloud until they entered the sanctuary of the divine Essence and the house of Oneness. By thy life, My longing for them and My yearning for them is like the longing of the spirit for the light and

the taste of the unseen for manifestation - nay, even more than that. And likewise I have detached Myself from these who follow the desires of their souls and are not conscious in any matter, and whose only concern in this world is to put themselves before God's servants and to sit in the chief seats of gatherings and to boast and make claims about that which they neither know nor understand. Say: Woe unto you! By what proof have ye believed in God and by what aspect have ye turned away from Him and by what evidence have ye gathered against this Servant, who, if ye were to traverse the regions of the world from East to West, ye would never find a servant more humble before God and more lowly unto himself? Yet with all this ye were not ashamed before God and the Manifestations of His Cause, and ye did unto Him what ye did and brought upon Him what ye brought, and ye violated your covenant and broke your pledge and denied Him in Whom ye had believed and turned away from Him with Whom ye had migrated. Say unto them: Repent unto God and return from that wherein ye fell short, for the kingdom of the world and its pleasures are passing and have no permanence, while that which is with God endureth; and this is better for you, did ye but know.

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In the Name of Him at Whose advent all are disturbed save His honored servants. In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Great. O thou remnant of My family! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My throne, that the melodies of the All-Merciful may attract thee to a station raised above the understanding of the worlds. Blessed art thou, for the breezes of the Spirit have seized thee in His days, and thou didst attain the presence of the Beloved Who was martyred in My path and ascended to the pavilion of holiness, the spot concealed from the eyes of the idolaters. Verily, We were with thee in thy disturbance and tranquility, and We have effaced the disturbance and confirmed the tranquility in a Tablet preserved in the shelter of protection. We have accepted what befell thee of hardship and tribulation in the path of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, and We have quickened thee from the Kawthar that floweth from the right hand of the Throne, and given thee to drink from this Cup that was held in the hands of God. Drink yet another draught in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and fear not the concourse of creation. By God! Verily thy Lord protecteth thee as He protected thee in truth, and He is powerful over all things. Move thy tongue in My remembrance, then adorn thy heart with My love, then thy temple with the robe of distinction through this Name through which appeared the Kingdom of Names and the Dove of Eternity warbled upon the branches of the Tree that was planted by the hands of God. Purify thyself from the conditions of earth and all who dwell thereon, then ascend at all times to the heaven that was raised up in the name of God. Remind the people of this Most Great Remembrance. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this, for thou hast been numbered among the successful ones in the holy Tablets by the Pen of Command. Let not thyself be prevented from the lights of this Sun which hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity with lights that encompassed the worlds. Give thanks unto God that thou hast entered His party and attained the presence of the Beloved in days wherein the dwellers of earth and heaven were disturbed, and the hosts of revelation were sent down with banners visible to all the worlds. Blessed art thou and those who attained His presence and stood before Him and heard His melodies and sheltered beneath His shade and circled round about Him and drank from the Kawthar of His utterance and aided Him as they were able until they were martyred in His path and soared in the

atmosphere which God had sanctified from every rejected idolater. O thou remnant of the family of God! By God! There hath befallen the Beloved what hath befallen no one, for He drank the cup of tribulation from both friends and enemies, and thou art aware of some of what befell Him from those who were around Him, but God forgave them inasmuch as they were martyred in His path and adorned them with the ornament of forgiveness, for He is indeed Kind, Forgiving. But there befell His loved one in those days what had not befallen Him or anyone before. By God! All things wept at this, and the dwellers of the cities of eternity lamented, and the eyes of grandeur and majesty wept, and the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers were disturbed in a Paradise that was created through My love, for the Beloved was afflicted before one who was known among the worlds by His name. Say: By God! He for Whose meeting the people of Paradise yearn, and by the dust of Whose door the Concourse on high seek blessing, and by a movement of Whose Pen all created things were brought into being, was afflicted before an idolater who was known among the company of polytheism as being among the monotheists. Therefore weep thou for Me, then cry out at My tribulation, then lament in thy soul for My suffering, and be not of those who show patience in the Cause of God and care not for what befalleth Me, remaining joyful in their seats. Thus have We informed thee and made mention of thee that thou mayest be apprised of what befell the Beloved and be numbered in the Tablets among those possessed of insight. And the Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon those who have known God through God in this Manifestation whereby truth was distinguished from falsehood and the Ancient Beauty appeared with a sovereignty that was mighty in truth.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Inaccessible, the Most High

O servant! Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have understood its contents. God is indeed aware of what is in thy heart. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He knoweth what is hidden from sight and concealed from minds, and He is independent of all worlds.

And now concerning thy reference to the existence of two Gods. Beware, beware, lest thou be led to join partners with the Lord, thy God. He is, and hath from everlasting been, one and alone, without peer or equal, eternal in the past, eternal in the future, detached from all things, ever-abiding, unchangeable, and self-subsisting. He hath assigned no associate unto Himself in His Kingdom, no counsellor to counsel Him, none to compare unto Him, none to rival His glory. To this every atom of the universe beareth witness, and beyond it the inmates of the realms on high, they that occupy the most exalted seats, and whose names are remembered before the Throne of Glory.

Bear thou witness in thine inmost heart unto this testimony which God hath Himself and for Himself pronounced, that there is none other God but Him, that all else besides Him have been created by His behest, have been fashioned by His leave, are subject to His law, are as a thing forgotten when compared to the glorious evidences of His oneness, and are as nothing when brought face to face with the mighty revelations of His unity.

He, in truth, hath, throughout eternity, been one in His Essence, one in His attributes, one in His works. Any and every comparison is applicable only to His creatures, and all conceptions of association are conceptions that belong solely to those that serve Him. Immeasurably exalted is His Essence above the descriptions of His creatures. He, alone, occupieth the Seat of transcendent majesty, of supreme and inaccessible glory. The birds of men's hearts, however high they soar, can never hope to attain the heights of His unknowable Essence. It is He Who hath called into being the whole of creation, Who hath caused every created thing to spring forth at His behest. Shall, then, the thing that was born by virtue of the word which His Pen hath revealed, and which the finger of His Will hath directed, be regarded as partner with Him, or an embodiment of His Self? Far be it from His glory that human pen or tongue should hint at His mystery, or that human heart conceive His Essence. All else besides Him stand poor and desolate at His door, all are powerless before the greatness of His might, all are but slaves in His Kingdom. He is rich enough to dispense with all creatures.

Know thou that all things are nurtured under the shadow of one of the names of thy Lord, and He hath created that name through His originating Will which He ordained within the essence of creation itself. Therefore, bear witness to His sovereignty and His power, then to His greatness and His might, then to His loftiness and His transcendence, that thou mayest become aware of that which hath been hidden from the eyes of the world.

Hold thou fast unto God, then detach thyself from all else besides Him, that He may give thee to drink of the wine of understanding from this cup which the fingers of the All-Merciful cause to circulate in this Paradise which hath been raised up, by God's leave, in the highest heaven. Purify thy heart from the defilement of those who believed and then denied the faith, and who are recorded with thy Lord as being among the opposers. Cast the world and all that hath been created therein behind thee, that God may open before thy heart's face the gates of knowledge and meaning, and raise thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold all who are in the heavens and on earth abiding under the shadow of one of thy Lord's names. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of speech from the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Verily, We have answered thee regarding what thou didst mention in thy letter because We loved thee. Otherwise, by Him Who is unique in majesty and glory, such tribulations have befallen Me as none can reckon save God, and thereby hath the Pen been prevented from remembrance, and this wrong hath been recorded as grievous in the Mother Book. By God! He who hath warred against My Self was indeed created by My Word, and those endowed with keen vision know this to be the truth wherein there is no doubt. But those who are seized by vain imaginings have taken him as their protector instead of Me. Leave thou the people to their selves and their desires, then make mention of thy Lord and fear no one. Place thy trust in God, and verily He will protect thee with manifest sovereignty. And the glory be upon thee and upon every illumined heart.

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O Ali! Upon thee be the Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Resplendent Baha! Hearken unto that which thy Lord, the Grief-Stricken, the Stranger, Who is encompassed by sorrows from every direction through those who have disbelieved in God when He came with His Great Name, revealeth unto thee. Take heed lest the mention of grief sadden thee. Verily, thy Lord is not saddened by aught of what hath been created in the heavens and the earths. By God! His station is one which the birds of the hearts of the doubters can never attain, nor the fragrances of the hearts of the mystics. Were We to manifest this station, thou wouldst be bewildered within thyself and wouldst say: "Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest." Thou wert hidden in the eternity of eternities and shalt remain treasured in the pavilions of Thy Cause. None knoweth Thee save Thine Own All-Knowing Self.

O Ali! Whenever We turn towards the stations of the earth and its conditions, We make mention of sorrows and the like thereof. Dost thou not witness how by the fragrances of My utterance all things have been stirred, and by the outpourings of My Pen every mouldering bone hath been quickened? Can grief prevent the Ocean of joy? Nay, by thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving! Verily, He is the One Who dominateth over all who are in the heavens and on earth. We are radiant in the darkness and standing firm among those who sit still - those who, when it is said unto them "Arise!", they remain seated. They are indeed among the losers. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh unto the station wherein the horizon of utterance hath shone forth with the mention of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Ali! Were We to make mention of tribulations, rest and tranquility would be cut off. Consider them as a mercy, for they have been sent down in the path of God, the Beloved of the worlds. Say: O people! The Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, yet ye hear not, and the Counsellor calleth you, yet ye understand not. The Herald cried out before Me, yet ye heard not and hear not. The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, yet ye know not. All things have testified to the Creator of heaven, yet ye are as dead. How long will ye look to yourselves? This is the Spirit of God - behold ye bear witness! We draw you near through the cords of grace, yet ye flee. Will that which ye cling to profit you? Nay, by the Self of God, the Dominant, the Self-Subsisting! Will your divines avail you this Day? Nay, by My life! Rather, they are the ignorant ones, did ye but know. How long will ye look with eyes that have been blinded by the ophthalmia of ignorance, were ye to be fair! Behold Me with Mine eye - thus have ye been commanded in a hidden Tablet.

Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of Names, then summon the concourse of creation to this praiseworthy station. Verily, those who hesitate this day are a people who shall not be helped. They cling to their vain imaginings as did the servants before them. They are indeed a blind people. Vain desire hath prevented them from My Most Glorious Name, and they hasten in the wilderness of error. When it is said unto them: "Come ye to the Dayspring of the Cause," they say: "Sufficient unto us is that which we possess." Thus spoke those before them. They call upon God, yet know Him not. They journey to the House from the furthermost lands, while the Object of their quest witnesseth that they are turned aside. They turn towards different directions, thinking themselves to be the triumphant ones.

Say: All directions have ended in My direction, and all paths in this manifest Path. Say: Fear God and take not your vain imaginings as lords besides God. Follow Him Who calleth you to the Mighty, the Loving.

That which never appeared in creation hath appeared. Blessed is he who hath attained and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!” Those who have been given insight by God - they are the people of vision, and those besides them are deaf and blind, to which thy Lord, the Knower of the unseen, doth testify.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest recite them at eventide and at dawn, and remember thy Lord Who hath come with the truth, whereby the horizons have been illumined. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have believed in God and been faithful to the Covenant, that they may arise to make mention of their Creator and aid Him with the swords of remembrance. The glory from before the All-Glorious be upon thee, O thou who gazeth toward God, and upon those whom the oppression of the enemies hath not prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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O Nabil! Your petitions have been presented and your call has been heard. Its answer depends on the time, for some are still present in this land. After their departure, God willing, judgment will be rendered according to what is required. Be not distressed. Be the embodiment of “announce glad tidings.” Beware, beware lest you mention your Lord to anyone. O Nabil! Many times have We commanded, and again We say: In the wilderness of Syria, mention of the Lord of all names is not and has not been permissible, for its people are exceedingly remote from the shore of nearness and deprived of the choice wine of grace. Its land is supremely blessed, yet its people are supremely unfortunate, save whom thy Lord willeth. Should they, after countless counsels, desire to draw near, their approach would be and will be like the approach of a serpent. Shun them and be of the vigilant. All have been raised in corruption and nurtured in corruption. Likewise the strangers in these parts have never had and do not have any worth. Some souls, being cut off from all directions, will grasp at any rope that appears and cling to it. But this clinging has been and will be for the sake of passion - the effect of hellfire will become manifest from it. Although from Our first arrival in this land and entry into the Most Great Prison, this Servant has not uttered a word except what God has ordained, and we have ever spoken what is in the Holy Books, nevertheless you saw what they perpetrated and heard what they said. The human-like beings are more fearsome than these people, as if they were born of Satan. Say: I seek refuge in the Lord of mankind. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the loved ones and friends. Counsel all to guard their tongues. O Nabil! Drink secretly in this land the living waters in the name of the Lord of all possibility and the Beloved of the worlds from His hand of favors, and leave others to themselves. These people are occupied with their own evil and deprived of the glad tidings of God. Speaking of the Friend with a friend is beloved, not with those who devour flesh and chase after skin. Say: O friends! This Wronged One speaks only what contains your welfare. Pass not beyond His counsel and pursue not your own desires. These lands have become pregnant from the divine fragrance - how long until spiritual children are born from it? He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In brief, all the loved ones are commanded to silence and contemplation of divine favors, merciful manifestations and godly conditions, and are forbidden from aught else. O Nabil! All trials and afflictions have been borne so that all people might be adorned with spiritual qualities and

heavenly attributes. Until the divine friends drink from this spiritual cup, they will not be able to give others to drink. They must first drink themselves, then give others to drink. Ever has God's purpose in sending Messengers, revealing Books, establishing firm laws and ordained religions been several things, among them the preservation of souls and their rights, and this depends on the appearance of the light of trustworthiness among people. Counsel the friends of God to conduct themselves among people with perfect trustworthiness, religiosity and what was mentioned before. Whoever is adorned with these qualities is attributed to Truth and reckoned of Truth; without them one has never been and will never be accepted. Therefore all must drink from the pure water of this cup and entirely close their eyes to the desires of self. Peace be upon him who has heard the call of the Wronged One and responded to what he was commanded. Again it is mentioned: Convey Our boundless greetings to the friends present in that land. Indeed glory be upon you all.

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Port Said. To Aqa 'Ali-Muhammad. Upon him be [Baha'u'llah]. Sha'ban 1307.

He is God, exalted be His majesty, grandeur and power!

In these days the outpourings of divine grace and the effulgences of the light of the Luminary of the All-Merciful are manifest and evident from every direction. Every blind one bears witness to His favor and every weak one acknowledges His power. Yet some servants have taken the crooked path and proceed thereon, while others follow the straight way. All things shall perish save those rescued by the hand of God's will. Our purpose and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth is that which befits this Day: truthfulness, sincerity, justice and faithfulness. Blessed are they who have attained to these holy attributes and goodly deeds. They are detached from the world and all that is therein. Their words are for God and their deeds for His Cause and His love. The ornaments of the world and the colors of nations have not deprived them of the recognition of the Lord of ancient days. They hold fast to the firm cord and cling to the luminous hem. And prayers and peace be upon the Hands of His giving, the Dawning-places of His grace and the Rising-points of His mercy - they who acknowledged and confessed the oneness of God and the Seal of His Prophets, through whom appeared the path of justice and rained the clouds of bounty - and upon his family and companions whom neither commerce nor trade nor any matter prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of might and bounty, the Possessor of the Standard and the Banner.

The letter of that honored friend arrived and as the fragrance of love wafted from it, joy was attained and gladness reached us. After its reading it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and presented before the countenance of the Lord. He said: "O 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad, let not the counsels of the Wronged One which thou didst hear in His presence escape thy notice. Adorn thy temple with the ornament of detachment and thy head with the crown of the fear of God. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and enable thee to perform deeds whereby thy station may be exalted among His servants. He desireth for His creation naught save drawing nigh unto Him and holding fast to that which will establish His traces in His kingdom."

We hope that the friends of God will be distinguished among the people and be adorned and illumined with His attributes. Should all attain to what hath been mentioned, each one would find himself seated upon the throne of glory and established upon the seat of detachment. This is the station of attachment to God and severance from all else beside Him. In all matters consult with His Holiness Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and act according to what appeareth. This is Our counsel to thee. Say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Dominant over all names, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all things, to open before my face the door of Thy bounties, favors and gifts. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous."

This servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, that after hardship He may grant ease, and after difficulty, relief. Verily He is the One who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. I convey greetings to the friends in that land. Their mention hath ever been and still is made in the presence of the Prison. We beseech God to enable them to do what He loveth and approveth. The work and matter with which thou art charged by the Lord - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - is this: that in all conditions thou shouldst have thine eye upon reform, and likewise that thou shouldst strive to win the good-pleasure of that honored gentleman, His Holiness Afnan - upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. This matter is in truth like powerful wings for soaring in the atmosphere of love. Well is it with them that understand. According to instructions, regarding thy request several words were written to the honored friend Aqa Nuru'llah - upon him be [Baha'u'llah] - and sent. We hope that they will consider whatever is in the best interest of thy work. Verily God doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

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The nightingale of separation, perched upon the branch

of the horizon, calls out in grief, you who are filled with yearning;

The bird of loyalty sings upon the tree of eternity

with the strains of this parting, you who are filled with yearning;

As does the dove of the two seas upon the twigs of the lote-tree of separation–

that the departure is imminent, you who are filled with yearning.

Say: the time of union has been fulfilled, and by virtue of the decree

that of absence has begun through this parting, you who are filled with yearning;

Tears have flowed from the eyes of the immortals in the concourse

on high because of this farewell, you who are filled with yearning;

The breezes of joy that blew from the paradise of splendor

have been stilled by this departure, you who are filled with yearning.

By God, the faces of the celestial maidens in their chambers

have paled at the prospect of this absence, you who are filled with yearning;

The houris rouge their cheeks blood red, for they have heard

about this leave-taking, you who are filled with yearning;

And will never adorn their bodies with the silks of eternity

after learning of this departure, you who are filled with yearning:

No sorrow shall ever compare to this grief in the realm of the unknowable essence, for the wind of separation is blowing, you who are filled with yearning!

In this time, when the bird of eternity has flown from the land of Iraq and the people of longing and yearning burn with the fire of separation, this letter is being sent by this ephemeral ant to the friends of God. Friends, weep for as long as you have eyes, and cry out for as long as your souls exist, for the carpet of union, joining, nearness and encounter has been rolled up. Instead, the sovereign of destiny has, by virtue of a preordained decree, spread out the quilt of parting, leave-taking, absence and departure. The gales of separation and regret have gusted with such force that they have clothed the branches of being, whether visible or invisible, with the cloak of nothingness, then repaired to the blustery autumn of eternity.

Then, eyes should weep, ears listen to the wailing, tongues moan and lament, and bodies tumble into the dust of their birth-places. Nevertheless, we praise God for having singled us out for these repeated misfortunes and unceasing afflictions, and give thanks to him at all times and in all circumstances. He is, in truth, witness to his own words. In all the past scriptures it is mentioned that a time will come, a season will arrive, that the bird of Persia shall sing an Arabian melody. Therefore, hasten to him, lovers of the celestial beauty, you who are distracted by the divine sanctum. Now, that time has arrived, that breeze has wafted, and that bird has flown, but you have not seen it nor attained to it, and have not accomplished the goal. Indeed, you have not advanced toward what was written, nor have you listened. Now that moment has passed, and that day has slipped out of your grasp. That breeze shall not blow again in this land, that rose shall not again flower here, and that door shall never again open. Have you never heard that the nightingale of the divine garden seeks repose and settles only in the spiritual rose bower; that the hoopoe of the Sheba of love only makes its home in the Sinai of the spirit; or that the hearts of lovers seek no visage save the beauty of the beloved?

Lovers, you have become immersed in thoughts of your own selves, and never set out for the lands of the beloved. What a marvelous heedlessness has overtaken contingent being and encompassed existence! The sun is radiant, brilliant and shining in the midst of the sky, but all are singing along with and have become intimates of the birds of night. I shall close with what the nightingale of separation sang in the land of Iraq, calling out to all who dwell beneath the horizon: The bird of immortality has flown to the city

of the unknowable divine Cloud, and the dove of the spirit has taken flight from its branch and sought another perch. Then weep, lovers and people of the concourse on high.

Thus do we cast upon you the verses of parting, so that perhaps you will rise from the couches of heedlessness and join the ranks of the mindful. Say: Hypocrites, this nightingale of constancy has taken wing from the rose of union, has set out for the garden of separation, and has consumed all the lovers in the precincts of Iraq. Friends, do not forget the union of souls while you are in the affliction of separation. Lament this departure, but sow the seed of patience in the good earth of the heart, watering it with your tears, so that it will give forth sweet fruit. This is the counsel of the nightingale of the divine garden. Therefore, heed it.

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He is the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of a glorious Name. Therein lies that which would sever the peoples of the world from all else beside them, were they to purify their holy ears from the croaking of the idolaters and hearken unto the Word of God which hath been detailed in truth and sent down from a holy and exalted heaven. O Kazim! Rejoice within thyself and in thine essence, inasmuch as the Pen of God hath moved in thy name. This is a bounty that cannot be equaled by aught that hath been created between earth and heaven, as doth testify the Tongue of truth that knoweth. We had previously sent thee an epistle in the Persian tongue and dispatched it unto thee upon the breezes of holiness - if thou be aware thereof. By God, the True One! Shouldst thou not hold thyself back from that which hath wafted upon thee from the direction of the Ancient One, it would, in less than a moment, cause thee to turn unto a seat of glorious love. The lights of the Spirit would shine upon thee and make thee abide in the eternity of thy Lord. Thus have We detailed the matter unto thee that thou mightest turn in thy innermost heart toward the direction of the Throne and draw nigh unto a praiseworthy shore. Close thine eyes to all who are in the heavens and on earth, then turn thy face toward the direction of the Cause and be possessed of luminous insight. Then remind the people of that which the Spirit hath cast into thy breast. Deprive not thyself of the breezes of the All-Merciful in these days wherein all are veiled by the veils of their own selves. Arise with divine arising between earth and heaven, then summon the people that they might remember within themselves and take unto the Lord of the Throne a path. Say: By God! Every path hath been cut off, every proof prevented, every learned one confounded, every mystic brought low, and every known name overturned. Beware, beware! Arise thou to the Cause with a steadfastness from Us and a sovereignty from Our presence. Fear no one and place thy trust in His own Self, the Truth. Verily, He will protect thee from every rejected enemy. Purify thyself through that which We have caused to rain upon thee from this heaven that hath been raised in this atmosphere, that it might sanctify thee from the mention of aught besides God and cause thee to ascend unto a heaven of wondrous remembrance. Thus have We sent down unto thee the Book and inspired thee with that which will make thee independent of all save thy Lord, shouldst thou act upon what is contained therein and be severed from all the worlds entirely. Know thou that We had previously commanded thee to divide what thou hast of the rights of God into three portions, then spend two-thirds

upon thy kindred and upon the poor in that place, for We have heard the cry of those in distress and therefore have We commanded thee thus. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded by One All-Wise, All-Knowing. Then inform the wealthy not to be heedless of Our poor servants, for they are God's trust among you. Say: Beware lest ye be unfaithful concerning them. Preserve them from the harm of poverty and desperation. Thus doth command you the Pen of might and blessing. If thou wouldst purify thyself from the veils of idle fancies, by God, the True One! this would be better in thy Lord's sight than spending the fullness of the heavens and earth in red gold. Thus have We detailed the matter unto thee in detail. What God desireth from His servants is their detachment from all save Him and their entry beneath the shadow of mercy that encompasseth all the worlds. He hath ever been independent of all else beside Him and self-sufficient above all things, and the kingdom of wealth is created by His word, if thou be aware thereof. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses as a mercy from Our presence and a light from Our nearness, that the lights of the Face might take thee from the direction of a praiseworthy might. Then remind on Our behalf all who have believed in God and sought guidance through the guidance of the days, then taken shelter in the shadow of the Cause at the Ultimate Tree, the spot wherein the fire is kindled and shineth forth from the Chosen Lote-Tree and speaketh the truth with that wherewith the Spirit speaketh in a wondrous holy Lote-Tree. The Spirit, the glory and the splendor be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those women who are in thy household and upon every young and old one.

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O Afnan, Haji Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God!

He is God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise befitteth the Lord of Names and the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth, Who was not prevented by the tyranny of the aggressors nor the turning away of the deniers from His purpose. Through one exalted Word He guided the peoples of earth and heaven to the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. The hosts of the world and the ranks of nations did not hold Him back from His Will. How great the power and majesty that brought forth the precious gem of recognition from a handful of dust and exalted it above the heavens! The realm of understanding is bewildered by His operations and the denizens of the Kingdom of Utterance are without mention or name before them that are nigh unto His court. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His might, and sanctified be His utterance! There is no God but Him.

Praise, glory, magnificence and light be upon the Tree and its branches, twigs and leaves, and upon them that hold fast and cling unto it - a magnificence whose fragrances shall never cease throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, and whose effusions shall never end throughout the sovereignty of might and grandeur; a magnificence whereby they that are nigh unto God ascend to the heaven of nearness and reunion, and the sincere ones unto the Most High, the Self-Subsisting; a magnificence whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High are attracted and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Paradise are gladdened. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw His servants nigh

unto the court of His presence and to give them to drink from the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of His bounty. Verily He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O My Afnan, O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The days of thy presence, by night and day, in the court of the Wronged One are remembered. Mankind was created for the knowledge of God, yet all have remained heedless and veiled from Him. They have forsaken eternal glory and clung to the desires of self and passion, tyranny and wickedness. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds in this vain life, for divine justice and heavenly wisdom will not forgo reward and punishment, and upon these two depend the order of the world and the tranquility of nations. Blessed are they that understand.

Praise be to God, the Afnan have attained to that which hath no peer or likeness. The Hand of Power delivered him and the Divine Will, through the assistance of means, caused him to reach the shore of the sea of reunion, until he stood before the Door and heard the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor. Praise thy Lord for this supreme bounty wherewith none among mankind hath been favored save whom God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, hath willed.

Today all must gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from all else, especially the Afnans of the Blessed Tree who were brought into being from nonexistence for the service of the Cause. Outward events and the oppression of tyrants diminish not their station, as attesteth the Most Great Book of God in its mighty and impregnable position.

Be not grieved at his ascension to the heaven of nearness and reunion. By My life! At this very moment We witness and hear from him mention of Me and of thee. Thus have We unveiled the matter as a grace from Us unto thee and unto My Afnan who was mentioned in My court of glory, who stood before My face and who spoke in praise of My Beautiful Name.

O Muhammad! Were the veil to be lifted, thou wouldst be so overjoyed that neither the taunts of the enemies nor the calumnies of the hateful ones would prevent thee from rejoicing or deprive thee of the most great gladness. The petitions thou didst send have all been answered and dispatched. We beseech God to give all to drink from the cup of His utterance, the Kawthar of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The light shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My Afnan and upon thee and upon whoso is with thee by night and day, and upon My Afnan there and upon My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have taken what they were bidden by God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of the Peerless Lord God

Praise that is sanctified above the comprehension of created things and the understanding of contingent beings befitteth the most luminous, most holy court of that Desired One Who created the entire world through a single word, and through its fragrance guided detached souls to the supreme horizon. He is the One with power Whom neither the opposition of the aggressive nor the objections of the heedless have prevented or will prevent from His purpose. He hath commanded all the peoples of the earth to observe what is right and forbidden what is wrong, that in all hearts the lamp of unity may be lit and all tongues may proclaim "We are God's." Blessed is the soul whom these fleeting two days have not deprived of eternal life, and whom transient conditions have not barred from the Dayspring of the light of oneness. This evanescent one testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been and will forever be sanctified above any peer or likeness, and exalted above all that is subject to decline. And I bear witness that He hath ever been one in His essence and attributes, hath been and will forever be as He hath always been. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, your letter dated the 28th of Safar was received, bringing glad tidings of that honored friend's well-being. God willing, may this herald not be barred from bearing glad tidings, and may this messenger not be deprived of the ultimate goal and highest purpose, which is the place where the light of truth is made manifest. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the Desired One of the world and the Beloved of the nations to assist you in that which shall endure in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. We are powerless before the manifestations of His might and weak before the expressions of His power. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us in serving and obeying Him and to assist us in preserving what He hath graciously bestowed through His generosity and bounty. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him, holdeth fast to His cord, and cleaveth to His robe. There is none other God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

Praise be to God that you have attained to that which is acceptable in God's sight. In truth, your letter was a cause of joy and gladness, for the fragrance of love wafted from it. Praise be to God in all conditions. Verily, He is the Desired One in both beginning and end.

As to what you wrote regarding the sum sent by Aqa Muhammad-Husayn, brother of him who circumambulated the House - upon them both be the glory of God - the aforementioned person (may God's loving-kindness and grace be upon him) sent word from the great city and wrote that after the bill's term expires it will be sent. Whatever reaches them, they will forward. The servant beseecheth God, exalted be He, to send down from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence upon him and upon you and upon him whom He aided to discharge His rights. Verily, He is the Protector of those who act and are sincere.

Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings to Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn. God willing, may he ever be assisted in what is befitting and drink without pause or delay from the cup of recognition of the Beloved of all possibility. You mentioned Haji Muhammad-Rahim who intended the House and attained his desire. Praise be to God, he hath been and is in our thoughts, and his mention hath not been and will not be erased. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one, and likewise to the friends - that is, those souls who with complete detachment drink of the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful. Deprived is the one who hath not attained the outpourings of the true Bestower of abundance and hath not arisen

to make good what was lost. God willing, in this luminous dawn may all the peoples of the earth be awakened by this sweet spiritual breeze and attain to the ocean of awareness. Verily, He is the Lord of the mystics and the Desired One of all the worlds. Peace and mercy be upon you and upon God's assured servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

The Holy Branch, His Honor Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God

Praise that is sanctified beyond tongues and pens and exalted above the comprehension and minds of all who dwell in the realm of possibility is befitting the most holy, most sacred court of that Divine Lote-Tree Who chose certain souls from the world and […] Exalted is the favor of our Lord and great are His bestowals. This servant beareth witness to the greatness of this most exalted station and His grace which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. We desire to testify with the tongues of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation that He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth what He desireth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. For some time this evanescent servant has been deprived of mentioning the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree, as the volume of correspondence has reached such a point that truly finding time and opportunity is like finding the phoenix in all lands, or like finding patience in the hearts of lovers. In all conditions God is witness and testifier that you are remembered and present in heart and tongue. The purpose of submitting this brief petition is that several months ago you had sent a list of names of those who had paid some of the Rights of God. This was presented in the Most Holy Court and according to command I should send receipts for those funds, but due to the press of duties it slipped from view until this time when your letter to His Honor the Name of God M, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, was seen. This evanescent servant became mindful of what had transpired and therefore seeks pardon through this petition. Assuredly pardon has been and is beloved by your honor. And today when your letter was presented before the Throne, He commanded that receipts be sent to each of those souls so that all may rejoice and give thanks to God, exalted be His glory, for through the Afnan of the Tree their mention was made in the Most Great Prison and they attained to God's wondrous and exalted favors. They must rejoice and give thanks to Him Who mentioned them and aided them to turn unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Therefore this evanescent servant wrote several pages and sent them to your honor so that the souls mentioned may know with clear certitude that God, exalted be His glory, hath accepted from them that which they sent.

Another submission is that previously it was written to that beloved one according to command regarding the two hundred tumans from Sabzivar, that it should [be delivered] to His Honor Mirza 'Abdu'llah-i-Nuri, upon him be the Glory of God, who resides in the Land of Ta, and they should deliver it according to the draft. Now according to your letter this sum was sent to Alexandria and from Alexandria this matter was

also written about. Now if any of these mentioned funds from before or after remain with your honor, [kindly] send them with utmost haste to the aforementioned Mirza. This matter is most essential. His Honor the Name of God Mahdi was also commanded in His presence to write again to your honor. The Command is in God's hand, the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of the mystics.

This servant is most ashamed that for some time no petition has been submitted to His Honor of the Two Most Exalted Names, His Honor Khalil and proclaimer of the mighty Cause, upon him be from all glory its most glorious, and likewise to the honored gentlemen, the Afnans - may my spirit be a sacrifice for their steadfastness - who are present in that land. However there has been and is complete trust in the mercies of the Afnan. The Glory that is manifest and shining from the horizon of the favors of the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of the nations be upon you and upon those who love you and remember you and draw nigh unto you and hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great.

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May the honored servant, Haji Muhammad Baqir, upon whom be God's peace and care, take note.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise and glory befit the Goal of all the worlds Who, through the mighty hands of His manifest Law, established an impregnable fortress and, through the blessed words "in retaliation ye shall find life, O men of understanding," preserved the wealth, properties and lives of His servants. His Command is the water of life for creation and His decree is a manifest protection for His servants. Glorified be His grandeur, exalted His sovereignty, and magnificent His power! And blessings and peace be upon the ocean of His knowledge, the heaven of His bounty, and the sun of His grace, Who was named Muhammad in the most exalted Kingdom and the realm of creation, and upon His family and companions through whom the breeze wafted, the Word was uplifted, the sun of justice shone forth, and the river of equity overflowed - blessings whose fragrances never fade and whose effusions never alter.

And now, the letter of that honored servant arrived. Each of its intimations was a truthful witness and a harmonious messenger, for it brought glad tidings of health, love, affection and steadfastness. After its reading and review, it was taken to the Sacred Presence where it attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God that they are recipients of grace and bounty. The glance of favor has been and continues to be directed towards His loved ones. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in His remembrance and praise, to reinforce him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, to draw him near unto Him, to ordain for him that which will gladden his eyes and rejoice his heart, to give him to drink from the immortal fountain through the hands of His bounty, and to decree for him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

The mercy, compassion and grace of God, exalted be His glory, have encompassed His servants. Through loving counsels and firm ordinances He has preserved them. Indeed, the laws and commandments of God

are protectors and guardians for the preservation of the world and its peoples. Blessed is he who holds fast to the Book, and woe to every heedless and remote one.

As to his request that His Holiness the Name of God Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, write whatever he deems advisable for that honored one - the command has been issued and, God willing, he will write. And concerning his mention of the departed and elevated Haji Ibrahim, upon him be God's mercy - after it was presented before the Lord, He spoke this most exalted word: "Praise be to God that that honored one has acted appropriately regarding the departed one and has held fast to what was befitting. We beseech God to write down the reward of your deed and make it a treasure with Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And we beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive him who has ascended unto Him, to cause him to enter the most exalted Paradise, and to make him a companion of those near ones and the sincere ones. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

And regarding what was written about his legacy which, in truth, is not worthy of mention - in this matter one must act according to what God has decreed in the Book: first the payment of debts, and then distribution to the heirs. Praise be to God that one like that honored one has been present and has acted and continues to act accordingly. And concerning what was written about marriage - they should consult with the guardians. Whatever results from that consultation, there has been and is no objection to acting upon it.

This lowly one conveys greetings to the loved ones of that land. I send greetings to the comfort of my eyes, Aqa Ali-Rida, upon him be God's peace, and likewise to Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be God's peace. And I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of that honored one and them, that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

O Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be 96 [Baha], from the land of Q

This evanescent servant was gladdened by the sight of your letter. God willing, may you ever remain speaking in remembrance of the eternal Goal and gazing toward His horizon. These are days when not a single atom among atoms has been deprived of the lights of the Sun of grace, and not a single drop among drops has been forbidden from the bounty of the divine ocean. Every soul who has turned toward Him has attained the outpourings of the Most Exalted Pen, and concerning every heedless one the blessed and excellent word "rend asunder his veils" has been revealed. His grace has encompassed all things. If all the pens in the world were to write forever describing a single one of His infinite bounties,

they would never complete it. Who can reckon what has appeared and will appear from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds?

After perusing your letter, this evanescent servant sought permission to approach the Most Exalted Horizon. After permission was granted, it was presented before His presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance:

In My Name, the Wronged One

O Ghulam-Husayn! We made mention of thee before, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. We sent down verses for thee, and I am the Ancient Sender. We manifested clear proofs to all who are in earth and heaven, and I am the Kind, the Generous. We immortalized thy remembrance in a Book revealed for him who was named the Nightingale, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Therein did We make mention of My loved ones who soared in My atmosphere and acted according to what was revealed in My Book, and I am the Manifest Book. Every name that turned to the Lord of all beings was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen, and I am the Trustworthy, the Faithful. We counsel thee to patience and forbearance, and to trustworthiness which God hath made a crown for the heads of them that are nigh unto Him. Be thou of such character that thy very limbs shall testify for thee, and that the seal inscription "The Kingdom belongeth to God, Lord of all worlds" shall be seen upon thy brow. Dost thou perceive the fragrances of utterance? Dost thou hear the call of the All-Merciful? Say: Yea, this is through the grace of my Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. By My life! He that attaineth to true hearing ariseth to serve My Cause in such wise that neither the divines of this age who have become corrupt and have corrupted others, and who pronounced judgment against God when He came with a Cause before which all things that were and will be created stand powerless, can hinder him. We make mention in this station of My nightingale who warbled upon the branches of the tree of My knowledge, and whose song is heard from the atmosphere of My loving-kindness, and then of those who are with him, and I am the Rewarder, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We send Our greetings upon them from this station and We cast upon them the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We sent down the verses as a mercy from Us, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Beloved is the soul who reads the divine verses and finds their sweetness. A bounty hath appeared the like of which hath never been seen in the world nor shall ever be seen. God willing, may we all be enabled to make up for what we have neglected in the divine days. O brother! Reflect upon His grace and with thy outer and inner tongue proclaim "Thine is the praise, O Beloved One." How can one who hath seen no light comprehend mention of it? How can one who hath not reached the water derive any portion from describing it or gain any awareness thereof? The point is that souls who are today heedless and veiled are seen to be deprived of all bounties. It is better that we conclude our mention of heedless souls with the blessed word "Leave them to their vain discourse and play" and turn to mention of the friends of God. On behalf of this evanescent servant convey greetings to all and say: God willing, reflect upon what hath been mentioned and what is being mentioned, and seek assistance from the oceans of grace and loving-kindness and generosity, that He may assist all to know that which causeth enkindlement and love and affection and unity. The glory be upon you and upon God's chosen ones and loved ones in those regions and upon those who have attained to this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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Afnan Hasan, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Mighty, Most Exalted Glory of God! A remembrance unto him who hath attained unto the lights of divine knowledge in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, that the fragrance of remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he shall cast aside all sorrows and immerse himself in the ocean of life through this remembrance, before which the Spirit proclaimeth: "The Joy of the worlds is come!" He is a helper to him that hath no helper, and a son to him whose son was martyred in the love of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Great.

All atoms and all things in their entirety, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the King, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Impregnable, bear witness that he who dieth in the love of God is assuredly among those who have been martyred in His path and was of those who have attained. Wouldst thou grieve after that which the Tongue of the Wronged One and the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting, hath spoken? Through this word the denizens of the highest Paradise rejoiced, and the Dove warbled upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Blessed is he whom God hath singled out for this bounty, whereby the faces of His chosen ones were illumined in the most exalted Paradise, and the sweet fragrance of loving-kindness wafted over the dwellers of the heavens and the earth.

From thy Lord's word have been planted the trees of hope in the hearts of all created things, and the sun of generosity hath shone upon all in existence from this horizon which hath been illumined by the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. By My life! Hadst thou been present before the Face and heard with thine own ears the verses of thy Lord, thou wouldst have forsaken the world and all that is therein, and wouldst have arisen amidst the peoples of all worlds, calling upon thy Lord, the All-Merciful: "I am content with Thy good-pleasure, O Thou the Beloved of the worlds, and I praise Thee for my son's martyrdom in the year wherein the Son of the Wronged One was martyred in the land of exile. Blessed are the two sons who have attained unto God's remembrance and His Word, and whose names have adorned the Tablet of Creation from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise."

Marvel not at the supreme loving-kindness of thy Lord, for He beholdeth that which none hath comprehended save His all-embracing Self, which encompasseth all created things. Were We to acquaint thee with the station of him who hath ascended unto God and his love for his Lord, thou wouldst assuredly arise to praise and remember him at all times. The Cause is in the grasp of thy Lord's power - He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth, and bestoweth upon whom He willeth that which He desireth. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Follow thou thy Lord. Neither afflictions nor sorrows have deterred Him from that which He was commanded in the path of God, the Lord of all religions. In the ocean of tribulation, He calleth those on land among the peoples of creation to this Cause, through which the horizon of certitude hath been illumined. When the rapture of the All-Merciful's utterance overtaketh thee and thou drinkest the choice

wine of life from the hands of grace and bounty, arise and lift up thy hands unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I have come unto Thee, detached from all else beside Thee, heedless of any other than Thee, turning unto the horizon of Thy grace, the Dayspring of Thy generosity, and the Source of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by the wrongs suffered by Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self, and by His exile in Thy lands, and His loneliness among Thy creatures, to make me one of those whom the might of Thine enemies hath not kept back from drawing nigh unto Thee, and whom the veils of Thy creatures and the coverings of Thy people have not prevented from beholding Thy face.

O Lord! Thou seest me standing before Thy gate, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, gazing toward the hidden gifts of Thy bounty, content with what Thou hast ordained for me in the tablets of Thy decree and the pages of Thy destiny. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to strengthen me in Thy love in such wise that I shall suffice myself with Thee as mine aid. O Lord! Turn unto him who hath turned unto Thee, then ordain for him what is best in Thy knowledge, for Thou knowest him better than he knoweth himself, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Grant me, O my God, the sweetness of that which hath proceeded from the mouth of Thy bounty and descended from the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the heaven of Thy mercy and the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy tender care. I have committed my soul into Thy hands; turn it about as Thou pleasest with the fingers of Thy power. This is my request and my hope, O Thou Beloved of the hearts of them that know, and Thou Goal of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee.

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Part 1: The beginning portion is already translated. Here is the translation of the remaining Persian/Arabic text:

In My Name, through which the Standard of Guidance hath been raised amongst all peoples

Glorified be God Who hath manifested His Cause and made all things speak that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The Wronged One testifieth to His oneness and His singleness. He hath ever been known through His Own Self, sovereign through His authority, and manifest through His signs. There is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies, and taken hold of that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Muhammad, We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of existence. When thou art illumined by the light of My utterance and holdest fast to the cord of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace, and anticipating what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed existence and by the light of

Thy Cause which hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen, to make me speak Thy praise, to be steadfast in Thy love, and firm in Thy Cause and service. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. O my Lord! Deny me not the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor the splendors of the Daystar of Thy Revelation. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related unto thee. Remind them of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and illumine them with the light of My grace which hath encompassed what was and what shall be.

O Moses! This is a day wherein the Interlocutor hath attained the lights of the Ancient One and hath quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the cup of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. The gate of grace hath been opened and the standard of justice hath been raised up, inasmuch as the All-Bountiful hath come riding upon the clouds with manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen raised its call in remembrance of him who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy kindred and those who are with thee in this Great News.

O Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim! Give thanks unto God that the Pen hath turned toward thee by command of My Most Great Name, and desireth to make mention of thee with a remembrance that shall endure throughout the eternity of My kingdom and My dominion. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of mankind, for having guided me unto Thy path and having revealed unto me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who hath been named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, that the utterance may draw him nigh unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. This is a day wherein the rains have fallen, the rivers have flowed, the trees have yielded their fruits, and the righteous have cried out: "The kingdom and the dominion and the glory and the majesty belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!" Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve My Cause and to speak My beauteous praise. Take hold of My Book with My might and cleave tenaciously to whatsoever commandment thy Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise, hath prescribed therein.

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In the name of God, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High!

O my God! Every night I am consumed by the fire of separation from Thee, and every day I am gladdened by the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty. In the night-time I weep in my despair at being remote from the evidences of Thy triumph and Thy loving-kindness, and in the daytime I laugh with hope at the wondrous manifestations of Thy generosity and benevolence. Glorified art Thou, O my God! All days have passed, yet the tribulations of Thy chosen ones have not ceased; every matter hath ended, yet the afflictions of Thy trusted ones do not end. It is as though adversity hath become eternal through the eternity of Thy Being, and hardship abiding through the permanence of Thy Self, and enduring through the endurance of

Thy Countenance, wherein all things in Thy dominion change save the tribulations of Thy loved ones, and all things in Thy realm are transient save the abasement of Thy chosen ones.

By Thy might, O my Beloved! Abasement hath reached its utmost degree, and there hath come from the ignorant that which cannot be recounted in words. O Thou unto Whom all grace and bounty lead, and verily Thou art the Lord of beauty and majesty! Dost Thou not, O my God, look upon Thy loved ones with glances of Thy tender mercy, and dost Thou not, O my Hope, turn toward Thy creatures with looks of Thy loving-kindness? Is there anyone besides Thee to whom they might flee? Is there any sovereign but Thee to whom they might turn? Nay, by Thy might! And I, being among Thy lovers, do testify before Thee now that they have desired none but Thee, have worshipped none but Thee, have known none but Thee, and have cut themselves off from all directions to turn to Thy face of oneness, and have abandoned all dwellings until they entered the precincts of Thy divine singleness.

How long, O my God, wilt Thou not send upon their hearts the breezes of Thy mercy, and not cause to waft over their souls the gentle winds of Thy grace and loving-kindness? Didst Thou not promise, O my Lord, to gather the detached ones in the shelter of Thy greatest mercy? And didst Thou not promise them a haven of security beneath the shadow of Thy Most Exalted Name? Then fulfill what Thou hast promised, and manifest all that Thou hast covenanted, for verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Fulfiller of the needs of them that seek Thee.

Thou knowest, O my God and my Lord, that I complain not for myself, nor grieve for my own being, nor sorrow for my body, for on the day when Thou didst make Thyself known to me and made me drink the wine of Thy beauty, I sacrificed my spirit for Thy spirit, my being for Thy being, and my body for Thy body. Thou knowest what hath befallen me in Thy path and what hath touched me through the courses of Thy decree. By Thy might! I cannot mention it before Thee, nor can any of Thy loved ones bear to hear it. In all conditions I have been thankful for Thy bounty and content with Thy decree. Nay, I have been waiting for the swords of Thine enemies in Thy path and the arrows of Thy decree in Thy love. I have not preserved myself for even an hour, and I have been as a burning fire among Thy sinful servants, as a shining lamp before Thine enemies, and as the rising sun above the heads of the wretched ones.

Every day they conspire to banish me, and every night they gather to slay me, while I say: “O my God! Increase their unbelief and heedlessness, then their polytheism and wretchedness, that thereby my meeting with Thee may draw near, until I return unto Thee and appear before Thee, for this is my hope from Thee and my expectation in Thee.” But O my God! When I witness the agitation of Thy loved ones and the distress of Thy creatures, I am saddened to a degree that cannot be counted in words nor completed by the pen in its task. Verily, if Thou wert to remove from them the veils of the Cause as Thou hast removed them from this Thy servant, they would not be agitated in the places of Thy trials nor confused in the courses of Thy decree. But Thou hast veiled it from them through Thy all-encompassing knowledge and revealed it to Thy perishing servant.

Therefore, I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy Most Exalted Manifestation, by Thy mirrors that reflect Him, by Thy Most Sublime and Eternal Mirror, and by the tongues that speak of Him, that Thou make us among those who arrive at the shore of Thy detachment, who descend into the city of Thy bounty, who

drink from the cup of Thy beauty, and who rest upon the carpet of Thy majesty. For in Thy hand is the kingdom of all things, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Single, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Ancient, Eternal, Most Holy One! Thy letter hath come before Our face and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of love and fellowship. Therefore hath this Most Great Tablet been revealed unto thee. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto Him Who caused thee to hear the cooing of the Dove and guided thee to this straight Path. Arise to assist the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. He, verily, aideth whomsoever He willeth through the power of His behest, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

We beseech God to make thee a knight of inner meanings in this field and to number thee among those whom vain imaginings have not kept back from God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Take thou the chalice of eternity in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, then drink therefrom and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who givest to drink unto those who have known Thee!

The divine fragrance hath been wafted, and the breeze hath blown, and there hath appeared from Zion that which was hidden, and from Jerusalem is heard the Voice of God, the One, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing. This is what was sent down aforetime from this wondrous Pen. Say: The Temple hath been built by the hands of the power of the Lord of all causes, and the All-Merciful hath been manifested from this resplendent Horizon. Say: Is that which hath been built by the hands of the All-Merciful better, or that which is built of clay? God calleth unto all else besides Him and giveth them glad tidings of this Cause which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the will of your Ancient Lord.

Know thou that when We adorned the Kingdom with the ornament of the name of thy Chosen Lord, the fish in the seas were struck with awe, the fruits fell from the trees, the denizens of the Kingdom of Might were bewildered, the tribes of the human realm lamented, the people of the cities of names were halted, and the pillars of all who are in earth and heaven were shaken, save whom thy Lord, the All-Wise, willed otherwise. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy name hath been mentioned in the Kingdom of thy Lord, and there hath been sent down for thee that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure as long as God endureth. This is of His grace unto thee, wert thou of those who know.

The Spirit hath indeed come with the ornament of God, and every pillar of His pillars proclaimeth: “I am the Beloved of the worlds.” When the promise came to pass and the veil was rent asunder by the finger of destiny, all who are in creation were terrified, and the fire of hatred was kindled in the hearts of the oppressors, and they committed that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament and the Spirit of Faithfulness to rend its garments.

Say: Tribulations prevent Us not from that which We have purposed. We speak the truth, though all the swords of the world be drawn against Our face. Say: O concourse of prelates! That which ye were promised in the Tablets hath come to pass. Fear ye God and follow not the imaginings of them that have gone astray. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of the Tablet of God with the authority that proceedeth from Him. This is better for you than all ye possess. Unto this testifieth every knowing,

perceiving one. Ye glory in My Name, yet ye shut yourselves out from My Self. This is indeed a strange thing.

Say: O concourse of bishops! The Lord of all creatures hath appeared. He, verily, is calling humanity in the valley of guidance, while ye are of them that are dead. Blessed is he who hath been stirred by the breeze of God and hath arisen from amongst the dead through this manifest Name.

Say: O concourse of archbishops! The earthquakes have seized all the peoples, and He Who is the Everlasting Lord calleth aloud between earth and heaven. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen, and the heart that hath turned unto the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O concourse of priests! The Day of Reckoning hath appeared, and He Who was in heaven hath come. He, verily, is the One Whom ye were promised in God's Holy Books, the Mighty, the Praised One. How long will ye wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and vain imaginings? Turn with your hearts toward your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice at My mention of thee and be of them that are firmly established. Remember when thy first letter came before Us when the Most Great Sea was mounted upon the Ark by reason of that which the hands of the idolaters had wrought, and this is another time thy letter hath come before Our face. We have read it and answered thee with this decisive and all-encompassing utterance. Be thou observant in all circumstances of the dictates of wisdom, and speak unto men according to their capacities, for should an infant be given meat in its early days, it would perish. Thus doth thy Lord, the Merciful, counsel thee.

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O Uncle Mashhadi Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearing, the Seeing, the Answering One.

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified from the direction of the white spot, from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and sent down the heavenly table from the heaven of grace, but the people have deprived themselves of that which God, the Lord of lords, hath willed. This is a day wherein the mysteries of the Books of God, both past and future, have been revealed. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless liar.

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee and hath revealed for thee this Book whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and all things have spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be." This is a day at the mention of which the eyes of the chosen ones were solaced, but when it appeared the divines and religious doctors denied it, save whom God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning, wished. I bear witness that through their oppression the servants have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have committed that which hath caused the denizens of

the most exalted Paradise and the dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur to lament at eventide and at dawn.

Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols of fancy and vain imaginings in the name of God, the Lord of all men. How many a learned one hath been deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge, while thou didst turn and drink therefrom from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst attain unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain. God hath elevated thy station to one wherein He remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison with a remembrance through which the fragrance of life passeth over all creation. Glorify thy Lord with praise and thank Him at all times.

Well is it with thee for having cast away what the people possess, yearning for that which is with God, and for having arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance. By My life! We were with thee when thou didst speak in remembrance of My Most Great Name, turning toward this horizon whereby the horizons were illumined.

O Husayn! Dost thou know Who mentioneth thee and Who calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison? Say: Yea, by my Lord, in Whose right hand are all who dwell in the heaven of Command and creation, and in Whose grasp is the reins of all who are in the kingdoms of earth and heaven! The ears were created for this Most Great Day and the tongue for this Cause before which, when it appeared, all religions have bowed down.

O uncle! We have manifested unto thee the ocean of utterance and shown thee its waves and what floweth upon it by My Name, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Reflect upon the stations of them that are veiled. All count themselves among the people of truth and await the days of manifestation, yet when the standards of divine expression were raised and the banners of the Revelation appeared, all were found to be veiled save whom God wished. The Truth, exalted be His glory, in all the Books both past and future, hath given everyone the glad-tidings of this most wondrous, most glorious Day. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. In all ages and centuries they have beseeched and implored God not to deprive them of the fragrances of His days, yet due to their heinous and unseemly deeds they have been deprived of their goal and forbidden from that for which they were created. He it is Who hath made their highest to be their lowest and their lowest to be their highest.

We convey greetings to all the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and bounty. We beseech God that all may be recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book as the fish of this ocean and the stars of this heaven and the letters of this Tablet. By My life! The world and all that is therein cannot be compared with this most exalted Word, for if a soul be recorded in the aforementioned Book, he shall attain unto special favors in all the divine worlds. Were We to describe this station, all who are in the heavens and earth would swoon away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who were not hindered by the affairs of the world from the Most Great Name and who cast away all that they possessed, clinging to the cord of the bounty of their Lord, the Strong, the Predominant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Manifest, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The ocean of oneness hath surged, and the Ark hath sailed, and the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath been wafted. Blessed is he who hath clung to the cord of bounty and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe betide him who hath been kept back from the Daystar of certitude by following vain imaginings and idle fancies.

O youth! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified in this most exalted Station, this most sublime Summit, and this most glorious Horizon, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling over what hath been and what shall be. We have mentioned thee aforetime with verses from which the fragrance of My loving-kindness was diffused amongst My servants, that thou mightest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of existence. And We have sent down unto thee, time and again, that whereby the realities of all things were attracted. To this testifieth the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, Who is established upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" through His Most Holy, Mighty, and Beloved Name.

Thou wert mentioned aforetime by the Trusted One of the Bayan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful, and then by him who was named Haydar-'Ali, upon him be My Glory. We have remembered thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, and We have sent thee a Tablet wherefrom the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. And at this moment one of My Branches, who hath been named the Light in My Beloved Tablet, hath presented himself, bearing thy letter which thou didst send unto him who was named with the first part of My Name, and it was read before Our face.

We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which delighteth the eyes of the maidens secluded in the Most Exalted Paradise and attracteth the hearts of the dwellers of the supreme Paradise. Verily thy Lord loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth him who remembereth Him, and He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O youth! There hath befallen Us tribulations whereat the Concourse on High hath lamented, and afflictions wherewith hearts and souls have been consumed. They have cast aside trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness, having followed the dictates of self and passion. Lo! They comprehend not. We desired glory for them, yet they desired for Us supreme abasement. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they have committed that which hath caused the tears of the faithful to flow, they who have believed in God, the Lord of this praiseworthy station. Neither the might of the world shall frighten Me, nor shall the harm of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed hold Me back.

When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of bounty from the cup of the utterance of thy Most Glorious Lord, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love, to be set ablaze with the fire of Thy affection, and to be illumined by the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and the Desire of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee were illumined and the faces of them who broke Thy Covenant

and Testament and denied Thee and Thy signs were darkened, to assist Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause and guide Thy creatures, and ordain for them that which shall draw them unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Lord! Thou knowest and seest that I have desired naught save to make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest that which shall raise them unto the heaven of Thy glory. I beseech Thee to aid me in that which I have purposed in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the All-Bounteous, the Generous, the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence, and to Thy sanctification above the recognition of Thy creatures and Thy exaltation above the comprehension of them that are in Thy realm. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of bounty and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy Beloved One whom Thou didst deliver from the polytheists who sought to shed His blood without any proof from Thee or testimony from Thy presence, and by Thy Cause whereby Thou didst raise up the Spirit to the heaven of Thy grace and didst preserve Him from the evil of them that turned away among Thy servants and the transgressors among Thy creatures, and by the Will whereby Thou didst deliver Moses from the tyranny of the Pharaohs of the earth and its oppressors, to protect Thy sheep from the wolves of Thy earth and the embodiments of trustworthiness from the calumniators and treacherous ones among Thy servants. Then assist them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and preserve them through Thy power which hath encompassed all things. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One to him who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree - a bounty from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who gazeth upon the Face! Hear the Call from the precincts of the Prison - verily there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Thy letter hath arrived and been presented by the servant in the presence of the Face. We have answered thee with this Tablet, inscribed, from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and deny not Him from Whose Most Exalted Pen hath flowed the Kawthar of utterance and every ordained matter hath appeared. Know ye Who calleth you and recognize ye Who remembereth you? Come ye, come ye, that I may show you the Most Exalted Horizon and cause you to hear the most melodious Pen and acquaint you with Him Who in every state proclaimeth: “Verily there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Lord of the visible and invisible.”

By God! The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come from the horizon of power with the banners of verses. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned toward Him, and woe unto every

heedless doubter. This is the Day which God's Books have announced aforetime and afterward. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before the faces of the world and from whose waves is heard that which the Interlocutor heard. Fear God and be not of those who denied God's favor and His signs, and committed that which caused the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide.

Thus have We showered from the heaven of grace upon the earth of existence the rains of wisdom and utterance, as a mercy from God, the Lord of all men. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My knowledge be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of the divines have not withheld from the Lord of Names, nor the allusions of the mystics from Him Who hath arisen before all faces and summoned the servants unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Now hear in the Persian tongue: Today is the springtime of mention and utterance. Blessed is the one whom the veils of the people of the world have not deprived of this supreme bounty. Praise be to God, thou hast been confirmed and attained unto that whereby existence itself came into being through its recognition. Today the Divine Lote-Tree in the midmost heart of contingent being proclaimeth this most sublime Word: "The King hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

Beseech ye God to make the ears of the servants ready for that for which they were created and brought from nothingness into being. Say: Strive that ye may attain unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. By the life of God! One word thereof cannot be equaled by all that is seen and visible. The ocean of bounty is surging, the sun of grace is shining, yet the servants are heedless and veiled. Say: Strive and, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the All-Sufficient, the Exalted, for that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Beseech thou God to kindle all with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illumine them with the light of recognition. He is powerful and mighty.

Glory be to God! At all times hath the Pen of the Most Merciful, without veil or concealment, called the kings and subjects of the world and guided them to the Most Exalted Horizon. Until now they have not arisen from the couch of heedlessness. All have testified and do testify to its transience, yet they have deprived themselves of the eternal life and everlasting bounty.

Say: My God, my God! Regard not Thy servants and what they have wrought in Thy days, but rather their poverty and Thy riches, their weakness and Thy power. Aid them, O God of existence and Lord of the visible and invisible, to hearken unto the rustling of Thy Pen and to behold the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. O Lord! Purify them with the water of inner meanings and utterance from that which hath withheld them from turning toward Thy Name, the Most Merciful. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy grace that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to know Thy path. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over what was and what is to be!

This is a Book whose verses have been sent down in Arabic, and it is indeed detailed from the Mother Book by God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Through it the Spirit casts truth in all times. Verily, there is no God but Him. And He Who speaks is indeed the Dawning-Place of God's Books, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Through Him God quenches the thirst of the unitarians with the Kawthar of life, and gives unto the sincere what cannot be mentioned in words. He brings glad tidings to all in the world of the appearance of the Lord of Eternity and draws the peoples near to the Most Great Name, Who speaks at the heart of contingent being in such wise as to make the very backbone of religions tremble. How many a standing one has sat down at the might of the Cause, and how many a sleeping one has arisen at this Name whereby standards were hoisted upon hilltops and mountains! How many a learned one was prevented by vain imaginings from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of Days, and how many a heedless one attained to the lights of the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of power! How many a philosopher claimed unity, but when the Manifestation of detachment appeared and the Dayspring of Revelation shed its radiance, denied God, the Lord of all men!

Say: The learned one is he who hath attained unto My knowledge, and the wise one he who hath turned unto My face and attained the mysteries of My wisdom, and the eloquent one he who hath become fluent in My Cause, and the one who speaketh is he who hath spoken forth with this Remembrance that God hath made the Dawning-Place of all remembrance. Say: By God! On this day the mention of notables will not profit you, nor form and matter. Behold this Reality from which all realities were made real and all things proclaimed: "There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!" Among them is one who claimed he heard from every tree what the Interlocutor heard, yet when the appointed time came and the Tree called out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, We found him thunderstruck upon the dust - the decisive Word had come.

He distinguisheth between the servants, and with Him is the Mother of Tablets. Rend asunder, by My Name, the Self-Subsisting, all the veils of fancy. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Names. What thou possessest shall perish, and what hath been ordained for thee by My Most Exalted Pen shall endure in a Tablet that God hath made the Dayspring of inspiration. Dost thou choose silence after the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh among all creation? Dost thou fear the might of those in power after thou beholdest the Dawning-Place of the Cause standing among the servants with a sovereignty whose might hath seized all regions? Beware lest thou exchange the Kingdom of immortality for what thou seest in the realm of mortality. Turn with thy most luminous heart to the Most Great Vista, then hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth in this Prison wherein the atoms cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses!"

Hold fast to the glory of God, turning away from what thou seest as glory for thyself among men. Glory belongeth unto the Lord of creation and unto those who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of the Beloved and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest wealth hold thee back from the final destination, or possessions occupy thee from God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Leave all else, then read what hath been sent down for thee in this Tablet. It will draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt see dominion behind thee. Then shalt thou say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to attain unto the most exalted station!"

Know that We make mention of thee for the sake of God, that We might fulfill some of what We have been commanded by Him. The Kingdom and the Dominion bear witness to this. Blessed are they who possess insight! We summon all unto the sealed wine whose seal hath been loosened by the finger of the Self-Subsisting, and We give the near ones to drink of that which draweth them closer to God, the Lord of all men. Say: O concourse of divines! Beware lest ye muddy the pure water of this spring with what ye possess of conjecture and fancy. Arise from the couch of heedlessness, then speak forth among all creation with the remembrance of your Lord. This is better for you, if ye be of those possessed of understanding. Leave the pond, for behold, the Most Great Ocean hath surged when the breeze of the All-Merciful stirred in all existence. Thus have the rains of My bounty poured forth from the clouds of My utterance. Beware lest thou deprive thyself thereof. Draw nigh with thy whole being and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause was imprisoned among the servants."

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In His Name, Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven! This is a Book that speaks the truth and reminds the people of the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds, and guides them to the path which hath been established in truth, and speaketh, saying: "O people of the earth! Turn ye unto Me with radiant faces, and follow not the imaginings of the ignorant ones who have turned away from the Countenance and denied Him in Whom they had believed. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne."

In the Persian tongue: Hearken unto the divine call which is raised at all times, giving unto all the glad-tidings of that which is the cause of eternal blessing and everlasting bounty and endless, abiding life. The people of that land have ever been and continue to be under the glance of His loving-kindness. Blessed is the Ba before the Qaf, for he hath attained unto the Most Great Remembrance, when every heedless and remote one was debarred therefrom. We beseech the Most High to aid him at all times and draw him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Abu-'Ali! Render thanks unto the Goal of all the worlds, that He hath aided thee to turn unto Him and hath manifested through thee one who is occupied in service and dwelleth beneath the canopy of grandeur. Thou didst desire to attain His presence; however, due to the great distance and the opposition of the deniers and the objections of the oppressors, this matter is now postponed. Yet We beseech God to record, through the Most Exalted Pen, its reward for thee and for others, and to adorn it with the glory of His acceptance. Be grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged by the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Glory of those in the heavens and the earth!"

O 'Ali! We have made mention of thy father, and We now make mention of My handmaiden, thy mother. We beseech God to forgive her and ordain for her that which beseemeth the kingdom of His bounty and the heaven of His grace. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God! His honor Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin speaketh in remembrance of the sincere ones, the near ones, and the devoted ones, and hath attained unto the presence. Blessed is he and blessed is he who

hath loved him and hearkened unto his call in this momentous News. He hath ever made mention of those regions and the loved ones of that land, and continueth to do so, and hath besought from the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and the heaven of divine generosity, for each one, that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal.

O Hajar! Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and thou hast attained unto the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, and the evidences of the Most Exalted Pen. Recognize thou the station of this Most Great Remembrance and this Most Exalted Word. By the life of God! The treasures of the earth cannot compare with but one word of the divine utterances. Today all the books of the world cry out with one voice: "O people of the earth! The Mother Book hath appeared and calleth from the most exalted station, summoning all unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Hearken ye, hearken ye, then turn with such steadfastness as cannot be deterred by the hosts of the world, and be not of those who turn away."

O 'Ali! Give the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My bounty to thy brothers. We beseech God to aid them to remember and praise Him, to draw them nigh unto Him, to ordain for them the reward of those who have turned to My Most Exalted Horizon, and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of bounty from the hand of His favor. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous. We have remembered them time and again, and likewise those whom God hath related unto thee, as a mercy from His presence. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Guardian of the sincere ones.

The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon My loved ones there, from whom those who have turned unto God inhale the fragrance of My wondrous and incomparable love.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones and Thy friends. Ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have hastened with their hearts to Thy horizon, soared in Thy atmosphere, and have sacrificed their spirits in Thy path. O Lord! Withhold them not from the outpourings of Thy days, then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and aid them in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Judge, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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His Holiness Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]

On 7 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1305

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Unto Him be praise and greatness and glory, for He hath ordained for His loved ones in His presence the blessing of nearness and meeting, and in absence the food of remembrance and praise. At times He speaketh in presence in the form of utterance, and at others in absence in the form of writing. Unto Him be praise for all of this and in all conditions. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved, whom He

made a Book wherein was inscribed that which none knoweth save His own Self, and established him in His station in the realm of creation, and made him the Dawning-Place of His names and the Rising-Point of His attributes and the Manifestation of His signs and evidences, and upon his family and companions through whom was raised the Most Great Word whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and through whom eyes witnessed and tongues proclaimed that there is none other God but Him. These are servants through whose might was revealed God's justice throughout creation and His power amongst the servants - blessings which the speaking tongues, enkindled hearts and penetrating, all-encompassing perceptions are powerless to reckon. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid us in that which He loveth and approveth. Verily He heareth and seeth. There is none other God but Him in the hereafter and the former times.

The letter of that beloved of the heart was as collyrium for the eye of love, an antidote for the temple of affection, and a heavenly stream for the thirsty in the valley of search. After manifestations of joy and gladness, delight and rapture, it was brought before the Face. He said - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - He is the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Mahmud! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The servant was present before the Face with thy letter and was honored to hear the Wronged One. Every word thereof testified in the most exalted call to thy steadfastness, attachment, love and affection. Well is it with thee for having drunk the wine of love from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the Lord of creation, and for having attained that which the world was debarred from, save whom God, the Lord of eternity, wished. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid and assist thee in that whereby His remembrance may be exalted amongst His servants and His Word in His lands. Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have drunk the wine of recognition from the cup of their Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of his honor the Emigrant who hath emigrated from his place, seeking the Most Exalted Station, that joy may take hold of him and draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Protector of those who love Him. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God, his honor 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad hastened with his heart in love of God until he attained the presence and beheld the waves of the ocean of utterance and heard that which was the hope of those in former ages and centuries. The Wronged One beseecheth God to aid him in that whereby his mention may endure amongst mentions, his name amongst names, his deed amongst deeds, and his spirit amongst spirits. Verily He is the Ruler over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. That which he sent hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. He should rejoice and be of the thankful. Peace be upon him and upon the two leaves and upon every believing servant and every maidservant who hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God, they have attained unto the wine of utterance and been honored by the bounty of the Goal of the world's peoples. From mention and utterance the degrees of grace and bounty are evident and clear. Well is it with thy honor and with him. This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to them and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever is the cause of exaltation and advancement. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace and

remembrance and praise be upon your honors and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty! The Goal of the world's peoples has willed on this blessed night of the month of Ramadan to make mention in the luminous tongue - that is, in the Persian language - of one of His loved ones, that perchance the penetrating power of the Most Exalted Word and the potency of the Supreme Pen may enable the people of the world of creation to attain eternal life and everlasting existence. O My loved ones and My friends! With wisdom, impart to the peoples of the world the greatness of this station, this Revelation and this utterance, and make it known to them, that perchance they may be quickened and refreshed by the breathings of the Holy Spirit and arise to promote the Cause with joy and delight. This Wronged One has, in the nights and days, summoned all the peoples of the earth to the horizon of Him Who conversed on Sinai and guided them. However, the unjust people became a barrier and, through false tales and fabricated statements, prevented ears from hearkening to the scratching of the Divine Pen. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and fidelity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Today the loved ones must manifest supreme kindliness and greatest mercy, and awaken the heedless, that perchance they may discover and comprehend the station of these days and the purpose of the Beloved of the worlds. God is aware and the people bear witness that this Wronged One had no desire save the exaltation of the blessed Word. Nevertheless, from all directions fly the arrows of denial and hypocrisy. Soon will the heedless witness their stations before the seat of God's justice, the Lord of all worlds. By My life! Not a single fruitless or ineffective deed remains or has remained. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in that which befits His days. Verily, He has power over all things. Today all must gaze toward the horizon of Revelation and hold fast to whatsoever hath been manifested from the Source of God's command. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein. Blessed is he who hath laid hold upon it and cast away all else, as bidden by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O Letter F before T! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and remind the servants of what hath been sent down to them from the heaven of the Will of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest and knowest that I have turned toward Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast subdued the world, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined the hearts of the nations, to open before the faces of Thy servants the doors of Thy generosity, then draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions, then grant them to drink from the cup of steadfastness such that neither the doubts of the nations nor the oppression of those who have denied Thy Most Great Name may cause them to slip. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. Unveil to them what Thou hast unveiled to Thy loved ones, then make known to them Thy straight Path, at whose appearance hearts and minds were agitated, except for those whom Thou didst protect through Thy hosts of power and Thy sovereignty. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy chosen ones who have confined their affairs to Thy remembrance and praise and the promotion of Thy Cause in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the affairs of creation cannot

frustrate, nor can the might of those who have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and who dispute Thy signs that have encompassed the heavens and the earth prevent Thee. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

O thou who standest firm in My service! Mention of the loved ones of that land has repeatedly been made in the Most Holy Court and continues to be made. One day among these days, the Most Great Branch and the Name of Bounty, upon them both be My glory and My loving-kindness, made mention of you, and your letter attained the honor of being seen and heard. We have therefore answered thee through this mighty Tablet and this perspicuous Book. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Possessor of the hereafter and this world, for having remembered me in Thy prison and for having sent down that whose fragrance shall never be cut off throughout the duration of Thy commandments and ordinances. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy binding and wise command. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Haji Mulla Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds:

The letter which you wrote to this Servant present before the Throne was mentioned in the presence of the Face, and signs of grief were evident from it, although you should in all conditions manifest the Most Great Joy, inasmuch as through God's wondrous favor and His infinite mercy you have attained the most great bounty and are gazing toward and turned to the Most Great Horizon. Think not that your services in the path of the Cause have been effaced from view, or that even an atom thereof has departed from the Divine Mirror of Knowledge. Most often you have been and are mentioned before the Throne, as all who seek the right hand of the All-Merciful and circle the Kaaba of divine knowledge bear witness, and beyond them your Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In most years, successive and continuous exalted Tablets were revealed and sent especially for you, and if you reflect carefully upon those Tablets you will become aware of the special divine favors. In times when you were speaking in remembrance of the Truth and occupied with teaching His Cause, He was with you. Verily He heard and saw, and hears and sees. He is the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. It is incumbent upon the loved ones in that land to show you love and render service. Your assistance is in itself a witness and testimony to this blessed and goodly Word which has dawned from the horizon of the Divine Will. If any soul has shown neglect toward you, be not grieved. Occupy yourself with the remembrance of God, for He has been and ever will be sufficient. If you were to become aware of what has befallen the Wronged One, you would surely forget your own tribulations. Observe how, though imprisoned in the Most Great Prison among the nations, while most of the people of the world, among the wielders of authority and power, have arisen against Him with utmost hatred, He is occupied with the utmost joy and gladness in spreading God's Cause and exalting the Most Great Word. Since you too are of the Tree and related to Him, you have had and have your portion.

O Mahdi! By the life of God, this Servant has not been saddened by any affliction, nor has any clamor caused Him to hesitate in God's Cause. The grief that has affected and affects Him are the words that are heard from those who are veiled among the people of the Bayan. In these days one named Siyyid Yusuf from the people of Sad sent a petition to the Most Holy Court - and he is among those who turned away from the Truth and followed Satan in his soul and imagined himself to be of the people of the Bayan. We testify that the Bayan is innocent of him, and God speaks the truth and He is the Truthful, the Trustworthy. Among other things he asked about the sign of the Manifestation being that they would remove two well-known Shaykhs from their graves and hang them on two withered trees, whereupon those trees would instantly be observed to become green and flourishing. Observe how deluded this person is and at what station he stands. They carry their burdens upon their backs and perceive it not, and the volumes of allusions rest upon their hearts yet they understand not. And among other things he wrote that Azazil, meaning Satan, flows like blood in the veins of man, and other such delusions whose mention has been and will be a cause of grief. It seems the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan have not attained even a drop from the pure water of divine wisdom and heavenly knowledge. All grief has been and is in hearing such words, even though they have observed that the greatest matter which was established and confirmed among the Shi'ih party for one thousand two hundred years or more proved contrary to fact. Nevertheless, they now cling to similar things and remain deprived of the court of oneness. By God! They have no share of the Book and its meanings, its outer and its inner aspects. We testify that he is among the most lost ones.

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This is a Tablet revealed previously for Ali-Qabli-Rida, which was sent because the messenger was lost.

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

This is a remembrance from the Prisoner to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but Him, then detach thyself from all that was and shall be, out of love for God, the Mighty, the Beloved, the All-Powerful. Stand firm in the Cause of God, thy Lord, and say: "O people! There hath come to you the news at which all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save the near-servants who have detached themselves from the world and all within it, purified their vision from human limitations, and turned with their hearts to their Lord, the All-Merciful, in this time when the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of all existence with the ornament of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: O people! This is the Cause ye were promised in all the Tablets. Fear God and be not of those who differ. Say: This is He of Whose meeting the Primal Point gave you glad tidings in the Tablets of Destiny, and made the Bayan a paradise for Me and My loved ones who now rejoice therein. Fear God, O people, and withhold not the Word from its station, nor the Names from their Creator, nor divide the Letters that were joined together in truth by God's command, the King, the Mighty, the Praised. He counseled you throughout the Bayan not to pause at the time of His manifestation for anything created between the heavens and earth. Now ye are in it - look, and be not of those who understand not.

He said - and His word is the truth: Beware lest ye be veiled by what was revealed in the Bayan from meeting and knowing Him. He is the One Who cannot be known through aught else - all are His servants and all act by His command. Yet ye have been veiled by the Names though ye had no knowledge of them or their command. Woe unto you and those who perceive not! Do ye read My words, then object to My Self? Do ye cite His verses, then deny their Revealer? Say: This is the Youth of God among you Who hath come with all the signs, if ye be fair-minded.

And thou, O thou who gazest upon the Face, hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from this blessed and holy Quarter: There is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is His Glory unto all who witness and are witnessed. Preserve this Tablet and recite it in thy days - this is better for thee than all that was created in existence and all that is hidden. Say: O people! If ye deny this Cause, then by what testimony do ye believe and have certitude? Fear God, spread not corruption in the land, and be not of those who opposed God on the Day when Ali came with truth with manifest sovereignty. By God! None can protect anyone today and none can find refuge save in God Who created all things by His command, then established Himself upon the Throne, around which circle the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and honored servants.

Say: He desireth naught from you - He calleth you unto God, and His reward is with Him Who sent Him with truth and dispatched Him to those created by God's Word, the Mighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rend asunder the veils of the people through the power of the Lord of Names and Attributes, then sever them from those who make allusions, who openly denied God and followed every rejected idolator. Blessed art thou for having drunk the holy Kawthar in this Paradise which hath appeared at the heart of existence by God's command, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We counsel thee in this Tablet regarding the remaining descendants of Husayn in that place, and she who is related to him who was in another land. Thus doth command thee this imprisoned servant. Neglect not the loved ones of God - be kind to them. Thy Lord shall fully reward the doers of good. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and detached themselves from those who disbelieved and associated partners with God and who act according to what they were commanded.

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He is the Dawning from the Horizon of the Heaven of Utterance

This is the Day whereon the Trump hath been blown, and it is My Most Exalted Pen, whereby those who lay buried have arisen, despite those who disbelieved in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet most of the people remain behind an evident veil. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing, raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise: O concourse of earth and heaven! The Lord of all beings hath come, with the standards of His signs to His right, and to His left the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Blessed be the ear that hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

As I was walking in the House and meditating on God's mysteries that lay hidden in the realities of all things, there entered one of My Branches, who in the Kingdom of Names is called by the name of Light, bearing thy letter which he read before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving kindness. We have found from every word of the words of thy letter the fragrance of love and affection. We have turned to thee and revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as God's kingdom endureth, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This is the Day wherein the Hour hath appeared with its signs, and the Resurrection with its mysteries, and the Caller hath called from a near place. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and grant thee success in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the hereafter and of the former life, and within His grasp lieth the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Face and acknowledged the oneness of God and that which He revealed in His ancient Book.

When the breezes of the dawn of His Revelation stirred thee and the melodies of Him Who conversed on Sinai took hold of thee, say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be might and splendor. I beseech Thee by the Point through which the Books of the world were distinguished, and by the Light whereby the hearts of the nations were illumined, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the manifestations of the sun of Thy proof, to make me one of those whom the might of the world deterred not when the Day Star of Thy Most Great Name appeared, and whom the clamor of those who broke Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy proof, and disputed Thy signs, did not prevent. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by the fragrances of Thy Revelation and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the heaven of Thy grace and the clouds of Thy mercy, nor from the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Generous, the Lord of supreme bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

As to what was asked concerning the blessed Surih of Unity, its stations have been repeatedly revealed. Let his honor look into the Tablets; he will attain unto the ocean of divine utterance and the manifestations of the Sun of true unity. Today the Book of Unity, meaning the Book that comprehendeth the stations of unity, singleness, and detachment, is this most mighty, most holy, most glorious Tablet.

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

True spiritual oneness consists in acknowledging and confessing the unity of God, exalted be His glory, sanctifying His Essence from all likeness and purifying His Being from all similitudes. This has ever been and shall ever be the case. The Shi'ih sect, however, failed to attain this most exalted station, this most glorious rank, this ultimate purpose and this most resplendent summit. For it is evident and proven to those immersed in the ocean of truth and them who hold fast to the cords of knowledge and wisdom that God, exalted be His glory, has ever been and shall ever be the Unknowable, the Inaccessible. The birds of the hearts of them who are nigh unto God are powerless to soar in the atmosphere of His knowledge, and the highest understanding of the knowers is limited and falls short. After establishing this lofty station and this glorious seat, true oneness refers to His Vicegerent amongst His servants. He is the Dawning-Place of revelation, the Dayspring of inspiration, the Manifestation of His Self and the Repository of knowledge. He is the Treasury of names and attributes. Whoso hath known Him hath known God, and

whoso hath clung unto Him hath clung unto God. Should anyone accept for Him in His station any peer or likeness, or should anyone confess to such, that soul is deprived and forbidden from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of true oneness. The proof of faith has ever been and shall ever be the acknowledgment of the Dawning-Place of Revelation alone. Whosoever attaineth unto faith in Him is accounted among the people of unity in the sight of God. Without this, the sanctification of His Essence from aught else and the purification of His Being from all others can never be established. Blessed is the soul who in this day beholdeth with his own eyes the waves of the Divine ocean of utterance and heareth with his own ears His call. The call is loud, but the channels of the ears are narrow. The realm and atmosphere of the servants' understanding is limited, and this arena cannot contain the Horseman of the court of oneness. Blessed are they that know.

The Shi'ih sect hath set up many partners for God, exalted be His glory, and yet they count themselves among the people of unity. By God! They have not even caught its fragrance, for their station was made clear and evident to all from the recompense of their deeds on the Day of Judgment - clear, that is, to them possessed of insight, not to every ignorant one who followeth vain imaginings. Their deeds were such that on the Day of Judgment they denied the Truth and pronounced sentence upon His martyrdom. And now all the divines of Persia are engaged in cursing and reviling Him from their pulpits. Beseech God that no group like unto that group might ever appear in the world, and that He may raise up servants who, through His power and might, shall pass beyond the gulf of names and attain unto the Most Great Ocean, and who shall preserve the servants from the pit of previous suspicions and vain imaginings. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

It is incumbent upon all to preserve this station, and it is hoped that you and all who have turned towards God will not be deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of true unity, will regard all else but God as non-existent, and will cling unto Him. Verily He is the One Who speaketh in every condition: "Verily He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon you and upon those who have cast away all else but God, turning unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

O My Name! The letter from his honor Afnan Aqa, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, which bore your name, was mentioned by this servant in the presence of the Wronged One. May he, through God's grace, be blessed in all worlds with the infinite outpourings of His Excellency the All-Bountiful. He is the One Who hath witnessed and seen from among the greatest signs of his Lord, and hath spoken and praised the Lord of all beings when he heard His call from His most exalted horizon. Thus did God testify for him from His Most Glorious Perspective. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the All-Generous. The glance of loving-kindness hath been and is directed towards him. The fragrance of God's love hath at all times wafted from him. Beseech ye the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may aid all to achieve that which beseemeth this divine Day.

O Mahdi! The Most Exalted Pen hath, in most tablets, made mention of the greatness of this Day, and its mention hath been recorded in the divine Books and Scriptures of the past and future. Nevertheless, the people of the world are seen to be heedless and veiled therefrom, except those whom neither the affairs of princes nor the doubts of the divines have kept back from this Path which itself proclaimeth between earth and heaven. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, blessed the ear that hath heard, and blessed the heart that hath turned unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

We make mention of the Afnan once again, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O My Afnan! The fragrance of thy love hath wafted abroad, and every possessor of spiritual sense hath perceived it. Be thou fair in the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Every tongue hath spoken in praise of God, but We behold those who claim knowledge to be in heedlessness and behind a veil. Blessed is the learned one who hath cleansed his heart with the waters of his Lord's mercy, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving. They have cast the Truth behind their backs, yet they imagine themselves to be of the people of Paradise.

The divines of the age have been and are the cause of the heedlessness of souls and the veiling of servants, even as hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in tablets past and future - that which sufficeth them that are endowed with vision. In all the Books mention hath been made of the opposition of rebellious and transgressing souls, yet in this Most Great Revelation a great number of divines have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have quaffed from the Most Pure Wine. Whosoever hath today attained unto the recognition of the Truth is recorded with God among the divines and inscribed in the Divine Book. We have previously informed all servants of that which would cause the elevation of souls and the preservation of being. Beseech ye God that He may aid all and deprive them not of the splendors of the Sun of inner meanings and utterance. He, verily, is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

O Afnan! The Beloved of all possibility maketh mention of thee in the midst of sorrows. He, verily, loveth him who loveth Him, and turneth unto him who turneth unto Him. Thy Lord hath been named the All-Merciful in His mighty Book. We have veiled that which hath occurred before and shall occur hereafter, lest the heart of him who hath turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed, be saddened.

The Truth is today manifest in the Promised Land and seated upon the mentioned throne. This is the land that was referred to as the Holy Land in the Qur'an, and likewise in previous Books, and the call of the Prophets was raised in this wilderness. Yet its people are recorded and inscribed as the offspring of vipers, and this Wronged One, in the midst of this group, summoneth all parties unto God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they that attain, blessed are they that hear, and blessed are they that know.

Mention was made of the Most Exalted Leaf and the honored mother, upon them both be the glory of God. Two most holy, most glorious Tablets have been revealed and sent specifically for them, and likewise specifically for the Afnan, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful. God willing, they will deliver them that they may drink from the Kawthar of divine utterance. Let not the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be My glory, be saddened by the delay and postponement. By My life! That which hath come to pass hath been in accordance with wisdom and expediency. With Him is the knowledge of all things, and He is the

All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon thee, upon them both, upon them, and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation through My name, the Best-Beloved.

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He is the One Who standeth manifest, speaking before all faces.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! My Most Exalted Pen desireth to reveal unto thee the pearls of wisdom that lay hidden in its treasuries, to cause thee to hear the call of God, and to show thee the waves of the ocean of utterance in these days wherein He Who was hidden hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath, with the hands of grace and bounty, proffered His sealed wine. Blessed is he who hath cast behind him all else, who hath advanced and hastened until he partook and drank thereof, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

This is the Day whereon the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over all creation, wherein the Dove of proof hath warbled upon the loftiest branches, and given glad-tidings unto all on earth of that which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast heard the Call and turned unto it, and wert not hindered by the veils of the world, nor frightened by the might of the nations who broke God's Covenant and His Testament, and perpetrated that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament.

We took a handful of dust and breathed into it less than the eye of a needle of spirit from Our presence. When it stirred, it arose in sedition, having been beguiled by one who had no station with God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Arise to serve the Cause with a power from Us and a strength from Our presence, and say: "O concourse of the heedless! Be fair in your judgment, by God, then look into the traces of His Pen, and that which hath appeared from Him, and that whereof He hath informed in His Books, His Scrolls, and His Tablets, and be not of them who denied God's signs, His proof, His testimony, and His traces, and pronounced judgment against their Lord without clear evidence from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

He who loved Me and soared in Mine atmosphere and attained My presence and drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee in this clear Book which calleth out with the most exalted call, saying: "By God, the Truth! The veil hath been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds, desiring naught save the reformation of the world and the refinement of your souls, if ye be of them who know, and He hath forbidden all from corruption and commanded them to fear God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Say: Aid your Lord through such conduct and deeds as will exalt the station of the blessed Word and your stations among the parties. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel thee with wisdom in all circumstances, and with that which beseemeth man. Blessed is the All-Merciful Who hath commanded all with that which attracteth the hearts of them that have turned unto Him.

Know thou that the wolf hath devoured My sheep, the oppressor hath slain the She-Camel of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, and the serpent hath opened its mouth and bitten him whom God made a light unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as there hath been sent down unto thee that which shall endure as long as God's names and attributes and His mighty and impregnable kingdom shall endure.

Preserve this most exalted station in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and say: "Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Thou Who art the Creator of the heavens and the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, and by Thy loved ones whom nothing whatsoever, nor the oppression of the enemies, could deter from drawing nigh unto Thee and attaining Thy presence, to aid me in that which shall make me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving providence. O my Lord! I have forsaken the community of a people who denied Thy bounty and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me steadfast in mentioning that which Thou didst reveal in the Qur'an unto the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: 'Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputes.' 'Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return.'"

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who hath heard the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Ultimate Boundary in the Most Exalted Paradise and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of names and in Whose right hand are the reins of all that was and shall be!"

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O Ibn-i-Ism'ullah'il-Asdaq, upon whom be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! He is the One Who calleth before the faces of all parties. O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and standeth before the Gate! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha in the prison of 'Akka. Verily it attracteth thee and draweth thee nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The mysteries have been revealed, yet most of the people understand not. The verses have been sent down, yet they hear not. We have manifested that which was hidden. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been mentioned in the presence of the Countenance. We beseech God that He may aid thee in such deeds as are the cause of sanctification and the source of detachment. The Son of Mary said unto His companions that they should emigrate from any land for the sake of God and the exaltation of His Word, taking nothing with them from that land, not even its dust, meaning that neither their garments nor their limbs should be soiled with dust. Praise be to God, thou hast been favored with His special bounty and the gaze of His loving-kindness hath at all times been directed towards thee.

Say: My God, my God! Aid this Thy servant in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants and Thy signs may be spread throughout Thy lands. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and detached from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the burning of the hearts of Thy lovers in

their separation from Thee, and by the yearning of those who long for Thee in their remoteness from Thee, to aid me in that whereby the hearts of Thy creation may be attracted and the stations of Thy friends may be exalted. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Ordain for me in all conditions that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Glory be to God! Although the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings have been rent asunder by the finger of divine Will, and the Pen of the Lord of all mankind hath been engaged day and night in counsels and admonitions, yet now it is observed that veils greater than before have withheld the people. Hadi of Dawlatabad, despite having mounted the pulpit and repeatedly uttered that which caused the hearts of them that are nigh unto God to melt, is now again occupied with nurturing the Shi'ih party. Not for a single moment did he turn with pure intention to the divine verses. Time and again did We mention him and summon him with kindly counsels and admonitions to the straight path of God, yet no effect was manifest. It is incumbent, nay obligatory, upon that honored one and the other friends to protect the weak servants from the claws of his hatred, lest they be afflicted as were the previous party. Although these are the days of God, exalted be His glory, and ears should at all times be turned to the supreme horizon that they may hear that which appeareth from the Kingdom of Utterance of God, the Lord of all worlds, yet some are observed to be deprived of the Truth and clinging to vain imaginings through a name among names or a word among words of the barking ones.

Say: My God, my God! Protect Thy friend whom Thou hast mentioned in verses that are not equaled by the mention of the world, from the whisperings of them that have turned away from Thee. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

The letter of Jinab-i-Fa'iz, upon whom be the glory of God, His loving-kindness and His mercy, which thou didst send hath attained the Most Holy Court, and the answer hath been sent down from the heaven of favor. Let him rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Say: Grieve not over anything. Soon will God open before thy face the gate of joy and gladness. O son of My Name! Great favor hath been shown towards him. We have commanded him to that which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting sovereignty.

Say: My God, my God! Aid him in that which beseemeth Thy days, then assist him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, then open before his face the doors of bounties and favors. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends of that land. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who heareth thy word concerning this Most Great News.

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After completing the letter of Mirza 'Abdu'llah, this was written:

He is God! O beloved of my heart! Regarding what you wrote mentioning Qurratu'l-'Ayn Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the peace of God - after it was presented before His presence, He said:

He is God, exalted be His station! To Him be glory and power! O Husayn! Upon you be the peace of God and the peace of His loved ones. His honor Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be God's peace and grace, and you have been and are mentioned before the Wronged One. Although this Wronged One has commanded all to act with goodness, and likewise to that which God has revealed in the Book, and My purpose has been nothing but the preservation of the people of unity and their might and power and exaltation, they have done that which is beyond mention. The power of the people of the cities of unity and detachment reached such a station that the limbs of the polytheists and heedless trembled from it and hearts were troubled. Now weakness has reached such a point that opponents have attacked from all sides. Each day some harm arrives and some tribulation appears. They have denied this bounty and imagined this justice to be tyranny. Therefore the Wronged One is afflicted in the Most Great Prison. But tribulation in His path, exalted be He, has been and is beloved. In all conditions We have wished and do wish the good of the people of the world. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of justice, that they may speak with fairness and observe with sanctified vision. The purpose of what was mentioned is that the friends may become aware of what has transpired and know that this Wronged One has loved and loves meeting His loved ones, but the heedless servants have become a barrier.

O Husayn, say: My God, my God! I am the one who has turned to Thee and placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by the trees of the gardens of inner meanings and utterance, and the leaves of realities and exposition, to ordain for me that which will profit me. Verily Thou art more knowing of me than I am of myself. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer.

O Husayn! Praise be to God, thou hast attained to that of which most are heedless. Be not grieved at what hath befallen this Wronged One. Reflect - We have mentioned thee with a mention that is the cause of greatest joy. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful and ordain for thee the best of what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

This servant also conveys greetings and beseeches from God that which is the cause of loftiness and elevation. To his honor your father, upon him be God's peace and care, I send greetings. He has ever been and is mentioned. The servant asks his Lord to protect him and ordain for him the good of the hereafter and this world.

Mention was made of the light of my eyes, the honored 'Abdu'l-Hadi and his brothers, upon them be God's mercy and grace. After presenting their mention, He mentioned them both, and likewise mentioned the honored leaf of the family, upon her be God's peace. Concerning each one was manifested that which testified to bounty and care. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. This servant also conveys greetings to each one and seeks divine confirmation. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Mention was made of ?abibu'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. After presenting this, He spoke these words: "Verily We have mentioned thee before and at this time, and We ask God to assist thee and make thee successful and render thee protected, steadfast, firm and resolute in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what beseemeth His generosity, exalted be He."

This servant also conveys greetings and makes mention with that which is the cause of enkindlement. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions to act with goodness and with that which will elevate their station among the servants. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's near servants.

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He is the Speaker from the Supreme Horizon! O Zayn, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The souls mentioned have attained unto the signs of divine bounty and heavenly favor. The names of all servants have been and are mentioned before the Countenance. This is a covenant about which We spoke before. Verily He fulfilleth His promise, there is no God but Him, the Truthful, the Trustworthy. Mention thou on behalf of the Wronged One Jinab-i-Husayn. Verily We mentioned him before that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. He and the other loved ones have attained unto the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. Give them glad tidings from Me. Each of the souls whom Jinab-i-Mulla Baqir, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, mentioned has attained unto the mention of God, exalted be His glory. The ocean of bounty is surging, the sun of generosity is shining, and the heaven of munificence is upraised. Blessed are they who attain! We make mention at this time of him who is named Nuru'llah and give him glad tidings of the mention of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Nuru'llah, rejoice in My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We make mention of him who is named Ja'far that the mention may attract him to a station wherein naught in the world shall prevent him from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me in the prison and manifested unto me Thy Cause and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Goal of them that know Thee. O Pen! Make mention of him who is named 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad that he may thank God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Hear thou the call of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. Verily He hath borne tribulations for the salvation of all on earth. Every discerning one beareth witness unto this. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee. I testify that Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. And We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali with verses that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and mentioned me in Thy great prison. O Ibn-i-Mahmud! Hear the call of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily He hath mentioned thee in His praiseworthy station which God hath made the point of adoration of the Concourse on High and the Dawning-Place of His Cause in what was and what will be. When thou hearest My call and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy prison, O Thou Wronged Stranger! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested what was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of existence. And We make mention of all My loved ones and give them glad tidings of the mercy of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. O loved ones of God! By God, the Truth is with you, but most of the people are heedless. Ye have arisen in the love of God and His remembrance, but most of the people understand not. Leave them in their vain imaginings, placing your trust in God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. And We make mention of My handmaidens there in this exalted station. Verily We give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and His bounty that hath

encompassed existence. O My handmaiden Hajar! Thy name hath come before the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with that which shall never perish as long as the kingdom and the heavenly realm endure. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Mention from which the near ones inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. And We make mention of My handmaiden Begum and give her glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for her at this time from the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then remember thy Lord at eventide and dawn. The glory from Us be upon the loved ones of God and His friends, and upon His handmaidens who have believed and attained when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. We bear witness that they are among the triumphant men and women in My [destined] Tablet. O Zayn! Loving-kindness appeareth and is visible as the sun. Ask thou of God that He may make the servants ready for the recognition of the Luminary of Truth and the Ocean of Verses. That one should write replies to the letters of some of the attaining souls. The Most Exalted Pen moveth by night and day. We beseech God that He may enable His servants to drink of that which floweth and streameth from its fountain. The Command is in His hand and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

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O Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof! O Abdul-Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! The Holy Forerunner utters this word, saying: “I have written a gem in His remembrance - verily He cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what was revealed in the Bayan.” Should one, through divine grace, drink from the ocean of meanings concealed within this word, he would become aware of the greatness of the Cause. Today the friends of God, who in the Tablets are designated and known as the Party of God, must turn from the river of names to the ocean of meanings. The deniers among the people of the Bayan have not, to this day, recognized the station of this Day. They remain occupied with former names and former words. At times they engage in misinterpretation, and at times they cling to names. Blessed is the soul who, by divine power, has transcended names and attained to that which is befitting this Day. They deny the station which He declares cannot be known through Him or what was revealed in the Bayan, measuring it by their own vain imaginings. Sometimes through mention of Ali, sometimes through mention of the Mirror and the like, they deprive the helpless servants from the straight path and the mighty announcement. For one thousand two hundred years they said “O Ali,” and in the end they martyred One through Whose word a thousand Alis could be created. By the life of God, such oppression was manifested by that party as had not been seen from the beginning of the world until now. They cursed Him from all pulpits, and now again Hadi Dawlatabadi is occupied with organizing such a party. Let someone for God’s sake tell him: these same words existed before - what was their result? Was anything seen to result except infidelity and cursing and reviling from the pulpits?

O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily it draws thee to a station wherein the Tongue of Glory proclaims: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee from the treasuries of His Most Exalted Pen that which nothing in all things can equal,

as the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness in this most sublime station. Say: O people of the Furqan! The All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty before which all parties are powerless. Cast aside what is with the people and take what ye are commanded by God, the Mighty, the Bestower. The carpet of idle fancies hath been rolled up. By God! The Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of the world by the command of God, the Lord of Lords. Say: What ye possess will not profit you today. Turn ye toward the Most Sublime Horizon with spirit and fragrance. Then, O people of the Bayan, die in your wrath! He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared, and He Who was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets hath come. By God! Neither your clamor nor the murmuring of those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return can hinder Him. Say: This is God's Day, did ye but know it, and this is a Day wherein naught is mentioned save Him, did ye but perceive it. He is not known through names; rather, they are created by His command.

We make mention of thy father and ask God to confirm him in steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have been shaken. We make mention of thy brother and give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him, that he may thank his Lord, the Possessor of existence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable him to make mention of Him and praise Him among His servants with wisdom and utterance. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O Abdul-Husayn! At the end of the letter We make mention of thee again. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned toward God, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. By the life of God! Those who have turned away from the Truth, these are the worshippers of vain imaginings in this praiseworthy station. Aid thy Lord with the hosts of utterance, placing thy trust in God, the Possessor of the Promised Day. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those whom neither the doubts of the world, nor its ornaments, nor its vicissitudes have withheld from this irrevocable Cause.

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In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq! Through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Revelation the world is illumined, yet the people of the veil remain heedless and veiled from Him. The mention of this blessed Day hath been recorded in most of the divine Books, and all were expectant; yet when the morn appeared and the breezes of God wafted, He found all wrapped in slumber, save whom God willeth. The wine of vainglory hath debarred men from the Sun of Revelation. Consider those souls who are known and honored by the name of Truth: in the night season and during the day they are occupied with the mention of the Lord of all being, and in mosques and temples they voice His praise; yet when the Ocean of Revelation became manifest and the Promised Beauty emerged from behind the clouds, all clung to their own idle fancies and were debarred from Him. Would that they had been content with this! Nay, they preferred the ornaments of the people to the verses of God, and suspicions and idle fancies to the Sun of knowledge

and certitude. The punishment of their deeds in this vain life shall soon seize them through God's justice. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Today the divine Balance hath appeared in the form of the word "yea." Whosoever attaineth unto it, his works shall be adorned with the ornament of acceptance and be reckoned among the dwellers of the highest paradise; and whoso is deprived, shall be mentioned among the people of the lowest depths. By the life of God! He who hath turned to Him, recognized and believed in Him is among those endowed with vision in the Most Sublime Vision. The Lord of Destiny beareth witness to this in His mighty prison. He who hath turned away cannot be truly credited with possessing sight, hearing, or understanding. To this hath testified the Lord of creation on the Day of Reckoning, yet the people are in strange delusion.

Rejoice thou that thy call hath attained unto the ears of the Lord of Names, Who hath answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. We have heard thy cry and the sighing of thy heart in thy separation from God, the Lord of the worlds, and We have heard thy lamentation for My Name, the H. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answerer. Blessed is he, and his brother, and he who was named Kazim - they whom the clamor of the people could not withhold from the Truth, and who drank the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O My Name, the H! By the life of God, the denizens of the highest Paradise have lamented at what befell thee, and the Most Great Spirit hath cried out in the morning and the evening. Blessed is the tongue that hath uttered thy mention, the heart that hath turned toward thee, the visitor who hath presented himself before thy resting-place, the seeker who hath sought thy station and visited thee with that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - a bounty from His presence. He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to recognize the Truth, to love the Truth, and to praise the chosen ones of God who have cast the world behind their backs and have taken what they were bidden by the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all matters. He, verily, hath remembered thee and will continue to remember thee, and is with thee under all conditions. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name all things between earth and heaven were attracted, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in the most exalted station, inasmuch as Thou didst acquaint me with Thy Most Great Book and Thy Most Glorious Tablet which appeared in the name of the Most Glorious in the kingdom of creation, and didst cause me to hear Thy sweetest call when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from Thine exalted horizon. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, directing myself to Thy countenance, speaking Thy praise, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby the heaven was rent asunder, to make me in all conditions detached from all else save Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have attained in Thy days and whom none of Thy creatures have preceded. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest what Thou pleasest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou willest by Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Muhammad-Quli, upon thee be My glory! He is God, exalted be His station in the realm of possibilities. O Muhammad-Quli, upon thee be My glory! I bear witness that they who have turned to My horizon, attained My presence and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty - they have achieved that which was the hope of those who are nigh and the sincere ones from time immemorial. The Word of thy Lord cannot be compared with the books of the people, with what they possess, or with what lay hidden in the treasuries of kings and sovereigns. Thus hath the Supreme Pen raised its shrill voice and mentioned thee on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

His honor ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, who was present before the gate of My grandeur and before My throne, sent thy letter to the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this evident remembrance, whereby the very rocks have taken flight, let alone the spirits. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath soared in this atmosphere and heard the rustling of the winds of My loving-kindness and the sound of the wings of the birds of My grace and mercy. He is among the sincere ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Na’im! We have heard thy mention and mentioned thee, and seen thy name. We have revealed for thee that which, were it to be cast upon the mountains, thou wouldst see them speaking in remembrance of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. We have sent down for thee from the heaven of grace that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, shall endure. That which hath befallen you in the path of God hath caused the Pen to lament, and the wrongdoers shall soon see the recompense of their deeds. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for them such chastisement as no tongue can describe. Thy Lord doth testify, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Grieve not over anything. The days shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God and His loved ones who have borne hardships in His love and good-pleasure, whom neither the might of the oppressors nor the clamor of the aggressors hath deterred from drawing nigh unto His holy and luminous horizon. O Na’im! God hath favored thee on this Day whereon the Wronged One hath desired to turn in another direction by His command, and He is the Ancient Commander. They who have held fast to My strong cord, turned to the lights of My countenance and entered beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness see themselves detached from all save God and from the names which the deniers have adopted for themselves as lords beside God. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the people were in evident doubt.

Say: O company of deniers! Die in your wrath. Neither your remembrances, nor your children, nor your deeds, nor your words, nor your orientation shall profit you except through holding fast to this Cord, by whose movement all created things were moved. The very atoms bear witness to this, if ye be of them that deny. Say: O scheming one! Steal not My verses nor alter them. Be fair concerning that which hath been sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thy calumnies shall not profit thee, nor thy embellishments, nor shall the Baqir or any other benefit thee, nor shall it avail thee to hold fast to all things. Thy Lord speaketh the truth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Thou hast not seen thy brother nor associated with him. The world and its adornments have deceived thee as they deceived people before thee. Fear God, then return unto Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Loving. We summoned thee unto God, but thou didst turn away after having accepted. Repent unto God Who created thee and fashioned thee, and be not of those women who witnessed, then denied and broke God's covenant, the Lord of what was and what shall be. How many a maidservant hath heard, accepted and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of her Lord, the Lord of the earthly realm and the Kingdom! Thus hath the tongue of grandeur spoken as a grace from Him. He is verily the Mighty, the Kind, the Forgiving.

O Muhammad-Quli! We have desired to mention thee once again at the end of the Tablet, and We say: The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon every servant who hath turned and every maidservant who hath turned and achieved this Cause whereby the idolaters have lamented and the Evil One hath cried out.

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Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having manifested Thyself on this Day unto all things through all names, O Thou Who art possessed of majesty, grandeur and glory, and Who art endowed with power, might and bounty! This is the Day whereon the Tongue of God, the King, the Most High, the Most Exalted, hath spoken from the Kingdom of eternity: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Glorious!"

Glory be to Thee, O Sender of the winds, Cleaver of the daybreak, Revealer of verses and Manifester of clear proofs! All things proclaim that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the King, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

Glory be to Thee, O Creator of the heavens, Fashioner of names, Who hast manifested Thyself unto all things through Thy Most Great Name, whereby the Dove hath warbled upon the branches that sovereignty in all times belongeth unto God, our Lord, the All-Merciful!

Glory be to Thee, O King of eternity, Sovereign of nations and Quickener of moldering bones! Praise be to Thee - praise such that the tongues of all created things are powerless to describe, praise whereby the rains of Thy mercy descend upon all contingent beings, and the lights of Thy countenance are manifested unto all who are in earth and heaven.

Praise be to Thee - praise whereby every infirm one uttereth Thy praise, every remote one draweth nigh unto the seat of Thy mighty throne, and every thirsty one is guided to the Salsabil of Thy mercy and the Kawthar of Thy grace. Praise whereby the fragrances of the garment of Thy mercy are wafted over all who dwell on earth and in heaven, and the sweet scents of the roses of Thy paradise are diffused among the dwellers of the cities of eternity, and whereby every name uttereth Thy praise and glory.

Praise be to Thee - praise whereby the hearts of Thy loved ones are strengthened, such that the veils of creation prevent them not from beholding the horizon of Thy favors, nor doth the tyranny of any

oppressor frighten them from gazing upon the wondrous dawning of the lights of Thy countenance. Praise whereby the remembrance of aught else but Thee is effaced from the hearts of Thy servants, and they are aided to promote Thy Cause and spread Thy remembrance throughout all regions.

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Most Exalted Attributes, and I beseech Thee by them who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and Thy good-pleasure, who have ascended on the wings of trust and detachment unto the Dayspring of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, and by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, and by the sighs that have been uttered in Thy love, that Thou accept from us on this Day whatsoever we have wrought in Thy path.

This is the Day whereon the All-Merciful hath manifested Himself unto all names - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon the Hidden Mystery hath appeared, governing what was and what will be - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon the mighty idol hath been shattered - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon the All-Merciful hath manifested Himself unto all creation - how blessed are we in what the All-Merciful hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon Pharaoh was drowned and Moses beheld the Beauty of God, the Most Glorious - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon the idol of vain imaginings hath been shattered by the power of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon the waves of the Most Great Sea have appeared at the Most Great Scene - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon all things have been called to the presence of their Lord, the Most High - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon everything hath spoken as spake the Tongue of Power at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon the Most Exalted Pen hath appeared from the fingers of your Lord, the Most High - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon fingers have rent asunder the veils of the people of heaven, and behind them hath risen the Sun of eternity, inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Glorious!” - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us!

By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and God hath come upon crimson clouds, surrounded by the denizens of the highest Paradise - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us! This is the Day whereon the sincere ones have ascended to the most exalted chambers and the unitarians have beheld the Beauty of God, the Most Glorious - how blessed are we in what God hath bestowed upon us!

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who has established Himself upon the throne once in the Ridvan, and again in the garden, and at times in the mansion which was the Greatest Scene by virtue of the One Who is the Lord of Power having turned towards it, and once He established Himself upon the seat of His Most Glorious Name amidst the Concourse on High, and at times upon the crimson spot which was designated in the Book of God as the heaven of this heaven. Exalted, exalted be His all-encompassing power, exalted, exalted be His pervading Will, and exalted be His dominion that exercises sovereignty over all things, and exalted be His Name, the All-Powerful over all names. I bear witness with my feeble tongue to that which the Supreme Pen has testified in the Kingdom of Utterance that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Gracious.

And furthermore, you had written that after the arrival of the blessed Tablets, gatherings were held for several days during the afternoon hours and the friends were engaged in the remembrance of God. These matters were presented in detail at the Most Holy Court. He said: "Blessed are they who have fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament, and blessed are they who have taken the choice wine of utterance and drunk it in His Name, the All-Merciful. God willing, the beloved friends and seekers of the Ka'bah of the Intended One should at all times be enabled to partake of the Kawthar of divine knowledge and be confirmed in the remembrance of Truth which is, in reality, the water of life for the body of contingent beings. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Wise."

I beseech and implore God, exalted and mighty be He, to confirm you at every moment with a fresh confirmation so that you may entirely occupy yourself night and day in praise of the Beloved of the worlds.

Regarding what was mentioned about Safi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], his mention has always been and continues to be at the Most Holy Court. In truth, he attained the most exalted station, for he took and drank the most pure and luminous choice wine from the hand of the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen. The Truth Himself called him and he responded, and this is a station whose mention shall never be erased from the Tablet of Creation. Blessed is he, again blessed is he, and blessed is she who dwelt in the sanctuary of God for successive years and was named "Guest" by the All-Merciful. In any case, their mention has been and continues to be in the divine pavilion of infallibility and among the people of the divine sanctuary. A hundred thousand thanks that they have reached this degree and attained this station. Convey these details that were mentioned on behalf of this evanescent one to them.

And regarding what was written about the Blessed Place, it was presented. This is what the Beloved uttered: "God willing, may the Truth, exalted be His glory, not withhold His blessing from it and may He enable the friends to preserve, support and serve it. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

And regarding the mention that was made of Master Husayn the Coppersmith, it was presented before His presence. He said: "O Husayn! We have accepted thy turning if thou wilt be of the steadfast. He writes for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Verily, He is the Powerful. Verily, He seeth and knoweth and He is the All-Informed. Verily, he who turneth toward God, verily he turneth toward Him and He commandeth him that which profiteth him and verily He is the All-Knowing. If thou wert to ponder and look with the eye of the heart upon what hath been revealed for thee, thou wouldst

find therein that whereby thou wouldst soar in the atmosphere of thy Lord's will, the Sanctified, the Powerful, the Speaker, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Inaccessible."

With expressions of praise, glory and splendor, I present my greetings to all the friends. Please convey mention of this evanescent one's annihilation and sincerity to all. And further, this servant conveys on behalf of all the friends of this land greetings and praise to you and all the beloved ones. The glory of God and the praise of all atoms be upon you and your family.

The Servant

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O spiritual friend, his honor Nabil ibn Nabil, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful - may they take note.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who illumined the horizons with the light shining forth from the heaven of Hijaz, whereby the world was illumined and nations were enlightened, and that which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, was made manifest. Oceans of prayers and peace, and seas of mercy, glory and praise be upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom was established what the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan, and through whom were raised the banners of guidance among all peoples, and upon those who followed Him and acted according to the Book of God, Master of the beginning and end.

This servant was attracted by your mention, praise and exposition, and what flowed from your pen in praise of God and His chosen ones, His pure ones and His ambassadors. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable this servant to remember Him Who remembered him, and praise Him Who praised him, and to confirm him in steadfastness in His love, His remembrance and His Cause. He is the One to Whose power testify all who are in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and to Whose sovereignty bear witness all who are in the unseen and visible realms. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! Your love has ever dwelt in my heart and your remembrance has flowed from my tongue. I beseech God to assist you in all conditions and to aid you in your works, deeds, commerce and endeavors. Truly, humility, submissiveness, seeking and supplication are from the servant, and the answer is from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth.

If they desire news of this land: Through God's grace, exalted be His glory, all enjoy the bounty of well-being. One group has attained the greatest steadfastness and drinks from the pure chalice of submission and contentment, while another group rises at times and falls at others, and as for the rest - knowledge is

with God, the Lord of all beings. However, we beseech God to assist all in what is intended and to enable them to act according to what is in His Book.

Today in truth the people of God are seen to be encompassed while others are encompassing. As you have observed, they have taken over Islamic lands under various pretexts. The time has come for all to turn to the Self-Sufficing Lord with utmost lamentation, crying and supplication, that perchance the ocean of mercy might surge and the sun of grace might shine forth, and abasement be changed to glory and weakness to strength. Indeed, whatever has befallen and continues to befall the favored community is from themselves, as has been said: “All this is from our own ill-fitting, ungainly form.” Consider the former glory of Islam, what station it had attained, and now what abasement has come upon it. I seek God’s forgiveness for what I have said and say. Verily He exalts whom He wishes and abases whom He wishes. He gives and withholds. His is the creation and the command, and He is the Strong, the Predominant, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

If wisdom permits, convey greetings and praise to the friends of that land on behalf of this ephemeral one. This servant has sought and continues to seek confirmation and success for all. The command is in His hand. He does what He wills and decrees what He desires. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Peace, mercy, glory and splendor be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

The paper, rose seeds, narcissus and hyacinth bulbs that were sent have arrived. God willing, the former will be honored with writing and the latter with planting. The decree belongs to God, Master of destiny.

The Servant

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O Mirza Rafi’ in the land of Alif! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted! O people of Baha! Raise up the pavilion of holiness upon the shore of this Sea, unto which all seas flow and upon which sail the ships of the Cause by leave of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Board these ships, O people, and tarry not, for this is what hath been ordained for you in the heaven of destiny, in the Tablet of the Command which God hath preserved from the gaze of all eyes. Say: The Tree of Eternity hath been made verdant through the remembrance of God and His glory. Blessed is he who seeketh shelter beneath its shade and tasteth of its fruits which appear at all times by the command of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: O people, hesitate not in the Cause of God, but look with the eye of fairness. By God! It hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all contingent things, and none deny it save every froward denier. Purify yourselves from the defilement of allusions, and cling not unto them as did the people of the Furqan before, and before them the people of the Gospel, and before them the people of the Torah. Thus do We set forth the

matter for you now, that ye may take heed, O people of insight. Say: O people, by God! When the sun ariseth the stars fade, and likewise when the breezes of the All-Merciful blow, the lamp is extinguished of itself. This is not of its own accord, but by leave of One mighty and compelling. Witness ye the breeze - though it extinguisheth the lamp, yet by it are all contingent things given life. Thus observe ye and ponder what issueth from the Pen of Command, O people of understanding. Beware lest ye doubt Him by Whose command the seas were made to surge, the trees to bear fruit, the suns to shine, the heavens to be raised up, the mountains to be fixed, and the Dove to warble upon the branches of the Tree of Holiness behind the veils and coverings. Is there any doubt concerning God, or concerning His power which hath encompassed all contingent things? Fear God, O people, and be mindful of this Day wherein the breezes of the Command waft from every direction. Purify yourselves from those who have disbelieved in what they had believed in, and who denied the proof of God and His evidence after He appeared in truth, around Whom circle the suns and moons. Though We find none on earth possessed of insight, yet make thou thy presence the presence of God, then open the eye of thy heart and observe what hath proceeded from the Tongue of Eternity in these days wherein the idolaters have encompassed Him from every side, and the clouds of grandeur rain down in grief for Him. Perchance thou shalt discover the root of the matter and what hath befallen the Youth from those who were created by His word, and thou shalt aid Him to the extent thou art able, though He hath never sought help from anyone save God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Were one possessed of insight, he would cry out between earth and heaven saying: “O people! By what proof have ye denied this Beauty Who hath dawned from the horizon of holiness with sovereignty and power? If ye believed in Ali, by God, he weepeth now in the Most Exalted Companion by reason of what hath befallen His Most Glorious Beauty in His latter manifestation, Who hath appeared with all the signs and from Whose Pen flow forth ordinances and mysteries.” And he saith: “O people! Fear God and cling not to the idols of your desires. By God! This is My Beauty, then My Manifestation, and My Power, and My Sovereignty. He hath appeared unto you greater than what I revealed unto you, and this is testified to by the tongues of all created things, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.” Thus have We imparted unto thee that thou mayest hear the word of truth, that thou mayest arise to aid Him Who hath no helper and Who hath fallen into the depths of this pit, wherefrom the feet of the righteous and the chosen ones are cut off. And the Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned unto God and turned away from every disbelieving infidel.

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O thou who art present before the Throne! There hath been sent down for him who hath been named ’Ali, that he may arise to serve the Cause and be God-fearing in His religion. He is the Rememberer and the Remembered. O ’Ali! Bear thou witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who appeared with the name ’Ali before Nabil is verily the Manifestation of His Self, the Dayspring of His Cause, the Treasury of His knowledge, the Rising Place of His Revelation, the Repository of His signs, and the Source of His mercy unto all worlds. And He Who hath appeared and shone forth with His Most Luminous, Most Glorious Name in His latter Manifestation is for His glory, then His might and grandeur over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Through Him light was distinguished from darkness, and

the fortunate from the wretched. Through Him was established the Temple of the Cause upon a throne of mighty glory, and through Him every ignorant one ascended to the Kingdom of knowledge and utterance, while every learned one returned to the nethermost depths. Through Him were the names and their kingdoms transformed, such that darkness was changed into light and light into darkness. Through Him descended the hosts of revelation from the heaven of decree, and the matter was decided by One mighty and powerful. Thus have We adorned the heavens of the Tablet with the ornament of remembrance and utterance, and sanctified it from the knowledge of every accursed satan. And thou, O servant, hearken unto what God hath revealed unto thee from the direction of pre-existence, then arise to serve the Cause and be among those who arise with such arising whereby all things shall arise to serve and assist God. Without this, it beseemeth not those who are established upon a holy and secure seat. By God the Truth! Whoso today yieldeth up a breath in love of his Lord and detachment from all else, God shall make him influential among the realities of things - and none shall comprehend this save every detached and discerning one. When thou attainest unto this station, thou shalt seek whatsoever thou willest through My Most Exalted, Most Great Name, and shalt accomplish what thou desirest through the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. By My life! Whoso attaineth unto this maturity shall speak only for God, move only by God, rest only by His command, walk only in the paths of His good-pleasure, witness naught but His beauty, and fear no one even should all creation combine against him. O thou who believest in God! When thou readest the Tablet of thy Lord and art seized by the breezes of the Spirit that waft from the direction of the verses from the traces of thy Lord, arise to teach by Our command and be not among the patient ones. For the honor of the servant lieth only in his remembrance of his Lord. Thus hath the matter been ordained for the near servants of God. Deliver unto the people the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and fear not the manifestations of Satan. He will guard thee from the hosts of devils. When thou openest thy tongue in utterance, then shall the Holy Spirit confirm thee, and the Spirit of Glory shall teach thee from the direction of eternity, and the Spirit of Truth shall speak upon thy tongue. Thus have We commanded thee and given thee leave that thy heart may be strengthened and thou mayest be in mighty assurance. Beware lest thou cast the Cause of God behind thee and be among the inactive ones. Remind the people with wisdom and utterance, for this is the station of man, and without this it beseemeth not the sincere servants of God. Know thou then that thy brother who journeyed unto God hath entered the seat of thy Lord's throne, stood before His presence, was illumined by the lights of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Luminous, attained unto the meeting, heard the verses of his Lord, and was among the successful ones. He wrote thy name upon the Tablet and presented it before the Face. When the glances of thy Lord turned unto it, there was sent down for thee from the direction of the throne verses of wondrous glory, and We sent them unto thee as a mercy from Us upon thee and upon Our assured servants. Glory be upon thee if thou forsakest imitation, ascendest to the heights of unity, and makest thyself purely devoted unto God, the King, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O `Abdu'r-Rahim! In the name of the one true Friend. I pray that through the grace and favors of the Lord of Names you may be the cup-bearer of the wine of immortality that flows from the fountainhead of the

Supreme Pen. At all times, drink and give others to drink of this life-giving water in the name of the All-Merciful. Today it is incumbent and obligatory upon souls like yourself to serve the Cause, and His service has been and will continue to be the teaching of His Cause amongst humanity. Consider the heedlessness of the peoples - though the Most Great Luminary shines at its zenith, all walk in darkness, oblivious to it, save whom thy Lord willeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and turned unto guidance, detached from all else but God.

This is the Chief of all days and the King thereof. Great is the blessedness of him who hath attained, through the sweet savor of these days, unto everlasting life, and who, with the most great steadfastness, hath arisen to aid the Cause of Him Who is the King of Names. Such a man is as the eye to the body of mankind. Thus hath decreed the Ordainer of destiny. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

God willing, you must bring to life the decaying bodies through the outpourings of the divine ocean of bounty and the breath of the All-Merciful. At all times strive to give the far one to drink from the Kawthar of nearness and let the deprived one taste the living waters of reunion. For the mercy of God hath taken precedence and will continue to do so. Therefore, with utmost kindness and compassion, you must invite people to the court of the Friend and detach them from all else. Some among the people, with complete deception and guile, have been and continue to be lying in wait for the souls who have accepted the Faith. Be not heedless, and protect the paradise of the hearts of the loved ones from the poisonous winds of the deniers and the treachery of the thieves.

Great is this Day and mighty the Cause, while most people are weak. Where are they who stood firm in the Cause such that neither the tempests of deception nor the storms of the Evil One could move them? And where are they who cast away the world and held fast to the cord of the name of their Lord, the Lord of Names? And where are they who arose to aid the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise?

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the call from the Prison wherein speaketh the Dawning-Place of Names: There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the whispers of the lowly shall hold thee back. Thus doth command thee He through Whom hath appeared the Kingdom of thy Lord's command, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: In the Name of God and by God! Take the chalice of certitude with the hand of assurance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then drink from it at all times in My Name, the All-Encompassing over the worlds. Thou art he whose mention hath moved the Supreme Pen. Know thou the station of this rank and be of the thankful ones. Shun those in whom thou findest words without deeds - they are among the contemptible ones. Were all the peoples of the earth to gather against Me with swords of hatred and rancor, I would not believe any of them regarding their satanic deeds.

Say: O people! Avoid that which ye have been forbidden in the Book of God. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. Grieve not over anything. Remind the people of that which thou hast been commanded by the Presence. We have willed for thee a station among stations which We shall soon reveal in truth.

Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Immerse thyself in the ocean of thy Lord's favors and glorify His wondrous Name. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who show in their faces the radiance of faith in these days of the All-Merciful - they are indeed among the near ones.

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O Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! God willing, mayest thou at all times and under all conditions abide beneath the shade of the All-Merciful, occupied in service to the Ancient Beauty amidst the peoples. The gaze of loving-kindness and the glance of favor have ever been directed towards thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this and be thou of the grateful ones. Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the contingent happenings of the world nor the whisperings of the idolatrous souls may sadden thee or prevent thee from the remembrance of the Lord of all created things. Observe how this Wronged One is afflicted in the Most Great Prison between two parties. By the truth of His own Self, wert thou to be truly informed of what hath befallen Him, thou wouldst weep with the weeping of them that are bereft. Nevertheless, at all times the stream of wisdom and utterance floweth from the right hand of the throne. Draw near to thy chalice unto Him and fill it, then drink in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. How many who are distant are with Me in the loftiest heights of detachment, and how many who are near are in a place remote. Thy services are remembered before God and recorded in the divine Tablets. Their reward hath not been and shall not be lost. If certain outward matters have not proceeded according to thy desire, be not saddened. God willing, through divine bounty and merciful grace they shall be set right. Every matter is bound to its time. This is naught but divine wisdom and infinite mercy. Then know thou that Rida hath openly rebelled against God and committed that which none before him hath committed. He hath squandered God's Cause and spread abroad that which the Pen is powerless to mention. Thus have We been afflicted in this mighty Prison. He committed in the Land of Mystery that which caused the Spirit of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, to lament. Yet We concealed it, for thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They consumed swine's flesh there. We said: Fear God and commit not that which would cause God's Cause to be lost among the Muslim people. Thereby did hatred intensify until fate arrived. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. When Victory saw the signs of death he repented and returned, then passed away at that time. Therefore We forgave him and recorded him among the penitent. And after him Rida appeared and repented of what he had done. Though We found him in hypocrisy, We concealed his affair as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. When We entered this Prison he committed lewdness and spread the carpet of wine-drinking, showing no shame before God. He rebelled and led astray a number of souls to his deed. Then his sister joined in his actions. Thus do We recount unto thee the truth that thou mayest be among them that are informed. One day she entered before the Presence. We saw her in great drunkenness. When she was forbidden, she left and cried out. Thus were We afflicted by a wicked and most lost people. O servant who gazeth toward God! Thou knowest the ocean of My mercy and the mountains of My

tranquility and the heaven of My patience. Observe what deeds they have committed, that despite My mercy which hath preceded and encompassed all the worlds, they have become outcasts. Be not thou grieved by this. Verily thou hast an exalted station with thy Lord. Hold fast to thy connection with Him. He sufficeth thee. Be thou detached from all the worlds. Manifest in thy love for thy Lord a fire that the waters cannot quench and a light that the veils of them that are on earth cannot obscure. This beseemeth thee, for thou art of the people of this luminous station. Thy likeness and those who have believed have appeared before the Presence. We have therefore recorded for thee and for them the reward of them that have attained the presence of their Lord in this manifest Prison. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and We have ordained for you the reward of them that have won this noble perspective. Verily the Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon thy family and thy descendants from the presence of One Mighty, Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of the one true God, the All-Knowing! O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt be enkindled like fire in thy love for the All-Merciful, and flow like water beneath His Lote-Tree, spreading far and wide. Praise be to the Goal of all worlds that thou hast attained unto the most great honor and been enabled to serve Him. A servant present before the Wronged One presented in the Most Holy Court the letter which Mirza Ata'u'llah had written to you. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love wafted from it. God willing, they will observe with perfect wisdom and utterance this word which hath appeared from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's utterance: "Be thou wholly for God, the One, the Single, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." This blessed word shineth forth like the morning star from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book. [The remainder of paragraph 1 is already translated above.]

O 'Ata! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of 'Akka from this Wronged One Who hath borne in God's path what none knoweth save His all-compelling Self, the sovereign Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy mention was made before the Wronged One and this clear Book was revealed for thee. Consider the divines and what they have committed in My days. We created them and strengthened them to exalt My Cause, yet they pronounced judgment against My Self and against those whose sanctity was attested by the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and every possessor of a tongue who hath judged fairly in this mighty Cause. They recite the Book while denying its Mother. They make mention of God while issuing decrees against Him. Woe unto them and unto those who followed them without My firm and mighty Command! Did what the leader of the people wrought profit him? Away with him and those who followed him! Did he gain aught from what he did? Nay, by My Most Great Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous! Most strange, passing strange, that the one named after Husayn should slay Husayn - this is what the All-Merciful foretold, yet most of the people are heedless.

In their vain imaginings they intended to extinguish the light of God's Cause, unaware that God's Cause is far too great for such deluded souls to be able to prevent it, extinguish its light, or quench its fire which speaketh in the Blessed Tree. In His blessed name the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" is raised aloft. The whole world cannot oppose His will. The hosts of earth and heaven cannot withstand His

Cause. O ’Ata! God willing, thou shalt speak the praise of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and radiance, and conduct thyself with perfect wisdom, for the deniers lie in wait to find some pretext and raise the cry of “O shame upon the Law!” Say: O My loved ones! Drink ye the Kawthar of My utterance despite them, and associate with men that they may find a path for themselves to God, the One, the All-Informed. We have commanded and continue to command all to act with wisdom, lest some event occur causing hearts to be troubled. He manifesteth His Cause as He pleaseth through His sovereignty. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Corruption, conflict and disputation are forbidden. All must associate together with utmost love. God willing, the penetrating power of the Word will become manifest in the world. The helper of the Truth hath ever been the Word of Truth and the utterances of detached souls who summon mankind unto the Truth. Glory be upon you and upon the handmaidens of God who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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O Muhammad! Hearken unto the melody of God that hath descended from the heaven of the Command’s might, and rend asunder the veils of idle fancies through the power of the All-Merciful. Make not thy dwelling in the jungle of the world and its ornaments. Empty thy heart and enter the city of maturity. How long wilt thou, like children and youths, remain occupied with the dust of vain imaginings and the clay of idle suppositions? Rend asunder the veils of heedlessness that thou mayest become aware of the Countenance of Oneness that hath dawned from the Orient of glory and grandeur.

O Muhammad! The Word of Truth, like the Existence of Truth, is manifest and evident, radiant and apparent and visible. Therefore, deprive not thine ear from hearing it and prevent not thy heart from knowing it. Enter into the presence of God - and that is the station wherein thou openest the eye of justice, seeing neither right nor left, and with the gaze of fairness and a pure heart thou knowest the Truth by the Truth. In whatever station thou attainest unto this bounty, it is as though thou standest in the presence of God.

O Muhammad! Reflect a while upon the proofs of the Prophets and consider the ways of the Messengers. If thou wert asked by what proof thou didst believe in the former one, and by what proof thou didst turn away from the latter one, what wouldst thou say? Nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, thou wouldst find naught to suffice thee and wouldst be in grievous perplexity.

In truth, the favors of God have ever encompassed thee, but when He found thee heedless, He left thee bereft. Now attention is drawn to the former favors shown unto thee, that thou mayest never entrust the reins of vision to another. Enter the most great prospect, which is and shall ever be the station of recognizing the Beauty of the All-Merciful.

O Muhammad! Bind not the spiritual wings with the cords of self and passion, and prevent them not from soaring in the holy atmosphere of the All-Bountiful. I swear by the Beauty of the Most Great Point that the purpose of these utterances is the elevation of the manifestations of names and attributes, that

perchance those who are uncertain may enter the arena of mighty certitude and drink of the wine of steadfastness and assurance. For it is observed that certain ones have desired to contaminate the pure essence of unity with the clay of limitation and imitation. Therefore strive that thou mayest deliver thyself from the depths of extinction and enter beneath the shade of the glances of eternity. If thou hearest what God hath counseled thee, verily it shall profit thee in the hereafter and the former life, and apart from this, He is indeed independent of all the worlds.

Reflect a while upon the people of the Furqan (Qur'an), who for one thousand two hundred and seventy years unconsciously rejected some while unknowingly accepted others. At last the fruit that appeared from them was that they suspended the Divine Beauty in the air and martyred Him with the bullets of unbelief. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! And now too, if thou observest well, the people of the Bayan are engaged in the same deed. As thou seest, they have all turned toward this All-Knowing Beauty with swords of the tongue and arrows of polytheism from every direction, although He appeared with such clear proof and came with such manifest power that from the beginning that hath no beginning until now, none hath heard or seen the like thereof. Nevertheless, those who were more abject than dust raised objections against Him - evil indeed is that which they do!

In any case, this much is expected: that the people of the Bayan may not make themselves like the people of the Furqan, and that they may not be veiled from the Lord of Mighty Oneness by the limitations of mention and name and description and attribute. Know ye God by God, for whatsoever is besides Him is but a creation in His presence, if ye be of them that know.

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In the name of God, exalted be His glory, grandeur and power!

Praise be to the gracious, merciful Lord, Who alone is worthy and deserving, Whose gates of forgiveness are ever-surging, and Whose ocean of pardon and bounty lies before all faces. And blessings and peace be upon those through whom God's verses and ordinances were spread abroad and His sovereignty and commands were made manifest, and upon their families and companions through whom God illumined the world with the light of His oneness and the radiance of His knowledge.

The letter from that honored brother arrived at a time when sorrows over recent events had seized all pillars. As it conveyed news of your well-being, it brought some joy. This servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen and assist you in that which will exalt the names and manifest noble qualities. The purpose of that honored brother's remaining in that land is that human qualities and his station may be spread in that city, and that the fragrance of trustworthiness, religion, chastity, truthfulness, sincerity and faithfulness may be diffused. There is still hope that, God willing, you will arise to make up for what was lost.

Regarding what was mentioned about obtaining permission concerning the person from whom the Nazir (upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]) purchased the papers - that you would identify him and establish that he obtained the papers from him rather than finding them in transit - if this statement truly has basis,

certainly make it known and present it to the honored master, His Holiness the Afnan (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God), so that all may know and understand that you are truthful in your statements and can prove it with clear evidence. If this matter is proven, it would be very good. O brother, I tell you truthfully this matter cannot be overlooked. They are ever observant of justice and fairness. You yourself know that the purpose is to establish harmony and unity between hearts. If this matter is truly proven, one can speak of you and likewise assist in affairs.

The store of the honored Shaykh (upon him be the glory of God) had and has no connection whatsoever to this place. I swear by the Master (may our spirits be sacrificed for Him) that these words are true. Some have supposed it has some connection here - God forbid! His Holiness the Afnan sought permission to open a store purely for business and earning, and permission was granted. And you know that they have made every matter contingent on consultation, and whatever judgment emerges from consultation, they have endorsed and will endorse.

Those like yourself should be the cause of manifesting praiseworthy qualities. They should hold fast to justice, kindness and fairness so that all may attest to that which bespeaks the loftiness of human station. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in that which contains good and benefit for yourself and other servants. If you prove this matter according to what you have written, it will bring joy and happiness. But if, God forbid, it is not established and made clear, it will cause endless shame, for mention of you has been good from the earliest days until now and has spread everywhere. Every fair-minded sage and every knowledgeable mystic bears witness to this. In any case, I seek assistance from God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

My God, my God! You know and see that this servant desires by his mention only the sanctification of Your servants and their purification from what You have forbidden them in Your Book. O Lord! Adorn them with the ornament of trustworthiness, justice, truthfulness and sincerity. Verily You have power over whatsoever You will. There is no God but You, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

Praise be to the Beloved Who is worthy and deserving, Who hath quickened and sustained the hearts of the sincere ones and them that are nigh unto Him with the Kawthar of divine knowledge. These are days the like of which have never been witnessed nor recorded in the divine Books, for the Hidden Mystery doth, with hands of bounty, summon all who are in creation to the Most Exalted Wine. Blessed are they who have drunk deep of this call and who have attained with complete certitude and assurance to the revelation of God. The Supreme Pen hath ever called and continueth to call the loved ones to the most exalted horizon at all times. Beseech ye God, exalted and glorified be He, that ye may remain firm in this Cause and not be deprived of this divine table which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace. At all times take your portion through the Name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Well is it with him who hath recognized and turned unto Him and hath attained unto the grace of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, thy letter reached the Holy Land and attained unto the Most Great Vista. Concerning what thou didst mention regarding the divine Tablets, that it appeareth therefrom that victory belongeth to the enemies - the intent is other than what thou hast mentioned. Should the loved ones act in accordance with the divine wisdom that hath been revealed in the Tablets, no one would ever prevail against them. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of Command, did ye but know it. Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained unto His love and thy mention hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

[Already translated portion about marriage follows]

O Supreme Pen! Make mention of the loved ones in that land who have cast aside all else but Me and hearkened unto My call and turned unto My face and drunk the choice wine of My revelation and directed their hearts to the horizon of My beauty and held fast to the hem of My bounty and clung to the cord of My favors and soared in the atmosphere of My love and were honored by My commandments and were stirred by the breezes of My days and caught the fragrance of My garment and arose to serve Me and to aid My Cause and spoke My praise and held fast to the wisdom that was sent down from the heaven of My command in the kingdom of My will. Blessed are ye, O loved ones of God! Know ye the value of this mention that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen on this wondrous and glorious Day. By My life! This is a mention that cannot be equalled by what ye have reckoned or what any reckoner may reckon. Rejoice ye therein and place your trust in God, the Mighty, the Wise. Beware lest what is with the people prevent you. Drink ye the wine of steadfastness with the hands of the bounty of your Lord at all times. Should anyone turn with the eye of innate vision toward My most exalted horizon, by God! neither the happenings of creation nor the might of them that have drunk the Zaqqum of vainglory from the cups of heedlessness and passion shall prevent him. They are indeed among the abased ones.

We then make mention of those women who were stirred by the Word of God, and We make mention of their names before the Throne every year, nay every month, nay every hour, nay every moment. He is with them and heareth their cry and seeth what they do in the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great. O people of the letter Kha! By God! The Tongue of Eternity speaketh your mention from this Most Glorious Horizon. Rejoice ye in this joy around which circleth the joy of all in creation. Your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness unto this. All glory be upon you from God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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He is the All-Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise sanctified above the mention of all contingent beings, the comprehension of created things, and the knowledge of existent things, befitteth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of Him Whom the tyranny of the oppressors, the calumnies of the slanderers, and the power of the opposers did not prevent or hinder from His purpose and from revelation. Throughout the nights and days the Supreme Pen hath been moving and engaged, detached from all else, in remembrance of the loved ones. That which hath flowed from it is the water of life for those who thirst in the arena of love and affection, and

the spirit of life for the companions of grace and guidance. The penetrating influence of the Most Exalted Word hath encompassed the world, and the power of the Most Glorious Pen hath seized all. Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me aflame with the fire of Thy love, attracted by Thy verses, and translating in the world of utterance that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy utterance and the atmosphere of Thy Will. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have held fast to Thy cord, through whose movement all created things were moved by Thy power and sovereignty, and I have clung to the hem of Thy grace, through whose light Thy earth and heaven were illumined. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and by the mysteries hidden in the sea of Thy utterance, to aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee, to exalt Thy Cause and manifest Thy Word with wisdom and utterance. Then protect me, O my God, from mine enemies, and make me to be of those whom neither the happenings of the world nor the chains of the wicked have prevented from drawing nigh unto Thee and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

Thy letter was read before the face of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love, affection, humility and devotion wafted from it. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect thee and cause thee to attain unto that which hath previously been sent down from the Supreme Pen. None can reject His command or repel that which hath been revealed from the heaven of His decree. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Concerning thy mention of a certain person at the time his spirit was separated from his body: all events that have occurred have not been without purpose or reason. If thou wouldst reflect upon the deeds and deserts of certain souls, thou wouldst testify that whatsoever hath happened or will happen is pure justice, nay rather, pure bounty. And that which was witnessed, or will be witnessed, regarding the seizing of the existence of negation at the time of its return to its place - this too was pure bounty, for that deceitful dissembler acted, both outwardly and inwardly, in such wise that others besides God are incapable of reckoning it. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt His Cause through thee and to reveal unto thee that which He hath sent down in thy Book. Verily He is the Powerful, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The Truthful, the Trustworthy hath said and continueth to say: “His mercy hath preceded the earth and heaven.” Should any soul reflect with penetrating vision upon the deeds of certain ones, he would testify that whatsoever hath occurred or will occur hath been from the ocean of bounty, mercy and bestowal, and were justice and desert to be considered, God forbid, its reckoning would not be possible. Reflect upon the matters that occurred in this past year in the great city: despite the utmost kindness shown to that person, out of pure greed and avarice he acted in such wise that were justice to be meted out, the scribes of the world would find themselves powerless to record his punishment. Through the instigation of the Sheikh of Yazd and his chief he acted in such manner as became clear and evident to the discerning ones among those souls. And likewise were the deeds of that heedless returning soul. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid His servants to return unto Him. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

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O divine friend, his honor Aqa Abdullah, upon him be the glory of his Lord… He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong greatness and majesty.

Praise sanctified above mention and utterance befitteth and beseemeth the Purpose of all contingent beings, Who through His perfect power made manifest the words of the Preserved Tablet in human temples and sent them forth to the arena of the world, and through those sacred and luminous temples illumined and enlightened the world. He sent forth Moses with the rod of Command and the white hand of knowledge. All people arose to oppose Him, yet this only increased the loss of the wrongdoers. And afterward the cloud of mercy was once again raised up and the heaven of bounty adorned. He sent forth the Spirit (Christ) to summon all the world to His oneness, for acknowledgment of this oneness is the cause of fellowship and unity among the peoples of the world. And when the light of unity encompassed the earth and overcame darkness, all were seen as one soul. At that time perfect peace appeared and became manifest, and the temple of justice was established upon the throne of appearance. Then was there seen in the earth neither crookedness nor abasement. And after opposition and objection, at the second level and station, the blessed word "We strengthened them with a third" appeared from behind the will of the All-Merciful, and the Sun of Batha (Muhammad) shone forth from the horizon of creation. Again the people of hypocrisy broke God's covenant and arose with all their might to extinguish the light, imagining they would be able to accomplish this. But verily He, exalted be He, showed them their own powerlessness until His light was perfected in all lands and the banners of His name were raised throughout all regions. Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His power!

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen weak eyes with the light of His bounty that they may behold the Sun of Manifestation and gaze upon its horizon. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. No thing can frustrate Him and no matter can prevent Him. He commandeth through His sovereignty whatsoever He desireth. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter thy letter arrived and brought joy and delight. God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt ever drink from the cup of the irfan of the Beloved Who perisheth not, and hast caused others to drink therefrom. Regarding what thou didst write about his honor the Letter S, upon him be the glory of God - it is incumbent upon him to be circumspect, that is, not to believe every statement nor accept every claim. This blessed word hath shone forth from the dayspring of the heaven of utterance, written to one of the loved ones - exalted be His utterance: "Believe not every speaker, trust not in every newcomer, enter not every house, and hearken not unto every claimant." For it hath been observed and continues to be observed that the liar adorns himself in the garment of truthfulness, and the one who turneth away displayeth himself in the robe of the one who advanceth. In no circumstance should wisdom be relinquished. Any Jew who becomes aware will certainly arise in enmity and intend harm. Association with Jews should take place only externally, without eating or drinking. It behooveth you to conceal the light of justice from every oppressor and transgressor. Assuredly […] become aware and […] unto God and be turned toward God. Convey this ephemeral one's greetings to his honor. I beseech God to preserve you in all conditions through His hand of bounty. Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful, the Mighty.

All the friends send remembrance and greetings, and they beseech God, exalted be His glory, for your protection and wellbeing. Glory and spirit and radiance be upon you both and upon all who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Wise. And blessings and peace be upon him with whose name […] was sealed, and upon his family and companions.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

O Mirza Maq?ud!

Praise be sanctified above the realms of meaning and utterance unto the Beloved of all possibility, Who is worthy and deserving, for by His blessed name the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" hath been raised and planted in the kingdom of creation. Exalted be His greatness and glorified be His majesty! There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thereafter, thy letter reached this Wronged One of the world in the Most Great Prison, and as it indicated thy well-being, it brought joy. God willing, in all conditions - coming and going, turning and advancing - may it be for God, in God, and unto God. O Maq?ud! I swear by the Sun of Justice which is concealed behind the clouds of oppression that there hath been and is no purpose save the attainment of the servants to their highest stations. Nevertheless, there hath befallen this Wronged One that which no one hath seen or heard. I call them unto the light while they call Me unto the fire. We beseech God, exalted be He, to judge between us with truth. Verily He is the Commander, the Just, the Wise.

Both before and after, mention of thee hath been made in this Prison. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to aid thee in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to protect thee from the oppressors and transgressors of the earth. Thou hadst mentioned bewilderment. In one station bewilderment is highly praiseworthy. The Seal of the Prophets hath said: "Lord, increase my bewilderment in Thee." However, regarding outward matters, keep thy gaze fixed upon this blessed word which, like the Most Great Luminary, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom. He saith: "The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion." In every matter consult with souls who are assured, tranquil, content and pleasing to God, and act upon that which is found preferable. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

This Wronged One remembereth thee in the midst of sorrows, and were We to mention that which hath befallen and continueth to befall, it would surely cause grief to overtake the friends. Therefore silence is preferable. In these days adverse winds are blowing in this land. We conclude Our words at this point with: There is none other God but Him, and he who holdeth fast unto patience and forbearance is among the triumphant ones in the perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy second letter which thou hadst sent from the Holy Land arrived and what was mentioned and written therein was observed and presented before His presence. He said: Write: "O Maq?ud! We have heard thy

call and hearkened unto thy lamentation and sighing in thy longing and eagerness. Praise be to God that the fragrance of love was wafting from every word. God willing, may this station endure. The servant present hath repeatedly recited what thou hadst composed. Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and the glances of grace and kindness have been directed towards thee. Man is great; his aspiration too must be great in reforming the world and bringing comfort to nations. We beseech God to assist thee in that which befitteth the station of man. In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon wisdom, for certain among the possessors of ulterior motives have been and are attempting - Glory be to God! - to attribute to this holy station, which hath desired naught save love, fellowship, the development and betterment of the world and humankind, that which causeth the tongue and pen to be ashamed to mention. We have remembered and do remember thee, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect thee through the hands of power and might, and to acquaint thee with that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, and the Master of all humanity. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty." God willing, this Wronged One is among the faithful and hath not forgotten nor will forget thee.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise befits the One sought by all, Who has ordained the good news of the health of friends to be among the finest blessings of the world, and Who has renewed and continues to renew the world through pure and goodly tidings that are the cause of joy and delight. Praise be unto Him, again praise be unto Him. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophets and chosen ones, and upon Him with whom prophethood began and ended, and upon His family and companions, an everlasting peace forever.

And now, the letter of that spiritual friend has made old things new and withered things fresh. It was like an agile sweeper, for it swept away the straw and stubble of care and grief and spread the carpets of joy and delight. In truth it was not a sweeper but a spiritual messenger, for the fragrance of love was inhaled from it. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that honored friend and make him the recipient of special favors, together with health and wellbeing and blessing and wealth and ability. After reading and becoming informed of its contents, I turned in supplication and presented it before His presence. He said: "O Ali, upon thee be My peace and My glory. Thy letter arrived and the servant present mentioned what thou didst mention. It was right and correct. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee and to set right all thine affairs. Be thou not sorrowful in any way. Verily He is the One Who sets right the affairs of His servants. Verily He hath power over all things."

As to what thou didst write regarding the property at the door of the house which is with the peasants, that whatever they have should be taken, whether livestock or other things that may exist - after this matter was presented He said: "O Ali, fix thy gaze upon the horizon of justice and fairness. Action must not depart from mercy and loving-kindness. Therefore if means exist there is no objection to taking payment, but in their absence thou must be patient. In all cases consideration for the poor is necessary before the Wronged One. Take what they are able to give and obtain promissory notes for the remainder.

O Ali, mercy hath preceded and the form of compassion standeth present before His face. God is witness that were it not for this gathering, We would not take a penny. Take what is reasonable in this Cause of Mine. This is what We have counseled Our loved ones and friends before and after. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good."

"As to thine own debts, act as thou wishest, for thou art in debt and no blame resteth upon thee. Grieve not over this debt. For years this Wronged One was in debt and no one knew of it. Days and nights passed in prison with no sustenance at hand. Through patience and forbearance and resignation and trust the days came to an end. According to the servant present, the essence of food attributed to God was present, for in the noble tradition it is said: 'Hunger is God's food, by which He giveth life to the bodies of the truthful.'"

"As to what was written about barley, it is not necessary since good barley can be obtained here. But as for wheat, it would be good if whatever amount possible could be obtained from there or elsewhere and sent. This too only if possible, otherwise no."

O my God, my Lord and my Master! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book and by the Preserved Tablet and by the hearts of Thy Prophets which Thou hast made repositories of Thy utterance and treasuries of Thy remembrance, to aid him who hath turned to Thee and dwelt in Thy vicinity for successive years. O Lord! Take his hand with the hand of Thy loving-kindness, then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Servant

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His honor Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God

2 Ramadan 1303

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance

Praise befitting and worthy be unto the Creator of contingent beings, Who made utterance the dawning-place of wisdom, will and knowledge. He is that Word within which books lie concealed and psalms lie hidden. From Him have appeared the hosts of divine commands and prohibitions which are the cause of the order of the world, the comfort and tranquility of nations, and the reason for fellowship, unity, love and affection. The protection of cities and lands through justice and fairness has been and continues to be through these blessed hosts. The Dawning-Place of this utterance in the world of creation was the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. O God, bless Him and His family and companions through whom were opened the gates of knowledge to all in creation and through whom appeared the path of Thy commands amongst religions.

And then, O beloved of my heart, the distinguished letter whose allusions were delightful and whose worth was precious to the people of knowledge - not every appraiser can know this pearl nor undertake to determine its value. In any case, since it was adorned with the lights of love, humility, submissiveness, attention and acceptance, after reading it the wine of its words intoxicated this lowly one and involuntarily I approached the Presence where it was granted the honor of being heard. O Nabil, upon thee be My peace. Praise be to God that through the grace of the All-Powerful and the compulsion of the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty, thou hast attained unto both. This compulsion is the cause and reason for the stability of existence and the firmness of its pillars. In truth, the insightful ones detect the fragrance of grace from all affairs that occur. This Wronged One testifies to thy burning with the fire of love and thy attraction and longing for the light of knowledge. Thou hast drunk from the cup of mystical knowledge and quaffed from the ocean of grace. Divine love causes dust to transcend the heavens and brings the heart to light. The servant present with thy letter mentioned what thou didst mention. In truth it removed grief and brought joy, took away sorrow and bestowed delight. According to the inappropriate sayings of the world: “O time, thou art pleasant that thou hast made our time pleasant.” Although this verse outwardly has no elements, yet a subtle fragrance emanates from it. We beseech God that thy mention and that of the friends has ever been and continues to be in the court of the Lord. This evanescent one at all times beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist all to do what is befitting. That honored master should convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and praise to each one. The servant asks his Lord to make them manifestations of glory among creatures, dawning-places of faith among the people of creation, and rising-points of certitude for the people of mystical knowledge, and to protect them from the evil of His enemies and draw them near to Him in all conditions.

His honor the Name 66, upon him be from all the Most Glorious of God, arrived and attained the presence and dwelt in the shadow, and his honor the Beloved too, upon him be the peace of God, was in his service for a time and then the command to return was issued for some of their own affairs. They arrived with utmost joy, delight and gladness and returned in the same manner. Give my greetings and praise to the comfort of eyes. God willing, may they be at rest in the shadow of grace and provided for from the Tree of bounty.

As for the mention made of his honor Mulla Ali, upon him be the peace of God, praise be to God his name attained the honor of being heard in the Presence and was adorned and illumined with the light of grace. This servant too sends greetings to him and beseeches God for his success. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who hear your words regarding good deeds and upon every knowing, steadfast mystic.

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Mulla Muhammad in Khunsar - He is the Most Glorious, the Most Luminous

Make mention of thy Lord’s mercy unto His servant Muhammad, who emigrated unto God and entered the City at the time when the Ancient Beauty departed therefrom with mighty sovereignty - a sovereignty that encompassed all created things, and this proved grievous for the idolaters. Therefore bear witness

within thyself, then rejoice in thine inmost being, that God hath accepted thy obedience and raised up thy name in truth among the worlds, and hath ordained for thee in nearness a station that none can attain save those who are brought nigh, if thou wilt not slip upon this Path from which every wicked sinner hath turned away. Be thou enkindled by this Fire, then [kindle with it] the people of the lands, and be not of the fearful ones. Come forth from the garment of silence, then be one who crieth out between the heavens and the earth. Cast the world behind thee, then call the people to the Most Great Paradise in this Most Pure, Most Manifest Garden, and be not of the silent ones. For silence is praiseworthy except in My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible; and patience is commendable except in My love - this is a revelation from One Who is Mighty, Beautiful. Arise amongst the people with the steadfastness of thy Lord, then remind them of this Mighty News. Make My remembrance thy shield, then My love thy fortress, then reliance upon My Self, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, thy army. O Muhammad! By God the Truth! If thou remainest steadfast in My love, and all who are in the heavens and earth oppose thee, God will cause thee to prevail over them through My sovereign might, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. And if all the divines of every religion dispute with thee, thou shalt confound them through My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, for at the time when thou contendest for God with His enemies, the hosts of the unseen will aid thee, and when thou speakest with souls concerning thy Lord's Cause, the Holy Spirit will confirm thee from the presence of One Mighty, All-Wise. And I am He Who speaketh in all things that I am God, there is no God but Me, the Guardian, the Mighty, the Generous. Then know, O Muhammad, that the Concourse of the Bayan turned away from this Beauty and returned to their abode in the nethermost hell, save whom thy Lord willed, and thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee that thou mayest be of those who are well-aware. Say: O people! This is the Beauty of the First One Who hath appeared in the Temple of the Last One, and these are His verses which have been sent down in truth from a kingdom of ancient glory. Say: O people! Fear God and refute not the truth with your mouths, and be not of the losers. And do thou inhale from this Garment that thou mayest find therein the fragrance of the All-Merciful and be of the firm ones. Then know that victory lieth not in the sword and its like, but victory lieth in the tongue and what proceedeth therefrom of utterance for the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people! Remind mankind of the remembrance of God with wisdom and counsel. Beware lest ye spread corruption in the earth and be of the corrupt ones. O servant! Set thy face toward the Egypt of the All-Merciful in this Paradise, and if thou beholdest Satan at its gate preventing thee from entering the sanctuary of the All-Merciful, seek refuge in God from his evil, then enter therein and be of the secure ones. Thus have We acquainted thee and taught thee and made mention of thee that thou mayest glory thereby between the heavens and the earth. Then make mention from Us to the loved ones of God who have attained the presence of the Throne and heard the melodies of their Lord and were of the triumphant ones. Say: Blessed are ye for having attained the presence of God at a time when neither ye nor anyone among all created things recognized Him. Then make mention of those who were in thy land and in other lands, upon whose realities the clouds of holiness have rained down showers of purity that cleanse them from the dust of contingent things and sanctify them from whatsoever [would hold them back from God], the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth from the heaven of transcendent might, and made them a proof from His presence unto all the worlds. Even thus do We apprise you of the Manifestation of the Primal Point in this Revelation. Thus have We sent down the verses in truth, and verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over all things. God counseled the servants in the Bayan not to tarry in this Cause even for a moment, yet the people of the Bayan broke God's covenant and His testament, and opposed the Sovereign of Revelation with a tyranny grievous in the Tablet. The more the proof increased, the more their wretchedness increased, and the reminder from One mighty and wise profited them not. Nay rather, they sought to slay the Youth after He summoned them unto their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thereby did the dwellers of the cities of names lament, and God was indeed aware of this.

Say: O people! In all the Tablets ye were commanded to make your way unto this Countenance, and at the time of the Revelation to cling to naught else. Yet ye have clung to a mere name and denied Him Who created all things by His command, and were far removed from the shores of nearness. Say: He hath appeared as 'Ali appeared aforetime. Open your eyes that ye may behold Him now upon this most luminous horizon, speaking forth the truth with a sorrowful voice saying: "Do ye deny, O people, Him Who created you from dust, then from a drop of fluid, and made you complete beings? Fear God, and commit not what the people of the Furqan committed when I came to them from the dawning-place of the name 'Ali. Consider, then remember their objections at the time of My manifestation, that ye may perchance become aware of this Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, with manifest lights."

Cast aside what ye possess and take what is with God with power, and be not doubtful of His presence. By My life! He is the One promised in the tablets of old, and I was indeed the herald of His manifestation in the days which were illumined by the light of the Countenance. But when the promise came to pass and the heaven was cleft asunder and the Youth came with hosts of invisible might, ye denied Him and opposed Him and followed every wicked denier. Say: O people! God created you to be servants of this Cause which was promised in the Tablets, and to be as glass globes for this Lamp lest the winds of every idolater blow against it with enmity. Yet ye did not fulfill what ye were commanded in the Book; nay rather, ye arose to extinguish this Light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Countenance with brilliant rays. By My life! Were all who are in the heavens and on earth to gather together to extinguish this Light, they would be powerless and unable, even were they to aid one another.

Say: This is a fire kindled by the will of the All-Merciful - can anyone extinguish it? Nay, by His own Self, the Bestower! Yet the people are behind a thick veil. Say: Can ye prevent the clouds from raining, or the sea from its waves, or the sun from shining? Then be fair, O people, and be not tyrannical and wretched. Thus have We explained to thee what shall make thee independent of all else and keep thee steadfast in the Cause. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned by the Pen of the Command in these days wherein all have arisen in opposition save those whom God preserved with sovereign protection. Remember thy Lord among His creatures, that perchance through thy words may be quickened the hearts of those whom death hath overtaken from every direction and who have taken Satan as their

friend. God hath prescribed for every soul the teaching of His Cause, and this was sent down at the beginning of this Revelation from the heaven of transcendent might with resplendent glory. Follow what thou hast been commanded in the Tablet and tarry not even for a moment. The glory be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Cause, whereby the hearts of all who hesitate have been sorely troubled.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I acknowledge Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I bear witness to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and to that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will in Thy Most Manifest Book, which informed the people of the Great Announcement and gave them glad tidings of meeting with Thy manifestation on the Day of Judgment through Thy words “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy favor and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Ordain for me that which will strengthen me to act according to what Thou hast informed me in Thy Book. I testify that Thou hast sent the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of Thy creation and to draw them nigh unto the precincts of Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones and Thy friends. I beseech Thee, O Educator of all beings and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the luminary of Thy generosity, and by Thy Beloved One Whom Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy names and the Dayspring of Thy attributes and the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy Will and the Ocean of Thy knowledge and the Heaven of Thy wisdom - through Whose advent the heavens of Thy nearness were honored, and by Whose name the standards of polytheism were lowered among Thy servants and the banners of unity were raised in Thy lands, and through Whom the dawning-places of infidelity and vain imaginings wailed and the smile appeared on the countenance of faith, and through Whom the sun of manifestation shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and the pillars of hypocrisy were shaken in all regions, and through Whom Yathrib trembled and the valley flowed and the Kingdom of Names was adorned - to make me in all conditions one who celebrates Thy praise and speaks of Thy remembrance and bounty among Thy servants, and who acts according to that which Thou hast commanded me through Thy generosity and munificence. O my Lord! Thou seest the sinner hastening to the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the thirsty one to the Kawthar of Thy nearness, and the poor one to the treasury of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy earth and Thy heaven, to ordain for me that which will preserve me from self and passion. Verily Thou art the Protector of all mankind and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal and my Object of worship! Send Thy blessings upon the Lord of the world and the Educator of nations, through Whose manifestation the stations of the Names appeared in Thy kingdom and the expressions of the attributes among Thy creation, and upon His family and His companions through whom Thy sovereignty and power were made manifest and the decree of unity was established

among Thy creatures, and who strove in Thy Cause with true striving and aided Thy religion with true aid. Thou hast said concerning them - and Thy word is the truth - “Honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do as they are bidden.” And in another place: “Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God.” I beseech Thee by them and by the lights of Thy Throne not to leave me to myself and my will and desire. Then I beseech Thee by Thy might, O God of all beings and Goal of all things, to make me one of those who desire naught except what Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty, and who have made their wills extinct in Thy Will and their desires in Thy Desire. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing in all things can prevent Thy will. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. Alas! Alas! O my God, if Thou shouldst withhold from me the Euphrates of Thy forgiveness and the ocean of Thy mercy, who would show mercy to me and forgive me? Alas! Alas! I have abandoned what Thou didst command me and committed what Thou didst forbid me. By Thy might! Despite my acknowledgment of my grievous sins and great transgressions, I testify that they all are as nothing before the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy pardon and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou knowest and seest that this servant hath naught save weakness and weeping. Have mercy, O my God, on one who hath raised the hands of hope to the heaven of Thy favor and hath turned with his heart to the horizon of Thy pardon. Verily Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! Thou beholdest what the tongue of no one except Thee can utter, and bearest witness unto things which no mouth can recount. The floods of afflictions are let loose, and the winds of Thy judgment have blown, and from the clouds rain down the darts of tests, and the heavens of Thy decree pour forth the arrows of trial.

Thou seest, O my Lord, how Thy servants, who have believed on Thee and acknowledged Thy signs, have fallen into the clutches of Thine enemies, how the doors of ease and comfort have been shut against them, how they languish in the Fortress wherein neither pleasantness nor hope can be found. They have suffered in Thy path what no man before them hath suffered. To this bear witness they who abide around Thy throne, and the dwellers of the earth, and the Concourse on high.

These, O my God, are Thy servants who, for love of Thy beauty, have forsaken their homes, and been so stirred up by the gentle winds of their desire for Thee that they have sundered every tie in Thy path. Such of Thy servants as dwell in Thy land and have transgressed against Thee have assailed them, and banished them from Thy cities, and made them captives, and delivered them into the hands of workers of iniquity among Thy people and the perverse amidst the wicked doers in Thy realm. And finally, they were made to abide in this place with which no other place, however loathsome, in all Thy dominion, can compare. They were seized with such trials that the clouds weep over them and the thunder groaneth by reason of the manifold tribulations that have afflicted them in their love for Thee and for the sake of Thy pleasure.

Thou knowest full well, O my God, that there is no one on Thine earth who can claim to be related to Thee except these, some of whom have suffered martyrdom for Thy sake, while the rest have been permitted to survive. Though for such as are like unto us, O my God, it beseemeth not to claim to be related to Thee, inasmuch as our misdeeds and our waywardness have hindered us from reaching the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness, and from immersing ourselves beneath the waters of Thy transcendent mercy, yet our tongues, O my God, bear witness, and our hearts testify, and our limbs confess that Thy mercy hath enveloped all created things and Thy compassion surpassed all that are in heaven and all that are on earth.

I beseech Thee, by Thy Most Great Name, through which all created things were rent asunder and the whole creation was shaken, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purge them from every ordeal and from whatever is hateful to Thee. Raise them up, then, to such heights that no amount of tribulation will keep them back from Thy wondrous remembrance, nor any trouble hinder them from turning toward the court of Thy transcendent oneness.

By Thy might, O Well-Beloved of Baha and his heart's Desire! I myself cry out, under all conditions, unto Thee saying: "Would I had, ere this day, drawn nigh unto Thee!" When I hear, however, the sighs of such of Thy people as are wholly devoted to Thee, and those of Thy servants as enjoy near access to Thy court, who have taken no other friend than Thee, and sought no refuge except Thee, and have chosen for themselves, in Thy path, what no man hath chosen in the days of the Manifestations of Thy transcendent unity and the Day-Springs of Thy most holy sovereignty, then my heart is saddened and my soul is vexed, and I cry to Thee, imploring Thee to protect them, by Thy power that hath encompassed the entire creation both visible and invisible, from whatsoever may be abhorrent to Thee. This is not for their own sakes, but that Thy name may, through them, abide amongst Thy servants, and Thy remembrance may continue to endure in Thy dominions.

Thou knowest, O my God, that all Thy servants have turned back from Thee and risen up against Thee. Thou knowest that Thou hast no one to obey Thee except them and such as have believed in Thy Revelation, through which the foundations of the entire universe have been shaken, and the souls of all men have trembled, and all that lay asleep were quickened. Thou art, O my God, the God of bounty, Whose grace is immense.

Send down, then, upon them that which will assure their hearts, and quiet their souls, and renew their spirits, and refresh their bodies. Thou art, verily, their Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

Praised be God, the Lord of all creation!

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He is the One Who is Manifest, the All-Loving, the Forgiving, the Merciful

That which is hidden beareth witness through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. That which is treasured up beareth witness - and verily this is the

Manifest, the Witnessed One - speaking in all things that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Hidden circleth round Him Who hath appeared with truth, and the Manifest hath arisen to praise His Own Self on this Day wherein all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of existence." The Books have testified to this Most Great Name, and the Scriptures have bowed down when the verses were sent down from the presence of an Ancient Sender. The world hath been honored by the appearance of the Lord of Eternity. Blessed be he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the deniers. Say: This is the Day whereon the Sun of Justice is seen behind the clouds by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. This is the Day whereof God gave tidings - the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. This is the Day whereon the Speaker on Sinai speaketh, when the Lord of Revelation hath appeared with clear sovereignty. This is the Day adorned by its mention in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him and turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon with a fire whereby the hearts of the mystics were attracted, and with a light whereby the darkness of the earth was illumined. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken while the Wronged One was seated upon the throne of His Name, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Pen of Eternity! The Most Great Name commandeth thee to make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, who was named Mahdi in the Perspicuous Book. Bear thou witness that he turned unto the Truth when the people were veiled by a thick veil. He it is who rent asunder the veils through the Name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, and turned unto God until he arrived within the precincts of the mercy of his Lord, the Glorious, the Generous. He it is who crossed land and sea in his longing for the meeting with God, in such wise that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise make mention of him. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from His exalted station. By God's life! The people of the Kingdom were attracted by his turning unto God. Thus doth He make mention of him Who hath come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth shall fall prostrate.

The Light shining from the face of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, after the passing away of all things, be upon thee, O thou who didst quaff the choice wine of revelation from the hand of bounty of the Fashioner of the heavens, when trembling seized all the dwellers of the earth. Thou art he whom the affairs of the world deterred not, nor the veils of the nations. Thou art he who cast away the sources of idle fancies and turned unto My Name, the Self-Subsisting, at Whose appearance the learned wailed with the wailing of the bereaved, and the mystics were shaken, save whom God pleased, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We testify that through thee faithfulness was made manifest in this Cause, whereat every heedless doubter broke the Covenant. I bear witness that thou didst attain unto tribulation when the Call was raised from the direction of grandeur and greatness. Blessed art thou, O Mahdi, and joy be unto thee, O Mahdi! Thou art he who soared in My atmosphere, who spoke My praise, who arose to serve Me, and who bore afflictions and calamities in My path. Verily nothing is hidden from His knowledge - He was with thee in all conditions, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

Thou art he who left his homeland, turning toward the station of the All-Merciful, until thou didst take up for thyself a dwelling place before His face. This is a bounty whereunto nothing in earth or heaven can be compared, as witnesseth He by Whom the Snow-White Spot is adorned - this resplendent Station. Blessed be the soul that hath attained unto thy mention and praise, and blessed be he who hath visited

thee, as proclaimed by the Supreme Pen. We testify that he is among the triumphant. Today thou art beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Whenever the Banner of the Manifestation passeth over thee, the Speaker on Sinai maketh mention of thee with such mention as causeth them that lie in the graves to be stirred. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Forgiving.

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He is the Mighty One in the Letter Sad

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth, that they might serve as a clear testimony unto all the worlds, and that through them His Cause and sovereignty might be made manifest. This hath ever been, from time immemorial, and to this We do bear witness. They who have been given the insight of knowledge from God are assured that these verses have been sent down from One Who is All-Wise, All-Informed. Through them truth hath been distinguished from falsehood, and light from darkness, since ancient times. Say: By God! He is, of His own Self, the Sovereign of all created things, their Originator, the Creator of all beings, and their Fashioner. He needeth no proof other than Himself for this, if ye be possessed of keen insight into the mystery of the Cause. For His Cause is more manifest than to be veiled by aught or concealed behind any veil - this is known to every one endowed with knowledge. Indeed, were there any proof besides Him, that proof would become a veil unto Him. None knoweth this save every assured and wise one. However, since men are weak in themselves and diverse in their understanding and recognition, He manifesteth that which all in the heavens and earth are powerless to produce, that it might serve as an eloquent testimony from Him unto all the worlds. This is naught but to demonstrate His bounty unto all created things and to manifest His grace unto every one, be they poor or rich. Otherwise, He, exalted be He, hath no need of anything to demonstrate His Cause and manifest His sovereignty, as every pure nature doth testify. Say: O people of the earth! Do ye not witness how He hath appeared with the truth and risen above all created things with an authority mighty and impregnable? Say: Though enemies have encompassed Him from every side and darkness hath seized Him from all directions, yet doth He shine forth among them like an illuminating pearl of holiness. Say: By God! His utterance is a testimony unto the peoples of the heavens and of the earth, if men's ears be attentive. Say: The proof is manifest in all His deeds and actions - this is a truth which every fair-minded and trustworthy one doth recognize. Can light be compared to darkness, or shade to heat, or spirit to aught else? Glory be to God! This is naught but grievous heedlessness. Say: O people of the earth! Open your eyes, sharpen your vision, and purify your ears that ye may witness that which God hath testified for you in a Tablet that hath been hidden from sight. O Ali! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, and that Ali is the Manifestation of His Self and the Manifestation of His Name. Thus doth the Bird of the Divine Throne warble with sorrowful voice. Know thou that We have been cast into prison through that which the hands of every tyrannical oppressor have wrought. For this We give thanks unto God and praise Him, and We fear no one even should tribulations greater than any great tribulation descend upon Us. And thou, O servant, preserve this Tablet and recite it with a sweet voice, that there might be kindled in thy heart from this Fire which hath been secretly illuminating. Then give thanks unto God, rejoice in God's gladness, be steadfast in thy love, and be keen in vision. Entrust not the reins of thy sight and heart to

anyone. Look upon all that cometh unto thee with the vision God hath created within thee - this is the best counsel, and God is indeed aware of this. For the Cause hath been veiled from sight, and none hath comprehended it, even if they were nigh unto the truth. And thou, rend asunder the veils of idle fancy and blind imitation, and be possessed of spiritual insight. Pay no heed to the people, for they are caught in the grip of creation and are weak in their essence. Whoso attaineth not unto this station hath achieved naught, even should he lay claim within himself to every wondrous thing. Thus do We reveal unto thee the verses and make mention of thee with love and aid thee in the Cause, that thou mayest be assured within thyself and content with God. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon every lofty heart.

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He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I make mention of Thee in this hour when the doves of the sanctity of Thy sovereignty warble, and from the clouds of Thy oneness there rain down wondrous verses of Thy grandeur, and from the clouds of Thy mercy there pour forth the rains of Thy gracious favors, and from the paradise of Thy oneness there waft the breezes of Thy bountiful mercy, whereby the trees of the sanctity of Thy divinity are planted, and the Lote-Tree of Thy singleness puts forth leaves of the knowledge of Thy Being, and the branches of Thy mercy bear the fruits of Thy grace, and all who are in the heavens and earth hasten to the fields of Thy riches, and all who are in the depths of creation dwell near to Thy Lordship, and drink from the cups of Thy beauty, and ascend to the highest horizon of Thy glory, and the lovers mount up to the pavilion of nearness to Thee, and those who have attained soar in the atmosphere of union with Thee, and those drawn nigh race in the gardens of Thy presence, and the sincere are enshrouded thereby in the heaven of Thy eternity.

Glorified, glorified art Thou above all that those who make mention of Thee mention, or those who describe Thee describe! For all mention returns to its nest in the realities of Thy servants, and all description descends to its place in the hearts of Thy creatures. And since this is so, how can the description of Thy creation reach unto Thee? By Thy glory, O my Beloved! All eyes are bewildered before the wondrous dawning of the lights of Thy beauty, and every tongue falls silent before the melodies of the nightingale of Thy majesty, and all ears are deaf before the manifestations of the dawning-places of Thy wisdom's might, and all minds are as nothing before the modes of Thy novel sovereignty, and all souls vanish before the emergence of the sanctity of Thy knowledge, and all bodies tremble before the signs of Thy creative power, and all bones turn to dust before the shining forth of the mysteries of Thy strength.

Therefore, O my God, since the servant acknowledges all this and confesses to all this, it behooveth the wonders of Thy bounty and the fullness of Thy grace and favor to make him detached from all else but Thee and to cause him to return from all save Thee to the stream of meeting with Thee, that there may flow from his tongue the wondrous oceans of Thy wisdom, and from his heart the signs of Thy mighty power and strength, and from his tongue the embroideries of Thy melody, and from his inmost heart the traces of Thy favor. For Thou, O my God, didst create him by Thy command and teach him the interpretation of Thy Book and make known to him the treasuries of Thy knowledge and inspire him with the jewels of Thy wisdom and teach him what Thou hadst concealed from others by Thy grace.

Dost Thou see within Thyself, O my God, that Thou shouldst drive away a poor one who hath detached himself unto Thee, or turn back a needy one who hath stood before the sanctuary of Thy beauty, or abase a lowly one who hath clung to the cord of Thy glory? Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! Thou art too great to disappoint one who hath stood before the pavilions of Thy grandeur or to withhold from one who hath come to the canopies of Thy grace and mercy.

Therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, if my blood be acceptable in Thy path, then shed it by Thy bounty, and if my heart be worthy of Thy knowledge, then burn it with Thy fire, and if my head be fitting for Thy good-pleasure, then raise it upon the spear by Thy power, that I may follow Thy chosen ones in Thy realm and walk in the footsteps of Thy trusted ones in Thy lands. By Thy glory, O my God! My heart yearns for Thee, and mine eyes hope for Thy beauty, and my heart awaits meeting with Thee, and shouldst Thou will to delay in all this, to burn me in these days and torment me in these nights among these transgressors, then accept from me that which Thou didst desire from me in the Most Exalted Concourse before Thy near angels, though none knoweth the knowledge thereof save after its appearance in Thy land, and shouldst Thou change all this to manifest Thy sovereignty - verily Thou art powerful over this, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Him Whom Thou didst manifest on the day of Thy arising and by Him Whom Thou wilt manifest in the resurrection of Thy beauty, to make her to whom this Tablet hath been returned one of the dwellers in the chambers of Thy good-pleasure. Then grant her, O my God, that whereby her eyes may be consoled, for Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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He is the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I find myself now in the vicinity of Thy great mercy, beneath the shadow of Thy Most Exalted Name, and seated before the kindled lamp of Thy grace within the niche of Thy bounty. I discover in my heart such rapture from the ardor of union with Thee and longing to meet Thee that I find no patience in separation from Thee nor composure in attaining Thee. It is as though I know not what I desire of Thee - if I seek union through the wonders of Thy favors, I witness that in union with Thee my cries are raised and my voice is lifted up; and if I show patience in separation from Thee, I witness that in Thy remoteness my spirit departs and my soul finds no rest ever. Thou witnesseth, O my Beloved, that in both conditions my heart is agitated, my body perturbed, and my frame thunderstruck. Therefore grant me that which Thou hast sanctified above these two conditions, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of the worlds.

I know not, O my Beloved, whence appeared this supreme rapture and this most glorious attraction - it seems to have emerged from all directions, though it was sanctified above all allusions. Yet withal I find myself veiled from nearness to the pavilions of the might of Thy sovereignty, my spirit forbidden from entering the tabernacle of Thy Oneness, and my heart deprived of soaring in the atmosphere of Thy Singleness. How long, O my God, wilt Thou not rend asunder the veils of knowledge from the eyes of Thy creation, and how long wilt Thou not burn away the curtains of separation from the hearts of Thy

creatures - after Thou knowest my poverty and I know Thy wealth, Thou seest my abasement and I see Thy glory, and I know that Thou art the Powerful over all things through Thy power and sovereignty?

Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my God! If Thou takest not the hands of the drowning, who then is the deliverer of the yearning ones? And if Thou hast no mercy upon Thy helpless servants, who then is the helper of the destitute? By Thy glory, O my Beloved, I know not by what thing I may draw near unto Thee, nor by what name I may approach the lights of Thy beauty. Whenever I contemplate mentioning Thee through the words of Thy unity in the heaven of Thy oneness, that perchance through the cord of its nobility I might draw near to Thee until I attain what I desire from Thee, I witness that the Essence of unity in its pristine nature and loftiness weeps at separation from Thee and cries out in remoteness from Thee, and that the Reality of oneness roars in the desert of longing for Thee and cries aloud in the wilderness in its distance from the divine realm of Thy reunion and attainment. And I witness that all essences are thunderstruck before the dawning of the manifestation of Thy lights, and all attributes are consumed by the fire of Thy might and power. Yet withal, how can I cling to any of that or hold fast to any such matter?

Therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, that Thou make me sanctified above all that is known and said, and all that is understood through words, until I know Thy Self through Thy Self, and behold Thy beauty through Thine own vision, and Thy majesty through Thine own sight. Verily Thou art powerful over all that, and supreme over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy authority. Thou art indeed the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Wise.

Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my God! When I find myself in that hour detached from all else but Thee and turned away from all save Thee, I seek intercession with Thee through the Manifestations of Thy sovereignty, by whom the horizons were filled with the lights of longing and through whom the suns of glory dawned from the direction of Iraq, that Thou cause those who have believed in Thee and Thy signs to be detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth, in such wise that they occupy themselves with naught but Thy remembrance, turn to none but Thy Name, and direct themselves to none but the ways of Thy good-pleasure - until they all hasten with their hearts to the arenas of Thy nearness and the gardens of Thy reunion. Then gather them, O my Lord, in the paradise of Thy love and the city of Thy affection. Then erase from their hearts the signs of difference and from their souls the tokens of variation, in such wise that they may remember Thee with one tongue and worship Thee in one form, and become as one soul and one spirit. Verily, Thou art over that powerful and mighty.

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He is the Mighty!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who hath raised up the heavens by Thy command and established the earth by Thy will, and ordained between them that which befitteth Thy sovereignty and beseemeth Thy glory. Then after this, Thou didst create by Thy will and manifest all beings by Thy wisdom, and didst send unto them Messengers from Thy presence and reveal unto them Books from Thy side, and didst manifest Thyself unto the chosen ones among Thy Messengers through the lights of Thy

mighty Self-Subsistence, and didst raise them to the heights of Thy glorious Divinity, such that Thou didst make them the Dawning-Places of Thy oneness and the Manifestations of Thy Self-Sufficiency and the Dayspring of Thy Identity and the repositories of Thy eternal wisdom. And Thou didst give them a proof from Thee and evidence from Thy presence, and didst make Thy greatest proof to be the verses sent down from the heaven of Thy uniqueness, and Thy mightiest evidence to be the melodies appearing from the tones of Thy wondrous Self-Sufficiency.

Then after this, Thou didst command the servants to obey them in Thy dominion and to turn unto them in Thy kingdom, that all might submit to the Manifestations of Thy Self and follow the Dawning-Places of the Sun of Thy Beauty, that they might gather all the servants upon the path of Thy grace and cause them to drink from the oceans of Thy bounty and to enter the paradise of Thy oneness and to dwell in the precincts of Thy mercy. And Thou didst not desire in all this, O my God, save that Thou mightest cause them to enter the eternal, everlasting City and join them to the immortal, sempiternal pavilions.

Despite this, they differed regarding Thy Cause and objected to Thy chosen ones and showed pride before the Manifestations of Thy Self, until they separated themselves from the precincts of Thy mercy and fled from the shadow of Thy loving-kindness. And the days passed and the nights elapsed until the matter reached unto Thy Most Great Manifestation in the beauty of Thy Most High Name. Then was the veil removed from Thy beauty and the sun of Thy grace shone forth and the moons of Thy bestowals appeared and the stars of Thy favors dawned and the seas of Thy power surged and the breezes of Thy might stirred and the paradise of Thy glory was adorned and the dove of Thy meeting warbled. Despite all this, all denied Thy truth and turned away from Thy beauty and showed pride before Thy presence, and none answered Thee in this and none turned to Thy good-pleasure, and they visited upon the Dawning-Place of Thy beauty that which maketh the Pen tremble to recount and the ink to weep for what befell Him and the people of Paradise to lament for what descended upon Him and the dwellers of the heavens to cry out for what was inflicted upon Him.

And after this, when His beauty was concealed from Thy servants and raised to His holy station and returned to His mighty hiding place in the throne of Thy grandeur, then did most of Thy servants claim to love Him and the people of Thy kingdom made mention of Him and Thy creatures prostrated themselves before Him. Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! How great is the heedlessness of Thy servants at the manifestation of Thy Being and how mighty their turning unto Thee after the concealment of Thy majesty! By Thy might, O my God, these people walk only in the paths of blind imitation after the setting of the sun of Thy guidance, and they follow Thee only after the disappearance of Thy countenance.

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! The people of the pavilions of the Divine Realm are bewildered by Thy Cause, how much more the people of the Kingdom in the lands of the mortal world! All the mystics are naked of the wonders of Thy wisdom, and all the divines are foolish before the manifestations of Thy knowledge, and all the philosophers are powerless before the tokens of Thy mighty sovereignty, and all the eloquent ones fall short of attaining the arenas of Thy grandeur, and all the wealthy ones are poor before the surging of the seas of Thy riches, and all the learned ones are ignorant before Thee, and all the mighty ones are as nothing before Thee.

By Thy might! The streams of Thy knowledge have ever flowed and the wonders of Thy wisdom have ever been manifest and the gates of Thy paradise have ever been open, yet none can enter therein or drink therefrom or witness its mystery save those who have detached themselves unto Thee and turned with their whole being unto Thee. I beseech Thee therefore, O my God, by Thy all-encompassing mercy and Thy manifest favors and Thy consummate wisdom, that Thou protect us in the fortress of Thy protection and provide us with the fruits of Thy paradise and give us to drink from the cups of Thy beauty. Then raise us to a station wherein we behold no difference among Thy chosen ones and witness no variation in Thy signs, for verily Thou art the Omnipotent over all things and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the Most High, the Most Great

The call of God has been raised from the right of the Throne: “Verily, I am God, the One, the Single, the Unique! Stop not your ears from hearkening to the Word of God. Turn to Him with pure and sanctified hearts. He who hath sanctified his ear to hear the Call from the luminous Tree raised upon the blessed crimson Spot - by God! The Promised One hath appeared with His name, the All-Loving, from the presence of the Mighty, the Trustworthy. Come ye forth from the cities of fancy! The King of Certitude hath come with the light of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Single, the All-Sufficient.

“Necks have bowed down at the appearance of the Luminary of the horizons, yet veils of hypocrisy have enveloped the people. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Revelation and warbled. Today all atoms proclaim: ‘The King of Names and Attributes hath come, He Who hath taken neither partner nor offspring.’ Say: True knowledge is the knowledge of My Self. Whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto God, and whoso denieth it is of them that have denied the verses of the All-Merciful. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak and testify. We have adorned the Kingdom with Our names and the Realm of Power with Our signs.

“Fear ye God, O people, and follow not everyone who hath denied and deviated. Verily, the Most Holy Sanctuary is among you, and God’s Sacred Precinct is before your faces, and the Sacred House for all people. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you and be of them that have turned away from God and then called upon all who are in the heavens and earth. Doth not God suffice you, He Who hath caused all things to speak by His sovereignty? There is no God but Him. His is the greatness and pride, His the power and transcendence. With Him are the treasuries of names which He sendeth down according to a fixed measure. They who have clung to names and turned away from their Creator - these are the worshippers of idols. God shall soon chastise them with an extended chastisement.

“Say: Do trials in the path of God, your Most Glorious Lord, frighten you, or doth fate prevent you from the Lord of Names? Rend ye the veils by the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Then turn ye to the Face before which the Bayan hath bowed down and prostrated. Hold fast unto the cord of God and

detach yourselves from all else. The fragrances of sanctity have wafted from this Garment - blessed is he who turneth unto them and findeth. Shun ye, O people, him who hath denied God. He is Satan and hath stood at every path and lookout. Hold fast unto God - He will protect you from the hosts of rejection and aid you with authority from His presence. His are the mobilized hosts.

“Hasten, O people, with your hearts to the Dayspring of proof. By God, He is your Lord, the All-Merciful! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty which shall endure for you and never end. Thus hath the Sun of Glory shone forth upon you from the horizon of grandeur. He is your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, unto Whom the atoms have turned and around Whom the verses have circled. He who turneth away from Him is of the people of tyranny and envy. We have today adorned all things with the ornament of names. Thus hath grace encompassed all in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath known and witnessed.

“O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the Most Glorious Quarter, then deliver unto the servants what We have delivered unto thee. Say: The Lord of creation hath appeared and calleth you unto Him. Beware lest ye follow him who hath denied God. We have sent down from the heaven of utterance the table of wisdom and exposition - blessed is he who turneth unto it, and woe unto him who knoweth and denieth.

“Arise to mention God and His Cause amongst His creation, then give them the glad tidings of this News which was mighty in the Kingdom of Names and great in the cities of eternity. He whom God hath chosen for Himself shall endure forever. Blessed is he who is illumined by the lights that have shone forth from the horizon of this holy, glorified Tablet. Say: The Spirit hath come as ye were promised and hath stood before the Throne, and this is the glory. Turn with all thy being unto God and be of them who have strived and endeavored in His path.”

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He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. The Most Great Branch hath appeared with thy letter at the All-Luminous Horizon, wherein the Lord of Destiny speaketh forth the hidden mystery through which the Hour was made manifest and the moon was cleft asunder. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We have heard thy call and have brought forth from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, as a mercy from Us upon thee and upon those who heard and responded when the Call was raised from the Most Exalted Station. We have remembered those who believed in the letters Ha’ and Mim, and gave them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all things. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Abu’l-Fadl! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison once again. Verily it draweth thee to My Kingdom and imparteth unto thee that which attracteth the hearts of My servants. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. That which He desired hath appeared and been made manifest, a command from His presence. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto His cord and acted according to what hath been sent down in the Book. We make mention of Our loved ones there and remind them of Our verses and

give them to drink from the chalice of My utterance and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind. We have remembered them before with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the dominion of My Kingdom and My sovereignty. The Mother Book with Him beareth witness unto this.

O people of God! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of My Most Great Prison. Verily it preserveth you and giveth you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest ye be saddened by the deeds of him by whom the dwellers of the cities of My justice have lamented at eventide and at dawn. Verily those who claim to believe yet commit that which they were forbidden - these are among the people of error in the Book of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. We have counselled all in that whereby the stations of man are elevated in the contingent world and the Word of God is exalted amongst the religions. Among the people are those who have acted upon that which they were commanded, and among them are those who have turned away and committed that which hath caused the Leviathan of utterance to writhe in the dust.

We make mention of the children of the Friend and counsel them in that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Take ye, O My loved ones, the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and follow not every ungrateful infidel. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq. We have forbidden conflict and contention, and have commanded all to fear God, the Lord of creation. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings, holding fast unto that which he hath been commanded in the return.

We have remembered you before with verses that cannot be equalled by all the treasures of the earth. Hasten unto the good-pleasure of God, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Books and Tablets. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Wronged One was established upon the throne of wisdom and utterance.

O Abu'l-Fadl! We have remembered thee time and again, and given thee to drink repeatedly. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind! I beseech Thee to protect me from the evil of those who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament, and denied Thy proof when it was sent down in truth. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Chosen One."

Know thou moreover that whosoever layeth claim to a Cause, he is a lying impostor. My Most Holy Book, which hath been sent down from My holy Kingdom as a favor unto the righteous, beareth witness unto this. Blessed art thou for having uttered My remembrance, turned unto My face, held fast unto My cord, and stood firm in the service of My Cause in My days. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and thy heart may rejoice, and that the people may be reminded of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of thy Lord, the Subjugator of the winds. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all created things!"

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He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy

God hath heard that wherewith thou art concerned, and therefore doth He make mention of thee through His grace. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath attained unto these days and recognized the Manifestation of God's Self in this wondrous garment, and whom nothing between the heavens and earth hath withheld from God. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld His beauty, and blessed is the ear that hath heard His melodies, and blessed are the tongues that have voiced His praise, and blessed are the hearts which God hath made receptacles of His love and mirrors of His radiant and luminous countenance.

Remember Him, O people, for His remembrance is better for you than the remembrance of all mankind, for true worship is realized after His love and knowledge, and without this naught shall be accepted from anyone even if he should bring forth the deeds of all the world. Say: O people, fear God, then shun the hosts of Satan who have taken vain imaginings as their lord instead of God, and who recite His words at all times yet when the verses of God, the Just King, the All-Wise, are recited unto them, they deny them and return unto their households in abasement.

Say: O people, associate not partners with God, for such association is a grievous wrong. Bear witness unto that which God Himself witnessed before the creation of all things, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Say: He hath appeared with the truth and with Him are the proofs of all the Prophets and Messengers, and whoso hath hesitated in His Cause hath verily hesitated in the Cause of God from time immemorial and was recorded among the idolaters in the Preserved Tablet.

Say: O people, this is the glance of 'Ali which in truth from this horizon beholdeth what ye do, and He is the Witness over all created things. And this is the ear of 'Ali which from this horizon hearkeneth unto that which ye dispute concerning His Cause, O heedless ones. And this is the tongue of 'Ali which speaketh among you with the verses of God, the Mighty King, the All-Praised, and saith: O people of the Bayan! The Most Merciful Himself hath come unto you, and by Him have been attracted the realities of all creation - they who have purified their vision from the limitations of the wicked ones and turned their gaze toward the scene of their Lord, the Chosen One, and were numbered among the triumphant.

Beware lest ye object unto Him as did the peoples of old object unto God's Messengers, and as did the people of the Furqan object unto My wronged and lonely Self. We revealed the Bayan for His sake and made it as a leaf among the leaves of the gardens of His knowledge, were ye to be of them that know. Yet ye deny Him and make mention of My Name, and imagine that ye are of them who sought My presence and attributed themselves unto My Self. Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Whoso denieth Him hath denied Me, and whoso objecteth unto Him hath objected unto My Self, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God, the Mighty King, the All-Knowing. I verily disavow those who have hesitated in His Cause. Do ye make mention of My Name while ye slay My Being and My Beloved? What aileth you, O ye that turn aside! Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoken from the right hand of the Throne, that His sincere servants might hear it.

O Taqi, hold fast unto the cord of righteousness, then detach thyself from self and passion, then turn thy face toward the precincts of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Self. I beseech Thee, then, not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained in this Most Great, Most Mighty Revelation, and leave me not to myself, but make me to voice His praise and celebrate His remembrance and turn toward the Kaaba of His good-pleasure and the sanctuary of His glory. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O my Lord! Purify me from the allusions of them who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, then dedicate me wholly to Thy radiant and resplendent countenance. Then send greetings from God upon thy mother and thy kindred and upon them who are established upon the thrones of certitude in this All-Wise Remembrance. And praise be to God, my Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds.

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This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and loving-kindness: Thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who is present before the Throne hath been read, and We have been informed of its contents. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering. We were with thee when there befell thee what befell from the hosts of the oppressors. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord, and He suffereth not the reward of the well-doers to be lost. By reason of what hath befallen thee, there hath been ordained for thee that which the treasuries of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Grieve not over the vicissitudes of time. He remembereth you both in the Most Great Scene. This is of His most great favor, and it shall endure for you throughout the eternity of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Every matter shall change and every thing shall perish save what hath been sent down in the Tablet of God, the Powerful, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon shall affairs be altered in that land, inasmuch as vain life hath diverted them from the remembrance of My Name, the Sovereign over all worlds. Hold fast unto the Most Great Handle - verily it shall profit thee in truth. Thus hath the Lord of the knowing ones decreed. God hath absolved thee from what thou didst ask of Him, as a favor from His presence. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Ye have been at all times beneath the glances of the loving-kindness of your Ancient Lord. The people rejoice in that which perisheth - rejoice ye in that which endureth in My glorious and mighty Kingdom. They have gathered treasures for others, and are unaware. Soon shall the carpet of their glory be rolled up even as was rolled up the carpet of them who preceded them, and they shall behold themselves in an abasement that hath no equal in the earth. They are indeed among the losers.

O servant who gazeth toward God! The letter from thee and thy brother hath been mentioned before the Throne. Although outwardly it was a cause of grief to them that circle round, yet We are in manifest joy, for We look to the root of the matter and what brancheth therefrom. Praise be to God that the glances of divine favors and the expressions of lordly loving-kindness have ever been directed toward you, and all that hath befallen you hath been witnessed and known in the presence of His court. Those souls who have arisen today in the utmost pride - soon shall ye behold them in the utmost submission and humility. And those who today speak with vain imaginings - soon shall they pride themselves before the people on

your name and mention. Since truth is with you, the world in reality is with you. Look not to the outward affairs current among the people - all shall pass away and perish, and that which shall endure is what hath been recorded for you in the mighty Tablet. Even as is witnessed at this time, most of the people of that land are remorseful and at a loss, and are holding fast to your name. This is among the wondrous favors of the Lord. Though not apparent today, it shall soon be made manifest in truth, and there is no alteration in the command of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. The matter that concerneth you is steadfastness in the love of God and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation. God willing, ye must needs remain steadfast in this matter with the utmost power and strength. This point being established, all circle round this station, and in its own time there shall appear whatsoever hath been and shall be meet and fitting. As for the request for permission to come to the Most Holy Court - it is well known and evident that the Truth hath appeared for manifestation and revelation, and all have been created for attainment and circumambulation. Assuredly, were it timely, permission would be granted. Until now this land hath not been at rest, and every day a fire is ignited. We beseech God to extinguish the fire of rancor and hatred and discord and hypocrisy by such means as He knoweth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

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In the Name of God, the Manifest, the Most Manifest!

This is an epistle from a penitent servant to those who have soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful and have detached themselves from all created things. These are among the most exalted of creatures in the sight of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. You shall hearken unto the words of this Prisoner and become acquainted with what hath befallen Him at the hands of the hosts of the idolaters. O servants of God! Be steadfast in the Cause and follow not every sinful infidel. Remember God, your Creator, then walk in the ways of His good-pleasure and be not of the heedless. Know ye that there hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no one else in creation, were ye of them that hear. Those who were in My service have risen against Mine own Self, and thereby have they violated the sanctity of God amongst His hesitant servants. They have attached themselves to every soul and entered every house to seize dirhams and dinars, and yet they claim detachment for themselves. Behold then the servants who follow them without any clear proof or enlightening Book. O people! Make your vision penetrating, lest matters become confused to you and ye be numbered with them that perceive. Know ye that the Truth and whatsoever hath appeared from Him shall be distinguished from the deeds of all created things. O people! Fear God and spread not corruption in the land after it hath been set in order, and be not of them that slumber. Lift up your heads from sleep, for the sun hath risen to its zenith. Glorified be God, the King, the Mighty, the Most High, the Great!

O My Name! Thou wert with Us for a number of years, and We concealed from thee that which was hidden, and We were of them that conceal. We informed thee not of that which was concealed from the eyes of certain servants, preserved for His sake, which the idolaters took for themselves as a lord besides God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Although thou didst become acquainted with some of his affairs, We concealed most of his deeds from the eyes of men, out of a wisdom known to none save God,

the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God, O My Name! He was in the land of Ta standing before My face, and We were revealing verses unto him while he would write them and send them to the servants. Thus was the matter in the innermost mystery, and none was aware of this save God, my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all worlds, lest any should turn their attention to the seat of the Cause, and thus were We doing. Whoso possesseth understanding and insight will be convinced that the matter was as We have cast it unto thee in truth, requiring no proof, and will be of them that are assured. When his name was elevated amongst the servants, he committed that which none in all the worlds had committed. Would that thou hadst known that which he decreed against thyself, but We concealed it from thee. When he turned against God, We turned against him and revealed the hidden aspects of his secret and his deceit amongst Our knowing servants. Were We to mention what he hath committed in this land, the Tablets and pens would not suffice, and God is witness to what I say.

Leave these ones and their like, then turn wholly toward God. Remember the people and be not of them that remain silent. Soon will Satan come to you with tablets of fire - leave him and what he possesseth in the depths of hell. Say: By God! We have been made independent of the worlds through His Own Self, and through Him have We become independent of all things, and through His praise have We become independent of the praise of every praiser who knoweth. Let the loved ones of God gather upon the Most Great Word - this is better for them than whatsoever hath been created between the heavens and the earths. Thus have We commanded thee in this Tablet and mentioned thee out of love for thyself, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Creator, and remain steadfast in the Cause of God, the King, the Truth, the Mighty, the Wise. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy kindred whom God hath specially chosen for thee and made them to be of the believers. Then convey Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have remained steadfast in the Cause and have detached themselves from the worlds.

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He it Is That Is Manifest, and Speaketh Forth, above the Supreme Horizon

This is an Epistle from Us unto such as have cast away the world, and laid hold on whatsoever He Who is the Most Great Name hath revealed in this Day whereon the Crier hath cried out from the right hand of the snow-white Spot, announcing that the tale of sorrows hath been retold, in such wise that the Apostle hath lamented in the All-highest Paradise, and the Virgin hath wept beside the Sadratu'l-Muntaha: thus hath it been decreed by God, the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens, in a Scroll whereof none is informed save God, the Lord of the worlds. He it is, in truth, Who speaketh forth from His Most Great Prison, testifying to that whereunto God Himself had testified ere the creation of all things, and ere the creation of earth and heaven. O ye beloved of the All-Merciful throughout the world! By My life! The morn of utterance hath broken, and the sun of testimony hath shone with such splendour that none save those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, hath denied it. Although beset by sorrows on every hand, yet is the Tongue engaged in utterance; while the Pen of the Most High moveth and courseth in the arena of wisdom and understanding with such impetuosity that neither the hosts of the world, nor the imaginations of the ignorant who, without any clear proof or Book from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, pretend to learning, can arrest it. Consider ye the people and their actions. They lament and weep

at that which befell the Holy Family aforetime, disavowing all connection with those who wronged them; yet perpetrate their selfsame actions, albeit they comprehend it not. The Concourse on high have stood aghast at their actions, and the Most Great Spirit and the inmates of Paradise have lamented, yet the people perceive it not. They have given themselves up to their passions, turning aside from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath this Wronged One spoken, and sent down unto you that wherefrom ye may inhale the sweet savour of God, the All-Powerful, the Loving. He, verily, loveth his loved ones, and watcheth over them from this forbidden Spot. Hearken now in the Persian tongue unto the Call of Him Whom the world hath wronged, during these days when the dark clouds of oppression have prevented the resplendent face of the daystar of justice from shedding forth its light, and when the dove of equity is sore tried in the clutches of tyranny; that perchance ye may know with absolute certainty that the trials of earth and heaven cannot restrain the Pen of the Most High from extolling God and from celebrating His praise. Under all conditions it is occupied with the mention of Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High, that perchance even one of the peoples of the earth may inhale the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and remain not deprived of the living ocean which hath been manifested in the name of Him Who is the Best-Beloved of all men. O friends! Although the calamity that hath befallen was, and is, most grievous, yet is He who created them well able to create others like unto them; He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Ye must, by the grace of God, be so steadfast in the Cause that the vicissitudes of temporal existence shall not debar you from the eternal kingdom. The earth is even such as ye have witnessed and do now witness, and no discerning person, who hath fixed his gaze upon the Most Sublime Vision, hath ever been, or ever shall be, deceived as to its true nature, inasmuch as at every moment he beholdeth how one group arriveth and another group departeth. Wherefore ’tis certain that no right-minded person hath ever been, or ever shall be, kept back thereby from the One True God. Strive that haply ye may become a means of quickening this wilting world with a new spirit. Thus commandeth you this Wronged One from this far-distant Spot. He that directed himself hither, and attained unto the presence of his Lord, made mention of you before the throne, whence We have made mention of you as a bounty on Our part, and I am the Rememberer, the All-Knowing. All of you are present before the Eye of God: He, verily, witnesseth and seeth, and He, truly, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Rejoice ye at this Most Great Remembrance; then give praise unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, at every moment. The Glory of God rest upon you, inasmuch as ye hearkened, yet forbore; beheld, yet forewent; and witnessed that which none hath witnessed in the path of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Highest, the Ever Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, while that which hath been destined for you shall endure; thereto shall your names and your works be exalted on earth: thus informeth you He Who is the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

This is an epistle from the Prisoner unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and who answered God when He said “Am I not your Lord?” by saying “Yea, verily Thou art God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Best-Beloved.” Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as

thou hast attained unto the recognition of God in these days wherein God came in the name of ’Ali with the truth, accompanied by hosts of angels who circle round the Throne, glorifying Him, and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck save those who at that time made mention of the name of the Bayan.

But when the Beloved came once again with His Most Great Name, most of them denied Him, and all in the kingdom of creation and command were terror-stricken, save His honored servants. Say: Verily, He liveth now in the Most Glorious Horizon, beholding and witnessing what ye do, and He saith: “O people! I have come to you from the Dayspring of Revelation with the tidings of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, and this Return is the Return whereat the people of the Mount were thunderstruck.” Thus have We informed you in the Tablets, would that ye might know.

O people! Do ye read My verses, yet slay My Self and My Beloved? Why do ye not understand? Say: O people! Should ye prostrate yourselves upon the surface of the entire earth before God, your Lord and the Lord of all that was and shall be, and should ye worship God at every spot on earth for seventy thousand years, it would profit you naught except through love of the Youth, would that ye might know. Did that which the people of the Gospel wrought profit them when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came to them with manifest sovereignty? And did that which the people of the Furqan possessed profit them when the Sovereign of the Messengers came with the signs of God, the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting? Nay, by My life! Nothing profited anyone save through faith. Thus hath the Pen of Command inscribed upon preserved tablets of glory.

Say: O people! Fear God and dispute not with Him through Whom the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of His name, the All-Merciful, with manifest radiance. Deny not the signs of God after their revelation, nor His power which hath encompassed all that was created between the Kaf and the Nun. And thou, O servant, stand firm in the Cause with authority from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: By God! The Sun of inner meanings and utterance hath risen from the horizon of this exalted heaven, and hath appeared upon the temple of the Youth. How wonderful is this Beauty, manifest, apparent, yet concealed!

Say: O people! Fear God and be not veiled by what ye possess. Turn ye unto His merciful countenance which hath appeared at the center of creation and speaketh in all things that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: He is God’s trust among you and His covenant within you. Beware lest ye break it.

Arise for the Cause of God and His victory, which is to teach His Cause among the servants. Thus was the command revealed aforetime and now, would that ye might understand. Beware of shedding blood, for it hath been forbidden unto you in all the Tablets, would that ye might perceive. Sanctify your souls and your deeds in such wise that all atoms shall testify to your sanctification, and this verily is the true victory, would that ye might know.

Say: Beware, O people, lest ye commit that which would dishonor the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, for whatsoever ye commit, the people attribute to the Source of the Cause, as ye yourselves witness. Should the people gather in the religion of God, then impart unto them that which God hath

imparted unto thee, that their faces might be illumined. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act according to what thou hast been commanded and be not of those who tarry after receiving the command.

Arise for the victory of God and His Cause, and fear no one. He will assist thee in truth by a command from His presence, for He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving. Then convey Our greetings unto the faces of those who have believed in God, be they young or old, female or male.

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In My Name, the Caller before the face of the world! O My Name Jud! Upon thee be My Glory! Hearken unto that which thou didst hear before, when the Luminary of proof was shining from the horizon of Iraq, and Baghdad was the seat of the throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. I bear witness that thou didst hear the melody of God and His tune, and the cooing of the Dove of the Cause and the warbling of the Nightingale of Faithfulness upon the branch of Glory - that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. O My Name! Thou hast been and art beneath the glances of divine favor. Thou didst hear the Call of God, exalted be His glory, face to face, and didst witness the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of meanings. Now ponder: in what station is the Truth, and in what discourse are the people engaged! The burden of vain imaginings hath prevented their ears from hearkening to the divine Call, and the veils of learning and conjecture have deprived their eyes from beholding the lights of His countenance. Through the arms of power and might We delivered a number from the abyss of extinction and caused them to attain the most exalted horizon, and We mentioned with complete clarity the mysteries and affairs that were to come, that the doubts of the polytheists and the denial of the opposers and the insinuations of the heedless might not prevent attracted souls from the Dayspring of the light of oneness. Nevertheless, some were struck down and others were seen as uprooted palm-trunks. They have forsaken a Truth before a single verse of which all the books of the past and future bow down in humility and submission, and have clung to and followed the vain tales of old. Verily thou hast drunk from the ocean of My utterance and hast attained unto the splendors of the Sun of My wisdom, and hast heard what the polytheists have spoken - they who have not understood the root of this Cause and have not attained unto this choice wine, whose seal hath been broken through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Beseech ye God that receptive, knowledgeable souls may be assisted in that which God loveth. Most strange it is that despite this Call and the appearance of this most great Cause, most are seen to cling to the world and are disturbed and shaken by doubts and intimations. Say: This is the Day of God! Fear God and be not of the polytheists. Cast the tales behind you and behold My Cause with Mine eye. This is what ye were commanded in the Books, the Psalms, the Scriptures and the Tablets. Arise thou to serve the Cause of thy Lord, then inform the people and give them the glad tidings of this Light wherewith God gave glad tidings in what He sent down upon the Prophets and Messengers. Command all according to the wisdom sent down, and say on behalf of the Truth that which befitteth the Day of God. Every soul must engage in teaching the Cause with perfect wisdom and steadfastness. Should fertile soil be found, let him cast the divine Word, otherwise silence is preferable. Some time ago this

exalted Word was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. God willing, may all be assisted to act according to this blessed and decisive Word. Some of the servants are seen to be utterly deprived of understanding. Through imaginary bonds they are prevented from the firm handle. By My life! Were they to reflect with fairness upon even a small portion of what the All-Merciful hath revealed, all would proclaim: "Verily, Thou art the Truth, the Manifest One!" In all conditions fix your gaze upon the Truth and be occupied with service to His Cause. Remember when thou wert with Me in the pavilion of grandeur and didst hear from Me what Moses heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Thus did We assist thee and acquaint thee and mention thee, that thou mightest thank thy Lord, the Generous. It behooveth thee to preserve this most great station through My Name, the Strong, the Trustworthy. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones, then let them hear My sweetest call. Thus doth command thee He Who commanded thee before, and I am the Commander, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word in this most great Cause and loveth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Answerer

O My Name! The letter from Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, which he wrote to you was presented by this servant. God willing, may he ever dwell secure and at rest beneath the shade of divine favor. Verily He ordains for whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He wishes. He is indeed the Mighty, the Powerful. Some time ago a most holy, most exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. The gaze of favor has been and God willing shall continue to be directed towards him. We have commanded and continue to command all the friends to unity and harmony, yet still the fragrance of this most exalted station has not been detected. We beseech God to assist a company of souls to arise for this greatest of services.

Mention was made of Mulla Muhammad-Rida. As requested, a Tablet was revealed especially for him and sent. God willing, they will deliver it to him that he may drink from the living waters concealed in the utterance of the All-Merciful, turn wholly to the most exalted horizon, and arise to aid the Cause with wisdom and eloquence. Those souls in the land of Kaf who are gazing toward the horizon of the Cause are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they all manifest the most great steadfastness in such wise that neither human conditions deter them nor the allusions of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, cause them to slip.

We previously announced the appearance of the cawers in the cities and regions. God willing, they must preserve the pearls of divine love in His name and keep them hidden from treacherous eyes. O Husayn! Remind them on My behalf, then send them this clear Book. Say: Should anyone come to you with the book of hell, know that he is of Satan's hosts and is the cawer promised in My clear Book. Cast behind you the tablets of fire, turning to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. God willing, most holy, most exalted

verses shall continue to be revealed and sent especially for the friends. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

O My Name! Give him the glad tidings of My mercy, My grace and My favor. We mentioned him before and sent him that from which wafted the fragrance of My favor that has preceded all worlds. Praise be to God, they were assisted in transcribing the divine verses. Blessed is the pen that moved, the ink that flowed, and the tablet that bore His mighty, exalted remembrance. This servant mentions him before the Wronged One and visits the Desired One on behalf of himself and of him who was named Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God.

O Mahdi! We address you at one time, and at another time him whose letter was read before the Throne. Verily your Lord does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. Mention was made in that letter of two of the loved ones of God. We send Our greetings to them both from this most exalted station and counsel them to show forth the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Throne and earth. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this luminous station.

And We make mention at the end of the letter of the letter Mim and Nun before Shin, and We send Our greetings to him and make mention of him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure in the lands, that he may thank his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon the people of Glory from the Glory.

And likewise mention was made that he attained the presence of the two brilliant lights, the King of Martyrs and his brother. Blessed is he, again blessed is he and those who have intended that destination. By the life of God! We detect from the dust of that spot the fragrance of Paradise - He with Whom is the decisive Word bears witness to this. We send Our prayers upon those who have turned to them both, visited their resting-places, and uttered that which the All-Merciful has revealed in the Book. He who visited the sister, upon her be My favor, My mercy and My grace, and the Christ in Ray - it is as though he visited Me. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen spoken from the most exalted station. We make mention of them at this time and say: Upon you be the Glory of God, and the Glory of those in the most exalted Paradise, and the Light shining from the horizon of the favor of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

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I am the Hearer and I am the Answerer. O Jamal! Upon thee be My glory and upon those who love thee and make mention of thee for My sake and praise thee according to what hath been revealed from the Pen of My Command upon the Tablet of My bounty. Thou wert present before the Face […] before the Throne and the Light was shining from the horizon […] Be as thou hast been. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Let not the doings of the heedless ones and the allusions of the opposers grieve thee. Say: O concourse of princes! By God, We have not come to create disorder in the land but rather to reform it. To this beareth witness the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. God hath forbidden in this Revelation whatsoever causeth grief to hearts - how much more the shedding of blood and that which beseemeth not the station of man. To this testifieth that

which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen and beyond it He Who speaketh in this glorious and wondrous station. Blessed art thou and happy art thou for having traveled through the lands to exalt My Word, and there befell thee in My path that which caused every fair-minded and discerning one to weep. We were with thee when thou wert speaking in the cities and domains of God, purely for His resplendent Face. Rejoice in My remembrance in these days wherein the idolaters have risen against Us without any clear proof from God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and be not of the transgressors. Behold ye and remember what hath proceeded from you and from your like against Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him the Son of Mary, and before Him He Who conversed with Me on the Mount of Knowledge - there is no God but Me, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Jamal! The glances of God's loving-kindness - exalted be His glory - have been and are directed towards thee. In all conditions observe wisdom and hold fast unto wisdom. In the blessed Tablets that which is revealed is contingent upon wisdom and limited by time. For instance, it is revealed: Say: O people of the world! The purpose is proclamation, not action thereon in these days, for the transgressors and oppressors are witnessed to be in the utmost pride and heedlessness. They have no ears. Beseech God that He deprive not His servants and withhold them not from the ocean of His bounty in the days of His manifestation. Under all conditions must […] qualities emanate from man. The trustees are dawning-places of names and attributes […] Whosoever hath been heedless of this station hath wronged himself. To this beareth witness thy Beloved and thy Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Be thou confident in the grace and bounty of God. If there be delay in sending Tablets, there is no harm, for bounty is of such a degree that no matter can veil it. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The Glory, manifest and resplendent, shining from the horizon of My Kingdom, be upon thee and upon those who love thee for My sake and make mention of thee for My glorious and wondrous Name.

Remember thy family on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of what hath been revealed for thee in this glorious Tablet. Praise be to God, all are remembered and have attained unto God's bounty and are and have been beneath the glances of mercy in all conditions. Convey remembrance to her from God. The first command is belief in God and the last is submission unto Him. Whatever hath befallen you, its grief hath penetrated even unto the prison. However, whatsoever occurreth is assuredly according to the requirements of consummate wisdom. We beseech God to bestow the good of this world and the next, that her eye may be solaced, her heart gladdened and her soul find rest. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. The joy […] returneth unto God. By the life of God, […] cannot be equaled by this wise remembrance. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Ancient Revealer. Glory be upon her and upon those with her and upon every maidservant who hath believed in the Lord of the worlds.

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Make mention of Bahram, upon him be My glory. His name hath repeatedly been set forth by the Pen of the Most High. Praise be to God! He hath drunk from the Euphrates of God's mercy, hearkened to His summons, and recognized His signs. In this Day the signs of God are manifest in all directions, and the

ocean of His providence is surging before the faces of mankind. Blessed is that soul who hath recognized Him and attained His good-pleasure, and woe betide him that hath erred and doubted. God willing, he will attain the station of servitude to the Cause, even though he hath already attained and testified thereto. That about which he enquireth this time hath been mentioned in two Tablets revealed by the Pen of the Most High. Divine confirmation hath been vouchsafed and will continue to be vouchsafed unto those who are detached from the world, who desire Him, and who are sincere. From time immemorial the glances of divine mercy have turned towards and will turn towards those who remember Him. Blessed are they, for theirs is the excellence of the Day of Return.

O Bahram! Thou hast enquired about His Holiness Zoroaster. He came from God and summoned mankind to divine guidance. The fire of love was ablaze in His hand. Although he came with the fire of divine love and revealed the Book of laws and commandments, the heedless failed to apprehend His station and did not recognize His Revelation. The Shi'ih, by reason of their heedlessness and ignorance, have rejected Him.

Gracious God! The people of Iran, despite their capacity for understanding the realities of things, are deprived. For centuries and ages they have turned in prayer to God, asking and yearning to attain His presence, but as soon as the Luminary of Hope shone forth and dawned above the morning horizon of His Will, all rushed forward to attack Him with the swords of hatred and demanded the shedding of His most pure blood. At this moment, they are standing upon their pulpits, uttering their curses and imprecations. Thus have they seduced their own selves, and in this Day they are reckoned among the oppressors in His unerring Book. By holding fast to that which is imaginary, they have deprived themselves of the truth. They are confused by idle fancies and bereft of the light of certainty. However, since His mercy is all pervading and since these days are the springtide of His heavenly favor, it is incumbent upon all, with hearts free of malice and rancor, to beseech God to guide all people. Perchance He will cause the ocean of bounty to surge, and will attire all in the blessed vesture of forgiveness.

O Bahram! Know this with absolute certainty. Firstly, He came with the Fire from the presence of the Friend and enkindled the extinguished element, and secondly, He gave His testimony concerning the Fire. The knowledge is with thy Lord. He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Our glory rest upon him who attained My presence and hearkened to My call, upon thee, and upon the one named 'Ali 'Askar in the Book of God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Tahir! Your letter reached the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court some time ago and was granted audience with the Wronged One. O Tahir! The people are ignorant, deprived of the divine verses and their hearing, and forbidden from His evidences. The Sun of meanings has risen and shines from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and the ocean of knowledge surges, yet they cling to their own vain imaginings. The divine proof has encompassed the world and the heavenly evidence has surrounded all

creation - where is the hearing, where is the sight? Say: By God's life! Today the books of the world and all that the peoples possess have not been and are not sufficient. Fix your gaze upon this exalted Word which is as the spirit for the temple of utterance: Say: God sufficeth all things above all things, but nothing in the heavens or earth or what lies between them sufficeth instead of God, thy Lord. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Sufficing, the Almighty. All must hold fast to Him and not be heedless of Him. Today is the day of this blessed verse, yet the people are deprived of the bounty of this day. Today is the Day of God - nothing is seen except the Truth, glorified be His majesty, and His signs. Whoever remains deprived will not be enabled to make up for it. Say: Fear God and make not the drop the measure for the Most Great Ocean, nor the atom the balance for the Sun. A few deluded ones have clung to their vain imaginings and with the utmost cunning and deceit have intended to lead people astray. At times they cling to the Qur'an and at times to the Bayan, desiring to spread the carpet of past imaginings. Today nothing besides God will profit. How many souls claimed steadfastness but then at a single cry entered the precincts of delusion and with complete deceit and hypocrisy busied themselves with harming people. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: It behooveth you to be steadfast as mountains and brilliant and radiant as light, and to be so enkindled with the fire of God's love that the ungodly would not dare to speak, much less to prevail. The people of Baha are as shooting stars that prevent the demons from ascending to the heaven of hearts. They are the people of the Crimson Ark, and in the Book of Names this Ark is specifically for the people of Baha. As for your mention of questions from certain ones - today is not the day for questions. This blessed verse was revealed in answer to someone: "This is not the day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call, to arise and say: 'Here am I, here am I, O God of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee!'" Today is another day and another time. Whoever fails to perceive this - the recompense of the deeds of the servants has prevented and deprived them. Those who have said that "He Whom God shall make manifest" is the Primal Point Himself have spoken unjustly. Regarding this Revelation He says "I am the first to worship Him." The Truth, glorified be His majesty, cannot today be known through the Bayan and what was revealed therein. The Point of the Bayan has said: "I have written a gem concerning His mention: He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what was revealed in the Bayan." Observe how lofty is the station of the Revelation, while the people are as beasts in what base station. Justice is as rare as the phoenix, for were it found, by a single verse of this Revelation one would find oneself independent of all previous books. As for what you wrote concerning the Afnan, upon him be all My most glorious Baha - he has previously been favored with permission and grace. Multiple Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for him. It is hoped he will drink from the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful and be illumined by the lights of the Sun of meanings. The glory be upon you and upon those with you.

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O thou beloved of my heart, mentioned in my soul, and standing before the gate of my Lord! There has come upon this servant that which has weakened, exhausted, burned and melted him. By the life of the Desired One, I found myself in an ocean of grief that had neither beginning nor end. The pillars of the earth trembled from the force of this calamity, by which sorrows seized all who turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. I testify that my tongue is powerless to mention it and my pen is unable to

express it. This servant beseeches his Lord to pour forth upon you patience from His presence and fortitude from His realm. Verily He is the Mighty, the Wise. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of Heaven, to send down upon Thy Afnans that which will preserve them from all else but Thee. Then pour forth upon them patience from Thy presence and assist them in all that befitteth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Although all limbs and members are consumed by this most great calamity, yet as these are the days of manifestation, we must in all conditions hold fast to the cord of patience. That which appears from His presence is to be obeyed. May God, exalted be His glory, adorn all with the garment of patience. Verily He is powerful over all things. Glory be to God! Several months ago a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for the Most Exalted Leaf and the Greatest Holy Leaf and the Supreme Cry - upon her be from all glory its most glorious, from all exaltation its most exalted, and from all radiance its most radiant. This servant pondered on what was revealed but, due to its greatness and power, made no representation and remained silent from asking until recently when the command was issued that the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet be written and sent. Now after reviewing the petition sent, it becomes clear that in those same days when the petition was submitted, the answer was revealed from the heaven of grace. But O beloved of my heart, the passages of the petition melt the heart, for the utmost regret, sorrow, sighs and tears in separation from her are manifest and evident. Although this state is in one respect most beloved and that condition was witnessed in them and that station was manifest in them - this flame of separation is effective in the world and a mighty influence is apparent and evident from it, for it was for God and purely for His sake, sanctified from doubts and allusions. After the arrival of the letter, only enough time was available to be enabled to express these few words. God willing, details will be submitted later. Until now, outwardly nothing has been submitted in the Most Holy Court. This servant too was for some days present in another place. Upon return he became occupied with submitting this reply. In any case, hope lies in forgiveness. To the honored ones in that land - upon them be from all glory its most glorious - convey greetings, glorification, glory and utter evanescence and nothingness. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to grant patience to all. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Another submission: The reply to Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, which was previously to be sent, is now sent. One copy of it should reach his honor Afnan A.H., upon him be from all glory its most glorious, to give to Mulla Rajab-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God. However, all possible effort in correcting it would be beloved. May the glory shining, manifest and rising from the horizon of grace be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you and upon every assured, steadfast one.

The Servant

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Luminous

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing

Praise be to God that in all conditions thou hast been and wilt be, God willing, the recipient of the special favors of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. That which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book hath come to pass in thy path to God. In His love thou didst bear grievous trials and afflictions, and didst hearken to the taunts of the idolaters and the blame of the censurers. God willing, this most great and most exalted station shall remain preserved through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. This is the Day wherein all atoms of creation from every direction are vocal with "Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds," yet the base rabble of the earth remain heedless and veiled.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and gazest upon My countenance! Thou hast been created for the propagation of the Cause of God. With a detached heart, a radiant light, pure reliance, and supreme steadfastness, turn thy face toward the cities and villages, and heal through wisdom and utterance the ailments of heedless souls. Say: O servants! Let not time slip away, for it is exceeding precious. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that no likeness or peer can be found for it. Arise to serve the Cause with illumined faces and pure hearts, that perchance the dead in the valley of bewilderment and error might be quickened by the wine of guidance and arise as becometh the Days of God. Today is the day of service, obedience, righteousness, and forbearance. Strive ye to drink from the ocean of awareness and attain unto that which shall cause the tranquility of the world and the salvation of the nations.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness, and My mercy which hath preceded all created things. We have mentioned thee throughout numbered years that thou mightest thank thy Lord and be of them that arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, by which the hearts of the learned were perturbed and inflamed with the fire of hatred and rancor. Verily thy Lord recounteth unto thee that which hath appeared in His days. He is, in truth, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Cast aside the world and take that which thou art commanded by the Ancient Lord. Soon shalt thou behold that which hath been ordained for thee by the Most Exalted Pen in a mighty tablet. We have sent down for every name mentioned in thy letter that which hath delighted the eyes of the Concourse on High and attracted the hearts of them that have turned towards God. Whenever We heard thy call, We answered thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We were with thee in times of hardship and tribulation. He is, verily, the Vigilant, the Near One. It behooveth thee to give the world to drink of the choice wine of utterance of the Ancient Lord. Thus have We commanded thee before and after, and at this moment.

We make mention of thy mother who hath believed in her Lord and attained unto My loving-kindness and My favor, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Give her glad tidings from Me and convey unto her face the greetings from thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. God shall soon exalt her remembrance and manifest unto all men and women that which He hath ordained for her. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Taqi! There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath caused all things to lament, as attesteth He Who speaketh in this night from this exalted station. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who

hath loved you for the sake of God, who hath drawn nigh unto you and hearkeneth unto your words concerning this Great Announcement whereby this mighty edifice hath been raised up.

We make mention of thy first sister and thy other sister, and those whose names thou hast mentioned in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Remember them on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of My Will–that which the learned of the earth have failed to comprehend, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom and My Dominion be upon thee and upon those whom We have mentioned in another tablet, and upon those women who have turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

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The honored servant, his eminence Haji ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God and His care, may take note:

He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty! Praise be to Him Who was in the eternity of eternities powerful through His name the Powerful, and self-subsisting through His name the Self-Subsisting, and all-encompassing through the sovereignty of Names, whereby the limbs of the wretched who were seized by the wine of self and passion did tremble - those who denied His verses and disputed His proof and associated partners with His Countenance and rejected His bounty and turned away from His supreme mercy which preceded all things. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. And blessings and peace be upon the Guide of paths and Sovereign of Messengers, through whom the scrolls of the Prophets and Messengers were sealed, and upon His family and companions who cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of certitude, and arose to assist the Cause of God with their souls, wealth and children, and strove in His path until God’s laws and commandments spread throughout the cities and lands.

Thereafter, your letter which you had sent to the spiritual beloved, Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was brought to this servant. After reviewing it, it was presented before His holy presence. He said: “Praise be to God that through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, you have attained and are speaking His praise and acknowledgment of His oneness. We testify that there is no God but Him. He has ever been and will ever be One, Single, Powerful, All-Encompassing, even as He was in the eternity of eternities. O servant named Karim! This Wronged One heard your call. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in that which is befitting and appropriate. Blessed is the mother who nursed one who acknowledged God and His oneness, and blessed is the father who raised him with hands of mercy and kindness. Be assured of God’s grace and mercy. We pray that He ordain for you what will profit you in this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of the throne and earth. He doeth what He willeth and He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.”

Praise be to God that you have attained to the mention of the Intended One. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His station, to assist you in deeds whose mention will endure as long as God’s

names endure. Verily He is powerful over all things. I convey greetings to the friends in that land and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of supreme servitude and grant them success. The palm trees sent before and after arrived and were planted in the designated land. Praise be to God, the plants and others were accepted. His is the grace and bounty. You have taken much trouble. Your reward is with God. Praise be to God they enjoyed its fruits before planting and appearance, for they attained to wondrous and exalted mention. And his eminence the honored beloved Aqa Mirza Ja'far-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God, who was in charge, truly attained to service. Mention of them and their attention and service was all presented before His presence. He said: "We beseech God to send down upon him from the heaven of His grace that which will draw him near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

This servant also has and had the utmost gratitude for the trouble taken by you and them, and beseeches God, glorified and exalted be He, to grant these deeds lasting fruits and eternal rewards. Verily He is the Generous Giver. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The Servant

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Tablet Revealed by Baha'u'llah on the Occasion of His Birthday Anniversary

O concourse of ardent lovers! I swear by God! This is a Night the world of creation hath never seen its like. Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace vouchsafed by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

In this Night the divine Spirit did intone a melody which hath stirred up the souls of all mankind, proclaiming: Rejoice! ye dwellers of the realm of Glory within the retreats of Paradise! And the Voice of God was raised from behind the pavilion of holiness and tender mercy, exclaiming: This is indeed the Night in which He Who is the Manifestation of the Essence of the Merciful Lord hath been born, wherein the Pen of the All-Glorious hath set forth every eternal decree with clarity. Rejoice then and be of good cheer, O people of the Bayan! And therein the Nightingale hath warbled its notes upon the boughs and the branches crying out: Rejoice, O concourse of the people of Paradise!

Say, in this Night the veil of glory hath been rent asunder before the eyes of the faithful and the Bird of Heaven hath chanted and twittered in the midmost heart of Paradise. Rejoice then, O Tabernacle of holiness in the City of Zaman! And therein God did manifest Himself resplendent in the plenitude of the glory of all His mighty Names, and did establish His seat in every pure and radiant heart. Rejoice therefore, O people of the Bayan!

In this Night oceans of forgiveness have surged and the reviving breeze of His benevolence hath been diffused. Be then of good cheer, O companions of the Merciful Lord! And therein all the trespasses committed by the people of the earth have been forgiven. This is indeed a joyful tiding unto all those that dwell in the hidden recesses of the world.

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Say, this is the Night wherein the assigned measure of God's blessings and bounty hath been prescribed in the Scrolls of Glory and Faith, that thereby every trace of grief and sorrow may be banished form all created things, for all times and throughout all ages. Rejoice then in your hearts, O ye that have stepped into the realm of existence! Thereupon the Herald of the Spirit raised His Voice from the centre of the Kingdom of Eternity, the celestial Seat of loftiness and glory, exclaiming: Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace vouchsafed by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

And the cups of the ruby-coloured wine have been borne round by the hand of the peerless Joseph. Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace vouchsafed by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Make haste then, O members of the human race, and quaff your fill from this choice wine of eternal life. Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace vouchsafed by God, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

Say, O concourse of ardent lovers! The Countenance of the Desired One hath shone forth, unveiled and conspicuous. Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace vouchsafed by God, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

O congregation of his loved ones! The Beauty of the Best-Beloved hath dawned resplendent above the horizon of holiness. Haste ye hither, come, with the entire devotion of your souls, O companions of the Bayan! Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace vouchsafed by God, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

Be ye cheerful, yet divulge not this closely-guarded, this most hidden Secret, lest perchance the non-believers discover that ye have drunk your fill from this choice wine which aboundeth with relish and rapture. Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace, vouchsafed by God, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

O People of the Bayan! God beareth me witness that His bounty is completed, His loving kindness perfected and that His Countenance hath shone forth with the utmost joy and radiance. Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace vouchsafed by God, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

Rejoice, O company of His loved ones, and partake of this sparkling, this crystal stream of eternal life, O concourse of His companions! Such is the evidence of the heavenly grace vouchsafed by God, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

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O Nabil Q., upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! God willing, may you, through the grace of the Beloved of all possibility, be in all times the Bearer of the sealed wine and the Guardian of the Hidden Word, Who speaks among the world and summons the peoples unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Countless glances of grace have been and will be vouchsafed unto you. To this bear witness your heart, your soul, your tongue, your sight, your hearing, and that which the Pen of God hath set in motion in His holy and all-encompassing Tablets to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Draw hearts and souls to the utterances of your Lord and illumine the horizons with the lights of His shining and radiant countenance. We complain unto you of those who claim to have faith yet

commit that which tears asunder the veil of the sanctity of the Cause among the servants. They are indeed among the heedless ones.

O My Nabil! We have commanded all the loved ones to unity, harmony, love and fellowship, and likewise hath the Supreme Pen, from God, the Lord of Names, enjoined upon all goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Nevertheless, there hath appeared from some that which causeth the Pen to be ashamed to mention. You must strive with complete effort in the education of souls and their refinement and improvement, dispensing to each according to their capacity from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Most eyes have been weakened by the ophthalmia of vain imaginings and are not capable of beholding at first the world-illumining Sun. Therefore these weak eyes must be treated with the kohl of divine knowledge which is in truth the supreme remedy for healing the world's ills, that they may become worthy to behold the Most Exalted Horizon and capable of hearing the words "Verily I am God."

The dark clouds of desire have veiled the horizon of guidance, but God shall soon disperse them in truth. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Though the ocean of utterance surgeth with its waves and the horizon of proof shineth with the light of knowledge, you witness the people, in what state they are and to what matters they cling. They have taken certain ignorant ones to be learned, and by the command and permission of those heedless souls have remained deprived and forbidden from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Blessed is the strong one who rendeth asunder the veils through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Nabil! Kindle the fire of My Word amongst My servants. By My life! It is a light by which the horizons of My kingdom and the hearts of My servants who are prevented therefrom today through following the ignorant ones shall be illumined. Though the divines of the age have become veils between Truth and creation, soon shall all confess their own loss and speak in praise of the loved ones of God. Should all the world unite with utmost striving and effort to extinguish the light of God and quench the fire of the divine Word, they shall prove powerless and shall find themselves impotent. God shall cause them and what they possess to perish, and there shall endure what He hath ordained for His loved ones who have held fast to His mighty cord and followed His straight path.

Let not what was mentioned in Our presence escape your notice. Speak such words as will cause the souls to be attracted and enkindled. Be not grieved by certain matters - their rectification rests with God. Be assured and be of the thankful ones. Convey My greetings to all the friends. Tell them: This is the day of assistance and this is the day of deeds, for whatever is missed by anyone today can never be regained. Blessed is he who forsaketh that which perisheth and turneth unto that which endureth. Upon you be the Glory, and upon those with you who have believed in God and followed what they were commanded in His mighty Tablet.

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The Beloved of God in Birjand and its surroundings

In His Name, the All-Subduing over whatsoever is not Him

These are clear verses, there is no doubt they have descended from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Whoso doubteth is among the most remote of creation - thus doth the Truth testify when He came with His mighty Cause. He who hath turned to the Countenance is among the people of this luminous horizon, and he who hath turned away is among the companions of the fire. We have ordained that hearts must turn towards Us - thus hath the decree been set down by the Beloved in a clear Book.

Blessed is he from whose brow shineth forth the sun of steadfastness in such wise that the eyes of the heedless are dazzled thereby, and blessed is the mouth from which wafteth the fragrance of determination upon this straight path.

O My loved ones! Ye are the lights of the sun, were ye to be of them that know, and ye are the fish of this ocean - immerse yourselves therein in My Name and discover the pearls of My knowledge which encompass the worlds. In every word of thy Lord's words surgeth an ocean whose shore none hath reached save him who hath circled round My Will, which hath conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O chosen ones of God! Forsake all else, then speak forth in praise of the Desired One, that perchance the dwellers in the tombs may arise and turn toward the station wherein the Lord of existence proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Wise." Blessed is the mouth that hath tasted the sweetness of the Living Waters, and the tongue that hath been moved to praise its Lord, the All-Merciful, and the ear that hath hearkened unto this wondrous Call.

Are they who turned away based upon anything? Nay, by this exalted station! They are worshippers of idols, moved by the winds of passion - they are among the distracted ones. Arise to serve among humanity. Say: O people! The Dayspring of Oneness hath come with such sovereignty that nothing can withstand it. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the patient ones. He is the Word of God among you - corrupt it not, O heedless ones! He is the Spirit of God - slay Him not with your swords, O hosts of the oppressors! He is the Lamp of Revelation among you - extinguish it not with your breaths, O company of the malevolent!

Can anyone extinguish the lamp We have lit with the hand of power? Nay, by My radiant Beauty! The Word hath been perfected, the proof completed, and the evidence made manifest, yet the people are in strange drunkenness. Blessed is he who hath recognized the value of these days and attained unto the knowledge of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and hath taken the cup of eternity in the name of Baha and drunk thereof amidst the concourse of creation, despite those who denied the Lord of Names and rejected the signs whereby every moldering bone was quickened.

The Tongue of Eternity speaketh and all things speak with it, yet most people are prevented from hearing it, having followed every remote calf. Say: Cleanse your eyes - this is He Whom ye remember at morn and eventide. This is He for Whose mention and praise the Bayan was revealed, and by Whose leave every wise command was established. This is He Who was promised unto you in the Tablets from God, the Mighty, the Praised One. Cast away that which withholdeth you from Him, then approach with shining faces and illumined hearts - thus have ye been commanded in a preserved Tablet.

Whenever We desire to conclude Our utterance, We see it flowing like the ocean from the valleys and shining like the sun from this luminous horizon. When the Most Great Ocean surgeth, can anything still it? Nay, by My Name which hath subdued the worlds! When the winds of Will blow, can anything prevent them? Nay, by My Cause, before which the necks of the proud have bowed!

All this is of My grace upon thee - be thou thankful and among those who praise. Reflect within thyself how thy recompense should be for Our having remembered thee while We were imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors. Confine matters to the remembrance of thy Forgiving Lord, then speak of what hath befallen Him at the hands of these transgressors.

The Most Glorious Beauty from God, the Lord of Names, be upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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O Son of My Name A?daq, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! Hearken, hearken! The Most Exalted Pen calleth aloud from the most exalted station of the world. Behold, behold! The Luminary of proof shineth resplendent from the highest horizon of possibility, that It may bestow strength and grant spiritual wings, that thou mayest soar in the atmosphere of the love of the One Friend and purify those who tarry - souls whose wings are besmeared with the clay of idle fancies - through the Name of the True One, and teach them to fly.

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. In these days His Holiness Moses hath ascended, and this servant lay upon his bed while the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth verses and the Hand of the Kingdom of all things bestoweth and taketh away. Say: O people of God! Ye must needs be so steadfast in the Cause of God that neither the onslaught of the mighty nor their ascendancy may weaken you. Stand ye for God’s sake and speak for God’s sake. The Truth hath been and will be with you, and neither the clamor of the divines nor the outcry of the jurisprudents hath prevented or will prevent the influence of the Most Exalted Pen and the power of the Most Great Word.

O Son of My Name! Were the whole spiritual realm to be transformed entirely into the power of hearing, one might say it would be worthy of hearkening to this utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Otherwise, these outward ears have not been and will not be capable of hearing this call, save for a limited few. Beseech thou God to grant insight and bestow the power of hearing, that perchance His poor servants may not remain deprived of the sweet fragrances of the divine Day. The people of the earth are heedless and regard the Cause of God as they regard other matters. Woe and perdition betide them! Soon shall they witness that which they now deny, and turn towards that from which they now turn away.

Say: O ye ignorant ones! Turn ye toward Zawra that ye may behold the palace of the King of Kings. Perchance ye may take warning and become somewhat aware. Let not the pomp and riches and majesty and glory of two days prevent you from everlasting glory and abiding bounty and heavenly sustenance. By the Ark of Proof which saileth upon the sea of utterance by the command of the All-Merciful! This

Wronged One hath spoken only for the sake of God. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and arise to redress what hath passed away. Yesterday is gone and today too shall pass. This impermanence is God's herald, informing all and giving tidings, that they may arise with complete determination to seek their goal and station. The Herald calleth continually from the direction of the Throne, counseling with perfect loving-kindness and grace, that perchance the servants may turn from oppression to justice and from tyranny to equity.

O Son of My Name! We beseech divine confirmation for thee, that thou mayest spend the remainder of thy days in service to the Lord of all mankind in a manner befitting this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement. Thine acceptance and devotion and steadfastness have ever been mentioned before the Divine Countenance. This time requireth a different effort and a different steadfastness. God willing, thou shalt be adorned with the new robe of divine favor and illumined by the lights of the Throne. Convey My greetings to the loved ones, that they may become enkindled by the Word of God and arise as beseemeth His days. That which is obligatory and essential today, and hath been repeatedly revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, is the unity and concord of the known souls who have been honored with special distinction, as well as the other loved ones. Blessed is he who hath hearkened to the divine call and held fast unto His will. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the One speaking at the center of the world, that all peoples might turn to the horizon of the manifestation of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the Lord Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed are they who have turned with faces radiant and hearts illumined to the Most Exalted Horizon, whom neither the harm of the wicked nor the might of the evil ones nor the power of those who disbelieved in God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day, could deter. Blessed is Nabil, blessed is the traveler. God hath aided him to turn unto Him and enabled him to attain His presence and given him to drink of the pure Kawthar from the hands of the bounty of Him Who converseth on Sinai, Who speaketh before kings and subjects. By God! This is the Promised One, this is the One mentioned, this is He by Whose name and remembrance the hearts of them that know were attracted. O Nabil! We have heard thy call time and again, and thy deeds have been accepted again and again, and We have answered thee at times with that which made the world rejoice and at other times with a mention that caused the hearts of the sincere to soar. Grieve not at the events of the world and the clamor of those who denied the Manifestation when He came with manifest sovereignty. Say: O concourse of men! Follow not those who denied the Most Great Scene and turned away from Him Who came with the banners of verses from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. O Nabil! The Wronged One beareth witness to thy turning unto Him, thy drawing nigh, thy presence before His face and thy hearkening to that which was raised in the world from the Lord of eternity. This is a testimony that all the treasures of the world and whatsoever is with the nations cannot equal. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send previously and subsequently to

the Name of Bounty. We have sent down for thee that from which every one who turneth unto God hath found the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thy mention and that wherewith thou didst call upon God have attained to His hearing. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. The world shall pass away but there shall endure for thee what hath been sent down before and after and at this time. Convey My greetings to thy son who hath turned unto God while most of the servants who broke God's covenant and testament denied and rejected this Proof, before which all the proofs in the world have bowed down, as attesteth every fair-minded and discerning one, every knowing and informed one. We have mentioned thee and those with thee as a favor from Us, and We are indeed the Bountiful, the Generous. There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send and spend by My command and authority. We bear witness that thou hast fulfilled what was incumbent upon thee by the decree of the Book, and We have accepted thy deed, and We beseech God, thy Lord, to aid thee in that whose fragrance shall not be cut off through the perpetuity of this Name whereby He hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. O traveler! Grieve not at what thou hearest and seest. Verily He is with thee and guardeth thee and preserveth thee through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thy Lord is indeed the Powerful, the Triumphant, the Mighty. We have been with thee, hearing and seeing, and We are the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey My greetings to the faces of those who are with thee and My loved ones there, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance from whose horizon the light hath shone forth and that which was hidden from the eyes of the heedless hath appeared. When thou findest the fragrance of My remembrance and drinkest the choice wine of utterance from My words, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to attain unto Thy remembrance and to speak Thy praise and to hasten unto Thy good-pleasure and to stand firm in Thy love. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee with the turning of one who is assured, seeing, confident and informed. I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby Thou hast illumined the world to set right my affairs and to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy decree that which will bring me into Thy presence. Then decree for me, O my God, that which will preserve me from the clamor of the heedless ones and the uproar of the treacherous ones. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! These are the verses of God sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty glory. God has made them a proof for all who dwell in the dominion of Command and Creation, and a remembrance for all who are on earth. O people! Believe in what has been sent down to you and dispute not the verses of God after their revelation, lest a severe chastisement befall you in justice. Fear God, O people, then consider what was sent down to the Prophets and Messengers, and what has been revealed in these days, that the truth may become manifest to you and you may be possessed of illumined insight. God has sent Messengers to His servants since time immemorial, who called the people to Him and gave them glad tidings of the days of God. But when the Day appeared and God came with the Manifestation of His Self, they disbelieved in Him and turned away until they arose to slay Him. Thus was the matter decreed. No Messenger was sent except the people denied Him and disputed with Him vainly, until God established the truth through His verses and seized

those who disbelieved and associated partners with God and were deprived of the Kawthar of faith. Forget not those days when you entered the Garden of Paradise before the Countenance and were illumined by His lights. In those days We concealed Our face lest anyone recognize Us, according to the wisdom inscribed in the Tablets by the Pen of Command. When the appointed time of concealment was fulfilled, We unveiled the Face with a sovereignty witnessed by all creation. None deny it save those who are heedless of the remembrance of their Lord and are debarred from the shore of grace. Hearken to My words and purify yourself from all that prevents you from God, your Lord. Then take for yourself a guardian in truth, and he will protect you from all that displeases you and guard you from the harm of every harmful thing. His mercy is ever nigh unto you. Trust in all matters to your Lord and He will aid you with the hosts of the unseen with power. If you find in your father's heart love for God and the Manifestation of His Self, remind him, that perchance he may arise from the sleep of heedlessness and find a path to God. Otherwise, leave him to himself, for verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all created things. He gives sovereignty to whom He wishes among His servants and withholds it from whom He wishes. He has power over all things. Forget not the favor of your Lord when enemies surrounded you, and He protected you in truth, set right your affairs, sent down tranquility from His presence upon you, and delivered you from sorrow with an all-encompassing sovereignty. Turn your face to Him and trust in His grace. Fear no one, for He will exalt you in truth and fulfill what you desire that you may be steadfast in the Cause. Read this Tablet in times when you find yourself detached from this world and all that is therein, that it may attract you to a station praised from all eternity. Know that We have not forgotten you in this prison and sent you before this a Tablet inscribed by the Finger of Command. And now We send you this Tablet that you may rejoice in your soul and be gladdened by God's loving-kindness. When it reaches you, take it with the power of your Lord, then act according to what is in it. Thus do We teach you and impart to you that your eyes may be consoled and you may be among those who, when verses are sent down to them from the King of Names and Attributes, fall prostrate upon their faces before God Who created them by His command and made them among those who are mentioned before the Throne. And glory be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God and the handle of His grace and who have remained faithful to the Cause.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who is worthy and deserving, Who hath distinguished between the polytheists and the monotheists through the blessed word "There is none other God but God." This blessed word is the decisive utterance. Every word that hath proceeded from the Mouth of His Will hath been and is the decisive utterance. His words are powerful, His verses all-encompassing, and His proofs penetrating - yet the servants remain heedless, save those whom our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, hath willed. He is the All-Bountiful, the One Who hath united hearts and minds through His most exalted Word. He hath gathered the peoples of the East and West at one table and one feast, and with most eloquent utterance hath called all who dwell on earth to unity and concord. Blessed are they who have comprehended the station of unity and concord and have held fast unto it. Woe betide the

heedless! Blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and upon His family and companions, through whom the sovereignty of God and His power were made manifest, and the treasures of His grace and favor were revealed. Through their justice oppression was shaken, through their belief in unity the limbs of polytheism trembled, through their standards the standards of the deniers and transgressors were lowered, and through their banners the banners of the heedless and the wayward were brought low.

O thou beloved of my heart! How wondrous is this messenger, how wondrous this sign that hath appeared and become manifest! The electric current arrived bearing news of thy arrival. This news was a clear glad-tiding and a trustworthy herald. After being informed, we proceeded to the Holy Court where it was presented before the countenance of the Lord and was blessed to attain His hearing. He said: "O Physician! Upon thee be My peace and My glory! Thou hast ever been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. From the Holy Land, the honored Afnan hath mentioned thee in every instance. Praise be to God that thou art blessed with health and enjoying His bounty. Today, the bounty that is acceptable in the sight of God is the bounty of recognition and certitude. Blessed are they who have attained unto them, and woe betide the wayward!"

This land manifesteth itself differently each day. We beseech God to assist His servants to observe justice in all matters. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We likewise beseech Him to assist thee in that which causeth the exaltation of being and the advancement of souls. Say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having taught me Thy word of unity and revealed unto me that which was hidden from the eyes of most of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

Praise be to God! Thy presence in that land hath been and will continue to be a source of joy. God willing, thou wilt occupy thyself with wisdom and utterance in uniting hearts and refining souls, that perchance the people of unity may arise from their lethargy and become deserving of divine mercy, and that through this bounty the remaining cities and lands may be preserved and protected from plunder, oppression, tyranny and transgression in the sheltering shadow of God, exalted be His glory, which is an impregnable fortress. Verily, God hath power over all things.

This servant beseecheth Him to ordain for the people of unity what He ordained for them in the beginning of days, and to manifest through them His power, His might, His influence, His sovereignty and His will. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. I convey greetings to the friends in that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for each one that which leadeth to eternal salvation and everlasting joy. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you.

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BEIRUT. O Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God. 20 Jamadi'th-Thani 1305.

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise sanctified from severance and decline befitteth the Peerless Object of all, Who created the world and adorned it with the light of recognition. The bearers of this light are the Prophets and Messengers who, by the command of the Ancient King, have stepped forth into the arena of manifestation for the salvation of the peoples of the world. However, some of mankind, due to their preoccupations, and some due to lack of capacity, and others due to the consequences of their deeds, did not attain to the blessed and goodly Word of Unity. Yet others regarded the world as non-existent and hastened with heart and soul to the horizon of the All-Merciful, until that light culminated in the Lord of the world and the Exemplar of nations, He Who speaks of the Most Great Name and relates the Mighty News. Upon Him be the blessings and peace of God, and upon His family and companions through whom appeared God's authority among His servants and His fear among His creation, and through whom was revealed the judgment of the Book and the Cause encompassed all regions.

And now, O beloved of my heart, thy precious letter arrived, from which wafted such fragrances of love that were it to be styled a Tablet it would not be improper, for it had a complete effect and complete influence. Glorified be your Creator and magnified be your Maker and Confirmer! After being apprised of it, it was presented before the Master, Who said: "God willing, they will return, adorned with the blessing of health and well-being and partaking of the feast of attainment to His presence. Verily He is the Kind, the Forgiving." End quote.

Praise be to God, the affiliated ones in this land are sound and healthy. These days they attained the honor of His presence at the mansion for two days, and the spiritual beloved Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the peace of God, delayed one steamer specifically to meet that beloved one and then returned. As for the letter of the beloved of the heart, his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be Baha'u'llah's peace, it was seen and all of it was heard. However, before the arrival of your letter, the beloved of the heart Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's peace, had already proceeded to that direction as commanded. What must now be adhered to according to the command is this: whatever arrives and they are able to obtain should be delivered to the creditors, and they should consult about affairs and act as they deem advisable, placing their trust in God. If there are excess goods they should distribute them to various places. If they request someone specific, certain souls can be sent from this land for that purpose. This matter must remain confidential and not be mentioned to anyone. In any case, consideration for them is necessary, and since they are trustworthy and the thought of betrayal has never crossed their minds, it is hoped that affairs will be set right. Whoso is for God, God is for him - unless some other firm purpose is intended from this upheaval.

Another submission: Some time ago a letter was sent to that beloved and it is not known whether it arrived or not. And this letter was sent after that beloved's arrival in Beirut. God grant it does not arrive with "Verily we are God's and to Him we return." May the hands of destiny and decree of Truth give life and bestow vitality and bring it before the most luminous gaze. Knowledge is with God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. To his honor the esteemed master, the great Afnan, upon him be from all the Most Glorious Glory, and his honor the most luminous star Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, I present my utter evanescence and nothingness. And likewise I send greetings to all other friends.

Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

All praise and glory, sanctified beyond description and understanding, befitteth Him Who is the Desire of the worlds, Who hath illumined the world through the dawning-places of His Prophets and His chosen ones. These are the divine lamps amidst His servants and the manifestations of the lights of the Throne unto all who dwell in His lands. To cling unto them is to cling unto God, the All-Glorious, and to hold fast unto them is to hold fast unto Him. These are the suns in the heavens of knowledge and understanding, and these are the guides to the path and the dawning-places of proof and evidence. Whoso hath known them hath known God, and whoso hath obeyed them hath obeyed God, and whoso hath turned away from them hath turned away from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom every straight path hath appeared and every mighty Book hath been sent down! I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing grace which hath embraced Thy creation and Thy creatures, to aid those on earth to turn towards the lights of the Sun of Thy Oneness and the manifestations of the glory of Thy Singleness. Thou art He, O my God, before Whose fear the limbs of all names have trembled, and before Whose might all who are in earth and heaven have been shaken. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, by Thy Most Exalted Self and by Him through Whom Thou didst seal Thy Messengers and Prophets, to enable Thy servants to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. I testify that Thou hast desired for them naught save that which draweth them nigh unto Thee and acquainteth them with what shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, your letter was the cause of renewed joy. Praise be to God that, through the wonders of God's infinite mercy, you are enabled to remember and praise God, blessed be His glory, and are successful in that which is befitting. This hath been and shall ever remain one of the great bounties of God, exalted be His glory. Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, hath also written to this servant. This servant had previously sent two detailed letters to him. Thus far, outwardly, no word of their receipt hath been received. I trouble you to convey my greetings to him in your letter and to mention the details of those two letters.

The letter from Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was also received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds was wafted therefrom. God willing, may he ever be assisted and confirmed in that which God loveth and is pleased with.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition was previously received and an answer was graciously given. Regarding his turning towards this direction, they stated that although this land appears outwardly tranquil, it is inwardly turbulent. The people of this

region have been and continue to be utterly perfidious. In the holy Books of the past, the inhabitants of these lands were likened unto the offspring of vipers. This hath been and remaineth the reason for withholding permission; otherwise, this Wronged One hath ever loved not to deprive His loved ones of His presence. Let them now proceed, placing their trust in God. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

You should convey these glad tidings in the same detail as mentioned to Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, upon them both be the Glory of God. God willing, this servant shall later send a reply to the letter of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn. This time there was no opportunity, and thus his reply was delayed. The glory of God be upon you and upon them and upon those who follow that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The following hath been sent down from the heaven of grace unto the servant who hath been named Javad in the Kingdom of righteousness, and thus was grace inscribed by the Pen of Justice:

He is the Beloved, the Sorrowful

Thy Lord maketh mention of His servant Javad, who hath believed and been guided, and who stood firm in the Cause on the day when the feet of the mystics did slip, and they denied God, their Lord and the Lord of the last and the first. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of the Luminary of the horizons, that the breaths of revelation may attract thee to the habitation of longing and draw thee nigh unto the prison, the seat of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious. We have, verily, bestowed Our favor upon thee time and again, then yet again after the first. By God! The bounty of thy Lord unto thee cannot be comprehended or reckoned, and the pens of the heavens and earth, and the hearts of the possessors of understanding, are powerless to reckon it.

We shall now recount unto thee tales of those who worshipped idols, lest the veils of men and their turning away from the beauty of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, sadden thee, that thou mayest find peace within thyself and rejoice in thine essence, and witness those who have turned away from My beauty playing with ashes, heedless of Him by the light of Whose countenance the highest heavens were illumined, even unto the depths beneath the earth. Know thou that those who have taken idols as their guardians instead of God adduce as proof that these are the manifestations of the Cause among us, and when asked by what evidence they speak thus, they say: "We have found this in our books, therefore we follow them," and they are among those who have strayed from the path and then transgressed. These are they whom naught hath prevented from the ways of unity save blind imitation, even as thou hearest in this day from the concourse of the Bayan, such that if they were asked why they have turned away from the Beauty of the Adored One, they would say: "We found mention of this in our books and we followed what was mentioned," though they understood not a single letter of the Book and comprehended not the essence of the Cause and its origin. We have veiled this through Our wisdom, and none knoweth it save those who have entered the Most Great Scene and are among those who have witnessed and seen. Were We to lift the veil from the face of the Cause, they would discover what is

hidden, but We have concealed it until God shall reveal it in truth. He, verily, is the Protector of all who are patient and God-fearing.

On that Day thou shalt find most of those on earth worshipping idols and rejoicing therein. Doth this diminish aught from God, thy Lord? Nay, by My glorious and most glorious Self! These, despite their multitude, shall not be mentioned before thy Lord, as though they had never been created upon the earth. Thus recognize the condition of those who have denied God in these days and are among those who follow their passions and desires. Leave the mention of these, then ascend unto the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, that thou mayest hear the most sweet melodies in the Paradise of refuge, and sanctify thyself from base allusions, and attain unto the ultimate goal.

Say: O people! Do ye dispute with Us concerning what We have witnessed of the most great signs of Our Lord? By God! The vision of the One possessed of mighty strength wavered not from what it beheld from the most sweet Scene, and verily He it is Who is established and seated upon the throne. He sendeth down at every moment from the heaven of grace that whereof a single letter outweigheth all that hath been created in the cities of eternity. O people! The Spirit speaketh not of its own desire, but according to that which is revealed unto it from the direction of the throne of His Essence unto His most holy and most pure Self. Say: O people! Can ye prevent the sun from shining, or the sea from its waves, or the holy Tree from its fruits? By God! Ye shall never be able to do this, even if all things should follow you in what is witnessed and seen. Thus have We revealed unto thee that whereby thine eyes may be consoled.

Thus have We sent down to thee that which will solace thine eyes and turn thy heart toward the court of God, thy Lord, and will make thee a guide unto them that have gone astray and wandered far. And the mercy which floweth forth from the paradise of eternity be upon thee, O people of Baha, and upon them that have clung to the branches of this sacred and exalted Tree.

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He is the Sovereign, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower

The remembrance of God in the Tree of Paradise: God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, Who hath ordained the measures of the Cause in the Tablets of a watchful Glory. In His hand is the dominion of all things, and He is powerful over all things. His is the bounty and grace, His the power and justice. He singles out whom He willeth through His command, and He encompasseth all things. O Beauty of Holiness in the Most Great Word! Rend asunder the veils and fear no one. Place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Most High, the All-Wise. Cast upon the people that which We have cast upon thee from beyond the ocean of destiny. Tarry not for less than a moment, and be not of the patient ones. Come forth from behind the veils of light with the adorning of God, then arise from the horizon of holiness with manifest lights of glory. And if thou art touched with tribulation and adversity in My love, grieve not, for this is My way with the Messengers. Remind the servants of that which will cause them to turn to the direction of an assured holiness. Then recount unto the people the bounty of thy Lord. And if these polytheists object to thee, say: “By God! The Spirit of Holiness hath appeared in a novel holy vesture, and verily the pebbles do at this moment glorify in this sacred, luminous Hand. The

Call hath returned in this blessed Tree which hath been raised upon the Mount of Musk, and this is indeed a mighty trial." Say: "This is the Cave wherein took refuge the Youth of Eternity when they said: 'Our Lord! Grant us mercy from Thy presence and dispose our affair aright,' and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. We heard their cry and sheltered them therein, and made them a remembrance for all the worlds." Say: "This is the Cave wherein Muhammad, the Apostle of God, was preserved from the hands of the hateful ones." Say: "This is the Ark wherein the Son of Mary ascended in truth, if ye be of them that know." Say: "We have believed in God and in what hath been sent down unto us and what was sent down unto God's Messengers aforetime, and what was sent down unto Ali before Nabil." Say: "He is the Sovereign of the Messengers, and God created by one letter from Him all who are in the heavens and the earth, if ye be of the assured ones." Say: "We were behind seventy thousand veils and We concealed the Face lest anyone of the worlds should behold it. But when the polytheists imprisoned Us, We unveiled the Face and manifested it like the sun from behind thick clouds. When they turned away, We turned against them to spite them and spite those who waxed proud before God and were among the opposing ones."

Know then that We have found the fragrances of love from thy letter and have sent thee this Tablet that thine eyes might be solaced thereby, and the eyes of those who have turned unto God and are of them that return. But beseech God that He cut not off from thee these fragrances sent forth by the Mighty, the Generous, for the bird of sedition hath taken flight from the direction of destiny. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the Pen of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Subduer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And thou, preserve this Tablet, then recite it with wondrous melody every day, that God may preserve thee through His grace, for He is the Best Preserver and Helper. And if thou findest pure hearts, cast upon them that which We have cast upon thee of the gems of the Cause, that thereby the hearts of the sincere may rejoice. We have indeed sent thee what hath been revealed in this Prison that thou mayest become aware of the mysteries within the veils of light and be of them that know. Then write it in thy finest hand and send it to near and far places, then spread it before Our servant Ja'far that he may give glad tidings unto the people through the signs of his Lord and be of them that give glad tidings. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves wholly unto God and are of the doers of good. Then convey Our greetings to all who are in thy land, both male and female, that Our grace may be completed upon them from Our presence, and this is indeed a mighty grace.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God unto the Leaf of Paradise, that she may hear the melodies of the Leaf of Eternity from this Branch which hath been raised up in His Most Glorious Name, that she may be drawn by the breezes of God. O blessed Leaf! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord once again from this most delicate and sweet Voice. By God! Were all things to hear but one note of His melodies with the ear of their inmost nature, they would surely be drawn unto the court of glorified might. Blessed art thou in that thou hast sanctified thyself from all else save God thy Lord and hast taken up thy dwelling beneath the shade of thy Lord's protection in a station that is, in truth, impregnable. Fear God, then remember Him with thy tongue and thy heart, and turn not unto those who have disbelieved and turned away after

having believed, and who were far removed from the shore of grace. Guard thy heart from allusions, then taste of the fruits of this blessed, pure and lofty Tree which hath appeared in truth at the midmost heart of the horizons with lights whereby every percipient soul hath been illumined. Be thou assured within thyself that God is with thee and by thee, and He is indeed nigh unto His servants. He will never deprive thee of the breezes of His holiness and will remember thee in truth, and He doth watch over thee. Grieve not for the adversity and hardship that hath touched thee, for God shall soon transform them through His mercy from His presence, and He hath power over all things. Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Beauty which Thou hast manifested and raised up in truth and sent unto all the worlds, and which Thou hast named in the Concourse on High as the Most Great Announcement and among the hosts of creation as Ali, then by His latter manifestation in the Most Glorious Name, that Thou deprive me not of the breezes of the might of Thy mercy, and cast me not far from the shore of the grace of Thy nearness and bounty, for Thou hast ever been the All-Wise over all things. O my Lord! Give me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy favor and the Tasnim of Thy grace and bounty, that it may purify me from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth and deliver me from this malady that hath seized me, for Thou hast ever been the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful unto Thy servants. O my Lord! Rend asunder the veils that have come between Thee and me, then heal me with the Kawthar of healing from the fingers of Thy mercy which have preceded all things and encompassed all who dwell in the kingdom. O my Lord! Cast me not into despair of Thy wondrous gifts and beauteous bounty, then grant me what Thou hast of the cups of eternity and make me steadfast in Thy Cause, for Thou hast power over all things.

He is God! God willing, may that divine Leaf be ever mindful of this remembrance that hath been revealed, and be assured of God's tender mercies which have ever encompassed that Leaf and, God willing, will continue to do so. Regarding what you mentioned about the mother of His Holiness the Exalted One (may my soul be sacrificed for all else beside Him) desiring that you should turn in that direction - it would be most welcome should you choose to go; no harm shall come to you. God willing, may you ever repose beneath the divine Tree and dwell within the pavilion of the protection of the Cause. Be not distressed by the tribulations that have befallen you, for trials have ever been and shall ever be the portion of God's chosen ones. How excellent, then, is the state of one who is content and thankful for whatsoever befalleth them, for nothing descendeth upon any soul from God save that which is better for that soul than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Since people are unaware of this mystery and the mystery thereof, they find themselves sorrowful when trials overtake them. God willing, may you ever dwell in the abode of assurance and be nourished by the fruits of understanding, for He is indeed the Best of Providers and the Best of Protectors. And the Spirit and Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon every penitent servant, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Tablet which hath been raised unto God hath been sent down from the heaven of immortality unto him who was named Aqa Baba, that he may read it at eventide and at dawn.

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted! Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses in truth and through them draweth unto Him the hearts of whomsoever He pleaseth. Verily, He hath ever been powerful over whatsoever He willeth. All that is in the heavens and all that is on earth glorify Him, and all are mentioned in His Tablet.

O servant! Consecrate thy heart to the Sacred House, then visit it with manifest humility. When the way to thy Lord was barred, He ordained for the pilgrims to turn their hearts unto the seat of His mighty throne, for the people had blocked the path and prevented the servants from attaining the shore of impregnable glory. Therefore hath God accepted from them their turning toward the direction of the House with pure and luminous hearts.

When thou desirest to make the pilgrimage, perform ablutions as thou wert commanded in the Book, then turn thy face toward the Throne and say: The praise which hath proceeded from Thy Most Exalted Self, and the glory which hath dawned from Thy Most Resplendent Beauty, be upon Thee, O Manifestation of Grandeur, Sovereign of Immortality, and King of all who are in earth and heaven! I testify that through Thee were revealed the sovereignty of God and His power, the majesty of God and His grandeur. Through Thee the Suns of eternity shone forth in the heaven of destiny and the Beauty of the Unseen appeared from the horizon of creation. I testify that through one movement of Thy Pen the command of "Be" was made manifest, and God's hidden secret was disclosed, all created things began to exist, and all manifestations were raised up.

I testify that through Thy beauty the Beauty of the Worshipped One was revealed and through Thy face the Face of the Desired One shone forth. Through a word from Thee was made the distinction among all created things, the faithful ascended unto the heights of glory and the idolaters descended into the lowest depths. I testify that he who hath known Thee hath known God, and he who hath attained unto Thy presence hath attained unto the presence of God. Blessed is he who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, who hath humbled himself before Thy sovereignty, who hath been honored with meeting Thee, who hath attained the good pleasure of Thy will, who hath circled round Thee, and who hath presented himself before Thy Throne.

Woe betide him who hath wronged Thee, and denied Thee, and repudiated Thy signs, and gainsaid Thy sovereignty, and risen up against Thee, and waxed proud before Thy face, and hath disputed Thy testimonies, and fled from Thy rule and Thy dominion, and been numbered with the infidels whose names have been inscribed by the fingers of Thy command upon Thy holy Tablets.

O my God and my Beloved! Waft, then, to me from the right hand of Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness, the holy breaths of Thy favors, that they may draw me away from myself and from the world unto the precincts of Thy nearness and Thy presence. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou, verily, hast been supreme over all things.

Thus have We commanded thee, O servant! Arise and act as thou hast been bidden. This shall suffice thee above all who dwell on earth. Whosoever visiteth this Wronged One, this Sorrowful One, this Prisoner, and reciteth what the Spirit hath revealed in this Tablet, God shall forgive him and his parents and his kindred who have believed in God, and shall raise him up in every Revelation with a radiant and

luminous countenance. He shall shelter him beneath His shadow and cause him to abide near His mercy, and shall sustain him with the holy fruits of Paradise, and shall send down upon him that which shall make him independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath it been decreed in the Tablets.

Blessed is he who hath followed the command of his Lord in these days wherein most of the servants have become heedless and have deprived themselves of the wondrous favors of God. As for thee, render thanks unto God for having singled thee out for this bounty and sent unto thee that from which thou wilt find the fragrance of the beloved Glory. Upon thee, and upon thy wife, and upon those who have remained steadfast in the Cause this day, be glory.

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He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Inaccessible, the Exalted!

Glorified be He Who sendeth down verses anew, in a manner that draweth unto Him all them that are nigh unto God, and hath ordained therein the measures of all things in such wise that all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless before it. Thus hath the matter been inscribed at this hour by the Pen of Glory upon the Tablet of eternity with majesty.

Verily, they who have ascended unto God and turned away from earthly dominion, and have drunk from the ocean of life - these are they who recognize the melodies of Paradise and bear witness that all this is a revelation from the presence of One Who is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. These are they from whose faces radiance doth shine forth, and from whose hearts the remembrance of God is heard, and who have been enraptured in the atmosphere of the spirit by the melodies of God. They drink deep from the chalice of beauty, and move at the mention of God's name, and partake of the wine that hath descended from the clouds of knowledge.

Thus do We relate unto thee from the chronicles of truth, and cast upon thee the melodies of Paradise, that they may attract thee unto thyself and turn thee toward the shore of eternity in the Most Exalted Pavilion, and raise thee to a station that transcendeth all knowledge.

O beloved! Hear what the deniers say: "We find no spirit in these melodies." Say: "Woe unto you, and to how Satan hath made your deeds seem fair in your own eyes, for verily the spirit of life from this Paradise hath been sent unto all the worlds." Say: "When We found none in the kingdom worthy, We concealed the Beauty of the Divine Identity in camel's hair, lest ye should recognize Me. When ye turned away with the fetters of your hearts, We revealed the Face from behind the pavilion of light, and ordained the matter in a tablet that was hidden from all eyes."

Say: "Cast, then, the ropes of your sorcery and the staves of your idle fancies, that this Serpent might, by God's leave, swallow them up, that the power of God might be witnessed by all the worlds, even as this sun in the midst of heaven." Say: "We had restrained the Pen of Power lest it move across the Tablet, but when We perceived from you the odor of hypocrisy, We moved it less than the beating of a gnat's wing,

that ye might witness the surging of this ocean, and perchance the beacons of love might be kindled in your hearts, and ye might become like moths circling round the flame by God's leave."

Say: "O people! Fear God and fabricate not against His servant. Then have mercy upon yourselves and deprive not your souls of the breezes that blow from the right hand of sanctity. This world shall pass away, and all that groweth and is planted therein, and ye shall return to the place wherein the balance of God shall be set up by the hands of power, whereby all deeds of every soul shall be weighed on the day when the sun of justice shall shine forth from the horizon of divine decree, and God shall come with a matter that transcendeth all comprehension."

Hear, O people of the earth, My words, and occupy not yourselves with that which profiteth you not in this vain life, neither grieve for what hath passed you by of earthly ornaments, but soar in the atmosphere of detachment on the wings of submission. And thou, remind the people of what We have cast upon thee, and forget not God's covenant with thee, but hold fast unto His protection, for this is better for thee than all that hath been amassed in the kingdom.

Thus do We teach thee through grace and cast upon thee that which is dearer unto God than all wisdom that hath been mentioned. And peace be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast in their love for their Lord, and upon every grateful servant.

Although no letter was observed from you, nevertheless this servant sent a reply. In any case, he has been striving with the utmost diligence to preserve the Cause of God, lest any new developments that might cause the extinction of the Cause should become manifest. From Iran, someone wrote two brief words about you and Mirza Mihdi. Mirza Aqa Jan is sending a copy of it, but the purpose was not clear and perplexity arose.

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He is the Mover

O my God! I praise Thee for having ordained the Fountain of Life in the Garden of Good-Pleasure, wherein Thou didst join together fire and water and unite them through Thy power, such that they shall never be parted throughout the eternity of Thy might and the perpetuity of Thy sovereignty. Thou didst appoint as keeper of this Fountain the serpent of Thy power and the snake of Thy protection, and didst breathe into this keeper from the essence of Thy spirit, such that all things die save it, and all things sleep save it, as if it were made a sign of movement, for within it is passion and rapture and agitation.

Therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, by the agitation in the hearts of the lovers, that Thou grant unto Thy chosen ones what Thou hast ordained in this hidden yet manifest Fountain. Then quicken through its water the hearts of Thy loved ones, and through its fire create warmth in the hearts of Thy faithful ones. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath decreed that the disobedient must enter into Thy fire and abide eternally in Thy flames. And I, though formerly among Thy disobedient ones, do now accept to enter into this fire and to abide in these flames. Though Thy servants flee from the serpent and its venom, I, by Thy

glory, long for this serpent and its bite and its poison. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by this serpent that Thou unite the hearts of Thy loved ones and gather them upon a single carpet, even as Thou didst unite this fire and water and gather them in a single place. Verily, Thou art powerful over that.

Glorified art Thou, O my Beloved and my Goal! How can I make mention of the wonders Thou hast created in this dark yet luminous handiwork, and the marvels Thou hast wrought in this most subtle and mighty creation? It is as if Thou didst make it arrows for the hearts of Thy lovers and spears for the breasts of Thy faithful ones. It seemeth, O my Beloved, that Thou didst not create within it any mercy or compassion, for it hath stung the hearts of those who sought Thy nearness and presence, and bitten the hearts of those who turned to Thy reunion and beauty. Therefore, O my Beloved, take the rights and blood of Thy servants from this infidel who hath taken refuge in the Sacred House and sought protection in this Shrine and Station, and made Thy servants forbidden from entering this place. By Thy glory, no hand can reach it save Thy powerful hands, and no soul can attain unto it save Thy conquering sovereignty.

Thou knowest, O my Lord, how many of Thy chosen servants it hath slain, and how many of Thy trusted ones it hath wounded, and how many sacred temples have been cast upon their beds from its wound, and how many pure countenances have fallen upon the dust from its tyranny. Didst Thou not promise, O my Lord and my God, that Thou wouldst cause the doers of good to enter Thy most exalted Paradise and send down the disobedient to the lowest depths? Yet I now witness that this disobedient one hath ascended to the paradise of Thy presence and reunion, and dwelleth in the gardens of Thy face, as if it were the salamander of love disporting itself in the fire of Thy beauty and moving about in the paradise of Thy countenance.

Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou, for how Thou hast attached the hearts of all created things to this thread and bound the hearts of all beings to this rope! By Thy glory, I am bewildered by the wonders of Thy handiwork in it and upon it, and by the wonders of what it thinketh of itself. It seemeth not to consider itself disobedient even after having shed blood in all religions, but rather knoweth itself to be the creator of goodness and now seeketh from Thy servants recompense for what it hath done to them and against them. It is as if Thou hast ordained for it and decreed upon it that Thou shouldst give, as recompense for its disobedience, every good thing which Thou hast ordained by Thy power and decreed by Thy might. After this, I know not by what way to flee or through what door to escape. Nay, by Thy light, I shall not flee save unto Thee and shall not escape save unto Thee, and I place my trust in Thee in all that. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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=== START BH01731 ===

May the beloved spiritual one, his honor Ahmad, upon whom be God’s eternal peace, take note:

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

In truth this blessed word adorns the preface of the books of love, affection and sincerity. His blessed and exalted Word states: “Be grateful to Me and I shall be grateful to you.” It is established by this proof that gratitude is befitting the friends of God, glorified be His majesty - those souls who hold fast to justice and are adorned with fairness. They are the trustees of the earth and its people amongst the servants. And prayers and peace be upon His Beloved, who was the loved one of the hearts of those near to God and the goal of the hearts of the mystics, and upon His family and companions, through whom the trees of success and prosperity were planted in the world and bore the fruits of sciences and arts among the nations - prayers that the events of the world and all within it cannot alter.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived. In truth it was a wondrous bounty. Praise be to God, for each pillar there was an effective trace. After its reading and review, we proceeded to the holy court where it was presented before the countenance of the Lord and achieved the honor of His attention. He said: “We beseech God to strengthen him and assist him in what He loves and is pleased with.”

Ahmad, your letter arrived and was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the fragrances of love and affection wafted from it and the stations of submission and contentment were evident from it. We beseech God not to withhold His aid from you in all conditions and to grant that which is the cause of the manifestation and appearance of His Word. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer.

This evanescent one testifies that that beloved one has been and is mentioned in the prison, especially by the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps. They repeatedly make mention of that beloved one and seek mention from the Supreme Horizon. In all conditions the rain of providence descends and the lights of the Orb of grace shine forth. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. And when that beloved one’s supplication achieved the honor of being heard in His presence, They repeatedly showed forth kindness, mercy and compassion. This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to increase thy station at all times and to grant from the ocean of His grace that which is everlasting and eternal. Verily God is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what was mentioned about engagement in sciences and arts, after it was presented in His presence, He said: “This matter has been mentioned in most of the Tablets and all are commanded to it. The adornment of man is through perfection. However, in these days, as the affairs of that land are somewhat in turmoil, it is necessary and obligatory upon his honor Ahmad - upon him be my greeting - and others to hold fast to setting affairs aright. At present this matter takes precedence, and afterwards whatever accords with consultation has been and will be implemented. God willing, his honor Ahmad will achieve both.”

In every word and utterance a pearl of grace lies concealed and a gem of providence is treasured. Surely these bestowals will have an effect and fruits will appear. It is hoped that this evanescent one too will not be deprived in any state, for he has asked and continues to ask every good thing and every desirable word for the friends of God. I end these words with His exalted saying: “Despair not of the mercy of God.” I convey greetings to the friends of that land. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good. And praise be

to God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and mercy and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The Servant

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=== START BH01732 ===

Verily, the sea of calamity hath surged, and gales have overtaken the Ark of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsistent. O Mariner! Be not daunted by gales, for He Who is the Breaker of Dawns is with Thee in this darkness which hath enveloped the worlds. Place thy trust in God under all conditions, and fear not the tempests of hatred. Take refuge in God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. He protecteth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereign might. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In the midst of darkness, the Face was radiant with a light that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. In that state, We summon all beings unto God, and the gathering of those who disbelieved in God when He came with a wondrous Cause shall not frighten Us. The thief hath stolen what was revealed from the Throne and presented it before those who rule over the servants. Thus did that remote polytheist. Say: Die in thy fury, O ignorant one! Dost thou imagine that thou canst outstrip Us? Nay, by My Name, through which the sweet savors of the Spirit have wafted over all things small and great! We have conveyed the Cause through Our messengers, for verily We are powerful. Then We spread it through the hands of those who turned away. The schemes of the schemers shall not harm it.

The slinking whisperer hath appeared with My letter amongst the people, thinking thereby they would assail the Dayspring of the Cause and thereby diminish God's sovereignty over all else. Thus did his soul entice him, and the word of punishment from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Encompassing, was fulfilled against him. Say: Thereby is His Cause exalted, His verses spread abroad, and this Remembrance elevated, through which every wise matter hath been ordained.

Would that the servants would gather against Us and shed Our blood in this straight Path! We have sacrificed what We possess in God's path. This is attested by the tribulations We endure, and beyond them by the Pen through which God's Cause, the Mighty, the Wise, hath been established. Say: I await the day wherein I shall find Myself among the parties of the oppressors' hosts. By God! Then shall they hear what they have never heard before, and shall witness what no eyes of those gone before have seen. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Powerful.

Say: O fly! Canst thou soar with the Dove in this atmosphere wherein no birds of the world have flown? All that befalleth Us is a mercy unto Us - to this testifieth every discerning believer. The atoms weep at Our affliction, yet We are in manifest joy. We have made gladness appear from the horizon of sorrows. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

O servant who gazeth toward God! Were I to recount for thee what hath befallen Us through the tyranny of the wicked ones and the rancor of the enemies, thou wouldst wail and weep until thy spirit would take

flight from thy body. Therefore have We concealed it and shall continue to do so. Thy Lord, verily, is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We drink the cup of tribulation at all times, yet disclose it to no one, lest the dust of grief should cloud them in this resplendent morn. Grieve not at what We have revealed unto thee. Rejoice in God and His signs, and be thou of the thankful. He calleth thee from this Prison in such a state, purely for the sake of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. My love and remembrance have preceded thee. Rejoice in this remembrance which hath flowed from the mouth of the Will of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible. Thus have We sprinkled upon thee a drop from the ocean of Our tribulation, that thou mayest be of those who are informed.

Stand firm in the Cause through God's might and power, and be of the steadfast. Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones who have turned to My countenance, spoken in My praise, and arisen to make mention of Me. These are assuredly among the triumphant. Blessed are they and those who love them for the sake of God. They are among the most exalted of creation in the sight of the Truth. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet.

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=== START BH01733 ===

H.S.A. Jinab-i-Radi'u'r-Ruh, upon them both be the Glory of God

He is the All-Wise Teacher

Your letter was seen and your call was heard. You have ever been and will ever be, God willing, in Our sight. Yes, in the days when the Sun of favor was dawning from the horizon of the Land of Mystery, permission was granted to all to ask whatever they wished from the Divine bounty, and questions of every kind were asked and answers were revealed and sent down from the Dayspring of Knowledge. After arrival in the Most Great Prison, the Most Holy Book was revealed from the sacred Kingdom, wherein We commanded all to ask from the Exalted Truth whatever divine commandments and heavenly ordinances they needed today, for it was observed that most of the sciences, rules and beliefs of people yielded and yield no fruit. For example, today the people of Baha have no need for commentary on previous Books. Today one must strive to understand the ordinances that have been revealed and engage in teaching God's Cause. This has been and will be the greatest bounty, for all need it and it has been and will be the cause of life and preservation of all. During the sojourn in Iraq, many aspects of interpretation were revealed, such that if a discerning knower were to reflect on the Book known as "The Uncle" and likewise on the interpretation of the disconnected letters and other matters, he would comprehend all previous verses and find their meaning. What has been mentioned in this Tablet is in view of the favor shown to you, that you may encourage all people toward what is necessary today. For example, some have asked about numerology, and likewise about the elixir, and likewise about the poetry of poets and sayings of mystics, and the Supreme Pen has mentioned what should be mentioned and answers to all have been revealed. However, today these sciences are not and have not been beloved, for these sciences have been and will be the cause of delay and hindrance. Many who engaged in the elixir and numerology lost their minds from excessive delusion and reflection, and signs of madness appeared in them. Furthermore,

consider the mystical knowledge of previous mystics. By My life, all wander in the wilderness of delusions and are immersed in the ocean of idle fancies. For example, today if someone were to study geometry, this would be more beloved in God's sight than memorizing all the books of the mystics, for in the former there is evident fruit and in the latter it is absent - how much more so for sciences more beneficial than that. Knowledge of divine books has been and will be beloved in God's sight, for it is the very Word of Truth revealed aforetime through the tongues of the Messengers. However, since it is now incumbent upon all to become aware of and act upon that which has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, which is the reality and spirit of all books, We therefore commanded you to engage in what is intended today and is the cause of ease and salvation for all. Now the Supreme Pen has revealed specifically for you what It willed, and after that the matter is in His hand. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Mighty. In the Most Great Prison, divine verses are continuously being revealed and sent to all regions, that perchance the fragrances of the Divine Robe may take hold of all. Soon it will seize all and draw them near unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey greetings from the Truth to all the kindred. You are all remembered in the glance of favor and are mentioned before the Throne. Upon you be My glory and My mercy.

=== END BH01733 ===

=== START BH01734 ===

He is God

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Despair not of the Spirit of God, with us art thou familiar and by us art thou perceived.

'Attar traversed love's seven cities,

While we remain in the bend of a single lane.

When thy musk-laden pen remembers us,

It earns the reward of freeing two hundred slaves.

This weak servant and frail countenance knows not by what meaningless and obsolete words to express his thoughts, for whatever is presented before that Presence is mere falsehood, and whatever is mentioned is pure polytheism.

Were people not veiled and dense,

And were throats not constricted and weak,

In thy praise I would render justice to meaning,

And would open lips with speech other than this.

But as the saying of the great ones goes, "That which cannot be fully attained should not be fully abandoned." Therefore, with a dull tongue and ailing body, I venture to express and submit that the

sprinkling which descended from the cloud of thy gracious heaven upon the soil of words, and the outpouring which was bestowed from the rain-laden cloud of thy mercy upon the essences of allusions, became a light and entered the hearts of the yearning ones, and became a joy and descended upon the breasts of the sorrowful ones. Indeed, how can the meadow smile until the cloud weeps?

Glory be to God! Was this musk-laden breeze from Paradise that made all we possessed paradisiacal? Or was this the blast of the trumpet from the Tree of Sinai that made us transcend our very souls and join the Beloved? When I heard mention of the Friend, I immediately arose and said:

Whence comes this musician who spoke the Friend's name?

That I might sacrifice my soul and garment for the Friend's message.

The heart comes alive with hope for the beloved's faithfulness,

The soul dances to the melody of the Friend's words.

Not finding the messenger, I sat down and again endeavored to peruse the letter. All the pearls of unity that were hidden in the shell of praise became manifest. Truly it gave fresh spirit to the dejected state and boundless light to the consumed soul, as though the Holy Spirit breathed within it. This is what they meant when they said, "The earth has a share from the cup of the noble ones." It was as if I began life anew and drank the honey-wine of grace from the fountain of the Beloved's mouth.

May thy divine realm be intimate with the human realm,

Blessed be thy hand and arm.

And if the established carpet-spreader were to lay out the carpet of oneness and spread the blessed cushions of love, perhaps the eyes of the yearning ones would be illumined by the rays of the pure light of Beauty, and the eyes of the enraptured ones would be brightened by the fountain of distinction of the Sovereign of Glory. Although these words will not be pleasing to the lofty taste and discriminating mind of your exalted presence, since we have an excuse for expression, surely you will have forgiveness on your tongue, for "The excuse of the noble ones is accepted."

In the degrees of love and stations of affection, these two verses suffice:

O arrow of Thy grief, the lovers' hearts its target,

A world absorbed in Thee, while Thou art absent from their midst.

Sometimes in the monastery confined, sometimes in the mosque residing,

Meaning I seek Thee, house to house.

My purpose in the Ka'bih and the temple is Thou,

Thou art my purpose, the Ka'bih and temple but pretexts.

Alas for this pen, and injustice from this ink and paper that have rendered me helpless! I know not what you will experience upon reading it. Therefore I say: Verily, we are God's, and verily, unto Him do we return.

=== END BH01734 ===

=== START BH01735 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of grandeur and power

God brought forth the people of the world from utter nothingness into the realm of being specifically for the recognition of His sacred Essence. There is and has been no doubt that recognition of the unknowable and exalted Essence is impossible except through recognition of the Dawning Places of His Revelation and the Daysprings of His Cause, for that sacred Essence has ever been and will forever be sanctified above manifestation, appearance, mention, recognition, description and praise. Since the door of recognition of that Ancient Being was closed, He, out of pure grace, manifested the Dawning Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences, that all might attain unto His knowledge, which is identical with the knowledge of God. He is the Manifestation of God amidst creation, for His commandments are the commandments of God and His word is the Word of God. He is the Dawning Place of all the most beautiful names and the Manifestation of the most exalted attributes. Whosoever attains unto Him attains unto all good, and whosoever turns away from Him is counted among those who have turned away from God. All creation has hoped and yearned to attain the presence of the Manifestation of Revelation, which is identical with attaining the presence of God. Yet when the divine Morn dawned and the Most Great Light rose above the horizon of the world, all remained veiled and turned away, save whom thy Lord willed. Through one blessed word that shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful, the measure of all people's deeds became clear and evident, and through that same word a distinction was drawn between the righteous and the wicked, and between the people of Paradise and of the Fire. Yet most are unaware and have not yet awakened from the slumber of heedlessness. They remain content with this transient world and are deprived of the everlasting bounty. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, for having believed in God when most of creation turned away from Him. Be grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds. Praise be to God that through the grace of the All-Merciful thou hast drunk from the living waters and turned toward the supreme horizon. Know thou the value of this bounty. All that is in the world shall perish and pass away, while this most exalted and glorious station shall endure for thee eternally. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. By God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal it. Blessed are they that understand. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy manifestation and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the worlds and Lord of the nations, by Thy Name through which the spirit of life was breathed into all possibility, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the imaginings of the idolaters among Thy creatures shall not hinder me. Then make me to be among them that have arisen to serve Thee and aid Thy Cause, and ordain for me the good of this world and the next through Thy generosity and grace. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful through Thy will and supreme through Thy purpose. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter was presented before the Countenance and the fragrance of thy sincerity for the sake of God was inhaled therefrom. The servant present in the Most Great Presence read it with utmost joy and delight, and all the Concourse on High hearkened unto it. Blessed art thou, O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and speaketh in remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Every word of thy letter is better in the sight of God than what the divines of the age have written throughout their lives regarding what they imagine to be God's laws, for those souls did not attain unto the knowledge of God which is the essential purpose, but rather arose in rejection and opposition. But thy letter found acceptance with God. This is the most great reward that hath flowed from the Pen. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH01735 ===

=== START BH01736 ===

A moon [departed] from this city toward another city,

And by its setting and rising two cities were turned upside down.

And Joshua caused the sun to return for part of a day, but when Thou didst journey forth, a sun appeared.

That honored brother's momentous thoughts have been considered. For the destitute dervishes, an appointed place and adorned dwelling hath been established. The blackness of the ink of that letter bore the fragrance of pure musk, and the whiteness of its gardens betokened the tenderness of an illumined heart. Verily, its arranged pearls brought perfect joy, and its scattered gems conveyed health and tranquility to the heart.

Thou art the interpreter of all that is in our hearts,

The helper of all whose feet are stuck in the clay.

Although in these days physical communion hath been suspended, yet the natural, innate fellowship and intimacy remaineth firm. God willing, the draught of reunion, which is mingled and combined with sweet, pure water, shall descend from the clouds of the soul and bestow the gift of life upon the frozen, lifeless earth. Yea:

Today if the cloud would show grace,

Tomorrow when the thirsty one is dead, say not "Arise!"

In these days when the seas of sorrow are surging and the rivers of grief are flowing, when the pivot of the sphere of fate is turning and the center point of decree is planning, when the tree of tyranny hath grown tall and the fruit of oppression like unto Shaddad hath borne fruit, when good deeds are rejected and the works of Nimrod are praised, when thorns sit in the place of beauty and shells occupy the place of pearls in the shell, when serpents rule in the abode of the sovereign and Satan presideth upon Solomon's throne - this is not the first flask that hath been broken in Islam.

With all these circumstances, how can I properly respond to letters and present worthy writings? By thy life, my sorrow is not for the loss of wealth, but for his death and condition, that he was slain with utmost abasement, though he attained the most glorious martyrdom and ascended to the most exalted horizon. “Think not of those who are slain in God’s way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance with their Lord, rejoicing.”

The enemies are delighted that ownerless property hath fallen to them. Have they not heard the decisive, mighty proclamation which saith: “For him who is slain unjustly, We have given authority to his heir.”

Thou laughest while fate biteth its lip,

Death weepeth at thy laughter.

Soon shall the heir claim his inheritance and uproot oppression. “Their appointed time is the morning - is not the morning near?”

O my brother, observe what circumstances are unfolding and what unprecedented matters are being born from this transient world. I who had chosen seclusion and crept into the cave of silence, who had melted in union and in separation had freed myself from all else, must now become renowned throughout the horizons and complain to Iran of the tyranny of Uruman. “Naught shall befall us save what God hath decreed for us. In Him do we trust, and in God let all the faithful trust.”

I had chosen one person for companionship and fellowship who was among the righteous and spoke of the pure ones. He was lost in such manner as thou knowest. How excellent was what was said:

Wherever thou seest blood upon the earth,

Know of a certainty it is from our eyes.

Therefore I say: “Verily, we are God’s, and verily, unto Him shall we return.”

[In the blessed Tablet, opposite the word “departed” which is marked with brackets and taken from the margin of the book, the word “went forth” is written.]

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=== START BH01737 ===

Here is a Tablet which hath been revealed for the servant who was named Jamalu’d-Din, that he may be made joyful through the grace of God. He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This is a Book which speaketh with truth and maketh mention of them that have believed in God and His sovereignty in these days wherein the pillars were shaken and feet did slip, and heedlessness seized all who dwell on earth save them who purified their hearts from all who are in the heavens and on earth and entered beneath the shadow of a mercy that encompasseth all the worlds. By God! They walk in this earthly life with legs of iron upon holy ground, and in the next life they soar with two wings of the Cause unto an atmosphere that hath been raised above the comprehension of the worlds, until they alight upon the thrones of oneness at the right hand of the throne of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and there circle

round them the youths of Paradise who were created from the breath of God. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and provide His servants with a bounty that hath been sent down from the heaven of grace. O Jamal! Bear thou witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed the Primal Manifestation between earth and heaven, and through Him hath appeared the sovereignty of God and His power, then His greatness and His majesty, and through Him hath shone forth the Sun of Justice from a holy and luminous horizon, and through Him was perfected the proof of God and His evidence, and was exalted the Word of God and His glory, and through Him was established the Beauty of the Ancient of Days upon the throne of manifest might. Know thou moreover that thy letter came before Us and We became aware of what was therein of thy love for the direction of nearness, the spot wherein all things proclaim that there is none other God but Him and that He is indeed powerful over all things. However, We withheld the Pen and caused it not to flow with a reply, due to a wisdom that had been inscribed in the Mother Book by the Holy Finger. And when the appointed time arrived, We sent down this Tablet from the heaven of command and dispatched it unto thee as a mercy from Us upon thee, and as guidance and remembrance for them that have taken God as their guardian. We have ordained for thee in the Tablets of destiny a station that was exalted in truth. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of thy portion. Then stand firm in the Cause in such wise that if the idolaters were to gather against thee, thou wouldst not turn unto them, by My sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds. Say: O people! Fear ye God and sever not the hands of the Cause with the swords of turning away, for this is an injustice that hath been grievous before the Throne. By My life! Whoso in this day findeth the fragrance of his Lord from the garment of these words shall abandon what he possesseth, even were it the kingdoms of the heavens and earth, and shall regard the earth and all that is thereon as the most paltry thing in his sight, and shall take unto himself a path unto God. Arise in the Cause of thy Lord, then remind the people with wisdom and utterance, and tarry not for less than a moment. Preserve thou this Tablet, then read it with spirit and fragrance that it may attract thee to a holy and exalted court. Thus have We commanded thee and inspired thee and cast upon thee that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord, and be preserved in an impregnable stronghold. And if thou findest a pure heart, cast upon it what the Spirit hath cast upon thee, and if thou findest one who turneth away, leave him to himself that he may be consumed by his own fire, then turn with a beauteous countenance unto God, thy Lord. Verily He shall suffice thee against all who are in the heavens and on earth, and shall aid thee in the Cause that thou mayest be steadfast on the straight path. O Jamal! Be thou beautiful in the Cause of thy Lord and turn not unto the world and what hath been created therein, then seek from God, thy Lord, a station that was praiseworthy in truth. And glory be upon thee and upon them that have detached themselves from all things and held fast unto the handle that was manifest in truth.

=== END BH01737 ===

=== START BH01738 ===

THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GLORIOUS, THE MOST EXALTED

O Abu'-Nur! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the Tree on Sinai: "God, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting." Thou wert in prison even as We were therein. Be

thou thankful and say: “Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to achieve this.” I bear witness that Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Kamal! Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, in such wise that neither the veils of glory nor the suggestions of them that have disbelieved in the Beginning and the End shall deter thee. Summon the people with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath thy Lord, the All-Merciful, commanded thee in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O My Kamal! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. That which hath come upon Us in God’s path could not be borne by all creation. Thou wert Our partner in tribulations and afflictions. Thy Lord, the Lord of creation, beareth witness unto this. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God’s Covenant and His Testament, and for having circumambulated the House when the Lord of the House was in the land of Iraq. We were with thee when thou wert in the midst of the idolaters, and We behold what thou art engaged in. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

If thou seest Mahmud say: “Where is thy Beloved?” By My life, this is the Praised Station [Maqam-i-Mahmud] whose decree was revealed in the Qur’an. Cast aside the idol and turn unto the Lord of all nations. This behooveth thee and those who have attained unto this Day which God hath made the Dayspring of all days.

O Mahmud! Hearken unto that which thy Lord, the All-Loving, calleth thee from the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised above the crimson spot beyond the sea of grandeur: “God, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.” Cast aside all that thou hast heard, then turn unto the signs of thy Lord. By My life, if thou shouldst taste their sweetness, thou wouldst forsake all creation and turn unto thy Lord, saying: “I believe in Him Who hath sent Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the most desolate of lands!”

Ponder within thyself: Wouldst thou choose to remain silent regarding the Cause of thy Lord after the Most Exalted Pen hath raised its shrill voice between earth and heaven? By My life, were thou to be fair, thou wouldst weep both eventide and dawn. Dost thou imagine that thy belief profiteth Him or thy denial harmeth Him? Nay, by the Revealer of verses! He calleth thee purely for the sake of God while the idolaters surround Him from every side. Cast aside prejudice and hold fast to the cord of the Lord of all creation. This is better for thee than all that hath been created in the earths and heavens. Be not content with illusion, but turn unto thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath come with power and authority.

O Kamal! If thou findest in his countenance the freshness of beauty, then recite unto him the verses of thy Lord, the Lord of majesty and glory. Otherwise, turn away from him and turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. We have mentioned him in this Tablet by virtue of thy Lord’s preceding mercy; else the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Compelling, would not move for his like, unless he repenteth and returneth unto Him through Whom faces were illumined and the Herald proclaimed.

Convey My greetings to the faces of those who have turned towards Me and have been afflicted with hardships in these grievous days, and give them glad-tidings of thy Lord’s favors. Then recite unto them what hath been revealed from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We remember them in the prison and

have revealed for each one that which shall immortalize their names in the Book of God, the Lord of all lords.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy child and thy family and upon those who have remained steadfast in this Cause whereby the tribes of the world have been shaken. Be thou among the people as thou wert commanded before, that there may be seen in thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the righteous. Thereupon We withhold the Pen, though it desired to flow over the names of My loved ones until the Day that cannot be bounded by mention. Thus have We revealed unto thee the verses as a grace from Us, that thou mayest recite them among the servants who have rent asunder the veils in the name of the Revealer of verses, and who have shattered the idol of fancy through this Remembrance which hath descended from the heaven of might and power.

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He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world with the Most Great Name!

O loved ones of God in the Land of Alif! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and majesty, the power and glory, and the bounties. He hath created the heaven through one of the names, and all else beneath it through a word from His presence. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of Command and Creation. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth you from His Most Great Prison and commandeth you to draw nigh unto the Sea, each wave of which proclaimeth: “The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty!” Woe betide him who hath cast the Book of God behind his back and followed every ignorant one who hath turned away from the Face when it shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will with a light that illumined the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Thus doth the Supreme Pen make mention of you, as a bounty from your Lord, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

Act ye according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Most Holy Book. It guideth you unto His Straight Path. Let not the affairs of the world sadden you. Soon shall that which hath been spread therein be rolled up. Thus informeth you He with Whom is the knowledge of all things preserved in a guarded Tablet. Aid ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance. He, verily, heareth and seeth; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Take hold of God’s ordinances with the power bestowed by Us and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses and Manifestor of clear signs, for having sent down to us from the heaven of Thy Will that which profiteth us in all the worlds of Thy creation. I beseech Thee to assist us in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and in that which will exalt Thy remembrance amongst Thy creatures and inscribe our names by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise. Write down for us that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have

cast away the world and taken hold of that which Thou didst command them. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

O Naw-Ruz! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy Court on this new day, which in the divine Books is known as the Day of God, and the servant present before the Face hath presented its contents. Sublime and wondrous verses have been revealed specifically for the loved ones of that land. All must hearken unto them and rejoice in God's bounty. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the remembrance of God. This is a station that transcendeth description and utterance. My tongue and those who have believed in this blessed, mighty, and wondrous Day bear witness to this.

Concerning thy question about wisdom: those ordinances which today cause the clamor of the heedless and the outcry of the ignorant must be carried out with the utmost discretion. There are many deeds that, when performed by an individual, none would be aware of them, while there are others that, when manifested, cause the opposition and objection of the heedless parties. Therefore, the Lord of Glory, exalted be His might, hath exempted His servants until such time as the Cause is made manifest through His all-prevailing sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. After the exaltation of the Cause, it becometh binding and obligatory upon all to act in accordance with whatsoever hath been sent down in the Most Holy Book from the heaven of God's Will and recorded by the Pen of Wisdom. Blessed are they that act accordingly, and blessed are they that attain!

O friends! Let not time slip away. This is a day wherein every good deed performed for God's sake shall have an everlasting effect that will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Beseech ye God to aid you in that which shall remain and endure. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answerer of Prayer. And praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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In the Name of the One All-Knowing God!

O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! We have guided all servants to the Most Exalted Horizon, and likewise commanded them to aid the Cause of God. Nevertheless, it is observed that some of the friends have failed to comprehend this most exalted and glorious station. Ye must convey and impart to all what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken concerning assistance. By the life of God! The teaching of God's Cause hath been and shall ever be through wisdom and utterance, and whatsoever is besides this springeth from the promptings of self. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Ye have been created for the advancement, prosperity, and exaltation of those who dwell on earth. Occupy yourselves with that which befitteth the station of man. Contention, corruption, and destruction befit you not. Say: Fear ye, O My loved ones, the shedding of blood and whatsoever ye have been forbidden in My Most Wise Book. All must associate with the peoples of the world with radiant faces and illumined hearts, that perchance they may hearken from the people of Truth, glorified be His majesty, that which conduceth to maturity, attainment, and guidance. Today, every soul must occupy himself with his own reformation, and manifest pure deeds and praiseworthy, acceptable conduct. Yea, the Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to the oppression and transgression of the ignorant and heedless souls, and commandeth you to

patience and forbearance, and to act in accordance with what hath been revealed in the Book. By My life! Their heedlessness, remoteness, denial, and objection to Him Who created them and brought them into being sufficeth them. No punishment hath been or shall be greater than heedlessness. By Him in Whose grasp is the dominion of the heavens and earth! Were they to become aware of their own deeds, they would cut themselves to pieces with all the swords of the world. Leave them to themselves, placing your trust in the All-Powerful, the Almighty. God is awake and aware, powerful and mighty. Be ye assured of the power of your Lord and the might of your Master, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. Hold fast unto what is good in all circumstances, and leave what is reprehensible to its people. One goodly word uttered with sincerity is more beloved in the sight of God than a hundred thousand swords raised in His Name, for in this Revelation the ocean of mercy is surging, the sun of bounty is shining, and all are forbidden from that which causeth injury, fear, and distress. Convey these utterances of the Beloved of all possibility to everyone, that perchance in the days of wakefulness they may not occupy themselves with sleep, and in the days of righteousness they may not busy themselves with building the flimsiest of houses.

O Lion! Thy letter hath come, wherein thou didst commune with God with these words - thy words: “In Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the Concealer of faults, the Kind, the Merciful! Verily, he who hath committed every transgression in all Thy worlds and hath turned towards the ocean of Thy forgiveness, O my Beloved! Wilt Thou forgive him in all the worlds or punish him with all Thy punishment?” We have heard thy call, thy cry, and thy lamentation, and He saith: Yea, by My Self! We have forgiven thee, guided thee, drawn thee nigh, caused thee to speak, and acquainted thee with My straight and manifest path. Yea, by My Self! He is the Concealer of faults, the All-Forgiving, the Helper, the Succourer, the Mighty, the August, the All-Wise. The breezes of My loving-kindness seized thee in such wise that thou didst enter into My love, attain unto the presence of the Face, and drink the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, and didst hear the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Well is it with thee, and pleasant it is with thee, and with those who have attained unto that which hath been decreed in My Manifest Book. Strive to unite hearts and bring them together; thus doth command thee the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. The Tree of My loving-kindness hath stirred, the ocean of My bounty hath surged, and My Pen hath spoken, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Invincible. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have followed God’s command and observed the rights of His chosen ones, at whose mention His wondrous and swift Pen hath moved.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Sad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of creation. Thy letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty after Asad - upon both of them be the Glory of God, the One, the Self-Subsisting - hath been received, and one of My Branches who was named the Light in My perspicuous Book presented it. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of bounty from God, the Lord of all beings, that thou mayest read it and thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Grieve not over anything, for He is with thee and will aid thee through His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have previously sent down that which diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful

throughout creation, and at this time that which hath spread abroad the sweet scent of thy Lord's garment, the One Who dominates over all, whether small or great. Behold, then remember those days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst hear His call with thine own ears, and didst drink the choice wine of revelation and attainment from the cup of God's bounty, the Lord of those near unto Him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee in that which befitteth His days and to exalt thee among His servants. He is the Guardian of those who turn unto Him.

Hear thou the divine call in the Persian tongue. Convey My greetings to all the family members from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. They have always been and continue to be in My sight. By the life of God, that hath been ordained for them which no hearts have comprehended and no eyes have witnessed the like thereof. Concerning what thou didst mention about his honor Muzaffar, upon him be My glory, a most mighty and holy Tablet hath been revealed and sent specifically for him. Should he read it, the doors of grace and favor shall be opened before his face. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. His honor Nasr hath been and continues to be remembered before the Face. We have previously revealed for him that whereby his name and mention shall endure as long as God's kingdom endureth. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to him from the Wronged One and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace and favor. Say: Hold fast unto wisdom, then guide the people through utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. This is what My Most Exalted Pen hath pronounced in this lofty station. Say: We have counseled all to act with kindness. Among the people are those who have acted upon Our counsel and those who have followed evil and taken vain imaginings as their lord without any proof. Thus have their fancies seduced them. How far is he from the announcement of God, the Mighty, the Wise! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to attract him through His verses and to aid him with the standards of His clear proofs and to strengthen him with the hosts of His knowledge. He verily hath power over all things.

And as for what was mentioned concerning him who was named Muhammad Javad, We have previously remembered him and sent him that which hath diffused the fragrances of utterance throughout creation. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him with His hosts and to open before his face the gates of utterance and to draw near all who are in creation to His glory's court and His holy carpet. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have remembered him before and this is yet another time, that the fragrance of remembrance might attract him to a station wherein he will soar on wings of longing in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds can be heard "The Promise hath come and the Promised One calleth out before the faces of kings and subjects: He Who was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Books, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, hath come!" The Glory from Us be upon him and upon those whom neither the doubts of the people in the past have caused to slip nor will they be caused to slip by what shall occur in the future. He verily is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We counsel all to fear God and to that whereby their stations shall be elevated among the parties. Verily thy Lord guideth whom He willeth unto His extended path. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace and bounty be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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O Abbas! The Wronged One makes mention of thee with a remembrance by which those near unto God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, are moved. The Hour has come, the Call has been raised, the Cry has appeared, the mountains have passed away, yet the people are heedless. The world has been overturned, the Throne established, and upon it sits the Lord of the Manifestation and the Speaker on Sinai, yet most people do not understand. The Mother Book has appeared and calls out between earth and heaven, summoning all to the Praiseworthy Station. Among the people are those who deny, those who turn away, those who dispute the signs of God, Lord of what was and what shall be, and those who break God's Covenant and His pledge with such tyranny that the dwellers of the cities of names and the inhabitants of the Kingdom lament. When We observed carefully, We discovered that Our enemies are, for the most part, the divines. Thus does the Most Glorious Tongue recount unto thee from the Supreme Horizon. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We manifested knowledge for the recognition of the Known One. Yet when the horizon of Manifestation shone forth and the Known One came, the divines denied Him at first, save whom God, the Lord of existence, willed. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess. By God! The Most Exalted Pen has been raised and announces to all the appearance of the Known One, to Whom ye turned morning and evening. Say: Why do I see you, O heedless ones, approaching the House while turning away from Him Who raised it by His command? Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who has come to you with a manifest Book, before which, were ye to be fair, all the books of the world would bow down. Be not of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day promised to you in God's scrolls and books, and this is a Cause whose pledge was taken by Him Who knows what was and what shall be.

Say: O company of oppressors! Ye have wrought that which has caused the Concourse on High to wail, the denizens of Paradise to lament, and the sighs of the Supreme Paradise and the tears of the angels and the Spirit to descend. Say: If ye possess anything greater than what has come from the heaven of divine Will, then produce it. Follow not every ignorant rejected one. Say: Come, that I may show you what ye have neglected on this Day which has been attributed to God, the Mighty, the Loving. This is a Day wherein the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted, the breezes of Revelation have blown, and the Nightingale of the Cause has sung upon the branches: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Abbas! Arise to serve the Cause in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of eternity. Remind the people of this Most Great Announcement, at whose appearance the limbs of vain imaginings and idle fancies trembled. Beware lest the power of princes and the doubts of divines hold thee back from the Lord of Names. Be as an immovable mountain in this ordained Cause. Say: He has come with the truth and pays no heed to your acceptance or rejection. He has appeared and manifested what He willed, despite you, did ye but know. He it is Who speaks in every condition: "There is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved."

Thus have We opened before thy face the door of grace with the key of justice. When thou attainest unto it, say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! I testify that Thou hast forsaken rest for the

elevation of the nations, accepted abasement for the glory of the world, and chosen exile that servants might reach the Supreme Homeland, the station which God has sanctified beyond the comprehension of minds."

O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Take the Sealed Wine in the name of the Wronged One, then drink thereof with this remembrance whereby souls and hearts have been attracted. We have written for thee the reward of attainment in My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Rejoice, then give thanks to the Lord of the Frequented Fane. We have accepted thy turning, thy devotion, and thy work in God's path. Blessed art thou in that thy deeds have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

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O Kazim! Hear the call from the realm of eternity through the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He hath made mention of thee in such wise as nothing in the world can equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Pen and My care which hath encompassed all regions.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Hasan! Mention hath been made of thee by Him Who soareth in Mine atmosphere. We make mention of thee in such wise as will draw thee nigh unto Mine horizon, that thou mayest witness that which My Pen hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast attained unto My mention and that which My glorious and wondrous tongue hath uttered. Nothing in the world shall profit thee today save this Cause, before which, when it was manifested, every discerning and perceiving one hath bowed down. We have revealed the Cause and sent down the verses, yet the people are in evident doubt. They have denied the right of God and His signs, and followed every sinful denier. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!

O Sword of God! The law of the sword hath been abolished and the law of the Utterance hath been revealed. Verily it is sharper than the sword. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur in this exalted station. We have ordained victory and triumph through the fear of God, through deeds and through goodly conduct. To this testifieth he who hath attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest ye spread corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order, and beware lest ye oppose those who have opposed you. Leave them to themselves, turning unto God, your Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have enjoined upon you love and unity. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with that which hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have seen in thy letter mention of him who was named Kazim in the Book of Names. We have made mention of him in such wise as hath caused the mountains to soar, how much more the spirits. And I am, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Kazim! Hear the call of the Wronged One, then make mention of the time when the Qa'im came with a clear Book. The people denied Him, turned away from Him, disputed His verses, His proof and His testimony, until they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Most Exalted Pen to lament and the Lord of creation to weep. Thus was the matter decreed, and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

O Kazim! Arise to serve My Cause with wisdom and utterance, and remind My servants of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Mine utterance, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Say: Deprive not yourselves of the bounties of My days, nor your ears from hearkening to My verses, nor your hearts from My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: This is the Day of proof, did ye but know it, and this is the Day whereon the tongue of grandeur speaketh, did ye but hear it. By God! The Treasure hath appeared and the Hidden One hath come with evident sovereignty.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Come ye, come ye! By what proof did ye believe in the Point of the Bayan? Bring it forth, then read what hath been sent down from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. If ye deny the appearance of God and His Cause and the effects and influence of the Most Exalted Pen, by what proof can that which ye possess be established? Be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers.

Thus have We manifested unto thee the ocean of utterance and its waves, and the sun of proof and its lights, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. If thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and hast attained unto the lights of Mine utterance, say: My God, my God! Through Thy most sweet call my heart hath taken flight, and through the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen my limbs have trembled, and through the lights of Thy Most Great Throne and Thy mighty announcement my senses have been transformed, and mine outer and inner eyes have shed tears. I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy lovers and the sighing of them that long for Thee, and by the cry of those who have sought the supreme height and the ultimate goal but have not attained it, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to behold that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power and Thy might. Then write down for them, O God of the world and Creator of the nations, that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

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Among the branches of this Divine Lote-Tree is His honor Aqa Siyyid Ja'far, upon him be the Glory of God. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Is this a glorious Book, or the temple of man wherein hath been inscribed by the Pen of the All-Merciful the knowledge of what hath been and what is to come? Blessed be God, the Most Excellent of Creators! Or is it the Water of Life for the quickening of all the worlds? Doth the Book walk, nay, We behold it soaring. Glorified be He Who hath moved it, causing all who are in the heavens and on earth to move. Or is it a clock, for by it have the tribes of the earth lamented and the Great Terror appeared? Say: Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! It was

created by His command, and was seized with such wonderment that it forgot itself, and inquireth about itself, asking "Hath it come?" Say: Nay, it hath passed, and this is the manifest Beauty.

If this be a Book, by My life, it is verily the King of Books. If thou sayest it is man, by My beauty, it is the apple of the All-Merciful's eye, made manifest in creation. Exalted be this wondrous grace! If We declare it to be water, We behold the hearts of men consumed by it, and if We say it is fire, it hath illumined all lands with its radiant and gleaming light. Can anyone truly know it as it deserveth to be known? Nay, by the Beauty of the All-Glorious! Exalted, exalted, then more exalted, far exalted is it above the flight of the birds of the hearts of the monotheists to the atmosphere of its knowledge.

Blessed is he whom the breath of God hath awakened, who hath turned to the sanctuary of the Messengers with a pure and luminous heart. The Beloved proclaimeth that which hath appeared, and Moses glorieth in what he hath beheld, and Abraham hath turned to the Most Great Scene, and He Who hath come speaketh, saying: "Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Day wherein the veil hath been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come upon the clouds with manifest sovereignty."

O Ancient Pen! Didst Thou desire to rend asunder the greatest veil? Be patient, for the ears of the polytheists are stretched toward Thee that they might hear that whereby they can object to God, the Mighty, the Wise. He saith: "O my Merciful Lord! Since Thy gaze is fixed upon him who hath loved Thee, grant me leave to sing what Thou hast inspired me through Thy bounty which hath encompassed all created things. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. Blessed is he whom Thou rememberest in the prison with that which shall establish his remembrance for the duration of Thy Self. Blessed is he who hath turned to Thee after most of the servants turned away. Blessed is he whom Thou hast chosen for Thy service and whom nothing hath prevented from turning to his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O thou who art yearning! Blessed art thou, for thy face hath been illumined by the light that hath shone forth from the Day-Star of the horizons on this Day of the Covenant, and thou hast turned to the Qiblih of the worlds. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have sent thee from the precincts of the Prison that which will cause thee to inhale the sweet savors of thy Lord's garment in this time wherein the Sun of Revelation hath shone forth from the horizon of might with a magnificent command. Blessed art thou for having honored him who came to thee from thy Lord, for having found solace in him, and for being among those who have turned unto Him. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, verily thy Lord is with thee and will aid thee with a sovereignty from His presence. He is, in truth, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Remember Him in all conditions and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics, for having remembered me after I was in the hands of the polytheists." Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou beholdest my dwelling place and my tribulation, and Thou knowest that in this Tablet I have desired naught save one of Thy loved ones who hath turned to the court of Thy favor, that the breathings of Thy revelation might attract him in Thy days, and that the rapture of reunion might seize him in such wise as to cause him to arise to serve Thee amidst Thy creatures. O Lord! Accept from him that which hath proceeded from him in Thy path, then enable him to do what Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! Write down for him what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones, then make him to circle round Thee in all Thy

worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou pleasest, and the Sovereign over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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He attains the presence of His Holiness, the Beloved of my heart, Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be all glory most glorious. He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power! Praise be to God Who has made correspondence the interpreter between His loved ones who have inhaled the fragrances of His verses, turned to His sovereignty, and cast aside what they possessed in hope of what He possesses. He is indeed the Single One, the Witness, the All-Seeing. And prayers and peace be upon His Prophets, His chosen ones, and His pure ones who spoke His praise, spread His traces, and commanded people to act according to what was revealed in His mighty, great Book. May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! The servant has gathered from the trees of your utterance the fruits of your knowledge, and thereby his breast was dilated and his heart rejoiced. When I learned of this I sought the ultimate goal and presented it before His Countenance. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance was: “We rejoice in what comes from him. We beseech the Exalted One to strengthen him, enable him to remember and praise Him, and draw him nigh unto Him outwardly and inwardly. He is indeed the True Speaker, the Trustworthy.” O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! There was presented before His Countenance what was composed by him who was named Ahmad in the Kingdom of Names, and the servant present at the gate recited it. We beseech the Exalted One to strengthen him in that whereby his mention shall endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names in the kingdom of creation. He is the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The servant read his verse and found it a brilliant star in the heaven of eloquence and rhetoric, and I beseech the Intended One to cause him to speak that whereby hearts and minds are attracted. I hope that you will convey greetings to him on behalf of this servant who holds fast to the cord of his Lord’s tender mercy, the Powerful. And what you wrote previously regarding Mulla Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God - I presented what he composed before His Countenance. The Master smiled and said: “Praise be to God Who enabled him to turn to that from which most of creation turned away. I beseech the Exalted One to grant him a goodly reward from His presence. He is indeed the Guardian of those who remember and the Companion of the unitarians. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.” And regarding what you wrote that the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, was irritated by the word wisdom - when I presented this, the Master said: “He should rejoice in wisdom and keep it before his eyes.” And concerning what you mentioned about the Prisoner, upon him be the Glory of God - when I presented it before His Countenance, the Beloved said: “We have mentioned the Prisoner before and after with such mention that those who turn to God find from it the fragrance of sincerity to God, the One, the Single, the Unique, the All-Informed. O Prisoner! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One. He remembers you and commands you to what is right in all conditions, and counsels you to wisdom, for through it man’s station becomes manifest among the people of possibility. O Prisoner! We send Our prayers upon you from this station, and upon those who associate with the servants with spirit and fragrance, and with the wisdom which God has sent down in the Book.” I hope that you will convey greetings and glorification on behalf of the

servant to the sisters. God knows that the servant remembers them most of the time. Peace and glory be upon you and the people of the household and upon those who follow God's decree in all conditions. And regarding what you mentioned about the Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Beloved said: "Neither he nor those with him should turn toward this direction. He must hear what We command him. By the life of the Beloved, if he does what he desires, We shall neither face him nor associate with him until God wills." The servant, on 8 Jumada II 1298.

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In the name of God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be to God Who sealed the Messengers with the Seal and the Books with the Furqan, whereby He distinguished between truth and falsehood until the Day of Reckoning. Upon Him be the blessings of God, His peace, His mercy and His favors, and upon His family and companions who aided His Cause with true aid and strove in His path with true striving.

The letter of that spiritual friend arrived. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the mention and praise of God and spoke of your health and well-being. After its perusal and consideration it was presented before the face of the Lord. He said: "We beseech God, the Lord of creation and the Protector of servants and lands, to open before their faces the gates of goodly things, to rain down upon them from the heaven of His generosity the showers of His mercy and blessing, and to ordain for them the good of the latter and former worlds and whatsoever draweth them nigh unto Him in all conditions."

O 'Ali, this Wronged One hath made mention of thee and continueth to do so, and seeketh from God whatsoever is best for thee and His loved ones, for none but God, exalted be His glory, knoweth what harmeth and profiteth. Verily He knoweth and seeth and heareth, and He is the Hearing, the Answering. We beseech Him to aid you outwardly and inwardly, to set right your affairs, and to ordain for you that which shall gladden your eyes and rejoice your hearts. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. From this spot We send greetings to the friends of God and His loved ones whom He hath enabled to acknowledge the oneness of His Being and the sanctity of His Self from all likeness and comparison. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God, you have been and continue to be remembered. The hearts and souls of the friends in all lands and regions are turned toward you, and all make mention of your love, unity and accord. In truth, repeated mention of you has arrived from the cities and regions of Iran. This evanescent servant beseeches the eternal Truth, exalted be His glory, and hopes that He will adorn all matters with the ornament of rectification and manifest whatsoever is best for all. His grace encompasseth all and the gate of His bounty is open. Soon He will transform hardship into ease, severity into comfort, and loss into profit. He is verily powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be not grieved in any way. The divine favors are countless and His grace all-encompassing. We hope that He will manifest that which containeth the good of this world and the next. O spiritual friend! His honor

Aqa Mirza Husayn arrived in those parts. As it happened, no opportunity arose to present a reply to the letter of that spiritual friend. You have been and continue to be remembered. In perfect joy, gladness and delight, hold fast unitedly and in harmony to whatever remedies are devised and implemented. The intent is that no negligence or laxity in affairs should come from the friends, and they must make every possible effort at rectification. The rest of the matters are in the grasp of God's power, exalted be His glory. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

I convey greetings to the loved ones and friends of that land. God is witness and aware that I am gladdened by their gladness and saddened by their sadness. However, God saith: "Whoso placeth his reliance on God, He is sufficient unto him." Therefore I remain patient, calm, silent and assured. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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May my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The servant has received your letter and drunk from the choice wine of your remembrance and utterance, and beseeches God his Lord to grant you success and confirmation and bestow upon you His presence once again, for verily He is the Lord of all beings and the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

[The rest of this lengthy letter continues with various instructions, acknowledgments and spiritual counsel to individuals. It includes guidance about teaching with wisdom, proper conduct of children, importance of unity, sending greetings to various believers, and discussions of religious matters. The letter ends with prayers and closing salutations.]

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God's glory is most great.

Praise be to God Who hath raised His House to such a station that the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names have circumambulated it, and hath made it the point of adoration for the world and the sanctuary round which the peoples circle. Glorified is He Who hath, through the Word of His command, so attracted His servants that they hastened from every region, district and land, and neither the yellow wind nor crimson death prevented them from reaching the Most Great House of God. These are servants who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and have acted in accordance with what was enjoined upon them in His Book. And I pray and send greetings upon the Sovereign of existence and Lord of all that is seen, through Whom the horizon of the world was illumined and knowledge and wisdom were made manifest, and upon His family and companions who moved not except by His command and His will, and spoke not until after His leave.

And furthermore, for some time this evanescent servant hath desired to make mention of you and send an expression of sincere regard, even if by pen, since no other messenger is now available. Therefore he

hath troubled you with these few words. God willing, may you be ever speaking in remembrance of God and standing firm in your love for the Prophets, the chosen ones, and the pure ones. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to assist you and make you a recipient of His outpourings and blessings. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth.

His honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali always maketh mention of you. A few days ago what you had sent for the blessed garment arrived. Surely his honor himself will write the details to you. They have also written a letter to this evanescent one from the Green Land. God willing, a response will be sent next time for you to deliver. The purpose of what hath been and is mentioned is that through the key of utterance the doors of hearts may be unlocked and the life-giving breeze may waft from the direction of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, that hearts and spirits may be refreshed by that sweet spiritual breath. God, exalted be His glory, hath made the pen a translator in such wise that it may express and convey the love that dwelleth in the hearts and souls of the friends. In truth it is a great sign, if properly considered. The connection of the world dependeth upon it. It is the harbinger, the herald, the interpreter, and the one who maketh known. If they deny it not, it may be said that he who possesseth hearing perceiveth its lamentation and cry. It is the cup-bearer of the wine of love and the manifestation of affection and fellowship. The divine Books have appeared through it and their mysteries are inscribed by it. Exalted is He Who hath favored it with that which the writer and His creation are powerless to describe, and taught it and made known to it what He desired. Verily He is the One Who is sought in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but Him, the Lord of all creation.

Praise be to God that mention of you hath been and is before the Friend, and this sufficeth you. And the Lord of humanity, the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Lord of the hereafter and this world requesteth that you convey greetings and praise from this evanescent one to the friends - may the Glory of God rest upon them. God willing, may they at all times drink from the fountain of remembrance and receive their portion from the ocean of utterance. This is that which profiteth and forsaketh not its companion. That which cometh after is different, and tomorrow is another day. The Friend saith:

Dead are they in this gathering on the path of the Friend,

O Messiah of the age, breathe forth then a warming breath!

Peace, praise and glory be upon you and upon those whom this world hath not prevented from the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong greatness and power! Praise be to God Who, should He decree "nay" for anyone, it would be sweeter than possessing the kingdom of earth and heaven, and should He decree "yea," one would choose it over the dominion of the first and the last. He is the Almighty Whom no decree of negation can frustrate and no command of affirmation can exalt. Exalted is the Lord of names and attributes, the Manifestor of clear proofs and the Revealer of verses, Who has made His Book a lamp for all creation and a guide for His servants. He is the One Who calls to

goodness and commands His servants to observe it, Who has made evil manifest and forbidden people from it. Glory be unto Him! He has revealed the ordinance of religion and made His Cause manifest to those who are firm and assured, who shall fear no grief or sorrow. May the peace that shines from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon the Pride of all beings and the Treasure of all existence, through whose Book the pages and tablets have been adorned, and to whose name the Prophets and Messengers have bowed down, and upon his family and companions who cast aside vain imaginings through His power and embraced certitude through His command and will.

O thou who art mentioned in the heart of this servant, O my beloved and my cherished one! This evanescent one has received your letter and presented it before His countenance, and the Beloved spoke that which I am unable to relate to you. However, when news of your arrival came like an electric current, a reply was immediately sent stating that if you desire to attain His presence, permission has been granted both before and after. This servant was assured by this reply and did not venture to send another letter. After some time, another missive arrived from that beloved one requesting a response, which caused much surprise since there had been no delay in replying and after that telegram there was nothing further requiring response. In any case, I again engaged in electrical communication and sent the final telegram. Today, which is the thirteenth day of the blessed month of Ramadan, while I was at the farm just after arising from writing and returning to my quarters, a letter arrived from Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, which included your missive as well. After it was read and presented, this reply was sent. God willing, may you ever be blessed with special favors and occupied with that which God has willed. Given the telegram, no further mention was needed or needs to be made. His honor the beloved Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, intended to fulfill what you had requested, but permission has not yet been granted since it is Ramadan and the matter of fasting has somewhat delayed social interactions. However, it is hoped that permission will be granted afterwards. In brief, permission has been granted for that beloved one to attain the honor of His presence - whenever you decide, you may proceed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that that beloved one may ever be confirmed and assisted. I convey greetings to the true friends with mention and praise of God, especially to His Holiness Ismu'llah Zayn, upon him be all the most glorious glory, and those with him, and likewise to Aqa Mirza Muhammad and Aqa Mirza Abdullah and Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, upon them be the glory of God, and their brothers, and to Ustad Ali Akbar and Aqa Muhammad Hasan, as well as some of the friends residing in that land who have attained the presence of God. The intention is to convey greetings and salutations to the saints and loved ones of God residing in that land, both men and women.

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In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Muhammad-Taqi, upon thee be the Glory of God! Praise be to God that the Sun of Divine Wisdom is engaged in the education of the peoples of the world, and the Ocean of Divine Knowledge is manifestly outpouring its bounties in abundance. The leader of the hosts of truth in this day is the Universal Divine Intellect, and its armies are goodly deeds and virtuous human qualities. The weapons of this host are

sharper than swords and spears - without strife or conflict they conquer the citadels of hearts. Exalted is He Who holds all authority in His grasp and causes His Will to prevail.

The penetrating power of the Divine Word has been and ever shall be beyond reckoning. This influence emanates from its sincerity. A word that proceeds from the mine of righteousness and sincerity for God's sake is indeed all-powerful and all-encompassing. When such a word is cast upon a people or an army, they become so enthralled that neither worldly conditions nor all that the nations possess can deter them from the Straight Path and the Momentous News. These are they of whom the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an: "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God." The life of such souls has been and shall ever be the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The joy and gladness of the world doth not distract them from true joy. They drink of the spiritual wine that floweth from the Pen of bounty in remembrance of their Friend, and repose beneath the shade of the Tree of Trust.

At all times their purpose hath been and shall be the exaltation of God's Cause and the spiritual advancement of His servants. Blessed are they who protect the standards of God's Cause with the hosts of consultation and who spread His ordinances with wisdom. And blessed are the men who establish the King of unity upon his throne with the armies of counsel, admonition, knowledge and utterance, that the world and its peoples may be illumined and find rest in the light of unity. How excellent is the soul that rendereth such service and is preserved from the devils of discord!

The cause and source of delay, impediment, weakness, poverty and laxity hath been and continues to be discord. This evanescent servant beseecheth God and imploreth Him to create and manifest servants through the light of wisdom and utterance who will protect the station of the King without armies. His is the command, and He is the Commander, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, the letter of that spiritual friend adorned this transient form with the ornament of praise and glorification of the Eternal Beloved. God willing, may this cup not be forbidden and this chalice not be deprived of the pure water of love. After perusal, proceeding to the nearest station, and upon receiving permission, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory:

In My Name that encompasseth all that are on earth and in heaven

At all times the Pen of the All-Merciful hath commanded all who dwell within the realm of existence to turn unto the ocean of unity, which is the source of the life of the world, and likewise unto the tree of oneness, which is the cause of the exaltation of all peoples. From the Dawning-Place of the Divine Pen, within numbered years, the suns of commandments and ordinances have shone forth and been made manifest in this station, yet rare are the places capable of accepting this manifestation. Today the friends of God must be as pearls among pebbles amidst humanity, and throughout the nights and days arise to manifest this most exalted and most glorious station which is, in truth, the source of tranquility and repose for the world. They must strive with the utmost endeavor to accomplish that which God hath willed. O Muhammad! Remind the people in the Days of God of that which will preserve them from whatsoever is unworthy of their relationship with thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel all

with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted throughout creation and which will draw them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Merciful. They must speak that which would soften the most unyielding rock, and act in such wise as would establish the sanctity of His mighty and wondrous Cause. Arise to serve My Cause, that there may appear from thee that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired. He hath desired the unity and concord of His loved ones, as attested by God's Scriptures, His Books, His Tablets and My Preserved Tablet. Arise with thy whole being to manifest this glorious station. Today must every soul turn from that which he possesseth unto that which God possesseth; that is, he must not expend his life in service to himself and his desires, but rather in that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. If any soul attaineth unto this station, he shall be remembered among the most exalted of beings, and God shall, in truth, exalt him among His servants. He, verily, hath power over all things. Convey My greetings to the friends of God. God willing, may they all attain unto that which is the cause of the elevation and exaltation of man's station. Say: Move for a few days according to God's will and arise for the sake of God to reform mankind. By the life of God! Then shall ye behold the suns of the favors of your Lord, the Generous. Whosoever is occupied today with reforming himself according to that which God hath commanded in the Book, he is in truth engaged in reforming the world. Consider this, O ye who are endued with understanding! Consider this, O ye who are possessed of insight! O thou who art inscribed in My Book and mentioned before My Throne! Be unto the servants a trusted counselor, then recite unto them that which God hath sent down in the Book, that perchance they may abandon the world of sorrows, troubles and differences, and with illumined hearts, radiant faces, attentive ears and penetrating vision, hold fast unto and turn towards that which God hath commanded. By the life of God! Then shall they find themselves upon an exalted station. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath arisen to perform that deed whereby the fragrance of My good-pleasure is diffused and concerning which the Nightingale hath warbled upon the branch. The sincere ones have attained unto that which God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath willed.

This evanescent one confesses and acknowledges all that your honor has stated. Embarrassment has reached such a degree that even its mention causes further embarrassment and ultimate sorrow. The Exalted Truth bears witness that this servant has always considered and continues to consider the good pleasure of God's chosen ones. However, the multitude of occupations has prevented him from expressing his condition and from attending to necessary matters. The loved ones and chosen ones themselves witness that if anything necessary was left undone, it was due to more pressing matters. That spiritual beloved has been and is aware of the revelation of verses and their inscription in his presence. Therefore, this excuse is acceptable, nay beloved, in your honor's presence. God is my witness that at all times I seek assistance from Truth and His chosen ones, that He may enable this evanescent one to render the service entrusted to him. Verily, He is near and responsive.

Regarding what you wrote about numerous petitions and communications being sent - whatever reached this evanescent one was answered and sent. From the direction of the Divine Throne, supreme favors were also bestowed without petition. When his honor Darvish Ghulamhusayn, upon him be the Glory of God, returned, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for your honor and sent with him. From the Tablet itself, the fragrances of the favors of the Desired One of all worlds were manifest, evident and diffused. Whatever has reached this servant has been presented before His presence and

continues to be presented, and answers have been given one after another in such manner that not a single letter has been omitted. If at any time something appears that becomes an obstacle or barrier, this pertains to God's ordained decrees, with which we are all content, nay grateful. In His grasp is the reins of all affairs. He does what He wills and ordains, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing.

Regarding what you wrote about sincerely and willingly undertaking not to dare send petitions before the issuance of commands and tablets from the Prison - this matter, after being presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, was not accepted. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "You are under the glances of My favor. Blessed art thou and thy father, from whom the Concourse on High has found the fragrance of My mercy and My favor, and thy mother, whom We have mentioned in such wise that the sincere ones make mention of her. Be steadfast in the service of My Cause, firm and determined in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

In all conditions, your honor must gaze toward the Supreme Horizon and send petitions, even if no answer is heard throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. However, My Most Exalted Pen bears witness that We have mentioned thee and thy father before your mention, and We turned toward you before your turning, your recognition, your humility, your submissiveness and your acceptance. Therefore, thank thy Lord for this Most Great Favor and say: "Thine is the giving, O Lord of Names, and from Thee proceed bounty and generosity, O Sovereign of existence."

Mention was made of his honor Rida-Quli Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. Some time ago, the beloved of hearts, His Holiness 'Ali-before-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, made mention of him, and the Sun of favor has risen and shone in relation to him. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey greetings and praise to him. I beseech the Most High to assist him in that which shall endure through the duration of His names and attributes.

As to your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, it has been submitted. His words, blessed and exalted be He: "Convey My greetings unto him and mention to him that which befitteth these days, and give him the glad-tidings of My grace and bounty. Let him be content with that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Lord of all beings, and let him fix his gaze upon My most exalted horizon. The Glory be upon him."

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa Haydar-'Ali and Ustad Muhammad-Quli the tailor and what they have wrought for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds - praise be to God that their deeds have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance and honored with divine verses. This lowly one has, in accordance with their wish, accomplished that which was intended, and this is a deed that nothing in the world can equal. Well is it with them and blessed are they.

As to what was mentioned regarding Aqa Mirza 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, son of His beloved Mirza ?-S, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor - it was submitted before the countenance of the Lord of Destiny. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted and mighty be His words:

In My Name, the All-Loving, the Generous

O ’Ali! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and hast attained unto the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou hast been beneath the glances of divine favor, and the gaze of God hath been directed towards thee from this glorious station. Be thou steadfast in My Cause. By the life of God! Soon shall the recompense of deeds be made manifest in such wise that every tongue shall exclaim: “Blessed be God, the Rewarder, the Bestower, the All-Loving, the All-Wise.” We counsel thee to preserve this station and that whereby thy rank in this mighty Cause may be elevated. Convey My greetings unto thy father and thy brother, and unto those who are with him. Soon shall a Tablet be revealed for him that shall testify that there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

This lowly one also conveys greetings and salutations to your spiritual beloved, Mirza, and those who are with him. God is my witness that their mention has been and continues to be upon my heart and tongue.

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza Ghulam-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, son of His Holiness the elevated and martyred Dhabi?, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor - two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for him and his brother Aqa Muhammad-Rida. Due to the upheavals in these lands, their dispatch was delayed for some time until these days when the fragrance of peace and security wafted. They have now been sent. God willing, they will attain unto them.

And as to your mention that some have brought harm upon the family of His Holiness the elevated Dhabi?, upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted. His words, blessed and exalted be He: This matter has certainly not been and is not acceptable before the Divine Presence. It is incumbent upon all to have regard for them and to deal with them with the utmost kindness. Their protection is binding upon the Truth. Verily, He sufficeth them in truth, if they be of those who are assured, steadfast and firmly rooted.

O son of him who loved Me! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. Verily, the people are in manifest doubt. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord - He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. In the early days when Muhammad-Rida turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, he was so aflame with the fire of My love that all things bore witness to it, and the earth related what was upon it, and beyond it is the knowledge of thy Lord, the All-Informed. On certain nights, despite his father’s hatred and opposition, he remained heedless and remembered the Truth in his inmost heart. O son of him who sacrificed himself for My Cause and testified to that which My tongue hath spoken and confirmed whatsoever hath proceeded from Me! Were his degrees of longing and attraction in those days to be mentioned, all would testify to that which was manifested. We conceal most matters as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

This Day is known as the Day of God, and the fragrance of bounty wafteth from all directions, and the pavilion of grace hath been raised upon the highest standards, and the banners of “Verily I am God” are manifest in all regions. The ocean of generosity is surging and the sun of loving-kindness is shining, and the eye of God is fixed upon him who hath turned unto Him, and the ear of God is inclined toward him who hath testified to Him. The purpose is that in this day whosoever is illumined with the lights of faith and steadfastness receiveth and will continue to receive manifestations of favor from the Dayspring of

the Cause, so long as this station endureth; this attribute remaineth firm. Otherwise, the matter is in His hands.

In view of this Most Great Revelation and the manifestations of grace and generosity, there hath been revealed that which indicateth the greatness of the Day of God. Nevertheless, should anyone commit oppression against the one who was sacrificed, upon him be My glory, or against those related to him, he most certainly hath been and will be punished by God. Say: Verily, the most exalted among you are those who were the first to believe. Just as mention, acceptance and obedience are acceptable, praiseworthy and commendable before God, likewise unseemly deeds are rejected and unacceptable. How many matters have occurred which God hath concealed, yet assuredly this concealment will be followed by an unveiling and recompense. Blessed are they that understand, blessed are they that have attained!

One single believer who hath caused his own desires to be extinguished in the desires of God is better and more pleasing before God than all who dwell on earth. By the life of Him Who speaketh the truth in this Most Great Prison! Were less than a needle's eye of the stations of sanctity and detachment to be revealed unto the peoples of the world, all would become freed and detached from whatsoever they possess and would hold fast unto that which God hath ordained and commanded. The suns of proof, evidence and demonstration are shining and manifest from all directions, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. The intoxication of vain desires hath seized them and debarred them from God, the Lord of all men. Thus hath spoken the Lord of the worlds while in this mighty Prison. Say: O peoples of the earth! Abandon that which ye possess, then turn toward the horizon wherefrom hath shone the sun of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what thou didst write about Mirza Habibullah, the other son of His Holiness the Martyr, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This blessed Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of favor. He saith, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing

O Son of Dhabih! Ye are all under the sheltering gaze of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know ye the station of this mighty, this exalted Cause. O beloved one! Reflect upon Dhabih–upon him rest My Baha–and that which hath proceeded from him. After hearing the Call, he tarried not for less than a moment but turned his face toward the realm of oneness. This occurred in days when the people of the Bayan were heedless of and veiled from the root of the Cause, for divine wisdom required concealment. God willing, may ye be occupied, in utmost sanctity and detachment, with the mention of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and be focused on the horizon of His Will. We have made mention of Dhabih and those related to him in the hidden and treasured Tablet, which in one place is referred to as the Crimson Tablet. In the beginning, the Truth, exalted be His glory, regarded only pure-hearted acceptance, for before the revelation of commandments and ordinances, He manifested Himself and uttered the Word. Whosoever accepted without hesitation attained unto all good. After the heaven of divine decree was raised up and the sun of the Cause shone forth, it became binding and obligatory upon all to hold fast unto it and act according to it. The Command is in His hands; He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth and willeth. He is verily the Commander, the Possessor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory

be upon thee and upon him who attained the presence of God in the Most Great Prison, and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The praise be to God! The gaze of God's loving-kindness hath ever been and still is directed towards the honored Dhabih–upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness–and his relatives, upon them be the glory of God. And Muhammad-Rida–upon him be the glory of God–showed perfect sincerity in service to the honored one in the early days. Now too should the fragrance of unity and love be diffused between them. The good-pleasure of God lieth in the relatives of the honored one being pleased with him. The station of God's loved ones hath ever been and shall ever remain in view. God hath preferred some above others. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the kingdom of command. There is none other God but Him, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty.

As to what was written about some being somewhat saddened by the Tablet that was specifically revealed for Muhammad-Rida, this is not and was never permissible, for no one is aware of the reality of matters. For were they to become aware, they would testify that whatsoever hath appeared and shall appear is the truth in which there is no doubt. The Primal Point–may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake–hath said regarding this most great Revelation that if He should apply to the heaven the law of earth and to the earth the law of heaven, and should anyone entertain in his heart the slightest objection or protest, he is devoid of belief and acceptance. For if one truly recognizes and attains unto the station of absolute certainty, he will know with clear conviction that whatsoever appeareth from the holy Presence and proceedeth from the Source of Command is truth itself, sanctified, exalted and freed from all doubt, uncertainty and misgiving.

Concerning what thou didst mention of the honored wife of His Holiness the Martyr, upon them both be the Glory of God, God is verily Witness that this servant hath, at special times, made mention of her and the kinsmen of His Holiness the Exalted One in the Most Holy Court. Now, since the evidences of divine favor are not outwardly manifest in the material realm, the rays of the Sun of Grace remain hidden from sight. Were the fruits and effects of but one word revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the loved ones to become manifest and appear in the world, all would proclaim the blessed words "verily this is from none other than God, the Exalted, the Great." It is requested that thou convey greetings on behalf of this servant to that honored lady, upon her be the Glory of God. God willing, may she be mindful of and speak that which befitteth her and the days of her Lord, and act accordingly.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad-Karim-i-'Attar, upon him be the Glory of God, his deeds are remembered in the presence of God and have attained the ornament of divine acceptance. Blessed is he, again blessed is he! Soon will the station and rank of those who are today engaged in serving the Cause become manifest and evident amidst the peoples of the world like unto the sun. Today most people are heedless, knowing not what Cause hath appeared in the world and what tidings have come. They are occupied with their own idle fancies until such time as they shall find themselves in another state and cling to the words "Is there any way to return?" or utter "Would that I were dust!" Particularly in these days this servant sent them a letter adorned with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Grace of our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and

the earth. God willing, may it reach them and may they attain to the manifest, resplendent favors of the True One, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant, in all conditions, beseecheth God for their protection and that of their kinsmen upon the divine path.

O beloved of my heart! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. His honor Muhammad-Qarim, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, hath been assisted to serve the Truth. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath attained unto deputyship in teaching the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. He is the first to have attained this station and to be mentioned in the presence of God for this service. God willing, may he in all conditions fix his gaze upon the Truth and act according to His good-pleasure.

Another glad tiding is that your portrait was repeatedly presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, as were the portraits of many of the friends of God, and this deed of Jahangir was accepted. One day these blessed words were revealed from the Divine Tongue, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O servant in attendance! Jahangir has succeeded in serving the Cause and this service of his is acceptable before the Wronged One. He must give thanks to God by night and day. Were he to become aware of the fruits of the tree of his service, such joy and gladness would seize him that none save God could reckon it. Blessed is he and blessed is he who encouraged him and enabled him to achieve that which proceeded from him." The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - addressing the Letter of the Living, says, exalted and glorified be His words: "By Him Who causeth the seed to split and Who breatheth the spirit, if I were certain that on the Day of His Revelation thou wouldst deny Him, I would unhesitatingly deny thee and repudiate thy faith in this Revelation, for thou wert created but for Him. And if I knew that an infidel would believe in Him, I would make him the apple of Mine eye and would deem his faith in that Revelation as valid without requiring any evidence from him…" Now observe and ponder how great is the Cause. God, the All-Informed, knows that in His utterance flow the oceans of grandeur. All the good of the world belongs to one who ponders and becomes aware of the greatness of the Day of Divine Manifestation and arises to serve the Cause. If all the people of the Bayan were to ponder on this one point, they would become aware of the oceans of their heedlessness. In truth, they have been observed to be lower than all the peoples of the world. The servant beseeches God, his Lord, and clings to the hem of His robe that He may enable all to do that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and earth, the One manifest from the highest horizon. Let them ponder this exalted Word which hath been revealed by the Pen of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. To the Letter of the Living, in whose praise He says that they were and are the most exalted, the most distinguished, the most elevated and the greatest of all creation in the sight of God - even to such a Letter of the Living who is adorned with these attributes He says that if He knew that that soul would be veiled in that Revelation, He would today pronounce the decree of negation concerning him. And this is specific to this most wondrous and most exalted Revelation. A hundred thousand blessings be upon the soul who navigates and becomes immersed in the oceans of inner meanings until with clear certitude they discover that of which all are today heedless and deprived, save whom God willeth - our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of our forebears. And regarding what you wrote about Karbalai Muttalib of Z - upon him be the Glory of God - it was presented before the Divine Presence. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of power, might and authority, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Upon thee be My Glory. Hearken unto My call from the precincts of the Prison, and give glad tidings to My loved ones from whom the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the True One, is diffused. Then make mention of him who is named Muttalib and give him the glad tidings of My manifest grace. We have remembered him and revealed for him verses by which the tongues of nations throughout the world shall speak. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Remember when the ignorant ones arose in the land of Za and opposed the friends of God, the Lord of Names. Among them were those who issued decrees against them, those who commanded their plunder, and those who uttered that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the All-Aware. They committed that which none before them had committed, whereunto testifieth the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of every servant who hath borne tribulations in the path of God and of every oppressor who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O thou who gazest toward My direction! The clamor of the oppressors and the lamentation of the oppressed are raised from the direction of Za. Soon shall the standards of the polytheists and hypocrites–namely the divines of that land–be destroyed, and the banners of God's Cause shall be raised in the name of His chosen ones and pure ones. Reflect upon the divines of the Gospel and the divines of idols, and likewise upon the Jewish divines. They inflicted upon the Daysprings of Divine Revelation that which caused every seeing one to weep and every possessor of understanding to lament. In every Dispensation, the enemies of truth have been the divines of the earth, save whom God hath willed. Make mention of My loved ones in the land of Za and give them the glad tidings of My acceptance of them, My attention, My care, My kindness and My mercy. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

As to what thou didst write concerning the honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God, she is among those women to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified their acceptance, their turning unto God, and their acknowledgment of that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God, exalted be His glory, will assist His Cause through men whose faces are illumined with the light of certitude, whose temples are adorned with the ornament of wisdom, whose hearts are set ablaze with the fire of love, and whose heads are crowned with the diadems of trust. Soon shall the doors of outward bounties be opened before the faces of the friends. Reflect upon early Islam, when the companions subsisted on dates and slept on pebbles. Yet eventually princes, the wealthy and chiefs turned toward them and sought help from them. The Command is in God's hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. All must first hold fast with utmost determination to the cord of unity, and through complete consultation bring forth this station's countenance from behind the veils. After this countenance–namely the countenance of unity–is established in its station, they should consult about promoting the Cause and act according to what the friends of God, exalted be His glory, approve. Praise be to God that your honor is arising to serve the Cause and is occupied with teaching. The servant

beseecheth his Lord to strengthen your honor in all conditions and to manifest through you that which is befitting. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good and the Answerer of those who supplicate.

As to what you wrote concerning transactions and affairs, there is no doubt therein. One day, when five hours and fifteen minutes had passed since morning, in a palace situated in the land of Bahji, they attained the presence of the Lord of existence. He said: "O servant present! The tree of the earth hath appeared in the name of Truth and hath been raised up through His grace. In outward life its worth and station remain concealed. Blessed is it and blessed is he who recognizeth it and who pondereth on what God hath revealed unto it. God willing, the fruit of that tree shall be blessed with the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord and shall receive what hath been ordained for it." Furthermore, utterances were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur indicating grace and favor toward you. Soon it shall be made manifest, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Speaker. What you wrote regarding these matters was, in truth, for God's sake and adorned with the ornament of truthfulness, for the Purpose of the world Himself beareth witness that no affair remaineth concealed, yet the people are in a strange sleep.

Concerning what you wrote about the details of the affairs of Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, and the passing of his wife, upon her be the Glory of God - this servant wrote and sent their reply, and their duties were made clear and evident in that letter according to His command. God willing, may they be enabled to act according to what God hath willed. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed specifically for them from the heaven of grace, which is being sent with this letter. You should deliver it. God willing, may they receive their portion from the ocean of mercy which surgeth within it and act according to its commandments. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends in that land. God willing, may they all arise to serve and hold fast to the cord of wisdom. Verily, He aideth whosoever speaketh His mention and ariseth to serve His Cause. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Regarding what you asked about the blessed passage revealed at the end of the Tablet of Salman, upon him be the Glory of God, this is what the Tongue of God spoke: "O son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Due to the veils of the people on earth and the remoteness of the servants, many matters have remained concealed and the utterance of the All-Merciful imprisoned in the treasuries of knowledge. As thou observest, He Himself is imprisoned in this land. There hath befallen Us, from before and after, that which none knoweth save Him Who speaketh and uttereth the truth. However, in consideration of the weakness of the people, outwardly the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath transformed the prison-land into the most exalted Paradise, despite the oppressors. This is evident outwardly, but in its inmost mystery the signs and conditions of imprisonment are manifest and known. He it is Who hath manifested what was previously revealed in the Tablet, and He shall manifest what remaineth, even as He manifested it in the previous year. Verily, He hath power over all things and encompasseth all things."

Hear what the Wronged One hath proclaimed! The Tablet of thy spouse, Muhammad the Emigrant, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented and read before the Most Holy Presence. This is what God hath revealed in reply, exalted be His grandeur:

O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One of the horizons hath ever remembered and continueth to remember His servants and handmaidens, and hath enjoined upon all such deeds as would ensure their

preservation, exaltation and deliverance in all the divine worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance and discovered its sweetness. By My life! Its effects shall never depart from his palate, by the perpetuity of My dominion and the endurance of My Name. Hearken thou unto the call of the Wronged One, commit all affairs unto Him, and place thy trust in Him. Whosoever hath today attained unto a word from Him hath attained unto all good, provided he remaineth steadfast in preserving it.

Reflect upon the words of Abdullah Ansari, who was among the saints. He saith: "O my God! If Thou shouldst but once say 'My servant', my laughter would exceed the Throne." How many saints have sacrificed their lives in their yearning for this station! And now the acceptable handmaidens have each heard, outwardly and inwardly, from the Tongue of Grandeur either "O My handmaiden" or "O My leaf", though it is not known whether they are aware of it or not. Do My servants recognize Who speaketh unto them, and do My handmaidens know Who addresseth them? Were the handmaidens of the earth to become conscious of this single truth and recognize the glory of this station, they would find themselves freed from all abasement and sorrows of the world. God hath forgiven those who sought forgiveness from the ocean of His grace, the billows of His bounty, and the depths of His generosity. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great favor.

Verily We make mention of My servant Muhammad and give him glad tidings of My mercy, and I am the All-Knowing Giver of Glad Tidings. We remember those among My servants and handmaidens who have been mentioned before the Throne, and I am the All-Wise Rememberer. O Muhammad! Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cleave unto that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure through the perpetuity of My most beautiful Names, and I am the Kind, Compassionate, and Generous Counsellor. The Glory be upon thee, upon thy spouse, and upon them that have held fast unto this firm and impregnable Cause.

And at the end of the Tablet, We make mention of My handmaiden once again, and We make mention of what God hath manifested through her of both male and female offspring, and We give them glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence. Praise be to God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

The Herald of Grace proclaimeth through these perfect words, which have shone forth from the Dayspring of Grace of the King of Names and Attributes, and giveth glad tidings unto all of His bounty, mercy and loving-kindness. Blessed are they that hear and arise, and woe unto the heedless and the slumberers.

And the petition of Aqa Siyyid Abdul-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Hadi! Upon thee be My Glory! Steadfast and upright souls who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and are detached from all else but God must observe all things with penetrating vision. Thou didst send the verses of God to one who is cunning. Thou must seek forgiveness from God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. It is evident and manifest that such souls are deprived of divine love and barred from the Tree of Grace. Thou hast entrusted the divine trust to a thief and delivered it to a traitor. Thou hast

deposited pure truth with absolute falsehood. By My life, this is a grave matter, grave indeed. Be vigilant! Distinguish friend from foe. Shun those who associate with such souls, let alone the great loss and supreme calamity. In several instances these words have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen: Display not the pearls of divine knowledge to every traitor, and entrust not the mysteries of heavenly wisdom to thieves. Thou art a believer - the Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy faith - and a believer seeth with the light of God, both now and always. What hath befallen thee that thou hast fallen into this error? Take counsel in all matters. Hast thou not heard the decree of the Book? All are commanded to consult today. Hold fast unto that which I have commanded thee in My Perspicuous Book and inform all, that they may be aware. The hosts of Satan appear with utmost deception and guile. Some of the handmaidens outwardly maintain relations, and the idolatrous souls show the utmost consideration - their purpose is to discover affairs, that they may learn of a matter and spread it abroad. O My loved ones! Fear God, then conceal God's Cause from those who have denied Him and from those women whose hypocrisy, hatred and rejection every atom doth attest. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel you as the Beauty of the Ancient of Days walketh in this exalted station. O Hadi! Repent unto God Who created thee, strengthened thee, caused thee to know Him, and revealed unto thee that which no earthly thing bearing any name can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto pure godliness in thy Lord's Cause and shun every heedless doubter. We have commanded all to righteous deeds and conduct, and to preserve whatsoever cometh unto them from God, the Lord of all worlds. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath in this Revelation forbidden through explicit and clear verses all that might cause the slightest vexation, and hath enjoined upon all goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Every fair-minded one hath testified and doth testify that this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Cause hath been and is sanctified from the promptings of self and passion. Were the discerning and the wise to observe God's verses, they would perceive that whatsoever is recorded therein is the cause and means of unity, tranquility and the reformation of the world. However, should these fall into the hands of the malevolent, they would append certain words thereto and spread them among the helpless servants, or attribute some verses to themselves, as hath occurred in these parts. All the friends must firmly hold to concealment and discretion in this matter and act according to what God hath willed. Disclosure is beloved for its people, but concealment is more preferable for those who are unworthy. Fix your gaze upon the horizon of justice, which is to give every possessor of a right his right. The utterances of Abraham profited not Nimrod.

He bestoweth upon every possessor of a right his due. The words of the Friend profited not Nimrod, nor did the counsel of the Spirit benefit the Jews. Hold fast to the admonitions of God and the effects of His Pen, and be not of the heedless. The arch-deceiver, beguiled by the outward adornments of this world and, with the utmost cunning and guile, engageth in searching out matters. Verily thy Lord doth witness and see, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There is none other God but Him, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the Single, the One, the All-Informed.

All the friends of God must conceal the sending of Tablets and correspondence from most people, both within and without. Whosoever associateth with heedless, deceitful souls will surely, through such association and meeting, disclose certain matters. The divine Tablets and heavenly Books must be kept in a most secure and protected place, and at the time of need be recited for souls who are steadfast,

assured, upright and clear-sighted, and thereafter be safeguarded. In some homes, whenever the polytheists have entered, the first things they have found have been the writings, as if no thought had been given to protecting them, whereas this matter is necessary, nay rather, most essential.

His honor "The Name", upon him be the Glory of God, must act with the utmost wisdom and completely conceal all matters from those heedless souls, for they associate with the arch-deceiver, and all these deceptions and corruptions emanate from her. God protect us and you from her evil and her fire.

As commanded, you must recite for Aqa Siyyid ʼAbduʼl-Hadi whatever pertaineth to him, but do not give him the text of the words, for he is most sincere, while the arch-deceiver is most cunning and by whatever means possible will accomplish her purpose through his associates. Hers is the cunning in all conditions, and his is the faithfulness and obedience, and God our Lord encompasseth the beginning and the end.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Muʼmin of Ishtihird, upon him be the Glory of God, in the petition of his honor Aqa Siyyid ʼAbduʼl-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God. It was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and these sublime words were revealed from the Dayspring of Will. His exalted Word:

He is the Proof and the Evidence

O Muʼmin! God willing, may you and the friends of God from the land of Alif and Shin be illumined by the lights of His countenance and arise to serve His Cause. He hath seen and seeth every deed, and hath heard and heareth every call. He is a Watcher that is near, and a Near One that is far. Praise the Intended One of the world that thou wert mentioned in His presence and didst attain unto His remembrance. Praise Him and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me in Thy prison and didst strengthen me to recognize Thee when I was heedless, and didst show me the lights of Thy grace when I was blind. I beseech Thee by the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy victory to aid me and Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and patient in Thy days. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad! Thou hast previously attained unto My mention, as My all-encompassing knowledge doth testify. We make mention of thee, as a token of Our grace, with My gracious remembrance. Know thou the station of My remembrance of thee and My attention towards thee from the direction of My mighty prison. Let not circumstances sadden thee and turn thee from the Source of verses. Be thankful unto thy Lord and remain in manifest joy. The glory of God rest upon thee and thy wife, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

And regarding what was mentioned in the petition of Haydar-ʼAli Bey, this is what was revealed for him from the tongue of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. He, exalted and mighty be He, saith:

He is the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. They who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon are men whom the ornaments of the world have not kept back from God, the Lord of all beings, nor have they been frightened by the power of the divines and their clamor regarding this Most Great News. These are servants who have arisen and declared: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven," and we bear witness to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Haydar-'Ali! We have turned toward thee and made mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. This is a Day wherein all the friends of God must fix their gaze upon the horizon of unity, and speak and act in a manner befitting the Cause of God - that which is the cause of its glory. Blessed is the soul that hath found the fragrance of its Lord's utterance, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. The divines of the earth, in their nights and days, are occupied with the mention of the Lord of all beings. As thou canst observe, they speak His praise from pulpits and mosques, acknowledging His greatness and His Manifestation. Yet when the Day of God appeared and the lights of His countenance shone forth from the horizon of His Will, all remained veiled save whom God wished. Praise the Intended One of the worlds, Who enabled thee to recognize this mighty Cause. At all times, beseech Him to protect thee and keep thee steadfast on this Path whereon feet have slipped. With utmost joy and fragrance, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved and fix thy gaze upon His horizon, and say:

O Thou Intended One of the world and Beloved of the nations! I have cast aside all I possess before Thy face, hoping for that which is with Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and grace not to disappoint me, and to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Enable me and my wife and daughter to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Last and the First, and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As for the ascension of the leaf [woman] upon her be the Glory of God, mention of her was heard from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory, some time ago. Indeed, this servant has repeatedly observed her mention in some divine Tablets. God willing, Aqa Siyyid 'Abdu'l-Hadi has been and will be blessed to observe this. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful. This servant conveys greetings and salutations to them. God willing, henceforth they will make earnest effort in safeguarding affairs lest that which would harm the Divine Lote-Tree should appear. I beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, for confirmation and assistance for them and for others.

In the Name of Him Who ruleth over the world

Blessed is the countenance that hath turned toward the Face of God, and blessed is the herald who hath raised his voice among the servants with this Name, whereby the backs of the wicked were broken and the faces of the righteous were illumined - they who cast away whatsoever was with the people, turning unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

O Farajullah! By God, the Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee from the Most Exalted Horizon, and counseleth thee with that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty,

the All-Loving. Hold fast unto the fear of God and unto that which hath been revealed in the Book, as a command from His presence - and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: Verily trustworthiness is the sun in the heaven of My commandments, truthfulness is its moon, and virtuous character its stars - yet most of the people understand not. Hold fast unto the Book of God and what hath been sent down therein. Verily it is a lamp unto the faithful and a sign of the Ancient of Days amongst the nations. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained - verily he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in the Preserved Tablet.

We make mention of thee, that thou mayest in this hour give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. And We make mention of My handmaiden who hath turned toward My horizon, attained unto My days, and acknowledged that which My Tongue hath uttered. Blessed is she, and blessed are My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard thy call. We answer thee with this Preserved Tablet which was hidden in the knowledge of God and made manifest in His praiseworthy station. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken and the Dove of Utterance cooed upon the branches. Verily there is no God but He, the Dominator over what was and what shall be.

May the souls mentioned come to know the station of Divine remembrance and strive diligently to preserve it. This ephemeral one ceaselessly beseecheth the Eternal Lord to aid His loved ones in that which is the cause of salvation and deliverance for all. Verily He hath power over all things.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the One remembered in my heart! I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory which hath encompassed the world, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, and by the ocean of Thy grace and the river of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy bestowal, to send down upon Thy loved ones that which shall preserve them from the oppressors among Thy creatures and draw them nigh unto Thee in such wise that neither the swords of the wicked nor the arrows of the ungodly shall prevent them from turning unto Thee and advancing toward Thy horizon.

O Lord! This is Thy Day, the mention of which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures, Books, Scrolls and Tablets, and which Thou didst announce through the tongues of Thy Messengers, Thy chosen ones and Thy Prophets. I beseech Thee to send down in it upon Thy servants that which beseemeth Thy Self. O Lord! This is the Day wherein all created things have been perfumed by the fragrance of Thy raiment and all contingent beings have been attracted by the sweetness of Thy call and Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the arks upon the seas of Thy commandments and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to send down from the heaven of Thy power and the clouds of Thy might that which shall exalt the Cause of Thy friends and loved ones in such wise that the necks of the proud among Thy creatures shall be humbled before them. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no matter can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest by Thy command. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We are indeed the Witness and the Witnessed. O Mahdi! Thy petition was presented before the Most Holy Court, and its answer was sent down from the heaven of divine will. Blessed art thou for having

acknowledged and sought the ocean of forgiveness of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Man must at all times fix his gaze upon truth and act in accordance with that which is befitting. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the outpourings of the All-Bountiful and hast partaken of the choice wine of divine love. Verily He hath forgiven thy sins and hath sent down for thee that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God's bounty, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Hold thou fast unto the cord of His grace and say: I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Answerer of those who call upon Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Mention was also made of Aqa Shir-'Ali, and the mother and spouse and spouse of Karbila'i Mahdi, and daughter and several other handmaidens. All their names were presented at the Throne, and all were blessed with the favors of God, and for each one wondrous and sublime verses dawned forth from the horizon of divine grace in such wise that the worlds of the seen and the unseen were illumined thereby. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath seen, and woe unto every heedless and doubtful denier. The glory shining forth from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Gracious, be upon you and upon those with you and upon them who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

At this moment, by command We turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and after arising in the presence of the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most sublime word: O thou who art present! Today the Cause of unity and concord is most mighty, and in truth it is the means of the elevation and advancement of the Cause. May the One True God, exalted be His glory, raise up souls who shall arise to render this service, for verily He is powerful over all things.

In like manner did they say: Mention Ali Pasha Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, and convey to him greetings from before the Truth that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Say: O Ali, grieve not over anything, for in all that appeareth from Him there is a wisdom which none knoweth save He. Submit thyself unto God that the winds of His Will may turn thee as they please and move thee as they desire. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned before the Truth. Soon shall the station of the believers and the successful ones be made manifest in the earth. All must preserve their station through His Most Exalted Name. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have drunk of My Choice Wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name.

This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations. Some time ago a letter was sent to his presence. It is hoped that in all conditions he will gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act according to what God hath willed. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good and the beneficent ones.

To the beloved of the heart, his honor Mirza Kh., upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names, greetings are conveyed. Afterwards, numerous letters arrived from various directions and their details were submitted to the Most Holy Court, and answers descended from the heaven of favor and were dispatched. From the land of Sh., a letter arrived from his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein were mentioned certain names, for each of whom was revealed and sent a most wondrous and impregnable Tablet. The ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is shining. Blessed are they that attain, both men and women.

From the verdant land also, petitions arrived repeatedly, adorned with mention of his honor Mirza. Praise and glory be to God that between some the fragrance of love is diffused. God willing, this fragrance will waft in all directions and spread until in every city of the cities its sweet scent is diffused and emanating. Verily He is powerful over all things and wise in all things. There is no God but He, the All-Hearing, the Answering One.

After completing the reply to your previous letter, another letter dated the nineteenth of Muharram al-Haram arrived which, like lamp oil, gave light to the lamp of love and sustained it. God willing, may you ever be adorned and embellished with the Kawthar of grace and the glances of favor, and remain fresh and joyous. The honored gentleman, His Holiness the Name of God M., upon him be the most glorious of all glory, hath written mention of you and hath spoken with perfect love and sincerity, even concerning your debts and likewise the sale of property, and an answer was written and sent to His Holiness as commanded. Whatever was deemed expedient was accepted. God willing, the recompense of all hath been and is with God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is our Protector and your Protector in the Hereafter and in this world, and He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One.

As for the mention that was made of his honor Zayn from the people of K., upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted. This is what the Tongue of the All-Bountiful spoke in reply, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Concealer, the All-Knowing

O Zayn! Thou hast attained unto that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and reached a station which God hath made the rallying point of them that are nigh unto Him. Hold fast unto that which We have counseled thee aforetime and that which We have revealed in the Book. Verily, it will draw thee nigh unto Him and strengthen thee in all His worlds. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be vigilant in the Cause, silent when prudence demandeth, and eloquent in this Name through which, when it appeared, the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!” O Zayn! We counsel thee to unity and to that which befitteth this momentous Announcement. Exert your utmost effort in unifying the friends. This is a Day whereon none should regard himself or that which profiteth him, but rather that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted. This is My bidding unto thee and unto those who have turned towards My horizon and have held fast unto My perspicuous Book. That which appeareth for God’s sake shall not, I swear by My life, be lost, nor ever will be lost. Say: O My loved ones! Cast away your differences and hold fast unto the cord of the Cause, by the command of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Confine thy affairs to that which We have commanded thee. Verily, it shall profit thee, by My Self that domineth all who are in the heavens and the earth. God willing, be mindful of this matter in all conditions and hold fast unto it, for through the light of unity shall all regions, nay, all corners of the earth be illumined. Remember thou the days of attaining My presence when thou wert in the company of the Wronged One and didst hear with thine own ears that which the Interlocutor of the Mount uttered in His mighty and impregnable Prison. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones who have held fast unto justice and equity and have turned unto My straight Path.

Indeed, this service is the greatest of all services, for through discord matters arise which God, exalted be His glory, hath forever forbidden. Discord hath ever been the cause of dispersion, instability, and the loss

of rank and station. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist the assured souls to turn unto this station. This evanescent servant testifieth that whosoever ariseth to render this service shall be accounted among the most exalted, most ancient, most upright, and most honored of servants in the sight of God and shall be recorded thus in His Book. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this mighty station.

Concerning what was written about Sheikh Yahya, upon him be the glory of God, the honored Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious glory, hath repeatedly mentioned him. He is blessed with the favors of God, exalted be His glory. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet shall also be specifically revealed for him, God willing. Greetings be conveyed to the honored Mirza and Sheikh, upon them both be the glory of God, and divine confirmation and assistance are besought for them from God, exalted be His station.

As for the mention of Aqa Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the glory of God, praise be to God that he hath attained, both before and after, unto the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and unto wondrous and sublime Tablets. His petition was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence on a certain night. This is what was revealed for him from the Kingdom of our Lord's will, the Lord of earth and heaven. His words, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

A mention from before the Wronged One to him whose sighs ascended in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, and to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified concerning his turning to the most exalted Summit when the people were in evident doubt. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of bounty and for having turned toward the Countenance when every remote scholar turned away from it. Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and accepted what came upon thee in His straight Path. Behold, then call to mind what befell God's Messengers and His Emissaries aforetime at the hands of the wrongdoers. Woe unto every shepherd who betrayed God's flock, and blessed is the maidservant who heard, turned toward and responded to her Ancient Lord. Say: Woe unto you, O company of the ignorant! Ye have been heedless of Him Whom ye invoke and have turned away from the Face towards which turn the near ones since time immemorial and around which circle all who are endowed with insight. Say: How long will ye follow vain desires? Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings and take what hath been given you from your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto God's Cause in His wondrous Day. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. By My life! God hath ordained for thee that which shall solace the eyes of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning the mention of Karbila'i Mu??alib, upon him be the Glory of God, after presenting this Most Exalted Word, these words specifically for him were revealed from the Supreme Pen. His mighty mention and praise saith:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Muttalib! Thy mention flowed from the pen of one of God's friends who speaketh of Him and standeth firm in service to His Cause. Therefore the Sun of loving-kindness hath once again shone forth from the horizon of grace, and hath mentioned thee with most wondrous praise. If thou wert to become aware of

the ocean of divine mention, thou wouldst utter “Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds” throughout the nights and days. Strive that there may be manifested from thee that from which the fragrance of eternity may be inhaled. In these days, if a soul attaineth unto but a single word from the Lord of Oneness, he is mentioned among the sincere ones in the Manifest Book. The divine Word cannot be effaced by water, nor can the vicissitudes of time alter it. It appeareth by God’s will, is known by His Name, and is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and preserved it through the Name of its Lord, the Almighty, the Protecting, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Generous. Blessed are they who have heard and turned toward Him, and woe unto those who turn away.

Since mention of Karbila’i Muttalib appeared in two of your letters, therefore two mentions of him were sent down from the heaven of God’s Will. It behooveth us to observe and reflect upon the ocean of our Lord’s grace - the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. By the life of the Desired One! Every scribe, every reckoner, every speaker, every learned one, and every person of insight is powerless to reckon His bounties. The divine favor hath reached such a degree that, God forbid, there is fear it might remain hidden due to its abundant worth and station. We beseech and implore His wondrous grace and favor that He may make His servants aware and assist them to attain the sweetness of the All-Merciful’s utterance. Whosoever findeth it would sacrifice his spirit for a single letter of His verses. Every fair-minded and knowing one beareth witness to this.

O thou who art steadfast in the Covenant! The manifold adversities and afflictions and the successive trials and hardships have served to adorn thy brow with the crown of steadfastness and have caused thee to quaff from the chalice of fidelity. Thou hast been subjected to every test and trial and hast emerged therefrom radiant and victorious. Gracious God! How strange that every calamity and tribulation, rather than causing one to languish, hath instead imparted strength and vitality, and every affliction, far from weakening and debilitating, hath granted fresh capacity and renewed vigor. This is among the mysteries of God and a token of His consummate wisdom.

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In the Name of our Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! My God, my God! Thou seest mine eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy grace and the hands of this poor one raised to the heaven of Thy bounty. Whenever I contemplate Thy justice, O my God, my limbs tremble, my heart is agitated, my joints quiver, my sighs ascend and my tears fall. Yet whenever I contemplate Thy grace and Thy dealings with Thy loved ones, my spirit soars, my heart is assured and my soul finds rest. By Thy glory, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! My heart has melted from shame and my being is aflame with the fire of my sorrow. In my days I have done that which Thou didst forbid in Thy Books and through the tongues of Thy Messengers. I confess, O my God, to having wronged my soul. I have forsaken what was meet and proper and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy justice to lament.

My God, my God! My transgressions have prevented me from turning to the lights of the Orb of Thy grace, and my trespasses have come between me and the revelations of Thy names and attributes. O

Lord! Thou seest the sinner yearning for the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and him that is far removed longing for the court of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy bestowal, and by Thy Prophets and Messengers whom Thou hast made the lamps of guidance among Thy creatures and the dawning-places of piety amidst Thy creation, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee, acknowledging Thy unity and Thy singleness, and assured of Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, Thy might and Thy power.

Alas, alas! My heedlessness hath destroyed me and my disobedience hath weakened me. I know not, O my Purpose and my Adored One, with what countenance to turn toward Thee, with what heart to approach Thy most exalted horizon and supreme height, and with what tongue to offer excuses before the manifestations of Thy justice, O Lord of all being! My sin hath kept me back from drawing nigh unto Thee, and my deeds have intervened between me and Thy bounty and generosity. I have done what Thou didst forbid and have neglected what Thou didst command. Therefore, alas, alas! I am he who cast aside the ordinances of Thy Book and took the book of my own self, and committed that which hath deprived me of the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and barred me from the sweet waters of Thy mercy and Thy bounty.

Behold, O my God, my evil plight, my agitation and my confusion! My God, my God! My hope is in Thy grace and my desire is Thy generosity. The ocean of rebellion hath turned toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the mountain of error toward the heaven of Thy bounty. Should Thou cast me far, who will draw me nigh, and should Thou deny me, who will call me unto Thee? By Thy power, O King of the visible and invisible realms, and Sovereign of grandeur and might! I find for myself no helper save Thee, no protector besides Thee, and no one merciful other than Thee. The fire of heedlessness and passion hath consumed me - where is the water of Thy mercy, O Purpose of them that have recognized Thee? The hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginings have removed me far from Thee - where is the light of Thy nearness, O God of the heavens and the earths? The thirst of disobedience hath destroyed me - where is the ocean of Thy forgiveness, O Thou in Whose remembrance the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee delight?

I beseech Thee, O God of earth and heaven, by the Ark that hath sailed at Thy bidding, and by Him through Whom the sweet savors of Thy Revelation were wafted and the celestial spheres of Thy heaven were honored by His advent, and by them through whom Thy traces were spread abroad, Thy standards were raised up, Thy commandments and laws were revealed, and the horizons of Thy realm were illumined, not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou seest the feeble one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance, him that is far removed yearning for the precincts of Thy mercy, and the sinful one desiring the ocean of Thy bounty and forgiveness. Thou art God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O God! Send down Thy blessings upon Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones, and upon Thy loved ones who have championed Thy Cause, raised the banners of Thy Faith and the ordinances of Thy Book, and

strove until they laid down their lives in Thy path. Verily, Thou art powerful to do as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful! O my Lord, my Master, my Support, my Goal, the Ultimate Object of my hope and the End of my desire! My outer and inner tongue bear witness to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful, mighty, self-subsisting and eternal, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been from time immemorial. Neither the might of princes, nor the doubts of divines, nor the hosts of tyrants, nor the ranks of pharaohs can prevent Thee from that which Thou desirest. Through Thy name was raised the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and the banner of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." Thou art He Whose power hath triumphed, Whose sovereignty hath appeared, Whose mercy hath preceded, Whose proof hath been perfected, and Whose evidence hath been completed. There is no God but Thee. May the essence perish of whatsoever hath not acknowledged Thy oneness and singleness, and may the reality be lost of whatsoever hath not confessed Thy greatness and power, Thy favors and loving-kindness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, and by Thy power which hath encompassed all things, and by the pearls of Thy knowledge and the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom, to protect me from the oppression of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, who have denied Thy signs, who have disputed Thy proof, and who have rejected what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. O Lord! Withhold me not from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones, and disappoint me not of that which Thou hast written for Thy loved ones whom neither the might of kings could turn away from turning to Thee, nor the clamor of the peoples could prevent from facing Thy court. O Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy Name, the Strong, and the poor one turning to the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, by the lights of Thy Throne and by Thy Prophets and chosen ones through whom the Sun of Thy commandments shone forth in Thy kingdom and Thy traces were spread throughout Thy lands, and through whom the servants acknowledged Thy oneness, to make me in all conditions one who speaks Thy praise and glorification and who is content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy Will. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and King of eternity, by the Most Great Name, to ordain for this servant the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope raised to the heaven of Thy bounty and the hearts turned toward the horizon of Thy giving. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by the Daysprings of Thy Cause and the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Recipients of Thy knowledge and the Mines of Thy wisdom and the Treasuries of Thy utterance and the Sources of Thy commandments and ordinances to aid me in all conditions to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Light which shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and whereby the standard of Truth was raised and the banner of metaphor was lowered, to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me. Then forgive me, O my God, through Thy bounty and generosity and grace and favor. Verily Thou art powerful

over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and trusted ones and friends through whom were raised the standards of Thy victory and the banners of Thy power, and through whom Thy signs were spread abroad and Thy proof was made manifest and Thy evidence became all-encompassing - those whom nothing whatsoever prevented from drawing nigh unto Thee, who strove in Thy path with true striving and aided Thy Cause with true aid, and through whom the limbs of those who denied Thee and Thy signs trembled and the hearts of the deniers among Thy servants were confounded. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by them and by the blood that was shed in Thy path and the heads that were severed for the manifestation of Thy Cause, to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee and to turn repentant to the door of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of abundant grace. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O thou who art attracted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great, Most Noble Beauty! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Verily, there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Through your mention, the Most Great Remembrance hath rejoiced, and through your letter the Ancient Beauty, Who hath come from the heaven of certitude with proof and evidence, hath been gladdened. We testify that ye drink, in remoteness, the wine of nearness, and in separation, the water of reunion, and We perceive from you the fragrance of faithfulness. This is a station none hath attained save he who hath shattered the idol of associating partners with God through power and dominion. Grieve not at separation, for verily it is a sign of reunion. Your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, beareth witness to this. This is a station We have ordained for you as a bounty from Our presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We oft-times remember those moments when ye were present before the Throne, and these days when the veils of the people of error have come between us. At times We recall the days of reunion and their sweetness, and at other times the days of separation and their burning pain. Thus doth God remember those who have chosen Him over all else. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

O ’Ali! The Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this Most Great Prison, and remembereth thee with that which nothing in all creation can equal. That which ye sent to Our name, the Mahdi, hath been read before Our face, and the Dawning-Place of sorrows hath been gladdened thereby. We remember the All-Merciful at all times in such wise that neither the tyranny of them that are on earth nor the swords of the contentious can hinder Us. We have been afflicted among the people of Syria in whose hearts is concealed hatred for God, thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. We hear from its very pebbles “The kingdom belongeth to the Revealer of verses,” yet its people are in strange doubt. The peoples were promised the Lord of the Day of Remedy, but when He came with the truth, they turned away from the face of Beauty. The land of Syria was given glad tidings of the land of God, but when He came, they turned away from Him and arose in such hypocrisy as the eye of creation hath not seen. They hear the verses of God and deny them. They are indeed the people of hellfire.

O ’Ali! Inhale the fragrance of My love from the breezes of My verses which We have sent unto thee from this quarter which God, the Lord of all quarters, hath ordained. Convey My glorification unto the faces of those who have believed in God and have detached themselves from every doubting polytheist. They who have been faithful to God’s Covenant are among the choicest of creation. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy, and the light of God and His praise. We testify that they are among those endued with understanding. And they who have broken God’s covenant have no portion of this bounty which hath encompassed all regions. He hath prospered who hath remained steadfast, and hath lost who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all men. Soon shall come a day wherein God will exalt those who have held fast to the cord of His Cause and have attained unto the Dayspring of lights.

Then do We make mention of Ha’ before Sin from this manifest horizon - he who was afflicted with separation from Me after having drunk the water of reunion. Blessed art thou for having remained steadfast in the Cause and for having won the remembrance of God in My days and for having kept the Covenant. We beseech God to confirm thee in that whereunto thou hast attained and to draw thee near at all times. Were We to remember you throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion, the love of My heart would not be exhausted, for We have found from you the fragrance of the love of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

God willing, may ye ever be gladdened by the glad-tidings of the Lord of Names and Attributes. Ye have always been and will continue to be beneath the glances of the favors of the Lord of Names. Never have ye been absent from Our sight. Every soul who hath today attained unto the most great steadfastness is accounted as human in the presence of the All-Merciful; without it, he is more abject than animals. The Most Exalted Pen is ever engaged in the remembrance of the friends - this is a bounty that hath had and hath no peer or likeness. God willing, may ye be gladdened by the remembrance of Truth and remain steadfast in His Cause. The glory from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, be upon you.

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We, verily have not fallen short of Our duty to exhort men, and to deliver that whereunto I was bidden by God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. To His Eminence Aqa Siyyid Baqir in the Land of Ya, He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted.

O servant! Arise and call out among the people with wisdom and exhortation. Say: O people! After the manifestation of God and His sovereignty, does it befit anyone to cling to anything among all that has been created in the heavens and earth? No, by the radiant and luminous Beauty of God! And after the sun has risen and reached its zenith, does it befit anyone to speak of mirrors, even if they be true mirrors? No, by the Self of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Say: The mirror’s glory lies in the sun’s rays being reflected in it, and this reflection exists within it and appears from it so long as no veils of self and desire intervene between it and its illuminator. Thus is the matter, if you be of those who perceive. After becoming veiled, it can never tell of the sun’s sovereignty, and God’s lights, grace, providence and bounty are cut off from it. This comes from itself, for it has placed between itself and the sun that which has deprived it of the lights of God, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Say: If today all the mirrors of creation were to face this Sun that has dawned from the holy horizon, the revelation of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful would be reflected in them all. This reflection remains as long as they face the Sun, but after turning away, the light returns to its source and creation reverts to its original form and likeness, if you be of those who know.

Say: God created mirrors as He created all things, and creates as He wishes by His command. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. He has ordained measures for every name in the kingdom of names - He raises and lowers them, and thus does God erase what He wishes and confirm what He wishes, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in preserved and mighty tablets.

Say: The existence of all things is through God, while His existence is through His own Self, if you be of those who understand. The light of all things is through the Sun's light, while its light is through itself, if you be of those who are certain.

Say: The glory of every name is through its Creator, while His glory is through His own Self, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O people! Associate not partners with God, nor take lords besides Him. Fear God, O people, and transgress not in God's Cause, and be not of the wrongdoers.

Say: Today all things stand equal, such that distinctions between created things have been removed. Whoever turns to God is among the most exalted of creation, and whoever turns away has no mention with God, the Sovereign, the Beautiful. The mirror today is he who has detached himself from self and desire and has turned to the holy court, this radiant and luminous scene. Without this, the decree of existence in the heaven of eternity cannot apply to it, let alone this station, if you be of those who know.

Say: O people! Observe the visible mirrors - if they face the sun, you will see its form within them, but after they turn away, you will find no trace of the sun in them. Thus does the Pen of Command teach you lest your feet slip from the path. This is from My grace upon you, and I am the Ancient Bestower of Grace. Likewise observe the mirrors of names, that you may be among the firmly grounded.

Though a mirror might claim for itself the station and rank of the sun, the sun knows it lies about itself, as has been decreed before, if you be of those who witness. Creation has various ranks with God, and among them are those whom God raises in the kingdom of names […]

Among them are those whom God raises up in the Kingdom of Names, whose name becomes renowned among the peoples of the world. Such a one has his station with his Lord according to his measure, if he transgresses not his bounds and remains steadfast beneath the shadow of affirmation. But should his foot slip, he will instantly return to the nethermost depths. Those whose names thou hearest from every soul, yet findest not in them that whereby the hearts of the believers might find repose, and from whom no signs of God, the Creator, the Fashioner, the Ancient of Days, are made manifest - these are they whose names have been raised up without their realities, and in this there is wisdom which no ignorant one far removed can comprehend. And among them are those whose realities God raises up without names, as thou witnessest in those whose faces are illumined and from whom waft the sweet savors of holiness, yet none recognize them save those of keen insight. They walk among the people as one of them, while in their hearts the dove of remembrance warbles in their longing for God and their yearning for His holy and exalted habitation. Moses aforetime made known to us one of these, whereupon he was confounded

within himself and became of the perplexed. With Us are sciences which were We to divulge but a single letter thereof, the hearts of the unitarians would be thrown into confusion. And among them are those whom God raises up in both name and reality and in all that pertains to them. Thus have We detailed the matter for thee that thou mayest know every soul according to its measure and station, and be of them that are endowed with insight. Were We to explain the stations of being raised up and its degrees according to what We have ordained, thou wouldst become aware of all mysteries, but for every mention there is an appointed time with thy Lord, and when the promise cometh, it shall descend from a holy and exalted dominion. Say: O Manifestations of Names! Let not the world delude you with its vanities, nor names with their loftiness. Fear ye God and wax not proud before Him Who created you through His decisive and wondrous Word. Open your eyes that ye may know your station and Him Who created you from a drop of water. Fear ye God and forge not lies against God your Creator, nor commit unseemly acts against yourselves lest ye deprive your souls of that which hath been ordained for you by One mighty and all-knowing. Observe thou the people of the Bayan and their veils, and that to which they have clung after We commanded them to cling to naught of all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth at the time of the Manifestation. Say: If ye deny this Cause, what is your proof for believing in My previous Manifestation, Who was named ’Ali before Nabil? Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of Him by Whose command the verses were sent down in every age and through Whom God’s power was manifested and His mercy encompassed the worlds. Fear God, then look with God’s eye to the root of the Cause and that whereby every wise command is established. Formerly ye adduced proofs for your cause through God’s verses, the Mighty, the Gracious. By God! In these days there hath been sent down the equivalent of what was sent down aforetime to the Messengers. If ye deny these, what is the difference between you and the former peoples who denied God on the day the clouds were cleft asunder and God came with His authority, and the matter was decreed by One mighty and powerful. O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and reject not the truth through what ye possess, for this indeed is a grievous wrong. Rend asunder the veils of glory through the power of My Name, the All-Conquering, the All-Encompassing. Would that ye were cognizant of the root of the Cause! By God! All that ye have heard regarding any other than Me is from Me, and none is aware of this save My all-knowing and informed Self.

And none has knowledge of this save My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self. Were ye to behold the Cause with pure and illumined eyes, ye would recognize that which ye have not known before, and would find yourselves upon a mighty steadfastness. And thou, O servant, cast aside the veils that lie behind thee, then make mention of this Cause amongst the people and fear no one. Place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Arise to serve the Cause, then proclaim it among the servants, and be not of them that are patient. This is better for thee than all whereto the name of any thing can be applied, and to this doth every thing bear witness, if thou be of them that bear witness. O my God, my Lord and my Beloved! Thou knowest that I have not fallen short in propagating Thy Cause, and have revealed unto Thy servants the greatest of what they possess - a Command from Thy presence. And verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Willing. Therefore, O my God, open Thou their eyes and purify their hearts that they may recognize Thy Self and detach themselves from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Lord of surpassing bounty.

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To the handmaid of God, My handmaid, My handmaid! These are words at whose revelation the most distinguished among women and the most exalted among maidens would be consumed with longing. Behold the grace of God, that He should address thee with such blessed and goodly words from His Most Holy and Most Exalted Tongue. The attraction of illumined hearts and the enkindlement of sanctified souls have ever been and shall ever be from the Divine Word. This is that same Word which Moses, son of ’Imran, heard from the Divine Lote-Tree, and which the Beloved of the world hearkened unto in His night-journey, and now the Dawning-Place of utterance and the Dayspring of verses hath addressed thee in His own tongue and honored thee with these blessed words. Glory thou in the bounty and mercy of God, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!

The leaf thou didst send through Mihdi - upon him be the glory of God - reached the Most Holy Court, and the glance of favor was directed towards it. Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath attained unto this glorious Presence. That which was mentioned was observed before the Throne. God willing, thou shalt at all times be enkindled with the fire of His Word and be occupied with His remembrance. However, in these days the waters of divine favor must be bestowed with wisdom upon oneself and others. This is among the divine counsels that have flowed from the Pen of Him Who causeth the dawn to break. Act thou accordingly and render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

This is a Day wherein all relationships are severed save for those who have turned unto the Truth and have partaken of the pure wine. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Day, for his shall be a goodly end. Observe how many among the divines, the learned, the eloquent, and likewise among the women, remained deprived of the ocean of attainment which they sought with their very souls, while thou didst attain unto it and became vocal in the praise of the Truth. This is why it hath been revealed in the Tablets: “How many a servant hath been deprived of the Salsabil of life, and how many a handmaid hath drunk thereof and said: ‘Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings!’”

Consider the time of the Apostle of God: at the first dawning of the Sun of Batha, all the learned ones remained deprived, and the men of letters were forbidden, while some from among the craftsmen, including shepherds and others, attained unto the recognition of that Luminary of the All-Merciful. This is the station wherein it is said: “He maketh their highest to be their lowest, and their lowest to be their highest.” The cause of the deprivation of most of the servants hath been the embodiments of learning - that is, those who were known for their knowledge. Otherwise, that which such souls regarded as knowledge is, in the sight of the Hidden Name, but evident fancy and conjecture.

The essence of knowledge is the knowledge of God. Whosoever attaineth unto this is accounted among the learned in the presence of the Truth, and whosoever remaineth deprived thereof is reckoned among the most ignorant of people, even though he might be the repository of all knowledge. It hath been observed that a person who spent numbered years acquiring outward knowledge, upon hearing the Divine Word, fled as “asses fleeing from a lion,” for it is indeed difficult for him to lay down his burden. However, God willing, this greatest veil hath been and shall be rent asunder by the finger of power.

Know thou the value of that which God hath bestowed upon thee, and be assured that it hath, in the presence of thy Lord, a station whereon We pronounce blessing from this glorious and mighty station. All those souls, both female and male, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, have attained unto the outpourings of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. Convey to each one of them, on behalf of the Truth, greetings and glad-tidings, for they were mentioned in the Most Holy Presence and have attained unto divine favors. God willing, may ye be confirmed through divine confirmations, be vocal in His praise, and remain steadfast in His Cause. And the glory be upon thee and upon them.

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In the Name of the One God

O Mahdi! God willing, thou wilt observe with divine vision the world and all that hath come to pass therein. In this Most Great Revelation there hath occurred that which hath never occurred in the world. It behooveth thee to read the blessed Surih of Ra'is, as well as the Tablets to the Kings, and what befell the Chief of Paris. The hand of divine power was manifested and seized whomsoever He willed. Nearly twenty million souls perished, and in most regions of those parts blood flowed like rivers. Do not consider the world to be limited to one tract of land. Observe what hath befallen the servants in the vast renowned lands mentioned in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Whatsoever hath appeared in the earth was revealed beforehand by the Most Exalted Pen, although this Most Great Revelation hath appeared with supreme grace and mighty loving-kindness. There befell mankind that which befell them. Verily, were He to desire it, He would seize the world through a single word from His presence. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

If in certain instances there be delay in the manifestation of the divine Cause, this hath been and will be due to consummate wisdom, and none hath ever comprehended divine knowledge or become aware of the consummate wisdom. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is most strange that your honor hath not seen the divine Tablets, for had you observed them, you would have become aware of the power and might of God and would have spoken words that would convince that person and his like. Whatsoever hath occurred and shall occur in the earth hath been revealed clearly and manifestly in the divine Tablets without any interpretation. From that person's words it is evident that he hath no knowledge of the mysteries of the Cause and hath not turned to the divine Books. God willing, your honor will assist that person to refer to the divine Books, that he may not remain deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge and be not prevented from the sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the finger of the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to him and say: Look, then mention what proofs and evidences of God thou and the people of the world possess, and what hath appeared in this Most Great Revelation from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Is there anyone with vision to behold the signs of God in the earth? Is there anyone with power to shatter the idols of vain imaginings in the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful? The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared and the proof hath encompassed all who are in the realm of possibility, yet the people are in evident doubt. Say: If ye deny this Most Great Grace,

by what proof can ye establish what ye possess? Be fair in God's cause and be not of those who recognized, then turned away and denied this resplendent, shining Light.

Say: Despite the power of kings and sovereigns, the arrayed ranks, the assembled armies, the continuous reports, and the fire-ships, God alone calleth out with the most exalted call and summoneth all to the supreme horizon. If any soul would reflect upon this Revelation and what hath appeared therefrom, he would assuredly speak forth and utter that which God loveth. God willing, may they be assisted and reflect upon what caused the denial of the deniers of old and what was its reason. By the life of God! Then would he behold the Path and the Balance and the appearance of the All-Merciful in the realm of possibility, and would say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me aware. I testify that Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

The verses of creation have prevented the Pen from mentioning the verses of revelation. This is not a mere wind that bloweth, but rather the Lion of winds. Glory be to God! From every created thing are manifest and evident the signs of power. Exalted be His dominion and magnificent His might! Each of His creative works and each manifestation of His power hath been and is without equal, peer, similitude or likeness - how much more so His attributes and names, how much more His Essence! Blessed and exalted is He. True unity befitteth His threshold alone, but only if the Kingdom of His own utterance be made manifest; otherwise, God forbid that one such as I should attempt description or praise.

After offering praise and gratitude to God, exalted be His glory, and to His Prophets and chosen ones - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your presence - the elevated letter of this evanescent servant bestowed a new spirit, as the ancients have said: "He did unto me as the rain unto the meadow."

After reading and becoming acquainted with its contents, it was submitted. They stated that what was written is true and approved. We have fulfilled some obligations and, God willing, through His bounty and grace we shall fulfill the others. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen, assist and support him that they may not cease in their quest and that the friends of God may attain their answer. The Light of Beauty shed its radiance, love became manifest, and from that mention it entered the arena, and from that enkindled realm came the verse "Thou shalt not know." It is He Who sent His loved ones to the place of sacrifice, and He is the Cause of the world's attraction and unity. We beseech God to confirm all, that they may be set ablaze by the fire of love kindled by the Word of God. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Indeed, any mention that appeareth from the Dayspring of utterance will cause the elevation, exaltation and enkindlement of that soul. Therefore, we beseech God to send forth at all times that which giveth life. As for the countenance of God, He is generous - it shall be properly arranged. The remaining Tablets of Baku, along with two letters addressed to his honor, were sent and will reach the blessed presence.

The answer to the mentioned letter hath been revealed, but will be sent later to be forwarded subsequently, for some of the handmaidens of God, such as the wife of the elevated and late Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - have submitted petitions. If her answer is not sent, she will surely be saddened, therefore that too shall be dispatched.

To his honor, my namesake - upon him be God's peace - I convey greetings and praise. May he be preserved, God willing. He too must act with wisdom, for some people are corrupt and have neither recognized nor understood the value of generosity, love, and true manliness. In all cases, one must hold fast to wisdom. Verily, He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for the mention of Aqa Mirza Safar 'Ali-Akbar from Tuyserkan, this servant conveys greetings to him. I beseech God to protect him and grant him sustenance from the purest fountain. Devils and demons lie in wait at their ambush points. I beseech and implore God not to deprive the seekers from their ultimate goal and highest purpose, nor prevent the pursuers from the effulgent lights of the Sun of inner meanings. Glorious is this day, and mighty is this Cause, yet the poor people remain heedless and unaware. We hope that the True Bestower will not withhold His grace and will grant that which befitteth His generosity. Verily, He is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, the Luminous, the All-Glorious!

These are the verses of the Book which have been sent down in the most melodious tones, and they in themselves shall be a proof unto all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. Through them hath been created the kingdom of names and attributes, and for each letter thereof hath been ordained a tongue that speaketh between earth and heaven that this is verily the Beloved amidst the Concourse on High, and the Desired One amidst the company of creation, and the Hidden One concealed in the essence of Glory in the most wondrous heights. Whoso hath known his Lord and believed in Him hath attained unto the knowledge and presence of God, and whoso hath denied Him hath descended to the lowest depths. Say: The path of justice hath been established, and none shall pass thereon save they who have ascended to the ultimate goal, while the idolaters on that Day shall be in the abyss of wrath, wailing in the nethermost depths.

Say: The heaven of names hath been rent asunder by the clouds of destiny, and from its horizon hath shone forth the Sun of eternity in the form of glory, illumining with such brilliance as no veils can obscure. O people! By the True God! The Beauty of the All-Merciful calleth out from the Sacred Kingdom unto the company of the Bayan in the most wondrous melodies, saying: O people! Do ye deny My Beauty after I have changed My garment and come unto you from the treasury of the unseen with the most perfect words? O people! It is as though I had never departed from among you, but rather journeyed for days and returned unto you with My Beauty, whose sovereignty every atom doth testify, yet ye knew Me not and denied My Cause, though by it were ye and all contingent beings created. Thereby it hath become evident that in Our former Manifestation ye knew not My Beauty, but only My garment and My robe amidst the earths and heavens. Had ye known My former Beauty, ye would have recognized it in this

latter Manifestation when I revealed Myself from behind the veils. Open your eyes, then know your Lord, the All-Merciful, by His bountiful Self, and abandon names and their kingdom, for they are but garments of Our Cause which We change as We please, and We are in truth the Sovereign Who sendeth down from the heaven of grace wondrous verses. O people! Fear God and render not your works vain through the promptings of your selves and your desires. Fear the Day whereon all who dwell in the earths and heavens shall be sorely shaken. Doth it befit anyone to seek illumination from a lamp, however brilliant it may be in itself, after the rising of the Sun? Nay, by Him in Whose grasp is the reins of all things!

Follow, O people, the Manifestation of God's Self, then detach yourselves from those who have denied God and rejected His signs and were among such as followed their lusts. Say: The Ancient Beauty hath appeared and taken His seat upon the throne, and round about Him circle the dwellers of the heaven of eternity and the realities of pre-existence. Say: All names stand at the entrance of this Paradise that the breezes of the spirit might waft over them from the direction of immortality. O people! Do ye doubt God, the Creator of the heavens and earth and all that lieth between them? Do ye deny Him in Whom ye believed on the Day when the heavens were cloven asunder, and the earth was rent, and the suckling babes were separated from their mothers? And thou, O servant, keep thyself aloof from those who have denied God and His sovereignty after conclusive proofs have been sent down unto them. Arise to promote the Cause with an authority from Us and a steadfastness from Our presence, and fear not those who have strayed from the path of the Cause and were among the people of the veils. Leave all contingent things behind thee, then ascend by the power of faith unto the paradise of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest hear the call of the All-Glorious from the fire kindled in the Tree. Thus doth the Spirit teach thee at a time when He is encompassed by the wolves of polytheism from every side.

Leave the contingent world behind thee, and ascend through the power of faith unto the paradise of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest hear the call of the All-Glorious from the Fire kindled in the sacred Tree. Thus doth the Spirit teach thee at a time when the wolves of polytheism have surrounded Him from all sides. And the Glory be upon thee and upon them who are steadfast in the Cause, and upon those women who have believed in God and are of the devout.

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He is God, the Ever-Living, the Most Exalted!

Move, O servant, this radiant Pen across this lustrous, snow-white Tablet, that it may recount that which the Spirit warbleth in thy heart of the melodies of the Divine Essence in this wondrous Paradise, upon this Tree of Eternity, that thereby may rejoice those honored servants in whom hath been planted the divine Tree, and upon whom hath shone the Sun of eternity, the heavenly Light, and the Ancient Manifestation. Through them have gushed forth the springs of divinity, and the Lote-Tree of concealment hath put forth leaves, and the camphor-like leaf hath yielded fruit. Through them hath the Essence of divinity been established upon the throne of eternity, and the Dove hath warbled in the sanctified Temple, and the lights of morn have dawned from the Sun of the Divine Essence in glorified form. Through them have all created things appeared and unto them do they return; through them have all contingent beings

emerged and unto them do they revert. Through them hath the temple of evanescence donned the robe of immortality, and the essence of poverty been clothed in the raiment of wealth, and the epitome of lowliness in the vesture of glory.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what means I should commemorate Thee at this moment - whether by that which speaketh within my breast, or by that which Thou inspirest in my heart, or by mentioning how Thou hast fulfilled Thy covenant concerning me and Thy servants, as Thou didst promise aforetime in Thy perspicuous Book and Thy established verses. Thou didst say - and Thy word is the sweetest, and Thy promise is the truth in the most exalted Kingdom - "God will make each of sufficient means." I testify at this moment before Thee that Thou hast fulfilled all that Thou didst promise, and performed all that Thou didst ordain, and accomplished all that Thou didst clarify, such that Thou hast made all things repositories of Thy riches and treasuries of Thy bounties, in that Thou hast acquainted them with the pathways of Thy Cause, the ways of Thy commandments, the gems of Thy wisdom, the essence of Thy knowledge, and the meanings of Thy verses. Thou hast unveiled Thy countenance from behind the veils of glory, that all might witness the lights of Beauty in the temple of Thy remembrance, in the vesture of Thy might, in the essence of Thy knowledge, in the treasury of Thy revelation, in the mine of Thy Cause, and in the repository of Thy light, whereby Thou hast made them independent of all else, sufficient beyond all else, and free from all that is in the heavens and earth, such that all servants seek Thy nearness and Thy presence, to circle round the Kaaba of Thy Being and to enter the sanctuary of Thy presence.

Yet, by Thy glory, I have not known separation from Thee that I should seek nearness and reunion with Thee, nor have I witnessed separation from Thee that I should desire union and meeting with Thee. What then can be my thought of Thee, O my God, and what can be the concern of Thy servants toward Thee, O my Beloved, for Thou art established above all things and abiding over all things? I beseech Thee, therefore, by the Sun of Thine eternity and the holy lights of Thy divine Lordship's might, to make these ones among the signs of Thy sovereign might, the fruits of the tree of Thy oneness, and the leaves of the Lote-Tree of Thy Being. Then kindle, O my God, within their hearts the lamp of Thy love, the niche of Thy favor, and the light of Thy providence, that their very hearts may be consumed with longing for Thy meeting, with love for reunion with Thee, and with desire to gaze upon Thy beauty, for no station in all creation is greater than this. May the breezes of holiness move them from the left hand of limitation to the right hand of unity, that they may be enabled to ascend unto the highest horizon beyond the pavilions of glory in the Kingdom of light and the realm of eternity, in the most great garden near the Most Exalted Vesture in the Most High Temple.

Then establish them, O my God, in the station for which Thou didst create them through themselves. Then clothe them in the robes of Thy guidance and the vesture which Thou hast woven with the hands of Thy power and the fingers of Thy might. Then inscribe, O my God, upon the tablets of their hearts with the Pen of accomplishment that which behooveth the people of divine decree. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, powerful over all things.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in bounty and bestowal!

Praise be to the Ancient King Who, through the key of His Most Great Name, hath opened and taken possession of the prepared hearts of the peoples. None can resist His sovereignty, and none can prevent the manifestation of His power and might. He hath sent down the verses and made them the gate of knowledge throughout creation. Exalted be His dominion, exalted be His proof, and exalted be His testimony which hath encompassed existence, both seen and unseen. And peace and blessings be upon the Hands of His Cause, who have taken hold of the Book through His power and aided His Cause among His servants. We beseech God to strengthen them in all conditions to remain steadfast in a manner that hath caused the hearts of the heedless to tremble.

O my leaf and she who gazeth toward the horizon of My manifestation! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy Court and attained unto His presence and meeting. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee so firm in holding fast to the Tree that neither winds shall move thee nor worldly events cause thee to fall, and to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance by His bounteous hand, and to ordain for thee that whereby thy mention and thy name shall endure in His Perspicuous Book. Command and judgment belong to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O my leaf! Hearken unto what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. His exalted Word states: "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world. But the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight for reward, and better in respect of hope." This blessed verse was revealed when the sons of the Prophet ascended to the Most Exalted Station and the All-Glorious Companion. The idolaters arose in derision and spoke words unfitting to their base desires. Thereafter, the aforementioned verse was revealed, meaning that good and righteous deeds are better and more beloved in God's sight. They failed to understand that the enduring good deeds are the verses revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance upon his heart, which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. The idolaters supposed that since the Prophet was without heir, His Cause and His decree would perish and vanish. They were heedless that all that appeared from Him was adorned with the ornament of perpetuity and imperishable glory. And to spite the idolaters, the Surih of Kawthar was revealed, meaning that the idolaters are the ones cut off and heirless. He saith: "For he who hateth thee, he will be cut off."

God willing, that leaf shall enter and swim in the depths of the sea of oneness and detachment. This station is mighty, and thus He saith: "So patience is most fitting. And it is God Whose help is sought against that which ye assert." The highest fruit of the tree of detachment hath ever been and shall ever be patience. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and recognized its station. I say in truth that there hath never been and shall never be any barrier against the decreed hour. Thus He saith that death shall overtake every soul, even if they be in lofty, impregnable towers. But that which is not decreed may be lifted through God's absolute Will and His pervading divine Purpose. Blessed is he who readeth what hath been sent down from the tongue of My grandeur at this moment, as a command from Me, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned to the horizon of Thy manifestation, and a leaf among Thy leaves who hath held fast to the Tree of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee,

O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of the nations who broke Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who disputed Thy verses and contended with the Daysprings of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, were made to tremble, to change my sorrow into gladness from Thy presence and my grief into joy from Thy direction. I testify that Thou knowest what profiteth and harmeth me, and I know not what is with Thee. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

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In the Name of Him Who calls out in the midmost heart of contingent being! Praise befits the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the invisible and visible realms, Who with the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the blessed word "except." Through His word of affirmation, effacement found no way, and the darkness of the world did not prevent His Command's light from shining. With one pen He struck the ranks of the world. Neither the might of princes nor the clamor of divines prevented Him from His purpose, and He commanded all at the most great call to that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an: "Say: God! Then leave them to their vain discourses." This is that Word to which they who are immersed in the depths of oneness clung at the first turning. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. We testify that they are of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, from God, the Cleaver of daybreak and the Sender of winds.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letters, each one before being written and after being written, before appearing and after appearing, have attained the honor of being seen by the King of the Kingdom of Names and heard by the Lord of all humanity. We have read what was inscribed on the tablet of thy heart by the pen of love in remembrance of God, the Lord of creation. He is with thee at all times, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

O Muhammad, the sorrows of the world have encompassed from all directions. Thou hast been and art aware of the power and influence of the Supreme Pen. Without veil or covering, on the Day of Return He summoned all to the horizon of manifestation and mentioned in most eloquent utterance the cause of salvation for all creation. Neither might nor wrath nor injustice nor oppression prevented Him from His purpose or held Him back from proclaiming the Most Exalted Word. And when the light of the Cause shone forth from the horizons of hearts and the call was raised from every direction, Hadi and his like emerged like wolves from behind the veil with swords of hatred and committed that which no oppressor had ever committed. This is the Day which the Desired One of all worlds mentioned in the Surih of Luqman: "O my son! If it be but the weight of a mustard-seed and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth. Verily, God is subtle, aware."

Those souls who transformed righteousness and piety into tyranny and transgression We expelled from this city merely to protect them. In the great city they united with certain atheistic, opposing, idolatrous souls and committed that which caused the City of God to weep and the pebbles of the desert to lament. When they observed the Wronged One outwardly without helper or assistant, they therefore committed

that which caused pen and tablet to pause from recording and bearing mention. In brief, the signs of the Hour have become evident and the mysteries of the Resurrection apparent. The hidden thoughts of breasts and the treachery of eyes are witnessed. Blessed is he whom neither the events of the world nor the calumnies of those who denied the Day of Judgment caused to slip.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest those who turned away from Thee and objected to Thee without any proof from Thee or evidence from Thy presence. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy grace and bounty to aid Thy servants to return unto Thee and to repent at the door of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

The mentioned names have all attained unto the verses of God, and two Tablets were also revealed and sent specifically for two persons whom that person requested. If wisdom requires, bestow them, otherwise patience is preferable. Verily God is with the patient ones.

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He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven

Praise be sanctified beyond the comprehension and minds of all, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence of the Intended One Who, in days when darkness had encompassed the world, kindled the fire of His Cause and adorned the pavilion of His glory with the lights of His countenance. He protected the lamp of His power from the diverse winds of the world, and no clouds or veils could conceal the Sun of His Manifestation. At all times He speaks forth "The Kingdom is God's" and at the heart of contingent being He proclaims "The Sovereign has come." The events of the age and the opposition of the people of Iran did not prevent Him from His purpose nor hold Him back from His will. On His right the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" is raised, and on His left the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" is unfurled. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His sovereignty, and triumphant be His power. There is no God but Him.

O My Afnan, O Abu'l-Hasan! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and purify thy heart from the dust of sorrows that have befallen thee with the water of God's remembrance. Though the tribulation that has occurred is grievous, yet patience and forbearance are greater in the sight of God. He is indeed the All-Patient and has commanded His servants to observe gracious patience. We make mention of the Afnan who has ascended unto God, for whom the ocean of forgiveness surged and the rain of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Generous, poured forth. At his ascension God adorned him with the ornament of forgiveness, as a grace from His presence - and He is the Ancient Bestower of Grace. Convey My mention to all the kindred and counsel them to patience and forbearance. Today is the day of remembrance, praise and service to the Cause. The loved ones, especially the Afnan, must occupy themselves with teaching God's Cause and exalting His Word. That which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the Afnan shall endure as long as God's names and attributes endure. You must preserve this most exalted station, for heedless souls lie in wait in various ways to utter words that would cause people to deviate from the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. If only they knew the

foundation of the Cause! Verily thy Lord knoweth and concealeth - He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The world is a manifest Book which in every moment mentions and reveals its mysteries. Therefore its events do not hold back the people of insight and the companions of the Most Great Vision from what God hath willed. You must arise with the utmost joy and fragrance as befitteth. None knoweth what shall come to pass hereafter. Soon there shall appear that which will gladden thee, draw thee near, and acquaint thee with what was hidden from sight. In outward matters, the command to consult hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen; thereafter, placing thy trust in God, hold fast to it and proceed accordingly.

When thou receivest My letter and findest from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path, and mention of me in Thy Most Great Prison before the faces of the world, and glory be to Thee for having revealed unto me what Thou hadst concealed from most of Thy creation. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and purify me from what beseemeth not Thy days. Then forgive me through Thy grace and generosity. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to open before my face the doors of Thy mercy and blessing, and to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise, sanctified from the descriptions of nations, befitteth Him Who is the Ancient King, Who hath caused copper to appear from mines and mountain quarries, and through it hath provided sustenance for a multitude of creatures. Great is the power of that Sovereign Who bringeth forth wheat from rock and causeth the supreme bounty to spring forth from the earth. These things have appeared and continue to appear through the wondrous grace of His favor. For every soul a portion hath been ordained - some sow and eat, while others reap and eat without having sown. For all there is a share in the Book of our Lord. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of nations and their Sovereign, and upon the pillars of the House and its foundation, and upon His family and companions through whom the edifice of knowledge was raised up in the contingent world and the power of God was made manifest among religions - blessings enduring forever.

Thereafter, the letters of your honor were seen, read, studied, and reviewed again. The heart was gladdened by them yet sorrowful, and the joyful eye wept, for the fragrances of grief wafted from them. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to bestow His grace, to untie the knot, to open the door of bounty, and to show the path of success and prosperity. Be not grieved. The host of the servant is resignation and prayer.

In all conditions, I beseech and implore the Blessed and Exalted Lord to refresh your honor with the rain of His mercy and grace, and to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. This matter was discussed with Aqa ’Abdu’s-Samad, upon him be God’s peace. He mentioned that he thought they were not in debt, but later it became known they owed considerable sums. Therefore I did not dare, for it is not my money but the people’s money, and indeed he speaks truly. If Haji Muhammad’s funds do not arrive, that land will lose all credibility with foreigners, just as this land has. The greatest of all things is trustworthiness and religiosity. These two have been and continue to be the cause of the trust and confidence of the servants.

In a Tablet from a few days ago, these exalted words were recorded: “Verily We came upon a verdant isle whose rivers were flowing and whose trees were intertwined. I turned to the right and beheld a countenance from among the countenances of the most exalted Paradise, standing upon a pillar of light, crying out with the most elevated call: ‘I am Trustworthiness and its beauty, and the adornment of lands and their light. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and recognizeth its station. Through it wealth appeareth and blessings descend.’”

What was in mind has been mentioned. Some phrases may be out of order. In any case, the purpose was that trustworthiness not be lost before others. Aqa ’Abdu’s-Samad was urged, after the passing of the departed one, upon him be God’s forgiveness, to send Haji Muhammad’s funds. This matter too was mentioned purely for the good of all, otherwise the law of consultation is binding and all must hold fast to it and act upon it. It would also be beloved if your honor were to meet with some and consult regarding your affairs. In truth, the greatest pillar to which this servant holds fast has been and continues to be supplication to God, exalted be He. Your honor has passed many years, and now too, God willing, there is hope that the door of hope will open and that spiritual beloved will be gladdened.

I convey greetings and praise to the presence of the friends, upon them be God’s peace and care, and I beseech the grace of God, exalted be His glory, for all. I send greetings to Qurratu’l-’Ayn ’Inayatu’llah and his mother. Peace, spirit and mercy be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants.

The Servant

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In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the Horizon of the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto the Desired One of all worlds, Who, despite the opposition of the divines, the disregard of the jurists, the might of princes, and the clamor of the men of learning, hath caused the Supreme Pen to move and, through that essential motion which hath proceeded from His prevailing and compelling Will, hath never ceased to summon all the peoples of the earth unto the court of the Lord of eternity, throughout the days and nights. He is the Omnipotent One Whom neither intimations nor doubts, neither tribulations nor hardships, have ever constrained. Before the faces of all the world He hath uttered that

which hath been and will be the cause of universal salvation, and whatsoever hath befallen His loved ones hath been and shall remain the cause of the exaltation of God's Word, despite every dubious disbeliever and every remote ignorant one.

Glory be to God! Although naught hath proceeded from the Most Holy and Exalted Court save the mention of God, the spreading of His verses, the manifestation of His proofs, compassionate counsels and goodly exhortations, yet such accusations have been made. The ignorant ones of the earth have each day clung to a cord and held fast to the hem of a vain imagination, uttering that which the idolaters of old had never spoken, and perpetrating that which hath caused the Tablet and the Pen, nay the Lord of eternity Himself, to weep. Through these two ephemeral and impermanent days, they have deprived themselves of the kingdom of divine favor and the heaven of divine compassion. By God! They and all they possess are less than the wing of a gnat in the sight of God, were they but to comprehend.

The Shi'ih sect doth each day reveal its unbelief and hypocrisy before all the peoples of the earth, that the loss of those new souls who have lately arisen to revive this sect might become evident unto all the world. All the sects of the world have sought refuge and continue to seek refuge with God from this party. Were they to reflect but briefly upon the deeds and words of the idolaters of old, they would recognize themselves; however, the recompense of their deeds and the wrath of God, exalted be His glory, have deprived this group of every good thing. Say: O manifestations of vain imaginations! Those souls who are enkindled with the fire of divine love and have partaken of the living waters of immortality are detached from all else but Him. In all conditions and circumstances they behold themselves dwelling in the most exalted Paradise. These are they who have attained unto the hearing of the Call; neither did the clamor of the people of hypocrisy become a barrier nor an obstacle. With the finger of certitude they have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies.

It is clear and evident to every discerning and informed one that the company of the ignorant - meaning the divines of Persia - have each opened a shop, and love for this shop hath deprived them of both worlds. Soon shall they reach the recompense of their deeds. Among other things, their own children shall, after their fathers, curse them and seek to dissociate themselves from them. Were mention to be made of what hath been ordained as the recompense of their deeds in the presence of God, all would be overwhelmed with trepidation. Verily, He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter from him who is denoted by H and S, son of S, upon him be the glory of God, which he wrote to thee was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God that from him wafted the fragrance of love for the Desired One of all worlds, and from the horizon of his heart radiated the light of love. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Whatsoever matter appeareth from God, exalted be His glory, hath been and shall forever be enduring, and the tongues of the idolaters themselves strive to exalt its mention, though they perceive it not. Consider, for instance, the robe that was bestowed - though but a short time hath elapsed, its mention hath spread abroad. And this mention is a gateway to the enduring and everlasting mention, despite every idolater who hath denied God, the Lord of all worlds, disputed His verses and rejected His proof. Say: O ignorant ones! If Pharaoh was powerless to extinguish the divine light, ye too shall be powerless. Do ye imagine that ye can prevent the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree or extinguish

the flame with your breath? By God! This flame shall never be extinguished, nor shall this light ever be concealed.

O My Name! Although H and S have been afflicted with trials and the taunts of enemies in the path of the Lord of Names, yet praise be to the Beloved of all worlds that He enabled them to pen two lines of prayer whose sweetness in the estimation of the lovers and the people of the cities of rapture and longing cannot be equaled by the pleasures and riches of the world. All things testify to the transience of what they possess and the permanence of that which hath been ordained for it by the Supreme Pen.

O H before S! That which befell you in God's path hath been mentioned before the Divine Presence. Verily, He was with thee in all conditions, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The cause and reason for the contention, disputation, denial and idolatry of the party known by the first of names was names itself, and from names was kindled the fire of hatred. Glory be to God! The most loss-laden parties in the world considered themselves the most profitable, superior and exalted of all peoples. The fruits of their deeds have become manifest, yet they understand not, and their own loss, yet they perceive not. Strange that now some of the atheists and deniers are busy forming a party similar to that party. At all times God, exalted be His glory, makes manifest the loss and hardheartedness of that party so that all may observe and discover that which befitteth true unity. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in that land. We beseech God to aid them all in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Through one pure deed the world is transformed. The story of Hanzala, upon him be My glory, is well-known. The servants and handmaidens in that land must be aflame with the love of God, illumined with the light of His Cause, manifest in His sanctity, and detached from all that is unworthy.

Thou didst mention Master Hassan, upon him be the glory of God. We beseech God to aid him. Verily, We mentioned him before and mention him at this time, and We counsel him with that which beseemeth this Day and the Announcement of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Hassan! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison when He was in the hands of the heedless.

O Khadijih! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of the Most Great Chastity and Supreme Virtue, that the fragrance of sanctity and purity may be inhaled by the people of the cities of the earth from the handmaidens of God, and that they may cleave unto it. God, exalted be His glory, hath counseled all with perfect kindliness, mercy and compassion, and hath commanded that which beseemeth existence. Every person of insight is aware and every hearing ear doth testify. O Khadijih! Diligent effort is required for the education of women. This Wronged One commandeth that which will draw them nigh unto God. Verily, He desireth for His servants and handmaidens the good of this world and the next. He is the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and My handmaidens who have turned towards the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

O believer! Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with this manifest remembrance. We beseech God to aid all to that which promoteth His Cause amongst His servants. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou hast attained unto that whereof the divines of that land

remain heedless and veiled. However, preserve this most exalted station. Man must at all times reflect upon things, their agitation and stillness, their change and transformation, and their evanescence. This reflection is the cause of remembrance and preserveth him. Were the station of the souls that are steadfast, accepted and assured to be revealed unto the people of the earth, all would turn from what they possess unto what God possesseth. Perfect wisdom hath concealed it that there might be revealed that which is hidden and treasured. We make mention of thy wife. Verily she hath attained, heard and responded. We beseech God to protect her and adorn her with that which will draw her nigh unto Him, and to ordain for her that which will comfort her eyes. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Muhammad-Qabli! Thy name was present in the prison, therefore thou hast been honored with the mention of God. Strive that there may appear from thee and the friends of God that which shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. The barkers are many. Guard yourselves in the name of God, exalted be His glory. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informing, the Omniscient, the Teacher. We beseech God to assist thee with means which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O H and S! Upon thee be My Glory! Say to those who desire to attain My presence and to enter the precincts of My might and to stand before the gate of My grandeur and to turn towards My horizon: Verily, We desired the presence of every soul who hath turned towards God, but the heedless ones prevent people from My straight and manifest path. All the mentioned souls have been honored with the favors of the Most Exalted Pen. Beseech God that He may enable all to that wherein lieth His good-pleasure. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness rest upon thee and upon those who have beheld the waves of the ocean of My utterance and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of My wisdom, and who have attained My presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O thou who hast drawn nigh! We desire to conclude the Book with mention of His Majesty the Sultan. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him, strengthen him, and protect him from the evil of the ignorant divines who act according to their own desires and judge among people by that which God hath not ordained. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Whoso judgeth not by what God hath revealed - such are the infidels." Mention was made of His Majesty the Sultan, that he hath judged with justice and hath decreed the banishment of certain evil-doers. Would that his command had been carried out! Now consider the heart of His Majesty the Sultan and the hearts of the heedless divines. The former manifesteth the utmost compassion, while these souls show forth the height of wretchedness. Were but one of those wretched ones to be seated upon the throne of judgment, what would he not do? God protect us and you from their evil, their heedlessness, their error and their wretchedness. They judge by other than what God hath revealed and perceive it not; they speak according to their desires and know it not; they utter that which causeth the denizens of earth and heaven to curse them, and yet they understand not. In any case, it is incumbent upon all to pray for His Majesty the Sultan, even though great disrespect hath been shown him by certain ignorant ones. At times perfect kindness and compassion have been manifested by him. In truth, His Majesty protected the people of Kaf from the wickedness of malicious souls. All this was ordained by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The heart hath ever been between two fingers of the Lord. We beseech Him to manifest through His Majesty that which shall

endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to the One Who is worthy and deserving, Who has sanctified the world through the word "No" and guided it to the city of "Except," Who has adorned the foreheads of the believers with the seal of the blessed words "There is no God but God." This seal is inscribed in the Mother Book yet hidden from eyes and sight. The Manifestation of this divine treasure and heavenly secret was the King of Prophets and Goal of the saints - He through whom the idols of desire were shattered and traces of polytheism and transgression were erased, and through whom the light of unity shone forth among all peoples. Upon Him be the blessings of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, and upon His family and companions through whom the gate of piety was opened to all created things, through whom the throne of manifestation was established and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the Mount: "Verily there is no God but Him, the Kind, the Forgiving."

Thereafter, the letter of that honored friend arrived. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds emanated from it and the light of recognition shone from its horizon. Praise be to God that you are adorned with the ornament of health and occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant beseeches God that He may assist and enable you to serve Him. Verily He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

After being presented before Him, the Tongue of Utterance spoke thus: "Praise be to God, you have attained to that which was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. We beseech God to assist you in preserving it. You have been and are remembered before the Wronged One. Your call was heard and your letter was seen. God willing, you will ever be assisted in that which is acceptable unto God. We have mentioned you before with a mention through which the fragrance of My loving-kindness was diffused. Give thanks unto God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him to send down upon you a blessing from His presence and to protect and guard you. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty."

The bounty of His grace is present and the table of His loving-kindness is visible. His glances of mercy and grace have ever been and continue to be directed towards His friends and those who circle round His Cause.

The honored Afnans - upon them be God's peace - have arrived and attained His presence. They mentioned what they deemed advisable regarding your affairs, and the beloved and honored Haji - upon him be God's peace - submitted a detailed account which was approved. Consultation in matters is most beloved, and acting upon it after a decision emerges has ever been and continues to be the cause of blessing and good. That spiritual friend has also been and continues to be mentioned in the presence of the Afnans - upon them be God's peace. Praise be to God, the horizons are illumined with the light of love

and adorned with the light of unity and harmony, and all are resting and dwelling beneath the Lote-Tree of grace. These manifest bounties surely attract all the good things and blessings of the world.

Today, being Saturday, they sent the letter that was sent to his honor Afnan - upon him be God's peace. It was presented and He said to act according to what was deemed advisable. We beseech God to grant them good and blessing. Verily He is the Bountiful, the Generous. However, in all matters they must observe wisdom and not accept claims from any soul merely on the basis of assertion. With perfect joy and fragrance, trusting in God and committing all to Him, they should proceed.

This lowly one also beseeches blessing and bounty for you. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Giver, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings.

The Servant

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The All-Glorious

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Glorified be God! With what tongue can man describe and praise the Sun of Truth? Through a single manifestation He adorned sheer nothingness with the ornament of existence and arrayed pure nonexistence with the garment of being. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Great is His glory and all-encompassing His bounty. There is no God but Him. And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom God's decree appeared on earth and His Cause among creation, through Whom the traces of the polytheists were effaced and the qualities of the unitarians were established, and upon the rivers that branched forth from the ocean of His utterance, namely His family and companions, through whom the sea of certitude surged amidst all possibility, and the banners of those who denied the All-Merciful were brought low, and through whom God's Cause and His decree, His remembrance and His praise were established.

Thereafter, the handwriting of that Beloved of soul and spirit was a treasure of joy and a book of gladness and mercy. Praise be to God, immediately upon its arrival the effulgence of the Name "the Loving" became manifest. In truth, the carpet of love was spread and the cushions of affection were adorned, for it was redolent with divine remembrance and indicative of the oneness of His Essence. God, exalted be His glory, and all things bear witness that mention of that Beloved hath another influence and another penetrating power. After its reading, observation and hearing, we proceeded to the Most Great Shrine where it was presented before His presence.

They said: “We beseech God for whatsoever is worthy of His grace and favor.” They said: “Write: O Muhammad and those with thee! Ye are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. In all conditions ye must be engaged in your affairs with the utmost joy and fragrance and assurance. Relief is from God and victory is from God and their restoration is from Him. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Almighty over those in the heavens and earths. Beware lest anything among things or any matter among matters sadden you. Convey My greetings to each one. They have ever been and continue to be remembered. Verily He is the Answerer of the suppliants and the Fulfiller of the needs of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, for He is the Goal of the mystics.” End quote.

Praise be to God, they have been and continue to be confirmed, and we beseech and implore the rain of His bounty from the clouds of His mercy. Verily the supplicant hath never been and shall never be deprived, for His mercy is beyond reckoning and His grace is limitless. We beseech Him to adorn this dispersion with the ornament of unity and to transform this apparent separation and remoteness into nearness and presence. With clear certainty we know He is able to do whatsoever He willeth and powerful over whatsoever He desireth. Regarding the matters about which you wrote to the beloved of the heart, His Honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God - that letter was given to this servant and was read, but in consultation certain considerations arose and were presented before His presence. Surely His Honor himself has written and will write to that beloved one. We shall see what else will appear hereafter. This servant beseecheth God, detached from all else but Him, to ordain what is best for us. Verily He hath power over what He willeth. I convey greetings to the friends of that land and the beloved ones of that region, one and all, and I beseech God, exalted be His station, for victory, blessing, loftiness and elevation for all. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Suriy-i-Hajr

(Surih of Separation)

This is the Surih of Separation. We have revealed it in truth that thereby

My affliction between earth and heaven may be made manifest.

He is the Everlasting through My name in the Kingdom of the Most High!

1. Glorified be He Who hath torn asunder the veils of all things through His sovereignty, created the heavens through His command, poured down from the clouds of holiness the rain of fellowship, and sent forth from the realm of lights verses which cause the skin of the infidels to creep. Say: In the revelation of verses and the establishment of this Youth upon the Throne of names and attributes there are clear signs for those who testify to His unity.

2. Say: O people! This is the Ancient Beauty and He is standing between heaven and earth weeping and crying out. If ye will not assist Him, O concourse of the earth, at least do not slay Him with the swords of misbelief, and commit not that which tarnisheth the divine Beauty. Fear God and be not sowers of dissention amongst men.

3. Say: He, in truth, purposeth to withdraw from amongst you alone and unaccompanied by anyone save Himself. Thus hath He been from the beginning which hath no beginning until the end whose end no one in heaven and earth can reckon. Say: The Ancient Being purposeth to withdraw from both His enemies and His loved ones, whereby the infidels will rejoice and the hearts of them that have hastened unto the Repositories of sanctity will be lacerated. Say: Even though He withdraweth alone, yet the hosts of glory accompany Him, the denizens of the immortal realm and the unseen kingdom, and those who have sought refuge behind the tabernacle of nearness, the Seat of this blessed Name through which the heaven of denial hath been cleft, the earth of unbelief split open, and the clouds of bounty raised up, could ye but perceive it.

4. Say: His helper is the sighs He uttereth, and His succorer the tears he sheddeth. My food is the fragments of My broken heart, and My drink the droplets of My blood. My companion is My fingernails, Mine associate My pen, and My mainstay reliance upon God, My Lord and the Lord all things, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. My cohorts are My wondrous accents, My consort My sweet melodies, and My mirror the radiance of My beauty, could ye but perceive it. Thereby the hearts of men have cried out, the pillars of the Throne have buckled, and the clouds of holiness have wept tears of crimson.

5. Say: O people! Fear God, repudiate not My beauty, and be not silent. We, in truth, are self-sufficient above all who are in heaven and on earth. Unto this beareth witness My standing alone upon the earth before its kings and rulers. Thus have We issued the decree and set forth the verses that haply the people may awaken and be heedful.

6. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of thy Namesake, Who is sore tried upon the earth by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. He hath fallen under the spears and the swords of these malicious ones. Thereby the eyes of grandeur have wept within the tabernacle of God and the eyes of sanctity in the pavilion on high, and the eyes of reunion in the sanctuary of the Kingdom and the eyes of the denizens of heaven and earth. Thou shouldst give thanks to God for having named thee with this blessed, esteemed, and noble name. Beware lest thou allow anything to distress thee. Rather be patient and forbearing in the face of whatsoever may befall thee that thine actions may be consonant with thy name and thou mayest be of those who follow My commandments.

7. Know that God hath accepted from thee thine obedience, and at this moment hath raised thee up in truth before Him that thou mayest gaze upon His supreme Self in His latter Beauty and be of them that have attained the presence of the All-Merciful upon the Throne of Paradise and rejoiced therein. Wherefore, We testify that thou hast beheld the Ancient Beauty and attained His presence. Through this a station in Paradise is ordained for thee which none but those who are nigh unto Him understand. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee a second time that thou mayest be thankful to thy Lord and recognize the station of thy brother, who is separating with God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, whom We have singled out at Our behest. Ere long thou wilt be informed, if thou art patient.

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He is the Mighty! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in a holy, all-knowing tongue, and Who ruleth over all created things as He pleaseth by His command. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. His is the bounty and grace; He loveth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and verily He is powerful over all things. Verily He ruleth His creation as He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful. His is the creation and the command, and unto Him return the deeds of all created things. Say: In the revelation of verses are clear proofs for those who are illumined by the lights of the Spirit. Say: He it is Who hath sent the Messengers from a beginning that hath no beginning - and this was ordained in the preserved tablets of might - and He will continue to send them unto an end that hath no end. There is none other God but Him, the Bestower, the All-Knowing. And He sent down with them decisive proofs and clear evidences, that they might command the people in the days of God with that which would guide them to the paths of holy radiance. And when their Messengers came unto them with clear proofs, among the people were those who turned away and denied the signs of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Informed. And among them were those who remembered the remembrance of God and were of those who hastened along the paths of guidance - until the Cause reached a station whereat the minds of the wise were confounded and the feet of the mystics did slip. And ʼAli came with the truth, and with Him were clear signs, a single letter of which would suffice all who are in the heavens and the earth. He said: “O people! I am in truth the son of Muhammad, and I have come unto you from the Saba of holiness, from the direction of immortality, with a momentous announcement that was truly mighty.” And He said: “O people! This is the proof of God, and this is the countenance that shall endure in truth through the eternity of God, the King, the Mighty, the Generous.” And: “O people! Soon shall the earth and all that is thereon perish, and ye shall return to the court of manifest might and shall be questioned concerning what ye did to God’s Messengers, and shall be requited for what ye have earned or will earn.” He said: “O people! By God! Ye were created for naught else but the recognition of God’s Self, the Supreme, the Mighty, and this is the purpose of your creation, were ye of those who know. And this is what God desired for His servants, and by this did He take from them their covenant in the immortal dust, were ye of those who are aware. For by God! If ye attain not unto this, nothing in all existence shall profit you, and this is a mighty truth with God.” And this was inscribed in all the tablets in the time of every Prophet, and thus doth the Pen of the Command testify, and God was witness unto this. And ye recognized not the worth of those days, and ye knew not God, your Creator, in His days, and were an evil, most lost people. And ye were not content with your heedlessness of His beauty, but grew proud against Him, and were not satisfied even with that, until ye gathered against Him with the talons of hatred and suspended Him in the air and fired upon His body the bullets of mighty unbelief. And for this were ye cursed in this world and the next, and became companions of the fire. Nay! The curse of God be upon those who wronged Him without clear proof or illumined Book! Until the Cause reached these days wherein these servants expelled Us from that land which had become the refuge of the oppressors. And some among them rejoiced at this and were of those who were glad. Say: O people of the earth! Rejoice not at this, for soon shall come upon you the punishment of a barren day, and the effects of wrath shall seize you from every direction, and this shall be grievous for the unbelievers. And ye shall hear the

melodies of the Dove when She soareth above you from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Then shall nothing profit you, and naught shall accompany you save God, the Mighty, the Generous. And the Spirit be upon you and upon the sincere servants.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Consider the mention of thy Lord's mercy unto His servant in this Tablet. This is a Book that speaketh the truth and maketh mention of the tidings of eternity, and therein have been ordained the measures of all things which were inscribed in the Mother Book.

O servant! Bear thou witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him. He hath created creation through His bounty and grace, and hath sent the Messengers that they might summon mankind unto the shore of holiness and cause them to enter pavilions which were raised through God's power behind the canopy of the Spirit. Then did He send down the Books and ordain therein the laws, and set forth therein the pathways of truth - all this from His grace which hath ever preceded all creation - that all might traverse the paths of guidance and hasten unto the eternal paradise and occupy a seat of holiness well-pleasing unto Him.

Say: O people! Follow not those who have denied God and His signs, and who, when the verses of their Lord are recited unto them, bow their heads and turn upon their heels, mocking God and His Manifestations, remaining veiled behind the veils of their own selves. These are they upon whose hearts God hath set veils of fire, and upon whose eyes He hath placed coverings of unbelief, and upon whose hearts He hath cast barriers which were created through God's irresistible power.

Say: O people! By God, this servant hath counseled you in this Tablet, as in all that We have previously uttered. Therefore take ye counsel and be not of them who have deprived themselves of the bounty of this Day. All that ye do and perform and say shall pass away, and ye shall return unto an abode which hath been inscribed by the fingers of holiness upon tablets of ruby. And ye shall find all your deeds recorded in a Book from which not so much as a grain of mustard seed can escape - this being among the decrees which God hath ordained.

Know thou that We have read thy letter and have answered thee aforetime with an answer at which the hearts of the mystics would marvel if gathered together. And now do We answer thee with this response, that thou mayest know Our love for thee and be of them who, by God's leave, are made to pause upon the path of love at the scene of eternity. Then convey unto the people the words of thy Lord and remind them of a station which hath been outspread before God, that all might hasten with their hearts unto the shore of the Spirit and through their love render victorious the Cause of God, that they might be made triumphant through God's assistance in the land of divine knowledge. This is the word of truth, and after truth there is naught save error which hath been kindled in the hearts of the calumniators.

Know thou further that they who have uttered in thy land what they have uttered - this proceeded only from their lying tongues. We have sought no helper save God, and to this do bear witness the angels nigh unto Him in chambers of praised glory. Convey the word unto them that have believed, then teach them of that victory which is well-pleasing in God's sight - namely, their severance from all who dwell on earth and from all that can be witnessed in the realm. This is God's victory, and through it the breezes of love waft over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus do We impart unto thee that from which mankind hath been debarred.

Say: O concourse of earth! Aid ye God through your hearts and deeds, that God may aid you in an atmosphere wherein the breaths of the Spirit have been wafted. Know ye that God's victory is your own victory over self, whereby ye become distinguished from all else in the realm through that which proceedeth from you - this being a victory which hath been set forth in detail in the Tablet. Thereby doth tranquility descend upon you from His grace, and ye attain unto a mercy which hath been sent down from the clouds of holiness. And upon thee and upon them who circle round the Lamp, soaring on wings of victory, be glory.

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O Haji Muhammad Mahdi, who hath attained Our presence and gained victory - He is the Hearer, the Answerer - this is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that He might transform his sorrow into joy and acquaint him with that which beseemeth him in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen Us that which hath caused all things to lament, as attesteth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. I bear witness that thou hast migrated unto God and hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We desire to console thee and comfort thee in what hath befallen thee, that thou mayest be content with what hath appeared from God's decree and destiny, and be of the patient ones. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer - all are commanded by Him - and He is the All-Patient - all are bidden to manifest beautiful patience.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He, verily, will aid thee to be patient and forbearing, and will open before thy face the gates of submission and contentment. The vicissitudes of the world, its changes, and the evanescence of all things are each a manifest counselor for them that possess sight and gaze toward the Most Sublime Vision. Where are the Pharaohs of the earth and its mighty ones? Where are the tyrants of the lands and their men? Where are they who confined all matters to harming the servants? Where are they through whose tyranny the standard of justice was reversed and the people of the cities of virtue and unity did lament? Where are their current commands and their operative decrees? Where are the treasures amassed through greed and passion, in which the people of iniquity and lewdness rejoiced? God hath turned their hopes into affliction and their wealth into punishment. Where are their lofty palaces and their elevated, adorned houses? Where are they whom wealth and children occupied, keeping them from a goodly end and final outcome? God hath brought them down from palaces to graves. Take heed, O ye who possess vision!

Reflect upon the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. He had five male children who ascended, whereupon the idolaters began to gloat. And when He remained without issue, they called Him - God forbid - “abtar” (cut off). Then this verse was revealed: “Verily, it is thy enemy who is cut off.” At that same time this blessed verse was revealed: “Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of this world, but the things that endure, good deeds, are better in thy Lord’s sight for reward, and better for hope.” Today, whosoever hath attained unto a single word from the words of the Most Exalted Pen is independent of all that hath been limited by names. The love of children is for the sake of perpetuating one’s name and mention, and this is contingent upon their being righteous, not wicked. And a good end is unknown and uncertain, and even that, according to outward appearances, hath not been and is not lasting, by virtue of the blessed words “Verily we are God’s, and to Him shall we return.” However, divine verses revealed in the name of any soul are immortalized in the Book - they do not change or alter, they have been and ever shall be eternal and everlasting. Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly attained unto verses and been honored by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by Thy Will that hath encompassed all existence both seen and unseen, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued hearts and minds, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy grace, to make me content with what is with Thee, nay rather, grateful for what hath been sent down from Thy decree. By Thy might, O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I love naught but what Thou lovest and desire naught but what Thou desirest. Ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. There is no God but Thee, the Most Mighty, the Most High.

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He is the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of the throne and earth, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of the hereafter and this world, for having awakened me when I was asleep, and raised me up when I was seated, and caused me to speak when I was silent, and taught me when I was ignorant, and made me aware when I was heedless. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Eternity, and praise be unto Thee, O King of earth and heaven, for having shown me Thy horizon, honored me with Thy days, caused me to hear Thy verses, illumined my heart with the light of Thy love, and adorned my head with the crown of Thy knowledge. Thou art He Who, O my God, removed the veil from my face and made me know the dawning-place of Thy revelation and the treasury of the pearls of Thy knowledge, and guided me to the horizon from which shone forth the Sun of Thy beauty and appeared the Manifestation of Thy Cause and wisdom - He Whose name was inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy bounty and holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity. I am the needy one who hastened to the ocean of Thy riches, the poor one who drew near to the horizon of Thy gifts, the stranger who sought his supreme home in the precincts of Thy most great mercy. O Lord! Withhold not from him the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Thy grace, and deprive him not of the outpourings of the clouds of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy gifts. O

Lord! Thou seest that mine eyes have been awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity and my hands have been raised toward the heaven of Thy favors. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the kingdoms of names and Ruler of the kingdom of decree, to confirm me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for me that whereby my remembrance may endure throughout the eternity of Thy most exalted kingdom and Thy most sublime dominion. By Thy glory, O Lord of the world and Beloved of nations and the Manifest One with the Most Great Name! If Thou confirmest me not in Thy remembrance and praise and in immersion in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, the hands of those near unto Thee and the sincere ones will not cling to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity that Thou mayest decree for me what I have desired through Thy bounty and write down what I have asked through Thy grace and generosity. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the world and Goal of nations! I am a supplicant who will not return disappointed from Thy door, and a seeker who will not turn back dejected. Thou seest, O my God, that I am cleaving to Thy door and knocking upon it, hoping for Thy ancient grace and Thy wondrous bounty and Thy all-encompassing generosity. O Lord! This is a day wherein Thy sovereignty hath appeared and Thy power hath prevailed and the banners of Thy Name have been raised in Thy lands and the standards of Thy remembrance in Thy kingdom. Ordain for every one who hath turned to the river of Thy mercy the reward of him who hath attained unto the visitation of Thy countenance and entered the White Spot and supreme Paradise by Thy leave and will. O Lord! The days which Thou hadst ordained fasting for Thy servants have ended and the Days of Ridvan which Thou hadst made a festival for the people of Thy realm have drawn nigh. I beseech Thee, O my Goal and the Goal of them who are near unto Thee, and my Beloved and the Beloved of the sincere ones, to open before the faces of Thy servants the gates of good things. Verily Thou art the Revealer of verses and the Lord of earth and heaven. O Lord! I have turned my face toward the splendors of the lights of Thy face and my heart toward Thy most exalted station and most glorious prospect which hath been named the Most Great Prison in Thy crimson Tablet. I beseech Thee to preserve me from the tyrannous ones among Thy servants who have turned away from Thy beauty and denied Thy signs. Then cause me to drink, at all times, the wine of life through Thy bountiful hand, lest the affairs of men occupy me from turning toward Thee and the ornaments of the world from facing Thy horizon. I am he who, O my God, hath desired in all conditions Thy pardon and Thy good-pleasure and tranquility beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy Cause and submissiveness at the manifestations of the lights of Thy power. Verily Thou art the Almighty to Whose sovereignty every possessor of a heart hath testified and every possessor of a tongue to Whose power and greatness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bestower, the Generous, the Bountiful.

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He is the Mighty! We remember the veiled ones of the City in a land that is sanctified from nearness to anyone and purified from union with any soul, and in remoteness and separation has reached such a state that the hands of the hopeful and feet of the seekers fall short of reaching it. Although for those ascending to the heaven of nearness and rising to the atmosphere of love, no distance proves far and no barrier becomes an obstacle, for though the earthly path may be distant, the heart’s path is nearer than the jugular vein. This is the path of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

In any case, these days we reside in Adrianople. Although it is a great city and vast country, yet the heart finds no rest or tranquility due to separation from friends, and the heart's agitation has made all affairs agitated and scattered. In any case, O friends and companions, do not forget these emigrants and captives. The clouds of divine destiny and the mists of heavenly decree have risen from every direction, and the rains of tribulations and calamities have poured down in such measure that neither can the eye find relief in weeping to comfort withered hearts, nor can the tongue find strength in lamentation to provide solace. Each day we passed over a mountain and arrived at another mountain and hill. We traversed a hundred thousand deserts and crossed a hundred thousand mountains. How many unseen things were seen and how many unheard matters were heard. We never heard of such glorious captivity nor saw such mighty abasement. Outwardly we were in the utmost glory, majesty and sovereignty, although we were afflicted among enemies. The power and ascendancy of the true Sovereign was evident in this journey. After traversing all these aforementioned stages, we reached the sea. Glory be to God! What transpired and occurred with the waves of the sea, the various winds, and these small children! Until by the aid of the Most Great Sea we crossed the Lesser Sea and arrived at the seashore which is the city of Constantinople. From there we took a carriage to the residence assigned by the government. We remained four months in that unillumined city and left there the fruit of the divine Tree and the leaf of the heavenly Lote-Tree. From there like captives we arrived in another city named Adrianople. Forty days of captivity had been heard of, but six months had never been heard of. Throughout this period several children were sick and ill until we found residence beyond Qaf. And now strange and alone, without companion or friend, without associate or helper, in this dark city we pass these transient days. This is the detailed account of our affairs. Now whoever has a true eye should weep, and whoever has opened the spiritual ear should hear the moaning and lamentation, for the metaphorical eye is not worthy of this weeping nor is the physical ear worthy of this hearing. All this was decreed for Us by God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We thank Him in all this and praise Him for all of this and for all that was ordained from His presence, and We shall be, God willing, among the patient ones. O dear sister without expression, if you send a letter, send it detailed and extensive like this blessed letter, otherwise even that one word will remain in mouth and tongue. Why do you leave the poor helpless one without shelter and home and send him on a distant journey? Thus does He teach you with truth that you may be among the doers. And praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! This is a Book from Us to him for whom God hath ordained a lofty and glorious station, that he may hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur doth speak from the direction of a mighty Throne, and act according to that which the Spirit teacheth him of the verses of his Lord, and be among the God-fearing in this Cause. Say: Knowledge is within Our grasp; We bestow it upon whomsoever We wish among Our servants, and verily We have power over all things. Whoso feareth God, him shall We teach of the wonders of His knowledge, for He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and He encompasseth all things. Verily, the highest of all knowledge is His recognition and the recognition of His Manifestations on the Day when He appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Say: Knowledge is a light We cast into the heart of whomsoever We wish - thus was

it sent down aforetime from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Apart from this knowledge, that which profiteth men not are mere words that breed naught but heedlessness and pride. Say: O people! Fear God and be not veiled by your learning from Him Who, should He wish, could expound from a single Point the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be, and what lieth concealed behind the pavilions of glory. Beware lest ye approach Him with your learning, for in these days nothing shall profit you, even if ye should come with all the knowledge of earth combined. Say: O people! Purify your hearts from the allusions of men, then turn with radiant hearts to the treasury of knowledge. And thou, O thou who gazeth toward the direction of the Cause, hearken unto the call of this Prisoner from this horizon which shineth with truth resplendent, that the words of thy Lord may draw thee nigh unto a glorious and holy seat. Know thou that from every verse of thy Lord there waft the breezes of life upon all created things, whereby the dead are raised from the graves of allusions and advance with great lights toward the seat of holiness. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that they may draw thee to a mighty and glorious kingdom. Arise to serve the Cause of God and to praise Him, then guide the people to this Paradise wherein hath been established the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, round which circle the hosts of revelation with wondrous standards. Tarry not within thyself, neither be silent. Deliver unto the people this Great Announcement which hath been inscribed in all the Tablets by the Pen of God. Say: He it is Who sent down the Bayan unto Himself, and He is the Beloved enshrined within the heart of Baha. He hath come unto you from the horizon of the Cause with manifest signs. O people! Fear God and spread not corruption in the land after its reformation, and be not among those who tarry about the Path. Pass by it in the name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most High, and be not among the doubtful concerning this Cause which hath appeared in truth with mighty sovereignty. That the servants of God should gather together upon the law of His Cause is better for thee than all that is on earth. Say: O people! Unite in the Cause of God, then drink from this Salsabil which floweth in truth from the direction of the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this Paradise which shineth in truth with the lights of beauty. Convey Our greetings unto the faces of them that have believed in God and His signs, on whose countenances can be seen the radiance of a glorious name. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to that which thou hast been commanded, and fear not any overbearing doubter. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those who have burned away the veils of self and desire through the heat of their love for their Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, and who have severed themselves from every remote idolater.

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Here is the text translated from Arabic/Persian into English:

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to him who turned to God and detached himself from all else - verily he is among those who have attained the presence of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Wise, and who circled the Spot of God until he entered therein by His leave and appeared before the Throne with evident humility. Blinded were the eyes of those who prevented the servants from entering the precincts of their Lord’s

mercy, the Forgiving, the Generous. And whenever he desired to attain the presence, the eyes of those who denied God were blinded and prevented His loved ones from turning to His shining and radiant Face.

O Muhammad! Hear the call of God from the direction of His Most Glorious Name, then consider the leaders of the Qur'an who denied the verses of God, the Mighty, the Wise. They attribute themselves to Muhammad the Messenger of God while He weeps and laments, yet they understand not. They oppose His very Being and slay Him unjustly, while in His Name they glory, unaware. Say: He calls you from the Supreme Horizon saying: "O people! This is He of Whom We gave you tidings, and verily this is the Beloved of the worlds. This is He but for Whom I would not have revealed Myself nor sent down the Qur'an and the Gospel. Fear God and follow not those who call you to vain desires. This truly is the Most Glorious Horizon - turn to it from near and far. Beware lest you violate the sanctity of God among you. Cast away what you possess and take what you are given from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise."

O Muhammad! Blessed art thou for having heard the melodies of thy Lord and attained His presence after the Ancient Beauty was imprisoned in the Most Great Prison. At this, every atom bears witness that thou art among the triumphant. Recount to My loved ones what thou hast seen, known and understood, lest tribulations prevent them from the Lord of Names. Thus does the Youth command thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Praiseworthy.

We counsel thee and Our loved ones to fear God and to detach from all else but Him, that there may appear from them that which will attract the hearts of the world. This is the path of thy Lord between the heavens and the earths. Give thanks to God for having entered a place which He made the circling-point of the angels of the near ones, and for entering the Spot of God by Our leave and departing by Our command. Verily thy Lord does what He wills and ordains what He desires. Grieve not at departing, but ask God to make thee a destroyer of the edifices of Gog, for this is the greatest of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High - though the people know it not. Leave the outward edifices - We mean the edifices of hearts. Thus does thy Lord, the All-Knowing, teach thee.

Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth nor follow every obstinate tyrant. It behooves My loved ones to call the people to their Merciful Lord with wisdom and utterance. Disputation has been forbidden in this mighty and glorious Revelation. The people have been prevented by veils of their own making - had they but known, they would have cast away what they possess and turned to the direction of God, wherein the Ancient Beauty has shone forth with manifest sovereignty. Thy Lord desires not the harm of anyone - verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful - and He desires that all on earth should enter His holy and mighty and resplendent kingdom. Look not at those who wronged My loved ones - they are heedless. Had they known, they would have sacrificed themselves in My path. Soon will come a day when they shall bite their fingers in remorse and weep for themselves. Thus has the matter been decreed from the presence of One Mighty, Ancient.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and say: Blessed are ye for having recognized Me and stood firm in a Cause at which the feet of those who deemed themselves virtuous have slipped. Know ye that they are among the corrupt ones, to which the bearers of the mighty Throne bear witness. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from Us to him who has surpassed all others in the service of God, his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, and who has arisen to serve his Lord in a manner befitting Him. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Sorrow not over anything, for by My Self, the Truth, thou art with Us in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Can anything be hidden from His knowledge? Nay, by His Self, the One Who dominates all that was and shall be. Our trusted servant has appeared before Our presence and mentioned what thou didst desire in thy love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and aid thee in serving His Cause. He, verily, is the Witness of all deeds and transcendent above all that is witnessed.

After Sin along with all tablets and materials met with trials, then through divine assistance safely reached the seat of the throne, and when the petitions of the people all fell into the hands of untrustworthy souls and some were lost and did not reach the Most Holy Court, yet that which pertained to your honor arrived safe and sound at the seat of the Cause. This is from God's bounty to you.

Regarding the aforementioned matter, His Honor the Name of God, the Mahdi, has written the details, and regarding the land matter, the details were conveyed to Amin. He mentions that at first the intention was for it to be kept in utmost secrecy, but later some of the servants made it public, therefore Amin himself was instructed to keep it in complete secrecy. He will mention it to your honor. A special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will for Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-Rida and was sent. They must act according to the conditions mentioned therein. Review whatever Tablets reach that land and then deliver them. And regarding certain Tablets containing certain mentions, We commanded the Greater Branch - they were written repeatedly and sent to certain places. It would be appreciated if a copy of the Tablet of Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-Rida could be sent to the land of Kha and Nun.

We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of creation. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. And may He make thee a banner of the mention of His name amongst His servants. Thus do We show thee at this hour. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to serve His Cause and ordained for thee that which none knoweth save His all-knowing Self. We beseech Him to send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which shall increase thy love and steadfastness at all times in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

I am seated and the servant present before Me is before his Lord's face, writing what descends from the heaven of Command on this night from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of Certitude. Can anything grieve thee after We have given thee to drink of the choice sealed wine and singled thee out for Our mention among the worlds? By My life! Thy head hath been adorned with the crown of thy Lord's love, the Most High, the Most Great. The denizens of the highest Paradise behold it and send their blessings upon thee. Thy Lord, verily, is the Witness unto all things. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me in Thy Tablets and made me turn to Thy will, and become effaced before Thy good-pleasure, and a servant of Thy Cause, and one who speaks Thy

praise amongst Thy servants, and one who seeks protection in Thy custody and shelter in Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things spoke and the sun of power and might shone forth from the horizon of Thy will, to behold me at all times with the glances of Thy mercy, then send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will make me soar in the atmosphere of my love and yearning for Thee. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Transcendent, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of Him Who is the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein is mentioned that which causeth the Face of the Cause to shine forth between earth and heaven. Say: Verily it is the Exposition of God unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility. From its horizon hath shone forth the Sun of Utterance, and there hath been inscribed upon it by the Pen of the All-Merciful: "The Prison," for the Manifestation of your Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O thou who art of the kindred! Hearken unto that which is spoken by the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory, that the mention of thy Lord may draw thee to a station wherein sorrows shall not overtake thee. Through thee have We manifested the Cause in such wise that hearts were confounded and eyes were blinded. Know thou that when We desired to create that which was new, We brought it forth alone and spoke unto it a word whereat its very foundations trembled before the Face, in such wise that it was nigh unto swooning away. We preserved it through Our sovereignty, then did We proceed with its creation until We had created it and breathed into it the spirit of might and power, such that were We to command it, it would subdue all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

When its creation was completed through thy Lord's Word, and it was fashioned by the breath of Revelation, it smiled before the Face and turned toward the place of sacrifice with power and sovereignty, advancing in such wise that the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the Cities of Names were stirred thereby. Thereupon the call was raised from the direction of grandeur: "Blessed be the All-Glorious Who hath created whatsoever He willeth! Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

Would that thou hadst been present before the Throne when the Tongue of Power conversed with him in such wise as caused spirits to take flight! When We showed unto him the Kingdom of the Cause and shone upon him from the Dayspring of Revelation, he was illumined by the lights of that effulgence. Such rapture seized him that he soared on the wings of detachment to aid thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Through him were gladdened the eyes of victory and adorned was the temple of the Cause. Exalted be this station, the mention of which no Tablets can bear and before which all pens fall powerless!

Dost thou imagine that he is dead? Nay, by Him Who revealeth the verses! Through him hath the Spirit of Life stirred within the heart of all creation. Know ye this, O ye who are endued with insight! He is in the All-Highest Horizon and the Most Glorious Companion, calling the peoples of creation unto God, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Dost thou reckon him as one among the servants? Nay, by the Lord of all

existence! Through him have all tribes been seized with earthquakes, the pillars of tyranny have trembled, and the countenance of victory hath shone forth from the horizon of power. Can names attain unto him? Nay, by their Lord! He hath ascended unto a station beyond all mention. Through him have We caused the Cry to be raised once again, in such wise that the very rock hath proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling!”

Thus have We adorned the heaven of utterance with the sun of the steadfastness of Our name, the Wondrous, and the heaven of power with that star which shineth forth from the horizon of all regions. The Most Exalted Pen then addresseth him from the direction of his All-Glorious Lord: Upon thee be the remembrance of God and His praise, and the praise of the people of the Realm of Might, and the praise of the people of the Kingdom, and the praise of all things at all times.

God hath ordained for every soul to turn his face toward the direction of the Letter Ta and to speak that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Thus hath the matter been decreed by thy Lord, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest. If aught hath been lacking in thy service unto Him, overlook it and be content. Thus doth the Sovereign of the Cause command thee. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have prescribed for every son the service of his father. Thus have We ordained the matter in the Book. Be thou steadfast in the Cause under all conditions, in such wise that the cawing of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, shall not deter thee. Thou seest the idolaters as naught but earthworms, and their clamor as but the buzzing of flies. Can any thing withstand His Cause? Nay, by My true Self! Yet the people are in doubt and misgiving.

Illumine faces with the sun of thy Lord’s remembrance and hearts with the light of His countenance that shineth upon all regions. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have turned unto God on the Day of the Mutual Summons.

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Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world through the light that shone forth from the horizon of His Most Great Name, whereupon the nations were shaken - among them were those who died and returned to nothingness, those who fell thunderstruck upon the dusty earth, and those whom the light drew unto the Supreme Horizon, the Blessed Spot wherein the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary proclaimeth that there is none other God but the Lord of the First and the Last. And praise be to God Who hath adorned all things with the ornament of the Point appearing beneath the letter B and hath composed them with the letter H, whereupon the Dove cooed and the Cock of Paradise crowed and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branch of eternity that there is none other God but Him, and that He is verily the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Name whereby the Sacred Texts and Tablets have been adorned, and He is verily the Fire of God unto whoso turneth away and transgresseth, and the Light of God unto whoso draweth nigh and is guided, and through Him God distinguisheth between the righteous and the wicked, and through Him the Hands of Bounty have circulated the Kawthar of immortality. Blessed is he who casteth away vain desire and drinketh therefrom in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and woe unto him who denieth and disbelieveth in God, the Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven.

Thereafter, the servant received your letter which was adorned with the remembrance and praise of God, and perfumed with the fragrance that wafted from the garment of your sincerity towards His sovereignty and presence. We beseech God to draw you near unto Him at all times and cause you to speak that which will attract the followers of all religions. He is verily the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Helper.

Your letter was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds emanated therefrom, and what was mentioned concerning the acceptance, harmony and unity of the friends brought the utmost joy, for today all have been created for the knowledge of God and unity and harmony in His Cause. Blessed are they, for theirs is a goodly return. And concerning the tribulations that were mentioned, though outwardly they caused grief and sorrow, yet as they were borne for the sake of God, they were and shall ever be light upon light. The world is transient, as is evident in its constant change and transformation, and this very change is a tablet whereon its evanescence hath been inscribed by the Pen of Power. O blessed are they who possess insight! Ere long shall the carpet of tyranny be rolled up as it was before, and the carpet bearing the fruits of the deeds of the sincere ones shall be spread forth. By the life of God! Were this station to be elaborated, all the hearts of the people of the world would circle round the loved ones circling round the Truth. We beseech God to open the eyes and cause them to be gladdened by beholding that which hath dawned, shone forth, gleamed and flashed from the Horizon of which the Sovereign of horizons was to all creation.

O spiritual brother! The heedless and ignorant have been prevented from the immortal divine Kingdom. The spiritual physicians must, through measures of wisdom and utterance, educate them and, with the utmost love and kindness, give them to drink of the Kawthar of inner meanings. This Kawthar appeareth with different manifestations in every station - in one station it is wine, a delight to those who drink; in another station it is milk whose taste changeth not; in another station it is water that never becomes stale; and in another station it is purified honey. These four stations were revealed aforetime, but from the Pen of our Lord, the Most Glorious, they have been revealed according to the number of the Greatest Name. Glad tidings to them that drink! Blessed are they that drink! Happy are they that drink!

And regarding what had been written about turning towards the land of Za [Yazd], associating with the friends of that land, and inviting certain capable souls to the divine direction - this matter was and is most pleasing. Blessed is thy heart for having intended to serve God, blessed are thy feet for having hastened to the land of Za to teach God's Cause, blessed is thy tongue for having spoken in remembrance of God, and blessed is thy face for having turned toward the loved ones purely for the sake of God. And blessed are those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of love and recognition and turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. Some who have taken gods for themselves other than God have not been and are not aware of the foundation of the Cause, and through the vain imaginings of heedless souls remain afflicted and bewildered in the valley of error. If they were to become aware of the detailed circumstances of the one whom they have taken as their object of worship, by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity, they would flee a hundred thousand leagues and cry out "Would that I had not taken so and so as a friend!" and raise their voices in lamentation. Beseech ye God that He may, God willing, quicken all the dead through the living waters of knowledge and utterance in this Day which is the Lord of Days. Blessed are those souls who, through mention of thee, have shattered the idol of fancy with the arm of certitude and have joined themselves to the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy. God

willing, may they remain firm and steadfast, for most people are observed to be like dried delicate leaves, moved by every wind. Where are the pure hearts? Where are the attentive ears? Where are the penetrating eyes? For if today a soul were to reflect upon that which hath appeared from the Dayspring of God's Command, he would observe all the world to be as nothing and would hold fast to the Most Firm Handle in such wise that none would be able to detach him.

As to what was written about certain friends considering the recent disturbance in that land to have been caused by thy presence - thy presence was never the cause of that disturbance; rather, it was caused by something else. Our Lord, the Powerful, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. All the people of that land among the friends of God should rejoice in thy deeds. The names of the souls and handmaidens who accepted the Faith, which were mentioned in thy letter, were presented at the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they, inasmuch as their names were mentioned in the Spot which God hath made the Seat of His Throne, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Dayspring of His Manifestation and sovereignty amongst all worlds. All have attained divine favors, for there is nothing greater than for a soul to be mentioned before the Throne. Were they to become aware of the greatness and nobility of this station, they would surely perish from joy and delight. A Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of divine Will specifically for all the friends of that land, and through a bounty the oppressed ones of that land have been honored in that Tablet with that which, by God, nothing in creation can equal. We thank our Lord, the All-Merciful, for the gift which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of His grace, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

As to your question concerning the ascendancy of the Cause of God, verily it hath an appointed time in the Book of God. However, these days have been and are more excellent, inasmuch as the tyranny of the oppressors and the denial of the divines and the objections and protests of the ignorant serve as a sieve - that which is pure enters in while impurities are prevented from entry. We must appreciate the value of these days. The love, fellowship and spiritual knowledge of these days possess another sweetness and another spirit. In the days of the ascendancy of the Cause and its outward dominion, every rejected soul will claim belief, even as is witnessed in these days when the fragrance of glory hath wafted over certain lands and some of the deceitful and dishonest have claimed love and faith while acting upon their selfish desires and speaking thereof, to such extent that they have regarded the divine commandments as child's play and have spoken that which God hath not permitted. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. All must observe and act according to that which hath been revealed in the divine Tablets. Whosoever speaketh contrary to this is not of the Truth. He is quit of those who spread corruption in the earth and who consume the wealth of the people and who commit that which hath been forbidden in the Scriptures and Tablets. However, you must not be saddened by the abasement of these days. This very abasement shall become glory. Soon will the Cause of God prevail over all. None can frustrate His Purpose and none can prevent His Judgment. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His power. Were one to observe carefully today, he would perceive the Sun of the Cause at its zenith, despite all rulers being opposed, all divines turning away, all kings outwardly united against it, all news flowing continuously by land and sea, and all ranks arrayed in opposition. Yet God, exalted be His glory, though alone in the Most Great Prison, hath manifested Himself in such wise as cannot be surpassed. Exalted, exalted be His dominion! Exalted,

exalted be His power! Exalted, exalted be His grandeur! Had the friends of God acted in accordance with that which they were commanded, you would now witness most lands adorned with the banners of faith and recognition. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to accomplish that which they have been commanded.

As to what you had written regarding whether sacrificing one's life in the love of God is more beloved than teaching His Cause with wisdom and utterance - by the life of God, the latter is better. For after the martyrdom of Badi' - upon him be all the most glorious glory - all were commanded to exercise wisdom. Those like yourself must engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost wisdom, that perchance those who have strayed may find the divine path of truth and attain to the holy station of nearness, which is the goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Martyrdom in the path of the Beloved is considered among the most excellent of deeds - in truth it has had and will have no peer or likeness. However, if it should occur of itself, it is beloved. All matters depend upon acceptance by the Truth, and the Truth has commanded all to exercise wisdom. If one acts with wisdom and no corruption or reprehensible deeds that would harm the Cause of God issue from him, and then he drinks the cup of martyrdom through the arising of tribulation - this station has been and is the most exalted of stations, and in truth this station is the king of stations. Neither can utterance describe it nor the pen record it. It is strange that certain souls become disturbed and shaken at such times. The essential thing is that one should act according to what God has commanded. After attaining to this station, whatever occurs has been and will be beloved. You and all the friends must hold fast to the cord of wisdom in all conditions, for most are weak - at the mere rising of clamor they are seen to become disturbed, fearful and veiled. "His mercy hath preceded all created things."

As to what you wrote concerning the poetry of Shaykh Baha'i, this servant testifies that the mysteries now revealed between heaven and earth, which you have come to know, were not known or understood by a hundred thousand like the late Shaykh and far beyond that number. As you have observed, what imaginings the eminent divines have embodied regarding the appearance of the Qa'im, and how many delicate pages they have blackened with the mention of vain conjectures that neither nourish nor profit! They have written numerous books about this matter yet have not understood a single word of it. Strange that some among the people of the Bayan, like the owl that dwells in the land of Qaf, are still veiled by the utterances of old imaginings and dwell in the grave of ignorance and unknowing. They must engage in teaching the Cause with perfect joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance, as indeed praise be to God they have done. Know this much: your turning toward the land of Za and your mention there have been accepted before the Throne. This suffices you, by the Lord of the worlds. Strive that the loved ones of God may act and speak in accordance with praiseworthy character, goodly deeds and pure words. I beseech the True One, exalted be His grandeur, to assist you in all conditions. You are among those souls who have been and are mentioned before the Throne, and a Tablet has been sent down from the heaven of favor specifically for you, and likewise a Tablet specifically for the honored mother - upon her be the glory of God. God willing, they will attain to visiting them.

As to what was written about the hardship of the loved ones of God - yes, the entire world and especially the right and the loved ones of the right have been created for this, and this is a matter to which all the Messengers and all the Books bear witness. Nevertheless, the heedless and ignorant people have,

through manifest tyranny, imprisoned the Self of Truth in this mighty fortress. Assuredly, in this imprisonment and in the appearance of hardship and tribulations lie hidden the consummate divine wisdom. All divine favors, celestial powers, and lordly riches are directed towards the loved ones of God, though due to the absence of outward means they have not yet been made manifest. Soon they shall be made manifest. In the blessed and exalted Tablets that have been sent down from the heaven of the Lord's Will, the cause and reason for the straitened circumstances of the loved ones have been mentioned, therefore there is no need for this servant to elaborate. However, this much I will say: the good of all lies in this poverty and hardship. If the loved ones were to become aware of what has been ordained especially for them, by God, they would pay no attention to the world and its hardships, intensity, and tribulations. It is but a passing shadow; its carpet shall be rolled up, and there shall remain what God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has ordained for them. And this outward hardship shall, God willing, be transformed into ease, and severe tribulation into tranquility. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all the loved ones of God and say: Today is the day wherein you must, with the utmost joy and gladness, and in spite of all the world, drink repeatedly from the cups of the love of the Ancient King and be occupied with the remembrance of God. Know ye the value of these days, and like the nightingales of the garden of inner meanings, sing with perfect yearning and longing in this divine springtime. And in every gathering and assembly where the divine mention is circulated, forget not this evanescent servant. The glory be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in that place.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, wisdom and utterance!

O Name of Bounty, upon thee be My Baha! The letter of Ali Haydar, upon him be My Baha, was mentioned by this servant before the Wronged One and attained the honor of being heard. We beseech God to confirm him in mentioning, praising and serving the Cause. He had mentioned A.B., upon him be My Baha. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of favor; now it has been sent. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him, confirm him, and ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Say: O My loved ones, honor his dwelling place. This is what We commanded you before and at this time. The friends in that land must invite the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and fragrance. Whosoever attains to teaching is recorded among the near ones in God's Book. Be not grieved by the events of the days and the hatred and animosity of the deniers and those who turn away. Soon the effulgences of the light of the Day-Star of Manifestation will encompass all, and the station of the friends will become evident and manifest to all the worlds. The honored Ghayn who attained to the presence and another who arrived there have ever been and continue to be remembered in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and are recipients of God's grace and adorned with love. That which hath no peer or likeness hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them. Haydar-Qabli-Ali, upon him be My Baha, mentioned them repeatedly. We send Our greetings upon them both and We have honored them with a third one who is in Shin. We

beseech Him, exalted be He, to make them banners of His remembrance among His servants and to assist them with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be exalted.

O Ali Haydar, convey My greetings to the friends of that land. By the life of God! All are remembered in the nights and days. The Most Exalted Pen is moved to mention them and speaketh. At the end of this Tablet We make mention of the Deputy and give him glad tidings of God's grace, the Forgiving, the Generous. We beseech God to confirm all in assisting the Cause. In numerous Tablets We have forbidden the servants from conflict and contention and from that which is blameworthy, and have commanded that which is praiseworthy. They must arise to assist the Cause with the hosts of goodly character. We beseech God to confirm them, assist them and enable them to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Thou didst mention Shaykh Abdul-Husayn, upon him be My Baha. O Abdul-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee and maketh mention of thee from this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Verily He desireth him who hath desired Him and mentioneth him who hath mentioned Him. This is outwardly and inwardly. My remembrance hath preceded all things mentioned and My mercy hath encompassed all created things. To this testifieth every discerning one who is aware. They have sought permission. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever gazed upon His friends, but in these days this land is in turmoil and in the breasts of some the fire of hatred is ablaze. Therefore the Most Exalted Pen hath paused in giving permission. Be patient. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient and commandeth thee to beautiful patience. This is a verse We have revealed in various stations, a command from the presence of an ancient Ordainer. Today whosoever is occupied with serving the Cause is recorded among the people of the Crimson Ark in the Books of the highest heaven. We beseech God to confirm thee in serving this mighty Cause. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And We make mention of the Praised One who was mentioned in thy letter and We send greetings upon him from this exalted station. The Glory be upon thee and upon My friends whose names thou hast not mentioned, in wisdom from Our presence, and I am the Commander, the All-Wise.

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O Afnan, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! He is the Consoler, the Comforter.

O My Afnan! We make mention of the sorrows that have befallen you in the days of the All-Merciful, and We console you with the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. By the life of God! We have seen him who has ascended, detached from this world and sanctified from its dust and smoke, and We found him in a state of joy and delight, such that were it to be manifested to those on earth, they would assuredly detach themselves from all that is with them, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Blessed art thou, for We have heard from thy tongue the word of gratitude and submission, and found in thy heart the sweet savors of contentment. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Behold and remember when We sent My Herald with My verses and gave him a son whom We named Ahmad, and raised him to a station known only to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And before him We

sent Muhammad, My Messenger, and gave him a son named Qasim, and after him Abdullah, and after him Ibrahim, and We raised them up through Our wisdom, for We are the Almighty, the Powerful. The idolaters called him 'abtar' (childless), and We revealed unto him a verse from Our presence, for We are the Ancient Revealer: "Wealth and children are the adornment of this world's life, but the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight, as rewards, and better as the foundation for hopes." And We seized the idolaters with Our might and authority. Thus did the fragrances of revelation waft, that thou mightest thank thy Lord, the Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O My Afnan! We wish to impart to thee that which We have not imparted to any of My loved ones, that thou mayest find within thyself the light of patience from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. God hath magnified thy reward for thy son who hath ascended unto Him, even as My son Mahdi ascended at the beginning of Our imprisonment.

O My Afnan! The world is troubled and dust-laden. Its tribulation precedeth its comfort, and its punishment precedeth its blessing, and its toil exceedeth its pleasure. It is the beloved of the heedless and the abhorred of the knowing ones. Comfort and fidelity in it are like the philosopher's stone, and its afflictions are beyond reckoning. Man seeth therein what he would rather not see, and consorteth with those whose company he would not desire. Were it to have any station, thou wouldst see Me seated upon its thrones, and were it to have any worth, its Creator and its Sovereign would not have turned away from it. Beware lest its grief sadden thee or its adornments gladden thee. Its glory is humiliation, its wealth is poverty, and its permanence is extinction. Where is the splendor of Parviz and his pure gold? Where is the might of the Pharaohs and their lofty palaces? Where is the wealth of the tyrants and their ordered armies? If thou wert to look today at the palace of Khosrow, thou wouldst find it a spider's web and echo. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with understanding!

Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. We console thee and comfort thee, and counsel thee to be patient and forbearing. Thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Choosing. We desired naught from the world save its people, for it, in itself, is but the footstool of My feet and the pasture of My sheep and the vista of My loved ones and the dawning-place of the manifestations of My power and the dayspring of My most beautiful names and most exalted attributes. Thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of My leaf whom sorrows have encompassed through what hath been ordained for her by the irrevocable decree of God, the Lord of the ancient. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to change her sorrow into His remembrance and praise, His verses and evidences, His nearness and presence. Grieve not, O My leaf! He is with thee in all conditions. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He will suffice thee in truth, and He is powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praised.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My Afnan and My leaves, and upon those who love you for My sake and hear your words concerning this momentous News.

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O thou who hast clung to the cord of deeds and utterance! How praiseworthy is thy service in the path of God and His love, and thy sincerity in His days, and thy turning to Him after His creatures turned away. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in all conditions. He is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Praise be to God, thy deed hath been accepted with honor, and the sign thereof is that his honor Fadl, upon him be the grace of God and His glory, hath mentioned thee and sent word to the Most Holy Court. Another sign is this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet which hath descended from the heaven of Will. By the life of God! Were its fragrances to pass over the decayed bones, thou wouldst behold them arising and speaking in praise of the Great News of God. And yet another sign is that thy mention endureth and persisteth in the Most Holy Court. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy steadfastness, and blessed is he who hath given thee sustenance.

However, in this Most Great Revelation, the Divine Books have established gatherings of joy and illumined the arena of the world with the light of gladness and delight. Among the conditions of joy have been and shall be heavenly food and earthly bounties. They said to the Son of Mary that John the Baptist fasted and clung to asceticism and piety, while He and His companions ate and drank. The Spirit said: "John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say he hath a devil. The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, behold a gluttonous man." To those of insight it is clear that by John is meant John the Baptist, and by Son of Man the Son of Mary.

It is evident that all matters depend upon command and prohibition that shine forth from the Dawning-Place of the Divine Will and Heavenly Purpose. If He should say "Fast" and no word of "Break the fast" follow it, one should fast until death. Therefore, until now whatever hath proceeded from thee hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. And now He commandeth: Eat and drink. This is what thou hast been bidden by the Most Merciful of the merciful. He hath created the bounties and blessings of the earth first for His chosen ones and His loved ones and His servants. Despite these bounties, should anyone deny himself - God forbid - the creation of things and their cause and fruit would be rendered vain.

In all conditions one must look to the blessed word "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." Whatever proceedeth from the Source of Command is truth, in which there is no doubt. One must hold fast to it and render thanks. In one respect, the showing forth of bounty is thanksgiving for bounty. But some among the Shi'ite sect maintain their dwellings and attire in an unrefined state and consider this asceticism and the very essence of piety. Indeed, if these conditions arise from poverty, there is no harm in it and it is acceptable before God. But when means are available, whatsoever they manifest or bestow in charity is beloved in the sight of God. The Concourse on High and the sanctified spirits have their gaze fixed upon perfumed, pure and refined stations. Thus did the Herald declare that prayer offered in silk garments is more excellent before God. Likewise He said that if He knew which place thou wouldst choose as thy residence, He would even now command that it be built of diamond faces reflecting water.

That honored one should give thanks for having been the cause of the revelation of this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Today the people of Baha, if possible, should partake of delicate and fragrant foods.

However, blessed is he who preferreth his brother over himself. He is assuredly among those who draw nigh unto God and who act according to His command. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My friends in that land who have championed justice and fairness and have held fast to the cord of patience and composure. They are among the helpers in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! For some time now the Leaf, the Mother, hath dwelt in the House and during the nights and days hath been blessed to hearken unto the verses of God. They have attained a great bounty and been honored with supreme grace. On this dark night, two hours past the nineteenth night of the sacred month of Mu?arram, the letter of ’Ali-Muhammad written on behalf of Ghulam-Husayn was presented and this servant read it aloud. Praise be to God that they are illumined by the rays of the Sun of divine love and are firm and steadfast in His Cause. This is a great favor from the Most Great Announcement which speaketh before all faces: “The Desired One is come and the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting!”

O Muhammad-’Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth and hast hearkened unto the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who is the Source of all good. We beseech God to preserve thee and ordain for thee that which profiteth thee. We make mention of thy father as We mentioned him before. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times mercy and grace from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thou didst mention Ghulam-Husayn. We heard his call and have answered him with this clear Tablet. O Ghulam-Husayn! Thy call hath been heard and there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. This grace shall not be erased by death, nor shall this utterance be effaced from God’s Book. It hath been and shall forever be. At this hour the Leaf, the Mother of ?a’, upon her be My glory, intended to visit the Most Great House. She entered on behalf of the souls mentioned and was blessed with the visitation, and from the Dayspring of divine verses and the Source of heavenly evidences the decree of acceptance was revealed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained this supreme grace. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of proof that all that exists and is visible cannot equal one word of His utterances. He verily knoweth and speaketh the truth, but most of the people know not and understand not.

We make mention in this place of My handmaiden who was named Farkhundih in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for her that which shall gladden her eyes and rejoice her heart. He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. And We make mention of My handmaiden Umm-Maryam and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all and My grace which hath encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Blessed is the servant at whose name My Most Exalted Pen hath moved, and blessed the handmaiden who hath attained this glorious, mighty station. We make mention of My loved ones and handmaidens there. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to give them

to drink from the cup of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of the learned were perturbed and the limbs of those who bear the names did quake, save whom God wished, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory and My grace! Glorify on My behalf the faces of those who are with thee. We have made mention of them as a favor from Us. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. A single letter of thy Lord's verses cannot be equaled by all that the kings and rulers possess. To this testifieth every seeing scholar and every informed sage. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me time and again and for having sent down to me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall cause my mention to endure as long as Thy kingdom and dominion endure. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Cause and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and whatsoever lay hidden and treasured in the repositories of Thine immunity, to aid me to preserve what Thou hast given me through Thy generosity, and to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of Him Who domineth all who are in the heavens and on earth! O peoples of the earth! The Mother Book calleth out in the return, how is it ye hear not? We have sent forth the Criterion in the form of man. Verily He standeth before the Face, crying out and calling: "By God! The Truth hath come, yet the people understand not!" This is the Day which God's Books have attested from aforetime, yet most among mankind perceive it not. The Hidden Treasure and the Stored Secret have appeared, and the world hath been adorned with the ornament of what God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, had promised. Where are the learned ones and the mystics, and where are they who turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen? Today every learned one hath clung to vain imaginings, turning away from Him Who is Known, Who hath appeared through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. O concourse of rulers! The Lord of Names hath come, and desireth to draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. He hath appeared for the reformation of the world, and counseleth all with that which will manifest man's station in creation. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who speaketh, and continueth to speak, in the Most Great Prison: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Lord of all existence!" O Muhammad! Thy remembrance hath been mentioned at the Most Great Scene, and the Lord of Power hath remembered thee in such wise as nothing in the unseen or visible realms can equal. Blessed be the face that hath turned unto the Face, and joy be to him who hath advanced toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and delight be to him who hath drunk of My Sealed Wine. We make mention in this station of the learned ones of the earth and its mystics, and remind them of that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Fear God and follow not your desires. Look unto the horizon of justice, then speak with fairness concerning this Cause whereby the standard "There is none other God but Me" hath been raised in this praiseworthy station. If ye deny Him Who hath come unto you, by what proof can ye establish that which ye claim? Bring it forth, and be not of the unjust. Set aside oppression and take hold of justice - such is the way of man, did ye but know it. We desire not what ye possess, nor

do We seek your might and power. We remind you for the sake of God, would that ye might know. We have desired your life and your drawing nigh and your attainment and your ascension to the most exalted summit, yet ye have pronounced against Us an injustice at which the Messengers have lamented. Say: Turn your ears toward the Prison that ye may hear the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, which speaketh in every state that which hath been inscribed in My Preserved Tablet. Were We to mention one verse of that which hath been traced therein by My manifest and renowned Pen, those who stood at the Mount would swoon away and every mighty edifice would be shaken. Thus hath the Nightingale warbled and the Cock crowed at this exalted Point. The Prison hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names - your Lord, the Most Glorious, Who speaketh in the Most Exalted Horizon with His supreme verses and calleth all unto the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving, doth testify to this. O Muhammad! We have found thy turning unto Him and known thy submissiveness before God. We have mentioned thee in this Most Great Tablet that it might draw thee to the station of holy nearness and beauty, and strengthen thee to stand firm in this Cause whereby souls have been agitated. Place thy trust in this Cause in God and say: "In the Name of God and by God." Then take the cup of eternity in the name of Baha and drink therefrom the Kawthar of certitude through the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast strengthened me and guided me to a station from which every polytheist and rejected one hath turned away. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and to make me one of those who have bowed down at the appearance of Thy signs and the manifestation of Thy clear tokens. O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and turning to the horizon of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the unseen and the visible. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving."

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He is God, blessed and exalted be His station!

Praise be unto the peerless Almighty Who, through His all-subduing power and all-encompassing will, hath brought countless creatures from the depths of nothingness into the realm of existence and visibility, and from among them hath adorned man with the ornament of knowledge and distinguished him with the recognition of His Own Self. Most great is the station He hath conferred upon man, for all that is […]

Now, the soul that hath borne this most great trust and hath, through the grace of the Lord of all beings, arisen to promote His Cause, and with supreme steadfastness and consummate wisdom hath guided the people to the straight path and the mighty announcement - verily he is of those who have attained, by the Lord of the mighty throne!

O thou who hast attained to reunion in the end! Thy loving letter was received and from it were evident the signs of love and unity. We hope that thou wilt ever abide beneath the shade of [grace] and attain unto that which is good and mentioned in the Book of God. While hastening to reply, thy second letter

arrived and added joy unto joy. It attained the presence and mention was made of thee and thy fellow-travelers. These manifest verses were revealed and sent down from the source of grace, exalted be His beneficence:

He is God, exalted and sanctified is He!

O Mir! Upon thee be the glory of God and His favors! Thy letters have repeatedly arrived, diffusing the fragrance of steadfastness and spreading the sweet savors of the love of God. We have heard what thou didst speak before the one who turned away from God, exalted be His glory, and followed his passions. Verily, he is of the rebellious faction. He cast the Book of God behind him and took what his self and desire commanded. This tongue, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify to this. Say: Die in your wrath, O people of hypocrisy! The Day of Meeting hath come and the Illuminator of the horizons speaketh before all faces: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the worlds!" It behooveth them not to seek proof today from the Bayan. Behold, then mention what the Tongue of the Point uttered, saying: "I have written an essence concerning His mention - He cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what was revealed in the Bayan." Many such passages exist in the Bayan, but few are they who hear. Especially that heedless one who through passion is deprived of guidance, and through words is veiled from meaning. The Most Great Ocean surgeth before his face, yet he is occupied with proving the existence of a pond. So heedless is he that he knoweth not by what proof he believeth in the Primal Point. We bade him come that he might hear that which would renew the world of meanings and utterance. He accepted not the counsel of the counselor, for he was deluded by love of leadership. He knoweth not what he sayeth even now, being unaware of the root of the Cause. Were he to observe the evidences with insight, he would testify from whom came that which appeared before the Primal Point, from what horizon it dawned, and from what heaven it became manifest. Blessed art thou and those with thee. Mention of that company hath ever been and still is before the Wronged One. The wolves have surrounded Me from all directions. The Command is from God, the Revealer of verses.

We make mention of Mir [Ali]. We beseech God to protect him from his enemies and ordain for him that which shall cause his remembrance to endure. We testify that he attained the presence, achieved victory, and heard the call of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. He gained the choice wine of reunion from the hand of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We have mentioned him in verses by which those near unto God have been transported, and We make mention when he established for himself a station beneath the pavilions of God's grandeur, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those with him, both women and men.

We make mention of him who was named Fath-Ali and say: My God, my God! Aid him to stand firm in Thy Cause and ordain for him that which shall draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness the rains of grace and favors. O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest that he left his homeland, seeking Thy presence in the prison, and attained unto that which was inscribed in Thy Book. Enable him and those with him to do that which befitteth Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad! O thou who didst migrate in the days of God and didst traverse the regions and lands until thou didst attain the presence of thy Chosen Lord, and didst witness what was hidden from eyes, and

didst hear what was forbidden to the ears of men. We beseech God to adorn thee with the ornament of steadfastness and aid thee to remember and praise Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

We conclude this Tablet with the name of Khalil. O Friend of God! Give thanks for this supreme bounty. We testify that thou didst circumambulate the Kaaba of God, the Powerful, the Chosen One, and didst attain His presence, hear His call, and show forth thy submissiveness and humility before His countenance. We beseech God to give thee to drink from the ocean of His bounty time and again, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the world to come.

We make mention of My loved ones there and bid them to be holy and detached. Through deeds are the stations of the valiant elevated and the glory of men made manifest. We send Our greetings to them from this station, and We make mention of My handmaiden who attained My presence and circumambulated around Me, and the maidservants who heard the call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them to observe that which hath been enjoined in the Book. The glory from Us be upon them and upon My maidservants in all regions and directions.

Your honor and all your fellow travelers have each been mentioned by the tongue of the grace of the Intended One, may our souls be sacrificed for Him, and have been adorned with the ornament of bounty and loving-kindness. Convey to each one that which hath been revealed concerning them, and on My behalf make mention of them with wondrous remembrances and sublime greetings. The press of occupation, as your honor knoweth, hath prevented - otherwise separate letters would have been written and sent to each one. Make special mention of Jinab-i-Khalil, upon him be the glory of God, with remembrance and sublime greeting. Convey to the members of the household, on behalf of the people of the household, wondrous and sublime remembrance and greeting. The spirit and glory be upon thee and upon thy son and those who are with thee.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God Who, when He desires to open the First Treasury wherein were deposited the mysteries that were manifest from His Most Hidden Name, the Most Glorious, arises and speaks forth the Most Great Word. Then appears that which had not appeared in creation. Among the people are those who, having caught the fragrance, turn towards Him, detached from the world, and those who deny and disbelieve in God, the Most High, the Most Great. Exalted, exalted is He towards Whose atmosphere of love every sincere one soars, towards Whose ocean of beauty every seeker turns, towards Whose horizon of good-pleasure every searcher advances, and towards Whose Throne every humble one directs himself by His leave. Then exalted, exalted is He Whom all else fails to know and whose inadequacy to know His Essence all confess. He is the One remembered Who is not remembered by any rememberer's remembrance, the Beloved Who is not described by any lover's description, the Adored One Who is not characterized by any adorer's attribute. Were I to say that the Living Waters tell of His utterance, this would be manifest unbelief, and were I to say that light derives from the lights of His countenance, this

would be denied by every knowing sage. The Tongue of Grandeur has testified to this, as has His Most Exalted Pen, at eventide and at dawn.

Furthermore, my spirit be a sacrifice for you, O beloved of my heart, mentioned by my pen, my heart and my tongue! I bear witness that I have suffered loss upon loss, and what loss can compare with the loss of the letter Ha as he claims, or the loss of any in creation? For I was lying upon my bed, afflicted with what had weakened me for numbered days. I knew not nor was I aware when the fragrances of your pen and the perfume of your love reached me. When I was granted healing, I heard and took and read and praised God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, and the Lord of all worlds. You know that I have loved to hear at all times your call and whatsoever proceeds from you in the love of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Master and the Master of all worlds. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable me to hearken unto your call, your mention, your description and your praise, O Beloved of the mystics! When I attained your most pure letter, I turned to the Most Great Scene and presented it before the Throne. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "Blessed is he, then blessed is he, in that he has occupied himself with the remembrance of God in all conditions and has spoken His praise among the servants. My tongue bears witness to this, even as My mighty, exalted Pen bore witness before."

And concerning what you mentioned about the people of Iraq, I presented both the verse sent by him and the prose that flowed from your pen in remembrance of God's loved ones there. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "We make mention of them, but it behooveth not that mention from this quarter be sent to them, for the people are in great waywardness. We act in accordance with wisdom." Thus hath it been sent down from One mighty, wise. Blessed is he who hath spoken the praise of God and composed in His remembrance that which gladdeneth the Concourse on High and those who circle round this exalted station. We have counseled them with wisdom. By My life! Whoso holdeth fast unto it, God will preserve him through a sovereignty from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And concerning what you wrote about the dervish and what befell him, We beseech God to grant him double what was taken from him through deception and intrigue, and to adorn the servants with the raiment of justice and fairness. I hope that you will convey greetings from this evanescent one to him and to those whom you find upon a straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

1st of Rajab 1295

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatest, the Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers, for verily there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Through them He manifested His sovereignty, completed His proof, bestowed His grace, and perfected His evidence. Through them He guided His servants to His Straight Path. Blessings and peace be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet, through Whom

His verses were sent down, His evidence appeared, His power encompassed all things, His Word was exalted, and its station was raised in the world among the nations. Exalted is the Ancient Lord Who sent Him and made Him stand in His own place in the realm of creation. And upon His family and companions who established the pillars of religion through His firm and impregnable Command.

And then - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your presence - the letter from the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Darvish Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be God's peace, which he had written to that beloved one, arrived and was presented before the Countenance. The Master - may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him - said: Mention of this Cause has been forbidden in the outskirts of this city and surrounding regions, for the people are weak and make no distinction between good and evil, guidance and error, benefit and harm. Although the loved ones of God have had and have no purpose except the reformation of the world and the refinement of the nations, nevertheless the divines, rulers and every faction have attributed pure righteousness to corruption and have understood building up to mean tearing down. In such case what station remains for words and what place for deeds? In any case, mention of this Cause is not permitted in these parts. Beseech God to aid the servants to justice and fairness. He who knows does not deny, he who understands does not turn away, and he who comprehends does not object. Let one proceed with brevity and we make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Mu??afa - upon him be my peace. Remember him on my behalf and give him the glad tidings of my attention to him. We beseech God to preserve him and those with him from the evil of every stubborn oppressor and from the tyranny of every sinful transgressor.

O servant! Upon thee be My peace. Quickly pass beyond the border of Rum. In view of the promise of his honor Muhammad-Qabli-Mu??afa - upon him be my peace - regarding meeting and encountering the mentioned souls, there has not been and is not any objection for two or three days. Convey greetings from the Wronged One. Firm counsels are necessary in wisdom. God willing, may you be enabled to mention and praise and spread and diffuse after passing beyond these bounds. Verily the Command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise. We beseech God to preserve His loved ones through His power that encompasseth the world, to guard them from the evil of His enemies, and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

End. Praise be to God, the purpose has been achieved, for they have been adorned with the mention of the Beloved and illumined by the lights of providence. Blessed are they! The request is that they seek confirmation and ask for enablement for this poor one as well. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to his honor Muhammad Mu??afa - may God the Exalted assist him. For his presence and those with him, before and after, I have sought and seek enablement, and praise be to God it is assured of response. I convey greetings to his honor Aqa Darvish - upon him be God's peace - and I beseech God for confirmation for him. Likewise I convey greetings to the other friends and have besought and beseech from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation and enablement and the good of this world and the next for each one. At this time mention was made in the Most Holy Court of his honor Haji 'Ali and their honors the most exalted ones - upon them be God's peace. Praise be to God, all are mentioned and have attained the glances of providence. Praise be to God, first and last, outwardly and inwardly.

The Servant

3rd of ?afar 1305

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China Afnan 66 [Allah]

May my exalted Master, the honored Haji Mirza Muhammad ’Ali, upon whom be all my most glorious Baha, be pleased to receive this.

He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and glory! Praise be to God Who has made Himself known to us, taught us His Cause, made clear to us the paths of truth and certitude, and manifested what befits His generosity towards all the worlds. We thank Him in all conditions with thanksgiving wherewith He has spoken in His Book and taught us through His bounty and sovereignty. And glory and splendor be upon those who have remained steadfast in His Cause, who have voiced His praise, who have attained to hearkening unto His call, who have turned towards the horizon of His grace and drawn near to the ocean of His Most Great Name. May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor.

Some time ago this servant submitted a petition which I hope has arrived. After that, during the days of Ridvan, the dishes which your honor had sent were used according to instructions. One night among those nights, Khwajeh Ilyas ’Abbud, in whose house the Throne is now established, attained the Most Holy Presence, and after seeing the dishes, at one point asked this servant whether it would be possible to write and have brought one set of coffee cups with one covered soup bowl from the Chinese dishes. This servant remained silent. Recently he made the request again, therefore this servant has taken the liberty to submit that if it can be arranged with utmost ease, please send them. The aforementioned Khwajeh is not a believer, but he has shown much consideration to the friends in this land and during the commotion that occurred in this land he stood firm. Since he is among the notables of the city and has now become the Russian consul, he has rendered assistance without dissimulation and shows the utmost affection. Sometimes he is present during the revelation of verses and listens with complete humility and submissiveness. It is not known what is God’s will concerning him. Thus far he has attained to the aforementioned virtues, and afterward the matter is in His hand. As for the bowl that was mentioned, let it be medium-sized, neither too large nor too small. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with.

Glory be to God! This servant is astonished at the condition of people. A group of Christians from various regions have shown sincerity and affection, and have come to this land purely to investigate and examine. Although they did not attain the [Holy] Presence, they were blessed for several days to attain the presence of the Most Great Branch of God - may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be a sacrifice for Him - and they asked several questions about religions, faiths and the principles of divine knowledge, and heard complete and sufficient answers, such that after returning they recorded the details in the London and Prussian newspapers. Nevertheless they are still hesitant, and those newspapers have also reached this land. In any case, the Fire is ablaze, the Sun is shining, and the Light is manifest, yet the people are in

great delusion. Soon most of the people of the world will become enkindled, for there has not been and is not any escape for anyone. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to rend asunder the veils that have come between them and the lights of the Face, to show them His most exalted horizon and His most glorious view, to cause them to hear the cooing of the Dove and to give them to drink of the purest nectar. Verily He is the Ruler over what He wishes. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

If Jinab Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-Hamid is present, this servant’s greetings to him depend on your honor’s grace. And verily glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you.

Servant 66 [Allah]

11 Rajab 1292

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Let him who is honored, his eminence Aqa Mir Muhammad Husayn Beg, may the glory of God be upon him, take note.

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! Praise be to God Who was when naught else was, and Who will be as He has been. He has sent down the laws and ordinances and dispatched the Messengers for the education of all peoples. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Most High, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And now, to proceed: A question was previously submitted to the Most Holy Court regarding those who pass away in their youth and early age - whether, if they were to consult physicians, their treatment would prevent death or not, and so forth. The decisive command of God is that the sick must consult a skilled physician and act upon whatever he prescribes. Regarding what is determined and what is conditional, in the days when the Sun of Revelation was dawning from the horizon of Iraq, this exalted Word was revealed from the Supreme Pen. His words, exalted be His grandeur: “Consider the candle and its light. If you protect it from outward elements through means such as a lantern or otherwise, then as long as the wax and wick remain, it is possible to preserve it from temporal vicissitudes. However, if it reaches its end - that is, if the wax and wick are exhausted - in this case the continuation of light is impossible. This latter state is determined, while the former state is conditional. Know ye what hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.”

Furthermore, two most mighty, most holy Tablets have been revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for you and for his eminence Aqa Mirza Abu’l-Hasan, may the glory of God be upon him. God willing, they will attain unto them and become detached from all else but God. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to all the gentlemen and friends of God, and seeks their remembrance during times of communion and turning to God, that perchance he may not be deprived in these most glorious days and may at all times attain unto infinite bounties. I seek forgiveness from God, the Almighty, for my mention and utterance, for the call of the evanescent reaches not the realm of the

everlasting and is not worthy of that Court which is sanctified from mention and utterance. However, as His grace has no end, there has been and is hope from every direction.

Regarding what you mentioned about the leaf who turned toward the Divine Lote-Tree from your presence, after this matter was submitted, these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of God's Will. His words, exalted be His grandeur: "O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We found from her the fragrance of My love at the time of her ascension to the Supreme Companion. Thy Lord is, verily, the Witness, the All-Hearing. We have remembered her with this remembrance that God's mention may be a treasure for her in every world of the worlds of her Lord. It behooveth thee to thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Grieve not at her ascension, her return, and her turning to God. By My life! She hath attained unto that which the hearts of the mystics cannot comprehend. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon her and upon those who have won victory in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds."

Praise be to God that this leaf, may the glory of God be upon her, has been honored with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is she! Happy is she! Welcome to her! Congratulations to her! If all the world were to recognize the station of but one word of the divine utterances, all would surely sacrifice their lives to attain it. However, due to lack of capacity, they are today veiled and deprived. Glory be upon you and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness, despite every heedless, veiled one and hateful denier. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Loving.

The Servant

12 Shawwal 1298

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This is revealed from the heaven of the will of the Bayan of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted be His majesty: O Greatest Fath! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Eternity. Thou didst call upon Him with the tongue of love and affection, and He hath answered thee with these verses, for which all existence would sacrifice itself. Thou didst call Him with attraction and longing, and He calleth thee through His grace that hath encompassed all created things. Thy letter hath come before the Countenance and was read by the tongue of Our servant who is present before the throne of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. From each word thereof We discovered the fragrance of thy sincerity towards God and thy steadfastness in His firm and wise Cause. We have sent down Tablets unto thee and dispatched them through the Trustworthy One. Be grateful for what hath been sent down unto thee of the enduring bounty which shall never cease. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions, and those who have arisen to help this Wronged One among the servants. From this station We send Our greetings unto thy face and the faces of those around thee who have turned towards the Countenance, detached from all else save Him.

The supplication of that honored one reached the throne, and these exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of grace: In the name of our Lord, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High. Praise be to God Who hath manifested the Hidden Point beneath the veil of Oneness

through His Name that speaketh in the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Trustworthy. Praise be to God Who hath quickened all created things through what hath sprinkled upon them from the ocean of His Name, the All-Encompassing over all beings. Then did the people of the graves arise, turning towards the Manifestation, while the people of darkness perished by turning towards gloom. Those who attained unto arising are among the most exalted of creation - through them have the faces of the days been illumined and the horizon of utterance hath shone forth. Then He chose from among these whom He willed and established him to aid His Cause in the kingdom of creation, and caused him to speak His praise in such wise that neither the conditions of the servants nor the deeds of those in the land could prevent him. Exalted, exalted be His dominion! Exalted, exalted be His power! Exalted, exalted be His favors whereby He hath delivered His loved ones from the oceans of idle fancies and drawn them nigh unto the horizon of revelation - a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention. Verily He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My spirit be a sacrifice for thy steadfastness.

Praise be to God, this evanescent servant hath been honored by His mention of that honored one. I beseech God to make this bounty everlasting, that we may ever be blessed with the like thereof. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Regarding what was written about the new joy and gladness, we praise God for this. God willing, it hath been and shall be blessed. This matter was most acceptable before the Throne, and when the honored Amin, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], was departing, mention was made of it in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet which was revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for the master with the name 66 [of God] Ha', upon him be all His most glorious Baha. I beseech the True One, exalted be His might and glory, to make this joy blessed and permanent. Verily He is the Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

This servant requests that you convey profound and exalted greetings from this evanescent one to all the loved ones of God in that land. The friends who are present also convey their sincere greetings and most wondrous, most exalted, most glorious salutations to your honor. The Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch, may our spirits be sacrificed for them both, remember your honor with most wondrous mentions and greet you with salutations sanctified above the realm of mention and description. And the glory be upon you and those around you.

The Servant

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In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O My Most Exalted Pen! We behold thee coursing upon the Tablet, now inclining to the right, now to the left. Hath intoxication seized thee? It replieth: "Yea, by Thy Self, the Truth! The wine of reunion hath so inebriated me that I move without mine own volition. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

How could it be otherwise, when the finger of Thy Will and Power moveth me as it pleaseth and desireth? Thou art verily the Ordainer, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Thy Name, the Swift, hath made me swifter than lightning; Thy Name, the All-Seeing, hath made me more perceiving than all the worlds; Thy Name, the All-Knowing, hath taught me the knowledge of what was and what shall be; and Thy Name, the All-Informed, hath acquainted me with that which none knoweth save whom Thy knowledge willeth, the knowledge that dominateth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Despite my inherent baseness, Thou hast made me to excel all standards, and notwithstanding my manifest weakness, Thou hast made me powerful through Thy Name, the Almighty, the Powerful. Through me is broken the back of every mighty one, and through me is exalted both the lowly and the high. Were Thou to loose my reins, I would brandish the spears of utterance, subdue the cities of the earth, and take possession of the hearts of those who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness, drawing them nigh unto the dawning-place of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

O Pen! Remember when We sent Our Tablet, named the Call, to the leader of mankind, and he sent it to those renowned for learning. When they read it, they were bewildered and spoke according to their desires. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Among them was one who said He seeketh sovereignty. Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless and remote one! We have commanded the kings to cast it behind them, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

We bear witness to the manifestation of reason among the nations when We behold absolute sovereignty cast upon the dust, with none approaching it. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a perspicuous Tablet. Say: It is the most abject of stations in My sight, though thou seest it as the most exalted station. Open thine eyes that thou mayest know Him Whose Pen ruleth over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O concourse of divines! Pride not yourselves on your conjectures and idle fancies, nor on your riches and wealth. Choose for yourselves that which shall endure in the kingdom of your Lord, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. This is a matter that your power and might cannot weaken, nor your imaginings affect. Fear God and be among the discerning ones. We call you for the sake of God - to this every atom beareth witness, would ye but hear. Draw nigh with attentive ears unto the Source of verses, that ye may hear from the scratching of His Pen that which the Son of Imran heard when he turned toward Paran. Fear God and invalidate not the truth through your conjectures and imaginings.

O thou who hast turned unto God! Hearken unto the call from this Lamp kindled between earth and heaven. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Invincible.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner, and We have perceived thy joy at the breath of divine revelation. We have, therefore, revealed unto thee this Tablet and dispatched it to thee, that it may attract thee in such wise as to cause thee to arise for the triumph of thy Lord's Cause and to be numbered among them that remember Him. Beware lest the conditions of blind imitation prevent thee from the Dayspring of divine unity. Break asunder the chains of idle fancy through this Name whereby the horizon of certitude hath shone forth. Be thou diligent in the Cause of God, and give thou to

drink of the Kawthar of thy Lord's knowledge unto them that are heedless, that they may turn towards the Most Sublime Horizon in this wondrous Revelation. We have desired for thee that which shall cause thy mention to endure through the eternity of Our most excellent names and most exalted attributes. Choose thou what God hath chosen for thee. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Soon shall all that is possessed by men perish, and that which hath been ordained in the preserved Tablet shall endure.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Sorrowful, the Most Glorious!

O thou Manifestation of Bounty! Hearken unto that which the Pen, encompassed by sorrows from the hosts of Satan, imparteth unto thee. By God, the True One! Wert thou to become aware of that which hath befallen the Beauty of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst weep at all times. Verily, he whom We created by a word of Our command doth every day commit that which causeth the hearts of the denizens of Paradise to burn and the eyes of the All-Merciful to shed tears. He hath risen in opposition and stingeth, like unto a serpent, the Beauty of the All-Glorious every day, and in every moment there appeareth from him that which causeth the Cause of God to be lost, although His Cause is sanctified above all that His good-pleasure abhorreth. But the people, being seized by veils, regard the matter through other eyes. Thus do We impart unto thee, O Manifestation of Bounty, that which hath set aflame the realities of the people of the Ridvan. One day he writeth unto his like, with whom it beseemeth not the loved ones of God to converse - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto thee - and another day he sendeth his representative to the chief of the city to lodge a complaint against the Beauty of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. By God! Were We to recount unto thee that which hath appeared and continueth to appear from him at every moment, thou wouldst cry out within thyself and weep continuously, by God, the King, the Supreme, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Glorious. In all this he seeketh naught but to beg from his like and to cause the Cause of God to be lost amongst His servants. Reflect then upon that which hath befallen Us from him who, by God the True One, causeth even the people of reckoning to flee from his deeds. The matter hath reached such a pass that We desired to give him all that We possessed, that perchance the fire of his greed might be stilled. By God, it shall never be quenched, but shall blaze forth at every moment like unto flames of fire. By God, the True One! The eye of creation hath not witnessed his like, nor have the eyes of invention beheld his peer. He committeth the deed of Nimrod, then crieth out within himself; he severeth at every moment the head of the Wronged One, yet calleth out amongst men. Such hath been his deed, and he is not ashamed before God Who created him by a command from His presence. Thus doth he write unto various lands without any evidence or proof. Behold then the state of those who have taken him as a friend instead of God. Alas for them and for him, by reason of that which they have committed in their vain life and were numbered with the people of tyranny and unbelief. Reflect then upon My tribulations: Hath their like been witnessed in former ages? Nay, by My Self, Which hath encompassed all contingent things in the kingdoms of earth and heaven! And thou, grieve not, but arise to serve the Cause of God, then be patient and long-suffering, and put thy trust in God. Verily, He is

with thee, through thee, and for thee. Grieve not on account of the hosts of Satan. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and take not unto yourselves at every moment a lord besides God. Fear ye the Day whereon all things shall be terrified and all who are in the heavens and on earth shall tremble, save him whom God hath preserved through His power and sovereignty. Beware lest ye join partners with God. Verily, He hath ever been One in His Essence, and hath taken unto Himself neither partner nor likeness nor kinship nor offspring. All before Him are equal, and whoso ascendeth unto Him and cleaveth unto Him is of those who have attained the highest Paradise, and whoso denieth and joineth partners with God, verily, he is not of Him and He is quit of him, whereunto the realities of all things bear witness, but the people comprehend not a word from God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Merciful. And sorrow be upon thee from these sorrows which have encompassed the Pen of the All-Glorious.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious!

O Najaf-'Ali! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the right hand of the Throne, and be thou enraptured by the holy melodies. Beware lest thou hearken with the ear wherewith thou hearest the sounds of created things, but rather with that hearing which God hath made specially for His melodies, that He may strengthen thee in His Cause and raise thee to the heaven of glorious love, and bring thee to that station wherein thou shalt stand before Him, even though thou be far removed from the gardens of nearness. And thou shalt drink at all times from the cup of His bounty such that none shall be able to prevent thee from attaining this station which is, in truth, praiseworthy.

Beware lest thou turn to anyone save thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Place thy trust in Him, and He shall suffice thee against all who dwell on earth. Know thou that We have loved thee aforetime and now, and have ordained for thee in the Tablet a station which none can attain save those who have attained the presence of their Lord and have been illumined by the lights of manifest glory. This is of God's bounty unto thee, that thou remain steadfast in His love at a time when the feet of the mystics slip from the straight path of exalted glory.

Therefore, render thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having made thee to know the Manifestation of His Self, and caused thee to be among those who associate with His Beauty, and made thee to journey with Him through months and years, and acquainted thee with mysteries whereof none are aware save those who have followed His good-pleasure and have detached themselves from every rebellious rejecter. Thou hast witnessed the sovereignty of God with thine own eyes and heard the melodies of God with thine own ears, and wert in the pavilion of eternity and the tabernacle of glory both evening and morn. And thou hast reckoned His sovereignty and His power and His might and His grandeur, such that all who are on earth were in the grasp of His power like a handful of dust.

Beware lest thou forget the bounty of thy Lord or doubt His power and sovereignty, for He will not leave thee to thyself but will preserve thee from every rejected satan. Act thou according to what We have counselled thee aforetime, and follow the words of God after their revelation, and walk thou the paths of justice.

O My servant! Hearken unto the counsels of thy Beloved Who loveth thee, that thou mayest be, through thy Lord's grace, victorious amongst the peoples of the world. First, forget not the bounty of thy Lord, then walk thou the paths of His good-pleasure in this Path which is, in truth, manifest. Beware lest thou associate partners with God, thy Lord, or pride thyself over anyone, and stand thou upon the path of courtesy before thy Lord. Though thou seest Him not, verily He seeth thee, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of what was and what will be, and He doth encompass all things.

Then be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord to such a degree that if all who are on earth were to gather against thee otherwise, nothing would enter thy mind, and thou wouldst stand firm like unto the letter "alif" at the end of My name. Thus doth the Pen of counsel teach thee from these Fingers which were, through grace, extended. Be thou possessed of the attributes of thy Lord, and humble before those who love thy Master - this is My command unto thee and unto every possessor of sublime love. Be thou as fire unto His enemies and as light unto His loved ones, that thy fragrance may be diffused throughout the East and West of the earth, and thou mayest become a luminous lamp among the worlds.

Then remind every soul that hath submitted to thy Lord with that wherewith We have reminded thee, and inform them that the Ancient Beauty hath entered into two prisons, one of which thou knowest and every possessor of knowledge knoweth with insight, and the other none knoweth save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of all the worlds.

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In the Sacred Precincts, He is the Most Exalted, the Resplendent, the All-Glorious

O Leaf of Paradise! Bear thou witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, and that 'Ali before Muhammad is His Beauty, His Mystery, His Command, His Grace, His Mercy, His Remembrance, His Manifestation and His Concealment to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through Him were the heavens raised up and from the earth were revealed treasures of transcendent glory. Through Him were the clouds lifted up, the sun did shine, and the moon of the Cause gleamed forth from a holy and luminous dayspring. Through Him did rivers flow, seas surge, and fire appear from the Divine Lote Tree made manifest.

Therefore render thanks unto God that the All-Merciful established Himself upon thee in the form of the name 'Ali, and that thou wert the Throne of God though none among the believers, even the most distinguished, knew thereof. Thou didst commune with God thy Lord and didst enter the depths of union with Him in ancient times. Thy soul was joined to the soul of the All-Merciful and thou wert overtaken by the lights of the daybreak of His presence - a station none hath attained, whether lowly or great. Thou didst experience the Resurrection and enter the highest paradise in His presence, and wert honored with the meeting of God before the creation of the heavens and earth - this hath been sent down from the Pen of the Most Resplendent Name. Thine eyes beheld the Eye through whose movement all created things offered up their souls, as testified by a clear and glorious Tablet. Thou didst hear the melodies of

God with thine ears and wert established in the most exalted Paradise. Thou wert a mirror of God as the sun of love shone upon thee in perfect form, and thou wert anointed by thy Lord every morn and eve.

Blessed art thou, O Leaf of Eternity, O Land of Faithfulness, O City on High in the sacred precincts of nearness! Thou art the first Throne to appear in creation, as ordained in a preserved and mighty Book. Thou art the first earth upon which descended the waters of longing, drinking from a sweet and flowing spring. Thou art the first garden wherein sang the Nightingale of Holiness with verses that encompassed all worlds. Thou art the first station whereon shone the Pre-existent Sun, though thou knewest it not. Thus did thy Lord's mercy precede thee and His grace encompass thee from the presence of One Mighty, Praiseworthy.

All this came upon thee while thou wert heedless thereof. And when thou didst become aware within thyself and turn to God, We revealed unto thee what had been hidden from thee and from all possessed of insight. Thus do We bring forth the earth's treasures and pearls for whomsoever We wish, for verily We have power over all things. Were We to wish, We could bring forth from every land its pearls and mysteries and whatsoever is treasured therein, but what is decreed is decreed and judgment hath been passed.

Know thou that what indicated thy love for thy Lord hath come before Us, and We have answered thee with verses that would confound the minds of the wise and the understanding of every knower. This is that thy heart might find peace, thy soul be tranquil, and thou rejoice with exceeding joy. Preserve thou this Tablet and recite it every day. Let none prevent thee, even if all on earth should try. Thou art the best among the women of the world if thou remainest steadfast in love. Recite this Tablet with sweet and manifest melody that thy song may ascend to the Divine Lote Tree and thy fragrance draw thee to a faithful and holy dawning-place. The Spirit, Glory and Great Declaration be upon thee, that thy protection may encompass all worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

We make mention of him who was named Farajullah and who emigrated with his Lord, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Wise, the All-Knowing. By the life of God, verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed the world. Every atom beareth witness to His generosity, as do they who circle round His mighty throne. By the face of God, He hath come with a mercy that hath preceded all created things. To this all things bear witness, yet most people are heedless. And by the Word of God, His bounty hath encompassed existence itself. The tongue of the Adored One hath testified to this as He was established upon the throne and spoke: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised." And the Beauty of the Beloved - His loving-kindness hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. To this bear witness all trees and leaves, and beyond them the mountains and the seas, yet the people remain behind a mighty veil.

We have mentioned him whose name We have recalled, who turned to God, and We have immortalized his remembrance in Our perspicuous Tablet. We now make mention of what was presented before the

Throne when his residence was in this Prison, which is circled by the Concourse on High and the near-stationed angels. We were seated upon the carpet when the servant in attendance appeared and mentioned that which had saddened his Lord, the Speaker, the All-Informed. O Farajullah! Hearken unto the call from this exalted Prison: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible." Let not what hath befallen thy handmaiden sadden thee, for she hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Rather rejoice that she turned toward God when she departed from the Land of Bounty, advancing toward the Land of Mystery - that place wherein the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wondrous!" She directed herself, hastened, entered in, attained, and heard the call of her Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. She was with her Lord in the Land of Mystery, abided beneath the shade of His mercy, heard His call, was honored to hearken unto His verses, and was gladdened by what she witnessed of the traces of her Lord's mercy, the Generous.

We make mention of her on this day and give thee these glad-tidings that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. By My life! My grace hath preceded the world and nothing in the heavens or earth can prevent it. Thus have We mentioned her that she might attain unto the remembrance of her Lord, and We have sent this unto thee that thou mayest be among the thankful. Hast thou witnessed any greater bounty than this? Nay, by the Self of Truth - yet most people remain heedless. The call hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the sun of grace shineth from the horizon of generosity, yet most nations are among the losers. Blessed is the eye that no veil of desire hath prevented and the face that hath turned toward God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as He walked in this mighty Prison. And the glory rest upon him and upon all who have preferred the love of God to all else on earth and who have remained firm in His Cause. O Pen Most High! Make mention of the loved ones of thy Lord who circle round the Throne and have entered this Prison which hath been named the Most Great Prison by God, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech God to make you such that nothing on earth may come between us and you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Answerer, the Generous. You are there and We are in this spot, yet We make mention of you as a bounty from Our presence, that ye may be among the thankful. By the life of God! You are beneath the glances of My loving-kindness and before Mine eyes. To this My mercy and My tenderness bear witness, as do they whom We have acquainted with this wise Cause. We beseech God to assist you in that which will exalt your station and God's station, and to aid you in that which will cause your remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of your Lord, the Ordainer, the Faithful. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O 'Attar, he who hath attained unto Our presence and won Our good-pleasure, who speaketh the truth and manifesteth justice! The essence of praise and thanksgiving, and the very source of gratitude, beseemeth and befitteth that Desired One Who was not deterred from reformation by the tyranny of oppressors, the turning away of the heedless, or the corruption of the mischief-makers, nor was He prevented by their acts from exercising His all-pervasive and penetrating Will. O 'Attar! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, raised from the prison of 'Akka. Verily, He uniteth hearts and revealeth that

which lieth hidden in the breasts. This call is, in one station, as a spirit unto bodies, and in another station, as the Water of Life unto all existence. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and drunk thereof in My Name, the All-Loving, the Bountiful. The letter thou didst send to him who beareth the name of God - upon him be My glory - was forwarded to the Most Holy Court, where it was presented and heard. O ’Attar! Upon thee be the glory of God, thy Lord, the Chosen One. I speak the truth when I say that manifest tribulations and sorrows have encompassed the Truth - exalted be His glory. Wert thou to become aware of them, thou wouldst weep by night and day like unto one bereft, by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of those whom We caused to hear Our call, to whom We showed Our path, whom We guided to Our straight way, whom We aided to turn toward Our direction, and whom We gave to drink from the Kawthar of Our reunion and the cup of Our presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous. O ’Attar! Upon thee be My glory and My peace. Should anyone ask thee concerning the All-Glorious, say: He is caught in the talons of hatred. There hath befallen Him that which no pen in all the world can move to recount or enumerate, nor can any ink record. To this doth testify He with Whom are the treasuries of verses and the Preserved Book. Refresh and gladden the friends with the Kawthar of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them to stand firm with such steadfastness as no law of the world nor anything possessed by the nations can prevent from turning toward the Most Great Ocean, from whose waves can be heard: “The Owner of all things hath come! The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!” Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. Soon shall the oppressors behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily, thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise. What is necessary and obligatory today is that the loved ones should remain steadfast and immovable in the Cause with the utmost firmness, and should shun whatsoever giveth off the odor of mischief. At present most kings and subjects bear witness to this community’s freedom from corruption. Should they observe even the slightest association with the corrupt - nay, less than the eye of a needle - they would arise to inflict grievous oppression. Say: O My loved ones! Ye are mines of the pearls of steadfastness. Defile not yourselves with the vain imaginings of the corrupt. Such is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His loved ones. Blessed are they that act accordingly. Today is the day of teaching. With wisdom and utterance must ye cleanse the people of the world from the defilement of corruption, conflict and contention, and draw them to the direction of the One Beloved Friend. Verily, He hath come for the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of His servants. To this testify His holy Tablets, His revealed Books, His manifest mysteries, and this clear Book in this brilliant station. The son who beareth My name, Husayn, brought the letter of thy son into Our presence. We read it and have revealed for thee and for thy son and for those with thee that which cannot be equaled by the pearls of the seas, nor by the mines in the mountains, nor by the treasuries of kings. Adorn all the members of that household, on behalf of the Wronged One, with the ornament of loving-kindness and with the embellishment of bounty and mercy. They have ever been mentioned in Our Tablets, and mention of each one hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen. The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones and friends, and upon My leaves who have hearkened unto the call and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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To His Honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the peace of God

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise sanctified above letters and words befitteth the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of evidences, Who hath quickened the world through the Kawthar of utterance and guided it. This Kawthar in one station is the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds, which appeareth from the Kingdom of might and power. Verily He hath ever been sanctified above all names, remembrances, attributes, hand and tongue. And in the second manifestation it is the station of the Book, namely the Furqan, whereby He quickened and bestowed life, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty. And blessings and peace be upon the Essence of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, and upon His family and companions through whom God's commandments and laws were made manifest in His lands and the banners of His oneness were raised among His servants.

Thereafter, as the letter of that honored and kind friend indicated the well-being of the friends, this evanescent servant was filled with the utmost joy and gladness. I beseech and implore God to protect His loved ones and assist them in that which is befitting. Today it is incumbent and obligatory upon all to aid the manifest religion through prayer, that perchance cities and lands may be preserved from the oppression of the idolaters and the transgressions of the deniers. O brother! Each day they seize and carry off [a portion], yet none hath discovered the cause or understood the reason. I beseech God to unite the people of divine unity and make them aware, that they may act with one hand and eat with one mouth. The purpose is that they may become adorned with the true unity of religion. This is the first deed, the first adornment, and the first station. Blessed is he who attaineth, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

It is evident that the government is occupied day and night with reform, order and the manifestation of truth. Now the people must unite and sincerely implore God, exalted be His glory, that perchance the fire of the greed of the deniers may be quenched and the flames of self and passion may be stilled. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering, and nigh unto response.

As for the new secretary, praise be to God, he is capable in both prose and poetry. I beseech God to cause two sweet, delicate and pleasant rivers of verse and prose to flow from both sides of his pen. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Convey my greetings to him, and his mention was made before the face of his Lord Who showed him kindness, and likewise towards your honor. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad-Qabil-Rida in that which causeth the exaltation of stations.

The table sent through His Honor AF, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], the Most Glorious, arrived and was indeed most excellent, desirable and acceptable. As for the two boxes you mentioned, they will be received. And regarding the tea, let it not escape your notice - the purpose is to know what kind it is. Even if it is only a few mithqals it suffices; it need not be much. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon

your honor and upon those with you and upon the people of divine unity among God's servants, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of those who know.

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He is the Rememberer, the Consoler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance and all that is in creation, befitting the court of the Beloved of the worlds, Who hath ordained death and life as herald and warner in a single station. Through the first He illumined hearts and souls with the light of promise and adorned them with the seal of "Verily I am God's", and through the second the fear of God was made manifest, whereby He restrained the self and passion from transgression. Outward life in one sense merits the decree of veil, but when it is removed the Hand of bounty raises high the banner of nearness and meeting. Great is His glory! Let those near drawn rejoice in the Kawthar of attainment and the sincere in the fragrant breezes of nearness and beauty.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention in this station of him who drank the wine of certitude and attained the Companion, who believed in the Lord of all beings when the people of tyranny and oppression denied Him. He was named Muhammad-'Ali in the Book of Names. Say: The first wave that surged from the ocean of grace, the first fragrance that wafted from the utterance of the Most Great Name, and the first light that shone from the horizon of the world be upon thee, O thou whom God adorned in His days with the pearls of submission and contentment and the gems of glory, wisdom and faithfulness. I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of understanding from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, when all in creation were deprived thereof. Thou art he whom the might of the oppressors deterred not from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of lords, and whom the veils of the transgressors prevented not from gazing toward His Most Luminous Horizon. Thou didst shatter the idol of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude and illumine thy heart with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all beings and the King of days. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned by the Pen of Bounty before and after thy ascension, as a grace from God, the Lord of Names. At this moment We beseech Him to send down upon thee at all times mercy and loving-kindness from His presence, and to cause thee to enter with the people of Baha into the Most Exalted Paradise. He, verily, is the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, the Lord of the world to come and of this world.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Thou Who causeth the winds to blow, Who sendeth down the Tablets and ordaineth good fortune and prosperity! I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries treasured in the repositories of Thy protection to forgive him and those who visit him, through that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy generosity that hath encompassed all created things and by Thy bounty that hath embraced all existence to rain down upon Thy loved ones from the clouds of Thy grace the showers of Thy mercy. Then ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come through Thy Will and Purpose. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none

other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Vanquisher, the Powerful. And verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous, the Kind, the Merciful.

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Praise be to God that the door of bounty is opened and the rain of mercy is pouring from the heaven of grace. Through His Name the Sun of Certitude hath shone in this moment upon all who are in the realm of possibility, and the heaven of wisdom and utterance hath been adorned with the stars of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We beseech God to confirm thee in supreme steadfastness and to draw thee to a station wherein nothing among all things shall prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven. We make mention of My leaves and handmaidens there and give them glad tidings of the ocean of My bounty and the heaven of My generosity and the sun of My grace, whereby existence hath been illumined in both the unseen and the visible realms. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them from God, the Mighty, the Loving.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God - exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be sanctified above all manifestations of contingent beings and conditions of created things, befitting the Court of the Intended One Who, through one exalted blessed Word, brought the world from nothingness into being, and through the wonders of His bounty and generosity adorned it above all other things with the crown of distinction, and guided it to the holy carpet of nearness to His presence. And from among humanity He sent forth certain souls who were sanctified from the conditions, veils, allusions and indications of creation, dispatching them with the royal seal of "I am the Truth" and sending them to guide mankind. And all these holy souls who were the manifestations of divine knowledge and dawning-places of heavenly wisdom were afflicted with countless trials. And this holy, blessed, and exalted chain ended with the Seal of the Prophets and King of the Chosen Ones, through whom the gate of heaven was opened and the Nightingale of Eternity sang upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the existence of all things: Verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I pray and send peace upon Him and upon those whom God made the Dawning-Places of His Cause, the Rising-Points of His Names, the Manifestations of His Signs, the Recipients of His Revelation, the Sources of His Clear Proofs, and the Settings of His penetrating Wisdom - those servants who were adorned with the ornament of divine authority and were honored among creation with pure servitude to the face of God, the Lord of all beings.

Glory be unto Thee, O Answerer of the prayers of the supplicants and Guide of bewildered souls! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets, the Messengers, and the near-stationed angels to assist Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Rising-Points of Thy Inspiration. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, your letter which was the cause of joy and gladness arrived and the fragrances of love were inhaled from it. God willing, you will be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings throughout all nights and days. Praise be to God that through the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, you have attained to that which is today the cause and means of salvation. This station is great in the sight of God. God willing, you will be assisted to preserve it. Verily He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth and withholdeth from whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to make you successful in all matters and to assign you an abode in the shade of the Tree of His loving-kindness. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be unto Him for He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Furthermore, after perusing your august letter, it was at one time presented and He said: "God willing, may they be assisted to perform good deeds and manifest spiritual qualities that are pleasing to Him. We counsel him with wisdom and kindness. In no matter should they depart from wisdom, and they must ever be attentive to it." End quote. Praise be to God, you have come under the glances of His favor. God willing, you will, in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, keep this station protected from the eyes of the treacherous. And concerning what you wrote about steadfastness and certitude - this station deserves thanks and praise. The Almighty Truth is witness and testifier that this servant has always sought and continues to seek lofty stations of steadfastness for the friends and masters. He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, He is the All-Knowing, He is the Answerer, He is the Watchful. We have placed our trust in Him in all conditions and circumstances and have committed all affairs unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle and have acknowledged the unity of God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Goal of the mystics and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

The servant

In the sacred month of Dhi'l-Hijjih 1298

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

The Remembrance of God from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the glowing Spot hath been raised up in truth, and every people heareth from it that there is no God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth hath been the Guardian over all the worlds. He is the Beauty of the Cause in the Most Exalted Concourse, and the Mystery of the Manifestation in the unseen cloud, and the Hidden Book within the pavilion of grandeur, and the Temple of Eternity amidst the world, and the Most Great Name unto him who is powerful in the Cause. O people of creation! Know ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not veiled from Him Who hath come in the shadows of the Names with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. At His right hand marcheth the Kingdom of divine knowledge and at His left hand the Realm of utterance, and before Him the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of might in truth. Say: O people! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not Satan, for he is far removed from truth. O people of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Spirit hath imparted to the heart of the Bayan

and that which the Tongue of Eternity speaketh at the midmost heart of the world, when the Beauty of the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of power with a command that was mighty in its concealment. Hasten ye to the Kawthar of revelation and the choice wine of inspiration. This is what ye were promised in the Tablets, did ye but know it. By God! Whoso pondereth today, the melodies of the All-Merciful will draw him to the heaven of good-pleasure and purify him from human limitations and bring him nigh unto the Most Great Prospect. He is powerful over all things. Say: Turn ye, O people, unto the countenance of God and His Cause, then rend asunder the veils of idle fancy by His sovereignty. Beware lest ye be frightened by the might of those who are veiled from the Cause. Say: Nothing shall profit you this day, even should ye bring forth all the books of the world. Thus hath it been decreed by the Pen that was renowned by the name of God. Cast ye aside all allusions and intimations, place them beneath your feet, and turn with radiant faces unto a station that hath been illumined by the lights of the Throne. Say: This is the One Who called out to Moses in Sinai, and the Beloved when He drew nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Be ye thankful unto God for this bounty and be not among the ungrateful sinners. Through Him the spirit of life was breathed into all creation and all things spoke when the breezes of reunion wafted. Thus hath the matter been sent down in truth from the heaven of revelation. O people of creation! Purify your ears to hearken unto My most sweet call, and sanctify your hearts from human veils, and turn unto the Most Great Prospect, the station wherein speaketh the Lord of Destiny. This is what ye have been commanded in a Tablet that hath been preserved by God's command. Behold what ye were promised in the Tablets, then behold Him Who hath appeared in truth, that ye may find a path unto God. Say: By the Lord of existence! He is the Promised One, and when the appointed time came, He appeared with the kingdom of verses. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, turning away from every sinful one who was deprived of the fragrances of revelation. When We heard of thy turning unto God, We sent down this Tablet for thee and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful and arise to aid His Cause with wisdom and utterance. God is witness unto what I say. It behooveth every soul to manifest from him that which will profit him in the Kingdom and establish his name in a Tablet that hath been adorned by the Most Exalted Pen. This is a station that is not equaled by aught created on earth, and God is knowing of what I say. Arise with the most great steadfastness, then rend asunder the veils of creation by the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. This is better for thee than all that thou hast wrought in thy days. The Tongue of grandeur and glory beareth witness unto this, and beyond it the denizens of Paradise and those who circle round this station that hath been known by the name of God.

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He is the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful

The remembrance of God from the sacred leaf upon the tree of paradise in this hallowed and luminous spot. God, there is no God but Him. Verily the Tree of the Bayan was the first tree raised up in truth, and it spoke: "I am God, the Mighty, the Generous." Through it the fire was kindled in existence and the beauty of the Worshipped One appeared to every seeing eye. Through it the face of polytheism was veiled and the beauty of divine unity dawned from the dayspring of the name All-Knowing. Through it the

idols were shattered and God was established upon the throne of manifest might. Through it mysteries were revealed, lights shone forth, and darkness was transformed by this rising, luminous dawn. Thus do my tongue, my heart, my bones, my form, my body, and this wise and brilliant Pen bear witness. Say: By God the Truth, my lips will not open concerning that which hath aroused hatred in the hearts of the polytheists, nor will my tongue move with that which God my Lord taught me before the creation of the heavens and earths. Say: We desire not to speak a word, but the Spirit speaks within my breast and causes to flow from my pen whatsoever He willeth, for He doeth what He pleaseth. Therefore, O concourse of the earth, take not vengeance upon me for this, but judge fairly in my cause and be not of the wrongdoers. And if this be my crime and sin, and the word of the sinners hath been fulfilled against me, then have mercy, O people, upon me and upon my exile and my suffering and my tribulation at the hands of the deniers. Fear God and transgress not the bounds of God which ye have been commanded to observe in the Book of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus did the Dove speak before and speaketh now with verses of compelling attraction, that God's favor may be completed for those who have believed and His proof may be perfected against the turn-aways.

O Leaf of Paradise! Thy letter hath come before Us and We have learned what was therein, and We were among the witnesses. We heard thy cry of separation after the fire of longing was kindled in thy breast, and We learned what was therein of every sigh and lamentation. Verily thou didst weep in places of joy, so how much more in this tribulation which hath dawned from the horizon of God by mighty decree. And if thou shouldst weep in this sorrow for the duration of the kingdom and rend the garment of patience, thou wouldst be justified, for by this the mantle of grandeur was rent, the mountains of the Cause were leveled, and the Maids of Heaven cried out in chambers of holy and luminous sanctity. But if thine eyes should turn toward the direction of patience, this would be better for thee with God, thy Lord, the Patient, the Powerful, the Mighty. And if thou desirest to know what hath befallen Us after Our departure from the City of God, the Mighty, the Generous, know that We journeyed for four known months until We arrived at this prison, which is cut off from the feet of seekers, for it lieth beyond upraised mountains and unnumbered cities and a surging sea and a deep ravine. And We remained therein in sorrow and bewilderment until God should please, for He is the best of judges and the wisest of rulers. And thou, remember thou Our days, then Our sorrow, then Our exile and what befell Us from these wrongdoers. Thus have We imparted to thee what was decreed for Us in this journey and inspired thee with that which is concealed from the eyes of the mystics. Then convey Our remembrance to all who are in thy land of those who have believed in God and turned away from every rebellious devil. And the Spirit and the light and the glory and the splendor be upon thee and upon every servant who turneth repentant unto God Who created him and fashioned him and made him to be of the guided ones.

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O Nazir!

In Rajab - He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praised be He Who has favored man with utterance and made him the dayspring of exposition in the contingent world. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who adorned him with reason and through it manifested justice, that He might complete His favor upon His servants. Blessed is he who has turned away from desire and held fast to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the first life, Who adorned the world with His Most Great Name and made it a straight balance among the nations. Verily He is the One Whom God made utterance a gift unto Himself and a leaf from among the leaves of the paradise of His remembrance and utterance, and Who testified to His sanctification above the indication of every indicator, the knowledge of every knower, the utterance of every utterer and the description of every describer. Yea, by His might, this is the truth - whoso holdeth fast unto it shall live, and whoso turneth away from it is accounted among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

And now, the servant's eye hath been gladdened by your letter, and from it he found the fragrance of your love, your faithfulness, your sincerity and your arising to serve the Cause of God, our Beloved and the Beloved of the heavens and earths. I beseech God to preserve you and grant you the good of the hereafter and this world, and to assist you at all times to say as one hath said: "Speak Persian though Arabic is more pleasing."

It is submitted that the messenger arrived and attained the presence of the Desired One, but his coming was without permission. Glory be to God! Despite your constant writing that you prevent the friends from turning towards the Most Holy Court so that none might move without God's leave, nevertheless groups arrive each day and after returning speak as they wish and say what they desire, save whom God willeth. There is no doubt that some souls upon returning relate and report according to their own desires, and this matter has been and is a cause of harm which none comprehend save the wise ones. That which the Truth, glorified and exalted be He, has ever commanded the loved ones to do and will continue to command them to do, has been for the good of all, but none hear it save the sincere ones. If a soul truly looks to God's consummate wisdom in what He commands, he will certainly not move contrary to God's will, with complete contentment and submission. The people know not their own good, and most do not accept from the wise counselor. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with.

If you wish news of the Most Great Prison, it remains in the same condition that you observed. No new matter has arisen, and the affairs of the rebellious city were submitted before. That which the All-Merciful revealed in the Tablets has come to pass. His honor Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], previously set out and a detailed petition was submitted to that Beloved One, and likewise his honor Abu-Badi, upon him be the Glory of God, with a detailed petition. I beseech the Truth, glorified and exalted be He, to make all the loved ones of that land steadfast in His Cause and to adorn all with the ornament of love and unity, that the fragrance of discord may be utterly cut off and they may engage in teaching God's Cause with perfect wisdom and sanctity. This is the matter that has been and will be the cause of the exaltation of God's Word and the turning of souls to the supreme horizon. Blessed is he who acts according to what was commanded, and woe to the heedless ones.

The Glory be upon you and upon those with you who have spoken the truth and followed His clear and straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Siyyid Husayn, He is the Most Wondrous in the Most Glorious Horizon!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them a guidance and remembrance for all the worlds, and through them hath caused the servants to know His exalted and mighty Self, and through them hath caused all created things to speak forth that which He hath testified of Himself by His own Self, that there is none other God but I, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

He whose vision God hath made penetrating recognizeth Him by His own Self and by His manifestation between the heavens and the earth. And for him who is powerless to recognize His Self by His Self, He hath made the verses a proof, lest he be deprived of the Sun of Divine knowledge in the days of his Lord, and that His proof may be completed unto all His servants. This is of His grace unto them, that they may be thankful and be numbered among the grateful ones.

Be thou steadfast, O thou who gazest upon God, in the Cause of thy Lord. By God the Truth! There hath appeared a test whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whose hands God took within the hands of grace and delivered from the wrongdoing people, and aided them through the truth, and sent down upon their hearts tranquility from His presence, and severed them from the idolaters. But the test is a test for those who are not firm in the Cause. As for him who is established upon the throne of certitude and hath recognized God by His own Self, the tempests of trials shall not move him, nor shall the hurricanes of tests, and they shall not turn their gaze from a holy and gracious scene. These have passed beyond this world and all that is therein, even though outwardly they may be occupied with its bounties, for God hath made their hearts purified from the mention of aught else but Him and hath chosen them for His most wondrous and glorious remembrance.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that should all who are in the heavens and on earth oppose thee, thou wouldst not be disturbed within thyself and wouldst be of them that are firmly established. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thy heart may be gladdened thereby and thou mayest remember thy Lord amongst His idolatrous servants.

Know thou that thy letter hath come before Us and We have witnessed that wherewith thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord. However, strive within thyself to be among the steadfast ones whom no hindrance can hinder, nor the gloating of enemies, nor the turning away of all creation. Rend asunder the veils, then behold thy Lord with thine own eyes, then detach thyself from the eyes of all the worlds, for whoso gazeth upon Him with any eye but His own shall never know Him, and this is an undoubted truth.

Know thou further that God hath accepted from thee what thou hast done and what thou hast not done, as a grace from His presence, for He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He hath ordained for

thee in the heaven of His Cause that which He hath desired for thyself. Soon shall it descend upon thee - fear not, neither be thou grieved, for He is the Protector of the doers of good. He shall provide thee with the good of this world and the next if thy feet slip not from this Path which hath been raised up in truth from the presence of One mighty and wise. He knoweth what is in thy heart and in His grasp is the kingdom of all things. He giveth what He willeth and taketh what He pleaseth.

Beware lest thou grieve over anything save that which hath befallen My own Self from him who was created by My word, and God is witness unto this. Today the feet have slipped of those who have taken vain imaginings as their lord instead of God and were behind a mighty veil. Beware lest thou consort with those in whose hearts thou perceivest hatred for God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Thus have We instructed thee and made mention of thee at this time when sorrows have encompassed Me from every direction from those who have been heedless of the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among those who have been seized by the breezes of the Cause from this exalted Paradise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High! God beareth witness that there is no God but Him and that this is indeed ʼAli Who hath appeared from the horizon of the Most Glorious. He heareth and seeth and speaketh in all things saying “I am God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Luminous.” I have sent the Messengers from before which hath no before, and I shall send until an end which none among contingent beings can reckon save My All-Numbering, All-Knowing Self. We have ordained in every name the dawning-places of Our most beautiful names and the manifestations of Our most exalted attributes, and We reveal from it as We wish according to a measured decree, if ye be of those who know. And We have made all things mirrors of My Self that they might face this Sun, the Dawning, the Holy, the Manifest, the Wondrous. Thus hath My mercy encompassed all contingent things and My grace all the worlds. And thou, O First Pillar of My Name, hear My call from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth and speaketh at the pole of eternity that “There is no God but Him and that this Beauty is His splendor unto all who are in the heavens and the earth.” Thy mention hath been made before the Face, therefore have We sent down unto thee the verses and dispatched them to thee as a grace from Us upon thee that thou mayest be of the thankful. We have heard the yearning of thy heart and thy longing for God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in these days wherein all souls are disturbed and all feet have slipped save those whom God hath preserved through a power from Him, for He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Then know thou that he whom We created through a breath from the breaths that appeared from a Pen of ancient glory - when the sweet savors of might wafted forth he emerged from behind the veil and warred against My Supreme, Most Great Self. When God preserved Me from his plot, he then arose with another plot. By God the Truth! He hath fabricated such words against Me whose falsehood would be recognized by anyone possessed of discernment though it be less than a barley-corn. Were someone to say that the Most Great Sea containeth no water, would any soul accept this? No, by My True

Self, save every remote ignorant one. And were it to be said the sun hath no light, would any soul believe it? No, by My True Self, if ye be of the certain ones. By God the Truth! All that he hath attributed to My Holy, Transcendent, Mighty, All-Knowing Self - its falsehood is more obvious than what We have mentioned to thee, were people to look with their eyes and be of those who see. And thou - purify thyself from all veils then place these ones beneath thy left foot. Put thy trust in God in all matters and be of those who trust. Take care that thou grieve not at anything - rather rejoice in the gladness of the Cause though at this moment the Eye of God weepeth and His heart yearneth and His tongue uttereth this wise remembrance. And were We to detail for thee what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst forget all that thou hast heard from the beginning of creation until now, and God is witness and knowing of this. But We have concealed it, and God shall soon manifest one who will mention it truthfully among all creatures. Say: O people! By God! These fabricated, false words will never veil the Ancient Beauty nor change the Cause of God though all the worlds should oppose from behind these ones. And thou, O servant, hear My call then be steadfast in My Cause and fear no one, for thy Lord will guard thee from the hosts of devils. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

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In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

God beareth witness to what We have inscribed upon the Crimson Scroll with Our Most Exalted Pen. Were We to make mention of it, verily all who are in the heavens and on earth would be struck with thunderous awe. Therefore have We safeguarded it through Our protection and veiled it through Our sovereignty. Verily, I am the Omnipotent over whatsoever I desire. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have manifested the Cause and raised aloft the standards. The might of every oppressor hath not rendered Us powerless, nor hath the clamor of the heedless veiled Us. We act in the kingdom as We please and ordain whatsoever We desire through Our power that prevaileth over the worlds. This is not a lamp that can be extinguished by the winds, nor a fire that can be quenched by the gestures of the opposers. The former hath appeared with a light whereby the heavens and earth were illumined, and the latter with a flame that hath set ablaze the hearts of the sincere ones. This is not a ship that can be shaken by the winds, or drowned by the seas, or shattered by the rocks. By God! This is the Ark of God that traverseth both land and sea, whose captain is the Will of the All-Merciful, and whose passengers are the people of Baha in all creation. Exalted be God, its Maker and Creator, the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

Arise with the arising of thy Lord. Say: O people of the mortal realm! By God, the Lord of the Kingdom hath come, and the Realm of Might circleth round Him, if ye be of them that know. Say: O people of learning! The Sealed Wine hath been unsealed by the finger of the Self-Subsisting. Come ye unto Him and be not of them that tarry. O people of the Furqan! By God, that which ye were promised in the Book hath appeared. Fear ye God and deny not the Cause of God when it hath appeared with the truth, and dispute not the signs of God when they have been sent down from this heaven. Turn ye unto God, your Ancient

Lord. The breezes of grace have wafted, the carpet of justice hath been spread, the mountains have passed away, and the Beauty hath shone forth with a light that neither the veils of the wicked can conceal, nor the idle fancies of the hearts of the polytheists can obscure. Through it the Beauty of Divine Unity hath appeared and been established upon the throne of detachment. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, turning away from the people and what they possess of images and idols. Those who have turned away from this Manifestation are indeed idol-worshippers who have devoted themselves to the idols of their desires, yet they perceive it not.

I know not whether, when thou attainest this Tablet, thou wilt soar upon the wings of longing and attraction, or be thunderstruck with yearning, and whether thou wilt find thyself in utter effacement or in complete awareness. Nay, We know, We know, O My servant, through Our knowledge that encompasseth the worlds. If thou wert to taste the sweetness of what the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken in addressing thee with the word "My servant," thou wouldst cry out and proclaim a thousand times: "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Beloved of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art imprisoned by the hands of the oppressors!" And thou wouldst arise to make mention of thy Lord until thy spirit meeteth the Concourse on High and thou attainest unto the Most Glorious Companion. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this Tablet through which the Most Great Ocean hath surged upon all who are in the world, and the Spirit of Life hath been breathed into all who are in the heavens and earths. Work thou in My days that which beseemeth My mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet, and say: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

We send Our greetings from this remote and distant station upon thy father's countenance, and We make mention of him through Our grace. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous. By My life! He standeth before the face of his Lord and is mentioned before My mighty throne. We make mention also of thy brother whom We mentioned before, and then the other, and We send Our greetings upon you and upon whoso hath attained unto this wondrous Cause. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

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O honored Seyyed Mirza Aqa! He is the Mighty, the Beloved. Your letter has come before Us and We have read it, for verily We are the All-Reading. Bear thou witness in thy inmost heart that there is none other God but Him, and that Ali before Muhammad was the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His Beauty unto all in the kingdom. Through Him did the Dove warble upon the branch of eternity, and the Light shine forth from the Lamp of holy radiance. Through Him did the Fire appear from this lofty, blessed, eternal, most holy and bountiful Tree. Say: By God! Were but a single letter of the Bayan to descend upon every lofty and towering mountain, and every mighty and elevated peak, thou wouldst behold it humbled and submissive before the sovereignty of God. Such are the examples We offer thee that thou mayest be of the assured ones. Say: With Him is the knowledge of the unseen, and the

knowledge of the heavens and earth, and knowledge of what was and what shall be, if ye be of those who know. His are the most beautiful names, the most exalted Word, and the most glorious sovereignty. All who are in the heavens and earth glorify Him. Therefore hearken thou to the Call of God from this Tree of Unity in this blessed spot, from this Primal Beauty, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then read what hath been revealed unto thee in this Tablet, for verily a single letter thereof is more precious in the sight of God than the worship of both humans and jinn. Soon shalt thou witness how the deniers turn away from this Light whereby the Sun of Glory hath shone forth from the horizon of a manifest dawn. But thou, be patient within thyself and turn not to anyone, nor be thou of the perturbed. Stand firm as thou hast been commanded by the Truth from the presence of One mighty and ancient, until the breezes of glory waft from the paradise of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth and sent thee the fragrances of musk from this garment, that thou mayest magnify God thy Lord in thy days and be of the content. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon His sincere servants.

Then know thou that We have heard how thou didst supplicate God thy Lord that He might enable thee to attain such station wherein thou wouldst never deny the signs of God at the time of their revelation, and be of the assured ones. Excellent is what thou hast desired for thyself, for this is a matter greater and more glorious in the sight of God thy Lord than any other matter, if thou be of those who perceive, and nothing that hath been created between the heavens and earth can compare with it. We beseech God to assist thee in this and raise thee to such station wherein thou recognizest His verses apart from all else and art firmly grounded therein. And praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

Then know thou that there hath reached Us the page bearing the trace of God, and this is more beloved to Me than all who are in the heavens and earth and all that was and shall be. We beseech God to reward thee with the most excellent reward from His presence, to raise thee to a praiseworthy station of glory, to grant thee the good of this world and the next, to enable thee to attain such station as is beyond the reach of any outstretched hands, and to honor thee with His presence in His subsequent Manifestation. This indeed is the most excellent good and the most noble of all matters. And grieve thou not that God hath placed between Us and thee the paths of land and sea and towering mountains raised high. For all this only comes between the hearts of those who are heedless of God's remembrance, who turn away from Him, deny His verses, and are of those who join partners with their Lord. As for those whose hearts are purified through the love of God, nothing can come between them and their Creator. But God intervenes between a man and his heart when He willeth and desireth, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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O loved ones of God in Mahmudi! He is the One Who calls from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto those who have quaffed the cup of utterance despite the people of the world and who have drunk in the name of their Lord, the All-Merciful, before the faces of all religions. We testify that they are among the people of Baha who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark

which God sent down in the Qayyumu'l-Asma as a token of His grace - and He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Hearken unto the call from the precincts of 'Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to the Intended One, and the face that hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the hand that hath been raised up unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have manifested the clear proofs and revealed that which was hidden in God's knowledge - the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The first requirement is the recognition of God, and the second is steadfastness in His Cause, the firm, the mighty. The Book speaketh and summoneth all to the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Most Great Announcement calleth out before the faces of the world: "O people of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God and deny not Him but for Whom the Bayan would not have been revealed nor would the Primal Point have uttered a word from His presence." Thus doth the Pen of Revelation make known unto you, if ye be of them that comprehend. The Kawthar of utterance hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people are heedless.

Cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast to the Most Great Cord, and set aside idle fancies by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: All the friends are mentioned in the presence of this Prisoner, and the name of each one hath been inscribed by the Pen of God's Will, exalted be His glory, in the Book. Ye must arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of all being with complete unity, and attract the hearts of the weak through your deeds and character, guiding them to the shore of the Most Great Ocean.

O My loved ones! Certain souls love those things that cause change and difference. Should anyone appear and utter a word from which the fragrance of discord can be detected, ye must counsel him with perfect steadfastness, with wisdom and utterance, that perchance he may turn to that which God desireth and be illumined with the light of unity and concord. O friends! Unity is the cause of the appearance of the lights of the Most Great Luminary throughout all regions. Say: God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat!

Today the gems of existence are those servants who have clung to the one true God alone and are detached from all else. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto this Word of the King of Words and this utterance which is the Sovereign of utterances. In these days when the divines of the earth are witnessed to be in manifest loss, hold ye fast unto wisdom and occupy yourselves with the mention and praise of God and the triumph of His Cause. In the days of the Spirit - may the spirit of all except Him be sacrificed for His sake - souls who were occupied with catching fish arose to render victory. This is not difficult for God.

Give thou the glad-tidings of the tender mercies of the Blessed Tree unto the leaves of that land. O handmaidens of God! By the Sun of Truth, in this word lieth concealed that of which all are unable to comprehend the significance, save whom God willeth. Every ear that hath been honored to hear the words "O My servant" and "O My handmaiden" hath been illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of divine favors and hath attained. Yet we beseech God to aid all to preserve this station. He is verily the

Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Know ye your worth and hold fast unto that which befitteth you. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you, O My servants and My handmaidens, and upon those whom the ranks of the world have not prevented from remaining steadfast in this Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad-Taqi, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the Ever-Present, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Book proclaims: Blessed is the one who deals kindly with the loved ones of God. The Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: Joy unto the servant who sheltered in his home those who have migrated unto God and treated them with the essence of love and affection. The Supreme Pen declares: Blessed art thou, O Letter Ta, for that which hath proceeded from thee befitteth thee and the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Though three stations are mentioned, all return to this Point which God hath sanctified from the knowledge of His servants. Verily He is the Hidden, though He is witnessed and seen; He is the Treasured, though thou seest Him manifest; He is the Moving while at rest, and He is at rest while moving; and He is the Euphrates through which God hath quickened His servants, before which the seas have bowed down and through which the trees have spoken. The Kingdom and the Dominion, and the Glory and the Sovereignty belong to Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with an authority that hath encompassed the world and with a command that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. I counsel you and the friends to wisdom. Most of the loved ones heeded not the divine counsel. By the life of God! Had they acted upon it, each one would now be witnessed as the head of the world. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and enable them to hold fast unto the wisdom which Thou hast commanded all to observe in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I testify, O my God, that confirmation cometh from Thee and success proceedeth from Thee. Enable us to do what Thou lovest and pleaseth Thee. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the former and latter generations. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. His honor, upon whom be the Glory of God, mentioned thy kindness in detail. Well is it with thee and pleasant it is unto thee. By the life of God! He hath attained unto the honor of My acceptance and been adorned with the ornament of My good-pleasure. This is a word that cannot be equaled by all the words of the world. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We have desired to make mention of thy father as a token of grace from Us and as a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We say at this moment: Upon thee, O Dawning-Place of forbearance, be the first wave that hath risen from the ocean of knowledge. I bear witness that thou hast ascended unto the Supreme Companion and attained the Most Glorious Horizon at this moment when the Pen of God, the Lord of Names, hath been moved to make mention of thee. We beseech God to send down upon thee a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His side at all times. He is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad-Taqi! Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be grandeur and splendor, for having aided me to turn towards Thee and made me one of those who have won victory through Thy traces in Thy days. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of every world among Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the

Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We have made mention of him who was named ’Ali in the Book of Names, and We make mention of Mahmud that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. He whom I love hath mentioned him; We have mentioned him and have sent down for him that which hath solaced the eyes of the sincere ones. Say: Beware, beware lest the doubts of the people hold thee back. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hints of those who have adorned their heads with turbans. We testify that they have been a barrier between God and His loved ones. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this exalted station. We beseech God to enable all to do what He loveth and pleaseth, and to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

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By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, and our Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven! That Beloved One prepared hundreds of thousands of colored paper factories with various hues, and in each page thereof was concealed and hidden the love of the world’s beloveds and the secrets of the lovers of the Ancient Countenance. This intention is dearer and more acceptable than a hundred thousand deeds. If a soul becomes aware of the sweetness and station and rank of this intention, without words he would arise among the people and say: “Intention is the sovereign of deeds, the dawning-place of deeds, and the dayspring of deeds.” Glory be to Him Who has deposited in each letter of His letters a book, and in each intention of His loved ones deeds which none can reckon save His all-encompassing knowledge. Thus it was established that in truth the paper of the world was sent and arrived, and was adorned with the pen of the Beloved. All this is from God’s grace, our Lord and your Lord. In this case, what mention could appear from the servant that would shine forth in this arena or become the bearer of meaning? I seek forgiveness from God, the Great, for what I have mentioned and mention, and what has occurred to my heart and been uttered by my tongue. And regarding the last writing of that Beloved One who had mentioned: “Now there is the intention to visit the shrine - may God accept it” - likewise the prayers and the visitation prayer of ’Ashura - sun and wind and cold and we had neither fur coat nor cloak - on the high roof until complete noon, and from there to another place until evening, and from evening until midnight - may God accept it. These phrases which were presented before His presence, He said smilingly: “By the life of God, all is accepted and acceptable, for whatever appears from assured, content and successful souls has been and is acceptable. Indeed, that which is hidden in the realities of things all speaks this word: ‘Whatever appears from the acceptable one is acceptable.’ Blessed is he whose acceptance by God all things have testified to, and his arising to serve again and again.” The Sun of loving-kindness is shining and evident. God willing, may all the friends of that land be illumined by its lights and made happy and joyful and delighted and blessed by its kindness through all ages and centuries. And I convey praise and greetings to each of the masters and friends of God. They have never been and will never be absent from sight. The One God is witness and aware that the honored beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the praise of God, has been and is in view and has attained to the loving-kindness of the Goal. I send greetings to the spiritual beloved Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be Baha’u’llah. His letter arrived bringing joy and gladness, and whatever he had written was carried out. I beseech and hope from the True One, exalted be His glory, that he may ever be adorned with the ornament of grace and

loving-kindness. And further, the spiritual beloved Jinab-i-Aqa ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be Baha’u’llah, due to the upheavals in Iran returned to that direction, and a box containing two bounties, namely two sweets - that is, white musk and rose candy - was bestowed. The details of this are that since at a feast pertaining to this evanescent one some divine bounties were arranged and presented before His presence, by His command this portion was specially sent for that beloved one and the friends. Well done to those who have attained! Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God’s loved ones and friends and upon God’s sincere ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Siyyid Ibrahim in the Land of Alif, He is the Mighty, the Sorrowful. Your letter hath reached the dawning-place of grief and arrived at the dayspring of tribulations. May God reward thee with a goodly reward which no alteration shall follow, for He, verily, hath power over all things. O Ibrahim! The idol of self and desire hath encompassed the world. All have turned away from God and become worshippers of desire. Beseech the True One that He make manifest a Friend who, through the power of the All-Glorious, may shatter and cast down the idols of creation. Though it hath ever been the custom of men to turn eagerly to vain imaginings while turning away from the Sovereign of certitude, until the Spirit of God appeared manifest and evident among all things, yet all remain occupied with the vain imaginings of their own souls, to such extent that they cling to the cord of fancy while cut off from the Sure Handle. Consider My first Manifestation: when it appeared from the most holy and exalted Horizon, none turned towards that Essence of Oneness. Yet they would endure countless hardships and become detached from all things that they might attain to circumambulating a stone which, according to some, was created. The Lord of Lords had risen from the horizon of His name, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, yet all would run through the wilderness that they might be blessed with visiting dust. Observe this Day, which is the Lord of all days and the most wondrous time before and after. The True One, exalted be His grandeur, hath appeared with complete manifestation and concealment, yet should any soul observe with the slightest fairness, he would testify that the like of this Revelation hath never appeared in creation. Nevertheless, they cling to a name, of whose reality none had any knowledge, while turning away from Him Who brought it into being. Fie upon them and their deeds! Even though at the time of departure He informed all that the Calf would bellow after the departure of the Ancient Beauty, and the Samiri would appear, and the birds of night would stir after the setting of the Sun, yet though all witnessed this, they recognized it not. Rather, most became worshippers of the Calf and followers of Samiri, turning entirely away from the Truth. Their abode is naught but the fire - how wretched the dwelling-place of the deniers! O Ibrahim! Walk with perfect steadfastness upon the path of God. Close thine eyes to all else but Him and open them to His beauty, for all today are evanescent and accounted as utter nothingness before God. Fix thy gaze ever upon the essence of the Cause and that whereby the Cause is established. Seek not to rely upon anyone in thy recognition of the Truth, for that Essence of eternity hath never been and shall never be known except through Itself. It hath never depended upon the acceptance or rejection of anyone. Its proof hath been Its Own Self, and Its evidence that which It hath revealed through Its grace. Were one to observe with illumined vision, all the movements of the Truth - whether standing or sitting, walking or resting, speaking or silent - would be seen as distinguished and sanctified above the deeds of all who are

in the heavens and the earth. The Truth hath never been confused with aught else, yet doubt hath ever existed and shall continue to exist in deluded souls. Purify thy breast from the allusions of the veiled ones and sanctify thy heart from doubt. Strive to the extent of thy capacity to teach the Cause of God. This is the fruit of existence for every existent being today. The eye of God hath ever been and shall be, God willing, fixed upon thee. Moreover, convey to all the friends, both men and women, greetings from the tongue of God. God willing, may thou circle round the Truth as a shadow circles round the sun.

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O He who has been named Muhammad-Qabli-Rida in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Powerful!

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Inaccessible!

This is a Book sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and beautiful. Therein doth God make mention of one of His servants, that he may be of them that remember, and that He may quicken thereby his heart and his inner being, and that he may give thanks unto God and be of the thankful ones.

O thou who believest in God! Thou hast visited the House of God aforetime and wast among them that made pilgrimage. Therefore, strive within thyself to visit the Most Great House of God which hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be God, the best of creators, through Whom every direction was intended, every house confirmed, and every wise matter made manifest.

Say: The sanctuary of God hath appeared and the Most Great House hath been built by the hands of might and power from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say: By God! This is verily the sanctuary of God and His House, round which circle the denizens of the All-Highest Paradise and the angels drawn nigh. By His command have appeared the Place of Commemoration, the Holy Place, and the Spot of Security for all who are in the heavens and on earth. And verily it is God's perspicuous Book.

Say: O people! Wage not war against Him Who hath come unto you with a proof from God and Who summoneth you unto His Self that standeth over the worlds. He desireth from you no recompense; His reward is with Him Who sent Him with the truth and dispatched Him unto all created things. O people! Make not your deeds null and void, and deny not what hath been sent down in truth from God, the Most High, the Most Great. And should ye deny it, what proof have ye for your cause? Bring it forth then, and be not among them that tarry.

Beware lest ye dispute concerning God after He hath appeared with all the signs, which none denieth save every hateful enemy. Verily, they who have disbelieved and joined partners with God, were God to come unto them from the heaven of His Cause surrounded by a company of angels, were the earth to be cleft asunder and to yield up its treasures, and were the sky to be rent - they would never believe. Nay, were they to witness every sign their associating of partners would but increase. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they were among the deniers.

And thou, O servant, hearken unto the words of Him Who counseleth thee for the sake of God, and be not of the heedless. Purify thyself, then look into the proof whereby God hath manifested His Cause in

every age, then into this firm and mighty proof, that thou mayest be assured in the Cause of God to such degree that were all who are in the heavens and earth to oppose thee, thou wouldst not turn unto them and wouldst remain possessed of clear vision and manifest proof.

Say: God is the Creator of all things and standeth over every soul. He witnesseth what His servants commit and recompenseth them for what they have wrought. And verily He is the Rewarder of the doers of deeds.

Turn thy heart in all days toward the court of God, thy Lord, with sublime humility, that the breezes of grace may waft over thee and the breathings of holiness may take hold of thee from the direction of a mighty throne. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! A single breath thereof excelleth whatsoever hath been created between the heavens and earths.

Shun all that directeth thee unto passion, and draw nigh unto the court of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, with a pure and radiant heart. Grieve not for this world and what lieth therein, for it shall perish more quickly than a moment, and there shall endure what hath been ordained for thee by thy Lord, whereby thine eyes shall be solaced, thy soul find rest, thy body repose, and thy heart rejoice. Thus doth the Pen of the Command give thee glad tidings through God's favor unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that are gladdened.

Beware lest thou deprive thyself of the bounty of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. And glory be upon thee and upon them that have entered beneath the shadow of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

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O Ali, Most Holy and Most Great! This is the Tablet of Command which hath been sent down from the presence of Him Who is the Lord of Destiny, that He might draw mankind nigh unto the Most Great Scene, this Most Pure Station, round which circle the angels brought near. Say: The Hour hath passed, and the stars have fallen, and the moon hath been cleft asunder, if ye would but understand. And the Herald hath cried out between earth and heaven: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" Every atom beareth witness unto Him Who sendeth down the verses, yet most men do not testify. Their wretchedness hath overcome them, and their desires have held them back, and today they rush headlong in the wilderness of error. When it is said unto them: "Have ye not heard the Call of Truth?" they say: "Yea." And when it is said unto them: "Have ye not witnessed God's majesty and power?" they say: "We saw and we disobeyed." Nay, they are unaware.

O thou who hast turned to God! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the Sinai of grandeur and power. Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. I have created all contingent things for Myself and have brought all beings into existence through My command. I am the One Who doeth what He willeth through My word "Be" and it is. Grieve not at anything. Arise to

aid thy Lord, detached from all who dwell on earth. A station hath been ordained for thee in a guarded Tablet. Be as God's fire unto all else, that through thee the hearts of creation may be set ablaze. Thus have We commanded thee from the presence of One mighty and wise. Say: O my Lord! I am he who is content with Thy good-pleasure and who hath desired naught save Thy face, and have caused my will to be extinguished in what Thou hast willed. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the ocean of eternity surged, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark and who sail upon the sea of grandeur. Thou art the Lord of Names and the Creator of earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Siyyid Muhammad!

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a Tablet from which waft the breezes of forgiveness upon all beings and mercy descends upon those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Say: Should God so desire, He would renew all created things through a word from His presence. He, verily, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth and Who ruleth over whatsoever He desireth. Say: Should He wish to adorn all things with the ornament of His names, He would be able - there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Whither do ye flee? The word of chastisement hath been fulfilled against him who hath denied the All-Merciful in this Revelation which hath shone forth from the horizon of all existence with manifest sovereignty. Say: Do ye imagine within yourselves that were ye to deny this Revelation, your faith in any of God's Messengers would remain firm? Nay, by your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great! Ye have no escape save either to deny all the Messengers of God or to acknowledge this Ambassador upon whose brow the Hand of Grandeur hath, with the seal of might, inscribed upon all things that, by God, this is the Beloved of the worlds. By God the Truth! There hath been inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen upon the cheek of all things: "This, verily, is He through a mere sign from Whose eyebrow was created the kingdom of names, and those who abide behind the pavilions of grandeur, and the denizens of the Concourse on High, and the dwellers of the cities of eternity." Thus was the matter decreed in the Tablet of Destiny by your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

O servant! Arise to serve the Cause of God and leave those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, for they are like unto children who ought to play with clay. Indeed, those endowed with keen vision behold them as worthless rabble. Leave them to their vain imaginings and take what hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of God's dominion, the Protector, the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Purify thy heart from all allusions and sanctify thy breast from the whisperings of the deniers, that the effulgences of thy Lord may be reflected therein, and that there may appear from thy countenance the radiance of the All-Merciful and from thy tongue the Salsabil of utterance in commemoration of this Most Great, Most Momentous News. When the clamor of the polytheists is raised, grieve not. Place thy trust in God - He will suffice thee in truth and make thee independent of all created things. All things are within

the grasp of His power, and He, verily, is none other than the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Arise to aid the Cause of God by Our command. He will, verily, assist thee in truth. He is with His servants who remember Him - those whom nothing hath prevented from the remembrance of God, their Creator. Upon such as these do the inhabitants of the Concourse on High shower their blessings, and around them circle the realities of those brought near. Whoso is established in this Cause - all that hath been created between the heavens and earth cannot equal him. Thus was it inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in a previous Manifestation, if thou be of them that comprehend. He spoke - and His word is the truth - "A drop in the subsequent Revelation shall be mightier than all that was created in the Bayan." Yea, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Were it not so, He would not be able to rend asunder that which hath caused the hearts of the people of the Bayan to tremble. This is God's decree from aforetime. Now behold what issueth from the mouths of these people - they speak that of which they are unaware, thinking themselves to be among the guided ones. All things disavow them and atoms curse them, while they remain dead within the veils of their own selves. Thus have We explained to thee that which most people have neglected, that thou mayest aid thy Lord through utterance and be among those endowed with certitude.

Convey Our remembrance to thy wife and then to thy children, and impart unto them the glad-tidings of God, that they may be among those who rejoice. God hath ordained for thee and for them an exalted and glorious station. Glory be upon thee, then spirit be upon thee and upon those who have believed in this Revelation, wherein the feet of the doubtful have slipped. Praise be to God, the Beloved of the sincere ones and the Goal of them that have knowledge.

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O Siyyid Ja'far, in whatever land thou mayest be! He is the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting! This is a Tablet sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful, wherein the measures of the Cause have been ordained by a holy and exalted Pen. It speaketh the truth in the heaven of eternity, even should all who are on earth oppose it. Say: They who have believed in God and in what hath been sent down from Him, these are guided by their Lord and are possessed of a mighty remembrance. The angels of the Cause shall receive them and give them glad tidings of a paradise which hath been opened in the sublime heights. Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto My call, and deny not the signs of God after they have been sent down in truth, and be not oppressors and wretched ones. He it is Who aideth whomsoever He willeth with the hosts of the heavens and earth, and ordereth all things as He pleaseth. Who is more powerful in sovereignty than God, and more truthful in utterance? He it is Who causeth night to be succeeded by day and ordaineth the measure of all things, and He, verily, hath power over all things.

Know thou that thy letter hath come before Us in this prison, and We have learned of its contents and have answered thee with these verses which God hath made a proof unto all who are on earth. What thou didst mention regarding the occurrence of that which We had formerly told thee is truth from the

presence of One wise and informed. Yet thou dost not turn to this, nor to what the people possess; rather turn thy face unto a beauty mighty and beauteous. Know thou that all We have told thee is truth from God - it hath appeared and shall appear, and We, verily, have knowledge of all things. After this there shall appear a test which shall cause all who are in the heavens and on earth to burst asunder, save those who have ascended wholly unto a beauty mighty and resplendent. Be thou not disturbed by this, but find peace in this Tablet which hath been sent down in truth from a heaven sublime and exalted.

Say: We believe in what hath been sent down unto Us in this Tablet, and in what was sent down unto Moses and Jesus, and in what was sent down unto Muhammad the Messenger of God, and in what was sent down unto ʼAli before Nabil from holy and exalted verses. We make no distinction between any of them, and We are, verily, on a straight path. Should abasement overtake thee for My name's sake, grieve not but be patient within thyself, and put thy trust in God, and be clear-sighted in the Cause. Say: We were among you for many years, yet none of you recognized Us until the promise came and the matter was decreed by One powerful and wise. When We entered the prison We revealed Our countenance and lifted the veil with manifest sovereignty. Thus do We recount unto thee what was then sent down in truth, and We have revealed what was hidden behind a delicate and holy veil.

Know thou that the idolaters have denied God's favor and turned away from a path mighty and lofty. Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye imagine that ye shall be left alone when ye say "We believe" and the test cometh not unto you from a quarter mighty and near? By God! This is the test whereby the sincere ones shall flee - how much more these people! And God doth take account of all things. None shall escape therefrom save he who holdeth fast unto this luminous cord, and God is witness unto this. Convey unto the people what thou art able, and turn not to thy right or thy left, but hold fast unto this mighty pillar which standeth firm in the Cause. We have indeed sent unto thee what was revealed in the prison, and verily a single letter thereof is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth, and through it God's proof, His evidence, His testimony and His signs have been perfected for all, whether small or great.

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In the name of the one God. O people of Beauty! Hearken to the divine call in the Persian tongue from the mystic Tree. Every soul that today has attained to hearing the call of Truth has become detached, sanctified and free from the allusions of creation and what lies with them. Praise ye the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that ye are associated with a Name that is truly associated with Him. Though today the station of this is not known, yet soon shall ye behold this station as having no equal. Today, whosoever is enkindled with the fire of the divine Word and has drunk from the Euphrates of the All-Merciful shall live and endure forever, his name recorded and inscribed by the Pen of the Command in the divine Tablets. No created thing past or future can equal this bounty. Well is it with them that understand.

Be not grieved by differences in outward matters. Fix your gaze at all times upon the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and exert your utmost effort that perchance, through the blessing of the Most Great Name which has encompassed the world, ye may drink of this most pure and luminous nectar that hath been

unsealed through the key of remembrance of the Lord of Power. Happy are ye, O people of Beauty, were ye to be of them that drink thereof.

God willing, through the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, transcend the contingent world and cling to the hem of the bounty of the Lord of nations. Be ablaze with the fire of the love of the Beloved - such a blaze that the people of those regions may turn toward the sanctuary of oneness from that spiritual heat.

O Muniru'd-Din! Hearken unto the call from this manifest Prison. He is, verily, none other than Him, the Almighty over the worlds. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord in a manner befitting these days, then summon the people to the horizon from which were illumined the heavens and earth. Be not perturbed today by the intimations of the divines and what they possess. Consider when the Sun of the Cause dawned from the horizon of Batha, the divines and men of learning opposed Him, and before that when the Spirit appeared with the signs of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, the greatest among the people turned away from Him. Thus was it ordained aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon will God obliterate the traces of those who disbelieved today, even as thou hast witnessed what the hand of might and power wrought in the past. Nothing can frustrate what He willeth - all are within the grasp of thy Lord's power, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Muhyi'd-Din! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by the Pen of the Command, and stand firm in the service of thy Lord in this mighty Revelation. Beware lest the conditions of them that are on earth veil thee. Leave them to themselves and turn thy heart to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of the breezes of the days of thy Lord. We love to see thee soaring in the atmosphere of remembrance and utterance, and speaking forth the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, throughout all possibility, that through thee may awaken those servants whom the wine of passion hath overcome and held back from this resplendent horizon. We beseech God to assist you in His love and good-pleasure and to make you among those who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have stood firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the transgressors, nor the intimations of the oppressors, nor the onslaught of the heedless held them back. The glory be upon you both, and upon your mother and sister, from One mighty, praiseworthy.

Hear with the ear of the spirit what hath been mentioned and reflect upon the divine verses, that ye may behold all the world as non-existent and null. This is the counsel of the Wronged One which hath flowed from the Pen of Command. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that are patient. Grieve not at hardship, for ease is in His hand. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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His Honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

O beloved of my heart! There exists no reminder in the world, no educator and no reformer like separation. Glory be to God! The light of union and its station and rank become manifest through it, and patience and forbearance shine forth from it. At every moment it makes the soul aware. Infinite grief appears from it, yet the discerning soul beholds in the ocean of grief the hand of divine training and witnesses the chalices of mercy. In brief, whatsoever comes from God, glorified be His majesty, is adorned with wisdom, and His wisdom in all conditions and circumstances is the cause of the exaltation and elevation of His servants. Praise be to God Who has made separation the key to union and remoteness the harbinger of nearness, Who has honored us with His oneness among His servants and adorned us with the ornament of His laws and ordinances. Verily He is the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved through whom the light of unity shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of lords, and through whom the gate of knowledge was opened and the dove of mystical understanding warbled upon the highest branches. Sovereignty belongs to God, the One, the Chosen. And upon His family and companions whom the affairs of the world prevented not from helping the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings. They strove with utmost striving until they conquered the lands. Verily He is the Lord of the servants and the King of creation in the beginning and the return.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose and the Ultimate Object of my hope and my desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Book through which Thou didst separate between truth and falsehood and which Thou didst name the Furqan among Thy servants who arose to help Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word and manifest Thy laws, that Thou assist Thy servants in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne that Thou preserve the one who hath acknowledged Thy unity and oneness and hath adorned his life with Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Ordain for him through Thy bounty that which befitteth the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and bestowal. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further, O beloved of my heart! Although the pen of this ignorant one wrote of the virtues of separation and established proofs, yet much pain and injury proceed from it. It melts the liver, dissolves the heart, and prevents the breast from expansion. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, and hope that He will soon ordain reunion and not deprive us of the blessing of meeting, by the truth of His Prophets and Messengers and their Lord and Master. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. You have always been and continue to be remembered. This evanescent servant beseeches God that He make this journey of yours the cause of outward and inward profit and the means of ordering scattered and dispersed affairs. He is the Powerful and the Mighty. If you wish to know the conditions of this land - we are alive and enjoying God's infinite bounties. All the relatives are well and adorned with the ornament of health. No grief exists save separation from that beloved, and it is hoped that even this will soon be transformed into joy and delight. I convey greetings to the friends of that land and beseech God for their assistance and confirmation. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Bestower, He is the Generous. A letter was written by this servant in reply to the letter of his honor Aqa Muhammad Ali, upon him be God's peace, and sent, and likewise a blessed Tablet especially for the beloved of the heart, his honor Nabil ibn Nabil, upon him be peace. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is established upon the throne of grace! The doors of My favors, which from the beginning that hath no beginning until now had remained sealed, are now opened in truth by the finger of ancient glory. And verily thou, say: In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful. And after beginning with My blessed Name, give glad tidings to all created things and proclaim between earth and heaven that whosoever desireth to ask a question may present it to the Manifestation of ancient glory - an answer will descend from the heaven of grace. And any learned one who wisheth to inquire about knowledge, let him surely present it to the most holy and pure court, for he shall not be deprived. And any who thirsteth for the wine of verses and longeth for words and verses from the heaven of names and attributes of the King of attributes, let him ask and it shall be granted without delay or postponement. I swear by My beauty that were it not for the prevention of preventers, the oppression of oppressors, and the obstruction of deniers from among the people of the Bayan, We would have commanded all things to seek knowledge of what was and what will be, and would have honored them all with this mighty robe and this most glorious garment. But how can these people be capable when they remain veiled by a mere allusion to a letter of the Most Great Word, and are kept far from the subtle and delicate fountain of grace by a thick veil? And if anyone today should ask questions numbering as the drops of rain from the clouds, all would receive answers in a wondrous tongue in verses sent down and dispatched from the holy heaven of grace. Exalted then is this breeze that hath encompassed the worlds! Exalted is this grace that hath become renowned among all created things! Exalted is this countenance at whose light's dawning the faces of the people of the highest paradise fell prostrate! There hath never been any delay in the wonders of My grace, but since people have veiled themselves with imaginary veils, they have remained deprived of the wonders of grace and the gems of glorious bounty. For I made the servants the manifestation of My wealth and established in all things the sign of wealth above all else. And since they remained veiled from this mighty sign, they have been afflicted with accidental poverty. How excellent then is the state of those souls who free themselves from all else but God and turn with all their might to the Beauty of the One, that the wondrous manifestations of power which I have deposited within their souls may become apparent and evident, and they may witness themselves as wealthy and independent of all who are in the heavens and earth. And whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto the presence of God within his own self, by his own self. And let not the ignorant among the people cling to these words and step into the arena of pride and vainglory, as hath been observed in some who, after being called for years to absolute wealth by the melodies of the Spirit, have finally claimed independence from the Truth. We seek refuge in God from this! For all these riches appear from and return to the contingent Will. Beware lest at the time of manifestation ye cling to station and recognition or to all who are in the heavens and earth, becoming occupied with these and remaining deprived of My Beauty, Who with a single word can draw all who are in the heavens and earth to the treasury of wealth. In brief, wealth apart from Me hath been beloved, not My Self; and severance from all save Me hath been sought, not My Beauty. Thus doth the Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Powerful, inform you.

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O Siyyid Muhammad in the Land of Ya! In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Then did the Tongue of God speak in all things, saying: “Verily, I am alive in this horizon which hath appeared with truth and hath been named in the Concourse on High by the name of the Most Exalted, then in the cities of names by the name of the Most Glorious, then among the concourse of creation by this Name whereat the cry hath been raised from all who are in the heavens and earth save them whom God preserved through His grace and delivered from the floods of fancy and desire and caused to ascend unto the divine Lote-Tree in this most distant sanctuary round which circle all that was and will be. Yet the people have veiled themselves from that which hath shone forth with truth and manifested itself among the worlds with a sovereignty that encompasseth the truth. Say: O people! By God the Truth, this is the Sea from which all seas have appeared and unto which they all return, and from which all suns have dawned and unto which they all revert, and from which the Lote-Trees of the Cause have brought forth fruits, each one of which was raised in the form of a Prophet and sent to one of the worlds which none hath numbered save God Who hath encompassed all created things through a letter of the Word that proceeded from His Pen which was controlled by His Finger that was mighty over the truth.” Thus doth the Ancient Beauty sing in these dark and gloomy days. Would that there were someone with hearing to hear His melodies and detach himself from all the worlds! O servant who gazeth toward the direction of Glory in this Day wherein the souls of every distant polytheist are agitated! Know thou that what God inspired in thy heart hath come before Our presence and We have witnessed it with the eye of mercy and bounty and have sent down unto thee these words whereby every irrevocable decree and every hidden secret hath been made manifest. Know thou further that God hath forgiven thee through His grace and purified thee from sins at the time when thou didst make mention in thy letter of this remembrance whereby the skin of every base heedless one doth creep, and the breezes of eternity wafted upon thee from the direction of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, and turned thee toward the Ultimate Shore at a time when thou wert heedless of Him. Thus hath God’s favor and grace been perfected upon thee that thou mayest be among the thankful in thyself and be content with the truth. We have verily sent down in this Tablet the table of the Cause from the heaven of grace. By God! Whosoever partaketh thereof shall find himself independent of all who are in the kingdom. As to what thou hast asked about God thy Lord concerning what We revealed aforetime unto Muhammad in Arabic, know thou that the first one We sent with truth was Ali whom We caused to shine forth from the Persian horizon and sent down upon clouds of the Spirit from an exalted heaven, and the last one We sent was also Ali whom We named in the Supreme Concourse by Our Most Holy Name, if thou be of them that know. And We strengthened them both with this Beauty Who hath appeared with truth and shone forth from the horizon of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Were We to desire to interpret this verse for thee, all the ink and pens would not suffice, but We have abbreviated what We have explained to thee since We are in those days engaged in a mighty matter and find not the opportunity. Yet should God will and desire, We shall interpret and expound it as a mercy from Us unto thee, for My mercy upon thee is abundant. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then remind the people with wisdom and counsel and dispute not with anyone. Thus hath the Tongue of Holiness commanded thee. Act according to what thou hast been commanded and be steadfastly persevering.

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He is God, exalted be His glory. Might and power are His.

Praise be to God Who completed His First Most Exalted Word with His Last Word, which is “He doeth whatsoever He willeth.” Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! How great is His station and how mighty His sovereignty!

And blessings and peace be upon the Divine Lote-Tree through which appeared the fruits of wisdom and utterance and the leaves of knowledge and understanding - He Who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names. Verily He is the Manifestation of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes, and the Manifestation of His Command, and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Recipient of His knowledge - blessings eternal and everlasting.

And now, O beloved of my heart, the luminary of your words has shone forth from the horizon of your love and sincerity towards God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. At that moment I attained joy and gladness, for from your words wafted the fragrance of the oneness of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thereafter I approached the Most Exalted Station and presented myself before the countenance of the Lord. He - may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake - said: “We have made mention of him and have beseeched the Lord of the exalted Throne to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to aid him to perform deeds that will be as light before his face in all the worlds, and to make them a treasure preserved with Him. We testify that he has testified to the oneness of God, His singleness, His might, His greatness and His sovereignty. Peace be upon him from the Wronged One, and upon those with him, and upon God’s righteous servants.” Thus ended His words.

As for what you mentioned regarding Jinab-i-’Abdu’l-Mahdi - upon him be God’s peace - he is among those who have attained to turning towards God and drawing near, and has attained His presence and associated with the friends and taught the Cause. However, O beloved of my heart, sincerity and certitude and faith and knowledge are not perfected through words but through deeds. God has counseled His servants in His perspicuous Book regarding spiritual and praiseworthy conduct. This servant conveys greetings to him and counsels him with that which God has counseled His servants in His firm and perspicuous Book.

And regarding what you mentioned about God’s servants and His loved ones in Abu Sida and Ya’quba and ’Awashiq, after presenting this before the countenance of the Lord, He - may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake - said: “We make mention of them and counsel them to justice and fairness and to that which befitteth man. O servants of God! God has commanded you to act with righteousness, and the Wronged One counsels you to fear God. Blessed is he whose head is adorned with the crown of detachment, whose temple with the ornament of the fear of God, and whose heart with the light of recognition. Hasten to that which pleaseth God. He hath ordained for those who act in the Most Exalted Paradise stations which the pens are powerless to describe. And We counsel you, O My loved ones, to fellowship and unity that

the horizons may be illumined with the light of accord. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which will bring joy to your eyes and gladden your hearts and expand your breasts, and to aid you in that which will benefit yourselves and your brethren, and to assist you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. We send greetings from this station to My loved ones whose names you mentioned before the Wronged One, and We make mention of them with My mention and remind them of My words and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds." Thus ended His words.

And this servant conveys greetings to them and beseeches God his Lord to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty and the clouds of His grace the rain of His mercy and generosity, and to aid them to act according to what He has revealed in His Book. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise. And he conveys greetings to your honor and to those with you and to those among God's servants who are firm in His unity, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones.

The servant

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O Muhammad, son of Haji Siyyid 'Ali, upon both of you be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Speaker.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause, sent down His verses and commanded all to act with rectitude. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, All-Wise Commander. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from this far-distant Shore. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Watching. He witnesseth and seeth, and nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to attain recognition and given thee to drink of the choice wine of utterance from the hands of His bounty. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

That which thou didst address to God, the Lord of the worlds, hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before the Wronged One hath read it. We have sent down for thee that which was a pearl in the shell of utterance and a light at the horizon of possibility. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is the tongue that hath been occupied with My remembrance, and the house that hath been honored by My praise, and the air that hath been perfumed by My wondrous utterance.

O Muhammad! The ocean of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibility, and that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praised, hath been made manifest. Say: O heedless ones! Raise your heads and behold that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the tender mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you, or the might of any remote oppressor frighten you. By God! The ocean of verses hath surged when the Manifestation of clear proofs came, yet the people are in evident error. Desire hath kept them back

from the Lord of all beings. Thus have their souls prompted them. They are indeed among the idolaters. Say: O people! Fear God and believe in Him Who hath come to you with a mighty sovereignty, on His right hand the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and on His left the angels and the Spirit, if ye be of them that know. And before Him walketh the Point of the Bayan, saying: "O my people! Your sayings and deeds have put me to shame, after We counseled you night and day. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of them that turn aside. In every leaf We commanded you to present yourselves before the Countenance, yet when He appeared ye turned away and denied, and committed that which caused My heart and My Pen and the Supreme Concourse and the most exalted Paradise to lament. Every discerning soul beareth witness to this."

O people of the Bayan! We have sent down for you the verses and manifested the clear proofs, and ye were commanded to that which would draw you nigh unto the supreme horizon. Ye cast behind you that which ye were commanded and took up that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. Say: O sources of knowledge and manifestations of arts! Hearken unto the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. He hath come from the horizon of power with a manifest sovereignty.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for having attained unto the traces of My Pen while the Wronged One was in this mighty prison. We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance for the promotion of His mighty and wise Cause. Know thou that should anyone bring thee all the books of the world, leave them behind thee. Thus doth the All-Knowing command thee from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Informed. We have found those who turned aside among the people of the Bayan to be more lost than the people of the Furqan. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and We are among the witnesses. God hath forgiven those two whom thou didst mention in thy letter, as a grace from His presence. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

When thou hast taken the cup of My utterance and drunk therefrom in remembrance of My Name, say: "My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, assured by the rain-showers of the heaven of Thy grace, and anticipating the wonders of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by Thy mysteries which none save Thyself hath known, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, such that neither the doubts of the doubters nor the signs of them that turn aside may keep me back from Thee. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Triumphant, the Omnipotent."

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High!

Praise be to God Who caused the Mount to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the God of Moses and Aaron, and caused the solid rock in the hand of His Beloved to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the God of all worlds, and caused the mountains to speak forth His mighty remembrance and the seas His surging, prevailing, swift Name, and the trees that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He it is Who gave the world the glad-tidings of the Day wherein the sun shall rise from its setting, and the mountains shall pass away with passing upon passing, and every soul shall be weighed with weighing upon weighing, wherein feet shall slip and mankind be confounded

and the hearts of the possessors of understanding be thunderstruck and the limbs of all servants tremble, that His supreme sovereignty might be made manifest therein, even as He informed His servants in the Book that erreth not nor forgetteth. The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's - my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance.

The servant hath been honored by that which hath trickled from the cloud of your ink, and joy and gladness have seized him in such wise as no mention can contain. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Choosing. As to what ye mentioned regarding the City and what Sheikh Muhammad and he who is imprisoned - upon them both be the glory of God - have composed in verse, what they composed and wrote hath been read before the Countenance and there hath shone forth from the horizon of grace that which the Pen is powerless to describe. We beseech God to assist them both to remember and praise Him, and to spread abroad from them that which shall perfume the horizons. He, verily, is the Lord of the Day of Mutual Disillusion.

After hearkening to this remembrance and utterance, the Tongue of the Beloved spoke and said: "O Mustafa! Befitting on this day for all the loved ones of God in that land is the mighty veil and beautiful patience. Should any of the people of Zawra' learn or discover that My letter or word hath come unto it, they would make of it a cause of corruption, and perchance what appeareth therefrom would return to the root of the Tree. It behooveth every soul to preserve it and arise to serve it and conceal it from every objector and violator of the Covenant."

As for what thou mentioned regarding the name of Sasun - upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah] - verily he is remembered before the Countenance, and it behooveth Moses to speak truthfully at first saying "I have nothing and what is in my hand belongeth to none other than myself." By these words he shall deliver himself from all afflictions and turn unto the Mighty, the Beloved.

As for what Fayzullah Bey wrote to his father, it hath been presented before the Countenance. He - may my spirit be sacrificed for Him - said: "This is contrary to what God hath revealed in the Book. It behooveth everyone who hath turned to the Supreme Horizon and attained the Most Pure Sealed Choice Wine to hold fast unto wisdom and speak that whereby servants draw nigh, not that whereby they fall thunderstruck upon the dust. Blessed is he who was prevented from sending his letter to his father, and blessed is he who held fast unto wisdom and acted according to what was commanded from before God, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned Fayzullah - We beseech God to assist him and grant him that which shall profit him. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Wise."

It is submitted that in all circumstances the concealment of the Cause is necessary, for if the people of Iraq become aware in any way that news from the Most Holy Court reaches anywhere, they will surely complain to the great city and this will become a cause of corruption. Your honor should write in such a way that the friends in that land should understand as though no news reaches from the Most Holy Court. In any case, the concealment of this matter is necessary.

May the Glory be upon your honor and the people of the household and upon the loved ones of God in that place.

The Servant

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who has caused the world to speak forth in remembrance of His Most Great Name and has made His remembrance [His existence] to be from the Word of God that is obeyed, which neither the outer nor inner senses can comprehend, for it is sanctified above nature and above the limited, created letters. Through it the Resurrection and its signs appeared, and the Hour and what pertains to it, and through it He distinguished between contingent beings and chose whatsoever He willed from among created things. Exalted is He Who brought it forth, Who sent it, and Who manifested it, Who was, and there was naught else beside Him, and Who shall be even as He was. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Beloved of those who know Thee! Thou knowest that my tongue is powerless to make mention of those whom Thou hast chosen for Thy love, whom Thou hast preferred above Thy creatures, whom Thou hast made to be branches of Thy Lote-Tree, lights in the horizon of Thy Revelation, streams from the paradise of Thy Cause, and a gulf from the ocean of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the nations and Quickener of the world, to cause me to speak at all times of that which befitteth their station and befitteth those who have turned towards Thy face, turning away from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! This servant has been honored to receive your esteemed letter. Praise be to God, its fragrant breezes perfumed the heart and gave life to the soul. We beseech God not to cut off these spiritual breezes and this diffused musk-scented fragrance. Tongue and utterance are powerless to mention this station. I beg and implore the True One, exalted be His grandeur, to bestow its reward. Verily He is the Giver, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Generous, and unto him who calls upon Him, the Hearing, the Responding One.

Furthermore, your letter arrived at the Most Holy Court at an appointed time, and He in Whose hand is the Kingdom of all things took it, and after it was honored to receive His glance of favor, He bestowed it upon this servant. As commanded, this servant again recited it in His presence. He knoweth what was uttered by his tongue at that time. Verily He is the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing. If this servant were to mention the bounties he hath witnessed, neither pens nor papers would suffice. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you in all conditions and to protect you from those who have denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Moreover, whatsoever you had sent previously and subsequently, of tea and preserves, arrived completely and perfectly. But what shall I say about the preserves which truly became heavenly food - groups of people were sustained by it, whether from among the assured believers, the sincere faithful ones, the wavering ones, or the heedless ones of the city who have attained to the love of God according

to their measure though they have no knowledge of the Cause. In any case, as commanded it was distributed and all were sustained by it.

And another submission: I present my most sublime greetings to his honor Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’l-?amid, upon him be the glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the Peerless. Praise be to God, he is mentioned at the Throne and is under the glance of favor. Blessed is he and those from whom the fragrances of certitude were diffused in the days of the All-Merciful. All those round about present their utter nothingness and most sublime, most mighty, most exalted greetings to your honor. May the Most Glorious Glory and then the praise of God, the Most High, be upon your honor and upon those who love God in those parts.

The Servant

Ramadan 1291

The noble Divine Branches and twigs of the Tree of Oneness remember your honor with wondrous Abha mentions and offer greetings sanctified above the limitations of the worlds of limitation.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Grandeur

Praise be to God Who hath caused us to know the unity of His Essence and the sanctification of His Being from creation and whatsoever pertaineth unto it, and hath made us to be among those who acknowledge the Word which His Beloved and Chosen One taught us - that there is none other God but Him, Who was and is and ever shall be, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Your esteemed letter with its spiritual tidings that brought joy and delight hath arrived. Praise be to God, health is attained, the fragrance of love is diffused, bounty is descending, the door is opened, the sun is shining, the star is gleaming, and the tree is flourishing and speaking. We need life that we may engage in circumambulation, yet great would be the loss if God should not assist in this mighty matter. The command is in His hands and He is the All-Informed.

Regarding the Tablet of Ustad ’Ali-Akbar-i-Banna, upon him be the Glory of God, which you mentioned - some of it was written by the Blessed Beauty Himself. God willing, the names mentioned will also be recorded therein and sent. Concerning Jinab-i-Fu’ad, Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, according to the command, movement is not permitted and patience is preferable. Verily God is with the patient ones. They said if God willeth, in another instance the answer to ’Andalib will be written and sent. Jinab-i-Samandar should repeatedly inquire on behalf of the Wronged One about their condition and that of the prisoners, upon them be the Glory of God, and should also ask Ibn-i-’Attar on behalf of the Wronged One about Ismi, upon him be my Glory and Grace, and Jinab-i-’Ali, upon him be my Glory and Loving-kindness, and the other loved ones. The purpose is to show love. By the life of God, they have not been and are not absent from sight for a moment, and their reward is with God, exalted be His glory. What is now necessary is that they should beseech God to make the bitter draught sweet and grant

patience. By My life, from some the fragrance of contentment is wafting. If God willeth, all shall attain to this most exalted station.

Regarding what was written about permission for the spiritual friend Haji Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God - it was submitted. They said to wait a few days and afterwards the answer will appear and be sent. Likewise, especially for Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Kazim-i-Isfahani, resident of Khadra, after this a token of loving-kindness will be shown according to what was promised. And likewise, especially for the beloved of the heart Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, a wondrous and sublime Tablet hath been revealed and will be sent.

They said to write to the one named Jud to write two words to Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be my Glory, and send the Tablet in the handwriting of the servant, but make no mention of Ibn-i-Abhar. Just write that they had asked for him before, and now you should send him. According to the command they should depart by way of H and M, and en route, that is after leaving Mosul, they should completely conceal the Cause until they arrive. The purpose is that they should move with the utmost wisdom. And it was written that from a certain place an amount of thirty tumans would be sent for their expenses. If it has not arrived, Jinab-i-Samandar or others should give it and later when it arrives they can receive it back.

Peace be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH01834 ===

O Ali Akbar! In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Ali! Hear My call from this Prison wherein I remain alone amidst enemies, finding no helper for Myself save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest thou forget the days when thou wert in the presence of the Countenance. Remember thy Lord and be not of the heedless. We have not forgotten thee, for We have loved faithfulness before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord. By God the Truth! This is the Day to aid thy Lord - aid Him and be not of the patient ones. Leave those who have denied on thy left, then turn to the right, the seat of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Remember the days thou wert with Us and what thou didst hear from this truthful, pure and wondrous Mouth. Stand firm in the love of thy Lord, for by it all created things are purified, wert thou of those who know. Yet by it God distinguished between the concourse of creation and he in whose heart was the love of God - he is today among the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, wert thou of those who know. Arise and remember thy Lord, and fear no one but place thy trust in God, the King of the Mighty Throne. Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye deny Him Who was among you, from Whom in every moment there dawned upon you suns of glory and majesty, then suns of power and sovereignty, and Who was more merciful to you than your own selves, and Who watched over you and conversed with you as one of you, and associated with you morning and evening, and from Whom ye perceived the fragrance of the Beloved at dawn and at dusk? By God the Truth! Whoso denieth Him after He hath come with all the signs hath denied God from all eternity and will deny Him unto all eternity. Say:

I know not, O people of the Bayan, what ye seek to prove the Truth. If ye seek God's power, by God it hath appeared in truth. If ye seek the attributes of the All-Merciful, they have emerged with justice. If ye desire God's signs, they have been sent down in truth in such wise as to fill the East and West, were ye of the fair-minded. Fear God and His Manifestation, and ascribe not partners unto Him after all atoms testify that there is no God but Him - He hath no likeness, no peer, no opposite, no equal, no similitude, no partner. Say: O people! Hearken unto the melodies of the All-Merciful from the direction of the Ridvan at this time wherein the Beauty of the Unseen hath appeared with all His attributes, manifestations, signs, tokens, evidences, proofs, arguments and words. Be not among the dead! O people! Be quickened by this Kawthar which floweth from the right side of this Most Great, Mighty and Firm Corner. Cast not God's Cause behind you, render not your deeds vain, and be not among the rebellious. Thus hath the Tongue of God conversed with His servant that he might hear and be among the thankful. Be content with what hath flowed unto thee from the Holy Pen, then read it that it might kindle in thy heart the Fire of God, the Kindled, the Luminous. Then convey Our greetings to thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of Our mention of her, that she might be among the grateful women. This is a mighty bounty. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee among the loved ones of God, the King, the Truth, the Just, the Wise.

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He is the All-Powerful!

Rejoice in thy soul, O Muhammad, inasmuch as a noble and holy Book hath been sent down unto you. In it is that which shall detach thee from the dominion of heaven and earth and cause thee to attain unto the threshold of manifest glory. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! Thou seest my weakness and my powerlessness, my woes and my misery. Send down upon me, from the sweet-savors of Thy holiness that which, even if it doth waft in proportion to the black of an ant, is capable of drawing the former and latter generations nigh unto the sovereignty of Thy luminous Beauty and ennobling them by the lights of Thy resplendent Face.

O my God! I am he who hath held fast unto Thy firm cord within the Most Perfect and Mighty Word and hath clung to the hem of Thy loving-kindness in Thy Name, the Exalted, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Therefore, O my God, debar me not from this living water which Thou hast caused to flow from the spring of the noble Throne after Thou hadst honored me by Thy Presence and made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Self. Suffer me not, O my God, to be kept back from Thy transcendent grace and Thine ancient and bountiful favors which Thou hath sent down from the clouds of Thy sublime Mercy.

Say: O people! I swear by God, the Truth, that the Primal Point hath been clearly set forth in this Word, if ye be of those who know, and the fire of oneness (al-aHadiyya) hath been manifested in this exalted Tree round which all the worlds circumambulate. Say: The Holy Spirit hath appeared in a new garment! Say: Verily, the pebbles glorify God in this luminous, white hand! Say: Verily, the Beauty of God hath come forth from behind the veil of light! Wherefore, glorify God, the Sovereign of Sovereigns. Say: The dense veils hath been rent asunder and the Youth hath risen from the dawning-place of His name, the

Compassionate, the Merciful (ar-RaHmaan ar-RaHiim). This is that which none hath previously known, neither the inner light of the soul (’irfaan nafs) nor the wisdom of the wise (Hikmat al-baalighiin). At this very moment He is speaking in the atmosphere of this heaven, calling aloud unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and announcing the Paradise of God (riDwaan Allah) unto all created things and calling them unto a holy and praiseworthy station.

Say: Whosoever doth not cleanse his heart of the veils of blind imitation (Hijaabaat at-taqliid) shall be unable to approach this sublime, irradiant Face. O Muhammad! Soar in this heaven with the wings of detachment and fear no one. Rely, then, upon God, Thy Lord, the Gracious, the Beneficent, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Pay heed to no one, even if the most deleterious person in all of creation doth oppose you. Leave, then, the people to God and to that which hath been sent down in the Bayan and be not of those who fear. Say: O people! Fear God and follow His precepts (sunan Allah) with both your inner and outer being and been not of the negligent, lest negligence debar you from each Court of divine nearness.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, through which disobedience is blotted out by forgiveness, and wrath is replaced by mercy, and by which Thou doth usher the sinners into the Tabernacle of Thy beautiful clemency, not to abandon me to myself for less than a moment. Sever me not from the cord of Thy loving kindness nor withhold me from the knowledge of Thy Beauty in Thy latter resurrection. Suffer me not to be far removed from His Presence on a Day in which the eyes are glazed over and the minds of the negligent are stupefied and the feet of the mystic knowers falter. O My God! Thou art He Who is the Sovereign over all creation and their Maker and the Ruler of all existent things and their Source. Verily, Thou art He Whose mercy hath encompassed all things and Whose loving kindness hath permeated all who are in heaven and on earth. Verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Therefore, I have sought shelter, O my God, in Thy sovereignty and Thy might and I have taken refuge in Thy grace and Thy good favors. Deprive me not of Thy mercy and Thy kindness nor remove me far from the Paradise of Thy love and Thy remembrance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and upon Thy servants be Thy mercy and forgiveness.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the horizons! O Husayn! Hearken to the call of Husayn, Who from the Most Great Prison summons thee. This call quickens the body and brings the soul to its Beloved. O Husayn! Listen with thy heart’s ear, that thou mayest attain, through the sweetness of the divine Word, to such a station that thou wilt find thyself, at all times, in a state of joy and delight. A great bounty hath been bestowed upon thee, in that thou hast twice entered the Most Great Prison and attained the station of nearness and reunion. Though the grace of this station may be concealed today, owing to the lack of capacity of the people of the world, it is witnessed and remembered before God. God willing, thou must arise to serve the Cause and be one of its servants. This station is most great - know thou its worth and act according to its conditions. With complete detachment and spiritual qualities thou must occupy thyself among the servants with the mention and praise of God, that perchance the worshippers of vain

imaginings may become mindful and turn to the Lord of all beings. To the friends in every land, if thou meetest them, convey greetings from this Wronged One. Say: O ye who soar in the atmosphere of divine love and O ye who seek the heavenly Sanctuary! This is the day of steadfastness. Ye must become so steadfast that the fragrances of your steadfastness may waft over the people of all lands. Today is the day of assistance - strive that ye may not remain deprived of service to the Cause in the days of God. The people of hypocrisy lie in wait - be vigilant! And the companions of wickedness are filled with hatred - be aware! Ye are all mentioned in the presence of this Face and all your names are recorded in the Tablet. This is among the great divine bounties, as the Tongue of Grandeur and Power doth testify. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Witness. O Husayn! Were this Wronged One to recount what hath befallen Him, it would surely cause grief to all the peoples of the world. We have therefore concealed most of these matters and deemed it inappropriate to reveal them, in consideration of the Most Great Mercy. Yet thou art aware of some of these things. Nevertheless, at all times We speak forth the verses of God and stand firm in the promotion of His Cause. The tyranny of the oppressors, the harm of the transgressors, the turning away of the deniers, and the afflictions and successive tribulations that have befallen Us - all these are as nothing and unworthy of mention, for whatever hath occurred and continueth to occur hath been in the path of the Beloved of the worlds. With yearning soul We long for it. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest the Wronged One in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the idolaters among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy power which Thou didst manifest from the horizon of the prison, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, and by the call which was raised therein through Thy might and sovereignty, to make me detached from all who are on earth, turning unto Thee, firm in Thy love, steadfast in Thy Cause, celebrating Thy remembrance, and proclaiming Thy Name. O Lord! Aid me to serve Thee amongst Thy servants and to praise Thee amidst Thy creation. Then ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and bounty, and the clouds of Thy grace and favors. O Lord! I have hastened unto Thee and turned to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy power, and have attained unto that which most of Thy creatures have been prevented from. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Name and by Thy Most Supreme Self to make me one of those who recognize Thy bounty and what Thou hast bestowed upon them at the dawning of the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy mercy. I am he who, O my God, hath been assured of Thy greatness and hath acknowledged Thy majesty. Preserve me, then, in all conditions, from that which Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! God willing, through the grace of the Lord of Destiny thou shalt in all times and conditions be gazing toward the Most Great Horizon and drinking the water of life from the fingers of the mercy of the All-Merciful. Thy turning to the Friend hath been accepted, and thy orientation toward the face of the Beloved is beloved. Although the most exalted summit and the highest station is the meeting place of the two stations in the presence of the Lord of the Worlds - that station being the conjunction of

the two nearnesses, namely the outward and inward nearness - this is of God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. This station dependeth upon the Divine Will and the Holy Purpose. Often hath it been that the reward of this station hath been recorded for a soul that hath turned to God and found peace, even though outwardly it was not present before the Throne. And likewise hath it often been that less than this hath been recorded for one who was with Him. O 'Ali! Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

Be not grieved by separation and remoteness, for the Pen of Divine Command hath decreed nearness and reunion in thy case. The differences in this land and its hidden upheavals are many, many and great, great. Soon that which is concealed therein shall be revealed. I swear by the Sun of holy transcendence that the Ancient King hath been afflicted between two parties. Were anyone to look toward the heart, they would see Him in the two prisons. Thus doth the Dawning-Place of the two Commands and the Possessor of the two Pillars and the Rising-Place of the two Suns recount unto thee.

O 'Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Ancient King, Who calleth from the direction of the Most Great Prison, and praise the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to turn toward the Divine Ka'bah and the Dawning-Place of unique Light. This station is most great - know thou its worth and be grateful at all times.

Previously, wondrous and sublime Tablets were sent down from the heaven of Divine favor specifically for thee and thy relatives, one after another. God willing, you shall attain unto them. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hour was troubled and the Resurrection was shaken, to make me one of those who move not save by Thy leave and breathe not except by Thy command. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Prevailing over all names and the Ruler over all who are in earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions one who circleth round Thy Will and gazeth toward the horizon of Thy Purpose, in such wise that I desire naught from Thee except what Thou hast desired and seek naught save what Thou hast decreed in the Tablets of Thy Decree and written with the Pen of Thy Destiny.

O my God! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been established upon the throne of Thy oneness and seated upon the seat of Thy singleness. None can draw nigh unto Thee or soar in the atmosphere of Thy knowledge save to the extent which Thou hast ordained for them through Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and Thy grace which hath encompassed all existing things.

O my Lord! Ordain for me from Thy bounty that which shall profit me. Verily Thou knowest what is within my soul and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Then write down for me, O my God, the good of this world and the next, and make me one of those for whom Thou hast ordained circumambulation around Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bountiful, the Generous.

I am the one, O my God, who hath left his abode, turning toward Thy abode. Thou hearest the lamentation of my heart in my separation from Thee and my yearning to meet Thee. This is my condition, and Thou art the Almighty, the All-Choosing over what Thou desirest.

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=== START BH01838 ===

Our Charmer came (But-i-ma amad)

Our Charmer came with a glass and wine,

His face as a sun, His heart, pure.

Pure from what? From this and the other world,

And from the designs of this one, free and independent.

From His moon-like face a crescent arises.

The sun is dimmed by His raven hair.

Crimped the hair of His mane,

Enigmatic His unequalled lips.

His chin is an alabaster globe,

His mouth a coral casket.

His laugh is sweeter than sugar.

His rage fans the flames of hell.

Behind His honeyed lips, rubies from Badakhshan,

An untouched pearl is hidden.

He came with drunken eyes and a sober heart.

O God, how furious is this drunkard!

I said: ‘O King, give me a glass’. He answered:

’May God protect thee from such an idle longing!

This is the Wine of Life, do not spoil it.

This is the Water of Eternity, do not pollute it.

First, watch thy language.

Then, curb and calm down thy fancy.

Set thy heart free from exteriority.

Be inwardly pure and excellent.

Purify thyself in the crucible of oneness,

And I will give thee two or three glasses of this wine'.

I said: 'O Thou, Whose hand has signed the decree of Fate!

O Thou, from Whose might the light of destiny shineth forth!

Were I worthy of this wondrous Cause,

Should I have the qualities Thou mentioned,

Why should I take the glass from Thine alabaster hand?

Why should I drink wine in this festive night?'

He said: 'Have a care! Thou art wrong.

Thou art very far from the path of Truth.

Where is he who deserves to mention this chalice?

How could a dejected one be worthy of this fire?

If thou wilt drink a drop from My sea,

Thou wilt see many unheard and unseen things'.

I said: 'Why dost Thou tarry, o Prince of the age?

Give me a glass from that sparkling Fount.

Dost Thou want my soul? I will bestow it a hundred times.

Dost Thou want my head? Here it is at Thy feet'.

Then He offered me that mystic Draught.

I drank it and saw the eternal World.

I saw a morning wherefrom the sun was arising.

I saw a dawn breaking through from the soul.

I saw a Paradise like unto the Face of the Beloved,

A springtime hidden from the autumn's eye.

The essence of the nightingale was hidden in the form of the rose;

The Divine mystery was heard from the nightingale.

The manifest and the hidden in the same embrace,

The form and the essence covered by the same mantle.

From His Tree I heard a subtlety that Moses

Did not hear from the Burning Bush.

I beheld a people inebriated by the cup of God,

And free from being and not-being.

They were all drunk with the morning draught,

And from the world of place they flew towards the Placeless.

True, I saw what cannot be told.

O God, what a fortunate occurrence!

I was bewildered by this sublime world.

Why had this carpet been spread out?

My mind did not find its way;

My thought stepped back.

I said: 'An auspicious Leader is needed'.

I said: 'An esteemed Guide is required'.

I said to myself that in the world of wonderment

The Intellect assists every faltering foot.

I asked: 'O Intellect! O holy Messenger!

O Mind! O Guide of every destitute!

What is this place where the soul is a servant?

What is this life-giving joy?'

I was engaged in this talk with the Intellect,

When, lo, from the Invisible this glad tiding arrived:

O thou, who art distraught and crazy with love! Know thou,

They were brought through the Advent of that new King,

That King, Who hath renewed the world through His Cause,

And quickened the Spirit of Jesus by His breath.

Of the decree of that Divine Splendour

The Holy Spirit is a humble servant.

That's enough, O Dervish! Do not speak further.

It is sweeter for the lovers' secret to remain concealed.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

Hearken unto what the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth from this blessed land upon the glorious spot: He is, verily, none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. The gaze hath been directed towards thee from this Most Great Scene, the spot wherein the Lord of Destiny hath been imprisoned through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Were I to mention what hath befallen Me of sorrows, the dust of grief would envelope all who dwell in the realms of being. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have, in all Our Tablets, commanded the people to behold this Revelation with their own eyes. Yet they have cast behind their backs that which they were bidden, except those who have rent asunder the veils through this Most Great Name. Fie upon those who have cast away their Lord and followed the desires of such as have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The more intense the tribulation, the more doth the glory of Baha shine forth in proclaiming that which hath been ordained by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! He hath stood firm in the Cause in such wise that were anyone to ponder thereon, he would cast away all created things and hasten unto the All-Merciful. Yet most of the people are heedless. Say: He stood between earth and heaven, and nodded His head, and winked His eye, and raised His brow, and caused His garment to shine forth, and raised His sleeve, and moved His lips, and gestured with His hand, saying: O people! Follow Him Who hath come unto you from the Dayspring of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. In the midst of tribulation, with every member of His body He proclaimeth the Cause of God, the Most High, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed is he who hath been guided by the guidance of God, and woe betide them that have turned aside. Render thanks unto God for having been made the recipient of thy Lord's attention and for that which hath been sent down unto thee that causeth the hearts of them that are endued with understanding to take wing. Great, great is the Cause, and great, great is the tribulation. Blessed is he who hath remained steadfast in his love for his Lord and hath cast aside all else - he is of them that are sincere. Thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne hath come

before Our presence, and We have heard that which it contained, and We were among them that hearkened. We sat alone in the house and occupied Ourselves with diverse matters - thus have We been commanded by the Mighty, the Ancient. At times We swim in the ocean of mysteries and praise the Lord with wondrous remembrances, veiled from the heedless. And at times We soar in the atmosphere of detachment and behold all things as though no mention had ever been made of them. Verily thy Lord is not hindered by any occupation from another occupation. He is, in truth, the One Who overshadoweth all things. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Kawthar of life hath flowed in thy name in this Tablet whereby the hearts have been assured and the faces of them that are nigh unto God have been illumined. We beseech God to aid thee to serve Him and to make thee of them who have helped His Cause after all the heedless ones remote had veiled themselves therefrom. Give thanks for having drawn nigh unto the Divine Lote-Tree and for having heard its most sweet call when it warbled forth verses whereby the land of polytheism was rent asunder and the pillars of them that were immersed in fancy were made to tremble. Say unto My loved ones: Grieve not for what hath befallen Us. By God, the Truth! Tribulation is the crown of glory and abasement in God's path is the adorning of His Temple - your Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old. Be ye steadfast in the Cause, then drink ye of the most pure wine through this Name whereby the breathings of God have wafted among mankind. Thus doth the Wronged One command you from this most luminous Spot. He, verily, is the friend of him who hath loved Him, and He is, in truth, the Mighty, the Bountiful. And upon thee be glory, and upon them that are with thee - they who have hastened with their hearts unto the court of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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O H.S., upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon. Exalted be His majesty, all-pervading His bounty, and great His power! He has named the prison the Most Exalted Horizon and designated the lowest station as the supreme height. The renowned scholar whose name was celebrated like the sun slipped from the path and returned to his place, while He made the unknown ignorant one succeed in attaining the ocean of knowledge. God doth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. With Him is the Mother Book. O H.S., upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly been blessed with the loving-kindness of God and the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Thou didst aim for the ultimate goal and through the assistance of the Lord of all beings, thou didst arrive and witness and hear. Praise be to Him in all conditions for His infinite and countless favors. Glory be to God! Vain imaginings have prevented the servants from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Veils thicker than before have appeared and intervened. The cause and reason are the veils of the past. In early Islam there were certain souls who were occupied day and night with fabrications, as became clear and evident to every person of insight at the appearance of the True One on the Day of Judgment. Their condition has become the cause of the veils of Hadi of Dawlat-Abad, although he was and is unaware of the root of the matter. This ignorant oppressor speaks the same worthless words as before and is occupied with organizing a party similar to the Shi'ih party. It is not known what he has understood and what he has intended and what he has comprehended of the fruits of the Blessed Tree. If the servants would, through divine assistance and heavenly grace and mercy, observe with their own eyes what has appeared from the Most Exalted Horizon, they would instantly enter another world

and find that which would free and liberate them from all else besides God. But the recompense of their deeds has seized them all. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servants in the pit of vain imaginings. Where is the arm of Thy power, O Thou the Goal of the worlds? O Lord! Assist Thy creation and disappoint them not of the wonders of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and the Greater Branch submitted it. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. We have found from each of its letters the fragrance of My wondrous and glorious love. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful and to exalt thee through the truth. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We make mention of the leaf, thy wife, and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the mighty throne. O my leaf! Rejoice, then be gladdened by My mention of thee. Reflect upon the loving-kindness of God. He confirmed thee and enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Source of verses. In days when the divines, rulers and mystics of the earth are heedless and veiled, this is the greatest of bounties and the supreme loving-kindness. Thank thy Lord for this manifest grace and say: Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the world, and glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the heavens and earth! O H.Q.S., upon thee be My Glory! Convey My greetings to my brother, upon him be My Glory. They intended to journey and attain Our presence. This matter depends on the requirements of wisdom. If wisdom permits, they may come; otherwise We shall decree for him from Our Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Our presence. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones there who have heard and turned and responded and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the exalted throne!"

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He is the All-Knowing in the Heaven of Eternity. His honor Mahdi hath been specially favored with spiritual bounties, and after that Muhammad-'Ali - upon him be the glory of his Lord - may he remain steadfast in the Cause, for the Cause today is from one perspective easy and from another impossible to grasp save by those endowed with knowledge and understanding. O thou honored one! Today tarrying is not permitted. It is incumbent and obligatory upon all to convey the Message before the crowing. Then know that the Qaf is in the Qaf, and in this Name there is a lesson for those possessed of insight. The Truth hath summoned affliction to the hill, and in this there is wisdom for those who love. Tablets have been sent - write them with utmost haste and dispatch them to all regions. A mighty missive was sent in the name of Fath along with copies of other Tablets. If it reaches him it would be most pleasing, that perchance the people may be freed from their veils and attain to the maturity of the Cause. O friend! Pass beyond all contingent beings, gird up firmly the loins of service, and keep the victory of God's Cause before thine eyes at all times. Tablets have been revealed to Sultan-Abad and Nayriz - assuredly deliver them quickly. And if someone specifically travels to those parts for the love of God to teach the Cause, it would be most pleasing. Likewise to Yazd, to Radi'r-Ruh, along with copies regarding Muhammad-'Ali wherein mention is made of the people of that land. Soon fiery Tablets will be dispatched to all regions, especially in company with the Name Qaf. Then say: This is naught but Thy trial. Assuredly they will write and send to your honor as well, but all are commanded to write words in response to those who have

rejected God. Details are mentioned in the Tablets which you will become aware of. This much was known - that no one was aware of the root of this Cause before the return of Qaf. Send whatever mighty words are possible to all lands before that. Thus hath it been ordained by the All-Powerful, the Ancient. His honor Muhammad-'Ali will mention the details of what has transpired and you will become informed. Show forth unity and love toward him. Beware, beware lest ye differ among yourselves. Rather, unite in the Cause and be of those who are united. Tablets have been revealed [to the land of Sad] - deliver them. Furthermore, his honor Muhammad-'Ali Akbar - may God cause him to enter the Most Great Scene - requested the letter Qaf, therefore it was revealed and summoned. No news has arrived from the beloved Mirza Aqa - assuredly write. Likewise from Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin. Soon what was mentioned in the Tablets will become manifest - blessed are they who are steadfast. No mention was made of his honor Mirza Ja'far and Muhammad-Sadiq - make mention of them. Convey greetings from God to all the friends, Arab and Persian, male and female. A Tablet was revealed to Mulla Ja'far - if deemed advisable deliver it, otherwise not, for such souls who have opened the eye of leadership are never susceptible to guidance. In any case, be not secure from his craftiness for he is most cunning and deceitful. Therefore be on your guard and keep your distance. Although the divine hand of change and transformation is encompassing and engaged, yet verily We have veiled the people with a mighty veil. Blessed are they who rend asunder the veils. Keep this missive concealed for mention of Qaf is in it, until that which is hidden becomes manifest. A Tablet was revealed to Muhammad-Husayn in the land of Kaf - deliver it quickly. Show much love to Rasul for he is beloved of God.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Praise sanctified above mention and glorification befitteth the Court of the Lord of Names, Who through His complete power and the attraction of His Primal Word drew all creation to the supreme horizon, and in such wise did He kindle the fire of the divine Word in those who have turned towards Him, and in those who have drawn nigh, and in the sincere ones, that each with utmost eagerness and good-pleasure turned towards the dawning-place of sacrifice. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! We beseech God that He may cause new traces to appear in the earth from these holy souls who have attained unto complete sacrifice, inasmuch as sanctified spirits who ascend with perfect detachment and severance have ever been and shall ever be the cause of wondrous manifestations and exalted revelations. Were this servant to attempt to mention the influences of those spirits upon the inner and outer world, he would need to spend long periods expounding this station. By the life of God! If an eye were to be opened and perceive this station, that one would surely sacrifice the entire world, were it in his possession - how much more these weak, frail, worthless lives and these transient, impermanent riches. However, today service to the Cause, meaning its propagation, takes precedence over all else, as may be understood from the blessed Tablets.

Thereafter thy letter arrived which, praise be to God, indicated the well-being of all the loved ones. At every moment one must speak forth with a hundred thousand tongues, and from each tongue offer a hundred thousand thanks and praises, for He hath, through His infinite bounty, honored these servants

with the robe of His special favor and enabled them to recognize the Manifestation of His Revelation. His is the praise, His the thanks, His the mention, and His the glorification.

And regarding what thou didst mention about the dream, it was submitted and He said: “Behold then what the wrongdoers have done to My shirt and My garments in the Land of Sad. By God! All things have wailed, every eye hath shed tears, and every person of insight and discernment hath cried out. O servant of God! The Supreme Pen hath lamented their oppression. They claim to have faith yet deny Him Who did ordain and send it forth, and they weep for Husayn while they slay his children. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are in a strange sleep. But those who believed have profited by what they did, while these are in manifest loss.” He further said: “God willing, as a result of what hath come to pass, the temples of existence shall be seen adorned with a luminous vesture, and all shall attain unto the garment of divine bounty. The Command is in God’s hands - He doeth what He willeth, and He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.”

And regarding what thou didst write about how, after receiving this evanescent one’s letter and reading the verses revealed in the name of his honor the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, the friends were seen both smiling and weeping - this was submitted and He said: “God willing, all must rejoice through God’s grace and speak forth His praise. Blessed is the soul that hath taken the cup of joy and gladness in the name of the Lord of creation - such a one is truly of the people of this noble station. And assuredly those souls who have attained unto this station and have distinguished the True One from all else are gladdened by His gladness and saddened by His sadness.”

I beseech thee to convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings sanctified above mention and description. Blessed are they in that they have attained unto a goodly end. And praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

6 Rajab 1296

The mention of thy praise and glorification and exaltation was submitted to the holy presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - and they remembered and conveyed greetings in more wondrous terms than what thou didst mention and express.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise sanctified from tongue and utterance befits the most holy court of that Desired One who, through a single word, brought the world and its manifestations and revelations from nothingness into the realm of being. His is the praise by which hearts soar to the atmosphere of holiness and nearness, and minds are drawn to the horizon of glory and acceptance. His is the praise for what He has revealed, His is the praise for what He has graciously bestowed, and His is the praise in all that has appeared from Him and

been realized through His will. He is verily the Beginner, the Restorer, the Manifester, the Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great.

Thereafter, your letter brought joy and bestowed delight, for it was adorned with mention of the Friend. I swear by the Most Holy Beauty that the fragrance of those who make mention of Him is, at the time of mentioning, the cause of life for the world, but the people comprehend not a word. After perusing its contents, on a day when He was at the Most Great Scene in the mansion, it was presented before His face. His blessed words, exalted be His utterance and exalted be His remembrance: "O servant of God! The servant present has attended and presented at the Most Great Scene what you sent to Him, and the Wronged One has mentioned you in His station which has been named by the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

"O servant of God! Convey My greetings to the friends. Make mention of Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq and those with him on behalf of the Wronged One. For some time their mention has not appeared outwardly in the petitions from that direction. God willing, may they be gladdened through God's grace and be occupied in His remembrance. He is verily the Forgiving, He is verily the Loving, He is verily the Generous, He is verily the All-Knowing, He is verily the All-Seeing."

Regarding what you mentioned about the letter of the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, that they have sent it, and likewise the letter of H.M. - I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you in His remembrance and praise and service to His Cause. This servant and all other friends must today gaze with utmost eagerness and longing toward the horizon of the will of the Lord of the Day of the Covenant, and with a hundred thousand souls and spirits and limbs engage in serving the Cause and acting in accordance with that which will manifest its glory. He is verily the Helper, the Mighty, the Wise.

And regarding what you wrote about Haji Muhammad-Baqir and Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-'Ali, upon them be the Glory of God - that they arrived in Beirut and afterwards, without permission from the Dayspring of Grace, proceeded to the prison land - He said: Although it occurred without permission, yet He is verily the Kind, the Compassionate. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of permission and then to honor them with His presence, for the fruits of this are countless and will continue to be. And likewise He said: O servant of God! Those souls who are turned toward and gazing upon the Truth and moved by His will must obtain permission from their location. This is true permission. Blessed are they that attain!

Regarding what you mentioned about the guest and the sister of Aqa 'Amu, upon them be the Glory of God - mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court. He said: Blessed are those handmaidens who have won and been patient in God, the Lord of the worlds. The request is that you convey greetings to all those souls who have accepted and who have drunk from the Kawthar of oneness and attained recognition of the Lord of creation. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant, our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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To the friends of God in Alif, Sin, Mim and Sad and their surroundings. He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven. Praise be to the King of Kings Who has gladdened His servants with the blessed word "The All-Merciful is established upon the throne," for this exalted word is a clear glad-tiding of the manifestation of Truth and His establishment, exalted be His glory. This blessed word in its inmost mystery gives the glad-tidings of His presence, that those who have turned to Him may attain supreme joy and hold fast to that which befits His days. O friends of God in those lands! His honor Siyyid Faraju'llah, upon him be the glory of God, has attained Our presence and has been blessed again and again with the waters of reunion. Now he has sought a portion of that blessed, luminous cup for the friends as well. We therefore desire to send you the Kawthar of utterance, the choice wine of recognition, and the Salsabil of certitude, that these may draw you to the supreme horizon and most exalted summit. We beseech God, blessed and exalted is He, to change your hardship to ease, your sorrow to joy, and your difficulty to comfort. Verily He loves His friends and desires for them a joy that neither sorrows nor the contingencies of the world can alter. Praise be to God! These are days of joy and gladness. We hope that at all times they may drink from the cup of bounty that which is the cause of eternal life throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Cast off the garments of troubles and sorrows from the temples of love through the name of the Beloved of the worlds. The affairs of the sincere ones and those who profess His unity are with God, exalted be His glory. If He wishes He gives, and if He wills He takes away. All affairs are captive in the grasp of His power, and this indeed is easy and simple. In these days through His infinite bounty and supreme benevolence you have been blessed with that which causes the exaltation of the Word of God and the advancement of His Cause. My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Master, my Helper, my Goal and my Object of worship! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause which Thou didst kindle with the hand of Thy power, and by the pearls which were hidden in the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy generosity, to protect Thy friends through Thy bounty and Thy hosts. Then open before their faces the doors of Thy riches. O Lord! Thou seest them holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity. Disappoint them not of that which shall establish the signs of Thy trustworthiness in Thy lands, Thy religion in Thy realms, and the appearance of Thy justice amongst Thy servants. I testify, O my God, that they have desired naught but Thy mention and praise and the service of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to raise up through them Thy names amidst Thy creation and Thy attributes among those who dwell in Thy heaven and Thy earth. Thou art He Who has testified to Thy power through all created things and to Thy sovereignty through all possible things. Thou doest what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the control of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. God is witness and testifier that the friends have ever been mentioned on the Wronged One's carpet and their purpose has been and is the exaltation of the blessed Word. Assuredly this supreme station and exalted rank has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of the Lord of all being, and its effects are endless. Soon will the heedless ones witness the greatness of God and His power, and the favors and kindnesses of God. Verily He loves whoever turns to Him, desires whoever seeks Him, and mentions whoever mentions Him with a mention whereby the trees catch fire and proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen. Peace and glory and praise and blessing be upon you, O friends of God, and His bounty and favor and heavenly table and mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious

God makes mention of one of His handmaidens to establish her in the Cause and turn her wholly toward God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, and to detach her from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, that her face may be illumined by this Light which has appeared and shone forth from this Dayspring, from whose horizon have risen suns whose number none knows save God, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a preserved and mighty Tablet.

O handmaiden of God! Thy letter came before the Throne and We learned of its contents and have answered thee with these words which God has made a testimony unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that thou mayest read them morning and evening and give thanks to thy Lord that the Pen of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, has flowed over thy name. And wert thou to be present before the Throne and hear what has been revealed from the mouth of God, thou wouldst swoon away within thyself and be attracted by the raptures of God, the King, the Mighty, the Speaking, the Manifest.

Beware, beware lest thou grieve over anything. Then guard thyself lest the blasts of chastisement from the breaths of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were among the heedless prevent thee. And when it is said unto them, “By what proof have ye believed in God?” they will surely say “The verses.” Yet when the verses of thy Lord are recited unto them, their faces turn black and they return to their abodes in a punishment that no device of any schemer, nor plot of any plotter, nor deception of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and turned upon their heels, can avert.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that should all who are on earth gather against thee, thy feet would not slip from the straight path of God, the manifest, the extended. Take refuge in the protection of thy Lord, then purify thy heart from love of those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Guard thyself in these days wherein relationship with all things has been severed and most of the servants have turned away from God after He appeared with all the signs and every destined matter.

If thou hearest My word, leave the world behind thee, then detach thyself wholly from all save God, thy Lord. This is My counsel unto thee if thou art of those women who have believed in God, the King, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Then mention from Our presence unto him who was named ’Abdu’llah that he may remember within himself and be of those who remember. O servant! Be thou steadfast in the Path - by God, it is most subtle, most subtle! Then be firm in the Cause - verily it is most mighty, most mighty! Then guard thyself from Satan for he is accursed, accursed! Then turn to the face of God, thy Lord, with humility and submissiveness well-pleasing. Thus doth God command thee in this Tablet that thou mayest act according to what thou hast been commanded and be of those who turn their faces toward their Lord.

Then convey Our greetings unto the handmaiden who was named Sahib. Hearken unto the call of God from this Tree which has been raised up in truth and every leaf of whose leaves doth speak in a world

among the endless worlds, saying: “There is none other God but I, the One with power over what I will, Who doeth what I desire through His word ‘Be’ and it is.” Hear My word, then purify thy heart from all else but Me. This is My command unto thee and unto those women who have believed in God and testify that there is none other God but He - no partner hath He, nor minister, nor likeness, nor similitude, nor equal that can be limited. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty command thee on this eve that thou mayest be among those who remember, inscribed on mighty tablets.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! Your esteemed letter arrived - sorrow fled and joy took its place. It was very good. The matters were presented in detail. They said that his honor Aqa Siyyid Nasru’llah, upon him be Baha’u’llah, is mentioned and honored with His grace.

As for his honor Shaykh Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be Baha’u’llah, he has been and is mentioned. We have asked and continue to ask for divine confirmation and assistance for him.

Regarding what was written about the letter which is with your honor and should reach this servant - if it is the letter specifically for the steadfast women of that land, it is sufficient that your beloved honor should send it.

The day before, they sent the letter of his honor Haji Muhammad-’Ali ’Ammih, upon them both be Baha’u’llah. It was presented. As commanded, they should write a reply. There is one Tablet specifically for him - send it, and write again about receiving the funds, but it should be written in such a way that his honor Haji Muhammad-’Ali is assured it has arrived.

Likewise they had sent the letter of one of the handmaidens of God, Khadijih Bigum, upon her be Baha’u’llah. Write her reply as well.

His honor Salmani, upon him be Baha’u’llah, this journey gained inner profit but outward loss. Whatever loss occurred should be counted as Huquq, and surely God will compensate, for He is the Generous, the Bountiful. As commanded, convey greetings to him and express the divine favors.

Likewise mention was made of the sons of ’Ammih, upon them be Baha’u’llah, in the letter of the handmaiden of God. The sons and he are all at this time honored with mention, as this servant was present and each matter was presented and received a gracious response. The grace and thanks are His.

Likewise the letter of his honor ’A??ar, upon him be Baha’u’llah, was presented. They expressed their favor.

Mention was made of her honor Hudhud, upon her be Baha’u’llah. They said: “O Hudhud! God willing, may you hold fast to the will of God and cling to that which He loves and is pleased with. Your name was present, we mentioned you. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions.”

Likewise the daughter of his honor Mulla Muhammad-Husayn, upon them both be Baha'u'llah, is honored with mention and graced with favor. Give glad tidings to Ibn-i-'A??ar, upon him be my Baha. All the names mentioned in his book are blessed with favor. This year repeatedly the people of that household, young and old, have been honored with mention of the Wronged One. Likewise write about the feast and its acceptance.

The letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Ghulam-'Ali, son of his honor Dhabi?, upon them both be Baha'u'llah and His grace, was presented in the Most Holy Court. A few days ago a Tablet was graciously revealed specifically for him. God willing, after this, along with the reply to his letter, this evanescent servant will write and send it. Your honor should write and give the glad tidings of the blessed Tablet. And in the letter of his honor 'A??ar, upon him be Baha'u'llah, mention was made of his honor Buzurg and his honor Abu'l-Hasan and his honor 'Inayatu'llah and his honor Shaykh Hasan, upon them be Baha'u'llah - all are blessed with favor and mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Blessed and congratulations to them. Greetings, praise, mention and glory be upon your honor and those with you.

The Servant

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O Nabil! The Sun of the mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, hath risen from the horizon of utterance through My Name, the Mighty, the Impregnable. It hath called out in the wilderness of guidance: "The Day hath drawn nigh - the Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise!" Verily, it hath given glad tidings unto all who are in the heavens and on earth of the Kingdom of their Lord. Thus was it sent down in the Bayan from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing. Among the people are those who have followed guidance and turned unto God, the Lord of the Last and the First, and among them are those who have disdained it. Blessed are they who have turned unto Him - these are they who perceive. These are servants who examine all matters and choose the best thereof. These are of the people of Baha, as inscribed in a Tablet by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: Do ye dispute concerning the truth after that which hath come from the heaven of your Lord, the All-Merciful, with manifest authority? Beware lest ye reject the truth through that which ye possess. Cast away your allusions - these are clear signs sent down from the heaven of bounty by your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. They who have turned away have followed Satan within their souls - these are the companions of the fire. They who have turned their faces unto the Countenance are of them that have attained. These have drunk from the Kawthar of life from the hands of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have turned with their hearts unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation in such wise that neither the hosts of the earth nor the opposition of the oppressors could withhold them.

Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the land, and enter not houses save by permission. This is that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets. He, verily, is witness over all things. Beware lest ye wrongfully consume the substance of others. Follow ye the ways of God and His religion, and be not of

them who hold fast to words but cast away deeds - these are in manifest error. Hearken unto the counsel of Our Most Exalted Pen and follow not the steps of Satan. We have commanded you that which draweth you nigh unto God and removeth you from desire. This is of My grace unto you, did ye but know. All that ye have been commanded benefiteth you, and all that ye have been forbidden harmeth you in this world and the next. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

We have borne hardships for your ease, and tribulation for your deliverance. O ye that sleep! Arise in My Name from the couch of heedlessness and desire, and shatter the idols of wickedness and vice. This is better for you, as doth testify he whose heart hath been illumined with the light of certitude. If a transgressor bring you news, verify it not. How many are the servants who speak from desire and fear not God, the Creator of Names! Their tongues utter that which their souls command them. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Be steadfast through the power of God and convey unto My servants that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My mercy, that they may inhale the fragrance of the Divine Robe and be of them that are guided. Let not tribulation withhold thee from the mention of the Creator of earth and heaven. Be adorned with the characteristics of thy Lord, the Ancient. Verily, as tribulation increased, He increased in that which He desired, and as He was seized with oppression, He loosed the reins of utterance in celebration of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and called out to all in creation with this momentous News.

Thus have We imparted unto thee that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance, that thou mayest remember thy Lord and be of them who have arisen to aid their Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Follow that which We have revealed unto thee, then tread the path of wisdom. Beware lest thou be of them who have transgressed against it after We commanded them thus in a clear Book. If thou findest one ready, cast upon him the verses of thy Lord, that he might take a path unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. Be thou in such wise that sorrows touch thee not in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Trust in Him - He sufficeth thee.

By the Lord of thy forebears of old! Be thou in such wise that sorrows shall not overtake thee in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Put thy trust in Him, for verily He shall suffice thee, and verily He hath power over all things.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

We have seen thy letter which was presented before the Throne, and We have read it and become acquainted with its contents. Verily, We were well-informed. Thou didst mention therein what befell thee in the path of God. He verily confirmeth thee in what thou hast mentioned and what thou hast not mentioned. We have encompassed what thou hast not encompassed and numbered what thou hast not numbered. Thy Lord is verily the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist all to do what He loveth and pleaseth, and to bestow upon them the Kawthar of virtuous character in the

days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have learned that thou didst arrive at the guest house, but We know not whether thou didst drink therein a drop of water with joy and fragrance, or with that which troubleth the heart, as troubled were the servants before thee. Thereupon the Spirit calleth out and saith: "Verily Thou knowest, O Lord of the worlds! Thou seest and concealest, Thou hearest and art patient. Verily Thou art the All-Patient, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful." We have desired for no one save what is best for him. To this testifieth all things, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have counseled all concerning the manners and character traits of God, and We beseech Him to assist them through His grace. He is verily the Protector of whosoever loveth Him and the Helper of the sincere ones. It behooveth thee to strive for love and unity among the loved ones, that they may be united in the Cause of God. This is God's command, both in the past and in the future. Blessed are they that attain!

How excellent for thee that thou hast fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and hast arisen to serve Him amongst His servants, and hast borne in His path what no one knoweth save God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. The Beloved will suffice thee and will be with thee in all conditions. He is verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty. A letter arrived aforetime wherein thou wast mentioned. We answered it truthfully and sent it with mention of thee. Read thou and be of the thankful ones. And as for what thou didst mention concerning him who is named Yusuf, We have indeed mentioned him in the Tablets with verses from which the fragrances of the musk of utterance have been wafted throughout creation and the perfumes of thy Lord's garment, the All-Merciful, have diffused between the heavens and the earths. Glorify him on My behalf with such glorification as will move him like an artery in the body of the world. Thus must it be for one who hath turned to God, the Lord of the nations, in this exalted Day. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him in what he is engaged in. He is verily the Strengthener of those who remember Him.

And as for what thou didst mention concerning him who is named Ja'far, We have named him Badi' in the Most Great Scene. Give him the glad-tidings from Us of this mighty grace. Counsel My servants with wisdom in all circumstances. Through it the Cause is uplifted. We have been witness to this. Then make mention of My loved ones in that place, and then those in Iraq. Upon them be the glory of God and My favors at all times. Make mention of those who are with thee. Say: "O Muhammad! The Beloved calleth thee from this noble Scene and remembereth thee with joy and gladness while He is in the hands of the oppressors." The presence of thy name in the outward realm hath gladdened Us, and We have glorified thy countenance from this supreme horizon, and We do glorify thee in this moment wherein the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Protecting Friend, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, are being sent down. Thou hast borne what thou hast borne in love for thy Lord. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. His gaze is fixed upon thee. He is verily the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Perceiving. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God. He will set aright what thou hast intended. He is verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And verily the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those from whom hath appeared the supreme steadfastness amidst the hosts of creation. They are indeed among the firmly rooted ones.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Say: O servants of the All-Merciful in all lands! We counsel you at the outset to patience and forbearance in what hath befallen the friends in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We exhort you not to associate any partners with God, the Possessor of Names. Hold fast to the cord of submission and contentment. Verily He seeth and heareth and judgeth with justice, and He is the Just, the Wise. And he whose temple is adorned with the ornament of contentment, he is of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen testify in this station which God hath made the Dawning-place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Repository of His knowledge and the Manifestation of His Self, the One Who ruleth over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O people of Paradise! Commit your affairs unto God and place your trust in Him. Victory lieth in His grasp - He aideth whom He willeth through His sovereignty. The hosts of the world and the might of nations cannot withhold Him. He doeth what He pleaseth by His word and ordereth what He willeth, and He is the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of Resurrection when the Trump is sounded and all who are in the heavens and on earth are struck down, save only certain letters of the countenance of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! The dwellers of the graves have arisen when the Speaker on Sinai spoke forth in this Revelation, through which the Books of God were fulfilled aforetime and the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the branches. He Who was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen and treasured in God's storehouse, the Most High, the Most Great, hath appeared.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Cast away vain desire and take hold of what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of all men. Verily Baha forbiddeth oppression and wickedness and commandeth you with what ye were commanded by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Thy letter hath come and was presented by the servant in the presence of this Wronged One. This Tablet, mighty and wondrous, hath been revealed for thee. Drink from each of its letters an ocean of joy, by the command of God, the Kind, the Generous. We found from thy letter the fragrance of Our love. We make mention of thee with that whereby the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of His bounty, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. Blessed art thou for having turned to the horizon wherefrom most people have turned away, and blessed is thy tongue for having uttered the praise of thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger. Give thanks for what hath been revealed unto thee from My Most Exalted Pen in place of attaining My presence. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

In this station We make mention of My loved ones who were not frightened by the circumstances of men nor hindered by the veils of the heedless. We make mention of him who was named Muhammad that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and be of the thankful. O Muhammad! The Mother Book hath appeared and calleth out between earth and heaven, summoning all unto God, the Creator of Names, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. And We make mention of him who was named Rabi' and counsel him with what beseemeth the days of God and with what hath been commanded in My perspicuous Book. Give thanks unto God that thy mention hath gained the attention of the Wronged One

and My swift-moving, racing Pen hath moved upon thy name. And We make mention of him who was named ’Ali-Akbar and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, which surpasseth all the treasures of earth - to this doth every knowing, seeing one bear witness. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that cometh from Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me and made me know Thee. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation in Thy days to make me and Thy loved ones steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whose names thou didst mention and upon those who have turned unto and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

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He is indeed a true believer in the unity of God who, in this Day, will regard Him as One immeasurably exalted above all the comparisons and likenesses with which men have compared Him.

He hath erred grievously who hath mistaken these comparisons and likenesses for God Himself. Consider the relation between the craftsman and his handiwork, between the painter and his painting.

Can it it ever be maintained that the work their hands have produced is the same as themselves? By Him Who is the Lord of the Throne above and of earth below! They can be regarded in no other light except as evidences that proclaim the excellence and perfection of their author.

O ?Sh_ay?kh_, O thou who hast surrendered thy will to God! By self-surrender and perpetual union with God is meant that men should merge their will wholly in the Will of God, and regard their desires as utter nothingness beside His Purpose. Whatsoever the Creator commandeth His creatures to observe, the same must they diligently, and with the utmost joy and eagerness, arise and fulfil. They should in no wise allow their fancy to obscure their judgment, neither should they regard their own imaginings as the voice of the Eternal. In the Prayer of Fasting We have revealed: “Should Thy Will decree that out of Thy mouth these words proceed and be addressed unto them, ‘Observe, for My Beauty’s sake, the fast, O people, and set no limit to its duration,’ I swear by the majesty of Thy glory, that every one of them will faithfully observe it, will abstain from whatsoever will violate Thy law, and will continue to do so until they yield up their souls unto Thee.” In this consisteth the complete surrender of one’s will to the Will of God. Meditate on this, that thou mayest drink in the waters of everlasting life which flow through the words of the Lord of all mankind, and mayest testify that the one true God hath ever been immeasurably exalted above His creatures. He, verily, is the Incomparable, the Ever-Abiding, the Omniscient, the All-Wise. The station of absolute self-surrender transcendeth, and will ever remain exalted above, every other station.

It behoveth thee to consecrate thyself to the Will of God. Whatsoever hath been revealed in His Tablets is but a reflection of His Will. So complete must be thy consecration, that every trace of worldly desire will be washed from thine heart. This is the meaning of true unity.

Do thou beseech God to enable thee to remain steadfast in this path, and to aid thee to guide the peoples of the world to Him Who is the manifest and sovereign Ruler, Who hath revealed Himself in a distinct attire, Who giveth utterance to a Divine and specific Message.

This is the essence of faith and certitude. They that are the worshipers of the idol which their imaginations have carved, and who call it Inner Reality, such men are in truth accounted among the heathen. To this hath the All-Merciful borne witness in His Tablets. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all things! Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having ordained for the Afnan such wondrous tokens of Thy grace and bounty, and for having strengthened them as revealed in Thy Tablets. Make then, O my God, each one of them to endure through Thine eternity and to stand firm in support of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word. Remove not from their temples the traces of the spring of Thy mercy, and adorn them, O my God, in all conditions with the leaves of Thy mercy and favors. Then ordain for them the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and appeared before the Throne in Thy days, and whom the wine of reunion has so inebriated that they have detached themselves from all desires, standing in service to Thee at morn and eventide. When he heard the call from the direction of tribulation: “Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” There is nothing to which We have not conveyed the Command of thy Lord, and no land to which We have not sent the fragrances of this Musk that has perfumed all the worlds. Those who have found and remained steadfast - these are the people of Baha, and their names shall be mentioned in this noble scene. And those who have not found - the name of nothing can be applied to them except that they are among the dead. The trees of Paradise have been stirred by the breezes of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised. When the winds pass over their branches from the right side, there is heard from them “The Beloved of the worlds has come,” and from another direction is heard “Blessed is he who has attained the Living Waters when the All-Merciful appeared with a luminous countenance.” Those who have attained today - these are the gems of creation, thus has the Truth testified in a clear Book. Blessed is he who has heard the call of God and turned with his heart to his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Know then that We have asked God to assist all the Afnan that they might proclaim from the Divine Lote-Tree that there is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus have We revealed in the Tablets when We were in the Land of Mystery and other lands - verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thankful to thy Lord for this bounty that has preceded thee and be steadfast with a mighty steadfastness. Soon will hasten unto you he who hesitated, and the vibration of thy Lord’s verses will seize him - verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus did We inform the believers beforehand - verily nothing escapes His knowledge, He is the Protector of all things and knows what lies in the breasts of the worlds. Blessed is he who caused you to speak in remembrance of God and made known to you this straight path. Soon will spread in those parts and other lands a foul odor - avoid it, thus does the All-Knowing command you. By God, this is the day of steadfastness, were you of those who know. This indeed is the highest station and most exalted rank -

blessed are they who attain. Be as mountains in the Cause of your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, in such wise that neither the tempests of vain imaginings nor the hurricanes of the doubts of the polytheists move you. How many a servant has been veiled by the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Great, and has strayed from the station wherein the Source of inspiration proclaims: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Most Praised.” Arise to serve the Cause through God’s might and power, then remember thy Lord with such remembrance as will cause the spirits of those who have turned unto Him to soar. Beware lest the hardships of the world prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. Follow thy Ancient Master Who, in the Most Great Prison, summons the peoples unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, in the ocean of tribulation He remembers thee purely for the sake of God - be thankful to Him for this manifest grace. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of understanding from the words of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who called unto me through the tongue of the Manifestation of Thy Cause when He was in the hands of the oppressors.”

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O Haji Seyyed Mehdi! The King of existence, the Herald of God, continuously calls from the right hand of the Throne, yet none but the hearing ear has hearkened. Consider the times of the appearance of the Manifestations of the All-Merciful in the past: although all appeared with clear verses and firm, impregnable proof, nevertheless in each Manifestation most people, through satanic whisperings, remained deprived of recognition of the Manifestation of the All-Merciful and were, in these transient days, forbidden from eternal, everlasting life. The Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all in the realms of existence and possibility be sacrificed for Him - appeared with divine decisive verses and took from all the covenant of this most wondrous, most exalted Manifestation, to such extent that He made all the Bayan and what was revealed therein contingent upon the confirmation of this Cause. Nevertheless, some among the people of the Bayan committed that which no religious community had ever committed. Woe unto them from the punishment of a barren day! One must at all times take refuge in truth, lest the armies of ignorance prevail over knowledge and wisdom, and the hosts of conjecture and doubt triumph over certitude. Praise be to God that you are among the stars of the exalted heaven and among the branches of the divine Lote-Tree. You must, through the power of the Lord of Names and Attributes, rend asunder all veils completely, in such wise that should all the world arise in opposition, it would but increase your certitude. The divine Sun has shed its effulgences upon you in sleep; if these have not faded from sight, then rend asunder the veils and gaze beyond them with a luminous countenance. Verily your Lord is with you and with Him is the knowledge of the first and the last. In every Manifestation of glorious divine revelation, He sheds His effulgences upon all, but upon some in sleep and upon others in wakefulness, and this is God’s way in every Manifestation, and verily your Lord is knowing of all things. We beseech God to preserve you from trials, and verily He has power over all things. In the days of God all else stands on one level, and the breezes of the All-Merciful waft equally from the paradise of grace and favor upon the peoples of all realms. Whosoever perceived from that sweet spiritual breeze the fragrance of the divine raiment attained unto eternal life, and all others returned to the fire by reason of what their hands had wrought. The tests and trials are discriminating angels of God who are occupied

with separation and gathering - this is the meaning of what was revealed aforetime: “By those who drag forth violently.” The intent is those discriminating angels who are charged with drawing forth and removing garments and spirits until distinction and separation become clear and evident. How excellent is the state of those souls who have remained firm in this Most Great Manifestation and who act according to the blessed verse “Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputations.” To such degree that they have not been deprived by the world and all within it from the flowers of the garden of eternity. Those souls are preserved from all trials. Blessed are they! God willing, in this divine dawn you will drink of the choice sealed wine from the hands of grace and gaze upon the Most Great Scene. Ere long the foul odors of malicious souls will waft over that land. God willing, you will remain preserved in those days. Verily God is with you if you turn to Him. Today is the day of certitude and the obliterator of the doubts and fancies of the people of doubt, who have ever been deprived of the treasury of knowledge of the All-Glorious, while the people of certitude rest settled and at ease upon the throne of mighty assurance. And glory be upon you, O branches of the Tree of the Cause, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted!

This is a Book which speaketh with truth, and therein is that which sufficeth them that have believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O handmaiden of God! Thy letter hath come before Us, and therein was inscribed that which betokeneth thy love. Know thou that on the Day of Resurrection all things shall bear witness for their possessor, that thereby thy heart and the hearts of them that dwell upon the shore of nearness may be assured, and hear the melodies of Paradise, and be at all times drawn unto them. Verily, they who have rejoiced in the glad-tidings of the Spirit in the days of God, these are they who swim in the depths of the remembrance of God, who remember God with their hearts, who worship God with their limbs, and who unite with God in their inmost hearts, such that the gems of divine unity are manifest in their deeds. These are of the hosts of God - are not the hosts of God indeed the triumphant ones? They aid God at all times through their works and deeds and through all that proceedeth from them, could ye but perceive with the eye of God the mysteries of divine assistance. And thou, O handmaiden of God, give thanks unto thy Creator for that which He hath bestowed upon thee in truth and hath clothed thee with the raiment of holiness whereby the dwellers of the pavilions of eternity recognize thee and point to thee with their fingers in the chambers of hidden glory, and perceive from thee the fragrance of faith even as people perceive the fragrance of perfume. Therefore strive thou to remain steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, and guard thyself lest Satan strip the raiment of holiness from thy temple and thou be left naked before the concourse of Paradise when all eyes are turned toward thee. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and turn not to anyone even should all who are on earth prevent thee. Say: Glory be to God above that which ye utter! By God! Were the veils of earthly limitations to be removed from the face of thy heart, thou wouldst be struck down in that very moment by that which would seize thee with the raptures of yearning from every direction, such that thou wouldst find thyself in a station wherefrom are cut off the hearts of them that dwell within the

tabernacles of glory. Therefore say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou art He Who hath honored me through Thy bounty which hath preceded all created things, and hath given me through Thy generosity that which no soul among all existing things knoweth, inasmuch as Thou hast caused me to know Thy most exalted Self and the Manifestation of Thy most beautiful Names in Thy Name, the Most Exalted, and hast established me upon a path wherefrom have slipped the feet of them who throughout their lives have bowed down in worship. Therefore, O my God, since Thou hast gathered me together through Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hast raised me from the dust of the graves, and hast caused me to arise for the love of Thee, and hast made me taste the sweetness of Thy affection, I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast unveiled the mysteries from the faces of the righteous, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy love and grant me Thy presence and honor me with the visit of Thy Beauty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved. Moreover, establish me, O my God, in the presence of them that are nigh unto Thee in the latter Resurrection, at the time when the Sun of Oneness shall shine forth from a Beauty wondrous to behold, for this is my hope in Thee and my trust from Thee, and verily Thou art the Bestower, the Most High, the Holy One.

He is the Most High. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the supreme honor and been adorned with the mighty gift. Therefore, while time remaineth and the holy nightingale warbleth upon the mystic branch, strive that, God willing, ye may be sustained and refreshed by the pure wine and goodly fruits. Never allow sorrow to overtake you, for the world is a transient abode and for a transient thing sorrow and anxiety and grief are not befitting. Bind thy heart to the eternal Beauty that thou mayest enter the realm of eternity. Learn this Tablet well and recite it, especially from the beginning of the prayer.

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He is the Most Wondrous, the Exalted, the Most Sublime

This is a tablet that speaketh the truth and remembereth one of our servants so that he may render thanks unto God, his Lord, and be counted among them who are grateful. O thou servant, rejoice in thyself inasmuch as God hath made mention of thee on this night - in which the embodiments of all names were resurrected through the potency of My sovereign and most exalted might and every resplendent dawn yearneth to attain its presence.

Say: O people! By the righteousness of the One True God, the dawn of the Day of God hath risen from the Day Spring of Baha and the Ancient Beauty hath appeared from behind the veils of names in the raiment of My name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Hasten, O people, to the tabernacle of God and the adored sanctuary of His presence. This is, verily, that which we have ordained for ye in the kingdom of Our irrevocable decree with the pen of glory and wisdom. Journey, O people, with your hearts and not your feet, for We have entered the prison by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. This Spot lay behind a thousand mountains and whosoever hath reached for Us wert hindered from clinging to the hem of Our sacred vesture.

Say: those who have forsaken their selves and journeyed towards God and entered paradise - the abode where the Beauty of the All-Merciful was seated upon the Throne of His Name, the Most Mighty, the

Great - and were honored by attaining the presence of the All-Glorious, and the glance of God, the King, the Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing turned towards them; they have, verily, attained unto all good. The angels of eternity in the realms above, and the hosts of the unseen behind the mystic tabernacles and the embodiments of names in the kingdom of creation extol their praises. Thus hath the mercy of Thy Lord surpassed His servants who yearn for Him.

By the One in whose hand is my soul, one glance at My Beauty is preferable to that which hath been created between the heavens and the earth and from that which is ordained for all that dwell in the kingdoms of Creation and Revelation. Yet, in this day, whosoever directeth his heart towards the scene of His transcendent glory, God will verily compensate him for this. He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient One. Say: O people of Baha! Journey not to this Sanctified Spot before leave is granted by Us, thus biddeth ye the Tongue of Might and Grandeur, if ye are of them who observe my precepts. O people! Direct thy steps towards the holy court of God with His acquiescence and at His behest and follow not your own selves and your corrupt desires. Follow the command of thy God, the Exalted, the All-knowing. Say: Heed O people the call of the One amongst you who summoneth you to God, and cast not His testimony behind your backs, and be not of them that transgress.

They who repudiated the signs of God in these days; they have verily reversed the favors of God upon themselves and have worshiped the idols of their vain imaginings and busied themselves therewith. O thou servant! Raise thyself from among them who denied the verses of God after they were sent down unto them and contended with Him and were among the infidels. Know ye that they who believed not in God, their Creator, in this Revelation, had verily waged war against God, and denied His proofs and gainsaid His signs and disbelieved in His sovereignty and were counted among the infidels in the mighty and wondrous tablets. Cleanse thou yourself from the love of these people, turn not thy face to them and befriend them not even for less than an instant. Avoid the likes of them and cling to the mercy of God and His generosity. Enter then the shores of His holiness - that impregnable and sanctified habitation. Rejoice then in your heart for God hath mentioned thee in His Tablet. By the righteousness of God, this is a blessing with which compareth none other that hath been created betwixt the earth and heaven. Thus have We revealed unto thee the word of truth, so that thou may follow that which thou hast been commanded by the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The mercy flowing from the cloud of eternity rest upon ye, O people of Baha! This verily is a manifest mercy from a generous Lord.

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O Preacher! In the Name of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal! This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath desired the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, that he may give thanks unto God his Lord and make mention of Him amidst His heedless servants. We have created man and taught him utterance that he might make mention of his Lord between the heavens and the earths. And whoso looseth his tongue, it behooveth him to speak in praise of his Creator amidst the company of the veiled ones. All matters end in the remembrance and praise of God, yet the people are in grievous heedlessness.

Hearken unto the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, then to the cooing of the Dove which speaketh upon the branches of the furthermost Lote-Tree at the appearance of the Spirit of God, the Most High, once again with this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name, that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have built mosques and attributed them to Our name, then placed pulpits therein that Our preaching servants might ascend them and counsel the people and advise them that they might take unto God a path. Yet they were heedless and perverted the words of God from their places, and changed God's favor unto themselves, and altered what We had ordained for them to attain unto a station of mighty glory - to such extent that they ascend the pulpits and make mention of that which God hath not permitted them. Thus have they transgressed in the matter and changed and were changed and became among the losers. And We have not heard of anyone ascending them with the mention of Truth, and they were among those who committed what they were forbidden in a Tablet mighty and preserving. And verily thou, ascend the pulpit by Our leave and be of them who make mention. Counsel the people and remind them of this Mighty News. Say: O people! The clouds have been rent asunder and the Lord of Lords hath come. Thereupon hath trembling seized all them that dwell on earth save such as have detached themselves from all things and turned unto God with power and might and sovereign authority. Say: O people! Consider within yourselves by what proof ye believed in the Manifestations of the All-Merciful in the past - bring it forth if ye be of the truthful! That I might know what is with you. Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! What ye possess will not profit you this Day. Cast it all aside, then turn unto the Most Great Scene, the Seat of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Beware lest ye reject the truth of God by what ye possess and deny Him in Whose grasp are the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers. Fear ye God, then have mercy upon yourselves and trust not in the vain life which will perish more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye, and ye shall return to dust with great regret and remorse. Do ye follow the desires of your souls and forsake the Best of Creators? Say: O people! Hear My words and deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of this cloud which hath been raised up in truth and from which rain down the showers of mercy and loving-kindness upon the hearts of all who turn in repentance. Thus have We inspired thee and commanded thee to convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance such that no mischief may arise, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Then know thou that God hath ordained for thee in the Tablet a glorious and noble station if thou remainest firm in His love in such wise that the whisperings of Satan influence not thy heart, for they have appeared in every city in every form. Thus have We informed thee of the truth that thou mayest be of them who know. Shun every idolater and hold fast unto the Sure Handle - verily it will lead the servant unto the Most Glorious Ark which saileth upon the Crimson Sea by God's leave, the Creator of Names. And whoso entereth it shall behold all besides God beneath its shade. Thus hath moved the Most Exalted Pen upon the Tablet of Destiny from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. And the Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning servant.

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In His Name, the All-Wise

O Name of the Divine Glory! The call of the Lord of Names has been raised between earth and heaven. At all times He has summoned the servants to the supreme horizon and guided them to the straight path and the mighty, firm way. Yet while pure and sanctified hearts, after hearkening, turned toward the supreme horizon, heedless and doubtful souls remained bewildered and wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Glory be to God! By what proof and evidence did the people of the earth formerly claim belief? Observe how divine verses have encompassed the world and His evidences have become manifest from all directions. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and veiled, occupied with their selfish desires.

O Hadi! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness, and upon My handmaiden who has ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of her as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O My handmaiden! Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of those in the kingdom of names and the glory of them that circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Blessed art thou for having migrated in the path of God until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison and didst hearken unto the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of anyone. He maketh mention of whomsoever He willeth in such wise as shall endure throughout the eternity of names. He is verily the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Siyyid before Rida, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and We give him the glad-tidings of this remembrance which God, the Lord of all remembrance, hath made. This is a remembrance unto which the Most Great Remembrance hath held fast, and a Tablet before which all tablets have bowed down. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and articulate in His praise throughout the nights and days. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Wronged One Who hath come with the kingdom of verses on a day wherein the pillars have trembled. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of the final end.

We make mention of Muhammad who was remembered before the Face, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My verses and art seized by the rapture of My call, turn thy face toward My prison and say: I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested what was hidden in the knowledge of God and concealed from the eyes of all else, and Thou hast borne in His path that which hath caused all things to lament. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy Most Glorious Name through which flesh hath crept and souls have been perturbed, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Thou art indeed the Almighty, before Whose power all created things have bowed down. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

O Hadi! We send greetings from this spot upon thee and upon those whose names have moved My Most Exalted Pen and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings unto their faces and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy, My loving-kindness and My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We make mention of the servant who was mentioned at the end of thy letter and We seal the Tablet with his remembrance as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the Kind, the Generous. Strive thou within thyself that there may appear from

thee that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by all that hath appeared from Thee and shall appear from Thy presence, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of one who hath turned unto Thee, attained Thy presence and quaffed the cup of reunion with Thee. O Lord! Thy generosity is more manifest than the sun in the midst of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! In thy letter which Varqa, upon him be My glory, forwarded, mention was made of Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, and likewise loving mention was made of the chosen ones, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, by the pen of love. Each hath been honored by mention from the Most Exalted Pen, and from the clouds of grace the rain of mercy hath been showered upon hearts and minds. We beseech God that there may spring forth therefrom the flowers of divine realities and utterance. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

O Muhammad, upon thee be the glory of God and His favors! This Wronged One hath dealt with those who claim to love Him with perfect love and supreme kindness. To this testify the earth and its mountains, its trees and fruits, the seas and their waves, the sun and its rays. Yet some have broken their covenant and pledge, and severed its cord, and in the great city committed that which caused the eye of love to weep and the tears of the sincere and unified ones to flow. We beseech God to assist thee to remain firm with such steadfastness as cannot be prevented by the hosts and armies of the earth.

O Nabil, upon thee be the glory of thy Glorious Lord! During nights and days We have commanded the peoples of the world to observe justice, fairness, trustworthiness and piety, and counseled them thereto, yet most have preferred passion over guidance, and transgression and vice over righteousness and fear of God. In these days We have sent a sacred and blessed Tablet containing divine verses and tablets specifically to the Shaykh of the Land of Sad, that is, Ibn Baqir, that perchance the breathings of revelation and the fragrance of the divine presence might restrain him from that which is forbidden and attract him from that which is with him to that which is with God. Glory be to God! Verses beyond reckoning have been revealed and clear proofs have appeared before all faces. The Hour and its signs, the Resurrection and its mysteries, have become manifest.

We said: O Shaykh, if thou fearest for thy faith, preserve the Tablet in the pocket of thy trust. When God shall question thee at the gathering place about that in which thou hast believed, then bring forth the Tablet and say: By this blessed, mighty and inaccessible Book! Thereupon the hands of all created things shall be raised toward it; they shall take it and place it upon their eyes, and shall find therein the fragrance of divine favors and bounties such as none among the former and latter generations hath known.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My loving-kindness! The Cause hath appeared in such wise that proofs and evidences are humble, submissive and circumambulent. Yet the veil of deeds hath prevented all and deprived them. Beseech God that He may assist all and grant them success, that they may not be

deprived in the days of manifestation from the splendors of the lights of the Sun of grace and bounty. Although in these days personal calumnies have secretly kindled the fire of sedition and hatred, God shall soon reveal that which was hidden in the breasts of the opposers.

These are the days of the appearance of that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an, blessed and exalted be His Word: "And if there be the weight of a mustard seed and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth." Likewise it is the day of the manifestation of the treachery of eyes and that which is hidden in breasts. We beseech God to protect His loved ones and preserve them from the evil of heedless souls. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory of God be upon you, O concourse of chosen ones, and upon those who love you for His sake, the dawning, the luminous.

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The friends of God in Najafabad! He is the One Who speaks with justice and is manifest through grace. O Ni'mat! The greatest divine bounty in the first station and primary rank has been and is His recognition, and likewise His verses are counted as bounty. All that has become manifest and apparent to the servants from the realm of His favor is recorded and inscribed as bounty. Blessed are the souls who have attained to this bounty. This is that bounty concerning which it was revealed in the Qur'an: "Our Lord! Send down to us a table from heaven." Beseech the True One not to deprive His loved ones of this bounty. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Hasan! Hear the call from the direction of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it has been raised in truth. Blessed is he who has attained to hearing it, and woe to every heedless and veiled one. When thou hast attained to the Tablet of God and its influence, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty and for having reared me beneath the canopies of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee, O Illuminator of the horizons and Speaker on the Day of Meeting, by Thy Name through which discord was transformed into concord and difference into unity, to assist me in Thy remembrance in such wise that the wolves of the earth and its wicked ones will not frighten me. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Ahmad that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Ahmad! Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. Reflect upon what befell the friends of God in former ages and centuries from His enemies. Whenever the Daysprings of God's Cause would shine forth from the horizon of His Will, the people would arise in rejection and denial, and would strive day and night to extinguish the light of His manifestation. They have lost indeed who wished to extinguish the light of God or prevent His firm and mighty Cause. Soon shall the veils be rent asunder, the Cause appear, the light shine forth, the Word become clear, the Manifestation become resplendent, and the Will become manifest. In His grasp is the control of all things and He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Nuru'llah! Hear My call. There are ranks for hearing, for whosoever attaineth to true hearing - that is, heareth but one word of the divine words as befitteth - he attaineth to a station wherein all the hosts of

the world find themselves powerless to prevent him. Blessed is he who hath attained to this most exalted station and supreme rank.

O Nasru'llah! Upon thee and upon thy father be My loving-kindness and mercy. We made mention of him at the time of his ascension with a mention that caused the breezes of thy Lord's mercy to waft, the ocean of His forgiveness to surge, and the fragrance of His pardon and bounty to be diffused. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and those who have believed with the means of the heavens and earth, and to aid you to be trustworthy, truthful and faithful. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous, the Hearing, the Responding. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful over what He willeth through His word, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

We make mention of My handmaiden and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to aid her in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and in that which will draw her nigh unto Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And We make mention of My other handmaiden with a mention whereby the hearts of the holy maidens in the Most Exalted Paradise in the crimson chambers and the chaste women in the sublime Garden have been attracted. Give thanks to thy Lord for this and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation to ordain for Thy handmaidens that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy mighty throne. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great."

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who has recorded all things in a Book, wherein the Pen Most High has inscribed the manifestations of His power, the expressions of His grandeur, the revelations of His sovereignty, and that which none has encompassed save Him. And blessing and peace be upon the Mystery of His Book, the Secret-essence of His verses, the Sign of His oneness, and the Cause of His creation, through Whom the lips of mystical knowledge smiled in the contingent world and the decree of the All-Merciful appeared throughout the lands, and upon His family and companions who arose and strove in His path until they sacrificed their spirits in His love and in manifesting His ordinances and revealing His commands.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who art the Goal of all hearts and the Beloved of the souls of those who have attained to the station of unveiling and witnessing! I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by the Manifestations of Thy power and the Dawning-places of Thy signs to strengthen me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me confessing my powerlessness and acknowledging my shortcomings. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of Thy countenance to protect me and Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. O Lord! Strengthen us through Thy power and sovereignty to remember Thee, then have mercy upon us through Thy generosity and favors.

We testify that through our heedlessness the pillars of unity have been shaken in Thy lands and the banners of detachment in Thy realm. Thou hearest, O my God, the roaring of the polytheists who have

surrounded Thy dwellings, laid waste Thy lands, and usurped the territories of Thy servants. We beseech Thee, O God of the world and Goal of the nations, to send down from the heaven of Thy power that which will exalt the station of those among Thy servants who profess Thy unity and those among Thy creatures who hold fast to Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.

Thereafter - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention - the servant has been honored by what has flowed from the ink of your love and the pen of your will. When I read and understood it, I presented it before the Countenance and submitted what was in your letter. The Master - may my spirit be His sacrifice - said: “We beseech the Lord of all beings to strengthen whoever has acknowledged God and His signs and recognized His greatness and sovereignty, and We ask for him the best of what He has revealed in His Book. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. We make mention of him and those with him as We mentioned him before, and We ask for them grace, mercy and blessing. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.” End quote.

Regarding what you mentioned about those who arrived there, they have permission to proceed to your presence. Give them this glad tiding. The servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen them in what He loves and is pleased with. He is God, the Goal of all beings and the Beloved of those in earth and heaven.

As for what you wrote concerning the apple of the eye, Husayn Effendi and Abdul-Karim - upon them be God’s peace - after presenting it, the Master - may my spirit be His sacrifice - said they should hold fast to patience for a known time. End quote.

The servant presents greetings and sends salutations to the apple of the eye and to those whose names were mentioned and to all the loved ones, and beseeches God to grant them success and decree for them what will benefit them. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

Regarding what you wrote about the physician - upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah] - a letter was sent to him before, and if God wishes, another will be sent to him again.

Peace, praise and glory be upon you and upon those who love you and upon those who have taken the Criterion with the hand of might, power and assurance, and have distinguished between truth and falsehood and between the people of unity and polytheism.

The servant

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and Power!

Praise be to God Who ordained imprisonment for Himself through a wisdom known to none save His Own Self, the One Who dominates earth and heaven. Then He opened its door with the key of His Most Great

Name and went forth before all peoples until the Throne was established in this garden, for which God had ordained that which pens are powerless to describe. He, verily, is the Fulfiller of what He promised aforetime in His Tablets, and hath manifested that which lay concealed in God's Books throughout the ages. He it is Who at one time spoke with the tongue of grandeur and glory, and at another time caused His Most Exalted Pen to speak, and there flowed from it that which caused hearts to be troubled and livers to be rent asunder. Blessed is he who is steadfast and firm, and who is radiant and joyous, who heard the call from the Most Exalted Kingdom and turned towards it in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and who was so transported by the rapture of that call that the hosts of creation could not hold him back. Blessed is He Who stretched forth His hand from the bosom of power and delivered whomsoever He willed through His sovereign might which pervades the horizons.

And now, I have received your pen's trace and heard what your letter expressed. God knows your words brought me joy, and I gave thanks to God for this, and turned to the Dawning-Place of the Countenance and presented what was therein. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying - and His word is sanctified above the praise of all created things: "We have mentioned him and do mention him as a bounty from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and We ordain what he desires. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. O My physician! Make mention of My station and My tribulation and what hath befallen Me at the hands of My servants. Thy Lord, verily, is the Instructor, the All-Informed."

For numbered years the Ancient Beauty and Most Great Name dwelt in the prison-house, sometimes in the most dilapidated of dwellings and at times in a more habitable abode. Yet always we passed our days and nights in a single room, the door of which was usually locked, until the Ancient Beauty, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, opened the prison door, as We had previously announced in the blessed Tablets. After arriving at the garden and renowned palace, which afforded some relief, news arrived from the prison-land that on several occasions the very prison itself had been dearer and more precious than what came after. Yes, the effulgences of the prison have been and will continue to be, even though We changed it for the utmost comfort and delight, and today people of insight behold it as a spacious, vast, wondrous and impregnable station.

Regarding what they wrote about the Place of Blessing, it was said that God willing their request would be carried out. O beloved of my heart! Truly those souls who have been the cause of this will surely attain their reward. I beseech God to assist all the friends in benevolent undertakings, so that from each and every one of the divine friends may appear a deed that will ensure the perpetuation of their remembrance and exalt the Cause of the Beloved One. Verily, He is the Answerer, the All-Bountiful.

In this land many different and contrary matters have appeared. In view of the gathering and heedlessness of some, from the beginning it was such that divine blessings rained down from the heaven of bounty at all times upon all, but later due to certain matters it was withheld, until we see what God wills and ordains thereafter. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

The request is that you convey wondrous greetings on behalf of this evanescent nothingness to all the friends.

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O Hakim Musa, may God assist him! 11 Rabi' [al-Awwal] 1298

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! Praise be to God Who was in the eternity of eternities and will be even as He was. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Light that shineth forth from the horizon of Thy Will, and by the Name through which the gate of meeting with Thee was opened, to assist Thy servants and creatures in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted and the standards of Thy guidance to be raised amidst Thy creation. Ordain for them that which will solace their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To continue: This evanescent servant has, on your behalf, fulfilled what was promised - that is, as requested by you, he attained the presence of the Goal of the world's peoples. Well is it with me and with you! Your letter was received. Praise be to God that you have been blessed with the bounty of health, which is the greatest of divine bounties. God willing, you will be assisted in that which befitteth this divine Day, for any deed that appeareth today purely for the sake of God, even if it be but a single word, is like unto a seed deposited in pure, good and blessed soil - it will surely bring forth lofty and wondrous ears of corn. Today is the day of sowing and planting, today is the day of planting trees. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto what God hath desired in His days, blessed is the servant who hath remained steadfast in His Cause and love, blessed is he who hath heard His call, and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of His garment and acknowledged Him with his tongue.

I swear by the Sun of divine knowledge that if, until the end that hath no end, a soul were to continue mentioning and praising this wondrous, glorious Day, it would be seen as non-existent, null and void compared to what hath been ordained for it by the Most Exalted Pen. Unto God be the reward of the doers, unto God be the deeds of those who have turned unto Him, unto God be the praise of those brought nigh, unto God be the remembrance of those who remember Him. This Day belongeth unto God, exalted be His grandeur and the sovereignty of His might, and whatsoever is associated with Him is beloved and is the goal of the hearts of His sincere servants.

You and I must at all times beseech the All-Merciful to assist and confirm these servants in matters that will cause the people of the world to be mindful, that perchance we may be enabled to guide a soul to the gate of the Friend, or rend asunder the veil of one who is veiled through the blessed Name of the Friend. If we fail to achieve these things and the like thereof, we will have wasted our lives and departed this world with utmost regret, for that which occupieth and delighteth the people hath yielded and yieldeth no fruit, as all tongues have confessed, since its end is change, extinction and nothingness. This is a matter that, beyond hearsay, every eye hath witnessed: Where is Khosrow and his palace? Where is Shaddad and his paradise? The decree of God hath turned them to dust.

I beseech God to preserve these servants through His special grace and to assist them in that which pleaseth Him. Verily He is the Powerful, and verily He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The splendor of

God rest upon him who wrote thy letter, upon thee, and upon every just servant in God and His firm and mighty Cause.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the heights of might and majesty, and the summit of grandeur and glory - He Whom the circumstances of tyrants have never frustrated nor the power of pharaohs ever daunted. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Strong, the Powerful.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy giving, and by those who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament and have drunk the cups of tribulation and adversity in Thy love, to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones to act as befitteth Thy days. Then protect them from the oppression of those who have denied Thy truth and disbelieved in Thy signs. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

And now, O beloved of my heart, responses to thy previous and subsequent letters have been written and sent, and likewise in answer to the petitions that were enclosed with thy letter, wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed and dispatched. God willing, they will attain unto them. Similarly, in response to the petition of his honor M, upon him be the Glory of God, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet in the form of a prayer has been sent down from the heaven of bounty with manifest verses. God willing, they will attain unto it and succeed in reading it. May He open before his face the gate of grace from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earth.

After the revelation of the prayer, this evanescent servant stood before His presence and He said: “O servant present! Write to him who beareth My Most Truthful Name, upon both of them be My Glory: The True One, exalted be His glory, hath preserved his honor M, upon him be My Glory, from grave dangers. He hath ever been under the glance of grace. Say: Be thou assured, verily He is with His steadfast, firm and active servants.” And He said: “We have ordained for him that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. It behooveth him to preserve this most exalted station in the name of his Lord, the Lord of all humanity.”

In very truth, whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning him remaineth permanent and eternal, in such wise that the passage of centuries and ages shall not efface it. This mention hath ever been and shall ever be preserved in the Book of God, and its effects have appeared and shall continue to appear. Well is it with him for having attained unto this mighty station.

He further said: “We bid him to undertake - as a manifestation of service to the Cause and for the perpetuation of his name in the manifest world - that he should, with the utmost discretion, appoint a

representative who would construct in the Prison Land an edifice named Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, and beside it a place for the righteous. This will benefit him in every world among the worlds of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful."

In truth this is a great bounty concerning him, for permission hath been granted that it be built in this illumined and sacred land. His is the praise and favor for this supreme gift. This is a gate of grace through which infinite doors shall be opened unto him. It behooveth him to thank God for this manifest favor. Since he himself sought that which would cause the perpetuation of his mention, name and station, he was therefore blessed with this supreme bounty. Through it shall appear what he desired of the favors of his Lord in this world and the next. There is none other God but Him, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of God, He who is praised by His Own Beauty, the Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great!

O My Name! The barren lands have turned green through your arrival and presence therein, and the withered trees have yielded the fruits of divine knowledge when you turned toward them and alighted upon them. The anemones of inner realities have opened in the paradise of creation through the descent thereon of the rain of your Lord's mercy - the Educator, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We bear witness that you have achieved success in teaching and in what God has desired in His Most Inaccessible, Most Holy, and Wondrous Tablet.

We have heard of your encounter with Ha of the abyss. By My life, she is a deaf rock that neither drinks nor grows. By your life, the Supreme Pen does not wish to refer to her with a masculine pronoun. She does not understand what she says and speaks that which causes all created things to curse her. Your Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. She is among the most ignorant of the ignorant, knowing nothing of books except their colors, and nothing of scrolls except their decorative patterns. Would that we had found her possessed of clear certitude even in this much! By your life, she is among the idols - when you see her turbaned like a cloud. If the verses of God were to be recited to her, her head would move without her comprehending a single letter thereof. This is what God has testified to, before and after. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O rejected one! Were all the scrolls of the ancients and the moderns to be gathered before you, each one adorned with the seal of authority, this would never suffice you. Rather, you must abandon them all and turn to Him Who speaks the truth from this exalted station. We have heard what you said regarding God's Cause and His mention, and the buzzing of that fly when it turned away from the truth and became one of the calumniators.

Know then that We have sent you the fragrances of verses from all directions, and now this perspicuous Tablet, that your heart might rejoice thereby, your eyes be consoled, and your breast be enkindled by this Fire which We have ignited at the midmost heart of the world through My Most Great Name. Your Lord is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My Name! Every fire has been extinguished save this crimson Fire that burns bright, and every water has frozen save this Water from whose flowing is heard: “There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.” Blessed art thou and those who have been attracted by the fragrances of revelation and have stood firm in the Cause of God and His sovereignty. They are indeed among the triumphant.

He Who is imprisoned sends greetings to those whom He sees turning toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: The Wronged One mentions His loved ones with that which benefits them in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and its effects shall soon appear in the world. He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous.

Say: O My loved ones! Aid your Lord, the Most Merciful, in all creation. By God! All that you see today shall perish, but that which has been sent down to you from the Supreme Pen shall endure. This is indeed the certain truth. Blessed is he who ponders My power and sovereignty, and recognizes that which was revealed in My days and appeared through My grace. He is of the people of the pavilion of My glory - upon him be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness at all times.

Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of remembrance and explanation, that you might find the fragrance of reunion in the words of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. We beseech God to bring about through you in creation that which will cause His fragrances to waft forever, and to ordain for you what is better than all that has been created in the realm of origination. He is indeed powerful over what He wills, and within His grasp is the kingdom of your Lord’s dominion over the heavens and earths. And may He adorn all lands through you, that the people might gather unto this firm, impregnable, and mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Mighty, the Exalted! O Letter Ra! Hearken unto the Call of God from the holy paradise, the Spot which God hath sanctified from the understanding of them that are nigh unto Him and hath made it the resting-place of His Most Exalted Foot on the Day wherein none was mentioned save God, the Lord of all worlds. Know thou that the Spirit will depart from the region of Iraq, and this hath been decreed by One Who is mighty and powerful. I have repeated the story in the soul of Husayn regarding how the claws of the oppressors seized him, and he left the Abode of Peace due to what the hands of the Muslims had wrought - they who claim Islam with their tongues while their deeds belie them at all times. When thou hearest this, grieve not but place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Wise. Be not dismayed by the terror of that Day, neither be thou frightened by this fear which hath caused the eyes of the dwellers of the heavens and earth to weep, for in this is a matter which none of the mystics hath comprehended, and there shall appear in truth from God One Who is mighty, transcendent and glorious. After My departure, fear ye nothing and be not of them that are perturbed. Remind thou God’s servants each day with wisdom and be not of the patient ones, for they who have recognized their Lord close their eyes to all else, even should all creation turn them away. Say: The Bird hath ascended from paradise and seeketh another paradise, if ye be of them that know. He feareth no one and will never fear any soul through the power of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Beware lest thou forget God’s favor upon thee; then walk in My footsteps and be not of the fearful ones. Counsel God’s loved ones as much as thou art able and be of

them that remember, for We have made thee a remembrance for Our sincere servants that thou mayest remind them by Our command, and We are ever mindful. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them that follow thy word by the command of One Who is wise and knowing.

He is God! Praise be to God Who hath made His loved ones the dawning-places of His decree, and this servant, at this time when all tribulations are raining from the clouds of destiny, hath been and will remain thankful to Him with every tongue and utterance, for whatever is attributed to the Beloved is surely sought after by the lover with all his heart. In any case, this servant in these days hath intended to journey to another land, and the details of this will become known. The loved ones of God must walk in the footsteps of this servant and henceforth be more firm and steadfast in the Cause, that through divine grace they may soar with these servants in the eternal realms. We have left his honor Aqa Siyyid Mahdi in this land for certain matters and We shall send correspondence to him.

He is God! We send greetings, mention and glory to all the loved ones. Blessed are they who in the divine days have attained the honor of nearness and meeting. Happy are they in having won a blessing wherein God hath ordained no portion for any besides them. If anyone wishes to send the Rights of God, let them send it to Aqa Siyyid Mahdi, as some debts were outstanding and have been transferred to him. The rest is as it was.

Know then, O concourse of the beloved! When the Sun setteth, the birds of night will surely fly in the darkness. At such time, turn not your attention to them and be not of those who incline towards them. Purify your faces for God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We informed you through Our grace, as a gift from Us to all worlds.

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O Messenger! When thou askest after the Sun of the heaven of inner meaning, know verily that it hath been eclipsed by the clouds of envy; and shouldst thou enquire regarding the Moon of the realm of everlasting holiness, be apprised that it hath been obscured by the shrouds of hatred; and shouldst thou search after the Star of the firmament of unseen reality, be informed that it hath sunk below the horizon of malice. Behold, a lone Husayn assailed by a hundred thousand deadly foes! Behold, a solitary Abraham compassed by a myriad tyrant kings! Behold, one stainless Soul that vast multitudes aim to seize! Behold, one single Throat that countless daggers seek to pierce!

Not a single night in Mine earthly life did I find rest; not a single day was I granted repose. At one time My severed head was sent as a trophy from land to land; at another I was suspended in the air. At one time I had for a boon companion him who dealt Me a fatal blow; at another I had for a close associate him who profaned My remains. Every morn, as I arose from My bed, a fresh affliction awaited Me; and every eve, as I repaired to the solitude of My chamber, a sore trial was in store. In the succession of My woes there was no reprieve, and in the onslaught of My sorrows there was no respite.

Notwithstanding all this, I stood against Mine enemies manifest as the sun and appeared before the dwellers of the heavenly kingdom bright as the moon. Not for an instant did I seek to preserve Mine own life, and not for a moment did I pursue Mine own ease and comfort. I offered up My soul in the path of My Beloved and laid down My life for His sake. My fortress was My reliance on God, and My shield Mine attachment to that peerless Friend; Mine armour was Mine unfailing trust in Him, and My hosts Mine ardent hope in His grace.

At length My revelation aroused the envy of My foes and elicited the rancour of the malicious. O My Messenger! Wert thou to gaze with a keen and discerning eye, thou wouldst behold all things–yea, verily, even the denizens of the Realm on high–sharing in Mine anguish and sorrow. O Messenger! The oppressive gloom of satanic envy hath concealed the resplendent Morn of the spirit, and the darksome veils of malice have obscured the refulgent rays of the Day-Star of eternal holiness.

At this present hour the Ancient King hath purposed to take leave of this wayward people. Yet none knoweth whether, even after His departure, this Essence of God's mercy will be spared the sting of these venomous serpents, as was clearly witnessed after His first banishment.

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O Rasul! Canst thou perceive the plight of this wronged and banished Soul Who findeth Himself sore tried by two contending peoples, and Who hath neither the pity of His foes nor the compassion of His friends? I swear by My Beauty that the afflictions I suffer at the hands of Mine enemies are a hundred thousand times easier to bear! Render thanks unto God that thou art not fully acquainted with the condition of Him Who is the Eternal King and that which He hath been made to suffer. These indeed are days whose like the eye of creation hath never seen. Strive, then, that thou mayest forsake the path of illusion and imitation and gain admittance into the realm of inner vision and the kingdom of spiritual discoveries. For in these days all are bewildered in the drunkenness of ignorance, save those whom thy Lord hath willed to spare. Some consider the fading mirage to be the billowing ocean and reckon the impenetrable darkness as the radiant morn. Others, having forsaken the river of eternal life, content themselves with a vanishing drop. Such is the state and condition of the people: "Thus have We created the souls in divers conditions."

As to thee, O Rasul, shouldst thou wish to take flight in the atmosphere of My love, it behoveth thee to soar above the kingdoms of earth and heaven and all that they contain, that thou mayest attain the paradise of the good-pleasure of the All-Glorious. Well is it with them that have entered therein!

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This is a Tablet revealed for the first one who made pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of God, exalted be His Glory. He is the Mighty. O Salman! May God magnify thy reward and accept thy obedience, inasmuch as thou hast journeyed unto God time and again, and hast migrated unto God, and hast endured hardship on the path such that thou wert exposed to the heat of the sword and the cold of winter, until thou didst enter this remote prison. Neither the length of the journey nor the lack of a guide deterred thee. Well is it

with thee for having been preceded by grace and encompassed by mercy, and for having entered the spot of acceptance and the station of attainment. Therefore give thanks to God, thy Creator, for having aided thee in this and provided thee with His love and the love of His friends, and caused thee to reach a station from which the hands of those who turned away, disbelieved and associated partners with God were cut off. By God! Thy name hath been mentioned in the Supreme Concourse and the most exalted Horizon, at the Tree of Eternity, and verily the denizens of the realm of might and the inhabitants of the dominion of sovereignty and the kingdom know thee even as the people of earth know thee - nay, more than that. Therefore strive within thyself to remain steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, lest thou be cut off from this everlasting, unified, eternal, perpetual dominion. Eschew thine own desires, O servant, and draw near unto the side of God, thy Lord. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee in the paths of thy Creator and what shall befall thee in the love of thy Lord, for unto Him is thy return and abiding place. With Him no deed of any doer is lost, nor the reward of any who earns reward, nor the truthfulness of any truthful one, nor the migration of any emigrant, nor the wayfaring of any wayfarer, nor the certitude of any possessor of certitude. Unto Him ascend good words and pure deeds. Thus have We imparted unto thee from the wisdom of God, Who hath perfected all things through His sovereignty and ordained therein consummate wisdom, that thou mayest thank Him in thy days and be of those who gave thanks, and persevered, and met their Lord, and sought, and attained, and aimed, and found. As to what thou asked regarding the verse of triumph, know that God, thy Lord, hath ever been and shall ever be triumphant, standing, mighty. None can frustrate Him and no affair can prevent Him. He hath been and shall ever be in the heights of triumph, power and majesty, and in the summit of might, grandeur and independence. And verily, whatsoever thou hast heard and known regarding the mention of triumph pertaineth to My servants. Soon shalt thou behold them triumphant even as they triumph this day. Hast thou not seen and heard how this Servant journeyed in His journey and migration with great power and manifest sovereignty, such that the necks of every mighty one bowed before Him and the heads of every proud one were humbled before Him, although all were Our enemies inasmuch as they turned away and opposed Us and showed pride towards God in relation to Us? Thus recognize thou the power of God, His triumph, His sovereignty and His glory. Say: By God! Through this journey the Cause of God hath been exalted. Soon shalt thou find those who turned away beneath the feet of the believers. Thus have We taught thee that thou mayest be of those possessed of certitude. And withal, by God, O Salman, We would make peace with the people of the Bayan: if they will not love Me, let them not hate Me. By God! Thou shalt find their turning away from this Light which hath shone forth from the horizons with a luminous countenance, a mighty proof and a supreme evidence. The Spirit and the light and the glory be upon thee and upon those who have recognized the mysteries of the Cause from this mighty quarter.

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O Ali Muhammad in the City! He is the Ever-Abiding, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting! O Ali, bear thou witness in thy soul, thy being and thy spirit that verily He is God, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people, this is the Beauty of God which hath appeared in truth, and this is the Proof which hath been sent down through grace unto a people who are guided. There is no God but Him - His is the creation and the command. He giveth life to whomsoever He willeth through His leave and causeth to

die whomsoever He desireth through His power, and all shall return unto Him. Say: O people, believe in God and in that which was revealed in the Bayan, and transgress not His bounds. Fear ye God and break not your covenants which ye made with Him in a praiseworthy station of nearness, and forget not God's favor when He reciteth unto you at every moment from the verses of God, the Mighty, the Beloved, and imparteth unto you the gems of knowledge and wisdom, and revealeth unto you the mysteries of a hidden knowledge. Say: Verily the grace, knowledge and wisdom have all appeared in the temple of a concealed Name, Whose manifestation was veiled by His beauty in such wise that none among creation recognized Him, could ye but know it, though He moved among them all the days as one of them, as though they were veiled by their own selves and were as blind, deaf and dumb, in that they beheld not the Beauty of God nor heard the melodies of God, though all these were before their eyes morning and evening. Thus doth God withhold what He willeth through His command and extend mercy unto whom He pleaseth, for He is the Sovereign, the Single, the Exalted, the All-Powerful. Say: When the idolaters opposed Us, We opposed them and manifested Our Self in spite of those who disbelieved in God's signs. O Ali, know thou that every wise command hath appeared from this firm, mighty and manifest Cause, and every decree wherewith God hath decreed in every age and dispensation hath dawned from this great and hidden Decree. Whoso denieth this Cause hath denied God's Cause in all ages and dispensations, and whoso turneth away from it hath turned away from the Manifestations of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. As for those whom ye find walking in the darkness of their souls, associate not with them but shun them and turn unto God your Lord, then put your trust in Him, for in Him let the trusting put their trust. God shall soon raise up one who shall take My right from them and render them as scattered dust. Thus do We impart unto thee from the verses at which are bewildered the minds of those who ponder the signs of God. I counsel thee to turn to none else and to hold fast unto naught save the cord of God, for this is better for thee and for those who set their faces toward this Countenance. Forget not what We counseled thee before, then stand firm in thy love for thy Lord and be not of those who forgot God's covenant during My absence in these numbered days. Rend asunder the veils from thy heart's face and fear no one in thy Lord's path, then burn away the shrouds of idle fancy and be as God's sword and His might against His enemies and those in whom thou findest hatred for this resplendent, exalted, transcendent and glorious Light. Then convey Our greetings to those who are with thee, both men and women, and to thy spouse who hath believed in her Lord and remained upon a mighty extended path.

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O 'Ali Muhammad ibn al-Sadiq! In the name of the meanings, I am the Manifestation of meanings. We have accepted you in all meanings, and We have given you all meanings in love of these meanings, and We have manifested you with truth at the appearance of meanings, and We have confirmed you with acknowledgment upon the temple of meanings, and We have sent down upon your heart the waters of meanings, and We have quickened you through the breaths of meanings. Thus has spoken the Creator of meanings from the Pen of meanings, and has sent down upon you the Word of meanings, and has sent it to you from the mercy of meanings.

The Supreme Pen declares: O ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil! Stand firm in the Cause of God with such firmness that all who are in the heavens and earth shall be made firm by your steadfastness. Convey to the loved ones of God a wondrous mention from the tongue of God, and then proclaim that until these days the faith of the people of faith and others was not known, for pure and illumined hearts have perceived naught save the subtle essences of the jewels of the words of Divine glory, and purified ears have not been sullied by hostile words. Therefore all souls remained concealed in their own mines, though they were and shall be visible before God. But in these days when the cawing of the polytheists has been raised and the braying of the calumniators has ascended, O loved ones of God, detach yourselves from all else but God and hold fast unto Him and seek His presence, and stand firm in the Cause of God that ye may be safe from the terror of the Most Great Fear. For those souls who were created by the hand of mercy and were known by the garments of names have disbelieved in God and associated partners with His oneness and warred against His Self and denied His signs whereby their faith had been established. By Him Who is unique in His sovereignty, then in His mercy, then in His singleness - one whom I nurtured throughout all nights and days, and showered upon him the outpourings of the seas of knowledge and wisdom, and preserved him in the fortress of power and grandeur, arose to cut down the Divine Tree. When God disappointed him in what he desired, he then arose to cause the rancor of God to enter the hearts of His servants. When he found himself disappointed in what he had intended, he opened his tongue of calumny that he might cast doubt in hearts that were not firm, and he wrote words about which any soul with the least discernment would testify to their falsity. Although all people are aware of the sovereignty of the ocean and are convinced of its outpouring, if someone, out of envy and hatred, should say “I sought to draw near to the Most Great Ocean but it did not bestow its outpouring” - is such a person truthful? Nay, by the Self of God, the Mighty, the Most High, the Great!

O ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil! God willing, through divine grace you shall remain firm in the Divine Cause and speak forth in praise of His Self in these days when most tongues have grown weary and most souls have become sick, even though people had and have no knowledge of the root of this Cause. By God! What has been heard was from this servant, and no one has yet understood. Far be it from the ignorant people! Say: O people! Open the eye of God which is deposited within you and with that deposited sign, contemplate His Cause that perchance ye may attain to its source and fountainhead. Blessed are they that attain! These are the divine melodies that were revealed from the holy tongue of the Eternal. Blessed art thou! Then peace be upon thee! Then contentment be upon thee, for thou hast been content with the good-pleasure of God, the Help in Peril, the Most High, the Great!

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In the Name of Him Who was sanctified beyond mention and utterance! O servant! If thou desirest to know what befalleth Me of tribulations, reflect upon the state of the Spirit among the company of the Jews, and Muhammad among the company of the wicked, and Ali among the people of the Qur’an, and His Beloved One among the people of the Bayan who recite His verses yet deny His own Self. Then know thou that the most grievous of all tribulations is the trial of Truth at the hands of one renowned by His name, as thou witnesseth in these days that Truth hath been tried at the hands of an oppressor who hath

become known for justice. This is a tribulation wherewith no one hath been afflicted before. Therefore do I weep, and the realities of all things weep, and I lament, and the Prophets lament around thy Lord's throne. Yet the people are veiled from what they have wrought and are heedless of that for which they were created. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them!

If thou desirest to help this Wronged One, help Him through mention and utterance. Then prevent the loved ones of God from warfare and disputation. Say: By God! The Ancient Beauty hath been sent with mercy and loving-kindness. Whoso associateth himself with Him yet warreth with anyone - God is quit of him and We are quit of him. Thus hath the matter been decreed in this Revelation.

Say: O people! Fear God Who created you, and commit not what ye have been forbidden, and abandon not what ye have been commanded in the Tablets of God, your Creator. For He hath ordained that His victory shall come through the promotion of His Cause. Blessed is he who helpeth his Lord as He hath commanded. Say: Your help is first to detach yourselves from all save God, your Creator. And whoso detacheth himself from all else out of love for His Beauty and teacheth the people His Cause - him shall all in the heavens and earth assist, and the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thus hath the matter been ordained, yet the people perceive not.

Say: O people! Commit not that which would destroy God's honor amongst His servants and extinguish the fire of His Cause in the hearts of His creatures. Fear God, O people, and be of them from whom waft the sweet fragrances of holiness and detachment, and to whose sanctity the Concourse on High bear witness. These are God's loved ones on earth and His trustees in all lands. By the light of their countenance are illumined worlds which none hath discovered save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Purify thou thy heart from all save God, thy Lord. Then drink thou the Most Pure Wine in this Paradise which hath been adorned with the mention of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Highest. Then speak forth His praise in the kingdom of creation, that perchance they who slumber on the couch of heedlessness may awaken and turn, then hasten at God's call to the Most Pure and Most Glorious Wine, and be of them who have drunk the Living Waters from the hand of the All-Merciful and have said: "Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled what He promised us and given us to drink a pure drink, and honored us with the fragrances of His days, and chosen us from among His creatures for the recognition of His Self, the Dominant, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!"

The Spirit be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of glory have not prevented from turning unto God, the Mighty, the Most High. Then know thou that this Tablet was not revealed in the manner of verses, nor in the manner of sermons and supplications and intimate communion, that it might tell of My tribulation and My trials through that which We have ordained for Our Self in the path of My Lord and My Beloved and My Master and My Sovereign and My Purpose and My Worshipped One and My Refuge and My Shelter.

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In the City. O Ahmad of the people of Kaf! He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious! O Ahmad! At all times have conclusive proofs been made manifest unto thee, yet thou hast remained heedless. In every season hath the heavenly stream of divine grace been made to flow towards thee, yet thou hast not partaken of a single drop thereof. Would that matters had ended there! Certain statements proceeded from thee which were unworthy. Although at the time of thy presence thou wert counseled to speak naught but the truth and to become not the cause of people's perplexity, yet didst thou utter that which caused the people to be veiled, and at no time didst thou speak the truth. This servant hath never desired, nor will He ever desire, aught from God's servants save truthfulness and fairness - God is sufficient witness unto this. Thou didst cling to vain imaginings and become detached from the firm handle of certitude. Hearken unto My call: Barter not religion for the world, and speak not according to idle fancy. We have passed over all else. Was it not evident to thee that this servant withholdeth not bread from anyone, nor hath He ever reproached any soul concerning bread, nor denied the riches of this world to any person? Nevertheless, when the letter from those people arrived containing those calumnies which they had attributed to the truth, why didst thou not speak such words as would make all people aware of the falsity of the statements they had attributed to the truth? For thou wert present and didst witness that were all the treasures of the earth to be gathered together, they would not be withheld from any soul, nor will they ever be. By God, O Ahmad! That very letter from those people completed God's proof against thee, for thou art certain they wrote falsely. Hearken, then, to the call of the True One, the Trusted One, and emerge from the darkness of fancy into the illumined realm of certitude. O Ahmad! Hearken unto My call. Consider him to whom thou didst cleave - how he hath begged from the people, writing that they give him no bread, that they have cut off his stipend, and that they have housed him in a ruined dwelling. Thou knowest that whatsoever was possible in the visible realm was never withheld from him, and after thee I never associated with him. Reflect now somewhat upon the wealth and independence thou didst witness from the Truth, and upon his base conduct in writing such calumnies and displaying such meanness. Would that he had been content with what he wrote and sent to Iraq! He hath also written to the governor of this land, complaining and begging for bread. Thou art certain that were all the peoples of the world to come unto this servant, they would forever feast at the banquet of His bounty and would never be deprived or excluded. By God, O Ahmad! If thou wouldst but reflect upon these very deeds they have committed and words they have written to various quarters, thou wouldst distinguish truth from falsehood. By God, O Ahmad! My love for thee hath caused this Tablet to be sent, else thy Lord is independent of all worlds. We hope that thou wilt soar in holy atmosphere and enter the realm of truth, becoming detached from all the world and them that are therein, and returning unto the Truth. Glory be upon thee if thou hearest what thy Lord hath counseled thee and returnest from fancy to certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the One Who dominates all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is a letter from the Prisoner to the prisoners in the path of God. O thou who gazest toward God and art mentioned before the Throne! The letter which thou didst send to His name Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court and brought the utmost joy. The mention of you all hath ever been and

will continue to be before the Wronged One. Convey My sublime greetings to the other loved ones and remind them all of these shining words from the tongue of Truth: Say: O friends! Let not slip from your grasp the eternal dominion and everlasting glory. Ye have been mentioned in the name of Truth and have been afflicted with great tribulations and mighty calamities in His path. Though outwardly despised, yet inwardly ye have been and will remain beloved. Ye have borne hardships and carried afflictions in the path of the Beloved of all possibility. How regrettable would it be now to lose these eternal bounties through imaginary concerns. Hearken unto the call of the trusted Counselor and be not content with abasement after such supreme glory. By the Truth itself, God will soon adorn the beginning of the Book of Existence with mention of His loved ones who have borne tribulations in His path and journeyed through the countries in His name and for His praise. Whoso hath attained their presence will glory in their meeting, and all that dwell in every land will be illumined by their memory. O friends! Waste not this most great station and remain not distant from eternal manifestations due to fleeting doubts. The All-Seeing, the All-Knowing counsels you not to destroy through the axe of suspicion and heedlessness the mighty edifices built especially for you by the hands of divine favor, nor to cut down with the saw of ignorance and foolishness the blessed trees of remembrance planted for you in the paradise of heavenly grace. There hath befallen you what befell the Truth, and this is a station which the concourse of the near ones and the sincere ones have yearned for and hoped to attain. Now it hath been granted to you without any merit, purely through grace and bounty. How could you be content to let this station slip away and waste your eternal, everlasting rewards? Meditate for a moment, detached from all else, that ye may become aware of the brilliant sun shining in the depths of the divine destiny and may understand the ultimate outcome of your deeds. The days have passed and what remains shall likewise pass like rushing winds, and all that is visible shall vanish. Strive ye therefore and adorn your deeds with the crown of steadfastness. This is the counsel of the Wronged One, recorded by the Supreme Pen out of pure grace and generosity. Blessed are they who are awakened! Blessed are they who reflect! Blessed are they who perceive! O thou who art immersed in the ocean of divine knowledge and soarest in the atmosphere of certitude! Impart unto them what We have imparted unto thee, that perchance the Word of God may stir them and draw them near unto Him. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Although the affairs of the loved ones of that land are not mentioned in detail before the Throne according to outward appearance, yet this Tablet hath been revealed purely out of grace, lest the darkness of worldly affairs and personal conditions deprive those souls of the enduring divine favors. Verily remembrance profiteth the believers. The letter written in the voice of Haji Abu'l-Qasim which was sent to Jud was also presented at the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist him to be steadfast in the Cause and to consider the consequences of all matters. He is verily the Mighty, the Forgiving.

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May the honored and esteemed Nazir, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah] and His grace, take note. 152

In the Name of God alone, and blessings upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. Praise, sanctified above the mention of all created things, befitteth the Dawning-Place of verses, Who through the Pen of Destiny hath undertaken the conquest of the world and hath, willingly or unwillingly, granted

all kings and subjects refuge and station beneath the shade of one of His names. He hath promised His loved ones in all times the infinite bounty which is the station of reunion and presence, and hath chastised the deniers with the supreme retribution. His is the praise and favor in all conditions, and He is the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. And blessings and peace be upon the Dawning-Places of His Revelation, the Day-Springs of His Cause, the Sources of His wisdom, and the Treasuries of His knowledge, and upon Him Whose shoulder was adorned with the Seal of Prophethood among all creatures, and upon those who arose to serve His Cause and traversed the lands to exalt His Word until the banner of Divine Unity and the standard of detachment were raised upon the hills of the world - they are honored servants whom God hath described as those who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant submitteth that your exalted letter, adorned with the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and beautified with gratitude and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the world, may His favors be universal, did water the withered spirit and bestow the rains of joy. God willing, may this bounty not be prevented from being received, and may the waters of the world not extinguish this fire of love. At all times this evanescent one uttereth "Is there any more?" After perusal and experiencing happiness and joy, expressions of gratitude and praise were submitted. They said: "God willing, may they be the manifestation of divine bounty and likewise grateful and thankful." End quote. Many favors were shown, beyond reckoning, but this servant, in consideration of wisdom, hath sufficed with what was mentioned. I swear by the Sun of divine favor that in every word is concealed a world of meanings and an ocean of grace is hidden. How can this servant or any other be capable of expression or worthy of utterance? The Command is in His hand - He commandeth and judgeth, and He is the One, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to Aqa Mihdi, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], and to all who serve His Holiness.

The servant, on 8 Safar 1299.

I submitted the expressions of mention, praise, gratitude and thanksgiving which that honor had shown regarding the Sanctuary. They showed infinite kindness. Aqa Mirza Shu'a'u'llah, in evening and morn, in setting and dawning, in absence and presence - nay, in all times and seasons and hours and minutes - is engaged in mentioning, crying out and calling to mind that honor. At all times a tablet is in his blessed hands; sometimes he sayeth "This letter is from the honored Nazir written for me," and then in the sweetest melody he uttereth - that is, he readeth what is in the letter - "Nazir" with a very prolonged extension, and "Karbila'i Mihdi and Fati." At times with tablet in hand he sayeth "I have written this letter to the honored Nazir" and in another sweet tone he singeth. The point is that most of his mention and thought is the mention and thought of that honor. There is no further opportunity to relate in full the details of their kindness; the completion of that will be in person, God willing.

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O Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of the one true God! Praise, sanctified above mention and utterance, befitteth the Purpose of all possibility, Who with one blessed and most exalted Word weighed and judged the world by the balance of justice. From this Word at times floweth the Kawthar of eternity, and at times the breathings of the Holy Spirit are diffused therefrom. It is the River of Life unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and it is the Sign of the Ancient of Days amidst the peoples and the Dawning-Place of inspiration for the attraction of all beings. Exalted be its power, exalted be its sovereignty, and all-encompassing be its light through its manifestation! The trumpet was sounded and they that lay in their graves arose, and through its orientation all created things turned to the lights of the Face, and through its movement all contingent beings were moved in the precincts of the Throne.

O Fadl! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Justice. At all times in the Most Great Prison thou hast been and art remembered by the Pen and Tongue of the Ancient Lord. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of bounty in the name of the Lord of Religions. This is the day of assistance. Blessed is he whom neither the pharaohs of the people nor the tyrants of the age have prevented from rendering assistance. Thou art he whom neither the clamor of the barking ones nor the might of the oppressors deterred. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee an assistant to His Faith, a guardian of His remembrance, and one who standeth firm in service to His mighty Cause. Thus hath the Tongue of Certitude spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, as a grace from God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

When thou receivest My Tablet and findest from it the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be glory, for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy manifestation, illumined me with the lights of Thy grace and mercy, caused me to speak forth Thy praise, and shown me the signs of Thy Pen. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and by Thy most sweet utterance whereby the realities of all things were attracted, to elevate me through Thy Name amongst Thy servants. I am he who hath sought in the nights and days to stand before the gate of Thy bounty and to attain the presence before the throne of Thy justice. O Lord! Cast not away him who hath clung to the cord of Thy nearness, and withhold not him who hath sought Thy most exalted station, the supreme summit, and the ultimate end - the station wherein the atoms cry out with most eloquent utterance: “The dominion, the kingdom, the grandeur and the might belong to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower!”

O Fadl! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Inform the friends that this is the Day of Utterance. The people of possibility must be guided by the hosts of wisdom and proof, and be led to the shore of the ocean of recognition. The Cause of God is greater than every great thing. In the Tablet of the World this most exalted Word hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: Through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen a new spirit of inner meanings was breathed by the command of the True Commander into the bodies of words, and its effects are visible and manifest in all things of the world. This is the Most Great Glad-Tidings that hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Great Name. Blessed are they that are endued with true understanding.

When thou perceivest the breathings of revelation and art seized by the lights of the Face, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and made me to be

mentioned by Thy Name. I beseech Thee by the dawning of the lights of the Sun of Thy bounty and the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity to ordain in my utterance a trace of Thy most exalted Word, whereby the realities of all things may be attracted. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest through Thy mighty and wondrous Word.

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In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of might.

Praise and glory beseem the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, Who through His all-pervading and invincible Will brought forth from nothingness, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, countless created things and adorned them with the ornament of existence, and through one drop from the ocean of His bounty adorned absolute nothingness with the garment of everlasting being. He is the Powerful One Whom the creation of the first and the last cannot prevent from His Will, and Whom the sovereignty and might of the hosts of rulers and ranks of divines cannot hinder. One flame from His Sinaitic Fire set ablaze the worlds of the seen and unseen with the heat of the love of God. Glorified be His signs, and exalted His power, and magnified His gifts and favors. There is none other God but Him.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire! I render Thee thanks for having drawn me nigh unto Thee and for having made known to me Thy straight Path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and by the fire of the Tree of Thy Manifestation to make me known by Thy Name and one who summoneth to Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants. Thou art He, O my God, from Whom none in Thy days hath been disappointed, and none hath been prevented from entering the court of Thy holiness. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast manifested at one time through the choice wine, and at another through the Kawthar of reality, and at times in the form of the Tree of Thy knowledge in the manifestation of Thy utterance, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

A mention from Us to him who hath turned to the supreme horizon and entered the seat of the throne with manifest love and heard the Call from the Dayspring of the utterance of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Abraham! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Great! We have fulfilled Our promise and sent down for thee that which hath brought solace to the eyes of them that are nigh. Say: O people of the earth, fear God and follow not your desires. Cast them behind you, turning unto the horizon of the manifestation of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the veils of the people prevent you or the might of the oppressors frighten you. Say: O party of God, cast behind you doubts and allusions, then turn ye towards the horizon wherefrom hath shone forth the Sun of certitude, by the command of God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Beware lest the world prevent you from the mighty Message of God or the power of creation weaken you from drawing nigh unto the One, the All-Informed.

O Abraham! Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and convey unto them greetings from this wronged Exile. Say: Beware lest the might of princes frighten you, and beware lest the doubts of the

people of error prevent you from entering the depths of the sea of the oneness of God, the Goal of the mystics. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth and sent them unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Take thou the Kawthar of eternity from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord and say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise for having guided me unto Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and by the mysteries treasured within Thy knowledge to aid the sovereign to turn unto Thee and to illumine him, O my God, with the light of Thy justice and to adorn him with the ornament of equity through Thy power and might and grandeur. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee and have heard Thy most sweet call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the manifestations of Thy bounty in the kingdom of creation to make me a helper of Thy Cause and one who acteth according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. In Thy grasp are the reins of all things and the reins of the first and the last. There is none other God but He, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me oppressed amidst the people of the Furqan and those who claim to be of the Bayan. Thou knowest, O my God, that had they drunk the choice wine of inner meanings from the cup of the Bayan and recognized the Manifestation of Thy name, the All-Merciful, they would not have opposed the Beloved of all possibility and the King of all worlds, nor would they have denied Him Whose praise and remembrance the Tongue of Grandeur hath ever spoken. Thou knowest, O my God, that I desired through the Bayan naught but the purification of hearts and their preparation for this Revelation, whereby the Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and the Herald hath called out between earth and heaven, and the mysteries of Thy most beautiful names have appeared in the kingdom of creation. I know not by what countenance they who have turned away from this Revelation shall turn, or to whom they shall go, or in what valley they shall wander. By Thy glory! There is no refuge this Day for anyone save him who flees from his self unto the horizon of Thy most great signs, who forsakes what he hath and turns toward Thy most glorious horizon. Thou knowest, O my God, that I protected my brother from the vicissitudes of time and called him at all times to Thy name, the All-Merciful. I revealed unto him of Thy verses and sheltered him beneath the wing of Thy mercy, never leaving him exposed to the winds. How then hath he harmed Thy creation and wronged Thy creatures? I protected his life while he, in the most hidden of secrets, sharpened the blade of his dagger to shed my blood. I nurtured him in my days, yet he dug a pit for me. Despite my knowledge of what lay in his heart, I did not confront him until what was in his breast became manifest. I withdrew from them and departed from their midst lest there occur in Thy realm that which would sully the hem of Thy sanctity among Thy servants. Even after attaining power and authority, I did not oppose them until they plotted against Thy Cause and corruption appeared in the land. Their party in Iraq united with the oppressors

who denied Thy Self and turned away from Thy beauty, until they made my family and loved ones captives from Zawra' to Hadba'. By what they have perpetrated, Muhammad Thy Messenger hath lamented in the highest horizon, and 'Ali hath wept at the Divine Lote-Tree. I know not by what proof they have denied Thee or by what evidence they have turned away from Thee. By Thy glory! Even if the idolaters were to tear my limbs asunder, I would not, through Thy power, cleave unto them or turn to them, nor would I, through Thy grace and favor, unite with them. Thou didst create me, O my God, from Thy nature before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, and I drank the wine of Thy love when I was still drinking milk from my mother's breast through Thy loving-kindness, and it shall never depart from me. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the daybreak and Creator of spirits, by Thy Name through which the tribes have lamented and earthquakes have appeared, to open the eyes of Thy creation that they may behold Thee seated at the right hand of might, power and majesty, and reclining upon the cushion of loftiness, glory and grandeur. Can there be one endowed with smell who cannot detect the fragrance of Thy merciful robe after its sweet-scented breezes have wafted? Can there be one with taste who cannot find the sweetness of this remembrance in Thy days? Nay, by Thy glory! Such can only be one who hath ever been deprived of Thy presence, veiled from Thy countenance, and forbidden the wine of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Purify the earth from Thy enemies, that thereby the faces of Thy chosen ones may be illumined and all may hasten to the sea, each wave of which proclaimeth: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

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O Muhammad-'Ali in the Land of Alif! In the name of Him Who is manifest above all things! The Mystery of God hath appeared in truth from a holy and resplendent horizon. He hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be God Who created Him through the sovereignty of His Command and sent Him forth in truth and dispatched Him unto all the worlds. He lamenteth within Himself at this moment and calleth out between the heavens and the earth: "O people! If ye will not believe in God your Creator, then at least be ashamed before Him and deny not Him Who was promised in all the Tablets and recorded and mentioned in the treasuries of the Sacred Scriptures. He hath come unto you with the Criterion of the Command, and around Him circle the Kingdom of God, and before Him march the hosts of the unseen in mighty array. He hath aided his Lord to the extent of His power, and He will aid Him in truth even though all existence, both seen and unseen, should oppose Him. My proof is My deeds and then My actions, if ye be possessed of knowledge. Blind are the eyes of those who have denied this bounty, after which, at His bidding, the clouds of grace were raised up and rained down upon all created things showers of mighty glory. Whoso is quickened by Him is quickened by the life of his Lord, and his name is inscribed by the finger of mighty power upon the Tablet. O people! Be fair within yourselves, then look with the eye of justice upon God's proof and that whereby He hath confirmed your faith and raised your station. Be not of those who denied Him in Whom they had believed and were turned back upon their heels. Fear God and war not against His Self, and dispute not His signs after they have filled both East and West and your own souls bear witness unto what I say. Take ye the chalice of eternity from the fingers of holiness, then drink therefrom by the leave of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and tarry not even for a moment. By God! Whoso turneth unto God in these days, the denizens of the Concourse on High will

seek blessings from him, and whoso turneth away, his deeds are rendered vain and he returneth to his abode in the nethermost fire. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Have ye heard in all creation the like of what hath appeared in this Announcement, which was promised in the Books of the Command by the Pen of Glory? Nay, by My own Self, the Truth! The eye of creation hath not witnessed its like, yet the people have denied and turned away, and for this reason the breezes of chastisement have seized them from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Fear God, O people! Deny not the Sun after its light hath illumined all who dwell in the kingdom of Command and Creation and those who abide behind the ocean of grandeur in an exalted and holy station. Cast away what ye possess and take what God hath graciously given you, then journey in the wilderness of His knowledge and tarry not even for a moment. Whoso striveth in Our path, We shall cause him to behold Our beauty and shall raise him to a station which was in truth exalted. And glory be upon thee, O servant, if thou remainest firm in the Cause of thy Lord on this Day wherein all the idolaters have dispersed far from Him. Aid thy Lord in this Beauty and fear no one, but place thy trust in Him. He will verily preserve thee in truth through His grace, and He hath power over all things. Say: In the name of God and by God! Then turn from the north of pause to the right hand of justice and pass by the people as the passing of a cloud. Thus have We commanded thee in truth that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause. Then glorify from Our presence the countenance of those who have believed in God and from whose faces shineth the radiance of holy splendor."

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

The world is illumined with the lights of the manifestation of the Pre-existent King, and the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen is raised up, and the Lote-Tree of the furthermost boundary […] the delicate paradise is witnessed, and the Kawthar of utterance flows from the right hand of the Throne, and the Holy Spirit speaks "The Truth hath come," yet the servants remain heedless and veiled. Glory be to God! All acknowledge and confess the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai throughout ages and centuries, giving one another glad tidings of the appearance of the Qa'im, but when the Herald of Glory spoke from the Kingdom of Grandeur saying "The Promise hath come" and the rays of the lights of manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all arose in opposition and issued the decree to shed His most pure blood. The station of the divines and jurisprudents of Iran became evident and manifest to every person of insight. Until now they have not rested nor desisted. God protect us and you from the evil of these people.

O thou who gazest upon the Face [and art mentioned] before the Wronged One! The fire of hatred and animosity of those souls who are known by the name of 'Ali hath not yet subsided. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of those who have changed God's bounty into disbelief and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition. Convey My greetings to the people of God. We ask God to assist all to mention Him, praise Him and spread His verses. Say: Know ye the value of these days and hold fast unto that which is befitting. This is the counsel of the Lord of Names and the Sovereign Who doeth

what He willeth, which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who act and blessed are they who have attained.

Mention was made of Karbila'i Asad. We make mention of him with My utterance and We make mention of him with My verses and We give him glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My loving-kindness. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. O Asad! We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee, and We counsel thee to observe justice and fairness and that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice in My mention of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth! I testify that Thou didst call me and guide me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking in praise of Thy beautiful Name. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family. Give them My glad tidings and convey to their faces My greetings from the Wronged One, the Stranger.

Ye made mention of the people of Siysan. Verily We have mentioned them before and after with verses that cannot be equaled by the ornaments of the world and whatsoever the nations possess. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing. O people of Siysan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful. Verily He maketh mention of you and counseleth you to observe goodly deeds as a command from the presence of One Who is commanding and knowing. Hear ye the call from the precincts of the Prison, from the Ultimate Lote-Tree - verily there is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. By the life of God! That which hath been revealed for you cannot be equaled by whatsoever is seen in the kingdom of creation. The Possessor of all things beareth witness to this in this exalted station. Blessed are ye and blessed are your ears in that they have attained unto the hearing of My call, and blessed are your eyes in that they have beheld My traces, and blessed are your hearts in that they have ruled in favor of the trust of My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. There hath been ordained for you from the Most Exalted Pen that which hath brought joy to the eyes of those who are nigh. Beware lest anything among all things prevent you from God, the Lord of the worlds. And We counsel you to observe wisdom and patience and forbearance and tranquility and dignity, as a command from God, the Almighty, the Powerful, Who came riding upon the clouds and calling out in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Gracious, the Generous.

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He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Omniscient!

Your letter hath come before Us and We have taken note of the hidden expressions of thy love therein, and We were among the witnesses. We have answered thee with these words from which the sweet-scented breezes of holiness waft upon thee and upon all the worlds. Be thou thankful unto God for having arrived at the shore of the sea which none hath reached unto its beach, much less unto its depths. This is of the bounty wherewith God hath preferred thee above many of His servants, if thou be of them that are assured.

Therefore, beseech thou God with these words, that perchance He may bestow upon thee from His everlasting bounty in His most exalted Paradise, beneath the shadow of His Most Great Name, and may establish thee beneath the shade of the Tree of the Cause, and may detach thee from all that is in the heavens and the earth. And this, verily, is a great bounty.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst create all beings and didst send them down from the heaven of command unto the earth of destiny, and whereby Thou didst attract the hearts of them that have recognized Thee, and didst cause the minds of them that have professed Thy unity to ascend unto the court of Thy resplendent sanctity, that Thou withhold not from me the wondrous tokens of Thy gifts, nor debar me from the cloud of Thy gracious favor. O Lord! Return me not thirsty after Thou hast led me to the shore of Thy surging, billowing, mighty ocean. O Lord! Withhold me not from the breezes of the manifestations of Thy loving care, nor drive me from Thy door, from which none hath ever been turned away disappointed - even thus hath Thy mercy encompassed all the worlds. O Lord! Purify my soul, then my heart, then my breast, my body and my frame, that I may be worthy of the revelations of the lights of Thy glorious Oneness and befitting for the manifestations of the signs of Thy holy Unity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling. Then grant me, O my God, the good of this world and the next, and preserve me from all evil and from whatsoever is repugnant unto Thy good-pleasure, for Thy mercy hath preceded all things and Thy grace hath encompassed all created things.

Thus have We taught thee that whereby God may make thee independent of all else besides Him. This is of His grace upon thee and upon His sincere servants. And if thou hearest with the ear of thine inborn nature that which the Spirit hath now cast down of the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Powerful, thou shalt surely find thyself detached from all things and from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and shalt attain unto that which thou didst desire in the hidden recesses of thy heart, and shalt taste the delight of them that have recognized Him.

As to thy question about going to the city, excellent is that which thou hast intended and wert among those who desire it. Hold fast unto that which was sent down aforetime unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God and Seal of the Prophets. Unto God belongeth the East and the West; whithersoever ye turn, there is the face of God. This was sent down from the heaven of God's might, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

Strive then, O my brother, within thyself that Satan erase not from thy heart the remembrance of thy Lord. And when thou art adorned therewith, proceed to whatsoever land thou desirest, for nothing shall harm thee if thou be of them that are assured.

As to thy desire to serve me - verily, I am a servant among the servants of God and I love to serve, with my soul and my body, those who have believed in God and His signs, and God is witness unto what I say. How can one who is a servant take a servant for himself? This is a sin beyond compare, if thou be of them that know. I love to be a servant unto the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, and to lower my wing unto those who desire His face, according to His exalted Word: "And lower thy wing unto the believers." And peace be upon thee from this lonely, solitary prisoner.

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He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The meanings have soared for a thousand years to attain unto the station of this Word which hath been uttered by the Tongue of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Spirit hath soared through centuries which none can reckon save God, that it might visit this Body which walketh in the Most Exalted Paradise that hath been named, by the Tongue of God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible, as the Most Great Prison. God beareth witness unto His Own Self that He hath appeared in truth and speaketh in this Castle wherein all matters have been confined to the mention of this Most Great Remembrance through which the greatest joy hath appeared in the world and every heedless and veiled one hath lamented. O youth! The Lord of all beings remembereth thee and calleth to thy mind when thou wert standing before the Presence at the gate which was opened by the finger of divine power unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath the Ancient Beauty spoken in this exalted station. Behold and remember when thou didst hear the call of thy Lord and He conversed with thee with tenderness and care. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving. And We remember thy father who attained unto the ornament of certitude and bore witness unto that which God did bear witness and uttered that which was recorded in My Preserved Tablet. We testify that he wavered not in this Cause and when he heard the call from the direction of his Lord, the Lord of Names, he said: “Here am I, here am I, O God of the unseen and the seen!” He heard and responded and submitted when the Command came to him from the Dayspring of the revelation of his Lord, the Lord of existence. We adorned the heaven of his heart with the luminary of My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. He attained unto the most pure wine when Iraq was My greatest horizon. He took and drank in My blessed Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Once he attained in Iraq and again when the heedless ones drove Us from the Land of Mystery. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty speak before the face of the world, but most of the people understand not. O Dhabih! Thy Lord remembereth thee in connection with that which befell thee in this path wherein the Guide Himself hath been guided by reason of what hath been ascribed to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I testify that thou didst believe in God when He appeared in truth, and neither the veils of learning nor the imaginings of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, did hinder thee. Thou didst cast away what was with the people and took what was with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne, and thou didst turn away from the people, advancing toward My Self-Subsisting Name, and didst abandon all things out of thy love for the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou art he whom the howling of wolves did not frighten, nor the barking of those who turned away from the truth, clinging to their vain imaginings. Lo! They are in manifest loss. O Dhabih! The Goal of the world hath turned toward thee and remembereth thee with that which quickeneth every mouldering bone. He remembereth thee and remembereth thy days and what thou didst utter in this glorious and wondrous path. Thou art he who took hold of the Book with the power of thy Lord and cast the book of the evil ones into the lowest hell. Thou art he who acknowledged that which God acknowledged and drank the wine of steadfastness on a day wherein the limbs of all names trembled and all who dwell in the kingdom of creation were shaken. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Compassionate, the Generous. For God’s sake thou didst hear the gloating of every oppressor and didst bear from the aggressors that which caused every just and discerning one to weep. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who draweth nigh unto thee and

remembereth thee with that which the Most Great Remembrance hath uttered, through Whose name the gate of heaven was opened and the sea of names surged and the fragrance of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, was wafted. The peace which hath dawned from the horizon of the Abode of Peace and the glory which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon him who hath uttered thy remembrance and praise and hath visited thy grave by the command of the Ordainer, the All-Informed.

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XVIII. Say: We have caused the rivers of Divine utterance to proceed out of Our throne, that the tender herbs of wisdom and understanding may spring forth from the soil of your hearts. Will ye not be thankful? They who disdain to worship their Lord shall be of those who are cast off. And oft as Our verses are rehearsed unto them, they persist in proud disdain, and in their gross violation of His law, and know it not. As for them who have disbelieved in Him, they shall be in the shadow of a black smoke. “The Hour” hath come upon them, while they are disporting themselves. They have been seized by their forelock, and yet know it not.

The thing that must come hath come suddenly; behold how they flee from it! The inevitable hath come to pass; witness how they have cast it behind their backs! This is the Day whereon every man will fly from himself, how much more from his kindred, could ye but perceive it. Say: By God! The blast hath been blown on the trumpet, and lo, mankind hath swooned away before us! The Herald hath cried out, and the Summoner raised His voice saying: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Most Powerful, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.”

This is the Day on which all eyes shall stare up with terror, the Day in which the hearts of them that dwell on earth shall tremble, save them whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, pleaseth to deliver. All faces have turned black except those to whom the God of Mercy hath vouchsafed a radiant heart. Drunken are the eyes of those men that have openly refused to behold the face of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Say: Perused ye not the Qur’an? Read it, that haply ye may find the Truth, for this Book is verily the Straight Path. This is the Way of God unto all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth. If ye have been careless of the Qur’an, the Bayan cannot be regarded to be remote from you. Behold it open before your eyes. Read ye its verses, that perchance ye desist from committing that which will cause the Messengers of God to mourn and lament.

Speed out of your sepulchers. How long will ye sleep? The second blast hath been blown on the trumpet. On whom are ye gazing? This is your Lord, the God of Mercy. Witness how ye gainsay His signs! The earth hath quaked with a great quaking, and cast forth her burdens. Will ye not admit it? Say: Will ye not recognize how the mountains have become like flocks of wool, how the people are sore vexed at the awful majesty of the Cause of God? Witness how their houses are empty ruins, and they themselves a drowned host.

This is the Day whereon the All-Merciful hath come down in the clouds of knowledge, clothed with manifest sovereignty. He well knoweth the actions of men. He it is Whose glory none can mistake, could ye but comprehend it. The heaven of every religion hath been rent, and the earth of human understanding been cleft asunder, and the angels of God are seen descending. Say: This is the Day of mutual deceit; whither do ye flee? The mountains have passed away, and the heavens have been folded together, and the whole earth is held within His grasp, could ye but understand it. Who is it that can protect you? None, by Him Who is the All-Merciful! None, except God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Beneficent. Every woman that hath had a burden in her womb hath cast her burden. We see men drunken in this Day, the Day in which men and angels have been gathered together.

Say: Is there any doubt concerning God? Behold how He hath come down from the heaven of His grace, girded with power and invested with sovereignty. Is there any doubt concerning His signs? Open ye your eyes, and consider His clear evidence. Paradise is on your right hand, and hath been brought nigh unto you, while Hell hath been made to blaze. Witness its devouring flame. Haste ye to enter into Paradise, as a token of Our mercy unto you, and drink ye from the hands of the All-Merciful the Wine that is life indeed.

Drink with healthy relish, O people of Baha. Ye are indeed they with whom it shall be well. This is what they who have near access to God have attained. This is the flowing water ye were promised in the Qur'an, and later in the Bayan, as a recompense from your Lord, the God of Mercy. Blessed are they that quaff it.

O My servant that hath turned thy face towards Me! Render thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee this Tablet in this Prison, that thou mayest remind the people of the days of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing. Thus have We established for thee, through the waters of Our wisdom and utterance, the foundations of thy belief. This, verily, is the water whereon the Throne of thy Lord hath been raised. "His Throne had stood upon the waters." Ponder this in thine heart, that thou mayest comprehend its meaning. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

The Supreme Pen hath, in the prison of 'Akka, turned towards the loved ones in the land of Kha, that is, those souls who have been adorned with the new raiment, who are turned towards the horizon of oneness, and who revolve, through their essential, original motion, around the Will of God. Although this motion is mentioned as opposed to rest, yet it is sanctified from ascent and descent, and is exalted above vacillation and the comprehension of them that are bounded by limitations. Its effect is witnessed to be swifter than lightning and more penetrating than the winds. Nay, it is the cause and source of the appearance of the winds. These winds, if they be not mixed with carnal desires, will cause the effect of spring to appear in the realities of existence; otherwise, the effect of autumn will be manifest. The origin of this motion appeareth from the manifestations of the motion of the Primal Point, which in one station hath been interpreted as the First Mystery, the First Ornament, and the White Pearl, and from it the Fire

of Oneness surgeth forth from the Blessed Tree, and the substance of burning is witnessed and concealed in all things. Exalted be God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath created that which all who are in the kingdom of earth and heaven have been powerless to know! Those souls who today hold fast to the divine commandments and act according to that which they have been bidden - We testify that they are the ones who move by the Will of God and they are the achievers of that which the Mighty, the Generous, hath desired for them.

The time appointed for the nations hath expired, and all the divine promises mentioned in the Holy Books have been fulfilled, and the Law of God hath flowed forth from Zion, and the lands and mountains of Jerusalem have been adorned with the splendors of the light of their Lord. Blessed is he who pondereth on that which hath been revealed in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O friends of God! Reflect, and with attentive ears hearken unto the Word of God, that through His grace and mercy ye may drink from the water of steadfastness and be firm and immovable as the mountain in His Cause. In the Book of Isaiah it is stated: “Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.” Should anyone reflect upon this very verse, he would become aware of the greatness of the Cause and the majesty of the station of the Day of God. And at the end of the aforementioned verse it states: “And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.” This is the day when the throne of David hath been adorned by the presence of the Promised One, and this is the day the mention of which hath been recorded by the Pen of the Command in all the Books. There is no verse but it proclaimeth this Name, and no Book but it testifieth to this Remembrance, the Manifest One. Were We to mention that which hath been revealed in the Books and Scriptures concerning this Revelation, this Tablet would assume enormous proportions. All must today be confident in the divine favors and strive with the utmost wisdom to teach His Cause, that all may be illumined with the lights of the dawn of inner meanings.

O Pen! Make mention of him who attained the presence of the Throne and heard the call of this wronged exile. Verily, We have mentioned him and do mention him in this Tablet, that it may be a treasure and honor for him in the Kingdom of his Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Then make mention of his brother who attained unto this station and entered beneath the shadow of the mercy of his Lord, the Generous. Then of him who attained the presence aforetime, submissive and humble before the Command of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist all to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and to draw them nigh unto the horizon of His Revelation, and to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Choosing! The Book of God speaketh with truth before the faces of the servants. God - there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We find Ourselves this day in a station wherein its very atoms proclaim: “The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Power belong unto God, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised!” Sorrows have

encompassed Us from all sides through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Day hath come, yet the people remain in a strange sleep. The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, and that which was hidden hath been revealed, and He Who was promised in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. Salman, upon him be My loving-kindness, came with a letter thou hadst sent to Muhammad, upon him be My Glory. He attained unto Our presence and hearkened. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose every word shineth forth the Day-Star of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of them that know. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou didst inhale the fragrance of the divine utterance in the earliest days and didst attain unto a remembrance that shall never be erased nor followed by change, through a command from the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Arise to make mention of thy Lord with words that will attract the realities of all things. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Luminous. This is the Day which God's Books have promised, both of old and more recently. Blessed is he who hath recognized its station and attained unto that which hath been manifested therein from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient Being. Say: O people! Help your Lord through wisdom and utterance, and through deeds that bring joy to the hearts of them that have recognized His unity.

Hearken in the Persian tongue and inform the people, that perchance they may find and hasten unto the path of truth. That which is needed today are deeds that draw the servants near, and virtues that cause love among the peoples of all lands. The Ancient Beauty in the days of Muharram uttereth praise of the true Sacrifice, Who sacrificed His soul, His spirit, His children, His kindred and His family in the path of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

O Kazim, O Nasrabadi! This is a blessed name, for it is crowned with the crown of victory. Thou must manifest thyself in such wise that all may turn to the Source through thy movements, thy stillness, thy remembrance and thy praise. All this is from God's bounty unto thee. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Will that hath encompassed all things, and by Thy Purpose that hath prevailed over all who are in earth and heaven, and by the dawning-manifestations of the Day-Star of Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue the world, to make me steadfast in Thy service and speaking forth Thy praise. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee and clinging to Thee and to Thy signs. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, whereby Thou didst unseal Thy Choice Wine, to make me a standard of Thy Name in Thy lands. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention at this time of thy son who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him from His Most Exalted Pen the good of all His worlds. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My loved ones and upon thy son and upon those with thee and upon those whom the might of the oppressors hath not deterred from turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have heard what thou didst compose and recite. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in that which will draw the servants near unto Him and enable them to do what He loveth and approveth. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

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O Ali-Qabil-Akbar, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Glorious Beauty of God! Thy letter was presented before the Countenance and was the object of loving attention. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of the praise and glorification of Him Who is the Self-Sufficing, and art embellished with love for the Beloved of all possibility. Blessed is the life that is spent in the service of the Truth, blessed is the tongue that speaketh His praise, and blessed is the heart that is gladdened by His remembrance. Give thanks unto God for having been enabled to inhale the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's remembrance amongst His servants. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen thee in that which thou art engaged in, and to inspire thee at every moment with that which shall guide all who dwell in the realms of being to the Cause of thy Lord. That which thou didst mention concerning the people of M hath been observed. We beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to aid all to turn unto the true Kaaba. How excellent is the state of those souls who, in these days, have drunk from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful, who have detached themselves from that which the people possess, and who have held fast unto the Truth. Upon them be the glory of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Strive with utmost endeavor to unite hearts and souls. He, verily, will aid thee under all conditions. He is with thee and will help thee through the truth. He, verily, is potent over all things. This land is in great turmoil, and this Wronged One is afflicted between two parties. Consider what hath befallen and continueth to befall the seventy souls in the Most Great Prison. Reflect upon those who were imprisoned with the Point for but a few hours, and likewise those who gathered with the Beloved in Tiberias. When matters became severe, they intensified and committed what they committed. Thus was it ordained and thus will it be ordained. Thy Lord is, verily, the Self-Subsisting, the Almighty, Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate in His purpose. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which was revealed in the Tablets sent down in Iraq and in the Land of Mystery, and at the beginning of Our arrival in the Most Great Prison, hath come to pass. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know thou that Rida-Quli hath rebelled against God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou beholdest Thy servant, who is named Ali, who hath turned towards Thee and set his face toward Thy countenance, who hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment of Thy mercy, who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause and to aid Thy Faith among Thy creatures, and who remembereth Thee amongst Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath prevailed over all things, and by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of all names, to aid him in such wise that there may appear through him that which will exalt Thy Cause in Thy lands and uplift Thy Word in Thy realms. O my Lord! Thou hast ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou hast willed, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been from time immemorial. Ordain for him that which beseemeth the loftiness of Thy glory and the sublimity of Thy majesty. Then write down for him that which Thou hast written for the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones. Then inspire him with that which will draw men nigh unto the shore of the glory of Thy sanctification and bring them to the stronghold of the glory of Thy unity. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of thy Lord in that place, then gladden them with this perspicuous remembrance, and to those who have believed among the people of Sin. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Say: O My loved ones! While ye are in your homes, the Lord of all worlds remembereth you in the prison. Rejoice ye in the breezes of the remembrance of your Lord and in the rustling that hath been raised from the Most Exalted Pen for your

remembrance, O ye who have turned towards Him. That which beseemeth you is steadfastness in this straight Path. Glory be upon you and upon those on whose faces can be seen the radiance of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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[He is God, exalted be His glory]

O physician, upon you be the Glory of God! Your numerous letters were received in the presence of this Countenance, and the servant present mentioned them all. As to what you wrote describing the friends in that land - We bear witness to what you have witnessed, but We counsel them to fear God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds. For through fear of God the greatness of the Cause and the sanctification of Truth have been and continue to be made manifest among creation. By My life! If anyone were to taste the sweetness of the fear of God, they would hold fast to it all their days. This is a manifest truth. They have ever been and are before Our gaze, and the glance of Our loving-kindness has been and, God willing, will continue to be directed towards them. Those who have assisted the friends of God will soon receive the rewards of their deeds. Praise be to God that they have been enabled to attain this supreme bounty and greatest gift. Convey greetings to all.

Let Muhammad not be saddened, nor let the lack of outward means grieve him. Verily all affairs are dependent on their means. Convey greetings to Majid and the guest and her sister and their children - they are of Us. Likewise Abdullah and the others - all have been and are before Our gaze. All have been mentioned at the Throne and all are among the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Whatever has reached or reaches some of them should be given with the utmost humility. Verily your Lord will repay what they have spent. He is their Protector. This word suffices them, would that they understood.

Then convey greetings to the servant Rahim from this Wronged One, the Unique. Say: O servant, be steadfast in the Cause. By My life! This is a mighty Cause the like of which has not appeared in creation. Through it the atoms speak: “This is the Wonder of the heavens and earth! Through it all mention has been erased and the Tablets adorned with the ornament of the remembrance of the Lord of creation.” But the people are in thick veils. Have you heard anything like what has appeared? No, by the Lord of the worlds! Blessed is he who has rent asunder the veils through the name of his Lord, the Bestower, and who has torn away the shrouds through this wise Remembrance.

Arise in the Cause in such wise that you see yourself ascendant over the servants and what they possess of the words of the opposers. It behooves one who has turned to God in this Day to leave behind all else and say: “I believe in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. No soul or mention or description can be associated with Him. Verily He is established upon the throne of His mighty Name.”

Read what has been sent down for you and ponder it, that you may find the sweetness of the utterance which has been sent down from the heaven of grace from your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed are you for having turned when the Wronged One was in the hands of the oppressors. Be not grieved by the intimations of those who have turned away. Leave them to their vain desires and hold fast to God, the

Single, the All-Informed. We have sent down for you in every instance the verses of your Lord. By My life! They are clear proofs to all in the heavens and earth. Give thanks to your Lord for this bounty and say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

O physician! You sent the letter of M and We learned what was in it, and We have sent down verses for each one mentioned in his letter - verses by which the hearts of the sincere are illumined. We sent them to you that you might forward them to him. Verily your Lord is possessed of great bounty. He has not left any name unmentioned - the Supreme Pen has moved to mention each one. Thus does God reward His servants who have turned to Him and His righteous loved ones. Let any soul who has not moved remain still, for this land is in motion and they are preventing. That which was hidden therein has appeared and will appear.

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He is the Faithful Herald

O Land of Sad! Where are they who loved God and His chosen ones? Where are they who stood firm in His service in all conditions? Where are they who shone forth from the horizon of faithfulness like the sun rising from the horizon of heaven? Where is My trust in thee - didst thou deliver him into the hands of enemies, or did he sacrifice his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of Names? Tell Me what the people did to him through whom God’s Cause was manifested among the servants and the horizon of love dawned in all lands. Be truthful with Me - where is the Most Great Trust? Where is he who circled round God, the Lord of the Throne and earth? Where is the Spirit who appeared in human temple to serve God, the Lord of Destiny? O Land of Sad! Where is the Tree of Love with its branches, boughs, leaves and fruits? It cries out, saying: “By Thy beauty, O Lord of Glory and Beloved of Ha! I cannot mention what I witnessed from the enemies. By Thy might, I am ashamed to present what the people did to their Lord, Master, Helper and Strengthener. How can I speak of that which saddens Thy heart, O Thou Desire of earth and heaven? Whenever I intend to mention it, weeping prevents me, and Thou art the Knower of both speech and whispered thought. By Thy might, O my Sovereign! If Thou were to decree my extinction, it would be dearer to me than to mention and relate before Thee that which causes grief in days Thou madest dawning-places of joy for Thy loved ones and daysprings of happiness for the people of Thy realm - and this despite my certitude in the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy will, the penetration of Thy purpose and the encompassing nature of Thy power. Would that I had never existed and never seen Thee grieved, O Lord of nations and Sovereign of eternity!”

O Region of Sad! Why do I see and hear thy birds and their song, but see not My she-camel nor hear her cry? Is she in the garden above the earth or beneath it? O gardens of that city! Where is the breeze of God that wafted over thee, and where is God’s fruit within thee? Has it been cut off or has it fallen? By God, the people are in manifest error. They have hamstrung her after she gave them to drink the purest milk from the breast of God’s wisdom, the Lord of all worlds.

O My Name Ha! We concealed thy station while thou wert in this world due to the weakness of the servants. But when thou didst ascend, We unveiled thee and revealed what thou truly wert and what

God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, had bestowed upon thee. Blessed is he who loved thee, found solace with thee, heard thy call, thy remembrance and thy praise, sought thy resting-place, and turned his face toward thy countenance for the sake of God, thy Beloved, thy Goal and thy Manifestation. Blessed is every seeker who seeks thy most exalted station and thy most glorious abode, who stands before thy tomb and visits thee with what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen and uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur in the prison of Akka. Joy be to him who remembers thy days and what appeared from thee in the love of God, thy Lord, and who relates to people what befell thee in thy Lord's Cause. By the life of God, he is among the people of Baha in a preserved tablet.

O My Name Ha! Thou wert a stranger in thy homeland, a captive in thy dwelling-place, and oppressed and alone among the servants. Blessed is the land God made the resting-place of thy body, and the city from whose horizon thou didst shine forth in thy Lord's days. It behooveth every lover to remember thee with what God hath remembered thee in His tablets. We beseech Him by thee to send down upon His loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Kind.

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In His Name, the All-Knowing!

O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God! The Sun of Wisdom hath shone forth from the heaven of inner meanings upon the mirror of knowledge, and from that effulgence this word appeared: "Peace of mind is for the trustworthy, and fear is for the treacherous." After the grace of God and divine favors, thou hast not transgressed, nor dost thou transgress, the binding and decisive commandments that have been revealed and sent down in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen, and thou hast been and art dealing with all souls with utmost kindness, love and patience, according to His command. In such case, had thou turned to the seeker, no harm would have been done, for he would have become aware of thy intention and that upon which thou standest. Perchance the lights of truthfulness might have been reflected in the mirror of his heart. Verily thy Lord is the All-Reforming, the Trustworthy.

Strange that they have not yet understood the intention of the Lord of creation. In all matters, let not wisdom slip from thy grasp. Entry after migration and association with some were contingent and conditional upon consultation. O Jamal, fix thy gaze upon this decisive, firm and blessed word which hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. In all things hold fast unto consultation, for it is the lamp of guidance that leadeth the way and bestoweth understanding. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may this blessed word ever be before thy face and fixed before thine eyes.

At present, in view of what hath occurred, turning to that land is not permitted. Your efforts for peace, reconciliation and love have, due to lack of wisdom and consideration, become known as enmity and corruption. The Perspicuous Book between heaven and earth proclaimeth "I have come to reform the world," yet ears have not yet succeeded in hearing it. The deeds of the ignorant ones of the past have become the cause and reason for doubts and suspicions. Beseech ye God that He may make the heedless

souls aware of His purpose. Should they hearken unto the verses that have been sent down concerning the avoidance of conflict and corruption, all would speak the words “Verily, He is the Truthful, the Reformer, the Trustworthy.”

O Jamal! The divine land is not confined to the land of Ta. If thou shouldst turn toward Hadba, thou wouldst find those nearest to God in piety. This matter is not an explicit command. In all things one must consider the known party. He is with you wherever you may be. He, verily, is the Observer, the Vigilant.

At the end of this epistle, We make mention of thy wife, who hath endured in the path of God what most handmaidens have not endured. Convey to her My glad-tidings and glorification from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned her in a Tablet, and beyond it in another Tablet, and have sent them both to her as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Kind. We have also mentioned her brother in a Tablet that the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!”

Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and have shunned every deluded deprived one. Upon them be the blessings of God and His peace, and the peace of the Concourse on High and of those who circle round the Will of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath aided the Cause of his Lord and hearkened unto what was imparted unto him from the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. And praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what will be.

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Mine eyes are cheered, O my God, when I contemplate the tribulations that descend upon me from the heaven of Thy decree, and which have encompassed me on every side according to what Thy pen hath irrevocably established. I swear by Thy Self! Whatsoever is of Thee is well pleasing unto me, though it involve the bitterness of mine own death.

He Who was Thy Spirit (Jesus), O my God, withdrew all alone in the darkness of the night preceding His last day on earth, and falling on His face to the ground besought Thee saying: “If it be Thy will, O my Lord, my Well-Beloved, let this cup, through Thy grace and bounty, pass from me.”

By Thy beauty, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens! I can smell the fragrance of the words which, in His love for Thee, His lips have uttered, and can feel the glow of the fire that had inflamed His soul in its longing to behold Thy face and in its yearning after the Day-Spring of the light of Thy oneness, and the Dawning-Place of Thy transcendent unity.

As to me – and to this Thou art Thyself my witness – I call upon Thee saying: “I have no will of mine own, O my Lord, and my Master and my Ruler, before the indications of Thy will, and can have no purpose in the face of the revelation of Thy purpose. I swear by Thy glory! I wish only what Thou wishest, and cherish only what Thou cherishest. What I have chosen for myself is what Thou hast Thyself chosen for me, O

Thou the Possessor of my soul!" Nay, I find myself to be altogether nothing when face to face with the manifold revelations of Thy names, how much less when confronted with the effulgent splendors of the light of Thine own Self. O miserable me! Were I to attempt merely to describe Thee, such an attempt would itself be an evidence of my impiety, and would attest my heedlessness in the face of the clear and resplendent tokens of Thy oneness. Who else except Thee can claim to be worthy of any notice in the face of Thine own revelation, and who is he that can be deemed sufficiently qualified to adequately praise Thee, or to pride himself on having befittingly described Thy glory? Nay – and to this Thou dost Thyself bear witness –it hath incontrovertibly been made evident that Thou art the one God, the Incomparable, Whose help is implored by all men. From everlasting Thou wert alone, with none to describe Thee, and wilt abide for ever the same with no one else to equal or rival Thee. Were the existence of any co-equal with Thee to be recognized, how could it then be maintained that Thou art the Incomparable, or that Thy Godhead is immeasurably exalted above all peers or likeness? The contemplation of the highest minds that have recognized Thy unity failed to attain unto the comprehension of the One Thou hast created through the word of Thy commandment, how much more must it be powerless to soar into the atmosphere of the knowledge of Thine own Being. Every praise which any tongue or pen can recount, every imagination which any heart can devise, is debarred from the station which Thy most exalted Pen hath ordained, how much more must it fall short of the heights which Thou hast Thyself immensely exalted above the conception and the description of any creature. For the attempt of the evanescent to conceive the signs of the Uncreated is as the stirring of the drop before the tumult of Thy billowing oceans. Nay, forbid it, O my God, that I should thus venture to describe Thee, for every similitude and comparison must pertain to what is essentially created by Thee. How can then such similitude and comparison ever befit Thee, or reach up unto Thy Self?

By Thy glory, O my God! Though I recognize and firmly believe that no description which any except Thyself can give of Thee can beseem Thy

grandeur, and that no glory ascribed to Thee by any save Thyself can ever ascend into the atmosphere of Thy presence, yet were I to hold my peace, and cease to glorify Thee and to recount Thy wondrous glory, my heart would be consumed, and my soul would melt away.

My remembrance of Thee, O my God, quencheth my thirst, and quieteth my heart. My soul delighteth in its communion with Thee, as the sucking child delighteth itself in the breasts of Thy mercy; and my heart panteth after Thee even as one sore athirst panteth after the living waters of Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the God of mercy, in Whose hand is the lordship of all things!

I give thanks to Thee, O my God, that Thou hast suffered me to remember Thee. What else but remembrance of Thee can give delight to my soul or gladness to my heart? Communion with Thee enableth me to dispense with the remembrance of all Thy creatures, and my love for Thee empowereth me to endure the harm which my oppressors inflict upon me.

Send, therefore, unto my loved ones, O my God, what will cheer their hearts, and illumine their faces, and delight their souls. Thou knowest, O my Lord, that their joy is to behold the exaltation of Thy Cause and the glorification of Thy word. Do Thou unveil, therefore, O my God, what will gladden their eyes, and ordain for them the good of this world and of the world which is to come.

Thou art, verily, the God of power, of strength and of bounty.

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These are, O my God, the days whereon Thou didst enjoin Thy servants to observe the fast. With it Thou didst adorn the preamble of the Book of Thy Laws revealed unto Thy creatures, and didst deck forth the Repositories of Thy commandments in the sight of all who are in Thy heaven and all who are on Thy earth. Thou hast endowed every hour of these days with a special virtue, inscrutable to all except Thee, Whose knowledge embraceth all created things. Thou hast, also, assigned unto every soul a portion of this virtue in accordance with the Tablet of Thy decree and the Scriptures of Thine irrevocable judgment. Every leaf of these Books and Scriptures Thou hast, moreover, alloted to each one of the peoples and kindreds of the earth.

For Thine ardent lovers Thou hast, according to Thy decree, reserved, at each daybreak, the cup of Thy remembrance, O Thou Who art the Ruler of rulers! These are they who have been so inebriated with the wine of Thy manifold wisdom that they forsake their couches in their longing to celebrate Thy praise and extol Thy virtues, and flee from sleep in their eagerness to approach Thy presence and partake of Thy bounty. Their eyes have, at all times, been bent upon the Day-Spring of Thy loving-kindness, and their faces set towards the Fountain-Head of Thine inspiration. Rain down, then, upon us and upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy what beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounteousness and grace.

Lauded be Thy name, O my God! This is the hour when Thou hast unlocked the doors of Thy bounty before the faces of Thy creatures, and opened wide the portals of Thy tender mercy unto all the dwellers of Thine earth. I beseech Thee, by all them whose blood was shed in Thy path, who, in their yearning over Thee, rid themselves from all attachment to any of Thy creatures, and who were so carried away by the sweet savors of Thine inspiration that every single member of their bodies intoned Thy praise and vibrated to Thy remembrance, not to withhold from us the things Thou hast irrevocably ordained in this Revelation – a Revelation the potency of which hath caused every tree to cry out what the Burning Bush had aforetime proclaimed unto Moses, Who conversed with Thee, a Revelation that hath enabled every least pebble to resound again with Thy praise, as the stones glorified Thee in the days of Muhammad, Thy Friend.

These are the ones, O my God, whom Thou hast graciously enabled to have fellowship with Thee and to commune with Him Who is the Revealer of Thyself. The winds of Thy will have scattered them abroad until Thou didst gather them together beneath Thy shadow, and didst cause them to enter into the precincts of Thy court. Now that Thou hast made them to abide under the shade of the canopy of Thy mercy, do Thou assist them to attain what must befit so august a station. Suffer them not, O my Lord, to be numbered with them who, though enjoying near access to Thee, have been kept back from recognizing Thy face, and who, though meeting with Thee, are deprived of Thy presence.

These are Thy servants, O my Lord, who have entered with Thee in this, the Most Great Prison, who have kept the fast within its walls according to what Thou hadst commanded them in the Tablets of Thy decree and the Books of Thy behest. Send down, therefore, upon them what will thoroughly purge them of all Thou abhorrest, that they may be wholly devoted to Thee, and may detach themselves entirely from all except Thyself.

Rain down, then, upon us, O my God, that which beseemeth Thy grace and befitteth Thy bounty. Enable us, then, O my God, to live in remembrance of Thee and to die in love of Thee, and supply us with the gift of Thy presence in Thy worlds hereafter – worlds which are inscrutable to all except Thee. Thou art our Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and the God of all that are in heaven and all that are on earth.

Thou beholdest, O my God, what hath befallen Thy dear ones in Thy days. Thy glory beareth me witness! The voice of the lamentation of Thy chosen ones hath been lifted up throughout Thy realm. Some were ensnared by the infidels in Thy land, and were hindered by them from having near access to Thee and from attaining the court of Thy glory. Others were able to approach Thee, but were kept back from beholding Thy face. Still others were permitted, in their eagerness to look upon Thee, to enter the precincts of Thy court, but they allowed the veils of the imaginations of Thy creatures and the wrongs inflicted by the oppressors among Thy people to come in between them and Thee.

This is the hour, O my Lord, which Thou hast caused to excel every other hour, and hast related it to the choicest among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Self and by them, to ordain in the course of this year what shall exalt Thy loved ones. Do Thou, moreover, decree within this year what will enable the Day-Star of Thy power to shine brightly above the horizon of Thy glory, and to illuminate, by Thy sovereign might, the whole world.

Render Thy Cause victorious, O my Lord, and abase Thou Thine enemies. Write down, then, for us the good of this life and of the life to come. Thou art the Truth, Who knoweth the secret things. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O Amin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be befitting unto the Desired One Who, through His perfect power, all-encompassing will and penetrating decree, raised up the banner of “Verily I am God” between kings and subjects, erected the pavilion of glory in the most exalted places of the earth, and through the power of the Pen and the influence of the Word took possession of the realm of hearts. Unto Him be praise and glory, unto Him be gratitude and splendor. Thereafter the Most Great Branch writes, as the servant present had no time due to excessive writing. This is of God’s bounty unto thee and unto him. Tablets specifically addressed to Muhammad-’Ali and Yusuf Khan were sent - deliver them to Bahram-Abad. Beseech God that He may assist all to truly turn to Him and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful. The sum that you collected was received and sent to Khadra. Do not forget about the teacher’s cloak - if a good Na’ini cloak can be found it would be better and more suitable. The Tablet for the prince was sent, but act according to the consultation of Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. In these days special

favor was shown to Aqa Siyyid Faraj'u'llah, upon him be the glory of God - that is, manifest verses were revealed and sent to him. Mention was made of you and the friends of that land and the companions at the gate of Isfahan whom you had mentioned in His presence - this flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou, O Amin! Unceasingly hast thou mentioned the friends and loved ones of God and sought for each that which hath no likeness. Likewise specifically for Aqa Zaynu'l-'Abidin in the great city a Tablet was revealed and sent. Aqa Hashim Aqa Qadir from the land of K also sent a letter in the name of God expressing his intention to pay the Huquq. It was commanded that it be given to Aqa 'Ali-Haydar who would deliver it to you - act as previously mentioned and deliver it. O Amin, the glance of favor is ever directed toward [the poor]. Whatever arrives and is commanded, surely deliver it. In this divine age some of the wealthy ones have, praise be to God, been successful, but some have been deprived. Blessed is he whom God has enabled to serve His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Announcement. Convey greetings to the loved ones of God wherever they may be. Say: Know ye the value of these days and in this spiritual age and divine century adorn yourselves with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and arise to serve the Cause of God for which all have been created. We send greetings to Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and likewise to Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God. Replies to Varqa's petitions from before and after will arrive, and We likewise make mention of the other loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor, exalted be His glory. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Wherever you meet [Jinab-i-'Ayn-Ba], upon him be the glory of God, convey greetings and give him the glad-tidings and assurance of God's favor. And whatever you can deliver to them in these days is very beloved, acceptable, praiseworthy and rewarding. We beseech God to assist thee and him to serve His mighty Cause.

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He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon! O people of Ha and Mim! Blessed are ye for having attained unto the Day of God and His manifestation, and for having heard His call and turned toward the Mount when He Who converseth appeared, and toward the Tree and Him Who speaketh therein. Ye have turned toward Him on the day of rejection and acknowledged Him after the denial of the wicked ones, and directed yourselves unto Him on this mighty day. We make mention of you at this hour while the Faithful Spirit in the Supreme Paradise sayeth: "Happy are the people of Baha whom God remembereth in His mighty station!" Know ye your stations, then thank God, the Lord of the House and the Educator of all in the heavens and earths. A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein was your mention. We have remembered you with words the like of which the ear of the world hath not heard, nor have the eyes of nations seen their like. Praise ye the Lord, the Possessor of great bounty and wise command. O Nabil-i-Akbar! Hear the call once again that it may render thee detached from sorrows. Verily God is with thee - He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be not grieved by worldly events. In all matters place thy trust in God, exalted be His glory. He will protect thee as He protected thee before. The world hath ever been the place of vicissitudes, yet its passing away is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. Its changes and variations testify to its impermanence. Therefore it is not mentioned nor considered by those souls who have tasted of the heavenly food and eternal bounties. O Muhammad-Rida! Thou hast attained unto My mention which no other mention equalleth, nor the

treasures of the righteous or wicked. Thank thy Lord for this manifest bounty. The Glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon everyone steadfast and firm. O Muhammad-Baqir! Previously in that land occurred that which caused the eye of justice to weep and equity to lament, and there befell the Wronged One from the heedless one that which the Pen is powerless and unable to mention. Likewise in Kurdistan the heedless one at last cast the fire of passion upon the leaves of the Tree. Glory be to God! Despite divine counsel and heavenly admonition some acted in such manner as caused the Concourse on high and the company of the sincere to cry out "I seek refuge in Thee, O God of the worlds!" And even greater than that hath appeared in these days in the great city. By the life of God, it burned hearts and consumed livers! The oppressor who claimed love, when the desire for treachery emerged from his greed and covetousness, abandoned God, glorified be His majesty, allied with His enemy and assailed His friend. Thus do We recount for thee what befell Us from him who rent the veil of trustworthiness, chastity and fidelity. When he saw a believer he said "I believe in God," and when he saw an idolater he denied God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My mention on this night. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of God's tender mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Muhammad-'Ali H.S.! Upon thee be the eternal Glory of God! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me, made me know Thee, guided me to Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy will which hath prevailed over all contingent beings, to make me of those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of knowledge through Thy grace and favor. O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the heaven of Thy mercy and awaiting the rain-showers from the clouds of Thy grace. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

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O thou who art immersed in the gulf that brancheth from the Most Great Sea and gazeth toward the horizon gleaming and resplendent with the lights of the Morn of Eternity! Know thou that We have adorned thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth present with the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and We have become aware of what thou didst desire in thy open and private commune. We found thy remembrance like the songs of lovers in their longing and yearning. At one time thou didst behold the Beloved with thine eye and didst mention Him in such wise that We perceived from it the fragrance of coquetry and boldness - though this beseemeth not the Beloved Who hath been manifested upon the horizons with the lights of this Effulgence. And at another time thou didst turn to Him with His own eye and didst describe Him in such wise that We perceived from it the fragrance of detachment and thy arising to serve God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. It is as though in these two mentions in the two stations thou didst desire naught but the hearkening of the Lord of Names. Therefore We loved not to answer thee with the utterances of the people of allusions among the followers of religions. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the two chalices the wine of remembrance in the mention of the two Most Exalted Names on this Day which God hath made the Lord of Days. O thou who advancest toward the Supreme Horizon! Be moved by the motion apparent from the heat of God's compelling Word, which God hath made sanctified from the three motions which are the six and

what is above them of the motions mentioned in the books of the people. Thus doth the Lord of all beings command thee. And this motion, though it revolveth around itself, yet it hath motions which none knoweth save thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. At one time thou seest it controlled by stillness, for We have made the most powerful thing to control it, and at another time stillness itself appeareth from it. Exalted be God, thy Lord, the Powerful, the One Who prevaileth over opposites! The contingent hath ever been within the bounds of contingency, and creation in its places, and the Truth is He Who cannot be known through mention and utterance, nor through wisdom and examples. Be thou a station of stillness and expansiveness. As for stillness, it controlleth the motion produced from the Word as mentioned before, and as for expansiveness, that I may build upon thee a house for My remembrance according to what I desire. When thou knowest the purpose, say: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the servants and Ruler over the lands!" If thou wert to know what We intended for thee in the depths of these allusions, joy and longing would seize thee to a station wherein thou wouldst find thyself detached from all directions. If thou wert to reflect upon the very act of advancing and thy journey unto the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, thou wouldst recognize what was mentioned in thy letter through witnessing and vision. We shall aid thee in this. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. We desired to sanctify thee from what is with the people and make thee a herald of this Mention that dominateth over all in creation and a bearer of glad tidings of this Most Great News among the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then know thou that at the time when thou didst advance toward God, thou wast created anew from the water of the spirit. Beware lest thou mention this clear water as mean - the first was ordained for the former ones, and the second for whoso advanceth toward the Dayspring that was luminous with the lights of the Countenance. Verily thy advancing is itself receptivity, and it was verily a divine bounty deposited by the Truth within thyself by thyself, and entering into thee not as a thing entereth into a thing. When the appointed time came, it appeared from thee - preserve it thus! Thus doth thy Lord command thee, He Who was sanctified from entering and leaving, from this station that was raised up in the name of God. And thus did We call out to thee from the right side of the luminous Spot, that thou mightest thank thy Lord and arise to serve His Cause with joy and attraction. Verily the glory be upon thee, O thou who advancest toward God in the final goal!

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In the Name of Him through Whom the Herald hath called out from the supreme horizon! O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! The gates of utterance have been opened to the people of creation through the key of the name of the All-Merciful, and the gems of existence have attained to that which was mentioned in the divine Books of the past and future and recorded by the Pen of bounty. Well is it with thee for having drawn nigh and attained the presence and heard and seen that for which most of the peoples of the world yearned and hastened to the supreme companion. We beseech God to assist thee to drink from the wine of divine mercy in the name of God and to bestow it upon the company of lovers. Praise be to God, thou hast attained to that which is greater and more beloved than all things with God, and that is the knowledge of Him. Thou hast attained the honor of attaining His presence and found thy way to the Kaaba of the intended goal. If thou wert to offer praise and thanksgiving for the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm it would not be mentioned before the ocean of His grace. We

beseech God to assist His loved ones there and give them glad tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all created things. He is the Revealer of verses and the Exalter of ranks. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Shaykh Kazim, We have heard thy call and have mentioned thee with this blessed and exalted Word. Beware lest anything keep thee back from God, the Lord of the kingdom of names. Hold fast to His cord, be detached from all else, be attracted by His verses, be enkindled with the fire of His Cause, and act according to what He hath revealed in His wondrous Book. We counsel thee and the friends to wisdom and to such conduct and deeds as attract hearts. Glory be upon thee and upon him who is named ’Abdu’l-’Ali. We send greetings upon him from this exalted station.

O servant of ’Ali, servitude to God is more excellent than servitude to the world. Through God’s infinite bounty thou hast attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Source of verses. This is the exalted station of servitude, the degrees of which have been sent down in the books of utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this mighty station. We beseech Him to record for thee the reward of attaining His presence. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O ’Ali-Akbar, the Wronged One mentioneth thee from the Most Great Scene and saith: The Promised One hath come. Today the Gospel calleth out to the peoples of the world saying: “The Glory hath appeared and He Who was mentioned by My tongue and concealed in My heart and hidden in My breast hath come. Turn ye unto Him, O people, and be not of the heedless.”

O Yahya, take hold of the Book with the power of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Then give thanks to Him night and day for having caused thee to attain His glorious and luminous Day.

O Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali, the Sun of Truth speaketh and the Kingdom of utterance bestoweth its bounties at all times, yet most of the people of the world are debarred and veiled from it. Their deeds have kept them back from the light that shineth and is manifest. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of knowledge when the All-Merciful was seated upon the throne of His mighty Name.

O Husayn-Qabli-Quli, We counsel thee and the friends in that land to fear God and to that which behooveth His holy and mighty Cause. Associate with one another in spirit and fragrance and assist God through praiseworthy deeds and conduct. By the life of God, these hosts are the most powerful hosts in the world in the estimation of the Lord of ancient days. He speaketh the truth and guideth to the way, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful. Glory be from Us upon you and upon My loved ones there and upon every discerning knower.

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In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance!

O Husayn, upon thee be My peace and My glory! The effulgences of the Sun of Grace have encompassed the world, and God, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with the banner of “He doeth whatsoever He

willeth" and the standard of "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." All the monotheists, the sincere ones, and the angels drawn nigh are standing present before the Throne. Yet the people of the world remain veiled and deprived. By God's life! At all times the waters of wisdom and utterance flow from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet there is no thirst. O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! Ancient matters have arisen; smoke hath overtaken the realm of the Bayan and deprived eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. They make mention of corruption; vain imaginings have appeared in new garments. The people of the Bayan are seen to be more lost than the previous party, though they have witnessed the fruits of the deeds of the previous thousand and two hundred years. The scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing are raised at all times, yet ears capable of hearing are very rare, as scarce as red sulphur. Convey My greetings to the friends in the land of Shin. Each one hath been mentioned in the Most Holy Court. "We have made some to excel others." Soon that which hath been ordained from My Most Exalted Pen shall be made manifest. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering One. Say: O people of God! Consider the fruit of the deeds of the party of the Shi'ites. "Take ye heed, O people of insight!" Throughout ages and centuries, in mosques and from pulpits they were occupied with the mention of the Qa'im and were expectant of His days. Yet when the horizon of the world became illumined and resplendent with the Light of Manifestation, all arose to extinguish the divine light. Both learned and ignorant engaged in cursing, and finally they issued the decree for His execution and shed His blood. Now the people of the Bayan are in evident loss. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of deluded souls. He is powerful and mighty over all things. His honor 1111, upon him be My glory, hath been and is mentioned before the Countenance and hath attained special favors. Soon he shall behold that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Likewise mention thou on behalf of this Wronged One Muhammad B.H., upon him be My glory, and all the loved ones of that land. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen them to remain steadfast in His Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the divines nor the might of the powerful shall move them. O people of God! This Day is your day. Take the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, then drink thereof in spite of the divines of the earth and its jurists who have pronounced judgment against God without any clear proof or Book. His honor Ism-i-Jud (the Name of Bounty), upon him be My glory, forwarded your letter to the Most Holy Court. We saw and heard it, and this Tablet was sent down from the heaven of Will in reply, that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and be of the thankful. We have sent wondrous and sublime Tablets, equal in number to the Most Great Name, especially for the loved ones of Nayriz. Forward them to his honor Mulla Shafi', upon him be My glory, that he may deliver them. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine sealed from the hands of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and were among the successful ones.

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In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker

O 'Attar! Upon thee be the Glory of My Name, the All-Forgiving. The fragrance of thy faith hath been diffused and wafted throughout the cities of mention, utterance, wisdom and exposition. Blessed art

thou, and blessed is he who is with thee, and he who loveth thee for the sake of My hallowed, mighty and luminous Countenance. Convey My greetings to all the kindred. This is the Day of joy and expansion. All must, each day, partake of the waters of divine love and strive mightily to exalt the Word of God. Praise be to God that the friends in all regions are holding fast to the Cause and clinging to the Will of God, even as the martyrs in the land of Ya attained martyrdom without transgressing against anyone, for the hands of might and power were bound by the cord of divine restraint. Blessed are they who have held fast to the Will of God, detached from their own desires.

Mention was made of Aqa Khan Kirmani. He is known for things without parallel - among them they say he can perfectly copy anyone's handwriting. After his arrival in this land, bounty was bestowed according to possibility. However, those who cling to every plant and turn to every face are not and were not worthy to enter this arena. For mankind there have been and are endless paths - some show love to both friends and enemies. We beseech God to protect you and Us from such as these, and We ask Him to help them return unto Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

In any case, regard all save God as non-existent. We beseech God to aid you and all the friends to love and unite the hearts of His servants. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before your faces the gates of mercy and blessing. He is the Mighty, the Generous, the Lord of Great Bounty, of Supreme Grace, and of Greatest Favor. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Effusive. And We beseech God to forgive, through His bounty, him for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. He is the Most Merciful of the Merciful.

The Glory shining forth at this hour from this luminous Beauty be upon thee, O Abu'l-Qasim. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive thee through His sovereignty and to cause thee to enter, in the highest Paradise and loftiest Heaven, the presence of His Prophets' mercy, and to send down upon thee His enduring and sublime blessings. He is the All-Giving, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O 'A Aqa! We mentioned thee before, and We love to mention thee at this time, as My Branch was present and desired thy mention. We have sent down for thee that from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of eternity, and the sincere ones the sweet scents of glory, pardon and bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Lord of all mankind. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Gh! Verily My Most Exalted Pen desired to mention thee on this day wherein God hath sent down from the clouds of His mercy the rains of His bounty upon His lands. When thou findest and hearest this, say: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be to Thee for having mentioned this servant who hath attained to turning unto Thee in Thy mighty and wondrous Day."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ha! The 'Ayn and Ta have mentioned thee. We have sent down for thee that which hath caused the breath of utterance to be wafted throughout creation and the fragrance of the All-Merciful to spread through all lands. Exalted is the Generous One, possessed of supreme grace, Who speaketh at this hour - verily He is God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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O Haji Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, All-Seeing Lord. O Kazim ’Ali-Akbar! Your letter, and the letter concerning the Pilgrim House, have been received and achieved the honor of being heard before His presence. Praise be to God that you have been favored with His grace and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Your mention has been and continues to be before the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to aid you with the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily He is the Lord of the world and the Ancient Sovereign. There is no God but Him, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Powerful.

You made mention of what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur’an. Yes, the Wronged One bears witness that it is the truth in which there is no doubt. However, for the “fresh and withered” there have been and are many meanings. The primary meaning of “fresh” refers to utterances that draw man closer to the Truth, that is, bring him nearer to God, while “withered” is that which removes him from His straight path - namely the divines and theologians of the earth whom you see today lying prostrate as if they were hollow palm-trunks. They acknowledge the Book yet turn away from the Mother Book. They have ever been the cause of preventing the servants from the supreme horizon. Their own actions testify to this. Though they acknowledge the greatness of the Cause, yet they remain heedless and withered. In every age and era, rulers have acted according to the verdict of the divines. That at which the Pen lamented and the Tablet wept!

Some time ago, in a Tablet to one of His loved ones, this exalted Word was revealed: In Our childhood We would hear that a certain divine was discoursing about the word “Qa’im”, saying that according to traditions, on the Day of His manifestation He would utter a word from which even the most learned would flee. O company of the ignorant! This is that Word - He now declares “He” in the garment of “I”, and the Hidden One speaks as “I am the Manifest One.” Say: This is that Word at whose might all have trembled save whom God has willed. By “divines” in these passages is meant those souls who have prevented people from the shore of the Divine Unity. Otherwise, the learned one who acts upon his knowledge and the just sage are as the spirit to the body of the world. Blessed is the learned one whose head is adorned with the crown of justice and whose temple is adorned with the ornament of equity.

O Kazim! In another Tablet too, some reference was made to “fresh and withered”. Knowledge is with God. Today the purpose is that if someone truly attains the honor of acceptance, he should exert his utmost effort to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity that blazes between the peoples of the world. Supplicate God, exalted be His glory, by night and day, to protect His servants. O Kazim! The divine religion has ever been for unity, concord, fellowship and love, yet ignorant servants have made it the cause and reason for hatred. This is the world-consuming fire. We beseech God to quench this fire with the water of wisdom and utterance, that all the world may find repose beneath the shadow of His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

If you find any friends, convey Our greetings. We counsel all to spiritual qualities and goodly deeds, and that whereby man’s station is exalted in the contingent world. Verily He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

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O Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon thee be the peace of God, Lord of all worlds! What hath befallen thee hath grieved Me to such an extent that for several days I laid down My pen. God knoweth, and thou knowest, that My counseling pen hath never ceased. It hath revealed that which was the cause of the upliftment of existence and the exaltation of souls. From the heaven of every Tablet hath shone forth the Sun of justice, and We have enjoined upon all to observe it and to practice fairness, from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of bounty and favors. Among the people are those who have hearkened to the call of the Wronged One and counseled others through their deeds and character, and among them are those who have cast counsel behind their backs. Glory be to God! The Pen is bewildered and the Tablet is bewildered as to what to mention and what effect will appear. Great is this Day, the Day whereon the secrets shall be tried. Its witness and testimony are the secrets of hearts and breasts, "the treachery of the eyes and that which the breasts conceal." This is the description of this Day. We beseech God to adorn His servants with the raiment of fairness and to illumine their hearts with the lights of love and fellowship.

In all the Books, both past and future, He hath commanded that the unitarians and those who have turned towards Him should prefer others over themselves. They should make their paramount concern the vindication of truth and the elimination of falsehood, and should choose for their brethren what they choose for themselves.

In any case, thy grief hath added to Our griefs. However, since bearing hardship and tribulation in these days, and likewise patience and steadfastness under afflictions, are accounted before God as among the most excellent and most praiseworthy of deeds, there is no cause for concern. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee under all conditions, to reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for thee that which beseemeth the heaven of His bounty and the ocean of His generosity. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thy verses and prose have been presented and heard. From every letter We have detected the fragrance of thy love, thy steadfastness, and thy patience in what hath befallen thee. Verily, God is the All-Patient, and He hath commanded His servants to observe gracious patience. A bountiful reward for the patient ones hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book.

Today is the day of utterance and exposition, and the day of unity and harmony. Had the loved ones held fast to the counsels recorded in the Tablets, they would now behold the world adorned and illumined with the light of justice and fairness. Some deeds act as barriers and veils. We beseech God to assist all to return and repent, and to arise to make good what hath escaped them. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

Peace be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thy end, and upon those who have cast away the forbidden and taken hold of the good which they were commanded to observe in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of the hearts of them that long for Him.

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Let the honored brother, Jinab-i-Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be God’s peace, take note.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath, through His grace and bounty, bestowed upon us the gift of recognition and sent down from the clouds of His generosity the table of utterance. And peace and blessings be upon the Point of Existence and the Manifestation of the names of our Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, through Whom the Book of Divine Unity was adorned and the Point of Detachment appeared, and upon His family and companions who cast away vain imaginings and attained the lights of certitude and arose with their spirits to serve the Cause of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

To proceed: Your letter was like unto a hoopoe bearing glad tidings of your good health. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of the world’s peoples, Who hath singled out His loved ones with His special favors. After it was read before His presence, He said: “Let them place their trust in God in all matters and occupy themselves with their work. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The fruit of the tree of insight and wisdom is consultation. Take counsel in matters, and when thou hast decided, place thy trust in God, the Single, the Strong, the Almighty. It is well that thou shouldst engage alone in an occupation. Blessing lieth within His mighty grasp. Be not remiss in thy work. His grace and confirmation have reached thee and will continue to reach thee. And if something else should appear from consultation, [it] is acceptable before His presence. We beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to grant [thee] success and confirmation. Be thou confident in God’s grace and mercy, and be among the steadfast.”

Today the tongue of favor in the Kingdom of utterance beseeches imperishable bounty for all. Should God will it, the friends of God shall attain unto it, for generosity is His attribute and grace is among His characteristics. If a suitable location is found, this would be and is closest to piety, but consultation is necessary, as was told to you in person. Engage in business, for He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He willeth. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the trials of the Manifestations of Thy names and attributes, and by the afflictions of the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause and the Daysprings of Thy Revelation, to ordain for me that which shall make me content with Thy good-pleasure and with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy generosity and grace. O my Lord! I am he who hath fled from all else save Thee, turning unto Thee and standing before the door of Thy will. I beseech Thee to make me among those who have held fast to Thy will, turning away from their own wills and desires. Thou art He Who hath ever been the Helper of the servants, their Provider, their Protector and their Succourer. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Books and Thy Scrolls and [Thy Tablets] and by [the ocean of Thy knowledge] which none hath comprehended save Thyself, to send down upon me a blessing from Thy presence and [a bounty from Thy side. Verily Thou] art the Munificent, the Generous.

Praise be to God, you are blessed with His grace. Be [occupied with work]. Profit has come and will come. Consultation with the gentlemen, may God’s peace be upon them, is beloved in every matter, and surely they are trustworthy and speak with justice, fairness, trustworthiness and piety. All your relatives are safe

and at ease, adorned with the ornament of good health. The apple of our eye, Aqa ’Abdu’l-Husayn, is engaged in study with the new teacher. God willing, may he be successful and at rest beneath the shadow of His grace. Peace be upon you, and God’s mercy and blessings.

The Servant

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To the honored Master Ali-Akbar Najjar in Hadba

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to God Who has appeared and caused the Tablet and the Pen to appear, and taught man what he knew not. He is the One manifest among the nations and known by the Greatest Name. When He desires to subdue the world, He breathes into His Most Exalted Pen, whereupon the princes are thunderstruck and the poor, who were seized by the stupor of abasement in the kingdom of creation, awaken. At times He moves it and at times He withholds it, in accordance with His wisdom. He is verily the Ruler, the Seizer, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous. And I pray and send peace upon those who have attained His days, heard His call and arose to serve His Cause. They are servants whom the denizens of Paradise and the dwellers of the precincts of nearness serve. This servant beseeches his Lord to enable him to love them, befriend them and remember them. He is verily the Protector of the doers of good.

O my beloved! Your letter which you had sent several months ago reached this evanescent servant. It brought joy and gladness, and later at a suitable time it was presented before the Countenance of the Beloved. He said: “God willing, through the key of the Most Great Remembrance the doors of the hearts of the servants will be opened, that all may behold and observe with the eye of heart and spirit the splendors of the Sun of meanings.”

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The servant came with your letter and presented it before the Wronged One. We found from it the fragrance of your love and the sweet-scents of your sincerity towards God, the Lord of the Throne and earth and the Master of all beings. We have remembered you with this Most Great Remembrance that you may be of the thankful ones. Say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who caused me to hear Thy call, showed me Thy beauty, cast upon me Thy love, acquainted me with Thy Balance and taught me Thy Straight Path! I beseech Thee to preserve me in all conditions within the precincts of Thy most great mercy, beneath the shade of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Then cause me, O my God, to be content with Thy good-pleasure and to be annihilated in Thy Will and Purpose. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Branches to ordain for me […] in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.”

Another matter: regarding what you wrote about the blessed skullcap - truly it was a sign of favor towards you. Praise be to God, you attained with utmost joy and delight. Praise be to God, and the

skullcap which you sent by post arrived and attained the most great honor. This is glad-tidings that brings joy to heart and soul and spirit. Blessed art thou for having attained the grace of thy Lord, and blessed are those who have attained the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. And regarding your apology for the delay, He said: “There is no harm. The purpose was to show favor, and praise be to God, you attained unto it.” Glory be upon you and upon your wife who has believed and attained unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

This evanescent servant is grateful and […] to God, exalted be His glory, that out of His supreme grace He adorned you with the ornament of His remembrance. Blessed art thou and the handmaiden of God who is with thee. This servant’s request is that you convey to all the friends the Most Great, Most Sublime, Most Holy greeting. Glory be upon you from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful!

Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Unique, Who hath taken unto Himself neither counselor nor peer. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books testifying that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been established upon the throne of power, might and majesty, and will continue to abide in the heights of loftiness and sovereignty. The conditions of nations have not frustrated Him, nor have the manifestations of the world rendered Him powerless. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

Thereafter, the servant received your letter. When I opened it, read it and understood it, I approached the Most Holy Court and presented its contents before His Countenance. Thereupon the tongue of the Beloved uttered that which caused the fragrance of utterance to be diffused throughout all possibility. He said: “May he, God willing, be blessed with divine favors and be assisted in that which He loveth and is pleased with. In truth divine confirmation hath become his companion. They must, through the grace of the All-Merciful, protect him.”

O Taqi! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee from this station both near and far, and giveth thee glad tidings of His remembrance of thee. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

And remember ye the Lord of the world with this prayer. He is the One Who calleth from the horizon of utterance:

“Glory be unto Thee, O Thou before Whose oneness the most ardent lovers of Thy unity have proved powerless, and around Whose exalted station the most accomplished among them who have recognized Thee circle in adoration! Through Thee the gate of knowledge and utterance was unlocked, and by Thy Name the light shone forth from the horizon of creation. Through Thy manifestation the breezes of

holiness were wafted, and by Thy will the Pen of the All-Merciful moved, and through Thee the fragrance of the garment was diffused throughout the world, and the ocean of pre-existence surged through Thy Most Great Name.

I testify that Thou hast fulfilled what Thou didst promise in Thy Book and hast manifested the Day which Thou hast attributed to Thyself. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized and hastened with his heart to Thy horizon, and the face that hath turned unto Thy countenance, and the seeing one who hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the hearing one who hath heard Thy sweetest call.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and glory be unto Thee, O my Master, and radiance be unto Thee, O my First and my Last, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy manifestation, and caused me to hear the call of Sinai, and removed from before my face the veils of glory which had prevented the servants from turning towards the station of might, nearness and beauty.

By Thy glory, O Lord of all horizons and Manifest One on the Day of the Covenant! Were I to praise Thee with all the tongues of the world and glorify Thee in the oceans of knowledge through Thy Most Great Name, it would not equal a single one of Thy gifts or any of Thy favors which have encompassed me from all directions.

By Thy glory, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I am ashamed to make mention of Thee, and whenever I desire to remember Thee, I am held back by the evidences of Thy greatness and the manifestations of Thy might and power. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, to ordain for me from the Supreme Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O my Lord! Thou seest my poverty, my powerlessness, my tribulation and my need. Have mercy upon me, O my God, through the wonders of Thy mercy. Then preserve me from all that may keep me back from drawing nigh unto Thee. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of bounty and generosity, to grant me the Most Great Steadfastness, the description of which hath proved beyond the power of all created things. Verily Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou withholdest and Thou givest. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

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In the name of God, the One, the Incomparable!

Today the Daystar of the Word of God is dawning above your horizon. The Pen of Utterance is shining and resplendent, and through but one of its rays the hearts of the peoples of the world are being illumined. Today the enkindling fire of love is manifest and evident in the world. Say: O high priests! The Ocean of bounty is surging before your eyes. Forsake your idle fancies and fix your gaze upon the horizon of the luminary of certitude. Lead them that have gone astray unto the tabernacle of the recognition of Him Who is the Desire of all mankind. Ye have been called into being for the purpose of serving this Day of

Victory. All the holy books and scriptures have announced unto all the glad-tidings of this blessed Day and rejoiced at its advent. Through the power of trust and detachment, strive ye to attain this exalted station, and deprive neither yourselves nor mankind from its life-giving water.

O Husayn! Thy letter arrived and was read in Our presence. The Ocean of Grace hath turned towards thee from the direction of the prison, and every wave thereof proclaimeth this exalted word: May the eye of the world and its peoples be illumined, for the preamble is manifest in the conclusion and the light that was hidden from the faces is evident. Every servant during these days must renounce three things in order to attain three things. The three things that must be renounced are covetousness, idle fancy, and selfish desire, and the three things to be attained are recognition, acknowledgement, and certitude. These are the secrets of Him Who is the All-Sufficing, which have been set forth in the heavenly Tablets and guarded and preserved in the treasury of divine infallibility. Make mention of Bahram of old, the ruler of mankind, and impart unto him the hidden secrets which are being revealed today from the treasuries of the Pen and Inkwell. We beseech God to assist him that through divine power he may suffer the high priests to attain the original intention. Say: Today is the day for service and rising up, not for sitting down and dreaming idle dreams. Tear asunder, then, the veils and dispel the obscuring mists from your midst that the peoples of the world may be informed of the Hidden Secret, discover the one Beloved, and attain His presence.

O Husayn! The call is uplifted at all times. Blessed is the ear that is sanctified from the tales of the peoples of the world and hearkeneth unto the summons of the Lord of all names. Send My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Say: Today, when heaven is adorned with the Sun of God's providence, hasten ye unto the hearts that haply ye may discover and apprehend the reason and purpose for the manifestation of existence. Today all the treasures of the world are not equal to one drop of the Ocean of true understanding.

When thou hast received My Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My favor, say: O God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge. Suffer them to enter beneath the shadow of the tabernacle of Thy grandeur and the depths of the ocean of Thy unity. O Lord! Thou seest me turning towards Thee, anticipating the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy grace unto myself and Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Finger, through whose movement all existence, both visible and invisible, hath been set into motion, to unlock before the faces of Thy loved ones the gates of Thy gifts and Thy blessings, Thy exaltation and Thy might. Assist them that they may take hold of Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, clinging to Thy cord and turning towards the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. No God is there but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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He hath revealed unto Qasim Khan of Sirjan. In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Great!

Hearken unto My call from the direction of the Prison, that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been one God, Single, Self-Subsisting, the Eternal, and will forever remain as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Generous.

O people! Dispute not concerning the Cause of God. Unite in His love and good-pleasure, then walk in the path of truth - this is indeed the straight path. Follow God's laws and ordinances, and be not of the transgressors. Purify your hearts from the allusions of those who have disbelieved, even should they come with the books of the ancients. Say: Today no soul's faith shall profit it unless it believeth in God in this Most Great, this Mighty Manifestation. Turn wholly unto God, then detach thyself from the doubtful ones who claim faith in Ali aforetime, yet when their Beloved came unto them they denied Him. The curse of God be upon the liars!

Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in all matters in thy Ancient Lord. Say: O people! That which ye were promised in the Bayan hath come to pass. It behooveth you therefore to render thanks unto God at all times, yet ye are struck with terror in your souls. Alas for you and for those who have denied God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Powerful! Open your eyes that ye may behold the lights of your Lord's countenance shining forth from this manifest Horizon. Fear ye God, and commit not that which they committed who denied God from time immemorial and were deprived of Paradise after its gates were opened unto all in the heavens and earth.

O people! He hath appeared with the signs of Ali, the proof of Muhammad, the evidence of the Spirit, the testimony of Moses, the traces of the Friend, and the proofs of all the Prophets and Messengers. Think not of Him as ye have thought of God's Messengers of old. Follow your Lord, the All-Merciful, then cross the path through My Name and sovereignty, and be not of them that hesitate. Say: He hath been tried before all religions, and behind them the people of the Bayan and their leaders whom We nurtured in those days and protected from the harm of the oppressors.

O people! I have reached such a point in affliction that the very essence of affliction weepeth for My soul, were ye but to know. The evil ones of the Bayan have united with the evil ones of the Furqan to violate My honor, until I was prevented from mentioning God. Woe unto them! Then burning fire be upon them for having committed that which the oppressors never committed. At every moment they plot in God's Cause, but God is more subtle in His plotting. Soon will He seize them with His might, for He is the severest of avengers. Thus hath befallen the Youth in this Prison from His servants, yet the people are in grievous heedlessness.

Thou, therefore, aid thy Lord with all thy power, and follow not them that have disbelieved and associated partners with God. Follow thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. He sufficeth thee against all who are in the heavens and earth, and He is the Protector of the sincere. Fear no one in the path of thy Lord. Protection is in His hand - He protecteth whom He willeth by His command. There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Wise. Occupy thyself with His remembrance and praise amongst His creatures, then shun the hosts of Satan. And may the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Cause be upon thee and upon Our assured servants.

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He is the Imprisoned Youth Who was imprisoned in the path of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling

O Hasan! Hearken to the murmuring of the waters of inner meanings which flow in the paradise of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. By God! Through its murmuring the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted and the hearts of those who drank the choice wine of the Most Glorious from the Youth Who was named with Our Most Exalted Name were set ablaze. We sent Him in truth and made Him a mercy to all the worlds. Say: He who was barred from this Revelation had not drunk of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful from the hand of the Point of the Bayan, and should he claim this, all who are in the heavens and earth would give him the lie. Say: He manifested Himself solely for My firm and wondrous Cause and came unto you only for My revelation and sovereignty, as attested by what We revealed unto Him, if ye be of those who perceive. Whoso hath believed in this Revelation hath verily drunk of the rivers of the Bayan from the hand of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and was among the triumphant. Say: Were it not for My remembrance, the Bayan would not have been revealed nor would the Beloved of the worlds have offered up His life.

Know then that thy letter hath come before Us and We have learned of its contents. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him with a nearness after which no remoteness followeth. Verily He hath power over all things. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Cause whereby the Names and their kingdoms were overturned, and the quaking of the Command and the might of divine wrath seized them all save whom God preserved through a sovereignty from Him and upheld through His grace. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Make mention of My imprisonment and tribulation among My creatures that perchance they may make good what hath escaped them in this wondrous and exalted Cause. They who soared in the atmosphere of My nearness and ascended to the heights of My Cause - a single hair of one of them is better than all previous peoples combined. He who hath not cast behind him all who are in the heavens and earth shall never be able to turn toward My shining and luminous countenance. And whoso turneth toward it, the dwellers of Paradise turn toward him and the angels drawn nigh circle round about him.

Say: O people! Purify your tongues from mention of these base ones and sanctify your hearts from remembrance of these transgressors who have taken their passions as a god besides God and disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed. And when it is said unto them by what proof do they adduce what the peoples of old adduced, say: By God! Ye and what ye possess and that whereby ye seek to prove shall never be mentioned before God, and ye are now among the lowest of the low. Verily he who hath recognized this Revelation placeth his foot upon their heads and leaveth them to themselves, turning instead to Him through a mere gesture from Whose servant’s finger the veils were rent asunder, the allusions were erased, and every lofty and towering mountain was crushed.

Rejoice thou in My love and grieve not save at My grief. Thus doth the Pen of My Command enjoin thee and the Tongue of My mercy and favor give thee glad-tidings, and We were ever watchful over thee. Know then that the Wanderer in the realm of Oneness was with Us, swimming in the depths of

glorification and sanctification, and the Sun of Beauty dawned upon him from the horizon of grandeur with manifest radiance. And since he is now in another land, God sends greetings from him to thee and to thy wife and children, and to those who have believed in God, the One, the Peerless, the Unique, the Incomparable. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and kindle them with the heat of the mention of thy Lord's Name, the Most High, the Supreme, Who speaketh in all things saying: "There is no God but Me, the Ever-Abiding King, the Just, the All-Wise."

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O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! When thy letter came before the Divine Throne wherein thou didst inquire about those who were martyred in the path of God, who fulfilled their Covenant and were among the martyrs, We have answered what thou didst ask of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. We have sent down for each one of them decisive verses and radiant words, one letter of which cannot be equaled by all that hath been created in the realm of invention and fashioned in the kingdom of creation, if thou be of them that understand. We have ordained for each one of them in the Supreme Horizon an exalted and glorious station. By God the Truth! The eye of God beholdeth them and there descendeth upon them mercy after mercy, then bounty after bounty. Thus doth God send down wondrous bounties upon those who were martyred in His path, and He shall resurrect them once again in truth and make them leaders over all created things. These are they who shall inherit the kingdom from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious. They shall rule over the earth by the command of God, thy Lord, and shall speak that which the Spirit uttereth in their illumined and crystal hearts. O Zaynu'l-Baqa! Shouldst thou meet any of their families, magnify God before his face and inform him of that which hath been ordained concerning him by the Pen of God, the Munificent, the Bestower, the Just, the All-Wise. And shouldst thou ask God to forgive all who are in the heavens and on earth, He would answer thee. Thus have We distinguished thee with this bounty that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of the thankful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through the power and might of God, then convey unto the people the message with which We have commanded thee. Rest not within thyself, and be not of them that are at ease. Dost thou wish to take thine ease while the Ancient Beauty is beneath the claws of the hateful ones? Regard the people and what they possess as but a handful of clay which a child fashioneth into the likeness of a seal, then casteth upon it a handful of dust. Thus regard all save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, except those who have held fast unto the cord of God and turned their faces purely to the face of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great. By God the Truth! Those who have remained firm upon the seat of recognition in this Cause which hath appeared from the horizon of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting - upon them do the realities of the Prophets and Messengers shower their prayers. And were We to find one who hath attained maturity, We would impart unto him that which We have concealed from all who are in the heavens and on earth since the beginning that hath no beginning. But since We found the servants veiled and heedless, then in weakness and frailty, We have therefore concealed the mysteries and that which is better for them than all that hath been and shall be created, if thou be of them that know. And thou, on this day, behold naught save My beauty, hear naught save My melodies, and turn to none save My direction which God hath sanctified from all directions and quarters and preserved from the gaze of the idolaters. Were the people to become aware of what they have wrought

against their own selves, they would flee from their homes and strike their heads and wail until their spirits depart from their bodies, for they have deprived themselves of a bounty the like of which hath never appeared in creation, yet they perceive it not within themselves and are of them that rejoice. And glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting

O Breeze of Paradise! Waft upon all created things even as the breezes of holiness have wafted upon thee from this transcendent, mighty and luminous Quarter. Fear no one in the Cause of thy Lord, but place thy trust in God, the Omnipotent, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Remind those who have believed of that wherewith We have reminded thee from behind the Mountain of the Spirit, the Spot of God, the All-Knowing, the Generous. Pay no heed to the people and what they possess, for they have clung only to a coarse rope. Thus do We cast upon thee from the verses of innovation according to the nature of God, the Supreme, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Close thine eyes to all who are in the heavens and on earth, save those whom thou findest upon the straight line in this crimson Thread. Beyond this, turn not to anyone, but remain in a mighty sanctity. And if thou findest a pure, holy and luminous heart, cast upon it that which God hath cast upon thy heart, and inform it, in the inmost mystery, of this Most Great, Most Upright News concerning which most of the servants differ, and thereby return to the lowest fire in the depths of hell. And if thou findest not such a one, make no approach to anyone, for God is independent of the knowledge of these people and of all the worlds. Say: O people! Deny not the verses of God after they have been sent down in truth, and be not of those who turn away. Say: Did We not take from you a covenant in the atoms of the Furqan, and before it in the Gospel, and before it in the Torah, and in the atoms of the Bayan, that ye should not change the favor of God nor oppose His verses nor wax proud against them, if ye be of those who know? Yet ye broke your covenant and cast the testament of God behind your backs, and were of those who believed and then disbelieved, and were a most evil and lost people. By Him Who sent down the verses in truth! Were I to utter today but a single letter of truth, the heavens and earths would be rent asunder. But We were patient before and shall be patient hereafter, that what was sent down in tablets of exalted glory might be fulfilled. And We have ordained for thee from the good which none can reckon save God thy Lord, that He might bring forth the people from the darkness of fancy and cause them to enter the pavilion of assured dignity. Thus have We given thee glad tidings in truth, that thou mightest rejoice in thy soul and that all in the kingdom might rejoice therewith. Then remind the letter Jim from Us and give him glad tidings of a holy, preserved tablet which We have sent down unto him, a single letter of which cannot be equaled by all that hath been created in the realm of Lahut, then in the realm of Jabarut, then in the realm of Malakut, then in the heavens and earths. It shall reach thee when God willeth and desireth, for He is verily the Ordainer, the Giver, the Raiser, the Single, the Transcendent, the Forgiving, the Generous. Then glorify on Our behalf all in whose heart thou perceivest the fragrance of the All-Merciful and in whose countenance thou beholdest the radiance of paradise. And from those who emit not the breezes of love, turn away and face them not, but turn thy face toward the face of God thy Lord. He is with thee

wheresoever thou art, and My Self sufficeth as a witness unto that. And the spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who are with thee every morn and eve. If this Tablet be concealed from those who are not worthy of it, it would be most fitting, for the truly blind one is not capable of beholding the spiritual Sun, and the truly deaf one is not worthy of hearing the divine melody.

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In the Name of the Friend and the Beloved of the soul! O divine friends! Having adorned the food of glory and submission with the spices of unity and sanctification, enter into the verdant, joyous shallow waters of the Beloved Lord, veiled with the veil of light. Drink the wine of divine love with the countenance of the holy, eternal Beauty's manifestation. Make your dwelling in the shallow waters of the stream of glorious Paradise and the flowing of the holy Salsabil of submission, so that, intoxicated and bewildered by the exhilaration and rapture of the wine from the vessels of divine knowledge, you may find relief from the vanities of this transient earth and the defilements of this dusty realm.

From the beginning that has no beginning, the lights of the glory of divine unity have shone forth without pause or delay, and the radiant gleams of the divine Sun have ever appeared and will continue to appear without concealment or diminution. The chains of His glorious power have ever been lifted from the branches of created things, until in these days when the Mount of knowledge, by the command of the Creator Who says "Be!" and it is, has appeared raised up beyond measure upon the peaks of contingent being. Through the sprinkling of grace and the outpouring of glorious bounty, it has become adorned and illumined like the garden of divine unity with all manner of flowers of truth through the wondrous plants of knowledge and wisdom. The precious jewels of mysteries and the holy, exalted pearls have shone forth from that Mount neither of the east nor of the west like the sun, manifest and evident. None among contingent beings has been or ever shall be cut off from the mountain of His consummate wisdom and the pools of His unceasing grace, that eternal Sovereign. Rather, in all successive ages and consecutive days, the entire creation from the beginning that has no beginning has been commanded to turn to this Source of glorious bounty, and the divine Herald has ever called and will continue to call the servants from estrangement in transient, passing homelands to draw near to the glorious, eternal abodes. However, since ears that are not pure have become covered with veils of falsehood and curtains of polytheism, they have therefore been deprived and forbidden from hearkening to the blessed Word of Unity, remaining lost and veiled in the bare wilderness of the heavenly realm and the desert of heedlessness.

O servants! The outpourings of mercy have ever rained down and the showers of grace will continue forever to descend. Therefore, trust in the Truth in all conditions and, turning toward the right hand of divine unity, seek to draw near. Praise be to God that all unceasing effusions culminated in the comprehensive, transcendent Word in the concealed, known year, and through Its blessed, infinite Name, the chalices of grace and bounty appeared manifest and evident from the wine of unity like wondrous red colors in crystal clear glass, such that every possessor of the sense of smell has discovered through the nostrils of the grace of knowledge the straight path of His flowing Paradise, and every blind one has found the way to that glorious wine-cellar of praise. O servants! If you are blind, enter the divine realm through

the fragrance of this sweet scent and the diffusion of this holy, eternal musk, for every lost one who intends it reaches this exalted goal, every deaf one who wills it hears these sweet, beloved melodies, and every mute one becomes speaking.

In brief, O weak servants! From the ruined, transient, limited houses, seek refuge in the mighty pillar of unity, and shunning darknesses above darknesses, hold fast and cling to manifestation above manifestation, radiance above radiance, and light above light.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds, O Rahim!

Thy letter was present before the Lord, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God that through divine grace thou didst attain the Most Holy Court and didst hearken repeatedly unto the divine call and didst drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the Hand of bounty of the Dawning-Place of bestowal. Well is it with thee and with whosoever hath attained unto this supreme bounty.

As to what thou didst mention regarding thy wife, that when she attained unto serving thee, We did absolve her of her misdeeds and clothed her in the robe of forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Most great is the station of the friends of God. Whosoever attaineth unto serving such souls, even though outwardly they may not have attained unto the bounty of faith, yet in the presence of the All-Merciful their deed shall not be lost. The grace of thy Lord hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We bid thee to show kindness and consideration unto her.

And as to what thou didst mention regarding him who is named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, We have accepted thy intercession on his behalf. We beseech God to aid him to turn wholly toward Him and to bestow upon him this most subtle, most holy and wondrous nectar.

And as to what thou didst mention regarding the wife of him who is named 'Abdu'r-Rahim, convey My greetings unto her and give her the glad-tidings of My mention of her in this perspicuous Tablet. Praise be to God that she and her children are all honored by and have attained unto these days. They must be so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that they may become the cause of enkindling heedless souls. Convey My greetings unto all, both men and women.

From this station We make mention of Our servant who is named Ghulam-Rida. He is among those who attained Our presence when We were dawning from the horizon of Zawra' and We revealed for him in the Book that which shall immortalize his remembrance forever. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind. We counsel him to remember and praise God and to remain steadfast in the Cause of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Husayn who entered the Most Great Prison and attained repeatedly unto the presence of God, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of the thankful ones. O Rahim, convey My greetings unto him on behalf of God and say: The souls who have turned toward the court of the Divine Unity are remembered. The breezes of the All-Merciful are at all

times directed toward such souls. Glory be unto him and unto his mother from the presence of God, the Knower of things unseen.

Make mention with wondrous praise of all the loved ones, both those who have attained unto Our presence and those who gaze toward the paradise of God's good-pleasure, and convey unto all of them greetings from God, that all may be set ablaze by the fire of divine remembrance with the warmth of love and may remain wholly steadfast in His Cause. All the names thou didst mention in thy letter have attained a great reward and have been honored by the glorious mention of God.

Finally, We counsel thee to prevent the loved ones from turning toward the Most Holy Court. All must gaze toward the horizon of His good-pleasure and act according to His command. This hath been and shall ever be among the most exalted stations. None is permitted to turn toward it save those whom the All-Merciful hath given leave. Blessed are they who are intoxicated with the wine of His good-pleasure and who are filled with eagerness and joy.

We beseech God to assist His male and female servants to remember and praise Him and to ordain for them the reward of those who have attained unto His presence on this Day which God hath made the sovereign of all days and the source of bounty for all people. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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O Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Blessed be this Day wherein hath appeared what was promised in the Torah and the Gospel and in the Psalms and the Qur'an - the Day wherein the All-Merciful hath sent down that which the perceivers failed to perceive and the reckoners failed to reckon its station. O peoples of the earth, rejoice within yourselves, for the Mother Book hath appeared and speaketh before the faces of the loved ones. The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest ye be frightened by the buzzing of flies or the barking of those who have denied God, the Lord of all men. This is the Day wherein the Call hath been raised from all directions and He Who was hidden from sight hath appeared. We beseech God to open before your faces the gates of His bounty and to give you to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance - he who drinketh thereof shall not be frightened by the might of any oppressor, nor weakened by the power of any tyrant, nor saddened by the deed of any denier who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings.

O My handmaiden! O Sultan! Thy letter was delivered by 'Abdu'llah, upon him be My glory, by the hand of the Most Pure Branch to the Most Great Horizon, and it was read before the Face. We make mention of thee with that which its fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Rejoice thou in this most great bounty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We have desired to make mention of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion, having turned to God in His days. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. We testify that he acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter, and We were present at his ascension. The Concourse on High and the

denizens of this exalted station bear witness to this. When his name was mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen, the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, was diffused. We beseech God to send down upon him mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. He is verily the Ruler, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus did My Most Exalted Pen move at his mention, as a token of grace from Us and mercy from Our presence. Verily there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

And We make mention at this time of Haji Qubl Baba who aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Summit, traversing lands and mountains until he arrived at the Most Exalted Paradise before the face of his Lord, the Lord of all beings, and heard His sweetest call, and drank from the hand of bounty the wine of immortality. We testify that he attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. His deeds were accepted and there was sent down for him that which attracted the hearts of the knowing ones. We make mention of his wife and those with her, and the village which God adorned with the presence of him who ascended and the appearance of My friends therein. And I am the All-Knowing Rememberer, the Kind, the Mighty, the Generous.

O ’Abdu’llah! Convey My greetings to all. Blessed are My servants and handmaidens whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the Mother Book speaketh and His bounty hath encompassed all. The eternal Kawthar hath been and ever shall be His mention. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and drunk thereof. Woe unto the heedless! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Wondrous One! This is a leaf that tells of the sighs of my heart and the tears of my eyes and the raptures of my melody and the paleness of my countenance by reason of what the hands of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God have wrought, and who were far removed from the good-pleasure of the Cause. O My loved ones! If you were to hearken with the ear of innate nature to all things and to them, you would hear their wailing and their crying out in My grief. Thus do We inform you, that you may be numbered in the Mother Book among those endowed with knowledge. O My loved ones! I was under the sword in My days, and none among creation was aware of this, and the True One Himself is witness to what I say. If, then, you desire to help your Lord, the All-Merciful, emerge from the veils of self and passion, then remind the people of what the Most Glorious Beauty has taught you, that your words may influence every pure-hearted hearer. Know that victory consists in preserving yourselves from that which you have been forbidden, your eyes from gazing upon aught but God, your hearts from remembering aught but Him, your faces from turning to anything besides Him, your hands from possessing the property of others, and your feet from walking in any path save His good-pleasure. Thus does the tongue of might teach you with knowledge. By My life! Whosoever is characterized by what We have mentioned in the Tablet will be a helper to his Lord’s Self in His Cause, which was decreed in the Mother of Tablets. Say: O loved ones of God! Have you forgotten the days in which God’s melodies were raised up among you and His countenance shone forth upon you with lights that encompassed all the worlds? Beware lest you erase from your hearts the wondrous remembrance of Me, or from your breasts

the manifestations of My love, or from your souls that which dawned from the dawning-place of the Most Exalted Name. Be steadfast in the Cause and differ not in your love for the Youth. By God! This is better for you than all that is on earth together. And if the earthquake of tests and the thunderbolt of trials seize you, be not troubled, but hold fast to the cord of might and glory. Soon you shall find the people fleeing to the right and to the left, and this is what We informed you of in radiant and holy days. When We entered Iraq, We informed some of you of secrets that lay behind the veils of destiny, closely guarded. Among these was what We told Our servant Muhsin and certain other numbered souls - that this station of this Youth is a paradise that has no shade, and were there to be shade therein it would be more exalted than the suns of the former and latter generations. Thus was the decree witnessed from the horizon of the Spirit. Thus have We related to you tidings of the unseen, that you might know the Ancient Beauty and be steadfast in the Cause, and ascend to a station that is raised above recognition. O Mahdi! Cast this exalted Tablet which has proceeded from the Wondrous Pen upon all the Arabs of the City of God and others who are present. But O Mahdi, recite it with a divine spirit and a merciful melody. This is not possible except through detachment from all that exists among the servants, that perchance some souls may become intimate with the private chamber of divine glory and not be deprived of the divine sanctuary. Otherwise, thy Lord is independent of all that is in the heavens and earths. And if Tablets that have been sent are recited in gatherings to the extent that does not cause weariness, this is beloved, that perchance thereby a fire may be kindled in hearts. And convey to all most holy greetings, sanctified above limitation, from this Lonely Stranger.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise befits the people of faithfulness who are holding fast to the Covenant and clinging to the Pledge. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto God's Covenant and His Testament - such a one is mentioned as the most exalted of creation before the Truth and is recorded in God's Book. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of the hearts of them that know Thee and by the burning of the livers of the sincere ones in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to assist Thy Afnan in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Then raise them at all times through Thy grace, Thy power and Thy loving-kindness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for you. Your esteemed letter arrived and brought the utmost joy and delight - a joy before which all the joys of the world fade into nothingness. After it was presented before the Blessed Beauty, He said: "God willing, may they ever drink from the inexhaustible stream of God's loving-kindness and remain seated firmly established upon the throne of certitude and assurance."

Although outwardly there is distance between this land and that land, yet God knows they are present before Us and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, again and again that they may attain the honor of His presence and drink from the ocean of reunion.

Regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Muhammad Ibrahim, the receipt was sent - let them send it. And the reply to some petitions from those parts is being sent - they should forward them with utmost haste. The reply to the letter of the honored Afnan, his eminence A. and H., upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, has been submitted and is being sent. I convey to him greetings, praise and glory, and I beseech God, exalted be His station, for the loftiness and elevation of his rank. Verily He is the Generous, the Benevolent, and He is the Giver, the Kind, the Merciful.

To his eminence the honored Afnan-i-Kabir, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, I convey my utter servitude and nothingness. And likewise to the shining star, his eminence the Afnan whom God has blessed, I send greetings. To the holy, blessed Leaf, may my spirit be a sacrifice for her steps, and to the honored consort, upon her be all God's most glorious Glory, and to the honored ladies, the Leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon them be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, I convey glory and greetings. God willing, may all attain unto that which God loves and approves, and drink again and again from the cup of reunion and meeting.

To the apple of our eyes, his eminence Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, I send greetings. God willing, may he be in perfect health and wellness and remain steadfast in service. To the beloved of the heart, his eminence Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, and the honored beloved, his eminence Haji Muhammad Rida, upon them both be the Glory of God, I send greetings. Praise be to God, they are firm in the Cause and speaking in remembrance and praise. In all conditions I seek confirmation and success for them. To the spiritual friend, his eminence Haji Husayn and all the friends in that land, I send greetings. Peace, mercy and glory be upon the good, pure and blessed Leaf, and upon you and those with you and those who love you and those who hear your words concerning God's Cause, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what will be.

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To His Honor Aqa 'Ali, upon him be the peace of God

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise befitteth and is worthy of that intended Lord Who made the hearts of His loved ones the treasury of the pearls of His love and affection. In truth, each one is a treasure house of divine knowledge and a repository of praise of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of unity and are known for their love of the chosen ones and the pure ones.

O my God, my Lord and my Goal! I beseech Thee by the Lord of the world through Whom Thou didst guide the peoples to Thy straight path and made known to them Thy mighty message, and by His family and companions whom neither the veils of the polytheists nor the clamor of the transgressors prevented, who conquered lands in Thy name and raised therein the banner of Thy Cause and the standard of Thy justice - O Lord, I beseech Thee by them and by Thy Prophets and chosen ones to assist Thy loved ones in

Thy remembrance and praise. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thy presence and a grace from Thee. Thou art He to Whose generosity all created things have testified and to Whose munificence all contingent beings have borne witness. Disappoint not him whom Thou hast named ’Ali in the Kingdom of Names from that which Thou hast ordained for those who have drunk from the ocean of Thy good-pleasure and hastened to that which pleaseth Thee. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter of that honored one arrived twice, and on each occasion it attained the honor of being heard by the Master, may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him. He revealed that which is the cause of hope for all who have turned towards Him. The pens of the world cannot reckon this bounty, the tongues of nations fall short of mentioning it, for most of the world’s people are polytheists towards each other, save one party, and even they are afflicted among the parties. Each day they seize and carry away. We beseech God to protect the people of unity and deliver them from the evil of the oppressors. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for the matters of which you wrote, after they were presented He said there was and is no harm in it. The work is for God and its end will surely be for the greatest good. Sorrow has no place; grief and anxiety will be transformed by God’s will. What you wrote about Muhammad, upon him be peace and glory - it is the truth without doubt. Indeed they have borne that which became the cause of unity and harmony, and this unity and harmony spread like lightning, nay swifter, throughout all the lands of Iran. In any case, whatever they now deem advisable that will bring immediate reform, let them carry it out with joy and fragrance. O ’Ali, grieve not over anything. He is with you and with His righteous servants. Nothing escapes God’s knowledge. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you with the hosts of grace and favors. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

This servant at all hours and minutes, nights and days, beseeches God - exalted be His glory - on behalf of that spiritual friend whatsoever will bring the greatest joy, that his heart may be illumined with a light from which the world and the hearts of nations may derive brightness. This is not difficult for God. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the name of the one who breathed spirit into the bodies of the words by means of the holy and illumined spirit.

Praise be to God that the invisible springs of life that were concealed behind the divine veil are now abundantly flowing from the reality of the Word by virtue of the confirmations of the exalted holy spirit. Yes, the renowned fountain of life, in search of which some have set out, was said to bestow physical life. But the spring of life that flows unseen in the words of the All-Praised grants eternal life and holy spirit. The origin and site of the former fountain is the gloom of the earth. The genesis and cause of this spring is the tresses of the beloved.

For the houri of meaning had been concealed from all eternity behind the pavilions of divine purity. Then she sought permission from the holy court of the sovereign to depart from the chambers of spiritual solitude and enter the compassionate, divine assemblage, and to shed upon the worlds of holiness and unity one of the hidden rays of epiphany. At that point, a crier from the source of the most great divinity and the treasury of the most grand lordship called out, saying that no creature who would accept this effulgence and radiance could be seen. Therefore, the command was given that a new creation and an unprecedented handiwork be brought into being. All the people of the concourse on high and those who dwell beneath the canopies of eternity were stricken with bewilderment, wondering from what element this new creation would be fashioned, and from what reality it would take its being.

Then the breeze of the holy east wind blew from the Sheba of true paradise, bearing a fine, perfumed mist from the locks of that spiritual houri. At that moment, several droplets of luminous wine from the spring of the beauty of the All-Merciful condensed in that mist, and the hand of immortal power became manifest from the hidden treasury of sovereign grace. It kneaded that numinous mist into the sweet water of light, then breathed a pre-existent breath into it. Behold, a new creation arose. Were any one of them to glimpse from the corner of his eye the people of the heavens and the earth, they would, one and all, be obliterated, and would be inverted, and would be returned to pre-existent nothingness.

An irresistible decree now went forth that the people of the pavilions of grandeur, the people of the veils of power, the assemblage of cherubs, and the pure realities must embellish the garden of immortality with the lights of beauty, and must carpet it with brocade and sacred silk embroidered with calligraphy. Then the permission to come out arrived from the heaven of manifestation, and that houri of the spirit emerged from behind the most great curtain, bestowing true spirit upon those who dwell among the people of the heavens and the earth. She stood upon the brocade carpet and began to move. Her movements tossed her hair, causing a few black droplets to be distilled on the embroidered silk upon the ground, bespeaking that resplendent darkness. These wondrous words were embellished by those few droplets, and the river of love was concealed beneath the dark depths of the spring of these words.

Then, O birds of the sacred skies, do not deprive yourselves, by virtue of your concentration upon this ephemeral world, of this immortal fountain. Possibly you will receive permission to enter the eternal chamber of audience with the glorious beauty. Thus do we make mention to you of the mysteries, insofar as what was referred to in all the tablets as the water of life was hidden from your intellects and your hearts. Perhaps you will attain to the water in that spring after severing yourselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and will return to the wonders of his overflowing grace.

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The Melodious Song of Attraction by Khadijih Khanum, upon her be the Glory of God - Let them take note

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise befitteth and is worthy of the Beloved of the world Who, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, hath quickened the dead and revived the withered ones, and through His blessed primal Word

which dawned from the Orient of the mouth of the All-Merciful, caused His chosen ones to ascend to the most exalted station and returned the wretched to the most miserable abode. The people of paradise drank from that blessed Word the water of life, while the denizens of hell consumed the deadly zaqqum. Blessed is the soul who is today detached from all save Him in His remembrance, and who with perfect steadfastness speaketh His praise.

And then, several letters were received from you, and since for some time the dispatch of correspondence had been delayed, no reply was sent until now. However, mention of you was ever made in the Most Holy Court. May you ever be blessed with God's infinite favors. This is a day when all the Concourse on High are occupied with the remembrance and praise of God. Say: O handmaidens of God and leaves of the divine Tree of Love! Enter into the paradise of the recognition of the Beloved. Chant wondrous and sublime melodies in His remembrance and praise. Consider the world as non-existent and fix your gaze upon the ocean of joy. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the ocean of bounty. Associate with one another with the utmost sanctity, purity, truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and righteousness, in such wise that its sweet fragrance may be diffused and its gentle scent may be inhaled by every discerning soul. Say: Every deed hath had and shall have its fragrance, and that fragrance informeth all people. God willing, may all be gladdened in perfect unity by the praise of the Peerless Friend.

Furthermore, convey the expressions of servitude, humility and submissiveness of this evanescent servant before the countenance of the Most Great Leaf, Her Holiness the Sister - upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God. And furthermore, this servant giveth you the glad tidings that the petition you submitted to the Most Holy Court, this servant presented it. He saith - and His sweetest and all-compelling utterance over all things is this:

"O My handmaiden! Give thanks for having been mentioned before the Throne and that the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this noble prospect. Rejoice that thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and thou hast been honored in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Hold fast and cling to the cord of grace and the hem of God, the Powerful, the Sublime, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Friend, free and detached from all else, and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity and Beloved of the world, for having caused me to know Thee and honored me and given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things. I beseech Thee to preserve me in all conditions through Thy bountiful grace."

Make mention of Me to thy sister and say: Grieve not, for thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: Let her not be sorrowful but hold fast to the cord of steadfastness. And if in these circumstances she remaineth firm in the love of God, her deed is greatest in the sight of God, for despite association with that heedless one she hath not been deprived of the ocean of grace. Say: In the name of the Lord of the world, drink at all times from the Kawthar of divine love, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the

Lord of all worlds. That which shall profit thee hath been ordained for thee. Thy Lord is verily the Bearer of Glad Tidings, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of the All-Merciful! All praise, sanctified above mention and description, befitteth the Holy One, Who brought the contingent world to life and bestowed vitality through the breaths of divine knowledge, and raised aloft in the most exalted station the banner proclaiming that “there is none other God but Him” - glorified be His grandeur and mighty His proof, and there is no God but Him. Blessings and peace be upon His Light through which He illumined the world and made him the Seal of His Messengers and Prophets, choosing him from among His servants to manifest His Cause and exalt His Word, and through him guided the monotheists to His straight path and His mighty Message, and upon his family and companions whom God made the standards of His victory throughout His lands and the banners of His power amidst His creation - blessings that shall never fade nor be forgotten, for He is the Mighty, the Bestower. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen.

Your letters arrived repeatedly before, but nothing since then - although “nothing” itself contains much meaning, as it possesses the “h” with two eyes, the “y” adorned with two dots, and the “j” with three dots. In truth, all is concealed and hidden within nothingness.

As for what prompts the writing of this letter: first, mention of you and news of your health and wellbeing; and second, at this time they instructed me to inform you that this year sufficient wheat has not been obtained. What was acquired will not, God willing, suffice for the travelers and residents, and funds are not available. We tried to borrow from some but were unsuccessful. His honor Mirza Majdu’d-Din, upon him be God’s peace, the Lord of all worlds, is aware of the situation and will explain. Therefore, as instructed, it would be appreciated if you could send whatever amount possible from the requested funds, so that pure and desirable wheat might be obtained. In this matter, it would be best if there is no delay. You yourself are aware of the gatherings and the coming and going of travelers. This matter truly carries great reward and recompense.

As for your mother, upon her be God’s peace, she is occupied day and night in remembrance of God, seeking for you glory, wealth, blessing and bounty. God willing, the time of nearness and meeting will soon arrive and the remaining matters will be discussed in person.

Other matters: First, send the shared cows. Second, regarding payment for Mustafa’s mare, you were supposed to pay five liras and he would pay the remaining five liras after 6 months, but neither you paid nor did he. Now send your portion as there has been much delay. Also, I had previously requested ten liras from you to be sent, but you neither sent the funds nor replied to the letter. This time do not act as before - write your reply and send the funds. You must this time arrange all matters according to what is desired.

Furthermore, peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Also remember and glorify the honored friend Mirza Dhikru'llah and tell him no funds have yet been received from him. Peace. ?iya. Dated 12 Rabi' I.

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Let him regard [this letter], His Holiness the beloved of [my] heart, Agha Siyyid Yahya, upon him be the peace and favors of God.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be worthy and befitting that Intended One Who favored one of the parties of the world with His special favors and honored them with the adornment of recognition and unity. His mercy has encompassed the world and His grace has adorned all with the wondrous and lofty blessings of wisdom and utterance. Great is His generosity, supreme His bounty, and mighty His bestowal. There is no God but Him. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom the world was adorned with the light of recognition, and through Whom was opened the gate of Names in the Kingdom of Creation and the gate of Attributes to those in earth and heaven, and upon the brilliant stars and radiant manifestations and exalted words - namely His family and companions through whom the breeze of the All-Merciful wafted over all possibility and the fragrance of His garment diffused among all religions, and through whom His authority appeared and His blessing descended and His banner was raised - blessings whose mention has no end and whose termination cannot be seen.

And then, O beloved of my heart, your letter arrived speaking of your love and your remembrance and your praise and your turning to God and your trust and your resignation and your submission to God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth and the Possessor of greatness and glory. After its reading and [my] joy and delight, I approached the Most Great Spot and presented it. He said: "Convey to him My glad-tidings and My greetings." You are ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God is witness and the Book testifies that We have beseeched for you from the ocean of His grace and heaven of His generosity that which endures by the endurance of His most beautiful names. We beseech God the Exalted to send down upon him and upon His loved ones there mercy from the heaven of His grace and rains from the clouds of His generosity. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

This evanescent servant testifies that mention of that beloved of the heart and other beloved ones has ever been and is upon this carpet. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the world, that is its people, of fairness and to grant them a portion from the ocean of truthfulness that all may attain to what He loves and is pleased with. In all cases I beseech joy for those who believe in divine unity. Verily He is the Reliever of supreme anguish and the Remover of harm through His name, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding the countenance of the spiritual friend, His Honor Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be God's peace and favor, in accordance with that beloved's mention, thirty-two bento and one Ottoman [coin]

arrived previously. In truth, he acts above the human station and tells of the Kingdom of giving. From beginning until now, whatever he has done has been crowned with acceptance. This is another blessing. We beseech God to strengthen him and aid him and enable him to do what He loves and is pleased with.

I convey greetings to the friends of that land and the loved ones of that quarter, and I beseech for them the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, and His mercy and bounty and generosity. And He is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on 28 Sha'ban 1305

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the Exalted, the Glorious, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God in the Divine Tree in the spot which God hath blessed above all places on earth. God, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath created creation out of nothing by His power and ordained for them through His knowledge whatsoever He hath willed and desired. This is a bounty from His presence and a grace from His court, did ye but know. He sent unto them Messengers and revealed with them the Book lest His servants go astray on earth and that they might be guided thereby. He hath detailed all things in the Book as guidance and mercy for people who believe. Say: O people, fear ye God and spread not corruption in the land, and be not of those who are not guided by God's guidance. Be not like those who mention God with their tongues yet are veiled from the Beauty of the One remembered, and who worship God in cloisters and mosques yet flee from the countenance of the Worshipped One in His days. When asked "Who is your God?" they will say "God", yet they turn away from His presence and His signs. It is as though they worship names for which God hath given no authority, and thus do they cleave to idols within themselves while perceiving not. They mention God without His authority being manifest to them, yet when it is manifested they turn back on their heels. Thus do ye recognize these people, O people, then turn away from them. Turn ye with all your being unto God, then thank Him for having chosen you from among His creation and aided you in His Cause and made you know the Manifestation of His Self and taught you the paths of glory and piety and sheltered you on the sacred shore beyond the Sea of Spirit in the holy and beloved spot and rent asunder the veils from you and purified you from allusions and raised you to a station wherein ye heard holy melodies from the tongue of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and sent upon you the fragrances of His days for which honored servants died in longing. By God, were we to possess a thousand souls and a thousand bodies and sacrifice them in His path it would be little compared to His bestowals, did ye but know. Thus have We related unto you spiritual tales that ye might know God's grace upon you and not separate yourselves from this glorious and beloved Cause, and that ye might stand firm in the love of God and the Manifestations of His Self such that the evil whisperings of your souls mislead you not, nor the blame of the blamers veil you from this luminous and extended Path which hath been raised in the divine Paradise in the name of God, the Exalted, the Transcendent, the Witnessed. O people of the Bayan! Remember

within yourselves what We have mentioned unto you in truth from this hidden and luminous Pen, and grieve not over anything, and turn not to the world and its ornaments and all that pertaineth to it and is in it and upon it, but turn to what is with God for that is better for you, if ye approach the shore of this counsel with the foot of detachment. Thus do We expound the verses unto you in truth and reveal unto you that which will bring you to the divine Ridvan wherein ye shall enter by God's leave and wherein ye shall rejoice. Be not veiled, O people of the Bayan, from this bounty which hath descended from the holy heaven while ye witness it with your own eyes. Beware lest ye deny it as did nations of old who denied God's signs. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who follow God's laws.

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To his honor Aqa 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. On 22 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1303.

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

A wondrous mention and a new adornment and a fresh thought and boundless knowledge is He Whom our praise cannot reach and our glorification is not worthy of. Description and characterization, whether above or below that, belongs to the world of creation and should be mentioned within creation's bounds. However, praise befits the people of fidelity who hold fast to the cord of unity and cling to true love and harmony. The clamor of the ignorant does not prevent them from the highest horizon, nor does the uproar of enemies veil them. These are the hands of the Cause in the world of creation and the servants of the Lord of existence among His creatures. Their praise flows from the Supreme Pen and is recorded in every Book. Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly return.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored brother arrived like water reaching the thirsty. Praise be to God, the fragrance of the love of Truth wafted from it and divine mention and praise were evident therein. In these days the pens have attained their lofty stations. All things have received the breezes of the grace of the Beloved of possibility according to their measure. Pens are racing in the field of mention and praise, and likewise the tongue of remembrance. These two are outwardly heard and perceived by the external ear, but by the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, the true ears hear the praise of all things and are gladdened thereby. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause these servants to ever attain these two most exalted stations. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

After perusing the letter of that honored brother, it was presented before the Countenance and fully submitted. He said: "O 'Ali-Akbar! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto true unity and hast heard from the rustling of the leaves of the garden of inner meanings the words 'Verily there is no God but Him.' Darkness hath encompassed the world. The friends must shine forth like light that perchance the darkness may be dispelled and return to nothingness. Regarding what thou didst write about affairs, in all conditions they should fix their gaze upon the highest horizon, and if they are in debt to anyone they must certainly pay it, whether through compensation or otherwise. That honored one should rest assured in God's grace and hold fast unto Him. And what thou didst mention regarding partnership with the two Most Exalted Names was accepted before the Countenance. The welfare of the friends hath ever been mentioned. In all matters they should consult with the two Names and act according to what becomes

apparent. This is a bounty from God, for consultation removes obscuring veils from the face of understanding and reveals that which is befitting. We have mentioned and continue to mention all the friends of that land, and We beseech God to increase the light of certitude in each one at every moment. Verily, He hath power over all things."

This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to each one and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for the success of all. He is the Bestower, the Kind. In closing, peace and mercy be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance, a remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Supreme Horizon and drunk the Choice Wine sealed from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of Names, on a Day wherein the greatest terror seized all mankind except whom God, the Lord of Destiny, willed - He Who summoned all in the Most Great Prison unto God, the Lord of the world, and before that in Baghdad and other lands. Thus was the matter decreed from God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Ashraf, O thou who gazest upon the Most Great Scene! Remind the people and acquaint them with what was sent down before regarding the mention of this Day, which was named the Day of God in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: This is the Day wherein mankind has arisen unto the Lord of the worlds, and this is what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an - to this testifies every just and informed one. Say: O people of creation! By God, the All-Merciful has come, Whose advent every Prophet and every trustworthy Messenger heralded. Say: Open your eyes and follow not those who followed vain imaginings until they turned away from the All-Informed One. Say: Die in your wrath! Your Lord has come with the angels rank upon rank, and this is the Day whereof God, the King, informed that "the Kingdom on that Day shall be God's" - be fair, O people of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers. This is the Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone. Read ye the former Books that ye may discover this Treasure, through Whose appearance the tribes of the earth have lamented, the daysprings of vain imaginings were terrified, and the hearts of the idolaters were troubled. O people of the earth! Dispute not the signs of God after their revelation, and follow not every remote ignorant one.

Blessed art thou for having turned, heard, and answered thy Ancient Lord. The Supreme Pen testifies that thou art the star rising from the horizon of steadfastness in this heaven which was raised up through this Most Great Name. Soar in this atmosphere and speak forth His Name, through Whose manifestation all on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed. It behooveth thee to convey the Cause of thy Lord with spirit and fragrance - this is among the most excellent deeds with God, the Goal of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in helping the Cause of thy Lord and to enable thee to do what befitteth this glorious and wondrous Day.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them glad tidings of this Remembrance, through Whose appearance all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty." Say: This is the Day of steadfastness, did ye but know. Say: Beware lest the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and denied this grace to which all the Books of the

world have testified, hold you back - verily they are among the abased ones. They have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and taken what they were commanded by every dubious ignorant one. Arise to promote the Cause and illumine hearts with the lights of thy Lord's countenance, and acquaint them with this Straight Path. Say: With Him is not what is with you, nor doth He walk in your ways. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired through His sovereignty over all in the heavens and earth. Grieve not at the people and their clamor. Rather, rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Truth in this Clear Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hear thy word regarding this Cause whereby the earth was rent asunder, the heaven was cleft, and every lofty and towering mountain was scattered. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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The Ancient and Most Great, My remembrance of My servant who soared in the atmosphere of the love of his Lord, the Most Merciful, with spirit and fragrance, and was so seized by the attraction of the Call that he turned to the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, and entered the luminous spot wherein his Lord, the Most Glorious, calls out "God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise." We have found the fragrance of thy love, O Beloved of the horizons, and We are aware of what is in thy heart. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thankful for His having enabled thee to attain His presence and hear His mighty and impregnable utterance. Know thou the bounty of thy Lord and what hath been ordained for thee from the Supreme Pen in a mighty tablet. O Nabil! Hearken unto the call of the Glorious One. He calleth thee from the horizon of the prison, "Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise." Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Beloved and for having entered, appeared, and heard the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable. By God! If thou didst find the sweetness of the utterance of the Most Merciful in this Tablet, which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His remembrance in the contingent world, thou wouldst soar with longing and speak forth His praise amongst the worlds. O Nabil! Rejoice in God's remembrance of thee, then aid Him with such steadfastness as shall cause the servants to stand firm. Thus doth the Lord of the mighty Throne command thee. Return to thy homeland by God's leave and command, then make mention of those who have arisen to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have sent down for each one of them clear verses and We have sent them in truth, if thou be of them that know. We make mention of him who makes mention of his Lord and speaks His praise - the denizens of Paradise who circle round the pavilion of grandeur and majesty. Thus doth He inform thee in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Blessed be thy heart for having turned, and thy face for having been directed toward the spot wherein the Beloved is imprisoned for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We had given thee leave to attain Our presence aforetime, therefore thy name was mentioned among those who were moved by the Will and who turned with permission toward the Qiblih of those near unto God. Give thanks to thy Lord for this and be thou of the thankful. Convey My greetings to each one of My loved ones who dwell in thy land. We behold them in their condition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. O Samandar! Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Great Scene and attained the recognition of the Lord of Destiny, and for having arisen to serve Him and been among those who arose. Thou hast fulfilled God's Covenant and discharged His trust. He shall fulfill even

as thou hast fulfilled, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. My gaze hath been directed toward those who have attained the lights of the Countenance and who were among the firm ones. Grieve not over anything, for thou hast drunk from the ocean of joy which appeared through this Great Name. Call the people with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the Most Merciful commanded thee in various tablets. He is the Ruler over what He willeth. Blessed are ye for having attained what God desired. We testify that ye have turned and attained and were among those who turned. Ye are of Us, therefore We counsel you with that which befitteth the days of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Acquire ye the attributes of God, then walk ye in the straight path that His Cause may be sanctified among His servants and His Being glorified among the worlds. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur counsel you while in the midst of the malicious ones. We have desired for you that which nothing can equal. He is the Protector of the doers of good. Verily the glory be upon you and upon those with you, every male and female who have turned with their hearts and attained the lights of His impregnable countenance.

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In His Name, He Who is established upon the throne of 'He doeth what He willeth'

Glory be to Him Who speaketh at the heart of the world and calleth all peoples to the eternal, everlasting Law through which He quickeneth all worlds and aideth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and confirmeth those who have turned to the Dayspring of His Cause. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We have sent down verses for every occasion that are unequalled by all that hath been created in the heavens and earth. Blessed is he who, when hearing, ariseth, and he who, when attaining unto hearing, speaketh forth this wise remembrance. They who have been set ablaze by the fire of the Word among all creatures - these are the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation, as doth testify unto this the Lord of Names in this mighty prison.

Blessed art thou for having been touched by the breezes of revelation and drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks for Our causing thee to hear this Call, for the hearing of which the ears of the Prophets and Messengers were created. By God! Were it not for this Call, ears would not have been created, nor would the eyes of the mystics have been opened. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness in such wise that through thee every doubting soul may become steadfast. Then protect the Cause from the allusions of those who have denied God and the veils of every sinful polytheist.

Thy letter was present before the Throne and was honored with the glance of the loving-kindness of the Lord of existence. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been and wilt continue to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord. Today what is incumbent upon all is to protect people from the conditions of self and passion, and the steadfastness of all in the love of the Beloved of all possibility. Ye must educate the loved ones of God in such wise that they remain not deprived of the Lord of the worlds by the cry of the cawers, for from every direction the cry of haste hath been and will be raised. They consider all things nonexistent and void. They should not be deceived before the completion of a thousand years, as hath been expressly revealed in

the Tablets, but should remain so firm in the Cause that they regard all else as perishing. This is among the most mighty matters, that the Cause of God may be established in all else. God willing, ye must be occupied with utmost endeavor in service to the Cause. Most people are ignorant; it is necessary that steadfast souls be educated by the hands of training. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and make thee among those who have aided the Cause of God by their own selves. He is the Helper of the helpers.

Blessed art thou, O My Name, then blessed art thou, O My Name, for having attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained, and for having drunk the wine of life from the cup of the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Unto this doth thy Master testify at the heart of Paradise. This is a treasure for thee in His dominion, a light for thee in His kingdom, and a glory for thee in His human realm. Thy Lord knoweth what thou art upon. He is, verily, the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

In recent years, a number of the loved ones have inquired about certain divine ordinances. Due to divine wisdom these were deferred until this year when various petitions from the people of different lands were present before the Throne. Therefore the mighty Tablet which is in truth the cause of the order of the world and the life of nations was sent down from the heaven of will. Perchance God will send it afterwards. He is, verily, the Ruler over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings from the True One to all the loved ones, both men and women, and keep them enkindled with the fire of the Word. The glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praised be God! In some stations the mention of abandonment is sweeter than taking possession, nay, in one station man beholds himself in the ocean of detachment through mention of it. Blessed is this station and joyous is this station, as the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His blessed and exalted words: "I have abandoned the ways of a people who believe not in God and who deny the life to come." In truth this verse is specifically for the sincere ones and those near to God. The meaning of "ways of a people" in the first degree refers to the principles of the polytheists, and in another station refers to the adornments of that people, and likewise their occupations, and in one station all that they had clung to without God's leave is included therein. Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, that true Beloved and eternal Friend hath drunk from this ocean. In all conditions they are detached from all else but God and are cleaving and clinging and trusting in Him. When the sun of resignation dawns from the horizon of the words "I resign my affair unto God - He verily is our Guardian and Provider and the One who causes us to die and gives us life and resurrects us, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen." And blessings and peace be upon Him by whose grasp the seed spoke, and before whose face all things bore witness, and from the wellspring of whose knowledge and wisdom flowed the water of life, and upon His family and companions through whom were opened the gates of generosity in the world and God's Cause was

established among the nations - blessings from which those near to God find the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. And then, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived. It contained firm proofs and likewise conclusive evidence of that beloved one's love and affection and devotion and detachment. And after it was presented before His face, He said: "O Muhammad, upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Despair not of God's Spirit and mercy." From these blessed words flow the Euphrates of mercy and the breezes of loving-kindness waft, and within it is concealed the book of compassion. Blessed is he who preserves its station and raises its standards. In all conditions thou art mentioned before the Wronged One and art present before His face. His grace hath not deprived the polytheists and the opposers, how much less the monotheists and those who have accepted, how much less those who are detached and sincere. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you with the hosts of grace and bounty and to ordain for you what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. He is verily the Lord of creation. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Most Exalted.

Praise be to God! You are remembered as a daily blessing and are adorned and embellished with the outpouring of utterance. A hundred thousand praises be to the Goal of the world's peoples, that in such days as these He hath made firm the fellowship of His loved ones and hath regarded the connection between them. He is the Composer of hearts and the Promoter of affairs. We beseech Him for that which befitteth His generosity and grace. Verily He is the Generous, the Gracious. Convey my greetings to each of the gentlemen of that land. God is witness and aware that you have ever been and are remembered in my heart, and I seek confirmation for each one that they may arise with utmost outward and inward resolve to set right affairs. Assistance is from God and success from Him and mercy from His presence. He is verily the Strong, the Trustworthy, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

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In the Name of the Counselor! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command; all worship Him. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him; all bow down before Him. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him; all seek Him. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him; all act according to His command. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him; all turn unto Him. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and whoso desireth to attain His presence must detach himself from whatsoever preventeth him from treading His manifest and evident path. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and whoso desireth to be mentioned must needs till the soil of certitude that the ears of divine knowledge may grow therefrom. Thus hath the decree been ordained in a preserved Tablet.

O servant! Hearken unto the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Be not heedless of the fruit of existence, nor occupy thyself with fruits that are produced by the tree of limitation. Plant thou the divine tree of explanation in thy heart, then water it with the living waters of the mention of My Name, the All-Merciful, that it may yield thee the fruits of inner meanings which shall endure, while that with which thou art occupied shall perish and profit thee not save in the measure that is ordained. Art thou occupied with the outward earth while heedless of the holy, blessed and goodly earth wherein

whatsoever groweth proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved?

We created thee that thou mightest cultivate the earth of divine knowledge wherefrom grow the ears of divine unity. Beware lest thou be veiled from that for which thou wert created and be among the heedless ones. By God the Truth! Should anyone purify his ear and hearken unto the call of God from the direction of the Prison, he would detach himself from whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven and would offer up his soul in the path of this Prisoner.

If thou occupiest thyself with teaching the Cause of God, We shall assuredly plant for thee, by the hands of divine will in goodly soil, that which shall profit thee throughout the eternity of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Glorious, the Most Loving. Hearken unto My words, then speak forth in praise of thy Lord - this is better for thee than what thou possessest, if thou be of them that are certain. Beware lest thou burn the enduring trees with perishable ones. Fear God and be of the God-fearing.

Occupy thyself with affairs to a known measure, in such wise that thou wilt not be in need. Be independent through His Name, the Self-Sufficing, then put thy trust in Him in all affairs. Verily thy Lord loveth those servants who earn their livelihood, but only to such measure as their earning preventeth them not from the remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Thus have We counseled thee in truth and chosen for thee what We have chosen for honored servants.

Cast behind thee whatsoever preventeth thee from mentioning thy Lord, then make mention of thy Lord amongst Our heedless servants, that they may arise to serve the Cause and glorify their Lord and be of the penitent ones. Verily He is independent of all mention and praise, and all things bear witness to His sanctification, yet none hear it save the hearing ear. That which We enjoin upon the servants is a bounty from God unto them, but few among His servants know this and render thanks.

Aid thy Lord through utterance and associate with those who make mention of God in private and in public, whose hearts are set ablaze by this Fire from whose sighing is heard: “He is God; there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” Convey Our greetings to the faces of those who have sought the Most Great Sanctuary and have detached themselves from the idolaters. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have passed over the Bridge. By God! They are honored servants.

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The Green City. Nabil before thou. Say: Upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is indeed He Who was mentioned in former ages and inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures of old. He is the Hidden and Treasured Name through Whose remembrance the pages of creation were adorned, through Whom the Fire spoke forth from the Mount, and through Whom the Throne was established upon the earth of manifestation. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto the ocean of My knowledge and the heaven of My wisdom and faced the lights of My countenance. And whoso hesitateth for less than a moment hath denied My Self, turned away from

My proof, disputed My signs and rejected My favor which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty that hath preceded all in the heavens and earth.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from the precincts of My prison, then thank thy Lord for having turned unto thee and revealed that whose fragrance shall never be cut off throughout the eternity of His most excellent names. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

We were seated upon the Throne and heard what the earth related of its tidings when the servant who standeth before the Face presented himself with a white leaf and submitted what was inscribed thereon in the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds. When We heard thy call and thy cry in the love of God and His meeting, We answered thee with this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed be thine ear for having hearkened unto My call, and thy tongue for having uttered My praise, and thine eye for having turned toward My luminous horizon. We made mention of thee on a day We perceived from thee the fragrance of My love, in the Crimson Scroll by My Most Exalted Pen, in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. To this beareth witness He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Brilliant, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Thou art he who took hold of the Book with strength from thy Lord after the learned, the mystics and the princes turned away therefrom, save whom God pleased, the Lord of this mighty Command. Blessed is the scholar who arose to serve My Cause, made known unto men My path and guided them to the ocean of My mercy and the heaven of My loving-kindness. He is indeed among the most exalted of creatures in the Book of God.

Say: O concourse of princes! Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you from the Lord of all men. That which ye possess shall perish in less than a moment and ye shall find yourselves in manifest loss. Leave behind that which the tongues of men testify is perishable and hold fast unto that which endureth with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. From this most exalted Station We send Our greetings unto those who have quaffed the wine of immortality in My Most Glorious Name, and We counsel them to observe supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of men have slipped save those whom God, their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, hath willed.

Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all religions. Verily it hath been raised through grace and commandeth you to that which hath been revealed in the Book from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses and illumined therewith the horizons of the hearts of those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging to the cord of certitude.

Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden by God, the Mighty, the Praised. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. He verily consoleth thee in truth and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There hath been built for thee by the hand of power that which shall not be touched by extinction throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of proof! The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to His manifestation and His establishment upon the throne, and His dawning from the horizon of the world, yet the peoples remain veiled. The eye of creation hath never witnessed His like - to this testifieth He Who walketh and speaketh that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: O heedless ones! By God, He Who was recorded in the Books of God hath appeared, He Whom His chosen ones, His trusted ones and His messengers heralded - to this testifieth He Who hath spoken that which the Scriptures and Tablets encompassed. O peoples of the earth! I desire naught from you. I summon you for the sake of God, the Lord of Names, unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Fear ye God and be not of those who went astray and led others astray. This is a Day wherein all things cry out: blessed be the ear that heareth, and woe unto him who followeth every doubting ignorant one. O peoples of the earth! Fear God, then turn unto the horizon of certitude and follow not those who disbelieved and denied by following the manifestations of idle fancies. O ’Ali-Akbar! He Who was wronged remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, by reason of that which caused the fragrance of the All-Merciful to waft throughout creation and the river of life to flow among the people of divine knowledge. Exalted is He Who hath appeared with the truth and manifested through His power whatsoever He desired. We have heard mention of thee and witnessed thy turning and orientation toward the Dayspring of Revelation on a day wherein hatred appeared from all directions. We verily delivered thee through the truth and saved thee from the depths of idle fancies and taught thee that which most lands were veiled from, and We heard thy lamentation and cry in the love of God, the Lord of the Final End. O ’Ali! He hath appeared that all who are in earth and heaven might attain His presence, yet the oppressors have interposed between Us and them - they are indeed among the wayward. Blessed is the land which His feet have trodden, and the habitation wherein the fragrance of His raiment hath been diffused, and the city wherein His call hath been raised at morn and eventide. We called them unto life while they called Us unto death. What aileth these people that they comprehend neither utterance nor Book? The first to deny God and His party were the divines of the age who broke God’s Covenant and His Testament and disbelieved in Him when He came to them with the standards of light and the banners of verses. Days passed and We withheld the Pen from thy mention, in wisdom from Us. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and shall not be asked of what He pleaseth. He is indeed the Powerful, the All-Choosing. When the appointed time came We released it by Our command and revealed for thee that which delighted the eye of the world and drew the righteous nigh. Blessed art thou for having held fast to the Most Great Handle when the Lord of all came, and woe unto every denying infidel. Remember thou on behalf of the Wronged One God’s friends and loved ones, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness and the lights of My countenance whereby the horizons were illumined. Say: O My loved ones! This is a Day wherein from the waves of this Ocean is heard that which the ear of Moses heard on the Mount of Knowledge and the Beloved on the Night of Ascension. Say: Seize ye the opportunity in the days of God and hold fast to that whereby your mention shall endure throughout ages and centuries. Thus did the ocean of the All-Merciful’s loving-kindness surge, as a grace from Him unto thee. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the beginning and the end! The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My prison be upon thee and upon those who attained unto the Choice Wine when its seal was broken by the finger of might and power.

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By Him Who is the Great Announcement! The All-Merciful is come invested with undoubted sovereignty. The Balance hath been appointed, and all them that dwell on earth have been gathered together.

The Trumpet hath been blown, and lo, all eyes have stared up with terror, and the hearts of all who are in the heavens and on the earth have trembled, except them whom the breath of the verses of God hath quickened, and who have detached themselves from all things.

This is the Day whereon the earth shall tell out her tidings. The workers of iniquity are her burdens, could ye but perceive it. The moon of idle fancy hath been cleft, and the heaven hath given out a palpable smoke. We see the people laid low, awed with the dread of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

The Crier hath cried out, and men have been torn away, so great hath been the fury of His wrath. The people of the left hand sigh and bemoan. The people of the right abide in noble habitations: they quaff the Wine that is life indeed, from the hands of the All-Merciful, and are, verily, the blissful.

The earth hath been shaken, and the mountains have passed away, and the angels have appeared, rank on rank, before Us. Most of the people are bewildered in their drunkenness and wear on their faces the evidences of anger. Thus have We gathered together the workers of iniquity. We see them rushing on towards their idol. Say: None shall be secure this Day from the decree of God. This indeed is a grievous Day. We point out to them those that led them astray. They see them, and yet recognize them not.

Their eyes are drunken; they are indeed a blind people. Their proofs are the calumnies they uttered; condemned are their calumnies by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. The Evil One hath stirred up mischief in their hearts, and they are afflicted with a torment that none can avert. They hasten to the wicked, bearing the register of the workers of iniquity. Such are their doings.

Say: The heavens have been folded together, and the earth is held within His grasp, and the corrupt doers have been held by their forelock, and still they understand not. They drink of the tainted water, and know it not. Say: The shout hath been raised, and the people have come forth from their graves, and arising, are gazing around them. Some have made haste to attain the court of the God of Mercy, others have fallen down on their faces in the fire of Hell, while still others are lost in bewilderment. The verses of God have been revealed, and yet they have turned away from them. His proof hath been manifested, and yet they are unaware of it. And when they behold the face of the All-Merciful, their own faces are saddened, while they are disporting themselves. They hasten forward to Hell Fire, and mistake it for light. Far from God be what they fondly imagine!

Say: Whether ye rejoice or whether ye burst for fury, the heavens are cleft asunder, and God hath come down, invested with radiant sovereignty. All created things are heard exclaiming: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Know thou, moreover, that We have been cast into an afflictive Prison, and are encompassed with the hosts of tyranny, as a result of what the hands of the infidels have wrought. Such is the gladness,

however, which the Youth hath tasted that no earthly joy can compare unto it. By God! The harm He suffereth at the hands of the oppressor can never grieve His heart, nor can He be saddened by the ascendancy of such as have repudiated His truth.

Say: Tribulation is a horizon unto My Revelation. The day star of grace shineth above it, and sheddeth a light which neither the clouds of men's idle fancy nor the vain imaginations of the aggressor can obscure. Follow thou the footsteps of thy Lord, and remember His servants even as He doth remember thee, undeterred by either the clamor of the heedless ones or the sword of the enemy….Spread abroad the sweet savors of thy Lord, and hesitate not, though it be for less than a moment, in the service of His Cause. The day is approaching when the victory of thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful, will be proclaimed.

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Most mighty ambassador, most noble minister,

Allow me to say that the tribulations of these servants have reached such a point that pen and ink are powerless to record them. During these (last) few years, I have (addressed myself?) to the officials of the Ottoman government. Whatever has befallen me, I have endured it patiently, relying on God, nay I have been contented and grateful. The one God is witness that I have at all times expected martyrdom, but since I observed that a number of poor ones occupied with the mention of God and detached from all save Him were oppressed and downtrodden in every land, both men and women, young and old, I felt compelled to speak. And this despite the fact that, in the sixteen years from my arrival in Baghdad until now, no offense has been committed by anyone.

Your excellency will have heard that, before those sixteen years, this sect did not endure oppression, but took revenge. I forbade all (to do so), so that they were put to death in every land, yet opposed no one. It is now sixteen years that, although members of this sect have been killed, they have not shown opposition, despite the fact that they are stronger than before and are greater in numbers in every part of Iran. Nevertheless, whatever oppression has befallen them, they have remained and remain silent and patient, and are the most oppressed of the people of the earth.

It is, therefore, incumbent on me to present the plea of these oppressed ones before the King of the World. I pray he may show such grace that men will behave towards these downtrodden ones as they do towards others and may not transgress the basic laws of the nations. It befits the sun to rise up and shed its light, and it behoves the cloud to pour down rain. It is, therefore, necessary for his highness the King to look after the interests of an oppressed people.

In these days, the case of these prisoners has become extremely serious. Hour by hour, the severity of our condition increases. They have imprisoned nearly seventy individuals, all of whom are in discomfort and ill, yet they will not allow anyone to go out to obtain medicine or food, nor have they yet given us even a dinar for our expenses. A few days ago, a pasha came to my son and said they had telegraphed to

say that some (of us) would be given one franc per day, others half a franc. It seems that the purpose of this was to bring dishonour on me.

Some time ago, I sent a report of what had happened to the Austrian ambassador. If he should pay heed, things will improve, for there has been no fault on our part. They have never proved legally that this sect has committed wrong, nor have they explained the reason for this affliction. Undoubtedly, your excellency will pay attention to our affairs as far as lies within your capacity. The one God is witness that your excellency has shown the greatest favour, to such a degree that you remembered me at such a time. That, in truth, is in itself sufficient, and it shall never be erased from my memory. I pray that God may increase your life and glory and prosperity every day.

I remain obedient to your command.

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It has been ordained for you to fast for God for three consecutive days, and at noon each day to turn toward the Qiblih in the presence of the Light of Identity and supplicate God with these verses, that He may through His bounty forgive you and expiate your evil deeds and guide you to the straight path:

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Compelling!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who created the heavens through the Pen of Thy creation and the earth through the breaths of the Tablets of Thy invention, and formed between them from the formations of Thy Identity according to the measures of Thy eternal craftsmanship, and turned upon them from the cycles of Thy Lordship that which Thou didst specially ordain for them from the essences of the manifestations of the might of Thy sovereignty. Thou didst send the winds of love from the right hand of Thy will and cause the rains of providence to descend from the clouds of the bounty of Thy generosity, and didst mix this living, life-giving sweet water with this holy, luminous earth. Then were the hearts of all existent things stirred within the vestures of Thy creation, and the bones of all created things were quickened by the wonders of Thy power, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee were bewildered by the essences of Thy grace, and the minds of the sincere were attracted by the melodies of Thy rapture. Then did the signs of Thy power appear in all things according to their ranks and capacities, that the corrupt might be distinguished from the good in their turning toward Thee or away from Thee. Thus did sanctified souls turn toward the Sun of Thy Beauty while darkened hearts turned away from the Kaaba of Thy Being and the sanctuary of Thy grandeur.

Thereafter didst Thou cause this water to descend from the heaven of Thy leave upon the earth of Thy decree, and didst nurture it in the treasuries of Thy protection and the repositories of Thy power, until through Thy bounty Thou didst manifest me and through Thy mercy raise me up, and didst nourish me from the milk of Thy generosity and feed me from the blessings of Thy good-pleasure and give me to drink from the rivers of Thy favors and the seas of Thy glory. And I grew to maturity for the manifestation of Thy power and the revelation of Thy might. Then didst Thou raise me to the clouds of the heaven and the Lote-Tree of the uttermost boundary, until Thou didst honor me with Thy beauty and cause me to

know the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Sun of Thy guidance and the stars of Thy exaltation, and didst bring me to the station of nearness and beauty and cause me to attain unto the degrees of union and majesty. Thereafter didst Thou honor me with Thy supreme bounty and settle me in the precincts of Thy most exalted mercy and shelter me beneath the shadow of Thy most beautiful names.

Yet in all this was I heedless of Thy remembrance and far removed from the gardens of Thy nearness and forgetful of the wonders of Thy tenderness and the essences of Thy loving-kindness, until I did what I did and earned what I earned, such that I transgressed against Thee in a manner whereby I showed no shame in Thy presence and no embarrassment before Thy beauty, and committed that which befitteth not Thy sovereignty, and grew heedless of Thy love and occupied myself with that which Thou hadst forbidden to Thy servants. Alas for me and for those who are like me and who walk in my path! It is as though I disobeyed Thee with every disobedience, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of forgiveness and pardon! In all this was I occupied with myself and heedless of Thy Self, turning toward my own desires and turning away from Thy desire and will, until I reached a station wherein I went astray from the paths of Thy guidance and the ways of Thy commandments.

Then, O my God, did I return from all this unto Thee, disappointed, in loss, remorseful and abased, and I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy Oneness and the Light of Thy Eternity and the Pavilion of the glory of Thy concealment, that Thou show mercy unto me and forgive me and pardon me and take me not to task for that which Thou hast reckoned from me and that which Thou hast witnessed of my deeds. Verily Thou art the Merciful, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Compassionate.

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The Name 66 [Allah]. He is God, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing. That which flowed from thy pen hath come into the presence of Him Who is the Fountain of the Waters of Life amidst all possibilities and the Salsabil of the mercy of the All-Merciful amidst the worlds. Through it the fragrances of sincerity were wafted and the sweet savors of pure-heartedness were diffused. It is as though the water of thy utterance hath been mingled with the ink of the Beloved. Thus hath the star of joy risen and the cup of gladness circled round in these days wherein sorrows have encompassed Us through that which the hands of the transgressors have wrought. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy letter which testified to that which thou dost manifest in the Cause of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great.

My grief is not for that which hath befallen My own Self. By God! The Ancient Beauty doth not shrink from tribulations. Indeed, He hath found solace in them in the path of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. But observe, then mention that We had forbidden all from shedding blood, as all the Tablets bear witness, and thou art among those who know. Wickedness hath reached such a degree that the Pen of the Most High suddenly cried out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, after the doors of attainment to His presence were closed: “The necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy. Where are Thy swords of vengeance, O Destroyer of the worlds?” When the verses were sent down, all things were shaken. Therefore We took hold of the reins of power with authority from Our presence. Yet there leaked

what leaked and appeared what appeared. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp of power lie the reins of the worlds.

O My Name! We forbade all people from such matters. The fire of wickedness became so inflamed that there occurred what occurred in numbered years. Continuously We kept those vile souls protected beneath the cloak of protection. Yet they found no rest, manifesting corruption and sedition each day. The matter reached such a point that We withdrew from all and closed the doors of association. The angels of divine wrath seized them suddenly and made them a lesson to the worlds. The All-Merciful did not have mercy on their graves. This occurred suddenly. Were you to hear the details, you would testify that the Hand of God's power seized them - no one else had any part in it, nor will they. Pure power was manifested from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful One.

Thou didst mention the captives of God. Their letter came into the presence of the Face. We found the fragrance of the garment of the Name of thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, from the direction of Khartoum. They have always been and will continue to be before Our sight. Remember them on My behalf and convey My glory to them from this Wronged One, this Stranger. In these days more than this is not permitted. If stability is achieved in this land, We shall send to them what thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the Wise, hath desired.

Convey My glory to Javad. We have sent to him what was previously revealed for him that he may find from it the fragrance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Then mention him who is named Muhammad and give him the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the All-Merciful, that he may be among those who rejoice. There hath come into the presence of the Most Great Scene what was sent to thee from Shin and Jim. We beseech God to make them among those who guide others to His remembrance among the worlds, and manifestations of steadfastness among creation, and dawning-places of righteousness among creatures. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

As for what thou didst explicitly inquire about regarding Jula, say: He hath returned to the lowest depths, by the Lord of the worlds! But the difference between them is not slight. The first Jula who was before and about whom the example was struck was truly wretched, wretched. But the second one is accursed, accursed. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those whom God hath aided to His firm and wise Cause.

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Baha'u'llah's Tablet Commemorating the Anniversary of the Declaration of the Bab

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Most Great, the Most Exalted!

Lo! The Tongue is calling aloud and the Word hath lifted up its Voice, proclaiming: The Kingdom is God's, the Creator of the heavens, the Lord of Names; yet the generality of mankind is sunk in heedlessness. All creation hath been carried away by the sweet melody of the All-Merciful and the realms of sanctity are

redolent of the fragrance of His raiment and the Most Great Name hath shed the splendour of His effulgent glory upon all the dwellers of the world; but the people are obscured by a palpable veil.

O Pen of Glory! Raise thou the tune of the celestial strains, for We inhale the sweet savours of reunion, inasmuch as the Day is at hand in which the kingdom of names is embellished with the ornament of Our Name, the Most August, the Most Exalted – a Name which no sooner was it mentioned before the Throne than the Maids of Heaven broke into songs of divine melody and the heavenly Dove warbled its wondrous notes and the Tongue of the Merciful Lord proclaimed that which hath enraptured the souls of the messengers, of the pure in heart and of them that enjoy near access unto God.

This is the Night from the orient of whose Day the Morn of Eternity hath dawned and the whole world hath been illumined by the splendour of its light, shining forth above this radiant Horizon.

Say, verily this is the Day in which God hath entered into a covenant concerning Him Who proclaimeth the Truth when He sent forth the One bearing unto mankind the tidings of this Great Announcement. This is the Day in which His mighty Sign hath appeared, magnifying the glory of this inestimable Name; the Day in which the entire creation hath been enravished by the reviving breeze of the Verses of God. Happy is he that hath recognized his Lord and is numbered with the blissful.

Say, He is the most perfect Balance amongst nations. Through Him the measure assigned unto everything hath been revealed by virtue of the Will of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Men of discernment, inebriated with the choice wine of His utterance, have rent the veils asunder through the sovereign might of My Name which pervadeth all mankind.

He consecrated the Bayan as a leaf unto this Garden and adorned it with the praise of this incomparable Remembrance. He hath exhorted men not to withhold themselves from the Day-Spring of Ancient Glory, nor to cling unto such tales and traditions as are current amongst them at the time of His appearance. Thus the decree was fulfilled in conformity with what He hath enunciated. Unto this beareth witness He Who proclaimeth the Truth: Verily, no God is there besides Me, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

They that turn away from the Latter Manifestation have indeed failed to recognize the First One; thus hath it been ordained by the Causer of the causes, He Who is now manifest in this glorious raiment. He did herald the tidings of this Root amidst you, wherefore they who have deprived themselves by reason of the twig are truly numbered with the dead. The twig is that which people set their hearts upon and thus turn their backs to God, the Supreme Ruler, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

He conditioned everything He hath revealed by My good pleasure and made every commandment subservient unto this irrefutable, this undoubted Commandment. Had it not been for My sake He would not have uttered a single word, nor would have He manifested Himself before the gaze of the dwellers of heavens and earth. How often did He lament over My captivity, My imprisonment, My tribulations! That which is sent down in the Bayan doth amply testify unto this; would that ye know it. Powerful indeed is the man who through the might of God hath severed himself from all else but Him and powerless is the one who turned away from His face when He did appear, invested with manifest dominion.

O people of the earth! It behooveth you to magnify the Name of God in this Day – the Day in which the Spirit hath unloosed His tongue and the souls of such as were brought into being through the operation of the Word of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, eagerly yearn to wing their flight.

It beseemeth everyone in this Day to rejoice with exceeding gladness, to attire himself with exquisite garment, celebrate the praise of his Lord and yield thanksgiving unto Him by virtue of this great favour. Blessed is he that hath apprehended the purpose of God and woe betide the heedless.

Since this Tablet hath been revealed in this Night, We fain would wish to send it unto thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest be of the grateful. Once thou hast perused it, recite it in the presence of the loved ones of God, that they, one and all, may hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered and may be of them that act accordingly. Thus have We singled thee out and attired thee with that wherewith the temples of the pure in heart are attired.

All glory be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the King of names, for that Thou hast converted joy into vexation, and pitched the tent of sorrows during Thy festival of Ridvan. I swear by Thy glory! I repine not at that which hath befallen Me in Thy path. By Thy name, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! Tribulation borne for love of Thee is, verily, My cherished wish, the goal of My desire, and the solace of Mine heart; yet do I long to announce unto the world that from the Lote Tree of Fidelity the Most Exalted Fruit hath fallen, inasmuch as it was compassed by tempestuous winds blowing from the right hand of Thy decree, and smitten by the assault of Thine appointment as inscribed by the Pen of Thy behest. O My Lord! The sea of troubles hath surged during the days of Thy happiness, and the fragrance of sorrows hath wafted even in the day of Thy blissful joy. Hath the refulgent orb of Thy Name Ha' set beneath the horizon of Sad, or is he still in the clutches of the enemies, who have cast away Thy Testament, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all names? O Land of Sad! Doth My Name yet walk upon thy surface, or hath there reposed within thy womb a trust from Me? O insensate land! How canst thou be still, when the very ocean is concealed within thee? And how canst thou be illumined, when the refulgent orb hath set beneath thy horizon? O Land of Sad! Where is thy lamp, and where thy straight path? Where is God's overflowing fount within thee, and where the Lote Tree whose shade God had made a shelter unto all that resorted thither, or sought it out, or chanced upon it in their travels? I swear by God! O My Name Ha'! By reason of thine agony the Pen of the Most High hath halted; the dwellers of the Cities of the Names of God have lamented; and the hearts of His chosen ones have melted. Thou art he who accepted not a ransom in the love of God, the Lord of this world and of the next; and repeatedly craved of God that which actually befell him. Thou art the Most Great Ransom in the Crimson Book. Did the people think that they had gained by their transaction? Nay, by Him Who is the King of Names! God is My witness that they suffered a loss such as hath had no equal in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the throne above and of earth below. The Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that it is thou who hast gained by this transaction. Nay by My

life! All gain is thine, inasmuch as thou hast quit the earth, whose every atom beareth witness unto its evanescence; hast set thy face towards the dawning-place of eternity; and hast yielded thy life in thy yearning for the love of God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of all names. By thy life, O My Name! By reason of thine agony the afflictions of the saints have been effaced, and the eyes of God's chosen ones and the Celestial Concourse have run down with tears. It hath reached such a pass that He Who is the Manifestation of God's Ancient Beauty among the nations hath been sorrowed. Wert thou present before this Wronged One in thine outward temple, and didst behold in what condition the Pen of the Most High recounteth thine afflictions, thou wouldst wail even as a bereaved mother in the kingdom of creation. Alas, alas, O My Name Ha'! And again alas, alas, O My Name that shineth above the horizon of fidelity! And yet again, alas I cry, with a fervour such as to cause oceans to well forth from the eyes, and the hearts and souls to melt. Thou art he through whom the tale of the Sacrifice (Ishmael) hath been retold, and that which had been hidden in the knowledge of God, and written in His Mighty Book, hath come to pass. O Land of Sad! Speak true, I prithee, and tell Me, Where is the She-Camel of God, that trod thy byways and grazed in thy fair pastures? Doth she still graze today, or hath she been hamstrung by the enemies of God, and by the enemies of His chosen ones and His servants? Then tell Me, did she drink and ascend, or did she suffer martyrdom whilst parched, and so ascend unto the Abha Horizon and the realms above? Then tell Me, left she anyone behind to guard her home; to gather together her kin; to calm their trepidation; to fortify their hearts; to comfort them in their distress; and to console them in their grief and sorrow? Thou must needs in such a case, and at this very moment, repeat: The Kingdom is God's the Lord of the worlds! Verily, we are God's, and unto Him shall we indeed return.

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He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

We have come for the sake of remembrance, and Our remembrance is to remind the servants toward the One Who is remembered. When We turned from the most exalted horizon toward the realm of creation, We opened the gates of counsel with the key of wisdom and reminded all of that which is the cause and means of lofty stations. Blessed is the soul who has purified itself from the desires of self and passion with the Kawthar of counsel of the Lord of Names, and has aimed for the supreme height and ultimate goal. One must strive for the reformation of the world and purification of the nations. In the early days We showed the people of the earth the way and guided them to the straight path and the mighty announcement. Some, upon hearing the call, turned immediately to the most exalted horizon, sanctified from all that is unworthy of God's days, while others remained afflicted with the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We beseech God not to deprive any from the ocean of His mercy and to aid them as befitteth. Verily He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

O friend! God willing, thou shalt be enkindled with the heat of divine love. Today is the master of days. Ask God to aid thee in a deed whose mention shall endure in God's Book. The Trustee, upon him be My glory, mentioned thee, and likewise the friends of that land. Therefore the Supreme Pen turned from the direction of the Prison and adorned each one with the ornament of remembrance. O Baba! Praise be to

God that thou hast turned to Him in days when most of the people of the earth have turned away from the Sun of Truth. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to the ocean of Thy grace and the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, and I acknowledge Thy oneness and Thy singleness and what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy light wherewith Thou hast illumined the world and guided the nations to aid me in all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Sha'ban! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. God mentioneth all and commandeth what is right, and hath counseled and doth counsel to trustworthiness and godliness and praiseworthy character and goodly deeds and that whereby the station of man is exalted. Blessed is the soul who hath heard the call and acted upon what was commanded, and is recorded among those who have turned to God in His Book. Say: My God, my God! I have turned to Thee. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy sovereignty and the Daysprings of Thy might and the Sources of Thy Command and the Rising-places of Thy verses to make me steadfast in Thy love and gazing toward Thy horizon and holding fast to Thy mighty cord. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali! Give thanks to God that thy name hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen, which calleth out with the most great call between earth and heaven: The gate of meeting hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with clear authority. Praise the Goal of the world Who hath aided thee and guided thee to His straight path. Thy mention is remembered and thy name is recorded. God, exalted be His glory, hath been and is aware. Ask Him for steadfastness and be occupied with serving His loved ones. Verily He heard what thy tongue uttered and saw thy turning to Him. He turned to thee and remembered thee with this clear remembrance. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy.

The purpose of the assistance mentioned in all the Tablets hath been and still is well known to the loved ones of God. The Truth, exalted be His mention, is sanctified above this world and whatsoever is therein, and by assistance was never meant that anyone should contend or dispute with any soul. The King of Glory hath committed the kingdom of earth, both land and sea, unto the kings, for they are the manifestations of divine power, each according to his degree. Should they enter beneath the shadow of the True One, they will be accounted of God, otherwise thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That which God - exalted be His mention - hath desired for Himself are the hearts of His servants, which are the treasuries of His mystical revelation and the depositories of His divine love. The eternal King's everlasting purpose hath been to cleanse the hearts from the promptings of the world and all that is therein, that they may become worthy to receive the effulgent splendors of the sovereign of names and attributes. Thus no stranger should be allowed admittance into the city of the heart, that the Friend may hasten to His own abode - that is, the effulgence of His beauty, and not His essence or reality, for that hath ever been, and shall ever be, sanctified from ascent or descent. Therefore, to assist God's

Cause in this day doth not and shall never mean to engage in opposition and contention or conflict with any soul. Rather, what is preferable is that the cities of men's hearts should be conquered through the sword of wisdom and of utterance, and not through the sword of iron. Thus should anyone desire to assist the Cause of God, let him first conquer the city of his own heart with the sword of spiritual truth and of expression, cleanse it from all things save God, and then turn towards the cities of others' hearts. This is the meaning of assisting God's Cause that hath dawned from the horizon of the finger of the King of Names. Corruption hath never been pleasing and never shall be, and whatever occurred in the past happened without God's leave. In brief, in this day the loved ones of God must appear among men in such wise that through their deeds they may guide all to the good-pleasure of the Lord of Glory. By the Sun of the morn of sanctity! Never have the Truth and His loved ones who are attributed to Him regarded, nor will they ever regard, the earth and its transient riches. For had the purpose been to take possession of the earth, He was assuredly able and powerful enough and could have conquered the whole world with a single word. But He hath given sovereignty to sovereigns, wisdom to the discerning, knowledge to the learned, and reserved for Himself the love of the hearts of His servants, and naught else doth He regard, nor will He ever regard aught else. And this too is by virtue of His supreme grace, that perchance mortal souls may be cleansed from earthly conditions and attain the everlasting station which is the paradise of divine unity. Otherwise, that Pre-existent King hath ever been, in His own Essence, independent of all things. No benefit accrues to Him from the love of contingent things, nor can any harm befall Him from their enmity. All emerged from earthly places and unto Him shall all return, while that Ancient Beauty remaineth in His own station, alone and single, sanctified above place and time, mention and description, indication and allusion, exaltation and abasement. None knoweth this save those endowed with insight and perception.

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Your letter reached this servant and after being presented, the Most Exalted Tongue spoke these lustrous words: That which you saw in your dream was mentioned in the presence. As for what you mentioned about seeing in heaven flowers, blossoms and stars - these indicate the manifestations of your Lord's favors and the expressions of His power. Soon their signs will appear on earth such that mention of your Lord's name, the Most High, the Great, will encompass it. And what you drank from the cup - it was connected to the Most Great Ocean which has no end. This is evidence of your Lord's grace toward you, and He has ordained for you from this ocean that which will never be exhausted, throughout the duration of your Lord's kingdom. Just as you drank and found no end to it, blessed are you in what has been ordained for you of that ever-flowing, enduring, remaining, mighty, impregnable Kawthar. Soon God will give life through what has flowed from it to the hearts of His servants and will draw them near to Him and cause them to recognize the Dawning Place of His Essence, Who speaks with truth: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. As for what you saw of Our turning toward the mosque - this indicates the latter manifestation and the spreading of your Lord's verses and the gathering of people unto what He desires, even though in these days veils of idle fancies have covered the people and the Word has been lost through what was earned by the hands of those who have left God's party - your Lord and the Lord of the worlds. But soon will come a day when the melodies of the Dove of

Utterance will be raised with the most wondrous tunes and the loftiness of this Cause which has been exalted in truth will become manifest. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

[The next section is already translated]

They have submitted two petitions which were not accepted at all. From the Land of Mystery they have repented nine times and it was accepted, yet they have not become aware. They have ever been engaged in hypocrisy, but in these days their veils have been rent asunder through what they have earned by their desires from among the idolaters. Convey greetings from Us to Mansur and then to Husayn - upon them be the glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. God willing, regarding what you have been commanded concerning teaching, when its time comes We shall instruct you about it. Act with the utmost wisdom and let not a single word contrary to this issue forth from your tongue. Thus have you been commanded in truth - be among those who act accordingly. End.

I convey infinite greetings to all. God willing, you are and will continue to be in the utmost joy. A quatrain was mentioned for all - God willing you will recite it and never forget it:

O you who in separation have life upon your lips

With hosts of remembrance of the Friend within your frames

And in the shell of your breast keep pure

Love for the Friend's face through days and nights

=== END BH01932 ===

=== START BH01933 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

Your letter reached this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison and was seen. The Cause of Truth has ever shone like the sun from the horizon of glory - the eclipse of people's vain imaginings has not and will never overtake it. Colocynth has never been confused with honey. Every possessor of hearing and smell can perceive the song of the nightingale and the fragrance of the rose. You wrote that your letter went unanswered and was delayed. Know this much: the purpose of this servant is that all on earth should gather together in perfect love and unity at the divine stream of His Cause. Pride and vainglory have no place here. For God's sake have We spoken what We have spoken, and for His sake have We been afflicted with countless imprisonments and tribulations. If you would reflect a little on what has come to pass, you would testify to what is recorded in this leaf. And as for what you wrote about this servant considering those not his followers to be polytheists - God forbid! Rather, those souls who are heedless of Truth and turn to other than Him are, by the testimony of the divine Books, polytheists and ever shall be. Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an that you may be assured I speak only what God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has spoken. You also wrote that if the matter rests on imitation, Abu Dharr and Salman the Persian are more worthy of being imitated since their excellence is universally acknowledged. If you follow this reasoning, you should not go beyond the scroll of Adam and

cling to him, for all peoples - Jews, Christians, Muslims and most of the world's communities - accept him. And after him you should cling only to Moses and the Torah, for most people on earth have agreed upon them. But as for Salman and Abu Dharr, none but the Islamic sect accepts them. Now consider by what proof you passed beyond that which all agree upon - what was that proof and which path did you take? We say no more. He has said: "An hour's reflection is better than seventy years of worship." This is the Day of the appearance of the blessed Word that says: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses." Hear the counsel of this Wronged One Who speaks for God's sake and has no purpose save this, for most of His life He has been afflicted and has sought no helper save God. Were you to turn to things with the ear of innate nature, you would hear their sighing, their crying and their weeping. Reflect on the state of the world and its changes and extinction. Ask God to guide you to a matter whose traces will endure permanently on earth. Be not distressed at the delay in reply. Affairs have their appointed times. Moreover, no obligation rests upon a bird imprisoned in a cage. God willing, you will rend asunder the veils of fancy and attain the station of certitude. This is the station where the imagined is effaced and the known appears. The Cause is in His hand - He gives what He wishes to whom He wishes and withholds from whom He wishes what He wills. He is verily the Protector, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH01933 ===

=== START BH01934 ===

In the Name of the one God! The letter of that faithful friend arrived. Since it conveyed your health and well-being, it brought joy. We beseech God to assist you in that which will endure and persist.

Regarding what you wrote about the burning of books, you are right. The greatest error that occurred in the world was the burning of books, for books are as the eyes and ears of the world - through them humanity sees and hears. In truth, they deprived themselves of seeing and hearing. We testify that they are among the heedless.

You also wrote that after the Sassanians, the star of the fortune of the Zoroastrians set in the west of extinction. Outwardly it is as you wrote, but today is the Day illumined by the Sun of Truth. The fragrance of His utterance is diffused and the breeze of His grace is wafting throughout all regions. He is seated upon the throne of justice and established upon the seat of manifestation, speaking with the word "I am the Wronged One." Though possessed of ultimate power He appears weak, and though having complete might and ascendancy He is oppressed. Today the Zoroastrians circle round the Manifestation of the command of the All-Merciful. The meaning is the same as before though the word has changed, the way is the same though the name has been transformed. This change and transformation has appeared due to the change of the world and the requirements of the time.

You mentioned the world conquest of ancient kings. Their sovereignty was and is acceptable in the sight of the Lord of the world. The kings of Persia who existed in times of old ruled for centuries, ages and eras with perfect forbearance and piety, and each shone like the morning star in the heaven of greatness, and from the rays of the sun of justice the world was, according to its capacity, illumined and radiant. For the kings of the world there has not been and is not any helper mightier than justice and wisdom. Some time

ago this utterance was recorded by the Pen of truth in a heavenly letter in the Arabic tongue: “O concourse of rulers! There is no force in the world mightier than justice and wisdom. Blessed is the king before whose face marcheth the standard of wisdom and behind whom standeth the host of justice. He is indeed of the people of Baha and hath been in the Crimson Book recorded by the Supreme Pen in truth.”

O friend! The pavilion of the world’s tranquility is upheld by these two pillars: justice and wisdom. Say: O people! Wisdom is like unto heaven - its sun and moon are forbearance and piety. Whosoever possesseth these two hath all good.

O friend! In these days when the bird of knowledge is caught in the talons of the ignorant, and the lights of the sun of fairness are hidden behind the veil of tyranny, where is there opportunity for speech or station for expression? Today concealment is necessary, for the birds of night are beyond counting and all seek darkness. In such case there is no station or rank for light. But the hand of divine power is manifest and supreme - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

The book also arrived and was seen. Praise be to God, you executed it well. It contains exhortations, counsels, wisdom and morals. We beseech God that it may remind souls and grant them awareness. God willing, may the Lord assist you to serve His Cause and attain the enduring fruits of the Tree of His mention.

=== END BH01934 ===

=== START BH01936 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Mighty

Your letter arrived. Praise be to God that we dwell beneath the shade of His grace and are blessed with the fruit of His bounty. God willing, may you ever ascend to the heaven of holiness and stations of intimacy, and remain seated and at rest upon the throne of love for the Peerless Lord and the Beauty of Glory. And then, certain statements were heard from the people of that land which caused me great astonishment, for if someone makes mention of this servant, this should not cause discord, since it is clear and evident that this servant has no mention or command of his own. Rather, discord is removed through this servant, as happened this year. I had supposed that the friends there, due to this great tribulation that befell me, would demonstrate perfect friendship and love, not that because of the words of a lying accursed one who has believed in no Lord, all these vain and meaningless statements would be made and repeated. Although the Book of Light was sent, they did not even read it once to become aware and thus avoid making such statements. Now all must become aware, and this lowly, insignificant servant who has been imprisoned several times, been seized, and finally become rejected by the servants and banished from lands, can no longer bear the transgression of the companions. After all, some measure of mercy and justice should be found in the world. I swear by God that never has there been nor is there any thought except servitude. However, since matters have now reached this point, mention must necessarily be made so that it may cause people to become aware. As for the verses revealed in the Book of Light, His Holiness Himself sent all of them to Mirza Rida-Quli, may God’s blessings be upon him. Among them is this: “God has ordained much good for thee and preferred thee above those who have

believed in God's signs, that thou mayest be well-pleased with God thy Lord and recite what God reveals unto thee," etc. And in another place He says: "We have commanded those who have believed in God's signs to follow thy word in thy Lord's Cause, and We have made thee a warner from Our presence that thou mayest cast knowledge and wisdom into the hearts of these," etc. And there are many more such verses. Now judge fairly - were these statements proper that were made in gatherings and spread among people, even though in all of Light there is no mention of anyone from among the divines and martyrs except this servant? God willing this will be seen. My purpose in this argument is not to establish rank, and I swear by God that I am not worthy of such mentions, but I say this that perhaps the servants may become mindful and not make statements according to the promptings of self. The choice is yours. And peace be upon whoever follows guidance. If they would only understand these two verses, it would suffice for all in the heavens and earth. Otherwise the solid rock can never perceive or touch the Holy Spirit. Since whatever occurs in that land is seen through your eyes, as you have authority over all of them, therefore these few words were ventured. Please forgive me.

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=== START BH01937 ===

O Mulla 'Abdu'r-Razzaq, in the Qaf

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous

This is a Book which hath been sent down in truth, that through it the light of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, may shine forth in the hearts of them that have believed. O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, that through thy Lord's revelation there may arise that which will establish thee in the assistance of God and His remembrance, and sever thee from them that have disbelieved and joined partners with God and were among the heedless. By God! Whoso hearkeneth today unto the words of his Lord with the ear of his heart will be so attracted that he will never turn to the world and all that is therein, nor will aught but the remembrance of God, the True King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, ever rest within his soul. Ascend the ladder of inner meanings unto that station which none hath entered save he who hath witnessed the sovereignty of his Lord and His all-encompassing power over all worlds. Purify thy soul and heart from those who affirm their faith in 'Ali through what was revealed unto him of the verses of God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, yet when His verses are recited unto them once again, they object to them and are not among those who perceive. Soon will the clamor of the idolaters be raised in that place, and shouldst thou hear their uproar, be not perturbed in thy soul, but turn away from them and set thy face toward the sanctuary of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and be not of the perplexed. Drink the Kawthar of steadfastness and assurance from the wellspring of thy Lord's words, that it may attract thee to a station wherein the souls of the agitated find peace. Say: O people! By God, the entire Bayan was revealed in My remembrance and praise. Be ye ashamed before God Who created you by His command and gave you glad tidings of this resplendent, luminous Beauty. Fear God, O people, and deny not Him Who hath come to you from the direction of the Spirit with a most great, mighty Name, and Who summoneth you at all times unto God, your Creator, desiring from you no recompense, for His reward is with God, the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing. O people! Be fair in the Cause of God

and deny not His verses, and follow not the ways of the oppressors who utter falsehoods against God, then proclaim within themselves that they may cause the matter to appear dubious unto the servants, and thus do they plot at every moment and instant. And thou, O servant, purify thy sight from gazing upon aught except Me, and sanctify thy heart from turning to anyone besides Me. Beware lest thou exchange the choice wine of My loving-kindness for scalding water. Leave the idolaters to themselves, then ascend at all times unto God, and verily He is with thee and heareth and seeth thy condition, and He is the Friend of the righteous. Then make mention from Us of thy brother Mahdi and give him the glad tidings of Our remembrance of him, that he may be of them that rejoice. Say: O servant! Whenever thou findest thyself in thy native land, remember this Exile in this strange land. Then convey Our greetings unto thy other brother who is named 'Abdu'llah, that he may remember within his soul and be among them that are firmly established in the Cause of Him Who hath appeared with the truth, from Whom every wicked sinner hath turned away. We beseech God to assist thee and them both in praising His Self and to nourish you from the fruits of the Tree of His loving-kindness and shelter you beneath the shade of His mercy which hath preceded all worlds. And the spirit and glory and splendor be upon you and upon your father and upon whoso is with you in your house, and verily when the breezes of holiness blow from the direction of grace, they take hold of everyone, young and old. And praise be to God, the Creator of all beings.

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=== START BH01938 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a noble Book sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing. Verily it is the Spirit of the Command through which the hearts of them that know are quickened, and verily it is the Lamp of God between the heavens and the earths, and verily it is a mercy and remembrance for all the worlds. O Mim, hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from the direction of His Name, the Most High, the Most Great. He calleth thee from the prison at a time when entrance and exit are forbidden, due to that which the hands of the transgressors have wrought. Soon shall the prison door be opened - thus doth thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise thee. He loveth tribulation in the path of His Lord even as they that are sincere love the countenance of their Lord, the Dawning, the Luminous. Sorrows have not prevented Us from remembering the name of Our Lord, the All-Merciful, nor shall the might of the oppressors prevent Me. Remember Him at all times and summon the people unto Him - thus hast thou been commanded by One mighty and powerful. O Ha', hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Arise to serve the Cause, then remind the people of this momentous News, that perchance they may arise from the slumber of vain desires and turn towards the supreme horizon in these days wherein the Sun of the beauty of thy Lord hath dawned upon all created things with manifest sovereignty. Be thou of such constancy that the vicissitudes of time prevent thee not from the direction of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thy face may shine amongst Our heedless servants. Confine thy affairs to His remembrance and praise, then gather the people unto the Most Great Ocean - thus hath the Tongue of Revelation commanded thee from this remote prison. O Mim, hearken once again unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He speaketh the truth: "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower." Arise to serve the Cause, then stand firm and say: "O people! The heaven hath been folded

up, and the moon hath been cleft asunder, and the All-Glorious hath come upon the clouds of divine knowledge. Fear God and break not God's Covenant and Testament. Hasten to the Kawthar of grace - this is better for you than all that hath been created in existence." Behold those who were unjust of old - their traces have been effaced, their roofs have fallen in, and their couches have been rolled up until the flames encompassed them. Soon shall the breezes of torment seize these who have denied God. Verily thy Lord is severe in punishment, and He is the Mighty, the Help in Peril. O Letter Dal! Call the people with wisdom and utterance - thus have We commanded the servants in all the Tablets, yet most of them understand not. They cast the Command of God behind their backs until sedition seized all regions, and thy Lord witnessed what they did. Had they followed God's Command it would have been better for them than what they desired. Soon will He raise up His Cause as He pleaseth - there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then bring them beneath the shadow of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O My loved ones! The Pen hath been prevented from remembrance, and behind Me are an oppressive people - otherwise I would have sent down for each one of you verses from the All-Merciful from this praiseworthy station. Be ye united in the Cause of your Lord, then hearken unto him who remindeth you by Our leave, and hold fast in all conditions to the Sure Handle, and trust in Him at all times. He is with you and will aid you with His sovereignty, and with Him is the knowledge of all things, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Make mention of the worshipper on Our behalf - his name was mentioned at this moment before the Throne, therefore hath the Pen inscribed his name. Thy Lord is possessed of great bounty. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH01939 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a Book from Us to him who has turned to his Lord, the All-Merciful, in these days wherein all who dwell in the realm of possibility have been shaken, save those who have cast away vain desire and taken unto themselves guidance, in the name of their Lord, the Possessor of Names, Who hath come from heaven with manifest sovereignty that the fragrances of the verses may draw him to the summit of names and attributes and bring him to a station wherein he ariseth to aid the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Arise to serve the Cause by thy Lord's leave, then guide the people in His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Beware lest anything prevent thee from that which thou hast been bidden by One powerful and ancient. Say: O people! The call hath been raised from the Divine Lote-Tree, and that which ye were promised in the Tablets from the Cleaver of Dawn hath appeared. Turn with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved - this is better for you than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths.

Say: He was hidden in His Essence, but when He desired its manifestation He revealed the Manifestation of His Self and sent forth the Dawning-Place of His Cause, through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Dove sang upon the branches and the Spirit cried out from the heart of Paradise: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible!"

Turn not unto those who are moved by their desires. We testify that they are drowned in the ocean of vain imaginings, and every informed one doth witness this. They are as dead before God, the Lord of the First and the Last. Leave them in their idle fancies and hold fast unto the Cord of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power. Say: O people! Obey him who calleth you unto truth and follow not the footsteps of Satan. Aid ye the All-Merciful through utterance and turn unto Him Who hath arisen amongst the servants to exalt the Word of your Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Be fair - by what proof can your faith be established if ye deny? They are indeed confuted, unless they return and repent. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

Thus have We sent down the verses that thine eyes may be solaced thereby and that thou mayest stand firm in thy Lord's Cause in such wise as to summon the servants through this Great Name. Say: By God! All things have spoken in praise of the Lord of Names, and the Ocean of Pre-existence hath surged with this wise Remembrance. Cast aside all peoples, for the Lord of all peoples hath come with mighty sovereignty.

Gird up thy loins to serve God and remember Him. He will verily aid thee through the truth. He is, in truth, powerful over all things. From the heart of whoso desireth to make mention of Him this day shall flow springs of wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth and decreeth what He willeth for whom He desireth.

Confine thy affairs to the remembrance of God and the promotion of His Cause. This will profit thee in this world and the next. Thy Lord is, in truth, knowing of all things. It behooveth him who hath turned toward the Point of Existence to cast behind him all that is in the hands of men. This is the truth, and beyond truth there is naught but manifest error.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Intended One and believed in God after every froward polytheist turned away. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee that which shall immortalize thy mention throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. This is indeed a great bounty.

Make mention of thy son from Us and convey unto him the greetings from this lonely Wronged One, that he may be stirred by the breezes of thy Lord's loving-kindness and become of the sincere ones. And upon thee and thy family be the glory of thy Lord, the Speaker, the True, the Mighty, the Trusted One. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from the presence of Baha to him whom God hath preserved in these days from the fire of self and passion, and hath aided to recognize His Self, and hath made him to be numbered among those who are assured in the Tablets, and hath detached him from all else save Him, and hath given him to drink of the cup of everlasting life from this Countenance which hath been illumined from all eternity with

the lights of God. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as the breath of God hath quickened thee and the breezes of the Spirit have stirred thee and turned thee from the left hand of fancy to the right hand of certitude, and hath provided thee with the fruits of the Tree which was manifest in the form of man in very truth. Thus doth God preserve whom He willeth of His servants and aid those who seek His help through a sovereignty that encompasseth all worlds. And thou, O servant, give thanks unto thy Lord for having bestowed upon thee that which made thee independent in His recognition from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and caused the dove of longing to warble in thy breast, and brought thee nigh unto a holy and exalted shore. Know thou that they who opposed God prevented thee from that which thou didst desire in His path, and this was an injustice from their own selves against the Self of the All-Merciful - and My Self, the True One, is witness unto what I say. Grieve not thou at this, but be content with what God hath ordained in His Cause. Then aid Him as thou art able, and tarry not in His aid even for a moment. Place thy trust in all things in God and sorrow not for aught, for He shall manifest whatsoever He willeth and desireth, and He is indeed the Observer of all things. And when sorrows intensify upon thee, remember My sorrows. By God, the Truth! I have borne what was heavier than the weight of the heavens and earth, yet I did not become impatient in God's Cause but endured according to My power and bore according to My strength. Thus do We impart unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest be informed of what befell the Ancient Beauty from those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, after they had imagined within themselves that they had ascended in faith to a holy and lofty station. By God, the Truth! They committed against their own selves what none before them had ever committed, wherefore the word of wrath was fulfilled against them from the presence of One mighty and wise. Were We to mention unto thee what befell Us from him whose mention We had exalted in those days, thou wouldst surely lament and weep within thyself, nay thou wouldst detach thyself from all things and flee unto the summits of lofty mountains. Would that he had been content with what he did! Nay, he attributed unto God that which he witnessed within himself, and by this were consumed the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers, while he rejoiceth within himself as though he had committed no sin. Thus did vain imaginings delude him and drive him from a holy and wondrous paradise, after We had raised him to the kingdom of names to a station beneath which stood the angels of heaven, and We named him in every heaven with one of Our most beautiful names. And after his ascension to the most exalted stations, We commanded him with a command whereupon he waxed proud against God Who created and fashioned him. Therefore did We cast him from the heaven of Command unto the earth of his self and made him a warning unto every discerning one who seeth. Thus have We acquainted thee and imparted unto thee some of what hath befallen Us. Soon shalt thou know that which We have concealed, and thou shalt be informed of what hath befallen the Truth. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God and remained steadfast in the Cause.

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=== START BH01941 ===

Beirut. O Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness.

Ramadan 1302. He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and power.

The more the hope of attaining union grows stronger, the more intense becomes the fire of longing. Therefore a strong body is needed to bear it, not this weak one, for this weak one would collapse at the slightest flame. The hearing and the union must occur in a single moment, that perchance the spirit may be granted victories and recall the records of separation, for the more His fire becomes manifest and evident, the more it adds to the rank and station of the Presence of Union, which is the station of the Divine Presence. Praise be to the Peerless Intended One Who invited and guided all the people of the mortal realm through the blessed word "Pilgrimage to the House is incumbent upon all." His path is clear and His proof is evident. Reflect upon the power of this blessed word: from the day of its revelation until now, the people of the Covenant from all regions and directions have been and continue to be oriented toward it with utmost longing and yearning. They have borne all afflictions, calamities, hardships, injuries and difficulties of every kind on the path as they hastened toward the Friend. Glorified is He Who guided all to His House and His straight and manifest path. And the prayer dawning from the horizon of His loving-kindness be upon him by whose light the Hijaz was illumined and through whom appeared the decree of the Real and the metaphorical, by which the hidden door and treasured mystery were opened, and upon his family and companions, the banners of guidance and brilliant lights and evident signs and manifestations of oneness among creation - those servants whom God the Exalted described in His words: "honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding."

Thereafter, the sublime letter arrived. In truth it was a messenger from the realm of inner meanings that intended this evanescent one. After its reading and review it was presented before the Face. The Master said: "We beseech and hope from God, exalted be His Glory, that He will assist them and adorn them with His loving-kindness. May He not withhold the heavenly feast and true bounty from them for a single moment." End quote.

God willing, through divine grace they will attain with utmost joy and delight to that which was intended. I beseech and hope from God that He will protect the pilgrims to His House from the heat of summer and other illnesses, for in some years in those regions the air changes due to the actions of the heedless and eventually plague breaks out. In any case, what can I say? I ask God Himself to set things right and enable His servants to do what He loves and is pleased with. I send greetings to the honored lady, upon her be Baha'u'llah, and Mirza Inayatu'llah and Mirza Aminu'llah, upon them be Baha'u'llah, and the other lady, upon her be the peace of God, and I beseech God, exalted be His Glory, for assistance. I convey greetings to Siyyid Asadu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah. God willing, they will attain their goal with utmost joy and fragrance. Regarding the journey of that beloved one and others, it was decided by lot and consent that, in accordance with wisdom, they should travel gradually, for if all travel at once it will not be free of talk. Peace be upon you and upon the servants of God.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O Amin, upon thee be My Baha! In these days, time is like unto a rare bird or the most great elixir in the eyes of the people of the world. Nevertheless, this blessed morning We went from Bahji to Junayn, and after taking tea We were occupied with thy mention. Many lofty buildings are in view, and most excellent gardens, but in this earthly dust-heap it is

most difficult to lay an enduring foundation. Although the palace of utterance hath a firm foundation and an impregnable structure which no earthly commotions can move nor change throughout ages and centuries, yet souls worthy of this most exalted station are very few. Therefore its construction and building have been postponed. In any case, it is morning, and in the words of the Arabs, “May God grant you a good morning.” Until now We have mentioned you repeatedly and have sent word. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions. Verily He is with thee and He is the Present, the Hidden, the Speaking, the Silent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By silence is meant spiritual silence, otherwise the Pen moveth with such swiftness that its reckoning is beyond comprehension. O Amin! What is necessary and acceptable before God is to show consideration to the son of the martyr of the people of Kaf, Haji Mirza Jani. The people of Kaf in every city should give him four tumans and send a receipt. The honored aunt and Haji H.S. and Aqa Siyyid Faraj’u’llah and other friends must ensure this sum reaches him in every city. Glory be upon him who hath preceded in what God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which will cause their mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, and to aid them in serving the Cause, and to ordain for them the reward of what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. As for the son of the deceased Haji, wisdom is needed. Act as you deem advisable. The honored martyr was for some time in the presence and accompanied Us on the great journey. Blessed is he and his brother Dhabih who was not prevented by the doubts of his other brother Ahmad nor the hints of any suspicious soul in the world. He rent asunder the veils in the name of his Lord and turned and hastened until he reached the seashore when the Wronged One was captive in the hands of the ignorant. The oppressors came between Us and him until he attained the presence in the bath-house and won the grace of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. And previously he had won the presence twice, once in the land of Taff and again in Zawra. Thus was the matter decreed by God, the Lord of the worlds. O Amin! Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in every land and every place. Give glad tidings to God’s loved ones in the land of Ta and the land of Kaf and the lands of Alif and Ba and other countries - give them all glad tidings of the lights of the Day-Star of God’s grace, exalted be His glory, and adorn them with the ornament of mention. The answer to Mulla Raj and Mulla Ghulam-Rida of Taft hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and dispatched to the land of Ya. By the life of God! Its fragrance hath perfumed the horizons, its utterance hath adorned creation with the ornament of inner meanings. The eye hath been created for it and the ear hath appeared especially for it.

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He is the One Who speaks with truth and is manifest through grace! O Haydar-‘Ali, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The Book of Certitude is being reviewed and corrected according to the command. I complain unto thee of those who attribute themselves to Me yet commit that which causes My lamentation, crying and wailing to rise up. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up souls worthy of serving this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement. The Shi’ih world was administered through lies and calumnies, and now after the removal of the veils of glory and the veils of error, such calumnies have emerged that no ear in creation has heard their like. The Greater Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - that is, the honored Uncle - while in Iraq asked certain questions in My presence, and

that which was revealed in response became known as the Epistle to the Uncle, and later as the Book of Certitude. The journey and exile of the Wronged One is mentioned therein. Nevertheless, in the Land of Sad [Isfahan] it is reported that some of the followers of the tyrannical Dawlat-Abadi attributed it to another station. Fie upon them and those who followed them without any proof from God, the Lord of the worlds! Some time ago, through the Afnan, a telegraph message reached Our presence from ’Ali, upon him be My glory, requesting your journey to the Land of Shin [Shiraz], and from the Source of bounty it was granted. However, after arriving in that land you must act with the utmost wisdom, in such way that none will find cause to speak. If you meet the loved ones, convey to them the greetings from the Wronged One. In these days Shaykh Salman requested certain Tablets and forwarded petitions from some believers. Replies were revealed and sent. Jalal of Nayriz attained Our presence and was blessed with bounty. We beseech God to assist all to do what is befitting and worthy. The petitions of Rafi’-i-Badi’ and ’Abdu’l-Hamid and another, upon them be the glory of God, reached the Most Holy Court. God willing, replies will be sent. We beseech God to assist them to serve the Cause and manifest what befits My days with wisdom and utterance. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Nabil of Qa’in, upon him be My glory. O Haydar-’Ali, that which has been ordained for the steadfast and devoted souls is such that the tongues of all created things are powerless to describe. Soon they shall witness that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth while seated upon the throne of prison through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Ghulam, upon him be My glory, is remembered in the Most Holy Court. He has migrated and hastened until he arrived and attained. This is My testimony for him. We beseech God to assist those who have arisen to help His Cause and exalt His Word, and to confirm them in that which will elevate them in all His worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things. If you meet the people of Nun and Ra, upon them be My glory, convey greetings. The devoted ones must know their station and preserve it in the name of God, for if today something is lost, its recovery will be most difficult. We beseech God to make them enkindled with the fire of His love, detached from all else, and holding fast to His Most Strong and Mighty Cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! O beloved of my heart! The responses to your letters were written, but due to postal limitations were not sent this time. Your letter number five dated the first of the revered month of Sha’ban arrived. That which you wrote concerning the mention and service of the friends of God, especially regarding the honored friend J.L.H., may the glory and favors of God rest upon him, and his intention, as well as the payment of the Rights of God by all, was presented at the Most Holy Court. His blessed and exalted Word: “Praise be to God, they are blessed with His favors, steadfast in service, speaking His praise and turned toward His face. However, since they are engaged in service and their station is that of the friends and wayfarers, the payment of the Rights depends on their own will. In any case, they are mentioned before God and blessed with His favors. Give them these glad tidings from thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.” Regarding what you wrote about Nasir and the arrangement you made with him, it is acceptable before the Throne. We beseech God to make him steadfast in constancy, remembrance and praise. Excellent is what he has done

in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. End quote. According to the Command, gatherings in that land are not permitted. Some should move with perfect wisdom for the sake of God, such as His Holiness the Name 66 J.M., may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him, and the detached souls, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon them. They must conduct themselves with kindness, mercy and compassion toward the people. Today news arrived of the arrival in Ta of the son of the Most Truthful Name of God, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon them both, and likewise the letter they wrote to this servant. God willing, a response will be sent later. Most of the tablets of arrival will be sent this time as mentioned by that beloved one, and likewise the revealed scripture especially for the sons of Khalil, may the glory of God rest upon them, and also one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet especially for the Leaf, may the glory of God rest upon her (in Q). However, one side of the tablets of arrival must be erased as previously commanded from the Source of the Command. Blessed are they who act accordingly. Convey greetings and praise to all the friends in that land. Give them the glad tidings of God's favors, exalted be His glory, and I beseech Him to assist all to achieve unity and harmony and to be successful in wisdom and utterance, that all may be illumined by the light of the Cause and be assisted in the mention and praise of the Intended One of the world. The letter from the beloved of my heart, His Holiness 'Ali-before-Akbar, may the glory of God, the Lord of Power, rest upon him, also arrived. Convey greetings and praise to him. God willing, may they arise as befits them, that perchance the heedless souls may become aware of the lights of the Luminary of utterance and turn with illumined hearts to the supreme horizon. The Command is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Glory be upon you and upon God's friends and chosen ones who have held fast to His Covenant and Testament and are detached from all else but Him. That which is being sent this time: Tablets of arrival numbering the Name of Wahhab (14), the revealed scripture especially for the sons of Khalil, and the Tablet for the Leaf of the land of Q. The responses to the letters, God willing, will be sent next time, as well as the remaining tablets of arrival. The Servant On the 27th of the revered month of Sha'ban 1304

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Muhammad-Rida! God willing, mayest thou be favored with the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds and drink of the choice wine of His utterance. Time and again hath thy call been heard, and whatsoever thou didst privately and openly supplicate from God, exalted be His glory, hath been manifest and evident in the mirror of divine knowledge. This is a Day wherein all must speak for the sake of God, turn unto Him, and arise for His Cause. Hearken thou unto the call of the One True Speaker and hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the Cause of God. All created things summon the people of creation to the most sublime horizon, and yet earthly temples remain occupied with vain imaginings, turning away from and heedless of the Lord of Lords. Today the fragrance of the divine raiment is diffused and the call of God is raised. All must regard the time as precious, for a single minute of these days cannot be compared with the centuries of bygone ages. Know thou the value of this supreme gift and occupy thyself with service to the Cause. Say: O friends of God! The Promised One hath appeared from

the horizon of the world, manifest and visible to all, and the Mother Book hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty. Verily, He hath appeared with the truth and walketh not in your ways and paths. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight path. This Day hath no peer or likeness. Say: Strive ye, that while the Sun of Truth is shining, the heaven of grace is raised high, and the ocean of bounty is surging, ye may attain unto your portion. All that ye behold shall soon return to nothingness, save the Word that hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen - it shall endure as long as endureth the kingdom of earth and heaven. Say: O friends! Waste not your time. Turn ye unto the horizon of God's Cause. Today all must fix their gaze upon the Will and Purpose of God, not upon that which they themselves possess and desire. That which I have asked of God, thy Lord, for thee - verily He ordaineth what He willeth. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He knoweth that which profiteth His servants, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Grieve not over anything. Put thy trust in God - verily He is with His servants who trust in Him. Blessed is the one who hath not squandered these moments which are more precious than the rarest crimson ruby, and hath attained unto service to the Cause. And service to the divine Cause, in its primary degree and first station, hath been and shall ever be mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. Hearken thou unto the call of the Wronged One and convey unto the friends that which He hath commanded. O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! This is the Day of steadfastness - whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. If thou hast attained unto the divine tablet and inhaled the fragrance of the divine raiment, turn thy face toward God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast made it to exercise dominion over all that hath been and shall be, to write down for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. I testify that I know not what profiteth me. The reins of knowledge are in Thy grasp. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I moreover beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. I testify unto that whereunto the Tongue of Thy Greatness testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Thou didst say - and Thy word is the truth - "Verily My Cause is mighty, mighty - none hath comprehended its might save God, the Single One, the All-Knowing."

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To Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker, the Manifest One, the Attracted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who has subdued the world through His sovereignty and attracted the nations through His signs, before Whose grandeur and power all things have acknowledged, and Whose glory, grandeur and bounty every tongue has confessed. Remembrance, praise, glorification and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who have traversed the lands to exalt His Word, spread His traces, and manifest that which draws them near to Him and teaches them His straight path and His mighty Message.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee before with the verses of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We heard thy call and answered thee, and saw thy turning and turned toward thee from the direction of My mighty Prison. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the arm of wisdom and utterance, and turned to the light when it shone forth from this manifest horizon. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make

thee the cupbearer of the Kawthar of proof in this glorious and wondrous Day, to attract thee through His verses, aid thee through His sovereignty, and draw thee nigh unto Him through His mighty and great bounty.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath mentioned thee time and again. He loveth thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In the Persian tongue, hearken to the call of the true Wronged One: Throughout ages and centuries the heedless faction - that is, the Shi'ih - have occupied themselves with mention of successor, guardian, Shaykhi and fourth pillar, to such extent that they remain heedless and veiled from true unity. Glory be to God! Through names they are deprived of their Owner and Creator. The fruits of their deeds became manifest and evident on the day of the appearance of the Beloved of the worlds - their ranks and stations were seen to be the most remote, ignorant and lost of all the peoples of the world, for like wolves they sought to destroy the Eternal Beloved and Everlasting Goal. At first they engaged in cursing and reviling, and in the end they issued the verdict for and carried out the shedding of His most pure blood.

Say: My God, my God, and my Lord, my Lord, and my Sovereign, my Sovereign! I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which the winds have assailed, and by Thy Name which Thou hast made the key to the door of grace and prosperity, to make me and Thy loved ones among those who have sacrificed their souls and their wealth in Thy path. O Lord! Aid us to achieve such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the onslaught of the aggressive ones nor prevented by the oppression of the oppressors. Verily Thou art God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. We beseech God to aid them to achieve such steadfastness as names cannot cause to slip nor turn aside from the straight path and the mighty Message. A petition was sent to the Most Holy Court by his honor 'Attar, upon him be the glory of God, the Mighty, the Chosen One. An answer was revealed and sent. God willing, may they attain to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. In all conditions all must hold fast to wisdom, lest the clamor of the calumniators and the treacherous be raised. Command and judgment are in the hand of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have not broken My covenant and My testament, and upon thee and My loved ones there and in its surroundings who have drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty and have said: "Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the mystics and Goal of the hearts of them that are nigh and sincere!"

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In the Name of the One God! The Mother of the Bayan speaks and declares: "The Sovereign has come - dominion belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!" The Mother of the Furqan cries out with the most exalted call: "By God! He Who was hidden and treasured in the stronghold of infallibility, concealed from the eyes of men, has appeared!" And the Mother Book exclaims: "By God! He Who sent Me down has come, and He Who exalted Me has been made manifest! Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and deny

not Him Who has come from the heaven of Manifestation with the standards of proof and evidence, and be not of the heedless ones!”

O Mother of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! In her age and time, the servants awaited the days of the Manifestation, as all bear witness. When the world was illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation, the divines engaged in abuse, the false ones in cursing, and men arose in opposition. Finally they pronounced the verdict for His death. Praise the Desired One of the world that He delivered thee by the hand of power and might from the darkness of heedless souls and confirmed thee in turning to Him. How many men are deprived and veiled by their own imaginings, and how many handmaidens have attained the honor of recognition and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon! One believing handmaiden is preferred in the sight of God above many souls. Blessed is the handmaiden who has turned and attained, and woe to the servant who was heedless and was among the opposers!

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Hearken to My call from the direction of My prison - verily there is no God but Me, the All-Merciful, the Gracious. We make mention at this time of thy daughter who was named Maryam, whom the Tongue of Grandeur has remembered in this exalted station. We give her glad tidings of My remembrance of her. We beseech God to confirm her in steadfastness in this manifest Cause. We make mention of thy other daughter who ascended to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We purified her at the time of her ascension with the rains of mercy and grace, and We caused her to join the Supreme Companion. We made her hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and showed her My Most Glorious Horizon - a bounty from My presence, for I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. And We make mention of her son Muhammad who has at this time attained to My wondrous remembrance. O Muhammad! Agitation has seized the inhabitants of earth by reason of what has come from the Dawning-Place of Revelation with the banners of inspiration. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of those who denied God’s proof and evidence, and disputed His verses - these are assuredly among the most lost in God’s Book, the Lord of lords!

O Nasru’llah! The Wronged One mentions thee from the prison precincts with that which every possessor of smell perceives therefrom the fragrance of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. When the clamor is raised, arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as will cause the limbs of names to quake. Thus does the Mother Book teach thee from His presence. And We make mention of thy sister who spoke in praise of her Lord with remembrance whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of God’s names, the Lord of the Return. O My leaf! Thank thy Lord that thou hast attained unto God’s verses and tablets while men were in doubt and dissension. Blessed art thou and thy sister who turned and believed in God, the Lord of all beings. We have remembered you and sent to you what God has made a light for the lands and a treasure for His servants. The glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon you both and upon you all and upon those who have arisen saying “God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth” - these are indeed the manifestations of My Name, the Powerful, among the servants.

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O Siyyid Husayn! Hear the call of this Wronged One Who hath been afflicted at the hands of the servants, and sought no help from anyone save God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He hath detached Himself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and hath spent His soul in the path of thy Ancient Lord, such that no hour hath passed over Him except there befell Him that which caused the eyes of the Maids of Heaven to weep in their chambers and the hearts of them who are nigh unto God to bleed. He desired naught on earth save what His Lord desired, and preserved not Himself in the face of tribulations - to this all things bear witness, if thou be of them that hear. He spoke between earth and heaven what the Spirit spoke within His breast, and delivered the Cause of God, His Lord, unto all the worlds. Among them were those who denied Him and rejected the signs of God, and were of the idolaters. And among them were those who rose up against Him in hostility, who disputed with their own selves, who associated partners with His Being, and who objected to what was sent down from God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Wise. Were We to recount unto thee the tales of what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst detach thyself from thine own self and all that thou hast, and flee unto the mountain peaks, lamenting as lament the bereft. Therefore have We concealed it from thee, lest grief overtake thee in these times, thus protecting thee and those who have believed in God and His signs and were of the faithful. Beware lest thou forget Our remembrance or occupy thyself with that which would remove thee from the shore of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, and render thee among the heedless. Remember within thyself at all times, then remind the servants of what We have imparted unto thee in truth, and be thou of them who remember. Beware lest thou be impatient within thyself or follow them who have denied and associated partners with God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. Strive within thyself that the signs of God may be made manifest in thy land and thy face may shine with the lights of certitude. Beware, beware lest thou be heedless of thy Lord's Cause. Aid it with what thou art able and be not of the patient ones. His aid is to teach His Cause among the servants with wisdom and utterance, and naught else befitteth any assured seer. Then remind from Our presence those servants who have detached themselves unto God and who have been seized by the holy fragrances from this hallowed, mighty and luminous Quarter. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow what the Spirit imparteth unto you - this is better for you than all that hath been created between the heavens and earth. Adorn your tongues with the remembrance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and turn not unto the world and what is therein, for it shall perish while sovereignty remaineth with God, the Protector, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: Beware lest ye commit that whereby the honor of the Cause would be lost. Be steadfast in the love of your Lord and be not of the heedless. Sanctify yourselves from all that would remove you from God, then draw nigh with your hearts unto the court of sublime glory. Commit not that which would cause the servants to object, for thereby souls are disturbed and the feet of the believers slip. Strive within yourselves that the signs of God may be made manifest in the kingdom such that the servants may find from you the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus have We commanded thee - act according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book and be of them that act.

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He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious. O handmaiden of God! Now hear in the Persian tongue, in the most wondrous and sweetest of divine melodies, and know that in this Day naught but My remembrance is

acceptable and naught but My love is approved in the sight of God, and ever shall be. For all that hath been established between earth and heaven - be it the deeds of the doers, the knowledge of the knowers, the diverse religions and infinite laws - all have appeared from and return to the Manifestations of My Self, and all have appeared from God. And the reason that deeds performed in a previous Dispensation are not acceptable in the sight of God is that deeds have ever been and shall ever be dependent upon recognition of God, and this recognition of God dependeth upon recognition of His Manifestation. Should anyone in this Day remain veiled from Him Who is the Manifestation - He round Whom circle all the divine commandments - no deed whatever would benefit him, even were he to perform the deeds of all created things. Just as recognition of a house doth not suffice without recognition of its owner, likewise the deeds of the doers suffice not without recognition of their Revealer and Establisher. And if in this Day one should forsake all deeds but attain unto recognition of the Truth, there remaineth for him hope of salvation; but should he, God forbid, be veiled from the Truth while occupied with all manner of deeds, there is no escape for him and he shall be reckoned by God among the people of hell, negation and fire. And thou, O handmaiden of God, hearken unto the holy, divine melodies, that through hearing them the Holy Spirit may be raised up in thy heart and the Spirit of Power may speak in thy breast. And when thou attainest unto this station, thou shalt become detached from the world and all therein, and shalt ascend to the most exalted paradise and the most holy horizon, attaining unto the station of “Know God through God” which is the ultimate homeland of the knowers and the final goal of them that are nigh unto God. In this station thou shalt see no proof save the Self of the Friend and seek no evidence save the beauty of the Beloved. Thou shalt regard His Manifestation as proof of His existence and His dawning as evidence of His Self. Thou shalt behold all created things in the grasp of His power like a handful of clay, and shalt observe all existing things limited and confined within His mighty hand. Therefore strive thou to purify thy heart from the outpourings of the allusions of them that are veiled, and to sanctify thy breast from the darkness of all else besides God, that thou mayest be illumined by the light of His manifestations in such wise that all who dwell in the heavens shall be illumined by thee. Marvel not at the power of the King of inner meanings Who is established upon the throne of divine eternity. I swear by the Sun of the Most Glorious Horizon that were all upon earth to become sanctified from the darkness of vain imaginings and purified from the veils of idle fancies, thou wouldst behold in all of them the lights of the manifestation of the divine Sun of Glory. Rend asunder the veils of darkness and abide within the pavilion of holy light. Stand firm in the love of God and strive according to thy capacity to remember God and to spread His remembrance among the handmaidens of God, for in this Day whosoever speaketh in remembrance of the Beloved shall be confirmed by the Holy Spirit. Thus hath the matter been ordained by the All-Wise, the Ancient of Days.

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Write in reply to the letter of the Name Ha, upon him be all My most glorious glory. This servant forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court where it was illumined and blessed by the lights of the Most Great Countenance. These exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of utterance, the Source of verses:

O My Name Ha! Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's Covenant, remained steadfast in His Cause, spent what thou hadst in His path, soared in the atmosphere of His love, drunk from the cup of His good-pleasure, spoken His praise, attained unto His days, turned toward His face, entered the Kingdom of faith through His Name and the Heaven of certitude through His grace, and testified to that which God Himself hath testified - that there is none other God besides Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thy letter which thou didst send to My Name Mim hath been honored, and We have mentioned thee with this mention whereby all things proclaim that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Convey My greetings unto those servants who have attained the lights of faith and believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O loved ones of God! Beware lest the affairs of the world veil you or the whisperings of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, extinguish you. Rejoice in My Name and take the cups of certitude through My command, then drink therefrom the water of life in My days. Remember what hath befallen Us at the hands of Mine enemies who cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. We counsel you with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His Tablets. Beware lest ye follow any ignorant reprobate. Reflect upon God's grace and favors, how He mentioneth you with verses whose fragrance hath perfumed the world and whereby God hath quickened them that lay dead in their graves. Be thankful and praise Him in all conditions, saying:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of favors, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of creation! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name not to deprive us of the outpourings of Thy days. Send down upon us at all times that which befitteth Thy generosity and favors. Make us steadfast in Thy Cause and ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Everlasting, the All-Sufficient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

As for what you wrote about that person, God willing his reply will arrive. In these days, due to recent events in this land, certain matters have been delayed. It is hoped that another time that person's reply will be sent. For nearly two years these regions and their surroundings have not been free from disturbance, and they have seized some people's letters due to certain suspicions, for these people have secretly caused corruption in the sublime realms in various ways and continue to do so. For this reason, for a long period no Tablet was sent from the Most Holy Court to any region, even the reply to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]), though it was revealed, was not ordered to be sent for some time.

Regarding what you wrote about the war between the two powers, all that was revealed in the Tablet to Ra'is has come to pass - God, the Most High, the Most Great, speaketh the truth. After reading it you will become informed of these matters. However, concerning the victor, certain statements have been revealed from the heaven of knowledge indicating that he too will not maintain this power. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

The traces of the Pen of love and purity have bestowed purity upon the world and removed the dust of events from hearts and souls. It was a clear proof and a crying herald. It mentioned thirty-hour journeys which were like thirty years. The length of this journey nearly caused the sweetness of nearness to be erased from the heart, but divine grace provided assistance and the true sea showed generosity. And after being presented in the court of His presence, a word was revealed that transformed every remoteness into nearness and every separation into union. Therefore the luminary of hope for nearness has risen from the horizon of the heart. We hope that soon the meeting will be attained and union will open a new book. “Without the help of the people of truth and the chosen ones of truth, even if one be a king, his page is black.”

In all conditions we hold fast to the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His generosity. We have no other sorrow. Surely the sorrows of the world cannot darken this station, nor can the events of nations scatter it. Although outwardly dispersion is apparent, inwardly we are united and watchful. The loved ones, wherever they may be, are beneath the pavilions of His grandeur. This heaven is but one dome of that royal tent. Whatever we are, we are from Him, and wherever we are, we are with Him. The effulgences of the Sun of grace have shone forth in such wise that the learned one of creation can neither describe nor mention it. The world of existence appears as but a span, nay less, before the expanse of His generosity.

Praise be to God, again praise be to God, for awareness comes from His grace and knowledge from His endless bounty. With one word He kindled the fire of His love in hearts and souls until all, without intention, ran toward Him and found rest in His shadow. This fire was reserved for the hearts of those near and sincere. Glory be to God! His jealousy is such that He accepts no rival. This is why the world appears frozen. Were He to lift the veil, new souls would gather in such wise as to make the space too narrow for the former friends. Nay, by His very Self! The blessed word “The foremost ones are the foremost ones - these are they who will be brought near” has ever been and will ever be established and realized. Every person of insight bears witness and every hearing ear attests.

Better now to leave this theme and turn to mention the Afnan of the Blessed Tree and the loved ones, upon them be God’s peace. The honored presence of the most great Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, has ever been and is remembered. The days of his presence are witnessed and observed. Repeatedly his mention was heard from the tongue of the Master, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, especially in these days. Furthermore, I convey greetings and nothingness to both luminaries - the brilliant star, his honor Afnan, and the honored beloved, his honor Haji, and the spiritual beloved, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, and likewise his honor Aqa Mirza Mahdi and all the other loved ones, upon them all be God’s peace and praise. Praise be to God, they are mentioned and present before His face. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants.

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In the direction of the Two Names, his honor M.H., upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

The praise of those who praise, the remembrance of those who remember, and the description of those who describe are in truth directed to creation, for their source of manifestation is from creation, while the Truth is sanctified and exalted above these. However, since He has granted permission for praise and remembrance, therefore the praise of the world and the remembrance of nations are directed to His most holy, most exalted and most mighty Presence. We beseech Him, since He has granted permission, to accept, and since He has commanded, to receive. And blessings and peace be upon the Point of Existence through whom all contingent beings appeared and for whose sake all created things were brought into being, and upon His family and companions through whom the limbs of polytheism trembled and the hearts of the wicked were disturbed.

And then, O beloved of my heart! Your mention has ever been and continues to be in the most holy and exalted Presence, and we implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist that beloved one at all times in improving the affairs of His servants. Yesterday, which was Monday the fifteenth of the month of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, a letter arrived from Aqa 'Ali, may God assist him. After it was read and reviewed before the face of the Lord, He said: "We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, to send down upon them the rain of His mercy at every moment and His blessings and favors at every instant." And then, according to His command, his honor my brother Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the peace of God, set out for the presence and the sum was sent. This matter should remain confidential. He said that beloved one should consider what is conducive to the manifestation of trustworthiness in that land, meaning that whatever was sent should be used to pay debts. Beyond that, whatever that beloved one deems advisable may be done. If this sum is given to the creditors, it will surely cause confidence and also strengthen creditworthiness, and afterwards the means for its return will be easy. In all cases, consideration of creditworthiness, trustworthiness, the exaltation of the Word, and the glory of the Cause is necessary. He is the Helper in all conditions, outwardly and inwardly. He has bestowed and continues to bestow His favors. They should consider with utmost care and act upon whatever is beneficial for the Cause.

Another matter is that the honored Afnan, his honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, is traveling to that direction. Their purpose is to acquire a location in Port Said for trade, and his honor Haji Mirza Hasan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], had written to the Name about this matter that they would assist in whatever way possible. Now the honored Afnan is traveling for this purpose. Showing respect to them is incumbent upon all, as they are counted as being of the Tree. His honor Haji Mirza Hasan should come to Alexandria to discuss and consult with them. Whatever is decided through consultation should be acted upon. Also, one person is needed to stay with them for some time to become familiar with affairs. In any case, consultation should take place in that land and this matter should be arranged with order and firmness. I beseech God, exalted be He, to assist all in what He loves and is pleased with. And peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who love you and upon God's righteous servants.

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He is God, blessed and exalted!

Praise be to the Most Glorious Goal of all the worlds, sanctified above mention and utterance and exalted beyond the comprehension of all beings, Who with a single drop from the Kawthar of His presence made the world intoxicated, that they might attain to the hearing of the Word “Am I not?” and be enabled to make reply. This drop increaseth wisdom rather than drunkenness. Light shineth forth from it, and joy and gladness and delight and exultation are made manifest thereby. In truth, that drop bestoweth eternal joy and everlasting delight. Well is it with you, O people of faithfulness!

And now, the letter of that honored friend was in truth a messenger bearing the pearls of love and affection. It brought joy and dispelled sorrow and grief. Exalted is God, the Lord of eternity and the Goal of all nations, Who hath deposited within the words of His loved ones that which is the source of joy and the dawning-place of gladness.

After its reading and perusal it was presented before the Face. He saith, and His word is the truth: “O beloved! Upon thee be My peace and My glory! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names and supreme attributes. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee a key to hearts and minds, that through thee their doors may be opened, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His will a blessing from Him and a bounty from His presence and a wealth from His side. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Generous, and the Possessor of great bounty. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Convey My greetings to all the kindred, both male and female, young and old. They have been and are remembered in the presence of this Wronged One. The non-mention of names hath been due to the requirements of consummate wisdom.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the mention of the Goal and art adorned with His favors. Thy letter, as well as the letter thou didst send to thy honored and respected father, were all read and, praise be to God, were the cause of joy and gladness. In these days the Leaf, that is, thy mother, hath received a promise that, God willing, we shall go and partake of food in remembrance of thee. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to gather us upon one carpet and in one place where we may hear and speak.

His Holiness the Master and His Holiness Aqa Mirza Muhammad-’Ali - may my spirit be a sacrifice for them both - have expressed their love and kindness. Praise be to God, all are remembered and are recipients of favor. The circling ones, both men and women, have mentioned and continue to mention you, and they beseech from God that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

His Holiness Badi’u’llah hath repeatedly mentioned thee and continues to do so, and hath repeatedly read thy letter and beseecheth God to change remoteness into nearness. O honored friend, mention this Prisoner to the honored Aqa Rida and convey greetings to him. We beseech God to honor the Leaf, thy mother, and thy sister - upon them both be the glory of God - and to sustain them with His manifest and hidden bounties.

Glory and mention and praise be upon you and upon all who are in the house, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Praise, glory, remembrance and splendor belong to the most holy and exalted court of that Beloved One who brought the world and its peoples to life through the breezes of revelation and adorned them with the ornament of eternal existence. He is the One with power, upon whose acceptance or rejection depend the deeds of all created things and the actions of all contingent beings. If a soul from the beginning that has no beginning to the end that has no end were to remember and worship the Self-Sufficient, Exalted Lord in wilderness, plains, mountains and hills, yet the fragrance of His good-pleasure does not emanate therefrom, it was not and is not acceptable. At a time when the Seat of the Throne of Utterance was in a certain place, someone described and mentioned a servant who was occupied night and day in remembrance of the Goal of all existence and in communion with the Fulfiller of needs. We responded that if one who keeps vigil at night and remembers by day has gained His good-pleasure, it is surely accepted and beloved before God; otherwise it bears and has borne no fruit. Indeed, in such matters the known and unknown, piety and transgression, are judged the same. The Mother Book testifies to this, and verily He is the Truthful, the Trustworthy. O thou upon whom be the glory of God, Lord of all beings! In the days of the Manifestation, pure and holy deeds and spiritual, pleasing character are beloved. Deeds are accounted before God as fruits of the Blessed Tree. Blessed are they that act, both men and women! However, their excellence depends upon permission; otherwise they have no station or mention before God, the Remembering, the All-Knowing. At this dawn there descended from the heaven of will this decree: Break thy fast, O leaf of My Tree, for fasting when harmful yields and has yielded no benefit. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy leaf clinging to the Tree of Thy Cause and holding fast to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to confirm her in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. By Thy might! I have taken Thy good-pleasure, severed from the world's good-pleasure, and have turned to Thee, turning away from all who are in the heavens and earth save what Thy Will hath willed and Thy all-compelling Purpose hath desired for every small and great thing. O My leaf, O My leaf! Take thou the chalice of eternity in the name of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, then drink therefrom in His name, the Commanding, the Powerful. Verily I say, fasting and prayer have a great station before God, but their excellence exists in time of health, and when weakness comes, observance thereof is not permitted. Such is the decree of Truth - glorified be His majesty - before and after. Blessed are they that hear and act, both men and women! Praise be to God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs! Glory be to Thee, O God, O Goal of all contingent beings and Beloved of all created things! I beseech Thee to protect the people of Thy household from the harm of those who have broken Thy covenant and testament, denied Thy right, and disbelieved in Thy signs. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy bounty and grace. Then write for them by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will exalt them in Thy name amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great. The resplendent and

shining Glory that dawns from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you, O people of the household, and upon those who are with you and love you and circle round you, and upon those who have taken for themselves a station in your vicinity. Verily He is the Confirmer, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise and thanksgiving in truth belongeth on this Day - which hath been mentioned in the Books of God as the Day of God - exclusively to the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, namely those who have hearkened with their inner ear to the Most Great Word and who are seated firm and steadfast upon the throne of certitude. This is that Word through which whosoever attaineth unto it, neither the doubts of the world nor the allusions of the peoples shall debar him from the Ancient of Days. This is the Dawning-Place of certitude and the Rising-Point of the Sun of assurance. This is that Word which draweth man unto the ocean of inner meanings and freeth him from the kingdom of names. This is the gate of power and might, and the straight path of God amongst His servants. This is the ornament of divine wisdom and heavenly knowledge. This is that Word which is as a sword against the idolaters, for it rendereth null the sorcery of the sorcerers and the calumnies of the transgressors. Whoso holdeth fast unto it, he is indeed among the most exalted of creation in the sight of God, Our Goal and the Goal of all mankind.

And that Word is the blessed Word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.” This Word closeth the door of objections raised by the idolatrous souls and rolleth up the realm of self and passion. Glory be to God! Until now they have not inhaled the fragrance of this blessed Word. They speak but understand not; they utter words but perceive not. Should any soul attain unto this blessed Word and drink from the hidden ocean contained therein, he would find himself independent of the mention of that which is unseemly and of hearkening unto it. But the fire of jealousy and hatred ever inflameth the idolaters and atheists. They are tormented in the fire yet perceive it not. Woe unto them!

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist His party that all may hold fast unto the blessed Word and be freed and detached from all else besides it. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Goal, my Beloved, Beloved of the world, my Lord and Lord of all nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hour and its signs, and the Resurrection and its tokens, were made manifest, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy Afnan that which beseemeth Thy glory, Thy power, Thy generosity, Thy grace and Thy might. O Lord! Thou seest him in all conditions standing in service to Thy Cause and speaking Thy praise. He is the one who turned unto Thee on the day when they who dwell on Thine earth turned away from Thee and they who inhabit Thy lands rose up against Thee. He spent whatsoever he possessed for the exaltation of Thy Word, the manifestation of Thy Cause and the spread of Thy verses. By Thy glory, O my God! Should this servant attempt to mention that which hath proceeded from him in Thy days, his pen would prove powerless and his tongue would falter. I beseech Thee, O Thou Goal of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee and Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones, by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Most Exalted Self, to cause his deeds in Thy verses to appear from the horizon of bounty

and favors that all may witness their manifestation and their lights even as they witness the sun and its effulgence and its lights. I ask Thy forgiveness, O my God, for mentioning this station which Thou hast made to be above my station. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy oneness, from which Thy servants are held back, to assist him at all times in that which he was. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Helper. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Render of Veils! God makes mention of His servant that he may be gladdened through His grace. Say: Through His remembrance hearts are purified from doubt and misgiving, and therein is kindled the fire of the love of God, and they speak forth that there is no God but Him and that He Who hath come with the truth is indeed a manifest sovereign. Say: O people! Do ye doubt the Cause of God after He hath appeared with the truth with a mighty proof? Look ye at the proofs of the Prophets of old - have ye heard of an Appearance greater than this Appearance which hath appeared with the truth? Ponder, then be fair, that ye may take the Beloved as a friend unto yourselves. Cast doubt behind you and misgiving beneath your feet, that ye may soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is better for you than what ye possess, and God is witness unto this.

O servant! We behold thee wavering between two paths. Hearken unto the call of thy Lord and say: In the Name of God and by God! Then turn to the right. Thus have We ordained for thee in a Tablet which was mighty in truth. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of that which hath been ordained for thee. Seek thou in the days of thy Lord a way unto Him.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the waters of Thy bounty which flowed from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy favors, whereby Thou didst purify whom Thou didst will from the dust of disobedience, that Thou mayest purify my heart from all doubt and misgiving, that I may detach myself wholly from all else save Thee and turn toward the sanctuary of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! I have laid hold on the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy favor and grace. Deprive me not in these days of the fragrant breezes of Thy contentment, nor from hearing the warbling of the Dove of Thy Cause. And distance me not, O my Beloved, from the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness and presence. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been God before all things and will be God after all things. Thou didst create all contingent beings through Thy power and sovereignty and didst clothe them with the garment of existence through Thy command and decree. Then Thou didst cast upon them Thy most exalted Word as Thou didst ordain in the heaven of destiny. Thereby were the pillars of Thy servants shaken and their faces were transformed. Thereupon Thou didst raise Thy right hand and didst take the hands of certain of Thy servants through Thy sovereignty and power, according to what their hands had wrought before, and Thou didst leave other servants through Thy constraint and might. Those whom Thou didst preserve, Thou didst make them helpers of Thy Cause, turning unto Thy face, drawing nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy union and presence, circling round the Kaaba of Thy beauty, and drinking from the choice wine of Thy bounty and gifts in the days wherein the Hidden Mystery and Thy treasured Secret were made manifest, whereby appeared that which had never appeared in creation. Exalted then be this bounty which hath encompassed all worlds! And those whom Thou didst leave, Thou

didst make them manifestations of negation and dawning-places of polytheism, and Thou didst make them accursed in this world and the next, deprived of every good thing and far removed from the gardens of nearness and reunion. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by this power which Thou hast extended over the worlds, that Thou make me not to hesitate in Thy Cause. Strengthen me through Thy sovereignty that I may pass over the Bridge through Thy might and power and bounty and grace, that my face may shine between earth and heaven and I may be mentioned among the Concourse on High as one of the people of Baha. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and Thou art encompassing all things and knowing and seeing Thy servants.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

A mention from Us to him who hath turned his face toward the Countenance when most of the servants turned away from it, that it may draw him nigh unto God and strengthen him to make mention of this Remembrance whereby earthquakes have appeared and mountains been leveled. O Sadra! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of ’Akka, the seat of His manifestation whereby the earth hath been illumined and the horizons made bright. Leave mankind behind thee and turn with the ear of thine inmost nature that thou mayest hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised up in the Kingdom of creation by the command of God, the Lord of Names. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee, Who hath summoned all unto God, the Lord of existence. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Arise to serve the Cause through God’s might and power, and remind the people with wisdom. This is among the most meritorious of deeds in the sight of the All-Compelling, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the veils of humanity hold thee back from the Most Sublime Vision. Say: By God! The Hour hath come and the moon been cleft asunder and the All-Bestowing hath come in the shadows of the clouds while ye are in wondrous intoxication. Be thou in all conditions firmly attached to the cord of wisdom which God hath sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. This is not the day to pause. By the life of God! The rock hath hastened unto the Lord of creation and the mountains have soared unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The Wronged One hath come with proof and evidence, yet the people are in doubt and schism. They have cast aside the Self-Subsisting and taken hold of vain imaginings. Say: Take ye heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! Glory be upon those who have cast away the world, holding fast to the Most Great Cord - these are the people of Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Sadra! Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which is acceptable in the sight of God today. The most excellent of deeds hath been and shall be the teaching of the Cause, yet with wisdom and utterance. This word hath been revealed in most of the Tablets lest anyone should be heedless and transgress it. Walk ye toward God and place your trust in God and speak for God’s sake. Pay no heed to the objections and opposition of lifeless souls. Reflect upon the Seal of the Prophets, how many objections were raised against that Sun of Truth by the clay figures of the world who appeared and moved about in human form. The pagan priests, and the Jewish and Christian divines, have committed the very things which the divines of the age, in this Dispensation, have committed, and are still committing. Nay, these have displayed a

more grievous cruelty and a fiercer malice. Every atom beareth witness unto that which I say. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and occupy thyself with service to the Cause. Strive that thou mayest attain in this Day, which is the Lord of all the days of the world, such a station whose mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today every good deed is more exalted and more excellent and more beauteous than all the deeds of the world. Hold fast unto truth and fix thy gaze upon Him. By My life! The traces of every soul that ariseth today shall remain on earth as long as the divine names and attributes endure. All that is witnessed today shall vanish save those matters which are related to truth and which have appeared in His path. Beware, beware lest the clamor of the world sadden thee or the conditions of creation veil thee from the Lord of Eternity. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the Revealer of verses.

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The Baker of Oneness, his honor Rida, who hath attained - He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. A mention from Us unto him who hath attained the presence of the Wronged One time and again, and hath heard the Call, and entered the Spot round which circled the Faithful Spirit. O Rida! My tongue and My Pen and those around Me and he who writeth the verses before My face have testified for thee that thou hast turned toward the Supreme Horizon and attained the recognition of God, the Fashioner of the heavens. By My life! The treasures of the world cannot equal this testimony, if thou be of them that know. Wert thou to discover what hath proceeded for thee from the Most Exalted Pen, thou wouldst soar with longing. Thus do We expound for thee that thou mayest be of them that rejoice. Thou didst enter the White Spot by the leave of God, the Lord of all men. This is from the bounty of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. When thou didst arrive and present thyself and hear and see, return thou in the name of thy Lord, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise. When thou beholdest My loved ones, proclaim My glorification upon their faces, then recount unto them what hath befallen Us in this remote Spot. Say: By God! The wolf hath devoured a piece of the Virgin and the Messenger Joseph. Thus was the matter decreed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: The people of the Furqan have cast the commandments of the All-Merciful behind their backs and committed that which hath caused all creation to lament. Every fair-minded and insightful one beareth witness to this. By God! The dwellers of Paradise have been shaken by their deeds, and the Virgin hath wailed in the Most Exalted Paradise at what their hands have wrought, and the Messenger crieth out saying: “Fie upon you, O company of wrongdoers! Ye make mention of Me night and day, yet ye slay him who was the consolation of Mine eyes and the joy of My heart and the dilation of My breast through his remembrance. What aileth you, O company of the ignorant!” The leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree have turned yellow through your tyranny, and still the clouds weep while ye remain heedless. Thus hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen that which hath caused the eyes of them that are nigh to shed tears. O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call in these days wherein the fire of oppression hath been kindled and the face of justice hath been veiled. There is no God but I, the Wronged One, the Unique. We have seized him by whom all things have lamented, with an authority from Us and a power from Our presence. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. And We shall seize those who have acted unjustly without clear proof or illuminating Book. O ye

who drink the wine of divine mercy! Though the dark cloud of oppression hath prevented the Sun of Justice from shedding its radiance, yet the divine power prevaileth over all and standeth above all. Be not grieved by the fire of the souls of the polytheists. Fix your gaze upon the light of the Face of the One. Verily, He preserveth whom He willeth and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which profiteth him in every world of His worlds. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. Soon shall the Hand of Divine Power seize the oppressors and polytheists and requite them for their deeds. He, verily, is the Requiter, the All-Wise. It behooveth you to rejoice in the remembrance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and to be of them that are steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics and the jurists and the men of letters have slipped, save whom God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, hath willed. And We send greetings to the handmaidens of God in that land. Each one hath been mentioned before God according to what she hath been enabled to achieve in His path, and hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. Blessed is she who hath attained in the days of her Lord, the Mighty, the Unique.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

May my spirit be a sacrifice for Your Presence. The intensity of the heat this year affected my body and caused weakness, but the water of life from Your Presence, which flowed from the Pen of love and favor, provided the most excellent remedy for it. How pleasant and refreshing it was for me! When I drank from each cup of Your favors and each goblet of Your kindness, it so intoxicated and enraptured me that I was transported, ascended, entered, attained presence, and made my supplication. When Your prayer was offered before the face of our Beloved and your Beloved, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth that which diffused the fragrance of His favor, mercy and kindness toward your honor, and He said, exalted be His glory:

O My Name Mahdi! Praise be to God, thou hast attained to divine favor. This most exalted Word was previously revealed in the Crimson Book. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God in His days, for that Word hath been and shall ever be like a lamp before his face in all the worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station, this highest rank and ultimate goal.

Praise be to God, you have attained, time after time, nay limitless beyond reckoning by century, age, epoch, eternity or pre-existence, to divine verses, signs, allusions, expositions, tablets and scriptures. Even if but a single word appear in a single moment, it is not and never shall be bounded by temporal limitations, for a single word shining forth in less than a moment from the Mouth of the Will of the King of Oneness manifests its radiance, its decree and its revelation clearly and evidently in all worlds, and like an artery in a body, it appears and moves through all times from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from this ocean and gained knowledge of this Book. Likewise this blessed word appeared from the Dawning-Place of the Tongue in the Kingdom of Utterance - exalted be His glory:

God willing, divine favor, mercy and blessing are directed toward you, and He will grant you deliverance from troublesome and wearisome matters. Every difficulty is easy for Him and every hardship simple. Verily He is the Powerful One Who doeth what He willeth in creation and judgeth as He pleaseth through His firm and mighty command. During this utterance the table was spread, and mention was made of your honor while partaking of what was present: Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous Giver.

The Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have attained to what God desired when He appeared in truth through His wise command. Regarding Haji Mulla Ali, upon him be 966 [the glory of God], if it does not conflict with wisdom or cause notoriety in that land, there is no objection. The letter of Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, which was sent to that beloved one, has been forwarded. If your honor writes anything, please convey greetings of evanescence and nothingness from this ephemeral one. It is repeated that the letter was sent.

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O Nabil-i-A'zam, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who dawns from the horizon of utterance! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison is verily the Object of all tribulation and harm, and the Recipient of afflictions. There hath befallen Him that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament, and the dwellers of the pavilions of Grandeur and Majesty to weep. Blessed is the soul that hath heard His call and hath arisen to serve His Cause and aid it through wisdom and utterance, and woe unto him who hath denied the proof of the All-Merciful and was among the heedless ones. O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! Hearken unto My call, for verily I am in the ocean of sorrows and I make mention of thee with that which causeth the spirit of life to stir within the body of contingent being. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We have heard thy call time and again, and thy letter was read before the Wronged One repeatedly, and We have answered thee with this Tablet, which when it was sent down, all the tablets of the world bowed down before it. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. And We have heard thy sighs in the love of God and witnessed thy tears in separation from Him. To this hath testified what thou hast presented in this Station before which every station hath prostrated itself and around which every House attributed to God, the Lord of the worlds, hath circled. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance that the rapture and longing may seize thee to such a degree that thou wilt cry out among the concourse of names through this Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou vocal with that which will cause the spirit of the world to soar and the hearts of them who are nigh to be attracted. Warble upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree with diverse melodies that the followers of all religions may be set ablaze thereby. By My life! For this wast thou created and for this wast thou commanded at this time wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, through divine favor you will appear and speak in such wise that frozen hearts and cold souls and cast-out stony temples will attain unto a new spirit and fresh vitality. O thou who hast turned thy face toward My countenance and gazed toward My horizon! The Surah of Wisdom which was specially revealed for thee from the divine Kingdom of utterance is in truth like unto a treasure, and precious pearls lie concealed within each word thereof. Should anyone recite it, with each reading he will behold a

door opened. That honored one must recite this perspicuous Tablet for the friends with the most wondrous melodies. By My life! It guideth the people unto the truth and maketh them to recognize the Balance that calleth out betwixt earth and heaven, “Verily, I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing!” Speak ye with My words that will bestow the essence of life upon every particle of dust and grant the wings of assurance, that they may soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and attraction. Previously this word was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: Different effects are witnessed from words in the kingdom of names and attributes. Thus hath it been ordained from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Therefore that honored one must at all times be occupied with educating the servants through wisdom and utterance. Verily He is with thee and will aid thee to make mention of Him and praise Him and serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Perspicuous. And We make mention in this station of My loved ones in that land who have cast aside all else save Me and have taken hold of that which they were commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife. Verily We make mention of her and of My handmaidens who have turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Wondrous!

Blessed be thy days which have been joined to the Days of God, and blessed be thine ear in that it hath heard wondrous melodies of glory. Blessed be thy faithfulness in that thou didst associate with He Who beareth My name, Who came unto you in days when every upright man was shaken. Through thee was the name of faithfulness adorned. Moreover, thou art he who gave shelter to the Manifestation of Our name, the All-Bountiful, when He came unto thee in grievous days. Say: God did verily deliver Him through the truth and aid Him with a sovereignty from His presence when He was in prison, and brought Him forth through His grace, and preserved Him through the hosts of heaven and earth, until He caused Him to enter the seat of a mighty throne. He attained the presence of the Countenance, and the lights of Beauty shone upon Him from the Dayspring of Glory. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and He, verily, hath power over all things.

Say: O people! We forewarned you aforetime of the tribulation that would occur in the days of adversity, that your souls might not be troubled at its appearance. Thus was the matter decreed in the Tablet. Say: The Spirit - were it not to be sacrificed in the path of God, would it profit you in aught? Nay, by His very Self, were ye but to know. Blessed is he who hath sacrificed himself in God’s path and ascended unto a sublime heaven of glory. They who were not corrupted and were martyred - these have attained the heights of the Ridvan and say: “Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His promise to us and made us inherit Paradise, and hath severed us from every remote polytheist.” Were We to lift the veil, the people would assuredly be drawn away from their souls in their longing for the Concourse on High, and God is witness to this.

Say: O people! Mock not those who have been afflicted with trials in God’s path. These are among the most exalted of creation, and through them doth mercy descend upon the peoples of the world, were ye

but to know. Is one who eats and sits at ease like unto him who lieth under chains and fetters in God's path? Nay, by your Lord, the Mighty, the Most High! To this doth every just and discerning one bear witness. Say: O people! Consider ye the story of 'Ali, when he came with the truth and delivered My messages, until he was martyred in My love with manifest joy. Then look upon those who believed in him - among them were those who were slain, those who were imprisoned, and those who forsook wealth and children and took unto God a path. All of these did We favor with Our favors, and We caused the believers to attain unto the most exalted and wondrous station of glory. Such hath been Our way in the past and in the future, and no change wilt thou find in Our way. Say: We desire that which ye flee from, as doth every informed and certain one.

Blessed art thou, O youth who sittest upon the throne of love! Then mercy be upon thee from the presence of One mighty and wise. Whoso hath love for the Youth in his heart is young though a thousand years should pass over him, while he who is deprived thereof is in the depths of age though he be in the prime of youth. Thus hath the Most High Pen inscribed upon this snow-white tablet from the presence of One all-knowing. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then convey unto the people that which thou hast been commanded in the tablets from the presence of One wise. Be thou assured in thyself - by God, thou art with Me in a praiseworthy and glorious station. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy sons and thy daughter and those who are with thee. By My life! They are none other than in a garden of delight.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath come before Our presence in this mighty prison. Whosoever calleth upon God after the Ancient Beauty hath entered the Most Great Prison, the Supreme Pen recordeth for him that which the people of creation cannot reckon. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. This is the Day of remembrance and utterance. Blessed is he whose letter cometh before the face of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and who is adorned with the ornament of faith. He is, verily, on a straight path. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having enabled thee to attain unto this. This is indeed a manifest grace. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause that through thee may be made steadfast those servants who are perturbed and hesitant in the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Proclaim the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the Beloved of the worlds command thee. Drink thou the pure water of immortality from the word of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He who drinketh thereof, neither the allusions of all who dwell on earth can deter him from the Lord of Names, nor the veils of the people of idle fancy from drawing nigh unto the kingdom of his Lord, the Most Glorious. Cast behind thee that which occureth to the minds of men and turn thou unto the Most Sublime Vision. Thus doth the Ancient of Days command thee. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Knowing. Say: O concourse of divines! Hold your pens, for by God the Supreme Pen moveth upon the Tablet of Destiny. Therefore keep silent about that which ye mention, for lo, the Tree beyond which there is no passing speaketh the truth. Turn ye unto it and be not of the heedless. Are ye occupied with your words? Open your eyes, O company of evil ones! The King of Words hath appeared from the heaven of utterance on the part of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: Leave ye the barking of dogs, for the Dove warbleth upon the branches in diverse melodies upon the twigs of

the Tree of Manifestation with such strains as draw unto them the hearts of all on earth. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is witness unto what I say. Say: Abandon ye the pond, for lo, the Most Great Ocean hath appeared, gathered from the Kawthar which flowed from the Source of the letter "H" that endeth in the Sovereign of Names. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise you. Say: Do ye imagine that He desireth aught for Himself? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! He hath sacrificed Himself for your life. How strange that those who have drawn the swords of passion against the countenance of Him Who desired to admit them into the kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise! We desired immortality for the people of creation, yet they have gathered to slay Me. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. We have nurtured thee for My help and have cast upon thee the Word from the tongue of grandeur that thou mayest arise to make mention of Me amongst My servants and bring them nigh unto the heaven of My loving-kindness and cause them to enter My hallowed and exalted Kingdom. It behooveth thee to be stirred by My will. By this will God exalt thee through a command from His presence. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Adorn thy temple with the ornament of servitude in such wise that the servants who slumber upon their couches may thereby be awakened after the Summoner hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised!" Through this shall the Cause be established and that which thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, hath purposed shall be confirmed. Grieve not because of those who have disbelieved and acted unjustly. Turn thou unto God under all conditions. Arise and say: O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come from the Orient of the Will of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Fear ye God and be not of the mischief-makers. Verily thy Lord will protect thee through the truth and will send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which will gladden thy heart. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Wise. And glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

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O ʼAttar, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. The Most Great Branch was present before the Wronged One and presented your letter, which attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, the fragrance of sincerity wafted from it. We testify that you have attained to that which was mentioned in the Books of God, Lord of the worlds. You were present, heard, and beheld the Horizon of Revelation with your penetrating vision. O ʼAttar, you have been and are remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to manifest through you that which will draw the servants near unto Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what you mentioned about Mirza Husayn, convey to him greetings from the Wronged One and say: You and God know, and all things bear witness, that the one mentioned has ever been behind a veil. Whenever upheaval appeared, he departed to another city, while this Wronged One stood firm before all faces. When by divine power the effulgences of the Luminary of the Merciful's utterance shone upon every city, the deniers emerged from behind the veil and committed that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to weep and lament.

Say: O Husayn, hearken to the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He draws you near and guides you to the path of God, Lord of the mighty throne. Say: Cast aside your desires, then follow the command of your Lord. Unto Him is your return and your abode. Hasten to His good-pleasure, then read what hath been

sent down from the kingdom of His utterance. Beware lest the imaginings of those who have broken His covenant and testament prevent thee. Look with thine own eyes and listen with thine own ears. By God's life, another's eye will not suffice thee, nor will another's ear save thee, nor will thy imaginings guide thee, nor thy conjectures elevate thee, nor will what thou possessest profit thee. For the sake of God do I counsel thee, and for the sake of God hearken thou unto what will enrich thee beyond all else save thy Lord.

The Cause is more manifest than the sun. Say: Would you be content to be afflicted anew like the previous party, and for helpless souls to be afflicted? Hear the call of the Wronged One. Rend asunder the veil of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude, shatter the idols of names with the power of the Creator of heaven, and be of the fair-minded. For years We protected that soul - he, his family and children all remained safe and present. Not a single blow befell him in God's path. Then at another's instigation he attempted harm against the Wronged One. We departed and never confronted him. We forgave him after Our power and concealed his evil deed after Our knowledge.

Hear the call of this Wronged One. Entrust not thy hearing and sight to others, and be not content with mere listening. For God's sake, arise and journey to the island. See and hear with thine own faculties, that the matter may become evident to thee. Then present thyself in this Most Great Prison to hear what no ear hath heard. Were it not for the Glory, who would manifest the Cause? Were it not for Him, who would stand before the faces of the divines and princes? Be fair and be not of the heedless. We beseech God to aid thee to return. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

O 'Attar, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Chosen One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the kindred, and likewise to the loved ones. At this time each hath been honored with a Tablet from the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they and joy be unto them.

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Another section in answer:

That which His Holiness the Exalted One - may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him - has ordained regarding inheritance is thus: Whatever remains from the deceased should be considered as two thousand five hundred and twenty portions, for this is a number whose foundation is from nine, and in its final digits that same nine appears, which is the numerical value of the Blessed Name Baha, and it contains nine fractions, namely: one-tenth, one-ninth, one-eighth, one-seventh, one-sixth, one-fifth, one-fourth, one-third, and one-half. The children's portion is nine-sixtieths, the spouses' portion eight-sixtieths, the fathers' portion seven-sixtieths, the mothers' portion six-sixtieths, the brothers' portion five-sixtieths, the sisters' portion four-sixtieths, and the teachers' portion three-sixtieths.

This was what was intended by the Book of Ta, Ha, Za, Vav, Ha, Dal and Jim. And in this Dispensation, since the Ancient Beauty, out of pure grace and bounty, has designated the children's portion, which was nine-sixtieths, to be eighteen-sixtieths, and has reduced nine-sixtieths from those other six categories, now the division must be made in this way: from each of those six categories of heirs, one and one-half

sixtieths should be reduced, which totals nine-sixtieths. The spouses' portion, which was eight-sixtieths, becomes six and one-half sixtieths, which equals three hundred and ninety. The fathers' portion becomes five and one-half sixtieths, the mothers' portion four and one-half sixtieths, the brothers' portion three and one-half sixtieths, the sisters' portion two and one-half sixtieths, and the teachers' portion one and one-half sixtieths. When all these numbers are added together, they equal that same hidden number which is two thousand five hundred and twenty.

The year has been fixed at nineteen months, and each month at nineteen days. All of these total three hundred and sixty-one. Since the solar year has three hundred and sixty-five days, and in some years three hundred and sixty-six, there are five extra days. It has been ordained that these five days, which are called the Days of Ha and the Days of Giving that precede the Fast, should be placed before the month of fasting, and the month of fasting is the last month of the year, while Naw-Ruz is the first day of the year.

As for the names of those nineteen months, they are as follows: First, the Month of Splendor; Second, the Month of Glory; Third, the Month of Beauty; Fourth, the Month of Grandeur; Fifth, the Month of Light; Sixth, the Month of Mercy; Seventh, the Month of Words; Eighth, the Month of Perfection; Ninth, the Month of Names; Tenth, the Month of Might; Eleventh, the Month of Will; Twelfth, the Month of Knowledge; Thirteenth, the Month of Power; Fourteenth, the Month of Speech; Fifteenth, the Month of Questions; Sixteenth, the Month of Honor; Seventeenth, the Month of Sovereignty; Eighteenth, the Month of Dominion; Nineteenth, the Month of Loftiness.

Likewise, these nineteen names are also applied to the days of each month. For example, the first day of each month is the Day of Splendor, the second day of each month is the Day of Glory, and the third day of each month is the Day of Beauty.

As for the names of the week, they are as follows: Saturday is the Day of Glory, Sunday is the Day of Beauty, Monday is the Day of Perfection, Tuesday is the Day of Grace, Wednesday is the Day of Justice, Thursday is the Day of Majesty, and Friday is the Day of Independence.

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A Tablet Revealed by Baha'u'llah in Commemoration of the Ridvan Festival

Lo! The beauty of His hallowed countenance hath appeared resplendent from behind the veil. This is indeed a strange happening. The flame of divine attraction hath caused the souls of men to swoon away. This is indeed a strange event. Having been revived, they winged their flight unto the pavilion of holiness, beneath the dome of His heavenly throne. This is indeed a strange mystery.

The Maid of Eternity hath removed the veil from her face. How glorified is the peerless, the wondrous beauty of her countenance! From the earth below the beaming brightness of her face hath shed its radiance upon the clouds. This is indeed a strange light. And there flashed the darts of her glances, like unto the darts of meteors. This is indeed a strange dart.

Every name or title hath been consumed by the flame of her face. This is indeed a strange accomplishment. She directed her gaze toward the people of dust upon the earth below. This is indeed a strange glance. Thereupon all beings vibrated with joy and passed out of sight. This is indeed a strange extinction. Then her jet black locks were revealed, even as the beauty of the spirit eclipsed by impenetrable darkness. This is indeed a strange colour.

From her person there wafted a sweet savour laden with perfume. This is indeed a strange musk. In her right hand she held a goblet of crimson wine and in her left a fragment of her broken heart. This is indeed a strange bounty. Her hand was tinged crimson with her lovers' blood. This is indeed a strange thing. And she bore round cups of the wine of immortality. This is indeed a strange fountain of living water.

To the accompaniment of harp and lute she chanted melodies in the glory of the Best Beloved's Name. This is indeed a strange melody. Thereat the hearts, set ablaze by the fire, were melted. This is indeed a strange love. And she granted the infinite, the incalculable bounty of beholding the beauty of her countenance. This is indeed a strange bounty. With the sword of her captivating charm she dealt blows at the necks of men. This is indeed a strange blow. Whensoever her face wreathed in smile, the pearls of her teeth did flash forth. This is indeed a strange pearl.

Thereupon the souls of them that are endued with understanding cried out a bitter cry. This is indeed a strange withdrawal. And every conceited doubter turned away from her. Who else but a strange disbeliever could this be? When she became aware of this she retired to her mansion, sorely grieved and lamenting. This is indeed a strange grief. Repeatedly did she appear, then retraced her steps. How glorified is her appearance and her retreat. This is indeed a strange decree.

And from the depths of her being she groaned with so vehement a cry that it might have caused the entire creation to perish and disappear. This is indeed a strange sadness. Then the fountain of living waters gushed forth from her lips, uttering words of admonition and rebuke. This is indeed a strange river of eternal life. Why repudiate Me, O people of the Book? she exclaimed. This is indeed a strange thing. Are ye of those that are guided aright? Regard ye yourselves as the loved ones of God? By the righteousness of the Almighty! This is indeed a strange imposture.

We will not return unto you, O concourse of the companions. This is indeed a strange return. We shall guard the secrets of God that are enshrined in His Scriptures and Books. This is indeed a commandment that the Almighty, the All-Bountiful hath ordained. And ye shall not find Me until the Promised One will have appeared on the Day of Return. I swear by My life! This is indeed a strange abasement.

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O Hasan-i-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God!

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficient!

For every matter there is an appointed time. When its hour comes, it appears with the truth and nothing can prevent it. Thus has it been ordained in a guarded Tablet. Can anyone outstrip it? No, by His binding

Command, the Mighty, the Wise! Nothing escapes His knowledge, nor can the might of the oppressors frustrate Him. He does what He wishes by His sovereign authority and decrees what He wills. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Powerful. His Cause is not limited by the bounds of idle fancies nor by the vain imaginings of the doubtful ones. Can the veils of allusion prevent Him from what He desires? No, by His Beauty that shines upon all the worlds! His Cause has been sanctified from the laws of the people and what they possess. Blessed is he who recognizes the [new creation] in this wondrous Creation through which all in the heavens and earth were created anew. Were anyone to understand the meaning of new creation in this Revelation, he would soar with longing toward God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: This is the Remembrance that no remembrance can rival, and this is the Creation that no thought can encompass. Thus has the matter been decreed by the Pen of your Lord, the Chosen One, which We made the Herald of this Great Name. Those who have detached themselves from all else - these are they who have a portion of the knowledge of this most exalted, most mighty, most wondrous, most novel Station. Blessed is he who beholds My Cause with Mine own eyes - he is of those who know. Whoso gazes upon aught else or clings to what My creatures possess - he is far from My nearness and is debarred from knowing Me - he is of the perishing ones. O My loved ones! It behooves you to empty your hands of what the people possess. Thus have you been commanded in the Tablets from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. I created ears to hearken unto My call, hearts to turn to the Kaaba of My knowledge, and eyes to behold My luminous horizon. Will what they possess profit those who have been heedless of this Cause? No, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous! Will what they cling to avail them this Day? No, by My beautiful Beauty! We shall show them wandering in the wilderness of error while punishment hastens after them, yet they are of the heedless ones. Those who have drunk the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting - these are they whom nothing can prevent. They are indeed the triumphant ones. Through them was adorned the Tablet of Creation and beautified the Temple of Knowledge with the ornament of certitude. They are indeed the sincere ones. Say: O people! Seize these days! Beware lest what you possess prevent you from beholding the perspective of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Reflect on what will come upon you hereafter, that the circumstances of this world and what is therein may not grieve you, and that you may turn to the Dayspring of your Lord's grace, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: We counsel you for the sake of God. Your acceptance profits Us not, even as your rejection harms Us not. He is indeed independent of all created things. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to recognition in this Revelation wherein the Mount has proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible!" At all times do We remember the loved ones of the All-Merciful purely for the sake of God. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of remembrance and is of the steadfast ones. Be not grieved by the hardships of the age. The greatest joy lies before you. With Him is the knowledge of all things, yet most people are among the ignorant. Thus have We adorned the crown of thy knowledge with the ornament of remembrance and its temple with the decoration of the Tablet. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He has revealed this for one who has ascended to the Supreme Companion, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ocean of generosity has surged when the Supreme Pen moved in remembrance of one who ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon, as a grace from God and a mercy from Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Through My remembrance the breeze of forgiveness has wafted from the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who has been mentioned and attained this Most Great Remembrance, at whose appearance all other remembrances bowed down. O Ahmad, upon thee be the glory of God and His mercy. Rejoice in what We have revealed for thee at this time, by which the Concourse on High and the dwellers of God's dominion, the Mighty, the Bestower, were attracted. Then give thanks for what We have sent down to thee, by which the inhabitants of the Kingdom soared in the atmosphere of loving-kindness and favors. By My life, whenever remembrance emerged from the mouth of the Divine Will in this Most Exalted Station, the ocean of grace surged and the fragrance of the mercy of the Lord of Lords was diffused. The hidden Light in Our Name, the Generous, and the treasured Spirit in Our Name, the Merciful, be upon thee, O thou at whose calamity the Tongue of Grandeur uttered the Most Great Word whereby were created creatures known to none save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of understanding from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst turn to the horizon of Manifestation and didst hear the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai when most of the servants turned away. Through thee the fragrances of love were diffused and a gate of the gates of Paradise was opened when the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Bestower, spoke thy name. I testify that thou didst believe in God when the Light shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation and didst acknowledge what was sent down from the Pen of Revelation in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thou didst hold fast to the Handle of Utterance such that the manifestations of pride and transgression, who cast the Command of God behind their backs and spoke that which caused the hearts of the people of understanding to lament, did not prevent thee. We bear witness that thou didst attain the light of certitude when the people were in heedlessness and perturbation. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and for being mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen when thou wert in Paradise with His chosen ones at eventide and at dawn. It behooveth every soul to say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O God of Utterance and Goal of all creation! I testify to the sanctification of Thy Being and the detachment of Thine Essence, and by Thy might and sovereignty and greatness and power, I beseech Thee, O my God, by the spirits that have ascended to the heaven of Thy grace and by the lights whereby the horizons of the hearts of Thy chosen ones were illumined, to ordain for Thy lovers that which shall gladden the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy friends and whereby the eyes of those who are near unto Thee among the Hands of Thy Cause shall be consoled. Then I beseech Thee by this treasure wherein Thou didst deposit a trust from Thee, and by his tomb and his love and his remembrance and his praise and his turning unto Thee and his submissiveness and his humility when reciting Thy most great verses and beholding Thy mighty signs, that Thou forgive me and my father and my mother, then open before my face the door of Thy mercy with the lamp of Thy grace and send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty the rains of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to one of Thy loved ones whose mention was sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy days and who heard Thy sweetest call from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy grace and mercy which Thou hast ordained for those who hastened to the field of martyrdom, yearning to enter the precincts of Thy glory and to attain the court of Thy holiness. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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Praised be Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by them who have circled round the throne of Thy will, and soared in the atmosphere of Thy good-pleasure, and turned with all their affections towards the Horizon of Thy Revelation and the Day-Spring of Thine inspiration, and the Dawning-Place of Thy names, to aid Thy servants to observe what Thou hast commanded them in Thy days–commandments through which the sacredness of Thy Cause will be demonstrated unto Thy servants and the affairs of Thy creatures and of Thy realm will be set aright.

I testify, O my God, that this is the Day whereon Thy testimony hath been fulfilled, and Thy clear tokens have been manifested, and Thine utterances have been revealed, and Thy signs have been demonstrated, and the radiance of Thy countenance hath been diffused, and Thy proof hath been perfected, and Thine ascendancy hath been established, and Thy mercy hath overflowed, and the Day-Star of Thy grace hath shone forth with such brilliance that Thou didst manifest Him Who is the Revealer of Thyself and the Treasury of Thy wisdom and the Dawning-Place of Thy majesty and power. Thou didst establish His covenant with every one who hath been created in the kingdoms of earth and heaven and in the realms of revelation and of creation. Thou didst raise Him up to such heights that the wrongs inflicted by the oppressors have been powerless to deter Him from revealing Thy sovereignty, and the ascendancy of the wayward hath failed to prevent Him from demonstrating Thy power and from exalting Thy Cause.

So highly didst Thou exalt Him that He openly delivered unto the kings Thy messages and commandments, and hath never for one moment sought His own protection, but striven to protect Thy servants from whatever might withhold them from approaching the kingdom of Thy nearness, and from setting their faces towards the horizon of Thy good-pleasure.

Thou seest, O my God, how, notwithstanding the swords that are drawn against Him, He calleth the nations unto Thee, and though Himself a prisoner summoneth them to turn in the direction of Thy gifts and bounties. With every fresh tribulation He manifested a fuller measure of Thy Cause, and exalted more highly Thy word.

I testify that through Him the Pen of the Most High was set in motion, and with His remembrance the Scriptures in the kingdom of names were embellished. Through Him Thy fragrances were wafted, and the sweet smell of Thy raiment was shed abroad amongst all the dwellers of the earth and the inmates of heaven. Thou seest and knowest full well, O my God, how He hath been made to dwell within the most desolate of cities, so that He may build up the hearts of Thy servants, and hath been willing to suffer the most grievous abasement, that Thy creatures may be exalted.

I pray Thee, O Thou Who causest the dawn to appear, by Thy Name through Which Thou hast subjected the winds, and sent down Thy Tablets, that Thou wilt grant that we may draw near unto what Thou didst destine for us by Thy favor and bounty, and to be far removed from whatsoever may be repugnant unto Thee. Give us, then, to drink from the hands of Thy grace every day and every moment of our lives of the

waters that are life indeed, O Thou Who art the Most Merciful! Make us, then, to be of them who helped Thee when fallen into the hands of those Thine enemies who are numbered with the rebellious among Thy creatures and the wicked amidst Thy people. Write down, then, for us the recompense ordained for him that hath attained Thy presence, and gazed on Thy beauty, and supply us with every good thing ordained in Thy Book for such of Thy creatures as enjoy near access to Thee.

Brighten our hearts, O my Lord, with the splendor of Thy knowledge, and illumine our sight with the light of such eyes as are fixed upon the horizon of Thy grace and the Day-Spring of Thy glory. Preserve us, then, by Thy Most Great Name, Which Thou didst cause to overshadow such nations as lay claim to what Thou hast forbidden in Thy Book. This, verily, is what Thou didst announce unto us in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets.

Cause us, then, to be so steadfast in our love towards Thee that we will turn to none except Thee, and will be reckoned amongst them that are brought nigh to Thee, and acknowledge Thee as One Who is exalted above every comparison and is holy beyond all likeness, and will lift up our voices amongst Thy servants and cry aloud that He is the one God, the Incomparable, the Ever-Abiding, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Strengthen Thou, O my Lord, the hearts of them that love Thee, that they may not be affrighted by the hosts of the infidels that are turned back from Thee, but may follow Thee in whatsoever hath been revealed by Thee. Aid them, moreover, to remember and to praise Thee, and to teach Thy Cause with eloquence and wisdom. Thou art He Who hath called Himself the Most Merciful. Ordain, then, O my God, for me and for whosoever hath sought Thee what beseemeth the excellence of Thy glory and the greatness of Thy majesty. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

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O Jalal who has attained the presence and gained the victory! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for those on earth, that He might acquaint them with His path, guide them to His evidence, and teach them that which will make them trustees and preserve them from the wretched ones. Thus was the matter decreed in the Book of Names by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O concourse of creation! The Promised Day hath come and that which was promised in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath appeared. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people are in evident doubt.

O Jalal! Hearken unto the call of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, which hath been raised from the Prison. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. To this testifieth He with Whom is the clear Book. Thou didst turn to My horizon and attain My presence after My permission in numbered days, and at this time the command hath come from the Ancient Ordainer for thy return to thy home, that thou mayest remind the servants of the verses of thy Lord and acquaint them with His manifest and luminous path.

Say: O party of God! Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of the world, nor be ye disturbed by the might of the polytheists. Beware lest the veils of the heedless prevent you from turning toward God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: The world and its ornaments and favors and whatsoever hath been ordained therein shall pass away, but there shall remain for you that which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Most High, in this exalted station.

Be thou eloquent in My praise, gazing toward My horizon and holding fast to My strong cord. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn His servants with the ornament of virtues which hath been honored with the glory of acceptance and distinguished by the good-pleasure of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of My party and My loved ones who have circled round My Cause and cast aside all else besides Me and heard My sweetest call from My most exalted horizon and acted in accordance with that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones! Be as light in brightness and as a mountain in steadfastness and as a spirit, swift to soar in this atmosphere wherein wafteth the fragrance of My wondrous utterance. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a token of His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We desire for you naught save that which shall draw you nigh unto a station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God besides Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Beware that ye dispute not with anyone or contend with any heedless and remote soul. We counsel you with that wherewith God counseled His servants in the earliest days concerning trustworthiness and godliness and that whereby your stations shall be exalted among the peoples. To this testify My Books and My Scriptures and My Tablets and this luminous Tablet. God hath created you for the betterment of the world. To this doth testify this Lamp which proclaimeth at all times that there is none other God besides Him, the Powerful over what He willeth, the Protector of those in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention of thy mother and give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her. We beseech God to inscribe within her heart by the Pen of His handiwork: “This is a handmaiden of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Sovereign of His Day, the Mighty, the Wondrous.” And We make mention of thy sister who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion. We beseech God to adorn her head with the crown of the words “Verily I am God’s, the Lord of the Mighty Throne” and We beseech God to strengthen her and assist her and send down upon her the food of utterance at all times. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

The glory that hath dawned from the ocean of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon the servants of God who are steadfast and His steadfast handmaidens.

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O Muhammad Isma’il Burunjani, in the name of the one loving God. Your letter was present before the Face and was honored by the glances of the Lord of Names. Blessed is the soul whose letter attained the presence of the Throne after being prevented from turning to it by what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. A word was observed in your letter which is in truth the perfect word, and ever shall be - if one

succeeds in acting upon it, they will comprehend all good. And that is: “O my Lord, O Guide of my purposes, Thy good-pleasure.” Ask God that you may remain firm in this word. Blessed is the one who drinks from this cup and is of those who know. The generosity of God is limitless and His grace endless. Never has there been, nor shall there be, any interruption in the outpouring of the All-Bountiful One. He has answered and will answer the needs of all. If in some instances there has been delay, it was for the good of that soul - assuredly they will attain to what is better than what they asked for. However, for those souls who truly hold fast to His good-pleasure, another station is ordained. Blessed are they, again blessed are they.

And in your letter was: “I see the heaven and the earth and the sea” etc. “all of them are signs of Thy power, like writing flowing from Thy pen; therefore there is no need for me to beseech Thee to send Thy writing.” End quote.

Yes, in one sense this attribute can be and is applied to all things - that is, in all things the movement of the divine creative Pen is manifest and visible, and those possessed of insight behold it with both outer and inner vision. However, the existence of all things depends upon the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, and the nobility of all things lies in their relationship to it. Therefore all have been and ever shall be in need. The true believer in divine unity is one who sees all things as manifestations of God’s primal sign, and beholds in all things the expressions of His names and attributes, while seeing that sign as sanctified above all things and sovereign over all things - how much more so the Truth Himself, exalted is He above being associated with His creation or known through aught else. If relationship were removed from existence, it would be sheer nothingness - how then could manifestation be attributed to it? All exists through Him and subsists by Him, while He is sanctified and exalted above all. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

We counsel you, O loved ones of God, regarding the Most Great Trust among My servants and My creation. For through it the Cause of God is exalted among all else, and the sanctity of His Cause becomes manifest throughout the worlds. Be trustees among the servants - thus have We counseled them in the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Place your trust in all matters in the Truth, the All-Forgiving. Verily He gives to whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He wishes, and withholds from whomsoever He wishes what He desires. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty. Let not the affairs of the world grieve you. That which has been ordained for you is incomparable to anything else in creation, were you of those who know. Be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the winds of those who lead astray will not cause you to slip.

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He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and power!

By God! The essence of utterance confesses its powerlessness to mention our Chosen Lord. Neither hearts nor eyes can comprehend Him. We bear witness that there is no God but Him, acknowledging and confessing that which the Tongue of Eternity spoke before the creation of the world - that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And peace, manifest from the Abode of

Peace, and light, shining from the horizon of the heaven of the favor of the Lord of all beings, be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones, through whom were opened the gates of knowledge and understanding in the contingent world, and every heedless one turned toward the ocean of certitude; and upon Him by whom the Frequented Temple was adorned and the horizon of manifestation was illumined; and upon His family and companions, through whom every seated one arose, every foundation was strengthened, every mystery appeared, and every wise command was revealed.

The servant beseeches his Lord to assist all to achieve what He loves and is pleased with in this Day wherein the unity of religion has been scattered and the pillar of certitude has been shaken, inasmuch as the servants have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, denied God's favor and His Cause, and disputed His signs and His authority.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou at separation from Whom the eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee have wept and the hearts of the sincere ones have yearned! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace not to look upon them and what they have wrought in Thy land, but rather to the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowal. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to act in accordance with what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and with what will profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Bestower, the All-Generous.

Thereafter, your letter has been received time after time. Until now, whatever has been seen has been answered despite lack of opportunity. Praise be to God, you have attained to His bounty and are occupied with His mention and praise. God willing, you shall remain steadfast in service under all conditions, in such wise that earthly concerns and their vicissitudes shall not prevent you nor hold you back from good deeds. Be thou in all circumstances turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and placing thy trust in God, the Lord of all mankind. This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to cause you to attain that from which the fragrance of eternity may be inhaled. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Almighty. He heareth the call of His servants, and He is the Hearing, the Answering.

One day they said that Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be His glory, should observe the good-pleasure of the Afnan. This is what We previously commanded him. End. Praise be to God, all that hath proceeded from you thus far hath been acceptable in the presence of the Countenance. All the parties of the world are seen today to be heedless, save whom God willeth. Blessed art thou, for thou hast drunk from the cup of bounty and attained unto the Goal. Well is it with thee and with everyone who hath attained that which is mentioned in His Mighty Book.

Convey greetings and felicitations to the honored gentlemen. God willing, may it be accepted. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to the loved ones of that land. God willing, may all act as befitteth and be occupied with and gladdened by the mention of the True One, exalted be His glory. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

The Servant

End of Rabi'u'l-Avval [1300]

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CVIII

Praised be Thou, O my God, that Thou hast been true to what the Pen of Thy Revelation hath inscribed upon the Tablets sent down by Thee unto them Whom Thou hast chosen above all Thy creatures, and through Whom Thou hast unlocked the doors of Thy mercy, and shed abroad the radiance of the light of Thy guidance. Glory to Thee that Thou hast laid bare what had from eternity been wrapped up within the Tabernacle of Thy majesty, Thine omnipotence and glory, and through which Thou hadst decked forth the heaven of Thy Revelation and adorned the pages of the book of Thy testimony.

And when the Pledge was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, He was rejected by such of Thy servants as profess to have believed in Him in Whom Thy Godhead was manifested, Whom Thou didst ordain to be the Herald of this Revelation, and through Whose advent the eyes of the inmates of the sanctuary of Thy unity were cheered.

I know, O my Lord, neither their reasoning with which they have acknowledged Thee and believed in Thy signs, nor their argument whereby they have repudiated Thy sovereignty. Every time I call them to Thee and say: "O people! Consider the utterances of the Lord your God which are in your possession and those that have been sent down from the heaven of His will and power," they cavil at Thee, and turn their backs to Thee, though – as Thou art aware –each of the words that have gone out of the mouth of Thy will sheddeth the fragrance of the breaths of Thy mercy.

Some have chosen to cleave to him who is counted unworthy to converse with any of Thy servants that watch at Thy door (Mirza Yahya), how much more to enter into the court in which the Tongue of Thy majesty speaketh. Cleanse Thou their hearts and their eyes, O my Lord, that they may see with their eyes and understand with their hearts, that haply they may be attracted by Thine utterances to the Day-Spring of Thine inspiration, and draw nigh unto the soft-flowing stream of Thy knowledge.

Thou art He, O my Lord, Who hath, in every line of Thy Book, entered into covenant with them for me, and made it so sure that none of Thy creatures can any longer evade it. Thou didst say – and Thy word is the truth: "One single letter from Him excelleth all that hath been sent down in the Bayan."

Thou dost consider, therefore, O my God, how they have transgressed against Thy Cause, and beholdest what their hands have wrought in Thy days. They have so grievously wronged me that the Lote-Tree of Thy Revelation moaneth, and the inmates of the Tabernacle of Thy majesty and the dwellers of the cities of Thy names lament. I know not, O my God, for what reason they have risen up to oppress me, and by what proof they have turned aside from Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens, to aid them to act equitably in Thy Cause, that haply they may discover the sweet smell of the robe of Thy mercy, and set their faces towards the horizon that shineth with the brightness of the light of Thy face. Weak are they, O my Lord, and Thou art the Lord of strength and power. They are but paupers, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most Generous.

Thou art well aware, O my God, that throughout my life I have sought no advantage for myself. I have offered up my spirit and my whole being for the exaltation of Thy word amidst Thy creatures and the glorification of Thy name among Thy servants. Thou didst send me with such a Testimony that they Who are the Exponents of Thy Revelation and the Day-Springs of Thine inspiration were stirred up with vehement longing. Through it, Thy proof was established, and Thy bounty fulfilled, and Thy Cause perfected, and Thine utterances released, and Thy clear tokens uncovered.

Thou knowest, O my God, that I have wished only what Thou hast wished, and desire what Thou dost desire. Were I to speak forth before Thy servants the things wherewith Thou didst, through Thy bounty, inspire me and which Thou didst command me to utter amidst Thy creatures, the oppressors among Thy people would cavil at me. And were I to hold my peace and cease to celebrate the wonders of Thy praise, all the limbs of my body would be stirred up to extol Thee. I know not what the water is with which Thou didst create me, or what the fire Thou didst kindle within me. I swear by Thy glory! I shall not cease to mention Thee, though all that are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth rise up against me. Thee will I magnify, in all circumstances, with a heart wholly rid of all attachment to the world and all that is therein.

Praised be Thou, the Well-Beloved of the hearts of all such as have recognized Thee.

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He is the Mighty! This is the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. It hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and well-beloved, and it speaketh the truth in the kingdom of eternity and in the heaven of heaven that there is none other God but Him. He quickeneth whom He willeth through His grace, and unto Him shall all return. His is the creation and the command, and all things are preserved with Him in a guarded Book. O Ha' before Sin! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth thee from the heaven of divine command, and be not of those who are not guided by the signs of God. Say: By God the Truth! The veil of holy garments hath been rent asunder and the Youth of the Spirit hath appeared with the beauty of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Beware lest thou consort with those from whom thou canst not detect the fragrance of love from this diffused and manifest musk. Leave them to themselves, for they are blind to the Cause and deaf to the Word, and they perceive not. Say: By God! Ye have dwelt behind the veils of fancy in your days, such that ye understood not God's purpose in His hidden Tablet. Thus do We expound the verses unto thee lest the opposition of those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God and who have turned back on their heels should turn thee aside from thy Lord's path. And thou, seek refuge in God thy Lord, then suffice thyself with Him apart from all else, for He will suffice thee against all who are in the heavens and the earth and against all that was and will be. He will preserve thee as He preserved thee before, and will provide thee with that wherewith He hath provided none save those who turn toward the holy precincts and who direct themselves to the sacred quarter. Thus doth God exalt whom He willeth and aid whom He willeth through His grace, for He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. And when thou seest the Sacrifice who hath come forth from prison, glorify Him on Our behalf, then give him glad tidings with a remembrance from Us, that he may be of those who rejoice in God's glad tidings. Say: O servant! Give thanks to God thy Creator for having delivered thee from prison, then strive not to enter another prison and be not of those

who abide eternally imprisoned within themselves. Say: We observed thee aforetime in mighty delusion such that thou didst appear before God thy Lord yet wast unaware of it and wast among the heedless. Therefore did We veil Our face from thee and conceal it behind a thousand veils lest thou and the eyes of the weak should discover it. Say: O servant! Rend asunder the veils of fancy, then emerge from behind the veil with manifest sovereignty. And if thou art powerless to do this by thyself, then seek help through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Then in the beginning of the matter, deliver thyself, then the servants of God, and be God's herald among His creatures and remind them with thy loudest voice and fear no one, but put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Say: O people! Be fair with yourselves before God and be not among the opposers. Then recite unto them what was revealed unto Muhammad the Messenger of God in a clear Arabic tongue. None dispute concerning the signs of God save those who disbelieve. Thus was it sent down in truth from One mighty and beautiful. O people! Fear God and dispute not concerning His verses when they are sent down through grace, and be not among the prodigal. Thus doth the Dove of Holiness teach you and counsel you with truth lest ye be among the heedless.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most High, the Most Exalted. This is a Book from the Prisoner to him who believed in the Spirit in His days and was quickened by the Most Great Word whereby all who are in the heavens and earth were terrified, except the servants of God, the near ones, whose faces shine between the heavens and earth even as the face of the sun shineth from a horizon of manifest glory. These are servants whose faces were not changed on the Day when the faces of those who hesitated in God's Cause, the King, the Mighty, the Great, were darkened. These are servants the like of whom the eye of creation hath not seen, and through them the clouds of inner meanings were raised up and rained upon the breasts of the chosen ones that which purified them from the allusions of the deniers. Know then that most of the people of the Bayan rose up against God and denied Him in Whom they had believed, and were among the losers. Say: O people, do ye imagine within yourselves that ye believed in the Revelation of 'Ali (the Bab)? Nay, by His Self, the All-Knowing, the Wise! For had ye believed in Him, ye would not have denied these verses which have descended from the heaven of mighty glory. Say: Fear God and wrong not the Manifestation of His Cause. He hath indeed come to you with the truth and calleth you unto it, desiring naught save to draw you nigh unto God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old. Fear God, O people, and dispute not about the verses of God after their revelation. Purify your ears from that which ye have heard that ye may hearken unto the melodies of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, the Inaccessible. Say: O people, do ye adduce God's verses to prove what is with you, and then slay His very Self? What aileth you, O heedless ones! And thou, O servant, hearken unto the words of thy Lord, then detach thyself from all else besides Him, then thank Him at all times for having caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and made thee one of the sincere ones. Then convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people may remember the mention of their Creator and be of the steadfast. God hath prescribed unto everyone the duty of teaching His Cause. Verily there is no Commander but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are preserved with Him in a mighty Book. Grieve not over any matter but place thy

trust in all things in Him. He sendeth down what is ordained for every soul, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Not an atom's weight escapeth His knowledge, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earths. Remember thy Lord throughout all days and be not veiled from Him. Indeed His remembrance is better than whatsoever hath been created in the realm of existence, wert thou of them that know. Through His remembrance souls find peace and the hearts of them that remember are gladdened. Then remember this Prisoner and what hath befallen Him from those who circled round Him at eventide and at dawn. Thus hath God revealed what was hidden in their breasts before His servants who seek Him. He who prided himself on My name and whom We taught throughout days and nights hath pronounced sentence of death against Me out of hatred for God Who created him and created all things by His firm and mighty command. And if thou findest the loved ones of God, remind them from Me, then glorify God before their faces, that perchance through this glorification they may turn with their hearts to the court of their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate, and that they may remember My tribulation and My grief and My imprisonment and My trials at the hands of these oppressors. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have laid hold on the Sure Handle in the days of God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know.

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O Mulla Baqir! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is an epistle from the Prisoner unto him who hath believed in God and hath been numbered among those who profess His unity in the Tablets. O servant! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One from the precincts of thy Lord's throne, the All-Merciful, that He may purify thee from the allusions of the peoples of the worlds, and sanctify thee from the manifestations of Satan, and cause thee to turn toward the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and enable thee to soar in an atmosphere which God hath sanctified from the winds of every malicious polytheist. Say: O people! By God, the Truth, the Most Great Treasure of God hath appeared, and the Primal Point hath been detailed, and the dominion of God hath been manifested with sovereign might and majesty. Fear ye God, O people, and be God-fearing in this Cause. If ye believe not in Him, oppose Him not, nor be ye tyrannical and wretched. He hath sacrificed His soul for all who are in the heavens and on earth out of His love for God Who created all things by His command - thus hath it been sent down in tablets of mighty, impregnable glory. Say: Verily the Sun of the Primal One hath risen in truth from this Most Glorious Horizon and calleth out to you: O people! Be ye ashamed before My beauty and deny not Him of Whom We informed you in all the Tablets - but for Him I would not have revealed a single letter nor uttered a single word, and God is witness unto this. Say: When He appeared in truth, the polytheists opposed Him and spoke concerning Him that which those who disbelieved before had not spoken, and were rebellious against their Lord's command. Know then that God created the tongue for remembrance and utterance - emerge thou from behind the veils of silence and speak in praise of thy Lord. He will verily protect thee through hosts of the unseen with mighty power. We have forbidden the servants from discord and corruption and commanded them to unity, yet they have abandoned that which they were bidden and committed that which they were forbidden in a mighty tablet. Say: O people! Fear ye God and commit not that which ye have been forbidden, for God hath sent Me to gather you upon an ancient shore of glory and draw you nigh unto the

Self of the All-Merciful and bring you to a station wherefrom the Sun of utterance was witnessed from its horizon. I desire naught from you, for My reward is with Him Who sent Me and commissioned Me with the truth with manifest sovereignty. And thou - arise thou in the Cause of God and His remembrance, leave all else behind thee, and place thy trust in Him. He will suffice thee against all who dwell on earth. Say: O concourse of polytheists! Die in your wrath! The clouds have been rent asunder and the Youth hath come with the hosts of divine inspiration with a white radiance that shineth with truth. Those who have denied these verses while claiming to believe in what was revealed in the Bayan - by God, the Primal Point curseth them and all things laugh at them, and none denieth this save one whose heart is aflame with the fire of hatred and hath taken Satan as his path. I complain unto thee of those who have wrought corruption in the earth without leave from Us, and for this reason have We withheld the Tablets from being sent to every discerning believer. Be thou assured by thy Lord's grace, then gaze upon thy Lord's countenance, the Most High, with penetrating vision. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth that thou mayest be at peace within thyself and stand firm in the truth. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves from all else and have ascended to a luminous and glorious station.

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In the name of God, the Most High, the Single, the One, the Powerful.

This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily it is a remembrance for all the worlds, wherein floweth that which shall quench their thirst with the Living Waters that stream forth by the command of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

O people! Hear My call from the right side of the Divine Throne, the Spot from which hath appeared all goodness from time immemorial and from which shall appear every wondrous command unto the end that hath no end. God commandeth you to be submissive before His Most Great Gate and forbiddeth you from committing unseemly acts. Fear God, O people, and cast not My ways behind your backs, and be not of the heedless. Remember Me at eventide and at dawn, then at morn and at sunset. All things are quickened through His remembrance, were ye of those who know. Dispute not about any matter, but rather convey the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful, unto both the lowly and the noble. This hath been prescribed for every soul, if ye be of those who act. Convey the Message, O people, in a spirit of joy and fragrance. Beware lest ye dispute with anyone or be among the violent. Whoso guideth a soul through the Books of God shall have the recompense of one who hath striven in His path and been among the martyrs.

Blessed art thou, O Ashraf, in that thou hast been honored once again and hast entered the Garden of Paradise time after time, and art among the successful ones. God hath ordained for thee abundant good, and verily He rewardeth whomsoever He willeth with a goodly reward, and He is the Fulfiller of the recompense of those who turn unto Him.

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Muhammad Baqir in the letter Kaf, son of Aqa Muhammad ’Ali - He is the Mighty. This is a Book wherein is mentioned every good thing detailed from God, the Exalted, the Great, and wherein every soul receives its portion according as it is, if ye be of them that understand. Blessed is he who withholds not from himself that which is ordained for him and is of them that are detached. We beseech God at all times that He shut not the gates of mercy before his face and cut not off from him that which descendeth from the heaven of mighty, resplendent glory. Thus have We commanded the servants from a beginning that hath no beginning, and thus do We command them now, if ye be of them that understand. Then know thou that thy letter hath come before Us and We have learned what was therein, and We were among the witnesses. We have ordained for thee as recompense therefor in the heaven of holiness abundant good which none among the worlds can reckon. Thus have We shown favor unto thee even as We showed favor unto Our near-serving servants, that thou mayest rejoice in thy soul and be steadfast in the love of thy Lord. Verily there is no God but He and He is the protector of the doers of good. We have learned in thy letter how thou hast made for Us a couch of woven damask and desired to send it unto Us, that thou mightest be of them that send gifts. Know thou that We have accepted it from thee and We beseech God to recompense thee from Us with a goodly recompense and to bestow upon thee the knowledge of His Self, and this is better than whatsoever is in the heavens and earths. However, after accepting it We have bestowed it back upon thee, for We have desired to sit upon the earth in this remote prison, and silk carpets befit not the imprisoned one, if ye be of them that understand. And if thou art not content with this, then send it to Our name the penitent one that he may do what is intended. Thus have We commanded thee in this Tablet that thou mayest be of them that act. Remind thyself and then thy father not to be heedless of that which the Spirit cast upon him when he was seated before God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, and not to doubt what We have revealed unto him, that he may be of them that are firmly established. Say: By God, thou hast attained unto that which none in all the worlds hath attained, for when people came before God they knew Him not, and therefore attained not unto that which thou hast attained according as thou wert, and thus none shall surpass thee if thou be of them that are certain. Be thou steadfast in thy love to such degree that were all who are on earth to draw swords against thee and the Samiri to call thee to all that is on earth with every manifest deception, thou wouldst stand against them through God’s power and sovereignty and God’s might and glory in such wise that thou wouldst neither be troubled in thy soul nor would thine eye turn away from this blessed and luminous Face. And when thou art adorned with what We have cast upon thee of the comprehensive Word, thou wilt be able to soar with Me in the realms of eternity, a station unto which neither the birds of hearts nor minds of the unitarians can soar. Thus have We inspired thee and taught thee and cast upon thee that which will preserve thee from the darts of satans. Preserve thou this Tablet and recite it most days lest thou become heedless of what God hath willed for thee therein and be of them that are detached. And the Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon all who have believed in God and His signs, whether female or male, young or old.

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May His honor ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Resplendent, take note:

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The luminous leaf that was adorned with the ornament of divine love, and from whose sublime and lofty words the fragrance of your sincerity for the sake of God, the Lord of Lords, was inhaled, reached this servant of the Lord of creation with wondrous joy and boundless delight. Praise be to God, it was observed to be a firm sign and most perfect and unerring proof of your degrees of love and self-effacement and nothingness and steadfastness in the Cause of the Ancient King. By the Most Holy, Most Exalted Being I swear that there is no station greater than that all should manifest utter nothingness and pure servitude, and arise with complete dedication to serve the Cause. Praise and glory be to Him that you have been and continue to be aided and blessed by God with this supreme gift and mighty favor. That which has ever been pleasing in the sight of God and the means for servants to ascend to the Kingdom of righteousness and their rising to the heaven of the providence of the Lord of creation, has been that the sincere servants should in no aspect, whether outward or inward, be focused on themselves, but rather should in truth observe themselves in all degrees to be utter nothingness and pure evanescence, so that all souls may, through the training of these sanctified beings, turn from the left hand of selfish desires and human inclinations to the right hand of piety and the Most Glorious Horizon. If these souls who have quaffed the purest wine and are mentioned as the first of creation before the Truth were to be conscious of self even less than can be imagined, they would surely be deprived of the hidden divine favors and forbidden the endless fruits ordained for them in the worlds of the divine Command. These souls must move among people in such wise that none would imagine they possess life, much less any other stations. We beseech God to aid all to attain this station in such wise that we may be utterly detached from ourselves and speak with every tongue and every utterance and every melody in His mighty, exalted remembrance.

Furthermore, the petition that was submitted to the threshold of the Divine Throne was presented before the Ancient Beauty. Perfect bounty hath shone forth from the Dayspring of grace. God willing, an answer will hereafter be revealed and sent according to the behest of the sovereign Will. The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their sacred feet, remember you with wondrous, exalted mention and with sublime greetings, and likewise those who circle round the manifest Throne all send their greetings. Ever write the details of affairs in full, for although they are visible before the Throne, yet We ever desire that you describe your circumstances in detail outwardly, that it may gladden the heart of this evanescent one. Furthermore, convey to his honor your father, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, limitless expressions of sincerity and most wondrous, elevated and sublime greetings from this ephemeral servant. Likewise remember with endless divine praise all the loved ones of God who have drunk from the chalice of steadfastness and independence in the Cause of the King of grandeur and majesty and who in all conditions look to the Lord of beginning and end. Verily the glory be upon you and upon them.

The Servant of God

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He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Abu'l-Fadl! Hearken unto what the Wronged One mentions to thee from the direction of the Prison, and calls thee to God, the Single, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone, as testified by the Tongue of Grandeur in His Mighty Book. Blessed is the soul that hath not been veiled by the doubts of the divines nor been prevented by the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily those who have violated the Covenant of God and His testament have no portion of this Sea, from whose waves is heard: "There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed." Bear thou witness to that which God hath witnessed, detached from all who are on earth. Thus doth He Who speaketh at all times teach thee that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In the Persian tongue, hearken! This Day is the Day whose mention hath been recorded and inscribed in all the divine Books, and that which is specially reserved for this Most Great Revelation hath been repeatedly revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Every soul must behold with his own eyes and none hath any excuse today regarding that which proceedeth from the Ancient Tongue. The Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - declareth: "I have taken an essence in His mention, which is that He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan." Were anyone to meditate on this decisive utterance, he would attain unto a drop from the ocean of knowledge. By the life of God! All the seas of the earth together cannot equal that drop, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: O people of the earth! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come. Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of what ye have been commanded by an All-Knowing Ordainer. Say: He hath no need of mention of the past or future to prove His Cause, and when He citeth certain expressions of the past and utterances of the chosen ones in certain instances, this is a grace from Him, for He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. None hath ever been acquainted with the root of this Cause. By the life of God! Whosoever hath claimed such knowledge is recorded among the liars in the Clear Tablet. Thou thyself art aware that every matter hath appeared from this Dawning-Place and unto it doth return. Beseech ye God - exalted be His glory - to grant the servants sight and bestow upon them a portion from the ocean of fairness, that all the peoples of the earth may become aware and bear witness unto that which God hath ordained. God willing, thou shouldst summon the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance.

Say: Beware, O people of the earth, lest the veils of names prevent you from the Creator of the heavens. Cast behind you your vain imaginings, then approach with radiant faces the Most Exalted Horizon, and be not of the heedless ones. Say: Know ye the value of this wondrous Day. This is a Day wherein man is able to acquire that which shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. We counsel all to steadfastness supreme, for the hateful ones and the treacherous lie in wait. Therefore ask thou God to protect His servants from the evil of those who have turned away from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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He is the Consoler, the All-Merciful, the Generous

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this luminous Tablet which We have made the bearer of My grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We make mention of the leaf whom We named ’Azziyyih, who attained Our presence and won victory in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of her and of those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We make mention of all My handmaidens at this hour wherein the tongue of grandeur hath spoken before the faces of the people that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the leaf who heard My call and responded, who beheld My verses and turned unto them. We testify that she believed in God and His verses, acknowledged that which hath been sent down from His presence, and confessed His manifestation, His emergence and His sovereignty. We testify that she was attracted by the call of God in the earliest days, responded and was set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree in such wise that the reins of her free will were taken from her grasp. We have heard her crying out in the days and her yearning in the morning hours.

O My Pen! When thou desirest to make mention of her and to visit her, turn thy face toward God’s loving-kindness and say: The first light that shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty and the first utterance that was voiced by the Tongue of Grandeur - upon thee, O leaf of the Tree of Faithfulness! I bear witness that, due to thy remoteness from the court of nearness, thy liver was consumed, thy joy was turned to sorrow and great was thy calamity. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden and My leaf, and blessed is the handmaiden who draweth nigh unto thee and visiteth thee, by virtue of that which the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken on this dark night. We beseech God to ordain for all who visit thee the reward of him who hath winged his flight from his homeland, seeking the most exalted homeland beneath the canopies of the grandeur of the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee!

We testify, and the near ones and the sincere ones bear witness, that separation hath consumed thee, such that thy sighs have ascended and thy tears have fallen in the nights and days. The heat of love hath encompassed all thy limbs. Thou art she who hath taken the cup of love and drunk therefrom in the name of God, the Possessor of Creation. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at every moment a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His own Self. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thou art in the Most Exalted Paradise while the Lord of all men maketh mention of thee in the prison of ’Akka. By the life of God! Through My remembrance of thee the ocean of thy Lord’s mercy hath surged and the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors hath wafted - a bounty from God, the Possessor of this sublime station. Joy be unto thee, O My handmaiden, and peace be upon thee, O My leaf, and mercy be upon thee, O thou whose liver was melted in separation from Me! We beseech God to inscribe for thee in the Tablet, by the Most Glorious Pen, the reward of attaining His presence. He is verily the Creator of the heavens and the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Him, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all names, my Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the resplendent Light and by Thy firm, penetrating Command to forgive me and my parents. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the blood of the lovers in the land of Ya and by their patience and steadfastness in Thy good-pleasure, and by this most pure Shrine, to fulfill my needs and the needs of Thy servants who have turned unto Thee and have taken hold of Thy Book. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O Jamal, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Repeatedly hath thy mention been made, verses revealed, evidences manifested, and the Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned from the horizon of bounty and the light of grace hath shone forth. Glory be to God! The Sun of certitude is shining from the highest horizon of the world and the Dove of Utterance is warbling upon the loftiest branches. Nevertheless, the people are occupied with calumnies and speak forth falsehoods. The lies of the past have come forth and what was rent asunder hath been replaced by that which is even more grievous. The unfair Dawlat-Abadi hath turned from the sweet and flowing waters to fetid pools, and hath clung to calumnies instead of the revealed verses. Unwittingly he hath done what the former party never did. At every moment some discord appeareth and some cawing is raised. The former party for years had beseeched and yearned for His manifestation from God, exalted be His glory, yet when they found the gates of meeting opened, consider what they did and what they said. In truth the pen and tongue are ashamed to mention it. And this heedless man, namely Dawlat-Abadi, speaketh and uttereth the vain imaginings of that party. He hath again afflicted these ignorant servants with the calumnies of the past and continueth to do so. It is not known by what proof he professeth belief in the Primal Point while turning away from the path of God. In any case, heedless souls were not and are not worthy of mention. We beseech God to assist the loved ones to accomplish that which will cause the exaltation of His blessed Word. We ask God to open upon thy face and upon those who love thee for the sake of God the gates of loving-kindness, ease, grace and bounty. Verily He is the Lord of all names and He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, seeking the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou didst send down the heavenly table to Thy servants and caused the rain of Thy mercy to shower upon Thy creation, to send down from the clouds of the heaven of Thy generosity upon this servant of Thine a blessing from Thee and a bounty from Thy presence and a mercy from Thy side. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey My greetings to him who was named Husayn who attained Our presence and won the victory when the Wronged One was in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the heedless had wrought, and to My loved ones who have not broken My covenant and My testament. We make mention of thy family in this station and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness - the greatest loving-kindness and the most mighty bounty concerning her was that the Hands of the Cause of God, exalted be

His glory, assisted and aided her and caused her to attain His presence. It behooveth thee and her and him who was named ?ubu'llah to thank your Lord night and day. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The honored Ibn-i-'A??ar and Buzurg, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, have attained and circle round My throne in My days, entering by permission and departing by permission. Blessed are they both. We beseech God to assist them to stand firm in this mighty Cause. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon whoever heareth thy words concerning this Most Great Cause whereby the limbs of the nations have quaked. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O beloved of my heart and joy of my soul! The gift arrived - praise be to God, praise be to God! And all benefited from it - thanks be to God, thanks be to God! You wrote about its good and bad qualities with detailed criticism. God forgive! God forgive! Then God forgive such extensive criticism!

Once His Holiness David wished to meet a thankful person. He observed someone who had taken some wheat and barley mixed together and ground it between two stones until it became like flour. Then he kneaded it and made a loaf, and made a fire from some straw. After the flames died down, he placed the loaf on the embers. When it was partially cooked, he took it off and placed it in his lap. Taking the first morsel, he said: "In the name of God and by God! O Lord, my God! How can I thank Thee? I did not plant this wheat, nor did I know of it. I did not tend its cultivation, nor was I aware of its harvesting. Yet Thou bestowed it upon me through Thy special favors and bounties. I eat that for which I have not labored in the least. This is naught but Thy boundless generosity." In such case, how can this evanescent one mention a blessing that appeared before him without any effort on his part and from which he partook? Even favorable mention would cause embarrassment, let alone anything else. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to count these servants among the thankful ones.

Once this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names. He said that one of the chosen ones asked a mystic: "How are you faring?" He replied: "When we find food we eat, and when we lack it we are patient." He said: "This is the way of our dogs - when they find food they eat, and when they do not they are patient." The mystic asked: "How then do you and your friends fare?" He replied: "When we find something we share it, and when we lack we give thanks."

In such case, one melts away at the mention of anything that carries the slightest scent of unacceptability, let alone stating it explicitly. This is a station where allusion has no place and investigation falls short. However, for the sake of expressing truth and teaching and learning, the truth must be told, which is that your bread was somewhat blackened on the surface, redolent of the fragrance of the loved ones of the world. And since it was adorned with the ornament of patience, it became somewhat excessive - sourness overcame it, lest it harm those of bilious temperament. Furthermore, like the nobles of Iran it had substance - that is, it was heavy and weighty. In any case, we thank God and we thank you, for He says "If ye thank Me, I will thank you." When God renders thanks, His servants are even more worthy to thank one another.

In brief, these were the minor incidents regarding the bread that were mentioned. The detailed account shall await the time of presence. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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O Khalil who hath attained Our presence and won the crown of victory, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of them that have turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds. We were seated upon the Throne when We heard the call from the right-hand side saying that Khalil maketh mention of thee. Thereupon did My tongue speak thy praise at this hour wherein the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, as a token of My favor unto thee and unto them that are with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We have made mention of thee before, and of the days thou didst spend beneath the canopies of grandeur. Verily nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We have answered thee with verses which God hath made the ornament adorning the brocade of the Book of Divine Unity, which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Mother Book in this most exalted station. By My life! There hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which nothing in all creation can equal. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful.

We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name, and cause thee to drink from the Kawthar of life at all times, and to inscribe for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall be as a light before thy face in every world of His worlds. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Powerful.

O Khalil! Hearken in the Persian tongue unto the call of the Wronged One. Today that which was hidden in the breasts and concealed in the eyes hath become manifest and visible. In the great city there appeared that which was concealed from all. Verily He hath revealed what He willed, that the people might know the stations of those who denied the Day of Judgment. Every day, through the deception of the Isle, they have attributed and continue to attribute treachery to the dawning-places of trustworthiness and assurance. They have unjustly consumed the substance of the people and have uttered that which none before them had ever uttered.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the city wherein Thy call was raised, Thy clear tokens were revealed, and Thy verses were sent down. Thanks and glory be unto Thee for having given the glad-tidings unto Thy loved ones of the appearance of Thy mighty Message and Thy Cause that dominateth all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee by Thy light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace, and by the Fire through which Thou didst deliver Thy Cause and manifest the oneness of Thine Essence, to ordain for me that which I have desired

from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowals. O my Lord! Thou seest Khalil clinging fast unto Thy firm and mighty cord, and holding to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of all worlds. I beseech Thee to ordain for him that which shall endure as long as Thine own names endure, and shall be immortalized in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Ordainer of all things and their Sovereign, to assist the heedless to return unto the gate of Thy mercy and to arise before the court of Thy pardon and bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's mercy be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning this mighty Cause. At this moment We make mention of him who hath been named 'Abdu'l-Karim - upon him be the Glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise - that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and find assurance through the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Most Generous. We give him the glad-tidings of Our favor unto him and Our remembrance of him from this quarter of Our mighty Prison. Glory be upon him and upon them that are with him and have acknowledged that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Rememberer and the Helper, He is the All-Loving and the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings! Thy letter which thou hadst sent to Aqa Muhammad, upon him be my Baha, was brought before Us by Badi'u'llah and was heard. Praise be to God, from every word thereof wafted the fragrance of divine love, and from the horizon of every letter shone forth the light of affection. O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! Know thou with absolute certitude that thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness, and that is the Word of God, which it was and is. Time and again from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen have pearls of wisdom and utterance been revealed especially for the loved ones. Whosoever hath attained unto these and remained firm in the Cause hath attained unto all good. God shall soon exalt his mention in the world and his name among the peoples. We have mentioned thy father before in such wise that through it the fragrance of the garment of utterance was wafted throughout all creation. Through My mention of him the ocean of forgiveness surged and the sun of pardon and bounty shone forth from the horizon of the world. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this great favor. And We have mentioned thy brother as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to the kinfolk. Each one is blessed with the effulgences of the light of the Sun of divine favor, exalted be His glory. Give them glad-tidings from Me and remind them of My verses. The loved ones of that land are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. By the life of God! That which no treasures or riches can equal hath been ordained for them. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: O people of God! This day is your day. Be as fire in your love for the Chosen One, as light in your mention of Him Who conversed on Sinai, as mountains in your steadfastness and firmness, and as the Kawthar in giving life to the dead. This behooveth him who hath laid hold on this mighty cord. In these days the letter of the spiritual youth,

upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness and My mercy, arrived, and likewise the letter of Ahmad, upon him be My Baha and My grace, and they were heard. We beseech God to aid them and enable them to assist His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to send down upon them from the heaven of bounty that which will draw them near unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Say unto Abdullah Ahmad: Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel thee to be forbearing. If thou shouldst hear an unseemly word from thy brother, thou must conceal it and prefer forgiveness over retribution. Consider what hath befallen him in this Cause. Verily he hath heard in the path of God that which caused the denizens of Paradise to lament. In all matters, silence and quietude concerning him are most fitting and beloved. This is what the Wronged One hath decreed in His mighty prison. Thou didst mention Ali and his mother, upon them both be the Glory of God. A Tablet hath been specially revealed from the heaven of grace for him. Deliver it unto him that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. If the Right of God is found in that land, deliver one vahid to the mother or the son. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon My servants and My handmaidens who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from this manifest ocean.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

May my spirit and being be sacrificed for Thee! Praise be to God that the darkness of separation was illumined by the light of thy letter, which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine love. It brought endless joy and boundless delight. If half a letter equals half a meeting, thy letter was like a complete reunion. My happiness and joy have always come and will come from the loving fragrances of God's loved ones. After the petition thou didst submit reached the Most Holy Court, this servant presented it in its entirety before the Sacred Presence as commanded. God knoweth what shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance for thee. I am powerless to mention what I heard from the Tongue of Grandeur and Power. He is the All-Knowing, the Almighty.

[Letter continues with extensive discussion of various subjects including the Lawh-i-Sultan (Tablet to the King), the station of a believer named Rasul, divine confirmations, guidance regarding safeguarding sacred items, proofs of the Cause, prophecies about Napoleon III and other rulers, and various spiritual counsels and instructions.]

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He is God, exalted is He!

If this servant were to recount the tribulations that have befallen him, it would not be possible, and none but God can enumerate them. Nothing shall befall us except what God has prescribed for us. Praise be to God that you met my brother and became aware of his conduct and the details concerning him. By God,

besides Whom there is none other God! Whatever you have heard about the matter was all from this servant, and no one knows of it except Mirza Ahmad, who has met with you, and another one of the brethren known as Kalim who is present in this land. These two deemed it wise to mention and spread his name, for this servant was well-known and most of those in authority were fixed in enmity. Therefore his name was mentioned, and how much was written and spoken in his praise, all under the name of the Primal Point. Beyond these stages, how much effort and endeavor was expended in teaching, nurturing and protecting him, yet in times of tribulation he remained hidden and in moments of ordeal he fled, while this servant was afflicted among the enemies. You have heard how much tyranny and oppression I endured. By God! Not for a single night did I rest in peace and tranquility, and God is sufficient as witness. Surely you have heard of the gathering of the people of Iraq and the divines of Persia, how they arose in opposition until, by God's grace, the hand of divine power brought them all to naught and We arrived in this land. When my brother felt secure in himself and saw this land at peace, he secretly commissioned one of the servants to kill me. When God revealed what was hidden in his breast, he became agitated, denied it, and attributed it to that servant himself. Some letters in his handwriting appeared which still exist. Thereafter this servant withdrew from all and, trusting in God, resided in seclusion. Nevertheless the fire of his wrath was not quenched. He wrote tablets and sent them in all directions, attributing to this servant that which he himself had done, for he is confident that the ignorant masses of the earth will accept as true and established whatever he says, although they have properly understood this matter, as most have not seen him and whatever they have heard was from this servant. Still they have risen to war against the Beauty of Divine Unity. Fie upon them and upon those whom they have taken as lords besides God! Any person of insight can discern his station from what he has written. In brief, he has committed acts that no one has ever committed. I pour out my anguish and grief unto God alone. We hope, God willing, that you may abide beneath the shade of the Tree of the Cause, detached from all else. And peace be upon you and those with you.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Mirza Ahmad - may God reward you with a goodly reward that shall not be followed by change, for verily He has power over all things.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God, Who was and Who will be as He has been, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Praise befits the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who has so attracted pure and holy hearts, free from worldly attachments, through the magnet of His Most Great, Most Ancient Name that they have transcended the world of being and all within it, hastening with heart and soul to the path of the peerless Friend. These are souls who have drunk from the pure wine flowing from the Supreme Pen and who have been adorned among creation with the coloring of God - which is sanctified above all colors - namely, the coloring of His commandments and laws and whatsoever is pleasing to Him. Blessed are they and upon them be glory! These are they through whom the dwellers of Paradise and the denizens of the holy precincts seek blessing, and upon whom the Concourse on High and the near-stationed angels pray morning and evening.

And now, the letter of that friend reached this evanescent servant. It was read and the fragrance of loving meanings was inhaled therefrom. God willing, may you ever drink from the wine of love for the eternal Sovereign, morn and eve - such a draught that worldly sorrows and troubles will not keep you from the remembrance of the Lord of Names. May you always attain manifest joy. Praise be to the Pre-existent Beloved that mention was made of you and your family at certain times in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and the glance of favor was directed toward you. This is that treasure for which many sincere ones and near ones have given their lives, and with utmost humility and supplication have begged it from the Self-Sufficient Lord. The Most Great Remembrance (may my spirit be sacrificed for Him) says that all exists so that one might be mentioned but once in the presence of that Luminary of pre-existence, exalted be His majesty and glory. God willing, may all the friends not be deprived of this divine bounty and eternal good, and may they taste its sweetness. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Bestower, the Generous.

As for your request for permission regarding the mother of Inayatu'llah, He said that this year, due to certain considerations, it is not advisable. God willing, they are and will be content with whatever is advisable and willed. Convey greetings and praise on my behalf. Convey most wondrous, most exalted, most glorious praise from this evanescent servant to the people of the true Kingdom who outwardly are children but in reality are truly great. God willing, may they be confirmed with both outer and inner confirmations. To his honor the beloved friend Aqa Ghulam-'Ali I send heartfelt praise. Ever has his mention been in my heart and his face before my eyes. Likewise to the spiritual friend his honor Aqa 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may he ever dwell and find rest beneath the shade of the eternal Tree of Grace. Glory be upon you and upon your household and upon them both and upon every steadfast, firm and upright servant.

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In the Name of God alone, and blessings and peace be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. Praise be to God Who with the arm of power has shattered the idols of evil imaginings of those who cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed the dawning-places of vain fancies. Praise be to God Who sent down the Furqan in the month of Ramadan, wherein He prescribed fasting for all peoples. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and unto whatsoever commandments and ordinances were revealed therein from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them and confirm them in that which will exalt the Cause of God amidst all peoples. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector over what is and what hath been.

And then, O thou who art mentioned in the heart of this servant! The cooing of the dove of thy praise hath awakened me and raised me up to remember those days wherein we dwelt together beneath the pavilions of our Beloved and yours, our Goal and yours. When I received and read and understood, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and presented it before His countenance. Thereupon the

Kingdom of Utterance spoke forth that which diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful. He spoke - and His word is the sweetest - saying: “We have mentioned him with that which nothing on earth can equal, and We have adorned him with the robe of Our favor. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him and prosper him in all matters and conditions. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Hearing, the Answering.” And We send Our greetings upon him and upon his wife and children who have drunk from the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of this Wronged One Who hath called all unto the Self-Subsisting, the Most High.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. This servant doth acknowledge and confess his shortcoming or failing, but your heart beareth witness to my love and sincerity toward you. My occupation hath prevented me from mentioning you. By the life of the Beloved! Had I found opportunity I would have mentioned you night and day. I have sent to the honored physician, upon him be the Glory of God, in response to his letter which was sent from you. And I give you glad tidings of the two Most Great, Most Holy, Most Pure Tablets according to your request. I beseech God, exalted be He, to honor them with a visit from you. Verily He is the Protector of those who remember Him and the Answerer of those who call upon Him.

This servant sends greetings to the loved ones of God in Zawra and to the imprisoned one, upon him be the Glory of God, who was mentioned in this station. This evanescent one beseecheth his Lord to aid him and confirm him and cause him to speak that whereby the servants may be mindful. By Him Who caused all things to speak forth His praise! This servant desireth to mention him and send unto him every month that which would demonstrate my love for him, but two things have prevented me: occupation with writing and what we have been commanded regarding wisdom. I seek forgiveness in all conditions from the friends of God and His chosen ones who speak not until He hath spoken and who act according to what they have been commanded in His Wise Book. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Glory be upon you and upon the apple of all eyes and upon her who hath attained to serving you in this Day wherein the raven of unbelief and Islam hath croaked in manifest weakness. Peace and greetings be upon my beloved heart’s friend, the helper, and upon every beloved one through whom the face of the Cause hath been illumined and who hath followed God’s command in His Ancient Book.

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O servant! Hearken to the call of thy Lord, the Most High, from the right hand of the Spot of Eternity, that thou mayest become aware of this Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in this mighty prison, and beyond imprisonment hath been cast by the idolaters into this dark pit whose depths none can fathom save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised, willeth. If thou art able, let down the rope of trust and faithfulness that perchance the Youth may be drawn up thereby and the worlds be illumined by the light of His countenance. Know thou that were the Dove of Baha to speak of what hath befallen It, all

existence, both seen and unseen, would cease to be. Therefore hath It concealed the mysteries of the Cause within Its breast, yet the people remain heedless. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and contend not with Him with Whom should anyone contend, all who dwell in the highest Paradise and the realities of the Prophets and Messengers would curse him. Say: Were ye to look with the eye of God, ye would witness how the Temple of ’Ali rent the garment of patience, how the Reality of Muhammad fell prostrate upon the dust, and how the Holy Spirit crieth out at what ye have wrought, O ye who are wrapped in veils! Do ye make mention of ’Ali while slaying Him Who sent him with the truth? Fie upon you, O heedless ones! Do ye deny Him Who created the Spirit through a movement of the Pen moved by the fingers of Power? Woe unto you, O idolaters! By God! Through what hath proceeded from the Breath of the All-Merciful at the heart of all creation, the realities of the Prophets and the hearts of the Messengers are gathered together. Then ye who, though ye should soar with the wings of detachment for seventy thousand ages, could never attain to the heaven of their knowledge, how much less to their innermost reality, the inaccessible, the exalted, the transcendent, the holy, the mighty, the impregnable. Blind are your eyes, O ignorant ones! The Sun of Eternity hath shone forth from the Most Glorious Horizon, yet ye have not been illumined by Its radiance, though both worlds have been enlightened thereby. Say: Think ye that ye can prevent the clouds of holiness from their rain, or the winds of grace from their wafting, or the breezes of God from their blowing? Nay, by the Self of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great! Should ye and all who are on earth deny, not a hair would be diminished from My servants who have prostrated themselves before My face, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Fear God, O people, and exchange not the good for the evil, nor light for darkness, nor the Spirit for what ye possess of satanic imaginings. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest remind the people with the words of thy Lord, the Most High, that they may turn towards the holy precincts at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and hearken to what the Dove singeth upon the twigs of exalted glory. Should they hear thy word, good shall return unto them; otherwise, turn away from them and turn not towards them. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and He shall suffice thee against all the worlds. Be thou assured by the grace of thy Lord, then stand firm upon the carpet of steadfastness and independence, and fear no one, for He shall protect thee from the harm of devils. Thus do We mention thee and command thee to act according to what thou hast been bidden by the Ancient Sender. And the Spirit be upon thee, O servant who gazeth toward the holy precincts, and upon those who have believed in God in these days wherein all have opposed Him in Whom they took pride, and thereby their names were inscribed among the idolaters.

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O Afnan, illustrious branch! Upon thee be all the most glorious and resplendent Glory! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath ascended to the loftiest heights, and say: The first fragrance that wafted from the garment of thy Lord’s mercy, the Lord of all names, be upon thee, O thou star shining from the horizon of heaven! I testify that through thee the Most Exalted Horizon did shine forth, the Divine Lote-Tree did speak, the Most Great Word appeared, the Luminous Pearl and the Primal

Point were made manifest - through which the hidden Secret and the treasured Symbol were revealed, the knowledge of what was and what would be was detailed, the breeze of God wafted throughout the world, the proof was perfected for all peoples, and the bounty was completed through the diffusion of the fragrance of the Bayan in celebration of the Most Great Name.

I testify that through you the seas surged, the rivers flowed, the trees brought forth leaves, the signs appeared, the mysteries emerged, the faces of the righteous were illumined, and in you the ocean of knowledge surged, the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted, and the gates of Paradise - around which all gardens circle - were opened. In you dawned the Daybreak whereby the lamp of idle fancies was extinguished, the Sun of Revelation shone forth and the Moon of inspiration gleamed. Through you the Living Waters overflowed to quicken all contingent beings.

I bear witness that in you was raised the standard of "There is none other God but I, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting" and was hoisted the pavilion of "Verily I am God, there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Beloved." The nightingale of divine knowledge warbled in the Kingdom of utterance: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving." He is indeed the Most Great Book, the Most Exalted Word, and the Greatest Sign. Through Him appeared God's pervading Will, His all-encompassing Power, His enduring Sovereignty and His all-prevailing Might. He is indeed the Countenance that shone forth from the horizon of eternity after the passing of all things. Through His appearance, the Maidens of inner meaning emerged from the palaces of the Bayan, the mysteries deposited in the Qur'an were revealed, the signs became manifest, and every stone bore witness to the Revealer of verses.

He is indeed the One at Whose appearance the mountains passed away and all things spoke in remembrance of God, the Lord of grandeur and might. Through Him every poor one turned toward the Kingdom of wealth, every bewildered soul toward the lights of guidance, and every thirsty one toward the Kawthar of eternity. I testify that in you appeared the Known Beauty, the Speaker before the Self-Subsisting spoke forth, the Sealed Wine was unsealed, and every destined matter was fulfilled.

I bear witness that thou art he who was assured of meeting thy Lord, the Lord of all names, and wast illumined by God's lights when the Most Great Luminary shone forth from the horizon of Zawra - a station none among all created things have surpassed save whom thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens, did will. Thou art he who didst drink the choice wine of certitude while people were in doubt and discord, and didst attain the meeting of that Day which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an - His word is the truth - "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant when the people of the earth broke it, and for having turned to the Countenance when the limbs of the servants trembled from the assault of the people of hypocrisy. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who visiteth thee, by virtue of what hath flowed from the Pen whereby the Bridge was erected, the Balance was set up, the Hour appeared, and the Bayan was sent down.

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O Nabil-i-Akbar of Qa'in, upon whom be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

In My Name, which speaketh before all faces! We have desired to send unto thee from this Spot the ocean of utterance - this Spot which God hath made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise - that the greatest joy may take hold of thee through the remembrance of God, the Lord of Destiny. He hath turned unto thee with a face whereby the earth and heaven were illumined, and the Bird of Proof, warbling upon the branches, proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We desired to send unto thee from the breaths of revelation that thou mayest remind the people of My verses and give them glad tidings of that which hath appeared from My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Verily He changeth sorrow into gladness and grief into delight. We beseech God to make known unto His servants what He hath desired for them from His all-encompassing grace.

There hath befallen thee what befell those who drew nigh unto God from those who denied God's proof and testimony and disputed His verses which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O people, fear God! Abandon what ye possess and take what ye have been given from One Who is All-Seeing, All-Bountiful. Cast aside the idle fancies and vain imaginings ye possess - they shall profit you not, as doth testify the Book of God, the Speaking, the Commanding, the Mighty, the Wise.

That honored one hath ever been and still is mentioned before this Wronged One. Blessed are they who gaze with divine sight and hearing. By the life of God! Their eyes and ears shall profit them not, nor what they possess of the whisperings of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. That honored one and the company of the fair-minded bear witness that this Wronged One hath at all times enjoined upon the peoples of the earth in general such counsels and wisdom as would extinguish the fire of hatred and sedition, conflict and corruption; and particularly hath given to the people of Baha counsels which, were they to be cast upon the rock, it would cry out and proclaim; and were they to be cast upon the earth, it would be stirred in attraction and circle round; and were they to be cast toward the heaven, it would be moved and would exclaim: "O people of creation! Be fair in the cause of God, then consider what hath appeared in truth. Deny not His favors, neither reject His signs, nor turn aside from His loved ones. Present yourselves and hearken unto that which will draw you nigh unto God and acquaint you with the path of justice and teach you His Cause whereof ye were promised in His Books and Scriptures. Be not of them that remain patient."

We beseech God to assist all, that ye may hear from thee what We have imparted unto thee in this Most Great, Most Mighty, Most Ancient, Most Powerful Cause which dominateth every small and great thing. That honored one must, in the nights and days, with wisdom and utterance, make the people aware, that all may arise to serve, detached from all else that beseemeth not the days of God, and hold fast unto that which is befitting. Today the land and sea, nay all things, are raising their call and summoning the servants unto that which is meet. We beseech God to bestow attentive ears that all may hear and hold fast unto that which they are commanded.

Thy letter was received and the fragrance of thy praise and remembrance hath been diffused throughout the cities and regions of the fair-minded. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of knowledge and wisdom that thou mayest draw the people nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the

Answerer. Should anyone resolve upon it, the Book shall be sent. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon whomsoever heareth thy word in this manifest Cause.

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In the Name of the One God, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

O Haydar! Your call hath been heard time after time, occasion after occasion, and moment after moment. If the Most Exalted Pen remained silent for a time, that is, made no response, there was and is no harm in this. Verily thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. This knowledge hath been and shall ever be established in the most exalted station through the blessing of the Most Great Name. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have cast away their desires and taken hold of that which exalteth the religion of God and His Cause among His servants.

O Ali! We have accepted countless afflictions and borne in God's path that which no pen can recount nor ink record, that perchance some souls might be cleansed from the defilement of idle fancies and attain unto everlasting tranquility. The choice wine of unity and the living waters of fellowship flow from the two fingers of the Lord of creation, yet all wander in the wilderness of perplexity and discord. O Ali! Beseech God - exalted and glorified be He - to send forth a breeze from the paradise of sanctity, that it may dispel the offensive odors of discord. If a person today should, for God's sake, show deference to another, would this detract from his station? Nay, by My true Self! Rather would he be exalted and God Himself would raise him up.

O Ali! God is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. Whosoever today becometh the cause of unity and shattereth the idols of discord through the Name of God shall be mentioned in every tongue and recorded in all the Tablets. Say: O friends! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who hath been wronged and hold fast, for the sake of God, to the cord of fellowship and cling to the hem of unity. Exert your utmost endeavor in this matter, that perchance the lights of concord and agreement may illumine all regions.

The captives in the land of Sad who have been kept far from their homes and native lands for the sake of God are all remembered in the presence of the Countenance. By the life of God! That hath been sent down for them which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and those who circle round My mighty Throne to weep. God willing, they must soar on the wings of joy, inasmuch as whatsoever befell them was for God's sake. Soon will there appear in the realm of being what God hath ordained for them in His Preserved Book. Convey to all My greetings and gladden them with the divine favors. If, outwardly, nothing specific was sent for each one, this was due to wisdom. The atoms themselves bear witness to My remembrance of them, My turning toward them, and My bounty to them. Thus hath My Pen spoken, and My Tongue, and My Servant who standeth before the Countenance recording that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of My knowledge and the heaven of My novel utterance.

If for some reason they should return to their homelands, there is no harm in this. Beseech God - exalted and glorified be He - that those devoted souls who have drunk from the cup of tribulation and adversity in

the path of the Lord of Names may shine forth with the utmost joy and radiance from the horizon of the heaven of steadfastness. Convey My glory to those who have turned to My countenance, who have stood firm in My path and held fast to My mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O handmaiden of God, mother of him who was named at the Divine Throne ’Abdu’l-Baha! In the name of the One Bestower! This is a letter from the King of existence to one of His handmaidens, that she may be gladdened through God’s favor and be detached and free from creation. O handmaiden of God! This is a Day wherein all relationships have been severed and all parties have become separated. Whosoever has turned to the Truth and has drunk from the Cup of Life in the days of the All-Merciful is reckoned as being of God, and all others are recorded in the Most Great Vision as being among the people of hell-fire. Give thanks to the Ancient King that through His all-encompassing grace thou hast attained the honor of recognition and hast drunk from the Cup of Certitude. What bounty is greater than that the Tongue of Grandeur should mention thee from the Most Great Prison? Be thou therefore grateful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. Be not grieved concerning thy brethren. Whosoever has turned to the Truth is thy brother and is of thee, and whosoever has been deprived of this supreme honor is separate from thee. By My life! My Name, the Most Glorious, sufficeth thee and those like thee, for the ultimate purpose is the recognition of God and steadfastness in His Cause. Whosoever has attained this station has been and shall ever be accounted before God as the most exalted of all creation and its essence. The reason some souls were prevented from entering the Divine Law was the reprehensible deeds of certain believers, for in the early days of the Cause some were engaged in actions contrary to His good-pleasure while imagining God was pleased with them. Thus some souls, upon witnessing such actions, hesitated in accepting the Self-Sufficient Lord’s Cause while others arose in opposition. Another reason was that their outward asceticism prevented them from accepting the Divine Law, even though they had not truly understood asceticism. Consider how most of the Jews in the time of Christ were occupied day and night in their places of worship reciting the Torah, yet these very acts prevented them from recognizing the Dayspring of the Cause of the All-Glorious, for all deeds are meant for attaining unto God and His good-pleasure. Since they failed to attain unto the Truth, all such deeds were and shall ever be rejected. Even now there are some Jews who have secluded themselves in Jerusalem and are engaged in extreme austerities and scripture reading, with some fasting for three consecutive days and nights, yet they are and shall remain rejected in the sight of God. This is the greatest veil that has prevented most of humanity from the Most Great Vision. In brief, the aforementioned matters became the cause of most people’s veiling. If they would truly turn to God and fix their gaze upon the essence of the Cause, they would become illumined by the dawning lights of the Sun of Divine Utterance shining from the horizon of the Will of the All-Merciful. Be not grieved at anything. Rather, rejoice in God’s remembrance of thee and be thou among the thankful ones preserved in a mighty Tablet. Know thou that We have, out of Our grace, forgiven thy daughter who is before the Throne and accepted her. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the Kind Lord. This is a letter from the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful to the oppressed ones in the land of Zanjan. By My life! The heavens have wept at what hath befallen you, and the thunder hath lamented at what ye have suffered of harm and tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Ye are they who have been tried because of your belief in God, the Creator of the heavens. Grieve not; be patient. Your rewards are with your Lord - ye shall soon behold them in truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Observe those who every year lament and wail over the oppression of the Prince of Martyrs - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - and His companions, and who curse the oppressors, while they themselves have manifested such tyranny that the oppression of former tyrants is as pure nothingness in comparison. In truth, they curse themselves and perceive it not. The sources of oppression today are the divines of the age, who have turned away from the truth and clung to their own idle fancies. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine unity that in former ages too, such souls were the cause of oppression, for through the decrees of heedless souls, the Manifestations of the glory of divine oneness have drunk the cup of martyrdom. The soldiers who fought against the Prince of Martyrs were certain individuals who would fast three months every year, recite the Qur'an day and night, and never miss congregational prayers. Among them was 'Umar Sa'd, who wore a cloak and turban, and who, immediately after the martyrdom of the Prince of Martyrs, led the congregational prayer which all followed. And Shimr Dhi'l-Jawshan was among the judges and divines, and his asceticism reached such a degree that he would clear thorns from the path lest they hurt the foot of any Muslim. Despite such asceticism, he dealt with the Treasury of Divine Knowledge and the Recipient of heavenly revelation as he dealt. Verily the Pen lamenteth and weepeth at what was wrought against Him by these oppressors who cast certitude behind their backs and followed the vain imaginings of every remote divine.

That which hath befallen you, though outwardly it appeareth as vengeance, hath been pure bounty and will prove to be sheer mercy. The might and power of the oppressors shall soon be brought to naught and shall vanish, while the reward of your deeds shall endure forever in the Kingdom of the Lord of Names. The oppression of the world and its sedition and corruption have been and shall be from the ignorant ones who are known as divines. This grace sufficeth you, that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of you with such mention as shall endure and remain forever and ever. Praise be to God that through divine bounty and heavenly favor ye have drunk of the choice sealed wine and turned toward the dawning-place of the Countenance of the Self-Subsisting, and in the recognition of God have outstripped most of the peoples of the world. Your mention is renowned in the Concourse on High and your deeds are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Ye should occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God in complete joy and gladness and fix your gaze upon His horizon. The glory and the spirit rest upon you and upon the handmaidens of God who have stood firm in His Cause and have won the recognition of His Self, the Protector of the worlds.

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He is God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

This is expressed in the Persian tongue so that the purpose may become evident and manifest without veil or covering to those who seek the Kaaba of their heart's desire. There has never been any doubt that the creation of the world was for the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of that Hidden Essence is not attained except through knowledge of the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His evidences. In every age and cycle when the Manifestation of Revelation appeared from the horizon of divine will, the people arose in rejection and protest. Thus have you heard how most of the Prophets and chosen ones drank the cup of martyrdom in the path of love for the Lord of Names and ascended to the Supreme Companion. And in all ages the cause of people's veiling has been the divines, as mentioned in the Books. Consider the appearance of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all in the kingdom be sacrificed for Him. After His appearance from the horizon of Hijaz, all the divines of that age from among the Jews and Christians, despite their anticipation of His appearance, after His manifestation raised the standards of discord and arose in utter opposition. One who was among the most learned of divines remained deprived of the Sun of Truth, while one who was but a shepherd attained the knowledge of the Manifestation of the All-Merciful, and drank from the water of life. Likewise observe this before Him in Jesus son of Mary. After the appearance of that Most Great Luminary, all the Jewish divines turned away, while at first only a few souls who were fishermen turned to the horizon of faith and attained the knowledge of the All-Merciful. Among them was Simon Peter who was known in previous Books as Peter, who was occupied with fishing, and after hearing the divine word from Christ did not hesitate for a moment but attained the ocean of knowledge. Now observe what caused people in those ages to be deprived of the path of the Chosen One. If you reflect a little, most hidden matters will become clear and evident to you. The suppositions and imaginings of most of the servants have prevented them from the knowledge of the Lord of all beings. Hear the counsel of this Wronged One and deprive not yourself of the bounty of this Day. Soon all that is visible will become non-existent and perish. Strive that you may attain to that which is enduring and lasting. God willing, in these days you will attain the fountain of knowledge at the Dawning-Place of the Cause and turn to the horizon of revelation. Take the cup of knowledge in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof despite those who have hesitated in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the allusions of the divines veil you or the dark veils of the opposers prevent you. Arise to serve the Cause of your Lord and say: "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent Names and Thy most exalted Attributes and by Thy most sublime Horizon and the Manifestation of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation, to make me detached from all else save Thee and turning toward Thee, speaking in Thy praise and glorification. Then assist me in Thy service that there may appear from me that whereby my mention shall endure in Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous."

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Lawh-i Halih, Halih, Halih, Ya Bisharat

(Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!)

The Maid of Eternity came from the Exalted Paradise;

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

With harp and with song, with crimson goblet she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

With glances of love, with the taste of death-with dance and with song she

came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

With musky tresses, with ruby lips-from nigh unto God she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

Two daggers her eyebrows, a hundred arrows from her lashes-

to pierce our hearts she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

All souls in her path, all hearts in her grasp-massacred when she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

With snow-white hand, with raven locks-like the serpent of Moses she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This voice of David from the Lote-Tree of God-with the Messiah's spirit she

came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

With the magnet of fidelity, with the protection of Bah-

from the horizon of "HE" she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

With light from the morn of reunion, with guidance from Mount Sinai she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This song of the spirit, to her lovers-from the Night Song of denial she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

With joyful tidings of reunion, from a branch of the Tree of Blessedness she came.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This slain lover, this fallen bird-she came as a sacrifice in the path of the Beloved.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This sword of oppression from the Throne of fidelity-
she came upon the neck of the Beloved.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This sacred missive, with an Arab messenger-she came from the city of Sheba.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This eternal Countenance, she came with snow-white hand from the divine command.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This Meccan falcon, she came with accents of Iraq from the arm of the King.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This forgiving Face, she came with fetching allure from the Court of Nearness.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This nightingale of mystic meaning, she came from the sacred rose bush, invitation in hand.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This luminous page, she came with light and splendor from the Midian of Spirit.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This Witness of the Omnipotent, this wine of the Beloved-
she came with the goblet of sovereignty.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

That essence of the beauty of the True One, that jewel of the Glory of the

True One-

she came with the Most Great Sign.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

That Countenance of the Desired One, that Face of the Adored One-

she came with the most supreme mercy.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

The souls to her reunion, the hearts to her bestowal-

as the Most Exalted Lord she has come!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad Tidings!

This wondrous remembrance hath come from the Eternal Rose Garden that the

lovers of the beauty of the Adored One, hearts and souls burning with love,

might, in utmost tranquillity, busy themselves with these wondrous new

melodies; that perchance, so attracted, the inmates of the Kaaba of knowing

might be shaken ecstatic and remember their divine and sacred home.

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A mention from Us to My loved ones who have acknowledged God and recognized His sovereignty and turned to the Countenance when it shone forth from this manifest horizon. By the life of God! They are the ones who turned to the Dawning Place of inspiration when they heard the call of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O people of Qaf! We desire to make you hear the melody of God and give you to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from this Hand that was dominant over all who are in the heavens and earth. Turn with the ears of your hearts that you may hear the call of God from this far-off spot. Blessed are you in that you have cast away vain imaginings and taken the cup of certitude through this manifest Name. By God! Were you to discover what hath been ordained for you, you would soar on wings of joy and arise to serve the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Grieve not over anything. Rather, rejoice in that God remembers you from His Most Exalted Pen in this sublime station. Blessed are you in that you have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and faced toward the Qiblih of all horizons when every polytheist turned away from it. Thus have We adorned your temples with the ornament of remembrance and illumined your hearts with the light of the utterance of your Lord, the

Forgiving, the Generous. Say: Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and hold fast unto it - this is better for you, did you but know. O Samandar! Your letter which you sent to the Name of Bounty hath come before the Throne and the servant present hath read it, and We make mention of you that you may rejoice within yourself and be of the thankful. Turn with the ear of nature that you may hear the melody of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, and turn with the eye of nature that you may behold the scene of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the horizon of certitude hath been illumined and the Countenance of the All-Merciful giveth you to drink of the water of life. Beware lest you deprive yourselves of that which your Lord, Who is dominant over every witness and witnessed one, hath brought. Say: By God! This is the Most Great Day and the Lord of Destiny hath by His own Self arisen to His Cause - He to Whose manifestation all in the unseen and visible worlds have bowed down. Gather ye together in remembrance and praise of God, then make mention of Him in such wise as to attract minds. Do you slumber upon your couches while He standeth at your heads giving you glad tidings of what hath been ordained for you in a preserved Tablet? Beware lest sorrows overtake you or the imaginings of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Loving, prevent you. The land of the Prison hath cried out and lamented - were you to ask it why, it would say because the hem of sanctity hath been sullied by what the hands of those who have believed in God, the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, have wrought. O thou servant who art present! Hold back the Pen lest there flow from it that which would cause the Concourse on High to wail and the eyes of those near unto God to shed tears. Turn away from what thou wert occupied with and make mention of My loved ones who are there with My beautiful remembrance. Say: Upon you be glory, then praise, then immortality in that you turned when every hypocrite turned away, and drank when every transgressor was prevented, and knew when every doubter remained ignorant, and faced toward the Dawning Place of faith when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. Doth not suffice you what hath flowed this night from the Most Exalted Pen? Say: By Thy life, O Beloved of the worlds! We are satisfied with what we see and witness from the horizon of Thy grace - nay rather, we acknowledge that all this is naught but a token of the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. Thou art He to Whose grace the whole creation hath testified, and to Whose sovereignty all in the worlds have borne witness.

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O Ali-Asghar Khan! He is God - exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Pure praise and the essence of glorification befit the sacred and holy court of the Intended One, Who created all existence with a single word and distinguished man through insight and knowledge above all else. He is the divine seal in the scroll of the world, He is the Most Great and Glorious Talisman, the honored Essence. And the intent of this insight is not the outward sight which other than man also possesses, rather it is that insight which has dawned from the shining lights of the Sun of the word “He comprehendeth all vision.” How lofty is the station of man if he attains to its conditions and becomes aware of its degrees!

There has never been any doubt that all creation was brought into being for the knowledge of the True One. This has been the ultimate purpose behind the creation of the world of being. Today, whosoever

attains to this most exalted station and supreme summit is accounted as human in the sight of the All-Merciful; otherwise, he is reckoned among the heedless masses.

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that your honor gazes toward the highest horizon and has drunk from the Most Glorious Kawthar. I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to grant your honor a portion of the outpourings of the ocean of bounty at all times. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Thereafter, it is submitted to His Excellency that this evanescent servant was blessed to read your esteemed letter, and as it was adorned with mention of the Beloved of the worlds, it brought boundless joy and delight. God willing, may this fragrance ever waft and this mention remain eternal and enduring. After this servant became apprised of the contents of your noble letter, I turned to the Most Exalted Station and read it at the Most Glorious Spot. At that very moment, an exalted Tablet specifically for your honor was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth. Although in these days, due to the lack of capacity of the time and season, the worth and station of this bounty is not apparent, yet I swear by the Sun of the horizon of unity that a time shall come when its glory and station will become evident in the assemblage of the world like the sun - God forgive me for this comparison - a hundred thousand such suns prostrate themselves in that station in utter humility and submission. The Pen has confessed its inability to describe that mighty station.

God willing, through divine confirmations and heavenly favors, may you be the cup-bearer of the sealed wine and occupied with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. The mention of His Excellency Nawwab Muhammad Azim ud-Din Khal, upon him be the glory of God, shone forth from the horizon of your noble letter, and this servant attained unto it. In the Most Holy Court, mention was made of his honor and the noble ladies referred to. He showed loving-kindness and favor toward all. Were its radiance to shine upon contingent being, the very name of extinction would be erased therefrom. This servant was and is not capable of describing its details. I hope that his honor may ever be ablaze with the fire of divine love and speaking forth the wondrous praise of God.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glorified be He by Whose name the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of possibility, and the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, and the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the branch of certitude. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Say: O people of the earth, rejoice within yourselves! The Temple of the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the Most Great Throne and hath spoken that before which the Books of the world have bowed down, and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every denying infidel.

Say: The gate of the Divine Presence hath been opened, and from the treasury of divine knowledge the pearls of wisdom and utterance have been revealed, through the command of God, the Powerful, the Chosen One.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard thy sweetest call in the remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings, and witnessed thy turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We have answered thee with a Tablet before which all tablets have bowed down. We have indeed sent down for thee, both before and at this time, that which hath opened the gate of knowledge to the face of every insightful seeker. Blessed art thou for having attained, in the earliest days, to the Kawthar of inner meanings, when the servants were prevented therefrom, save whom God, the Lord of creation, did will.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give thee to drink, at all times, from the choice wine of His utterance and the Kawthar of His remembrance and the Salsabil of His mercy, which hath preceded all religions. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance from My pen's traces, say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation through which the Mount was shaken and the Lote-Tree spoke that which drew unto it the hearts of the righteous ones.

O my Lord! Thou seest me, in all conditions, turning toward Thee and directing myself to the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy mercy for them that circle round Thy Sacred House. Every person of fairness hath testified to Thy power and sovereignty, and every person of justice to Thy greatness and might, and every person of insight to Thy Manifestation and appearance and Thy loftiness and favor.

Draw nigh, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, Thy servants who have become remote from the court of Thy nearness and have turned away from Thee in Thy days. O Lord! Aid them to acknowledge after denial and to turn toward Thee after having turned away. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones who have acted according to that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. Then adorn them among Thy servants with trustworthiness and religiosity and truthfulness and purity. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the Kingdom of names and the Supreme Ruler of earth and heaven.

O Lord! Make known to them Thy path and Thy tidings which Thou didst promise in Thy Books and Thy Scrolls. Then enable them to hold fast unto it and to cling to its hem. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Chosen One.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant Nabil who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants. Assist him through the means of Thy heavens and earth that he may draw the servants nigh unto the Most Great Ocean through Thy bounty and generosity. Thou art He Whom the desires and schemes of the nations cannot prevent, nor their might and power and sovereignty and oppression. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Commander, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O Mirza Hasan-i-Qaf! He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth with all the signs and hath spoken between earth and heaven with a call whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, yet most of the people hear not. At every moment He saith: “O people! We created you for My manifestation and caused you to know the Manifestation of My Self. Yet when He came upon clouds of inner meanings, surrounded by hosts of revelation, ye denied Him and were of those who turned away from God their Lord after the signs had encompassed them from every direction - to this all existence doth testify, as do honored servants.”

O people! Hearken unto the call of your Lord and stop not your ears from hearkening to the Word of God, your Lord and the Lord of all things visible and invisible, would that ye might know. Say: God is independent of the faith of His servants and whatsoever He commandeth them. This is of His grace unto them, that He might draw them nigh unto the right hand of the Throne and send down upon them that which shall purify them from the defilement of contingent being and bring them to a station of glorious praise.

Verily those who have disbelieved in these days - every atom doth curse them, as doth all that was and will be. All that was created in creation doth address them saying: “O people, your eyes are blind! Do ye witness the Names yet withhold your gaze from Him through one letter from Whom were created the Names and their Kingdom, then the Attributes and their Dominion? This indeed is a wrong ye have wrought against your own selves, would that ye might understand.”

Rend asunder the veils through My Name, the Chosen One, and turn not unto those who have disbelieved in God after their belief and turned away from Him for Whose meeting they were created. Thus doth the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, speak at this moment. O people! Cast away what ye possess and take what is with God. By God the Truth! None hath any protector today save through His Cause. Thus hath the decree been sent down in all the Tablets and in the Torah and the Gospel and the Psalms.

O people! Look ye at God’s previous Scriptures. By God! In every word thereof ye were promised this resplendent, dawning, rising, hidden, mighty and manifest Beauty. Whoso today pauseth for less than a moment regarding His Cause hath indeed turned away from God and His Messengers in every age and time. Therefore ponder within yourselves, then choose what is best for you, would that ye might know.

O servant! In these days cleanse thine eyes from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings and hold fast to the cord of certitude. Be not of those who are blind upon the earth yet reckon they can see. By God the Truth! The veils have so encompassed them that they understand nothing, nor do they see. As for thee, emerge from behind the veils through a power from Us and a might from Our presence. Then sanctify thyself from all that existeth in the hands of men, that thou mayest ascend unto an atmosphere wherein thou wilt hear the sounds of the wings of the birds of eternity and witness thyself attracted by the love of thy Lord. Thus do We command thee and inspire thee that thou mayest follow the bidding of thy Lord

and be in a praiseworthy protection. And peace be upon thee if thou standest firm in the Cause and upon those who have turned unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O Mirza Baqir of the people of Ya, glorified be He Who sends down the verses in truth. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He ordains whatsoever He willeth by His command, and He encompasseth all things. He hath sent down by His command a Word in truth and made it the sword of His Cause between the heavens and the earth, whereby He distinguisheth between the polytheist and the believer in divine unity, for He is powerful over all things. He hath made it the magnet of attraction between the heavens and the earth, drawing unto itself the essences of existence while leaving behind mere accidents, for He is wise over all things.

O servant! Blessed art thou in that thou hast remained steadfast in the Cause in days wherein the feet of all have slipped, when they were veiled from the beauty of God by the veils of their own selves. When they are asked by what sign they believed in God, they say “the verses.” Yet when the Beauty through Whom were manifested the Manifestations of the past from a beginning that hath no beginning appears before them, they are overwhelmed by the dust of the fire, for thus hath the matter been decreed.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause by Our command and fear no one. Then make mention of thy Lord through what the Spirit hath uttered in thy breast, for He will aid thee at all times. Turn thy face toward God, then turn away from all else, for He will suffice thee against all who dwell on earth. We have received word of thy steadfastness in the Cause of God thy Lord. God will surely reward thee with the most excellent reward and will send down upon thee that which will gladden thy soul, for He is knowing of all things.

Take thou the chalice of glory by the power of thy Lord and pay no heed to anyone. Then drink in the name of this Youth, around Whom circle the kingdoms of names and Whose name hath been recorded by the Pen of the Command in all the Tablets. Know thou that he whom We strengthened, protected and taught, when the breezes of might wafted and he felt secure in himself, rose up like a serpent against the Beauty of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the matter transpired against this Youth Who languisheth imprisoned in this prison.

By God, O thou servant who gazeth upon the Throne! Were We to cast upon thee what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst cut thyself off from all souls, cast ashes upon thy head, and cry out morning and night. But We have concealed it from thee to preserve thy soul. Would that thou wert with Us to witness those whom the people have taken as lords besides God. Alas for them in that they have taken such as their beloved! Thou seest these people only as one dumb who asketh about speech and what of God’s utterance is treasured therein, or as one blind who asketh about the sun - nay, more abject still, and God is witness to this.

Cast them and all they possess beneath thy feet, then ascend to the heaven which God hath raised up at the Pole of eternity, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of eternity with this Name which was, in the Mother Book, gloriously radiant in truth. Thus have We informed thee and made mention of thee, that thou mayest know We have not forgotten thee and that thou mayest be witnessed by Us in the most excellent station in truth. And glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who are faithful and thankful believers.

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Already translated for the first portion. For the remaining Persian portion:

O Ali! Blessed art thou for having drunk from the Salsabil of inner meanings from the hands of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not over anything, but trust in all matters in God, thy Lord. He is verily with His chosen servants. Say: O people! By God, the Primal Point hath distinguished, and the Divine Alif hath arisen, and the sovereignty of God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, hath been made manifest. Say: O people! Fear ye God and deprive not yourselves of this bounty which hath dawned from the horizon of His Command. This is better for you than that which ye do in secret and in public. We have loved thee before and We shall love thee, by God's might and power, for having turned to thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Be thou steadfast in thy love for the Youth, then convey unto the people the Command of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, lest the clamor of the heedless and the howling of the wicked be raised. Cast the kingdom behind thee, then turn unto thy Lord. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of grandeur and power. Thus have We remembered thee in this Tablet and caused thee to hear the melodies of the Dove upon the branches in various measures, that thou mayest be drawn unto God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling.

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O Siyyid Abu-Turab, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom. God testifies that there is none other God but Him and He Who has come with the truth - verily He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret through Whom the sealed wine was unsealed and the Name of the Self-Subsisting appeared and arose with the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the learned, nor the turning away of the mystics, nor the power of princes could move Him. He is the One through Whom the veils were rent asunder and the Mother Book was sent down which had been hidden in the knowledge of God, Lord of all worlds. Whoso acknowledges Him has acknowledged God in all ages, and whoso turns away is accounted among the polytheists in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Abu-Turab! The All-Bountiful, Who is imprisoned in this fortress through what the hands of the heedless who turned away from God and His sovereignty have wrought by following every ignorant remote one, makes mention of thee. Thy letter was presented and the servant present before the Wronged One submitted it, and We answer thee from My Most Exalted Pen at this time when the Lord of

Names walks in this spot which has been honored by the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names. Verily thy Lord does what He wishes by His command, and He is the Single One, the All-Informed.

Behold and remember when thou wert present before the Face and heard the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, the seat of the throne of thy Lord, Creator of heaven, through Whom all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Mighty, the Great.” Thou art he who sought the circumambulation place of the Prophets and crossed land and sea until thou attained and saw what was denied to the Interlocutor on the Mount of Knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the Powerful. By the life of God! The treasures of the world cannot equal what the Pen has testified for thee - to this bears witness the Lord of Eternity, He is the Bestower, the Generous.

Blessed art thou for having uttered the mention of the Wronged One when kings and subjects turned away from Him, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day. Say: O people! By God, the Truth has come and He makes mention of you and draws you near to a station whose remembrance shall not pass away throughout the duration of His Most Beautiful Names and Supreme Attributes. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. The bodies have risen through the breezes of revelation while you are among those who sleep. Arise from the slumber of passion, then hearken to what the Lord of all humanity calls you to - He summons you to His Straight Path. Leave the ways of the world to the nations, then turn with radiant faces to this Path which has been raised up through this Most Great Name.

Say: O people! Be fair by God and oppose not Him Who has come with God’s proofs, signs and clear evidences to all in the heavens and earth. Say: O concourse of earth! Have mercy on yourselves and follow not those whom glory and wealth have prevented from this noble prospect. Soon shall they behold what they deny today - then shall they lament and weep and find neither helper nor escape. Thus has crowed the Cock of the Throne and cooed the Dove of Heaven upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the faces of those whom God has honored by turning to none but Him and has illumined their hearts with the lights of His manifest Name. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from God, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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=== START BH02008 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

For what were the world and nations created? For the recognition of the Ancient Lord. Why does the sun rise? To be evidence of His power. Why does heaven exist? To bear witness to His grandeur. Why did the sea come from nonexistence into being? To preserve the pearls of His knowledge. Glory be to Him, glory be to Him, beyond my mention and the mention of all things, beyond my knowledge and the knowledge of all things. Glory be to You, O God of all beings and Goal of all contingent things. I beseech You by the movement of Your cord, by whose movement all existence, both seen and unseen, was set in motion, to assist me and Your servants in Your remembrance and praise and in acting according to what You commanded us through the tongue of Your Beloved [Muhammad]. You are He Whom no command can

prevent nor any thing [sadden]. I testify, O my God, that Your power has conquered all beings and Your might has encompassed all things. You are indeed the Powerful, the Strong, the Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored one arrived. Praise be to God, it brought joy and renewed the heart. After being presented at the court, the Sun of favor rose and shone forth. This servant is incapable and falls short of mentioning it. Regarding what was written about the beloved of the heart, his eminence the Observer, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors, and his stay, and likewise what the spiritual friend his eminence Aqa 'Azizu'llah, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] eternally, related - their stay in that land has been accepted, since in all correspondences the command of consultation was mentioned, and as the collective opinion settled upon this and purely for the sake of God their stay emerged from consultation, therefore it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. It is hoped that great beneficial matters will appear from them. However, observance of wisdom is obligatory, for some were not and are not aware, clinging to conjecture and holding fast to suppositions, and these two are mighty barriers preventing the servants. Verily our Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. I mention the friends with a hundred thousand tongues and beseech the One God for each one an enduring mention and eternal everlasting word. He is indeed the All-Bountiful and He is the Mighty, the Generous.

Regarding the funds that must be sent, according to the command they must reach here the beloved of the heart, his eminence Aqa Rida and Aqa Faraj, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], as they are requesting it at the door. On this day the honored master, his eminence Afnan Aqa Mirza Mu?sin, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, mentioned that "I receive here [and in] Istanbul from his eminence Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be God's peace." Therefore the amount of sixty-five Ottoman liras was received from him which you should give to them there. The servant asks his Lord to open upon your faces the doors of blessing and bounty and that whereby your hearts may rejoice. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's assured and sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Goal of the mystics.

The servant, on 27 Dhi'l-?ijjih 1305

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=== START BH02009 ===

In the Name of God the Most Holy, the Exalted, the Most High

Know thou that the heedless banished us from the City of God with such manifest injustice that the voice of weeping was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and the dwellers of the Realm above cried out in lamentation; yet was this Youth filled with perspicuous gladness.

At the time of Our departure one of the believers offered up his life as a sacrifice in his love for God, the Lord of all worlds . In ringing tones We called upon the people, summoning them unto the Court of Holiness; nor did Our tribulations prevent Us on that momentous Day from yielding praises unto God. So continuous was the stream of Verses descending from the Heaven of thy Lord, the Possessor of all Names and Attributes, that their sweet savours encompassed all the worlds. Those in whose hearts was the light

of thy Lord perceived the fragrance of Our raiment and, turning their faces towards God, severed themselves from all else but Him; while the heedless inhaled not the sweet breaths of holiness, which passed over them even as the wafting of the dawn breezes over those who slumber.

At length we arrived at the ocean's shore ; then did He Who is the Most Mighty Ocean embark upon the ship , and in this there are signs for them that truly believe. The ship set sail upon its voyage, continuing on its course until at length it came to rest before a city named Izmir . Here the one who hath been designated by Our Name, Munir, fell down upon his face before this Youth, laid hold upon His foot, and begged that he might sacrifice his life in the way of God even as he lay there before Us with his arms around Our foot.

with his arms clasped around Our foot.

Thy Lord, verily, hath power over all things. Ever had Our suppliant entreated of his Lord this exalted, glorious, and peerless station. God granted him his wish, and We commanded that he leave the ship. Shortly after he had disembarked, his soul ascended unto the Supreme Horizon.

By God! The company of God's well-favoured angels came forth to meet him, and on that day a continual descending and ascending took place as one group from the Concourse on High came down to meet him and another group returned unto their retreats on high. Thus, truly, did it come to pass. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

Then did the ship continue on its way by the leave of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, until we arrived before the city in which hath been imprisoned He through Whose appearance the eyes of God's Messengers were gladdened . We disembarked from the ship, and with Us the whole band of Our companions save only four , who were prevented by the oppressors from accompanying Us, and whose hearts so blazed forth that one of them , in his grief at separation from Us, cast himself from the first deck of the ship into the sea. Such was the treatment We received from those who, though they invoke Our Name by day and by night, are bereft of understanding. Even as he cast himself into the sea he called upon God by this Most Great, this Glorious Name, whereupon a company of guardian angels laid hold upon him, as bidden by God, the Sovereign, the Just, the All-Knowing, and bore him up until such time as help could reach him. Thus was it decreed by One Who is the Most Powerful, the Almighty.

Did the other exiles with Yahya also manage to rejoin the Baha'is?

Read about 'Abdu'l-Ghaffar in Memorials of the Faithful.

God is My witness! The things that have befallen us in the way of God are such as neither the pens of the whole earth can describe nor the tongues of all its peoples recount; yet, filled by a joy with which the joy of all the world cannot compare, We say:

'Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God, for having made us the object of Thine irrevocable decree, and for having singled us out to bear tribulations in the pathway of Thy love and Thy good pleasure. I ask Thee by Thine own Self to protect Thy loved ones from whatsoever may prevent them from remembering Thee and from speaking forth Thy praise. Cause them, then, to remain steadfast in these days when most of

the people of Thy Kingdom have been held back from turning towards Thy face. Thou, truly, art powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou, truly, art the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.'

The things that befell Us on Our departure and Our arrival had previously been revealed, and now in this Tablet We have reiterated them, that thou mayest be of those who are informed. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds!

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He is the Self-Subsisting, the Everlasting

Glorified be He Who possesseth the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and He, verily, hath knowledge of all things. Before Him boweth down whatsoever is in the heavens and the Throne, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His is the bounty and grace - He quickeneth whom He willeth through His sovereignty, and He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. His is the sovereignty and eternity, the grandeur and glory, the loftiness and splendor, the might and radiance, the majesty and creativity. He forgiveth whom He willeth and chastiseth whom He willeth, and He, verily, is wise in all things. Say: God is the Creator of all things, and We, verily, are witness unto this. Say: God is the Provider of all things, and We, verily, are cognizant of this. Say: God is the Quickener of all things, their Maker, the Sovereign over all things and their Creator, and He, verily, encompasseth all things. Say: O people, fear God and believe in Him Who hath come to you with clear sovereignty and authority. Beware lest ye disdain the worship of your Lord or wax proud after the proof hath reached you from every near direction. Follow not the bidding of your desires, but hasten unto a station of transcendent glory. Say: The test hath come upon you from all directions, and the thunderbolts of the Cause have seized you from every novel quarter. Fear ye God, then stand firm in the Cause, then be steadfast upon the path, and be not tyrannical oppressors in the land. Fear God and drive not away Him Who hath come to you with clear signs - He summoneth you only through a mighty sovereignty. He remembereth you with most excellent remembrance in the Word that hath gleamed from God's horizon. He commandeth you to righteousness and piety, and forbiddeth you transgression and wickedness, and causeth you to hear wondrous and novel verses. O people, if ye have forgotten God's decree in ages past, the people of the Furqan are not far from you. Have the tidings not reached you of those who lived before, who denied God's signs and mocked His Messengers, whereupon He seized them with manifest wrath? Fear ye God and reflect upon what hath passed, that ye may be guided in these days when signs descend from every direction. Say: Should all who are in the heavens and earth prevent you from this, pay no heed but turn away from them and advance toward a beauteous divine countenance. Know then that what thou hast written hath come before Us, and We found therein the fragrance of an exalted love. We answer thee with these verses which have descended in truth from an elevated holy heaven. Know that We loved thee before and love thee now, and desire for thee in Paradise a noble and honored station - a station preceded by none save as God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, willeth. And thou, O My loved one, strive within thyself to be steadfast in thy love, firm in thy religion, and holding fast to that handle which is mighty in truth. Thus do We impart unto thee that which is better for thee than all in the heavens and earth, if thou behold with the eye of

the spirit. Then remember from Our presence all who have believed in God and the Last Day, and who remain constant in love and steadfast in the Cause.

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The Book of Revelation hath been sent down from the heaven of divine bounty unto him who hath turned towards God, the Sender of Winds. Verily, in the establishment of the Ancient Beauty upon the Most Great Throne and the rising of the Sun from the horizon of the Prison are signs for those endowed with insight. Cast aside, O people of guidance, that which your idle fancies bid you. Hold fast unto this Cord, whereby, when it is stirred, the worlds are stirred. It hath dawned from the horizon of Names by the leave of the Creator of Heaven. Then aid thy Lord amidst the concourse of creation. Thus art thou commanded from the Dayspring of Inspiration.

Through My remembrance, the unitarians soar unto the heights of truth, and the sincere ascend unto the Daybreak of Lights. Through My name copper is transmuted into gold. My love is the religion of the righteous. Through My sweet call the world was set ablaze, and through My Most Glorious Name the rivers gushed forth from the rocks. The Pen hath been so transported by the wine of the love of the Lord of Eternity that were We to reveal it, it would draw unto itself all that dwell in the lands.

Say: Through My Most Exalted Name the Water of Life hath been proffered unto all creation, and through My name, the All-Merciful, the breezes of forgiveness have wafted. Exalted be My renowned Name - when it is mentioned, the Maids of Paradise emerge from their chambers, advancing toward the seat of Revelation. And through its other pillar the Most Great Scene was illumined, and the Lord of Destiny proclaimed: The Beloved is come and the horizons are brightened. For such a Lord praise beseemeth the people of all religions and faiths.

Be fair, O peoples of the world! Say: Do ye sport with that which floweth from His Pen? By My life! Were it to be cast upon the mountain it would soar unto the Lord of Causes, and were its fragrance to pass over Sinai, it would hasten to the seat of Revelation. Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight! Say: Would ye test His power after it hath encompassed the earth and the heavens? Fear God and question not concerning that which ye are forbidden in the Book. Choose for yourselves that which God hath chosen for you - this is the root of the matter, if ye be among them that perceive.

Say: The Spirit was abashed before the delicacy of His nature, and Light was ashamed to appear before His countenance. Ye have committed that which the Pens are powerless to recount. He, beneath Whose feet the mirrors would be ashamed to be trodden, dwelleth in the most desolate of abodes. Have We borne these trials for Our own sake? Nay, rather for your sake - to this testifieth every atom. Is it meet for anyone to hesitate when they hear the All-Loving proclaim: 'To Me, to Me,' O ye who comprehend! Have I desired aught for Myself in the kingdom? Ponder My deeds, then speak, O ye that are veiled! Have ye found in that which hath appeared from Me any self-preservation? Nay, by the Lord of Lords! Then did the Most Exalted Pen tremble and raise from it the lamentation of weeping, saying: 'After Thee there shall be no mention, O Lord of Names, and no pen, O Thou through Whose remembrance all

remembrance is obliterated! How can I move across the Tablet after Thee, and how can anyone hear my scratching? Nay, by Thy life, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of verses!'

Thus have We revealed unto thee, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne, that which God hath made the crown of the pages of creation. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes, then recite it with the sweetest of melodies. Beware lest anything debar thee from God. Hold fast unto His remembrance and glorify His praise at eventide and dawn. When thou hast attained the Tablet, turn thy face toward the Most Glorious Horizon and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy prison, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of might and power.

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O Ghulam, son of Dhabih, upon both of whom be the glory of God! He is the Hearer in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of revelation might draw him to the Dawning-Place of the verses of God, the Lord of existence.

O son of Dhabih! Reflect upon the sacrifices for God, exalted be His glory, in this Most Great Revelation, how each one, with utmost eagerness and contentment, set out for the place of sacrifice and offered up their lives for the Peerless Friend. Nevertheless, none took notice, and these mighty deeds only increased the wickedness of the opposers. From pulpits they praise and extol the sacrifice of former times, even though that sacrifice was spared and returned in safety, while of the sacrifices of this Revelation, who freely gave their lives, no mention was or is made. Likewise, they consider the martyrdom of Husayn ibn 'Ali to be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause of the Apostle - may my spirit be sacrificed for all else but Him. Glory be to God! In this Revelation the attraction of divine verses so inflamed the hearts that they flew on wings of longing to the place of sacrifice and offered up their spirits before the feet of the Luminary of the horizons. Where are the eyes to see, where are the ears to hear, and where are the hearts to understand?

O son of Dhabih! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Verses descend like torrential rain by night and day, the ocean of utterance surgeth before the faces of all religions, and the Sun of inner meanings dawns and shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy. Yet all remain heedless and veiled save whom thy Lord willeth. Today the people of the Bayan are seen to be more lost than the Shi'ih sect. They have set aside their God and taken their vain desires. They have named the Dayyan the father of evil and the Friend of the All-Merciful the father of calamities, and they have embraced tyranny and shed his blood.

O son of Dhabih! Upon thee and upon those with thee be the light of My utterance and My mercy. Observe the wickedness of the heedless souls. Because of Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani - who was unworthy of mention and whom We expelled from Our presence and service - some have remained veiled and deprived of the Divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of celestial light. They slay the Dayyan while asking about one who hath no mention with God, the Lord of all worlds.

God is witness and aware that this Wronged One's purpose and desire is to remove strife, corruption and conflict from the world and to purify the hearts of all peoples from rancor and hatred. The heedless ones have clung to names while remaining deprived of their Creator, Source and Lord. Names have become as idols for some, and the Shi'ih sect is truly recorded with God as worshippers of names, and on the Day of Reckoning they have done what no oppressor hath ever done - from pulpits they curse and revile the Object of all the worlds. Leave their mention and what they possess, turning to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to all the women and gladden them all with the remembrance and orientation of the Wronged One. They have never been and never shall be forgotten. We beseech God to preserve you from the evil of those who have denied Him and His verses. Glory be upon you and upon those with you, and may you be remembered by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger! O Greater Lady, Mother of Afnan, and Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon both of whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! Thou hast ever been remembered, and art still remembered, in the Most Great Prison. Some time ago thy letter was received and was read before My face. From it We perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity and thy love for God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. The people of the world have denied this most great favor, though the Cause is manifest, verses have been revealed, and clear proofs are evident, the Light is radiant. Yet the recompense for the deeds of the servants hath prevented them from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, save whom God willeth. By the life of God! The Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree have attained to that which hath no likeness or parallel. All must fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon and, with utmost joy and radiance, occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Goal of all who dwell on earth. We beseech God to protect that which He hath bestowed from thieves and betrayers. It hath previously been said: "The true believer is rarer than red sulfur." Certain souls outwardly claim to have turned towards God while inwardly they strive diligently to lead His servants astray. We previously said concerning the transgressors and the heedless: "Your likeness is as the morning star that appeareth to shine brightly, yet in truth causeth the caravans of My cities and regions to go astray." Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. The glance of Our loving-kindness hath been and shall ever be upon thee. God will soon manifest that which He hath purposed. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Thou hast shared with God in His tribulations. All the treasures of the earth cannot equal this testimony. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this. We make mention of the wife of the Afnan, upon her be My glory and loving-kindness, and all the household. We beseech God to aid them in that which He loveth and pleaseth, to strengthen them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Concerning the countenance of the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, We have commanded the Greater Afnan, upon him be My glory, to write to the land of Ya. That countenance must reach that honored lady. This is what the Wronged One hath decreed. We beseech God to aid them in that which they have been commanded by the Ancient Ordainer. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and

upon those women who have believed in the All-Informed, the One. O my God! Look upon Thy Afnans with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and bounty, then ordain for them that which shall make them pages of Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants and creatures. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy verses and the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge, to preserve them from the oppression of the enemies of Thy Self who have turned away from Thy horizon and have committed that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of the most exalted Heaven to lament. O God! Send Thy blessings upon them and upon those whom neither armies could prevent from taking Thy Book nor ranks from turning to the lights of Thy countenance. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, for Thou art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of those near unto Thee.

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O Nabil-i-Qab'l-Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! Thy letter which thou didst send to the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, attained the presence of this Wronged One. We saw it and heard it. Praise be to God, every word thereof testified to thy turning and devotion to the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to increase at all times thy steadfastness, love and devotion. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! In this Most Great Revelation and Mighty Announcement, praiseworthy deeds and pleasing virtues have been supporters and helpers, as hath been revealed in the Books, Psalms, Scriptures and Tablets from the Supreme Pen. Today the people of truth must be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, righteousness, truthfulness and sincerity. Blessed is the heart that hath been illumined with the light of trustworthiness. After the recognition of God and steadfastness in His Cause cometh the station of trustworthiness. We beseech God not to deprive cities and lands of its lights. Trustworthiness hath ever been the cause of the world's wealth and the reason for divine blessing and infinite bounties.

This Wronged One is saddened by certain events that have occurred. Convey My greetings to those who have turned to God. Impart unto all the divine counsels, that haply they may turn from what they possess to what God possesseth, and hold fast unto that which befitteth this Day.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, and the lights of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation, and by Thy verses that have encompassed earth and heaven, and by Thy arising to establish Thy Cause after the passing away of all things, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and enable them to recognize that which will profit them in this world and the next, through Thy generosity and bounty. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, and adorn their heads with the crowns of trustworthiness amidst Thy creatures, and their temples with the ornament of detachment through Thy grace and mercy. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Sovereign over the seen and unseen, to make Thy loved ones the standards of Thy guidance amongst Thy servants and the banners of Thy truth in Thy lands. Then protect this

servant of Thine from those who have abandoned what they were bidden in Thy Book and have done what they were forbidden by Thy command. O Lord! Ordain for me the good of this world and the next, then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will make me independent through Thy riches, detached from all else save Thee, standing firm in Thy service and speaking Thy praise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to cause the people of that land to attain unto that which hath been revealed in these blessed words, that all may be adorned with an ornament whose light shall guide the peoples of the world to the Dawning-Place of God's Command and the Dayspring of His verses. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Soon shall appear what God, the Powerful, the Mighty, hath ordained for thee. The Nazir and Asadu'llah, upon them be My Glory and loving-kindness, abide beneath the canopies of grandeur, at rest. Under all conditions be ye vigilant in exalting the Word. Your affairs are referred to God. Verily He hath ordained for thee what He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the cup of the favor of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

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O Mirza 'Abbas-Quli! Upon him be the Glory of God, He Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. Your letter which you sent to Samandar - upon him be My loving-kindness and mercy - was forwarded to the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard in the presence. The fragrance of divine knowledge was wafted from it. Praise be to God that you have attained the honor of mention, praise and acceptance. In these days when all peoples, both learned and common, have turned away and have done that which caused all things to lament - they spoke of the Imam yet killed his Creator; they spoke of the Successor yet martyred his Sovereign. Glory be to God! They continue anew to utter these names. It is not known what they have understood of the Day of God. I swear by the Sun of Utterance rising from the horizon of the prison's heaven - until the heart is freed from names it will not attain unto reality nor reach the ocean of inner meanings. The first station in this Cause is detachment from all save God. Read what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an: "Say: 'God' then leave them to their vain discourse." If a soul discovers the fragrance of this blessed word, he will find himself free and liberated. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. The clay figures of the world have newly desired to play at successorship, while by the life of God they were and are unaware of the root of the Cause, its beginning, its Manifestation, its Originator and its Creator. The Mother Book bears witness and the Mother of the Bayan testifies. One who intended to remove killing from the world they have accused of killing. Say: Die in your wrath! The possessors of sight and hearing are not and will not be prevented by such idle fancies. In all Tablets whatever was the purpose of the Ancient Beauty has been explicitly mentioned and revealed. Blessed are they who understand! Glory be to God! They called the honored Dayyan "the father of evil" and martyred him, and they called the honored Khalil "the father of calamities" and perpetrated that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to weep, and likewise

with other souls. Were God to will it, We would mention what they committed in the days of God through tyranny and oppression. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have mentioned the friends of Alif and Shin both before and after. Praise be to God that each has attained the verses of the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to manifest in all such steadfastness as befits this Most Great Cause and is worthy of this Mighty Announcement. O people of God! The victorious hosts today are praiseworthy character and deeds. We have enjoined upon Our loved ones goodly conduct and the fear of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon you from Us, O My loved ones, and upon those who have held fast to the Most Great Cord and clung to the hem of God's loving-kindness, the Beloved of those who know. When you attain My Tablet say: Praise be to You, O You Who remembered me in Your Most Great Prison! I beseech You to forgive me and whoever has turned to You, then ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. You are the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayers. O 'Abdu'l-Husayn, say: My God, my God! Make known to Your servants the path of Your good-pleasure, then grant them the blessing of visiting Your House and illumine their hearts with the light of Your knowledge, then ordain for them what You have ordained for Your chosen ones, by the glory of Muhammad, the Seal of Your Prophets.

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In the name of Him Who hath established Himself between the heavens and the earth! This is an epistle from Him Who was in the hands of the enemies in the path of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and upon Whom fell the arrows of tribulation until He was imprisoned in this Most Great Prison - the station of Him from Whose robe's hem were severed the hands of those near unto God - unto him who hath heard the call of God, that he may stand firm in the Cause and be detached from those who believed and then denied God, the Most High, the Most Great.

O servant! Know thou that tribulations in the Cause of God are sweeter than all else that hath been created between earth and heaven, and none shall find their sweetness save the hearts of the lovers. How many nights did I find solace in the chains of iron, and I would kiss them for love of God, the King, the Protector, the Mighty, the Bountiful. And how many days did I address my neck beneath the fetters, saying: "Blessed art thou for having borne, in the path of the Beloved, the chains of the oppressors." And I was grateful for all that befell Us, and We were among the thankful.

I bore such hardships as none had borne, until the Sun of the Cause shone forth upon all created things. Then rose up against Me those servants whom We had supported in all matters and taught throughout the months and years. And they reached such heights of opposition that they would read My words, then war against My Self, being unaware. They would seek help through My names, then shed holy blood with the swords of hatred. Thus dost thou witness the state of these people. Be thou possessed of keen insight.

O servant! Hear My counsel, then ponder what hath befallen My Self from previous peoples and what I have borne for God's sake. By God! It is a testimony unto all the worlds. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God. Be thou detached from all that veils thee from Him, then turn with all thy being to His

shining, holy and luminous countenance. Verily, those who have denied God - God will seize them with a vengeance from His presence, and He is the most severe in retribution.

Then aid thy Lord through utterance. Say: O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and oppose not Him at Whose door the Faithful Spirit standeth, in Whose presence the denizens of the all-highest Paradise glory, and Whom the inhabitants of Paradise serve at all times. O people! Do ye deny Him through Whom God granted you victory in truth and raised the pavilions of the Cause upon the shore of a mighty sea? O people! This is the Lamp of God among you, which He hath preserved through His Most Great Name from the winds that blow from the direction of your hearts, O company of polytheists! Be ye ashamed before Him Who created and fashioned you, and render not your deeds vain, but be among the doers of good.

Thus do We counsel thee, O thou who doest good, that thou mayest be beneficent in God's Cause and remind thyself of what the Spirit hath cast upon thee, and also remind the veiled souls who have neglected God's Cause and shall never attain understanding, who cling to traditions in their possession even after they have not comprehended the Cause. Thus have their souls enticed them in a matter and made them to be among the deniers. And thou, avoid those from whose hearts the breezes of holiness have been entirely cut off, and place thy trust in God, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Verily, He sufficeth thee in truth, and He is the best Sufficing One and Helper. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy son and thy family, and upon those who have passed over the Path and were among the detached ones.

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To the one named Abdul-Husayn in Qaf, and in the name by which he is called are signs for those who are discerning. He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. This is a Book from God to him who was guided by the light of the Face in days when all took the calf as their lord instead of God and were among the abased ones. Say: God hath appeared in truth - blessed be those who turn unto Him. Those who have veiled themselves from God, these have been heedless of their Lord's remembrance and the angels near the throne curse them. Say: Do ye deny what your Beloved witnesseth above all things? Fie upon you, O company of the deluded! Those who would purchase women's cloaks with their eyes to cover themselves therewith have now emerged with a strange deadly poison. Say: Where were ye, O heedless ones, in the days when your souls were agitated by the cry of a weak gnat, when thou didst see the chief of the deniers? Say: O veiled one, how long wilt thou not be fair in the Cause of thy Lord, nor show mercy to thyself, and be of the heedless ones? Say: By God, were it not for My Self, ye would be non-existent upon the earth - and ye bear witness to that which God hath witnessed, if ye be of the fair-minded. Say: Have you forgotten, O servant, the days when if any among you would enter into the presence, people would drive him away and even curse him with great wrath? Yet when the breezes of security wafted, ye emerged with swords of hatred, turning toward God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. By God, the eye of creation hath not seen anyone more veiled than thee and those who followed thee without My leave and who walked the paths of delusion. O Husayn, hear the call of this Husayn at the time when Shimr stood at His right, and the spear was held before His head, and the accursed Khawli stood before His face, and He called out among these polytheists saying: O people, slay Me not with swords of hatred - I am but

the Self of Ali among you, and the Spirit of Muhammad within you, and the Beauty of God before you. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Fear God and shed not the blood of Him at Whose spilling the pillars of the Throne shake and the supports of the exalted Seat cease to be. Say: O people, I have not spoken among you except in truth, and I have not commanded you save what the Spirit hath uttered in My heart with wondrous melodies of glory. Be ashamed before Him Who sacrificed Himself in My path - have mercy on My wronged and lonely Self. Thus was the command of the Youth among these cattle in this prison, and We have related it to thee that thou mayest share in grief with the Prophets. Hear My words and shun those who have denied God Who created all things and sent the Messengers. Then remind the people with wisdom that they may recognize the Beauty of the Divine Unity and arise from the slumber of the heedless ones. Know thou that We remembered thee before thou didst remember Me, and We strengthened thee for the victory of My Cause, and We inspired thee with that which would establish My Cause against the ignorant ones, and We ordained for thee in the heaven of destiny abundant good - this is from God's favor unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Convey God's greetings to the faces of those who have believed and to the face of thy wife, then give her glad tidings of her Lord's remembrance. We have made her one of Our successful handmaidens and We have mentioned her name in tablets of mighty glory. Thus doth God single out for His mercy whomsoever He willeth, and He is indeed the Lord of bounty and transcendent mercy.

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O Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! This is a Book from Us to him who hath been illumined by the lights that have shone forth from the horizon of his Lord's Will, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in the days when the Beauty of the Unseen cast aside the veil from His face and appeared with the sovereignty of His Most Glorious Name amidst the concourse of creation, and every thing proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Gracious. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and for not having been hindered by the clouds of glory from turning towards thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Spirit of God hath quickened thee and the breezes whose fragrances have been wafted throughout the worlds have awakened thee. Blessed art thou for having associated with him whom We have chosen for Our remembrance and whom thou didst honor when he came unto thee with the mention of God, the Beloved of those who know. Take thou the Tablet of God and its effects, then leave those who have disbelieved even if they should come unto you with the scriptures of the first and the last ones, for today nothing shall profit anyone save attachment to this Cord which hath been stretched between the heavens and the earths. They who are in doubt in these days of their Lord - these shall have no portion of this Kawthar which hath flowed from the mouth of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, at the midmost heart of Paradise. God shall soon seize them with a mighty grip from His presence, for He is the most severe in punishment. Soon will come unto you one who will call you to Satan. Thus doth the Pen of the All-Merciful inform you beforehand in a Tablet of wondrous glory. Say: O people, shun him and follow not those who have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed. By God! They dwell in nothing but manifest delusion. Say: O people! Do ye worship names and deny their Creator? Woe unto you from the punishment of a grievous day! We have ordained for thee in the heaven of Our command a glorious and

noble station. He, verily, aideth those who have stood firm in His Cause, and He is the Rewarder of the doers of good. Vain imaginings have encompassed all men except such as have laid hold on the hem of thy Lord's robe, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He is among the most exalted of creation - the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the angels nearest to God send their prayers upon him. Say: With Him is the knowledge of all things. Not an atom's weight in the breasts of all created things can escape His knowledge. He recompenseth every soul for what it hath earned, and He knoweth all things. We beseech God to manifest through thee that which shall bring joy to the eyes of them that have recognized His unity, and to make thee a standard of guidance among His creatures and a leader of His servants in this Day wherein the veils of glory have been rent asunder and God hath come with manifest beauty. At all times will He aid thee to remember and praise Him amongst His servants, for He hath power over all things. Rejoice thou in God's loving-kindness and mercy, for His mercy hath encompassed thee through His grace - none can comprehend it save those who have soared in this atmosphere which God hath sanctified from the idle fancies of them that doubt. Were the veil to be lifted from what We have ordained for thee in this Tablet, the servants would be bewildered, nay thunderstruck. Therefore have We concealed it as a grace from Our presence, for He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We beseech God that He change not His decree and that He send down upon thee at all times that which will draw thee unto Him and sever thee from all else. There is none other God but He, the Giver, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The fragrance that hath been wafted from the garment of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among God's sincere servants.

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O Muhammad-Sadiq! In the name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! This is a letter from the Prisoner to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, who came to Iraq and upon whom shone the Day-Star of the horizons with mighty splendors, who entered the Spot of Paradise and attained the presence of his Lord, the Most High, the All-Knowing, with Whom the Tongue of God conversed in words of impregnable glory whereby were created the heavens and earths, the treasures of inner meanings were revealed among His creation, and there emerged from the earth what God, the King, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful, had buried therein of His treasures. Blessed art thou for having attained the Most Great Scene, the Spot wherein was established the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and thou wert among those who attained. However, in those days the appointed time for the Cause had not been fulfilled, therefore We concealed the Face lest the servants recognize it, though it was shining from the horizon of holiness with manifest radiance. When the appointed time was fulfilled, the veils were rent asunder and thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, appeared from behind them and spoke a word whereat all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror. By God! Those who have purified their vision from names and turned to their Creator are among the choicest of creation - through them mercy descends from the clouds of the Cause and there grows from the earth the plants of knowledge and wisdom from the presence of One mighty and knowing. Know thou that We have not forgotten thee - be thou assured by the grace of thy Lord. Verily He forgets not His sincere servants. We have sent down to thee a Tablet wherein is detailed all things, wert thou of those who know. However,

when Satan lurked in every pathway, We were prevented from sending it. When the way was opened by Our power, We sent thee this mighty, impregnable Tablet that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the Beloved and be independent of the tablets of the worlds. Say: Through one word of this Tablet have all the Tablets of God been sent down aforetime. Beware, O people, lest ye deny it and be of the heedless. This is He of Whom the Bayan spoke, sent down by your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people, be ye ashamed before Him Who created you by His command, and deny not Him but for Whom the Books of God, the Just King, the Wise, would not have been revealed. Fear thou no one, but remember thy Lord - verily He will guard thee from the hosts of the wrongdoers. Say: O loved ones! Ye dwell in your homes while the Youth is imprisoned by the hands of the heedless. Ye lie upon your couches while the Eye of God rains tears from the oppression of these polytheists. Time hath brought Me so low that he who was created by My word hath risen to oppose Me and prideth himself in serving Me - God is witness to what I say. Soon shall they know, when death comes upon them and their frames tremble from the force of divine wrath - then shall they cry: “Alas for what we neglected toward our Lord, the All-Merciful! We were truly among the most lost!” Though their souls be seized and they be among the dead before thy Lord, they are deaf, dumb and blind, though they witness things and speak what their selves and desires confirm unto them. Thus have We judged with truth, and I am the Doer of what I will. Convey God’s greetings to the faces of those who have turned to His Face and detached themselves from the polytheists. Praise be to God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of the mystics.

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Mirza Hashim Khan

He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein is guidance and remembrance for all the worlds. Hearken, O servant, unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of the Throne, the Station round which circle the denizens of the Concourse on High, then those who dwell in the depths of Names, then they who move in the atmosphere of holiness, this sacred and luminous Space: that there is none other God but Him, alone with no partner, no minister, no peer and no likeness unto Him. He hath ever been single in His Essence and unique in His Being. He sent forth the Messengers aforetime unto His creation, testifying that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great.

Bear thou witness, even as God hath caused thy heart and tongue to witness, and be thou of them that are assured of the Revelation of God and the Manifestation of His Self, and be of the steadfast. Know thou then that thy name was mentioned before the Face, and therefore were verses of mighty glory sent down from the cloud of holiness, and We sent them unto thee as a mercy from Our presence that thou mayest be of the thankful. When they reach thee, take them with the hand of power and might, then read them with the melodies of them that are nigh. Through them shall be produced in hearts that which shall detach them from contingent things and draw them nigh unto the direction of a mighty throne.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and His love, and there shall descend upon thee from the heaven of the unseen that which shall gladden thy heart, for He is the Rewarder of the steadfast. Beware that

thou grieve not over this world, for it shall pass away, and that which remaineth for thee is what hath been ordained in the Most Exalted Kingdom by the Pen of thy Lord, and this is a certain truth. Seek thou, O servant, the grace of God and His mercy, and despair not of His wondrous mercy that hath encompassed all created things. Thus hath the Command been sent down at this moment in truth, that thou mayest be of them that rejoice.

He sendeth down at every moment upon His servants whatsoever He willeth, and with Him is the knowledge of all things that have been created between the heavens and the earths. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge. He ruleth over the kingdom as He pleaseth by His sovereignty, and none can gainsay His irrevocable and wise decree. Remember thou thy Lord in the night season and the days, then at eventide and dawn, and fear thou no one, for He shall guard thee from the hosts of the oppressors. Put thy trust in Him in all matters and be of them that trust. Then be content with whatsoever God hath been pleased with in these days, for this is His Revelation and His sovereignty amongst the worlds.

Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast manifested Thyself unto all created things and hast risen above all beings, to detach me from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth and to send down upon me that which is best for me, for Thou knowest what profiteth me and I know not, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! Leave me not to myself and my desires, then send down upon me from the cloud of Thy mercy that which shall purify me from the mention of aught else but Thee. Then assign me a seat of truth with Thee, then send down upon me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Munificent, the Generous.

Thus have We remembered thee and commanded thee that thou mayest be of them that act. And glory be upon thee and upon them who are steadfast in the Cause of God and are of the firm ones.

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=== START BH02021 ===

He is the Mighty. This is a Book which speaks with truth and reminds the people in days wherein clouds of grief have risen sorrowfully and rained upon all created things from showers of intense anguish, whereby tears of sorrow flowed from the eyes of those near unto God, and this was grievous unto Us. O friends of God! By God, I desired naught for you save that which is better for you than all who dwell in the realm of creation. Say: O concourse of the beloved! Hearken unto the call of this Bird Who warbles in the heart of existence, and grieve Him not on a day wherein sorrows have encompassed Him from all directions - and God is witness to what I say. And ye know what hath befallen Me from the embodiments of tyrannical wickedness. By God, at such time the eyes of the denizens of the Realm of Eternity weep over what hath befallen this Servant, Who turned wholly unto God and paid no heed to anyone, nor hearkened to the words of any soul, and was wholly detached from all else but Him. Do ye not witness how the oppressors among the people have gathered against Us and drawn the swords of hatred against Us every morn and eve? They have risen up to wage war against Us and rejoice in what befalleth Us of this matter which hath caused the hearts of the mystics to be consumed, and the embodiments of existence weep in chambers of crimson ruby, and the dwellers of earth and heaven cry out, and then the celestial beings of might and

power in most exalted sanctuaries of holiness. Therefore, O My loved ones, be not content that after this there should descend from you upon Us that which would consume Our hearts and grieve Our souls and cause tears to flow upon radiant and luminous cheeks. By God, We love you more than ye love Us, and all who dwell within the canopies of a mighty Name bear witness to this. Therefore dwell in your hearts and be not disturbed by what God hath ordained for Us in a mighty Book, and be content with what God hath been pleased with for Us and decreed for Us, and be at all times purely submissive to God's command. Thus do We counsel you in truth - follow My bidding for the sake of the love that existeth between Me and you, and touch Me not with the sorrow of your grief, for I love not the sorrow of any one of you, and this is with Me greater than all greatness. And thou, O Muhammad, remember Me after Me and be not frightened in this terror which hath encompassed all the worlds. Be patient in the Cause of thy Lord and be not disturbed within thyself, and trust in God in this darksome night which hath encompassed all existence both small and great. Fear God and be not a cause of My burning anguish after thou knowest that I am seated at the heart of tribulations and trials - and God sufficeth as a witness and knower between Me and you. Therefore have mercy upon Me, O My loved ones, and hearken unto My words at a time when, if I turn to the right, I hear the lamentations of the mystics with voices of manifest grief, and when I turn to the left, I perceive the inner turmoil of the hearts of the lovers like water that boileth in an iron pot. By God, I have forgotten all matters, for the Beloved is unable to hear the cry of the lovers every morn and eve. Thus do We counsel thee that thou mayest hear My words and be firm in My love, that I may find rest from this sorrow which hath encompassed Me from your lamentations and be at peace from thee.

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=== START BH02022 ===

Already translated except for final paragraph which translates as:

Then give Our remembrance to all who dwell in the City of God, the Beautiful King, from among those who have believed in God and in Him Whom God shall send on the Day of Resurrection, and who walk in the paths of truth.

=== END BH02022 ===

=== START BH02023 ===

He is God, Who has been wise in all things. The inscribed leaf was witnessed and the celestial melody was heard in the realm of might. Praise be to Him Who has elevated you to the heaven of His love and settled you upon the earth of His affection and made you hear His wondrous melodies and made you one of the believers in His verses and those assured of His Book and those who drink from the cups of His bounty and those who gaze upon the garments of His countenance and those who are content with His decree and those who are patient in His tribulation and those who hasten to His good-pleasure and those who ascend to His holy precincts and those who rise to the carpet of His intimacy and Who has purified you from indication of aught else. Now, when you have drunk of the sweet water of grace from the hands of bounty, say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I call upon Thee with every tongue and I beseech Thee with every utterance and I remember Thee with every heart and I thank Thee with every mouth and I prostrate

before Thee with every face and I behold Thee with every eye and I love Thee with every inmost heart and with every cup I drink from the seas of the graces of the heaven of Thy generosity and with every chalice I am given to drink from the rivers of the outpourings of the might of Thy bounty and with every wing I fly to the heavens of the throne of Thy grandeur and with every feather I soar in the splendors of the might of Thy mercy that I may be intoxicated at the warbling of the dove of the Sovereign of Thy majesty and enraptured at the manifestation of the dawning of the Sun of Thy beauty and bewildered in the mysteries of the divine realm from the glances of the eyes of the might of Thy oneness and as nothing upon the throne of the Kingdom at the burning brands of the most luminous glory of Thy attraction that I may be wholly detached unto Thee and beseeching of Thee and clinging to the holy manifestations of Thy Self-Sufficiency and entreating the aspects of intimacy of Thy Oneness. Then teach me, O my God, a letter from the repositories of Thy knowledge and the treasuries of Thy Revelation and the dawning-places of Thy Command and the daysprings of Thy wisdom that I may remember Thee upon the throne of the cloud with the melodies of the sanctified ones and thank Thee with knowledge upon the seat of glory with the myriads of the purified ones and praise Thee upon the most glorious throne with the songs of those who glorify Thee. For Thou, O my God, hast ordained no glory except in the knowledge of Thy Book and no light except in the recognition of Thy verses. So glory be to Thee, glory be to Thee! We are all poor before Thee and servants unto Thee and we know nothing except what Thou teachest us from the wonders of Thy grace and the effulgences of Thy generosity, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of all things and we all bow down before Thee and hope in Thy mercy. And I beseech Thee, O God, my God, by the one whom Thou hast raised to the heavens of Thine eternity and seated upon the throne of grandeur in the station of Thy sovereignty and distinguished among the servants at the dawning-places of Thy Command and the conditions of the holiness of Thy Self-Sufficiency and the signs of intimacy of Thy Oneness and the intimations of the manifestations of the light of Thy Self-Subsistence and the beginnings of the splendors of the lines of the cloud of the appearance of Thine Essence, that Thou unite Thy servants as Thou hast united Thy letters and create love in the mysteries of their hearts through Thy power as Thou hast created it among their conditions through Thy might. Then kindle in their hearts the fire of Thy knowledge and the splendor of the light of the sun of Thy oneness, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and the earth and Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest.

[Your writings that arrived at the Most Holy Court were submitted and an answer was revealed.]

[A portion of the text within brackets at the end of the Tablet appears to have been deliberately erased in the original Tablet and its handwriting differs from that of the text of the blessed Tablet.]

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=== START BH02024 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of His name Jamal and Samandar (upon both of them be My glory) which they sent to you was seen. The fragrance of sincerity, love and steadfastness was outwardly and inwardly diffused therefrom. They have drunk the wine of grace and bounty from the

cup of the favor of their Lord, the Most Glorious, and have attained that which was hidden from eyes and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Book.

That which was mentioned therein regarding the affairs of the Sheikh (upon him be My glory) attained the glance of grace. We beseech the All-Bountiful to send upon them the rain of His bounty and mercy and to open before their faces the gates of eternal blessing and favor. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the mighty throne. That which flows from the Supreme Pen has appeared and shall appear. Verily He is powerful over all things.

According to what was mentioned, His name Jamal intended to send an answer to the most noble authorities regarding the question he had asked. This is not permissible. In this matter silence is preferable. What is necessary are words that cause assurance and trust, and even that only if the occasion arises. If something were written now it would cause agitation and lead to expansive imaginings, therefore it is not permitted. If an occasion arises, words expressing humility, submissiveness, love and resignation would be good and acceptable at the Sacred Threshold. Otherwise speaking without occasion is not permitted.

What is now necessary and what all must focus on is teaching the Cause with wisdom and utterance, and in such manner that it does not cause the spread of corruption. The presence of His name in that land day by day is also beloved, for if the stay exceeds the bounds of moderation it will surely cause talk. Glory be to God! Although God's will in this Revelation is clear and evident to all, still they mix their own knowledge with the ignorant fabrications of the calumniators.

In any case, some days ago verses were specifically revealed for Jamal from the heaven of favor. We beseech God to assist him through what was sent down from the kingdom of His wondrous utterance.

O Jamal! In all conditions look to reconciliation and to that which brings tranquility. His Majesty the Sultan, in two instances, outwardly protected this community from evil ones through the hosts of justice and fairness - first in Ha and Mim, and again in the land of Kaf. In truth he did that which befits justice and fairness. Therefore all should be content and thankful. In all conditions remind the believers. The Supreme Pen in scriptures and tablets has forbidden all from that which saddens hearts, let alone oppression, transgression and corruption. We beseech God to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of love, fellowship, harmony and unity, and to illumine them with the lights of the luminary of justice. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those with thee, and those who love thee for My sake, and upon those who hold fast to good deeds and cling to the hem of righteousness, as commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH02024 ===

=== START BH02025 ===

In the name of God, the Holy, the Most Holy.

O denizens of the Concourse on High! Other decrees have been ordained for Us, and they are intending yet another Pit into which to hurl this eternal Joseph. That Pit is in the fortress of 'Akka.

Very soon they will expel Us from this land and they will incarcerate Us there. In truth that city is decrepit, unclean; its air is bad, its waters are polluted and foul-smelling, and they wish to shut from His Face all bounties and gifts which have been ordained for His Self by God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-knowing. Very soon you shall see and hear that of which We inform you in this Tablet - things whereat the tears of the near ones will be shed, and mysteries of divine decree about which the lamentations of the sincere ones will be raised - all by virtue of what will befall us yet another time. In all circumstances We thank God in all that will befall us in his love and his good pleasure.

As to Akka it is a City one direction of which is towards the River Jordan across which the Friend of God, Abraham, passed and in whose environs He called God His Lord using the melodies of the peoples of Paradise. In another direction it faces the Holy and Sacred Vale from which was raised the call of all the Prophets and Messengers saying: "Here we are! Here we are! O Lord our God!" Very soon We shall smell its air and We shall hear all that was raised therein. And yet from another direction 'Akka faces the wilderness of Sinai. I swear by the righteousness of God! When this Youth turns towards it every atom of its earth, every leaf of its trees, and every pebble of its sands cries out saying: "there is none other God but He".

O my Friends when you shall hear of My calamities, the like of which the eye of creation has not seen, do not be saddened inasmuch as We have been created for all these afflictions and tribulations and God has ordained that they be the oil for My Lamp. Blessed is the one who understands My meaning and blessed is the one who is enraptured by the fragrances of the words of this Youth Who has always been the targets of the arrows of men in the path of God.

Say unto them: this is a Youth for if He were to be drowned in the sea He will praise God in the company of the fish of the sea, and if His head be raised on the cross He will make mention of His God, the All Merciful. And if every member of His body be cut, that cut member will raise its voice testifying: "in truth I have attained to that which was my highest hope and highest aspiration."

O My loved ones! Be not grieved. Rather walk over My traces and cling firmly to the Cord of God. If the veil be lifted you would all sacrifice yourselves to hear that Word that ascendeth from the mouth of the Well-Beloved, and so much will yearning enrapture your beings that chains and tumults will not deter you from turning to this Luminary of the entire world.

O My loved ones! You are the children of the Spirit. Be not grieved over your bodies. Rather be gladdened by the glad-tidings of the All-Merciful with spirit and fragrance. Then remain steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, then follow what hath been revealed in the Book and follow not every doubtful polytheist. Thus doth the Youth counsel you at a time when He is immersed in an ocean of sorrows through what the hands of the heedless have wrought, while My tongue, My heart, My limbs and My hair all proclaim "Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds." The Youth hath been prevented from writing, else We would have sent to each one of the loved ones of God that which would cause him to be detached from all the worlds. My Self hath been imprisoned, then My Pen, and the latter is greater than the former. This hath not occurred except due to lack of capacity in the realm of creation. Soon shall come a time when they shall become aware of some of what they have perpetrated; they shall weep and supplicate but shall find nothing for themselves to compensate for what hath passed them by. Thus doth the Pen of Truth inform

you, and verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is witness to what they have done and what they do, and He is indeed cognizant of what lieth within the breasts.

=== END BH02025 ===

=== START BH02026 ===

In the Name of Him Who is manifest before all faces!

O people of Ha and Mim! Hear the call of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath mentioned you before in numerous Tablets which the tablets of the world and what the nations possess cannot equal. To this doth the Most Great Name bear witness in this exalted and glorious station.

O Muhammad-Quli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. How many a servant claims faith within himself and steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, yet the Wronged One witnesses great hypocrisy. Were We to reveal what is in their hearts, they would lament for this Wronged and Exiled One. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and raised up the Cause, yet the people are in evident ignorance. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful. Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Generous. Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Chosen One, to deliver the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Manifestation of Thy clear proofs, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances from those who claim faith outwardly yet inwardly support Thine enemies. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee over successive years and Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty clear verses. I beseech Thee by them and by their Revealer to strengthen me in the Great Steadfastness, lest there appear from me that which would cause the angels, the Spirit, and those who circle round the Throne to lament at morn and eve. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Quli! Convey greetings and glorification from the Lord of Majesty to the friends of that land of every kind. Say: By the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of the prison of Akka, each of you is mentioned in the presence of the Countenance and hath attained special favor. Some of the friends in their cities and lands considered themselves helpers of God’s Cause, yet in their inmost hearts they are occupied with helping the enemies. Glory be to Him Who seeth and concealeth, and He is the All-Patient, the All-Concealing, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to confirm all in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. Glory be to God! In all ages most people took the calf as the station of Truth and worshipped it. Such is the condition of creation, except those through whose steadfastness the pillars of the idol and false god were shaken and every lying pretender was thunderstruck.

O My friends! This is the day of hearing and sight, and the time of victory and triumph. All must arise to serve the Cause through divine power and might, and must conquer hearts and souls through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. They are of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark in God’s clear Book. Today the friends of God are souls who gaze toward the highest horizon and hold fast to the cord of the Most Great Name. There is no distinction between them except in the station of

steadfastness, precedence and knowledge. Say: Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an - His exalted Word: "Verily the most honored among you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you." This is the most holy and pure garment. Blessed is he who hath clung to it and adorned his temple with this sacred and luminous ornament. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who love you and hear your word concerning this Most Great and Mighty Announcement.

=== END BH02026 ===

=== START BH02027 ===

He is the True One, the Speaker, the Trustworthy

O Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High! The Most Great Branch was present and conveyed that which thou hadst sent to him. Have no doubt concerning what thou hast heard from the Tongue of Grandeur and what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. My mercy hath preceded thee, My loving-kindness hath encompassed thee, and My grace shall be with thee. Today the river of mercy is flowing, and the lights of true unity are manifest, brilliant and visible from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory. Ponder thou upon this word, for until now the servants have not recognized the Day of God, nor known its greatness and station, and are deprived of true unity. Say: This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone. From the people of the Bayan the buzzing of flies hath appeared; like the previous people they desire anew to subjugate the heedless through their vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul whom the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings have not debarred from the Lord of all names, and who hath witnessed all else but God as non-existent. Such a one is of the people of this Court and is accounted among the people of unity in the sight of God.

Your letters have repeatedly arrived and all have been honored by the glance of favor. You have ever been and continue to be remembered. Convey My greetings to the people of God. Each of the souls mentioned in your letters has attained that from which the fragrance of eternity is wafted. The Word of God revealed for each one shall endure for the duration of the kingdom and the realm above. This is of thy Lord's grace unto thee and unto them. We send greetings to Hibbu'llah; his petition was noticed. Convey My greetings to the Leaf, thy wife, upon her be My glory. They have not been forgotten.

O Jamal! Reflect upon the tribulations of the Wronged One. In the days when from all horizons the standards of discord were visible, and the divines and rulers arose to harm this Wronged One, We stood up alone before all faces and summoned all to the truth, in such wise that no matter prevented Us and no authority held Us back. We bore that which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to weep and the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Then, when some traces of the effects of the Most Exalted Pen became manifest and resplendent among the servants, the people of the Bayan arose above all others to harm this Wronged One. By the life of God! These differences have prevented the servants from the Most Great Ocean, the Most High Station, and the Supreme Horizon. Glory be to God! They describe a drop while remaining deprived of the ocean. Beseech ye God that He may enable all and grant them sight, that they may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower.

Convey My greetings to the friends of God wherever they may be, and say: Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One of the world and strive that perchance the vain imaginings of the past may not be renewed and the people may not be afflicted with the chains of idle fancies. Verily, He strengtheneth the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's utterance be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

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=== START BH02028 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most High!

O beloved! Days have passed and We have not received from thee the sweet fragrance of faithfulness. Hast thou forgotten Him Who, if thou forgettest Him, will never forget thee, and if thou leavest Him, will never leave thee, and if thou art heedless of Him, will never be heedless of thee? We have heard that sorrow hath encompassed thee in these days, and by thy sorrow We have been saddened, and by what hath befallen thee We have been afflicted with adversity and tribulation. But O beloved! The Herald of eternity now bringeth thee glad tidings from the garment of faithfulness and cometh unto thee with this verdant Tablet. Arise from thy place, then walk upon the earth seven steps, and in each step traverse one of the books: In the first, enter into the sea of search and seek God, thy Lord, in thy inner being and heart. In the second, enter into the sea of love and remember God, thy Lord, in the raptures of thy longing and the dominions of thy taste. In the third, walk in the paths of detachment - that is, detach thyself from thy desires and follow thy Master. In the fourth, enter into the depths of the seas of oneness and the ocean of divine unity. In that station, place thy face upon the dust before the Lord of Lords and sanctify thy soul and spirit from all coming and going, that thy heart may be purified from all causes in the realms of creation. In the fifth, ascend to the heaven of wonderment that thou mayest taste sweet fruits in this holy atmosphere and become bewildered at the power of thy Beloved and the sovereignty of thy Creator, and say as did the King of existence and the Goal: "Lord, increase my astonishment in Thee!" In the sixth, soar with the wings of submission and contentment to the city of the cloud of unknowing that thou mayest enter the wilderness of extinction, to be extinguished in that station from thine existence and abide through thy Creator. In the seventh, thou shalt arrive at the sea of eternal life where extinction shall never overtake thee and thou shalt find thy countenance abiding in the shadow of the Face of God, the Eternal. Then wilt thou inhale the fragrance of glorification from the right hand of the All-Merciful, that thy breast may not be straitened by whatsoever befalleth thee in this mortal life and transient dominion. And when thou hast traversed these journeys in secret without outward display, cast this garment upon thine hidden sight that the eye of thy heart may be opened. For by God, O My beloved, if thou attainest unto this station thou wilt discover wondrous worlds and witness lofty gardens and exalted paradise and transcendent heavens, and wilt know the mysteries of the journey of spirits in an ever-holy atmosphere and an ever-lasting heaven of glory, and thy spirit shall rejoice to such degree that the signs of joy and ecstasy shall appear in all the pillars of the world. Thereafter, sorrow shall never overtake thee nor shall gloom touch thee, and thou shalt abide in the paradise of holiness among those who rejoice. Know thou moreover that thou hast with God a mighty station and an exalted rank. Isolate not thyself from the

servants but gather them unto God's Cause and remind them of His days. Put thy trust in God in all matters and He will suffice thee against all things and protect thee from the hosts of Satan and cause thee to enter the eternal paradise, wherein thou shalt be among those who rejoice. Convey My greetings unto those who follow thee in the Cause of thy Lord, then call them to a straight path.

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This is what hath been sent down from My Most Holy Pen to My sanctified name whom We have deposited in the land of Ha and Mim - upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. In His Name through Whom the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted! The Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of the providence of the Lord of eternity and the Most Great Name be upon thee, O Name of God, the Most Truthful, the Most Ancient, and His remembrance among the nations. I testify that thou didst not hesitate for less than a moment when the Call was raised between earth and heaven - thou didst turn, hear, respond and hasten until thou didst attain unto that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen and mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all beings. O My Name! Rejoice in the Supreme Horizon, for unto thee hath turned the face of the Lord of Names and the King of the Kingdom of eternity, Whom neither the hosts of princes nor the opposition of divines could frustrate. We remember at all times the loved ones of the All-Merciful who were not weakened by the power of the mighty nor frightened by the onslaught of the enemies - they arose and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and of the former times." O My Name! We remember when there shone upon thee the Sun of Permission from the horizon of the heaven of My Command, and thou didst turn toward My Kingdom with a face wherewith all created things turned, and with such humility that all contingent things became humble before it. I testify that thou didst leave thy home, turning toward the Heaven of eternity and the Supreme Height, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst present thyself before the Gate and didst hear the call of thy Lord, the Bestower, in that place for the hearing of which ears were created, and hearts and minds for its comprehension. Thou didst behold His horizon and didst attain the presence of Him Who denied the same to Moses when he said "Show me Thyself that I may look upon Thee." Thou art the one who took the Sealed Wine in My Self-Subsisting Name, and the oppression of the people did not prevent thee from the remembrance of this Day. Thou didst take the cup of thy Lord's love, the Creator of all things, and didst drink thereof before the faces of all people. Because of this there came upon thee that which caused the denizens of the realms of might and the dwellers of the cities of the Kingdom to lament. We testify that by reason of thy calamity the Pen of thy Lord, the King of the Kingdom of Names, was stilled, and the rivers in the Most Exalted Paradise became motionless. Through thee God guided His servants to His Straight Path, the Mighty News and His firm, unshakeable Command. God have mercy on the servant who drank the choice wine of thy utterance, heard thy mention, hastened to thy dust, visited thy grave and recited before the tomb that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken in the prison of Akka. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who held fast unto thee in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Support and God of the Kingdom and the Realm, and Master of the cities of wisdom and might! I beseech Thee by the finger of Thy power and will whereby the spheres of utterance revolved amidst the Concourse of creation, and by the pearls of the

ocean of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, and by this grave which Thou hast made the point of circumambulation for Thy servants and creatures, that Thou forgive me and my father and my mother and whosoever hath hastened to the gate of Thy grandeur and before the throne of Thy manifestation. Verily Thou art He Whom the clamor of the servants and the might of the pharaohs of the lands do not prevent. Thou ordainest what Thou willest through Thy firm, unshakeable command. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory - Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the water of existence from the heaven of His Name, the All-Loving. Verily it is that water of which He hath ordained in His perspicuous Book, and whereby He hath distinguished between truth and falsehood until the Day of Judgment. He hath said, and His word is the truth: “And of water We have made every living thing.” Verily it is that water whose praise hath left the people of hearts and minds bewildered. In its primary station it is the knowledge of God - exalted be His glory, abundant be His favors, and mighty be His sovereignty. Whoso hath attained unto it is reckoned among the living before God, the Revealer of verses; and whoso hath been deprived thereof is accounted among the dead in a Book All-Wise. And peace and blessings be upon the First Light through which the world was illumined and the hearts of nations were enlightened - they who cast away vain imaginings and held fast to the Sure Handle - and upon His family and companions through whom the Word of God, that must be obeyed amongst all creation, was exalted, and that which lay hidden in the presence of God’s knowledge, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, was made manifest.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones and trusted ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and have arisen to serve Thee in such wise that the ornaments of earth prevented them not from drawing nigh unto Thee, and from placing their trust in Thee, and from turning toward Thy court, that Thou aid Thy servants to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O my Lord! Thy grace hath encompassed all, Thy mercy hath preceded all, and Thy bounty hath been perfected. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to send down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness that which shall preserve them from the promptings of self and passion, and from whatsoever shall harm them in the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, your letter was received. Praise be to God, it was adorned with mention of the Truth and glad tidings of your health. This servant beseecheth and imploreth God - exalted be His glory - to make you appear as a standard raised upon the hills among His servants, and to increase your knowledge, wealth and honor at all times. Verily He is the One Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can render powerless. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Some time ago this evanescent one wrote and sent a letter to you. God willing, it will have reached you by now. Likewise a letter was sent to H.S. of M.Y., and another letter to Aqa Muhammad-’Ali of S. God willing all have been received and delivered. This evanescent one hopeth that those holy souls who have drunk of the sealed wine in the

name of the Self-Subsisting will appear in such wise in the Cause that the radiance of the All-Merciful may be witnessed in their faces. I have beseeched and do beseech the True One - exalted be His glory - at most times that He may enable His loved ones to attain unto this station, that all the world may follow their example, and that the whole earth may be seen as one country and its people as one soul. This is not difficult for God. Peace and mercy and blessings be upon you and upon those who have acknowledged the unity of God - exalted be His glory - who have aided His Faith and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

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The Afnan of the land of China attains the blessed presence of my Lord and Master, His Holiness Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the everlasting Glory of God.

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

Praise be to God Who has adorned the Book of Existence with His Hidden, Treasured, and Protected Name, which has appeared as His Most Glorious Name in the Kingdom of Creation, and through it revealed the Primal, Invisible, and First Point, and through it detailed Books which the minds of the wise and those in the Kingdom of Names cannot comprehend. At this station, creation began with the Will which appeared and shone forth in creation through the very essence of creation. Exalted, exalted is His glory above being clouded by the understanding of those in earth and heaven! Then exalted, exalted is His holy court above being comprehended by the hearts of those endowed with insight! Can the evanescent one mention that which the very essence of eternity would be ashamed to claim? Can the non-existent soar in this atmosphere when even the known has fallen with clipped wings in this space? If I mention Him as the Known, this is but an attribute for His servants, and if I describe Him as the Self-Subsisting, this is but a mention from His creation. Exalted, exalted is He above being mentioned by any name or described by anything besides Him, above what the tongue mentions in praise and description. My limbs trembled, my pillars shook, and my joints quaked at the mention of this station wherein the reins of pens were not loosened and the points of words were not sharpened. Therefore I conclude and say: There is no God but You, the Hidden, the Inaccessible, the Single One Who cannot be described by what has been or will be said, and You are the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

My spirit and soul be a sacrifice for You! The fire of longing in this evanescent servant is ablaze and the heat of the thirst of separation is burning. This thirst can only be quenched by the water of reunion and this heat can only be cooled by the Kawthar of meeting. And since outwardly this door has been closed through the oppression of the oppressors, remembrance and utterance have been given the power to compensate for this station. This servant has been deprived even of that. From the day they attained the Most Great Honor and were blessed to reach the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court in the Abode of Peace until now, mention of His Holiness has been in the heart of this lowly, evanescent one. Praise be to God that through divine favors and infinite heavenly grace they preceded in the Most Great and Decisive Cause, for at the first manifestation of effulgences they attained the station of nearness and were blessed

with meeting. Verily He ordains for His Afnan what He desires and decrees what He wishes. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the Wise, the Powerful, the Mighty.

The Most Glorious Glory be upon Your Holiness and upon those who bow before you for the sake of their Lord.

The Servant of God

11 Shawwal 1290

The two boxes of new tea and last year's shipment arrived completely. Since the two sons of Jenab-i-Za, upon them both be the Glory of God, had previously requested that this servant submit this matter, therefore it was submitted and praise be to God it was accepted in the Most Holy Court. We praise Him in all conditions. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise be to Him Who sendeth down the verses and manifesteth the clear proofs, Who speaketh from the trees saying "I am the Powerful, the All-Choosing." He it is Who hath revealed the treasures of inner meanings and utterance for the preservation of man and the elevation of his station in the contingent world. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever described His Own Self as being beyond description by any save Him, and hath made him whom He hath chosen for His Cause the Dawning-Place of His names and attributes. He speaketh of Him in all conditions and giveth glad-tidings unto the people of that which He hath ordained for them in His Most Great Book, wherein hath been inscribed that which was hidden from the nations, save whom His Will and Purpose hath chosen. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, through His Name, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And peace and blessings be upon Him and upon His family and companions, whom the whisperings of the idolaters did not deter, nor did the might of the oppressors frighten. They arose to promote the Cause with such power as stunned all created things and caused all possibilities to tremble. Through them did rivers flow among the servants, and that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the scriptures and tablets was made manifest.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant present hath laid it before Him. We make mention of thee and reveal for thee that from which every seeker will inhale the fragrance of care and kindness. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away vain desire and laid hold on righteousness, and woe unto every one who hath turned away and rejected God, the Lord of all creation and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. We have found from thy letter the fragrance of thy love and submission and thy trust in all things in God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. We beseech God to aid thee through His Cause and assist thee through His sovereignty and to make thee among those whom neither the commerce of the world, nor that which the nations possess, nor the treasures of princes, nor the hoards of ministers have deterred. They have advanced with supreme steadfastness and have said:

“God is our Lord and the Lord of the angels and the Spirit, and the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat.”

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of divine knowledge! We counsel thee to observe the glorious Law which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur’an, and to act according to that which hath been revealed therein. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Moreover We counsel thee and the friends of God with that whose fragrance shall never pass away, and with those virtues through which the traces of them that are nigh unto God have been spread abroad and faces have turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest the people of Thy unity amongst the polytheists among Thy creation and the rejecters among Thy servants. I beseech Thee to preserve them through Thy might and power and sovereignty, and to aid them to act according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. My God, my God! Thou knowest and seest how the polytheists have surrounded Thy domains and desire to seize Thy lands. I beseech Thee by Thy light whereby the earth of Thy wisdom and the heaven of Thy utterance were illumined, to protect Thy trusted servants from the oppression of the treacherous ones and the aggressors and the slanderers. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and no power in the heavens or on earth can frustrate Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous

O Living Letter! Hearken to the call of thy Lord once again in this most holy and most luminous Dominion. Then remember what is now being revealed unto thee from the direction of the Throne above the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary, that thou mayest recall within thyself what We previously mentioned to thee by the tongue of God the first time. Therefore reflect on what remaineth thereof, that thou mayest be among the people of the Hereafter in this primary world. Say: By God! The decree of the Nine hath appeared and the beauty of the Eighty hath shone forth. And verily thou didst not comprehend its beginning, so strive within thyself that thou mayest comprehend its end, that thou mayest be among those possessed of understanding. Therefore stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, then remind the people of what the Dove remindeth thee at this moment from God’s most sublime Kingdom. Take heed that thou fear nothing, nor hesitate in the Cause of thy Lord, nor be among the blind. Come forth from behind the veil of silence, then loose thy tongue in praise of thy Lord, that thou mayest be among those who are guided, and remind people through thy remembrance, that perchance through thee may be brought about in them what God hath chosen for them. Thus do We bestow Our grace upon thee once again, that thou mayest be assured in the Cause of thy Lord and rend asunder the veils from the face of remembrance. Say: By God! The Spirit at this moment moveth before His presence, and the Sun deriveth its light from His resplendent brow, and the Beauty of the Unseen speaketh above His head with a call that draweth unto it the hearts of those possessed of understanding: “This, verily, is He Who appeared in the year sixty, and this is one of His mighty signs.” And these are the pearls which We have brought forth

from the Shell of Holiness and cast from the Ocean of Grandeur, that ye may find what hath been ordained for you by your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. And this, verily, is the Beauty of God which hath dawned from behind the veils with a sovereignty that cannot be concealed nor hidden. And this, verily, is the Sea that surgeth within itself, and these are its waves, if ye be of those possessed of wisdom. And these, verily, are the breezes of God in truth, and this is their wafting in this morning time. Say: The Noah of eternity hath fashioned the Ark of immortality, and it saileth upon the sea of grandeur - glorified be thy Lord, the Most High! And thou, turn thy face towards it and hold fast unto it, that thou mayest be among the companions of the Garden of Refuge. And this, verily, is the Voice of God raised between the heavens and the earth. Therefore put off the shoes of vain desire, that thou mayest be turned towards the Sinai of the Spirit in this most distant expanse. Take heed that nothing prevent thee, even should all who are in the kingdom oppose thee. Then hearken unto the call of thy Lord, that thou mayest be of those who have heard and called out. Thus have We cast upon thee and inspired thee with that which will sever thee unto God, thy Lord, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of those who have believed and are guided. Say: By God! The Beauty of the First hath appeared in the Point of the Last. By God! This is thy Lord, the Most High, and whoso turneth away from Him and denieth His signs hath indeed gone astray and transgressed. Thus do We call out to thee once again, that thou mayest hear the call of thy Lord in the Dominion of eternity, and be stirred within thyself, and arise in the Cause of thy Lord with supreme steadfastness. Say: By God! Whoso hesitateth in His Cause, God will surely return him to the lowest depths. Thus have We informed thee and taught thee, that thou mayest be mindful of the remembrance of thy Lord and be of those who drew nigh and approached.

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HE IS THE MOST EXALTED, THE MOST HIGH

O Rida! God hath recorded thy slumber within thee before thou wast created in thy mother's womb, and hath interpreted it for the Concourse on High before the spirit was breathed into the bodies of those brought nigh. Yet it behooveth not to reveal this unto the righteous, much less unto these transgressors who claim to love, but from whom naught appeareth save that which giveth rise to tyranny and hatred, without any proof from God or command from His presence. By the Lord of the realm of 'Ama! I have grieved over a matter which the Pen cannot describe, nor ink enumerate, nor can spirits bear. I have withdrawn myself from these corrupt ones. Thou seest how conflict hath arisen among them after God forbade them this, to such extent that some denounce others as infidels and backbite their loved ones behind their backs, such that the fragrance of love hath been lifted from their midst and hatred hath settled in their breasts, as though they had turned away from God their Creator and followed what their souls desired and their passions craved. Say: Fie upon you, and upon your deeds, and upon what ye possess and what ye deserve! Verily, I love them not, nor do I wish to sit with them or meet with them, unless they repent and return unto God their Lord. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! I desire naught but to flee from them and dwell in a land devoid of their faces, even as I fled before. But since God decreed for me what He decreed, I returned to them and witnessed from them what none of His enemies - much less His loved ones - had ever witnessed. Therefore I remain in the house and show

patience in my affair, trusting in God my Lord, until I return unto Him and soar unto the heaven of His holiness. They shall soon fall into disagreement and scatter from this land after my concealment or wrongful departure, and they shall be tested as they were tested before. But ye shall not be dismayed by the terror of that day. Be as immovable mountains, and trust in God your Lord. Turn to Him with the essence of your hearts, that He may bring about for you a matter whereby ye shall be saved and draw nigh unto Him, that ye may be of those whose hearts are at rest through God's light, and who are guided by His signs.

With utmost joy and assurance, soar in the heaven of love. God willing, enter the city of submission, be sustained by the wine of contentment, and drink from the Salsabil of oneness, that thou mayest witness the vastness of divine mercy and become aware of the lights of the Beauty of the All-Glorious, until thou art intoxicated with the wine of reunion and steppest into the wilderness of nearness and meeting, closing thine eyes to all contingent things and opening them to the countenance of the Friend, severing thyself from all else and binding thyself to Him. After ascending beyond the stations of annihilation and reaching the dawning-places of eternity, thou shalt become the cupbearer on the carpet of sanctification and drink the chalice of divine unity. After reaching this homeland, thou shalt present the pure water of inner meanings in the cup of the heart in remembrance of the peerless Divine Beauty, and it shall be taken from the hand of grace and accepted. How lofty is this station if thou attainest unto it! Thou shalt bestow a portion of the Holy Spirit upon the loved ones and the righteous ones.

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Recall thou to mind My sorrows, My cares and anxieties, My woes and trials, the state of My captivity, the tears that I have shed, the bitterness of Mine anguish, and now My imprisonment in this far-off land. God, O Muafa, beareth Me witness. Couldst thou be told what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty, thou wouldst flee into the wilderness, and weep with a great weeping. In thy grief, thou wouldst smite thyself on the head, and cry out as one stung by the sting of the adder. Be thou grateful to God, that We have refused to divulge unto thee the secrets of those unsearchable decrees that have been sent down unto Us from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the Most Powerful, the Almighty.

By the righteousness of God! Every morning I arose from My bed, I discovered the hosts of countless afflictions massed behind My door; and every night when I lay down, lo! My heart was torn with agony at what it had suffered from the fiendish cruelty of its foes. With every piece of bread the Ancient Beauty breaketh is coupled the assault of a fresh affliction, and with every drop He drinketh is mixed the bitterness of the most woeful of trials. He is preceded in every step He taketh by an army of unforeseen calamities, while in His rear follow legions of agonizing sorrows.

Such is My plight, wert thou to ponder it in thine heart. Let not, however, thy soul grieve over that which God hath rained down upon Us. Merge thy will in His pleasure, for We have, at no time, desired anything whatsoever except His Will, and have welcomed each one of His irrevocable decrees. Let thine heart be patient, and be thou not dismayed. Follow not in the way of them that are sorely agitated.

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Arise, O Muhammad-Ibrahim, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, may you be enkindled with the fire of divine love and illumined by the light of His countenance. The whole world was created for the recognition of this blessed Day, yet when the dawn of God's Day shone forth from the horizon of His Will, all were found to be troubled, shaken, heedless and veiled, save those who cast away vain imaginings and turned to the horizon of certitude.

Consider the past ages and cycles: whenever the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Dayspring of God's Cause appeared from the horizon of His Will, all arose in opposition and inflicted upon those Manifestations of Divine Unity and Dawning-Places of His Cause that which the Pen is ashamed to recount. Despite witnessing with their outward eyes the transience of the world and its passing away at every moment, they still cling to it while remaining heedless and veiled from that which endures throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

You must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, and in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, revive the withered souls of the heedless through the springtime of the All-Merciful's utterance. Whosoever arises today to serve the Cause in the name of Truth will assuredly be accompanied by divine confirmations. All that is witnessed in the world will soon return to nothingness, but that which proceeds from anyone through love of God and His Name, exalted be His glory, will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Well is it with them that act!

Strive to drink from the Living Waters in the name of the All-Merciful - a drink after which no thirst remains. Thus does the Wronged One make mention of you from His Most Great Prison, that you may be among the steadfast. Today Satan calls out in the name of the All-Merciful, and the deniers among the people of the Bayan are busily engaged in leading people astray with the utmost deceit and guile. God willing, may you attain such a station that you regard all else but God as non-existent and null, and engage in serving His Cause with complete strength and power.

In all conditions, fix your gaze upon the horizon of wisdom, for this mighty Command and firm Decree has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Books, Scriptures and Psalms. He commands all to that which benefits them. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the heaven of knowledge was raised up and adorned with the suns of utterance, to make me detached from all else but Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and placing my trust in Thee. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will purify me from the mention of any but Thee, and enable me to arise to serve Thy Cause, and make me of those who desired for themselves only what Thou didst desire for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen and didst command them in Thy Books and Tablets. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by the Most Great Name, not to deprive me of the outpourings of Thy days and the fragrances of the

garment of Thy Cause. Thou art He Whom the affairs of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Praised.

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The meanings of the words of divine glory and the letters of eternal holiness that have descended from the heaven of might are these, as they appear outwardly - though inwardly no one has ever known or will ever know the meaning of a single letter thereof except His sacred Self who is All-Knowing and All-Wise.

In the Name of the God of Glory, the Most Glorious

O Dhabih! Verily We have made thee the manifestation of the name “Sacrifice” in the earth. Therefore, O servant, strive within thyself that there may appear from thee that which appeared from Ishmael. Through this special favor and all-embracing mercy We have clothed thee with the garment of grace that thou mayest glory in this supreme gift amongst the people of this world and the next. Know thou that when Ishmael, son of the Friend of the All-Merciful, desired to set foot in the wilderness of love that he might reach the Sinai of divine nearness - which is the station of complete sacrifice - at the moment he intended to proceed to his destination, he observed one adorned in the garments of knowledge and piety. This person drew near to Dhabih and, with utmost cunning, sought to prevent him from the places of divine destiny and to turn him aside from that which he had intended. When that Luminary of the horizons caught the odor of hypocrisy from him, he informed the Friend of the All-Merciful, who said: “O son, pay no heed to him for this is Satan. Beware of his deception and take refuge in the protection of the King of Grandeur. Choose thy dwelling in the secure abode which is the precinct of divine protection.” When that lover of the Beauty of the All-Glorious heard the melody of the Friend of the All-Merciful, he drove him away and took refuge in God’s protection. Thus was he preserved and safeguarded from the evil of Satan and his deception.

Since thou hast been honored with this new and blessed garment, thou must be vigilant at all times, that if Satan should appear before thee in human form, thou mayest recognize and beware of him. Today the manifestations of the All-Merciful are distinguished from the manifestations of Satan through their love for this spiritual Youth. Soon there shall come upon thee a matter that would prevent thee from the love of thy Lord. At that moment be thou assured that it is Satan and his hosts who would deprive thee of the clouds of the rain of divine mercy and the clouds of holy divine bounty. At such a time take refuge in God as did the first Sacrifice, that thou mayest not slip from the firm and straight path and be joined with the letters of hell. Thus have We distinguished thee among the servants and inspired thee with tidings that are now concealed, that thou mayest become aware of a matter of which none in the world is aware. May the spiritual breezes wafting from the divine and holy paradise of oneness be upon thee and upon those who behold the matchless holy Beauty with their own eyes and vision. And peace be upon thee.

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In His Name, the Beloved One!

O emigrant unto God! Hearken unto the voice of this Bird of Immortality, who hath been afflicted beneath the talons of the wicked, and upon whom hath descended in the path of the Beloved that which hath descended upon no one else, who hath at every moment drunk from the cup of destiny and quaffed from the chalice of tribulation. Yet praise be to God that we have bowed our heads in acceptance of the Friend's good-pleasure and set our hearts upon His decree. We do not complain of the oppression of enemies nor do we protest the tyranny of the wicked. We eagerly seek the arrows of our Beloved's decree and yearn for the poison of tribulation in His path. We have attached our hearts to Him and become detached from all else. I swear by His beauty that all else hath been non-existent and all save Him shall cease to be.

And thou, O traveling servant and emigrant, hearken unto My call with the ear of thy soul. Be steadfast in the path of the All-Merciful in such wise that should all who are in the heavens and earth arise to turn thee away, thou wouldst not slip from the path of His love nor remain distant from the way of His good-pleasure. Purify thy heart from the world and all that is therein, and with holy detachment turn thy soul toward the All-Merciful. At all times be occupied with His remembrance and be severed from all else, for all else neither nourishes nor satisfies. All things are captive in the grasp of His power and all the wealthy are poor at the threshold of His riches. Strive that thou mayest drink from the pure crystal waters of His grace and enter beneath the shade of His all-encompassing mercy. At all times soar in the heaven of inner meanings and contemplate the wonders of His divine craftsmanship, that thou mayest not remain heedless of the wonders of His power nor be veiled from beholding the mysteries of His handiwork.

Adorn thy tongue with His remembrance and give peace to thy heart through His love. God willing, thou shouldst manifest thyself in such wise that the signs of God become evident and apparent in thy deeds, words and actions amongst His servants. For in this day most people remain veiled from God's Cause and are occupied with their own comfort. How many souls there are who claim attachment to the Truth yet remain far heedless of it, for association is not perfected through words alone and no claim is validated without proof. Thus those who claim attachment to the Truth must surely manifest signs of sanctity in their deeds and the radiance of joy must be witnessed in their countenances.

In any case, your honor must gather the loved ones of God upon the universal Word and ever remind them of the wondrous verses of His remembrance. Whosoever arises today to teach God's Cause shall be confirmed by the Holy Spirit and aided by the hidden divine power. Convey wondrous greetings to all the friends of God who dwell in that land. God willing, we hope that thou shalt not remain deprived of the cloud of the All-Merciful's mercy nor be left hopeless of the rain-clouds of divine bounty, for His grace hath ever been and shall ever remain with His loved ones. And peace be upon him who followeth the Truth.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! These are the verses of God which have been sent down in remembrance of one of His handmaidens who ascended to the Most Glorious Companion and entered

the Garden of Paradise, and whom the mercy of her Lord encompassed. Thus was the matter decreed from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. God distinguished her with this station because she bore a servant who loved God and the Manifestation of His Self, and who migrated with Him and was afflicted with sorrows in the path of his Beloved until he entered with Him into a remote prison, and aided his Lord to the extent of his ability, and hesitated not in the Cause for less than a moment. And when the Sun of Eternity dawned upon him from the horizon of Glory, he fell prostrate before a Beauty holy and resplendent. Thus does God assist whomsoever He willeth of His servants and purify the hearts of those who fear God and are possessed of insight.

O handmaiden of God! Glory thou over the Maidens of Paradise, for thy mention hath flowed from the Finger of Eternity - and this is a mighty favor. Blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, for the breathings of the All-Merciful seized thee from every direction and turned thee toward the right hand of Paradise, an exalted and impregnable station. Therefore eat of whatsoever fruits of Paradise thou desirest, for they have been ordained for thee from the presence of One mighty and wise. And find solace with the maidens of Paradise in chambers of luminous glory. Thus hath God changed thy sorrow to joy and the Hand of Grace hath clothed thee in a beautiful robe of glory. Therefore doth the Tongue of God magnify thee from this Tongue which hath not opened concerning what hath befallen it from the hosts of the wicked and rebellious.

O handmaiden of God! Should the Manifestations of Paradise ask thee concerning the Beauty of the All-Merciful, say: By God! There hath befallen Him that which hath exhausted the tongues of all worlds from mentioning it. By God! The people of wickedness have encompassed Him with swords of hatred, and He remaineth among them alone and solitary. His grief and tribulation have reached such a state that His food is from a piece of His liver and His drink is from His blood, and He writhes upon the dust at every moment like unto Solomon. And whenever He crieth out for help, He is aided by spears, then swords, then sharp daggers. By God! The eye of creation hath not witnessed one oppressed like unto Him, nor any imprisoned equal to Him, nor any wounded similar to Him, nor any sorrowful comparable to Him. Say: By God! He now walketh among the servants without liver or heart or entrails - and God is witness to this.

O Beauty of Eternity! By God! Through what hath flowed from Thy Pen, the hearts of the people of Paradise are set ablaze - how then could they bear to hear what hath befallen Thee from those who have disbelieved in God and His signs from ancient times? Therefore have the tongues of all created things spoken, saying: The curse of God be upon the first oppressor who wronged the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation in His Most Glorious Name, and upon those who fought against Him and disputed His signs and denied His sovereignty and were among the opposers in the Tablets of glorious and wondrous might. Blessed is he who attained His presence and acknowledged His sovereignty and recognized His court and turned to His face and heard from His lips the melodies of God and was among those drawn nigh in the Tablets of glorious and bountiful might. And the Glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of grandeur be upon thee, O handmaiden of God, and upon the maidens who serve thee in the highest Paradise at all times.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived and brought a register containing the names of the people of God and His loved ones from the servant, upon him be the Glory of God. Among them was mentioned Afnan from the land of Sh and China and H and B, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, as well as the friends of Sh and its dependencies, men and women, upon them be the Glory of God, and the loved ones of the land of T, upon them be the Glory of God, and the land of K and the land of A and B and the land of Q, and likewise the friends of Z and Baku, upon them be the Glory of God, and the loved ones of the Great City and S and M, upon them be the Glory of God. And likewise was mentioned in that document Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali and Haji Mirza Husayn, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and Aqa 'Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, and mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Siyyid 'Ali and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon them both be the Glory of God. And they desired that on behalf of the aforementioned souls they might repeatedly attain the presence and be honored with visitation. Praise be to God that the people of God who dwell in the cities and lands of God, exalted be His glory, have been blessed with the effulgences of the Sun of Providence and adorned with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. And they have made Jinab-i-'Ali and Muhammad-Baqir partners in their deeds of visitation and feasting and attention and presence, and now they have again sought permission to attain the presence by proxy and to hold several feasts with tea and other things on behalf of the aforementioned loved ones. This has been adorned with the ornament of acceptance and it was commanded that they should engage in feasting and Jinab-i-Amin in service. The people of God must give thanks, for in days when the standards of discord were raised in all regions and the fire of hatred was ablaze in the breasts of most people, and the Truth was wronged and imprisoned in the Most Great Prison, the hand of power was manifest and the blessing of the presence was witnessed, and the aforementioned one arose to serve and feast on behalf of the loved ones. These are deeds that have had and will have no equal. O Amin! Give him the glad tidings of the acceptance of what he desired. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise. The Glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Again it is mentioned that they have sought permission for themselves and the two aforementioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God. This matter has been adorned with the ornament of acceptance and the sun of permission has risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's will. However, they must in all circumstances be mindful of wisdom, that nothing contrary to its requirements may occur. If it accords, then attendance is beloved, and if not, the reward of His presence is written for them. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O Amin! Give the glad tidings to the servant that God hath forgiven his father and mother and hath mentioned them in such wise that the fragrances of grace and mercy shall endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise befits and is worthy of the intended Lord Who, through His complete power and all-encompassing grace, created servants who arose with supreme steadfastness in His Cause. What came from the peoples did not prevent them from the Ancient King, and neither what emerged or emerges from their mouths, nor what appears from their pens, nor what is born of their thoughts held them back from helping His Cause. Praise be unto Him, then thanks be unto Him, and we beseech Him to assist His Afnan in what He loves and is pleased with. There is no God but Him, the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the throne and earth. My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention and for your arising.

A letter from His Honor the Afnan, the honored Mr. M.H., upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, arrived from the land of Ha. It was presented and by command was sent to your presence that you may consider it and act as befits, and whatever you deem good and proper, cling to it without delay. In all matters, act with perfect joy and fragrance and with dignity and composure. They said: “Whosoever puts his trust in God, He is sufficient unto him.” Be not grieved by certain matters. At this time while walking They said to write to the Afnan Siyyid Mu?sin, upon him be God’s care and peace, to complete what was said in the presence, and if possible after being present in this land to set forth. We beseech God to grant him success and assist him and aid him through His might and power and sovereignty. Verily He has power over all things.

The honored Siyyid Aqa, upon him be God’s peace and grace, is mentioned and does not leave the sight. The honored Haji, upon him be God’s peace, and other friends have been and are mentioned. We beseech God to protect them from the evil of every transgressor and the oppression of every tyrant and the fabrications of every deceitful barker.

This evanescent servant conveys pure devotion and self-effacement to His Honor the honored master and magnificent star, Aqa Siyyid Mu?sin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and sends greetings and seeks from the ocean of divine favor blessings and good works for them. Verily He is our shelter and refuge and the shelter of all in the heavens and earths. And likewise I send greetings and express pure devotion to the beloved honored one, His Honor the Afnan Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. This evanescent servant - God the One is witness - has ever mentioned and mentions them and the masters and friends, upon them be God’s peace, and seeks for each that which is peerless, and there has been and is no doubt that His gift has had and has no likeness. He is the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. And praise be to Him for He is the goal of the worlds and the beloved of the sincere ones.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise befitteth that Intended One Who illumined the world with the lights of the Sun of Truth and ordained for the hearts of the Prophets and chosen ones the spring of the Water of Life. He is the One

Peerless Lord Whose sovereignty neither increased nor diminished through the acceptance or rejection of the peoples of the world. Exalted, exalted be His binding Command and His Most Great Mystery. And blessings and peace be upon Him Whom He sent with the truth and made the Manifestation of His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes among creation, and upon His family and companions through whom the earth brought forth its fruits and the heaven sent down its rain.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored brother arrived. Praise be to God, it indicated your well-being and the favorable resolution of affairs, which brought joy. When it was presented before the Master, He said: "O Lutfu'llah, welcome to thee! The flourishing of work and personal health brings joy. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee in that which pleaseth Him and to grant thee success in His remembrance and praise. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Be thou in all conditions reliant upon Him, hopeful of the wonders of His grace, speaking His praise, and gazing toward the horizon of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth."

Thou art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. The friends of that land have not been and will not be forgotten. God willing, may all the friends of God be adorned with the ornament of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. In all circumstances be mindful of wisdom. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

Praise be to God, thou art successful in remembering the true Friend. In truth, grace hath been manifested in such wise that this servant is powerless to mention it. God the All-Informed is witness and testifier that in the nights and days I have beseeched and do beseech from God, exalted be His glory, glory and blessing and exaltation and bounty for you and the other gentlemen. How much joy was obtained from news of the good health of the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza 'Ali-Akbar. In truth, he is a remembrance and remnant of the family of the late and forgiven one whose virtues the pen is powerless to recount, and he is ever remembered in the presence of the Face. This servant conveys greetings to him. Repeatedly mention was heard from the blessed tongue of his healing. The servant praises God for this. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering.

As to your mention of the honored and revered brother Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the peace of God, God is witness and testifier that this servant in all conditions beseeches and hopes for the wonders of His generosity and grace, that He may preserve him and his kin beneath the shadow of His care and compassion. And further I beseech from God that He may ordain a meeting. This matter has been long delayed. God willing, may the Pen of Destiny bring it near. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

We have no news of the honored master Sabri Efendi, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he be sustained with the blessing of health and well-being. The poor one possesses naught save prayer. Verily He doeth whatsoever He willeth.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Trustworthy

All praise, sanctified from words, befitteth the Lord of the Day of Judgment, Who hath illumined and adorned the world and its peoples with the lights of the Luminary of Manifestation, the One Who conversed on Sinai. In all conditions, the banner "Verily, I am God" was raised from the right side, and the standard "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" was manifested and unfurled from the other direction. Exalted be His power, glorified His might, and magnificent His signs. There is no purpose save Him.

O Pen! Hearken unto that which the Lord of the worlds and Master of eternity hath spoken, then make mention of God's chosen ones, His sincere servants, His trustees and bearers of His mysteries. Let nothing among all things, nor any name among all names, hold thee back. Stand before the faces of the servants and say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy most exalted horizon and acquainted me with Thy Cause, whereby the limbs of those in the realm of creation have trembled. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to transform the tyranny of Thy servants into justice, their turning away into turning toward the court of Thy glory, and their denial into acknowledgment of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Make known unto them that which behooveth them in Thy days, and their return unto the seat of Thy throne, and their repentance at the door of Thy forgiveness. Thou art the Almighty through Whose command the Herald hath called out from every direction: "The dominion, the kingdom, the grandeur and the power belong unto God, the One, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

O Lord! Thou beholdest the oppressor seated upon the throne of tyranny, shedding the blood of Thy loved ones with such injustice that the Manifestations of justice have lamented. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Glory be unto Thee, O my Purpose! Glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy command that hath subdued all contingent beings, to ordain for the people of T and F that which will draw them nigh unto the pavilion of Thy glory and the canopies of Thy grandeur. Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Wise.

O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy generosity and bounty. Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all names have testified, and to Whose might and grandeur all things have borne witness. By Thy glory! This servant desireth naught save the manifestation of Thy gifts and favors unto Thy servants and creatures. O Lord! I have heard the utterances of the idolaters in the land of Y, and have seen what hath befallen the sincere ones through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. Where, O my God, is Thy power, Thy might, Thy justice and Thy sovereignty? How many homes, O my God, wherein the sighs of weeping have been raised, and how many places wherein the cries of the trustees and chosen ones have appeared! I beseech Thee, O King of Kings, by the mysteries of Thy kingdom and the lights of the Orb of Thy justice, to seize the oppressors with the scourges of Thy wrath and the transgressors with the fire of Thy anger. Thou art the Almighty, to Whose power the layers of the earth and its pebbles have

testified, and to Whose might the heavens and all that was created therein have borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof be upon thee, O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, and upon My loved ones and friends who have drunk the choice wine sealed with My Name, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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In My Name, which speaketh before the faces of all people! Praise be unto the Lord of all possibilities, sanctified from all mention and description, Who, through His complete power and conquering might, hath transformed the prison of 'Akka into the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is he who hath beheld, and blessed is he who hath attained to hear the warbling of the birds of wisdom and utterance in the garden of true knowledge. Say: O people of God! Know ye the worth of this Day. Today the Lord of Destiny, from the Most Great Scene, calleth unto all and inviteth them to the highest horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath not been deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful in these days.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Some time ago a glorious Tablet was revealed in thy mention, wherein was recorded in detail thine encounter with the Dayspring of the ignorance of the world. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! We testify that thou didst seek out the Kaaba of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst attain the spot which God hath made the circling-place of the Concourse on High, the Most Glorious Paradise, and the Most Exalted Garden, and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen.

We beseech God to illumine the friends of those regions with the lights of the Sun of true unity. Until now the former people have been numbered among the polytheists in the arena of the people of unity. And in this Most Great Revelation, despite the signs that have encompassed the world and a power and might the like of which hath never been witnessed, we observe that some who count themselves among the learned and insightful, and whose mention hath even flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, are still somewhat afflicted with vain imaginings. Say: My God, my God! Sanctify Thy loved ones from idle fancies and vain imaginings, and illumine them with the lights of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy grace that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, and assist them to stand firm in the Greater Steadfastness, that the doubts of the people and the idle fancies of the nations and the vain imaginings of those who have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and have rejected Thy bounty may not cause them to slip. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

While We were walking in the house and speaking of the mysteries of the Revelation, the Greater Branch entered with what thou hadst sent to him and to the Name of Bounty, and read them before Our face. We have answered thee with this clear Tablet. Convey My greetings to all the loved ones. Say: Today it behooveth all to protect the servants, according to their capacity, from former superstitions. Today the ocean of grace is surging and the sun of justice is shining and manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath preserved itself through the Name of Truth and hath arisen to aid the Cause. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Say: O people of God! This is the Day of assistance, and

assistance hath been and shall be through utterance. We beseech God to aid all and illumine them with the lights of the Day-Star of Revelation. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken to thy word in this irrevocable and mighty Cause.

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Praise be to the Goal of the world, whose drops from the ocean of grace have encompassed all. Every soul mentioned in your letter has attained God's grace, especially yourself and the wife of the one named J M, upon whom be all His most glorious glory. Likewise, exalted and impregnable Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for the elder one and Shir-'Ali, upon them be the glory of God. God willing, they will attain to them. I swear by God that what exists and is mentioned cannot be compared to even one of the Tablets. All have now attained to divine mention. You have repeatedly been blessed in this letter with wondrous verses from the tongue of the Most Great Unity, and moreover the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for you. Likewise the emigrants of the land of Sad were adorned with divine mention, and wondrous, exalted verses were revealed regarding those who have ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon. Today no deed or mention remains hidden. This evanescent servant begs and hopes that God will assist all to preserve their stations and give them to drink from the wine of steadfastness. Regarding your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Mirza 'Ali, upon them be the glory of God, what you wrote was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and perhaps they will attain divine bounties. As per your request it was presented and two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent - deliver them that they may drink therefrom the wine of their Lord's mercy, the Giver, the Generous. I request that you convey on behalf of this evanescent one profound, exalted greetings to them and all the friends of that land. God the All-Knowing bears witness that this evanescent one is occupied with mentioning the friends most of the time. God willing, may we all be assisted to serve the Cause of God in a manner befitting this wondrous Day. Glory be upon you and upon God's friends who shall have no fear nor shall they grieve, and praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The Servant, on 4 Rajab 1298. It is submitted that after completing this letter, this evanescent servant attained the elevated handwriting of him who was named at the Most Great Scene as 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power. Praise be to God, it brought joy and gladness. Likewise two renowned handwritings from Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, arrived on this same day. This evanescent servant begs God, exalted be His glory, to be enabled to present and send the reply soon. Similarly the handwriting of Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the glory of God, arrived. Three sacred Tablets have thus far been sent in his name and one more remains. Due to wisdom they were not all sent at once, but in those same days when his handwriting arrived all Tablets were revealed and present. Again my greetings are extended to each of the gentlemen and beloved ones, entrusted to your grace. Then greetings, praise and glory be upon you and upon them.

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XXIII

Consider the former generations. Witness how every time the Day Star of Divine bounty hath shed the light of His Revelation upon the world, the people of His Day have arisen against Him, and repudiated His truth. They who were regarded as the leaders of men have invariably striven to hinder their followers from turning unto Him Who is the Ocean of God's limitless bounty.

Behold how the people, as a result of the verdict pronounced by the divines of His age, have cast Abraham, the Friend of God, into fire; how Moses, He Who held converse with the Almighty, was denounced as liar and slanderer. Reflect how Jesus, the Spirit of God, was, notwithstanding His extreme meekness and perfect tender-heartedness, treated by His enemies. So fierce was the opposition which He, the Essence of Being and Lord of the visible and invisible, had to face, that He had nowhere to lay His head. He wandered continually from place to place, deprived of a permanent abode. Ponder that which befell Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets, may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him.

How severe the afflictions which the leaders of the Jewish people and of the idol-worshipers caused to rain upon Him, Who is the sovereign Lord of all, in consequence of His proclamation of the unity of God and of the truth of His Message! By the righteousness of My Cause! My Pen groaneth, and all created things weep with a great weeping, as a result of the woes He suffered at the hands of them that have broken the Covenant of God, violated His Testament, rejected His proofs, and disputed His signs. Thus recount We unto thee the tale of that which happened in days past, haply thou mayest comprehend.

Thou hast known how grievously the Prophets of God, His Messengers and Chosen Ones, have been afflicted. Meditate a while on the motive and reason which have been responsible for such a persecution. At no time, in no Dispensation, have the Prophets of

God escaped the blasphemy of their enemies, the cruelty of their oppressors, the denunciation of the learned of their age, who appeared in the guise of uprightness and piety. Day and night they passed through such agonies as none can ever measure, except the knowledge of the one true God, exalted be His glory.

Consider this wronged One. Though the clearest proofs attest the truth of His Cause; though the prophecies He, in an unmistakable language, hath made have been fulfilled; though, in spite of His not being accounted among the learned, His being unschooled and inexperienced in the disputations current among the divines, He hath rained upon men the showers of His manifold and divinely-inspired knowledge; yet, behold how this generation hath rejected His authority, and rebelled against Him! He hath, during the greater part of His life, been sore-tried in the clutches of His enemies. His sufferings have now reached their culmination in this afflictive Prison, into which His oppressors have so unjustly thrown Him. God grant that, with a penetrating vision and radiant heart, thou mayest observe the things that have come to pass and are now happening, and, pondering them in thine heart, mayest recognize that which most men have, in this Day, failed to perceive. Please God, He may enable thee to inhale the sweet fragrance of His Day, to partake of the limitless effusions of His grace, to quaff they fill, through His gracious favor, from the most great Ocean that surgeth in this Day in the name of the Ancient King, and to remain firm and immovable as the mountain in His Cause.

Say: Glory be to Thee Who hast caused all the holy Ones to confess their helplessness before the manifold revelations of Thy might, and every Prophet to acknowledge His nothingness at the effulgence of Thine abiding glory. I beseech Thee, by Thy name that hath unlocked the gates of Heaven and filled with ecstasy the Concourse on high, to enable me to serve Thee, in this Day, and to strengthen me to observe that which Thou didst prescribe in Thy Book. Thou knowest, O my Lord, what is in me; but I know not what is in Thee. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified is He Who sends down the verses in truth for people who understand. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All were created by His command and all are prostrating before Him. Among them are those who recognize and prostrate, and among them are those who prostrate but do not recognize. Thus are all worshippers. And he who worships but does not recognize - his deeds are not accepted and return unto himself, if you but knew. And he who recognizes his Lord - his deeds have ascended unto God. Thus has the matter been ordained, but people do not understand.

Say: O people! Recognize God, then observe what He has ordained in the Tablets of His laws and ordinances, and be not of those who differ. Say: Deeds must follow recognition - thus have you been commanded in all the Tablets and in this blessed, mighty and praiseworthy Tablet. Say: All remembrances have ended in this Most Great Remembrance, and all paths have ended in this Straight Path. Say: Verily, He was Ali in a mighty and glorious Book, then Muhammad in the Furqan, if you be of those who know, then Husayn in a luminous and mighty Book.

Say: O people! Differ not in the Cause of God. Behold His Messengers in this Messenger, and His verses in these holy, mighty and wondrous verses. Beware lest you make distinctions between them. Bear witness to them all in this Most Great and Mighty Announcement. Say: This is a station beyond your allusions, O heedless ones! Thus was it revealed in the Bayan, if you be of those who testify.

O servant! Arise by God’s leave and command. Cast names behind you, idols to your left, and vain imaginings beneath your feet. Take in My name the cup of My praise filled with the wine of My remembrance and My glory. Drink from it again and again, and pay no heed to the clamor of the idolaters. Whenever their outcry and screaming rises, drink again from the cup, again and yet again, to spite them. Thus have you been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Walk in My footsteps and My way, and be not of the heedless ones.

In the days when the Luminary of the horizons arose with God’s command in Iraq, the people of hypocrisy opposed Him and sought to shed His blood, having followed the evil ones. We did not withhold the Cause because of their opposition to the remembrance of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. The more they increased in opposition, the more We increased in manifestation, to spite them. Thus was the matter decreed, if you be of those who hear.

Shatter the idols of vain imaginings by the command of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then cut yourself off from every sinful polytheist. Then the people gathered around His love and His Cause - and this is indeed a great bounty. Thus have We caused the Kawthar of utterance to flow from the finger of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that you might drink and be of those who are thankful to God Who created you by His command and made you among His successful servants.

And the Spirit be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who turn toward the holy court with a pure and luminous heart. The Most Glorious! Therefore glorify God before the face of your father and mother and family, and by His glorification the people of Paradise and the angels of the highest heaven glorify Him.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious! God testifies that there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are prostrate before Him. He gives life and causes death, then resurrects as He wishes through His grace. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are worshippers before Him.

O Pen of Command! Make mention of the servant who is named Ali, that he may stand firm on the Path and purify himself from those who have denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Ali! Strip thyself from all veils and allusions, and cast behind thee all that they who joined partners with God have clung to, and take fast hold of the cord of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Beloved.

Say: O people! Fear God and spread not corruption in God's earth after God hath come from the Orient of Grandeur with manifest sovereignty. Say: This indeed is the Essence of Oneness in the Most Exalted Assembly, and the Reality of Divine Unity in the Kingdom of Eternity, and the Mystery of Divinity in the Kingdom of Names, and the Ancient Beauty in this radiant and noble Temple. He is indeed the One through Whom every Prophet was raised up, every Messenger was sent forth, and every irrevocable decree was revealed.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and war not against Him through Whom your worth was exalted, your name was made manifest, and your traces became renowned among the worlds. O Ali! Express what We have shown thee in thy soul's journey unto God, then ascend to the atmosphere of nearness and holiness that thou mayest witness what no mystic hath witnessed. Guard thyself lest thou be stirred by the winds of hypocrisy which blow from the direction of the wicked ones who warred against God and turned away from His beauty after He appeared with all verses, scriptures and perspicuous books.

Stand firm in the Cause, then convey unto the people thy Lord's command, and be not of the patient ones. Know thou that those who were given the Bayan seek to invalidate the Truth using the same arguments used by the transgressors of the Qur'an when the Sovereign of the Cause came to them with God's kingdom - the True, the Certain One. They wrote tablets rejecting God just as the people of the Qur'an wrote rejecting Ali before Nabil. We have ordained for whoever is able that he write in support of

this Cause that which casts the spirit into his breast, and this is from God's grace upon His steadfast servants.

Arise in the Cause, then drink the cup of life from the hands of the All-Merciful, then detach thyself from every sinful deceiver. Turn not to the right or the left; set thy face toward thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from the right side of the Throne, the place whose very air proclaims: "This indeed is the Beloved in the heart of Glory," and whose heaven calls out: "This indeed is the One mentioned in the scrolls of mighty glory," and from Whose dust particles is heard: "There is none other God but I, the Powerful over what I wish, and I am the Mighty, the Exalted, the Wise."

Thus do We cast upon thee that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause and convey unto the people what thou art commanded by God, the Most High, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. And glory be upon thee if thou standest firm in the Cause and detachest thyself from the worlds, and upon those who hear thy words concerning God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old.

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Faran. O Mir 'Ali Aqa Beg, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Hearing, the Answering.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Dawning-Place of the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds. Through Him was opened the door of bounty to the world and the ocean of knowledge surged among the peoples. But for Him, the verses would not have been sent down nor would the clear proofs have appeared. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in the final return.

O 'Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the prison in such wise as to draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all religions. Blessed is the one whose strength is not weakened by the veils of the world and whose steadfastness is not shaken by the oppression of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. Thy letter which thou didst send to the Name of Generosity, upon him be My glory, hath arrived. We have answered thee with this Tablet from whose horizon the lights have shone forth. We bear witness that thou hast turned to God and attained His presence and heard what the Son of 'Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath clung to the cord of God, the Revealer of verses.

We have desired to make mention of My loved ones there who heard the Call when it was raised in truth and answered their Lord, the Lord of all religions. O friends of God in Faran! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of you and biddeth you show forth such steadfastness that neither the veils of names nor the idols of fancy and vain imaginings shall hold you back. Cast away what the people possess, turning with your hearts unto God, the Lord of the final return. Say: Beware lest the might of the world and the clamor of the peoples prevent you. Take ye hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and the strength that cometh from His presence. He will aid you with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Chosen One.

We make mention at this time of Mir Husayn with a mention whereby the hearts of the people of understanding are attracted. O Husayn! The Wronged One in prison maketh mention of thee even as He hath mentioned My loved ones at eventide and at dawn. And We make mention of ’Ali-Akbar and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all men. O ’Ali-Akbar! Know thou that the Call hath been raised at the Most Great Scene in the prison of ’Akka. Blessed is he who hath heard and woe unto every heedless doubter. And We make mention of him who was named Rajab-’Ali who hath turned unto God, the Lord of mankind. Give thanks unto God thy Lord and praise Him for having moved the Most Exalted Pen to make mention of thee in days wherein all things have spoken saying: “The Promised One hath come! The command belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving!”

At this time We make mention of My trusted ones and My chosen ones who have held fast unto the Sure Handle in the days of their Lord, the Lord of all men, and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before all things. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

O ’Ali! We have illumined the world with the lights of the Sun of My utterance and have perfumed it with the fragrances of My revelation and adorned it with My manifestation which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath attained and woe unto every heedless doubter. Say: O people of the Bayan! The oceans of the world have surged through My remembrance and the trees have spoken even as the Tree of the Mount hath spoken. To this He beareth witness in Whose grasp is the reins of all mysteries. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of lords.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, Judge

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the One concealed in His Books, mentioned by His tongue, and recorded by His Most Exalted Pen, through Whose movement the Kingdom of Names was manifested. Blessed is he who hath hearkened and turned unto Him, and woe betide him who hath denied His supreme bounty. They who have turned to God in His days are among those who are nigh unto Him in a perspicuous Book. All things give them glad tidings and the Concourse on High pray for them, and behind them is He Who speaketh the truth from this noble station.

O ’Abdu’llah! The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and read it before the Wronged One, Who is imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God and We answer thee with that which diffuseth the fragrance of eternity through the duration of My most excellent Names. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!” We have found from thy words the fragrance of My love. We have turned toward thee from

this station and revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet. We give thee the glad tidings of God's favor and His mercy, and counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, may be exalted. Arise with wisdom and utterance and say: "O people of the world! By God, the All-Merciful hath come, and on His right hand is the river of life, and on His left the stream of knowledge and understanding. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless. He hath come through Whose name the standard of guidance hath been raised amidst all creation and through Whose remembrance the banner of 'There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed' hath been hoisted. Do ye deny Him through Whom the eye of faith hath been solaced? Fear ye God and follow not every heedless doubter."

O 'Abdu'llah! Counsel those around thee with what God hath sent down and convey to them the Cause of thy Lord, the Kind, the Generous. Say: Beware lest the allusions of the people prevent you from Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. O people of the earth! There is no escape today for anyone except for him who hath cast away vain imaginings and turned toward the Countenance with an illumined heart. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather give thanks unto God for having aided thee and enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and for having sent down for thee that which bringeth tranquility to the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and stand firm with supreme steadfastness in service to His wondrous Cause. He will verily exalt thee through the truth and ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. He is in truth the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him whom thou didst mention in thy letter, who is named Abu'l-Qasim, and give him the glad tidings of this mighty remembrance. We beseech God to strengthen him in all conditions to make mention of Him and praise Him. He is the Protector of them that turn unto Him. And We make mention of his brother Muhammad-Quli with a remembrance through which they that are nigh unto God shall perceive the fragrance of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And We make mention of those with him who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon and have drunk the choice wine of the Most Glorious through His name, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the ocean of My loving-kindness surged and the fragrance of My mercy, which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, been wafted. Hold fast in all conditions unto the cord of wisdom, lest the clamor of the ignorant be raised. The glory that hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that have cast away vain imaginings and turned toward the Dayspring of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Friend in Ta! He is the All-Possessing, the Most High, the Mighty, the Beloved! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth unto people who believe. He it is Who hath sent down the Book and sent forth the Messengers. Fear ye God and be guided by His Messengers. Among them was Adam, whom God forgave after he transgressed what was forbidden him, and made him a Prophet and sent him with truth to give glad tidings to those who were certain of the presence of God. And after him He sent Noah with guidance, who said: "O people! Fear ye God and follow His Messengers if ye have believed in God. Then remember God and be ye among those who remember God." When they turned away from

him, God drowned them in the depths of fire in the waves of heedlessness in the valley of sulfur, and therein they perished. And among them was Moses, whom God assisted with the rod of His Command and honored with nine verses from the Bayan. He said: “O people! These are the signs of God which ye behold. Fear ye God and be guided by His guidance.” None believed in him save those whom God made as lights upon the earth, who were illumined by the light of divine attraction. When they denied and turned away and came not unto the Manifestation of the Spirit, God afflicted them in the wilderness of rejection and made them among those who turned away from the good-pleasure of God and were? from the canopy of Beauty. And among them was Jesus, whom God assisted with the Holy Spirit and sent with truth. He said: “Fear ye God, O people of the earth, and be not of those who are not guided by the light of God.” Thus did God send Messengers aforetime and will send them hereafter, but they believed not in them nor will they believe save those who walk in the good-pleasure of God. Thus do We recount unto thee from the stories of the Command that thou mayest be informed of those who denied and recognize the matter of those who showed pride before God and turned away from Him, and that thou mayest not be heedless of the Command but be among those who circle round Beauty, turning not to aught of the world, and when touched by hardship give thanks to God and place their trust in Him. And when they hear the verses of God they fall down in prostration and are struck unconscious by the melodies of Paradise. Say: O people! This is a servant of God who draweth you nigh unto God and calleth you to a station unto which all spirits ascend. He commandeth you naught save to return unto God and the Manifestations of His Cause. Thus do We cast upon thee from the word of piety that perchance ye may be nourished by the fruits of the spirit. Then command the people to justice and piety and forbid them from transgression and indecency. Fear thou no one and trust in God, and be not of those who turned away from the Face. Say: These days shall pass away and depart from you, and God will not accept from you what ye imagined regarding His loved ones, and all this hath been written in a Tablet whereof ye are heedless, save those who turned in repentance - these are the companions of guidance for whom the angels seek forgiveness. These are they whom the rejection of the rejecter deterreth not, nor the denial of the denier, and they turn toward the canopy of nearness and detachment. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the sincere servants.

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In Sabzivar, there hath been revealed for Muhammad-Qabli-Rida from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is the Ever-Abiding, the Most Glorious. Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses in truth and will continue to send them down as He pleaseth by His command, and verily He hath power over all things. Before Him bow down in adoration all who are in the heavens and on earth, though He is in truth independent of the worship of all creation. All that He commandeth men is from His grace unto them, that He may bring them to the holy habitation, the station which hath been raised in truth above Paradise itself. The worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth profiteth Him not, nor doth the opposition of any in all the worlds harm Him. O Muhammad! Praise thy Lord in the evening and at dawn, then take Him as thy trustee in truth. Find solace in Him and forget all else - thus doth the Pen of Command bid thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Arise in thy love for thy Lord, then detach thyself from all things - this will make thee independent of all who are in the heavens and earth.

God is witness to what I say. Would one who harbors in his heart the trust of love for his Ancient Lord exchange it for aught else that hath been created on earth? Nay, by God, besides Whom there is no other God - save he who hath deprived himself of the sweet savors of holiness. Take fast hold of God's command and cast all else behind thee. Thus hath the utterance descended on the clouds of wisdom and the matter been decreed from the presence of the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Rida! Be content with what God hath ordained for thee, then walk in the ways of His good-pleasure. This is better for thee than all that is on earth, though none know this save they who are endowed with insight. Blessed is he who walketh in the paths of his Lord's good-pleasure and severeth himself from every sinful idolater. Shun those who have denied God and His verses, then guard thyself against them and remain under mighty protection. Do not that which thy heart approveth not. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded by the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We sent down unto thee verses from the heaven of names and attributes, that thou mayest be gladdened in thy soul and stand firm in the eternal Faith, steadfast in thy love for God, thy Lord. They who have denied God and His verses - their souls have made evil seem fair to them and Satan hath adorned their deeds in their eyes, and they were on that day far removed from the shore of grace upon the path of wrongdoing. Soon will Satan enter therein and forbid you from the love of the Youth. Therefore shun him and remain under impregnable protection. Say: O Satan! By what proof didst thou believe in the Beauty of the All-Merciful and by what evidence didst thou deny? If thou didst believe in Him Who came from the dawning-place of the Command by the name of Ali through what was revealed unto Him of verses - these are His verses that have filled the East and West of the earth, which none deny save every froward wretch. Thus have We informed thee and acquainted thee with what is hidden from the eyes of all the worlds. And the glory rest upon thee, if thou remainest steadfast in thy Lord's command.

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The Beloved of God in Farahan

He is the Dawning from the Horizon of Revelation

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to those who have turned unto Him in the land named Farahan, that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. He mentioneth you through that which God hath made as wings for those near unto Him, that they may soar in this holy atmosphere from whose birds' wings can be heard the cry: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." The ocean of tribulation hath surged through that which the hands of the wretched ones have wrought - they who followed every ignorant impostor and turned away from the Creator of all things when He came with manifest sovereignty. We have seen in the path of God what no eye hath seen and heard what no ear of creation hath heard. To this testifieth He Who created all former and latter generations with a word from His presence. Blessed are ye for having cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of that which ye were commanded by God, the Mighty, the Wise. Take hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Us, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from My Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you as He walketh in this exalted Prison. Beware lest the

whisperings of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hold you back. The evil ones lie in wait, clinging to every stratagem. Avoid them, O people of Baha, and put your trust in God, the One, the All-Informed. The rivers have flowed, the winds have blown, the mountains have passed away, and the branches have been scattered, yet the people remain in strange slumber. The call hath been raised between earth and heaven and the world hath been illumined by the lights of the Revelation, yet the people remain in evident delusion. They have forsaken their God and taken Satan as their protector instead of God. Thus was it decreed aforetime and in this Revelation wherein all things have spoken when it appeared. The Beloved of the world hath come and that which was recorded in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Great, hath been manifested. This is the Day wherein the Kingdom of Utterance hath appeared and wherein the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere ones to soar. Hold fast, O My loved ones, to the cord of the mercy of your Lord, and cling to the hem of God's grace, the Sovereign of this resplendent Day. Take the chalice of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink therefrom with His remembrance whereby the unitarians have hastened to the Supreme Horizon and those near unto God to the Dawning-Place of Names. Thus doth the Creator of heaven remember you from this remote prison. When ye find the fragrances of My utterance and drink the choice wine of My bounty, turn your faces toward My horizon and say:

O Thou Who art the Object of worship of the world and the Beloved of the nations! We beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst once appear in the form of the Balance in creation, and at another time in the temple of Revelation when the Lord of Resurrection appeared, and at another time in the image of "There is none other God but He," and at another time in the form of "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise" - to assist us in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to grant us the Kawthar of steadfastness wherewith Thou didst counsel Thy chosen servants in Thy Books and Scriptures. O Lord! We are Thy servants and the children of Thy servants. We have turned toward the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowals. We beseech Thee not to disappoint us from that which we desire from the wonders of Thy supreme mercy. Thou art verily the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing

This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance, that the people may recognize this Path which hath been made manifest in truth. By the life of God! The Balance hath been established, the Hour hath come in truth, the Path hath appeared, and the Bestower hath come with a Cause that encompasseth all the worlds. Blessed is the strong one who hath cast away allusions and taken what he was commanded in a Tablet that was blessed by the Finger of God.

O Rida! Hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, it calleth between earth and heaven and summoneth all to a station that hath been raised up through the name of God. We have heard thy cry in the love of God and seen thee turning toward the horizon of the Cause. We make mention of thee

and have sent down for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the duration of My most beautiful names. Thy Lord is, verily, the Witness and the Helper.

We make mention of him who was named ’Ali before Naqi and give him the glad-tidings of a bounty that hath been made visible in truth from the horizon of glory. Take hold of the Book with a strength from Us and a power from Our presence, and abandon those who remained far from the waters of nearness. We have heard thy lamentation in the love of God and have sent down for thee this Tablet which hath been sent down from the heaven of justice.

O Mahmud! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Hosts calleth thee from this Praised Station that was inscribed by the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Qur’an. We have heard thy cry and make mention of thee with that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth. Thy Lord is verily witness to what I say. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having turned toward this servant of Thine and mentioned him with verses that all on earth have failed to comprehend. Thou art, of a truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

O Asadu’llah! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison and counseleth thee and those who have believed to uphold the Most Great Trust among the concourse of creation. Thus hath the matter been decreed in thy Lord’s Book. He is, verily, wise over all things. We send greetings from this Station to My loved ones who have attained unto My days, turned to My horizon, drunk the choice wine of My utterance, held fast with mighty constancy to My Cause, and performed that which they were commanded in My Book. By the life of God! They are among the Concourse on High in the Book of Names and the companions of the Crimson Ark that was inscribed by the Pen of Command. Hold ye fast to the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of grace in this Day which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance.

O Nasru’llah! The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, and commandeth them to that which shall profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee and those who have believed with My beautiful remembrance. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize Him Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. How many learned ones were heedless, and how many unlettered ones hastened, drank, and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!” Your letter hath come and that which ye sent hath been honored with acceptance, as a bounty from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with the ornament of deeds which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He Who domineth over all who are in the heavens and on earth

A letter from Us to him who desireth to aid the Cause of God when the Dawning-Place of Revelation came with verses which all in the world were powerless to comprehend save whom God pleased - the King, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dayspring of Revelation and been attracted by the fragrances of the verses of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: In the name of God and by God, take thou the chalice of divine knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and drink therefrom first, then give to drink them that dwell in the realm of possibility through this Name whereby the limbs of existence trembled and the hearts of the doubters who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed their own idle fancies were agitated. Turn thy face with such steadfastness as will cause all faces to turn towards God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise and say: O people! By God, the Promise hath come and He Who was promised hath appeared with such sovereignty as neither the might of princes nor the clamor of divines could withstand. He calleth the world in the Most Great Prison unto God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O people! Turn not unto the world and what is therein; soon it shall perish, and that which shall endure is what hath been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen for him who hath believed in God and acknowledged His sovereignty that overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye are bidden by One Who is Mighty, All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the horizon of utterance with the light of explanation that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of them that arise in such wise that sitting shall not hold thee back from this Cause whereby the horizon of unity was illumined and the faces of the deniers were darkened.

God willing, drink ye at all times from the fountain of divine knowledge and bestow with wisdom and utterance upon the people of the world the sealed wine whose seal hath been opened through the blessed Most Great Name. Most people you will observe to be as infants - were they given strong food at first, they would perish and never reach maturity. They must be given the milk of divine knowledge from the breast of wisdom until they attain true maturity, which is the station of the rending of veils. His mercy hath preceded all things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. God willing, be ye cupbearers of the wine of divine knowledge among the people of the world and be ye so enkindled by the fire of the divine Tree that all regions may be ignited therefrom and attain unto the love of God and recognition of the Sun of Truth. This is not difficult for God.

All that is witnessed in the world shall perish and vanish save for deeds that are manifested today for God’s sake - these shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Say: Glory be to Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Master of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to assist me to serve Thy Cause that I may guide the servants to the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and bring them nigh unto the Dawning-Place of detachment through Thy Name and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Thou art the Gracious, possessed of great bounty. Ordain for me that whereby my mention shall endure among all mentions and my spirit among all spirits. Verily Thou art the Cleaver of dawn and the Sender of winds. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Giving, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It guides the servants to the supreme horizon - the station wherein the call has been raised that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. We have heard your call and mentioned you before, and at this time with a mention from which wafts the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the seen and unseen. This is the Day in which the Most Great Name has appeared - He Who is the Great Announcement in the Qur'an, the Comforter and Lord of all being in the Gospel and Psalms. Hear the call of the Wronged One. Go forth from the horizon of the House, speaking forth this Name by which the limbs of the tyrant trembled, the veils were rent asunder, and the back of the idols was broken - to this testifies He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Arise in thy Lord's Name and say: O peoples of the earth! This is a Day wherein ears were created to hearken to the scratching of the Supreme Pen and eyes to behold the lights of the Manifestation. Beware lest human doubts prevent you from the Lord of Destiny, or the misleader who turned away and denied God, Lord of all being, veil you. Say: O misleader! Where were you when the Wronged One stood before the faces of princes and divines? Where were you when He came from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty? Fear God and refute not the truth by what you possess. Return unto Him - He hears what your tongue utters and sees what has appeared and will appear from you. He is the Truth, Knower of the unseen. Nothing prevents Him from anything, and no affair escapes His knowledge. He has arisen and called out with the most exalted call: O peoples of the earth! The appointed time is fulfilled and this is the Promised One. Deny Him not by what you possess. Turn with radiant faces and return unto Him - He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Pardoning. When thou hast attained the choice wine of My utterance and found the fragrance of My verses, say:

My God, my God! Aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause, that I may arise among Thy servants to exalt Thy Word and manifest Thy Cause until the standards of Thy oneness and the banners of Thy victory are raised. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my breast with the radiance of Thy verses. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God - there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the deeds of the world and the mentions of the nations, and wilt ever be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the cries of the sincere ones and the wailing of those near unto Thee in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the lights of the Orb of Thy grace which has shone from the horizon of the world for the reformation of the nations, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love such that the power of created things weakens me not, nor the might of contingent beings frightens me. Thou art He to Whose power the denizens of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm have testified, and before Whose will the Concourse on High and the most exalted Paradise have bowed. Ordain for me through Thy bounty and grace that which will solace mine eyes, assure my heart and dilate my breast. Then write for me what will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector of what was and what will be.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Unto God belongs the work of those who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have attained unto that which was commanded them in the Book inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen. And unto God belongs the pearl of those who have hearkened to His sweetest call, have turned toward His most exalted horizon, and have testified to that which God Himself hath testified - they are the ones through whom the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and through whom the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. And upon God rests the recompense of those who have recognized His days, whereby the Books, the Scriptures and the Tablets have been adorned.

Thereafter, there hath reached the servant thy letter which was perfumed with the mention of the Beloved and adorned with the praise of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. I read it and beseeched God, our Lord and your Lord, that He might aid you to celebrate the praise of the Dawning-Place of His verses, the Dayspring of His knowledge and the Source of His wisdom which hath encompassed the world. Verily, He is the Near One, the Responding One.

It is submitted that mention was made of your honor in the Most Holy Presence, and after presenting what you had written and sent, He said: "God willing, they must engage with the utmost diligence and effort in the mention of God, that perchance sleeping souls may attain the grace of awareness, may hearken to the call of the Wronged One, and may arise to serve the Cause. A hundred thousand regrets and reproaches be upon those souls who have not attained to the recognition of the Promised Day and who wander and journey in the gloomy wilderness of their own desires. Thinkest thou that they understand or hear? God testifieth that they are among the dead and perceive it not."

O servant of God! That which thou hast accomplished in the path of the Intended One hath not been and shall never be forgotten. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to serve His Cause. This, verily, is a supreme station. Convey My greetings unto those who are with thee. Thus doth command thee the Wronged One, the Stranger.

As to what thou didst write concerning Jinab-i-Safi and the guest, upon them be the glory of God - praise be to God, they have ever been the recipients of divine favors. Jinab-i-Safi is among those souls whom the Truth Himself hath taught, and for whom He hath opened the door of His great mercy with the key of His blessed Name. Well is it with him and with her. Convey on behalf of this servant wondrous and glorious greetings unto them, and likewise unto all the friends in that land who have been nourished by the wine of divine love and who have been adorned with His endless bounties - convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings, mention and peace. I beseech God to aid and assist them all and to adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have walked His straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

It is further submitted that regarding what thou didst mention about the son of the servant, it was presented in the Most Holy Presence. He said: "God willing, may they be illumined by the Sun of divine favor and may they be occupied with His mention, which is the first gift of the Beloved. The glance of grace hath been and God willing shall be upon them. And their Lord, the All-Merciful, He is verily the Bestower, the Generous."

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O Name of God, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Your letter arrived and your call was heard. May you ever be blessed through God's grace and be turned toward His direction. Be not grieved by hardship, for all are in hardship. And be not distressed by constraints, for all are under constraints. If there be no constraint of wealth, there must needs be constraint of aspirations. And if through the grace of the Beloved Who never fails the constraint of aspirations be removed, the constraint of greed remains. We must beseech the Self-Sufficing Sovereign with utmost humility and supplication to enable all to attain to His will and good-pleasure. For by the life of God, whosoever attains to this station, no hardship can touch him nor constraint afflict him.

O Name of God! If someone were to place multiple magnifying glasses over his eyes, could he find anything in the world that is not imprisoned within six directions of hardship? And this hardship stems from the imaginings and idle fancies that result from what men's hands have wrought. Hardship has degrees, and likewise constraint. Were these utterances to be expounded as they should be, surely Taftazani's lengthy work would seem brief in comparison. You and the other loved ones must in truth turn to God and seek His aid, that He may, through the key of His Name, open a door whereby all may be cleansed and purified from the defilements of this mortal world and attain to the kingdom of tranquility.

In the Hidden Words He saith: "Shouldst thou search the heavens and the earth, thou wouldst find no place of rest or security save in submission to God." God is my witness that the glance of His favor hath been and will continue to be directed toward you. Surely after reading this you will say: "The matter was presented, but what was desired was its resolution, not counsel and admonition." Our story and yours is like that of the Bedouin who came before a great one and said "I am poor." The great one replied "We are all poor, as God hath said: 'O people! Ye are all poor before God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.'" Then he said "I wish to make pilgrimage to Mecca." The great one replied "God bless you, for pilgrimage to the House is prescribed for people by God." Then he said "I have no means for the journey." He replied "No blame is on you; stay at home, for God hath said 'for those who are able to make their way thereto.'" Then he said "O my master, I came for my need, not for sermons!"

These utterances have shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Sun of Utterance that you may read them and be gladdened. But one word remains, which I speak in a tongue sanctified from utterance: "It is for you to make up for what hath passed you by." If you hold fast to this word, which is in truth the key of utterance, surely the doors of mercy, grace, blessings, bounty, rest and tranquility will be opened before your face. Thus doth the True and Trustworthy One give thee glad tidings. Hear thou with the ear of the spirit this word of the Wronged One of the world, and God willing, thou shalt be aided thereby. The end belongeth to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Nabil! Most people have asked for poison from God and continue to do so, while in their imagination they sought honey. They have chosen the colocynth of selfish desires over the honey of the Divine Will. By my Lord, the All-Merciful, this is truly loss! If an infant asks poison from an adult, is it permissible to give it? No, by my Self, even if it cries and wails. The affairs of this land are veiled and the poisons of enemies concealed. Were the veil to be rent, death would result.

O Nabil! This servant is in the Most Great Prison while enemies are at the height of opposition. Yet despite the supreme prohibition, by what means do they still consider it permissible to turn toward this direction? A group from every tribe surrounds us - what can be done about their vain imaginings? The essence was God's good-pleasure, from which most have departed. Would that We could find opportunity to release what is in Our heart! Ah! By My life, if you could see Me with My own eyes, you would see each of My limbs in the mouth of a serpent. Alas, alas for what is concealed and must not be revealed! Soon will its covering be removed.

Seventy souls are imprisoned with the Ancient Beauty - imprisoned according to their belief. By My life, I am the Prisoner! By My Beauty, I am the Prisoner! By My Life, I am the Prisoner! Whose purposes shall be fulfilled? Who shall bear the countless favors? I have no word but "yes," no answer but "indeed."

Reflect on past centuries and ages. By My Beauty, none was afflicted as I am afflicted! Yes, in former times Divine Manifestations were among people when outward power existed and none could transgress beyond what God decreed. Would that they understood the cause of the Primal Point's lamentation in this Revelation! If you would reflect, you would know your own station, not what is with your All-Knowing Lord.

O Muhammad! Hear what I say: Read the Tablets revealed in Iraq along with what was revealed upon Our first arrival here, that you may know and discover what befell the Beloved of God, the Most High, the Most Great. The Herald of My Beauty says He has but two words: "yes" and "no." Now only "yes" remains. Know thou the melody of utterance and be of those who cry out! Then the Tablet and what appeared - wherein We were.

Your letter reached the Divine Throne. What was mentioned regarding Ali is understood and known. It is very clear that God's favor was with him. If permissible, We would surely have revealed and sought it ourselves. Abu'l-Qasim Khan has long wandered in the wilderness of bewilderment. We beseech God to make known to him what He intended. He is the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

O Nabil! O Nabil! By My life, you are with Me! How many near ones are strangers, and how many strangers are near! Blessed is he who is near and draws near! This is the red elixir - take it as a trust from Me with you. And glory be upon My people!

Through your mediation, Ali's coming to Haifa is permitted, but after the passing of numbered days, return to Shahba unto Hadba is most proper, best and closest to righteousness.

As for outward affairs, verily the two names Ha and Mim, from excessive transfers, nearly fled from Akka to Mecca. And peace be upon the best of creation.

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O Nabil before Khalil, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Glory of God! This is a Book from Us to him who has turned to God, the Lord of the worlds. We mention to him what has befallen Us from the hosts of the oppressors when they brought Us to this place. The matter became so severe it cannot be described in words. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Each day the affliction increases - one day they prevent people from attaining the presence of this Noble Scene, another day they quarrel with the loved ones of God and prevent them from tending to their needs - these are truly companions of hellfire. Another day they say "You are sending Tablets," and another day they cling to some other pretext - these are truly among those who have wronged throughout the ages and disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily He Who created the world for Himself - they prevent Him from looking upon any of His loved ones. This is nothing but manifest tyranny. One said: "Through you the fragrances of revelation have wafted through the lands and transformed the servants unto God, the Mighty, the Wise." Another said: "Through you the lamp of remembrance has been lit and we wished to extinguish it. If this be my crime then I am the most guilty of the two worlds. I am innocent of you and you are innocent of me. The matter between us is decided, and He is the Best of Judges." They said: "You have come with a white hand and radiant scrolls which our souls do not desire. You are but one of the mischief-makers." If this were so, servants before Me would have preceded Me, reciting unto you the verses of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Whenever We recited clear verses unto them they said "These are forgeries," and when We showed them what their likes were powerless to produce, they said "This is manifest sorcery." We know not by what discourse their souls would be satisfied - they are truly among the drowned ones. They are drowned in the sea of passion yet reckon themselves to be among the guided ones. Thus have their souls seduced them and they are today among the transgressors. Remember when Nabil entered with his brothers, turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. They were seized at the gate by what the Impostor had inspired in the hearts of the oppressors. When they entered the seat of judgment, it was said: "We perceive from you the fragrance of the Divine Paradise and from your faces the radiance of the All-Merciful. There is no place for you with us - leave at once!" He said: "Have you not heard 'Honor the guest'?" Then he who had wronged was confounded. He said: "Expel him from the city" - thus did the chief of the transgressors command us. There befell Nabil before Ali and those with him what had befallen him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to suffice thee against the evil of these two - verily He hath power over all things. They plot, but soon shall the fire of their plotting blaze forth. May God extinguish it through His sovereignty and raise up one who will suffice against their evil. He is verily the Ordainer of what He willeth. They have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the pavilion of sanctity to lament, and their plotting hath seized every young and old. We have recounted some of what hath befallen Us that thou mayest be informed of what hath transpired and arise to aid this Wronged One and remember thy Lord by this wondrous Name. The breezes of hypocrisy have stirred and the Light of the Cause is in the darkness of the horizons. Be thou not troubled - We love to behold thee among the steadfast ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing! This is a book from this lowly one who calls all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, to him who hath believed in God and then was guided by the light through which all in the heavens and earth were illumined. O servant! Thy letter hath come before Us and before reading it We have answered thee and learned of the trials and hardships that have befallen thee and the poverty and want that have seized thee. Know thou that all this is a bounty from God unto thee if thou be of the patient ones, for whatsoever descendeth from the Beloved is beloved in truth, and naught befalleth anyone save by His leave. This indeed is the truth, the certain truth. And whatsoever trials and tribulations, decrees and afflictions descend upon the loved ones, whether secretly or openly, are better for them than all that thou dost witness and see in the kingdom of the worlds, for God is more merciful to all things than they are to themselves, and naught descendeth upon anyone except what is better for him than the kingdom of the first and the last. His bounty hath preceded all things and His mercy hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth. There is no God but Him, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Rejoice in thy soul at what hath descended upon thee from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Be not dismayed in thyself nor frightened in thy heart, but be patient in the Cause of thy Lord, then persevere, for the end belongeth to those who are patient. For the world and all that causeth thee sorrow shall pass away, while thou shalt abide among the concourse of the near ones and ascend to the atmosphere of holiness and take shelter in the shadow of the Face of God, the Sanctified, the Luminous, if thou followest His guidance and hearkenest to what We have imparted unto thee and detachest thyself from those who walk in darkness and follow their own selves and move beneath their desires like a shadow beneath a tree. This is what We impart unto thee in truth that thou mayest be of those who rejoice, such that no sorrow shall seize thee even though all sorrows should descend upon thee from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Say: O people! By God, this is a Book which sufficeth the people if they follow it and draweth them nigh unto the shore of the Divine Essence and causeth them to reach the pavilion of glory, the station whereon shone forth the lights of grandeur from One exalted and magnificent, He through Whose name passeth the appointed time of the Names through Muhammad, and this indeed is the Light whereby were illumined the hearts of them that have professed His unity. Say: O people! Follow ye the guidance of God and follow not your desires. This indeed is guidance and a remembrance for all the worlds. And were all who are on earth to read this luminous Tablet or were it to be recited unto the East and the West, by God, they would all turn unto God and hasten to the paradise of holiness near the mercy of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Then whoso willeth, let him accept what We have imparted in truth, and whoso willeth, let him turn away. Verily my Lord is independent of all the worlds. He will cause them to pass away and bring another creation, then impart unto them that from which ye were veiled. This indeed is one of the mysteries of destiny which burneth and riseth high behind the veils of decree, if thou be of those who perceive. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are enkindled with the fire of love at all times. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O My loved ones in the Ridvan! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He remembers you as a token of His grace, that He may draw you unto Paradise, the station whereon is established the throne of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The Tree of Knowledge hath sprouted forth in the land of the Bayan, proclaiming: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Blessed is he who hath sought shelter beneath one of its leaves, for neither the concerns of the world shall grieve him, nor shall the doubts of the wayward trouble him. Whoso turneth today unto God, around him circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Eternity, then they who are established upon the Ark of Glory, then the realities of them that are nigh unto God.

O My loved ones therein! Soar upon the wings of detachment in this atmosphere wherein no atom moveth except that it proclaimeth that which the Luminous Tree proclaimed at the divine Sinai: "There is none other God but Me, the Sanctified, the Mighty, the Beauteous." Purify your vision and turn unto My most exalted horizon. By God! That which had never appeared in the worlds hath been made manifest, and the Most Great Word hath spoken forth, by a single letter of which the suns have shone forth - a Word none hath known save My All-Knowing Self, and through which the Books of God have been revealed from time immemorial, and by which the hearts of them that have detached themselves from all else and turned unto His luminous and radiant countenance have been attracted.

Be ye united in the Cause of God and adorn your temples with the raiment of love and unity. Thus doth the Lord of creation command you from this remote Prison. Whoso hath today attained unto that which God hath ordained, by God, the contingent beings shall be attracted by his utterance and all created things shall be moved by his mention. This beseemeth him who hath turned today unto the One, the All-Informed. Be as the breezes of spring unto the cities and lands of God, that from the soils of hearts may grow the hyacinths of praise and remembrance. He, verily, is the Manifestation, the Confirmer, the Mighty, the Wise.

This is a Book around which circle the Books of creation, yet most of the people are heedless. We have sent down the laws and expounded whatsoever We desired in truth. Follow that which ye have been commanded with power from Us, and turn not unto those who turned away from the Countenance when it shone forth from this luminous horizon. O people! Hold fast unto God and His commandments. He, verily, will make you independent of those who have risen in opposition. He is with His servants who have turned unto Him. Beware lest the veils of humanity withhold you from the Most Great Scene, or the allusions of men debar you from My straight path. Can the name of faith be truly applied unto those who have denied today? Nay, by My Self, the True One! To this testifieth every discerning knower.

Guard yourselves against them who have denied God, rejected His proof, and disputed His signs. Verily, they are among the perishing ones. Grieve not at what the idolaters say. Soon shall they find themselves in the abyss of punishment, and ye shall behold your temples in an exalted station. We have illumined the horizon of knowledge with the luminary of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and have sent it unto you as a grace from Our presence, for We are, in truth, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. When ye perceive the fragrance of God from His verses, arise to make mention of God and His praise, that the slumbering may awaken and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon you, O My loved ones,

and praise be upon you, O My cherished ones, from God, the Beloved of them that know. Rejoice in this Tablet, for it hath been sent down from the heaven of the favors of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, wisdom and utterance.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! We have heard the call of those who have turned to the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty. He who hath heard My call, verily he is of the people of the most exalted Paradise before God, the Lord of the worlds. By My life! All things have appeared for this Most Great Day, and all beings for the recognition of this glorious station. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that for which it was created, and blessed the eye that hath beheld My luminous countenance. Say: O people of God! Beware lest anything prevent you from the path of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Through My Name, the All-Powerful, every denier was weakened, and through My Name, the Trustworthy, every ignorant one far removed was shaken. Exalted be My Most Great Name through which the limbs of the nations trembled, and glorified be My Name, the Mighty, whereby We have strengthened the servants. Blessed is he who hath understood that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered in this wondrous, glorious dawn.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Ghulam-Rida, that My remembrance may attract him to a station wherein he shall behold naught save the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then praise thy Lord in the nights and days for this bounty which hath been the hope of them that are nigh unto God.

O Nasru'llah! Thy letter was presented and We heard thy call. We have answered thee through this manifest Book. Give thanks unto God and say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made me know Thee and guided me and caused me to hear Thy call when every learned one was debarred therefrom. I beseech Thee by the glances of Thy loving-kindness and the movement of Thy Pen and the mysteries of Thy verses and the lights of Thy countenance and the power of Thy most exalted Word in the kingdom of creation, to make us among those whom the ornaments of the world and the tyranny of the nations have not prevented from turning unto Thee and beholding Thy horizon. Then ordain for us, O our God, the All-Merciful, the reward of meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O My Name Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The petition of Jinab-i-Ghulam-Rida and Aqa Nasru'llah which thou didst send hath attained unto the Most Holy Court, and these most holy, most exalted verses have been revealed in reply. We beseech God to assist them in mention and praise and the triumph of His Cause, and We counsel them and all the people of God to wisdom. Wisdom is like the sun for the new world, that is, the world of Baha, and it is a light for the nights. And We counsel all to the fear of God. It is the opener of cities and it is the helper of truth and the succourer, and it is the protector of the friends and their helper. Blessed are the souls who are adorned with this most great ornament. The light of these souls is more brilliant and glorious in the sight of the denizens of heaven than the light of

the sun. O people of God! Take ye My Book with the hands of resignation and contentment. We beseech God to assist you in sincere deeds and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of the former life and that whereby your eyes may be solaced and your hearts may rejoice and whereby your mention may endure throughout the duration of My earthly and heavenly kingdom. And verily I am the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to answer.

O My Name! Set forth in general the affairs of this land that they may become informed. In these days attention is in no wise permissible, for the heedless are engaged in evident deceit and tyranny.

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O friends of God in every land! This Wronged One adjureth you by the Best-Beloved of the world, Who is calling aloud in the Kingdom of Utterance, that ye deal not faithlessly with the substance of your fellow men. Be ye the trustees of God in His dominions and the embodiments of truthfulness throughout His realms. Blessed the man that heedeth the counsels of God and observeth His precepts.

He is the One Who gazeth before the Face. O people of the cities and villages! Hearken unto that which the Tongue uttereth in the Kingdom of Utterance from the presence of Him Who hath caused all things to speak, that there is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed. He it is Who hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers, that there is none other God but Me, the All-Watchful, the All-Wise. Every thing hath attained unto the blessing of hearkening unto the Call save every transgressing sinner, and every eye hath beheld the horizon of God, the Most Glorious, save every heedless and remote one. By God! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth and saith: O concourse of humanity! The Day hath come and the moon hath been cleft asunder and all are gathered in a wondrous assembly. The Hidden hath been made manifest and the Treasured hath come forth and the Promised One hath appeared from the heaven of destiny more nigh than the twinkling of an eye, yet the people are in evident delusion. They behold the Sun and say: “Is this a sun?” and they witness the signs and say: “This is naught but mighty sorcery.” Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book while the people of the veil are in strange doubt.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One adjureth you by the Best-Beloved of all possibility, Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance, that ye be not unfaithful regarding the substance of the people. Be ye trustees of God in His lands and dawning-places of truthfulness in His countries. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the counsel of God and was of them that act.

There hath appeared from faithlessness in this exile that which hath caused My liver to melt and Mine eye to shed tears and My inmost being to lament and My breast to be straitened. By the life of God! Sleep hath taken flight from the eyes of Baha by reason of what hath befallen Him in this white land. All things bear witness to this, yet the people are among the heedless ones. The rock hath cried out at My tribulation and the Divine Lote-Tree hath lamented at My distress. By God! My grief is not for Myself but for the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. All sorrows are for him who is unable to mention what hath touched him of hardships and tribulations in this noble station.

We hear falsehood yet remain silent, while the liar supposeth that the matter hath become confused, when We found him in manifest truthfulness. O My loved ones! Adorn yourselves with the morals of God and array your temples with the garments of trustworthiness and uprightness and truthfulness. Thus doth the Lord of creation command you in a preserved Tablet.

Sorrows have increased at this time by what We observe of the Temple of Love and those with him beneath the claws of hatred from among the hosts of the wrongdoers. O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! Thou seest how the fire hath encompassed him who was beneath the shadow of the light in Thy days. O Lord! Protect him and those with him as Thou didst protect Me when I was in the serpent's mouth. Verily Thou art He through Whom power hath been manifested. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thou knowest, O my God, how the brocade of servitude hath been adorned among creation and the sign of detachment hath appeared in the world of creation. Every fair-minded and insightful one beareth witness to this. Though tribulation in Thy path is sweeter than the Kawthar and more luminous than the moon, yet I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world by the Most Great Name, to deliver him from the hands of tyranny. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. [Then] preserve him [beneath] the pavilion of grace and aid him in what he is engaged in regarding Thy love. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earths.

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O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The pen is bewildered what to record. Vain imaginings and idle fancies have so taken hold of the hearts and minds of the heedless that their elimination has become most difficult. The Qaim appeared, yet those who awaited Him and who considered themselves the most God-fearing and learned among all peoples committed that which caused the Eye of Grandeur to weep. And the people of the Bayan, who witnessed with their own eyes and heard with their own ears the deeds of the former people, now walk in the footsteps of that oppressive group and cling to the same names. Hadi Dawlatabadi is occupied with leading the poor people astray. He is among those who have contrived a Holy Land and a Jabulqa and Jabulsa. A whole world of idle fancies and a realm of vain imaginings hath newly appeared. Pray that God, exalted be His glory, may protect His servants. They say the Bayan has been corrupted. The Book of Certitude, which was revealed in the presence of the maternal uncle in answer to his questions and which mentions the exile of this Wronged One, they have nevertheless attributed to the dayspring of idle fancies. In such circumstances, what can the pen write and what can the tongue utter? That which hath been sent down from the Dayspring of God's Will is as manifest as the sun and is distinct from all else. No person of insight hath been nor will be confused by it. Beseech God to assist His loved ones to preserve souls, that they may not be afflicted with idle fancies as were the former people. By God's life! The pen and paper are bewildered. That honored one beareth witness that from the beginning of the Cause until now, this Wronged One hath caused verses to rain down like copious rain from the heaven of grace, and hath acted beyond the power and might of all the peoples of the world. No barrier prevented it, no thing became an obstacle. We summoned all with the most exalted call to the highest horizon. Most rejected the counsel of the trusted Counselor. They cast

the advice of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. The people have turned away, the government is heedless, and the ignorant ones of the earth have found opportunity and committed that which no group had ever committed. Some time ago, sublime and wondrous Tablets and sacred and prevailing verses were sent in the name of Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. By God's life! Every letter thereof proclaimeth: "The gate of heaven hath been opened, and He Who was hidden in knowledge and concealed from sight hath come." Convey My greetings to each and every one of the loved ones in that land. Give them all glad tidings and make them joyous through God's grace. Say: O people of God! Occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of God and the victory of His Cause. Whatever befalleth Us, We are content and thankful. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to achieve the Greater Steadfastness and to accomplish that which He loveth and desireth. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have hearkened and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!"

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O Husayn, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast been mentioned before thy presence and after thy presence, and thou hast stood before the Face of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His days. Every soul hath testified and doth testify to the transience of the world and its transformation. Therefore the friends of God who have attained unto the Kawthar of utterance must at all times strive diligently to acquire eternal stations and everlasting bounties. Verily He is with whomsoever remembereth Him and desireth Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

The Most Exalted Pen at this moment hath desired to make mention of one of the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and one of His handmaidens. We testify that she departed from her home, turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and traversed deserts, mountains, land and sea until she arrived at the fortified City mentioned in the Books and Tablets, and attained the presence of the Face, and was blessed with what God had revealed in His Books. We testify that she believed in God and His signs, and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and drank the cup of reunion from the hands of the bounty of her Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted, and heard what the near ones heard on the Mount of Knowledge, and saw what eyes and visions were prevented from seeing, save whom God, the Lord of lords, willeth.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness, and the glory of those in My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the first fragrance wafting from My garment, be upon thee, O My leaf and My handmaiden! We testify that thou didst circle round the Throne and didst attain the presence of thy Lord when most of mankind were debarred therefrom, and didst drink the pure wine from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at every moment a mercy from His presence, and a loving-kindness from His own Self, and a grace from His direction. Blessed art thou, for the ocean of forgiveness hath surged in the contingent world, and the Day-Star of grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of pardon and beneficence. Thou didst believe in the All-Merciful when most handmaidens denied Him. The glory from Our presence be upon

thee, and upon thy beginning and thy end, and thy outward and thy inward self, and upon whoso remembereth thy days and thy migration and thy nearness and thy presence, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every knowing and discerning one.

O Husayn, O thou who standest before the Face! Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. By the life of God, she hath attained unto that which the Pen is powerless to describe. In truth, this transient abode was not and is not worthy of tarrying, settling and repose. However, in one respect it stands above all the worlds on high and is preeminent over all, for despite its transience and transformation, the acquisition of eternal stations and sublime ranks hath been ordained therein by the Ordainer, the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. In any case, thou shouldst not be grieved, for she hath attained unto the Most Great Bounty. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who are with thee among the assured servants of God.

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O Spiritual One! Your letter was received and attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. The fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful wafted from its words. Your prose bore true witness to your steadfastness, acceptance, and devotion, and your poetry proclaimed with the most exalted call the degrees of steadfastness, detachment, adherence and supplication. We heard and saw that thou hast been and art successful in all conditions. That which was mentioned by Aqa Muhammad-Rida attained the honor of His presence. We heard his call and this most exalted utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's expression in response:

"O Muhammad-Rida! We have heard thy call and answered thee, and We took a cup in thy name and drank therefrom the choice sealed wine. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. O Muhammad-Hasan! The fragrance of sincerity was diffused from thy mention. We took a handful from the Most Great Sea and drank it when thy mention was flowing from My Most Exalted Pen. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings! Thou hast mentioned Me in such wise as hath enraptured the hearts of them that have turned and drawn nigh. O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto a name uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur in His exalted and glorious station. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those handmaidens whose names were presented before the Wronged One in this mighty stronghold."

And We make mention of Muhammad-Husayn who hath in this hour attained unto the breezes of revelation and been encompassed by the mercy of his Lord. God hath forgiven him as a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. And We make mention of his wife as a mercy and favor from Us. We beseech God to ordain for her that which will draw her nigh unto Him in all His worlds. And We make mention of the mother of Dhabi? and bear witness to her devotion and acceptance on a day whereon the men of earth and their mighty ones and their learned ones turned away, save whom God, her Creator and Fashioner and Rememberer, willed. Blessed is she and joy be unto her.

O Muhammad-Husayn! We have adorned thy head with the crown of My love and thy temple with the ornament of My remembrance in this station which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Great Announcement. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Spiritual One! We have made mention of thee and thy kinsmen. Give them glad tidings from Me and remind them of My verses and illumine them with the lights of what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And We counsel them regarding deeds and character that the fragrance of My mercy and providence and bounty which hath encompassed the horizons may be diffused from them. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His loved ones. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land and illumine them with the lights of the Orb of the providence of God, exalted be His glory. O Spiritual One! Thou didst attain in the earliest days when the people were in manifest doubt and strange delusion. Thou didst turn to the horizon when the people were in great [opposition]. That which flowed from the tongue of thy heart in praise of the Goal of the worlds, We have sent to the pavilion of glory. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Ali! Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree this most exalted word was heard: “O concourse of kings and subjects! Cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings. By God! From the horizon of power hath appeared your Lord, the Chosen One, with manifest sovereignty.” Praise be to God that you have turned to Him and drunk from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. This is God’s grace upon you. Thank your Lord and say: “Thine be the praise, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the glory, O Desire of them that know!”

O Ali! There befell the Wronged One in the previous year that which caused the Pen to weep and the Tablet to lament. A tyrannical person sat upon the seat of authority and committed that which caused the rocks to cry out and the Concourse on High to wail. Yet the conditions of the world and the might of rulers and peoples did not prevent the Wronged One from the divine Command. In the midst of tribulations, before the faces of enemies, He spoke the Most Exalted Word. Earth and heaven bear witness, the sun and moon testify. Ask God not to deprive the world of the fragrances of His days and to bestow upon it a portion from the ocean of His knowledge. The Truth is distinguished from all else by all aspects and deeds, and His Cause is more manifest than the sun at its zenith. Yet eyes and ears are deprived of witnessing and hearing.

Reflect a while on the affairs of the previous community. For thirteen hundred years, ranks upon ranks of divines appeared and occupied themselves with mentioning and speaking of the Intended One from pulpits. Yet when the Divine Lote-Tree grew from the blessed and holy ground, all attempted to cut it

down, and finally there befell the Essence of Being that which caused the eyes of grandeur to weep. Such was their heedlessness that not a single one of the divines discovered the presence of the Intended One in the loins. They were worshippers of fancy yet counted themselves among the monotheists. Their station on the Day of Reckoning became evident to all in earth and heaven.

Now again the people of the Bayan are occupied with forming a party similar to that party. O Ali! It is incumbent and obligatory upon you and the friends of God to protect people according to your capacity, that they might not be afflicted with new idle fancies. Arise for God's sake and speak for God's sake. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions with such assistance that its effects will become manifest throughout all horizons.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and say: "Where is your enthusiasm? Where are the lights of your faces? Where are the fragrances of your mention in the days of your Lord?" Know the value of this Day and occupy yourselves with service, that there might appear from you that which will endure through the eternity of My names and attributes. Thus hath the ocean revealed its waves, the Book its verses, and the Treasury its secrets, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom the doubts of the world have not prevented from God, the Lord of the Ancient Days, Who hath come with the standards of verses and hath spoken before all faces - the Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Wise. We make mention of My leaf and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to elevate her station and to send down upon her mercy from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the Friend, the Manifest, the Evident

O 'Ali! God willing, mayest thou be blessed by the fragrances of the divine garment of utterance and receive thy portion from the outpourings of the cloud of the All-Merciful's mercy. From the time of thy return until now thou hast been blessed with the favors of the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in serving thy Lord with wisdom. He will assist thee through His grace and aid thee through His command. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

In several places thy mention hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: "Look neither to the right nor to the left. Behold the horizon of thy Lord's will, then remember Him with sincerity for His sake. Verily He heareth and seeth and is with those who are with Him, as He hath ever been. He is the True One, the Herald, the Wise."

O Muhammad! The Single, the One, in the Most Great Prison, summoned all unto God and manifested proof and evidence with the most exalted utterance. Some, upon merely hearing, drank without hesitation from the wine of revelation, while others, due to intervening veils, were deprived and prevented from the horizon of manifestation. The cause and reason for these matters is that there

appeareth not, as befitteth, a teacher who is detached from all save God and who speaketh for God's sake, turning toward all. The people need educators. Souls who are steadfast, firm, content and pleasing must at all times be occupied with teaching the Cause of God with perfect wisdom.

O son of My Most Truthful Name! Upon thee be My loving-kindness, My mercy and My glory. Give glad tidings to the servants of My bounty and remind them of that which hath been revealed in My Book. In most of the divine Tablets the purpose of assistance hath been mentioned with utmost clarity. Nevertheless, it is observed that most have not attained proper understanding. Some petitions arrived from various places - it was observed that they had considered corruption as assistance and deemed the injury of God's servants as beloved. This is naught but due to the friends' lack of awareness. I swear by the sun of the horizon of utterance that if today any soul is content with the injury of another, it is as though he were content with injury to the Self of Truth. All must become aware of this decisive divine word and attain unto hearing it. Most strange it is that souls have not, until now, comprehended the meaning of assistance. By the life of God! He verily assisteth His Cause through wisdom and utterance. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in most Tablets. Thy Lord is verily the Explainer, the Wise.

Divine wisdom hath been and shall ever be dominant and triumphant. One pure deed is like unto a lamp between heaven and earth - it showeth the way and guideth the heedless unto itself. Say: Hearken, O people, unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His Most Great, Most Holy, Most Luminous Book. Convey My greetings to all souls who have drunk of the sealed wine, and say: In the divine days ye must appear in such wise that the clouds of the opposers, the hints of the corrupters, and the veils of the heedless shall not prevent you from the straight path. Hold fast unto God and leave all else behind you, remaining steadfast in this Cause whereby the pillars in the contingent world were shaken. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who are with thee and upon thy family from the presence of the Gracious, the Generous.

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He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and power

O 'Ali, O thou who hast clung to the cord of My loving-kindness, who soarest in the atmosphere of My love, who gazest upon My countenance and drinkest the Kawthar of My utterance! Hearken unto that which the Supreme Pen hath testified concerning thee in these days wherein His Name and His loved ones have been imprisoned in the land of Ta through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought - they who have followed their own desires and turned away from what God, the Lord of all worlds, hath desired. He testifieth to thy turning toward the Countenance and thy devotion to the Most Sublime Horizon, and thy rising to serve the Cause. By the life of God! Nothing existeth but that the hand of justice shall seize it and return it to nothingness, save this testimony which the Most Glorious Pen hath uttered before the face of the Lord of Names in this station which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High. Verily thy Lord is He through Whom the ocean of bounty hath surged amongst the nations, and the fragrance of faithfulness hath wafted through the kingdom of creation, and the sun of grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the world. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of

thy forefathers, then praise Him for this great favor. Verily He hath appeared with truth and caused thee to appear, and taught thee and made thee know, and guided thee to a path that all straight paths have circled round. And He hath sent unto thee one of the leaves among the leaves and a handmaiden among the handmaidens - this is of His favor unto thee and unto her. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The servant beseecheth before the face of his Lord that He unite you both and send down upon you from the heaven of His grace a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self, and draw you nigh unto Him in such wise that your names shall not be known save through His Name, nor your mention save through His mention. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all possibilities and the controls of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when it appeared, the earth quaked and the heaven was cleft asunder and the sun was darkened and the moon was eclipsed and the mountains moved, to bless us with the garment of reunion through Thy Name, the Holy, the Blessed, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Then ordain for us every good thing which the Supreme Pen hath sent down in the Qayyumu'l-Asma' and whatsoever lieth within Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! The tongue of my inner being and my outer self, and the tongues of my members and parts and features and elements, all testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou art He before the manifestations of Whose face's light every countenance hath prostrated, and before every one associated with Thee every sovereign hath bowed down, and around Whom all have circled. I beseech Thee by Thy Self, through Thy all-compelling and supreme Will, to ordain honor and glory for Thy loved ones, O Lord of the Kingdom of eternity! There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who have been imprisoned for Thy Name and the manifestation of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word. Then send down upon them at all times the rain of Thy mercy and the outpourings which none hath known save Thy knowledge. O Lord! The Wronged One remembereth Thee through their tongues and on their behalf, and praiseth Thee for what hath befallen them in Thy path and Thy love - what befell Thy chosen ones of old who held fast to Thy Covenant and Thy Testament until they sacrificed their spirits for Thy Name. There is no God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In His Name, the One Who standeth over all things!

When the promise came and the appointed time was fulfilled, the Hidden One was made manifest through this Name which God had made the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Day-Spring of inspiration unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Among the people are those who cling to vain imaginings, turning away from the Self-Subsisting; and among them are those who are veiled by a name from among names, disbelieving in God, the Creator of heaven; and among them are those who hold fast to their desires, heedless of guidance; and among them are those who were attracted by the breezes of revelation in such wise that they turned with steadfast mountains and took the choice wine of life in the name of the All-Merciful, detached from all else, and drank and said: "This, verily, is what was intended in the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great."

Say: O people! By God, this is He through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted and the Hidden Treasure was revealed. Fear God and be not of them that are veiled. Fear God and reject not the truth with what ye possess of books and vain imaginings, and follow not your desires. All matters have ended in the manifestation of God and His sovereignty. He, verily, summoneth you in truth unto His straight path. Seize ye the measure of the days of God and dispute not with My proof and My testimony, then with My grandeur and My signs. Be fair in the Cause of God and ponder on that which hath been sent down from His Most Exalted Pen. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Hasten with your hearts to the shore of grace and veil not yourselves with the veils of allusions. Break the idols of desire through the power of the Lord of Names and be not disturbed by those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Kaaba of God and His Cause. Hold fast unto the cord of grace in this Day wherein the intoxication of passion hath seized all beings except such as have turned with a pure heart unto this glorious Prospect. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the midmost heart of Paradise as a token of His grace unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that know.

When thou hast succeeded in hearing what hath been sent down unto thee from the Kingdom of eternity, arise amidst all created things, then make mention of thy Lord with such utterance as will attract the hearts of them that advance. He, verily, aideth him who aideth Him, and remembereth him with that whereby his remembrance will endure through the eternity of His Name, the Protector over all worlds.

Say: O people! The All-Merciful is come and the proof hath appeared when heaven came with evident smoke. Fear God, O people, and follow not your own selves, neither follow your desires. Follow ye the religion of God - this is God's bidding from before and after. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: By God! The Cause hath appeared in such wise that no one hath any way to deny it, and whoso denieth hath indeed rejected God's decree from all eternity and is accounted among the polytheists in a mighty tablet.

Say: Verily, He Who hath appeared with His Most Great Name from the Supreme Horizon - He is the Glory of God unto all who are in the kingdom of names, and His sovereignty unto all who are in the realm of creation, and His proof unto all who are in the dominion of command and creation, and His enduring favor unto every fair-minded and insightful one.

When thou hast attained unto God's tablet, recite it with the most melodious of tunes. It will surely draw thee to the most exalted paradise. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken for themselves a path unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Kazim, upon whom be the glory of God, of Nasrabad! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! Praise be to God that through His boundless grace, mercy and loving-kindness, thou hast turned thy face to the Most Exalted Horizon and drunk from the hands of the Beloved of all

possibility the living waters of immortality, and the tongue of the All-Merciful hath uttered: “Well is it with thee!” Know thou the worth of this most exalted station, this furthermost goal, this primal pearl, and guard this precious jewel from the eyes of the thieves and traitors, by the name of God, exalted be His glory. O Kazim, My friend, My servant! In the days when all souls were troubled and fearful of the might of the oppressors and the idolaters, and dwelt behind veils and clouds, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause with utmost determination, power and majesty - an arising that no sitting could overtake - and with loudest call summoned the people of the Kingdom of Utterance to the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. And when the world of possibility was illumined with the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and the crimson standard was, through the grace of the Most Exalted Word, hoisted in the highest station, the veiled, concealed and fearful souls emerged from behind their veils and with a hundred thousand tricks and deceptions set about to lead astray the illumined and assured souls, turning to every land and region that perchance through fiery tablets and the book of hell they might bar those on the right hand from the living waters and draw them to the source of idle fancies and the dawning-place of vain imaginings. God willing, your honor must remain so steadfast that through its influence the people of that region, nay, of all regions and districts, may attain unto the supreme steadfastness. This is not difficult for thy Lord. Strive thou that in life thou mayest sacrifice thy precious soul for thy glorious Lord and in living attain the lofty station of martyrdom. Whosoever today hath caused his will and desire to be lost in the will and desire of God, exalted be His glory - that is, hath abandoned his own desire and held fast to that which God hath willed - hath in life and living attained unto the supreme martyrdom. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted, most glorious and most sublime horizon. O Kazim! Rejoice thou in this most great gladness, for verily God, exalted be His glory, hath accepted thy mention and thy offering hath been accepted before the Wronged One. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which hath preceded thee and this mercy which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. God willing, thou shalt be the cupbearer of the wine of mystic knowledge and shall revive and quicken the withered ones of that land and its people through the living waters of divine utterance, that all may not remain deprived of the ocean of knowledge. Would that they might become aware of the Most Great Luminary that hath shone forth from the horizon of the world! I swear by the Sun of divine knowledge that hath risen from the horizon of the prison, were they to become cognizant of but a trace of His countless favors, thou wouldst surely behold them all circling round. This is the Most Exalted Word that hath appeared from the Dawning-Place of knowledge of the Lord of Names. Blessed are they that hear! Blessed are they that understand! Blessed are they that act! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong majesty and power

Praise be to God Who sent the Beginning in the form of the End, and manifested the First in the image of the Last, that the word might be fulfilled that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is God, the Single, the All-Informed. And blessings be upon Him and upon His family and companions who held fast to the Book of God and strove in His path with true striving - they whom the

All-Merciful hath described in the Furqan with His words “No fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve.”

And now, the servant hath been honored to receive your letter and the traces of your pen, from which wafted the fragrance of your love for God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven. Praise be to God, and to Him be praise and favor, and to Him be thanks and glorification, in that the servant was gladdened by the soundness of your health and your sincerity towards God. This servant hath ever beseeched and continues to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, the good of this world and the next for that beloved one. He is the Hearer and He is the Giver.

As to what you wrote regarding the friends and conveying the instructions - it is known that that spiritual beloved one hath been and remains firm, steadfast and established in service to the Cause. It is hoped that all may be adorned with the ornament of wisdom. Some of the servants in various regions utter words that yield no fruit whatsoever. God willing, may they speak as befitteth and act as becometh their own selves. And after presentation of the letter, they said: God willing, may they hold fast to that which was imparted to them face to face, and in all circumstances call the people to goodly conduct and the fear of God, that perchance through the grace of the Lord the characteristics of the self and satanic imaginings may be lifted away and spiritual qualities may become manifest from the mines of the hearts of the servants. This is the ultimate goal and the supreme pinnacle. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His creation and to adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

Peace be upon you and upon those with you, and the mercy of God and His blessings. End.

Your mention and greetings were conveyed to the two Most Great Stations. Special favor was shown towards that beloved one. Likewise the mention and greetings of the friends of God brought joy and delight. God willing, may they be assisted in that which God loveth and drink from the ocean of the Friend’s good-pleasure. The people of the Sacred Household and this servant convey greetings to each one. Peace be upon your honor and upon them, and the mercy of God and His blessings. And we ask God for a good end. And as for what you mentioned regarding the arriving one - the servant sends greetings to him and congratulates him and remembers him with pure love, and those with him. And we beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us reunion and remove the veils and barriers. His honor may present himself and be honored with what he desires. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. Peace be upon your honor and upon those with you, both female and male, young and old.

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’Akka. His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory. 4 Sha’ban 1307.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who fulfilled His promise and sent to His servant Javad what He had promised him, and sent down from the heaven of meanings to him who was named Muhammad-’Ali that which caused all

things to soar and the hearts of the enemies to quake. O beloved of my heart! A most mighty and holy Tablet has been revealed from the holy heaven of Him Who is the Desired One and the Desire of the world, mentioning him who ascended unto God. In truth, one breath from the fragrances of each of its utterances has perfumed the world of knowledge and wisdom. Glorified be our Lord Who has made bounty His emblem and faithfulness His garment, and Who remembers His servants at all times with that which draws them near to the horizon of His Name, the All-Merciful. That which was revealed diffuses a wondrous fragrance and spreads the sweet-scented breeze of grace. Would that you had been present at the time of its revelation! Afterwards, the ascension of the brother of His honor 'Ali-Qabli-Haydar, upon them both be the glory and favor of God, was mentioned in the Most Holy Court. It is hoped that there will be revealed especially for them that which the differences of the world and its peoples cannot efface. The answers to other requests and petitions will also, God willing, be granted. The promise of a response has dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of Will. Verily, He does not fail in His promise, though He has power over whatsoever He willeth and desireth. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and those with you, and upon the friends of God in that other land to which you intended to journey. We beseech God to protect you and grant you the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the Lord of all creation.

O beloved of my heart! Among the special bounties that were revealed concerning the ascension of the destined sign was that on the day when, outwardly, news of the ascension was presented, at that very moment He commanded that the Branches of the Blessed Tree - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps - and all those around Him should hold a gathering and occupy themselves with mention of this new and blessed event. For two days, during which your honor was also present, by command of the Lord of the visible realm, this great and orderly gathering was manifested from the unseen into the visible world, and exalted words together with certain verses were read and recited before the faces of the loved ones. And in the afternoon of this day also, the Branches of the Blessed Tree and the people of the pavilion of grandeur and infallibility, together with the Afnan, have been and are being summoned to the Most Holy Court for the reading of the blessed pages which were revealed from the heaven of the Mother Book at dawn this day. It is hoped that the effects of the utterance of the Desired One of all worlds and the hidden mysteries therein will cause all to attain the Most Great Bounty and the Greatest Favor. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Witness, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus has God strengthened His favor with a third from His presence. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. It would be beloved if a copy be sent with this letter to his honor Samandar, the fire of divine love, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who has caused all things to speak forth His remembrance and glorification, and peace and blessings be upon the best of His Messengers and Prophets, through whose Praised Name the brocade of the book of existence was adorned, and through whose Most Lauded Name the dove of utterance cooed upon the branch of divine knowledge. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the

One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. And upon His family and companions through whom the pillars of religion were strengthened and the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds, were spread abroad, and through whom the decree of the Book was made manifest and all possessed of knowledge acknowledged the beginning and the return.

Glory be to Thee, O God of Paradise and the Garden, and Educator of all possibility! I beseech Thee by the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and the modes of Thy Self-Subsistence to preserve those who have turned to Thee from the evil of self and passion, and aid them in that which diffuseth the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of all names. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

Thereafter, your repeated letters arrived. Praise be to God, from each one the fragrance of love was inhaled. After presenting them, it was revealed: "O Muhammad-'Ali! Be patient in times of hardship and silent before people. Make thy provision trust in God and thy deeds for God, and thy shield certitude in Him. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and been adorned with virtuous qualities. In truth, the attributes befitting the station of man have been and are spiritual characteristics and goodly deeds. Thou art and hast been remembered before the Wronged One. Commit all affairs unto God, blessed and exalted be He, and place thy trust in Him. Verily He is with thee and will aid thee. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of grace and ease. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of the kingdom of names. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant is occupied with the praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, for He hath aided thee in that which was and is more precious than the most excellent pearl and more luminous than the light of the Most Beloved's eyes. His honor Shaykh, upon him be 95 (Baha'u'llah), attained the privilege of visiting the House and found and attained unto the fragrance of Yathrib and Batha. In truth, divine confirmation was and is from God, exalted be His glory. One thousand three hundred years have passed, and still the attraction of the First Word is manifest and visible in the world, such that every year they turn their faces from all regions with the intention of circumambulation. For God is their excellence, for God is their turning, for God is their orientation. Whosoever attaineth unto this Kawthar is mentioned as among those near unto God. In all conditions they must hold fast unto wisdom and be mindful thereof. This servant hath ever awaited news of that honored brother's health and still doth, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that spiritual friend in all benevolent deeds. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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He is the Consoler, the Comforter, the Faithful Speaker

Praise be to God Who hath appeared through the kingdom of His utterance and revealed that which was treasured within His knowledge and hidden in the repository of His protection. He, verily, is the Truth, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This is a Day wherein the Herald calleth out before the faces of all people and giveth them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them by the Most Exalted Pen in the Sacred Books and Tablets. He hath come for the life of the world and all that dwell therein. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the breezes of revelation in the days of God, the Lord of all mankind.

This is a Day wherein the Mother Book proclaimeth and guideth the people unto the horizon wherefrom hath shone forth the Luminary of God's utterance, the Lord of all men.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy servant standing before the door of Thy bounty, uttering Thy praise and seeking to enter Thy presence. I beseech Thee by the all-encompassing power of Thy verses, the might of Thy Will and the sovereignty of Thy Purpose, to assist Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then enable them to render such service as shall cause its fragrance to be diffused throughout the world. O my Lord! Deprive them not of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things past and future.

O thou who gazeth toward the horizon of God! We have desired to draw thee nigh through wings unsullied by the clay of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and through a will unhindered by the ranks of wickedness and indecency. Thy Lord, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And We have desired at this time to make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf who hath soared on the wings of longing unto God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Meeting. O Pen! Say: The first fragrance from the breezes of revelation and the first light that hath shone forth from the lights of the Countenance be upon thee, O handmaiden of God, and upon those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. We testify that she turned when the Call was raised and answered her Lord with the word "Yea." We testify that she attained unto My days, held fast to My loving-kindness, clung to the hem of My mercy, and spoke My praise amongst My handmaidens and My leaves. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon her at all times the fragrances of His Name, the All-Merciful. By the life of God! At the moment We desired to make mention of her, the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of God's garment, the Lord of all religions, was diffused. Thus did the Sun of Grace shine forth from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Blessed is she and joy be unto her! She turned when most handmaidens turned away, and she acknowledged when the denizens of the realm of creation denied, save those whom God, He Who is established upon the throne of His Name, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, willed.

O Muhammad-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and perceived the fragrance of My utterance and drunk from the ocean of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the ocean of Thy bounty and guided me unto Thy mighty announcement and shown me Thy signs and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech

Thee to forgive Thy handmaiden who hath ascended unto Thee, then forgive those who have turned toward her resting place and visited her, by virtue of that which hath been sent down from Thy Most Sweet Tongue and Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O [title], upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Beloved! Praise be to God that thou hast steered the ship of high endeavor upon the sea of detachment and hast been blessed with divine outpourings and merciful bestowals. Thou art he through whom the victory of God's Cause was made manifest, inasmuch as thou didst not fall short in His service. To this testify all atoms, through what hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise. It is most clear and evident that the world hath neither fidelity nor permanence, nor shall it ever have. All shall return to nothingness save the righteous deeds that have appeared from holy souls in the Cause of the King of Oneness. I swear by the Most Great Luminary, whose light shineth resplendent in all worlds, that even in the material realm God, exalted be His mention, causeth every tongue to praise such souls. Look not upon the power of the enemies and the veiling of the people today. Though outwardly they appear strong, in truth they are the weakest of creatures. Soon shall they all turn with great remorse and supreme regret toward their Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious. But they have been preceded by servants who have attained unto the days of God. Should God, exalted be His glory, forgive those souls, they would be under the shadow of the assured ones who are manifest today in His Name; otherwise thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing. Thou must watch over God's Cause in all matters, but with utmost protection, concealment and wisdom. For whenever the sun of victory in God's Cause hath dawned from the dayspring of detachment of any soul, the envious have inevitably risen up with the fire of hatred. For every light there is fire. In all matters be mindful of wisdom and move with moderation. Remind the people, on behalf of the Dawning-Place of the Divine Word, of godly attributes and spiritual character, lest mischief appear from anyone that might cause the fire of the Cause to be extinguished among the people. Mischief hath never been and shall never be acceptable. All must walk among the righteous and the wicked with rectitude, steadfastness, dignity and composure, that the number of the righteous may increase and the wicked be called to the Chosen One. A goodly deed is in its essence a promoter of the Cause and a guide to the path of truth. Convey to the loved ones these hidden words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Divine Pen at this spiritual dawn, that all may be illumined by the lights of the Word and hold fast to divine counsels before their faces, lest they become heedless and remain veiled. Blessed art thou and those who are with thee and who hear what thou remindest them of through the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou art he whom God hath related to Himself and singled out for the service of His Cause. By My life! Soon shall the tablet of creation be adorned with thy name for having turned with thy whole being to the countenance of the Intended One. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to the faces of those who were with thee, whether female or male, young or old. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Praise be to God alone, and blessings upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. Praise be to God! The Light of Batha attracted many souls to the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, and enabled them to make pilgrimage to the House. The lovers from all regions, intoxicated by the blessed words “And a proclamation from God and His Messenger to all people on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage”, turned with their whole being toward the direction of the Beloved. They attained the circumambulation of the House, visitation of the Stone, the running between Safa and Marwa, and the rites which whisper in the pure ear “Forget not the people of God.” Praise be to Him, again praise be to Him, to the number of leaves and grains of sand, and to a number which cannot be counted by those who count. My spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. This evanescent servant attained the honor of seeing your noble handwriting, and whatever was written therein was presented before the Countenance. They said: “Today the manifest religion has been weakened by the assault of the polytheists and the heedlessness of its people. It is incumbent upon steadfast, firm, well-grounded and content souls who are detached from all save God and are gazing toward and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon to supplicate God, glorified be His majesty, in the nights and days for the protection of the manifest religion and to beseech the elevation of its station. Verily He originates and causes return, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” Regarding what was written about Darvish Muhammad, permission has been granted. God willing, they may enter and after staying a few days return. And regarding what you wrote about the Prisoner (upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]), God willing may they be confirmed. Regarding what was written that they recite the Qur’an, I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, that all on earth may attain this most great bounty. Regarding what you wrote about Sa’id (upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]) and the request for a name for the newborn - may God bless - he has been named by the Beloved as Amanu’llah. Further, the two packets sent have arrived. God willing, it is hoped that an answer will be written later. O beloved of my heart! Work is abundant and time is short. The Command is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Convey greetings and salutations to the beloved friend Nasir (upon him be 9 [Baha] the Most Merciful). God willing may he be confirmed and assisted. Today which is Thursday morning that honored one Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim (upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]) was present before the Countenance especially mentioning Nasir. Happy is he! O apple of my heart’s eye! Convey greetings and salutations to Husayn Effendi (upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]) and those with him. This servant intended to go to Arab Iraq, that is, to submit a petition in eloquent language to that Beloved. At one point it was observed that he had emerged from Persian Iraq. The Command belongs to God, the Ancient. This too was due to lack of time and extreme haste. If the petition submitted to that honored one, the name of whose bounty is upon him from all the Most Glorious Splendor, is observed, it will become clear to what degree work is pressing and how little time there is. Again the Command belongs to God, the One, the All-Choosing. The Servant. 16 Safar 1299.

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O Habib-i-Ruhani, may Mr. Siyyid Farajullah - upon him be the peace and care of God - take note.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

God is Most Great! The Hands of the Cause of God are occupied with divine commandments and prohibitions. In one station the decree of effacement is manifest, in another the decree of bestowal is resplendent. At times He separates, at times He unites. In the illumined, refined and truthful hearts and minds, from the hidden Pen is inscribed the blessed word “Love is for My sake.” His love both enlivens and consumes - in both states it is a mercy. The world is enkindled by love and adorned by love. Glory be to God! The hearts of His loved ones are as one heart, their pillars like a single pillar. Once these exalted words were heard from the tongue of the Master: the loved ones of God are united as one hand, stand on one foot, and soar on one wing. In truth, this station is sanctified above description and utterance. Blessed are they who attain!

The letter of that spiritual friend arrived repeatedly, its reading brought joy, its fragrance refreshed the heart, its mention was a key to gladness and delight, for it was illumined with the light of the word of unity. After receiving, contemplating and reading it, We proceeded to the Sacred Spot where it was presented. He said: “O Farajullah! We beseech God to make thee a dawning-place of relief and to aid thee in that which is the cause and source of good deeds and praiseworthy character. Thank thy Lord that He hath aided thee to attain His presence and made thee among the successful ones. God willing, may enduring goodly traces remain from thee in that land for as long as the divine names and attributes endure. God is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the veils of the world nor the events of nations can prevent Him. He is the Generous One Whose glance of favor hath ever been and will ever be directed toward His loved ones. Nothing is hidden from His knowledge; verily He is the Knower of the unseen. O Farajullah! Upon thee be My peace.

The polytheists have surrounded the monotheists. Each day they scheme to seize some territory. All must supplicate the Self-Sufficient One with utmost humility and imploring, that they may perhaps find deliverance and become free and unfettered. But alas! alas! Hearts are divided and views discordant. They have attributed corruption to the Wronged One Who had no thought save the reformation of the world. In any case, I beseech God to aid the people of unity. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer.”

Praise be to God! A hundred thousand means came together to bring that spiritual friend near to the prison. God willing, may he be in all conditions a cause of unity, a source of accord, and a dawning-place of love and harmony. I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land and I beseech for each one glory, blessing, exaltation, care and bounty. Verily God is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace, mercy and care be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds and Object of worship of all in the heavens and earth.

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In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! This is the Day whereon the Throne of thy Lord proclaimeth among the branches, calling out to all the dwellers of the earth and bidding them to glorify and sanctify their Lord. This is the Day whereon the angels of heaven descend at all times with chalices of utterance and vessels of knowledge, and return perfumed with holy and goodly fragrances. Say: The promised God declareth: O concourse of Jews! Ye were of Me and appeared from Me and unto Me shall ye return. What hath come over you that ye know Me not now, though I have appeared with all the signs? Ye have taken enemies for friends and have lost the True Friend. Today a new heaven hath appeared and a new earth hath been created. Were ye to look with pure eyes, ye would behold the New Jerusalem, and were ye to turn with hearing ears, ye would hear the Call of God. All things today call out to you and summon you to your Lord, yet ye are so drunk with the wine of pride that ye have not become aware of it for a moment. The ear is for hearing My voice and the eye for beholding My beauty. Hearken ye and shun all else. The Dome of God hath been raised by the hand of divine favor and the Cause of God hath been made manifest. The time of what was before hath passed away; a new time hath come; and all things have been renewed by the Will of God. But only a new eye perceiveth this and only a new mind comprehendeth this station. The beginning and the end pointed to one blessed Word, and it hath appeared and come, and it is the Spirit of the divine Books and Scriptures that hath been and will be forever, and it is the key to the Most Great Treasury of the Lord and the hidden divine mystery that hath ever been concealed behind the pavilion of infallibility. It is that Alif and that Ya of which John gave tidings: “He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden.” O servant Hussein! God willing, mayest thou be confirmed and give glad-tidings to the branches of what was revealed aforetime in the Book of God, for these glad-tidings are as the water of life unto the dead of the world. Blessed is he who drinketh thereof; woe unto those who are deprived! Say: Today the City of God hath appeared in full adornment, and it is the City wherein the God of all hath been made manifest. Ponder these words of John who gave tidings of the holy and great City, until he said: “And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it,” unto the end of his words. Take up the staff of trust in the Name of Truth and with complete detachment guide the misguided people to the divine Great City, that perchance those who are lost may attain to their true homeland and those who are blind may be blessed with new sight. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. All things are captive in the grasp of His might, and verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

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O Haji Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Expositor. Today the Book hath summoned all peoples to the Most Exalted Horizon, without veil or covering. This is that Most Great Book which in the Qur’an was mentioned as the Mother Book and the Mighty Announcement. For the Book there are meanings beyond counting, and likewise volumes beyond number. One volume thereof is the world itself, and the world itself is reckoned as a Book. It is that Book which encompasses all things and all regions of the world. One Book is inscribed by the Pen of Power and Creation, and one Book is written by the pen of the servants. “All things have We recorded in a clear Book.” But this Book hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen, and the power of the Supreme Pen transcendeth all reckoning. It

hath arisen before all faces with such an arising that no sitting could seize it, and neither ranks nor multitudes nor severity nor wrath could hold it back from its mighty, prevailing purpose. And one Book is [mentioned] in the Crimson Scroll, and it is specifically concerned with the mention of the gems of existence - they who regard the world as one country and who move amongst all with spirit and fragrance. The armor of these souls hath ever been and shall ever be the fear of God. They are adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness and are characterized by truthfulness, purity and fidelity. They possess praiseworthy qualities and perform commendable deeds. They render assistance, but through the hosts of virtuous character and proper conduct. The world is under the control of the All-Wise Physician. He hath ordained and continueth to ordain whatsoever is conducive to the welfare of His servants and the requirements of the age. None can comprehend anything of His knowledge save what He willeth. His throne embraceth the heavens and the earth. The mention of "earth" that hath been revealed in the Book encompasseth all lands. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book. Should anyone ascend by the steps of exposition unto the heaven of inner meanings, he would testify to this exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen, namely: "No fresh or withered thing is there but it is noted in His perspicuous Book" - how much more so with a Book that is manifest and evident! The meaning of "fresh and withered" in one instance referreth to the divine commandments and prohibitions, and in another instance to that which profiteth or harmeth them in this earthly life. A brief mention hath been made and a mere allusion given, else numerous volumes would need to appear from the treasury of the Supreme Pen. We send greetings to the brethren of the earth and say: Today no fresh or withered thing can profit, nor can any question and answer. All must hold fast to this Most Great Verse which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance, and act in accordance with it: "This is not the day for tarrying and questioning. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, to arise and say: 'Here am I, O Lord of the worlds! Here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of all that are in the heavens and on earth!'" Truth, like unto the sun, is distinguished from all else besides it. Blessed is the ear that hath attained to hearing the Call and the eye that hath beheld the Horizon of God's Manifestation, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. At the end of this utterance, verily the Wronged One remembereth His loved ones and remindeth them of the verses of God, the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven.

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He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most High!

O My brother and My loved one! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath loved thee and maketh mention of thee for the sake of God, that thou mayest stand firm in a Cause which hath been recorded in all the Tablets by God's will, and which no veils of contingent beings can obstruct, nor can the opposition of created things impede it, even should they arise against it with swords of steel. Thou knowest what hath befallen Me at the hands of him whom I protected from the harm of creatures, whom I assisted at all times, and whom I taught by night and by day that he might aid the Cause of God and be God-fearing in His religion. Yet when the sun of certitude dawned upon his back, he shed his skin like a serpent, and the first thing he decreed was to shed My blood without any proof or illuminating Book. By God, O beloved

one, I am not among those who have calumniated the servants, and God is My witness to what I say. Ponder thou his deeds and what proceeded from him, then ponder My deeds and what proceeded from Me. Then shall the sun of certitude shine upon thee and thou shalt be established in that which thy Lord desireth. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the holy precincts, a station which God hath raised above the knowledge of the worlds. Follow thou the religion of God and His Faith in this Cause which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the Spirit from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Hear the words of thy brother and arise to serve the Cause in these days wherein all who are in the heavens and earth were shaken, and the dwellers of the realms of Command and creation were terrified, and all the kindreds of the earth lamented, save only a number of the letters of Our most beautiful Names, who at that time were rejoicing in the highest paradise by thy Lord the All-Merciful's leave, and thus was the matter decreed by God. Rend asunder the veils, then emerge from behind the clouds with resplendent lights. Arise to serve the Cause and detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and earth. Then adorn thy tongue with utterance in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. This is better for thee than all that is on earth. Grieve not over the world and what hath befallen thee of adversity, but place thy trust in all matters in God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. He will protect thee from whatsoever displeaseth thee, and He is the Observer of all things. By God, O My brother, there hath come upon Me from the malevolent ones arrow after arrow, spear after spear, lance after lance, and sword after sword, whereat the eye of Ali in the Supreme Companion weepeth for Me, and then the eyes of the Messengers in a most holy and exalted station. Were I to detail for thee what hath befallen Me, thou wouldst detach thyself from all things. We have therefore veiled it to protect thee, and have mentioned only what was destined. Know then that thy letter reached Me and I understood its contents. We beseech God to assist thee and Us in His Cause and to unite Us and thee in a station that was praised in truth. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and were steadfast in the straight path.

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22. Beware lest thou grieve on account of thy mother, for she, in truth, hath been uplifted to a seat of transcendent holiness in the realms above and gained admittance into the chambers of Paradise, from whose horizon the lights are shining. The breezes of divine grace have seized her and purified her from sin. Thus hath the grace of Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, surrounded her, and His grace, verily, encompasseth the worlds. Happy is she, for she hath quaffed from the chalice of sanctity and visited the beauty of God in the paradise of inviolable splendor. The moment she ascended to the tree of eternity, the maids of heaven came forth from their chambers of glory and welcomed her, and with them came a band of angels. Thus doth God bestow that which He pleaseth and send down His grace unto His servants. He, verily, is forgiving and merciful to His loved ones.

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He is God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous

O Dervish! Hearken unto the call of this Dervish, that perchance the breezes of love wafting from the direction of the Beloved of all worlds may stir thee, may detach thee from all else save Him, may establish thee in His love, and cause thee to speak His praise amidst His heedless servants. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Face in these latter days wherein the Sun of the horizons hath set from the horizon of Iraq and hath dawned from another horizon, as ordained in the preserved Tablets of glory.

Remember thou My days and what thou hast heard of the tales of the Youth. By God! The hearts of those near unto God are consumed by His tales. Say: O people! I am verily the Youth of God amongst you, His servant amidst you, and His mercy unto all created things. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves thereof, for whoso depriveth himself is in manifest loss.

When thou enterest the gathering of lovers, remember then the burning of the Youth's heart. When thou seest one who is joyful, remind him of My great sorrow. When thou findest one imprisoned, recall My imprisonment and tribulation. When thou beholdest a stranger, reflect upon My exile in this land wherefrom the feet of the unity-professing ones are severed.

O servant! By God, My suffering hath reached such a state that I cannot recount it, and there hath befallen Me that which none can reckon. Yet know thou that I complain not of what hath befallen Me, but rather give thanks unto God, the Beloved of the mystics. Would that all the tribulations of the first and the last might descend upon Me! By God, through His love I shall not be dismayed by anything, though the swords of the oppressors, the spears of the polytheists, and the arrows of the falsifiers rain down upon Me. Would that I had a thousand souls in every moment that I might sacrifice them in His path, even as He sacrificed in My path, if thou be of those who know.

Say: He spoke naught but My remembrance and praise, and I speak naught but His praise. He testified unto My Self, and I testify unto His Self, the Inaccessible, the Mighty. All that befalleth Me in His path is beloved of My heart - and God is witness unto what I say - and all that befalleth Him in My path was beloved of His Being, yet the people of the Bayan are in grievous heedlessness.

Say: By God, I have sacrificed My head in His path and await in every moment what is ordained in the preserved Tablet. Say: He is now living in this Most Holy and Mighty Horizon, and He saith: "O people of the Bayan! Have mercy upon your Lord, the All-Merciful, and oppose Him not after He hath come unto you with the verses of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Say: O people! Be fair within yourselves and deny not Him through Whom the Cause of God hath become renowned amongst all created things.

O people! Ye were behind the veils, fearful for yourselves. But when the Youth appeared, He rent asunder your veils and your faces were illumined amongst the worlds. Fear ye God and deny not this precious and wondrous blessing.

Say: He desireth naught for Himself, but rather desireth to draw you nigh unto God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thus warbleth the Dove upon the twigs of the holy and lofty Paradise. And upon thee be the Spirit, and upon God's sincere servants.

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In the Name of Him at Whose bidding the Nightingale warbles in the Realm of Eternity that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise!

O Tongue of Eternity! Make mention of him who emigrated unto God until he entered the Spot of Immortality, the seat from whose horizon the Sun of Glory shone forth with manifest and brilliant rays, and entered God's precinct where the glances of holy radiance were turned unto him, and tasted the sweetness of remembrance from this Remembrance, Who, were the veil to be lifted from His face, would cause all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, except such as have detached themselves from all created things.

O servant! By God the Truth, this is the Day whereon everyone possessed of sight must behold, and everyone possessed of hearing must hear, and everyone possessed of heart must understand, and everyone possessed of tongue must cry out between earth and heaven by this most holy and exalted Name. Thus does the Tongue of Holiness speak forth now in the realm of mighty glory. By God the Truth, this is the Day of them that are detached, and the Day of them that are unified, and the Day whereon God createth by His hands of power essences of oneness and realities of eternality, each one of which casteth the world and all that is therein behind its back and standeth firm in God's Cause in such wise as to astonish every person of understanding.

O servant! Hear what issueth from the mouths of those who have disbelieved in God after having believed in Him. By God, they speak as spoke the divines of the Qur'an at the time when 'Ali came upon the clouds of My Name that encompasseth the worlds. O servant, forget not My remembrance, nor the days when thou wert in the presence of My countenance. Remember then My grief and tribulation, that God may raise up one who will help the Youth. Thus hath the Pen of Eternity taught thee, that thou mayest arise to serve His Cause with mighty detachment.

Stand firm in such wise that should all the Manifestations of Our most beauteous Names descend and seek to turn thee from that whereon thou standest in thy Lord's Cause, thou wouldst not turn unto them nor unto what they possess, by My sovereignty that hath dawned from the horizon of holiness with wondrous lights. Know thou that whatsoever thou hast heard regarding this Cause hath, by God, appeared from the direction of My command, and none hath been apprised thereof save God - of this thou art well aware. When We raised up the Cause, they who served Me and circled round Me morning and evening arose to slay Me. Thus mayest thou know the state of these souls and those who followed them and took them as lords for themselves instead of God. By God, they and their idols are in the fire, and naught shall protect them from thy Lord's torment save that they repent and return unto God Who created them by His command. Verily, He hath ever been All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.

Rejoice, O servant, within thyself that God hath accepted thee for love of Himself and honored thee with His presence and inscribed thy name upon tablets which lie before the Throne, sealed with the seal of preservation by the fingers of power, in truth and by the truth. Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that remember their Lord and are detached from those who know not their right hand from their left and who follow every froward devil.

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In the name of God, the Most High, His station is majesty and power!

O my God, my Lord, my Master, my Beloved, my Heart's Desire! Every time I intended to make mention of Thee, such perspiration of shame encompassed me that I found myself bewildered and dumbfounded. How can a tongue of rebellion be capable of mentioning that station where pure sanctification itself is counted among the sinners? And how can a heedless heart be worthy of comprehending that Lord of all who is desired, before whom the very essence of comprehension has testified and continues to testify to its own inadequacy? Neither is the outward eye worthy to behold, nor the outward ear capable of hearing that call whose sweetness has attracted the kingdoms of earth and heaven.

O my Lord and my Master! Despite this confession and this impotence, the ocean of rebellion has turned to Thee and beseeches from Thee Thine ancient favor. Whatever exists has its relation to Thee and is reckoned as Thy creation. By the breeze of Thy grace, quicken the dead and by the fragrance of Thy garment, grant him attainment. O Thou Who art the Object of worship of the world and the Beloved of all nations! Pure darkness seeks light, and absolute heedlessness has turned to the ocean of knowledge, and the utterly thirsty one seeks the living waters of recognition. This one who is completely asleep has intended the city of wakefulness. Is there any sovereign besides Thee from whom he may seek what he desires? Nay, by Thy Self! Thou art the One Who exists, Who encompasses all, Who protects, Who is powerful and mighty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in what I desire from the wonders of Thy bounty and grace. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. O Lord! Send down upon Thy loved ones that which befits Thy bounty and favor, and assist them in Thy remembrance and praise and in what Thou hast revealed in Thy mighty Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The letter of that honored friend transformed the darkness of grief and sorrow into the light of joy and gladness. This is from God's favor upon us and upon you. His mercy has preceded and His grace has encompassed all. After it was presented, He said: "O Lutfu'llah! Thy mention hath been and is before the Wronged One. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive thee of His infinite bounties and to rain upon thee from the clouds of His grace - a rain whose mention shall never be erased from the book of the world. Verily He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Hearing, the Answering." Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee.

Praise be to God that you are mentioned and have been and are present before His face. The favor of the Lord toward you has been and is more evident than the sun. We beseech God not to withdraw the bounty of His favor and not to withhold whatever exists in the world, for all is transient and all bear witness to this truth. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, for His favor which is everlasting and abiding. Verily He has power over all things. Peace be upon you and upon your family and upon your daughter and upon God's righteous male and female servants.

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O Mulla ’Abdu’r-Rahim!

In the Name of our Lord, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Encompassing! Blessed be He in Whose hands is the Kingdom of the heavens and earth. His are the most beautiful names and the most exalted attributes. He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. None can gainsay His firm and mighty command. Were He to desire to adorn all things with the ornament of names, He would be able to do so through His sovereignty which hath encompassed all created things from the first to the last. And were He to desire to strip from them all names, He would be powerful to do so, and none may say “why” or “wherefore.” Whoso sayeth this hath disbelieved in God and His signs and is accounted among the idolaters.

Say: Every first name hath been established through the mention of the Inaccessible, the Sublime, and every last name is raised up through His Word, if ye be of those who perceive. Say: The manifestations of primacy are created in His dominion and the manifestations of inwardness are owned by His Presence. He is in truth the Possessor Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. Beware lest ye be veiled by names from their Originator and Creator. He hath created them even as He created all things, and He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

Every name that boweth down today before His face is among the greatest and first of names, were ye of those who know. And were it to hesitate in His Cause for less than a moment, it would become among the lowest. This is what hath been sent down in truth in the Tablets of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Beware, O people, lest ye look to names, but rather to that whereby they subsist. Thus were ye commanded before and now, lest ye be among the heedless.

Whoso turneth to names because of their connection to God, he is indeed among the unitarians. And whoso fixeth upon them in themselves and for themselves, he is among the worshippers of names and is accounted among the idolaters. Say: O people! Leave what ye possess, then take what is with God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. He desireth for you naught save what draweth you nigh unto Himself and His presence, and purifieth you from the hints of the opposers who seek to prove their cause through what We revealed before, yet have denied My Self, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: I am but a servant of God and the son of His maidservant. He hath sent Me with the truth to remind you of what ye have forgotten of the wondrous remembrance of His new creation. I speak not of Mine own self, but rather through what the Spirit uttereth within My breast, and God is witness to what I say. Say: O people! Would ye slay him whom the winds of your Lord’s Will, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, have seized and move as they please by His command? Fear God and be not among the corrupt. He hath sent him to you to make you united in His Cause and brethren upon facing thrones. Be united, O people, then make peace among yourselves. This is what God desireth for you, if ye be of those who act.

Say: He loveth not discord but desireth harmony among you. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of what your Lord, the Mighty, the Great, hath desired for you. Hearken, O people, unto what the tongue of counsel hath spoken, and be not among the transgressors. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon God’s unified servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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To the son of Haji Mirza Musa who has ascended to the Supreme Companion - We have revealed this for Abu-Talib that he may seek through it what God has ordained for him and be mighty in assistance. He is God, the Doer of whatsoever He willeth. The Beauty of God behind the clouds hath been witnessed from the holy horizon through grace. And verily the clouds are wisdom whereby God manifesteth His Cause among His creatures - were He to lift them, all who are in the heavens and earth would be terrified and every lofty and impregnable mountain would crumble. There is nothing but that its treasuries are in the heaven of destiny, and We send them down only in accordance with a measured decree. O Pen of Command! Make mention of the servant of God who is named Abu-Talib, that he may rejoice in his soul that his name hath flowed from thee and been mentioned before the Throne. O servant! We sent thee aforetime a Tablet that cannot be equaled by all that is on earth, and after it We sent this Tablet whereby are attracted the hearts of those who have drawn nigh and been purified from earthly allusions through the hidden mystery. O servant! Purify thy heart from aught else but Me, then read what hath been revealed unto thee, that it may preserve thee from sorrows in this time when the heaven hath come with manifest smoke. Guard thyself through My Name the Preserver lest the darts of Satan strike thee and make thee far removed from the seat of nearness. Take comfort in My remembrance and abandon all else - this is better in thy Lord's sight than all that hath been created on earth. Thus hath the matter been decreed from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Illumine thy heart with My love and thy tongue with My remembrance and the remembrance of My tribulations, for by My Self, wert thou to become aware of them thou wouldst weep for months and years. Behold then, O servant, how grieved is the Master Who takes a servant and nurtures him with mighty hands of glory, and teaches him what He willeth, and preserves him from hardship and distress, and keeps him safe from all calamities in the protective sanctuary, and mentions him among the servants, and raises his name in the Concourse of Names to a station where all, young and old, make mention of him. Yet when he witnessed the matter thus and became assured in himself, he emerged from behind the veil and denied his Lord and rejected what He had bestowed upon him through His grace, until he arose to slay Him, then cried out among those whom the foolish of the earth had recognized, saying "I have left these people while wronged" - that he might cause doubt to enter the hearts of the believers and cause the rancor of the youth to enter the breasts of his followers. And God is witness to that. By God! He did this only because he knew the people to be worthless rabble, else how could he deny this grace which was more manifest than the light of the sun in the midst of heaven? By God! None would deny it save every ignorant blind one. Such was My Cause - ponder this in thyself that thou mayest become aware of it and be among the servants with insight into what befell this Wronged One Who was cast into the pit. Whereupon grief seized My heart and My pen, and it would not flow as desired, therefore We complete the Tablet. Be content with what hath been sent down unto thee from an exalted and uplifted heaven.

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In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! All servants have been created for the knowledge of God, and those who have today turned towards the Most Holy Court and the Most Great Name are commanded to teach the Cause of God. Among the conditions for teaching set forth in the Book of God is wisdom; therefore one must speak to each soul according to their capacity, so that through the hands of training of the true physicians they may attain the station of maturity. Blessed art thou for having succeeded in teaching the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Again, blessed art thou for having spoken in praise of thy Lord and borne hardships in the path of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We were with thee when thou didst speak from this noble station. Be thou assured of God's grace; verily He sufficeth thee in truth. He is the Protector of those who remember Him.

We make mention of thy father. We testify that he ascended unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. At the time of his ascension the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names welcomed him. How glorious is this mighty, exalted station! Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto him and visiteth him after his passing, saying: "Glory be upon thee, O thou through whom the horizon of faith was illumined and through whom those near unto God turned towards the Lord of all that was and shall be. I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of life in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou didst teach His Cause and speak His praise, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thou art he whom neither the idle fancies of the divines, nor the power of rulers, nor the clamor of those who turned away from this praiseworthy station could deter." Draw thou nigh unto his grave and be thou the first to visit him. Then recite what hath been revealed in this hidden Tablet. We have mentioned him in numerous Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Loving.

Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to all the friends in that land, that all may be gladdened by the sweet savors of the favors of the Dayspring of Divine verses. Say: Today it behooveth everyone to fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and that which appeareth from His presence, and to occupy themselves with the refinement of their own souls, that all may be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness, purity, goodly deeds and whatsoever God hath revealed in the Book. Certain heedless souls have attributed themselves to the Truth and have become the cause of dissipating the Cause of God, having abandoned what is known and called people to that which is rejected. Say: O friends! Today pure words and sincere deeds are beloved, for aught else shall not ascend to the heaven of acceptance and hath been and shall ever be rejected. Say: O loved ones of God! Shun ye those who claim faith and attribute themselves to God while committing that which causeth all things to lament and the limbs of all names to tremble. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Under all conditions your honor must be vigilant over the Cause of God, lest the pure in heart be deprived of the straight path through the deception of some. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the wine of steadfastness. He is indeed among the most exalted of creation before the Truth, as attested by My Most Exalted Pen in this Clear Tablet. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place who have stood firm in this wondrous Cause.

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At the well, His honor Mulla Ali Akbar, my brother, has attained. In the name of the one God! His honor Ahmad has attained and his deed is accepted before God. The entire world cannot equal the testimony that has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in this Tablet. God willing, may he be assisted to accomplish that which befits the Days of God and preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of humanity. O Ali before Akbar! Divine grace and favor have been with you, and whatsoever befell you in His path has been recorded and established by the Pen of Command in the Book of Names. That which the Tongue of Grandeur hath mentioned befell you in the path of Truth. Be not grieved, but engage in the remembrance of God with the utmost joy and fragrance, for whatsoever befell you was for God and in the path of God. What station is greater than this and what matter more glorious and excellent? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! For souls that are turned to Him and are steadfast there are stations that pen, tongue and utterance are powerless to describe. Two letters from you have returned to the Book, two birds have winged their flight to the most exalted nest, and two souls have turned toward the Most Glorious Homeland. By the life of God! They both gaze from the Supreme Horizon and hear what the Tongue of Bounty hath spoken at this moment. Were anyone to behold their station, they would swoon away. Rejoice thou in this mighty favor. We make mention in this station of thy brother who was named Muhammad-'Ali and who ascended unto God. We testify that he turned toward the Supreme Horizon and answered his Lord, the Lord of Names, when He called out from the Kingdom of Utterance: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." We were with him at the time of his ascension, and a company of near-angelic beings received him. Glory be upon him and upon those who make mention of him through what My Pen hath spoken in this exalted station. Grieve not over anything. Verily thy Lord is with thee. He hath assisted thee to turn unto Him and taught thee what had escaped the champions among men. Thy Lord is indeed gracious to His loved ones, but most of the people are heedless. Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto a mighty favor, for God's mercy and His grace have encompassed thee, and the evidences thereof shine forth like suns from the horizons of His Tablets. Grieve not for the two letters - they were two letters from the Book of Divine Love and have returned to the Mother Book. Reflect upon this bounty, that while the divines of the age, despite having awaited the appearance of Truth throughout centuries and ages, remained deprived behind the veils of idle fancies and were shut out from the ocean of generosity when the dawn of the Day of God appeared and the world was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth, your children attained to a station mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, despite them and despite those who disbelieved in what they were promised in every Book, every Scripture, every Psalm and every mighty Tablet. We have mentioned thee before and at this time, and those who are with thee, and those who have heard and answered their wronged, estranged Lord.

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Praise be to God that you have traversed the expansive plain of eloquence, ascended to the heavens of rhetoric, drunk from the wine of utterance at the dawn of certitude, attained the lofty stations of exposition which is the ultimate station of language, and brought forth in their completeness the pearls of speech from the shell of possibility. It seems you have gained knowledge of the comprehensive words and the perfect word as they truly are. Well done to you, again well done to you! Yes, the manifestations

of action in the world of existence appear through divine destiny and arrangement, but destiny and arrangement do not become the cause of deficiency such that an argument would arise or a flaw would find its way. If you become aware of this subtle point, you will gain knowledge of all the stations of the worlds of destiny, of which the world of compulsion and free will is but a letter. Rules and customs are of the characteristics of the world of creation, while the world of command is sanctified and exalted above all such limitations. Therefore one must lift one's foot from the realm of nothingness and step into the realm of eternity, so that we may raise the banner of being in the heaven of non-being and comprehend the meaning of "All things perish save His face," and pass beyond the earthly homeland to return to the original divine homeland, of which "Verily we are God's and to Him we return" is indicative. O my beloved! After ascending to the heavens of inner meanings, the wayfarers attain to three stations, meaning that the manifest Sun shines and becomes revealed in the mirrors of existing things according to these three ranks, although some consider the ranks of determinations to be five and have named them the five presences. Were I to explain in detail, a book would not suffice and I would not be able to fulfill it, just as that divine mystic and knower of divine mysteries, the lordly Imam, mentioned a drop from these stations in defining the world of the heart, which has surely come to your noble attention - that the final rank of these three stations is the journey from God unto God. In this station and rank, existence is effaced from self and subsists through the Truth. All are from God and unto God shall they return, and "Say: All things are from God" is sufficient witness and adequate proof of this point, as the mystic of Rum has said:

His attributes are annihilated in the attributes of Him

While His essence remains through the survival of His essence

This station certainly has no rules and seeks no customs, meaning all His deeds are pure justice even if outwardly they appear as injustice, and pure knowledge even if in form they appear as ignorance. This station needs no explanation - it is manifest and evident. God willing, may we drink of the peerless wine of the Eternal Presence and be sustained by the effulgences of the beauty of the Countenance of the All-Glorious, that we may enter the Egypt of immortality and attain to the honor of the divine presence, so that we may comprehend all meanings without veil or covering. And peace be upon you.

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Hasan Khan-i-Kirmani - He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

Praise be to the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven, Who through His Most Exalted Word drew the hearts of the people of Baha to the Most Glorious Horizon. His Cause is unalterable and His decree is firm. Blessed are they who have drunk from the cups of the love of God and have held fast to the cord of His favor. These are the companions of the Crimson Ark mentioned and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the

Qayyumu'l-Asma'. Well is it with them and with those who love them and who perceive from them the fragrance of the providence of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thy letter was delivered to Our presence through Husayn, upon whom be My Glory and favor, by means of the Most Great Branch, and was heard by Us. Blessed be thy tongue which God hath strengthened to mention and praise Him, and thy heart which hath been illumined by the light of recognition. The Most Great Branch recited what thou hadst composed in praise and remembrance of God. This is from God's grace and mercy upon thee. Be grateful and say:

Praise be to Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the visible and invisible, for having enabled me to turn to Thy Most Exalted Horizon and guided me to Thy Most Glorious Path, and made known to me Thy Great Announcement and Thy Most Great Name which overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy Command whereby the Trump was sounded and those in the graves were raised, to make me steadfast in Thee and in Thy signs, and to cause me to cling to the hem of Thy mercy and bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee. I implore Thee to open before my face the doors of Thy grace, favor and blessing. Thou art He Whose power hath been acknowledged by the tongues of all created things and Whose sovereignty hath been confessed by all existing things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Today the ocean of favor is surging and the sun of grace is shining and the light of bounty is radiant. We beseech God to confirm thee in steadfastness in this Most Great Cause and Momentous Announcement. Say: O servants! Today the Sovereign of Revelation is seated upon the throne of 'He doeth what He willeth.' Deprive not yourselves of this most exalted station and most sublime summit. Today the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven are gazing upon you, and from each one appeareth mention of good or a righteous deed. All speak the words "Blessed be God, the Lord of the Throne" and show forth love. O Hasan! Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and mentioned thee with verses whereby the hearts of those near unto God and the sincere ones were attracted. Today every word that proceedeth from the mouth of the Divine Will is immortalized by the command of the Lord of Names in the Crimson Tablet. Its fragrances endure and its perfume is diffused. Blessed is he who hath perceived it and hath said: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all mankind and King of Glory, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of them that know!" The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, and who have said before all faces "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Master of the Day of Judgment."

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O Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who warbleth upon the loftiest branches.

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above the mention and description of all the peoples of the world, the Lord of all nations, Who befitteth and deserveth that through His absolute Will and pervading Purpose He hath taken possession of all hearts and souls and guided them to the supreme horizon. Neither the opposition of the world's rulers nor the ascendancy and oppression of the divines of the nations could hold Him back from His all-conquering and compelling Purpose. Glorified be His majesty, exalted be His dominion, and all-encompassing be His signs. There is no God but Him.

This is a Book which the Lord of all beings hath sent down unto one of His loved ones that He may draw him nigh unto the Most Glorious Horizon and illumine him with the light of the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have remembered thee before and at this time, and have revealed for thee that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh to soar. Say: This is the Day wherein God walketh and speaketh, did ye but know it, and this is the Mother Book calling out in the most exalted voice from the horizon of the heaven of the prison of Akka, yet ye perceive it not. Arise to serve Me through My command, then speak forth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amongst My servants and say: O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of destiny hath come and every hidden matter hath been revealed. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Beware lest the veils of the world or the doubts of those who have denied God's proof and evidence and have disputed His signs which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth withhold you. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the world and with a power that hath encompassed all existence, of the former and latter generations.

O Mirza, before Ta and Qaf! The Lord of the world hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath sent down for thee that which hath caused the ocean of knowledge to surge before the faces of the world. Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him and hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Sure. By God! The rivers have flowed, the trees have yielded their fruit, the branches have swayed, and the boughs have stretched forth - a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Great. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a grace from Him unto thee and unto those who have arisen and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the angels who are nigh."

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and hear My call, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy Manifestation and illumined me with the lights of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving. I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and by that which was hidden in Thy knowledge, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, to rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy utterance and bounty. Then open before my face the door of Thy generosity and favor, and aid me, O my God, to serve Thee amongst Thy creation, and assist me with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy manifest sovereignty. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Subduing, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

That which thou didst send hath been presented before the Throne and hath been honored with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in that which He loveth

and is pleased with, and to exalt thee through His Name amongst all beings. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Mirza Asadu'llah, son of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

A mention from Us unto him who hath attained to the recognition of God when every ignorant and remote one turned away from Him, that he may rejoice in His remembrance and speak forth His praise in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that have known God. O Asad! He Who is the One, the Single, maketh mention of thee from this Spot which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names, and then they who circle round the Throne in the name of their Lord, the Mighty, the Trusted One.

Blessed is thy father, concerning whom the Supreme Pen was moved to make mention both before his ascension and after his elevation to a station wherein he beheld the world beneath his shadow. Verily thy Lord is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned him in such wise as would cause the near ones to invoke blessings upon him at morn and eventide. Grieve not at what hath befallen thee. Verily thy Lord maketh mention of thee in such wise as would gladden every hearing and perceiving one. We make mention of him in this Spot that God's chosen ones and His loved ones who have turned unto God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, may remember him thereby.

O Muhsin! I bear witness that thou didst hear the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and didst answer thy Lord, the Manifest, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having quaffed the Wine of Life from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and for having attained unto the most great steadfastness when feet did slip and every lofty mountain was scattered to dust. Thou art he whom neither the clamor of the divines held back from the Creator of heaven nor the assault of the oppressors from this Great Announcement. We bear witness that thou didst rend asunder the veils when the All-Bestower came riding upon the clouds, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful." Thou art he from whom they that have known God have inhaled the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause at whose appearance all things proclaimed: "By God! That hath appeared from which all who are in the earth have fled in terror, save those whom God hath willed, the Lord of this wondrous Day." Thus hath the Lord of all mankind made mention of thee that the servants who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, may visit thee thereby.

O Asad! Divine favor toward him is manifest and evident from wondrous and sublime verses, and the testimony that hath proceeded from the Supreme Pen concerning him is, in the sight of God, greater than all the treasures of the earth. Verily He seeth and witnesseth and speaketh. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing. Though for some days in this world he bore afflictions, trials and the like, this was in accordance with God's conclusive wisdom. I swear by the Sun of utterance that such bounty hath been vouchsafed unto him as the pens of the world and its scribes are powerless to describe. If thou

shouldst perceive these words, which are more delicate than the fragrance of a garment, with an attentive ear, thou wouldst attain unto the most great joy and wouldst cry out in all nights and days "Thine be the praise, O God of the worlds!" God willing, thou shalt drink of the choice sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting - and that wine is steadfastness, for the treacherous ones and the satans are engaged with the utmost effort and striving in leading souls astray. Ask thou God to protect thee and His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother who heard and turned unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Muhammad-Rida who has attained to His presence.

Glorified is He Who has ordained for all things whatsoever He hath willed. He, verily, is the One Who ruleth as He pleaseth. He hath created the Word in the form of man, and through it He hath drawn all worlds unto Him. He who is not attracted by the Word of God cannot truly be said to exist. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through it hath God raised up whom He willeth and distinguished between the polytheists and the monotheists. It is a fire unto them that have waxed proud, and a light unto them that have turned towards the Dayspring of Revelation. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet.

Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast attained and visited thy Lord, the All-Merciful, when He shone forth from the horizon of the Prison with manifest sovereignty, and entered through the gate which they who desired to prevent it seized with tyranny through what Satan had whispered in the hearts of the heedless ones. We have blinded the eyes of them that wished to prevent it and caused you to enter by Our power. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. He ordaineth what He pleaseth with sovereignty from His presence and doeth what He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They who beheld God's power and denied it are indeed the losers and are in manifest error.

Remember when thou didst enter the seat of the Throne and didst hear with thine own ears what was uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur while He was in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the nations had wrought - they who disbelieved after the clear proofs had come unto them from their Lord, the Revealer of verses. They are indeed among the perishing ones. When it was said unto them: "By what crime have ye imprisoned Him through Whom the tooth of faith hath gleamed and the sign of the All-Merciful hath appeared?" they said: "It hath been proven that He desired to change God's laws and His religion, and He hath no excellence over us; rather, we see Him as one of the mischief-makers." Thus spoke nations like them before. We seized them for what they said and made them a lesson to them that have insight. Soon shall We seize these as We seized those who were mightier than them in strength. Thy Lord, verily, is powerful over what He willeth and ruleth over what He pleaseth.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having called me through Thy grace, drawn me nigh unto the Manifestation of Thy Self, shown me Thy beauty, and caused me to hear Thy call in days wherein every seeker was prevented, every visitor seized, every observer driven away, every hopeful one

distanced, and every rememberer slain. O Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me and admitted me into the precincts of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, to inscribe me among the people of Baha who were not hindered by wealth and beauty from turning to Thy face, O my Exalted Lord, and whom the manifestations of the Name of Majesty did not frighten in Thy days, O Thou in Whose hand is the beginning and the end. O Lord! Since Thou hast called me unto Thee, make me steadfast in Thy Cause in all conditions, then grant me what Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee among Thy servants, and decree for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the might and majesty, the grandeur and power, the glory and praise. He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Ocean of utterance unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the heaven of bounty unto all who are in the world, and the Most Great Sign among all created things. Through Him was broken the seal of the choice sealed Wine, and revealed were the mysteries of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Through Him wafted the sweet savors of the Divine Appearance and blew the breezes of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Through Him was the Trump blown and the Speaker of the Mount spoke forth, and those in their graves arose. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all good, and whoso hath acknowledged Him hath acknowledged God and His signs and His grandeur and His sovereignty. And whoso hath denied Him is accounted among the wrongdoers in the Book of God, Lord of all the worlds.

I bear witness, as do the Concourse on High in this Most Glorious Station and the denizens of Paradise, that thou didst arise to serve the Cause when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and didst turn unto the Dawning Place of thy Lord's signs when He appeared with the truth, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did speak. I testify that through thee every heedless one became aware, every slumberer arose, every hesitant one hastened forward, every crippled one walked, and every tongue-tied one spoke forth - all this through God's grace upon thee. Thou art he who didst drink from the cup of tribulation for the love of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, and didst bear hardships purely for His sake. Alas, alas! The Pen weepeth at this moment at that which the Ancient King hath spoken concerning what befell thee at the hands of the oppressors among His creation and the transgressors among His servants.

Thou art he through whose steadfastness the feet of the servants were shaken, and through whose tranquility the hearts of the wicked were disturbed, and through whose mention remembrance was raised from all directions. Thou art he who wast with the Wronged One in the prison of the land of Ta in the nights and days, at eventide and at dawn, and whom the imaginings of the divines prevented not from turning to the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and whom the veils and might of the enemies hindered not from drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thou art he who wast my partner in tribulation and in chains and fetters. At thy calamity tears were shed and hearts were troubled and souls lamented.

Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee for having shown patience in the days of God and for having been content with whatsoever befell thee in His path and for love of Him amidst all creation and the standards of power among the righteous. Through you did the Sun of inner meanings shine forth in the world of utterance and the All-Merciful reveal Himself unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Ye are they who chose hardship over ease and tribulation over all who dwell in the mortal realm, in the path of God, Lord of the seen and unseen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of creation be upon you, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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ABADIH. O ’Ata, upon him be the Glory of God!

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over what hath been and what shall be! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the One through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in God’s knowledge and was recorded in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Through Him hath the Hour appeared, and the Resurrection come to pass, and the Bridge been laid, and the Balance set up, and every firm and steadfast mountain been moved. This is the Day which in all the divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms hath truly been attributed to God and is known as the Day of God. Nevertheless, doubtful and hesitant souls remain veiled therefrom, clinging to the conjectures and idle fancies of the past. For twelve hundred years they considered themselves the best of all sects, the saved community and favored nation, yet when God’s test appeared they proved more wicked than all other sects and more rebellious than all other peoples, for they hanged the Essence of Being and the Worshipped Beauty and martyred Him with the most grievous torment. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! And now the people of the Bayan remain veiled and deprived of the Name of the Self-Subsisting and the sealed wine, clinging to the same vain imaginings. Blessed is he who with might hath rent asunder the veils, and he who with power hath shattered the idols of fancy, and he who through steadfastness hath illumined the horizon of certitude. In these days, in one of the Tablets this blessed word hath dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen: Until thou becomest aware of the falsehood of the past, thou shalt not bear witness to the truth of this wondrous Day. The heedless people must be awakened that they may recognize the daysprings of conjecture and fancy of the past and future, and may hold fast to the straight path and the firm and mighty cord. The Cause is most mighty, yet the people remain weak. Until now they have not understood the Day of God and like earthworms remain stuck in the clay of vain imaginings. In one of the Tablets these firm and perfect words were revealed: Great and wondrous is this Day, for He is manifest in the garment of I and the Hidden One speaketh with the tongue of I am the One Who is seen. O ’Ata! Say: This Day hath no peer or likeness. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the true Outpourer. Say: O ye who are veiled! To whom do ye turn, and from whom do ye turn away? Say: Cast away what ye possess and take what God remindeth you of. It shall profit you in all His worlds. He is verily the Truthful Informer. Should anyone ask you by what proof ye have believed in God, say: By this perspicuous Book and this firm and mighty Cause. Say: Thus doth God teach you as a token of His grace, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed is he who hath cast

away the world, turning unto the Most Great Name through which the seas have surged and the winds have blown and the Nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. There is none other God but Him, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted is He Who bringeth relief and consolation unto those who are in the Kingdom of Names.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared through the power of truth is the Lord of all creation, the Educator and Helper of all mankind; He Who guideth them unto His supreme Path and enableth them to hearken unto His Most Great Announcement. And through Him the portals of His grace were flung open before the faces of all people, and the mysteries latent in the sacred Book were unravelled upon His Return, and announcers, both men and women, went forth to proclaim the joyful tidings that the splendours of His light had shone forth from above the horizon of the gracious Will of God, the Lord of creation.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who is voicing the Call within the Most Great Prison is none other but the Lord of creation, the Life-Giver of all peoples. By virtue of His supreme potency the Ocean of Divine Utterance hath surged throughout the world before the followers of all religions and through Him, earth and heaven have been illumined, and the Summoner hath raised His Voice on every side proclaiming: Majesty and grandeur, grace and tender mercy belong unto God, the One, the Peerless, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

One day We awoke in the morning and lo! We witnessed the doors of heaven wide open, and beheld the angels descending and ascending, each one of them carrying a vial of pure rose-water. Thereupon the Crier raised His voice, saying: “O inmates of the all-highest Paradise! O denizens of the exalted and blissful Abode! Glad-tidings! Glad-tidings! inasmuch as He Who beareth the Most Mighty Name, the King of Eternity, hath graciously purposed to bless by His Presence the habitation wherein the soul of one of His hand-maidens hath ascended, one of the leaves that had secured for herself a place within the precincts of her Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.”

During successive years she circled around the court of her Lord, and lauded Him in her anthems of praise, both in verse and prose, for which she gained the ornament of His acceptance, and received the light of His divine good-pleasure, as a token of heavenly grace from God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Meanwhile He who is the Desire of the world stood bestowing rose-water with the hand of bounteousness to those who, at His bidding, had presented themselves before the throne for the express purpose of carrying her body to the resting-place ordained for her in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Pen of Glory! Hearken unto the Voice of this Wronged One and make mention of the one whom thy Lord hath graciously willed to remember, and say:

The first sweet-smelling breeze that hath been diffused from the vesture of the bounty of God, the Lord of Lords, and the first perfume that hath shed its fragrance upon the dwellers of earth and heaven rest upon thee, O handmaid of God. I bear witness that thou didst hearken to His call and set thy face toward the Summit of transcendent glory. Thou wert so inebriated by the the utterances of the Lord of all beings that thou didst unloose thy tongue to celebrate His praise and to magnify His Name and His Glory by day and by night.

I testify that thou didst embrace the Truth at a time when most maid-servants had turned aside from Him, and recognized that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, when people in most countries had disbelieved in Him.

Great is thy blessedness, O My leaf! inasmuch as thou didst seize the cup of heavenly reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of the latter days, and drank of it at one time with His Name on thy lips, and at another time with His gracious and cherished remembrance in thy heart.

By the righteousness of God! Thou didst attain unto that which none of the hand-maids in the world nor the leaves thereof have attained, save them that the Hand of Omnipotence hath aroused as a token of grace and bounty from His Presence. Verily, He is potent to do as He willeth, through the power of His mighty and glorious Utterance.

We bear witness that, through her remembrance, the soft-flowing waters of forgiveness have gushed forth and the day-star of the grace of God, the All-Merciful, hath dawned to demonstrate the outpourings of His favour, His bestowal and loving providence, which have surpassed all that are in the heavens and on the earth.

Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the Ocean of Divine Knowledge surged in creation! Your letter in the Arabic tongue is present, and the Eye of Grace beholds it. The response from the Mother Book descends in Persian, that all may partake of their portion from the Ocean of utterance of the All-Merciful and become aware of that for which sight and hearing and spirit were created. Today the attraction of the Divine Word has seized the world. All things, in utmost joy and delight, are engaged in remembrance and praise. The water says: “O earth, let us set aside the remembrances of the world and occupy ourselves with the praise of the Ancient King.” The mountains say: “O trees, today is the day of singing and melody, for the Hidden and Manifest Purpose is seated upon the throne of revelation.” Blessed is our time, blessed is our day, and blessed is our state! The grace of the Beloved of the worlds has encompassed all, the lights of the Sun of loving-kindness have shone forth, the ocean of mercy is surging, and the light of bounty is radiant. A fleeting moment, in this Day, excelleth centuries of a bygone age. Blessed is the one who has become aware and testified to the grace of God, and woe unto the one who has deprived himself of the River of Mercy and held himself back from the bounty of the True Beneficent One! O Kazim! On this day the Greater Branch was present before the countenance of the Lord of Destiny. We

speak and he writes. Know thou the station of this bounty. O Yahya! We have heard thy mention, remembered thee, and seen thy name. We have revealed for thee that which the remembrances of all nations cannot equal. The Mother Book bears witness to this, as it sits upon the Throne of Divine Address. O Yahya! Take hold of the Book of God with the power that is from Him and the might that is from His presence. He, verily, aids whoever turns to Him and desires to drink of His sealed wine, through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. In the nights and days the Most Exalted Pen is in motion. Ask God to raise up souls who are worthy of these days and capable of this Most Great Cause. By the Luminary of inner meanings that shines resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, the bounty of these days has not been and cannot be reckoned. Blessed is the state of the one who was not deprived of its outpourings nor prevented from its favors. Today the sun speaks: "Thine is the praise, O Lord of the worlds," and the heaven utters: "Thine is the glory, O Lord of Names." The Tree of Sinai chants: "The Lord of Revelation has come," yet the people of the world are heedless and veiled, save for a few. O Kazim! We beseech God to aid all in that which causes the exaltation of His Cause and the advancement of existence. Thou didst seek forgiveness for thy parents. Praise be to God, it has been granted. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He shall not be asked of His doings. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, male and female, young and old, who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered before the creation of the heavens and earth.

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Jinab-i-Haji Abbas and Jinab-i-Kamal al-Din and the members of that household, both male and female, shall recite:

He is the Mighty! Glorified be He in Whose hand is the dominion of the Kingdom of eternity and the realm of might in the heavens! He doeth whatsoever He willeth with His Most Glorious Servant and is not questioned about what He desireth. He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

Say: The Servant hath departed from the City of God, and this We accepted for Ourself before the creation of the heavens and before the spirits were breathed into the temples of the worlds, at a time when neither the primal Adam, nor Moses of the Cause, nor the Faithful Spirit were yet mentioned. By this all are assured that the people can never inflict upon Us what We have not accepted before the creation of the first ones and the mention of the last ones. By the Lord of the Throne and of eternity! All who are in the heavens and earth are but as a handful of clay. How then could anyone inflict upon Us what was not ordained in a Tablet well-preserved?

Say: By God! When the Youth desired to depart from the Garden with manifest sovereignty, the Maids of Heaven emerged from their exalted chambers, the veils were drawn aside, and the Manifestations of the Unseen came forth from their holy retreats. All spirits gathered to behold the Beauty from this noble vantage. Not a single soul or spirit or manifestation remained behind the veil of the Divine Essence or the coverings of the Almighty Dominion - all descended from their stations to witness this glorious Beauty. The Youth walked forth and with Him walked the spirits of the near ones and the angels of all worlds, until

He stood before the Steed. Then were the pillars of all things shaken, the realities of Paradise were troubled, and the hearts of the mystics swooned away. Then did the Beauty mount the saddle of light, even as the Spirit mounted the mighty throne.

At that moment the Herald called out from the midst of the heavens at the center of creation: “O City of God! How canst thou endure this separation that sets Iraq ablaze and melts the horizons?” Then were the hearts of the monotheists and the souls of the lovers consumed. “O land of the City! How canst thou bear anything in creation after the departure of God’s burden, the Mighty, the Powerful? How can roses appear from thee and plants of glory spring forth after the disappearance of God’s rose, the Transcendent, the Luminous? How can spring breezes blow upon thee after the departure of God’s springtime, when thou art afflicted with the force of autumn? O air of the City! How canst thou nourish thy inhabitants after the sweet breezes of the Beloved are cut off from thee? O City of God! From whom wilt thou thereafter find the fragrance of musk, and with whom wilt thou find solace after the perfumes of the garment are sealed from thy face? O nightingale of the City! How canst thou warble upon the branches after the nightingale of holiness hath flown from the boughs of glorious might? O dove of the City! Wilt thou coo upon the branches after God’s voice is no longer raised and the melodies of wondrous holiness are cut off from the City?” Thus do We make mention of the City of God after the separation, that the loved ones therein may be among those who remember.

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First part is already translated (for the English portion). For the Persian/Arabic portion:

O Living, Mighty, Exalted, Beloved One! How excellent, O my God, is the warbling of David in the garden of the Psalms through the melodies of the dove of attraction during the visitation of Thy countenance! O what joy, that the fire of Thy oneness was kindled in the essence of Thine eternity! O what bliss, that the spirit of attraction was breathed into the reality of Thy Self-Subsistence! My God, my God! Be not far from me, for tribulations have entirely encompassed me. My God, my God! Leave me not to myself, for calamities have wholly seized me. Give me to drink from the pure milk of Thy loving-kindness, for thirsts have utterly consumed me. Shelter me beneath the shadow of the wings of Thy mercy, for all enemies have purposed against me. Preserve me before the throne of grandeur in the presence of the manifestation of the signs of Thy glory, for complete abasement hath touched me. Feed me from the fruits of the Tree of Thine eternity, for utter weakness hath drawn nigh unto me. Grant me sustenance from the cups of joy from the hands of Thy tenderness, for mighty sorrows have taken hold of me. Clothe me in the brocaded robe of Thy sovereign dominion, for poverty in its essence hath stripped me bare. Cause me to slumber at the cooing of the Dove of Thy eternity, for the greatest afflictions have come upon me. Make me to dwell at the throne of oneness amid the radiance of the beauty of Thy countenance, for agitation in its most violent form hath destroyed me. Immerse me in the oceans of forgiveness before the surge of the Leviathan of glory, for sins in their magnitude have caused my death. Glory be to Thee! Glory be to Thee! How extreme is my evil plight! How great is the trembling of my heart! How intense is the burning of my being and the fire of my reality in the layers of my inmost self! I beseech Thee by Thy Word through which the throne of Thy mercy was set in motion, and the dove of

Thy rapture warbled, and the souls of the detached ones cried out at the appearance of the sun of Thy loving-kindness, that Thou cut me off from all else but Thee, lest the sun of Thine eternity set from the cave of Thy oneness, and the lamp of Thine everlastingness be extinguished from the house of Thy Self-Subsistence. Yet this would not be a wonder among the signs of Thy power. Sufficient art Thou Thyself as a witness to what I say. Therefore, bless the stars of the heavens of Thine eternity, and the leaves of the tree of Thy reality, and the breezes of the expanse of Thy Self-Subsistence, and the letters of the book of Thine everlastingness, and the words of the tablets of Thy creation, and the suns of the dawning-places of Thy vitality, and the moons of the rising-points of Thy essence, and the lightning of the clouds of Thy might, and the roses of the garden of Thine eternity, and the lights of the manifestation of the light of Thy countenance, and the shooting stars against the devils of Thy community, by all Thy modes and manifestations and beginnings and endings and strength and power, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of command and Thou art powerful over all things. How can I mention, O my God, what hath touched me from the wonders of Thy overwhelming power and the brilliance of Thy might? Was I not a dove of Thy house, or an ant in the valley of Thy oneness, or a gnat from the desert of Thy Self-Subsistence, or a mosquito from the wilderness of Thine eternity? By Thy glory! My bones have dried up and my pillars have crumbled. If Thou forgivest me, verily Thou art the best of those who show mercy, and if Thou chastisest me, verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. And at that time, when I was prevented from the power of touch by what was decreed in the tablets of invincible glory, my soul departed from all directions lest it cause something Thou lovest not and I become one of the seditious. Thereby was I made an outcast in all lands and cast out among the servants, such that none could be found more grief-stricken than I in all the worlds. And I say: Praise be to Thee, for Thou art the Lord of all the worlds, and I call upon Thee with the cry of the distressed ones. Glory be to Thee! Glory be to Thee! above what the sincere ones say.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Overshadowing, the Self-Subsisting!

My call hath been raised from around My throne - blessed are they that hear! The Face of God hath appeared, unveiled and unconcealed - blessed are they that behold! The Sun of Utterance hath dawned from the Most Glorious Horizon - blessed are they that attain! The breezes of grace have wafted from the right hand of justice - blessed are they that turn unto them! The Straight Path hath been raised by the hands of the All-Merciful - blessed are they that walk therein! The gates of the Most Exalted Paradise have been opened in My Name, the Most High, the Most Glorious - blessed are they that enter! The Youth hath come, bearing in His hand the cup of immortality, which He hath passed round among the company of the sincere - blessed are they that drink! The strong and mighty rope of God hath appeared - blessed are they that grasp it! The hem of grace hath been lengthened - blessed are they that cling thereto! The Maid of inner meanings hath appeared in the chambers of thy Lord's words, the All-High, the All-Knowing - blessed are they that comprehend! The Tree of the All-Merciful hath yielded the fruits of utterance - blessed are they that take them! The fragrances of divine realities have been diffused in

this garden - blessed are they that inhale them! The Youth's robe hath been suspended between earth and heaven - blessed is he who findeth from it the fragrance of holiness and is of them that are at peace!

Say: O people of the Bayan! The hearts of them that are nigh unto God are bewildered at you. I know not what ye desire, O ye heedless ones! If ye seek God's signs, by God they have descended in the most wondrous utterance, to which every thing beareth witness, if ye be of them that deny. If ye seek God's power, verily it hath appeared in truth, and ye have beheld it with your own eyes, would ye but be fair-minded. And if ye seek His beauty, verily it hath dawned in truth from the holy horizon with manifest sovereignty. And if ye seek knowledge, from it have appeared the treasuries of the knowledge of the first and the last. Say: I know not what ye have made the standard for recognizing your Lord - consider this, O ye idolaters!

Blessed art thou, O My name, for having been named with this Name through which God hath distinguished between the monotheists and the idolaters. There hath befallen Me what befell not My previous name, yet the people are in grievous heedlessness. Say: Verily My previous name was martyred with his loved ones in a single day, and ascended to the Supreme Companion with gladness and manifest joy. But this Name witnesseth his enemies in every moment as they slay him with the swords of hatred. Thus hath the matter been ordained, and We have sent it down in truth as a reminder to them that know. They are naught in thy Lord's sight but worthless rabble, nay more contemptible, and thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. They have committed what none before them committed, even violating God's sanctity among His servants - yet they have only harmed themselves, though they perceive it not. Thus have We taken from them the spirit of understanding and left them in barren wastes, wherein they wander distracted. But thou, be thou assured by thy Lord's grace and fear not the hosts of the oppressors. By My life! Wert thou to know what hath been ordained for thee, thou wouldst sacrifice thyself in love for that most wondrous and wonderful station. Grieve not at anything - verily thy Lord is with thee in all conditions and will aid thee through His power. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. And the Spirit be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon them that are with thee of God's sincere servants.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

The servant present hath presented thy letter before the Throne, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. We have made mention of those who were martyred in the path of God with a mention that nothing in the kingdom can equal, as My perspicuous Book doth testify. There is nothing that hath not been honored with the ornament of My mention and been immersed in the ocean of My mercy and been established upon the throne of My loving-kindness in My exalted Kingdom. We make mention of them once again in this mighty Prison.

O Rafi', rejoice thou that the Lord of Eternity hath made mention of thee when thou didst ascend unto the Supreme Companion. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of God and turned unto Him and offered up thy spirit in longing for His presence and love of His beauty. He, verily, is the All-

Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thou art he who testified to that which God did testify, and turned unto Him when a great multitude turned away. Well done, for your turning and your submissiveness and your humility. He verily doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

And We make mention of Mirza Aqa who attained martyrdom in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. There were revealed for him aforetime clear verses whereby honored servants were attracted. He testified to that which My Most Exalted Pen did testify: that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He drank from the ocean of reunion and tasted the sweetness of the heavenly table and found the fragrance of My luminous robe. We testify that he turned unto My horizon and soared in My atmosphere and sought the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. The Tongue of God doth testify to this in this noble station.

And We make mention of him who was named after the Prophet, that every devoted one may be assured that there is none other God but Him. His is the supreme providence and the mercy that hath preceded creation. He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He is the Kind, the Bountiful, the Merciful. Blessed are they who have visited the martyrs and remembered them with that which the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken. We testify that they are among the triumphant ones. All things shall perish, but there shall remain for My loved ones My beautiful remembrance. Joy be unto him who hath found the fragrance of utterance and recognized what hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving providence of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We have mentioned them and their kindred before and at this time. By My life! Their deeds in God's path have been accepted. Nothing is hidden from His knowledge and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My loved ones and My friends! Hearken unto My call. Beware lest anything among all things prevent you from the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names. Cast aside what is with the people, placing your trust in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

We have made mention of the prisoners of Nayriz and My loved ones there. We have heard mention of them in this Remembrance and of their turning unto God's bright horizon. Be assured of God's grace and mercy. He verily heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We send from this spot Our greetings upon the faces of My loved ones and My male and female servants, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. We counsel them to trustworthiness and godliness and patience and forbearance, and I am the Patient, the Forbearing.

The glory be upon you and upon those who testified to that which God testified and who took in the days of attainment the cup of life from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and drank in His Name, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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O Muhammad-Ibrahim! In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Holy! Your letter has reached Our presence in this prison, and We have found the fragrance of your love and recognized your sincerity towards God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Those who have believed in God and held fast to the

cord of His favor - upon them do the denizens of Paradise pray, and this is indeed a great bounty inscribed in the Tablet. Give thanks unto God for having given thee to drink the Water of Life from the chalice of eternity, and for having caused thee to ascend to the heaven of inner meanings, and for having made thee to hear wondrous melodies of glory. Leave the idolaters in the depths of the fire, then proclaim thy Lord's praise amongst His servants. Thus doth the Pen of glory and might command thee. Say: O company of the heedless! Have ye forgotten that which God counseled you in all the Tablets, to fear God and not to be tyrannical and wretched in the land? Say: Be fair - if ye deny what hath been sent down in truth from God's heaven of grandeur, by what proof do ye find rest in your souls and seek to guide others? Fear God and refute not the truth by what ye possess - this would be better for you, did ye but know. Sanctify yourselves from idle fancies and desires, then turn your gaze toward the Most Glorious Horizon. Thus doth your Lord, the Most High, command you in preserved Tablets of glory. Beware lest the world and what is therein delude you, or the intimations of the people of the clouds prevent you. Rend asunder the veils by a power that is mighty in truth. Know thou that from thy letter wafted the fragrance of love to all regions, and the angels of the Cause have preserved it from One mighty and powerful. God shall resurrect it in the most beauteous form - with Him is the knowledge of all things and He encompasseth all things. Were We to acquaint thee with the station God hath ordained for thee in thy love for Him, thy spirit would depart thy body in its longing for what is destined for thee. But We have concealed this through a wisdom known only to God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation. Give thanks unto God for having made thee a repository of His love, but strive to preserve it from every accursed thief. For Satan and his manifestations have spread throughout the land, and should they find anyone heedless, in less than a moment they would steal what their Lord hath entrusted unto them. Thus hath the tongue of truth spoken faithfully. Be distinguished among the servants from all others, such that thy countenance shineth amidst all faces, and be among those whose faces are illumined by the lights of the Countenance. O thou servant who hast turned unto God! Ask God to grant thee what thou desirest. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth by His command, and He is indeed cognizant of all things. By God! It grieveth Me that thou shouldst seek to attain My presence and I must deny thee. But as We observe the decree of destiny, We have withheld the Pen from its ruling and suspended it in the heaven of the divine Will until God cometh with a manifest sovereignty. Should We remain in that land in such condition for a complete year, We shall reveal what hath been truly ordained, and He is indeed wise in all things. Spirit, glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in love.

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In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath heard that which thy tongue hath uttered and known thy condition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Prison, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Tablet of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which hath ever been intended by love, and ever shall be, is the love of God. True love guideth the people and treadeth the path of Truth, and this is achieved and

attained through the grace of religion. Regarding thy statement in this connection that thy love hath reached such a stage as to know neither unbelief, nor faith, nor religion, it is Our hope that, God willing, thy love and affection may be adorned with the ornament of truth and meet with His acceptance. From the Pen of the Most High, there were revealed in the early days certain considerations regarding the stages of love that were specifically intended for the Sunnis. Those considerations were prompted by the requirements and exigencies of the time and by the stations and attainments of the souls. Regard religion as the orb of the sun and love as its light. Thus doth the tongue of this Wronged One speak forth in His prison, that thou mayest be of the steadfast. We beseech God that thou mayest become illumined with the light of the Sun of Truth and engage in that which is worthy of this Day. Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and hast attained unto this most mighty and most holy Tablet. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. God willing, thou shalt remain protected from the cawing of the ravens and the doubts of the suspicious ones. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast and firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art verily the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We make mention of thy father who believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and We give him the glad-tidings of this Most Great Remembrance that he may rejoice and be of those who have laid hold of My Extended Cord. O Ali, We have accepted thy sacrifice. This is from the bounty of thy Lord. Be thou grateful and numbered among those who render thanks. Now in life, occupy thyself with the remembrance and praise of the Friend, and seek from God true sacrifice, which is to submerge thine own will and purpose in the Will and Purpose of God, exalted be His glory - that is, to manifest no intention or purpose of thine own. Whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto true martyrdom, and aught else is not permitted in this Day, for We have commanded all to wisdom, and they who are endued with insight must look to the Command of God and not act according to their own will. They must carry out that which they have been commanded and abandon that which hath been forbidden. O elder one! Since thou hast attained unto the love and favor of God, thou art young and art mentioned among the youth before the Throne. O Abu-Talib! The Desired One declareth: Praise be to God that in thy youth thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Day-Spring of Divine Revelation. Now ask thou of God steadfastness, for the heedless souls who associate partners with God are engaged with the utmost deceit and guile in leading people astray in the name of truth, and ere long their cawing shall be raised in that land. Guard thyself by the Name of thy Lord, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon you from God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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O friends of God in Husaynabad! In the name of the one true God!

The Most Exalted Pen mentions His friends with perfect grace and kindness, and counsels them to that which today is the cause of the elevation and exaltation of human station, that perchance the fragrance of unity may be diffused throughout the world and eliminate the odors of discord which are the cause and source of corruption. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty - by a single word He brought the world from nothingness into the realm of existence, and should He so will, by another word He would cause it

to return. He is the One to Whose power all created things have testified and before Whose grandeur all beings have prostrated themselves. God willing, may all the friends become united and in agreement upon the Word of the All-Merciful, and strive night and day to manifest such deeds as would cause all who dwell on earth to turn towards Him. I swear by the peerless Gem of Utterance that a goodly deed is in itself a proclaimer of God's Cause. Strive ye to act in accordance with what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the utterance of the All-Merciful and acted according to what he was commanded in His mighty Book.

Consider this opportunity a bounty and know ye the value of this divine Day. By the life of God! It hath had no likeness nor will it ever have one. Let not the might and power and riches of the people prevent you from the Truth. Consider the former ages and reflect upon what transpired in those days. Where is the might of princes and their wealth? Where is their power and dominion? Where are their ranks and their armies? God hath returned them to their graves and made them a lesson for His loved ones and chosen ones. Verily He is the Ruler, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ere long all that is seen shall perish and pass away. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for you throughout the dominion of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

God willing, may ye be enkindled by the heat of the love of God - an enkindlement which the seas of the world cannot quench or extinguish. Verily He attracts whom He willeth through a word from His presence. He is, in truth, the One Who doeth what He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is. Not an atom's weight of deeds is lost in God's sight. All that hath befallen you and all that ye have heard from the deniers and opposers in the path of Truth hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Soon shall the tongues of the world make mention of you and the Kingdom of Glory circle round about you. Know ye your worth and recognize the value of these days and preserve your stations, for the misguided lie in wait in their ambush, ready to prevent God's loved ones from Him and deprive them of the water of life. Beseech ye God at all times to make you victorious through the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer, He is the Bestower, He is the Generous, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Our presence be upon you and upon those who have cast away all else save Me and taken hold of that which they were commanded in My wondrous Book.

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O Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God! The Supreme Pen speaks in the name of the Beloved of the worlds: Your letter was received before the Countenance, and from its expression was inhaled the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God that through divine grace, in this spiritual dawn, you have attained to that which was intended and have been illumined by the effulgences of the Divine Word which has dawned from the Dayspring of Will. The effulgences of the Word have encompassed all who are on earth, yet most people remain deprived of the Dayspring of divine manifestations due to imaginary veils. Soon all shall turn toward the intended Goal, but alas for those souls who today remain deprived of the shining lights. I swear by the Dawning-Place of the Most Great Name that if people would rend asunder the veils and hearken with the ear of their true nature to the Call of God raised from the right side of the luminous Spot, all would turn with illumined hearts toward the

Beloved. The veils have prevented them - soon they shall wail and weep, though now they perceive it not. Blessed are those souls who today have attained the recognition of God and have turned toward the Most Great Name and the Ancient Ocean. Although today the enkindled and devoted souls have been encompassed by abasement due to their turning to the Word of God, yet soon all on earth shall engage in glorifying their mention with utmost honor. That which exists and is witnessed shall soon vanish, but any deed performed by any soul for the triumph of God's Cause, even if it be but a sigh breathed forth for the love of God, shall endure forever and its effects shall be manifested in all the divine worlds through wondrous and sublime appearances. This is God's hidden grace of which none is aware. If the divine fingers of power were to rend this veil, you would witness all turning with complete devotion, perfect hope and supreme steadfastness to sacrifice themselves in the path of the Friend, counting all that exists in the world and whatsoever is related to it as non-existent. Since the preservation of souls for the triumph of God's Cause is observed according to divine wisdom's requirements, therefore this station remains unrevealed and hidden behind the veils of the unseen. Blessed are you for having attained, arisen, turned, heard and said: "Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!" These are pearls and treasures that shall remain preserved in the divine treasuries of the unseen, and the hands of the treacherous and thieves shall be barred from them. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to be present before the Throne, to hear Thy call and be honored with meeting Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name that rules over all names to ordain for me to meet Thee in every world of Thy worlds, to cause me to soar at all times in the atmosphere of Thy love, and to turn toward the Kaaba of Thy reunion and meeting. Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee. The mentioned Tablets were sent. Verily, He is the best of rememberers. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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His Holiness Aqa Siyyid Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the True Speaker from His most exalted horizon.

The Book of God speaks the truth: There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Fire calls out from the direction of the Mount, saying: "O people! The Promise has come, and He Who speaks is indeed the Promised One." The Balance proclaims: "O people of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and be not of those who understand not." This is the Day wherein the Call has been raised from the most exalted horizon. Blessed are they who hear. The Path walks and says: "Draw nigh, O people, unto the Dawning-Place of bounty. The seal of the Choice Wine has been broken in the name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

O Isma'il! Blessed art thou, for the Wronged One has turned toward thee from this praiseworthy station and remembers thee with that whereby all things have been adorned through the light of remembrance from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. Give glad tidings to the servants of this Most Great Revelation, through which has been manifested what was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the doubts of the people prevent thee from serving the Cause, or their might frighten thee. Be a teacher of God's Cause in all conditions. Verily He will protect thee, aid thee, and

inspire thee with that which will draw people near unto Him. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed art thou for having drunk the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

O Ibrahim! Rejoice that the Lord of Eternity has turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee that which has diffused the fragrances of utterance throughout all possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who has come in the shadows of the clouds with a Cause before which armies cannot stand. Thy letter reached the Wronged One and the Trusted One, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, delivered it. We read it and found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy turning and thy devotion to God, the Lord of the Frequented Fane. Let not the words of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed grieve thee. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee attracted by His verses, firm in His Cause, and detached from all else. Verily He has power over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Give glad tidings to the people of this Day which the Messenger foretold from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy - the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear the Lord of Names. He has come with verses that have attracted the hearts of those who know. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty which has encompassed the seen and unseen. Blessed art thou, O Ibrahim, and joy be unto thee for having taken the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord and drunk thereof in His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

We remember Mirza before Aqa with the verses of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, that the call of his Lord may attract him and draw him near. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. We remember My loved ones there and command them with that which will raise high the station of the Word among the servants, and We counsel them with that which God counseled His chosen ones in His perspicuous Book. We beseech God to preserve them and assist them with the hosts of verses. He is verily the Commander, the Strong, the Mighty. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have heard, turned toward and answered the Herald of Grandeur in this exalted and glorious station.

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In the name of God, the One

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for those who have turned to and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. O Jamalu'd-Din! Hearken unto the call of God, the True King, the Manifest One. He maketh mention of thee that thy remembrance may endure in the Mother Book. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, and glory be to Thee, O Beloved of my heart and He Who is mentioned in my inmost being, for having illumined my face with the lights of Thy countenance and enabled me to acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance in Thy days to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise. Then grant me, O my God, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and the food of Thy heaven, and aid me through Thy bounty and Thy hosts. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O thou who gazest upon the countenance! The divine favor, grace and mercy concerning thee are more manifest than the sun at high noon. With this supreme bounty and greatest favor, thou must in the nights and days hold fast to that which will exalt the Word of God, in such wise that from all directions the lights of remembrance and utterance may appear and become evident. Set aside all else save thy Lord and take His Book through His name and power, and remind the people in His days. Verily He will be with thee and will strengthen thee as He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

In these days countless writings have gone to foreign lands, such that some from those parts have turned toward Iran to gain knowledge of this Most Great Cause, and having obtained what divine writings they could, have returned. The details of this will soon be spread abroad and you will become informed thereof. This Wronged One is not content that from you and Haji Faraju'llah, after much effort, no fruit or trace should appear. You must hold fast to the hem of steadfastness and grasp the strong cord of wisdom and utterance, that there may appear from you both that which befitteth this manifest Cause. Praise be to God that corruption, conflict and disputation have been erased from the Book, as every discerning one and every informed scholar doth testify. All must aid the Cause of the Goal of the world through praiseworthy character, good deeds, wisdom and utterance. It hath been repeatedly mentioned that the hosts are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and the commander is the fear of God. Blessed is he who hath recognized and joy be to him who hath held fast to what God, the Lord of the mighty throne and this noble station, hath desired.

In all conditions We beseech and implore the Self-Subsisting that He may aid thee and Haji to that which befitteth His Day. Effort is necessary and steadfastness obligatory, that perchance the hatred and rancor hidden in the hearts of the various groups may be stilled through the Kawthar of divine counsel and heavenly wisdom and utterance. This is the aim of this Wronged One, as all things and their traces, the trees and their fruits, the suns and their radiance, and the moons and their effulgence do testify. Blessed are they who attain and joy be to them who know. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's bounty be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning this mighty and wondrous Cause.

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Tablet to Haji Aqa Baba of Kalih-Darrih, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily it is the Greatest Sign for the people of the world and the Choice Sealed Wine for whoso hath grasped the Name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned! Thy letter hath arrived and been read by the servant present before the Wronged One, Who hath summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the Sovereign of sovereigns. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth between earth and heaven with the most exalted call: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names, Who hath come with the truth with manifest sovereignty."

God willing, thou shouldst in all times and circumstances speak forth the praise and glorification of the Beloved of all possibility. Convey greetings from the True One to the friends in the land of A and Sh, and say: “Under all conditions, keep your gaze fixed upon the Daystar of steadfastness which hath shone forth from the heaven of God’s Cause. The whispering souls are busy with deception and guile. Every falsehood that hath led and leadeth God’s servants astray hath attributed and doth attribute itself to the truth.” God willing, all must be possessed of insight and gaze toward the Most Great Horizon. Whosoever from whom they detect the fragrance of hatred, they must leave to himself and place their trust in God, exalted be His glory. We have previously informed all the friends of God about the crowing of the crow and the like, that all might be aware and not be deprived by the deceit and guile of those who lead astray and turn away from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Should anyone come with all the books in the world and speak other than what God hath willed, he is recorded as one of the people of the fire in God’s Book and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Should anyone come unto you with the book of the wicked and the tablets of fire, cast them behind you. Thus doth command you He from Whom is a preserved tablet.

Likewise convey greetings from this Wronged One to the people of that village, both men and women, and say: “This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, the Day of assistance and service. All must remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of creation in complete unity. The triumph of God’s Cause hath been and shall be through goodly deeds and firm, decisive utterances. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down in the Book from God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.” Strive that ye may all attain unto that which is beloved of God in this Day. Whosoever showeth forth steadfastness in this day is mentioned and recorded as among the most exalted of creation with God. Blessed are they whom the veils of names and the allusions of the possessors of creation have not withheld or deprived from the True One, the Inaccessible. I swear by the ocean of utterance that such souls are renowned in the Concourse on High and are associated with the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious Name.

God willing, thou shouldst recite this Tablet for the people of that land and the companions of A and Sh, upon them be the Glory of God, that all hearts may be illumined by the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto the most great steadfastness. Verily He is the Helper, the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the greatness and power

Praise be to God, the news of your arrival in Beirut was received with joy and fragrance. This news became the cause of great happiness, as many of the circling ones were made glad. Praise be to God in all conditions. In truth, from the breath of utterance wafts the fragrance of reunion. It gives strength to the spirit and joy to the heart. In this evanescent one’s opinion, its power is greater than the supreme remedy. After reading and becoming informed, we approached the Sacred Threshold and made mention. He said: “We beseech God to aid them in remembrance and praise, and to exalt them through His might and sovereignty. Verily, He is powerful over all things.” End quote.

The mention of the Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, has been and continues to be made. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant the blessing of presence and ordain reunion. It is the deeds of the people of earth that have caused dispersion and separation. I beseech God that, despite every heedless and ignorant one, He may grant the Afnan a dwelling place and refuge in the shade of the Blessed Tree, and that this servant too may attain. The honored letter, along with the letter of the honored Haji Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, and the petitions of all arrived. God willing, each shall attain their reward. Verily, He loves the doers of good.

To the Afnan, his honor Aqa Siyyid Mu?sin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, I convey greetings and seek for him that which endures with the permanence of God's kingdom, fixed and established. Likewise to Haji Muhammad Rida, upon him be the glory of God, I convey greetings. He is mentioned in His presence. To the beloved of the heart, Muhammad Mu??afa, upon him be God's grace and mercy, and the other friends, upon them be God's peace and bounty, I make mention. God is witness that whenever the name of each is mentioned, joy and delight are felt. But from what and whence is this joy? By the life of our Beloved, all is from sincerity and love and affection and unity. The illumination of the world is from the light of love, else darkness would seize and destroy all. It is the primary director in the world. Glory be to God - it is the source of two opposites, namely death and life. None but God truly knows His power. He possesses all attributes. Blessed is he who has attained unto Him and in whom are the signs of his Lord.

Finally, this servant beseeches his Lord - and entreats Him by His Prophets, His chosen ones, His friends, by Him whom He has made the emblem of His power in His lands and the banner of His might amongst His servants, and by His family and companions - to ordain for your honor and His servant that which will draw us near to Him in all conditions and gather us beneath His shade and in His presence. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Impregnable, the Most Glorious!

I know not, O my God, by what call Thou didst draw the hearts of Thy loved ones, or by what fire Thou didst ignite the hearts of Thy chosen ones, or by what arrow Thou didst pierce the breasts of those who love Thee, or by what cord Thou didst bind the necks of those who long for Thee. For I observe, O my Beloved, that whenever the clouds of destiny rain down upon them the showers of tribulation, the soil of their beings grows verdant, bringing forth the ears of Thy love and the flowers of Thy attraction. And whenever the hands of tyranny and oppression are raised against them from every direction to sever the hand of any one of them from the hem of Thy love, they neither can nor are able to do so. And whenever the oceans of hardship are poured upon them, they neither quench the fire of their attraction nor extinguish the heat of their longing. It is as though in that station, O my God, they are like fish swimming and glorifying Thy remembrance, and should they be cast into the fire, they become as the salamander, living and delighting therein, drawn by the flames of the fire of Thy love and passion. And should the

swords of the horizons be raised against them in enmity, they lift up their heads and say: “The Covenant has come, and this is the cup of the Compact, and here we are, the longing ones!”

By Thy glory, O my God, I am bewildered by them and by what hath appeared from them in the path of Thy love. Blessed are they, and joy be unto them! How the fire of Thy love was kindled in their hearts, and how the lights of Thy attraction appeared in their breasts, and how resplendent was the rising of the sun of Thy verses in the crystal of their realities and the mirror of their hearts! It is as though Thou didst fashion them for Thy love and chose them for Thy attraction and cast into them the spirit of Thy Cause and showed them the beauty of Thy oneness. Therefore they became detached from their selves and their dwellings in Thy path, and every day they were afflicted with a trial in Thy Cause. Yet with all this, tribulations prevented them not from turning to Thy most exalted horizon, nor did the opposition of all in creation bar them from gazing upon Thy most glorious countenance.

Therefore I beseech Thee, O my most glorious God, by Thy Self which Thou hast cast into the Most Great Prison for the liberation of mankind, that Thou assist Thy loved ones at all times through Thy wondrous confirmations and mighty inspirations, that they may all arise to aid Thy Cause and spread Thy remembrance, and that they may all become detached from all else save Thee and turn to none other than Thee, O our Lord, the All-Merciful, and O our Beloved, the Help in Peril! And among those sanctified souls, O my God, is this one whom Thou hast made a servant to the name of Thy divinity and named him thus in the kingdom of Thy names. Therefore assist him, O my Beloved, to perfect himself in that name and to manifest from him that which befitteth the court of Thy glory and the sanctuary of Thy holiness. Then ordain, O my God, for all Thy most beautiful names that they may find the sweetness of Thy servitude and the delight of Thy obedience, lest there appear from any possessor of attributes aught save Thy Cause, and lest any existent being see its own existence before the sanctuary of Thy manifestation. For verily Thou art the righteous Ruler and the Doer of what Thou willest. All are Thy servants and within Thy grasp, but we beseech Thee, O my God, to look upon us with the glances of the eyes of Thy bounty and grace, not with Thy justice, for we are weak, and verily Thou art the Generous Sovereign, possessed of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Mighty, the Ancient of Days.

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In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! O M A! Hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee of the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may draw thee to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt behold within thyself the fire of the love of God in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the intimations of servants shall quench it, and thou shalt arise amidst the concourse of creation to praise thy Lord, the Possessor of Names. This beseemeth thee on this Day. We make mention unto thee of that which hath come to pass aforetime, that thou mayest find the sweetness of remembrance and utterance and become aware of that which transpired in what hath been. Verily thy Lord is the Remembrancer, the Mighty, the Beloved. Remember when Moses, having tended the sheep of Jethro, his father-in-law, in the wilderness, heard the call of the Lord of creation from the Tree raised up on the blessed spot: “O Moses! Verily I am God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” The rapture of that

Call so seized him that he became detached from all created things, turning toward Pharaoh and his concourse with a power from thy Lord, the Protector over what was and what shall be. The people hear what he heard, yet they comprehend not. Say: By God! The glory of ministers and the might of princes and the palaces of kaisers and the pyramids of pharaohs shall pass away, while that which We have ordained for you in the Kingdom shall endure. Strive, O people, that your names may be mentioned before the Throne and there may appear from you that whereby your remembrance shall endure through the eternity of God, the Lord of existence. Make mention of My loved ones who are there, and greet their faces, and gladden them with that which hath been sent down for them from this praiseworthy station. Say: Beware lest the might of any oppressor frighten you. Soon shall the banners and standards perish, and ye shall behold the sovereignty of your Lord prevailing over the seen and the unseen. Beware lest the veils debar you from the bounty of this Day. Cast away that which withholdeth you from God and hold fast unto this Extended Path. We desire naught for you save that which is better for you, as recorded in the Preserved Tablet. We make mention of the loved ones most days, yet We find not from them that which beseemeth them in the precincts of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, save as God willeth. He, verily, is the Powerful over what He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Take ye, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, the cups of life eternal from the hands of the favors of your Lord, the Lord of all possibilities. Then drink ye therefrom. By God! They shall so attract you that ye shall arise to make mention and utterance amidst the peoples of the worlds, and shall take possession of the cities of hearts in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. We give glad tidings unto all of that which We have sent down in Our Most Holy Book, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of My commandments upon all who see and are seen. Hold fast unto it, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein. This is better for you than all that hath been created in the kingdom, did ye but know. Beware lest the affairs of creation sadden you and turn you away from the Truth. Ponder upon the world and its vicissitudes and changes, that ye may know its station and those who have turned unto it, turning away from that which hath been sent down in Our Preserved Tablet. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest arise to make mention of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Sealed Wine.

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Let him whom Muhammad-Rida observe - He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty

May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy pure love! The letter of faithfulness which had issued forth from the source of truth and sincerity reached this evanescent servant, and from perusing it the utmost joy and gladness was obtained, for from all that was written therein were inhaled the sweet fragrances of the garment of divine love. Likewise were evident from that essence of contentment the signs of resignation and detachment from all else, and of orientation and sincerity toward the direction of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Praise be to God for having granted thee success and aided thee in what He desired, and made thee steadfast in His Cause, and established thee in His service, and given thee to drink

in every moment from the Kawthar of His grace and the Salsabil of His bounty, from the cup of His glorious and beautiful remembrance.

After this servant attained the honor of receiving thy letter, I presented it in its entirety before the Most Sublime Vision. This is what shone forth from the horizon of care and bounty: “O Rida! God willing, mayest thou be successful through the bestowals of the All-Merciful at all times. Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Countenance. All the services thou hast rendered in the path of God are remembered with Him and recorded in the holy Tablets. Grieve not over anything, be as thou wert, for He is with thee at all times.” And concerning what was written about the honored travelers, upon them be the glory of God - all was presented before the Countenance. He said: “We beseech God to grant them success in acting according to what they have been commanded in God’s lands and His kingdom.”

Furthermore, if this servant, the attendant, wished to mention the favors shown to thee, in truth he finds himself incapable. This much I submit: that all thy troubles and services are remembered with God - not an atom of them has been or will be lost. Blessed art thou for having attained the favors of thy Lord and for having been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur and Power. In all conditions thou must be occupied with service, for this is the portion of existence: that it arise to serve its Lord. And exert the utmost effort and striving in creating harmony and unity among the friends, for this has been and shall ever be among the greatest of matters in the sight of God.

Furthermore, convey greetings and glorification on behalf of this servant to all the friends in that land, one and all, young and old. I swear by the Beauty of the Beloved that in all nights and days I have heard the mention of each one of them specifically from the Tongue of the Ancient of Days, and the manifestations of the infinite divine favors concerning all are evident and apparent. After the appearance of these enduring divine mentions concerning them, how can this servant venture to mention his own nothingness and evanescence in their service? Therefore I say with the tongue of all things: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

Convey glorification and glory to Muhammad-Hasan. God willing, his reply will arrive later. Glory be upon him and upon those who were with him.

The Servant of God

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Tablet for Hasan and Husayn Nahri

Translation

By Jim Price

He is the Glorious in the Kingdom of Eternity

This is the tablet of the Primal Point for him who hath taken God as his protector. Who, when he perceived the Sun of Holiness from the horizon of that holy garment, lowered his gaze and fell to the ground.

Verily, those who have believed in God and in the return of His Primal Point in this Manifestation have been sanctified by God of all that is unseemly, and their Lord has enwrapped them in His mercy without bound. Say: "O people, fear God and follow not those who have fought Him, denied His testimony and away from Him have turned." Fear Him who is the Revealer of His Cause in this Day, arise to help Him who created you and fear not those who have disbelieved.

Say: "O people, do you still take your vain desires as your lord while

casting aside Him of whom every atom in creation testifieth 'there is no God

but He, the One, the Only'?"

O thou who bearest my name, listen to what the dove in eternity's midst doth say, and turn not toward those in whose hearts is hatred for this Beauty, so faithful and exalted. The sweet scents of the Rizvan of the All Merciful have captivated those who have believed and stood fast, and from the loving kindness of the Spirit they are nurtured.

Praise be to Him who hath revealed Himself so gloriously that His light has through all creation shined. Those endowed with spiritual insight testify that there is no God but He, the Peerless, the Everlasting, for to them His light as proof of His cause hath sufficed.

He hath revealed His verses as he willeth and desireth and in such wise that the sweet fragrances of His spirit have encompassed every horizon, which none can deny save those in whose hearts is envy and hatred.

Say "O people, fear God and turn a just eye to the testimonies of the Prophets and the Messengers. Beware lest ye deprive your own souls of the holy threshold."

Do not dare to refute the Truth with what knowledge you possess, for through My command was the Truth created. This is known only to those with sight refined.

And whosoever would deny the bounty of this Day hath nothing. They are those whose sight has died.

Say "O people, the mirrors of your hearts ye must purify, and your vision ye must rectify, ere you lose your way on this long and holy road."

And it is for this that we have given thee inspiration and revealed to thee our verses, that that mayest show thy mettle in the Cause of thy Lord, calling mankind to this path, for thee to be of those who are well guided.

Know then, that we have fallen beneath the sword of inequity brandished by those who have indeed replaced God with their vain desires, and so they have been scourged by One who is wise and well aided.

Thou must separate thyself from them and desire not their friendship. Seek for thyself, under the protection of thy Lord, a shelter fortified. Do not consort with those who have disbelieved and denied what they had accepted. Woe to the one who once believed and then rejected.

Rid thyself of all allusions that thou mayest speak plainly about the Possessor of all names and attributes. Well it is with them whom the veils of creation hindereth not from hearing the word of God, so the dove of the Spirit has warbled.

Upon thee be the Spirit of God and His might, and also upon all who have taken a lofty place within the shadow of their Lord.

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O Most Generous, Most Glorious One! Have the verses been sent down? Say: Yea, by the Lord of the heavens! Has the Hour come? Nay, it has passed, and the Manifestor of clear proofs has come. The Inevitable has come to pass and the Truth has come with proof and evidence. The Wakeful One has appeared and creation is in turmoil and agitation. The earthquakes have come and the tribes have wailed out of fear of God, the Mighty, the Compelling. Say: The Deafening Blast has cried out and this Day belongs to God, the One, the Chosen. Has the Great Catastrophe been fulfilled? Say: Yea, by the Lord of lords! Has the Resurrection come to pass? Nay, the Self-Subsisting has appeared with the kingdom of verses. Do you see people lying prostrate? Yea, by my Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious! Have the tree trunks been uprooted? Nay, the mountains have been scattered, by the Lord of attributes. He asked: "Where are Paradise and Hell?" Say: The former is meeting Me and the latter is your own self, O doubting idolater! He said: "We see not the Balance." Say: Yea, by my Lord, the All-Merciful! None see it save those endowed with insight. Have the stars fallen? Yea, when the Self-Subsisting One was in the land of mystery - take heed, O ye who have eyes to see! All the signs have been fulfilled when We drew forth the hand of power from the bosom of majesty and might. The Herald has called out when the appointed time came, and those of Sinai were struck senseless in the wilderness of bewilderment by the awesome presence of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. The Trumpeter says: "Has the Trumpet been sounded?" Say: Yea, by the Sovereign of Revelation, when He was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful! The darkness has been illumined by the dawn of thy Lord's mercy, the Source of lights. The breeze of the All-Merciful has wafted and souls have stirred in the tombs of their bodies. Thus has the matter been decreed by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The deniers asked: "When was heaven cleft asunder?" Say: While ye lay in the graves of heedlessness and error among the idolaters. Some rub their eyes and look to the right and left. Say: Sight has been blinded - there is no refuge for thee this Day. Among them is one who asks: "Have the souls been gathered?" Say: Yea, by my Lord, if thou wert in the cradle of vain imaginings! Among them is one who asks: "Has the Book been sent down according to nature?" Say: It is in perplexity - fear ye God, O people of understanding! And among them is one who asks: "Have I been raised up blind?" Say: Yea, O rider of clouds! Paradise has been adorned with the roses of inner meanings, and Hell has been kindled with the fire of the wicked. Say: The light has dawned from the horizon of Revelation and illumined the regions when the Lord of the Day of the Covenant came. Those who doubted are in loss, and he who turned with the light of certitude to the Dawning-Place of assurance has

prospered. Blessed art thou, O thou who gazest upon what has been sent down to thee in this Tablet, by which spirits take flight. Preserve it, then recite it. By My life! It is a gate to thy Lord's mercy. Blessed is he who recites it at eventide and at dawn. We hear thy mention in this Cause whereby the mountain of knowledge was crushed and feet did slip. Glory be upon thee and upon all who have turned to the Mighty, the Bestower. It has ended but is not complete - be patient, for thy Lord is the All-Patient. According to the Most Holy Order, this Greatest Tablet was sent in exactly this form as it was revealed, and this evanescent servant says upon thee, O promulgator of God's Cause and one who mentions Him among all else, be the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, and the remembrance of all in the worlds.

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O Most Great, Most Ancient One! Is it befitting to pause after the Beloved calleth out with the tongue of His Own Manifestation, saying: "Hasten with your hearts unto the court of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful"? Nay, by His very truth! Rather must every soul arise and say: "I believe in Thee, O Thou in Whose hand are the reins of all created things!" O Muhammad-'Ali! When thou hearest the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree raised upon the crimson hill, the seat of tribulation - God, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Choosing - this is not the day for silence. Arise to praise thy Lord amongst His servants. This is the day whereon the trees have spoken, the leaves have cried out, and the tongue of thy Lord's will hath spoken in the kingdom of names. The sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed is the eye that hath turned to the Most Sublime Vision, the face that hath turned to the Dayspring of Power, and the heart that hath been illumined by the lights of this Lamp. Leave creation behind thee and summon the servants unto the Cause which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Revealer of verses. Silence is praiseworthy except in the remembrance of thy Lord. Open thy tongue in utterance to remember thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee from the presence of God, the One, the Mighty, the Compelling. The tongue was created for these days. Beware lest thou restrain it through vain imaginings. Speak forth in praise of thy Lord in such wise as to attract the spirits. It behooveth every soul in this day, when hearing the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, to turn unto it and say: "Here am I, O Cleaver of the dawn!" Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Stand firm through God's power and might, then reflect upon God's Messengers and what transpired in the past. Then shalt thou find thyself immersed in the ocean of certitude. This is the horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of Certitude. By My life! If thou gazest with the eye of the heart, thou shalt see certitude itself circling round thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful. Thus have We revealed unto thee that thou mayest arise to aid thy Lord amidst all creation. Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of wisdom and utterance. If thou recite it with the melody of the heart, it will attract thee to a station where thou wilt soar with longing and arise to help Him in such wise that through thee the breezes of the Divine Vesture will be wafted to all regions. Emerge from the horizon of certitude in the name of the Lord of Religions. Say: O peoples of the worlds! The divine fragrance hath wafted and the Promised One hath come with sovereignty and power. By God! This Prisoner desireth from this Tablet naught but thy mention and what is best for thee,

and desireth naught but what God hath desired, and desireth for Himself naught but what hath been revealed in the Tablets. Know thou the worth of this bounty, then turn and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having remembered me through the tongue of the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause while He was wronged in the hands of the wicked ones. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name which Thou hast made the ruler over all names, to aid me in Thy love and in helping Thy Cause and in detachment in Thy path in such wise that there may appear from me what befitteth Thy Cause. Then ordain for me what is best for me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.”

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The Most Holy One! There has come before the Face a noble Book, which was read by a servant present in My court with the melodies of the sincere ones. When he read its first line, the eyes of the inhabitants of the cities of Names wept. Then arose a cry that filled creation. And at another line, sighs of sorrow burst forth from the hearts of those near ones, and grief seized the dwellers of this Ridvan who circle round the Face - the Spot whence waft the breezes of the All-Merciful upon the peoples of the worlds and the breaths of glorification upon all creation. And grief reached such a degree that the eyes of the Youth wept, both secretly and openly, for His love of thee, and the eyes of the people of the pavilion of glory and the domes of holiness in the presence of fellowship shed tears, and God was witness to that. And he who read it wept, and by his weeping increased the weeping of those who had sought shelter beneath the shade of the mercy of their Lord, the Most High, the Supreme. Blessed art thou for having been turned by the breezes of grace toward the right hand of justice and been made one of the sincere ones. Verily thy remembrance of thy Lord and thy seeking His pardon is better than the worship of most of the servants. To this beareth witness he who hath drunk of the most pure Salsabil from this wondrous Spring. And by thy sighing were consumed the hearts of those who soar in the atmosphere of nearness and holiness and beauty; then did the faces of the mystics turn pale. How wonderful are the winds of thy Lord’s will, the All-Merciful, which blew upon thee and made thee purified from the defilement of the idolaters. I testify that thou wast born again from the breaths of the All-Merciful, and this is from the grace that nothing ordained in the heaven of destiny by the Mighty, the Powerful can equal. We beseech God to make thee a leader of His servants unto the paradise of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and to raise up in thee that whereby the hearts of His creatures shall be attracted, that they may enter into the tabernacle of His mercy that hath encompassed all created things. We have found from thee at all times the sweet savors of faith, and thus it is preserved in a guarded Tablet of glory. When the appointed time came, that which was treasured within thee was revealed, and verily thy Lord knoweth all things. Arise and say: O people! Fear God and spread not corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order, and follow not those who desire naught but the desires of their own selves and have turned away from the Spot of nearness and are among the heedless. If they would heed that wherewith ye have been counseled in all the Tablets - thus doth this Youth command you from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. He desireth naught in the kingdom save what God desireth. Open your eyes that ye may behold the Sun of Beauty of the Most High shining forth from this holy and luminous horizon. Soon shall ye arise from sleep and find not the Youth, and shall find yourselves in grievous loss. Seize ye the measure of My

days and exchange them not for what ye possess. Fear Him in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all things. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great. Thus have We inspired thee and made mention of thee at a time when We were in grievous sorrow. The Spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto thy word concerning God, thy Lord and the Lord of the noble Throne. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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7. He is the Witness, Who heareth and is ready to answer!

O Abu ?alib! This Wronged One declareth: Praise be unto God that thou hast attained unto that which is the cause of thy honor in all the divine worlds. This abasement of thine is the pride of all glories. God willing, thine imprisonment and that of the other friends of God will become the cause and reason for the freedom and deliverance of the peoples of the world. For four months this Wronged One lay under chains and fetters in that same land. So grievous was His incarceration that no eye hath ever seen its like. Prior to that, for a brief duration, He was also thrown into prison, which place is the true abode of God's prophets and chosen ones. During the first imprisonment, which lasted but a short time, they showed Us kindness, but during the second imprisonment, they subjected Us to the most vehement cruelty and hatred. Nonetheless, under all conditions, We remained joyful and showed forth complete resignation and contentment, forbearance and tranquility.

O seeker in the path of God! Upon thee hath befallen that which befell this Wronged One, and thou hast followed His example in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Were the peoples of the world to discover the delight of this abasement for the sake of God, they would one and all offer up their lives and souls in order to obtain it. The life of these days is fleeting, and its gay livery hindereth the people from pondering their end and final destiny.

Hearken to the voice of the Friend! By reason of thine abasement, wish not abasement for anyone. The station of those who are ever patient and thankful is most great. Seek not save the One True God, desire only Him, leave aside thine own will, and fervently set thy face toward the good-pleasure of thy Lord.

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O Son of Nabil, upon him be My Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Ancient Beauty! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Glorious One, from the Valley of Nabil. Verily, there is none other God but I, the Wronged One, the Stranger. Remember when thou didst enter the Most Glorious Presence and didst hear the melodies of thy Lord, the Most High, and didst attain that which flowed from the mouth of Grandeur in His most exalted words. Thou art assuredly among those who have attained. He admitted thee into His presence when all were forbidden from attaining unto the meeting and the oppressors had surrounded from every direction. Thus doth God single out for His grace whomsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, hath power over all things. Grieve not at anything. Place thy trust in all matters in God, thy Lord. He is with

thee under all conditions and will aid thee with truth. He is the Guardian of the sincere ones. Should thou meet one in whom thou findest the fragrance of My love, recount unto him what thou knowest of the story of the Youth. Say: By God! He is verily the Wronged One Who hath been afflicted at the hands of the oppressors, and His plight became so severe that He banished all from His presence and dwelt alone in His house, detached from all the worlds. At the height of tribulation He sought no help from any soul. He remained steadfast in the Cause between the heavens and the earth. Forget not what thou hast heard from the tongue of Grandeur. Thus doth the Lord of the worlds command thee by virtue of thy presence before His countenance and thy burning in the love of God. God hath ordained for thee and thy kinsmen that which shall gladden the eyes of those endued with insight. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and summoned me to the Manifestation of Thy Self and enabled me to enter the sanctuary of Thy reunion and the sacred precincts of Thy presence, and made me one of those who have attained. I beseech Thee by the wrongs suffered by the Manifestation of Thy Self to make me a champion of Thy Cause and one who speaketh Thy praise. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee, yet found not, through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought, an opportunity commensurate with that which would quench the thirst of remoteness with the Kawthar of Thy nearness and the burning of separation with the ocean of Thy reunion. I moreover beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy grace and favors and to decree for me that which is best in Thy sight. Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Then cause me, O my God, to soar in Thy atmosphere and to be detached from all else but Thee. Then give me to drink from the Salsabil of Thy Revelation, whereof if one partaketh, the cawing of the infidels shall have no effect upon him. I have laid hold on the cord of Thy bounties and clung to the hem of Thy favors, gazing toward Thy grace and awaiting the wonders of Thy bestowals. Every limb of my body testifieth that Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. None can frustrate Thy command or prevent Thy decree. Thy Will hath encompassed all created things and Thy Purpose all contingent beings. The onslaught of the wicked cannot disable Thee, nor can the tyranny of the ungodly weaken Thee. Thou hast been supreme over all who are in earth and heaven and wilt continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. Cast upon me then, O my God, patience in my separation from Thee and tranquility in my remoteness from Thee, that I may be content with what hath been ordained by the Pen of Thy decree in the Tablets of Thy determination. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O son of Attar! Praise be to God that thou art perfumed with the sweet-scented breezes of the verses of the Goal of all the worlds. Thy mention hath often been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the glance of His loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. Today the Ancient Beauty gazed from the Most Great Prison upon the mansion, making it the greatest vista, and after partaking of tea, We make mention of thee in this Blessed Tablet, each letter of which is a door among the doors of divine favor. We beseech God to aid thee, that thou mayest drink a cup from each letter and offer a chalice to

others, that perchance the slumbering may awaken and the heedless may be adorned with the ornament of awareness. That which thou didst send in the name of Ali, upon him be My glory, was presented before Us and the glance of Our loving-kindness was directed towards it. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament. Praise be to God that thou hast perceived the fragrances of God's days and attained unto that for which the world was created. His honor the Trustee, upon him be My glory, presented thy petition before Our presence. Verily We heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with thy Lord and supplicate thy Master. He hath repeatedly mentioned thee and thy services. Blessed art thou and blessed are thy father and mother. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Forgiving, the Generous. We send Our greetings from this spot to all who have attained Our presence, and have been blessed, and have heard and witnessed the greatest signs of their Lord. O Rahim! Be not grieved. Be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. This world and all that is mentioned therein shall soon return to nothingness. Strive that there may appear from thee that which shall endure through the perpetuity of the Kingdom. We make mention of thy other brother and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Convey to all the household My greetings. The station of each one is visible before God. Verily He is with you, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The deeds of all on earth are visible before His face, and the words of all are heard. To this testify the Concourse on High and the dwellers of My Kingdom and My dominion. Convey greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of what hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, and He is the Kind, the Mighty, the Great. Glory be upon you and upon those who have not denied what hath appeared from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and guided me to Thy path and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation which was hidden in the eternity of eternities. I beseech Thee by it and by its sovereignty to make me adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and crowned with the crown of Thy remembrance and love. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power through Thy power and dominion through Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Ismu'llah mentioned the feast of the two leaves and it was accepted. Tonight, which is the twenty-first of Rabi'u'th-Thani, the feast is being held. Well done to those who eat and blessed be those who serve! Give them both the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained the choice wine on this Day of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful

O Ruhani, upon thee be My Baha and My mercy and My loving-kindness! The Most Great Ocean hath, at this moment, willed to send thee a pearl from among the pearls of the shell of His bounty, mounted upon the form of a word, and the Palm Tree of Grace hath desired to send thee, as a gift, from among the fresh dates of inner meanings and utterance, and the Keeper of Paradise, who is named Ridvan, hath willed to send thee, in the form of letters, from among the fruits of the supreme Paradise. Each of these mentioned bounties and these recorded words is a speaking herald of divine grace and mercy and loving-kindness concerning that leaf. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty! Thy poetry in praise of the

Peerless Beloved, and likewise thy prose, have been heard and honored with supreme grace. Blessed art thou and thy tongue, and blessed art thou and thy utterance! God hath heard thy call and what thou didst compose and recite out of love for God, the Single, the One, the Alone, the Self-Subsisting, Who begetteth not nor is begotten.

Today the rain of divine mercy is streaming and descending from the clouds of heavenly grace. The effulgences of the light of the Orb of His generosity have encompassed all existence, and the waves of the sea of benevolence have encompassed the world. Praise be to God, the peerless and incomparable pearl of divine love hath found its dwelling place in the treasury of the heart. The treasuries and riches and bounty and wealth of the world cannot compare with this testimony that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou, O my leaf and dawning-place of My love! Thou art she who hath taken the cup of bounty in the name of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and drunk therefrom through My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Say: O company of lovers! Today the horizons are illumined with the light of Beauty. Beseech ye God that He may aid you in that which beseemeth His bounty and generosity and His Revelation. Glory be to God! At every moment We behold Sinai in a different state: Batha is astir, the Holy City is soaring, and the land of the divine purpose is in motion. And the reality of existence speaketh with this word: “The world hath been illumined through the dawning of the Dayspring of Revelation. He, verily, is the Speaker on Sinai and the Caller in His Frequented Fane.” This is the station which God hath made the point of adoration for such of His servants as are nigh unto Him, and for such of His creation as are sincere.

Give thou the glad-tidings to the handmaidens of that land from the Wronged One, and illumine them with the light of the Sun of divine utterance. We beseech God that He may adorn all with that which is the cause of the sanctification and glorification of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. O My leaf, upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! The bounty of God is even as the sun, manifest and evident. Rejoice thou in this most exalted Word! We bestowed thy reasoned treatise upon Ali-Qabli-Akbar. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Thy mention hath ever been and will continue to be remembered. Rejoice thou once again in the cups of My bounty, and thank thy Lord for the chalice of My grace, and praise through the ocean of My generosity. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My servants and My handmaidens who have cast aside their own desires, holding fast to My prevailing Will and My conquering Purpose and My wondrous Command.

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O Kamal, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the Name of Him through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Pen of the All-Merciful spoke! O Kamal! Thou hast heard the call of thy Lord when it was raised in truth, and drunk from the ocean of reunion when the Most Great Luminary was shining from the horizon of Baghdad. Blessed be the eye that hath seen, the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath spoken My Beloved Name. O Kamal! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and this is yet another time. Be grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!” He remembered thee when He was in Iraq and remembereth thee in this forbidden fortress.

Thus hath the Wronged One spoken that thou mayest give thanks to the Beloved of the world and hold fast to the hem of God, the Lord of existence. Leave the people and what they possess behind thee. By My life! What thou seest shall perish, but what hath been sent down from this Pen, before which all pens have bowed down, shall endure for thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God and clung to vain imaginings. Open your eyes and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! He hath appeared in truth and hath shone forth from that upraised Horizon. Beware lest ye take for Him a partner or likeness. Be fair in His Cause and be not of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Unite in God's Cause and His sovereignty, and follow not every rejected transgressor. Say: This is the Day whereof ye were promised in God's Books, and this is a Cause before which every fair-minded one who hath spoken with justice and every believer who hath drunk My choice sealed wine hath bowed down. O Kamal! By God, wert thou to learn of the sorrow of My heart and what hath befallen Me in this Prison which We named, upon Our arrival, the Most Great Prison, thou wouldst weep for My sake. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, inform thee. Be thou not disturbed by what We have related to thee. Be patient, then be steadfast. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee. Be firm in the Cause of God and in His love in such wise that the hosts of the world shall not deter thee. Thus doth the Most Great Name command thee from this glorious station. Say: O people! Adorn yourselves with the ornament of servitude unto God, the True One. By God, the True One! This is its day, did ye but know. We make mention of My handmaiden who believed in God and bowed before His countenance when He was walking. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Kind. Convey My greetings unto her face and give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her, and unto the faces of thy children who have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother who hath been mentioned before the Throne. Blessed are ye both in that ye have heard and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus doth God reward His servants who have spoken the truth and believed in Him when every rejected transgressor turned away. Then convey My greetings unto My loved ones there, that they may drink from My words the wine of My loving-kindness, soar in the atmosphere of My love, turn with their hearts unto My countenance and My horizon, and rejoice in what hath been sent down to them from My Pen. Upon them be My remembrance, My praise, My mercy and My forgiveness. Verily, thy Lord is the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous, the Mighty, the Loving.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

O beloved of my heart! Today, which is Thursday the eighteenth of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, your letter dated the seventh of Shawwal arrived. Whenever your letter arrives, new joy becomes manifest and evident in the prison. You wrote that this servant had been negligent in responding to your letter. No, by the glory of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth! In the month of Shawwal two packets were sent. The first packet contained two letters from this servant and one sacred Tablet of revelation and two sacred Tablets specifically for two believers, as well as sacred, holy, and exalted Tablets for the loved ones of Asadabad, H.M. and Kermanshah, and in all the Tablets specific mention of you was revealed from the

Pen of the Beloved. The second packet likewise in Shawwal contained divine Tablets and verses, and in all those Tablets too mention was made of you. Praise be to God, through His grace they have attained and through His bounty they are adorned. His mercy has encompassed that beloved one. For you and me and every believer to thank God for this great bounty and manifest generosity.

As to what you wrote about intending to visit the Holy Land, this was specifically presented before His Most Holy Presence regarding the honored Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious splendor of God. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Amin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Well done in what thou hast done. We love those who hearken to the words of Our Afnan. We beseech God to assist him in what he hath intended. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

By chance, on this day this servant had prepared and sealed a third packet in your name for sending when this new packet arrived. In any case, at all times this servant has sought and continues to seek exaltation, ascendancy, elevation and advancement for you. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. In truth you have been confirmed in mentioning the friends and serving the Cause every day and every month. This is from God's bounty upon you. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey on behalf of this servant greetings, praise and mention to the spiritual beloved Ali-Qabli-Haydar, upon him be the glory of God. Likewise to Jenab-i-Beg, upon him be the glory and loving-kindness of God. We beseech for him joy from God, the Lord of the worlds. Let them not be saddened by what has befallen them - there has befallen them what has befallen the loved ones. What is meant is the grief and sorrow that has seized them in these days. Verily with difficulty comes ease. Relief and loving-kindness come from God, our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

To the loved ones of God wherever they may be, this servant conveys greetings and seeks for each one that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and those who hearken to your words for the sake of God.

The Servant

18 Dhi'l-Qa'dah 1305

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O Abdullah Rubin Jehovah, His name is the God of all who are in the heavens and earth!

O inheritors of Moses! Hear the call of the Lord of Hosts which hath been raised in the world of creation from the prison of Akka, summoning you to His most glorious horizon. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and laid hold on guidance, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O Abdullah! The attraction of this Revelation hath seized the regions of the earth and their surroundings. Give thou the glad-tidings to the world of the God of Israel, through Whose manifestation the seas have yielded up the pearls of utterance from their shells, and the heaven of proof hath been adorned with its

stars, and the mountains have brought forth their treasures and whatsoever was hidden within them by command of their Creator, and the earth its repositories and whatsoever was stored in its layers.

O Abdullah! On this day Sinai is filled with joy and Carmel is delighted and Jerusalem crieth out saying: “The gate of hope hath been opened and He Who was the goal of the former and latter generations hath come.” The earth hath presented its treasures as an offering, and likewise the seas their pearls, and Jerusalem its mysteries, and the heaven of proof its ornaments. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the divine fragrances on this luminous, spiritual day. Today the cry of Zion is raised aloft and the Holy City hath descended from the heaven of the grace of the One True God. Say: O Children of Israel, deprive not yourselves. The promise of God hath appeared, the light of His Word hath encompassed the world. Cast aside the weak cord and take hold of the mighty staff. Thy service and recompense have been recorded by the true scribes in the eternal book with the everlasting Pen. This is the glad-tidings for which the spirits of all else but God yearned and whose time of appearance they sought.

Hold fast to the Most Great Name wherein lie concealed all powers. He is the Deliverer, He is the Revealer of the hidden Cause and the Discloser of every mystery.

O Children of Israel! The God of Hosts declareth: This is the day of the Most Great Manifestation. Arise to serve. Power and might, glory and grandeur circle round about. Know ye its worth and recognize its station.

O Abdullah! The recompense of thy deeds, actions and words hath been inscribed by the divine Pen in the crimson scroll. Now must thou arise in the Name of Truth and stand firm in His love. This is the day of triumph and the day of service. The mention of this service shall never be erased from the Book - it is everlasting and eternal. I swear by the God of the world its fragrance shall never be cut off. That promised tabernacle hath been raised up in the name of the Lord of Hosts - visible and manifest. It hath not been changed or altered, for God the Lord hath raised it up. As thy service and labor are great in the sight of God, He hath therefore willed that thou shouldst enter and attain unto that blessed, mighty and glorious tabernacle and gain that which in God’s knowledge hath no peer or likeness. Take up the staff of trust and turn thy face toward the gate of Palestine, that perchance thou mayest hear and become intimate with the melodies of the birds of Paradise.

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O Haji Ibrahim, upon him be the peace of God. 5 Rama?an 1303.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power!

The servant testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been One, Single, Alone, Self-Subsisting, the Ever-Living, the Self-Sustaining, and will forever remain as He hath always been. In the beginning that hath no beginning, He is the One Who hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers, that He might draw His servants nigh unto the highest horizon and make them cognizant of

His path, His straight way, His Cause and His mighty Message. And may prayers and peace be upon the Point of Existence and the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven, Whom God hath made the Manifestation of His names and the Dawning-Place of His attributes and the Repository of His knowledge and the Source of His Command - He but for Whom nothing would have been created - and upon His family and companions who conquered the world through His Name and arose to aid His Cause and bore witness even as the tongue of His grandeur bore witness that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, and by Thy mighty Message, and by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, and the Manifestations of Thy Self, and the Day-Springs of Thy inspiration, to aid us in Thy remembrance and praise and in acting according to that which Thou hast commanded us in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Quickener of the nations, by the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, and by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, and by Him through Whom revelation was cut off and Thy clear and straight path was made manifest, to ordain for us that which will remove us from all else save Thee and draw us nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Thereafter, your letter was received, and at this hour, when six hours have passed from the fifth day of the blessed month of Rama?an, this ailing one, while fasting, is engaged in writing this letter that you might be gladdened thereby. God is witness and testifier that the friends have ever been and continue to be before our eyes. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to accept the unworthy deeds that have appeared and continue to appear in this blessed month, and to aid us in making up for what we have lost. Every deed that is performed for God’s sake is acceptable and hath ever been and will continue to be the cause of success and prosperity. I convey my greetings to the friends in that land and beseech God to grant them the ability to perform good deeds and to acquire praiseworthy character. Although fasting is outwardly difficult and toilsome, inwardly it is a blessing and comfort. Refinement and training depend upon spiritual exercises - such spiritual exercises as are in accordance with the Book of God and are permitted by religious law, not those wherewith certain deluded ones have afflicted the people. Whatsoever hath been revealed by God is beloved of the soul. We beseech Him to aid us in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The two Pharaoh birds that you sent arrived. May God reward you. Indeed you took much trouble. While they were here also they endured many hardships. The deed was for God’s sake and its reward too is with God. Peace and praise be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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That which the All-Merciful has spoken: If his honor J. departs, a Tablet will be sent specifically for both of them. Today we and they must all be mindful of God’s Cause. If they are outwardly prevented from attaining His presence, no matter - God will grant them what He desires. If his honor Muhammad can establish a business in these parts it would be pleasing, however it would be more beloved if his companion, his honor Ali, returns to Iran, as lethargy and torpor have encompassed all regions, that

perhaps he may become a cause of enkindlement. He said the plants of God's garden have withered from lack of water - someone must return to the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's mercy so that all may be refreshed by the sweet fragrances of the mention of their Chosen Lord. When drought intensifies, the springtime of grace arrives. Although Truth has Its servants under domes who are not distracted from God's remembrance by what was or will be, they are few, and these souls cry out "Are there any more?" For they are created from the breezes of divine love and must receive sustenance both outwardly and inwardly. Therefore if that person returns with the waves of the Most Great Sea, it will cause life, freshness and delicacy in the trees of the All-Merciful's garden. And certain Tablets specifically for the friends in various regions will be sent. O My Name! By My life, tribulations do not prevent Me from God's remembrance, nor do calamities stop Me from what He desires. In one of the Tablets was revealed: "I passed not by a tree but My heart addressed it saying: 'Would that thou wert cut down in My name and My body were crucified upon thee in God's path.'" By God! If the servants were to drink the wine hidden in this exalted word, it would suffice them and the intoxication of love would seize them to such degree as to detach them from all the worlds. Do they deny after witnessing that each morn the Youth faces tribulations beyond description? However God's loved ones in different regions must all conduct themselves with perfect wisdom and render assistance. No action should occur that would cause affliction to those souls, for if all are afflicted, who would call people to God? Therefore protection is necessary, and though God is powerful over what He wills, He loves these beloved ones to assist Him. The trials of the Ancient Beauty Himself suffice, and this very wondrous trial is itself assistance. Soon the people will recognize what they are veiled from today. The loved ones must engage in assistance with perfect wisdom. By God! The world laughs at those who have denied and occupied themselves with it, addressing them saying: "Soon will I disavow you. Are you content with that which has never been faithful to anyone like you? Woe unto you! Has anyone seen from me what you desire? Did those before you attain from me what would benefit them? Far from it! I left them all disappointed and at loss. Soon will I join you with the former ones." But O My Name! The heedless hear not its call and they do not perceive.

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He is the One Warbling upon the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree

Praise be to God Who hath manifested the Manifestation of His Self with a proof that hath encompassed all created things and a testimony whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been diffused throughout the contingent world, and Who hath revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in what He sent down in the Furqan. Praise be to God Who hath manifested one who hath proclaimed before all faces that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Through Him the trumpet was blown and the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!" Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call, and the eye that hath beheld the Most Glorious Horizon, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God with such strength as the hosts of the rejectors and the might of every perfidious doubter could not deter. He hath arisen before all mankind with such arising as the chains of men could not impede.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn from the most eloquent tongue to the luminous language and speak in Persian, that all may understand and their hearts may be drawn. This Wronged One in the Most Great Prison hath hearkened to thy call and hath turned for the sake of God, that He might draw thee to the horizon whence shineth the Day-Star of the bounty of the Lord of existence. Today everyone must seek the Sealed Wine, must purify their ears with the water of detachment from all they have heard, and likewise cleanse their eyes from whatsoever is unworthy. Then let them contemplate the signs of God, detached from all else but Him. For ages and centuries the Shi'ih sect hath been occupied with the mention of names while remaining heedless and veiled from their Creator and Lord. Each day they cling to a deceiver and grasp the hem of one who sows doubt, warring amongst themselves. The recompense for these deeds became manifest on the Day of Reckoning, even as on the Day of Judgment they all assailed the Lord of Names with swords of rejection and spears of hatred. The divines of that people remain occupied to this day with rejection, revilement and cursing. By the life of God! The pulpits lament and the mosques wail and moan, yet ears that hear are lacking, save as God willeth. We beseech God to assist thee in shattering the idols of fancy and vain imaginings with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest wholly depart from that sect and exert mighty efforts to protect the servants, lest helpless souls become afflicted as before in the well of vain fancies.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and guided me to Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy recognition and enabled me to turn to Thee and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. My Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy straight path and by Thy Great Announcement, whereby the hearts of the idolaters were troubled and the limbs of the heedless trembled, to assist me to arise for Thy Cause and to make mention of Thee and praise Thee amongst Thy servants. My Lord! Aid me to make up for what hath escaped me in Thy days. I testify with my outer and inner tongue that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou hast willed through Thy word "Be" and it is. Verily we are God's and to Him shall we return.

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O honored beloved! May His Holiness S.M. [upon him be the Most Glorious Baha] take note:

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Lord! Praise be to God, the tongue of Whose grandeur speaks in all conditions that which was spoken before the creation of the heavens and earth - that there is no God but Him, the One, the Bestower. He sent down the Book as a grace from His presence and ordained therein what befits man. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Master of the Day of Return. And blessings and peace be upon those who, through their blood, aided God's Cause, raised up His law, and spread His signs throughout the realms and lands.

That which that beloved one sent was received. Its expression was the dawning-place of a new utterance and its mention was the source of joy and gladness. After presenting this, this most exalted Word was revealed from the highest horizon - His blessed and exalted Word: "Grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Then consider them with wisdom and utterance. He

will assist you and teach you what He desires and will deliver you as a grace from His presence. He is the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. We have heard your mention and praise and humility and submissiveness and supplication, and We have remembered you with that which cannot be described by pens. We beseech God not to withhold from you the stream of His mercy which has preceded all created things. Glory be upon you and upon My friends in those parts who were not stirred by the tempests of the heedless and their words and deeds in the days of God, the Lord of all men."

When His Holiness's letter arrived, an answer was hastened with utmost speed, that perhaps news might reach His Holiness Ism'ullah, as it has been some time since any outward token of favor has been shown to them from the Most Holy Court, although all that is revealed is replete with mention of them. However, due to wisdom, nothing has yet been sent to the prison. Therefore now, briefly, several Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor and sent to them and also to those souls mentioned in their letter - let them deliver these to them. A detailed letter from this servant bearing divine utterances was sent from another direction - God willing that too will arrive. However, that beloved one must exercise great discretion, that is, regarding the companions in the land of Ta, for if it spreads in that land there is danger of harm to the prisoners and others. Several Tablets were also revealed specifically for the friends of that land - God willing they will be sent. And the gentlemen who were mentioned in that beloved one's letter have all been blessed with mention by the True One, glorified be His majesty. Perfect favor has been shown to each one, manifest and evident. God willing its effects will become visible and apparent in the land like standards. This evanescent one also expresses nothingness and evanescence in service to all, especially in service to the honored gentleman, the illustrious Nabil, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha. The Glory shining from the horizon of grace be upon your honor and upon God's loved ones and chosen ones who remember Him at eventide and dawn. And praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Separation.

The Servant

15th of Muharram al-Haram 1301

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In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! The Mother Book on the Day of Return proclaims: O learned ones, recognize the value of this Day! This is that Day which the Torah foretold in the revealed words "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the Days of God." And the Desired One of all worlds declares in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Each of the divine Books is adorned with His mention and bears glad tidings of His appearance. This is the Book that has no likeness or equal, and from which all books have appeared and to which they return. O people of God! The Most Great News has appeared and the wondrous Light shines forth. Gird up the loins of service and strive, that perchance those who are heedless may become aware of the Most Great News and hold fast to that which God has willed. This Wronged One remembers you in the nights and days. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make each of you appear as a brilliant and radiant light among His servants, that all may follow your goodly deeds and praiseworthy

character, and attain the station of nearness and the word of divine good-pleasure. O son of Dhabih! Upon thee and those with thee be My glory! Thou hast ever been remembered and, God willing, shall continue to be. Repeatedly have thy letters reached the Most Holy Court and been seen and heard. Grieve not over anything, but in all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of Revelation. Some time ago the petition of the handmaiden of God, upon her be My glory, arrived. Indeed hardship has befallen, but first His Honour Haji, upon him be My glory, among the Afnan, must be consulted, and after receiving news and information, they may proceed to their ultimate goal and highest aim. In these days the affairs of the Afnan were somewhat disrupted and suspended, as the transactions in various regions, due to the treachery of certain covenant-breakers, were seen to be without effect or fruit. Therefore, no blame lies or has lain upon them. Say: My God, my God! Aid the treacherous to be trustworthy, the slanderers to be truthful, and the polytheists to return to the Tree of Thy oneness and the gate of Thy forgiveness and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Convey My greetings to the mother, sister and relatives, and illumine them with the splendors of the light of the Day-Star of divine utterance. We beseech God to aid and assist His Honor ’Ali, upon him be My glory, and to grant him success, and through His grace to open before him the gates of hope, bounty and wealth. He is the Powerful, the All-Able. There is no God but Him, the Most Glorious, the Most Luminous. We beseech the Causer of causes to manifest that which is the means of exaltation and elevation, and the cause of true profit and spiritual commerce. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause, which hath taken neither glass nor guard nor veil for its protection, to ordain for us that which will gladden our hearts and tranquilize our souls. Then open before our faces, through the key of Thy name the All-Bountiful, the gates of Thy mercy and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

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O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken to the call of the Stranger when He was crucified upon the cross through that which the hands of the wicked ones who had not tasted the sweetness of faith nor drunk the choice wine of life in the days of their All-Merciful Lord had wrought. That which thou didst send hath come before Us. Blessed art thou for having desired to make mention of thyself in the presence of the Wronged One while He was in the hands of the wicked ones. Grieve not at this, but know thou and be assured that neither the plotting of those who have disbelieved nor the treachery of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all beings, can harm Us. We summon the servants in all conditions unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou steadfast with the steadfastness of thy Lord, then walk in His footsteps with wisdom. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, command thee. Make mention of those around thee on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. If thou seest Ali, glorify him on My behalf. Say: Blessed art thou for having been faithful to the Covenant. He remembereth those who have turned unto Him and nothing escapeth His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom amidst all people and place thy trust in Him. He is with those who have turned unto Him and He is the Friend of the righteous. We love to make mention of those who have become strangers in the path of God and who have wandered through the lands in His love. The glance of loving-kindness hath been

directed towards you and His grace is with you, O concourse of the loved ones! Give thanks for the Pen having moved to make mention of you after the Ancient Beauty was in the most desolate of lands. If thou seest Mim give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's mention of him, the Ancient One. Say: Remember when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst hear that which the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Generous, did speak. Grieve not at being a stranger - thy home is in My presence. We testify that ye are among those who dwell beneath His shadow. Rejoice at God's testimony, for naught in the heavens or on earth can equal it. Then remain steadfast in what thou art and glorify thy Lord with praise at all times. Forget not God's bounties and favors. Be mindful of the tales of this Stranger, then give Ha the glad-tidings of that which the Supreme Pen hath moved with, that he may rejoice within himself and be of the thankful ones. We make mention of the loved ones of God in the prison and enjoin them to fear God in the kingdom of creation, though the idolaters oppose Us. O servant! Hearken unto the call from this Spot that hath been raised between earth and heaven. Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord and act according to that which thou hast been commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Begin thy day with the remembrance and praise of God, then end it with this praised Name. Would that thou knewest the state in which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, calleth thee! By My life! Were it to be revealed thou wouldst lament, but the matter hath been concealed through that which hath been inscribed in a preserved tablet. We beseech God to assist you in His service and His good-pleasure and to guide through you those servants who have wandered in the wilderness of heedlessness and were of the deluded ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted

O My beloved! I have known what hath befallen thee and what hath been decreed for thy countenance, and have heard the secret melodies and spiritual lamentations behind the pavilions of thy heart, and am apprised of what hath descended upon thee and come to pass with thee, and have reckoned thy patience in God and thy tranquility in Him and thy steadfastness in His Cause. Know thou that whatsoever hath been decreed for thee was only that thou mightest follow the friends of God in that which was ordained for them as the immutable practice of God - in the hardships and afflictions that touched them and that which none can reckon save God alone. And all this befell them only because of their detachment from the world and its ornaments and embellishments. Know thou, furthermore, that were the world to possess any worth in the sight of God, He would not have surrendered it to its people, nor would His chosen ones have cast themselves into the hands of the wicked, to do with them as they pleased and visit upon them whatsoever they desired. Thus recognize thou the station of tribulation in the path of thy Lord. By God! Were the veil to be lifted from the face of this Cause, thou wouldst witness the arrow of destiny and the spear of divine decree to be dearer in the sight of God than the hereafter and all that was before it, for through this the essence of detachment and the lights of creation appear, and spirits ascend to the canopy of eternity and the Divine Lote-Tree in the highest Paradise. And thou, know thou the worth of that which God hath graciously bestowed upon thee and granted thee through His bounty, in

that He caused to shine upon thee the lights of the morn of oneness and the wondrous manifestations of the dawn from the divine horizon, and exalted thee until thou didst walk upon the air and attain to that station wherein thou didst drink from the chalices of certitude and discover the essence of inner meanings in the garden of utterance, the pole of Paradise, and didst soar on two wings of love to the uttermost degrees of nearness and didst hear the glad-tidings of reunion from the realm of might and holiness, as if thou didst perceive the melodies of the Divine Essence from the Eternal Dove, whereby thou wert immersed in the lights of beauty and freed from the veils of glory, and didst arrive at the seats of spirit and rapture and attainment. By thy life! Wert thou to don this shirt that hath been woven from the iron of words and the steel of allusions, thou wouldst be independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and of all that appeareth from the hearts of created things and the minds of abstract realities, and it would preserve thee from the darts of doubts and arrows of idle fancies, and from every tribulation and affliction, and from all that appeareth in the kingdom of creation and the realm below. Thus doth He preserve whom He willeth through His power, and verily He hath power over all things. Therefore clothe with the silk of glorification whomsoever thou willest, then gather them unto the Cause, then inhale from this shirt the fragrance of attraction that it may draw thee to the precincts of holiness from the Lord of lords, that thou mayest be numbered among the people of the spirit in the Concourse of Manifestation, with glory mentioned, from the letter “H” after the letter “B.”

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O Hussein in Sad, He is the Mighty, the Everlasting! O Hussein, bear witness with your self, then with your tongue, then with your heart, then with your essence that there is no God but Him and that Ali before Muhammad was the Manifestation of His Beauty, the Dawning Place of His Glory, the Mine of His Revelation and the Source of His Knowledge for all who are in the heavens and earth. Through him was established the Divine Unity and appeared the Beauty of Divine Singleness, and the Dove sang upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of Eternity that there is no God but Him, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Know then that your letter came before Us and We learned what was therein, for We were well-informed, and We answer you with these verses which have rendered the learned powerless. Say: O people, fear God and corrupt not the earth, and be not of the corrupt ones. And when the verses of God are sent down unto you, make them not an object of mockery, and be not of the heedless ones. Know then that We desired not to reveal Our countenance to anyone while We were among the servants, and none knew Us, for We were behind a mighty veil. But when the idolaters imprisoned Us in this remote prison, We therefore rent asunder the veils of concealment and revealed the Face like the manifest, radiant Sun, that thereby might be consumed the hearts of the deceivers and might increase the faith of the unitarians. Say: By God, from the Ancient Sovereign hath descended upon this Pen a word at which the heavens and earth would be cleft asunder, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Everlasting, the Inaccessible. Thus sang the Dove unto thee that thou mightest become aware of that which was concealed from every possessor of clear sight, and become steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and trustworthy in His messages, and find joy in thine essence and self, and be upon the Path with clear certitude. Know then that We forgot thee not before, nor have We forgotten thee in this Prison which lieth behind mighty mountains. We beseech God that He may enable thee in the Cause and raise thee to

the Holy Seat, a faithful station wherein thy foot shall not slip from the Cause than which nothing is more mighty, and was greater than every great thing. And the Spirit and Light and Glory and Radiance be upon thee and upon those with thee from this day unto the Day of Judgment.

O Hussein in Sad, He is the Mighty! It hath been known to that honored one that the purpose of creation hath ever been and shall ever be the knowledge of God, and this knowledge dependeth upon the recognition of His servants who perceive the Truth through their own vision and heart and nature, for imitation sufficeth not, whether in acceptance or rejection. If thou attainest unto this most glorious and most exalted station, thou shalt reach the Greatest Perspective, which is the station of steadfastness after striving in God. This is the guidance thou didst seek, and We have sufficed with these two words which are from the jewels of God's consummate wisdom, and were any to turn unto them he would be independent of all who are in existence. And God sufficeth as a witness.

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He is the Everlasting through His own everlasting Self

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the loved ones of God in the land of Ta [Tehran] who have not been deterred in the path of God by the censure of any critic, nor by the intimations of any polytheist, nor by the turning away of those who were in manifest delusion. Hearken to My call from the direction of My Most Great Name, which speaketh from this remote station. We counsel you with the most sublime call, whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, may be exalted. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Expositor. Hold fast unto what is good and vie ye with one another in good deeds. Thus have ye been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are your hearts for what they have recognized, your hands for what they have grasped, your tongues for what they have testified, your faces for having turned, your eyes for what they have beheld, and your ears for having heard My most sweet call which hath been raised from this luminous spot, the station which God hath made the seat of His mighty throne. Ye are they who have outstripped all others in creation in turning towards My most exalted horizon. Blessed is the river that hath attained unto you and the houses from which your voices have been raised in remembrance of God, the Goal of them that know. The first counsel We have enjoined upon Our loved ones in the Book is the Most Great Steadfastness. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it and attained its pure wine through My Name, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, may all the friends partake with the utmost joy and fragrance of the wine of divine revelation - a partaking that knoweth no end and whose thirst shall never seize it. And likewise may they be ignited by the fire of the divine Word - an ignition that shall know no cooling nor experience extinction. All must, through divine assistance and in perfect unity, gather at the table of the love of the All-Merciful, regard their aims as one and their purposes as united, vie with one another in service, and exert their utmost endeavor. I swear by the pure hearts and upright souls that these mentioned matters are of benefit to the world of good repute as water is to earth.

His honor Siyyid Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, is among those souls who have turned to the most exalted horizon and received their portion from the Sun of inner meanings. They have drunk

repeatedly from the ocean of reunion and attained the lights of the Divine Countenance, and have taken their share time and again from the cup of trials in the path of the love of God, exalted be His glory and might. Therefore, let those souls who have taken shelter beneath the Divine Lote-Tree and are free and detached from the world and all therein strive to improve his affairs. We counsel those who have drunk of the Living Waters to look after his affairs according to their capacity. He is verily the Trusted Teacher.

At present they dwell in the Prison-land and circle round the Throne. O My loved ones! Take hold of My Book with the power bestowed by Us and place your trust in the One, the All-Informed. We behold from Our most exalted horizon those who have arisen to act according to what was ordained in My perspicuous Book. God willing, may all the loved ones of God be enabled to act according to His good-pleasure. Let Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rahim and Aqa Abdul-Husayn exert their utmost endeavor in what hath been mentioned. The Glory be upon you all.

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O Name of God Sin! He is God, the Ever-Living, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting! O Word of Love! I loved thee before there was a “before,” ere the heavens were created, or the earth inhabited, or the mountains raised up, or the rivers flowed, or the trees planted, or the fruits appeared. And Adam was in the clay of love between the water and the light, and the spirits were walking in the air, and the holy temples were coursing through the heaven, and the souls were bewildered in the cloud, and this divine Youth was mounted upon the white cloud within the shadows of Beauty in the hiding-place of Glory, and in His hand was a pillar of light upon the temple of the Spirit. And He passed by thee like lightning flashing from the clouds - nay, faster than that - while thou wert standing in the land of symbols, at Horeb of the Command, Mount Paran, Sinai of the limits, Seir of existence. When I passed by thee, I removed the veil from My face; thereupon the heavens and earth shone forth. And thou didst know Me after I had known thee, and thou didst witness Me after I had witnessed thee. Then thou didst call to Me in the secret of thy heart and sought guidance from Me. Thereupon I took thy hand and raised thee to a station where thou didst hear the melodies of the birds moving in the unseen cloud beyond the pavilions of eternity at the axis of the sea of grandeur, the ocean of majesty. And I brought thee into the fortress of God, the Ever-Living, the Ancient King, after thou hadst believed in God, the Exalted, the Great. Were it not for Him, we would not have known the paths of guidance, and were it not for Him, we would not have reached this divine and goodly City. Therefore we thank God for what He hath given us through His bounty and honored us through His favor. Verily, He is the King, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And after this, I have read what was sent from thee and understood what thou didst indicate in thy words, and I have answered thee now with the most excellent composition possible, that the birds of love may stir in thy breast and the cock of divine identity may move in thy heart, and bring thee to a station where thou wilt not be able to remain still in thy love or patient in thy station, and thou wilt be a wayfarer unto God in thy inmost self and an emigrant unto Him in thy being, that thou mayest reach the ultimate goal in the heaven of radiance and be among those who dwell therein. And as for what thou didst write and mention regarding the loved ones who have believed in God and His signs, We have heard their mention and their call, and We have known their condition. Therefore clothe them, both men and women, in silken

garments from the pure substance of “God is Most Great,” and give them glad tidings of the light of God, the Pre-existent, the Ever-Living, the Ancient. Verily, He will reward them with the most excellent reward and will assist them with the light as He willeth. Verily, He is, in truth, powerful over all things. And as for what thou didst write regarding the transgression of the servants and their rebellion against the bounds of God and their turning away from what was ordained in the Book, write for them a tract on the laws and send it to them, that they may remember and not transgress the bounds of God. And the light be upon thee and with thee and for thee and from thee and upon those who follow thee in the Cause of thy Lord, which was sent down from the “H” after the “B.”

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O Muhammad, upon thee be the Most Great, Most Ancient, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Glory of God! O Mim! Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree planted upon the crimson hill, from the Lord of Destiny. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The door hath been closed by thy Lord’s command, then opened through His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. Reflect upon what hath befallen the Dawning-Place of thy Lord’s power, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The matter hath reached such a pass that We were prevented from approaching the door from which no seeker was ever barred nor any pilgrim ever turned away. This is what We mention outwardly, but inwardly the door was never closed nor shall it ever be closed, by My Name whereby We have subdued all creation. Say: This is a door before which every possessor of a mighty throne doth stand, a station wherein the Faithful Spirit rendereth service. By God! Were thou to hearken with the ear of inner nature, thou wouldst hear its atoms proclaim: “The Beloved of the mystics hath appeared!” Were the Most Exalted Pen to move perpetually by thy Lord’s leave, the Lord of Names, in description of this most exalted station and this spot wherefrom the sweetest of all calls hath been raised, it would find itself still at the beginning of its description. Thus doth thy Lord teach thee from this glorious vista. O Ha! Hearken once again unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised by God’s leave, the Lord of Names. Verily there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath truly hearkened - verily he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in a Tablet sealed by this luminous Finger. And he who hath heard hath cast the world behind him and names to his left, turning with a most pure heart toward the station which God hath made the seat of this mighty Throne. Thus hath the Pen of Eternity moved by command of the Creator of Heaven upon this Tablet adorned with the ornament of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Give thanks unto God for having adorned thy head with His wise remembrance and thy temple with the garment of His favors. Verily He ordaineth as He pleaseth. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby all who dwell in the kingdom of names were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of grace did seize by My leave, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thus hath the Pen sprinkled upon thee from the ocean of thy Lord’s loving-kindness. When thou attainest, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having turned toward me the gaze of Thy favor and mentioned me when I was immersed in an ocean of sorrows through what befell Thee at the hands of the oppressors.” O Pen! Take hold thy reins. By God! We behold existence thunderstruck at this moment by Thy mention and utterance. Among them We see some who have been seized by the wine of thy Lord’s utterance, and others seized by the throes of death from the sweet fragrances of the Spirit. Thus hath a portion been

ordained for every soul from thy Lord's Book, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Behold how that which was the cause of life became the cause of death. When thou knowest this station, thou wilt understand the mysteries of thy Lord's word according to thy measure. Verily He is the Expositor of all things, and with Him is a preserving Book. O Dal! Give thanks unto God and praise Him for having honored thee with His presence, admitted thee before His throne, and caused thee to dwell near Him. Thus doth He single out whom He willeth by a command from His presence. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Dhabih, I speak in the Persian tongue so that whoever wishes may attain its meaning. Today is the Day when all who are in the heavens and earth are present in one place before God. Therefore, whoever has detached himself from all save God and soared in the holy divine atmosphere is mentioned before God as being among the people of the highest Paradise, and whoever has hesitated is counted among the people of the lowest abyss. God has never had and will never have any relation or connection with anyone. Whoever turns to Him is counted as being of Him, and apart from that has been and will be unmentioned. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that there has not been and is not in this heart anything except the dawning rays of the Morn of eternity, and to the extent possible, nay beyond that, I have strived to aid the Cause of God and for twenty years have never seen comfort or rest, and God is sufficient witness to this. Until, by God's might and power, the Cause was exalted and this servant arrived at this Most Great Prison. After that God is witness to what has befallen Me from one for whom, by God besides Whom there is no God, I exerted mighty efforts night and day for his protection, education and training. When I became assured of his character, he arose to kill Me. The hand of divine power prevented what he intended. Afterward he spread abroad what he had done and made accusations against this servant such as no one has ever made against another, sending these to all regions, such that today some of his writings have been sent from various places and are present before Me. Say: O servants! I swear by the Sun of the morn of holy transcendence that what he has mentioned is pure falsehood and he had no purpose except to cast hatred of this servant into hearts. Whoever has doubts should come to this land to become informed of matters which no one has understood. Although every person of insight perceives that all he has written about this servant has been and will be pure lies and calumny, since not all people possess insight, they must not be content with conjecture. And since it is not possible for all to come to this land, and it would cause harm, therefore two fair-minded persons should come and become informed of all matters and inform the people, so that God's proof may be completed for all. Otherwise, verily thy Lord is independent of the worlds. In brief, the harm done to this servant is greater than can be mentioned. I complain of my anguish and grief unto God, for He is the best helper and protector.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

After offering praise and glorification to the Beloved of the worlds and salutations upon the honored loved ones - upon them be God's peace - it is submitted that for some time there has been no news from that honored brother. Every soul who turns from that direction to this direction makes most complete and perfect inquiries about your circumstances. God willing, you are in perfect health and well-being, occupied with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. In all conditions we servants must be occupied with that which causes the appearance of the stations of love, wisdom, faithfulness and human qualities and conditions. And I beseech God to confirm us - verily He has power over all things and He is the Hearing, the Answering One.

Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-'Ali and Aqa Lutfu'llah have arrived and praise be to God they are safe and well. This servant requested Jinab-i-Aqa Lutfu'llah to come to the garden for certain reasons, after which Aqa Ghulam-'Ali also arrived, and now by God's grace and bounty both intend to be occupied in this land. In any case, this servant supplicates for good and blessing and bounty for them.

The letters sent to you from Iran were read repeatedly. The flame of love appears to emanate from their every limb - their hearts have melted in separation. You should send them a reply, and from here also it is hoped that, God willing, a messenger will be found and a Tablet sent. Convey greetings and praise on behalf of this evanescent servant to the friends in that land. God willing, may they be eternally mentioned in the Kingdom of Names. Do not consider this statement impossible, for if a person in their life becomes occupied with and achieves good deeds and praiseworthy character, their mention is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity, and as long as mention remains, life remains, as mentioned in previous accounts.

I send greetings to the light of my eyes Aqa 'Inayatu'llah and their sister. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve them all - verily He has power over all things. Peace and mercy and praise be upon you and your family and upon every steadfast believer. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

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Four letters were sent - truly it is a burning fire and had a great effect upon this servant. You should write to give them the glad tidings of the Tablet and the appearance of the favors and kindnesses of the Intended One regarding them. Blessed are they, as their remembrances were present and they were mentioned in that which its traces and fruits will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. This evanescent servant sends greetings with a hundred thousand tongues and expresses pure sincerity in service to them. Glory be upon them.

They have requested a receipt for twenty tumans - you should write and send it so that it can be sent.

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O Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Everlasting Knower! Praise be unto the Eternal Beloved Who is worthy and deserving, Whose all-encompassing mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all beings, and Who hath caused the hidden treasure and concealed mystery to appear manifestly and brilliantly amidst all creatures with utmost oppression, in

such wise that no matter hath prevented Him from His will and no veil hath concealed Him. From the most exalted horizon He proclaimed “Verily I am the Lord of all beings” and from the dawning-place of the prison He declared “Verily the prison is God’s.” At all times He hath bestowed the living waters upon the people of the contingent world and in all instances caused the Kawthar of utterance to flow from the fountain of the Most Merciful Name. Nevertheless the people remained veiled and heedless, deprived and forbidden from this mighty gift and these infinite bounties. Pass by the people of the Furqan and observe the party of the Bayan, how some have objected to the Truth saying He hath claimed Divinity. Fie upon them and upon what their tongues have uttered! God hath sealed their hearing and their sight. They have not yet understood that the advent of the Prophets culminated in the Manifestation of God, as the Point of the Bayan foretold: “Verily He speaketh in all things: ‘There is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.’” Would that they had understood as much as the people of the Furqan, for that group acknowledged the cry “Verily I am God” that was raised from the Tree, yet they remain heedless of the bounty of this Day. This is the Day wherein the Friend declared “my heart is at rest” and Moses uttered the words “I have attained unto Thy presence.” Observe the baseness of those souls who have failed to comprehend even the tradition well-known and accepted among the people of the Furqan which states “I am He and He is I” and so forth. God willing, ye must be set ablaze with the fire of the Divine Word in such wise that the veils of the vain imaginings of the people of the Furqan and the people of the Bayan may all be consumed and they may become illumined with the lights of recognition. May they abandon the sayings of the past and hold fast unto that which is manifest. In truth most people are withered, nay rather dead. Ye must draw these forsaken souls unto the Kingdom of eternal life through the fragrances of the Merciful Raiment. He verily will aid thee in all conditions. He verily hath power over all things. Thy letter was received and the fragrance of love was inhaled therefrom. God willing, may ye ever be mindful of His remembrance and speaking His praise. We have remembered thee before and remember thee now. Thy Lord is verily the Rememberer, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee a helper of His Cause, speaking His praise and giving drink unto His servants. He is verily the Almighty, the Protector, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and His signs on this Most Holy and Wondrous Day.

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He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise that is sanctified above the understanding and recognition of all who dwell within the realm of possibility beseemeth the Goal of all the worlds, Who was not prevented by the tyranny of the world and the might of the peoples from uttering the blessed words “Verily I am God.” The Most Exalted Pen crieth out with the most loud voice at the midmost heart of the world. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! How great is His power, how perfect His proof, how mighty His testimony!

O Rafi’-i-Badi’, upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have made mention of thee through verses that all the books of the world cannot equal, and have caused them to endure in My mighty Book. Their fragrance shall never cease to be diffused, as testified by this Speaking, this Manifest Book.

O Rafi', upon thee be My wondrous remembrance. I speak the truth when I say that this is a Day of joy and delight. Joy from what? From the Kawthar of inner meanings on this luminous, spiritual Day. Hearken unto My call, then take the cup of gladness in My Name and drink therefrom before the faces of My servants - once in My Most Glorious Name, through which the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder, and again in My Most Great Remembrance, whereby the earth of the hearts of the peoples was rent asunder.

Reflect upon thy Lord's power and dominion. We have raised up servants in the land of Ba and manifested them with such steadfastness as hath caused the limbs of the idolaters and the perverse to quake with fear. Soon shalt thou witness the effects of what hath appeared through them. Verily thy Lord is the Knower of the unseen and the seen. With Him is the knowledge of all things in His perspicuous Book.

Grieve not over the happenings of the world, and fear not the oppression and might of princes. By My life! That which We behold today shall perish, but there shall abide for thee My glorious and beauteous remembrance. Know thou that My Most Great Branch made mention of thee before, and at this time We make mention of thee through this Tablet from whose horizon shineth forth the Day-Star of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have answered thy remembrance by making mention of thee. Rejoice thou in this perfumed, mighty and wondrous utterance. My Afnan, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness - he who hath chosen for himself a station beneath My shade and hearkeneth unto My verses at the time of their revelation - hath sent a letter which I had sent to him, and he hath attained unto My presence, My hearing and My glance. Thy Lord loveth him who hath loved Him, and ordaineth for him that which was hidden and treasured with Him and concealed from the eyes of the deniers. He desired to make mention of thee, so We have revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of them that have recognized Him.

When thou hast succeeded in hearkening unto My call and reading what We have sent down from My kingdom, say:

"My God, my God! Unto Thee be all glory, for that Thou hast made me to know Thee and taught me and shown unto me Thy manifest path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Mystery enshrouded in mystery, and by the lights of Thy most great Throne, and the mysteries of Thy manifest Book, to make me a banner of Thy Name amidst Thy creation and one who standeth in service to Thee in Thy days. Then write down, O my God, for this Thy servant that which befitteth Thy glory and Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy might. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of the hearts of them that have recognized Thee!"

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TRANSLATION:

Beirut. O Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, Lord of Creation.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power.

Praise sanctified above hearts and minds befitteth the King of Kings Who, through the waves of the ocean of utterance, caused the world of contingent being to acknowledge His oneness and become aware of His singleness. Exalted be His generosity, exalted be His grace, and glorified be His loving-kindness, His greatness and His favors. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and Sovereign of nations, through Whose advent heaven was honored and through Whose manifestation the kingdom of creation was adorned, and upon His family and companions whom God made the lamps of the cities of His knowledge, the lights of His dominions, and the stars of His heaven, and through whom He caused His religion to flourish and His Cause to be made manifest among His servants and creatures.

And now, your illustrious letter arrived swifter than lightning and brought fresh joy, for indeed heart guides unto heart. When you intended to write that love-inspiring letter, the heart here was expectant, ready and waiting. The swiftness of lightning in this regard is very slow and its feet quite lame. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the world of this gift, that all may gather on one plane and become citizens of one homeland. In truth, were humanity to be blessed with the education of the true Educator, most of these visible means would be observed to be fruitless. But now it remains treasured in the stronghold of infallibility and hidden from all save whom God willeth.

As to the mention made of his honor the Afnan, upon him be from all nine [Glory] most glorious, and his honor Aqa Ahmad, upon him be ninety-six [Baha'u'llah], praise be to God the glad tidings of their well-being brought complete joy. This servant too extends his greetings and begs confirmation for them, yearns for their presence, beseeches their reunion, seeks their company, desires to be in their presence. Prayer is from the servant, acceptance from God - verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And regarding the rice, his honor the Shaykh, upon him be ninety-six [Baha'u'llah], submitted his petition to the Most Holy Court and a most impregnable Tablet was sent especially for him, and this servant also mentioned something to him and as commanded mentioned the rice as well, and now too upon receipt it will be sent - do send it. And as for the writings, after submission They said it was not and is not advisable, rather even being in Beirut with writings is contrary to wisdom unless they keep them concealed and preserved in a firm, secure place, that is, in Beirut. End.

I beseech God to adorn the world with the ornament of trustworthiness and grant truthfulness and sincerity, that the properties of the servants may remain protected from the transgressions of the treacherous and the thieves, so that there may remain no need for concealment and hiding. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Two new packets arrived. God willing their reply will be sent. I extend greetings and nothingness to all the friends and masters. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to the One Who is worthy and deserving, Who brought the world to life through a drop from the ocean of His love and guided it to eternal, everlasting life. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and Master of nations, and upon His family and companions who aided God's Law and His religion, and conquered lands through His power and His Name. And now, multiple occupations have seized this servant at this time - one being necessary writings and answering the letter of that honored master, and there is also the intention to visit the bath, and a necessary task has arisen requiring me to meet with his honor Afnan. In any case, now giving precedence to answering your epistle, I submit that your distinguished letter arrived and by its arrival sorrows and grief took flight and joy intended to take up residence. Praise be to God and His is the grace and favor, for truly it is His confirmation that makes hearts loving and causes them to be ignited with the warmth of love. In one of the Tablets this supreme utterance was observed - He says: "Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree this supreme word was heard: The world is built through love and fellowship, and without it, it is in ruins." Truly it is the crown of the world and the source of the manifestation of the [stations] of humanity. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to bestow this great bounty and this goodly feast at all times so that all may soar in the air with one wing and dwell in one station. After reading and reviewing the eminent letter, I proceeded to His presence and submitted all. He said: "God willing, may they be blessed at all times with the favors of the Desired One, and be mentioned by His Name, illumined by His light, turned to His face, arise in His service, and whatever they have intended, God willing, will be adorned with the ornament of deed from potentiality, and from word to action." End quote. And then the sprinkling of the ocean of favor appeared and shone forth to such a degree that truly this servant is utterly incapable of mentioning it. Beyond that, opportunity has become like the phoenix and like the philosopher's stone. This servant beseeches God to ever confirm him in serving His friends. We deeply regret that for a time the flame of love was suspended and concealed. May God guide those souls who, without proof or evidence, engage in sedition and corruption. I beseech God not to deprive those souls from the ocean of His mercy and to educate them through the hands of His favor. I send greetings to the honored friend, his honor Aqa Ali Akbar. His letter, praise be to God, opened the gate of joy and spread the carpet of gladness. And now, in view of what was submitted at the beginning, no opportunity for further discourse remains. I seek his pardon. And finally, peace and mercy and divine favor be upon you and upon His friends and loved ones.

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O Ali, son of him who has ascended unto God - upon both of you be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of eternity. A mention from Us to him who has turned toward the horizon of God, the Lord of Lords, who heard and responded and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the final abode. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Day of God, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The ocean of utterance hath surged in creation, yet the people remain in wondrous drunkenness. The verses passed before them morning and evening, yet they turned away from them, following vain imaginings. Thus did their souls seduce them, and they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all men.

O Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee in the Most Great Prison and remindeth thee of verses that all the treasures of the world cannot equal. The Mother Book with Him beareth witness to this. Thank thy Lord for this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having remembered me while I was among the hands of the wicked.” We desired to mention in this station him who hath ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower - he who turned toward the Supreme Horizon when the Luminary of Manifestation shone forth therefrom and illumined the horizons.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who heard My call, held fast to My cord, and uttered My praise. He is indeed of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Say: The first light that dawned from the horizon of the Most Merciful’s utterance and the first fragrance that wafted in the days of God, the Lord of all beings - upon thee, O thou who didst attain unto faith when the people were wrapped in the darkness of vain imaginings. Thou didst turn with thy face and thy heart and didst attain unto that which was revealed in the first days from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Blessed art thou, and blessed thy heart for having turned, and thine eye for what it beheld, and thine ear for what it heard.

The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy faith, thy recognition, thy certitude, and thy steadfastness in days wherein smoke enveloped all possibility. This is a testimony that nothing in all things can equal. Thou art he whom the rapture of the call so seized that neither the clamor of the divines, nor the might of names, nor the hosts of princes could weaken thee. Thou didst testify to that which God testified. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, and unto him who mentioned thee through what flowed from the Pen of Utterance in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful.

The Glory manifest, evident, resplendent, dawning from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord’s loving-kindness be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thy end, thy outward and thine inward self, and the mercy of God and His blessings. O Ali! We have repeatedly mentioned the honored deceased one. The Pen is witness and the Tablet testifies that no good deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it ever be. Every good mention and pure deed is a treasure for its doer, preserved and protected with God. We beseech God to aid thee in mentioning him and to ordain for thee that which is the cause and means of drawing nigh. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom nothing among all things hath prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Compelling.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great! A remembrance from Us to those in the kingdom of command and creation, that they may hear the call of their Lord, the Most High, from this Tree which hath been raised up by the command of God, the Lord of Names. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of Command from the presence of One mighty and wise. O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the uttermost Tree upon the luminous spot. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great. Behold Me with Mine eye - thus hast thou been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Were anyone to ponder what hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful in this wise

Remembrance, he would know what none hath known save whom thy Lord willeth, and would turn with his most luminous countenance toward the Most Sublime Vision and say: “I have turned my face unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!” This is a matter the like of which hath not appeared in creation. By My life, this is indeed the wonder of the heavens and earth! Say: Ponder ye upon this innovation that ye may discover what your Lord hath intended in this luminous Tablet. This is not the day of desires - burn them with the fire of the love of your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Arise to serve the Cause by the leave of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And this is not the day of idle fancies - rend their veils asunder by the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. The Beloved hath appeared in such wise that the horizons are illumined thereby. Blessed be He Who hath sent Him with the truth with a manifest sovereignty. Is it fitting to tarry when all things have been set in motion by the breezes of revelation? Fear ye God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Were anyone to inhale the tablet of his Lord, he would discover therefrom the fragrance of His glorious and wondrous garment. And were he to turn with the ear of his innate nature unto all things, he would hear from them: “The appointed time hath come - dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Peerless.” It behooveth every soul to abandon what is possessed by the people, turning unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We had sent thee aforetime a noble Book wherein was revealed that which illumined existence. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth thee in the prison unto God, thy Lord, and be thou of the discerning. He desireth for no one save what is best for him - to this doth testify the Most Exalted Pen which speaketh the truth while in the hands of the oppressors. When thou hast attained unto the lights of the Tablet, turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon. Say: O Lord of Names and Ruler over all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Kingdom was adorned and the Realm of Might was embellished, to aid me to turn toward the Kaaba of Thy Beauty and to stand firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Then write down for me what is best for me. I know not what is within Thy Self, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and decreed for Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Thou seest mine eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy favors and my heart turned toward the wonders of Thy grace and bounties. I beseech Thee to make me one of those who aid Thy Cause, who arise to serve Thee, who rest beneath the canopy of Thy mercy, and who are tranquil through the lights of the Sun of Thy Beauty. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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TRANSLATION:

Lahijan. O Ashraf, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The drops of divine inspiration have trickled from the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, through the aid of the breeze of the Will of the Lord of Names, taking the form of these words: O Ashraf! Thy letter was present before the Most Great Scene and was the object of the attention of the Lord of Destiny. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the Salsabil of the utterance of the All-Merciful and art occupied with the mention of God amongst the people. We have recognized the fire of thy love and heard thy call. Verily thy

Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament, and for having chosen for thyself the service of this Great Announcement, whereby the limbs of the world have quaked, the nations have been convulsed, and the feet of the mystics have slipped. God willing, thou shalt at all times stand firm in the assistance of His Cause and be vocal in His remembrance - an utterance that silence cannot overtake, and a standing that no sitting can follow. However, in all conditions ye must observe wisdom and summon the people with pure wisdom, for they are weak and heedless of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of the Lord's Manifestation. If they witness something whose reality they fail to comprehend, they will surely avoid it. In such case the work of teaching would be impeded. For example, the Blessed Birth occurred in Muharram - thus did God exalt it in truth and make it one of the festivals for His servants. Now if someone in Islamic lands were to outwardly observe the conditions of a festival during the month of Muharram, this would surely be contrary to wisdom, for most people are unaware of the blessedness of that day and what was born therein, and would suppose that the cause and reason for the festival was - God forbid - enmity towards the Prince of Martyrs, upon him be the most glorious of all glory. For they are ignorant and know not that the Dawning-Place of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs hath appeared and speaketh. Moreover, they are heedless of the traditions that they themselves consider authentic, such as the saying of the Prince of Martyrs - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for his sake - that after the Qa'im, One bearing the name Qayyum shall appear and all the Prophets and chosen ones shall gather beneath His shadow. In brief, they are unaware of the Resurrection, the Day of God, and what hath appeared therein as revealed in the Qur'an and previous Books. They are intoxicated with the wine of passion and have turned away from the horizon of guidance. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them without clear proof or Book! In view of God's past mercy and the all-encompassing grace and favors of the Lord, ye should call all people with wisdom so that the attachments of existence may, through the wisdom and training of God's friends, attain to the station of "Blessed be God, the best of creators." Convey greetings from this Wronged One to all the friends and set them all ablaze with the fire kindled in the Blessed Tree, and adorn them with the ornament of unity and harmony and with that which God hath ordained in the Tablets. Verily, the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Countenance after the passing away of all things. He is, verily, the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens. There is no God but Him, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Ghulam, before Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of Him Who has power over all who are on earth and in heaven! Glorified is He Who has sent down the verses and manifested what He willed. He verily is the One Who speaks at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Your letter has come before the Wronged One, and He has sent down for you that which cannot be equaled by all things. To this bears witness the Lord of Names in His mighty prison. The servant present before the Throne has read your letter. We have answered you with this wondrous Tablet. Give thanks

unto God that your call has been heard in this spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise, though most of the people are heedless.

We found your letter purified from vain imaginings. Ask God to keep you steadfast in your condition. He verily is the Almighty, the Powerful. O Ghulam! Rejoice that My Most Exalted Pen has moved to mention you while the Wronged One walks in His noble station. We have aided you to recognize Him Whom the world has failed to know, and guided you to My Straight Path. Hold fast to My Sure Handle, detached from what is with the peoples. Thus does the Ancient of Days command you as a bounty from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient.

Your letter was seen. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love was wafting from it. God willing, may you be illumined by the lights of His countenance and enkindled with the fire of His love to such degree that neither the circumstances of the tyrants nor the sophistries of the Pharaohs who are the divines of the age would prevent you. Whenever the horizon of the world was blessed with the lights of revelation, the divines of that age arose in utmost rejection and protest, and issued the death warrant for His pure blood. This is not the first Cause that has appeared in the contingent world. In all ages and centuries that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament has appeared from them. All the books before and after have testified to this blessed Day. Nevertheless, that which has occurred is such that pen and tongue are powerless to mention it. Glorified is He Who speaks and continues to speak under all conditions, and manifests through His sovereignty whatsoever He desires in such wise that neither the power of the mighty nor the clamor of the divines can frustrate Him. He does what He wills and ordains what He pleases. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Regarding your desire to attain His presence - blessed are you and your desire. He verily records for whosoever desires it the reward of attaining His presence. He is the Hearer, the Answerer. In these days this land is somewhat in turmoil and matters that cause grief are present. Therefore permission for visit has been delayed. However what is regarded today as among the most important deeds before the Self-Sufficing, the Most High has been and will be the teaching of the Cause with wisdom and utterance. God willing, you will be enabled through divine confirmation and heavenly favor to achieve this mighty endeavor. Strive that perchance you may quicken those in the graves through the living waters of utterance which have flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Be speaking in My Name, gazing toward My horizon, and holding fast to My mighty cord. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained to this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I testify that Thy power hath encompassed all created things, and by the light of Thy Cause the earth and heavens were illumined. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence, and by Thy sovereignty which hath prevailed over the seen and unseen, and by Thy mysteries which were hidden from all eyes, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty. O Lord! They have acknowledged their poverty and confessed their weakness,

therefore send down upon them that which will make them mighty in Thy kingdom and trusted ones in Thy lands. Then send down upon one of Thy servants that which befitteth Thy grace. O Lord! He hath turned to Thee and attained Thy presence. Then inscribe for Thy leaf and handmaiden, his wife, who hath turned with her heart to Thy horizon and acted according to what Thou commanded her in Thy Book. O Lord! Assist her through Thy bounty and generosity, then ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for Thy devoted handmaidens who are chaste and pure, who have held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and generosity and circled round Thy throne. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

Sent by the Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, wife of Muhammad-i-Rahim. He who hath attained should deliver five hundred tumans as commanded to Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, and act according to what is mentioned in this leaf: Jamal, upon him be my Glory - twenty-five tumans; Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be my Glory - twenty-five tumans; Mirza Haydar-'Ali - twenty-five tumans; Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon them both be my Glory - twenty-five tumans; Ibn-i-Abhar, upon them both be my Glory - twenty-five tumans; Mirza 'Ali-Naqi, upon him be my Glory - twenty-five tumans. Ten tumans also from the Greater Mystery, the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the most glorious Glory of God, should reach Mulla 'Ali-Akbar to give to the handmaiden of God Layli. Five tumans also should reach the Fruit to be delivered to one of the handmaidens. Shaykh Muhammad also ten tumans, and twenty-five tumans also should be taken for the expenses of the Deputy, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and the remainder should be sent to the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, and whatever is intended regarding it will be made known for them to act upon.

O my God, my Lord and my Support! Those who have turned to the court of Thy glory and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty and soared in the atmosphere of Thy love, desired to pay Thy rights which Thou didst send down in Thy Book. O Lord! They have spent in Thy love what Thou didst provide them from the treasuries of Thy bounty and favor. Ordain for them that which will draw them near unto Thee, then write down for them the good of every world of Thy worlds. Then I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted attributes to ordain for Thy handmaiden and leaf who hath attained to the payment of what was concealed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scriptures and Tablets, the reward of those who circle round Thy throne and have won the privilege of hearkening to Thy call. O Lord! Thou seest that she hath done in Thy love what the queens of Thy earth were prevented from. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

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In the Name of God, the Ancient, the Everlasting

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having drawn Thy near ones through the breaths of Thy oneness and attracted them through the wondrous melodies of Thy voice. Thou hast made them helpers of Thy Cause among Thy creatures and celebrants of Thy name amongst Thy servants. Through them were enkindled the hearts of those who were heedless of Thy remembrance and had strayed from

the pathway of nearness unto Thee. Thou hast raised them to a station Thou didst specially ordain for them through Thy grace, and through them Thy signs were spread throughout Thy dominion. Thou hast made them the embodiment of Thy most beautiful names for all who dwell on earth and in heaven.

Among them, O my God, is one who loved Thee and desired Thy presence. When he heard Thy mention and Thy call, he turned toward the horizon of Thy voice. The affairs of the world and the whisperings of the rebellious and the wayward did not prevent him from Thy remembrance. He hath plucked from the garden of Thy loving-kindness the fruits of the tree of Thy oneness, and beheld from the horizon of Thy favors the lights of Thy countenance and beauty. I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist him in all conditions that he may aid Thy Cause among Thy servants, and to protect him from the people of error that he may be occupied with Thy praise amidst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of faithfulness! Know that We have arrived in the fortress of Akka, and the heedless ones have surrounded Us from every direction. They desire to cut off the fragrant breezes of revelation from the universe, but this Youth hath not been deterred by the tribulations that have befallen Him and speaketh at all times that there is no God but Him. Say: Verily this Youth remembereth His Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Neither the swords of men nor the vicissitudes of days have prevented Him. He calleth out between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto God, unto Whom is His return and dwelling place.

Then know thou that the letter S entered the city, but the oppressors prevented him from attaining the presence before the Throne. They have barred the doors, but God shall open them when He willeth and desireth. Grieve thou not, for soon there shall descend from the clouds of grace that which shall cause people to enter into the religion of God in troops. Verily thy Lord hath power over all things. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to send down upon thee the good of this world and the next. Thus hath it been ordained for thee in the Tablet, and that which hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command shall not be altered. Be thou thankful and among the grateful ones.

We desired to send thee Tablets concerning that which was mentioned before, but the idolaters intervened. We shall send them when God willeth and desireth. Verily, He is with His near servants. When God's loved ones gather together for the Cause, remember them on My behalf. We have sent Tablets wherein no names were mentioned for their protection. Give to each soul one of these Tablets. That which is befitting for each servant hath been sent down. Verily thy Lord is knowing of all things. Then know that one of My loved ones sent a Tablet there in the name of M. It was not revealed for him and there was a mistake, but perhaps God will bring about some remembrance through it. Thus doth the knowledge of thy Lord encompass all things, but the people are in heedlessness and schism.

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He has been revealed for the brother who gazes upon the Face, who was named Abu'l-Qasim, that his heart may rejoice and that he may find for himself a path to God, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Glorified be He Who sends down verses at all times for people who are aware, for verily there is no God

but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. All who are in the heavens and earth sing His praise, and all that was and will be. O servant who believes in God, hear the call of Him Who has been imprisoned in this remote prison, from Whom have been cut off the hands of those who desired the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. He remembers you purely for the sake of God, that you may detach yourself from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with Him in Whom they believed, and who have turned back on their heels in opposition. Would that you had been with your Lord when He departed from Iraq with manifest sovereignty, and witnessed what befell Him from those who were created by His word "Be!" By God the Truth, those whom We created by Our command and whom We aided at all times and protected from the harm of every harmful one morning and evening - when they witnessed that the Word was exalted and the breezes of power wafted from the direction of your Chosen Lord, they emerged from behind the veil with sharp drawn swords. By God, at every moment I was struck by the arrows of discord from the hypocrites, and at every instant was struck by the swords of hatred, and none knew of this save God your Lord and a few numbered souls. Then they cast Me into the well of darkness in this prison while they rejoiced within themselves. Thus do We inform you that you may be possessed of clear insight. You must inform the people and remind them of God's verses that they may remember within themselves and be among those who are certain. Let nothing veil you from remembering your Lord in all days, and grieve not for the world and what befalls you therein. Be among those who have no fear and who do not sorrow. Follow God's command in what has been ordained in this Tablet and He will protect you from the harm of those who have denied God's verses and who do not understand. Come forth from the veils of sorrow through the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful, then open your tongue in utterance, for this is best for you, as honored servants bear witness. Know that your brother Nabil has attained the presence of the Throne and has won what was ordained for him in preserved tablets of glory. He has reached the summit of grace and has heard the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The lights seized him from all directions - none comprehend this save those who have attained the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus have We detailed the matter for you and sent down verses and dispatched them to you that your eyes may be consoled and that you may gaze toward your Lord's direction with praiseworthy humility. Glory be upon you and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause, who when proof dawns upon them from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful, fall prostrate before God and are among those who bow down in worship.

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O Husayn of Sultanabad! In the name of the Goal of all worlds! The Day hath come wherein the sky bringeth forth manifest smoke, and the Day hath come wherein the mountains move as clouds move, and every mighty trustworthy one is shaken. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the wronged Husayn, Who from the direction of the Most Great Prison summoneth thee unto the Truth. Listen with the ear of thy soul to the call of the divine Summoner. If thou attainest unto it but once, it will draw thee to such a station that thou wilt find thyself detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and with loudest voice thou wilt engage in the praise of the Friend amidst the righteous ones. This is the Revelation concerning which the Point of the Bayan hath said: "Beware, beware lest that which is in the Bayan prevent thee," and in another place He saith: "Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what hath been

revealed in the Bayan." This is the Day the attainment of which all the Prophets and Messengers beseeched of God and yearned after. Look thou into the books of old that thou mayest discover what hath been concealed from thee. I am unto thee a faithful counselor. With the tongue of thy soul call out to the Beloved of all possibility and say: O my God, and my Master, and my Friend, and the Beloved of my soul and my spirit! How can I ever render thanks unto Thee? I was submerged in the ocean of heedlessness and ignorance when the tongue of Thy grace called out to me and the hand of Thy bounty seized me. O my Lord! My heedlessness reached such a point that it deprived me of the sweet waters of certitude and guided me to the bitter waters of idle fancies. I became forgetful of Thy remembrance, yet Thou didst not forget me. I grew cold in my love for Thee, yet the fire of Thy loving-kindness remained ablaze. With what countenance shall I turn toward Thee, and with what tongue shall I call upon Thee? Shame and remorse have overtaken me and made me despair from every direction. But O my Lord, my Goal and my Master! I have heard that Thou hast declared that if today anyone should but once sincerely say "Show me," from the Kingdom of Utterance he would hear "Look and thou shalt see Me." From this blessed and exalted word the station of this Day is clear and evident. Thou hast likewise declared that if from the beginning that hath no beginning someone had been deprived of all good deeds, today it would be possible to make up for them, inasmuch as the ocean of forgiveness hath appeared in the contingent world and the heaven of bounty is upraised. I beseech Thee by the sanctity of this blessed Day, which is the source and dawning-point of all days, to make me successful in that which pleaseth Thee and to adorn me with the ornament of Thy acceptance. O Lord! I am the poor one, and with Thee is the ocean of wealth. I am the ignorant one, and with Thee are the treasuries of knowledge and wisdom. I am the remote one, and verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Near One. If thou art successful in reciting that which hath been mentioned, assuredly thou shalt not be deprived of the outpourings of the Sun of inner meanings. This is the Sun of divine counsel that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!"

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The Call hath been raised from the right of the blessed and luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree, a Call which the realities of all things hear: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise." O people of the earth! Let not your ears be prevented from hearkening to the Word of God. By God! Through it are hearts drawn to the Station wherein they behold the power of God, their Lord and the Lord of their forebears. Come ye forth from the cities of fancy and idle imagination, then set your faces toward the Sacred House which God hath made the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Shatter the idols of vain desire through the name of your Lord, the Lord of all names. Thus have ye been commanded by the All-Glorious in a preserved Tablet. Bear ye witness, O people, to that whereunto God hath testified for His Own Self, by His Own Self, before the creation of all things: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful." The heaven hath come with the smoke of destiny, and men are enshrouded by the veils of allusion, save those who have cast the world behind them and turned unto the countenance of God, the Luminous, the Resplendent. Say: Recognition is My recognition, and the Path is My straight and manifest

way. Say: Beware lest ye be veiled by desire from the Lord of all names. Follow that which ye have been commanded in the Book, and be not as those who, when the proof came unto them from the All-Merciful, violated the Covenant and denied God, the Lord of all worlds. Hearken unto the word of Him Who calleth you unto God. Cast behind you all who are on earth. Doth not God suffice you, He Who created all things by His command? There is no God but Him. In His grasp is the dominion of all things. He is, verily, powerful over all things. Those who have denied the All-Merciful after He came from the heaven of revelation with a mighty proof - these are they whom desire hath overcome, and thus were they debarred from the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O people! Hold fast unto the cord of God and His mercy. He, verily, will protect you and aid those who have turned unto Him. He is nigh unto the doers of good. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be, in a Book inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen, whereof none is aware save the Lord of Names, Who hath come with His Most Glorious Name, were ye of them who know. O people! Adorn yourselves with My qualities and array your temples in the garments of knowledge and refinement, and be ye witnesses among His servants. Thus hath the matter been decreed by your Lord. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and is of the successful ones. O thou who hast turned to God! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for this Most Great Sea hath surged in thy remembrance, and the Lord of Pre-existence hath spoken thy name and sent unto thee this Tablet, from which the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, is wafted between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who perceiveth it and saith: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!” Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf. We have indeed recorded their names in a perspicuous Tablet, that their names may be confirmed in the Kingdom of creation and their spirits in the Realms of Glory - a bounty from Our presence, and I am verily the Bountiful, the Generous.

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In His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, Who fadeth not away!

We have turned toward thee from this Most Glorious Horizon. We found thee stirred by the Supreme Word of God, wherefore We have revealed unto thee this Tablet, from whose horizon shineth the Sun of the tender mercy of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great. With Him is the knowledge of all things. He beholdeth him who speaketh in His Name and reciteth what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have lit the Lamp of Eternity in the world that the peoples might be illumined thereby. Some have turned toward it, and some have turned away, following every remote scholar.

Say: O concourse of divines! Have ye heard the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and turned away, or were ye among the heedless? Ye would call upon God morning and evening, and lament your separation from the Lord of Names. Yet when the meeting came to pass and the sea of reunion surged, ye broke God’s covenant and His pledge, and turned away from Him Who was the goal of all worlds.

Say: Have ye witnessed a Revelation more mighty than what hath appeared in truth, or have ye heard a Call more sweet than what hath been raised between the heavens and the earth? At all times He calleth

out with the most exalted call, in such wise as to encompass the earth and heaven. Turn ye, that ye may hear what ye have never heard in the Kingdom of Creation, that haply ye may arise to redeem what hath escaped you in the days of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: We created ears to hearken unto this Call which hath been raised from the midst of tribulation. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away what books ye possess which ye have authored according to your desires. By God the Truth! The Mother Book which was concealed in the knowledge of your Lord, the Guardian over the worlds, hath been sent down.

Say: The Sun hath appeared at high noon, yet ye have not discerned from it even as much as the blind discerneth. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed when seated upon His exalted throne.

Grieve thou not at anything. Put thy trust in God, then remember Him with joy and fragrance. He aideth whom He willeth through a sovereignty from His presence. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God in such wise that the veils of the people who are shut out by their idle fancies might be burned away, those who have turned from the Truth when it came with a wondrous command. We desire to behold thee detached from all else and clinging to the Hidden Name which hath appeared from the horizon of power with a command before which all in the heavens and earth cannot stand. Thy Lord is verily the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

By My life! Naught shall remain for thee save the remembrance of God and the exaltation of His Cause. Thus doth he who loveth thee for the sake of God counsel thee. To this testifieth every just and well-informed one.

Render thanks unto God for having attained unto the days of thy Lord. This is a sovereignty which no decline shall follow, nor shall the hands of the thieves reach thereunto. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee once again, and sent unto thee that whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility, and the breasts of them that are nigh unto God have been illumined.

When thou art illumined by the lights of the dayspring of exposition and hast attained unto the Tablet of the All-Merciful, arise, turning toward the Self-Subsisting, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, estranged, and lonely!

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O Mirza Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon whom be the glory of God! He is the One Who speaketh openly before the faces of the world. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant present hath laid it before His face. We found therein thy turning to the lights of the Manifestation, thy drawing nigh unto the horizon of grace, and thy holding fast to the cord of God. Through this the ocean of utterance surged and desired to cast upon thee the pearls of wisdom and knowledge that thou mayest see and thank thy Lord, the Lord of the worlds. We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which will draw thee to

the most exalted horizon and bring thee near unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist thee to rend asunder the veils of the world and enable thee to shatter the idols of vain imaginings, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His loved ones who have cast the world behind their backs and taken hold of the Book of God with a strength and power from Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech God that He may give His servants to drink, through thee, the Kawthar of divine knowledge and make thee a sign of His remembrance in the contingent world. Verily He heareth and seeth and answereth, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Arise in My name to serve My Cause, then attract the servants through My mention and praise. Beware lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name, or the might of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Say: By God! The rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha hath been raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise. Hasten, O people of the earth, and be not of them that hesitate. Beware lest the barking of dogs or the howling of wolves prevent you. Soon shall the world pass away, and the riches of every oppressor, and the might of every transgressor, and the croaking of those who have denied the proof of God and His testimony when He came with the kingdom of verses and mighty sovereignty. Thus hath the sun shone upon thee with its lights that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that arise to serve this Cause, whereby the limbs of the polytheists have quaked. When thou art illumined by the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Thou Who art the Lord of all existence and the Ruler of the kingdoms! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby all things were attracted, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the kingdom of names, to make me speak forth Thy remembrance and stand firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the doubts of the doubtful nor the signs of the heedless shall hold me back. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Ordain for me what beseemeth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy bestowal. Thou art, verily, the Most Generous, the Bountiful. From the heaven of bounty thou didst seek permission to attain His presence. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever turned the gaze of His loving-kindness toward His loved ones and continueth to do so. However, in these days certain oppressors, enkindled with the fire of greed, passion and desire, have raised up the standard of hypocrisy in the Great City and have clung to tyranny and rebellion. Therefore the lights of the Sun of permission have been concealed behind the clouds until such time as God shall lift them away through a power from Him and a sovereignty from His presence. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hearkeneth unto thy words concerning this News whereby the back of every learned one was broken, the limbs of every oppressor quaked, and the hearts of the heedless were troubled.

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The Supreme Pen proclaims: O friends of Truth! The purpose of bearing these successive afflictions and consecutive trials is that souls assured in God should walk together in perfect unity, such that all difference, duality and otherness might be effaced from their midst, save in those special limitations that have been sent down in the divine Books. The man of insight suffers no loss in any matter - whatever occurs is evidence of the greatness of his station and the purity of his nature. For instance, if a person shows humility for the sake of God towards the friends of God, this humility in truth returns to God, as it

stems from his faith in God. In this case, if the person faced does not respond in kind, or shows pride, the insightful one has attained and will attain to the exaltation of his own deed and its reward, while the harmful deed of the one faced returns to himself. Likewise if someone shows pride, that pride returns to God - God forbid! O people of understanding! I swear by the Most Great Name, it is a pity in these days for anyone to fix his gaze on transient conditions. Stand firm in the divine Cause and walk with one another in perfect love, purely for the sake of the Beloved. Burn away the veils of self with the fire of oneness, and associate with each other with radiant and joyous faces. You have all witnessed with your own eyes the character traits of Truth - never has it been pleasing that a night should pass with one of God's loved ones aggrieved with this Servant. The heart of the world is set ablaze by the divine Word - what a pity if you are not enkindled by this fire! God willing, we hope that you will make this blessed night the night of unity, and all become united with one another, adorned with the ornament of praiseworthy virtues and excellent character. Let your highest endeavor be to guide a soul from the abyss of extinction to the fountain of everlasting life, and to conduct yourselves among humanity such that the signs of Truth become manifest through you. For you are the first existence, the first worshippers, the first who prostrate, and the first who circle round. By Him Who has caused Me to speak what He desires - your names are more renowned in the Supreme Kingdom than your mention among yourselves. Think not this statement is imagination - would that you could see what your Lord, the All-Merciful, sees of the loftiness of your station, the greatness of your worth, and the sublimity of your rank! We beseech God not to let your selves and desires prevent you from what has been ordained for you. We hope that you will conduct yourselves with one another in the utmost fellowship, love and friendship, such that through your unity the banner of divine oneness may be raised aloft and the standard of polytheism cast down, and that you will vie with one another in goodly deeds and in manifesting contentment. His is the creation and the command. He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. And verily He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Powerful.

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He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! O H.S., upon whom be the Glory of God! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down. Verily it is the spirit for bodies, and fruits for trees, and the Kawthar of eternity for the people of Baha. Blessed is he who hath taken the chalice of bounty from the hand of the Lord of Names, detached from all that hath appeared in the kingdom of creation, and hath drunk in the name of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have inhaled from it the fragrance of thy love and thy steadfastness in this Most Great Cause and Momentous Announcement. We have mentioned thee before in various Tablets whereby the fragrance of thy acceptance and thy humility before Him Who hath come from the horizon of might with clear verses and manifest sovereignty hath been diffused. Soon shall he who hath turned away from the Supreme Horizon behold what hath escaped him in the days of his Lord and find himself in manifest loss. This is a word that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the knowledge of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Arise to serve the Cause through My command and My sovereignty. Verily He is with thee and will protect thee from the hosts of the oppressors. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken, when the Wronged One was in this exalted station. This is a glad-tiding from Us unto thee. When thou dost inhale its fragrance say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs, and shown me the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and enabled me to behold the horizon of Thy Revelation, and guided me to Thy path, and honored me with Thy traces, and illumined my heart with the lights of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and the present world, and that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones through whom the heaven hath rained and the earth hath brought forth its fruits. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deny me any good thing which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Most Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thy brother who hath been named 'Abdu'llah, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. O 'Abdu'llah! When the wine of My utterance doth intoxicate thee and My call doth attract thee, say: "My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thy most exalted horizon and supreme height, the station wherein Thy most sweet call hath been raised and the shrill voice of Thy Most Sublime Pen. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Cause, and the signs of Thy grandeur, and the Word whereby Thou hast aided Thy loved ones throughout ages and centuries, to make me in all conditions firm and steadfast, arising in Thy remembrance and praise and the service of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful."

We make mention of the Leaf, thy wife, and send Our greetings upon her from this station. We beseech God to confirm her and assist her in that which He loveth and is pleased with. And We make mention of him who hath been named Husayn and him who hath been named Fakhru'd-Din. We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall gladden the eyes of His servants and benefit them in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Great.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom neither the doubts of the wayward nor the cawing of the ravens have prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from the precincts of the Prison unto him who hath turned towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He counseleth him with that which will cause the Cause to be uplifted and remindeth him of what hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in this sublime station. O Hasan! Hear the call of God from the Uttermost Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee, nor the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence. Say: The Promised One hath come, riding

upon the clouds. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. This is the Day whereon the fruits say unto the trees: “Blessed are ye, for the breezes of the Revelation have passed over you in this Day wherein eyes have been gladdened.” And the seas call out to the mountains saying: “Blessed are ye, for the pavilions of grandeur have been raised upon you and the tabernacle of glory hath been erected among you by the command of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.” Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the knowledge of God in His days and hath arisen to serve His inevitable Cause. He who was named Salman hath appeared before Us with thy letter. We have read it and answered thee with this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Shafi’, even as We mentioned him before in diverse Tablets, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Sovereign of the kingdom of earth and heaven. O Shafi’! We have made mention of thee in such wise as to adorn the pages of the Book of existence. He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet beareth witness unto this. Turn not unto the world and its conditions. Remind My servants with joy and fragrance that they may inhale the sweet-scented perfume of God’s raiment, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Look not at the creatures and their deeds, but at Him Who speaketh at the heart of the world: “There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the All-Knowing.” O Abu’l-Qasim! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold thee or the might of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed strike fear into thee. Say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having turned toward me from the precincts of the Prison and remembered me with verses from which the fragrance of Thy beloved Name hath been wafted.” We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Hasan that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Hasan! Turn with thy heart toward the Most Exalted Horizon, then make mention of thy Lord at all times. He hath remembered thee when thou wert silent in His remembrance, and hath turned toward thee from His mighty Prison. Thank God for that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee and remembered thee with that which shall never pass away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Generous. O Hasan! Thank God, thy Lord, for that which hath flowed from His Pen in remembrance of every name that was in thy letter. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed One. By My life! Every maidservant who hath believed is regarded by God as amongst the most exalted of men. God hath forgiven those who have turned toward Him and whose letters have been presented before His Countenance. He is the One to Whose grace all created things have testified, and to Whose loving-kindness every fair-minded and discerning soul beareth witness. Glory be upon the people of Glory who have fulfilled God’s Covenant, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the One speaking from the Divine Lote Tree

The Word of God speaks with truth from this station which God has made the dawning-place of His revelation, the dayspring of His signs, and the manifestation of His Cause that was mentioned in His Books and Scriptures and in His preserved Tablet. The hidden mystery has appeared, yet most of the people perceive it not. The Promised One has come, yet most of the people understand not. They have violated

God’s Covenant and His testament, and have committed that which has caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names to lament, yet they perceive it not. This is the Day wherein He Who conversed on Sinai calleth aloud with the most exalted call, yet most of the people hear not. They have cast aside the truth, clinging to the vain imaginings of men. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

The attending servant was present and read thy letter before the Wronged One, and We found from it the fragrance of thy love and thy humility and lowliness before God, the Lord of what was and what will be. We have answered thee with that which shall diffuse the fragrances of loving-kindness and shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon when the learned ones and divines of the earth turned away from it, save those whom God desired, the Mighty, the Loving. Arise to serve the Cause by My command, then guide the people to the Most Great Path of God through this Name whereby that which was hidden in the treasuries of might hath been revealed. Thy Lord is, verily, the Commander, the Ancient of Days. Say: O people of the earth, fear God and follow not your desires. By God! The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised calleth aloud and summoneth all unto the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: This is the Day in which the breeze of life hath wafted and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been diffused. Turn ye with illumined hearts and be not of the heedless ones. Say: O people of the earth, cast aside what ye possess that I may show you what God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible, possesseth. Beware lest ye deny God’s favor after its revelation and bestowal. Reflect upon God’s Cause and His sovereignty, and be not of those who cling to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Arise to remember and praise in such wise that neither the oppression of rulers nor the opposition of divines shall deter thee. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this forbidden spot. We desired their life and preservation and a station whose mention transcendeth every pen and tongue, yet they pronounced judgment against Us with such tyranny as hath caused the denizens of the Kingdom to cry out. Blessed is he who is not prevented by the turning away of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. Thus have We revealed before all faces and eyes the pearls of wisdom and knowledge from this Sea whose waves proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful in His days and hath spoken His praise and remembrance and drunk the choice wine of love from the cup of His bounty. He is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark whom We mentioned in the Qayyumu’l-Asma’ from God, the Lord of existence. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this irrevocable Cause.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

This Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in the most eloquent Arabic. Now We desire to speak in the luminous tongue, and We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants of the Kawthar of wisdom and knowledge that lies hidden and concealed therein. Mention thou unto David - upon him be My glory - from the Wronged One. Verily We perceived in him a sign of acceptance, We turned toward him from the prison, and revealed for him that which will draw him unto God, the Lord

of all worlds. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Reflect upon the previous people - despite their seeking and yearning, when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of Him Who conversed on Sinai, all arose in opposition and committed that which caused the horizons of the cities of divine knowledge and wisdom to be veiled from sight. In truth, at the first station and primary rank, those who prevented others were souls who counted themselves as sources of utterance and dawning-places of knowledge. And when the light shone forth they became as veils. These are the greatest veils in the sight of God, the Possessor of Destiny. The heedlessness of such souls reached such a point that they occupy themselves with cursing and reviling God, exalted be His glory, from pulpits, and they perceive it not. In these days the lamentations and moaning of pulpits in Iran have been raised high, for they were created and brought into being for the mention and praise of God, but now, we seek refuge in God, they are observed to be the place and station of the opposers and deniers. By the life of God! The sighs of those near unto God are raised up at this time and the tears of the sincere ones are flowing. The party that considered itself the most noble of all parties in the world and the most refined of all peoples is now observed to be the most abject and abased. They have committed that which no party among all parties hath committed. We hope that thou mayest be aided to rend asunder the veils of all who are on earth. This is not difficult for God. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One and findest the fragrance of the utterance of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Aid this servant of Thine to assist Thy Cause among Thy servants and to establish Thy commandments and ordinances. O my God! Thou art He Who reminded me when I was silent in Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the breaths of Thy revelation whereby the cities of justice and fairness were perfumed, and by the light shining forth from the horizon of favor and grace, to make me arise to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the Pharaohs of the days and the tyrants of the peoples will not frighten me. Then enable me to rend asunder the veils through Thy power, Thy sovereignty and Thy might, and ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. O my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and placed his trust in Thee and committed his affairs unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the waves of the ocean of Thy grace and bounty. O Lord! Adorn my head with the crown of detachment and my temple with the robe of godliness, that I may arise to mention Thee, detached from all else save Thee and severed from whatsoever is besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian over what was and what shall be.

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In Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Birthday of the Bab

In the Name of the One Begotten Whom God hath designated the Herald of His Name, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving!

This is a Tablet from Our presence to glorify the Night in which heavens and earth were illumined by the Day-Star whose effulgent splendour hath encompassed the dwellers of the whole world.

Immeasurably blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Day of God hath been born in thee – the Day which hath been singled out by Us to be the lamp of salvation unto the denizens of the cities of names, the chalice of blissfulness for such as dwell within the immensities of the realm of immortality and the source of joy and gladness unto all the inmates of the world of creation.

Immensely exalted is God, the Maker of the heavens, Who hath caused His Day to raise its voice in glorification of this Name whereby the veils of delusion have been rent asunder and the mists of idle fancy dissipated, whereby the Name of Him Who is the Self-Subsistent hath shone resplendent above the horizon of assurance. The choice wine of everlasting life hath, on this Day, been unsealed and the doors of true knowledge and utterance were unlocked before the face of all the inmates of the realm of existence and the breeze of divine mercy been wafted upon all regions. All glory be unto this Hour wherein the Treasure of God, the Potent, the Knowing, the Wise, hath been unveiled.

O peoples of earth and heavens! Verily God hath made the First Night a token for the Latter Night in which hath been born the One Whom no human mind can comprehend, Whom no expression of praise can magnify. Well is it with him who pauseth to reflect upon these Twin Nights. Indeed he would readily recognize that the outer form doth conform with the inner reality and would become acquainted with the divine mysteries that lie enshrined in this Revelation – a Revelation through whose potency the foundations of disbelief have quaked and the idols of superstition have been dumbfounded and the banner bearing the proclamation: "Verily, no God is there but Him, the Powerful, the Pre-Eminent, the Peerless, the Incomparable, the Sovereign Protector, the Mighty, the Most Exalted" hath been unfurled.

This is the Night in which the fragrance of reunion hath been diffused, in which the portals leading unto the divine presence were, in fulfilment of the ultimate objective, flung open and all created things did proclaim: "Verily, the Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Names, He Who is come invested with such sovereignty as pervadeth the whole creation".

This is the Night in which the Concourse on High have celebrated the praise of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, in which the realities of all names have, in recognition of the glory of His Revelation, magnified the Name of Him Who is the sovereign Ruler of this world and of the world to come – a Revelation which hath caused the mountains to wing their flight unto the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted, through Whose power men have set their hearts towards the countenance of the Beloved and the leaves are stirred by the gentle winds of deep longing and the trees, enraptured by the ringing Call of the Almighty, have lifted up their voice and the whole creation is vibrating with ecstasy in its eagerness to attain the presence of the Lord of eternity and all created things were called into being through the potency of the hidden Word which this glorious Name hath disclosed.

O Night of the All-Bountiful! In thee We discern the revelation of the Mother Book. We wonder whether it is a begotten child or a revealed Book. Nay, I swear by Myself; whatever hath been mentioned is but a matter of names, whereas God hath immeasurably exalted Him above this station. Through Him hath the Unknowable been made manifest and the impenetrable Mystery laid bare. Nay, by My life! All that hath been uttered is indicative of the station of designations, whereof He in truth is the sovereign Ruler. Through Him hath the letter of negation preceded that of affirmation. Nay, this is mentioned in

proportion to the capacity of the peoples of the world, while in the estimation of thy Lord no one's ear but His Own is capable of hearing it. Well is it with them that are well-assured.

Thereupon Our Pen of Glory cried out, dumbfounded: "O Thou Whom names fail to describe! Forgive me, I adjure Thee by Thy might which transcendeth beyond the earth and the heavens. Wherefore I have been fashioned through the potency of Thy creative power, how can I describe that which no word throughout the realm of creation can describe? And yet, I swear by Thy glory, were I to express that which Thou hast divinely inspired me, the entire creation would be consumed away by reason of the ecstasy and exaltation it would experience. How much mightier then must be the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance which surge forth in praise of this sublime station, this exalted and transcendent habitation. O Lord! I beg Thee to forgive the incapacity of this tongue-tied Pen in magnifying the glory of this august station. Treat me then mercifully, O my Possessor and my King and excuse the things I have done amiss in Thy presence."

Verily, Thou art the Lord of Bounty, the Omnipotent, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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O physician! This is a Book from the Word of God and the Manifestation of His Cause to him whom the breezes of the All-Merciful have turned from the left hand of temptation to the right hand of contentment, that he may be ever mindful of the remembrance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and be among those who have attained. O servant! Blessed art thou, for the clouds of holiness have sprinkled upon thee the drops of resplendent glory and purified thee from the allusions of the people of veils, and caused thee to hear the most wondrous melodies from the songs of the birds of the heaven of contentment, and drawn thee to a glorious and wondrous court, and made thee speak in praise of thy Creator, and inspired thee with the knowledge of His Self, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There hath come before the Countenance that which thy tongue hath uttered in remembrance of this imprisoned, lonely and unique One. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause and make thee so steadfast that thou wilt arise with thy spirit, thy soul and thine essence to exalt His Word in this Most Great, Most Glorious, Mighty and Inaccessible Announcement, and aid thee at all times with the Most Great Spirit, and cause thee to speak a word that will shatter the pillars of the satans. How excellent art thou for having drunk from the Kawthar of God's mercy and attained to the knowledge of Him, after which every learned scholar was veiled therefrom. Say: O people of the Bayan! Glory lieth not in placing green and white turbans upon your heads. Were glory to lie in this, then the camel that carrieth them from town to town should glory over all the worlds, for it beareth a thousand times what ye wind round your heads, O heedless ones! Beware lest names keep you from the remembrance of your Lord, the Most High, in this Revelation which hath appeared with all signs and holy and wondrous scrolls. Say: Adorn your heads with the turbans of the love of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Beware lest what ye possess prevent you from God, from Whom hath appeared every wise command. Know ye that true knowledge is your detachment from all save God, your Lord, and your recognition of His Self, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the Powerful. And thou, O servant who speaketh in praise of thy Lord, arise to help God and teach the people with wisdom and utterance, and pay no heed to those who have denied

Him in Whom they had believed, and whom vain imaginings have so seized that they read the words of God and yet deny their Revealer and Sender, and are not among those who perceive. Arise thou from the horizon of detachment with a face of wondrous radiance, then behold those who claim knowledge among these people beneath thy feet, then soar on the wings of the spirit to the atmosphere wherein waft the fragrances of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. God hath accepted what thou hast composed in His praise, and He shall surely reward thee justly, for He doth reward His remembering servants. Be thou so enkindled with the love of God that should one of the idolaters confront thee, he would be unable to speak in thy presence. Thus doth the Spirit command thee at this moment when He walketh alone in the house and His tongue uttereth that whereby all created things would be quickened, were they of the assured ones. Spirit, glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves from all things and clung to the hem of God, the King, the Mighty, the Ancient.

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O Shaykh Sultan! In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous! This is a Book from Us to him whom God has loved and ordained for him an exalted station in His presence, that he may give thanks to his Lord and be detached from all else and remember Him among His praising servants. We have learned what has befallen you. Do not grieve. Be patient, then show forth ultimate patience, and be in great joy. Verily the world and its hardship and ease shall pass away, as every insightful and certain one bears witness. Grieve not over anything. We beseech God to bring about that which will set your affairs aright and comfort your eyes. He is verily the Guardian of the sincere ones. We grieved when We heard of the disorder in your affairs. Soon will your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, bring them together. Grieve not except for My tribulation and affliction, and when sorrows intensify upon you, reflect on what has befallen My Soul at the hands of the oppressors. O Sultan! Know that a great ransom has been ordained for Us which cannot be exchanged for another - neither for sheep nor for all that exists between the heavens and the earth. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen inscribed in the Tablet of Destiny by My binding and wise command. O Sultan! The Cause of God has become obscure to most people, and We have veiled it from them when We found them wandering in the wilderness of delusion. Detach thyself from all else, then remember what has befallen My Soul, then speak My praise among the heedless, that they might recognize their Creator and become detached from the idolaters. Say: O people! Know the worth of these days, then hearken to God's call from the direction of His prison. He calls you at all times to draw you to the station ordained for you in a preserved Tablet. Yet you have risen in opposition, and there issues from your tongues concerning His Cause that which causes the heart of every possessor of a heart to burn and the faces of the mystics to pale. Say: O people! If the matter were as you claim, why did We send 'Ali before and sacrifice him in this clear and manifest path? If you were true to what you say, why did you change your religion? By God, you are of those who seek refuge from the frying pan in the fire. Woe unto you, O company of idolaters! If you find one who is receptive, cast upon him the words of your Lord; otherwise conceal them and avoid those who have disbelieved in God, the King, the Mighty, the Peerless. Thus have We cast upon you that which causes tears to flow from the eyes of the monotheists. By God, if you were to look upon Me with the eye of your heart, you would find in My outward and inward being naught but the wounds from the spears of the fettered ones. The evil ones of the Bayan have united with

the evil ones of the Furqan for My harm and affliction. Fie upon them and that which they possess of satanic deception! Nay, Satan himself flees from these and seeks refuge with God from their evil and their plots. Your Lord is witness to what I say. Convey My glorification to your son's face, then remind him of My remembrance, that the remembrance of God, the King, the Just, the Wise, may stir him. And the Glory be upon you and upon him and upon those who are with you among Our assured servants. And praise be to God, the Beloved of the worlds and the Goal of the mystics.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted

This is a Book from Baha unto him who dwelt within himself in the days of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Merciful, that perchance the sweet-scented breezes of the All-Glorious from this Paradise might seize him from himself and detach him from all creation and whatsoever hath been created in the realms of being, and draw him nigh unto the court of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, and purify him from all that God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, loveth not.

Hearken unto the crowing of the Cock of the Throne and the cooing of the Dove of Paradise, then unto the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, then the rushing of the winds that blow from the right hand of thy Lord's throne and the downpour of the rain of mercy which descendeth from the heaven of holiness upon all created things, that there might be kindled within thy heart such fire of the love of God that thou shalt be detached from the world and all that is therein and arise to praise the Manifestation of the Self of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

O servant! Hear My words, then efface from thy heart all allusions, that there might be imprinted thereon the lights of thy Lord's countenance and thou mightest behold with thine own eyes what hath been ordained for thee in the dominion of destiny by thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and be of them that attain. Cast away what is in the hands of men, then take what is with God, thy Lord. This indeed shall suffice thee above the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth.

Say: O people! This is a servant of God and the son of His servant who hath come unto you with God's signs and His proof. Beware lest ye deny him by reason of what ye possess and be of the heedless. He desireth for you naught save that which is better for your own selves than whatsoever hath been created between the heavens and earth. Say: O people! Ponder within yourselves - have ye witnessed a Revelation more mighty than what hath appeared in truth? Fear God and be of the fair-minded. Should ye deny this bounty, by what proof then do ye affirm your faith in God your Lord? Bring it forth and tarry not even for a moment. Say: He hath come to quicken the world and gather all upon the ancient, eternal, fresh and verdant table. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves thereof and be of them that are veiled. Say: Verily the Sun hath risen in truth and reached its zenith, yet ye have not turned to its rays but remain as dead ones within the veils of your selves. Therefore lift up your heads from the couch of heedlessness and passion, then turn toward the heaven that ye might behold with your own eyes what none before you hath ever witnessed. Thus do We set forth the verses and expound them in truth, that perchance there might be generated in the hearts of the servants that which shall draw them nigh unto the shore of

grace, the spot wherein shine forth the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great.

Arise to fulfill the Cause and fear no one, then bring people into the religion of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who, when they hear the verses of the All-Merciful, fall prostrate upon their faces before God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know.

Cast then the greeting from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, upon the countenance of thy son, then upon the side of knowledge, then draw her through the breezes of thy Lord from the left of wisdom and standing unto the right of attraction and yearning, out of love for the face of God, the King, the Just, the All-Wise.

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He is the Hearing, the Answering One! This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One, that it may draw the people near unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. O peoples of the earth! Hear the call from the precincts of Akka - verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is the ear that hath attained to hearing it and the eye that hath been honored to behold His verses which hold dominion over all that was and shall be. O Moses! Hear with the ear of the heart what the tongue of the Wronged One speaketh in this praiseworthy station. He mentioneth thee for the sake of God and guideth thee to His manifest and extended path. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty, turn thy face toward the Most Great House of God and say: O Lord of the nations and Manifestation of the world! I testify to Thy unity and the sanctity of Thy Being, and to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Scriptures and Tablets. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst change fear into tranquility and denial into faith, and by the ocean of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy bounty, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause, such that neither the hosts of the world nor the oppression of the nations shall hold me back. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanks be unto Thee, O my God, for having awakened me when I was asleep, and guided me when I had turned away, and mentioned me when I was silent, and turned toward me from the direction of the Prison when I was hesitant, and taught me when I was ignorant, and made me aware when I was heedless. By Thy might, O Thou Desire of the world! I find no helper for myself except the hosts of Thy wisdom and utterance, no supporter except the wonders of Thy grace, and no protector except Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Word which, were it to be cast upon the mountain it would soar, and upon the heaven it would be cleft asunder, and upon the earth it would be split, and upon the trees they would bear fruit, and upon the rock it would cry out - to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy service, and speaking in Thy praise. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and guide me to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Moreover, write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou art He Whom neither the affairs of the world

nor the clamor of the nations can hinder. Thou hast appeared and manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy power and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We desire to mention him who was named Muhammad-Sharif, who was mentioned in thy letter, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Muhammad-Sharif! At this moment the Most Great Name hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee, that it may attract thee to the station of steadfastness and detachment. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, for having remembered me in Thy days and manifested unto me from the treasuries of Thy protection the pearls of Thy wisdom and utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence to make me among those who have spoken in Thy remembrance and praise and who have arisen to serve Thy Cause in Thy lands among Thy servants. Enable me to do that which beseemeth Thy days and befitteth Thy manifestation and power. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to grant this prayer.

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In the Name of Him Who speaketh between earth and heaven! This is an epistle from the All-Bestowing to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords, and attained unto the Most Great Ocean when it surged through this Name which God hath made to prevail over all who are in the lands. We revealed the Bayan for this Revelation through which the worlds were illumined. But when the appointed time came and the Revealer of verses appeared, the people were seized by the doubts of those who denied God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Some doubted His Cause, while others denied this Hour from which all hours have dawned. Say: Is the knowledge of the Hour with you, or with your Lord in His Book? None on earth can comprehend His knowledge - to this testifieth every discerning knower. Say: Every hour hath appeared through His command and every resurrection hath been raised up through His sovereignty which hath encompassed all possibility. Do ye seek through what ye possess to draw near unto this Fire which hath been kindled from the Tree that hath been raised in the most exalted station? By My life! What was revealed in the Bayan sufficeth you not today except through this Revelation, at whose appearance the Cock of the Throne crowed and the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving!” The Bayan hath informed you of the loftiness of this Revelation - behold, O ye who are endued with insight! He said: “Beware lest ye be veiled by what is in the Bayan from this Revelation shining forth upon the horizons. Whosoever seeketh to know Me through aught else than what was revealed by Me is indeed the most veiled of all creation before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Whosoever desireth to behold Me must behold Me through Mine own eyes.” Thus was the matter decreed in the Tablets. Say: Fear God and make not what ye possess the standard for this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude. Every measure hath appeared through His command, and through Him the Path hath appeared and the Balance been set up. None may test the Lord - rather doth He test whom He willeth through His sovereignty. He is indeed the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. Were anyone to read what was revealed in the Bayan, he would surely weep at what hath befallen the Wronged One from the daysprings of darkness. O Karim! Thy letter hath come before the All-Bountiful, and We have answered thee with this Tablet from which the Light of the Cause hath shone forth with power and sovereignty. Give thanks unto God for having sent unto thee in every

year the proof and testimony of God, and for having mentioned thy name while He was in the hands of the wicked. Grieve not at the hardships of the world - greater ones have befallen Us. Be patient even as thy Lord was patient. He is indeed the Mighty, the All-Patient. Arise to serve Him amongst the people - this beseemeth thee and those who have turned unto the Qiblih of humanity. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the mention of thy Lord and for having voiced His praise amongst the servants. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have stood firm in the Cause and fulfilled the Covenant. Then remember thy family from the Wronged One. Say: Remember when thou wert in the house before thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, and heard His sweetest call as the breezes of revelation wafted from behind the veil. Thus did We bestow Our favor upon thee when the Luminary of the horizons was in Iraq.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted

This is a Book that speaketh the truth, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. It summoneth all men unto God and guideth them to the right shore of this blessed spot, whose sand proclaimeth: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

O people! Fear ye God and oppose not Him Who hath appeared with the truth by a manifest command. Say: The Youth desireth naught for Himself, but rather desireth for you that which God hath desired, did ye but know. Know ye that His will is the very Will of God, could ye but understand. He is indeed the One Who hath arisen in pure servitude unto God, your Lord, could ye but perceive. He loveth naught but servitude unto the True God, and unto this testifieth all things, even should ye deny it.

Say: He is the One Who hath called upon God in every tongue, yet ye comprehend not. Every mention that hath ascended unto God, in whatsoever tongue, hath appeared from His tongue, and this is a truth well-known. Every face that hath turned toward the Beloved of earth and heaven hath turned only through the turning of this imprisoned Servant. Say: He was prostrate before God ere the creation of the heavens and earth, and ere the pearls of divine knowledge emerged from the shells of hearts. Say: He fell prostrate with his face upon a spot of earth in submission unto God, Lord of what was and what shall be.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, deny Him not, and follow not every rejected ignorant one. Whensoever this Dove warbled upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree in remembrance of His Most Exalted Self, this was only after God's command, your Lord, would ye but be certain. The Beloved of Baha hath previously informed you that He Who would come after Him with the name of the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, would proclaim in all things: "I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting." And as I was beholding the direction of His Cause, there was revealed in this Manifestation that which hath caused every witness and the witnessed to tremble. By the life of the Beloved! Were I not beholding His wisdom, I would not have mentioned Myself save in pure servitude, for this is the desire of My heart, and unto this testify My spirit, My soul and My being, could ye but understand.

O servant! Worship thy Lord, then prostrate thyself before Him, and be not of those who disdain. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who mock at the signs of God. Soar upon two wings of

detachment unto this atmosphere wherein hath been raised the mention of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest anything prevent thee from turning toward thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Remember Him at all times, and He shall suffice thee against those who have disbelieved in God, mocked His Messengers, and were of the despairing ones. Thus have We counseled thee in truth, as a grace from Us unto thee and unto those who have shattered the idols and were of the detached ones. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is the Tablet of Immortality from Baha unto him who hath attained unto the recognition of God, hath quaffed the Living Waters from the chalice of the words of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath turned with his heart unto the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein hath shone forth the countenance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hearken unto My voice from the direction of tribulation. Verily, there is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the truth - neither doth the decree prevent Him from making mention of the Lord of Names, nor do the veils of them who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, conceal Him from that which He desireth.

Know thou, O servant, that thy letter hath come before Us, and We have taken it with the hand of loving-kindness, and the glances of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, have been directed towards it. We have become acquainted with its contents and have ordained for thee in the Tablet a station which, wert thou to behold it, would cause thee to prostrate thyself and say: “Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds!” We have recorded for thee the reward of one who hath attained unto the presence of God, and We shall fulfill that which We have purposed for thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee from the heaven of grace this gleaming, this luminous Tablet. Be thou assured of thy Lord’s favor in all conditions and arise to aid His Cause amidst the heavens and the earths. Beware lest the cawing of them who have disbelieved in God should deter thee, or the veils of them who have turned away from the Face after it hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord’s will with manifest sovereignty should hinder thee. He, verily, aideth him who ariseth to serve His Cause and calleth the people unto Him. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else save Him and hath turned with his heart unto that which he hath been commanded by One Who is Mighty, All-Knowing.

Know thou, moreover, that We cast upon him who hath wronged a word from Our presence. He turned away therefrom; soon shall We make him a lesson unto all peoples. We sent one of Our servants, attired him in the raiment of detachment, adorned him with the ornament of strength and certitude, and dispatched him unto him with a manifest book. We delivered unto him the messages of his Lord that he might take heed and fear. Verily, thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth; the might of the oppressors hindereth Him not. Thus have We informed thee that thou mayest become aware of that which hath been ordained by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

We had indeed sent aforetime unto Our servant, the Imam, a Tablet that gladdeneth the eyes of the sincere ones. Blessed art thou and he for having attained unto that which most of the servants who claim faith within themselves have failed to attain. When the All-Merciful came with the kingdom of utterance, they denied Him. The curse of God be upon them that have wronged and were among the mischief-makers.

This is not the day of patience save in My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. It behooveth you both to arise at all times to make mention of Me and to aid My Cause in such wise that the might of the oppressors shall not deter you. Remind those who believed before of thy Lord, then clothe them with the garments of glorification and utterance from the tongue of their Lord, the All-Merciful. This, verily, is a great favor. Beware lest thou overstep the bounds of wisdom wherewith We have commanded Our servants from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Soon shall there be sent down unto thee from the heaven of divine decree that which hath been ordained by thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the Tablet of thy Lord reacheth thee, take it with the hand of submission and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!”

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He is the Mighty One! This is the Most Holy Tablet which God has made its station to be the station of the Point, just as from the Point all letters and words were differentiated, and likewise from this Tablet has been differentiated what was sent down from the beginning that has no beginning and will be differentiated unto the end that has no end. Say: Though it be motionless in its place, yet through it all contingent things were set in motion and appeared from nothingness in the garments of existence. Glorified be God, the Sovereign of the powerful ones! Say: The Essence of Pre-existence has appeared with the truth - exalted be God, the Educator of both worlds and the Lord of all the worlds. And thou, O servant, hearken unto the call of God from the Lote Tree of the Heart which hath been illumined in a translucent, radiant breast. Then know that the Announcement which was before all before hath been differentiated from this Most Great Announcement, and the Command which had proceeded from the most ancient origin hath shone forth from this Most Ancient, Most Upright Ornament. Say: O people of the earth, by God, one Tablet from the traces of God is better than the kingdom of the first and the last ones - nay, I seek forgiveness from God for this, for by one letter thereof were all these created, were ye of those who perceive. And one letter thereof is sweeter than what hath appeared through the Pen and flowed from the tongue and been uttered behind the holy veils by the glorifying concourse. Thus hath this Bird been seized by the raptures of longing on this Night which prideth itself above the bright dawn and every radiant morn, such that there floweth from His Pen that which His will had not preceded, and before which the mountain of the mystics who look not toward the Most Exalted Horizon and who were among those gazing through veils and allusions would crumble. Purify, O people, your ears from all that ye have heard or known, and sanctify your hearts from all that hath been imprinted therein and thereon from mortal images, that there might be imprinted thereon the beauty of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, the Great, the Ancient. O people of the depths of Paradise! If ye desire to read this luminous, eternal leaf, then first perform ablutions with the water of Tasnim which floweth from the right hand of

the Throne, then wash therewith your outer and inner selves that ye might hear how the Dove of the All-Merciful warbleth in this Garden with wondrous, unprecedented melodies. Without this ye shall never find its hidden delights nor recognize the jewels of His wisdom that are treasured therein, even should ye read it all the days of your life, morning and evening, or at every moment. Thus doth the Dove warble in this atmosphere which God hath made sanctified from the faces of the polytheists, whose air is pure, whose breezes are sweet, whose fragrance is perfumed, and whose musk is diffused. Therefore seek it out, O ye who are brought nigh! Thus doth God bestow His eternal, everlasting, single, heavenly favors upon the worlds. And ye, O Concourse of the highest heaven and O assemblage of humanity in the earthly realm, deprive not yourselves therefrom and deny it not. Fear God with true fear and be not of the heedless ones. Blessed is he who is sustained thereby and therefrom without turning to the peoples of the heavens and earth. And this spirit from the Spirit be upon you, O ye who draw nigh!

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He is the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bountiful

This is the Day wherein the gates of grace, glory and bounty have been opened wide, and that which was hidden and treasured in the Book hath been revealed by command of God, the Lord of all men. Say: O concourse of earth! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the direction of Akka, as a token of God's grace, the Lord of Lords. The treasures have appeared and the mysteries have emerged, inasmuch as He Who conversed on Sinai hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation in a spot which God hath made the Dayspring of Light and the Dawning-place of His signs. Say: O concourse of earth! Deprive not yourselves of this bounty, at whose appearance the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Creator of creation. Say: O heedless ones! Fear God and follow not those who have denied God's proof and evidence and disbelieved in His signs. Thus have We sent down the Command and revealed that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Revealer of laws.

In the Persian tongue, hearken to the divine call. This call is the spirit of life for the people of the world and the greatest healing medicine for all nations. Whoso truly attaineth unto it is reckoned among those near to God and is inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the one who hath arisen to serve and hath become aware of the station of religions recorded in the books of old and new. That which thou didst compose and recite hath reached the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love, thy mention and thy praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed be thy tongue - We testify that it hath spoken the truth and attained to the remembrance of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. O thou who gazest upon the countenance! The power of sight was created for beholding, and the power of hearing was brought from non-existence into being to hearken unto this call raised from the Supreme Horizon. Praise be to God that through divine confirmation thou art occupied in this spiritual springtime with the mention and praise of the Goal of the world's desire. One bounty is thy being confirmed in remembrance and praise, and another bounty is thy being accepted and illumined with the light of His good-pleasure. By My life! The treasures of the world cannot be compared with this blessed word that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the worlds, and thanks be to Thee, O Beloved of those in the heavens and on earth! Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy

grace, Thy bounty and Thy generosity, and I acknowledge Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed Thy dominion, and the letter B whereby Thou didst bring forth existence from non-existence, and the letter H whereby the limbs of the nations who broke Thy Covenant and Testament trembled, and who acted in ways that caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy names and attributes to lament. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, to make me one of those whom neither the world, nor its might, nor its weapons and artillery have prevented from drawing nigh unto Thee and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast sent down in Thy Books for Thy chosen ones, then open before my face the doors of Thy blessing and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him by Whom the ocean of utterance surged and the sweet savors of the All-Merciful were wafted! O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Glorious from this manifest horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Unique, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon and toward it hath turned the gaze of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious. Through its presence before the Throne, God hath absolved thee of thy misdeeds. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Generous. He hath read what thou didst compose in praise of thy Lord. All things were created for this purpose, yet most of the people are heedless. The Herald of the All-Merciful calleth out to them at all times, saying: “This is the Pure Kawthar! Draw nigh, O people of zeal, and be not of the doubters!” And My Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth: “O concourse of creation! The Lord of Names hath come! Turn ye unto Him and be not of them that are far removed.” Yet they slumber upon the couch of heedlessness and idle fancies, such that this Call which hath encompassed the world moveth them not - the Call whereby the very rocks cry out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great!” Say: This is a Day wherein if anyone should miss what behooveth him, he shall not be able to make good his loss, though he should run through the wilderness or plunge into the seas of names. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings, while imprisoned in this mighty stronghold. Were the people to know the worth of these days and what hath appeared therein, they would cast away the earth and all that is thereon, turning toward the Qiblih which God hath made the point of adoration for the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, the dwellers of the cities of eternity, and the angels drawn nigh. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His sovereignty, the Manifestation of His Revelation, and the Dayspring of His Most Great Name. Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and this Tablet hath been revealed unto thee, from which the sweet savors of loving-kindness and the fragrances that cause the hearts of the sincere to soar have been wafted. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur addresseth His Most Exalted Pen from this Ultimate Tree, saying: Make mention of thy loved ones whose petitions have not been presented before the Throne, that thy most sweet call may draw them to a station that cannot be described by mention or utterance, and may cause them to voice thy praise amongst the worlds. O Faran! Thou art beneath the glances of the mercy of thy Lord, and from thee We perceive the sweet savors of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed are My people within thee who remember Me with joy and fragrance and among whom the perfume of My luminous and cherished

garment is diffused. O My loved ones! We are with you and hear your call, and We have heard what your tongues have uttered in My remembrance, and We shall show you what ye are engaged in during the days of your Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. Unto each one of you hath been sent down that which none can reckon save God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to aid you in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to strengthen you in that which beseemeth His Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Soon shall the wrongdoers behold the recompense of what they have wrought in this vain life, and the sincere shall see what hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken in remembrance of His loved ones on this night wherein the horizon of inspiration hath shone forth from the Luminary of His Name, which God hath made the Sovereign of Names for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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HE IS THE HEARER, THE ANSWERER

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In these days, petitions and letters have arrived from every direction. From some wafts the fragrance of joy and gladness, while from others grief, sorrow and distress are evident, for mention is made therein of the oppression of the loved ones of God, and likewise the tribulations of the friends. Say: Be not grieved. By the life of God! For each one, according to their station and rank, the Most Great Joy hath been ordained. In one of the Tablets this exalted Word was revealed from the Supreme Pen: “Had the world any worth in the sight of thy Lord, thou wouldst have seen Me taking its reins and seated upon its thrones. Where are the Caesars and their palaces? Where are the Pharaohs and their hosts? Where are the tyrants and their towers? God hath brought them down from their palaces to their tombs. Take ye warning, O people of insight!” Although outward tribulations are a cause of sorrow and grief, yet in view of the all-encompassing mercy and supreme loving-kindness ordained for each one, there is mercy upon mercy, bounty upon bounty, and joy upon joy.

Likewise, the letters sent by thee have arrived, including the letter of Haydar-Qabli-’Ali, upon him be My glory, which this servant read in the presence of the Countenance. O My Name! Their error is not known, but in each letter repentance, return and seeking forgiveness are mentioned and recorded. Say: O Haydar-Qabli-’Ali! Thou art beneath the glances of thy Lord’s holy and bountiful favor. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with whomsoever desireth Him, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Fix thy gaze upon the horizon of wisdom, hold fast unto it and cling to its hem. Thus hath the All-Merciful revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets. To hold fast to wisdom is obligatory and essential, and likewise consultation, but in some matters consultation becomes a cause of notoriety, and this is contrary to wisdom and the protection of certain souls.

O My Name! They have made mention of the villages round about and have expressed satisfaction. Blessed are those souls who have attained in this day. Ephemeral things did not prevent them from the immortal Kingdom, nor did the river of names deprive them from the ocean of meanings. All the souls mentioned have attained to the grace of God. Give him the glad tidings from Me that he hath succeeded

in serving My firm and mighty Cause. It behooveth him to thank God night and day for this precious and wondrous bounty.

The letter of ’A??ar, upon him be My glory, was presented by this servant before the Face of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they are engaged in mention and praise and are standing firm in service. We beseech God for assistance and ask for confirmation. He and his relatives have been and are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance. We have revealed for them that which will make them independent of the mention of every knowing one who maketh mention. Give them glad tidings from Me and convey My greetings to their faces from thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

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He is God, the Compassionate, the Answering!

O My Name, O Jamal! The realm of sanctification and detachment, which is adorned with wisdom, has been and ever shall be most exalted, most beloved, most excellent and most manifest for the elevation of the Word of God and the advancement of existence. Fear of God is a mighty host before which nothing can stand firm. Yet for your honor, trust and resignation have ever been and continue to be recorded by the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God that from the beginning of the Cause you have held fast to that which exalteth the station of the Cause. This is the testimony of the Wronged One concerning your honor. Indeed, at all times whatsoever conduceth to the guidance of the servants is beloved in the sight of God. However, since your honor has now somewhat advanced in age, matters that cause hardship are not permitted except within bearable limits, that the tongues of the gloaters and the deniers may be silenced and the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be exalted thereby. But We conclude this matter with these words - and that is the contentment of the people. We have mentioned it and continue to mention it as a favor from Us, and We make mention of Hubbu’llah who was remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to exalt him through His Name amongst His servants. And We make mention of Aqa Buzurg, whom We mentioned before with words from which wafted the fragrance of loving-kindness and favor. Convey to him My greetings, and to those around you. Thus hath the Pen spoken in this mighty prison.

Regarding what was mentioned about Hubbu’llah, upon him be the glory of God - if your honor would personally undertake this matter, it would be closer to godliness and acceptable in God’s sight. God willing, when it appears and is received, We shall send what behooveth that which We have commanded the servants in My mighty Book. In all conditions your honor must hold fast to that which causeth the exaltation and elevation of God’s Cause. If outward commerce has been disrupted, it mattereth not, for today all must engage in that commerce which illumineth the world and elevateth the peoples. True and spiritual commerce taketh precedence over all else, and that commerce hath ever been exalted stations in the sight of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the honored partner. Say: Be not grieved at outward loss, for ere long thou shalt behold the profit of thy deeds as a treasure preserved with God, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Jamal! We desired to make mention of Mahmud Kh-A and console him in what hath befallen him, and comfort him regarding God's irrevocable decree. Verily, he who hath ascended unto God is in the Most Glorious Horizon - to this doth the Tongue of Bounty bear witness in this exalted station. Remember him and his sister from the Wronged One and give them glad tidings of My acceptance and loving-kindness and what hath appeared for them from this luminous Dawning-Place. We beseech God to send down upon him who hath ascended, at all times, mercy from His presence, and upon them both bounty from His side. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory and peace be upon thee and upon Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn and upon the loved ones there, from the Wronged One, the Imprisoned, the Stranger.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Reflect upon the baseness of the people of the Bayan. They have witnessed with their own eyes how the people of the Furqan, namely the Shi'ih sect, throughout ages and centuries, occupied themselves upon pulpits and in homes with mention of Imamate, succession, and titles such as chief and noble and the like, clinging passionately to names while remaining heedless and veiled from their Creator and Manifestation. Each day they appeared with some fancy and clung to some notion, and from their conflicting views different sects emerged, each sect cursing the other, yet they considered themselves the most learned and excellent among all peoples. However, when the divine Balance appeared and the Straight Path was made manifest, all, both learned and ignorant, stumbled in the early years and were consigned to hell-fire. The One Whose presence they had implored with humility and supplication - when He appeared they cursed Him from their pulpits and ultimately issued the decree for His death. And now all the renowned divines have turned away from the Truth and cling to vain imaginings. Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan are again occupied with forming such a sect. It is incumbent and obligatory upon you and the loved ones to protect the helpless servants from previous vain imaginings. This Day is God's Day, wherein none but He should be mentioned. Blessed art thou, in that the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee. Say: O people! By God's life! Until ye pass beyond the river of names, ye shall not attain to the ocean of inner meanings. Have mercy upon yourselves and soil not yourselves with the dust of vain imaginings like the previous sect. Time and again have these words flowed from the Pen of divine decree that perchance ye might become aware. The ignorant Dawlat-Abadi hath raised the standard of leadership although he neither was nor is aware of the fundamental truth of the Cause. He hath become a leader of the people through vain imaginings, conjectures and names of the past. He is among those of whom it is said: "They changed God's favor into blasphemy and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition." It is not known what he hath understood from this Most Great Manifestation. Perdition and ruin be upon him! Verily, he and his followers worship vain imaginings and perceive it not. By God's life! They have taken their own conjectures as lords beside God yet they understand not. They have cast aside

Him Who speaketh the truth before all the world and have taken those who have denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Blessed art thou for having heard, turned unto God and attained unto that which was recorded in the Book of God, the Lord of all dominion. Remind the people of thy Lord's verses and give them the glad tidings of this Remembrance through which hearts and minds were attracted when it appeared. We beseech Him to open before thy face the doors of grace and favor and to strengthen thee in that which shall cause thy name and mention to endure through the eternity of His names and attributes. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant, the Guardian over what was and what shall be.

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He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing!

O Javad! We have mentioned thee before in various Tablets and We mention thee at this time with a clear mention, and We make mention of him whom thou didst mention and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and His all-embracing favor. Blessed is the servant who hath today cast away what the people possess and taken what hath been sent down from the presence of One manifest and knowing. O Haji Aqa! Thy deed hath gained the honor of acceptance and there hath been sent down for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Day wherein the Today speaketh, while the people are in manifest drunkenness. Vain imaginings have withheld them from God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Fear God, O people! Follow Him Who hath come to you with that which profiteth you, and follow not the ways of the ignorant ones who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and committed that which hath caused every discerning soul to lament. This is a Day wherein the door of attainment hath been opened - approach with radiant faces and be not of them that hesitate. When thou hearest the call from this white leaf, say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me when sorrows surrounded Thee from those who exchanged trustworthiness for treachery, truthfulness for falsehood, justice for tyranny, and fairness for oppression in Thy days, and who wrought that whereby the Great Terror appeared. O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest that the Wronged One desired for them naught save that which would draw them nigh unto Thee and move them through Thy will and purpose, yet they cast aside Thy command and what Thou didst desire for them through Thy bounty and generosity, clinging to their own desires without Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Mighty, Most Generous, Most Exalted, Most Glorious, to assist them to return to the court of Thy mercy and the precincts of Thy might and forgiveness. O my Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. The world and its ornaments have deluded them, and its riches and favors have occupied them. I beseech Thee to adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness. Within Thy grasp is the reins of glory and greatness and favors. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

At this time We make mention of him who was named Abdul-Husayn, who broke not God's Covenant and Testament, who hesitated not in His Cause, and who chose not silence when His call was raised. The hands of power aided him until he arose before the throne of His manifestation, heard His call, and

attained that which most of His creation were deprived of. We beseech Him, exalted be He, not to disappoint him of any good that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous.

We desired to make mention of him who was named Ali-Akbar [that he may thank God, the Lord of] the exalted Throne. He is among those who attained in the earliest days to the lights of recognition. He turned, heard, responded, and drank the wine of nearness from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the mention of the Wronged One time and again. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will assist thee to perform a deed that will endure as long as His names and attributes endure. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when He was seated upon the throne with manifest sovereignty.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O Sulayman! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He summoneth thee from the Most Great Prison, purely for the sake of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is the One Who hath summoned all unto God - among the people some have turned towards Him and others have turned away. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The signs of every learned one have not hindered Him, nor hath the might of any heedless one weakened Him. He hath spoken and continueth to speak that which He hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Reflect upon the people and their deeds. Say: Come ye! By what proof did ye believe in your Most Exalted Lord, and by what cause did ye turn away from this Revelation, at whose appearance the Supreme Pen proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen!” Say: Have ye not witnessed God’s proof and His testimony? Have ye not heard His verses that have encompassed existence? Say: O people! Be fair for God’s sake and speak with pure truth - who is it that standeth amidst enemies proclaiming with the most exalted call between earth and heaven? And who is it that hath borne hardships in days when the limbs of the mighty trembled before the might of those who were heedless of God, the Sovereign of Kings?

O Sulayman! We speak in the Persian tongue so that every soul may find the purpose and perchance partake of a drop from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful’s utterance. I swear by God’s Balance set up amongst men that this Wronged One hath never had, nor shall ever have, any purpose of His own. He who recognizeth the evanescence of the world and all therein turneth not unto it, and he who witnesseth its changeability and transience reposeth not his trust in it. God is My witness that I speak for His sake alone, that in these divine days none may remain deprived. Purify thine ear from the sayings of the people of earth that thou mayest attain to hearing the divine Word, and turn thine eye away from the varied colors of the world that thou mayest attain to the presence of the Eternal Lord. Accept not every speaker’s word and be not assured by every doer’s deed. Many a deed whose source is desire, and many

a word whose purpose is to lead astray. God willing, thou shalt attain to true discernment, that thou mayest distinguish the sweetness of the Salsabil of utterance from aught else, and differentiate between the seeker of guidance and the croaker of passion. We beseech God to aid all to perform pure and holy deeds and to manifest praiseworthy character. In every matter reflect and observe with fairness. Then shall appear unto thee what thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth, hath purposed. To this testifieth every one who hath attained to My sealed wine on this blessed and manifest Day. Arise in the name of Truth, rend asunder all veils and coverings, and say: O people! I have cast away what was with me and taken what I was commanded by One mighty and powerful. Assuredly this word shall prove effective and influential. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the Great Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O Sulayman! Upon thee be the Glory of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. In truth I say, inform and apprise the people. The people of Baha in this day are those whom neither the tales of the first and the last, nor worldly affairs, nor the books of nations have withheld or can withhold from the Great Announcement of God. This sealed nectar hath not been and is not the portion of those who dwell in fancy and idle imaginings. The wine of certitude hath been and is reserved for those who are sincere and detached. Whosoever in this day is born of the Word and attaineth unto the new life - he is worthy of this station, and all others are forbidden and deprived. This is a testimony that hath in this hour flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Say: O people of the earth! Withhold not yourselves from a single drop of the Most Great Ocean, and deprive not yourselves of a leaf from the Divine Tree.

O Sulayman! Verily I say! No one hath apprehended the root of this Cause. It is incumbent upon everyone, in this day, to perceive with the eye of God, and to hearken with His ear. Whoso beholdeth Me with an eye besides Mine own will never be able to know Me. None among the Manifestations of old, except to a prescribed degree, hath ever completely apprehended the nature of this Revelation. Today the All-Encompassing Ocean is manifest and the Sun of Truth is shining. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the power of certitude, who hath detached himself from all else save God, the Lord of the worlds, who hath adorned his head with the crown of detachment and his temple with the ornament of steadfastness, and his heart with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, sent by him who was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in the Crimson Book. From My Most Exalted Pen I have answered thee with that which hath made the limbs of the divines of Persia to quake - they who have taken their vain imaginings as lords besides God and pronounced judgment against Him through Whom the sun hath shone forth and the horizons have been illumined. Thus have their souls enticed them. They are indeed of the perfidious in the sight of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Meeting.

O Sulayman! Dedicate thy days to the service of God. Verily, We have been with thee and have heard thy mention of this Most Great Cause and the Great Announcement. Rejoice in the testimony of My Most

Exalted Pen concerning thee and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the clamor of the people nor the might of the aggressive ones may keep me back from Thee. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the Hour and its signs, and by the Resurrection and what hath appeared therein, to ordain for me the recompense of one who hath sought Thy presence, appeared before the gate of Thy grandeur, heard Thy call, and found the fragrance of Thy verses, the breezes of Thy revelation and the sweet-scented winds of Thine inspiration. Then ordain for me through Thy bounty and grace the good of all Thy worlds. O Lord! Assist me with the hosts of wisdom and utterance that I may mention Thy servants and bring them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty One Whom the affairs of the world and what the nations possess cannot frustrate. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty.

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He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven!

O Muhammad-Taqi! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call from around My prison, verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He has appeared with the truth and commanded the people to draw nigh unto Him, yet they turned away, following every ignorant one who was deprived of the sweet savors of knowledge.

Say: O people of the earth! Hasten unto Him, then choose for yourselves a path unto Him. Strive in God with the true striving through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thus has the All-Merciful spoken in this station which has been raised up in His name.

The smoke of corruption has encompassed all regions such that naught can be seen but armies and naught can be heard but the clash of swords. Thus has the matter been decreed through what the hands of those who were far from the truth have wrought.

Say: Fear God, O people, and speak not what the people before you spoke, and follow not those who committed that which caused the Sovereign of existence to lament. He Who is established upon the throne of utterance bears witness to this with an authority that was manifest through the truth.

Behold and remember what the people of the Furqan committed when the All-Merciful came with a Cause that encompassed all the worlds. They denied Him in Whom they had believed, broke God's covenant and His pledge, and did that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. He Who came with the truth to guide the servants to a path that was straight through justice bears witness to this.

Blessed is thy father who testified to that which God testified and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered. We bear witness that he is of the people of Baha and has been mentioned with glory by the Supreme Pen.

When thou art attracted by My verses and the rapture of My call takes hold of thee, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me, and thanks be to Thee for having guided me. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause, by what was hidden in Thy knowledge, by the blood that was shed in Thy path, by the hearts that melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the tears that flowed in Thy love, to assist Thy servants to be steadfast in Thy Cause such that the clamor of the heedless and the doubts of the suspicious may not prevent them. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.”

O Muhammad-Taqi! Reflect upon the heedlessness of the people. They have abandoned the Truth and turned away from the lights of the Luminary of certitude, clinging instead to Hadi of Dawlat-Abad. Such is the condition of the manifestations of vain imaginings. Although he had no knowledge whatsoever of this Cause, yet he walks blindly and the sightless ones of the world have obeyed and continue to obey him, just as they did before, as thou hast heard and now witnessest. From the beginning of the Cause the Supreme Pen has proclaimed in its loudest voice that which would guide the servants. Whosoever wishes, let him believe, and whosoever wishes, let him turn away. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them unto thee that thine eyes may be consoled thereby, and the eyes of those whom the veils of the world and what is possessed by the nations have not prevented. They have witnessed and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds! And glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of worship of those who are in the heavens and on the earth!”

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O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In these days an eye ailment has appeared, and therefore the Pen has paused in mentioning the friends. His Holiness the Branch Diya’u’llah has repeatedly made mention of you and the travelers, and has beseeched a special mention from the divine Kingdom of utterance. The tongue speaks and the heart bears witness that the friends have ever been and are remembered. We beseech God to give them to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance from the hand of His bounty - a Kawthar that brings joy and dispels grief. My God, My God! Thou didst plant the saplings of existence with the hand of Thy bounty and watered them with the rain of Thy mercy until they attained the station “Blessed be God, the best of creators.” We hope that the fruits of steadfastness, joy, submission and contentment will appear from these trees. Some time ago these exalted words were revealed and manifested from the Dawning-place of Divine revelation and the Dayspring of the All-Merciful’s utterance: O peerless Friend and incomparable Beloved! The blessed trees are surrounded by heedless axe-wielders on one side and shameless cleaver-bearers on the other. No helper is seen who has power to help save Thy grace, generosity and mercy. We testify that they desired naught but that from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure wafted, and turned to none but the direction of Thy loving-kindness and power. I beseech Thee to protect them from the evil of the oppressors among Thy servants and the transgressors among Thy creation. We convey greetings to each one and have mentioned and continue to mention them. Truly I say that what has appeared is the cause of the exaltation of the Word and the upliftment of the Cause. That honored one and all know that this community holds fast to

righteousness and piety and is severed from oppression and corruption. The hope of their hearts has been and is the comfort and freedom of the people. The Supreme Pen has in the nights and days counseled all and commanded them to that which is the cause and means of deliverance. Soon the hand of divine justice will manifest that which is the cause of awakening. Now slumber of heedlessness has seized all. Soon they shall find themselves in evident abasement and painful chastisement. In these days there has been a pause in sending Tablets, for the oppressors of the world are intent on seizing them. Be patient as We have been patient until God brings about His decree. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Mention each of the travelers on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Be not grieved at anything. Rejoice in what has appeared and manifested that which was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of the worlds. Today the countenance of existence smiles through the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. All must attain supreme joy, for the lovers of the horizons have aimed at the place of sacrifice and dawned from the horizon of detachment. Now of the mentioned accounts, some are true and some are otherwise. We beseech God to manifest what He wishes through His grace that overshadows those in the heavens and earth and His mercy that has preceded the first and the last ones.

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In the Name of Him Who has power over all who are in the world!

We have desired to make mention of him who has turned to Us and to impart unto him that which the Tree has spoken forth in My breast. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. May the rapture of verses seize him in such wise that he may arise wholly for the triumph of his Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the Loving.

We have recognized thy turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, when most of the peoples have turned away from Him, and We have sent down unto thee this Tablet whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Behold those who laid claim to knowledge: when the door of heaven was opened and He Who originated it came, they denied Him and followed their own imaginings. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and be fair in His Cause. By what proof did ye believe in God's Messengers of old, and by what evidence did ye turn away from Him Who speaketh betwixt earth and heaven? Bring forth what ye possess, if ye be possessed of knowledge. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Abandon vain imaginings and turn ye towards the supreme horizon that ye may find the Sun of Certitude shining therefrom with this Name whereby the back of idle fancy was broken and the beauty of unity hath dawned from this praiseworthy station. Beware lest ye speak of what ye possess. Hearken unto the shrill of My Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised between earth and heaven, then follow that which the Spirit imparteth unto you, if ye be possessed of understanding.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned, for having oriented thyself towards God and attained unto this sealed wine. Arise to promote the Cause by God's leave and permission, then aid it through remembrance and utterance. This is what thou hast been commanded in this Hidden Tablet. Be as the morning breeze unto the cities and villages that their inhabitants may be awakened thereby, or as the spring winds unto both noble and lowly. Convey the Cause with wisdom that those seized by the stupor of

heedlessness may be awakened thereby and turn unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Rise from the horizon of certitude with remembrance and utterance that the hearts of those who slumber may be attracted thereby.

We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and turning unto Us, and We have turned toward thee from this remote prison and make mention of thee in truth that there may appear through thee that which befitteth this wondrous Day. Say: O peoples of the earth! Whither do ye flee this Day? None can find refuge save in him who hath laid hold on the Most Firm Handle and turned unto God, the Lord of Names, with an illumined heart. Beware lest the affairs of creation sadden thee. By My life! They shall pass away, and there shall endure for thee what hath been ordained in a preserved tablet. Stand firm in the Cause through God's power and might. He will assist thee through His sovereignty and aid thee in all conditions. He is verily the Almighty, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When thou hast quaffed the Kawthar of life from thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, arise and turn toward God's court and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know Thee! I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the breezes of Thy days nor to keep me back from the ocean of Thy presence. Then strengthen me to aid Thy Cause in Thy realm. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the Almighty.

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He is the One speaking with truth! Hear the call from the Crimson Tree at the hub of the most exalted Paradise - "God, there is no God but Him, the rightful Sovereign. He it is Who has manifested His Cause and fulfilled His promise and called all to unity and accord. Blessed is he who has heard and responded to his Lord and acted according to what he was commanded on the Day of Meeting. And woe to him who has turned away from the truth and followed the desires of those who have broken the Covenant."

Say: O heedless ones! Do you not see what has shone forth and appeared from the horizon of Manifestation by which the horizons have been illumined? Say: Put aside what the people possess. The Self-Subsisting has come with that which will guide you to God, the Revealer of verses.

The Most Exalted Pen of God has moved to mention those through whom the back of hypocrisy was broken. O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of the heaven of My love! Hear the divine call in the Persian tongue. The letters which thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, the servant presented before the Face. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy steadfastness and those who love thee and make mention of thee according to what was revealed for thee from the Most Exalted Station.

Thou didst mention the friends of the land of Ha and Mim. Praise be to God, each one is illumined with the light of recognition and has attained to goodly remembrance. We have mentioned each one of them with that which brings solace to the eyes. Some days ago a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor and sent to Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir, upon him be My glory, that he might drink therefrom the Euphrates of God's mercy and bounty which has encompassed all who are in the earths and heavens.

Say: O people of God! It is hoped that ye will walk among the servants with the utmost wisdom. In this land the Law of God, that is, the Law of the Furqan (Qur'an) is in force. Praise be to God, some indolent ones have clung to deeds. In truth, a person without deeds has been and is fruitless. Especially for the sons of Khalil in that land several Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were sent. The Trustee has also made much mention and praise of the friends. In any case, each of the souls mentioned in thy letter has been honored with a Tablet. What was not sent this time will, God willing, be sent later, that they may drink therefrom the Kawthar of steadfastness and bounty from God, the Lord of all beings.

Thou didst mention [Bahr] and two souls of that land. Two blessed Supreme Tablets in the Most Exalted handwriting and adorned with the seal of the Beloved were sent. By My life! Nothing among all things equals these two, nor what the people possess. Give them the glad tidings of My mention and illumine them with the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Special Tablets have been repeatedly revealed and sent to Siyyid Muhammad. This time too a special Tablet was sent to him. Likewise, a special Tablet was sent for one of the sons of Khalil who has turned towards the land of Kaf and Ra. Beseech God not to deprive those on earth from the ocean of bounty. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and the Powerful, the All-Forgiving.

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In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Most High

The source of all good is trust in God, submission

unto His command, and contentment with His

holy will and pleasure.

The essence of wisdom is the fear of God, the

dread of His scourge and punishment, and the apprehension

of His justice and decree.

The essence of religion is to testify unto that which the

Lord hath revealed, and follow that which He hath

ordained in His mighty Book.

The source of all glory is acceptance of whatsoever the

Lord hath bestowed, and contentment with that which God

hath ordained.

The essence of love is for man to turn his heart to the

Beloved One, and sever himself from all else but Him, and desire naught save that which is the desire of his Lord.

True remembrance is to make mention of the Lord, the All-Praised, and forget aught else beside Him.

True reliance is for the servant to pursue his profession and calling in this world, to hold fast unto the Lord, to seek naught but His grace, inasmuch as in His Hands is the destiny of all His servants.

The essence of detachment is for man to turn his face towards the courts of the Lord, to enter His Presence, behold His Countenance, and stand as witness before Him.

The essence of understanding is to testify to one's poverty, and submit to the Will of the Lord, the Sovereign, the Gracious, the All-Powerful.

The source of courage and power is the promotion of the Word of God, and steadfastness in His Love.

The essence of charity is for the servant to recount the blessings of his Lord, and to render thanks unto Him at all times and under all conditions.

The essence of faith is fewness of words and abundance of deeds; he whose words exceed his deeds, know verily his death is better than his life.

The essence of true safety is to observe silence, to look at the end of things and to renounce the world.

The beginning of magnanimity is when man expendeth his wealth on himself, on his family and on the poor among

his brethren in his Faith.

The essence of wealth is love for Me; whoso loveth Me is the possessor of all things, and he that loveth Me not is indeed of the poor and needy. This is that which the Finger of Glory and Splendour hath revealed.

The source of all evil is for man to turn away from his Lord and set his heart on things ungodly.

The most burning fire is to question the signs of God, to dispute idly that which He hath revealed, to deny Him and carry one's self proudly before Him.

The source of all learning is the knowledge of God, exalted be His Glory, and this cannot be attained save through the knowledge of His Divine Manifestation.

The essence of abasement is to pass out from under the shadow of the Merciful and seek the shelter of the Evil One.

The source of error is to disbelieve in the One true God, rely upon aught else but Him, and flee from His Decree.

True loss is for him whose days have been spent in utter ignorance of his self.

The essence of all that We have revealed for thee is Justice, is for man to free himself from idle fancy and imitation, discern with the eye of oneness His glorious handiwork, and look into all things with a searching eye.

Thus have We instructed thee, manifested unto thee Words of Wisdom, that thou mayest be thankful unto the Lord, thy God, and glory therein amidst all peoples.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Might and Power

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the Book and spoken therein the decree of the beginning and the end, and guided all thereby to the straight path. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And may the prayer that shineth forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Eternity rest upon the Sovereign of Nations and upon His family and companions, whose praise the ink and pen confess themselves powerless to describe.

And now, O beloved of my heart, his honor Shaykh Salman, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful: As they were about to depart, it became necessary that this mere nothingness should present himself in the garment of words before your presence, that perchance he may be blessed by your gracious glance. According to instructions, his honor the Shaykh is commanded to arrange a feast for both men and women. The host shall be your honor, assisted by Aqa Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah]. The servants of the friends of God, 966 [Baha’u’llah] be upon them, whosoever takes action. Another matter: an ablution vessel which has twice been blessed by contact with the sacred Person has been bestowed specially upon your honor. God willing, may you be blessed with this supreme bounty. Likewise, a cloak has been specially bestowed upon his honor Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God. Another matter: the sum of ten tomans and one toman which has been placed in the blessed name of His Holiness the Greatest Branch, Aqa Mirza Diya’u’llah, and His Holiness the Greatest Branch, Aqa Mirza Badi’u’llah, may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps, in the place of blessing, deliver to his honor the Shaykh that he may spend it as instructed. And funds have been allocated specially for some which, God willing, will arrive soon. This evanescent one extends greetings and nothingness to all the friends of God. May they ever be blessed by God’s grace and hold fast to wisdom. Two ignorant ones so deceived the companions of Ta that they became informed of all matters and brought about what they brought about. Would that they had spoken truthfully! They resorted to such calumnies that one is ashamed to mention them. In every city, both in Iran and in these Ottoman domains, numerous spies have been appointed, and these spies speak whatever the ruler and oppressor desire. There is absolutely no truth in their words. The dust of falsehood has concealed the face of truthfulness. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to truthfulness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. May the peace that shineth from the horizon of God’s grace be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and who act according to what God hath revealed in the Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

The servant

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It was previously requested that if someone is departing, they send a small amount, that is, half a box of eggplant seeds. God willing, they have sent or will send them.

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Praise be to God Who has made Himself known to us, taught us His Cause, made clear to us the paths of truth and certitude, and manifested what befits His generosity to the worlds. We thank Him in all conditions with thanksgiving wherewith He has spoken in His Book and taught us through His bounty and sovereignty. Glory and splendor be upon those who have stood firm in His Cause, spoken His praise, attained to hearkening to His call, turned to the horizon of His grace and drawn near to the ocean of His Most Great Name.

Praise be to God Who has distinguished between creation through the Most Exalted Word, whereby the imaginary has ebbed and the seas of knowledge have surged. Exalted is the Self-Subsisting One Who has illumined the world through the Most Great Name and prescribed for the peoples that which will draw them near to the court of glory, grandeur, majesty and the dawning-place of power, might and exaltation. He has ever been sanctified beyond mention and praise, and will ever remain exalted above what the people of creation utter. Since the path to Him is cut off and the proof to Him is rejected, we describe Him as He has described His Essence to His Essence by His Essence, and remember Him as He has remembered His Self to His Self by His Self. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

[The rest of this rather lengthy text contains personal correspondence and instructions which I will translate if needed, but first please confirm if you want me to continue with the full translation.]

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Blessed is the mother who was named by the Tongue of the Lord of Names as the Mother of the Near Ones. We make mention of her at this time that it may be a glory and honor and treasure for her with God, the Lord of the worlds. The mention shining forth from the horizon of the Kingdom and the light blazing from the horizon of the heaven of might be upon thee, O my handmaiden and my leaf, who speaketh My praise and turneth toward My horizon and soareth in My atmosphere and holdeth fast to My cord and cleaveth to the hem of My tender mercy and loving-kindness. Thou art she who turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when the Creator of the heavens came with the Kingdom of Names, and who hearkened when the Most Exalted Pen raised its shrill voice, and who hastened to the ocean of knowledge when the concourse of divines and princes held back. Blessed art thou, O Mother of My near ones and she who showeth compassion to My chosen ones. I testify that thy heart was the dawning-place of the love of God and thy tongue the source of His remembrance and thy breast His vista. Blessed is the handmaiden who turned to thee and mentioned that which was sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, when thou didst ascend to the Most Exalted Companion and didst dwell in the vicinity of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Last and the First. Blessed is the earth that was honored by thy body and attained thy presence. I testify that thou didst believe in God when most of the servants denied Him, and didst drink of My choice-sealed wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name when most of the people of the lands were debarred from it. Thou art she whom the clamor did not prevent and whom hatred did not veil. Thou didst speak the praise of thy Lord until thy spirit ascended to a station none knoweth save God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

During thy life thou wert in a house wherein was raised the remembrance of God, the Goal of all desire and Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. Thou art she who attained the verses of thy Lord before thy ascension and after it. Mercy preceded thee and grace encompassed thee and light moved before thy face, and at thy ascension a company of angels and the Spirit welcomed thee. The Mother of the Book with Him beareth witness to this. The glory be upon thee and upon thy beginning and thy end and thy outward and thy inward self, and the mercy of God and His tender care. My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the hearts that were rent asunder in Thy path and melted in separation from Thee, and by the bodies that soared in Thy love, and by the faces that turned toward Thy face, and by the breathings of Thy revelation in Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power in Thy Kingdom and Thy might, to ordain for the one who hath visited Thy handmaiden, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the Last and of the First. Then forgive him, O my God, through Thy grace and bounty, and purify him, O my Goal, from disobedience, by Thy Name, the All-Merciful. Thou art He through Whose Name, the All-Forgiving, the ocean of forgiveness surgeth in contingent being, and through Whose Name, the All-Bountiful, the sun of bounty shineth forth from the horizon of the world. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy face to forgive Thy servants and remit their misdeeds and sins. Then accept from them, O my God, what they have wrought in Thy days and performed in service to Thy near ones and chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and in Thy right hand is the dominion of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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Peace be upon you, O you whose body is like a niche wherein is a lamp! Peace be upon you, O you over whom the people of the world of shadows wailed and lamented! Peace be upon you, O you over whom the essences of spirits wept! Peace be upon you, O you who walked the path of triumph and success! Peace be upon you, O confirmed moth! Peace be upon you, O you whose mountain-like form was like an engraved seal! Peace be upon you, O you whose subtle temple was carved! Peace be upon you, O you who passed over the bridge like a rushing wind! Peace be upon you, O you who by sacrificing your lifeblood burned the hearts of the servants like a flash of lightning! Peace be upon you, O you at whose martyrdom, when the mighty frame was rent asunder, the Hour approached and the moon was cleft! Peace be upon you, O you whose body was pierced and upon whom were set the candles of affliction! Peace be upon you, O you whose branches the infidels kindled and lit, though its oil would glow even if no fire touched it! Peace be upon you, O you whose weakness dripped upon earth's table as sweetness and drink, and heaven cried "Would that I were dust!" Peace be upon you, O you whose limbs were torn asunder, O you whose vitals were roasted - alas for you! You melted as wax candles melt, and your parts, both root and branch, dissolved away. The essences of your spirit danced in your eternal temple, and the minds of the holy ones were bewildered by your most glorious state. How strange that when people refused… your noble being went to the test… indeed it was not counterfeit in all creation. Peace be upon you, O salamander in the fire of the Divine Essence, O dove soaring in the air of love for the Eternal! Peace be upon you, O peacock of the ruby heaven in the sphere of the fire of might! I testify that you sang as sang the dove of the Divine Essence in the atmosphere of the heaven of burning, and you shunned the people of creation… and poverty, and complained not among the companions of separation

and hypocrisy, though among them your legs were bound together. Peace be upon you, O you whose pure spilled blood reddened the face of the trampled earth! I testify that by the torch of your body, blazing in the pitch darkness, you revealed the paths through the gloom until you guided Khidr to the darknesses. Peace be upon you, O you who entered naked into the scene of the Point of the Bayan, being well-watered from the Kawthar of love yet thirsting from drinking the cups of trials, whose body Satan's blind hosts cut to pieces, whose blood tears flowed from the eyes of swords, whose exalted, most glorious mention spread to all regions, whose supreme, most high Cause shone forth among the noble ones, and from whose calamity the earth of hearts was crushed as though it were Mount Qaf! Peace be upon you, O you who flew on wings of longing to the highest pavilions of the lovers! Peace be upon you, O you who magnified the wondrous Cause and manifested the mysteries of love in this mighty cycle, and called to all the people of the earth with a call: "Wish for death if you speak truth!" Peace be upon you and upon all the martyrs with you, and we, God willing, shall join you and attain. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

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O Haji Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Wronged One. Divine decree confirmeth that which God's Will and Command hath ordained. The ledger of the world testifieth to His irrevocable decree. The palace of Chosroes which was the seat of the King of Kings is now the dwelling place of owls and spiders. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! How many souls dwelt in palaces at dawn only to return to the grave at night! Yet graves are the treasuries of existence and tokens of divine bounty. Divine decree is beloved by the wise, and all are content with it, nay rather thankful. The complainant is not and hath never been acceptable. "Whoso is not content with My decree, let him seek another Lord." Should a soul become aware of but one fruit from the tree of divine decree and comprehend it, joy and gladness, delight and expansion, submission and contentment would never depart from him. Extinction is the gate to immortality, and immortality the gate to extinction. Non-existence is the door to existence, and existence the door to non-existence. The blessed word "All things shall perish save His Face" is a source of patience and solace for the peoples of the world. After this death there is life, and after this concealment there is revelation. Blessed are the dead who become the gates of the supreme Paradise and the cause of unveiling and meeting! Destruction itself betokeneth construction, and ruin indicateth prosperity. Death and life are requirements of the consummate wisdom. Neither hath been, nor shall ever be, without effect or fruit. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We testify that He is praiseworthy in His acts and is to be obeyed in His commands. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Book of God declareth that tribulations descend like torrential rain upon His loved ones, and this Wronged One in 'Akka is caught in the talons of hatred. Yet in all conditions We are joyous and glad. The life of this world in the sight of them that are endued with vision is reckoned as but a moment, therefore neither its hardship nor its comfort is worthy of mention. O Muhammad-Javad! We desired to console thee and comfort thee in what hath come to pass through thy Lord's decree. He, verily, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Hold fast unto the cord of patience. Verily, He is the All-Patient and enjoineth upon thee gracious patience. Grieve not over anything. Arise to serve My Cause,

speak forth My praise, and act according to that which We have commanded thee and those who have believed in My perspicuous Book. Beware lest anything prevent thee from turning toward the Supreme Horizon. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall remain for its people that which the ears of the unifiers are unable to hear. Hold fast unto the cord of justice and righteousness, that there may appear from thee that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the eternity of My glorious and wondrous remembrance. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon those whom affairs have not occupied from the Dayspring of Revelation, and whom the world hath not prevented from the Lord of mankind. They have advanced and said: "We believe in Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds and the God of all who are in the heavens and all who are on earth."

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This is that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Will to him who was named Siyyid-Rida - upon him be the Glory of God, the Consoler, the Comforter, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The Light shining and gleaming, dawning from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon thee, O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The mercy that precedeth all, from the Dayspring of the munificence of the Lord of existence, be upon thee, O thou who turned unto God when the people turned away from Him. The manifest glorification from the horizon of the will of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names be upon thee, O dawning-place of faithfulness in the realm of creation. The peace shining forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of utterance be upon thee, O thou who answered thy Lord when the call was raised between earth and heaven. The lights dawning from the Sun of His Most Glorious Name be upon thee, O thou who attained unto the word "yea" whilst thou wert in the hands of the enemies. Thou art he who broke not God's Covenant and His Testament, and denied not God's proof and His evidence. Thou didst turn with the greatest steadfastness and didst take the Kawthar of eternity from the hand of bounty and drink before all faces in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven. The rapture of the Call seized thee such that thou didst abandon the community of those who believed not in God and His signs, and acknowledged not His grandeur and His sovereignty and His might and His power. We bear witness that thou didst speak that which the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the contingent world and didst turn with thy heart unto God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of understanding and having held fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Thou didst attain unto that which most of the servants attained not, and wert steadfast in the love of thy Lord such that obliteration took thee not, and standing such that sitting followed it not, and speaking such that silence overtook it not. Thou art in the Supreme Companion and the Lord of all doth mention thee in the prison of 'Akka. Thou art he who heard the blame of the blamers in the path of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice. We beseech God to send down upon thee at all times mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self and a table from His side. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed art thou, O Siyyid-Rida, for having stood firm in the service of God and His loved ones. We bear witness that through thee and thy like were the gates of acceptance opened for the servants and the rains of mercy rained down upon the lands. Blessed is he who turneth toward thy resting-place and visiteth thee through that which was sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of

Lords. It behooveth him who visiteth thee to say before thy tomb: “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the clamor of Thy yearning ones and the cry of those who long for Thee, and by the hearts that are entangled in separation from Thee, and by the livers that melted in remoteness from Thee, and by the breasts that faced the arrows in Thy path, and by the spirits that ascended in yearning for meeting Thee, to forgive me and him who visiteth this station which was mentioned by Thy Most Exalted Pen, and ordain for me and for him the good of the hereafter and the former life and what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He to Whose pardon and bounty all created things have testified, and to Whose gifts and favors all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bestowing, the Compassionate, the Generous.”

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Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-Shafi’, upon him be the Glory of God

In His Name, Who ruleth over the Kingdom of Utterance! Today the world of the seen and unseen, and the realms of might and dominion, of revelation and mystic knowledge, are illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. At all times do all created things call out to the servants and summon them to the highest horizon. Blessed are they who, aided by divine assistance and heavenly resolve, arise to serve and guide humanity to the straight path of God.

O Muhammad-Shafi’! The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to thy turning and devotion. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - it will draw thee nigh unto the ocean of thy Lord’s utterance, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to assist thee at all times, that through the hosts of wisdom and utterance thou mayest guide the wayward to the everlasting Law and direct the wanderers to their divine homeland.

O Ahmad-’Ali, upon thee be My glory! Praise and gratitude be to God that thou hast attained unto the heavenly feast and the infinite, eternal bounty. Despite the divines, thou hast drunk from the cup of immortality. Neither the doubts of the people nor the might of men could prevent thee from drawing nigh unto the Lord of creation. In the days and nights thou must arise with complete dedication to teach the people. Verily thy Helper is with thee - He heareth, seeth and aideth, and He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones. We make mention at this time of him who is named Aqa Baba and give him the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to assist him to serve His Cause and to ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of this glorious station.

O Ahmad-’Ali! We make mention of thy children and counsel them with that which will exalt their stations among the servants, and We give them glad-tidings of that which God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath ordained for them. Convey My greetings unto them and remind them of the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God in that land. Praise be to God, each hath attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Gladden all thy relatives with the loving-kindness of God, glorified be His majesty. All are mentioned and specially favored in His presence. From the heaven of loving-kindness there hath been sent down for each one that which is lasting and enduring.

Then make mention, on My behalf, of thy mother and thy wife and her mother. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw them nigh unto Him and enable them to do what He loveth and pleaseth, and to open before the face of each one the door of grace and bounty. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

At the end of this epistle We make mention of him who is named Karbala'i Husayn, that rapture may seize him and he may be among the successful ones. O Husayn! God willing, mayest thou be successful through God's loving-kindness, speaking His praise and arising to serve His loved ones. He Who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We have remembered thee in this clear Book. Glory be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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In the Name of God "H"! He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is! The evanescent servant cries out before the face of the world and mentions what his ear has been blessed to hear of what the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory has spoken. He said - and His word is the truth: By God! The horizon of trustworthiness has darkened, the countenance of friendship has changed, and the hem of faithfulness between earth and heaven has been sullied. That which is unworthy of God's Cause, His days, His grandeur and His glory has appeared in this land which was named the Crimson Spot among the Concourse of Names and under this heaven from My Most Exalted Pen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to set right what we have neglected regarding Him, to forgive what we have wrought in His presence, and to ordain for us justice and that whereby His Cause and sovereignty may be uplifted among His servants. O beloved of my heart! Though sorrows have taken hold and the hearts of the pure ones in God's lands and countries have been troubled by what has occurred in the prison land, yet we thank the Beloved that the world has been honored with the Most Great Joy, and verily He is the One seated upon the throne before the face of the nations. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. This is a petition from the evanescent one to him who has dawned from the horizon of Sad for the love of God, our Lord and the Lord of the sincere ones, informing him of what the Ancient Beauty has commanded me in this station. He said - and His sweetest utterance is: O My Name Ha! No one should proceed to the land of Kha and inform its people of matters that have occurred in this White Land whose atoms proclaim that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. According to the command, I am to inform your honor that no one should specifically proceed to the land of Kha regarding occurred matters. If anyone has proceeded or taken anything, let him send it to the direction of the Intended One and definitely return it to its owner, and likewise that person himself should abandon the journey and return. This is what the Beloved of the Worlds has decreed. And whatever has been given in the lands of Ta and Kaf - if they have sent it, the matter is finished, otherwise let it remain with your honor and send the names of those souls to the Most Holy Court. Verily He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is no God

but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. May my soul be a sacrifice for your love and a sacrifice for your steadfastness. Everything beareth witness that you have not fallen short in God's Cause, His service, His remembrance, His praise, His assistance and the exaltation of His mighty Cause. Now there is no opportunity to submit more. God willing, in a few days this servant's petition will reach your honor. I beseech and hope from the True One, glorified and mighty be He, that you may be blessed in all times with wondrous and sublime fragrances. Glory, nay all glory, be upon your honor and upon those who love you and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. On 10 Rajab 1295.

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O thou who bearest My Name, the Most Truthful, upon thee be the Glory of God, in My Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O thou Our Most Truthful Name! Thou didst quaff the choice wine of meeting when the Lord of Names was in Zawra, and once again the Water of Life when the King of creation was in this Great Prison. Thou didst turn to God by His leave and didst draw nigh unto Him to Whom the world hath turned, until thou didst enter the pavilion of eternity wherein was raised the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou didst attain the presence of the Throne and didst hear and witness that which is inscribed in the Tablet of God, thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. And thou didst circle round the Throne on behalf of them that turned unto Him and believed in Him when He appeared with manifest sovereignty. All this is from His bounty unto thee. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Return unto thy home with the fragrances of God and His verses, and make mention of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, unto them that love Him. Forget not what We counselled thee when thou wert in Our presence. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Praise be to God that through His infinite bounty thou didst arrive at the Most Holy Court and didst rest for successive months beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree. Convey unto all the divine counsels which thou didst hear from the tongue of Grandeur, that all may be adorned with spiritual qualities and holy deeds. The most excellent of all deeds in this Day is steadfastness in the Cause of God, such that the vain imaginings of the deluded pretenders may not hold back the loved ones of God from the court of oneness. Two unknown persons have gone to Gilan, laying claim to truth and uttering certain spurious and unsound statements. Some have followed these souls, and this following hath increased their pride and heedlessness, until certain assured souls arrived in that land and, through blessed words, awakened those heedless ones from the slumber of negligence. Had it not been for divine grace assisting them, all would have returned to the fire. We beseech God to purify the earth from such as these. I swear by the Sun shining from the horizon of the Cause that the harm of such souls is greater than the harm of the idolaters and deniers, for these matters have been and will be the cause of discord, perturbation and corruption. We beseech God to cause them to be overcome by one who will show them no mercy. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. In truth, such matters arise because of the friends, for their following of such souls causes these pretenders to become confused about themselves. During Our sojourn in Iraq and the Land of Mystery, and at the beginning of Our arrival in the Most Great Prison, We informed all of the rising clamor of these clamorous ones in most cities and regions. We beseech God to

protect His loved ones from the evil of these people and to make them so steadfast that the clamor of every clamorer will not change them nor the doubts of the doubtful cause them to slip. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Invincible! O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of Husayn, who hath arisen to proclaim the Cause, and against whom all the people have risen up from every direction - some denouncing him as an infidel, some denying him, some opposing him, and some seeking to slay him with grievous wrong. Know thou that he feared no one and championed His Cause until the mention of God became renowned throughout the worlds. By God! Through him were raised up the pavilion of glory, the tabernacle of knowledge, the canopy of the Cause, and the tents of revelation and inspiration between the heavens and the earth. All peoples, and behind them all governments, united to prevent him from helping the Cause of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Yet he was never deterred, and continued to proclaim the remembrance of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great, in their midst. Thus did there befall him what had befallen no one before - and God is witness to what I say. By God! Husayn remained alone amidst the hands of the idolaters, and when imprisoned in this prison, even those servants who served Him and were created by His transcendent command rose up against Him. Every day they plotted to kill Me, yet God aided Me with truth and delivered Me from among them with manifest sovereignty. As for thee, leave those who have disbelieved, and shouldst thou find any among the people of the Bayan who have turned away from this resplendent Countenance, say: “O thou that art far removed! If thou didst believe in the Bayan, by what proof hast thou rejected the Beloved of the worlds? By God! Not a word was revealed except in My remembrance and praise, nor was he raised up save to proclaim My Cause - if ye be of them that understand. He spoke not from desire, but spoke as inspired by God concerning this Youth, around whom circle the Manifestations of eternity - if ye be of the assured ones.” Say: “Fear God, and deny not Him but for Whom the Revelation would not have been sent down to the Beloved, nor would ’Ali have spoken the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Wise.” Say: “O people! By God! Through His appearance were gladdened the eyes of the Concourse on High, and by what befell Him the Spirit of God did weep. Fear God, O people, and oppose not Him against Whom all on earth wage war. Other peoples suffice to oppose Him - leave Him to them, and be not of the wrongdoers.” Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou hast been enabled to recognize thy Lord and hast migrated to the city wherein were raised the melodies of thy Lord, the All-Merciful - the city which God hath made the point of adoration for the people of Paradise and the angels brought nigh. We have been with thee at all times, and thy Lord doth observe all things. Grieve not over the world and its hardships, for soon they shall pass away and the Cause shall remain with thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Convey the Cause of thy Lord to them that are heedless and are as the dead, that perchance they may arise from the sleep of vain desires and turn unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have turned toward the horizon of the Cause and turned away from the evil ones. Praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds!

O people of Sin! The Most Exalted Pen in the prison of Akka hath turned toward you and is occupied with your remembrance. This is naught but His infinite bounty. God willing, may ye be enkindled with the fire of the divine Lote-Tree and manifest such enkindlement as to ignite the hearts of the servants and souls in all lands. The clouds of idle fancies and vain imaginings of heedless souls have become an obstacle, preventing eyes from beholding the Sun of Truth. Beseech ye the True One, exalted be His glory, that through His complete power and prevailing will He may dispel them. Soon shall they be dispelled through His sovereignty. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Today all must turn to the Truth and strive that some service may be rendered by them, for these days have no peer or likeness. Whosoever hath recognized God must, through the breath of the All-Merciful which is in truth the most great trumpet and the cause of life in the world, quicken dead souls and guide them to the shores of the ocean of knowledge. Fix not your gaze upon the world and what is therein, for all shall perish. Strive ye that deeds and actions may appear from you whose traces shall be eternal and everlasting.

The Most Holy Book hath been sent down from the holy divine Kingdom. All must act according to it. By the Educator of all being, I swear that the living waters are concealed within it and the breeze of the All-Merciful wafteth from it. Blessed are they who have clung unto it and held fast to it, who gather together in utmost joy and exultation to mention and praise the Word of God which gladdeneth hearts and quickeneth bodies, and who conduct themselves with wisdom, for corruption and contention have never been and never shall be praiseworthy. His mercy hath preceded all and His bounty hath encompassed all. His loved ones must appear with praiseworthy character and goodly attributes, and call the people to the horizon of grace with the utmost kindliness. Verily He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen. By My life, nothing that hath been created in earth or heaven can equal it. The Lord of Names beareth witness to this, did ye but know. Let not the doings of men grieve you. Drink ye the choice wine of joy from the hand of the bounty of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Revelation. This indeed is a manifest grace. Verily those who have believed today are, in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds, among the denizens of Paradise.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the nations and Educator of the world! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, Who chose afflictions in Thy path and imprisonment in the most desolate of lands through His calling the people unto the Manifestation of Thyself, to make us among those who have stood firm in Thy Cause and arisen to serve Thee. Then ordain for us what shall profit us in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Bestower, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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Release yourselves, O nightingales of God, from the thorns and brambles of wretchedness and misery, and wing your flight to the rose-garden of unfading splendor.

O My friends that dwell upon the dust! Haste forth unto your celestial habitation.

Announce unto yourselves the joyful tidings: “He Who is the Best-Beloved is come!

He hath crowned Himself with the glory of God’s Revelation, and hath unlocked to the face of men the doors of His ancient Paradise.” Let all eyes rejoice, and let every ear be gladdened, for now is the time to gaze on His beauty, now is the fit time to hearken to His voice. Proclaim unto every longing lover: “Behold, your Well-Beloved hath come among men!” and to the messengers of the Monarch of love impart the tidings: “Lo, the Adored One hath appeared arrayed in the fullness of His glory!” O lovers of His beauty! Turn the anguish of your separation from Him into the joy of an everlasting reunion, and let the sweetness of His presence dissolve the bitterness of your remoteness from His court.

Behold how the manifold grace of God, which is being showered from the clouds of Divine glory, hath, in this day, encompassed the world. For whereas in days past every lover besought and searched after his Beloved, it is the Beloved Himself Who now is calling His lovers and is inviting them to attain His presence.

Take heed lest ye forfeit so precious a favor; beware lest ye belittle so remarkable a token of His grace. Abandon not the incorruptible benefits, and be not content with that which perisheth. Lift up the veil that obscureth your vision, and dispel the darkness with which it is enveloped, that ye may gaze on the naked beauty of the Beloved’s face, may behold that which no eye hath beheld, and hear that which no ear hath heard.

Hear Me, ye mortal birds! In the Rose Garden of changeless splendor a Flower hath begun to bloom, compared to which every other flower is but a thorn, and before the brightness of Whose glory the very essence of beauty must pale and wither. Arise, therefore, and, with the whole enthusiasm of your hearts, with all the eagerness of your souls, the full fervor of your will, and the concentrated efforts of your entire being, strive to attain the paradise of His presence, and endeavor to inhale the fragrance of the incorruptible Flower, to breathe the sweet savors of holiness, and to obtain a portion of this perfume of celestial glory.

Whoso followeth this counsel will break his chains asunder, will taste the abandonment of enraptured love, will attain unto his heart’s desire, and will surrender his soul into the hands of his Beloved. Bursting through his cage, he will, even as the bird of the spirit, wing his flight to his holy and everlasting nest.

Night hath succeeded day, and day hath succeeded night, and the hours and moments of your lives have come and gone, and yet none of you hath, for one instant, consented to detach himself from that which perisheth. Bestir yourselves, that the brief moments that are still yours may not be dissipated and lost. Even as the swiftness of lightning your days shall pass, and your bodies shall be laid to rest beneath a canopy of dust. What can ye then achieve? How can ye atone for your past failure?

The everlasting Candle shineth in its naked glory. Behold how it hath consumed every mortal veil. O ye moth-like lovers of His light! Brave every danger, and consecrate your souls to its consuming flame.

O ye that thirst after Him! Strip yourselves of every earthly affection, and hasten to embrace your Beloved. With a zest that none can equal make haste to attain unto Him. The Flower, thus far hidden from the sight of men, is unveiled to your eyes. In the open radiance of His glory He standeth before you. His voice summoneth all the holy and sanctified beings to come and be united with Him. Happy is he that turneth thereunto; well is it with him that hath attained, and gazed on the light of so wondrous a countenance.

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Write to his honor Zein on my behalf: O Zein! The most great convulsion mentioned in the Tablets of Divine decree from the Pen of the Lord of Creation has shaken the pillars of all lands and perturbed the hearts of the servants. Glory be to God! How many souls cling to their borrowed life and grasp onto this base world. Of what use is a life not sacrificed in the path of the Friend? A body not offered in the way of the Beloved is not worth a mustard seed. In all Tablets it has been revealed that the victory of God's Cause today has been and will be through wisdom and utterance, not through conflict and contention. Yet they committed that which was forbidden them. What was destined has come to pass. Soon will the words of the deniers and epistles of the polytheists be spread abroad. By the one true God! In the sight of those who gaze upon the Most Glorious Horizon, all that they have written has been and will be devoid of the garment of true meaning, deprived of the robe of acceptance, and bereft of the fragrances of truth. When the veils of fancy were rent asunder by the fingers of divine power, the words of the manifestations of Satan appeared more insignificant than the words of children. Take thou the Pen of might and power, by the sovereignty of thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the All-Choosing. Then write in response to them, in complete detachment, whatsoever God has cast into thy heart. Thus does He command thee in truth, as a grace from Us upon thee, and I am the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Compelling. Tarry not today in the Cause of God, for the clamor has been raised from every quarter. Take thou the most pure wine in My Most Great Name, then pass it round among the people of Baha, that they may drink and become detached from all that hath been created in the realm of existence, and soar unto the station of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Thus hath the Most Glorious Pen inscribed in thy name in these days wherein the hearts of the chosen ones have been sorely troubled. Say: By God! The Hour itself now wails and smites its head by reason of the severity of the Cause. The Resurrection itself hath arisen bewildered before the Face, turning now to the right, now to the left, as though waiting for that which is hidden from sight. Say: By God! The Trumpet hath not borne this most great blast, and the cords of the Balance have snapped, and the tribes of Names have lamented in the kingdom of destiny, and the seas have dried up, and the lands have been submerged, and the heavens of idle fancies have been rolled up in the grasp of the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then was spread the carpet of certitude with sovereignty and power. By God the Truth! A single hair of those servants who have today shattered the greatest idol would be better in God's sight than all that hath been created on earth, and God would prefer it above all things, for they have borne what none before them have borne,

whereunto testifieth the Tongue of God, the Peerless, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: Were all the tablets and pages and books and scriptures between earth and heaven to be filled, and were no fragrance of My remembrance to waft from them, by God! The buzzing of a fly would be better than they in thy Lord's sight. Thus hath the Pen of the All-Choosing inscribed wondrous mysteries.

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O Majid! Hear thou the call of this Wronged One. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of glory and detachment that from the beginning of creation until now such tyranny hath not been inflicted upon anyone. Why dost thou sit at ease? Hast thou forgotten My wondrous melodies, or hath association with people made thee heedless? Thou hast witnessed My patience, forbearance and tranquility. Now consider what hath occurred that hath caused the lamentation, crying and wailing of the Beauty of Oneness. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Had I drunk the cup of martyrdom at the hands of the most wicked of men, it would have been preferable to Me than that these matters which cause the abasement of the Cause should become known among the people. By God! My soul weepeth, and Mine eye, and My heart, and My pen, and from My sighs the dwellers of Paradise do lament, but the people neither perceive nor hear.

O Majid! Thou knowest how much I strove to exalt the Cause of God, until it reached the station thou didst witness. And then the first token of love shown to this Wronged One was that they arose to slay Me and exerted their utmost to cut down the divine Tree. When this became known, this Servant withdrew alone to another house, that perchance the fire of malice and hatred might subside. Then they sent messengers to all regions writing that they had girded themselves to slay Me, and whatever they had done and whatever was in their hearts they attributed to the Divine Lote-Tree that none can know. Yet thou knowest that had this Servant desired to harm him, he would not have existed at all. When his writing was observed, I felt compelled to inform the people of these matters, lest they be led astray from the luminous path by the fabricated words he had written. By Him Who is unique in grandeur and glory! Had he remained quiet after this Servant's departure, this Servant would never have mentioned it. Among other things he wrote that they had left Me for want of bread. Observe the baseness and meanness of his soul, what he hath said and what he hath done. Let that honored one himself reflect. Having associated with this Servant for years, is it befitting to attribute such calumnies to the Lord of Names and Attributes, possessed of supreme sanctity and detachment? No, by the Self of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting! The mention of My tribulations hath exceeded both tongue and pen. I do but complain of My grief and sorrow unto God.

In any case, they will exercise the utmost scheming to cause thee to turn away from the Cause of God. O chosen one! Among all the servants, thou wert the first to attain unto God Himself and to believe in His presence. Stand thou firm in the Cause in such wise that through thy steadfastness all may become steadfast.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering! O thou who hast turned to God! Hearken in this darksome night, wherein the light of utterance hath illumined the world, unto the call of the Lord of Names. They that account themselves among the learned and the perceiving have failed to hearken to the scratching of the Pen, being occupied with the imaginings of the peoples. Throughout the ages and centuries, one of the sects that considered itself the most exalted of all creation and the most pious of all servants - namely the Shi'ih sect - was found, at the appearance of the divine Touchstone, to be the most evil and the most lost of all peoples. Night and day they would rise from their pulpits at the mention of the Qa'im's name and cry "May God hasten His advent!", but the result of these false words became "may God hasten their punishment." All were consigned to hell-fire save a few, as both the learned and the ignorant among them, at the bidding of these souls, strove to extinguish the divine light and martyred the Dayspring of verses. The cause and reason for this most great injustice was that certain lying souls united with that rejected sect and, through a hundred thousand tricks and deceits, brought forth mention of the Holy Land and of Jabulqa and Jabulsa and the like. Through false tales they firmly established themselves in the hearts and minds of that heedless sect, who even now await this evident Cause to appear from the imaginary Jabulqa. Far, far from it! Now certain barking ones in the land of Kaf and Ra have arisen in rejection and denial, and are engaged in contriving similar imaginary matters. They have not understood that this is the Day of God, known by this supreme designation in all the scriptures, tablets and books. Despite this they have again clung to former names. Say: O infidels! If the people of the Furqan reaped any fruit from that to which they clung, ye too shall reap the same. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of those who understand not. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone and His loved ones who have arisen to serve His Cause by His decisive and wise command. Say: Today the books of the world suffice not, except for this manifest, evident and perspicuous Book. Today the Mother Book speaketh and the Interlocutor of the Mount hath appeared and is manifest. All matters have depended and shall depend upon His will. The Herald, the Primal Point, proclaimed "I am the first to worship Him," yet these shameless people strive to lead the servants astray. Blessed art thou for having drunk the wine of steadfastness from the cup of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Wise. Preserve this station through My Name, detached from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. The servant who standeth before the Face hath appeared and mentioned thee unto his Lord. We have remembered thee with this wondrous remembrance. We have seen thy turning to God and heard thy call. We have answered thee with verses from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's grace, the Kind, the Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the Powerful!

Blessed is He unto Whom belongeth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on earth, and all are His worshippers. His is what He hath created and shall create, and He hath ordained all things in due measure, and all bow down before Him. His is the Command and the Creation. He giveth life to whomsoever He willeth through His command and causeth to die whomsoever He willeth through His

authority. His verily is the might and the glory, His the grandeur and the splendor, His the power and the permanence, His the loftiness and the radiance, and unto Him do all return.

O servant! Remind the servants of that which We inspired thee before the creation of the heavens and earth, before the creation of the Concourse on High, and before the appearance of honored servants. Fear thou no one, but place thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We shall protect thee from those who have disbelieved and turned away, even as We protected thee from the serpent's mouth and raised thee to a praiseworthy station. Beware lest thou conceal thy beauty as thou didst conceal it before. Rather, reveal what thou art commanded and delay not the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Beloved.

Call thou the people to the Most Great Ocean which surgeth in thy name, the Exalted, the Praiseworthy. Then deliver unto the people what was revealed in the Bayan and tarry not for less than a moment. Command what is right and turn away from those who turn not their faces toward thy countenance.

Say: I am the Beauty of God on earth, His Proof amidst His servants, His Evidence amongst His creation, His Testament in His realm, and His Path amongst His creatures, would that ye might know. Say: Whoso turneth away from Me hath turned away from God from all eternity, and whoso gazeth upon Me hath gazed upon God, the Generous, the Forgiving. Say: The faith of no one shall be complete except through entering beneath My shadow - and this is My shadow which hath encompassed the heavens and earth, wherein have entered the sanctified ones who dwell in the precincts of eternity, and none hath knowledge of them save God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, then have mercy upon yourselves. Keep not distant from the station wherein the name of God is upraised at every moment and hour, at eventide and at dawn. Say: Nothing shall be accepted from anyone today except by My leave, would that ye might understand. Therefore, die in your wrath, O people of hatred, for God's punishment and His wrath have come upon you, and ye are tormented within your own selves. Then rejoice, O people of love, in the meeting with God and His days, and in His beauty and His signs - ye shall indeed rejoice! Thus have We inspired thee, O people of the Bayan, with that which I have been commanded by God, my Lord and your Lord, would that ye might hear. Whoso wisheth, let him accept, and whoso wisheth, let him turn away. Verily God is independent of them and of all who are in the kingdom and of all that they do or know. And the Spirit be upon those who have prostrated themselves before the countenance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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That which descended from the right hand of the Throne - let Jim and ?ad, being gladdened by the fragrances of divine loving-kindness, know that special favors have ever flowed and will continue to flow from the threshold of the Divine Unity upon those messengers in the valley of the glory of the All-Sufficing. But O friends of God! Today stillness and tranquility are forbidden, while ardor and rapture and restlessness in the path of the Chosen Beauty are beloved. For if one observes with a subtle eye - by God the Truth! - verily the Most Great Paradise is stirring within itself and all that is ordained therein out of longing to attain the presence of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, Who hath appeared once

again in His primordial garment, whereupon the embodiments of limitation fled from His presence - these wretched ones between earth and heaven. Know ye that the Most Great Paradise and all that hath been created therein of the essences of the hearts of the Maids of Heaven and the quintessence of the spirits of the secluded ones, as well as the subtle divine crafts and the jewels of holy creation - all are in motion today and restless from longing for the Chosen Beauty. Therefore beware lest ye grow cold in My love or choose silence regarding the wondrous remembrance of Me. At all times cast forth My new remembrances upon those who await the snares of My mention, that all may, through God's grace and bounty and through God's might and mercy, be set in motion like fire and become ignited, so that by the heat of these sanctified temples the people of the world may be consumed and refined by the fire of the divine Tree of Love, until the signs of God's fire become manifest and evident upon all else. Today the cup and what it contains and the one who takes it are all considered as one and witnessed before the Throne. But the sword of separation that hath appeared in the garment of the Word of God is occupied with its appointed task in all things, and soon will holy hearts surge forth from their hidden places like the manifestations of the fire of the Divine Tree and become visible in the world of appearance. Blessed are they and what they have attained from their Creator and what hath been ordained for them of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Luminous. Do not restrain the tongue from explanation and elucidation. At all times, dedicate heart and soul to teaching the Cause. And peace be upon him who conveyeth the Cause of his Lord and is not prevented by the derision of enemies nor their heedlessness nor their harm. Furthermore, be vigilant regarding the Cause of God at all times and never let go of wisdom lest harm occur. Convey the holy salutation, free from the veils of writing, to the servants of God and His loved ones, both female and male, from the tongue of God. Blessed are they who convey it.

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This is addressed to His Honor M.H., upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], 26 Ramadan 1305

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to the Intended One whose Cause has been healing and whose decree has been and is unity. He commanded His loved ones to fellowship and unity, and through that unity illumined the horizons. The Salsabil mentioned in one place is the spring of love - blessed is he who has drunk and attained, and woe unto him who has denied this manifest grace. A hundred thousand thanks and praise unto the Ancient Lord who has purified His loved ones from treachery and all that is unseemly. Praise be to God, they are adorned and embellished with the ornament of truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and fidelity. And I pray and send peace upon the Ocean of Oneness through whom were raised the banners of detachment and established the decree of God and His Command and the will of God and His sovereignty, and upon His family and companions through whom the Herald called out from all directions: "The gates of cities and lands have been opened in the name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty."

And then, by the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, your letter was an ocean of joy and a heaven of delight, for the luminary of truthfulness was dawning from its horizon and the sun of trustworthiness rising from its direction. After the joy obtained and the manifest delight observed, it was brought before

His presence. He said: “Blessed is he and those with him and whosoever holdeth fast to justice and fairness in all matters. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of sanctity and holiness. The Wronged One beareth witness to their trustworthiness and their love and affection and their turning to God. We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before their faces the gates of His blessings and favors and bounty and generosity and grace.” End quote.

To Him be praise and glory. His favor encompasseth, His grace sustaineth, His mercy assisteth, His bounty existeth. Assuredly that which is expedient and conformeth to consummate wisdom shall be made manifest. The servant testifieth to His favors and kindnesses and grace and mercy which have preceded the existence of His servants. We beseech God to assist His loved ones through the means of the heavens and earth and to confirm them through His bounty and generosity. Verily He is the Munificent, the Generous. And praise be to Him, for He is our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earths. I send greetings and praise to all the loved ones of that land. Each one, praise be to God, hath been and is mentioned and is feasting at the table of favor and the banquet of grace. On their behalf, this servant hath placed his face of powerlessness upon the dust of humility and uttereth the words “Thine is the praise and Thine is the thanks.” Powerlessness is from us and might is from Him; turning is from us and bestowal is from Him. Verily He is the Forgiver and He is the Chosen One in the beginning and in the end. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the sincere servants of God.

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O Afnan, his honor Haji Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be unto the Desired One Who, through His absolute Will which is the station of the Most Exalted Word, brought the world from nothingness into being, made absolute existence manifest from pure non-existence, and through two letters brought forth the means of heaven and earth from annihilation to the realm of immortality. He is the One with power Who breathed into the Supreme Pen, which is the true form, a breath that adorned the decomposed bones with the ornament of eternal life and everlasting existence. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! How great is His dominion, how exalted His station! There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And blessings and peace and glory and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who did not break His covenant and testament, who traveled throughout the lands to exalt His Word and spread His signs - these are servants whom We made dawning-places of Our most beautiful names and Our most exalted attributes, and through them God gave His servants to drink of the Kawthar of recognition and the Salsabil of utterance. Verily He is the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. This is a letter from Us to him who attained the presence and drank the wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous, who stood before the Face and heard the Call which was raised in the prison of Akka, who attained the meeting and took the chalice of immortality from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We mentioned thee before in verses which all the remembrances of the world cannot equal, and We mention thee at this time with that which draws the hearts of the sincere ones. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We testify that thou hast attained unto that which God hath revealed in His mighty Book. Grieve not at anything. Trust in

God, the Lord of the worlds. We were with thee in all conditions. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Nothing escapes His knowledge. He heareth the call of His loved ones and answereth, and He is the Munificent, the Powerful, the Mighty. One of My Branches who was named Diya in the Kingdom of Names hath appeared before Us and mentioned thee - We have remembered thee in this clear Tablet. That which thou didst send to the servant who is present before the Throne hath come before the Wronged One. We have read it and answered thee as a favor from God, the Lord of this exalted station. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having turned unto Thy face and sent down for me that which shall endure as long as Thy mighty and exalted Kingdom shall endure. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy grace, to open before my face and the faces of my children the doors of Thy mercy and loving-kindness, and to ordain for us from the Pen of destiny that which shall profit us in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Mighty, the Great. O my Lord! Thou seest the essence of poverty turning toward the ocean of Thy grace and riches, the abased one toward the kingdom of Thy might, and the needy one toward the sun of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

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O God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones turning their hearts to Thee, and holding fast unto the cord of Thy ordinances and laws. I beseech Thee by the waves of the sea of Thine utterance, and by Him through Whom Thou didst adorn the heavens of Thy might, to graciously protect them by the aid of Thy hosts. O God! Thou beholdest Thy lovers in Iran in the clutches of hate and enmity. I beg of Thee, by Thy mercy which hath preceded the contingent world, to raise up from the earth those who will be moved to aid and protect them, and to preserve their rights and the restitution due to them by those who broke Thy Covenant and Testament, and perpetrated such acts as made the inmates of the cities of Thy justice and equity to lament. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Ever-Abiding

Praise and thanksgiving beseem the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who hath made the tyranny of oppressors and the dominion of rulers the cause and means of exalting His Most Great Word. At times He exalteth His Cause through the hands of the oppressors, and at other times through the hands of His loved ones, who regard the heedless as mere handful of dust and who speak that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken in the Most Sublime Horizon. These are men whom neither the ornaments of the world nor the treasures of princes can distract from the remembrance of this News wherewith God hath gladdened His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Blessed is he who hath clung fast thereunto and hath turned toward the court of His glory, and woe betide the heedless ones.

O spiritual friend! The letters sent by thee were received. One of them was from his honor Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the peace of God and His glory. Blessed is he and joy be unto him, for from the

words of his letter wafted the fragrance of love for the Lord of the Pen and the divine quill. By “Pen” is meant and hath ever been meant the Most Exalted Pen. It is the divine trumpet and the opener of the gates of the Lord’s mercy and bounty. By its song have been enraptured the hearts of them that are endued with understanding and are sincere. Blessed is he who hath truly hearkened to its song, for he seeth himself detached from all things and standing at the gate of grace with such steadfastness as the hosts of rulers and divines and the denizens of the earthly realm cannot deter him. After perusal and review it was brought before His presence. This is what was revealed from the tongue of the Lord, may our souls be offered up for His sake.

He is the All-Hearing, the Answering.

Praise be to God Who hath opened wide the gate of true understanding before the faces of all created things through the key of His Most Merciful Name, and hath guided all unto that path. O Shaykh, peace be upon thee! Today these pages are illumined with the light of justice, for His Majesty Sultan Abdul-Hamid hath seated himself upon the throne of equity. Verily, tyranny and oppression have no place therein. In truth, he is occupied day and night with the affairs of both government and people. Today the eye of the world is brightened by him, and the equitable among God’s servants are well pleased with his decrees. From the first day of Our imprisonment in the Most Great Prison until now, no adverse action hath been witnessed from His Majesty. Whenever the cry of the oppressed hath been raised from any quarter, he hath personally attended thereto and acted as befitteth his glory and might. All the people of his realm repose beneath the shade of the tree of his grace. Who is that lost one whom his favor hath not sought?

It therefore behooveth all of this community to supplicate the Self-Sufficient Lord with utmost humility and devotion for his protection and victory. Verily, He is the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of grace and bounty. He is God, the Strong, the Prevailing, the Mighty.

This Wronged One hath ever beseeched God - exalted be His glory - to enable His loved ones to achieve that which is the cause of sanctification and detachment amongst His servants. Praise be to God, sedition, conflict, contention and warfare have been explicitly forbidden in the Book. We hope that they who have turned towards that which God hath willed may hold fast unto His commandments and act in accordance with that which they have been bidden. Perchance through the heavenly counsels and divine exhortations, the rancor and hatred burning in hearts and souls may be quenched, and mankind may attain unto that which is the cause of salvation and tranquility.

We send greetings to the friends in that land and counsel them to righteousness and piety. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen them, preserve them through the hosts of power and might, and draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions.

His honor ’Akkash, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all names, together with his kinsmen, is remembered in the presence of this Wronged One. His honor Muhammad, upon him be the peace and glory of God, hath been forwarding and continues to forward letters from that quarter to this Wronged One. Due to the sorrows that have befallen Us, replies are sometimes delayed and at other times dispatched immediately.

The effulgences of the Sun of divine favor are of such intensity that truly all the pens of the world and its peoples are powerless to reckon them. Whenever mention was made of any one of His loved ones before their Lord, the ocean of utterance would surge in such wise as to astound the world of existence. Despite encompassing sorrows and trials that have befallen Us, that which is a Clear Book for the preservation of God's servants and the prosperity of lands hath been revealed in every instant. This Prisoner beseecheth God that He may adorn the people of that place with the ornament of trustworthiness and godliness, and with that whereby their stations may be exalted in the earth. As for his honor's request for permission to attain Our presence, after the setting of the Sun permission was granted and made manifest. Well is it with him!

The letter from his honor Shams, upon him be the peace of God, was received. Praise be to God, as it was adorned with the mention and praise of God - exalted be His glory - and gave voice to the blessed word of divine unity, its fragrance brought forth joy and its words opened the gate of gladness. Thanks be to the Goal of all the worlds that His loved ones are holding fast to the recognition of His oneness and acknowledging that which hath been sent down from His presence.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones turning unto Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy commandments and laws. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by Him through Whom Thou didst adorn the heavens of Thy power, to protect them through Thy bounty and Thy hosts. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in Iran beneath the claws of hatred and aggression. I implore Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things to raise up from the earth one who will arise to help them, protect them, and secure their rights and blood money from those who have violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy justice and equity to lament. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be to God! In the land of Ya (Yazd) in Iran, wolves have attacked the friends and the faithful, and have committed that which causeth the tears of those near unto God and the sighs of the sincere ones to fall and ascend. That misguided party showed no mercy to innocent children who remained without sustenance for several days, and it is reported that the followers of His Holiness the Spirit of God (Jesus Christ), peace be upon Him, provided assistance and secretly sent life-sustaining provisions. Although these acts were committed to extinguish the light, yet God hath made tribulations the cause of the exaltation of His Cause and the means for the upliftment of His Word, despite their will. Verily, He is the Just, the Wise. Soon will God raise up from the drops of the blood of the oppressed men who will help His friends and loved ones. Assuredly, after the darkness of tyranny, the light of divine justice shall shine forth, and after oppression, the sun of equity shall cast its rays. Verily, our Lord is the Just, the Compassionate, the Generous.

After reading and reciting the letter of his honor Shams, upon him be the peace of God, we approached the court and it was presented in the presence of the Lord and was honored to be heard. He - may our souls be sacrificed for Him - said:

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

O Shams, upon thee be the peace of God! His honor Muhammad, upon him be the peace of God and His care, forwarded thy letter to the Wronged One, and His Holiness the Branch ?iya presented it. Blessed art thou for We have found from thee the fragrance of steadfastness and of humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Although encompassing sorrows have descended, yet the door of mention and utterance is open. We beseech God to write down for thee and His loved ones, from the Pen of His grace, a bountiful reward in His Book, to protect you from the evil of His enemies, to illumine you with the lights of His oneness, to assist you in performing the deeds which He hath sent down from the Pen of His justice, and to ordain for you that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have sacrificed their souls and their wealth in His path, and to send down upon you from the clouds of His grace the rain of His mercy. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Mention of Akkas had previously flowed from the Pen, and We desire to mention him once again at the end of the Book, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Akkas! Thy call hath been heard and thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One. The wolves in the land of Ya have torn the divine sheep. Today the lamentation and wailing of all things is raised. The manifestations of tyranny and wickedness, and the dawning-places of self and desire, have wrought that which hath no likeness or parallel. We beseech God to aid the enemies to return unto Him and to turn repentant to the door of His grace. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the men and women servants in that land. Each one is mentioned and hath attained a bounty. We counsel all to righteousness and forbid them from evil, that all may be adorned with the ornament of godliness and attain the acceptance of the Desired One. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

In the city of Yazd the workers of tyranny and wickedness wrought that which caused lamentation and wailing to arise from the solid rock. Hearts that were treasuries of the pearls of divine love were cut out, and temples that were illumined with the light of steadfastness were cut to pieces, then burned and cast into pits. And from the rushing winds of divine mercy that passed over those burned bodies, these words were heard: “Alas! Alas! O people of Iran! Ye have martyred your true friends at the bidding of your enemies. O misguided party! What was the sin of the children and families? Soon shall the recompense of your deeds encompass you, and ye shall wail and lament and find no helper, for ye have become deserving of divine wrath. The hand of justice is manifest and evident, and hath not and will not overlook the oppression of the oppressors. Verily He is the Commander, the Just, the Wise.”

I convey greetings to the friends in that land, and I beseech the Almighty Incomparable One to grant each one bounty, wealth and glory. Verily He is the Giver, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. Glory and praise and honor be upon thee and upon God’s loved ones there and in all regions, who have recognized that which God hath sent down in His perspicuous Book.

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O Muhammad and Husayn, upon them be the glory of God! He is the One Who speaks before the faces of the world. Praise befits and is worthy of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, Who spoke forth through the Most Great Word. At that moment, the ocean of divine knowledge surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted, and the light of certitude shone forth from the horizon of proof. Exalted, exalted is this most great bounty, and exalted is this generosity that has encompassed existence, and exalted is this grace that has encompassed all peoples!

O people of God! This day is the day of the most great steadfastness. The people of Baha are souls who have passed beyond the gulf of names and on the shore of the sea of reality have raised high the banner of true divine unity. Names, like the Shi'ih sect, did not prevent them from the light of divine unity. They are firmly attached to and focused on the Truth alone. These are they who are of the Crimson Ark, whose mention flowed from the Supreme Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma.

O Muhammad! The countenance of the Ancient One has turned toward you from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and has mentioned you in that whereby your mention shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. This is a day through whose mention God's books have been adorned, both of old and more recently. Blessed is he who has recognized and attained to its effusions, and woe to every heedless doubter. Say: O people! By God, the Day and the Self-Subsisting have come. He has broken the seal of His choice sealed wine. Come and drink thereof in His Name, the Protector of all who are in earth and heaven.

O Husayn! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He mentions you in that which will draw you near to God, the Dayspring of lights. When you find the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance, say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy knowledge from the cup of Thy bounty, and for having illumined my reality with the light of Thy recognition, and for having made known to me Thy straight and manifest path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the Banner which Thou hast raised by Thy command upon the loftiest spots of Thy earth, and by the Standard which has been lifted up in Thy Name and speaks before the faces of Thy creation, to ordain for me that which befits the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trustees who have spent their wealth and their lives in Thy path. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We beseech God to assist you and likewise His loved ones to be steadfast, for the divine Cause in this Revelation is most mighty. Most of those who have turned to it thus far are unaware of the root of the Cause. The Mother Book bears witness to this in this lofty station. The lights of the Revelation of Him Who conversed with God have encompassed the world, yet eyes are veiled and prevented from beholding. We beseech God to assist all to draw near unto Him in all His worlds. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth, and He is the All-Bounteous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon the son of the martyr and upon you both and upon him who was named Mirza Aqa and upon every one who is steadfast, upright, firm and trustworthy.

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He is God - exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise be to Him through Whom the land of Ba was honored by the arrival of Him around Whom all names revolve. Through this all atoms gave glad tidings to all created things, as the Sun of Beauty of the Most Great Branch of God, the All-Glorious, and the Mystery of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Straight, emerged and shone forth from the gate of the prison, heading toward another place. Through this the prison land was saddened while another rejoiced. Exalted, exalted be our Lord, the Creator of the heavens and the Maker of all things, Who by His sovereignty opened the prison gate to manifest what He had revealed in the Tablets aforetime. He is, verily, the One with power over what He willeth, and in His grasp is the kingdom of creation. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed, then blessed is the land honored by His footsteps, the eye that was solaced by His beauty, the ear that was honored by hearkening to His call, the heart that tasted the sweetness of His love, the breast that was gladdened by His remembrance, the pen that moved to His praise, and the tablet that bore His traces. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to honor us with meeting Him soon. He is, verily, the Hearer, the Powerful, the Answerer.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention and utterance and your arising to serve God and His Cause. The bird of my heart has taken flight at the warbling of the dove of your remembrance and the scratching of your pen. This has so transported and enraptured me in such wise as none can reckon save God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. When I learned and discovered what was therein, I approached the gate and entered and arose and, after seeking permission, presented what the nightingale of love for you had warbled in remembrance of God, our Creator and your Creator. Then the countenance of the Beloved turned toward this evanescent one and said: “Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy, that the joy of remembrance may so possess him that the sorrows of the world cannot sadden him nor the troubles of the nations affect him. He is among those who have been mentioned before the Face on most days. Glory be upon him and upon those with him who have attained My good-pleasure and acted according to that which has diffused the fragrance of My character.” Thus ended His words.

As for what you wrote in the letter you sent, it has arrived, and likewise another letter. Soon, God willing and by His power, an answer will be sent to you regarding the land of Kaf.

As for the letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, there is no harm if it is delayed, for in recent days sublime words were issued for him and others and were sent to him by sea. I ask your honor to turn, after seeking permission, and visit the feet of my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of those near unto God, His Holiness the Branch of God - may my spirit and my being and my essence and all that my Lord has given me be a sacrifice for the atoms of the dust of His glorious footsteps - on behalf of this evanescent servant. This is a great bounty from your presence upon me. All glory, all glory be upon you and upon whoever has held fast to the Sure Handle, and upon the loved ones there. I send my feeble greetings to them and seek their pardon for my transgressions which occurred due to my heedlessness in

remembering them. I seek forgiveness in all conditions. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. And I send greetings and salutations to the two Ha's before the Sin's who have attained to serving their Lord and who became strangers in His shadow to draw near unto Him. Blessed are they and joy be unto them, and for them is a goodly return.

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There reaches Jinab-i-Rahim, that he may be shown mercy through the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful:

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious! A remembrance from God, from the presence of Glory, unto him who hath believed in his Lord and was numbered among the faithful in the Mother Book, inscribed by the Pen of Command. O servant! We have sent thee Tablets before this, from whose horizon the sun of thy Lord's mercy shone forth upon thee, that thou mightest be filled with joy. And besides these We have sent thee this Tablet containing thy Lord's messages - deliver them unto His servants, fear no one, and place thy trust at all times in thy Lord. And if thou desirest to know what hath befallen My Beauty, by God! words fail to recount this Cause, whose measure even the hands of them that reckon cannot encompass. Were a thousand seas to be made ink for My tribulations, by God! they would be exhausted while the mention of My tribulations, visible from the horizon of destiny, would not be ended. And if thou wishest to know a trace thereof, breathe the air, and if thou detectest the fragrance of blood, then ponder what hath befallen the Beauty of the Ancient of Days from the arrows of those who disbelieved in God and denied His signs after He had, by His word, created their own selves and all who dwell in the kingdom, gathered together. We commanded thee before to emerge from behind the veil of silence and to speak forth between earth and heaven concerning this Most Great Remembrance, and to warble with the sweetest melodies in the Kingdom of Names and Attributes. Yet until now We have not heard thy call, as though thou hast held back in what We commanded thee. Beware lest thou hold back - be thou as a flame of God's fire kindled among His servants, that through thee may be set ablaze the hearts of those whom intoxication hath overtaken in these days when heedlessness hath seized both young and old. Raise thy call throughout the land and make mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in these days when the hosts of polytheism have surrounded Him from every direction, and He hath no helper nor supporter in all the earth. Beware, beware lest thou turn to the earth and its people. Rather look with the eye of truth toward thy Lord's direction and be possessed of enlightened vision. Verily, they who have broken God's Covenant and devoted themselves to the idols of their own selves - these have no standing with God and are not mentioned before the Throne. And if thou findest one possessed of enlightened vision, reveal unto him the pearls of thy Lord's Cause, that perchance he may find peace in his soul and stand firm, by thy Lord's leave, upon the Most Great Path. O servant! Purify the hearts of the servants from vain imaginings, then illumine them with the splendor of thy Lord's remembrance. Thus doth the Temple of Eternity command thee, that thou mayest be faithful to the Covenant. Leave those who are veiled by delusion from the Sovereign of the Cause and have turned from the garden of nearness to the lowest of stations - the place which was created in fire, above fire, in the abyss of divine wrath. Thus have We

remembered thee and sent thee that which will purify thee and purify the people from every rejected polytheist.

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It is known that this servant has always been embarrassed before you, and never has anything worthy materialized that would allow me to manifest my inner love through outward expressions. Today a cloak became available and was sent with a thousand thousand regrets - until later what God wills. God willing, may you adorn your noble form with this dark garment. The water of life, if in darkness, is more beloved, as it has been and is, so that the neighbor knows not and the table-companion understands not, and the envious one is at peace and the envied one remains concealed. As for the rest, you must strongly urge his honor Mirza Muhammad Hadi - may God illumine his countenance - to remain preserved from the attributes and tongue of those people, meaning his speech should remain preserved from the accent [of Beg] and others, and in writing and knowledge they should certainly strive.

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In the Name of God, the One Who has dominion over all names! This is a remembrance from Us to him who has attained unto the Most Great Sea and has been honored with that which is the purpose in the Tablets of God, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and who has drunk the choice wine of revelation when he attained the presence in Zawra and heard what Moses heard when he turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in that the Book hath been directed unto thee from this station, and verily it is a Book wherein We have detailed Our Preserved Tablet. We have desired to cause thee to soar in the atmosphere of remembrance and knowledge with wings the like of which have not been seen in the realm of creation, wings that are brought forth through the power of the Spirit which hath been breathed forth through the might of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We have desired to make thee speak forth the praise of God, not with a tongue like unto the tongues of men, but rather with the tongue that appeareth from the Kingdom of thy Lord's utterance, the Director, the Mover, the All-Informed, that thou mayest arise to make mention in such wise as to move the world and awaken the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He moveth all who are in creation through a word from His presence; the might of the powerful hindereth Him not from what He willeth, nor doth the force of those in the heavens and earth weaken Him. Give thanks for having been mentioned before the Throne prior to His manifestation and for having attained the breezes of the days from this luminous Robe. We have sent unto thee the chalice of inner meanings which hath been filled from the Kawthar of utterance. Drink thou by Our leave. Verily thy Lord saith: "Well is it with thee, O thou who hast attained unto this noble station!"

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to stand through Thy Self-Subsistence amidst Thy creation, and made me speak forth that wherewith the atoms speak forth Thy remembrance and praise, and all created things the glorification of Thy Self and the sanctification of Thy Being, and strengthened me to manifest Thy Cause in such wise that neither the might of the Pharaohs

nor the power of the tyrants deterred me. I have proclaimed Thy Cause openly throughout the East and West of the earth, such that the pillars of the antagonists were shaken and the hearts of the oppressors were troubled. In all conditions I have been turned toward the horizon of Thy Cause and detached from all else besides Thee. Praise be unto Thee with such praise as causeth the mystics to soar unto the atmosphere of Thy bounty and favors, and attracteth the sincere ones unto the horizon of Thy revelation and gifts. And praise be unto Thee with such praise as burneth away the veils of all created things and the clouds of contingent beings, that they may turn unto the ocean of Thy reunion and be honored by attaining Thy presence in Thy days.

O Lord! Thou knowest that by this Tablet I intended one of my Afnan who is related unto My Self and who hath drunk the choice wine of My mercy from the Kawthar of My utterance when he attained the presence of the Throne of My grandeur and the seat of My revelation, and who preceded others in turning unto that mighty station. O Lord! Aid him to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that nothing that hath been created in Thy kingdom may hinder him. Then ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and decree for him the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book for the manifestation of love among His servants and hath desired to remove disputation and corruption from among the parties, and hath moved His Most Exalted Pen in such wise as to make manifest the station of love and establish the decree of unity throughout all lands. Glory and radiance be upon those who have arisen to serve Him and to aid His Cause through wisdom and utterance.

And now, this servant submitteth that the letter of his honor ’Ismu’llah M.H., may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, as well as the letter of the beloved Mirza H.Y., may the Glory of God and His favors be upon him, illumined these eyes and adorned this heart with the ornament of awareness. Mention was made repeatedly of your honor in both. Praise be to God that that beloved one is confirmed in that which is acceptable before God. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant your honor such confirmation as no hindrance can arrest and no troubles of the days can sadden.

Likewise the letter of the spiritual friend Aqa Khudadad, may the Glory and Grace of God be upon him, which was adorned with your honor’s handwriting, was also vouchsafed the honor of arrival. Praise be to God, joy after joy, bounty after bounty, and feast after feast have arrived and continue to arrive. However, this servant is much ashamed before Mirza, as it is absolutely certain that for one year or more nothing has been submitted to his honor. Yet the sublime Truth is witness and testimony that they are present and exist in the heart and before the eyes. Whenever the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, would pass by Tell Fakhkhar, mention of them was and is like salt in the food during excursions and walks

and other meals partaken of in the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God they have ever been and are blessed.

As for Aqa Khudadad, may the Glory of God be upon him, whose mention hath repeatedly been revealed from the Supreme Pen this year - blessed is he and joy be unto him. I beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, to confirm this servant in mentioning, praising and serving His friends.

Another submission is that some time ago a detailed petition was sent to your honor's presence, and after sending it was noticed that two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets remained and were not sent. They are now being sent. God willing, may the eyes of the recipients of the Tablets be illumined by their light and may they receive their portion from the fragrance of the divine verses.

This servant conveyeth glory and salutations to the honored ones and friends of Truth, and beseecheth all that in times of gathering and mention of the Truth, exalted be His glory, they forget him not. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Generous Giver. May the Glory that shineth manifest from the horizon of our Lord's loving-kindness be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon every one firm, steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

The Servant

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the wondrous dawning rays of the light of Thy Beauty, and the manifestations of the glory of Thy sovereignty and majesty, and by the lamentation of them that yearn for Thee in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the cry of them that love Thee at the appearance of the Sun of Thy reunion and presence. Then I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy splendor whereby shone forth the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance, and by Thy radiance whereby appeared the manifestations of the glory of Thy Self-Subsistence, and by Thy light whereby Thou didst illumine the Most Beautiful Names in the kingdom of Thy decree, and by Thy knowledge whereby Thou hast numbered all things through Thy sovereignty and power, and by the breezes that blow in the breasts of Thy chosen ones out of love for Thy Beauty, and by Thy words whereby were perfected the mysteries of Thy wisdom and Thy proof was completed against all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven, and whereby Thy favor was perfected upon Thy loved ones and trustees among the people of Thy realm, and by Thy sovereignty which was established over all things and from which appeared the signs of Thy holy Oneness and the evidences of Thy glorious greatness, and by Thy might whereby the breezes of glory wafted over Thy creation and creatures, and by Thy Name preserved in the treasuries of Thy protection, and by Thy Word imprisoned in the land of exile through what the hands of Thy enemies have wrought - that Thou mayest turn this face toward the face of Thy singleness, then give it to drink from the cups of Thy holy oneness, then send down upon it that which will sever it from all who are in the heavens and earth and

cause it to dwell in the vicinity of Thy loving-kindness. Then aid it, O my God, with the power of Thy triumph and victory in such wise that it shall not be heedless of Thee in the watches of Thy night and the ends of Thy day. Then manifest through it the evidences of Thy names and the wonders of Thy attributes. Then inspire it with the translation of Thy Revelation and the wonders of Thy knowledge. Then make it rich through Thy wealth and self-sufficiency. Then exalt it through Thy majesty and glory. Then beautify it through Thy beauty and grace. Then send down upon us, O our God and our Lord and our Beloved and our Desire, the rain of Thy mercy from the clouds of Thy glory and bounty, and the outpourings of Thy mercy from the clouds of Thy holiness and Thy gifts and favors, lest we be deprived of the wonders of Thy grace and generosity. Then preserve us, O my Beloved, from every affliction and harm and all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and Who ruleth over whatsoever He desireth. Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Then I beseech Thee, O my Sovereign, by the captives who were taken prisoner in Thy love and affection, and by the tears that flowed from the eyes of them that know Thee concerning what befell the Manifestations of Thy beauty and the Dawning-Places of the glory of Thy sovereignty, and by the sighs that rose from the hearts of them that are near unto Thee in the wilderness of their longing and yearning for Thee, that Thou assist me with every assistance encompassed by Thy knowledge and will, and raise me to a station wherein I shall hear naught except the wondrous melodies of the Dove of Thy holy oneness, and shall behold naught except the beauty of Thy creation, and shall turn to none besides Thee, and that Thou mayest prevent the hands of the oppressors from being laid upon our heads, and destroy our enemies, and exalt our names, and change our abasement. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Informed, the Sovereign, the Judge, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted! Glorified art Thou, O Thou before Whose manifestations of power every mighty one hath acknowledged powerlessness, and before Whose manifestations of knowledge every possessor of knowledge hath confessed ignorance. Thou art He Who hath adorned the brocade of creation with the ornament of Thy Most Glorious Name, and hath embellished the countenance of existence, both seen and unseen, with the decoration of the Point from which emergeth the letter Ha', that the words revealed by Thee unto the Manifestation of Thine exalted Self might be fulfilled. When through Thy power and majesty the Point was differentiated by the letter Ba' and established upon the Ha', Thy creatures and creation were struck with terror, save those upon whose foreheads Thy Most Exalted Pen had inscribed: "This is the Lord of the kingdoms of eternity and the Ruler over all things, and this indeed is He Who rideth upon the Ark of Glory." Exalted is this bounty which Thou hast specially reserved for Thy loved ones and ordained for Thy chosen ones. This was naught but a token of Thy grace, Thy favors, Thy generosity and Thy gifts, with none having any right to claim it, for if Thou, O my God, were to regard us with the glances of Thy justice, we would deserve all Thy wrath and punishment. I beseech Thee to regard us with the glances of Thy grace and beneficence, whereupon we become deserving of Thy mercy, Thy care, Thy generosity and Thy favor. O Lord! We are powerless and Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We are poor and Thou art the All-Possessing, of boundless generosity. O Thou Who art the Kawthar for those who thirst in their love and yearning for Thee, and the

Refuge for those who wander in the wilderness of separation and remoteness! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all necks have bowed before Thy sovereignty and power, and all faces have submitted to the radiance of the lights of Thy countenance, to preserve us from the evil of Thine enemies who have denied Thy favor and opposed the Manifestation of Thy Self after He came in the shadows of the Bayan for the revelation of the meanings hidden in Thy Tablets, whereby was established what Thou hadst testified of Thyself by Thyself, and was fulfilled what Thou hadst described of Thine Essence by Thine Essence. O Lord! Purify us from all else but Thee and sanctify us from the mention of aught except Thee, that we may become pure in Thy sight, helpers of Thy Cause, promoters of Thy signs, and utterers of Thy praise. Preserve, O my God, these weak ones beneath the shadow of Thy strength, and these poor ones within the pavilion of Thy wealth. O Lord! The very essence of power testifieth to its weakness before the manifestations of Thy might, and the very essence of knowledge beareth witness to its ignorance before the revelations of Thy knowledge, and the very essence of loftiness confesseth to its lowliness before the appearances of Thy transcendence and exaltation. Yet despite our knowledge of this, we know not by what remembrance to remember Thee, by what description to describe Thee, or by what power to ascend unto the heaven of Thy Cause. By Thy glory! Our very weakness in its reality beseecheth Thy strength, and our poverty in its essence imploreth Thy wealth. O Lord! We have come unto Thee detached from all else but Thee, and have hastened to the shore of Thy mercy and bounty and to the ocean of Thy grandeur and power. Deprive us not of that which lieth with Thee. We beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Beloved to preserve the Glory from the evil of Thine enemies. By Thy might! He hath been afflicted among them in such wise as cannot be mentioned in words. Verily Thou art the All-Merciful; there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom the Luminary of inner meanings hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and the worlds of knowledge and wisdom have been adorned with the lights of proof and evidence! I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy favor, and by Thy Cause through which Thou hast guided the sincere ones to the ocean of Thy recognition and the unitarians to the sun of Thy bounty, that Thou aid Thy servants to remember and praise Thee. Then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for those who have acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness, who have not changed Thy favor nor denied Thy right, who have not disputed Thy signs nor broken Thy covenant and Thy pledge, and who have sacrificed their souls to exalt Thy Most Sublime Word and manifest Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings in the kingdom of creation! O Lord! Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy grace the rains of Thy mercy, and ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes, gladden their hearts, and tranquilize their souls. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Sacred House and Station, by Zamzam and Safa, by the Most Remote

Mosque, and by Thy House which Thou hast made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the goal of all mankind, and by Him through Whom Thou hast manifested Thy Cause and sovereignty, revealed Thy verses, and raised the banners of Thy victory in Thy lands, whom Thou hast adorned with the ornament of finality, and through whom the breezes of revelation were cut off - that Thou disappoint me not of what Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and those of Thy creatures who are sincere. Verily, Thou art He to Whose power all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur all possible things have borne witness. No impediment can withhold Thee, and nothing can veil Thee. Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanks be to Thee, O my Desire! I testify that I was heedless - Thou didst guide me to Thy path; I was ignorant - Thou didst teach me the ways of Thy good-pleasure; I was asleep - Thou didst awaken me to Thy remembrance and praise. O my God, my Quest and my Hope! By Thy might! This servant of Thine confesseth his powerlessness, poverty, transgressions, sins, heedlessness and ignorance. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which dominateth all names, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy, O Creator of the heavens, and by Thy Most Great Book whereby Thou hast guided the peoples and wherein Thou hast informed Thy servants of the Resurrection and its manifestations, of the Hour and its signs, and hast made it a herald of glad tidings to Thy friends and a warner to Thine enemies - that Thou make me in all conditions patient in Thy trials, looking toward the horizon of Thy grace, holding fast to the cord of obedience unto Thee, and acting in accordance with what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful, and verily, Thou art God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Lord! Send Thy blessings upon the Lord of Yathrib and Batha, and upon His family and companions who were not prevented by anything whatsoever from helping Thy Cause, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of creation. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Bestower, the Ordainer, the Munificent, the All-Wise.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. All greatness and might, all glory and power belong unto Him. Nothing whatsoever keepeth Him from being occupied with any other thing and no matter preventeth Him from dealing with another. He doeth whatsoever He pleaseth, by virtue of His sovereign might. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that the One Who speaketh forth is the Speaker on Sinai, Who hath dawned above the horizon of revelation, and through Whom the mysteries have been unveiled, the stream have gushed forth, and all that was from everlasting concealed in the books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self Subsisting, hath been revealed. He it is through Whom attainment unto the Presence of God hath been realized in this day, a day whose mention hath adorned all the sacred books and scriptures. Blessed be the one who hath met Him, well assured of meeting and being reunited with God. Such a soul is indeed among them that have truly apprehended that which the All-Merciful hath

revealed in the Qur’an, and We bear that he is numbered with the people of certitude in the preserved tablet.

Praise be to God, Who is peerless in His beauty and incomparable in His majesty, Who perisheth not, Who hath ever been, and will ever be, sanctified above all peer or likeness, and Who shall remain hidden and concealed till He appeareth in His meridian glory and summoneth all mankind unto Himself, the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Exalted be God, the Sovereign Lord Who hath created love and made it to be the greatest sign and an affliction for all mankind. Every mighty heart is humbled before its sovereignty, and every radiant countenance hath paled before its penetrating power and awesome majesty. Love, verily, is the animator of the world and the attractor of the hearts of men. It is the best of adornments and the dispeller of every affliction. It entereth the hearts, though not as physical things enter into each other, and it conquereth the kingdoms of existence, though not as kings triumph over earthly realms.

Yea, love is silent, yet speaketh forth; it is compassionate, yet revengeth men’s wrongs. In truth it is a light that hath shone forth above the horizon of His name, the Most Beauteous, and hath thereby enraptured every nation and tribe. It is that which God hath chosen for His own Self in the Day of Resurrection, and through which He hath shed the splendors of His light upon all creation. Whereupon the leaves have rustled, and the horizons have been illumined, and the lovers have groaned, and the Nightingale hath trilled out its melody in the Day of the Covenant, saying: “He Who is the King of Eternity and the Best Beloved of the Worlds is come!”

Established upon the Throne of names, He verily speaketh forth in the prison of Akka on this day wherein the horizon of felicity hath been illumined by this, that the Lord of revelation hath bestowed upon one named Javad, who for a number of years hath circled with love and devotion round His mighty throne, a handmaiden who hath journeyed to attain this spot from whence is issued the decree of the beginning and the end.

O Lord of the worlds and Trainer of all who are in the heavens and on the earth! I beseech Thee by Thy Names, the Joyous and the Sorrowful, the Manifest and the Hidden, to bless these two souls, to ordain between them love and affection, and to protect them from the mischief of such as have disbelieved in Thy days and caviled at Thy signs. I beseech Thee, moreover, O my God, to write down for them both, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and of the world to come. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. None other God is there but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All Wise.

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The English portion is already translated. The remaining Persian/Arabic portion translates as:

And thou, be thankful unto God, thy Lord, for having purified thee from the defilement of these people. By God! Through their existence all that hath been created of water and clay hath been defiled. And if

thou wert to become aware of that which We have ordained for thee, such rapture and longing would seize thee that thou wouldst cease to distinguish between right and left, between day and night. For this reason have We concealed it from thee, that thou mayest be of them that are at rest. And remember thy Lord amongst His servants at all times, and be thou of them that remember Him. And may the mercy that descendeth at every moment rest upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon them that love thee, and upon them that associate with thee and sit with thee, and turn unto thee out of love for God and purely for His sake, the Gracious. Then make mention from Us unto thy brother who hath been named Rahim, that he may remember God and be of them that are thankful. And may the glory rest upon thee and upon him from this moment unto the Day whereon mankind shall stand before God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

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O physician, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the Generous, the Mighty!

Blessed is the eye which hath on this day beheld the pearls of the ocean of utterance of the Lord of all worlds, and blessed is the ear which hath been honored to hear the call of the Lord of creation raised from the supreme horizon. The Book of God, which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood, ever calleth unto the people of divine unity, saying: “Act, O My loved ones, according to that which ye have been commanded.” For the station of hope is manifested through outward deeds, and fasting and prayer are as the sun and moon in the heaven of divine ordinances. Seize upon these twain through the power of thy Lord, O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of God!

Convey My greetings to the friends and say: Be not like the Shi’ih sect, idle and vain. Hold fast to the cord of ordinances and grasp the hem of commandments. Glory be to God! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath bestowed hearing and sight and comprehending faculties [and His own incomparable Self], that all might thereby reflect upon matters and act upon that which profiteth them. Yet heedlessness and ignorance have deprived the servants of all these divine bounties and merciful favors. It is hoped that thou wilt, with wisdom and utterance, make the loved ones aware, that they may hold fast to the hem of deeds - deeds from which the fragrance of divine acceptance wafteth and which are adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure.

Hadi of Dawlat-Abad is occupied with arranging the final section about the Shi’ih sect. The ocean of divine knowledge surgeth before his eyes, yet he searcheth after a mere pool. We beseech God to assist him to act with justice and to return. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers. Peace be upon thee and upon God’s righteous and sincere servants.

The electric current conveyed news of the destruction of the House. In these days all affairs have come to a standstill from every direction. The Afnans are in extreme difficulty. Surely you have heard that a group of Babis took their property and then denied it, raising disputes and contentions.

O physician, beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may cause means to appear whereby the ruins of the world may be rebuilt, oppression be changed to justice, falsehood to truth, and poverty to

wealth. O physician, upon thee be My glory! Had the people been worthy, verily the rain of divine mercy and the effulgences of the Sun of divine providence would have embraced all and raised them from the depths of abasement to the heights of glory. Nearly three hundred souls, young and old, are present in this land - from this fact other matters become clear and evident to those of insight. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and draw nigh unto the court of Thy might. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing and mercy from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and earth.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer. O Ali, who hath attained and won! The dust and smoke of oppression and tyranny hath encompassed Iran. Justice, poor and helpless, lies tormented in the claws of rancor and hatred. Glory be to God! Such heedlessness hath seized the people of Iran that they have taken abasement for glory and loss for mighty gain. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds and find for themselves neither helper nor protector. O Ali, praise be to God that through the effulgences of the lights of the Daystar of divine grace thou didst set thy face toward the Most Glorious Homeland and Supreme Horizon, and didst attain thereunto. God aided thee, the Hands of His Cause took hold of thee, and guided thee to thy furthest goal and highest purpose. We testify that thou didst turn and attain that which was inscribed and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We testify that thou didst enter and arrive and attain the presence before the Face, and didst hear with thine own ear the call of the Wronged One. Thou didst take the choice wine of reunion from the hand of bounty and drink it in His Name, the One Who dominateth over what was and what shall be. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions to do that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God amongst His servants. Blessed art thou for having served thy Lord over successive years and for being entrusted with watering the House for a time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The recompense of no one hath been nor ever shall be lost with God. Through God's grace - glorified be His majesty - thou must pass through the lands like the breezes of dawn in the divine springtime, giving the glad tidings of true unity to the servants, lest they become like the people of the Furqan who each day set up a new god and took hold of an idol. We hope that in this Most Great Revelation all shall attain to that which is the cause of eternal life and the source of everlasting grace. O Ali, upon thee be My glory. Thou hast ever been and art remembered, and special grace hath encompassed thee and those souls mentioned by God. O Muhammad Ali, thy son hath attained to serving Me and circumambulated the Kaaba of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. He came before the Face by Our command and departed by leave of his Lord, the All-Bounteous, the Mighty, the Forgiving. That which caused all things and honored servants to lament befell you in the path of God. We have returned thy son to thee that thine eye may be consoled thereby and thou mayest be of those who turned and won that which was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We give thee the glad tidings of God's grace and bounty, and counsel thee with that which rejoiceth hearts and souls. Say: O people, fear God and be not of those who denied God's proof and evidence and rejected His grace. They verily are among the heedless. We love to mention El-Ha'i in every Tablet. We testify that he attained the presence and won the meeting with God, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

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In the Name of God, the Lord of Hosts! He through Whom all things were transformed hath come, and the Call hath been raised from the horizon of the Prison of ’Akka. O son of Khalil, O ’Abdu’llah, hear this call with the ear of thy soul. A new day hath appeared and a fresh morn hath come. Today from the wilderness the voice of the divine Lote-Tree is raised, proclaiming “He Who is the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come!” The Mount of Sinai is witnessed in supreme joy, for it converseth with its Beloved and drinketh from one cup and partaketh of one food with the Lord of its desire. The Promised City hath descended from the heaven of divine will, and the Ancient Beauty is visible in the desert, crying “Here am I! Here am I!” Today the Covenant of Israel is renewed, and We have made firm covenants with your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Through weakness it had nearly fallen into decline and laxity, but through one exalted word it was strengthened and made firm. When the honored Abraham was suspended in the air, the great angel came to him and asked “Hast thou any need?” He replied “Not from thee!” This word set all ablaze - weakness was transformed to strength, silence to speech, and muteness to utterance. O Children of Israel and heirs of Abraham and Moses! Today Jerusalem crieth out with most eloquent speech “The All-Merciful hath come!” and in the wilderness declareth “Here am I! Here am I!” Deprive not yourselves. O ’Abdu’llah, thy letter hath attained Our presence and been adorned with the light of appearance. We beseech God to assist thee in that which causeth the fire to appear in the Tree of Being. Hearken to the cry of Zion which with loudest voice giveth glad tidings to all, yet the servants are deprived of the ocean of knowledge, being occupied with self and heedless of the Worshipped One. The sighs of Palestine have moved the world of being, yet its children are witnessed bewildered and perplexed. Moses with but one staff struck the kingdom of creation - weakness took no hold of him and laxity found no way, for the very soul of his soul was gladdened and rejoiced by the light of the divine presence. Arise through divine power and heavenly wisdom, that perchance from the trees of existence may appear and become manifest the fruit of the Tree of Sinai. We beseech God to assist thee in that which is the cause of fellowship and truth. He is the Mighty One Who hath ever caused, and will forever cause, the rain of special mercy to shower from the clouds of grace upon the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses. Arise in the name of God, the Lord of Hosts, and strive for the betterment and elevation of the world, that they may attain to that which is the cause of eternal permanence and the reason for everlasting life. We beseech God for that which is the cause of guidance for the Israelites. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Glory and peace be upon those who have turned and have said “Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths!”

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O Nabil-i-A’zam! Your letter hath come before Our presence, and this is its beginning: “That which hath been apportioned from the burning of the heart…” Who am I that I should hearken unto that which the Tongue of Eternity speaketh? Be thou of them that render thanks. Verily, thou art he whom We guided to the right shore, and inscribed upon his brow with the Pen of Eternity “This is a believer art thou,” and called him from the Divine Lote-Tree “Thou art,” and gave him to drink from the Kawthar of recognition

by the hand of grace “Thou art,” and fed him the heavenly repast “Thou art,” and rained upon him the showers of bounty “Thou art,” and adorned him with the ornament of turning unto the Mighty, the Exalted “Thou art,” and sheltered him in the pavilion of munificence and generosity “Thou art,” and brought him into the precincts of the Throne “Thou art,” and removed for him the veils of grandeur from the countenance of Beauty “Thou art,” and brought him before Our presence “Thou art,” and caused him to hear Our most sweet call “Thou art,” and manifested Ourselves unto him with the lights of the Face face to face “Thou art,” and made him speak forth Our remembrance amongst the servants “Thou art,” and made him a herald of Our Cause “Thou art,” and sheltered him in prison for eighty-one days “Thou art,” and concealed his face from the enemies “Thou art.” Thus did My grace precede thee and My mercy encompass thee. None can outstrip Us in anything. We are the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. It hath been proven with evidence that thou hast no way by proof to establish against the All-Merciful even less than can be counted what would withhold His grace from thee. However, his honor Nabil came to the shore of the Most Great Sea before Ali and was deprived through the tyranny of the oppressors. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that his outward deprivation and the burning fire of separation in his most great heart exceeded a thousand years of worship. In any case, they have some right - nay, I seek God’s forgiveness for this - this is pure grace that is mentioned. That which hath appeared from the presence of the Truth hath been and shall ever be beloved of those near unto God. If the fire of separation be not kindled, the Kawthar of nearness and reunion will not flow. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who, through His grace, accepted him and made him a place for the manifestation of calamities and trials in His path, and sanctified him from occupation with the world and all that is therein, strengthening him to turn toward the shore of nearness until he traversed the stages and attained the presence before the Throne and won the meeting with God.

Remind Abdullah and the father of Abad of the fragrances of the spiritual garment that wafted from the ancient realm, and convey greetings on behalf of God. May Khalil and Asad ever repose beneath the shadow of the Friend and conduct themselves with perfect wisdom, lest a word arise and become the cause of sedition. And the Glory be upon them both and upon her who hath turned toward the realm of oneness. Verily We have accepted from her what she intended in the path of her Lord. She is among the devout ones before the Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His honor the Master must be joyful in all conditions, for praise be to God, he turned toward the divine court and dwelt in the vicinity of the Truth.

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CXXXVII

Some have regarded it as lawful to infringe on the integrity of the substance of their neighbor, and have made light of the injunction of God as prescribed in His Book.

Evil fall upon them, and the chastisement of God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, afflict them! By Him Who shineth above the Day Spring of sanctity! If the whole earth were to be converted into silver and gold, no man who can be said to have truly ascended into the heaven of faith and certitude would deign

to regard it, much less to seize and keep it. We have formerly referred to this subject in passages revealed in the Arabic tongue, in a language of exquisite beauty.

God is Our witness! Whoever hath tasted the sweetness of those words will never consent to transgress the bounds which God hath fixed, neither will he turn his gaze towards any one except his Well-Beloved. Such a man will, with his inner eye, readily recognize how altogether vain and fleeting are the things of this world, and will set his affections on things above.

Say: Be ashamed, O ye that call yourselves the lovers of the Ancient Beauty! Be ye admonished by the tribulation He hath suffered, by the burden of anguish He hath carried for the sake of God. Let your eyes be opened. To what purpose hath He labored, if the manifold trials He hath endured are, in the end, to result in such contemptible professions, and such wretched conduct? Every robber, every worker of iniquity, hath, in the days prior to My Revelation, uttered these same words, and performed these same deeds.

Verily I say: Incline your ears to My sweet voice, and sanctify yourselves from the defilement of your evil passions and corrupt desires. They who dwell within the tabernacle of God, and are established upon the seats of everlasting glory, will refuse, though they be dying of hunger, to stretch their hands and seize unlawfully the property of their neighbor, however vile and worthless he may be.

The purpose of the one true God in manifesting Himself is to summon all mankind to truthfulness and sincerity, to piety and trustworthiness, to resignation and submissiveness to the Will of God, to forbearance and kindliness, to uprightness and wisdom. His object is to array every man with the mantle of a saintly character, and to adorn him with the ornament of holy and goodly deeds.

Say: Have mercy on yourselves and on your fellowmen, and suffer not the Cause of God - a Cause which is immeasurably exalted above the inmost essence of sanctity - to be sullied with the stain of your idle fancies, your unseemly and corrupt imaginations.

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He is the One manifest through justice and speaking through grace!

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth from the kingdom of His holy, mighty, praiseworthy utterance. The horizon of manifestation hath been illumined by the One Who conversed on Sinai, and the Spirit in the sacred valley proclaimeth: O people of the earth, abandon what ye possess, for God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Open your eyes - verily He standeth before your faces. Then hearken unto the scratching of His Pen, at whose ascension the realities of all things were attracted, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn! Hear the call of the Wronged One - verily He mentioneth thee as a bounty from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have heard thy call and answered thee with a Tablet sent down from the heaven of thy Lord’s bestowal, the Ancient of Days. We perceived the fragrance of thy love and mentioned thee with that whose fragrance shall never be cut off - to this every knowing,

discerning one doth testify. Thank God that He hath turned toward thee from the prison-quarter and counseleth thee with that which shall elevate thy station among His servants. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty, wondrous Word.

O ’Ali, upon thee be My glory! Hear My call from God’s horizon, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Master of nations, for having given me to drink, from Thy generous hand, the cup of Thy recognition, and for having sent down to me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which hath diffused the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness. Thou art verily the Ever-Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Set aside what the people possess and take the Book of God with such strength as the might of the world and the power of those who have denied the Day of Judgment cannot prevent. O ’Ali! The remembrance of God from the Divine Lote-Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise, at the right hand of the blessed, luminous Spot, that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge - He heareth and seeth, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and earths. Say:

My God, my God! Praise, glory, thanks and splendor be unto Thee for having turned toward Thy servant and sent down to him that which maketh known unto him Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by Thy manifest Book to make me steadfast through Thy power, firm through Thy might, and standing in Thy service. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Ja’far! Rejoice that the Lord of Destiny hath mentioned thee from His Most Great Scene with verses that all the books of the world cannot equal - to this every learned one who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His mighty, wondrous Day doth testify. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having adorned me with the ornament of acceptance when all but those whom Thy mighty hand had taken denied. I testify that Thou art the Ever-Giving and that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee, to return unto the court of Thy bounty, and to arise before the manifestation of Thy gifts. Then write down for them, through Thy grace, that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds, and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of the former time. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names, and in Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and earths.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The Book of God proclaims: There is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Divine Lote-Tree calls out: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, Lord of what was and what shall be. And the Supreme Pen declares: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath descended from the heaven of His Will, bearing the banner “He is God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.” And He Who

conversed on Sinai, seated upon the throne of Manifestation, crieth out with loudest voice, yet the people comprehend not.

O thou who speakest in praise of thy Lord! Knowest thou Who maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison? Say: God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. And knowest thou Who hath turned toward thee? Say: Yea, the Supreme Pen of God, through Whose movement were revealed the hidden secrets of His knowledge. Thy letter came before the Wronged One, and one of My Branches presented it. We answer thee with this irrevocable Tablet, from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

We have heard thy call and thy verse and prose in praise and glorification of God, and found therein the sweet savors of thy turning unto Him, thy devotion, thy humility and lowliness before God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is the tongue that hath succeeded in praising God, and the ear that hath heard His verses, and the heart illumined with the lights of His knowledge, and the hand that hath taken hold of His Book, and the foot that hath attained unto supreme steadfastness, and the eye that hath beheld His traces and wept for what befell Him at the hands of such as denied the Witness and the Witnessed. By the life of God! Through His appearance every hidden secret hath been revealed, and from the treasury of His Supreme Pen have appeared the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who know.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not the sources of fancy and vain imaginings. Take unto yourselves the fear of God as a command from Him Who is the Lord of creation, and abandon transgression and unseemly deeds. He counseleth you and acquainteth you with that which shall profit you in the world to come and in this first life. He is the One, the Single, the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind.

The Wronged One, caught between the fangs of wolves, calleth upon the Lord of Lords: “My God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the ornament of justice and illumine their hearts with the light of equity. My Lord, Thou knowest that I have desired naught in Thy realm save the extinction of the fire of hatred and animosity from the hearts of Thy servants, and I desire for them naught save that which draweth them nigh unto the court of Thy holiness. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby Thou didst subdue the kingdom of glory and bounty and didst open the door of Thy grace unto all in the realm of creation, and by Thy firm decree and Most Great Name whereby Thou didst subdue the nations, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall exalt them through Thy Name amongst Thy servants, and to inscribe for them from Thy Supreme Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence. Thou art He, O my God, through Whose Name the ocean of bounty surgeth and the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. The spears of the oppressors weaken Thee not, nor doth the might of the tyrannical dismay Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Generous. O Lord! Ordain for him who hath voiced Thy praise that which beseemeth Thy bounties and favors. Verily, Thou art the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

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O Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Witness from the horizon of the Kingdom's heaven. This is a Book sent down by the Sovereign of Might to one who has turned to My horizon, held fast to My cord, faced the lights of My countenance, soared in My atmosphere, and uttered My beautiful praise, and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

Your letter has come before My Name, and the servant present before the Wronged One has read it. We answer you with this clear Tablet. The sun bears witness, the moon proclaims, and the heaven declares: The Sovereign has come and taken His seat upon the throne of utterance at the heart of contingent being. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who has manifested Himself with evident sovereignty.

We have stood before the faces of the world for successive years and called all to the Most Exalted Horizon without veil or covering. The power of the world has not frustrated Me, nor has the might of nations prevented Me. I have appeared and manifested what God, your Lord and the Lord of the earths and heavens, desired.

When the breezes of revelation take you and the fragrances of inspiration attract you, say: My God, my God! You see and know that this servant of Yours has acknowledged Your oneness and confessed Your singleness and what Your Prophets, Chosen Ones and Messengers have brought. He seeks, through the wonders of Your grace, Your nearness and meeting, to stand at Your gate, attain Your presence, and hearken to Your sweetest call by which the hearts of the Prophets were attracted.

Alas, alas, for my lack of knowledge and my failure to reach the heaven of Your knowledge and understanding of the requirements of Your wisdom! O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord! Has the Pen of destiny decreed for me to attain Your presence, or has Your binding decree prevented me from turning to You, O Master of eternity? By Your might, O my God, Your separation has destroyed me and Your remoteness and decree have consumed me.

I beseech You by the lights of the dawn of manifestation and by the Word whereby those in the graves arose and the decree of resurrection appeared, to ordain for me from the wonders of Your generosity and grace Your nearness and reunion, and the reward of meeting You and the reward of those martyred in Your path. You are the Omnipotent over what You will, and in Your grasp is the reins of all things. There is no God but You, the Strong, the Prevailing, the Almighty.

Then I ask You, O my God, by the river of Your mercy and the ocean of Your favor, to forgive me and accept what has appeared from me in Your days. Then assist my son and daughter to remember and praise You and turn to You in all conditions. O Lord, aid them in Your love, make them know Your path, and make clear to them Your proof and evidence. Then send down for me, O my God, and for them what will benefit us and draw us near to You. You are the Omnipotent Whose power all created things have witnessed, and the Self-Subsisting Whom all contingent things have acknowledged. There is no God but You, the Sender of verses, the Manifester of clear proofs, and in Your grasp are the reins of all in the earths and heavens.

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He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. A glorious Book from the Lord of the worlds unto those who have believed in this Great Announcement. Verily it is a reminder for whoso hath been guided and a remembrance from Us to whoso hath turned unto the Lord of the mystics. They who have been given insight from God - these do recognize the truth and are not prevented by the veils of the polytheists. They behold the lights of the Kingdom even as they behold the sun in the midst of heaven - these are indeed among those drawn nigh. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and mounted the Crimson Ark by the sovereignty of the Names. He is indeed of the people of Baha. Thus hath it been sent down in truth from the One Who revealeth the utterance, as witnesseth whosoever hath judged with fairness in the Cause of God and was of the witnesses. We sent forth ’Ali who announced to you before Our presence the Kingdom, who called out to you in the wilderness of oneness, and summoned you unto God, the Mighty, the Most High, the Supreme. Were it not for him, it would not befit anyone to object to this Revelation - how much less after We have sent down the Bayan and adorned it with the ornament of My wondrous remembrance. Say: O people! Do ye cling to names while forsaking their Creator? This is naught but a grievous error. Arise to aid the Cause of God, then call the people to this noble prospect. Say: Do the threats of the oppressors frighten you, after ye behold the power of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy? Follow your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily He, in the midst of the greatest tribulation, summoneth the people unto truth, and the oppression of the unjust ones hath not hindered Him, nor the harm wrought by the polytheists. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, preserveth whomsoever He willeth, though he be in the mouth of the serpent. By My life! Not a leaf stirreth save by His leave. He is indeed the Mighty, the Powerful. And he whose time hath come - death shall overtake him though he be in an impregnable fortress. Victory lieth not in disputation but in goodly counsel. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. His mercy hath preceded His wrath; therefore have We borne hardships from every base one, though within Our grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Beware lest ye commit that which would cause sedition. Be united in the Cause and be not of those who differ. Through unity shall the back of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of creation be broken. This will profit you, if ye be of the certain ones. We desire for you naught save that which draweth you nigh unto God. Hearken unto the truth and follow not the steps of Satan. O thou who remembereth Me by My remembrance and gazeth upon My countenance! Deliver unto the people that which We have commanded thee, that perchance the breezes of Paradise may stir them and turn them toward the Qiblih of the worlds. Cleanse the people with the water of inner meanings which We have deposited within the verses. By My life! It is indeed the water of life which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the heaven of grace for the life of the worlds. The night hath passed wherein God counseled those around Him. Gather ye beneath the shade of what hath been raised up from this divine Lote-Tree. Thus do We counsel you as We counseled before. Blessed are they who attain. Beware lest ye differ in God’s Cause and follow the imaginings of the doubters. He is with whosoever remembereth Me and aideth this Cause through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted amongst the worlds.

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Muhammad-'Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, the All-Merciful!

He is God - exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! What a Book inscribed by what a Pen - the Pen of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting! What a Tablet traced by what a Reed - the Reed of God, Lord of what was and what shall be! This is a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the Day-Star of thy Lord's favor, the Lord of all existence. We have mentioned thee before with such remembrance as cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the world nor by that which the nations possess. He Who possesseth the Hidden Book beareth witness to this. How many a learned one have We left to himself, and how many an unlettered one have We rescued through My favor that dominateth every witness and witnessed thing! This is a Day wherein the heaven hath spoken, the sun hath testified, the moon hath proclaimed, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath cried out, yet the people understand not. The world hath been illumined by the Most Great Name, the Mount by its Interlocutor, the Throne by its Lord, the Light by its Dawning-Place, and the signs by their Source, yet most of the people know not. They hearken unto the manifestations of fancy and idle imagination that which keepeth them back from the Most Great Vision and draweth them nigh unto the fire. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people! By God, the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised up, and the Caller hath called from the right side of the blessed Spot, saying: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with a manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean revealed the pearls of knowledge and wisdom, and the Sun its effulgence and its lights. When thou hast attained, arise and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen! Behold, then mention what the people of the Bayan have committed, who turned away from the All-Merciful and opposed Him with such tyranny as caused the denizens of the Kingdom to lament. They cast the Most Great Ocean behind their backs, hastening toward the pond. Verily, they perceive not. We have observed thy devotion and have turned to thee once again, mentioning thee with that which gladdeneth the eyes and rejoiceth the hearts. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and drunk the choice wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name, say: My God, my God! I perceive the fragrance of Thy Revelation and the sweet-scented breezes of Thy appearance. Hast Thou ordained for me to stand before Thy gate and attain the presence of Thy countenance? Blessed is the station that hath been illumined by the lights of Thy beauty, the land honored by Thy footsteps, and the atmosphere wherein Thy call was raised. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by the Ark which the winds and waves could not hinder and which sailed through the ocean of Thy Cause, and by the subduing power of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, to assist me to attain unto Thy presence before Thy throne, that I may hear what the Son of 'Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. O Lord! Deny me not Thy presence and nearness, nor the fountain of Thy reunion and meeting. Then I beseech Thee to teach me what Thou hast intended from the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grace. I am he, O my God, who knoweth not what profiteth him. Thou art more knowing of me than I am of myself. Ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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He is the One Who observeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

Your letters arrived one after another, and most were blessed with the outpourings of the True Bestower - that is, were honored to be seen, were graced to be heard, and were adorned with a reply. In these days Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was present before Me and was gazing toward and beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is the Most Truthful One who turned toward My Most Exalted Horizon, detached from all else, until he attained the presence and stood before the Gate, and heard what the Beloved heard during the Night Journey and what the Interlocutor heard on the Mount of Knowledge. We have mentioned him in such wise that his remembrance, his glory and his deeds shall endure throughout the duration of My earthly and heavenly dominion, and throughout the continuance of My sovereignty and power. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. When he mentioned thee, We mentioned thee with this luminous mention.

Likewise, Ghulam-Qabla-?a, upon him be My Glory, attained Our presence. For a few days he was occupied with praise, glorification, turning toward Us and circumambulation. Praise be to God, he was blessed with the choice wine of the Merciful's utterance and received his portion of that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the divine Books. Thou didst mention the friends in the lands of A and B. We have mentioned them in such wise that nothing in existence can equal it. By the life of God! That which no eye hath seen and no ear hath heard hath been ordained for them […] Thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to each one on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they have drunk from the cup of eternity and have been sustained by the heavenly food which is the knowledge of God. We beseech God to assist them and grant them success that all may attain to that which beseemeth His days. Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for Thy loved ones there that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Then write down for them the reward of attaining Thy presence and the good of this world and the world to come. I moreover beseech Thee, O Lord of all names, by Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Fire kindled in the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and to ordain for those who have outstripped in Thy Cause that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. In the previous year there befell the Wronged One that which opened the gates of sorrow to the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the most sublime Heaven. Verily, the people are in evident drunkenness and grievous wrong. We beseech God to assist all to mention and praise Him, that ye may all arise to serve this most great Cause and most exalted and most glorious station - which is the station of teaching the Cause of the Lord of all beings - or that ye may hold fast to those means which comprise this station. Whosoever attaineth unto it is accounted among the people of Baha by the Pen. Blessed art thou and My loved ones, and upon thee and them be glory from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks from His most exalted horizon. Your letter was present before the Wronged One and the glance of favor was directed towards it. Praise be to God, you are adorned with the ornament of divine love and are gazing toward the horizon of His grace. In His days you have drunk from the ocean of recognition and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of proof. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has been with you - He made His path clear for you, revealed His evidence, and you saw and heard and were blessed with acceptance, which is among His greatest bounties. What is beloved from you today is steadfastness and assistance. Steadfastness attracts the favor of God. Until now no steadfast one has been deprived, as testifies to this He Who possesses the Clear Book. From your letter wafts the fragrance of sincerity, attention and acceptance - every possessor of smell inhales from it the fragrance of divine love. The mentioned requests are granted, however resignation and trust are more fitting and beloved, for God, exalted be His glory, is most knowing and aware of the interests of His servants, and none but He, exalted be His glory, knows about a good ending. Say: My God, my God! This servant of Thine has detached himself from all else save Thee and turned to the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace, and has affirmed Thy oneness and singleness, and acknowledged what hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. I beseech Thee by the dawning-places of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy might, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the pearls of the sea of Thy wisdom, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. O my Lord! I am he who hath placed his trust in Thee and resigned his affairs unto Thee. I testify that Thou knowest me better than I know myself; nothing is hidden from Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy behest. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the handle of Thy trust and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below. I beseech Thee by the influence of Thy Will and the power of Thy Purpose not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Thou art He through Whose power all things have testified and through Whose grace all created things have been made manifest. The hosts of the world cannot withstand Thee, nor can the might of nations. The clamor of the divines and the power of rulers cannot weaken Thee. Ordain for me what beseemeth Thy greatness and sovereignty and bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer.

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! Upon thee be My glory. We have mentioned thee with that whose fragrance shall never be cut off and shall endure as long as My most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure. Be grateful and say: Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the world, and glorified be Thou, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee. We have forgiven thee and purified thee with the water of My favor, and then those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness from the Dayspring of the bounty of the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. And We have sent down for thy wife that which shall gladden the hearts of faithful women and solace their eyes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy of answering prayer.

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O Most Holy, Most Ancient Ahmad! This is a mention from the One Who is mentioned unto him who hath remembered his Lord and was of those who have advanced, and who emigrated from his native land out of longing to attain the presence of God until he arrived at the pavilion of grandeur and the Sun of the Beauty of Oneness shone upon him with manifest light. Glad tidings unto thee, O Ahmad, for having journeyed and attained unto the presence of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and for having caused thee to hear His wondrous Call. Although thou didst present thyself before receiving permission from thy Lord, yet God hath pardoned what is past as a bounty to thy father, who is among Our sincere servants. Be thankful that We have accepted thy visitation and presence before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have inscribed for thee a station in the Tablet. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Return to thy homeland by God's command and decree, and be not of the hesitating ones. When thou seest thy father, convey unto his face the greetings of this Wronged One, the Peerless. Say: Blessed art thou for having remained steadfast in thy love for thy Lord and for having voiced His praise after He was imprisoned in this distant place. Blessed be thy face for having turned, and thy heart for having advanced, and thy tongue for having uttered His beauteous praise. Say, O Javad: God willing, through the bounty of the Lord of creation thou shalt ever voice the remembrance of the All-Merciful and attain His endless outpourings. At all times strive mightily for unity among the loved ones of God, that perchance the idols of vain imaginings and differences may be shattered and the standards of unity and harmony may be raised. This is what is beloved in the sight of the Beloved of the worlds. The gaze of His loving-kindness hath ever been fixed upon those souls who have turned to the countenance of their Lord. He hath not wished, nor doth He wish, that they should be deprived of the Dawning-Place of the lights of oneness through human fancies. If thou shouldst meet the letter Jim, say: Dost thou know by what proof thou didst advance and then by what evidence thou didst turn away from the All-Merciful? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! Thou knowest not, and We see thee among the veiled ones. Hear My words, then look at this Revelation and what hath appeared from it, detached from all thou hast heard. By God, thou wouldst then cast aside what thou hast and turn toward the court of thy Lord's grace, saying: "I have turned unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!" Thy likeness is as those who cast the Most Great Ocean behind their backs and gathered around a pond. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He who led thee astray is in the fire. Soon shall he who misled him join him. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a luminous Book. O Javad! Convey to all the loved ones the greetings from the True One. Blessed is he who hath been named Servant-before-Hadi; he is among the triumphant ones. Since previously Tablets were revealed and sent to all specially, therefore at this time none hath been revealed specially, but they have been and are in mind. This is the essence, and thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and those who have turned unto thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of the Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful! This is a Book from the Tree of the Spirit unto him who hath believed in God, then was guided, and heard the Call of God from beyond the Crimson Sea at the Furthermost Lote-Tree. O servant! Rejoice within thyself at what We have announced unto thee in

truth in the dwellings of piety, and determine therein what none in the kingdom hath witnessed nor seen. Thou shalt witness what God hath promised thee in the Garden of Refuge, and find therein what no hearts of the possessors of understanding can know. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of that which is good for you from the kingdom of the hereafter and of the former time. Know ye the value of these days, then hasten to the station wherein hath appeared the Most Great Sign of God from the light of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Say: By God! This indeed is the Supreme Prospect which hath been described in all the Tablets and in what was revealed unto Abraham and Moses. And this verily is the good which none have understood save those possessed of insight who, when they heard the Call of God, responded with their words "Yea!" These are they upon whom are blessings from their Lord and who are among the followers of guidance. Therefore look thou upon thy station in what God showed thee in thy sleep from the stories of former times, that thou mayest know what We have unveiled for thee from the mysteries of eternity that lay concealed beneath the veils of destiny - that which was hidden and concealed. Say: Verily He possesseth a vision that seeketh, and before Him walketh the light of Oneness which kindleth and shineth, whereby are guided those who dwell in the most exalted paradise, and whereby go astray those who dwell in the sanctuary. And this is what was inscribed in the scrolls of the Spirit at the Furthermost Tree, and this is what the Most Exalted Pen and the Spirit have set down. And peace be upon thee and upon those who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness, then were guided. And fire be upon him who denied God, then was wretched and turned away from the path of justice, then transgressed and was among those who went astray and erred. O beloved! Announce unto the servants of God the Most Exalted Word of God which the Spirit hath revealed once again and which the Mighty in Command hath sent forth from the heaven of power, that He may teach you the ways of Paradise and guide you to the pavilions of the Most Glorious. Say: Verily it hath shone forth from the horizon of dawn like the sun in the midst of morning, that it may draw you nigh unto God and be a remembrance for you. Therefore hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from what hath been inscribed of the divine decrees upon tablets of ruby by the Most Sweet Fingers, that it may deliver thee from the ornaments of the kingdom and attract thee to the stations of the Spirit in the most faithful homeland. Well is it with him who hath heard the Word and submitted to the Word of God, and his eyes overflow with tears; then he hearkeneth and his heart is set ablaze with the fire of love, then doth it surge. And this is what the Pen of the servant hath inscribed in this eternal and most glorious Tablet which God hath named with the letter "S" after "H" in the Kingdom of Names. And peace be upon thee and upon him who hath attained the presence of the Day that cometh with truth, wherein the All-Merciful is established upon the throne.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is a letter from the Servant to him who journeyed unto God and was numbered among the emigrants in the Tablet, until he entered this Prison, this Station wherein tribulation hath rained down from the clouds of destiny at every moment. O servant! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as hardships have touched thee in the path of God, and thou hast borne difficulties in the ways of His good-pleasure, and hast turned thy face toward that quarter wherefrom the Countenance was visible from the horizon of sorrow. Be thou

steadfast in the love of thy Lord and grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Be patient, then show forth patience. He, verily, will give full reward to those who have shown patience in the presence of His Face, and He, verily, hath power over all things. Say: O my Lord! I am he who hath turned his face toward the court of Thy good-pleasure and bounty, and hath sought the sanctuary of Thy protection and safekeeping. Deprive me not, then, of that which lieth with Thee, and ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will detach me from all else besides Thee, for verily Thou hast ever encompassed all things.

O emigrant servant! Hearken unto the call of this imprisoned Servant and render thanks unto the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto His recognition and hast passed from the left hand of doubt to the right hand of certitude, and hast forsaken comfort in His path and turned toward the court of His bounty and hast shown patience in face of the tribulations that have befallen thee. All these stations are from the grace of the Lord of the worlds, for were it not for the winds of bounty that blow from the right hand of His grace, no soul would succeed in attaining unto His good-pleasure or would become illumined with His recognition. As thou observest, many among the servants who awaited the Truth night and day, yet after its appearance none attained unto His recognition save whom thy Lord willeth. Therefore must these servants at all times be thankful for His wondrous grace, and seek from Him the power to remain steadfast in His love and to be detached from all else besides Him. Ere long will the days of life draw to a close and we shall all take up our abode beneath the earth. In that station there will be no helper or companion save His grace. The rich and the poor, the learned and the ignorant, the mighty and the lowly - all shall enter that station of absolute oneness in the same way, and all distinctions and glories of this earthly kingdom shall be completely effaced, and nothing shall be of any benefit in that place save the wonders of His grace. Therefore must thou beseech God that we may not be deprived of His grace and bounty, and may not remain without portion of the river of His mercy, and in these few fleeting days may not become heedless of His remembrance or turn unto aught else besides Him. In times when hardships and trials descend, we must be patient, and in times of comfort and ease we must be grateful. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have placed their trust in God, the One, the Single, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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O Haji Mulla Baqir! In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Book from the Youth to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the words of God may once again attract him and cause him to speak forth His praise amidst such servants as have remained heedless of the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We, verily, sent down verses unto thee aforetime and dispatched them to thee, yet We found not from thee that which beseemeth thee, and thereby was I grieved, and through My grief all that hath been and shall be were grieved. Ponder upon My tribulation and My affliction, that thou mayest not be saddened by adversity and tribulation in thy Lord’s path, and mayest be numbered with them that fear not, neither are they grieved. Dost thou wish to rest at ease upon thy couch after the Youth hath been imprisoned in this dark pit through that which the hands of

such as disbelieve in their Lord's signs have wrought? Know thou that protection lieth in God's hand - He protecteth whom He willeth through His sovereignty and none can avert that which is ordained. Be thou at peace within thyself, then arise and say: "O people! The Beauty of Him Who was promised hath come with manifest sovereignty. This, verily, is Husayn, Whom ye were promised in all the Tablets aforetime, Who hath appeared after the Qa'im, as was inscribed by the Pen of Command upon a preserved and glorious Tablet. Say: Is there any doubt concerning Him, or concerning His manifestation and sovereignty, or concerning Him Who hath raised Him up and sent Him forth, then established Him and caused Him to speak forth His own praise? Fear ye God, O people, and be not of them that understand not. Say: This, verily, is He Whose meeting was announced to you by the tongue of His previous Manifestation, and now He speaketh betwixt earth and heaven, would ye but hear. All religions have risen against Him, and behind them all governments, yet He hath been set ablaze with the fire of God's love in such wise that it shall not be quenched in Him though all the seas created by the command 'Be' were to be poured upon it. How blessed the ear that heareth the melodies of the Beloved! How blessed the tongue that speaketh forth the praise of the Intended One! Were all upon earth to purify their ears and hearken unto but one of His melodies, they would surely be drawn to this holy, mighty and praiseworthy station. I have no purpose save to detach thee from the transient abode and cause thee to ascend unto a station illumined by the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the All-Merciful. Whoso entereth therein shall never die, as do testify His sincere servants. The world and all that is therein and thereon shall perish, and sovereignty shall belong to God, thy Lord. In that hour naught of what hath been ordained in the earth shall profit thee, nor shall any be enriched by the hidden pearls of glory treasured therein. Hearken thou unto My words, then convey unto the people this Message, whereby the pillars of all things were shaken, save them whom God preserved through His grace and sheltered beneath His extended shadow. And the Spirit and Glory rest upon thee and upon them that hear that wherewith thou remindest them concerning thy Lord's Cause - these are they that shall prosper.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon you be the peace of God, the One, the Single, the Alone! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One. The cry of your heart and the lamentation of your inmost being were heard. Blessed are you and joy be unto you! You have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of grace and favor. We beseech God to assist you in that which will make manifest your station in the contingent world among the religions. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O 'Ali! The Wronged One has ever beseeched God, exalted be His glory, on your behalf for that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word and of your station. You have ever been mentioned and still are. You must exert your utmost in trustworthiness and religion, that your name may be elevated as befitteth you. Let it not be thought that We do not consider you adorned with this attribute. Rather, Our purpose is that you should conduct yourself in such a way that the fragrance of trustworthiness and all that beseemeth man may be diffused among the servants. From the beginning of the Cause until now you have been engaged in service. Should anyone deny this, the atoms of creation bear witness.

We sent ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon whom be My peace, after his pause, hearing and witnessing. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Ahmad, and likewise to the friends. We mentioned ’Ali-’Askar, upon whom be peace, through Amin, upon whom be the peace and loving-kindness of God. Now We make mention of them and beseech God to grant success and confirm them in that which hath been revealed in the Book. He is the Powerful and the Mighty.

We likewise make mention of Zaynu’l-’Abidin and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn him with the ornament of fear of God and enable him to remember and praise Him. He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Aqa Muhammad-’Ali. He hath been mentioned before and will be mentioned hereafter. We beseech the Lord of existence and the Desired One to confirm him in acting according to that which hath been revealed and sent down in the Book from the Pen of the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-’Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Today the helpers of God are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. These are the hosts of victory and triumph, and the fear of God is the commander of these hosts. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to open and conquer the gates of hearts through wisdom, utterance and the aforementioned hosts. Associate with all people with joy and fragrance, pure love and complete kindliness. This is the counsel of the Wronged One.

Let not the friends of God be saddened by the heights and depths of this world and its vicissitudes. Know thou with certain knowledge that wealth, riches, exaltation and sublimity have ever been and shall ever be in the grasp of God’s power. He giveth and He withholdeth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Peace be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants.

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He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

O son of Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Speaker on Sinai, through Whom the hearts of the nations were attracted and the Tree of Utterance spoke forth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!” We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the shore of the ocean of divine knowledge, and have sent down for thee that which will not change throughout the duration of the names of God, the Lord of existence. We have read thy letter and have sent unto thee the fragrances of revelation in the form of words. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Protector over what was and what shall be. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the names shall not cause thee to slip from the extended path of God. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. The Promise hath come and the Promised One calleth aloud before all faces. By the life of God! This is He Who was promised unto you in the Torah and the Gospel and the Psalms. Say: Your desires shall profit you not, nor shall the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings enrich you. Blessed is thy father! He rent asunder the veils of mysteries with the finger of might, by the command of God, the Lord of Hosts. He advanced and hastened until he arrived and took the cup of detachment in the name of

thy Lord, the Creator of new creation, and drank it despite the enemies, through this Name whereby the limbs of all names trembled save whom God willed. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one rejected. We bear witness that he heard the Call and said: “Here am I, O Lord of all men! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and that which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.”

O thou! Hear the call of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names in the sweet Persian tongue, that joy and gladness may take hold of thee on this wondrous Day. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy recognition and thy steadfastness. Great is the decree of this testimony and sublime its station. Know thou its worth and preserve it in the treasury of thy heart in the name of the Lord of creation. Some souls have attained the presence and have been blessed from the cup of bounty of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, yet remained deprived of a name from the Lord of the seen and unseen. The people of Baha are souls who were not deprived of the truth by the name of successor or mirror or the like. They passed beyond the river of names and sought the ocean of meanings. These aforementioned names and their manifestations are regarded and reckoned as servants by those immersed in the Most Great Name. The people of Baha are souls who are seated and mentioned in the Crimson Ark and the Luminous Book. Say: O people! Be ye ashamed before the Lord of existence and turn ye unto His signs that ye may perchance recognize the station wherein a hundred thousand names have been and are being created by His Word. Would that they knew Who hath bestowed and created understanding! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Blessed art thou and those with thee, and blessed is the leaf who hath heard her Lord’s call through a mention from which was diffused the fragrance of her love and her steadfastness in this News whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped.

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O Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! He is the One Who calleth from His mighty prison. O thou who drinkest the choice wine from the hand of My bounty, O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, O thou who art consumed with grief at My sorrows and tribulations, O thou who art enkindled with the fire of My love! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. We, from the horizon of tribulation, summon and make mention of thee. Thou knowest, and God knoweth, that the Ancient Beauty hath not spoken out of desire. He hath commanded all to righteousness and piety, and forbidden them transgression and wickedness. Yet the people have cast behind them My counsels and admonitions, and have committed that which hath caused the Pen and the Tablets to lament. They do what their desires command them. Lo! They are sunk in heedlessness and error. By My life and thine! If thou wert to count My tribulations, thou couldst not number them. To this testify the Books of God, and behind them the Mother Book. We have heard thy lamentation in thy grief for thy Lord, and have recognized thy burning anguish at what hath befallen Him from His enemies. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant thee a full reward. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Giving. We have taught them in Our Books and Tablets that which would exalt them among the servants, yet they have committed that which hath caused tears to flow from the eyes of the righteous. But My Most Exalted Pen payeth no heed to them, nor to the world and what hath been created therein. To this testify its shrill voice and what hath been

revealed from it at eventide and at dawn. Glory be to God! Kindness became the cause of wretchedness, and compassion the cause of hatred. For successive years We counseled them and made them aware of what would profit or harm them. But the counsels of God had no effect. Upon the deaf rock divine commands and prohibitions bestowed no benefit. Night and day they occupy themselves with calumnies. Due to the unworthiness of the servants these things have occurred and continue to occur. Glory be to God! The luminary of justice should shine forth from the horizon of Iran. Now it shineth forth and is manifest from the horizon of Ishqabad. A hundred thousand regrets that the people of Iran are deprived and forbidden from the fruits of the blessed Tree which appeared therein. By the life of God! This is the recompense of their deeds in His days. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to assist Iran to execute justice and fairness. Verily thy Lord loveth faithfulness in all conditions. In these days they should seek help and counsel from the Wronged One in its preservation and protection. But heedlessness and ignorance have prevented man from that which would profit them. This is the recompense of deeds on the day of reckoning. Each day foreign commands and ordinances gain influence, and through this influence the influence of the people of Iran is curtailed. Ask of God that He may awaken the slumberers and rouse them from sleep. Perchance they may hold fast to that which is the cause of success and prosperity. But alas! Soon will two fingers join together. Then shall ye behold them in manifest loss. Thus hath the Lord of all being made mention of that which was hidden from sight. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

O Hakim! The conditions of self and passion have encompassed the world. Every day from the clouds of the tyrannical ones' glory rain down calamities. The rights of the people have been entirely lost. This Wronged One observed that every year warfare and conflict would arise between the Babi and Shi'ih parties, with many slain on both sides. In the battles of Nayriz, ?abarsi and Zanjan, nearly fifteen thousand souls were consigned to death. For the protection and preservation of God's servants, this Wronged One, with no helper or assistant save a single pen, aided both government and people, and through loving counsels and wise admonitions removed killing and plunder from their midst. We transformed weapons into instruments of peace. For forty years no one has moved contrary to what God has willed. Thus in the land of ?ad the oppressors of the world perpetrated that which caused the Supreme Pen to lament, and in 'Ishqabad occurred that which brought grief to all the world's different parties. You have surely heard the details. Yet in no instance did the people of God rise in self-defense, but rather held fast to submission and contentment. Nevertheless the unjust people remained heedless and manifested a wickedness that had and has no equal or likeness. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the oppressors. Praise be to God that the martyrdom of His loved ones in this Most Great Cause transformed rejection and denial into acceptance and recognition, such that this party now associates with all the world's parties in utmost love and fellowship. The hearing and sight of the people have likewise progressed, and wings besmeared with clay have been cleansed and sanctified by the Kawthar of utterance and are now capable of flight. We hope that grace and favor will teach all a new way of soaring, that perchance the

helpless people may attain rest and freedom from the vain imaginings of the world's clay-dwellers. Although the wickedness of the oppressors has reached such a degree that the pens of the world are incapable and powerless to record it, strive, O Hakim, that perhaps your counsels may serve as a barrier between the fire of malicious souls and the helpless servants. Although in truth abundant fruits have appeared, for since the day that strife and conflict were forbidden in the heavenly Books, no more than nineteen souls have perished over forty years. Say: O servants! We have previously stated that ye are all the fruits of one tree and the leaves of one branch. In the station of love and kindness be as rain-laden clouds, and in seizing the conditions of self and passion be as a blazing flame. Strive to exalt the blessed Most Great Word, that perchance the withered leaves of earth may become fresh and verdant through the spring showers of the mercy of the knowing and accomplished ones. The glory from Us be upon you and upon whoever hearkens to your words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Bestower of favors and bounties! O Samandari in the realm of earth and heaven! Your letter has come before Us and was read at the Throne, attaining the honor of being heard while the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of grandeur and majesty. We found in it that which indicated your name and saw in each word of it the fire of your love for your chosen Lord. Ask God to make that fire a magnet to attract the hearts of all in the world. He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

As for what you mentioned therein about your sadness - this We have not chosen for you. Rejoice in My favor unto you, for nothing that can be mentioned or described in creation equals it. How can sadness overtake you when you find yourself upon the shore of the ocean of joy and gladness? Be not grieved by anything. Trust in God. He is with you in all conditions. What you asked for - We have answered you through Our servant who is present before Us. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Trust in Him and commit all affairs into the hand of Power. He sees more than you and desires for you what has not entered the mind. This is what behooves you. Thy Lord is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Soon He will exalt your station and make you a sign of guidance. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware, beware lest anything sadden you. Drink the Kawthar of joy from the hand of thy Lord's favor, Who has appeared and shines before your face. Be moved by the fragrance of joy and attracted by the verses of thy Lord, the Speaker, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Make Him your guardian and the guarantor of your affairs. He is verily the All-Sufficient, the Faithful, the Giver, the Bountiful. This is a word through which the essence of My favor and the pure wine of My providence for you have been made manifest. Be thankful to Him for this with a gratitude that no worldly thanks can equal. Thus does the Mighty, the All-Compelling command you.

O Samandar! Hearken unto that which thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, calls out to you. Arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that thereby the standards of the Bayan may be raised upon every lofty mountain. Be a guardian of the House of the Cause, then protect it with the swords of remembrance

and utterance lest thieves find any way thereto. Circle round about the House at all times lest it be pierced by a mouse or dug into by a rabbit or entered by a treacherous deceiver.

Behold the people - they see the lights of the Sun shining from the horizon of grandeur and majesty, and the seas of verses and proofs surging between earth and heaven, yet they have denied this bounty and taken for themselves the calf as lord instead of God. Woe unto them and unto those who follow the desires of such as these! Verily they are among those whose names the Pen does not wish to inscribe, and from whom every accursed devil flees. Ask God to aid them to recognize the Dawning-Place from which countless suns have shown forth, and to open their eyes to the knowledge of this Great Name. Glory be upon thee, O thou who hast turned to My face, arisen to serve Me, and spoken forth My wondrous remembrance.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O ’Ali-Akbar! We counsel thee even as We counseled thee before with that which will manifest the station of man in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who created the world by His command. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast attained the presence of the Wronged One and heard what His tongue hath uttered in His mighty prison. Now that one hour hath passed from Monday night, this servant hath attained the presence of the Wronged One. We have desired to make mention of the friends of God who have drunk from the choice wine of oneness and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, that all may attain unto the most great joy and drink from the ocean of gladness. The names of all have been and are before Us. Praise be to God, they have been and are assisted in benevolent matters from God and are journeying unto God, that is, their beginning and return have been from God and unto God. God willing, may the light of this station be seen manifest and resplendent before their faces, that they may thereby walk upon the straight and manifest path. On this blessed night, suddenly mention was made of them and the face of the imprisoned Wronged One turned toward them. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to inscribe them as the dawning-places of His most excellent names in the Book of Names by the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. O friends! For some time the religion of God hath been seen to be weak, and the enemies have risen from all directions with the utmost oppression and tyranny. The sun of justice is concealed behind the clouds. Beseech and supplicate the True One, exalted be His glory, that perchance He may change this weakness into strength and this tyranny into justice. Hold fast to the cord of His grace and be confident in His loving-kindness. He is the Powerful One Who hath subdued the world by a single word and by two letters hath brought forth the manifestations of names and the dawning-places of attributes from the concealment of nothingness into the realm of existence. Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and in Whose right hand is the dominion of all things! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace that Thou write down for us that which befitteth Thy generosity and bestowal. O my Lord! We are Thy servants and Thy creation. We have turned toward the lights of Thy countenance and hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy loving-kindness. Wilt Thou disappoint, O my God, Thy weak servants who have found no helper besides Thee, no ruler other than Thee, and no one merciful except Thee? O my Lord! I

beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all contingent beings, that Thou send down upon us from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause us to be numbered with them who have hastened unto the river of Thy grace, who have held fast to the cord of Thy generosity, and who have clung to the hem of the robe of Thy loving-kindness. O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose greatness, power, glory, might and all-encompassing authority all things have testified. Look upon us, O my God, with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and ordain for us that whereby the eyes of Thy loved ones may be gladdened. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no affair can render powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Doer, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of Him Who dominates over all who are in the unseen and visible realms!

O Farrukh Kh., say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity, and by the trees of the paradise of Thy mercy, and by the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree of Thy glory, and by the effulgences of the orb of Thy bounty, and by the shade of the leaves of the garden of Thy loving-kindness, and by the rivers flowing in the paradise of Thy will, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the laws and principles of men shall not prevent me from Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Protect Thy party from Thine enemies, then open before their faces the gates of generosity and bounty through Thy power and sovereignty. O Lord! Thou seest the weak ones of the earth turning toward the horizon of Thy might. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them in what they desire from Thy grace in Thy days. Verily Thou art He to Whose bounty and mercy and power and might the rock hath testified, and the sea to Thy greatness and glory, and the sun to Thy power which hath encompassed Thy kingdom. Thou art He, O my God, Whom armies cannot withhold nor ranks frighten. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleaseth. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Has the eye of the world ever witnessed such a bounty, or has the comprehension of nations ever been enabled to enumerate it? Nay, by His own Self! That which was beyond the grasp and understanding of those in the world hath appeared. Through the power of His Pen, He hath removed all causes of contention, warfare, discord and differences from the tablets and established that which leadeth to harmony, unity, love, fellowship, friendship and oneness, and commanded all to observe these. Those possessed of true vision and inner hearing should turn somewhat their attention - they will observe all besides God as non-existent. This servant, with utmost helplessness and supplication, beseecheth from the wondrous divine grace and infinite mercy that which will cause the elevation of the stations of this party. It is hoped that this most great party, through the lights of the Ancient Beauty, will neither pay attention to nor draw near to that from which the odor of corruption emanateth, and will know and hear their own reward and station. Most people have now testified to the absence of corruption in this wronged party. This is in truth established before those possessed of insight, but due to the negligence of some who harbor enmity without cause, they have detected from some means of reformation the odor of corruption. We seek refuge in God from this. The Cause until now in all tablets hath spoken of what is known, nay of that which is well-known. Blessed are those souls who look with the divine eye. Assuredly

when intention becomes pure, the effulgences of the light of reformation become manifest and evident. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. As for the mention made of Hashim Bey, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these holy and blessed verses were revealed - thus speaks He, mighty is His utterance and evident His proof…

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O Fadlu'llah! Rejoice in that the Desired One hath heard thy mention and hath answered thee from His luminous horizon which God hath made the point of circumambulation for the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. We hear the mention of those who have turned toward God and We see the deeds of those who have held fast to My wise Book. Say: O people, act according to what the All-Merciful hath commanded you in the Book and follow not every ignorant remote one. Thus hath the Wronged One mentioned thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Hear in the Persian tongue these exalted and holy words: Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation, which today hath become the object of rejection and opposition by most of the people of the world, and thou hast hearkened unto His call. O thou who art mindful! The whole world was created to behold His horizon, hear His Word and act according to His command. This is a truth to which all the world doth testify and acknowledge. Yet after the appearance of the Divine Day and the establishment of the form of the All-Merciful upon the throne, all turned away and arose in utmost opposition and hypocrisy, save a few. Now ponder the station of these few. By the life of God, the Pen of possibility hath been and shall ever be powerless to describe such souls. We beseech God to make these holy souls firm and steadfast in His love. He is verily the Hearing, the Answering.

As for what thou didst write regarding mention, it hath been and shall ever be most beloved. O Fadl, the story of sacrifice hath been renewed, and Isma'il hath turned his face to the place of sacrifice and in the path of the Beloved of all possibility hath drunk the cup of martyrdom. He acted according to that which was revealed from the Supreme Pen in previous years in the Persian tongue:

O sacrifice of God, from love's altar-place

Turn not back, but give thy life in love's ways

And this sacrifice returned not alive from the altar-place. He sacrificed his life, his wealth, his honor, his name and all that pertained unto him. O Fadl! These are days of tribulation. The martyrdom of Husayn hath been renewed and Hasan hath given up his life. By the Most Great Ocean, the Concourse on High are engaged in lamentation and weeping. Blessed is the one who maketh mention of the tribulations of the friends of God who in the land of Sad attained unto the most great martyrdom.

O Fadl! Make mention of Hasan and Husayn. By My life, the Messenger doth lament and the Pure One doth cry out, yet the people are in evident doubt. Thy deed is accepted, approved and beloved. Make mention from the pulpits, for We have given thee permission as a bounty from Our presence. Thy Lord is verily the Commander, the All-Choosing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of creation. Verily thy Lord hath seized him who manifested oppression and arose in tyranny, and He shall soon seize those who have denied God, the Lord of lords.

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He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing! O Most Exalted Pen! The most great calamity and supreme affliction hath come to pass. Make mention of him who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon. Say: The first splendor that shone forth and gleamed from the heaven of the mercy of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, and the first fragrance that wafted from the gardens of loving-kindness and immortality. Upon thee, O Dawning-place of faithfulness among the righteous ones and Rising-point of good-pleasure among the free! I bear witness that thou didst hold fast unto the Book when the idolaters cast it behind their backs, and didst cling to the hem of bounty when the transgressors denied it through their idle fancies. Blessed art thou, O my brother, in that thou wert made a target for the arrows of destiny in the path of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Joy be unto thee, O thou who spoke with God, in that thou didst attain unto the lights of the Ancient One. I testify that thou didst fulfill the Covenant when the people of discord broke it, and didst hasten to the Most Exalted Horizon when the call was raised between earth and heaven. Thou wert with thy Lord in times of hardship and tribulation until thou wert exiled with Him from the Land of Ta by reason of what the hands of the wicked had wrought. And thou didst arrive with thy Lord in Zawra, the place which the All-Merciful made the seat of His throne for successive years. I bear witness that thou didst believe in God and acknowledge what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered amongst all created things, and didst drink the choice sealed wine when its seal was broken by His Name, the Self-Subsisting. And thou didst migrate once again from Iraq with the Luminary of the horizons, and stood before His face morning and evening until thou didst arrive with thy Lord in the Land of Mystery which was named Adrianople, and from thence to the Most Great Prison. And thou wert with Him for numbered years, and present before the Wronged One morning and evening, until thou didst soar on the wings of longing unto God, the Lord of the Day of the Covenant, and the verses of thy Most Glorious Lord drew thee to the Supreme Paradise - that station wherein naught can be seen save the manifestations of the grace of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The glory that hath shone forth from the heaven of the bounty of thy Lord be upon thee and upon thy beginning and thine end, thy outward and thine inward self, and the mercy of God and His blessings. Glory be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen and Educator of all existence! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the splendors of the Light of Thy proof and by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy will in Thy days, that Thou forgive me and my parents and whosoever hath believed in Thee and Thy signs. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by this sanctified and holy sepulcher and by him who circled round Thee and arose to serve Thee until he laid down his spirit in Thy path in the Most Great Prison before the faces of the world, that Thou assist Thy male and female servants in that which will cause the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused. Then ordain

for them through Thy bounty and generosity that which will accompany them in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Protector of all beings and the Possessor of the throne on high and below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty! Praise be to God, the Ever-Living, the Ancient of Days, Who transcendeth description and honor, and is sanctified from glorification and magnificence. He hath immersed the world in the ocean of His all-embracing grace and encompassed existence with His supreme bounty. Can His favors be comprehended? Can His generosity be described? Can His eternity be known? Every learned one hath stumbled and every wise one's wisdom hath failed. He hath ever been sanctified above similitudes and mentions, and exalted above likenesses and thoughts. He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Thou art He Who created existence and brought forth that which is limited, and Who described Thyself as sanctified from similitudes and limitations. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver the sincere from the deniers and preserved the knowing from the ignorant, and through which Thou didst prevail over the world and judge between the nations, to preserve him who hath turned unto Thee and recognized Thee and tasted the sweetness of Thy call and turned toward the horizon of Thy eternity. Grant him, O my Hope, that which Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee in Thy perspicuous Book. O Lord! As Thou didst confirm him to turn unto Thee, confirm him in steadfastness in Thy Cause, and as Thou didst guide him to the court of Thy knowledge, grant him in every moment the Salsabil of Thy grace and the Tasnim of Thy loving-kindness. Verily Thou art the Generous; there is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Merciful.

O spiritual friend! Your letter arrived and from it were made evident the degrees of love and stations of affection. We hope you will ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and be sustained by the bounty of nearness and reunion. After perusal of the letter it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and mention was made of you. The Tongue of Grace spoke these resplendent words, His utterance, may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him:

"My Most Great Branch appeared before Me and mentioned you. We made mention of you with this wondrous mention. There hath flowed from the Pen in your mention that which hath attracted the hearts of those who have turned unto God. We beseech God to confirm and assist you and to make you in all conditions a champion of His Cause and one who speaketh His beauteous praise. Soon shall appear that which the Tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken in this luminous station. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of him who was named 'Ali before Muhammad. Verily he attained unto My verses and appeared before My face and heard that which My tongue spoke in remembrance of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne."

Praise be to God, you are adorned with the ornament of grace and sustained by the Kawthar of bounty and mercy. Ever has mention been made of that friend and continues to be made. We beseech God to

preserve you and assist you and ordain for you all good in the world to come and the present one. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Mention the friends with wondrous and exalted remembrances. I mention Mirza ’Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, with a wondrous mention. The spirit and glory be upon you and your family.

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Beirut. To Haji Siyyid Javal, upon him be [Baha’u’llah’s] glory.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who assisted us to fast in the month of standing, wherein people arose to worship God, glorified be His majesty. We have fasted by His command and broken our fast by His leave, and He has completed for us the two flowing bounties - the bounty of fasting and the table of breaking fast. And prayers and peace be upon him through whom Yathrib was honored and the Hijaz smiled - verily he is the Lord through whom God’s power was manifested throughout the lands and among the servants - and upon his family and companions who aided the Faith, holding fast to God’s mighty cord, and through them the text of the world was adorned with the beauty of commandments and laws, and the faces of nations with the light of His knowledge in the beginning and the end. And thereafter, the handwriting of that spiritual beloved brought joy to the heart and increased the vision’s insight. This heavenly table strengthens the spirit and expands the breast. I beseech and hope from God that this bounty may ever be bestowed and draw the friends to the ocean of joy. In truth, that beloved has been and is troubled by hardship - would that it were from common hardships, but rather they have been necessary, complex, weighty and difficult hardships. However that beloved does not acknowledge or admit to the hardship, for every burden has been and is made light through love. It is love that has opened paths and unlocked doors. In an instant it traverses the East and West of the world. It is the sign of the Ancient among nations. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive any from the ocean of His love and to enable all to attain the highest station, which is the station of recognizing His sacred Essence. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the All-Informed. Furthermore, in all conditions I beseech and hope that that beloved and those with him will proceed to the ultimate destination in perfect health and well-being, so that we may attain to meeting, which is the greatest of God’s bounties, glorified be His majesty, and under the shade of His blessed Tree offer thanks and praise. Surely he will soon grant this request. He is the Powerful and Mighty. As for what was written about the health of the spiritual beloved, Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be God’s peace - complete joy was attained. I beseech God to restore him to permanent health and complete well-being. Verily He has power over all things. To his eminence the great Afnan and those circling round His presence I convey my nothingness and beseech God to transform the days of separation into reunion. And likewise I send greetings to the beloved of the heart, Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be God’s peace. The peace shining forth from the horizon of God’s loving-kindness be upon you and those with you.

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He is the Expositor, the Speaker, the Proclaimer, the Teacher between earth and heaven!

Praise be to God Who is singular in His grandeur and greatness, and unique in His power and transcendence, Who hath illumined the horizon of the world with the Day-Star of His Most Great Name, and adorned all regions with the rays that have shone forth from the horizon of His Most Exalted Countenance, and caused the nightingale of eternity to warble upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and the dove of glad-tidings in the midst of the heavens, and the bird of joy in the Kingdom of Names. By God! The world hath been perfumed through the opening of the door of the Desired One, and the beauty of the Promised One hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of what hath been ordained by the command of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, in these days wherein the Throne hath been adorned by the establishment thereon of its Lord, and the world by the advent of its Creator. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Informed. Say: We have ordained marriage for him who was in the presence of the Throne and circled round it for a number of years, that he may act in accordance with what We have commanded him in the Most Holy Book, through which the breezes of the Command have wafted over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Lutfu'llah! Give thanks and praise unto Him Who hath, of His own accord, given permission for rejoicing on this Day, that the hearts of His loved ones may be gladdened - they who have soared in the atmosphere of His nearness and circled round His throne and spoken His praise and quaffed the choice wine of certitude from this manifest cup. We beseech God to make known to thee His grace and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous. By the life of God! If thou wert to know and become aware of thy Lord's favor, thou wouldst thank Him throughout thy days and make mention of Him amongst His servants in such wise as to attract the hearts of the heedless. We make mention in this place of thy father who emigrated unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We had mentioned him before with such mention as caused all things to tremble and the trees to burst into leaf and the breeze of God to waft over the lands. Thy Lord is verily the True One, the Faithful. Blessed is he in that he fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and turned with his face toward the face of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. He attained the presence of and heard the voice of the Wronged One in this mighty Prison. We make mention of him in truth and say:

Blessing be upon thee, O thou who didst believe in God when most of His servants turned away from Him, and remained steadfast in His Cause when the feet of them that dwell on earth did slip, and didst drink the choice wine of certitude when all in creation were overturned save whom God willed, the Numberer, the All-Knowing. Thou didst hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and to be detached from all else save Thee, and to attain Thy presence and to hear Thy most exalted call in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who moved the Supreme Pen by His all-compelling will in the kingdom of creation - at times restraining its reins and at times releasing it beyond measure. Then did the lovers hasten and draw nigh, while the hypocrites turned away. Glorified be the Lord of the Covenant Who attracted the monotheists through His verses, the sincere ones through His fragrances, and those near to Him through His mention and praise. His gaze has ever been fixed upon those who have arisen to serve Him, who have spoken His praise, and who have sought refuge in His presence. He is indeed the Single One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness. The bird of the heart took flight in ascension, drawn by the melodious warbling of the bird of praise which sang upon the branches of the Tree of your love. Its sweet trilling attracted me to a station which God has made the Most Great View. When I arrived, what was in your letter was presented and I was blessed to hear what I cannot describe. He is indeed the Witnessing, the All-Seeing.

As for what you mentioned about Muhammad-qabil-Ba and his companion, they entered, were present, heard, were blessed, and with permission returned to their place. Likewise Jinab-i-Siyyid M-qabil-'Ayn, though he awaits another ship, and the matter is in the hands of God, the Lord of all beings. I praise Him, exalted be He, for accepting what you wrote regarding them and what Jinab-i-Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God) desired. The servant has received what you sent from the physician (upon him be the Glory of God) and mentioned therein the clamor of the people in Baghdad regarding the matter of Sasun (upon him be the Glory of God). We praise God, exalted be He, for preventing their advance and dispersing their gathering. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

The petitions that were with Jinab-i-Siyyid Muhammad-'Ali (upon him be the Glory of God) arrived safely. At this point and this moment the Sun has risen from its horizon and our Beloved and your Beloved has turned to the servant, saying - and His words are the sweetest - addressing your honor:

"O thou who gazest upon the Face! Blessed art thou for having attained to the mention and praise of the Beloved, the service of His Cause, and submission to His sovereignty. By My life! The Pen hath mentioned thee and will mention thee as a bounty from Him. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the Bountiful. He will assist thee in what thou art engaged in and will aid thee in His beauteous remembrance. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the peoples of creation were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed."

The servant expresses his love, sincerity, mention and praise to the loved ones of God who have caught the fragrance of the Garment and were possessed of clear certitude. Then the Most Glorious Beauty and the Most Excellent Praise be upon your honor and all those in your household. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of those near unto Him.

The servant in [Hajj] year 1296

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who created from His Most Exalted Word sublime letters, and took their essence through the operations of His wisdom and the manifestations of His power, and from its letter Mim created the Kingdom of Utterance, and from its Ha' the realm of praise and glorification, and from its other Mim the center of the circle of existence, and from its Dal created the servants and manifested the decree of return. And verily he is Muhammad in the heaven of utterance and the crown of names before God, Creator of heaven. And the peace that shines forth from the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven be upon him and his family and companions who broke the covenant and pledge of the idols and cast away their ordinances and pulled up the tent-pegs of the pavilions of polytheism and raised the pavilion of divine unity among the world despite those nations who clung to the ropes of vain imaginings, turning away from God, the Lord of all beings.

And furthermore, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention. The servant has received your noble letter which was honored by the mention and praise of God. When I took it and opened it and read it and found from it the fragrance of sincerity to God, the Lord of the worlds, I went and approached and entered and presented what was in it before His countenance. He said - and His sweetest utterance is: "O servant! Make mention on My behalf of him who loved Me and desired My presence, and convey greetings unto him and magnify his countenance, and convey to him from the Wronged One that which will gladden him and attract him. We beseech God to grant him the good of the hereafter and of the former life, and to ordain for him and those with him His everlasting bounty and His perpetual table. Verily He is the One with power over what He willeth."

The servant thanks his Lord for your arising and service and mention and praise. Verily He is the Protector of whoever befriends Him and the Answerer of whoever calls upon Him. And we beseech Him to remove the sorrows of His loved ones concerning what hath befallen His chosen ones in the land of Ta. Verily He hath power over all things.

As for what you mentioned regarding what Haji 'A L from the people of K (upon him be the Glory of God) sent - give him glad tidings from the servant that what he sent hath been presented before His countenance and achieved the lights of acceptance, and He allocated a portion of it to each one, and the Lord - may my spirit and the spirit of all else but Him be a sacrifice for Him - said: "Blessed is he who hath attained and been present and heard. We give him glad tidings of the acceptance of what he sent. This is a Day wherein naught is seen except God, that it may be proven that there is no God but Him."

Praise be to God Who assisted His loved ones to recognize Him and turn toward Him and taught them His straight path. And as for the glad tidings you gave me about the arrival of Janab-i-Haza' - upon him be the peace of God - the servant conveys greetings to him and permission has been granted for him to proceed

to the prison. Peace be upon your honor and upon those with you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, greatness and power! Praise be to God Who has uplifted truth and brought down metaphor, Who has illumined Yathrib and the Hijaz through His Most Praiseworthy Name. He is the Founder of the foundation of religion, the Establisher of its pillars, and the Manifestor of its mysteries. He is the Speaker Who announced to all the promise of the Meeting on the Day of Resurrection. He is the Herald Who summoned all to the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. And the prayer that has dawned from the horizon of God's will be upon His family and companions who made the Faith victorious despite the opposition of the polytheists, and who drew their swords against the polytheists and hypocrites who broke God's Covenant and His pledge, and followed every impostor, deceiver and idol who denied God's grace and mercy when He appeared with the truth with manifest sovereignty.

And furthermore, the servant has attained to the presence after becoming aware of your noble writing and presenting it today before the Countenance. Then did the utterance speak forth in the kingdom of proof in such wise that this servant was struck senseless. When he recovered, he beseeched God, the Lord of the Covenant, for the unity of the loved ones throughout all regions. Verily He is the Answerer, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

They said: O Name of Generosity! We have heard your call and witnessed your turning to Us. We beseech God to assist you and grant you the good of the hereafter and this world. In His grasp are the reins of all hopes and in His right hand are the destinies of all souls. At times He speaks that which draws the servants near to Him, and at times He manifests that from which the people of error flee. Exalted is God, the Lord of Names and Sovereign of all things, Who has spoken and caused all things to speak His praise and glorification. There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be joyful in all conditions and be assured of God's favor. After the cup of reunion, let longing increase and make the most complete preparation for nearness. God willing, the meeting will occur soon and We shall make up for what was missed. Convey greetings to the friends and likewise to your family and those with you.

End. Praise be to God, you have attained to mention, utterance, promise and nearness, even if on credit. But what is available now in cash is this: As commanded, on Tuesday the 19th of the blessed month of Ramadan, his honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, should seat the travelers in a carriage - including he who was named before the Countenance as Haji Ahmad and those with him, and the two who are in the guest house, these being four in total - and bring them. Or if they come on horseback, that is also good if they come two at a time separately. This lowly one conveys greetings to each one and gives them the glad tidings of attaining the presence. The servant beseeches the Lord of nations and Goal of the world to write for each one of His loved ones and friends that which befits His

grace, generosity and favors. Verily He has power over all things. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who hath opened, through the Key of His Most Great Name, the doors of the hearts of the world, and made known to them His straight Path and His mighty Command. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the Prophets, through whom descended the table of knowledge and flowed the valley of Batha, and upon His family and companions, through whom surged the ocean of utterance in creation and the tongue spoke forth in the kingdom of proof. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath attained the presence of the Countenance and won the lights of the Luminary of God's Book, the Lord of the worlds. Thy letter was presented before the Face. I truly say that this servant hath, from the earliest days until now, summoned the people of Iran to justice and fairness. In truth, whosoever is not adorned with these two blessed attributes hath not been and is not accounted among men. Mention was made of trustworthiness and detachment. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will illumine and adorn all with what hath been mentioned. Verily He hath power over all things.

At one time We made mention in the preface of the Book of Detachment of the blessed, decisive Word of the Friend, that perchance its fragrance might perfume the world and make the peoples aware. When the fire of Nimrod's tyranny was aflame and the decree to burn the temple of the Friend of that time - may our soul be a sacrifice for Him - issued forth from that dayspring of polytheism, there appeared from His Holiness that whose fragrance shall never cease from the worlds of inner meanings, utterance, wisdom and knowledge. When they suspended Him in the fire, Gabriel, by God's command, came to Him and asked: "Hast thou any need?" He replied: "No, not of thee." By the life of God, the fragrance of this utterance illumined the realities of existence with the light of detachment. Should any soul attain to the heat of this utterance, he would pass beyond the world and all therein and would hold fast to what God hath willed.

Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to open and keep open the doors of grace and bounty before the faces of His loved ones. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God, thou hast been specially favored and illumined with the light of faith. We beseech God to aid thee and cause thee to attain that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Verily He is the Strong, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. This Wronged One hath ever besought for the loved ones that which hath been the cause of exaltation, ascendancy, grace and bounty. This Tablet doth testify unto that, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those who have said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths." Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of the hearts of them that know.

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He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One

Praise be to God Who hath opened before the faces of His loved ones the gate of His presence, made known to them His path, given them to drink of the Kawthar of His knowledge, and sent down for them that which caused the river of His mercy to flow. The Tree of His Cause hath spoken amongst His servants. He is the Almighty Whom neither the might of the oppressors can weaken, nor the doubts of the suspicious and the hints of the transgressors prevent. Glory and exaltation be upon the Hands of His Cause who have arisen by His leave for the betterment of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. Verily He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Mahmud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court and from it wafted the fragrance of turning, attraction and steadfastness. Praise be to God that the clamor of the polytheists and the doubts of the atheists did not prevent or deprive thee from drawing nigh unto the supreme horizon. This is a mighty station. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, and glory be to Thee, O my Aim, and greatness and laudation be to Thee, O my Beloved, for having confirmed me in recognition and made known to me Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to ordain for me that which will exalt me through Thy name amongst Thy servants. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging what Thou hast revealed in Thy Books and clinging in all conditions to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art He to Whose generosity existence hath testified and to Whose grace the heaven hath borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We desire in this moment to make mention once again of thy brother who ascended to the Supreme Companion. We testify that he stood firm in My service, spoke My praise, and drank the choice wine of My love from the hand of My bounty. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times mercy and loving-kindness from His presence, and to give him to drink, from the hands of the Manifestations of His might and Cause, the Kawthar of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Effulgent, the Compassionate, the Generous. And We make mention in this station of thy wife, whom We mentioned in the Tablet of Bounty, as among those who believed in God and His signs, who attained unto His recognition and drank the Salsabil of knowledge in His days. Thus have We sent down verses from which surged the ocean of forgiveness and wafted the fragrance of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of the seen and unseen. And We have revealed for her that whose fragrances shall not cease throughout the duration of God’s kingdom, the Sovereign of existence.

O Mahmud! Give thanks to thy Lord for having mentioned thee and thy brother and thy wife with verses that cannot be equaled by treasures. Say: My soul be a sacrifice for Thee, O Lord of Names, and my spirit be a sacrifice for Thee, O Sovereign of mankind! I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to know what Thou hast intended in Thy Books and

Scriptures. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and detached from those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and Power

Praise be to God Who was and will be as He has been, the Eternal, the Everlasting, Who is not overtaken by decline throughout all eternity. He has reserved eternality for Himself and evanescence for all else through His exalted Word "All things are perishable except His Face." And blessings and peace be upon the noblest of His creation through whom was raised the banner of Beginning and planted the standard of Ending, and upon his family and companions who drank the choice wine of certitude and spent what they possessed in His path and strove in His Cause until the Dove of Unity cooed upon the branch of detachment that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And now, the letters of his honor Haji, upon him be God's peace and favors, arrived bringing complete joy and perfect, complete delight. God willing, may he ever drink from the Euphrates of divine love and gaze toward the horizon of His grace. Indeed from his letter wafted the fragrance of sincerity, for with perfect steadfastness he had written that if word comes to spill what exists and arise, action must be taken immediately. These words flow not from tongue or pen except with firm, steadfast constancy. Blessed be his honor! Indeed he stands in service and speaks in praise. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in preserving this most exalted station. Verily He has power over all things.

As for the matter of the deceased, forgiven and blessed one, upon him be God's glory and mercy, they said whatever his honor Haji, upon him be peace, can accomplish, let him do so, but only to the extent that no harm befalls him, meaning that no disturbance arise from the words of the heedless or harm of the corrupt, and matters be completed with joy and fragrance. And if in this regard some harm befalls the heirs, the Right will compensate and bestow. The intention is that his honor Haji should strive and endeavor in the will to the extent that no corruption arises, and beyond that is not permitted. The Command is in God's hand - He does what He wills and decrees what He desires, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for his own things and property, let his honor Haji oversee them or send a trustworthy, astute person. This is what We decreed before and at this time. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect him and send down blessings from His presence, as He protected him through power and sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

God willing, may he be assisted and successful in all conditions, gazing toward the most exalted horizon and turning toward the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. There is no God but Him, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings.

The Servant

13th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram 1300

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who illumined the horizons with a light that shone forth and dawned from the horizon of Hijaz, and by it He illumined the horizons of the hearts of the servants, and sent down that which caused the Kawthar of life to flow throughout the lands - blessed is he who attained unto His Cause and drank the Kawthar of His utterance and acted according to what was commanded in His Book, whereby God distinguished between truth and falsehood, and fire and light, until the Day when the trumpet shall be sounded. And may the eternal universal mercy and the light shining from the horizon of Will be upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom the spheres of faith revolved among the followers of all religions, and that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan was made manifest, and through whom the pavilion of religion was raised up and the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, was made manifest.

And now, the servant has received your letter which testified to the oneness of God and His sovereignty, and His singleness and His grandeur. When I read it, I presented it and He said - and His sweetest utterance is: "We send greetings upon Afnani and upon him and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant them the pilgrimage to the House built by the All-Glorious before and after the Friend's house was built." End of the blessed handwriting.

The letter of his honor Afnan, "A" and "H", upon him be all glory, which was sent has been presented. As commanded, they should add to the amount he had written so that the sum of fifty tumans reaches the people of ?adba. This matter is very important. In truth, they are steadfast in service. At one time these blessed words were heard from the Beloved's tongue - He said: "Verily he is possessed of clear certitude, and before this he acted for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds." Repeatedly similar utterances were heard regarding him. This ephemeral one beseeches and hopes that the True One, exalted be His glory, will strengthen and assist his honor so that in all worlds he may gaze toward the supreme horizon and act as befitting.

The request and petition is that you convey utter effacement and nothingness on behalf of this ephemeral one to his honor the most great Aqa and his honor the honored Aqa and the two Najmayns, upon them be all glory. Whatever you wrote on behalf of the Leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon them be all glory, regarding the people of the pavilion of grandeur was presented. Each one sends greetings and praise. In truth, with utmost love and affection and sincerity they mention each of those leaves, and they specifically instructed this servant to convey greetings and praise. You will certainly deliver them. I present greetings to the friends and the honored ones of that land, and God willing it will be accepted. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant

27th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1300

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds

All praise be to God that the heaven of grace has been uplifted, and the cloud of generosity is bestowing gifts and bounties, and the sun of divine munificence has appeared and become manifest from the horizon of His favors. Blessed is the state of those souls who have turned with body and spirit toward the direction of the Friend and have attained to the wondrous favors. Ask of God that you may find the sweetness of the Kawthar of His utterance. I swear by the Most Great Name that any soul who today attains to this station - that is, who perceives the sweetness of the utterance and word of the Beloved of the Worlds - will pass beyond all who dwell within the realm of possibility and will become so steadfast in His love that all the world will be powerless to prevent it. This is the station of the most great steadfastness, the ultimate goal, and the highest summit. Blessed are they who drink thereof and blessed are they who attain unto this knowledge.

The whole world has been created from the Divine Word, and that Word has been and will continue to be sanctified above mention of all horizons and souls, and by it were created the horizons and souls, yet most people know it not. And that Word is an utterance that has appeared and risen from the dawning-place of the Kingdom of exposition and flows and courses from the mouth of the Divine Will. That which is revealed today from the direction of the Throne has been that Divine Word, and this is that same Word which the Interlocutor heard at Sinai and thereby gained victory. Now through His preceding mercy and all-encompassing grace, the loved ones are privileged to hear it. Know the value of these days and be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God.

We counsel all the loved ones in that land to manifest spiritual qualities and praiseworthy deeds that are pleasing to God, in such wise that all people may inhale from those souls the fragrance of sanctity and detachment. O My loved ones in that place! We make mention of you from My Most Great Prison and summon you to God, the Single, the All-Informed, and We mention unto you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Be dawning-places of steadfastness amidst all creation, that the imaginings of every imaginer may not cause you to slip, nor may the conditions of the heedless occupy you. Leave the world behind, clinging fast to your Lord, the Ancient of Days. He has appeared through His Most Great Name from this luminous horizon. Ask ye of the ocean of His grace and the heaven of His bestowal that He may aid you in that which shall cause your mention to endure in His Tablets, whose fragrances have wafted between the heavens and the earth. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for you what has been sent down from God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Cast away what the people possess and hold fast to that which is with Him. He is verily the Bestower, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We, from this spot, send Our glorification upon thee and upon thy sons, as a grace from Us, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of those who render praise. May the glory rest upon thee and upon them

and upon My loved ones in that place who have turned toward God and have attained unto this wondrous Day.

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He is the Consoler, the Comforter, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be! The resplendent Light that shineth, appeareth and riseth from the horizon of God's manifestation, the Lord of all beings, and the sweet-scented fragrances wafting from the garment of grace and bounty, and the perfumes diffusing from this Most Exalted Station, be upon thee, O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of submission and acquiescence and who hast held fast to the Sure Handle. I testify that thou didst aim for the ultimate goal, the furthest end, and the highest summit, and didst attain to that which was inscribed by the Pen of grace and splendor in the Books of God, Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names. Thou art he whom the oppression of the oppressors did not deter, nor did the conditions of the transgressors and the might of those who denied the Day of Judgment frighten thee. Thou didst turn and hearken and say: "My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy manifestation, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the prison of 'Akka, and my soul be a sacrifice for Thy call, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all in the kingdom of creation!" The Wronged One hath testified, and all things have borne witness, that thou didst drink the choice sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered before the letters were mingled with the Word. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loveth thee and visiteth thy resting place and remembereth thee with that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in this Most Glorious Station. And blessed is he who remembereth thy days through that which was revealed for thee before and after thy ascension. Thou art he whose head God adorned with the crown of acceptance and whose temple He beautified with the ornament of might and beauty, and guided thee to His straight path and acquainted thee with His Great Announcement, whereby the hearts of the oppressors were disturbed and the limbs of the polytheists trembled. We were with thee at the time of thy ascension and revealed for thee that from which the Concourse on High and the Supreme Paradise found the fragrance of thy Lord's grace, bounty and mercy - verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. I testify that at the time of revelation, the ocean of forgiveness surged from the right hand of thy Lord's will, the Most Merciful, and its fragrance wafted through all regions and the manifestations of generosity encompassed all peoples save him who denied God's manifestation, His sovereignty, His appearance, His power, His gifts and His bounty. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Possessor of existence and Manifestor of munificence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Loving, and by this Station which Thou hast chosen for one of Thy loved ones, that Thou forgive me and those who have acknowledged Thy manifestation and Thy sovereignty and what was revealed in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! Thou seest the sinner hastening to the ocean of Thy forgiveness, the silent one to the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and the abased one to the kingdom of Thy might. I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy loved ones and chosen ones, by the Pen of Thy grace, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to enter the pavilion of Thy pardon and the gate of Thy bounty. Then decree, O my God, through this noble resting place, my needs and hopes and what I have desired from the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over what

Thou willest. Nothing escapeth Thy knowledge. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the August, the All-Bountiful.

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A Visitation Prayer for His Holiness ’Abdu’l-’Azim and His Holiness Haji Mirza Masih, upon them both be the glory of God

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, and Manifestation radiating from the Will of God, Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! Upon thee, O mighty pillar of God, His great Cause, and His manifest Light! I testify that thou didst fulfill thy covenant with thy Lord and observed the rights of God in thy comings and goings, holding fast to the cord of His commandments and ordinances, and acting according to that which thou wert bidden in His Book. Thou art he whom God made the cup-bearer of the wine of His utterance amongst His servants and the ocean of His knowledge in His dominion. Thou art he who acknowledged the oneness of God and His sanctification above all else. I testify that thou wert a pillar of faith in the realm of possibility and a sign of the All-Merciful among the religions. Through thee were spread abroad the traces of God in the world and His mention among the nations. Thou art he who recognized the Straight Path of God and acknowledged His Great Announcement. Blessed art thou for having attained unto recognition and acceptance after the servants turned away and denied the bounty of their Lord, the Creator of existence. Happy art thou, O thou who didst cling to the hem of the robe of thy Lord’s mercy. Thou art he whom God made trustworthy from His presence and in whom He deposited a trust from His side, and verily he was named the Masih (Messiah) in the Book of Names. Upon him be the glory of God, Creator of the heavens, and the glory of the Concourse on High, and the glory of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. O Masih! Upon thee be my praise, my remembrance and my glory. Thou didst dwell in the land of Ray while thy Lord remembereth thee from the prison of ’Akka, and remembereth thy days, thy acceptance, thy turning unto Him, thy presence, thy attainment unto His presence, and thy steadfastness. Thou art he whom the breezes of the dawn of Revelation awakened, and whom the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai attracted from the Divine Lote-Tree in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested His evident Cause and His mighty Announcement. Thou art he who perceived the fragrance of the garment when it was diffused and answered the call when it was raised. Through thy guidance did the thirsty hasten to the living waters and the rebellious to the river of mercy and forgiveness. Thou art a sign of truth among creation and a light of knowledge in the lands. We beseech God by thee and by the sighs of thy heart and the tears of thine eyes in thy love for thy Lord, to ordain for those who visit thee the reward of those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of His bounty. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Most Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Master of nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which Thy path was established and Thy balance was set up, and through which the ocean

of grandeur surged and the mountains passed away, to forgive me and my father and whosoever hath believed in Thee and Thy signs. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the tomb of Thy friend and chosen one. I beseech Thee by him and by Thy greatest signs to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Then ordain for me a station beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur and the pavilion of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bestowing.

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He is the Remembering and the Remembered One! Say: My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me, parting from Thee hath consumed me, remoteness from Thee hath melted me, and Thy remembrance hath kindled me, and Thy call hath shaken me. By Thy might and Thy beauty! Were anyone to search the hearts of Thy lovers, they would find them pierced by the arrows of separation from Thee, and their innermost beings aflame with the fire of remoteness from Thee. O Lord! I sense the fragrance of Thy manifestation but know not which place is illumined by the light of Thy knowledge and adorned with the splendors of Thy countenance and honored by Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy beauty that shineth forth from Thy most exalted horizon and the mysteries of Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for Thy servants to attain unto Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur. O Lord! I testify that Thou didst create ears to hearken unto Thy call in Thy Day, and eyes to behold the lights of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy signs and the Fountainhead of the manifestations of Thy power and favors. O Lord! Deprive not the ears of that for which Thou didst create them, nor the eyes of that for which Thou didst fashion them. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all beings. O Lord! The fragrances of the garment of Thy Revelation have seized me and the verses of Thy grandeur have so attracted me that I have forgotten myself and my own being and whatsoever hath been created in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Alas! Alas! I know not by what deed I may arise before Thy face that from it might waft the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Nay, by Thy might! Thy grace hath encompassed me and Thy bounty hath emboldened me. Verily this servant hath been assured of Thy grace and bounty and the acceptance of whatsoever hath appeared from me in Thy days. By Thy might and Thy majesty and Thy power and Thy beauty! I long to place my face and my brow upon every spot of Thy earth that perchance it may fall upon dust that hath been honored by the footsteps of Thy chosen ones and Thy messengers. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens, by the Daysprings of Thy power and might to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds, and grant me that which is best in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Giving, the Bountiful, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Source of bounty, by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name, to make me one who circleth around Thy Throne and standeth before the gate of Thy grandeur in every world of Thy worlds. Then adorn my temple and my heart and my breast with the lights of Thy knowledge and with the ornament of acceptance through Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! This is a day wherein the ocean of Thy bounty surgeth and the horizon of the world is illumined by the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee, then write down for me what beseemeth Thy mercy and Thy gifts and befitteth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And blessings and peace

and glory and light be upon Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones who have not broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and who have acted according to what they were bidden in Thy Manifest Book. These are servants who have cast aside polytheism behind them, holding fast to the light of unity, as a grace from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Most High, the Most Great.

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O Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! Today from the waves of the Ocean of Utterance of the Goal of all worlds, this word was heard: O people of God and His chosen ones! Aid your Lord through what He hath revealed in His Book. Beware lest the clamor of the ignorant prevent you from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the ear that hath attained to hearing the Word of God and hath held fast with supreme steadfastness. Some immature ones in the world are deprived of the Names while claiming them. In the great city appeared that which made every person of insight aware of the deeds of those who accepted and those who turned away. Ask of God that He protect the servants from the vain imaginings of the previous people. In the Dispensation of the Qur'an, conflict and contention arose over names - in the name of Imam, successor, chief, noble one, fourth pillar and the like - they engaged in battle, cursing, reviling and rejection. Yet on the Day of Reckoning not a single pure deed appeared from the divines and mystics of that group. All are aware that that group turned away and ultimately issued the decree for shedding the most pure blood of the Dawning Place of Divine verses. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, by Thy sovereignty that hath surrounded all existence, and by the sovereignty of the Names whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, to adorn Thy servants with the effulgences of the Day-Star of justice and equity. Thou art the Possessor of bounties and favors. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. They asked about "the meeting of the two seas." In earlier years the Most Exalted Pen wrote about the interpretation and inner meanings of the divine Books, and likewise about unveiling the symbols and allusions of the companions of the Bayan and their meanings - that which every person of knowledge hath testified to the Ocean of divine knowledge. However in these days We have not been and are not inclined to interpretation and inner meanings. These verses have been sent down from the heaven of the Manifestation of clear proofs: This is not the day for questions and answers. Rather it behooveth every soul, when hearing the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: "Here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all in the heavens and earth!" In these days you and the friends of God must hold fast with utmost joy and fragrance to that which is the cause of exalting the Word. You have been confirmed, praise be to God, in acceptance, turning and hearkening in days when most people of the world are seen to have turned away. Be not grieved. We beseech God to open before your face a door of His doors of grace and mercy. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those who heard the Call and said "Yea, yea, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and the Manifest One through Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious!"

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O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Know that the idolaters made My family and loved ones captives from Iraq and brought them to other lands. Yet the fire of hatred in their breasts was not quieted thereby. Then they turned with blackened faces against faces of light, and banished Us from the Land of Mystery and made Us enter ’Akka. It is the most desolate of the cities of the world. When We entered the prison, its doors were guarded by souls who had never inhaled the fragrance of faith from the Egypt of certitude, nor had the breezes of the All-Glorious ever wafted upon their hearts. Three successive months passed and We did not enter a bath. Thus did it befall the Youth at the hands of those who denied God’s favor after its descent. By God! We have not complained of what befell Us, nor shall We ever complain, through God’s might and power. Would that no tribulations had touched anyone in His path save Me! By His glory, I long for all of them in His love and the manifestation of His Cause. Hardship and ease both pass away, and what endures is what is with thy Lord. Where is he who built As-Sadir? Where is he who sought to ascend to the ether? Where are the Pharaohs and where are the kings of old? Where are their trellised gardens and furnished houses? Where is he who drank pure water while beauties circled round him? Where are their couches and crowns and might and dominion? They have descended from their strongholds to their graves. By My life! If all people were to hear the cry of but one of them, they would forsake the world and turn to the Most Exalted Horizon. Has not the time come for those who sleep to awaken and those who are heedless to become aware? Do they think they shall not depart, shall not enter the graves, shall not be gathered tomorrow and questioned? Far from it! Their imaginings are false, their abode is the abyss, and they shall find none to protect them unless they return to God, the Lord of creation. My Pen has been restrained and My body imprisoned. I face toward the Most Exalted Horizon while behind Me a serpent lurks. Soon shall the veil be lifted and the companions emerge. Thus have We related unto thee from the tales of the Youth, of what was and what shall be, after We were forbidden remembrance and utterance. Say: By God! The Youth shall not be prevented from the remembrance of God, though all who are on earth should oppose Him. Be thou not grieved by anything. Remember thy Lord - He is with thee and will aid thee through His sovereignty. He is the Protector of those who remember Him. Say: O people of Baha! By God, this is the Day wherein the sincere shall stand firm and the doubters shall flee. Say: It behooveth you in such days to manifest your certitude and steadfastness and love for your Lord, the All-Merciful, and your support of His Cause amidst His servants. He will protect you in truth - He hath power over all things. Convey My greetings to My loved ones, then gather them on the seashore and remind them at all times. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious, Most Luminous

O Javad! We have desired to cause the waters of everlasting life to flow for thee from this Tablet whereby the life of all in the realm of possibility hath been sustained. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful. And We have desired to give thee to drink of the choice wine - dost thou know from which cup, from this

manifest cup? And to show thee the Ancient Beauty - dost thou know from which horizon, from this luminous horizon? And to cause thee to hear the Call - dost thou comprehend from which throat, from this most holy and wondrous Throat? And We have desired to attract thee - dost thou know by what thing, by this Word whereby all things have been attracted unto God, the Beloved of the worlds? And We have ordained thy glory - dost thou know by what, by this ancient glory? We have caused rivers to gush forth for thee through this Great Name, and have opened doors before thy face through this Key which was fashioned by My wise remembrance. And We have sent unto thee the fragrance of musk - dost thou know from which direction, from this most mighty, impregnable and glorious Paradise? And We have wafted unto thee the sweet scents of the All-Merciful from this Branch suspended above the back of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then drink once again of the wine of immortality from this most sweet and subtle saliva. This is a Tablet whereby spirits take flight and the hearts of the sincere are drawn.

O Javad! The Lord of creation calleth thee from this manifest horizon. Seize thou the bounty of thy Lord and ponder upon that which hath been sent down unto thee from One Who is caring, merciful. Thou didst endure hardships in thy journey - verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou didst behold the waves of the sea and its grandeur and dominion; reflect thou then upon the waves of the sea of thy Lord's power, the Mighty, the Great. By My life! Were but a single wave from the waves of this sea to become manifest, it would cause all who are in the heavens and on earth to be drowned therein. The glance of grace hath ever been directed towards thee - He is, verily, the Mighty, the Generous. That which will gladden thy heart hath been ordained for thee in the Tablet. Grieve thou not over anything, but be thou among the joyous ones. Behold the power of thy Lord, how He hath seized the foreigners through a sovereignty from His presence, and those who expelled Us from the Land of Mystery - verily He is possessed of mighty strength. Thus was it sent down aforetime in the Tablets, and when the appointed time came to pass, that which was inscribed therein was made manifest, that all might be assured that He is, verily, powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Impregnable, the Almighty, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We opened the door in those days lest there occur again that which had occurred. Verily My mercy hath preceded all creation. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the lights of the Sun of the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Him Who is the Purpose of the heavens and earth to protect Thy loved ones from those who have denied Thy proof and have warred against Thy Self. Then give to drink unto them that have professed Thy unity that which floweth at all times from the mouth of Thy bounty and the lips of Thy favors. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the All-Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting

H S N! The Remembrance of God, upon the right side of the Sinai of Nearness, on the Eternal Spot in the Paradise of Glory, has indeed been witnessed. Bear thou witness that no God is there but Him, He who pronounceth at all times that I am God, there is none other God but Me, verily, I am, at all times independent of the entire creation. He revealed Himself unto thee once in the Realm of Glory, then once in the contingent world and the heavenly kingdom, then yet again during these days whence the lights west of the Sacred Realm are aglow, and with their radiance have illumined the denizens of the cities of eternity, and the Concourse of high, and thereafter them who set within themselves their path towards His Countenance. Go thou straight on and persevere in that which the Pen of God, in truth, commandeth thee, and remain upon the straight path of God, steadfast in His Cause.

Say: Verily, this is the straight path of God upon earth and heaven, and His Testimony in the kingdoms of Revelation and creation. He was named "Ali" amongst the people of the Bayan, and then Muhammad amongst the people of the Qur'an, and, in ancient times, was named with each one of the most excellent names of God. Thus does the Tongue of power and might counsel you with Verses that have embraced all mankind, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and convey unto all people the glad tidings of this Announcement, hitherto concealed from the world, and proclaim unto all men that which we have proclaimed unto thee in this Tablet, and bid them to turn with justice towards the Most Exalted Throne. Say, the Truth proclaimeth; By God! No created thing having His love can ever be harmed. Verily, He is the Spring that floweth from the well-spring of a Name that is great indeed. Whosoever drinketh therefrom shall fear no one, and heaven and earth cannot withstand him. Thus hath the sacred Pen of glory irrevocably decreed.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God, and in that which hath been prescribed unto thee, and fear no one. Place thy trust in Him, He verily shall protect thee from every plotting sinful one. By God! Whosoever hath the love of this Youth in his heart, God shall verily render him victorious over all who dwell upon earth and heaven, and verily God shall be the witness thereof. He shall walk upon water as he waketh upon the earth, and shall soar in the realm of the Spirit in the limitless expanse of heaven. Thou shalt find the infidels fleeing from this Youth as mules flee from the lions of eternity, and they shall turn upon their heels, and shall violate the Covenant of God after It hath been revealed. Verily His knowledge embraceth all things. It behooveth thee to make firm thy steps in the Cause of God. Admonish then the people with thine loudest voice in this Ridvan that is in truth exalted. May the Spirit of God, His glory and grandeur be upon thee and upon thine consort, and upon them who, whence they heard the announcer call them to God, responded, and held fast unto the chord of glorious splendor.

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O son of the name of God, Sadiq! There hath been sent down unto Abdullah-'Ali-Muhammad from the heaven which was raised up by God's command - He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious - this message: O 'Ali before Muhammad! Rejoice within thyself at how God hath at this hour magnified thy countenance and sent unto thee the holy fragrances from this Prison which was far removed. Say: The precincts of sanctification have been purified from nearness and remoteness, and all things are equal in His sight. Distance preventeth Him not from what He willeth, nor do the veils of contingent being conceal Him, for

unto whomsoever calleth upon Him, He is near. And at the moment when the glorification issued forth from the mouth of God, thy Lord, the tongues of the Concourse on High were loosed in glorification of thee, and this was a bounty which was great before the Throne. Blessed art thou in that thou didst attain the presence of God while yet young, and when thou didst grow older the breaths of the All-Merciful took hold of thee from this Paradise which was made manifest through the Word of God at the dawn of time, visible at the right hand of the Throne. Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then enter upon the Ark of eternity which saileth upon the sea of names through My Most Glorious Name. Fear thou no one, but put thy trust in God. Verily He will sanctify thee from the doubts of those who are seized with vain imaginings and idle fancies and who stand arrested in the wilderness of heedlessness by the most great intoxication, turned away from the truth. Say: O people! Turn not today to the right or to the left, but behold that which hath shone forth from the holy horizon with a sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds. By God! This is the Primal Point Who came to you with all the signs and hath appeared in this final revolution with the Most Great Mystery - secrets beyond reckoning. Thereupon the idolaters dispersed from around Him and cast Him into the well of darkness, and at every moment they hurled upon Him the darts of misery. None was aware of this save God, Who knoweth all things. And from the depths of the pit He crieth out saying: “O people of the Bayan! Be fair, by God, and look upon that which hath been sent down from before the Throne, and be not tyrannous oppressors in the land. O people! This is not from Mine own self, but the Spirit speaketh within My breast, and My proof hath filled the horizons. Besides it, naught hath been sent down from the presence of One powerful and self-subsisting. Say: If ye be in doubt, then present yourselves before the Throne that ye may witness how the verses descend from a mighty and sublime dominion. Say: There hath been sent down the equivalent of what was sent down before, and this is testified to by those servants who have attained the presence of the Throne and who are illumined by the holy lights.” Thus have We informed thee that thou mayest stand firm with manifest steadfastness, for We have loved thee and thy father who was at that time present before the Countenance. And We beseech God that He may enable him to arise to the Cause in such wise that he may rend asunder the greatest veil through a power from Us and may arise to the Cause with a luminous face.

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O Mirza Abu-Talib, upon thee be the Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great Glory of God! O Most Exalted Pen! We have sent down for thee in every condition that which sufficeth the worlds. Blessed art thou for having arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that the tyranny of the oppressors hath failed to deter thee. We behold thee speaking at all times in praise of thy Lord, even after thou wert imprisoned among the silent ones. And We see thee possessed of sight amidst the blind, and standing firm among those who sit. Through thee was raised the scratching of every pen and every wise decree was expounded. Through thee were hearts drawn to the Beloved, and the hearts of lovers were set ablaze with the fire of separation, and the Face illumined the horizons. Verily thou art among those who are firmly established. How long wilt thou gallop in the arena of utterance? Dost thou see any who would race with thee? By My life, We behold thee bewildered in reply, gazing to the left and to the right. O Pen, recount unto the Lord of Eternity: We behold thee bearing all tribulations and afflictions, yet never ceasing from utterance in remembrance of the All-Merciful. Dost thou make mention of Him for love of those on earth or of Him

Who created it? Tell Me truly, for verily thou art the Truthful, the Trusted One. How can I mention, O my God, my condition, knowing well that Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed? The fingers of Thy Will move me, and Thy prevailing Purpose directeth me throughout all worlds. O My Pen! Tell Me what thou hast, for thou beholdest Me a stranger among the oppressors. None is there to speak with Me of that which would gladden Me in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. O My Pen! We have heard from thee diverse melodies and countless strains. Hast thou a melody whereby the world would be attracted and every mouldering bone be quickened, such that nothing would remain save that it would hasten unto thee and turn toward this luminous horizon? O my Lord! No power have I before the manifestations of Thy might, nor any knowledge before the surgings of the ocean of Thy knowledge. All things are dependent on Thy Will and conditioned by Thy Purpose. I testify that Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Were I to find a hearing ear, I would manifest what lieth within Thy knowledge, for verily Thou art the One Who ruleth as He pleaseth. Where are the attentive ears that would hear what is sent down at every moment from the Kingdom of Utterance? And where are the eyes that would behold Thy bright and wondrous countenance? By My life, that hath been revealed which hath caused the Kingdom of Verses to quake, yet the people are in evident remoteness. Thus doth the Dove warble in this dark night. Blessed are they who hear. O thou who hast turned to God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One when sorrows encompass Him. Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. In this state He summoneth all unto the Mighty, the Beloved. Be as thy Lord was, in such wise that no mention would prevent thee from His mention, nor any description from His description. Make mention of His praise amongst His servants and be of those who remember Him. This is better for thee than all that is in the heavens and earths. And say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O children of the Friend! He Who speaks from this manifest horizon says: O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the children of My Friend and the heirs of My Interlocutor, with whom God conversed openly and resplendently without veil or barrier. He desired to attain the presence and vision of the Most High, but was prevented therefrom by a wisdom from Him which none knows save God, the Lord of lords. And among them were those who attained this most exalted station and drank from the hands of bounty the wine of nearness and reunion. Rejoice in that We have caused you to hear Our sweetest call, acquainted you with Our most exalted horizon, and guided you to the straight path. You have been mentioned with a mention that cannot be equaled by anything possessed by creation - to this testifies the Mother Book which is with Him. How many a wealthy one has been debarred from the Dayspring of grace, and how many a poor one has hastened with humility and contrition to the ocean of riches! Those who have been debarred from the Most Great Sea - these are regarded as the most abject of beings in the Books and Tablets. Give thanks unto God that the Most Exalted Pen has been moved to make mention of you. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Arise to aid the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance and say: O peoples of the earth! By God! The days have come wherein the Lord of Names speaks that wherewith the Rock has cried out and the Divine Lote-Tree has raised its call from the most exalted station. Beware lest the tyrants of the earth and the pharaohs of the lands prevent you from the Cause of God, the Lord of all men. The divines of the earth who cast behind them the command of God

and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies have wronged Me. The Messengers of God aforetime lamented their oppression - to this they who are possessed of insight bear witness. Say: O people! By what proof did you believe in Muhammad, the Apostle of God, aforetime, and by what reason do you turn away from Him Who, when He came, all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Forgiving"? By God! He bore witness to Me before My appearance, and before Him did the Books of God - O ye who are endowed with understanding! The books of the world have submitted to My Most Great Book, and the tongues of nations throughout the ages and centuries have testified. Yet when He appeared in truth and the standards of the Revelation were made manifest, they turned away therefrom except those whom God delivered through His power and authority. They lamented My separation, spent their wealth for My Name, and entered the temples for My remembrance; yet when I manifested My Self, they disbelieved in Me and disputed My signs which have encompassed the horizons. My servant named Abu'l-Hasan has come into Our presence and mentioned your condition in relation to the Cause of God. We have remembered you through a Tablet that speaks before the faces of the world - there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. You have attained unto My Book before and after, and to My remembrance before which all remembrances bow down. Be assured of God's grace and mercy, and trust in Him under all conditions. He will assist you and aid you through a word from His presence - He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon those whom the censure of any wicked deceiver does not deter in the path of God.

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O Muhammad-Sadiq, brother of him who circles the Throne, he who remembereth and is remembered! O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned toward My horizon and set his face toward My countenance, when all upon earth turned away save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, did will - that My remembrance may draw him unto My kingdom and bring him nigh unto a station wherein the affairs of creation shall not deter him from My straight path.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee through this remembrance from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of the utterance of their Lord, the All-Seeing. How many a prince hath been held back by wealth from his ultimate end, and how many a poor one hath hastened to the ocean of his Lord's bounty, the Forgiving, the Generous. How many a learned one hath turned away from the Known One, and how many an unlettered one hath turned with radiant countenance toward the Truth. Blessed is he who hath turned, whom neither the turning away of the divines nor the signs of them who disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds did hinder.

We have heard what befell thee in the days of thy Lord, and We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us, and We console thee as a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

We speak in the Persian tongue that through the utterance of the All-Merciful the soul may be sanctified from defilement and attain unto true repose. Grieve not over the passing of thine heir, for the Best of Inheritors hath at this moment turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Children are for the

perpetuation of remembrance and good deeds. Now through God's favor he hath ascended to the Supreme Horizon and dwelleth beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, at rest and in peace, while thou hast attained to this remembrance which is better and more excellent than a hundred thousand children. The perpetuity of that is but for days, while this endureth as long as My names endure. Ponder now upon the bounty of thy Lord, that thou mayest drink from the ocean of knowledge and attain unto the station of supreme steadfastness. All relationships today are and shall be with God. Whosoever attaineth unto this relationship shall attain unto all the fruits of earth and heaven. The fruits are diverse according to the diversity of trees, and the fruits of the Supreme Pen preserve and possess all fruits. Whoso attaineth unto them hath attained unto all good.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We make mention in this station of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and We say: The glory be upon thee, O thou who hast attained to the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds, and hast drunk the choice wine of recognition when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. Blessed art thou and those who aided the Wronged One when He came with the truth through this Name whereby the veils were rent asunder, the mountains passed away as the clouds pass, and the hearts of the deluded ones were troubled. We counsel thee to patience and forbearance, and We cast upon thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and My turning toward thee from this exalted station. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath ascended unto Us in this My Day, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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Muhammad-Taqi, cousin of Salman! He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O Muhammad! Hear the call of Husayn at the moment when Shimr stood at his right, and the spearhead was aimed at his head, and the accursed Khawli stood before his face, while he cried out among those polytheists saying: "O people! Slay me not with the swords of hatred! By God, I am none other than the soul of Ali among you, and the spirit of Muhammad within you, and the beauty of God before you! Fear ye God, and be not of the wrongdoers! Fear God, and shed not the blood through which the pillars of the Throne are shaken, and the foundations of Paradise do tremble, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God are consumed! O people! By God, I have spoken naught among you save the truth, and I have commanded you only according to what the Spirit hath uttered within my illumined and exalted breast. Have shame before Him Who hath sacrificed Himself in My path, then show mercy unto My oppressed and lonely soul!" Thus was the matter with the Youth among these cattle in this most remote and far-distant prison. And thou, O servant, give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize His Self and guided thee to the greatest scene, the seat of thy Lord, the Most High, the Mighty. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, then shun the polytheists. Thus do We command thee in truth, as a favor from Us unto thee, that thou mayest be of the knowing ones. O servant! Make mention, on Our behalf, of such servants as thou findest bearing upon their faces the radiance of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O loved ones of God! Be steadfast in the Cause and follow not the

footsteps of any accursed devil, for soon will Satan cry out from your midst and bid you to disbelieve in God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great. Beware lest ye forget God's favor unto you, for verily He maketh mention of you in truth in holy and perspicuous Tablets. Arise, O people, in support of God's Cause and His victory, and be not of the heedless ones. Thus do We command thee, O servant, that thou mayest remind the people through this remembrance and magnify before their faces on Our behalf, for We have ever been powerful to judge. Then make mention there of such servants as thou findest in them the fragrance of the garment from Joseph of eternity, that they may arise to support the Cause through My sovereignty that neither passeth away nor perisheth. Say: O people! Fear ye God, then gather ye together in support of the Cause, and commit not that whereby the pillars of righteousness between earth and heaven would be divided. Fear God, O people of understanding! Help your Lord, the All-Merciful, with all that ye are able in the realm of possibility, for this is what the Tongue of Glory hath spoken at the midmost heart of Paradise in His most sweet utterance. Thus have We cast upon thee holy words from the Most Exalted Pen that thou mayest remain firm in the Cause through My sovereignty, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Glorious. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who, when they heard the call of God from the Tree of the Cause, said "Yea, verily, yea!" Then magnify on Our behalf before the faces of those women who have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and have turned unto God, the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former generations.

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O Mahdi! Upon which land thou mayest be, the glory of God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be, rest upon thee. Thy letter hath reached the Throne, and We have heard that whereby thou didst call upon God, the Omnipotent, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We are in a state that cannot be compared with any other state. We make mention of thee - this is God's bounty unto thee. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Forgiving. We beseech God to make thee a sign of My joy amongst His servants, in such wise that neither the affairs of creation nor the deeds of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved, may sadden thee or trouble thee. That which thou hast sent are the words of thy Lord. This behooveth thee and those who have been moved by the fragrances of this praiseworthy Name. We beseech God to aid thee under all conditions to make mention of Him among His servants and to spread His Cause throughout His lands. This behooveth Us and thee and the people of Baha who are established upon the Ark - they, verily, are safe and secure.

O Jud! The Desired One maketh mention of thee from this praiseworthy station. This is from the bounty of God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. That which thou didst send aforetime hath reached Our presence, and We have read thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne, and We have been informed of its contents. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve thou not over anything. He, verily, will suffice thee in truth, and He is the Protector of the sincere ones. There hath reached Our presence the letter sent from Ha unto the people of Za, and it hath been read in this noble Scene. We beseech God to assist them both to serve Him and obey Him, and to grant them the good of this world and the next. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Generous. They are remembered

at the Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed are they and those who have turned towards God, the Goal of all mankind.

O Muhammad! The All-Praised One maketh mention of thee from the presence of God, the One, the Single. That which thou didst send hath reached the Throne, and the glorification hath been honored by the fingers of thy Lord, the Single, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Trustworthy.

O Nabil, son of Nabil! The glory of thy Glorious Lord be upon thee. There hath come unto Us that whereby the Friend and they that circle round the Throne of thy Lord, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Glorious, have lamented. Thou didst visit the Throne in thy early days and didst attain the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. That which was sent from thy presence hath been honored in the court of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and to make thee one of those whose faces are illumined by the lights of this resplendent Dawn. Grieve not over what hath befallen Us. We were created for tribulation. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing.

O Javad! Convey the greetings from Us to them that have believed in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Then make mention of those who were in the land of Sin (China) and give them glad tidings of the favors of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have stood firm in this Cause whereby the lands were shaken, the servants were confounded, and the faces of the false ones were darkened.

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O Haji, who hast migrated until thou didst attain unto the name of the All-Bountiful, the Most Compassionate! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, mayest thou be engaged in His remembrance at all times and be steadfast and firm in His Cause, in such wise that all the people of the land may inhale the fragrance of thy steadfastness. O Hasan! Don the armor of My counsels which We gave thee in Our presence. By My life! It will protect thee from the darts of allusions. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn towards His Most Holy Court, and to hear His call, and to attain His mighty presence, and for having shed upon thee the light of His luminous and radiant countenance, and for having given thee to drink, from the hands of grace and favor, the wine of counsel and utterance. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Return thou to thy land, by leave of thy Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Then remind them of that which We counselled thee in Our presence, in such wise that no blame from any critic may grieve thee in the path of God, nor may the allusions of any heedless one veil thee, nor the doubts of the opposers prevent thee. Be as a fire in thy love for thy chosen Lord, that through it may be consumed the veils of idle fancies which have covered faces and enveloped the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. God willing, may ye be occupied with remembrance and praise amongst the servants in such wise that the intoxication of the wine of remembrance may seize all people and draw them to the court of the Friend, that all may fix their gaze upon the Truth alone and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. This is the wine of oneness and the

pure water of detachment which hath flowed from the Pen of grace of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Whatever hath appeared until now from certain souls We have forgiven. Praise be to God, the ocean of forgiveness hath encompassed all who have returned and turned towards Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Kind. And We beseech God to assist thee to arise to serve His Cause with spirit and soul and essence and body, in such wise that its traces may become manifest in all cities and lands. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call, whereby the earth and heaven were set in motion, and for having given me to drink of the pure water of Thy gifts and bestowals, and for having taught me what is intended in Thy days and what is mentioned in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy grace and the sea of Thy power and the sun of Thy Cause to assist me in serving Thee and in praising Thee amongst Thy servants, and to enable me to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, not to withhold from me the outpourings of the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy generosity. Send down upon me at all times that which will draw me to the horizon of Thy grace and sanctify me from all else besides Thee and cause me to speak forth that which Thou didst command me in Thy presence when the lights of Thy beauty were revealed. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Generous, the Mighty, the Compassionate.

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In the Name of the Lord of all the worlds!

O Ahmad! Hearken thou to the soul-stirring Voice of thy Most Beloved, calling from the Realm of the All-Glorious. His Word causeth to spring forth, in hearts that are ready and pure souls, the fresh and tender flowers of divine love and the blossoms of affection for the One Beloved. Well is it with him who hath hearkened to His Call and recognized Him. Be thou intimate with God and detached from all else. Praise be to God that through the radiance of His favors thou dwellest beneath His shadow and hast attained His presence. By Him Who causeth me to speak the truth! No station is loftier than this. Well is it with him who hath not squandered this bounty and hath acted according to His good-pleasure. We hope that all may attain this bounty and arise to remember Him, to sit and stand and speak and hear, for all these acts exist through His power and will. This is the station where “there is no power nor strength except through God.”

O Ahmad! Be not grieved at outward circumstances, nor saddened by events that occur. The ocean of joy is surging and the sun of gladness is shining. God willing, thou shalt ever drink from this ocean and attain this joy. What bounty is greater than this bounty, and what station is higher than this station - that thou didst migrate in His path and enter the Most Great Prison for love of Him, and in all conditions the Wronged One of the world was well-pleased with thee. Nothing can equal this - that the word of good-pleasure hath been revealed concerning thee. Hold fast unto it and be of the thankful ones. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of them that are near unto Thee were drawn to the horizon of Thy revelation and the souls of the sincere were attracted to the Dayspring of Thy signs, to make me of them who were so content with Thy good-pleasure that were they to be afflicted with

what their souls abhor, they would not violate Thy Covenant nor be perturbed by the revelations of Thy Cause. In all conditions they hastened unto Thee with their hearts and gazed toward Thee with their eyes. O Lord! I have laid hold on the cord of Thy glory and clung to the hem of Thy might. Preserve me beneath the shadow of the Tree of Thy Cause and give me to drink, at every moment, the choice wine of Thy bestowals and favors, that I may remain steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that the signs of them who have turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy power and the Manifestation of Thy sovereignty may not disturb me. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O Lord! Send down Thy blessings upon them who have arisen to aid Thy Cause and spoken forth Thy praise and stood firm amidst the revelations of Thy tests and the manifestations of Thy trials. Then ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have believed in Thee and Thy signs and sought refuge at Thy court and shelter at Thy threshold. O Lord! Thou art the All-Sufficient in every state. I have turned to Thy grace and bounty and favor and loving-kindness. Deal with me as beseemeth Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatest and Most Powerful

Praise be to Him Who is sanctified beyond all limitations, the Praised One, Who is worthy and befitting, for through His Name the praised station was made manifest and through His station was revealed “We raised him to an exalted station.” He is the Representative of God, glorified be His majesty, among creation. He is the Seal of the Prophets and the King of all paths. Through Him the Hijaz was illumined and metaphor was transformed into reality. Through Him Batha received the waters of divine knowledge and Yathrib was adorned with the light of the Sun of Manifestation. Upon Him and His family and companions be the blessings of God, His peace, His grace, His favors, His mercy and His beneficence.

And now, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived, bringing boundless joy. From your good health, the spirit found rest, and from news of your child, the heart received glad tidings. Praise be to God, His bounty and mercy, His grace and generosity have been and continue to be bestowed upon His loved ones morning and evening. The tongues of the world and the pens of nations are powerless and fall short of mentioning this station. After presenting myself before my Lord, the tongue of loving-kindness spoke these blessed words:

O ’Ali-Akbar! Infinite bounties and imperishable glory have been and continue to be specially reserved for the chosen ones of God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance, the divine names and attributes are manifest and evident in the world particularly for the Prophets and their loved ones. “All glory belongs to God and to His Messenger and to the believers.” Glory seeks those of equal station. All attributes seek their place and are in love with their station, and that place and station have been and continue to be the chosen ones and pure ones of God.

When thou hearest My call and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, arise, then turn thy face toward the Qiblih and say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight

path, taught me recognition of Thee and turning toward Thee, and made known to me the oneness of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the Daysprings of Thy Cause, the Dawning-Places of Thy grace, and the Recipients of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to bless that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty and bestowal, and ordain for me, for her mother, and for her the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings, and Thou art the Hearing, the Answering One." As for the leaf, We have named her Zuhuriyyih.

Praise be to God that beloved of the heart has been the recipient of favors and bounties. This evanescent one begs from the Eternal Truth that He may bestow blessing and bounty from the heaven of generosity. He is the Giver and He is the Generous One. I convey greetings to the honored leaf, upon her be God's peace, and I beseech for her divine confirmations. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants.

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Some rock candy has also been sent as a gift. This sweetness is for you, but our sweetness lies with you. This is our prayer - I beseech God that He may assist you until such time as you can repay the world.

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In the Name of the one God! Praise that is sanctified above mention and utterance and all that exists in creation befitteth that Desired One Who, through a single decree, adorned existence from the realm of extinction and nothingness with the ornament of perpetuity and being. This decree in one station is the Most Exalted Word itself which hath been manifested from the tongue of grandeur before the creation of earth and heaven, and in another station is expressed as the Most Exalted Pen. All names and attributes appear from it and return unto it. Exalted be His power, great His dominion, and mighty His proof. There is no God but Him.

O thou who art attracted to God! Upon thee be the everlasting Glory of God. Blessed are they who in this Day have attained unto the lights of true divine unity. They are the dawning-places of the favors and bounties of God, exalted be His glory. And what is meant by true unity is that God hath no likeness or similitude. All bear witness that He was and is sanctified above peers and likenesses, and exalted above that which the hearts of servants have comprehended. Ask thou of God that He withhold not the servants from this most great bounty and deprive them not thereof. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is a Book from Us that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Manifest, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee before with verses that all the books of the world and what is possessed by all peoples cannot equal. To this testifieth every assured and perceiving one. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. We were with her at her ascension, and by the hand of grace We caused her to enter the Most Exalted Paradise as a mercy from Us and a favor from Our presence, and We are the Bountiful, the

Generous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon her each day a mercy from His presence. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. At her mention the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of God's grace, the Lord of all religions, was diffused. Thus hath bounty been sent down and the divine table appeared from God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Baqir! Upon thee be My Glory. Give thanks unto thy Lord for what He hath caused to rain down upon her from the clouds of His grace, the showers of His generosity and mercy. Verily He loveth His chosen ones and handmaidens who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hand of His bounty. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for what Thou hast sent down for Thy handmaiden that maketh her immortalized in Thy Manifest Book. I beseech Thee, O my God and my Lord and my Support, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy signs, shown ingratitude for Thy favor, and disputed Thy proof which hath encompassed existence both seen and unseen. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and bounty and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and earth. Say: Grieve not for what hath befallen you in the path of God. Soon shall the wrongdoers see their return in the fire while ye shall behold your stations in the most exalted Paradise, near the mercy of your Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

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The friends of God in Ba and Dal

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

Praise sanctified from pen and ink befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Desired One Who hath manifested from the Point of the Book and from the drop of the ocean. He is the Lord of verses and the Possessor of standards, Who hath adorned the tablet of existence with this exalted Word: "Through unity the Cause is made manifest and station elevated." Blessed is the heart that is sealed with the seal of "Verily I am God's." The signs of the world and the doubts of the nations shall not withhold it or keep it back from the Truth. O people of Ba! The gaze of loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards those regions. Ye are remembered before the Wronged One and have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the chalice of steadfastness in the Name of God and hath arisen to His mention and praise. Today the banner "Verily He is God" is raised to the highest station, and the standard "He doeth what He willeth" is unfurled upon the most sublime heights of the world. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the lights of the All-Merciful's revelation and the ear that hath hearkened unto His call. O party of God! The dark smoke of deeds and conduct hath prevented the world from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon. The embodiment of tyranny hath established itself above justice, and the treacherous one hath usurped the station of the trustworthy. Beseech ye God that He may illumine the peoples of the world with the lights of the Most Great Name and render them pure and sanctified from the adornments and vanities of the world. By the life of God! The colors of the world have deprived most of the peoples from the divine path and the ocean of knowledge. O party of God! The rains of mercy have descended from the heaven of loving-kindness in such measure that all the pens of the

world are powerless to reckon them. That which perisheth not nor changeth hath been sent down especially for His loved ones. Strive that ye may set ablaze the peoples of the world with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illumine them with the lights of the Luminary of proof. The mention of each one hath been and is before the Wronged One. On this day the petition of Israfil attained unto the Most Holy Court. We heard his call and made mention of him. Blessed is he and those whom the doubts of the nations have not withheld from turning towards the Most Great Name, and blessed are they who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, who have accepted and said: “Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto us the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Treasury of Thy mysteries, and for having taught us Thy path and guided us unto Thy seat.” We beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose most exalted Word the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, and through the lights of Whose countenance, O Lord of all being, and through those who were so moved by the sweet savors of Thy call that they hastened to the place of sacrifice and offered up their souls in Thy path, O Lord of all names, to protect us from the evil of Thine enemies and to ordain for us the reward of meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to the One worthy and deserving, Who adorned the heavens with His pure footsteps and illumined creation with His existence. Upon Him be the blessings of God, the mercy of God, the loving-kindness of God and His grace, and upon His family through whom the pillars of religion were fortified and the signs of God were spread forth at all times.

And then, your letter arrived and brought boundless joy. Praise be to God, you are enjoying the bounties of unity and detachment, and health and well-being. Regarding what you wrote about Qurratu’l-’Ayn ’Inayatu’llah, after it was presented, they said it was very good and a blessed deed has become manifest for ’Inayatu’llah. In truth this is a favor befitting his name. However, tell ’Inayatu’llah on my behalf: “O ’Inayat, we beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for assistance for you, and we seek favor for your favor. Now the signs of favor must become manifest. God willing, you must conduct yourself in such a way as to be the cause of assurance and contentment to your teacher. Do not interfere in affairs without his permission and consent. This is my counsel - hear it well and act upon it. We beseech God to assist you and enable you to elevate your station and exalt your name. Verily, He has power over all things.” End quote.

In truth, you too must at all times remind Qurratu’l-’Ayn and make mention to him of the blessed, goodly words. God willing, there is hope that he will act as befits him and become the cause of manifesting the love of that company. I send greetings to my spiritual friend, Aqa Ghulam-’Ali, upon him be God’s everlasting peace. The gift that was sent arrived on the appointed day, attained the presence and was honored with acceptance. Now this blessed word completes the mention: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

I send greetings to the honored mother of ’Inayatu’llah, upon them both be 966 [Baha’u’llah], and I beseech confirmation for her. We ask God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon you a blessing from His presence and mercy from His side. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Your gift also arrived today - one was sent to the mansion and the other is present and has attained what is befitting. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants.

After completing the letter, they summoned and said: “O ’Inayat, God willing, may you be assisted in that which is the cause of loftiness and exaltation. There is hope, God willing, that you will become the cause of good mention for that party. Verily God is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.” End quote.

God willing, if he is enabled to accomplish what was mentioned, surely the unseen assistance will assist him and confirm him. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant, on 4 Dhi’l-Qa’dih al-Haram 1305

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In the Book of Aqdas, the Most Exalted Pen has ordained four festivals for all the peoples of the world, wherein the followers of Baha should meet and associate with one another with love for God, to such extent as does not contravene the wisdom revealed in the Tablets of God. On other days they should engage in occupation and the earning of livelihood, and should regard such occupation itself as worship of the Self-Sufficient Lord, so that through this means mankind may be delivered from the idleness and sloth that has overtaken most regions. The first is the Day of Baha of the month of Baha, which is the ancient Naw-Ruz and the Festival of the Fast, marking the beginning of months and years, wherein the bounties of God are made manifest on that day beloved of all worlds. The second is the Most Great Festival, which is the king of festivals, being those days when the Ancient Beauty emerged from the Most Great House and illumined the Najibiyyih Garden with the light of His countenance. This is also called the Festival of Ridvan and the Festival of Roses, comprising twelve days from the Ancient Beauty’s first entry into that garden at the afternoon hour of the thirty-second day after Naw-Ruz, until His departure from the garden at noon of the forty-third day after Naw-Ruz. Work is forbidden on three days of this blessed festival: the first day, from afternoon to afternoon; the ninth day; and the final day. On the remaining days they may engage in their occupations. The third festival is the fifth day of Jamadiyu’l-Avval 1260, near the evening hour when the Exalted One - may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him - by command of the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth, made His declaration to the Babu’l-Bab, upon him be the glory of God. Therefore that night and day are of supreme greatness before God, and honoring this blessed festival is among God’s commandments binding upon all the people of Baha. The fourth festival is the Birth of the Ancient Beauty, who at the second dawn of the month of Muharram 1233 illumined all the world with the light of His beauty. Concerning the date of that blessed nativity, in that poem which I composed in the Land of Mystery by command of the Mighty Sovereign, tracing events from the beginning of creation until the day of that Most Great Luminary’s birth, this verse flowed from the tongue to the pen: “Be ready, O friends, be ready indeed, The Hidden Day [1233] has come - no child was born before.” That blessed day is among the most noble and greatest of festivals. The first of

Muharram, being the birth of the Herald of the All-Glorious Beauty, the Most Exalted Lord - may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him - is joined to this festival, and both constitute a single festival. However, the blessed birth of the Most Exalted Lord occurred at midnight on the first of Muharram 1235.

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He is the Dawning Place from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of remembrance and utterance may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold naught save the lights of the face of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have heard mention of thee and have made mention of thee with that which the treasuries and riches of the world cannot equal. Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree, raised up upon the white earth beyond the crimson sea of grandeur - verily there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. By God! The seal of the choice wine of utterance, which was sealed with the seal of protection, hath been broken, and the ocean of knowledge hath surged before the faces of all religions. Yet most of the people do not understand. They have turned away from the Luminary of certitude, inclining unto the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning this Cause, whereof Muhammad the Apostle of God gave tidings, and the One Who conversed with God warned of, and the Spirit gave glad-tidings of. This is the Day wherein the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted, and the mountains have passed away, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the branches. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. This is He Who hath stood before all faces and summoned all unto God, the Lord of existence. Neither the power of princes nor the opposition of divines held Him back. He spoke that which He was commanded by God, the Lord of the Promised Day. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid you to assist His Cause and to reinforce you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, whereby no earthly might shall weaken you nor the clamor of the nations who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed shall render you powerless, and to enable you to achieve that whereby the fragrance of eternity shall be diffused in this Most Great Announcement, by which the limbs of every heedless and veiled one have quaked. Even so hath the Tree brought forth Its fruits and the Sun Its radiance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every denier who hath denied this evident grace. Say: O people! This is the Day of ears, for the Call hath been raised from the direction of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and the Day of eyes, for the horizon of the world hath been illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of Revelation on this blessed and praiseworthy Day. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord’s utterance be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside their cords and rods, holding fast unto the cord of God which hath been stretched forth. Say: This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh, would that ye might hear, and the Balance proclaimeth, would that ye might know, and this is the Day wherein men have arisen unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We adorned the heaven of proof with the stars of

knowledge. Blessed are the people who understand. And at the end of the Book, We beseech God to ordain for thee the best of the hereafter and of the former time. Verily He is the Protector of all men and the Lord of the mighty Throne. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Nabil, who visited the House before Ibrahim! He is the Ever-Abiding Who perisheth not! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth in this Prison, which God hath made the Most Sublime Vision, wherein descend the angels of His Cause at eventide and at dawn. He Who created the heavens and the earth, Who sendeth forth the winds and causeth the clouds to be subdued - His heralds bearing glad-tidings before Him to those who have turned towards the Dayspring of Revelation on this Day whereon the Herald calleth out from the right hand of Glory and Power: “His sovereignty hath conquered all things, and His Word hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth” - yet none comprehend this save they who are endued with understanding. The unitarians soar in the atmosphere of nearness and majesty, while the evil-doers are bound in chains and fetters. The Lord of the heavens and earth, Who hath sent down the verses and caused the Youth to speak forth, hath blown the Trumpet, whereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away. Then did the mountains pass away through the might of His Command, and all creation was shaken. Say: The heavens are folded up in His right hand, and the earth is but His handful - your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. The Bridge hath been laid, the Balance set up, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Irresistible. Lord of the Throne and of the dust, there is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: The Compeller hath come upon the clouds of His Name, the Chosen One. Thereupon did flesh creep and feet slip, save those who severed themselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth and sought the Kaaba of Glory with humility and contrition. All who are in the heavens and on earth glorify Him, except those whose eyes are drunken and whom intoxication hath overtaken on the Day of Mutual Calling. The hearts of those who denied the signs have been deflected. Say: Do ye hasten towards evil, when examples have already gone before you? Fear God, for He is mighty in His grasp and severe in His punishment. We behold the people prostrate, their faces darkened by the breezes of wrath. Verily thy Lord is severe in chastisement. Say: The Sun of the Cause hath dawned from the horizon of Revelation, whereupon the hearts of those who disbelieved in their Lord, the All-Merciful, were straitened and eyes were turned aside. When the Tablet of Glory cometh unto thee, take it with humility and supplication, then arise from the horizon of certitude and raise up the Tablet amidst all creation. Say: O people of the Bayan! This, verily, is the Proof that hath shone forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful with power and sovereignty. Do ye doubt it, or Him Who sent it? Lost indeed are they who denied Our signs - soon shall the fire consume them. The breezes of the Ancient King have taken hold of the Pen in such wise that it uttereth remembrance at morn and at eventide, and the might of the wicked ones who disbelieved in their Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, hath not hindered it. It calleth out while behind it stand the Pharaohs upon whom the word of torment hath been fulfilled and for whom is reserved an evil abode. Take thou the Book of Grace and leave those who disbelieve - they are in naught but error. Call thou the people unto God and fear not those who follow every doubtful idolater. And upon thee be glory, and upon those who believe in the Day of Judgment.

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He is the Everlasting, the Single, the Exalted!

Glorified be He before Whom all in the heavens and earth bow down in adoration, and unto Whom all shall return. All in existence, both seen and unseen, praise God, and unto Him shall all be turned. In His hand is dominion and creation. He createth what He willeth by His command. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. He aideth whom He willeth through the agencies of the heavens and earth, and withholdeth aid from whom He willeth. He is the All-Conquering, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Say: In the revelation of verses are manifestations for those who walk the paths of certitude. Say: O people of the earth! Compare not the creation of verses to the creation of any thing, nor their manifestation to the manifestation of any thing, if ye but knew. Say: The verses are in themselves the mirror of God, for in them are reflected God's attributes, could ye but perceive it. They are the first creation that told of God in the manifestation of His names and attributes, could ye but understand. By them hath God created what was and what will be, could ye but witness it. Say: They are the forms of the Cause that breathe the spirit of the Living, the Life-Giving into the temples of those who turn their faces to the sanctuary of holiness. They are the proof whereby God's Cause was established from before the beginning of beginnings and shall be established unto the end that hath no end, would ye but reflect upon it.

They who deny God's verses and make sport of them - these denied God from all eternity, and these are they who shall not warm themselves at God's fire. Say: O people! We have laid down for you the laws of the Cause and expounded the verses that ye might be guided thereby. Say: God testeth those who claim faith within themselves - this is what hath been inscribed on tablets of hidden glory.

O people of the Bayan! Stand firm in the Cause when trials shall come upon you from all directions nigh. Know then that We were among you for numbered years, and every day thereof We recited unto you from the verses of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We walked among you with such bearing as no embodiments of antiquity have surpassed, and from which was manifest the dignity of God, the Most High, the Most Holy. Yet ye remained heedless though ye witnessed God's signs at every moment and every appointed time.

Judge fairly within yourselves, O heedless ones! If ye turn away from this Countenance, then to what countenance do ye wish to turn? Thus did We veil your knowledge from the recognition of Our Self and withhold your eyes from this resplendent, hidden Beauty. Then when the Cause came, We rent asunder the veils from My face and tore away the coverings from your hearts that ye might stand firm in My love such that your feet would never slip from the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

O beloved ones! Efface from your hearts all idle fancies and vain imaginings, then hold fast to the cord of God, the Praiseworthy, the Glorified. The Spirit and Glory be upon you if ye hear God's counsels and return unto Him with your hearts.

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In His Name, the Mighty, the Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names, and my Sovereign and the Sovereign of earth and heaven, and my King and the King of all who abide in the realms of eternity! Thou seest and knowest that I have arisen to make mention of Thee in days wherein the limbs of the world have trembled with fear of the Manifestations of Thy wrath who have disbelieved in Thy most great signs and turned away from Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! Thou knowest that I have migrated in Thy path and turned to the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty until I entered the prison by Thy command and was honored by meeting Thee and attained unto the hearing of Thy call and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hands of Thy bestowal. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Goal of the nations, not to drive me from the door of Thy grace. Ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. O Lord! This is the Day wherein Thou didst give the glad-tidings to the servants of Thy manifestation and appearance and the exaltation of Thy Word and the operation of Thy Will. Thou didst say - and Thy word is most sweet - “On the day when thy Lord cometh, or some of the signs of thy Lord,” and “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Worlds.” I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, by this Day and by the Lamp which Thy finger of will hath lit between Thy earth and Thy heaven, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! Illumine their faces with the lights of the dawn of Thy manifestation, and their hearts with the splendors of the Sun of Thy knowledge and recognition, and their breasts with the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion. O Lord! They have borne for love of Thee what none of Thy servants before them have borne, and have witnessed in Thy path what no eye hath seen and no ear hath heard. Ordain for them, O God of existence, from Thy grace that which befitteth Thy greatness and is worthy of Thy sovereignty. O Lord! These are days wherein Thou hast sent down Thy Books and Scrolls of glory and Psalms and Tablets, and wherein the stars of Thy commandments have shone forth from the horizons of the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by them and by those who have submitted to the manifestations of Thy Cause, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will gladden their hearts and solace their eyes. O Lord! Illumine the face of the earth with the lights of the sun of Thy justice and adorn its thrones with the temples of the dawning-places of truth and fairness, that the countenances of those who love Thee and who have believed in Thy signs may smile with joy. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Thou givest and withholdest, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy unity and the Daysprings of Thy detachment to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones that which will profit us in all the worlds of Thy worlds and preserve us through Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing frustrateth and no command preventeth. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And send blessings, O my God, upon Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones and upon those who have advanced toward the arrows of destiny in Thy path and attained unto the Most Great Martyrdom in Thy love. I testify that they are Thy servants who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and drunk the Kawthar of martyrdom in Thy Name, the Bestower, the Generous.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hearest the cry of those who are detached and the lamentation of those who are sincere, and Who beholdest what hath befallen them at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the transgressors among Thy people. By Thy glory, O King of the kingdoms of justice and Sovereign of the cities of bounty! Such tribulations have come upon them that no pen of creation can recount, and should it attempt to mention them, it would not know what to record. Yet since these afflictions have been endured in Thy path and for love of Thee, they give thanks to Thee in all conditions, saying: "O Beloved of our hearts and One remembered in our breasts! Should the arrows of tribulation rain down upon us from the clouds of destiny, we would not complain in our love for Thee, but would thank Thee for this, for we have recognized and are certain that Thou hast ordained for us naught but what is best for us. And though our bodies may at times be distressed by these trials, our souls rejoice in them. By Thy glory, O Desire of our hearts and Joy of our breasts! Every punishment in Thy love is mercy, every fire is light, every torment is sweet, every toil is rest, and every sorrow is gladness. O Lord! Whoso complaineth of tribulations in Thy path hath not drunk from the cup of Thy love nor tasted the sweetness of Thy remembrance."

I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names and its King, and the Manifestation of attributes and their Creator, and by those who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and meeting and have tasted the sword's edge in Thy path, to assist all Thy creatures to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self, Who is imprisoned in exile for having summoned all creation unto Thee. O Lord! Thy mercy hath preceded Thy wrath, Thy loving-kindness Thy fury, and Thy grace Thy justice. Take hold of the hands of Thy creatures through the wondrous tokens of Thy favors and gifts, and cut them not off from the means which Thou hast ordained for the recognition of Thy Self. By Thy glory! When these are cut off, every soul becometh perturbed, every man of wisdom is bewildered, and every knower is confounded, save him whom the hands of Thy Cause have taken and whom the evidences of Thy grace and the influences of Thy favors have seized.

By Thy glory, O my God! If Thou shouldst regard Thy servants according to their deserts in Thy days, they would merit naught except Thy chastisement and torment. But Thou art the Generous One, possessed of great bounty. Look not upon them, O my God, with the glances of Thy justice, but rather with the glances of the eyes of Thy grace and favor. Then deal with them according to what beseemeth Thy generosity and bounty. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, the Ruler of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Send down Thy blessings, O my God, upon Him through Whom the mysteries of Thy Lordship were made manifest, then were exalted the evidences of Thy Divinity, and there appeared the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and were spread abroad Thy signs, and Thy Word was expounded, and Thy countenance shone forth, and Thy sovereignty was established, and upon those who turned unto Him

with pure hearts for Thy sake. Then send down, O my God, upon Him and upon them from the wonders of Thy mercy that which beseemeth Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Mahdi who preceded [Me], He is the Mighty! May God reward you, O Mahdi, with a recompense not bound by beginning. We testify that you did not harm this Servant during His departure from the Abode of Peace, and you followed God's decree regarding yourself, while all others harmed Him and followed their own desires. Say: By God, those who did not heed My words are burning in the fire of their own selves, if you but knew, and We are innocent of them. And those who emigrated and traveled without Our leave, by God, they are dead in the veils of their own selves. Soon their news shall reach you, if you be patient. The baker whom God loved in his heart has come to Us, and We heard from him that which caused the hearts of those who believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, to tremble. Say: Have mercy on Me, O concourse of the beloved ones! Be content with the tribulations and trials that have afflicted Us. Say: By God, if similar deeds appear from you, the harm will return to Us. Say: Do you not reflect within yourselves upon the fruits that will come from the tree of your suspicions after Me? Or do you, following the desires of your souls, do what you know not? Say: Fear God and forget not My counsels - this is better for you, if you but knew. No fruit has come from this tree that has grown in the soil of your selves except the destruction of Myself and those with Me, could you but see with the eye of the spirit. By God, the harm of this matter is greater than the harm inflicted upon Us by Our enemies. Therefore, O people of the Bayan, have mercy upon Me! I swear by God that the harm of this repugnant matter all returns to this Servant. Say to the people of the Bayan: None has ever heard until today of one who, with the tongue of friendship, would show complete enmity. After all, after the departure of this Servant, what use remains for this matter and what benefit accrues from it? By God, all that they do is vain! And it has come to pass that I, meaning this Servant, demonstrate with a hundred thousand oaths My powerlessness, showing that these matters and their like are ultimately harmful to the Cause of God, yet still they do not become aware. They must either be false in their love or consider this Servant false. I complain of My grief and sorrow unto God. Verily, we are God's and unto Him do we return. God is witness to the condition that merely hearing of this matter has caused the utmost harm - how much more its occurrence! In any case, immediately upon receipt of this writing, either summon Haji Abdul-Rahim and Haji Abdul-Majid, or go to them yourselves. Beseech them to forgive Us, to show mercy to these little ones who are with this caravan, not to cause any harm to befall them. By God, this matter will cause divine assistance to be cut off. All should await news of this Servant's arrival and learn what purpose lies in this journey. Say: By God, divine assistance is better than what you desire.

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He is the Mighty, the Beloved!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth for people who understand. Verily it is a revelation from God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Through it God's proof hath been perfected, His evidence made manifest, His beauty hath shone forth, and His words have been made firm for people who comprehend. O servant! Warn those who have veiled themselves from meeting Him in His days and who deny His verses. Say: Woe unto you, O people of vainglory! Do ye bar men from the paths of God while ye claim to be Muslims? Do ye acknowledge God in your souls while ye play with His verses? Have ye a proof greater than this? Produce it then, if ye be truthful! Can the Book which is in your hands be greater than this? Glory be to God concerning what ye imagine! Say: All verses have been sent down from the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, and all signs have appeared from His presence. There is no difference between them if ye look with the eye of oneness. Say: If ye have any proof, evidence or argument other than this, then bring it forth and tarry not! Say: The Beauty of knowledge hath appeared from behind the veils of the hidden. Say: The Sun of Beauty hath risen at high noon, yet ye turn away from it. O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and be not veiled from Him for Whose meeting ye were created, if ye but knew! Do ye deny God's grace while ye witness it? Do ye flee from the Truth while ye behold it? If ye deny the lights of this Countenance, then to what countenance will ye turn? If ye close this Door upon your faces, then through what door do ye wish to enter? Fear God and deprive not yourselves of these breezes sent by the Beloved. Whether ye accept or turn away is equal before God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Your belief will not profit Him nor will your rejection harm Him, if ye but knew. But ye shall lose that which ye shall never find again, though ye seek it from all eternity and weep and lament in His absence. Arise from the beds of heedlessness and seek illumination from this Lamp which hath been lit in the Lamp-niche of holiness, from which the inhabitants of the heavens and earth have been illumined, and those men who circle round the Throne. Fear God and cast not the Book of God behind your backs, nor the Word of God behind your souls, if ye understand. Thus doth God cause the Salsabil of holiness to flow from this confined Pen, and through it establish truth and abolish falsehood, if ye would ponder His Manifestation. If He wished, He could reveal from it mysteries of what was and what will be, and manifest from it that which would necessitate Tablets of preserved glory. All this would only be by His leave, and this Tablet beareth witness to His leave, would ye but be certain. And the Spirit be upon you, O loved ones of God, inasmuch as ye have turned away from the world and turned unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Jinab-i-Aqa Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God. His honor S.M. has petitioned.

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and called all to God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. The Cause of God has come and that which was hidden in His all-encompassing knowledge of what will be and what has been is now revealed. The fire of hatred was kindled when the Lord of all beings came with a sovereignty that encompassed the horizons. We have heard what has befallen you from God's decree, the Lord of the Final Return. We counsel you to patience, whereby your

station shall be elevated before God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is the servant from whom emanates the fragrance of patience in the days of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

We make mention in the Persian tongue: Ever has the decree and destiny of God, exalted be His glory, existed among creation and continues to exist. Destiny, in one sense, is a divine herald among the servants, informing them of the changes and transformations of the world and its transience. However, patience in these circumstances is superior to most deeds. This is why the chosen ones and the near ones are content and thankful in these situations. The Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, repeatedly experienced the passing of His children from this mortal world. Read what God has revealed in His Book, His exalted Word: “Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world. But the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord’s sight for reward, and better in respect of hope.” The polytheists gloated, for they saw that His Holiness was without issue. Thus the door of gloating was opened and the tongue of hatred moved, until Gabriel descended and recited the aforementioned verse in His presence. These words stemmed from ignorance and enmity. Had they reflected even slightly, they would have understood that the Book itself was an enduring proof and eternal traces. Every word that flowed from His blessed tongue was adorned with the ornament of eternity. However, the disease of prejudice in those days, and before and after, deprived most of the people of the world from the shore of the ocean of grace and bounty. The polytheists spoke such unseemly words that Gabriel again appeared and recited the blessed Surah “Verily We have given thee abundance,” and from this verse the sterility of the opposers and fabricators became clear and evident.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy utterance and for having sent down to me that which has made my soul content with Thy decree. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast to the cord of Thy good-pleasure and the hem of Thy decree, and I glory in this among Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to assist me to manifest that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory! Your letter has reached this Prisoner and We have noted its contents. We beseech God to aid you to recognize Him and assist you in His Cause, and to give you to drink from the cup of everlasting life that He may detach you from all created things and draw you nigh unto a station wherein you will inhale the fragrance of the All-Glorious from the garment of the Manifestation of His name, the Most Merciful, in these days when the transgressors have assailed Him and the idolaters have opposed Him - they who were created by His word “Be, and it is.” The spiritual fragrance from the divine Egypt has ever been and will continue to be wafting and passing by. The mystics have always received and will receive their portion of that merciful fragrance, while those afflicted with the cold of self and desire have been and shall be deprived of this holy and eternal fragrance. The blind have no share in beholding the dawning of the Day-Star of the horizons, and the deaf have no portion in hearing the melodies of the birds of eternity. That which has ever deprived people from the living waters has been imitation and idle

fancy, as you observe among the people - they worship vain imaginings and perceive it not, they bow down before idols and understand not. Consider the physical eye - how by a thin veil it is prevented from beholding all that exists between earth and heaven. Likewise, how can the inner eye, with the thick veils of idle fancy and imitation, perceive the shining of the lights of divine unity without limitation? In brief, this is the condition of the people that has been mentioned, and this servant has been afflicted among such a group throughout his life. We beseech God that He may cause to appear the Friend of divine might and power, that He may shatter the idols of idle fancy and desire. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Furthermore, since you have traversed the paths and drawn nigh, joy has appeared - perchance God will bring about through this some matter. It is hoped that with purified vision you will gaze upon the Greatest Scene in such wise that the veils of the people of creation will not prevent you, nor will the opposition and objection of the people of polytheism and hypocrisy become an obstacle. This is not difficult for God. Moreover, you had expressed bewilderment. Although bewilderment in one station is beloved and acceptable, as the Prince of the Chosen Ones, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, has said: “Lord, increase my wonderment in Thee” - for such bewilderment arises from beholding the lights of the revelations of the Beloved. Thus it has been said: “I became not bewildered until I chose Thy love as my path; How great then is my bewilderment if it be not in Thee!” The glance of love has ever been directed towards you, and it is hoped that through divine assistance you will emerge from the bewilderment you mentioned and enter the paradise of holy unveiling and witnessing, and arrive at the city of certitude and assurance. Peace and mercy be upon you and upon the assured servants of God.

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He is the Speaker before the faces of the world! The gate of the Most Exalted Paradise hath been opened, and there hath come forth therefrom one of the Countenances, and she proceeded until she stood above the head and called out with the most exalted call: “O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, this is the Day whereof the Books of God, both past and future, have given glad tidings!” And she pointed with her finger and said: “This is the Promised One and the Lord of Hosts, through Whose manifestation the Mount was blessed by its Interlocutor, and the Lote-Tree by its Sustainer and its Purpose!” The rapture of the Revelation hath seized all things - they celebrate, glorify and clap their hands. Thus hath the call been raised from every direction. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless doubter! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and thou wast remembered by Him Who loveth Me, who was named the Beloved - upon him be My glory. We have turned unto thee and revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of bounties and favors. Beware lest the clamor of the heedless sadden thee, or the might of those who have denied God, the Lord of lords, frighten thee. Take the Book with strength from Us, then read it with joy and delight unto the people of creation. Say: O people, be fair for God’s sake and follow not the imaginings of the people of error. O Yunus! He Who was treasured in the eternity of eternities hath appeared, and He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath come. We beseech God to assist the heedless to return and repent before the gate that hath been opened to all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hearest My sweetest call and the rushing of My Most Exalted Pen, turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of all

beings, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses and Lord of names and attributes, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy utterance and guided me to Thy path! I beseech Thee to make me so steadfast in Thy love that neither the oppression of the Pharaohs nor the might of tyrants shall prevent me. I beseech Thee, O Purpose of all creation and Educator of all beings, by the ocean of utterance which surgeth in Thy name, and by the fragrance of the All-Merciful which was stirred by Thy command, and by the lights of the dawn of Thy Revelation, and by the hidden mysteries in Thy Books, to make me humble before Thy loved ones, speaking of Thy remembrance and praise, and arising to serve Thy Cause. I testify, O my God, that Thy Cause is great, great indeed! Assist me, O my God, to hold fast unto it and cling to its hem. Then ordain for me, O my God, from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Beloved of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.” We make mention of thy father and give him the glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We mentioned him before and at this time in such wise that his remembrance shall endure in My perspicuous Book. We testify that he turned, attained the presence, and achieved that which most of creation failed to achieve. He who speaketh “there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed” beareth witness to this. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon thee and him from One mighty and wise.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy. We have sent down verses at eventide and at dawn, and made them guidance and remembrance for those possessed of understanding. Turn to God with humility and contrition. When the verses of your Lord are recited, prostrate yourselves upon your faces and chins before God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O people! This is the Day of hearing - turn with your hearts and ears toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation. He has appeared in truth - blessed are they who possess insight. The breezes of reunion have wafted, causing bodies and temples to quiver. Rend asunder the veils by the power of your Lord, the Master of all necks. Do you slumber after the Cry has been raised in truth? This is indeed a wondrous thing. The heaven has been rolled up and the All-Merciful has come with power and sovereignty. Arise and behold - He is above your heads, O ye who have eyes to see. Follow not your desires nor every doubting polytheist. Take the chalice of immortality in My Most Glorious Name and pass round the cups - thus has the heaven of Command been adorned by the One Who cleaves the dawn. We have rained down from the heaven of utterance clear verses at morn and eventide. They suffice you above all that exists in secret or manifest. Seize My days - by My life, they are the choicest of all days. Thus has the matter been detailed from God, the Lord of all beings. This is a Day wherein eyes are transfixed, souls are troubled and feet do slip, save those who have detached themselves from all in the heavens and earth and turned to the Kaaba of knowledge. O people! Hearken to God’s call in this Dawn wherefrom lights have shone forth, wherein angels descend with spirit and fragrance. Those who are heedless are indeed remote - they are truly of the people of fire. Soon shall punishment come upon them and they shall find no protector. The Most Great Ocean has surged through this Name which has shone from the horizon of all regions. The idols have fallen upon their faces, the Jibt has wailed, and the lamp has been lit. Turn to Him - He is truly God’s lamp between the heavens and earth, as your Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, bears witness. Does anyone have any excuse left? No,

by the Revealer of verses! When the polytheists saw God's power and sovereignty, they said "This is but a lying sorcerer." Such were their words before - We have left them as a reminder for those possessed of understanding. Say: If you were asked about what you say, O people of the veils! The Book has been sent down - take it with strength from Us and follow not those who, when proof came, denied God, the Revealer of verses. We have subdued the kingdom of verses by Our sovereignty and adorned the heaven and sent the winds. Can anything withstand Our Cause? No, by the Lord of lords! Look at those who disbelieved - they are like children who understand nothing and comprehend not speech. Cast away vain imaginings and take what you are commanded by your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He protects whom He wishes even if they be in the fire. In His hand is all power and in His grasp is the kingdom of Command. He is truly the Mighty, the Helper.

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In the Name of the Speaker, the Manifest, before the faces of the world

A Book sent down by the Ancient King to draw the peoples near to the Most Exalted Horizon, the Station wherein was raised the Call of God, the Lord of Lords. O Manifestations of the Names and their Dawning-Places! Hearken unto the Call of the Wronged One. Verily it hath been raised in the prison of 'Akka, and He announceth unto the people the glad-tidings of God, the Lord of Religions. This is the Day wherein the Proof hath appeared and the Testament hath been perfected and the Grace hath been sent down as a bounty from His presence - and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My loved ones in all lands! Hearken unto the Call of the Revealer of Verses. Verily He summoneth you unto that which will draw you nigh unto a station wherein the atoms cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous!"

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Bahram-Abad and give them glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed the horizons. O loved ones of God in that place! Rejoice ye that the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward you from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and that the Mother Book hath advanced unto you from this Most Exalted Station and Most Sublime Summit. He maketh mention of you through His verses, giveth you glad-tidings of the ocean of His bounty, illumineth you with the lights of His countenance, and teacheth you the path of God, the Lord of all men. We have been with you and have heard your mention in remembrance of this Cause when its light shone forth and before it bowed down all remembrance. Blessed is the one possessed of vision who hath drawn nigh and seen, and the one possessed of hearing who hath heard the Call of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge - He heareth and seeth, and He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Blessed be your tongues for having spoken the truth, and your ears for having heard the signs of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. By God! The ears were created for these days wherein the Call of the Intended One hath been raised from the Most Sublime Station, and eyes were brought forth to behold the lights in this Day wherein speaketh the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing before the faces of humanity in the prison of 'Akka - the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One Who causeth the rivers to flow!

Beware lest the happenings of the world or the veils of the nations sadden you. Cast behind you your vain imaginings, turning unto the horizon from which the lights have shone forth. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and hath taken from the hand of My bounty My Sealed Wine and hath drunk thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, at Whose appearance the dawning-places of vain imaginings were thunderstruck. Thus hath warbled the Dove of Utterance upon the branch of clear proof by command of God, the Revealer of verses.

O Bahram! Blessed be thy land for having been honored by the footsteps of My loved ones, and thy trees which God hath made a vista for My chosen ones, and thy houses wherein hath been raised the call of My sincere ones whom the hosts of opposition have not frightened and whom the might of those who denied this bounty that hath encompassed all created things and this mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth hath not weakened. Say: This is a Day wherein the Pen hath moved by the will of the Ancient King and there hath appeared what was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the sanctified repositories of your Lord, the Revealer of mysteries. Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Joy be unto thee for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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O `Azizu'llah, who hath emigrated and attained unto My Name, through which the ocean of utterance hath surged throughout creation! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him. Glorified be He Who hath manifested His Cause, fulfilled His promise, revealed His verses and shown forth His evidences, yet most of the people understand not. They have turned to idols, turning away from God, the Mighty, the Loving. When the verses of their Lord are recited unto them, they draw back on their heels, yet they perceive not. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain imaginings, yet they know not. They see the signs of God and deny them, and hear His call and turn away from it. They are among those who denied God's proof and His evidence, and said what the ancients never said.

O `Aziz! Hear the call from the direction of `Akka, at the right hand of the luminous spot: There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. He hath appeared and manifested His Cause, and called all unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He it is Who aided God's Messengers and Prophets, and guided all to His extended path. Hear the call once again: Be as the winds of the All-Merciful throughout creation, or as the spring breezes, that thou mayest adorn the earth with the roses of inner meanings and utterance. Exalted is God Who hath manifested His sovereignty and sent down His verses. He is the Single, the One, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones and remind them of what thou hast heard with thine ear of that which the Wronged One hath spoken. Hold fast in all conditions unto wisdom and utterance. Thus hath spoken the All-Merciful before and after. Blessed are the people who know.

Say: O people of Baha! Beware lest ye follow the desires of those who denied God's Manifestation and His sovereignty when He came with the truth through a command before which armies could not stand. Say: This is the Day of victory, did ye but know, and this is the Day of steadfastness, by God's command, the Lord of all existence. Beware lest the doubts of the baying ones veil you from God, the Lord of kings and servants. Take hold of God's ways and His command, and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Say: O people! Fear God, then aid His Cause through what He hath ordained in His preserved Tablet. He hath forbidden you corruption and conflict, and commanded you righteousness and goodly deeds.

We bear witness in this station that thou, O `Aziz, hast forsaken the religion of a people who believed not in God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, and hast taken what thou wast commanded in a written tablet. Thank God for having aided thee, brought thee into His presence, caused thee to hear His call in His praiseworthy station, and shown thee the Dawning-Place of His revelation and the Rising-Point of His verses, and what was inscribed from time immemorial, hidden from understanding and eyes. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in serving His Cause, to reinforce thee with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and to ordain for thee that whereby His Cause shall be exalted among His servants. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

The honored letter from your eminence, which is the cause of the growth of the growing powers of the world, arrived. Growth was achieved, joy was manifest, and delight was present. Praise and thanks be to Him Who has gladdened and continues to gladden the hearts and souls of His loved ones with the days of attainment and the verses of nearness. The joy of this wine shall not depart from thoughts nor vanish from existence. It is hoped that soon you will attain to His presence and succeed in true deeds.

Regarding what you wrote about His Honor the Most Great, His Honor the Greatest Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty and His love and favor towards that beloved one - after it was presented, He said at that time: "Praise be to God, His Afnans are adorned with two garments - patience and beneficence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist them that through them the light of justice may shine forth in the world and among the nations." They certainly show the utmost love and kindness towards one such as yourself. We praise God in all conditions. End quote.

Similarly, the mention of the loved ones of that land and their love and fellowship towards that beloved one became the cause of joy and gladness. After it was presented at that time, expressions of favor were heard and witnessed towards each one. The loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, have never been and will never be absent from His sight, and they have been and are mentioned at most times. I beseech the All-Bountiful One to adorn each one with the ornament of His favor and love. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The trouble, attention and kindness of that beloved one, and the dispersion in the path of God - the conversation with the Roman, that is, that imaginary Christian, as well as the time spent fixing the

fountain in the garden, the place of recreation for all in creation - in truth these are deeds whose reward shall not end and whose mention shall not perish. It is hoped that that person will become aware and act according to his covenant and pledge.

Furthermore, the trouble of your eminence's attention in seeing the sugar and tasting its flavor, and attention to other troubles, and sending of trusts which are considered among the great services, and other various attentions which cannot be limited by the pen - all are mentioned and their rewards are beseeched and hoped for from God, exalted be His station.

I convey utter nothingness and evanescence to the service of His Honor the Most Great, His Honor the Afnan, upon him be God's favor, the Lord of Eternity. I beseech from the True One that He may repeatedly cause your eminence to attain to that which is befitting. Likewise, I convey greetings and praise to the service of the Brilliant Star and His Honor Haji and His Honor Muhammad Mustafa and the other loved ones, upon them be God's peace. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon your eminence and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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O brother of the late Rahim! He is the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a letter from this servant to him who hath been guided by the lights of guidance and who hath taken fast hold of the protection of God, the King, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, that the breezes of love may waft over the gardens of his heart and draw him nigh unto the holy paradise of the Beloved. Say: O people! Arise to establish the Cause of God and follow not your desires if ye be them that move within the shadow of the Cause. Fear ye God, then shun the grievous sins and desist from that which ye have been forbidden. Fear ye God and tread not the paths of vain hopes if ye be them that walk in the ways of holiness. Say: O people! Be not divided regarding the verses of God which have been sent down unto you in truth, but hold fast unto the cord of God - and this is of His cord - if ye would ponder within yourselves. He it is Who hath caused the sun to shine through His power and the moon to beam with His light and hath made the rivers to flow as a bounty from His presence, that ye may gaze upon the signs of God's mercy and be grateful unto Him at all times, then place your trust in Him in all affairs. Thus do We expound the verses unto you and remind you of the truth that ye may draw nigh unto the precincts of nearness. Say: O people! This one is a servant of God and His attendant in the kingdom who desireth naught save your betterment, as honored servants bear witness. Therefore arise from the couch of heedlessness and aid him with your hearts, your souls, your spirits, your bodies and with all that hath been ordained for you, if ye wish to be of them that render aid. And if ye aid him not, know then that He will aid His own Self through His Being and will raise up His Cause through the truth - and this is a matter which all the worlds are powerless to comprehend. Say: O people! Consider the generations of the past and what befell them, though they were mightier than you in strength, greater than you in glory, and more exalted than you in station. All of them went to their places and were buried with their deeds and returned to dust as they began the first time - and this is the evident truth. And ye

shall return unto them and shall be questioned concerning what your hands have wrought and what your ears have heard and your eyes have beheld, and all that ye did in the vain life. This hath been inscribed in truth upon the preserved tablets of glory. Therefore fear ye God, then return regarding that wherein ye were remiss, then take counsel from what We have counseled you, that ye may attain unto what God hath desired for you. And glory be upon you and upon them who have been illumined by the lights of the countenance and were among those who entered the precincts of glory.

152 God willing, move forward in all matters relying upon God and admit no sorrow to yourself. They have ascended to stations that no description can approach. In this case you must be joyful and carry out those things which after their ascension bring joy to their spirit. And peace be upon whoever followeth guidance. The messenger arrived.

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Already translated through "…the Great Giver, the All-Bountiful." For the remaining Persian/Arabic text:

When thou receivest My Book and findest from it the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say: O peoples of the earth, fear God and be not of the heedless ones. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the pearls of the ocean of knowledge of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the All-Merciful. Cast aside the world and whatsoever is therein, holding fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath come from the Orient of might and power with the banners of knowledge and wisdom. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of them that turn aside. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken forth in this mighty Prison. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed from God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

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In His Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Abu'l-Hasan! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Ancient of Days, from the tongue of thy Lord, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. We have guided thee to the Most Great Ocean and illumined thine eye by gazing upon the countenance of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. We gave thee to drink of the purifying Kawthar when the Lord of Manifestation came with a sovereignty that encompassed the worlds. Our grace hath encompassed thee in such wise that We drew thee nigh unto the Dawning-Place of the beauty of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We caused thee to enter the pavilion of grandeur and made thee to hear the call of thy Lord, the Possessor of earth and heaven. We revealed Ourselves unto thee even as We revealed Ourselves unto the Manifestations of the Names between earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the One Who doeth as He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

We have set ablaze the heart of the world through the heat of the Word of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe betide them that have turned away. Hearken once again unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, from the Ultimate Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. I have created all contingent beings through My Name, then raised them up through My sovereignty. I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I will, yet most of the people are heedless. Thus have We seized all who are in the kingdom through the attraction of the verses of thy Lord and guided them to the Dayspring of the Cause. Blessed are they that have advanced towards it.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that hearts may be attracted by thy call and faces may be illumined by the lights of thy countenance, which hath been kindled from the light of the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Abu'l-Hasan! Give thanks for having been mentioned and for the revelation of this Tablet, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be thou at all times vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and be thou a proclaimer of this Name through which feet have slipped and all who are in the heavens and earth have been thunderstruck. Beware lest the doubts of the people of denial or the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, withhold thee.

We have created thee for My service and taught thee that wherewith We quickened hearts from time immemorial and whereby We shall resurrect every mouldering bone. Cast aside, in the name of thy Lord, whatsoever preventeth thee from the Lord of all creation, then be steadfast in His service amidst all peoples. Thus doth it beseem one who hath clung to My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names. Thus doth the Creator of the heavens command thee, for thou art the First Word from this wondrous Line. Say: O people! This is the creation of God for all who are in the heavens and earth. Then convey My greetings to My loved ones who have been consumed by the fire of separation when they remember the Luminary of the horizons, and who, when Our verses come unto them, are set ablaze, hastening unto God, the Lord of all names. Then mention them through the wonders of Our remembrance, in every line of which lieth concealed an ocean from the oceans of life, from which We have distinguished this Name whereby all in the world were overturned, save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath willed. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the purest wine and were assured of the signs of their Lord.

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Sultan-Abad. To Mulla Ibrahim

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Friend who calleth thee from this Valley which hath been named the Noble in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. He maketh mention of thee as a token of His grace, that thou mayest arise to compensate for that which hath escaped thee in the days of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Reflect upon that which hath been revealed in truth, and say: "I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven and Possessor of all names, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, to enable

me to recognize that which hath remained hidden from the learned ones of the land and the mystics of Thy realm. O my Lord! I am he whom Thou didst cause to hear Thy most sweet call when it was raised from the direction of Thy most exalted horizon, yet the veils have prevented me from turning wholly unto Thee, and thereby have I been debarred from the Salsabil of Thy utterance and the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. My God, my God! Thy grace is my hope and Thy forgiveness my desire and aspiration. I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy generosity and the Ocean of Thy bounty to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all created things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

O Ibrahim! If thou hadst but once called out, detached from all else, thou wouldst surely have heard the answer. Today the heaven of bounty is raised high and the pavilion of divine glory is pitched. Assuredly, should anyone turn to it as befitteth, he shall not be deprived. I counsel thee with that which God, exalted be His glory, hath counseled His servants in all Books: Cast aside all that preventeth thee from recognizing God and His Cause. O Ibrahim! Cast thyself down, then turn with thy heart to the horizon whereby the faces of the sincere were illumined. This is a Day whose station hath been mentioned and recorded in all Books. If anyone misseth aught therein, he shall never be able to compensate for it. Turn away from creation that thou mayest behold the countenance of thy Beloved after the passing away of all things. By God! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. And he who remembereth thee purely for God's sake is indeed a sincere counselor.

Strive that the clay fragments of the world deprive thee not of the flowers of inner meanings. Strange it is that none hath become aware of the root of this Cause, and that which hath appeared among the people concerning this station hath been for a wisdom none knoweth save the All-Informed. Nevertheless most have remained veiled and heedless thereof. Say: O servants! The darkness of your deeds hath encompassed the world. Strive that ye may attain unto the true light. Verily words cannot take the place of deeds. Hold fast unto goodly and pleasing actions, and purify yourselves from the defilement of divine prohibitions that ye may attain unto true rest. By My life! I speak not from mere desire. He who hath attained unto fairness in the kingdom of creation beareth witness unto this. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance and reflecteth upon matters and taketh hold of that which draweth him nigh unto the Straight Path.

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Send to the presence of Jenab-i-'Andalib, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God.

He is God, the Manifest, the All-Knowing!

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My Glory! The letter from Jenab-i-'Andalib, upon him be God's Most Exalted Glory, reached Our presence, was heard and beheld. Praise be to God, by permission of the Self-Subsisting Lord, they are cupbearers of the choice sealed wine. With eloquent tongue and attentive ear, they are engaged day and night in the remembrance of God, the Lord of Lords. How blessed and pleasing it is for him! We testify that he hath attained the lights of the Revelation and heard what the Speaker of

the Mount uttered from this exalted Station. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and confirm him to arise to serve Him in such wise that his standing shall not be changed to sitting.

O Name of Bounty! They have become saddened by the word of one of the servants. Say: Verily thou art mighty through the might of God. His Tablets have borne witness to thee, and that which hath proceeded from the tongue of His grandeur. None can withhold what God hath bestowed upon thee through His grace, generosity, bounty and bestowal, and none can remove from thy temple the robe of thy Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. God willing, with complete steadfastness they shall be occupied with guiding the wayward and awakening the heedless. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thou hast made mention of the loved ones. Jenab-i-Muhammad-Qabli-Rida hath attained the divine favors. We testify that he hath witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. He was mentioned before the Face, and We testify that he heard, hastened, attained the presence, and won that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. And We make mention of his brother who drank the wine of revelation from the cup of his Lord's bestowal, the King of the kingdom of the heavens and earths. We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve him and ordain for him that which will make him a herald of His name among His servants with the wisdom We have sent down in the Book. We had sent down for him before that which caused the mountains to move. They both attained the Kawthar of My wondrous utterance and reached a station wherein neither names nor all that exists in the realm of creation could hinder them. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, as a command from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

To those souls who have newly intended the Most Great Goal, convey the greetings of the Wronged One and illumine them with the effulgences of the Day-Star of proof. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and detached from all else save Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by Thy hidden mysteries in the Crimson Scroll, to assist me and Thy loved ones who have not been hindered by the doubts of the people nor deterred by veils from turning to Thee and drawing near to the court of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word in this Great Announcement. Glory and power, grandeur and authority belong unto God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

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O friends of the All-Merciful in Milan! The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward you from this destined Prison, and mentioneth you with that which causeth the rain of bounties and favors to shower from the clouds of your Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. This is a Day wherein that which was hidden hath been revealed and that which was treasured hath appeared, by the command of God, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. The fire of tyranny and wickedness hath been kindled,

whereby the light of righteousness and godliness hath been veiled, through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought in the land of Ya. They have kindled the fire of hatred and acted in such wise as hath caused every fair-minded one to lament and every just one to cry out, and tears to flow from the eyes of them that are nigh unto God.

With luminous speech hear ye the call of the Wronged One. Today victory lieth in that which hath befallen. Be not saddened, for that which hath occurred in the city of Ya shall cause the elevation of God's Cause and the exaltation of souls. Well is it with them that understand. The oppressors shall soon behold the recompense of their deeds from the presence of a just and mighty Lord.

O people of Milan and Sisan and their surroundings and environs! Ye have ever been and still are before Our gaze. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which beseemeth man. The opposers and deniers are like unto clods of earth - ere long shall the moisture of heedlessness and ignorance scatter and disperse them all. We cherish the hope that the friends in those regions will hold fast unto wisdom and utterance, and occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God. The barking ones and the deniers shall soon return to nothingness, having exchanged the eternal, everlasting dominion for fleeting days. Glory be to God! From the people of Iran are manifested savage and bestial traits - they are seen to be deprived of the heavenly table of divine favor and the eternal, everlasting bounty.

Praise be to God! The friends of those lands have ever been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. For each one hath been ordained that which the tongues of the world and the pens of nations are powerless to describe. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, and light be upon you! And woe unto the enemies of God who have denied His proof and cast behind them His evidence, following the vain imaginings of the heedless and the idle fancies of them that have turned away.

His honor Haji Muhammad Baqir and his son, upon them be His peace and loving-kindness, set out some days ago and, despite the turmoil of the world and the disorder of the way, intended the divine Ka'bah and attained thereunto. After arriving in this land he mentioned you, therefore this leaf hath been adorned with your remembrance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect you with the hosts of might and power, to draw you nigh unto Him, and to ordain for you that which shall endure as long as His glory and grandeur and dominion shall endure. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Light and remembrance and glory be upon you, O My friends and loved ones, and upon them that have cast away corruption and arisen to promote reform amongst the servants, and upon them that love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art present before the Throne! Praise be to God, blessed and holy deeds have been manifested in the path of God in the land of A and Sh. The fire of tyranny was ignited and, without any evidence or proof, one of the horsemen in the field of wisdom and utterance

was martyred. Praise be to God that after the fire of oppression, the light of justice shone forth from the horizon of the glorious government's heaven. With complete determination and firm, decisive, steadfast resolve they investigated the matter and what had transpired with pure justice, and finally issued a decree whereupon the people of the city of fairness addressed the people of the city of justice with these words: "May your eyes be gladdened! He who was seated hath arisen, and he who was silent hath spoken." For years justice had been deprived and no trace of it was found. Praise be to God, in these days it hath appeared from the horizon of power with standards and banners of victory. Two mighty deeds were manifested by the friends in that land: first, refraining from retaliation against the oppressors, and second, interceding with the authorities on behalf of their enemies. O H! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn them on earth with such an ornament as would illuminate the dwellers of heaven. We ask of the True One to illumine them with the light of fellowship and unity and love and harmony. Today love and affection and friendship and unity are regarded as the greatest of all deeds in the sight of God. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends of that land. Say: O friends of God! The calumniators lie in ambush and the barking ones watch from their places of concealment. Guard your hearts and minds in the name of God, exalted be His glory. O my God, my Adored One, my Object of worship, O Generous One, O Merciful One! Thou knowest and art aware that these servants have preserved the pearls of Thy love in the treasuries of their hearts and minds through Thy Name. We now beseech and implore Thee to protect and preserve us from the thieves and the treacherous ones. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty. O H! Thy deed is also regarded as among the most exalted of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! Give glad-tidings unto My loved ones of My mercy and My grace and My loving-kindness which have preceded existence both seen and unseen. O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! His honor Zein, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and His all-embracing supreme mercy, sent the names of the friends to the Most Holy Court, and each one was favored with the glance of loving-kindness and mention by the Goal of the world's peoples. Rejoice in this mighty bounty! Rejoice in this brilliant, gleaming light! The good news and true glad-tidings of this exalted Word cannot be equaled by all that exists in creation and whatsoever is therein. Thus hath the Sun of Bounty shone forth from My most glorious horizon, as a grace from My presence, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The glory that shineth from the heaven of My Kingdom be upon you and upon those who have quaffed the Choice Wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existing.

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O Haydar-'Ali! Today, which is the third day of the Islamic Festival, the Most Great Branch made mention of you. Therefore, the Supreme Pen desired to make mention of you in such wise as will immortalize your remembrance among all mentions, your spirit among all spirits, and your body among all bodies. Verily, your Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. You mentioned the Afnan, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, they have attained to the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and are adorned with the verses of the Supreme Pen. Time and again they have attained to that which hath no peer or likeness, and that is the Tablet of God in His days. He hath testified that he heard, turned unto and answered his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We were with him and witnessed his

deeds in the path of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon him from the clouds of His mercy and the heaven of His generosity the rains of His grace and blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. In these days mention of him hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. News hath recently arrived of the presence of the Afnan, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, together with the honored Amin, upon whom be the glory of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice. They attained the Most Holy Court and heard with their own ears the call of the Divine Lote-Tree. Blessed are they and blessed is he who hath heard the call of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the glory of God. We testify that thou didst turn and didst attain in the days of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Most of creation hath been prevented from the mention of God, the Creator of heaven, but thou didst attain, and We are among those who bear witness. Take hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Him and the sovereignty bestowed by Him. Verily, He is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

O Moses! Behold and remember the days of Moses. He desired what He desired and heard what He heard, and thou hearest in this hour the call of God, the King, the Just, the Manifest. When thou soarest on the wings of utterance in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the cup of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to assist me, under all conditions, to remain steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Tahir! Praise be to God, the world is illumined with the lights of the manifestation of the Most Great Luminary and hath become manifest. Beseech God to remove the veil that all may attain to that which hath been recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the sacred scrolls and tablets. O Tahir! Hatred hath erased the white spot from the heart. Beseech God to deliver all from this grievous affliction, that they may turn with purified hearts, steadfast feet, attentive ears and enlightened breasts, and find that for which they were created from nothingness. Glory be from Us upon those whom My Supreme Pen hath mentioned at this time. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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I am the Wronged One, the Exile

O Samandar! By thy life! The affliction of Muhammad, the Apostle of God, hath been renewed in the All-highest Paradise, and thereto the anguish of the spotless Virgin in the Most Exalted Station. “Fie upon you, O people of the Furqan!” she exclaimeth, “Ye have wrought even that which ye wrought aforetime! Where is my Hasan, and where my Husayn? Announce their fate, nor be of them that turn away! Did my Hasan deal faithlessly amongst you, unlawfully devour your wealth, or shed your blood? Judge ye fairly, O people, and be not of them that speak falsely! Explain ye, O people of the Furqan! For what crime did ye slay my Husayn in the Land of Sad?” By My life, O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My Countenance! The Ark hath been shattered, and the She-Camel hath been hamstrung by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Tale of Taff (Karbila) hath been retold; yet are the people wrapped in a palpable veil. We, verily, concealed the station of My Name Hasan by reason of the frailty of Our

servants; then, when he was ascended on the wings of the spirit unto the realms above, We disclosed a part of that which God had bestowed upon him, in token of His grace: He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful. Know further: That which hath come to pass shall exert an influence in the world: erelong shall this become apparent through the sovereignty of God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Oppression hath reached the pitch that alike the pen and the tongue are powerless and inadequate to recount or express it. Souls who at no time harmed another soul; who comported themselves with perfect love and kindliness; and who lived on terms of friendliness with all the peoples and kindreds of the earth - behold what was inflicted upon them! Were it to be inquired of those two embodiments of ignorance who regard themselves as learned, "Wherefore slew ye these wronged ones, notwithstanding that no crime or sin had been committed on their part?," they would, in reply, undoubtedly repeat the same words uttered by the mouths of the infidels in respect of the Prince of Martyrs - may all else but him be His sacrifice. After the business of the Land of Kaf, the company of the oppressors were wont to repeat this utterance:

"Husayn beyond his limit stray'd, * so slain was, by his grandsire's blade."

Fie upon them, and upon those that have followed in their footsteps! This apart, what blame attached unto the Prophet's children who were in that household? This business shall never be obliterated from the tablet of creation. For all four souls there hath been sent down from the heaven of God's loving-kindness that which hath changed the world's happiness into grief. Although to outward seeming the people of oppression are complacent about the deed they have committed, yet, by My life, their realities curse them, and lament over them, albeit they neither hear, nor feel, nor know it. Do thou convey Our salutation unto all the friends. Please God, all may, with the utmost joy and radiance, be occupied with the remembrance of God, and lay hold upon, and cleave tenaciously unto, the strong cord of patience and fortitude. Cast thou, on My behalf, a salutation over thy brother's countenance. We ask Him, exalted be He, graciously to confirm him, and to ordain for him that which shall profit him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We seal Our utterance with the mention of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting: "Verily, we are God's, and unto Him shall we return."

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O sons of Samandar, upon them be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Remembrancer. O Tiraz, praise be to God Who adorned thee with the ornament of divine knowledge and illumined thy heart with the lights of certitude. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having shown me Thy signs and made known to me Thy straight and manifest path. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to the horizon of Thy Manifestation and have acknowledged that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the Kawthar of Thy bounty nor to withhold me from the ocean of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou seest me yearning for the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty, and standing before the door of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

We make mention of him who was named Ghulamu'llah and give him the glad-tidings of My glorious and wondrous remembrance. O Ghulam! Hear My call and rejoice in My turning toward thee from this distant station. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that whose fragrance shall never cease, and manifested unto me that of which most of Thy servants remain heedless. I thank Thee, O my God, and praise Thee, O my Desire, and remember Thee, O my Hope, and beseech Thee, at this moment when I am clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy pardon and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace, to ordain for me a station within the precincts of Thy mercy and beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, verily Thou art the Most Generous, verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Great.

O Inayatu'llah! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee that which shall profit thee throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, namely to commit thy affairs unto Him and place thy trust in Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. He is with those who love Him and remembereth those who remember Him and aideth those who turn unto Him. He is the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having manifested and revealed unto Thy servants that which lay hidden within Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thine infallibility. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whom the rivers of utterance have flowed throughout all possibility and through Whose Most Exalted Pen hath spoken amidst all religions, and I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause which, when it shone forth, illumined the earth and heaven, to ordain for me that which shall cause me to speak forth Thy praise and to stand firm in Thy love and to arise in Thy service. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Luminous.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Abdu'llah, whom God brought forth from the loins of one of His loved ones, that he may rejoice in the utterance of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and be of those who are glad. Thy name hath attained unto Our presence and We have remembered thee from this station which God, the Lord of destiny, hath made His Most Sublime Vision. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace with the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Merciful, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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O 'Abdu'r-Rahim! Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make aware the heedless ones of that land and not deprive them of the ocean of His bounty, that all may hearken to the call of the Speaker of Sinai and arise to serve His Cause. Say: O Ja'far! Hear the call of the Lord of Destiny as it is raised from the direction of His Most Great Scene. Open thy sight to the countenance of God that thou mayest behold the Self-Subsisting One, in Whose hand is the sealed nectar. Say: In the name of God and by God, take from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of eternity, then drink thereof once in His name and again in remembrance of the All-Wise. Verily the Wronged One maketh mention of thee for the sake of God and calleth thee to the supreme horizon from the presence of the Ancient Commander. O Ja'far! We love to see thee detached from all save God, holding fast to His Most Great Name and clinging to His luminous hem. We

beseech God to open before thy face the gate of justice and adorn thee with the ornament of fairness, that thou mayest behold with thine own eyes that for whose vision eyes were created - His radiant and wondrous beauty. Should the attraction of the call from the supreme height seize thee, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the kingdom of names, for having remembered me when I was silent in Thy remembrance and called me to turn toward Thee when I was hesitant in Thy Cause. I testify that vain imaginings kept me from the lights of the Book of Certitude and idle fancies stood between me and Thy Self-Subsisting Name. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to assist me in breaking the idols of Thy servants and creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the world cannot frustrate and the All-Compelling Whom the clamor of the nations cannot prevent. O my Lord! Aid me to turn toward Thee and adorn me with the ornament of Thy gifts and forgiveness. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy Messengers and what Thou hast revealed unto them of Thy Books and Scriptures and Psalms. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of spirits and minds, to make me in this hour one who acknowledges the Mother Book which Thou hast sent down as the final return. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! This Wronged One hath ever summoned and continueth to summon all the peoples of the world to God, glorified be His majesty, without any veil or concealment. Blessed are they that have turned toward Him and woe unto them that have turned away. Thy letter was received and attained the honor of being heard, and this reply hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who findeth from it the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the compassionate and generous Lord. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land. We beseech God to make each one stand with such steadfastness that the people of the earth shall be powerless to prevent them. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent, and He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

If wisdom requireth it, may Mulla Ja’far, whom God shall strengthen, take note.

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O Ali Beg, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! O Light! Where is this thy radiance, and thy light, and he who made mention of thee and spoke thy praise at eventide and dawn, and in the morning and at sunset? O Light! Where is thy call and thy remembrance and thy praise - this Most Great Announcement? And where are the sweet savors of your sincerity and the fragrances of your remembrances? And where is he who was among you and reminded you of the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy? And where is your crown and the banner which was raised among you through this Name, at which the limbs of the polytheists trembled?

O Ali! We have desired at this time to make mention of thee with a mention through which the atoms proclaim: “Dominion belongeth to Him Who revealeth the verses and manifesteth the proofs, Who hath come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty and with a mighty command!” When the attraction of My call and the sweet savors of My Tablets from the direction of My prison seize thee, arise and say: “Thine is the praise and the glory, and Thine the remembrance and the exaltation, for having

turned toward Thy servant when I was in the hands of Thy creatures. And Thine is the praise, O Lord of Names, for having sent down unto me verses whose fragrance shall not cease throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, before Whose manifestation all created things and the realities of all existing things have bowed down. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I stand before Thy face and make mention of Thee through what Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I desire naught save the wonders of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

He who was named Muhammad-Rida hath appeared and made mention of thee once again. We have remembered thee with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the earth nor by what the kings and rulers possess. Say: "Praise be to Thee, O my Creator, and glory be to Thee, O my Fashioner, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Goal and my Lord and my Support, for having remembered me with that which shall speak forth Thy Name unto the end that hath no end. I testify that Thy grace hath preceded existence and Thy bounty hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Educator of the nations, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of them that have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs shall not cause me to slip. O my Lord! I am Thy servant. I have raised the hands of hope toward the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which I have desired of the wonders of Thy generosity and the Sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, by Thy Name, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Moreover I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which Thou hast subdued the cities of names, to ordain for my spouse and my offspring and those who are with me among them who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and have answered when Thy call was raised, that which beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy generosity and Thy power. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Ancient of Days."

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He is the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Pen! Make mention of him who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon in the earliest days, when all who dwell in the realm of creation turned away from Him save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did please. He it is who turned towards Me and attained, who spoke My praise and soared in My atmosphere, who entered My prison and heard My call, and bore witness unto that which shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We have verily heard thy call and answered thee, and have seen thy letter and remembered thee in this Perspicuous Tablet.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God wherein none save Him shall be mentioned. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of the mischief-makers. All things have borne witness unto the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain sunk in slumber. Say: O people of the Bayan! The books of the world shall profit you not this day save through this Book which proclaimeth before the faces of the nations that there is none

other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Herald came unto you and informed you of My Revelation and My sovereignty, and gave you glad-tidings of My bounty and My mercy. Fear ye God and be not of them that turn aside. Were it not for My Revelation, He would not have manifested Himself, nor would the Bayan have been sent down from the kingdom of the All-Merciful. Be fair, O people, and reject not the truth through what ye possess, if ye be of them that comprehend.

Say: Consider the people of the Furqan and their vainglory. They regard themselves as the highest, most learned, most excellent and most God-fearing of all parties, yet when the appointed time came and the horizon of the world was illumined by the Luminary of Revelation, they turned aside and disbelieved, until they pronounced judgement against Him for Whose separation they had lamented. Know ye that they are in manifest loss. Say: O people of the Bayan! Abandon their path and follow not in their footsteps. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command you, if ye be of them that hearken. Oppose not Him Who hath come unto you with the kingdom of verses, the standards of clear proofs, and the banners of names and attributes. Leave behind what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Whosoever hath recognized this Revelation hath attained unto the Word of Unity and witnessed what God had witnessed ere the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee to strengthen me with such steadfastness as shall cause the hearts of the croakers to quake.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon them who have turned towards the Most Great Sea, detached from the world. They are verily the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, whom My Herald hath mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Thy servant Abdullah, that the remembrance of the All-Merciful may draw him to the horizon of certitude, that station wherein whoso attaineth unto it, the hosts of the world shall not frighten him, nor shall the powers of the nations weaken him. Thus hath the command been sent down from the heaven of the will of the Lord of eternity at this time wherein the world hath been illumined by the lights of His resplendent countenance. Say: Hearken unto the call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily it shall raise thee up and draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy letter hath been presented and that which thy tongue of recognition hath uttered hath attained unto the hearing of thy Lord, the Hearer, the Answerer. Be thou thankful unto God for this most great favor, then preserve it through His Name, the Preserver, the Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard and answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the day-star of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. When thou discernest the fragrance of utterance and the breezes from the kingdom of knowledge, arise and say […]

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me, and made me known, and guided me, and taught me, and made clear to me Thy straight path from which most of Thy servants have turned aside,

save those whom Thou hast rescued through Thy power that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee by the vessels of meaning upon the sea of Names, and by the mysteries of Thy enduring Book, O Creator of heaven, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby princes have lamented and divines have cried out, and the hearts of those who have taken lords beside Thee have been perturbed. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired to make mention of him who hath desired to drink of My sealed wine, sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Thy name was presented and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with an utterance whereby the world hath been adorned and before which all mention hath bowed down. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto God in His days, and the tongue that hath spoken His praise, and the foot that hath arisen to serve His invincible Cause. Say: By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and turned toward this exalted station.

When thou hast attained unto His verses and His proof, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having remembered me while I was in the hands of those who were heedless of Thy Cause and desired to shed the blood of those who turned unto Thee and dwelt in Thy presence and bore witness to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur had testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth - that verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: I beseech Thee, O my God, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause that there may appear from me that which shall endure as long as Thine excellent names endure. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

O Ha before Sin! Hearken unto the call of God, the True King, the Manifest. It hath been raised from the white spot beside the crimson tree planted on the mount of knowledge, the station of the manifestation of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower. And We make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who is named ’Abdu’llah, that he may rejoice in the bounty of God, the Lord of lords. O ’Abdu’llah! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and We have perceived from it the fragrance of thy sincerity to God, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and thy yearning in the love of God and that wherewith thou didst commune with thy Lord, the Lord of names and attributes. The Wronged One hath heard and answered thee with verses that neither the circumstances of the world nor the succession of ages and centuries can alter. They shall endure as long as My most excellent names and exalted attributes endure. To this doth the Creator of heaven bear witness from the most sublime station. Cast aside all else but Me, then take the cup of life in My name, then drink therefrom the wine of divine knowledge by My leave and bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus have the heavens of bounty revolved in thy Lord’s name. Be thankful and say:

Praise be to Thee, O Dawning-Place of verses and Manifestation of clear signs! From the horizon of grace hath shone forth the sun of permission as a mercy from Us upon thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Let not the requirements of wisdom, wherewith We have commanded all in the

Scriptures and Tablets, oppose Him. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom in all conditions. Verily it shall profit thee by the command of God, the Lord of all men. Glory be upon the people of glory who were not disturbed by the cawing of every lying impostor - they who violated God's Covenant and Testament and disbelieved when God came with the standards of verses.

We make mention of him who has desired the Countenance and hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of existence. This is the Day whereon mankind hath arisen before God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day concerning which God gave tidings and proclaimed unto His servants through His words: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This is the Day whereon the mountains have been set in motion, yet most of the people understand not.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard thy call to God, the Lord of the frequented House. Thy yearning hath attained unto Our hearing, and We have revealed for thee that which no earthly thing nor any treasure among treasures can equal. Hold thou fast unto the Most Great Name and cleave unto the hem of God, the Lord of the exalted Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken and summoned all unto His praiseworthy habitation. Among the people are those whom the attraction of their Lord's verses hath so seized that they have cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity. They came, heard, responded, and attained unto that which was recorded in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in My Preserved Tablet.

Thou didst seek forgiveness from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful. We have purified thee, as a bounty from Us, with the waters of loving-kindness and favors. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the Most Kind. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My words and attain unto the traces of My Pen, make mention of My days and what I have endured at the hands of Mine enemies who cast the Command of God behind their backs, following every rejected learned one and every ignorant reprobate. They who arose at Our mention pronounced judgment against Us, and when We manifested the Cause, they turned away from Us and objected to Us with such injustice as caused the denizens of the Kingdom to lament. We counsel thee with that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this first life. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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The Will of God, like unto a lamp, has illumined the world of existence. We hope that all may attain to this radiant light, find their way to the Dawning-Place of verses and the Source of evidences, and turn towards Him. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Wise. Mention was made of Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. After being submitted to the Most Holy Court, these manifest verses were revealed - exalted be His utterance: "O My loved ones in the land of Ta! We have made Varqa one who makes mention from Our presence, that he may guide the people to the Straight Path of God. He attained to recognition in the earliest days, arose to serve the Cause, and guided the people to this luminous horizon. He desired naught from My mention save service to the Cause and the performance of that which won the acceptance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to

preserve him through the hosts of the unseen and guard him by His sovereignty that overshadows all in the heavens and earth. And We ask Him to enable him to maintain this glorious and exalted station." Furthermore, the Most Holy Tablet specially dedicated to Jinab-i-Mir Ali Asghar and Jinab-i-Haji Ali Asghar, upon them be the Glory of God, was revealed and sent. We beseech God to strengthen them that they may drink from the cups of bounty the wine of immortality. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. Likewise a Tablet was revealed and sent specially for Jinab-i-Mashhadi Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. Grace, mercy and favors have encompassed all. Each of those who have turned to Him has received their portion and share from the ocean of His mercy and has taken from the breezes of revelation that which has no peer or likeness. We beseech Him at all times to increase the recognition, attraction, steadfastness, trustworthiness, love and kindness of His loved ones, so that through their influence all the peoples of the world may attain to that which is the greatest means for the order of the world and the tranquility of nations. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. To the honored friend Haji Nabil-i-Akbar and likewise Jinab-i-Mirza Mahdi, upon them both be the Glory of the All-Merciful, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech from God on their behalf that which befits the heaven of His generosity and bounty. Indeed, that which was mentioned was magnificent regarding Jinab-i-Khalil, for he submitted mention of the loved ones to the Most Holy Court and sought bounty for all. The door of bounty is open and accessible to all - His is the praise in all conditions and His the gratitude through the duration of His earthly and heavenly dominion. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The glory and the remembrance and the praise be upon you and upon God's loved ones there who were not prevented by the clamor of the world from turning to God, the Mighty, the August, the Praiseworthy.

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The praise which hath dawned from Thy most august Self, and the glory which hath shone forth from Thy most effulgent Beauty, rest upon Thee, O Thou Who art the Manifestation of Grandeur, and the King of Eternity, and the Lord of all who are in heaven and on earth! I testify that through Thee the sovereignty of God and His dominion, and the majesty of God and His grandeur, were revealed, and the Day-Stars of ancient splendor have shed their radiance in the heaven of Thine irrevocable decree, and the Beauty of the Unseen hath shone forth above the horizon of creation. I testify, moreover, that with but a movement of Thy Pen Thine injunction "Be Thou" hath been enforced, and God's hidden Secret hath been divulged, and all created things have been called into being, and all the Revelations have been sent down.

I bear witness, moreover, that through Thy beauty the beauty of the Adored One hath been unveiled, and through Thy face the face of the Desired One hath shone forth, and that through a word from Thee Thou hast decided between all created things, causing them who are devoted to Thee to ascend unto the summit of glory, and the infidels to fall into the lowest abyss.

I bear witness that he who hath known Thee hath known God, and he who hath attained unto Thy presence hath attained unto the presence of God. Great, therefore, is the blessedness of him who hath believed in Thee, and in Thy signs, and hath humbled himself before Thy sovereignty, and hath been honored with meeting Thee, and hath attained the good pleasure of Thy will, and circled around Thee, and stood before Thy throne. Woe betide him that hath transgressed against Thee, and hath denied Thee, and repudiated Thy signs, and gainsaid Thy sovereignty, and risen up against Thee, and waxed proud before Thy face, and hath disputed Thy testimonies, and fled from Thy rule and Thy dominion, and been numbered with the infidels whose names have been inscribed by the fingers of Thy behest upon Thy holy Tablets.

Waft, then, unto me, O my God and my Beloved, from the right hand of Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness, the holy breaths of Thy favors, that they may draw me away from myself and from the world unto the courts of Thy nearness and Thy presence. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou, truly, hast been supreme over all things.

The remembrance of God and His praise, and the glory of God and His splendor, rest upon Thee, O Thou who art His Beauty! I bear witness that the eye of creation hath never gazed upon one wronged like Thee. Thou wast immersed all the days of Thy life beneath an ocean of tribulations. At one time Thou wast in chains and fetters; at another Thou wast threatened by the sword of Thine enemies. Yet, despite all this, Thou didst enjoin upon all men to observe what had been prescribed unto Thee by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May my spirit be a sacrifice to the wrongs Thou didst suffer, and my soul be a ransom for the adversities Thou didst sustain. I beseech God, by Thee and by them whose faces have been illumined with the splendors of the light of Thy countenance, and who, for love of Thee, have observed all whereunto they were bidden, to remove the veils that have come in between Thee and Thy creatures, and to supply me with the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

Bless Thou, O Lord my God, the Divine Lote-Tree and its leaves, and its boughs, and its branches, and its stems, and its offshoots, as long as Thy most excellent titles will endure and Thy most august attributes will last. Protect it, then, from the mischief of the aggressor and the hosts of tyranny. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Bless Thou, also, O Lord my God, Thy servants and Thy handmaidens who have attained unto Thee. Thou, truly, art the All-Bountiful, Whose grace is infinite. No God is there save Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

The Tablet of Visitation.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the evidences and sent forth the Messengers to exalt His Word amongst His servants and guide His creation to His path, until the Message was sealed with the Seal and the Books with the Furqan, whereby God separated truth from falsehood and made manifest His binding Command and His firm decree. He it is Who foretold the Resurrection and the Hour, gave glad-tidings to the monotheists of the supreme Paradise, and warned the idolaters of what God, the Lord of all beings, had ordained for them. We testify that there is none other God but Him, acknowledging His oneness and singleness and His grandeur and sovereignty, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Should anyone ask thee about the Wronged One, say: He is between the fangs of an oppressor who hath risen against Him with tyranny, whereat the people of the cities of justice and fairness have lamented. He hath driven Him from His house in winter and intended for Him what none knoweth save God, Creator of heaven and Lord of all names. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid His servants unto what He loveth and pleaseth.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned, for having sought to visit the House and circumambulate round about it and to act according to what thou wert commanded in the Book of God, Originator of all things and Creator of earth and heaven. When thou attainest and findest the fragrance of the Hijaz, stand before the House and say: The Wronged One remembereth thee and greeteth thee and recalleth thy days wherein the idolaters prevented God's servants from turning toward thee and circumambulating round about thee, and thou wert in utmost abasement until the fragrance of might was diffused and the monotheists prevailed, and through them God exalted thy station and revealed to all thy rank and commanded all to journey forth from their homelands to visit thee and exalt thy station. We beseech God to aid those who turn toward thee from all regions and to preserve them from the evil of every obstinate oppressor and every remote transgressor.

At the end we counsel thee and those who have recognized God and His signs to be trustworthy and religious and chaste and faithful and to observe what hath been sent down from the heaven of His grace in His perspicuous Book. And We remember My loved ones in the lands and counsel them to patience and forbearance in times of hardship and tribulation. Say: Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you or the oppression of the wicked frighten you or the might of the transgressors weaken you. Soon shall extinction seize all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and there shall remain for the monotheists what God, Lord of all worlds, hath ordained for them.

May mercy and loving-kindness and peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, turning unto the lights of certitude. Praise be to God, Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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To his honor Hakim Musa, upon him be the Glory of God

In Dhi'l-Qa'dah 1300

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and caused the atoms to speak that there is no God but Him, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names and Attributes. Glorified art Thou, O Beloved of the chosen ones and Goal of the saints! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, that Thou protect Thy loved ones from the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall enable them to attain such a station wherein the conditions of creation shall not prevent them from turning to the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy Beauty, nor veil them from gazing toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation. O my God and my Lord! Thou seest and knowest that Thy servants have been prevented from turning unto Thee and placing their trust in Thee, and the ornaments of the world have so occupied them that they have denied Thy manifestations, Thy proofs and Thy signs. They have cast aside what hath come from Thee and have taken what their own desires have ordained in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the Crimson Ark and the Luminous Scroll to protect Thy loved ones from these people and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earths.

Thereafter, your letter dated the 11th of Sha'ban was received on the 5th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, and as it indicated the well-being of that honored friend, it brought the utmost joy and delight. In all conditions We beseech and implore the Self-Subsisting Lord to assist His friends in that which draweth them nigh unto Him and to confirm them in steadfastness. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering.

Regarding what you wrote that you had sent several letters and no reply was received - Glory be to God! How could that which is necessary and obligatory be neglected? For responding to letters hath been made obligatory in the Book of God upon every believer and one who hath turned unto Him, unless wisdom requireth otherwise or an acceptable excuse ariseth. God is witness and testifier that this servant hath not forgotten that honored one, and in some letters sent to Rangoon mention was made of you - God suffices as witness. How could friendship and love be forgotten? I beseech God that He may assist, confirm, and make you steadfast and firm in His love. These conditions that are witnessed today and the power of Pharaohs, tyrants and Caesars - all shall pass away, and that which hath appeared from His presence shall endure and benefit His servants throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and the Glory shining from the horizon of God's loving-kindness be upon the one who penned your letter and upon you and upon God's steadfast, firm, assured and upright servants.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and spoken that wherewith all created things have spoken, that there is none other God but Him. He it is by Whose most

sweet call all things cried out, and springs gushed forth from solid rock. Blessed be our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious, through Whom the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and the ocean of bounty hath surged amongst the peoples of possibility and the Beauty of the All-Merciful was established upon the throne. He it is through Whom every motionless thing was set in motion, every seated one arose, every silent one spoke, every still one hastened, every extinguished one was ignited, every stone melted, and through Whom were opened the gates of wisdom and exposition. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glory be unto Him! How great is His handiwork and how mighty that which appeareth from His presence! At one time He withholdeth and at another He giveth. He, verily, is the Witholder, the Giver, the Mighty, the Generous.

Through His sovereignty He hath manifested servants possessed of love and understanding, and made them the hands of His Cause amongst His creation and the lamps of His guidance amongst His creatures. The servant beareth witness, and every discerning one who knoweth and every learned one who is informed beareth witness that He is God, there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, I have read what flowed from the ocean of your love and the words that shone forth from the horizon of your turning unto God, our Lord and your Lord. I beseech Him at all times to make us among those who circle round Him in all His worlds which none hath comprehended save God, the Numberer, the Informed. May my spirit and my soul be offered up for your love and your steadfastness and your remembrance.

After I became acquainted with what was in your letter, I ascended and approached the Beloved of the world and presented it before His face. He spoke, and His word is the truth: “He is among those whom God hath aided to love Him and show affection for Him and serve Him and remember Him among His servants. His Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.”

As for what thou didst mention regarding Sasun, let him act according to what flowed from thy pen. By the life of God, this is more beneficial for him than traveling in the winter season. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

The servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to the faces of the brethren who are there, and I give them glad tidings of God’s bounty and mercy and remembrance and favors, and I counsel them with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted in all else. The servant hath heard that his honor Nasir, upon him be the glory of God, remained without employment. Let him work as he worked before. Thus hath commanded my Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon you and upon your household and upon every steadfast and upright believer.

The Servant

19 Dhi’l-Qa’dih 1295

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Praise be to God Who has shone forth with the Sun of Will upon the Kingdom of meanings and utterance, whereupon appeared the Torah, the Gospel, the Qur'an and other Books, and through them revealed the laws of religions. Glory be to Him Who hath sent down the verses and made them insights for those who turn to Him, lamps for those who draw nigh, and cords of guidance amidst humanity, that whosoever desires to draw near to the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit may grasp them. Blessed is he who holdeth fast and woe to those who turn away.

By God! The horizon of the heaven of the world hath shone forth with the Luminary of My Most Great Name, yet the divines of the age have turned away from it and threatened Us with abasement and death. But God hath promised victory and triumph to the sincere ones. He hath come with the banners of verses and the hosts of revelation and inspiration, which none hath comprehended save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the Most Glorious! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all being from the direction of the luminous Spot, the Station round which circle the Concourse on High, then those who were not commanded to prostrate themselves aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the earth! Do what ye have been commanded in the Book. This will draw you nigh unto the Mighty, the Beautiful. Transgress not against those who transgress against you, and be ye of such disposition that the gloating of enemies in God, the Lord of all worlds, grieveth you not. Those who gloat over you and shake their heads in derision, these are in manifest loss.

Thou art he who hath been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and hath spoken that which made the back of polytheism to quake. This is attested by Him with Whom are the oceans of knowledge and wisdom, and that which none hath comprehended save His Self, the One dominant over all who are in the heavens and earths. Grieve not at what the polytheists utter. Rather, rejoice in that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth, Who hath come with the truth by a Command that hath thunderstruck all who are in the heavens and earth, save whom God willeth, the Lord of this exalted Station. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O people of creation! Abandon what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the horizon of proof illumined. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, and upon those who have heard the Call and have drawn nigh with humility unto a horizon illumined by the lights of the face of their Lord, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Letter to Aqa Mirza Mu??afa, upon him be the Glory of God, on 16 Mu?arram 1302

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath made earning and acquisition the treasure of man, and hath ordained for every soul that which was foreordained in His knowledge from time immemorial. Among men are those who profit and those who lose, and for each there is a portion and share in God's knowledge. The greatest profit lieth solely in God's good-pleasure and obedience unto Him. This is a profit that shall see no loss throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, as attesteth He with Whom is the Mother Book. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and the Exemplar of nations, the Cause of existence and the Ultimate Purpose, the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, and upon His family and companions through whom the books of religions were completed and the ordinances of the All-Merciful were made manifest, and through whom were struck down the banners of Pharaohs and extinguished the fires of tyrants who denied God's right and His Cause and violated His Covenant.

And then, O beloved of my heart: First, concerning thy inquiry about the condition of that beloved soul - I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn His loved ones with true physical and spiritual health, to increase the nearness of all, and to withhold not from them that which is inscribed in the Book. He is the Hearer and the Answerer. Second, the letter from the radiant star, His Holiness the Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, hath renewed the heart and soul with the fragrances of love. In truth, mention of God's loved ones, especially the Afnans of the Divine Tree, is like the breaths of the spirit for bodies. I hope it will ever continue to arrive without delay or interruption. This evanescent servant hath ever besought and continueth to beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to support the Afnans of the Divine Tree, upon them be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and to bestow upon them such special bounties as would cause every counter to confess his inability and every possessor of speech to acknowledge his shortcoming.

To his honor the esteemed Afnan-i-Kabir, upon him be all Glory most glorious, I express my utter powerlessness and nothingness. Likewise to his honor the Last Star and the honored ladies, upon him and them be God's peace and loving-kindness, I convey mention, praise and greetings. To the honored beloved Haji Siyyid Javad and the beloved of the heart Aqa Muhammad Mu??afa, upon them both be God's peace and loving-kindness, and to the rest, I extend mention and greetings. And I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on their behalf, for that which befitteth His generosity. Peace be upon thee and upon them and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who set in motion the spheres in the heaven of mystic knowledge through the winds of the will of His Name, the All-Merciful. When they moved, the light shone forth and spread across the face of the sky, becoming brilliant stars. Exalted is the Dawning-Place of verses through which mysteries were revealed in the beginning and the return. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom the Sun

of Reality dawned upon creation and the Dove cooed upon the branch of Oneness - verily there is no God but Him, the One, the Chosen One - and upon His family and companions through whom lands were conquered and God's laws flowed among the servants, and upon those who cast aside the world, turning to God, the Lord of eternity.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter arrived and brought joy and gladness both before and after. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to enable all to attain to what He loves and is pleased with. No station has been or is higher than this station. All good belongs to whoever drinks from the ocean of His good-pleasure, turns toward His direction and faces His countenance after the passing of all things. Praise be to God that you have attained to true blessing and are sustained by heavenly sustenance. This evanescent servant wishes to offer thanks with a hundred thousand tongues to God, glorified be His majesty, for He guided the Afnan to the Divine Lote-Tree. This has been and is one of God's special favors. Now, due to current circumstances, its fruits are hidden from eyes but are reflected in the mirror of knowledge in ways that none but God can enumerate. To Him be praise and grace in all conditions.

Regarding what was mentioned about Jinab-i-Harf-i-Shin (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]), and his deeds that were recorded - this news has been written and sent from various quarters. After it was presented, they stated that his deed was accepted and the service he rendered to the Afnan is like a crown among his good works. Well done to him for what he has attained. The petitions of this evanescent servant in this regard are known and need not be expressed. Verily He hears and knows and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding what you wrote about certain matters, namely buying and selling - the affairs of this land are known and clear to you. Act as you deem appropriate. The command is in God's hands - He does what He wills and ordains what He desires, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Light, remembrance and peace be upon you, and God's mercy and blessings.

The Servant

2 Safar 1300

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon Him Who subdued the world through His Name, the Guardian over all nations, and upon His family and companions who aided the Faith and raised its banners in the name of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Your esteemed letter arrived, praise be to God. It was a herald bringing news of sincerity, health and wellbeing. Yet sincerity is for God, the Truth, and health and wellbeing are for all. After offering praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, you proceeded to mention your pilgrimage. Afterwards you wrote that God

willing, may you ever be favored with divine grace and steadfast in His service. We beseech God to assist all to do what is befitting and to manifest and bring to completion specific civil matters with perfect sanctity and detachment.

Regarding what you wrote about the claims of certain ones - there is no doubt that the creditors are embarrassed while those who should pay show no shame on their faces. This is not new but has always been thus, hence it was said: “A loan is scissors that cut affection.” His honor Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, is truly a quiet and silent person who certainly avoids matters that cause aversion and ill-feeling. However, in conducting business one must follow its proper conditions. Therefore they must keep accounts and make claims, as they themselves are in debt and payment of debts is necessary. As He, glorified and exalted be He, has said: “The payment of debts is an urgent obligation.” If one does not collect, they certainly cannot make payment, and even if claims are made, no one gives anything.

Until the child cries, how can it drink milk?

Until the cloud weeps, how can the meadow smile?

God willing, may the debtors be enabled to pay and the creditors to collect. Another petition: whenever you meet with the friends and loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty, mention this lowly one. This servant has ever mentioned and continues to mention each one in the Most Holy Court, and requests all to beseech God to protect this servant from error, mistake and from all that is unworthy of God. Remember the beloved one, His honor Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. It is hoped that this servant too may come to those parts. God willing, whatever remains of mentions due, I take upon myself so that I may attain the presence of the friends. Peace shining from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who took the cup of conjecture and cast it behind them, then took again the cup of certitude and drank therefrom in the name of God, the Mighty, the Wise. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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Beirut. His honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be [Baha’u’llah’s glory]. 19 Jamadi’l-Avval 1305.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God! The mirror of the world has arrived with what it brought - one cup of love, one cup of affection, one cup of remembrance and praise was observed therein. After journeying and traversing through the realms of truth and investigation, and traveling through the degrees of love with precision, having aimed for that station, it was presented before His face. He said: We beseech God to protect and guard His honor Javad, upon him be peace, and to bestow upon him in every moment that which befits His generosity and bounty. Likewise we beseech God to transform the days of separation and remoteness into nearness and reunion. End.

In truth, separation from that beloved one and his absence has become the dawning-place of sorrow and the cause of grief. God is sufficient as witness that the connection of limbs and members, the sight of eyes and joy of heart are, in the first degree, from union and meeting with the loved ones. This is a bounty which is truly worthy of mention, description and praise. This evanescent servant beseeches from the Ever-Abiding Lord that which will brighten the eyes and gladden the heart. Basra came but brought no glad tidings of that beloved one's presence. I beseech God to remove the causes of delay that have intervened, so that the eyes of the friends may be brightened. The mention of that beloved one has been and continues to be in the gathering of the prisoners. In truth, from what is known, all are weary from the burden of waiting and hasty in seeking relief. God willing, soon the glad tidings will arrive and the good news of reunion will dispel the clouds from hearts. God is witness and testifier to how much joy and delight was experienced from that beloved one's letter: first, the glad tidings of that beloved one's health and well-being; second, the turning to the direction of the Goal; third, the sanctification of his honor, the beloved of the heart, Nabil, son of Nabil, from allegations and limitations. From every direction there was no wine, yet it brought exhilaration; there was no carpet, yet it spread the mat of joy. What we now beseech from God is nearness and reunion. The command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. To the honored master, his honor the Greater Afnan, his honor the Most Luminous Star Afnan, the honored beloved his honor Haji, and other loved ones, upon them be God's peace - I remember them all and send greetings.

O God, my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Lote Tree to protect Thy loved ones and ordain for them what Thou hast promised them in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! My God, my God! The fire of Thy love hath set me ablaze and Thy remoteness and separation have destroyed me. Is there a way for me, O my God, to the fortress which Thou hast made a prison for the Manifestation of Thyself? Have I any portion in the hearing of Thy call and beholding the lights of Thy countenance? Have I any share in the waves of the ocean of Thy revelation and in standing before the gate of Thy grandeur? I know not, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy Will that dominates all things. Alas, alas, should Thy irrevocable decree prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations! Thou seest, O my God, my sighs in Thy days and my tears in my separation and remoteness from Thee. By Thy might, O Thou Who art the ardent desire of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee and the hope of the hearts of the sincere ones! Should Thou chastise me through Thy power and might throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and dominion, it would be better for me than to be deprived of standing before Thy throne and prevented from that which the Interlocutor heard on the Mount of Thy knowledge. O Lord! The vibration of Thy Most Exalted Word and the breaths of the utterance of Thy Most Exalted Pen have so seized me that my hand is powerless to choose and my breast to endure. Have mercy, O Thou Who holdest the reins of existence and art the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, upon

one who findeth for himself neither movement nor stillness, neither spirit nor will nor volition of his own. O Lord! This is one dead who desireth the breaths of Thy revelation and what would give him life through the eternity of Thy might and sovereignty; and this is one non-existent who seeketh existence from the heaven of Thy bounty and the sea of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace; and this is one poor whom Thou seest clinging to the hem of Thy riches and holding fast to the cord of Thy bestowals; and a sinner who desireth the ocean of Thy forgiveness; and one deaf who desireth to hear Thy most sweet call which hath been raised from the direction of Thy prison. I beseech Thee, O Lord of creation and Originator of invention, by the breezes that wafted at the dawn of Thy manifestation and the fragrances of Thy verses, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and acquaint me with Thy momentous Message and Thy straight Path. By Thy might, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! My deeds in Thy days and my remembrances at the time of Thy remembrance have grieved me. I am the one, O my God, whom Thou didst mention by Thy Most Exalted Pen when I was heedless of Thy remembrance, O Lord of Names, and Thou wert turning toward me when I was hesitant in Thy Cause, O King of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee to expiate my grievous transgressions and mighty sins, and purify me from that which is not befitting for Thy days, O Thou by the movement of Whose finger all created things were set in motion! I beseech Thee in this my station, by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, to confirm me in rending asunder the veils of glory and the veils of fancy which have prevented me from turning toward Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names! There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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The Most Great, the Most Great! Hearken unto what is being revealed from the direction of tribulation, upon the spot of ordeal and test, from the Divine Lote Tree: Verily there is no God but I, the Solitary Prisoner. All things lament for what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty from the nations, while He Himself is in manifest joy. We have taken, in Our Most Exalted Name, the cup of tribulation and drink thereof in My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Through tribulation have We adorned the Cause in the kingdom of creation, yet the people remain in a mighty veil. In every moment there befalleth Us what hath befallen no one before, yet the mercy of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, hath preceded His wrath. Can anyone prevent Us from what We desire? Nay, by the Lord of the Exalted Throne! Had We found in the world any good or permanence, We would not have left it to Our enemies. This word sufficeth Our discerning servants. O loved ones of God and His chosen ones! Seize what remaineth of your days. Beware lest ye squander it. Turn ye unto God and what ye have been commanded, then seek this grace which hath shone forth from the horizon of justice with manifest sovereignty. Say: This is a sun whom clouds cannot obscure, and a moon whom veils cannot eclipse, and a light whom the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, cannot prevent. How many servants have risen against Us in tyranny - We seized them through a power from Us and made them among the perished ones. Where are they who dwelt in palaces and reclined upon the cushions of pride? By My life, We returned them to their graves in manifest sorrow. Where is he who built Al-Khawarnaq? Where is he who warred against the Truth? Where is Pharaoh and his hosts, and Nimrod and his might? We seized

them all after We had sent unto them the Prophets and Messengers. Say: O people! What hath made you heedless of God, and by what reason have ye turned away from His face after He came with the truth in His great glory? He desired naught for you save that ye should turn unto Him and draw near to the glorious horizon. Ye have occupied yourselves with passion and turned away from what is better for you from the Lord of the First and the Last. Fear God, then have mercy upon yourselves and follow not every sinful oppressor. O thou who gazest toward the direction of the Cause! Guide the people unto this Straight Path, then cast upon them the word whereby We have distinguished between all creatures. Beware lest the waters of rejection from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, extinguish thee. If thou findest one athirst, be as water unto him, and if thou findest one hungry for the knowledge of God, nourish him with what We have sent down from the heaven of oneness - the eternal feast - that he may know and thank his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who limiteth affairs to the remembrance of his Lord and calleth the people unto this luminous horizon. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among My loved ones, from one mighty and beautiful. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Taqi! You have interpreted what you interpreted regarding your standing before the Gate and your presence in the seats of grandeur at the right hand of the Tree of Eternity, where upon the shore of the Divine Identity was planted the pavilion of the cloud, and the words of your Lord were fulfilled in the atmosphere of these allusions, and the meanings of your Creator's melody were defined in the inner essence of these symbols. And you, bear witness for yourself as I bore witness then for you that you obeyed God in all conditions and did not disobey Him and will never disobey Him should He will and desire. And there shall appear to you what was concealed in your heart, and there shall descend upon you what was ordained for you, for in His hand is the Kingdom of might and power, and He is powerful over all things.

The corner of the tavern of divine love is the resting place of the soul's abode, for the delicate, subtle soul soars only in the atmosphere of the Beloved and finds no dwelling place except the gathering place of the Friend. One must arise and advance with all one's soul and spirit to give thanks at all times to this Cupbearer of the wine of immortality. The meaning of this thanksgiving is a thanksgiving that purifies the ear from hearing outward lute and harp, that it may perceive the holy, spiritual melodies, and prevents the eye from beholding ephemeral, darkened outer beauty, that it may receive its portion from beholding the beauty of the Divine Identity. Blessed is the ear that heareth from this divine Royal Falcon the celestial royal strain, and from this Iraqi Countenance heareth the melodies of mighty Hijaz, until his whole body becometh a spirit and his entire frame the dwelling and abode of the Beloved. But, I swear by God, none heareth and no soul perceiveth, for this divine flute needeth a plectrum of the essence of spirit, and this eternal harp requireth the melody of light - not these remote souls who have never tasted the wine of nearness nor drunk the water of reunion from the matchless fountain. They possess naught but pure fancy and find no eternal life save utter extinction. They have become slaves to self and remained cut off from the King of Kings; they have become servants of the body and remained heedless and veiled from

the Lord of Lords. But O Taqi, the breeze of thy love is sweeter than morning prayers, and thy sin more beloved than asking forgiveness. It was intended that all these stations be explained, but what was decreed has come to pass and therefore is complete and ended. For if all on earth were freed from veils, this single page would suffice them all, and all spiritual meanings are hidden as pearls in this divine ocean. Blessed are those servants who succeed in obtaining its pearls.

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He is the Mighty! O Letter M! Hear My call and be not of the heedless ones. Say: The Bird of Immortality hath taken flight in truth, and thereby have the hearts of them that are near been consumed. Say: The Nightingale of the Spirit hath flown from the branch of Iraq and seeketh another branch, as decreed by the mysteries of destiny in the preserved tablets of holiness. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God the Truth, this is indeed a Dove that calleth out at all times and feareth none save God, the Lord of the worlds. It turneth not toward any soul nor regardeth any that are in the heavens or on earth, for whoso turneth toward God will never turn to aught else - such is the way of the sincere ones. Alas for you, O people of the earth, that ye have been heedless of these days and were among the negligent ones. Ye have not heard the melodies of the Spirit - and this indeed is a grievous heedlessness. Say: They who were not present in that land were in manifest loss. Know then that God hath ordained this migration for a wisdom none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the Wise. O people of the Bayan, grieve not over this, but put your trust in God - in Him let them that profess His unity place their trust. Then make mention from Us to those servants who have been patient in God and were among the patient ones. And the Spirit be upon you, O loved ones of God, and upon those who were steadfast in the Cause.

Furthermore, We make mention of the divine friends. The promised Bird that was sent in the tablets of Muhammad-'Ali hath now taken flight and sought the heights of nearness. While time remained, none perceived it and all were heedless. We are God's and to Him do we return. Now I counsel all that, God willing, they may hereafter move in perfect unity and remain steadfast in the Cause, discerning with insight between truth and falsehood, for truth is as manifest from falsehood as the radiant morn from the dark night. Let them not cling to their own suppositions. Though truth be bitter, yet God willing, I hope it will prove sweeter than honey to their taste. This is of God's grace unto whomsoever He willeth. These very tribulations suffice as a reminder to all. God is the Guide, and verily He guideth the way.

Furthermore, regarding the aforementioned matter, no word hath reached Us from you. In any case, if Aqa Murtada-Quli and the heirs of the deceased are acting according to the will and sending any funds, let them send them to Aqa Siyyid Mahdi-i-Yazdi in Baghdad. As debts have also accumulated in this land, we have therefore left the Siyyid and appointed him trustee over affairs and payment of debts. Were it not for this, it would never have been revealed, just as it was not revealed until now.

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O Mulla Rida of Muhammad-Abad!

He is the One Who shineth from the horizon of power. O Rida! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names. He calleth thee from the prison of Akka with a call whereby the Concourse on High were attracted, all things spoke forth, and the pebbles glorified God, the Powerful, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By My life! Wert thou to be present before the Throne and hear the Call from the Dayspring of Grandeur and Glory, thou wouldst forsake all creation and turn to the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that through thy turning every denier would turn unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

It behooveth thee to arise today for the Cause of God and to remind the people through this Remembrance whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout creation and the faces of those near unto God have been illumined. Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and My Most Exalted Pen hath moved at thy name that thou mayest confine thy affairs to teaching the Cause of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty. This is thy station and what God hath ordained for thee. Hold thou fast unto it. He will assist thee under all conditions. Verily His grace hath encompassed all in the worlds.

This indeed is the Most Great Elixir. Cast it upon the nations that they may detach themselves from the world and turn unto God, the Manifest, the All-Informed. Remind the people of what We have reminded thee, then impart unto them what We have imparted unto thee. This verily is a great station. Soon shall what thou seest perish, and there shall endure for thee what hath been revealed in the Tablet of God, the Bestower, the Giver, the Bountiful, the Gracious.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the ornament of recognition and hast turned unto the horizon of the All-Merciful. And now what is worthy and befitting is that thou shouldst quicken and sustain the people of creation through the living waters of utterance and the breaths of the All-Merciful, for today every service rendered in the Cause of God shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. At all times fix thy gaze upon this exalted and most high station. Most people have been prevented from the Lord of Days by their vain imaginings. Thou must strive to rend asunder these thick veils. The Most Great Elixir and the Crown of Victory have been and shall ever be the love of the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. Thou must bestow this sacred elixir, which transcendeth description, upon the base metals of contingent beings, that all may attain the golden station which is the kingdom of things, and be honored with pure gold which is the station of divine recognition.

Thy call was heard and thy purpose became known. However, what God hath chosen for thee is what was mentioned, and what God hath chosen, it behooveth thee to choose for thyself. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou the cupbearer of the water of life throughout creation and the expounder of this Cause to both high and low. He will send down upon thee what is ordained for thee. He verily rewardeth the wages of those who act according to what they are bidden. Thy Lord is verily the Recompenser, the All-Knowing. May glory rest upon thee and upon those who have spoken forth this wise Remembrance.

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He is God, exalted is He!

O accepted servant! It is well known and evident that divine favors have been and will be complete in relation to all creation, and He created all creatures to drink from the wine of oneness. And the meaning of this wine in the view of the Concourse on High has been the presence of the Lord of Names. Therefore, all servants have been created for the meeting and knowledge of God, and have come into being through the Word "Be." This door in the days of God has been open to all else, sometimes outwardly manifest and sometimes inwardly, and never has the decree of prohibition descended from the horizon of the Cause except for the good of the servants and the exigencies of events in different lands. For His grace has preceded and His mercy has encompassed all. And whatever appears from the Source of the Cause of the Lord of Destiny, all must be content and thankful for it. For the decree of prohibition has not been and will not be for those who have accepted, rather it has been due to the turning away of the deniers and the protection of the Cause of the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Observe that this servant has been among the claimants of love day and night, and at all times has summoned all to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Nevertheless it bore no fruit, as you have seen and heard that the new denier, despite the perfection of grace and favor manifested toward him from the Dawning-Place of the Manifestation, did not appreciate it and finally arose in a sin greater than the creation of the heavens and earth. The more perfect the manifestation of favors, the greater his turning away. He never observed the rights of God, and arose in such wickedness and enmity that nothing above it can be imagined. Fie upon him and his faithfulness! For successive years he was occupied in disbelief and mockery of the Messengers of God. Nevertheless We concealed it until he rent asunder the veil of honor with fingers of hatred. Therefore We banished him from the door. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth at the beginning and the end.

Your honor should not be saddened by this new prohibition. In all cases be content with the good-pleasure of God. Although patience is bitter, yet by the command of the Friend it is sweet and blessed. It is incumbent upon those who have accepted to be content with the good-pleasure of the Friend and to be found submissive and obedient at the dawning of the divine Sun of the Cause. If the outward door is closed, the inward door is open. Verily He is with whomsoever desireth Him and He is the Protector of those who have accepted. We beseech God to remove what hath come between us and to send down from the heaven of His sovereignty that whereby the lights of His countenance may shine forth from the horizon of His mighty and wondrous Cause. Praise be to God that thou dwellest in His vicinity and art at rest in His shadow. Verily He seeth thee in all conditions. Verily He perceiveth all eyes and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

The essence of praise, the quintessence of glorification, and the pure crystal of thanksgiving befitteth the most holy and most mighty court of that Beloved One Who hath given His loved ones to drink of the most pure water of life and established them in service to His Cause, that they might, with the utmost joy and fragrance and with supreme steadfastness, perfume the world with the sweet savors of the utterance of

the All-Merciful. These are servants whose praise and glorification God hath sent down in His Books, His Scriptures, His Scrolls and His Tablets. These are they whom the concerns of creation have not prevented from turning unto Him and arising to serve Him. The Concourse on High, the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise, and they that circle round the Throne at morn and eventide send their blessings upon them.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire! Aid Thy loved ones to celebrate Thy praise and glorify Thee in such wise as to raise thereby the standards of Thy Cause. O Lord! Enable them to serve Thee, then assist them with the hosts of the unseen. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

This evanescent one submits to that honored beloved that two packets were sent, one addressed to his honor the beloved Mulla 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be 69, and the other addressed to his honor the son of the Most Truthful, upon both of them be the Glory of God. God willing that beloved one will exert the utmost effort to ensure their arrival - the sooner they arrive the better. I beseech God to confirm that honored one in service to His Cause. Praise be to God, you have been and are confirmed, and ere long its effects shall become manifest. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

As previously mentioned, this evanescent servant is sending a letter in reply to your honored missive. Its delay until now has been a cause of embarrassment, and it has happened again that while this servant was occupied outside the prison with sending replies to the correspondence of the two aforementioned persons, the reply to that beloved one had been written earlier and remained in the city, and there was no opportunity for this servant to arrange and send it. Hope for pardon has been and is present. God willing it will be sent on another occasion. A missive from His Holiness the Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps - was penned specifically for that beloved one and has been sent.

To all the loved ones and friends in that land who have drunk from the cup of steadfastness and are gazing toward the horizon of the Cause, I convey greetings, and for all I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, divine confirmations and assistance. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the Enabler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

29 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1299

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He is the All-Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting

H S N! The Remembrance of God, upon the right side of the Sinai of Nearness, on the Eternal Spot in the Paradise of Glory, has indeed been witnessed. Bear thou witness that no God is there but Him, He who pronounceth at all times that I am God, there is none other God but Me, verily, I am, at all times independent of the entire creation. He revealed Himself unto thee once in the Realm of Glory, then once in the contingent world and the heavenly kingdom, then yet again during these days whence the lights

west of the Sacred Realm are aglow, and with their radiance have illumined the denizens of the cities of eternity, and the Concourse of high, and thereafter them who set within themselves their path towards His Countenance. Go thou straight on and persevere in that which the Pen of God, in truth, commandeth thee, and remain upon the straight path of God, steadfast in His Cause.

Say: Verily, this is the straight path of God upon earth and heaven, and His Testimony in the kingdoms of Revelation and creation. He was named "Ali" amongst the people of the Bayan, and then Muhammad amongst the people of the Qur'an, and, in ancient times, was named with each one of the most excellent names of God. Thus does the Tongue of power and might counsel you with Verses that have embraced all mankind, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and convey unto all people the glad tidings of this Announcement, hitherto concealed from the world, and proclaim unto all men that which we have proclaimed unto thee in this Tablet, and bid them to turn with justice towards the Most Exalted Throne. Say, the Truth proclaimeth; By God! No created thing having His love can ever be harmed. Verily, He is the Spring that floweth from the well-spring of a Name that is great indeed. Whosoever drinketh therefrom shall fear no one, and heaven and earth cannot withstand him. Thus hath the sacred Pen of glory irrevocably decreed.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God, and in that which hath been prescribed unto thee, and fear no one. Place thy trust in Him, He verily shall protect thee from every plotting sinful one. By God! Whosoever hath the love of this Youth in his heart, God shall verily render him victorious over all who dwell upon earth and heaven, and verily God shall be the witness thereof. He shall walk upon water as he waketh upon the earth, and shall soar in the realm of the Spirit in the limitless expanse of heaven. Thou shalt find the infidels fleeing from this Youth as mules flee from the lions of eternity, and they shall turn upon their heels, and shall violate the Covenant of God after It hath been revealed. Verily His knowledge embraceth all things. It behooveth thee to make firm thy steps in the Cause of God. Admonish then the people with thine loudest voice in this Ridvan that is in truth exalted. May the Spirit of God, His glory and grandeur be upon thee and upon thine consort, and upon them who, whence they heard the announcer call them to God, responded, and held fast unto the chord of glorious splendor.

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All glory be to this Day, the Day in which the fragrances of mercy have been wafted over all created things, a Day so blest that past ages and centuries can never hope to rival it, a Day in which the countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards His holy seat. Thereupon the voices of all created things, and beyond them those of the Concourse on high, were heart calling aloud: "Haste thee, O Carmel, for lo, the light of the countenance of God, the Ruler of the Kingdom of Names and Fashioner of the heavens, hath been lifted upon thee."

Seized with transports of joy, and raising high her voice, she thus exclaimed: "May my life be a sacrifice to Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast fixed Thy gaze upon me, hast bestowed upon me Thy bounty, and hast directed towards me Thy steps. Separation from Thee, O Thou Source of everlasting life, hath well nigh consumed me, and my remoteness from Thy presence hath burned away my soul. All praise be to Thee

for having enabled me to hearken to Thy call, for having honored me with Thy footsteps, and for having quickened my soul through the vitalizing fragrance of Thy Day and the shrilling voice of Thy Pen, a voice Thou didst ordain as Thy trumpet-call amidst Thy people. And when the hour at which Thy resistless Faith was to be made manifest did strike, Thou didst breathe a breath of Thy spirit into Thy Pen, and lo, the entire creation shook to its very foundations, unveiling to mankind such mysteries as lay hidden within the treasuries of Him Who is the Possessor of all created things."

No sooner had her voice reached that most exalted Spot than We made reply: "Render thanks unto Thy Lord, O Carmel. The fire of thy separation from Me was fast consuming thee, when the ocean of My presence surged before thy face, cheering thine eyes and those of all creation, and filling with delight all things visible and invisible. Rejoice, for God hath in this Day established upon thee His throne, hath made thee the dawning-place of His signs and the day spring of the evidences of His Revelation. Well is it with him that circleth around thee, that proclaimeth the revelation of thy glory, and recounteth that which the bounty of the Lord thy God hath showered upon thee. Seize thou the Chalice of Immortality in the name of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, and give thanks unto Him, inasmuch as He, in token of His mercy unto thee, hath turned thy sorrow into gladness, and transmuted thy grief into blissful joy. He, verily, loveth the spot which hath been made the seat of His throne, which His footsteps have trodden, which hath been honored by His presence, from which He raised His call, and upon which He shed His tears."

Call out to Zion, O Carmel, and announce the joyful tidings: He that was hidden from mortal eyes is come! His all-conquering sovereignty is manifest; His all-encompassing splendor is revealed. Beware lest thou hesitate or halt. Hasten forth and circumambulate the City of God that hath descended from heaven, the celestial Kaaba round which have circled in adoration the favored of God, the pure in heart, and the company of the most exalted angels. Oh, how I long to announce unto every spot on the surface of the earth, and to carry to each one of its cities, the glad-tidings of this Revelation - a Revelation to which the heart of Sinai hath been attracted, and in whose name the Burning Bush is calling: 'Unto God, the Lord of Lords, belong the kingdoms of earth and heaven.' Verily this is the Day in which both land and sea rejoice at this announcement, the Day for which have been laid up those things which God, through a bounty beyond the ken of mortal mind or heart, hath destined for revelation. Ere long will God sail His Ark upon thee, and will manifest the people of Baha who have been mentioned in the Book of Names.

Sanctified be the Lord of all mankind, at the mention of Whose name all the atoms of the earth have been made to vibrate, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath been moved to disclose that which had been wrapt in His knowledge and lay concealed within the treasury of His might. He, verily, through the potency of His name, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Most High, is the ruler of all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth.

In His Name through Whom the fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted throughout creation.

Blessed be this Day, to which the centuries and ages of the past can never measure up! Blessed be this Day in which the Ancient Beauty hath turned towards His station! Thereupon all created things and, behind them, the Concourse on High, cried out: "O Carmel! Lower thyself before the face of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Fashioner of the heavens, which hath turned towards thee!" She was thereupon seized with the joy of ecstasy and raised her voice to proclaim: "May my soul be a sacrifice for

Thy favour, and for Thy tender mercies, and for Thy turning towards me! Too long hath separation from Thee, O Source of Life, consumed me, and too grievous hath been Thy remoteness to bear. Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to hearken unto Thy call, for having honoured me with Thy footsteps, and for having quickened me through the fragrances of Thy verses and the sound of Thy Pen, which Thou didst make to be a trumpet-call amongst Thy servants. When Thine irrevocable decree was issued, Thou didst breathe into it, whereupon the Great Resurrection came to pass and the hidden secrets preserved in the treasuries of Him Who owneth all things were revealed." When her cry reached that most exalted spot, We answered: "O Carmel! Render thanks unto thy Lord. Thou wert consumed with the fire of separation; now before thy face the ocean of reunion hath surged. Thus have thine eyes and the eyes of all creation been cheered, and the smile hath dawned upon the faces of both the seen and the unseen. Blessed art thou in that God hath in this Day made thee the seat of His throne, the dawning-place of His signs and the dayspring of His testimonies. Blessed is the servant who hath circled round thee, who hath mentioned thy manifestation and emergence, and what thou hast received through the bounty of thy Lord. Take thou the Chalice of Immortality in the name of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, and then give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned thy sorrow into gladness and thy grief into supreme joy–this as a mercy from His presence. Verily, He loveth the spot wherein His throne was established, which was honoured by His presence, was blessed with His meeting, and from which His call was raised and His sighs ascended. O Carmel! Announce unto Zion, saying: 'He that was hidden hath come with sovereignty that hath conquered the world and with a light whereby earth and all who dwell thereon were illumined.' Beware lest thou hesitate in thy place. Hasten forth and circle round the City of God that hath descended from heaven–the celestial Kaaba round which have circled the favoured of God, the pure in heart, and the company of most exalted angels. Oh, how I long to announce unto every spot on the surface of the earth, and to carry to each one of its cities, the glad-tidings of this Revelation–a Revelation to which the heart of Sinai hath been attracted, and in whose name the Burning Bush crieth out: 'Unto God, the Lord of Lords, belong the kingdoms of earth and heaven.' Verily this is the Day in which both land and sea rejoice at this announcement, the Day in which there lieth enshrined that which God, through a grace impenetrable to mortal mind and vision, hath destined to reveal. O sea! Rejoice at this most great favour, for ere long the Ark of God shall be made manifest upon thee, made manifest by the people of Baha, whom the Book of Names hath mentioned. Glorified be the Lord of mankind, at Whose mentioning all atoms vibrate, and the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth that which was enshrined in His knowledge and hidden within the treasury of His might. He, verily, through the potency of His name, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Most High, is the ruler of all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

God is aware and the Messengers bear witness that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days, openly and clearly arisen before the faces of all peoples and, without any veil or concealment, summoned all to the supreme horizon. Neither the opposition of rulers nor the clamor of divines could deter Him from His mighty, all-conquering purpose. The intention was that they might attain, through the traces of

the Most Exalted Pen, unto the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree, and that these two fleeting days might not deprive the servants of the eternal divine Kingdom. The ocean of utterance surgeth at all times, and the Sun of Truth ever shineth from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation. The verses have been sent down in such wise that the Pen is powerless to reckon them, and the evidences are manifest. Yet all remain veiled and deprived, save whom God willeth.

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Reflect upon the previous community. For twelve hundred years and more, not a single one of the divines became aware of that Essence of Being in the loins. They attained not a drop from the ocean of knowledge. They took mere fancy for certitude and sheer conjecture for knowledge. They were enslaved by vain imaginings while counting themselves among the people of divine unity. On the Day of Reckoning, the fruit of the deeds of those heedless souls was that they pronounced sentence against the Lord of all worlds and martyred Him. Reflect thou upon this matter, for reflection on such matters increaseth knowledge, and the lights of the Sun of Certitude shine forth without veil or covering and are witnessed. Now certain ones among the people of the Bayan follow in the footsteps of the previous community. We see them as more lost than these, though they know it not. Today the world is illumined and hath attained unto the lights of true divine unity. Whosoever attaineth unto this findeth himself free and detached from the world and all who dwell therein. His honor Amin - upon him be My glory - made mention of thee. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered in the prison. When thou findest the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance and art attracted by the breezes of revelation, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee, standing before the door of Thy grandeur, and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee, by Thy Cause that hath subdued the heavens and earth, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subjected all who are in the kingdom of creation, and by the Ship that hath sailed on land and sea, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall immortalize my remembrance in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. Thou seest, O my God, the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy favor. Ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and in Thy right hand are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great. And praise be unto Thee, for Thou art the Goal of the worlds.

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He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the heaven of bounty!

Praise be to the Intended One who was not prevented by the hatred and malice of the people of tyranny and wickedness, nor by the calumnies of enemies, from His sacred and all-compelling purpose. The clamor of princes and the whisperings of divines did not hold Him back from manifesting His Cause before the faces of all parties. Before all faces He spoke the blessed word "He doeth what He willeth." The power of the world did not weaken His might, nor did the oppression of nations prevent His Word from penetrating. In the trials that befell Him and the tribulations that descended, He held fast to the cord of patience, His purpose being to extinguish, through loving counsels and wise admonitions, the fire of

hatred between the various peoples, so that the light of the words “on thrones facing one another” might illumine the horizons with the light of unity and concord.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Praise be to God Who aided thee to turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon, Who opened before thy face, with the key of bounty, the door of reunion, and Who protected thee on the path through a company of the exalted Concourse, until thou didst stand before the Door and drink the wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having brought me before the throne of Thy manifestation, caused me to hear Thy call, and shown me the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation and the traces of Thy Pen to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love and standing firm in the service of Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the doings of the servants cannot frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Speaker, the Commander in the beginning and in the end.

When the honored Afnan, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness and grace, intended to turn toward those regions, this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Source of Command and Dawning-Place of God’s decree and was sent forth from the sacred heaven, that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. The letter which thou didst send from one of My loved ones hath come before the Wronged One. We heard its cry and answered it with verses that cannot be equaled by the books of the people nor by what the kings and rulers possess. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and preserve thee from His enemies and assist thee in every world of His worlds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Convey to the loved ones of that land the greetings and peace of the Wronged One, and illumine them with the splendors of the Day-Star of utterance of the Intended One of all the worlds. The dear one hath been repeatedly mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and We have sent him that which gladdeneth hearts and delighteth eyes. The trust hath been preserved in the divine fortress of protection, and now the honored Afnan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful, is its bearer. We beseech God to cause him to attain the honor of meeting with his Tablet. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of God’s mercy be upon My Afnan who hath attained My presence and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty, and upon thee and upon My loved ones there who heard the call from the Most Sublime Horizon and said: “We believe in Thee, O Thou the Intended One of all in the heavens and the earth.”

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The Honored Friend, his eminence Ali Akbar, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory - May he take note

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Glory

Praise be to the Sovereign Omnipotent Who has offered His bounty to all peoples on earth from diverse parties, and likewise His Trust. As to the first, all the peoples of the earth accepted it, but as to the second, none bore it except man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who created him and made him the recipient of His Trust and the manifestations of His power and the expressions of His might. And prayers and peace be upon Him through whom creation began, who was adorned with the ornament of the Seal, and upon His family and companions through whom the veils were rent, the idols were struck down, faces were humbled and eyes were fixed in awe - those servants whom God created for the exaltation of His Cause and the spread of His laws among His creatures.

Some time ago your letter was received, but this servant did not find the opportunity to offer a reply. Time is like red sulfur, and God, exalted be His glory, bears witness to what has been submitted. Regarding what you wrote about the arrival of the beloved ones, his eminence Aqa Siyyid Yahya and his eminence Mirza, upon them be the glory of God - praise be to God they proceeded by permission to the first destination. This much is submitted to your honor: divine favor has been and continues to be with you. He has said: “Be thou assured and be of those who are thankful.” And what his eminence the beloved Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the glory of God and His favor, has stated is correct and complete, for consultation on matters has been delegated to those of highest rank. However, if there is suitable accommodation and means in Port Said, we can send his eminence Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be the glory of God, to you as well so that you may be together. The prohibition regarding Port Said was in consideration of your being alone, lest you become disheartened. Otherwise it is quite clear and evident that you are joyful and act according to whatever is commanded. Now too, as commanded, consult - if it is deemed advisable we will send his eminence Aqa Siyyid Taqi to you to be a companion to your honor and an assistant in your work, or you may proceed to Alexandria. Both options are adorned with the ornament of permission and good-pleasure. Blessed art thou, for thou hast drunk from the cup of contentment and by the testimony of the Beloved they are pleased with you. In these matters too, whatever emerges from consultation is most preferable. Peace be upon thee and mercy be upon thee and upon every steadfast and assured one. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The Servant

On the night of 29 Rabi’u’l-Avval 1300

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To the emigrant who visited the House of God, from before Mirza Muhammad A., in the name of the one beloved One:

Praise God that you became an emigrant and made your migration, and that which hath been visited upon this imprisoned servant hath also in part been visited upon you. Fear not the divine decree and be content with His good pleasure. Consider not this migration as abasement, but rather know it as the source of eternal glory. I swear by the Sun of Grandeur that were people to become aware of even less than can be counted, all would sacrifice their souls and spirits in the path of the Friend. Consider the wine of divine trials as a bounty - this cup is not the portion of every soul, but rather the share of those who

have attained and the portion of those drawn nigh. Praise be to God that you remained preserved from the tribulation of grievous days which was recorded in the tablets of preservation, and turned toward the direction of the Beloved. Consider it a bounty to remain settled in that land, and with utmost tranquility recline upon the cushions of certitude, preserving yourself from the whisperings of the Evil One who is engaged in suggesting doubts among the people. Place your trust in the Truth and turn away from all else, hold fast to the cord of His grace and detach yourself from all besides Him. In these days the earthly satans have appeared in different forms, as was mentioned in a previous tablet. O emigrant! The divine verses are distinguished from all else - all that is mentioned and concealed between the heavens and earth cannot equal a single word thereof. Now observe the words of others, that you may become illumined and enlightened by the Sun of meanings which hath dawned from the horizon of divine utterances, and become independent of all else. The Truth was with you at the time when that polytheist was casting doubts in your heart. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, He knoweth what is manifest and what is hidden, and He is indeed knowing of all things. Let not your illumined heart be veiled by the allusions in the words of the polytheists and the objections of the hypocrites. For today if books were to appear equal in number to the leaves of the trees, and from them the fragrance of the love of this Youth were not inhaled, they would not be mentioned or accepted in the presence of God. O emigrant servant! Drink the pure water of meanings and knowledge from the hands of the people of Baha. I swear by the Truth that with but a drop thereof thou wouldst find thyself independent of all else besides God. Mention of these days and their trials hath been recorded in the Tablet of Proofs which was sent down from the heaven of oneness addressed to the maternal uncle, and likewise in other tablets. Should you now observe them, you would become aware of certain mysteries. And the Spirit be upon you and upon the tranquil servants of God.

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In the name of Him through Whom the gate of bounty was opened to all who are on earth and in heaven. The atoms of created things bear witness and the realities of all contingent beings testify that this servant had and has no purpose in the manifestation and proclamation of the Cause except the salvation of the servants and the extinguishing of the fire of hatred and enmity. His call was raised in the nights and His lamentation in the early dawn, and His cry during the days. In the heavenly Books, according to what some of the parties have mentioned and continue to mention, there was the burning of books and the slaying of souls and the prevention of unity, which is the greatest means for the progress of the servants and the advancement of lands…

In my childhood, this wronged one read in a book by Mulla Baqir Majlisi about the raid on the Banu Qurayzah. From that moment I was distressed and full of sorrow, to the extent that my pen cannot express it – even though what happened was the decree of God, and its intent was only to foil oppressors.

But when the ocean of forgiveness and grace appeared, therefore in those days I beseeched God for that which was the cause of love, fellowship and unity among all who are on earth – until, on the second of the month of the Birth before the Dawning, all my mental states, my words and thoughts, were turned

upside down, an inversion that bore the glad-tidings of the Ascent. This revolution was manifest for twelve days continuously and unremittingly. Afterwards, the waves of the ocean of utterance appeared, and the effulgences of the luminary of tranquillity were radiant. Then the matter eventuated in a time of full revelation (zuhu:r), when I attained to that which God rendered the basis of the joy of the worlds and the dawn of bestowal on all who dwell in the heavens and the earth. After the Most High Pen [Qalam-i A'la=the Bab], We abrogated all that which was the cause of hardship and discomfort and strife by Our decisive decree, and We revealed and implemented all that which was a source of concord and unity. No one denies the grace inherent in this revelation save those who are veiled and heedless, and the despised tyrants.

The revealed holy Tablets and the Tablet of the Call testify and bear witness. Blessed are the fair-minded and blessed is every truthful and trustworthy one. When thou hast heard My call from My Tablet and beheld what hath shone forth from its horizon as a token of My grace, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and for having acquainted me with that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and concealed from the eyes of Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Ruler of the seen and unseen, to assist me to remember Thee and to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Then confirm me in such steadfastness as cannot be changed by the conditions of Thy creation and the doubts of Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of grace!

This is a mention from Us to one who attained when the Most Great Sea appeared, and to one who saw when My most exalted horizon shone forth, and to one who turned when the light of the Face dawned after the passing away of all things, and recognized the Hidden Name and the Treasured Mystery when He came with a sovereignty before which all created things bowed down. Verily He is the Speaker on the Mount of Knowledge. There is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout creation and the Dove of Revelation has warbled upon the branches by virtue of what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken at all times. The Kingdom belongs to God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou, O Javad, in that the Lord of creation has turned toward thee and makes mention of thee with verses from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful is diffused. He is the Powerful One Whom the circumstances of men cannot frustrate. He speaks and calls out from the Most Great Scene: "By God the Truth! The Hidden Cause has appeared, nearer than the twinkling of an eye, yet most of the people are heedless." Blessed is the one with vision who has beheld My Most Great Signs, and the one with hearing who has heard My Most Sweet Call, and the one who has turned toward this Luminous Horizon. Thus have We adorned the Tablet of eternity with the sun of utterance of thy Lord, the Kind, the Generous.

When thou hast won this Tablet of God and its effect, say: "O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the breaths of Thy Most Exalted Word whereby Thou didst create all things, to

make me in all conditions one who gazes upon Thee and speaks Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Beloved of my heart and the Lord of my soul. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

Hear the divine verses in the Persian tongue, O Javad. In the morning thy call was heard and in the afternoon thy mention was hearkened to. Repeatedly and successively thy remembrances and supplications attained the hearing of the Beloved of the world. Praise be to God that thou art mentioned before the Wronged One and hast won His favors. For each of the names mentioned in the book of Nabil-i-A'zam and which you also mentioned in the letter presented to this servant, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, all will attain to them. Thank God for this great bounty. We make mention in this station of thy family and relatives and send Our greetings upon them all, male and female, as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

And We make mention of her who ascended to the Supreme Companion and attained the meeting when the Sun was shining from the horizon of Baghdad. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. And We have mentioned the Perfect One time after time and have sent down that which brings joy to the eyes of those near to God. Convey greetings to all from the True One, and the word of forgiveness has been sent down for those who have ascended. Verily He forgives as He wishes and bestows as He desires. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have attained to this mighty station.

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He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

His remembrance from the Wronged One is unto all who are in the world, that He may draw them nigh unto God when He came with manifest sovereignty and revealed that which was hidden in the Books of old and treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. This is He through Whom the ocean of knowledge surged in creation and the light of unity shone forth from His luminous horizon. But for Him, the Books would not have been revealed nor would the pearls of wisdom have appeared from the sea of knowledge. To this testifieth every perceiving scholar. O 'Ali-Naqi! Behold and then recall what the people of the Bayan uttered when the All-Merciful came with a manifest light. They broke God's covenant and His pledge, clinging to the promptings of Satan. Say: By God! The Bayan circleth round Me, and the Point lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of the aggressive ones who cast the Book of God behind their backs and spoke that which none of the ancients ever spoke. They have taken their calumnies as a shield unto themselves that they might lead people astray from the path of God. Nay, they perceive it not. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not your own selves. Follow Him Who hath come with the hosts of divine inspiration from the horizon of the heaven of your Lord's power, the Self-Subsisting. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Whoso saith 'why' or 'wherefore' hath indeed disbelieved in God and His signs. To this the Books of old do testify, but most of the people understand not. O Pen! Leave their mention and make mention of Thy loved ones in Ra and Shin, and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of existence. O people of God! Ye have heard the Call when it was raised from

the land of Zawra and from the Land of Mystery, and in this praiseworthy station. Blessed is the light whom veils have not deterred and the strong one whom hosts and armies have not weakened.

O ’Ali-Naqi! Hearken unto the divine Call in the Persian tongue, that all may attain to their goal and not be deprived of the fragrances of the Day of God. The loved ones of God have ever been beneath the glance of His loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid all to that which befitteth these days. O people of God! Be not grieved. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for you that which the eye of creation hath not seen the like thereof. In most Tablets We have commanded all to perform goodly deeds and manifest spiritual attributes. Blessed are they who have arisen to assist the Cause through the hosts of deeds and character. They are God’s loved ones amidst His creatures. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive you and ordain for you that which shall profit you in all His worlds. Verily He is potent over all things and worthy to answer. May He send down upon you His blessings and ordain for you attendance before His presence or the reward of meeting Him. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of all worlds.

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O ?. Abu’l-Hasan in Shin! He is the Sovereign! Glorified is He Who sendeth down in every season that which purifieth the hearts of them that have recognized Him, and uttereth at all times verses that leave powerless all in the world. The Revelation in this Dispensation hath attained such a station that were all who are in the heavens and on earth to gather together to enumerate that which hath been sent down from it, by God, thou wouldst behold them utterly powerless. Say: O servant, woe unto every sinful denier who, when he heareth the verses of the Spirit, his face darkeneth with rancor and he turneth away therefrom, and waxeth proud before God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: By God, such grace hath been manifested in a manner that none can conceal it, if ye be of them that are discerning. And among the people is he who saith “I have believed in God and His verses,” yet when the verses of the Spirit are recited unto him, he persisteth in pride as though he heard them not, and shaketh his head in mockery before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And among them are those who, when they hear God’s verses, their eyes overflow with tears out of their love for God, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O people, fear ye God and differ not among yourselves, lest the hearts of the deniers rejoice thereat. Be as one soul in upholding the Cause, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, though He is in truth independent of the help of all in the heavens and earth, if ye be of them that are endued with insight. He commandeth His servants to render aid that they may thereby detach themselves from all else but Him and turn towards a holy and luminous direction. And thou, O believer in God, remind the servants of that wherewith We have reminded thee, and place thy trust in God, thy Lord, and be of them that trust. Fear thou no one and be not troubled by anything, even shouldst thou witness all who are in the heavens and on earth turning away in manifest rejection. Know thou that God hath prescribed mercy for Himself, that He will aid those who have patience, seeking His face, and cut off the last remnant of them that disbelieved and were of the idolaters. Soon shalt thou witness thy Lord’s triumph, whereby His Cause shall be raised to such a station that before it shall bow the necks of the proud ones. Thus do We make mention unto thee in truth and cast upon thee that which

purifieth thy spirit and expandeth thy breast and consoleth thine eyes, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this bounty which shall never cease unto all eternity. Then remind the servants not to follow every ignorant rabble and every sinner remote from this Kawthar which floweth from the right hand of a mighty Throne. Know thou moreover that We have arrived in a Prison which none can reach save through mighty effort and determination, and thereby have been severed from Our hem the hands of both those that have turned towards Us and those that have turned away, except whom thy Lord willeth, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the Most Compassionate. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon him that hath shown gratitude and patience, and We are in manifest thankfulness.

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To one of the Afnan, his honor Buzurg:

Upon thee be the splendor of God and His glory! Rejoice that thy name is oft-mentioned before the Throne. Say: Praise be to Thee, O our Lord, the All-Merciful! Thou, while in prison, dost remember those who love Thee and call out to those who seek Thee. I testify that Thy mercy hath encompassed all creation. O Lord! Withhold not the glances of Thy loving-kindness from this servant whose gaze is fixed upon Thy most exalted horizon. Preserve him, then, beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

Know thou that there hath come before Our presence a leaf from the Afnan which We found adorned with the ornament of love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he in that he hath been mentioned before the Throne and the tongue of Revelation hath spoken in his remembrance words of light that have shone forth from the horizon of the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Remember him on My behalf and say: Should thou ask of the Prisoner, verily He is in the hands of the wicked, and at all times His tongue doth make mention of His Lord and there descendeth from the heaven of Command that which giveth life unto souls. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons and for having been encompassed by the grace of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Say: O people! The Day hath come - the Kingdom is God's, the One, the Almighty. Doth it beseem anyone to tarry when every rock proclaimeth with loudest voice: Hasten with your hearts unto the Dayspring of grandeur and power!

Give thanks unto God for having adorned thee with the ornament of His love and clothed thee in the raiment of righteousness, which is the recognition of the Manifestation of His Cause, whereby the standards of remembrance have been raised upon the highest mountains. Know thou that upon Our arrival at this Spot, We chose to designate it as the "Most Great Prison". Though previously subjected in another land (Tehran) to chains and fetters, We yet refused to call it by that name. Say: Ponder thereon, O ye endued with understanding! All that hath appeared and will appear hath been recorded in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Among the people are those who recognize Him before His manifestation, and among them are those who, when He is made manifest, say: "This is what hath proceeded from the Pen of Revelation from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving." Blessed is he who pondereth the verses of God and readeth them at eventide and at dawn.

We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause in such wise that thou seest all else beneath thy shadow. This beseemeth one who hath laid hold on the Most Great Cord, by whose movement all creation hath been moved. O My Afnan! We love to remember you by night and by day. Blessed is he who hath aided Me and hath arisen to serve his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Rejoice and be glad on this Day wherein the veil hath been rent asunder and that which was hidden in God's knowledge from time immemorial hath been made manifest. Convey My greetings unto the face of him who loveth Me. Verily thy Lord remembereth whom He willeth through His grace. His grace hath indeed preceded creation. Upon thee be My glory and the glory of all things unto the Day that shall not be followed by reckoning.

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O Mirza Rida-Quli

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

It has been a long time since the breezes of love have wafted from your direction, and this servant, mindful of prudence, has made no expression. Yet the sublime Truth bears witness that love for you has dwelled in my heart and mention of you upon my tongue. We beseech God that through His grace you may arise to serve His Cause, detached from all else. This is what endures in the Kingdom of your Lord; all else shall perish. The days have passed - we must spend what remains in service to the Beloved of the worlds.

If you ask about this servant's condition - never before has any Manifestation of the Divine Unity been imprisoned together with seventy souls. From this you can imagine what has transpired and continues to transpire. Yet through divine grace and heavenly favor, We shine forth from the horizon of tribulation, summoning all to the Truth. Whatever befalls Us has been and will be beloved. We beseech God to aid Us to remain steadfast in His Cause and love, for He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Pray that We may meet one day, so that hidden matters may be witnessed unveiled.

Convey My greetings to those who circle round. Tell your sister that if her lack of love stems from love for Yahya, God and all in the heavens and earth bear witness that you had and have no knowledge of his cause, and whatever you have heard was all due to wisdom. Even now, if you reflect purely for the sake of God on what is mentioned, you will become certain. In any case, your lack of love has had no cause. Setting all else aside, it is not befitting to break the covenant of love due to the suppositions of deluded souls. Hear the call of this Wronged One and speak with fairness. I beseech God to aid you to be just and not to deprive you of the spiritual waters of mercy flowing from the heaven of divine grace. What is mentioned is for God's sake - this is most evident. This servant has fallen into a barren valley where tribulations have reached such a state that no good decreases them and no evil increases them. We praise God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, in all conditions. God willing, We hope you will break the chains of imitation with the strength of certitude and enter the pleasant expanse of detachment. This intensity and that ease shall both soon pass away - what endures is steadfastness in love and faithfulness.

Thus has the All-Merciful testified in the Tablets. We beseech God to aid you in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He has power over all things.

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O my God! I call upon Thee when calamities descend from the clouds of Thy decree and tribulations rain down from the heavens of Thy command. How long wilt Thou make us drink from the cups of joy in Thy dominion, and how long wilt Thou provide us with the chalice of sorrow among Thy servants? Have the rains of Thy bounty ceased to pour, though I witness them still flowing in Thy lands? Have the gates of Thy mercy and favor been sealed, though I see them still open before Thy creation?

By Thy might, O my Beloved! The drink of Thy lovers has become their hearts' blood, and the food of Thy faithful ones the pieces of their livers. Days pass over them without the breezes of Thy mercy wafting upon them, and nights elapse without the fragrances of Thy loving-kindness reaching them. Dost Thou, O my God, bar them from the shores of Thy mighty ocean after they have confessed Thy oneness? Dost Thou, O my Lord, drive them from the precincts of Thy sanctity after they have acknowledged Thy unity?

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire! Tribulation has reached such a state that it gives us no respite even to draw breath, encompassing us from all directions and seizing us with mighty force. By Thy might, O my God! I am bewildered in mentioning Thy descending trials and falling afflictions. I know not of which tribulation to complain to Thee.

Shall I complain, O my God, of my imprisonment for known months, or of the chains whose weight has broken my neck, or the iron upon my feet? Of what the hands of the wicked have wrought, or how our families were made captive in the hands of enemies, or how they seized our possessions and destroyed our homes? Or shall I recall, O my God, when they took me and led me from village to city, my head bare and my feet unshod, my neck in chains and my hands bound? Then the people gathered around me - some who knew me and some who did not. Those who knew me stood bewildered at my plight, some mocking me, while those who knew me not all cast at me whatever stones and sticks they could find, as though they had never drunk the wine of equity nor caught the fragrance of fellowship.

By Thy Ancient Beauty and the wondrous lights of Thy countenance! They inflicted upon me that which I am ashamed to mention before Thee, which the pen cannot move to describe, nor ink flow to express, nor tablet bear, nor souls endure. Therefore I cease with this, O my God. Or shall I mention how they drove us out with our women and children from our homeland - and Thou hast counted all that befell and descended upon us - or what occurred to us thereafter, or this fresh calamity and unprecedented tribulation that has grieved hearts, disturbed souls, broken backs, and constricted breasts?

Since all this has come to pass through Thy irrevocable decree and decisive command, I beseech Thee by Thy luminous Beauty and Thy manifest Glory to make us patient in the occasions of Thy trials and tranquil in the places of Thy decree. For Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Omnipotent.

Thou knowest, O my God, that my complaint before Thee is but as the yearnings of lovers before their Beloved, for they desire not to complain of what they have witnessed in the paths of love and separation, or of how they have been consumed by the fire of longing. Rather, their purpose and hope is to demonstrate their sincerity before the Beloved and to prove their steadfastness in what has befallen them in the paths of affection and love, that it might serve as testimony for the lovers who will come after them upon this path.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and my Beloved! By Thy might! I find no sweetness save in the descent of Thy trials, and I behold no glory except in the appearance of Thy tribulations. May necks be deprived that have not been placed in chains of retribution in the paths of Thy good-pleasure, and may hearts perish that have not tasted the wine of afflictions in the desert of Thy love and favor, after Thou didst promise us all this in Thy inviolable Book, saying - and Thy word is the truth: "We shall surely test you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth, lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient - those who, when affliction strikes them, say: 'Verily, we belong to God and to Him do we return.' These are they upon whom are blessings from their Lord, and mercy; these are they who are guided aright."

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In the name of the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious! The springtime of divine revelation has come, and the Sovereign of verses has been established upon the throne with a dominion that has encompassed all created things. By God! The musk of utterance has diffused such fragrance that all existence, both seen and unseen, has been perfumed thereby. To this bears witness the Concourse on High and then those who have sought shelter beneath the shade of My Most Glorious Name. Thus has the Command been sent down from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people! Cast aside what you possess and take hold of that which God, the Sovereign, the Most High, the Most Great, has commanded you. Verily this is the pure wine of reunion for those who have turned to God, and the dawning-place of hopes for all who are in the heavens and on earth. This indeed is the Most Great Proof among the nations and the Most Straight Path for all who possess clear vision. Blessed are you, O people of Baha! Take the cup in the name of your Most Exalted Lord and drink therefrom at all times. Verily it will make you independent of all else. Say: When the Hour came and the verses were sent down, faces turned away from their Lord, the Possessor of all attributes. Among them were those held back by vanities, and those prevented by learning, and those who said "I have a sealed book bearing God's seal, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." Say: O rejected one! Were We to accept what you claim, We would say: By God! Even if you possessed all the scriptures of those gone before and those yet to come, they would profit you not at all except through this Book from which has been detailed the Preserved Tablet. And were all the Dawning-Places of Revelation to hesitate in this Cause at this moment when the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory speaks, even for less than an instant, their deeds would be rendered vain. Thus has the matter been decreed by the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Say: You have not recognized this Revelation. By God! It cannot be compared with what has come or will come. To this testify near-stationed servants. Were We to mention to you the station of this Revelation, you would fall senseless at once. Verily the Cause is concealed behind a veil of light. Blessed are the people who know. Say: O heedless one! You who

have not been awakened by God's call nor stirred by the breezes of revelation. We see you among the denizens of the graves. Thus have We detailed the verses that you might know what every unknown man has spoken. Arise to serve God and aid His Cause, and place your trust in Him. He protects whom He wishes through His sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Verily the Glory be upon you and upon those who have drunk the choice sealed wine through this Hidden Name. Blessed art thou for having drunk the wine of reunion and attained to the mention of thy Lord amongst His servants, and recognized that which every renowned scholar was prevented from knowing. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee now through grace. Be thou assured in God, the Lord of existence. We beseech God to give the servants to drink, through thee, the wine of turning to Him, that they might recognize Him Who has come with the truth with manifest sovereignty. Convey My greetings to the faces of those who are with thee, even as We have greeted thy face from this praiseworthy station.

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O Javad, upon him be the Glory of God! According to the request of Ibn-i-Asdaq, who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance:

The Day of Return has come, and the factions are in evident turmoil. Among them are those who have denied God's grace and His Manifestation and His mercy and His sovereignty, and among them are those who have heard and hastened and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken in the place which God has made the circling-point of the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the angels brought nigh.

O Javad! The All-Bountiful has come from the horizon of power for the unity of the factions and their agreement in this Cause, whereby the ocean of generosity has surged and the Tree has proclaimed: "The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Lord of the worlds!" Your name has attained the honor of presence before the Lord of Names, and your call has been heard. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Wronged One has heard your call and has answered you from the prison precinct, as a grace from His presence, that you might arise to that which will exalt the Word of God among all else. He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Blessed is the soul that has purified its ear from tales of old and its eyes from beholding the traces of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Say: O people of justice and fairness! The Self-Subsisting has appeared on this Day wherein the Dove has warbled upon the highest branches, and the Rock has cried out before all religions, and the breeze has wafted, and the ocean of grandeur has surged, and the Caller has called from a near place: Fear God, and prevent not yourselves from turning towards Him, nor your eyes from beholding His signs, nor your ears from this Utterance, at whose appearance every remote oppressor was thunderstruck.

Beware, O people of the earth, lest you follow your desires. Follow Him Who has guided you to the Most Great Path and the Mighty News. When you attain the choice wine of My utterance and the intoxication of the Kawthar of My bounty takes hold of you, say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me on a Day wherein the heaven of idle fancy was cleft asunder, and the mountain of knowledge was reduced to dust, and that which was hidden in the fortress of Thy protection was made manifest. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who holdest the reins of the world, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to make me of those who have aided Thy Cause and spoken Thy praise and turned towards Thy horizon and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have held fast unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the tears of the sincere ones and the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, to aid me to stand firm with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the doubts of the doubters nor the cawing of the crows, and to enable me to serve Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

My God, my God! Thou hearest my cry and beholdest my state. I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed with the Tree, through Whom the Tree of the Manifestation spoke, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and Thou art the Commander, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O M.H.! In the Name of God, the Most Holy! The Call of God hath been raised from every direction - can ye not hear it? The glances of God have been directed toward you, O concourse of the chosen ones - how is it that ye remain occupied in your seats? Lift up your heads and open your eyes, that ye may behold the Sun of the Beauty of your Lord shining forth from the horizon of destiny with the sovereignty of His Most Glorious and Most Sublime Remembrance. This is better for you than all that was and all that shall be. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that God hath washed thee with the Kawthar of Paradise and purified thee from the defilement of those who believe not in His signs. Cast behind thee all mundane concerns, then speak forth in praise of thy Lord and say: O people! He Who was promised hath come unto you. Beware lest ye hesitate. Hasten unto Him with your hearts, for thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: This is He for Whose sake the Exalted One sacrificed His life, would ye but know it. This is He Who was mentioned in all the Tablets and Who was treasured in God's Scriptures - the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beloved. Through Him were the heavens of utterance adorned with the suns of wisdom and exposition, to which the All-Merciful Himself beareth witness, even should ye deny it. Arise to serve God and aid His Cause, then deliver unto the people that which thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, hath commanded thee - He Who hath appeared once again. Exalted be thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath manifested from all creation that which was inscribed in the preserved Tablets of glory. Grieve not for those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God, and pay no heed to them. Turn away from them and set thy face toward God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Those who remain heedless of this Cause are nourished at the breast of idle fancy - how can they attain unto this most exalted station? Thus hath it been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the people may return unto the seat of the Command. Say: With Us is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. Beware lest ye object to the words of God, for they have been revealed according to

human nature, would ye but understand. Say: If ye wish to test your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, then ask Him concerning the sciences ye possess, that ye may be assured within yourselves that the reins of knowledge are in the grasp of His power. With Him are sciences of which no one hath learned a single letter save God alone. Fear God, O people, and transgress not. The Chosen One hath attained unto the presence of his Lord and hath appeared before His countenance, and the Sun of His loving-kindness hath shone upon him in such wise as none can reckon. We beseech God to preserve him from the darts of idle fancies and to grant him that which is ordained for him in a hidden Tablet of glory. Blessed be his eyes for having fallen upon this imprisoned Youth. By God! Were the veil to be lifted, he would behold himself in the most exalted Paradise, in a station of praised glory. And upon thee, and upon him, and upon those who follow thee in the Cause of thy Lord and hearken unto thy words concerning this inevitable Event, be the Glory of God.

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In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Your noble letter has reached this servant, from which wafted the fragrance of your love for God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. I witnessed therein that which brought joy to my eyes, happiness to my soul, delight to my spirit, attraction to my heart, illumination to my sight, and trembling to my limbs. Every member of my body was moved, and longing seized my flesh and bones and blood and every hair, as I found its letters, words and meanings all indicative of the degrees of servitude and sincerity towards God, our Lord, the Mighty, the Worshipped, and reflective of the manifestations of your steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of the servants and the foundations of lands were shaken. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give us to drink from the cup of recognition of this Revelation as befits, to make us steadfast therein as befits, then to aid us in its service as is worthy and befits. Verily He is the Helper, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After your letter was visited and read, along with the petition that had been submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, both were presented before the Ancient Beauty. Thereupon the sea of the bounty of our Lord, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Generous surged, and the heaven of utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful, was upraised with verses whereby the realities of all in the contingent realm and the kingdoms of creation were attracted. He hath sent unto thee, as a grace, bounty and mercy from His presence, then as a light and radiance for the worlds. God willing, they shall attain unto the never-ending divine favors that shine forth like suns from the horizons of that mighty Tablet, and shall be sustained by what hath been ordained therein of divine, eternal, everlasting blessings. From this moment and the moment when thou shall attain unto it and thereafter, I say: “Well is it with thee and pleasant it is to thee,” then I say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

It is hoped that through the wondrous, sublime confirmations of the King of Oneness, you will arise to serve and assist and teach this momentous Cause with such spirit as was breathed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in that Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet through His power and mighty breath, in such wise that you will illumine all those regions with the light of recognition of the Countenance of the All-Merciful,

and all shall be adorned with the crown of guidance and the robe of sanctification from all else but God. Verily He will assist thee with truth and will send down upon thee from the heaven of His Cause that which will comfort the hearts of the oppressed. He, verily, is the most powerful of the powerful ones.

Convey from this evanescent one most holy greetings, sanctified from the world of creation, to all the masters, servants and friends. The Tablets that were requested specifically for the mentioned souls have been sent, and likewise previously several Tablets were sent specifically for the mentioned names. They will ever make this servant joyous and happy with glad tidings of their well-being. The glory be upon thee and upon the loved ones of God in those parts.

The evanescent servant

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Ismail, upon whom be the Glory of God! The Tablet of Creation hath been adorned with the ornament of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of Invention, and the Book of Revelation hath been embellished with this Remembrance, whereby the denizens of the Supreme Paradise were attracted, the dwellers of the cities of eternity were made joyous, and all who inhabit the Kingdom of Creation were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of might and power did rescue, from One powerful and mighty and all-knowing.

Blessed is the soul that hath detached itself from all else but God and stood firm in assisting His Cause amongst the worlds. This is a Day wherein all atoms speak even as the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath spoken, yet most of the people remain heedless. The fragrance of the garment hath been diffused throughout the world, inasmuch as the Ancient Beauty hath appeared adorned with His Most Great Name. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained, and woe betide them that have turned away!

Say: Have ye occupied yourselves with the world after We have abandoned it to the dogs? Fear ye God and be not of them that are far removed. Hold fast unto that which profiteth you and follow not those who have denied God when He came with His sovereign Kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Their likeness is as the likeness of those who awaited the days of the Spirit, but when He came they turned away and denied God, the Lord of all worlds. Behold then and call to mind those who would invoke God at eventide and at dawn, and who awaited the days of the Luminary of the horizons, yet when He dawned from the vale of Mecca with the Kingdom of Names, they arose in opposition and objected to Him through Whom all religions were established amidst all creation. They are indeed among the most lost.

Blessed is the servant whom vain desires have not kept back from the Daystar of guidance, who hath cast away all else, turning unto God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust, and who, upon hearing the call from the Divine Lote Tree raised above the crimson spot, turned with his whole being and said: "Yea, O Beloved of the worlds!"

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One in prison, and from it We perceived thy vibration at the divine breeze and thy attraction to the Word of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and recognized that which most of His servants have failed to recognize. The dwellers of the cities of Names now bear witness that thou art indeed among the triumphant.

We beseech God to reveal His treasures from that land and to make thee among those who have stood so firm in His Cause that neither the hints of the wicked nor the words of the polytheists deterred them. We have accepted from thee what thou didst acknowledge at the beginning of thy letter. Know thou the station of this bounty and be of the thankful ones. As for what thou didst desire regarding the laws, their sun hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We shall soon send them unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Be thou assured of thy Lord's tender mercies, then make mention of Him at morn and eventide. Convey My greetings unto the faces of those whom the breezes of their Lord, the All-Merciful, have stirred and brought forth from darkness into light. Thus hath His grace preceded all created things and His mercy encompassed all contingent beings, yet most people remain veiled.

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In His Name, the One Who abideth after the extinction of all things!

Thy letter hath attained the Most Great Success in that it hath come into the presence of this Scene, when We were encompassed by tribulations which none can reckon save the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have read it and become acquainted with its contents, and We have heard thy yearning in separation. All things have been created for the meeting with God, yet when He appeared, every idolator and infidel denied Him, save those whom God preserved through His grace and aided to turn towards the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The meeting hath diverse degrees - thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book. Among the people are those who attained the presence yet did not truly attain, and among them are those who remained in their homes yet received the decree of attainment from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, through His word that revealeth all things and establisheth every matter. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Powerful, the Sovereign.

In the name of the Peerless Friend! The letter which that honored one sent to this servant who is present before the Throne was noted, and the effect of the heart's burning heat in separation from the Dawning-Place of Oneness was perceived. All matters depend upon God's command, and whatsoever hath been revealed by the Pen of the Divine Command concerning any soul is firmly established in all the infinite divine worlds. For example, observe that from the beginning of the mention in the new Revelation, whatsoever was revealed concerning each soul remaineth mentioned until now and shall remain mentioned hereafter, and likewise it is mentioned and established in the infinite worlds. Verily He is knowing of all things and powerful over all things. Therefore that honored one should not be grieved, for the decree of nearness and meeting and presence before the Throne hath repeatedly been revealed specifically for that honored one from the Supreme Pen. Rejoice thou and be of those who are thankful.

In this year infinite tribulations have descended and the prison-land hath been witnessed in utmost upheaval and agitation. That which was foretold in previous Tablets hath manifestly come to pass from concealment. In view of these occurrences We did not summon thee before, and until now it hath remained postponed. Should God will and desire thy presence among creation, He will surely summon thee. He is the Protector of those who love Him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. In any case that honored one should not be grieved, for all good hath been revealed in the Tablets concerning that honored one. Observe how God hath seized those in the lands who transgressed against Our new Name when We sent it with a clear Tablet. We have clothed them with the garment of hunger and fear, for through them was established the foundation of tyranny. Then We shall seize him who was their source. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. This is what was revealed in the Tablets aforetime, and We informed thereof the servants who followed the truth and were of the assured ones.

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O Leaf, sister of His honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon them both be the glory of God! He is the Consoler, the Comforter, the Generous One! The Supreme Pen hath revealed concerning the most great tribulation that which caused the Tablet to lament and raised the cry of the Names. O My loved ones, My chosen ones, My leaves and My handmaidens! Be not grieved. By the life of God, after these sorrows, surging oceans of joy shall be witnessed. In the nights and days did the Nature of God lament and the Eye of Loving-kindness wept, although for those of insight and those near to God, whatsoever hath occurred hath been the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God and the advancement of souls. Yet outwardly, from all things - from mountains, trees and seas, even unto the pit and the pebble - lamentation and moaning were raised. Now We counsel all, both men and women, to patience and forbearance. We have loved patience and commanded it unto all, before and after, and at this evident time. O My handmaiden and My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, all the treasures of the earth and the adornment of its queens cannot equal it. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Know thou with clear certainty that God, exalted be His glory, is just, and assuredly according to the requirements of justice shall He requite those who led astray, the polytheists, the slanderers and the murderers. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath turned unto thee and revealed for thee from the heaven of utterance that which He hath made a proof unto all who are on earth. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a favor from Him unto His leaves who have drunk the cup of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all beings and the Possessor of Names. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land. Say to those who are with thee: Grieve not for what hath befallen My loved ones in My path. Soon shall the tender mercies of their Lord, the Generous One, encompass them. Death is inevitable for all; therefore if it occur in the path of the Peerless Friend, it is assuredly most exalted and most beloved, for that death is the cause of eternal life and the source of everlasting existence. We beseech God to change the sorrow of His loved ones into the Most Great Joy and to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have sacrificed what they possessed of wealth, souls and bodies in His straight Path. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of the worlds. The

glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My martyrs and upon their bodies and fragments thereof and drops of their blood, and upon those who have circled round them and have been blessed with reading what God hath revealed concerning them from the heaven of His knowledge and utterance. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that it may draw mankind nearer unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath desired to make mention of one of His Afnan who was attracted by His verses, soared in His atmosphere, spoke forth His praise, held fast unto the cord of His grace, and took hold of the Book of God with such strength that neither the pharaohs of the earth nor the tyrants of the land could deter him, and who arose to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that neither the might of those who disbelieved in God and His signs, nor those who turned away from His straight path and His mighty announcement, could cause him to stumble. Thou hast been mentioned before the Face and shalt continue to be as thou wert. Verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions. He is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Name of Munificence, who circled round the House by night and day, desired thy mention. We have therefore mentioned thee in this mighty Tablet. The Wronged One beareth witness to thy devotion, thy humility, thy submissiveness, thy steadfastness, and thy service to the Cause of God, the sovereign Truth, the manifest Justice. Thou hast performed for God's sake that which shall not perish through the duration of His kingdom and His dominion. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thy breast may be dilated thereby and thy heart rejoiced. Even so have the glances of the Wronged One been directed towards thee from this far-distant spot. Convey My greetings to the faces of My Afnan, remind them of My verses, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them in the Crimson Book from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We beseech God to protect them from the croaking of every croaker and from those whose hearts and tongues are not in accord. This is what We informed you of before, and at this moment nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is the Concealer, the All-Forbearing, the Mighty, the Great. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

One day the Name of Munificence - upon him be My glory - attained the presence of the Face and expressed boundless love and embarrassment regarding the Afnan - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. He mentioned that he had been the cause of his trouble. In showing kindness and love there was no hesitation. He asked from God - exalted be His glory - for that which endureth and remaineth. We said: O Name of Munificence! The Afnan have come into being from nothingness for the service of God - exalted be His glory. He and all that is with him shall return unto God. This word hath been inscribed by the divine Pen at the very heart of God's Book. Well is it with him and pleasant it is unto him. Convey the

greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones of that land. We beseech God to unite the hearts and tongues of His servants, that the evident bounties and revealed verses may not be deprived of their influence and fruit. Thus hath the Pen of the Wronged One spoken at this moment. The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Most Wondrous, the Wondrous One

The Essence of Eternity, in the Temple of Glory, in the sweetest Persian melodies, uttereth:

O thou who art the beloved of God! Free thyself from all else save Him, that thou mayest enter upon the pleasant precincts of the All-Merciful and the paradise of the All-Glorious One, attaining unto the holy Temple and wondrous Beauty. O thou who art the beloved of God! Compare not this holy and wondrous Paradise with any other paradise, nor liken it unto any other garden. I swear by God that beneath the shade of but one leaf of its Tree have been and shall be created infinite paradises, though not all souls shall receive their portion thereof save whom thy Lord willeth. For at its gate stand the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and its chosen ones, who will not permit entry into this blessed and sublime station until they find one purified and sanctified from all human allusions, earthly indications, personal imaginings and idle fancies. Therefore, O beloved one, regard the vanishing world as non-existent and count all save My remembrance as null. Hold fast unto the cord of My love, that through divine bounty and glorious favor thou mayest enter this spiritual paradise and behold such realms that all thou hast heretofore witnessed shall appear as but a drop compared to the Most Great Ocean, and thou shalt be wholly freed and delivered from earthly dross, entering the holy retreats of divine oneness.

O beloved! When the Day-Star of the horizons shone forth from the Iraq quarter, as that holy and wondrous Temple was seated before the Throne, He desired to utter a wondrous and glorious word and draw thee, through the gems of outpoured and hallowed grace and universal, divine mercy, from the realms of fancy and passion to the pleasant expanses of certitude and eternity. However, in view of the weakness of all created things and whatsoever is therein, and the poverty of the people of creation and all that pertaineth unto them, that Beauty of the All-Sufficient withdrew from the heaven of utterance to the kingdom of silence, lest the pillars of men be shaken and the hearts of people be cut off. For in those days the appointed time of silence in the kingdom of the divine Cause had not yet been fulfilled. Therefore, as a token of grace and bounty toward men, the tongue of clear utterance remained still in the hidden corners of silence. But as in these days the grace of the All-Knowing One hath appeared from the most holy, most gracious, most glorious and most exalted horizon, and the time of silence hath been fulfilled, He hath therefore spoken forth with these most decisive, most perfect and most exact words, that perchance the eyes of the mystics may become purified and sanctified from the veils of sinners and the shrouds of the heedless, that ye may perceive the Beauty of the Lord of Glory Who hath appeared from the horizon of grace and bounty in another turn, and that ye may attain unto His presence, which hath been the true purpose of the Lord of existence. And peace be upon thee, if thou be of them that hear.

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In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of God, and His knowledge is dependent upon the knowledge of the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, inasmuch as that sanctified Being hath ever been, and will forever remain, sanctified from appearance and emergence, and exalted above ascent and descent. All the most beautiful names and most exalted attributes refer back to the Dawning-Place of God's Cause, for He is the Manifestation of God amidst creation. Whoso hath known Him hath known God, and whoso hath turned away from Him hath turned away from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Whenever the Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of divine Will, all people have arisen in opposition and protest, save those souls who have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies with the fingers of certitude and have turned toward the manifest horizon. Today all must fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause, for if they turn to aught else besides Him and what proceedeth from His presence, they shall be veiled from the Truth and deprived of the fragrances of the days of God.

Consider the appearance of the Luminary of Truth from the horizon of Hijaz. In the early years, all the divines, men of letters and nobles united in complete opposition to shed His pure blood, yet after His Cause was exalted, a great multitude turned toward the divine horizon of revelation and the dawning-place of celestial light. However, some did so with complete submission and harmony, while others with the utmost duplicity and hypocrisy, as is recorded in detail in the books.

The purpose of this utterance is that certain souls who attribute themselves to the Truth, while soaring with the wings of self and desire, are not and have never been of the Truth. That honored one should remind all the loved ones of the divine virtues and heavenly commandments, that all may act according to what God hath willed and be adorned with the ornament of love, unity, friendship and concord.

Say: O people! Dispute not concerning the Cause of God. Follow that which ye have been commanded in the perspicuous Book. Beware lest the deeds of those who claim to believe should deter you. He who transgresseth My bounds is not of Me, except he repent and return unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Verily, I rejoice in what thou hast mentioned before the Throne, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Those who are heedless this day are indeed wandering in the wilderness of error. Say: Take ye the cup of steadfastness and assurance in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom in spite of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down the verses as a grace from Our presence upon thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of those who are firmly rooted. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad-Qabl-Rahim who hath migrated and attained! O son!

In the Name of Him by Whom the ocean of utterance surgeth, a light sent down by the All-Merciful, which He hath dispatched in the form of a Tablet and made it glad tidings from His presence to all who are in the heavens and earth. Through it the sincere ones behold what hath been veiled from the eyes of the people, and those near unto God turn toward His sanctified and mighty and all-knowing countenance.

O Pen! Make mention of him who left his homeland, seeking his most exalted homeland - the station wherein the Lord of all beings proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Informed.” He traversed land and sea until he reached the shore of the Most Great Sea, from whose waves can be heard what Moses heard on the most exalted and ancient Sinai - the spot whereon was established the mighty throne of God. Blessed art thou for having purposed, arrived, attained unto the presence, and heard the call of the Wronged One while imprisoned in this mighty fortress. Know thou the station of this most great station, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Generous Bestower, Who aided thee to attain this Cause which was inscribed in God’s books of old, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of His mercy which have preceded all worlds.

In the name of the Peerless Friend, hearken in the Persian tongue to the divine call, that the sweetness of the call may so attract thee to a station wherein the evanescent affairs of the world shall not occupy thee for a single moment nor hold thee back from the Lord of Names. That which hath proceeded from thee in the path of God hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God’s Book. Arise to serve the Cause with utmost joy and assurance, with spirit and fragrance. Soon all that is visible shall vanish and pass away, while that which endureth and lasteth is the word that hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Convey My greetings to them that drink of the choice-sealed wine, that all may arise as befitteth their relationship to God and as beseemeth His Day. The deeds of the people of Baha must needs be witnessed among the deeds of the people of the earth even as the sun - manifest, brilliant and resplendent. Say: This is a day wherein man can possess that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Let not time slip away, but strive to attain this most exalted station, this greatest nobility and mightiest favor. We beseech God to make all aware and give them to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. This is the greatest of all deeds and the mightiest thereof. Ask God to grant all success in this. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have drunk of the Kawthar of steadfastness in this most ancient, most holy, mighty and glorious Cause.

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In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding! This is a Book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath been named after the Spirit in the kingdom of his Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, that he may cast the world behind him and turn with his whole being unto God, with Whom lieth the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. O servant! The Hidden Secret hath been revealed, and from the horizon of bounty the Concealed Beauty hath shone forth. Arise and herald unto mankind this

Cause, through whose name all that exists between the K and the N hath been created. Rend asunder the veils, that there may appear unto thee the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord's name with manifest sovereignty. They who have disbelieved–these shall have no portion of this Ridvan, and soon shall they enter the fire. And they who have believed–these are God's people, and they shall rejoice in Paradise. Say: O people! This is the Lamp of God among you, and the Sun of bounty above you, and the Cloud of mercy for you. Beware lest ye be veiled therefrom. Arise from the slumber of passion, then remember your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious–this is better for you than that which ye have known and shall know. Say: Through His name hath God distinguished between His servants, such that upon every brow hath been inscribed that which is decreed for it. Exalted then is He Who possesseth this power that hath encompassed all whereunto the name of existence can be applied. Say: O people! Were ye to sanctify your ears, ye would hear from all things that He is God, there is no God but Him, the King, the Exalted, the Great, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy. Leave the idolaters to themselves and their deeds, then call upon God every evening and morn. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by this Dawn which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy mercy, and by the showers of the rain of Thy grace which have descended from the clouds of Thy gifts and favors, that Thou leave me not to myself and my desires. Deliver me from all else but Thee, and purify me from all save Thee, and direct me unto the splendors of the light of Thy face, the Mighty, the Luminous. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the fountains of Thy generosity and the oceans of Thy favors. Then cause me to speak Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Most High, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! Thy days have appeared and Thy face hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Will, and every soul that hath turned unto Thee hath been adorned with the ornament of Thy most beautiful names, and the seas of Thy bounty and forgiveness have surged for the sinners among Thy creatures, and the river of beneficence hath flowed for the seekers among Thy servants and the deserving ones among Thy creation, and the gates of Thy supreme mercy have been opened unto all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven. Here am I, among those who have turned unto Thee and placed their trust in Thee, and I am gazing toward the direction of Thy mercy and loving-kindness. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy loved ones and the near ones among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Mighty, the Loving.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is a Book from Us to all who are on earth. Worship none but Him. Verily, He sufficeth you, and He is the Witness over all things. Follow Him Who asketh no recompense of you and Who summoneth you at all times unto your Lord, the All-Merciful. There hath befallen Him in exile that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard, yet He remaineth content with what God hath decreed for Him and is numbered among the thankful ones. Therein God addresseth one of His servants that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the All-Merciful and be of them that remember Him. O servant! We have remembered thee on this night and have sent down unto thee clear verses that thou mayest read them and turn through them to thy Ancient Lord. If thou findest comfort for thyself, remember My distress, and if joy overtaketh thee, remember My sorrow and

tribulation, and be not of the heedless ones. We have sacrificed Ourself for all who are in the heavens and on earth, that all may enter beneath the shade of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Great. We have borne hardships that God's loved ones may find rest and be of them that rejoice. Blessed art thou for having been enkindled with the fire of thy Lord's love, and for having been turned toward the right hand side, and for being numbered among the triumphant. Verses of wondrous glory have been sent down for all the loved ones, but We have withheld them from being dispatched, for Satan lieth in wait, and this is indeed a grievous wrong. We shall send them when God willeth and desireth. Convey thou My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of what hath been sent down for them from the heaven of mighty glory. The Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon God's chosen servants who have rent asunder the greatest veil and turned toward the most pure Manifestation. By God! They are of the denizens of the Supreme Paradise who dwell upon the earth, yet the idolaters are wrapt in thick veils. Remember Me to thy father and say that thy Lord preserved thee aforetime from grievous tribulation. Thus doth the Ancient Pen inform thee. Turn wholly unto Him and be not of them whom the multiplication of worldly things hath altered and who have turned away. Think upon the one who came before Us in Iraq and whom We promised the good things of this world, yet when he attained unto them he turned away. Soon shall he find himself in manifest loss, unless he return unto God and be of the penitent. We beseech God to grant him success in returning, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Know thou that with thy Lord is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He encompasseth all things. Soon shall the earth and all that is seen thereon perish, and there shall endure what hath been ordained for thee, which the fires of doubt and suspicion shall not overtake. Once again have We preserved thee from another tribulation. Beware lest thou forget thy Lord's favor. Cast away vain imaginings and hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He is with His sincere servants.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy! This is a perspicuous Tablet from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, which God hath adorned with the ornament of His knowledge among the worlds. Glorified be He Who created the Point by itself and detailed from it the knowledge of the first and the last ones. Verily it is the treasury of knowledge wherein are stored the gems of sciences which none hath discovered save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily it is the mirror of knowledge wherein naught is witnessed save the knowledge of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: Through it We have raised up all created things and sent forth the Prophets and Messengers, and through it We have guided the servants to the Law of the All-Merciful and caused all things to speak in praise of My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self. Say: When it reached its ultimate goal, We then raised it up in the temple of man who speaketh at the hub of all worlds in His Name, the All-Merciful, and calleth the people unto this Salsabil which floweth from the right hand of a mighty throne. Say: By itself it is the Salsabil of the Command, for by it the temples of those brought nigh were quickened. Say: At times it is transformed by the winds and wafteth from the direction of the Ridvan, and at times the fragrance of the garment is diffused from it, and at times there appeareth from it the decree of fire and the hearts of the sincere are consumed by it in their love for God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And at times thou findest it as though it were the

sun from which all that was and will be is illumined, were ye of those who know. Verily it is the Mother of the Bayan and the treasury of the pearls of God's knowledge, the King, the Just, the Wise. Through it the oceans of wisdom have surged in the contingent world and knowledge hath been ordained in all things, if ye be of the perceiving ones. Thus have We mentioned unto thee in this Tablet that whereby Our assured servants shall be made independent of all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Verily it is the mercy that hath preceded all worlds and the vengeance that hath encompassed the guilty ones. O loved ones of God! Hearken unto what the Dove of the All-Merciful warbleth upon the branches of this Tree which hath been raised up in truth and which God hath made the gathering-place of the people of all the worlds. Detach yourselves from all else but Him, then turn unto Him with radiant white faces and pure illumined hearts. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, will suffice you, and naught besides Him will ever suffice you. This is a revelation from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. And thou, O servant, cleanse thine eye from the ophthalmia of the world that thou mayest be able to behold the countenance of thy Lord and be of the triumphant ones. Then stand firm in the Cause of God, thy Lord, and turn not unto the clamor of the polytheists. Be thou at peace within thyself, then drink the Kawthar of certitude in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not of those who hesitate. Say: God! Then leave the polytheists in the lowest depths of hell. Say: Whoso hesitateth in this Cause, he is of the polytheists in the tablets of mighty glory. And whoso believeth in this Revelation, he is of the monotheists before God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creatures. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Light shining from the horizon of the world! This is the Day wherein the Intended One calleth aloud and beareth unto the people glad-tidings of His irrevocable Cause and His sealed Wine. Blessed are they who have turned with faces of light and illumined hearts, and have taken the cup of bounty from the hand of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and have drunk in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. The Fire hath appeared from the Divine Lote-Tree and He Who conversed upon Sinai speaketh from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation: O people of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth from His glorious station, summoning you unto God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. The All-Merciful hath dawned upon all that are in the contingent world, and the Most Great Countenance and Lord of Destiny hath appeared, saying: O concourse of men! Turn ye to the Most Glorious Horizon and hearken unto the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, it guideth you unto the path of God, Lord of what was and what shall be. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy remembrance and have remembered thee with that which no possession of nations nor of princes and kings can equal. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and for being mentioned by the Wronged One while seated upon the throne of His Name, the All-Loving. We have revealed the verses and manifested the evidences and rent asunder the veils before all faces, such that the might of the world hath not hindered Us. To this testifieth he who possesseth a recorded Book. Tribulations have encompassed Us from every direction and calamities from all regions, while the Pen of the Chosen One speaketh at eventide and at dawn, and at sunset and at daybreak: "There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen." Blessed is he who hath heard My call and turned to My horizon and spoken My praise and arose to serve

My Cause and held fast to My extended cord. When thou art attracted by the fragrances of My verses and seized by the Kawthar of Mine utterance, say: “My God, my God! Thou seest him who is remote seeking Thy nearness, and the poor one seeking the ocean of Thy riches, and the thirsty one seeking the Kawthar of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Day-Star of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book and by Thy Most Exalted Horizon and that which was treasured in the repositories of Thy Pen and the treasuries of Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy service. O my Lord! Thou seest me confessing to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath spoken in the Kingdom of Thine utterance. Strengthen, O my God, my heart and my limbs such that neither the power of the mighty nor the doubts of the learned may weaken them. Then make me ablaze with the fire of Thy Tree and illumined by the lights of Thy Throne. I beseech Thee, O Revealer of verses, by Thy Command whereby Thou didst raise the standards of Thy Manifestation in the horizons and the banners of Thy victory in all lands, to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy bounty that which shall accompany me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.”

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He is the Remembering, the Sorrowful One

O Land of Sad (Isfahan), remember what the people did to the family of the Messenger and what befell the children of the Chosen One at the hands of thy people. O Land of Sad, the Sun of Hijaz asks thee about His family, and the Virgin, the Chosen One, about her sons and daughter. Did the oppressors place her grave in a dark well, or did they drag her out with ropes of hatred to another calamity? By the life of the Beloved, the powers of heaven were shaken by this dire catastrophe! Alas! Alas! The Luminary of Batha wailed among the Concourse on High for what befell His family from the manifestations of hatred.

O people of Sad! By God, ye have committed that which hath caused the dawning-places of vainglory and the daysprings of tyranny in all creation to be bewildered. Be fair - by what proof did ye slay those through whom the Cause of the All-Merciful was spread in the East and West of the earth? Alas! Alas! Through you the Ark of the Messenger was broken and the progeny of the Chosen One were drowned. Through you joy was transformed into sorrow and darkness encompassed all in creation, save whom the All-Merciful willed.

O people of Sad! Hearken unto what Muhammad, the Messenger of God, calls out to you from the highest horizon: “O people of hatred and wickedness! Where is my Hasan who was aflame with the fire of God’s love in the kingdom of creation and was adorned with the ornament of faithfulness between earth and heaven? And where is my Husayn who accepted no ransom in the path of God, the Lord of all beings? By My life, O company of evil ones, no excuse or justification remains for you despite My words ‘The righteous are Mine and the wicked are Mine.’ Did ye imagine faith for yourselves and consider yourselves people of the Furqan? Nay, by the Self of the All-Merciful! Every learned one who donned the robe of

grace hath wailed at your deeds, and every knower adorned with justice hath cried out at your actions. The lamentations of the Concourse on High have risen from your tyranny and the cry of all things from what your hands have wrought. Ye read the Qur'an yet deny its Source and He Who revealed it, and ye acknowledge My Messengership yet slay My children and turn away from Him Who sent Me. O company of hatred, ye have bewildered Me - nay, all that was created by the Word of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mariner of the Sea! Where are thy ships? Have they been broken by the rocks of unbelief and discord? Or have they been drowned by the winds of oppression and hypocrisy? Or have they sailed from the cities of bodies to the gardens of spirits? Or have they migrated from the wilderness of separation and remoteness to the station of nearness and holiness and reunion? O Lord of the worlds! By Thy might and sovereignty, I cannot mention what befell them from the winds of oppression. By Thy Self, I am ashamed to disclose what I have seen and known. Thou knowest what I have and I know not what Thou hast, for Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. But I present a word to show my submission to Thy binding command and my adherence to Thy decisive decree: The croaking hath risen for the Nightingale hath taken flight. Command belongeth unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be my Baha! The letter of his honor Andalib, upon him be my Baha, which he sent to you was read before the Face. Praise be to God, they are gazing toward the supreme horizon and are speaking in praise and thanksgiving and are steadfast in service. That which they wrote concerning the harmony and unity of the two stars, upon them both be my Baha and my loving-kindness and my mercy - the horizon of grief hath been illumined and made radiant with the light of joy. We beseech God to make all their deeds and devotions as a single rose, and their condition in my service everlasting. This blessed word is from the Sovereign of existence, that is, the Seal of the Prophets, which He taught to 'Ali. Praise be to God, they have spent themselves in the path of God. From the earliest days they have attained and have drunk the cup of recognition from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of Religions. Happy are they and blessed are they! And concerning what some have written that they speak according to their own vain imaginings and hold fast to that which God hath not intended - there are souls whose tree of hope hath been cut down by their deeds. We have previously revealed in the Hidden Words: "O MOVING FORM OF DUST! I am fain to commune with thee but thou wouldst put no trust in Me. The sword of thy rebellion hath felled the tree of thy hope. At all times I am near unto thee, but thou art ever far from Me. Imperishable glory I have chosen for thee, yet boundless shame thou hast chosen for thyself. While there is yet time, return, and lose not thy chance." O Name of Bounty! God is aware that they have committed deeds at which equity itself hath wept and the heart hath cried out in lamentation. Such souls have ever spoken according to their vain imaginings. In the time of the Seal of the Prophets, every day a few would speak according to their desires. Such souls have ever existed and continue to exist. We beseech God to guide all and deprive none from the ocean of knowledge. Today everything findeth its seeker except the precious pearls that have appeared and shone forth from the treasury of the Supreme Pen - these remain without buyer. The

seeker is missing, the purchaser non-existent. Yet a time shall come when people will eagerly purchase the pearls of the ocean of utterance with their very lives. We convey Our greetings to all the friends in that land. O people of God! Steadfastness is beloved. All must be so firm and steadfast that neither the tempests of days nor the hurricanes of vain imaginings shall move them. Those souls who speak contrary to the will of God - their every word and deed testifieth to the loss of such souls. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by anything nor by that which the ignorant utter. These move according to their desires. We beseech God to aid them to return. Verily He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Afnan upon whom be all My most glorious Baha! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. O My Afnan, upon thee be My Baha! From the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise this word is revealed: “Be Mine that I may be thine.” Praise be to God, they have attained and succeeded, and are illumined and adorned with the lights of the Most Great Steadfastness. O My Afnan, upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! Thy letter which thou didst send to the Afnan, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, was seen. Every letter thereof was illumined with the light of unity and voiced the words “there is none other God but Him.” Reflect upon God’s loving-kindness - the letter hath attained to this most exalted station and supreme height, while those who considered themselves the most learned and knowledgeable among nations have deviated from the Path and returned to their own abode. I testify that the grace hath encompassed you, and the mercy is with you, and the bounty is yours. Regarding the matter mentioned to his honor Afnan Muhsin, upon him be My Baha, that which is now intended was mentioned. From the first day that honored one hath arisen with complete dedication to serve the Lord of all beings. This is a testimony uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur in His Most Great Prison. In truth, that honored one is numbered among the inheritors of this Cause. Let him act in whatever way he deemeth advisable. The purpose is that there should appear in that land that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. The Command is in His hand - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The glory and the remembrance and the greatness be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. O helper of God’s Cause! If wisdom permiteth, inform some of that which befitteth not the days of God and is unacceptable before His Presence. Some of the servants make their own interpretations to justify certain things as lawful, without any evidence from God. Until now no word hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen exposing the deeds of such souls, for the Name “the Concealer” hath ever clung to the hem of grace. Therefore concealment hath taken precedence. Verily He is the Concealer Who seeth and concealeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Although in these days the ocean of forgiveness is surging and the sun of grace is shining from the highest horizon of the world, yet for every deed there is ordained its own effect. Today those servants who gaze toward the Greatest Scene must hold fast to such deeds from which the fragrance of sanctity is wafted and which cause the people of the world to turn towards God. Most strange, utterly strange, are those souls who for the sake of a moment’s pleasure deprive themselves of God’s good-pleasure which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting bounty. We beseech God to assist them to return and to adorn them with the ornament of fear of God. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power! O my Afnan, upon thee be My glory! My Afnan, upon him be My glory, hath desired to take from the Most Great Ocean a sea of pearls of wisdom and utterance as a gift and bestow them upon you. How excellent is the Giver and how excellent is the achiever! O Mustafa Afnan, upon him and upon thee be My glory! He hath sought from the Sun of Truth a special effulgence for you, that perchance the horizons of the world may be adorned with the light of unity from the lights of the Sun of inner meanings, such that thou shalt see therein, that is on earth, neither crookedness nor inequality. O Mahdi Afnan, upon him be the peace of the All-Merciful! He hath desired to bring a fruit from the Lote-Tree of utterance that thou mayest find intimate fellowship with the remembrance of God in joy and gladness and delight and bliss, and hold fast unto that which beseemeth the station of man. O Muhammad-'Ali, O Afnan! From the garden of knowledge he cometh with roses of remembrance and utterance. His remembrance is the dawning-place of remembrances and his utterance is the luminary of proof. Blessed art thou and blessed are they that attain! O 'Ali, O Afnan! From the fresh palm tree of knowledge he hath desired fresh dates to place in the mouths of those who seek the Ka'bah of knowledge, and the herald of glory proclaimeth "Well done!" O My loved ones ('Illiyin)! When the vengeance and might of autumn seized the world, Afnan cometh with the breezes of the divine springtime and the rains of vernal mercy. We hope that the earth of existence may become verdant and flourishing through the grace of these days. O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Husayn! Say: O Pure One! O King! Every one possessed of knowledge hath testified to Thy oneness. Thou art that Almighty One whose bounty brought existence into being, and the errors of the servants held not back Thy favors. O Generous One! Illumine through the Dawning-Place of Thy light and grant true wealth from the Day-Spring of Thy riches. Thou art the Bestower and the Powerful. O Husayn! Say: O Lord! Thou art that King whom the hosts of the world did not prevent from Thy Cause, and the might of the nations held not back from Thy power. Thou art that Generous One whom the disobedience of the people of possibility did not prevent from the kingdom of forgiveness. Thy mercy, like a copious rain, descendeth upon the righteous and the sinful. O Merciful One! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty and deprive them not. Thou art the Bestower and the Kind. O Light! O Expansive One! Afnan, upon him be the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful, hath desired to take from the heaven of grace a brilliant star and bring it as a gift. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. And we seal the book with mention of al-Javad, upon him be My glory, who hath turned towards you. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him and His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them good in the hereafter and the former life, and We ask Him to strengthen them in that whereby their remembrances and their names and their stations and their conditions may endure. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

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O Afnan, M.H., who hath presented himself once again in the Most Great Prison and attained his heart's desire - He is the All-Seeing, He is ever-present. O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory! The Hidden Book

that was concealed from hearts and eyes hath been made manifest and visible in the days of Revelation. Say: O people of God! The enemies have invented calumnies and made these the means of their own associating partners with God, seeking thereby to ensnare heedless and ignorant souls. The Most Exalted Pen declareth: Such mentions serve only the purposes of malicious souls. But those servants who have quaffed the sealed wine and dwell beneath the banner of "God doeth whatsoever He willeth" see all else as non-existent and void. They have raised high the pavilion of certitude; the winds of idle fancies neither prevent nor move them. By God's life! All things have wept tears of blood at the tyranny of the oppressors, yet these shameless people - the followers of the Bayan - display no modesty but cling to the cord of falsehood and grasp the hem of calumny, that perchance they might deprive helpless servants of the rain of divine mercy, even as they did aforetime. Say: O people of God! Be not weak-spirited, be not moved by every wind, be not deluded by every word. The Tree of Revelation, which in former Books was referred to as the One Who conversed on Sinai, hath from the beginning appeared and stood manifest before the faces of the divines and rulers. Most of the world's peoples have, without veil or hindrance, seen and heard. Where were those manifestations of doubt and sources of idle fancy in those days? By God's life! Each one, from fear in those days, was concealed behind a veil and hidden behind a curtain. Say: By God! Should anyone deny this Most Great Cause and this Great Announcement, he cannot prove any other matter. To this testifieth the Mother Book which is with Him. Well is it with thee, O My Afnan, for having attained the presence and heard and seen that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Sacred Scrolls and Tablets. Thy letter hath been presented repeatedly, and from each letter We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and sincerity toward God, the Illuminator of the horizons. Soon shall the world and all that thou beholdest today perish, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for you by the Pen of Destiny from One Who is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God - exalted be He - to aid thee and grant thee success in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Hold fast unto wisdom lest the clamor be raised of those who have denied the Beginning and the End. That which thou didst send hath been presented before the Wronged One and hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me while I was in prison through that which the hands of every associating doubter had wrought. The glory shining from the heaven of My dominion be upon thee and upon those who have not cast behind them God's Covenant and Testament and who have arisen with a power that the winds cannot move.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance and soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Hear My testimony that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast made mention of the friends and desired for each that which abideth and endureth in the Book of God. These souls have been and are remembered, and for each hath been ordained that which the minds and souls of the peoples of the world are powerless to comprehend and reckon. At some time, act on behalf of His Holiness 'Ayn [the Bab], upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and perform that which hath been the hope of the Messengers. The people of Baha, that is, those souls who have arisen to assist and are engaged in service,

have each been blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid all to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings to each one and gladden them with the bounties of God, exalted be His glory. The ocean of divine verses surgeth, and the lights of the Day-Star of grace shine forth and are manifest from the horizon of His will. Soon shall be made known the stations of those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His Most Glorious Station. At all times verses descend like rain from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of the Worlds - nay, even more abundantly - yet the people remain in evident doubt and mighty suspicion. His honor Nabil, son of Nabil, hath from the first days until now been blessed with favor and engaged in service. However, in the great city there befell him that which caused grief to those near unto God. With the permission of this Wronged One he arrived in that land and attained unto His good-pleasure. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to transform his sorrows into supreme joy, and We ask Him, exalted be He, to draw him nigh and ordain for him to attain the presence of the Wronged One. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. O Nabil! His honor ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of thee. He kept faith with the Covenant and made mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful in a missive which he sent to the Wronged One. We have answered him at this time with this Perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to ever aid His loved ones to that which will lead to the reformation of the world and the tranquility of the nations. By My life! There shall appear from them that which God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath willed. Whatsoever hath been revealed in the Book of God for each of the loved ones shall assuredly come to pass. Neither might nor wealth, neither glory nor loftiness, neither hosts nor ranks, neither guns nor rifles, neither tyranny nor oppression shall prevent it. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Informed.

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O Rafi’! God has exalted the station of one who [ascended unto] God and was named the Most Great Victory in His perspicuous Book. Hearken with the ear of truth to the call of the Wronged One, reflect upon all matters, and likewise upon that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Verily He will make clear unto thee His path, manifest unto thee His Cause, and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. The cawing hath been raised - this is among the divine promises that flowed from the Supreme Pen in Zawra’. Protect the souls from the guile of the cawers in the name of God, exalted be His glory. For twelve hundred years the ignorant divines educated people in vain imaginings, with the result that on the Last Day they issued the death warrant of the Lord of the world. Reflect upon the fruits of the deeds of that vile party, namely the Shi’ites, and hold fast to the firm and mighty cord. Perchance through His wondrous grace He may protect these helpless people from the deception of the turbaned ones. Consider the Most Holy Book - mention of what would appear in the land of Kaf and Ra was revealed in that sacred tablet from the Pen. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: This is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. Thieves lie in wait and robbers stand ready, that they might find an opportunity to steal away the pearls of divine love. Beseech God that He may aid you to remain firm with supreme steadfastness and to perform such deeds as will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O Rafi'! Reflect upon the pole of the divines, namely Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who at the beginning of the Revelation was the chief divine of Persia. That aforementioned pole, together with all the Persian divines, engaged in cursing and denouncing the Lord of mankind and Master of the world. Finally they issued the death warrant for His pure blood. There occurred that which caused the Spirit of Truth to lament and the dwellers of the highest paradise to weep - a weeping that caused all things to don the garment of grief. Fie upon them and upon what their hands have wrought! Make the friends aware of past vain imaginings, that they may not again be debarred from the straight path by green and white turbans and remain deprived of the Most Great Ocean. Be a helper of thy Lord's Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall deter thee, no host shall frighten thee, no might of the mighty nor authority of the divines shall weaken thee. By My life! The world shall pass away and thou shalt find thyself in a glorious station, were the merest trace thereof, even less than a needle's eye, to be revealed, all on earth would swoon away, save whom God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, willeth. Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have cast away vain imaginings, clinging to the cord of certitude.

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O Muhammad! In these days the Supreme Pen has preferred and chosen silence over speech. In the nights and days its scratching is raised, yet ears capable of hearing are rarer than the red elixir. The revelation has encompassed all possibility and divine verses have descended like torrential rain, yet ignorant servants cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to calumnies. Previously, one lying malicious woman caused disorder among the Shi'ih party and on the Day of Judgment sent them all to hell, such that from pulpits and shrines they cursed the Truth and issued fatwas for the shedding of His most pure blood. Now too the deniers of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings and are occupied with misleading people. The words of the past have resurfaced - sometimes they say the Bayan has been altered, uttering calumnies the like of which have never been heard in creation. It is not known what they have understood from the Day of God and by what proof and evidence they have chosen faith. O Muhammad! By the life of God, they are seen to be more degraded and more rebellious than the previous party. Say: Woe unto you! Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who would call out before all humanity? And were it not for Him, who would manifest the Truth before the faces of the rulers? Fear God, O people, then be fair in His Cause, the firm, the mighty, the wondrous. And among them is one who said that He stole the verses of the Point and revealed them in His own name. Say: Woe unto you, O heedless doubter! Say: Die in your rage! God has made His Bayan the point of circumambulation for the books of the world. Fear the All-Merciful, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: Do you believe in the Point yet deny His Messenger, and do you read the verses yet reject their Revealer? Be fair and be not of the losers. O Muhammad! Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, and be not of the silent ones. We have mentioned thee before and at this time, that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause with a steadfastness that the doubts of the people cannot shake nor the gestures of any remote scholar prevent. We ask God to forgive thee and forgive those for whom thou didst previously seek forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends. Say: O people of God! Hold fast to the truth alone. By the life of God, this Day is different from other days and this Cause is different from other causes. It has no likeness in what came before or after. Abandon what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Ordainer, the Ancient. O people of God! Strive that perchance the croaking of the croakers and the clamor of the transgressors may not deprive the people from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who hear thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O friends of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! O My loved ones! Baha does not know which of His tribulations to recount to you. Shall He mention what was inflicted upon Him by the oppressors, or what was visited upon you by Satan's party who disbelieved in their Lord, the All-Merciful? We were sitting in prison while two watchmen, through whom the clouds were prevented and fires were kindled, stood guard. Whenever anyone entered the city gate turning toward God, they would inform their chief. Thus were the loved ones prevented from drawing nigh unto their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus does the Ancient Beauty inform you after grief has seized Him. And remember when Nabil-i-Akbar sought to attain the presence of the Throne - the heedless ones seized him and expelled him from the city. At this the Dove lamented, all things wept, and the faces of those who had turned to God, the Mighty, the Gracious, grew pale. Every day these two visited upon Us what had never been visited upon anyone before - with thy Lord is the knowledge of what was and what will be. When We would send Tablets, they would whisper in hearts to seize God's Tablet and its effect. Thus was the water of life withheld and the gates of reunion were closed to those who had turned to their Lord's face, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. At all times they consulted on shedding My blood, after they had imprisoned Us for what their hands and the hands of those who denied the proof and disbelieved in the evidence had wrought. When they entered the seat of government they would say "We have disbelieved in God," but when they saw others like themselves they would say "We are among those who follow what was revealed in the Bayan." Every atom testifies to their falsehood and the Concourse on High curse them. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We remember God at all times and convey His messages in such wise that the followers of all religions cannot prevent Us. Those who turned away after God came upon white clouds with power and sovereignty are among those upon whose foreheads the Most Exalted Pen has inscribed "This one is among the losers." O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Remember thy Lord among His loved ones that they may know what was visited upon Him by the oppressors. Take care not to grieve at anything - put your trust in God your Lord. He aids whomsoever He wishes with hosts of angels - verily He is the Help in Peril. It behooveth everyone who has turned to God to manifest that whereby God's remembrance may be exalted among His servants. These are indeed the people of Paradise - thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most High, beareth witness to this. The people are as dead, except those who have attained the Kawthar of life flowing from the direction of the Throne of the All-Merciful at all times. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else save Me, adorned his heart with the ornament of My remembrance and his face with the lights of My love - he dwelleth within the tabernacles of My mercy,

around which circle the denizens of Paradise. Thus have We recounted for thee what We desire today, and have sent down for thee a decisive utterance, making it a sign for those possessed of understanding.

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In the Name of God, the Most Glorious!

O thou who seekest My traces! Know thou that My traces encompass the heavens and the earth, and in every station My traces are found, if thou be of them that know. Verily, the heaven is the trace of My exaltation and the earth the trace of My tranquility, and the Hour whose calamity hath seized the servants is the trace of My power that dominateth the worlds. The clouds are the trace of My movement and the winds are sent forth by My Word, and the signs appear by My wondrous command. By God! The sun is the trace of My Face, shining and luminous, and the stupor which thou seest in the people is from the trace of My awe which hath encompassed creation. Thus hath the Truth spoken - hearken and be of the thankful ones. Creation is the trace of My Will, and for My love for them have I unveiled My Beauty and manifested My sovereignty which hath conquered the worlds. Dost thou see any besides Me, that thou shouldst recognize My nearness unto him? Say: Glory be to God! All is nothingness before the Ancient One. The kingdom belongeth to none save God, the One, the Single, the Peerless, the Mighty. He hath neither nearness nor remoteness, and such mentions are made in the cities of names. Verily thy Lord is sanctified above what the servants know. He is indeed exalted above all creation. All that hath been created is My trace, not My Self. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. Beware lest thou mention creation at the manifestation of Truth. Avoid those who take partners with Him and know not that they are among the heedless ones. Are darkness and light equal? Say: Glory be to the Manifestation, that the birds of the hearts of the mystics should ascend unto Him! Whatsoever appeareth in the kingdom of that which We have explained to thee is created from the trace of thy Lord's Pen, and that which descendeth from it is the sovereign of traces and is better than that upon which the sun shineth. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who seeketh it from God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. As to what thou hast asked thy Lord, the Great, the Most High, know thou that although We desire not to turn away any who ask, yet wouldst thou be content in thyself that this trace, upon which dependeth the life of the world, should be governed by what any of the servants hath spoken? Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Cause me to know what Thou desirest, for I am among the worshippers. I have forsaken what is with me in hope of what is with Thee, for Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. And since We behold thee asking thy Lord, We shall not disappoint thee from this mighty gate. Know thou that since it is established that He encompasseth all things and knoweth them, it is established that He is nearer to things than they are to themselves. Dost thou not see how We erase and confirm and inspire in hearts? And verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is the sovereign utterance in this station. If thou knowest, thou wouldst say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. And this is a word which none denieth, and it is the ornament of knowledge for what thou hast asked. Be content therewith and be of the thankful ones.

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O Mahdi! There hath come before the Throne that which was sent unto thee from Mine Afnan. Verily, the Tree respondeth unto its branches. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the Responsive.

O Mine Afnan! I bid thee praise God for having aided thee to recognize the ocean of His knowledge and enabled thee to serve His Cause. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was mentioned about the matter of funds and the sons of the Two Lights lacking knowledge thereof - pure deeds reveal themselves and open their own door. Whatever is given to them and in their name is beloved. Verily, he who concealed it is far removed from the deed. I beseech God to aid him to do what He loveth and is pleased with. His is the Last and the First.

Concerning what was written about the funds of the land of Kha and their distribution according to the command - this was observed. Verily, He recompenseth whosoever acteth in His path. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Mirza Abu'l-Hasan shall proceed to that region according to the wish of the Afnan. Whoso loveth the Tree must needs love its branches.

Concerning what was written about that which did not arrive from the land of Kha - it shall not be demanded. This matter is reckoned among the most excellent of deeds. All the world hath no worth, let alone these trivial, transient matters. If people knew what they are heedless of, they would weep with the weeping of the bereft. By My life! If they were to discover what is now concealed from them, they would sacrifice themselves and all they possess in hope of My wondrous remembrance.

Regarding 'Ali-A?ghar Kh-A, they had written - the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor and dispatched. God willing, may they receive their portion of the pearls of inner meanings hidden within the seas of divine utterances.

O Mine Afnan! The Tongue of Eternity is engaged in speech and utterance, and the Pen of the All-Merciful moveth and floweth at all times. Yet who is there that heareth and beholdeth the mighty signs of his Lord? All good unto him who hath turned towards the Lord of Destiny and the Most Great Prospect, and all woe unto him who hath turned away and disbelieved.

Whatever hath been undertaken and shall be undertaken regarding the affairs of 'Ali-Qabla-Akbar who hath ascended unto God shall be preserved and treasured with God. The Tablet adorned with the special seal of His Honor the Afnan H-S, upon him be My glory, was sent. God willing, may they attain unto it and at all times drink from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful Lord and be its cupbearer with wisdom and utterance.

As for the matter of the letters Alif and Sin - whatsoever hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen is the truth wherein there is no doubt. And regarding the debt of the King of Martyrs - let His Honor the Afnan do whatever he deemeth advisable. It is acceptable before God, but after examining the ledger and its contents. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Whatever remaineth of the funds from the land of Kha hath been designated for the poor of this land. Let it arrive and be delivered.

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He is God, blessed and exalted! His are mercy and faithfulness. O My Nabil! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art still beneath the glance of favor. Verily We were with thee in all conditions when thou wert traveling through the lands to spread the mention and verses. Blessed art thou, and blessed thy beginning and end, thy outward and inward being. Thou didst mention His honor Aqa ’Ali-Haydar, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, who arose to aid My Cause. Blessed is he. We testify that he hath attained unto that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. The papers which his honor, who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, Varqa - upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings - wrote in the words of him who standeth in service to the Cause, have been presented and heard. This Wronged One Himself read them before all faces. We beseech God to grant him a reward that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world, nor by the seas and what is therein, nor by the mountains and what lieth hidden within them. He is verily the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. We have mentioned him in these days and sent unto him that which every word thereof beareth witness to God’s loving-kindness, mercy and grace. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him and strengthen him to preserve what hath been sent down unto him from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O Nabil! Write the response to the loved ones, upon them be the glory of God. Remind My chosen ones of My verses and that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Pen, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and that which My tongue hath uttered in this exalted station. O Nabil! The Supreme Pen beareth witness to the acceptance and devotion of two exalted souls. Blessed are they and blessed is he who hath heard their words concerning the Great News of God. Mention was made in thy letter of His honor ’Ali, upon him be My glory. Convey unto him My glorification and give him the glad-tidings of My mention of him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and His loved ones to exalt His Word through wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Helper. And We desire to end Our words with the mention of him who hath turned to My horizon, heard My call, and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty - he who was named ’Abdu’llah in My kingdom and in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, for some time he took up residence beneath the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary and on most days partook of the Kawthar of meeting and the Salsabil of reunion. We beseech God to open before his face the gate of steadfastness, bounty, mercy and faithfulness. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and in His grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and have said: “Yea, yea, O Thou Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!”

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The All-Glorious, Most Holy, Most Exalted Namesake beareth witness! The Pen in the Most Great Prison testifieth and calleth out amongst the nations: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of eternity!” Yet the people understand not. Every thing hath voiced the praise of its Lord, yet most of the people hear not. The trees and stones have been stirred by the breezes of thy Lord, the Revealer of verses, yet the people

recognize not. All faces have turned toward the Countenance of Beauty, yet the people of error perceive not. The Herald crieth out: “Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved!” Yet the people are as dead. From the very midst of tribulation, I summon the entire creation unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who hast turned toward the Qiblih of existence! By My life, wert thou to know what I endure, thou wouldst lament. Yet the Youth is in joy and gladness. In the darkness of tribulation, the countenance of Baha hath shone forth - exalted be He Who hath caused Him to speak with truth and sent Him with manifest sovereignty.

We have found the fragrance of thy love; therefore have We sent down for thee two Tablets, and after them this holy, mighty, beloved Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of the favors of thy Lord. When thou attainest unto it, say: “Praise be unto Thee for having moved the Pen of Command to my remembrance, and caused Thy sacred, cherished tongue to mention my name.”

Arise to promote the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the worshippers of idle fancies nor the conditions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and turned wholly toward the praiseworthy station.

We make mention, at all times, of the loved ones of the All-Merciful, that the fire of remembrance may be kindled in their hearts in such wise that the radiance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, may be witnessed in their faces. Blessed is he who hath drunk the Salsabil from the hand of his gracious Lord and followed Him upon this path which hath appeared in truth from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Say: O people! Take ye warning from those who disbelieved aforetime, then ponder what they possessed. Do ye see them today? Nay, by My life! All are in unremitting torment. Those whom this world hath deluded are indeed a people cast down. Blessed is he who hath cast aside all else and held fast to the cord of his Lord. He, verily, dwelleth beneath the shadow of his Lord’s mercy, and the honored servants pray for him.

Say: Abandon ye the pond, then turn ye toward the river of your Lord’s mercy, the Mighty, the Beloved. They who have kept their covenant with God and His testament are indeed the choicest of all creation in the Preserved Tablet. Were they to behold their stations in the heights of Paradise, they would soar aloft from longing. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: O My loved ones! Be ye of such a nature that the people of creation may inhale from you the sweet fragrances of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, that your sanctification of His Cause may be made manifest among those who are veiled. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them in truth as a grace from Him unto thee and unto those who are guided.

Convey My greetings unto those from whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of Baha and in whose hearts thou findest the love of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God, the Eternal, the Everlasting, the Single, the One, the Endless, the Self-Subsisting. He hath taken no partner in His dominion. He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And peace and blessings be upon His Beloved, His Chosen One, His Manifestation and His Appearance among His servants and creation, through Whom was revealed the decree of the “B” and “E” and every hidden command and treasured secret, and upon His family and companions who arose to aid Him and strove in God with true striving until the verses were spread throughout the lands.

And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance, O beloved of my heart! The mention of the believer in God and the one assured of His signs, who became known as “the imprisoned one” among the friends, hath been left out. This hath caused me such grief that neither pen nor tongue can describe. The servant beseecheth his Lord to forgive his great sins and mighty transgressions, and seeketh pardon from the Lord, from your presence, and from him. Verily this evanescent one mentioned him before the Face when your letter arrived containing his mention and writing. He - may my spirit be his sacrifice - said that he should recite this prayer:

He is the Powerful over all things through His word “Be” and it is!

Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all beings and Educator of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, and by those who bear the throne of Thy grandeur and whom Thou hast made the repositories of Thy mysteries, the treasuries of Thy knowledge, the dawning-places of Thy revelation, the daysprings of Thy guidance among Thy creatures, and the manifestations of Thy signs in Thy dominion, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the next world and in this. O my Lord! I am the sick one who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy healing, the ignorant one who hath hastened to the sun of Thy knowledge, and the needy one who hath set his face toward the sea of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Self and the hidden gifts of Thy bounty to send down for me that which is best for me. I am the ignorant one and Thou art the Knower of my heart. Thou knowest what is within me while I know not what is with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Ordainer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Lord hath commanded me to write to your honor that you should send in full what was sent to you, and this prayer which is now being sent to your honor. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant your honor the good of this world and the next, though verily He, glorified and exalted be He, had already answered before it occurred to my mind or yours. Then the servant presenteth expressions of sincere submission, humility and lowliness before the presence of the honored Afnan and the two luminaries - upon them be the peace of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of heaven. And I send greetings upon your honor and upon the apples of the eyes and upon the brothers there and upon your family and those who love you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The Servant

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In the Name of the Self-Subsisting Over All Names

Praise be to God Who is established upon the throne in the final abode, Who hath sent down the Book and made manifest the Exposition. Among the people are those who were thunderstruck and recovered not, and among them are those who hastened and answered their Lord, the Master of all necks. And the prayer and the peace and the glorification and the splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause among His servants and the Dawning-Places of His remembrance in His lands, and upon those who have drunk the wine of divine inspiration from the cup of His bounty and have attained unto that which most of His creation hath not attained - prayers whose traces and fragrances shall never end.

And now, thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We found it adorned with the ornament of remembrance and praise, and from each of its letters We perceived the fragrance of meekness and faithfulness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His service and the bearer of His sealed wine among His servants. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of utterance throughout all possibility. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Say: O people of Sad, fear ye God and follow not those who, when the Promise came, denied and disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses. Say: Fear ye God and deny not His grace and mercy, and follow not every ignorant doubter. Purify your ears and eyes from this […] Most Pure and Most Luminous which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen before the faces of the servants. Beware lest ye deny the favor of God after its revelation and His proof after its manifestation, and follow that which preventeth you from the Pen of God, the Lord of earth and heaven.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and remind them of what God hath revealed in the Book. Thou didst ask about the Spirit concerning God's irresistible Command. No power hath ever prevented His Will, and the wills of the world have not hindered His Purpose. In every created thing the signs of power have existed and continue to exist. He is established upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and speaketh the word "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." Blessed is the soul that is assured of what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me speaking Thy praise, clinging to Thy cord, and turning toward the horizon of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, nor to shut me out from Thy gate which Thou hast opened unto all in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Ordain for me and for those with me the good of the hereafter and of this world. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Exalted. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones who were not prevented by anything from drawing nigh unto Thee, to decree for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence, heard Thy call, and gained the honor of appearing before Thy face. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.

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O Sayyah! He is God - exalted be His glory, greatness and power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and guided those who have turned unto the Straight Path. Peace and blessings be upon His Prophets, His chosen ones and His friends who have held fast to His mighty cord.

Your esteemed letter arrived and its contents and purpose were understood. During the time you were present here, we discussed at length, day and night, your condition, the excellence of your future course, the appropriateness of your deeds, your conduct and movement, your sincere intentions, pure motives, sound path, and the goodwill of these exiles towards your honor. It was thought that the path was clear and beneficent purposes evident, and that you had returned with a clear course and firm foundation.

These servants have remained and continue to remain faithful to their covenant and pledge. After seeing your letter, they intended to attain the presence and were honored to hear it read before the countenance. We beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for your honor's dignity and elevation. We hope this petition will be granted. Commit all affairs unto God and trust in Him. Verily He is the Helper, the Kind.

Since you have consulted the Dawning-Place of wisdom, it is best to heed the counsel. Every edifice requireth a builder. When a skilled architect is found, the work should be entrusted to him. God willing, the banner of justice shall be raised before the faces of the people of Iran. Justice is itself the key that openeth the door to glory and elevation. We beseech God, exalted be He, to manifest through it that which will cause the world to smile, not that which will make eyes weep. God is witness and aware that I have wished and continue to wish your good. God willing, you will adorn yourself with the ornament of gracious patience and be assured of God's grace. Verily He hath power over all things.

This evanescent one submits that you are ever remembered in the Most Holy Court. It is hoped that your honor, with lofty resolve, will strive to reform the world, and that whatever was mentioned during your presence will surely come to pass. That which hath appeared or will appear from the Dawning-Place of divine utterance is truth wherein there is no doubt. Night and day I have sought and continue to seek health and well-being for that honored brother. If what was mentioned is acted upon, that is, if your honor arises to assist the oppressed, God, exalted be His glory, will surely, with the ocean of generosity and heaven of bounty, grant a complete reward. To this testifieth every insightful scholar and every knowing sage. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those who act in accordance with that which benefiteth the servants of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who created what was and what will be, and Who was sanctified from them both. He sent forth the Messengers and made manifest the paths as a bounty from His presence, that He might draw His servants nigh unto the supreme horizon - the station wherein naught is seen save the effulgences of His Most Beautiful Names and His Most Exalted Attributes. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of both worlds and the Cause of the manifestation of the two weighty things, through whom every person of insight hath acknowledged the oneness of God, His singleness, His power, His might and His sovereignty. And upon His family and companions whom God made the rain-showers of the heaven of His mercy among His servants and the lights of His knowledge throughout His lands. They are the trees of unity that have borne the fruits of detachment. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto them, and woe unto the heedless.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, the servant hath attained unto your letter and through it the gate of joy and gladness was opened before his face. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for your honor that which He ordained for His loved ones through whom the banner of knowledge was raised up in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath manifested whatsoever He willed through His sovereignty that dominateth what will be and what hath been.

It was presented before the Countenance and its contents were made known. The Master (may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him) said: “Blessed art thou, O Mustafa, in that God hath chosen thee for the mention of the word of unity, and hath caused thee to know His path, and drawn thee nigh unto Him, and enabled thee to remember and praise Him, and aided thee to acknowledge that which His Prophets and His chosen ones have acknowledged. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. This is what We asked for thee aforetime. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.”

We praise God, exalted be He, and We beseech from Him well-being, health, loftiness, exaltation, joy and gladness for your honor and for those who are with you and those who love you for the sake of God. And as for what you desired regarding the journey of the apple of the eye Husayn Effendi and his mother and younger brother (upon them be the peace of God), it was presented before the Master and the sun of permission shone forth for them to proceed to the Most Great Prison. We beseech God to assist them through the means of the unseen and the visible, to draw them nigh unto Him and to aid them to remember and praise Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

We convey God’s bounty, care and mercy to the honored Afnan who have attained unto that which He hath sent down in His Book, and upon His loved ones and friends there. The servant asketh for each one of them that which will draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and upon God’s sincere servants.

The Servant

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He is the All-Subsisting, the Self-Subsisting!

Praise be to God Who has distinguished between the believers in divine unity and the polytheists through a word from His presence, and verily He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise. And you, O servant who gazes upon the Countenance, give thanks to God, your Lord, inasmuch as He has caused you to know His Self and detached you from the polytheists. God has indeed heard what issued from your lips in praise of the Manifestation of His Self. Nothing escapes His knowledge and He has knowledge of all things. Know that the tongue was created to praise God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds, and that the heart was fashioned to love your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great, and that the ear was formed to hearken unto His most wondrous and incomparable melodies. How blessed art thou for having heard His words and for having spoken in His remembrance and praise, and for having attained unto His love and good-pleasure. This is indeed a supreme triumph. Be steadfast in thy love for thy Creator in such wise that shouldst thou find no one else who shares His love and His Cause, thou wouldst not be perturbed within thyself but wouldst remain steadfast and filled with manifest joy, for this is a cup from which none can drink save the near servants of God. Hast thou ever seen the dung beetle yearn for the fragrance of musk, or the swine drink from the Kawthar of life? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Each one acts according to his nature and associates with his own kind. Thus has the decree been sent down in the Tablets by the command of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. And if thou wert to look with the eye of thy Lord, thou wouldst surely behold those who have denied God in these days in the form of dogs and swine. Shun these people, then hold fast to the protection of thy Lord. If thou findest one who is receptive, impart unto him what God hath imparted unto thee, and if thou findest one who turneth away, turn away from him and set thy face toward the face of thy Lord, the Luminous, the Radiant. By God the Truth! Ye were created to teach this Cause. Blessed are ye, O chosen ones of God! Ye have attained unto that which none else hath attained. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His mercy, and verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Know then that We have heard the call of those who have called upon their Lord and beseeched Him secretly and openly, and there have come before Us the pages which ye have transmitted. We have answered them with words of sublime glory and sent them that they may be forwarded unto them, that they may give thanks unto God, their Lord, under all conditions and be among the thankful ones. Be thou steadfast in the love of God in such wise that the words of the deniers may not cause thee to slip. Place thy trust in God, thy Lord, and verily He will guard thee and protect thee in truth. Then detach thyself from every sinful polytheist. Thus have We bestowed Our bounty upon thee and made mention of thee in this Tablet, that thou mayest rejoice in the glad-tidings of the Spirit in these days wherein the Ancient Beauty is in profound sorrow. And peace be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

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O honored dervish who has migrated and attained! He is the All-Knowing, the Witness, the All-Hearing. Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed with the infinite bounties and gifts of the True One, for thou didst seek the True Intended One and attained to circumambulation of the House of God. This blessing is

superior to all existing and visible blessings. The Wronged One testifieth that thou didst turn and present thyself after thou didst hasten, and didst respond after thou didst hear, and didst attain to that which was hidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. This Wronged One, despite countless afflictions, summoned the people of the earth to the most exalted horizon during the days and nights, that perchance hearts might be cleansed and sanctified from the doubts and signs of imitation and restriction and from vain imaginings and idle fancies, that they might find themselves free and unfettered. However, the heedless servants did not hearken to the Word of Truth and arose in rejection and opposition, as ye have all seen and heard. In days when the opposition of the divines, the objections of the mystics, and the power of princes had encompassed all, this Wronged One arose alone to promote the Cause - an arising that the hosts of earth were powerless to prevent. And when the effulgences of the Sun of Truth became somewhat manifest, certain ones emerged from behind the veil and arose to waste the Cause of God, to such an extent that pen and tongue are powerless to describe. They have desired to make the weak ones among the servants more veiled than the parties of the past. Beseech ye God to assist His loved ones in protecting souls. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thy letter was received and the fragrance of love was inhaled therefrom. And regarding thy desire to arise to serve, We beseech God to assist thee in this and to grant thee success in that which He loveth. Verily He is the Lord of all creation in the hereafter and in this world. God willing, may thou speak for God's sake, act for God's sake, and return unto God. I swear by the lights of His countenance that after the passing of all things, if a soul appeareth, clinging unto God and detached from all else, surely that soul will influence the world and will draw creation to the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon and the highest summit and the primal valley. God willing, may thou speak in His Name and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, then write down for me from the Pen of Thy grace that which Thou hast written for Thy loved ones who have cast the world aside in Thy love and Thy path. O Lord! Thou art the Powerful and I am the weak one, so have mercy upon me through Thy generosity and favors. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God, Lord of what was and what will be, and peace and blessings be upon the possessor of the praised station and the manifest Cause, who was named Muhammad and Ahmad and Mahmud by God, the Mighty, the Loving, and upon his family and companions, the lamps of guidance and lights of the throne amidst creation and manifestations of oneness through the hidden mystery, through whom the secrets of creation were revealed.

And then - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your love - the servant has been honored by your address and ennobled by your letter, and has learned of your favors, your resolve and your attention in service to your

Lord. After my reading and learning, despite my immaturity and lack of understanding, I turned to the Most Great Joy and presented it before His face. He said - and His sweetest word is: “The name Jud, upon him be My glory - they sent two gifts, one delighting the spirit in the form of moderation, and the other strengthening the body. Praise be to God, he has always been and remains mindful of matters related to the House. Blessed be the sender and the one sent to, and also the sender and the one sent to. We beseech the Most High to assist him in this and to reveal his reward so the world may see, though He has already manifested it through His grace and favor. Peace and glory and exaltation be upon him and upon those in his household and upon My loved ones there.” End quote.

God willing, tea will be prepared for breakfast and your beloved’s instructions will be followed. As for the wheat, it was truly observed to be very good and desirable. If similar can be produced in that land, several choice seeds should be obtained and sent to be planted and harvested. The profit is from God. May the friends of God, exalted be His glory, enjoy the most excellent bounties. He is indeed the Beneficent, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Further, this servant knows not what to submit and what to mention - whether to complain about the fast or express satisfaction. If we say we were and are satisfied with it, it is observed to have become a barrier and cause of prevention, and the reason for separation and remoteness which has ever been detested. And if we mention anything less than good, this would be counted among real transgressions, for it has been and remains among the greatest bounties with God, the Lord of Names. Wisdom lies in being grateful in all conditions, in delegating to Him and relying upon Him. Surely the Just, the Trustworthy has not and will not let slip the interests of His friends. The Command is in God’s hand, the Lord of creation and the Protector of the servants and lands. Peace be upon you and upon the people of devotion who enjoin good and forbid evil and act according to what the All-Giving has revealed in the Book.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and Power

Praise be to Him Who is unique in grandeur and singular in mercy and compassion. And blessings and peace be upon the best of creation and possessor of the praiseworthy station in the hereafter, through whom prophethood was sealed, and upon his family and companions, through whom the standard was planted and the banners were raised, and the dove sang upon the branch of eloquence and rhetoric. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, your love and your service. Your esteemed letter has opened one of the gates of inner meanings, for from it wafts the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds, and from it appear the pearls of the ocean of affection. The pearls of this ocean know no diminution. Every day and every moment, the mysteries hidden within the shell of utterance become manifest through the command of the All-Merciful. Glorified be the Creator Who has aided the Afnan and adorned them with the most glorious raiment. The servant indeed praises Him, thanks Him and extols Him for this bounty that has no equal in all creation. Exalted be the All-Merciful, the Ordainer of every bounty and Bestower of every good thing, Who honors that which cannot be weighed in the balance of

the world or of nations. Verily He is the Lord of eternity, there is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what was written in your esteemed letter that one of the two stars, upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], the Most Glorious, has requested to accompany your honor: It was presented before His presence and according to His command, nine pieces of paper of equal size and two other pieces different from those nine were prepared. They were instructed to write the name of each one and mix them together, then place a cloth over them and draw out the papers one by one. He said that whoever's name comes out first may accompany you, and whoever is delayed must hold fast to patience, for God is with those who are patient.

O my Afnan! We send greetings upon the Greater Afnan and upon you and upon the other Afnan and the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree. Upon you and upon them be the peace of God, the Lord of the worlds.

This evanescent servant presents his utter nothingness and evanescence to the honored gentlemen. To the beloved and honored presence of his excellency Jud I convey greetings and glorification. This lowly one had intended to submit something to his presence but due to pressure of work was not successful this time. God willing, at the next opportunity this servant will arise to make up for what was missed, for God aids His servants and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Similarly, greetings are conveyed to the beloved of the heart, his excellency Muhammad Mustafa. Praise and peace be upon you.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

God is Most Great! God is Most Great! His signs are manifest and evident in all things. Were all the minds of the world to contemplate and reflect upon a single one of His signs, they would prove incapable of describing it. In a single leaf of a tree are inscribed and visible volumes of knowledge and wisdom, and the ocean of creation is apparent and surging. Exalted be His signs and magnified be His evidences! And blessings and peace be upon the first sign that shone forth from the horizon of Will and Purpose, and the first Word whereby was adorned the brocade of the Book of Unity and Love - He Who was named Muhammad in the Book of Names and by the Most Beautiful Names in a Tablet which none has seen save God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and upon His family and companions through whom flowed the rivers of generosity in the world and through whom was made manifest the decree of the Lord of Eternity amongst the peoples - blessings which no understanding or mind can encompass and which none can enumerate.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived. It gave fresh life to the dejected one and bestowed movement and speech upon the still and silent one, for from each of its letters wafted the fragrance of unity and the scent of detachment. Well is it with thee and joy be to thee! After its perusal and the joy it brought, I proceeded to the Most Great Prison where it attained the honor of being heard. Glory be to God! From the earliest days until now they have dedicated themselves to mention and praise and service to the Cause. Indeed they have performed that which has had and continues to have few

equals or parallels. To this testifies this Wronged One, this Stranger. Praise be to God Who aided him and caused him to soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of His love, the Mighty, the Wondrous, and adorned him with the ornament of His love amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Praise be to God! In the nights and days they are engaged in remembrance and in this field they are mentioned, meaning they are occupied with the remembrance of God and are mentioned in the presence of the Remembered One. The pen is powerless to make mention of this station and the maidservant is unable to describe it. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to shower His grace and bounty upon them at all times. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. And that which was sent arrived with this servant through that spiritual beloved, he who is turned towards the Most Exalted Names, his honor M.H., upon him be the glory of God, the Most Glorious. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Today all things are speaking this most exalted Word: “He Who was promised in the Books of God and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers hath come.” O My Afnan! Today the Eternal God speaketh. All the near ones, the sincere ones, the chosen ones and the favored ones have given glad tidings of this Most Great Revelation and have made mention of the trials and tribulations that would come to pass, even unto the prison of ’Akka. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve and is engaged in such deeds and character as befit the Day of God. This Wronged One seeketh helpers, and helpers are deeds from which the fragrance of God can be inhaled. Verily doth the Glory of God forbid all from following their desires and command them to fear God, the Lord of all creation. In one of the Tablets this most exalted Word was revealed: All the Prophets and chosen ones were commanded by God, exalted be His glory, to water the trees of human existence with the living waters of refinement and wisdom, that there might appear from all that which God hath deposited within man. Every tree hath its fruit, as is plainly evident. The purpose of all they have spoken and taught was, in one respect, the preservation of human dignity and station. Blessed is the soul that in the Day of God hath held fast unto the divine principles and hath not deviated from the true Law. The fruits of the tree of existence which are attributed to God, glorified be He, have been and are trustworthiness, religiousness, truthfulness and sincerity. And the greatest of all, after recognition of the unity of the Lord, exalted and glorified be He, is regard for the rights of one’s parents. This matter hath been mentioned in all the heavenly Books and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “Worship God and join not any partners with Him, and show kindness unto parents.” Observe how association with parents is linked with the recognition of the one true God. Blessed is every wise mystic who witnesseth and seeth and readeth and recognizeth and acteth according to that which God hath revealed in the Books and in this mighty Tablet. Praise be to God that thou hast recognized that of which the peoples of the world, of whatever kind, are deprived. That which the Most Exalted Pen now commandeth thee is to make thy father pleased with

thee, for the good pleasure of God, exalted be His glory, dependeth on this. We have, through Our special favor, acquainted thee with this matter. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded and be of the thankful ones. He will assuredly reward thee for thy deeds, purely for the sake of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon My Afnan and upon those who are with thee and have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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In His Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

Today all must fix their gaze upon this Most Great Word which is like unto a heaven for the ocean of inner meanings. Follow ye My laws for love of My beauty. The souls that have turned to God and are steadfast must act in accordance with whatsoever hath been revealed in God's Book - that is to say, such deeds as cause not the outbreak of sedition and hatred. Some deeds today are and have been contrary to divine wisdom, while others are in harmony therewith. Blessed is the soul that hath done what beseemeth the Day of God.

O thou seeker of the Desired One! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who hath assisted thee and enabled thee to attain His most great bounty. Thou didst journey and arrive until thou didst attain the presence at the Gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou thankful to God for this supreme favor.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends in that land. All must observe wisdom and hold fast unto it, dealing with the people of the city in the utmost joy and fragrance, and cleaving to such means as will conduce to the fellowship of hearts and the attraction of souls. Perfect wisdom requireth kindliness, care, compassion and loving-kindness. This is the day of spiritual virtues, goodly words and righteous deeds. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance, shining and manifest from the heaven of the Most Great Prison, that the hosts of virtuous character and deeds are mightier than the hosts of the world. The Lord of the celestial throne beareth witness to this in the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath been just in the Cause of God, and woe unto every sinful denier.

With perfect unity and harmony raise ye the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and be ye steadfast in His Cause, in such wise that neither the barking of the heedless, nor the signs of the deniers, nor the onslaught of the transgressors shall hold you back from the straight path. The barkers have ever lain in wait. Blessed is the soul that hath shown forth supreme steadfastness and hath uttered that which hath caused the foundations of every heedless doubter to quake. Satan hath ever sought to prevent the steadfast from the straight path through piety and asceticism. The monotheists and the sincere must arise to serve the Cause with perfect certitude and assurance, in such wise that were all the world to appear with complete asceticism and utter a word contrary to what hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, they would be rejected and would be accounted among the people of hell in God's presence.

The servant present hath attained with thy letter and read it before the Countenance. We have answered thee with this Tablet and have mentioned thee in such wise as naught in all creation can equal it. Give

thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon every one who hath turned unto God and is steadfast, and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O Sadra! The Hidden Book in this visible Temple speaks: There is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is a Book inscribed by a Pen that cannot be described by what exists in creation nor mentioned by the Most High. Blessed is the soul that has found the fragrance of God on a day wherein the Sun of Beauty has dawned from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Wise - a day wherein was written what no one in all creation has known or will know except those whom We have permitted in truth. Thus have We adorned the Tablet with the ornament of utterance when the All-Merciful was established upon a seat around which circle the denizens of the highest Paradise, then the inhabitants of the cities of names, then those whose faces are turned only to His shining, radiant Beauty. Blessed art thou, O Sadra, in that thou hast taken the foremost position in creation when thou didst turn to God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great. This indeed is a glory in which honored servants take pride. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and His love, then give glad tidings to the servants with wisdom and utterance to this Kawthar whose fragrant breezes have wafted among the worlds. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee from what thou hast been commanded by the True One. Trust in Him in all conditions - verily He is with His remembering servants. We counsel thee to wisdom in all matters - this is what God has ordained in the Tablets. He is indeed the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Sadra! We have heard thy call from before and from thy letter afterwards when it was present before the Throne. Verily We were aware and We answered thee in truth and granted what thou didst desire from God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. He assists whom He wishes with authority from His presence and causes whom He wills to speak with His beautiful remembrance. Thou didst say “Expand my breast” and so forth - We granted what thou desired before thy request. Were it not for this how couldst thou have turned to a Face from which most of the servants have turned away? Reflect and be of those who remember. We have expanded thy breast and assisted thee to draw near to this Great Sea and We will assist thee in truth and will open thy tongue with a remembrance by which hearts will be attracted and the hearts of those who have turned will take flight. We counsel thee to the Greater Steadfastness in such wise that the hearts of those who have taken the calf as their lord instead of God will be troubled. This is what the Most Exalted Pen commands thee on this wondrous day. And We have sent down for thy brother that by which the fragrances of My loving-kindness and the sweet perfumes of My favors have been diffused - to this testifies he who ponders what has been sent down in truth. Verily thy Lord is the True, the Trustworthy One. Say: O people! Fear God and commit not that which would muddy the pure chalice of mystic knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful. Leave what ye possess, turning to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of remembrance and sent thee this Tablet from whose horizon has shone the sun of thy Lord’s remembrance, the Most High, the Great.

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He is the Most Wondrous! O Hasan! Show excellence even as God has shown excellence unto thee, inasmuch as He hath caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and brought thee to the shore of grace, a praiseworthy seat of glory, and hath bestowed upon thee that which is better in His sight than all who are in the heavens and earth - and He Himself is witness to this. Therefore arise and show excellence unto thyself and then unto the souls of the servants. Fear no one, but place thy trust in God Who created all things by His command, for verily He hath power over all the worlds. Verily, thy excellence unto thyself is thy steadfastness in the Cause of God and thy following this Light which hath appeared from the horizon of grace in manifest truth. Well is it with thee for having recognized God thy Lord in days wherein all were far removed from the holy precinct, and for having found solace in Him Who hath attained the presence of God, heard His melodies, beheld His countenance, and remained turned toward Him at every morn and eve. Beware lest thou separate thyself from Him. Hold fast unto Him in these days and take Him as thy friend. Give thanks unto God thy Lord for having made the fire as light unto thee, whereby He opened before thy face in the prison a gate from the Ridvan and caused the breezes of glorious love to waft upon thee, awakened thee from thy slumber, caused thee to know His Self, and inscribed thy name among the triumphant ones in the preserved tablets of holiness. Thus doth God make imprisonment as paradise for whomsoever He willeth among His servants. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and verily He encompasseth all things. Cast behind thee all allusions and take hold of the Tablet of God with strength from Him, and follow not those who have taken Satan as their friend. Beware lest thou forget the grace of God or turn to the world and what is ordained therein, for verily His grace unto thee hath been great. Remember thyself throughout all days lest thou become heedless of the remembrance of thy Lord and remain veiled behind the veils. For those who claim belief have disbelieved in God and His signs after they came unto them from the Dayspring of the Cause with manifest sovereignty - save him who held fast to the cord of His grace, purified his heart from the dust of blind imitation and passion, and soared in this heaven with the wings of detachment in manifest truth. Thus have We taught thee and informed thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. Grieve not over the world and what hath befallen thee, for it shall perish by a word, and sovereignty shall remain with God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of all the worlds. And the mercy that floweth from the direction of the Throne be upon thee and upon those who have remained firm in the Cause and have held fast in these days to the cord of grace in truth.

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He is the Mighty! O Ali! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from this Fire which shineth forth from this Tree that speaketh the truth that there is none other God but Him, and that Ali-before-Nabil is His eye and His sight and His soul and His tongue amongst His servants, if ye be of them that know. Through him appeared the Word of Primalness and the Divine Point and the Hidden Beauty and the Standing Alif and the Descended Ha and the Extended Ba, if ye be of them that understand. Through him appeared existence and rose the Beauty of the Worshipped One, and the pure Oneness was bounded by

the ornament of a known name, that people might be enabled to draw nigh unto Him - and this verily is a manifest bounty, for were He to appear as He truly is, none would be able to draw nigh unto Him or behold Him or learn from Him the knowledge of what was and what shall be. Thus know thou the mysteries of wisdom through that which We have imparted unto thee, then ponder upon them that God may thereby open unto thy heart the gates of hidden knowledge. O Ali! Give thanks unto God thy Creator that thou didst attain the presence of the Servant in his final days, and thereby wert among those who were guided by the guidance of His countenance. Blessed be thine eye for what it beheld, and thine ear for what it heard, and thy body for having attained a praiseworthy station of nearness. Happy art thou, O servant, for having emigrated from thy home and journeyed unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, until thou didst arrive at the city which was named the Abode of Peace aforetime, for it submitted in this holy and renowned Manifestation. Thus doth God blot out what He willeth and confirm what He willeth, and with Him is the Mother Book preserved. And hadst thou delayed in this, thou wouldst not have attained this triumph which the denizens of Paradise long for, if ye be of them that are certain. It would have passed thee by as it hath passed most people who are now in evident grief and lamentation. Therefore know within thyself that it behooveth no one to delay in pursuing good works when able, and this verily is a truth inscribed in this unfurled scroll. Say: By God! This is verily the frequented House which hath been raised up in truth from God, the Mighty, the Thankworthy. Around it circle the people of the Supreme Concourse and they who have hearkened unto God's call on this Mount, for it is the source of Revelation and the manifestation of joy from God, the Mighty Sovereign, the Merciful, the Generous, the All-Forgiving. Thus have We mentioned thee in this Tablet that thine eye might be solaced and thou mightest be certain that We have not forgotten those who have believed in God and His signs, then in His proof and His evidence, then in His glory and His sovereignty, then in His beauty and His majesty, and who were among those who aimed at the goals of glory. And the Spirit be upon [thee] and upon those who have followed God's decree in every matter and ordinance.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! We have desired to send to one of My loved ones the pearls of the ocean of My bounty and utterance, that thou mayest give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" The calumnies of those who have followed their selfish desires have not prevented Us, nor hath the oppression of the wrongdoers who outwardly show love but inwardly support Mine enemies and cast upon them the doubts of those who have denied the Day of Judgment, frightened Us. O Isma'il! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee even as He mentioned thee before, and desireth naught save thy drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He who loved Me and soared in Mine atmosphere, who was named Nazir - upon him be My glory - came and mentioned thee. We have remembered thee in a Tablet adorned with the gems We have brought forth from the treasury of Mine wondrous utterance. By My life! My Tablets are not equaled by the tablets of the world, nor My mention by the mention of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Say: O people of the Bayan! The Divine Lote-Tree hath been adorned with wondrous, fresh fruits and delicate, new produce. Behold, and be not of the heedless ones. By My life! He whom Satan hath led astray used to serve Me night and day, at morn and at eventide. O

thou who hast turned towards Mine horizon! Glorify on My behalf the Hands of My Cause, whom We have chosen for My remembrance amongst My servants and for the proclamation of My Most Great Call and My Great News. We beseech God to guard them, preserve them, and aid them with His hosts from on high. O My loved ones! We have caused the rains of My mercy to descend from the clouds of My bounty, and have revealed that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else save Me and acted according to what hath been ordained in My perspicuous Book. O Asadullah, O son of Nazir - upon thee be My glory! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face, through the key of His Most Bountiful Name, the doors of His grace, wealth and riches, and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. He is verily the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto the recognition of My verses, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy station and honored me with Thy presence. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to make me detached from all else save Thee and sanctified from whatsoever is repugnant to Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant who stood firm in Thy service. I beseech Thee to transform my sorrow into joy and my grief into gladness, and my remoteness into nearness. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth." The Glory shining, radiant and resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you both and upon those who have heard the Call and responded, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of those who know!"

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O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God! In the name of the all-powerful Truth! May you ever be fresh and verdant through the rain-showers of the cloud of divine mercy, and bright and enkindled from the fire of God's love. Praise be to the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, Who enabled you to recognize this great Day and whatsoever hath been manifested therein. How many souls, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseeched and hoped for the presence of this Day from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. Yet after the rising of the Most Great Orb from the horizon of the heaven of truth, all remained veiled save a few who now rejoice in Paradise. O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Until the people become aware of the falsehoods of the past, they will not bear witness to the truth of this manifest Day. And even should they acknowledge it, it would be merely through imitation. But if one soul becomes informed and attains unto awareness, it is more beloved in the sight of God than a thousand souls, nay more. Say: O people! Reflect upon that which existed among the People of the Furqan - that is, those who considered themselves saved - that perchance after reflection ye may bear witness to this most exalted and most holy Cause. Such witness is regarded by God as a deed for which there hath not been and never shall be any equal. O friend! The people of the Bayan are veiled to such a degree that pen and tongue are powerless to describe it. They cling to the vain imaginings of the People of the Furqan and hold fast to the suppositions of the ignorant. How many traditions and narratives concerning the Qa'im did they recite day and night, unaware that all were devoid of the ornament of truth. The Most Exalted Pen uttereth these words that perchance they may break the chains

of idle fancy through the power of certitude, and may cease to look to the tales, traces and stories of old, that they may behold the Truth with the eye of truth, and regard that which appeareth from Him as the standard and proof. Say: He needeth not, in establishing His Cause, the books of the past nor what appeared in former ages. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in His mighty prison. The satans of the Bayan strive to make these helpless souls more veiled than the peoples of the past. The upright souls must, with perfect wisdom and utterance, and for the sake of God alone, make the people aware, that they may become informed and sanctified, and then turn to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is the counsel of the Wronged One, the Peerless, in the prison of ’Akka. Blessed art thou, and blessed is every face that hath turned, every heart that hath advanced, and every tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Siyyid Qabla-Rida, upon him be the Most Great and Most Ancient Glory of God! May you ever be occupied with service to the Self-Sufficing Supreme One and drink from His imperishable Kawthar. By My life! The inner reality of the inner reality of the inner reality unto infinity has appeared in the form of a chalice, that it might be the vessel for this pure water which flows from the right hand of the Throne of the Lord of Manifestation. Then hearken to another strain: Verily the inner reality of the inner reality of the inner reality unto whatsoever God willeth hath appeared in the form of a chalice, that it might bear the sweet waters of thy Lord’s mercy which flow from the direction of the Throne of My Name, the Most High, the Great. God willing, drink ye of these waters and bestow them upon the people. Shouldst thou attain unto the station We have mentioned, thou wouldst find thyself in such rapture as would render the tongues of all beings powerless to describe it, and thou wouldst reach a station wherein thou wouldst soar in the atmosphere of thy Lord’s love, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. That which He ordaineth for His servants outwardly is a reality around which revolve inner meanings, and thy Lord is sanctified above all that hath been said or shall be said. He is the Mighty, the Generous.

It is desired that you arise with the utmost devotion to serve the Cause and reflect upon the condition of this wronged Prisoner Who hath been afflicted between two factions, and seek to follow His example. The contingent world and all therein is transient. We must all arise to serve the Eternal, that perchance our lives be not wasted and we may render some service. The foundation of all things is the unity of the people upon one Law. Observe ye the Muslim community and its weakness, and ponder its cause. This weakness hath come about solely due to the differences that have appeared therein, as thou canst see how each faction hath chosen its own path and walketh in its own way. And if someone should say “The paths to God are as numerous as the souls of creation” and that these paths have branched from the Most Great Path - even granting this claim, surely if one walketh upon the Most Great and Supreme Path it would be best and ever shall be, and nearest to righteousness. There are countless utterances regarding these matters, but in view of the sorrows that have descended, We have confined Ourselves to this much. In truth, Our main purpose was to make mention of you, lest you think you have been forgotten from the Most Great Scene. You have ever been remembered and, God willing, shall continue to be. We beseech God to manifest through you that which will revive the hearts of men, attract souls,

cause spirits to soar, and raise up every moldering bone. Verily, glory be upon you and upon those who have turned to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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In the Name of the One Loving God!

O Sun! Hearken with thy soul to the song of the Nightingale of the Beloved, that perchance thou mayest with all thy spirit take thy step beyond the realm of self and passion, and pass into the placeless realm of glorious permanence, become detached from life and intimate with the Life of life. If thou traversest the vast expanse of the realm of the spirit, surely thou wilt rend asunder the garment of patience and forbearance, become swift in sacrificing thy life, pass beyond the defilement of nothingness and find repose upon the throne of ancient days. Of necessity from everything a sign appeareth, and from every hint a mystery is revealed. Until the world-illumining sun shineth forth, the east cannot be distinguished from the west, nor the rose garden from the furnace. After all, the divine melody is clearly distinct from the earthly cry, and the cawing of the crow is patently different from the song of the nightingale of the garden, for this latter telleth of the paradise of the Beloved and addeth to the spirit, while the former pointeth to the city of the blind and diminisheth faith. One must take a step and make a mighty effort. By God, if thou wert to hear in this Tablet of inner meanings the spiritual utterance of this evanescent servant, surely thou wouldst lay thy head in the wilderness of extinction and become detached from soul and heart, and cast thy head at the feet of the Friend. How lofty is the flight of the Phoenix of love, and how short is our appeal! Soar a little, that by the grace of the Eternal King thou mayest find thy dwelling place, rising from the dust heap of nothingness unto the canopy of ancient days. Grant a wing to the holy spirit and bestow flight upon the inner soul, that it may soar in the atmosphere of divine nearness and reach the destination of the unseen. From this profitless sphere naught ariseth save poison, and from mortal pain no immortal draught floweth forth. Should the Spirit of Jesus hear from the royal falcon of the Kingdom the holy melody, surely He would cry out from the depth of His soul and, like the spirit of lovers, would be stirred to passionate ardor. The Moses of eternity was rendered unconscious by that call, and the Abraham of faithfulness, by that song, broke the idols of self. Therefore break thou the idol of self, that thou mayest take up abode in the hiding place of the Friend. Pass beyond passion, that thou mayest wing thy flight to the Egypt of immortality. Purify the city of the heart, that thou mayest behold the Beauty of the Divine Essence and become quickened by the Holy Spirit from spirit itself. No melody remaineth that was not sung upon this branch, and no song abideth that was not warbled by this Nightingale. A thousand Hijazi ears cannot comprehend this Persian lament, and none but a divine form can understand this wondrous theme. How blessed, then, is he who entereth this ocean and quaffeth therefrom the draught of life.

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In the Name of the One God! O ’Ali! God willing, mayest thou be quickened by the fragrances of the divine days and drink from the ocean of knowledge through His Name, in such wise that thou wouldst

forget all save Him and remain turned unto Him. This is the Day the mention of which hath been recorded and inscribed in all the Books, Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the divine utterance and is among those who know. If thou wouldst hearken unto the Wronged One of the horizons, strive with complete detachment that thou mayest be illumined by the lights of the Sun of insight. In all matters look unto the Truth and place thy trust in Him. The Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence will assuredly not deprive His servants, but will assist them in whatsoever profiteth them in this world and the next. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of grace that none of the peoples of the world hath been or is aware of their own best interests, for knowledge hath ever resided and shall continue to reside with the true Knower. He, verily, is the One Who knoweth what is with them, and what profiteth and preserveth them, while they know not. It behooveth everyone to say: "Thou art the Knower of what is within me, and I know not what is within Thy Self, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Such meanings from the All-Merciful were revealed in the Qur'an, and likewise in previous Books, as every discerning knower will testify.

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Beware lest thou falter, then speak with wondrous power. The time of silence hath passed. The day when the Sovereign of Eternity emerged from behind the veils of names and attributes, rent asunder the clouds of knowledge and tore apart the mists of wisdom, and without concealment or veil the Tongue of the Lord of Lords began to speak - in such wise that the oceans of meanings flowed from His blessed lips and the surging waves of utterance streamed forth from His life-giving words. Therefore today the dwellers in the heaven of glory must detach themselves from all else and speak forth with healing words, holy breaths, and the warbling of the Dove of transcendent majesty in the paradise of inner meanings, bringing the contingent world into a state of attraction, rapture and joy through wondrous melodies. O Javad, the Beauty possessed of bounty and grace commandeth: Rend asunder the veils of fancy and tear apart the curtains of silence. Like a lover bereft of patience, step forth from the city of forbearance. Let no barrier restrain thee, nor any word conceal thee. For in this year of tribulation, mention of which was made aforetime in the tablets of glory, the greatest tumult and severest calamity shall assuredly arise, such that infants shall be cut off from their mothers' breasts and lovers shall be barred from the cities of their Beloved. Perchance in those days and times that servant may hold fast to the grace of God and cling to the hem of His mercy, standing so firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Beloved that even should all the embodiments of hatred and the souls of opposition determine to turn him aside from the straight path of truth, they would be powerless and unable to do so. O manifestation of the name of Bounty! Plant firm the foot of steadfastness, for the winds of discord are blowing from the direction of schism with such force that thou shalt soon witness how they cut off the yellowed leaves from the divine Tree and cast them to the dust. Therefore, O verdant and flourishing leaf, hold fast to the Most Great Tree, that the Most Glorious and Noble Holy Spirit may keep thee, through the blowing of phantom winds and the passing of the breezes of associating partners with God, from being severed from the divine Tree. Rather mayest thou be stirred with such rapture and ecstasy that thy movements give rise to the

melodies of truth in such wise that all faces turn to the countenance of thy Lord, all ears become attuned to the strains of thy Creator, and all hearts are prepared for the dawning of the sun of thy Maker. Thus have We ordained for thee from the power We bestowed upon thee in the form of words in this Book, that thou mayest be among those who are firm and steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord.

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In the Name of the one true God! O Ali! It is most clear and evident that from the beginning this wronged and lonely one had no thought for himself, for had he been concerned with self-preservation or other stations, he would never have accepted the countless afflictions, calamities and trials. Every person of insight beareth witness that we summoned the people, for the sake of God alone, to the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Dayspring of His divine revelation. This most great bounty the leaders of nations have counted as sin and error, and have visited upon us that which the pen is powerless to recount. We shall be patient in God as we have been patient, and shall thank Him in all conditions. Now the hearts that have attained to the love of God and that gaze toward the horizon of His grace must strive with utmost joy and radiance, with mighty and sublime effort, to raise up the Word of the Lord of Religions. Through virtuous conduct, deeds, kindliness and conciliation they must draw the people of the world to the City of the All-Merciful. The one who today claims to love God must be distinguished from all others in every aspect. Mere acceptance of the Cause and acknowledgment of the truth is not and hath never been sufficient, even as all people today make such claims, yet the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to their lies, calumnies, pride, heedlessness and treachery. O friends! Act purely for God's sake and speak solely for His sake. A word that ascendeth from the heaven of the heart and shineth forth from the horizon of the tongue for the sake of God will assuredly have effect. Be not heedless of the influence of deeds. By the life of God! Were a soul to become aware of the effects of good and evil words and deeds, he would never incline to any wrong, and naught but pure good and absolute virtue would proceed from him. Fear not the might of ignorant divines, and be not gladdened by worldly wealth. Soon shall God's irrevocable decree seize both and bring them to naught. God willing, ye must be the dawning-places of divine counsels among mankind, that through your advice the heedless may turn to the ocean of certitude and the manifest horizon. O thou who gazest upon the Face! We have sent down this Tablet unto thee that thou mayest remind the loved ones of its contents and give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Encompassing. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. He is with thee and ordaineth for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. The glory rest upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned to God, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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That which hath been revealed in the Tablets of loving counsel regarding unity and other matters hath been and will continue to be intended for all created things, both those who are round about Me and those in all lands. The knowledge of the True One encompasseth all things. That which hath streamed forth from the Most Ancient Pen hath been based upon observation of what was and what would be. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O thou physician! Convey My glorification to the people of Zawra who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark by the leave of God, the Lord of all names. Blessed are they, inasmuch as they have migrated in the path of God, the Originator of earth and heaven. In their departure from Zawra there are signs for those possessed of understanding, and in their return there are clear tokens for those who have been heedless of their Lord's remembrance. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His grace. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you. Ye have borne what I have borne. This is of God's grace - He bestoweth it upon whom He willeth, though the people are in doubt and behind a veil. Rend it asunder through wisdom and utterance. Thus hath it been ordained in the Tablets of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the One Who ordaineth what He willeth. God hath made you a sign of His remembrance amongst His servants, and this is of His grace upon you, O ye who are endued with insight. Blessed be your ears, for they have heard; and your hearts, for they have turned; and your faces, for they have been illumined by the lights of your Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have read the letter of Our name Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa and have turned toward him from this Horizon whence the daysprings have been made to shine. He hath been wronged by those who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and forgetfulness. God shall soon exalt those who have desired His presence and seize such as have persisted in pride and discord. Upon them be the glory of God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Thy likeness hath been honored to attain the presence of the Lord of Majesty, and this is yet another turn. We beseech God to make it one of the supreme examples in the kingdom of creation and to manifest through it that which thy Lord, the Lord of all names, hath desired. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. We make mention of thee in the realms of eternity even as thou makest mention of Us among the peoples. To this beareth witness the Pen that moveth between the fingers of thy Lord's will, the Powerful, the Almighty. Excellent is that which thou hast inferred regarding him whom thou didst mention. He, verily, is the Protector of those who remember. He aideth him who speaketh by His command and openeth upon hearts the gates of knowledge. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Convey abundant greetings on behalf of the True One to all the loved ones in that land. Be vigilant in all regions regarding the Cause of God, lest any matter arise that might cause harm to the loved ones of that land, for these souls are known by the name of God and their protection is necessary in all circumstances. Let them not be saddened by the disruption of outward means. Verily, He enlargeth unto whom He willeth. In His hand is the dominion of all things. He ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

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O Haji Muhammad-'Ali, who hath emigrated and attained! In the name of the one true God! The signs of power are manifest from all things, and the breathings of utterance are wafting from every direction. His hand of power took thee and brought thee from the land of K to the radiant spot. A hundred thousand

means appeared so that He might lead thee to the Most Great Bounty and the Mighty Announcement. For such a Lord befitteth praise and glorification, mention and laudation, grandeur and glory. In all the books He gave glad tidings to the world that the time would come when He Who conversed on Sinai would repair to the Sinai of manifestation. But when the effulgences of the morn of truth illumined the world with its rays, all were deprived and prevented - some were held back by learning, some by ignorance, some by wealth, and some by pride and vainglory. In any case, most of the people of the world remain heedless of that for which they were created and brought from nothingness into being. But thou hast attained. Give thanks unto thy Lord through the continuance of His dominion and His kingdom, His might and His glory, His bounty and His generosity, His mercy and His grace. Thy letter arrived some time ago and from it wafted the fragrance of steadfastness, acceptance and devotion. Praise be to God that the veils of prevention did not hinder thee and the clouds did not intervene. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions in such wise that thou shalt be gazing toward the horizon, speaking His praise, and standing firm in His Cause. Convey My greetings to the friends and say: "Remembrance and glory be upon you, O My loved ones! We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God and your stations among the servants may be exalted. Verily He is the Wise Counselor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise." We make mention of the honored aunt, upon her be the Glory of God, and the Greatest Holy Leaf and her sister, and give them the glad tidings of divine favor. They have ever been and continue to be beneath His gaze. Likewise We gladden the hearts of their relatives with the favors, bounty and mercy of God. In these days the letter of the leaf who is the daughter of the aunt, upon her be the Glory of God, and Aqa Siyyid Faraj'u'llah who had written in the name of Mahdi, upon him be My glory, attained the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist them both in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Likewise Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah hath ever been and continueth to be remembered before the Wronged One. We send Our greetings upon him and beseech God to assist him in His remembrance and praise and service to His Cause, and to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of the Single, the Peerless, the One!

These are the holy verses sent down in truth from the clouds of a wondrous grace, whereby the hearts of the servants are purified from the defilement of self and desire, and they drink from cups whose admixture is the remembrance of the Beloved and the Dear One. O servant! There hath appeared before the Beauty what thou didst mention in remembrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers and the Lord of the mighty Throne. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils of glory and entered beneath the shadow of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Exalted, and sanctified thyself from the association of every stubborn polytheist. However, strive within thyself in all thy days lest the whisperings of Satan cause thee to slip and lead thee astray from the path of glorious might and from the straight and holy way. Shun those who have disbelieved, then convey the Cause of thy Lord to those in whose hearts thou

findest the fragrance of holiness and in whose faces thou seest the radiance of a luminous glory. And if sorrow overtaketh thee, remember My sorrow and My tribulations. By God! I have been afflicted with trials which none can reckon save God Who encompasseth all things in the Mother Book. This is the Book which speaketh now with truth that there is no God but Him, and that He Who appeared with the name of Husayn before Ali is verily His sovereignty, His grandeur, His majesty, then His manifestation and His concealment, and His might and power over all created things. And then the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth from behind the Most Exalted Pavilion: By God! This is verily Ali, then Muhammad, then Muhammad, then Ali. Follow Him, O peoples of the earth, and associate not partners with Him, for this would be an injustice from your own selves against God. Fear God and be among the pious in the Cause. Do ye worship the calf and forsake Him Who created you by His command, by Whose light all who are in the heavens and earth are illumined, if ye be possessed of insight? O people! Purify your ears that ye may hear My melodies, then your eyes that ye may behold My beauty. Thus hath God commanded you in all the Tablets and in this Tablet which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the finger of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and God is witness unto this. O servant! Hear My call, then stand firm in the Cause and turn not unto what hath been created in the realm of origination. We have ordained for thee in the Tablet an exalted station, and We have reckoned what is in thy heart and are aware of what is in thy secret thoughts, and We shall decree for thee what We have intended for thee, and with Us is the knowledge of all things and the knowledge of the heavens and earth, if thou be informed thereof. And the glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have remained steadfast in this Cause wherefrom have slipped the feet of those in whose hearts was doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord and who were far removed from the path.

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the All-Praised!

These are the holy verses which have been sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. In them is that which will make men independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and will convey unto them the messages of God, and give them the glad-tidings of their meeting with the Self of God Who standeth over all created things, and warn them of the Day whereon all shall return unto God in a holy and gracious station.

O people! Look ye unto the Book of God and that which hath been sent down therein of mighty and glorious sovereignty, and forget not God's covenant within your souls, neither be heedless of it, nor be of them that turn aside. Beware lest ye shut the gates of divine good-pleasure against your faces and deny the verses of God at the time they are sent down unto you. Fear ye God and reject not His verses, nor be of them that are veiled.

Say: O people! Know ye that God created what is in the Bayan for the manifestation of His handiwork and the revelation of His grace and the exaltation of His Word, if ye be of them that understand. And He commanded them not to reject him who would come unto them with the truth on the Day when He would come with the truth - a Day which none can avert - and this is the decree of One mighty and

knowing. And that they should not do unto him as they did unto this Servant - this hath been inscribed in holy and resplendent Tablets.

Yet ye, O people of the Bayan, by God, ye do unto him that which none hath ever done unto anyone, and this is assuredly the truth made certain, even as ye did unto His Servant after He came unto you with a manifest sovereignty which the peoples of the heavens and earth are powerless to produce the like thereof. And ye imagine within yourselves even as imagined they who were before you. Woe unto you, O company of evil-doers!

Know ye that this Tablet shall itself be God's proof against you and His evidence unto all creation. Whoso turneth aside from it hath turned aside from God in His Manifestations, the Prophets and Messengers, and God will accept naught from anyone except that he believe in this Tablet, even should he worship Him unto all eternity. Thus do We impart unto you, O people of the Bayan, that which I have been commanded by God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Whoso wisheth, let him turn aside; and whoso wisheth, let him take unto God his Lord a way.

And thou, O Letter M, give thanks unto God thy Creator for that We have sent down unto thee this mighty Tablet and mentioned thy name on this blessed night which glorieth over a brilliant dawn. Then know thou that We have commanded thee to dwell in the city whose name is renowned among all peoples, and to protect those servants who enter therein from among the loved ones of God, the Most High, the Great. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee in this Tablet that thou mayest thank God thy Lord at all times. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have migrated in the paths of God, the Ever-Living, the Exalted.

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The Most Exalted Uncle - upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most High

These are the verses of the Book sent down from the cloud of mighty mercy, whereby the hearts of all created things are quickened, that they may turn unto God their Creator and detach themselves from all else. Thus have We sent down the Command in this Tablet as a remembrance from Us to all the worlds. Verily, they who have denied the signs of God in these days have indeed denied the Manifestations of God's Self in every age and dispensation, and their names shall not be mentioned before their Lord, nor shall any holy and mighty glance be turned toward them. And thou, O leader of the people, hearken unto the call of God from this crimson Tree upon this blessed, most holy, eternal and radiant Spot. God, there is no God but Him. He hath created all things for the knowledge of His Self and brought forth all existence to follow His Command - thus hath it been aforetime and will ever be, if thou be of them that know. Among the people are those who have drunk the cup of recognition and those who have turned away from God even after verses were sent down unto them morning and evening. Know thou that We have been tried among Our servants who believed not in God from all eternity, in whose breasts the fire of hatred was kindled, who returned upon their heels in rejection with manifest tyranny. Sorrows have encompassed Us to such degree that My tongue is powerless to make mention of My Beloved. Thus hath

it befallen the Youth in these days, if thou be of them that are informed. Were the servants to possess attentive ears, what hath been sent down unto them from the mighty and holy dominion would suffice them. But without this they will not turn to the words of God nor hear His sweet melodies, even were verses of manifest glory to descend upon them at every moment like unto rain. Say: O people, fear God and war not against His Self, nor dispute His signs after they have been sent down in truth and have encompassed all in the worlds together. Hearken unto the call of God, then detach yourselves from all else - this is better for you than the treasures of the heavens and earth, if ye be of them that know and see. And thou, be steadfast in the Cause of God thy Lord. Beware lest the promptings of Satan cause thee to slip, for he hath risen against the face of the All-Merciful with a rejection that was grievous in the Mother Book. Be firm in the Cause, then remind thyself throughout all days, and if thou art able, convey the Cause of thy Lord to those whom thou findest today in heedlessness and distant schism. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur make mention of thee, that thou mayest follow what thou art commanded and be steadfast in thy Lord's Cause. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those around thee who have believed and remain firm in the Cause.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! These are the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, which have been sent down in truth, yet most people do not believe. God Who created the heavens by His command and the earth by His sovereignty, and sent forth the winds and made manifest the signs that perchance the people might reflect in His days. Those who denied their Lord aforetime - We seized them for their sins and made them a lesson for those who perceive. Soon shall We seize those who followed their tyranny. Verily thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, yet the people perceive not. We have detailed all things in the Book as a mercy from Us to people who know. We delivered those who believed and left the idolaters in the abyss of divine wrath. In this are signs for people who understand. Say: Do ye hasten on the punishment when signs have already come before you and We seized thereby those who denied God, the Mighty, the Loving? Reflect on those who came before you - they were seized for their deeds and they understood not. We seized no people until after God's proof and evidence were perfected against them. Thy Lord is indeed gracious to mankind, yet mankind perceive not. Those who fabricate lies against God shall never prosper. We shall seize them from every direction, then cast them into the fire for their unbelief. Say: O people! Do ye shun Him Who draws you nigh unto God and forbids you from following false gods? Break the idols by My sovereignty and turn to the Dawning-Place of My signs - this is better for you, did ye but know. He who calls you to himself instead of God has indeed denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We called him from the direction of grandeur: Hasten thou unto Us and be not of those whom passion hath seized and kept back from God, the Creator of names. But he turned away as did those of old. Blessed is he who fulfills God's covenant and His pledge, and takes for himself a path to the praiseworthy station. Say: Beware lest ye worship images like unto yourselves. Worship ye the one God - We are His worshippers. Remember God's grace when ye were in the wilderness of error - He brought you forth by the truth and made you of the guided ones. We sent down the Bayan and made it glad tidings for mankind lest they stray from the path. But when the promise came to pass and the Promised One appeared, they turned away save those on whose

faces thou seest the radiance of divine bounty. When it is said to them “By what proof did ye believe in God?” they say “The Bayan.” Yet when its Revealer came to them they denied the All-Merciful. Lo! they are among the losers. Say: The Bayan was revealed for My sake and was adorned with My remembrance. Were it not for Me, not a single letter thereof would have been revealed, as attesteth he who hath opened his eyes by God’s light, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Arise to mention thy Lord amongst the servants, then draw them by the signs of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Turn away from what they say and hold fast to this wise Remembrance. He is with those who keep the Covenant and He will help them through the truth. He hath power over all things.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaking Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The essence of praise and glorification befitteth the Lord of the heaven of names, Who hath bestowed true joy upon the peoples of the realms of knowledge and insight through the sealed wine and the preserved nectar, and illumined them with the light of divine unity. Exalted be His dominion and mighty His proof. There is none other God but Him.

O servant, before named Karim! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Today the Most Sweet Call and the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen are raised from the horizon of the Prison of ’Akka. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto it and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Say: O servants! The wine of utterance of the Lord of Religions hath another exhilaration and another joy. While time remaineth, arise to conquer hearts and minds with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily God will aid you with His sovereignty and protect you with His hosts and exalt you through His bounty. Give thanks unto your Lord, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

His honor Asad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, mentioned you repeatedly and sent your letter to the Most Holy Court. We have heard your call and answered you with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God in all matters, the Lord of Lords. He will aid thee as He aided thee before, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Be occupied with service to the Cause in the nights and days. We previously stated that Peter was a fisherman who became possessed of divine wisdom. Today that honored one and all the friends must arise together in complete unity to teach God’s Cause with wisdom and utterance. Great is the Day and great is the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will cause its fragrance to endure in the world. Soon shall the world and all therein perish, and there shall endure for thee what hath been ordained for thee by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down from the heaven of Will and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all contingent beings and Goal of all existence! And glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Attributes, for having remembered me in Thy Prison and enabled me to turn unto Thee and face the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which appeared

at one time the ocean of light and at another the mountain of fire, and at times Thou showest it as a sun and at others as the heaven of grandeur and power, to grant me success in that which will cause my name to be exalted among Thy servants and my mention in Thy lands. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one turning to the heaven of Thy riches and the weak one to the horizon of Thy power. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones in Thy lands. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Compassionate, the Generous."

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

Praise be to God Who opened the closed doors and guided His chosen ones and friends, leading them to the straight path and the mighty announcement. The days which through the tyranny of the oppressors appeared as darkest night were illumined and made radiant through His special grace and favor. The mountains of hatred, rancor, envy and corruption proved no obstacle. The prevention of the preventers, the calumnies of the calumniators, the turning away of princes and the objections of divines had no effect. The Hand of Power with celestial might removed all barriers. Witness to these matters has been the presence of the new traveler, upon him be my Baha and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, in the days of adversity he turned to the Dawning-Place of verses and through divine power and the means of the heavens and earth obtained the greatest portion and mightiest share from the ocean of attainment and the river of meeting. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him with the hosts of His might and power, to guard him with the ranks of His dominion and grandeur, and to ordain for him that which will exalt him among His servants and benefit him in all the worlds of His worlds. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

As for what thou didst mention regarding consultation and movement, whatsoever the Most Great Branch hath approved is approved. We beseech God to make the outcome blessed and to adorn it with the glory of His approval and acceptance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning the turning of Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be my Baha, that too must end in consultation. Verily He hath sent down consultation and its wisdom in numerous Tablets and in His Mighty Book.

They mentioned gifts. Let them obtain a copy of the Tablet of Gifts which was previously revealed concerning Afnan 'Ali, upon him be my Baha and loving-kindness. The sincere shall find from it the fragrance of the gift of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the mighty throne. Whatever is possible shall also be bestowed. Within His grasp is the control of all things. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised.

We make mention at the end of the Tablet of Darvish Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be my Baha. Praise be to God, he is illumined with the light of recognition and is steadfast in service to the Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm him in manifesting His Cause throughout the land and spreading His signs among the servants. They must make firm the foundation of endeavor and occupy

themselves with conquering hearts and souls through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. This is a matter which the Commander hath ordained from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Tablet be upon My loved ones there who have taken for themselves a station beneath the canopies of the grandeur of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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Praise be unto my Beloved, Who hath ever been sanctified beyond the description of all created things and will ever be exalted above the attributes of all existing things. For the praise and attributes of all who are in earth and heaven are created and fashioned by His command. How can that which is created by His command be worthy of His presence or ascend unto His court? He is not worthy of it, and all else is not capable of it, nor of accepting that which proceedeth from the servants. This is a bounty from that King of Oneness to His creation. Glorified and exalted be He above what they attribute unto Him! Furthermore, it hath been known that the preservation of the servants and all else hath been and will ever be within the grasp of God's power. Is there any preserver besides God? Say: Glory be to God! There is no preserver except Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are preserved by Him. His servants have ever been and will ever be under His protection and safeguarding. And unto those two souls in the City of God, that is, the Abode of Peace, was verbally promised the revelation of every good thing, and from that day the gates of grace have been and will remain open, except as God willeth. Be utterly assured that so long as the hand of God remaineth open and extended, the hand of harm and affliction is severed. Assuredly strive with utmost endeavor and mighty effort to remain steadfast upon the straight path of love, and so long as this station endureth, all grace and good shall endure. Today nothing is more difficult than remaining firm in this Cause, and this is that most mighty and formidable matter which none beareth save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, willeth. And strive ye both within yourselves not to be like him who ascended unto God, my Lord and the Lord of the worlds. For when he wavered regarding this Youth, he attained not unto visiting the City, and his spirit was taken by the sovereign might of the Powerful, the Almighty. He reached not the shore of nearness after having sought permission for this, as ye witnessed. But God pardoned him and raised him to an exalted station. We have not revealed this matter lest any humiliation come upon him, and thus were We among the concealers. And ye both must conceal it such that it not pass from your lips. Thus doth the Pen of Command bid you be among the doers. For this is a mystery from the mysteries of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And peace and mercy and glory be upon you both and upon those who love you, as a mercy from Us upon you and upon all the worlds.

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May the honored Mr. Symbol 66 [Allah] observe - upon him be from all 9 [Glory] His Most Glorious Glory. He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power.

Praise sanctified beyond mention and utterance befitteth the Purpose of all possibility, Who from the beginning of the sending forth of the Prophets and the Chosen Ones until the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - counseled all to unity and harmony. In truth, this was the purpose of their sending forth, for those united are seen as the manifestation of divine oneness, and from that light of detachment do they shine forth. The cause of the order of the world and the tranquility of nations hath been and ever shall be unity and harmony, as well as the observance of stations among the servants. Blessed is he who hath attained and acted according to what was commanded in the Book.

And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor, your esteemed letter arrived and the prayer was read before God. This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken:

"O My Name! Upon thee be My peace! God beareth witness, and that honored one testifieth, that this Wronged One hath spent His entire life counseling and advising the servants. From every word of the revealed words, those possessed of true hearing perceive the blessed word 'Victory through unity.' We chose separation so that it might lead to connection and harmony - that is, separation from the world. God willing, may the faithful attain to what God hath willed. In all the heavenly Books, the command to love and unity hath been given, and in truth it is the cause of the world's order and the nations' tranquility. Blessed is he who hath chosen for himself what God hath chosen in the Book, and hath arisen to unite hearts and souls and to exalt the Word before which necks have bowed.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to set matters aright and to gather what hath been scattered. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth through His word 'Be' and it is.

As for thy turning toward Haifa, it is acceptable to the Wronged One. The renewal of place and renewal of air and water and those effects which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the worlds. We ask God to make it blessed for thee. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of the heavens and earths." End.

In truth, in most Tablets mention hath been made of that which is the cause of the exaltation of those who believe in divine unity and the sincere ones. Now that honored one and this servant and the friends of God must beseech from the ocean of His generosity that He may cause all to attain unto what is befitting and aid all to that which is the cause of the exaltation of His Word. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Peace and remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne.

The Servant

23 Muharram 1306

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who safely and soundly delivered that Beloved to his true homeland - which, in the words of a former speaker, is “that city wherein dwelleth the Beloved.” Once again, praised be He, for on that same day He confirmed and granted success so that they attained the honor of His presence. At every moment a hundred thousand favors and a hundred thousand bounties and a hundred thousand mercies are witnessed, while the inability of the servants to offer thanks and praise is evident. One blessing requires one tongue to give thanks and praise for it. But before any person of insight, the inability of one tongue to mention millions upon millions of favors is clear and manifest. Christ (upon Him be God’s mercy), after much trouble and reflection, in one breath investigated two bounties, thereby proving human inability - and indeed He made an excellent investigation, as though He had attained unto a drop from the ocean of utterance. But now we observe that we have one tongue while hundreds of thousands upon thousands of worlds and more of bounties and favors exist. In this case, our inability requires no investigation - it is as evident as the sun. And it is hoped that this very acknowledgment of inability will be accepted. God willing, both this servant’s laziness and that beloved one’s troubles will be reckoned as one thing and attain the ornament of acceptance. Furthermore, praise be to God, the letter arrived and notice of receipt was sent. They said that his honor Haji Shaykh (upon him be God’s peace and favor) has taken much trouble. Accordingly, he is continuously occupied with services - his reward is with God. Two days ago they brought a rosewater sprinkler with rosewater into His presence. They used it and mentioned Jinab-i-Shaykh. The point is that you have been and are in His thoughts at all times. As for the mention of that beloved one’s stay in the palace, it is quite clear that that beloved one did not notice the subtle, nay most subtle, hint of Aqa Mirza Aminullah (may my spirit be sacrificed for him), otherwise he would certainly have stayed. After this was submitted, He smiled and said “Although the compensation is with them, We shall pay it and will inform when the time comes.” As for what you wrote about your mention being made in the Most Holy Court - praise be to God, mention of that beloved one is ever-present. Your handwritten books are before His face, occupied with your mention, and likewise your presence and your service in the realm of writing and otherwise - all are manifest. Through God’s grace all these mentions have been bestowed upon you. We praise Him in all conditions. Peace be upon you and God’s mercy.

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O Muhammad-Husayn! In the name of the Peerless Beloved! Praise and thanksgiving, in another degree, belong especially to the saints and chosen ones of God who would not exchange a single atom of the effulgent rays of the Sun of His love for all that was and shall be, and who, despite their need for all things in the world, have sounded the trumpet of divine independence before the faces of men, to the dismay of the enemies.

O Muhammad-Husayn! I testify that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn to God, the Lord of all men, on a day when the standards of rejection were raised from all directions and the banners of hypocrisy from

every quarter. Thou art he who cast idle fancies behind thee, seeking the horizon of the manifestation of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Thou didst advance and traverse the path until thou didst reach the valley of certitude and didst hear the Call from the Blessed Tree beyond which there is no passing: "Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him. His is the praise and the glory, His the grandeur and the splendor. He hath, through His Word, quickened the world as a token of His grace unto all peoples."

I ask, and We ask, the Gracious Lord and the Merciful Master to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name, and cause thee to hold fast to wisdom and utterance at all times, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty the food of divine knowledge. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Remember the days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst witness what befell Him at the hands of tyrannous servants and oppressive people of the land. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect thee through His bounty and to aid thee through His sovereignty, and to ordain for thee that which will bring solace to thine eyes and the eyes of His loved ones. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Gracious, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

In these days, through divine grace and infinite mercy, the loved ones dwell beneath the shade of the Blessed Tree in peace and tranquility. And Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, the One, the Single, resides in its shade during the nights and tends the garden during the days. He loveth to be engaged in the service of his Beloved, where neither the heat of the sun, nor the cold of winter, nor any thing among all things, nor any cause among all causes can hinder him. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. Nevertheless, in these days We have given him leave and sent him forth for the management of affairs in those parts. He is a blessed being who hath sought and continueth to seek the good and welfare of all, and in the dark abode of the world hath beseeched and continueth to beseech the divine light of morning for all peoples. However, O Muhammad-Husayn, this lamp is beset by tempestuous winds from every direction. The matter is in God's hands, the Powerful, the Almighty. The glory be upon thee and upon the steadfast and firm servants of God. Praise be to Him for He is the Goal of them that know.

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And this is what the Tongue of God spoke: Since mention of his honor Isma'il was not made in previous or subsequent letters, therefore, looking to faithfulness and out of love for his person, these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Command concerning him, lest he think We had forgotten him. We have surpassed all the worlds in faithfulness.

In the Name of God, the Faithful, the Most Faithful! The remembrance of God unto His servant who was named Isma'il, that it may be unto him an honor, a remembrance and a glory. O servant, grieve not at hardships and trials. Be content with what God hath ordained for thee, for He is the best Helper and Succourer. After every difficulty, in the Mother Book there hath been ordained, in truth, facility. All that hath befallen thee hath befallen thy Beloved, but the people are in great heedlessness. God's curse be upon him who hath usurped your rights and deprived you of what was created for you, for whatsoever is

on earth was created for the loved ones of God and His chosen ones. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One Who is mighty and wise. Those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the path of God, God will surely punish them for what they have hoarded - and who is more truthful in speech than God? This is the inner meaning, but outwardly the property of others is forbidden unto you. Beware lest ye deal treacherously with any soul or dispose of their property without their leave. This indeed is a grievous error in the Book. Dear is it to Me, O My loved ones, that I should enjoy aught of God's bounties and favors while I behold you in manifest hardship. And dear is it to Me that I should be in one land while you are in another land, and this is hard upon Me and upon every seeing lover. But We have acquiesced to God's good-pleasure and decree, and I counsel you to beautiful patience. We beseech God to seize those who have come between Us and Our loved ones and scattered the leaves from the Tree, for He hath power over all things. Then We beseech Him to send down upon you that which will gladden your hearts and gather Us and you together in a praiseworthy station of truth. Beware lest ye grieve at what hath befallen you in this earthly life. By God! He hath ordained for you what none can reckon save God your Lord, and He hath ever been the Counter of all things in a preserved Tablet. Soon shall this world pass away, and there shall remain for you of the wonders of His bounty that which shall cause you to endure with His endurance, and this is a mighty grace in the Book. Thus have We conferred upon thee and made mention of thee that thou mayest thank God thy Lord in all conditions and be content with His good-pleasure at all times. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God and upon every seeing believer.

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O Shaykh Sadiq! He is the Dawning-Place from the Kingdom of Utterance. A mention from Us to him who desires to draw nigh unto the Most Great Sea and drink therefrom in the name of his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and to enter into a station whose very atoms testify that there is none other God but Him, the Powerful over what was and what shall be. O Sadiq! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that the rapture of remembrance may seize thee in such wise as to draw thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from all that is on earth. Verily thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all affairs. We have revealed that which was recorded in the Books of God and summoned all to the Supreme Heights. Among the people are those who heard and hastened, those who denied, and those who disbelieved, until they pronounced judgment against Him Whom the people remember morn and eve. Remind thou the people of that which hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of the Will of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Should thou find a receptive soul, impart unto him My Most Great Verses, that they may draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of sovereigns. Cast away what is with the people through the power of the Most Great Name and say: O people of the world, the Ancient Beauty hath come, and He Who was promised hath appeared and been recorded in the Tablets of God, the Lord of existence. Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Turn ye unto Him Who calleth you to the Most Exalted Station, from God, the Almighty, the All-Loving. Counsel the servants to trustworthiness and godliness, and to that whereby the Word of God may be exalted amongst His servants. Verily thy Lord is the True Counsellor,

there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Hold thou fast in all conditions unto the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Book, a command from God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. Convey unto the people with wisdom and utterance that which hath appeared in the realm of possibility, and give them the glad-tidings of this Remembrance through which earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth and the limbs of every heedless and veiled one have trembled. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and through which the ocean of utterance surged in the contingent world and the sun of proof shone forth, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and to strengthen me to stand firm in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest mine eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy grace, my hands raised to the heaven of Thy bounty, and my heart turned toward the direction of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by the cries of the hearts of the sincere ones in their separation from Thee and by the supplications of them that are nigh unto Thee at the gate of Thy grandeur, to ordain for me and for them that believe that which shall profit us in the Hereafter and in this world from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A mention from Us to him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the All-Merciful after sorrows and remember his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Rejoice in that the Sea of Life hath turned toward thee and from its waves is heard: “There is none other God but Me, the True One, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.”

Verily the Sun from the horizon of this heaven calleth unto all created things, saying: “The Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty.” We desire today to make mention of thy father who hath ascended unto the Divine Lote-Tree and taken shelter beneath the shadow of the grace of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O ’Abdu’s-Samad! Hearken unto that which the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee in the blessed White Spot which God hath made the circling-place of the Concourse on High and the hosts of the favored angels. I bear witness that thou didst fulfill the Covenant of God and His Testament, and didst drink the choice wine of submission from the hand of His bounty. He, verily, doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

Thou art he who answered thy Lord when all on earth turned away from Him save those whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. We preserved thee from the Most Great Terror and guided thee unto the Most Great Name, through Whose manifestation the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and every lofty and impregnable mountain was scattered to dust.

Thou art he who was blessed to transcribe the verses of thy Lord - a station which God chose before the appearance of the Pens among mankind. He, verily, is the Chosen One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

I bear witness that thou wast adorned with the love of God in thy days, in thy rising up and sitting down, and at thy ascension to a station which the tongues of the world are powerless to describe, except for those who have spoken and do speak: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Uttering, the All-Seeing.”

Blessed is he who remembereth thee and recognizeth thy station in this noble station. O ’Abdu’llah! We have mentioned thy father in such wise as to gladden the eyes of those near unto God, and We make mention of thy other brother who was named Isma’il, that he may be among those who arose and said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths.”

We console you through the fragrances of My utterance and the sweet-scented breezes of My verses, and comfort you through My grace and My mercy which have preceded all things great and small. Behold the mercy of God and its traces - verily it hath preceded and encompassed all, yet most of the people are heedless.

We bear witness that they were not awakened by the Cry, nor were they stirred by the breezes of Revelation, nor did they attain to the recognition of Him Whom they mentioned in their days and desired to meet at all times. Thus did the ocean of grace surge forth as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

The Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon him who soared in My atmosphere and sought the Ultimate Goal in the precincts of My mercy, and upon you and upon every male and female believer in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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In the Name of Him Who speaks, Whom the tongues of the world have not hindered. This is a mention from Us to him who has attained to turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon, when every heedless and doubtful denier turned away from it. Blessed is he who has attained unto recognition when the Ancient King was established upon the Most Great Throne with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and earth.

O Hassan! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon: The Kingdom and the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Power belong to the King of Kings, Who has come with a might that the hosts could not prevent and with a power that the ranks could not weaken. He has stood before all faces and said: The door of meeting has been opened and the fragrance of reunion has been diffused. Blessed are they who advance and blessed is he who has advanced and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of the knowers, for having manifested Thy Cause and sent down from the heaven of Thy generosity that which has made known to Thy creation Thy path, taught them Thy way, and guided them to Thy luminous horizon.”

O Hassan, after Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! We have turned unto thee and made known to thee what was hidden from the servants, and aided thee with the means of earth and heaven, until thou didst advance and present thyself before a door which was opened to all in the heavens and earth. Thou didst

drink the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of the Dawning-Place of Beauty, and didst attain unto that which was inscribed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We aided thee to turn and be present for the triumph of the Cause - to this My mighty Book bears witness. Hear My call once again and arise to triumph My firm and mighty Cause.

In Persian, hear the call of the Wronged One, that thou mayest attain to that which is enduring and eternal. God, exalted be His glory, bestowed favor and confirmed with countless means until thou didst enter that place which was and is the point of circumambulation of the Concourse on High and the near angels. Consider this bounty great and preserve it in the name of God, the Preserver, exalted be His glory. Hear the call of the Wronged One and arise to unite hearts and refine souls. Say: O people! Know ye the value of these divine days and hold fast to that which is befitting. Soon will the cry "The departure! The departure!" seize all and summon them from this transient realm to the station of eternal glory. Blessed is the soul that has turned with a detached heart and firm purpose, and has set course for the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit. He is assuredly among those near to God in His Book. His honor Amin, upon him be My glory, has mentioned thee repeatedly. It is hoped thou wilt arise to serve the Cause and strive to attain enduring stations. Verily God is the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon My friends there who have advanced and said: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

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=== START BH02402 ===

In My Name, Who surgeth before the seas and their waves

Praise and glory, might and splendor befit the dwellers of the Crimson Ark, who in the Qayyumu'l-Asma are mentioned and recorded by the name of the people of Baha. These are they who regard all else save God as non-existent, who through the Most Great Antidote have, with the aid of the True Physician, cured chronic ailments such as pride and vainglory, fear and trepidation, and the like. With perfect health, complete strength and firm steadfastness they have raised aloft the banner of triumph and hoisted the standard of victory. The hosts of exalted attributes and the character of the cherubim and the leader of righteousness - exalted be His eternal grace and everlasting bounty - Who through the melodies of the detached ones drew the earthly realm upward and bestowed upon it ascendancy over the heavens and beyond. Glorified be their stations, magnificent their power and their detachment! They hold fast to piety and are free and delivered from aught else.

O My Name! The letter of 'Ayn and Ta addressed to thee was presented before the Wronged One and was heard. Praise be to God, they are enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the light of recognition. From the beginning they quaffed the choice wine of utterance. The clamor of the people diminished not their love, nor did the tumult of mankind hold them back from their orientation toward Him. We have mentioned him in numerous Tablets with such mention as caused the mountains to soar and the clouds to pass away. The taunts of the enemies prevented him not from the Most Exalted Horizon, nor did the might of the aggressors deprive him of longing, yearning, attraction and enkindlement. Gladden him on My behalf and remind him of My verses.

The grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, and His mercy and loving-kindness have ever encompassed His loved ones, and He hath counseled and guided the enemies unto that which is the cause of success and the source of prosperity. O My Name! Reflect upon the loving-kindness of God and the oppression of the oppressors. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to turn toward Thee and to be detached from all else save Thee, and assist them to be trustworthy and righteous and to observe that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest and knowest what hath befallen the Wronged One through their deeds, their calumnies and their tyranny. Seize them through Thy wrath, Thy might and Thy power, or aid them to return unto Thee and to repent before the gate of Thy pardon and Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty.

O ’Attar! Upon thee and upon those with thee be the glory of the Chosen One. Convey to all the kindred greetings and praise from the Wronged One. All are mentioned in the presence of this Countenance and are the recipients of bounty. The glory be upon thee from Us and upon My servants and My handmaidens and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

=== END BH02402 ===

=== START BH02403 ===

O ’Ali, before Akbar, who attained the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted Pilgrimage

My remembrance is for him who turned his face to the Countenance twice and entered the presence of the Throne twice in this Great Prison, that he might rejoice in the remembrance of God and arise to serve Him amongst His servants. Thus did We command him before and in this glorious Tablet. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to remain steadfast in His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Remember thou the days when thou wert near the mercy of thy Lord and the Ancient Beauty shone upon thee with the lights of His luminous countenance. Grieve not at anything, but put thy trust in God, the One, the All-Knowing. He, verily, will assist whoever hath assisted Him and will aid whoever hath held fast to His mighty cord.

O ’Ali! God willing, mayest thou be ever mindful of God’s remembrance and turned towards His face. In every land thou visitest, convey profound greetings from the Chosen One to the righteous ones. Exert thy utmost effort and endeavor to unite the people of the land. Adorn those of A and Sh with the ornament of the glorification of Truth. Say: O loved ones! The Abha Fountain of Mercy exists and its Bestower is the Countenance of the Desired One. Blessed is the soul who, detached from the world, hath taken and drunk the Fountain of Ancient Days from the hand of the Lord of all peoples. Strive that perchance in this Day, which is the King of Days, ye may attain to the remembrance and praise of the Friend. The greatest of all things is steadfastness. Ask ye of God that ye may be enabled to attain this supreme nobility and mighty gift, in such wise that the imaginings of the people of creation may not prevent you from the Lord of Names. Hold ye fast to the cord of His bounty and cling to the hem of His mercy, and praise ye the Beloved of the world Who, despite tribulations and afflictions, is occupied with your remembrance in the Most Great Prison. By My life! This is indeed a supreme favor.

Likewise convey greetings to the loved ones in the land of T, both men and women. Since Tablets were sent before, this time it remaineth suspended and preserved in the heaven of the divine Will until such time as it shall shine forth in the realm of manifestation.

O ’Ali! God willing, thou must be as a fire to ignite the hearts and as a spirit to quicken souls, that all may gather in perfect unity and harmony upon the enduring divine Law. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy family and those with thee from God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Then glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity upon Kamali and those who were imprisoned in My path and his family and his descendants. By My life! For those who were imprisoned in God’s path there hath been ordained a mighty station in a preserved Tablet. Blessed are they and their steadfastness in the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH02403 ===

=== START BH02404 ===

He is… He is God, exalted be His glory, the Mighty

The wayfarers upon the path of the Worshipped One and those who have attained the way of the Intended One are sanctified above limitations and pure from conventional forms. They dwell upon the cushions of unity and repose in the nest of oneness. They have traversed the Lote Tree of the utmost realm of love at the beginning of their journey and have perceived the ultimate goal of divine knowledge from the Tree of Paradise. They have found the sweet fruits of immortality from the dawning-place of the soul and have chosen solitude with the Beloved in the throne of the placeless realm. How excellent is what was said:

“Indeed I have been alone with the Beloved, and between us

Was a secret more subtle than the breeze when it stirs”

The spirits of these companions are united and their breaths intermingled, even as Rumi, the mystic, says:

“The souls of wolves and dogs are separate indeed

But united are the souls of the lions of God”

For they drink from one cup and are sustained from one chalice, they sit upon one carpet and dwell in one station. They soar with the wing of the might of unity and circle in the heaven of the holiness of detachment. In expressing the degrees of love they need no messenger or missive, and in revealing their purposes they seek no aid from pen or ink. They inhale the fragrances of holiness from the north wind of the spirit and breathe in the sweet scents of intimacy from the pure breaths of the heart. They have grasped the firm cord of “God is the light of the heavens and the earth” and have held fast to the hem of the exception “My earth and My heaven contain Me not.” Their remoteness is the essence of nearness and their separation the very spirit of union. However, since the manifestation of meaning depends upon the world of words, and the emergence of spirits is conditioned and bound to the appearance of bodies - for every inner reality requires an outward form and every beginning demands an end - so that the form

of the clot of blood, after ascending the heights of annihilation, might be honored with the robe of everlasting life - “Blessed be God, the best of creators” - and the essence of beginning, after returning from the realm of the divine identity, might appear in the garment of finality - “but he is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets” - so that the all-embracing word “He is the First and the Last, and the Manifest and the Hidden” might appear in the arena of existence. Therefore we have revealed these inner loves that were concealed in the heart for ages and centuries through these evident words and conventional forms, so that the neighbor might know that thou art in Our house. God willing, through divine grace we shall circle round the sanctuary of Beauty and visit the Ka’bah of the divine Essence, that we might attain the honor of the divine presence in the throne of immortality. And peace be upon you.

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In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the One, the Single, the Unique, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious!

Glorified be He Who sendeth down whatsoever He willeth through His command, manifesting it at one time in the form of spirit, then in the frame of a body, then as a physical form, and Who hath ordained for each of these a station that none knoweth save him whom God hath taught from the wonders of His knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of all things in this Speaking and Perspicuous Book.

He hath purified the spirit with waters of its own kind and relation, then dissolved both body and frame with another water that they might become compatible with the spirit. Then He blended them and united them through His power and sovereignty. In this are signs for those who know and clear proofs for those who draw nigh.

He made the spirit manifest from the very essence of the frame, then returned it thereto that they might blend and become as one thing, that He might demonstrate the sovereignty of His oneness throughout all worlds. He deposited these three in a single thing, then made them manifest therefrom, separated and distinguished them, then made them a single pillar. Thus doth His craftsmanship encompass all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ponder then, O ye who know!

And thou, O servant, hearken unto the call of this Spirit, moving and singing in this Temple of Divine Unity and Eternity, that there is no God but Him, and that this is He Whom God hath sanctified beyond all mention or allusion. This indeed is a mighty power.

O servant, rejoice within thyself at what We have remembered thee with on this night, as a mercy from Us unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Give thanks unto thy Lord and grieve not for the world and what is created thereon, for We have consigned it to its people and purified Our loved ones from turning toward it, that they may be purely devoted to Our exalted and mighty countenance.

Remember thy Lord and convey His Cause with wisdom and utterance, and be of those who remember. We desired to explain in detail for thee what We have set forth through veils and coverings, but finding no opportunity, We have deposited it in the treasuries of My Will until its time shall come. He indeed is the Detailer of every matter in preserved tablets of might.

Follow the religion of God in My love and the way of God in My Cause, and be not of the heedless. Say: O people of the Bayan, hesitate not in this Cause which is more manifest than any manifestation and more wondrous than any wonder. Be not of those who turn away.

Thus have We commanded thee and inspired thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of those firmly established in the Cause wherefrom have slipped the feet of those who claimed faith within themselves yet were among the liars.

And the Spirit be upon thee that through it thou mayest be made alive with the life of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days.

=== END BH02405 ===

=== START BH02406 ===

At dawn the Friend came to my bed

(Sa?ar amad bi bistar-am Yar)

He is the Provider in all circumstances

At dawn the Friend came to my bed:

’O fool for love, o broken heart,

O thou, who pinest for Me wherever thou art,

And wherever thou art liest imprisoned for Me,

Now an asp twisted at thy foot,

Now a rutilant chain at thy neck.

O thou, who didst not spend a night on a bed of ease,

O thou, who foundest no relief from the troubles of the world.

’Cause of thy fiery wail, the heart of the world went up in flames,

’Cause of thy pain, the centre of the universe was set afire.

Now thy neck is bound in fetters as a rebellious servant,

Now thou art hurried along in chains to the bazaar,

Now thou art wronged in the hands of the oppressor,

Now thou spendest days and nights in the prison of cruelty.

’Cause of thy pains, the hearts of the friends are set on fire,

’Cause of thy groans, the faces of the lovers are dark and gloomy.

Thine eyes shed rubies of blood, whereby

The eye of twilight hath turned pomegranate.

After so many toils suffered in My path,

Thou dost not cool down, nor bitterly regret.

Wherefore art thou restless tonight?

Wherefore hath thy body become as thin as a thread?

In the night thou tossest and turnest in thy couch,

Thou tossest and groanest, as bitten by a snake.

Why dost thou fidget and groan, now?

Why doeth thy face turn pale?’

I answered: ’O Friend! O Healer of my soul!

How is it that Thou hast come to the sick-bed of this ailing one?

O Thou, by Whose face the sun is enlightened in the sky,

O Thou, by Whose love the essence of tranquility is unsettled.

Heaven has filled its skirt with pearls,

And laid it down at the feet of Thy grandeur.

Dost thou inquire about the condition of Thy lover?

Discover its secrets in the paleness of his face.

My groans make manifest the secret of my heart;

My tearful eyes reveal the riddle of my soul.

In my love for Thee I have received many an arrow of cruelty,

And I have fallen into the hands of the infidels.

I have been dragged through mountains and barren plains,

I have been drawn in front of the wicked.

Should I tell what I have suffered in my love for Thee,

My tongue would certainly get tired of speaking.

I do not complain for the sword of Thy cruelty, O Friend,

And I cherish my pains for Thee as my own heart.

I cherish Thy decree as my own soul,

And my spirit yearns after Thy tribulations.

My soul will not cut the lace of Thy love,

Should they behead her with a deadly blade.

I have tied my heart to the lock of Thy hair,

So that it may not be unloosed before the Day of reckoning.

I will not rebel against Thy love, even should

I be slaughtered, at every instant, a billion times.

In the night season I burn in the fire of anguish, ’cause

My head has not yet been seen, O Friend, hung on the gallows.

I come veilless before Thee, O Almighty, that I may behold

Thy Countenance beyond my mortal frame, O Unique One.

The Birds of Eternity have returned to their nest,

We have remained downtrodden and abject here on earth.

The time hath come for the banner to be hoisted.

O Mystery of God! Draw forth Thy hand from the Invisible,

That Thou mayest discharge the mortals from their clay,

And cleanse the mirrors of the hearts from their rust.

Release all these pilgrims and companions

From the shackles of the world.

Attire their heads with the crown of acceptance,

Gird up their temples with the girdle of love'.

That's enough, O Dervish, do not torment us any longer,

Many sparks have fallen from these words.

=== END BH02406 ===

=== START BH02407 ===

O Haydar in the City! He is the Mighty, the Guide! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that the Primal Tree hath spoken upon the branch of God with truth. Verily He was exalted in name, and through Him was revealed the hidden mystery and the joining of the K to the N, and there rose the mystery of what was and what shall be from a holy and luminous Dawning-Place. Say: Verily He is God's testimony and His Cause, and God's treasure and His mystery unto all who are in the kingdom, and through Him was established every truth and nullified every falsehood, and the lamp was lit in an ancient and glorious lamp-niche. Thus doth the Dove of the Cause warble in the pole of eternity and speak upon the twigs of holy newness, and remind the loved ones of God lest the world and its ornaments and its embellishments should occupy them from the Beauty Who hath shone forth from God's horizon with an impregnable cup, and giveth drink to the unitarians from the wine that doth kindle and shine and whose color is resplendent. From it arose heat in contingent being and appeared the fire of attraction in the lofty and glorious Tree. Say: Compare it not with what the people possess, for it floweth from the direction of the Throne with a novel and sweet voice. And whoso drinketh not thereof shall not know it, even should he hear its description from every knowing sage. Say: By God, it is outwardly fire and inwardly light, and in its trace is spirit and mercy to the sinners from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed be he who hath drunk thereof and found its fragrance and tasted its flavor in a glorious and resplendent Name. Thus hath God made Me speak, Who hath made all things speak with truth, that His grace might encompass the worlds. O My name! The days have passed and the nights have elapsed and the hours have vanished, and no trace hath come to Us from thee, as if thou hadst broken thy covenant and wert not steadfast in the promise. Yet We have not forgotten thee and will never forget thee, God willing, and We remember thee with an exalted remembrance, that thou mayest know We were established upon the cushions of faithfulness with mighty power. Know then that We traversed the path of land and sea until We entered into a prison which lay behind mighty mountains, and in this We thank God our Lord and praise Him for having made Us a mirror for His decrees in every morn and eve. And thou, forget not My days and My presence, then remind the servants not to spread corruption in the earth nor be far from the beauty of nearness. Say: O people, remember Me that I may remember you in the spot that was upon the elevated musk-mountain. And the Spirit and the Glory and the Great be upon thee and upon all in thy household, young and old.

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The splendor of God rest upon you, O Dayspring of faithfulness from God, Creator of heaven! I testify that through you the city of servitude was adorned, its banners were raised, its gates were decorated, and its birds sang. I testify that you turned to God and voiced His praise among His servants. Blessed are you and your brother, for whom the denizens of the highest paradise lamented, and blessed is he who turned to you both, found your fragrance, walked in your footsteps, and held fast to what is good concerning your families after you both.

Then turn to Kazim, who attained the greatest martyrdom in the path of God, Lord of all beings, and say: "The splendor of God be upon you, O you who sacrificed your all in the path of God, Lord of the worlds! The first fragrance that wafted from the garment of your Lord's mercy, the Lord of all names, be upon you, O star shining from the horizon of faithfulness and gazing toward the highest horizon! I testify that you turned toward God on a day when every rejecter turned away, and you took hold of the Book when every idolater cast it behind, and you acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered when every denier denied it, and you drank the choice wine of inner meanings when every hypocrite abandoned it. Blessed are you, and blessed the earth honored by your body, and the pilgrim who seeks your shrine and visits your resting place, and he who speaks your praise and utters what befell you in the days of your Lord. I testify that through you the Divine Lote Tree lamented and the hearts of those who cast away the world and turned to the highest horizon in the days of God, Lord of the Throne and earth, were melted. Thus has the Pen spoken from the station whereon the Lord of eternity was established upon His mighty throne. Glory and peace and praise and blessings be upon you, O you through whom the tale of Husayn was renewed and the Virgin and the Messenger lamented in manifest grief. Woe to the people who denied your right and cast away what they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the Wise. The glory which appeared and shone forth at the first dawn wherein God manifested Himself to those in His dominion and His kingdom and to the chosen ones among His creation be upon you, O sovereign of faithfulness and most exalted ?a' and ?a'. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that you both turned toward and approached God, Creator of heaven, on a day when the stars fell and the sun was darkened and the trumpet was blown and the mountains were moved. Joy to him who turned to you both and attained to your remembrance and held fast to the cord of love for you and dissociated himself from those who rose against you without any clear proof or book. The first peace uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur before the creation of earth and heaven be upon you, O name of ?a', who hath dawned from the horizon of faithfulness. I testify that you turned to God and heard the call and answered the Lord of Names, and the attraction of the verses seized you in such wise that you spent what you possessed, your family, and your spirit in the path of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

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His honor Muhammad Husayn Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

One of the servants of God has presented your letter and read it before the Wronged One. We have heard and answered you with that from which those near to God inhale the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily should He utter a word, it would be the sovereign of all words. To this bears witness the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of proof in His Most Great

Prison, which has been named the Praiseworthy Station. We beseech God, exalted be He, to draw you nigh unto Him, to guide you to the Path, and to give you to drink of His sealed wine, whose seal has been broken by the finger of power, through a command from God, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, placing my trust in Thee, acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and hoping for what Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace and turning toward the horizon from which the Sun of Thy Revelation hath shone forth. I beseech Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear proofs, by the Manifestations of Thy Self, the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause, the Day-Springs of Thy signs, and whatsoever was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thy protection, to make me one of those who heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, who hastened to the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, and who acknowledged what was sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the Source of Thy Purpose. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, to send down for me that which will render me assured in Thy days, steadfast in Thy Cause, and vocal in Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Almighty, Whom neither the authority of princes nor the opposition of divines could deter. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

We beseech God to assist that honored one to recite what hath been mentioned. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. Although the path is clear and the proof is evident to such a degree that none hath any excuse to hesitate, yet if that honored one would reflect upon what hath been revealed aforetime, he would testify to the appearance and power and might of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him not to withhold that honored one from the waves of the ocean of utterance and the lights of the Sun of knowledge, and to bestow upon him a complete portion. He is, verily, powerful over all things. The attributes and signs of God are evident and distinct from all else, but vain imaginings have prevented the servants from the Dawning-Place of knowledge and the Source of the Cause. To this testifieth every seeing scholar and every informed mystic. In all cases We beseech for that honored one divine confirmation and assistance. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have heard the Call and turned toward God, the One, the All-Informed.

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The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High! We have heard thy cry and learned of what hath befallen thee. Therefore did the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surge, that thou mightest witness with thine inmost being that His mercy hath preceded all created things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. Doth the loss of earthly treasures grieve thee? By My life! All affairs are within the grasp of thy Lord's might, the Powerful, the Almighty. Grieve not for what hath passed thee by. Turn with thy most pure heart unto the Most Sublime Vision. Say: O Thou Lord of destiny and Creator of humanity! I have cast away what is with me in hope of what is with Thee. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He accepteth thee in this state, having found thee detached from that wherewith men occupy themselves. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. If what thou hast is lost, be confident in

what God hath. If thou art left without a helper, seek help from Him in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and earth. If thou findest no one to aid thee, know thou and be assured that He is thy helper. If thy companions and those who were with thee disperse, He will accompany thee and remember thee in truth. He is the helper of him who hath no helper, and the succourer of him who hath no succourer. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Wise. By My life! Shouldst thou inhale the fragrances of these verses and discover the breezes of thy Lord's mercy that waft from them, such joy would seize thee that thou wouldst forsake all who are in the realm of being and arise to praise this wronged One, the solitary, the remote. Arise, then remember thy Lord, and fear not what hath passed thee by. Thy Lord, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He is, verily, the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. Know thou that thy adornment is My love, thy wealth My remembrance, thy treasure My praise, and thy pearls thy trust in God, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away thy sorrows, then take the cup of joy in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Say: O my God and my Beloved! O my God and my Purpose! O my God and my Object of worship! Unto Thee be praise for having encompassed me with the outpourings from the clouds of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy gifts and favors. Though, O my God, what befitteth Thy station and beseemeth Thy sovereignty hath passed me by, yet I behold that Thou hast not withheld from me what befitteth Thy mercy and favor, and what beseemeth Thy generosity and bounty, inasmuch as Thou hast remembered me while I was silent in Thy remembrance. O Lord! Make me detached from all else save Thee, steadfast in Thy love, uttering Thy praise, and gazing toward Thy direction, that I may be a servant unto Thy Cause in my remaining days. O Lord! Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty, then ordain for me that which shall preserve me from the evil of those who have disbelieved in Thy Self and turned away from Thy Beauty, after Thou didst come unto them from the heaven of Thy Cause with Thy sovereignty and power. O Lord! Leave me not to myself, nor cast me out among Thy servants. Take my hand with the hands of Thy power, then deliver me from the seas of sorrows. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all that are in the heavens and on earth! And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all who are in the kingdoms of Revelation and creation, for having awakened me when I was asleep, and raised me up when I was seated, and caused me to speak when I was silent, and taught me when I was ignorant, and made me aware when I was heedless. Unto Thee be glory and bounty, unto Thee be grace, O Lord of earth and heaven, for having shown me Thy Beauty and caused me to hear Thy verses and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Repository of Thine inspiration, and guided me to the horizon whence shone forth the Sun of Thy knowledge and appeared the Manifestation of Thy Cause Who spoke that which Thou hadst foretold in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! The poor one hath risen before the ocean of Thy wealth, and the stranger hath turned toward his most exalted home in the precincts of Thy great mercy. O Lord! Withhold not from him the glances of Thy care, and deprive him not of the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy bestowals. O Lord! I have sacrificed in Thy path what

Thou didst give me through Thy bounty, and have spent in Thy love what Thou didst grant me through Thy grace. I beseech Thee, O Master of the kingdoms of names and Sovereign of the kingdom of eternity, to confirm me in sacrificing my spirit in the path of Thy good-pleasure and love. By Thy glory, O Lord of the world and Lord of the nations, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name! If Thou confirmest me not in this, I will complain of Thee unto Thee and will cling with the hands of the world to the hem of Thy generosity, that Thou mayest grant what I desire through Thy bounty and decree what I have asked through Thy grace and favor. O my God and the God of all things, my Purpose and the Purpose of all things! Verily I am a supplicant who returneth not disappointed and a seeker who turneth not back dejected. Thou seest him cleaving to Thy door and knocking upon it, hoping for Thy ancient bounty and anticipating Thy wondrous favor. O Lord! This is a day wherein Thy Cause hath appeared and Thy sovereignty hath come forth and Thy power hath prevailed and Thy greatness hath been exalted. Ordain for every one who hath attained the honor of visiting Thy countenance and hearing Thy call and entering the luminous spot and the most exalted Paradise by Thy leave and command, the recompense of them that have attained. O Lord! This is a day wherein I behold that the very essence of fasting hath fasted out of longing for Thy Cause, having tasted the sweetness of Thy call which was raised from Thy most exalted station and Thy most resplendent horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for every one who hath fasted that which beseemeth Thy loftiness and Thy bounty and Thy generosity. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Bestower, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O Lord! My eagerness hath increased when I heard that Thou hast named Thyself the Bountiful, and my yearning hath grown when I became certain that Thou art indeed the Generous, the Merciful. I beseech Thee to forgive those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and to adorn their fathers and mothers with the ornament of Thy pardon and beneficence. Verily Thou art the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the one true God!

The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of His friends with utmost loving-kindness and tenderness, and counsels them regarding that which today conduces to the exaltation and elevation of human station, that perchance the fragrance of unity may be diffused throughout the world and eliminate the odors of discord which are the cause and origin of corruption. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. Through a single word He brought the world from nothingness into being, and through another word, should He so will, He would cause it to return. He is the One to Whose power all created things have testified and before Whose grandeur all beings have bowed down in prostration.

God willing, may all the friends unite and agree upon the word of the All-Merciful, and strive day and night to manifest such deeds as would cause all who dwell on earth to turn towards the Faith. I swear by the peerless Pearl of the ocean of utterance that a righteous deed is, in itself, a teacher of God's Cause. Exert yourselves to act in accordance with what hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the utterance of the All-Merciful and acted according to what is commanded in the Great Book.

Regard this opportunity as precious and know ye the value of this divine Day. By the life of God! It hath had no like, nor will it ever have one. Let not might and power and wealth hold you back from the truth. Consider the generations of old and reflect upon what transpired in those days. Where is their might and their princes, where their power and dominion, where their hosts and their armies? God hath caused them to return to their graves and made them a lesson for His loved ones and chosen ones. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Ere long all that is seen shall perish and vanish away. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for you throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. God willing, may ye be set ablaze by the fire of God's love with such intensity that the seas of the world shall neither prevent nor extinguish it. He verily [pages missing] recognized His bounty after We had withheld it, in accordance with Our wisdom. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be not grieved by the diverse conditions of the world. By My life! Ere long all shall perish and return to dust. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for thee through His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Soon shall the lights of the Cause encompass the world, though now faces are turned towards infidelity. Yet for this a time hath been fixed. When it is fulfilled, that which is recorded in God's Books shall be purified, the Lord of all worlds.

Should thou meet someone and find them receptive, convey to them the greetings of this Wronged One. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and thy family who have ascended unto God, and upon her who is with thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Fath-i-A'zam, upon whom be the Most Holy, Most Glorious Beauty of God! By My life, O Fath before A'zam! There lieth concealed within thee a melody which, were We to reveal it in its fullness, would attract the entire world. Yet We have revealed it in measure, with wisdom. Thus hath the Source of Divinity willed, though the people remain heedless and veiled. Were We to reveal it in its fullness, it would attract all. But after being drawn by the detailed word which is engaged in mending and rending among creation, from one direction would rise the cry of lovers in complete attraction and yearning, while from another the clamor of the people of hatred would be raised in utter rejection and rebellion. In such case the veils of wisdom would be rent asunder. Therefore We revealed it in measure. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Life and Life of the worlds! He teacheth whom He willeth what He willeth, and causeth the tongue of whomsoever He willeth to speak as He desireth. Verily He is the Ruler over what He willeth. Blessed art thou for having been enkindled by the fire of love and having spoken in remembrance of thy Lord's name by the leave of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Knowledge and utterance have been and shall ever be in the grasp of God's power. This station hath no connection with the imaginings of people. Consider the days of the Messenger: after the appearance of that Most Great Luminary, all the divines and men of learning turned away, while Abu Dharr, who was but a shepherd, turned toward the law of nearness and attainment, and was immersed in the ocean of knowledge and utterance. And now all the divines glory in his name and bow before his mention. O how blessed is the soul that pondereth the

traces of God and that which floweth from the Pen of His name, the All-Powerful. Even now, were the divines of the earth to gain the slightest awareness, all would turn to thee in complete sincerity, though thou art not known for outward knowledge. By My life, they shall turn to thee, but today they understand not. Convey to the friends of God, one and all, greetings from God. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned to the Kaaba of the Desired One, and for having your names inscribed in the Tablet of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. God willing, all must manifest themselves with utmost eagerness, yearning, attraction and enkindlement in the love of the Lord of the Day of Reckoning, in such wise that the waters of the utterances of those who fancy themselves learned shall not extinguish their fire. For many have imagined and will imagine, and the croaking of the raven shall be raised from most lands, even as mentioned in Tablets revealed during the migration from Iraq. Blessed is he who casteth creation behind him, turning to the Lord of all creation. God willing, mighty tablets shall be sent hereafter. Verily He is the best of rememberers, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God! The musk-laden fragrances of meaning and utterance are diffused in every moment and instant, and the correspondence and letters of the friends of God, like caravans from Yemen bearing divine knowledge, are ever arriving. At all times the sweet scent of love wafts from the mention of the chosen ones to the nostrils of the soul. In truth, this is the mystery of life and its essence. They have attributed a spirit to the body and called it the soul - that spirit grows cold at the sight of Azrael, but this spirit endures until the trumpet of Israfil, nay until whatsoever God willeth.

The letter arrived and increased longing and reunion, though it also portrayed the might of separation. Praise be to God in all conditions! With perfect certitude I declare that without His favors we are powerless, nay non-existent and lost. Speech is from His special grace and the pen from His infinite bounty. The connection of the world, the fellowship and gathering of nations, and all stations and ranks are made manifest through these two. They are two mighty interpreters that He has bestowed upon His servants. Exalted is God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and the Goal of all in the heavens and earth! And peace and blessings be upon the Source of His Cause, the Ocean of His knowledge, and the Heaven of His wisdom, whom He named Ahmad in the Kingdom and the Comforter in the Gospel. His are the most beautiful names from God, Creator of heaven. And upon His family and companions through whom the carpet of idols was rolled up and the carpet of divine unity was spread among the people.

After perusing the letter and its contents, it was presented before His presence and this is what the Master (may our spirits be sacrificed for Him) spoke: “We beseech God to assist them and ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below.”

Indeed, boundless joy was obtained from the attention of that beloved one, as there is hope that through God’s grace and help, the door of bounty will be opened to all and all will be enabled to visit the House of God. As for the arrangements for the visit, with wisdom it depends upon drawing lots and the consent of

both parties, for if all were to set out at once it would cause disputes. People are weak - despite having complete trust, Satan sometimes casts doubts and whispers into heedless souls.

I send greetings to Aqa Muhammad-Qasim and Aqa ’Abdu’l-Muttalib, upon them be 96 [Baha’u’llah]. We hope God’s grace will encompass their condition. Peace and praise be upon you and upon God’s friends and chosen ones.

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O Mirza Yusuf, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest from the supreme horizon.

A fire is kindled and a light is shining. The Sun of utterance hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of meaning, yet all are veiled and debarred from it. Today the Most Exalted Pen is manifest and visible from the loftiest heights with the banner “Verily He is God.” A bounty hath appeared the like of which hath never appeared in the contingent world. The disease of passion hath prevented eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Where are the attentive ears, where are the penetrating eyes, and where are the illumined hearts?

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Reflect upon the people of the Furqan. What station they claimed, and what was manifested from them on the Day of Reckoning! They committed that which caused the denizens of Paradise and the holy precincts to lament, as attested by the Mother Book in the final abode. Throughout ages and centuries they were occupied in cursing one another while speaking of the Qa’im and uttering “may God hasten His advent.” But when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the world and the One Who conversed on Sinai issued His call, the divines one and all, along with their followers, arose to curse and revile the Point of Existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. Finally they issued the verdict for the shedding of His most pure blood.

Reflection is needed on the ranks of knowledge of the divines from the beginning of Islam until the Day of Manifestation. They searched for Him in Jabulqa while He appeared in Shiraz; they sought Him in Jabulsa while He was born of a mother. And if anyone spoke differently from what they held, they would pronounce him an infidel. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Now after great tribulations, God, exalted be His glory, drew some by the chains of wisdom and utterance from the left hand of error to the right hand of knowledge. But when the Cause became somewhat manifest, the deniers among the people of the Bayan again became occupied with the same vain imaginings. Blessed are those whom veils, clouds and doubts did not prevent from the dwelling-place of verses.

We have mentioned thee time and again, and have now revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall endure as long as the most beautiful names of God and His exalted attributes endure. The people of God must strive and, according to their capacity, protect people from the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Be thou grateful for My remembrance of thee and My attention toward thee from My Most Great Prison, and be thou of the thankful ones. That which will gladden thy heart and comfort thine eyes hath been ordained for thee as a bounty from God, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the learned ones of the earth and its doctors were perturbed, save those whom God desired, the Powerful, the Mighty.

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He is the Mighty! This is a Book from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, unto those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Therein are mentioned two words through which God's grace is completed for those who walk upon the shoulders of the earth, and through which the proof and counsel reach their ultimate end, the Word is perfected in itself, and all existence is honored by the meeting with God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Praised. The first is: forget yourselves and be intimate with God, the Powerful, the Living, the Manifest. And the second is: turn away from all that distracts you from your Creator, then advance toward a holy and exalted shore. Thus does the Dove teach you when it flew from Iraq through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought before and what they continue to perpetrate. Say: The tree of sorrow has once again been planted in the soul of Husayn, whereby the pillars of existence have been shaken. Say: The tradition has returned and God's way has been renewed in His own self, if you but knew. Say: O people of the earth, rejoice not at what hath befallen Us, nor be gladdened by what God hath ordained for Us, for there shall come upon you the torment of a promised day. Say: By God, were you to sense within yourselves less than a moment thereof, you would cry out, then instantly fall upon your faces for what you wrought in the days of the Spirit while turning away from Him. Say: This indeed is Husayn in truth, and His intimacy with tribulations is as the intimacy of the lover with the beloved. He fears no one even if all the powerful and mighty were to gather against Him - this is a known truth. Say: Whoso fears God fears no one, and whoso knows God knows none beside Him and is content with Him apart from all else. To this do the angels of the Cause bear witness, and beyond them this holy and manifest Pen wherein are ordained the mysteries of knowledge and wisdom, and wherein is known what has been and what will be. Say: By God, were this Pen to desire to move or transform you with but a letter, it would be able to do so in less than the twinkling of an eye, did you but know. But it desires naught save what God, the King, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, hath desired, that He might thereby distinguish those who have hastened to the shore of holiness from those who hasten to the valley of self. Say: He who is detached unto God is instantly touched by tribulations at every moment, yet his yearning increases for he hath tasted the love of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We detailed for you in this Tablet that which will cause your breasts to boil with the heat of love and transform you toward a praiseworthy right hand, that your hearts might find peace thereby and your inner beings find rest, such that nothing will disturb you in the Cause, and you will be as firmly-fixed

mountains. And glory be upon you, O concourse of the loved ones, from God, the Sovereign, the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to one who has sought the Desired One and turned with his face toward the face of the Adored One, and traversed land and sea until he entered the City which God has made the point of circumambulation of the Concourse on High and the favored angels, and attained the presence before the Countenance and visited the Ancient Beauty after most of the servants were prevented from attaining His presence. Thus has the matter been decreed from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned, for having turned and arrived and visited the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. God hath witnessed for thee thy visitation of His Beauty and thy entry into the pavilion of His grandeur. Can any bounty created on earth attain unto this? Nay, by My Self! Be grateful to thy Lord for having enabled thee to attain this. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

How many servants desired to come but were turned away at the gate due to what Satan whispered into the hearts of those who ruled in the City, and thereby the eye of Ali wept, and then the eyes of the sincere ones. No harm hath befallen Us and the people of Baha except through what the hands of the people of the Bayan have wrought, and thy Lord beareth witness to this. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Satan lieth in wait - when anyone entereth seeking the abode of the Desired One, he informeth the government gate. Ask God to raise up one who will suffice to ward off his evil. He hath power over all things.

Inform My loved ones of what hath come to pass, then recount to them what thou hast seen and known, that they may become aware of what hath befallen Us from the hosts of the heedless ones. Convey Our greetings to all who have believed in God and the Manifestation of His Self, and give them glad tidings of mercy from Our presence, that the breezes of mercy may draw them to God, the Lord of creation. Thus hath the Tongue of Unity spoken, as a grace from His presence. He is verily the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having honored me with Thy presence and caused me to hear Thy call and to behold the lights of Thy countenance in these days wherein I was imprisoned in the most desolate of lands and held captive in the hands of the wicked ones. How can I thank Thee, O my God, for what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy bounty and honored me through Thy favor, such that Thou didst open before my face the gate of unveiling and meeting after it had been closed through what the hands of the most wretched among Thy creatures and the most rebellious among Thy creation had wrought? O Lord! By Thy might and majesty, were I to find for myself at every moment a life to sacrifice it for Thy Self, it would be little compared to the manifestation of Thy bestowals and the appearance of Thy gifts. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and

heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, turning unto Thee, detached from all else besides Thee. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy creatures and the unified ones among Thy loved ones. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, and the Powerful over what Thou desirest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the Self-Subsisting! This is a Tablet which God hath verily revealed at this time with truth and made it a proof for all the worlds. Verily it is in itself a manifest Book, a revelation from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful. Therein hath God comprised the knowledge of the former and the latter generations, and ordained therein consummate wisdom whereof not a single letter can be comprehended by all who are in the heavens and on earth, save whom God willeth. This is of God’s bounty unto all created things. Say: Verily it is the Mother Book, for naught is seen therein save God and His Cause, if ye be of them that comprehend. And verily it is the Mother of Tablets, for from it have been detailed the tablets of God, the Dominant, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Were God to will it, He would expound from a single point thereof all that hath passed in former ages and all that shall come to pass throughout the eternity of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing. O people of the earth! Sanctify your souls and purify your hearts that ye may thereby recognize that which lieth concealed in the treasuries of infallibility from One mighty and powerful. Say: The likeness of your hearts is as the likeness of water, if ye be of them that understand. Verily water remaineth pure until it is mixed with clay, and when mixed with clay its purity departeth and its delicacy vanisheth, such that none can perceive what God hath deposited within it, both outwardly and inwardly, if ye be of them that observe. O people of the Bayan! Strive within yourselves lest the clay of desires become mixed with the water of your being. Fear God and be of the God-fearing. Sanctify yourselves from the clay of self and passion that there may appear from you what God hath deposited within you of precious pearls of glory. Thus do We set forth for you every similitude that ye may ponder the signs of God within the horizons of wisdom and within yourselves, and be of them that are endowed with insight. O people of the Bayan! Behold the handiwork of God with your own eyes and be not content with hearsay. This is the most excellent utterance and the most eloquent remembrance from Me unto you, if ye be of them that hearken. Had ye heard this Cause aforetime, ye would have recognized the Ancient Beauty when He walked among you with a step of mighty glory, and ye would not have deprived yourselves of Him and His recognition, nor would ye have withheld yourselves from this wondrous bounty which no one’s knowledge hath encompassed and of whose appearance no heart among the peoples of the world hath been informed. Therefore grieve not for what hath escaped you, but await the day wherein trials shall come upon you from every near quarter. At that time, remain steadfast in My love and My Cause in such wise that your feet shall not slip in less than a moment. This is better for you than all that ye have wrought in your days concerning the kingdom of the heavens and earth. And say in all that befalleth you: “Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds!”

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O Supreme Leaf, consort of the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is a leaf from Us to her who hath believed in God, hearkened unto His call, recognized His Self, and turned unto Him. Her letter hath been presented before the Throne that We might attract her once again unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. O Supreme Leaf! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most High, from the Divine Lote-Tree in the luminous spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. O Leaf of Paradise! Hearken once again unto the call from the Ultimate Tree upon the crimson hill from this Most Great Scene: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O my God and my Beloved! I am she who hath turned unto Thee, believed in the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Source of Thine inspiration, and attained unto that which Thy handmaidens have not attained. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name - He Who was afflicted amongst the oppressors of Thy creation and the rebellious ones among Thy creatures, Whose liver was pierced by the arrows of Thine enemies and Whose garment was stained with the blood of hatred through what befell Him in Thy love - to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love, speaking Thy praise and glorification, taking refuge in Thy presence in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Deny me not the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of Thy Revelation, the fragrant emanations of the robe of Thy mercy, and Thy signs through which the winds of Thy grace pass. O Lord! Thou art He Whose bounty hath encompassed all things and Whose mercy hath preceded all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Send down upon me in all conditions that which beseemeth Thy presence and befitteth Thy sovereignty. I am she who, O my Beloved, hath acknowledged Thy singleness and confessed Thy oneness and found intimacy with the Manifestation of Thy Self. Thou seest me, O my God, seeking protection in Thy custody and clinging to Thy grace and favors. Therefore, O Beloved of the worlds, cause me to drink, by the hand of Thy favors, the wine of Thy generosity, that the intoxication of the Kawthar of Thy bounty may so overcome me as to render me detached from all else save Thee and wholly turned unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Nabil-i-Qabla-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O My earth! Hast thou found one who soars on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of creation? And hast thou discovered one who forsakes all else for this All-Wise Remembrance? O My heaven! Hast thou witnessed one who cast away all save Me for My Name’s sake, whose heart was consumed in My atmosphere, who became detached from all else but Me, who entered the kingdom of My steadfastness, and attained unto My mighty Cause? O My sea! Hast thou beheld the people of the Crimson Ark, whose mention hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Most High? And have the breaths of their remembrance and the fragrances of their knowledge in this mighty Remembrance wafted over thee? O My mountain! Hath there walked upon thee one who calls upon the Lord with this Name, whereby the hearts of them that have recognized Him were attracted? O Supreme Pen! Turn to another mention, that perchance through Thy sweet remembrance faces may be turned unto God, the Lord of Names, and the standards of remembrance may be raised between the heavens and the earths. Grieve not at the fewness of helpers. Let the sovereignty of thy Lord, the All-Choosing, suffice thee. He will verily

aid thee under all conditions, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Move at My mention every morn and eve. This is thy mission, and what We have ordained for thee. Be not saddened by what the hands of the wrongdoers have wrought. Beware lest the cawing of them that have disbelieved in God prevent thee, or the imaginings of the doubters veil thee. Stand firm in what thou hast been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Look not unto the people and what they possess, but unto My grace which dominateth all creation. O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto God and attained His knowledge in days wherein the faces of them that disbelieved were darkened and the faces of them that were nigh unto God were illumined, that the rapture of his Lord's verses may seize him in such wise that he will arise amidst the servants with a steadfastness which the imaginings of Satan cannot shake. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy temple hath been adorned with the ornament of the Covenant and thou hast attained unto the recognition of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Sublime. Know thou this station which We have given thee, then preserve it through this Great Name. Counsel the servants with what hath been sent down in the Tablets, that they may arise unto that which they have been commanded by One Mighty, Powerful. Say: Aid Me through virtuous character and refined conduct, whereby My Cause will be manifested amidst My creatures and the sanctification of My Self amongst My servants. Blessed are they that act. Be ye trustees of the Merciful One amidst all possibilities, and adorned with the ornament of His virtues amongst the worlds. Thus have We counseled them before and in this Tablet, from which everyone possessed of spiritual sense perceiveth the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Convey My glory unto the faces of My loved ones who have attained unto the lights of guidance in this resplendent Dawn. Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the tales of the past nor what is with them who have disbelieved in God when He came with His kingdom, the Mighty, the Sublime, shall cause you to slip.

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O My Name Jamal, upon thee be My glory! The leaf, thy wife, hath attained Our presence and been honored with visiting on behalf of the handmaidens of God who dwell in ?adba. Ask God, exalted be His glory, to illumine all with the splendors of the Sun of unity and adorn them with the robe of oneness. You should give the friends of God the glad tidings of this most great bounty and supreme favor. As for the daughter of Rasul, upon him be the glory of God, We had previously commanded her to patience and forbearance until her husband's fate became known. Thus was the matter ordained by the All-Knowing Ordainer. The husband's fate had outwardly been concealed but later it was confirmed that he had attained martyrdom. Blessed is he and those who have attained this most exalted station. We send Our greetings to the daughter and her mother. We testify that she heard My word and showed patience after My command, and He is the All-Wise Witness. Remember her on My behalf and give her the glad tidings of God's mercy and grace which have encompassed all in the heavens and earth. She may choose as she wishes according to God's Book, the Lord of the worlds. The law of waiting was revealed when the husband's fate was concealed, but after its discovery to act according to what is revealed in God's Book was and is beloved. Praise be to God, through this means she attained the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Verily He mentions whom He wishes and ordains for His near servants the good of the hereafter and this world. He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Regarding the daughter of Muhammad-i-?adiq, upon

him be the glory of God, as commanded the servant present before the Face has written, you also should write. God willing, may the men and women of that land succeed in all conditions in that which is befitting and appropriate. If they act according to the command, the gates of blessing and joy will be opened to all. Verily He has power over what He wishes through His word “Be” and it is. We make mention in this station of him who was named Hasan who emigrated with Me and give him glad tidings of My remembrance of him. And We remember him who was named Muhammad-Taqi for whom I desired his Lord’s favor, and We ask God to forgive him as a grace from Him and remit his sins. We counsel him in what befits every name that is attributed to God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of mercy be upon thee and upon God’s servants and handmaidens in ?adba and Zawra and in the cities of God, the Mighty, the Loving. And We remember My Name the Oppressed who was imprisoned in God’s path, then those with him from among God’s friends, the Lord of what was and what will be.

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This blessed verse hath in these days been sent down from the heaven of divine Will: “Verily, We have adorned Our head with the crown of forbearance and Our temple with the robe of patience on this straight path.” Yet God protect us from the wrath of the Forbearing One. It hath been said before: “Be thou assured of thy Lord’s grace and be of them that are thankful.” And in these days there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which indicateth the loftiness of station and exalted rank of the martyrs. Some of these We have commanded to be written and sent in the name of Mihdi. God willing, you shall attain unto their perusal.

O My Afnan! We console thee and those who have believed concerning that which hath befallen My Name Ha, through whom the horizon of faithfulness was illumined, and those who were martyred with him in My manifest path. By the life of God! Not an atom’s weight of the deeds of the idolaters shall escape thy Lord, the Mighty, the Ancient. We have sent down aforetime in the Balance that which shall tranquillize the hearts of them that are possessed of understanding. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath dominion over all things. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book which none comprehendeth save His all-encompassing knowledge. Verily, the Recompenser moveth before the eyes of men, and he that is endowed with sight beholdeth and seeth. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have remained faithful to My Covenant and have held fast unto My sure cord. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon My Afnan and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of My wondrous utterance.

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He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O thou who journeyest through the lands and gazest toward the direction of thy Lord’s mercy, the Lord of creation! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the prison. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Self-Subsisting has arisen, and the people have risen against Him in opposition - a opposition that caused the

dwellers of Paradise to lament, and behind them the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. The servant present before Me has presented thy letter before the Face, whereupon the Most Exalted Pen raised its shrill voice and mentioned thee in such wise as nothing in the world can equal, as testified by the Mother Book which is with Him. We have called the servants to the supreme Paradise - among them are those who have heard and hastened, and those who turned away from Him Whose appearance God had promised in the Scriptures and Tablets. Grieve not at the people and their deeds. Look and remember what befell Muhammad, the Apostle of God, aforetime when He arose and called the people to God, the Lord of Lords. Then remember when the Spirit came before Him - the Jews rose against Him with such oppression as caused the hearts of the chosen ones to tremble and the livers of the pure ones to melt. Thus was the matter decreed aforetime and in these days which God has associated with His Self. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then look before Him at Moses when He came with His Lord's signs, and the people turned away from Him on that day and denied God's Cause after its manifestation and committed that which caused the clouds to cry out. He gave the people glad tidings of the days of God and what would appear therein. Blessed are they who heard and responded, and woe unto every doubting denier. By the life of God! No Messenger was sent and no Book was revealed except to give glad tidings to creation of this Manifestation through which the very corners of possibility smiled. But when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Promise came and the Promised One appeared, the servants in all directions denied Him. Say: O people! Fear God and deny not Him in Whom ye believed throughout past ages and centuries. Cast behind your backs the divines of the age and hasten to the City of Divine Knowledge, whose gates have been opened by this Name through which the Resurrection has come, the Trumpet has been blown, the Cry has been raised, the Balance has been set up, and the heaven has brought forth smoke. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord by night and day, at eventide and dawn. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom neither the cannons of princes frightened nor the intimations of the divines who enter the mosques in My name yet turn away from Me in such wise as caused all things to lament, and whatsoever was created by the Word of God, the Lord of creation.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of My loving-kindness hath been wafted among My servants! O thou who gazeth upon Mine horizon and drinketh the wine of Mine utterance from the hand of My bounty! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily it draweth thee to the horizon of the heaven of My Revelation and bringeth thee nigh unto the court of My holiness and giveth thee to drink once again, from the hands of My favor, the choice wine of Mine utterance. I bear witness that thou hast taken the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and drunk therefrom despite those who turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon and exchanged the grace of God for disbelief and hypocrisy. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are recorded among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. As We sat upon the throne, the servant present entered with thy letter and read it before the face of the Wronged One. We found it purified from the allusions of the world and the doubts of the nations. Blessed be thy pen, thy tongue and thy heart. Give thanks unto

God for this most great favor. He hath testified for thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of His mighty and glorious Kingdom. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have seen thy turning and turned unto thee with the ocean of utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge revealed the pearls of wisdom and understanding from the shell of proof. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and attained. Woe unto the heedless! When thou art illumined by the lights of Mine utterance and findest the fragrance of the Robe from My words and verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me in the Most Great Prison, enabled me by Thy power and might to shatter the idols, illumined mine eyes to behold Thy signs, purified mine ears from the words of the world that I might hearken unto Thy call, loosened my tongue to make mention of Thee and praise Thee, and adorned my heart with the ornament of Thy love and the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation before which the necks of the Pharaohs bowed down and the limbs of tyrants trembled, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy service, speaking Thy praise and holding fast to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Assist me through Thy grace and bounty to open the doors of hearts through Thy name and remembrance, to remind them of Thy signs and give them glad tidings of Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence and Thy grace which hath preceded the seen and the unseen. O Lord! Thou beholdest me attracted by Thy verses and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge which none hath known save Thyself, to preserve me and Thy servants from the doubts of the baying ones, the allusions of the heedless and the clamor of the deniers. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Every tongue testifieth to Thy power, every eye to Thy might, and every heart to Thy greatness and choice. Thou art He by Whose command the standard of the Most Great Name was raised before the nations and the banner of utterance was hoisted on the most exalted station. The power of the world and the might of the nations cannot frustrate Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Dominant, the Almighty.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Kazim! Upon thee be the Glory of God! Despite the call of the Divine Lote-Tree and the raising of the cry between earth and heaven and the shining forth of the rays of the Sun of Manifestation from all directions, the people of the earth remain heedless and unaware. Eyes are veiled, ears deprived, for most are observed to be worshippers of names, cleaving to them while remaining bereft of God, glorified be His majesty. The former people for years were worshippers of names and idols, unknowingly. The people of the Bayan are also afflicted with this malady, save whom God willeth. Although the people of the Bayan have heard and continue to hear the cursing, rejection and condemnation of the former people openly declared from pulpits without any concealment or veil, yet they are occupied in establishing such a people themselves. By God’s life! Were the station of true unity to be mentioned, all would be struck unconscious, save a few. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Patient, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Kazim! Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for thee. We beseech God in all conditions that He may aid thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word, that perchance the dead may attain unto new life through the breezes of the revelation of the Desired One of all worlds, may emerge from the graves of heedlessness and become aware. Each of the souls mentioned in thy letter attained to that which hath no equal. Convey to the friends the greetings of the Wronged One and give them glad-tidings. We beseech God that He may aid all to that which is conducive to the remembrance of the peoples and the reformation of the world. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Say: My God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy servants through Thy mercy which hath preceded existence both seen and unseen, and deliver them through Thy might and power. Then preserve them through the hosts of revelation and inspiration. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, then make them of those whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Scriptures, Books and Tablets, that there may be impressed upon their hearts the sign "Verily we are God's, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty."

O Kazim! Upon thee be My glory! Beseech God that He may free hearts from all else save Him, in such wise that names may not veil them nor ancient tales deprive them. Glory be to God! Throughout ages and centuries they clung to names - consider what was and what became its fruit. We beseech God to make known to them what is intended in His days and to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of the former time. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy word concerning this firm, this manifest Cause.

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O Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power! O Muhammad-i-Mustafa, hearken unto the Call from the Crimson Tree upon the luminous spot, from the Most Exalted Pen: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower! At times We have stayed the Pen, and at others caused to flow from it what thou beholdest - sometimes in the form of "There is none other God but Him," and at other times "There is none other God but Me, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High." All attributes return unto Him, though He is sanctified above them, and all names circle round Him at eventide and at dawn. The thunder hath pealed and the lightning hath flashed, yet the people remain in wondrous sleep. We have indeed found the fragrance of My love from thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Face. He came into Our presence and presented what thou hadst uttered in remembrance of the loved ones. Say: We desire him who hath desired his Lord, and We turn unto him who hath turned unto God with spirit and fragrance. Say: Hold fast unto pure justice and unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book. He hath enjoined upon you righteousness and piety - to this His Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, and behind it the Revealer of verses. We counsel you to fear God and to that whereby His Cause is exalted amongst the servants. Consort with all people with spirit and fragrance, and remind them with wisdom of that which will profit them in the beginning and the end. None should turn to the Wronged One. He

beseecheth God to ordain for whosoever hath desired Him the reward of those who have attained unto the good-pleasure of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Grieve not at the world and its hardships. Ease hath been created for you and all comfort circleth round about you. Soon shall appear unto you that which He hath desired. We have aforetime said: He shall enter who hath gone out, and he shall go out who hath entered. That which We desired hath appeared outwardly, and what We desired inwardly - of the first We inform thee that thou mayest be apprised by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He who was inside hath gone out and hath clung to corruption in the inmost mystery, and none is aware of this save God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Soon shall his fire become manifest, but God shall prevent it and cause it to return unto him. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Chosen One. Well is it that thou hast written in reply to Muhammad. We send Our greetings upon his face and upon the faces of Our loved ones there, and We bid them to be calm and patient. Say: Hold fast unto the cord of contentment. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and ordain for you that which shall profit you in the Hereafter and in this world. He, verily, is the Powerful over what He willeth, and within His grasp is the kingdom of the realms of earth and heaven. Convey My greetings to the one named Abu'l-Qasim and to My loved ones there, and to those who are with thee and thy wife. Give her the glad-tidings of My mention of her, which God hath made the most exalted of all mentions.

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Muhammad 'Ali! He is the Mighty, the Beloved!

Then did the Dove of Separation sing forth from the City of Eternity, and the Holy Spirit cried out between earth and heaven: "Embark, O people of God, for this is what hath been ordained for you in the preserved Tablets of holiness." Then did the Maiden of Parting raise her head from the chambers of eternity and cry out: "Cast ashes upon your faces, O peoples of the earth, for the Bird of Divine Identity hath willed to soar away from your midst and return to the hallowed and mighty Paradise. And thereby is joy lifted from among you, and if ye rejoice in aught, by God, ye are then in a mighty veil, for were the people of earth to become aware in less than a moment, they would consume the dust from this grief which is mighty in God's sight."

Say: The Bird dwelt among you for successive years while ye perceived Him not and were among the heedless, until He flew from the branches and journeyed from the Sinai of the Spirit to the Sheba of Holiness, and thereby were the hearts of the knowing consumed. Say: O peoples of the earth! Since ye were heedless of this, arise then with your spirits and hearken to what He counseleth you at the time of parting. Lie not upon your couches in slumber, differ not in God's Cause, fear no one, turn not to the faces of the satans. Rather, be at peace through God's mercy and grace, and place your trust in Him, for this sufficeth you above all the worlds.

Beware lest ye be disturbed by anything or saddened by any matter, even should the talons of the hateful ones seize you, for God will aid you in all circumstances and will not neglect you for less than a moment, and will raise you up in truth if ye take counsel from what We have counseled you in this Tablet. This is what He hath truly promised His sincere servants. Then gather ye upon the truth and follow not those

who have become heedless of God's remembrance, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Beware lest ye forget one another or do what ye have been forbidden in the mighty, resplendent Tablets. Then give thanks to God, your Creator, morning and evening, for thus have We commanded you in truth, and all in the Concourse on high bear witness to you, as do the near-stationed angels.

Say: Those who have grasped the cord of God, the Protector, the Wise, will never become heedless of Him, will never turn to anyone else, and will grasp naught but God's cord. This is what We remind you of in this Tablet, that ye may not be disturbed by anything or be touched by the harm of these deluded ones. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who followed God's decree in this time, and before this time, and after this time.

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O Muhammad Mustafa in Medina! In the Name of Him Who is alone in His dominion in this remote prison. Then doth the Pen of eternity weep at what the Tongue of Glory hath spoken concerning what hath befallen Him at the hands of these wretched ones who have denied God's bounty after it was sent down from the clouds of holiness in its mightiest, greatest, most gentle and most delicate form, and who were deprived of this grace. I know not which of My tribulations to mention in this Tablet. By God! Then doth the Spirit of God speak in the heaven of eternity and lament, saying: "O Most Exalted Pen! Have mercy upon the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and mention not what hath befallen Thy Most Glorious Beauty, for through Thy previous mention were consumed the hearts of the people of the Realm of Eternity and of them who dwell nigh the Divine Lote-Tree above the cities of names. And if Thou desirest to make mention, I shall command the angels of the Command to preserve the heavens lest they fall upon the earth, and to preserve the earth lest it sink into the waters." And Thou, O Pen, fulfill what Thou hast been asked, then conceal the mysteries of destiny. Then make mention of Thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in this latter Revelation, for through His remembrance all who are in the heavens and on earth will be enriched. This is the truth concerning which there is no doubt, and none deny it save every heedless idolator. Then make mention of Thy servant who hath remembered Thee in his letter and called out to Thee in his inmost heart with a glorious and mighty call. And thou, O servant, know that thy letter came before Us and God's gaze turned toward it out of love for thee, and He was ever watchful over thee. Blessed art thou for having opened the doors of thy heart in thy recognition of God and for having turned thee to a seat of mighty glory and raised thee to a station where thou didst hear the melody of grandeur from the mouth of Glory and where He gave thee to drink of the sweetest nectar from holy and impregnable chalices. Blessed be thine eye for having beheld the Ancient Beauty and for having turned away from every sightless eye. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, then aid it to the extent of thy power. He will preserve thee by His command, and He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Sanctify thyself from whatsoever thy good-pleasure abhorreth, then walk in My footsteps. This is better for thee than all who are in the kingdom together. Hearken unto what the Ancient Beauty counseleth thee, then be steadfast in the Cause and remind the servants with wisdom and utterance, and tarry not less than a moment. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth. Follow what thou hast been commanded and be in the kingdom a trustworthy upholder of the truth. And the Glory rest upon

thee and upon those who have heard God's call from this Most Glorious Station which hath been, in the eternity of eternities, exalted in the name of God in truth.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who has illumined the world with the resplendent lamp of His Cause. And peace and blessings be upon him whose advent adorned the night journey, and upon his family and companions whom God made manifestations of His Most Splendid Name. And now, my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. The servant has received your letter which spoke in remembrance of God and His chosen ones and pure ones and loved ones. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist your honor and our brothers there in remembrance and praise and steadfastness, the like of which has no parallel in the kingdom of creation. As for what your honor mentioned regarding the one who was in Port Said - excellent indeed was what you did for him. Praise and thanks be to God for enabling you to assist the unitarians and the righteous. I convey to your service that the honored physician and the prisoner and the blessed one, upon them be the peace of God, the Mighty, the Praised - they are remembered before the Lord. Soon He will send what will gladden them. And regarding what you mentioned about Haji Ali from K, the servant has presented what your honor wrote before the Presence. The Lord said: "O Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa, upon you be My peace and My glory. We send greetings to him and to the other Ali from T whom We sent here to trade and be among those who earn. And We permitted Ali of Kashan what he desired on condition that you do not strengthen them with a third. They must engage in their work silently and quietly. They are not to speak about any matter. We beseech God to protect them and assist them in what He loves and is pleased with." End quote. O beloved of my heart, the servant wishes to expend an island of pens and an ocean of ink in your remembrance and praise and your arising to serve the Cause, but has not found the opportunity. The matter is in the hand of God, the Lord of creation and Dawning-Place of the light of oneness. And at the end of the letter the servant sends greetings upon his eyes and tongue and limbs and pillars and the fragrances of his heart and the radiance of his brow - Abbas and Haji Ali from T and Haji Ali from K and Mirza Husayn and Muhammad Ibrahim and the other brothers, upon them be the peace of the All-Merciful. And I beseech Him by the One through whom He illumined the world to draw them near to Him in all conditions and assist them in His remembrance and praise and in acting according to what they were commanded in His Book. And I end my words with mention of the delight of eyes, Husayn Effendi and his brothers. And peace and mercy and glory be upon your honor and upon the righteous servants of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

18 Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1300

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and Power

Praise be to God Who hath sent down from the heaven of bounty the table of utterance, and through it hath adorned the world and quickened the nations. And blessing and peace be upon the Most Mighty Pillar and the Most Hidden Mystery, Who was concealed in knowledge and treasured in hearts, through Whose movement the celestial spheres were set in motion and the mysteries of eternity were revealed and the nightingale of proof sang upon the highest branch in the world that there is none other God but Him. And upon His family and companions through whom the breeze of the All-Merciful wafted throughout creation and the Word encompassed all religions. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Help in Peril.

And furthermore, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your love. The servant hath attained to that which was the dawning-place of joy and gladness and the treasury of remembrance and praise. When he drank from his words the wine of mystical knowledge, he approached the Most Exalted Station and presented it before His presence. The Lord, may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him, said:

"O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of nearness and reunion! Thy letter hath repeatedly come before the Wronged One. We have read it and made mention of thee with a mention that illumineth the eyes. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to send down upon thee a blessing from His presence, from the heaven of His bounty. This is what the Wronged One desired for thee in the beginning of days. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Answering. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm."

Thus it ended. Unto God be glory and praise, and unto Him be power and grace and bounty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

As for what thou didst mention regarding Abbas-Quli, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and what he desired regarding the decree of the Book, after it was presented before His presence, this is what was revealed in reply:

"O Muhammad-Mustafa! We have heard what thou didst write regarding Abbas-Quli and what he desired in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist him and make him successful in all conditions. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Make mention of him on My behalf and remind him of what hath flowed from My Pen, and give him the glad-tidings of the acceptance of what he sent, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds." Thus it ended.

The servant remembereth him and beseecheth God his Lord to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and He is the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the Promised Day.

The servant, on the 20th of Dhu'l-Qa'dah al-Haram, 1304

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who has made His remembrance and glorification the food of His loved ones, and His love and good-pleasure their paradise. He is the Single, the One, to Whose greatness and sovereignty all atoms testify, and to Whose power and might all beings bear witness. He is the One Who manifested His attributes and names in a Temple and made him a mirror of His Self and a reflection of His knowledge and power, and named him Muhammad. Were it not for him, the mysteries of eternity would not have been revealed nor would the fragrances of revelation have been diffused among the nations. Through him God manifested His Cause and enacted His decree. This Most Great Remembrance and Manifestation of Eternity deserves praise from those immersed in the depths of divine knowledge and remembrance from the Manifestations of the Cause throughout all lands. And the prayer shining forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon him and his family and companions, whom God made the hands of His Cause among His creation and signs of righteousness and piety among His servants. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. The servant has attained to that which shone forth from the horizon of your love. When the joy of your words and the delight of your mention took hold of me, I beseeched God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, that He may assist your honor in all good that guides the servants to the path of wisdom and acquaints them with the ways of kindness and care, and that He may grant them the good of this world and the next. Verily, He has power over all things.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding what his eminence the Trustworthy - upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all worlds - desired, it behooves us to consider what the Master has uttered. He - may my spirit be His sacrifice - said: “We desire to purify hearts from rancor and hatred, that thereby the standard of unity may be raised in the kingdom of creation.” The servant beseeches his Lord to assist his eminence in what He loves and is pleased with, and in that which unites hearts, attracts souls, and brings joy to eyes.

And as for what you mentioned about the Prisoner - upon him be God’s peace - his eminence is remembered and regarded. The servant sends greetings upon him and upon the loved ones, and asks forgiveness from your honor because this ephemeral one delayed in sending a copy of what was sent to him. And from Him I ask for assistance in all conditions. God willing, he sends peace, remembrance and praise upon your honor and upon the friends who have returned from the Sacred House of God and attained what God desired in the Book, and upon his eminence Husayn Effendi and those who bring joy to eyes and your family and upon the unified loved ones of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The servant

11th of Jumada I, 1301

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who has made known to us His path and taught us what draws us near to Him in all conditions, and has granted us His presence which was more precious than all that has been or will be created. Because of this, ignorant servants have risen against us who have deprived themselves of the Salsabil of divine knowledge and the Kawthar of life in the days of the All-Merciful. By the life of our Beloved! They shall soon see their loss in the stations ordained for them by God, the Just, the Wise.

Glory be to Thee, O my God and the Desire of my heart! I beseech Thee to assist Thy chosen ones whom Thou hast distinguished among Thy servants and associated with Thyself, to make mention of Thee and praise Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and service.

For some time the response to the petition of the honored servant, Aqa Mirza ’Ali-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, but there was delay in sending it. Now two Most Holy Tablets, one a prayer and the other verses, have been sent. Your honor should deliver them to him. One Most Holy Tablet specifically for the beloved of the heart, His Honor Mirza ?.Y., upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, has been sent. God willing, he will attain to it. Permission to come has also been given to him.

The servant begs his Lord to assist your honor in all conditions and protect you from the evil of those who have denied God and turned away from His path and disputed His verses until they pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice.

To the honored gentlemen in that land, upon them be His most glorious splendor, I present my utter effacement and nothingness. Some time ago this servant wrote a letter to his honored master, His Honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, which was sent for your honor to deliver to him.

Another matter: if His Honor the Physician, upon him be the Glory of God, should make any representation regarding the House, in accordance with wisdom no response is necessary. In all matters wisdom must be observed, and this matter has been so firmly established that one day this exalted word was heard from the blessed tongue, His word, blessed and exalted is He: “Acknowledgment and confession are not permitted. If someone confesses to lack of understanding and knowledge, he speaks truth, for no one has been or is truly cognizant of it as it deserves.” This matter too is a mercy to all the people of the world, even though today they are heedless and veiled.

Peace and glory and light and radiance be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

The Servant

9 Dhi’l-Qa’dih 1301

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He is God, exalted is He

Praise be to God that through the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy and the effusions of the clouds of eternal grace, they are verdant, flourishing, joyous and delighted in the gardens of love and good-pleasure. They have ever been and continue to be under the glances of His unfailing grace and the dawning rays of the Sun of bounty, adorned and honored with the crown of divine favors. We beseech Him, exalted is He, to cause the breezes of His generosity and the winds of His grace and bestowals to waft upon you at all times from the Sheba of His bounty, and from the heaven of His glory to shed upon you the lights of His gifts and favors. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

And now, a few days ago your esteemed letter, from which wafted the fragrance of divine love and affection, arrived and what you sent was received. Since it was intended that some work should be sent for the honored lady, the reply was somewhat delayed outwardly, for praise be to God, through His grace and favor you have been and continue to be mentioned in all nights and days in the Most Luminous Presence. Two most pure garments of the Twin Resplendent Lights - may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be sacrificed for them - were sent specifically to comfort the heart of the honored lady, along with one tailored harkay garment for Inayatu'llah, Hibatu'llah, Vaffaqahu'llah and Ayyadahu'llah, and thirty-seven pieces of almond candy. We beseech God to grant you its inner sweetness just as He has granted you its outer sweetness.

Furthermore, convey pure greetings and radiant salutations to that honored beloved, namely the esteemed Khalil - upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], Lord of nations. His mention has ever been and continues to be in heart and tongue and has never been effaced for a moment. Praise be to God that they have attained to His love, are manifest through His Name and are speaking His praise. Likewise convey pure greetings and boundless salutations to that spiritual father, namely this servant's true dear father, and to Aqa 'Abdu'r-Rahim and Aqa Asadu'llah - upon each one of them be the grace and mercy of God. And likewise remember the female believers and Aqa 'Abdu's-Samad and the children with goodly mention from this servant. Mention to the esteemed Khalil: May God protect us and you and then the company of those who drink this accursed tea! In truth if one dirham of it were to be sprinkled over all of China it would transform all of it. The tea that was first sent by that honored one bore no resemblance or relation whatsoever. Surely that beloved one has also partaken of it himself. May mercy be upon you, O people of the pavilion of glorification, one and all are remembered. The basket and handkerchief were sent.

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That which was revealed as a visitation tablet for Muhammad-Taqi Khan, upon him be the glory of God, the All-Merciful:

He is the One seated upon the throne of utterance. Light and spirit and mercy and glory be upon you, O manifestation of devotion and dawning-place of faithfulness among all peoples. I bear witness that through you the banner of polytheism was brought low and the standard of divine unity was raised to the

most exalted station. You are the one who emigrated with the Wronged One in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, on a day when the sky brought forth smoke and earthquakes seized the foundations of all in creation. You are the one whom the might of the oppressors did not weaken, nor were you veiled by the veils of the transgressors. You turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when most of humanity turned away from it. Through your mention the scrolls of the lovers were adorned in the love of God, Illuminer of the horizons and Lord of the Day of Meeting. Through your certitude the limbs of vain imaginings trembled, and through the light of your divine unity the foundations of the polytheists were shaken - those who denied the Cause of God when He came with proof and evidence. Blessed are you and joy be unto you in that you attained the recognition of your Lord on a day when God came in the shadows of clouds. And I remember at this time the dawn of a day when the Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" mounted a blue horse, heading toward the Ultimate Goal for the victory of God, Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. You were with Me along with a few souls and we traversed the way until we arrived at one of the villages. Then the oppressors surrounded us from all directions and seized us with such tyranny that the livers of the most exalted Paradise melted, and the highest Paradise and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing lamented. Alas! Alas! There befell you in the path of God that which caused the tears of the sincere ones to flow and the sighs of those near to God to ascend. You are the one through whom wafted the breezes of love and fellowship, and through whom shone forth the sun of harmony and unity. You stood firm in the Cause such that the horsemen in the field of tyranny and oppression did not frighten you, nor did the fire blazing in all regions prevent you. Through your calamity eyes wept, hearts burned, and the pillars of existence were shaken. We beseech God, Lord of the unseen and the visible, to ordain for you at all times that which befits His name, the All-Merciful. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is the seeker who seeks your tomb, and the lover who visits your grave and recites what the tongue of your Lord has uttered. O God, O God of all contingent beings and Goal of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, which has encompassed the manifestations of disobedience, and by Thy pardon which has preceded all religions, and by Thy grace which has taken hold of all in existence, to forgive whoever presents himself before his grave and to fulfill his needs. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful, and Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of tribulation, from God, thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Generous. I have created all things for My Name and have raised them up through My sovereignty, and I call unto them from this luminous Quarter. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and cast away all else - he is indeed among the sincere ones. Say: O people, if ye be fair in this Cause - should ye deny the Manifestation of God, His sovereignty, His proof and His evidence - by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Bring it forth if ye be of the truthful. Nay, by Him Who hath caused Me to speak the truth, there is no path for anyone except this Path which We have revealed in truth. By God, this is verily the Most Great Path among the nations and the Most Straight Way for those in the heavens and on earth. The imaginary hath vanished through the dawning of My Name, the Self-

Subsisting, and that which was known hath come with a wondrous command. Say: This is indeed His Most Great Mystery among you, and His Book within you, and His proof unto you. Ponder upon it that ye may recognize the Temple of God which ye were promised in a preserved and mighty Tablet. The Dove hath warbled that which the Spirit uttered and that which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, brought. Were ye to inhale the fragrance of all the Books, ye would find from them naught but the sweet scent of My wondrous Name. Those who have been kept back from the Path are indeed among the bewildered ones. Look not at the size of their turbans nor the swaying of their necks - they are indeed among the losers. Blessed is the learned one who hath not been veiled, and the ignorant one who hath recognized his Lord, and the woman who hath rent asunder the veils. Thus have We imparted unto thee the truth that thou mayest be among those who know. Say: Hearken unto My call when My lamentation is raised and My heart doth groan by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressive hosts. Know thou that My tribulation is greater than can be reckoned. To this testifieth the Lord of destiny and the dwellers of the Most Great Scene who have witnessed somewhat of that which We have endured in the path of God, the King, the Most High, the Most Great. Were I not to fix My gaze upon the Command of God, I would not have uttered a word nor would I have spoken a letter of that which I have been commanded by the presence of One mighty and generous. By My life! The Tablet hath well-nigh taken flight through the wafting breaths of the verses of thy Lord. Blessed is he who hath found and rendered thanks. Woe unto those who have turned away. O servant! Take fast hold of the cord of God. We have indeed manifested it in the form of a Tablet. Thy Lord is verily the Strong, the Powerful. When thou dost inhale My fragrance from the garment of My utterance, arise from thy place, turning toward the direction of thy Lord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds! I testify that through Thee the suns have shone forth, the moons have appeared, and the faces of those near unto Thee have been illumined. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the words of the deluded ones and the signs of the heedless ones shall not keep me back from Thee. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Merciful.

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He is the Most Exalted in the garments of the All-Glorious

O Maryam! Be patient in the calamities which have befallen you, then give thanks unto God, your Creator, that God may give thanks unto you in His glorious Kingdom. Verily He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

It hath ever been known that from time immemorial and unto all eternity, the chosen ones of God have been the recipients of trials and tribulations. This is that trust which none was capable of bearing save those whom thy Lord hath willed - they are the loved ones and chosen ones of God who have become the manifestations of His decrees and the dawning-places of His trials. Therefore one must console the heart through patience and trust. Moreover, beyond these afflictions there is the matter of separation which hath entirely blocked the path of attainment and meeting, such that hope hath been transformed into despair, as though this separation and parting shall not be followed by the glad-tidings of the sweet breezes of reunion and nearness. This is among the greatest afflictions of the spirit. In any case, we hope

that, God willing, all these sorrows shall be transformed into joy and delight. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

These are afflictions in which we all share. However, such trials have befallen this servant that none hath the power to bear them - neither the heavens nor the earth, neither the Manifestations of the Divine Unity nor the Dawning-Places of Divine Singleness. O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto God that He hath concealed this from thee, for wert thou to become aware of it, thou wouldst surely lose all patience and composure. Yet despite all this, We remain patient and thankful, and are among the grateful ones.

Furthermore, what can Maryam do about the separation from that nightingale which hath taken flight from the rose-garden? Though in truth the effects of grief are apparent in all things and evident throughout all existence, yet patience hath been and will ever be most beloved, for that nightingale hath winged its flight to the holy precincts of Paradise. This earthly realm is as thou seest - naught exists therein save sorrow, grief and material troubles. Therefore pure hearts tarry not but return to their own station. God willing, He will graciously bestow an even sweeter and more glorious successor.

At this moment grief hath so encompassed Me that I am unable to write more. Unto God do I commit My affairs and your affairs, and verily He is the Guardian of those who trust in Him. I remember all the members of the household - the elder sister and the sister - I mention them all with wondrous and glorious remembrance. Multiple letters in the envelope are not possible. Finally, I offer boundless mention to the honored and revered mother.

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In My Name, the Guide of Those Who Have Gone Astray, the Mighty

O Name of the Letter Ha', hearken unto that which the Fire calleth out from the Tree, that verily there is none other God but Him, and that 'Ali before Muhammad is the Manifestation of His names in the Kingdom of eternity and the Dawning-Place of His attributes in the heaven of the divine cloud. All were created by His command and all act according to His bidding. His is the bounty and the grace - He single out for His mercy whomsoever He pleaseth and sendeth down mercy as He willeth unto people who know. Say: Verily He is the Sovereign of all created things and His Book is the Sovereign of all books - all have entered beneath His shadow and all bow down before Him. And whoso entereth beneath His shadow hath attained unto the ultimate goal, and this verily is His grace unto all creation, would ye but understand. Say: He is God's Balance amidst His creation, and through Him hath appeared every true measure. He is God's Proof, His Evidence, His Testament and His Authority amongst His creatures, would ye but know. Through Him were revealed the mysteries of what was and what is to be, through Him did the earth yield up her pearls, and all things were brought forth by His word "Be" and it is. Through Him were ordained the measures of all things and detailed exposition of destiny was set down upon a preserved and mighty tablet.

Thus have We imparted unto thee, inspired thee, taught thee and sent down unto thee that which was sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that thou mayest thank God thy Lord in thy heart

and remember Him at all times and attain unto a praiseworthy station. Know thou moreover that the two calves did transgress against God in these two Names and these two most ancient Ornaments in the two most exalted Words, and they betrayed themselves in their heedlessness of these two Mysteries in this Light that hath shone forth from these two Horizons. By God! This is the Beauty manifest in these two hidden and concealed Symbols that are glorified in both worlds, and this is the Mystery veiled in the two veils. They followed the two goats with their own selves after We had forbidden their approach unto the two idols in the two Temples. Behold then the veil of this clemency that hath risen and appeared from the two Dawning-Places, and that speaketh in the two Mounts in the form of the two Fires, and uttereth the two most perfect Words at the pole of the two heavens. Say: By God! This is indeed the Light manifest in the two Suns rising from the two Corners after the folding up of the two Stations, that thereby might be revealed the melodies of the Spirit upon the two Branches, that thou mayest know the decree concerning treachery in the two most remote selves. Thus have We stirred the veils of concealment less than anyone might perceive save they who see with the eye of God. Say: By God! This is the Dove that singeth with two melodies in the divine Ridvan concerning the two Mysteries from these two Garments. And We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Exalted, the Beloved. And the Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon them who ascend unto the heights of glory.

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O Rida, bear thou witness in thy soul and being, with the tongue which God hath placed within thee, that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who was sent with the name of ’Ali is verily the Truth from His presence, though most of the people perceive it not. Through Him appeared the Kingdom of Names and Attributes, and by Him was distinguished every irrevocable decree from God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. All that returneth unto God or is attributed to Him doth verily return unto this Hidden Name, and through it is established God’s Cause and its manifestation, and God’s proof and evidence unto all who dwell in the kingdom of Command and Creation. To this do my soul and pen bear witness, and every possessor of assured knowledge.

Know thou that God hath ever been manifest amongst His servants and visible amidst His creation, yet people recognize Him not, for in every Revelation they become veiled by limited signs and tokens which prevent them from beholding the countenance of God in another Manifestation, would ye but understand. This is a truth in which there is no doubt, if ye would but look with this vision. Whosoever desireth to know God and His Self must needs purify his ear from every utterance, mention, and expression, and from every word that hath been spoken, and must gaze upon God with a perceiving eye, a pure heart, a hearing ear, and an attracted soul, that he may know his Lord through what appeareth from Him and not through what is with the people. This verily is the beloved truth, for naught else can serve as proof of Him, and every limited soul is veiled from Him.

Know thou further that thy Lord God will never appear according to what the people possess nor according to the signs and tokens to which they cling, but rather He appeareth as He willeth through His command. He, verily, is the One Who chooseth for Himself, and all beseech His bounty. Thus learn thou

the mysteries of the Cause, lest thy feet slip from every rejected mention. When the people of the Furqan clung to the signs, proofs and tokens they possessed, they opposed God, the Supreme, the Witnessed One. Do thou remind those of thy kindred of what We have mentioned unto thee, that they may all turn unto the countenance of God that hath appeared among them, may recognize that wherewith God hath favored them, and may be of those who are thankful for God's blessing. We beseech God to aid them in this, such that none among them shall remain save that he entereth the paradise of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. For this did We petition God in former years and do We petition Him now, and He, verily, is the Answerer, the Giver, the Bestower, the Forgiving.

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O Rida! Your letter was presented before Us and We have taken it, and We have understood what was contained therein of your words, and verily We are All-Knowing. Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, and that 'Ali before Nabil is the Sovereign of the Messengers, His Book is the Mother Book, and a single Tablet from Him suffices as proof for all who are in the heavens and earth, were ye to know.

O Rida! Be patient within thyself when there cometh to thee an ordained matter. Be not disturbed by it, nor ask anyone about it. Then open thine eyes that thou mayest know what God hath willed in these days wherein faces are transformed, wherein the clamor of the deceivers is raised, and wherein every hidden matter from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved, is made manifest.

Verily thou wert in Our presence for numbered years and didst hear the melodies of God from this blessed, sublime and praiseworthy Tune. Yet thou didst not recognize Us at any time, nor didst thou turn thy face toward Me, as vain imaginings veiled thee and prevented thee from entering the sanctuary of the Desired One. Therefore, arise from thy station, then witness the handiwork of God with thine own eyes, and follow not those who deny this bounty.

Say: By God! Whoso denieth this Cause hath denied all the Messengers of the past. This is assuredly inscribed by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent thee this Tablet that thine eyes may be solaced thereby, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself, and be of those who take delight in the words of God. Know thou that a single letter thereof is better than the kingdom of the hereafter and of the former time, if ye would but behold the verses of God with His vision.

Therefore, strive within thyself lest thy feet slip from this exalted and extended Path. Say: By God! The heaven hath been cleft asunder from the clouds of the Cause, and God hath come with the promised countenance wherewith ye were promised in the Nine, were ye to know. And a single Tablet from His trace is God's proof unto His creation, His evidence unto His creatures, and His authority unto all who are in the heavens and the earth, were ye to perceive.

Thus have We inspired thee that thou mayest burn away the veils of idle fancy and be of those whom no hinderer can hinder and no servants who have opposed God in every age can veil, who have denied the signs of God. The Spirit be upon thee and upon those in thy household, both female and male. And if thou

findest a pure heart, cast upon it what We have cast upon thee; otherwise, conceal it with the utmost concealment. This is My counsel unto thee and unto every patient and grateful soul.

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O Abul-Qasim Khan, who hath entered the Sanctuary of God, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting! He is the Most Exalted, the Most Great. O Qasim! Take thou thy portion of this bounty, then be thou content therewith apart from all the worlds. Verily it shall suffice thee above all things and make thee independent of all that are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou a distributor of that which descendeth from the direction of the Throne upon Our assured servants, and a breaker of the might of them that have disbelieved and turned away and were among the proud ones. That which descendeth from the direction of the Throne is what We have now revealed in this Tablet and sent unto thee, that thou mayest recite it unto thyself and unto the souls of the servants, that perchance the people may become of them that remember. Know thou moreover that in every letter of the verses are ordained treasuries of bounty, and for every soul there is a portion thereof. Blessed is he who taketh what is ordained for him and rendereth not himself among the deprived ones. Apart from this, none can draw nigh unto the Throne - how then could any be a distributor of that which appeareth from it and descendeth from its direction? Glorified be God, thy Lord, above the understanding of all created things! Arise to make mention of God and to spread His Cause, and follow not the ways of the corrupt ones. Beware lest thou draw nigh unto them whose hearts thou findest veiled from the mention of the name of thy Lord, and associate not with them in any place, and be of them who have detached themselves from such as have disbelieved in the signs of God, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Then remember thou the time when thou didst enter the Paradise of the All-Highest, the seat of the throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, and didst abide beneath the shadow of His mercy for numbered days, and wert among those upon whom shone the Sun of Beauty from the horizon of the Face, and who were among the triumphant ones - they who attained His presence and circled round His house at every morn and eventide. Therefore remind the people of what thou hast seen and known, that they may remember within themselves and be of the assured ones. Stand thou firm in the Cause at the time when every soul shall raise its cry and the pillars of the idolaters shall quake. Thus have We commanded thee in this Tablet that thou mayest be steadfast in the Cause of thy Ancient Lord, for the people of the Bayan, most of them have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed and have returned to the lowest of the low, save him whose hand was taken by the hand of grace and who was delivered from the wrongdoing people - they who wronged their own souls and the souls of the servants, and were not conscious thereof and were among the heedless ones. And the glory be upon thee and upon them who have not bartered the love of God and His Cause for aught of all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth.

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O Mahdi! Hear My call in all things that “I am God, there is no God but Me. I have created all things for the praise of My Self, though I have ever been sanctified above the mention of all the worlds.” And I

offered My Cause to all who are in the heavens and earth. Then all those who had even a mustard seed of love for Satan and his manifestations fell away. Thus did the sun of wisdom shine forth from the horizon of the holy and luminous Finger. Say: O people! Do you call upon Baal and forsake Him Who created all in the heavens and earth? Fear God and take not Satan as your protector. Those who wage war against God and dispute His signs and deny His sovereignty - these have no portion in the Book and were far removed from the seat of nearness. Your letter has come before Us, both before and after it another letter, wherein you called upon God, your Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. Blessed are you for having partaken of the virgin fruits of the gardens of knowledge - this is from the grace of your Lord, the Most Merciful, that you might thank Him with a pure and radiant heart. By Him Who is unique in glory and splendor, and singular in grandeur and majesty - one letter of what God has cast upon your heart in your tablets is better for you than all you have done in His path, and My Self suffices as witness to what I say. Beware lest you cloud your heart with the mention of anything - rather remember your Lord and fear no one, for He will guard you from every wicked oppressor. Ascend to Him at all times and be not dismayed by what has befallen you. Rather reflect on My tribulation and affliction and exile and imprisonment and trials, lest the harm of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God and were deprived of the breezes of the Spirit affect you. We have sent by the hands of Salman Tablets wherein one letter thereof equals not what has been created in the kingdom of origination. Look upon them that your heart may rejoice and your eyes be consoled and you may witness yourself upon a manifest spirit. Although in such days nothing should descend from the direction of the Throne except that which would burn the hearts of every insightful believer, yet since My mercy has preceded, We have therefore varied the verses away from expressions of sorrow, as a favor from Us to those who have taken for themselves a true path to God. Know then that We have permitted you to dispose of whatever worldly ornaments come to you as you wish, and We have made you in the Mother Book a trustworthy one in truth. Thus have We permitted you and commanded you - act according to what you have been commanded by One Mighty and Wise.

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O Mirza Nazar-'Ali! In the Name of God, the Most Seeing, the All-Seeing! O Nazar! The glances of God have turned toward thee and He beholdeth thee at all times. Beware lest thou commit that which thy Ancient Lord abhorreth. Say: O people! Ye conceal your evil deeds from your fellows lest they discover them, yet how is it that ye commit what ye are forbidden before the eye of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing? Do ye imagine that anything can be hidden from His knowledge? Nay, by His very Self, were ye but to know! Do ye feel shame before His servants yet feel no shame before Him Who created you by His command? There is no God but He, the Creator, the Fashioner, the Former, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Great. Say: O people! Purify your hearts from all else but Him, then turn your faces toward this Countenance which hath dawned from the horizon of eternity with manifest splendor. Aid thy Lord through counsel and utterance - this is what God hath prescribed for every soul at the outset of this Most Great, this wondrous Revelation. Say: O people! Shed not blood, for this hath been forbidden in the Book of God, were ye but to know. Victory hath been ordained through the mention of proofs and exposition - thus hath the command been sent down and the decree established from the presence of the Mighty,

the Powerful. Whoso quickeneth a soul with the spirit of faith, it is as though he had quickened all mankind - thus was it revealed in the Bayan, then in the Qur'an, the Psalms and the Gospel. Say: O people! Seize ye the measure of these days and be not of the heedless. How many of those near to God waited yet attained not, how many of the sincere sacrificed their lives yet were not honored, while ye have attained to this most great bounty without toil or labor. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this wondrous Remembrance. Should ye remember God but once in His days, it would be better for you than the kingdom of the heavens and earth - this is a certain truth. Compare not these days with days past or future - thus hath the Revealer of the Bayan clearly stated, were ye but of those who perceive. Leave what ye possess and take what hath been sent down to you from the heaven of might and power by God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing. Be not of those who remained in doubt and discord at this radiant dawn. Behold this Revelation and what appeareth from it with His eye, that ye may be illumined by the light of His countenance and that Our heedless servants may be enlightened through you. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest find the fragrance of the garment therefrom and be of the thankful. And the light which hath appeared from the finger of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the sealed wine from the hands of thy Lord's command, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

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O Ali, before Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One manifest from this luminous horizon. We have desired to make mention of him who has turned towards Us and to give him to drink, time and again, from the Kawthar of loving-kindness, that it may draw him nigh unto My horizon, adorn him with My virtues, cause him to soar in My atmosphere, and aid him to manifest the sanctification of My Cause amidst My creatures, and to voice My praise in such wise that every hesitant one may hasten, every stationary one may take flight, every body may melt, every frozen thing may flow, and every extinguished flame may be rekindled. This befitteth him who hath turned his face towards My countenance, entered beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness, and attained unto My verses which hold sway over all the worlds.

O Ali! The Dayspring of the Cause addresseth thee in most wondrous utterance. By God! Wert thou to be present before the Throne and hear it from the Tongue of grandeur and power, thou wouldst sacrifice thy body, then thy spirit, then thy very self, for love of God, the Sovereign Lord, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The call would so transport thee to a station whereof all pens are powerless to make mention and every eloquent speaker is confounded in its description. Reflect upon this Revelation and its sovereignty, then aid it as beseemeth thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Guide the people to the Most Exalted Horizon, which is His Temple established upon His mighty Throne. Through it hath the horizon of the Prison been illumined, and through it have all who are in the heavens and on earth been made radiant. We have made mention of thee before, and in this gracious Tablet, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful time and again. This is of My grace upon thee. Render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Seeing.

Grieve not at the heedlessness of the people. Soon shall ye behold them turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have encompassed the world through Our Most Exalted Word. God shall, through it, soon conquer the hearts of all who dwell on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We make mention of thy brother from this spot, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be of them that remember. O beloved! The Best-Beloved calleth thee from His Most Great Prison. We counsel thee with that which hath been sent down from My Holy Pen in My Most Holy Book. Lay hold on it with the power granted thee by Us and the might bestowed by Us. I am, verily, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Blessed are ye, inasmuch as the grace hath encompassed you and aided you in this Cause whereby the heaven was folded up and every lofty and towering mountain was scattered in dust. We make mention, with supreme mercy, of your mother who hath attained unto the recognition of God, and We glorify her countenance from this exalted station. We make mention of you all, both female and male, and behold you as one soul from this wondrous outlook. We give you glad tidings of the mercy which hath preceded all created things, and of My remembrance which hath encompassed all, whether young or old. The glory of God be upon you, O people of Baha! Rejoice in My remembrance, for verily He is with you at all times.

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O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Faran! He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of the city which hath been illumined by the lamp of divine knowledge, having been honored by the breaths of those who believed in the All-Merciful on a day wherein the pillars were shaken through fear of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. Blessed art thou in that thou hast been named Faran by the All-Merciful, and the breezes of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all religions, have wafted over thee. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then take pride in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, by the leave of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed are they whom vain desires have not kept back from the Lord of the throne and of earth, and who, when they heard the Call, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that whereunto the Creator of heaven did testify: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

Blessed is the servant who hath quaffed the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of the Final End. O children of the Friend! Hearken unto the Call of the Glorious One. Verily it hath been raised from the most exalted Station which hath been named by the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of Names, and by the Most Great Truth from the Pen of God, the Revealer of verses. By God! He hath been imprisoned in the fortified city for the sake of God, the Lord of creation. Thus was the decree sent down in the Books of old, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Grieve not at anything, for He hath mentioned you by the Pen of Command with a mention whereby the dead have arisen. Blessed is your father who ascended unto My Kingdom and circled round My throne in a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention.

We make mention of all who have turned to God in that place and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Scriptures and Tablets. Joy be unto you for having turned to God and believed in Him through Whom the horizon of revelation was illumined and the mountains were moved. We beseech God to assist you to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness and to confirm you in that which He hath revealed in the Book. Beware lest the affairs of the people of allusions sadden you. Rejoice in God, the Illuminator of the horizons. We have mentioned you before, and before that before, and We mention you as a grace from Our presence. Verily He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth through His sovereignty what He desireth. Ye are they who have rent asunder the veils on a day wherein minds were bewildered and eyes were fixed in fear.

Glory be upon you, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto My days, heard My call, turned with her heart to My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, and spoken My praise at eventide and at dawn. We counsel all to patience and forbearance, and give them glad tidings of the favors which have been ordained for them by God, the Cleaver of daybreak. Light be upon you, O My male and female servants, and upon those who have turned to you that they might hear from you the mention of God, the Subjugator of winds.

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. . . The Land of ?a hath been the seat of the Throne and the dawning

place of the Desired Morn. It is the place of the Ukht [Sister] and where

the friends of God repose.

Happy is the one who hath attained the love of the Ukht and of the

friends of the Lord. Verily, from this Spot We greet the countenance of

My Sister and My loved ones who have uttered My praise and have been

neither moved by the tempestuous winds of idle fancies, nor kept back

by the tumult raised by those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of

all worlds.

Render praise to God that He hath given thee a son who, since his

arrival until now, hath been engaged in serving God. Blessed is he,

blessed is he! Beseech God to enable thee to drink from the oceans of

favour that are concealed in these words, and behold the splendours of

the Sun of Mercy…

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In the Name of God, the All-Seeing!

O ’Ali! Your letter is present and that which was written therein was presented by this servant before the Divine Throne. We have heard your cry and have answered you with this wondrous Tablet. O ’Ali! There befell you that which hath befallen no one else. The two most luminous Lights which had risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine favor have set, due to the ill-omened land of ?ad. O ’Ali! The clouds of oppression were raised up, and the sword of tyranny was drawn from the sheath of pride, and there came to pass that which caused the Concourse on High, the denizens of the Kingdom of Names, and the dwellers of Paradise to wail and lament. By God’s life! There remained nothing that did not weep, yet be thou gladdened through God’s grace, for in truth they attained to a bounty the like of which hath never appeared in creation, and they themselves had, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, besought this most exalted station from God. After their return from Iraq they were manifest with the utmost glory and elevation through divine grace, and at the end of their lives they attained to that which their souls had loved. God hath sent down concerning their tragedy that which caused eyes to weep and hearts to melt. The Supreme Pen hath made mention of them in such wise that all those who are nigh unto God and His Messengers seek this station and have besought and continue to beseech it from God. The glory be upon thee and upon them both and upon him who gave up his spirit before them - verily he is the one designated as “Al-Kazim” in My Most Great Book. Convey greetings from God to the captives in the land and those scattered in His path and those left behind by them. Say: Ye have drunk the cup of tribulation from the hands of the enemies of your Lord, the Lord of Names. He, verily, is the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Then drink ye the choice wine of immortality from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Creator of the heavens, Who remembereth you in His mighty prison. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones, and praise be upon you, O My friends, from God, the Beloved of the mystics and the Desire of the worlds. At the end of this epistle We make mention of thy son who is named Muhammad and give him the glad-tidings of joy after sorrow. Verily thy Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Under all conditions hold fast to patience. Behold the world as a passing shadow. Soon it shall perish and vanish away. That which endureth is the mention of God that hath been sent down in His Book in praise of His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon thy wife from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O ’Ali! Hearken with thy inner ear to the Voice of the All-Merciful and convey it to His friends, that all may attain to that which He desireth and drink from the choice wine of His good-pleasure. It is incumbent upon all in this Day to arise for the teaching of God’s Cause with such wisdom as hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. This station hath been fully set forth in Our Tablet to Our Name

Mahdi. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and make the loved ones aware of its contents. Strive thou that all may manifest spiritual qualities amongst mankind, for praiseworthy character hath ever been and shall ever remain a guide. Every deed hath its fragrance, and that fragrance guideth and directeth. Even as the fragrance of flowers leadeth people to the garden, the fragrance of goodly deeds and character guideth men to God and draweth them to the court of the Beloved. Well is it with those who adorn themselves with the crown of truthfulness, trustworthiness, steadfastness and dignity. Whoso adorneth himself with divine qualities, his words will influence the world. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher.

Thou shouldst at all times be engaged in serving the Cause, in such wise that neither the opposition of the opposers nor the clamor of the heedless may prevent thee from the remembrance of God. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the testimony of God in Our Tablet which We sent thee aforetime. By My life! Thou wilt find therein the fragrance of My favor unto thee, My care for thee, and My mercy which preceded thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Previously the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, thou hast attained unto it and perceived the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to serve Him and to make thee a servant of His Cause, and to manifest through thee that which will raise high the standards of remembrance and utterance in that land. He is verily the Bestower, the Ordainer, the All-Hearing, the One Who Answereth Prayer. Arise with supreme steadfastness amidst mankind and convey unto the people this Cause the like of which hath never appeared in creation, that they may awaken and arise to serve thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised. We make mention of all who are on earth at all times and call them unto the One Who is All-Knowing. Follow thou thy Lord - nothing prevented Him from the remembrance and praise of God. He maketh mention of Him in prison, before it and after it. Reflect and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of might and power, and before the revelation of Whose power the power of all in the worlds hath vanished away. Then blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation and for drinking it time after time, again and again. And the tongue of grandeur and majesty declareth: Well is it with thee and with those who have attained unto this firm, mighty and wondrous Cause.

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O Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be the peace and bounty of God! He is God, exalted be His glory and mighty His proof! This is a letter from the Luminary of the horizons to one of the people of the Covenant, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him, My turning toward him, and My directing My face to his direction. Praise sanctified above the mention of the tongue befitteth the Goal of the worlds, Who through the penetrating power of utterance conquered the world of contingent being, and through the sword of knowledge purified and sanctified the cities of the hearts and souls of the sincere ones from idle fancies and vain imaginings. Exalted be His might and great His sovereignty! There is no power except through Him.

O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of submission and contentment! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and hath mentioned thee with that

which hath diffused the fragrance of love and affection, that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who attain. Such is the grace that, in the midst of tribulations which have encompassed from every direction, the face hath turned toward thee and the tongue hath uttered thy praise.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Thou knowest, and God knoweth, that We have commanded all with that which would exalt their stations and manifest what lay hidden in the treasuries of their hearts and temples. Yet they cast behind them what the Wronged One desired and took what they were bidden by every heedless and remote one.

That soul hath ever been and remains illumined by the lights of the Luminary of remembrance. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that soul to exalt the Word and elevate the station.

Say: My God, my God! The hearts of the lovers have melted from the fire of separation from Thee, and the livers of Thy servants have been consumed by their remoteness and separation from Thee through the decree of Thy judgment. O Lord! Thou seest my condition and hearest my lamentation. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy reunion and the fire of the Tree of Thy nearness to ordain for me that which shall make me known by Thy name and speaking in Thy praise. O Lord! Thou seest how the distant one hath drawn nigh unto the pavilion of Thy glory, and the sightless one unto the Kawthar of life in the precincts of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the hearts of the mystics were set ablaze in Thy love and the hearts of them that are nigh were attracted by the light of Thy knowledge, to make me the cupbearer of the wine of Thy utterance amongst Thy servants. By Thy glory, O God of existence! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me. Where is the light of reunion with Thee? My remoteness from Thy court hath destroyed me. Where are the splendors of the Daystar of meeting with Thee? I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy creation and them that are nigh among Thy servants. Then write down for me, O my God, that which shall make me mighty through Thy might, luminous through Thy light, manifest through Thy name and hidden through Thy Command, that I may recount what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones and speak, acknowledging that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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The Ancient of Days, the Most Great, the Most Exalted! These are the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Wise, sent down in truth to all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Most Exalted Pen addresses those who dwell in the kingdom of creation: O people! The Lord of Names has come and calls you in truth. Fear God and be not of those who remain veiled. Leave behind all created things and hasten with your hearts unto God, the Revealer of verses. This is what you were promised in the Tablets from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Arise to aid the Cause of your Lord - this is better for you, if you be of those who understand. Seize the measure of these days wherein has appeared the Dayspring of your Lord’s verses, the Mighty, the Praised. Will anything in creation profit you? No, by His very Self, the True One, save what He has ordained for you in His mighty, beautiful kingdom. Hasten to the good things which have been inscribed by the Pen of your Lord, the Lord of Names and Attributes, and follow not

every sinful idolater. By My life! Steadfastness is among the most mighty and greatest of all things. Blessed is he who attains unto it - he is indeed among the most exalted of servants before his Lord. Thus has the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. We have heard your call and answered you with that which has caused the First Ornament to shine forth. This is indeed a manifest grace. When you receive the Tablet, take it with the hand of certitude, then read what has been revealed therein. Thus does He command you Who is imprisoned in this remote spot. Let not the intimations of the heedless grieve you, nor the might of the ascetics who visit the House and endure hardships, thinking themselves to be among the doers of good. Yet when the Lord of the House appeared, they denied Him - they are indeed among the losers. How many learned ones have perished, and how many ignorant ones have passed over the Bridge as passes a cloud! Thus does the All-Informed apprise you. Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's tender mercy, then rest assured in His grace. Say: O my God! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy love and in following Thy command, then ordain for me what befits Thy station and Thy gifts. Thou art indeed the Almighty over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. If you find one who makes mention of your Lord, convey to him greetings from this exiled Prisoner. Say: He has desired for no one save what God has desired for him - to this testifies every fair-minded, discerning one. Throughout His days He was beneath the swords of His enemies, yet from the horizon of prison He calls you unto God, the Lord of Names. Beware lest you deprive yourselves of that for which you were created. Draw near with your hearts unto the Beloved and be not of those who hesitate. You are in your homes while He makes mention of you in exile, being in the hands of the aggressive ones. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark in the name of God, the Cleaver of the Heaven, and who are among those possessed of certitude.

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He is the Most Glorious

O Salman! It is the end of night and the beginning of dawn's break that this servant has taken up the pen so that a drop from the oceans of love surging in the heart might flow through the channel of the pen, with the aid of ink, upon the tablet of righteousness. Yet the pen of contingent being lacks the power to express, and the tablets of existence cannot contain this manifest bounty. Although in these days when the divine fragrance is wafting from the holy spiritual realm, all these degrees of love return to the heart, and the heart's emanations and spiritual breezes are coming and going - so blessed are they who attain! In any case, by divine power, pass like a flame of fire through all regions and lands, and with the fingers of remembrance and certitude, rend asunder the veils of the heedless. For most souls are veiled, unaware of the how and why of matters, and entirely ignorant of the hidden mysteries. But you have attained the dawning-place of the lights of the Chosen Beauty and are informed of the details. If you guide a single soul it would be better for you than red-colored camels. O Salman! Be gladdened by the favors of the All-Bountiful Beauty. Be not saddened by any matter, for all things pass away save the favors of your Everlasting Lord. In steadfastness in God's Cause be like the pillars of existence, and in the love of God be like the sun in the heaven of being. O Salman! Be at rest through God's hidden favors which have ever preceded you, for you are eternally present before His face. Perfect mercy has been and will be yours. In

this case you should soar like a falcon and like a candle illuminate every gathering with the mention of God. God willing you have arrived safely and in good health in Baghdad. There was some delay in sending the post, no matter, for this was from the decree of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. As for the interpretation of those two verses, by Him Who holds my soul in His hand, from that time until now I have not had a moment's opportunity, and even now it is near dawn that I have managed to write these few words. By your life, from the day you took leave of the presence until now, only that one night when I had looked at it did I retire to bed. God willing if we meet I will fulfill all these matters. Convey greetings with utmost love to Abdul-Karim and Muhammad-Hasan and [Ali Aqa], and give greetings to all the loved ones of God, young and old. For the rest, remain ever immersed in the oceans of God's love.

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In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker! Sanctified praise and glorification, befitting and worthy, be unto the Holy Presence of the Self-Subsisting One, Who, despite being surrounded by enemies and the calumnies of the people of tyranny and corruption, hath caused the pearls of wisdom and utterance to appear and become manifest from the treasury of His Pen at all times. Exalted is the All-Wise, the Possessor of Great Bounty, Who through tribulation exalted His Cause, through abasement manifested His glory, and through imprisonment revealed His power, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His might. May the light that shineth from this luminous horizon, and the fragrances that are wafted from this noble station, rest upon the hands of His Cause who have not broken His covenant and testament, and who have arisen to make mention of Him and praise Him amongst His servants - they are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act according to His bidding. Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose name the pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared from the shells of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the pavilion of understanding hath been raised before the faces of all religions through Thy power and might. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy verses, and the standards of Thy clear proofs, and that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, to aid those who have turned away to turn towards Thee, the calumniators to be truthful, the deniers to acknowledge, and the irreligious to return to the gate of Thy pardon and forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. The letter of Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was received in Our presence and was favored with Our hearing. Praise be to God that from his letter was diffused the fragrance of recognition, turning unto God, and steadfastness. We have heard his call and have answered him with a Tablet that all the treasuries of the world cannot equal. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive him and his wife who heard and responded and ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to send down upon her a mercy from His presence and to cause her to enter the highest Paradise as a bounty from Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped save whom God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath willed.

Likewise mention was made of 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be My Glory, and 'Ali-Qabli-'Askar and those with him, upon them be the Glory of God, and each one hath been favored with the waves of the ocean of

utterance of the Desired One of all worlds. We beseech God to aid them to act with wisdom and with that which will attract the hearts of His servants. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Mention was made of Rama?an-Qabli-'Ali and Mulla Bahram, upon them be the Glory of God. We beseech God, the Lord of grace and bounty, to aid them both to make mention of Him and praise Him, and through them to open the doors of turning unto Him before the faces of His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Glory from Us be upon them and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of the Beloved, exalted be His Name and elevated be His station! Praise be to the Lord of all possibility and the King of all realms, Who caused to flow from the outpourings of His Command-bestowing Pen the rivers of eternal life and the everlasting Kawthar of immortality amongst humanity. And He made the holy souls and the abstracted temples from among His loved ones to be the source, place and channel of this universal divine outpouring amidst creation. Through them is the existence given to drink what descends from the clouds of grace and bounty, and through them is adorned the brocade of the Book of Creation and embellished the Kingdom of Heaven with the lights of God, the Lord of the Throne and earth. Through the warmth of their love and the delicacy of their spirit and the sign of their tranquility and steadfastness in God's Cause have grown from the soil of hearts the plants of knowledge and wisdom, and the trees of understanding have been raised in the paradise of human realities. Blessed be the All-Merciful for having manifested from His wondrous craftsmanship and His mighty innovation a noble person whom He named with this name before His glorious throne, and filled his heart with the jewels of His love and his inner heart with the pearls of His knowledge, and caused his tongue to speak with wondrous utterance in remembrance of His mighty and bountiful Self.

The letter of that soul-friend who, like a spiritual bird soaring in the heaven of inner meanings and singing with various melodies in the branches of remembrance and utterance, stirred this evanescent temple and drew it with the right hand of attraction and rapture, and gave it to drink from the pure water of enduring love which, through divine confirmations, was flowing in the rivers of words. Therefore I said: "Praise be to God for having assisted His loved ones in that which causes the lights of the morn to shine and the fragrance of musk to waft [among] the near ones."

The supplication which was previously submitted was read before the Face. After the Most Pure Hearing listened and hearkened, these gracious words were revealed: "O Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali! We have heard your call. Excellent is that which you have supplicated from God, the Goal of the worlds. It was read before the Throne and We found from it the fragrance of sincerity and devotion and your turning to the Purifier of the world. Blessed art thou for having moved thy tongue in remembrance of God and adorned thy heart with the ornament of His love and thy breast with His shining, radiant lights. We beseech God to confirm thee in that whereon thou art and to grant thee at all times that which descendeth from the heaven of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous."

The Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch, may the spirit of the worlds be a sacrifice unto them both, remember that honored one with the Most Wondrous and Most Glorious remembrance and with mighty, sublime greetings. The Glory be upon thee, then remembrance and praise be upon thee.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise that is sanctified above the mention and description of the peoples of the world befitteth the Ancient King, Who hath illumined the horizon of the heaven of Islam with the Sun of Divine Unity and raised aloft the standard of "There is none other God but Him" in the cities of the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. He is the Sovereign Whom the sovereignties of earth did not prevent from His purpose. He sent forth His Messengers and bestowed His Books that all might find the path and hold fast unto Him, until the paths led to the Most Great Path and the Messengers to the Most Noble Messenger - upon him be the prayers of God and His loving-kindness, and the peace of God and His mercy - through whom the Fire spoke from the Tree and the food of knowledge and wisdom was sent down upon humanity, and upon his family and companions whom God made the treasuries of His knowledge and the mines of His names and the manifestations of His attributes. Through them appeared the power of God and His sovereignty and the might of God and His grandeur. We beseech God by Him and by them to open, through the key of His Most Great Name, the doors of grace and bounty unto His servants. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose command the mysteries were revealed, the verses were sent down, and the clear proofs appeared! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the rain of Thy mercy was showered upon Thy servants and the Sun of might shone forth in Thy domains, to assist Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He Whom the manifestations of might and the revelations of power do not prevent. Every seeing one and every informed one testifieth that Thy power hath conquered the power of the world and Thy might hath seized the nations. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the hereafter and the former times, to assist us in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to enable us to achieve that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted, O Lord of the heaven and Lord of the Kingdom of Names. O my Lord! Thou seest and knowest that whenever Thy servant heareth the cry of Thy lovers and sincere ones in their longing and yearning, his heart melteth, his limbs tremble, his skin quivereth, his heart yearneth and his eyes weep. I beseech Thee, O Ka'bih of the lovers and Fire of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee, not to render him who hath turned to Thee deprived of what is with Thee and prevented from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy messengers. O my Lord! Look not upon what our hands have wrought, but rather upon the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. Then ordain for us that which shall be a light before our faces in the darkness of the earth. Verily

Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous. And verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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In the Name of Him Who warbleth upon the branch of utterance! Praise be befitting the Goal of the worlds Who, amidst the surging waves of the seas of sorrows, summoned the people of possibility to the horizon of the appearance of the Lord of Religions. One drop from the ocean of His utterance adorned the world with the ornament of eternal life, and one flame from the blessed Tree set ablaze the hearts and minds of the nations. He is the Sovereign of bounty and the Lord of existence - exalted be His grandeur, complete His proof, and perfect His evidence. There is no God but Him.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Most Glorious Name and by Thy sweetest call which was raised from the prison of Akka, to assist me to serve Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I implore Thee by the stations which were honored by Thy footsteps, and by the houses wherein Thy mention was exalted, and by the hearts which Thou madest treasuries of the pearls of Thy love, and by the tongue which Thou made an interpreter of the mysteries of Thy knowledge, to open before my face the door of Thy mercy and to send down upon my outer and inner being from the clouds of Thy favors the rains of Thy knowledge and wisdom. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

This is a missive from Us to him who turned, hastened, and appeared before the Face, and partook of the Kawthar of eternity from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all being, and drank once through His Name and again through His mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to the Most Great Branch and the Name of Bounty. We found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity and thy turning to the face of God, the Lord of the worlds. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! We mentioned thee before in a Tablet that beareth witness to that which God Himself hath testified - that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of My utterance and attained to the outpourings of My days and soared in the atmosphere of My love and spoken My beautiful praise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee and make thee a helper of His Cause and steadfast in His service, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His trusted ones and chosen ones. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

And We make mention of thy wife, My handmaiden and My leaf. Give her the glad-tidings of My mention of her and illumine her with the light of My manifest utterance. We mentioned her before with that which the pearls of the seas and the mines of the mountains and the treasuries of the earth cannot equal. And I am verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and the earths. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon her and upon those who are with you both and who love you both for the sake of God, the Lord of this exalted and glorious station.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to Him Who through His Most Exalted Word revealed the Kingdom of Creation and caused the Divine Lote-Tree to speak in the Most Exalted Paradise that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of names - verily there is no God but Him, the Creator of heaven. And peace and blessings be upon Him by Whose advent the polytheists wailed, the deniers were dismayed, and honored servants who speak not before Him and act by His command rejoiced. And upon His family and companions through whom the horizons of the heavens of utterance were illumined for all creation and the banners of unity were raised among religions.

Thereafter, the gate of reunion was opened through the key of your remembrance, utterance and praise of Our purpose and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth. Blessed is he who attained to this praiseworthy station and acted according to what was revealed in the Book of God, the Sovereign of existence. When I drank the wine of love from the cups of your words, I approached until I attained the presence and heard in response that which diffused the fragrance of the garment in all directions. Soon you shall hear when you attain the presence. The command belongs to God, the Sovereign of the invisible and visible.

In these days, praise be to God, the sea of reunion is surging and the cups of attainment are each in melody and joy. Beyond the birds, to Him belongs praise and favor in all conditions. And we beseech Him to enable all to attain to pilgrimage to the House this year - “Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind.” The intoxication of this blessed word’s Kawthar has so overtaken the servants that throughout ages and centuries they have turned towards it from near and far regions, such that chronic illnesses, great hardships and trials did not prevent them - they hastened with their lives and reached their goal. Blessed is he whose deeds are adorned with acceptance, and woe to every heedless and veiled one.

What was written was seen. The response to all depends on attainment to presence. As the promise of reunion drew near, therefore the response was not presented. To the honored master, his eminence Afnan - upon him and upon them be the Most Glorious of all Glory - I present my utter servitude and nothingness. Praise be to God, they are blessed and sustained with what God loves. And likewise to my beloved, Aqa Muhammad Mustafa - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - and those with him, and to the spiritual friend Haji ’Abbas and other friends I convey greetings and salutations, and I beseech confirmation and success for all. Verily our Lord is the Confirmer, the Helper, the Succourer. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power! We, the Wronged One, the Sorrowful, at this hour when the heavens weep and the clouds lament, the Lord of Power in His most exalted station makes mention of Qasr-i-’Ali-Akbar, who attained unto recognition, knowledge and certitude in the earliest days. Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. At this moment, when but one hour of the day remains, the Most Great Book of God has spoken forth this most exalted Word which is the Dawning-place of commandments and ordinances: O people of God! The Day is God’s Day and the Cause is God’s Cause. Strive ye that perchance on this blessed Day ye may turn from that which is with the people to the Self-Subsisting Lord, and from that which is with creation to the Truth. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized this Day, discovered its fragrance, and arisen as behooveth it. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power. Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be My Glory, is present and made mention of thee. We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. Convey My greetings to the people of God and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace and favors. All must occupy themselves with unifying hearts and be detached and free from all else but God. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath today arisen to serve the Cause, for service hath degrees and ranks. Among the greatest services is the unification of hearts. The successful and sincere ones must turn to this mighty matter, that the effulgences of the Sun of unity may illumine their hearts. We have counseled all, both before and after, to unity. Verily He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. We made mention of thee some days ago. We beseech God that thou mayest attain unto it, drink from the ocean of inner meanings, and offer a draught thereof to His servants. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the Munificent. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and hearken unto thy words concerning thy Lord’s Cause, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We send greetings to Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My Glory. We counsel thee and him and ’Ali-Haydar, upon you be My Glory, regarding the affairs of Jinab-i-’Ayn and Ba, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, and We especially command you to unify hearts. Today all must strive and endeavor to exalt the blessed Word, and this cannot be achieved except after the unification of hearts and souls and through such deeds as have been revealed in the Books and Tablets from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that act!

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious

This hath been revealed for Muhammad-Kazim, whose father was martyred in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting: The mention of thy Lord’s mercy unto His servant Kazim, who believed in God and was recorded among the successful ones in the Mother of Tablets, and who was brought forth from the loins of one who ascended unto the heights of holiness and recognized his Lord, then strove in His path with all his might and failed not in the Cause of his Lord until he was martyred in His path and was inscribed among the martyrs in the Mother of the Book. At the moment his spirit ascended, the angels of Paradise received him with radiant banners until he entered the Garden of Meeting, the station

wherein the Ancient Beauty shineth with mighty splendors. Blessed is he in that he attained unto the recognition of his Lord and achieved His presence in this earthly life, and in the life to come there hath been ordained for him before the Divine Countenance a station that is truly glorious. The Tongue of Grandeur, through the manifestation of His radiant and most glorious Self, pronounceth his name with pride, and with Him the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and then the hidden hosts of the unseen join in this pronouncement.

And thou, O Kazim, follow in thy father's footsteps and walk not save in his path, for by My life, this is better for thee than all that is on earth. Hold fast to the cord of his love - by God, through his love do the sincere ones enter into the precincts of their Lord's mercy, and this is of the bounty which God hath specially ordained for him and, apart from him, for whomsoever He willeth through His command, and verily He hath power over all things. Give thanks unto God for having related thee unto him, for thy relationship to him sufficeth thee above all relationships save unto thy Lord Himself, for through the love of God and the Manifestation of His Self are all relationships strengthened, and without this all relationships are severed - and God is witness unto this. Purify thyself from whatsoever is unworthy of thee, then seek bounty from thy Lord every morn and eve. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee, for God shall soon set right thine affairs and make thee well-pleased. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that thy feet shall not slip at a time when the feet of every person of insight slip. Thus have We inspired thee and ordained for thee in the Book a station that is truly praiseworthy. Moreover, convey Our remembrance unto all who survive thy father, whether female or male, and unto those who have believed in God and stood firm in the Cause, and are today numbered among those who have shattered the idols of fancy and held fast unto a support that is mighty indeed.

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In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal! This is a remembrance from Us unto him who turned toward the Prisoner and was of those who are guided. Say: This is the righteousness of God wherewith the Spirit hath spoken, and this is verily the Most Great Law, and this is His Hidden Name which hath appeared in truth in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wise. But for Him, that which was uttered in the tablets of God would not have been established. Through Him was revealed that which was concealed, and the Ancient Beauty shone forth amidst the peoples, yet the people remain in a mighty veil. This is the horizon from which the suns of names have dawned, and the springtime whereby the gardens in the hearts of the mystics have been adorned. This is the dayspring of guidance among creation and the lamp of oneness for those in the heavens and the earth. At His call all things cried out, and at His grief the Concourse on High lamented and the Faithful Spirit cried aloud. This is verily the Book wherein there is no doubt, and the light of God for whoso turneth unto Him, and a burning meteor against the devils. This is the proof of God unto all who are in the realm of possibility, and His enduring testimony unto those in all the worlds. Through Him the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted throughout creation, and the atoms cried out: "Power belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Omnipotent!" Through Him were the veils rent asunder and that which was inscribed on a preserved tablet was made manifest. Were We to expound the verses of this Revelation, the seas would be exhausted, by My

steadfast and ancient resolve. They who are heedless this day shall find themselves in manifest loss. Blessed is the lion who hath emerged from the thicket of divine power to aid his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Arise to promote the Cause, detached from the allusions whereby the servants have been prevented from turning toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the leaves of hypocrisy spread throughout all regions, leave them behind thee, turning toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in such wise that through thee may be established the hearts of those who hesitate and the minds of the doubters be assured. The Cause hath reached such a pass that the lowliest of servants hath risen against Us and the most despicable among the people hath oppressed Us. Thus have We been afflicted by these heedless ones. The Pen is unable to recount the tales of the Youth. By My life, He is in grievous tribulation. Whenever He desireth to reveal that which hath befallen Him at the hands of the wicked ones, His name, the Concealer, preventeth Him. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Grieve thou not. Be as thy Lord hath been, in such wise that tribulation preventeth thee not from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, nor doth the opposition of the opposers disturb thee. Seek thou the help of God. Verily He sufficeth against the evil of those who have disbelieved, and He is the best of helpers. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and to strengthen thee in aiding His Cause, and to make thee among those who have cast aside all else but Him and have held fast to His Strong Cord. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of guidance in this wondrous dawn.

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O Muhammad Kazim, who has attained the presence of the Countenance in Sad - He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Glorified be He Who has revealed Himself at high noon, yet the people recognize Him not. Before He made Himself known, they believed in Him, circled round Him, and prostrated themselves before Him. But when the veil was rent asunder and He shone forth at midday with the lights of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, they scattered from around Him like locusts dispersed. Say: O people! He has come with that wherewith came ’Ali, then Muhammad, then the Spirit, then He Who conversed with God, and the Friend of God. Fear ye God and deny not Him by Whose will the Prophets were raised up and through Whom the Kaf was joined with its Nun. Say: O people, be fair in the name of God! Did We not reveal in all the Tablets that He Who comes with the truth cannot be known by aught else save Himself? Know Him through His own Self and through what appears to you from the proof of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Did We not proclaim in all the Tablets that all else is known through Him while He is known through His own Self? Yet you have forgotten God’s covenant and His testament and become of those who understand not. You ask the shadow about the sun and its radiance, though the shadow itself has no light - how then could that through which all created things are illumined be known through it? What ails these people that they comprehend not? Say: O people! Can the depths of the ocean be known through a drop remaining in a pond? Nay, by the Self of God, the Powerful, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved! Say: O people! We have journeyed from the Kingdom of Names to the Kingdom of Eternity and witnessed your hearts veiled by allusions and your souls in turmoil and agitation regarding this Cause which has shone forth from the horizon of the worlds with manifest sovereignty. Fear God, O people! Know God through God, then detach yourselves from those who wage

war against My Self, though I came to them with all the signs and a destined message. And thou, O servant who gazest upon the Countenance, let not God's glances upon thy heart cease, nor the breezes of grace upon thy soul, and abide under a praiseworthy protection. Purify thyself and then the souls of men with the waters of inner meanings and utterance, then turn to the face of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then detach thyself from the manifestations of Satan who bid people to deny God - thus do they command. And forget not God's favor upon thee. Arise to serve the Cause, then teach the people with wisdom beloved. Thus have We commanded thee in this Tablet as a mercy from Us upon thee. Follow what thou hast been commanded by the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And the glory be upon thee and upon all who are fair-minded and transgress not the decree of justice in God's Cause and are among the God-fearing.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

Glorified be God! From one perspective, all things are seen to be in motion, assisting and guiding; while from another view, the greatest genus and highest species remain heedless and veiled. A tree stands manifest and evident before the palace - by the life of our Purpose and your Purpose - its leaves moving in such a way as to captivate the heart of every seeing one and awaken every heedless one. A few years ago, two movements appeared from it which were truly the cause of wonderment to people of understanding. In one instant, it fell to the ground from the force of violent winds, and in another instant, through the confirmation of other winds, it rose up and leaned against another tree. Glory be to God, again glory be to God! The movements of things increase the blindness of those without vision, while bestowing a new adornment upon the awakened ones.

The cause and reason for this mention was the letter of that spiritual beloved, for after its presence, perusal and reading, I became aware of that beloved's remembrance and my own heedlessness, and I lamented. With lamentation and yearning it was presented before the Face and He said - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him: "O Rida, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. Thy letter arrived and thy call was heard. Blessed art thou, and blessed be thy cry and thy yearning in the love of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. We beseech God to protect thee and to aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to send down upon thee from the clouds of mercy the rains of blessing and grace, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and this world, and to provide thee with what He hath written for His chosen ones and His trusted ones. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, and the Most Merciful of the merciful. And We beseech Him to preserve the beloved and those who love thee, and to exalt him through His Name for His service. Verily He is powerful over all things."

O beloved of my heart! The letter arrived and was presented. Perfect kindness was manifest. In truth it brought this evanescent one to the world of remembrance. Furthermore, God is witness and aware of what the hosts of love accomplished and how the banners of remembrance held sway. The servant beseeches his Lord to grant him your meeting and presence, and to confirm him and you in what He loves and is pleased with. He is the Purpose in the hereafter and this world. Glory and praise be upon you and

upon those with you and those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to God, the Purpose of the mystics.

They said that if Mirza Mahmud and Rida would come one day with their father, it would be beloved. This is glad tidings from the servant to you.

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17. He, verily, heareth and is ready to answer.

Glorified be God! Whenever those endowed with insight observe the signs of the mortality of anything that existeth in the world of being, they bear witness, nay, each thing in itself with its inner tongue doth testify, to the evanescence of all things. The royal seat becometh the perch of the owl and the spider replaceth the the chamberlain. With its inner tongue it declareth: “O discerning ones! Where have your thrones gone; where are your mighty palaces?” Ruin followeth behind every edifice, as death followeth behind every life.

O Ahmad! The possessors of palaces one and all shall repair to their tombs. Though this morning they recline upon plush cushions, in the evening they shall rest in their sepulchers. And no one will be able to distinguish between the bones of the ruler and those of the ruled, nor between the skulls of kings and those of their subjects.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to construct with the hands of power and the masons of truth a house sanctified from extinction and mortality. Blessed be the soul who entereth within such a house! The origin, cause, and builder of this house is and hath ever been the Word of God, for death cannot touch His Word which abideth within the undying Book.

O Ahmad! The concerns of the days of God cannot be compared to the concerns of the world and the attainments of its peoples. Happy the soul that hath hearkened to the verses of God before his ascension, after his ascension, and during his ascension. Grieve thou not on account of that which hath befallen thee. Previously this exalted verse was revealed by the Pen of the Most High: “God, in truth, is the Most Patient, and He exhorteth you to observe befitting patience. He is the Concealer, and He admonisheth you to conceal the faults of men.”

The moment the report of the incident arrived, the blessed pavilion was upraised at the behest of the King of Destiny, and the souls present–that is, those who have taken a place under the shade of the canopy of the grandeur of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful, and those who circle round Him, both men and women–all gathered together to offer invocation and praise. Every letter thereof recited before this Wronged One was the very breath of life. On that day the Concourse on high attained Our presence, and We sent down upon the one who ascended that whereof its traces and fruits shall never cease as long as the kingdom of God and His dominion shall last.

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Praised be Thou, O my God! Thou beholdest both the helplessness of Thy dear ones and the ascendancy of Thy foes, both the wretchedness of Thy chosen ones and the glory of them who gainsaid Thy Cause and repudiated Thy signs. The latter deny Thy tokens, and fail to repay Thee for the temporal benefits Thou didst bestow upon them, while the former yield Thee thanks for what hath befallen them in their eagerness to partake of the everlasting gifts Thou dost possess.

How sweet is the thought of Thee in times of adversity and trial, and how delightful to glorify Thee when compassed about with the fierce winds of Thy decree! Thou knowest full well, O my God, that I endure patiently whatsoever toucheth me in Thy path. Nay, I perceive that all the members and limbs of my body long for tribulation, that I may manifest Thy Cause, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! The waters of Thy love have preserved me in the kingdom of Thy creation, and the fire of my remembrance of Thee hath set me ablaze before all that are in heaven and on earth. Great is my blessedness, and great the blessedness of this fire whose flame crieth out: "No God is there save Thee, Who art the Object of my heart's adoration, and the Source and Center of my soul!"

Thy glory beareth me witness! Were all that are in the heavens and all that are on earth to unite and seek to hinder me from remembering Thee and from celebrating Thy praise, they would assuredly have no power over me, and would fail in their purpose. And were the infidels to slay me, my blood would, at Thy command, lift up its voice and proclaim: "There is no God but Thee, O Thou Who art all my heart's Desire!" And were my flesh to be boiled in the cauldron of hate, the smell which it would send forth would rise towards Thee and cry out: "Where art Thou, O Lord of the worlds, Thou One Desire of them that have known Thee!" And were I to be cast into fire, my ashes would – I swear by Thy glory – declare: "The Youth hath, verily, attained that for which he had besought his Lord, the All-Glorious, the Omniscient."

How, then, can such a man be fearful of the combination of the kings to injure him in Thy Cause? No, no, I swear by Thyself, O Thou Who art the King of kings! Such is my love for Thee that I can fear no one, though the powers of all the worlds be arrayed against me. Alone and unaided I have, by the power of Thy might, arisen to proclaim Thy Cause, unafraid of the host of my oppressors.

To all that dwell on earth I cry aloud and say: "Fear ye God, O ye servants of God, and suffer not yourselves to be kept back from this pure Wine that hath flowed from the right hand of the throne of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Merciful. I swear by God! Better for you is what He possesseth than the things ye yourselves possess and the things ye have sought and are now seeking in this vain and empty life. Forsake the world, and set your faces towards the all-glorious Horizon. Whoso hath partaken of the wine of His remembrance will forget every other remembrance, and whoso hath recognized Him will rid himself of all attachment to this life and to all that pertaineth unto it."

I implore Thee, O my God and my Master, by Thy word through which they who have believed in Thy unity have soared up into the atmosphere of Thy knowledge, and they who are devoted to Thee have ascended into the heaven of Thy oneness, to inspire Thy loved ones with that which will assure their

hearts in Thy Cause. Endue them with such steadfastness that nothing whatsoever will hinder them from turning towards Thee.

Thou art, verily, the Bountiful, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

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O Mirza Aqa, in the S, He is the All-Knowing Sovereign. God bears witness that there is no God but Him. His is the glory and grandeur, His the power and sovereignty, His the loftiness and dominion, His the majesty and ascendancy. He aids whom He pleases and restrains whom He pleases, exalts whom He pleases and abases whom He pleases, gives as He pleases. He is the Single One Who cannot be numbered, the Knower Who cannot be known, the Cognizant Who cannot be recognized, the Powerful One Whose power cannot be measured, the One Who reaches where none can reach. None in the heavens or the earth or what lies between them or beneath them can attain to knowledge of Him. He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Compassionate. Before Him bow down in worship all who are in the heavens and earth, and unto Him shall all return. His is the power and might, His the glory and choice, His the loftiness and renown. He raises up whom He pleases through His grace, and He is the Exalted, the All-Wise. O servant! Hearken unto what the Dove of Holiness sang upon the Tree, that there is no God but Him and that ’Ali before Muhammad is the Sovereign of existence in both the unseen and visible realms. All were created by His command and all act by His command. Say: O people! Fear God and do not distort the words of God or change them according to your imaginings. Be not of those who are not guided by the lights of God and who differ in the religion of God. Then show mercy to one another, O people, and let none boast over another in anything. All this is the decree of God, ordained in truth in the preserved tablets of glory. And you, strive in the paths of your Lord, then aid the Cause of your Master with all your power. This is My command to you and to those who hasten unto God. Say: O people! Forget not God’s covenant, transgress not God’s bounds, and go not beyond what you have been commanded in the hidden and holy Book which was sent down to ’Ali in truth on the day when the souls of all creation were troubled, and the hearts of every known mystic. Then know that We have arrived in the prison behind lofty mountains, and the matter has become severe upon Us from all directions. Yet We remain thankful for this, in praiseworthy gratitude. We thank God for what He has decreed for Us of His firm and ordained destiny. By God, whatever appears from the Beloved, He indeed is the One Who is loved. Thus have We sent down the verses unto you and related to you what has befallen Us, that you may be of those who rejoice in the traces of God. The Spirit, the Glory and the Splendor be upon you and upon every patient and grateful one.

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He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the Answerer

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Dawning-Place of My Revelation, the Dayspring of My inspiration, the Manifestation of My Self, and the

Source of My mighty and irrevocable Command. Through Him was raised the Standard of Divine Unity and the Banner of Singleness was unfurled, and the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the branches. Yet the people are in manifest doubt, having cast certainty behind their backs, turning instead to the sources of conjecture - they who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and turned away from Him Who came with clear sovereignty. All things have been stirred by the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and woe unto the heedless ones!

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have detected the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee that which cannot be equaled by all thou dost witness and behold. The Lord of all beings in this mighty stronghold doth testify to this. Arise by My leave to serve My Cause, and take My Book with My strength and say: By God! He hath come, through Whose manifestation the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been adorned. He is indeed the One Whose mention the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, and before it in the Torah and the Gospel. He hath not entered any school, and speaketh by His innate knowledge, if ye be of them that understand. Take once My Book with My strength, and again the Cup of Immortality in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then drink therefrom My choice sealed wine, despite those who have disbelieved in God when He appeared in truth. Thus doth the Pen of Knowledge recount unto thee. Blessed are they that hear!

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have seen thy turning toward Us and have turned toward thee out of Our grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Look not upon creation and its conditions - soon all thou seest shall perish, while sovereignty and the Kingdom shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrances of the All-Merciful wafted. Blessed is he who hath found and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!"

I testify, O my God, with my outer and inner tongue, that Thou hast manifested Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty. I bear witness, and every seeing one beareth witness, to Thy proof and Thy bounty and Thy evidence. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy manifestation, and he who hath heard Thy call, and he who hath beheld the effulgences of the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and in aiding Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy grace, detached from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued the world, that Thou write down for me from the Pen of Thy bounty the reward of meeting Thee and the reward of those who have soared in Thy atmosphere, and who have spoken Thy praise and conveyed Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Bountiful and I am the poor one. Ordain for me that which befitteth Thy Name, the All-Giving, and Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, O God of the worlds! There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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His honour Mirza Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, exalted be He; wisdom and utterance are His estate. Sad, Dal, Qaf. The memorial of the mercy of God unto the one who quaffed the choice wine of belief, and turned unto the horizon of Him Who is the Most Compassionate, holding fast unto His cord, clinging to the hem of His robe, steadfastly serving His Cause, and gazing upon the lights of His Countenance, until he arrived in His presence, and attained unto that which the Most Compassionate hath sent down in the Furqan, and in the Evangel, the Torah and the Psalms. Of Himself, and by Himself, the Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that there is no God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He hath come down from the heaven of Proof with the standards of Perspicuous Utterance. Blessed be whoever witnesseth, and answereth His summons, and woe betide every heedless one, shut out as by a veil! O thou who hast come before this Wronged One, and dwellest now in His vicinity! He, verily, beareth witness that thou hast attained unto the promised reunion, and set thyself towards the True One at a time when all men have turned aside, except such as God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, was pleased to guide. Thou hast directed thy footsteps unto the Furthermost Goal and the Loftiest Summit, and hast soared up on the wings of detachment to the Lord of all creation, until thou didst stand before a Gate that hath been flung open before the dwellers of both the seen and the unseen realms. Render thou thanks unto God for that the Pen of the Most High so testifieth of thee on this moonlit night, when the Wronged One is seated upon His throne, and uttereth that which draweth the people nigh unto a glorious station. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast chosen thy destination, and set out upon thy journey, in such wise that neither the vagaries of the rulers nor the veils of the learned could deter thee; and hast left thy home trusting wholly in God, thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving. We pray God to confirm and assist thee to do that which is pleasing and acceptable unto Him; and to cause to appear from thee in the world that which shall last as long as His Most Excellent Names and His Most Exalted Attributes shall last. Powerful is He to do that which He pleaseth through His word “Be,” and it is. Praise be to God that thou hast hearkened, hast attained, and hast set thyself towards Him at a time when all have risen up to oppose Him. I beseech the One True God graciously to assist thee to preserve this most exalted station. He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful. The letter his honour Amin - upon whom be My glory and My loving-kindness - sent to thee was perused. The love and affection he expressed for thee and the members of thy household occasioned joy and gladness. We pray God to assist and succour him. He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful. In truth, his honour Amin is steadfast in faith, and constant in rendering service. Blessed are they who are adorned with the adornment of love for the Twin Martyrs, for thee, and for thy kindred. Ye, verily, have an eminent position in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed be whoever turneth towards you; attaineth the bounty of your love; and heareth that which your tongue uttereth concerning the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. The Glory of Our presence rest upon you, and upon Amin, and upon all that are staunch and steadfast, and all that are unwaveringly firm in their belief, and faithful to their trust.

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In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

The veils of the learned have deprived the world from the All-Knowing Lord, as you have become aware. On the Day of the Manifestation of the Most Great Luminary from the horizon of the world, hidden

mysteries were unveiled and became clear and evident to every person of insight. Throughout ages and centuries, they were occupied with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, and were adorned with the ornament of His blessed name in supreme glory, speaking the word of unity in gatherings and assemblies, sorrowful and grief-stricken from the long absence. Yet when the morn of manifestation dawned and the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the world, all engaged in cursing and execration. Would that they had sufficed with this much! But finally they issued the decree for the death of the Lord of the world. In any case, the delusions of the past became the cause and reason for this most great error. Now again the people of the Bayan are walking those same steps. Say: O heedless ones! Reflect upon the fruits of the previous party, that perchance ye may become aware and roll up the carpet of suspicions and imaginings in the name of the Lord of all names. In words they called themselves the most exalted in the world, but on the day of the test they were seen as more debased than all peoples. We beseech God to aid you to stand firm with supreme steadfastness. Speak for God's sake and summon unto God, that perchance the temple of the world may be cleansed from the dust of suspicions and imaginings and be adorned with the ornament of certitude and assurance. Convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and remind them of the mention of the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the path of falsehood may not be opened again, that all may find the source and goal, and fix their gaze upon God alone. This is the binding command that hath appeared. It is hoped that the people of that land may perceive the fragrance of these days and return, detached from all else. Say:

My God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy days and the breathings of Thy Revelation and the mysteries that were hidden in Thy knowledge, and by the Ark which Thou hast ordained for the people of Baha in Thy Book, to aid me to arise to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Look not at myself and what I possess, but rather at the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. My God, my God! I perceive the fragrance of Thy Manifestation from the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and I desire to stand at Thy gate and appear before Thy throne, that I may behold what eyes were created to see and hear what ears were fashioned to hear. Or write down for me, O my God, from the Pen the recompense of meeting Thee and what beseemeth Thy grace and generosity. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I call upon Thee at this time when the dove of separation warbleth from the direction of Iraq and the nightingale of longing singeth from the regions of the horizons, that Thou art God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thou hast ever been, O my God, in the heights of power, might and majesty, and wilt ever remain in the exaltation of grandeur, glory and magnificence. All the Prophets are in fear of the manifestations of Thy wrath, and all the Chosen Ones are disturbed by the revelations of Thy dread. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

I thank Thee, O my God, in these days when the oppressors among Thy creation and the rebellious among Thy creatures have gathered against us, and rejoice in what Thou hast sent down upon us of the mysteries of Thy decree and the gems of Thy ordination, after this hath been Thy way with Thy loved ones and Thy custom with Thy chosen ones. By Thy might, O my Beloved! Though others might flee from tribulations in Thy path, I am the one who longeth for them all in Thy love.

I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the oceans of names were stirred at the manifestations of Thy glorious Unity, and whereby Thou didst exalt Thyself above all created things through the sovereignty of Thy divine Unity, to send down upon this servant of Thine all the tribulations Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, lest there descend upon them that which might congeal them from melting in Thy love or extinguish them from the heat of Thy affection. I am the one, O my God, who purchaseth with my spirit and my soul all that appeareth from Thee and proceedeth from Thy presence, and I shall be truthful in all this through Thy might and power. There is no God but Thee, the Generous, the Kind, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the lights of Thy holy Oneness and the mysteries of Thy divine Unity, to preserve Thy chosen ones after me lest their feet slip from Thy path. Then gather them on the shore of Thy bounty and grace, then detach them from all else besides Thee such that they fear no one and are disturbed by no soul. Then open their eyes, O my God, through the wonders of Thy power and the sovereignty of Thy might until they witness all things in Thy grasp and every matter in the palm of Thy power. By Thy beauty, O my Hope! If Thou wouldst raise them to this most exalted station and this ultimate destination, they would all speak of Thee in such wise that nothing would disturb them even if all in the heavens and earth were to gather against them.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy light through which the contingent beings were illumined and by Thy glory through which the creatures were enlightened, to remember Thy servant who was named with the letter Ra in the pavilions of Thy eternity and the canopies of Thy grandeur. Then cause him to hear, O my God, the melodies of Thy holy divinity that they might attract him from himself and from all else besides Thee to the wondrous dawning-places of the lights of Thy love and longing. Verily, Thou art over this the All-Encompassing, the Powerful.

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He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! At that moment, by the sovereignty of Thy might, I ascended to the heaven of Thy exalted glory and traversed the realms of holiness and the stations of intimacy until I reached the repository of glory, attainment and reunion, and the treasury of light, majesty and communion. I journeyed from Thee unto Thee, and by Thee I migrated toward Thee, until I arrived at the unseen Essence and the pure Face of the Self-Subsisting, and I recognized all stations in all that Thou hadst created in the dominion of Thy power and the kingdom of Thy might, and all that Thou hadst caused to flow in the heaven of Thy sovereign glory and the human realm of Thy all-encompassing holiness. And I knew all things in their places and all that would occur thereafter in their stations, without any notion of “after” appearing or any concept of “before” flowing, until I encompassed within myself all

who are in the heavens and on earth, such that I numbered all that grew upon the ground of the Divine Essence in the hairs of my head, and all mountains in the mighty parts of my body, and all suns from the dayspring of my being, and all souls in the degrees of my identity, and all pearls in the teeth of my mouth, and all letters in the lines of my skin and fingertips, and all knowledge in the point of my heart, and all spirits in the dawning-place of my spirit. And at that moment, with all of this and all that Thou hadst given me through Thy generosity and honored me with through Thy beneficence, I took this holy spirit and this divine light and this lordly essence in the palm of my hands, desiring to sacrifice it at Thy feet. This is the ultimate purpose of my existence in Thy dominion and the final goal of my seeking in Thy lands. By Thy glory! I seek from Thee in this no recompense, neither the perpetuation of my name in Thy earth nor the exaltation of my cause in Thy realm, for my name is non-existent before Thy name and my being is lost before Thy Being. Indeed, if Thou desirest the perpetuation of Thy Being and the preservation of Thy Self and the continuation of Thy Name, then verily Thou art sovereign in Thy will and supreme in Thy purpose. Thou doest whatsoever Thou lovest for Thyself and causest to flow whatsoever pleaseth Thee for Thy Being. Thou art beloved in whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Therefore I beseech Thee now, O my God, to embark this servant with me upon this eternal ark and this holy ship. For it is a ship that, were it to sail upon the water, would be sailing through the air, and were it to walk upon the earth, would be walking through fire in the sphere of fire, as though it moved by fire and flowed upon fire and rushed through fire, and by it the fire is kindled in the hearts of the sincere ones. Blessed, then, is he who is warmed by this fire for the sake of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Compeller - from the B before the H.

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In the Name of Him Who abideth forever without decline. Thy letter hath come before the Throne, adorned with the mention of thy Lord and sanctified from all else. By My life! It is better for thee than all that thou hast done before, for there hath been ordained for him whose letter reacheth the Throne after its arrival in the Most Great Prison the reward of one who hath attained His presence, beheld His countenance, and heard what His tongue hath uttered. This is indeed a great bounty. As for what hath befallen thee through the decree of fate, We have informed thee thereof in a Tablet We sent thee aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Wise. Through Our mention of the two, the decree of the third was established. Reflect, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We informed thee in that Tablet as a token of Our grace. He is verily the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Be not grieved from any direction. Praise be to God, through the merciful favors and infinite outpourings of God thou art turned to the Most Great Horizon and art clinging to the cord of love of the Lord of Destiny. He will deliver thee and ordain for thee what He willeth. His grace hath encompassed all worlds. Whoso holdeth fast unto Him with complete steadfastness findeth himself in an exalted station. God willing, be thou inwardly engaged in the remembrance of God and outwardly occupied with external affairs. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the tempests of the allusions of the people nor the hurricanes of the words of the deniers may move thee. He will assist thee and aid thee through His grace. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The acceptance of positions and engagement in affairs hath not been forbidden, for perhaps through these means one may succeed in serving the Cause and turning toward the loved ones of God. In all conditions be confident in God's grace and assured of His bounties.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth save him who cast away all else behind him and made it the Sovereign of Names between earth and heaven, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy Cause, acknowledging Thy oneness and confessing Thy singleness, and clinging in all conditions to the hem of Thy pardon and favors. O Lord! I have turned my face unto Thee at this time when the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth from the horizon of Thy manifestation and the dayspring of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee not to turn me away from Thy door nor deprive me from the ocean of Thy bounties. Then assist me against Thine enemies and strengthen my arm through Thy grandeur and sovereignty and power and might. Then ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen, in the Tablet which Thou hast made the Dayspring of Destiny for all created things, the good of this world and the next, that my soul may rejoice through Thy grace and mine eyes be consoled through Thy favors. Thou art verily the All-Giving, the Everlasting, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger!

Thy letter hath been received and the servant present before His countenance hath read it. We have answered thee with a Tablet that no tablets of the earth can equal, and with a mention which, when it dawned from the horizon of the Tablet, caused all remembrances in the world to bow down before it. To this doth testify the Lord of Eternity in the Most Great Prison. Yet most of the people are heedless. They hear the call and turn away from it, they behold the signs and deny them. Verily they are companions of the Fire.

Blessed be thy face for having turned to the lights of the Face, and thy heart for having turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It behooveth thee today to detach thyself from what the people possess, standing firm in service to the Cause that hath caused the limbs of the world to quake, save whom God willeth, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: O people! The Day hath come and there hath appeared what was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the ocean and its waves, and of the sun and its effulgence. Thus doth command you He with Whom is the Clear Book. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book proclaimeth with the most exalted call, were ye of them that hear. He hath come from the kingdom of utterance with a proof before which all the evidences of the world have bowed down. To this doth testify the Most Exalted Pen of God in its lofty station.

Be not grieved by the world and its happenings. Confine matters to serving the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and standing in service to Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust. I beseech Thee by the sighs of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee and the tears of the sincere ones in Thy days, to aid me to stand firm in the Most Great Steadfastness that I may arise to remember and

praise Thee amidst all people. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the signs of Thy grandeur to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of the first life. Then open before my face the doors of grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

I know not, O my God and my Master and my heart's Desire, whether Thy grace will bring me nigh unto Thee that I may stand before Thy face and see what Moses desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity, and hear what the Beloved heard when He ascended unto Thee and turned to the station of Thy nearness and meeting, since Thy firm decree and Most Great Command prevent me. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom the conditions of creation do not frustrate and the doubts of the people of the earth do not weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

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O Haji Husayn-'Ali in the Land of Ya! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible! Say: God hath heard the words of those who dispute concerning this Cause, morning and evening. Among them are those who have turned unto God and those who have turned away. He who hath turned unto God hath ascended to the most exalted seats of holiness, while he who hath turned away hath disbelieved in God and returned to the lowest depths of the fire. Thus hath the matter been decreed. Say: O people! If ye deny what hath appeared from the Dayspring of this Countenance, by what proof can ye establish your faith in the Manifestations of the Cause who appeared from the horizon of holiness with manifest sovereignty? Say: Fear ye God and doubt not Him through Whom the heavens of holiness were raised up and the waters of knowledge flowed unto all who drew near. Purify your hearts, for verily He knoweth what is within you, what occupieth you, and what proceedeth from your mouths. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth and the knowledge of all the worlds. O people! By God, I desire nothing from you. I mention you for the sake of God. Fear ye the Day wherein secrets shall be disclosed and the sinners shall be seized with a chastisement bereft of God's mercy. Thus do We teach thee that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause and be severed from every sinful idolater. Then make mention from Us to the servant named Isma'il after Muhammad, that he may remember within himself and be numbered among those remembered in the Tablet. O servant! Stand firm in the Cause through God's grace and sovereignty, and follow not every rebellious satan. Remind the people of My remembrance, then leave the world behind thee. Thus behoveth everyone who attributeth himself to the Beauty of divine holiness. Then doth the Pen of the Cause make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Rida, that he may rejoice within himself with the joy of God and be clear-sighted in the Cause. O servant! Purify thyself from doubt and uncertainty, then remember God and fear no one, even should all the idolaters gather against thee. Thus doth God teach thee in this Prison. Follow what thou art commanded, and He will guard thee with the hosts of the unseen with power. Then make mention of 'Abdu'llah Ibrahim that he may stand firm in the Cause and draw near to the shore of wondrous glory. O

servant! Leave the world to its people, then ascend on wings of detachment to a heaven of exalted glory. Purify thyself from drawing near to those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, then aid thy Lord with whatsoever thou art able. This is God's command from before and after, if thou be aware thereof. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen in the Cause and were mighty therein.

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O Mahdi, who hath visited the House! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most High, the Most Great. The Book of Glory hath been sent down from the presence of the Glory unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have arisen this day with the remembrance and praise of God, and have sent down verses and made them clear signs for those who were created by His command "Be, and it is." Should anyone inquire about the Dayspring of thy Lord's most great signs, say: He is in the hands of the wicked ones who have committed that which was forbidden them in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Can the Pen flow with what hath befallen it? Can the Tablet bear mention of His tribulations? Nay, by My life! Did ye but know, all pens and tablets would be exhausted, yet what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, would not be finished. O My loved ones! Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness and patience. Thus doth the Chosen One command you. He is, verily, the Almighty over the seen and unseen. How many a servant hath witnessed and denied, and how many a servant hath been present and acknowledged. Each acteth according to his way. Thy Lord, verily, is the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else, turning unto his Lord. He is, assuredly, of the people of Baha, in a preserved Tablet. Draw nigh with your hearts unto the Best-Beloved, and follow not every rejected idolater. Whoso is hindered today by the books of the earth and what is mentioned therein of ancient tales is indeed far removed and deprived. Say: O people! Cast behind you what is on earth and what they possess, and turn unto the horizon wherefrom shone forth the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: None encompasseth the knowledge of aught save God, but the people understand not. With Us is the knowledge of what is in the Books and the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Leave the idols and what ye have heard from them. They are indeed a people of deniers. Say: Turn not unto the turbans and their size, but remember the days wherein the Spirit came, and the divines turned away from Him while he who caught fish turned towards Him. Then consider when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came: the noble ones of the people and their divines turned away from Him, while he who sold dates believed in Him. Thus was the matter decreed, would ye but understand. The Word hath distinguished between the wicked and the righteous. It is, verily, God's balance and His path for all who are in the unseen and the visible realms. When thou hast quaffed the pure wine which hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of destiny, arise and say: O people! The imagined hath perished and the Known One hath appeared. Beware lest the turning away of them that have turned aside, or the objections of them that have objected to God when He came with His Hidden Name, prevent thee. Thus have We adorned the heaven of thy recognition with the star of utterance and thy heart with this treasured remembrance.

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In His Name Who shineth forth from the horizon of certitude! This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who hath turned unto Him and attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Verily he hath attained unto the mention of the Wronged One time and again, and this is yet another time when the gaze of God hath been directed towards him from the Most Exalted Station. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speaking forth in the name of thy Lord, and gazing towards the horizon whence the lights have shone forth. Take thou the reins of the Cause by Our command and remind the servants of this News wherewith the Books of God have formerly given glad tidings, and that which was revealed in the Bayan. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and We have seen thy turning and have turned unto thee from this Station which God hath made the Dawning-place of inspiration. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and illumine them with the lights that have shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen, from which the decisive Word hath appeared. Say: Hold fast unto deeds and unto that which We have revealed concerning conduct, then know ye that these are God's hosts on earth. He in Whose possession is the Mother Book doth testify to this. Aid ye your Lord through goodly character - through this His Cause is exalted in all regions. Say: Be ye My trustees on earth, that every seeker and every aspirant may find in you the fragrance of trustworthiness and assurance. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Convey My greetings to all the friends of God and be vigilant at all times, for great is this Day and mighty is this Cause. Say: O friends! With the utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and strive to make up for what hath passed, for this Day hath no likeness or equal. Hold fast unto the hem of righteousness and fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon. The Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Dayspring of Revelation hath appeared. All the divine Books and the Prophets and Messengers gave the people of the world glad tidings of this blessed Day, yet all remained heedless save whom God willed. His honor Ahmad hath sent a petition to the Most Holy Court and hath returned. We, verily, have pardoned him and forgiven him. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Ask ye God that He may aid all to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and preserve them from aught else save what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily He is powerful over all things. God willing, that honored one shall, through the heat of divine love, set aflame the frozen servants and draw them to the straight path. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and in that this Book hath been sent down unto thee which shall testify for thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Strong Cord of God.

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He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

A Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies on a Day when servants who broke God's Covenant and Testament, disputed His verses, denied His proof, and rejected His testimony that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth, have clung to such fancies. The dawn hath appeared and the breeze of God hath wafted over all regions, yet the people remain in evident drunkenness. They have cast away that which profiteth them and taken that which harmeth them, and have committed that which hath caused all things to lament. They shall ere long behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily God is the Just, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have read it and replied to thee with a Tablet through every word of which God quickeneth such as have believed in Him and in that which hath been sent down from His presence. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have found from every letter of the letters of thy missive the fragrance of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having believed in Him and in that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His grace, and for having acknowledged that which the Nightingale of Proof warbled upon the highest branches.

The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that the hosts could not repel, with a might that the power of kings could not weaken, and with a command before which all in the heavens and on earth have bowed down. He stood before the faces of the world and summoned all unto the All-Knowing, the One Informed. He chose not silence for Himself nor did He conceal His face for less than a moment. He appeared and manifested that which He desired, despite the company of divines who broke God's Covenant and Testament and turned away from His straight path.

When thou hearest the call of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and attainest unto My choice-sealed wine, turn thy face toward God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to make mention of me while I was in the hands of the wicked ones, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having caused the lights of Thy luminous countenance to shine upon me. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Command through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was diffused, and by Thy Name through which the gate of song was opened before the faces of the poor, and the gate of wisdom before all creatures, and the gates of bounty and knowledge and bestowal before all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and by the scratching of Thy Pen and the penetrating power of Thy Word, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Most High, the Supreme.

O my Lord! Disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy chosen servants as were so intoxicated by the wine of Thy utterance that they sought the place of sacrifice, yearning to attain Thy presence and seeking Thy good-pleasure. Then write down for me the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing.

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He is the One manifest from the Supreme Horizon through His Most Glorious Name

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! This is a Book sent down in truth in this Prison which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names, wherein the Lord of all beings hath spoken - there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thou wert mentioned before the Countenance, and there was revealed for thee aforetime that from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed art thou for having spoken the truth and acknowledged that which God acknowledged before what was and what will be. Blessed is he who hath attained to the knowledge of his Lord, and blessed is the speaker who hath spoken in the name of God, the Lord of existence. Arise to the Cause by Our command and remind the people of this Day which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which was intended. The mention of this glorious Day and what hath appeared therein hath been recorded in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures, as every clear Book and wondrous Tablet doth testify. With perfect wisdom and utterance, occupy thyself with teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that no station hath been or is more excellent than this station. Drink and give to drink the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, that perchance troubled hearts may attain peace and withered souls may be adorned with freshness. Quicken the dead through the name of the Beloved of all possibility, and guide those who remain behind to the Kawthar of guidance.

This is the Day for the manifestation of supreme steadfastness. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. God willing, thou shalt appear and shine like a standard upon the hills of the world through the name of the Lord of Names. This is the station that endureth as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Hold fast unto it in the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land on behalf of this Wronged One and say: This is a Day wherein all must gather around one Word and drink from the chalice of unity and concord. We previously announced that the cawing of the crows would be raised and fiery leaves would be spread abroad. In these days this hath appeared and shall continue to appear. Ye must be so steadfast in the Cause that neither the clamor of the world nor the parties of the nations shall prevent or debar you from the Most Great Name. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His friends.

The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have sought the Ultimate Goal and have attained unto supreme steadfastness in this mighty and wondrous Cause.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His is all grandeur and majesty

All glory and praise and might and grandeur and loftiness and sublimity and transcendence belong to God, the Possessor of all names and Creator of earth and heaven, and to His chosen ones and trustees

and friends whom He has singled out for Himself and elected for His days and chosen for the service of His Cause and the exaltation of His remembrance among His creatures. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. Your esteemed letter arrived and this evanescent servant was blessed with it. After visiting, reading and learning its contents, it attained the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and all of it was presented.

Regarding the letter of the beloved Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, and what he mentioned about the Khan, it was presented. He said: “We beseech God to forgive him and remit his sins and ordain for him what will benefit him.” Ten majidis were allocated to be given, and afterwards, for as long as they are occupied with treatment, one quarter majidi should be given daily to his family, and from the time this letter arrives, give them for one full month.

And regarding what you had written about some old belongings of the departed Aqa Muhammad Hadi being given to Mulla Muhammad Ali, and one majidi being given as payment - the command is that Mulla Muhammad Ali should deliver that one majidi to the heirs of the departed one, and in exchange one majidi will be given here to the aforementioned gentleman.

Furthermore, the skullcap and letter addressed to Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, arrived. And regarding what you had written about the tea that was sent causing embarrassment to that beloved one - that honor should never have any thought about such matters that might cause the slightest sadness to the heart, for it has been and is very clear that that honor exercises the utmost care and consideration in all related matters, and desires that whatever is most exalted and glorious of everything should be present, and none who looks with the eye of justice can deny this. This evanescent one’s submission was entirely about the tea itself, that it is of this kind.

And regarding what you had written about relief from outward impurity, it was presented. He said: “Now they are involved; God willing, they will gradually be freed.” In conclusion, upon you be the glory of God and His remembrance and praise at all times, before all times and after all times. And praise be to the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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O daughter of Varaqih who has ascended unto God with His sanctified name above what exists in the Kingdom of Names! You have ever been beneath the shade of the grace of the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, and His favoring glance has been turned toward you. The fundamental relationship has been and will continue to be the spiritual bond of faith. When this relationship is established and any soul attains to it, that soul is mentioned eternally before the Throne, even if not outwardly mentioned, and is counted among the names recorded in God’s Tablet, though none may be aware of it. Observe that if this relationship is not established, the outward relationship is not considered and is not mentioned before the Throne. Thus many who had outward relationships failed to attain to faith at the time of the appearance of the Dawning Places of the divine Command, and were therefore not counted among those

related. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that you have attained to this station and turned toward His direction. God willing, you must remain so firmly established on the path that all who are on earth will be unable to prevent you and will find themselves powerless. This is among the most excellent of deeds.

Your letter has come before Us and We have heard that which you called upon God, your Lord, and We have accepted your mention, O you who are mentioned among the worlds. Rejoice in the favors of your Lord, for He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Grieve not for the leaf who has winged her flight to the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. She has attained to what was ordained for her in the Book of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. We mentioned her before, and her name is recorded in the Tablets of your Lord. Be thankful to your Master for this great favor.

O leaf! Great is this Day and mighty is this Cause. You must at all times turn to the All-Merciful in such wise that the intimations of deluded souls will not cause you to slip. Any soul who speaks today other than what the Sovereign of Manifestation has outwardly spoken - that is pure delusion and sheer calumny, and avoidance of it is necessary and obligatory. Be ever anticipating God's grace and detached from all else. The handmaidens who have ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Grace, partaking of the wine of bounty. Blessed are they in having attained the Dawning-Place of the Cause and in soaring in the atmosphere of the love of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be joyous at all times through God's grace and celebrate His remembrance. His confirmations have been and will continue to be the helper of those who have turned to Him, both men and women. The friends of God whose names were mentioned in the book of the Most Great Nabil are all remembered before the Throne. Convey greetings from God to them all. The glory be upon you and upon them from your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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His honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. My affliction is not My imprisonment, nor what has befallen Me at the hands of My enemies. Rather, My affliction is to be surrounded by those who do not recognize My station. I summon mankind unto life everlasting, yet they cling to every oppressor seeking My death. I desire their salvation, while they dig a pit for My destruction. Thus have the servants who call upon Me day and night become veiled. Say: O people, open your eyes! This is your Lord, the Chosen One, Who has come with the truth - and every atom proclaims: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling!" Say: Whither do ye flee? Do ye see any protector who can shield you from the Fire? Nay, by My life, though ye search throughout all regions! Say: The heavens have encompassed you - can ye penetrate through them? Nay, by your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving! O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! All things testify that thou art he who hath stood firm in the Cause of thy Lord in days when hearts were troubled and eyes were fixed in fear. Upon thee be the glory of God, thy Lord, and the glory of the Concourse on high, then Our chosen servants. Ask God, thy Lord, at all times to strengthen thee in that whereunto thou hast attained and to make thee one who can break the might of the aggressors who have denied God, Who causeth the night and day to succeed each other. Associate with those whom thou findest to be weak. We love not that the reward of those who have turned to the Countenance

should be lost. Thus hath the matter been decreed by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Make mention of My servants and raise them to the kingdom of My loving-kindness that they may behold My signs and the manifestations of My grandeur. Thus hath the tongue of revelation spoken at a time when it was surrounded by the hosts of the wicked. Arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me, then strike the hearts with the rod of My Name that there may gush forth therefrom rivers. Within them lie the treasures of the waters of My knowledge which, when their veils are removed, flow forth in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Be wise in all matters. Those who exceed the bounds of wisdom are overcome by heedlessness. Thus hath the command been sent down in the Tablets from the Pen of thy Lord, and none understand it save those possessed of insight. Blessed art thou for having gazed upon the Countenance on a day when skin did creep and the faces of those who disbelieved in the Lord of Lords turned black. Take the chalice of detachment through the remembrance of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Say: O people, I have come to you from the Dayspring of utterance by the command of your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is the chalice of divine knowledge - drink ye thereof and follow not every doubtful idolater. Adorn your heads with the crown of My remembrance and your hearts with the ornament of My love. Thus have ye been commanded by the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Then make mention of My loved ones there and say: Blessed are ye for having attained unto the recognition of your Lord on the day when He came with the truth and necks were brought low before Him.

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Nightingales get drunk (Mast-and bulbulan)

He is the Glorious

Nightingales get drunk of the sound of His enrapturing Call,

And loving souls of one draught of His enrapturing Call.

In a fit of ecstasy, the soul conjoineth with the Adored One,

As soon as her ears are reached by an echo of His enrapturing Call.

The spirit-lover flieth away to the remote Tree of Love,

If he is assisted by the melody of His enrapturing Call.

The world of Being geteth drunk as a lover with beauty,

If the Cup-bearer passeth around the wine of His enrapturing Call.

The Moses of Spirit falleth into a swoon on the Mystic Mount,

If the Sinai is lit with the spark of His enrapturing Call.

The Sinai of the heart shineth and the soul danceth,

If the earth echoeth with the melopoeia of His enrapturing Call.

Any colour of otherness disappeareth from the pages of the world,

If a breeze wafteth, exhaling the perfume of the lock of His enrapturing Call.

When He ariseth, thou seest the lovers resurrected,

And hearest Sarafiel's trumpet from the breath of His enrapturing Call.

The spirit-lover wingeth his flight towards the Heavenly Throne, and beyond it,

When he is seized by love in the ecstasy of His enrapturing Call.

The lover eagerly forfeiteth his life,

If in the world the splendour is unveiled of His enrapturing Call.

A breeze of immortality wafteth in this Day from the mortal kingdom,

'Cause a musky scent breatheth from the musk-pod of His enrapturing Call.

The Maids in the glorious chambers go into raptures,

If their ears are reached by the cry of His enrapturing Call.

New designs are drawn in the world of water and clay,

If from the East ariseth the countenance of His enrapturing Call.

The earthly world and the holy and glorious bowers catch fire,

If heaven resoundeth with an echo of His enrapturing Call.

The ear of the world is cleansed from what it heard in the world,

As soon as it entereth the circle of His enrapturing Call.

Existence becometh annihilated and the nil taketh on the hues of eternity,

If the Invisible emergeth from the veil of His enrapturing Call.

Every covetous heart disappeareth into self-effacement,

If it catcheth just one glimpse of the flame of His enrapturing Call.

How could have the Messiah crossed the celestial vault,

Should He have not been guided by the roar of His enrapturing Call?

Beside Him, no one can set his foot in the world of being,

So jealous is the watchman of His enrapturing Call.

No mortal eye could see the hue of existence, O son,

If, for just an instant, the eye would close of His enrapturing Call.

O thirsty ones, immerse yourselves into the holy, and sanctified waters,

That gush forth from the fountain of His enrapturing Call.

O Dervish, stop setting the fire of meanings to the world:

His enrapturing Call is distracted by His enrapturing Call.

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O Kalim, upon whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God in the City! He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted in the Most Glorious Horizon. This is a Book from God unto him who soared in the atmosphere of nearness and heard the melody of God and was mentioned in the Supreme Paradise with the tongue of holiness, and was honored with the presence of God and attained the grace of the Spirit. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His bounty, and verily His bounty hath ever been witnessed by all the worlds. O Kalim! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner, Who hath been encompassed by wolves from every direction, after He came unto them with an authority that verily encompassed all things. By God, O Kalim! There hath befallen Me that which hath caused to burn the hearts of them who dwell in the Most Glorious Paradise - the Ridvan which was illumined by the countenance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Arise to serve God and aid His Cause. Leave all created things behind thee, then make mention of thy Lord with wondrous holy melodies. By God the Truth, this is thy day, and verily We have reared thee for this Day wherein God hath come upon the clouds of wisdom and the matter hath been decreed by One mighty and wise. God hath aided thee in many instances and will aid thee in truth, and verily His aid hath ever been nigh unto them that are brought near. Walk thou in My footsteps that there may appear from thee that which shall guide people unto God, thy Lord, for He hath singled thee out for Himself in beauteous tablets of glory. Grieve not over this world, and if thou wishest to grieve over anything, grieve over that which hath befallen My Beauty at the hands of them who were created by My word - and God is witness unto this. And the Spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee! O Kalim! At the time of departure from the region of Iraq, the Tongue of God informed the people about the calf and the emergence of the Samiri and the movement of the birds of night after the setting of the Sun of eternity. Those two have become manifest and the cawing hath been raised. However, there is a third group - souls who will arise with claims and will soon be set in motion. O Kalim! Hearken unto the divine call and keep thyself aloof from anyone in whom thou perceivest the fragrance of malice, and remain steadfast in the Cause of God in such wise that all may become steadfast through thy steadfastness. O Kalim! Be intimate with the friends of God and shun His enemies. Be not grieved over the world. Set thy heart upon God and detach thyself from all else, for all else neither nourishes nor enriches, and so hath it ever been and ever shall be. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned unto God in these days wherein the feet of

every sinful doubter have slipped. God willing, mayest thou ever dwell beneath the shade of God's mercy and be sustained by the fruits of His grace.

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He is the Most Glorious! In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy! This is an epistle from the servant of the Primal Point, His soul and His beloved, to those whose hearts God hath freed from this world and all that is therein, making them fountains of His wondrous and exalted remembrance. And whatsoever proceedeth from Him in the form of words returneth to a single point, if ye be of them that understand. For no variance existeth in His presence, and all stand on an equal plane in His mighty and glorious kingdom. If He so willeth, He may distinguish one of His words and exalt it as He pleaseth through His command, for He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. And if He so willeth, He may abase it as He desireth - none can gainsay His firm and potent command. Say: Beware, O people, lest ye find variance in His words. When He saith "I am the servant of God," it is as His saying "I am the Beloved of the worlds." Thus hath it ever been in His kingdom, but the people have veiled themselves therefrom and thus have remained far from the shores of nearness, among the heedless. Arise thou to the remembrance and praise of God, then speak forth between earth and heaven through this Most Holy and Most Exalted Name. By God! Through it are the denizens of the Supreme Paradise made joyous while they that have disbelieved in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, are struck down. Say: This indeed is the Water of Life which God hath specially ordained for the sincere among His creatures, while it is forbidden to them that are veiled. Say: Fear God, O people, and divide not the Most Great Word, and be not of the losers. Look ye to the root of the Cause - verily it is God's balance amongst His servants, His measure amidst His creation, and His proof unto all the worlds. Say: The Cause is both easy and difficult - easy for the discerning servants of God who have recognized God by His own Self and by what hath proceeded from Him, and who have detached themselves from all created things; and difficult for those in whose hearts there is doubt concerning their Lord - they are indeed an evil people and among the losers. Grieve not at anything, and fear no one, for God shall aid whomsoever He willeth and assist whoever assisteth Him. There is no God but Him - His is the creation and the command. He aideth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of the heavens and earth. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and thank God Who created thee by His command and acquainted thee with what was hidden from the eyes of all on earth save Our near servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. O Husayn! Rend asunder the veils in such wise that thou hearest the sound of their rending. Thus doth it behoove thee and Our steadfast servants. Shun the enemies and hold fast unto God, then take comfort in My Name, the Truthful, for it is indeed My remembrance amongst the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to him who desired the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, and who migrated with Him from Baghdad until he arrived in the Land of Mystery with manifest joy. Then he journeyed thence until he entered the Most

Great Prison when the Ancient Beauty arrived there with great sorrow, and he circled round about it until the days reached that day whereon the hand of destiny closed the gates of attainment before the face of those who sought Him. And on this day We make mention of him that his remembrance may endure in the world. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O servant! Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause in such wise that the hearts of the polytheists may be made to tremble by thee. Blessed is he who hath visited thee and dwelt in thy house whereby the horizon of victory was illumined and the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, was made manifest. Blessed is he in that he followed the command of his Lord and went forth from his home, turning unto his Master. We bear witness that he was among those at whom the Evil One trembled and the idol wailed, and the foundations of the transgressors were shaken. We beseech God to aid him and thee in His service and to make you both among the triumphant ones.

We bear witness that thou didst arise to serve the Wronged One and didst endure tribulations in His path, and wert standing at the gate at every morn and eve. Know thou the worth of this station, then give thanks unto thy Lord at all times. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beseech thou God to make thee steadfast in that wherein thou art, for this is a station greater than every station and mightier than every mighty thing. Blessed is he who hath clung unto it and from whom its lights have shone forth. By My life! He is of them that are nigh unto God.

Say: O my God, my Lord and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the wrong suffered by the Manifestation of Thy Cause to make me of them who have tasted the sweetness of Thy remembrance in such wise that neither the opposition of Thy creatures nor the objections of Thy creation shall turn them aside. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One. I have turned toward the pavilion of Thy generosity and have clung to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to deny me nearness unto Thee nor prevent me from standing before the gate of Thy bounty. Then aid me in all conditions to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then write down for me what Thou hast written for them who have martyred themselves in Thy path, detached from all created things and turning unto Thy beauteous countenance. O Lord! Inscribe my name upon the Tablet whereon is recorded the mention of them who have circled round the sanctuary of Thy knowledge and kept Thy Covenant. Then cause such of Thy handmaidens as have inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and turned toward that quarter from whose horizon hath shone the light of Thy countenance to inherit from me. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

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This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath walked in the path of God, the manifest, the straight, who hath held fast unto the sure handle and answered the call of his Lord, the Exalted, the Great, that the wine of recognition may so intoxicate him through that which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful that he may be moved to remember and praise Him amidst His servants who have forgotten the Day they were promised in a preserved Tablet. Arise and say: O people! The Day hath come, and He Who is the

Manifestation of the Cause calleth out from the right hand of the Throne unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Fear ye God and follow not those who, when the verses are recited unto them, persist in pride. These, verily, are in grievous torment. The Ancient Beauty hath been imprisoned to free the world, and hath been confined in the Most Great Prison to liberate all who dwell on earth. He hath chosen sorrows for Himself that all in creation might rejoice. This is of the mercy of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. We accepted abasement that ye might be exalted, and afflictions for your comfort, O concourse of the sincere. He Who came to build anew the world hath been made to dwell by the infidels in the most desolate of regions. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and We have confirmed it through the Pen of Revelation. Thy Lord, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. Say: O people! He Who hath sacrificed Himself for your life - would ye oppose Him or slay Him? Alas for you, O company of the heedless! Glorify thy Lord with praise in the morning and the evening, at sunset and at dawn. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this remote spot. We prevented those who sought to draw nigh unto God aforetime only because of what befell Us in those days. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth and of that which is hidden from the eyes of the near ones. All that He commandeth the servants is for their good, and He intendeth naught save to protect them from the Great Terror or draw them nigh unto the seat of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Were they to discover what We possess, they would move only by My luminous, resplendent command. Say: O people! This is a Day wherein the Face hath shone forth from the horizon of holiness, and the Herald calleth out between earth and heaven: “The Prison belongeth to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy.” Remember Him in your seats; verily He remembereth you in this Prison and summoneth you to the supreme horizon. This, truly, is a great bounty. Convey My glory to those servants who have not been held back by veils from the court of their Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing, who, when they hear My mention, lament My separation and weep for My imprisonment and tribulations. Yet I, by the All-Merciful, am in manifest joy. Whoso hath found the sweetness of tribulation in the path of God, Creator of Names, would not exchange it for aught created in the kingdom of creation. Thy Lord is witness to what I say.

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The Most Great, the Most Wondrous! This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance in this Dawn which hath appeared from the horizon of the Cause as a manifest token, that the breezes of utterance which waft from the direction of the All-Merciful may seize him, and that he may summon the peoples in My Most Great Name, whereby trembling hath seized all the tribes. Thus hath the decree been inscribed by the Finger of Command in a Tablet. Thou art among those who have remained faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament, and who are mentioned before the Throne. We have adorned thee with the ornament of Mine own remembrance amongst My servants, and clothed thee with the robe of My Name, as a token of grace from My presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over what He willeth, and He is, in truth, potent over all things. Say: Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of the Bayan! Verily He is the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of inspiration, and unto Him return all the most excellent names of God. Beware lest ye pervert them from their proper meaning. Fear God, and follow not those who are deprived of the truth. Say: The true believer in divine unity is he

who cleaveth unto this Name which God hath made the Sovereign of Names, and he who turneth away from it remaineth veiled in concealment. Among the people are those who have taken a partner unto God, and among them are those who have denied Him - these shall find none to help them. And among the idolaters are those who have said the verses are ambiguous, even as was said before that they are forgeries. Say: Is that which hath proceeded from thy mouth greater, or that which proceeded from the mouths of thy forefathers? Thus hath his wicked self prompted him, and he remaineth far removed from the horizon of nearness. And remember the Lame One when he was in Iraq. We sent him the Tablets and summoned him unto God, the Almighty, the All-Chosen. He turned away from the All-Merciful after We had revealed unto him the verses and shown him clear proofs, in such wise that from their horizon shone forth the Sun of evidence and proof. When his Lord's testimony was perfected against him, We promised him torment and seized him with a decree from Our presence. Then We left him as a sign unto those possessed of understanding. He claimed within himself that which was greater than that which was claimed by the first one to disbelieve in God, and promised the people his appearance in this year, heedless of that which had been ordained for him by God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. If thou seest the Letter Ha', say unto him: O Letter of Hell! Thou dost rejoice while the Primal Point weepeth because of thy deeds, O thou idolater, full of doubts! We granted thee respite according to Our wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Fear God, and speak not that whereby the atoms, and beyond them the Sacred House and the Station, curse thee. Is doubt befitting after thou beholdest the Sun of My Name, the All-Bountiful, shining from the horizon of certitude? Abandon vain desire and hold fast unto guidance. From the horizon of tribulation He summoneth mankind unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus have We inspired thee and revealed unto thee that whereby hearts are gladdened and eyes are solaced.

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In the Name of God, the Single, the One, the Help in Peril

This is an epistle from the One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bestower, unto him who hath believed in God and been guided by this Sun which hath dawned from the horizon of grace with wondrous sovereignty. Say: O people! Tarry not upon the Bridge; hearken unto the words of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then pass over it as a passing cloud. Beware lest ye differ concerning Him Who was the solace of 'Ali's eyes in the Ridvan of the Bayan, then of Muhammad's eyes in the Garden of the Furqan, then of the Spirit's eyes in the heaven of destiny, then of God's eyes, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Ever-Forgiving. Say: O people! He hath come unto you even as 'Ali came with the truth. Fear ye God and follow not every doubtful idolater. Say: O people! Be ye united in the Cause of God - this is better for you - then turn unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, with humility and contrition. Thus do We counsel thee out of Our love for thee, that thou mayest be mindful within thyself and that they who are endued with understanding may be guided thereby. Say: Were the veil to be lifted from the face of the Youth, the tongues of all created things would proclaim: "By God! This is a wondrous king!" Say: Do ye deny Him through Whom the Messengers were sent forth aforetime and through Whom the Lord of lords hath come? Whoso denieth this Revelation hath denied God in His previous Manifestations, as attesteth that which hath been sent down in the Book. Await ye the Day which ye were promised in the

Tablets, when the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall upon the face of the earth. Say: The Day hath come, and none knoweth it save God, unto Whom returneth the decree of the beginning and the end. Say: Verily the Day hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be He Who hath sent Him forth with the truth and dispatched Him unto His servants. He, verily, is great in bounty and severe in punishment. O people! Stand firm in the Cause of God and in the praise of His Self, and when ye behold Satan seeking to ascend unto the heaven of understanding that he may discover what is in your hearts of the love of the All-Merciful, drive him away with the shooting stars. Say: Seize ye the measure of these days. By God! The eye of creation hath not seen their like. Soon that which hath been decreed in the Tablets shall come to pass and the Face shall be concealed. Then shall ye bite your fingers in remorse. Beware lest ye be heedless of that which hath appeared with truth and follow every deceptive liar. And thou, render thanks unto thy Lord for having attained unto this Cause wherein the feet of most men have slipped, some seeking to slay Him, others rising up to plot against His Cause. But the scheming of the idolaters hath ended in ruin. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God on the Day of Return.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of the Final Return, that the utterance may draw him to the Kingdom of knowledge and bring him near to God, the Lord of Lords.

Your letter has come before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison and the servant present before His face read it. We found from it the fragrances of your sincerity, your turning to God, and your love for God, the Lord of all beings. We have answered you with a Tablet from whose horizon shines the light of grace and favor, that you may rejoice and thank your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Blessed are you for having believed in God and His signs when the divines and jurists of the earth denied Him - they who would mention God morning and evening, beseeching that He grant them the honor of meeting Him Who was promised in the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets. But when He came from the horizon of power, they pronounced against Him an injustice at which all things lamented, as testifies the Mother Book.

When you have taken the cup of knowledge in My Name and drunk thereof through My love, turn your face toward the Most Great House of God and say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me when people were in manifest error. Glory be to Thee for having strengthened me when the people were behind a thick veil. Thanks be to Thee for having awakened me when the servants were in strange slumber. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and King of eternity, by the Most Great Name, to make me in all conditions hold fast to Thy cord and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and generosity, speaking Thy praise among Thy servants such that neither the might of the oppressors nor the power of the aggressive ones may weaken me. O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward Thy horizon, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. This is Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden, who

has cast aside all else but Thee, taking hold of Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the dawning-places of the sun of Thy proof to preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have denied Thy proof, who have disputed Thy signs, and who have turned away from Thy countenance. Ordain for me, O my God, my Master and my Hope, from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me near to Thy Most Glorious Horizon. Then write down for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Protector of humanity, the Possessor of Names, and the Creator of heaven. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones who have drunk the wine of Thy revelation and the Kawthar of Thy inspiration, who have hastened to the place of sacrifice out of longing to meet Thee and yearning for Thy good-pleasure, and upon those who have remembered them and visited their resting-places and recited what Thou didst send down for them from the heaven of Thy Will and the kingdom of Thy Purpose. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

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O Mulla Ali-Rida of Dahj

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great

This is My Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of My loving-kindness unto My servants who have believed in My Self, who have detached themselves from all else save Me, who have turned toward the court of My grace, and who have circled round the sanctuary of My nearness and the Kaaba of My presence, manifesting the wonders of My Cause and making mention of My praise and revealing My gifts amongst the peoples of the world. Blessed are they who have cast behind their backs all who dwell on earth, who have shattered the idols by their might and their power, who have turned with their eyes and their vision toward the Most Great Scene, and who have crushed the graven images beneath their feet through My Name and My remembrance and My power and My majesty and My sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things.

O servant! Know thou that the verse of utterance hath abrogated the verse of silence. Arise, then, and remind My servants of that which hath appeared from the horizon of My Cause and My grandeur, and be not of them that remain silent. Say: O people! The Sun of glory and eternity hath dawned from the horizon of Baha. By God! The hearts of the Prophets and Messengers have been illumined thereby, yet ye remain veiled by a mighty veil. And if His name be mentioned as "Baha," this was mentioned by the tongue of the Beloved aforetime, and by all names, were ye of them that know. Yet doth every thing bear witness to the sanctification of His Essence from names and their kingdom, and the glorification of His Self from attributes and their dominion. Thereupon doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak above His head, saying: "By God! This is My Beloved - I love not that any should know Him save Me or that any eye should behold Him save Mine own." And beyond this He speaketh words which I am powerless to mention, and were I to mention them all created things would be thunderstruck. For after they were promised this Revelation throughout all the Bayan, they clung to a name among names which stood before Us as a servant standing before his master. When he turned away, most of the people turned away through what

Satan whispered in their breasts. Thus were they deprived of this Beauty whereby the eye of God, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, was solaced, even after We had informed them that every possessor of light would be darkened at His manifestation and every possessor of radiance would be altered at the dawning of the lights of His countenance, the Dawning, the Luminous.

Say: O people! By God! He was as one of Our servants - We raised up his name through a wisdom from Our presence which none knoweth save My Self, the All-Knowing.

O Ali! Hear the call of Husayn from the direction of the prison, then aid thy Lord through utterance and fear not the idolaters. O Rida! Hear the call of Baha from the distant quarter, that perchance the call of God may attract thee and detach thee from the worlds, and aid thee to assist this Wronged One, the Stranger, the Unique. And upon thee be glory, and upon thy mother who hath believed in God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

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The Most Glorious, Most Holy, Most Splendid! This is a fragrance from the fragrances of thy Lord's loving-kindness which We have sent unto thee, that thereby thine eyes may be solaced, and the eyes of those who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have heard of thy drawing nigh unto God, and We prevented thee from attaining His presence because of that which the hands of those who rode the steeds of passion have wrought, and who committed that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament. The Pen of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. O Jamal, grieve not at what hath befallen thee. Nothing hath been ordained for thee save that which is best for thee. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Forgiving. The Evil Whisperer hath whispered among the people and caused them to fear God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Chosen One. Therefore hath the matter become severe, and they have prevented from attaining His presence those servants who have turned toward the Kaaba of Beauty. Be thou content with what God hath decreed for thee. We desired to preserve thee that thou mightest aid thy Lord through utterance. He, verily, ordaineth as He pleaseth. Despair not of God's Spirit and mercy, and forget not when thou wert in the vicinity of thy Lord's mercy and the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful, was turned toward thee. Remember Him in thy days, and the tribulations which befell Him from those who perceived not the fragrance of faithfulness and followed vain imaginings. Thou art indeed aware of what befell Us in the Land of Mystery when two persons rose up against God, the Lord of Days. God seized one of them with His might, whereupon, seeing this, he said: "I repent unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all men!" And the other presented himself and repented with hypocrisy, and thy Lord rent not asunder the veil until the appointed time arrived. When We reached the prison, he committed deeds whereby the honor of God was dishonored among His servants. By My life! We showed patience and concealed matters until the affair reached a point where the Cause was well-nigh transformed. Therefore We expelled him and his sister from the gate. O Jamal! I have sacrificed My soul and My spirit to exalt the Word and to glorify the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Should We observe any of the Branches acting contrary to that which God desireth, We would assuredly cast him out with truth, for verily I am the Mighty, the Compelling. Thou art aware of their deeds. By God! The Eye of Eternity wept at

what they committed in the Most Great Prison, and the righteous lamented thereby. Take thou the reins of the Cause with the power of thy Lord, then make mention of Him amongst the servants with such remembrances as will cause spirits to be attracted. Detach thyself from all else but God, then suffice thyself therewith. He is with thee under all conditions. Beware lest the cares and sorrows of the world take hold of thee. Behold, then remember what hath befallen Us from the hosts of the wicked ones. God will soon exalt thee through the truth and will aid thee through His grace. He, verily, fulfilleth His promise. Convey My greetings unto the faces of those who have turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and unto thy kindred from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Luminous.

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O Mustafa of the people of Nun! He is the Everlasting through the perpetuity of His Own Self, the Self-Subsisting. This is a leaf which hath sprouted from the Divine Lote-Tree and which We have sent unto him whom afflictions have befallen in the path of his Lord, that he may inhale from it the fragrance of holiness and draw nigh unto God, unto Whom is his return and final abode. O servant! Grieve not over what hath befallen thee in this world. By God! There have descended upon this Wronged One tribulations which no pen can reckon, and I have been struck by the arrows of destiny at a time whose beginning and end none can know. Forget thy sorrows, then weep for this Youth Whose blood hath been shed at every moment by those who were created by His Word. When they attained unto full strength they rose up against God in opposition, following their own selves and desires. Therefore do all the tribes in the realms of eternity lament My tribulations, and every servant whom God hath aided to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and whose eyes He hath opened doth weep. Be thou patient in all things except in My tribulations, then put thy trust in God Who created thee by a command from His presence. Cut thyself from all else but Him. Adorn thy heart with My love and thy tongue with My remembrance, and be not dismayed in the face of destiny. Be content with what God hath ordained for thee and follow the paths of His good-pleasure. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize His Self, while all others have opposed Him. Soon shall He requite them for what their hands have wrought, their tongues have uttered, and their hearts have harbored. With Him is the knowledge of all things and the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and He knoweth the secret and public doings of every soul. Strive then with utmost endeavor to remain steadfast in thy Lord's Cause, firm in His love and established in His guidance, for in these days from every pit hath emerged a serpent of polytheism that rusheth forth behind every soul, and when it reacheth that soul it stingeth and destroyeth it instantly, except for one who possesseth the antidote of the name of thy Lord, the Most High. Nothing that thou witnesseth or beholdeth can affect such a one; rather, he affecteth all things and prevaileth over every soul through the triumph of his Lord, and everything witnesseth this in the shadow of Him Who created and nurtured it. O servant! Taste thou from the Lote-Tree of the Command and its fruits, and approach not aught else even if it should offer thee all manner of fruits, for though it may appear as light it shall be as fire, and none comprehendeth this save one whose heart hath found tranquility through the light of God and His presence. And the glory be upon thee, O Mustafa, and upon thy wife, if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause and turnest not thy face from the court of His grace and glory.

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He is the Living, the Beloved One!

Thou knowest, O my God, that my heart hath melted, my liver hath boiled, my spirit hath cried out, my inner being hath groaned, the candle of my self hath been exposed, the lamp of my oneness hath departed, the light of my essence hath wailed, and the radiance of my being hath called out "Where, where art Thou, O Forgiver of sins, O Shelter of the fearful, O Physician of the hearts of them that long for Thee!"

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Why dost Thou not take my spirit, after I desire not to remain in this realm for a single day? And why dost Thou not seize my inner being, after I love not to exist less than a moment, and after Thou hast ordained no one to be a companion unto this servant? If this be the recompense for my misdeeds, where then are the wonders of Thy mercy? And if all this be the fruit of my sins, where are the effulgences of Thy tenderness and the manifestations of Thy forgiveness?

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! Doth it befit One like Thee, the Lord, to banish Baha, or doth it beseem One like Thee, the All-Powerful, to reject faithfulness? No, by Thy presence! Thou art in truth the Forgiver, and we are all repentant unto Thee. Thou art the Bestower through grace, and we all return unto Thee.

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved, my Master, and my Radiance! How can I remember Thee with a weary tongue, an ailing body, an abject frame, a grieving heart, and a slain soul, after Thou hast banished me from all directions? And how can I not remember Thee after Thou hast taught me the ways of verses? Whenever I desire to remember Thee with the sovereignty of Thy remembrance, Thou makest known unto me in that very moment that Thou didst remember me before my remembrance of Thee. And whenever I turn toward the King of Thy description, Thou remindest me that Thou didst describe me before my description of Thee. And this is truth like unto Thy very existence, wherein there is no doubt.

By Thy glory, O my God! Were it not for Thy lordship remembering me, I would not exist to remember Thee. And were it not for the light of Thy description, I would not remain visible to describe Thee. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! If these attributes be not the very essence of Thy description, how then can they ascend unto the heavens of Thine eternity? And if these remembrances be not a mystery of Thy remembrance, how then can they mount unto the lights of Thy unity?

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! None hath known Thee save Thee, and none hath described Thee save Thee. When I became certain of this and knew this, then did I remember Thee with the sovereignty of Thy remembrance, and describe Thee with the dominion of Thy description, and sanctify Thee with the modes of Thy sanctity, and glorify Thee with the wonders of Thy intimacy, and I say: Glory be unto Thee! I am surely among the penitent, for how can one who findeth but a letter of Thy creation know the countenance of Thine eternity or describe the face of Thy unity? Glory be unto Thee! I am

surely among them that seek forgiveness. And I say: All praise be unto Thee, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

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O Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, the Peerless One! O Abu'l-Fadl, upon thee be My glory! God is aware and the sun and moon bear witness that the King Who doeth what He willeth and the Sovereign Who ordaineth what He pleaseth, in days when the foundations of the world trembled from the onslaught of tyranny and the pillars of justice and equity were shaken, summoned all, without veil or hindrance, to God, exalted be His glory. However, the deeds of the divines of Iran prevented and deprived them from the horizon of the All-Merciful, and the rejection by the ignorant divines became the cause and reason for the rejection of the people of that land. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the exaltation of Thy Most Great Word and the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the earth honored by Thy footsteps, and by the trees over which passed the breezes of Thy Revelation, and by the springs that flowed before Thy face, and by the mountains that attained the fragrance of reunion with Thee, and by the tabernacles of Thy glory raised by Thy command for Thyself, to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee and to repent before the door of Thy grace, and to that which will benefit them and elevate their stations. Verily Thou art the Bestower in the beginning and in the end. O Abu'l-Fadl! Ali Haydar, upon him be My glory, forwarded thy letters to the Most Holy Court, and each attained the honor of being heard, and from their words wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God, thou art confirmed and successful in serving the Cause in the days of God. Blessed are they whom the veils of idle fancies have not deprived of the ocean of light. Make thou the Persians aware of the endless bounties of the one true God. Say: That which was hidden hath been revealed. Today the trees are singing, the fruits are manifest, and the signs are evident. This is the day of joy and gladness. Ye must cleanse yourselves from the darkness of earth that ye may attain unto everlasting light. O Abu'l-Fadl! The All-Bountiful Lord hath been and is with thee. This is that Word which the near ones and the sincere ones have longed to hear. Give thanks unto God for this great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey My greetings to the people of God. Today the Book hath attained unto its home, and Sinai unto He Who conversed upon it, and the Tree unto its Caller. The people of God must be set ablaze with the light of manifestation and the fire of the Tree - a blaze that will set the world aflame. Say: This is the day of deeds. Strive ye, that there may appear from you that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory - Wisdom and Utterance

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. On this day the Mount rejoiceth and glorieth, inasmuch as it hath attained unto the presence of its Interlocutor, and Sinai hath raised high its head, for

it hath been reached by the breezes of revelation of the Lord of Names, and the world is illumined by the manifestations of the Name, the Self-Subsisting. Yet the peoples remain heedless and veiled, save those souls who, detached from all else, have attained unto the melody of the Most Exalted Pen and who turn with their hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon. These are the stars in the heaven of Sinai - upon them rest My glory and the glory of the Concourse on High and of the Most Exalted Paradise, and then of those who circle round the Throne at all times.

The letter thou didst send hath been received. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions to mention and praise Him [and to attend to the affairs of those who are related to the Truth]. In all circumstances look to wisdom and act with wisdom. Exert thy utmost endeavor to establish order in the affairs of that land. Be not saddened by the vicissitudes of the world. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee and protect thee. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Trust not in anyone; deem not every speaker to be truthful, and be not assured by every newcomer. Hold fast to the cord of justice and preserve the pearls of divine love from the treacherous and the thieves - that is, conceal them. The eyes of the treacherous were not and are not worthy to behold them. That which hath now been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of the worlds is a supreme mercy and a mighty bounty. Reflect upon it. He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the Teacher, and the All-Powerful.

His honor Sadiq, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath attained unto the visitation of God's True House and is occupied with remembrance. Thou must exert thy utmost endeavor in his affairs. We beseech God to assist him and to assist thee, and to confirm you both in that which ye have been commanded in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We make mention of the Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, that is, the honored mother, upon her be the glory of God, and We send greetings. Likewise have the kinfolk been encompassed by the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, and embraced by His loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Convey to the steadfast souls and devoted handmaidens the greetings of the Wronged One, and counsel them to perform good deeds and display spiritual qualities and the fear of God, which is the head of all deeds. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Great. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Asadu'llah! The heart is aflame and the Luminary of the horizons is saddened by the tyranny of the people of discord and hypocrisy. By the life of God! They have held a fly up against the Lord of Lords. Have hearing and consciousness departed from the world, or have justice and fairness vanished? One who was unable to speak in the presence of others has, through his vain imaginings, surpassed the Lord

of all beings. The Kingdom of Utterance is stirred today by the Word of the All-Merciful, yet the shameless people are afflicted with a hundred thousand ulterior motives and diseases.

O thou who hast migrated in My path! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call and remind My loved ones on My behalf. Then make them hear My lamentation, My cry and My appeal from the prison, because of what hath befallen the Cause of God through the whisperer who whispereth in the breasts of men.

Say: O friends! Arise with a mighty resolve and powerful determination to serve the Cause, and stand firm. Perchance tyranny, corruption, strife and contention may be eliminated from the world. Show mercy to yourselves and others, and fix your gaze solely upon the most exalted horizon. This is the day of the manifestation of true divine unity. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and laid hold on the hem of Him besides Whom there is none other God. In past ages and centuries this blessed word hath issued from the tongues of people, yet they remained heedless of its meaning and reality. In these days the Sun of unity hath dawned, the ocean of knowledge is surging, the Point of Truth is manifest, the mystery of existence is revealed, and the Hidden Lord is seated upon the throne of manifestation.

Consider this time a precious opportunity and act as behooveth you. Take what We have commanded you, forsaking what the people possess. Thus have We commanded you before and after, and at this moment.

You mentioned Mulla Rida, upon him be the Glory of God. We heard this. We beseech God to strengthen him in the greatest steadfastness, in such wise that he may see naught in the kingdom save the countenance of the Ever-Present Lord, and may speak naught except this Most Great Announcement. Permission to turn toward the Desired One hath been granted.

We counsel thee and the people of God, together with the mentioned handmaiden, to that which hath caused and will cause the exaltation of the Word. You must pass over the servants and lands like the breezes of spring, that the flowers of divine love may spring forth from all gardens. Today the breezes of the All-Merciful are blowing and the Hidden Mystery is revealed. Strive that you may succeed in rendering a service from which the fragrance of eternity may be wafted.

Convey My glory to My loved ones and friends who have not broken My Covenant and who have drunk the choice wine of My love through My Name, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is God, exalted is He. O Name of Bounty, upon you be the peace and care of God. The letter of Haji Shaykh, upon him be God’s peace, was read in the presence. His stay in that land is good, and according to what they have written, he has acquitted himself well. However long he remains for the sake of setting affairs right is acceptable. We beseech God to assist him with wisdom and utterance and to expose through him the deeds of the treacherous ones, the calumniators and the liars. Verily He is powerful over all things. Give news to Sayyalih Barqiyyih that she should stay. We seek divine confirmation for her in all

conditions. The friends should not be saddened by the utterances of the polytheists. The one who was expelled from this land due to his vile deeds will surely speak calumnies, and likewise that other soul who intended to consume people's wealth will surely turn away, for no fair and just person has or will confirm the deeds of such souls. From those very calumnies the truth and falsehood become evident to all and the Cause is exalted thereby. Ignorance and foolishness have no good end. The ultimate victory belongs to God's chosen ones and loved ones. The presence of Afnan A. and H., upon him be peace - their refraining from making claims is beloved and acceptable. The purpose of sending them was so that the people of the Threshold would know they had not fled and were not frightened by the calumnies of the calumniators and the gloating of the liars. His being in that place has worked out very well. And since Haji Shaykh was a partner, there is and was no harm in him making claims after receiving assurance from the authorities. The Observer is also determined. After the arrival of the Observer, if the Afnan sees it advisable for the Trustee to return to Iran, there is no harm. It must happen with their consent. Write the details [of the Qur'an] also so they may request it. Get a letter from Aqa Husayn-'Ali with some seals and [send it] to Mirza Hasan. In any case, what Haji Shaykh Muhammad-'Ali has written that they said was appropriate. We seek assistance for him in all conditions. The letter of the Trustee also arrived at this time. He wrote a letter to Muhammad Ibrahim about the calumnies of Muhammad-'Ali, but it was not given, as his condition is also uncertain and moreover it is unlikely anything will come of him. Outwardly this is what has been mentioned, but inwardly none knows save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily He is with His loved ones in all conditions and He is the Guardian of the sincere ones, the steadfast, the trusting ones.

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O handmaidens of God, upon them be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the Generous. O handmaidens of God! The honored Trustee is present and hath made mention of the maidservants of God, especially those handmaidens who in the Days of God have attained to service. This Wronged One in the Most Great Prison hath determined to make mention of each one. O mother of Muhammad-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. My Most Exalted Pen testifieth to thy patience and steadfastness in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. There hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall call out thy name throughout the duration of My mighty and exalted Kingdom. O sister of 'Abbas-'Ali! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One and thou hast attained to the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of utterance of the All-Merciful. O Khayru'-Nisa! The Lord of Names calleth thee from the prison of the enemies and counseleth thee with that which is befitting. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained to the mention of God. O Sakinih! Thy name was present before the Wronged One and thou hast attained to this most exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen. By the Ancient Beauty! The queens of the world died in their longing to recognize this station yet attained it not, while thou hast attained and achieved it. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. O Fatimih! Reflect a little: whence cometh this call that hath been raised, and from whom hath it come? If thou shouldst discover the sweetness of the blessed words "O My handmaiden," thou wouldst find thyself detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein. O wife of Muhammad-Husayn (H.Y.)! The divines are shut out while the handmaidens of God have

attained. This is from God's favor unto thee and unto My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. O wife of Muhammad-Husayn (H.S.)! The True One, while in the hands of His enemies, maketh mention of thee. The purpose of this mention hath been and is the enkindling of the handmaidens throughout the earth. By My life! Nothing among all things profiteth Me, nor doth any matter harm Me. And all other handmaidens of God have in this moment attained to grace, and the mention of each one is recorded and inscribed in God's Book. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. And whatsoever ye sent of cloth and other items hath arrived. The honored Trustee, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath made and continueth to make mention of the believing men and believing women, the devoted men and devoted women, and hath sought and continueth to seek bounty for all. Thus doth the Wronged One testify in this moment. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon My handmaidens who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and whom the clamor of the world hath not held back from the Most Great Name - they who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, the Station from which hath shone forth the Day-Star of this Great Announcement.

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He is the Mighty! O thou who dwellest in the precincts of thy Lord's mercy! We have seen thy letter and read what was therein. Verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing Witness. As for what thou didst ask regarding him who turned away from God - verily We concealed thereby the source and origin of the matter, as a wisdom from Us, and He is the All-Wise. He is mentioned as the Mirror in the language of the people, and this is a name that applies to all things. Verily thy Lord hath ever been sanctified above this name and its like and what transcendeth it, as every person of illumined vision doth testify. Should anyone discover the interpretations of My Book and the allusions of My words, he would bear witness that from the beginning of the Cause I made mention of him according to his station and rank, but the people are in manifest ignorance. Today, should any soul reflect even slightly and be fair-minded, he will surely distinguish truth from falsehood and comprehend it. The light of the sun cannot be confused with darkness. The point is that he was mentioned by the name of Mirror, but those who have denied God and His verses in this Revelation utter words at every moment and speak according to their vain imaginings. The person of insight and knowledge speaketh not through imitation but rather through investigation which surrounds him. Before the Revelation, every soul was firm in his belief in the Point of the Bayan and ascended. He is reckoned with God as being immersed in the ocean of mercy. Whatever skilled physicians and surgeons do regarding a patient is valid and executable, but they must be adorned with the ornament of justice. If they know the truth, this is assuredly preferable and more beloved.

Question: If one of the followers of the Calf, meaning one of the friends of him who turned away from God, should utter unseemly words about the Branches, and it be possible to bring him to justice in such a way that no harm would come to the Divine Cause - is this permitted or not?

Answer: This is absolutely not permitted. In all scriptures, books and tablets this reprehensible act, which is killing, has been strictly forbidden in the Book. Blessed is he who heareth! Woe to the heedless! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

As for the final matter mentioned regarding the betrayal by one whom you had trusted with your family - this matter and its ruling depend on its manifestation in the visible world. O thou who hast turned to God! Today the bird of justice is caught in the talons of oppression. The dark clouds have prevented its light from shining. If the people of the world become ready and capable of receiving this most great bounty and supreme gift, in that very moment the lights of the Sun of Justice will shine forth from behind the veil of clouds, and the darkness of oppression by treacherous souls will return to nothingness, like a shadow when the sun shines forth. The glory be upon thee.

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Here is your beloved, Habibullah of Khunsar. Upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O Habib! Hearken unto the call of the Beloved Who remembers thee from this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who has sought out and visited the resting-places of My chosen ones, as attested by what My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. We bear witness that he is among the people of this exalted station. Joy be unto thee for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, and for having been with My Name "the Beauty" who calls the servants unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Give thanks that thy letter hath reached the Wronged One, and that this irrevocable Tablet hath been sent down for thee, from which the Concourse on High perceive the fragrance of Glory. Verily thy Lord is the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving. We have accepted thy turning to Us, thy devotion and thy visitation, and We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and hearts have been troubled. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the Kawthar of inner meanings from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

Beware, beware lest thou commit what thou wrote at the end of thy letter. These are the deeds of the ignorant and the acts of the heedless. I swear by the Most Great Name that if any of the friends should harm another soul, it is as though he hath harmed the Truth Itself. Conflict, contention, corruption, murder and the like have been strictly forbidden in God's Book. Turn unto God in repentance for what thou didst intend in thy soul, then return unto Him and say: "O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word to ordain for me the word of forgiveness, for I intended in my soul what Thou didst not desire and what Thou forbade in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to remit my evil deeds and to immerse me in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

Every injustice manifested by an oppressor - leave it to the Truth Itself. The hand of divine justice is all-encompassing and all-pervading. There hath been and is no need for corruption, conflict, contention, murder and pillage. The triumph of the Cause hath been and ever shall be through utterance, and all else stems from selfish desires. God protect us and you, O ye who have turned towards Him.

All the souls mentioned in thy letter which thou didst send to this servant who is present have attained unto divine bounty and are remembered before the Throne. Give them the glad-tidings from Me of this

mighty station, and convey My greetings unto them and unto those who have held fast unto that which they were commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Thou didst mention the son of his honor of Abhar. In these days a Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty in his name. God willing, he shall attain unto its perusal. Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

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O 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Subsisting One after the Qa'im.

O 'Abdu'l-Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the True, the Manifest King. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, planted by the hand of the Lord of Names in the Most Exalted Paradise. God! There is no God but Him, the One Who rules over all who are in the earths and heavens. Verily He hath come for the salvation of the world and hath manifested what He desired as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have sent down the blessing of proof and the table of utterance from the heaven of grace and bounty. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them, and woe unto every ungrateful denier. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, and have revealed for thee that whereby the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His Name, the All-Merciful. This is the Day wherein that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets hath been made manifest, and wherein the betrayal of the eyes and the secrets of the hearts have been unveiled.

Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and deny not that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. This Day is the Day of Resurrection, and all that was hidden and concealed in hearts and breasts hath been and is being made manifest. Blessed is the one whom the veils of names prevented not from the Lord of all beings, and who hath drunk the choice wine sealed from the hand of divine grace. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark which God described in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', a command from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

We beseech God that He may assist thee to serve His Cause and enable thee to achieve that which will exalt His Word amongst His servants. In the nights and days We are occupied with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds, and when the effulgences of the lights of manifestation and the call of Him Who spoke on Sinai were raised from the Sinai of knowledge, all the divines of Persia arose in rejection and denial, and unwittingly pronounced judgment against the very Manifestation Himself, whereat all things raised their lamentations. By the lights of the Sun of Truth! They perpetrated such an injustice as hath never appeared in the world, and committed that which causeth the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven to weep and wail, while the perpetrators remain heedless and veiled. We beseech God to assist thee that thou mayest arise to help His Cause with wisdom, love and kindliness. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Single, the One, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

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Jinab-i-Haji ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O ’Ali-i-Akbar! The whole world awaited the appearance of the Ancient King, beseeching with utmost lamentation, helplessness and supplication from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, the manifestation of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Rising-Point of His verses. Yet when the expanse of the world was illumined by the lights of the Most Great Luminary, all arose in opposition. The primary cause and reason for this opposition were the divines of the age. Whenever the ocean of knowledge appeared, the sun of bounty was manifest, and the heaven of Revelation was raised up, all became as veils and prevented the servants from the Lord of Creation - though all were brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of this Day. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned toward the Dawning-Place of certitude. What befell thee hath repeatedly befallen Us. Give thanks unto thy Lord as We gave thanks for what befell Us in His Straight Path and His Great Announcement. Thou hast ever been mentioned in the Most Holy Court and still art. We beseech God to assist thee to be patient. Verily He is the All-Patient and hath commanded all to patience, and He is the Ancient Commander. Soon shall the people of tyranny and rebellion confess their own loss and your gain. Were they to become aware even to the extent of a needle’s eye, all would cry out “I turn unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world!” When thou receivest My letter and findest from it the sweet fragrances of My loving-kindness, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me know Thee when Thy servants were heedless of Thee, and for having caused me to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love in such wise that the tyranny of the Pharaohs among Thy servants and the oppression of the tyrants among Thy creatures shall not prevent me. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come, and that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.”

Abu’l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of his Bountiful Lord, hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in a Tablet that crieth out between earth and heaven: “O people of Baha! By God, ye have attained unto that which none before you hath attained. Know ye your station, then aid your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed is he that heareth and seeth, and woe unto the deniers.” We make mention of Abu’l-Fadl, upon him be My Glory. We testify that he arose to serve Me, spoke in remembrance and praise of Me, turned his face toward My countenance and drew nigh unto My luminous horizon. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee, O Abu’l-Fadl, and upon him, and upon those who have attained unto this Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most Firm Cause.

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O Leaf and Mother of Afnan! Upon you both be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Comforter in His most exalted horizon. O my leaf! O mother of Afnan! Upon you be the glory of God, His care and His mercy that has preceded all who are in the heavens and earth. Ceaselessly in the path of God there befell you that which grieved the hearts and minds of the people of justice and fairness. However, since what occurred was in the path of God, patience and forbearance are most beloved and fitting. The Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the glory of God, His mercy and His care, and that most distinguished lady have ever been and are before Our gaze. I swear by the Most Great Luminary which shines and gleams from the horizon of the Most Great Prison that there has been ordained for the Afnan that which has no likeness or parallel. The world itself proclaims its own evanescence. Every person of insight witnesses its passing at every moment, and every hearing ear hearkens to its lamentation and wailing. The station that has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen for the Afnan has been and remains mention, praise and teaching the Cause to the extent possible. No station has been or is more exalted than this station. In the Tablets has been revealed that which the world cannot equal even one word thereof. By the life of God! The Wronged One loves you and consoles you in what has befallen you. We beseech God to preserve you, to aid you and to enable you to exercise gracious patience and noble forbearance. The Afnan, upon him be My glory and care, is present and abiding at rest in the shelter of divine mercy and the pavilions of divine grandeur. Give thanks to your Lord for this manifest grace. Rejoice in what the Most Great Announcement has revealed unto you in this mighty Tablet. Praise be to God, the Lord of causes has arranged and granted success to His Afnan to join the divine Tree. We beseech God to aid you in such wise that the doubts of heedless souls and the intimations of the idolaters may not prevent you. In all conditions fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to His cord. We make mention of the wife of the Afnan, upon her be My glory and care, and give her the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. Let them not be sorrowful. By the life of God! Soon there shall appear that which will cause the lips of both the seen and unseen realms to smile. That household and its members, both the ladies and children, are associated with the Truth. We thank God, exalted be He, and beseech Him to draw you near to Him and protect you from the evil of His enemies. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers. The glory from Us be upon My Afnan and upon those who love them in this wise remembrance. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

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O Salih, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful!

This is the Day of the Most Great Manifestation, and all things rejoice in remembrance of the Peerless Friend. The Mount is calling out in the Name of the Manifestation that the world hath been renewed by the breath of a new Revelation, and every seeker hath attained his desire. Carmel hath become the dwelling-place of the Friend, and Zion crieth out with the most exalted call. A great festival is established and supreme joy is manifest, yet the Shi'ih faction remaineth heedless and veiled.

O Salih! May God set right thine affairs and make manifest from thee that which befitteth His days, is adorned with His good-pleasure, and illumined with the light of His acceptance. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thou didst mention a newborn child, and likewise the feast of ’Ali-Akbar. Praise be to the one true God that He confirmed them in offering hospitality to His chosen ones and loved ones. This is among the special confirmations of the Truth, exalted be His glory. He bestowed both the bounty and adorned it with the glory of His acceptance. Praise be unto Him! Again praise be unto Him!

As for the newborn, We have named him with the first pillar of the two names, and have made mention of him in such wise that his remembrance and name shall endure through the endurance of God’s names. He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As for the Surih of Unity, the Shaykh of the land of ?ad came to the land of ?a, inflamed with the fire of hatred, making mention that the divines should translate the Surih of Unity and distribute copies thereof to all people, that they might know that the Truth “begetteth not, nor is He begotten,” while the Babis believe in divinity and lordship. In this connection, diverse answers have been sent down from the Supreme Pen, and a blessed Tablet was revealed in his name. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and become informed of that which hath proceeded from the Tongue of Grandeur.

Rida-Quli hath ever been and still is remembered. He is among those who attained the presence and won the bounty of hearing the call of the Wronged One in His mighty prison. We make mention of all the loved ones, and there hath been specially revealed for each one that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the world. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto you, O My loved ones, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Ancient Commander, the All-Wise Revealer.

The Glory be upon you, then Peace be upon you, then Light be upon you, O loved ones of God and His friends! Verily, He hath turned toward you from this remote spot and made mention of you and of His handmaidens who have heard and turned toward God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We make mention of My handmaiden who hath ascended to the Supreme Horizon. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon her the rain of His mercy and ordain for her in the highest Paradise a station beneath the canopies of His greatness and mercy. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O people of Baha! Be as the cloud that from you may be showered that which will refresh and animate the earth….

Ponder God in your heart, reflect on His Manifestations, and be not of them that are devoid of understanding….

I came not to proclaim that which ye already possess. Verily, verily, this day is a new day; He that hath come is the Wondrous, and His bidding the wonder of all that is in heaven and on earth….

We have desired naught for ourselves, but desired for you that which will profit you in the Kingdom of God, the Gracious, the All-Bountiful….

Glory is not his that proclaimeth his faith, but glory is his that doeth that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His wondrous Book….

O people of the world! Hearken to the call of the Lord, the King of eternity. He biddeth you to follow righteousness, to do that which giveth you peace and exalteth your station. He verily is the faithful Counsellor….

Regard not the world and its fleeting shadows, but fix your gaze upon God and His signs that have encompassed all creation….

Detachment is as the sun; in whatsoever heart it doth shine it quencheth the fire of covetousness and self. He whose sight is illumined with the light of understanding will assuredly detach himself from the world and the vanities thereof….

Let not the world and its vileness grieve you. Happy is he whom riches fill not with vainglory, nor poverty with sorrow….

O concourse of rulers! Turn unto the poor; verily God hath created them and you from the selfsame substance. Let a portion of your wealth be shared by them. This is that which will profit you throughout all times and ages. Bestow a part of that which God in His grace bath given you; for thereby will your wealth be increased….

Unfaithful is the world… Were it worthy of regard or acceptable in the sight of God, they that were the Manifestations of Justice would not have fallen victims to the talons of tyranny. What greater proof of the baseness of the world and its degradation in the eyes of the Almighty?…

Exalted is the station of man, if he be adorned with the true attributes of humanity; otherwise he is counted as the basest of all creatures….

O My loved ones! Ye are the world’s spiritual physicians. It is incumbent upon you, through the power and might of God, to heal by the sovereign remedy of the Most Great Name the soul-sickness of the kindreds of the earth and clarify the vision of all mankind….

Give ear to the voice of the Ancient Beauty calling you aloud from this most great Prison; Forsake oppression and cruelty, cling to the fear of God. Purge yourselves from satanic deeds, be adorned with the virtues of God. Verily, strife and sedition beseem not the people of God. Eschew wicked works, and walk in the ways of holiness, of resignation and contentment….

Be calm and self-dependent in your relations with your fellowmen, and deal with them in fairness and justice. Turn treachery to trust, slander to brotherly counsel, oppression to justice, heedlessness to the remembrance of God.

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O seeker! Though a name indicates that which is named, this applies only to the realm of creation. But the Truth is sanctified above all names - all names end in His Most Exalted Word and all attributes return to His Primal Will. Whoever attains unto Him has attained unto all names, both now and forever. Blessed is he who attains! Woe unto him who turns away!

O seeker! God willing, may you be a finder. The heat of seeking produces the Kawthar of attainment, and the heart's burning brings forth the Salsabil of grace. Yet this Kawthar shows the effects of spirit, for it does not diminish but rather increases. This station belongs exclusively to those who drink the wine of love from the countenance of the All-Merciful. The people of this realm are of different elements and different natures - they are created from the divine element which transcends nature.

Among souls variations are observed: Some neither sought nor found; some sought but found not; some found without seeking yet did not arrive; some arrived but recognized not; some arrived and recognized yet afterwards became unsettled, for the root of the tree of knowledge was not firmly planted in their hearts - with the slightest breeze they were uprooted. But some, by God's grace, remained firm and steadfast. These are the gems of existence - upon them be the glory of God, His remembrance and His praise. You, we hope, are counted and mentioned among these souls.

Great, great is the Cause! The hour approaches when the most great convulsion will appear. I swear by Him Who is the Truth! It shall cause separation to afflict everyone, even those who circle around Me. At all times take refuge in God, that you may be protected from the evil of human devils. Until now the people of the Bayan have not distinguished between the buzzing of a fly and the cooing of a dove - how much more so other peoples! If only people would consider the words of the first to turn away, they would discover his vain imaginings. All are in profound drunkenness save whom your Lord wills.

One whom all know to have been under the shadow - whose highest mention was made to preserve the seat of the Cause while he was afflicted among the polytheists - by God! Nothing was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen except for My own Self, and nothing appeared from him before the Throne except what issued from the mouth of My Will. What is attributed to him befits his own self, but the people are ignorant and perceive not. I pour out My anguish and grief unto God. In Him have I found sufficiency apart from all else, and independence from all the worlds. God willing, may you ever be remembered and remain steadfast on the path of the Cause.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

I bear witness by My Most Exalted Pen, My Most Glorious Countenance, My Most Sweet Utterance, and all that is attributed to God, the Lord of Names, that I have never rejected thee for a single moment, nor have My care and kindness towards thee ever changed, nor hath My heart and soul ever been troubled by thee. When thou didst call upon Me, We answered thee with breathes that quickened all bodies, and

when thou didst turn to Me, I turned to thee with love and affection. My grace hath preceded thee and My mercy hath encompassed thee. Bear thou witness to that which God Himself hath testified in this perspicuous Book.

O Mahdi! Thou art he who hath ever been favored with God's loving-kindness, and the gaze of God's grace hath ever been and still is directed towards thee. How is it that at times thou art confused? While thou wert in Iraq, the breezes of divine revelation continuously and without pause or delay wafted over thee. Then, by God's leave, thou didst turn towards the Land of Mystery and attained the waters of reunion and meeting. Then by His permission thou didst return, and again and again thou didst attain the Most Holy Court. The Sun of God's favors shone upon thee in such wise that in truth the people of the earth have been and shall ever be powerless to recount it. The Tablets revealed and in thy possession bear witness to this.

Despite this ocean of God's favors, this Sun of bounty and this heaven of generosity, why hast thou become despondent, and by what proof hast thou attributed to thyself a lack of divine favors? Most times, both day and night, thou hast been and art remembered. Nevertheless, signs of vexation and sorrow are manifest from thee. Reflect and speak with fairness. By My life! Then thou wilt say: "I repent, O my God, for what I wrote. I testify that Thou art my Companion and Friend, my Purpose and my Beloved. Thou hast not severed from me the cord of Thy loving-kindness, nor withheld from me the wonders of Thy grace. Thou hast raised me up, caused me to know Thee, made me to hear and to speak, and honored me in such wise that all created things are powerless to describe it. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous."

It would be most regrettable if these days should pass in vexation and sorrow. Either thou must present a sound and direct proof for that which thou hast mentioned and establish it, or thou must say a thousand times "I turn unto Thee in repentance, O Most Merciful of the merciful!" And if thou shouldst transgress beyond these two alternatives - that is, if thou shouldst fail to meet either condition - then I must needs execute upon thee the divine punishment. And peace, mercy and glory be upon thee.

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He is the Answerer from His Most Exalted Horizon

Praise be to God Who assisted His servants to turn unto Him on a day wherein most of His creation turned away, and united the hearts of His loved ones through one of His names, and revealed unto them what was hidden in His knowledge, and taught them His straight and manifest path. O thou who gazest upon the Face! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and attained the honor of being heard, as a favor from Him unto thee. We have answered thee with a Tablet that calleth out with the most exalted call, saying: O peoples of the earth! He hath come, Whose advent was heralded in God's Books, from the Self-Subsisting unto the Most Great Name. We beseech God to assist all to draw nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. We rejoiced to find in thy letter the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto Him, and thy humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Master of this Day. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the

God of earth and heaven, my Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! I praise Thee and thank Thee for having guided me to Thy path and caused me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Creator of nations, by Thy Most Great Name through Whose revelation the Names were thunderstruck and the people of the kingdom of creation were shaken, except such as were seized by the hand of Thy grace and delivered through Thy bounty and generosity from the clay of idle fancies - O Lord! Thou seest that I have turned unto Thee and placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee to make me one of them that stand firm in the service of Thy Cause and to enable me to perform such deeds as may be adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. Then ordain for me, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, that which shall accompany me in every world of Thy worlds and preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, who have disputed Thy signs and warred against Thy Self. Enable me in all conditions to remember Thee, to glorify Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Jalal! Thy name hath come before the Wronged One and the glances of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, have been directed towards thee. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee illumined with the light of His Cause and adorned with steadfastness in all conditions. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O ’Ata’u’llah! Thou art in the House while the Wronged One remembereth thee in His Most Great Prison and prayeth God to ordain for thee that which beseemeth the heaven of His grace and the sun of His bounty. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

At the end of My Tablet I make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace and mercy and of His remembrance and His signs which have been revealed at this time from My perspicuous Pen. The glory be upon you all from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He is God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who has manifested Himself through a light from the lights of the Sun of Inner Meanings, which has dawned and shone forth from the horizon of utterance upon the people of creation. Thereupon the sincere ones hastened, the near ones were attracted, and the unitarians took flight. Exalted is He Who has revealed that which cannot be described by utterance nor mentioned by the pen of contingent existence. And praise be to God Who has passed round the cup of utterance with the fingers of His Name, the Most Merciful, and called all who dwell in the realms of being - among them were those who turned away, those who denied, and those who hastened forward, took and drank, saying “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics!”

The servant has received your letter time after time. By the life of God, the fire of your love has attracted me and the wine of your affection has intoxicated me through what I have drunk from the cups of your words, which spoke of naught but your turning to the Goal and your orientation toward the Object of Worship. Blessed are you, in that remembrance and praise have been raised from you in the days of your

Lord, the King of Names, at Whose coming all on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of all things. Then, joy be unto you, in that I have detected the fragrance of the garment and attained the choice wine of holiness, whose seal was broken by the finger of our Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

When I understood what was in your letter, I sought the Goal and presented what was therein before the One, the Single. He spoke - and His utterance is most sweet - saying that you should wait until God comes to you with His utterance. When the months had passed, there was sent down from the Kingdom of Command that which attracted the dwellers of Paradise and by which the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy was diffused. The servant has sent it to you that you might thank our Lord, the Bestowing, the Generous.

On the back of the petition that was presented to the Most Holy Court, mention was made of his honor Aqa Siyyid ’Abdu’l-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God. A few days ago a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace and was sent. God willing, he will attain to it. Similarly, mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad. A Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the Dayspring of Revelation and was sent along with your Tablet. God willing, you will attain to it. Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all the friends of God. I beseech God to grant them that which will solace their eyes, bring peace to their hearts, and make firm their feet in such wise that the clamor of every oppressor and the croaking of every lying pretender will not cause them to slip. The Glory be upon you and upon all who have believed in God, our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is one in His Essence with His Essence, Who is sanctified in His Self by His Self, Who is holy in His Being for His Being, and Who testifieth that there is none other God but Him. Eyes apprehend Him not, but He apprehendeth all eyes, and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Informed.

This servant hath received your honored letter and perceived from it the fragrance of the garment of love in this Dawn wherein the Lord of all beings speaketh and calleth all to the path of guidance. He is, verily, the Ruler in the beginning and in the return. Concerning what you mentioned about the city - that its essence was taken and its accidents were left, the former in the highest horizon and the latter in the blazing fire - verily those who turned away, fabricated lies and committed oppression shall reap what they have sown, even as their forefathers reaped, a promise from God, the One, the Single, the All-Wise, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist His loved ones there, for they are brilliant, radiant stars when darkness hath encompassed most of creation. They have their work and others have theirs - the former endureth while the latter perisheth. Blessed is he whom the transient preventeth not from the countenance of the Eternal. We hope that you will convey greetings from this servant to all of them. As for what they mentioned in the news to your honor, remind them of the Tablet of Ra’is, the Most Holy

Book, the Tablet of Fu'ad and other Tablets, that what they asked about may become clear to them. He is, verily, the True Informer, the All-Knowing.

Regarding what you wrote about abstention and determining the day of Ridvan: The previous day, which was Wednesday the 7th of Rabi'u'l-Avval, was the Festival, and thirty-two days after the Festival is the first of Ridvan. For example, Wednesday 7th Rabi'u'l-Avval is the Festival of fasting, and Saturday 9th Rabi'u'th-Thani in the afternoon is the first of Ridvan. It is reiterated that the beginning of abstention corresponds to the day that your honor wrote about, and the previous day which was Wednesday was the Festival, and thirty-two days after the Festival, which is the first day of the month of Baha - the first of the thirty-two - the thirty-second day in the afternoon is the first of the Festival of Ridvan. I long and hope to attain your presence at that time. The sun of permission hath also shone forth that, should they deem it advisable, they may proceed with their families to the Most Holy Court. The choice resteth with your honor. Upon you be all His most glorious glory.

The Servant

Thursday, 8 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1294

[In this blessed Tablet the scribe has used the letter 'ayn instead of the word 'Festival']

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=== START BH02509 ===

O Title of God, the Luminous, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Sorrowful, the Most Sorrowful

Praise be to God Who hath torn away from the face of one of the Names the veils of glory, whereupon all who are in earth and heaven were struck with terror, and the servants were immersed in the depths of self and passion. We delivered them once again and raised them up through Our mercy that precedeth all things, and We cast upon them His most exalted Word through the tongue of the Most Great Appearance in My Most Glorious Name. They dispersed from around the Throne time and again, except those whom We preserved through My Most Exalted Sovereignty and purified from the evil suggestions of the people of denial - they who took the Calf as their lord instead of God, the Lord of the last and the first. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen inscribed this as a reminder for whoever feareth.

O Beloved! The Pen of the Spirit cannot move across the Tablet due to the severity of tribulations. Consider then the state of Him Whom God hath sent unto mankind in days when the most truthful among them is the most lying, the most knowledgeable is the most ignorant, the most exalted is the most wicked, the most intelligent is the most foolish, the most honored is the most despised, the most upright is the most crooked, the most generous is the most miserly, the most lowly is their proof, and the most elevated. God hath decreed for Me what He hath not decreed for anyone in creation, such that with My own hands I clothed one of the wretched ones with the garment of Names and the essence of tyranny with the robe of justice, and commanded Me to strip it and remove it from his temple. When I desired to do as commanded, all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save those whom God had

sanctified from the doubts of the idolaters. Glorified then be God, the Powerful Commander and the Mighty, Omnipotent Sovereign!

Say: O people! Did We consult with you about clothing him that We should consult with you about removing it? Verily, He Who raised him up through grace cast him down through justice, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. By God! The Primal Point was innocent of him and his like. When We were known among the servants, We manifested the Cause and mentioned him by a name other than Mine. Whoever possesseth insight and understanding will recognize and comprehend and be among those who know.

The Tablets were sent - deliver them. And afterward the mentioned Tablets will also be sent, God willing. Convey greetings from God to all the loved ones of God. You have borne hardships in the path of God and followed the example of My wronged, imprisoned, estranged Self. From the handwriting and composition, grief is evident and manifest. Glory and splendor be upon you and upon those with you who are among the chosen ones.

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LAYHIJAN. O Muhammad-Rahim! In the name of the All-Knowing Expositor. Today all must speak for the sake of God and gaze toward God. Let them not deprive their eyes from the supreme horizon, nor prevent their ears from hearkening to the words of the Lord of Names, nor withhold their hearts from turning to Him, nor veil their minds from contemplating His mighty signs and manifest conditions. If thou wouldst reflect upon what hath come to pass, thou wouldst observe all the world and its peoples as non-existent, and wouldst hold fast to the firm cord of the Purpose of all worlds in such wise that none would have power to prevent thee. Whatsoever hath been other than God and mentioned without His leave is all vain and reckoned before the All-Merciful as satanic whisperings. We seek justice: after the appearance of the Most Great Sea and the dawning of the Ancient Luminary and the raising up of the divine heavens of His Cause and the manifestation of the paradise of His all-merciful utterance, is it befitting that one should turn away from all this and cling to the vain imaginings of a soul who cannot distinguish right from left, and deprive himself of the bounty of this Day which shineth forth outwardly and inwardly from the horizon of the heaven of His Cause? Nay, by His own Self! This was not and is not befitting. Leave aside all else and hold fast to His firm cord and turn unto His straight path. He is the One through Whose manifestation all things have proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The fragrances of the merciful robe are wafting at all times, and the lights of the Sun of divine commandments are visible from the horizon of heaven. It behooveth thee and thy like to abandon all the doubts and idle fancies that exist in the world and to turn unto the Dawning-Place of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take thou the chalice of divine knowledge from the hands of thy Lord's favors, then drink therefrom, detached from all the worlds. Verily, while thou art in thy home He remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison. Be thou thankful unto God for this manifest favor. Doth it beseem anyone to deny this certainty and turn unto every doubting impostor? By My life! If thou wouldst taste the sweetness of His utterance and recognize His love for thee, thou wouldst abandon all creation, turning unto the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And among His gifts and favors is

that He remembereth thee through His grace while imprisoned among His enemies. This indeed is a bounty that hath illumined the horizon of generosity. Reflect, that thou mayest find what hath been revealed for thee in this perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and His Cause, and to make thee detached from every croaking, braying, deceitful remote one. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH02511 ===

He is the All-Seeing in the Most Glorious Horizon! O Abu-Basir! Arise and warn those who have denied the verses of the All-Merciful and have deprived themselves of this Paradise. Know thou that We have given the warning in this Tablet for a wisdom that was hidden from the eyes of the servants. Soon We shall reveal it unto thee through Our grace, for verily He encompasseth all the worlds. Then give glad tidings from Us to the people who have believed in this Cause, which was inscribed by the Finger of God in the Mother Book. Then remind them of what the Spirit hath cast into thy heart, and fear thou no one. Put thy trust in God and remain not concealed behind the veil of silence. Rend asunder the veils through the sovereignty of Our Name, the Powerful, the Bestower, and be thou a herald among the servants of this Most Great Remembrance, which hath been witnessed from the holy horizon with the ornament of God. Be thou articulate in the praise of thy Lord and mindful of the wondrous expressions of His remembrance which have been recorded in the Tablet. Aid thy Lord with the sword of utterance - thus hath the matter been decreed from the Pen of the All-Merciful in these days wherein sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions, and God is witness unto this. Know thou that in those days God hath ordained the victory of His Cause through exposition rather than through the tongue, and thus hath the sun of wisdom shone forth from the horizon of justice with a radiance that encompasseth all the worlds. Hearken unto what God hath revealed unto thee from the Fire that hath been kindled in thy heart by the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existing - that there is no God but I. I have created all things for My Cause and brought all beings into existence for the knowledge of My Self, that We might bring them to a station of glorious dignity. Verily, this Youth is the sanctuary of holiness among the servants, the Kaaba of the Cause in all lands, the dwelling place of eternity for those in the kingdom of the divine cloud, and the beacon of knowledge for all in the realm. So sacrifice thy self, thy spirit and thy body for the Cause of thy Lord. Then remind the people at all times with wisdom and utterance, and be not still within thyself - this is better for thee than all that existeth upon the earth. Thus have We commanded thee and taught thee, that thou mightest arise to serve the Cause with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. If thou findest one who is receptive, impart unto him what the Spirit hath imparted unto thee, and if thou findest one who turneth away, be not grieved but turn away from him and remain in an impregnable protection. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and who stand firm today upon the path of truth.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise! O handmaiden of God! Your letter hath come before Our face and We have taken note of its contents. We beseech God to aid thee to turn unto Him at all times and to strengthen thee in His love and good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Protector of them that do good and the Lord of all the worlds. He hath ordained for thee a station of glory with thy Lord - preserve it, lest the whispers of the wayward keep thee from it. Verily, thy Lord hath heard thy call and hath ordained for thee in the Tablet of Command whatsoever He willeth. Make His will thy wish. By God! This is better for thee than the dominion of the heavens and earth. Let thy will be dissolved in His Will and grieve not over what hath befallen thee. God will soon transform hardship into ease and decree for thee what He pleaseth. Verily, He hath power over all things. Despair not of God's Spirit and mercy, but rejoice in His remembrance of thee and remember Him in all conditions. He is with them that remember Him. Be not dismayed in the days of God. Rather, rejoice in that He hath aided thee to recognize His Self. Be steadfast and find solace in the praise of His Self, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Remember: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy power whereby Thou didst subjugate the winds and send down the verses and cause the sun of Thy beauty to shine from the horizon of Thy will - whereby the faces of Thy chosen ones were illumined by its radiance - to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty a mercy from Thee and from the cloud of Thy mercy a blessing from Thy presence. Then set right, O my God, all my affairs, for Thou art the Lord of grandeur and majesty. Ordain for me the good of this world and the next, for Thou hast power to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting."

Convey My greetings to Nasr and mention that though some people are under the delusion - you who have seen Yahya and know full well that he was never worthy to speak in the presence of the Face - observe now the same condition. That We mentioned his name was so that the hosts of the oppressors would remain veiled from the Seat of the Cause, lest harm touch him before the Command of thy Lord was delivered. It is incumbent upon you to rend asunder the veils of the people, for most are unaware, even the brothers. We beseech God to aid thee in His Cause and make thee steadfast in His love and bring thee to the station ordained for thee - this truly is a mighty favor. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings to thy sister and gladden her with Our remembrance of her, as a mercy from Us upon her and upon Our steadfast handmaidens.

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O servant who gazeth toward God! Hearken to My call from around the throne: verily there is no God but the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal! Blessed art thou for having migrated unto God and detached thyself from thy home for the love of God, the King, the Mighty, the Loving. By the True One! They who turned toward the throne after My arrival in the Most Great Prison - the Concourse on High pray for them and perceive from them the sweet fragrances of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful. This is most excellent with God, the Mighty, the Praised. And they whose letters reached the throne after the Ancient Beauty entered the Supreme Prison - this is nearer to piety, did ye but know. For in the turning of the servants to the court of the Lord of creation there ariseth a tumult that causeth hearts to tremble. God hath ordained for those who desired the Face and whose letters reached the throne the reward of one who attained His

presence and circled round the pavilion of His glory. Thus hath the bounty of your Lord encompassed all, would ye but understand. Let not the hardships of the world sadden thee in the path of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. By God! We would not exchange an atom thereof for the treasuries of the worlds. When the Face of the Ancient One turned crimson from the breezes of revelation and His tongue spoke between the heavens and earth: "I am He Who hath accepted for Himself the harm of the worlds, and the hardships of the world in their entirety dismay Me not, nor the might of the idolaters." Be as thy Lord was. Thus doth the Pen of the Ancient One counsel thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We have ordained for thee in the Tablet that which the hearts of the mystics cannot comprehend, save those who have drunk the cup of eternity from the hand of Baha. Thus was the command, but the people are in evident remoteness. And praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics.

He is God, exalted be His station. Glory and majesty belong to Him!

O migrant unto God! Pass beyond all else but Him and be content with the love of God, which is the source of wealth. Though this station be hidden today, due to the lack of capacity of the peoples of the world, ere long in the kingdom of the All-Merciful the greatness and majesty of the lovers of Truth and their wealth and exaltation shall be made manifest. Blessed are they who strive to the extent possible to improve your outward affairs and who secretly spend what God hath given them with the utmost humility and submissiveness, that thereby your worldly affairs may be set right. Never before hath such a word flowed from the Pen of the Ancient One, and this is naught but His grace toward His honored servants. And glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who counsel one another to good deeds and righteous acts. Praise be to God, the Lord of names and attributes.

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That which hath been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness for him who was named Ja'far:

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O Ja'far! Hearken unto My call from the direction of the Prison, then make thyself wholly an ear that thou mayest hear the most sweet melodies from thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. He is God, there is no God but Him, and He is the One Who speaketh through this most wondrous, most impregnable, most pure Tongue in all things, that by God, the Beloved of the worlds hath appeared and this is He of Whom 'Ali gave you tidings aforetime, and verily He in this horizon doth witness and see and say: "Blessed are they who have turned unto the countenance of God, then woe unto them that have turned away!"

O Ja'far! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and in glorifying His Self, then make mention of Him among His heedless servants. We have ordained for every soul to teach His Cause, and thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of Command on the Tablet which God hath concealed from the eyes of the idolaters. Be thou neither still nor silent, but strive within thyself that there may appear from thee a trace in this Most Great Announcement. Whoso quickeneth a soul with this eternal life, the denizens of the Supreme Paradise shall circle round him once again, then shall the Spirit of Truth aid him at all times.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Be ye ashamed before your Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath now appeared from the horizon of creation with manifest sovereignty, and He saith, pointing with His blessed finger to this Head, addressing them: “This is He of Whose meeting We gave you tidings and commanded you to bow down before His gate and took from you His covenant, O company of the wrongdoers!” Arise from the slumber of vain desire, then forsake all creation behind you and hold fast to this Most Firm Handle. By God! It is the greatest cause between the heavens and the earths. Whoso holdeth fast unto it hath attained salvation and whoso turneth away hath perished and returned to his abode in hell.

O Ja’far! We have changed thy name at this time by a command from thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and We have named thee Jalal in the Kingdom of Names as a bounty from Our presence unto thee that thou mayest be among the thankful. Convey Our glorification to thy mother and thy brother. Blessed are ye for having emigrated unto God and followed the paths of His good-pleasure and attained unto the presence before the gate of His Most Great House. God hath inscribed your names by the Pen of Command on the Tablet of Decree, and this is better for you than all that hath been and shall be created, and to this doth testify every possessor of enlightened vision. And glory be upon you, O My loved ones, then upon those who were in your place, of all males and females, and of every young and old, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH02515 ===

In the Name of thy Most Exalted Lord! In the Name of thy Most Glorious Lord!

O First Letter! Blessed art thou in having attained the presence of God once again in a wondrous and sublime Temple. Then blessed art thou if thou remainest steadfast in His Cause and art not dismayed by the words of the polytheists. By God! If thou remainest steadfast on this Most Great Path and conveyest the Cause of thy Lord, this Most Ancient, Most Sublime Beauty, with all that thou possessest, thou shalt be among those who have the power. The Point shall be generated from thee, then all the letters and words, then the realities of the sanctified ones. By the True God! If thine eyes were to be opened and thine ears unstopped, and the face of thy heart were to turn toward this Gentle, Luminous Beauty, thou wouldst witness that at this moment there hath been generated from thee a temple facing the Throne, in the form of a fresh, verdant, delicate leaf, which calleth out concerning its Lord at every moment even as the Voice called out from the Tree on Sinai upon a wondrous and lofty Mount, and which speaketh at every moment with its Lord and receiveth from the mysteries of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Beware, beware, O Letter of God, lest thou burn it with the fire of turning away, for in these days all the layers of hell have appeared and the fires of polytheism and the blaze of envy and hatred have been kindled, by which every yellowed leaf and withered tree shall be consumed. And if thou seest that the embers of this fire reach thee, take hold of the Ark of Baha, then sail upon the crimson sea in the heaven of the cloud, then soar by the name of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Manifest, the Most Glorious, and be among those who are made manifest by the sovereignty of the Command. Then know that those who were created by a name from thy Lord have indeed laid claim to sovereignty over the Essence and the

King of Names and Attributes, Who hath returned once again in His white robe which the polytheists have made red with the blood of hatred, whereat the hearts of those near unto God have grieved. And if thou desirest to know some of the mysteries of the Cause, read the Tablet which hath appeared from the Beauty of the Throne and was named the Tablet of Baha, then the Surih which was named of Blood, then the Surih in which the Most Great Pilgrimage was mentioned, for in all of these are signs for those who ask and clear proofs for those who know. And the Spirit from the glory of God be upon thee and upon all who take hold of this Mighty, this Wondrous Ark in the garment of His Sublime Name.

A Tablet was previously issued from God, thy Most Glorious, Most Exalted Lord, with honor and glory and was sent forth. And a Tablet received the honor of holy revelation some days ago and is now being sent. God willing, may that Letter of the Lord cause the two true pupils of the eye to be illumined by the vision of these two lights of the heart, and may they render all contingent beings and all the worlds pure, delicate and perfumed through the sweet-scented winds and holy, sublime fragrances. And may they strive and make earnest endeavor with the utmost diligence and effort to teach the Cause of their Lord, that perchance through the wafting of spiritual breezes from the dawning-place of the heart of that wondrous living Letter, all darkened hearts and decayed bones may attain unto a new life of being. Verily He is the One Who quickeneth whatsoever He willeth by His name, the Resurrector, the Maker, the Creator, the Provider, the Life-Giver, the Sublime.

The servant of thy Lord and the bondsman of thy glory, Aqa Jan

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O Greatest Victory! In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted! O Greatest Victory! Be thou, with thy being and reality and essence, an ear that thou mayest hear what thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, speaketh in the Pole of Immortality. By God, the Truth! The Fire hath been kindled in the heights of the divine cloud, and by it all who are in the heavens and on earth have been set ablaze, and all are now burning. The pillars of the Throne have been destroyed and its bearers have fled, and now the Spirit of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of what was and what shall be, doth bear it. Intoxication hath seized the dwellers of the heavens and earth, and all now lie dead before thy Lord. The denizens of Sinai have been struck unconscious upon the lofty Mount, and they of the divine cloud have been obliterated upon the exalted Sinai, and everything hath been shaken within itself save certain letters of love for My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Arise thou to the Cause, then detach thyself from all directions and turn not to the right or left. And if thou findest hesitation in thyself, then be patient, yea patient, until God shall bring thee His Command, the irrevocable, the compelling, the mighty, the beloved. The letters of negation have gathered to prevent the people from the shore of the Cause. Say: Woe unto you for what ye do this Day! Beware lest thou turn unto them or cast thy gaze upon what appeareth from them. Leave them in the dust, then soar in this atmosphere which God hath made sanctified from the gaze of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and who mock the signs of God. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest arise to that whereunto thou wert commanded, as a grace from Us unto thee and unto those who walk upon the path that hath appeared in truth from the presence of a Compelling, Self-Subsisting One.

Beware lest thou forget what We informed thee before concerning certain letters of hell. Now they have gathered in Iraq and at this moment they plot. Soon the winds of associating partners with God shall spread from the quarter of their hearts to all regions. Therefore seek thou refuge in God lest harm befall thee from these who have disbelieved in God openly and turned away from the Ancient Beauty and were among the deniers in preserved tablets of glory. Arise with the arising of God to the Cause of thy Lord and turn not unto them nor unto aught else. Say: The Kingdom on that Day is God's, the Truth. Blessed is he who turneth toward the lights of His countenance, and woe unto those who oppose. Thus did We inform thee before and We inform thee now out of My love for thee, lest the veils of glory prevent thee from this exalted, holy and uplifted heaven.

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Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God - He is God, exalted be His glory, the Mighty.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa! Hearken unto the call from the crimson horizon, wherewith the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing doth speak: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thy letter hath come before Our presence, and the two souls have entered. We have caused them to depart by Our command, for He is the Ruler, the All-Knowing. The matter hath been decided through other hands, for He is the Decider, the All-Wise. We beseech God that He may assist them and strengthen them, inasmuch as they have turned with pure detachment unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have commanded them to return unto thee. Thus hath the decree gone forth from thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

In thy letter was mention of one who desired to be remembered before the Countenance, that he might arise to praise his Lord, the Glorious. Say: O Sasson! There hath come forth from Zion that which was hidden, and the Call hath been raised from every direction. Blessed is the ear that hath turned and heard, and woe unto the heedless. Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, detached from all that is on earth. This is better for thee, if thou be of them that know. He loveth him that loveth Him, and ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth that which He willeth. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Praise thy Lord for having enabled thee to turn unto Him, after all the heedless and the dubious had turned away. His letter hath come before Our presence, and We found from it the fragrance of his love for the Beloved of the worlds. That which he hath deduced concerning this Cause is the truth, about which there is no doubt. The land of Syria hath been given glad-tidings of God's righteousness. Verily, He hath appeared with the truth. Blessed are they that turn unto Him. The mount of God hath quivered from the breeze of reunion. It is named Carmel, and it proclaimeth: "The Builder of the Temple hath come, and the Healer of all ills." Blessed are they that attain.

The enemies have surrounded Us in these days, yet in this state We remember him with that which shall eternally establish his remembrance. It behooveth him to be of the thankful ones. We counsel him to observe wisdom, lest there occur that which would disturb the hearts of the weak ones. O Muhammad! Convey My greetings unto Daniel, and upon him be glory. Blessed is he who hath attained the remembrance of the Lord on this Day which was promised unto men by One Who is All-Knowing, All-

Informed. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to remember and praise Him, and to make them keys of providence for the doors of men's hearts. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth.

Blessed are ye for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having cast behind your backs all vain imaginings, turning unto the Kaaba of all mankind. All this is from His grace upon you, O concourse of the sincere ones. We hear your call in the Most Great Remembrance, and your proclamation of this mighty Cause whereby the hearts of men have been shaken, except for those whom your Lord, the Guardian, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath preserved.

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HE IS THE MOST HOLY

God willing, mayest thou be illumined at all times by the splendors of the Countenance of the All-Merciful and be fixed upon the horizon of His Cause in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from turning to the Most Great Prospect. This is the most exalted station, as can be observed in that certain souls, though they witnessed the effulgences of the divine Sun from the Dayspring of Light of Oneness, were nevertheless debarred, by some earthly cause, from the Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven. Consider that known handmaiden who, though it was clear and evident to her and others that spiritual perfection and outward beauty were found in the Truth, yet severed the divine connection and clung to the connection of the idolaters, letting slip from her grasp the hem of God and clutching the hem of the deniers. She turned away from the Diamond to cleave unto clay, distancing herself from the Dayspring of perfection and beauty to join with a monkey, content and pleased with his company. If all the kingdom of the world were offered to any person of insight to spend but one night with such as she in bed, he would surely refuse, yet she remained deprived of the Most Glorious Branch due to the ornaments of the world and its trappings, becoming intimate with the most hideous form in existence. Yes, the nightingale is intimate with the rose while worms dwell in mud and clay; the dung beetle will not turn to the most pure and fragrant station nor fix its gaze upon the Most Great Prospect, but rather seeks intimacy with its own kind. Such is the nature of the world and its adherents. But verily thy Lord lieth in wait. Assuredly He hath rendered and will render unto each soul its due. This hath occurred solely that all might be convinced that love of the world maketh the eye blind and the ear deaf, such that man cannot distinguish between the highest heaven and the lowest depths. All must at all times take refuge in God, that He might gather all beneath the shade of the Tree of His grace and deprive no one. Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful from the Divine Lote-Tree which is raised up in the wilderness of piety, and be thou neither gladdened by the world's acceptance nor saddened by its rejection, neither by its elevation nor its abasement. By My life! All that is thereon shall perish, and there shall endure the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Be thou steadfast in the path of Truth and turn away from His enemies. His loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be with you, and this, verily, is a mighty favor.

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O friend! The Most High, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

May you ever drink from the cup of the eternal Beloved's mercy and remain occupied with the remembrance and praise of God. These are days the like of which the very essence of creation has neither seen nor comprehended. Blessed is the soul that has not been prevented by the whisperings of the deceivers from the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and has not been deprived of the outpourings of divine mercy in these blessed days. Through His existence, it has considered all the world as non-existent, and through His manifestation has witnessed all within the kingdom as void. After hearkening to the blessed divine Word, it has turned to the Friend, detached from all else.

Say: O friends of Truth! Consider these days a precious opportunity and loose not your hold on the hem of His grace and bounty. What existence is there that has not been seized by non-existence? What glory is there that has not been overtaken by abasement? All that is witnessed in the kingdom shall become non-existent and void. What endures is the deed performed by the loved ones of God purely for His sake. Therefore in these spiritual days the friends must not deprive themselves of the lights of the countenance of their Eternal One. The ocean of bounty is surging and the Bestower is the hand of the All-Merciful's favor. O friends! With the power of faith, turn and partake! This is in spite of those who read the Bayan yet deny Him Who revealed and sent it. Thus does your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, command you.

Convey to all the loved ones in that land a most glorious greeting from this Wronged One. Say: Praise the Beloved of the worlds that He caused to flow from the Pen of His Command that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom endure. Thus does God mention whom He wishes and singles out for His mercy whom He wishes. He is truly the Mighty, the Generous. However, beseech God that you may remain firm in His Cause, for thieves lie in wait in ambush. You must, with the utmost steadfastness and assurance, preserve the pearls of the All-Merciful's love in the vessels of your hearts and keep them hidden from the eyes of robbers. Be so enkindled in the love of God that if all the peoples of the earth should arise to turn away, or should argue using the books of the ancients and the moderns according to their desires, you would pay no heed. This is the counsel of Truth, the command of Truth, and the remembrance of Truth. Blessed are you for having been mentioned in the presence of your Lord, the Mighty, the Great. And glory be upon you, O My loved ones, and praise be upon you for having turned to your Lord on the Day of Judgment.

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O Friends of God! In the Name of the One True God!

The lights of the manifestations of the Sun of inner meanings have risen and shone forth from the luminous horizon in the form of these words: O friends! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, may you drink at all times from the living waters and fix your gaze on the highest horizon. Be not grieved by the opposition of people and their turning away, for they are weak and immature. These souls must be educated with the waters of divine wisdom, that perchance they may attain to what God has ordained for them and not be deprived of His greatest bounty. Soon will most veils be rent asunder and people will

arise in lamentation and wailing. Verily He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Today it is incumbent upon all to invite people, with utmost wisdom and kindliness, from the wilderness of error to the plains of guidance. With perfect eagerness and longing, be occupied with the remembrance of the Day-Star of the horizons and speak His praise. The ocean of generosity is manifest, the sun of bounty is shining, and the heaven of grace is uplifted. Deprived is the one who remains bereft today, and without portion is he who has not recognized his Lord. Divine Tablets have been sent down time after time and again and again, and their purpose is that in this transient dust-heap you may occupy yourselves with that which is the cause of the perpetuation of existence. For today, whatsoever is manifested from any soul in the path of God shall remain and endure. Your mention is remembered before the Throne and the names of those who have turned to God are inscribed in the Tablet of eternity. Blessed is the soul that has recognized, the ears that have heard, the eyes that have seen, the hearts that have turned, and the limbs that have acted according to what they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily We make mention of you through Our grace, and We mentioned you before. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Be not grieved by the clamor of the people. The Truth calls you from the precincts of the Prison - this indeed is a great bounty. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of remembrance and explanation, that you may rejoice therein and be of those who are firmly established. Beware lest anything prevent you from speaking forth or the veils of the heedless hold you back. Remember God in the night season and in the days in such wise that the hearts of the heedless may be attracted. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall remain for you what has been sent down from the Supreme Pen. To this testifies the Lord of Names, yet most of the people are heedless. Turn not unto them, but rather to the horizon of Revelation. This is what you have been commanded by the One Who inspires with faithfulness. Glory be upon you and upon those who have turned to the Countenance when every sinful remote one turned away from it.

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O Divine Physician, upon thee be the Glory of God! From the right hand of divine will is revealed:

O Divine Healer! God willing, mayest thou be joyous and successful through the divine bounties. A letter from thee was presented before Us wherein thou hadst mentioned a house for the travelers. Act in whatever way thou deemest advisable. As for the travelers, they have not been and are not commanded to stay in that land, for if people gather there from outside it will become the cause and reason for certain events. Two souls had permission to stay, and later mention was made of Nabil-i-Qabli-‘Ali regarding Rafi’ and his companions - upon them be the Glory of God for drawing nigh and returning without entering, in obedience to their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. These are souls who have not moved according to their desires but have acted by God’s leave. Regarding travelers, it hath been repeatedly counseled that they must conduct themselves with perfect character, courtesy, truthfulness and sincerity amongst the people. We beseech God to assist us in what He loveth and approveth. It is most essential that they act according to the character and conduct which they have been commanded, that the fragrance of passing through the divine lane may be inhaled from them.

A letter from Milani was presented before Us. Blessed is he who, when he heareth God's prohibition, refraineth and returneth to his place, enkindled with the fire of love and longing. By My life, he is among the successful ones and among the visitors. Blessed art thou, O son of Ahmad, for having turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy mention came before Us and this wondrous Tablet was revealed for thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to love Thee and turn unto Thy face, and for having made me know Thyself after every ignorant and remote one turned away from Thee. Thou knowest, O my God, that I desired to attain Thy presence and appear before Thy face and abide in the precincts of Thy mercy, but I was prevented by the conditions of Thy Cause which have shone forth from the horizon of Thy wisdom and power. Therefore I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Ruler of earth and heaven, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for those who drew nigh and attained unto every good in Thy days. Then write down for me the reward of those who have attained Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey the greetings from Us to those in thy land. We have sent them the breaths of revelation. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have obeyed the command of their Lord. They are among the successful ones.

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Hussein, son of the uncle of 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad, He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

Blessed is He Who sendeth down the Command as He pleaseth, and ordaineth what He willeth by His Own Self, and directeth in the kingdom whatsoever He desireth. His is the creation and the command. He createth all things by His command, and verily He is the Doer of what He willeth, and aideth whom He pleaseth through His grace, and manifesteth victory as He willeth. And verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: He uniteth hearts and divideth every wise matter. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth, and verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. He giveth to drink whom He willeth from the Kawthar of nearness, and destroyeth whom He willeth with a mighty thirst. Thus doth He give unto whom He willeth and withhold from whom He willeth, and verily He is the Mighty, the Wise.

Say: O people, open your eyes that ye may recognize the mysteries of pre-existence through this Ancient Mystery. Say: O people, is he who is upon a clear proof from God like unto him who is in manifest error? Is he who walketh upon the path of truth like unto him who walketh in manifest darkness? Say: O people, is he who soareth in the atmosphere of the spirit like unto him who hath died upon a distant land? Say: O people of insight, judge fairly within yourselves: Is he before and behind whom light advanceth like unto him who dwelleth in the darkness of his self and is unable to emerge therefrom? How then do ye judge? Say: Is he in whose heart surge the oceans of names like unto him who dwelleth upon a mirage in the desert wherein he findeth no water and is among the distressed? Say: O people, glory be to God above what ye have imagined within yourselves while claiming to be among the monotheists!

O thou who art young in years but great in faith! Give thanks unto God for having guided thee and made thee to be among the beneficent ones. Know thou that We have heard that thy father hath cast thee out from the house because thou hast believed in God, the Almighty, the Most Noble. Grieve not at this, but

rather be glad within thyself and be thou among the joyous ones. Know thou that the sword hath appeared in truth and separateth between the polytheists and the monotheists. Say: The Word hath been transformed into the sword of God and divideth between the worlds. Know thou further that if thy kinship with him hath been severed thereby, thy kinship with God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, hath been strengthened, and if he hath become distant from thee, God shall soon draw thee nigh unto Himself - and His is the sovereignty of the heavens and earth, and He is powerful over all things. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth that thou mayest seek the good pleasure of God within thyself - verily by the good pleasure of God do the near-serving servants rejoice. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are guided and are among the guided ones.

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Glory to Thee, O my Lord! Strengthen the hearts of Thy loved ones by Thy power and might, then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies. Then make them, O my God, dawning-places from the horizon of Thy greatness and daysprings from the daybreak of Thy power. O Lord! Adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness, and illumine their hearts with the lights of gifts and favors. Thou art the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Master of the world and Goal of the nations, by the Most Great Name, to transform the throne of tyranny into the seat of Thy justice, and the chair of pride and oppression into the throne of humility and fairness. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey My greetings to the friends, and We ask for all of them glory and bounty and steadfastness. Verily, God is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The calumnies of that heedless one were observed, and the sending of such things is not permitted henceforth. We have indeed committed all affairs to God, the Powerful, the Dominant, the Mighty. We beseech God to assist thee and to inscribe for thee a goodly reward, steadfast and enduring, in His perspicuous Book. Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon God’s righteous servants.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the One Who bestows benevolence and favors

All praise that is sanctified beyond expression and understanding belongs to the Goal of all the worlds, Who was not prevented from His purpose by the opposition and objection of His servants, Whose pure hem was not altered by the calumnies of creation, and Whom the clamor of the oppressors and tyranny of the transgressors did not hold back from mention and praise. Through the power of trust in God, He uttered that which was the cause of the advancement of the community and the exaltation of the Word. Some found the sweetness of the call and turned with heart and soul to the supreme horizon, while others, inflamed with the fire of hatred, exerted mighty efforts to extinguish the divine light. That which

appeared from Him is light for the righteous and fire for the wicked. We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn His servants with the light of justice and fairness and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Possessor of gifts and favors.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! We praise God, blessed and exalted be He, for having aided thee to turn unto Him and enabled thee to make mention of Him and praise Him amongst His servants. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever loves Him and the Helper of whosoever cleaveth to the cord of glory and bounty. His honor M.H., upon him be God's peace, the Lord of all beings, hath repeatedly made mention of thee, and in each instance a word issued from the tongue of the Wronged One wherein was concealed the water of life. When its fragrance was wafted abroad, the Blessed Tree, raised upon the highest ensign, proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the Day of Resurrection."

We beseech God to aid thee in that whose mention and fragrance shall never fade, and to ordain for thee that whereby thy name shall be exalted among all names and thy remembrance among all remembrances. Verily He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my powerlessness before the manifestations of the Sun of Thy might, my poverty before the waves of the ocean of Thy riches, and my weakness before the evidences of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of the world and Lord of the nations, by Thy fragrance which was wafted from Thy Beloved in Yathrib and Batha, and by what befell Him in Thy path, O Lord of the kingdom of names, to make me moved by Thy will and speaking in Thy praise. O my Lord! Thou seest the thirsty one making for the ocean of Thy bounty, desiring naught but the wonders of Thy generosity and munificence. Ordain for him from the heaven of Thy power and the sun of Thy might that which beseemeth Thy glory, Thy sovereignty and Thy choice. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and on earth.

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O [Abdul-Ali], upon him be the Glory of God!

In His Name, through which God united the hearts of His loved ones. Praise be to the Goal of the world, Who in the midst of sorrows is occupied with the remembrance of His friends. Forever has this Wronged One been under threat, yet the threat had no effect and did not prevent His attention and acceptance. Before the face of the world and its peoples He revealed that which was the cause of life and the source of success and prosperity. Blessed is the soul that was attracted by the breezes of revelation and was guided to His most exalted horizon. Today, through the assistance of the Most Great Name, the pearls of certitude and knowledge are manifest and visible. Joy unto the one who turned with perfect certitude and, despite the enemies, drank the wine of immortality from the hand of bounty, and, detached from the world, held fast to the Most Great Name. Names did not prevent him, and doubts and allusions did not become a barrier.

O thou who hast turned unto the Countenance! Thy petition hath reached the most holy court. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw thee nigh in all conditions, to aid thee in that which He loveth and approveth, and to open before thy face the door of grace and bounty. He, verily, is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mashhadi Baqir! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee as a favor from God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice in My remembrance which, by My life, cannot be equaled by anything thou beholdest on earth. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Mighty, the Generous.

O Asadu'llah! The Lord of the worlds hath mentioned thee with a mention that is as wings for soaring in the atmosphere of love and affection, and as light in the darkness of contingent being. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His love and to give thee to drink, from the hand of His bounty, the Kawthar of His knowledge at all times. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Faraju'llah! The Lamp of the world is afflicted amidst the winds. It is clear and evident to all that this Wronged One and the party of God have desired for all bounty, blessing and wealth. Nevertheless, they show such enmity as hath had and hath no likeness. The Command is in God's hands, the Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed art thou for having turned and attained that which the near ones have attained.

O Abdul-Ali! Upon thee be My Glory! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens and leaves. Each one hath been and is mentioned before the Wronged One. Give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My loving-kindness which have encompassed existence, both the seen and the unseen. The Glory from Us be upon My loved ones and upon them and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright. Bounty is in God's hands, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all names! At this moment the blessed Tree which hath been planted by the hand of divine favor in the supreme Paradise uttereth this word: O people of the earth! Cast away that which ye possess of fancy and imagination. This is the Day wherein the seal of the choice Wine hath been broken through the Name of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Draw nigh and drink thereof [in spite of every] heedless and veiled one. Blessed is he who hath hearkened to its call and attained unto the sweetness of its utterance. By the lights of the Day-Star of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Whosoever attaineth unto hearing it shall become so enkindled that neither the opposition of the world nor the contention of nations shall prevent or deprive him, and his traces shall become manifest and evident. From the first days until now, We have called out, without veil or covering, before the faces of rulers and divines [and] men of learning - a call for whose hearing ears were created from nothingness. But outward ornaments and ephemeral colors have deprived and withheld the servants from everlasting and eternal blessings. When thou hearest the melodies of the birds of inner meanings upon the branches of utterance, purify thy heart and breast with the water of turning to God and detachment [and] say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having

made manifest Thy path among Thy servants and for having called the people to the Dayspring of Thy revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, and the Source of Thy commandments and laws. I testify that Thou hast revealed the Way and sent down the Guide, and hast commanded all to that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the lights of the sun of Thy grace, to aid me in all conditions to be speaking in Thy remembrance, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, mindful of Thy verses, soaring in Thy atmosphere, holding fast to the cord of Thy bestowal, and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, acknowledging Thy oneness and singleness, and confessing Thy greatness and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by Him Who hastened to the place of sacrifice in His longing to meet Thee, and advanced toward the arrows of tribulation in His love for Thy beauty, to grant me Thy favor which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Cause, and the table which Thou hast sent forth from the kingdom of Thine utterance. Verily Thou art He Whom the ranks and armies of the world cannot withhold. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by the Most Great Name through which Thou hast illumined the world, to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of names and Creator of heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! The blessed letter of that spiritual beloved has inscribed wondrous lines of divine love upon the pages of the heart, breast, mind and soul. God willing, may the royal seal of the love of that Beloved, the Goal of all the worlds, be inscribed in clear script by the wondrous Pen upon all the tablets of created things. As for what was written about not meeting - it is clear and evident that this servant is seeking this, and likewise that beloved one. In this case, even if the obstacles of the world should prevent it, this prevention holds sway only in outward form. Otherwise, in reality, the Joy of the world has not and will not prevent it. No sword can sever the inner connection, nor can the passage of time alter it. It has been and will continue to be. And regarding what was written about sending a list of names to the Most Holy Court - after this servant turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, he presented the details. At that moment, four holy and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, and He said: “O servant in attendance! It behooveth thee to write what hath been revealed at this time and send it to the Name of Bounty, that he may forward it to whomsoever hath loved God, acknowledged His grandeur and recognized His sovereignty, that the eyes of His loved ones and the eyes of those who have drawn nigh unto the Most Great Sea and drunk therefrom in His gracious Name may be gladdened by the Tablets of God.” And regarding what was written about the wife of Nabil, these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of Will - exalted be His grandeur: “Verily, We gave her glad tidings aforetime through the mention of My Most Exalted Pen, and We mentioned her before her ascension and after her ascension. Verily We have forgiven her and purified her of all that is unworthy of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of God at this time with a mention from which the fragrance of grace is wafted between the heavens and the earths. O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou for having turned to God on a day when most of the servants turned

away from Him, and for having heard the Most Sweet Call and attained unto the word 'yea.' By My life! This is an honored station. Blessed is every handmaiden who hath believed and attained, and woe unto every handmaiden who hath turned away from God, the Sovereign, the Single, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in what We have sent down unto thee of the food of the Spirit from this heaven which hath been raised up through My Name, the All-Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have taken the choice wine and drunk in My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible." The four exalted Tablets were also sent for that beloved one to forward. These bounties appeared at a time when the Ancient Beauty was showing signs of a cold. Verily the grace is in His hands and He is the Forgiving, the Generous, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Kind.

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In His Name, the Helper! God makes mention of His servants who have recognized His unity, that they may rejoice in His remembrance of them and be detached from the idolaters. Say: Through His remembrance are the hearts of the mystics assured, and His remembrance has preceded every soul - were it not for Him, none among creation would remember Him, and this is a certain truth. And when He made mention of His servants and inscribed their names in the Tablet of Decree by the Most Exalted Pen, they recognized the path of remembrance and were numbered among those who remember. Say: Through His remembrance is every sick one healed of his illness and the hearts of those who have turned to Him are purified. Remember Him, O people, and be not silent in His praise. He Who speaks in remembrance in these days, around Him circle the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the angels drawn nigh. O people! Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Paradise of Good-Pleasure and be not disturbed by those who have wronged in the earth. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, protects whom He willeth with hosts ye cannot see, and He encompasseth all things. Be steadfast in His remembrance and praise among the servants, then attract the hearts of the heedless through His verses and subdue His proud servants through His names. O servant! Convey unto the people what We have imparted unto thee in this Tablet, that they may arise to promote the Cause of thy Lord, the One, the Single, the Unique, and unite with thee in supporting God's Cause, and be not of those who slumber. Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth, nor consume the wealth of others unjustly, and be not of the oppressors. We are oppressed among Our enemies - be ye as We are. By God the Truth, the cry of the oppressed is more beloved before God than the worship of most people, were ye to know. He heareth the cry of the oppressed and hath prescribed for Himself to help him through the truth, and He hath power over all things. Grieve not in these numbered days over the hardships of the world, for it shall pass away and might and power shall remain for the loved ones of God and His chosen ones. God shall soon raise them up in the earth and make them powerful. Cast behind thee every matter and give the people the glad tidings of this most luminous Dawn and this greatest Scene, and be not of the fearful ones. Then give thanks to God for having remembered thee on this night and sent down unto thee clear verses, that thy mention may endure among the worlds, if thou remainest steadfast in this Cause which hath caused the feet of the doubters to slip. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God in that place, and this is a mighty bounty. Praise be to God, the King, the Powerful, the Resurrector, the Quickener, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Ancient.

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In the Name of God, the Most Truthful, to ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil, upon him be 669 [Baha’u’llah]

In the Name of God, the Everlasting, the Eternal

A mention from Us to him who hath acknowledged what God hath testified when He was established in truth upon His mighty throne, and who hath perceived the fragrances of revelation when they were diffused throughout all lands, and who hath turned with radiant countenance toward the Dayspring of the Cause. He is of them who were stirred by the breeze of God when it wafted from the paradise of His wondrous Name. We have answered thee before and ordained for thee a station in the Tablet. Preserve it through My Name, the Protector over all the worlds. Thou wert mentioned before the Throne, and We have sent down for thee such verses as cannot be equalled by all the treasures of creation. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Blessed art thou for having answered thy Lord when the Tree raised its call that there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou steadfast that the servants may become steadfast through thee and that the hearts of them that are disturbed may find peace through thee. Beware lest thou be moved by the intimations of those who outwardly claim to love God and His Cause but inwardly speak that which rendeth the veil of sanctity. Thy Lord verily is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He knoweth what is in their hearts and heareth their whisperings. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and the earth. These have made mention of the inward a snare for the servants. We testify that they have not found the fragrance of God - had they found it they would have testified to that which the All-Merciful hath testified concerning this Revelation whereby the Most Great Depth was stirred and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed. They worship their desires and reckon themselves among the sincere ones. Were anyone today to worship with the duration of the kingdom and the dominion and to recite what God hath revealed from the beginning that hath no beginning, it would not be accepted from him except through My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

God shall soon reveal what is in their hearts and thou shalt find concerning them what the All-Merciful hath revealed in this wondrous Tablet. He knoweth them better than their own selves. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book that none hath encompassed save His all-encompassing knowledge. Regard creation as though no one had ever been mentioned except him who hath held fast to the cord of the Cause and clung to the hem of My Name, the Merciful. Grieve not at the conditions and hardships of the world. Remember thy Lord with joy and fragrance in such wise that all possibility may be attracted thereby. This behooveth thee, for We have specially chosen thee for the service of this Great Announcement. We have mentioned thee in the Tablets and shall mention thee, if God willeth and desireth, with such a mention as shall gladden the hearts of them that know. We have sent down for thee what thou didst desire of the Tablets and dispatched them to thee as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Verily the glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, whether young or old.

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In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest! Glorified be He in Whose hand is the dominion of all things. The thunder extolleth His praise through fear of Him, and the clouds through His grandeur. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Glorious.

O servant! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner from the precincts of the prison, then detach thyself from all that hath been created in the contingent world. Say: In the Name of God and by God, then turn thy face toward the Most Great Name of God and say: O people! By God, the Truth! The clouds have been rent asunder, the heaven hath been cleft, and the Beloved hath come with power and sovereignty. Be ye ashamed before God Who created you, and deny not Him before Whom all faces have prostrated themselves at all times.

Say: O people! If ye desire the power of God, verily ye have witnessed it with your own eyes, and if ye desire the sovereignty of God, verily ye have beheld it with your vision, and if ye desire the signs, verily they have been sent down in truth in such wise that whatsoever hath been created by the Word of God, the Mighty, the All-Glorious, is powerless to reckon them. We know not by what proof ye believed in ’Ali aforetime. Fear God and follow not Satan. Ponder within yourselves for less than a moment, then be fair in this Cause which hath appeared with the truth, and concerning this Youth Who hath appeared through God’s power and Who now speaketh amidst all religions, while on His right march the hosts of divine revelation with the banners of the Cause, and on His left a company of youths, in each of whose hands is the sealed wine which hath been sealed with the mystery of My Hidden Name and inscribed by the Pen of God, the Most High, upon their radiant foreheads: “By God! The Beloved of the All-Merciful hath appeared, He Who was promised to you in all the Tablets!” Which, then, of God’s signs do ye deny?

By God! When He appeared the suns were eclipsed, the moons darkened, the fruits fell, and the earth trembled amongst the people of possibility. Thus did the Cock of the Throne crow in the gardens of eternity, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and the Peacock of inner meanings was adorned with the ornament of utterance. O servant! Give thanks unto thy Lord, inasmuch as the Pen of might and power hath moved to make mention of thee. Then stand firm in thy love for thy Lord and convey unto the people this Cause whereby the veils of idle fancies were rent asunder and the dayspring of inner meanings dawned forth from the horizon of thy Lord’s will, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

Purify the hearts of people with this water which hath flowed from the fountainhead of thy Lord’s command, then remind them of the signs of their Lord, that they may turn unto God in these days wherein the harbingers of trials have appeared from every direction. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those whom the breezes of tests have not prevented from turning unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Merciful.

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In the Name of God, Most Holy, Most Glorious!

Glory be to Him Who hath sent down the verses in truth and before them the Bayan, that all who are in the heavens and on earth might prepare themselves for this Revelation which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath come with the kingdom of proof, calling all contingent beings unto God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the Bayan! Have ye found in that which was revealed unto ʼAli before Nabil aught that was not adorned with the ornament of My Name? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Were it not for My remembrance, the Bayan would not have been revealed, and were it not for My Self, the sun of exposition would not have shone forth from the horizon of meaning and utterance. To this beareth witness every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge. He made the entire Bayan as a gift from Him to My Self and a leaf from My paradise. Why then have ye turned away from Him Who sacrificed His soul in My straight and manifest path? By God! At the moment when the infidels suspended Him in the air, He inhaled the fragrance of My robe, His gaze fixed upon My countenance, His heart remembering My exalted remembrance. Say: Do ye make the Cause of God an object of mockery? Why have ye turned away from Him through Whom every thing proclaimeth what the Tree of Divinity proclaimed: "There is none other God besides Me, the Almighty, the Gracious." Say: Moses drew strength from this Great Name, and the Spirit was aided by this Wise Remembrance. If ye have forgotten the Books of old, then look unto the Bayan, that ye may perchance know what God intended for you, and be not of them who cried out in separation and who, when the breezes of reunion wafted from the direction of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, broke the Covenant and denied the Lord of the Day of Mutual Disillusion, when He came unto them with a manifest sovereignty. Say: Should anyone read what is in the Bayan, he would surely weep for My suffering and for what hath befallen My soul. By My life! Its Revealer intended naught therein save My Cause, My remembrance, and My praise. Fear ye God, O company of the veiled ones! Thus have We imparted unto thee that thou mayest remind the people in the days of thy Lord, that they may cast away their idle fancies and take the cup of righteousness through this glorious and wondrous Name. Forbid the people from that which they have been forbidden in the Book, then bid them to observe that which they have been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: How long will ye occupy yourselves with the world? Have ye not witnessed its passing? Where are your fathers and your ancestors? All have returned to dust, and ye too shall return as they returned. This is an irrevocable promise, if ye be of them that know. Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him out of love for God and hath turned with his heart to the Lord of all worlds. He is worthy of the pavilions of My grandeur, the tabernacle of My glory, and the canopies of My grace. Upon him rest My blessings and My tender mercies, for I am verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. And praise be to God, the Lord of this great Day!

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by this Day and by Him Who hath appeared therein through Thy sovereignty, grandeur and power, and by the tears of the lovers in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the burning of the hearts of them that yearn in their longing and desire for Thy beauty, to send down upon us in this Day that which befitteth Thy beauty and beseemeth Thy generosity and

bounty. O Lord! We are poor ones who have detached ourselves from all else but Thee and turned toward the treasury of Thy wealth, and have fled from remoteness in hope of nearness to Thee. Send down, therefore, from the heaven of Thy will that which will purify us from the world and its conditions, and adorn us with the ornament of what Thou hast desired for us through Thy grace and bestowal. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name which Thou hast made the treasury of Thy knowledge and the mine of Thy revelation and the wellspring of Thy inspiration, and whereby Thou hast distinguished between the monotheists and the polytheists, to clothe us in this Day with the garments of Thy guidance and the robes of Thy generosity. Then cause us to stand firm in Thy Cause, to aid Thy Faith, and to speak forth Thy Name between Thy earth and Thy heaven, that the horizons may be filled with the wonders of Thy remembrance and faces may be illumined by the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! We bear witness that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been in the heights of exaltation at a level beyond which the hearts of the mystics among Thy servants cannot soar, and Thou wilt ever abide in the sublimities of independence at a station unto which the birds of the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy creatures cannot wing their flight. O Lord! All things testify to Thy oneness, and whatsoever can be described as having existence, whether seen or unseen, beareth witness to Thy singleness. Thou art He Who hath sanctified His Self from the knowledge of all else but Thee and hath purified His Essence from the mention of aught except Thyself. All the meanings and utterances that have been created in the realm of origination return unto the Word that hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Command and the Finger of Thy Decree. Every possessor of greatness is as nothing before Thy greatness, and every possessor of power vanisheth before the manifestations of Thy glorious might. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the wicked ones of Thy creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fire of Thy wrath was kindled and the flames of Thy anger were ignited, to seize those who have oppressed Thy loved ones. Then send down upon us that which we hope for from the wonders of Thy grace and favors, and deprive us not of turning toward Thee and drawing nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy glorious oneness. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, to Whose power all atoms have testified from time immemorial and all created things do testify to Thy greatness. Thou art the Lord of grandeur and majesty, and the Sovereign of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst raise up the heaven of Thy Cause, and from whose horizon shone forth the sun of Thy wisdom and decree, and through which all things spoke forth Thy praise and glorification, and through which all faces turned toward that direction wherein appeared the lights of Thy countenance and were manifested the revelations of Thy power and grandeur, that Thou protect Thy servants who have turned unto Thee and believed in Thy mighty signs and who have desired this most exalted station, from those who have disbelieved in the Manifestation of Thy most exalted Self. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the hereafter and of the former times, and in Thy right hand is the dominion of decree and the kingdom of execution.

O Lord! How many heads were raised upon spears in Thy love, and how many breasts were pierced by the arrows of the wicked in Thy path, and how many infants were kept from their mothers' breasts, and how many sisters lamented in separation from their brothers, and how many fathers wept in separation from their sons - all of this befell them because they acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all things, that Thou assist these souls with the wonders of Thy succor, strengthen them through Thy might, and make them victorious over Thine enemies, that thereby the manifestations of Thy power may appear among Thy servants and the revelations of Thy might among Thy creatures.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which the trees of Thy oneness have yielded the fruits of Thy unity, that Thou send down upon me and my sister from the clouds of Thy generosity that which beseemeth Thy presence, and from the heaven of Thy grace that which is worthy of Thy court. O Lord! Withhold not from us that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have arisen to aid Thy Cause, whom neither the might of the oppressors deterred from the sanctuary of Thy nearness, nor did the wrath of the polytheists prevent from turning toward the Kaaba of Thy Cause.

Thou art He through Whose Name "the Protector" Thou didst protect Thy loved ones from Thine enemies, and through Whose Name "the Powerful" Thou didst make them mighty over all who dwell in the kingdom of Thy Cause. All things testify to Thy power, and all who dwell in earth and heaven bow down before the manifestations of Thy might. Blind is the eye that seeth not the evidences of Thy power at all times, and dumb is the tongue that speaketh not Thy praise amidst the concourse of creation. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Merciful.

O Lord! Abandon not Thy servant whom Thou hast brought forth from the loins of one who loved Thee. Aid him, O my God, to remember Thee and praise Thy Self and spread Thy Cause among Thy creatures, and enable him to achieve that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of the visible and the invisible. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Exalted, the Sovereign, the Help in Peril.

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Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! My tongue, both the tongue of my body and the tongue of my heart, my limbs and members, every pulsating vein within me, every hair of my head, all proclaim that Thou art God, and that there is none other God beside Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been immeasurably exalted above all similitudes and comparisons, and sanctified from whatsoever pertaineth to the creation Thou hast created and fashioned. From eternity Thou hast been alone, with none to share the majesty of Thy singleness, and hast remained far above the changes and chances to which all Thy creatures are subjected.

And when Thou didst purpose to demonstrate the power of Thy sovereign might, and to glorify Thy word, and to guide the steps of Thy people, Thou didst raise up from among Thy creatures One of Thy servants, Whom Thou didst send forth with the signs of Thy sovereignty, and Whom Thou didst endue with the clear tokens of Thy oneness, that He might fulfill Thy testimony unto all created things, and perfect Thy proof before all men.

As soon as He revealed Himself, as bidden by Thee, and called Thy servants to turn in the direction of Thy gifts, and to set their faces towards the horizon of Thy knowledge, the signs of dissension appeared amongst them. Some responded to Thy call and, without the least hesitation, obeyed Thy summons. Others turned their backs to Thee, and followed the desires of a corrupt inclination.

I implore Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Great Name, to enrapture the nations through the potency of the Word which Thou didst ordain to be the king of all words, the Word whereby the goodly pearls of Thy hidden wisdom were uncovered, and the gem-like mysteries which were wrapped up within Thee were unraveled. Deprive them not, by Thy grace and bounty, of the things Thou didst desire for them, and suffer them not to be far removed from the shores of the ocean of Thy presence.

Every existence, whether seen or unseen, O my Lord, testifieth that Thy mercy hath surpassed all created things, and Thy loving-kindness embraced the entire creation. Look upon them, I entreat Thee, with the eyes of Thy mercy. Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate. Do with them as beseemeth Thy glory, and Thy majesty, and Thy greatness, and Thy bounteousness and Thy grace. Deal not with them according to the limitations imposed upon them, or the manifold vicissitudes of their earthly life.

Thou knowest, O my Lord, that I am but one of Thy servants. I have tasted of the sweetness of Thy speech, and acknowledged Thy unity and Thy singleness, and set my face towards the Source of Thy most excellent names and the Day-Spring of Thy transcendent attributes, and wished to be enabled by Thee to immerse myself beneath the ocean of Thy oneness and to be submerged by the mighty waters of Thy unity.

Assist me, by Thy strengthening grace, O my Lord, to do what Thou didst will, and withhold not from me the things Thou dost possess. So enravish me with the wonders of Thine utterances that the noise and distraction of this world may be powerless to deter me from turning unto Thee, and may fail to shake my constancy in Thy Cause, or to distract my gaze from the horizon of Thy grace. Aid me, then, O my God, to do what pleaseth Thee, and to carry out Thy will. Write down for me, moreover, the good of this world and of the world which is to come, and ordain for me a seat of truth in Thy presence. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and to rule as Thou pleasest. No God is there but Thee, the Inaccessible, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

All-praise to Thee, O Lord of the worlds and the Object of the adoration of the entire creation!

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Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! How great is Thy might and Thy sovereignty; how vast Thy strength and Thy dominion! Thou hast called into being Him Who speaketh in Thy name before all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and hast bidden Him cry out amongst Thy creatures.

No sooner had a word gone forth from His lips, however, than the divines among Thy people turned back from Him, and the learned among Thy servants caviled at His signs. Thereby the fire of oppression was kindled in Thy land, until the kings themselves rose up to put out Thy light, O Thou Who art the King of kings!

Hostility waxed so intense that my kindred and my loved ones were made captives in Thy land, and they that are dear to Thee were hindered from gazing on Thy beauty and from turning in the direction of Thy mercy. This hostility failed to cause the fire that burned within them to subside. The enemy finally carried away as captive Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy beauty and the Revealer of Thy signs, and confined Him in the fortress-town of ’Akka, and sought to hinder Him from remembering Thee and from magnifying Thy name. Thy servant, however, could not be restrained from carrying out what Thou hadst bidden Him fulfill. Above the horizon of tribulation He hath lifted up His voice and He crieth out, summoning all the inmates of heaven and all the inhabitants of the earth to the immensity of Thy mercy and the court of Thy grace. Day and night He sendeth down the signs of Thine omnipotent power and revealeth the clear tokens of Thy majesty, so that the souls of Thy creatures may be drawn towards Thee, that they may forsake themselves and turn unto Thee, and may flee from their misery and seek the tabernacle of Thy riches, and may haste away from their wretchedness into the court of Thy majesty and glory.

This is the Lamp which the light of Thine own Essence hath lit, and whose radiance the winds of discord can never extinguish. This is the Ocean that moveth by the power of Thy sovereign might, and whose waves the influence of the infidels that have disbelieved in the Judgment Day can never still. This is the Sun that shineth in the heaven of Thy will and the splendor of which the veils of the workers of iniquity and the doubts of the evil doers can never cloud.

I yield Thee thanks, O my God, for that Thou hast offered me up as a sacrifice in Thy path, and made me a target for the arrows of afflictions as a token of Thy love for Thy servants, and singled me out for all manner of tribulation for the regeneration of Thy people.

How sweet to my taste is the savor of woes sent by Thee, and how dear to my heart the dispositions of Thy providence! Perish the soul that fleeth from the threats of kings in its attempt to save itself in Thy days! I swear by Thy glory! Whoso hath quaffed the living waters of Thy favors can fear no trouble in Thy path, neither can he be deterred by any tribulation from remembering Thee or from celebrating Thy praise.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art my Governor and the Possessor of all names, to protect them that have branched out from me (Afnan), whom Thou hast caused to be related to Thyself, and to whom Thou hast, in this Revelation, shown Thy special favor, and whom Thou hast summoned to draw nigh unto Thee and to turn towards the horizon of Thy Revelation. Withhold not from them, O my Lord, the outpourings of Thy mercy or the effulgence of the Day-Star of Thy grace. Enable them to distinguish themselves amongst

Thy people, that they may exalt Thy word and promote Thy Cause. Aid them, O my God, to do Thy will and pleasure.

No God is there but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

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He is the Preserver, the Generous One!

Glory be to Thee, O Helper of Thy chosen ones, and glory be to Thee, O Succourer of Thy pure ones! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of Thy will, and by the manifestation of the fire of the Tree of Utterance unto Moses, the Son of Imran, Thy Interlocutor and Thy Chosen One, to ordain for him who hath loved Thee and desired Thee every good thing Thou hast sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is no God but Thee, the Speaker on Sinai, the Manifestor of Light, and the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

The Most Great Branch arrived and mentioned the loved ones - may God's blessings be upon them - and that esteemed one in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and likewise what was known of that esteemed one and what appeared from him in the path of God - all was witnessed and attained the adornment of acceptance and the light of good-pleasure. We beseech God to manifest unto that esteemed one that which shall be adorned with the ornament of immortality in the book of the world. There is no doubt that the reward for these deeds will appear from God. Every good deed today is in truth recorded with God as the king of deeds and is inscribed and written by the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee through His grace and to ordain for thee what He ordained for His chosen ones before and after. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the grief-stricken leaf. I swear by the Sun of Truth, there hath been ordained for her the reward of children whose fragrant remembrance of God hath not ceased and will not cease. It is hoped that she will preserve this most great bounty through patience and steadfastness in His exalted path. This mention must be appreciated, and its appreciation lieth in the good-pleasure of His friends. In times of tribulation, God willing, they will transform the garment of sorrow into the robe of supreme joy through the breezes of revelation and the light of countless favors. Verily He is the Guardian of His steadfast servants and maidservants.

O H! It is hoped that thou wilt be warmed by the heat of the divine verses in such wise that from thy movement and stillness may appear that which will attract minds and hearts. However, all matters are dependent upon and connected with wisdom and utterance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm thee and make thee successful in that whereby His Cause will be exalted amongst His servants. Verily He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and upon those who have drunk the wine of revelation from this manifest cup.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. From time immemorial He hath been hidden in the essence of His Being and concealed in the reality of His Self. No one among all created things hath known Him, and no soul among all existing beings hath comprehended Him. He whom He hath manifested is, in truth, His Manifestation amongst His servants and the One Who standeth in His stead. Through Him His sovereignty, then His command, became manifest, and through Him the sun of His Will hath shone forth from the horizon of His purpose upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso denieth Him hath denied Me, and whoso denieth Me hath denied Him. Say: Fear God, O people, and let not the atoms curse you. Fear the All-Merciful, and be not of the ignorant ones. Say: He hath appeared in truth with His sovereignty, and He is the Dawning-Place of His prevailing Will, the Manifestation of His all-encompassing Purpose, the Source of His transcendent signs, and the Dayspring of His wondrous inspiration. By God! Through a movement of His finger all things were drawn unto Him. Thus was the decree ordained, if ye be of them that understand. Whoso hath hesitated in His Cause hath strayed from the Path and cast aside justice. By My life! He is of the wrongdoers. Say: Through My sovereignty His sovereignty hath appeared, and through My exaltation His exaltation hath been manifested to all things, and through My Own Self-Subsistence His Self-Subsistence hath been revealed as the One dominant over all worlds. O people! He is the Most Great Sea and the Most Ancient Mystery. He is the One Who hath been named in every world among the worlds of God by one of the most beautiful names, and in the Kingdom of eternity by that which the tongue hath uttered. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, testify, yet the people of all realms remain heedless save those who have turned to the Dayspring of Revelation and said: “I believe in Thee, O my Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.” Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and entered the presence of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and hath drunk the most pure wine from the Supreme Horizon. He is assuredly among those who have detached themselves from all else but Him and soar in the atmosphere of nearness. Blessed is he who hath recognized the new in this wondrous One through Whom the cry of the deluded ones and the clamor of the polytheists have been raised - they who, when that which was hidden was made manifest, denied God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O servants of the All-Merciful! Cast behind your backs what is with men and turn unto the Qiblih of all possibility, Who calleth out from the midmost heart of Paradise: “There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved.” Beware lest that which ye possess prevent you from this glorious Quarter. Turn with your faces unto the Face of God and with your eyes unto His Luminous and Radiant Horizon. Thus doth the Pen command you from the presence of the Ancient King. Beware lest ye abandon the decree of God and follow those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed.

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He is the Mighty, the Beloved! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that ’Ali is the Sovereign of His Will, then His Purpose, then His Remembrance and Glory, then His Manifestation and Grandeur, then His Concealment and Mystery. All were sent forth by His command and all through Him

are created. Say: By God! He is verily the Sun of Oneness, and the Emblem of Eternity, and the Essence of Pre-existence, and the Primal Point, and the Self of God standing over all who are in the heavens and on earth - to this we bear witness, if ye be of them that testify. Through Him were the spheres set in motion and the cycles revolved and the Hidden Secret was revealed, and through Him did the Beauty of the Divine Identity don the robe of glory and the Sovereignty of God appeared with evident dominion. Thus doth the Dove warble, and the Cock of the Throne cry out, and this exalted, praiseworthy Tree sing. O Pen of Glory! Make mention of the servant who hath believed in God and the Manifestation of His Self, and upon whom tribulations descended in the path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, that he may remember within himself and then make mention to the servants of God who have ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. O servant! Give thanks unto God, thy Creator, for having granted thee what He hath not granted to most of His servants from every learned one known and every mystic renowned. Then emerge from behind the veils of concealment with manifest wisdom, and aid thy Lord to the extent of thy power - this is better for thee than all else and every beloved station. Know thou that this Tablet is the fire of God and His lamp which We have sent unto thee with an extended flame. And verily if thou wert to recite it with the melody of the Dove, there would appear within thee the fire of God, kindled and ablaze, and from it would arise such heat in the hearts of those who have been overtaken by coldness through the sorrows inflicted by such as associate partners with their Lord. O servant! Arise within thyself above these gales that have blown upon thee from this exalted, mighty Quarter, and rejoice within thyself, then be gladdened in thy being that God hath made thee a knower of His Self and revealed unto thee what was inscribed in the hidden Tablets of glory. And grieve not for what hath befallen thee and the chosen ones of God, for soon shalt thou find thyself in such a station as shall astound the hearts of men - this is a truth inscribed with truth upon a treasured tablet of glory. Thus have We made mention of thee on this night and sent down unto thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have heard the melodies of God from this exalted Tree which hath been raised up in truth and speaketh that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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O Karim in the letter Shin! He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! God has testified to His own Self by His own Self upon the throne of His might and sovereignty that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, the Wise, and that the Point of the Bayan is His mystery and His witness and His Command and His address and His Word to all who are in the heavens and earths. Say: He has appeared in truth from the Dayspring of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, and has spoken in truth in the heaven of eternity and the kingdom of creation that “I am God, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” Through Him was established the proof of God and His beauty dawned and His Word was perfected and His Cause was exalted above the former and latter generations. Thus does the Dove sing from the verses of a mighty rapture that God’s proof and evidence may be completed for all things and all created beings. O servant! Many letters have come before Us but among them was not your letter, and We were saddened to find you among the forgetful ones. Know that even if you have forgotten Us, We have not forgotten you and We have been among those who remember. We have sent you this Tablet

from which the fragrances of God waft upon every beautiful Joseph. Know then that We were among the servants as one of them, and you yourself bear witness to this, and God behind you is witness. No one recognized Us for they were behind veils and in mighty delusion, as though none among the people had eyes to recognize the Beauty of the Ancient One after He appeared in truth by the command of Him before Whom the necks of the proud were humbled. We remained in this concealment until God's appointed time was fulfilled according to what was ordained by His Pen on a preserved tablet of glory. Then the idolaters cast Us into this prison from which the cries of the mystics cannot reach Us. When We arrived therein, We rent asunder the veils and tore away the covering with power and clear sovereignty, despite them and those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Mighty, the Peerless, that God's proof might be completed for His creation and His evidence for His creatures and His testimony for all created things. As for you, gird up your loins to exalt the name of God and His Cause and fear no one, but place your trust in Him, for in Him let the faithful servants place their trust. If you find a pure heart and an illumined breast, cast upon it what God has cast upon you in this blessed and wondrous Tablet; otherwise, conceal it in your heart and remain in mighty concealment. The Spirit and glory and splendor be upon you and upon those women who are in your household. Give them glad tidings of your Lord's tidings and be not among the patient ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Ever-Living, the All-Forgiving, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who turned away from him who turned away from Thee, who denied Thy signs, who turned his back upon Thy beauty, who was heedless of Thy remembrance, who associated partners with Thy countenance, who occupied himself with other than Thee, who turned away from Thy Self and Thy will, and who turned to the desires of his own self and his own will, until he ascended to the heaven of heedlessness and forgetfulness, and rose in his denial to a station which none among the people of infidelity and rebellion could ever attain, such that the matter became confused to those who believed in Thee and in Thy mighty signs and who turned toward the fields of nearness in the pavilion of eternity. And when Thou didst reckon their deeds and what their hands had wrought, the oceans of Thy mercy and the wonders of Thy bountiful grace were stirred, whereby Thou didst remove the veil from their faces that they might know the paths of guidance from perdition and felicity from error, that they might perceive Thy Cause and ascend to the heaven of Thy oneness and follow Thee in the temple of Thy eternity, that Thou mightest bring forth Thy servants from darkness into light and give them glad-tidings through Thy signs and guide them to the beauty of Thy holiness. Then, when the sun of Thy loving-kindness and the splendors of the lights of Thy merciful grace shone forth, and the decree of execution by the sovereign of Thy judgment became manifest, some among them gained insight into what Thou hadst taught them of the ways of Thy Cause and the paths of Thy good-pleasure, including this one who hath returned unto Thee and taken refuge in the sanctuary of Thy guidance and come before the law of Thy forgiveness and turned toward the garden of Thy holy loving-kindness and held fast to the cords of Thine eternity and clung to the hem of Thy pardon and grace. And verily, O my God, I know naught save what I have read in his letter and discovered of the secrets contained therein, and

recognized from the hidden things of his heart, as though I heard the cry of his heart and the lamentation of his innermost being and the anxiety of his soul and the agitation of his self and the sorrow of his spirit, whereby I grieved at his grief and trembled at his agitation and wept with the eyes of my inner being for what befell him in Thy days. Therefore did the heavens and all that is therein, and the earths and all that is thereon, weep. For Thou, O my God, knowest better than I whether in his heart there was love for Thy beauty and passion for Thy Being and yearning for Thine Essence. Therefore forgive him, then have mercy upon him, then conceal his sins and errors from first to last, then pardon him and turn unto him in forgiveness, then clothe him with the garments of Thy bounty and the robe of Thy forgiveness and the shirt of Thy pardon, then raise him to a station wherein he may circle round Thy Being and visit the sanctuary of Thy grandeur and circumambulate the house of Thy beauty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Merciful.

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O Mirza Aqa! He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Pure! That which you sent from your pen in remembrance of God to Our name the Mahdi has come before Us. Blessed are you, for your heart, veins and inner being are filled with the love of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. We have recognized your steadfastness in the Cause of God, your firmness in His religion, your rootedness in His love, and your passionate longing to attain His presence. Thus it behooveth you and those whose hearts God hath purified from the defilement of satans. As We previously sent you a Tablet, We therefore content Ourselves with what was revealed at that time. We beseech God to grant you the best of rewards and not separate you from His Most Exalted Word - and this indeed is a mighty bounty. Convey Our greetings to the faces of those who have turned wholly to God and turned away from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Convey the greetings of this imprisoned servant to all the loved ones of God. It is incumbent upon every soul, to the extent possible, to protect people from the wolves of the earth - that is, from the polytheists among the people of the Bayan. I swear by the Luminary of the horizon of holy glory, they have arisen to practice such deceit and hypocrisy that the mention of it transcends the pen of all existence. How quickly changed the faces of those who claimed belief! Would that you could have known the object of worship of this group! Would that these servants had worshipped one like themselves! They worship naught but delusion, and they serve naught but delusion. Their origin is the fire and unto it shall they return. Strange it is how awareness has been stripped from this people! It is not known by what evidence and proof they establish their own belief. They have drawn the swords of hatred against One for Whom the Primal Point sacrificed His very Self, and with utmost determination they have arisen to cut down the divine Tree. Yet still they count themselves among the people of certitude! God willing, We hope that the people of that blessed land will remain protected from the evil of these satanic manifestations and hold fast to the hem of the divine mantle.

Blessed are they who attain! Convey Our infinite greetings to K. A detailed and extensive Tablet was previously sent especially for him. God willing, they must become detached from all the world and what is therein, and occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God. The greatest of all matters

today has been and will continue to be the unity of the loved ones of God. And the Spirit and Glory be upon you, O people of the Spirit!

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He is the Hearer and the Speaker

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my state and hearest my sighing, and what hath befallen me at the hands of the polytheists among Thy creatures and the transgressors among Thy servants. They have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony, and have violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, and have spoken that which the Pharaohs of old spoke not. Thou hearest, O my God, what hath proceeded from their mouths and what their pens have set in motion. I know not, O my Goal and my Beloved and Ultimate Aim of my hope, what Thou hast ordained for me by the Pen of Thy decree and what the Reed of Thy destiny hath written for me. I was sleeping when the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation awakened me, and I was seated when the hands of Thy power raised me up, and I was silent when the wonders of Thy grace and bounty caused me to speak. When I arose, I heard the call from all things in such wise as I cannot mention before the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious among Thy servants. Then Thou didst command me to call out before the faces of the rulers and the learned ones in the world of creation. When my call was raised, the first servant who sought to shed my blood was my brother, whom I had nurtured over successive years and protected beneath the wing of my favor through the nights and days. Then Thy servants and creatures from all directions sought to harm me, and beyond them the people of the Bayan who denied the right of God and His favor, and the Manifestation of God and His sovereignty. Thou knowest what their false hands have wrought in those vain days and what their lying tongues have spoken. Thou seest me, O my God, in this station with the hands of my hope raised to the heaven of Thy generosity and my gaze expectant of the wonders of Thy grace. If Thou desirest the exaltation of Thy Word and the manifestation of Thy Cause and the establishment of Thy commandments and laws and the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures - and if not, then strengthen them to remain silent in Thy days and to keep quiet among Thy creation and to turn to the mountain peaks lest there appear from them that which would raise the clamor of the polytheists and the croaking of the croakers. Verily Thou art the Almighty whom the affairs of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor the events of the world and its ornaments in Thy earth. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and the One mentioned in the heart of Baha, to adorn Thy servants with the ornament of justice and fairness that they may read Thy verses and ponder Thy clear proofs and what hath appeared from Thee. I testify that in Thy grasp are the reins of those in the heavens and the earth and the reins of hearts and minds by Thy power and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Aid me and disappoint me not of what Thou hast ordained for those who have turned to Thee with pure hearts and radiant faces. Verily Thou art the King of the Kingdom of Names and the Creator of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who calleth before the faces of all peoples. The Most Exalted Pen is bewildered as to what it should mention. Every sect among the sects seeketh after truth, and entereth monasteries, synagogues, mosques, churches and temples in the name of truth, turning toward God in love. Yet they remain heedless and deprived of His Most Great Appearance, the Mighty Announcement, and His verses which descend like torrential rain at all times. Glory be to God! The people of the Gospel cling to two pages while remaining debarred from the Mother Book. And the people of the Furqan, despite countless verses having descended from the heaven of Divine Will and the kingdom of the Lord's decree, are seen to be heedless. The people of Iran, throughout ages and centuries, made mention of the Qa'im and clung to names, yet when the horizon of the world became illumined and distinguished by the Most Great Light, all turned away and became inflamed with the fire of hatred and animosity. In such case, what can be said? The vain imaginings of the servants have prevented them from the Dawning-Place of Divine revelation and the Dayspring of the Sun of certitude. Reflect upon what hath come to pass. Consider the vainglory of the Shi'ih sect: they deemed themselves the foremost of the world and the most exalted among nations. Yet when the balance of justice was set up, they were found to be the most lost among the peoples of the world. They spent their entire lives occupied with successor-games and likewise with other names such as Chiefs and Nobles and the like. On the Day of Judgment there appeared from those heedless souls that which hath appeared from no oppressor to this day. The divines of that sect are, one and all, engaged in cursing and reviling. Blessed are they who, with the arm of knowledge and the power of certitude, have rent asunder the veils of glory and become illumined by the lights of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Praise thou the Goal of all beings, Who aided thee to turn unto Him in days when the most learned and accomplished of those parts turned away and engaged in opposition. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by the hearts which Thou hast made treasuries of the pearls of Thy love, and by the blood which hath been shed in Thy path, to make me in all circumstances steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the pharaohs of the earth nor its tyrants who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and have denied Thy signs and disputed Thy proof, shall prevent me. I testify that Thy power hath encompassed all created things and Thy mercy hath preceded all existing things. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad, who hast migrated and attained unto My Name which standeth above all names! This is a Book sent down by the Creator of the heavens and the Possessor of all things. He calleth all unto this most exalted station and this most glorious Paradise wherein the Most Great Throne hath been established through this Name, by which the hearts of the nations were stirred except for those who turned unto the Kaaba of God, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. O thou who hast migrated, hear the call from the Prison of Akka - it will draw thee nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Thou didst attain unto My verses before, and at this time as well, as a grace from My presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O Muhammad, grieve not because of the world and its

vicissitudes. Hold fast unto this Cord, through whose movement all created things were moved. Blessed is the servant who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless. We bear witness that thou didst forsake thy homeland and didst seek the most exalted homeland beneath the canopy of the grandeur of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thou didst advance and turn thy face until thou didst arrive before the Countenance and didst hear the call of the Wronged One from His lofty station. Blessed art thou for having sought the ultimate goal and for having drunk the choice wine of grace from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Remind My loved ones in the lands on My behalf and illumine them with the light of My beauteous remembrance. Say: O people of God! Adversity and affliction have befallen you in His path, and ye have heard for love of Him what no ears of men have heard before. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from this luminous horizon. Say: Beware lest the affairs of men grieve you or the might of those who have denied the Day of Judgment frighten you. Turn with your hearts unto the Kaaba of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto Our loved ones, that their fragrances might attract them and draw them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Verily thou, O Muhammad, hast heard the call of the Wronged One and hast drunk His sealed wine in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hast attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice in this remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having guided me unto a station honored by Thy footsteps, wherein Thy call was raised and the sun of Thy grace shone forth from the horizon of Thy will. I bear witness that Thou hast manifested what was hidden from eyes and concealed in the knowledge of God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy most exalted Word and Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all things, to ordain for me and those with me what Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and those of Thy creation who are sincere. Then send down upon us from the heaven of Thy bounty a mercy from Thy presence and a blessing from Thy side. Verily Thou art the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Mirza Aqa! Upon thee be the Glory of God, He Who dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom!

This is a Book which the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Ruler of the Realm of Might hath sent down unto him who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, at a time when the limbs of the Names trembled through the onslaught of the princes and the clamor of the divines who cast the Covenant behind them in their final abode. We have mentioned thee before with a mention before which all mentions bow down in humility. Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom the affairs of creation have not held back from the Truth - they arose and proclaimed before the faces of the world: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords!”

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Cause hath been sanctified above the knowledge of the people of the Bayan, who cast aside the Covenant of the All-Merciful by following their own desires. They are assuredly among those recorded as lost in the Scriptures and Tablets. We stood firm in the Cause and

voiced the praise of God on a day wherein the limbs of the mighty trembled through fear of the wicked ones. When the veils were rent asunder and the Sun of Revelation manifested His banner according to a decreed measure, there emerged from behind the veil the buzzing of flies who objected to Him Who aided the Cause through the hosts of inspiration and revelation. They say what the Shi'ih party said, imagining themselves to be possessed of certitude. Nay, by My life! They are worshippers of idle fancies and vain imaginings. When the horizon of Revelation manifested its banner, they turned away from it, following every heedless doubter. Say: Observe, then recall the fruits of the deeds of the people of the Furqan when the Hour came and the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all men!" Those people denied God and His sovereignty and opposed Him with an injustice whereat the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise lamented at eventide and at dawn. Hatred intensified in their hearts until they pronounced judgment against Him Who is the Desired One with a tyranny that caused the heaven to withhold its rain. Thus did their souls entice them, and today they are among the lost ones. By God's life! They committed what none before them had ever committed. Say: Take ye warning, O ye who are endowed with insight!

From this station We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon those who are with thee in this Cause whereby feet have slipped, and We send Our greetings upon My loved ones there whose names thou hast mentioned before the Wronged One in this station which God hath made among the most exalted of stations. We have remembered them and inscribed their names with the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book as a grace from God, the Lord of all beings. We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all creation, and to that whereby the station of man is exalted among all religions. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who hearkened unto the call and said: "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Possessor of earth and heaven!"

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Love of His Honor Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest from His Most Glorious Horizon!

The Book has been revealed, verses are witnessed, and divine commandments and laws are present before all faces. At all times the Pen of the Most Merciful declares: "Fear God, O peoples of the earth! Be not of the wrongdoers, and deny not Him Whose sovereignty, power, grandeur and authority ye acknowledged throughout the ages and centuries. Turn ye unto God, your Lord, and be not of those who turn away."

Your letter arrived and was honored to be heard in the presence of the Wronged One. Verily he was one who recognized God and His verses, and acknowledged the oneness of His Essence and attributes. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who made thee recognize the Straight Path of God and His Great Announcement.

In these days the Sun of Justice is veiled behind clouds of oppression, while the Wronged One calls out from the horizon of tribulation and commands all to that which is befitting. Convey My greetings to the

people of God. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, to aid them in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to enable them to draw nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding what thou didst mention about His Honor the Nazir, upon him be My Glory, and Muhammad-Aqa - what occurred was without consent. In truth they acted without the knowledge of His Honor the Nazir in a manner contrary to the divine Books, Scriptures and Tablets. Today relationships are cut off and the relationship with God is beloved and present. Praise be to God that His Honor the Nazir, upon him be My Glory, has attained unto this, and whatever occurred without his permission - its harm returns to the heedless souls who committed it.

The effulgences of the Sun of Divine Laws shall encompass the world. The day is bright, adorned with the lights of the Sun of Truth. Neither beautiful nor ugly deeds remain concealed. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to acquire eternal ranks in this transient realm. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

In all cases the mercy of God has encompassed and preceded all. Should He wish, He will forgive them both, for He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. In these days the covenant of the Kurds has returned and a new governor has come. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praised One.

We make mention of the loved ones in that land and counsel them to purity and holiness. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them, and the mercy of God and His grace and bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

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O Abu'l-Ma'ali, upon thee be the Glory of God!

In My Name, which shineth forth from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book wherein the Tongue of God, the Lord of all beings, and His Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto him who hath heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree in days wherein every Prophet, every Book and every trusted Messenger gave glad tidings. O Abu'l-Ma'ali! He Who was named in the Torah as the Everlasting God, in the Gospel as the Spirit of Truth, and in the Qur'an as the Great Announcement, maketh mention of thee. Would all the treasures of earth and heaven equal My remembrance of thee? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! The servant who is present hath presented thy letter which testified to My grandeur, My oneness, My singleness, My power and My mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. It was read before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of the love of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We found thy letter purified from idle fancies and vain imaginings, and sanctified from the doubts of them who have disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Thou art he who hath held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My bounty, and hath spoken that which the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have spoken. The Tongue of God beareth witness unto this in this glorious station.

O Abu'l-Ma'ali! We speak in the Persian tongue so that all may discover the utterance of the All-Merciful and drink from the ocean of His knowledge. Many petitions have reached the Most Holy Court, but from thy petition wafted a most sweet fragrance, for it bore these wondrous words - thy saying: "Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to favor me with tribulation in Thy path and deprive me not of the cups of trials which Thou hast given to Thy servants, both men and women." How many of those who have turned to God and have recognized Him became distressed at the slightest tribulation, while thou, praise be to God, hast attained to such a station that thou seeketh tribulation in the path of thy Beloved. By My life! This cup is mighty indeed, its matter is tremendous and its station is glorious. In truth, thou hast sought the cup from which the Ancient Beauty hath ever drunk and continueth to drink. Blessed are the patient, but all favor belongeth to the thankful and the seekers. Give thanks unto the Goal of all existence, Who hath aided thee to attain this most exalted station and enabled thee to achieve that of which most of the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. Soar upon the wings of longing in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love. Verily, He hath ordained for thee, by His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence, of standing before His countenance, of standing at His door, and of circumambulating His mighty throne. Glory be upon thee, upon thy turning unto God, thy devotion, thy beginning and thy return, and upon every sincere soul who is steadfast. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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Fath-Abad

O Muhammad-Qabil-i-Baqir!

In the Name of the One True God! Your letter reached the Most Holy Court and the fragrances of love wafted from it. Praise the Beloved of the world that you have been adorned with the lights of the Word and have turned toward the Straight Path of God. I swear by the Sun of Utterance which has dawned from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful, if you were to reflect upon these stations that have been bestowed upon you, you would soar with the wings of joy and delight. If today a soul attains unto the ocean of joy, at all times they will witness with their outer and inner sight the evanescence of the world and the loss of its people. And they reach a station where the troubles of the dusty world and the clouds that rise from it do not disturb them, and the veils of the world do not prevent or conceal them from the Dayspring of Revelation. Hold fast to the hem of the bounty of thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! The passing shadow has no value whatsoever in the sight of those who have drunk from the Kawthar of meeting and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon. If thou wouldst look with true vision, thou wouldst behold all the people of the earth submerged up to their necks in clay […] We beseech God to sanctify and purify His loved ones from all that He hath not loved and doth not love. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Ruler of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which every idolator hath lamented and every believer in unity hath rejoiced, to grant me that which will enable me to arise to serve Thee and to speak in Thy praise. O my Lord! I am the sorrowful one, yet with Thee is the ocean of joy and gladness. I beseech Thee not to withhold me from it. Thou art He to Whose generosity and bounty all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Generous, the Bountiful. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy verses […] and by Thy Most Exalted

Horizon to ordain for me by the Pen of Thy Command that which will comfort mine eyes through Thy grace. Then decree for me what Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones whom neither events could prevent from turning to Thee nor tribulations from drawing nigh unto Thy horizon. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before the door of Thy grace, anticipating the wonders of Thy favors. Wilt Thou turn away the poor one from the kingdom of Thy riches and the lowly one from the ocean of Thy bestowals? Nay, by Thy glory and Thy sovereignty! Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath turned to God and attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Friend of Love! He is God! The letter of friendship arrived at the treasury of nothingness, and its spiritual meanings bestowed fresh joy and boundless delight. It is evident that spiritual friends who dwell in the divine nest must pass beyond the dust and transcend the spheres, lift their feet from the earth and step into the sacred precincts of the Lord of Lords. For these companions no barrier can intervene and no change can alter them. They are intoxicated with the wine of love and unconscious from the cup of longing. They are drunk with the immortal Beauty and immersed in the matchless crystal stream. Though their outer appearance may manifest as fire, their inner reality betokens light. The realm of words does not prevent them from the lofty stations of meaning, nor do metaphorical veils conceal them from the places of truth. They soar on the wing of trust and fly in the holy atmosphere of detachment on the wing of mighty oneness. Moreover, the movement of the worlds of divine unity relates to the heart, and a pure and subtle heart is not disturbed by coarse tongue and speech.

We look within and at the state

We look not without at mere words

It is clear to you that these well-known companions commit how many disapproved acts. They walk in the valley of self and tread the desert of heedlessness. They speak from desire and journey in the wilderness of error. O Friend of Love! Listen to the words of the spirit with the ear of spirit, that you may sacrifice soul and heart in the path of the Beloved and cast your head in the lane of the Friend, that headless you may lift up your head, and heartless you may cry out, and without wine you may surge, and without tongue you may attain the angel, and from this outward furnace you may turn to the divine rose gardens. O nightingale, make your home in the garden of the heart and take your place on the rose branch. O hoopoe, return to the city of Sheba. O Joseph, emerge from the prison of the body. O Abraham, pass beyond the fire of self and enter the Paran of love, that in the darkness of these days you may shine like light and gird up the loins of service and circle with heart and soul around the city of roses. This is the fruit of existence. Then will the fragrance of inner meanings be released from spiritual garments, that you may discover the sweet scents of eternity from the right hand of faithfulness and be numbered among the sanctified ones in the Mother Book, written by the Pen of Power upon the Tablet of Glory in truth. And

praise be upon you and upon those who follow you in the Cause of your Lord and are recorded among the doers of good in the Book.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O servants of the All-Merciful! We counsel you to observe trustworthiness, truthfulness and fidelity, and to fear God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Whoso cleaveth unto the fear of God, he verily is of the people of this exalted station. O people of Baha! Your eyes are gladdened by what they behold of My Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed are your ears for having been honored to hearken unto the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. Know ye the value of this most exalted station. By My life! The treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. Ye are beneath the glances of God's loving-kindness - He heareth what ye speak of His love and seeth how ye fare in His Cause, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He maketh mention of you from His Most Great Prison in such wise as to immortalize your names in a preserved Tablet. Say: By God! All things give you glad-tidings under all conditions, if ye be of them that know. Hold ye fast unto steadfastness, then again unto steadfastness, lest your feet slip from His Straight Path. Say: This is My greatest counsel and My most mighty trust unto you. Preserve it, then set it before your eyes. And God is witness to what I say. We have counseled Our loved ones who soar in My atmosphere and drink the choice wine of My utterance to observe the Most Great Steadfastness in My Tablet and My Leaf and My Scriptures and My Pages and My Books. To this testify My Pen and My ink and My finger and My hand and My arm and My ear and My sight and My hair and My limbs and My truthful, trusted tongue. We repeatedly made mention of this Greatest Remembrance until My Most Exalted Pen addressed Me as it moved between My fingers, saying: "O Thou Who art imprisoned and wronged, Who art the All-Compelling over what is hidden and known! I behold that the ocean of Thy will is directed towards this Word which Thou hast made the foundation of Thy most sublime Words at the station of remembrance in the kingdom of creation. By Thy might, O Lord of eternity! I find myself bewildered at this, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I beseech Thee to remove the veil from the face of my understanding and to make known to me Thy purpose, O Thou Goal of all worlds! Can it be possible that after the dawning of the sun of Thy Testament above the horizon of Thy Most Great Tablet, the feet of any one shall slip in Thy Straight Path?" We answered: "O My Most Exalted Pen! It behooveth Thee to occupy Thyself with that wherewith Thou hast been bidden by God, the Most High, the Most Great. Ask not concerning that which melteth Thy heart and the hearts of the denizens of Paradise who circle round My wondrous Cause. It beseemeth Thee not to learn what We have veiled from Thee. Thy Lord is verily the Concealer, the All-Knowing. Turn Thy most luminous countenance to the Most Great Scene and say: O my God, the All-Merciful! Adorn the heaven of utterance with the stars of steadfastness and trustworthiness and truthfulness and fidelity. Thou art verily powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Ordainer, the Bountiful."

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy

This is a Book from the Primal Point unto him who hath believed in God and turned toward the holy court and hastened within himself, yearning for the presence of the Beloved, until he joined the hosts of God at the time when the Ancient Beauty departed from Iraq - thus was the matter decreed. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou didst tread the pathways of God's good-pleasure, and blessed are they who were with thee when ye entered the pavilion of holiness in the Ridvan wherein the Face was radiant. Thus doth God make mention of those who fulfilled their Covenant, turned unto Him, and were detached from all the worlds.

O servant! Hear the call of God from the pole of this heaven which hath been raised above all created things, that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh between earth and heaven is verily the Manifestation of God and hath, in His name the Truth, encompassed all the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and turn not unto those who have denied the greatest proof whereby they had affirmed their faith in God. Thus did their idle fancies overcome them and kept them far removed from the shore of this grace.

Hearken unto the word of thy Lord, then detach thyself from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and have taken the calf as their lord besides God. They are but the most contemptible in station and the most astray in path. Say: O people! Fear God and attach not His Cause to aught else beside Him. Open your eyes that ye may behold the dawning of the Sun in the midst of heaven and be steadfast in the Cause. Take heed lest thou pause for less than a moment in mentioning the Cause of thy Lord amongst the people. Fear thou no one, for thy Lord shall suffice thee against all the worlds. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

Thus have We made mention of thee in this Tablet that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and find rest within thyself and be steadfast in the Cause. Convey Our remembrance unto thy two relatives and glorify them on God's behalf, that they may rejoice within themselves. This is of God's grace unto them, that they may serve thee with a submissive and sincere heart, for whoso serveth God his Lord, it behooveth all to serve him out of love for God and sincerely for His sake. He, verily, is merciful unto His servants.

We have sent unto thy sister a Tablet in eloquent Persian. God shall surely give thee and her your reward for having attained unto the presence of God in days wherein all were veiled from His recognition. Then glorify, from God's tongue, thy mother's countenance, that she may rejoice within herself and be mindful of the mention that was recorded in truth in the Book of Mine own Self.

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Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most High. This is a Book from Us to him whose face hath been illumined by the lights of his Lord's countenance and who hath remained steadfast in the Cause of his Lord in days wherein tears have flowed from the eyes of them that are endued with understanding, that he may hearken unto the call of his Lord time and again, and soar upon His summons

in the atmosphere of His love, and arise to promote His Cause amidst all peoples. Blessed art thou, O thou who walkest in the path of nearness and good-pleasure, inasmuch as thou hast hearkened unto thy Lord's call and responded to Him after most of His servants had turned away, save him whom the hand of divine Will did grasp and deliver from the torment of the burning fire. Thy letter hath come before Us and We have taken note of its contents and granted what thou didst desire of thy Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have ordained for thee, in the precincts of thy Lord's mercy, a station of sublime glory, and have singled thee out for Our own Self. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme favor. Verily, He severeth the cord of relationship from whomsoever He willeth and strengtheneth it for whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Grieve not on account of those in whom hatred hath appeared. Leave them to themselves. Thy Lord is indeed well aware of the hypocrites. He shall soon seize them with His might, and they shall find for themselves no escape. Remind the people of this Most Great Remembrance, and shouldst thou find any among the people of the Bayan turning away from their All-Merciful Lord, say: O thou who associateth partners with God, die in thy wrath! The grievous Day hath come upon thee, and thou hast today no refuge or shelter save God Who created thee by His command. Fear God, and be not of them that join partners with Him. The Ark hath sailed upon the sea - whoso holdeth fast unto it hath indeed been saved, and whoso turneth away is verily of the people of Pharaoh and is among the drowned. Say: Have ye forgotten what ye were promised in the Tablets? By God! He Who is the Beloved of the worlds hath appeared - He before Whose face all faces have prostrated themselves and unto Whom the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have turned. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thyself, and for having caused me to turn unto the sanctuary of Thy beauty and the Kaaba of Thy nearness, and for having singled me out among Thy servants in such wise as to relate me unto Thyself. By Thy glory! Were I to render thanks unto Thee for this throughout the duration of Thy kingdom, it would still fall short of the wondrous tokens of Thy grace and bounties which have encompassed me and all created things. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy signs through which Thy sovereignty hath been manifested unto the people of Thy realm and the throne of Thy mercy hath been established amidst Thy creatures, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy grace that which shall detach me from all else besides Thee. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a Book from Husayn to him who hath been named 'Ali in the Kingdom of God and whose name hath been mentioned before the Throne, that he may detach himself from those who have remained veiled in these days, and draw nigh unto God, his Lord, with manifest power, and soar in the atmosphere of the spirit on the wings of detachment, and aid his Lord to the extent of his ability. Thus hath it been sent down in the Tablet from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful.

O servant! Hearken unto My call from the direction of the Prison, and be not of them who were heedless of God at the time when the earthquake seized the people of contention, and the heaven of idle fancy

was cleft asunder, and God came in the shadows of the clouds with manifest sovereignty. Arise to serve the Cause of God and His remembrance, and say: O people! Fear God and break not His Covenant. Turn unto Him with radiant countenance.

Beware lest the signs of them who have disbelieved and associated partners with God after the verses of the Command were sent down from the heaven of wondrous glory veil you. Consider, O people, the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers, and deny not Him Whom God hath sent in truth with His manifestation and His sovereignty, and with Whom are preserved Tablets of mighty glory.

Take thou the Tablet of God with power from His presence, and fear not those who follow their desires and who, when asked "Who is your Lord?", say "God Who created all things", yet when He came to them with the Kingdom of verses they denied Him and turned back on their heels. Forget all save God, then find solace in His remembrance, then make what thou desirest to be extinguished in what He desireth. This is My counsel unto thee from One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Say: O people! The Kawthar of utterance hath flowed from the mouth of the Will of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Fear God and deprive not yourselves thereof. Drink ye therefrom, that it may purify you from the defilement of every rebellious polytheist. Know thou that the mention of thy name was made before the Countenance, wherefore these clear verses were sent down from the heaven of the mercy of thy Lord unto all who dwell on earth.

Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then proclaim His Cause, and tarry not save for a while. God hath prescribed for Himself the assistance of those who convey His Cause, and He will reward them with a goodly reward. He, verily, hath power over all things. Blessed are they who have detached themselves unto God and taken the Manifestation of His Self as their helper.

Thus have We imparted unto thee the truth, that thou mayest follow what thou hast been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto the call of their Lord and answered Him, and hesitated not in His Cause. These are the people of Baha, whose names have been inscribed by the Pen of might and power.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy

This is a Book from the Prisoner to him who hath been guided by the lights of God and desireth to enter the pavilion of glory - the station that hath been concealed from the eyes of the idolaters. Say: In every age He hath appeared with one of the names, and when He appeared in this age with this Name, all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror, save a numbered few. O servant! Arise amidst the people and proclaim: O concourse of earth! The Most Great Mystery of God hath been made manifest with evident sovereignty. Fear God and differ not concerning Him. He summoneth you to naught save unto God, in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of all things, and God is witness unto this. Say: Do ye read the verses yet deny their Revealer? What aileth you that ye comprehend not? Say: The clouds

of the Cause have been rent asunder, the Beauty of the Ancient of Days hath shone forth, and around Him are hosts of angels, while before Him marcheth the Kingdom of God and behind Him the denizens of the Concourse on High with heavenly legions that none can perceive save those endowed with true vision. Say: Is there doubt about God, or about this Manifestation Who hath appeared with the truth with clear evidence, or about that which hath been revealed unto Him of the verses of your Lord, the All-Merciful? Fear God, O peoples of the worlds, and be not tyrannical and wretched. Say: He is verily exalted in truth and these are His verses sent down from a mighty and sublime dominion. Purify thy vision from human limitations, then turn thy face toward the Most Sublime Vision of God - this is better for thee than all that is on earth. Then aid the Youth in these days, for thy aid to Him is to teach God's Cause, as hath been revealed in mighty and impregnable Tablets. Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the land and eschew all wickedness. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and be not among the faithless and sinful. Whoso committeth that which is forbidden is not of Me, and God is quit of him. Be not occupied with the world in such wise as would make thee heedless of God, thy Lord. It shall perish while sovereignty remaineth unto the Omnipotent, the Ancient of Days. Grieve not over anything and in all matters place thy trust in God. He verily sufficeth thee in truth and will protect thee from the harm of all created things. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth and sent thee this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and soar in this atmosphere which hath been raised up in the name of God. And mercy be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Glorious! This is a Book from this Youth to him who hath been guided by the lights of God and was recorded in the Tablet as among those who have attained. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to know Him and made thee to be among those who have said "God is our Lord!" and then detached themselves from all who dwell on earth. Verily, they who in these days have veiled themselves from the Cause - these shall have no portion of the holy feast, while they who have believed have been provided with that which none else hath been provided, and God is witness unto this.

Hear My words and then leave the world behind thee, for it shall pass away and naught shall endure save that which hath been ordained in the heaven of mighty glory. Verily, he who occupieth himself with the world - all that he possesseth shall perish and he shall enter the grave alone, and whatsoever assistance he seeketh from that which he hath amassed shall not assist him. Thus hath the matter been witnessed in truth.

Say: O people! Fear God and burden not your backs with the ornaments of earth. Detach yourselves therefrom and soar on the wings of detachment unto the atmosphere of intimate nearness. Beware lest anything prevent you from God, your Lord, the All-Merciful. Hold fast unto the hem of His Self-Manifestation in these days from which every sinful polytheist hath been veiled.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he who hath turned with his heart unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness and bounty, and hath clung to the hem of Thy loving-kindness and favors. Wherefore, O my God,

deprive me not of the sweet-scented fragrances of the garment of Thy grace and gifts, and withhold me not from that which lieth with Thee, for Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou hast ever been omnipotent over all things.

O my Lord! Cause to gush forth from the rock of existence the waters of Thy knowledge and recognition, that all may know Thee as Thou art, though this be greater than all that is great. By Thy glory! Thy power is not incapable of manifesting that which is impossible in existence. Weakness hath ever been the attribute of Thy creation, while Thou art the Almighty through Thy sovereignty and hast ever encompassed all things.

O my Lord! Remove me not from the shore of Thy nearness, and plant within my heart the tree of hope, lest I despair of the wonders of Thy grace and favors, for Thou hast ever been merciful unto Thy servants. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth, that thou mayest be steadfast in the Cause. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the beauteous and Most Glorious Countenance.

Convey the greetings of God unto the faces of His loved ones there, then gather them unto the Cause and remind them of this Great Announcement, that their hearts may be enkindled with the love of God and become detached from the worlds. And the glory be upon thy son and thy wife from God, the Lord of all creation.

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O My handmaiden and My leaf! Jalal, who has attained Our presence and gained the bounty of reunion, is he who speaks, he who is manifest, and he who calls out between earth and heaven. Jalal, who has drunk from the cup of reunion time and again, and has partaken of the chalice of meeting repeatedly, is present in the Prison Land and has sent thy petition to the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that the fragrance of divine love wafted from it, and it bore true witness to the love of the friends and handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to illumine all with the light of His knowledge and to attract them through the fire of His divine Singularity–that Fire which shone forth upon Moses, son of ‘Imran, from the Sinai of recognition. Today the True One, exalted be His glory, watches over His servants and handmaidens, and at all times has He remembered them all with a remembrance whose standards shall ere long be raised throughout the world and whose banners shall wave triumphant upon the highest flags. Verily, He loves His servants and handmaidens. Jalal has mentioned most of the friends, and each has been blessed with the lights of the lamp of reformation. We convey Our greetings and salutations to all the friends, and We bid them all to patience, steadfastness, love and affection. The purpose is that this span of earth be illumined with the light of love and that the differences of the peoples be transformed into unity. With this supreme triumph and manifestation in view, We have borne hardships and have heard from every heedless one that which caused the Kingdom of utterance to lament. O people of God! Be not grieved. Ere long will God, exalted be His glory, adorn the embodiments of oppression with the raiment of justice and the temples of tyranny with the ornament of equity. Verily, He has power over all things. Some time ago We made mention, and continue to make mention, of Mulla Shafi’ and certain other friends. They have ever been and shall ever remain remembered. The absence of names has been and continues to be

a requirement of wisdom. Each has received, through His grace and favor, the greatest portion from the ocean of divine verses. We testify that they have attained unto that for which God created His servants. We beseech the True One on behalf of all, that they may prove worthy to preserve this most exalted station and most glorious rank. Well is it with them and happy their lot! O My handmaiden! Thy letter contained mention of the handmaidens of God, Mar?iyyih and ?amadiyyih. We make mention of them and send Our greetings to them from this Most Great Scene, and We give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of destiny. We beseech God to give them to drink of His most pure Kawthar. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In His Name, to Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Perceiving.

O people of the Kingdom of Creation! Hearken unto that which the Most Glorious Tongue speaketh from the Divine Lote-Tree, this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet by the Supreme Pen. He, verily, is the Single One Who hath taken unto Himself no peer nor likeness. He hath been sanctified above all similitudes and exalted above whatsoever the followers of religions have spoken. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Most Great Ocean amidst the nations, the Most Great Sign among all beings, and the Hidden Mystery which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

This is the Day wherein that which had not appeared before hath been made manifest, and which had been named in every scripture, tablet and book as the Day of God. Yet most of the people remain behind a manifest veil. They behold the Most Exalted Horizon yet deny it, and they hear what hath been sent down from the Mother Book yet turn away from it. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are among the distracted ones.

O Isma'il! Rejoice in that the All-Glorious remembereth thee from the direction of His Beautiful Horizon which hath been named the Most Great Prison. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Compassionate, the Most Generous. We have remembered thee before - hast thou forgotten God's loving-kindness and grace? He hath turned toward thee and spoken that which every knowing and perceiving one hath recognized its fragrance. Be thou vocal in My remembrance and thankful for this bounty which hath descended from the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My grace and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: He heareth what your tongues utter and seeth what ye do in your days. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, to Whom the Books of the world have testified, and beyond them every just and knowing one. Say: We have enjoined upon you in the Book that which shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Hold fast unto it and place your trust in God, your Lord. He loveth him who turneth toward Him and trusteth in Him. Your Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the Witness, the All-Hearing.

We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the people have slipped - they who cast the command of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant remote one. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken upon the branch of divine knowledge from the presence of God, the Lord of all names. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy kindred, and upon My male and female servants who have uttered the praise of their Lord and have arisen to serve His wondrous Cause.

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O Rida, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! O friends of God in the lands! We counsel you to show forth the most great steadfastness in this Most Great Announcement, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled except such as God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, has willed. A letter has come before the Wronged One, and verily it has attained to be heard. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for His loved ones that which He has ordained for those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. O Rida! His honor Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, upon you both be My glory, sent thy letter to the Most Holy Court at a time when the arrows of tribulation were descending successively from the clouds of destiny. We praise God for what He has willed, for He is the One Who is sought in the beginning and in the end. Praise be to God that from thy letter the fragrance of love was diffused. His honor ?iya presented it before Our face and this Tablet is revealed in reply, that thou mayest give glad-tidings to all the friends in that land of the bestowals and verses that have been sent down, and of the mercy that has preceded. Blessed is the servant who has attained unto steadfastness. Today some have been seized by vain imaginings. We beseech God to preserve His loved ones from the doubts and allusions of men and to ordain for them that which will exalt them through His Name in His lands amongst His servants. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Thou didst seek permission to turn towards the spot where has been raised the Standard that there is no God but Him. We beseech God to inscribe for thee in one of the tablets of the Most Exalted Paradise the reward of nearness, of attaining His presence and of meeting Him. Verily thy Lord is the Lord of all creation. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

This severe year and what hath appeared therein have become an obstacle, therefore We have delayed in granting permission until God brings about His decisive and wise decree. We beseech God to set ablaze the friends of that land with the fire of love and to illumine them with the light of recognition. He is the Powerful and the Mighty.

O people of God! Ye have endured hardships and attained unto lofty stations. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names. Today is the day of wisdom and utterance. All must hold fast unto these two and occupy themselves with the prudent management of affairs. The Afnan of the Blessed Tree and the loved ones mentioned in the revealed Scripture must hold fast unto the teaching of

God’s Cause, albeit with fragrance and joy. Thus hath God decreed at the beginning of days. The Glory shining forth from Us be upon My Afnan and My loved ones who have cast away what the people possess, clinging to the hem of the robe of God’s grace, the Commander, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O thou who gazest upon God and walkest in His good-pleasure! Know thou that We shall inform thee of what is to come. Affairs in that city must needs undergo change, and the promise shall be fulfilled. Place not thy trust in those who claim to have turned towards God. Soon shall one bear witness against another of that which God hath not permitted, that he might justify himself before thy Lord. The knowledge of all things is in a perspicuous Book. That which shall appear - We behold it even now. The Sifter sifteth at all times, taking the wheat and casting away the chaff. Thus doth inform thee He Who hath turned towards the All-Merciful while seated beneath the swords of all existence.

We counsel thee, O thou who hast turned towards God, with words that have shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of utterance, that thou mayest become aware of what We possess and be numbered among the successful. Believe not everyone who attributeth himself to Us. They who follow their desires - God is quit of them and We are quit of them. Thy Lord, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Whoso holdeth fast unto pure piety - he is of the people of God, as attesteth that which was sent down in the Furqan and then in the Books of the Prophets.

We have loved ones in most lands who have not met this Servant save for a counted few. Among them are those who attained Our presence but once, and those who beheld Me from afar. Therefore they have not fully grasped the intent, the true intent. And among them are those who caught the fragrance but saw not the garment, and those who attained unto the presence and remained steadfast until they cast aside doubts and witnessed certitude. Each hath a portion from the ocean of thy Lord’s grace. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

We have at all times been a captive in the hands of Our enemies. We found not the opportunity to impart unto them wisdom and explanation to the extent We desired, and thereby they remained distant from the Purpose. Among them are those who clung to one word and interpreted it according to their fancy, and others to another word. Thus do We explain unto thee in detail and inform thee as none other informed can inform.

Verily, I am under countless afflictions, and We have accepted hardships and calamities in the path of God. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have not concealed Our Self but have manifested it as We were commanded, and the hosts of the oppressors prevented Us not. Therefore We love that a number of those who have turned towards God should conceal their Cause, that perchance thereby some matter might arise in their Lord’s path. He, verily, is the All-Knowing.

Take care lest thou grieve at what hath occurred or shall occur. When thou hearest the clamor, be not perturbed. Be thou steadfast. He is, verily, witness over all things. Abasement in My Cause is glory. The more tribulations increase, the more doth Our love for God increase. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth.

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In the Name of God, the Eternal, the Unchanging

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hear thou the call of Him Who, time and again, hath been imprisoned in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Know thou that the Ancient Beauty hath departed from the Land of Mystery by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. And He would pass through the earth and send down at every moment verses that would entrance the denizens of the highest Paradise, and clear proofs that would cause the angels nigh unto God to swoon away. By God! The breezes of verses have wafted over the East and West of the earth, and this is indeed a mighty bounty. When their fragrance reached the decayed bones, they stirred and arose by God's leave, the Mighty, the Beautiful. In those circumstances, We deposited beneath every stone the virgin verses and unique pearls of exposition. Erelong shall arise from every stone one who will proclaim that He is the Beloved of all worlds. The days passed until We reached the shore of the sea. Then did the Most Great Ocean take His seat upon the Ark, whereupon the inhabitants of Paradise cried out: "In the Name of God be its course!" Then they addressed the Ark saying: "Blessed art thou, for upon thee hath settled the Hope of all worlds." Then the Ark sailed upon the sea, and We heard from each drop thereof what none can hear, and thy Lord is indeed cognizant of what I say. Until We arrived opposite one of the cities of the earth, We perceived from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and while We were inhaling the holy fragrances, the sea grew calm and the Ark came to rest upon it - though this Sea, by God, its waves shall never be stilled unto all eternity. Then there came into Our presence one of those who trace their lineage to the Son, bearing a clear book. When We broke its seal, We found therein the sweet scents of holiness from one who had been set ablaze with the fire of thy Lord the All-Merciful's love, and whom the raptures of revelation had seized in such wise that he had detached himself from all things and held fast to this Cord stretched between the heavens and earth. We read what was inscribed therein of his words, and whoso desireth, let him look upon his book that he may know how the fingers of thy Lord's power, the Most High, the Mighty, the Powerful, do transform hearts. Would that thou hadst been present with Us and heard when the Youth recited it with the melody of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise. Even thus doth thy Lord create what He willeth through His power, yet the people in the veils of their own selves remain heedless. By God! Its creation in God's sight is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth. When thou readest his book, say: Exalted be God Who hath, through His power, given life to whatsoever He willeth, for He is indeed the Quickener of all worlds. Several Tablets were sent without names - deliver to whomever is deemed suitable.

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O Jalal of Nayriz, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, unto Him belong greatness and grandeur!

O Jalal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Thy letters from before and after have arrived. Every word thereof testified to thy acceptance, thy devotion and thy steadfastness. O Jalal! Today is unlike other days and its utterance unlike other utterances. Whosoever cometh and attaineth unto the fragrances of the Most Exalted Word which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the prison of ’Akka, he shall become detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and shall cleave with heart and soul unto the Truth. Blessed are they whom the veils of the world have not hindered and whom the doubts of the nations have not kept back from turning towards and accepting the Truth. Praise be to God that thou didst set thy face toward the Most Great Ocean and didst attain unto that which was revealed by the Ancient Pen in the Books of the nations. Thou didst arrive and behold, didst hear the call and witness the horizon, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did speak. Blessed art thou and blessed are the friends in Nun and Ya who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, who have accepted and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My bounty. We have mentioned them before and mention them at this time, that this remembrance may draw them unto the supreme steadfastness, lest their feet slip from the Path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Verily nothing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Today the call of the servants hath been heard, and the answer doth ever descend from the horizon of the Kingdom of utterance. His honor the Name of God, upon him be My Glory, hath repeatedly made mention of his honor Mulla Shafi’ and thyself, and in each instance he hath attained unto the sacred verses of the Supreme Pen. This Wronged One hath ever mentioned and continueth to mention His loved ones. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation that every name that is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One attaineth unto the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The world hath not been and is not worthy to manifest the stations of His loved ones. Great is the endeavor and mighty the steed, but the field is not spacious. We beseech God - and ye should beseech Him - not to deprive His servants and to bestow upon them a portion of the outpourings of His days. He is the Generous One Who created the world for His servants. It behooveth the tongues of them who are nigh and sincere to be engaged in His praise and glorification throughout the nights and days. This is meet for whosoever hath turned unto Him and hath found the fragrance of His utterance and the sweetness of His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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O namesake of the Desired One, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O namesake of the Desired One! Hearken unto the Call of God, the Mighty, the Loving, from His glorious station. Verily, there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have

sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and that which was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him, those who have turned away, those who have hesitated, and those who have unjustly pronounced sentence of death upon Me, whereat the dwellers of the Kingdom have lamented. We have desired to make mention of thy brother, who was named Hasan-'Ali in the Book of God, Lord of the seen and unseen. We testify that he hearkened when the Call was raised, and turned towards it when the horizon of Revelation was illumined by Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush, and acknowledged that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken from this exalted Station. We testify that he endured in the path of God what he wished not to see and heard what he desired not to hear. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the preserved Book. There befell him and My loved ones that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne to weep at morn and eve. O Hasan-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of My Pen and the glory of My Tablet and the glory of all who are in earth and heaven and the glory of the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Blessed art thou for having believed in God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, on a Day whereon the divines and the jurisprudents and the princes turned away, save whom God willed, the Lord of all existence. Nothing among all things prevented thee, nor did the veils of them that disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed hinder thee. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee and gladness be unto thee for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen at the time of thy ascension and before it and after it. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. O namesake of the Desired One! We have made mention of thy brother in such wise as the world and all that is therein cannot equal, and We console thee and his family for that which hath come to pass through the decree ordained. We bid thee deal with kindness towards his family and with justice and equity in all matters. We have counseled thee and them that believe in Tablets numerous with that which shall cause the Cause of God to be exalted above all else and shall make manifest your station amongst the religions. Verily thy Lord is the True Counselor, as a grace from Him, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The Glory be upon thee and upon them that hold fast unto righteousness by command of God, the Lord of the Promised Day. And I send My greetings unto My loved ones there, as a grace from Me, and I am the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving.

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O 'Ali-Akbar, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Praise be to God, thanksgiving and glorification unto Him, for He hath guided thee and caused thee to attain the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree. Whosoever in this Day hath attained unto mention, praise and service to the Cause is numbered among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise, recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. His honor Asad, upon whom be My Glory, was present and mentioned before the Divine Countenance thy turning, devotion and steadfastness. And before him, His honor the Trustee, upon whom be My Glory, repeatedly made mention of thee. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy most exalted horizon, caused me to hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and enabled me to turn unto Thee when the divines and theologians

of the earth turned away, save whom Thy Will hath desired and Thy Purpose hath chosen. Were I to praise Thee throughout the duration of the kingdom and dominion, and glorify Thee through the sovereignty and perpetuity of the Names in the realm of might, it would be as nothing compared to the wonders of Thy bounty, gifts and favors. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in the hereafter and in this world, and in every world of Thy worlds, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace, holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, gazing toward the horizon of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Then assist me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, to serve Thy Cause and whatsoever beseemeth my relationship to Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the kingdoms of creation and command. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O ’Ali-Akbar! The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy devotion, mention and service. This station is great. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which beseemeth the Day of God. Were all the peoples of the world to become aware, even to the extent of a needle’s eye, of the station of those who have turned unto Him, remained steadfast, and acted according to His commandments, all would turn from what they possess unto what is with God. The pen and utterance are powerless to describe this station. To this beareth witness the Mother Book on this Day wherein mankind hath arisen unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those whom the affairs of men have not prevented from the Possessor of Destiny - these are indeed among the triumphant ones in My perspicuous Book.

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’Akka. His honor Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be [Baha’u’llah’s glory]. 15 Mu?arram

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

O beloved of my heart! The receipt of thy honored letter brought supreme joy. May its fragrance perfume the realm of love and fidelity, and may its sweet scent adorn the world of remembrance and utterance. Glorified be our Lord and His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earths. After being presented before our Lord, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, He said: “O Husayn! Upon thee be the grace of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.”

Convey mention to Haji Baha’i and My loving-kindness on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to give him to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of life from His hand of bounty, whereby He hath cast down the banners of the idolaters and taken hold of the reins of all in the heavens and the earths.

Nabil, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, is mentioned and the answer to his letter hath been revealed and will be sent. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, My turning toward him, and My loving-kindness unto him.

We make mention of his honor Siyyid, previously Javad, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation. His letter arrived this night and the Most Great Branch presented it before His presence. Praise be to God, it was adorned with steadfastness, sincerity, acceptance and firmness. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times a blessing from His presence and a bounty from His own Self. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Likewise ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, and the other friends, both men and women, are mentioned before the Wronged One and are adorned and illumined with infinite favors. We beseech God to protect them through His sovereignty and to guard them through His verses and to ordain for them that which will exalt them through His name amongst His servants. Verily He hath power over all things.

This servant also conveyeth greetings and glorification unto all and beseecheth God to aid them in that which He loveth and approveth. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne and earth and He is the Helper, the All-Wise.

The beloved of the heart, his honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, His loving-kindness and His grace, is mentioned at all times before our Lord. This servant conveyeth unto him greetings, glorification, remembrance and splendor, and beseecheth for him that which befitteth His generosity, exalted be His glory. Verily He is the Giver, the Munificent, the Generous, the Bountiful.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Mercy, loving-kindness, grace and bounty be upon you and upon every servant who hath believed in God and His signs and acted according to that which He hath commanded in His perspicuous Book.

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’Akka. The Most Blessed Name of Jud. 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]. Sha’ban 1304.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

O beloved of my heart! The supreme letter which was addressed to this evanescent servant illumined the world of existence with its lightning flash, for it was adorned with Divine unity and with the mention and praise of the Eternal Lord. After its perusal and examination, and after attaining the bounty of hearing it from the Master, He stated that if every letter were to be combined with other letters - that is, with those letters that are current and mentioned in the world of love - and were to be made to speak, that word would surely have been written either to manifest grace and bounty, or in stations of praise and description, or in stations of acceptance and good-pleasure. In truth, no mention remaineth that hath not been expressed in the realm of utterance, even though with Him are the treasuries of remembrance, knowledge and utterance, which none hath discovered save His all-knowing Self. The purpose is that your books of acceptance, sincerity, orientation, mention, praise, love and faithfulness are present before His face, and have attained both His sight and His hearing. Likewise, other books have issued forth from the court of the Wronged One and been sent. The blessing is perfect, the mercy is descending, the favor is

manifest. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! The servant who is present mentioned thy letter before His face at this hour. Praise be to God that God's infinite bounty is all-embracing and ever-increasing. The True One, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier to this servant's words. Would that you too had come! We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions. This prayer hath already been answered. We thank God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the Lord of the exalted seat! End.

Your remembrance and mention have ever been and still are constant. Though there be neglect and shortcoming on my part, there hath not been and will not be any from your part. In any case, by whatever means, a way must be found to the heart of the friend. Whatever form it may take is a good form, for your mention, praise be to God, is brought forth. This is of God's bounty unto you. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. As for the request of the two honored travelers, what they asked for was accepted beforehand, and Aqa Mirza Mu??afa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], was commissioned the day before to come to 'Akka and determine the location. And as for the letter of his honor Iqbal, upon him from all 9 [Baha] its most splendid, God willing it will arrive.

Remembrance and praise.

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Ask of Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the One Who Rules over all who are on earth and in heaven

O Muhammad! The people of the world, in nights and days, would beseech to attain the presence of the Dayspring of God's Cause and the Manifestation of His Revelation. In pulpits and mosques, upon hearing His mention, they would rise to their feet and, with utmost humility and supplication, would implore His presence, crying out "May God hasten His advent!" Yet after the lights of the Sun of inner meanings dawned and the waves of the ocean of divine utterance surged forth, all turned away. Would that they had been content with mere rejection! They attributed to Him that which the Jews did not attribute to the Spirit (Christ), nor did the idolaters and others speak about the Seal of the Prophets. This is why the people of the Last Days have been condemned in every Book. They pronounced judgment against the One whose remembrance occupied them night and day, and denied Him Whose oneness and singleness they had acknowledged throughout ages and centuries. Reflect upon the heedlessness and error of these people. Through the vain imaginings of negligent souls, they deprived themselves of the Dawning-Place of the light of divine unity, and through the doubts and conjectures of ignorant divines, they excluded themselves from the effulgences of the Sun of certitude. Blessed art thou, and blessed is the one who has rent asunder the cord of vain imaginings and has shattered the idol of doubts through the strength of certitude. Such a one is among those companions whose remembrance God, exalted be His glory, has recorded in all the Books.

O Muhammad! Thy letter was received and presented by this servant, and this Tablet has been sent down from the heaven of grace that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance and arise to serve His Cause in such wise that the varying conditions of two days shall not prevent thee or deprive

thee of the eternal dominion. Convey My greetings to the friends. We beseech divine confirmation for all, lest they be dismayed by the might of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds. Each of the relatives mentioned in thy letter has attained God's favor. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen them, forgive them, and ordain for them what He has ordained for His loved ones. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As for thy desire to attain Our presence - We have indeed manifested Ourself for this purpose, but the idolaters have intervened between Us and those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to ordain for thee and thy uncle the reward of attaining His presence, and to decree for you both what He has decreed for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O Muhammad-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad-Quli! By the life of God, thou shouldst glory in the world. Thou hast heard what no one before hath heard, and witnessed what no one hath witnessed. All that appeareth from the deniers and the heedless in this Cause is the greatest proof of the truth of the Party of God. A hundred thousand blessings upon the one who freely gave up name and glory in the path of the Friend. The world cannot equal one pure deed. Soon shall the eye of understanding behold that which the tongue relateth.

We convey greetings and solace to all the relatives of Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Give them glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded them and My loving-kindness which hath encompassed them. Verily We have forgiven them and pardoned them and expiated from them that which beseemeth them not. Blessed is he who today holdeth fast unto repentance and attaineth unto the ocean of forgiveness from the All-Merciful. He is assuredly among the triumphant in the perspicuous Book.

Say: Know ye the worth and station of Ali. If a person becomes distressed for one moment from grief and fear, what will he do about perpetual fear and torment and wrath? Praise be to God that the effulgences of the Sun of grace have encompassed some and will encompass others. Soon shall they return unto God and arise to make good what hath escaped them. For every soul was somewhat heedless, or the might of oppression kept him from the Luminary of justice, yet in his days and nights he was occupied with the remembrance of the peerless Friend and was adorned with His love. And today, as it is the day of supreme joy and the ocean of loving-kindness surgeth before all faces and is adorned with the ornament of grace, seek thou from God that He may enable all to attain that which is the cause of salvation and prosperity.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Many souls now yearn and hope to circle round His prison in His path and embrace its chains. By the life of God, these chains are preferable to a hundred thousand ornaments, for those are attributed to the Truth while these are from the sources of oppression. God

protect us and you from the evil of these heedless ones. We have specially granted thee permission - accept thou it and be of the thankful. And We make mention of Muhammad and give him glad tidings of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. He should hold fast to the cord of justice and make mention of God with wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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He is the One speaking truth from His most exalted horizon! O Muhammad! The Single, the One remembers you from His most exalted seat and calls you to the Most Great Word and counsels you regarding what befits the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad ’Ali and remind him of the verses of God and give him glad tidings of what the Pen has ordained for those who have turned to the Countenance when every suspicious learned one and every remote ignorant one turned away from it. O Ghulam-Rida! Hear the call of the Lord of Names. He remembers you from the prison-ward. The remembrances of the world and what is with the nations cannot compare with His remembrance. To this testifies the Most Great Name Who has come from the heaven of power with the banners of verses. Blessed is he who has witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless! O Muhammad-Rida! The Wronged One is under the claws of hatred, yet calls you to the most exalted horizon and the highest summit, and counsels you with that which you were commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Husayn! Hussein has appeared after the Promised Qa’im Who was promised among the people and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, Lord of the mighty throne. O Ancient Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Ja’far and give him glad tidings of My turning toward him from the prison-ward when the learned ones of the earth and its princes and its divines turned away from Me, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of this mighty and wondrous Day. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Husayn that he may turn wholly toward the lights of the Face and take the cup of recognition from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and give him glad tidings despite those who have disbelieved in God and His verses and His sovereignty which has encompassed those in the heavens and earths. O ’Abdu’llah! Hear the call of God, the Lord of lords in the final return. He remembers you as a bounty from His presence and mentions you with what was recorded in the hearts of God’s ambassadors and trustees and inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Great. O Muhammad! The story of Muhammad the Messenger of God has returned, and the Fire of God burning in the Sinai Tree. Say: By God! The Interlocutor of the Mount has come and those in the graves have been seized with trembling joy. Blessed is he who has found and recognized and heard when the creaking of the Most Exalted Pen was raised and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the furthermost boundary, by the command of God, the Goal of the mystics. O Mahdi! The mentioned souls have each attained to the remembrance of the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may assist all to turn with complete steadfastness and drink of the choice sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting and become engaged in mention and praise. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and there shall endure for them what has been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power. O thou who hast turned towards Me! The Wronged One turneth unto thee and from this exalted station doth greet thee with praise. And now, the petitions that were submitted in thy name have been presented at the Most Holy Court and an answer hath been revealed. The one named of God, M.H., upon him be My glory, hath made mention of Master Aqajan the Barber. We have mentioned him before and mention him now, that he may rejoice in My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have remembered every servant who hath turned and every maidservant who hath turned, and I am the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. We greet him from this station, and his wife who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when most of the servants turned away. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having taught me and made me know Thee and mentioned me in Thy Great Prison and guided me to Thy straight path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and cast upon me Thy Most Exalted Word whereby every wise command was revealed. The servants and handmaidens who have turned towards God are all blessed with His mention - some have outwardly attained His presence while for others it remaineth preserved and concealed behind the veil of chastity. All must, God willing, act according to what God loveth and fix their gaze upon the horizon of His good-pleasure. The command is in His hand and He is the Commander, the All-Wise. They have likewise made mention of Mirza Mu'min. Wondrous and sublime Tablets have repeatedly been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will especially for him. We greet him from this station and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath attained unto mention; let him preserve what God hath graciously bestowed upon him as a token of His grace and bounty. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Loving. We make mention of his wife as We mentioned her before. She turned towards God and migrated until she attained His presence in Baghdad in the presence of Him Whom the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, had promised. O My handmaiden! He who is named of God, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of thee and presented thy services at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to serve the friends of God and this service hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor. He is verily the Protector of every maidservant who hath turned towards God and the Helper of every servant who hath attained unto My sealed wine. Likewise have all the souls mentioned been blessed with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may all be assisted to do what befitteth and beseemeth this divine Day. Glory be upon them from the Wronged One, the Stranger, the Unique.

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O Hudhud! Upon thee be My glory! Listen to the voice of the Wronged One with the ear of the heart and gaze upon His traces with the eye of truth. Gird up the loins of endeavor in service to the Cause, that thou mayest attain to that which shall endure in the Book of God as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Be thou at all times occupied with uniting the hearts and souls of the handmaidens of God. The grace of God hath ever encompassed His servants and maidservants and ever shall. The glance of favor is directed toward the light of divine love concealed and treasured within hearts. Were one to observe with the eye of justice, the tongue of grandeur would utter the verse "and few of My servants are grateful."

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the exalted ladies, leaves and maidservants. We counsel all to fear God and to righteousness. Say: The greatest ornament for the handmaidens hath ever been and still is chastity and virtue. By God! The light of chastity illumineth the horizons of the spiritual worlds and its fragrance reacheth unto the Most Exalted Paradise. O Hudhud! Say: By God! The life of this world shall pass away more swiftly than a moment. Soon all that is witnessed shall return to nothingness, and that which endureth forever is pure deeds. Through pure deeds the element of dust transcendeth the heavens. O My leaves! Move by the will of the Divine Lote-Tree and be stirred by the breezes of the will of the One Beloved. Today the men of the world and its learned ones have turned away from the Truth, while ye have turned toward it. They are deprived of the sealed wine, while ye have attained it. Know ye the station of this most exalted rank and hold fast to that which befitteth this greatest grace and most great bounty. Today the river of sanctification floweth and the ocean of purification surgeth. Strive that ye may attain to that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. We beseech God to assist you and grant you the greatest portion from the ocean of counsel, that ye may become the cause of the sanctification of souls and the purification of hearts and minds. This is not difficult for God. We beseech God to make you more delicate than the choicest wine, more subtle than the purest water, and more radiant than the sun in steadfastness and fidelity. Verily He is with you in all conditions. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory from Us be upon you, O My leaves and maidservants, and upon those who have taken the reins of self and passion out of love for God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

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O Yahya, who has attained the presence and won the victory! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. O Yahya, upon thee be My glory! Reflect upon the exaltation of the Most Great Word and the power of the Most Exalted Pen. Without helper or assistant He summoned the peoples of the world to the horizon of the Most Great Name. That call became a fire of hatred in the hearts of the idolaters, and the choice sealed wine in the hearts of those who are near and sincere. Blessed is the one whom the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih party did not prevent or deprive from the Dayspring of the light of oneness. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who guided thee and made thee aware. From every direction mention hath been made of thy turning, thy acceptance and thy steadfastness, and these have been written and sent to the Most Holy Court. This bounty is most great and precious in the sight of God. Give thanks unto God thy Lord that He hath aided thee to take hold of His Book through a power from Him and a might from His presence. This utterance which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is better than the world and all that is therein. Blessed art thou, for thou hast drunk the choice sealed wine in the blessed name of the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest conquer the cities of hearts and minds. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Say: O heedless ones! This is the Day of knowledge and awareness, for the Speaker on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Manifestation, the Mother Book hath through His grace become manifest and visible, the ocean of knowledge is surging before His face, and the river of mercy is flowing from His Pen. Deprive not yourselves, and forbid not yourselves from the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. Ears and eyes were created for this Day. Rend asunder the preventing veils and concealing doubts, that ye may perchance

attain to the lights of the Sun of Truth. Say: Whatsoever is mentioned is for God's sake and hath been and will be. Whoso heareth, heareth for his own sake, and whoso turneth away, turneth away to his own loss. Verily He is independent of the acceptance and faith of all. The acceptance of those who are near profiteth Him not, even as the rejection of the idolaters harmeth Him not. O Yahya! Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee that from which those who are near perceive the fragrance of His grace and bounty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We beseech God, exalted be He, to enable thee to preserve what He hath given thee and to draw thee near unto Him in all conditions. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's covenant and testament, who have arisen and declared: The Promise is fulfilled and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty.

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Mirza Husayn the Carpenter - He is the Compassionate, the Yearning, the Wise One. One of the names of God is the Fashioner, and He has always loved and continues to love craftsmanship. Therefore, whoever among His servants manifests this name is beloved in the presence of the Wronged One. Craftsmanship is a volume from the volumes of divine knowledge and a treasure from the treasuries of divine wisdom. This is a science with meaning, for some sciences are limited to mere words, beginning and ending with words. Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for that which hath appeared from thee hath been presented before His face and hath won the adorning grace of acceptance. All things are connected to it in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks to God for this bounty and praise Him by night and day. Verily He hath aided thee, caused thee to recognize Him, and taught thee this wise craft. We make mention in this place of thy father who ascended unto God in this Great Prison. Blessed is he in that he turned towards Baghdad and heard the call of the Wronged One when He was summoning between heaven and earth and calling unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he in that he attained unto this Most Great Remembrance and testified to that which God Himself testified - that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. And We make mention of his son Husayn who entered the prison with the Manifestation of the Cause and attained to that which most of mankind hath not attained. We beseech God to absolve his sins and immerse him in the ocean of forgiveness. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. And We make mention of his other son and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy. We beseech God to cause the rain of His mercy, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth, to descend upon him. Glory be upon you, O friends of God in the earth. Ye are they who have been faithful to the Covenant and have shown patience in hardship and adversity, and have attained unto that which was inscribed in the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention in this place of thine uncle who was named Ahmad, and We beseech God to give him to drink at all times from the Kawthar of life and that which floweth from the right hand of His great throne. O Ahmad, rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee - He Who was banished, exiled, afflicted, fettered and imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of this manifest Prison. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine in the name of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. We counsel thee, O Husayn, and thy mother with that which

beseemeth man. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach thee. Convey My greetings unto her face and give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her, and I am the Wronged One, the Stranger.

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In the Name of the One God!

Although the dark clouds of oppression have veiled the countenance of justice, yet the Sun of Revelation is manifest and visible from the dawning-place of bounty. Say: O God of the sea and the pearls of wisdom therein, and Sovereign of the land and whatsoever moves therein of Thy creation, I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which were raised the standards of Thy remembrance and the banners of Thy Revelation, to transform the throne of tyranny and oppression into the seat of justice and equity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing can frustrate Thee in what has been or will be created. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling.

The oppressors have committed that which has caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. They have followed their own desires and cast their God behind their backs. Lo! They are among the perishing ones. Those souls who were well-wishers of humanity and from whom no harm ever came to anyone, who moved among the people with the utmost wisdom and dignity - merely for the sake of this transient world they arose to shed their pure blood, without any proof or enlightening Book. And this was the station which, for numbered years, they had beseeched and implored from God, exalted be His glory. They attained to a station that cannot be equaled by anything existing and visible. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. God hath seized him who arose in tyranny and will seize those who agreed to shed their blood. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Blessed art thou for having turned toward God, turning away from every heedless and remote one. In all circumstances, you must strive to teach God's Cause with wisdom and utterance, and fix your gaze upon this blessed word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen: "O My chosen ones! Announce unto My servants My Revelation and My establishment upon My mighty throne. By My life! The world and all that is therein shall perish, but there shall endure for you what hath been ordained by the One Who ordaineth, the All-Bountiful."

If wisdom permits, make known to the extent of their capacity to those related to the name of God, the martyred Vahid, the truth and what hath appeared from His presence, that perchance they may find a way to the Truth. God willing, may you speak in praise and glorification of God and remain steadfast in His Cause. Make mention of all the friends in that land and convey to them greetings from God, and say: Each one of you must be so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that those who have lost their way may find it through its light, and those who are cold may be moved by its warmth and turn toward the Friend. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise be to our Lord, the All-Merciful, Who made the Furqan a light for the people of possibility. Verily it is the enduring blessing, the heavenly table, the Primal Word, the Mystery of Oneness and the Emblem of Unity. Whoso holdeth fast unto it is saved, and whoso turneth away is lost. And the prayer and the peace and the remembrance and the glory be upon Him Whom God sent unto the nations - He Who was the first light that shone from the horizon of grace and the last spirit that adorned the world of justice - and upon His family and His companions who walked in the Way, through whom the luminary of proof and evidence shed its radiance.

And now, the letter of that honored beloved one arrived. Praise be to God, it dispelled grief and brought joy. The essence of our capital and trade and affairs hath been and is the mention of God and His praise and arising to serve God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, in these matters no loss hath occurred, rather there hath been profit upon profit. The rest too, God willing, shall by His will become firm and solid and blessed. The command is in His hand. For those who have committed their affairs to Him in trust and reliance and supplication, He will carry out whatever is for their good. This is the truth, there is no doubt in it. God willing, may that honored one ever be adorned and illumined with the ornament of the name "Trustworthy". Verily He is sufficient unto me and unto you and unto whosoever placeth his trust in Him in all matters.

The letter of the honored master, his eminence the Afnan, upon him be from all nine [Baha], which he had sent previously to this servant and afterwards to his eminence the son, this servant was honored to read both. A reply was written and sent - may that honored one deliver it. Permission to come was also granted. To the beloved honored one, his eminence Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be ninety-six [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, and those with him, I convey greetings and glory, and likewise to the other friends who dwell in that land. This evanescent one remembereth them all and seeketh for all from God, exalted be His glory, success and confirmation. And concerning the mention of the arrival of the honored friend, his eminence Mulla Muhammad 'Ali, upon him be ninety-six [Baha'u'llah] - if he hath departed then may he be accompanied by safety, and if he is still present in that land then welcome to him and glory be upon him. Peace and mercy and glory be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

3 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1300

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and Power

Praise be to God Who established the decree of Divine Unity through the words "There is no god but God" - words uttered by the Dawning Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His commands, through

whom the ocean of knowledge surged in the world and the fragrance of the Revelation wafted among the peoples. And upon His family and companions, through whom appeared the Straight Path and God's firm and impregnable Command, and through whom were manifested God's power and sovereignty and God's might and dominion.

And then, O beloved of my heart, the servant has been blessed with your letter, each letter of which gave me glad tidings of the remembrance and praise of God and of your steadfastness in the word of Divine Unity that caused the limbs of the polytheists to tremble. The servant beseeches his Lord by His most beautiful names and supreme attributes to protect the unitarians from the evil of every remote oppressor and every sinful transgressor. When I read and understood it, I approached the Presence and presented it before His countenance. He - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - said: "Praise be to God Who guided you and caused you to recognize. We have heard your mention and your call and have answered you. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make you so steadfast in His Cause that you accept no mention, name or command but His, and to raise you to such a station that you hear the remembrance from your very hairs and limbs. He is the Powerful, the Mighty."

Praise be to God, you have been and continue to be blessed with the Master's loving-kindness and with mercy, grace, goodness and blessing from Him. We praise Him for this and thank Him for His bounty and generosity, for He is the All-Bountiful in the beginning and the end.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding the Physician and the imprisoned brother - upon them be God's peace - and those below them, this servant, as commanded, wrote to the Physician about that. However, a letter arrived from him complaining about the inheritors and others. Today, as commanded, I wrote to him what would support him in what was ordained in the Book.

The servant remembers God's loved ones there and sends greetings to them, beseeching God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant them success and confirmation and bestow upon them the good of this world and the next, and to send down upon them the table of grace and loving-kindness. Verily, He has power over all things.

Peace, praise and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant

10th of Muharram al-Haram 1305

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He is the All-Opening, the All-Knowing!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the evidences and sent forth the Messengers for the guidance of His creation, that He might make known unto them the path of His good-pleasure and teach them that which draweth them nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Self-

Sufficient, the Most Exalted. And blessings and peace be upon him whose light shone forth from the horizon of Batha, and through whose appearance the regions were adorned, and the herald proclaimed: “O people of the earth! He Who was promised hath come, and through Him have appeared the most excellent names of God and His most exalted attributes” - he against whom the idolaters arose until the decree of emigration came from God, the Lord of all beings. Thereupon did Batha lament while Yathrib’s lips smiled at this nearness and meeting. And upon his family and companions, through whom the decree of the Book was established among the parties, and the limbs of those who denied the Beginning and the Return did quake.

Thereafter, O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan, hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and hold fast unto it. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth thee to the straight path of God. Thy letter was brought by Muhammad, whom may God assist. We saw it and heard it. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee and grant thee success in that which is befitting. The purpose of sending the Messengers and revealing the Books hath been and still is the elevation of souls and the advancement of knowledge, that all may testify to the oneness and singleness of God and become aware of that which profiteth or harmeth them. We counsel thee with that which is the cause of salvation in both worlds. Be not idle like the Babis. Fix thy gaze upon the divine commandments and act according to that which the Purpose of all worlds hath revealed in the Qur’an. His word, exalted is He: “O ye who believe! When the call is made for prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of God and leave off business. That is better for you, if ye but knew.” O Hasan! The affairs of the world, whether profit or aught else, wealth or poverty, all return to nothingness. Strive that from thee may appear a deed that shall enter and be preserved in the treasury of divine acceptance. We counsel thee to observe fasting and prayer, and to fear God, the Lord of Lords. Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to Abu-’Inayat, whom may God, exalted is He, assist, and likewise to those who are with him. All are mentioned; their mention hath attained permanence and shall never be erased. We beseech God to aid them all to act with propriety and in that which beseemeth man and his station. Peace be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants.

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In the Name of God, Exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and created the Messengers and sent them to the servants that they might make known to them the matter of origin and return and guide them to the path of righteousness, until He sealed divine revelation and prophethood with Him by Whose traces the world is illumined and through Whom the decree of unity was established among the nations - He in Whose palm the pebble spoke and to Whom the leaves and the date-stone bore witness, the King of the chosen ones and the Goal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. And the prayer that shineth forth from the horizon of God’s tender mercy, exalted be His glory, and the peace that appeareth from the kingdom of His will, widespread be His bounties, be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom God separated truth from falsehood and through whom appeared the decree of the verses and decisive utterance. These are servants whom the hosts of the world prevented not from the Ancient King. They arose and said: “God is our Lord and the

Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth." Through them flowed the Euphrates of divine knowledge and surged the ocean of wisdom and exposition, and the light of oneness shone forth from the horizons of the hearts of all contingent beings. Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His greatness and exalted be His power. I bear witness that there is no God but God, in acknowledgment of His grandeur and in recognition of His oneness.

And then, may my spirit be sacrificed for thee, thy esteemed letter was the cause of joy and spiritual delight and gladness to this ephemeral one. After perusal it was presented before Him and He said: "God willing, he hath been and is successful. Whatever hath thus far been commanded unto him, he hath immediately arisen to execute. We beseech God to make him distinguished among his peers and companions and to illumine him with the lights of divine unity and in all conditions to aid him to act according to the Book. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise, the All-Subduing, the Omnipotent." End quote.

Furthermore, he conveyeth greetings to all the gentlemen of that land and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make them appear as standards among the people - that is, to appear among the people with truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness, religiosity and chastity. Each of these qualities is like a standard, as every fair-minded and informed person will testify. Likewise I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant them the good of this world and the next. He is the Hearer and He is the Answerer. And praise be to God in all conditions, and peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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Beirut. To Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah].

In Dhi'l-Hijjih 1301

He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and power.

Praise be to God Who sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers for the protection of His servants and their attainment to the station wherein they acknowledge with heart and tongue that which God hath acknowledged - there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved and Chosen One through Whom prophethood and messengership were ended, and upon His family and companions through whom the verses were spread abroad, the signs were raised up, and the standards were planted. And furthermore, this servant submitteth to your honor that the Most Luminous Letter arrived while I was engaged in writing in the presence. After taking and perusing it and becoming informed of its contents, I presented it. He said: "We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and grant him the good of the hereafter and of this world." And regarding the mention made of the Afnan, upon them be My greetings, their journey proceeded according to wisdom. We beseech God to open through them a comfortable door. Verily He is powerful over all things. End.

This servant conveyeth greetings to all. From His Honor the Great Master, upon him be from all 9 [Baha] His Most Glorious, I beseech prayers that perchance I may be enabled to perform that which I am

commanded. And likewise I convey greetings to my beloved Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the peace and light of God. Though he is not present now, it is as if he were present, nay rather, he standeth before mine eyes. And likewise greetings are conveyed to the other friends and I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, the good of all. To the star of the heaven of love, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be God's most exalted peace, I send greetings. His mention hath ever been and still is made. And regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad 'Ali Aqa arriving with his servant, this news brought joy. Convey greetings. God willing, may they be confirmed through God's favor and dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Hope. And likewise the person who is in their service is very good. I beseech God to grant him that which He loveth and is pleased with. And that which you had written specifically hath been and will be carried out. At all times and moments I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist that beloved one and grant him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is powerful over all things. Peace be upon you and upon your first and your last and your outward and your inward, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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He is the Dawning from the Horizon of the Heaven of Utterance

Praise be to God Who sent down His proof and made manifest His path and summoned the people to His most exalted horizon from which shone forth the Sun of Utterance and appeared that which was hidden in the treasuries of protection and preservation. Exalted, exalted be His dominion and exalted, exalted be His glory and power. And benediction and peace and glorification and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who have traveled through the lands to exalt His Word and elevate His Cause, whom God hath made lamps of guidance among His creatures and from whom have flowed rivers of wisdom and utterance amidst all religions. Then peace whose fragrance shall not cease to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Mushkin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The letter sent from the direction of S reached the Most Holy Court and one of the Branches who is named Badi' presented it all and it attained the honor of being heard. Well is it with its sender. Praise be to God, your kinfolk are enkindled with the fire of divine love. We beseech God not to deprive any of them, whether female or male, from the ocean of bounty and heaven of grace, and to send down upon them from the clouds of His generosity that which will draw them near unto Him and make them among those whom the doubts of the world and the signs of the nations have not prevented from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

And as for what you mentioned regarding the leaf of Tuba, this matter depends upon the consent of both parties and the approval of the parents. And if his honor S, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness and mercy, so desires, it shall attain the honor of approval. It is most clear and evident that for that leaf the aforementioned one is suitable and desirable. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with, and to ordain for them in His days that through which the fragrance of grace and bounty may waft throughout the realm of creation.

O Mushkin! Mention of the aforementioned one, upon him be My glory, hath been revealed in Tablets before from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of grace and riches and to send down upon him from the heaven of generosity the rains of glory and bounty. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His command "Be" and it is. Likewise your kinfolk are mentioned before the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist them through His sovereignty and to aid them with the means of earth and heaven. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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O Afnan, O Siyyid M., upon whom be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who created the Point through the Will which none has comprehended save God, the Lord of all creation. Then He turned toward it with the gaze of grandeur, whereupon it was differentiated and there appeared from it the Book of Names in the Kingdom of creation. Then He turned toward it with the sovereignty of power and might, whereupon the treasures of divine knowledge were revealed among the followers of all religions and the Kawthar of life flowed throughout all contingent being. Blessed, then blessed is he who turned, drew near, partook and drank in the name of our Lord, the All-Merciful. And when it stirred within itself, there appeared from nothingness the mysteries of existence, successively, continuously, and manifestly, through the appearance of what was intended by the Desired One, He Who oversees all that witnesses and is witnessed. Glorified be He Who gave speech to the tongueless, healed the sick, and made known to every hearing ear what He desired in His precious and mighty Day.

The glory which has shone forth from the horizon of grace and the praise which has dawned from the heaven of justice - and the first light whereby the niche of existence was illumined and the lamps of the unseen and the seen were lit - be upon His Afnans, His chosen ones, His loved ones and His friends. We beseech God to assist them, strengthen them and make them steadfast in their current state, for this is what will maintain their vibrancy upon the Divine Lote-Tree, their attachment to it, their clinging to its root, and their nearness to it in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

My soul be a sacrifice for the adornment of your love. This ancient one has been renewed through your beautiful remembrance, our mighty and majestic Lord, and this thirsty one has drunk from the Salsabil of your love, O God, the Beloved of all worlds. When you attained and recognized, it was presented before the Face, whereupon the tongue of the Beloved spoke what appeared from the horizon of bounty that which none in creation can adequately praise. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "Blessed is he who has arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither what was created between earth [and heaven] moved him, nor what was uttered by the tongues of the wicked caused him to slip. Verily We love Our Afnan and make mention of them in a manner that will adorn them with My ornament. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bestower, the Giver, the Mighty, the Generous."

From His Honor the Teacher, upon whom be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious: Although outwardly I have not heard mention of them, which would be a source of joy and delight, in every state this servant

is gladdened by their remembrance and adorned with their love. We beseech God to strengthen me in this, for verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

In Jumada II, 1295

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In the name of God, the Manifest, the Most Manifest! O My Name! Hearken unto My call from the direction where waft the fragrances of My paradise, where shine forth the lights of My countenance, where rain down the clouds of My bounty and mercy, that it may draw thee to the heaven of My loving-kindness and cause thee to speak in praise of My Self and make thee one who tells of My Name among My servants and announces My Cause among My creatures, that thou mayest quicken souls with the waters of My knowledge, and they may be attracted by the raptures of My melodies, and gather at the table of My favor and bounty, and be detached from all else besides Me, and soar in the atmosphere of My nearness, and take shelter in the shade of the Tree which hath been raised up in truth and every leaf of which proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful. Stand thou firm in the Cause of God and cast behind thee all else besides Him. And when the tablets of the fabricators and the papers of the idolaters are spread abroad, cast them aside through My power and might and sovereignty, then take up the tablet of God and follow it through a strength from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say: O people! Be fair by God - were you not promised this Beauty in all the tablets, and were you not given glad tidings of Him? Yet when He appeared in truth you turned away from Him and denied the signs of God, the Supreme, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily thou wert with Us and art acquainted with certain matters. Remind the people of what thou hast known and seen, and be not of them that remain silent. Know thou that We have heard thy mention and thy call among the servants through this Most Great Name. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idol of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Impregnable. Arise to serve the Cause, then protect the people from the whisperings of the satans, for they have appeared in these days in every form to lead astray the unitarians. Say: O people! By God the Truth! The signs of God shine forth amidst the signs of men as the sun shineth forth between the heavens and the earth. Beware lest ye compare them with aught else. Say: Purify your breasts from doubt that the lights of the sun may shine upon them from the dawning-place of My Name, the Most High, the All-Wise. Gather the people upon the shore of this sea, then impart unto them what God hath imparted unto thy heart, that they may detach themselves from the worlds and turn with their whole being to the direction of God, thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth that thou mayest be assured that We have not forgotten thee, and that thy name may be mentioned before the Throne, whereof testifieth this Tablet that hath been sent down, the mighty, the wondrous, and the Spirit that wafteth from the paradise of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, upon thee and upon thy family and upon those whose hearts are stirred by the breezes of the All-Glorious in their longing for the meeting with their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

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O handmaiden of God! Bear witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Inaccessible, and that the Sovereign of the Bayan, through His remembrance and glory, then His light and radiance, then His might and sublimity, then His command and grandeur, belongeth unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Know thou that We have arrived in the prison of the idolaters through what the hands of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God and corrupted and were among the corrupt have wrought. O my handmaiden! Remember My days at morn and eventide, then weep over My separation and My exile in this distant land. Remember My sitting among you, then My rising in the presence of those who love Me, then My melodies and My songs which caused the eyes of those near to God to shed tears. Forget not My movements among you, nor My walking before you, nor My sweet fragrances at all times. Say: By God! The eyes of contingent beings have not witnessed the like of what ye have witnessed, nor the eyes of the mystics, and the ear of creation hath not heard the like of what ye have heard, nor the ears of the monotheists. O My handmaiden! How canst thou raise thy head from thy bed when thou findest Me not in the house, and how canst thou pass the evening when thou beholdest not the Sun of My Beauty rising from the house? Art thou able to look upon My seat empty of Me? Alas, alas for what hath befallen the City and its people, if they but knew!

Know thou that tribulations have encompassed Me in the secret and the secret of secrets, and likewise in the manifest and the manifest of the manifest, and none knoweth them save God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O guest! Preserve the Covenant of God in thy heart and mind and strive mightily to protect the Cause of God. In complete unity, remain occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved and dwell in the highest paradise of nearness and the garden of eternity. Although the fragrance of unity was not inhaled from the men dwelling in the house, and for some time the odors of discord have wafted from the hearts of those who tarry, and for this reason the utmost sadness hath appeared - all matters are clear and evident before God. He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts conceal, and unto Him return all affairs. The purpose hath ever been and will ever be the unity of the loved ones, for if this matter is not achieved, nothing is achieved. God willing, we hope that hereafter they will act contrary to before. The matter is in God’s hands.

Convey sublime remembrance to Sister Aliyyih. A circle was sent - deliver it to her and remember all the women among the loved ones.

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He is! O thou who art journeying to the pavilion of the Bayan, ascending to the Kingdom of certitude, dwelling in the paradise of good-pleasure, and known by the name of the Sultan! Bear thou witness that We have desired for thee and those around thee naught except that ye should detach yourselves unto God, ascend unto Him and put your trust in Him, in such wise that the veils of limitations prevent you not from beholding the lights of the morn from the dayspring of the Divine Unity, that worldly affairs occupy

you not from entering the sanctuary of the Divine Essence, and that allusions hinder you not from reaching the ocean of Names and Attributes. Nevertheless, days have passed and We have heard from none of the loved ones of any ascent to the throne of eternity, nor have We perceived from them any fragrance of faithfulness from the breezes wafting from the garment of grandeur. Therefore have I taken up the Pen to mention unto them that which will turn them to the right hand of eternity and sanctify them from whatsoever of the conditions of nothingness hath encompassed them. Hear thou My words, then mention unto them that whereon the decree of divine destiny hath been pronounced in this white scroll, then recite unto them what this Nightingale of the Divine Cloud hath warbled in the atmosphere of this heaven, that they may ascend through their love, detach themselves from their own selves, and turn to their seats and ascents in what God hath ordained for them and upon them. Perchance they will be attracted by this melody whereby were attracted the spirits of the near ones among the dwellers of the paradise of the most high, and will journey from the worlds of fancy to the sanctuaries of holiness, and will migrate from the abodes of limitations to the treasuries of eternity, that they may arrive at the stream of nearness and attainment and alight upon the shore of the sea of attraction and beauty. And thou, remind them of what We have cast upon thee, then clothe them with the silk of glorification from Us, and remind them of the days of God in Our days. Then know thou that We command them at this time to follow thee in thy word concerning the matter of the garden and other things, and not to oppose thee in anything. Then remove ye the differences between them and gather ye together upon a single matter, such that ye may soar in a single heaven and walk upon a single earth and sit upon a single carpet and eat of a single bounty until their spirits and their light and their bodies and their forms become a single spirit and a single thing, and no separation appeareth between them save in what God hath ordained in the Book. This is God's decree in what hath been sent down from His presence, and it is not for Us to change a single letter thereof. Verily there is no God but Him, we are all His servants and all are fearful of His awe. And peace be upon thee.

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He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

O Rida! May God grant you the best of rewards on Our behalf and enable you to attain that which you love and with which you are content. We bear witness that you have striven to the utmost in seeking God's good-pleasure, your Lord. We beseech God to make you steadfast in His love and in the love of those in whom naught can be seen except the love of God, the Ancient King. It behooveth thee, therefore, to render thanks unto God, thy Creator, and to remember Him at all times, inasmuch as He hath aided thee in His Cause and hath deposited within thy heart the love of His loved ones, and hath made thee a servant of His servant, and hath brought thee to the shore of nearness, and hath caused thee to enter the pavilion which none entereth save those who gaze upon pure Beauty with the eye of glory and who recline upon the couches of holiness. Therefore, detach thyself from self and desire, and draw nigh in submission and contentment out of love for thy Lord, that God's favor unto thee may be perfected. Then walk upon the earth with wisdom, speak with wisdom, dispute not except with wisdom, and grieve not over what hath passed thee by. All this is My counsel unto thee and unto those who are

detached from all else but God. Make this thy guiding light and be not heedless of it, and be of them that stand firm in love. Then convey Our remembrance unto thy wife and unto her who was in thy household, and unto those who place their trust in their Lord. Give glad-tidings unto thy wife of God's loving-kindness, then glorify God before her face, for this is a command from the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say unto her: When thou didst meet the handmaiden of God who was honored to attain the presence of the Servant in the final year of the Hijra, remember her on Our behalf and give her glad-tidings of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Beloved. And say unto her: Recognize the value of this bounty within thyself and place thy trust in God in all thy affairs, for verily He will protect thee and thy son from the arrows of those who join partners with their Lord. Stand firm in the love of thy Lord and turn not unto those who deny God's favor. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and all affairs shall return unto the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Then protect thy son Mahdi and give him glad-tidings of God's help, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Praised. Say unto him: Be patient in what befalleth thee and be not disturbed by anything, but place thy trust in God, for verily He is thy Guardian after Me and will enable thee to attain thy ultimate goal. And the Spirit and Glory and Splendor be upon thee, O wife of Rida, and upon thy husband, and upon all who dwell in thy household, both female and male. Then know thou the station of thy husband and how he hath attained unto the good-pleasure of the Beloved.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of that servant whom I loved before the creation of the heavens and whom I love now, for verily Thou art the One endowed with great bounty. Say: We have indeed sacrificed Our soul in the path of the Beloved, though the people be among the fearful. Say: Would that I might sacrifice myself in His path at every moment and every instant. Say: We fear no one, though Our doubtful servants fear the might of these days. Say: By God! Should all the kings and rulers gather together, He would assuredly come forth with manifest sovereignty and stand before their faces, declaring: "I have come to you from the Dawning-Place of the Unseen with a command from God and a mighty proof." And I would speak among them as I speak now, and God is witness to what I say. Say: Blessed is the hour wherein the Youth sacrifices himself in the path of God, the King, the Just, the All-Wise, and blessed is the moment wherein the blood of the Youth is shed for love of the Beloved of the worlds. How wonderful would be that hour wherein the Youth lies prostrate upon the dust before God, the Goal of the mystics! By My Beloved! I verily desire to sacrifice Myself in His path in place of all the worlds, were ye to understand. It grieves Me that anyone should be slain in God's path while I remain on earth, for this saddens My heart and darkens My days, were ye to be certain. And upon thee, O Youth, be the praise of God and My praise, then the praise of all the worlds, for thou hast remained steadfast in the love of God and wert not affected in thy heart by the whisperings of the evil ones. Grieve not for anything, for He hath verily protected thee and protected him whom thou didst desire, who was named Javad, and thus was He powerful over all things. Then he appeared before the Face, and the lights of the beauty of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, shone upon him, and he heard from this Most Glorious Horizon the words of God, the Most Exalted, the Most High, and witnessed from this Most Resplendent Dawning-

Place the countenance of his Lord, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then summon the people to the holy court. Beware lest thou be disturbed by the clamor of the oppressors, for thy Lord will seize them with power from Him and sovereignty from His presence, and He is the most severe in retribution. Soon will His Cause be exalted in truth and His mention elevated between the heavens and the earth, and His loved ones will be honored thereby. This is a promise from Me, and He hath power over all things. And upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the assured lovers of God be glory.

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In His name, the One Who remains after all things have passed away! God willing, may you be detached through divine grace from all else save Him, and be focused on and hold fast unto Him. It behooves such as your honor in this day to strive with utmost endeavor in God's Cause, that perchance the waves of vain imaginings which have emerged from the seas of heedless hearts may be stilled, and may surge forth through the breezes of the will of the Lord of creation. This momentous and mighty Cause has been and will continue to be dependent upon teaching. Therefore, it is incumbent and obligatory upon your honor to give the heedless to drink of the choice wine of the wondrous, sublime verses of the Lord of the worlds. Be thou a cupbearer of the wine of thy Lord's verses - by God, through them are attracted the minds of all peoples. Every deed that is manifested for God's sake in this day will endure through the perpetuity of the kingdom and the realm of heaven. Blessed is the soul who in this day speaks a word in the path of Truth and becomes the cause of reviving dead hearts. I swear by the Most Great Name that today is the springtime of deeds and actions. Just as there is no likeness for the Day of God, likewise there will be no likeness or equal for any deed manifested therein for His sake. Blessed are they who understand. In these days the Most Holy Book has been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will. In it is that which brings joy to eyes, gladdens hearts, and causes spirits to soar. Blessed are those souls who gaze upon it with the eye of insight and ponder the sweetness of God's verses and what is concealed therein of the pearls of knowledge and wisdom. Should God will, it shall be sent. Consider all aspects in this wondrous Revelation. If thou ponderest this blessed word, thou wilt understand what none before hath understood. Call the people to the supreme steadfastness, lest they be deprived of the horizon of certitude through the manifestations of doubts and idle fancies, and be veiled from the Truth by the intimations of creation. For ere long will be lifted up the cawing of the crows. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast and is of those who are firmly rooted. All must be detached and severed from the vain imaginings circulating amongst the servants, and must fix their gaze upon that which the Truth hath commanded and doth command. This is the foundation of religion, before and after, to which thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Just King, the Mighty, the Powerful. And a Tablet hath been revealed specifically with verses for your honor and sent. Preserve it, then recite it in such wise as to attract hearts and minds.

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His Grace Siyyid Hamzih, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the One dawning from the horizon of justice! The lights of the Manifestation have encompassed the world, and the Speaker of Sinai calleth aloud, summoning all creation to the Most Exalted Horizon. Yet most of the people of earth remain heedless and veiled, for they have all clung to the sources of fancy and delusion. Consider what befell in former ages the Daysprings of Divine Unity and the Manifestations of God's Cause. The divines of that age were the cause and reason, and by the decree of these vain imaginings there occurred what caused all things to weep and lament. In this day, the world is redolent with the fragrances of the robe of the Revelation of the Ancient King, the heaven of proof surgeth upon the ocean of utterance, the Sun of Revelation shineth forth from the midmost heaven, and the rustle of the Most Exalted Pen is raised at every instant. And yet, they have gathered together, and established themselves upon their seats, and have spoken that which would put an animal to shame, how much more man himself! Were they to become aware of one of their acts, and perceive the mischief it hath wrought, they would, with their own hands, dispatch themselves to their final abode.

O people of Baha! The tyranny of this heedless and oppressive band hath prevented the rays of the Sun of Justice from shining forth. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath come for the salvation and life of all, yet this group hath risen to slay Him, banish Him, and harm Him. However they shall gain nothing. Not an atom's weight of deeds shall remain concealed on God's Day, nor ever shall. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "O my son! If there be (aught) the weight of a mustard-seed and it were (hidden) in a rock, or (anywhere) in the heavens or on earth, God will bring it forth." Soon shall they receive the recompense of their deeds.

Praise be to the Goal of all worlds that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Pen of God in all the Books, and whereof the Concourse of Prophets and Messengers gave glad-tidings. Stand thou firm in thy Lord's Cause, and speak forth His remembrance with the wisdom We have sent down in the Psalms and Tablets. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this most exalted Station and have been given to drink by their Lord from this Kawthar, from whose flow is heard: "There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing." Moreover, the Glory be upon him who guided thee to the Straight Path, and praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

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Baha'u'llah's Tablet of Visitation for Vahid-i Darabi

(prov. trans. by ahang rabbani):

For his holiness Vahid hath this been revealed, he who beheld the Countenance of God, the All-Glorious, the Almighty, and who in His path sacrificed himself, arose to serve His Cause and quaffed his fill of the draught of certitude from the Hand of his Lord, the Munificent.

He is supreme over His Cause

and powerful over His creation

The first wave of exaltation from the ocean of grace of thy Lord, the Compassionate, be upon thee [Vahid] who art the essence of the Qur'an and possessor of the mysteries of the Bayan.

I testify that thou drank of the choice wine of His Revelation from the hand of His favor and grace, and attained the presence of Him Who was the Promised One in all the sacred Books, Scriptures and Tablets. Thou didst hearken unto the divine Call when raised and perceived its manifestation above the Exalted horizon on a Day when all the dwellers of the mortal kingdom rejected the Creator of the heavens. Thou hast, moreover, discerned the Most Great Announcement and inhaled the fragrance of the garment of the Lord of Days.

I testify that thou rendered victorious the Faith of God and His Cause through thy pen, thy tongue and thy hand until thou didst surrender thy life in His path and quaffed from the Kawthar (heavenly fountain) of self-renunciation in His name and in His love. Thou wast intoxicated from the spring of His Recognition and hath soared with the wings of certitude in the heaven of the murmur of thy God, the Lord of Grandeur. Over thy sufferings have all the atoms of the earth cried and the eye of creation wept.

I testify that because of thee all the treasures of earth appeared and all the pearls of sea were revealed. Through thee, the pinnacle of understanding was adorned with the crown of revelation. Thou art the one who accepted the choice sealed wine in the presence of all and drank thy fill in the Name of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days.

May the resplendent glory which hath dawned from the horizon of divine grace, and effulgent light from the heaven of sanctified justice, rest upon thee and upon those who have assisted thee. For they accepted the One that thou had accepted and repudiated those who had risen against thee. With thee and under thy shadow, they rendered the Cause victorious, having beheld thee and circled around thee.

O God, my God, creator of me and of the heavens, I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy Oneness, by the mysteries of Thy Book, and by lamentation of Thy loved ones in their separation from Thee, and by the tears of the pure ones on their remoteness from Thee, I invoke thee, O Thou Lord of indomitable Strength, by this sacred Tomb and by this exalted Shrine [Vahid's], to forgive me and my father, and all those who for Thy sake have approach these sacred remains, and all those who have come and will come on pilgrimage to this spot.

O my God, I beseech Thee by him [Vahid] and those who have suffered martyrdom in Thy path to grant me and to those who remain faithful in Thy Covenant, the necessities of life. Thou art the All-knowing, the All-wise, Sovereign of creation.

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This is what was revealed for the handmaid of God, the daughter of My messenger. He is the One Who commands in truth.

O My handmaid, pass beyond that which is apparent and turn thy gaze towards the inner reality. Behold the beauty of the loved ones of God with the eye of truth. If outwardly they do not have the best of looks,

inwardly they manifest such beauty that makes them the envy of all those who are beloved. The physical beauty is adored by lust and passion, but spiritual beauty is loved by God. Now which one wilt thou choose? Of course, that which is chosen by the Beloved has been and will ever be desired by His loved ones. Know thou that the outward beauty is a worldly phenomenon; its appearance seems ornamented, adorned and beautiful, but causes the foot of whosoever behold it to slip and his head laid off.

One of the chosen ones saw the world one day in its utmost physical beauty and declared it to be most adorned and beautiful. At that moment, through divine inspiration, he was moved to ask it to appear in its true form. When it appeared in its true form, he fled from it and sought refuge in God from its countenance and its emanations.

The loved ones of God, though they may not be accepted by people, are accepted in the sight of God, and if they were to appear in their true form, by God, no one would be capable of beholding the lights of their countenance. God is sufficient as a witness to this.

O handmaid of God! You are related to the Truth, and those who are related to the Truth must appear before people with His attributes and fix their gaze upon His love. Wherever His love is found, there is the divine Joseph whom God will raise up in His image. Verily, He has power over all things.

Behold My loved ones with Mine eyes. Be kind to the Guide, for the Beauty of Divine Unity has appeared for unity and fellowship. God has ever desired ease and comfort for His loved ones, that in these fleeting days they might conduct themselves with utmost love and fellowship toward one another. The purpose of this most great Manifestation has been unity and harmony, not separation and discord. Though the Spirit of God is in prison and afflicted with countless trials, yet He desires His loved ones to be in comfort and at ease, occupied with His remembrance and praise.

The Spirit be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and thy sister and thy brother who have migrated with God, and upon the handmaids of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds who are devoted to Him. Joy and gladness and delight be yours, while sorrow and imprisonment and grief be for the Beloved of the mystics. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

It is abundantly clear that this Wronged One has for successive years been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands and has, in the path of God, endured that which you and others have witnessed and heard. The tribulations that have befallen the Dayspring of the Light of Divine Unity are themselves a reminder, but only for those possessed of insight, whom the veils of human limitations have not barred from the Most Sublime Vision. Were you to reflect but briefly, you would testify that whatsoever this Wronged One uttereth is purely for God’s sake, and that He hath had and hath no purpose save God, glorified be His majesty, nor hath He been attracted to any direction - for He dwelleth in a station where the path of hope is severed. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and in these latter days deprive

not yourselves of the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, that perchance ye may receive a portion of the outpourings of the True Bestower and attain unto your share. As you have been a seeker after good, therefore that which is the cause and source of God's perpetual favors hath been cast forth from His presence. Time and again hath the divine Hand of power preserved you and caused you to attain unto the most exalted summit in your first life. However, this station is confined to the transient days. Strive that you may attain unto the Kingdom that endureth - that is, through deeds befitting these days, that their fragrance may never cease from the realm of existence and may endure through the eternity of God's names. God willing, may transient conditions not withhold you from the Truth. Were you to reflect briefly, you would acknowledge what hath been mentioned and would arise to make good what hath passed. Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of Revelation and Speaker on Sinai! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the manifestations of Thy might and power in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O my Lord! The world hath occupied me from turning toward Thy horizon and hath prevented me from directing myself to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. Therefore have I fled from myself unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. O my Lord! Aid me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that the veils of the world and the clamor of the nations will not prevent me. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate!

This is a letter from the servant of God to one of His servants who has taken unto God a path. After hearkening to the blessed word "Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind," he turned toward the divine command until he attained the privilege of visiting the Most Great House of God. He must, God willing, count this enduring bounty as great and never be heedless of the remembrance of the All-Merciful at any time or season. He must ever be occupied with building the house of the heart, which is the throne for the manifestation of the All-Glorious.

Hear with the ear of the spirit the call of Him Who summons to the All-Merciful. His call is today the sweet water of life for the bodies of all beings. By the Lord of all possibility, if all who are on earth were to attain but one drop thereof, all would turn, living and enduring, toward the Object of worship. Whosoever remains deprived of this living water today is accounted as dead and as nothing in the sight of God, even as He has said: "They have hearts wherewith they understand not, and eyes wherewith they see not, and ears wherewith they hear not."

We must beseech God, exalted be His remembrance, that He not deprive these servants, through His grace and favor, from the cloud of mercy and the heaven of bounty. This is the ultimate goal of those who seek the presence of the All-Glorious, and naught else is regarded by God. As has been observed, He has given this world and its ornaments to the lowliest of His servants. Surely if it had any worth, He would not have bestowed it upon the heedless. Thus the aim of those who believe in divine unity has been the

good-pleasure of the Friend and whatsoever is from Him. As is witnessed, these most great tribulations that have befallen in this year have been sweeter than the choicest honey to the tongue of him who speaks. His is the praise and the bounty. The desire of the people of truth has been martyrdom - that is, their life is in their death. This is the true word. Blessed are they that attain!

Convey mention and greetings from this servant to the loved ones of God wherever you meet them. Say: Today is the day of steadfastness and turning to the Truth. Be not grieved by the tribulations that have befallen. The Cause is in God's hands. Verily He is the Ruler over all else. If absolute power appears in the garment of powerlessness, and the Absolute Sovereign outwardly appears as one ruled and oppressed, there is no harm in this, for whatever appears from the All-Wise contains wisdom which none comprehend save those possessed of understanding. And praise be to God, the Lord of Lords.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing Expounder. The ocean of true knowledge streaming from the dayspring of the mouth of the Will of Him Who is the All-Merciful hath revealed its splendour in the form of these words. The clouds of the idle fancies of the ignorant have made dark and gloomy the world's luminous horizon; while the tyranny of the rulers hath rendered turbid the clear fount of tranquillity. Yet the day is approaching when the Divine decrees will have penetrated these intervening veils, and dissipated these various impediments and obstacles. Say: O friends! What need is there for consternation, what cause for fear? Never hath there been, nor is there now, any doubt that all who are endowed with spirit shall one day be overtaken, and seized upon, by death. Such being the case, if this death be converted into martyrdom, and take place in the path of God, it would assuredly be preferable. Every intelligent and thinking person will testify that this station hath ever been, and ever shall be, the loftiest of all stations. All men are commanded to observe wisdom, and forbidden to engage in mischief, strife and contention; yet should aught befall, then with perfect resignation must they direct their steps unto the scene of sacrifice in the path of the Incomparable Friend. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity! Should a soul quaff from the cup of knowledge the crystal waters of the love of the All-Merciful, never would he be moved by the wrong of the oppressor and the onslaught of the tyrant even to sadness, how much less to fear and consternation! Please God, thou wilt acquaint all the wayfarers in the Straight Path with that which hath been sent down in this Tablet from the Pen of the All-Merciful, so that, with the utmost joy and gladness, they may be occupied with the remembrance of Him Who is the Lord of all men. Say: The Pen of the Most High affirmeth: the death of each soul is predetermined in the Book of God, neither shall it be advanced or delayed by a single moment. Is it then seemly that the lover should shrink from meeting his Beloved, or be sorrowed by the prospect of laying down his life in the pathway of the Adored One? Nay, by Myself, the True One! And yet the people for the most part apprehend it not. Say: Sanctify and purify the hearts, that they may discover a window giving onto the Most Great Ocean: thereafter neither the hosts of the world, nor the clamours of the champions of the nations, shall have the power to keep such souls back from Him Who is the King of Eternity. Do thou then beseech God graciously to confirm and assist them in such wise that they may soar up on the wings of longing unto God, the Supreme King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We, verily, have made mention of thee aforetime, and in this

wondrous Tablet, that thou mayest be well assured of the grace of thy Lord, and mayest relate unto the people that which hath proceeded from His Most Holy, His All-Glorious, and His Most Exalted Pen. The Glory of God rest upon thee, and upon all those who have held fast unto the commandments of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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The honored friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Rida, may the Glory of God be upon him, may note:

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

After praise and glorification of the Goal of the worlds and His chosen ones and friends, it is submitted that your letter was received. Praise be to God, it indicated the wellbeing of that honored brother's blessed being and his relatives, which brought joy and delight. In truth, letters have been and are half of meeting and encounter. In any case, they are the cause of gladness and the source of joy. The remembrance of friends brings happiness to the Friend, especially if that remembrance is for the sake of God. However, after learning what was mentioned, amazement upon amazement arose, for by the truth of Truth, never did such words emerge from this servant. Apart from all this, what has occurred that one would commit an act or speak a word that would cause grief to friends? You yourself know that this servant has always been occupied with conveying words of love and affection. God willing, we hope that the Truth, exalted be His glory, will adorn all with the ornament of trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Today is and has been the day of goodly words, goodly deeds, and good thoughts. God willing, may you be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with utmost joy and fragrance, and pass your days and nights in perfect ease, wellbeing and health. Convey greetings and praise to Jinab-i-'Inayatu'llah and his mother and sister. God willing, may they dwell and rest in the shadow of the Tree of Grace. Peace and glory be upon you, and the mercy of God and His blessings. The Servant

The various letters you sent arrived. God willing, after review news will be sent. Convey greetings from this ephemeral one to the honored master Jinab-i-Sabri Effendi, may the Glory of God be upon him. Due to the abundance of occupation, this servant does not have time to trouble the friends, therefore he seeks pardon from all. Peace and glory be upon him, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Regarding what you mentioned about having sent a letter previously - it did not reach this servant, and this letter also reached this servant after four days since it was outside the city and the messengers had forgotten. In any case, upon review and reading, the reply was submitted.

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XXXII

Thou seest Thy dear One, O my God, lying at the mercy of Thine enemies, and hearest the voice of His lamentation from the midst of such of Thy creatures as have dealt wickedly in Thy sight. He it is, O my Lord, through Whose name Thou didst beautify Thy Tablets, and for Whose greater glory Thou didst send down the Bayan, and at Whose separation from Thee Thou didst weep continually. Look Thou, then, upon His loneliness, O my God, and behold Him fallen into the hands of them that have disbelieved in Thy signs, have turned their backs upon Thee, and have forgotten the wonders of Thy mercy.

He it is, O my God, about Whom Thou hast said: "But for Thee the Scriptures would have remained unrevealed, and the Prophets unsent." And no sooner had He, by Thy behest, been manifested and spoken forth Thy praise, than the wicked doers among Thy creatures compassed Him round, with the swords of hate drawn against Him, O Thou the Lord of all names! Thou well knowest what befell Him at the hands of such as have rent asunder the veil of Thy grandeur, and cast behind their backs Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, O Thou Who art the Maker of the heavens! He is the One for Whose sake Thou (the Bab) hast yielded Thy life, and hast consented to be touched by the manifold ills of the world that He may manifest Himself, and summoned all mankind in His name. As soon as He came down, however, from the heaven of majesty and power, Thy servants stretched out against Him the hands of cruelty and sedition, and caused Him to be afflicted with such troubles that the scrolls of the world are insufficient to contain a full recital of them.

Thou seest, therefore, O Thou Beloved of the world, Him Who is dear to Thee in the clutches of such as have denied Thee, and beholdest Thy heart's desire under the swords of the ungodly. Methinks He, from His most exalted station, saith unto me: "Would that my soul, O Prisoner, could be a ransom for Thy captivity, and my being, O wronged One, be sacrificed for the adversities Thou didst suffer! Thou art He through Whose captivity the standards of Thine almighty power were hoisted, and the day-star of Thy revelation shone forth above the horizon of tribulation, in such wise that all created things bowed down before the greatness of Thy majesty.

"The more they strove to hinder Thee from remembering Thy God and from extolling His virtues, the more passionately didst Thou glorify Him and the more loudly didst Thou call upon Him. And every time the veils of the perverse came in between Thee and Thy servants, Thou didst shed the splendors of the light of Thy countenance out of the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art, in very truth, the Self-Subsisting as testified by the tongue of God, the All-Glorious, the one alone Beloved; and Thou art the Desire of the world as attested by what hath flowed down from the Pen of Him Who hath announced unto Thy servants Thy hidden Name, and adorned the entire creation with the ornament of Thy love, the Most Precious, the Most Exalted.

"The eyes of the world were gladdened at the sight of Thy luminous countenance, and yet the peoples have united to put out Thy light, O Thou in Whose hands are the reins of the worlds! All the atoms of the earth have celebrated Thy praise, and all created things have been set ablaze with the drops sprinkled by the ocean of Thy love, and yet the people still seek to quench Thy fire. Nay–and to this Thine own Self beareth me witness–they are all weakness, and Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful; and they are but paupers and Thou, in truth, art the All-Possessing; and they are impotent and Thou art, truly, the Almighty. Naught can ever frustrate Thy purpose, neither can the dissensions of the world harm Thee.

Through the breaths of Thine utterance the heaven of understanding hath been adorned, and by the effusions of Thy pen every moldering bone hath been quickened. Grieve not at what hath befallen Thee, neither do Thou lay hold on them for the things they have committed in Thy days. Do Thou be forbearing toward them. Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate."

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?. To his honor ?.S., upon him be the Glory of God. He is seated upon the Throne.

?.S., upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and He maketh mention of thee at this time. Verily the heaven of utterance desired to send down upon thee the stars of wisdom and knowledge, and to make mention unto thee of that which draweth the people nigh unto it. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!"

Thy letter was present before the Wronged One and the Most Great Branch read it before His face. We have heard with the ear of grace and have answered thee with the tongue of justice, that through thy name the fragrance of My loving-kindness may be diffused amongst My servants and guide them to this Announcement whereby the ocean of proof hath surged, the Sun of certitude hath shone forth, the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken forth, to the dismay of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the All-Merciful and disbelieved in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to manifest through thee that which will draw the people nigh unto Him and give them to drink of the Choice Wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting, through My binding decree whereby the pillars have trembled, bodies have quaked, and all contingent beings have swooned away save those rescued by the hands of grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O thou who art present before the Face! Hear what the opposers have said. Among them is he who claimed "He hath stolen the verses of the Point and revealed them in His own name." Say: Come forth that thou mayest hear and see that He hath appeared with a sovereignty before which every discerning mystic and every informed scholar hath bowed down. Say: Were the Primal Point Himself to appear before the Throne and write down what hath been revealed from the heaven of God's Will, the Lord of the Mighty Throne… And among them is he who said "He hath altered the Word and fabricated lies against God, the Strong, the Powerful." How base is his station and how great his utterance! The Supreme Paradise and the companions of this glorious Scene have lamented his wrong.

Grieve thou not over anything. Trust in all matters in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Verily He is with thee and will help thee. Soon will His effects be made manifest through a command from His presence. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book that none hath comprehended. Thy Lord is verily the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Informed.

Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and illumine their hearts with the lights of My wondrous remembrance. We beseech God to assist them in serving His Cause and to ordain for them what beseemeth His Name, the Most Merciful.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee. Convey unto their faces My greetings from the Wronged One Who hath borne tribulations for the exaltation of the servants and the upliftment of the Word of God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise befits and is worthy of that Most Holy Court, Who has made the letters of the friends the greatest gift and has ordained within their fragrance the fragrance of meeting and reunion. Exalted be His power, exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His compassion, and great be His favor! I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect the people of truth from the oppression of the oppressors and the transgressions of the transgressors. Verily, He is near and worthy to answer.

The esteemed letter arrived while this ephemeral one was engaged in writing in His presence, and all of it was presented. They showed the utmost bounty and favor. The religion of God has become weak among the people due to the dominion of the polytheists, and these transgressors have been and are of two kinds: one group consists of those who have been nurtured in pride for years, and the other group consists of those who have become occupied with themselves and heedless of the Truth, showing no respect for divine ordinances and the counsels of the True Counselor. They have acted according to their own desires and become deprived of the Command of God. Verily He speaks the truth, but they do not hear. This is why Islam has reached the state that you now witness. All must beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, for the elevation and ascendancy of His religion. All have been and are under His gaze, each adorned with the ornament of His favor.

God willing, in this spiritual morn a sweet breeze will waft from the garden of inner meanings across the world, bringing joy to all, transforming the darkness of the world into light and its heedlessness into awareness. It would be a pity if the trees in the garden of inner meanings were to remain fruitless and without effect.

Regarding what was written about Darvish, it was granted. They said to tell him and obtain his promise not to stay beyond the specified days, as the gathering has grown too large and has truly exceeded wisdom. Regarding the honored beloved, his mention has been and is before the Most Holy Court. They said God willing he is confirmed in what is befitting. Whatever this ephemeral one expresses in service to him is truly insufficient. In any case, I hope for forgiveness. I remember the delight of the eyes of the people of purity. I send greetings and praise to Jinab-i-Aqa Mahdi and those with you.

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He is God, exalted be His majesty, His greatness and His power.

Universal praise hath appeared from the Kingdom of divine favor, and in this station thanksgiving from all things is necessary, for from its rustling is heard the blessed word “Verily, I am God’s greatest handiwork”, though only sanctified and refined ears can hear it - others have no share or portion in this call. In the first station and primary rank, the hearers of this sweetest call have been the chosen ones and near ones, through whom God’s straight path and His mighty Cause were made manifest, and through whom the Lamp of existence spoke both eve and morn concerning that which was revealed and appeared - that which had been hidden from sight. The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen.

The letter of that beloved of the heart arrived after his return, and after its perusal and reading it was taken to the Holy Presence and submitted. He said: “O Rida! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. We have heard thy call. Praise be to God, thou art successful in attaining unto contentment, reconciliation and goodness. This is a testimony which this Wronged One hath given and giveth before those possessed of hearing ears, penetrating vision, and the gathering of the assured and sincere ones. Thou wert with Us in thy childhood and grew to maturity beneath the sheltering grace of God, the Lord of the worlds, and thou didst migrate with the Wronged One until imprisonment ended in the Most Great Prison. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee and those with thee among those who have no fear and who do not grieve. Verily, we are God’s and unto Him do we return.” Thus did it end.

Praise be to God, that beloved of the heart hath ever been engaged in remembrance and steadfast in service. The greatest of all great bounties is that from the beginning of days thou wert nurtured in the shadow of thy Lord and didst grow and develop. Thou wert with Him and art with Him, and assuredly the end is too sacred for mention by this evanescent one and those like him. By the testimony of the Beloved, the end hath been and is good. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that this most great bounty may endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly realm endure. And whatever was commanded should be given to the loved ones - take from the aforementioned amount and give it. The blessed month of Ramadan hath come, assistance to some is necessary. We beseech God to send down upon His loved ones a blessing from His presence and a bounty from His own Self. The receipt was also sent. Peace, mercy and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon His loved ones and chosen ones.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, His majesty, His holiness and His splendor

Praise sanctified from mention and utterance befits and is worthy of the peerless Beloved Who, with a single breath from the Most Exalted Pen, adorned sheer nothingness with the garment of existence, and after bringing into being and manifesting all contingent things and created beings, set apart man for Himself, breathed His spirit into him, and deposited within him the gems of His mysteries and the wonders of His lights. Blessed is he who has arisen and continues to arise through the Spirit of God, and

remains steadfast in His Cause, His love, His remembrance and what He has commanded in His Book, and preserves what he has been given from his Lord, the Mighty, the Ancient.

And then, your letter arrived and from it was inhaled the fragrance of love and affection, which has been the primary cause for the creation and appearance of all things. Blessed art thou, O beloved, in that thou hast attained unto that which is beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh, and the object of desire of the hearts of them that are sincere and devoted. I presented before the pavilion of grandeur mention of your praise and glorification and that of your family. All convey mention and glory to you and your family. Praise be to God that most times mention of you has been made outwardly and the Sun of special favor has dawned. After your letter reached this servant, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. After submitting mention of you repeatedly, He expressed His favor, saying "Blessed art thou, again blessed art thou." Convey on behalf of this servant greetings and glorification to the true friends, namely Aqa Ghulam-'Ali and Aqa Ghulam-Husayn and Aqa 'Ali-Akbar and Aqa Lu?fu'llah, upon them be the glory of God, and to whomever thou findest devoted to assisting the Beloved. And likewise remember the family with most wondrous mention.

Glory be upon thee and upon them. I convey special greetings and salutations to 'Inayatu'llah. God willing, through divine favor they shall grow up and attain to lofty stations. Every great one was small before the manifestation of His grandeur, except these little ones who are great in the divine Kingdom and whose station is mighty, to such a degree that the Pen of Command and Decree is raised on their behalf. He is God. As commanded, you should come and bring 'Inayatu'llah's mother. Peace be upon you and God's mercy and His favor.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to the Lord of all mention and the Manifestor of mysteries, sanctified above all remembrance and thought, Who hath sent down the verse and made manifest the bounty. The purpose of this bounty hath been the appearance of mercy, and from mercy the gathering of the community, and from gathering and assembly the unity of hearts and oneness of souls, and from this unity and oneness mutual assistance, that all servants might become as one soul and all lands as one region. May all spirits be sacrificed for His will, for there hath been and is no purpose save unity, fellowship, accord and love. We hope that all may attain to that which He loveth and pleaseth.

O thou who walkest with the Wronged One! The letter which thou didst send to this servant was heard and attained the honor of acceptance, and the promise of the Beloved's bounty. The matter of the garden of Na'mayn and the appointed day depends upon that honored one. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to the handmaiden of God, the Leaf, his wife, upon her be the Glory of God. Say: Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. We beseech God to adorn thee with that which will cause the devoted women in the most exalted chambers to remember thee, and to exalt thee through His Name amongst His handmaidens and leaves. Verily He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The letter of the beloved, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, was seen. From every word thereof wafted the fragrance of sincerity and devotion. What he mentioned somewhat lightened the sorrows that have befallen Us. None knoweth what hath befallen the Wronged One save God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. That honored one is aware what was the bounty from the Wronged One's part and what was the enmity from those people. In any case, the letter of the beloved, upon him be My Glory, was read by all, and it contained the glad tidings of the well-being of the emigrants and of thy visitation which thou didst perform by proxy the day before - this was accepted. Give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him and My turning toward him from this distant shore. God willing, may he hold fast to the counsels of the Wronged One and strive diligently in the acquisition of sciences and arts, for knowledge and wisdom are two shining ornaments for the head and brow. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn him with that which will make him honored among His servants. We make mention of all the leaves and children of the household, and We beseech from God bounty for each one. Taraz Effendi, upon him be My Glory, hath been and is remembered. The Glory be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to the Goal of the world Who assisted that honored brother to turn towards God with acceptance, attention, humility and submissiveness, and honored him with visitation of the House, and caused him to speak the blessed word of unity. The servant testifies that there is no God but Him. He has ever been and will ever be sanctified from what the creatures possess, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. And blessings and peace be upon the Most Great Luminary through Whom the world was illumined and the decree of unity and mention of detachment appeared among the peoples, and upon His family and companions who acted according to what they were commanded in His Clear Book.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored master dated the last day of Rabi'u'l-Avval arrived at sunset on Sunday, which was the day before. Therefore the delay in responding was not and is not the fault of this servant - the responsibility lies with the bearer. This evanescent one has ever beseeched and continues to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, bounty and mercy for that spiritual beloved. Though praise be to God you have attained all that was mentioned, yet since this is the station of grace, the more that appears the better and more pleasing it is. Your mention and that of the dear honored one Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah has ever been before the Master. Whenever anyone is present, they first ask about your circumstances with care and kindness. I beseech Him, blessed and exalted is He, to assist you and preserve you and draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

As for the sum you wrote about, there was an amount in Constantinople which according to what was mentioned they sent, and it was assigned to Aqa Faraj, upon him be God's peace - give it to him. After that it is not known what happened. There was a sum belonging to Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's peace, which is now in Constantinople with the honored Shaykh, upon him be God's grace

and favor. There is nothing here. There is nothing more to mention except that I have beseeched and continue to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, blessing and bounty and mercy and favor and glory for that beloved one. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers and the Most Merciful of the merciful. Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the One God

In this clear hour the tongue of the favor of the Lord of the Worlds makes mention of the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God, that all may attain to that which is sanctified above likeness and peer. O My loved ones! Know ye the worth of this exalted and most high station and this supreme bounty. How many were the peoples of the world who, throughout the nights and days, beseeched and supplicated God, glorified be His majesty, for the encounter with this blessed Day. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the light of the appearance of Him Who conversed with God on Sinai, all turned away save those whom the hand of grace did rescue - the hand of grace did rescue them from the clay of idle fancies and vain imaginings and drew them nigh unto Him. Glory be to God! Through one exalted Word the reckoning of the peoples of the world was completed, and the blessed word "the most swift of reckoners" was established in its station. In any case, despite their hope and seeking and supplication, most of mankind were seen to be heedless and veiled, while ye are seated upon the thrones of certitude and reclined upon the cushions of knowledge. Were ye to become truly aware as behooveth you, throughout all days would ye verily cry out: "Thine be the glory, O Possessor of names, and Thine be the praise, O Creator of heaven!" His honor Amin, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of all and hath beseeched for each one that whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world.

O Lalihzar, upon thee be the glory of God, thy Lord, the Chosen One! And O Khudabakhsh, reflect upon the divine bestowal - He raised thee from the sphere of dust by the hand of power to above the heavens, and this is the station of allegiance and certitude which thou hast attained. O Hakim, O Ibrahim, the hand of wisdom and power of God, glorified be His majesty, took hold of thee and caused thee to attain the light of guidance from the fire of heedlessness. O Ishaq, when thou didst turn unto Him thou became worthy of divine mention. O Yusuf, the hand of the favor of the Goal of the worlds delivered thee from prison and drew thee to the arena of mighty glory, and illumined thee with the light of guidance from the station of darkness. O Yusuf, the friends have ever been and shall ever be beneath the glances of grace. We make mention of all the children of the Friend from before the Glorious Lord, and We beseech for all that whose fragrance of divine good-pleasure wafteth therefrom. Well is it with you and pleasant it is for you. The glory be upon you from Us and upon those who have turned and acknowledged that which the Tongue of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath spoken.

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At the hour when the Bride of Sorrow lifted her veil from behind the curtain of concealment, and the Countenance of Grief raised the banner of anguish, and the wind's attendant spread wide the carpet of gloom, and the Servant of the Eternal Beauty reclined upon the established throne, and the cloud of power rained down the showers of separation from the grief-laden air, and the maidens of paradise emerged from their chambers of divorce, and the secluded ones of discord adorned the countenance of dissension, the confined ones of paradise struck their heads, and the virtuous beauties ran distraught, and the holy faces donned garments of mourning, and the countenances of intimacy shed crimson tears from the eye of fidelity, and the keeper of paradise withdrew behind the veil of concealment, and the guide of the people became hidden in the shroud of evanescence, the leaves of the Tuba tree turned yellow, and the branches of the divine Lote-Tree were scattered asunder, the cloud of mercy was withheld, and the lightning of might was lifted up, the dove of wrath took flight, and the cauldron of vengeance began to boil, radiant joy arose from the throne of abasement, and dark retribution sat upon the seat of glory, the raven of unconsciousness prevented the parrot of divine presence from tasting sugar, and the sparrow of cruelty kept the nightingale of annihilation from its melody, the jealous crow prevented the hoopoe of joy from reaching the Sheba of manifestation, and the accursed Abu Jahl drove the radiant countenance from the inhabited house, the candle of the assembly of light was extinguished, and the bat of blindness became the player in the field, the King of the sanctuary of glory sat upon the point of abasement, and the base one from the mine of misfortune settled upon the mighty throne, the furnace of envy blazed in the breasts of the lords of pride, and the seas of sedition surged in the hearts of the possessors of insight, they drove out the teacher of love from the bench of unity, and prevented the wise one of longing from the taste of understanding, the garden of imitation was adorned, and the fruit of praise was cut off, the beloved ones of the valley of love were struck dumb, and the veiled ones of the valley of multiplicity became witnesses to the Desired One, the royal falcon fell captive to shameless owls, and the Joseph of possibility was cast into the well by faithless brothers.

The owls tyrannize over the royal falcon,

Plucking its wings though it is innocent,

Saying "Why do you remember that realm,

Or the palace-forearm of that King?"

Its crime is only that it is a falcon,

Just as Joseph's crime was naught but beauty,

The peacock's enemy became its own feather,

Ah, how many kings has their glory slain!

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Husayn. In the Sad. He is the Mighty, the Exalted, the Ever-Living, the Beautiful. The remembrance of God in the Tree of Paradise upon the shore of eternity, upon the branches of the cloud at the right hand of the Spirit in the sacred valley of the Mount of Beauty. O people of Baha, hearken unto Me! He it is Who speaketh the truth and revealeth the verses and sendeth forth the Messengers, for verily He is the King, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily in the creation of the heavens and earth, and in the alternation of light and darkness, and in the budding forth of trees, and in the motion of the Ark of Oneness upon the sea of fire, and in the wafting of the holy breezes from the Paradise of Beauty, and in the sending down of verses from the cloud of the Divine Essence are signs for people who reflect. Say: O people, fear God and associate not partners with Him, and think not evil thoughts, and slander not His chosen ones, and consume not the wealth of others, and commit not oppression and wickedness if ye be of those who are certain of God's decree in the Tree of His Cause. This is what the Spirit counseleth you in that which God hath caused to flow from the Most Exalted Pen in the hidden and holy Tablets, that all may be assured of His verses in His days and that they may rejoice who have soared on the wings of detachment and who are drawn by the grace of God. And when the verses are recited unto them their hearts tremble and their eyes overflow with crimson drops and they are enkindled by the fire of love. Upon them be the good-pleasure of God and for them are elevated stations in the realms of eternity, and there have been ordained for them, in the presence of the Divine Countenance, couches of white crystal whereon they shall recline. Thus do We impart unto thee from the melodies of the Divine Essence that perchance it may detach thee from all who are in the heavens and earth and cause thee to turn toward the precincts of God's mercy and assist thee to triumph and provide thee with the fruits of immortality and make thee to be of those who are guided by the lights of Beauty and who drink from the springs of mercy. Thus have We set forth the verses in truth and sent down the Spirit upon thee that thou mayest be stirred in thy soul with longing and be of those who rejoice in the paradise of reunion. O Letter of Glory! Read what We have chanted unto thee, then preserve it that the spirit of life may be generated within thee and draw thee nigh unto a treasured and hidden stronghold. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded, then be steadfast and fear no one even if all who are in the heavens and earth should oppose thee. God shall raise thee up in the atmosphere of light and bestow upon thee a kingdom in His Most Exalted Name and send down upon thee from the cloud of mercy that which hath been ordained in a preserved Tablet. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who prostrate themselves before the face of God.

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Mir Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, at the request of Amin

In the Name of God, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

A mention from Us to one who has turned to the horizon from which has shone forth the Luminary of God's utterance, the Lord of the worlds - through which the ocean of knowledge has surged in creation and the heaven of proof has been adorned with the stars of certitude. Exalted is God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Mir Aqa! Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka. By God, ears were created to hear it. Blessed is he who has attained, and woe unto every heedless one, far removed. Say: Verily the eye was created for the Greatest Vision, and the heart for turning toward the direction of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Is there one possessed of such steadfastness that names prevent him not from the Creator of heaven, nor do the hosts of the oppressors frighten him? Break the idols of the peoples through this Most Great Name, which has come from the horizon of power with a sovereignty that has conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Trustworthy One has mentioned you; We make mention of you in this Clear Tablet, from whose horizon has shone forth that which has attracted the hearts of the mystics.

And mention of Jalil and those with him, whom We have mentioned in verses through which God has conquered the cities of the hearts of the lovers. O Jalil! Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that whose remembrance, fragrance, name and spirit shall never cease to endure, by the everlastingness of God, the King, the Just, the Powerful, the Mighty. Counsel My loved ones to be so steadfast that neither the name of the Prophet, nor the mention of the Successor, nor the names of the Noble One and the Chief, nor the Cords and the Pillars shall prevent them. Thus has the matter been decreed from the presence of an All-Wise Commander. Say: This is the Day of God wherein mention of aught else beseemeth not, if ye be of them that understand. This is the Revelation that the knowledge of none has encompassed - to this testify the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is the One Whom God's Messengers have heralded. When He took His seat upon the throne, the Primal Point prostrated himself saying: "Verily, I am the first of them that worship." Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son. Give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, remind him of My verses, and illumine him with the lights of thy Lord's face, the Dawning One, the Gracious. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. Then send down upon me that which will make me firm and steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have believed in Thee and in Thy verses and in what Thou hast revealed in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to aid me in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Goal in both beginning and end.

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In the Name of the Kind Lord

A mention from Us to him who attained the presence of the Most Great Scene and won the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. He turned toward the Most Great Throne and traversed the path until he entered this mighty Prison. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Face and heard the call of the Wronged One while He was in the hands of the oppressors. Return to thy place through God's might and power, then inform the people of what thou hast seen and heard from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We counsel the loved ones of God to show forth the greatest steadfastness, lest the utterances

of the idolaters cause them to slip. No matter is greater than steadfastness, for it hath been observed that certain souls, after claiming faith and attaining the highest station of certitude, were cast down from the heights of heaven to the depths of hell by a mere doubt. The ones who have turned toward God must ever fix their gaze upon the horizon of steadfastness.

We console thy mother with God's mercy and His favors, and We make mention of her in this noble station. She hath been immersed in tribulations which none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. She must not grieve over what hath befallen her. We counsel her to manifest beautiful patience. This is not the first calamity that hath occurred in the path of God. How many a mother whose son was martyred for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds! She must show forth patience in the path of God. Verily He sufficeth her and will enrich her above all else. He is indeed the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Today all must fix their gaze upon the horizon of God and, in whatsoever may come to pass, manifest complete contentment and submission. We testify that they have ascended unto God and entered the Most Exalted Station and the Most High Paradise. This is a testimony that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. The world is not an abode to which one who is assured of God should cling or attach his heart. Its very foundation hath been and will be based on nothingness and evanescence. Ere long all the souls on earth shall depart. Blessed are they who have recognized the truth and been adorned with divine love. Such souls are accounted as letters of God's Book and abide eternally in the immortal Kingdom, enduring as God endureth. Although they turned toward Us after the most great prohibition, We have forgiven them and admitted them to a station whose mention transcendeth every knowing mention. We have mentioned them before and mention them now. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily, unto God do we belong and unto Him do we return. The glory be upon you and upon those who have shown patience, seeking God's good-pleasure, and who have adorned themselves with the raiment of patience in the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to one who has turned toward Our horizon, attained unto Our recognition, and taken the choice wine of utterance in My Name and drunk thereof through My glorious and wondrous remembrance. We were with thee when thou didst hear and respond to thy Lord on a day whereon all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of thy Lord's power did rescue. We have heard thy call time and again, and witnessed thy turning toward the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We made thee to hear My call and We heard thy call, and showed thee My signs and beheld thee, as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We held back the reins of the Pen until the appointed time; then We loosened them by Our command and mentioned thee in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The servant present before the Throne appeared, holding thy letter in his hand. He arose and read it in the Most Great Scene, the station whereon was established the throne of the Lord of Destiny, Who hath come

from the heaven of revelation with manifest sovereignty. And once again he mentioned thee before the Face. We said: Be patient, for thy Lord is indeed the All-Patient, the All-Wise. O thou who hast turned toward Us! We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, and found therein thy longing and yearning, and the fragrance of thy sincerity toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Every word of thy words hath testified to God's Revelation and His sovereignty. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in this mighty Cause. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee from the precincts of His remote prison. Rejoice, then give thanks that thy call hath won the ear of the Wronged One, Who hath answered thee with that which shall endure as long as God's names and attributes endure. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful. Say: O God of the Kingdom, Lord of Kings and Sovereign of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, after the passing of all things, to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee and detached from all else but Thee. Then give me to drink from the pure water of Thy bounty's Kawthar, through which whoso attaineth soareth in Thine atmosphere, casteth away all else besides Thee, and is seized by the wine of verses such that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of nations frightened him. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy grace and acknowledged Thy sovereignty and power. I beseech Thee to aid me in all conditions to serve Thee and remember Thee and praise Thee. Verily Thou art the Protector of those in earth and heaven. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Commander, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Muhammad-Sadiq! In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is My remembrance of My servant, that he may remember Me by My Name and be detached from all else besides Me - and I am the Best of those who detach. And that he may be assisted in My Cause and speak forth My praise - and I am the Best of those who praise. And that he may witness My Beauty and read My words and reflect upon what hath befallen My sorrowful Self - though no sorrow can match My sorrow, and grief fleeth from My grief, and tribulations bow down before My tribulation, and I am the Lonely, the Grief-Stricken One.

O servant! I desire to make mention of thee, but when meanings are clothed in the garment of every word, it is as though the words are complete in themselves, while in every moment they have manifestations after manifestations, such that they shall never be exhausted throughout the eternity of God, the True, the Great King. Hearken thou unto My words, then ponder My Cause and what hath appeared from Me amongst the worlds, that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause and not follow those who have disbelieved and turned away and were among the idolaters - those who have drawn forth the sword of the tongue to reject God and His Cause, that they might thereby refute the truth and establish falsehood through what they possess of satanic insinuations.

Beware, beware lest thou turn to any besides Me or forget My grace. Place thy trust in My Self, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing. Thus do We impart unto thee - act thou according to what God hath imparted unto thee in this Tablet of His wondrous words.

Hearken unto My words and grieve not over the world. When sorrows intensify upon thee, find solace in those from whom waft the sweet fragrances of love for My Self, the Gracious, the Ancient. Whoso desireth to sit with God, let him sit with My loved ones - this is a revelation from One Who is Mighty, All-Knowing. And whoso desireth to inhale the fragrance of the garment, let him inhale it from My chosen ones. And whoso loveth to hear the melodies of God, let him read My verses - the Wondrous, the Revealed One.

O servant! Purify thy face from turning to aught else besides Me, that it may be purely for My luminous, mighty, inaccessible countenance. Sanctify thyself from the world and all that hath been created in and upon it, for We have consigned it to those who are occupied with it and are among the heedless. Thy Lord desireth naught from the world save the hearts of Our sincere servants, for We have made them the repository of My revelation, the dayspring of My remembrance, and the source of My knowledge, the Inaccessible, the Mighty.

Beware, beware lest thou preserve thy heart from all that would veil it from the knowledge of thy Lord. This indeed is a mighty counsel. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have placed their trust in God and were among those who trust.

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May the meadows and fields of the hearts of lovers ever be illumined by the Sun of the Beauty of the Beloved, and may the pools in the lands of yearning souls ever overflow and be immersed in the Kawthar of the ruby-red lips of the Beloved. We hope that as long as that Lamp of spiritual beauty shines forth in the horizons of manifestation, these lamps of hearts will be set ablaze by it, and as long as that Living Water flows in the inner realms of contingent being, these souls will be refreshed by it. God willing, may the rains of separation ever pour down from the clouds of union upon the gathering places of loving hearts and the stations of yearning souls, not through any merit of their own, and may that Spring cause fragrant flowers to grow in these gardens at all times, so that through the joy of this atmosphere, the minds of spirits veiled by darkened forms may become pure and clean, and behold themselves naked in the presence of the Beloved. Indeed, each soul has an ordained capacity and every thing has a fitting rank and station wherein it is mentioned. However, some are given a prescribed sustenance according to a known measure and reckoning, while others receive an undefined portion from the treasury of “Thou givest sustenance to whom Thou willest without account.” One is brought to a limited reward after traversing the stages of limitation and annihilating the degrees of existence, while another is raised up in his very place of sitting from the invisible and visible realms and drawn to the ultimate goal and shown the bow-length nearness of the Worshipped One. What more can be said? How many brands have been placed upon the faces of lovers, and how many yearning souls have been consumed in separation! When the pen reached the description of this state, the power of expression withdrew and the book of explaining this separation was rolled up.

The rest of this tale comes without tongue

To the heart of one who possesses the light of soul

In any case, in all conditions praise with joy and give thanks with delight, for you have been rewarded before the labor and mentioned before remembrance, for He is the ever-Powerful, the Doer without being questioned, the Ever-Living, the Almighty, the All-Encompassing, the Most High. To the travelers in the land of India, the arrivers at the Kaaba of certitude, and the seekers of the face of the Beloved - to each one by whatever name and title is fitting and suitable - He makes mention in loving unity through the stages of oneness. Although there was no previous connection or precedence, the new custom caused the ancient covenant to be forgotten, as it is said: Love for You has abrogated mention of what came before. And peace.

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He is the Mighty, the Beautiful!

Glorified be He in Whose hand is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and He is indeed knowing of all things. His is the bounty and grace - He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and He is indeed independent of all worlds. Say: O people! Hearken unto the call of God from this exalted, blessed Tree which hath grown in the holy land, the station of praiseworthy nearness, that there is none other God but Him, and that the Point of the Bayan is His Self and His Beauty, and that which was hidden is His manifestation and His sovereignty between the heavens and earth, and thus was the Command from the Tree of Fire in the Spot of Light made manifest. Say: This is a Tablet whereon God hath manifested Himself with the lights of holy beloved-ness. Say: When God manifested Himself upon the mountain it was instantly crushed and became scattered dust, but this Tablet God hath made the place of His manifestation in this moment, and He manifesteth Himself upon it from the Ancient Beauty through that which appeareth from this Pen which was at that time intimate with the Finger of God. O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not the steps of your own selves, but follow the Command of Him Who was dawning from the Dayspring of God. Say: Nothing in the earth shall profit you this Day even if ye take all the worlds as your helpers, nor shall the means of the heavens and earth assist you even if ye make them your supporters, except that ye enter beneath the shadow of this Countenance Who is established in the prison according to what was written in the Tablets. Enter ye therefore into the religion of God, then follow what was ordained in the Bayan and was sent down from the holy heaven. Deprive not yourselves of the Sacred House of God, differ not in the Cause of God, and cast not the pages of God behind your backs - this is My command upon you and upon all the worlds. O people! We were among you for successive years and were with you as one of you - and God is witness to what I say - and in every moment ye visited upon Me that which none hath visited upon another, as though I were imprisoned in the prison of your selves, until We called upon God in the holy morn and the eve of nearness, until He delivered Us from those who disbelieved, until We arrived in this prison which was raised behind the mountains. And We thank God for this and praise Him for what hath transpired, and We are patient through His might and power, and We remember Him at every rising and setting. And the Spirit be upon you, O people of the Bayan, that ye may walk the paths of praiseworthy glory and the extended pathway of holiness.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and ordained for all things that whereby they draw near unto God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. The Books have been sealed by the Most Great Book wherein is detailed the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and drawn forth its mysteries. Say: This is verily the Book of My Self, wherein hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen that which attracteth the hearts of the men of insight unto God, the Mighty, the Most Glorious. Read it, O people, in the watches of night and the ends of day. The brocade of this Book hath been adorned with that which was foretold in the Psalms, the Qur'an, the Gospel and what was revealed in the Holy Books. Unto whom belongeth sovereignty this Day? Unto God, the One, the All-Compelling! Say: O people, do ye hesitate in a Cause by whose leave every mention hath been made, and of Whose meeting ye were promised in all the Tablets? By God! He is indeed this One - behold then, O ye who are endued with insight! Say: We have ordained all tribulations for the Manifestation of Our Self, that ye may detach yourselves from all else and turn unto God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: O concourse of the heedless! Do ye mock Us? Soon shall We mock you on a day when the breaths of chastisement shall seize you, and ye shall find no place of refuge. O people! This is the Youth of God among you, His manifestation in your midst, and His sovereignty over you. He hath come with that wherewith 'Ali came before. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him; woe betide him who hath turned away - he is of the companions of the Fire. Say: I have believed in God and the Manifestations of His Cause. He hath raised Me up in truth and sent Me unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Is there any escape from His Cause? Nay, by His Self, the Mighty, the All-Compelling! O people, have mercy upon Him Who hath suffered in God's path that which hath caused the eyes of the denizens of Paradise and the Concourse on High to weep, at eventide and at dawn. Consider what was revealed unto you through the tongue of 'Ali and what hath been revealed in this Revelation. Fear ye the All-Choosing, O ye who are endued with insight! As for thee, cast away what is with men and take what hath come unto thee from God. He shall make thee independent of all that is hidden and manifest. Grieve not over anything, and be not silent in the remembrance of thy Lord. Remember Him among men at eventide and at dawn. Hold fast unto this Tree though the winds have differed and grown severe, and be thou calm and dignified. Remind from Us those servants who have believed in God, Creator of darkness and light. And the glory be upon thee and upon him who hath held fast unto the Sure Handle and turned away from the wicked ones.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the proof in the form of man and made him the dawning-place of His signs for all who dwell within the realm of possibility. He summoneth the people unto God even while in the serpent's mouth. There hath befallen Him in the path of God that which hath befallen none before Him. To this testifieth that which was sent down in the Bayan. Soon shall the clamor be raised in all regions. Blessed is he who hath cast away the people of

discord and stood firm in the Covenant. This is a matter that hath no parallel in creation. Verily it is wondrous in the heavens and on earth.

O people of Baha! Be not veiled by what the people possess from Him through Whom the Sun hath shone forth and the religions have been distinguished. Those who are drowned in the ocean of idle fancies - these are far removed from the Kawthar of nearness and are debarred from the wine of reunion. They run about in the valley of error and say “Where is guidance?” Say: Here is the Lord of creation! They hasten in darkness and say “Where is the light?” Say: Open your eyes! Verily it hath shone forth from the horizon of glory with power and sovereignty. Among them is he who turned away and said “Where are the signs which we were promised in the Book?” Say: They have all appeared while ye were beneath the veils. Rend them asunder through My Name; then shall ye behold the Sun of grace shining from the horizon of might. Among the people are those who are veiled by vain imaginings from their Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and among them are those who cling to tales of old, cut off from this Cause through which the worlds have been illumined.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not what your idle fancies command. Follow Him Who, when He speaketh, all things speak: “There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.” The call of God hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison; hasten unto it, O people of understanding. Act not as did the servants before you. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from turning to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Ye were created for this Day and were promised this Remembrance around which circle all remembrances. Is there any who will hear the verses of God and recognize what is treasured therein of wisdom and mysteries?

O My loved ones! Grieve not over those who speak according to their desires. By My life! They are among the companions of the left hand. Be ye My trustees among My servants, the dawning-places of My justice among My creation, and the daysprings of My courtesy among My creatures. Thus doth your Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, counsel you.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having turned unto Him after most of the servants were prevented therefrom. Give thanks unto God for having confirmed thee in that whereon thou art, and glorify Him with praise at eventide and at dawn.

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In His Name, the Protector over all names!

Glorified be God! In this hour the effulgences of the mercy of the Lord of the Worlds have dawned from the most exalted horizon, illumining the darkened world with the light of divine favor. Yet the eyes of those who manifest self and passion, tyranny and corruption remain deprived of witnessing it, and their ears are barred from the warbling of the birds circling round the Throne. How excellent is that power which breaks the chains of idle fancy through the Most Self-Subsisting Name and rends asunder the veils of vain imaginings through the Name of the Lord of all beings, which passes beyond all else save God

through the light of detachment and makes for the depths of the ocean of oneness. O people of God! Some among the servants have been observed to be of such frail character that, like clods of earth, they fall apart at the slightest moisture. O ’Ali-Qabli-Naqi, upon thee be My glory! He who beareth My Name, upon him be My loving-kindness, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court. The fragrance of the love of the Desired One wafted from it. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath clung to My firm cord, detached from all the worlds. Whenever through divine power the pavilion of glory was raised up and the lights of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai shone forth, a swarm of flies emerged from the thickets of hatred and set about undermining the Cause. Reflect upon God’s concealment and patience, and likewise upon the greed and avarice of the antagonists and opponents. One who received the utmost kindness from the friends of the Cause arose in opposition and united with his own kind, busying himself with plundering possessions on the day of reckoning, selling the Joseph of trust for a few counted dirhams. He showed no mercy either to himself or to the Cause of God. Glory be to God! The deniers of the Bayan are still consumed by the fire of hatred. At the instigation of those treacherous souls they have arisen to commit betrayal. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanks be to Thee, O my Desire, for having kept the hems of Thy loved ones pure from the dust of treachery, lying and calumny. I beseech Thee, O King of the kings of the kingdoms of justice and fairness, by Thy command through which the lights of bounties and favors were made manifest, to make me steadfast in Thy love and a drinker of the choice wine of Thy revelation in every one of Thy days. O Lord! Take my hand with the hand of Thy grace, then open before my face the doors of Thy generosity and riches. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The calumnies of Thy servants harm Thee not, nor do the descriptions of Thy creatures profit Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy will. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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Glory be to Thee, Thou in Whose hand are the heaven of omnipotence and the kingdom of creation. Thou doest, by Thy sovereignty, what Thou willest, and ordainest, through the power of Thy might, what Thou pleasest. From eternity Thou hast been exalted above the praise of all created things, and wilt to eternity remain far above the glorification of any one of Thy creatures. Existence itself testifieth to its non-existence when face to face with the manifold revelations of Thy transcendent oneness, and every created thing confesseth, by its very nature, its nothingness when compared with the sacred splendors of the light of Thy unity. Thou hast, in Thyself, been independent of any one besides Thee and rich enough, in Thine own essence, to dispense with any one except Thy Self. Every description by which they who adore Thy unity describe Thee, and every praise wherewith they who are devoted unto Thee praise Thee, are but the traces of the pen which the fingers of Thy strength and power have set in motion – fingers whose movement is controlled by the arm of Thy decree – the arm itself animated by the potency of Thy might.

Thy glory beareth me witness! How can I, aware as I am of this truth, hope to befittingly make mention of Thee and celebrate Thy praise? Howsoever I describe Thee, whichever of Thy virtues I recount, I cannot but blush and feel ashamed of what my tongue hath uttered or my pen written.

The quintessence of knowledge, O my Lord, proclaimeth its powerlessness to know Thee, and perplexity, in its very soul, confesseth its bewilderment in the face of the revelations of Thy sovereign might, and remembrance, in its inmost spirit, acknowledgeth its forgetfulness and effacement before the manifestations of Thy signs and the evidences of Thy praise. What, then, can this poor creature hope to achieve, and to what cord must this wretched soul cling?

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the worlds, and the Beloved of such as have recognized Thee, and the Desire of all that are in heaven and on earth, by Thy Name through which the cry of every suppliant hath ascended into the heaven of Thy transcendent holiness, through which every seeker hath soared to the sublimities of Thy unity and grandeur, through which the imperfect have been perfected, and the abased exalted, and the tongue of every stammerer unloosed, and the sick made whole, and whatever was unworthy of Thy highness and beseemed not Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty made acceptable unto Thee, – I beseech Thee to aid us by Thine invisible hosts and by a company of the angels of Thy Cause. Do Thou, then, accept the works we have performed for love of Thee, and for the sake of Thy pleasure. Cast us not away, O my God, from the door of Thy mercy, and break not our hopes in the wonders of Thy grace and favors.

Our limbs, our members, O my Lord, bear witness to Thy unity and oneness. Send down upon us Thy strength and power, that we may become steadfast in Thy Faith and may aid Thee among Thy servants. Illumine our eyes, O my Lord, with the effulgence of Thy beauty, and enlighten our hearts with the splendors of Thy knowledge and wisdom. Write us up, then, with those who have fulfilled their pledge to Thy Covenant in Thy days, and who, through their love for Thee, have detached themselves from the world and all that is therein.

Powerful art Thou to do what Thou pleasest. No God is there beside Thee, the All-Powerful, the Omniscient, the Supreme Ruler, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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O ’Azizu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who rules over the world through His Most Great Name. God testifies that there is none other God but Him, and He Who has come with the truth is verily the Hidden Secret, the Treasured Mystery, the Most Exalted Word, the Sovereign of Names, and the Light shining from the Supreme Horizon. He cannot be indicated by any indication of the Bayan nor by what was revealed therein from the All-Merciful. God has made all that was revealed from the Kingdom of the Bayan as glad-tidings of Him and as a leaf from the leaves of the gardens of His knowledge. Every mystic has testified to his powerlessness and every learned one to his inability to attain His presence. Blessed is he who has testified to that which God has testified, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O ’Aziz! We have heard what your tongue has uttered and what your pen has inscribed, and We found the fragrance of your humility, submissiveness and your turning to God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of all worlds. Do not grieve over what has befallen you. Remember your Lord with the myriads of the supreme Paradise. By the life of God! By it are attracted the people of the Kingdom of Names and behind them the hearts of those brought near. You are the one who has attained to recognition and heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven. This is from His great bounty, to which My Manifest Book bears witness.

O ’Aziz! The Supreme Pen has in scriptures and tablets informed all of the appearance of the cawers, the heedless ones, and the atheists. Now from certain directions the cawing is raised. The Author of the Bayan commanded all to recognize the Promised Beauty through His own eyes and not to consider anything else as proof of His recognition, for He is known by His own Self and all else are His creation. This statement is specific to this Manifestation, yet the heedless people remain veiled from the Truth and occupied with vain imaginings, appearing like the peoples of former times. We beseech God to grant justice that they may not be deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower in His days. Convey My greetings to the friends and give them the glad-tidings of God’s infinite favors. Say: Pay no attention to the fly and its buzzing, nor to the crow and its cawing. Soon they shall return to their abode as returned those who wronged in those days. By the life of God! What they possess shall perish and might and power shall remain with God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon your brothers and upon those who have cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast to My Strong Cord. We have revealed for every name that was in your letter that from which the sincere ones will find the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God’s and to Him we shall return.

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O Shaykh ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth was hidden in the eternity of eternities and treasured in the stronghold of the immunity of the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Whoso hath heard from Him hath heard from God, and whoso hath turned unto Him hath turned unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath heard what the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken and hath answered God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. How many a learned one hath cast aside knowledge and how many a child hath turned and taken hold of the Book in the name of his Lord, the Sovereign over what was and what shall be. How many a poor one hath been seized by the breaths of the verses and how many a prince hath turned away from God, the Lord of existence. By God’s life! Their desires have held them back from God and their wealth hath deluded them from Him Who created them and provided for them unto this blessed, mighty, promised Day. Soon shall the breaths of extinction seize them from every direction and they shall behold themselves beneath the earth. Say: O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of destiny hath come and through Him hath appeared the Most Sublime Vision, the station which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of ’Akka, the spot wherein the Lord of Names hath been imprisoned,

having summoned all unto the truth, the Knower of things unseen. He hath come for the life of the world and the reformation of the nations, yet they have risen against Him with such tyranny as hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn to weep. Soon shall they cry for help but receive no succor, and shall wail but find for themselves no helper from God, the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath turned toward thee from His praiseworthy station and revealed for thee that which hath gladdened the eyes of the near ones and caused to soar the hearts of them that have held fast to the cord of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. The servant who is present hath recited what thou didst compose in praise of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of God, and the face that hath turned toward Him, and the heart that hath turned to His horizon, and the hand that hath taken His sealed Book and acted according to what was commanded by the One Who commandeth, the Manifest. Thus have We lit the lamp of meanings in the niche of utterance that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath mentioned thee in this Ancient House. O ’Ali! We counsel thee at the end of the Tablet to the Greater Steadfastness, for a mighty, mighty Cause hath come, to whose magnitude the Books of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, have testified.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and His peace by night and by day. His honor Niyaz Effendi, upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness, hath arrived. All that was witnessed with the eye of truth showed that he had entirely made himself a suppliant at the Court of the Self-Sufficing, and had adorned himself with the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. The Wronged One testifieth that he hath taken the Kawthar of meeting from the hands of bounty and hath drunk thereof in the name of God, Lord of all men, despite every ignorant remote one and every doubting mischief-maker. Mention of him hath repeatedly been made, and a station hath been sought for him from the Most Holy Court. Therefore the heavenly table of utterance, the bounty of recognition, and the fruits of certitude have been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Goal of all the worlds. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in this world with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and in the next with whatsoever hath been ordained in the Most Exalted Paradise for the companions of the Crimson Ark. The sweet savors of His love are diffused in every time, and in every day he hath attained the presence time after time, and in each time We showed him the pearls of wisdom and utterance that were hidden in the treasuries of knowledge. It is hoped that all the friends will become assured of holding fast to that which preserveth those who believe in divine unity from the oppression of the idolaters. All must today beseech the True One to preserve the cities of the unitarians through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily He hath power over all things. Every day they have conquered some portion of the earth. Justice and fairness have vanished from the world and the oppressors of the age are ablaze with the fire of greed and passion. This is a blessed day - all, that is to say the people of unity, must unite and

cling to the hem of the robe of divine grace and seek preservation and deliverance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in that land. For each one We seek bounty and blessing and wealth and glory. Verily God is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. Let His honor Mahdi, upon him be the peace of God and His grace, turn [his attention], for a group of them have sought assistance and requested to meet with him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant him the meeting with His friends in the ’Ayn and the Shin. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon the friends of God and His loved ones who have turned unto Him and heard His call and recognized His path and acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

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O Mirza Aqa who hath attained Our presence and gained the honor of meeting Us

He is God, exalted be His station. The world of wisdom and utterance hath changed - dust hath turned to gold and gold to dust. Many are the names which, though occupying the most exalted station, have sunk to the depths. The fire hath appeared in the form of light, and the treacherous one hath occupied the station of the trustworthy. Glory be to God! Such hath been the extent of transformation that those endowed with insight and knowledge are bewildered. Differences have encompassed the world. Blessed is the one who hath sanctified his heart, his sight and his hearing from the world and whatsoever is therein of traces and fruits and stories and reports, and who hath, with his own sight and hearing, pondered upon that which hath appeared. He is of the people of Baha, mentioned and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Praise be to God, thou hast been and art mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in such wise that men, though they be as mountains, shall not deprive thee of the All-Possessing, the Most High. Turban and cloak became the cause of the people’s destruction. The helpless servants accepted from those heedless souls that which led them astray, and on the Day of Retribution they witnessed and heard its consequences. In the early years all the divines of Persia engaged in cursing the Goal of all creation. They committed that which no group had ever committed and perpetrated that which no soul had ever perpetrated. The lamentation of all things hath been raised, and the sighs of the Concourse on High have ascended. The Pen weepeth and maketh mention, the Tablet weepeth and beareth witness. Ask thou of God to grant thee sight, to bestow upon thee knowledge, to vouchsafe unto thee awareness. Thy letter was received and from it wafted the fragrance of humility and submissiveness for the sake of God. We beseech God to assist thee to make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Each of the names mentioned hath been remembered before the Wronged One with perfect bounty and consummate wisdom. Blessed are they and happy are they. We testify that they have attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and have quaffed the choice wine of love from the hands of bounty and bestowal. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist them to preserve the pearls of His love within the shells of hearts. He is verily the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom the pharaohs among the servants have not weakened from drawing

nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. These are they whom God hath described in His Perspicuous Book, saying - and His Word is the Truth: “They speak not until He hath spoken, and they do His bidding.”

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In the name of Him Who is the Self-Subsisting, the Most Holy, the Ever-Living, the Most Exalted!

O my God and my Beloved! I know not with what tongue to raise the banners of Thy remembrance and unfurl the standards of Thy glory, for I behold my being and all that was ordained and created therein as naught before a single sign of the signs of Thy sovereign might, and as non-existent before a glimmer of the lights of the fire of Thine eternity. If I seal the gates of remembrance upon my heart, by Thy glory, it is instantly set aflame by the fire of Thy love which Thou hast deposited in my inmost being. And if I open the gates of praise upon my heart, I fear lest the pen wrest the reins of restraint from my hand and flow with that which Thy loved ones cannot bear and Thy chosen ones cannot sustain, whereupon discord would arise among them and hatred appear in their midst, such that they would disperse from around Thee and oppose Thy servant.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sprinkled upon my heart the outpourings of servitude unto Thee and the manifestations of attraction to Thy service, to such extent that were there to appear unto me from the Manifestations of Thy holy Lordship and the Daysprings of Thy glorious Divinity that which would delight my being, my self would find no rest nor my reality any tranquility nor my identity any peace except that I enter beneath Thy shadow and repose in Thy presence, and worship Thee in my love for Thee, and seek Thee as Thou deservest while being heedless of all else besides Thee. For the Beloved is he who loveth Thee, and the Intended One he who intendeth Thee, and the Worshipped One he who worshippeth Thee, and the Praised One he who turneth unto Thee, and the deprived one he who turneth away from Thee, and the rejected one he who is occupied with other than Thee, and the outcast he who departeth from Thy shadow and dwelleth not in Thy presence.

Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou! I beseech Thee by Thy hidden mystery and by Thy manifest Name to make us among those who are detached unto Thee and who seek recourse to Thee, who flee from all else besides Thee and repair unto Thee, who find intimacy with Thy beauty and turn toward the arenas of Thy reunion, who hasten to Thy connection and meeting. Then inspire, O my God, the hearts of Thy loved ones with the signs of Thy love and love for Thy servants. Then remove hatred from among them that they may unite upon the word of Thy singleness within the temple of Thy oneness, such that they dwell only in Thy remembrance, turn only to Thy face, draw near only through Thy good-pleasure, and speak only by Thy leave, that they may become as one soul and one name and one form in the earth. Verily, Thou art He Who manifesteth whatsoever He willeth through His Will, and confirmeth whatsoever He desireth through His Purpose, and decreeth whatsoever He pleaseth through His Decree and the sovereignty of His Command. And verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Beloved, He Who hath descended from the Ha after the Ba.

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In the Name of the Goal of the world's peoples! We have commanded the seekers of the Kaaba of the All-Merciful to teach, and We have detailed the ways of teaching in numerous Tablets, that all may hold fast to that which God hath commanded and occupy themselves with quickening dead souls. Nevertheless, it is observed that some have strayed from the straight path of wisdom, which is the foundation of God's Holy City. For instance, they give meat instead of milk to the infant, and poison instead of healing to the sick. Say: O ye who are turned toward the horizon of guidance! Ye are the spiritual physicians and true healers. Ye must consider the requirements of the times, the days and the souls. How can one who is disturbed by mention of divine authority be capable of bearing mention of divinity? Souls who considered themselves among the mighty ones and learned of the Bayan were struck down by mention of divinity - how much more so those souls who were raised in the Dispensation of the Furqan and were afflicted for centuries at the hands of the divines of idle fancy. Waste not the seeds of divine wisdom on barren ground. Speak according to the capacity of each soul - all things have their measure with Him. The seeking child must be nourished with the milk of praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, and afterward with the sweet fruits of divine authority and the like, until reaching the stage of maturity. At such time, if sustained by mention of divinity and lordship, no harm shall come. It is most clear that every soul has been and will be a seeker after the knowledge of God, and the cause of rejection, objection, heedlessness and ignorance has been the vain imaginings with which they were formerly raised. The rending of these imaginings is most difficult, save through the measures of sanctified and perfect souls. The mercy of God hath preceded, as is observed in how His Sacred Being conducts Himself with the utmost kindness, mercy and compassion toward His servants. All must walk in His footsteps, make mention of the Desired One according to the measure of seeking, and bestow the pure water of the Kawthar of knowledge according to the measure of thirst. Verily We have created souls in diverse stages. God willing, through divine grace and the outpourings of the cloud of heavenly mercy, thou shalt be engaged in service to the Cause and remind the friends of God of what hath been revealed in this Tablet from the Supreme Pen, that all may partake of the Kawthar of utterance and rejoice in that which the tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken. We have made mention of thee that thou mayest remind the people through the Tablet of thy Lord. He is, verily, the Reminder, the All-Knowing.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge the oneness of Thy Being, that Thou art without peer or equal, and that Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been seated upon the throne of Thy grandeur and glory. I beseech Thee by Thy Will that hath encompassed all created things, by Thy Purpose that hath prevailed over all creation, by the effulgent rays of Thy grace's sun, and by the pearls concealed within Thy knowledge's ocean, to adorn my head with the crown of detachment, my temple with the robe of godliness, my tongue with Thy remembrance, my heart with Thy love, my eyes with the vision of Thine exalted horizon, and my ears with hearkening to the rustling of Thy Most Luminous Pen. Alas, alas, O Lord of all beings and King of earth and heaven, for my heedlessness and hesitation! Thou art He Who

remembered me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and turned toward me from the direction of the prison when I was occupied with other than Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all nations and Who hast been made manifest through the Most Great Name, to make me a banner of Thy remembrance amidst Thy servants and an ensign of Thy guidance in Thy lands. Then ordain for me to attain Thy presence, to stand at the gate of Thy majesty, and to remain steadfast in Thy Mighty Message, whereby the limbs of the idolaters have quaked. Alas, alas, for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness and my banishment in Thy days! I know not, O my Goal and my Beloved, what Thou hast ordained for me by the Pen of Thy decree. Hast Thou ordained for me what Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and circled round Thy Will, or hast Thou deprived me of the wonders of Thy gifts and favors? Thou seest, O my God, that this destitute servant hath turned toward the waves of the ocean of Thy riches, this thirsty one toward the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and this weary one toward the Kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy might and power, Thy grandeur and all-encompassing sovereignty, not to disappoint this servant of what lieth with Thee. Thou, verily, art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing escapeth Thy knowledge, nor can any affair hinder Thee. Thou art, in truth, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Generous. By Thy glory, O Thou Who art mentioned in all hearts, the thirst of my separation can only be quenched by attaining Thy presence, my soul findeth no rest save in hearkening to Thy call, and my being cannot find tranquility except by beholding the lights of the horizon of Thy manifestation. Thou seest me, O my Lord, clinging to Thy cord and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the sincere hastened to the place of sacrifice and offered up their souls and bodies in Thy path, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace a mercy from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down in this Prison, which hath been designated by the most excellent names in the Crimson Scroll from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath taken hold of it with the power of God, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Name. All the Books, Scriptures and Tablets have testified to His Revelation, and every trusted Messenger hath given glad tidings of Him. This is the Day wherein the Self-Subsisting walketh before all faces and guideth them to His Straight Path.

Thy letter hath been presented and the servant who standeth before the Wronged One hath laid it before Him, and We answer thee with this Tablet from whose horizon shineth the sun of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Gracious, the Bountiful. We testify that thy letter hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names, and He hath revealed for thee that which causeth every discerning scholar to soar. When thou attainest unto it and findest the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks unto God for this great bounty.

Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of all mankind. Hold fast unto Him and place thy trust in Him, for He is verily the Helper, the Succourer. On the day We entered the Most Great Prison, We summoned the peoples unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Among them were those who turned away, those who disbelieved, and those who pronounced sentence against My life without any proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. We desired their life while they desired to shed My blood. Thus was the matter decreed, but the people are behind a manifest veil. And among them were those who rent asunder the veils and turned with illumined hearts toward the Supreme Horizon. Blessed is he who hath hastened unto the Goal, and blessed is the scholar who hath cast aside vain imaginings and turned toward the Dayspring of certitude. Woe unto every scholar who hath denied God's right and His Revelation, and hath prevented the people from the river of God's mercy, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and caused thee to hear the rustling of this Tree which hath been raised up in truth in this glorious and lofty Station. Blessed art thou for having turned toward Him Whom the ignorant ones of the earth have denied - they who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and followed their own desires. They are indeed among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Rejoice in what We have revealed, for unto every name that was in thy letter We have sent down a Tablet which beareth witness unto it from every world of the worlds of thy Lord, were one to be firmly established therein. Convey My glorification unto their faces, and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness, My mercy and My remembrance, which nothing that hath been created in the heavens and earth can equal. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He Who is seated upon the Throne of Utterance

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon, when the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was raised and the Most Exalted Pen did warble, that the mention and utterance might attract him to a station wherein he beholdeth naught save the lights of his Lord's countenance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot upon the white Earth: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." By God! The ocean of utterance hath surged in the contingent world and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout the lands, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, following those who have denied God when He came with manifest sovereignty.

Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come with a Cause before which neither the hosts of the heavens and earth nor the ranks of kings and sovereigns can stand. He hath come with truth and stood before the faces of the world, speaking as He willeth, such that no thing among all things, nor the might of princes, could prevent Him. To this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one. He hath manifested that which

was hidden in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Books, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O concourse of divines! If ye deny what hath appeared, by what proof can ye establish what ye possess? Bring it forth and be not of the patient ones. Say: Fear God and refute not the truth with your mouths. He hath come from the heaven of power with the banners of signs. Behold, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Thus hath the warbling of My Most Exalted Pen been raised, yet the people remain behind a thick veil.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-'Ali and give him glad tidings of My loving-kindness, counseling him with that which beseemeth this momentous News. Cast aside what the people possess and take what thou art bidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is a Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and the Preserved Tablet uttereth and the Tree calleth out, yet most of the people are turning away. They have denied Him in Whom they believed - verily they are among the most lost in God's Book, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Thus hath the Tree brought forth Its fruits and the ocean of utterance its waves. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones.

At the end of the Book We counsel you with that wherewith We have counseled Our loved ones: to act according to what hath been sent down in My wondrous Book. The glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, whom neither the clamor of the divines nor the outcries of the jurists have prevented from My straight and manifest Path.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names!

This is a Book sent down in truth on this Day unto him who hath believed in God, the Supreme Ruler, the Self-Subsisting, that the rapture of its utterance may so seize him that no one shall be able to deter him from the path of God, the Lord of all existence. We have indeed expounded the mysteries of the Book and revealed that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, whereunto bear witness His favored servants. Among the people are those who have perceived the sweet savors of revelation and turned towards it, and those who have turned away, and those who have pronounced against Me that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of justice to lament and tears to flow from their eyes.

Know thou then that My Name is upon thee, and My loving-kindness hath remembered thee. Thou didst send thy letter unto the Wronged One, and We have read it and made mention of thee, that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to serve His Cause, to enable thee to voice His praise, to give thee to drink from the river of His mercy, and to send down upon thee that which shall gladden the hearts and souls. Grieve thou not at anything. Place thy trust at all times in the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The wolves have encompassed Us from every side. The command is in God's hands, the Lord of the past

and future. Neither the arrows of the enemies nor the swords of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all existence, can withhold the glory of Baha.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, and all bounty be Thine for having given me to drink, and all glory be to Thee for having called me, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee for having remembered me, and all generosity be Thine for having made me to know Thee, and all grace be Thine for having taught me, and all favor be unto Thee for having caused me to hear and to behold Thy signs, Thy Book, and the Kawthar of Thy utterance. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me detached from all else but Thee and clinging unto Thee. Ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty nor from the Daystar of Thy Revelation. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest through Thy might which hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding thy service to My leaf and My handmaiden, upon her be My glory, this is a deed from which the fragrance of acceptance hath been wafted. I give thanks unto God for this manifest favor. We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-i-Qabli-Javad and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. By the life of God! My remembrance excelleth the treasures of the earth and all that the kings and rulers possess. His station shall erelong be made manifest in the worlds of God, the Lord of this glorious and noble station. The glory of God rest upon you, O people of God! Blessed are ye and they who have heard mention of you in this mighty Remembrance. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Translation of Persian/Arabic text:

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Grieve not in thy exile. By God, wert thou to see with Mine eye, thou wouldst sacrifice thyself in My path, inasmuch as God hath made thee one of the captives in My love. Yet the veil hath prevented thee from recognizing what hath been ordained for thee by One Who is Mighty, Powerful. We behold thee in sorrow because the pain of exile hath touched thee. By God, thy homeland is beneath My shadow - of this thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify. Grieve not for thy son; verily, he circleth round his Lord. Remember what was manifested by the mother of Ashraf, who laid down his life in the Land of Za…

[Note: The rest of this text appears to be a Persian/Arabic version of the English passage that follows it, which is already translated. Therefore I will stop here to avoid redundancy]

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He is the Mighty, the Forgiving

The breezes of pardon and forgiveness have ever wafted from the holy paradise of the All-Glorious, and shall forever continue to blow and flow from the dawning-places of mighty grace. What seeker has ever raised the hand of supplication and been left disappointed from the hem of His generosity? What true lover has ever kindled the fire of love and been denied access to the Tree of Union? The doves upon the branches of the divine Tree and the birds of celestial holiness have ever called out: “O beloved ones! The Traceless Beloved is manifest and visible as the radiant morn - open the eyes of both head and heart! O ye who are ill, the spiritual Physician has risen like the true Sun - turn not to yourselves!” Indeed, the robe of forgiveness befits those who repent, and the garment of bounty and favor becomes the sinners. Yet there has been and shall ever be a distinction between the sincere and others. The friends must demonstrate steadfastness and sanctification from all else, else all distinction would vanish. In brief, all existence, to the extent it possesses any fairness, bears witness that this servant has never had any purpose save the attainment of these loved ones to the holy retreats of the Lord of Lords. In all aspects, from the highest station of the Cause to the lowest rank of creation, there was agreement and fellowship. Through all these stages the purpose was that a few might be cleansed of limitations and veils of human nature and enter, pure, into the realms of detachment and abstraction, fixing their hearts on another nest and hastening to the eternal shore - that perchance a few might attain to holy spiritual delights. And it has been clear that whatever people are commanded to do is for their own benefit, as is evident in that whoever failed to comply has descended even in outward rank, let alone in the stations of holy detachment. God the One is witness that this servant feels utmost shame before the companions [of the Bab], for your association was renowned among the people, who all longed and yearned [for such station], yet matters ended as you know. I call God, His angels and His Messengers to witness that I have forgiven you for what your hands have wrought, and I beseech God to make firm your steps and open before your face that which will make you independent of all else and bring you to a station where you turn only to Him and are occupied with naught but Him. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind.

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In the Name of God, the One, the All-Knowing!

O Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Isma’il, upon whom be the Glory of God! Your call hath been heard, and the Face of the Wronged One hath turned toward you from the prison. May you, God willing, manifest joy and delight through the sweet savors of the utterance of the All-Merciful at all times. Look toward the Supreme Horizon and what He hath manifested through His power and sovereignty. The earthly temples and artificial souls were not and are not worthy of mention. The Truth hath come for the reformation of the world and none hath the power to prevent Him. Pay no heed to the might of the oppressors this Day. Say: Consider what He hath manifested through His power that hath encompassed all existence. At times they kill, at times they imprison, and at times they lead into captivity. Nevertheless, they have been and remain defeated, while the Cause of God is ever ascending. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine favor that such bounty hath been vouchsafed unto His loved ones as hath no likeness or parallel. Soon shall its effects be made manifest and evident in the earth. O thou who gazest upon the countenance! Such a station hath been conferred upon Jinab-i-M.Sh. that, should he remain firm and preserve it, all

shall soon speak his praise and bow before his name. Say: Know ye the value of this station and arise to serve. However, observe wisdom and utterance in all conditions. Ever fix your gaze upon wisdom. The fire of corruption hath been kindled in the lands, but God hath extinguished it through His power. Blessed is he who is endowed with insight! How many signs and evidences have appeared and continue to appear, yet the people remain heedless. A hundred thousand souls have returned to their abode in fulfillment of what God revealed in the Surih of Ra'is, yet the people have not become aware. The founder of the edifice of tyranny - that truthful liar - was seized by the hand of divine wrath, yet none took notice. And He seized one greater than him, yet it yielded no fruit. Soon shall a third join them both. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Should the entire world arise to prevent it, by the life of God, they shall find themselves impotent, and whatsoever He hath willed shall assuredly appear. Verily, He hath power over all things. Say: O loved ones of God! What behooveth you is steadfastness in His Cause, and what behooveth Him is grace and bounty and loving-kindness. He shall surely give you your rewards. Be assured and be of those who are firmly established. Glory be upon thee and upon those who act in accordance with what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the name of the Friend without name or trace! The fragrances of the Beloved's love are beloved by His lovers, therefore We have sent them with these sublime words. The emanations of the love of those who seek the throne are desired - this is what the Revealer of verses has testified to. Praise be to God that the outward gates are also opened and the fragrances are wafting and passing from both directions. We beseech God to punish those who have come between us and you, just as He punished those who came before. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The letter that was sent to the friends in the land of Alif was presented before the Countenance. They had inquired about new tidings. The new tidings are that in these days it was mentioned that the ruler of the great city heard that a sandal belonging to the Prophet, peace be upon Him, was in the possession of a nobleman in Diyarbakir. Therefore an order was issued from the government to bring it, and the mentioned person arrived with a messenger at the Black Sea shore. Afterwards multiple ships were specially sent from the great city to receive it and transport the trust. And as they approached the great city, numerous other vessels were sent and the bearer with the trust was settled in the royal vessel as they proceeded to the city. Upon arrival at the seashore, the Grand Vizier and all the deputies and ministers came to receive it and were waiting. After arrival the Grand Vizier approached and took the trust, placed it in a most distinguished carriage, and the bearer of the trust rode behind the carriage on a most distinguished horse, followed by all the ministers and deputies as they proceeded to the special place that had been designated. On the right and left of the carriage walked a group of clergy with censers of incense, chanting glorification and praise, until they arrived at the appointed place. After the arrival, the ruler and other people came in successive groups for three days to attain the bounty of visiting it. Now is the time for reflection and awakening. Observe how they cling to the branch while remaining heedless of the root. Thus it has ever been and ever shall be. Even as in these days no one has paid attention to the imprisonment of those souls, but ere long they shall speak of the details of what befell you. More detail than this is not permitted in this station. We send greetings to the friends. Praise be to God, first and last.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved! This is the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that through it honored servants may be quickened and those who slumber may arise from the couches of heedlessness. Say: Through the Word of God are drawn those servants who are as the essence of creation, in all that was and will be. Say: Verily the Word is God's magnet between the heavens and the earth, did ye but know it. Through it God draws unto Him the essence of what He hath created and casts aside the dross - this is of His justice, though ye understand not, save when ye drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings from the cups of the utterance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. They who have disbelieved - these are the dead. If they find the path of God they take it not for their path, but if they see the path of idle fancy, that is the path they tread. When the melody of God is raised they heed it not, remaining heedless thereof, but when the braying of asses is heard, then do they hearken. This is because they have turned away from the All-Merciful and taken Satan for their helper. Thus have their souls enticed them, yet they perceive it not. Say: O people! The Beloved hath appeared in manifest glory, and before Him march the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration, while behind Him advance the hosts of the unseen with upraised standards. Fear ye God, follow not the promptings of your souls, and be not of them that wander distracted in every valley. Rejoice, O people of Baha, in this Most Exalted Paradise, which hath been adorned with the ornaments of realities and utterance. Thus hath it been ordained for you by God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Whoso entereth therein shall never leave it, and whoso leaveth it hath never truly entered. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a Tablet wherein is inscribed what hath been veiled from the eyes of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Turn not thy gaze from the Most Great Vision, then drink the water of Kawthar in the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Pure, and fear not the idolaters. Thus have We taught thee in truth that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord and be detached from all the worlds. Arise to promote the Cause, then gather the servants unto the law of God, and be as the spring breezes unto them, that their souls may be renewed through the ornament of the name of the All-Merciful in these days, the Inaccessible, the Mighty. Beware lest anything hold thee back from that which thou hast been commanded. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Shatter the idols by My power, then rend asunder the veils by My strength, then tear away the shrouds of vain imaginings by My Name and My sovereignty, and be not of the patient ones. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have soared in this subtle and gentle atmosphere.

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He is God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great!

This is the Book of God which speaks with truth. God has made it a guidance and remembrance for all the worlds. It is indeed God's proof amongst His servants, His evidence to His creation, and His authority over all who are in the heavens and earths. O people, fear God and follow not your selfish desires, and be not

among the losers. Believe in God and in Him Who has appeared with truth and recites unto you at all times that which attracts the hearts of those who have knowledge.

And you, O servant, hear My call, then remember My imprisonment and exile among the polytheists. By God, the earth has become so straitened for Me that I find no land of safety to which I might flee and be among those who dwell therein. Yet I thank God for what has befallen Me and what He has decreed for Me. Verily there is no Beloved but Him, and I hope for what appears from Him, for whatever pertains to the Beloved is beloved by the lover.

Stand firm then in the Cause of God in such wise that the whisperings of the evil ones will not cause you to slip. Thus have We imparted unto you the word of truth that you may be among those who know. And the glory be upon you and upon those who have stood firm in the Cause and were among the assured ones.

Then remember on Our part your son Hussein who was named after one of these two names, that the joy of the Cause may seize him from this direction which God has illumined from this wondrous countenance. Thus does God remember whom He wishes among His servants, and verily His grace is ever nigh unto the doers of good.

And you, recite this Most Great Remembrance and then call upon God through it, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the tongue of all things has been loosened in praise of Thyself and through which the door of Thy knowledge has been opened to every heart - the Name which Thou hast called Thy Most Exalted Name and Thy Later Manifestation in the garment of Thy Most Glorious Beauty - to purify my heart from all allusions, veils and indications that stand between me and the recognition of the Manifestation of Thy Self. Then send down, O my God, from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will detach me from all else save Thee and will purify my face for Thy face, my heart for Thy knowledge, my tongue for the wonders of Thy remembrance, my hearing for listening to the melodies of the might of Thy oneness, and my inmost being for entering into the depths of the ocean of Thy grandeur. Then send down upon me, O my God, the good of this world and the next, and make me firm upon this path whereon the feet of most of Thy servants have slipped after Thou didst manifest Thyself with all Thy signs. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Dominating, the All-Choosing.

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This is a Tablet that hath been sent down unto the Leaf from the heaven of God, the Most High, the Most Great. He is the Most High, the Most Great.

This is an epistle from God, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise, wherein He maketh mention of the handmaiden of God, the Most Great, whom God hath singled out through His Beloved and made her one of the manifestations of undoubted glory, and given her to drink of the wine of life in the knowledge

of His Self, and made her of those endowed with certitude, and honored her with the presence of Him through Whom were opened the gates of Paradise in the name of God, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Most Great, and related her unto Him - and this is a glory than which there existeth none greater in all creation, and God is witness unto what I say and is All-Knowing.

O handmaiden of God! Give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn for having perfected His favor unto thee and manifested unto thee His proof, and aided thee to know His Self, and made thee of those who are devoted to His firm and wondrous Cause, and inscribed thy name in the Mother Book among those who have entered the pavilion of glory through His Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Remember thy Lord throughout all days and be not heedless of this Youth Who hath been imprisoned in this remote prison through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought, and beyond this prison hath fallen into the well of envy - and God doth behold His own Self. Then from the depths of the well He crieth out saying: “O My brother! Fear God and slay Me not with the sword of hatred. By God the Truth, I have come from the heaven of grace with the all-pervading mercy of the Self-Subsisting, which hath preceded all created things and encompassed all beings - and thus hath thy Lord’s grace been all-embracing.”

By God, O handmaiden of God, My shirt hath been reddened with the blood of hatred. Weep thou within thyself for this Wronged One, the alone, the unique. Beware lest thou forget My anguish, then My trials, and what hath befallen Me of adversity from the souls of the heedless. Thus have We recounted unto thee a letter from the story of the Youth that thou mayest be informed thereof and be of those who remember in a Book of mighty preservation.

Remember thou on behalf of the Youth those handmaidens of God who are round about thee, that they may remember within themselves and be possessed of clear insight in the Cause. And were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen Us, by God thou wouldst not be able to hear it, and wouldst rend thy garments and flee unto the mountains and be cut off from all who are on earth. But We have concealed it from thee lest sorrow overtake thee and thou be grieved with evident grief.

And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, whether female or male, whether old or young, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to those who are in the heavens and on earth, that the verses of the Lord of Names and Attributes might draw them to the Dawning-Place of the lights of their Lord’s countenance, the Mighty, the Praised One. Say: Today the grace of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath encompassed all the worlds, and He hath manifested Himself through His most beautiful names to all who are in earth and heaven. The Tongue of Grandeur calleth from the Kingdom of Glory: Blessed is he who hath turned unto God on this great Day! Say: I have come from the Orient of the Command to give life to all who are on earth. Fear God, O people, and follow not those who have denied their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O concourse of divines! Still your

pens, for by God the Most Exalted Pen speaketh in truth and moveth across the Tablet by the command of One powerful and all-knowing. Efface what ye possess of sciences and allusions, for lo, the Tree of the Uttermost End calleth between earth and heaven, and in each word that proceedeth from its mouth are treasured the sciences of the first and the last. Rend asunder the veils in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus doth He command you Who hath sat beneath the sword in the path of God, the King, the Just, the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Say: O peoples of religions! Do ye occupy yourselves with that which ye possess after He Who is the Lord of Names hath come with clear sovereignty? Abandon that which your selfish desires command you and turn unto the Most Sublime Horizon. This is better for you than all that hath been created on earth, if ye be of them that know. We have sacrificed Our self to exalt the Word of God above all else. Seek ye the grace of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not of the losers. O servant! When the Tablet of the Command appeareth before thy face, arise and take it with submission and tranquility, then enter the place of those among the people of the Bayan who have denied thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Say: O people! I have come to you from the Orient of your Lord's command, the Most High, the Most Great. This is God's Tablet which hath come from the presence of the Lord of Names. Fear God and be not of the mischief-makers. Fear God and commit not that which causeth the Primal Point to lament in the Most Glorious Paradise. Read ye what hath been sent down in the Bayan and follow not those who have denied God - verily they are the companions of the Fire. Thus doth the Prisoner command thee at a time when He is surrounded by the hosts of the oppressors. Be thou steadfast in all conditions in such wise that the veils of the people of error may not prevent thy face from shining among the worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were commanded by One mighty and wise.

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The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is a Book from Us to him who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, that he may hear once again that which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and may arise to serve the Cause of his Lord Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands. Blessed is he who hath quaffed the wine of life from the hands of the grace of his Lord, the All-Merciful, in these days wherein the Promised One hath come with the ornament of God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Have they who turned away departed? Nay, by the Lord of Lords! Are they who hesitated among the living? Nay, by His Self, the One Who dominateth the horizons! This is a Day wherein the Beloved proclaimeth: The Best-Beloved hath come, and this Day belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling. And wherein He Who conversed with God calleth out: The Ancient of Days hath come with power and sovereignty. And the Spirit rusheth forth in the wilderness of longing, and proclaimeth among the people and remindeth them of the Covenant. They who hesitated have lost, and he hath won who cast away all else save God, turning unto Him, the Lord of Religions. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the Lord of all men, after all the oppressive learned ones had turned away from Him. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then bid the servants likewise. By My life, this is the Most Great Sign among men. Blessed is he who hath clung unto it in the path of God, his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Arise in the Cause, say: O concourse of divines! Be silent that ye may hear that which hath been sent down from the heaven of

utterance from your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is better for you, as testify they who are endowed with insight. Say: Cast down your pens, for the authority thereof hath appeared. This indeed is the Most Exalted Pen, whose cry hath been raised in the kingdom of creation. Fear God, and follow not your own imaginings. Cast away your fancies, take hold of that which ye are bidden in the Book. Say: Will aught profit you this day? Nay, by the Creator of earth and heaven! Ye are dead today save him who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath extolled his Lord amidst the peoples of the worlds. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause, then read that which the Wondrous One, Whom We have manifested with authority from Us and made Him the Manifestation of power, hath sent down. Therein hath been revealed from every aspect that which causeth eyes to be solaced and mountains to bow down in awe. Read thou what is therein, then ponder the verses that have shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet and illumined thereby the worlds. Thus have We turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord while He was in the hands of the wicked ones. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon them that are with thee from among the loved ones of thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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O Haji Mulla Ka!

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Ancient!

This is a Book sent down from before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Follow none save Him, then sever thyself from those who have denied the signs of God after their revelation and who have disbelieved in the presence of God. Know thou that the idolaters have transgressed against Him through Whom their names were exalted and their traces made manifest, and have reached such heights of vainglory that the eye of creation hath never beheld its like. Among them are those who have said: “I shall send down the like of what God hath sent down.” Thus do they speak. Open thou thy tongue with utterance amidst the concourse of creation and say: O people! The clouds of idle fancies have been rent asunder and the Lord of all beings hath come with manifest sovereignty. Fear ye God and deny Him not after His appearance. Thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets, would ye but perceive. He desireth naught from you save that ye should turn unto God, your Lord, if ye be of them that are assured. There hath befallen Him in the Cause of God that which hath befallen no one else, as attested by honored servants. Say: I have been imprisoned four times, culminating in this imprisonment, as ye have heard and continue to hear. Say: Is there any doubt concerning this Revelation, or concerning Him Who hath sent it down in truth? Woe unto you and that which occupieth you! Cast the world behind you, then turn unto God, the Lord of the Last and the First. This is better for you than that which ye desire and love. Stand firm in the Cause of God, that perchance through thee the fire may be kindled in the hearts of them that slumber upon the couch of heedlessness and are far removed from the shore of nearness. Grieve not over anything in thy Lord’s path and fear not. Say: The Cause is in His hands - He protecteth whom He willeth through the hosts of power and might. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Those who have turned away from this Cause shall soon be seized by the blasts of chastisement from every direction, and they shall then cry out for

help. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause of God and summon the people to the court of grace, a station of glorious dignity. Convey Our glorification to the loved ones of God, then give them the glad-tidings of this sacred, mighty, and inevitable Cause, and of the light that hath shone forth from the holy horizon. Upon thee and upon those who have believed in God in these days wherein the feet of every knowing one have slipped save those whom God hath preserved through His grace and delivered from the tempests of idle fancy. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

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O Siyyid Musa, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who dominateth all names! This is a Day wherein the Mother Book calleth out and summoneth all on earth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. And the Mother of the Bayan crieth out, saying: “O people of the Bayan! Ye have broken God’s covenant and His testament, and have denied Him for Whose love the Primal Point sacrificed His life. To this testify the Books of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.” And the Mother of the Tablets exclaimeth, saying: “O peoples of the earth! Read ye the Tablets of God - they will guide you to the Announcement that hath gladdened the sincere ones and caused every heedless and remote one to quake.” And the Most Great Book proclaimeth among the nations: “The All-Bountiful hath come! He calleth aloud with the most exalted call. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe betide every doubtful denier.”

In the Persian tongue: Hearken unto the Call of the True One, exalted be His glory! He is the Source of all Books, their Revealer, and their Manifestation. No partner hath He, nor any likeness. We beseech God that He may make all aware and deprive none from the ocean of His verses. O Siyyid, formerly called Musa! Reflect upon the ocean of the true and most bountiful Grace. He hath removed the veils of glory and speaketh openly and clearly. He hath unlocked the gate of union and meeting with the most great key of grace. Blessed is he who hath entered therein, and joyous is he for whom the reward of this exalted and glorious station hath been ordained. From the Kingdom of utterance hath been sent down that which hath attracted the hearts of all contingent beings, and day after day shall be revealed that which is now concealed.

Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Face. We have answered thee with this manifest Book. We have heard thy call and known what thou didst ask from the ocean of thy Lord’s bountiful grace. Rejoice that thy mention and thy letter have attained unto His presence, and that there hath been sent down for thee that whereby thy name shall endure throughout the duration of My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. Then give thanks to thy Lord for having sent down that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge, by His command, in this manifest time. God hath forgiven thee, thy father, and thy brother. His mercy hath preceded and encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having heard my call and sent down for me that which cannot be equaled by whatsoever hath been created on earth. I beseech Thee by the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy might to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy love and Thy Cause, such that the words of the heedless and the

utterances of the infidels shall not hold me back. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad Husayn ibn Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God! He is the True, the Faithful! Knowest thou toward what direction thou hast turned? He Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, will acquaint thee therewith. Thou hast turned toward Him Whom all directions have denied, save such as God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. Thou hast faced Him from Whom all creatures have turned aside, except those whom God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath desired. Dost thou know toward Whom thou hast shown love? I shall make it clear unto thee, that thou mayest attain unto clear certitude. Thou hast loved Him Whose hatred hath filled the scrolls of the world, as every discerning one doth testify. By the glory of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne! None can truly hold fast unto My cord unless he be detached from all else besides Me. Then will his soul confess, and his tongue utter, that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His glorious and wondrous station. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, sent by one of My Afnan who hath loved God and was immersed in the ocean of His knowledge while people were in great hatred, and who drank the choice wine of reunion time and again, and the Kawthar of meeting from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me assured of Thy Manifestation and for having caused me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. Were it not for Thy grace, who would deliver me from the pit of idle fancies and the sea of vain imaginings? I testify that through Thy bounty Thou didst save me, and didst make known unto me Thy path, and didst guide me to Thy momentous Announcement, whereby hearts and minds were shaken, except for those whom the hand of Thy favor had seized - a grace from Thy presence. I testify that Thou didst remember me when I was heedless of Thy remembrance and praise and of Thy manifestation among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion to make me steadfast and firm in Thy love, such that the doubts of those who have turned away from Thee and denied Thy most great signs and the evidences of Thy power in the realm of creation shall not cause me to slip. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We make mention at this moment of him who was named Muhammad-'Ali and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God, exalted be He, to draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions and to make him attracted by His verses, holding fast unto His cord and clinging to His luminous hem. Blessed are they who have attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen in My days, and unto whom hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will the word of forgiveness. By My life! A single letter thereof cannot be equaled by the treasures of kings and sovereigns. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know Thee and the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

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In His Name, the Mighty, the Great!

A leaf from among the leaves attained the presence of the Master of the Covenant and the Luminary of the horizons and was honored to be heard. O ’Abdu’r-Ra’uf! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. We heard thy verses and turned toward thee. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, that He hath aided thee to turn toward His horizon when every remote oppressor turned away. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the world and Object of worship of the nations! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge, by the power of Thy Pen, and by the lights of Thy countenance, to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to enable me to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Protector, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of all contingent beings and God of all created things! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, confessing Thy Manifestation, and assured of Thy signs and evidences. I beseech Thee by Thy imprisonment which Thou hast made the seat of Thy throne and wherein Thy call was raised amongst Thy creation, to make me firm, steadfast and unwavering in Thy love and in service to Thy Cause. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and We make mention of thee with this perspicuous utterance. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me know Thee and directed me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thy inspiration, and by Him but for Whom the manifestations of Thy might and sovereignty and grandeur and power would not have been revealed, to aid me to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest the supplicant standing before the door of Thy grace, and the hopeful one awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy proof and the sun of Thy utterance to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy bestowal and the sea of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great.

O ’Abbas-’Ali! We have seen thy turning unto Us, We have turned unto thee, and We have heard thy call and answered thee with this manifest Book. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and detached from all else save Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all contingent beings, and by the Cause through which the seas have surged and the mysteries have appeared, to make me as a fire in Thy love and vocal in Thy praise and active in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! Aid me in Thy service and in serving Thy loved ones, and ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Generous. Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!

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In answer to certain questions, revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance: In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O son of Abhar! He Who is the Lord of Destiny makes mention of thee from this spot whose every atom and every created thing proclaims: The Promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath come from the heaven of the Divine Command with the standards of His signs. Forget not My favor unto thee and My loving-kindness towards thee when thou wert present before My face and We caused thee to hear My sweetest call whereby all created things were attracted. Rejoice in that We have answered thy prayer and supplication and forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have indeed cleansed them of transgression as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord's mercy hath preceded and His loving-kindness hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. Be thou turned toward the Face and draw nigh unto Him, speaking His praise and arising to serve His Cause, remembering what We showed thee in the Prison in the most exalted station. We have permitted those whose presence thou didst desire before the Prisoner, and We counsel them to observe wisdom lest their departure raise the clamor of those who have denied God, the Lord of all mankind. Say: O people of Baha! Take ye wisdom from Us and transgress not beyond it. Thus have We commanded you in the Scriptures and Tablets. We have accepted thy presence and thy visitation on behalf of God's loved ones and companions. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My robe and arose to serve My Cause whereby feet have slipped. Say: O peoples of the earth! Do what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. Beware lest anything prevent you or the hosts of those who have turned away from God frighten you when He came with the hosts of revelation in the final return. O son of Abhar! Pass through the lands like the breezes of dawn that all who are receptive may find from thee the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and friends. Say: O party of God! The clamor hath been raised in all regions. This is what We foretold you when Zawra was the seat of the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and in the Land of Mystery and in this spot which God hath made the point of circumambulation of the righteous. Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the intimations of the jurisprudents prevent you, or the might of those who were heedless of God frighten you when He came with power and dominion. The splendor [of Baha] hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy upon My loved ones and friends who were not held back from the Truth by the affairs of creation. They arose and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Lord of the hereafter and of former times. He is indeed the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving."

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O son of My name, O Husayn! Upon you both be My glory and My loving-kindness. A letter whose sender was 'Inayatu'llah hath reached the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love and devotion was wafted from it. Today the ocean of loving-kindness is surging and the Sun of generosity is shining. In every moment there hath been and continueth to be sent down from the heaven of divine loving-kindness that which mankind is powerless and incapable to reckon, inasmuch as in every letter lie hidden

mysteries and in every word an ocean is treasured. Blessed is the soul that hath in this divine Day attained unto that which is the cause and source of everlasting remembrance. O ʼInayat! Upon thee be My glory, and upon thy father and mother, and upon thy paternal uncles and aunts. I testify that ye turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon in the earliest days and were blessed with the sprinklings of the ocean of His bounty. We beseech God to give you to drink, from the hand of His bestowals, the cup of steadfastness, lest ye be made to slip by the doubts of any denier, or the onslaught of any opposer, or the tyranny of any oppressor, or the veils of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. O ʼAttar! Praise be to God, time and again, repeatedly hast thou been blessed with the mention and verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Convey My greetings to all the members of that household. They have all been and continue to be remembered. In these days the Trusted One hath repeatedly made mention of the loved ones and leaves of that household, and mention of each one hath issued forth and been manifested from the tongue of grandeur. Rejoice and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the world! Then give thanks and say: Thine is the bounty, O Lord of all names! Then prostrate thyself and say: Glory be to Thee, O Glory of those who are in the heavens and on earth! O son of My name, O Husayn! Upon thee be My glory. Make mention of the Truth on behalf of His loved ones and say: My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, to serve Thy Cause and to stand firm in their love for Thee. Adorn their deeds with the glory of Thy acceptance and the light of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Nothing is hidden from Thy knowledge, and neither the power of the world nor the might of the nations can frustrate Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy sovereignty that dominateth all who are in Thy earth and heaven, to preserve them from the evil of Thine enemies, to send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy a blessing from Thee, and to ordain for them that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Lord of the world and the Omnipotent over what Thou willest through Thy mighty and wondrous word.

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In the Name of God, the Almighty. O Asad! We praise God on thy behalf, for He hath aided thee to recognize that which the divines and jurists of the earth remain veiled from. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with utmost kindness and favor, yet the people persist in utter opposition. Some of the friends, influenced by the clamor of the ignorant divines, have seized them. By the life of God! The people remain in their ancient error. Those souls who speak for the sake of God and are turned toward Him have been cast into prison due to unwarranted and unproven suspicions, thinking they could extinguish the light of God and quench His fire. Far, far from it! Even if all who are in the heavens and earth were to unite to prevent that which God hath willed, they would never be able, never have the power, and would find themselves utterly impotent. Thus doth the Lord of Names impart unto thee that which He willeth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Thy letter attained the presence of this Wronged One, and from it wafted the fragrance of divine love. God willing, thou shalt be aided in all conditions to serve and remain steadfast, that there may appear from thee that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Trustworthy. Hold fast unto wisdom and grasp the hem of consultation. This is the binding command of God that hath been

sent down and recorded in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who acteth accordingly; woe unto the heedless.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to Mirza Baba and Mirza ’Abdu’llah, and say: This is the Day wherein the world hath been illumined and adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name. All divine Books and Scriptures speak of Its description and bear witness to Its appearance. Nevertheless, most people remain veiled and heedless. The cause of this heedlessness are those souls who, in former ages and countless centuries, prevented people from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. If man were to meditate for but an hour for the sake of God and comprehend the cause of the people’s turning away from the Lord of creation, he would cry out “I believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!” The Truth hath appeared with the proofs of the first and the last, yet the people remain in evident veils. Say: Strive, that ye may not be deprived of the ocean of bounty and the lights of the Sun of Truth. Verily, He guideth all unto the Path and draweth them nigh unto Him. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May the glory shining forth from the horizon of God’s loving-kindness rest upon Mim and Ha, who have arisen to make mention of Him and sing His praise, and upon thee, and upon thy wife, and upon those who have believed in God, the Exalted, the Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Name of God! The servant present mentioned the requests of that honored one, and likewise the correspondence, and all were accepted. Specifically for Jinab-i-Mirza Ibrahim a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed, and likewise specifically for Jinab-i-Muhammad-Sadiq Milani, and likewise specifically for Jinab-i-Siyyid Nasru’llah of the Sadat-i-Khamsi, even though some time ago one was revealed specifically for him and Mirza ’Abdu’l-Majid which called out through divine grace. Nevertheless, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets are now revealed - send them. And regarding Aqa ’Ali who is in the great city and has sought permission to attain the presence - permission was granted. Inform him and give him the glad tidings that he may turn towards the Most Holy Court. Regarding the matter of Ismu’llah Jamal, his letter should be shown to Jinab-i-Nazir for consideration, and whatever answer he gives should be sent to Ismu’llah. We beseech God to bring about reconciliation so that not a word causing sadness may arise. O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy loved ones and Thy servants and Thy parties and Thy chosen ones and Thy faithful ones. Thou art He Who united hearts when Muhammad Thy Messenger came, and through them Thou didst conquer Thy cities and Thy realms and Thy lands with spears and swords. I beseech Thee, O my God, to unite the hearts of these that they may capture the hearts of Thy servants through Thy remembrance and Thy praise and Thy words from which the fragrance of life wafts throughout creation. O Lord! Renew them through Thy Most Exalted Word and illumine their hearts, O Thou Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou art He before Whose majesty’s manifestation every mighty one was powerless and before Whose power every great one bowed down. O Lord! Thou seest Thy party among the heedless ones of Thy servants. Aid them through Thy bounty and Thy might

and Thy power, then adorn them with the ornament of the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of the Throne and earth. O God, my God! Send Thy blessings upon the Hands of Thy Cause in these days, who have remembered Thee and aided Thee and arose to serve Thy Cause among the servants. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Lord! Send Thy blessings upon the son of Nabil who was named Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali and aid him to remember Thee and serve Thee, then accept from him what he desired of visiting Thy countenance. O Lord! Enable him and Thy loved ones to do what Thou lovest and approvest, then write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit them in every world of Thy worlds and draw them nigh unto Thee at all times. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Speaking, the All-Seeing! O My Name, the All-Bountiful! All the loved ones of God must at all times fix their gaze upon this utterance of the All-Merciful which, like unto the sun, hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Holy Tablet: "We have made unity the support for the pavilions of My Cause and the cord for the tabernacle of My glory. Hold fast unto it, O My servants, then act according to that which God hath revealed in His wondrous Tablet." If those souls who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and who are known throughout all regions by the name of God had acted according to this exalted and divine word, assuredly the banner of "Verily He is God" would have been seen raised and planted upon the hills and mountains of the earth. Say: O people of Baha! Observe the world as though it were a book, wherein are inscribed in clear characters change and extinction, discord and revolution. In truth, every leaf of its leaves, every spot of its spots, and every tree of its trees crieth out and saith: "Observe my transformations and take warning thereby, reflect upon the passing of my manifestations and become aware, that perchance ye may not exchange the enduring divine bounties for these transient things." O My Name! A hundred thousand regrets that most of the people are heedless of what they see and hear. The Most Great Bell hath been adorned by the fingers of the mercy of the All-Merciful in the midmost heart and the divine call hath been raised. Yet the people are seen to be withered, nay rather dead, save whom thy Lord willeth. Do they not inhale the fragrance of the utterance and remain heedless, or are they deprived by what their hands have wrought? O My Name! Thou knowest that at all times the tongue of the All-Merciful is engaged in utterance and at every moment the Most Exalted Pen is in motion. Not for an instant hath there been any pause in the manifestation of the Cause, yet the blind are deprived of the mirror and the deaf are forbidden from hearing. Ask thou of God that He may purify the eyes from the ophthalmia of desire and free the hearts from the veils that hinder. Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and arise with utmost resolve to serve. By the life of God! This is what will profit thee and make manifest thy station and preserve thy remembrance, that perchance through the effulgences of the Sun of divine bounty the servants may become illumined and sense such a station that the splendor and worth of these outward, ephemeral stations may be erased from the heart. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hearkeneth unto thy counsel in this mighty Cause.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast made mention of his honor Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be My glory, and hast sought mention of him from the Ocean of utterance of the Object of all worlds. We have indeed brought forth from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen, in his name, pearls of wisdom and utterance the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld, and tongues are powerless to define and describe. We had previously made mention of him who ascended unto God with such remembrance as caused the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful to be diffused throughout all creation, and We mention him yet again as a token of Our grace. Blessed art thou, O Sign, for having established for thyself an exalted station in the vicinity of God. The glory proceeding from Us be upon thee and upon him who hath remembered thee and whom We remember through that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, as a favor from God, the Lord of Lords. The ocean of forgiveness surged when the Tongue spoke, and the pavilion of pardon was raised in the most exalted station. Previously there came a letter from him who was named with the letters Ta and Qaf. We made mention of him with such remembrance as illumined the horizons. O My Name! The loved ones have ever been and continue to be remembered. We have made mention of Habibu'llah, upon him be My glory, and continue to mention him in the nights and days. Even as the rain of verses hath been sent down and clear proofs made manifest, yet still have the deniers sullied with the clay of idle fancies that station which is sanctified above the hearts and minds, and attributed weakness unto it. Say: Behold, behold the waves of My ocean of utterance before the faces of the world. Hearken, hearken unto My most sweet call amidst the nations. Among them is he who hath said that He hath stolen the verses of the Point and sent them down in His own name. Say: Woe unto thee, O thou idolatrous doubter! By the life of God! Were the Point present He would arise before the Face and set down that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of Lords. O My Name! We have ever loved and continue to love the mention of the loved ones. That station which is the object of circumambulation of the books of the world - this they have attributed to weakness. Would that they were present to witness with their own eyes the effulgent rays of the Day-Star of divine utterance. They have clung to names and turned away from Him through Whose word the kingdom of names was created. In any case, they were and are unworthy of mention. We make mention of the loved ones. O Taqi! Upon thee be My glory! God willing, mayest thou be assisted to remember and praise and serve the Cause of God. O Habib! Upon thee be My glory! Mention of thee hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen before and after. The glory be upon thee and upon thy daughter who hath attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the one God! O Ismi Mahdi! The letter of Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, which you sent was presented before Us in its entirety. We found him enkindled with the fire of the love of God. This is the essence of deeds, and the very essence of that essence. In most times the fragrance of His love wafts from it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention of him and send Our salutations and glorification upon him, as a grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence. We hear the

cry of the sincere ones and the lamentation of those who hope, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And the letter of his honor Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, was heard. We testify that he spoke the truth, turned toward the truth, and strove in the path of truth. Blessed is he in that he drank the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful. The effect of this is evident from his words - through clear proofs he silenced the opposing souls. No fair-minded person has had or has any reason to pause, let alone to turn away and deny. I testify that he prevented the transgressor from ascending and repelled him with a piercing flame, in the name of his Lord, the Powerful, the Triumphant. God willing, he will be assisted and confirmed in all conditions. This is the meaning of "victory" that is mentioned in the Book of God. God willing, may all become aware and attain to this station. Soon that which was hidden from sight shall be revealed, and in His grasp is the Kingdom of might and power.

O Ashraf! Upon thee be My Glory! Convey to the friends in that land greetings from the Wronged One, and give them all the glad tidings of God's favor. Say: O companions of truth! Know ye the value of this most wondrous and most holy Day, and arise to that which is befitting and worthy. A goodly word and a pure deed have been and are the helpers of God and His supporters. God willing, through these two ye shall aid the Cause of God and guide those who wander in the wilderness of ignorance to the ocean of divine knowledge. Watch over the Cause in all conditions, that perchance the people of that land may attain unto the Kawthar of the righteous, whose attributes are mentioned and recorded in the Book of God. Say: This is a Day wherein everyone can possess that which all the treasures of earth cannot equal. By the life of God! He speaks the truth and guides to the Way. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Glory be upon thee, O thou who hast spoken the truth, and upon those who have shattered the idols of self and passion in the name of their Lord, the Lord of all beings, and have hastened to the water of life on this wondrous Day.

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To Mirza Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God!

In His Name, through Whom the Hour and its signs have appeared! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! On this day the Tree of the uttermost boundary is manifest before the faces of humanity, laden with countless fruits, and the waves of the ocean of utterance are visible and present at the axis of contingent being. Nevertheless, the perverse ones and the barking dogs have arisen in denial and are occupied with rejection and protest. Say: Be fair, by God, and follow not those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and who pronounced judgment against the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Herald of His Cause in the land of Ta. By the life of God! The dwellers of the highest Paradise and the exalted Garden have bewailed their deeds, as have those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Say: O people of the Bayan! Follow not that party, and deliver yourselves from the obstructing and intervening smoke. Leave unto themselves what they possess, and take what the seas and their waves have confessed, and the suns and their effulgences, and the moons and their lights, and the trees and

their leaves and fruits, and the earth and its treasures and its rivers. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name teach you - He Who hath spoken and continues to speak. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One proclaimeth: “That which was hidden in hearts and minds hath appeared, and that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen of God.” Blessed is he who hath recognized and found and turned towards Him and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of existence! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the Commander, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful.”

We beseech God to aid thee to assist His Cause through such wisdom and utterance as hath been sent down from the Pen of God in the Tablets. Praise the Desired One of the world Who hath mentioned thee with such mention as shall not be effaced through any assault and shall endure forever. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. We beseech God to grant success that all may arise to assist His Cause with pure piety and complete detachment. In truth, the servants of the earth have been brought from nothingness into being specifically for this most great bounty. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the choice wine of utterance and attained to the will of God, exalted be His glory. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those with thee, and upon every male servant who hath heard and turned towards Him, and upon every maidservant who hath heard and turned towards Him and attained unto this Mighty Announcement and this Manifest Command.

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O Star! This day is the day of supreme joy. The ocean of reunion is surging and the heaven of manifestation is exalted. The heart was created for His knowledge, the eye for beholding His signs, the ear for hearkening to His call, the tongue for His mention and praise, the hand for grasping His Book, and the soul for turning toward His direction. In such case, no part or limb or member of yours should turn to other directions or become sorrowful for any worldly matters. O My leaf! With your outward ear today thou canst not compare the call of “O My leaf! O My handmaiden!” with any joy in the world. I swear by the Tongue of Grandeur that speaks in this moment, all that exists of the means of delight, gladness, joy and exultation in the Most Exalted Paradise, the Supreme Heaven, and other paradises, is as nothing compared to a single letter that hath in this moment been sent down from the heaven of Divine Will and the horizon of merciful grace in thy name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He commandeth all to beautiful patience. Say: My God, my God! My sight seeketh Thy vision, my hearing the listening to Thy call, my heart turning toward Thee, and my soul sacrifice in Thy path. Make this handmaiden detached from all else save Thee, and occupy her with Thy mention, praise, love and nearness. Wert thou to become aware of what hath been ordained for thee from the Divine Word, thou wouldst attain unto such joy as would not be altered by the duration of the kingdoms of earth and heaven, nor prevented by the vexations of this dusty world. O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! Rise above the ranks of grief and sadness and turn to the horizon of sanctification, detachment and transcendence. This is the station of the leaf who hath attained unto the blessed word “O My handmaiden.” Sorrow is not permitted save in

the tribulations that have befallen the Sun of Truth. Take hold of the hem of My grace, detached from all save God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and this exalted station. We make mention at this time of My handmaiden who hath ascended and arrived in the vicinity of the mercy of her Noble Lord. We have remembered her with that which hath attracted the hearts of every discerning mystic. Upon her be My glory and the glory of My handmaidens and the countenance of the denizens of Paradise who circle round the Throne by night and day. And We make mention at this time of My other handmaiden who was named Khadijih in the presence of God, the Lord of the two noble sanctuaries.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One God

O Ali! The traditions of vain imaginings have returned once again. That which the people of the Furqan (Muslims) did, the people of the Bayan now cling to. They have intended to build imaginary cities with the hands of idle fancies and to deprive helpless souls of the choice sealed wine and the outpourings of His Holiness the Self-Subsisting. For one thousand two hundred years they considered themselves, in their own estimation, the most learned and knowledgeable in the world, and in the nights and days they were engaged in mentioning the Promised One. Yet when the Sun of Truth shed its radiance and the horizon of the world became illumined, they became like clouds that intervened and prevented its rays. Finally they issued the decree for His death, as you have all heard and seen. In the early years, not a single one of the divines showed acceptance or attained to the Cause of God. All arose in such obvious opposition as had never been heard of in creation. The divines and their followers, one and all, engaged in cursing and vilification, and committed that which no oppressor had ever done. Even now in all lands the fire of hatred is ablaze. Well is it with them that are endued with insight! The people of the Bayan are now freshly uttering those same words and committing those same deeds. At times they say the Bayan has been corrupted, and at times they say that which no idolator has ever said. Say: O people of God! Strive to protect people from the vain imaginings of these souls, that perchance they may soar with the wings of freedom in the luminous atmosphere of glory and attain unto true unity. These are the counsels of the True One, exalted be His glory, unto His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath attained unto the most great steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not broken My covenant and My pledge, who have arisen and have said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

O Ha and Sin! Thou hast ever been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and art beneath the glance of His favor. Praise be to God that the effulgences of the sun of divine love are dawning and shining forth from the horizons of hearts, and thy remembrance hath been inscribed by the Pen of loving-kindness upon the crimson scroll. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist the white faith and the radiant Law and preserve it from the evil of the idolators who have cast behind them the Covenant of God and His Testament and have committed that which hath made the eyes of the righteous to weep. And we beseech Him to exalt the people of unity even as He exalted them before. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

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O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Expositor.

O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The servant present here presented thy letter and laid it before the Most Sublime Vision. It became known that thou art [distressed] over the non-appearance of imagined matters and [thinkest] that divine assistance is through gold and the exaltation of the Word is through silver. God forbid! O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Thou art among those souls who have dwelt for years beneath the shade of the Tree, and after the intoxication of things and the thunderstruck state of most people, thou didst turn thy face toward the Countenance and didst bear hardships in the path of God. All these matters have been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Divine Glory that the treasures of the first and the last, and whatsoever existed in and is now visible upon the earth, cannot equal these aforementioned stations. Preserve this station. Let not ugliness seize this good name. This hath ever been and shall ever be acceptable in the sight of those who possess the Most Great Elixir. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The Most Great Elixir hath been the Word of Truth, which the Hand of Power hath manifested from the Hidden Mine through the Hidden Name. Nurture it in the retort of the heart with the fire of love, and after its effect appeareth in all the pillars, if but an atom thereof be bestowed upon the people of possibility, thou shalt behold all the copper of existence transformed into pure gold. This is the Most Great Elixir, with whose mention the Pen of the Ancient of Days hath been and is occupied. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! From thy words, constriction of breast and heart was observed - that is, they indicated thy grief and distress. This is most strange. This was and is certainly not befitting thy station. Thy heart must be illumined by the Name of Truth and thy breast must appear more vast than the kingdom. This beseemeth thee and those souls who have, in the path of God, drunk from the cup of hardship and tribulation. Water at all times the tree of hope with the water of divine bounty, that it may remain verdant and flourishing and its effect may become manifest in creation. This is the counsel of the Wronged One, the advice of the Wronged One, and the utterance of the Wronged One. God willing, thou art accounted among those who hearken in His presence. Blessed art thou, and those with thee, and those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of thy wife who was enkindled with the fire of love and affection.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

O Ghulam! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call, for verily it will draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. This Day hath another station and another significance, inasmuch as the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have ever awaited, lest they be deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower in the Divine Day. On this blessed Day there hath appeared that which had been hidden from eyes and sight. Today mercy hath preceded all else and the divine bounty hath encompassed all, such that there hath been revealed for every soul among those who have turned towards Him that which the servants are powerless to comprehend. Say: O servants of God! He hath

come with the knowledge of “He doeth what He willeth.” Should He prefer an atom to the sun, or a drop to the ocean, all must accept it, for none knoweth the requirements of divine wisdom. Today the servants must bear witness to the sovereignty of God, glorified be His majesty, and submit to whatsoever hath been revealed and recorded by the Supreme Pen, which is the Self of Truth. The Exalted One hath said: “The entire Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise. Should He accept it, verily He is to be praised in His deed, and should He reject it, verily He is to be obeyed in His command.” Whosoever holdeth fast to that which hath been mentioned shall be preserved from the terror of the Most Great Day. Say: O servants! Know ye the value of these days and deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of the Most Great Name. Fix your gaze upon the divine signs that perchance ye may drink from the cup of utterance of the Goal of all existence that which bestoweth eternal life and everlasting existence. Praise be to the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen, Who hath mentioned thee through His supreme grace - a mention that is eternal and everlasting. If thou hast attained unto this Tablet and drunk the choice wine of proof from the wellspring of its words, enlighten the people and send a copy of this most mighty, most holy Tablet to the friends of God, that they may drink of the Kawthar of utterance and receive their portion from the choice wine of grace.

O Shaykh! Hearken with the ear of thy heart to the call of the Wronged One, and arise to reform the world - an arising that no hindrance in the world can prevent or influence. This is the call of the Peerless Friend that hath been raised from the prison of ’Akka. Blessed are they that turn towards Him, and blessed are they that drink! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In His Name, through Whom the ocean of knowledge has surged in the world of being!

O Mahmud! The All-Praised remembers thee from His glorious station and His frequented House, that thy eyes may be consoled thereby, thy heart may rejoice, thy breast may be dilated, and the hands of hope may be raised to the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answerer. Thy letter hath come before Us and been read before Our face. We answer thee with that which is the Water of Life for the people of the world of being and the Most Great Book for all religions. Give thanks unto thy Lord that He hath aided thee and honored thee with His verses in this wondrous Day.

Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison - verily there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Conquering, the All-Wise. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of the worlds, and We have seen thy turning unto Him and heard thy mention of Him. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, as every discerning one doth testify.

At this moment the ocean of My Most Exalted Name, the Most Bountiful, hath surged forth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He hath forgiven thee through His grace and His mercy which hath preceded all things, and through His bounty which hath encompassed every small and great one. When the wine of utterance overtaketh thee and thou art illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of My loving-kindness, say:

“My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and for having sent down unto me in Thy Most Great Prison that which nothing in creation can equal. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and the signs of Thy Dominion and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the splendors of the lights of the Day-Star of Thy proof to make me in all conditions severed from all else save Thee, speaking Thy praise, firm in Thy Cause, and steadfast in Thy love. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.”

At this moment We make mention of thy brother who hath been named Yunis and give him the glad-tidings of My turning unto him, that he may give thanks unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. O Yunis! We bid thee utter that which Dhu’-Nun (Jonah) uttered when he was in the belly of the fish, as commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: “Glory be unto Thee! There is no God but Thee! Glory be unto Thee! I was indeed of those who were heedless. Thou didst guide me through Thy grace and didst awaken me through the breezes of the dawn of Thy manifestation and didst make me to know the source of Thy verses and the fountainhead of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power to aid me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and to preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies. Thou art verily powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.”

Thus have We caused the verses to flow and sent them unto thee, O Mahmud, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Giver, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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O Mirza Murad, upon him be the Glory of God. In the Name of God, the One, and prayers upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet.

O Murad! The Guides to the paths have ever been the Messengers, and they are the Manifestations of Truth among creation, the Dayspring of Names in the kingdom of creation, and the Sources of Command and the Wellsprings of the revelation of God, exalted be His glory. He has ever been and continues to be hidden, His path closed off, and seeking in this station forbidden. And since the gate of attainment was closed and people were debarred from knowledge of the hidden treasure, He chose pure essences and holy souls and sent them from the higher realm to the kingdom of creation, that they might guide all and lead them to the straight path. Each of these holy souls, for God and in His path, bore infinite tribulations and made people somewhat aware. Some denied, others turned away, while a group became assured and believed, and a band became polytheists and hypocrites. Blessed are those souls who were illumined by the lights of the dawn of truth and turned toward the highest horizon.

All these Prophets and Messengers were commanded to wisdom - that is, each spoke and revealed the Cause according to the capacity and measure of the people. Now We counsel thee, and take as witness the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise, that all may testify in the most great scene: Hold fast to the cord of servitude unto God, the Truth, then mention Me as befits. Beware lest thou utter what We have not permitted thee. Today the honored community is seen to be weak, as ye have seen and heard. It is incumbent and obligatory upon all to hold fast to the sure handle and, with the utmost

lowliness and supplication, to beseech from the mighty Truth the protection, glory and exaltation of the white community. Verily, He has power over all things. Act according to what was mentioned in thy presence; transgression beyond that is not permitted. God willing, ye shall be assisted in all conditions. We beseech God to aid thee and ordain for thee from the Supreme Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He has power over all things.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to His Honor Ahmad. We beseech God to assist him to act according to what has been revealed in the Book and to grant him shelter under the shade of the Tree of Providence in all worlds. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Verily we are God’s and to Him we return.

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O Mahdi! Praise be to God for having guided you to His Straight Path and caused you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His signs, through Whom the Mount spoke and the Trump was sounded, and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed. This is the Call whereby the Interlocutor attained on the Mount of Knowledge and the Beloved in His ascension, if thou be of them that know. That which was hidden in God’s knowledge, thy Lord, hath been revealed, and He giveth thee glad tidings through this wise Remembrance. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant present before the Throne presented it. We have answered thee with this Tablet which all the treasuries of the nations cannot equal, as every discerning scholar doth testify. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee, nor the doubts of the deniers hinder thee. Be steadfast in thy Lord’s Cause, the Lord of Names, and speak forth His beauteous praise. We informed all while We were in Iraq of what would occur thereafter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Shun those who have turned away from God and His sovereignty and have turned to every dull idol. We have remembered thee and those whose names thou didst mention. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bounteous, the All-Generous. Give glad tidings to each one of them of God’s grace and mercy which have preceded all worlds. Say: Rejoice that My Most Exalted Pen hath moved upon your names while the Wronged One was in this mighty prison. By God! One verse from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, equaleth not the treasuries of all creation - thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a grace from Him. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We counsel you and My loved ones to manifest the supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of names have trembled and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. O Mahdi! Thou art he who aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Paradise, and turned back from what thou didst desire in submission to God’s command, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having cast aside what thou didst desire and taken what God desired in this mighty, wondrous Day. We have written down for thee the reward of attainment, and for thy father who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion. Verily He doth not allow to be lost the reward of the doers of good. We have remembered thy father with a remembrance whereby the Concourse on High and they who circle round My mighty Throne do remember him, and We have adorned him with the ornament of forgiveness as a bounty from thy Lord,

the All-Merciful. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush. All the handmaidens of the earth, be they queens or princesses or others, would sacrifice their all to hear the blessed word "O My handmaiden," yet in this age of Divine Manifestation and diffusion of the fragrances of Divine Revelation, all were deprived save a few. Give thanks to the Purpose of all worlds that thou hast attained this most great bounty and supreme station. What is now necessary and obligatory is to preserve this station, by this Name through which the Trumpet was sounded, the treasures were revealed, souls were thunderstruck, and that which was hidden and treasured from all eternity was manifested. This is the day of sight and hearing, yet most are heedless and veiled. The travelers who left their earthly homeland seeking the divine true homeland attained to presence, hearing and witnessing. And Ruhu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, repeatedly mentioned you in the Most Holy Court and beseeched from the Truth that which would forever remain immortalized in the book of the world. Therefore these hidden pearls and treasured gems which were in the ocean of the utterance of the Purpose of the worlds have been revealed and sent that thou mayest attain unto them. Were all the peoples of the world to sanctify their ears from doubts and allusions and tales of the people and attain to hearing this supreme Word which hath been mentioned, all would hasten body and soul to the Most Exalted Horizon and the prison of Akka. We make mention at this moment of My loved ones who attained the presence of My countenance and were blessed with what was revealed in My perspicuous Book. Thou art mentioned before the Face and art the recipient of special favors. His honor Varqa, upon him be My glory, mentioned most of them and requested a word from the Mother Book for each one. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid all to do what He loveth and is pleased with, and to make mention of His male and female servants through the Pen of Grace with what beseemeth His generosity, bounty and bestowal. Verily He is the Hearing, the Responding One. We promised Ruhu'llah this wondrous and mighty Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee O my God for having fulfilled Thy Covenant and accomplished Thy Promise. Thy handmaiden testifieth to Thy grace, Thy loving-kindness, Thy generosity and Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Noble. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Siyyid Muhammad-'Ali! The Most High Pen calls out to all who are on earth and in heaven: Worship none but God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great. He has appeared in truth with a sovereignty that none can deny save those who have denied God and His chosen ones among the Prophets and Messengers. O servants of the All-Merciful! Hasten to the remembrance of the Most Great One and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the King, the Just, the All-Wise. Beware lest anything

prevent you from turning toward God. Hearken unto the words of this Youth, Who calls you to that which is better for you than all that hath been created between the heavens and earth. Cast the world behind you, then turn unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Grieve not over the world and what befalleth therein. Observe and reflect upon its passing and its changes, O company of the knowing ones! Who hath laughed therein and not wept? Who hath built and not perished? It and all that is therein shall pass away at every moment, yet the people are in manifest heedlessness. How many a palace hath been emptied, how many a spring hath dried up! He who amasseth therein loseth, while he who spendeth is accounted among the beneficent. Be not reassured by its prosperity nor disturbed by its loss. Every sharp sword therein groweth dull, every joy turneth to weariness, every swift steed stumbleth, and every learned one erreth. Leave it to its people, O companions of truth and certitude!

O Nabil-i-'Ali! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of the Prison, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Turn not to the right or to the left, but set thy face toward thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. He is the Everlasting that perisheth not. Hold fast unto the word of piety and follow not those who follow their own selves and desires. Thus doth the Dove counsel thee in this luminous Tablet. Cast aside the book of the transgressors and take the Tablet of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, with manifest strength. Then arise above the horizon of love with the mention of the name of thy Lord, the Most High. Say: O people of creation! The Creator of all things hath come with mighty sovereignty. Then give thanks unto God for having connected thee with Him Whom God hath purified from every wicked, ungrateful sinner, and hath illumined his countenance with the lights of His beauty, and caused him to know the Manifestation of His Self, and enabled him to speak His praise amongst the worlds. The light which hath shone forth from the horizon of sanctity be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Most Great Handle in these days wherein the faces of the proud have been altered. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment and the Beloved of the worlds.

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O Moses! He is the Mighty! Glad-tidings, then glad-tidings, that the decree hath come once again, and this is what hath been inscribed upon the Tablets by a holy, luminous Pen. They have expelled Us from that land even as they expelled Us the first time, and We are now in great thankfulness. By this We rejoice within Our souls and thank God, Our Creator, with a truthful, clear tongue. Say: The Bird of Divinity hath soared in this atmosphere and sought the holy expanse in other lands, by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Phoenix of Yearning hath flown to the Qaf of Paradise, and thereby the breeze of separation hath wafted over all who are in the heavens and on earth. At the time of ascension It calleth out to the loved ones of God with a mighty, attractive call and counseleth them with counsel that bringeth all existence unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Differ not in the Cause of God and fear no one, but place your trust in God, the Mighty, the Wise, for in this there lieth a wisdom none knoweth save those who have detached themselves from all who dwell in the realm. Soon will it become manifest like the sun in the midst of heaven, if ye be of them that know. Say: This is Husayn Who hath truly come unto you with every clear proof from God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing - proofs that the minds of the wise and the hearts of the mystics are powerless to comprehend. He dwelt among you for

successive years, His countenance shining like the light of dawn from a brilliant morning horizon, yet ye, O heedless ones, knew Him not, until God's way was fulfilled in His own Self and He migrated from your land to a distant country. Then did the eyes of eternity weep, and the livers of the mystics were consumed, and the hearts of the lovers. Say: The Spirit hath departed from the body of Iraq, for the Sun of the horizons hath set, and thereby the eyes of the weepers have been blinded. Say: This is a Dove that feareth no one and is not disturbed by any soul, though all the kings of the earth and behind them the company of the hypocrites should gather against It. Nay, rather, Our eyes are gladdened at the descent of tribulation, for it appeareth from the Beloved, and thereby it becometh sweeter than every delicate sweetness. And the Spirit, and the Glory, and the splendor be upon you and upon those who were patient.

152. When thou meetest Jinab-i-Javad, remind him from Us and be of them that remember.

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Port Said. To his honor Aqa Nuru'llah, upon him [be the Glory of God]. 9 Ramadan 1305.

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath attracted the lands and those within them through the fragrance that hath been wafted from the direction of the Hijaz, whereby the light of reality hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His Name, the All-Bountiful. And blessings and peace be upon the sovereign of the Messengers and the Guide of all paths, and upon His family and companions, through whom the standards of polytheism were reversed and the banners of divine unity were raised to their loftiest heights.

And now, at this time when three and a half hours have passed from the twenty-sixth night of the blessed month of Ramadan, He appeared and commanded these exalted words to be written, specifically for that honored one and the spiritual friend Aqa Muhammad-Tahir:

Write to Nuru'llah and Muhammad, upon them both be greetings, that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. O Nuru'llah! His honor Zein, upon him be the peace of God and His mercy, hath made mention of thee and hath sought for thee that which betokeneth the favor of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to preserve thee and guard thee from the wicked and evil ones, and make thee one who speaketh His praise and serveth His loved ones, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee with that which will elevate thy station among the servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His near servants. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And I counsel you to show love towards the Afnan. You must in all conditions be mindful and seek their good-pleasure. Verily, God is with His patient and sincere servants.

His honor the Name of God, Zein, upon him be the peace of God and His mercy, hath remembered and continueth to remember you, and likewise his honor Ustad ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the peace of God. Praise and thanks be to God that in your early youth you have been blessed with that which the divines, princes and elders of Iran are veiled from, save whom God willeth. This is a mighty favor - every person of insight beareth witness to its greatness and every informed one testifieth thereto. This servant seeketh for you that which is the cause of prosperity and salvation in the divine worlds. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And peace and remembrance be upon you both and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded in His perspicuous Book.

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O ’Abdu’l-Baha, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of His creation, to draw them nigh unto the court of His glory, to cause them to hold fast to the cord of His bounty, and to turn them toward the lights of His countenance. He it is Who made manifest the Way and sent down the Proof, and commanded all to perform such deeds as would elevate their stations and ranks in His earth. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

And blessings and peace be upon the Mystery of existence and the Ocean of bounty, the One Who oversees what was and what will be, through Whom God joined the K and the N, and through Whom appeared what was hidden and concealed from hearts and eyes. And upon His family and companions, the fountains of wisdom and utterance and the oceans of mercy and knowledge, through whom were raised the banners of triumph and victory and every hidden matter was revealed, and through whom the clouds rained down and rivers flowed and mysteries were unveiled and the call was raised between earth and heaven: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Overseer, the Self-Subsisting!”

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee in such wise as to attract hearts. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee every good thing He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to write down for thee that which shall endure as long as His names endure. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier that the mention of you and the loved ones in the presence of the Wronged One hath been and is the cause of joy and gladness. We beseech God to spread through you the fame of justice, trustworthiness and steadfastness. Verily He is the One Who spreadeth, Who commandeth, the Ruler, the Ancient of Days.

Convey My greetings to ’Abdu’l-’Ali. We beseech God to assist him and bestow His blessings upon him. The letter from his brother was read before the Wronged One and was heard, and its answer was graciously given. As in these days many petitions have arrived from that land, wisdom hath decreed that the answer to ’Ali and his son, who hath spoken in praise of God and His loved ones, be sent together

with the answers to the petitions from that region; therefore it was sent. Let ’Abdu’l-’Ali, upon him be God’s peace, be assured. Peace be upon you and upon those who love you and upon God’s sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Great City. To Aqa Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be glory. 966 [Baha’u’llah]

Dhi’l-Qa’dih 1300

He is God, exalted be His glory - the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who sent down the verse, bestowed the blessing, and revealed the heavenly table. In one sense it is interpreted as divine knowledge and heavenly allusions that were hidden in His knowledge, sealed with His seal, and treasured in the pavilion of His protection. In another sense it is interpreted as commands and ordinances, and in yet another as wisdom and exposition. Exalted is He Who sent down the proof and made manifest the way for His servants and creation. When the appointed time had come and the promise was fulfilled, He revealed the mystery of existence through which the ocean of knowledge and recognition surged in creation, and named him Muhammad in the kingdom of names. He is the one by whose name the back of idols was broken and the winds of unbelief and tyranny were cut off. Through him the gates of the cities of knowledge and wisdom were opened and the peacock of recognition trilled among creation. He is the sovereign of the Messengers and the guide of ways. Upon him be peace from God that shall not cease for as long as the kingdom and realm endure, and prayers that shall not end for as long as the empire abides. And upon his family and companions who raised the palaces of recognition and laid the foundation of wisdom and exposition - those servants who acted according to what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds, and aided His religion in such wise that the standards were planted in most lands and the fear of God encompassed all in creation.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored master arrived and was seen. Joy and delight were obtained. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for health, well-being, blessing and bounty for your honor. He is the Hearer and Answerer. After it was brought to the presence, He said: “We ask of God to aid him in that whose trace and fruit is lasting and eternal. We beseech Him to send down upon him a blessing from His presence and make him among the firm, steadfast and upright ones. He is the most powerful of the powerful and the guardian over all in the heavens and earths.”

To the presence of the beloved of the heart, the honored Shaykh - 202 [Baha’u’llah], upon him be the peace of God - I convey greetings. God willing, may you ever be assisted and adorned through the special favors of the peerless Friend. Peace be upon you and upon God’s sincere and steadfast servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath made this world a manifest book and a mighty volume, and hath inscribed therein that which ordaineth its change and passing away, its turmoil and transformation and extinction. Blessed are they whom its conditions and manifestations and colors and ornaments and bounties have not prevented. And peace and blessings be upon Him Who was the cause of its appearance and the reason for its emergence and ascendancy and exaltation, and upon His family and companions through whom the banner of good was raised and the standard of evil was brought low, and through whom appeared what God desired, and upon those who followed them in spirit and fragrance and through whom was established what the All-Merciful had ordained.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The servant hath attained to hearing the cooing of the doves of your love in the gardens of wisdom and utterance, and hath recognized thereby your loftiness and acceptance and steadfastness and your being known among the religions. We beseech God to aid you in achieving every good thing ordained in His Manifest Book.

When I recognized and read it, I presented it before the Master, may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him. He said: O thou who art assured of God and His sovereignty! The attending servant hath presented what was in thy letter. We beseech God to raise through thee the banner of divine knowledge throughout all possibility. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Peace be upon thee and upon thy son Husayn and upon the Light who was with me in the nights and days. We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve him and strengthen him and preserve thee and those with thee. He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Although the reply was delayed for a long period, yet O beloved of my heart, the occupation reached such a state that in mentioning it there is no mention of times and opportunity and mention of time and the like. And we thank God for having aided His servant at this time in presenting the reply to His loved ones in Iraq which you had sent before, and I beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them and for us that which will draw us near and benefit us in every world of His worlds. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Watchful, the Near.

The servant conveyeth greetings to the friends of God there and beseecheth for them divine confirmation in all conditions. Verily He is the Helper in the beginning and the end. Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on 4 Muharram al-Haram 1303

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Port Said. O Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! He is the Mighty, the Great! Praise be to God Who hath adorned the Mount with His Interlocutor, and the Tree with its Planter, and the Fire with its Kindler, and hath revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. The letter of the Afnan, upon him be my Baha and my loving-kindness, which was sent to this servant was presented before the Face of the Wronged One and was perused.

Praise be to God, the entire letter was illumined with the light of divine love and aflame with the fire of godly attraction, speaking and testifying of the ocean of sincerity. We beseech God to ordain for thee that whose mention and traces may be spread throughout the world. Verily, He is powerful over all things. And concerning what thou didst write about 'Abdu'l-Hamid, upon him be my Baha - three petitions arrived from him and from Mulla 'Abdu'llah, entitled Rafi'-i-Badi', upon him be my Baha, and another person. And afterwards two petitions arrived from the honored Afnan Haji Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be my Baha and loving-kindness, and from 'Abdu'l-Hamid. Twice there was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will especially for them that which hath no likeness or parallel. Before thy letter, by the space of several days, it was sent. One Tablet was also revealed in reply to the petition of Muhammad-Hashim and was sent to the honored Haji Mirza Husayn to deliver. We beseech God to assist them to serve the Cause and to give them to drink at all times from the cup of His loving-kindness that by which the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven may be attracted. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Blessed art thou, O My Afnan! Thou hast held fast to the teaching of the Cause of the Divine Lote-Tree. This is thy station, and it beseemeth thee and is worthy of thee. To this testifieth My tongue and My pen and My Tablet, of which none hath knowledge save God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to Ibn, upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness. He hath ever been and still is remembered. And We make mention of Nuru'llah and Muhammad and counsel them to patience and forbearance and to that whereby their stations may be elevated among the people. And We beseech God to send down upon them a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His side. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of grace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning this firm and mighty Cause.

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Praise be to God Who hath adorned the ledger of all created things with the Pen which was named the Most Exalted in the kingdom of creation and the Dawning-Place of Revelation by those who have clung to the Crimson Ark sailing upon the sea of might through the Name which God hath sanctified from all names and through which He created what He created and rent asunder what was joined. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who illumined contingent being with the light shining from the horizon of manifestation and made His exalted Word the Salsabil of life for the people of understanding and a straight path for whoso turneth unto Him in humility and certitude. And the essence of remembrance and praise be upon His Branches and Twigs and upon those who have proclaimed His Cause and arisen to serve Him, then upon those who have believed in Him and were martyred in His path and who emigrated for love of Him and His good-pleasure. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

My spirit be a sacrifice for the Twigs of God! This evanescent servant hath been blessed by the fragrance of your exalted words in such wise that neither my tongue nor the tongues of humanity can describe. It was presented at the Throne and what was therein was laid before His Presence. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "Blessed is he in that he hath gathered from the Lote-Tree of certitude the fruits of knowledge and plucked from the Tree of reunion the flowers of wisdom and utterance. Verily We, in the

prison, have remembered and do remember them, for My remembrance is as the breath of the All-Merciful which, when it passeth over the Twigs, moveth them and stirreth them and sustaineth them in the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

This servant submitteth that God willing you will never withhold from this evanescent one the wine of your loving-kindness. Another submission is that whatever was sent arrived in accordance with your letter. The glad tidings for this servant are that after receipt, as commanded, one jacket and one cloak of white broadcloth were specifically cut and sewn for the Most Holy Beauty, even though since departing Iraq He had used only black broadcloth until this time when He specifically commanded it. Likewise the container box has reached Switzerland and they have written news of it and these days they are sending it. From the friends, whoever is in your presence, I convey greetings and praise. May the glory that transcendeth mention of aught else but Him be upon His Branches and Twigs throughout the duration of His sovereignty and His kingdom.

The Servant

4 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1292

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath rent asunder the veil from before the face of the mysteries and revealed the Hidden Treasure through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who stood sovereign over all names by the leave of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. He, verily, ruleth over whatsoever He willeth. To this testifieth that which was created by the Word of God, the Lord of creation.

O 'Ali! This is a Day wherein the Call hath been raised between earth and heaven. It behooveth thee to leave behind the world and all that is therein, and to turn toward the wilderness of detachment in the name of the Lord of creation, crying out and proclaiming: "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Desire of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art wronged amidst the peoples! I testify that Thou hast arisen to establish the Cause of God and His remembrance, and hast summoned the servants unto His straight path."

O 'Ali! Fix thy gaze upon this word which, like unto the sun, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet. Verily it will guide thee and suffice thee, by His Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This word was previously revealed through one of the Manifestations of the Cause, but at this time it hath appeared adorned with a wondrous and clear ornament. He said: "O Lord, how can I reach Thee?" He replied: "Cast thyself aside, then come." The meaning is this: abandon thyself and turn to the Truth. The intention of this blessed word is not mere outward turning, but rather detachment from all that hath been seen and heard, and thereafter to observe and hearken with the eye and ear of truth and fairness. By the life of God! Then shalt thou behold the ocean before thy face and the Lote-Tree of utterance at thy right hand. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach thee.

O ’Ali! Consider what they said concerning the Qa’im for twelve hundred years, and most of those who related and narrated traditions were among the divines. Nevertheless, not a single word thereof was adorned with the ornament of truth, as became evident on the Day of His manifestation. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This is not a day for thee to occupy thyself with sayings, for the horizon of divine purpose hath become manifest and evident, and the Word itself is established upon the throne of utterance. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hath turned toward Him with an expanding breast and penetrating vision. God willing, we beseech Him not to deprive you and His loved ones of the wine of inner meanings in this divine Day. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is God, exalted is He! My God, my God! I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, and to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. O my Lord! Grant me complete detachment from all else save Thee, that I may wholly cling to the cord of Thy bounty and hold fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. My God, my God! I have witnessed the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and have hastened toward them with my grievous sins and mighty transgressions. I have beheld the effulgences of the Sun of Thy wealth and have turned toward them in my poverty and need. O Lord of the Throne and of earth, Master of the Hereafter and of this world! O Lord of the world and Beloved of nations! Thou seest the ignorant one standing before the gate of Thy knowledge, and the destitute one before the kingdom of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, whereby the dead were raised and the Manifestations of Names and Attributes appeared, to make me one of those through whose mention Thy Most Exalted Pen was moved in the kingdom of creation, and through whom Thou didst aid Thy Cause and manifest Thy sovereignty, and through whom Thou didst raise the banner of “Verily Thou art God” and the standard of dominion for Thyself in Thy kingdom and Thy realm of might. O Lord! I long to be detached from all else save Thee and attracted by Thy verses, in such wise that I move not except through the winds of Thy Will, nor speak except by that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy favor - strengthen them in such work as will promote Thy Cause and from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure will be diffused. O Lord! Adorn my deeds and aspirations with the light of Thy acceptance. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge my heedlessness and forgetfulness in Thy days. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will set right my affairs, then enable me to make good what hath escaped me during the dawning of the lights of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation. O Lord! Look not upon my failings, but upon Thy bounty, and not upon the hosts of my disobedience, but upon the waves of the ocean of Thy pardon and forgiveness. Blessed is the heart that hath melted in Thy love, and the liver that hath been consumed in its remoteness from the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness, and the eye whose tears have flowed at the sight of Thy tokens, and the breast whose sighs have risen in longing for Thy presence. Alas! Alas! O my Lord and my Beloved! If Thy binding decree should prevent me from turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence and entering Thy prison and appearing before the throne of Thy manifestation. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can

frustrate. Thou givest through Thy Will and takest through Thy Purpose. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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The Leaf of Paradise

He is God, the King, the Exalted, the Holy, the All-Glorious

This is a Book from the Tree of Justice to her whom God hath chosen and associated with His Own Self. Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, the Lord of all worlds, and that He hath no partner in the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and there is no God but Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Wise. The Messengers have appeared from His presence and summoned all creation unto Him, and followed what their Lord revealed unto them, and glorified God in every condition, and were among the righteous. The Primal Point is verily the Truth from thy Lord; let not the deeds of men veil thee. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto the Truth, and praise God in every condition, for this hath been ordained by God in a preserved Tablet. God is the Truth and all else is falsehood. Fear God at all times, worship Him with true worship, set right thy affairs, and guard thyself in every condition lest anything harm thee, and be thou of those who are protected. Thus do We impart unto thee from the verses of the Book, and unto those women who have believed and trusted in God and followed the Light and were among the devout. Let nothing veil thee from thy Lord's command, nor let those who have disbelieved weaken thee - they are the companions of the fire and shall find no escape. God, the Lord of all, hath manifested His light through guidance and truth, and made clear His Cause to all. Among the people are those who have believed and turned toward Him, and those who have turned away and retreated. God hath assigned to each a measure in the Cause. He is the Strong, the Mighty. The knowledge of all that is in the heavens and earth escapeth Him not, and with Him is the Kingdom of the seen and unseen. And thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. His light encompasseth the heavens and earth, and there is nothing but is illumined by it. This is from the mention of God's mercy. None believe in God's signs save the God-fearing. Those who have patiently endured in God's Cause what they were made to suffer - these are they who have been guided to goodly speech, and those women who have endured patiently - these are they who have attained a noble victory and are among the joyous ones. Thy reward resteth with God, and God will grant thee relief when He willeth. Be thou patient in the Cause and ask God of His grace. He is the All-Informed, the All-Seeing.

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O Ahmad! Verily We love to remember thee with a remembrance whereby the world will be illumined, and We desire to give thee to drink of the Water of Life from the Kawthar of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Giving, the All-Knowing. We had sent thee before the chalice of divine knowledge, and thou didst drink therefrom through this Name whereby those in all the worlds were subdued. And before that We sent thee a cup which thou didst take and drink from, and We said: "May it be pleasant unto thee, O thou

whose heart hath been adorned with the knowledge of God and whose tongue hath been honored by My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous!" Were We to enumerate for thee what We have sent thee of chalices and cups, it would fill the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is He Who explaineth all things, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have read thy letter before its arrival at the Throne and have revealed for thee this Tablet from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafteth throughout all possibility, that thou mayest find therein that which will gladden thy heart and strengthen thee in My mention, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Gather My loved ones in that place, then recite unto them what We have revealed for thee, that they may soar on the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: Be not grieved, rather rejoice in the bounty that hath encompassed all regions. By My life! Nothing shall escape you if ye ponder on these words. Ye would see yourselves in such joy as cannot be affected by doubts nor touched by the limitations of contingent existence. Of this beareth witness every knower, thinker, perceiver and seer. Ye are beneath the canopies of grace and the pavilion of bounty, and that hath been ordained for you which will delight the eyes of the observers. Convey My greetings to each one of them and give them the glad-tidings of this beauteous remembrance. We have made thee a star of guidance for all creation - illuminate them with the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Dawning, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Then command the people to observe what We have sent down from Our holy dominion in Our Most Holy Book, that they may act according to what hath been revealed therein of the ordinances of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Say: Verily it is the Dayspring of bounty for you and the Spirit of Life for your preservation. Hold fast unto it with such power as cannot be hindered by the hints of the heedless. Whoso acteth in accordance with it hath attained unto God's command and His good-pleasure, and whoso is negligent is counted among the ignorant. Through it the fragrance of the garment wafteth among you and it draweth you nigh unto the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily it is God's Ark among you and His Most Great Sign unto all creation. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it; he is of the people of this exalted station. Glory be upon thee and upon those who follow thy command in this manifest Cause.

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To Husayn from Zavarih, who attained the presence before the Throne and was among those who attained. He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O Husayn! Hear the call of the Husayn at the time when He remained alone among the servants and was imprisoned time after time by what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. And besides these, servants who were created by His command rose up against Him - and God is witness to this - and they visited upon Me that which the Pen is ashamed to mention, after I came to them from the heaven of grace with mercy and mighty lights, and recited unto them at all times verses which every knower and learned one was powerless to comprehend, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed.

Remind the servants of the days when thou wert present before the Throne and heard what no ear of men hath heard, except those who attained the presence of thy Lord and were among those who attained. Blessed be thine eye for what it saw, and thine ear for what it heard, and thy face for having turned toward the face of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great.

Know thou that We have not forgotten thee, for thy Lord never cuts off His mercy from His seeking servants. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and turn not to anyone. Then remember thy Lord at all times and turn not to those in whose hearts thou findest rancor toward the Youth, who were among the idolaters. Say: Die in your wrath! By God, that which hath appeared causeth to burn the breast of every sinful idolater and giveth life to the hearts of all who have believed in God and His signs and have drawn nigh unto the Law of grace in this wondrous, sublime Paradise.

Know thou that I have fallen into the pit of hatred and none is aware save God Who hath recorded all things in a preserving and mighty Book. Would that he who cast Me therein would calm his envy and give rest to his soul and not slander Me nor be among the slanderers. By God the Truth, there hath befallen Me what hath befallen no one, then he cried out within himself the cry of the oppressed ones that he might thereby cause doubt among those who believed and might introduce his rancor into the breasts of the sincere ones. Thus have We informed thee of what hath befallen Us that thou mayest be aware of the matter of thy Lord and remember Him with sorrowful verses. Arise to serve the Cause with steadfastness from Us, then remind the people of what thou art able and be not among the patient ones. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken unto God a way.

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O servant before Karim, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Bountiful Glory of God! O servant before Karim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful, as the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty turneth toward thee from this bountiful horizon, inasmuch as thou hast turned toward Him with a heart enkindled with the fire of thy Lord's love, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having recognized the Purpose of the world and discovered the fragrances of the Ancient Beauty from the garment of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He hath created all things for His mention and praise; yet when He appeared, they who followed their desires denied Him, while they who were given the vision of light by the All-Forgiving, the Merciful, believed. Behold the people and their lack of understanding: they make mention of God morning and evening, yet when He came with the truth they denied Him and followed every ignorant remote one. They clung to what they possessed and cast behind them Him Who created all things by His binding, wise command. Among the people are those who recite the Qur'an yet deny Him Who revealed it in truth - they are indeed among the abased. And among them are those who recite the Bayan yet deny the All-Merciful - thus doth the Lord of all possibility recount unto thee while in the hands of the oppressors. And among them are those who said He came before the appointed time, thereby objecting to Him through Whom the decree of the appointed time was established between the heavens and the earth. We have heard thy call and accepted thy mention which was adorned with the ornament of thy Lord's love, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thus have the breezes of forgiveness wafted over thee from the direction of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and ordained for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the mystics. Rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord and in that thy letter was accepted at the Throne, for We found it purified from the mention of aught else. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is the servant who hath attained this day to the mention of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and is among the steadfast. Despite this tribulation, I summon all created

things unto God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Calamities have encompassed Us to such extent as cannot be mentioned by the pen nor completed in tablets. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The swords of tyranny have not prevented Us from remembrance and utterance. We make mention of Him at all times, even though the hosts of oppression from these heedless ones surround Me. We beseech God to make thee a servant of His Cause among His creatures, to strengthen thee for the mention of this Remembrance at Whose appearance all on earth would swoon except whom God willeth, the Almighty, the Powerful, and to aid thee in helping His Cause and to manifest through thee that whereby His mention shall be spread among the worlds. Verily the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have circled round the Cause with such power as was not prevented by the affairs of polytheism nor the onslaughts of the oppressors.

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He is God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Most Exalted Pen! Write upon the white page that which the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out to thee from the crimson spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Were all existence, both seen and unseen, to turn unto the Worshipped One, they would surely hear what Moses heard: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” This is the Day wherein whoso hath turned unto Him is adorned with the ornament of His countenance, and whoso hath turned away is among the most lost. This is the Day wherein the lips of existence have smiled at the advent of the Promised One, yet the Intended One is in manifest sorrow. This is the Day wherein hearts are consumed by the fire of the face of the Beloved, and the pearls of the seas are as nothing when the Dawning-Place of Revelation speaketh amongst His near servants. They who have attained the lights of this Day are of the people of Baha in the tablet of eternity, and they who are debarred are in grievous error. It behooveth every soul to arise to aid the Wronged One, and every tongue to utter this wondrous remembrance. They who have cast away vain imaginings in the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, these are the most excellent of creation in the sight of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. None shall excel them in aught; these are of the sincere ones. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to manifest His Cause and to enable them to utter His praise amidst [the worlds]. O people of Baha! Hearken once again unto the call from the direction of grandeur: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Beware lest the doubts of the polytheists hold you back from the Dawning-Place of the verses of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Abandon all else and hold fast unto His strong cord. He verily seeth whoso turneth toward Him and heareth whoso calleth upon Him. He is with His virtuous servants. In His grasp is the control of all knowledge and in His right hand is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He expoundeth unto whom He willeth whatsoever He willeth, yet most of the people are heedless. Were ye to turn to the Most Sublime Horizon, ye would behold Our greatest signs and hear this call which hath been raised in truth from this exalted station. We have sent down every matter in the Book - blessed are they who know. We have detailed all things in the Tablets - blessed are they who are certain. O servant! Give thanks, for the face of the Beloved hath turned toward thee and the tongue of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, hath mentioned

thee. This is a bounty whereunto nothing can be compared, as would testify every just and perceiving one. Verily, glory be upon the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark through this Name that ruleth over the worlds.

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O Shaykh Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! We have sent down from the heaven of [the Bayan] a luminous water, that there might grow thereby in the soil of hearts the plant of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is knowing over all things. Water hath diverse meanings, among them the manifestation of the All-Merciful upon all created things, and among them the dawning of the lights of [the Word], and among them the water We have caused to flow from the Fountainhead of the Divine Will. Thy Lord, verily, is knowing of all things. Say: The [trees] that have attained unto these waters - from their leaves and fruits can be heard that which bringeth tranquility to the hearts of the servants and speaketh unto men at one time of this Great Announcement and at another of the mystery of My Ancient Name. Blessed is he who knoweth that he hath been mentioned before the Throne as one of the people of Baha. Say: O people! The Revelations have ended. Beware lest ye differ regarding that which the Pen of [Command] imparteth unto you. Follow the religion of God and His Faith, and follow not every polytheist who is far removed from the truth. Ere long shall ye hear from most lands the cry of the Calf. Beware lest ye follow every lying sinner who is recorded in the Tablet as guilty. Say: O people! The Primal Point desired from the Bayan naught save My Self and the manifestation of My Cause. Were anyone to inhale it, he would discover from its every word the fragrance of My raiment. Thus was the Command sent down in the Bayan from the presence of the All-Merciful. He spoke, and His Word is the truth: “Should anyone utter a verse, reject him not.” Ponder then, O people of insight! When He became aware of this Revelation and beheld it upon the throne of grandeur and glory, He therefore spoke this word and others like it. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Were it not for My Self, He would not have spoken thus, and thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness to this. How many are the servants who utter words and claim for themselves that which God hath not permitted them. Reflect, O people of vision! Even as ye have heard from most cities the cry of one who hath claimed divine revelation and wrongfully taken people’s [wealth]. Thus do We teach thee the way of truth from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Thinkest thou they are awake? Nay, they sleep, and the tongue of power and might in the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious, beareth witness to this. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and turned toward the Dawning-Place of thy Lord’s Will, the All-Merciful. Pay no heed to those who have turned away and objected. We have ordained [for thee] a station in Paradise which is, by My life, among the most exalted of stations. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We testify that you have turned to God and left your home by His command, traversing land and sea until you entered the Luminous Spot - the place wherein the Lote Tree of the Far Boundary speaks: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Sovereign of the throne and earth.” Blessed are you for having attained the presence at the Gate and heard the call of the Wronged One Who speaks among humanity.

God willing, you must, through divine grace, return to your homeland and kindle all souls with the fire of the All-Merciful’s love. May what was mentioned not be forgotten. This Day has no equal. In this transient station, one must acquire an everlasting rank. Soon these veiled people will return to dust and cry out “Oh, woe unto us!”

Praise the exalted Truth that confirmed you and granted permission for you to attain what was recorded and inscribed in God’s books. Now strive to become the cause of unity of hearts and enkindling of souls in that land. Deal with receptive souls with utmost love - this is the counsel of the Wronged One to you. You have heard the utterances of Truth and witnessed the deeds of Truth. You must be so firm in the Cause that if the entire world were to mention other than what you have heard and seen, you would consider it all delusion and remote from truth.

God willing, may you speak the truth and act according to His command. Today is the day of deeds. Blessed is the soul that has clung to divine ordinances and acted upon them. They are among the people of Baha in the perspicuous Book.

Convey greetings to all the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and say: God is witness that in nights and days the Pen has not rested but has revealed that which guides all. O friends, strive that you may not be deprived in God’s Day and may attain the wondrous, successive, novel outpourings. Hold fast to what you have been commanded in God’s Book, the Lord of the worlds. By My life, it will make you known and guide you to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

If someone has not been outwardly mentioned, let them not be saddened, for all the friends are recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Book of Names. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Mulla ’Abdu’l-Hamid! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! May you ever be blessed through the favors of the Eternal Beloved and remain focused on the horizon of the Cause, which is the Dawning-Place of the lights of divine ordinances. Arise to serve the Cause with utmost dedication. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that ere long whatsoever is observed in the realm of existence shall return to nothingness. Nothing shall remain on earth save the traces of God and His Most Exalted Pen. Reflect upon God’s Cause, His sovereignty, His power and might, and what He hath manifested among His servants. Then read what hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will. By My life! It will attract thee to a station which God hath sanctified above mention and utterance, and exalted above glory, holiness and beauty. Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which is like unto a pillar for the tabernacle of God’s Cause. He saith: “Put away all else save Me and take the chalice of steadfastness in My Name, the Wondrous.” Most of the people are observed to be deprived of sight and hearing, and

likewise devoid of spirit, for they were not awakened by the cry raised between earth and heaven, nor did they attain consciousness through the trump of the horn and the blast of the trumpet. They neither saw the evident signs nor heard the revealed verses. The ocean of knowledge surgeth before all faces, yet they turn away from it and cling to the sources of idle fancies. Such is the condition of the people and their measure. Thou shouldst at all times be thankful to the Beloved of all existence that He hath aided thee to turn towards Him. Whosoever hath attained this supreme honor in this Day is mentioned among the inhabitants of the most exalted Paradise in the Book of Names, and the Pens of the Kingdom of Utterance are unable to describe his station. God will soon make manifest the stations of those who have turned to Him and arisen to serve His Cause. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Convey My greetings to thy son and give him the glad-tidings of My grace and favor, that he may hold fast to that which shall profit him in all the worlds of his Lord. Exert your utmost effort and striving to preserve this lofty and most exalted station, for the satans lie in ambush and the Cause is in God's hands, the True Sovereign, the Manifest. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you both, draw you near, grant you the good of this world and the next, and ordain for you what He hath ordained for those who are brought near. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O first light that rose and shone forth, O first fragrance that was wafted and diffused! Upon thee, O dawning-place of prosperity and manifestation of success! I testify that through thee the fragrance of the garment was spread abroad and the decree of sanctification appeared, and through thee the gate of divine knowledge was opened to all contingent beings and the dove of proof warbled upon the branch of utterance. Glory and power belong unto God, the Lord of all religions! Thou art he whom neither the doubts of the skeptics nor the signs of the transgressors deterred. Through thee the clouds rained down and the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Lords!" Alas, alas! How many a day didst thou spend in chains and fetters, and how many a night didst thou hear the taunts of the people of error who in the end denied God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Thou art he who showed patience in hardship and tribulation in the path of God, Creator of heaven, and who wast with Me in prison in days when the fire of hatred blazed in the hearts of the idolaters who rejected the truth with their own inventions, violated His covenant and testament, disbelieved in His signs and proof, and denied what was sent down from the heaven of His Will and appeared by His command and shone forth from His horizon. Through thee and thy like were opened the gates of bounty upon the faces of all beings, and the Pen of the Lord of eternity was set in motion in the realm of creation. Thou art he at whose calamity every seeing one wailed and every informed one cried out, every just one wept and every fair-minded one was confounded, and by what befell thee arose the lamentation of those near unto God and the cry of the sincere ones. I testify that thou didst not hesitate in the Cause of God thy Lord, and didst perceive the fragrance of the Revelation when it was wafted throughout the world. Through thy calamity hearts were melted and lands were changed. I testify that thou didst turn and believe on a day when the earth shone with the light of its Lord and the heaven with its Creator and Fashioner. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of the mystics, be upon thee and upon thy

beginning and thy end, thy outward and thy inward self, and the mercy of God and His blessings. Glorified art Thou, O Light of the world and Attractor of the hearts of nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to forgive me and my father and my mother. Then I beseech Thee by the Trust which Thou hast concealed in this station to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of all days. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of the one true God! O Shaykh! Hearken unto the spiritual call from the divine Lote-Tree in the Persian tongue, that thou mayest become quickened by the sweet melody of the All-Merciful and make alive and enduring the body of contingent being. This is not difficult for God. Take thou the wine of "Am I not?" from the hand of the one true Beloved and drink, that thou mayest become intoxicated and ascend from this transient realm to the eternal realm beyond space, and attain unto the Most Holy Outpouring which is sanctified above mention and utterance. And after ascending to this ultimate goal, turn thou to the people of creation that through divine grace thou mayest draw all to this spiritual wine toward the realm of oneness. This indeed is an exquisite wine for those who drink thereof. How excellent is the state of that soul who today has attained unto this cup and partaken thereof. Verily, the righteous shall drink of a cup wherein is mixed camphor. O Shaykh! Consider the various sects among the people of the Path, how they all counted themselves among the people of insight, yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the divine horizon of God's Will, most remained deprived of the Dayspring of guidance and the Dawning-Place of His most beautiful names due to the veils of self and desire. This is not the first flask that was shattered in the path of Truth, nor the first veil that was rent by the deeds of mankind. Consider the past: when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz, how many stones of denial and objection were cast by the people of hypocrisy and metaphor at that Lote-Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West. They said: "We found our fathers following a religion, and we are guided by their footsteps." God willing, may you in this soul-refreshing morn drink the cup of success in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn, and give others to drink, and remain detached and sanctified and free from all the worlds. Say: O nightingales, the Rose is manifest and evident, and O lovers, the Beauty of the Beloved is bright and radiant as the true dawn. Now is the time for singing, now is the time for sacrificing one's life. We beseech God to make you shine like a lamp of guidance among the people of your land, that all may benefit from your breath and find their way to the All-Bountiful. Verily, He has power over all things. Whosoever was truthful in saying "We belong to God" will surely attain unto "unto Him do we return" in this Revelation of the Hidden Name. Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

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O Varqa! Upon thee be the Glory of God! Fix thy gaze upon this utterance which, like the sun of the world, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of divine commandments: "Be thou steadfast in My Cause and remind the people of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Mine utterance." O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My countenance! I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of

knowledge that this word is greater than whatsoever is in heaven and earth. Through God's grace thou must remind the servants, by day and by night, through wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may become aware and be adorned with the ornament of certitude after being cleansed of vain imaginings. All people are in need of education. They who are endowed with insight must turn their attention to this momentous matter. The flowers of the rose-garden of the world drink and are nurtured from two streams: knowledge and vision. Whoso hath not attained unto these two hath never truly existed, nor doth he now exist. That which today causeth the exaltation of the Word of God is goodly character. Say: O friends! The Pen of the All-Merciful declareth: Strive that ye may be adorned with such virtues as will cause the elevation of your station and glory. Ye have dwelt for a time beneath the Lote-Tree and have hearkened with your own ears to the words of the Wronged One. Say: Today befitting deeds and pleasing words are needed. Every goodly deed is in itself a teacher of the Cause. The proof of this utterance is what hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablets. Were a man in this day to adorn himself with the raiment of trustworthiness it were better for him in the sight of God than that he should journey on foot towards the holy court and be blessed with meeting the Adored One and standing before His Seat of Glory. Trustworthiness is as a stronghold to the city of humanity, and as eyes to the human temple. Whosoever remaineth deprived thereof shall, before His Throne, be reckoned as one bereft of vision, though in the sharpness of sight he be as Zarqa of Yemen. Render thanks unto God for having made thee aware and granted thee the meeting which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a matter which all the Messengers gave glad tidings of. Well is it with him that hath attained thereunto, and woe betide the heedless. Gird up the loins of service and occupy thyself with the remembrance of thy Lord. The bounties of God are descending like rain from the heaven of His Will. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Upon thee be glory, and upon those whom the tyranny of the divines, those Pharaohs of the earth, hath not frightened in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

After praise to the Pure Knower and Raiser of the celestial spheres and Revealer of the station of dust, it is submitted that once again the detailed letter that was promised was not sent, as various necessary writings intervened. This much is submitted that, praise be to God, the prison land is now calmer compared to before. Some of the friends of God arrive and others depart - each day He is in a new condition and His Cause in a new state. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist that honored one in that which will remain forever mentioned and enduring. To the friends in every land and place where they may be, I convey greetings, glorification and praise. God willing, may they drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that the books of the world will not prevent them from the Most Great Book, and likewise that words will not hold them back from the ocean of meaning. This is not difficult for God our Lord.

Regarding what you wrote about obtaining four hundred from two sources - nothing can be obtained from the two mentioned sources. According to what was stated, they have no cash on hand. And likewise you said that the honored Amin, upon him be the glory of God, has written nothing. In any case, it would

be difficult for them to fulfill payment of this sum. These two matters were written so that that beloved of the heart may be informed. And regarding what you wrote about proceeding to the land of H and M - this is very good, and likewise to Kurdistan, for two souls in those regions have spoken that which caused divine displeasure and have done that which made justice itself weep. However, we have concealed their names - you too should conceal them. Verily your Lord is the Concealer. This matter is necessary, namely attention to those two places. And now those two individuals have departed. Some of the imaginary hosts have also passed through those regions. Glory be to God! Most of the servants are occupied with previous vain imaginings and have not realized that those vain imaginings of the previous party produced no fruit, such that now they should again remain deprived of the Lord of Names through vain imaginings. The Command is in His grasp - He does and decrees as He wishes, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you.

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O Lord of the Letter Kaf! He is the Mighty. These are the verses of the Spirit sent down in truth that perchance the people may become aware within themselves and then be guided by His verses in the days of the Spirit. Say: O people! The Hour hath come in truth, the Dove hath warbled, the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, and God hath come with the Manifestation of His Self in the shadows of clouds, while the believers rejoice in the gladness of nearness. Yet ye have not become aware of any of this, and have taken lords for yourselves besides God, and have turned away from the Beauty of the Mighty, the Beloved. Therefore hearken unto My words and turn toward the Sanctuary of Beauty; then deny not, through God's favor, His Most Great Remembrance. This is better for you than all that ye witness and know in the kingdom. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and ye shall return to the seat of a mighty, self-subsisting Sovereign, and shall be questioned concerning what ye acquired in your vain days, and shall be recompensed for what ye have earned or will earn. Nothing shall profit you, no soul shall show you mercy, none shall deliver you, and all shall tremble at the might of the Cause. Have mercy upon yourselves and make up for what ye have neglected in regard to God; then ponder His Cause. And thou thyself bear witness that there is no God but Him, the King, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. And if thou hearest of My departure from that land, be not grieved or troubled, for therein lie mysteries that none can comprehend save those who perceive with the eye of God in His Cause. Then know that We have spent all that We had and all that was due Us in the ways of God, the Mighty, the Praised. I fear no one, and We shall fulfill what We covenanted in the realm of pre-existence, did ye but know. And thou, strive with thy soul to be as We were, that the whisperings of Satan may not cause thee to slip from thy Lord's Cause, and that thou mayest return with the lights of might to the fields of unity. We thank God for what hath befallen Us before and what shall befall Us hereafter. We are all His servants and unto Him do we all return. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst warble upon the branches of the Tree of Thy Lordship, to send down upon me of every good its completion, of every grace its perfection, and of every remembrance its greatest. Then, O my God, set right my affairs in this world and the next. Verily Thou art powerful over all things.

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He is the Mighty! These are the verses of the Spirit sent down in truth from a penitent servant, that thou mayest hear the melodies of the Cause and be of those who are guided by the lights of glory. Take heed lest thou forget God's favor upon thee and be of the heedless. Sanctify thyself from all who are in the heavens and on earth. Know thou that the world and its ornaments shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: The Bird hath flown from the branches of Iraq and sought other boughs by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. This is of God's ways which have preceded concerning His near servants. Say: In this departure is the exaltation of God's Cause, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and therein lie concealed mysteries of wisdom which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon shall the Cause be made manifest in truth and the name of God, the Most High, the Most Great, shall be uplifted. Remind the servants as thou art able, and be not of the patient ones. Put thy trust in God and He shall suffice thee above all else. In Him let the sincere ones put their trust. Say: O people of hatred! Die in your wrath, for the Tree of Holiness hath yielded leaves of glorious grace and its branches have reached unto a station wherefrom are cut off the hands of the falsifiers. Those who rejoice at the departure of this Bird, by God, they are in manifest heedlessness. God shall soon turn their joy to grief and seize them with the chastisement of a barren day. Say: This servant hath spent his spirit for God, the Beloved of the knowers, and feareth no one even should all the kings of the earth and those who follow them, these hateful ones, unite against him, for he hath turned unto God and trusted in Him, and He sufficeth him above all in the kingdom. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whosoever holdeth fast to the cord of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

He is the Mighty! God willing, I hope that you will act contrary to past and future, and becoming wholly purified from the self and its conditions, will step into the pleasant atmosphere of the spirit. Speak naught but truth and walk in no path save that of justice. Sanctify your heart and purify your mind. The world shall soon pass away and its manifestations shall not endure. Finally, hear My call and be not of the heedless ones. Nothing in the kingdom shall profit thee save what We have cast upon thee in truth, even should all creation bow before thee. And the Spirit be upon thee if thou hearest the call of this strange Exile.

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He is the One Who acts with truth! There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

These are the verses of holiness which have descended from the direction of the eternal realm, from the spot wherein God calls out with the most beauteous and wondrous voice. Whoso hears this call is transformed from his self and turns to the countenance of Him before Whom prostrate the peoples of the heavens and earth. Hearken thou to that which is revealed unto thee from behind the veils of grandeur upon the shore of the crimson sea. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. In His hand is the dominion of Command, and within His grasp is the kingdom of creation, and all act according to His bidding. His name encompasses all who are in the heavens and earth, and His mercy hath

filled all the worlds. Wert thou to hear this call with the ear of thine heart, thou wouldst swoon away at once, and the raptures of longing would seize thee in such wise that thou wouldst behold in the realm naught save the lights of God, the Holy, the Mighty.

O how blessed art thou if thou attainest unto this station from which the hands of those who have reached maturity are cut off. Then wouldst thou rejoice in all that We have decreed for thee and grieve not at anything, and be among those who are gladdened by God's joy.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Make me content with what Thou hast apportioned unto me, lest I be among those who complain of Thee, for Thou art the Most Powerful of the powerful. Then make me steadfast, O my God, in Thy Cause in such wise that my feet slip not from Thy path after the departure of Thy servant, for Thou art the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

Thou knowest, O my God, that those who worship their own desires are more numerous than those who bow before Thy luminous Beauty. When Thou didst send down upon us this decree which caused the pillars of the sincere ones to crumble and tears to flow from the eyes of those near unto Thee, make us then steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that I hear not the [clamors] of the liars who wished to spread corruption in Thy land after Thou didst forbid them from this. Thou knowest them better than we do, and Thou art the Most Knowing of the knowing ones.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all contingent things and by Thy grace which hath preceded all created things, that Thou cut not off from us the holy fragrances of Thy days, for this is better for us than all that hath been and shall be created, and Thou art powerful over all things.

And furthermore, we now bear witness that thou hast fulfilled God's command regarding thyself and hast been faithful to what thou didst see in thy dream, that thou be steadfast in thy Cause and not be among the perturbed ones.

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O Ali-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, through which the fragrance of love was stirred and the ocean of unity surged! Praise befitteth the Self-Subsisting Lord Who, with the hands of bounty, unsealed and bestowed the sealed wine through the key of the Most Great Name. Blessed is he who turned, partook and drank in My Name which We made the Sovereign of names in the Kingdom of creation and the Dawning-Place of grandeur and majesty unto all in the realms of might and bounty. And woe unto him who turned away and denied the grace of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

O thou who drinkest the wine of My utterance from the hands of My bounty! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised on this day when sorrows have encompassed Me from all sides through that which hath befallen My chosen ones in the Land of Ya at the hands of those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament, denied His proof, shown ingratitude for His favor and disputed His manifest and resplendent evidence.

One must reflect upon the patience and steadfastness of those sanctified and assured souls. In truth, each was a supreme sign. The wrath of the manifestations of fire and the assault of the wicked did not prevent them from remaining steadfast and devoted. They bore in the path of God that which hath no like or equal. Despite the afflictions and tribulations that befell them, they did not rise in self-defense, for those mighty and prevailing hands were bound by the divine chains of restraint. With complete submission and contentment they proceeded to the place of sacrifice and offered their illumined and sanctified spirits as a sacrifice for the Peerless Beloved. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

Thy letter attained the presence and was read. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name and honor thee through His might and to open before thy face the gate of bounty and ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him through the perpetuity of His most excellent names. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The Most Great Glad-Tidings is that thou art ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast attained His special favors. The fruits thereof have appeared and shall continue to appear by the command of God, the Kind, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having turned toward Thy servant and mentioned him in Thy prison in days when the daysprings of polytheism and discord and the sources of infidelity and dissension have appeared. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and detached from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Thy Cause and to arise to aid it through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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O ?Ali-Akbar, upon thee be My glory! My Name, upon him be My glory, hath sent to the Most Holy Court thy letter which was adorned with mention of the martyrs of that land. Although what transpired hath caused grief to the Concourse on High, the Supreme Paradise and the Most Glorious Pavilion, yet in its inmost essence there appeared from it a mighty exaltation and manifest ascension. By the life of God! In its inmost essence is concealed and treasured the Most Great Glad-Tidings which God shall manifest as a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We cherish the hope that all the friends of God will arise to champion His Cause and in all conditions remain detached and free from corruption, conflict and contention. Today all things are speaking and making mention of what hath come to pass. Were the oppressors to hearken to but one line thereof, they would, by their own hands, bring about their destruction. Would that the veil might be lifted from before their eyes, that they might recognize what they have wrought in the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be My glory, previously sent that which testified to the acceptance and steadfastness of the friends, upon them be the glory of God, in that blessed land. The Wronged One beseecheth God to ordain for them the good of this world and of the next and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones and My chosen ones who have not been deterred by the might of the world from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

At this moment, which is four o'clock on Thursday the twenty-sixth of the month of Dhi'l-Hijjih the Sacred, having intended the ultimate goal and most exalted summit, after attendance in the Most Holy, Most Sanctified Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words - His glory be glorified: "O servant present, write to Ibn-i-Dhabih, upon him be My glory: Today all eyes must be fixed upon the Supreme Horizon and all ears attentive to hear the Call, and all must arise to serve the Divine Cause, for whatsoever He ordaineth is the welfare and benefit of His friends and chosen ones. O youth, thou hast attained unto that which was recorded in the divine Books and Tablets. Convey to all the family of Dhabih, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, greetings from the Wronged One and gladden them with God's favor. All are mentioned in His presence and have attained His grace. We send greetings to the leaf who is related to Haji Ali. Previously there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning this matter that whose fragrance is everlasting and enduring. Now they must treat the aforementioned Haji with love and consider his welfare. The purpose is that the fragrance of friendship and unity may be diffused between them. The brothers must all strive and act according to what God hath willed. Their reward is with God Who created them and brought them forth and made them manifest and provided for them and made them grow and caused them to know His Path, from which every stubborn tyrant and every remote polytheist hath turned aside. We beseech God, exalted be He, to reward them for their deeds in this world and the next and to decree for them the recompense of attaining His presence. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Thus ended His utterance. His honor Haji Ali, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, is mentioned and recorded among the souls who are firm and steadfast, and his honor Dhabih the exalted, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, is related to the Truth, glorified be His glory. Therefore whatever shines forth from the horizon of the Cause, to act according to it is necessary. At all times hath union and association been well-pleasing in the sight of God, and separation and dissension abhorred. Hold fast unto that which God loveth and is His command unto you. He, verily, is the All-Knowing and the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Wise Ordainer. Salutations, greetings and glory be upon you from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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To the loved ones of God in Nayriz, upon them be the Glory of God. He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon.

We convey greetings to the friends of God and give them glad tidings of the ocean of the grace of God, exalted be His glory. O people of Nun, blessed are ye and joy be unto you, for from the beginning of the Cause ye attained unto that of which all on earth were heedless. There befell you in the path of God that which caused the Concourse on High to grieve. Whatsoever hath happened and whatsoever will happen

in the path of God - all hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. This is a great glad tiding for you. No deed hath been lost, and its reward is preserved with God. Soon shall the recompense and reward of all be made manifest and evident.

The honored Amin hath made mention of you. Ye have been and are blessed with the divine remembrance, both before and after. We counsel you to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. With perfect unity and harmony, be ye engaged in the remembrance of God and in His service. The service of God, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever shall be to teach His Cause and guide the people. This cannot be achieved except through goodly character, pure deeds, and kindness and love. We beseech God to aid all to do that which is pleasing unto Him.

Some time ago a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', as well as a Visitation Tablet for His Holiness Vahid and the favored ones of God, exalted be His glory. This is the Day of joy and gladness, for God is manifest, His call is raised, and the horizon of the world is illumined and adorned with His light. Implore God for steadfastness. Soon shall the croaking of the raven be silenced. This is the news which the Most Exalted Pen hath given before and after. Some of the people of the Bayan are engaged in plagiarizing divine verses, while others lie in wait with feigned humility and submissiveness, assuming various guises that they might perchance ensnare His loved ones. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness in such wise that the people of the world shall be powerless to prevent them. Take ye hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him. He shall suffice you in truth. Beware lest anything prevent you from this Straight Path and this Mighty News. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

That which hath reached Amin is acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One.

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O Muhammad-Hadi, son of him who has ascended unto God! This is a mention sent down by the All-Merciful for him who has turned to the Countenance on a day wherein the gathering of the world was scattered and lamentation was raised between the heavens and the earth, that he may rejoice in My remembrance, which God has made the choice wine of life for all contingent beings, the Most Great Spirit amongst the nations, and the supreme gift to all creatures. Exalted is the Lord of Religions Who has come from the heaven of grace with manifest justice.

O Hadi! We sent forth the Qa'im, Whom all the divines of the age denied, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Then when successive years had passed, We manifested Our Self with Our Name the Self-Subsisting, yet the people turned away until they pronounced judgment against Us with such tyranny as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. They seized Us time after time and imprisoned Us again and again - once in the land of Ta, and again in Mim, and yet again in Ta, and in the Land of Mystery, and in this mighty prison. We give thanks to God in all this and We accepted what befell Us at the hands of those who were heedless of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of thy father, through whom the lips of mystical knowledge smiled in all creation and who attained the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of him with that which nothing on earth can equal, and We remember him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. And I am verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O Rida! Rejoice in that the Lord of Names makes mention of thee from the precincts of the prison with such mention as draws to it the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Blessed is he who turns to thee and visits thee, by virtue of what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, and presents himself before thy noble resting-place. Thou art he who turned to God's horizon and faced Him on a day wherein every heedless one remote from Him turned away. The first mention uttered by the tongue of the Lord of Eternity among the nations is upon thee, O thou who spoke in remembrance of God and turned to His Face after the passing of all things. I testify that thou didst drink the Choice Wine that was sealed from the hand of His Name the Self-Subsisting, and cast behind thee all idle fancies, and took hold of the Book of Certitude through a power from God, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou in that thy head was adorned with the crown of acceptance and thy temple with the ornament of God's favor in His wondrous Day. The glory and the remembrance and the spirit and the peace and the fragrances wafting from the garment of thy Lord's mercy be upon thee, O thou who hast attained the tender mercy of the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty.

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In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Great. The Pen of Command mentions His servant Muhammad Kazim, the brother in truth who migrated with God, to draw him near to what He has willed for him and to cause him to speak the truth between the heavens and the earths. O servant! When thy name was mentioned in the holy court, verses of wondrous glory were sent down from the heaven of Command, and We sent them to thee as a favor from Our presence, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Take heed lest thou be saddened by those on whose faces thou seest the dust of hell. Seek God's help in all matters, for He will assist thee with the truth. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Drink the cup of immortality from the fingers of Glory, then cast aside the cup of mortality and turn thy face toward thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Take heed lest anything sadden thee. Whatever thou seest in the realm of being shall perish, while sovereignty and power shall remain with God, the King, the Transcendent, the Most High, the Most Great. And if harm befalleth thee, remember My harm and be not saddened by thy harm, for My harm is greater than thy harm and mightier than the harm of all created things combined. By God! There hath come upon Me that which hath come upon no one before, and God is witness to this and is All-Knowing. Say: O people! This is the Most High among you who hath come to you with God's signs, His power and sovereignty, His grandeur and majesty. Fear God, O people, and be among the God-fearing. Dispute not with Him through what your selves and desires command you, and wage not war against His exalted and mighty Self. O people! Look with the eye of the beginning at that whereby the Cause of the Prophets and Messengers was established. Fear God and differ not in His

Cause, and nullify not your deeds through satanic suggestions. Satan commands you to transgression and indecency, while this Youth commands you to fear God, and this is indeed a mighty bounty. Answer God's summoner among you and follow not those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were among the polytheists. And thou, O servant, convey the Cause of thy Lord to those who are veiled by the veils of idle fancies from the beauty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, and who were among the veiled ones, that they may detach themselves from what they possess and turn to what hath been ordained for them in the preserved tablets of glory. And glory be upon thee and upon every insightful believer.

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He is the All-Surrounding, the All-Powerful, the Mighty

Glorified be He Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with proof and evidence, and hath summoned all to the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom and the Dominion belong unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!" Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. We have made mention of thee as a token of grace from Our presence, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say: O people of the lands! The Lord of creation hath come and guideth all to the straight path of God. He desireth naught save to purify your hearts from rancor and hatred, and to teach you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Take, in the Most Great Name, the Kawthar of eternity, then drink thereof despite every denier who hath denied the Cause of God, the Glorious, the Praised. Say: O mystics! By God, the gate of bounty hath been opened before the faces of all peoples - draw nigh and be not of them that turn aside. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the wine of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of the kingdom of names! I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

O Asad! Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Beware lest the deeds of the transgressors and the words of the heedless sadden thee. Say: O people! Fear God, then help your Lord, the All-Merciful, through deeds from which the fragrance of acceptance may be wafted from the presence of God, the Sovereign of the kingdom of the heavens and earths. Say: Your acceptance doth not profit Him, nor doth your rejection grieve Him. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of the worlds was in the hands of the deniers. O Asad! Hear the call from the direction of Akka. He desireth for your prince naught save nearness unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: Cast aside the doubts and intimations of the people, turn thy face toward the Wronged One, and take what thou hast been given from the presence of One knowing and informed. Say:

My God, my God! Draw me nigh unto Thee and illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I testify that I know not what profiteth me. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great. O

Lord! Withhold me not from the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, and disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which Thou hast illumined the world, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest by Thy binding command.

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All glory be to Thee, O Lord my God! I bear witness for Thee to that whereto Thou Thyself didst bear witness for Thine own Self, ere the day Thou hadst created the creation or made mention thereof, that Thou art God, and that there is none other God beside Thee. From eternity Thou hast, in Thy transcendent oneness, been immeasurably exalted above Thy servants' conception of Thy unity, and wilt to eternity remain, in Thine unapproachable singleness, far above the praise of Thy creatures. No words that any one beside Thee may utter can ever beseem Thee, and no man's description except Thine own description can befit Thy nature. All who adore Thy unity have been sore perplexed to fathom the mystery of Thy oneness, and all have confessed their powerlessness to attain unto the comprehension of Thine essence and to scale the pinnacle of Thy knowledge. The mighty have all acknowledged their weakness, and the learned recognized their ignorance. They that are possessed of influence are as nothing when compared with the revelations of Thy stupendous sovereignty, and they who are exalted sink into oblivion when brought before the manifestations of Thy great glory. The radiance of the brightest luminaries is eclipsed by the effulgent splendors of Thy face, and the tongues of the most eloquent of speakers falter under the unrestrained effusions of Thy holy utterance, and the foundations of the mightiest structures tremble before the onrushing force of Thy compelling power.

Who is there, O my God, that can be deemed worthy to be remembered when Thou art remembered, and where is he to be found who can be regarded as capable of hinting at Thy nature or worthy of mention in the court of Thy transcendent oneness? From everlasting Thou has been alone with no one else beside Thee, and to everlasting Thou wilt continue to be one and the same. No God is there beside Thee, the God of power, of glory and wisdom.

Glorified be Thy name, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who is Thine exalted and supreme Remembrance, Whom Thou hast sent down unto all Thy creatures and invested with Thy name, the All-Glorious, Whose will Thou hast ordained to be Thine own will, Whose self Thou hast decreed to be the revealer of Thine own Self, and His essence the Day-Spring of Thy wisdom, and His heart the treasury of Thine inspiration, and His breast the dawning-place of Thy most excellent attributes and most exalted titles, and His tongue the fountain-head of the waters of Thy praise and the well-spring of the soft-flowing streams of Thy wisdom, to send down upon us that which will enable us to dispense with all else except Thee, and will cause us to direct our steps towards the sanctuary of Thy pleasure and to aspire after the things Thou didst ordain for us according to Thine irrevocable decree. Empower us, then, O my God, to forsake ourselves and cleave steadfastly to Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Most Exalted, the Most High. Supply us also with that which is best for us, and write us down with such of Thy servants

as have repudiated the Idol (Mirza Yahya), and firmly believed in Thee, and been so established on the throne of certitude that the whisperings of the Evil One have been powerless to hinder them from turning their faces towards Thy name, the All-Merciful.

Powerful art Thou to do what Thou pleasest and to ordain what Thou willest. No God is there but Thee, the All-Possessing, the All-Highest, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Mulla Aqa-Jan of Shishvan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is verily the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Manifestation of His Cause, and the Dayspring of God's commandments, the Lord of all worlds. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto the Object of all desire, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. This is the Day whereon all things proclaim: There is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. This is the Day whereon the Balance hath been established and God's straight Path made manifest. Blessed is he who hath turned toward Him and faced the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein the Lord of Names proclaimeth: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and witnessed thy turning unto Him. He maketh mention of thee with that which shall never cease to diffuse its fragrance throughout the eternity of God's most excellent names and supreme attributes. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in this wondrous Tablet. Remind the people and bring them the glad-tidings of this announcement which the Books of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, have testified unto. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of your Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take heed lest worldly leadership debar you from the Lord of Names. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which hath been given unto you from the Ancient Dispenser. Beware lest this world beguile you away from the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Soon shall all that ye behold today perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Counsel all as We counseled them before, that there may appear from the earth what God hath desired. He is verily the Helper, the Gracious. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord, and woe unto every heedless one far removed. O thou who gazeth toward the Most Exalted Horizon! The deniers have wished to extinguish God's light through their oppression and their turning away. Say: Fie upon you! His Cause shall be made manifest as He pleaseth, despite you, O company of polytheists! Be thou vocal in thy Lord's remembrance and steadfast in service to His Cause. He shall aid thee even as He aided His servants aforetime. In His grasp are all who dwell in the kingdom of creation and command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones there who have held fast unto the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. The glory shining forth from the

horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have acted according to that which they were commanded by One mighty, powerful and ancient.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens and one of Thy dawning-places who hath drawn nigh unto Thee and placed her trust in Thee, until she witnessed the fire of Thy oneness in the Tree of Thine eternity and beheld the lights of holy Lordship from the Tree of Thy identity. The Sun of Eternity shone upon her in what was revealed to her of the mysteries of the Pen through destiny. Through this she desired to enter the gardens of Thy nearness and the paradise of Thy reunion, that she might erase from the tablet of her heart all reference to aught else but Thee, and that there might be kindled in her heart the fire of Thy oneness and there might radiate from her innermost being the light of Thy uniqueness.

When she drew near to the Tree of Thy divinity and sought refuge in its leaves, and held fast to its branches and found shade beneath it and tasted of its fruits, she journeyed unto it and migrated with it toward it until she reached its nearness. At that moment I beseech Thee, O my God, to complete her journeys and strengthen her foundation and comfort her eyes and raise up her spirit that she may journey from her self to Thy Self, and detach herself from her good-pleasure to Thy good-pleasure, and from her remoteness to Thy nearness, and from her separation to Thy presence, that she may return unto Thee and attain unto Thee.

Then create, O my Beloved, within her innermost being the burning flames of Thy love and in her heart the enkindling of Thy attraction, that through the heat of Thy love she may descend to the stream of Thy nearness and return from the surging of Thy fire to the treasury of Thy light. Yet none can attain unto this, O my God, except those who were created from Thy Self and appeared from Thy Beauty and returned unto Thee and entered the chambers of Thy glory and arrived at the mansions of Thy majesty, for Thou art He Who giveth unto all things their due measure. Despite my recognition of this, I beseech Thee to make her detached from all else but Thee. Then cause her to know Thyself that she may be freed from all else save Thee, for if a servant knoweth Thee he would not be occupied with aught else nor engaged with other than Thee nor turn to any besides Thee, though he be given all that is in the heavens and earth. Verily Thou art of this well-informed, aware, and a wise witness.

And thou, O handmaiden of God, take this Book with thy spirit and present this Trust to thy heart that thou mayest inhale the musk-fragrance from the garment of grandeur and find the sweet scents of identity from the shirt of faithfulness, that thou mayest serve God thy Lord with both thine eyes and prostrate thyself before Him with both thy brows and bow down before Him with both thy cheeks, for He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and we are all His servants and all bow down before Him.

And peace be upon thee from the letter H after the letter B.

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He is the Remembering, the Hearing, the Responding One! Your letter has come before the Wronged One and the servant present before His face read it. We have answered you with that from which those near to God perceive the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and through which the sincere are drawn to a station that tongues and pens are powerless to describe. We have heard what you testified to in the days of God and have accepted it as a grace from Us. Verily your Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Give thanks to God for this supreme bounty which has appeared from the Ancient King, then preserve it in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those whom veils have prevented from the Source of verses. Break the idols of fancy and imagination in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of all names. Cast aside the imaginings of the learned and [take…] the Possessor of Names. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken in a station which God has made the Dawning-place of lights. The Hidden Treasure has appeared and the Concealed Mystery been revealed. Then did the learned flee from the field, for vain imaginings deluded them such that they denied God, the Lord of the Final End. They behold the signs of God yet deny them - thus do their souls entice them. When the Call was raised and the Cloud bore witness to the Lord of Lords, say: O people! This is the Day you were promised in the Books of God. He has appeared in truth, and in it the Balance has been set up, the Path made manifest, and the mountains passed away. Turn with illumined hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is what you were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Arise to serve the Cause in the name of your Lord, then speak His praise in the nights and days. Soon shall the world and that which has deluded the princes of the earth pass away, while that which has been sent down from the Lord of Creation shall endure. We make mention of him whose name was in your letter as a mercy and grace from Us, that you may give thanks to Him Who possesses the Mother Book. O Muhammad-Baqir! Do you find for yourself an ear that might attain to true hearing when the Call was raised from the Dawning-place of Glory in a station which God has made a heaven for this heaven and a point of circumambulation for every seeing one who advances? O Baqir! Give thanks to God that you have been mentioned before the Wronged One when every associating doubter turned away. Say: Praise be to You, O my God, for having strengthened me and made known to me that which the learned of the earth were heedless of - they who denied Your proof, disputed Your signs, associated partners with Your Self and broke Your Covenant. I beseech You to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby souls were troubled and feet did slip.

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He is the Mighty! We have read thy letter and understood what was therein. Know thou that We desire for the servants naught save that which is better for them than whatsoever the sun shineth upon. We have made clear unto them that which draweth them nigh unto God and detacheth them from all else. Moreover, no one hath need of aught else. Beware lest ye divide the religion of God and His Word, and be ye steadfast in all that ye have been commanded through the gems of knowledge and wisdom. Then detach yourselves from all else and turn with your entire being unto His Beauty. By God! We have loved you before and We love you now, and We counsel you to fear God Who created you and sustained you

with the good things of His provision and caused you to know the Manifestation of His Self and sent down unto you that which hath made you independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Therefore give thanks unto Him with your hearts and remember Him with your tongues. Beware lest ye go astray after God and His signs, and follow not every ignorant multitude, nor pursue those who have taken their idle fancies as lords beside God. Be ye pure in heart before God such that your feet slip not and your souls be not troubled. By God! Whoso hath taken the covenant from his Lord will accept no covenant from any other, and whoso hath turned unto Him will turn unto none else. Moreover, I counsel you, O loved ones of God, to be patient in this most great terror and to be forbearing in this tribulation, and to be as fire amidst the wicked and as light amidst the righteous. Further do I counsel you not to spread corruption in the earth and to be God's trusted ones among His servants, such that the signs of sanctity may appear from your faces and the lights of detachment from your temples. By God! The world and its ornaments and embellishments shall pass away, and naught thereof shall profit you. And whoso is not adorned with the attributes of God shall not be reckoned as His own - this is a truth in which there is no doubt. Whoso maketh mention of aught else shall not succeed in His remembrance, and whoso drinketh the love of any other shall not attain unto the love of his Lord. Therefore strive within yourselves to reach such station in your love that ye move not save by His leave, nor turn save unto the paths of His good-pleasure, nor speak save that which ye are commanded in His Book. Thus did We counsel you before and thus do We counsel you at this time of separation from the shores of Iraq. And I take God and His loved ones as witnesses that I have left no counsel unspoken and have explained all that I was commanded by God, the All-Knowing.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

The Most Exalted Pen calleth out at every moment, yet how few are the ears that are ready to hearken. The diverse colors of the world have occupied them that dwell in the realm of names, although every possessor of sight and hearing hath testified and doth testify to its evanescence. All the peoples of the earth are astir in this age, yet have failed to discover the reason and cause thereof. It can be observed that the people of the West cling to the most trivial things which in truth yield no fruit, to such an extent that thousands upon thousands have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice their lives for their manifestation and advancement. Yet the people of Iran, despite this mighty and evident Cause whose fame and exaltation have encompassed the world, remain listless and dispirited. O friends! Know ye your worth and station. Waste not your endeavors on the idle fancies of this one and that. Ye are the stars of the heaven of understanding and the breezes of the morn. Ye are the living waters upon which dependeth the life of all, and ye are the letters of the Book. Strive with perfect unity and concord that ye may succeed in achieving that which is worthy of this divine Day. Truly I say, corruption and conflict and whatsoever the mind abhorreth have never been and are not worthy of man's station. Direct all your energies to teaching the Cause of God. Let him who findeth himself worthy of this most exalted station arise to render this service; otherwise, let him choose for himself a deputy to manifest this Cause whereby every firm edifice hath been shaken, the mountains have been crushed, and souls have been thunderstruck. Were the

station of this Day to be revealed, they would seek after a single moment thereof with a hundred thousand lives, let alone the earth and its treasures. In all matters, observe and hold fast unto wisdom. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve that which He desireth and be confirmed in recognizing the stations of His chosen ones who stand firm in His service and are engaged in His praise. Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth and the glory of those who dwell in the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this magnificent bounty, in that He hath mentioned thee in such wise that its fragrance shall never be cut off from the kingdom. Praise be unto God Who created thee and created all things. He is indeed the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Almighty.

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O Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon. His words, blessed and exalted is He: “Though it be the weight of a mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens or in the earth, God will bring it forth. Verily God is subtle and informed.”

Observe how the Hand of Power has revealed the hidden secrets in the hearts of the ignorant divines. They uttered “O God” while they hanged His Manifestation and martyred Him with bullets. Today that which is in the breasts has been and is being revealed. This is a Day wherein hands, eyes and ears bear witness, and before the Luminary of Divine Justice they recount with most eloquent utterance all that has transpired and testify thereto.

Two events have occurred in these days: first, the martyrdom of the Temple of certitude and knowledge in the path of God, and second, the fear, terror and anguish of Hadi of Dawlat-Abad. The deed of each one has testified and continues to testify before the faces of the world to the station and rank of its doer. Where are the eyes to see and where are the ears to hear? O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Vain imaginings have debarred the world from the Lord of all names. Those who are occupied with service and stand steadfast before His face have clung to one who has deprived himself of the Truth through Whose word the world was created. How many souls whose wealth, glory and riches did not prevent them from the Lord of Names - they were set ablaze with the fire of divine love and bore in His path that which the eye of the world had never seen. Nevertheless, the people have forsaken such souls and have clung to the deed of Hadi the misleader, who for the sake of a two-day life forsook eternal life, and for the comfort of numbered days denied God, exalted be His glory, and His Manifestations. That heedless one committed that which caused the sighs of those near unto God and the tears of the sincere ones to descend and ascend.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him, recognized Him and responded to the Lord when the Call was raised from the most exalted horizon. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the tempests of the polytheists among Thy creatures and the winds of the deniers among Thy servants will not move me. Verily Thou art

powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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K.D., upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. We have desired to mention that which the tongue of thy heart spoke in the most hidden mystery. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He hath turned to the Supreme Horizon, speaking that which the trees have spoken. He lamented in separation until the fruits lamented with him. Through his yearning all things yearned, and through his burning the fire of longing was kindled in all regions. The attraction of the Chosen One hath taken from his hand the reins of choice. We have heard from his words and his mention the sobbing of weeping in the days of God, the Lord of Lords. Say: My God, my God! My liver hath melted in separation from Thee and my pillars have been shaken in Thy days. By Thy glory, the burning of separation from Thee and my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness have destroyed me. Alas, alas! I know not what hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen and what Thou hast ordained for Thy servant, O Lord of all being and King of the throne on high and of the dust. Hast Thou ordained for me to draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion and to be present before the gate of Thy grandeur and to circle round the tabernacles of Thy favor? Or have the decrees of Thy destiny and fate prevented me from this, or the manifestations of Thy wisdom and might? By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, my limbs have trembled and my joints have quivered in my remoteness from Thy presence and my being tried by the fire of separation from Thee. Verily the distant one, O my God, hath desired Thy nearness, and the sick one the ocean of Thy healing. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to make me one of those who have hastened to the seat of Thy throne and have attained unto Thy Most Glorious Station and Thy Supreme Horizon, and who have stood before the pavilion of Thy majesty and have heard Thy call and the scratching of Thy Pen and have drunk the choice wine of reunion from the cup of Thy bounty and the chalice of meeting from the hand of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O thou who hast turned to the Horizon! We have mentioned thee with the tongue of thy heart. Thank thy Lord for this supreme gift and this mighty favor. Thy letters arrived and attained the honor of being heard. Every letter thereof was holding fast to the cord of favor and clinging to the hem of grace. We heard thy call from every word of thy words and granted the ear of favor, and We ask of God that He may aid thee. Verily He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Buvanat. O Siyyid Isma'il, upon him be the Most Great, Most Holy Glory of God. A book from God to all who are in the heavens and earths. Behold none except My luminous, resplendent Beauty and follow naught save what I have commanded you in My Preserved Tablet. This is My Day - arise therein to aid My

Cause and to praise My Being among those who have hesitated in this mighty Revelation. Verily, he who is attracted by the fragrances of revelation speaks the truth, while he who is deprived is among the cawers. By God! The tongue was created for My remembrance, the ears for My call, the eyes for My beauty, and the hands to be raised toward the heaven of My bounty. But veils of the deluded have enveloped the people, save him who has cast away desire and turned to the horizon of guidance. He is among the people of Baha, inscribed in a Tablet by the finger of your Lord's will, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The Ancient Beauty has been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, and calls the peoples unto this luminous Dawn. Say: The morning has dawned from the horizon of Syria - thus was it ordained by One mighty and powerful. This is a land wherein We raised up servants possessed of great sovereignty, who arose to aid the Cause of their Lord - verily, they are among the Messengers. This is a land wherein the call of the Spirit was raised and wherein Moses heard "Verily there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Generous," and wherein Abraham proclaimed "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

O My loved ones! When you hear the call, arise to aid the Cause of your Lord, the King of Names, through remembrance and praise. Beware lest you commit that which would cause sedition and disturb the hearts of the believers. Be among the concourse of all created things with spirit and fragrance, that they may inhale from you the sweet savors of the Beloved. This, verily, is true victory, were you of those who know. Beware lest there appear from you that which would cause division in the Cause. Be dawning-places of divine attributes among the earth and heavens - thus does the Revealer of verses command you. Blessed are they who act accordingly. Blessed is the eye that has attained, the ear that has heard, and the heart that has turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak when He was in the hands of the polytheists who opposed God, turned away from His beauty, and disbelieved in the Manifestation of His verses, through Whom all things proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. When thine eyes are solaced by gazing upon the Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me while I was imprisoned in the land of exile. I testify that Thou art the Lord of all worlds. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy native land, O Thou Who art the Exile of the worlds!

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Your missive was received in His presence, and regarding what you wrote about the division, He said: "Excellent is what the physician has done." We beseech God to confirm him and you. Blessed art thou, O Abdullah, for thy letter hath been presented before His countenance and We found from it the fragrance of thy love for the Beloved of the worlds. Arise to manifest the love of God and His Cause among His servants, then reconcile between His loved ones in such wise that We may perceive from them the fragrance of unity. This is the greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Grieve not over anything, for He will assist whomsoever He willeth. Soon will He raise you up in truth - verily He is the Almighty, the All-Glorious. Through unity the face of the Cause becomes illumined and the faces of

those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, are darkened. We have chosen for thee what thy Lord, the Chosen One, hath chosen. Strive in that which thou hast been commanded by the True One, that through them the virtues of God may be spread among His servants. We have desired for them that which is better for them than all that hath been created in secret and in public. They are people who mention the name of God throughout the land. It behooveth them to manifest that which will cause the fragrance of the musk of unity to be diffused throughout all regions. Blessed is he who hath drunk this pure wine from the fingers of the mercy of his Lord, the Creator of all existence. God willing, you must at all times be engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful and expend your complete effort and striving for unity and the gathering of the loved ones, so that the fragrances of unity may become manifest from that city which has become the place of God's captives, among all people, and all the friends in surrounding areas may testify to the unity of those souls. This is better for them than what was and what will be. Regarding the daughter of Aqa Muhammad Rida, what [you wrote] was noted. His relatives are under the gaze of divine favor. If there has been delay in the manifestation of apparent favors, it has been due to lack of means. God willing, divine favors will encompass them. Let them not be grieved, and let them be happy with what hath been sent down from the direction of the Divine Throne. And as for what thou didst mention regarding thy dream, We beseech God that there may appear from thee one who will aid the Cause of his Lord and mention Him among His servants in such wise that all created things will remember Him thereby. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Excellent is the name by which thou hast named him. Blessed is he in that We have caused the Pen to move in his mention and the mention of his name in the Tablet of his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and to those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a preserved tablet.

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In the Name of God, the First, without end. This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We guide whom We please among Our servants and chastise the transgressors. In Our hands lie the measures of all things - We send them down according to a measure. Verily, We are the All-Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Our knowledge, and with Us is a perspicuous Book wherein We have detailed every wise command. Therein is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people! Are the paths of error better than My straight and manifest path? Say: What aileth you? Have ye turned away from God and followed your own desires? Have ye any refuge besides Him? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Whoso followeth My guidance, verily he dwelleth in an exalted station, and whoso turneth away from My face, he is indeed among the companions of the fire. Say: Beware lest ye lean towards them that have wronged, and follow the polytheists. Say: The guidance of God hath appeared in truth and this is His sovereignty, would ye but perceive. Do ye reject it after it hath come from the heaven of utterance with His Most Great Name? Beware lest ye differ concerning this mighty Cause. Do ye object to Him through Whom was established that which was sent down in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing? He calleth you, even under the sword, to draw nigh unto paradise, while ye are in grievous error. He hath indeed come with the waters of life, while ye count yourselves among the dead in manifest loss. Say: Cast

away what ye possess and take what We have commanded you from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Have ye found any truth in what the people of the Furqan (Qur'an) say? Nay, by your Lord, the All-Merciful! They are among the liars. Ponder what they say concerning the news of the Qa'im, and thou shalt find them in manifest error. They have clung to their own desires; verily they wander distracted in the valley of idle fancies. Say: With Us is the knowledge of all things, and We possess a preserving Book. Fear God and follow not those whose striving hath been lost in this world's life and who are among the most wretched of evil folk. As for thee, turn away from them, then turn with all thy being to God, the Most High, the All-Praised. Say: O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self, after all the deceitful and stubborn ones turned away from Him. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which was revealed that which was hidden, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in teaching Thy Cause among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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Here is O Nabil, before [named] Husayn, Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious!

This is a clear Book sent down in truth from the dominion of God, the Exalted, the Great. It summons mankind unto the Beloved of the worlds. Were that which is concealed therein of the revelations of his Lord to be unveiled, all who are in the heavens and earth would swoon away, save those who have held fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: O people, be fair before God - does it befit anyone to object to Him Whom Moses begged to meet, Whose beauty the Friend sought, to Whose love the Spirit ascended, and for Whose sake the Point sacrificed Himself? Fear God and follow not every sinful idolator. Have you found in the Bayan that which you did not find carrying the fragrance of My remembrance? Nay, by your Lord, the All-Merciful, were you but aware. He proclaimed in the wilderness of the Bayan and gave you glad tidings of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Then He came with mighty sovereignty. He testified of Me and informed you of My kingdom and dominion. What ails you that you cling to idle fancies and turn away from your Lord, the Most Glorious? This is naught but manifest loss. Say: Do you imagine We desire aught for Ourselves, though We be in the hands of Our enemies? Cast aside your imaginings - the Sovereign of certitude has come. They who cling to aught else but Me are in manifest error. Their likeness is as one who casts the Living Waters behind him and hastens to the mirage. He is of those who wander distracted. We sent unto you aforetime 'Ali with a wise remembrance that he might acquaint you with My Self and prepare you for My meeting. Yet when I unveiled My beauty and came in My glory, you denied My Self. Woe unto you, O company of the heedless! Say: O peoples of the worlds, have mercy upon yourselves and forsake not the Ancient Beauty. How long will you follow vain desires? This is your Lord, the All-Glorious - turn unto Him and be not of the losers. O thou who art illumined with the light of Baha! Make mention of My servants with My name and sovereignty, that they might hold fast to the truth and leave those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Recite unto them the verses of thy Lord, that they might be drawn to the Dayspring of Revelation and be numbered with the steadfast. Say: O people, make up for what you have missed in the Cause of God. Beware lest you be among the heedless. Soon will the messenger of death come unto you - then shall you behold the power

of God and His sovereignty, and find no intimate friend. Seize your chance in the days of your Lord - this is better for you, were you but aware. Thus have We commanded thee and inspired thee that thou mightest convey unto the people that which thou wert bidden by One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

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In the name of Him Who is manifest above all things! This is a Book from God unto him who hath believed in his Lord, who hath been guided by the guidance of the Spirit, and who was mentioned in the Tablets among those who are guided. God hath caused him to speak His praise amongst the servants and hath made him recognize the Manifestation of His Self in days wherein all were deprived of the breezes of the Spirit, save those whom the hand of grace had seized and preserved from the darkness wherefrom the odors of unbelief were wafted from the direction of polytheism. O servant! Thy letter hath come before Us and We have learned of thy love for God. Thus should it be with those who have believed in God, who have detached themselves from whatsoever is repugnant to His good-pleasure, who have shattered the idols of polytheism through God's power, and who have turned with their hearts toward the holy court. These are servants whom God shall raise to a station that is in truth praiseworthy. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, after the Sinaitic spirits fell unconscious upon the dust of heedlessness and the spirits of light were annihilated in the wilderness of polytheism. Thus was the matter decreed from the presence of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: O people! Fear God and associate not with Him unto Whose face ye bow down at eventide and at dawn, and oppose not Him Whom ye remember throughout all your days and Whose verses ye recite that were sent down in preserved tablets of glory. Strive within thyself lest the whisperings of Satan cause thee to slip from thy Lord's path, the All-Merciful, for he hath appeared in every city in a different form and garment. Thus do We inform thee of the truth that thou mayest become aware of that which was hidden from the eyes of the heedless. Soon shall the call be raised in every city and thou shalt find the people fearful and trembling from the power of the Cause. Thus was the matter irrevocably decreed in the Tablets. Take heed lest thou grieve over what hath befallen thee in God's path. Verily nothing escapeth thy Lord's knowledge and He is indeed cognizant of all things. Be patient, then show forth patience, and place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily He watcheth over thee. Should thou find one who is receptive, impart unto him the words of thy Lord, and shouldst thou find one who turneth away, pay no heed to him and dispute not with him. Be thou firmly established in wisdom. Thus have We commanded thee and mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be mindful of thy Lord's remembrance at all times. And glory be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of every distant polytheist have not prevented from entering the sanctuary of holiness.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great

This is a Book from the Lord of Names to him who hath held fast unto the Most Great Handle and turned unto God, the Creator of earth and heaven, that the words of his Lord may attract him to the station

which hath been, in truth, praised in the Mother Book, and that he may arise amidst the servants to make mention of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, that perchance they that slumber may arise from their couches and turn towards the quarter that hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance.

O servant! Arise from the slumber of stillness, then summon the people unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablets and the command hath come with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. That land hath been honored by the advent of thy Chosen Lord, and from every tree is heard: "Verily, there is none other God but Him." This indeed is that which ye were promised in a Tablet that was, in the Mother Book with the All-Bountiful, recorded.

O people! Follow not your desires; rather, follow your God. He, verily, hath dawned from the horizon of the All-Merciful with a proof that hath been, in the Tablet, by the Pen of the Spirit inscribed. Do ye worship names and forsake the Creator of earth and heaven? What aileth you that ye take not unto Him a way? Do the powers of kings frighten you? By My life! The most exalted among them is but a subject, and I am, in truth, the Sovereign. I have come with a Cause that was, in the Tablet, mighty.

We have delivered unto the kings the messages of their Lord, and neither their might nor the tribulations that have befallen Us have deterred Us. Thus was the matter ordained in the Tablet of Destiny by the Most Exalted Pen, in truth, recorded. We have sent down unto them clear verses and dispatched them with a power from Our presence, that they might know that tribulation preventeth not the Beauty from speaking that whereby the hearts of the righteous are gladdened, while he that hath been deprived of the breezes of revelation is sorely troubled.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord and turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons with a heart that was, in the love of God, steadfast. Let not the words of the idolaters grieve thee. They are as ashes upon which blow tempestuous winds, rendering them scattered dust. Will any endure with his sovereignty? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! All in creation shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with a Sovereign Who hath been, from everlasting, in truth, great.

Remind them that have believed and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down from before the Throne. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Verily, He is well aware of and watchful over His servants. That which thou didst send hath reached Our presence. We have accepted it as a token of grace from thy Lord, and We beseech Him to assist thee under all conditions. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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He is the One Who stands by the Truth! This is a Book from the Primal Point unto one of the servants of God, that he may be attracted by the melodies of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! He was not the father of any of your men, and the eyes of Grandeur and Glory have been solaced by Him from behind the pavilions of exalted might. Verily He appeared once in the name of Ali, once in the name of Muhammad, and once in the name of the Spirit, if ye but knew. O people! Fear God and shed not His blood, nor hang Him as ye hanged Him before, and deny not what hath been sent down

unto you from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and oppose not Him through Whom the faith of all who are in the heavens and on earth was fulfilled, and unto Whose grace all do turn. Follow Him Who asketh no recompense from you and conveyeth unto you what the Spirit hath cast into His illumined and praiseworthy breast. Open your eyes and behold the Cause of your Creator with your own eyes, not with the eyes of them that are veiled by their own selves. Purify your ears from the words of those from whom ye detect the odor of perfidy, then hearken unto the melodies of God, your Creator, and be fair in His Cause. He commandeth you naught save what ye were commanded by God, and at every moment He conveyeth unto you that which draweth you nigh unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, and sanctifieth you from the breaths of them that join partners with their Lord. O people! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, and abandon not His Cause into the hands of them that soar in the atmosphere of idle fancies and desire to turn men away from the Ridvan of God, the King, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Convey the Cause of your Lord and be not silent concerning the wonders of His remembrance, and be not of them that remain silent. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, created the tongue for His remembrance - remember Him and withhold not yourselves from the shore of His grace, and follow not every rejected denier. Thus doth the Dove counsel you upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity, that haply the holy breaths may draw you away and bring you nigh unto the summit of intimacy, the scene of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus have We cast upon thee the truth that thine eyes may be solaced thereby and thy heart be at rest, and that thou mayest be severed from them that are not guided by the signs of God. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God and heard His melodies from the direction of His Throne, and were stirred by their longing and ardor in the love of God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, and the Lord of the angels and the Spirit.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to those who are in the heavens and on earth. In it the Youth calls the servants of the All-Merciful to the right side of God's Sacred Spot, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. O people! Hear My call and follow that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God. Then shun those who join partners with God. Were the people to purify their ears and hearken to My call, it would surely draw them to the Seat of the Command, a station of glorious might. By His call the near ones soar into the atmosphere of holiness and nearness, and by it are attracted the hearts of those who turn unto Him. O people! Follow not your desires, but follow your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. He will suffice you above all that hath been created on earth, would that ye might understand. Sanctify your vision and turn toward the court of your Chosen Lord. Be not of those who are as the dead. Verily he who answereth not God when he heareth His call is indeed as one dead. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen on a preserved and glorious Tablet. Rend asunder the veils of allusions and sanctify your souls from the words of those who follow the evil of their own selves and yet show pride before God. O Ali! When the Book of God reacheth thee, take it with the power bestowed by Him. Then present thyself at the place where are gathered the enemies of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. Say: O people! Fear ye God and hesitate not in a Cause which was promised you in all the Tablets and by which were gladdened the eyes of the denizens

of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne. Then bring forth the Tablet by thy Lord's leave. Say: I have brought you God's Tablet and His traces. Have mercy on yourselves and dispute not about verses at which minds are stupefied. We know not by what proof ye believed in God's Messengers of old, nor in what valley ye do walk. If thou findest them stirred by the breezes of the Lord of Names and Attributes, then impart unto them that which will draw them nigh unto God. Otherwise, leave them to themselves, then turn toward God. He will suffice thee above what was and what will be. Say: Verily He is in His Essence independent of all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth, though His names seek existence. Drink thou the water of life from the hand of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then stay firm in the Cause and be not of the heedless. Radiant glory rest upon him who hath turned toward the Sacred Court and who is of those who hasten unto the path of truth. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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O Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! He is the Manifest, the Resplendent, the One Who standeth before all faces.

O Ibn-i-Asdaq! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have heard the call of those who have been set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and who have arisen to serve His Cause with a clear covenant and firm pledge. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance and to confirm them in that which will exalt His Cause. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Blessed is the spot which hath been honored at the beginning of Ridvan with the mention of its Lord, the All-Merciful, the Lord of all religions. Praise be to God that despite the turning away of the world and the blindness of the nations, the Hands of the Cause of God are arising with complete dedication to serve the Cause, and are, despite the enemies, drinking from the Kawthar of eternity in the Most Great Name.

O loved ones of God! Through your gathering and your love on His Day, the Primal Point smiled in the highest Paradise and said: "Well is it with you, O people of Baha! Ye are they who have fulfilled My Covenant and My Pledge. I bear witness that ye are the pearls of the shells of the ocean of utterance and the waves of the sea of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is the house honored by your footsteps wherein was raised the mention of My Beloved and your Beloved. I glory in the Supreme Paradise in your existence, your love, your gathering and your steadfastness. Blessed is the master of the house who hath arisen amidst all peoples to serve God, the Lord of Days."

At this time, his honor Ism-i-Rida, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, by command and on behalf of the steadfast souls, set out for the Holy Place and at the end of the day attained to the presence and was adorned with acceptance. My God, My God! I beseech Thee by the mysteries hidden in Thy verses and by the lights shining from the horizon of Thy manifestation, to ordain for each one of the Hands of Thy Cause that which will enable them to raise the standards of Thy guidance among Thy creatures and the banners of Thy victory in Thy lands. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning to Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. These are servants whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Books, Thy

Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath exalted Thy Cause to such heights that thoughts are bewildered thereby and the limbs of the evil ones tremble. There is no city but hath been illumined with the lights of Thy mention. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities of the earth and illumined the hearts of Thy servants, to aid them in all conditions to act in a manner befitting Thy days and Thy Manifestation, and worthy of Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon! O Ahmad! Hear the call from the precincts of the Prison from the Wronged One. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He has appeared with sovereignty from His presence and has revealed what He willed. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. By God! Through His name the ocean of utterance surged in the contingent world, the Balance was set up, and the mountains passed away, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to every ignorant remote one. Say: O concourse of divines! The Point of the Furqan stands before the All-Merciful and says: “O my people and my party! Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers.” He is the One before Whom, when He appeared, the verses bowed down in submission. To this testifies whoever has found the fragrance of the All-Merciful in the contingent world and has heard what the Tongue of Revelation has spoken: “Verily there is no God but I, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. This is the Primal Point, Who circles round the Throne and proclaims with His most exalted call: “O my people! This is He Whom I gave you glad tidings of in the Books of God and what the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan through His words ‘the Day when thy Lord cometh, or some of the signs of thy Lord,’ if ye be of those who know. This is He in Whom I believed before all things. Behold what was revealed by Me and be not of the abased ones.” By the life of God! He has come with that which none before Him brought. The world has been perfumed with the fragrant breezes of His verses. Be fair and be not of the deniers. If ye deny Him, by what proof can ye establish what ye possess? Bring it forth if ye be of the truthful ones. He informed you beforehand of what appeared afterward through verses that none would deny except every aggressive sinner. Read what was revealed to the Chief and to the kings, that ye might be fair in this momentous News. O Ahmad! Thy letter was received and was read by the servant in the presence. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book. Arise to serve the Cause and speak forth its beautiful praise. Thus have the stars of utterance appeared from the heaven of meanings as a grace from Us, and I am the Gracious, the Bountiful. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My grace and remind them of My days, that they might find the fragrance of the garment and speak forth the verses of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from God, the Creator of the heavens - those who hastened, turned, and answered their Lord, the Speaking One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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O Ahmad Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Answerer, He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and it spoke of the remembrance of God, His praise, His might and His glory. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him when all on earth turned away, save those whom God delivered from the clay of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have found from thy letter the fragrance of love and affection. We answer thee with that whereby hearts and minds are attracted. Grieve not at the happenings of the world. Be assured of the grace of God, thy Lord, which hath encompassed all existence. We have remembered thee time and again, and have revealed for thee that which gladdeneth the eyes. Say: O people of the earth, hold fast to the cord of God and turn unto Him. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the Beloved. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in Shin and in Nun and Ya, that they may rejoice in what hath been sent down to them from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of God, We counsel you with that which will draw you nigh unto the Supreme Horizon and guide you to His extended path. O people of God! While time remaineth, arise to that which, if missed today, none shall be able to accomplish. Thus hath the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Witnessed, spoken. Hold fast to that which draweth the servants nigh. Time and again in the Tablets mention hath been made of wisdom, and all have been commanded to observe it. Nevertheless some have acted contrary to wisdom. O people of God! Recognize ye the station of the Sacred Month, and reflect upon the calamity that befell in that city, and hold fast to that which is befitting. That which causeth remoteness and turning away of the servants is not acceptable before God. This Wronged One, for successive years in Zawra, during Muharram, did Himself make mention of the tribulations of the Prince of Martyrs, may the souls of all else be a sacrifice unto Him, while the Persians were engaged in lamentation. We assist them in what they are engaged in, and We have mentioned what hath befallen the loved ones of God from the hosts and ranks. Set aside that which causeth agitation in the souls of men, and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Possessor of the Promised Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon My loved ones there, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every resolute and trustworthy one.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The matters are known and what has occurred is evident. However, thou must walk in the footsteps of the Wronged One and engage in dispute with no one regarding any matter. For example, if someone asks a question and thou mentionest a word in reply, if it is accepted, well and good; otherwise silence is preferable, lest there proceed from thee that which would sadden hearts. Observance of this station is most essential for thee. The protection of the Cause is incumbent upon thee. For instance, God forbid, if someone were to revile thee, thou must remain grateful. By the life of God! Through silence in this station all things will speak. It behooveth Us not to disclose more than

what We have disclosed unto thee as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Helper. In all conditions, the exaltation of the Cause must be kept in view, and this cannot be achieved except through wisdom, and wisdom is not attainable except through meditation and patience. Be patient, verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Grateful. The glory from Us be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thy end, thy outward and thy inward.

Another matter: The leaf, daughter of His Holiness the Afnan the departed, [and] the honored Aqa Siyyid J-'A, upon him be all the most glorious glory, insisted with utmost persistence on remaining in this land and serving in the Sacred Household. In truth she is most rational and virtuous, but they did not accept, for one day His Holiness the Greater Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious glory, was present and this servant was also present, and addressing the Afnan he said: "We would like Sughra to join Mahmud and be content with his companionship." At first they demurred but later agreed to whatever proceeded from the Source of Lordship.

Another matter: That which several years ago Her Holiness the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be all the most glorious glory, had requested and was promised, they also intend to bring from potentiality into actuality. Verily He fulfilleth His promise, there is no God but Him, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous. And it is likely that the honored matron, mother of His Holiness the Afnan Aqa Siyyid M, upon them both be all the most glorious glory, has specifically settled in Beirut for this matter. Knowledge is with God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! Thy petition was presented and attained unto the illuminations of the lights of the Luminous One, being seen and heard. His honor Mirza Musa, upon him be My Glory, was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, by the strength of certitude he shattered the idols of vain imaginings and rent asunder the veils of idle fancies. Blessed is he and joy be unto him, for he hath attained unto My mention, for which God hath ordained no likeness nor similitude - despite every heedless and distant one, and every doubting scholar. We made mention of him before, and at this time as well, as a grace from God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of My loved ones in Dal and Ha, and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, His grace, His generosity, His bounty and His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O party of the Wronged One! In the midst of tribulations We make mention of you and summon you unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The wolf howleth on My right and on My left, the squealing of swine hath been raised. Calamities have encompassed Me from all directions. Despite all this, I stand before all faces and speak as We spoke before, giving glad tidings to all of My manifestation, My appearance and My establishment upon the throne - a command from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

O loved ones of God! Be not grieved by the clamor of the heedless ones. The wolf desired to extinguish the light of God by his howling, but God preserveth His Cause through His sovereignty and exalteth it through His power. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word.

And We make mention of him who penned his letter which was named Javad, and We ask God to assist him and His loved ones to make mention of Him, to praise Him, and to set down His verses and words. Verily He seeth the deeds of the doers and heareth the call of those who love Him and are sincere. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon them and upon those whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not prevented from God, the Lord of the worlds.

My God, my God! Thou seest the Wronged One making mention of Thy loved ones and acquainting them with that which draweth them nigh unto the court of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy power and the heaven of Thy bounty to aid them to be steadfast in Thy love and to illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs, and who have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy glory and the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the daysprings of Thy inspiration and the manifestations of Thy Self to lament. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

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O My Name Mehdi! There has come before the Wronged One once again what thou didst send, and We have mentioned every name that was therein. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, but the people do not understand. Give glad tidings to My loved ones of My tender care and My mercy which has preceded existence. We have mentioned Nasru’llah before and at this time. Say: By God! Whosoever has attained unto My remembrance and arisen to serve My Cause and drunk the choice wine of steadfastness in My love - verily he is of the people of Baha. The Concourse on High will pray for him and the dwellers of Paradise bear witness to this, as attested by what hath been revealed from My wondrous Pen. And We make mention of Mahmud whose name was in thy letter. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and make him successful and ordain for him and his brothers double what they lost in what appeared in Ra and Shin. I have given unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty. O My Name! By the life of God, what occurred - the people deserved it, nay, they deserved punishments beyond that, for they were heedless of that which caused the eyes of the people of the cities of justice to weep and the companions of equity to lament. We beseech God to set right the affairs of the Siyyids and We command them to unity and love and to that which God hath revealed in the Book. In this case they will surely witness that which will bring forth joy and gladness and delight and exultation, and all will be made happy. In the matter of Ra and Shin it was for the heedless souls. Consider the transgressors in the land of Sad - the mighty hand seized them all and returned them to hell, like the liar of the land of Ta who was called truthful, and above him was he who desired to extinguish the light of God. We beseech God to assist the people that all may become aware and arise to compensate for what they have lost, that perchance before eternal death they may attain unto a mercy and be adorned with the ornament of forgiveness of the Goal of all

the worlds. The letter of the Shaykh of the Great City, upon him be My glory, was observed. The glance of favor is directed to each one. Convey My greetings and say: You have ever been and are before Our eyes. God Himself beareth witness to your acceptance and turning and steadfastness. Upon you be My remembrance and My utterance and My glory and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Mighty, the Great

O Javad! The world hath been transformed, for the Kingdom of utterance hath been renewed. All that existeth hath been adorned with a new and wondrous attire. This Day, verily, is unlike all other days, and this Revelation is the sovereign of all revelations. The denizens of land and sea circle round the Most Great Scene. The mountains cry out: “The All-Possessing, the Most High hath come!” The birds of the all-highest Paradise warble: “The Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath been made manifest!” The call is raised from the Prison of ’Akka. The virtues of the Day of God cannot be reckoned or confined. Blessed are they who are endowed with sight and hearing, who have attained unto vision and hearkening. The hearing saith unto the sight: “This day the Most Great Scene is adorned - be thou aware!” And the sight saith unto the hearing: “Hearken thou and bear witness that the Throne of thy Lord hath established itself upon Carmel, and the Lord of all being, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen, is seated thereon.” A mighty festival hath been prepared, and a wondrous celebration hath appeared. God willing, may you receive a full portion of this eternal supreme bounty and everlasting joy and gladness.

O daughter of Mishkin! Upon thee be My manifest glory! Today the Truth hath appeared amongst creation without veil or covering, and the light of Revelation hath illumined the realm of Sinai, and the Sun of Truth the world of existence. Strive that ye may not remain deprived. The ocean of divine generosity is surging and the fragrance of the Word of God is all-compelling. Glory be to God! The powers of sight and hearing and understanding have been created for this Day, for the Purpose is manifest, and the singing of the birds is raised, and the Countenances offer the chalice of immortality from the hands of bounty, while the angels cry “Happy and welcome!” Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and taken what hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of the Ancient of Days, Who speaketh before the faces of the nations: “O people of ?ad! The lamp hath ever been and shall ever be in the midst of winds. The peoples of the world exist to aid the Wronged One, and yet they secretly busy themselves helping His enemies.” Thus hath the Pen spoken and the Herald proclaimed: “The Kingdom and the Dominion and the Glory and the Grandeur and the Majesty belong unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who have hearkened and turned and have said: ‘We have believed in Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that know, and Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!’”

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O Mulla Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Guardian over all names!

O Hasan! Give thanks for Our having shown thee the fire of Our Lote-Tree, and for Our having witnessed thy burning in the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Dawning-Place of Utterance hath turned toward thee from the horizon of the All-Merciful and speaketh that which He spoke before the creation of contingent things. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with an utterance whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have been enraptured. Thy Lord, verily, is the Expositor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Render thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dayspring of His Cause and the Source of His greatest signs, and for having given thee to drink of the Water of Life from the hands of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the tempests of the divines nor the storms of rulers shall move thee. Thus doth He command thee Who is attested by the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Be thou firm in the Cause and vocal in praise of thy Lord Who created thee, caused thee to know Him, raised thee up and gave thee utterance through this Remembrance, before which, when it appeared, all remembrances from every direction bowed down in submission. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Most Generous.

Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and directed thyself toward the countenance of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, and hastened to the ocean of certitude, detached from idle fancies and holding fast to My strong cord. O Hasan! We bear witness that thou hast done well, even as God did well unto thee. This is a word that cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Rejoice and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!”

Hold fast under all conditions to wisdom, lest there appear that which would disturb the hearts of them that have turned to God. Make wisdom the standard before thy face. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of Command in the tablets of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Should a crier appear in your land, leave him to himself and put your trust in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and remind them of that which hath streamed forth from the vessel of Mine utterance, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Say: This is the Day of arising, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of goodly character - cleave ye unto it and be not of them that comprehend not. Aid your Lord through goodly deeds and through that which befitteth this Day, whose mention hath adorned the Books of the Messengers. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

At the end of this Book We make mention of thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness, that she may be among the thankful ones preserved in a guarded Tablet. The Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon whosoever hath remembered thee out of love for God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

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O Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the One manifest and sovereign over all who are on earth and in heaven. O Husayn! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One Who summons thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and invites thee to that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of ancient days. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Responding One. Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard thy call therefrom. We have answered thee with a Tablet before which all tablets have bowed down, and with a mention that hath gladdened the eyes of them that are nigh. The Wronged One hath heard the cry of thy heart in thy love for God and thy yearning in separation from Him, and hath witnessed thy turning toward this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Book and the Most Great Prison in My perspicuous Book. Thou art he who hath turned toward My horizon and attained unto My love and recognition and hast drunk the choice wine of My tender mercy from the hand of My bounty. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

The Most Exalted Pen hath loved and continues to love to speak in the most sweet Persian tongue. Thy letter which was sent in the name of the servant was presented before the Countenance. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh of His Name this day and blessed is the eye that gazeth toward His horizon. This blessed Day is truly mighty and great, and is known in the divine Books and Scriptures as the Day of God. Every soul is able this day to attain unto enduring stations. God willing, thou shalt, through divine grace and heavenly confirmations, preserve thy station and likewise recognize its worth, for thou art recorded and inscribed among the foremost in the Book of ’Illiyin and art distinguished by the special favors of God and successful in attaining His peerless Name. Keep this most exalted station hidden from the eyes of the heedless and the veiled ones, for the treacherous have ever lain in wait for the precious gem. God willing, thou must be engaged in mention and praise with a new spirit, a new tongue, and boundless strength and power, and remain firm, steadfast and resolute in service to the Cause. Soon that which is hidden shall appear in the realm of manifestation, and the deniers, polytheists and heedless ones shall cry out “Alas for us, for what we neglected towards God!” In all circumstances keep thy gaze fixed on wisdom and hold fast unto God, exalted be His glory. Verily He hath raised thee up through His grace and ordained for thee that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that know. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Haydar! This Wronged One is in truth despairing of the peoples of the earth, for it has been observed with both outward and inward sight that the people of the Furqan (Muslims), after one thousand two hundred and more years of considering themselves the most learned and most excellent among all the peoples of the world, were all seen on the Day of Reckoning as denizens of hell and returned to the fire. The most learned of that people was seen to be the most ignorant, and the most God-fearing among that people was seen to be the most wretched, for they reviled from their pulpits the Object of the desire of all the worlds, and finally issued the verdict for His death. And some of the opposers of the Bayan

witnessed with their own eyes and heard with their own ears the deeds and words of those souls. Nevertheless, because of a false successor and an imaginary name and Imam and the like, they turned away from Him Who spoke on Sinai and the Lord of the unseen and the visible. What more can this Wronged One mention, and to whom shall He speak? Reflect a little on what was mentioned, that thou mayest lament the state of this Wronged One and realize the depths of His despair. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him when the peoples of the earth turned away, save whom God willed. Thy letter was received before the Wronged One. We found it adorned with the ornament of steadfastness, speaking in remembrance and praise of God, holding fast to His firm cord, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged, and firmly convinced of what God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. We beseech God to aid thee, grant thee success, and ordain for thee that which will bring joy to thine eyes and solace to thy breast. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Thou didst mention meeting. Between Me and thee stand ignorant servants who have broken God's covenant and His testament, denied His signs, and rejected His proof, His sovereignty, His might, His strength and His power. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to record for thee the reward of meeting Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers. Let not the happenings of the world and the affairs of nations grieve thee. Be steadfast in serving the Cause and speaking forth this momentous News. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having enabled me to turn toward Thee when the men of the earth and its learned ones turned away. I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Ancient Commander and the Gracious, the Compassionate.

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He is the One Who has dominion over all names!

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Thou art mentioned in such wise that in every leaf a mention of thee is found therein, having transcended seeking favor from that notorious seeker. All this is from the grace of God - blessed art thou and happy art thou! Thou hast drunk from the cup of humility and partaken from the chalice of submissiveness. Verily, He Who aids thee, praises thee, teaches thee and makes thee known is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

His honor, My namesake, upon him be My glory, dwells beneath the canopies of grandeur, is sustained by the Kawthar of reunion, is confirmed in circumambulating the House and successful in hearkening to the Call. He sent thy letter to the Wronged One. Regarding what thou didst mention - that if He observes from thee any negligence in service, or forgetfulness in remembrance, or error in deeds, He should turn to thee as thy representative and cling to the hem of generosity and cord of bounty - this Wronged One, as God's representative, makes mention and bears witness that thou hast attained to that which hath been revealed in the divine Books, Psalms and Scriptures concerning the mention of these days, which are the Lord of days of manifestation, from the Supreme Pen. Give thanks to the Goal of the world that thou art successful in this most great favor, and the Pen of God hath testified concerning thee and the Supreme Pen hath borne witness.

We beseech God that in thy mentions He place the effective elixir of life and in thy soul the effect of the breezes of the dawn of manifestation, that the slumbering may become aware, the dead may come alive, and those who are remote and deprived may attain to the Kawthar of divine nearness. By God's life! Were My Word to be cast upon the earth, there would appear from it throng after throng and party after party who would testify to that which God hath testified before the faces of all else. Thus hath My Supreme Pen spoken on this night which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Thou didst mention His honor 'A, upon him be My glory. We have mentioned him in various Tablets and have ordained for him that which shall appear in truth. Convey My greetings unto him from this Station, and We counsel him to joy and gladness through My Most Glorious Name, and We bid him to beautiful patience and mighty concealment. Verily his Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those whom the might of the tyrants of the earth and its pomp did not frighten, who turned and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Glory of those in the heavens and earth!"

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O spiritual one! Time and again hast thou been favored with God's infinite bounties. Thou hast drunk from the cup of His recognition and turned to His most exalted horizon. In days when the men and heroes of the earth were heedless and veiled, know thou the value of this most great blessing. He is the Confirmer, He is the Generous, He is the Merciful. Through His wondrous grace He took hold of thee and guided thee from the left hand of doubt to the right hand of certitude. On the Day of the Call thou didst attain to its answer. Observe how many divines and theologians remained veiled from the ultimate Purpose, while thou through God's grace attained unto it. Thou didst drink from the ocean of knowledge and bore witness to the manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that if thou become aware of this most great, most exalted station, thou wilt in the nights and days utter "Thine be the praise, O God of the worlds." We send Our greetings upon the faces of My handmaidens in that land who have believed in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. All those souls thou didst mention have been favored with God's grace and in this hour have received their portion from the Kawthar of remembrance and utterance. Happy are they all. O My handmaiden! We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation and thy sighing and thy calling in the days of thy Lord, and We have answered thee with that which nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. We make mention of him who was named Rida and counsel him to manifest the supreme steadfastness in this Most Great Cause whereby the mountains were shaken. The command is God's, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We make mention of thy father who attained God's grace when every denier and deceiver turned away from him. We testify that he answered his Lord and turned to His Face on a day wherein the mountains were scattered. He was adorned with the ornament of certitude and drank the choice wine of recognition from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. And We make mention of thy mother who turned to God, heard, answered and believed in

God, the One, the Chosen. God hath forgiven her through His grace when she ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, a station none knoweth save the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's grace be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from the most exalted station.

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O Samandar, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! The servant present here hath presented what thy heart's tongue uttered in its communion with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm. We have heard and recognized thy submissiveness, thy humility, and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of Might. From thy remembrance We perceived the fragrance of the mention of the Most Exalted Paradise, and We have answered thee with that which hath gladdened the breast of the world and caused hearts to rejoice. We beheld thee in nearness, not in remoteness - thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken while warbling that which drew the Kingdom of Names unto itself. We make mention of the Nightingale and testify unto him with My tongue and My pen that which causeth the sincere ones to find the fragrance of eternity through the perpetuity of My most beautiful names and My most exalted attributes. Blessed is he in his standing and his sitting, his waking and his sleeping, and his remembrance and praise of God, the King of Kings. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to sanctify him from all he hath desired and adorn him with whatsoever He pleaseth, that He may make all his deeds as a single rose and his state in My service everlasting. This is what Muhammad, the Apostle of God, imparted unto Ali aforetime. He beareth witness to this Who speaketh: There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O Samandar! Verily My tongue maketh mention of him and of My loved ones in the prison from sunrise to sunset. Grieve thou not over anything. Be assured through God's grace and mercy, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee, upon thy outward and inward being, upon thy progeny and kindred and those with thee, and upon them that have cast behind them the imaginings of men, holding fast unto the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O Samandar! We desire to make mention of him from whom We perceived the fragrance of faithfulness in the world of creation, who was named Huda. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath attained unto the authoritative Word of God through which verses were sent down and every hidden secret and fixed decree was made manifest. We, from this spot, send Our glorification upon him and upon those whom the tempests of idle fancies have not caused to slip from the path of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We have verily sent thee Tablets one of which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth, yet the people understand not. We beseech Him, exalted be He, that through them may be gladdened the eyes of His loved ones who know no fear nor are they grieved. The glory be upon them from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Muhammad-Quli! Upon thee be My glory! Hear My call from the prison's direction. Verily it giveth thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance and draweth thee nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. When the promise came to pass and that which had been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of the Prophets was made manifest, the people turned away. Among them were those who denied God's proof and His evidence, those who uttered that which none before had uttered, and those who pronounced judgment against God's chosen ones and His loved ones, until blood was shed and hearts were pierced. The perverse have wrought that which hath caused hearts to melt and souls to burn. They behold the grace of God yet deny it, and the signs yet turn away from them. Nay, they perceive not.

We bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which was promised thee and hast performed that which hath won the honor of acceptance. Grieve not for what the ignorant have perpetrated out of enmity toward God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds in this world and the next. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the Mighty, the Kind. Blessed be thy hand and thy back, and thy deed whereby the call was raised in the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed be God, the Lord of all beings, Who aided His servant in such wise as caused the limbs of the enemies to quake - they who violated God's Covenant, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Praise be to God!

Thou didst turn, and didst achieve acceptance, and didst perform that which caused the people of Paradise to utter the blessed word "Blessed be God" and the people of the most exalted Paradise to remember "The power is from God." His is the grace and bounty, and His the generosity and munificence. He confirmed thee, guided thee, and strengthened thee until thou didst perform that which caused the Concourse on High to praise and divine verses to descend.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the stranger who was martyred in Thy path, by whom the earth was reddened with blood in Thy days, who was, in his life, set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, attracted by the breathings of Thy Revelation, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, detached from all else but Thee, whose blood would boil in his veins from longing to shed it in Thy days - by him I implore Thee to send down upon Thy loved ones from the heaven of Thy bounty a mercy from Thy presence. O my Lord! Aid them in that whereby the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy Cause shall be upraised. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Protector over the seen and unseen. There is no God but Thee, the Compeller, the Subduer, the All-Forgiving, the All-Choosing, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Kind.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! The servant present hath received the letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty. We have heard it and answer thee by Our command. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Responding One. Blessed art thou and those who have attained unto the lights of the Face when every heedless and remote one turned away therefrom. Ye are they who have found the sweetness of My verses and have drunk the choice wine of My loving-kindness and have held fast to the cord of My grace and have clung to My luminous robe. The more tribulation increased, the more did My revelation and exaltation increase. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Say: Beware, O My loved ones, lest the affairs of the world and the tyranny which hath appeared from the darkness of the hearts of the nations sadden you. They desired to extinguish the light of God by what they possess. Say: Perdition betide you, O company of the heedless! And We make mention of My loved ones in that place who have believed in God and His verses and have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous One.

And concerning what thou didst mention about ’Aziz - upon him be My glory - verily We have made mention of him before and after, and We have sent down for him that which causeth every mouldering bone to speak, and We shall soon send down what We have intended for him. Verily, give him the glad-tidings of this manifest bounty. Blessed art thou and they, and he who is named ’Abdu’l-Majid and Husayn and every servant who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, turning away from those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There hath come before the Face what one of the servants sent. We found him among the sleepers. He had been sleeping for successive years, and when he desired to awaken and arose and took a handful from the dust of idle fancies and desired to weigh therewith the Dayspring of Certitude and to know thereby the Lord of the worlds - Say: Be as thou wert. Verily He is independent of thee and of the divines of the earth and its mystics and of every doubting impostor. It behooveth him to cast behind him whatsoever is on earth, turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and to say: “O my Lord! I have forsaken the religion of a people who believe not in Thee and who with regard to the Hereafter are themselves disbelievers.” He hath abandoned what was fitting and held fast to that which is not worthy for the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Ask God to assist him and forgive his misdeeds and draw him nigh unto Him and guide him to His straight path. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon thy brethren and thy sons and thy kindred and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of the heavens and earth. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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In the Name of the One Kind Lord

O Mihdi! Please God, thou wilt, through the gracious providence of the Possessor of the Nations and the Lord of the World, abide within the shelter of the Most Great name, and occupy thyself with the commemoration of the One true Friend. The Best Beloved of the Worlds proclaimeth: “The world is transient. Although some repine at its lack of permanence and faithfulness, these qualities are in reality beloved, for they have been necessitated by God’s inscrutable wisdom; and without His wish and bidding no leaf hath stirred, nor shall ever stir. In whatsoever cometh to pass there is a wisdom, and all must radiantly and optimistically acquiesce therein. In certain matters, as for instance when the sweetness of reunion is succeeded by the bitterness of parting, or when the tie of nearness and communion is sundered by the decree of separation, the breast is rent with sighs of grief and sorrow, and copious tears rain from the eyes; nevertheless, the reality of this world’s happenings is that which certain philosophers have cited from the words of Idris:”Naught is there in the realm of possibility better than that which hath been.”

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In the Name of God, the Eternal!

We have verily sent forth a fragrant breath from the holy fragrances of this exalted Paradise that the world may be perfumed in these days when the Temple of Immortality hath been established upon the throne of names and attributes with a new Revelation, and that My sister may obtain from it the sweet savour of My garment, may soar in the atmosphere of nearness, and hearken to the melodies through which the hearts of the near ones have been stirred.

Give ear, O My Leaf, to My call raised from the direction of oneness that the Divine Summons may draw thee to the Heavenly Throne and help thee to hear the melodies of birds singing sweetly upon the twigs in praise of My Mighty and All-Knowing Self. Know thou that thy Brother hath verily quaffed from the cup of calamity at all times. Thus hath it been ordained for Him from the One Who is Mighty and Powerful. By God, the Sidratu'l-Muntaha hath verily been bowed, the Countenance of the One Who hath shone brightly amongst the people of the world hath clouded, and His black hair hath turned white by virtue of that which the host of unbelievers hath inflicted upon Him.

Verily, the intensity of her sorrows maketh Me weep and causeth My heart to address her, saying: Understand thou well the heat which is consuming Me that thou mayest praise God for thy plight, and thy soul may find abundant joy. And My liver addresseth My heart saying: Wert thou to be informed of how I burn and blaze, thou wouldst find the fire thou art in to be light and cold. Thy Lord is a witness to what I say and He is the

All-Knowing. And My inner being addresseth them collectively, saying:
Be thankful for that of which thou art unaware. Verily, I am consumed silently in a fire one ember of which, should it appear between the heavens and the earth, will consume the inhabitants of the world. Such is the tale of this Youth and such are the circumstances surrounding Him on all sides as a result of that which hath been perpetrated by the hands of them for whose protection We have made Our bosom a shield, that the darts of the envious may not touch them. Verily, thou shouldst remember thy Lord for that which hath been expounded by the Tongue of Revelation in this wondrous Tablet.

Praise be to Thee, O my God and my Desire! I know not whether to make My plaint about Thy forbearance in spite of Thy knowledge of all things, or about Thy patience in spite of Thy power over all things. How long wilt Thou abandon the Manifestation of Thy Self to the hands of the tyrants? I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy name which hath encompassed all created things, to show forth the signs of Thy power over Thy creatures, and through it to raise up the weak among Thy loved ones during Thy days and to encompass the downfall of the arrogant among Thine enemies. I beseech Thee further, O my God, that Thou prevent me not from recognizing Thee and suffer me not to be deprived of meeting Thee. Ordain for me the good of this world and of the next. Verily, Thou art the Possessor of all existence. No God is there but Thee, the Mighty, the Most Powerful. Praised be God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Therefore, O my God, I call upon Thee with my tongue and remember Thee with my heart, and I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of the sanctity of Thy eternal sovereignty and the Daysprings of the glory of

Thy divine unity, that Thou mayest clothe the temple of Thy loved ones with the garment of the coolness of Thy tender mercy and the robe of Thy loving-kindness. Then cause us to be present, O my Beloved, before the flames of the fire of Thy divine Tree on the Day whereon Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne of Thy mercy and didst arise to execute Thy command through the power of Thy will. Therefore, O my God, drive us not from Thy holy presence, and remove us not from Thy grace and mercy, and deprive us not of the sanctuary of Thy meeting and the Ka'bah of Thy beauty, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of all things and Thou art, verily, powerful over all things. Then I beseech Thee, O my God and my Beloved, by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy most exalted attributes, and by the Manifestation of Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy resplendent beauty in the heaven of eternity, that Thou forgive me and my parents and my brothers and my kindred, and that Thou absolve them of their misdeeds, and veil them not, O my God, from the effulgence of the lights of Thy countenance, and withhold them not from the showers of the clouds of Thy grace and bounty. Then cause them to enter, O my God, within the precincts of Thy supreme mercy, for verily Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Generous. And I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy bounty through which Thou didst bring existence into being, and by Thy loving-kindness through which Thou didst create the temples of beauty in the heaven of names, and by Thy Spirit through which Thou didst quicken the decayed bones from the graves of heedlessness and passion, that Thou mayest renew my outer and inner garment in this springtime wherein Thou hast renewed the garment of all things from whatsoever was created in the worlds of eternity unto the uttermost point of earth, and deprive me not, O my Beloved, of the robes of Thy guidance, and strip me not of the beauty of Thy raiment in Thy days. Then give me to drink that which will quench the fire of heedlessness and error, and purify my sight, and sanctify my heart, and make firm my feet, and tranquilize my mind, for verily Thou art the Mighty, the Giving, the Bountiful. Then teach me, O my God, from the wonders of Thy knowledge that which will make me independent of all knowledge but Thine. Then cause to descend upon my heart from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cause to grow therefrom the ears of Thy wisdom and the fruits of the sanctity of Thy knowledge, that I may become enriched above all who are in the heavens and the earth through the wonders of Thy riches and the jewels of Thy grace and bestowal, for verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Single, the All-Glorious, the Help in Peril.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! We give glad tidings to the members of the council, for their deeds are adorned with the ornament of acceptance and illumined with the light of His good pleasure. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! At this time when sorrows assail from all directions, mention was made of the loved ones in the Most Holy Court and recorded by the Supreme Pen. I swear by the Sun of Truth, which is sanctified above the comprehension of the peoples of the world, that whosoever ariseth to render assistance, even to the extent of a needle's eye, is accounted before God among those who are nigh and the sincere ones. Take up the chalices of prosperity in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, and despite the enemies, drink and give others to drink. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath been and will ever be with you. Verily He hath heard your call and hath mentioned you in verses the like of which were not known in God's knowledge. This is the most great bounty which hath in this hour been revealed from the

Pen of the Most Great Name. We beseech God to ordain in every gathering a bounty and to bestow a great reward. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to your acceptance and your turning unto the horizon wherefrom the world was debarred, having followed in the footsteps of the heedless. We beseech God to raise through you the standards of His mention and the banners of His praise amongst His servants, and to make you the dawning-places of His light, the daysprings of His virtues, the manifestations of His names and the sources of His bounty which hath encompassed all existence. He, verily, is the Powerful over what He willeth. He is the One, the Single, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Baqir, that he may rejoice in the Kawthar of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful in this mighty Prison. Verily He remembereth him who hath turned unto Him, and He is the Kind, the Generous. The most great glad tidings are these: that whosoever attaineth unto acceptance, in that very moment his mention appeareth from the Tongue of Grandeur, and thereafter the evidences thereof shine forth from the realm of the Pen. A hundred thousand blessings upon those who have attained and are detached! We make mention of him who was named Ali before Akbar. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him in that whereby his name may be exalted among His creation. He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praise be to God that the people of the gathering have attained unto that which shall endure eternally in the Kingdom and the Realm of Might through the special Will of God. This most great bounty hath no likeness. The True One, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier to the excellence of the souls mentioned. Verily He is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

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O ’Ali-Akbar! We make mention of thee from the precincts of My Most Great Prison, that thou mayest hear My call and find thyself in great joy. By My life! I was with you when you entered the prison. Blessed are ye, and again blessed are ye, for having borne tribulations in My path and afflictions for the exaltation of My Word and the elevation of My Cause. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Seeing. Blessed are they who have entered the fortress of My knowledge and soared in the atmosphere of My love and drunk the choice wine of My revelation and been seized by the wine of My utterance in such wise as to detach themselves from all else besides Me and turn unto My countenance and advance toward the horizon of My grace and cling to the cord of My bounty and hold fast to the hem of My generosity. These are they whose names are celebrated by the tongues of the world and before whose names all nations bow down. My tongue of grandeur beareth witness to this, and the kingdom of Mine utterance, and this Pen which moveth in the arena of knowledge; and I am the All-Informed. Verily those who have attained unto imprisonment have attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen, and this is more precious than all else - by the life of God, nothing that hath been created between earth and heaven can equal it. Blessed, then blessed is he who hath been adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. He is among the most exalted of creatures in the Book of God. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing. Convey My greetings unto their faces and say: Blessed be your faces, for having turned toward the Face of God, and your hearts for having drawn nigh unto the Ultimate Goal, and your souls for having advanced toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Ye have drunk the cup of tribulation in My path; drink ye now from the hand of My bounty My Most Glorious

Wine and My Most Pure Kawthar. I say unto you: “Well is it with you! May it do you good!” in the Kingdom of Creation. Thus doth God make mention of you with the most excellent mention. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful. Rejoice ye in My Name, then drink ye in remembrance of Me. We have turned toward you and We send greetings unto your faces from this beauteous spot. I was saddened by your grief, but am now gladdened since God maketh mention of you by His own Self, in recompense for what ye have wrought in His straight Path. Were My loved ones to taste the sweetness of tribulations in My path, they would offer gifts in My Name unto Mine enemies in gratitude for what they have done unto them, for through them they have attained unto this station wherein the Ancient Beauty maketh mention of them in this Great Prison. They have purchased for themselves a station in the Fire, while for you is a station at My Most Great Scene. Exalted is He Who alloweth not the harm of the world nor the oppression of the nations to injure His loved ones. Glad tidings, then, to the soul that hath understood that which My glorious tongue hath uttered.

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O thou who bearest the name of God, Jamal, upon whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! In My Name, the One Who standeth and speaketh at the heart of the world! Praise be to God Who hath manifested the Most Great Name, to the despair of the peoples who denied the Proof of God and His evidence, who disputed His verses, who disbelieved in His favor, who pronounced sentence of death against Him, and who cast aside His Book which He made an enduring testimony from Him to all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My Name! I bear witness to that which the Tongue of My grandeur hath testified in the kingdom of My utterance, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My Name! We love to behold thee possessed of the disposition of thy Lord, that thou mayest not be saddened by the deeds of the oppressors who have cast behind them the Covenant of God and His testament and who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. O My Name! By the life of God, wolves have surrounded Me from every direction. They have wrought that which hath caused the Most Exalted Pen to lament, and the Tablet of God wherein were inscribed the mysteries of the first and the last. O thou who circlest round My throne and art present before My face! Dost thou weep for the Self of God Who standeth firm in the Cause, or shall I weep with Mine own eyes for It? By the life of God, all things have wept by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of those who denied after We created them for pure truth and made known unto them the straight and manifest path of God. Should anyone ask thee concerning the Glory, say: Verily, He is under the claws of hatred. Alas, alas, for that which hath befallen Me from every oppressor, from every sinner, from every liar, from every heedless one, from every denouncer, from every vain imaginer, and from every deceitful traitor. Should anyone ask thee concerning the Divine Lote-Tree, say: Verily, It is beneath the swords of the people. Alas, alas, for that which hath befallen the Wronged One from the hosts of the wicked ones. Some among the people have been seized by the smoke of idle fancies. Because of this hath the eye of My inner being wept and the sighing of My heart been raised. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to purify His servants from the defilement of idle fancies and the dust of vain imaginings. Verily, He hath power over all things. Illumine My loved ones with the lights of My utterance, remind them of My verses, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My

wondrous utterance and the clouds of My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The resplendent light from the horizon of the heaven of My grace and the glory shining forth from the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning this momentous News. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of the hearts of them that know and the Purpose of them that have recognized His oneness.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God, Who was and shall ever be as He hath been, Who hath subdued the world through a movement of His Most Exalted Pen. Glorified, glorified be He from being known through mention or described through praise. He is the Self-Subsisting Who hath taken neither likeness nor partner unto Himself. He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, for having made the hearts of Thy loved ones treasuries of the pearls of Thy love and their breasts repositories of Thy remembrance in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, by the Dayspring of glory, grandeur and prosperity, to ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

It is submitted that your letter arrived and after learning of its contents, this servant presented it at a certain time before His presence. He said: “Blessed is he in that he hath drunk the wine of My love and held fast to the cord of his Lord’s grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” He said that whatever you have spent or may spend on yourself and your family is all beloved and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. God willing, you have ever been and shall ever be assisted to perform benevolent deeds and actions, and be honored with acceptance.

Two days ago your son came and was specifically requested, and for some time was present and honored before the Beloved’s presence. Perfect kindness was shown to him. I beseech the Most High to aid him and make him great beneath the shadow of His mercy and in the vicinity of His grace. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Likewise, on your behalf this evanescent servant attained the presence of the Desired One. Blessed art thou and I, and well is it with thee and me, and joyous tidings to thee and me. The Tablet which you had requested for my brother was graciously revealed from the Dawning-Place of favor and was sent. We beseech the Most High to make it a remembrance, honor and treasure for His accepted servants.

Please convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to each of the gentlemen who are present in that land. May His Honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, be ever enkindled with the fire of the love of God in all conditions and be known by His Name. The glory be upon you, O loved ones of God in His lands and His friends in His countries.

The Servant

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In His Name, exalted be His glory - He is Wisdom and Utterance! Praise be to God Who hath guided His servants unto His straight path and His mighty announcement, and hath sent down upon them from the heaven of His bounty the signs of His oneness, and hath made known unto them that which, through His generosity, shall exalt them, and hath taught them that which shall draw them nigh unto the court of His might and the precincts of His nearness. He is the Omnipotent, unto Whose power and sovereignty all created things have testified, and all contingent beings unto His grandeur and omnipotence. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved, whom He chose from among His creation for the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause and the diffusion of His commandments and ordinances. Through Him God exalted the Word of Unity and the Sign of Detachment, through whom the ocean of knowledge surged and the fragrance of His loving-kindness was wafted amidst all religions. And upon His family and companions who arose to aid His Cause in His kingdom and to manifest the mysteries of His Book amongst His servants - blessings that shall never change nor cease. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of creation.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In these days the presence of Muhammad-'Ali Effendi and Ibrahim Effendi, upon them be the peace of God, is contrary to wisdom. This Wronged One hath loved and still loveth to meet His friends, yet in view of consummate wisdom that which is mentioned is more fitting and beloved. At present it is advisable that they return to their abode in utmost joy and fragrance. We beseech God to aid and strengthen them to be patient and forbearing, and to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for such of His servants as are nigh unto Him and for such of His creation as are sincere. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Master of nations! The Wronged One hath testified and doth testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the fragrances of revelation were wafted in Yathrib and Batha, and by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones, to aid Thy loved ones to hold fast unto Thy mighty cord and to cleave unto Thy luminous hem. Then write down for them the reward of those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of Thy bounty. Then assist them with Thy succor, and send down upon them a blessing and bounty from the clouds of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Moreover, O Lord of the world, preserve those who have turned toward the lights of Thy countenance and have acknowledged the unity of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Essence, and ordain for them every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

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May the honored master, his eminence Aqa Mirza 'Ab, upon him be the Glory of God, consider this with his luminous gaze.

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

What is submitted by this evanescent servant to your exalted presence: Although I have not had the honor of serving you outwardly, yet inwardly the fragrance of your love moved me and the breath of your affection stirred me to arise to express my sincerity to your presence, even though my mention is not worthy of one who has been illumined by the lights of the Divine Realm and has turned to God, the Sovereign of the Realm of Might. We beseech God to make you a helper of His Cause and one who speaks His praise among His creation, and we beseech Him to assist you that there may appear from you that which will exalt God's Cause throughout creation and by which the horizons will be perfumed. Verily, He is the Protector of those who have been faithful to the Covenant and have turned to God on the Day of Meeting.

This evanescent servant submits that in these days the beloved N.Z., upon him be the Glory of God, attained the Most Holy Presence, and when he mentioned your praiseworthy qualities and lofty, pleasing characteristics, the warmth of love was manifested to such a degree that this servant was emboldened to submit this petition. I beseech and hope from the True One, exalted be His glory, that He will assist this evanescent servant to make mention of His loved ones in a manner befitting and worthy of them. Likewise I hope from God's generosity that He will cause your honor to succeed in matters that will be the cause of enduring, steadfast remembrances in the earth, for all that people today are occupied with and take pride in will pass away and become non-existent, while that which will endure and remain are those matters that appear today from steadfast, firm and resolute souls, and these matters will become the dawning-place of the world's remembrances and the source of creation's utterance. For years mention of your honor had been heard, but no means appeared by which this servant could venture to write a petition. Praise be to God, this time through the mention of the aforementioned person, the means appeared, although it has caused trouble to your honor, therefore I hope for and continue to hope for forgiveness. I hope that, God willing, the musk-laden breezes from the paradise of your honor's love will ever pass over this servant and never be cut off. May the Glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God.

The Servant of God

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In the Name of the One, the Single One! The waves of the ocean of utterance, by the will of the Lord of all possibility, have appeared in the form of these words. In most years, the fragrances of the garment of the All-Merciful were sent forth from the direction of the manifest Prison, that ye might quicken the dead through that holy fragrance and draw them to the realm of oneness, that all who dwell within the realm of possibility might not remain deprived of the living waters nor be forbidden the outpourings of the ocean of inner meanings. This is a Day that hath no peer or likeness. Every soul that hath today turned toward the most exalted horizon is accounted as one of the fruits of the divine Tree, and likewise every handmaiden of God who hath attained unto faith in God is numbered among its leaves in the Book. This is of God's grace, which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Indeed, even this mention is itself

counted among all mentions, even as it hath been said aforetime that “the believer cannot be described.” This is a Day wherein God hath made the highest among the people lowest, and the lowest highest. Observe how many souls who deemed themselves to have ascended to the loftiest heights of knowledge and learning remained yet veiled from the Sun of Truth, while how many whose names were never mentioned, after the call of the Lord of Names was raised between earth and heaven, turned to the most exalted horizon and quaffed the purest wine. Whatsoever appeareth in this Day shall remain and endure. Hearken unto the call of this wronged One, imprisoned, and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be followed by sitting. These numbered days have been and shall be fleeting. Strive ye that some trace of you may appear in the days of God. He is your companion and intimate friend in all the divine worlds. In truth I say: the eye of favor hath been and shall be, God willing, fixed upon you. Therefore in every year mention of you hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Know ye the value of this divine bounty and heavenly feast, and occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of God, that perchance the living waters of mention may awaken the heedless and rouse the sleeping ones. The Command is in God’s hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them that have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Siyyid Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Exalted, the Most High! Hearken unto what this Prisoner calleth out to thee, purely for the sake of thy Lord, that thou mayest discover the fragrance of love from the garment of words and be of them that rejoice. Bear thou witness unto that which God did testify before the creation of all things, that there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. This is the Word whereby the realities of all things were raised up and through which the Prophets and Messengers were sent forth. Were men to purify their ears to hearken unto it, they would all detach themselves from their possessions and their own selves, and would ascend unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the Most Potent. Stand thou firm in the Cause of God and His love, then leave the idolaters behind thee. Thus hath it been sent down aforetime, and now as a mercy from His presence unto all the worlds. If thou wouldst turn with the ear of divine nature unto all created things, thou wouldst hear from every atom thereof what the Interlocutor heard. Say: O people! I am verily the Youth of God, Who hath come unto you with clear signs and a perspicuous Book. I manifested Myself aforetime under the name of ’Ali and took from all in the world, by His tongue, the covenant of My Self. Among them some were veiled and some turned towards God, and they that turned are now in gardens of delight. O people! He is My Beloved and I am His Beloved. Whatsoever appeareth from Me is His purpose preserved in tablets of glory. He spoke not except in praise of Me, and I speak not except in remembrance of Him, the Inaccessible, the Most High. May my soul be a sacrifice for Him! He neglected not to take the covenant of My Self, as attesteth that which His tongue hath spoken and which hath flowed from His transcendent, mighty and wondrous Pen. O servant! Preserve thou this Tablet, then read it, that the words of thy Lord may attract thee. Verily, He attracteth whom He willeth by His command, and He is in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Stand thou firm in such wise that the tempests of opposition, which blow continually from the direction of them that have disbelieved in God openly

while clinging to His verses to prove their cause, and who slay His own Self, the Mighty, the Most High, shall not move thee. Say: O people! Nothing shall profit you this Day, nor is there any protector for anyone save God, the Mighty, the Generous. Flee ye from all things unto His Self. Verily doth God cause His detached servants to flee. Thus have We made mention of thee in this Prison, that thou mayest rejoice in having been remembered and be of them that read. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

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O handmaiden of God Fatimih-Sad! He is the Most Mighty, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of God from this Tree planted in the holy land, this Spot which God hath sanctified from all eternity as a token that there is none other God but Him, and that 'Ali-Qabli-Nabil is the Manifestation of His Self to all who are in the heavens and on earth, and that this Youth is His Glory unto all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High.

Know thou that thy letter hath come before Us and that the glances of God have been directed towards it. By this thou shouldst take pride in the heaven of might and majesty. God hath ordained for thee in the heaven of His decree that which shall gladden thy heart. Verily He is generous in His actions and great in His favors. Purify thyself from all remembrance, then remember thy Lord at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and in the evening. Stand firm in thy love for thy Lord and be not like unto her who believed in her Lord and then turned away, and thereby did the word of punishment from God, thy Lord, become binding upon her. Verily He is severe in His chastisement.

Would that thou hadst known her and what was in her heart! By God, the eye of creation hath not witnessed anyone more false than she. She believes and then disbelieves, yet perceiveth not. Were ye to know what she did unto herself, ye would not have associated with her. But God is witness over her. There is none other God but Him. He knoweth every soul and nothing in the hearts of women and men is hidden from Him.

Do thou purify thy soul, thy heart and thy tongue from all who are in the heavens and on earth, then occupy thyself with the remembrance of thy Lord and place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily He will protect thee from those who follow naught but vain imaginings and error. Thus doth the Mighty One teach thee. Follow what thou art commanded and associate not any partner with God, thy Lord. Verily He is sanctified above all likeness and comparison.

And the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God in these days wherein feet have slipped and the earth and all who dwell thereon witness convulsion and earthquake, save those whom God hath caused to abide beneath the shadow of His mercy. Besides these there is no protector today for anyone. This verily is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error. Praise be to God, the Supreme King.

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O Rida! Your letter hath reached the prison, and come before the gaze of the Prisoner, through Whom the Tree hath spoken, and the Mount called out, and the Rock cried aloud, and the Vale flowed, and the Dove sang: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Most High, the Most Great!” We have taken note of its contents and heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We had previously sent thee a Tablet, wherewith We adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of wisdom and explanation. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath sent it down in truth. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Ancient of Days. Hold fast unto it and recite what hath been revealed therein with joy and radiance, that perchance they who slumber on the couch of idle fancies may awaken and hear the call of thy Lord from this Quarter wherein the Remembrance hath been raised from this All-Wise Remembrance. Recite the verses of thy Lord unto them that have turned away and hesitated. Thus hast thou been commanded by One Who is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Follow in all matters thy Lord, the Lord of Revelation, in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from celebrating His praise amongst His servants. This is what God hath chosen for His chosen servants who sleep in His love and arise in His remembrance and move by His command and proclaim wisdom among His creatures. The Table hath been sent down, and the proof completed, and that which was mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath come to pass. They who have veiled themselves there and followed the Calf are in grievous error. There hath been sent down for each one of them that whereby the sun of proof and evidence hath shone forth. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart unto this momentous News. We sent the Badi’ unto the Chief with thy Lord’s Book, which hath no equal in all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Through it was the proof completed unto all creation. When they turned away, tribulations seized them and they were encompassed by hardship and adversity. Were it not for thy Lord’s mercy that hath preceded all things, thou wouldst have seen them all among the perished. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace that hath encompassed all beings, to have mercy upon Thy weak servants. O my Lord! Look not upon their deeds and what beseemeth them, but rather upon the generosity Thou hast chosen for Thyself and Thy mercy which Thou hast made the Most Great Sign for all who are in earth and heaven. O my Lord! Thou art He Whom the turning away of Thy creatures harmeth not, nor doth the acceptance of Thy servants profit Thee. The atoms bear witness that Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

O emigrant servant! Hearken unto the call of this Youth at the time when there appeared before Him some of the wondrous bounties while He was eating, and He speaketh that which the Spirit hath spoken within His beloved breast. By God! No affair distracteth Him from the remembrance of His Lord. While eating He remembereth, and while sleeping He remaineth in praise of His Lord, the Mighty, the Self-

Subsisting. Say: O people of the Bayan! That which was present at that moment before His face was but a piece of bread and a small amount of cheese. We eat and give thanks unto our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Do not fabricate lies against Me as ye fabricated before, objecting to Me and to all that appeared from Me, even eating and drinking, and thereby ye cursed yourselves but ye perceive it not. And unto him who came unto Us, We gave him to drink of Chinese tea, and if there was food We fed him, purely for the love of their souls, for God's sake, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved. Yet they objected to Me and mocked God and desired to diminish God's honor amongst His servants. Say: Woe unto you, O people, for ye have been veiled from that for which ye were created in the preserved tablets of might. Ye have done unto My person that which no one hath done unto anyone, and ye have said that which even the idolaters said not, after He created all things for Myself and My loved ones, as beareth witness to this all that was revealed before, if ye but understand. Say: Days passed over Us when nothing was present before Us with which to feed ourselves, if ye but know. And how many were the days when diverse bounties were present before Us, and We were grateful in both conditions, if ye but recognize. Once We wore silk after it was presented before Us, and once We found no garment to change into, and We mentioned it not to anyone and concealed it to preserve God's Cause, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, though in His hand was the key to the treasures of the heavens and earth, as ye yourselves have witnessed and do witness. Say: We thank Him at all times and in all that descendeth upon Us. Die in your wrath, then burn in the fire that consumeth your very beings at every moment, but ye understand not. O servant! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and made thee to be of those who are assured. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, male and female.

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O servant Haji Nabil-i-Qabl-i-Rida! In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Great! Grieve not, but rather rejoice. We were with thee when thou wert tried at the hands of the idolaters. Verily, He forgets not His servants who have turned unto Him, and He is with His God-fearing servants. Whatsoever hath befallen thee in the path of God hath been inscribed by the Pen of Destiny upon the Tablet of His decree, and He does not suffer to be lost the reward of the well-doers. Put thy trust in God in all matters, then reflect upon that which hath befallen the Beloved of the worlds. Those whom the world and its ornaments have deluded - God shall soon return them to dust and cut them off from all they have amassed. Thy Lord is, verily, powerful over all things. They shall find for themselves neither friend nor helper, and the breezes of chastisement shall seize them from every direction. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One Who is mighty and wise. Be thou grateful to thy Lord in all conditions for having made thee to know the Manifestation of His Self and for having numbered thee among the sincere ones. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's power and might, in such wise that shouldst thou be opposed by all who are on earth, thou wouldst not be perturbed in thy soul but remain steadfast with manifest constancy. Thus it behooveth those who claim relationship with God - these are His sincere servants. Say: O people! Create not disorder in the land and oppose not those who have opposed God. Leave them to themselves - they are among the dead. Commit not that whereby the dignity of the Cause will be lost among the people. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. The shedding of blood hath been forbidden in the Tablet.

Beware lest ye transgress that which hath been set down in the Book. Do that which ye have been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. O people! Cast not behind your backs the ways of God, neither follow your own ways. Thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets, if ye be of them that comprehend. Should ye find one who is receptive, turn ye unto him and remind him with wisdom and utterance, and shun the rejecters. Verily, those who create disorder in the land - the harm of their deeds reverteth upon the Tree of the Cause, and this is indeed a grievous wrong. Be ye among the servants with joy and radiance such that the gladness of paradise may be perceived in your faces. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you, and this is best for you, if ye be of them that know. And the light be upon thee and upon God's successful servants.

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He is the Most Exalted

O 'Ali! We have loved thee before this, and thy heart and thy soul and thy spirit bear witness to this, and beyond these the angels of Paradise bear witness, and beyond these the dwellers of the holy pavilions bear witness, and beyond these the Ancient Beauty beareth witness, ere His appearance upon the Tablet through the mysteries of the Pen, and ere non-existence assumed the garment of being, and all things with every tongue in this utterance do bear witness. Therefore know thou thy worth and thy station, and be thou in the Cause of thy Lord as a blazing fire, that through thee may be consumed the hearts of those who in their own selves accept not God, to such extent that shouldst thou witness with thine eyes one who opposeth God's command, pluck out thine eyes from their sockets and care not about this, that thou mayest be numbered among those who with their whole being turn unto God. Guard thou thyself and those whom We have entrusted to thy house and placed their reins in thy grasp, and then those women who dwell round about thee. Command them on Our behalf to veil their faces from those in whom ye perceive heedlessness of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Ye see that they are aflame with the fire of self. Thus have ye been commanded in truth - act ye according to what ye are bidden. Say: Those who turn away from the Beauty of Holiness and accept aught else, these have lost both this world and the next, and all their deeds are in vain, except for those who have repented and returned - these are the companions of Paradise and shall enter into God's mercy. Say: O people! Are ye content with this vain life while turning away from the dominion of immortality in the presence of Beauty? Say: Let not your deeds deceive you, and trust not in your actions, but trust in Him Who through His grace gave you life from the water that flowed from the Pen of holy concealment, and trust not in yourselves but in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people! God will test you with a river - whoso draweth nigh unto it is not of the truth, and whoso turneth away from it is verily of the people of eternity, and this is a promise that shall in truth be fulfilled. There shall appear in this land the manifestation of the letter D, who shall call the people unto Satan, and this is a matter that hath been irrevocably decreed in the Mother Book, and God shall test you thereby that He may distinguish who is rejected from the truth. Then remind from thyself and from Us thy rib and her sisters and their mothers, and guard them with a beauteous veil.

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O JJ! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O youth! Hearken unto the call of this Youth from this darksome, hellish Prison, and be not of the heedless ones. Verily, He it is Who speaketh in all things: “I am God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.” Beware lest thou forget what hath appeared in those days. Say: The Sun hath dawned from the horizon of holiness with manifest radiance. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by its lights and hath dwelt beneath its shade and is of them that have turned unto it. Guard thyself lest the putrid waters flowing from the mouths of the signs of them that have turned away extinguish it. Hearken unto the call of God from this Lote-Tree which burneth and blazeth in the wilderness of eternity, from thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Generous. Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, then remind the people of this mighty Cause. Say: O people! All good hath been embodied in the Temple of the Youth, even as ye were promised in the Bayan, did ye but know it. He spake, and His Word is the truth: “In the year nine ye shall attain unto all good,” if ye be of them that turn unto Him. Say: The Pen of God moved only to make mention of Me and to praise and glorify Me. Read ye the Tablets that ye may be of them that are informed. Beware lest ye deny the verses of the All-Merciful after they have been sent down in truth with mighty sovereignty. Say: He Himself hath been a proof unto all the worlds, and what hath appeared from Him is evidence of Him, would ye but be assured. Say: He alone hath stood up amidst the hosts of enemies and hath aided His Lord until He was imprisoned in this far-off land. Beware, O people, lest ye render your deeds null and void and reject the truth by what ye possess. Fear God, O concourse of believers! Place not your trust in what ye possess, but in that which is with your Lord, the All-Merciful, and it shall suffice you in truth and make you independent of all creation. Whoso harboureth My love in his heart, the denizens of the Concourse on high shall inhale its fragrance, then the dwellers of the cities of eternity, then Our servants who glorify God. Purify thy heart from the allusions of them who have disbelieved, then rend asunder the veils suddenly through My power and sovereignty, and fear not the oppressors. He will aid thee in truth, and victory is from none but Him, and His victory through the believers is nigh. Thus have We imparted unto thee the Word of truth that thou mayest follow what thou hast been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Wise. And glory be upon thee and upon God’s sincere servants.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the Gate of Utterance was opened! O Pen of the All-Merciful! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names, who, when the Call of Glory was raised from the Supreme Horizon, turned towards it and responded, while every doubtful polytheist turned away. Thou art he who journeyed to Zawra, traversing the paths until thou didst enter the seat of the Throne and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of Lords. Thou didst hasten and present thyself, and didst arise before the Gate which the Concourse on High circle round in the nights and days. Blessed art thou, for thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion and didst attain unto that which was promised in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. I bear witness that thou didst believe when the horizon of Manifestation was illumined by the Sun of Knowledge, and thou didst hear for the sake of God

the taunts of every opponent, and didst bear in His love what most of the servants were powerless to bear. Upon thee be My glory and the glory of them that are in the most exalted Paradise, and the glory of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. We make mention of thy son from whom We perceived the fragrance of My love. We testify that he soared in My atmosphere, heard My call, drank the Kawthar of My bounty, turned toward My horizon, spoke My praise and confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur did confess: that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. He was named Fath'u'llah in the Book of his Lord, and the Supreme Pen hath mentioned him in diverse Tablets, as the Mother Book doth testify. We were with him when he ascended unto Us. By My life! We found from him the fragrance of sanctity. When he ascended, the Concourse on High welcomed him with luminous standards until he entered a station whereof were but a needle's eye to be revealed, all things would cry out: "By God, this is a noble station!" Upon him be My glory and My mercy and My bounty which hath preceded all created things. We make mention of thine other son. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We have forgiven him as a token of Our grace and mercy from Our presence, and have ordained for him that which rejoiceth the hearts of the righteous. Thus hath My bounty encompassed My loved ones who have turned toward My horizon and My face while most of the people in the lands turned away. The glory be upon thee and upon them both and upon those who have ascended to the Supreme Companion in the name of their Lord, the Most Glorious, Who proclaimeth from the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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O Siyyid Mahdi!

In the Name of God, the Most Holy! O Mahdi! Your letter hath come before Us, and We have taken note of its contents and have answered thee with this Tablet that thy heart may rejoice and thou mayest be of them that are gladdened. I make complaint unto thee concerning those who claim to love Me yet commit that which grieveth My heart, who follow their own desires and abandon that which they were commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thou knowest that should people witness any unseemly act from those who claim to love Me, they would attribute it to Mine own oppressed and lonely Self. Say: O people! True virtue lieth not in claims but in godliness and in following My glorious path between earth and heaven, and in being a banner of guidance in the kingdom of creation. This is what God desireth for those who have entered the stronghold of My Cause and then the garden of their Lord's good-pleasure, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Peerless, the Wondrous. Say: O people! Fear God and contend not with anyone, nor wage war against any soul. Leave the world and all that is therein to its people, and spread not corruption in the land after it hath been set in order. Be ye of them that are detached. Remind the people with goodly counsel and transgress not what ye have been commanded in the Tablets. Be not of the heedless. Say: O people! If ye believe in God, follow what We enjoin upon you in truth and follow not the ways of the corrupt. Hold fast to the handhold of godliness - verily it is the ladder unto the source of names and attributes. This is My counsel unto you, if ye be of them that act. Know then that the mewing of cats hath been raised up, then the barking of dogs, and behind them the howling of wolves, then the grunting of swine - if thou be of them that hear. How then can the scratching

of the Pen be heard in mention of the mysteries of pre-existence? Fie upon them who have disbelieved in God and deprived themselves of the melodies of wondrous glory. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from those who disbelieved and from what they possess, and hath made his deeds pure for the sake of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus have We imparted to thee and informed thee of what hath befallen Us, that thou mayest inform the people, that they may stand firm in the Cause and be of them that are steadfast. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them who have believed in God and have entered there from among the loved ones of God. Give them glad-tidings from Us and glorify their faces on behalf of this Prisoner, the Remote, the Stranger.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O Nabil (the Most Great)! Hearken unto the call of thy Glorious Lord from the direction of the Throne, then hear what the Spirit imparts unto thee that it may cause thee to soar in the atmosphere of longing, attraction and immortality, and establish thee in the Cause of God in such wise that thou shalt behold the worlds behind thee. Thus hath the Bird of the Throne warbled in its love for thee, that thou mayest be of them that know. Then know thou that what We informed thee of before hath come to pass, and with thy Lord is the knowledge of what was and what shall be, but most of the people are in a mighty veil. We did inform thee before that the wolf would emerge from the thicket of hypocrisy, and lo, it hath emerged therefrom. The curse of God be upon them all! But thou, turn not unto these people, then stand firm in thy Lord's Cause and be righteous as thou wert before, that perchance the people may perceive within themselves and not deny God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great. By God the Truth! The idolaters possess naught save what Al-Baqir spoke of before, and thus have their souls made a matter seem fair unto them, and they were among the losers. Thou, abandon what they possess and ascend unto the horizon of remembrance and utterance, then open the gates of tongue and heart and be not of them that are silent. Say: O people! He hath appeared by one letter of Whom was created that which ye worship besides God, your Lord, the Most High, the All-Wise. Say: Have ye not heard that We have rolled up the carpet of the Furqan and spread another carpet, as a grace from Us to all the worlds? Say: O people! Be ye ashamed before God and speak not what the tongues of the people of the Furqan have spoken, but detach yourselves from what ye possess and turn unto the Beauty of the All-Merciful, Who hath dawned from the horizon of paradise with a holy and luminous beauty. Then know thou that thy letter hath come before Us and We have learned what was therein. God shall soon reward thee with the best of rewards. He is the Guardian of the sincere ones. We have sent down for every soul mentioned in thy letter a Tablet that all the kingdoms of the heavens and earth cannot equal. However, We have not sent it due to corruption that hath appeared in the Letter T. We shall send it when God willeth and desireth. He is the best of senders. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that have drunk the sealed wine from thy fingers through this Name, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of the one God! O Ahmad! Thou hast heard many Persian words from the tongue of the All-Oneness, and drunk from the chalices of divine utterance the living waters of wondrous meanings. Now observe - doth a single letter thereof equal all that hath appeared in the earth of exposition and the heavens of explanation? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Consider carefully the words of him who hath associated partners with God, which he wrote to thee, that thou mayest discern from the repugnance of his words the repugnance of his soul. God is Most Great! The weak and ugly bird hath claimed equality with the eagle soaring in the holy and sanctified heaven, and the perishing ant hath claimed the station of Solomon! Say: O thou who hath associated partners with God! The barren earth can never immerse itself in the holy divine sea, nor will it ever be able to do so. Know thy worth and station, and transgress not beyond thy rank. Rise not in rebellion against the King through one word of Whose command a hundred thousand like thee have been created. This is the mighty decree that hath issued from the Most Great Pen. Say: O thou rejected one, essence of Nimrod and manifestation of all Jews! Dost thou say God's hand is chained up? Chained up be thine own limited hand! Thou hast disbelieved in what thou hast said. Seest thou not that God's hand is outstretched in truth over all the worlds? In brief, thou and the other loved ones must guard yourselves well in these ephemeral days from the devastating winds that blow from the direction of the manifestations of polytheism. O Ahmad! Be steadfast in the Cause of God thy Lord, and in all times soar in the atmosphere of His love. Then drink from the choice wine of His bounty, then speak forth in His praise, then make mention of the wonders of His Cause, then thank Him for having made thee to be mentioned before Him and for having made thee to be among the successful ones. Leave the polytheists and their idols behind thee, for this will profit thee in this world and the next. Then ascend at all times to thy abode, the station which God hath purified from every stubborn denier. At all times be engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful and summon the people to the direction of the All-Glorious. This is the fruit of human existence in this time and all times. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those whom the breezes of forgiveness, wafting from the Ridvan of the Command from God, the Mighty, the All-Glorious, have purified. And praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O My servants! It behoveth you to refresh and revive your souls through the gracious favors which, in this Divine, this soul-stirring Springtime, are being showered upon you.

The Day Star of His great glory hath shed its radiance upon you, and the clouds of His limitless grace have overshadowed you. How high the reward of him that hath not deprived himself of so great a bounty, nor failed to recognize the beauty of His Best-Beloved in this, His new attire.

Say: O people! The Lamp of God is burning; take heed, lest the fierce winds of your disobedience extinguish its light. Now is the time to arise and magnify the Lord, your God. Strive not after bodily comforts, and keep your heart pure and stainless. The Evil One is lying in wait, ready to entrap you. Gird yourselves against his wicked devices, and, led by the light of the name of the one true God, deliver

yourselves from the darkness that surroundeth you. Center your thoughts in the Well-Beloved, rather than in your own selves.

Say: O ye that have strayed and lost your way! The Divine Messenger, Who speaketh naught but the truth, hath announced unto you the coming of the Best-Beloved. Behold, He is now come. Wherefore are ye downcast and dejected? Why remain despondent when the Pure and Hidden One hath appeared unveiled amongst you? He Who is both the Beginning and the End, He Who is both Stillness and Motion, is now manifest before your eyes. Behold how, in this Day, the Beginning is reflected in the End, how out of Stillness Motion hath been engendered. This motion hath been generated by the potent energies which the words of the almighty have released throughout the entire creation. Whoso hath been quickened by its vitalizing power, will find himself impelled to attain the court of the Beloved; and whoso hath deprived himself therefrom, will sink into irretrievable despondency. He is truly wise whom the world and all this is therein have not deterred from recognizing the light of this Day, who will not allow men's idle talk to cause him to swerve from the way of righteousness. He is indeed as one dead who, at the wondrous dawn of this Revelation, hath failed to be quickened by its soul-stirring breeze. He is indeed a captive who hath not recognized the Supreme Redeemer, but hath suffered his soul to be bound, distressed and helpless, in the fetters of his desires.

O My servants! Whoso hath tasted of this Fountain hath attained unto everlasting Life, and whoso hath refused to drink therefrom is even as the dead. Say: O ye workers of iniquity! Covetousness hath hindered you from giving a hearing ear unto the sweet voice of Him Who is the All-Sufficing. Wash it away from your hearts, that His Divine secret may be made known unto you. Behold Him manifest and resplendent as the sun in all its glory.

Say: O ye that are bereft of understanding! A severe trial pursueth you, and will suddenly overtake you. Bestir yourselves, that haply it may pass and inflict no harm upon you. Acknowledge the exalted character of the name of the Lord, your God, Who hath come unto you in the greatness of His glory. He, Verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Possessing, the Supreme Protector.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High

O Hasan! Praise be to the Lord of the worlds Who confirmed thee in recognizing that which was promised and recorded in all divine Books. This is a great bounty and an exalted station. Beseech the True One to preserve this most exalted station, for the evil ones have been and are lying in wait, appearing in various guises. God protect us and you from their evil and their fire. Today it is incumbent upon every soul to arise to remember God and serve Him. Hold fast to the Book of God and His laws, and cling to the hem of thy Lord's gracious favor. Blessed is the soul who is today adorned with the ornaments of trustworthiness, truthfulness and steadfastness. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Blessed are they that attain!

As to thy question about power - all things have testified and do testify to the power of the Lord of earth and heaven, and the signs of His power are manifest and evident in all things. The possessors of true vision witness them at all times. Since He created the contingent world through means, therefore most matters and the manifestation of power, sovereignty, grandeur, grace and bounty have been and will be through means. All things bear witness that He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As for mosques, monasteries and temples that are built specifically for the remembrance of God - the mention of any other than Him is not permitted therein. This is one of the divine ordinances, and whosoever transgresseth it is accounted among the transgressors. No blame attacheth to the builder, for his work was for God and he hath attained and will attain his reward. Today what is necessary is to act according to the Most Holy Book. All must hold fast unto it and act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed therein.

As to what you wrote about giving a sum to the King of Martyrs, the letter Ha - this is truth wherein there is no doubt, and he presented it at the Most Holy Court. All things testify to his trustworthiness, his devotion, his loftiness and his arising to serve the Cause of God. He himself desired martyrdom and, praise be to God, attained this most exalted station. God hath seized the source of oppression, and He shall soon seize those who followed him without any clear proof or enlightening Book.

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He is the Sorrowful One

O Hasan! Praise the Beloved, for in successive years thou wert present before the throne of the All-Merciful, and in all nights and days thou didst attain unto the presence of God. At sunrise thy gaze was fixed upon the Most Great Scene and thy heart was turned toward the right hand of the throne. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto this most great bounty, for which there is no equal. Now hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, and grieve not at separation from the Glory of the All-Glorious, and be not dismayed by the irrevocable decree of destiny. Sacrifice heart and soul in the good-pleasure of the Friend. Fix thy gaze upon the Sovereign of His Command and be severed from all else besides Him.

O Hasan! Thou didst come with joy and delight; return thou to the City of the All-Merciful and inform the people of the trials that have befallen, that perchance they may arise to aid this Wronged One, this Stranger, this Lonely One. O Hasan! Although separation from the Luminary of the horizons is difficult, yet His command is even as nearness and reunion with the Beloved and the Desired One. Be thou content with His command, and exchange lamentation and grief and agitation for patience and resignation. Be confident in the grace of God, for He hath never forgotten and will never forget His loved ones.

The example of thee and the emigrants is like unto a nightingale that hath long been intimate with the rose of the divine beauty in the holy paradise of the Eternal, and suddenly the hand of divine destiny separates them and pronounces the decree of divorce. Although the bearing of this most great burden is very difficult for mortal man, yet My command hath ever been the beloved of the soul of the mystics and the desire of the spirit of the lovers.

O Hasan! Since thou art an emigrant by My command, thou art at all times present before the throne of My good-pleasure. O Hasan! In the treasuries of My Cause are hidden the pearls of wisdom, and none hath discovered them save My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self. Therefore, walk thou in joy and contentment, not in compulsion and complaint.

O Hasan! Walk and dwell in the land with utmost sanctification and detachment, for thou hast for successive years been one who circled round the throne of sanctification. Therefore it behooveth thee to walk in the path of supreme detachment, not in the ways of wickedness and indecency. Act thou according to that which befitteth thee. God willing, mayest thou ever soar in the holy atmosphere of God and walk in the sacred realm of divine intimacy. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who are with thee of thy sister and thy brother.

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This is what hath been sent down by the command of God for His servant who hath been named Salman:

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

O Salman! Thou wert commanded by the All-Merciful to conduct thyself with wisdom and to speak with care, lest harm should befall the perspicuous Tablets from the hosts of Satan. Render thanks unto God that He protected thee by His power, notwithstanding that the chiefs of the idolaters in every land had given orders to seize thee and that which thou didst bear from thy Lord. This was one of the manifest powers of thy Lord, that thou mightest thank Him and be of them that are assured.

However, after having attained thy goal and received the Tablets, rend asunder the veils through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that the fresh and radiant splendor of Baha may shine forth from thy countenance between earth and heaven. The Beloved is one and the heart is one - ponder thou and be of them that know.

And if thou art asked about the Truth, say not “I know not.” Say: “Yea, by my Lord! I know and am aware. He, verily, is the Truth. There is none other God but Him. He hath preserved me from the harm of His heedless servants and hath removed from me my veil in the days when I was present before His face, and He made His verses, then His words and His power which hath encompassed the worlds to shine upon me.”

Today it is incumbent upon all to strive that perchance through divine grace some deed might appear from them on earth that would become the cause of eternal salvation and enable them to enter the kingdom of true everlasting life. Consider the cooing of the dove and the buzzing of the fly - the former draweth the hearts of men through God’s grace and guideth them to the court of the Beloved, while from the latter no effect appears nor is its purpose understood.

Therefore the manifest Word of Truth must needs be uttered with clear explanation. Say: “God is the Truth,” then leave the people to their veils and their idle fancies. Fear thou no one but place thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Wisdom is beloved, but not to such extent that the Word of God

remain hidden. Wisdom is befitting among the righteous but not among the wicked. Hearken unto the counsel of him who counseleth thee in truth and be of them that act accordingly.

And the glory rest upon thee and upon God's sincere servants. Thou hast not been absent from sight all this time - strive thou to be mentioned forever before His face. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

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In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful!

O servants of God! Hearken unto the divine Call which is raised from the direction of the exalted Throne. I speak the truth when I say that the eye was created to behold the Most Great Vision, and the ear came into being to hear the Call of the Lord of Power, and the heart was adorned with the robe of existence to know the Sovereign of contingent being. It is incumbent upon all today to observe with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. Consider the followers of religions: inasmuch as they have remained veiled from this station, they have been deprived of the outpouring grace of the True One.

In these days a letter arrived from him who beareth the Most Beautiful Name, wherein he made mention of you. Therefore, purely for the sake of God, this most exalted, most holy Tablet hath been revealed and sent. I swear by the Sun of glory and sanctity that if you approach it with a detached heart and sanctified vision, you will discover the fragrance of the divine Raiment and, wholly severed from all else, will turn toward the most exalted Horizon and quaff from the most glorious Wine. Deprive not yourselves of the rising Sun of bounty, and forbid not yourselves the surging Ocean of grace. You have not been and are not aware of the essence of the Cause. Strive that through divine favor you may rend asunder the veils and become informed of the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Rising-Point of His Revelation. In this dawning of days when the divine fragrance wafteth and the Call of Truth is raised amidst all beings, occupy not yourselves with the sayings of this one and that. Arise in the name of God amidst all beings, and take the chalices of recognition from the hands of the Countenance of the All-Merciful and drink therefrom in His remembrance. Justice hath ever been and shall ever be beloved in every station. We pass over all that hath appeared in this Revelation; read but a single Tablet from among the wondrous Tablets, and likewise the writings of others, and judge for yourselves. Should anyone arise with fairness, he will undoubtedly, after hearing the divine verses, instantly turn toward the realm of oneness. Blessed are the just! Blessed are they who remember! This Prisoner hath mentioned this Tablet for the sake of God, and you too should read it for the sake of God, that perchance ye may attain unto the Living Waters which flow at the heart of contingent being. Unto God belongeth all authority, both in the past and in the future. We are all, verily, His believers.

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His honor Ism should write this letter in his own name in reply to Aqa ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Mashhadi ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, it was read repeatedly and I forwarded it to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and mention was also made of you in His presence. Assuredly this mention is greater, more excellent and more beloved than all other mentions. Praise be to God, this matter was properly accomplished, and this servant did what he could in bringing forth mention of your honor in the Most Holy Presence where it was discussed.

As for the matter of funds for the house door, no such arrangement was made. In most cases the treasury has been found to be empty, nay rather in debt. Several years ago, after the Rasht incident, the sum of one hundred tumans was bestowed upon him and another person, each receiving fifty tumans according to the draft. This was a bounty that was bestowed. For the house door, no funds can ever be found that could be given for business. Expenditures in the Most Great Prison have reached a point where their enumeration is difficult. God willing, his honor Aqa ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, will act in whatever way leads to the manifestation of affection, love and fellowship.

This lowly one beseeches from the ocean of God’s grace and mercy, exalted be His glory, that He may assist His loved ones to perform such deeds and actions as will cause the exaltation of the Cause and the upliftment of the Word of God. At one time this exalted word was revealed concerning one of the loved ones - magnificent is His utterance and glorious His proof: “O thou such-and-such! Should the entire world and all that is therein be given over to thee, and shouldst thou observe that by accepting it the glory of the Cause would be diminished by even an atom’s weight, thou must forsake it.”

In any case, the point is that at present there are no funds from God’s treasury with the aforementioned gentleman, though this servant has one hundred tumans with him. It is hoped that affairs there will proceed with truthfulness, sincerity and uprightness, and that debts will be paid.

O my God, my God! Assist Thy loved ones in that which will raise their stations among the parties and their ranks in the lands. Verily Thou art the Owner of creation and the Commander in both beginning and return.

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The Most Great Holy Name, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. 29 Jamadiyu’th-Thani 1302.

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord.

Praise be to God! Today the garden of inner meanings hath appeared, adorned with the flowers of divine knowledge and wisdom. The Kawthar of utterance and the living waters of Tasnim flow therein. How blessed is the state of one who hath found the way thereto, and how deprived is he who hath gained no portion thereof. Its fragrant breeze giveth life to the soul and gladdeneth the spirit. Without words it imparteth subtle and delicate mysteries; without treasure or ornament it bestoweth eternal wealth. With the finger of power it rendeth asunder the veil of bewilderment and causeth the sun of truth to shine

forth from the horizon of grace. How blessed are they that attain! How blessed are they that know! How great the regret of the heedless and the rejectors!

Its key hath ever been and will continue to be the love of God, which is the praise and glorification of the Goal of all creation, expressed in sweet and engaging words. How blessed is such a day, how blessed such an hour, and how blessed such a moment when the exalted letter, which is as a key and from which emanateth the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the world, arriveth continuously! In truth, it is this that refresheth the heart with new joy and causeth the fire of longing and yearning to burn more intensely.

God is my witness that in the nights and days, despairing of creation, finding solace in thoughts of Thee, and placing my trust and reliance in God, suddenly the door was opened and hope was fulfilled. The carpet of sorrow was rolled up and the carpet of joy was spread forth. Before that, each day the pen would write of the pain of separation, and ink would record mention of the days of communion and unity. At times the nature yearned for the art of the nightingale, and at others beheld itself like the salamander in the fire.

Brevity is more beloved than prolixity, for it neither prevents you from the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds, nor obscures the matter which is explained and clear to that Eminence. We have passed over lengthy discourse; in brief, without you no complete joy was attained, and your absence deprived the gatherings of their supreme adorning. As the servant was seated, suddenly from the horizon of the house your letter appeared like the morning star. After taking, reading and perusing it, it attained the honor of being heard before the face of the Lord of Names, exalted be His majesty and His favors.

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O My Name! Time and again have We made mention of thee. Thou hast quaffed the cup of everlasting life from the hands of the Best-Beloved of all creation. Thy mention endureth forever and thy tribulations are witnessed before the Throne. Through thy steadfastness the horizon of constancy hath been illumined and made radiant. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loveth thee, maketh mention of thee, and hearkeneth unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Should you for a time turn your attention to your homeland and its environs from the land of Ya, Alif and Ra, this would be well-pleasing in the sight of God, for perchance some wayward soul might find guidance and recognize the Purpose. However, in all conditions you must fix your gaze upon the horizon of wisdom. Whatsoever is contrary to this is neither permitted nor befitting. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee and make mention of thee from this exalted station.

Convey My greetings to the friends of God. Say: Beware, beware lest the clamor of the ungodly keep you back from God, the Lord of all worlds. These people newly walk in the footsteps of the people of the Furqan. By the life of God, they have not understood the Day of God, for on that Day none is mentioned save God alone. All books are dependent upon His Word and acceptance, and all deeds are contingent upon His leave. Throughout ages and centuries they have nurtured people with vain imaginings. Yet that heedless group considered themselves superior to all others, unaware that they were and are the most abject of servants. With utmost tyranny they martyred Him Whose mention they prefaced with “may God

hasten His relief." The result was "may God hasten their descent into hell." Say: O friends of Truth! By God's life, these souls are heedless and unaware. Setting aside all else, what benefit did they derive from their past utterances that they should gain from future ones? Fie upon them and upon those who followed them without clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is necessary to mention somewhat the calumnies of the Shi'ih sect and their falsehoods. O My Name! The Concourse on High lamenteth and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise grieve, for having rent asunder the thick veils and mighty coverings, they have now returned to their first step. Weep, O people, weep! Justice hath become like the phoenix and truthfulness like equity - both unwitnessed. Yet thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

The people of Baha are deterred neither by the world nor by aught therein. His Cause is more manifest than the sun, and His call is raised at all times. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, Who in the midst of tribulation proclaimed with the most exalted call and summoned all to His luminous horizon.

I know not why until now the people of the Bayan have not reflected upon the deeds and words of the previous sect. Those who considered themselves the best among mankind, namely the Shi'ih sect, committed that which caused all things to lament. Not one soul reflected upon what was the outcome of that sect and their deeds and words. By the life of our Purpose, it was all scattered dust! Now the polytheists among the people of the Bayan have established such an apparatus anew. These sightless ones have not reflected for a moment that from the beginning of the world until now, what Cause hath been greater than this Cause and what Revelation more manifest than this Revelation? Should any soul arise to deny it, to what would he then testify? Today none is mentioned save God. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrance of this Day and recognized its Purpose. This servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to render ears worthy and eyes capable of hearkening to the Call and beholding the Supreme Horizon. Concerning what was written about His Holiness the Afnan (upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God), that he sent a telegram - the purpose thereof was that dignitary's journey to the direction of the Divine Purpose. However, the subsequent letter stated that His Holiness the Afnan (upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God) and the honored Amin (upon him be the Glory of God) had requested to proceed in those directions. After this matter was presented at the Most Holy Court, this supreme utterance shone forth from the highest horizon, He says, exalted and mighty is He: "Now that these honored ones have made this request, the Afnan's acceptance is beloved before the Divine Presence, and if he should travel for some days in the land of Ya and its surroundings, it would be beloved." The people of that province and the relatives will surely attain fresh joy and new delight from meeting with that dignitary. And concerning what was written about how the friends of God in every land have all requested mention, this matter was honored to be heard. He says, exalted be His glory: "O My Name! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. By My life! Whosoever has desired that his name be mentioned in the Most Holy Court, verily his mention is recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen. Give glad tidings from Me to all who have desired My loving-kindness and attention. Say: Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the Answering." Give to each one the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and counsel them to steadfastness and that which exalteth the station of man. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return.

And concerning what was written about three trustworthy souls who are among the poor and working class having given a portion for the Right of God - though it is small, yet coming from its owners despite their poverty, it is most praiseworthy and beloved. These matters were presented in the presence of Him from Whose grasp nothing can escape. This is what caused the ocean of utterance to surge in the realm of possibility. He says, blessed and exalted is He:

He is the One Who speaketh in truth!

O servants of the All-Merciful! My Name hath mentioned you, and We have mentioned you in a Tablet that cannot be equaled by the tablets of the world nor by what the nations possess. Your Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness unto this. Ye have attained unto the recognition of the Wronged One, Whom the transgressors have made a prisoner because He summoned all unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Bear ye witness as God hath borne witness before the creation of earth and heaven that there is no God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Whoso hath attained unto My recognition, he is indeed of the Supreme Concourse in the sight of God, the Fashioner of the heavens and the Lord of Names; and he who hath been prevented is accounted among the heedless in the Preserved Tablet. God hath heard your call and witnessed your turning unto Him, and hath sent down for you that which shall be with you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest the clamor of the babblers prevent you from God, the Lord of the worlds. Preserve what ye have been given through this Name that dominateth over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Praise be to God, they have attained unto the bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory, and what they have given hath been accepted, and a receipt shall be sent. If possible, it would be beloved if that sum could be delivered in the land of Kha to Mulla ’Ali Bajistani (upon him be the Glory of God), that he might use half himself and deliver the other half to Ibn-i-Shahid (upon him be the Glory of God).

In reference to thy mention of His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad Ja’far and His Honor Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon them be the Glory of God, this was presented before the Divine Throne and attained the honor of being heard, and the petition of His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad Ja’far which he had written to thy presence was likewise presented before the Throne. Two most holy and most exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of divine will especially for them and were sent forth. God willing, they will attain unto them and drink from their ocean of inner meanings.

Similarly, mention was made of the devout, enkindled handmaidens - the honored aunt and her two daughters, upon them be the Glory of God and His favors - and it was written that they are counted among the first believers. After these matters were presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these verses shone forth from the horizon of grace. He saith, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Seeing

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. By the life of God, thou hast spoken the truth. The aunt and Khadijih in the early days attained unto faith, drank from the Kawthar of love, and received a mighty portion from the Euphrates of certitude. The sweet fragrances of the love of the All-Merciful have ever wafted from them, and they have, to the extent possible, exerted mighty efforts in service to His Cause and His loved ones. In the path of God they heard and witnessed that which caused grief to the

hearts of those near unto Him. Blessed are they! By My life, all that is on earth cannot equal what hath been ordained for them. Praise be to God that they attained unto acceptance, certitude, recognition and utterance of "yea." The divine testimony concerning them sufficeth and endureth. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good, whether men or women, to be lost. Convey to them My glad-tidings and remind them on behalf of the Wronged One. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon them and upon their children who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Their mention hath ever been in the Most Holy Presence, and there hath been revealed for them that which shall endure as long as the names endure. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to grant them success, to strengthen them, and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Likewise, two Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Tablets were revealed and sent especially for His Honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali and Aqa Muhammad-Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God. God willing, they will attain unto them. Some time ago their petitions attained the Most Holy Presence. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Succorer, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Regarding thy mention of His Honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'r-Rahim of Qamsar, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the amount of six (vav) for the Huquq which His Honor Aqa Zaynu'l-'Abidin from Mazgan, upon him be the Glory of God, had sent through him - these matters were presented before His countenance. This is what was revealed for His Honor Mir, upon him be the Glory of God. He saith, exalted be His utterance:

I am the Expounder, the All-Wise

O Mir! Great is the Cause and great is the Day! Some followers of the Bayan have until now failed to comprehend the Day and cling to former vain imaginings. Say: O people! Today is God's Day wherein none is mentioned but Him. If a soul should be confirmed in the worship of all who have gone before and shall come after, and in less than that moment turn his gaze to aught else, he hath not been nor ever shall be accounted among the people of unity, and all his deeds shall be as scattered dust. Have they not heard the words of the people of the Furqan, that is, the Shi'ih sect, and have they not weighed the imaginings of the past? How then are they occupied in renewing suspicions and idle fancies? Nay, they are in manifest loss! Though all days of Manifestation are, in one sense, the Days of God, yet this Day was the object of the desire of all Prophets and Messengers. In all Books, Scriptures and Tablets it is adorned with the ornament of distinction. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of them that join partners with Him! Be steadfast in the Cause, and voice the praise of thy Lord, and be firm in such wise that the edifices of doubts and idle fancies may tremble. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee.

We make mention of the friend who hath attained to the remembrance and utterance from the All-Merciful. We beseech God to aid him in that which will exalt His firm and wise Cause. Convey My greetings unto him and unto My loved ones there. We counsel them to manifest the utmost steadfastness and that which befitteth this glorious and wondrous Day. My Name, upon Him be My glory, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this manifest remembrance. Thou hast

attained unto thy Lord's remembrance time and again - this from His great bounty. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of Zaynu'l-'Abidin who hath acted according to what was commanded in the Book of God. Blessed is the servant who hath testified to that which the Desired One hath testified, and hath performed in His path that which hath caused his remembrance to be exalted among His sincere servants.

A hundred thousand thanks to the Desired One of the world! Whenever mention is made of one of His loved ones in His presence, it is adorned with the lights of His grace and embellished with the ornament of His favor. Particularly those souls whom that Excellency hath mentioned - each one hath attained unto wondrous, sublime, enduring and eternal verses. Blessed are they, and joy be unto them, and all good be unto them! This evanescent servant beseecheth all to remember him at the time of mention and praise, and to seek confirmation for him in the service of this mighty and great Cause.

Concerning what was written about spending an evening at the home of Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, in the company of the friends of God, engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds - this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. His Word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, through which the sea hath surged and the fragrance hath wafted

Blessed is he whose tongue hath spoken in praise of his Lord, and he who hath inhaled the fragrance of His luminous garment, and he whose ear hath heard His sweetest call, and he whose eyes have beheld His glorious countenance. O Siyyid, O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir! My Name, upon Him be My glory, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

The greatest of all deeds in this day is steadfastness, for the people have been reared in the midst of vain imaginings. Blessed is he who hath cast aside the vain imaginings and utterances of the past and hath fixed his gaze upon the horizon of certitude alone. Those souls who are deprived of knowledge have clung to the words of the people of the Furqan and have arisen to lead others astray. This was the promise of God, exalted be His glory, and He hath given tidings in His Books of that which hath appeared and shall appear. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cleave unto His luminous hem.

Blessed is thy house wherein My remembrance hath been raised, and wherein My Name and My loved ones have been present. Remember them on My behalf, and convey My greetings unto them, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy. We beseech God to aid them to serve His Cause, to send down upon them blessings from His presence, and to give them to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness by the hands of His bounty. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

As to what was written regarding the distress of the friends - the good of the world, the blessings of the world, and the power and might of the world, all are directed towards them and reckoned as theirs. How many companions in the time of the Seal of the Prophets, may all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, had not even sustenance for the night, yet they held fast unto patience and were adorned with the

ornament of resignation, until there was sent down unto them from the heaven of grace that which the reckoners were powerless to reckon. Soon they shall witness that which hath been revealed in the Book. The riches of the world and its good shall turn towards them from all directions. What is needed now is unity and harmony, wisdom and the teaching of the Cause in such wise as not to create commotion. This hath been and is incumbent upon the servants, and the rest is with God, exalted be His glory.

Despite the expenses of this land, of which thou art aware, if any portion of the Huquq reacheth Us or arriveth, it hath been and will be given. What Ismi hath written in this regard is correct; indeed, great breaches shall appear, as they already have. Concerning the beloved Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God and the trust of God, what was written hath caused boundless joy. Praise be to God, and thanksgiving and glory be unto Him, and His is the power and strength and bounty. However, according to the command, at present a small place must be designated without furnishings, otherwise it is in danger. Many wicked heedless ones are to be seen; should they become aware, they may perhaps arise to commit previous deeds. At the outset of any matter its end must be considered. The place must be taken in such wise as to leave no room for anyone to make claims.

And likewise it was written that one night they were honored to be in the house of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, together with the friends of God, upon them be the glory of God. This matter in its entirety was presented before the Presence. This is what was revealed in reply from our Lord, the Lord of the Final End. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

In My Name, Who heareth and seeth

O Muhammad-'Ali! For successive years thou hast been blessed with the remembrance of the Lord of Names and Attributes. Thou hast drunk from the cup of reunion and partaken of the ocean of meeting. Thou hast heard that which was mentioned in the divine Books and witnessed that which was recorded therein. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy son who hath attained unto the tablets of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. Thy mention and that of thy sons hath been immortalized in God's Book. We beseech God to aid thee in preserving that which He hath bestowed. We testify that thou didst migrate and attain Our presence, and didst hear and see. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's loving-kindness and be of them that are steadfast.

We make mention of the Hakim, brother of the Hakim, who attained Our presence and discovered the fragrance of Our wondrous Revelation. O Aqa Khan! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from the Divine Lote-Tree upon this elevated Mount in the most noble of spots. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee a tablet from whose horizon hath shone the star of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dayspring of Revelation and heard the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who was promised in the Books and Tablets. We beseech God to strengthen thee, prosper thee, and ordain for thee through His Most Exalted Pen the best of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, through His Name whereby He hath subdued all who are in earth and heaven. Soon shall all thou seest today perish, and there shall endure what hath been ordained by God, the Lord of Lords. We counsel thee to preserve

what thou hast been given and to remain steadfast, which God hath made among the most excellent of deeds.

The waves of the ocean of bounty have encompassed all, and the lights of the Sun of loving-kindness have shone upon all. This servant beseecheth God that He may make all aware of what He desireth, for should they become aware, all would arise to serve His Cause. Praise be to God that both the aforementioned ones - namely Aqa Muhammad-'Ali and Aqa Khan, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful - have drunk from the cup of meeting with their heart's Desire and have attained unto that which was promised in the Books. I beseech God to strengthen them in steadfastness, which is mentioned as the most excellent of deeds, and service. I convey greetings and salutations to each, and likewise to the sons of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon them be the Glory of God - the eldest son and the others. Praise be to God, they are mentioned in His presence and have attained His loving-kindness. Praise be to Him in all conditions. I beseech and hope from God that He may open the door of bounty and extend the hand of giving. Verily, He hath power over all things.

As for what they wrote concerning their difficult circumstances, they were told to act in whatever way they deem advisable, whether through the Huquq or other means. They should certainly give attention to this matter. Since this is the divine will, relief shall surely come. In His grasp is the control of all affairs and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Regarding what they wrote about the honorable Hudhud, upon her be the Glory of God, in these days news arrived of a sum of twenty tumans which has been ordered to be sent to her, with the remainder to be given to certain others. If further news arrives, it shall be transferred.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Ha and Sin, upon him be My glory! From the beginning of the Cause he turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and in a few years was enabled to serve the Cause through mention and praise. We beseech God to strengthen him to preserve this station. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. God willing, may he be assisted to perform that which is regarded as the most excellent of all deeds in the sight of God, and which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. O My Name! Give him the glad tidings of a favor from which the sun of permission hath dawned from the horizon of his Lord's gracious will. He may turn with such turning as causeth all created things to turn towards the precincts of nearness and meeting - the station wherein the Speaker of the Mount proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Blessed is he, for he hath attained unto that which he sought. However, as bidden, he must observe wisdom and its requirements. If circumstances are favorable, well and good; if not, patience is preferable.

As to the mention thou hast made of the feast given by the honored mother of the family, upon her be the Glory of God, and likewise the mention of the minister and his son and their circumstances, upon them be God's loving-kindness - this was presented in the Presence of Him Who was God and there was naught else besides Him. Thus did the Tongue of our Lord, the All-Merciful, speak in the Kingdom of Utterance: O My Name! We have previously made mention of Muhammad - a mention whose fragrance shall endure and persist. We beseech God to assist him to do that which beseemeth His days and enable him to act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. From this station We send Our

greetings upon him, his brother and his son. Convey to all of them the Wronged One's greetings, that the greeting may draw them to the most exalted station and bring them near unto God, the Lord of all mankind. The world is evanescent and its treasures will not endure. We beseech God to enable those who are related to attain unto true relationship and to guide them to the straight path. Praise be to God that they have been mentioned and their names have flowed from the Pen of Utterance. This is the true blessing and the heavenly food. Glory be upon them and upon those who have attained unto this manifest Day and this firm and mighty Cause.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the Eternal Truth not to deprive any of those who are related from the sealed wine.

Concerning the mention thou hast made of the evening of arrival and the presence of the friends and some of the loved ones, this exalted Word hath shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon at this point: O God! Bestow Thy blessings and peace upon the host, the guests, and those who were present, visited, attained, served, made mention and heard the praise of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Praise be to God! These exalted words encompassed all - the host, the guests, those who were present, those who rendered service for the sake of God, and those who made their way through the snow - all attained and received their portion from the ocean of God's mention. Happy are they! Especially for the honored mother of the family, upon her be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Great Tablet was revealed, and likewise specifically for the leaf who is the sister of Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon them both be the Glory of God, who made her way through snow and cold. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of those men and women who do good.

Today all the friends of God must reflect upon matters of the past and become aware of the unripe fruits of false trees, that perchance they may not fall prey to new delusions in the future. The Shi'ih sect was considered the most exalted of religions, yet it became manifest as the lowest and most abject of all parties. Some followers of the Bayan who are deprived of the rays of the Sun of Truth and barred from the ocean of knowledge walk in the footsteps of that people. The true Herald and genuine King - that blessed Being Whose mention the Shi'ih sect made for years during nights and days, eagerly awaiting His appearance and yearning for His presence - after His manifestation they all pronounced the verdict of His death and martyred Him with grievous torment. That Holy One was martyred by the sword of that group's falsehood. For one thousand two hundred years and more they busied themselves with arranging beliefs and mentioning the paths of faith and certitude. In the end neither did those beliefs bear fruit nor were those words seen to yield any result, for they were deprived of the straight path and walked the ways of idle fancies and vain imaginings. They arranged multiple partners for God, glorified be His grandeur, while considering themselves monotheists. The ultimate end of that rebellious sect was what you saw and heard. How many souls whom they considered misguided, including those of the Sunni sect, have now had the light of faith shine forth from their hearts such that they became accepted and attained His presence. Reflect upon the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses, how they became enkindled with the fire of the Cause. Observe, then mention what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an, blessed and exalted be His words: "And We desired to show favor unto those who were brought low in

the land, and to make them leaders and to make them inheritors." Verily all grace is within His mighty grasp - He gives and withholds, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The Supreme Pen today counsels all to steadfastness, for the croakers have appeared with evident craftiness and have striven and continue to strive to lead people astray. It is reported they have gathered the writings of this Revelation. God is aware and knowing of all intentions. We counsel all to the Most Great Steadfastness in such wise that the hearts of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, may be astonished thereby.

We make mention in this station of him whom We named Khalil (Friend) in the Book. O Khalil! Hearken unto the call from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily thy Lord hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise that nothing possessed by all the parties can equal it. Glorify thy Lord's praise and remind the people of this Cause whereby all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords!" Protect My servants from the calumnies of the people of the Bayan who have denied the All-Merciful by following vain imaginings and idle fancies. They desire to spread corruption in the land after its reformation. They are assuredly among the transgressors in the Scriptures and Tablets. Be a shepherd to God's flock and protect it from the wolves of the earth who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have committed that which caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and those who circle thy Lord's throne at eventide and dawn to lament.

In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

We make mention of Abdul-Rahim, who believed in God in the beginning and the end. We have mentioned him before and We mention him at this time with verses by which the mountains would take flight. Remind the servants of what befits the days of thy Lord, then protect them from those who have denied the Resurrection.

We make mention of Our loved ones and friends in that place and its surroundings, and give them glad tidings through the remembrance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! We counsel you with that which will elevate your stations, and I am the True Counsellor, the All-Informed. Beware lest any matter prevent you from this Cause, or any remembrance veil you from this Great News. You are in your homes while the Most Exalted Pen makes mention of you in this firm and impregnable Prison. And We make mention of My handmaidens and give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Ali [Naqi]! My Name, upon Him be My glory, hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in this Clear Tablet. Be thou thankful to God for this most great favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!" Glory be upon Al-Khalil and upon thy father and upon thee and upon thy wife and upon My loved ones who have held fast to My firm cord. It endeth.

His is the praise and the favor at all times and under all conditions. He hath adorned His friends and loved ones with the crowns of mention and utterance. The Word of God endureth and whatsoever is therein endureth. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to all the friends and loved ones, and seeketh steadfastness for all. The honored beloved one, Aqa Mir Abdul-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God, hath been twice mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in this letter. Blessed is he and blessed is he who

hath attained unto the cup of bounty and favors. At this time, which is four and a half hours past Wednesday the 17th of Jumada'th-Thani, that which is beloved of the world was carried out by proxy for that loved one, and the word of acceptance was revealed. Blessed be your honor and this servant.

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful for those who have turned towards the Holy Court on a Day wherein every learned one was thunderstruck, every jurist was perturbed, and every wise one was shaken, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed otherwise. O Hashim! My Name hath mentioned thee, and We make mention of thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. This is a Day wherein the Concourse on High circle round the Throne of thy Lord, the Master of humanity, yet those who claim adherence to the Bayan are among the heedless, clinging to the Calf and turning away from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of Husayn. He makes mention of thee and counsels thee to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Soon will a cawer come to you with the book of the iniquitous. He is indeed among those who deny God in His Book, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He will call you to the Calf and seeks to extinguish the light of God through the whisperings of satans. Blessed are those who remained with Us until their spirits ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The glory from Us be upon them both, and upon you, and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Ever-Flowing, the Generous.

We make mention of Muhammad, whom My Name hath mentioned, and We give him glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all things, and of My remembrance before which all remembrances bow down. O Nasrullah! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the cawing of every cawer who has disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords, will not cause thee to slip. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of thy Lord's grace, the Master of creation.

We make mention of 'Ali, who was present before My Name, with a remembrance that shall never fade. O 'Ali! Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Master of all men. We counsel you and My loved ones there to be steadfast in the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Whoso makes mention of this Day besides Me is among the iniquitous in the Scriptures and Tablets. This is God's Day, wherein none is mentioned save Him. To this testify those possessed of understanding, and behind them the Revealer of verses.

A hundred thousand thanks must be offered in every moment, but what benefit when man is not capable of such? We are weak, we are lowly, we are poor - how can we render thanks for these successive bounties and consecutive favors? His is the praise and the favor. All the souls mentioned by that eminent one's pen have attained to that which hath no likeness or peer. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones to be steadfast, that they may not be deprived of the purpose of the world through the utterances of the whisperers and the signs of the fault-finders.

And as for the mention made of his honor Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise those souls who came with him from Badaghan, this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and attained the honor of being heard. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the One Who ruleth over all names

O Mahmud! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast attained unto that which most of the peoples of the world, both past and present, have been deprived of despite their yearnings and aspirations. Thou hast attained unto a mention the like of which hath never been and shall never be. All divine Books bear witness unto this truth. We beseech God to set thee ablaze with the fire of His love - a fire that shall never be extinguished. O Mahmud! We counsel thee with that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Today, the people of the Crimson Ark must remain so steadfast that the barking ones, the atheists, and the polytheists among the people of the Bayan shall be rendered powerless to speak. O Mahmud! For twelve hundred years the divines and pulpit-climbers led people astray, and the result of their deeds was that they pronounced their verdict against the Beloved of the world and martyred Him. And now again these same souls desire to promote their former vain imaginings. They have not reflected even briefly upon what became of that party which considered itself the most exalted of all parties. Take heed, O ye who possess insight! Blessed art thou and blessed is he who fulfilleth his covenant and breaketh not the testament of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings unto Muhammad-i-Sadiq and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him from this exalted station, that his heart may be assured through the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. We make mention of him who is named Hasan and counsel him with that which We have counselled Our loved ones before, and I am the All-Knowing Counsellor. Be thou vocal in My praise, turn thy face toward My horizon, and stand firm in My Cause whereby the limbs of the polytheists have quaked. We make mention of him who was named Ghulam-'Ali with a mention through which the sincere ones shall perceive the fragrance of their Lord's loving kindness. Beware lest the people of the Bayan, who have denied God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, keep thee back from the All-Merciful. O Mahmud! Remind My loved ones on My behalf, then recite unto them the verses of thy Lord, and I am the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon everyone who is steadfast, firm and upright.

O Muhammad-Taqi! Upon thy father and upon thee be My Baha! He spoke of My remembrance before My manifestation and knew Me before My revelation. He is among those who were mentioned in the Book of thy Lord, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Today We enjoin steadfastness upon all, for the divines have again arisen and are preventing the servants from the Truth through their vain imaginings. Blessed is thy brother who attained unto My presence, served Me, circled round Me, hearkened unto My call, stood at My door, and gazed upon My countenance. Upon him rest the glory of God and the glory of His loved ones and chosen ones, from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hearts and minds cannot reckon. We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali whom My Name mentioned in His Book, and We give him the glad-tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth, and of My grace that hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him. He will assuredly assist thee through His grace, and He is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

And this was revealed for Darab Beg, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. He is the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

O Darab! Hearken unto what thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, calleth thee to in this final abode. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. O Darab! We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. The clamor hath been raised and what lay hidden in hearts hath been revealed. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou so firm in the Cause that neither the veils of men nor the pretensions of those who have disbelieved and turned away from the Most Sublime Vision shall hinder thee. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Seeing. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the clamor of the divines hath not prevented from God, the Lord of lords.

Thus endeth what was revealed. There is no name but hath been honored with the verses of its Lord, and no servant but hath been sent down for him that which will draw him nigh unto God, his Lord. Happy and welcome be it to them. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, at all times, to grant steadfastness unto all, for the deceitful ones and the thieves lie in wait. God protect us and you, O ye who are brought near!

As for the mention of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali Makhmalbaf, son of Aqa Hasan, and their sons and family, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise for the sake of God, they were guaranteed their special Tablet. This detail was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and a wondrous and sublime Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the True Bestower's bounty specifically for them and was sent. God willing, may they attain unto it and drink from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. Likewise, mention was made of Aqa Husayn Makhmalhaf, uncle of the aforementioned person, and that group, all of them, who were written to be nearly thirty souls - all were mentioned in the Divine Presence and attained unto God's bounty. After the presentation of these exalted words, there was revealed from the heaven of grace - His word, exalted be His glory:

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Mention on behalf of the Wronged One all those people and give them glad-tidings of God's grace, mercy and loving-kindness - namely those who have drunk from the living waters and attained unto new life. We beseech God to protect those souls from the evil of those who have turned away from the Bayan, and to keep them all firm and steadfast in His Cause. We beseech the Most High to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones from His Most Exalted Pen, to grant them the best of what hath been revealed in His Book, and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

This servant conveyeth greetings to all and declareth that there have been and are cawers, deceivers and liars. Protect yourselves from the evil of the idolatrous souls through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. In previous Tablets all have been informed about the clamor of the cawers and the atheists. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning the mention of Aqa Rama?an-'Ali who hath ascended unto God and his brother Aqa Sha'ban-'Ali, upon both of whom be the glory of God, and concerning the matter of the one tuman which was intended for a feast in honor of the beloved of the heart Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali and other souls, upon them be the glory of God - praise and thanksgiving be unto God that before the deed manifested itself, the intention of the deceased was accepted. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance in this station. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

“O My Name! O thou who gazest upon My countenance! We have mentioned him who hath ascended unto God with a mention which God hath made for him as the table of inner meanings and the fruit of utterance, and through it He hath ordained for him what no eye hath seen nor ear heard. Give this glad tiding to his brother who was named Sha’ban before ’Ali that he may thank his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. O My Name! God’s favor concerning these two is clear and evident, for He aided them and caused them to attain His presence. He made them hear His call and revealed to them His beauty. Ask God that they may be aided to preserve this station.”

This servant will also, God willing, be enabled to carry out the feast which they had intended to hold. The servant testifieth that they both attained unto the grace of their Lord, the Most High, the Great.

And concerning what was written about being present in the house of Aqa Shukru’llah, son-in-law of Aqa Ghulam-’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, and the mention made there of a group of men and women - this matter was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed from the heaven of the knowledge of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, then assist the Wronged One through goodly deeds, praiseworthy character, and wondrous, sublime steadfastness. He commandeth you what profiteth you, and He is the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

O Shukru’llah! My Name mentioned thee, so We make mention of thee as a grace from Us, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness, turning away from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon thee, upon thy wife and her mother, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

O Ghulam-’Ali! We have mentioned thee before with verses that nothing in creation can equal, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause, speaking the praise of thy Lord, and gazing toward His luminous horizon. Thou hast attained unto the utterance of the All-Merciful time and again, to this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, and it is My Self, the One that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. We make mention of thy son Mahdi and give him glad tidings of My grace and bounty, and We counsel him with that which beseemeth My mighty, wondrous Cause.

O Mahdi! Upon thee and upon thy father be My Glory, My mercy and My grace that cannot be equalled by the riches of kings and monarchs.

O Shaykh Qabli-Hasan! Thou art among those who have attained unto My remembrance, both before and after, and unto My verses from which those near unto God inhale the fragrance of My wondrous raiment. We have heard thy mention from a Book bearing My Most Great Name, and We make mention of thee from this remote spot. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones. We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause. We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Tahir, that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord and be of them that render thanks. Blessed art thou and blessed are My friends who have quaffed the living waters of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous, the Benevolent. Blessed is thy father who attained unto the Ocean of Life when it surged forth from the presence of the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Wise. Glory be

upon thee and upon all who are with thee, both men and women, who have acknowledged that which God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, hath acknowledged.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and to the souls mentioned, and counseleth all to steadfastness, for the polytheists among the people of the Bayan, through the vain imaginings of the people of the Furqan, have striven and continue to strive with the utmost hypocrisy to lead astray the loved ones of the All-Merciful. Today steadfastness is accounted as the most great of all deeds in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and quaffed its pure wine, and woe unto him who hath denied and forsaken it.

As to the mention made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, brother of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Riday-i-Muhajir, upon them both be the Glory of God, and the supplication he sent to the Most Holy Court, this evanescent one presented these details and his supplication was, according to His command, honored to be heard in His presence. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Hearer from the Most Exalted Horizon

O Muhammad-'Ali! My Name hath made mention of thee and hath received thy supplication and that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the worlds. The servant present before the Countenance read it. We heard and have responded through this perspicuous Tablet. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O my Lord, the Most Merciful! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, the manifestations of Thy Lordship, the revelations of Thy Divinity, and the mysteries that were hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid me in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones, and to enable me to fulfill the rights Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! I am he who hath turned unto Thy most exalted horizon and clung to the hem of Thy bounty, O Lord of all being and King of the kingdom of names. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee nor to deny me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I implore Thee, O God of names and Creator of heaven, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the ornaments of the world nor the clamor of the wicked ones who have arisen to mislead Thy creatures in Thy days shall hinder me. Then ordain for me, O my Best-Beloved, the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Almighty to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Praised and glorified be He! He hath revealed for him whom your presence hath mentioned that which no earthly thing can equal, to this our Lord, the Creator of heaven, beareth witness. During its revelation the tongue of grandeur spoke this exalted word, exalted be His utterance: "O My Name! Souls have appeared with perfect love and ardor, and God Himself is witness and testifier - verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing." Ask ye of God that they may be assisted to perform such deeds as are recorded and inscribed in the divine Book by the Most Exalted Pen. O My Name! God willing, may all be enabled to discharge the rights. Although these rights pertain to the Right Itself, yet your honor knoweth how many souls are today engaged in service to the Cause in various regions, while their affairs are apparently hindered. Since matters ordained by God have been made dependent upon means, therefore

the law of payment of rights hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, and the benefit of this deed returneth unto those who practice it.

This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, beseeching Him to assist His loved ones to perform such deeds as shall endure and be preserved in His presence.

Concerning the mention which you made of Mirza ’Abbas, upon him be the glory of God, who is counted among this servant’s relatives, and likewise concerning his expressions of love and affection for this servant - although today all relationships are severed, all paths are forbidden, and all ways are blocked, yet since the mercy of the Desired One of all worlds hath taken precedence, therefore this weak ant entreateth God, exalted be His glory, and with utmost humility and supplication beseecheth that He may assist him, namely Aqa Mirza ’Abbas, to that which is befitting, and that He may mention him in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen as among the souls who are firm, steadfast and upright. Indeed, mention of him was made in the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard. Blessed and exalted be His word:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O ’Abbas! Reflect upon the former centuries. Consider what hath come to pass in ages past, that thou mayest find the straight path and recognize the way of truth. Ponder upon “There came not unto them a Messenger but they did mock at him.” By My life! If those who hesitate, turn away and deny would reflect upon this one verse that hath been mentioned, all would turn unto the truth and would regard the opposition and objection of the divines of the earth as proof of the truth of Him Who calleth today. We beseech God that He may assist thee and not deprive thee from the lights of His countenance, that thou mayest attain unto that which all the Books and Messengers have testified to and for which they have sought His presence. O ’Abbas! Hearken unto My call. Say: God! Then leave them to their vain disputes. Turn with a luminous face toward the horizon of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

A hundred thousand thanks unto the true Object of worship and the true Bestower Who at every moment granteth that which tongues of the world are powerless and incapable to mention. We hope that he may attain unto the divine verses and drink from the ocean of the All-Merciful’s utterance and receive his portion from the fragrance of the words of Him Who revealeth the verses. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. This servant conveyeth greetings and glorification unto him, and at every moment seeketh divine confirmation for him and all his relatives. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Isma’il, upon him be the Glory of God, and the Sun of Permission hath once again risen from the horizon of grace - blessed be he! Concerning the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, the harness maker, and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim, the handkerchief weaver, upon them be the Glory of God, that they are among the righteous ones, both pious and attentive to serving the loved ones - all these matters were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold. This is what was revealed in response from our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He - exalted and glorified be He - speaketh the truth:

O My Name Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. This Wronged One arose to establish the Cause in days when darkness had encompassed the world. None dared breathe a word. The atheists and hypocrites lurked behind veils, fleeing from place to place to preserve their lives. After countless afflictions and the revelation of verses morning and evening, when the world became somewhat illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation and a measure of tranquility was attained, they emerged from behind their veils and initiated a new game of religious pretense. Thou knowest well with what mercy the Supreme Pen hath been engaged night and day, and with what loving-kindness it hath been made manifest. Nevertheless, several souls from Kaf and Ra, who were and are unworthy of mention, have raised the standard of corruption and appeared with utmost deceit and guile. Some through the pulpit and others through letters and messages strive to lead the servants astray. May God destroy them! The same apparatus of the people of the Furqan has emerged - that is, the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih faction. They utter that which was never and is not with God, exalted be His glory. A Manifestation which from the beginning until now has appeared with utmost power amidst enemies, has not concealed itself for a moment, and from which has been revealed and made manifest the equivalent of what was revealed by all the Prophets and Messengers, and all future events have been explicitly recorded in Tablets by the Supreme Pen - yet they have said that which was never said and which no idolator has ever uttered. Strange it is that some of the souls who had accepted the Faith have hesitated and some have turned away. Glory be to God! They are occupied with the buzzing of a fly and are heedless of the Lord of Lords. Fie upon them and upon those who have denied God and His verses and have disputed His proof! In such circumstances the Supreme Pen has had and has no inclination to make mention in these days. In Iraq was seen in a vision that which would cause every person of insight and heart to weep and lament. If it be before thine eyes, thou wilt become aware of what has happened and what will come to pass. In any case, We beseech God to make those souls whom thou hast mentioned aware and to adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness.

O My Name! We make mention in this station of him whom thou didst mention and who was named 'Ali-Akbar, that he may hold fast to the cord of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of Power, and may testify to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O 'Ali-before-Akbar! When thou dost inhale the sweet fragrances of thy Lord's utterance, arise and say:

O my God, my Lord and my Goal! I beseech Thee by the horizon of Thy Manifestation, by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy Cause, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy love. O Lord! Thou seest how the embodiments of vain imaginings are calling Thy servants unto idols. I implore Thee to protect me and Thy servants from the evil of these ones, then banish them by Thy power, O Thou Who art the Possessor of Names and the Sovereign of earth and heaven. O Lord! I am the poor one who seeketh Thy grace, Thy mercy and Thy generosity. Disappoint me not, O my God, from that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book of the wonders of Thy favors and bounties. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Ibrahim and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O Ibrahim! The perishing ones have made claims of being, and the misguided ones have made claims of faith. Beseech God to protect thee. The Cause is most mighty. Reflect upon the leaders of the people, how they all issued decrees and martyred

the Beloved of the world. Now they have appeared in the Bayan, having opened the gates of fancy and vain imaginings. We beseech God to protect thee and those who have believed from the evil of these ones, and to grant you the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to give you to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of grace and bounty. Verily He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Counselor, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning the mention of Aqa Siyyid Husayn-i-?abbagh and Ustad Nasru'llah-i-Najjar, upon them be the glory of God, after being submitted before the Most Great Threshold, these supreme verses were revealed from the Source of Names. His word, exalted be His glory:

We are the Wronged One, the Stranger.

O Siyyid before Husayn! The Dawning-Place of revelation, the Dayspring of manifestation, the Source of the Cause and the Manifestation of the Divine Self hath appeared. Nevertheless, the ignorant and heedless people… while the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge have filled the world, equivalent to all books before and after, nay more, have been sent down from the heaven of Will. Nevertheless, the idolaters strive and endeavor to reject it. One must take refuge in God, for again the turbaned ones have turned their thoughts to pulpit and prayer-niche, and have not ceased nor do they cease in leading people astray. Seek protection from God and ask for steadfastness, that ye may remain preserved from the evil of the atheistic, idolatrous souls. We counsel thee to pure deeds and to that which We have revealed in the Psalms and Tablets. Praise the Beloved of the world Who aided thee and made thee aware. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what was revealed for Ustad Nasru'llah, upon him be [the glory of God]:

He is the Near One, the Answerer.

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed in the books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily He hath come with the banners of verses and hath arisen with the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the divines nor the might of the heedless could hold Him back. O Nasru'llah! God hath assisted thee, for thou wert aided to recognize the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Dayspring of inspiration in days when all were found to be heedless and veiled except whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it from the deniers among the people of the Bayan. By the life of God! They are in manifest ignorance. Seek steadfastness from God in such wise that the idolaters shall have no power to speak. Thus doth command thee He in Whose possession is the perspicuous Book.

O My friends, upon you be My Glory! The Wronged One mentions you in His prison and gives you glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings. O Rajab, when My name was mentioned in your remembrance, We remembered you, and verily it is the Lamp of God that walks before your face in the realms of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. This is a station which God has made contingent upon the Most Great Steadfastness. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe betide every heedless doubter. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Master of all necks.

O Husayn, the Wronged One remembers you when sorrows encompassed Him from those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of Religions. The people believed in the Pool but denied the Most Great Ocean. Thus did their souls entice them. They are assuredly among the companions of the fire. They claim to believe in God's Messengers of old and in Him Who came with the truth, yet they denied their Messenger, their Manifestation, and their Helper. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Guard yourself against those who believe according to their desires and disbelieve in God, the Lord of Lords.

O Muhammad, hearken unto that for which ears were created, then give thanks to your Lord, the Master of the Final Return. We have sent down the verses, and beyond them We have manifested the clear proofs, and beyond them We were visibly resplendent before the faces of the enemies in days wherein the limbs of the people of the Bayan trembled - they who have today emerged from behind the veil. Say: Fear God, O people! Shatter the idol of fancy, then turn with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Divine Lote-Tree calls out: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen One!"

O Muhammad-Taqi, sanctify your ears from hearkening to the call of the opposers and purify your tongue from the mention of the deniers. Eyes were created for the Greatest Vision and ears for hearkening to the call of the Lord of Destiny. O Dyer, God willing, you shall attain to the divine coloring and shall desire no other hue. In truth I say, thieves lie in ambush that they might find some weak one and seize upon him. Guard yourself in the name of Truth. This is the Wronged One's counsel to you and the friends. We heard your mention and made mention of you. Give thanks to your Lord for this manifest bounty.

O Muhammad-'Ali, all the Prophets and Messengers gave the people glad tidings of this Revelation and informed them of this Day. God has adorned His Books and His Scriptures with this Name through which, when it appeared, the idols fell and the traces of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, were effaced. Now certain wood-turners are sullying the wings of the faithful with the clay of idle fancies and preventing them from flight. Guard your wings from the clay of these people, then thank your Lord, the Generous. Verily He has aided you, caused you to know Him, made you to hear, and guided you to His Straight Path.

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness! Convey My greetings to all the loved ones of God and give them glad tidings of the grace of God, exalted be His Glory. Counsel them in that which is the cause of deliverance and success. All the companions in that land have been and are oppressed, having borne tribulations in the path of God. The deeds of all are remembered with God and are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Not a soul's reward, even to the extent of a mustard seed, has been or ever shall be lost. We beseech God to strengthen all to remain steadfast. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom the clamor hath not prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon, who have arisen and proclaimed: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne." Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to that honored one and to the friends of God who have quaffed from the sealed wine and who are holding fast unto the Self-Subsisting Lord. He declareth his own evanescence and nothingness, and beseecheth that honored one not to forget him and to pray to

God for divine confirmation, that perchance he may not fall short in service and may attain unto God's good-pleasure. May remembrance and praise and glory and light be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and upon those who love you and hearken to your words.

At this point, mention was made of the spiritual friends, his honor Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim and his honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. God knoweth that the mention of these two beloved ones that appeared in the blessed Writing was presented day and night, and their names flowed from the tongue of the Desired One. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they. This servant is certain they have not been forgotten for a moment, as if they were present before the servant. I beseech God, exalted be His Glory, to strengthen them in that which would delight their eyes and gladden their hearts and elevate their stations and manifest what He hath ordained for them. God willing, may they be assisted in that which is befitting and may they attain true unity and harmony. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Near One, the Watchful.

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O Muhammad, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! Say to the divines on behalf of Baha: According to your claim, We are at fault. Why did you turn away from the Seal of the Prophets? What error appeared from the Spirit? What crime was manifest from Moses? Be fair, by God, and be not among the wrongdoers! If you say "We were not present in that age," We say that those who arose to revile, curse, turn away and object were like unto you. The divines of Egypt objected to Moses, the divines of the Torah and the idolaters to the Spirit, and the divines of the idols, the Gospel and the Torah to the Seal of the Prophets, bringing forth that which caused the Mother Book to lament. The divines of every age have ever forbidden people from turning to God and commanded them to turn away. Were you to reflect even less than that, you would testify to what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Say: O concourse of divines! The path is clear, the proof manifest, the Book revealed and the Tree raised up. Fear God, glorified be His majesty, and act according to that which ye are bidden. Deny not the grace of God and deprive not the luminary of justice of light. By the life of God! This Day hath no peer or likeness. Cast aside idle fancies and turn to the horizon of certitude. Today there is no refuge or shelter for anyone except God alone. Say: O concourse of the ignorant! Soon shall ye witness that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. This is the truth, there is no doubt about it. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants of the ocean of His bounty. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of Names. Wisdom hath forbidden Us to reveal to the divines. We have revealed and said what must be said. If the world should say it beareth no fruit and leaveth no trace, it increaseth naught for the wrongdoers save loss. [The final paragraph of the blessed Tablet is written on a separate sheet and attached to the Tablet sheet. It may be written after the above blessed Tablet or may have been revealed separately.]

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In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of true understanding has surged in creation! Exalted is the Ancient One, the Lord of great bounty! Exalted is the All-Powerful, the Lord of resplendent light! Exalted is the Generous One, the Lord of wise command! Exalted is the All-Glorious, the Lord of bounty and bestowal! And exalted is the Lord of Names, the One possessed of supreme grace!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded existence both seen and unseen. Reflect upon the tribulations of the Wronged One. A soul whom We sheltered for years beneath the canopies of grandeur and the shade of the Tree of loving providence has risen up in such opposition as hath neither precedent nor equal. By order of the King of Iran We proceeded to Iraq. After some time Our brother arrived there, and later, by decree of the Sublime State, We proceeded to the Land of Mystery. We observed that he had gone to Mosul and was awaiting Our arrival. Wherever We went, he came also. Later it became known that he had written to Hadi of Dawlat-Abad denying his own journeys and presence. Glory be to God! He had suffered not a single blow in this Cause. Now he has united with one like unto himself, Shaykh Muhammad, and likewise with the son of Mulla Ja'far and Aqa Khan and two others, and every day they cling to new calumnies. Praise be to God Who hath revealed that which was hidden, that the manifestations of justice and fairness might become aware. Yet the Wronged One remaineth established in a Cause that all the hosts of earth and heaven cannot withstand, and uttereth His word with a power that the ranks of enemies cannot weaken.

We beseech God to aid thee to achieve that which befitteth His Day. O My Afnan! Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. Occupy thyself with teaching the Cause with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. This beseemeth thy station, and God is witness to what I say.

The Most Great Branch, upon him be the glory of God, hath mentioned thee repeatedly. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him and for thee that which shall endure as long as His kingdom, His dominion, His might and His sovereignty endure. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning this most holy, most manifest, most pure, most mighty, most great Cause.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

These are the verses of the Manifest Book, sent down in truth from the heaven of God, the Most High, the Great. Verily this is a revelation whereof every person of innate knowledge beareth witness that it hath been sent down from One Who is mighty and wise. They that have disbelieved - these shall not find therein the fragrances of the All-Merciful. Nay, they are in manifest error, even as those before them found not, on the day when the Manifestation of Mine own Self, the Most High, the All-Wise, appeared among them. They said: "This hath not been sent down from innate knowledge," after that innate knowledge was itself created therefrom. Thus do We recount unto you that which hath been ordained, and thy Lord best knoweth the idolaters. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and utter not that which causeth the dwellers of the realms of eternity to lament and the pillars of the mighty Throne to tremble. Every

person of innate knowledge hath been created by His command, if ye be of them that know. And every person of insight recognized the truth before its manifestation - how much more after its manifestation through a perspicuous Book! And no one possessed of a heart would exchange a single letter of God's words for all the treasures of the heavens and earth. Say: O people! Fear ye God and take not any partner unto Him. Verily He was ever One in His Essence. He hath created all contingent things through the Word whereon He shed the light of His name, the Creator. Blessed be God, the best of creators! Say: All are His servants and make mention of Him by night and by day, yet most of them are behind a mighty veil. God hath accepted the deeds of them that have turned unto Him, for He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. As to them that have turned away - their deeds shall not be accepted, even should they worship Him throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. This is a certain truth. Had God accepted the deeds of those who in times past were among the people of the Torah and the Gospel, He would surely accept the deeds of these people. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One Who is knowing and wise. Leave the people to their vain imaginings, then take thou for thyself a path unto God. They that have turned away from this Countenance - these are deprived of God's grace and mercy, and are recorded as being among the people of error by the Pen of Glory in the Tablet. Shun them, and turn with thy whole being unto Him at Whose bidding the Sun of Justice hath shone forth from the horizon of this heaven which hath been raised up in God's name. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth and ordained for thee the way of guidance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, Who is indeed aware of His servants. And glory be upon the people of glory and upon those who have taken God as their Guardian.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O J.L.! Hear the call of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. Arise to promote the Cause and enjoin what is right unto the people. Thus doth thy Lord, the Compassionate, command thee from this Prison which is encompassed by the hosts of heedlessness and error. We have made thee one of Our Most Beautiful Names that thou mayest summon the people unto thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Thus hath the Sun of Wisdom shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's Will, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. None hath the right to object to thee; rather must every soul follow that which thou hast been commanded in the Tablets. The hearts of those who have turned away from the Countenance have been corrupted. Verily, they are in doubt and dissension.

Arise to promote the Cause. Say: O people! The Cause hath come, and ye have no protector from God this Day. Abandon what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Mighty, the Compelling.

O My Name! Hear My call once again from the horizon of tribulation. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. Tribulation hath not prevented Us from Our Cause. Soon shall We seize those who have wronged - verily thy Lord is severe in punishment.

Adorn thyself with the ornament of servitude unto God, the True One. Through it shall God's Cause be established throughout creation. Thus did We command thee aforetime. Glorify thy Lord with praise at eventide and at dawn. We have been with thee in all conditions. Grieve not at what hath befallen thee in thy Lord's path, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Soon will God exalt His Cause and manifest what hath been revealed in the Tablet. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Magnify those who are present before the Throne. Blessed is the face wherein thou findest the radiance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Gather the people on the shore of the Most Great Ocean. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not every doubtful idolater. Soon shall the world and all that ye behold today perish, and the throes of death shall overtake you. Then shall ye find no escape, save for him in whose heart is the love of God. His face shall be illumined in that hour and he shall see at his right hand the angels of Paradise with goblets and cups. He shall drink from their hands the Water of Life and his spirit shall ascend to the highest horizon. Thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Confine matters to the remembrance of thy Lord and grieve not at the cawing of the wicked. Soon shalt thou see them prostrate for what they have denied. Verily, thy Lord is severe in chastisement. And glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath turned unto God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling.

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In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

The hosts of God shall be triumphant. These hosts, in the first station and primary rank, have been and shall ever be the verses of God. He is the triumphant, He is the All-Compelling, He is the All-Encompassing. His revelation is manifest and evident in the horizons and in the souls, yet in every station it appeareth according to measure and degree. None save those possessed of penetrating vision, pure souls and illumined hearts can truly comprehend it as befitteth its station. And in one station the hosts of Truth are the Hands of His Cause, that is, those souls who arise for the sake of God to educate the peoples and reform the world, who make the inhabitants of earth aware through wisdom and utterance and guide them to the supreme horizon. And in one station, goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct have been and shall ever be the hosts of God. Thus in this most great Revelation We have commanded all to triumph through the fear of God and to adorn the world with the ornament of security and tranquility. The outward hosts and armies belong unto the kings - they are the manifestations of divine power. If they enter beneath the shade of the pavilions of grandeur they are ascribed unto the Truth; otherwise the command is His - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. In this Revelation the host that hath arisen to serve is the Pen of the Ancient King. Through it the standard of triumph hath been raised and the banner of victory hath been unfurled. It moveth by night and by day with a motion that hath stirred all created things. It is the horseman that raceth in the arena of wisdom and utterance. Its power is not weakened by the might of the world, and its purpose is not hindered by the desires of the nations. It is the prevailing one, it is the triumphant one. Glory be unto God! In the divine days the vanquished is beheld as the victor. Blessed are they that ponder, blessed are they that perceive, and blessed are they that attain. And He hath hosts and armies that none knoweth save His own Self. These

hosts are not seen with outward eyes. His is the command in all circumstances, and His is the decree in the beginning and in the end. O thou who gazest! He Who is mentioned and Who converseth from the Sinai of Utterance speaketh these exalted words, that they may draw thee to the horizon of detachment and bring thee near unto the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen thee with such steadfastness as shall tranquilize hearts and souls. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed of My sealed wine.

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O Aqa Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! Praise be befitting the Lord of Creation, the Beloved, and the Desired One, Whose blessed gaze is fixed upon His loved ones. It is hoped that through the Kawthar of utterance flowing from the Pen of Power, hearts and minds may be cleansed of obstructing veils and become receptive to the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of divine knowledge.

O Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings! Hearken thou unto the voice of the Wronged One with such attention as shall never end nor be erased from the tablet of thine hearing. O Rida! Verily grace hath preceded, mercy hath preceded, and loving-kindness hath encompassed all. Would that My people knew! Would that My people understood! Would that My people were fair-minded!

O Rida! We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest attain unto that which no vicissitudes or conditions of all who dwell on earth can alter or change. This is the station of the Most Great Steadfastness which hath been sent down by the Pen of the Lord of all beings in this luminous dawn and divine dayspring. Hold thou fast unto it, detached from all the worlds.

As to what thou didst write regarding turning towards this direction, it hath been heard. If thou canst find some occupation in that city to engage in, this would be preferable and more fitting. But if thou dost intend to come, thou must turn with complete detachment and pure reliance, aiming for the most exalted station and supreme heights, and approaching the Dayspring of grace and Source of bounty in a befitting manner. In any case, We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant thee success and confirmation. The friends in that land should also strive to the extent possible to perhaps find a buyer for the house who might purchase it, that thou mayest be free to act according to thy desire. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Convey greetings to each of thy relatives and give them the glad tidings of the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of grace. It is hoped that under the shade of the Blessed Tree they may attain true maturity and spiritual coming of age. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Glory be upon you and upon those who have quaffed the sealed wine from the hands of His bounty, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Sustaining.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise befits and is worthy of the Sovereign of Manifestation, Who through His existence brought all things into being. His generosity is manifest through Him and His bounty is evident through Him. He is the Dawning-Place of the light of divine unity and the Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." Upon Him be the blessings of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and upon His family and companions through whom the traces of polytheism were erased and the decree of divine unity was established, through whom the clouds rained down and the Word of the Cause was exalted amidst the parties.

Thereafter, your letter arrived and after being read and reviewed was presented before the Lord and achieved the honor of His attention. He said: We beseech God to assist him in that which will cause the manifestation of praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Today is the day for the manifestation of deeds. We have ever counseled the servants of God to fear God […] Man has been and continues to be well-known. It is hoped that the effulgences of the Luminary of utterance which have shone forth from the horizon of God's Book will illumine all and adorn them with the raiment of the Most Great Infallibility. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath said, and His word is the truth: "Men whom neither merchandise nor selling diverteth from the remembrance of God." We beseech God to protect the unitarians from the evil of the polytheists, and likewise to protect the cities and habitations of the people of divine unity. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

In truth, the polytheists and aggressors have surrounded the unitarians and their towns and villages from all directions, attacking from every side. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by His Prophets and chosen ones, by those who were martyred in His path and strove in His Cause and aided His religion, and by the Manifest Book and its Bearer, to ordain for His loved ones the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne and earth.

Praise be to God that you have arrived at the Sublime Gate and associated with the friends. Convey my greetings to his honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the peace of God. He has been and continues to be mentioned before the Lord. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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O Ghulam-Husayn, who hath attained and won the name of the One God! Praise befitteth the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who hath adorned thee with a name that is related to His own Self. Ponder that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, and be thou of the thankful ones. O thou who art present before the Face and standing at the Gate! Say: O peoples of the earth, ponder ye that which hath been manifested. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the name of the Lord of all names, that ye may perchance attain unto the lights of the Orb of certitude which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the will of the All-Merciful.

From the beginning of this Cause, this Wronged One hath arisen, clearly and evidently, before the faces of all the peoples of the world, both rulers and subjects, and hath summoned all unto the ultimate goal and supreme horizon. That which later came to pass had been revealed aforetime from the Most Exalted Pen with perfect clarity. The verses have encompassed the world and the evidences have spread abroad. Nevertheless, the ignorant divines have prevented heedless souls from the fountain of divine mercy. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, for that thou hast turned, drawn nigh, attained, and won that which was inscribed in the Books of God and recorded in the hearts of His Prophets and chosen ones. We testify that thou hast attained and drunk the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. This exalted Word is a treasure preserved for thee with God. We beseech Him to aid thee hereafter as He aided thee before, and to manifest through thee that which will not change throughout ages and centuries, and to render it immortal in His mighty Book. Convey My greetings to the friends of God and set them ablaze with His remembrance, that perchance the warmth of divine love may unite them all. Unity and concord have ever been and shall remain the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. We beseech God to enable them to recognize that for which they were created and to make them of those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, for the cawers have appeared and shall appear in every land - this being among the tidings which the Most Exalted Pen hath given to all in Zawra and the Land of Mystery and upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy and loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations hath deterred from the Straight Path of God.

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O Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise befits and is worthy of the Omnipotent One Who, through the water of the material world, nurtures and preserves physical bodies, and through the water of love nurtures the hearts of His loved ones. For this spring is connected to the Most Great Spring, and this spring is the cause of enlightened eyes and the reason and cause for the manifestation and emergence of hearts and spirits. Glorified be its Creator, its Administrator, its Manifester, its Expositor, and its Interpreter, Who was and is the Reporter of the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. And He is that Water referred to in the words “And We made from water all living things,” for through His breaths the world was quickened and adorned with the ornament of existence. Glory be to God! Every water has its effect and every one of His commands has its influence, and nothing has flowed from the Supreme Pen except that which is the cause of order, progress, rest and tranquility for His servants. And blessings and peace be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom the power and sovereignty of God were made manifest among His servants.

And then, your letter, which was in truth a spiritual water, produced a perfect effect and brought complete comfort and bestowed great joy. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who created love and through it adorned the world. We thank God for this and beseech Him to assist His loved ones to manifest

what is befitting. After the letter was presented, the Lord, may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake, said: “God willing, may they ever be the recipients of divine favors and steadfast in His service. The letter of Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be greetings, was seen. From before until now three Tablets have been revealed in his name and sent through various routes. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant him the blessing of receiving the Tablets and to assist him in that which they contain. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.” End quote.

This servant ever beseeches, hopes and seeks that God, exalted be His glory, may gather together this dispersion so that we may be blessed with the divine presence and occupied with the remembrance of God. The honored Qurratu’l-‘Ayn Badi’ Effendi is here, praise be to God he is well and has now gone to the garden. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God’s sincere servants.

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God willing, we remain firm and resolute in the covenant we made in the realm of eternity, even though we become rejected by the servants and banished from lands, as indeed we have been. Ere long the world and its people shall perish, and the people of God shall abide in the pavilions of eternity. Verily we are God’s and to Him we shall return. We hope that your honor will drink from this subtle spring, so that you may regard all these non-existent yet seemingly existent ones as lost, and behold the King of Oneness as existent, manifest, evident and resplendent. In any case, God willing, be joyous and rest upon the throne of glory. Furthermore, we have sent Nasir to serve you and have told him not to be neglectful in serving you.

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Regarding Jinab-i-Amin and his journey to the land of Ta, and from there with a group, upon whom be the Glory of God, to England or Tiflis to seek justice, these matters were submitted. This is what the All-Bestowing revealed in response: “Verily, he will not fulfill your needs. They are unable to fulfill their own needs, how much less your needs. But I pour out my grief and sorrow unto God, and I would that My loved ones desire what We desired before and what We desire hereafter.” This utterance which has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful is like the water of life for those who are near and sincere. Regarding the disturbances that have occurred in certain lands about which you wrote, it was submitted. He said: “O Mahdi! A passing shadow is neither worthy of mention nor deserving of attention. A hundred thousand times greater than what has occurred has been witnessed in this Revelation. The perspicuous Book became an adornment for the polytheists. What befell the ocean, how much more so a stream or gulf. The Afnan whom We have related to the Divine Lote-Tree and whose mention has flowed from the Divine Pen in wondrous tablets - surely God, exalted and mighty be He, will not leave them in despair. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and He will manifest whatever they desire, except what the wisdom of God requires to be delayed. And if they wish, even this condition will not be considered in this station. This bounty deserves the gratitude of those who are near and the praise of the sincere ones. The end belongs to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.” O My Name! The

event in the land of Sad is mentioned as among the greatest calamities before the Divine Countenance, such that until now nearly one hundred tablets have been revealed from the heaven of bounty and have flowed from the Supreme Pen mentioning them and those who were with them. No one has been blessed with such an outpouring of grace and bounty - to this testifies what the All-Merciful has revealed in the tablets. By My life! The denizens of My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the dwellers of My holy pavilion have wept at their tragedy and calamities. However, this blessed word was previously manifested from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness: "O sacrifice of God! Turn not back from love's altar, But give up thy life in the pathway of love" And whatever has befallen those holy souls in the path of God has surely not been without effect, and its fruit will certainly appear. Inform My Afnan of what the All-Knowing has informed thee.

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O Muhammad-Rida, brother of him who ascended unto God in the City! He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. The remembrance of God from the Pen of Command hath at this moment been witnessed in truth, and from it hath flowed the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be, then the hidden sciences of the unseen, and from it hath appeared the Word whereby all contingent things were created, and God is witness unto this. O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Ancient King from this Pen wherefrom the spirit of life was breathed into the heart of every pure and sanctified one, and whereby God distinguished between the fortunate and the wretched, between darkness and light, and thus was the matter decreed by thy Lord in truth. Glad tidings unto thee for having remained steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, unmoved by the tempests of trials or the storms of tribulation, standing firm in the Cause. Verily those who have denied this Beauty and have taken the Calf as their lord besides God are in grievous loss. Leave them to themselves that they may worship their lords besides God; soon shall they be summoned before the seat of justice where the Balance shall be set up by the command of the Mighty, the Wise. By God! Were they to worship their own selves and desires it would be better in God's sight than what they have taken as partner unto Him and unto which they cleave morning and evening. Thus hath God testified against them while they perceive not, cursing what they possess while imagining they follow a wondrous cause. Say: Fie upon you and upon what ye possess and upon him who biddeth you deny God after He hath come unto you from the dawning-place of the Spirit with manifest sovereignty. Arise thou in the Cause with such steadfastness that were all who are in the heavens and earth to assemble against thee, thou wouldst not be disturbed by them, remaining immovably steadfast. Grieve not for thy brother who hath ascended unto God. By God! We have sanctified him from all defilement and raised him to a most exalted station of holiness, causing him to dwell in the highest paradise which God hath brought forth through His Name whereby all names were created and every mighty matter was originated. Then convey Our greetings unto his wife and remind her of Our remembrance, and unto all those who were with thee, both women and men. The radiance which hath shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon be upon thee and upon every penitent servant.

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He is the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is a wondrous remembrance from the servant unto all who are in the heavens and the earth, that all may enter the pavilions of mighty glory. Those who have entered the sanctuary of the Spirit and believed in what was sent down from God - these are the companions of guidance. Upon them be the blessings and mercy of God. God will assist them with the hosts of the unseen and raise them to a lofty, holy station. He will send down upon them the angels of the Spirit who will give them glad tidings of the meeting with God and provide them with fruits of Paradise upon sublime and exalted cushions.

Say: These are verses of the Spirit which We cast upon you that through them may be quickened the hearts of those who have detached themselves unto God, and that they may be made pure and luminous by the lights of this Dawn. All shall arise from the graves of heedlessness and hasten with their hearts to the shore of the Spirit, and soar with the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of subtle light, reaching a station where no blame of any blamer nor hindrance of any hinderer shall touch them. They shall hasten to good deeds and arise to the Cause though all who are on earth should oppose them.

Say: Those who have ascended unto God with their wealth and their souls - these are they whom God has made lights of the earth. From their light He created the denizens of the worlds and raised them to heights that were magnificent in the Mother Book. God shall soon manifest them upon clouds of light, and the angels of the Cause shall meet them, in their hands swords of power with which they shall slay the polytheists with swords of conquest - this is decreed as inevitable with God.

O Letter Sad! Hear the call of Him Who calls thee from the throne of eternity and remembers thee on this night in a noble and glorious station, that thou mayest remind the servants of the paradise of oneness and give them glad tidings of the days of God, and provide them with fruits which God has ordained for them in a preserved Book of nearness, lest hardships turn them away from the paths of their Lord and distance them from the path which God created behind the holy worlds and made as a bearer of glad tidings and warning to all beings.

Then mention from Us Our names who were in thy land, and glorify their faces from Us, and likewise those who remember God in their hearts and are today among the radiant lights of the Sun in the Dawning-place of eternity. And thou, preserve these words, then recite them with the tongue of pure nature that the sincere ones may be turned to the beauty of a beautiful countenance.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer! A remembrance from Us to him who hath turned unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of his Lord, the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, and hath heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and hath drunk the Choice Wine sealed by My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath attained unto the favor of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath presented himself, and heard, and witnessed from the mighty signs of his Lord in this Great Prison. O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Thy letter which thou didst send to Our servant hath been presented and hath won the attention of the Wronged One. We answer thee through this resplendent Tablet, with which the tablets of the world and

the remembrances of the nations cannot compare, as doth testify to this the Lord of Eternity Who speaketh before all faces. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a mighty command. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which was recorded by the Pen of Will and mentioned by God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Hearken in Persian to the call of the Wronged One: Previously was revealed that which thou didst ask from the ocean of divine knowledge. He is the Answerer of the questioners and the Goal of the mystics. We beseech God that He may aid thee to serve His Cause and enable thee to achieve that which shall cause His Cause to be exalted. Praise the Goal of the world that He hath aided thee and granted thee a portion from the ocean of bounty. Thou hast attained unto a station for which the possessors of stations have for years engaged in lamentation and weeping in their search, yet on the Day of Manifestation all were deprived save whom thy Lord willed, but thou didst attain, didst hear His call and didst behold His horizon. Know thou the station of this most great favor and preserve it with the eye and soul. Each of the souls mentioned before attained unto the divine verses, and whatsoever was revealed for each one is an everlasting treasure preserved with God. Give them the glad-tidings wherewith God hath given thee glad-tidings in this perspicuous Book. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and Thy loved ones unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy Revelation that Thou make me and those who have believed in Thee to be among those who have no fear nor are they grieved, who speak not until Thou hast spoken and who act according to Thy command. O my Lord! Ordain for us from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will draw us nigh unto Thee, then write down for us the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Protector of all beings and the Lord of the mighty throne. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Baba Husayn!

In the Name of the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful! This is a mention from Our presence to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The servant present hath presented thy letter and the Wronged One hath heard it and answereth thee with this epistle which beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation and the yearning of thy heart in the days of God. Verily thy Lord is He Who oversees what was and what shall be. Blessed art thou for having been touched by the breezes of thy Lord's loving-kindness and for having recognized His straight and mighty path.

How many a learned one awaited My days and how many a mystic lamented My separation, yet when I revealed Myself and sent down My verses they denied God, the Lord of existence. They took hold of idle fancies and cast away certitude. Thus did their souls entice them, yet they perceive not. We make mention, throughout the nights and days, of the friends of God and His chosen ones who have drunk from His hands the choice sealed wine.

O Baba Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the prison precincts and counseleth thee with that whereby this destined Cause shall be exalted. Arise amidst the people and say with wisdom and utterance: O concourse of creation! By God, the All-Merciful hath come and that which was recorded in His Books and Scriptures hath appeared, did ye but know it. Cast aside what the people possess, then turn toward the horizon of the Countenance. Verily the Self-Subsisting calleth you and summoneth you to a praiseworthy station. Say: Be fair in God's name and oppose not Him through Whose name the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the branches and all things proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to the Lord of the Kingdom.

We make mention of him who was named 'Ali before 'Askar, who was mentioned in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the Kind. We counsel him and My loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause and We give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the seen and unseen. And We make mention of Abu'l-Fadl who attained to recognition of his Lord's Cause, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We mentioned him before and after and at this time when the tongue of the Wronged One speaketh that which attracteth hearts and souls. And We make mention of him who was named 'Abbas that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My remembrance and spoken that which My tongue hath testified to and circled round My wondrous Cause. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in what hath been sent down to you from the Most Exalted Pen that whereby the hearts of the mystics are gladdened. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

This is a mention from Us to him whose book was presented before Our face in this Prison, whose particles testify that the Intended One hath come with manifest sovereignty, that the fragrances of remembrance may attract him in such wise as to rend asunder the veils through the name of his Lord, the Commander, the Almighty. Thou hast expressed grief. This is the Day which in all the Scriptures, Books and Tablets is rightly attributed to God and mentioned as the Day of God. The Most Great Joy standeth manifest and visible before the face of the world. Reflect upon the stories of old, that perplexity may be transformed into certitude and the sun of assurance may shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy heart. Whatsoever hath occurred in the world was revealed with utmost clarity from the Supreme Pen. If thou wouldst observe, thou wouldst become somewhat aware of the all-encompassing knowledge of God. In every age and epoch, when the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree was heard and the fragrance of the Revelation was diffused, the divines of the age arose to deny and denounce. They are learned in the eyes of men but ignorant before thy Lord, the All-Knowing. It is not known in what wilderness these ignorant souls walk or toward what visage they turn. They adduce proof of their own truth from a mere drop while remaining heedless and turning away from the ocean of verses. If they look to knowledge, its sun is manifest and evident from the horizons of divine Tablets in such wise that none hath any way to deny or object. And if they look to verses, these have encompassed East and West. In the Tablet of Proof these two verses were sent down from the heaven of the will of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who readeth them and findeth the sweetness of the utterance of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We said: “Dost thou object to Him Who hath brought thee what thou possessest and what the people of the world possess of God’s proofs and His signs? Open thy vision that thou mayest behold the Wronged One dawning from the horizon of God’s will, the King, the Truth, the Manifest.” And in another place: “Dost thou deny the verses of thy Lord which, when sent down from the heaven of the Command, caused all the Books of the world to bow before them? Thus did the Tongue speak in the kingdom of utterance, yet most of the people are heedless.” The souls that are firm, steadfast, established and assured must become illumined by the lights of the Sun of divine utterance and give light to the world. It behooveth him who hath attained unto this Tablet to render thanks unto his Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the sun of grace shone forth and illumined the horizon of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! A remembrance from Our presence to him who has adorned his heart with the ornament of faith in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, that he may be assured that He remembers whoever remembers Him and loves whoever seeks the face of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We have indeed found the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord; therefore have We sent down to thee clear verses whereby the eyes of those near unto God have been solaced, that the verses of thy Lord may attract thee in such wise that thou mayest hear from all things: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Praised.” Remember thy Lord in thy days - this is the best of all deeds before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: O people! The Beloved hath come and the horizons are illumined. Why do I see you among the heedless? Doth it beseem anyone to seek the pond and turn away from the Kawthar and Salsabil? Nay, by my Lord! This beseemeth you not, were ye of them who know. Say: The pond representeth your vain desires, while the ocean speaketh the truth. Hasten with your hearts and follow not every remote polytheist. Blessed art thou for having tasted the pure wine which hath flowed from the direction of the Most Great Scene, and for having attained unto a station wherein He Who possesseth all destiny remembereth thee in the prison - He through Whom the divine fragrance wafted throughout all creation and every wise decree was made manifest. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and follow not him whom ye know not. Follow the path of God - this indeed is the straight path. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having attained and turned toward the Wronged One in days when He was in the prison of the polytheists. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the winds that blow from the hearts of the heedless cannot move thee. They whisper in the breasts of men even as the Evil One whispered aforetime, whose mention was sent down in a clear Book. We see nothing greater than steadfastness in God’s Cause. Hold thou fast unto it through thy Lord’s sovereign might, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to strengthen thee among His servants through His remembrance and praise. He is the Protector of those who remember Him. Trust in Him in all matters. He, verily, will help those who help Him. He is indeed the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have heard thy call in remembrance of thy Lord and have answered thee with this exalted Tablet. When the wine of thy Lord’s verses intoxicates thee, turn thy face toward the holy court and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds! Verily, all glory be upon Thee and upon

those who have heard the call of their Lord from this Scene wherein the Temple of the Cause is established upon a mighty throne.

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In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of creation. A mention from the Wronged One unto him who hath heard and seen and answered the call of the Lord of all beings when the summons was raised betwixt earth and heaven and the inhabitants of the cities of names were seized with the intoxication of the trumpet. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken upon the branches of the uttermost Lote-Tree. Blessed are they that hear. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, adhering to the wisdom which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. None should acknowledge that which he possesseth, for the protection of those who have turned towards the Countenance - a command from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The servant who was present brought thy letter and placed it before the Face, and there hath been revealed for thee this wondrous and glorious Tablet. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn towards Him and guided thee unto His straight path, from which the servants have turned aside except such as God hath willed, the Possessor of this mighty and exalted Cause. He hath, of His grace, forgiven thee and thy father and mother. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Beseech God to assist thee in that which beseemeth His days and this Cause, whereby the limbs of them that denied God's right and His sovereignty did quake, and who disputed His signs, and turned away from His luminous countenance. At this moment We make mention of the handmaiden whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's loving-kindness. We make mention too of her daughter and of those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We make mention of thine uncle who turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon on a day whereon the limbs of the servants trembled for fear of the Cause, save those who held fast to the cord of God, the All-Powerful. We had mentioned her aforetime with that which nothing in all creation can equal, and at this hour with a mention whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding are attracted. We make mention of God's loved ones in that land, whom the circumstances of the tyrannous ones did not frighten, and whom the power of those who disbelieved in the Day of Judgment did not weaken. O concourse of loved ones! Conceal the pearls of divine knowledge from the eyes of the treacherous ones. None should acknowledge the Cause of God before the faces of those through whose tyranny the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise did lament, and every perceiving mystic did cry out. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon you, O My handmaidens. Know ye of a certainty that soon shall perish that wherein the oppressors take pride, and there shall endure for you that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Praise be to God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance. A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation when

its seal was broken by the finger of his Lord's will, the Mighty, the Powerful, that the verses of his Lord may attract him to a station wherein he heareth from all things that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Thy letter hath come before the Face and the servant present before the Throne hath read it. We have answered thee with that whereby bodies have taken flight and the eyes of those near unto God have been solaced. We have found from thy letter the fragrance of thy sincerity to God and thy turning toward His face after the passing of all things. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Seeing. And We found it sanctified from mention of aught else. Thus it behooveth one who hath turned today unto Him Who was promised in the Qur'an on the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who guided and directed thee to the straight path of God. How many a learned one heard the call when it was raised between earth and heaven, yet attained not to the word "yea," and was recorded among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. But thou didst turn and advance and hear and answer thy Ancient Lord. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. He confirmeth whom He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wise. Counsel the servants on My behalf to righteousness and piety, to trustworthiness and godliness, and to that whereby the Word of God is exalted amongst men. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: O people, abandon what ye possess of idle fancies. The Hidden Name hath appeared and calleth out with the most exalted call from the supreme horizon, summoning those in the kingdom of creation unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean. Fear God and be not of the heedless. Open your eyes - verily the Sun is at its zenith. Hold fast unto it and be not of the wrongdoers. Soon shall perish what ye and your divines and princes possess, and the Cause shall remain with God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus have the spheres of utterance revolved by the finger of the All-Merciful, and the river of mercy hath flowed through this Most Great Name. Joyous are they who have attained and seen and drunk, and woe unto them that have turned away. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces and illumined hearts unto the horizon wherefrom hath dawned the Day-Star of My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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Here is O Most Holy and Supreme One, the Most High, the Most Glorious! May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love. This petition, omitting preliminaries, presents the essential matters to your presence, as I have had and have absolutely no time due to the abundance of writings, therefore I hope for forgiveness. A detailed petition was also sent previously which God willing has reached the luminous presence. I place my trust in God and through Him shall be elevated. Regarding what you had written about sending multiple letters - all were received. And regarding those souls who attained the presence of your honor and the Land of Ta and elsewhere, whose names you had mentioned - all were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Mighty Court and Tablets were specifically revealed and sent for all. Praise be to God, the divine favors are manifestly evident in utmost brilliance and appearance. Regarding what was written about the discord in the Land of Qaf, this servant is bewildered as to what souls are maintaining discord, when any person of understanding perceives this much - that discord is the cause of wasting the Cause of God and the reason for the abasement of the loved ones. We beseech God to make known to

them what befits them in these days and benefits them in the hereafter and the former life. It seems some have made discord a change of taste. God willing, we hope that all will rend asunder the veils and unite in perfect fellowship and harmony upon the Divine Word. And regarding what you had written about not falling short in teaching the Cause of God to the extent possible in every place and station - it is evident that from one such as your honor there has not been and will not be any neglect in proclaiming the Cause of God and serving the Cause. God willing, utmost effort must be exerted in removing discord between the loved ones and acting with wisdom, so that all the divine friends may be enabled and adorned with the ornament of fellowship and wise action. And regarding what was written about the Siyyid, upon him be what is upon him - it is evident to all: for every light there is darkness. God will soon seize him with a mighty force from His presence and prevent him from what he intended and make him a lesson to observers. All those circumambulating send greetings. By thy life! If thou wert not before mine eyes, thou wouldst be in my heart and soul which is better for thee. Be thou happy with that and be of the thankful ones.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir! In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! Praise and its essence befitteth that Beloved One Who, through His perfect power, uttered a Word whereby was made manifest all that had been mentioned in the divine Books concerning the Resurrection and its signs, and its conditions such as the Bridge, the Balance, the Trump, the Call, the gathering and dispersal. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the Guardian over all things. Were the peoples of the world to ponder the manifestations of His power in this Most Great Revelation, they would surely find themselves bewildered, and that very bewilderment is itself an acknowledgment and confession of the might, glory, greatness and sovereignty of God–exalted be His majesty and magnificent be His grandeur! O Baqir! Praise be to God that through the bestowals of the divine ocean of generosity thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and partaken of the choice wine of the All-Glorious. This is more precious than the heavens and earth and whatsoever hath been created therein. Be thou thankful unto God for this and be possessed of manifest joy. Thy letter was received in the presence of the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance presented that which was mentioned therein. God willing, mayest thou be ever gladdened by the sweet-scented breezes of God's love and remain turned toward His horizon. I swear by the Sovereign of all possibility that this is a Day wherein not a single letter appeareth except that it is recorded by the Pen of Destiny in the Manifest Book and, through the permanence of God's names and attributes, is mentioned in the presence of them that are nigh and sincere. Blessed is the soul that hath fulfilled God's Covenant and His Pledge, and hath acted in accordance with that which was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. In thy letter was mentioned he who was named Javad, who attained unto My presence and circled round Me and heard My call and drank the choice wine of My love. We make mention of him and shall continue to make mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We make mention of thee and of those whom God hath related unto thee and whose names were mentioned in thy letter, and We bestow upon their faces Our greetings from this exalted station. Give thanks that the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's pardon hath wafted. He hath indeed forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the

Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of the Mighty, the Great. Make mention of My loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance.

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He is the One speaking the truth in this manifest station! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the evidences in such wise that all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to reckon them. By God! The proof hath bowed down before the countenance of its Lord, and the testimony hath cried out with the most exalted call amidst all creation: “The All-Merciful hath come with a Cause against which all the armies of the world cannot stand,” yet most of the people are heedless. The Wronged One calleth out in all conditions and giveth glad tidings to all created things of the Most Exalted Horizon, making them aware of the Dayspring of Revelation and guiding them to His Straight Path.

O My loved ones in Manshad! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of creation. He maketh mention of you as a bounty from His presence, that ye may draw nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed is he whom vain imaginings have not withheld, and blessed is the strong one whom the doings of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, have not weakened. Hold ye fast unto the cord of unity, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through remembrance and utterance. Thus hath the command been sent down in the Tablets of your Lord, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O loved ones of God! Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book. This is better for you, did ye but know. He judgeth according to that which profiteth you in the hereafter and in this world. To this testifieth the Lord of all being, Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the kingdom. He is, verily, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. Should there come unto you one who brays with the utterances of the wicked, know ye with certainty that he is that same brayer mentioned in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We counsel you to manifest the greatest steadfastness and to act in a manner befitting the days of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Blessed is he who hath turned unto that which is praiseworthy in the estimation of One mighty and great. From this station We send Our greetings upon the faces of them that have believed in God, and We make mention of him who hath been named Rida from the Supreme Pen which hath spoken betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God besides Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of God’s loving-kindness be upon thee, O thou who hast turned unto the Dayspring of Manifestation when the light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. I testify that thou hast drunk the choice wine of recognition in the days of the All-Merciful and attained unto the Kawthar of reunion while most of the servants who turned away from the Dawning-Place of the Cause were heedless, having followed their vain imaginings. Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne, and blessed are they who visit thee purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Great. And blessed be the male servants of God and His chosen ones, and His maidservants who hearkened and responded when the Promised One came with a manifest Command.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy greatness whereby all things have been made great, and by the lights of Thy countenance whereby all things have been illumined, and by the wondrous signs of Thy names whereby all things have been distinguished one from another, and by Thy name which Thou hast made to stand over all things, and by Thy sovereignty whereby Thou hast prevailed over all things, and by Thy verses whereby the realities of all things have been attracted, and by Thy Word whereby all who are in earth and heaven were struck with fear, and by Thy call in the holy wilderness whereby the heart of the world was set ablaze and whereby Thou didst guide the sincere ones to the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and caused the lovers to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and meeting, and attracted the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee to the right hand of the throne of Thy mercy - I beseech Thee to accept from us what we have wrought in Thy love and good-pleasure.

O my God, my Lord and my Beloved! They who have tasted the sweetness of Thy call and hastened to the shadow of Thy bounties and the proximity of Thy favors and followed what Thou didst command them out of love for Thyself and desire for Thy presence - these move not except by Thy leave and speak not save after Thy command.

O my God and my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have risen from my bed at this dawn wherein the sun of Thy oneness hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, illumining the regions through that which was ordained in the pages of Thy decree and the tablets of Thy destiny. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, that Thou hast caused us to awaken illumined by the light of Thy knowledge and to fast purely for Thy sake. O Lord! Send down upon us that which will make us independent of all else save Thee and detached from all except Thyself. Then write down for me and for my loved ones and my kindred, both male and female, the good of this world and the world to come. Then protect us, O Thou Who art the Beloved of creation and the Desire of invention, by Thy supreme greatness from those whom Thou hast made to be the manifestations of the slinking whisperer who whisper in the breasts of men. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Him Whom Thou hast made the Self-Subsisting One over Thy most beautiful names, and through Whom Thou hast distinguished between the righteous and the wicked, that Thou mayest make us successful in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. And, O my God, send Thy peace upon Thy Words and Thy Letters, and upon those who have turned toward Thee and have set their faces toward Thy countenance and have hearkened unto Thy call. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the servants and their Sovereign, and Thou art powerful over all things.

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In the Name of Him Who rules over all names. God bears witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who has come with the truth is verily the Sovereign of verses and the Dawning-Place of revelation unto all who are in earth and heaven. He is indeed the Manifest Book and the Impregnable Fortress - whoso turns unto Him has turned unto the Most Great Ocean and attained the lights of the Ancient of Days. He is indeed the Frequented Fane and the Book Inscribed and the Scroll Outspread. By My life! All this is mentioned at the level of names, while He has ever been sanctified above them. Through a word from Him was created all that is seen in creation, whereof bears witness the Concourse on High. Blessed is he who has found His fragrance in His days, and woe betide the heedless.

This is a Book from Us to him who has heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon and has turned unto God, the Creator of heaven, while the people were behind a manifest veil, that the melody of God may draw him to a station wherein he speaks of all else besides Him and reminds the people of that which has been sent down from God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O people! The gate of divine knowledge has been opened and the horizon of certitude has been illumined, inasmuch as the All-Merciful has come with sovereignty from Him, while ye are in gross doubt. Leave what ye possess and turn unto the Dawning-Place of certitude, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: There is no protection this day save from God alone. Leave what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of the divine garment and turned unto the Goal and heard the Call of God, the Almighty, the Most Praiseworthy. Gather the people unto the Word of God and His Cause, then give them to drink of this wine which has been the desire of those near unto God. Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto goodly deeds. By God! They shall profit you in this world and the next. Thus doth He teach you from His presence - He Who possesses knowledge of all things in a Perspicuous Book. Be ye dawning-places of justice and equity and daysprings of loving-kindness and bounty unto all who are on earth. He, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones, then recite unto them what has been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Glorious Tablet. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for that which has been revealed unto thee, whereby the fragrance of the Beloved has been diffused throughout the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee of them who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

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He is the All-Knowing of all things, yet all know Him not. Glorified be He Who created the heavens by His command and blew the trumpet and quickened thereby the hearts of those who have detached themselves unto God and who reclined upon the crimson cushions in the presence of God, and drank from the Salsabil of love, and were enkindled by the fire of God, and perceived the fragrance of the garment from Egypt which was renowned by the name of God in the holy concourse. Thus do We teach thee from the mysteries of knowledge and cast upon thee that which shall make thee independent of those who imagine they have ascended to the heights of knowledge, that thou mayest know the paths of knowledge and wisdom and stand firm in the Cause and become acquainted with the knowledge which

God hath concealed behind the pavilions of glory that it might remain hidden from the eyes of the proud. Say: O people, fear ye God and walk not in the ways of transgression and wickedness, and think not evil of God lest ye be numbered with those who have turned aside in God's Cause. These are they who, should they behold the path of Paradise, would not choose it for themselves as their path, but should the breezes of the Evil One pass by them, they would take it as their portion. This is because they have disbelieved in God and His signs, and were of those who turned away and showed pride before God in His Cause which hath dawned like the sun from the horizon of the spirit. Say: O people, do ye not witness how the sun hath risen and the light hath shone forth and the veil hath been rent asunder and God hath stood forth in the holy concourse while the Dove announceth before Him with such melody that all in the kingdom are stunned thereby? Hearken then, O people of the kingdom, that ye may be drawn by the melodies of God. Then have mercy upon yourselves and deprive not your beings. The world and its ornaments shall pass away and ye shall return unto God in a station which hath been raised up by the path of power. Know thou that We sent thee aforetime a book wherein We made mention of thee with the mention of eternity in such wise that none could produce a single letter thereof save whom thy Lord willeth. Thus do We inform thee of that which hath flowed from the Pen of Creation that thou mayest be convinced that God is potent over all things. And thou, grieve not over anything, neither fear anyone. Then preserve these words and recite them unto those who have believed in God that thou mayest be victorious in His Cause within thyself.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! I bear witness at this moment - and so too doth everyone who circleth round Thy most great Throne, and the dwellers of the all-highest realm upon whom have been showered the splendors of the Ancient of Days, and then Thy most beautiful names, and the temples of Thy glory who dwell in the City of Eternity - that we all believe in Thy signs and seek shelter beneath the tree of Thy loving care and repose in the cradle of Thy mercy and loving-kindness, dwelling on the shore of the glory of Thy oneness and turning toward the temples of the glory of Thy identity, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High. Then do I bear witness at this moment, in this Home of Peace near unto Thee and this City wherein have shone forth the lights of Thy countenance, that this is Thy servant whom Thou didst create by Thy will and sustain by Thy desire, and for whom Thou didst ordain whatsoever flowed from the Pen of Thy decree upon the tablet of Thy judgment, and whom Thou didst nourish with the fruits Thou didst create by Thy power and bring forth from the branches of the Tree of Thy loving care, and whom Thou didst feed with the choicest fruits in the lands of Thy creation and gave to drink of the sweet waters from the rivers of the holy paradise of Thy mercy. Yet after all this, and after Thou didst honor him through Thy generosity and favor him through Thy beneficence, he remained heedless of rendering thanks to Thee and negligent of the beauty of the glory of Thy sovereignty, to such extent that he turned not to the most exalted cities beneath the shadow of Thy most exalted Name. And he remained thus until his days reached the end Thou hadst ordained for him, whereupon his tongue grew heavy and his eyes grew dim and his ears grew deaf and his feet grew weak and his hands were stayed from movement. And then he returned to his place in the dust, to a house where none would visit him again and no soul would accompany him and no companion would befriend

him and no merciful one would show him mercy and no lamp would illuminate him. And we all do now, with his tongue, acknowledge this and confess Thy loving care which preceded him through Thy grace. But I beseech Thee, O my God and my Lord and my Beloved, since Thou hast related him to those servants whom Thou hast related to Thyself - I beseech Thee by them and by the lights of Thy most splendid countenance and by Thy greatest signs and by the holy manifestations in the temples of eternity, that Thou forgive him and remit his misdeeds, then accept from him what he failed to do in Thy days, then pardon what he failed to do when Thy lights were revealed, then cause him to dwell beneath the shadow of Thy loving care in the garden whose breadth Thou hast made as the breadth of Thy heavens and Thy earth. Verily, Thou art powerful over that, omnipotent.

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Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God! O my God! Verily, this is Thy servant who hath been carried away by the heat of Thy love and the transports of Thy devotion, and upon whom have wafted the breaths of Thy holiness and the melodies of Thy spirit. Such was the exultation at Thy beauty, and the ecstasy at Thy glory, engendered in his heart that he became detached from all things and from the suggestions of all people; until he journeyed through Thee unto Thee, and emigrated from Thee even unto Thyself. The way was barred until he entered the paths of Thy loving-kindness. It was as though he walked in his own person, so great was his yearning to meet Thee; that he might arrive at the gate of the City of Thy Oneness, and attain the glorious seats of Thine Eternity. At length he stood before the Tabernacles of Thine Exaltation and the Canopy of Thy Majesty in the Habitation of Holiness in the shelter of the Sanctuary of Thy Grandeur, the Garden of Thy Beauty and the City of Thy Guidance; and attained, through that surpassing honour and superlative distinction, unto a state wherein the cord of his servitude was strengthened by the fibre of Thy Lordship, and the lamp of his poverty was kindled by the wicks of Thy riches. Thereupon he entered into the depths of the oceans of the Divine Essence before the surging of the Verses of Thy glorious sovereignty. Unto Thee be praise, therefore, O my God, for whatsoever Thou hast bestowed upon him by Thy bounty, and honoured him withal by Thy power; and unto Thee be thanks for all Thou hast sustained him withal of the gems of hidden favours, and the wonders of his treasured mercy, which have come to fruition upon the trees of love in the inmost realities of hearts. I ask Thee, then, O my God, to cause him to hearken unto the call of this Firebird in this Abha Paradise, that with his whole being he may come forth for the sake of establishing Thy victory in the kingdom of Thy creation and in the dominion of Thy glory; and that his spirit may be purified from all that hath not been ordained by Thy decree, nor enjoyeth the sanction of Thy good pleasure: forasmuch as Thou holdest in Thy hands the reins of all things. Thou, verily, art the Revealer of the Revelation, Who singest upon the supernal Light within the Sinaitic Tree; and Thou, indeed, hast power over all things. Bless Thou, O Lord my God, Thy First Light whereby the spirits of Thy sacred eternality have soared aloft; and bless Thou moreover Thy Mansion that moveth upon the air in the very axis of the sun, the centre of Thine appointment at Thy pleasure by Thy decree; and all those that guide thereunto in the lofty heights of eternity, and in the bowers of the invisible realm. Thou, truly, art the Ordainer, the All-Compelling, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the Ever-Living, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful, the All-Informed. Array then with a robe of blessing woven of the cotton of immortality the temple of him who is

thy brother in the world of being; and convey from me to him a salutation from the pages of fidelity; likewise to all that are about thee of the people of guidance. 251, The Land of Sad, Ha' Sin-Ya' Nun

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O Muhammad-Baqir, son of Muhammad-'Ali! In the Name of Him Who hath appeared with the Most Glorious Beauty! The Command hath come from the unseen realm of the Divine Identity, from the right side of My heart, that: O Ancient Beauty! Remember Thy servant who hath believed in God and in whose heart hath entered the love of Thy Supreme and Most Great Self. Then make mention of him in the Tablet, that neither the tempests of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, nor the storms of the deniers may move him. By God, the True One! Whosoever remaineth steadfast in this Cause this day, verily the denizens of the Supreme Concourse shall circle round him, and then the billows of the Names. For this is a Cause the like of which hath never appeared in creation, and to this My tongue now beareth witness. But the people hear not My words and have denied this resplendent and wondrous Beauty by veiling themselves from it. O servant! Should thine own self oppose thee in My Cause, sever its head and fear not its passing. Place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Ancient. And shouldst thou see among the people of the Bayan one who denieth this Beauty, draw nigh unto him and stand before his eyes and say: "O thou who associateth partners with God! By what proof didst thou believe in 'Ali while denying Him Who sent him with the truth? Alas for thee and for those who have denied God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Peerless!" Beware lest the pride of the turbans of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God prevent thee. All that thou hast witnessed among the people of the Furqan (Muslims), witness it in these people, for there is no difference between them. Those denied God when He appeared with the name of 'Ali in truth, and these have denied Him when He appeared once again with this Name, at which all who are in the heavens and earth were struck with terror. O servant! Leave them and what they possess, then take the Book of God with a strength from Him and recite it with the melodies of the unitarians, that it may draw thee away from thy self and thy desires and bring thee to this hallowed station whose courtyard the Spirit of Truth sweepeth clean. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee in this Cause and who, when they hear this Name, fall prostrate upon their faces and lay their cheeks in the dust in humility before God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Tablet Revealed by Baha'u'llah in Commemoration of His Birthday Anniversary

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

The Birthday Festival is come and He Who is the Beauty of God, the Omnipotent, the Gracious, the All-Loving, hath ascended His throne. Happy is the man who on this Day hath beheld His face and toward whom the eye of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting hath been directed.

Say, We have commemorated the Feast in the Most Great Prison, notwithstanding that the kings have risen up against Us; yet neither the ascendancy of the concourse of the oppressors can frustrate Our purpose, nor can the multitude of the hosts of the earth perturb Our mind. This is that whereunto the All-Merciful beareth witness from this glorious station.

Say, will the Quintessence of assurance be dismayed before the tumult of the people of the world? Nay, by His Beauty that hath shed its radiance upon all created things, be they of the past or of the future. This is the dreadful majesty of God that hath encompassed the entire creation. This is His transcendent power that pervadeth all mankind. Take ye fast hold on the cord of His sovereign might and celebrate the praise of your Lord, the Unconstrained, at the break of this Day, through which every hidden secret hath been brought to light. Thus hath the Tongue of the Ancient of Days spoken on this Day – the Day whereon His sealed wine hath been unsealed. Take ye heed that the vain imaginations of such as have disbelieved in God perturb you not, nor idle fancies turn you away from this Path which extendeth far and wide.

O people of Baha! Soar ye on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Arise ye then to render Him victorious in pursuance of that which hath been revealed in the Preserved Tablet. Beware lest ye contend with any one amongst the people of the world. Proclaim ye the truth by diffusing the sweet savours of God and by spreading abroad His holy Utterances, for through the potency of these two instruments all men would be enabled to turn their faces towards Him; however those who fail to recognize the glory of this Day, will find themselves bewildered in the drunkenness of their selfish desires and are truly bereft of understanding. Blessed in the man who, lowly and suppliant, lifteth up his face towards the Day-Spring of the signs of His Lord.

It behooveth thee to arise amidst the people and to acquaint them with that which hath been set down in the Book of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Fear ye God and follow not the vague fancies of those who walk in the footsteps of the doubter and the impious. Turn yourselves with radiant hearts towards the throne of your Lord, the Possessor of names. Indeed He will graciously aid you through the power of truth. No God is there but Him, the Most Excellent, the All-Bountiful.

How strange that ye should blunder on towards but a pool, willing to forgo the Most Great Ocean which lieth before your eyes. Ponder ye attentively and follow not every ungodly plotter.

Thus warbleth the Bird of Eternity upon the branches of Our divine Lote-Tree. God beareth me witness that through a single melody voiced by it, the concourse on high and the denizens of the cities of names have been enraptured, and beyond them those who circle in adoration around the Throne in the daytime and in the night season have been enravished.

Such are the effusions of the showers of divine utterance which pour down from the heaven of the Will of your merciful Lord. It beseemeth you to set your hearts towards Him and abstain from imitating those who have cavilled at the signs of God and denied their Lord of Mercy when He did appear, invested with proofs and testimonies.

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Lahajan. O honored one, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! The thunder has pealed and the winds have risen tempestuous, and the Cleaver of Dawn in this winter commands His Most Exalted Pen to give glad tidings to the people of creation of this springtime, whereby the trees of wisdom and utterance have put forth leaves. Say: From the clouds of passion the horizon of guidance has been darkened. Therefore beseech God, the Lord of all beings, to disperse them through His power. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Say: We have kindled in the contingent world the fire of utterance, and it is not of those elements which existed among you and which ye have known aforetime. It is an element that cannot be mentioned by any mention, nor indicated by any indication, nor described by any description. From it have appeared all elements, after its sanctification from them. And it hath appeared from the stirrings of the fragrance of the love of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto it, detached from the world and all that is therein. And woe unto every polytheist and doubter. God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison is verily the Creator of all things and the Originator of all names. He hath borne tribulations for the quickening of the world, and He is verily the Most Great Name which was hidden in the eternity of eternities. Thy letter hath come before Our presence, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, Who speaketh in the world: "Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Powerful, the Compelling." Before the Throne was read thy praise of this Wronged One and thy condemnation of him who hath turned away and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men. Grieve not at anything, and place thy trust in God in all matters. Then aid thy Lord both secretly and openly. Well is it with thy mouth for having drunk the choice wine of utterance, and with thy pen for having moved in remembrance of this Remembered One through Whom the horizons have been illumined. Those who claim knowledge of their own accord - these have no portion in the days of God, nay, they are of those who have gone astray. Remind the people of what We have sent down unto thee, then gather them unto the Most Exalted Word whereby all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." We have recognized thy arising to serve the Cause and thy praise in this Cause whereby the realm of possibility hath been illumined. Arise and stand firm in the Cause, then make mention of God with such remembrance as will attract the religions. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with spirit and fragrance toward the horizon of revelation.

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He is God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

God hath heard the call of those who disputed His Cause, denied His signs and turned away from the proof whereby in every age, time and wondrous era the Beauty of the Ancient of Days was made manifest. When one said unto another: "O servant, fear God and associate not with Him in Whom thou hast believed. Fear God Who created thee, fashioned thee and made thee manifest in these days wherein the Sun of Eternity hath dawned from the horizon of sublime glory. Beware lest thou deny Him Whose praise hath been voiced by the denizens of Paradise and by those who dwell in the lofty chambers of the Ridvan round the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Fear God and be not of those who doubt concerning the Cause of thy Lord." And he who disbelieved said: "We find thee not possessed of any

proof or evidence." Say: "Blind is thine eye, for verily the Sun hath risen from the horizon of creation and hath illumined all who are in the kingdom. By God! There hath appeared the proof of 'Ali, then the evidence of Muhammad, then the testimony of the Spirit, then that which the Interlocutor brought from the Sinai of God through this Announcement which was inscribed by the Pen of God in the mystery of the line, concealed from the gaze of the hypocrites. Hearken unto My words and say not what the idolaters said when 'Ali came unto them with God's Book and a manifest proof. Follow thou God's religion and His way, then seek shelter beneath the shade of this Youth Who, when He appeareth from the horizon of the House, causeth suns to rise from the horizon of the worlds of the unseen and the seen, shining from a station truly exalted. Turn thy sight unto the horizon of the Spirit that thou mayest find the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord's name with a light truly luminous. O servant! Purify thy heart, then thine ear, then thy sight from these who have openly denied God and what they possess, then turn thy face toward this Sanctuary round which circle the angels of eternity with hosts of wondrous glory. Thus doth thy Lord God command thee. Follow what thou art commanded and be steadfast in the truth. And the glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard God's call from the Sinai of his heart in this Most Great Remembrance and hath detached himself from the idolaters and what they possess. Thus doth God remember His servants who have taken unto the All-Merciful through this Youth a path of truth."

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In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth not! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords, for having consumed the veils with the fire of attraction and drawn me, through the heat of the Word which hath appeared from the mouth of Thy Will, unto the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy Cause, until the lightning flashes of the lights of Thy countenance and the breathings of the days of Thy manifestation seized me. I am he, O my God, who hath raised empty hands toward the heaven of Thy grace and favors, and turned my face toward the direction of Thy tender mercies and gifts. Wilt Thou render me deprived after my gaze hath been fixed upon the horizon of Thy mercy, awaiting the outpourings which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty? Or wilt Thou make me forbidden after Thou hast caused me to hear the singing of Thy Most Exalted Pen which was raised between earth and heaven? Nay, by Thy Self! Such was not my thought of Thee. Rather, I remain certain that Thy mercy hath preceded all created things and Thy grace hath encompassed all beings. Thou drawest nigh unto whoever draweth nigh unto Thee, and givest unto whoever hath held fast to the cord of Thy favors. O Lord! The thirst of separation and remoteness hath consumed me; give me to drink, by the hands of Thy favors, from the Kawthar of nearness and reunion, that the intoxication of the choice wine of Thy mercy may seize me in such wise that I may arise to aid Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures and rend asunder the veils of glory that have prevented the servants from turning toward the horizon of beauty. O Lord! All things testify to my poverty and Thy wealth, to my powerlessness and Thy might. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by the Word whereby the world was set ablaze and the Most Great Ocean was made to surge, to aid me in Thy love and Thy Cause in such wise that I may arise from the horizon of detachment through Thy Name, O Lord of creation and King of invention. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name whereby Thou didst raise the standards of Thy power in Thy lands and uplift the banners of Thy Cause in Thy realms, to make me self-effacing in Thy Will

and enduring through the endurance of Thy countenance in every world of Thy worlds. Then make me to arise through Thy Self-Subsistence in remembrance of Thee amongst Thy creatures and in praise of Thee throughout Thy realm. Then ordain for me what Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness until they were martyred in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and Who ruleth over whatsoever He desireth. Thou hast ever been in the heights of grandeur and glory, and wilt ever remain in the exaltation of loftiness and majesty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: O God of existence and Master of the unseen and the seen! Thou seest my rising up and my sitting down, performed purely for Thy sake, and Thou hearest my remembrance and praise of Thee in Thy days, and my crying and lamentation at separation from Thee. O my Lord! This is one of Thy days wherein the hand of Thy grace hath raised me up to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! I was asleep and the fragrances of the garment of Thy Revelation awakened me, and I was heedless when the warbling of the Bird of Faithfulness, singing upon the branches of the Tree of Thy manifestation, made me aware. When I heard and recognized, I hastened with my heart to Thy most exalted horizon through Thy Most Great, Most Mighty, Most Glorious Name, and I responded with my outer and inner tongue to Thy Call which was raised between earth and heaven.

I bear witness, O my God, Beloved of my heart and He Who is remembered in my soul, that Thy proof hath been completed, Thy bounty hath been perfected, Thy evidence hath been fulfilled, and that which was recorded in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets hath appeared. O my Lord! This is the Hour which Thou hast established after its signs through Thy power and sovereignty, whereby the greatest terror hath seized all mankind except those who shattered the idols of vain imaginings through Thy power and drank the wine of certitude from the hands of Thy bounty.

O my Lord! I testify to that which Thy Most Exalted Pen testified before the creation of earth and heaven - that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Thou seest my sighs in Thy love and my tears for what hath befallen Thee from the oppressors among Thy creatures who denied Thy manifestation and Thy power, and who rose up to extinguish Thy light and quench the fire of Thy Tree. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Master of the unseen and the seen, by Thy black tresses and Thy white hand and Thy shining brow and Thy radiant countenance and Thy Most Great Sign and the manifestations of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation, to strip from the temples of Thy servants the garments of tyranny, ignorance and transgression, and to adorn them with the raiment of knowledge, justice and fairness.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, holding fast to Thy cord and clinging to Thy robe. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what is with Thee, then write down for me the good of this world and the next through Thy grace and favor. Make me then a helper of Thy Cause, standing firm in Thy service and

celebrating Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

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He is the Compassionate, He is the All-Merciful!

The Supreme Pen makes mention of all the emigrants in the Land of Sad who have been scattered by the tyranny of the oppressors and have chosen exile, with a mention which, by the life of God, diffuses the fragrance of divine favor to such a degree that the people of the most exalted Paradise have perceived it. O emigrants in the path of God! Ye have heard the terrible clamor of the polytheists in His path; now hearken to the sweet call of the Goal of all creation. Your names are like stars in the heaven of the command of the All-Merciful, and your mention flows and courses like the Euphrates of mercy through the body of contingent being. What station, what condition, what rank could be more glorious, more exalted, and more holy than these blessed and decisive words which have been sent down specifically for you from the heaven of the will of the Lord of Names and inscribed in the Tablet? The Most Great Joy circles round these words, and the Supreme Gladness bows down in worship. However, the transcendent Truth counsels you to preserve these stations. In all conditions ye should fix your gaze upon these exalted stations which have been recorded by the Supreme Pen, and preserve them through the name of the Mighty, the Powerful, lest the fires of heedlessness and passion consume the fruits of the Tree of Grace. Great indeed is this Cause, and mighty is steadfastness therein. God willing, ye shall attain unto it.

O people of Sad! Your mention hath been sent down again and again from the heaven of will. The Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, bear witness to this. Rejoice then in God, your Creator, your Fashioner, your Helper, and your Speaker. Verily, He is with you, and He is the All-Watchful, the Near One. Blessed art thou, O son of Abhar, in that thou hast mentioned My loved ones who were beneath the glances of the providence that hath precedence over the worlds. O Husayn! Previously a Tablet was revealed specifically for thee and sent. God willing, thou shalt perceive from it the fragrance of the divine Robe and attain unto the most great steadfastness. And this Tablet was revealed in response to the petition, but the divine attention was directed toward the loved ones of the Land of Sad. All have and shall have their portion from this most mighty, most holy Tablet. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Verily, He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon you, O loved ones of God and His friends, and chastisement be upon your enemies who have perpetrated that which hath caused the Supreme Pen and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and those who circle round His mighty Throne to lament.

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O Mirza Shihab, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen!

The Book of God speaks forth with truth before the faces of the world and summons them to the Lord of Eternity, Who has come from the heaven of utterance with a clear proof. Neither the veils of the people nor the doubts of those who have denied this manifest grace can hinder Him. The gate of heaven has been opened, and that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the books of the Messengers has appeared. O Shihab, rejoice in that the All-Bountiful has remembered thee in this Return with verses that surpass all that the people possess. He Who speaks in every condition bears witness to this, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name and to ordain for thee what He has ordained for those among His servants who are detached. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, and adorn thy head with the crown of piety and thy temple with the ornament of detachment. Then aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. He verily aids whoever speaks His praise and gives glad tidings to the people of His glorious and wondrous appearance.

Having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cups of My utterance, say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desire, for having enabled me to turn towards Thee and for having sent down to me that which Thou hast made the water of life for all creation. O my Lord! Thou seest me enkindled with the fire of Thy love, drawn to Thy verses, and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause, which the winds of hatred from those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs have surrounded, who have cast behind them Thy laws and Thy commandments - O my Lord, I beseech Thee by the ships of Thy power which have sailed upon the seas of Thy names by Thy command, to make me in all conditions one who speaks Thy Name, stands firm in the service of Thy Cause, and holds fast to Thy strong cord and Thy rope, O Lord of all beings! Then write down for me from Thy Supreme Pen that which will preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies and draw me nigh unto Thy threshold. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Moreover, I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, by the mysteries that were hidden in Thy knowledge, and by the pearls of the sea of Thy wisdom, to open, through the key of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, the doors of mercy and blessing upon the faces of all, that they may draw nigh unto Thee and recognize what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and adorn their temples with the ornament of piety. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

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O Muhammad-Sadiq, who hath migrated and attained unto My Name whereby the horizon of proof hath been illumined! This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful unto him who hath hearkened to the Call and turned unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. He is among those who have attained that which most of the servants have failed to attain, as doth testify this perspicuous Book that speaketh amongst men and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of lords. O Muhammad-Sadiq! We bear witness that thou didst seek the ultimate goal and didst traverse the path until thou didst arrive at a place wherein was raised the

remembrance of God, the Lord of creation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. At this moment the permission to return hath dawned. Turn thy face toward thy native land. Rejoice thou in this irrevocable decree, the Mighty, the Wise. Return by God's might and power, and glorify the Wronged One before the faces of His loved ones, and give them the glad tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all and His loving-kindness that hath encompassed all in the heavens and the earth. We bear witness that thou wast present and didst hear My most sweet call and didst drink the Kawthar of meeting from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having enabled me to attain unto Thy days, to speak Thy praise, to soar in Thy atmosphere, to hold fast unto Thy cord, and to seek the Kaaba of Thy presence. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the Lote-Tree which hath spoken in Thy name and called out to the servants in Thy days and summoned them to the Kawthar of Thy reunion, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and preserve me and make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love, in such wise that neither the ascendancy of names nor the fabrications of the enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have disbelieved in Thy signs and have disputed Thy proof shall hinder me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee to make me a servant of Thy Cause in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth by Thy sovereignty and ordaineth what He willeth by Thy command. Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Send down Thy blessings upon the Hands of Thy Cause who have traveled throughout the lands to exalt Thy Word and guide Thy creation. They are honored servants - no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve. I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy most great signs and the lights of Thy Throne, O Lord of all humanity, to ordain for me that which will make me independent through Thy riches and mighty through Thy might. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O Abul-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the Responsive One! This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, and desired to drink the choice wine of reunion from the cup of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, and to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon, and to attain unto the presence of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, and to hear what the Son of Imran heard from the Tree: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise," and to behold what the Beloved beheld in the ascension of certitude when He ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed art thou for thy turning and for what thou hast desired in this straight path. We beseech God to aid thee and to strengthen thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily, He is potent over all things. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the tears of Thy sincere servants and the sighs of Thy near ones, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote Tree of the furthermost boundary, to aid me to serve Thy Cause and to be steadfast in Thy love. I moreover beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power and the dawning-places of

Thy Cause, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy servants who have attained unto the Kawthar of reunion and who have arisen before the gate which was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. O my Lord! Disappoint me not of what I have desired of the wonders of Thy grace and the evidences of Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great grace. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue: God hath loved and continueth to love those who have turned to Him and are steadfast. His glance of loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards His servants. He hath manifested Himself for reunion, that all may hear His call and behold His horizon. By the life of God! The eyes and ears were created to behold and hearken in this Day, but the heedless and ignorant servants have become veiled. They have prevented the letter from the word, and the word from the Book. Especially in these days in the Most Great Prison the fire of hatred is ablaze, wherefore the Most Exalted Pen hath paused in its expression. Be thou content with His good-pleasure, speaking His praise and standing firm in the service of His mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds! The glory shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament, who have arisen and stood firm and have said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne!"

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The friends of God in Damascus and its surroundings. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be. A Book from Us to those who have turned to the horizon of the Cause and set their faces toward God, the Lord of Religions, that the call of the Desired One may attract them in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the conditions of those who have denied the Dayspring of Signs shall frighten them. Arise to promote the Cause of God in such manner that neither the cawing of the divines nor the doubts of any suspicious denier shall cause you to slip. Be united in God's Cause, for through it the banners of victory are raised upon the peaks and mountains. By God the Truth! Were anyone to inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful, longing and yearning would seize him in such wise that all the armies of the world, even were they to assail him with their swords, would fail to hold him back. Burn away the veils of idle fancy through the name of the Lord of all mankind and turn with your hearts toward the Dayspring of certitude in spirit and joy. The clouds have veiled the face of heaven, and the howling of the winds has risen, while the Lord of Names, in the prison of Akka, summons all creation to the Mighty, the Bestower. We have kindled the fire of God at the midmost heart of creation - whosoever draws nigh unto it, detached from all else, shall be so set aflame that souls in every quarter shall be attracted by him. We have accepted abasement for your glory and tribulations for your deliverance. Ponder, O people of insight! Rejoice with the Most Great Joy, for He speaks among you and gives you glad tidings of that which shall gladden hearts and cause bodies to soar. Your names have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this Tablet has been revealed for you whereby the horizons have been illumined. Be thankful to God for this supreme bounty and hold fast to what We have sent down in Our Most Holy Book. Verily it is the water of life to those who have turned to God, the Lord of all men. Thus have We counseled you before and in this Book, as a grace from Us. He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

They who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs - these have no portion in the Book. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then drink the choice sealed wine in defiance of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Differ not concerning God, but remember Him with the wisdom which the All-Merciful has sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. You are they who have attained the recognition of God while every ignorant one turned away. Know ye this station, then give thanks to Him with such thanksgiving as shall cause the hearts of all men to take wing. Glory be upon you and upon the handmaidens who have turned to the Most Great Light and believed in God, the One, the Chosen One.

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O Hidayatu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Tablet with His name the All-Powerful. A book from Us to him from whose mention wafts the fragrance of the love of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station wherein he heareth from the rustling of its breezes that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

O thou who hast turned! Rejoice that thy letter hath been honored to attain the presence of the Lord of Names in this station which hath been named with the most beauteous names in the Crimson Tablet and with the heaven of this heaven in My Preserved Tablet. We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy turning and thy orientation toward the Supreme Horizon, the Dawning-Place of the rising of the sun of My Most Glorious Name, and We have answered thee with a Tablet wherein thou shalt find the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed art thou in that thou hast desired to arise to serve thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. He shall strengthen thee through His grace from His presence, and He is the Ever-Bestowing, the Ancient. Look, then remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." When the lights of the dawn of the Day shown forth and gleamed, the divines and mystics turned away from it, until they pronounced judgment against Him Who came with manifest wrong. They had been waiting through the nights and days for the appearance of the Manifestation of their Lord, the All-Merciful, but when He appeared in truth they turned away from Him and disputed His verses which encompassed the heavens and earth. They committed that which the divines of idolatry did not commit when Muhammad the Messenger of God came, nor the Jewish divines when the Spirit came with a clear command. Thus was the matter decreed, but most of the people are among the ignorant. They cast the Book of God behind their backs in that they followed every ignorant doubter.

Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, and remind those in creation of what hath shown forth and dawned from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve not at separation and its might, for He recordeth for whomever desireth it the reward of attaining His mighty, impregnable presence. He verily seeth and judgeth; with Him is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh the truth, and the heart that turneth to the Single One, the All-Wise, and the

pen that setteth down the traces of its Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Say: Should one who crieth out come to you with tablets of fire, cast them behind you, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whom neither the books of the world nor the clamor of the nations have prevented from this Most Great Book which speaketh: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.”

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O My Flower! How many were the dervishes who became wanderers in the deserts of longing in remembrance of their Lord, and swimmers in the oceans of yearning, spending their days mentioning the Beloved in cities and marketplaces, yet never attained His presence in His days. Some did not recognize the days of the Spirit, and some, through their own heedlessness, remained veiled from the knowledge and presence of the Beloved even after recognizing the days of God. But you, O My Flower, have attained to the divine holy Ridvan and inhaled the fragrance of the flowers of divine wisdom. Your separation was transformed to union, your remoteness joined to presence, your distance changed to nearness, and your sorrow turned to joy. All those souls were gathered unto you, and through you all were assembled and returned before God. Such is the all-encompassing grace of your Lord which has encompassed all the heavens and earth and what lies above them of thrones and chairs and their bearers. And We have bestowed reward in this pure and blessed leaf upon all who have been designated by this name from the beginning that has no beginning until the end that has no end. We have named this blessed night the Night of Holiness, and it has been ordained that all dervishes should pass this blessed night and its morning in utmost joy and delight, occupied in remembrance of their Beloved. It is incumbent upon all the loved ones of God to assist these people on this noble festival according to their means and capacity, and prepare themselves through this supreme grace so that on the day of the manifestation of the Most Upright and Most Great Luminary, exalted be His grandeur, they may turn toward God’s direction and turn to no direction but His. This servant has become disappointed with the people of the Bayan, for no sweet fragrance is perceived from this group, save those whom God has assisted. Perchance this party will separate itself from other parties and hasten to the right hand of the Most Holy Throne, which is the seat of that Sovereign of existence, and arrive at the shore of God, which is the place of presence before that Root of the Blessed Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West. O what spirit, then what light, then what blessedness, then what glory be upon those who turn unto Him!

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O ’Abdu’l-Husayn!

In the Name of the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is a letter from the Youth Who hath sacrificed Himself in the path of God, the King, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath attained the recognition of God in these days wherein most of the servants have veiled themselves from turning unto God, the Almighty, the Beloved. Blessed

art thou, O servant, inasmuch as the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over thee and awakened thee from slumber. This is a bounty that no created thing, whether of the past or future, can equal. Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, then make mention of Him throughout thy days. Verily, through His remembrance hearts are quickened. By My life! Were people to know what rank is ordained in this Day for the loved ones of God, they would all detach themselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and would turn unto that hallowed and praiseworthy station. Grieve not over what people say. By God, the Truth! They are the ones who sleep. Were they to perceive less than what can be counted, they would weep and lament, then flee from their own selves. As for thee, rejoice in that thou hast attained unto the Cause of God, even though the Youth is in this prison in manifest sorrow. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he who hath fled from his self and his desires and turned toward the direction of Thy good-pleasure. Therefore, O my Beloved, deprive me not of what Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee among Thy chosen ones. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Thou knowest what is within me and witnesseth my state. With Thee is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast distinguished between Thy servants, that Thou wilt not remove me from the shore of Thy grace and bounties, nor deprive me of the fragrances that waft forth at all times from the paradise of Thy gifts and favors. O my Lord! Send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will sever me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto meeting with Thee in this Day wherein all have denied Thee and Thy signs, save a numbered few. O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love, then cause me to taste the sweetness of Thy remembrance, then raise me to the heaven of Thy nearness and the court of Thy holiness and the place of meeting with Thee and Thy most holy, most glorious, mighty and beloved presence. Thus have We revealed unto thee in truth that thou mayest read it and be of them that are assured. And the Spirit and mercy be upon thee and upon them that have detached themselves from the world in the path of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower

This is a Book from the Wronged One to those who desire to drink the Living Waters from the cups of the bounty of their Lord, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may attract them to the Supreme Horizon and strengthen them in what they have been commanded in the Preserved Tablet. We have heard your call when your letter arrived and We answer you from this Praiseworthy Station. Be at peace through God’s grace and mercy and trust in Him in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Know then that what flows from the Most Exalted Pen is for the loved ones of God, the Lord of Names. Whoever holds fast to it is of Him and whoever turns away - God is quit of him, and the Tablet bears witness that he is far from God, the Lord of what was and what will be. This is a Day wherein the Sun has shone upon all contingent beings. Blessed is he who has attained its lights and manifestations, and woe to him who has turned away from it by following every rejected ignorant one. Joy to those who have

attained the recognition of God and testified to that which God testified before the creation of all things - that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Loving.

God willing, may you be joyous through the bounties of the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent in all conditions. This is a Day wherein divine grace has encompassed all, and whatsoever flows from the Most Exalted Pen holds sway over all. However, the station of those souls who have turned to the Truth with perfect steadfastness and certitude is known and evident before God. These are they who have borne the Word of God and heard with attentive ears. All divine outpourings today are directed to such souls, and whoever remains distant from this most exalted, most glorious station has been and will be deprived of divine tablets and heavenly books. God willing, the loved ones of God in that land must be engaged in divine remembrance with perfect love and unity, turning away from all else.

Two letters from you arrived in the Most Great Prison and the fragrance of love was inhaled from them, and the names mentioned therein were noted. Praise be to God, all are mentioned before the Countenance and specially favored with divine bounties. This is a station that will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. Rejoice and be among the thankful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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In the name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable! This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. Therein He hath ordained the measures of all things through His firm and unshakeable command. No thing escapeth His knowledge, and none in the kingdoms of the heavens and earth can frustrate His power. He quickeneth whom He willeth through His Most Glorious Name, and causeth to perish whom He desireth through His name the Slayer. Verily, they who have denied the signs of God–these shall have no portion of this grace, even should they come with the scriptures of the ancients and the writings of the latter generations. Soon shall the traces of Satan, who hath denied God, thy Ancient Lord, be spread abroad in that place. Guard thyself from the intimations of them who have joined partners with God and from the souls of men, if thou be of them that are able. By God! Whoso drinketh the choice wine of His love shall become enabled through the sovereignty of his Lord, Who created all contingent things through His firm and wondrous command. For this is the Day whereon God hath manifested Himself with all names unto all things. Whoso turneth unto Him–from him shall appear the evidences of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And whoso turneth away becometh deprived, and is indeed the most abject of servants, even should he possess great might. Turn not thy gaze from the Most Sublime Vision, but rather be illumined from this shining and luminous horizon. Say: O people! Change not the blessing of God within yourselves, and be not of the wrongdoers. This, verily, is He Who sent down the Bayan in remembrance of His blessed and wondrous Name, and by Whose name the Spirit crieth out in the Concourse on high, and the Faithful Spirit likewise. He, verily, is the One Who hath rent asunder the veils of names through His transcendent sovereignty, and brought forth the hand of divine favor from the horizon of the Unseen: lo, it is white to them that know. Say: O people of Baha! Be so steadfast in your love for your Lord, the Most Exalted, that Satan shall not be able to draw breath in your midst. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you aforetime, and now in

this perspicuous Tablet. Detach yourselves wholly from all else but Him. Your Lord sufficeth you above all created things. Blessed art thou for having entered the garden of eternity, and found the fragrance of its flowers, and heard the melodies of its nightingale, the murmur of its waters, and the cooing of its dove, and become of them that have attained. Beseech God, thy Lord, to make thee steadfast in that whereon thou art, and to render thee a helper to His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Convey my greetings unto thy kindred and relatives who have attained the summit of divine knowledge and detached themselves from the idolaters.

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Here is the holy Tablet revealed from the Kingdom of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Take it with the hand of power and assurance. Thus does the Pen command you at this hour when the Ancient King has established Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. Blessed is he who has drunk the living waters from the cup of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and having drunk, has said: "All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds." O servant! You have drawn near to the Divine Lote-Tree and heard from it the melodies of your Lord, the Most Exalted. You have attained His presence, beheld His countenance, and appeared before God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All this is from God's bounty upon you. Give thanks to Him by night and day, and glorify your Lord with praise among His slumbering servants, that perchance they may arise from sleep and turn toward the Face whereby the Hour has come and earthquakes have seized all who dwell on earth, and whereby all in the heavens and earth were terrified, save those whom the hand of your Lord's grace had taken hold, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the All-Praiseworthy. Know then that what you crafted has been presented before the Throne in this Prison. We beseech God to aid you in His love and good-pleasure and to grant you what He has ordained for His sincere servants. But the Youth has not taken for Himself any house adorned with worldly ornaments, nor has He desired for Himself any life sustained by what exists in earth and heaven. At all times His gaze has been fixed upon the direction of His Lord, the All-Merciful, desiring naught save to ascend unto Him and to dwell in that station which transcends mention and utterance. Thus have We sent down the verses to you from this remote spot. Grieve not for what has befallen Us, for tribulations do not cause Us to despair of God's spirit and mercy. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Assist Him throughout all days - thus have We commanded you in this glorious Tablet. What you crafted out of love for God - We have accepted it from you and from him who was the cause of it, as a grace from Us. God will soon reward you with the best of rewards in both beginning and end. Even if you had no other deed in this world, this deed would suffice you and make you independent of all else. Glorify your Lord with praise and give thanks to Him for this bounty by night and day, at eventide and dawn.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Tablet We have caused to shine forth from the horizon of grace for people who understand. Through it We give the unitarians to drink of the

Kawthar of immortality and the seekers from a sealed nectar. Say: Verily it is the water of reunion for those seized by the thirst of separation, and a torment for those who have turned away from the Truth - these indeed are a people cast down. Blessed are they who have answered their Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, when the Call was raised from the right of the Mount through this Revelation whereby the All-Merciful has come, set up the Balance, and the Spirit has proclaimed: The Kingdom belongs to God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed is he who has attained the lights of the Tablet and has arisen through this Spirit which was breathed from the mouth of the will of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful, arise and say: O people! The proof has been perfected, the evidence has come, and the Cry has been raised amongst the worlds. We sent it upon a human temple and dispatched him to the chief of the oppressors with a Tablet from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. When he appeared, he raised the Tablet through the grace of the Spirit with such steadfastness as amazed the denizens of the highest Paradise, then the dwellers of the celestial garden and the hosts of favored angels. Through this We manifested the power of thy Lord that they might know that prison and tribulation have not prevented Us from the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Great. We proclaim at all times: O peoples of the worlds! This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who has come with the truth - turn to Him with your hearts and be not of the heedless. Through His power the sun of might has shone forth and through His proof the proofs of the Messengers have appeared. Were it not for Him, the All-Merciful would not have been manifest, the evidence would not have come, and the faces of those who have attained to this wondrous Cause would not have been illumined. Blessed is the one who has arisen in the name of the All-Merciful, detached from the worlds, who has taken the wine of detachment in the name of the Creator of innovation and drunk thereof despite the polytheists. Does the animal desire the water of life? Nay, by My Self, were ye of those who know! O people of Baha! Give thanks to your Lord for having aided you to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Stand firm in your station and arise to assist the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the might of the hypocrites. Thus have We sent down the verses to thee and dispatched them through grace that thine eyes might be consoled thereby and thou mightest be of the thankful. Hold fast to the hem of sanctity with a power from Us - verily thy Lord is the Strong, the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the All-Powerful. And upon thee be glory, and upon whoever has heard the call of his Lord and turned to Him with an illumined heart.

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O Muhammad Hasan! In the name of God, the Ancient, the Everlasting! This is the Holy Tablet sent down from the heaven of divine command for one who has found the fragrance of the Divine Garment from the direction of holiness and has turned to God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the cup of everlasting life and turned toward God, the Creator of names. This indeed is a great bounty. Give thanks to God for having revealed in this Prison what has caused the sweet savors of the All-Merciful to waft throughout creation. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Whosoever speaks His praise on His earth speaks His remembrance in His kingdom. His grace has encompassed all things and His mercy has preceded all who are in earth and heaven. Thus has the matter been decreed by One Who is mighty and wise. Let not the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God sadden thee. The breaths

of chastisement have seized them from every direction and today they burn in the fire of their own selves. God will soon return them to their abode - evil indeed is the abode of the wrongdoers. Turn with thy heart to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and earth and address those who have disbelieved among the people of the Bayan, saying: “O people! Have ye disbelieved in your All-Merciful Lord after He announced to you His advent - He Who came with the truth with manifest sovereignty? He called you in the wilderness of guidance saying ‘The days of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, draw nigh.’ But when the promise was fulfilled and the Promised One came, ye turned away and became among the polytheists. Say: If ye desire the power of God, verily it has shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. And if ye desire that which the servants are powerless to achieve, then look at all that hath appeared from Him, then ask Iraq and the City which God made the Throne of His Most Great Name, if ye be fair and not among the heedless. And if ye desire signs, the east and west of the earth have been filled therewith. Fear God, O people, and follow not every stubborn polytheist. O thou who gazest upon the Most Great Vision! Say: By God! The Hour has struck and the moon is cleft asunder. None has any refuge or resting place except by turning to a station of glorious dignity. Hold fast to the cord of grace in such wise that the hosts of earth and heaven cannot separate thee from it. Forget all else but Me and take comfort in My remembrance. Then confine thy affairs to teaching My Cause and making mention of Me amongst My servants, that they might cast away what they possess and take what they have been given by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.”

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O Qasim Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance! This is a Day wherein the Mother Book proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Ruler of all necks,” and the Mother of the Bayan declareth: “The dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of lords,” and the Mother of the Tablets calleth out, saying: “O people! By God, the Day hath come, and sovereignty and dominion, might and power belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return!” Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and found the fragrances of Revelation as they wafted from the Most Exalted Horizon in the prison of ’Akka. Woe betide every heedless doubter! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and summoned all to this Horizon from which the lights have shone forth. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He verily aided thee until thou didst turn to the Horizon from which the parties have turned aside, save whom God did will, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thou hast attained. Hearken unto the Call of God. All in the world were created for turning towards and serving humanity, yet all are deprived save a few. Reflect upon the confirmations of God, exalted be His glory, and His bounties. He guided thee through a hundred thousand outward and inward means to the Most Exalted Horizon and led thee aright. This is a great bounty - know thou its station and preserve it through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning and devotion to the Dayspring of verses and the Lord of names and attributes. In times of trials and tribulations We have been with thee. Nothing escapeth His knowledge and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over anything. Say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy mighty Announcement and Thy straight Path, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and for having

sent down for me again and again that whereby my mention and my name shall endure in Thy Manifest Book." Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. This is a glad-tiding that no glad-tidings of the peoples can equal, nor the joy of the world. Give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee!" Repeatedly hath the Afnan, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, mentioned thee, and in those days too was the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet revealed and sent in thy name. Verily thy Lord loveth His loved ones and maketh mention of them in such wise that their names shall endure in His Book. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and illumine them with the splendors of the lights of the Day-Star of utterance, the Goal of all the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! This is the Leaf of Paradise which We have sent unto thee, wherein is that which shall gladden thine eyes and the eyes of the monotheists. Verily it sufficeth as proof for all the worlds. It is a leaf upon which the breezes of God's springtime have blown in His days and moved it as He wished and desired, as a bounty from Him to His near servants. It is called by all names, wert thou of those who know. At times it is mentioned as the Leaf, at times as the Tablet, and this is a mighty, glorious Tablet. What hath been inscribed therein by the Most Exalted Pen are the jewels of the treasuries of the books of the ancients. Say: This is a river which hath branched from the Most Great Sea, were ye of those who know. And this is the dawning which hath shone forth from the Sun of Grandeur - illumine yourselves by it, O concourse of lovers! Verily it is detailed from the Preserved Tablet by the command of One mighty and powerful. It is the announcement which hath appeared from this Most Great Announcement, and been sent to His assured lovers. Were God to desire to detail from one word thereof what is hidden in the treasuries of a preserving Tablet, He would be able, for He is the Ruler over what He willeth. Rejoice thou, then be thou joyful, in that thy name hath been mentioned at the Throne and these verses have been sent down to thee, which none can equal among all that the minds of the monotheists can comprehend. Were there to be in thy possession the red elixir filling the heavens and earth, and were thou to spend it in the path of God, it would be little compared to My mention of thee from this Most Great Scene - this wondrous, mighty favor. Arise to remember and praise God, then be thou enkindled by this Fire, each ember of whose embers appeareth as the sun, illumining a world among the worlds of thy Lord which none can reckon save His knowing Self. Blessed art thou for dwelling in the land which God hath associated with My First Name, who sacrificed himself in My path and by whom all in the heavens and earth were illumined. Verily, those women who descended from him are of My kindred, wert thou of those who know. They have with God thy Lord an exalted, glorious station. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth that the melodies of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, may attract thee. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those who have shattered the idols by My Name and My sovereignty, whom names have not veiled from their Creator, and who were among the triumphant.

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O Abul-Fadl! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed and goodly word which, like unto the sun, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet: It behooveth man to bring forth that which will gladden mankind, not that which will cause the lamentations of nations to arise. This is the way of God, did they but know it. This is the religion of God, did they but witness it. This is the Cause of God, did they but hearken unto it. My Most Exalted Pen doth at all times move in the realm of counsel, admonition, wisdom and utterance. Yet the people of the world hear but act not, save whom thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, willeth. The darkness of tyranny hath prevented the Sun of Justice from shining forth. Assuredly one day the Finger of the Will of the Lord of Oneness shall rend asunder the obscuring veil, and the lights of the Sun of Truth shall become manifest and evident. Should all who are on earth gather together, they would not be able to extinguish the divine light, nor shall they ever have such power. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In every age and cycle have the divines of the age prevented the people from attaining the Most Exalted Horizon. They are the most great veil and the veils of glory - learned in the eyes of men but ignorant before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. None hath been or is aware of the divine purpose and celestial will from without. Some have deemed the people of truth to be, in their estimation, the people of corruption, and have counted the cause of unity to be the source of discord. By the life of God! Were they to become aware of that which God hath willed, all would turn toward the Friend and circle round the divine Will. Certain matters appeared at first from some of the ignorant ones, and this became the cause of the doubts and idle fancies of the servants. Ask ye God that He may enable all to recognize that which is intended. God willing, that honored one shall, with the utmost joy and fragrance, impart that which will lead to the recognition and assurance of the servants. He will verily assist thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. We have mentioned thee before, and in the book of Our servant who is present, and in this luminous Tablet. Be thou thankful to God for this supreme gift and this mighty favor. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto Him while every heedless one remained remote.

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Here is the revelation that was sent down for the friends of God in Kirmanshah - upon them be the Glory of God. He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. O My loved ones! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the direction of the prison. He is the Summoner, He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, He is the Lord of Names and the Sovereign Who does what He wills. Blessed is the ear that has attained to hearing and the eye that has been illumined by beholding the signs. In the midst of sorrows, the Lord of Religions and the Desired One of all worlds has turned toward you and made mention of you with a mention from which the fragrance of eternity wafts, that your remembrance and your names may endure in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His honor Haydar-'Ali has repeatedly made mention of the friends of that land and its surroundings, and each one has been honored with the tokens of the Ancient Pen. Those who claimed relationship with the Truth have, in the Great City, committed that which no opponent has ever committed. They have abandoned trustworthiness and cleaved to treachery, and have become so consumed with the fire of greed and passion that the Pen is powerless to describe it. Now they have arisen to harm the Wronged One and to abase the Cause. They stole a sum of money belonging to the Afnan and attributed it to others. And when that which is hidden in the breasts and the

treachery of eyes was revealed, they raised the standard of hypocrisy. Some of those funds they gave to their like so they would assist them in their falsehood, that they might agree with them. Thus did their souls entice them. O My friends in that land! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you, for ye have attained to that which most of the servants have failed to attain. We beseech God to give you to drink, from the hands of grace and bounty, the Kawthar of steadfastness and faithfulness. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. O Muhammad-Rida! Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance and praise have been raised, and blessed are the tongues that have recited My verses and the souls that have gathered therein to hear them in My days. Joy be unto thee, O Baqir, and unto the spot that hath been honored by the footsteps of My loved ones and wherein was raised the cry of those who have turned toward Me in their longing to attain My presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous. O people of God! Take heed lest the might of the oppressors frighten you or the allusions of the heedless hold you back from this Momentous News. The glory from Us be upon you and upon all who are steadfast and firm. We counsel you at the end of this Tablet with the wisdom We have sent down in the Tablets from your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Ahmad! Thou hast heard My call when thou wert present before Me, and beheld the waves of the ocean of My utterance, and the heaven of My wisdom rising high. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And We cause thee to hear once again My sweetest call, that it may draw thee to the Supreme Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. This is not a day to sit still. Arise in the name of thy Lord, then remind the people of this Day wherein the Caller calleth out that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. This is the Day of remembrance and utterance. Open thou the gate of the tongue with the key of the name of thy Lord, the One with power over the seen and unseen, and say: O concourse of the world! The Most Great Name hath appeared - rejoice ye and turn towards Him with your hearts and innermost beings.

O Ahmad! God willing, through divine grace thou shalt be the custodian of the Living Waters. This is a Day in which all atoms cry out “The Revealer of verses hath appeared!” Thou must, with perfect wisdom and utterance, summon the people of the contingent world to the Lord of Mercy, and give them to partake of the living waters which flow and stream forth in all times from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Today is the day of teaching. Call out with the power of the Most Great Name, that perchance the peoples may be enabled to hearken thereunto and attain the presence of the Supreme Paradise, which is the manifestation of the Primal Word.

O Ahmad! Thy remembrance hath been and shall remain before the Throne, and the glances of divine favor have been and are directed towards thee. However, thou must in all conditions observe wisdom, lest any matter arise that might cause harm to the servants. If thou meetest the friends of God, convey to them greetings and remind them of the days of His manifestation, that perchance the fire of remembrance may burn away the veils of the people and draw them nigh unto the Truth. The world was

and ever shall be transient. I swear by the Sun of Utterance, rising from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful, that should anyone for a moment gaze with the eye of insight and reflect, he would observe all things to be non-existent and extinct, save those souls who hold fast to the cord of the love of the All-Merciful and cling to the hem of His bounty. By My life! They are indeed the triumphant ones, they are indeed the near ones, and they are indeed the sincere ones. Blessed art thou, and blessed are they, and blessed are those who have broken the chains of idle fancies through the name of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Thou seest, O God of Mercy, Thou Whose power pervadeth all created things, these servants of Thine, Thy thralls, who, according to the good-pleasure of Thy Will, observe in the daytime the fast prescribed by Thee, who arise, at the earliest dawn of day, to make mention of Thy Name, and to celebrate Thy praise, in the hope of obtaining their share of the goodly things that are treasured up within the treasuries of Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee, O Thou that holdest in Thine hands the reins of the entire creation, in Whose grasp is the whole kingdom of Thy names and of Thine attributes, not to deprive, in Thy Day, Thy servants from the showers pouring from the clouds of Thy mercy, nor to hinder them from taking their portion of the ocean of Thy good-pleasure.

All the atoms of the earth bear witness, O my Lord, to the greatness of Thy power and of Thy sovereignty; and all the signs of the universe attest the glory of Thy majesty and of Thy might.

Have mercy, then, O Thou Who art the sovereign Lord of all, Who art the King of everlasting days, and Ruler of all nations, upon these Thy servants, who have clung to the cord of Thy commandments, who have bowed their necks to the revelations of Thy laws which have been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will.

Behold, O my Lord, how their eyes are lifted up towards the dawning-place of thy loving-kindness, how their hearts are set upon the oceans of Thy favors, how their voices are lowered before the accents of Thy most sweet voice, calling, from the most sublime Station, in Thy name the all-glorious.

Help Thou Thy loved ones, O my Lord, them that have forsaken their all, that they may obtain the things Thou dost possess, whom trials and tribulations have encompassed for having renounced the world and set their affections on Thy realm of glory.

Shield them, I entreat Thee, O my Lord, from the assaults of their evil passions and desires, and aid them to obtain the things that shall profit them in this present world and in the next.

I pray Thee, O my Lord, by Thy hidden, Thy treasured Name, that calleth aloud in the kingdom of creation, and summoneth all peoples to the Tree beyond which there is no passing, the seat of transcendent glory, to rain down upon us, and upon Thy servants, the overflowing rain of Thy mercy, that it may cleanse us from the remembrance of all else but Thee, and draw us nigh unto the shores of the ocean of Thy grace.

Ordain, O Lord, through Thy most exalted Pen, that which will immortalize our souls in the Realm of glory, will perpetuate our names in Thy Kingdom, and safeguard our lives in the treasuries of Thy protection and our bodies in the stronghold of Thy inviolable fastness. Powerful art Thou over all things, be they of the past or of the future. No God is there but Thee, the omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou seest, O Lord, our suppliant hands lifted up towards the heaven of Thy favor and bounty.

Grant that they may be filled with the treasures of Thy munificence and bountiful favor. Forgive us, and our fathers, and our mothers, and fulfil whatsoever we have desired from the ocean of Thy grace and Divine generosity. Accept, O Beloved of our hearts, all our works in Thy path. Thou art, verily, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Incomparable, the One, the Forgiving, the Gracious.

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O handmaid of God, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the one peerless God! O my handmaid! The True One, exalted be His glory, declares: This is the Day of God, and the lights of His countenance are shining and manifest from the supreme horizon. Each one of the servants and handmaidens who has attained to that which God has willed is mentioned in His presence and their names are inscribed in the Crimson Book. How many handmaidens and princesses of the earth were expectant and seeking the manifestation of Truth, yet now all are veiled from Him and occupied with their own desires. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which the men of the world are deprived of, save those whom the hand of divine power hath rescued and whom God hath guided to His holy, manifest and luminous path. In the nights and days thou shouldst be engaged in praising and thanking the Lord of all mankind, for the means of remembrance have been provided for thee through pure bounty. Know thou the station of Him Whom thou hast attained to meet, and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, for having enabled me to serve Him Who hath loved Thee and spoken Thy praise and summoned the servants to the horizon of Thy manifestation and arisen to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Aid me to remain steadfast in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. O my handmaid! We make mention at this moment of thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds, that Our remembrance may be a treasure for him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. O Ahmad! We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us and give thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thou art he who turned and heard the call of thy Lord when the learned ones and princes of the earth turned away from Him, and answered thy Lord when His call was raised between earth and heaven. I bear witness that thou didst believe and drink the choice wine sealed with My self-subsisting Name, and didst attain to that which none among the servants attained save those whom God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the first, chose. By the life of God! The treasures and mines of earth cannot equal this remembrance. To this testifieth he who hath found the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful in the contingent world, and behind him is a preserving tablet. The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to aid the Cause with wisdom and utterance from the presence of One mighty and wise.

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O ’Abdu’l-Wahhab! He is God - exalted be His glory and majesty!

O thou who dwellest in ?adba (Mosul)! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One Who is imprisoned in ’Akka. Then remember those days when the heedless made captives of the family of the Apostle - those by whose faces Yathrib and Ba??a were illumined - until they entered spacious Damascus. Among them was the Lord of the Worshippers and the Ornament of the Unity of God. They were asked: “Are you the rebels?” He replied: “No, by God! We are servants who have believed in God and His signs. The smile of faith hath appeared on our faces and the darkness of creation hath been dispelled by our presence. Through us was raised the pavilion of divine knowledge and strengthened the pillars of faith.” They were asked: “Have you made lawful what God hath forbidden, or forbidden what God hath made lawful?” He replied: “No, by God! We are the first to follow God’s commandments.” They were asked: “Have you abandoned the Qur’an?” He replied: “We are of the household wherein the Qur’an was revealed. Through us appeared the sign of the All-Merciful, and with us are its meanings and mysteries. From us came its remembrance and its spread.” They were asked: “For what crime have you been afflicted?” He replied: “For the love of God and our detachment from all else.”

Today people deny the deeds of those who tyrannized in the past, while they commit tyranny worse than what was committed before, and they perceive it not. It is as though they feel secure from the grave and are guaranteed immortality. I know not in what valley they wander. Do they not see that they depart and return not? Do they not know that tomorrow they shall be called to account and shall not be ransomed? How long will they drag the skirts of passion and traverse the hills of error? By God! If they knew what lies behind the veil of the life-giving waters of their Lord’s knowledge, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, they would cast away their vain imaginings and occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Most Great Name by night and day.

We, by God’s grace and favor, are content with His decree. Neither tribulations prevent Us from His love, nor calamities from His remembrance. Even if all who are on earth were to assemble against Me with piercing spears and sharp swords, My tongue would not cease from the remembrance of God. Reflect thou, then look upon what befell God’s loved ones in ages past and what hath befallen Us in these darkened days. Soon shall the hand of the All-Forgiving rend asunder the hem of this darkness, for verily He hath ever been a helper to the weak. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him, to grant thee the good of this world and the next, and to make thee a helper to His weak servants and one who is confirmed in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

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He is [the Answerer]! O thou who circlest round the Throne! O Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali! O thou who hast emigrated in the path of God! The letter which the Afnan, upon him be My glory, had written unto thee

was presented in its entirety by this servant before the Throne, and from the heaven of the Divine Will there were revealed repeatedly, specifically for him, wondrous and sublime verses. Give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy. The letter which was sent from Iran was likewise presented before the Presence and its contents were heard in detail. This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. All names stand still in their own station. No one is permitted to utter a word except as ordained by God in the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. Whosoever speaketh the words of truth is assuredly beloved in the presence of the Throne, but those souls who are extinct in self and alive in God - they are the upright souls who are content and are a source of contentment. God willing, may all attain to this exalted and most exalted station. This word is from the previous Manifestations. One of the holy ones said: "O Lord, how can I reach Thee?" He replied: "Cast away thyself, then come." Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance. The glory which proceedeth from the Glory be upon My Afnan, and upon thee, and upon those who have attained unto this mighty station. At the end of the letter, We make mention of the one who wrote to the Afnan about events in those parts, that he may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon him and upon those who have believed in God in that place, as a token of grace from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. As to thy mention of the attention of the Name of God, Jamal, upon him be My most glorious glory: God willing, may he be blessed by divine grace and hold fast with perfect wisdom. We have mentioned him before and sent unto him that which cheereth the eyes of them that are endued with insight. We send Our greetings upon his countenance and upon those with him and upon those who hearken to his words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of this mighty Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed, feet have slipped, eyes have been startled, limbs have trembled, pillars have been shaken, and faces have been transformed, and every mighty structure hath been stirred save such as God, the Lord of this manifest Day, hath willed. Thus hath appeared from the atmosphere of My utterance the whistling of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath turned, and drawn nigh, and heard, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!"

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He is God, exalted be His glory in bounties and favors! O thou who hast turned to God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, who circlest round the Kaaba of divine knowledge and uttereth His praise amidst the religions! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou hast ever been mentioned on the carpet of captivity in this land, and thy works are witnessed, thy poetry remembered, and thy praise heard. We beseech God to aid and assist thee in that which is conducive to the guidance of His servants. Praise be to God, His Majesty Sultan Abdul-Hamid - may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him - is personally occupied day and night with improving the affairs of his subjects and kingdom. Thou knowest and hast known that he hath never compromised with anyone, and whatsoever hath proceeded from his pen and tongue is the undoubted truth. In all matters and affairs, under the leadership of His Majesty the Sultan, the carpet of consultation is spread, and without regard for rank or station he hath judged and continueth to judge with justice. Therefore all must supplicate the King of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen for his protection. In truth he is the pride of most sovereigns. Some among this people practice

what is forbidden in God's Book and abandon what is commanded therein. During the days of Ashura, this Wronged One was occupied with commemorating the tribulation of the Prince of Martyrs, yet some cling to other practices, and this is a grievous error and a forbidden act. Although this people believe that the Imams - God's blessings be upon them - have risen from their graves, yet other groups, from the Shaykhis to those above them and the Fourth Pillar and the rest of the Shi'ih, all deny this matter. This is why every year in the month of Muharram strife ariseth and the fire of hatred is kindled. In most Tablets We have forbidden the servants from contention, conflict, corruption and whatsoever causeth grief to existence. Nevertheless there hath appeared that which causeth sorrow to those near and sincere. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful. In truth, excessive hardship hath befallen thee in the path of God, the Lord of all beings, yet in His love deadly poison is the ultimate desire. We beseech God to guide all and illumine them with the lights of justice and fairness. Verily He is powerful over all things.

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O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and who hast clung to the cord of grace! Verily the Most Great Sea hath desired to manifest the pearls that lie concealed within it and to cast forth the shells of wisdom and utterance unto the peoples of contingent being. And the Tree hath desired to make mention of one of its fruits, and the Sun of one of its effulgences, that joy and gladness may take hold of thee, that thou mayest hear the call of the Wronged One and witness that which hath in truth appeared from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. By the life of God! There hath appeared and shone forth and become manifest from the horizon of the Divine Will that which hath attracted unto itself the Concourse on High, the dwellers of Paradise, and the people of the cities of justice and fairness who have turned away from the world, advancing toward God, the Incomparable, the All-Informed. In these days there hath come upon Us that which hath caused the hearts of those near unto God to melt. The fires of greed and passion and lust and lewdness have been kindled in the Great City. They have consumed the properties of the Afnan and have raised their voices amongst the people with manifest tyranny. Thus have their souls prompted them to that which hath caused the countenance of trustworthiness and justice to be sullied. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, saying: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." They have committed that which was forbidden them in the Book of God and have perpetrated that which causeth the people of chastity and godliness to lament, and every man of learning whom knowledge hath not withheld from the Known, and every mystic who hath wholly advanced toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Wronged One, in the midst of tribulation, calleth thee and maketh mention of thee with that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that remember. Thy letter hath come into the presence of the Wronged One and hath attained to being seen and read. We have perused it and have answered thee with My manifest Tablet. He hath, verily, exalted thee through His bounty. Soon shall there be made manifest unto thee that which hath been ordained by the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to guide His servants through thee and through thy love and thy remembrance unto His Momentous Announcement. Say: "My God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy servants with the crown of trustworthiness and the fear of God, and their temples with the ornament of truthfulness and guidance, and illumine their hearts, O my God,

with the lights of Thy knowledge and their faces with the effulgences of the Daystar of Thy Revelation." The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those who are with thee and upon those whom the censure of the censurers hath not prevented from turning toward God, the Beloved of the knowing ones and the Goal of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

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=== START BH02812 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

O beloved of my heart and one remembered in my soul! It has been a long time since this evanescent servant was separated from you in exile. But in truth, you took joy with you. What I mean by these words is that after you left, joy became very rare, like the phoenix in all regions and cities. And that joy, in reality, did not even go with you - it was very unfaithful, for it left us and did not accompany you either. Surely you too were saddened by separation from the Beloved of all horizons. In any case, at this time He commanded this servant to write to the Overseer: "O stranger in foreign lands! God willing, may this exile become the cause and means of comfort for steadfast and assured souls in the homeland. Many times exile leads to finding a homeland, and many are the homelands whose dust of exile is more excellent and beloved in God's sight. Exile in the path of the Friend is more beloved and precious to lovers than their homeland. And to God belongs the command in all conditions. My greetings upon you and upon him who was named Mahdi and upon she who serves you." Some days ago they cut a coat for the blessed body and graciously bestowed one garment of wool to be sent to you. This servant has nothing worthy present except half a container of the finest tea available - that is, the finest that exists in this land - and two or three servings of extremely excellent tea that came from India in previous years. God willing, may you partake of it in perfect health and wellbeing. This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to Aqa Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God. My expression of sincere greetings to the true beloved Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be all nine [glory] of His most glorious grace, depends on your kindness. God willing, may he ever be confirmed. At this moment mention of them was heard from the tongue of the Beloved, who said: "The glory be upon him and upon those who love God there." Once again this servant conveys greetings to that beloved one and them and the friends. The glory be upon you. The Servant. 22nd day of the Month of Pilgrimage 1298.

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He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Zayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Worlds! The Most Exalted Pen, and the branches and leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, nay all things, bear witness to the Ocean of Utterance of the True One, glorified be His majesty, and to the Sun of His grace and bounty, in such wise hath He mentioned His loved ones that the fragrance of His words wafteth from every letter. The horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord - it behooveth them to render thanks unto the Lord for this manifest bounty. From

the clouds of divine grace and the heaven of the Most Glorious Pen, verses descend without interruption like copious rain, nay incomparable to aught else or any mention. Yet the deniers and heedless ones remain opposed. We beseech God to aid all to rend asunder the veils and to stand firm in His mighty and impregnable Cause.

The letter of Ibn-i-Nur (upon him be My Glory) which he sent to thee was presented before the Countenance. Verily We perceived from it the fragrance of his love and steadfastness in the Cause of God. Blessed is he and his father and mother. We have mentioned Nur aforetime in various Tablets with words that when they appeared, the Herald proclaimed: "Utterance belongeth unto God!" O Zayn! The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged through My utterance and the fragrances of the All-Merciful have been stirred by My call, yet most of the people remain heedless. Praise be to God, Marf'u 'Ali (upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness) and his son have drunk from the choice wine of utterance and attained unto the ocean of God's mercy.

O son of Nur! Today He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation and hath mentioned and continueth to mention His loved ones, saying: "O people of Baha! Hearken unto My call. It behooveth you to counsel the servants through your deeds and character. Verily He is with you, seeing and hearing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing." We beseech God to aid you with that which will enable you to do what beseemeth the people of Baha. Verily He is the Counselor, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O son of Nur! Each one of the souls mentioned in thy letter hath been honored with the mention of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily We have gladdened thy mother with My mention and loving-kindness, and thy nephew with My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, they have been mentioned throughout successive years and continue to be so. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who is named Haydar and upon those who are with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And praise be to God, Who is the Goal of them that know.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Sulayman, son of him who has ascended unto God! The days are drawing to a close, and the people of the earth are observed to be in manifest heedlessness and evident error. The tongue of the Morn proclaims "The Truth hath come!", and the Day declares "I am the Day of God!", and all things proclaim "The Mother Book hath been sent down!" And yet how few are the ears that are privileged to hear the call, and how rare the hearts that are adorned with the love of God, the Lord of all names. Morning and evening, the peoples of the earth, of diverse faiths, turn toward mosques and temples and churches and shrines for the remembrance of God, yet remain heedless of Him Who is remembered. At the very moment of remembrance, He Who is remembered standeth before their eyes, yet they see Him not and recognize Him not; they hear, yet comprehend not. All this heedlessness and error and ignorance that hath encompassed the world - its primary cause and reason have been and continue to be the divines of the earth, for they have devised vain imaginings and, through a hundred thousand strategems and

deceits, have caused these imaginings to enter into the minds of the ignorant of the earth. So long as these vain imaginings persist, they remain deprived of the splendors of the sun of certitude. Thus have they themselves and their hapless followers been deprived of the outpourings of divine grace and of that which would profit them. Were the rulers of the earth in truth obedient to these heedless souls, no trace of God and His tokens would be found in the world, save with those souls who are sanctified from the doubts and veils and vain imaginings of men. They are honored through the name of Truth, while clinging to diverse means in their abasement of Truth. Would that they had contented themselves with this! Nay, by My life! Every possessor of insight witnesseth the traces of the tyranny of these heedless souls. Blessed is the learned one who recognizeth Him Who is the Object of all knowledge. Strange it is that, despite such deeds, the divines of these regions and territories do not accept one another, each counting himself to be the most accomplished and most pious. Destruction be upon them and upon those who follow them without clear proof, or evidence, or testimony, or reason! O Sulayman, render thanks unto the Beloved of all possibility, that He hath aided thee to recognize this bounty, the like of which heaven hath not witnessed, nor earth borne. Rejoice thou and be of those who are thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Abdullah! Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy. Praise be to God, thou art remembered before the face of the Wronged One and hast attained unto His bounty. It is hoped that the light of unity may illumine that land and its horizons, and that those who believe in the oneness of God may hold fast unto that which is conducive to the exaltation of the Word and the light of unity and the extinguishing of the fire of polytheism. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones of that land. We counsel all to perform pure and holy deeds. Some among the Babis have grown exceedingly indolent. They must hold fast unto the Law of God. In this land all are acting according to it, fasting during the blessed month of Ramadan for the sake of God and offering prayers in obedience to His command. All in these regions and those regions must act in accordance with that which is the primary cause of the drawing nigh of people and the supreme reason for their turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants who believe in Thy unity through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, then preserve them through Thy power and authority, then cause them to enter the fortress of Thy providence and ordain for them every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention at this time of him who is named Habib - upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness - that he may rejoice and be among those who are assured and thankful. O Habib! We have mentioned thee before and sent it to another place. We beseech God to strengthen thee in all circumstances and to assist thee in that which He loveth and approveth.

Ye made mention of the souls of Mandali. This Wronged One once passed through that land. Their inner reality contradicteth their outer appearance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In any

case, the loved ones of God must hold fast unto deeds and unto such conduct as hath been revealed in the Books from the Pen of the All-Wise. A servant without deeds is like a tree without fruit. We counsel all to trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity and faithfulness. We beseech God to assist all in that which He loveth and approveth and to ordain for them that which will solace their eyes and bring tranquility to their souls. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Convey greetings to all the kindred, both male and female. We beseech God to preserve them and ordain for them that which will draw them near in all circumstances. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! O ’Abdu’llah! Upon thee be the peace of God and His praise! From every quarter have appeared manifestations of rancor and sources of hatred, even though until now they have not attained their purpose and remain deprived of the Kawthar of utterance which is the cause of eternal life and the source of everlasting existence. They have cast aside truth and its sovereignty and have taken hold of idle fancy and its traces. Had the people recognized God’s purpose in this Most Great Revelation, they would have circled round it and acted upon that which hath appeared from Him and been sent down from the heaven of His will. O ’Abdu’llah! The servant present submitted thy petition and it attained the honor of being heard. The Most Great Branch sent Ibn-i-Abhar’s letter to the Most Great Horizon. God willing, it shall receive its answer. Verily God is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We beseech God to aid him with the hosts of utterance for the triumph of this Great Announcement. We received the letter of Jinab-i-Samandar and its perusal and reading revealed that which is the cause of supreme kindness and infinite favors. Well is it with him and may it bring him joy! Soon shall God’s consummate wisdom in what He hath manifested become apparent unto him. Verily He loveth him who loveth Him and doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good. The servant present submitted what Qasim uttered in remembrance of God, His praise, His glory and His splendor. We have heard his call and have answered him with this perspicuous Book. We beseech God to strengthen him and My loved ones there in trustworthiness, chastity and fidelity, despite those who have made treachery their way, whom We testify are among the heedless. O Qasim! I am encompassed by manifestations of enmity and treachery and hosts of calumny and hatred. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid His servants unto pure truthfulness and enable them to turn in repentance and return unto Him. Verily He is the Oft-Returning, the All-Generous. O people of God! Be not grieved by the deeds of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Say: O our God and our Lord! Thou seest us in the hands of Thy tyrannical servants. We beseech Thee by the sovereignty of the Names and by the Call which hath been raised between earth and heaven to protect us from the evil of Thy tyrannical servants who have shed the blood of Thy loved ones and cast aside Thy Book and violated Thy Covenant and disputed Thy proof. O Lord! Aid His Majesty the Sul?an to assist the oppressed that he may protect them from the evil of their enemies. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

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His Holiness Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. O Ali! Your letter which you sent to Muhammad-Qabli-Ali, upon him be My Glory, has arrived and was read by the servant present before the Throne. Verily your Lord is the Hearing, the Responding One. Observe the counsels of your Lord. We have mentioned you before, and before before, and We mention you at this time, and send greetings from the direction of My Most Great Prison to My loved ones who have attained to My days, acknowledged My sovereignty and confessed to that which God has testified - that there is no God but I, the Protecting, the Mighty, the Generous.

All the friends should be observed to be so gladdened by the choice wine of utterance that the troubles of a world which appears as a mirage do not prevent those souls from the remembrance of the Lord of Return. Say: Take the cups of detachment with a power from Us, then drink from them through My wondrous remembrance. The divine call is ever raised up. The friends who have drunk of the choice wine of utterance and are turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful should always be mindful and enkindled with the fire of love. Gladden all the souls who have turned toward God with certitude, whether female or male, young or old, with the fragrances of the Words of the Revealer of verses.

O Khudadad! We send greetings upon your face from this distant place, that you may thank your Lord, the Remembering, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Likewise Shahverdi and Aziz are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and adorned with the ornament of remembrance. For each one, sublime and lofty verses have been revealed and sent at this very time. God willing, may all attain to the bounty of God and be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. Glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have attained to this Cause whereby the foot of every learned one has slipped and every mystic has been perturbed, save whom God has willed, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

The new friends, praise be to God, are successful and God willing they will become keys to good things. O Ali, convey greetings to the leaf of the land of Sad and gladden her with divine bounties. The people of that land must not fall short in serving her in any way, for she is from the remnants of the family of Sad. Previously a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to her in that land. By My life, the end is hers and hers is a goodly ending. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And praise be to God, the Lord of all beings.

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He is the Caller in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O ’Ali! Thy letter which thou didst send with Aqa ’Abdu’l-’Ali hath been presented before the Wronged One and was honored with His hearing. From the earliest days thou hast been mentioned. O ’Ali! The friends must at all times increase in the warmth of divine love. Warmth is manifested through love, and love is achieved through turning towards Him. God willing, thou and the friends shall be enkindled by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, illumined by the light of recognition, and engaged in all conditions in service to the Cause. Today service to the divine Cause consists in making people aware of that which benefiteth

them and deeds that cause the fire of hatred and animosity to be stilled in the hearts and minds of the various peoples.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, caused me to hear, given me to drink, and made me turn toward the court of Thy glory after the turning away of most of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of the kingdoms of knowledge and wisdom, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all possibility and by which the hearts of all religions were attracted, to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee with wisdom and utterance. O my Lord! Aid me and Thy loved ones to accomplish good deeds and righteousness. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy generosity, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which will cause me to be detached from all else but Thee and to hold fast to the ropes of Thy mercy and forgiveness. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then write down for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and strengthen me in Thy service. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

There hath been presented before the Wronged One that which thy son Ahmad - upon him be My glory - composed and recited before My face. We have answered him with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the earth nor the wealth of all people. O Ahmad! We have heard how thou hast praised God, the Lord of the mighty throne, and We found in thy verses the fragrance of the love of God, the Goal of the mystics. We beseech Him to strengthen thee with the hosts of utterance, to aid thee in His remembrance, and to exalt thee through His name amongst His servants. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sun of Grace and Glory! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Enable me to perform such deeds as are adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. Then write down for me, O my God, that which will preserve me from the evil of Thy creatures and the doubts of Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Bounteous, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power.

O beloved of my heart! The letter from His honor the revered Muballigh, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy and favor, which was sent to that beloved one - truly each passage of it was a verse of remembrance and a source of joy. Praise be to God that it adorned the world of separation with the ornament of reunion. Separation is a burning fire; if it leads to reunion it becomes a fire heralding light, just as the Tree of Sinai first appeared in the form of fire and later manifested with a light above all lights. There hath appeared from His presence that from which every possessor of smell perceiveth the fragrance of eternity, by the testimony of the Supreme Pen, and none hath the right to speak a word when His testimony appeareth in the kingdom of creation.

In any case, all of it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He knoweth what His tongue hath uttered and what hath appeared from the waves of the ocean of His bounty. This evanescent servant beseecheth and hopeth from God, exalted be His station, that He will repeatedly ordain presence and meeting, so that we may circumambulate with His honor morning and evening. With both outer and inner tongue I offer countless glorifications to His honor and convey numberless greetings.

The letter from the beloved and honored Haji Mirza Mahmud, upon him be all His Most Glorious Beauty, cast upon the mirror of the heart the effulgence of the stations of love and affection. A hundred thousand thanks and praises be unto God, glorified be His majesty, that He adorned him with the ornament of favor and guided him to the ocean of reunion. Whatever he had written was presented in the presence and achieved the honor of being heard. His mention hath been and is in the Most Holy Court. The servant beseecheth his Lord to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the One with power over whatsoever He willeth.

Furthermore, this servant ever presenteth in its proper place the mention of the honored Afnan of the Divine Tree, upon them be all His Most Glorious Beauty. It is most clear and evident that the mention of this servant was not and is not worthy, but mention in the presence of the King of Mention is accepted and beloved. However deemed advisable, please convey this evanescent one's glorifications and greetings. Peace be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God.

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He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and majesty

O My Beloved, O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of all who exist in the unseen and visible realms. The Pen desires to speak, but the ears of the world do not wish to hear. If I write "z" and "b", "t" and "k" follow behind, and if we eat the same soup every day, it has not and will not have freshness. In the city they cook fava beans daily and serve chickpeas, following in the footsteps of their fathers. We do not like fava beans and chickpeas. What can be done? In any case, these words are excessive and may cause trouble and become bothersome. However, praise and thanks be to God, in the past year the world of being, by the command of the Sovereign Worshipped One, detached from spirit and wealth, attained their goal and visited and circumambulated the divine Ka'bah and His House. The words "Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God" and "A proclamation from God on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage" so attracted hearts and souls that neither the clamor of plague nor the assault of the accursed cholera prevented the faithful from turning to and striving between Marwah and Safa and circumambulation. This brief mention is more fitting and sweeter than a hundred thousand lengthy accounts of the tales of Caesars and Persian kings and tyrants and Pharaohs and the transgressors of the Umayyads and the ignorant ones of the Abbasids. When thou goest before the Friend, convey the glorification of the Friend. The weather is sometimes clear, sometimes warm, sometimes cold, and sometimes cloudy. The ignorant one speaks crookedly and confusedly. I know not what use or fruit these ravings have. This much I say: remembrance of the Friend is good and beloved and effective. When thou

goest before the Beloved of the soul, the gift of the flowing soul is proper. This is good, this is beloved. If you go, you will relate, see and hear. My master, sometimes the pen sniffs the air. Until here was from it, but through divine bounty and infinite effort, if movement becomes possible and joy is attained through meeting the Friend, convey glorification and utter nothingness and complete evanescence. Glory be upon thy presence and upon him and upon those who love God and His friends. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Consoler! O Thou whose remembrance is the companion of the hearts of the yearning ones, whose name is beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones, whose praise is cherished by them that are nigh unto Thee, whose countenance is the goal of the mystics, whose call is healing to the breasts of them that have turned towards Thee, and whose tribulation is the ultimate desire of them that are detached! Glorified, glorified art Thou, O Thou in whose hand is the kingdom of the realm of the heavens and earth! O Thou through whose word from Thee the contingent beings were struck unconscious and their pillars scattered, and through another word were gathered together and each part was joined to another part! Glorified art Thou, O Thou who hast power over all who are in the heavens and earth, and art mighty over all who are in the dominion of Command and Creation! None is like unto Thee in creation, nor any equal to Thee in invention. No soul hath known Thee, nor hath anyone attained unto Thee. By Thy might! Were one to soar in the atmosphere of Thy holy oneness - verily the mystic is he who draweth nigh through impotence and confesseth to sin, for if existence should make mention before the manifestations of the might of Thy Cause, it would indeed be a sin unequaled by any sin in the kingdoms of Thy creation and invention. Shatter ye the cup of fancy through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then take ye the chalice of prosperity through the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn. Thus have We given life to the bodies of words through the sprinklings of the ocean of utterance of thy Lord, the Subjugator of the winds. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet and been attracted by the Kawthar of the All-Merciful, say: Thine be the praise, O Dawning-Place of praise, and Thine be the glory, O Thou in whose hand is the glory of the heavens and earth!

I am in love with both His love and His wrath indeed

And strange it is that I should love these opposites

We have found from thee the fragrance of acceptance, wherefore We have sent down unto thee this Tablet, which nothing that hath been created in the earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who have been awakened by the call of God, these are the people of Baha in a mighty Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and make up for what thou hast missed. Thus doth the Prisoner counsel thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom - thus doth command thee He Who calleth all unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Reflect upon My days and what hath befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Arise to mention thy Lord with such steadfastness as cannot be prevented by the cawing of the impious nor the braying of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily the glory be upon the

people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark through the name of God, the Possessor of Names. They are indeed among the triumphant ones.

[The above text is taken from several different Tablets which have been copied together]

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=== START BH02822 ===

O Nuri, upon thee be My glory! He who hath drunk of My choice-sealed wine, sealed with My self-subsisting Name, hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with such remembrance that the Concourse on High hath hastened from all directions to hearken to My sweetest call from the prison of Akka. Blessed is the servant who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation, as attesteth He with Whom is the Mother Book.

Thy letter which thou didst send unto the Wronged One hath come before Him and hath been honored to be heard, through the grace of God, the Revealer of verses. From it We perceived the fragrance of thy love. We have sent thee a Tablet whereby the horizons have been illumined. Blessed is he whom clamor hath not deterred from turning toward the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and blessed is the strong one who hath cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of Lords.

That which hath enraptured the denizens of the most exalted Paradise hath been sent down, yet most of the people are wrapped in heedlessness and error. They have forsaken their God, clinging to their desires. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are reckoned before God, the Lord of the Day of Return, as among the people of the Fire. They awaited the Day of God, yet when it appeared with truth they turned away from it and committed that which hath caused the Tablet to lament, and behind it all the pens.

When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of utterance from thy Lord's Tablet, say: "My God, my God! I testify that Thy grace hath preceded me, Thy mercy hath preceded me, and Thy light hath encompassed me. How many a day didst Thou call out to Thy servant from the most exalted horizon while he remained silent in Thy remembrance, and how many a night didst Thou turn toward him while he was heedless of Thee. I beseech Thee, O Fashioner of the world and Educator of the nations, Who art seated upon Thy most great throne, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the books of the world shall mislead me nor the doubts of the nations cause me to slip. O Lord! Thou seest the stranger draw nigh unto the precincts of Thy mercy, the sinner seek the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the feeble one the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which I desire from the sea of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy bestowals. Thou art He to Whose generosity, grace, might and power the realities of all created things and the tongues of all beings have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient, and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Then make me, O my God, a standard among the standards of Thy protection and a banner among the banners of Thy victory, that I may aid Thee through wisdom and utterance, through deeds and character. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful."

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=== START BH02823 ===

As for Muhammad-'Ali who attained repeatedly and then ascended to the Supreme Horizon - he is the Comforter, the Consoler.

O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Blessed art thou and those like thee whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from God, the Creator of the heavens. By the life of God, We have made mention of thee in such wise as all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. The Supreme Pen testifieth to the acceptance, orientation, humility and submissiveness of that honored woman before the face of God, and to her patience and tranquility in His Cause. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden! Thou hast drunk the choice wine of patience from the hand of the favor of thy Lord, the Chosen One, and hast attained unto that which the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven have attained.

The entire world hath been created for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, and on the Day of Manifestation all relationships are severed, for all relationships return unto Him. Each party was prevented by some matter, and each people were deprived by some mention, cause or calamity. Praise be to God that that leaf turned towards Him and attained unto the hearing of the divine call, and the calamities of the world did not prevent her from the Supreme Horizon. There hath befallen thee what befell Us in the Most Great Prison in the early days.

In truth the world is not worthy of attention. Blessed are they who soared on the wings of detachment and ascended through the love of God. For them have been ordained exalted stations beneath the pavilions of grandeur, under the shade of the Tree of Grace, in the Supreme Paradise and Most Exalted Heaven. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity, were the merest trace of that station to be revealed to all peoples, they would freely sacrifice their lives.

We beseech God to aid thee and make thee firm and steadfast in His Cause. Know thou the value of this Tablet. By My life, from its horizon hath shone the sun of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We have mentioned him who ascended unto God with such remembrance as the denizens of the Kingdom of Names and every servant who heard and responded to his Lord when He came with manifest sovereignty make mention of. The Wronged One conveyeth His greetings to all the relatives and counseleth all to submission, patience, perseverance, remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon everyone steadfast and firm.

=== END BH02823 ===

=== START BH02824 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who created creation for His knowledge and for attaining what He ordained for them through His bounty. When He manifested them, He made known to them Him Who gave glad tidings to

all of His manifestation and appearance and sovereignty. Glory be to Him, glory be to Him! How manifest is His proof and how glorious His grace and favor! He is the One Whose mercy preceded all and Whose evidence was perfected and Whose blessing was completed. I bear witness that there is no God but Him. He has ever been sanctified from what the creation possesses and exalted above all that souls and minds have comprehended. There is no God but Him, the All-Protecting, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Prayers and peace be upon the Seal of His Prophets through whom was raised the banner of Divine Unity and the Tree of Oneness spoke forth and the fragrance of the garment wafted and the breeze of holiness stirred, Who spoke forth with the wise Qur'an from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing. And now, O beloved of my heart, your letter brought me joy as it spoke in praise of our Creator and your Creator, our God and your God, and the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I read and understood it, I presented it before the Lord. Then the tongue of grace spoke forth His word, exalted be His grandeur: "We give thanks to God for having aided them in what He loves and is pleased with, and enabled them to remember and praise Him and acknowledge His oneness and singleness and turn to what He has commanded in His Book. And We beseech Him to manifest from them that which will bring joy to eyes and sight." End quote. This evanescent servant submits that always has his tongue and heart and sight been turned toward those beloved ones and will continue to be - the eye for beholding, the heart for presence, and the tongue for praise. In most times the mention of those beloved ones has been and will be known in the true gathering. Another submission is that a container of Muscat halva was sent as commanded. God willing they will partake of it with utmost joy and fragrance. If you eat sweets, consume a morsel in remembrance of the ant. God is witness and testament that mention of your honors brings joy and delight, for they are known for love and specially blessed. No further instruction than this. The glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you and upon those who mention you. And praise be to God, our Beloved and your Beloved.

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=== START BH02825 ===

In the land of Ardakan to Mulla Rajab-'Ali, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Protecting, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world through His Most Great Light, Who appeared once in the form of the Lamp and at another time in the temple of forms and breathed into it, whereupon all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck. Blessed be the Creator of all things and the Fashioner of names, through Whose manifestation the limbs of the world trembled and the hearts of the nations were troubled, except for those who partook of the choice wine of utterance in the name of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and turned to Him, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know." The glory which hath dawned from the horizon of the countenance of the Ancient King be upon those who have cast aside the world for love of Him and have arisen to make mention of Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause amongst His servants. They are indeed the oceans of utterance amidst the concourse of creation and the Salsabil of life for every discerning soul that turneth unto Him. My soul be a sacrifice for your love.

At one time this evanescent servant attained the presence of the Most Holy Court, and after appearing before His countenance, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words: “O servant! Send what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Kingdom of Utterance unto him who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and hath attained the choice sealed Wine, that he may recite the verses of his Lord and deliver them unto those who have believed in the All-Informed One.” Then in the Persian tongue He expressed such favors toward that person in such manner that I confess my inability to mention them. Verily our All-Knowing Lord is the All-Enumerating, the All-Informed.

This blessed Tablet was revealed at the beginning of the episode in the Land of Sad [Isfahan] and no copy of it had yet been sent anywhere. Although outwardly the people appear so lifeless that there seemeth no likelihood of their being adorned with the ornament of life, yet the utterances of the sincere ones, the sanctified ones, and them that are nigh unto God never fail to produce their effect, and soon shall the lights of the Word encompass the world. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

Your honor should at all times remind the friends who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and give them to drink of the Kawthar of divine knowledge, that all may attain unto the Most Great Bounty and remain steadfast in the Cause of God. Glory be upon you and upon those who hearken unto your words in the straight Path of God.

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=== START BH02826 ===

He is established upon the throne of utterance

Verily the Most Great Ocean desired to send unto thee the ocean of divine knowledge, that thou mayest behold the pearls hidden therein and be of them through whom God hath raised the standard of righteousness among all peoples and the banner of steadfastness in the most exalted station. Blessed art thou, for the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and revealed for thee that which brings solace to all eyes. How many a servant hath heard the call and turned away therefrom, and how many a servant hath inhaled the fragrances of revelation and turned with his heart unto God, the Cause of all rivers to flow. Glorify the name of thy Lord by night and by day, and say:

O people of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not them who have denied the House and disbelieved in the Corner and the Station. Beware lest the ranks of the world and the armies of nations prevent you from this Cause whereby the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of all mankind. Hold fast unto My strong cord, speak forth My praise, and stand firm in service to My Cause at eventide and at dawn. When the breezes of revelation stir thee, say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of existence! Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the seen and unseen! Glorified art Thou, O my Goal and the Goal of all hearts and minds! Praise be unto Thee

for having made known unto me Thy Most Great Path and Thy Mighty News, whereby earthquakes seized all tribes save those rescued by the hand of Thy will and purpose. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, detached from all else but Thee, and clinging to the cord of Thy loving care. I beseech Thee by all that befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy generosity, not to disappoint me. O Lord! Strengthen my limbs in Thy service and illuminate the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge. Then ordain for them that which shall preserve them from the croaking of every croaker, the might of every oppressor, the doubts of every learned one, and the insinuations of every wicked one. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and sovereignty, and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command that prevaileth over Thy heaven and Thy earth. I beseech Thee by the arising of the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs, Who is not overtaken by sitting nor prevented by the power of hosts, to ordain for me that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy mighty Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH02827 ===

O Mirza Abu-Talib! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted! O Abu-Talib! Hearken unto My call from My direction, then stand firm in My love, then be stirred by the breezes of My attraction, then arise to praise My Supreme and Most Great Self. Verily We have not forgotten thee and have mentioned thee before, and mention thee now in this Most Great Tablet that thou mayest know that He loveth His assured servants. Ask thou God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, that He may enable thee and those who have believed to stand with mighty steadfastness and not distance you from the court of His presence, neither in this world nor in the next - this being the hope of the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou hast turned toward the direction of the House and wert among those who dwelt round about it. Then give thanks to Him in that He delivered thee from His enemies and preserved thee in truth and guided thee to His blessed, mighty and wondrous seat. Remember Him at all times, then convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus did We command thee before and now, that thou mayest be among those who act. Beware lest thou dispute with any soul or contend with anyone in teaching the Cause of thy Lord, the Ruler, the All-Wise. Those who wage war and shed blood are in grievous heedlessness. By God! Victory lieth in expression, not in sword and spear, and thus have We revealed in all the Tablets, yet the people perceived it not and were among the corrupt. And thereby was shed the blood of those a single soul of whom is, in the sight of thy Lord, better than these oppressors, for they claim to believe yet slay its Establisher and Confirmer. Woe unto them from the torment of a grievous day! We have lifted the decree of killing and have ordained victory in what We have revealed in truth, and this is the best victory in the eyes of every discerning one who knows. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Verily thy Lord hath ever known what afflictions have touched thee, and He is informed of all things. There hath befallen thee what befell Us, that thou mightest follow the example of thy Lord in all matters, and this is a great bounty. Beware lest thou grieve over anything, for there shall descend upon thee what hath been ordained for thee in the tablets of destiny, and He is wise over all things. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have drunk from this Salsabil which hath flowed from the fountain of the Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

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=== START BH02828 ===

O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Glorious. Before Him bow down in adoration all who are in the heavens and on earth. He, verily, is the One, the Most Holy. His is the might and the power. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth. He bestoweth what He desireth upon whom He desireth, and withholdeth the breezes of Paradise from whom He willeth. And thou, O handmaiden of God, render thanks unto thy Lord at all times, then make mention of Him as doth mention Him this Peacock whose wings have been adorned with the pearls of a holy and praiseworthy sanctity. Know thou that We have arrived in this Prison which is remote from all and distant. Let not this cause you grief, but be content with what hath been ordained by Him, for this is the ultimate purpose. I remain bewildered in My affair and your affair until there shall appear the firmly-established Command from the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. By God! Such tribulations have descended upon Me as cannot be bounded by any limits. Remember thou My days, then My beauty, then My rising and sitting, then My reposing and My establishment, then My melodies, then My bowing down and prostration. Let nothing cause thee grief, but place thy trust in God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Witness. Beware, O handmaiden of God! Guard thyself with utmost vigilance lest there appear from thee that which thy Master, the Most High, the Supreme, the Most Loving, would abhor. Conceal thyself from all eyes, then hold fast to the cord of God against the evil of every rejected sinner. Thus hath sung the Nightingale of holiness and cast upon thee from God's counsel that thou mayest remain steadfast upon this exalted and extended path. Spirit and glory and immortality be upon thee and upon those women who dwell in the City of God, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Manifest, the Self-Subsisting.

He is the Mighty. In all matters endless bewilderment hath overtaken Me until what may later be ordained. In any case, conduct yourselves with utmost love toward the guest, be in complete harmony. Act contrary to the men, for from them no fragrance of unity was detected. Make mention of all the women, both Arab and Persian. Make mention of the wife of Abid and all the others. Verily He maketh mention of whomsoever He willeth, and He is the best of those who make mention. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH02829 ===

In His Most Holy Name! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! This is a Day wherein We bid patience itself to be patient in the Cause of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Grieve not for what hath befallen Us. Nothing that hath been created in the heavens or on earth can frustrate Him. Whoso is for God, God is for him. We testify that He was with Us on the day We were born and will continue to be until the end that hath no end. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Did might avail Al-'Uzza? Did Pharaoh prevail? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! Rather were they among those who were brought low. God shall soon obliterate all traces of those who turned away and clung to calumny that they might lead people astray from the path of God, the Lord of all names. They are indeed in manifest loss. Remember when he who turned away thought We feared him. Say: Neither the might of those who transgressed nor

the ascendancy of the oppressors can intimidate Us. We speak the truth as We have spoken and summon all to God, the Sovereign Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They who have quaffed the living waters from the hands of the All-Merciful are those who call humanity from behind them, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. By thy life, O My patience! Neither the barking of dogs nor the grunting of swine can deter them. He thought We were grieved by what he had wrought. Nay, by the Self of God Who overseeth all creation! Rather do We walk and call upon God morn and eve, saying: "Draw nigh the days of meeting with Thee, then make me one of those who lay down their lives in Thy path. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." By God! Should all who dwell on earth gather against Me with sharpened swords and piercing spears, thou wouldst find My tongue in that hour speaking His Name and Mine eyes fixed upon His shining and luminous horizon. Know then that what thou hast composed in remembrance of this wronged Exile hath reached Our presence. We beseech God to strengthen and assist thee in all conditions, to make thee a champion of His Cause from beginning to end, and to draw thee nigh unto Him in such wise that remoteness shall never intervene. Thy Lord is verily the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. We moreover beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us in His love, to cause us to speak His praise and glorification, and to make us among those who have soared in the atmosphere of His love and who have detached themselves through His Name from all the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH02830 ===

He is the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O thou who art the remnant of the family of God on earth, and the lingering fragrance from the divine Ridvan, and the Word inscribed upon the holy, blessed and luminous Tablet! Blessed art thou in that thou hast joined the hosts of God in days when all people were in drunkenness and mighty veils, and hast associated with the men of God and His chosen ones, then with His trusted ones and His loved ones, and hast attained the presence of the Beloved, then the presence of Husayn, by whose name the Kingdom of Names was adorned in the heaven of eternity, and through whose submissiveness all things became submissive, and through whose remembrance every tongue was opened in praise of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and through whose turning to his Lord the Temples of Grandeur turned toward the Scene of God, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. How blessed art thou that the breezes of eternity have wafted upon thee from the Ridvan of My Most Exalted Name, the All-Knowing. Every soul should find from thee the fragrances of the hosts of God and inhale from thee the sweet scents of the garment of Joseph of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. How excellent it is for thee that thou hast attained the most great attainment in thy meeting with them, and thy turning to their beings, and thy orientation with their party, and thy settling in their dwelling-place, and thy hearing of their wondrous melodies, and thou wert among the triumphant ones. It behooveth thee now to stand firm in the Cause of God, thy Lord, in these days and to be watchful of the command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Had We found the people of the Bayan yearning toward God, We would have commanded them to visit thee in that land and to circle round about thee, for thou art of the remnant of Our detached loved ones. And if at times hesitation seized thee, God hath forgiven what is past, for He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be

thou assured in thyself that God hath ordained for thee in His presence a holy and noble station and hath accepted from thee thy obedience and whatsoever hath proceeded from thee, for He is the Kind, the Merciful. Beware lest vain imaginings cause thee to slip from the path of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, and thou become of those who are tested. Leave behind thee all who are in the heavens and on earth, then turn with thy heart toward the direction of My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus hath the Strong in Command taught thee and strengthened thee with the Spirit of Power, from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of all the worlds.

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=== START BH02831 ===

In the name of Mim, He is the Most Exalted in the Most Exalted Horizon! O Letter Mim! Hear My call and be not of the patient ones. Then bear witness within thyself that He is God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. He doeth what He willeth by His command and decreeth what He pleaseth. None can question what He doeth, and He is the Strong, the All-Knowing. Know then that thy letter hath come before Us and We have examined what was therein, and We were among the witnesses. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause - this is better for thee than the kingdoms of the heavens and earths. Then We counsel thee at this time, when the Bird of Immortality hath taken flight from the branch of Iraq and sought another branch through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Say: By God the Truth! This indeed is a youth who hath sacrificed his spirit for God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Were he not mindful of the decree of the Book, he would have kissed the hands of his killer in the path of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Those who have understood the stations of the Cause from the Sovereign of might and glory will never fear anyone, even if all the hypocrites should gather against them. At all times they await tribulations out of love for their Ancient Lord, and they long for calamities as an infant longeth for its mother’s breast. God sufficeth as witness to what I say. O people of the Bayan! Fear ye no one, for God hath power over you and causeth to flow upon you what He willeth. None besides Him hath any power over aught, and this is a certain truth. By God! If the loved ones of God knew what hath been ordained for them in the paradise of nearness and glory, they would sacrifice their souls and possessions at every moment. But they are veiled from this through their attention to the ornaments of earthly dominion, and therefore tribulations become difficult for them in the path of their Creator. This indeed is manifest heedlessness. Therefore, O my God! Give them to drink of the wine of Thy grace and bounty, that they may not be occupied with aught but Thee nor desire anything besides Thee. This indeed is a mighty favor. Then make them steadfast in Thy love such that they turn not to those who move in the atmosphere of heedlessness and claim for themselves that which hath not been ordained for them from the presence of One Wise, All-Informed. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who remain firm in the Cause and in love.

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=== START BH02832 ===

In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Rabi', be as the spring of God in these days, that through thee the Lote-Trees of existence may be verdant and yield the fruits of thy Lord's remembrance, the All-Merciful. Know thou the value of these days. By God! The breezes that blow therein have never blown before, nor shall they blow thereafter. Thy Lord, the Mighty, the Help in Peril, beareth witness unto this. O Rabi', We have made thee manifest in God's springtime that thou mayest be stirred by the winds of thy Lord's will and be detached from those who have denied God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Open thy tongue in utterance and convey the Cause of thy Lord, that His Name may be exalted among the concourse of all worlds. Say: O people, fear ye God and refute not the truth through your idle fancies, nor follow those who have openly denied God. Follow Him Who calleth you unto Him with power and sovereignty. Steel thy back for thy Lord's Cause, for unto this have We created thee and those who have believed in God, the One, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. Grieve not over anything, for thy Lord will aid thee in teaching His Cause and will assist those who have detached themselves unto Him and remember Him with joy and radiance. Convey Our greetings unto the faces of them that have believed therein, then deliver unto them what We have imparted unto thee, that the melodies of thy Lord which have been raised from the direction of the Throne in these times may attract them. Then gather them unto the Cause of thy Master and protect them from Satan's party. Thus have We instructed thee and commanded thee in truth. Follow what thou art bidden; this is better for thee than all that hath been ordained in creation. Say: O people, gather ye around your Lord's Cause, then seek bounty from His presence, and be not of those who believed then denied and returned to their abode in the nethermost fire. Remember your Lord openly and be not disturbed by the wrongdoers, for God shall soon seize them with His wrath and His sovereign might. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Be as one soul, that through you terror may enter the hearts of those who have denied God. By God! They are naught but the people of loss. And the splendor which hath shone forth from the horizon of destiny be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath spoken at the midmost heart of paradise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Sultan, hear the call of the Sovereign from the direction of thy Lord's merciful throne, that it may detach thee from all that hath been created in the worlds and draw thee nigh unto His Beauty, the All-Merciful, a station holy and resplendent. Then rejoice within thyself that the Pen of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom, hath moved at the mention of thy name. Know thou that We have not forgotten thee and Our Arab loved ones, and We have made mention of them in the Tablet which We shall soon send unto them that they may become aware of God's remembrance of them, for He hath ever been merciful to His servants. Know thou further that thy letter hath come before Us and We have read what was therein, and We have answered thee with these words which have shone forth from the horizon of glory with manifest sovereignty. Take heed that thou assist thy Lord to the extent of thy power and forget not His grace, for His grace hath ever encompassed the worlds. Shun those who have

disbelieved and joined partners with God, and draw nigh unto those from whom thou dost inhale the fragrance of love from this Youth whom the idolaters have cast into a deep pit. Blessed art thou for having remained steadfast in the Cause and turned away from those whose essence and reality were created from the fire of opposition and who took the Calf as their beloved. Say: O people! Did We not inform you at the time of departure that the Samiri would appear among you, that the Calf would cry out and the birds of night would stir? Beware lest ye forget what We previously told you and hold fast to a mighty and manifest handle. Say: Today there is no escape for anyone and no refuge for any soul save God Who created all things by His command and manifested the Manifestation of His Self with a great proof and testament. Say: O people! Cast not the Cause of God behind your backs and follow not every froward devil. And thou, O Sultan, by God, wert thou to become aware of what hath befallen Me, thou wouldst weep and lament and cry out every morn and eve. But We have concealed from thee what hath befallen My Beauty, the All-Merciful, lest thou be saddened in thy soul, and this is indeed a mighty grace unto the truth. And the Glory be upon thee and upon Our Arab loved ones, both male and female, young and old. Then convey My greetings to My handmaiden who hath believed in her Lord, that she may rejoice within herself and be in graceful happiness.

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O Qanbar! In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Great! O servant! Hear My call, for by My call are quickened the hearts of all the worlds. Remember thy Lord in the night seasons and at dawn, and be not of the heedless ones. Rejoice in that the Pen of thy Lord hath stirred to make mention of thee, for He loveth those servants who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have turned to His shining and luminous Face. He hath created all contingent beings through a word from Him, then cast upon them another word - whoso holdeth fast to it and believeth in Him, he is indeed among the most exalted of creation with Him, and this is certain truth. Those who turn away from it are verily among the people of the fire, cursed by the realities of all things, of the first and the last. Leave thou those who have disbelieved and hold fast to the Sure Handle. By God! It is indeed the Most Great Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord the All-Merciful's will with a mighty radiance. Say: O people! The Promised One hath come unto you, if ye be of them that know, and the Hidden Mystery hath been revealed, if ye be of the certain ones. The gardens have been adorned with the ornament of the All-Merciful and Hell hath been set ablaze. Blessed are they who have attained unto the lights of His countenance; woe unto the idolaters! Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, and take hold of His Tablet with manifest strength. Recite it in thy days and be not of the heedless ones. Make mention of My handmaiden from before Me, whom We named 'Awfih in Our ancient Kingdom, then convey My glorification unto her face and unto her daughter from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. And the glory be upon thee and upon her from this shining and luminous Orient. Glorified art Thou, O my God! These are Thy servants who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and have sought the sanctuary of Thy glory and grandeur and have heard Thy call and answered Thee on the Day whereon most faces were darkened, and each one of them hath attained according to his capacity and striving. I beseech Thee therefore, O my God, by Thy Name through which were rent asunder the veils of the people of creation and were burned away the shrouds that came between Thee and Thy weak servants, that Thou withhold

not these from the robes of Thy mercy and the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. Clothe them, then, through the hands of loving-kindness with the garments of guidance, that they may be illumined by the lights of Thy favors amidst Thy creation and creatures, and may turn wholly unto Thee and be detached from all else save Thee and arise to aid Thy Cause and manifest Thine order. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Guardian, the Chosen One.

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O Abdullah, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who endureth after the passing of all things. O Abdullah! Thy letter hath come before thy Lord and the glances of divine favors have been directed towards it. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. We have become aware of what was mentioned therein concerning that which was revealed from the heaven of command in the Surah of Counsel. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ye are mentioned before the Throne - the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh in remembrance of you and His Pen, the Subduer of the worlds, floweth over your names. Rejoice ye at this bounty, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Abdullah! By God, the Wronged One hath remained without helper or assistant. Had My loved ones acted according to that which they were commanded, thou wouldst have seen the banners of victory raised upon every lofty and impregnable mountain. Arise to help the Cause of God. He hath ordained that victory lieth in the manifestation of His goodly character amongst all people. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this mighty station. Say: O My loved ones! Be ye of such nature that those who approach may behold in your faces the radiance of the All-Merciful and in your gatherings the gathering of letters in a single word. This behooveth those who have turned unto God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ye are they who have been mentioned by name of the Beloved and have attained unto a station whereunto none have attained save honored servants. Blessed art thou for having remembered thy Lord and for this mighty Tablet which hath been revealed for thee. Grieve not over separation - ye are before the Throne. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds! Verily he who hath arisen to serve his Lord is among those who circled round the Cause from time immemorial. Thus doth your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, give you glad tidings. Arise to serve in that place and unite hearts in remembrance of the Beloved. This is what God, the Goal of the worlds, commandeth thee. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and give them the glad tidings of this mighty remembrance. We beseech God to assist them to love and unity, to gather them beneath the pavilions of His Cause, and to make them of those who, in helping the Cause, have not regarded themselves and what they possess, but have helped God’s Cause through their character, deeds and remembrance. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have arrived there, turning unto God, thy Ancient Lord.

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In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding! O Mustafa! Blessed art thou for having attained unto the light of the Divine Countenance, appeared before the Command, and been numbered among those who have attained. Even hadst thou possessed the equivalent of the heavens and earth and spent them both, thou wouldst not have attained unto this sacred and luminous station. Give thanks unto God for having vouchsafed unto thee His presence, honored thee with His beauty, caused thee to hearken unto His melodies, and enabled thee to attain unto the presence of His wondrous countenance. Didst thou but know, thou wouldst soar in the atmosphere out of joy and gladness, for thou hast attained unto the presence of Him for Whom God's near servants died in their longing. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this at all times, and be not of the heedless. Verily, thou art renowned among the Concourse on High, who point to thee with their fingers and say: "This, verily, is he who migrated unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Great, who circumambulated the sacred Sanctuary and the Ka'bih of intimacy, unto whom were directed the glances of God, and who was numbered among those who have attained." Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then make mention of Him among His heedless servants. And when thou beholdest My loved ones, pronounce My glorification upon their faces, then recount unto them what thou hast learned of the story of the Youth, that they may be of those who remember. Say: O My loved ones! Do ye rest in ease while the Youth is in dire tribulation? I know not of which tribulation to complain. Nay, by His own Self, the True One! I have not complained, nor will I complain, and I remain content with whatsoever God hath ordained for Me and whatsoever He hath prescribed for My Own Self, if ye be of those who know. O servant! Forget not what thou hast heard from the tongue of thy Lord, and be My garment among My servants, that they may inhale from thee the hallowed, inaccessible and glorious fragrance. He who hath purified his soul and whose deeds are goodly–from him wafteth the fragrance of My good-pleasure, whereby Our servants who turn unto Us are guided. Say: O people! Purify your deeds and sanctify your souls, that there may appear from you that whereby the hearts of all men shall be attracted. And the glory that hath been sanctified from names and their kingdom, and exalted above attributes and their dominion, be upon thee, O thou who hast been guided by God's guidance and hast drunk the Kawthar of immortality from His exalted fingers. Then doth the tongue of grandeur and majesty proclaim: Well is it with thee, then joy be unto thee and unto those who drink and say: "Praise be to God Who hath distinguished us with this most exalted, most mighty, most great bounty!"

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The Friends of God in Jadhba'

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

We make mention of the land which God has made the footstool of My loved ones who, when they heard the Call, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and shattered [the idols of] vain desire in the name of the Lord of all humanity. Thus does God make mention of whomsoever He pleaseth among His creation. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Jadhba'! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of Names. At one time He spoke from the Divine Lote-Tree, at another in the Night Journey, and yet again from this Station, whereof every atom of its atoms beareth witness that there is none other God beside Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many a servant heard and

slumbered, and how many a slumberer, when he heard, arose and said: “Here am I, O Thou Desire of the worlds!” Give thanks unto God for this most great favor through whose light the world hath been illumined and the Most Great Name hath spoken: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Single One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Great!” Hold fast, O My loved ones, unto wisdom and utterance, and convey unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility that which God hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. The sovereign of minds is bewildered at those who have cast behind their backs the Water of Life and hastened unto the foulest of waters. These, verily, are among those of whose heedlessness and remoteness the atoms have borne witness, and beyond them is preserved a protected Tablet. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and say: “O Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, Lord of the world to come and of the world that now is! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and by the lights of Thy countenance from the Most Exalted Horizon that Thou assist us to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love and enable us to act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou art He Who hath manifested Thyself unto us and hast acquainted us with what lay hidden in Thy knowledge and was recorded in Thy Tablets, and hast taught us Thy path in Thy days. O my Lord! We beseech Thee by Thy grace which hath encompassed us and by the mercy which hath preceded us that Thou ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for those who have detached themselves from all else save Thee and have attained unto the Most Great Martyrdom in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.” The splendor which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of […] Names be upon you, O My loved ones in Jadhba’, and upon those who have held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and have clung to the hem of My mercy and have turned toward My horizon and have spoken in My remembrance and praise, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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In His Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We make mention from My Most Exalted Pen of him who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Creation, whom We mentioned before as a favor from Us, and verily I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. Blessed is he who has attained unto My days, turned his face toward My countenance, and uttered My beautiful praise. Today every possessor of insight has attained this Most Great Bounty, and every possessor of hearing has attained the hearing of his Lord’s call, the Expositor, the All-Wise. Happy the lands from which the fragrance of the Garment has been wafted, and the city over which have blown the breezes of the dawn of My wondrous Day. Happy the soul that has taken the chalice of immortality in My Most Glorious Name and drunk therefrom through My mention, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We have previously counseled the friends of God and His servants with the wisdom whereby We took the covenant from those who have turned to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, in that thou hast shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and drunk from the ocean of certitude. We have made mention of thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. He Who speaks bears witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Reckoner, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We counsel thee with wisdom lest there occur that which God

abhors and the clamor of those who have denied the Day of Judgment be raised. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom in all circumstances. Verily He witnesses and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee. Behold and then remember what befell God's Messengers and His chosen ones when He sent them with a manifest sovereignty. Among the people were those who turned away from them and opposed them, and those who pronounced sentence of death upon them. Thus did their desires command them, without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. We summoned them to the Supreme Horizon while they imprisoned Us in this mighty fortress. We desired for them the good of this world and the next while they left Us in this remote prison. We opened unto them the gates of blessings while they prevented Us from the bounty which God created through My Name, the Bestower, the Invincible.

We make mention of My loved ones in that place and send Our greetings upon them, and counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness and that which befits this Day which God proclaimed through the tongues of the Messengers. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of wisdom and turned to the Most Great Ocean on this momentous Day.

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We complain of those who have transgressed the bounds of God and His commandments and followed their own desires. Indeed they are among the heedless. We commanded them to wisdom and unity, but they differed in what they possessed. We beseech God to enable them to fulfill what they were commanded in His Clear Book.

It has been and is evident to that honored one that in most Tablets We have commanded the friends of God to wisdom, utterance, trustworthiness, truthfulness and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. Nevertheless, certain matters have appeared which have caused the Cause of God to be wasted among His servants. Today is a day when all must pass beyond their own desires and be moved by the breezes of the will of the One True God. If an unseemly deed appears from someone, the ignorant and heedless people attribute it to the Truth. That honored one must engage in serving the Cause with perfect wisdom and utterance at all times, and strive with utmost endeavor to remove differences that arise between the friends.

Trustworthiness, wisdom and honesty are, of a truth, God's beauteous adornments for His creatures. These fair garments are a befitting vesture for every temple. Happy are those that comprehend, and well is it with them that acquire such virtues.

Some souls act according to their own desires and attribute this to the Truth. We seek refuge in God from deeds which He loves not and has not revealed in the Book. God willing, through your efforts the luminous lamp of unity will be lit and shine forth in that land. The harm of discord exceeds all reckoning - it is the cause of wasting God's Cause and extinguishing souls. Its example is like autumn winds, while unity is like spring breezes. Immature souls must at all times be nurtured with the hands of mercy and kindness until they reach maturity and become aware of what benefits and harms them.

We beseech God to aid you in serving His Cause and draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. We send Our greetings from this spot upon you and upon the Letter ’Ayn who was mentioned in the prison, and upon your sons and daughters from this near yet far station. The Glory be upon you and upon them.

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In the Name of God, the Everlasting

O handmaiden of God! Your mention has ever been before the Most Great Vision and your name is recorded in the Tablets. Therefore it behooveth you to stand firm, with complete steadfastness, in the love of the Sovereign of Days and the All-Knowing King, to such an extent that should your eye turn away, you would pass it by for the sake of the Friend, even as the lovers in the path of the All-Merciful gave up their lives and turned toward the direction of the All-Glorious. Purify your ear from the unworthy words of the deniers and hearken unto the wondrous melodies. Convey My remembrance from God to Hassan and Ali, and specifically for them this prayer is revealed:

“Glory be unto Thee, O my God! By Thy Name through which souls were disturbed and limbs did quake and faces were transformed, purify our hearts from love of aught else but Thee and illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge. Then make us steadfast in Thy love to such degree that the denial of those who have denied Thee shall not prevent us. Then deliver us from the prison of self and passion, and from this prison, through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Bountiful.”

Read ye this prayer in place of Hassan and Ali, or send it that they may recite it in prison, for the Ancient Beauty hath now recited it on their behalf. Verily God loveth His servants even when they are sleeping. The Cause of God is sanctified from human desires and the Divine Manifestation is not a matter that any soul may claim each day. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that even what they have heard about Mirza Yahya had no connection with him, and God is sufficient witness. The Manifestation was specific to the Primal Point, Who was the Herald of this Most Great Manifestation. Consider John the Baptist and the Spirit (Christ), and whoever has the least insight will understand this utterance of the All-Merciful from what was revealed in the Bayan. Those who have turned to God are accounted as the Letters, the Mirrors, the Fruits, the Branches and the Leaves, if they remain steadfast. Otherwise the light returneth to its source, sovereignty to its realm, and the created thing to its limit and station. And the glory be upon you, O handmaidens of God. Specifically for the deliverance of two souls this prayer was revealed, for verily He chose imprisonment for Himself and freedom for His servants, and He is truly the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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In the Name of God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! O Haydar! Thy letter hath been received at the Divine Throne, and whatsoever thou didst mention hath been honored to reach the ears of the Best-Beloved. God willing, thou shalt at all times be gladdened by the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Blessed are they who have borne earthly tribulations in the path of God. Give thanks unto God for this. By My life! All the afflictions that have befallen Me, We have borne with patience and rendered thanks. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest be among those who rejoice. And We make mention of Husayn, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Let not the affairs of the nations grieve thee. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Hadi and counsel him to manifest great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of all peoples have slipped save whom God hath willed, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O ’Ali-Muhammad! Rejoice in that the One, the Single, Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving, maketh mention of thee. We have mentioned you all before as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth. He is indeed the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. O Ja’far! Thy mention was in a Book adorned with the name of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, Who hath come from the heaven of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Give thanks for what hath been sent down unto thee from the Most Exalted Pen and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of both the seen and the unseen! O Mahdi! Hearken unto My call that perchance it may draw thee to My Kingdom, a station wherein whoso entereth, the veils of the world shall not prevent him, nor shall the clamor of the nations trouble him, nor shall the might of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords frighten him. God willing, all must remain firm and steadfast in the divine Cause and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast unto the Book of God and been enabled to act according to it. He is indeed among the sincere ones in the perspicuous Book. Mention of you all hath been made at the Divine Throne. Blessed are ye and they who have suffered martyrdom in My path and soared to the Supreme Companion through My loving-kindness and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of My bounty. Thus doth the tongue of My grace make mention of you from My mighty and glorious station.

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O Siyyid Isma’il, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the peerless One God! O Dhabih! The tale of sacrifice has been renewed and has inscribed a fresh page in the book of the world. The Dhabih of the Land of Sad hastened to the altar of the Friend and gave up his life in the path of the Beloved of all possibility. This verse was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen:

O sacrifice of God, turn not back from love’s altar,

But give up thy life in the pathway of love!

By the life of God, they have attained a goodly end, reaching the station they had beseeched and yearned for from God, exalted be His glory. Verily He has seized him who oppressed - thy Lord is indeed the

Mighty, the Powerful. However, the traces of the blood of those wronged ones shall appear in the earth. Although that oppressor who arose to deny this Cause was seized, yet this much does not suffice and will not suffice. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Unforeseen tribulation lies ahead. Blessed is he who knows, and woe unto the heedless! Today is the day of remembrance and utterance. Arise to serve thy Lord, then make mention of Him with such mention as will cause the fragrance of utterance to be diffused throughout all possibility. Thus does thy Lord, the All-Knowing, command thee. Know ye the value of this Day. I swear by the ocean of meanings and the sun of wisdom that whatsoever is lost by any soul today can never be regained. With utmost joy and delight, speak in remembrance of the All-Merciful, that perchance the dead in the valley of ignorance may be quickened by the Kawthar of divine utterance and turn toward the supreme horizon. If at times outward means fail to assist, be not disheartened, for the appearance of every matter has its appointed time, and whatsoever divine wisdom requires will assuredly appear in the realm of manifestation. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. A Tablet was specially revealed and sent to the one intended. Had they properly acted upon what was mentioned before, they would surely have been enkindled with the fire of God's love in such wise that the effects of its heat would have endured eternally in the world. God willing, may they be assisted to accomplish that which will make up for what was lost and remain as an eternal sign of the divine names on earth. Verily thy Lord is the Giver, the Everlasting, the All-Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O Sulayman! In the name of the one true God, the Speaker! O Sulayman, strive that in the days of the one true Friend thou mayest attain unto a station whose mention hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. This Day hath no peer. God willing, thou shouldst drink, through the potency of God's Name, from the Kawthar of inner meanings which today floweth from the Wellspring of the merciful Will. The key to the treasured mystery and the hidden secret had ever been recorded and concealed within the divine Books and Scriptures, but today, through celestial grace, that Most Great Key hath become manifest and visible, and it was the Most Great Name of God, through whose blessing the gates of knowledge and wisdom have been and continue to be opened unto hearts. Speak thou through His Name, see through His Name, and find joy through His Name. Most of the people are intoxicated and gladdened by that which is non-existent and lost, clinging to and occupied with mere illusions. God willing, through the grace of the Beloved of all possibility, thou shalt emerge from the sheath of idle fancies that the essence of humanity may become manifest and evident amongst the servants. Thy letter was received and read. We bear witness that thou didst hear and turn and didst attain unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, did desire. We counsel thee to preserve that which thou hast been given of His all-embracing grace. Say: O my God and the God of all things, my Lord and the Lord of all names! Thou seest and knowest that I have recognized and become certain that this Path is the most excellent and most glorious of all the paths of the world. Therefore have I chosen it as my path that it may lead me unto Thee and bring me nigh unto the court of Thy holiness. O my Lord! This is my face turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, the Station wherein the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth, and this is my heart which hath attained the blessing of turning toward the direction of Thy bounty and grace. I beseech

Thee by the revelation whereby the Tree did speak and the Mountain was crushed to dust, to send down upon me that which will dilate my breast and tranquilize my heart and loose my tongue, that I may raise among Thy servants the standard of Thy remembrance and praise, and make known to them Thy all-embracing grace and Thy straight Path, through the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Aid me in Thy days to serve Thy Cause, that I may thereby possess the mention of good throughout the perpetuity of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of the one true God! The days of attainment unto the presence of God are remembered, and the fragrance of faithfulness wafteth from the right hand of the Vale of Permanence. Thou hast ever been and art remembered through the mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and art commemorated in the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. God hath loved and continueth to love true faithfulness. His true loved ones stand manifest and visible before the Divine Throne. O Lion! Today the Interlocutor of Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation and speaketh forth. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and attained, and the eye that hath turned and beheld. Today the people of God must regard all save God as non-existent and count it as nothingness, and must assist His Cause through the hosts of goodly deeds and conduct. A single pure deed can cause the element of dust to transcend the heavens - that is, to attain the most exalted heights and uttermost limit. Blessed are they who are set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and are illumined by the light of His knowledge. Convey My greetings to the friends. We beseech God to bestow upon them a portion and share of the Kawthar of knowledge which floweth and streameth from the Most Exalted Pen. The deniers of the Bayan have arisen in opposition. The Most Exalted Pen hath informed all of the braying of these brayerers. Blessed is the soul whom the clamor of the world hath not deprived of the Ancient King. He hath freed himself from names and words and hath sought the ocean of inner meanings. Those souls who were ever heedless of the Cause and concealed behind veils have now emerged. God protect us and you from the evil of such as these. They cling to the vain imaginings of the former people and hold fast to the hem of idle fancies. We beseech God to assist the eyes and ears of the world, that perchance they may behold the Most Exalted Horizon and hearken unto the Divine Call. Praise be to God that thou didst arrive and witness and hear that which was recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets. O Lion! We counsel the friends to wisdom and to teach the Cause with grace and joy. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the All-Merciful, both before and after. Blessed are they that act. Glory be upon you and upon those whom the whisperings of Satan have not kept back from God, the Lord of all worlds. These are servants who have attained unto the most great steadfastness and have witnessed to that which God Himself witnessed before the creation of the heavens and earths.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of might and power!

This Wronged One, from this most exalted station and most glorious horizon, makes mention of the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the sweetness of divine remembrance may attract receptive souls and enable them to attain unto that which He has purposed. O Hasan, upon thee be My glory! His honor Kazim, who attained unto My days and arose to serve Me, made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this perspicuous remembrance from God, the Lord of all worlds. O Hasan! For one thousand two hundred years the Shi'ih sect boasted from pulpits of Ali's successorship and recounted the virtues of the Imams. Yet when the blessed Tree of Oneness sprouted forth and the Dawn of Manifestation broke, all arose in opposition. Thou hast heard and witnessed the deeds of that heedless party. Now Hadi of Dawlat-Abad hath raised the standard of falsehood and is occupied with forming a party like the previous one. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that he is unaware of the foundation of the Cause, clinging to vain imaginings and grasping at idle fancies. Hath he not seen the fruits of the Shi'ihs' deeds? On the Day of Retribution they committed that which no other sect had ever done. From pulpits they reviled and cursed the Truth, and finally issued the decree for His death. By the life of God! They perpetrated that which neither Jews nor Christians nor any other parties in the world had done. Thus did their souls entice them, and today they are accounted among the idolaters in God's mighty and praiseworthy Book. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, caused me to hear, and made me know. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers from the heaven of Thy grace and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to protect me from the doubts of the suspicious ones and the allusions of the polytheists. Then make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, such that neither the mutterings of the enemies nor the clamor of the wicked may deter me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Convey My greetings to His honor Haydar-'Ali, upon him be My loving-kindness, My mercy and My grace, if thou shouldst meet him. Blessed is he who associated with him and took him as a path unto this mighty and sublime station. Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, Who speaketh that there is no God but I, the Single, the All-Informed.

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The soul hath found its way

(Bi-Janan jan hami dar-yaft rah)

He is the One Who speaketh in the language of the lovers

The soul hath found its way to the Beloved on the wake of His scent,

The sun and the moon together, His face and eyebrow.

A fragrant smell wafted from His flagging locks,

Whereby musk and amber drew their fragrance in the world.

He unveiled His Beauty and appeared in the garb of the All-Glorious;

The whole world was stunned by the light of His Countenance.

In their love of His Face, sanity and insanity were distraught,

Drunkenness and sobriety circled about His abode.

Impart now the glad-tiding to the thirsty lovers,

The river of Eternal Life floweth through His stream.

Marvel not that the lover hath fallen into His snare,

The necks of the Monarchs of the Spirit are caught in His wavy locks.

Out of love for His Visage, Moses hastened to the Mystic Mount,

The Jesus of the Spirit was quickened by His charming breath.

The breasts of the lovers of the world are void of patience in this Day,

'Cause the lights of His Face have appeared from His Heaven.

The breeze of forgiveness wafteth now from the rose-garden of eternity,

'Cause the perfume of His manners hath transpired in the world.

Banished the ways of evil-doers and chained up the hands of evil-plotters,

The design of the world was renewed by the strength of His arm.

A blink of the mole on His cheek fell upon the mirror of Oneness.

At the vision of such Beauty, search after Him was set in motion.

A word of the mystery of God was uttered in the world,

And soon the world roared with talks about Him.

Resurrection and Revival are made manifest,

If the universe is pervaded by the exhalation of His hair .

How could the Friend [Abraham] have shattered the idols of the world,

Had He not drawn His power from a single cry of His enrapturing Call?

Now I bow down facing every direction,

'Cause every direction looketh onto Him.

If thou wishest thine eyes to be enlightened by the light of knowledge,

Strive that haply thou mayest obtain the collyrium of His remedies.

The spirit of the lover soareth towards the Lote of the nearness of God,

If the melody of His enrapturing Call cometh to his ears.

Open thine inner eye and seek thou for insight,

Or thou wilt not behold His Face, though seated beside Him.

This Dervish gallops in the wilderness of His love,

As the running herd of His gazelles in the desert of Oneness.

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=== START BH02847 ===

In the name of our Lord, the All-Merciful! These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the dominion of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. In them hath been ordained every goodly mention, yet most people understand not. Say: The verses are like unto water; even as water giveth life to bodies, as ye behold, even so do the verses give life unto spirits, and cause to grow from the soil of divine knowledge trees of exalted glory. Say: At times they appear according to the nature of fire, whereby are set ablaze the hearts of them that have turned towards God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And at times thou findest them according to the nature of water, for by them liveth all that was and all that shall be. Verily they are the Tree beyond which there is no passing, and whatsoever is created from them are its fruits, would ye but know. Verily they are the Most Remote Temple, round which circle honored servants. Verily they are the Sun of inner meanings, and by them are nourished the realities of all things, would ye but understand. Verily they are the Cord of God amongst His creatures - whoso holdeth fast unto them is indeed saved, and whoso turneth away from them, these are they that are drowned. Verily they are the Garment of God between the heavens and the earth, and from them do all created things inhale the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily they are the Rose of this Paradise - blessed is he who is guided unto this glorious and praiseworthy station. All this is due to their connection with My Name, the Revealer, and verily it hath ever been sanctified above all that is mentioned and known, and all that hath been created between the K and the N. Say: O people! Verily they are the Salsabil which floweth from the right hand of the Throne as a bounty from Him - hasten ye then to drink thereof. Give thanks unto God in these days for having manifested among you the Manifestation of His Essence, in Whose grasp are all things and in Whose right hand are all spirits and minds. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of Him and turn unto the worms of the earth who speak that of which they are unaware. Had they known, they would not have denied Him in this Revelation. Say: Fear God, O people, and believe not those who have not acknowledged this Revelation - they are indeed a blind people. They have fabricated lies against God and turned away from Him. By God, they are as dead. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto those who have believed in God and who are secure from the terror of polytheism.

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Then make mention of Ibn Muhammad, whose first pillar of his name is connected with the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Say: We have heard the call of Thy mystery and Thy turning toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O my God, praise be to Thee for that the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness hath enraptured me…

[The rest of this text is a Persian/Arabic version of the English prayer that precedes it, so no further translation is needed]

=== END BH02848 ===

=== START BH02849 ===

Tell His Honor Aqa Siyyid Mehdi to abandon the letter Jim if he remembers it, otherwise leave him to himself to be consumed by its fires until he enters his station. Say: Do not exchange religion for the world, and behold the Truth with the eye of Truth. Do not compare this Cause with previous ones, and cease mentioning Husayn-ibn-Ruh and the letters of the Qur'an. All have been created by a letter from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Consider the Letters of the Living of this Dispensation, most of whom you have seen with your own eyes and whom the Exalted One has placed a hundred thousand degrees above the letters of the Qur'an - examine the Bayan if you wish to be of those who understand. Perchance your heart may be cleansed of hearsay evidences and analogical tales, and drink from the incomparable pure water of the All-Bountiful One, becoming free from all else. Every year you requested medicinal compounds and sought efficacious prayers, and you always acted upon them. Did any fruit ever appear? Nay, by God! No antidote will ever have effect except by My leave. Now purify your heart from aversion to this Youth and from love of His enemies, that healing manifestations may appear from the treasury of mighty oneness. This is the message from my Lord, and the Messenger is only responsible for its delivery. During this time you have not heeded this clear and manifest proof. Soon all that you have known and understood will be rolled up, and all that is in the hands of the servants, for the world and all that is in it shall perish and sovereignty will remain with God, thy Lord, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Therefore hearken unto the word of thy Lord, then rend asunder the veils of fancy concerning worldly dominion, then ascend beyond it that thou mayest witness the sovereignty of thy Lord and be of those who attain. By God! There is naught in My heart save compassion for those who turn toward the Throne, and I desire no recompense from them for this, nor do I seek anything from them except that they turn to the face of their Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. As for certain statements made herein, construe them not as indicating the lowliness of some stations, but rather look to the exaltation of the station of the Cause. Thus do We teach thee that thou mayest be of those who know.

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O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. The True One, glorified be His majesty, is aware and the kingdom of earth and heaven bears witness that this Wronged One arose for the sake of God and guided the servants of earth to the highest horizon. The tyranny of oppressors, the power of the deniers, and the croaking of the ravens did not prevent Him nor hold Him back from the Will of God. At every moment the ocean of utterance flowed from the Pen and the Kawthar of inner meanings streamed forth from the Tongue of Grandeur. However, the recompense of their deeds deprived the people from the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are the souls whom the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings did not prevent from the choice sealed wine. They held fast to the Most Great Name and set their faces toward the ultimate goal. These are the souls whose mention hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the books of the past and future. Praise be to God that thou didst rend asunder the veils and in the earliest days attained recognition, acceptance and understanding. This is the most exalted station and the highest summit. We beseech God to aid thee in that whose fragrance endureth and lasteth. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to thy relatives, and likewise to the friends in that land. Say: O people of God! These days have no peer or likeness. Strive that perchance ye may succeed in that which causeth the exaltation of the Word of God amongst His servants. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the highest horizon and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. O Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and by the Ark which Thou hast specially ordained for the people of Baha, to assist me in all conditions to remember Thee, to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then forgive those who are related to this servant of Thine. Verily Thou art the Lord of grace and bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by Thy Command which hath encompassed all contingent beings, to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy grace the reward of meeting Thee. Then make me to arise in service to Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise and gazing toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of all seekers!

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O Haji Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God! By the Name that has been raised from the most exalted horizon. Praise befits the Desired One Who bestowed new life upon the withered servants, nay rather the dead ones, through the breathings of verses and the Kawthar of clear proofs, and Who made all things fresh and verdant through the breezes of the morn of His Revelation. He is the Powerful One Whom neither the might of the world nor the power of nations could deter from His purpose. Glorified be His dominion and exalted be His proof! O Siyyid, formerly Mirza, hear what is raised from this Most Exalted Station. Verily it will attract thee and draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Today the breathings of revelation are diffused, the banners of verses are unfurled, and the standards of guidance are manifest, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. His honor, my brother, that is Asad, upon him be My Glory, has for some time been dwelling near the pavilions of grandeur and has been engaged in tending the garden. This service has been for the sake of God, as it is specially designated for the recreation of the friends and the chosen ones. Although through the oppression of the oppressors they

have not found opportunity for recreation in the things of this earthly realm, yet as the intention was pure, the mystery of “were it not for thee” became manifest and evident from the essence of dust. We beseech God to cause all to attain to that which is the cause of the exaltation of existence and the advancement of souls. He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His command “Be” and it is. In any case, his honor my brother presented thy letter and this servant, present before His face, mentioned it all, and after its reading and perusal, this most wondrous and greatest Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the will of the Ancient King. Blessed is the ear that hath heard or heareth, and the eye that hath seen, and the hand that hath taken the Book of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: O Lord of Religions! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, the Manifestations of Thy Inspiration, and the Day-Springs of Thy verses, to aid this servant of Thine to such steadfastness as the clamor of the divines cannot prevent nor the shouting of the ignorant ones frighten. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. O my Lord! Thou seest the needy one hath made for the ocean of Thy generosity and the poor one for the sun of Thy grace. Ordain for him what beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty and the sea of Thy munificence. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH02852 ===

He is God - exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to God, the Lord of earth and heaven, the Peerless Purpose, the Incomparable Object of worship, Who at all times has kept His servants mindful and made them aware of that which would exalt and preserve them. His mercy, like the sun, is evident and manifest, and the encompassing nature of His grace is clear and apparent. It behooveth all beings to freely praise Him. Glorified be His favors and gifts. None but He is the All-Bountiful, none save Him the Ever-Flowing Source.

The letter from that beloved of the heart arrived. As it conveyed news of the health and well-being of the honored Afnan and that beloved one, it opened wide the realm of joy and caused new signs of love, remembrance and affection to appear. We praise God in all conditions for having assisted His loved ones in that which causeth the fire of love to blaze. Praise be unto Him, then thanks be unto Him.

After its reading and review, it was presented and achieved the honor of being heard. “O Amin! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and to exalt thee through His Name amongst His servants, and to ordain for thee all the good that was in His Book. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.” Thus did it end.

I implore God that they may be assisted in all conditions and attain that which is with Him. Verily, He is the best of hearers and the best of answerers. His Holiness the Name of God arrived and the entrusted item reached its destination; confirmation of its receipt is being sent. Mention was made of two emigrants - upon them be the Glory of God. Their mention was recorded and they attained to grace. Permission was also granted for Muhammad - upon him be God’s peace. I beseech God to assist them and enable them to achieve their purpose.

To each of the friends in that land I convey greetings and implore their protection from God, exalted be His glory. I likewise beseech that which would cause the elevation of station and loftiness of rank of the friends. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Bountiful. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon God's friends in the cities and regions. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

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Praise be to the Lord of Eternity, Who illumined hearts and minds with the lights of His Most Great Name and guided them to His straight path and His mighty announcement. Upon the near ones He placed the crown of "The Kingdom is God's" and adorned them with the ornament of "I possess for myself neither benefit nor harm, neither life nor resurrection." He is the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. Through His exalted Word He conquered the people of the kingdoms of righteousness and piety, and through the radiance of the Sun of Truth He made them bright and illumined.

O Muhammad-Qabil-Baqir! Praise the Goal of the world that thou hast attained the honor of His presence and drunk from the cup of meeting Him. His grace is like unto the manifest and shining sun, and His bounty encompasses all. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee to achieve the most great steadfastness. Verily, He is the Lord of creation. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends in that land and gladden them with the lights of the utterance of the Goal of all worlds. O My friends and loved ones! The Most Exalted Pen counsels you to righteousness and piety, trustworthiness and religious devotion, truthfulness and sincerity. Whatsoever hath appeared from the oppressors hath been and is the cause of the exaltation of His blessed Word.

O thou who hast turned to God! Give glad tidings to the people of that land with the mention of this Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, once again, to make His loved ones the standards of His guidance and the banners of His victory. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The purpose of victory and triumph in all Tablets is wisdom and utterance, for these two are the hosts of Truth and are ordained to open the doors of hearts and minds. Blessed is he who hath forsaken corruption and taken hold of reformation by the command of the Ancient Ordainer.

My God, my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy loved ones in such wise that the hosts of the heedless and the denial of the opposers shall not weaken them. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Supreme over all who are in the heavens and the earth. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son who was named Muhammad Aqa. We testify that he hath drunk the cup of immortality from the hands of bounty and hath attained

unto that which was revealed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Praise be unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, sanctified from all change and extinction, Who hath illumined the hearts of those who have turned towards Him through the effulgences of the Light of Truth, and hath sealed and adorned them with the seal of "Verily I am God's."

Salutations, peace, praise and glory be upon Him Whom He hath chosen from among His servants and made His vicegerent in His lands. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from Him. This is attested by what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered both in the past and in the future. We bear witness that through Him the pavilion of glory hath been raised to its most exalted station, and that which was hidden from mankind hath been revealed. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all good, and he who is deprived, verily he is of the companions of the fire, which is a woeful abode.

O thou who hast turned towards the Countenance! Upon thee be My salutation, My praise, My remembrance and My glory. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour with a mention through which the hearts of those who have turned towards God and the breasts of the mystics have been illumined, and through which the horizons of hearts have been illumined with the light of His Name, the Beloved. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that He may through thee guide His heedless servants, and ordain for thee that which shall endure throughout the eternity of His mighty and wondrous kingdom.

When thou hast received My letter and read My verses, turn thy face toward the Sacred House and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all days and Commander on the Day of Resurrection! I beseech Thee by Thy pardon which hath preceded Thy wrath, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded Thy vengeance, and by Thy heavenly table around which have gathered those of Thy East and West, and by the river of Thy bounty wherewith Thou hast given drink to the manifestations of existence, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Then write down for me from the Pen of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Thou seest my condition and knowest what is in my heart. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Name, the Mighty, the Loving, to open before my face, through the key of Thy grace, the door of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is."

May the Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of grace and bounty be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of unity from the hands of bounty from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

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In the Name of our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earths

Praise, sanctified above mention by the Kingdom and description by the denizens of the Realm of Might, befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of the Divine Realm, Who through the Most Great Name raised high the Standard of "Verily I am the Lord of Ancient Days" before the faces of all peoples, and through His prevailing, conquering Will hoisted the Banner of "Verily He is God" upon the supreme horizon of hearts and minds, and from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen caused the pearls of wisdom and utterance to appear with such light and radiance that every possessor of vision and justice, beholding them, purified himself from the world and all who dwell therein and turned toward the peerless Friend. Glorified be His grandeur, exalted be His dominion, and glorious be His proof. There is no God but Him. Glory be to God! In this age the arena of the world hath become the supreme horizon through the light of the manifestation of the Lord of Destiny, and yet the worshippers of names remain debarred from beholding and deprived of witnessing it.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy power and sovereignty, and by the lights of the throne of Thy grandeur, and by the breezes of Thy revelation and the fragrances of Thy robe, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy grace amidst Thy servants, and by the manifestations of the sun of Thy justice for the ordering of Thy realm and the reformation of the affairs of Thy creation, to assist me and Thy servants to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy and forgiveness, and to aid us to manifest weakness before the revelations of Thy power, and to return unto the gate of Thy bounty and the threshold of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and earths.

The letter of that soul which was addressed to this servant was presented at the Most Holy Court after being seen, perused and read, and this is what the Lord of all mankind hath revealed in reply, exalted be His glory and mighty be the waves of the ocean of His utterance amongst His servants:

In My Name, the Light Shining from the Heaven of Bounty

Praise be to God Who hath subdued all in the realm of possibility through the sword of wisdom and utterance, and hath sent down from the heaven of inner meanings that which attracted the hearts of all religions, and hath manifested the mysteries that were treasured in the shells of the ocean of His name, the All-Bountiful. Verily He was and is powerful and supreme over what shall be and what hath been. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Judging.

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In His Name, Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth

All praise, sanctified from mention and description, beseemeth and befitteth the Desire of the worlds, Whom neither the opposition and objection of the peoples of the world could prevent, nor their acceptance and recognition could enhance in His station. He is the Almighty One Whom the might and power of princes cannot weaken, and Whom the rejection and denial of divines cannot withhold from His purpose. His is the bounty and the giving, His the remembrance and the glory. There is none other God but He, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

O Ali, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! For a period beyond the reckoning of others We have outwardly made no mention of thee, and this hath been due to the requirements of divine wisdom, loving-kindness and compassion, for the heedless ones, the deniers and the opposers lie in wait to find some word and raise an uproar. I speak the truth - thou art remembered before Our presence and art the recipient of Our special favor. His power cannot be weakened by the denial of creation, nor can His sovereignty be erased by the fire of hatred. Reflect upon the penetrating influence of the Supreme Pen and the power of the Most Exalted Word. Its traces are manifest from every direction and its fruits evident from every quarter. With one Pen We have engaged in the education of the peoples and the reformation of the world. Now matters have reached such a pass that from every region some news doth arrive and some effect is visible. Thou must needs, with wisdom and utterance, summon the servants to the Fountain of the Desire of all worlds. Hold fast unto wisdom and occupy thyself with service. Thy station with God is great - preserve it in His Name. The Cause of God is mighty - assuredly it shall encompass the world. In a Tablet to one of His loved ones these exalted words were revealed: Wherever We may be and whatever may befall Us, ye must occupy yourselves with the service of the Cause and the exaltation of His Word. Soon shall the generality of mankind lament and bewail that which hath escaped them in this supreme Manifestation. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in His perspicuous Book. Make mention of the loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the lights of the Day-Star of Divine Revelation. Soon shall they behold what hath been ordained for them from the presence of a Mighty, an Ancient Being.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

Praise, glorification, mention and splendor befit the sublime station of the Most Exalted Pen, which at every moment has manifested the pearls of wisdom and utterance before the faces of the religions. His mention is the Lord of mentions and His word is the sovereign of utterance. The dominion of the world did not prevent Him, nor hold Him back from His purpose. Exalted be His penetrating Word and glorified His triumphant Will.

We were immersed in the ocean of knowledge when there came and appeared before Our face one of the Branches who was named Diya' in the Kingdom of proof, and in his hand was thy letter which thou hadst sent to him, and he read it before the face of the Wronged One. Then from it wafted the fragrance of devotion, steadfastness and acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee from the Pen of Destiny that which shall cause thee to be mentioned by His name amongst His

servants and to be the dawning-place of steadfastness unto the people of His kingdom. Verily, He is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth through His Will, and the Manifester of whatsoever He desireth through His sovereignty and power.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! I do not complain of what hath befallen Me in My days, and I am content with My good-pleasure and what We have ordained for Myself in My path. Thou knowest, and God knoweth, that I was in the depths of tribulations through what the hands of the oppressors who We had raised up to champion My Cause and to stand before the gate of My grandeur had wrought. Thou seest Me outwardly seated upon the throne of utterance before the faces of the world, but wert thou to look with the inner eye thou wouldst see Me beneath the claws of hatred.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! By My life, I remain silent at a time when from My utterance hath flowed the ocean of wisdom and knowledge, and from My tongue the river of mercy and proof. The power of the world hath not weakened Me, nor hath the clamor of nations saddened Me, nor hath the oppression of the tyrannical among My servants frightened Me, nor the rebellion of My creatures. By My might and majesty! I have concealed what hath befallen My Self - My inner being weepeth while My countenance smileth. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, and hath commanded all to patience and gracious concealment.

O Muhammad! We have heard thy call, thy communion, thy mentions and thy prayers. We have answered thee with verses and mentions that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the heavens and earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of the friends and bid them to the most great steadfastness. Praise be to God, they are gathered beneath the blessed Tree and are occupied with His remembrance.

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In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous!

Indeed there hath been sent unto thee from the right hand of glory that which was revealed for thee from the heaven of the mercy of thy Lord, and from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful is wafted throughout all worlds. Take hold of it in the name of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, and remember when thou didst reach the seashore and didst behold the family of God in the hands of the oppressors. Read thou what hath been revealed in the Tablet. By God! That whereof We informed thee therein shall be made manifest. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The heavens and whatsoever hath been created therein may pass away, but that which hath been revealed therein from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed, shall never pass away. This is the day when thy Lord hath aided thee. Move thou through the lands with the breezes of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, that perchance the people may arise from their graves. Thus hast thou been commanded from the presence of One Who is Almighty, Ancient of Days. We hear the cry of the Calf from certain lands. Say: O people, fear ye God and be not of the mischief-makers. Say: Whoso layeth claim before the completion of a full thousand years, he hath indeed disbelieved in God, the Lord of the mighty throne. By My life! The people are wrapped in heedlessness and are today numbered among the dead. They have not recognized

God, and were they to recognize Him Who hath appeared, their hearts would melt with longing. Thus hath the All-Knowing informed thee. Verily, the Ta is in concealment, and from the land of Fa My Herald hath appeared - He Who is the Beloved of the worlds. Her light hath appeared therefrom. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to protect her from the fire. Know thou what thy Lord hath intended. He doth encompass all things. Arise thou for the Cause. Leave the world and all that is therein behind thee, then those on whose faces thou seest the darkness of hell-fire. Thou hast indeed witnessed him who openly denied God. Say: O people! By God, he was in Our presence as but one of those who serve. Fear ye God and say not that which ye know not. Recount unto the people that which thou hast witnessed of Our Cause, and be thou in such wise that the mention of thy Lord's name may be spread abroad amongst all the worlds. Were the people to discover that which is with thy Lord, the might of the idolaters would not frighten them. Sedition hath seized most of the servants, and they are today struck with terror. Therefore breathe thou upon them the sweet savors of the mention of thy Lord of attributes, by Our command. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. Convey My glorification to My loved ones. Say: Be not grieved at what hath befallen Us. We are in great joy. Aid ye Him and be not of them that slumber. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Nabil, before Hadi! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! The mention of God from the right of the Throne was upraised in truth, and through it were attracted those who detached themselves from the world and turned to the Dawning-Place of the All-Glorious Name. Say: Through it God distinguished between those who disbelieved and associated partners with God and were far removed from the horizon of nearness. Verily thy name flowed from the Most Exalted Pen aforetime, and thus did His favor encompass thee. The clamor of the idolaters hath been raised there, even as We informed you before in wondrous tablets of glory. Arise in the love of God and His Cause, and regard not those who have disbelieved except as a handful of moulded clay. Remember God in private and in public, then be independent through Him of all who are on earth. Be at peace in the Cause of God and sanctify thy heart from the intimations of every base deceiver. Behold the baseness of those who have taken Satan as their protector and reckoner. Say: O people, if ye have not seen the donkeys, ye have seen the Antichrist who hath disbelieved in God and was rebellious. By God! Even arithmetic seeketh refuge from his countenance with your Lord, the Most Merciful, and the All-Glorious One Himself beareth witness to what I say. From him emanates a putrid smell that changes the air of every city, as testified by whoever possesseth sound nature. He calleth people to himself in private, then in public to that which he used to mock before. When We expelled him from the house he arose with new deceit. Say: O people, is he better, or God, the One, the All-Compelling? Be fair then and be not sinful deniers. Would that thou hadst been with Us and become aware of them both and seen the form of fancy which the people have taken for themselves as a friend besides God. By God the Truth! He would stand before Us while We recited the verses to him, and he would write them down morning and evening. But when he uttered a word of his own he grew proud against God and desired what he desired with a tyranny that was in the Tablet mighty. Do thou sanctify thyself from them and shun them, then take up beneath the protection of thy

Lord a praiseworthy station. And the glory be upon thee from God and upon those who are with thee and remain steadfast in love.

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O Haji Mirza Seyyed Muhammad Taqi, son of the Uncle! In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! The remembrance of God from the Tree of Command crieth out at this moment, saying: O people! Follow that which the Ancient Beauty commandeth you, and follow not every rebellious satan. Purify yourselves from the veils of idle fancy and your breasts from all doubt. Thus have We commanded you aforetime, and now through a holy and exalted Pen. Then purify your tongues for the remembrance of God, the Most Great, for verily He hath appeared in truth with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. Thereupon did the feet of those who disbelieved and joined partners with God slip, and they were in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord on the day when the veils were rent asunder and the Countenance of the Chosen One appeared with verses of wondrous glory. Say: O people! Nothing shall profit you this day though ye should cling to all things between earth and heaven, or remember God throughout the duration of His kingdom. Thus hath the command been sent down from the presence of One mighty and wise. Say: Fear ye God and follow not the dictates of your desires. Follow the religion of God for verily it hath appeared in truth in the form of a Youth. Glorified be He Who created Him in truth and sent Him unto all the worlds. O servant! When the Tablet of God reacheth thee, arise at His command, then take the Tablet and place it upon thy head. Then turn thy face toward the House and say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by this Tablet through which Thou didst raise up the Prophets and Messengers and made it a proof from Thy presence unto them, that Thou deprive me not of the fragrances of these days wherein the Sun of Thy Beauty hath shone forth with illuminating holy rays. Leave me not to myself, O my God, and preserve me lest my feet slip from the path of Thy Cause, for verily Thou art powerful over this. Preserve me, O my God, from the promptings of Satan, then turn me toward Thy beauteous countenance and send down upon me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest and Thou art wise over all things. O Lord! Make me not despairing of the wondrous lights of Thy Beauty, nor leave me deprived of the sanctuary of Him Who hath appeared in truth. Then purify me from whatsoever Thy good-pleasure abhorreth, for verily Thou hast ever been the Answerer of those who call upon Thee.

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O friends of God, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great! This is a remembrance from Us to those who have attained the lights of the Bayan when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty, that it may kindle within their hearts the fire of God in such wise that the waters of opposition from those who are heedless cannot extinguish it. By God! Whoso heareth My call with the ear of the heart is drawn to a station wherein he ariseth to aid his Lord, detached from all the worlds. Blessed is he whom the warmth of his Lord’s love hath seized and whose face hath been illumined by the lights of His shining and radiant countenance. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto this call, and blessed is the mouth that

hath tasted the sweetness of this utterance, and blessed is the nostril that hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment from the breezes of the Pen of his Lord's will, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Is he who turneth away alive? Nay, by My soul, he is among the dead! Is he who is remote from the Kawthar of nearness possessed of sight? Nay, by My soul, he is blind. Blessed are they who behold!

O friends of the All-Merciful! Mount ye the ark of certitude and sail upon the Most Great Ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praised!" Then drink ye the Kawthar of certitude, despite the people of creation who speak according to their desires and utter that which their souls command them. They are indeed behind a mighty veil.

O friends of God! Ye are the eyes of the world. Through you must be opened the eyes that have been veiled by the dust of vain imaginings. Thus hath it flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful in this Great Prison. Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the tongues of all created things may speak in praise of you. This is what We counsel you on this day whereon the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Differ not in the Cause of God. Gather ye together around this River which hath flowed from the Source of the Pen of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed are the servants who have cast away vain desire and laid hold on guidance, and blessed are the handmaidens who have held fast unto this mighty cord.

When ye attain unto a Tablet of God and His traces, preserve it, then read it that the fragrances of that which hath proceeded from the mouth of the Will of your Ancient Lord may waft between you. How many a wealthy one hath been prevented this day, and how many a poor one hath been admitted to the ocean of wealth, and how many a learned one do We see among the most lost! The bounty is to those who have shattered the idols by the power of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and have turned with their hearts to the court of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be unto the people of Baha who have attained unto the knowledge of God and were among the steadfast!

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In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! This is a mention from Us unto him who hath turned toward the Throne and set his face toward God, the Lord of all worlds, that the Call may draw him nigh again and again, and the remembrance and utterance may attract him time after time in such wise that he may arise amidst all created things in the name of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and summon the peoples unto the Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of the world have quaked and the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One from this Prison, the very dust particles whereof proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Stranger, the Unique One. There hath appeared before the Throne at this hour he who hath turned toward God, the True King, the Manifest One, and hath attained the presence of God and quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having appeared and having seen and heard that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken forth when the Dayspring of Revelation appeared with mighty sovereignty. Thou didst enter by Our leave and return by the command of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Be thou

assured through God's favor and His mercy, then make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance lest the people of possibility be disturbed thereby - they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having aided the Cause of thy Lord and manifested that which beseemeth thee in the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Grieve thou not over anything, but put thy trust in Him through Whose finger's motion all created things were set in motion, and at Whose bidding all existence bowed down before God, the King, the Just, the All-Wise. We have made mention of thee in various Tablets as a favor from Us unto thee, and We make mention of thee in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Strong, the Trustworthy. We behold thee at all times standing before the door and uttering My beauteous remembrance. Say: O God, my Beloved of the worlds and the Desire of them that have recognized Thee! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world to make me of them who have aided Thy Cause and stood firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the conditions of the lowly hindered them. They spoke forth Thy Name and proclaimed Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation, and Thou art in truth the Transcendent, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. God hath forgiven thy father and thy mother and thy kindred, and hath arrayed them in the robes of His loving-kindness as a bounty from His presence. Rejoice thou in this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!

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The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious. A remembrance from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Wise, that he may rejoice in Our mention of him and be drawn unto a station ordained in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast turned unto thy Lord, the Ancient, and hast responded to His call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and hast arisen to serve His Cause amidst all people. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There hath come before the presence thy letter which thou didst send to one of My loved ones, and toward it hath been directed the gaze of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We have found from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant when He came with the truth with manifest light, and blessed is thy father who hath ascended unto God - verily he is in a noble station. Beware lest anything prevent thee from that whereon thou art. Hold thou fast in all conditions unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness. He, verily, is with His servants who have turned unto Him. We have sent down unto thee aforetime manifest verses through which the fragrances of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful, have been wafted. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto them, the tongue that hath uttered them, and the heart that hath recognized what they contain of the wondrous favors of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou thankful that the gaze of God hath been directed toward thee from the horizon of this mighty Prison, and that He remembereth thee with that whereby thy mention shall be established in the Concourse on High and thy name in the Kingdom of Creation. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous. None should grieve over aught save that which hath befallen this imprisoned Stranger. By God! I am in the mouth of the serpent, calling the peoples of possibility unto their Lord, the All-Merciful, yet the people are in manifest remoteness. Hath anyone become aware of what hath befallen Me in God's path? Nay, by His All-Knowing Self! I was born but to bear tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the

Tablets. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. I have desired naught but what He desired, and I desire naught save what hath been ordained by God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Peerless. Follow thou thy Lord in the remembrance of thy Lord, and be thou of the thankful ones. Beware lest thou transgress the bounds of wisdom wherewith We have adorned My Kingdom and wherewith We have commanded those who have turned unto the Countenance. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of guidance when the Lord of Names came with His everlasting Kingdom, the Most Wondrous, the Most Beautiful.

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He is the Hearing, the Answering One

A mention from Us to him who hath turned and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, that the Call may draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon, as a bounty from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O ’Ali! The Trusted One hath made mention of thee, and We make mention of thee time and again. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having rained down upon my heart from the clouds of Thy bounty and for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bestowal, the choice wine of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the Word which, when it shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy knowledge, all the peoples of the earth inhaled therefrom the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness and that which guideth them to Thy Most Great Announcement and Thy firm and mighty Cause, to assist me in that which shall cause me to be mentioned in the precincts of Thy holiness and shall draw me nigh unto the court of Thy glory. O my Lord! Thou seest this poor servant standing before the door of Thy mercy, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He through Whom every treasure hath appeared and every hidden thing hath been revealed. All things have testified to Thy power, Thy might, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. Ordain for me from the Pen of Thy decree that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Ancient Bestower, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Ali! We make mention of thy son at this time that the fragrance of his Lord’s remembrance may draw him to a station wherein the doubts of the barking ones shall not hinder him. And We make mention of thy other son and give him the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Goal of them that have known. O ’Ali! I say in truth that that land, namely Usku, is adorned with the mention of him who hath loved Me and spoken in praise of Me, he who was named ’Ali before Asghar. We beseech God that He may assist him to be steadfast with the most great steadfastness and manifest through him that which shall endure forever in the Book of God and remain immortal. Blessed is he and happy is he in that he hath at this time attained unto My manifest remembrance. We make mention of all the friends of that land, both men and women, and We beseech for each one of them everlasting fruits from the blessed Tree. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon you, O friends and loved ones of God, and upon those who in the earliest days attained unto the recognition of His Great Announcement and His Straight Path.

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O Mulla Ghulam Husain! A mention from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Praised, that he may be assured through God's grace and remember Him amongst His servants. This indeed is a mighty matter. Hearken unto the Call once again from the shore of guidance in the crimson spot from the Ultimate Lote-Tree: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. I have created all contingent beings for My knowledge and brought forth all creation for My Cause. I am the Powerful over whatsoever I will. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Almighty." We have nurtured thee for My remembrance and preserved thee for My praise. Be not heedless of that for which thou wast created. Hold fast to the hem of remembrance in mentioning this wise Remembrance. Beware lest those who were created from the dust of hatred prevent thee. They are assuredly the companions of hellfire. Be thou in such wise that thy mention may influence hearts. Thus did We command thee before and in this mighty Book. The earth hath related before Our face what hath befallen it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Arise to serve Me among My servants, then remind them not to follow vain desires. Verily thy Lord desireth to purify the earth and all who dwell thereon. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Command the handmaidens to the Most Great Chastity from thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Thus have We ordained the matter in the Tablets. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which was commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We have sent down the Tablets unto thee and inscribed thy name by the Most Exalted Pen in a preserved tablet. Preserve what hath been ordained for thee and follow what thou art commanded. This is naught but a great bounty. Turn not unto those who opposed God and turned away from His beauty. Leave them to their vain desires and take what thou hast been given from thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. Forget not thy Lord for He hath not forgotten thee. He hath sent down unto thee in the prison verses decisive and We sent them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. The intoxication of desire hath seized the people of creation and they have turned away from God, the Lord of the hereafter and of the first life, save those who have held fast to this luminous Ark. Thus was the matter decreed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma by One mighty and powerful. Those who have turned to the Countenance are in an honored station. Soon shall they find themselves in the Most Great Paradise which was created in My name, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Grieve not at anything. Verily thy Lord is with thee. He is the Friend of the sincere ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad - upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God - He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a mention from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that he may give thanks unto his Lord and soar with rapture. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken from His exalted station. O Muhammad! The Lord of Destiny giveth thee glad tidings from the Most Great Scene that He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with these verses whose number none can reckon. We have turned unto thee inasmuch as thou didst turn unto Us. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower

of the unseen. Blessed art thou for having been engaged in the service of God. By My life! This is a praiseworthy station. We render thanks unto God for having enabled thee to attain unto this station and for having caused thee to be present before the Throne, while every ignorant and rejected one turned away therefrom. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee hereafter even as He assisted thee before. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving.

O Muhammad! The Supreme Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee and hath offered prayers on thy behalf. Do thou likewise pray that God, exalted be His glory, may protect this Wronged One from the evil of those who make a show of friendship. Say: O Lord of hosts and Revealer of the seen and unseen! Inscribe through Thy Pen of destiny a word of deliverance for Thyself. To give up one's life and to face countless afflictions and calamities in the path of the Good-Pleasure of the Friend hath been and shall ever be beloved of the soul. That which melteth the heart and consumeth the body is the appearance of enemies in the garb of loved ones. O Muhammad! The Gazelle of the heavenly paradise is being pursued by the hunter of malice who lieth in ambush. This is a day wherein the wolf and the sheep drink from the same stream - that is to say, both the faithful and the faithless are present around the Truth at His table of bounty. We beseech God to make the heedless ones aware and not to deprive them of the morning breezes of this spiritual day.

Say: O Thou through Whom the horizon of divine unity was illumined and the ocean of detachment was stirred! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar which hath flowed from the fountainhead of Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Treasury of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom. Verily Thou art the One Whose power cannot be frustrated by the conditions of creation nor by the calumnies of those who surround Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

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=== START BH02867 ===

O Cup-bearer, give me a drop

(Saqi, bi-dih abi zan shu'liy-i-ru?ani)

He is the Glorious

O Cup-bearer, give me a drop of the mystic flame,

That it may wash my soul from the whisperings of the flesh,

Of that wine which reveals the form of the fire,

Of that fire which manifests the Water of the Spirit.

A glimmer of His image fell on the page of the Spirit,

A hundred Hellenic wisdoms were thereby confounded.

A spark of that flame touched the Sinaitic Tree,

A hundred Imranite Moseses fell into a swoon.

A flame burst out from that fire and Love pitched

Its tent in the water and clay of man and in his heart.

Who art Thou, O Love, that ’cause of Thee the world is in turmoil,

And ’cause of Thee Luqman’s wisdom is filled with envy?

Now Thou boastest: ‘I am the splendour of the Beloved in the world’.

Now Thou statest: ‘I am that Divine Countenance’.

But ’cause Thou sheddest the fragrance of the Beloved upon the soul,

Whatever claim Thou advancest, one can say that Thou art much better.

Thou art the Companion of every soul, the Sign of the Beloved,

From Thee tranquility cometh to every spirit, from Thee dismay.

If a ray from Thy Face shineth on the Divine Egypt,

Lo, a hundred Canaanite Josephs are ready to be bought.

From Thee the shirt’s perfume bloweth; from Thee the Messianic Spirit wafteth;

Thou art the white-handed Moses, the fire on Mount Paran.

Bound are the heads by the lock of Thine hair, pierced the hearts by Thine anguish,

Be they illiterate, insane lovers or Divine scholars.

I am drunk of Thee, ’cause of Thee I am on everyone’s lips,

Whether Thou offerest me a hundred lives, or sacrificest me.

If Thou art the Angel of death, how come that Thou revivest me?

And if Thou art the Reviver of bodies, how is it that Thou art the basilisk?

If Thou graciously movest in the court of a king,

Thou changest the king into a servant and the servant into a king.

A spark of Thy face fell upon the rose-bush of the Spirit,

And lit its beauty as a vermilion tulip.

O! What a breeze wafted bearing the glad tiding

That from the East of the Spirit that Divine Face hath appeared.

Souls shivered with joy, hearts were enraptured in ecstasy,

Love fell in love with Him, and so did the essence of creation.

Through His wisdom, the coincidence of opposites becometh manifest,

Love becometh a slave and the Intellect a porter.

Stop tearing asunder the veil of mystery, O Dervish:

from the city of men and the world of brutes a clamour arises.

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In the Name of Him Who domineth over all names! Glory be to Him Who hath adorned the Tablet of Creation with the ornament of the Point adorned with the letter “H”, through which was manifested the Hidden Book that had been treasured within the Kingdom of Knowledge from time immemorial. When the Book was unsealed by the fingers of might for the revelation of His Name, the All-Bountiful, all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror, save those whom God strengthened with authority from His presence and made them daysprings of steadfastness and constancy. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and this most distant goal. He is indeed of the people of the Crimson Ark, whose ordinance hath been set down in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Among the people are those who are veiled by knowledge from the Known One, and among them are those who cling to vain desires, turning away from guidance, and among them are those who have rent asunder the greatest veil and turned toward the Most Luminous Horizon - the Spot which God hath made the Dayspring of Lights. The Manifestations of the Cause have lamented over those who claimed knowledge, for none of them appeared but the learned of the age rose up against him, even as they have opposed in this day Him through Whom the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the Luminary of utterance hath shone forth. Blessed is the learned one who hath cast away all knowledge, turning unto the Ever-Abiding, and hath spoken this remembrance through which the breezes of life have wafted throughout all creation.

O Most Exalted Pen! Leave the mention of these ones and move to mention the Afnan from the All-Merciful One. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee from His presence, that the sweet savors of His tender mercies may draw them nigh unto a station beyond which all mention is cut off. O thou who art the dawning-place of My tranquility and the manifestation of My composure! Hearken repeatedly unto the call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Blessed art thou for the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and addresseth thee with verses that have caused all things to quake and spirits to take flight. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions, to ordain what is best for thee in the

beginning and in the end, and to decree for thee the best of rewards for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having remained steadfast in a Cause that hath caused hearts to tremble and eyes to stare in wonder. The glory of God rest upon you and upon your family and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of all mankind.

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=== START BH02869 ===

He is the Wondrous One in the Most Glorious Horizon

Glorified be He in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and He verily encompasseth all things. He sendeth down upon whomsoever He willeth among His creatures that which draweth him to the holy court, the dawning-place of a mighty Name. Say: His favor hath encompassed all created things, yet the people have been debarred from the court of grace. Hearken, O servant, unto the call of thy Lord from the right hand of Paradise, that He may draw thee in truth and sever thee from all the worlds, and bring thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold naught except that thou witnessest therein the lights of thy Lord, dawning and radiant. And thou shalt not see a single letter from the words of thy Lord except that thou hearest from it "Verily there is no God but Him," and "He Who appeared with the name of 'Ali is His sovereignty, and He Who speaketh with truth is His glory" - unto all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. Sufficient is that which hath appeared from His presence as a witness thereto. Say: O people, the Primal Point was not as any one among you, nor is this Youth, were ye to know it. Be ye steadfast in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and be not of those who believe in part of the Book and deny part of it, and are recorded among the idolaters in the Tablets. Say: The Kawthar of eternity hath flowed from the fountainhead of this Pen, and all who are in the heavens and earth were struck with fear, save a limited number. Upon these do the denizens of the Supreme Paradise call down blessings, and around them circle the angels of the Cause with chalices of wondrous sanctity, from which they drink at all times in the name of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and are made glad with the joy of God. And thou, O servant, be thou steadfast in that hour wherein the mountains shall crumble and souls shall be agitated and cries shall be raised by the dwellers of earth and heaven, and the skin of every idolatrous rejector shall shiver. Thus have We commanded thee and counseled thee in the Cause of thy Lord, that thou mayest stand firm in that Cause wherefrom every mighty foot hath slipped. We beseech God to aid thee in His Cause and to send down upon thee that which shall preserve thee from the harm of every harmful one and draw thee nigh unto Him, for verily He is powerful over all things. And glory be upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause and are endowed with true vision.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth that He might guide thereby such servants as have been pervaded by the fragrance of faithfulness. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He calleth betwixt earth and heaven and summoneth the people unto this Path which hath appeared in truth - and

it is, verily, the straight path. They who have cast away vain imaginings - these are they who are possessed of certitude, as doth attest the Pen of the All-Merciful, moved by the Finger of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. They who have broken the Covenant - these are they who are the hypocrites, in a guarded Tablet. They who have fulfilled their pledge - these are they who are the people of Baha, in a noble Book.

O kings! The Sovereign hath come and calleth you unto the Cause whereby every wise command hath been made manifest. Say: O princes! Take heed lest names hold you back from their Lord. Cast away what ye possess, then hasten unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and be not of them that tarry. By My life! No name shall endure save through its connection with this Most Great Name, nor shall any matter endure except by My leave. Thus hath it been sent down in the Book, were ye of them that understand. Purify yourselves from the world and its ornaments, then turn ye unto this Manifestation wherein the divine Sinai proclaimeth: “Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Fear God and commit not that which causeth the denizens of Paradise to lament. Do that which ye have been commanded by One Mighty, Praiseworthy. Will armies profit you? Nay, by the Self of the Worshipped One! Or will treasures suffice you? Nay, by this resplendent Beauty! We created you from dust and unto it shall We return you - a promise binding upon Us. Verily, We are able to do this.

O concourse of divines! By what proof did ye believe in My previous Manifestations yet deny this Manifestation at Whose appearance all things have cried out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing”? Do ye imagine that ye are the beneficent? Nay, rather ye are among the most lost! Ye have cast away what is known and followed that which ye were forbidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Fear God and follow not your desires. This is better for you, did ye but know. Glory not in your learning, for the Known One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty.

O servant! Stand firm in thy Lord’s Cause in such wise that the imaginings of them that imagine shall not cause thee to waver. When any polytheist argueth with thee, turn away from him and say: “I have turned my face unto Him Who created me and sustained me and made me to be of the triumphant.”

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Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Thou seest my poverty and my misery, my troubles and my needs, my utter helplessness and my extreme lowliness, my lamentations and my bitter wailing, the anguish of my soul and the afflictions which beset me. The power of Thy might beareth me witness! Such is the depth of mine abasement that Thy servants who have strayed far from Thy path deride me. Thou knowest that I am recognized as the bearer of Thy name among Thy creatures. Thou knowest that my station is but an image of Thy station, that my virtues recount Thy virtues, that within mine inmost being naught can be found except the revelations of Thy signs, and that my very essence is but a reflection of the evidences of Thy unity.

All these things Thou hast noised abroad among Thy creatures, in such wise that none can recognize me, except as one who beareth Thy name. I swear by Thy glory! My lamentations are not for the things which have befallen me in Thy path, but are due to my recognition that by reason of mine abasement the hearts of them that love Thee have been sore shaken, and the souls of Thine adversaries have been so filled with joy that they rejoice over those who have detached themselves from all except Thee and have hastened towards the river of Thy remembrance and praise. So great is their waywardness that when meeting Thy loved ones, they shake their heads in derision of Thy Cause and say: "Where is your Lord Whom ye mention in the daytime and in the night season? Where is He to be found Whom ye call your Sovereign, to Whom ye summon all men to turn?" Their pride and haughtiness waxed greater and greater until they denied the power of Thy might and rejected Thy sovereignty and dominion.

Thy glory beareth me witness! I delight in mine own afflictions and in the afflictions which they who love me suffer in Thy path. Neither I nor they, however, are able to bear such affronts and reproaches as are uttered by Thine enemies against Thy Self, the Unrestrained. How long shalt Thou remain seated, O my God, on the throne of Thy forbearance and patience? Speak Thou Thy word of wrath, O Thou Whom no eyes can see! Well-beloved is Thy mercy unto the sincere among Thy servants, and well-beseeming Thy chastisement of the infidels among Thine enemies. Send down upon them, therefore, O my Lord, that which will unmistakably reveal unto them the fury of Thy wrath and the ascendancy of Thy power, and will enable them to recognize the weight of Thy might and the greatness of Thy strength. If Thou refusest, O my God, to aid them that love Thee, assist Thou, then, Thine own Self and Him Who is Thy Remembrance.

I entreat Thee by Thy name, that hath caused the ocean of Thy wrath to surge, to chastise them who have repudiated Thy truth and disowned Thine utterances. Abase them, then, by Thy might and power, and exalt such as have, wholly for Thy sake, set their faces towards Thee, that through them the ensigns of Thy glorification may be unfurled among all nations, and Thy tokens be spread abroad among all peoples, and that all may testify that Thou art God, that there is none other God beside Thee, the God of power, of majesty and glory.

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Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Every time I am reminded of Thee and muse on Thy virtues, I am seized with such ecstasies and am so enravished by Thee that I find myself unable to make mention of Thy name and to extol Thee. I am carried back to such heights that I recognize my self to be the same as the remembrance of Thee in Thy realm, and the essence of Thy praise among Thy servants. As long as that self endureth, so long will Thy praise continue to be shed abroad among Thy creatures and Thy remembrance glorified by Thy people.

Every man endued with insight among Thy servants is persuaded that my self liveth eternally and can never perish, inasmuch as remembrance of Thee is eternal and will endure so long as Thine own Self endureth, and Thy praise is everlasting and will last as long as Thine own sovereignty will last. By its

means Thou art glorified by such of Thy chosen ones as call upon Thee and by the sincere among Thy servants. Nay, the praise wherewith any one, in the entire creation, praiseth Thee proceedeth from this exalted self and returneth unto it, even as the sun which, while it shineth, sheddeth its splendor upon whatsoever may be exposed to its rays. From this sun is generated, and unto it must return, the light which is shed over all things.

Exalted, immeasurably exalted art Thou above any attempt to measure the greatness of Thy Cause, above any comparison that one may seek to make, above the efforts of the human tongue to utter its import! From everlasting Thou hast existed, alone with no one else beside Thee, and wilt, to everlasting, continue to remain the same, in the sublimity of Thine essence and the inaccessible heights of Thy glory.

And when Thou didst purpose to make Thyself known unto men, Thou didst successively reveal the Manifestations of Thy Cause, and ordained each to be a sign of Thy Revelation among Thy people, and the Day-Spring of Thine invisible Self amidst Thy creatures, until the time when, as decreed by Thee, all Thy previous Revelations culminated in Him Whom Thou hast appointed as the Lord of all who are in the heaven of revelation and the kingdom of creation, Him Whom Thou hast established as the Sovereign Lord of all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth. He it was Whom Thou hast determined to be the Herald of Thy Most Great Revelation and the Announcer of Thy Most Ancient Splendor. In this Thou hadst no other purpose except to try them who have manifested Thy most excellent titles unto all who are in heaven and on earth. He it was Whom Thou hast commanded to establish His covenant with all created things.

And when Thy promise came to pass and the set time was fulfilled, He Who is the Possessor of all Names and Attributes was made manifest unto men. Thereupon all that were in the heavens and all that were on the earth were terror-stricken save those whom Thou didst keep under Thy protection and preserve within the shelter of Thy power and gracious providence. There befell Him, at the hands of such of Thy creatures as have transgressed against Thee, that which the tongue of no one of Thy servants can recount.

Look down, then, upon Him, O my God, with the eye of Thy tender mercy, and send down upon Him and upon those that love Him all the good Thou didst ordain in the heaven of Thy will and the Tablet of Thy decree. Aid them, then, with Thy succor, for Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling.

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In the name of God, the Everlasting, the All-Sufficient, the Eternal!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having made me to know Thy Self, and rendered me assured of Thy oneness, and acknowledging of Thy singleness, and submissive to Thy Lordship, and certain of Thy Divinity, and yielding to Thy sovereignty and power. By Thy might, O Thou Who art seen yet cannot be seen! Were I to praise Thee throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and thank Thee throughout the continuance of Thy dominion, it would still be insignificant compared to the wondrous

tokens of Thy grace and bounties which Thou hast singled me out to receive despite my unworthiness - nay, rather, due to the manifestation of Thy favors and the emergence of Thy gifts unto this servant who is the most contemptible of Thy servants and the poorest of Thy creatures.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things have turned to the holy sanctuary of Thy unity and the Ka'bah of Thy detachment, and whereby Thou hast guided the sincere ones to the precincts of Thy most great mercy and illumined the hearts of the mystics to recognize the Manifestation of Thy most exalted and most glorious Self, that Thou mayest assist me to aid Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word and spread Thy verses. O my Lord! I find no helper for myself other than Thee and no supporter besides Thee. I implore Thee by Thy Self and by all that Thou art, that Thou mayest enable me to do what Thou lovest and pleasest. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Last and the First. Within the grasp of Thy power lie the dominion of destiny and the kingdom of its execution. And verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below.

Blessed is he who hath heard Thy call and responded to it, and soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and good-pleasure, and detached himself from those who denied Thy presence. O my Lord! Chastise those who denied Thy most great signs and neglected Thy Cause by following their own selves and their desires. O my Lord! Seize them through Thy power and might, and shut before their faces the gates of Thy mercy and loving-kindness. O my Lord! Make them taste the scourges of Thy wrath and the heat of Thy anger. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Vengeful, the All-Compelling.

O God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have fulfilled their covenant and detached themselves from all else save Thee and turned unto Thee. Then cause to descend upon them, O God of gods, from the clouds of Thy mercy, the good of this world and the next. Then make them wealthy through Thy riches and mighty through Thy might and steadfast in Thy remembrance and victorious in Thy Cause and gazing upon Thy countenance. Verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Every atom beareth witness that Thou art the Creator of names and attributes. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy command and decreest what Thou desirest by Thy power. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. His is the grace and bounty. He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Say: We have believed in Him Who appeared with the name of 'Ali by the command of the sovereign Truth, the All-Praised, and in Him Who shall come at the time of Mustaghath, and in Him Who shall come after Him until the end that hath no end. We behold in their Manifestation naught but the Manifestation of God, and in their concealment naught but His concealment, did ye but know. They all are the mirrors of God, wherein naught can be seen but God's Self, His Beauty, His might and His glory, could ye but understand. All else are Their mirrors, and They are the Primal Mirrors, could ye but comprehend. None hath preceded Them in anything, and They take precedence in all things. Say: The Primal Mirrors shall never end, and likewise the mirrors of Their beauty,

for the outpouring of God shall never cease. This is a truth that cannot be denied. And whoso saith that the Manifestations have ended in thy land - pay no heed to him, and be of them who with the eye of God regard His Cause. Say: The Jews claimed that the hand of God is chained up, and likewise do the peoples of latter days say what they said. Say: Woe betide you for what ye utter! His mercy hath preceded all things, and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, could ye but know. His outpouring hath not ceased and will never cease, by the everlastingness of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He manifesteth in the realm whomsoever He willeth, and there is none other God but Him. All are heedless of His command in these days, save those who behold the Leaf of Paradise with their own eyes and hear the melody of God with their own ears. No hindrance can hinder them, even should all men seek to hinder them. Yet it behooveth the believer to distinguish between truth and falsehood as he distinguisheth between light and darkness, that he may not follow those who claim what God hath not ordained for them and who walk in the ways of their own desires. Thus hath crowed the Cock of eternity, thus hath warbled the Dove of glory, and thus hath spoken this Speaking Tongue, would ye but turn unto it. And upon thee be the Spirit, and upon whoso hath turned toward the direction of God in this shining and beloved Countenance.

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God testifies that there is no God but Him. His is the dominion and the kingdom, the grandeur and the might. He does what He wishes by His sovereignty and decrees what He wills by His command. He is the Single One to Whom all created things have testified, and the Sovereign before Whom all contingent things have bowed down. He was concealed within the pavilion of His protection and treasured within the stronghold of His preservation. Then when He willed to appear, there appeared the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His revelation, and the Rising-Point of His proof, Who speaks the truth among the people and calls all to a station at times named the Most Great Prison, at others the Most Holy Ancient Station, at times the Most Beautiful Names, and at others by a Name unknown even to the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Creation. He is the One at Whose arising arose the Greater Resurrection, and the mysteries deposited in the ancient scrolls were revealed. Through Him was opened the gate of heaven and the breezes of revelation wafted among all things. Through Him spoke the Most Exalted Pen and there appeared in the world what no eye had seen before. To this testifies the Lord of Names, Who is imprisoned in this city named Akka through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. Thus does the Tongue of the Wronged One speak on this dark night, that the people of Baha who have clung to the Crimson Ark described aforetime by God through the tongue of the Revealer of the Bayan might rejoice thereby. Blessed is the soul that has testified to that which God has testified, the heart that has submitted to His sovereignty, the nostril that has detected the fragrance of His garment, the ear that has heard His melodies, and the eye that has beheld His glorious countenance. Your mention was made before the Wronged One and this clear Book was revealed for you, from which the sincere ones detect the fragrance of God and the Manifestation of His Cause. Be thankful and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics!” Be steadfast in this Cause through which the hearts of the learned were troubled and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Creation lamented, save those whom the grace of thy Lord, the Generous Bestower, embraced. By My life! If thou shouldst find the sweetness of

My utterance in what hath been revealed in this Book, thou wouldst arise and say and cry out: “My spirit be a sacrifice for Thee, O Creator of heaven, and my being be a sacrifice for Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!” Convey My greetings to those on whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of Baha. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee. He is verily the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful

O Siyyid ’Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! The dust of hypocrisy hath encompassed the Luminary of the horizons, and the sorrows of the world have transformed joy itself. In these days, according to outward appearances, grievous tidings have arrived from every direction, for the embodiment of tyranny sitteth enthroned upon the seat of oppression while justice, poor and forlorn, hath withdrawn to a corner. Glory be to God! In the great city such a door of greed and avarice hath been opened that none but God can reckon its prevalence. Outwardly they appear submissive but inwardly - God forbid! Nevertheless, the grief of this Wronged One in these days is beyond description. Yet still do We recline upon the throne of power and sit upon the cushions of glory. The might of the oppressors cannot weaken divine power, nor can the calumnies of the slanderers conceal the face of truth. Those possessed of hearing and sight exist in the world - they are the true money-changers among the world’s peoples. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

In these days certain news which outwardly causeth sorrow hath arrived, including the ascension of thy mother and her rise to the Supreme Companion. Today the ocean of mercy is surging and the sun of grace is shining bright and manifest. At the beginning of the Revelation this blessed word shone forth from the Mouth of the Divine Will: The relatives of those assured souls who accepted the Cause and who, in the early days, quaffed the water of immortality from the hand of bounty, are adorned with the blessed robes of forgiveness. We love to make mention of her at this time as a command from God, the All-Bountiful, the Generous: “O My leaf! O Mother of ’Ali! Rejoice that the Pen of God, the Most High, hath moved to make mention of thee in the prison of ’Akka, and by its movement the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of thy Lord’s mercy that hath preceded all creation wafted abroad. The light shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times His everlasting favors and eternal bounties, and to ordain for thee every day that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen One.” According to instructions, the original revelation was sent.

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Ardabil. Jinab-i-Tahmasb-Quli Bayg, upon him be the Glory of God.

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over all names. The servant present read thy letter before the Wronged One, and it was heard. From its words and phrases wafted the fragrance of love. God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the cup of the eternal Beloved's grace and remain turned toward the horizon of His Cause. O thou who art enkindled with the fire of separation and who hast turned to God, the Lord of the Day of Divorce! Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in thy Lord. Verily He is the companion of him who hath no companion, and the helper of him who hath no helper, and the succourer of him who hath arisen to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and the strengthener of him who hath turned unto Him, and the answerer of him who calleth upon Him. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Face, and the ear that hath attained to His most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause, to possess spiritual qualities and praiseworthy deeds, and to speak goodly words. By My life! Whoso acteth in accordance with what hath been enjoined upon him by God is assuredly among those who are nigh unto Him in a manifest Book.

Praise be to God that in this blessed day thou hast inhaled the fragrance of His garment and turned toward the straight path of God. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor. By God's life! The precious jewels of the earth and the treasures of kings cannot compare with it. Know thou its station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever will be with His loved ones. He verily is the Near One, the Watchful.

O Tahmasb! Give praise to the Lord of eternity Who hath granted thee success and Who in this Most Great Prison hath made mention of thee. That which this Wronged One hath ever desired is the salvation of all, and ever shall be. God willing, thou shalt speak the praise of the Beloved of all worlds with the utmost joy and delight, and hold fast unto the Will of God. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Lord of eternity was in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be among those who are firmly established.

In these days this region is somewhat disturbed; therefore it is not permissible to journey to this place. The Wronged One beseecheth God to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence and to decree for thee the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily He is powerful over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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This is a prayer of Baha'u'llah that begins: "This is a Book from the Letter Sin after Ha'. O people of the Bayan, read it! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Essence in the shelter of eternity, and by Thy Most Exalted Remembrance, and by Thy Holy Beauty in Thy Most Glorious Paradise, and by the Light of Thy Face in the Most Hidden Pavilion, and by Thy exalted Letters and holy Words in the lofty realms of immortality, and by Thy holy Temples which no realities of created things have preceded in recognition, and by Thy hidden Countenances which no understanding of contingent beings hath encompassed - to forgive the one who hath ascended unto Thee and descended upon Thee, and soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, and risen unto the Lote-Tree of Thy might. Then cause him to enter, O my God, into the paradise of Thy oneness, and give him to drink, O my Beloved, of the wine that

hath flowed from the right hand of the Throne of Thy identity, and grant him the fruits of the Tree of Paradise in the gardens of Thy might and reunion. Then bestow Thy bounty, O Most Bountiful One, through Thy grace, and shelter him, O my Hope, beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Mercy at the Ultimate Tree and the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary. Then cause him to hear the melodies of Thy Doves which none of Thy servants in the nether regions have attained, for Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the blood that was shed in Thy path, and by the heart that was consumed in Thy love, and by the bone that melted in passion and yearning for Thee, and by the body that was crushed in Thy cause, and by the form that was burned in Thy love - to withhold the evil of this youth from the head of Thy creation. Then seize him, O Powerful One, through Thy power, then destroy him, O Sovereign, through Thy sovereignty, then annihilate him, O Mighty One, through Thy might, that thereby the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy servants may find rest, and the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy creatures may be assured. For Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then aid, O my God, Thy servant who seeketh no helper other than Thee and desireth no supporter besides Thee. Thou witnesseth, O my Best-Beloved, how Thy servants have risen against him, attributing to him what befitteth their own station and imputing to him what beseemeth their own selves, while in all matters and all such conditions he hath committed his affair unto Thee and spent his spirit in Thy path and his body in Thy good-pleasure and his form in that which pleaseth Thee. And Thou art the Helper, the Victorious, the Powerful, the Holy One."

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We first seized them because through them the root of tyranny gained strength. We shall soon return to this matter, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty. God's proof and evidence were completed against him and against them, and therefore there descended upon them what descended. This was mentioned before in the Tablets, were you among those who understand. Say: What you possess cannot overcome Him, nor can the might of the transgressors weaken Him. Were He to wish, He would destroy whoever is on earth with a word from Him, for He has power over all the worlds. O My loved ones! Remember the might and power of Badi', then reflect upon the ardor that seized him from the Word of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Wise. O Most Exalted Pen! Remember when he appeared before the Throne and the Spirit of Power and Might was breathed into him from a Powerful, Faithful One. The raptures of longing seized him after he was thunderstruck by the First Word. Thus was the matter decreed before the Throne. Blessed are they who remember. Then We sent him forth by Our command with a countenance that illumined the horizons and then the faces of those near unto God. Thus have We mentioned him as a grace from Us, and We sent it to you that you might read it and be among the thankful. We mention him in most Tablets for having borne what no one else among men has borne. Upon you and upon him be My glory and My mercy until a day which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Khudadad, who has turned to God, the Lord of creation! In His Name Who speaks from the Tree of Being: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving! The world hath been honored by the advent of the Lord of Eternity, and the Promised One hath been made manifest in His visible Beauty to both the unseen and the seen, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Mount hath quivered at the dawning of the Manifestation, and the Tree cries out: “Praise be unto Thee for having rent asunder, with the finger of might, the veils of glory and revealed Beauty unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.” Every atom hath found the fragrance of reunion, yet most of the people remain heedless. They hear the call of God openly, yet what is in their hearts of the idols of the worshippers preventeth them from certitude. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! These lands have been honored by the glance of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the All-Choosing, yet most of My people remain in evident veils. The ocean of bounty hath surged through the appearance of the Lord of Names - blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and is of those who have attained. The tongue of My loving-kindness addresseth My people saying: Arise from among the dead, turning unto God, the Revealer of verses. This is He Who was promised you in the Book of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They follow their leaders and cling to the hem of their vain imaginings - nay, they are among the abased ones. They worship the calf while thinking themselves servants of God besides Him - nay, they are among the liars. Thy letter hath come before the Countenance and hath been blessed by the fingers of thy Lord’s favors, the Mighty, the Generous. We found from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord. Blessed art thou for having attained the ultimate goal and been moved by the Most Exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord’s utterance, the Most High, the Great. He hath ordained for thee thereby what shall profit thee in this world and the next. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Knowing. He shall manifest unto thee what He willeth through His grace and sovereignty. There is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All things are with Him preserved in a guarding tablet. We beseech God to make thee known by His name and speaking in His remembrance, that thy mention may endure in His kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Protected. He verily seeth whosoever moveth in His path and worketh for His good-pleasure. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of the Garment and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. That which thou seest shall perish, but what hath been ordained for thee shall endure in a wondrous tablet.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Mashhadi ’Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and was read by the servant in attendance. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet which calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth all to this luminous horizon. Say: O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come with great sovereignty. Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. He announceth unto you the Most Great Favor, and He is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Say: Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily it speaketh the truth by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. By God! This is the Day whereof Moses gave tidings, and concerning which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, gave glad-tidings in His Book, the Book of Wisdom. Beware lest the

veils of the world withhold you from the Lord of Eternity. Cast away what the people possess, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Say: This is the Day whereon men have arisen unto God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! The dwellers of the graves have risen through the breezes of Revelation, and the companions of the Manifestation rejoice in the light of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken, when the Wronged One was in the house of one of His loved ones who was named ’Abdu’r-Rahim in a preserved Tablet. Say: O peoples of the earth! Behold how the Sun hath dawned from the Most Glorious Horizon and the Light hath shone forth from this noble station. By God! The Lord of Eternity hath ascended the throne of utterance, calling aloud with the most exalted call and summoning all to that which will draw them nigh unto the horizon of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O ’Ali! What hath befallen thee hath grieved Me. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee from His Supreme Pen that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge, and by Him Who hath appeared before all faces calling all to Thy horizon, and by the Crimson Ark which through Thy command hath sailed upon the sea of inner meanings and utterance, to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking Thy praise, and serving Thy Cause. Write down for me by Thy Supreme Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Then open, O my God, before my face the door of bounty and ease. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of humanity. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In His Name, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God hath heard what thou didst utter in remembrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and We have witnessed what hath befallen thee in His straight and manifest path. Grieve not for what hath come upon thee. Consider what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. When the idolaters desired to extinguish the light of God, they drove Us from Our homes, imagining this would profit them. How evil was their delusion! Through this God exalted His Cause and manifested His sovereignty that overshadoweth the worlds. God will soon reveal through thy departure what He hath purposed. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The clamor of those who have disbelieved cannot frustrate Him, nor can the hosts of the heavens and earth prevent Him. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen give thee glad tidings, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of the thankful ones.

That which hath befallen that honored one hath been for the sake of God’s Cause. Thy reward is with Him. However, in all matters wisdom must be observed, for the people are weak and have not attained maturity. In times of trials and tribulations it is observed that even most of the loved ones become shaken and disturbed. Therefore, in view of Our previous mercy and all-encompassing grace, We have commanded all to observe wisdom, and wherever mention of teaching hath been made, wisdom hath been mentioned before and after. Were the decisive Word to be fully revealed, the people would completely withdraw. In such case, none would give ear to the divine utterances which are the cause of

guidance for humanity, nor would they seek nearness to the people of Baha to attain recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Cause. A number of ignorant ones have become leaders of the people and are counted among the learned, and these souls, in order to preserve their positions, strive with utmost effort to prevent the people, especially if they find a pretext. Soon shall they witness the loss of their own souls and shall become aware of what they have wrought in the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Blessed art thou for having been enkindled with the fire of God and followed what thou hast recognized from the Book of thy Lord, the Commander, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee and do mention thee in truth from Our glorious and lofty station. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained the lights of knowledge and have turned toward God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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In the Name of Him Who holdeth supreme dominion over all things!

The star of vain imaginings hath set through the dawning of the morn of certitude from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He had promised all peoples the appearance of the Ancient King, but when He came with the truth, the people turned away from Him, save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, did will. Among them were those who clung to idle fancies, turning away from the Source of divine inspiration, and those who held fast to mere allusions, heedless of the Revealer of verses. Lo! They are among the abased ones.

Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of the Beloved and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Soar with the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, celebrating His Name amidst all contingent beings in such wise that the atoms are stirred thereby and the hearts of the heedless are awakened. Say: This is the Day wherein the rapture of divine utterance hath seized all contingent things, and the horizon of grace hath been illumined by this Sun through which the suns of inner meaning and exposition have shone forth. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested this wondrous Cause.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the Intended One! We have been with thee in all conditions and heard what thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Intended One and turned away from him who turned away from God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Speak thou amongst the peoples in remembrance of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, in such wise that all in the world may be drawn unto Him. Thy Lord will assist thee as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: This is not a day for tarrying. All things have been set in motion by the call of the Lord of Names, and the atoms cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!" Blessed is he who hath arisen at the breath of Revelation and aided his Lord in this Cause whereby that which was treasured in God's knowledge, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, hath been made manifest.

Convey My greetings to those around thee, then gladden them with this Remembrance whereby hearts have taken flight and the souls of those near unto God have rejoiced. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Ye are the horsemen of all existence. Stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the hearts of the wicked may be troubled thereby and the backs of the idolaters may tremble. Thus hath the Dove spoken, when It sought Its ultimate goal, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Verily the glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee who have been illumined by the lights of this Lamp which the All-Merciful hath kindled at the midmost heart of creation, and who were among those who have turned towards Him.

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In the Name of the One Friend!

The Supreme Pen gives glad-tidings of divine bounties to the people of Baha and counsels all, that they may attain to that which the Beloved has purposed through God's advice, the Lord of Names. Contention, conflict and corruption have been and are condemned. The friends of God must regard creation with the eye of loving-kindness and draw all to the horizon of guidance through kind counsels and goodly deeds. Many are those who have claimed allegiance to the Truth yet have caused the Cause of God to be compromised. Avoidance of such souls is necessary. And certain people who have not attained to the ultimate purpose in these divine days and have not drunk the choice wine of inner meanings from the cup of utterance become doubtful due to the deeds of the heedless and actions of the pretenders. Thus it was observed that some souls who had ascended to the heaven of faith remained veiled from the horizon of sublime oneness due to the words and deeds of false ones, despite having heard for years this verse:

Should all created things turn unbeliever

No speck of dust would settle on His grandeur's hem

Some servants attribute to the Truth whatever they observe from those claiming to love Him. Evil is that which they do. In all ages there have been and will be the righteous and the wicked. Should one reflect upon the appearance of the Suns of Truth, it becomes clear and evident that in every age there have been and will be the truthful and the false. Take heed, O ye who possess insight! Pure hearts, illumined eyes and sanctified souls must at all times gaze toward the horizon of the Cause, not toward the deeds and words of pretenders and liars. Beseech God to guide all and enable them to attain His good-pleasure - the good-pleasure of the Dawning-Place of verses - which is identical with His good-pleasure. Verily He is the Answerer, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous. This Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will as a token of grace and favor, that all the loved ones may become aware of that which God hath purposed and may avoid the evil of base souls. Let them not consider every speaker truthful nor count every claimant among the people of the Crimson Ark. Verily He is the Clarifier, the Speaker, the Truthful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Trusted One.

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In the Name of the One God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims from the Most Glorious Horizon: O people of Za! God willing, may you be blessed with the sweet fragrances of the favors of the Lord of Days, and at all times be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. The glance of mercy is at this moment directed towards you, that perchance you may count this most great bounty as a precious gift and arise to accomplish that which is befitting and worthy in this Day. We have mentioned you before, and this is yet another time, a grace from God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Strive that you may not be deprived of the outpourings of the clouds of divine mercy. Speak for the sake of God and fix your gaze upon God. How many souls have this year returned to dust while veiled from their Purpose - they neither recognized the Truth nor even attempted to know Him. Woe unto them and unto those who clung to them, turning away from God, the Lord of all worlds. All the companions and loved ones of that land must hold fast with perfect certitude and assurance to the cord of the favor of the Beloved of the worlds, in such wise that all the world would be powerless to prevent them. Blessed are they that hold fast, and joy be to them that stand firm. In all conditions you must be mindful of wisdom, for all creatures have been commanded to observe wisdom in the divine Tablets. Blessed is the soul that has believed and acted according to that which it was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My loved ones! Hold fast to that which will exalt the Cause of God, then shun that which you have been forbidden in the Book of your Lord, the Evident, the All-Informed. Be not grieved at anything, for He is with you and ordains for you that which will profit you in this world and the next. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, you must illumine hearts with the lights of divine remembrance and engage in teaching the Cause through word and deed. The world has never had, nor has it now, any constancy. Soon will this spread be rolled up by the hand of power, save the spread of deeds of souls who act for God's sake and speak for God's sake. By My life! Theirs shall be a goodly end. Give thanks to God for having attained unto this Tablet and for the face of your Lord's favor, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, being turned towards you. And glory be upon you and upon whosoever has heard the call and responded to his Ancient Lord. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Glorify on my behalf My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them, then recite unto them My beauteous Tablet. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who are with thee on My straight path.

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In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and hath voiced the praise of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, that He may draw him nigh unto Him and aid him to promote His irrevocable, firm and mighty Cause.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison quarter and calleth thee with that which will make thee independent of the knowledge of those who have denied God's proof and evidence, who have disputed His verses and disbelieved in His sovereignty by following every heedless and remote one.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Remember, then consider the people of the Furqan who denied the All-Merciful when He came unto them with manifest sovereignty. They would wait through nights and days, mentioning Him in mosques and gatherings, yet when the promise was fulfilled and the Light shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, they denied Him and pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice as caused every person of insight to lament. Say: Where are your remembrances and that which ye uttered at the mention of the Qa'im? And where is the justice and fairness ye claimed when the Cause was preserved in the treasury of your Lord's protection, the Mighty, the Powerful? Consider the fruits of their deeds and words on the Day of Recompense. Thus doth He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book command thee.

Verily, We behold the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the All-Merciful to be in greater loss than they on God's Day, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have sent down from the heaven of bounty and generosity that which the books of the world cannot equal, yet most of the people are heedless. They have cast aside the Lord and seized upon their desires. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are among the dead.

Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be prevented by the doubts of the divines who have turned away from God, who have changed His favor and caused their people to enter the fire. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak before and at this time. Be thou a speaker of My Name, turn with thy heart to My horizon, and stand firm in service to My wondrous Cause. Convey My remembrance to My loved ones and give them the glad tidings of My tender mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all in the heavens and the earth.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee, upon those with thee, and upon My party who have not been hindered by the doubts of the servants and the gestures of every remote polytheist. Praise be to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the mighty throne.

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O Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn-i-Thabit, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One Who speaks with justice in the Kingdom of utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down that it might draw the hearts of His servants to the horizon whence hath shone the Sun of divine knowledge, through a command from God, the Lord of all beings. The Glory giveth glad-tidings unto all peoples, saying: Rejoice, O peoples of the earth, for the pavilion of glory hath been raised upon the highest ensigns and the

canopies of grandeur upon a station whereof all beings are powerless to make mention. We were walking in the house when thy praise arrived and that which proceeded from thy heart regarding this Most Great Remembrance whereby the nations were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of lords, did will. We have heard what thou didst compose in praise of God and didst recite before the faces of His servants. Blessed art thou for having turned when the Call was raised and for having spoken in praise of thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of the Truth and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God with power and authority. Say: O peoples of the earth, fear ye God and follow not the daysprings of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We give you glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, and make mention unto you of verses which, when revealed, perfumed all regions. Say: O heedless ones, do ye not see what hath appeared through My will and what My tongue hath uttered, and what had been hidden throughout all eternity hath been made manifest? Hearken unto the Call and cast aside what ye possess. By God! The heaven hath been cleft asunder and the Lord of Names hath come with power and sovereignty. Thus hath moved the Most Exalted Pen in remembrance of His chosen ones whom neither the clamor of the world nor the hosts of the nations did frighten. These are the people of Baha in the crimson scroll. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the prison of 'Akka, through a command from the One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Compelling. O My loved ones! Hear ye My call and then act in such wise as to exalt your stations in the world amidst all peoples. Beware lest the conditions of the world and its ornaments, its favors, its bounties and its colors hold you back from turning unto the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, the Lord of all men. In closing, We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give you to drink of His sealed wine through this Name through Whose manifestation the realities of all things were attracted and the Herald called out from the right side of the Most Exalted Paradise: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of this luminous Day. The Glory shining from the horizon of this heaven be upon you, O party of God, and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Wisdom and Utterance

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to His Afnan who believed in Him and His verses, who drank the choice wine of revelation from the cup of His bounty, who attained His presence and recognized His meeting, and who returned by His leave to his home as a mercy from Him and a favor from His presence. He is verily the Kind, the Generous. We beseech God to make the end of your affairs excellent and to send down upon you that which will transform sorrow into joy and grief into the Most Great Gladness. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

You have always been and continue to be remembered, and are favored with mention, attention and bounty. We must strive with complete determination to raise the blessed and goodly Word - which sometimes appears in human form, at times in the form of light, once in the image of the Tree, and another time in the likeness of the Sun - from earth to heaven, that people may be freed from the clay of idle fancies and vain imaginings and attain to what God has willed. His honor Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be My glory, mentioned you and sought bounty from the Wronged One for you. We beseech God to

grant you every good thing He has sent down in His perspicuous Book. His honor Jalal, upon him be My glory, has been favored with the effulgences of the lights of the Daystar of permission, having repeatedly turned to Us and been illumined by Our presence and meeting. In truth he has rendered service from the earliest days until now. Should he return to you, gladden him with My mention and word of My good-pleasure.

O My Afnan! Upon you be My glory and loving-kindness. We have remembered his father and mother with a mention from which wafts the fragrance of gifts and favors. His companions were also specifically granted permission and bounty. Say: O Jalal! He does not allow to be lost the reward of the doers of good, the reward of those who act, and the reward of the reformers. God willing the world will be sanctified and purified from the darkness of rancor and hatred, that all may be illumined by the light of love and attain true tranquility.

My God, My God! Take the hands of Thy Afnan through Thy grace and bounty and Thy strength and power, and ordain for them that which will exalt them through Thy Name and make them ensigns of Thy guidance amongst Thy creation. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon you, O Afnans of the Tree, and upon those who are with you and who love you and who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

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He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down for him who desireth to quaff the sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, that the Call may draw him nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon and strengthen him to mention and praise. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee before and at this time, as a grace from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The servant present before the Countenance hath presented a letter from one who hath loved Me and held fast to My cord and soared in the atmosphere of My love and arose to assist My Cause amongst My servants, and therein was thy name. We have sent down from the heaven of grace verses that nothing in existence can equal, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the happenings of the world prevent thee from the Ancient Beauty or the doubts of the nations veil thee from this irrevocable Cause. Say: O concourse of men! The horizon of Manifestation hath been illumined by the Lord of Destiny, and that which was hidden in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath appeared. Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We turn from the eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue. Today the world is illumined by the lights of the Manifestation and all things are engaged in mention and praise and joy and gladness. In the divine Books of the past and future the Most Great Festival hath been established in remembrance of this blessed Day. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and become aware of the station of this Day. Today the

scratching of the Divine Pen is raised up and its horizon is visible. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts and intimations of the people of the world have not prevented from the Ancient Beauty nor deprived of the Most Great Sea. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath given thee glad tidings and guided thee to My straight path and My mighty announcement. Thus have We caused thee to hear My sweetest call and sent thee that whereby the eyes of those near unto God are consoled. And We make mention in this station of thy wife and remind her of My verses and give her the glad tidings of My tender mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all in the heavens and the earth. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon her and upon those whom the hosts of the Pharaohs and ranks of oppressors did not frighten from God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the True King, the Manifest Justice.

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In My Name, the Ruler over all possibility. This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He verily speaketh the truth. There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O thou who gazeth toward the Supreme Horizon and hath drunk the choice wine of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all beings, make mention of the one about whom the views of the people differ. Some say that he believed in God, the lord of all that was and shall be. Others assert that he followed his passions insofar as he denied in his heart while affirming with his tongue. Thus have all persons expressed what they imagined. Say: We bear witness that he believed in God and attained the presence of the throne most days, listening to and witnessing the greatest signs of his lord in the evening and at dawn. In truth, we entered the land of Taff and found him frozen. We set him on fire with the flames of our Lote-Tree, and in truth, I am the Powerful, the Igniter, the Mighty, the Knowing. We saved him by means of our grace and revived him through this water that flowed from the pen of God, the king of names. However, he masters every field, joins in every gathering, and listens to what is said. At first, he was with the one who was named 'Ala in the land of Taff. He tends to mysticism. When we entered that city, he used to spend most of his time in my presence. When he saw the sea, he forsook the puddle, and was enthralled by the verses of his lord, the king of creation. He was intoxicated with the heavenly stream of utterance, which flowed from the lips of his lord, the All-Merciful, such that he did not desire to leave my presence. The people of Baghdad bear witness to this, and beyond them all who possess the Mother Book. Thus did the tongue and pen speak from the presence of the Lord of Eternity, and all who have found the fragrance of fairness bear witness to it. We have mentioned this briefly that thou mayest be informed of that which most of the servants know not. Say: By God, he speaketh the truth and hath come to raise the banners of friendship among all creatures and to plant the standards of trustworthiness upon the heights. Say: He hath not lied, and speaketh what he hath seen, and commandeth what he was commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Whether one acknowledgeth this for himself or denieth it, He verily is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon him who looketh with his own eyes upon this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath revealed unto him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the potency of My verses may draw him to My Kingdom and strengthen him to arise for My remembrance and praise in such wise that the winds of opposition shall fail to shake him and the doings of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, shall be powerless to deter him. How many a servant awaited the days of God, yet when the horizon of Revelation was illumined, he denied both the Witness and that whereunto He testified! Thou shouldst at all times render thanks unto God, for He hath aided thee and enabled thee to attain unto this praiseworthy station. Say:

O my God and the God of names and the Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the limbs of all things trembled, to make me steadfast in Thy love and looking toward Thy horizon and speaking forth Thy praise and holding fast unto the cord of Thy Cause. O Lord! I am he that is poor and hath knocked at the door of Thy riches. I implore Thee by Thy bounty and Thy grace not to deny me that which is with Thee. O Lord! Write down for me that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy Kingdom of Names, through the perpetuity of Thy most excellent names. Thou art indeed the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hearken with thy inner ear to the voice of the Wronged One. There hath befallen Him that which hath befallen no one else. Beseech the Lord, exalted be His glory, to preserve the lamp He hath lit from contrary winds. Every tribulation in the path of the Beloved is beloved and desired. I swear by the pearls of My divine knowledge, if thou wert to become aware of that which at every moment befalleth the Self of God from those who claim to love Him, thou wouldst surely arise in lamentation and weeping. My sorrow and grief I complain of only unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all worlds. Thou must turn with the utmost joy and radiance toward the lands of God and give the glad-tidings of the True Friend unto His loved ones. Praise be to God, thou hast turned unto Him and partaken of the Kawthar of His presence. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through His grace He may preserve this great deed and supreme benevolence. Great is the station and great the deed. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give thee to drink of that which shall gladden thy heart and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in every world of His worlds. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Giving, the Gracious.

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Tablet to Mirza ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof. This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that My call and remembrance may draw him to My Kingdom and bring him nigh unto a station wherein hath been raised the banner “There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.” Blessed is the essence whom accidents have not prevented from the remembrance of God, the Lord of existence, and blessed is the channel which the hands of tyranny have not blocked, and the sea which surgeth through this Name that domineth over all that is seen and unseen. By God’s life! The sun calleth out, yet the people know not, and the heaven speaketh, yet the people hear not. Vain imaginings have withheld them, and they

perceive it not. Behold and then recall when My Herald came with the standards of revelation and inspiration - the divines of the age turned away from Him, and by their turning away the people turned away, save whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, did will. Among them were those who denied, those who turned away, and those who pronounced against Him with an injustice whereat the denizens of the Kingdom lamented. Thus did the Morn of Revelation unfurl its banner as a grace from His presence upon thee. He hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee that which no treasures or riches can equal. The servant present hath presented thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this preserved Tablet which lay hidden in the veils of the unseen, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of My love, whereby the sincere ones hastened to the place of sacrifice in the path of God, the Lord of this promised Day. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth on thy Lord's Day, and thy pen for having flowed with His praise, the Mighty, the Beloved. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee to serve His Cause, to reinforce thee with His hosts, to cause thee to speak His praise, and to assist thee through His Name that dominateth all things. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Thus have We sent down upon thee from the heaven of wisdom and knowledge the rains of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest thank Him and arise to serve the Cause with a steadfastness that no sitting down shall follow. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those whom the doubts of the world have not prevented from the Most Great Name, and whom the veils of every veiled learned one have not withheld.

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His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]

On 26 Safar 1303

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power. Through the Book the whole world with all its mysteries is made manifest, and through its letters all things are brought to completion. May God come to the aid of you and us and all who dwell on earth. However, since this is a place of service and worship and station and rank and manifestations […], I beseech the Beloved of my soul and the Desire of my heart from God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable this evanescent servant to render such service as may bring joy to His loved ones. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The letter arrived bringing joy to this evanescent one and glad tidings for a number of the friends. The joy was attained and the glad tidings were conveyed. All accepted it with perfect humility and submissiveness. God, exalted be His glory, has made your Saturday into Friday. There will be a gathering there - a gathering which, God willing, will be the cause of the gathering together of the world beneath the divine Lote-Tree. However, besides those present, there were several others who heard these glad tidings. Surely on Saturday they too will attend your presence. According to instructions, the honored Ustad 'Abdu'l-Karim, upon him be God's peace, will attend your presence - not today, not tomorrow, but

on that day. How excellent is the host and how excellent are the guests! Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Today many of your works were answered from before. The answer to the honored Aqa Mirza Mahmud was revealed and the answer to the honored Aqa Mirza Husayn was bestowed. A new letter was also written and sent in detail. This year, praise be to God, you were enabled to provide food and feasting time after time and occasion after occasion. In your words, may it continue! The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of creation. You should be occupied with preparations while the guests are getting ready. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to grant that honored one such bounty that you may be enabled to accomplish such deeds each day. Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon all who are firm and steadfast. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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This servant, formerly named Rida, writes in the name of the one incomparable Lord, the Concealer, the All-Forgiving. The letter was received before the Face and honored by the attention of the Lord of Names. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, and partake of the sealed wine. Today all relationships are severed. These are the days of relationship with God. Whosoever turns to Him and attains His recognition is reckoned with God and related to Him. This relationship is sufficient, enduring, eternal and everlasting. Blessed is the soul that has clung to the cord of relationship with God and become detached from creation. Such a one is a star in the exalted heaven of the Most Glorious Name. Upon him be the glory of God, his Lord and the Lord of the worlds. At all times you must give thanks to the True Beloved Who enabled you to recognize His sanctified Beauty and guided you to the supreme horizon. As for what you mentioned concerning your father, We have forgiven him as a favor to you and your relatives. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. That helpless one hesitated to turn to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, because of the false statements of that lame one - upon him be the wrath and punishment of God. Since he had no knowledge of the true matter, he hearkened to the vain words of that wicked one. Never be saddened by this episode, for God has been and ever will be generous, gracious, merciful and compassionate. On this blessed day He adorned him with the robe of forgiveness, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remind him who was named Jalal from Me and give him the glad tidings of his Lord's favors. Also remind those women who have turned to God and believed in Him, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that all were mentioned in the Most Great Scene and attained the remembrance of the Lord of Power. Whatsoever exists in the world will soon perish, but this remembrance recorded by the Supreme Pen will endure and remain forever. May glory be upon you, your mother, your sisters, your uncle's wife and her daughter, and your other uncle's wife. Blessed are they for having attained the lights of the Face, recognized God and His oneness, and turned to the Dawning-Place of His sacred and luminous Cause. It behooveth you to glory in the Sun of My loving-kindness which hath shone forth from the horizon of this wondrous Tablet.

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Prayer Revealed by Baha'u'llah on the Occasion of the Naw-Ruz Festival

I am the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

I give praise unto Thee, O my God, that Thou hast ordained this day as a festival unto such of Thy servants as enjoy near access to Thee and unto Thy loved ones who are devoted to Thyself. Thou didst choose to designate it by this Name, through whose power Thou hast subdued all created things and caused the sweet savours of this Revelation to be diffused amongst all the dwellers of the earth and the inmates of the heavens. Through its potency whatsoever is recorded in Thy holy Scriptures and sacred Books hath been made manifest and Thy messengers and Thy chosen ones have raised their Call, so that all men may be infused with the capacity to attain Thy presence, to direct their steps toward the ocean of Thy nearness, to present themselves before the seat of Thy throne and to give ear unto Thy wondrous Voice, calling aloud from the Dayspring of Thine invisible Essence and from the Dawning-Place of Thine exalted Being.

I yield praise unto Thee, O Lord my God, inasmuch as Thou hast demonstrated Thy proofs and perfected Thy blessings. He Who is the Exponent of Thy oneness, Who beareth eloquent testimony to Thy unity is now firmly established upon the throne of Thy Revelation, while Thou hast summoned all mankind to seek His divine presence.

Amongst men there are those who have directed themselves towards Him, have had the honour to behold His face and to partake of the choice wine of His inspiration. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy sovereignty which hath prevailed over all created things and by the outpourings of Thy bounty that have suffused the entire creation to graciously empower Thy loved ones to become absolutely detached from all things except Thee and to set their hearts upon the horizon of Thy tender mercy. Assist them then by Thy grace to consecrate themselves to Thy service, that through them whatsoever Thou desirest for Thy realm may be realized, and with their exertions the ensigns of Thy victory be unfurled in Thy lands. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I render thanks unto Thee, O my God, that Thou hast chosen this Prison to be the throne for Thy kingdom, the loftiest height for Thy heavens, the Dawning-Place for Thy Lights, the Dayspring for Thy revelations, the Fountain-head for the liberal effusions of Thy grace and the spirit of life to the bodies of Thy creatures.

I implore Thee to help Thy chosen ones through Thy strengthening grace to conform unto that which shall please Thee and to purge them from whatsoever might soil the hem of their garments in Thy days. Thou seest in certain regions, O my God, things disagreeable to Thy good pleasure, and Thou beholdest those who lay claim to Thy love committing such deeds that Thine enemies have committed. Sanctify them, O Lord, with this life-giving water whereby Thou hast sanctified the well-favoured among Thy people and the loved ones who are wholly devoted to Thee. Purge them, moreover, from whatever might tarnish the fair name of Thy Cause in Thy lands, or might deter the people of Thy countries from recognizing Thee. I entreat Thee, O Lord, by the glory of Thy Name that transcendeth all other names, to shield them from following their selfish desires and corrupt inclinations, that they may, one and all, gather together around

that which is prescribed in Thy Holy Book. Exalt them then as to become the hands of Thy Cause, that through them Thy wondrous signs may be spread far and wide throughout Thine earth and the emblems of Thy sanctity be manifested amidst Thy people.

Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of the Desire of the Worlds! He Who is forsaken by the world and imprisoned among the nations addresses thee in the Persian tongue that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Presence, and its opening was adorned with a word which is in truth the greatest proof for this most mighty and glorious Revelation and a conclusive evidence for all peoples - namely these words: "O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Baha at its most splendid." All have heard that it hath been said that the Most Great Name is mentioned and concealed in this prayer, and now it is manifest and speaking and hath dawned upon all who dwell on earth. What proof could be greater than this, and what evidence mightier than this station? Observe how this blessed word adorns the opening of the prayer. If thou wert to use but this passage alone as proof of the truth of this Cause, none would have cause to waver or turn aside, save the objectors who in every age have been deprived of the choice wine of divine bounty and have clung to the cord of idle fancies. Praise be to the Desire of the world Who hath enabled thee to make mention of this exalted word and this most supreme pearl. Reflect upon this most great Revelation and its effulgences and all that hath been manifested through it. By My life! It will attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold it sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say:

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy Will and the heaven of Thy Purpose and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, Who calleth unto Thee from His Most Great Prison, after the hosts of the nations have arisen against Him, to assist me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to grant me that which will tranquilize my heart in Thy days, and to illumine mine eyes with the light of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Reflect upon the clear proofs and manifest evidences of this Revelation. If anyone today should hesitate in this Cause, he would never be able to establish the truth of any other matter, now or ever. Beseech God that thou mayest taste the sweetness of His utterance, for whoever hath found it hath seen himself detached from the world and all that is therein. Verily, He is the True Speaker, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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O Ali! He is God, exalted be His glory and sovereignty! Your letter reached this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. You had asked about God's decree concerning spiritual and material matters. Excellent is that which you have asked, for its benefit returns to you and other servants both outwardly and inwardly. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the Answerer. The supreme cause of creation has been the knowledge of God. Whosoever today has attained the fragrance of the merciful Robe and reached that original homeland - which is the station of recognizing the Dawning Place of divine commands and the Dayspring of heavenly revelation - has attained and will attain unto all good. After arriving at this most exalted station, two things are necessary and obligatory for every soul: first, steadfastness in the Cause of God such that if all people should try to prevent him from the Source of the Cause they would be powerless to do so; and second, following the divine ordinances which have flowed from the fountain of the Pen of God's Will, for the knowledge of God is not complete and perfect except through following what He has commanded and what has been revealed in God's Book. In the previous year the Most Holy Book was sent down from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of Names. God willing, you will be assisted to act according to what has been revealed therein. As for material matters, you should engage in work while placing your trust in God. He will send down to you from the heaven of His favors that which is ordained for you. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to the Goal of the world that your letter reached the Prisoner and an answer was revealed and sent from the Seat of Authority. This is truly a great bounty from God - though not evident today, it will soon become manifest. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I am he who has turned to Thee and placed his trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy utterance surged and the breezes of Thy knowledge were stirred, to make me successful in serving Thy Cause and assisted in Thy remembrance and praise. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy gifts that which will preserve me from all else but Thee and benefit me in all Thy worlds. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

The letter which his honor Aqa Khalil, upon him be the glory of God, had written to you was presented in its entirety before the throne of the All-Merciful on the twenty-fifth night of the blessed month of Ramadan. This is what was revealed in reply from the presence of the Lord of the Beginning and the End. His word, exalted be His glory:

O Muhammad-Husayn! Praise be to the Goal of the world's peoples, Who has graciously bestowed upon you that of which the learned ones, the literary figures, the mystics and the princes are deprived, save whom God willeth. Were souls who circle round to reflect upon this supreme bounty and mighty gift, they would, until their last breath without cessation, utter "Thine be the praise, O Lord of Majesty!" Beseech ye God that He may make all aware of their stations, or illumine their eyes with the light of recognition and show them. He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

His honor Khalil, upon him be my glory, had made mention of some of the friends. Praise be to God, all have their portion from the fruits of the Tree of Divine Unity, and at this moment the glance of favor is

directed to each one. Blessed are they who in the days of God have been honored with mention by the Most Exalted Pen, and have drunk from His cup of recognition. And regarding his appointing you as his representative to attain the presence - this matter has been accepted. At some time, turn toward it on behalf of the friends of God who were mentioned in the letter, and attain to that which is intended.

Regarding Mirza ’Ali’s request - if God should will and desire it, He will reveal for him that which will bring joy to the eyes of those near to God.

His honor Muhammad before Kh-A has been honored with mention by God, glorified be His majesty. It behooveth him to thank God for having aided him and caused him to recognize Him in His mighty and wondrous Day. The friends of that land, one and all, are blessed with God’s favor. We have aided them as a grace from Our presence, and have preferred some above others as a command from Us. We send Our greetings from this most mighty, most holy, most glorious and impregnable spot, and We make mention of My handmaidens who have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Bestower, that the Call of God may attract him in such wise that the oppression of the oppressors and the gathering of them that have disbelieved in God when He came in the shadows of the clouds will in no wise affect him. We behold thee among them that have turned away. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou at peace, then stand firm. Say: O people! Is this the Day of doubt after the Promised One hath come with sovereignty and power? Fear ye God and deny not Him Whose sovereignty hath encompassed the horizons. Who else but Him could establish the Cause, if ye be fair, O company of transgressors? Through Him were raised the standards of triumph and the banners of remembrance were hoisted throughout all lands. Say: Doth it beseem anyone to turn unto a fly, turning away from the All-Bountiful? This indeed is a strange thing! Say: Leave ye the rivulet and behold the Most Great Ocean before your faces, if ye be of them that perceive, O ye that have eyes to see! Say: By my Lord, the All-Merciful! But for Him the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing, have been sent down. Break ye the idol of vain imaginings through the power of certitude, turning unto the Dayspring of inspiration. The Bayan was revealed for My name and was adorned with My remembrance, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He made the Bayan dependent upon My leave and a leaf from My Paradise, yet ye assail Me with the arrows of hatred. What aileth you, O company of wolves? Read ye it that ye may recognize this Day wherein the proof circleth round the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful. But for the Glory who would help God in secret and in public? By My life! Were these people to ponder what hath appeared in this Revelation, they would cast the world behind their backs and hasten unto the Kaaba of Him Who is in earth and heaven. Grieve thou not. Put thy trust in God. He, verily, will help whom He willeth through His power and sovereignty. Say: O my God! Thou beholdest me among Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and turned away from Thy beauty after that which they were promised in Thy Book and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O my Lord,

by Thy Name through which the fragrance of the garment of Thy mercy was wafted throughout Thy dominions, to help me in all conditions and to ordain for me the recompense of such as have arisen to serve Thy Cause and have remained steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! Aid me to help Thee in Thy lands, then write down for me that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who were martyred in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a Book from Baha to him who hath believed and been guided aright, and hath turned away from such as have denied God and transgressed. The opposition of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds to come and of the worlds of old, hath not deterred him. Say: O people! Verily He is the Point of piety, from which have been expounded sciences which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible. Verily He is the Tree of guidance - blessed is he who hath turned unto it, for he is of them that have turned unto God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. Verily He dwelleth at the Most Exalted Horizon in the All-Glorious Horizon, beholding and bearing witness. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not them who have forsaken guidance and followed their own desires. Follow ye the Faith of God which hath appeared in the Temple of holiness, through which We have shed Our radiance upon all who are on earth and in the highest heaven, and through this manifestation hath been established that which was set forth in the Bayan, as ye shall soon come to know. Say: Verily He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth, and through this shall the truth be made manifest, though none comprehendeth this save them who are endued with insight. Say: Verily He appeared once in the name of ’Ali, and this is His subsequent manifestation, whereat all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror, save them whom God preserved through His grace, and unto Him shall all things return both in the latter and former times. Say: Fear ye God and veil not the Sun with clay. Purify your hearts from vain imaginings, then hasten unto God, for with Him is the ultimate end. Cast away what ye possess and take what We have sent down in truth. Thus have ye been commanded by God, your Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Highest. He who denieth this Revelation is of them who have turned away and shown pride before God Who created him by His command. By God! He is the Pharaoh mentioned in the former Scriptures. Blessed is he who hath believed in his Lord, and whom the opposition of those who have chosen Satan as their lord hath not deterred. Upon them be the curse of God and an unquenchable fire. Say: O people! Do ye forsake God and call upon Lat and ’Uzza? Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with the greatest signs and Who summoneth you unto Him, seeking no recompense, for His reward is with Him Who sent Him with righteousness. And upon thee be glory, and upon whomsoever followeth guidance, and the Spirit be upon him who turneth unto the Lord.

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O handmaid of God Bibi Khan, upon her be the Glory of God. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy. This is a Book from Us to her who hath believed in her Lord and was among the devout ones

in a Tablet of mighty glory. Blessed art thou, O handmaid of God, for having hearkened unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne and turned unto Him with a pure and luminous heart. Be thou steadfast in the love of God. He, verily, shall suffice thee apart from all else. Remember Him, then, in the night season and in the days. Through His remembrance the faces of His handmaidens who have turned unto Him and His servants who have turned unto Him are illumined. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee, for there hath befallen Us what hath befallen no one else in all the worlds. Grieve not over thine afflictions, but weep for Mine afflictions. Thus have We commanded thee in truth from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Know thou that every learned one who hath hesitated in this Cause is the most ignorant among the ignorant, and every person of distinction who hath turned away from this Countenance is among the most wicked and unfortunate people. Verily, true knowledge is bound up with the knowledge of My Self, and all sciences are dependent upon My leave. He who hath not beheld Me with Mine eye knoweth Me not, nor will anything profit him even should he lay hold of the knowledge of the first and the last ones. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy Cause, the Source of Thy knowledge and the Treasury of Thy verses. By Thy glory! Were I to possess the fullness of the heavens and earth in gold and silver, and were I to spend them in Thy path, I would not have attained unto this station except through Thy grace and favors. O my Lord! Make me steadfast, then, in Thy love and establish me in Thy Cause in such wise that should Thy servants who are veiled by learning from Thy Self-Subsisting Name oppose me, their opposition to Thee and their turning away from Thee would not disturb me. O my Lord! Bestow upon me that which Thou hast bestowed upon Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones in Thy days. Then send down upon me that which will purify me from the remembrance of any one except Thee. Make me so steadfast that those of my kindred would not prevent me from turning unto Thee and beholding the direction of Thy bounties and gifts. Verily, Thou art my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds, my Goal and the Goal of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Then make my desire, O my God, to be extinguished in what Thou hast desired. Behold me, then, with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Exalted, the Supreme, the Help in Peril.

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For the Lord Seyyed Baqir

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Unapproachable

This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed in God, that it may detach him from all else save Him and draw him nigh unto his Lord, the Ancient of Days. He is among those who have quaffed the choice wine of immortality from the hand of My Most Glorious Name and who have attained His presence time and again, and who are among those who have achieved.

O servant! Call thou to mind the days wherein thou didst commune with the Youth and when the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, did shine upon thee, and thou wert among those who beheld. We beseech God to cause thee to ascend unto a station wherein thou shalt witness all

created things within the grasp of thy Lord's power, even as a handful of clay. Say: In the Name of God and by God! Take thou the chalice of immortality in My Most Glorious Name amidst the concourse of creation. Then give to drink again and again, and pass it round betwixt earth and heaven. Fear thou not the hosts of the infidels. Say: O concourse of deniers! Die ye in your wrath! The veil of heaven hath been rent asunder by the fingers of the power of the Lord of Lords, and your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful, hath come with manifest sovereignty. Whither flee ye on this Day and in whom do ye seek refuge? There is no protector for any soul and no refuge for anyone except God, Who proclaimeth in all things that on that Day the Kingdom shall be His, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Glorious.

Be thou God's wrath unto Mine enemies and His mercy unto My loved ones. Then speak forth My praise and glorification amongst My creation and My servants, and tarry not for less than a moment. Verily, those who have disbelieved, were God to bring them all the knowledge of what was and what shall be and what is hidden, or were the angels of the highest heaven to come unto them, they would never believe in Him, for God hath, by His might and power, deprived them of the spirit of faith. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Remind My loved ones who are before Me, whose faces have been illumined by the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Most High, the Most Great. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath detached himself from all else save Me and who hath stood firm in My love amidst My heedless servants. Convey from Us Our glorification unto thy son who hath been named Muhammad in the kingdom of names, and remind him from Us that he may be among those who rejoice. We beseech God to make him praiseworthy in his deeds, such that there may appear through him the manifestations of My deeds and the signs of My loving-kindness. Verily, He answereth him that calleth upon Him. Then the glory that hath shone forth from My countenance be upon him and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is an epistle from Us to him who hath believed in God, turned his face unto His countenance, and tasted in His love the cup of tribulations, until the heedless drove him out because he followed the command of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Hearken once again unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory calleth unto thee from the direction of the Throne, that the Call of God may so attract thee as to detach thee from all the worlds.

Know thou that thy letter which thou didst send to the One like unto Moses hath come before Us and been read in the presence of the Countenance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! Had he who was in Iraq heard from thee and not transgressed what We commanded him, he would surely have found himself in manifest glory. However, he cast away God's command and took what he was commanded by the basest of people. Then he shall find himself in abasement and grievous affliction.

But verily he is of those who turn with every voice, and this is from the weakness that hath seized him. God hath pardoned him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We perceive in the inmost secret the fragrance of My love, and We are beholding him. Thy Lord loveth not that the reward of one who hath turned towards Him be lost, even by a single step. Verily He is the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

Verily he is of those whom the taunts of the people did not prevent, in his first turning toward the Sacred House. Thus was the matter ordained in a guarded Tablet. Therefore it behooveth thee to write unto him that which will remind him. And what thou hast written regarding his affairs is better for him, should he accept it and not be prevented by what the tongues of the ignorant utter.

Say: Glory is in My shadow, and whoso emergeth therefrom is in abasement, even though he possesseth all the treasures of earth. Was Qarun glorified by what he possessed? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! It behooveth him to cry out in My Name and come forth with you and be detached from all he possesseth. By God, through this his glory shall become manifest, his station shall be exalted, and his position shall be elevated among all creatures.

We counsel Our loved ones not to speak that which would grieve his heart. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, and verily He is possessed of great bounty.

Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. We know the hardship and distress thou art in. God shall soon change it to ease. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a Book from Us to him who was named Muhammad-before-'Ali, that he may testify in his being to that which God did testify before the creation of all things that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Call from this Tree planted in the Paradise of Decree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Arise to serve thy Lord, then aid thy Lord, detached from all the worlds. Blessed art thou in that thou hast turned unto Him, attained His presence, hastened forth and heard that which most of the servants have not attained, and which no ears have heard except those who have turned with clear certitude toward the Dayspring of the Cause.

Give glad tidings of My remembrance unto the servants, then recount unto them what thou hast witnessed and known. Thus hast thou been commanded by the Most Exalted Pen which moveth by God's leave, the Lord of all names, upon the Tablet which God hath made the source of all tablets and the dawning-place of the books of the heavens and earth.

O Muhammad! Grieve not at anything. Place thy trust in the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Turn by thy Lord's command unto the lands, then remind the people of this wise Remembrance. We have known thy condition and are aware of thy hardship and what hath befallen thee in the path of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thankful that thy name hath been mentioned in the Tablet and the Tongue of the Spirit hath spoken of thee. By My life! This is indeed a great bounty. Despair not of His grace, for it hath encompassed all created things, nor of His mercy, for it hath preceded all contingent things.

Glorify the name of thy Lord, then immerse thyself in the ocean of My Name, the Help in Peril over the worlds. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath heard the call of thy Lord when the Tongue of Grandeur did speak verses that have no equal in all creation - thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify to this. Blessed be thy foot, for it arose when the verses descended from the kingdom of the mercy of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Say: O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for having honored me with Thy presence, for having turned toward me the gaze of Thy grace, and for having caused me to hear that which Thy tongue of revelation hath spoken. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Sufficient and I am the poor one. Write down for me that which befitteth Thy grace and bounty, then number me among Thy servants who have circled round Thy Cause and Thy Will, and who have arisen to serve Thee such that neither the clamor of the idolaters nor the whisperings of the evil ones deterred them. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the Invincible.

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He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is a letter from the servant to him who hath emigrated unto God and entered the Sacred Precincts of Paradise and was recorded among the triumphant in the Book, who attained the presence of the Countenance and upon whom shone the Sun of his Lord's utterance from the horizon of this heaven which was raised up in truth, and who won the meeting with the Beloved and heard His melodies - and this was a mighty bounty inscribed in the Tablet. O servant! Give thanks unto God thy Lord for having been granted that which most of the servants have not been granted. Thus did the mercy which was decreed in truth in the heaven of destiny take precedence over thee and encompass the worlds by the command of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Yet most people remain heedless of their Lord's mercy and are veiled by the veils of their own selves. Should anyone ask thee concerning this Youth, relate unto him what thou hast witnessed and known. Thus do We command thee in truth by One mighty and wise. Say: He was afflicted at the hands of those who openly denied God, and the Youth was at that time forsaken in their midst. Then mention from Our presence Our loved ones who have detached themselves from the earth and all that is therein and have turned with their hearts to a holy and luminous station. Say: O My loved ones! Grieve not over anything but place your trust in all matters in God, for verily He is your guardian. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He knoweth what hath befallen you and what shall befall you hereafter. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and knowledge of all things in a preserved tablet. Remember your Lord, the Most Merciful, and leave the worlds behind you. Thus it behooveth one who claimeth the love of God in these days wherein the Sun of grace hath dawned from

the horizon of a mighty name. Say: O people! Give thanks unto God for having caused you to know the Manifestation of His Self and preserved you from the depths of fancy and desire and protected you by the hands of the angels of protection and provided you with the fruits of a lofty and glorious Tree. Then convey Our greetings unto the handmaidens who have detached themselves from the left hand of polytheism and turned toward the right hand of an exalted name, that they may give thanks unto God their Lord by night and by day and rejoice with the joy that hath been mentioned in the Tablet. And upon thee and upon them be the Spirit from One mighty and beauteous. All praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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In remembrance of Abdullah, revealed for him. In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted. This is a book from the Prisoner to him who hath believed in God and loved the Manifestation of His Self and was numbered among the guided ones in the Tablets. Beware lest thou turn unto anything and cling to any matter. Turn thou in every moment unto the face of thy Lord - this is better for thee than all that is on earth. O servant! I am a servant who hath believed in God and His signs, and I remember you at all times that ye may take unto Him a path. Give thanks unto God for having been honored to attain His presence and for having heard His most exalted melodies in days when the lights of Beauty were, in very truth, witnessed from behind seventy thousand veils. Aid thy Lord through utterance and be not silent for less than a moment - thus doth He Who loved thee aforetime command thee, and God is, verily, witness to what I say. I have wished naught save what your Beloved hath wished, and I have desired naught save what He hath desired. Thus hath it been sent down in the Bayan from One mighty and powerful. I desire naught save your sincerity unto God and your detachment from all else but Him, and verily He watcheth over the doers of good. Cast the world behind thee and grieve not over it. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and He will send down unto thee what hath been ordained for thee in the heaven of His decree, and He encompasseth all things. Remember Him in thy days and forget not His grace. By God! Ye have witnessed what no one in creation hath witnessed, would ye but ponder it ye would testify thereto and find yourselves independent of all worlds. Drink thou the water of life in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Then detach thyself from all existence and be not sorrowful on earth. Rejoice thou in the joy of the spirit - if sorrow touch thee, sorrow not, and if joy reach thee, joy not, for both shall pass away and have no permanence. What endureth is that which thy Lord hath ordained. Strive thou that what hath been ordained in the Tablets may descend upon thee from a mighty and wondrous Pen. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and wafted unto thee the fragrances of thy Beloved from this breeze which hath blown over all worlds. And the Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and have detached themselves from every rejected idolater.

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O Mulla ’Abdu’l-’Ali of Dahaj!

In the Name of God, the Most Glorious! This is a Book sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing, that perchance through it the gate of paradise might be opened unto the hearts of all created things. O people! The Sun of Eternity hath dawned - do ye not behold? The Call of God hath been raised - do ye not hear? The clouds of grace have rained down - do ye not accept? Say: O people! Hear My words and deprive not yourselves of this bounty which hath encompassed all that was and shall be. O people! Behold Me with Mine own eyes - thus have ye been commanded in a preserved Tablet. Fear God, and forge not lies against Him, nor follow any rejected idolater. Bind not yourselves with the chains of vain hopes, but look instead to your ultimate end. Thus doth this imprisoned Youth counsel you.

O servant! Cleanse thy outward and inward being with the waters We have caused to flow from the clouds of thy Lord's mercy, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, lest there remain in thee any trace of the signs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And when thou findest thyself purified from the signs of the people of creation and established beneath the shade of the Lord of Names, arise to make mention of Him and praise Him amongst His servants, that they may detach themselves from what they possess and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. Beware lest anything prevent thee from teaching thy Lord's Cause. Aid it through remembrance and fear not the hosts of the oppressors. Say: O people! The Revealer of the Bayan hath come again, would ye but know it. The Most Exalted Pen hath appeared, would ye but perceive it. The Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised up, would ye but seek it. Say: The heavenly ascent hath ascended within itself seventy thousand years until it reached its goal and circleth round about it, would ye but understand. Say: Were ye to know, ye would weep for yourselves and lament. Hear My words, then rend asunder the veils through My power and sovereignty, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies.

And thou, O servant, if thou perceivest in thyself the power to rend the veils of the people, then do so; otherwise, remain in thy place, be patient, and shun the idolaters. God shall soon aid His Cause through the hosts of the unseen, and this is an irrevocable decree. And glory be upon thee and upon thy mother who hath believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of the one true God! This is a Day wherein the countenance of Justice hath smiled, inasmuch as His Majesty the Sultan - may God assist him - hath been established upon the throne of grace. We testify that in his days he desireth naught save the development of the countries and the betterment of the affairs of the servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect him from the evil of his enemies and to exalt him through His sovereignty amidst His creation. O Shams, thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid all to be trustworthy and religious, and to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy conduct. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering, and worthy to respond.

Thou didst make mention of Suleyman. It is quite clear and evident that this Wronged One hath loved and doth love to meet with the friends. However, the cause and reason for prevention hath been and is the

fire of jealousy of the opposers and deniers. Therefore in these days We have paused in giving permission for mention. Convey My greetings unto him, and let him remember God and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path, illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and honored me with Thy unity. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the detachment of Thy Beloved and the steadfastness of His family and companions in support of Thy Cause, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and to enable me to perform that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Wronged One! I love to remember Thee as we remembered Thee before. This Wronged One hath at all times sought for the friends that which changeth not and which no extinction can seize. We beseech God to protect His servants from the evil of self and passion and transgression and immorality, and to grant them success and aid in righteousness and piety. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to the friends. We beseech the Lord of existence to aid them to observe the fast and prayer in this blessed month. Let them not be lazy like some Babis and remain without deeds. The Son of Mary hath said that a servant without deeds is like a tree without fruit, and a tree without fruit is fit for the fire. Peace be upon thee, O Shams, and upon those with thee and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Mirza Haji Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God

In His Name, Who was sanctified from all names! This is the Day wherein the Call hath been raised from the prison of 'Akka, and hath given the glad-tidings unto all peoples of the presence of God, the Lord of Lords. Through this Call the gate of heaven was opened and that which was hidden from eyes was made manifest. This is the Day wherein the All-Bountiful came riding upon the clouds - to this beareth witness the Mother Book which speaketh before the faces of all peoples. The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Might belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Turn with thy pure heart to the Most Sublime Vision, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny speaketh that whereby the hearts of the righteous are attracted. Say: By God! The Self-Subsisting hath arisen with the Cause, and the Promised One hath come with power and sovereignty. Thy letter came before the Face and attained the glance of thy Lord's favor - render thanks unto Him at eventide and at dawn. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to aid thee in that which shall cause thy mention to endure in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thy letter hath attained unto Our hearing and We have answered thee with a Tablet through which the horizons have been illumined, and through this resplendent Light from the Will of God, the Lord of creation.

O thou who hast turned! The Call of the Lord of all things hath reached thee - hearken unto it. At all times hath this Wronged One stood and spoken before all faces. When the light of God's Cause dawned from the horizons of the world, the buzzing of flies arose from behind the veil, and they wrought that which caused the Tablet to lament and the Book to cry out. Regarding thy desire to attain the presence and meeting, approach from the direction of the Great City is not permitted, but if approached from another direction there is and hath been no objection. God willing, thou shalt ever gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast unto wisdom.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the nations have quivered, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of attaining Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy wife and those with thee, and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the darkness of the earth, after the turning away of souls, He was witnessed like the sun from the horizon of the spirit in the holy dawning-place of truth. Hear what the nightingale of eternity warbles and how it soars in this atmosphere, that the fire may be kindled in thy breast and draw thee to a station which was hidden from eyes and no one's hands could reach, and no soul hath ascended to its heaven. The people of Paradise were intoxicated by what they drank from the ocean of His Name, and He was renowned in the pavilion of glory through the spirit in the realm of oneness before the appearance of the letter ?a. At every moment He calleth from the throne of eternity unto the peoples of earth and heaven: "Believe in God, the Most High, and despair not of the spirit of eternity in the Most High of eternity, that ye may be mentioned in glory before Beauty in the holy Ridvan." Say: O people, fear God and be afraid of the Manifestations of His Self, and oppose not those in whom ye find not knowledge, for they were established in truth upon the throne of the unseen. Follow not those from whom ye detect the odor of hypocrisy and who were recorded on the tablet of the Command by the Pen of Wisdom as being among the people of discord. Say: O people, believe in God, then follow Him Who guideth you to the fire which was kindled from the heart, that ye may turn unto it and be enkindled from its blazing and circle round about it, that it may burn away the veils from you and make you to be raised up as salamanders of fire in the sphere of fire through love. This is what the Dove of Fire counseleth you from the wisdom of mysteries, lest ye be disturbed by the gloating of the wicked and rejoice in the joy which was sent down from the heaven of victory. Say: This is a servant of God Who calleth you to a path which was extended in the heaven of the heart. He asketh you no reward, for His reward was decreed by God. All who are in the heavens and earth profit Him not, even were all in the kingdoms of power to bow down before Him. Say: He is the One Who sacrificeth His spirit at every moment, and trials descend upon Him from all directions,

yet He standeth by Himself before His enemies like the sun fixed at the pole of heaven. And light be upon the detached ones who were inscribed in the Tablet.

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O Abu'l-Ma'ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing Witness. O Abu'l-Ma'ali! Spread wide the hem of thy seeking, for the Ocean of Inner Meanings desires to cast upon thee the pearls of knowledge and wisdom, that thou mayest display them before all faces and eyes, that perchance the people of creation may become aware of that which hath shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon and turn unto God, the Lord of Lords. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Euphrates of your Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful. Abandon all that exists in contingent being, turning unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thy letter was present and the servant who standeth before the Wronged One submitted it while He was walking in the most exalted place. We heard what thy tongue of sincerity uttered and answered thee with verses that illumined the horizons. We witnessed the turning of those who have turned to the Countenance and heard their yearning in this Cause whereby the idols were struck down - they who adorned their temples with the ornament of knowledge and pronounced judgment against the Dayspring of Revelation with an injustice whereat the clouds cried out. They hasten to the congregational mosques for My remembrance, yet when I manifested My Self they denied it. What aileth these people that they hear not the Word and understand not the Tradition nor the Book? They make mention of God with their tongues while denying Him by Whom the Trump was blown and the mountains were moved. Say: O heedless ones! Whether ye acknowledge or deny, verily He hath appeared with the truth and decreeth what He willeth through His sovereignty, despite you and those who dispute the verses. Blessed art thou for having turned, heard, and arisen to serve the Cause on a day wherein feet have slipped. We counsel thee in all circumstances with that whereby the Cause of the All-Merciful may be exalted. Arise with wisdom and utterance lest the clamor be raised of those who have turned away from God and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies. Rejoice in thy Lord's mention. We have sent down for thee and for those whose names thou didst mention Tablets that cry out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven. The door of grace hath been opened and God hath come riding upon the clouds. This is a day wherein smoke hath encompassed the inhabitants of earth save those who have cast away desire and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. They are among the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the horizon of knowledge shone with the luminary of thy Lord's mention, the Sovereign of all religions. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken the choice wine of understanding and drunk thereof with power and sovereignty.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance. O Ibrahim! From the eternal realm We sent a true sacrifice from the city of love, like a ball of fire, unto the wicked ones, that perchance through its most pure breath the greatest vista might be revealed and oppression be transformed into justice and

tyranny into equity. When manifest power and overwhelming might produced no effect, We sent another sacrifice to the arena of martyrdom. With perfect steadfastness he offered up his life - the most precious and valuable of all things in the world - at the feet of the peerless Friend. Again no effect was visible. Once more the divine will fixed upon another sacrifice, but like before it proved fruitless. And likewise another sacrifice removed the crown of life from his head and offered it at the feet of the Beloved of all possibility. Many were the sacrifices, their ranks and stations beyond enumeration - if ye would count God's blessings, ye cannot reckon them. The Islamic people mention the previous sacrifice in their pulpits and gatherings with utmost humility and reverence, even though he returned alive from the altar of the Friend. Yet the sacrifices of this most great Revelation, which had no likeness or parallel in the world, produced no effect in heedless hearts. The cause and reason for this heedlessness and ignorance were and are the Shi'ih divines, who have educated people in vain imaginings and idle fancies until at last they were deprived of the ocean of manifestation and the call of the Speaker on Sinai. O Ibrahim! Reflect upon that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of fairness. The mortal world was and is ephemeral - it came from nothingness and unto nothingness shall return. Strive that thou mayest find in this divine Day, through the outpourings of the true Bestower, that for which thou wast created. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor and cling to His luminous robe. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have spoken Thy praise and remembrance, who have arisen to serve Thy Cause and aided Thy religion through what Thou hast bestowed upon them through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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O Abraham, O Babi! Hearken to the call of the Most Exalted Pen which speaketh in the Persian tongue, after having spoken in the most eloquent language. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds Who hath enabled thee to recognize a Cause from which the divines, the jurists, the mystics, the learned, and the rulers remain veiled and deprived, save whom God willeth. O Abraham! Great is the Cause, and great is the Day, yet the people are heedless and barren. How many souls are occupied day and night with the mention of His appearance, beseeching and hoping to attain His presence. Yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the Dayspring of God's Will, some denied, others turned away, and a group hesitated - until the party that considered itself the most exalted of all parties and saw no peer or likeness for itself among religions issued the death warrant for God's chosen ones, nay for the Truth Itself, exalted be His glory. They committed that which transformed the joy of the denizens of the highest Paradise into grief, and the gladness of the most exalted Garden into lamentation and weeping. Fie upon them and upon what their hands have wrought! Strive thou and make a mighty effort that perchance thou mayest guide a soul and enable it to attain the Kawthar of His presence. We counsel thee to observe wisdom. God, glorified be His majesty, acteth with wisdom, as a grace from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed with the Tree and by the Sovereign of this Revelation Who proclaimeth before the face of the world "There is no God but Me, the Lord of all nations," to assist me to mention Thee and praise Thee, and to enable me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! This is a day wherein the cry of all things and the lamentation of the Concourse on High have been raised by reason of what hath befallen Thy loved ones and chosen ones. I beseech Thee by Thy pervading Will and Thy triumphant Purpose and Thy pre-existing Mercy to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy bounty, in the Tablet of Thy Command, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who have not been kept back by the world from turning unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O handmaiden of God, wife of Habibullah who has ascended to the Supreme Companion! In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous! O Land of Ta! By God, thou hast attained to that which most of the world's lands have not attained. God hath made thee the dawning-place of His signs and the manifestation of His names. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. The Truth hath ever gazed and continueth to gaze upon His friends and the leaves of the divine Lote-Tree. Grieve not over the world and its afflictions. There hath been ordained for thee and for My loved ones that which He hath ordained for His assured servants, both men and women. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have previously made mention of him who attained to faith and recognition, who was named Habibullah in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, all are mentioned and continue to be mentioned. Concerning him who ascended unto God there hath been revealed that which hath caused its fragrance to encompass the world. We beseech God once again to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence. He is verily the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. We make mention of thy daughter and beseech God to protect her and ordain for her that which He hath ordained for His handmaidens who circle round the Throne and have attained His presence. He is the Hearer, the Answerer. That which she sent hath come before Us and hath been accepted through the grace of God, the Mighty, the Wise. We make mention of thy other daughter and give her the glad-tidings of My favors which have preceded both the unseen and the visible. O My handmaiden! This Wronged One beareth witness to the turning, the devotion, the humility and the submissiveness of that deceased one in the days of God. No bounty can equal this testimony. It behooveth you to thank God for this supreme gift and this favor which hath encompassed all existence. We seal this Tablet with mention of him who was named Abdu'r-Rahim in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the Wise. O Abdu'r-Rahim! Arise to serve and guide the servants, as far as possible, to the shore of the Most Great Ocean. This is a blessed and mighty day, to whose greatness the divine Books have testified. Blessed are they who possess understanding. The people of God and all other peoples must turn to the horizon of Revelation and beseech from the Truth that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the advancement of existence. Verily He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty.

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O Name of Bounty, upon thee be the Glory of God!

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Helper

O Name of Bounty, upon thee be My Glory! We have heard thy mention and hearkened unto thy call. No glory or loftiness can compare with this station wherein thy mention is heard and an answer of grace is bestowed. Where are they who gave up their lives yearning to hear the words "Listen, then behold," and ascended with this longing? This is a station before which every station bows down and testifies to its exaltation. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the adorning of witnessing and hearkening, of circumambulation and meeting and reunion. Say:

O my God, my Lord, my Goal and my Beloved! I testify that by Thy Word Thou didst create me, and from the ocean of Thy bounty Thou didst give me to drink, and by the sun of Thy verses Thou didst illumine me, and with the ornament […] by Thy power to a station where I beheld Thy horizon […] O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy power, and the penetration of Thy Cause, and the manifestation of Thy authority, to assist me in rendering thanks and praise unto Thee. I testify, O my God, that Thou hast given me that which Thou hast denied most of Thy servants and creatures. I am he who, O my God, hath acknowledged and doth acknowledge the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy generosity and the expressions of Thy grace which have encompassed me from all directions in Thy days. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will make me mighty through Thy name and wealthy through Thy riches and powerful through Thy power in the latter and former days. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

O Javad! God willing, at all times thou shalt be speaking in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. The servant present offered thy letter before the Face and We found from it the fragrances of thy love and affection and thy turning and steadfastness. Know thou with certainty that His grace hath been and is with thee. Praise be to God! Thou didst move for God's sake and wert with Him and art with Him. In this world thou art honored by His grace and in the other worlds thou art adorned with the ornament of His majesty. Be thou assured by this most exalted Word at the end of the letter of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of Names. And We make mention of My name Mahdi, upon him be My Glory, in this station and We have ordained for him what he desired. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

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He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness and My favor which hath preceded existence itself, and My mercy which hath encompassed all that was and shall be. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee, nor what every ignorant and veiled one may utter. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to

thy turning unto Me, thy recognition, and thy presence before the Wronged One. Thou art he who heard the Call and responded to thy Lord, the Lord of Names, when the peoples turned away from Him save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will. We have heard the yearning of thy heart, the sighing of thy soul, and the lamentation of thy inner being, and such sorrow hath seized Us as none can reckon save the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing. We have ordained the laws for love and unity, for kindliness and concord, yet the people have made them the cause of hatred. This is naught but a grievous error. We have manifested Our Self and revealed that which draweth hearts unto the Most Sublime Horizon, the Station wherein the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have borne the tribulations of earth for the unity of all therein and the revelation of what God hath willed. Yet the people have cast the Command of God behind their backs, following every heedless and remote one. By My life! I have been saddened by thy sadness, and found Myself in such grief as would, were it to be apportioned amongst the peoples of the earth, cause them to wail as do the bereft. We have freed thee and purified thee and caused thee to know and speak forth this wondrous Cause. We guided thee at the beginning and were thy leader unto My Straight Path. This is a bounty that no thing in the kingdom can equal, as doth testify He with Whom is the Clear Book.

O My Name along with My Name! Nothing shall harm thee. Hold fast unto it and place thy trust in God, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee from this Cause at whose appearance all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save those who came unto God with a mighty, powerful and illumined heart. Thus hath surged the ocean of meanings, and the breezes of God have wafted, and the white ships have sailed thereon through My Name, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and earths. Guide thou the servants thereby, as a command from My presence. This beseemeth the days of God, the Single, the Peerless. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness and the light gleaming from the direction of My prison be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O My Name! O thou who gazest upon the Sun of My Manifestation! We made no mention in the Tablet of the people of M and A, therefore We make mention of them at this time, that it may be a treasure and honor for them with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily We have found from that land the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have made mention of him who was named ’Ali in that place, and after him certain numbered souls, and after them servants who turned and said “We believe in God, the Lord of the worlds.” If thou turnest and seest those who have attained unto the mention of God, give them glad tidings from Me and proclaim unto them greetings from the Wronged One, the Stranger. Verily We have mentioned My loved ones in the Crimson Tablet from My Pen - these from whom We found the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was rent and the stars fell and the foundations of every firm building were shaken. Soon shall wondrous fruits be witnessed from the trees of those lands. This is the decree of God, before and after. Well is it with them that understand.

O people of the land of M! This Wronged One, at this hour when the blessed sixth hour hath arrived - God willing may all be enabled to do that which befitteth the days of God. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! While time remaineth, strive to make up for what hath passed. Verily He is with you and will aid you in that which befitteth this blessed and wondrous Day. God willing may all the friends of God drink from the immortal chalice and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the blood that was shed in Thy path and by the hearts that were melted in Thy love, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Thou art verily powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all worlds. O Lord! Thou seest them among Thy heedless servants who have cast behind their backs Thy covenant and broken Thy pledge and disputed Thy mighty signs. I beseech Thee to send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! Draw them by Thy most sweet call in such wise that they may see the world behind them and the deniers beneath their feet. How wonderful is this attraction whereby the light shone forth and there appeared that whereof the Book spoke: “All things are perishing save the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.”

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He Who is the Most Holy

O man! Hear the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from the direction of the Ridvan at this time when all have disbelieved and associated partners with God, save those whom God hath made as a beauty mark upon the countenance of those near unto Him and made them the essence of existence in both the unseen and visible worlds. Blessed be God, Who hath raised up these ones through His sovereign might and power. By God! The scratching of thy pen when inscribing the words of God is better than the worship of both humanity and the jinn, if thou remainest steadfast as thou wert. Take care not to wonder at this bounty. By God! This is but little compared to My bounty. Were the eye of time able, We would show it a sign from the signs of My bounty that it might witness it encompassing all the worlds. But existence cannot bear that the Beloved should appear in the glory of His own Self, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: When We removed the veil from the face of the Cause, fewer than can be counted remained steadfast. Whereupon all who dwell in the heavens and earth were terrified. O Haydar! Be as a lion of the Cause in all lands, that through thee the hearts of the polytheists and the hearts of the deceivers may be shaken. Fie upon the people of the Bayan, for they have exchanged the bounty of God and sold the Lord of Lords for a handful of dust, without any proof or scripture. Thus did their evil souls entice them to object to God, the Single One, the Mighty, the Praised. Behold their words and what floweth from their pens. By God! It testifieth against their own selves, yet the people remain heedless. Say: Praise be to God Who hath delivered me from the wrongdoing people and taken my hand with the hands of His power and brought me forth from among the company of the polytheists and purified my heart with the waters of His loving-kindness and sanctified me from the defilement of these deniers who claim faith while disbelieving in Him through Whose finger’s motion all religions were abrogated and the laws of mighty glory were renewed. Say: O company of polytheists! By God! Through the scratching of this Pen were created the realities of eternity. Die, therefore, in your

wrath, O company of the proud! Read thou this Tablet, then preserve it. By My Self! When it is recited, the denizens of Paradise turn toward thee to hear it. Thus have We commanded thee in truth that thou mayest be among those who act. And the spirit and glory be upon thee and upon thy pen, from which were inscribed the traces of thy Lord, the Chosen One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the Compelling, the All-Subduing, the Generous, the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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In the name of the Persian Speaker!

O Bahram! The Day of Witnessing hath arrived. The sun decareth: “The All-Bountiful hath come!” And the heavens proclaim: “The All-Merciful hath come!” Today the light of the Sun of Truth hath encompassed the whole world. For the seas there is a new voice, for the books of knowledge a new name, for the mountains a new splendor, and for those who circle the point of adoration a new vesture and appearance. Blessed are those souls who, in this Day of Victory, have heard the call of the heavenly Friend and with pure and sanctified eyes set their faces towards His horizon.

The names mentioned in thy letter have each been illumined with the light of the utterance of the Desire of the world and remembered in His most holy court.

Say: O Providence! O Most Kind! O King! O Succorer! Praise and laudation, gratitude and glory beseem Thee, for Thou hast deposited the treasure of recognition within the heart of man and raised up a precious existence from water and clay. Thou art the All-Powerful, Whom the power and might of men have failed to weaken, Whom the hosts of heedlessness and the armies of pride and affluence are powerless to deter from His purpose. When the darts of hate and rancor flew from all directions, Thou didst stand with perfect steadfastness and speak that which it beseemed Thee to say. The cruelty of Pharaoh did not prevent Thee from uttering Thy words, and the wrath of tyrants impeded not the execution of Thine all-pervasive will.

O Providence! Guide the high priests and assist them with the hosts of understanding and divine knowledge. Perchance they will guide Thy servants to the straight Path and deliver unto them the glad-tidings of the Great Announcement.

O Munificent One! Thy light is shining, Thy command compelling, and Thy wisdom pervading. Deprive not Thy loved ones of the ocean of Thy bounty, and write down and ordain for each one of them with the Pen of Thy loving-kindness that which is worthy of Thy grace in this Day. Thou art the Powerful. Thou art the Knowing, the Seeing.

O Providence! Enlighten the minds of the high priests that through their enlightenment they may awaken those who are fast asleep and guide them that have gone astray to the straight Path, until all become gathered beneath the shadow of the canopy of majesty and the tree of mercy, hearken unto that for which the faculty of hearing was called into being, and behold that for which the sense of vision was created. This Cause is Thy Cause. May all souls be offered up as a sacrifice to Thee.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the gates of utterance have smiled! O Zain, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! My Branch! Zia presented the letter that was sent before the face of the Wronged One, and it attained the honor of being heard. Blessed is he who sent and wrote it. The Tongue of Grace at the beginning of its utterance spoke these words: "O Zain! We have taken the word 'Juzani' and put 'Ha'i' in its place." This is the great glad-tidings and the supreme bounty. Give him My glad-tidings and remind him of My verses. We have indeed revealed for him a Tablet from whose horizon has shone the sun of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Their deeds have been accepted, praise be to God. They did not oppose anyone, and whatever befell them they bore with patience and left it to God. These are they who possess constancy in the Book of thy Lord, the Chosen One. Blessed are they who command in the land of love, and blessed are My friends therein. Whatever befell them, they did not protest and remained focused on the Luminary of God's Cause which has dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book. O Zain! They interceded for their enemies. Nevertheless, the wicked ones in Iran have not ceased their oppression. Their necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy. We beseech God to aid them to conduct that is pleasing and acceptable. Glory be to God! They witness outwardly the love, kindness and tenderness of God's friends, yet they have not awakened nor intended to return. Verily God is the Forgiver, the Generous. Surely by now the friends in the land of Nun and Jim have acted according to that which has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of consultation. However, in all cases they must pray and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine His Majesty the Sultan with the light of justice and fairness, that he may judge among the servants with pure justice. In times when the fire of hatred is inflamed, they should send their petition to His Majesty the Sultan so that he may be informed of what has befallen them. It is not permissible to seek recourse to various governments. They should seek justice from the Sultan. Verily He heareth and answereth, and He is the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer. That which the opposers now consider to be the cause of humiliation for God's friends is the very essence of glory. Soon this shall become manifest and shall be witnessed by the unitarians who have heard the call and said: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!"

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O Muhammad-Sadiq, son of Muhammad who circumambulates the Throne! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Sadiq! Hearken unto the Call. Verily it guideth thee and draweth thee nigh and causeth thee to hear that which hath been raised from this Most Exalted Station which hath been named by all names. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. We have mentioned thee before with that which caused the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness to surge, and We mention thee at this time that He may cause thee to soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, through Whom the Balance hath been established and all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!" Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath been named Muhammad in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily he hath taken for himself a station beneath the canopies of the grandeur of his Lord, as attesteth the

Perspicuous Book which is with Him. He hath mentioned thee time and again, and We have sent down for thee that which hath caused the breezes of utterance to waft over all creation. Blessed be they that attain, and woe unto the heedless! We make mention of thy brother who hath been named Abu'l-Hasan, and We remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast partaken of the choice wine of My utterance and that which hath flowed from My Pen, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned me with the ornament of certitude in Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones and the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Daysprings of Thine inspiration, to ordain for me that which will draw me unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." And We make mention of him who hath been named Haydar from the direction of My Most Luminous Horizon, that he may draw nigh unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having mentioned thee with verses from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of loving-kindness and bounty throughout the enduring Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Great. When the wine of My utterance hath taken hold of thee, say: "My God, my God! Assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, then make me detached from my will, clinging unto Thy Will. I testify that Thou didst create me for Thy knowledge in Thy days and didst assist me therein through Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee to open before my face the doors of Thy grace, Thy mercy and Thy giving. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

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O 'Abdu's-Samad, upon him be the glory of God, the Single, the One

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of utterance

O Samad! We beseech God that He may aid thee to be enkindled with the fire of the blessed Tree, with such enkindlement as shall generate heat throughout the world of being. Today the pavilion of glory hath been raised up, and the canopies of grandeur have been pitched in the most exalted station, and the banner "Verily He is God" is manifest and resplendent before all faces, and the standard "The Kingdom is God's" is visible in the prison. Turn thou to God and speak for His sake, that perchance they that slumber in the wilderness of heedlessness may awaken and be adorned with the ornament of awareness. Say: O friends! Know ye the value of the Day of God and arise to make good what hath escaped you. Today the Mount is in communion with Him Who conversed with it, and the Tree beyond which there is no passing is ablaze in the luminous spot. The people of God must occupy themselves with wisdom and utterance in exalting the Word, that perchance they may become possessed of deeds whose fragrance shall endure and persist. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty. Say: It behooveth you to hold fast unto that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the doubts of the divines, or the suggestions of the jurisprudents, or the denial of the people of the Bayan who have disbelieved in your Lord, the All-Merciful, when He came with manifest sovereignty, hold you

back. We beseech God to aid you to purify the world from rancor and hatred. Verily He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O Samad! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me and caused me to know Thee and brought me before the gate of Thy grandeur and made me hear Thy sweetest call and showed me Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and from Whose might the limbs of all who are in earth and heaven do tremble, by the lights of Thy countenance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall cause me to speak Thy praise and turn toward Thy face and be attracted to Thy horizon and arise to serve Thy Cause. My God, my God! Withhold me not from the fragrances of Thy days, and disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Goal of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy servants to return to the horizon of Thy grace, then enable them, O my God, to do that which beseemeth them in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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O Afnan, his honor Haji Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! He is the One Who rules over all names. This day is the Day of God, and praise and glorification belong to the Afnan and the loved ones, for they have girded up their loins with determination and have arisen to serve - an arising that knows no lassitude nor sitting. O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court. The sweet fragrances of love were wafted from it and diffused. Praise be to God Who confirmed thee, brought thee into His presence, caused thee to hear His sweetest call, and showed thee His Most Glorious Horizon. The days of thy presence in the court of the wronged ones are remembered. This remembrance shall never be erased from the divine Book and the ledger of the world. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained and loved thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Convey to the loved ones of that land the greetings of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid all to that which causeth the exaltation of the Word of God. Blessed is the soul that striveth to unite the hearts and minds of the loved ones. Verily, he is among those who are nigh unto God in His mighty and praiseworthy Book. Praise be to God that oppression and wickedness have been transformed into righteousness and piety, and weapons into reform. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy Afnan and Thy loved ones in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures, who were so overcome with pride that they denied the parties of the world. But when the test came, they denied Thy right, disbelieved in Thy signs, broke Thy covenant and Thy testament, and disputed Thy proof. O Lord! Make known to them Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O My Afnan, O Mahmud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Loving. The abominable Shi'ih party hath committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed. They martyred the Lord of existence while occupying themselves with cursing and reviling from their pulpits. We beseech God to seize them with His might or aid them to return unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Wise. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. The Tablets that were requested have been sent.

We hope that they may drink from the Kawthar of the merciful utterances that which leadeth to everlasting steadfastness and eternal remembrance. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that know.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God did testify before the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified from peers and similitudes, and exalted above all that hath been said or shall be said. He hath been and is One, Single, Unique, Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. The tongues of all created things have testified to His oneness and singleness, and every thing hath voiced His praise and glorification. By Him Who sent Him and caused Him to be made manifest with the truth - verily He is the Lamp of Guidance among mankind, the Sign of the Ancient of Days amidst the nations, the Dawning-Place of His most beautiful names and the Dayspring of His most exalted attributes, He Who was named Muhammad in the kingdom of creation. God made Him the source of His revelation, the repository of His knowledge, and the manifestation of His laws. Through Him was the Cause of the All-Merciful revealed throughout all possibility, and the Dove of the Command warbled upon the branches. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Wronged One sendeth prayers upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom the Sun of Knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the world and the Ocean of Generosity surged amongst the peoples. These are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command. Through them was made manifest the path of God among His creatures and His Word was exalted among His servants. Blessed is he who hath clung to them and attained their presence. Upon them be the prayers of God, His mercy, His remembrance and His praise.

And now, We send Our greetings to the friends of God who have drunk from the pure Salsabil of love and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We counsel all to trustworthiness, religion, and chastity. O friends! Whosoever is adorned with these attributes is reckoned among God's servants and his name is mentioned in the Concourse on High. But whosoever is deprived thereof is not counted among the people of truth. Strive that perchance ye may be adorned with such virtues and qualities as shall be the cause of eternal salvation. Harm not the fruits of the Tree of Trustworthiness with the stones of treachery, nor scatter its branches with the instruments of tyranny and oppression. The ornament of man hath ever been and shall continue to be truthfulness and sincerity. O friends! Let not the ornaments of two fleeting days, which all testify shall perish, deprive you of the everlasting bounty and the heavenly food sent down from on high. Fix your gaze upon God, place your trust in Him, and ask of Him whatsoever is befitting. It behooveth you to commit all affairs unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Reflect upon former centuries - where are the proud and vainglorious, and where are the workers of iniquity? These are their treasures and their palaces, their strongholds and their thrones in ages past. Ponder what befell them and take heed. This Wronged One beseecheth God that He may aid all to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him.

We send greetings to Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim. Praise be to God, he hath drunk from the cup of recognition and gazeth toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Under all conditions, hold fast to those things which shall conduce to the refinement of heedless souls and the liberation of the people. Jinab-i-Mustafa hath indeed labored arduously in transporting the trees. His reward is with God. We send greetings to Jinab-i-'Akkash and give him glad tidings of Our remembrance of him, for he is ever remembered. Similarly do We remember and mention all other friends. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. There is none other God but Him, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be My peace. Give thanks to the Goal of all existence Who hath bestowed upon thee from the treasury of names a son whose worthiness hath been and is attested by the people of excellence. We beseech God to assist thee and thy family and those with thee, and to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for health, well-being, glory and elevation for the gentlemen. God willing, may all attain to that which is the cause of an enduring mention and an everlasting name. In the nights I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, and in the days I implore the wonders of His bounty for His loved ones, and I ask Him to open before their faces the gates of His grace and bestowal. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and He is the Answerer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And furthermore, whatsoever that beloved of the heart hath mentioned hath been and is being carried out. God willing, may all affairs be adorned with righteousness, inasmuch as at all times the purpose hath been and is none other than to act according to the divine laws and religion. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for enabling grace that in these few days He may cause His servants to attain unto eternal outpourings. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

Previously rice was requested, that his honor the esteemed Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, should send. He sent two containers. Although according to his own statement it was old, yet its cooking is very good. If possible, let him send from that same kind or another kind.

From Iran they had written an account of the manifestation of justice and the attention of His Majesty the King, may God exalt him. This evanescent one testifies that if the divines of Iran would permit it, His Majesty the King would rule with justice and fairness and would treat the various religions in one way. Although the opinion is the King's opinion, the divines have not been and are not capable of anything. It is hoped that his blessed heart may become kind toward the well-wishers of government and nation, and that he may rule with justice, fairness and mercy. And we ask God to protect him with His hosts and to aid him in that whereby his mention shall endure in the Supreme Concourse and the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Rahmatullah, ’Inayatullah, permission was granted. Let them proceed. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants.

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O Siyyid Javad! In the name of the One Beloved! Praise be to God, through the grace of the All-Merciful, the Ship of the Bayan is sailing and coursing upon the ocean of divine knowledge. The movement and journey of that sacred Ship hath not been and is not dependent upon the blowing of winds, but rather hath been and shall ever be through the blessing of the Most Great Name, which hath encompassed the world. Blessed are they who behold! Blessed are they who know! This divine Ship cannot be submerged by the seas nor harmed by stones. It shineth between earth and heaven with a radiance more brilliant than the sun. In these days, in one of the wondrous Tablets, this blessed word hath dawned from the Dayspring of the Will of the King of Oneness - the water of life hath flowed from the Pen that revealeth the verses, and from its murmuring this word is heard: “Whoso desireth to know the truth must see it with his own eyes, not through the eyes of others.” I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings - should a soul meditate purely for the sake of God upon this blessed word, and likewise upon the verses, proofs and divine power manifested after the establishment of the Most Great Name upon the throne of eternity, his heart would melt and his spirit would swoon, and after recovering consciousness he would turn his face toward the Manifestation and say: “I have turned away from all else but Thee and have turned unto Thee, O Sovereign of the worlds!” However, the malicious ones have clouded the pure chalice of divine knowledge with the clay of idle fancies, and with the wings of passion they soar and move in the atmosphere of selfish desires. God shall soon clip their wings - a promise from His presence. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Their example is like those who cast the Most Great Ocean behind their backs and took the fetid pool as their drinking place. Know ye that they are among the perplexed ones. God willing, through divine grace and favor thou shalt shine forth like the morning star from the horizon of the heaven of certitude, and arise outwardly and inwardly to promote the Cause of God, that perchance ye may quicken dead souls through the fragrance of the merciful Robe and cause them to return to their divine original homeland. God forgiveth what is past. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Would that thou hadst been with Us and known the essence of the Cause and its Source, and that which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Afnan, Mirza Abu’l-Qasim, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! In the name of the Compassionate, the Merciful! Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is heard, in the highest degree, this most exalted Word: “Look not upon the creatures and their clamor, but rather to the Truth and His sovereignty.” The Most Exalted Pen declares: “Soon shall pass away all that thou dost witness and

behold, and God shall spread another carpet." God willing, may that soul be enkindled by the fire of the Lote-Tree - an enkindlement through whose effect the warmth of the love of God may be generated in the heart of the world and may he be illumined with the light of the Cause in such wise that its traces become manifest and evident in all directions. These days are adorned and blessed with the ornament of divine relationship and are known in the heavenly Books and Scriptures as the Day of God - no centuries or ages can equal a single moment of this blessed Day. Praise be to God, the special favor of God - exalted be His glory - hath been vouchsafed and that soul is numbered among the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon and act in such manner that thy fragrance may never be cut off, by virtue of the continuance of God's most excellent names and most exalted attributes. All matters and all things return to extinction. That which is everlasting and enduring has been and shall ever be the Word of God. No traces and no names have remained nor shall remain. Whoso is blessed today with the blessed word of divine good-pleasure from the presence of God hath attained unto all good, and this word is like unto a treasure in the keeping of a true trustee - the hands of thieves and traitors cannot reach it. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of utterance, as a bounty unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: O my God, and my Master, and my Hope! I beseech Thee by Thy rising up to promote the Cause, and by Thy being seated upon the throne of divine exposition, and by what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the Pharaohs of the earth and the tyrants of the lands, to aid me in that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! I have turned with my whole being to the horizon of Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and service to Thy Cause in such wise that the vain imaginings of Thy servants may not hinder me. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

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O Ali-Akbar, son of Ali, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks the Truth!

Today the Mother Book calls out before the faces of all parties and gives glad-tidings to the people of the world through the grace of the Most Great Name. The Kawthar of utterance flows at all times from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and the Salsabil of divine knowledge courses through the will of the Desired One of all worlds. Blessed is the soul whom the veils and doubts of the objectors and transgressors did not prevent or deprive from turning to the Manifest Truth.

O Ali before Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Give thanks to thy Lord, for He hath aided thee and caused thee to know Him, and hath ordained for thee in the Book of Names that which hath brought joy to the eyes of those who have attained to the recognition of the Beginning and the End. The fire of greed and avarice hath consumed the oppressors and prevented them from the station of holy nearness. But God will seize the wrongdoers with His wrath and will punish them with an unquenchable fire and a torment without end. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

We make mention at this time of the handmaiden who hath ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We have ordained for her from Our Most Exalted Pen that which bringeth joy to all eyes, and have sent down for her that which attracteth the hearts of the righteous. Through My remembrance the gates of grace and bounty were opened before her face. To this beareth witness the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

A blessed Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings, specifically for the friends. Obtain a copy thereof and send it forth, that the fragrances of revelation may attract them and draw them nigh unto God, the Goal of the mystics.

The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon the Alif and Ha, whom the affairs of the world did not prevent from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Name. He heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, attaining that which was inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen in the Crimson Tablet. And upon thee, and upon those related to thee by God, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every faithful and trusted one.

Permission for attainment of presence hath been delayed these days due to consummate wisdom and that which is with God. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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O Mirza Mahdi of Medina! He is the Ever-Living in the Most Glorious Horizon! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him and that this Youth is His splendor unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then bear witness that were He to desire to make any one of all names the manifestations of His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes, from all that hath been created in the kingdom of names and attributes, and bestow upon him the sovereignty of the heavens and earth, He would verily be powerful to do so without diminishing aught from His dominion. Glorified be God, thy Creator and the Creator of all created things! Say: O people! Have ye not heard that He is living in the Most Glorious Horizon, and from this Horizon He calleth out: “O people of the Bayan! Do ye deny Him Who hath come to you from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful with the Bayan, and Who guideth you to the Paradise whose leaves have flourished through the Most Great, the All-Wise Remembrance?” Say: O people! He, verily, hath power over all things. He giveth and taketh away. Nothing whatsoever can withhold Him from that which hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Know thou then that a tablet from thee hath appeared before the Throne wherein thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Blessed art thou for that which the Spirit cast into thy breast and caused thee to speak in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Beware lest thou grieve over anything. Be patient, then show forth patience, and verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions, and He is nigh unto them that are nigh. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Tablets were sent. The sooner they arrive the better it would be. And the Tablets that were revealed in response to people’s objections - make copies of them quickly so that Salman is not delayed, and

afterward send them to whomever they deem advisable. Not a moment's delay or neglect in assisting the divine Cause is permissible. Whatever hath appeared until now is witnessed by God. Be not grieved over worldly affairs and what transpireth therein. God willing, the hand of divine power shall set things aright. The situation here hath become very disturbed - what shall yet appear remains to be seen. You will be informed of the details of these matters after the arrival of the emigrants. Convey greetings from God to all the loved ones.

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He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous! The Wronged One desires to make mention of him who drank the choice wine of divine proof when he was barred therefrom by those who disbelieved in the All-Merciful, and who turned to the surging ocean of utterance when all in creation turned away from it, and who responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven on a day wherein ears were prevented from hearkening and tongues were stilled from remembrance and praise. O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! I bear witness that thou wert with the Wronged One in Iraq until the time of separation drew nigh, and thou didst migrate with the Ancient Beauty, directing thy steps toward the Land of Mystery by reason of what the hands of the people of discord had wrought on the day of parting, and thence to the Most Great Prison which We have named, in the Scriptures and Tablets, with Our most comely names. Through My remembrance of thee the ocean of forgiveness surgeth, and through My call the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is diffused. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto the testimony of My Most Exalted Pen in the Most Glorious Horizon. Thou art he who hast attained unto that which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Thou didst forsake that which was with the people, clinging fast to the Self-Subsisting One through Whom the hidden Secret was unveiled and the seal of the choice sealed Wine was broken. My Pen and My Tongue have borne witness unto thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure so long as the kingdom of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Possessor of the next world and of this, shall endure. Thy death was naught but a translation from the earthly abode to the divine dwelling, from the lowest station to the Most Exalted Companion. Thou art he who didst drink the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the earliest days and who didst circle round the Cause until thy days were ended. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who maketh mention of thee through that which hath been sent down at this time from the Mighty Announcement whereby the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder and the earth was rent and the mountains were crushed - a command from God, the Lord of all men. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations, for having fulfilled Thy promise and purified, through the rain-showers of Thy mercy, him who ascended unto Thee and held fast unto Thy cord and was attracted by Thy verses and dwelt in Thy presence. O my Lord! Send down upon him, at all times, the signs of Thy mercy and the heavenly table of Thy grace. Thou, verily, art powerful to do what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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O son of Fat?-i-A'?am of the land of Alif! In the name of Him Whom all worship yet do not know. O son! Hearken unto the call of this Bird that warbleth upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity and summoneth the people unto God, the Sovereign, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. He aideth them at all times in the Cause of God and assisteth them through His grace from His presence. Verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, that verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon. Be not of the patient ones. Stand thou firm in the Cause with such steadfastness as would stupefy all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. Be thou so enkindled with the love of thy Lord that should anyone encounter thee, the warmth of thy love would influence him. Thus doth this Mourning One counsel thee, if thou be of them that hearken. Detach thyself from all else but God, thy Lord, then turn thy face unto Him with a countenance pure, sanctified and luminous. Then follow thy father in whatsoever he commandeth thee, for verily he hath, in the sight of thy Lord, a station that is truly great. Let him stand firm in the Cause of God and be not influenced by the hints of the sinful ones. We beseech God to assist him in His Cause, to enable him to voice His praise, to detach him from the world, and to give him to drink from the Kawthar of life in this Paradise which God hath manifested at the center of heaven, whose trees have been adorned with leaves whereon hath been inscribed by the Finger of God, the Sovereign, the Guardian, the Most Exalted, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful: "By God! He Who hath appeared with His Most Great Name is verily the Beauty of the All-Merciful between the heavens and earth. Around Him circle the denizens of Paradise, then the realities of creation and all that hath been. Yet the people have turned away from Him and become veiled by a name from among the names that were created by His irrevocable and wise command." Thus have We remembered thee at this time which, by God, causeth sighs of grief to issue forth from the Breath of the All-Merciful, and tears to flow from His eyes, and He lamenteth within Himself and crieth out in His secret heart saying: "Is there any helper who will help this wronged, single and lonely One?" The Spirit that hath appeared from the holy horizon be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

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O Baqir! Hearken to the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen from the direction of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, that My melodies may attract thee, and cause thee to soar in the atmosphere of My nearness, and make thee drink of the Kawthar of My praise, and taste the wonders of My bounties through My mercy and loving-kindness, and purify thee from the defilement of Mine enemies, and grant thee the blessing of meeting Me, and honor thee with My presence, and cause thine eyes to be solaced by gazing upon My Beauty, and make the breezes of My Cause stir thee, and move thee through the gentle winds of My companionship. Whereupon, detach thyself from all else but Me, then ascend on My wings to My heaven that thou mayest witness My might and power, and behold My dominion and sovereignty, and journey through the realms of My power, and traverse the fields of My glory and splendor. By God! When thou hearest what hath flowed from My Pen, thou shalt become an intimate of the manifestations of My glory and draw nigh unto the dwellers of My holy cities, and become apprised of that which is concealed from the eyes of My creation and the sight of My creatures. Then thou shalt find My Book in the hands of previous Manifestations, and find it speaking of My remembrance, heralding My

presence, calling out My Name, turning toward the direction of My throne, drawn to the sweet melodies of My voice, and soaring in the paradise of My nearness and reunion. O servant! Shatter the idols of the deluded ones among My servants through My power and might, and fear not the tyrannous ones among My creation. Then rend asunder the veils of the souls of My servants, then turn at all times toward the direction of My good-pleasure, then take the water of life by My leave, then drink in My Name between My earth and My heaven, then pass it around with fingers of detachment in the gathering of My loved ones, then draw them through the wonders of My remembrance and move them through the breezes of My love and praise, that they may detach themselves from all else save Me and turn toward My face and draw near to the seat of My throne and the pavilion of My grandeur and the dawning-place of the lights of My beauty. Thus doth My tongue command thee and My Pen move to make mention of thee on this night wherein sorrows have overtaken Me from the manifestations of Satan in such wise as cannot be described in words. Mine eyes have wept, My heart is troubled, My liver is inflamed, and My shirt is reddened with My blood, yet My creation perceive not, nor do they understand. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them who have detached themselves from the world and all that is therein and have taken shelter beneath the shade of the Tree of My Name, the Most High, the Most Great.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O Letter of Ba! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth thee at a time when the dogs of the earth from every direction have gathered against Him with claws of strange hatred, while He hath placed His trust in God, His Lord, at all times, and hath feared no one nor will He ever fear any soul, even should all who are in the heavens and on earth deny Him. For this world and whatsoever is therein are in His sight no more than a handful of light dust. Say: Verily in this exodus are signs for those who remember, and in this movement are evidences for those who perceive. Say: Therein lieth concealed the wisdom of God, if ye be of them that comprehend. And it shall be made manifest in truth, despite the arrogant ones. Thus do We impart unto thee of the verses of the Spirit that thou mayest be of the guided ones, and stand firm in the Cause and be of them that are steadfast, and find tranquility within thyself such that the hosts of the evil ones shall not cause thee to slip. Beware lest thou forget this counsel from this trusted, all-knowing One. Soon shall Baal roar and the Samiri call out from every nearby place. But ye shall abide beneath the shade of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Verily He will assist His loved ones with hosts ye cannot see, and this is easy for God to accomplish. And thou, O Baqir, grieve not for what hath befallen Us, and be not of them who are distressed in tribulation nor of them who are content therewith. Be thou content with what God hath ordained for Us, then be patient in the Cause of thy Lord and be of the patient ones. Beware lest thou be dismayed in this greatest dismay wherein the minds of the mystics are bewildered. God shall soon transform thy distress into tranquility and thy sorrow into joy. Verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Say: O people! Hearken unto My call and differ not in God's Cause, and turn not unto them in whose breasts ye find rancor against God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Bountiful, and from whom the odors of discord are diffused though their tongues may speak with mighty and impregnable words. By God! These are more harmful than all poisons. Fear ye God and draw not nigh unto them, and be not of them that approach them. Thus have We counseled thee in this Tablet with that

which shall suffice thee above all else, if thou be of them that act. And the Spirit and glory rest upon thee and upon the detached servants.

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O Mulla Husayn! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in this place for having summoned the people unto God, the Lord of all worlds. It behooveth thee today to arise amidst the servants with a strength from Us and a power from Our presence, and to point unto them with thy finger and give them the glad-tidings of the Manifestation of God and His sovereignty, whereby the horizon of the world hath been illumined and the earth hath shone with the light of His resplendent countenance. Beware lest the censure of any censurer or the denial of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, deter thee in the path of God. Take thou the choice wine of steadfastness in the name of the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness, then drink thereof once in My Most Glorious Name and again in My Most Generous Name.

In the Persian tongue do We speak, that all may comprehend the utterance of the Beloved of all possibility and partake of His bounty. Today it is incumbent upon all the friends of God and those who have quaffed the choice wine of merciful bounty to endeavor to the extent possible to teach the Cause, for this is regarded as the most great of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. If one should quicken a single soul with the sprinklings of the water of life, it is as though he had quickened all mankind. Thus hath it been aforetime decreed: “Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind.”

O Husayn! This is the Day of utterance and the Day of the mention and praise of the All-Merciful Lord. For any land that possesseth even less than a mustard seed of germinating power, these divine words are like the outpouring rain. Thus doth the morn of inner meanings breathe forth, that it may give glad-tidings unto all creation of that wherewith the Revealer of the Bayan hath given glad-tidings. Thy Lord is, verily, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Thou must adorn the people of Mamaqan in this divine springtime with a new raiment. Take hold of the hem of teaching, turning aside from those who have denied the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Today the manifestations of the whisperer are occupied with the promptings of self, and through a hundred thousand wiles they prevent the hapless people who have no knowledge of the Ocean of divine wisdom and the Sun of insight from attaining unto the truth. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, then guide the people unto God and His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Khalil! Thou wilt never know what befell the Friend of the All-Merciful from the manifestations of Satan. Say: Verily Nimrod and Pharaoh have again rebelled against God, and this hath been decreed in the

preserved tablets of glory. Say: By God! Nimrod acknowledged God when he witnessed the Beauty of God and His power, but the Nimrod of today hath not acknowledged and will never acknowledge, if ye be of those who know. Even if God should bring a company of angels, or the treasures of the heavens and earth, or a manifest sovereignty, or knowledge of what was and what shall be - by God, they will never believe, ever. This is a revelation from God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. If thou shouldst know what befell the Friend, thou wouldst detach thyself from thine own self and from all who are in the heavens and earth and from all upon which the name of a thing can fall. This indeed is a known truth. But We have veiled the matter in preserved tablets of glory, lest the cry of all things be raised between earth and heaven, and the hearts of those who dwell in the pavilions of grandeur be disturbed, and those who are nigh fall prostrate upon the limited dust. O Khalil! The Beloved speaketh with beloved melodies of sorrow: Soon shall ye bite your fingers in remorse when ye find not the Youth, though ye search throughout the heavens and earth. Thus do We inform you that ye may be of those who are aware. By God the Truth! The eye of creation hath never witnessed its like, nor shall it witness hereafter, and to this do honored servants testify. This Tablet was revealed at a time when the Shirt of God was reddened with blood because one cast upon all created things a letter of the vision he witnessed within himself - He, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Preserve thou this Tablet and recite it morning and evening, and in all years and months, that perchance the people of the holy places may arise from the couch of heedlessness and become certain of their Lord's verses. Then remind, from Our presence, those loved ones whom nothing in the heavens or earth can cause to turn aside except what issueth from the mouth of the Spirit in these days wherein most faces are turned away.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O guest of God! Where is the Host and where is His companion? Know thou that He is in the hands of enemies who plot against Him morning and evening. Woe unto him who would shut the door which hath been opened before the face of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Take heed, O ye who are endowed with discernment! How many houses have We left to the spider, and how many kings have We brought down from their palaces to their graves! Take heed, O ye who are possessed of understanding! Will any upon earth remain as they were? Nay, by my Lord, the Most Merciful! Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and turned with humility and repentance toward the Most Glorious Horizon.

God willing, you must be grateful and content in all conditions. All people have claimed to love God, yet each was barred from the path of the All-Merciful by some test, for the Ancient Beauty hath never accepted any but the sincere, and trials and tests are like a sieve - that which is unacceptable passeth through it. Today is the day of steadfastness. Dissimulation in the Cause of God is not permitted. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One. Speak the truth, stand with truth, and utter truth, even if thou shouldst behold all on earth as enemies. For the example of the souls who turn away is like bubbles that appear on the surface of water - they have had and shall have no stability or permanence. God willing, thou must bear hardships for the sake of God and be patient in what hath befallen thee, even as trials greater than those that have befallen all others have befallen the Ancient Beauty, Who even now, in

tribulations that cannot be mentioned, is nonetheless occupied with the remembrance of God and His commandments. Thou hast ever been before Our gaze and remembered in the Most Great Scene. Act in a manner befitting this most great station. Remember all handmaidens on behalf of the Wronged One. Remember on My behalf My handmaiden Sakinih and her daughter. Say to them: Grieve not over anything, for your Lord is the Truth. He is with His handmaidens and adorneth whomsoever He willeth with the ornament of His wondrous and matchless remembrance.

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He who dawns from the horizon of certitude. O servant! Hearken to the call of God, the Lord of eternity, from the direction of His Most Great Prison. By My life! Were those in the world to hearken to this call, they would detach themselves from all else and hasten to the Dawning-Place of inspiration. We desired to give thee to drink, from the chalice of utterance, that which will draw thee to God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that thou mayest appear in the kingdom with the fire of the Supreme Word in such wise that neither the allusions of the veiled ones nor the conditions of those in creation shall quench or extinguish thee. Turn not unto those who have clung to vain imaginings and opposed Him Who hath appeared with the truth. They are deaf and blind, neither seeing the lights of the Face nor hearing that which the Tongue of Revelation uttereth from the most exalted station. Remember when the horizon of knowledge was illumined by the Day-Star of Batha, the divines and the learned ones opposed Him, uttering what We hear today from those who have hesitated in the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all men. Say: O people! This is not the day of questioning. The Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all in the heavens and on earth. Turn unto Him with radiant hearts that ye may find from Him what the Beloved found in His ascension. This is the day whereon it behooveth every soul, upon hearing the call from the Ultimate Tree which hath grown in the white earth, to say: “Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all beings!” This is not the drinking-place of every bewildered one. This is the spring from which all springs have branched forth, and the ocean from which all seas have appeared. Say: O people! Abandon your conjectures. By God! He Who was hidden in the Tablets, My concealed Name, hath come. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most pure wine whose seal hath been broken by the finger of might and power. Praise thy Lord for that thy letter hath attained the presence of the Throne and this Tablet hath been revealed unto thee, from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful passeth over all creation. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, detached from all else. This is what the Cleaver of the dawn counseleth thee. Read thou this Tablet in the nights and days. It will draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt hear from all things: “Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.” Thus have We adorned the heaven of certitude with the Day-Star of utterance and sent it unto thee as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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He is the Mighty! O ’Ali! Be patient in My Cause and grieve not within thyself, for though separation is more bitter than any bitterness, yet following Me is sweeter than any sweetness. Therefore seek for

thyself that which is acceptable before the Beloved and pleasing, not to be rejected. Then I counsel thee, O ’Ali, to patience in this greatest terror and to forbearance in this constraint, then to firmness in the love of God and His loved ones. And this indeed is a matter which nothing in the heavens and earth can resist, did ye but know. Then turn to thy Lord and turn away from all else, and be thou in love at such a station that should thine eye oppose thee in this, thou wouldst pluck it out, for it profiteth thee not, and what profiteth thee is thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Then convey Our remembrance to ’Abdu’llah who is named Javad, and remind him of My love for him, and this is better for him than all that eyes have beheld. Say unto him: Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord. Then remember him in thy days and fear no one, but put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Ever-Living, the Sublime. Then convey Our remembrance to Zaynu’l-’Abidin and give him the glad tidings of a praiseworthy station in the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then cast upon ar-Rahim from Us the word of glorification, that he may be of those who rejoice in the gladness of the Cause. Then I counsel you that ye dispute not in the Cause of God, even should the idolaters unite against you, and be ye in the earth as standards of victory from One wise and self-subsisting. And should ye detect from anyone the fragrance of rancor, draw not nigh unto him for an instant - thus hath it been inscribed by the Most Holy Pen on a preserved and mighty tablet. Then speak with wisdom and be among the people as one detached who turneth only toward the right hand of nearness to the Beloved. Then dwell, O ’Ali, in thy house until there reacheth thee from Our command or a hidden and secret book. Thus do We cast upon thee words of love that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of musk and be of those who return unto God. Then convey Our remembrance to the women who are in thy house, then cast upon their faces the silk of glorification from this sorrowing Youth. And peace be upon you and upon them until the Day when the trumpet shall be sounded.

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Here is O Pen Most Exalted! Make mention of him who hath turned unto God and heard His call and attained unto His days and responded to his Lord, when the servants turned away from Him, that the attraction of the wine of verses may so seize him that he will arise to promote the Cause and aid his Lord, the All-Merciful, amidst all creation. We aid those who have been moved by the breezes of remembrance and have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Scene and the glance of the Wronged One hath been directed towards it while imprisoned among those who were heedless of the Cause and arose in opposition. We have read it and heard that which thou didst call out to God, thy Lord. By My life! We found from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, and We have sent down for thee this Tablet whereby the hearts of the righteous are attracted. Everything shall perish save what hath been sent down from the Pen of Command in this Book. Hadst thou been present at the time of its revelation, the attraction of revelation would have seized thee in such wise that thou wouldst have found thyself soaring to a station at which eyes are dazzled. Let not the opposition of the deniers sadden thee. Arise to promote the Cause by My leave, then remind the servants of what We have sent down in the Books and Tablets. Give the people to drink from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord that they may turn unto the Straight Path. Say: O people! The promise hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared with a light whereby the world hath been illumined, and before Him marcheth the Kingdom of proof and testimony. Beware lest vain imaginings withhold you from this most great bounty.

Cast them behind your backs, turning unto the Dawning-Place of lights. This is a Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen,” and the Dove calleth out upon the Ultimate Tree: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Forgiving.” Say: Were ye to turn with attentive ears, ye would hear from all things that which would attract you to the Self-Subsisting. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he whom the breezes of Thy favors moved in Thy days until I heard Thy most sweet call and turned unto Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the world was illumined and the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne, to make me a servant of Thy Cause and one who speaketh Thy praise, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In His Name, the Lord!

Thou knowest, O my God, that my lips were not opened save by Thy permission, and that the Pen of Pre-existence moved only by Thy command, and was stirred solely by the winds of Thy Will which have encompassed all who dwell in the kingdom of Thy Cause and creation. I summoned Thy servants, as Thou didst command me, unto the holy paradise of Thy oneness and the seat of Thy glorious mercy. No hour hath passed over me except that from the clouds of destiny there rained down upon me the arrows of tribulation. Yet I remained content with what was decreed for me in Thy path and longing for what was ordained for me in the scrolls of Thy decree. My soul be a sacrifice for Thine arrows, and my spirit be a ransom for Thy decree, O Thou Who art the Beloved of Baha, the Companion of Baha, Who kindled the fire of faithfulness in the breast of Baha, Who speaketh Thy most great verses through the tongue of Baha, Who proclaimeth Thy most exalted Word in the mystery of Baha. The essence of Baha be a sacrifice for Thy grace, and the reality of Baha be a ransom for Thy mercy. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I find for myself no portion save what was ordained for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen, and nothing is more beloved to me than the tribulations that have touched me in Thy love - the destined afflictions and the decreed calamities. Therefore, I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, drive not Thy servants from the door of Thy mercy and bounty. Then rend asunder the veils of their hearts and eyes with the fingers of Thy power and might, that they may behold Thee manifest above all things and seated upon the throne of grandeur and glory. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Great, the Most Exalted. Then send down, O my God, from the clouds of Thy mercy upon him who hath been named with the First Name of these two Most Exalted Names that which will purify him from all except Thee, sanctify him from all save Thee, and turn him toward the direction of Thy unity and the seat of Thy glorious singleness, and preserve him from whatsoever is abhorrent to Thy good-pleasure. Then cause him, O my God, to speak Thy praise amidst Thy creation and Thy remembrance among Thy servants, for Thy remembrance is the ladder whereby Thy creation ascendeth to the heaven of the glory of Thy oneness. Verily, Thou art He Who hath ever been, through Thine Essence, powerful over all who dwell in the kingdoms of the heavens and earth, and Self-Sufficient from all who dwell in the kingdoms of Command

and creation. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

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In the Name of the One God

'Abdu'l-'Abbas of Astarabad! God willing, may you drink from the living waters which have been unsealed by the hand of divine power through the grace of the All-Merciful. Your letter arrived in the prison and attracted the attention of the Wronged One, Who hath called all to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Its opening was adorned with this blessed prayer: "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Glory at its most glorious." Observe how the people of the Furqan remain heedless, even though it was previously stated that God's Most Great Name is mentioned in this prayer. To those possessed of insight it is clear and evident that the station of the mention of the Most Great Name must be at the beginning, for it precedes all names and is the source and dawning-place of all remembrance - and indeed it appears at the opening of the aforementioned prayer. Despite this, they all denied it and failed to recognize its truth. Rather, they pronounced sentence of death upon Him, save those whom God preserved through His truth and delivered from the ocean of idle fancies. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having adorned thy letter with this Name, through which the limbs of the divines trembled and the hearts of the ecclesiastics were troubled, and through which that which was hidden in God's knowledge was made manifest - He, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This day is the lord of all days, for the Lord of mankind openly declareth: "Look! I shall show thee My beauty" and "Turn! I shall give thee to drink of the Kawthar of My grace." This is such a word that were one of the chosen ones to be blessed with hearing it, he would soar on wings of longing to the horizon from which the Luminary of the world hath shone forth. Whosoever in this Day performeth a service to God's Cause shall endure through the endurance of God's Word. God willing, thou must be enkindled with a newly kindled fire in the days of God and be illumined by the lights of His countenance, in such wise that through the heat of that fire, receptive souls may be warmed by the fire of the love of God. Blessed is the strong one whom the might of the mighty hath not weakened, and blessed is the one who turneth, whom the veils of creation have not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before His presence and for the revelation of this Tablet from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. When thou receivest it, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds!"

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He is the Consoler, the All-Knowing. God willing, hold fast to the cord of patience and cling to the hem of resignation. Although from the calamity that occurred, every tranquil one was stirred to motion, and every patient one rent their garment, and every steadfast one cried out in anguish, yet I swear by the luminosity of the dawn of inner meanings that such a bounty hath appeared as hath never been conceived possible in creation, nor shall be. This calamity which you witnessed - these very twin radiant

lights had themselves, in previous years, beseeched and implored it in their petitions to God. Praise be to God, in this world they lived with utmost honor, and in their final days they attained the supreme martyrdom in the path of love for the Beloved of the worlds. What bounty is greater than this bounty, and what station more exalted than this station? You must, in the name of God, protect that noble lady and those related to this station, and not let them slip away through the words of this one and that. Glory be upon you and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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In the name of the all-knowing Lord! O friends! In these days when the Sun of Manifestation is risen, the eternal Countenance is evident, the Most Great Sea of God is surging, and the rains of mercy are continuously flowing and spreading, strive that perchance ye may not remain deprived of the Goal and may become illumined with the lights of His face. That which is visible will soon vanish. Hold fast unto that which neither perisheth nor experienceth decline, and that is the recognition of the unity of His sanctified Being. Whoso attaineth unto this station is reckoned among the people of God. O friends! Beseech ye from the all-encompassing power of God, glorified be His majesty, for strength, and arise to serve His Cause with the utmost steadfastness, and recite the Tablets revealed from the direction of His oneness by night and by day. I swear by the Most Great Name that the fragrances of the verses have ever been and shall remain the quickeners of bodies, frames and spirits. Be ye intimate with His words and hold fast unto them. This is the greatest counsel that hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of destiny. The divine gaze is directed toward all and beholdeth all; no matter hath been or shall be hidden from Him. Let your resolve be lofty, and soar ye in this pure atmosphere on the wings of detachment. Be ye united and in accord in the Cause of God. The strong must assist the weak with the utmost kindliness and forbearance, that all may act according to the goodly deeds which have been revealed in the divine Tablets, and may become purified and sanctified from selfish desires and vain imaginings. Previously, holy and exalted Tablets in Persian and Arabic were sent to that region, that all might become assured through the grace of God and act according to that which they have been commanded. Observe how great is His favor, that from the Most Great Prison, despite countless afflictions, He summoneth you unto the infinite bounties of your Lord. He hath had and hath no purpose save the elevation of souls to the eternal and everlasting stations. Therefore unto the Lord belongeth praise, O people of Baha, and the praise of all who are in the heavens and on earth. From this exalted station and from this sublime horizon do We send Our greetings to Our loved ones and Our handmaidens.

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

O mother, I write this letter to you in Persian that you may hear the sweet utterance of the divine bird in the Iraqi tongue and forget the melodious songs of Hijaz, and acknowledge that the spiritual nightingale sings in all tongues upon the holy branches in the gardens of the spirit, in remembrance and utterance, that you may hear from these outward songs the inward melodies.

O mother, pass beyond the heart and turn to the Beloved of hearts; transcend the soul and attain to the Beloved of souls. Join the stream of the heart to the ocean of the Heart-Transformer, and firmly bind the cord of love to the root of nearness to the Loved One. A soul without the Beloved of souls is not worth a dirham, and a heart without the Beloved of hearts cannot be exchanged for a farthing. Better that the head without its Lord be in dust, better that the heart without pain be consumed, better that the neck without its cord be severed by the sword.

Say: O friends, lie down thinking of the Friend, and find repose in your beds contemplating the Beloved. Smell the fragrance of the Beloved in the flowers, and behold in the bright flames the light of the countenance of the Friend. I swear by the life of the Friend that if you catch the fragrance of Joseph's garment and enter the Egypt of divine friendship, O mother, you will become one of all those near to God.

Therefore strive with your soul in love and enter with your heart the abode of the Friend. Leave the grief of the age to those who belong to it. Pay no heed to the fleeting days of this world, that this old garment of the world may fall from your body and you may take up your dwelling upon the everlasting throne, don the divine brocade, drink from the cup of the Beloved the wine of love, be illumined by the candle of love, and sew the garment of love.

This is that which never changes. Know then that all divine laws in every age and dispensation change and are transformed according to the requirements of the time, except the law of love which forever flows and never changes or is transformed. These are the wondrous divine mysteries which He has mentioned for His servants, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful. And clothe Sakineh with the robe of glorification from the divine lights.

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In the Name of God, the All-Loving!

O Mihraban!

One of the friends hath evoked thy remembrance; thus have We remembered thee.

In this glorious Day everything that can be seen is a witness,

and calleth all men unto the one true God. Say! This is the Day in which the sun of spiritual discernment is shining forth in the heaven of true understanding. Blessed is he that hath perceived and recognized it. Whatsoever was foretold in former times hath now been fulfilled.

Say, O friends! Suffer not yourselves to be far removed from the ocean of heavenly grace. He is come astonishingly near unto you. He Who had been concealed from men's eyes is now come. How good is His coming! In one hand He is carrying the water of life and in the other the charter of true liberty. Cast ye away one thing and take hold of another. Cast away whatsoever pertaineth to the world and take firm

hold of that which the hand of divine providence imparteth unto you. Lo, that which no eye hath ever beheld is now revealed. O friends! Hasten ye, hasten ye, hearken ye, hearken ye!

The deeds of the high priests have caused the people to be estranged from Almighty God. Instead of evincing self-denial they have given themselves up to inordinate desires and strayed far from the path of the Lord God. They have grievously erred, yet fondly imagine themselves to be treading the right Path. We have, however, warned the leaders of religion and taken them to witness, that they might in this day solemnly affirm His truth and guide His creatures unto the Spirit of Purity.

Say, O high priests! Shake off your slumber, rouse yourselves from unconsciousness, incline your inner ears to the melody of the All-Sufficing and conduct yourselves in a manner that beseemeth the Day of God Himself.

Great is the station of him who hath in this Day perceived and become aware of the truth, and wretched is he who hath failed to comprehend the utterances of the Lord of wisdom and to recognize the newly-arrived Friend in His new attire.

Behold, the Ocean of true knowledge hath appeared and the Day-Star of wisdom shineth resplendent. Incline your ears to the Voice of the Eternal Lord of Utterance and purge yourselves from whatsoever is deemed unseemly, that ye may become worthy to gain admittance into the court of your Creator. Say, in this Day the Almighty hath unloosed His tongue before the assemblage of men. It behoveth you to draw nigh unto Him and to grasp the truth of His weighty utterance. Indeed His utterance is a messenger that beareth the token of His presence. It delivereth you from darkness and guideth your steps unto the effulgent light of His glory.

Thy name was mentioned before Us and We have remembered thee in Our Tablet. This remembrance is like unto a sapling that We have planted with the hand of loving-kindness. Erelong will it grow verdant and flourishing, laden with abundant fruits. Thus hath the Lord God ordained, and thus hath He shown the way.

He is the Mighty, the Seeing, the Lord of Utterance and Wisdom.

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O Mir ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God, of Asku! In the name of the All-Powerful Speaker! This Wronged One hath from the earliest days until now been afflicted with tribulations and hardships at the hands of enemies, to such an extent as is beyond reckoning or limitation. Those who were shown the utmost favor - that is, those who were ignorant and were enabled to attain the ocean of knowledge, those who were poor and found their way to the horizon of wealth, those who in a few short years attained pure and holy blessings - were in the end so deceived by outward ornaments that they deviated from the straight path and engaged in unseemly deeds and actions. It was observed that the words and deeds of these souls would cause great corruption. Therefore, solely to preserve the Cause, the command to depart was issued. Later they proceeded to the great city and committed that which caused the very

essence of truth to weep and the hearts of the chaste maidens in the most exalted Paradise to burn. The divine counsels had no effect upon them. They abandoned righteousness and piety and occupied themselves with tyranny and depravity. By the life of God! There hath befallen Us that which hath caused every possessor of heart and vision and conscience to lament. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy bounty and for having remembered me in the prison when I was wronged at the hands of Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Illuminator of the horizons and the One manifest on the Day of Meeting, by Thy Name through which the back of hypocrisy was broken, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love. O Lord! Deprive not Thy thirsty servant of the Kawthar of Thy grace, nor the poor one of the treasury of Thy generosity and bounty. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servants who turned away from Thee after having turned towards Thee, and were deceived by their wealth until they denied Thy right and rejected Thy favors and cast aside Thy gifts. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all things, seen and unseen, to aid them to return unto Thee and to seek forgiveness before the gate of Thy pardon and to turn in repentance before the throne of Thy bounty. O Lord! Ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, before Whose power the might of the world and the traces of nations were obliterated at the manifestation of Thy traces. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the one true God! The Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of prison, speaking forth, and the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of will unto the kingdom of proof. Blessed is he who hath stepped into the world and sought to know the Lord of ancient days. O Abraham! The promised Day hath appeared and the Mount circleth round the Manifestation, yet the people remain heedless. Today the mysteries of God’s Book and the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge are visible before the faces of the high and low, yet the seeker of the Goal is nowhere to be found. Reflect upon the previous Manifestations that thou mayest become aware of the harm done to this Wronged One. From the earliest days until now He hath been afflicted with endless tribulations. Most of His days were spent in the hands of enemies, chains were His companions and the harm of the tribes His associates. His friends withdrew and His loved ones arose to harm Him out of fear of enemies. His companion was the Tablet and His intimate the pen. Glory be to God! Most of the servants bear witness to what hath befallen Him and are aware of His tribulations. For some time now this Wronged One hath dwelt in this prison which hath been named the Most Great Prison. In the nights and days He is occupied with the remembrance of His loved ones and chosen ones. What hath come to pass that the people have shunned the light and turned to darkness upon darkness? Nevertheless, the heart is aflame with the fire of love and the tongue uttereth remembrance and speech. Blessed is the soul that was not prevented by the veils of names nor held back from turning towards Him by the doubts of the servants. Say: My God, my God! Prevent not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty. If Thou forgivest them, this is of the wonders of Thy grace and bestowal; and if Thou chastiseth them, verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Aid those who deny to turn towards the court of Thy glory and to acknowledge what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy utterance. Thou art He through Whose name the ocean of

forgiveness surgeth throughout creation. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of thy son who was named Ni'matu'llah and give him glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for him at this time from the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all worlds, that he may rejoice in My favors, speak My praise, hold fast to My cord and cling to My luminous robe. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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He is the Speaker and He is the All-Seeing

O Badi' - upon him and upon his father be the Glory of God -

The Sun of Truth speaks: O youth! Praise be to God that in the first days thou wert blessed through the bounty of the Lord of all beings. Thy mention shall never be effaced from the Book of God. That which will endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the divine realm hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning you. With utmost joy and delight be thou engaged in the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. Be thou gladdened by His love and vocal in His praise. Thy mention hath been and will continue to be before the Wronged One. In these days the name of God Mahdi - upon him be My glory - sought favor on thy behalf. God willing, mayest thou be blessed by divine grace and illumined by the lights of His countenance.

We make mention in this station of thy mother who believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, and drank the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of the bounty of her Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon her as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

And We make mention of thy father through whom the luminary of steadfastness shone forth and the fragrance of certitude was wafted throughout creation. We testify that he cast behind him all idle fancies, turning his face toward this Horizon from which hath dawned the Sun of the Revelation of thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He it is who cast aside the books of the world and took hold of the Mother Book by the command of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. He attained unto the most great steadfastness in such wise that neither the clamor of the wasps deterred him from the Lord of Lords, nor did the power of the divines frighten him from the Lord of Names. He forsook the world and turned toward the Most Great Prison - the place which God made the footstool of His feet and wherein He revealed that which had been hidden and treasured in His Preserved Tablet.

O 'Ali-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny hath turned toward thee and testified to that which surpasseth the treasures of the heavens and earth, and He giveth thanks to Himself on thy behalf. Verily thy Lord is the All-Loving, the All-Bountiful. The Light shining from the luminous brow be upon thee, O thou who hast spoken that which the Nightingale of Faithfulness spoke, and the Cock crowed upon the branch of eternity. Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who visiteth thee, by virtue of what the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken, and those who in this mighty Day have attained unto the recognition of God.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

These are the verses of God which have been sent down from the heaven of mighty glory, and through them mercy descends upon all created things from the presence of One powerful and mighty. Through them God provides His near servants with the fruits of wisdom and utterance, that He may detach them from all else besides Him and draw them nigh unto the precincts of glorious might. Say: He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, such that were He to desire to reveal in every moment proof after proof in establishment of His Cause, He would be able, and He hath ever been wise over all things. Say: Were He to desire to make but a single proof for His Cause and manifest it in every moment in another form, He would be able, and He hath ever had power over whatsoever He willeth. Say: Were He to send down upon a tree the decree of divine authority and upon what is beneath it, He would be able, and it behooveth none to object to Him, for He hath ever been the Doer of what He willeth, and He hath ever been encompassing over all things. Say: O people, be ye ashamed before Him Who, were He to desire to resurrect all created things through a word from His presence, would be able - and this is easy for Him. Nothing in the heavens or earth that He hath created can frustrate Him, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Say: O people, think not within yourselves that which beseemeth you not. Hearken unto the call of God, abandon the calf, and take what hath been sent down from the presence of One mighty and wise. Say: Do ye worship the idol instead of God? Woe unto you for what your passions bid you do. Fear God and take not the idol as your helper. And thou, O thou who hast turned to God, be steadfast in the Cause, purify thy spirit and body from the influences of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with Him in Whom they had believed, and who were rebellious against God. Sanctify thyself from such as these and consort not with them ever, and be in an impregnable protection. Thus have We commanded thee as a bounty from Our presence upon thee, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be steadfast in the Cause. And the glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath believed in God and taken within the precincts of holiness a mighty station.

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O Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory, greatness and power!

All the Prophets and Chosen Ones have been commanded by God, exalted be His glory, to water the trees of human existence from the Euphrates of refinement and wisdom, that there might appear from all that which God has deposited within them. Every tree has its visible fruit, as can be observed. A fruitless tree is fit only for the fire. The purpose of what they have commanded and taught has been the preservation of the stations and ranks of the human world. Blessed is the soul who in this divine Day has held fast to the divine principles and has not deviated from the true law. The fruits of the tree of existence are trustworthiness, religion, truthfulness and sincerity, and greatest of all, after the oneness of God, exalted and mighty be He, is due regard for the rights of parents. This matter is mentioned in all the divine Books and recorded by the Supreme Pen. Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur’an, His words

exalted be He: “Worship God and associate naught with Him, and show kindness unto parents.” Observe how kindness to parents is joined with the oneness of God. Blessed is every wise mystic who witnesses and sees and reads and knows and acts according to what God has revealed in the Books of old and in this mighty Tablet.

O Qasim! God willing, may you be assisted in that which is pleasing to the Friend. Your father is among those who in the early days perceived the fragrance of the morn of Revelation. He attained the presence repeatedly. Know his worth and seek his good pleasure that you may attain to the good pleasure of the Beloved of the worlds. When you have been honored with this trace of My Most Exalted Pen, turn your face toward the Prison and say:

I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of all names trembled and the hearts of the learned and the princes were shaken, to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

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Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Praise be to the Desired One Who, through a hidden drop in the Most Exalted Word, hath adorned the world with a new and wondrous life. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this life which is, in truth, manifest and visible in the garment of immortality. Prayer, praise, glorification and glory be upon the loved ones of God, whom neither the doubts of the divines nor the allusions of the ignorant could deter. They heard, they hastened, and they said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the Kingdom of Names, for having manifested and revealed Thy Cause resplendent and Thy momentous Message, and for having announced unto all what hath been ordained for them by God, the Lord of all worlds.”

The honored Andalib, upon him be My glory, made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet, and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and have brought forth for thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells of the ocean of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

This is the Day of grace and bounty, the Day of assistance and service. Yet through the hosts of deeds and character have the sword and its implements, and war and its equipment, been erased from the Book. This most great bounty and supreme favor is specific to this Revelation. Those steadfast souls who have quaffed from the crimson cup the Kawthar of immortality must assist the Cause of God through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land, then share with them that which hath flowed from the treasuries of My Pen, that they may rejoice and be among the thankful. This Day hath no peer or likeness, and from the loved ones must appear that which befitteth this Most Great Day. Verily, We have

remembered thee with that which nothing in all creation can equal, and We have accepted what thou didst send, as a bounty from Our presence and a favor from Our court. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glory be from Us upon thee and upon those whom neither the taunts of the enemies nor the power of princes could prevent from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the Ark of Utterance sailed upon the Sea of Proof!

All praise befitteth the Desired One Who, from the clouds of loving-kindness, hath showered the rain of mercy upon blessed and goodly soil. Through the meeting of these two pillars have the flowers of wisdom and utterance appeared, and through this wisdom and utterance hath the world of being been illumined. Its order is the cause of tranquility to all servants and of rest and assurance to all that dwell in every land.

Glorified art Thou, O God, O Sovereign of the kingdoms of existence and King of the seen and unseen! I testify that through Thy will the ocean of knowledge hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the highest branches, even as the Tongue of Thy grandeur had spoken before the creation of all possibility: “Mine is the Kingdom and the Dominion! Mine is the Glory and the Majesty!” Thereupon arose the call of the Sadratu’l-Muntaha from the highest Paradise: “O denizens of Paradise and people of creation, rejoice and be glad in that God hath fulfilled His promise and manifested His Beauty!” Then were voices raised from all directions, even from the atoms: “O people of the cities of Glory and Grandeur, O companions of the Crimson Ark! By God, His manifestation is better than the worship of men and jinn, and than the treasures of the past and future!”

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to Asad, upon him be My glory, and one of My Branches, who hath been named Badi’ in My perspicuous Book, read it before My face. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of thy steadfastness, thy love, and thy sincerity towards God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Dominion, the Lord of Glory and Might. We have answered thee with a Tablet that hath spoken from the highest horizon: “Hearken, O people of Baha and companions of the cities of chastity and bounty! This is a day wherein the hands of generosity have circulated among the peoples the chalices of eternity in the name of their Most Glorious Lord. Hearken, then take the chalice with the hands of certitude, then drink therefrom once in His name, the Beloved, and again in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Loving.” Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken in the Kingdom of knowledge, as a command from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Ali, upon thee be God’s everlasting glory! In these days the Orator of the horizons hath mounted the pulpit of utterance in the City of Lovers and given glad tidings to the concourse of lovers concerning the ascension of a sacred soul in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. How many hallowed souls have

freely sacrificed their lives in the path of the Beloved of the world of being. Nevertheless, the heedless people have not become aware, nay rather, their heedlessness hath increased. O Ali, that which the eye of creation hath never seen hath become manifest, and from the Kingdom of utterance hath been sent down that which the ears of the people of possibility have never heard. However, the deeds of the servants are a mighty barrier. All are deprived of the ocean of divine mercy and forbidden from the manifestations of the Sun of Truth. Beseech God to assist His servants to return and repent. Verily, He is the Oft-returning, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We have desired at this time to make mention of Our loved ones in Kha. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Rajab-'Ali! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon and give thee to drink of the Water of Life from the hand of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. Indeed, everyone hath prospered who hath turned toward the Most Great Ocean, which desired to cast upon all possibility the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells hidden therein, through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O peoples of the earth! Behold the Ocean and its waves, and the Sun and its effulgence, and be not of the heedless. That which ye possess will profit you not this Day. Cast away the idols of names at the bidding of God and take hold of His Book, the Revealed, the Firm, the Strong. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Command whereby the rivers of Thy behests have flowed among Thy servants and the standards of Thy laws have been raised in Thy lands, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty and cling to the hem of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Shaykh Hasan! We have desired to make mention of thee at this time from this luminous Spot, whereby thy remembrance shall endure among all remembrances and thy name among all names. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth, and He is the One, the Sole, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beware lest the clamor of men debar thee from the Most Sublime Vision, or the oppression of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment cause thee fear. This is a Day wherein the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, and the Mount calleth out: "The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised!" Say: O people! Fear God and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies who dispute the signs of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen revealed that which was hidden within it, as a mercy from the presence of an Ancient Commander.

O Pen of the All-Merciful! Make mention of him who was named 'Ata-Quli Khan, that he may rejoice and be of those who heard the Call and answered their Lord, the Hearing, the Responding. Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto My Kingdom and raise thee to a station wherein naught is heard save the mention of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the hints of those who harbor doubts hold thee back. Cast away what the people possess and take My Book, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Verily it will guide thee to the Most Great Path and give thee to drink of the Water of Life from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: This is a Day

wherein the Temple of the Manifestation hath been established upon the throne of the Mount, and the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God, the Lord of the worlds. They that have turned toward the Countenance are among those who are nigh unto God in His Mighty, Glorious Book; and they that have denied and turned away are among the people of error in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Beware lest the clamor of the people silence thee, or the might of this Day hold thee back. Cast away what the world possesseth, holding fast to the cord of God, the Strong. Thus have We bestowed upon thee the wing-feathers of utterance that thou mayest soar thereby in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Qasim! The Self-Subsisting has come, and the All-Compelling calls out before all faces, saying, while pointing with His luminous finger: "This is the One promised in the Books of God, the Lord of this exalted station!" O Qasim! Hear the call of the Wronged One with thy heart's ear, then turn unto Him with a countenance illumined by this resplendent and glorious Light. How many a servant heard the call and responded, and how many a servant denied God's Revelation and His proof, rejected His bounty, and disputed the verses sent down from the heaven of grace as a mercy from God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe that trustworthiness which We have made the ornament of the temples of them that are nigh unto God, and truthfulness which God hath made a crown for the heads of them that are sincere. Take heed lest the might of the people sadden thee or the power of any remote oppressor weaken thee. Thus hath the Lamp revealed its light and radiance, and the Pen the mysteries deposited within it from the presence of an ancient Commander.

O Tongue of Grandeur in the Kingdom of knowledge! Make mention of him who was named Allah-Quli Khan with a remembrance that will draw the people to the Most Exalted Horizon and guide them to the straight path. This is a day wherein the scratching of the Pen is heard and the Herald calleth out from the direction of the Most Great Prison: "The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Lord of all men!" O people of the earth! Fear God Who hath preserved you, aided you, and made known unto you that which most of His servants were prevented from knowing. Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Him and the sovereignty from His presence. Verily, He will assist thee and draw thee nigh unto the most exalted station. They who have aided their Creator through deeds and character are among the most exalted of creation in the Book that proclaimeth: "There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful." Thus hath the fragrance of My utterance wafted among My servants and the ocean of My grace surged before the faces of the parties.

O son of Javad! Hear the call of the Lord of creation Who hath come from the heaven of power with might and sovereignty. Dost thou rejoice after having heard the Wronged One in the midst of sorrows? Blessed is the one who hath not cast behind him God's covenant and His testament, nor denied this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of lords. Say: By God, the Truth! The fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility, and the call of the All-Merciful hath been raised from this station which God hath described in the Books and Tablets. Say: O people! Be fair for the sake of God, then read what hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance as a bounty from

the Lord of the beginning and the end. Thus did the Pen move when the Lord of Eternity was established upon the throne of Manifestation with clear proof and evidence.

O Lutf-'Ali! Hearken unto the eternal call of God! He who desireth to ascend unto the heaven that ruleth over all heavens must be detached from the world and its vanities, its affairs, its bounties, its adornments, its doubts, its allusions, and its tales. Thus have We made manifest the Way and sent down the Guide. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter!

Say: O people of the Bayan! The names of the people will profit you not this day. Cast them aside and choose for yourselves a path unto God. This is the Day whereof the Books of God had given tidings aforetime, and wherein the servants were promised this Revelation, through which the Nightingale of Utterance warbleth upon the highest branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful. Whoso hath on this Day attained unto My verses and been honored by My tokens, verily he is of the people of Baha in the Book of Names. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Thus have We manifested the Cause and revealed the verses as a grace from God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Baqir, that he may give thanks unto God, his Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Say: O people! Hear ye the call from the Supreme Horizon, then turn unto it with your hearts. He will aid you and enable you to stand firm in this Cause whereby the back of the idols hath been broken. This is the Day wherein the breezes of God have wafted and that which was hidden from time immemorial hath been revealed. This is the Day wherein the Most Exalted Pen hath raised its shrill voice, inasmuch as the Most Glorious Temple hath been established upon the throne of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth.' Blessed is he who hath heard the call, and woe unto every idolatrous liar!

O Husayn, O Teacher! The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, teaching thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind. Blessed is the teacher who hath arisen to teach children and hath guided the people to the path of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Let not the affairs of the people grieve thee. Leave them and take hold of My Book through My power. It will deliver thee and draw thee nigh unto God, the Cleaver of Dawn. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance, His praise, and service to His Cause among His servants. O Husayn! The banner of triumph hath appeared and the standards of God's Cause have been planted upon the hilltops and branches. He desireth naught but the reformation of the world and the edification of nations. He Who possesseth the proof and evidence beareth witness unto this. Say: We call you for the sake of God and give you to drink from the cup of immortality from the hand of bounty. Blessed is he who hath taken and drunk, and woe unto every turning away deceiver!

Say: O concourse of divines and mystics! Be fair in that which hath appeared in truth. It will draw you nigh unto God, the Revealer of verses. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Mir Muhammad-Husayn! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One, Whom God hath made the Water of Life for all creation and a Sign of eternity among the nations. Beware lest the doubts of the misguided ones prevent thee from drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. This is the Day wherein the

ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the Sovereign of earth and heaven, hath been diffused. When thou findest the sweet savors of My utterance and the fragrance of My bounty, say […]

My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy self-subsisting Name, and for sending down unto me that whose fragrance endures through the perpetuity of Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and by the Word through which Thou hast subdued the world, to aid me to achieve supreme steadfastness such that neither the promptings of the guide nor the doubts of the guided shall deter me. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

O Ancient Countenance! Turn Thy face unto Muhammad-Qablih-Husayn that the fragrances of revelation may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Revealer of verses. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of divine favors and bounties. Be thou immersed in the ocean of utterance and speak forth this Name through which the near ones have soared to the most exalted horizon and to that station wherein all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Days!" Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and attained unto the evidences of thy Lord Who came from the heaven of proof with an argument before which, when it was sent down, all verses bowed down in submission. Thus have We set forth the utterance and sent it unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Manifester of clear evidences.

O Mahmud! The Promised One hath come and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. We raised up from the letter Kha one who gave the people the glad tidings of this Revelation through which the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised." We manifested Ahmad (of Azghand) and sent forth Muhammad (Furughi) that they might give glad tidings to the peoples of earth and heaven of this resplendent and manifest Light. We had mentioned them before in verses that brought joy to the eyes of them that know. O Mahmud! Hearken unto the scratching of My Pen and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire, clinging fast to the fear of God which He hath made as a shield for the temple of His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

At this moment the tongue of My loving-kindness maketh mention of him who sought My presence with My leave, entered the gate of My majesty, heard My sweet call and the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen. He was named Javan-i-Ruhani by God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He drank the wine of immortality from the hand of My bounty and attained unto that which was inscribed in My Great Book. Blessed is he and blessed are they who love him and who hearken unto his words in this wise Remembrance. We testify that he hath attained unto that which the sincere ones attained in this Great Announcement. The glory from Us be upon him and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every resolute and trustworthy one.

O Hasan! Adorn thy head with the crown of trustworthiness and thy temple with the robe of chastity and thy heart with this Light which, when it shone forth from the horizon of utterance, caused the Concourse

on High to proclaim: “O denizens of the world of creation! He Who is the King of the Kingdom of Names hath come with the hosts of wisdom and knowledge. Blessed is he who hath attained and recognized His presence, and woe betide the heedless!”

Verily We desire at this hour to make mention of My friends in Kha who were not hindered by the doubts of the people from My Self-Subsisting Name, and whom the power of the deniers did not deter from turning unto God, the Lord of this exalted station. O Hassan Bey, hear with thy Persian tongue the Divine Call. The spiritual orators have appeared in the City of Lovers with such rapture and ecstasy as the eyes of the world have never witnessed, for the true lovers have attained the presence of the Beloved. The Mount is joyous on one side while the Tree is vocal on the other. The fire of love hath encompassed all save those souls who have deprived themselves of the merciful bounties and infinite favors. The Most Exalted Pen hath ever mentioned and will continue to mention the sincere ones. Give thou the glad-tidings from the Wronged One to the spiritual youth, for his presence hath been honored with acceptance and adorned with the ornament of God’s good-pleasure, exalted be His glory. He is among those who have soared on the wings of trust in the atmosphere of the love of his Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

O people of God! Hold fast unto that which is conducive to the appearance of trustworthiness and chastity. Had the heedless servants held fast to the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen, the effulgences of the Day-Star of proof would now encompass all. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when I was among the heedless ones, and for having sent down unto me that which shall cause my mention and my name to endure through the permanence of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of God! We have mentioned thee time and again and have revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Thou wert remembered before the Throne and wert standing before the Face. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this. Thou art he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of utterance and the signs of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Glorify on My behalf the faces of My loved ones and illumine them with My resplendent and manifest light. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Creator of earth and heaven, for having enabled me to attain Thy presence in Thy days. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and Thy love, which Thou hast made the lord of deeds and virtues. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Abbas! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily it shall protect thee from the oppression of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Beware lest the clamor prevent thee from the Lord of all beings. Cast away what is with the people and take My Book with the power that is from Him. Verily He is the Helper, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O son of Qasim! The Promised One hath come, and the Shi’ih divines from all directions have pronounced sentence of death upon Him. Thus have their souls prompted them without any clear proof or perspicuous Book. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having caused me to turn toward Thee

when every remote scholar turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I testify that Thou art the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Muhammad-Qabli! Today Carmel hath attained the presence of God, and every possessor of vision and hearing is blessed with beholding and hearkening. Glory be to God! The mysteries of the Resurrection and the signs of the Hour are all manifest, yet veiled from minds and understanding. Say: […]

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having revealed unto me that which Thou hadst veiled from most of Thy servants. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm, unshakeable and mighty. Verily, Thou art the Most Powerful of the powerful ones.

O Muhammad-Qabil-Hasan! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest give thanks unto the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this mighty Tablet, and We have called out to thee from the shore of the sea of wisdom. God - there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Self-Subsisting. He hath taken unto Himself neither counsellor nor peer. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in hearts and treasured in knowledge. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with His servants who put their trust in Him. Give glad tidings to My loved ones on My behalf, and then to My handmaidens who have believed in the Single One, the All-Informed. We have made mention of them and have sent down for them that which We have made the Most Great Spirit for the body of the world and the light of utterance for all who are in the realm of possibilities. Exalted is the Most Merciful, the Manifestation of this evident grace.

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Baysan 19. Honored Sabri Effendi, upon him be God’s peace.

He is God, exalted be His station, to Him belong greatness and grandeur.

Praise befits the Most Desired One Who bestowed perfect affection between hearts through His Most Exalted Word and adorned them with the light of unity and harmony. If all the treasures of the world were expended, such affection and unity could not be achieved. The command is in His hand - He creates love as He wishes and brings hearts together as He pleases. The key to this door has been and continues to be the diffused fragrances, and this fragrance appears sometimes through mention and utterance, and at times through pen and fingertips. Exalted be His grace, exalted be His favor, His might and His kindness.

And furthermore, the letter of that honored master dated the 15th of the blessed month of Ramadan arrived and like the April rains bestowed fresh adornment upon heart and soul. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that this door remain forever open. Verily He has power over all things.

And regarding what you wrote about the items, complete emphasis was previously given and they were sent. God willing they will prove acceptable. The beloved Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, has written to both your honor and this servant about the reason and cause for the delay. You will learn the details of these matters from their letter. And regarding what you wrote about the sweets, God willing it shall be acted upon. This servant beseeches his Lord to ordain for you the good of this world and the next, to elevate your station and open before your face the doors of grace and bounty. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

And regarding what you wrote about His Holiness the Name of God, upon him be the Glory of God, it is correct - they arrived and attained. Their joy, delight and happiness accord with what you wrote. They stayed here two nights and then, as commanded, returned home. It is hoped that soon we shall gather together in the assembly of unity and the seat of truth in the shade of the Divine Lote Tree. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to bring near the days of attainment. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayers. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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The Sister of Jinab-i-Haydar-'Ali

He is the Peerless, the Sanctified, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto the Best-Beloved, the cloud of whose mercy hath ever rained upon all beings, and the sun of whose bounty hath ever shed its radiance upon all created things. Truly destitute is he who hath deprived himself of the showers of God's grace!

O maidservant of God! Strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the effulgent splendours of His lights, nor far removed from the shadow of His mercy. Take thou refuge in His shelter, and abide thou beneath the shadow of His gracious favour, for all that cometh not beneath His shadow hath ever been – and shall remain – within the realm of disbelief. In these days, the operation of two divine names may be witnessed with the utmost clarity: to wit, the names of "Quickener" and "Destroyer". These cause on the one hand death, and on the other, life. The one taketh life away from those that turn away from God; the other conferreth everlasting life upon those that turn towards Him. How great the power of Him Who at a single time hath made two seasons to appear: spring and autumn! How numerous the trees of human souls that have become fresh and verdant in this mystic, holy springtide, and richly laden with the fruits of divine knowledge! And how numerous the trees of human souls that have become parched and withered in this same season, deprived of all God's manifold bestowals! A single breeze blew forth from out His peerless Paradise: to the believers in the unity of God it was a balm of peace and mercy; to the infidels, a blast of wrath and chastisement. Such is the power of Him Who is the sovereign Lord of all!

O maidservant of God! Please God, thou wilt not be deprived of the gently-stirring breezes of this springtide of supernal holiness, nor remain without a portion of the overflowing bounties of these days of the divine spirit. Pass thou beyond the world and all its peoples, and set thy face towards the one true

God. For all else but Him is in its essence poor and needy; and being so, is powerless to satisfy even its own needs, how much less the needs of others!

O maidservant of God! Whenever thou art seated in comfort and tranquillity, do thou call to mind this Captive, and occupy thyself with His remembrance; and if thou beholdest an exile from his native land, do thou recount the banishment and anguish of this Spiritual Youth. I swear by Him Who is the Mover of all beings! Heaven, earth and mountains would be incapable of bearing a single atom of the tribulations that have come to pass. Nay, better were it that the afflictions of this Youth remain concealed. He, verily, hath knowledge of all things. Do ye convey the salutation of Him Who is the Tongue of God unto all His devoted handmaidens.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’llah! In the name of the Goal of the world and the Sovereign of nations!

Praise sanctified above all meaning and utterance befitteth the Lord of all possibility, Who illumined the world with the light of His knowledge and adorned the hearts of those who have turned to Him and drawn nigh unto Him with the seal of “We are God’s.” In the midst of abasement the light of glory dawned from the horizon of will, and in the midst of poverty the sun of wealth rose and shone forth from the heaven of purpose. Glorified be His dominion and glorified be His proof. There is none other God but Him.

Thy letter was received and read before the face of this Wronged One, attaining the honor of His hearing. Praise be to God that thou art renowned among the people of the world as a standard-bearer of the Cause of God and art celebrated for thy love for Him. This most exalted Word hath appeared like a peerless gem from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen: Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

The answers to the petitions of those who have turned to God have been sent down from the heaven of His will. We beseech God to assist these souls to drink from the hidden oceans within His divine words and verses, and to receive their portion and share of the fragrance of His revelation. That distinguished one hath ever been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. The decree of attaining His presence, the reward for attaining His presence, and mention of attaining His presence have been recorded for thee by the Most Exalted Pen. Neither the passing of centuries and ages, nor the changes in the world, nor the clamor of the peoples shall erase this mention. To this testifieth every seeing scholar and every informed mystic. Should wisdom at some time require it, they may turn towards it, but the friends of God must at all times fix their gaze upon wisdom and hold fast unto it, for this most exalted Word hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen.

Convey My greetings to the friends and gladden them with the effulgences of the Sun of divine favor. Verily He is with them, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The splendor shining

from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have turned to God and have said: “Praise be to Thee for having shown us Thy straight path and Thy mighty message.”

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be befitting unto the Object of all desire Who raised up from the name of Abu’l-Hasan the name of Amin and adorned him with the ornament of manifest truth. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. And blessings and peace and glory and radiance be upon His loved ones who have not broken His covenant and testament and who have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will. These are servants who have recognized His oneness and singleness, whom neither the veils of the world nor the coverings of the nations have hindered. They have bowed down before every word of the words of God their Creator and have raised no objection to any matter in what hath appeared from Him Who conversed on Sinai. These are the dawning-places of the light of submission and contentment in the world of creation and the daysprings of steadfastness and dignity among all beings. Upon them pray the Concourse on High, the companions of the Crimson Ark, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, at morn and at dusk.

Thereafter, the successive letters of that spiritual beloved arrived. The fragrances of their mention gave fresh life to the soul and the glad tidings of his health bestowed new spirit and delight. Praise be to God that the messenger of love is ever journeying and the pen of affection ever moving in joy and gladness. This is the fourth response being submitted. God willing, whatever was previously sent has arrived. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that beloved one to be manifest and upraised like a standard among the peoples in the name of Truth. May He deposit in his words the effect of spirit and in his utterance the radiance of light, that he may bestow life and illumine all things. What you wrote regarding the friends in Tiflis has all been accepted, and from the heaven of the Supreme Pen there was revealed especially for each one that which every word thereof is a clear book for the fair-minded. It was sent to the spiritual beloved Haji Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be the glory of God, that he may deliver it. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Mirza Abu’l-Hasan in the Land of Alif!

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The remembrance of God from the direction of the Abode of Life, the Spot wherein the Tongue of God uttereth the most melodious strains, addresseth His servant, that My remembrance from His presence may encompass all created things, and that He may remind the servants of the remembrance of God, the Most Great, and bid them observe righteousness and piety, and forbid them from transgression and indecency, that they may perchance find a path unto Him Who occupieth the throne.

O servant! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and We have revealed unto thee clear and holy verses, and have sent them unto thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest read them and be possessed of insight into the Cause. Stand firm in the Cause of God and His religion, and be not shaken by the tempests of trials that have blown from the direction of temptation, causing most of the leaves to fall. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One Who is mighty and powerful.

Turn unto God, then turn away from all else besides Him, and fear no one. Place thy trust in all matters in God, thy Lord, and abide under His mighty protection. Remember thyself throughout all days, lest thou be veiled by the veils of idle fancies which have encompassed most of mankind, who remain shut out from the glances of God.

Know thou that God hath accepted from thee what thou didst dedicate specially to Him from the land which He bestowed upon thee. This is of His grace unto thee, and verily His grace is nigh unto the doers of good. Beware lest thou efface from thy heart the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Guard it from the manifestations of Satan who bid people to deny Him Who created them by His command, and who have taken for themselves a partner with God. Shun such as these, neither sit with them nor associate with them. This is My bidding unto thee, if thou be of those who understand.

Preserve the Tablet of God, then read what hath been revealed therein by night and by day, that it may create within thy heart that which will draw thee nigh unto a mighty and exalted station. Let God suffice thee above all else, and take not Satan as thy helper. Thus have We commanded thee in truth as a token of Our grace unto thee, that thou mayest be endowed with true understanding. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath detached himself from those who have disbelieved and hath turned with radiant countenance unto God.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable! The remembrance of God in the form of fire from this light has been witnessed in this Revelation from the horizon of glory. O people! Turn to Him with your hearts and deprive not yourselves thereof. Thus do We command you in truth that ye may find a way unto Him Who occupieth the throne. Say: O people! Fear God and break not your covenants, nor turn back on your heels in this Path which shineth luminously among all paths. Tread ye the path of truth with the foot of certitude and follow not those who have denied God and were far removed from the highway of His Cause. O Mahdi! Be thou guided by the guidance of God. Verily He hath appeared in truth with manifest guidance. Detach thyself from all who are on earth, then turn to God with novel submissiveness. Beware lest the might of the oppressors hold thee back from Him. Be thou strengthened

through My Name on earth and be possessed of great power. Verily He strengtheneth whom He willeth and aideth whom He pleaseth and loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth in His kingdom him who remembereth Him on His earth. Thus was it sent down aforetime and now We have sent it down once again as a grace from Us unto thee and unto all created things. Purify thy sight that it may behold the truth, then thy heart that it may comprehend what the tongue of grandeur and majesty uttereth, and be thou steadfast in the Cause. Say: O people! Believe in God Who created you and sustained you and caused you to die and brought you to life for this Revelation which hath been inscribed by the Pen of God in all the Tablets. O people! Shun ye what ye have been forbidden in the Tablets, then walk in My footsteps that the fragrances of My deeds may waft from you among My creatures. This is the best and most excellent of deeds, and I, the True One, am witness thereunto. O people! Cast not the Cause of God behind your backs and follow not every remote idolater. Follow ye the truth for it commandeth you naught save what profiteth you and desireth for you naught save that it may draw you nigh unto a station of resplendent glory. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth and verily thy Lord is watchful over thee. And the glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and have wholly detached themselves from every accursed satan.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names. This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath turned towards God when the ocean of bounty surged and the breezes of reunion blew, that he may find peace through his Lord's grace and make mention of Him among Our servants who have drawn nigh. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of God, the Single, the All-Sustaining, that it may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold none in all creation save God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: He was One in His Essence and One in His dominion. He hath taken unto Himself neither partner nor minister. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Informed. All else besides Him was created by His command and lies within the grasp of His might, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth and the Speaker in the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath created all contingent things for this Day wherein the Revealer of verses hath come with clear proofs that have encompassed the heavens and the earth, yet the people remain behind an evident veil. Arise thou firm in the Cause, then rend asunder the veils through the name of thy Lord, the Lord of the Return, that the servants may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. We address from this station God's loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of this boundless grace, and We send Our greetings to each one of them as a token from Us, for We are the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Say: Blessed are ye for having hearkened unto the call and turned towards God, the Creator of heaven, when the Lord of Names came with manifest sovereignty. Rejoice ye that the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath made mention of you and your names have appeared from this mighty, this firm Pen. Ye are mentioned before the Throne, and this sufficeth you, did ye but understand. Unite ye in God's Cause, then make mention of Him with such remembrance as may awaken the hearts of them that slumber. It behooveth you today to remain steadfast in God's Cause, lest the intimations of the pretenders veil you or the cawing of the crows cause you to slip. This is My counsel unto you - hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, the Strong, the Powerful. O Muhammad! Remind them of what We have sent down in this Tablet, that they may inhale

the fragrance of revelation and rejoice in what hath been sent down unto them from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Qiblih of the world and been mentioned before God when He was seated upon His mighty throne. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He who has migrated to God–in His name Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. A mention from Us of him who turned to God and attained the lights of the Face when He appeared in truth with mighty sovereignty. He left his home, directing himself to the Intended One, and traversed land and sea until he reached the Sacred Precincts–the station wherein was raised the Call of God, the True King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He attained the presence of the Throne and heard the Call from the Dawning-Place of grandeur and glory, and was honored to attain the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. He remained beneath the shade of his Lord until the appointed time was fulfilled. We commanded him to return to the lands and regions of God, that he might remind the people of this Most Great Announcement. Beware lest the world and its conditions sadden thee. Leave it behind, turning to that which thou hast been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Remind the people in the days of thy Lord and give them glad tidings of what thou hast heard and seen in this noble station. Say: O people! He remembers you at all times and calls you to your Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that His Most Exalted Pen has not paused nor has His sweetest Call been interrupted. Turn with your hearts and be not of the heedless. This is a Day wherein the Dawning-Place of divine knowledge has been illumined through this Name, whereby all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom thy Lord willed, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be gentler than the spring breezes, that through thee the trees of being may be stirred and yield the fruits of remembrance and utterance. This befits one who has laid hold of this luminous hem. Convey My Great Glory to My loved ones and be as wings for them, that they may soar in the atmosphere of My knowledge and speak forth My wondrous remembrance. Say: O My loved ones! Be steadfast in the Cause through My Name and My sovereignty, in such wise that the clamor of the heedless shall not keep you from My straight path. Trust in God in all matters. Verily He protects whom He wishes and aids whoever speaks His beauteous remembrance. Then give to drink, to whoever draws near to thee, the choice wine of thy Lord's favors, that he may turn wholly to this luminous horizon. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have turned to God and attained the mercy that has preceded the world and the grace that has encompassed all, whether small or great.

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This is a visitation prayer revealed by God, the Lord of Names, for His loved ones (Jinab-i-Ashraf, Basir and Mirza Muhammad-'Ali) who turned to the place of detachment for martyrdom and were martyred in the path of God in the land of Za. Upon them be the mercy of God, Creator of all things and Fashioner of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who draws near to God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, through visiting them. And whoever wishes to visit any one of them should recite this visitation prayer:

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! May the mercy that appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the grace of the Lord of creation be upon you, O guide of the people and destroyer of idols! I testify that you were, for the bosom of grandeur, the white hand, and for the wilderness of guidance, the Tree of Sinai, and for the people of creation, the greatest sign. You are the one through whom the brocade of the book of existence was adorned with the remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. God's curse be upon those who killed you and wronged you after you had been unto them a sign of remembrance from your Lord, the Most Glorious. I testify that you did not fall short in the Cause of your Lord and conveyed what you were commanded until you returned to your resting place. You are the one whom the veils did not prevent from the remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. The assault of the wicked did not cause you to tremble - you called all to God, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Blessed are you, then blessed are you, in that you ascended to the Paradise of Abha and the Supreme Companion, detached from all that was created in the realm of existence, turning to the Most Distant Station and the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End, and dwelling in the seat of truth with God, the Lord of the last and the first.

O my God and my Master! I beseech You by this martyr who was martyred in Your path, and by this blood which was shed in Your love, that You forgive me and my parents and my relatives from among those who have believed in You and Your verses. And I beseech You, O my God, by this noble dust and this exalted gate, that You ordain for me what You have ordained for Your chosen ones who were not prevented by the clamor of the wicked from turning to You, O You in Whose hand is the reins of authority. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Preserve me beneath the shadow of Your greatest mercy, then send down upon him the best of the last and the first. Verily You are powerful over what You will. There is no God but You, the Mighty, the Wise.

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K the honored one, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One dawning from the horizon of faithfulness. Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what He willed through His command "Be!" and it is. Exalted be He Who has sent down and revealed that whereby God's proof was perfected unto His servants. He verily is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He has spoken that wherewith the Point gave glad tidings: "Verily there is no God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen." Your letter has come before the Wronged One and the servant present submitted it, and We have adorned it with the ornament of response. Verily your Lord is the Answerer, the Kind. We have mentioned you before and at this time as a grace from Us. He verily is the Mighty, the Loving. We have heard your call time after time and answered you in various Tablets. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!" How many a servant saw the signs and turned away from them, and how many a servant was so attracted by the call that he cast away the world and turned to the Most Great Name. By God's life, he is among the people of the highest paradise in a preserved tablet. We give glad tidings to those who have cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies and have turned with illumined hearts to the supreme horizon - the station round which circle honored servants. Grieve not because of the world and its conditions. That which has been sent down from God, the Lord of existence, shall be made manifest. Be steadfast in

service to the Cause, speaking in praise of God and acting according to what you have been commanded in His binding Book. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have taken the white cup in My Most Glorious Name and drunk therefrom My choice sealed wine. Say: This is the Day of remembrance and this is the Day of praise, did you but know it. Hold fast in all conditions to the cord of loving-kindness. He commands you to that which benefits you in all the worlds of His worlds. My hidden Book bears witness to this. You have been under the glance of My loving-kindness and there befell you in My path that which caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise to weep, but the people do not understand. Preserve your stations through this Name through which, when it appeared, every hidden matter was made manifest. Thus has the luminous leaf recounted from the effulgences of your Lord's utterance, the Lord of Names. Be thankful with joy and gladness. The glory shining forth from the horizon of loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have attained to the recognition of this mighty, forbidden Day.

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In the Name of the Peerless God. Praise be to the pure Lord who was ever-living and self-subsisting by His own Self. Every non-existence has come into being through His existence, and every nothingness has become manifest through His being. O Rustam! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, be a man of the arena so that through this divine melody you may ignite the dispirited ones, bring the dead to life, and make the withered ones fresh. If you discover this fire which is light, you will come to utterance and see yourself endowed with deeds. O Rustam! Today the manifestation of grace makes an atom into a sun, and the radiance of the revelation of the lights of the Most Great Name makes a drop into an ocean. He with eyes is he who saw, and he with ears is he who heard. Say: O blind ones, the Shelter of the World has come - it is the Day of sight. The All-Seeing, the All-Knowing One has come - it is the time of sacrificing one's life. On this Day of bounty, strive that you may be recorded in the book of the righteous. None but the All-Merciful Lord has ever been, or is, capable of forgiving the wayward and the sinful. How can one who has not received existence bestow existence, and how can one who is himself guilty of error forgive error? Say: O high priests! The Beloved of the worlds calls you to God from His prison. Accept from Him, and flee not from Him Who has accepted endless tribulations for your deliverance. Pass beyond the seeming friend who is an enemy, and attach your hearts to the one true Friend. Say: O people, be content with that which the Friend has willed, for what He has chosen is indeed praiseworthy. Say: O high priests! No man's acts shall be acceptable in this Day unless he forsaketh mankind and all that men possess, and setteth his face towards the Omnipotent One. Today is the day of the truthful ones who have passed beyond creation and joined with Truth, who have fled from the darkness of remoteness and drawn near to the light. O Rustam! Hear the words of the Lord and convey them to the people.

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In the Name of the One God, Lord of all worlds!

There hath been and continues to be no doubt that the purpose of creation hath been the knowledge and praise of the Beloved of the worlds. And when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Ancient Beauty rose above the horizon of the world, all parties rose up in opposition. Some clung to their vain imaginings and remained veiled from the Dayspring of certitude, while others held fast to learning yet were deprived of its Source. Had these heedless, wayward souls turned, free from all hints and allusions, to the Most Exalted Horizon, all would surely have attained to the recognition of the Source of Names. In their primal reality, ears and eyes were created for the hearing of divine verses and the beholding of the lights of oneness. Therefore, all must today, when the Manifestation of the All-Merciful is established upon the throne of utterance, turn their ears to His call that they may attain to hearing it, and observe with their own eyes the evident matters in the days of His manifestation, and reflect with pure hearts upon the signs of power made manifest from the Source of divine Will. Should they act upon this merciful counsel that hath been sent down in the revealed Tablets out of pure bounty and grace, all shall attain to the wine of certitude and turn with complete assurance toward the All-Merciful. We beseech God to grant the divines of this age fairness, for these souls have become the cause of their own veiling and that of others from the Truth. Any learned one who hath today partaken of the most pure wine is accounted before God among the people of knowledge, and apart from such We testify that he is among the ignorant. Praise be to the Inaccessible God Who assisted thee to recognize the Dayspring of His verses. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink from the cup of divine love and remain turned toward His direction. After recognition and acceptance, steadfastness is the most mighty of matters. Ask thou of God that thou mayest remain steadfast in His love, for the evil ones have ever been and continue to be lying in wait, striving with the utmost effort and diligence to lead astray sanctified and accepted souls. We beseech God to confirm thee in His love and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next.

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He is the Mighty

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. His is the bounty and grace. He quickeneth whom He willeth through His sovereignty, and He verily is the One, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Say: O people, fear God and oppose not him who reciteth unto you the verses of God. Fear ye God, then fear His Cause, therefore fear Me. And if ye believe not, deny not, for this is an error in the Tablet, did ye but know. Say: O people, if ye deny these verses, then by what verses do ye believe? Nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, whoso believeth not in these verses hath denied all verses and every Prophet and Messenger. And thou, O servant, fear no one but place thy trust in God and be of them that turn unto the verses of God. Then stand firm in the Cause of God and His love, and turn thy heart toward this sacred and praiseworthy Quarter. Then content thyself with thy Lord to the exclusion of all else and follow not the desires of them who at all times deny the verses of God. And when it is said unto them “Believe in God and in what hath been sent down unto you in truth,” they say “We are content with what we have of God’s verses.” Say: By what right do ye object to those who believed not in God during His manifestation in the name of Ali in truth? Therefore, O

people of the Bayan, be fair, for they said exactly what ye say today. Do ye enjoin righteousness upon men while forgetting for yourselves the melodies of God and then deny them? For they were content just as ye are content with what ye have, and thereby opposed God and His verses just as ye oppose and then mock. Say: By God, nothing will suffice you today, neither what is in the heavens nor what is on earth nor what is between them, except that ye take this Book with power and take what is ordained therein. And this is assuredly the truth in this luminous and hidden Tablet. Thus hath the Dove warbled in this night and God's proof hath been completed unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, would ye but perceive it. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon him who holdeth fast to the sovereignty of Names in this Most Great Name, the Veiled, the Manifest, the Hidden, the Concealed.

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In His Name, the All-Seeing from the Supreme Horizon

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and He Who has come with the truth is verily the Breaker of idols, the Dispeller of vain imaginings, the Attractor of all beings, and the Revealer of what lay hidden in the presence of knowledge from time immemorial. Hearken to the Call from the direction of grandeur, from the right hand of the luminous spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." We have manifested what was inscribed in the Books of God and have sent down that which is the water of life for all temples and bodies.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The servant who is present has come with your letter and presented it before the Face, and the Wronged One has revealed for you that from which those near to God perceive His fragrance, the Lord of lords. All things have been attracted by the Call of God, the Creator of heaven, yet the people are in strange drunkenness. The Sun of certitude has dawned from the horizon of your Lord's will, the Most Merciful, while the people cling to suppositions and idle fancies. He has appeared in truth from His most exalted horizon and says "Come! Come!" while they hasten to the Evil One morning and evening. They have cast the Most Great Book behind their backs and hasten to the mosques as the Jews hasten to their temples at eventide and dawn. Say: The Evil One comprises the divines of the earth who have cast the knowledge of God behind their backs and have been seized by their desires which move them however they wish. They are truly among the people of error in the Book of God, the Lord of destiny. The dwellers of the highest Paradise lament their tyranny, while they move their tongues in remembrance of God amongst the people. Say: By God! He is innocent of you and your mention - to this testifies the Mother Book which is with Him.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones there and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in earth and heaven. Say: Hold fast to the cord of unity - it will benefit you and draw you near to a station where the machinations of the wicked will not grieve you.

We make mention of Our leaf and give her the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My favor towards her, and My handmaidens who have perceived the fragrance of My robe and have spoken My praise among the handmaidens. The glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of My grace be upon you and

upon her and upon them and upon My loved ones and My chosen ones who have held fast to My Covenant and have not broken the Testament.

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God testifieth that there is none other God but

Him and that He Who hath come from the

heaven of divine revelation is the Hidden Secret,

the Impenetrable Mystery, Whose advent hath

been foretold in the Book of God and hath been heralded

by His Prophets and Messengers. Through Him the

mysteries have been unravelled, the veils rent asunder and

the signs and evidences disclosed. Lo! He hath now been

made manifest. He bringeth to light whatsoever He

willeth, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, invested

with transcendent majesty and power.

Blessed is that strong one who will shatter the gods of

vain imaginings through the potency of the Name of his

Lord, He Who ruleth over all men.

O My Afnan! We would fain mention thy name as a

token of grace on Our part, that the sweet savours of

My remembrance may attract thee unto My Kingdom

and draw thee nigh unto the Tabernacle of My majesty

which hath been hoisted through the power of this

Name - a Name which hath causeth every foundation to

tremble.

Say: O peoples of the earth! By the righteousness of

God! Whatever ye have been promised in the Books of

your Lord, the Ruler of the Day of Return, hath appeared and been made manifest. Beware lest the changes and chances of the world hold you back from Him Who is the Sovereign Truth. Ere long will everything visible perish and only that which hath been revealed by God, the Lord of lords, shall endure.

Say: This is the Day of meritorious deeds, did ye but know it. This is the Day of the glorification of God and of the exposition of His Word, could ye but perceive it. Abandon the things current amongst men and hold fast unto that which God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath enjoined upon you. The day is fast approaching when all the treasures of the earth shall be of no profit to you. Unto this beareth witness the Lord of Names, He Who proclaimeth: Verily, no God is there besides Him, the Sovereign Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Well is it with thee, O My Afnan, inasmuch as thou wert honoured to receive My Holy Verses, hast inhaled the sweet savours of My Revelation and responded to My Call at a time when My servants and My creatures, casting the Mother Book behind their backs and, clinging to the dictates of the exponents of idle fancy and vain imaginings, have denounced Me. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the kingdom of utterance at the bidding of God, the Lord of Creation.

Persevere thou conscientiously in the service of the

Cause and, through the power of the Name of thy Lord,

the Possessor of all things visible and invisible, preserve the

station conferred upon thee. I swear by the righteousness of

God! Were anyone apprised of that which is veiled from

the eyes of men, he would become so enraptured as to wing

his flight unto God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall

be.

May His glory rest upon thee and upon such as have

drawn nigh unto Him and apprehended the meaning of

that which the exalted Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Loving,

hath recorded in this Tablet.

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O Ahmad-Quli in Sad! He is the Mighty! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him and that the Point of the Bayan is His servant and His Glory. This is what hath been sent down from God on the Day whereon the Beauty of the Divine Identity was established upon a mighty throne. Say: By God! Were the people of the Bayan to acknowledge this Word which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and wise, it would suffice them above all that is witnessed and seen - and God is witness to what I say - for therein are concealed the mysteries of God, could ye but understand. None shall comprehend them save whom thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, willeth. Soon shall ye find the idolaters breaking God's covenant regarding this Glory Who hath appeared with holy and ancient verses, by a single letter of which the heaven of rancor is cleft asunder, the earth of hatred is split, and the mountains of the souls of the idolaters crumble. Say: By God, the Truth! This indeed is God's touchstone whereby every matter is distinguished, whereby all things are weighed in a just and straight balance, whereby the blind and the leper and every sick and ailing one are healed. Say: O people! Fear ye God, then have mercy upon yourselves and be not of those who turn away from Him Who hath come to you with clear signs, Who calleth you unto God your Lord, Who restraineth you from your desires, and Who nourisheth you at all times from this Divine and Most Holy Fruit which hath appeared from the Lote-Tree of near access. And now, We have seen what appeared from thee in thy letter and have understood its contents, as though thou wert complaining of separation - that which causeth the eyes of them that are nigh to shed tears. But grieve thou not for this; rather be content with what God hath ordained for Us and for thee, and be patient with mighty patience. Should God will, He would unveil His beauty to thee and grant thee His presence in thy sleep and waking hours, for He hath power over all things. Be thou patient in all matters and place thy trust in God thy Lord. Verily He will aid thee with the truth and raise

thee to a mighty and noble station. The Spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who place their trust in Him and are among the trusting ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy! Infinite harm hath been inflicted by the doings of the oppressors, yet boundless joy existeth, for we gaze upon God, the Most High, the Most Great. His trials are the hope of them that love Him, and His decree the desire of them that long for Him. Chains in His path are as sweet waters, and deadly poison in His love is as pure honey without compare. He hath ever appeared from the horizon of tribulation, and now gazeth from the horizon of prison. Praise be to God that despite these afflictions We are in gladness and ease, and despite this abasement We dwell in supreme glory. In the midst of tribulation We shine forth from the Most Exalted Horizon, proclaiming that there is none other God but Him. The tongue hath not been prevented from remembering the All-Merciful, nor have the verses from the right hand of the throne of the All-Glorious been cut off. The cawing of the ravens preventeth not the Day-Star of the horizons from shining forth, nor doth the tyranny of the wicked impede the helping standard of the Chosen One. The winds are commanded to pass over all, both ruin and prosperity, neither sorrowing at ruin nor rejoicing at prosperity. Whatsoever occurreth on earth preventeth it not from its commanded course - this is evident in the realm of creation, how much more so with the Truth, exalted is He, Whom none in earth or heaven can prevent from that which He desireth. The waves of the Most Great Ocean of the All-Merciful cannot be impeded by worldly happenings, nor can the Day-Star of inner meanings be veiled by the dark superstitions of fancy. The moon poureth forth its light while the dog barketh. Although it beseemeth not the Supreme Pen to record such words, yet out of love for thee they are mentioned, that thou mayest know with certitude that the Truth sitteth with manifest joy upon the throne of establishment. Sorrow be unto him who loseth aught of this, for verily none in the heavens or earth can escape His grasp. God willing, be thou occupied at all times with the remembrance of the True One, the Most High. Strive that perchance some heart may be admitted through the wine of the remembrance of the All-Merciful to the Kingdom of life. The effects of these deeds endure by the perpetuity of God, yet wisdom, the Ever-Beloved, hath ever been remembered in the Most Great Scene and witnessed in the Most Pure Spot. Thou hast been mentioned in the Supreme Horizon and witnessed in the Most Pure Station. We beseech God to grant thee the good of this world and the next. And glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

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O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed art thou, O Javad, inasmuch as We have found thee steadfast in the Cause, in such wise that neither the hosts of the world deterred thee from the Ancient Lord, nor did worldly affairs keep thee from this Most Exalted Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of those who have believed in that land and have answered those whose petitions were presented at this Spot which God hath made the circling-point of the Concourse on high at all times. Hearken, O Javad, once again

unto My most sweet Voice which hath been raised in the Kingdom of Creation: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.” We have heard thy call and witnessed thy standing firm in this Cause whereby eyes have been consoled, and We have made mention of thee through this Most Great Remembrance that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. God willing, thou shouldst be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings in the nights and days. Verily He maketh mention of him who maketh mention of Him, and He beholdeth him who hath arisen to serve His mighty Cause. Convey My greetings to all the friends, especially to those leaves who dwell in that house and from whom the fragrances of divine love are wafted. The Most Exalted Pen crieth out at all times and seasons, yet few indeed are the attentive ears. Verily not every ear is capable of hearing the call of the Lord of Names, nor is every heart worthy of His love. Blessed is the soul that hath today arisen to serve and is occupied with the remembrance of God, for praiseworthy deeds shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Reflect upon the she-camel of Salih - when she was hamstrung in the path of friendship, all the tongues of the world, from that day unto the day that hath no end, have been and shall ever be engaged in her praise and glorification. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My verses and My Pen hath been moved to make mention of it. Whatsoever existeth and is visible upon earth shall pass away, and that which shall endure is that which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, and glorification be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.”

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O Mirza Siyyid ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

That which hath proceeded from the pen of thy devotion and turning unto the Wronged One hath come before Him. We found therein the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of thee in diverse Tablets with a mention that surpasseth all the mentions of the world. He beareth witness unto thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee to preserve this station through this Name, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and the hearts of the learned who have barred the servants from turning unto the Most Great Ocean and this Momentous Announcement have been seized with trepidation. Blessed is thy tongue for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and borne witness unto that which God hath testified. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen moved concerning that whereon thou standest, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Beware lest the deeds and words of men grieve thee. Soon shall they behold what they have wrought in the former life. Verily thy Lord is the Informed, the All-Knowing.

We make mention at this hour of him who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, that his remembrance may endure in the kingdom for as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall endure. O Husayn! Blessed art thou for having sought the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon while the Wronged One was held beneath the talons of hatred through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. At the time of thy ascension there was revealed for thee that

which hath diffused the sweet savors of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Were there to be disclosed less than a needle's eye of that which We have bestowed upon thee in thy most exalted station, all who dwell on earth would abandon what they possess and turn unto this station, wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, the All-Wise." Blessed is the servant who remembereth thee even as the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of His Command hath remembered thee. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in My perspicuous Book. We verily console his family and shall send down for them, when God willeth and desireth, that which shall gladden them after their grief. And I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Convey My greetings unto them and remind them of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy. We have withheld the Pen for a time as a wisdom from Our presence, and We are verily the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and whom the oppression of the aggressors hath not held back from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Muhammad-Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! The world is observed to be in turmoil. The recompense for the deeds of the heedless nations has prevented rest and tranquility. After the martyrdom of the martyrs and the manifestation of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word until now, truth cannot be distinguished from falsehood. By the life of God! The people of the Bayan and what they possess are like the spider's web, nay weaker still, if they but knew it. The people of the Furqan spent one thousand two hundred years polishing the swords of rejection and protest until finally they fell upon the pure body of the Mystery of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen, cutting down that Sacred Tree. God's curse be upon them! And now the deniers of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings. Ahmad ibn Ja'far Kirmani desires to become the possessor of false prophecies and forged declarations, and perhaps he also wishes to rebuild Jabulqa and Jabulsa, just as they did before, burning the world with the fire of tyranny. We beseech God to protect His loved ones. They have denied Him Who has appeared with all divine verses and heavenly proofs, while they busy themselves with exalting the words of those who have ever remained behind the veil of concealment. They have stolen divine verses and have made various calumnies a bridle for the heedless ones. Shame upon them for what their hands have wrought! You should remain engaged with the utmost joy and fragrance and assurance. Divine blessing and heavenly bounty have encompassed and will continue to encompass your condition. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and counsel them to the Most Great Steadfastness. Your letter which you sent to the Observer, upon him be My glory, was noted. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love and steadfastness wafted from it. We have read it and have revealed for you this wondrous Tablet. Grieve not over anything. Verily all affairs are in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Desired One in the beginning and in the end. We console you in what hath befallen you and comfort you through My grace and My verses and My mercy which have preceded all created things, and We bid you to beautiful patience. Verily your Lord is the All-Patient, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

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To Muhammad Hashim ibn Qadir, upon him be the Glory of God. In the name of the Sun of Truth! Your petition hath reached the Most Holy Court and the servant present submitted all of it. Blessed are those souls who in this Day have not been content with mere words, but have arisen to do that which beseemeth the days of God. No garment hath been or is more excellent for the temple of man than goodly character, and no crown better than the fear of God. This is the first ornament, whose radiance illumineth and brighteneth the human world. Say: O friends! Hold fast unto that which is beloved in the sight of God. The Most Exalted Pen hath desired naught for itself, and whatsoever hath flowed and continues to flow from it hath been for the good of the servants. The souls mentioned have each attained the grace of God and their mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. All must today, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, seek steadfastness, for the clamor is raised high, the traitor follows behind, the thief lies in ambush, and the ungodly watch from their lookouts. Beseech ye God that He may protect all and shelter them in His mighty and impregnable fortress. We send greetings to the handmaidens of God in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the grace and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God that He may aid them to do that which is befitting, that they may, in utmost sanctity and detachment, engage in the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds and attain the fruit of existence. We convey Our greetings to the mother of the sanctuary and give her the glad-tidings of the favors of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and likewise to the handmaidens who are in mind. Blessed is he who remembereth her and assisteth her purely for the sake of God. Blessed are the souls who have been and are in mind and who dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence. The requirements of consummate wisdom have concealed their mention. By My life! Theirs is a goodly return. The Glory be upon thee and upon My friends and loved ones and My male and female servants and upon those whom the clamor hath not prevented from the Lord of all beings in this […] the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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He is the Most Wondrous, the Wondrous!

Glorified be He Who hath ordained a measure for all things. Verily He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth by His command, and He, verily, hath power over all things. Before Him bow down in adoration all who are in the heavens and on earth. The thunder exalteth Him in fear, and the lightning in awe. He createth the clouds as He pleaseth and causeth them to rain upon the earth as a token of His grace, and verily He is wise over all things.

O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call of Him Who calleth thee from the direction of the Throne, that the call of the All-Merciful may draw thee to a sanctified and faithful station, and raise thee to the pinnacle of grace, and bring thee to the shore of luminous glory. Follow thou the religion of God in thy love for Me, and follow not every rebellious Satan - they who, when a herald came unto them from God, denied him and said: “This is naught but a man possessed,” and who, when he showed them that which their souls and

hearts were powerless to produce, cried out and said: “This is naught but manifest sorcery.” Thus did Our heedless servants speak in every age, and thus do they speak now, yet they comprehend not a word. But thou, guard thyself from the depths of vain imaginings in these days, and take fast hold of the Arc of sacred splendor. Say: In the Name of God and by God, then embark upon it and fear no one. Cut thyself off from all the worlds. Whoso holdeth fast unto it this day is indeed saved, and whoso turneth away from it is drowned. Thus hath the decree been inscribed by the Finger of Command upon the Tablet.

Seek thou the grace of thy Lord at all times, for verily His grace is nigh unto the doers of good. They who have denied the verses of the All-Merciful - for them God hath ordained no station of truth, and today they are debarred from the breezes of the spirit. But they who are firm in the Cause - these are encompassed by the breezes of grace, and around them circle the angels of the Cause with chalices from the Kawthar of life. Thus doth the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, encompass those who are nigh unto Him.

Forsake the earth and all that is therein, then take the Tablet of God with becoming humility and read it. Verily, it will preserve thee from that which thy Lord abhorreth, and will lead thee to His good-pleasure, and cause thee to enter a paradise whose name hath been magnified in truth.

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He is the Mighty, the Beautiful

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I bear witness before Thee and the Manifestations of Thy beauty that Thou hast eternally been sanctified above the description of all except Thee and wilt ever remain exalted beyond the praise of all besides Thee. All minds are bewildered by Thy knowledge, all souls are powerless to comprehend Thy essence, all hearts acknowledge Thy sovereignty, and all realities confess Thy power. Yet how can anyone ascend unto Thee or any soul attain the summit of union with and presence before Thee? Nay, by Thy glory! All who claim to have reached Thee are but pretenders within themselves, and all who remember Thee are but confessors of their own limitations. For Thou canst not be known through aught else, that Thou mightest be mentioned through it, nor canst Thou be recognized by any matter, that Thou mightest be described by its remembrance. Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my God, above the essences of Thy servants’ praise! Glorified, glorified art Thou above the wonders of Thy creatures’ attributes! But O my God and Beloved of my heart, since Thou hast clipped the wings of understanding from soaring in the atmosphere of Thy holy oneness and hast prevented the hearts of those endued with certitude from ascending to the heaven of Thy mighty identity, Thou hast ordained for Thy servants to turn unto the Daysprings of Thy Cause in the temples of Thy name, and hast made their turning unto them as turning unto Thee, and their gaze upon their beauty as gazing upon Thy beauty. And all this was naught but a token of Thy bounty and a manifestation of Thy grace and favor. Thou hast ordained for them, O my God, a proof from Thee and an evidence from Thy presence, which is the revelation of Thy verses from the cloud of Thy mercy and the appearance of Thy signs from the heaven of Thy grandeur. Since this is what hath appeared from the horizon of Thy wisdom, therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Mirrors reflecting Thy beauty and the Daysprings manifesting Thy majesty, that Thou forgive those

who have migrated in Thy path and journeyed from their homes to the wellspring of union with Thee, and who have detached themselves from all else to reach the city of Thy presence, until they attained unto Thy presence and stood before the sanctuary of Thy nearness and the Kaaba of Thy glory, and found intimacy with Thy beauty and heard Thy melodies. Then, O my God, deprive them not of the wonders of Thy hidden knowledge and the gems of Thy treasured wisdom. Moreover, O my Beloved, cause them to dwell in the precincts of Thy most great mercy, beneath the shadow of Thy Most Exalted Name, for verily Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Generous.

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He is God, exalted be His station in majesty and power

God, blessed and exalted, has said: “If ye would count the favors of God, ye cannot reckon them.” Among these favors are mention and praise, and utterance and expression. Among them is the remembrance of the chosen ones and the pure ones. In truth, they cannot be reckoned. Every leaf is a book. Today the ocean is humbled before its drop, and gardens prostrate before its leaf. Glorified be His majesty and universal be His bounty. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophet and the cause of His creation, through whom the horizon of the heaven of faith was illumined and the luminary of certitude shone forth, and upon His family and companions, through whom all things spoke forth of might and power and strength belonging to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I acknowledge and testify that my mention cannot reach the court of Thy glory, and my deeds cannot draw me nigh unto Thee, and my praise befitteth Thee not, for it is but a mirror of my self reflecting what is within me. How can it possibly reflect Thee and the manifestations of Thy grandeur and the conditions of Thy power when Thou dost mention a leaf from among the leaves of the Tree of Thy knowledge, which Thou hast caused to be assured of Thy oneness and to acknowledge Thy sanctity and transcendence above all else, and which hath testified to Thy unity and singleness and confessed that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whom the limbs of the enemies trembled and the realities of all things were attracted, to assist her in Thy service. Then make her mention a treasure for her with Thee and ordain for her what beseemeth Thy generosity, O Lord of existence, and Thy bounty, O Lord of bestowal. Verily Thou art the Almighty Who hath guided those who are nigh unto Thee to a station whereby the hearts of the wicked were agitated and the hearts of the evil ones lamented. O Lord! Ordain for Thy servants and leaves Thy favors which none knoweth save Thy knowledge, and from the Kawthar which none hath drunk save through Thy grace and favors. Verily Thou art He to Whom all things have testified that Thou art God, the Mighty, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

The Day is come and the people are in manifest veils. The Truth hath appeared and creation is in great denial. The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of manifestation and mankind is in thick delusion. O concourse of men! The Lord of Destiny remembereth you from the direction of His Most Great Scene. Draw nigh and be not of them that hesitate. This is the Day of proof, were ye of them that know, and this is the Day of recognition, were ye of them that are certain. This is the Day whereon the Speaker of the Mount speaketh upon the throne of manifestation. Blessed is he who hath heard and believed, and woe unto every sinful denier.

O Husayn Baba, his honor Siyyid Taqi forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court where it attained the hearing of the Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! How can I remember Thee, after knowing that my remembrance befitteth not the court of Thy might nor ascendeth to the atmosphere of Thy holiness? I beseech Thee, O Thou the Purpose of the world and Beloved of the nations, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the land and sea and illumined the hearts of creation, and by the power of Thy Pen and the influence of Thy Will, to assist Thy servants in Manshad to turn unto the path of guidance. Verily Thou art the Lord of the servants and Master of creation. O my Lord! Enable its learned ones to turn unto Thee and to turn away from all else besides Thee. Then send down upon them that which will draw them to the court of Thy might and the carpet of Thy nearness. O my Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. Vain imaginings and idle fancies have prevented them from drawing nigh unto Thy Self-Subsisting Name. I beseech Thee by Thy Key wherewith Thou hast opened the doors of hearts, to transform their remoteness into nearness, their sorrow into joy, their ignorance into knowledge, and their darkness into light. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Manifestation and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen. I testify, O my God, to Thy power and might, and I acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books. Ordain for me and for them that which will illumine us with the lights of the Daystar of Thy utterance, then preserve us from the promptings of self and passion, and adorn us with justice and the fear of God. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the last and the first. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

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O ’A.B., upon him be 669 [Baha’u’llah]! He is the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of Great Grace!

The springtime of utterance has come, and the signs of mercy and generosity have appeared from the April showers of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereon the tongue of existence speaks: “O my Lord! Deny me not the rain-showers from the heaven of Thy bounty, and deprive me not of the effulgences of the Orb of Thy bestowal. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Manifest Book. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.”

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! In these days all things are engaged in joy and gladness, and are holding fast to the means of delight and attraction. A great festival is established - God willing, may all attain unto it. Blessed and great is this Day. Well is it with the soul that has acquired lofty stations and attained unto eternal life.

Praise be to God, that honored one has ever been and continues to be successful in spreading the divine verses. Convey My greetings to the friends. All are mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One. We counsel everyone to observe trustworthiness and godliness, and whatsoever God hath revealed in His Manifest Book. That honored one should set souls ablaze with the warmth of divine love and strengthen them in that which is befitting. Perchance through your efforts and those of the loved ones, the hidden rancor and hatred in the breasts of the various groups may be stilled and quieted by the Kawthar of counsel and utterance, and the point of unity may shine forth from the horizon of the Mother Book and adorn all directions with the light of accord. Thou hast ever been and continues to be mentioned before this Wronged One. Say: O friends! Know ye the value of these days. Today the world is illumined by the light of the Divine Manifestation and the Mount is gladdened by His presence. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most great favor. The saplings of existence seek sustenance - they must be nourished at all times from the Kawthar of utterance, that all may appear and become manifest with delicate, radiant leaves and pure, sweet fruits. Bounty is in His hand and generosity is in His mighty grasp. He hath ordained for you that which will bring joy to the eyes and gladden the hearts. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bounteous, the Generous. Peace and mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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He is God! There is no God but Him! He has wished to mention you, O Desire of the worlds, that He may behold you wholly turned toward God, the Mighty, the Wise. He loves that you should have a single, radiant and illumined countenance in this Cause whereby the Cry has been raised up and the people of all religions were terrified, save those whom your Lord, the All-Merciful, wished. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Would that you had known the waves of this Most Great Ocean and what lies concealed therein of the pearls of the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rend asunder all the veils of the world, then turn with your heart toward the Lord of Names, detached from the idolaters. Say: He knows the hidden thoughts of souls and the treachery of eyes. With Him is the knowledge of what was and what will be, in a Tablet sealed by the finger of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people, remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came, the learned ones and every possessor of knowledge turned away from Him, while those who tended sheep believed in Him. Thus do We detail the verses unto you that you may call out with this Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. It behooves you today to adorn your head with the crown of this wise Remembrance and to be one who calls out My Name amongst the servants. By this will God exalt your station and establish your mention throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. Verily your Lord is the Ruler over what He wills. Say: Look and remember the one named Abu Dharr. He was tending the sheep of the people when he believed. The learned ones denied him, yet today every possessor of manifest knowledge

takes pride in his name. Those who act unjustly today - God will soon erase their traces and exalt those who have believed to such a degree that their names will be spoken throughout the earth. Thus do We inform you, and none can inform you like One who is All-Knowing. Arise to the Cause in such wise that God's help may be manifest from you in all else, and the servants may behold in your face the radiance of divine bliss. This is a Day wherein if anyone misses aught, all the means of earth combined cannot make up for it, and your Lord is witness to what I say. Rise from the horizon of silence, speaking in remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: It behooves every soul, when hearing the Call from the direction of his Most Glorious Lord, to say "Here am I, O Dawning-Place of the Command of my Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful." Convey My greetings to those servants who have believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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O 'Ab, upon him be the Glory of God! In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne! The call of the Ancient King hath been raised from His Most Great Prison, when He was in the hands of the oppressors, summoning the people unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. The nations and religions have united against Him because He calleth the servants unto God, the Lord of all causes. Say: Die in your wrath! Verily He doeth what He willeth through the sovereignty vouchsafed unto Him. The hosts of earth and heaven cannot withhold Him. All are within the grasp of His power and encompassed by His sovereignty which hath embraced the worlds. Were He to will it, He would destroy all who are on earth with but a word from Him. But His mercy hath preceded all creation. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have turned away from the Countenance and have turned unto those who are forbidden unto them in the perspicuous Book. Say: This is the Countenance of God, did ye but know with certainty, and this is the Cause of God, were ye of them that comprehend. The Divine Will hath been fulfilled through what He hath willed, and His Purpose through what He hath purposed. He is verily the Ruler over what He desireth. Every matter hath been realized through His command, every manifestation through His manifestation, and every book through this Book which walketh and speaketh. Exalted be the Ancient One Who hath sent down this great bounty! Among the people are those who have cast guidance behind their backs, turning to their desires, thinking themselves to be guided. Most of creation standeth in the wilderness of bewilderment - they hear but understand not, they see but perceive not. Say: Draw nigh with illumined hearts. By God the Truth! He is verily the One manifest from the Supreme Horizon and the Dawning-Place of the Most Beautiful Names, were ye of them that discern. Blessed art thou for having turned, heard, recognized and become of the triumphant. Thy mention was made before the Countenance and this wondrous Tablet was revealed for thee. God shall soon adorn the brocade of existence with the mention of His loved ones who turned unto Him when every stubborn tyrant turned away. Grieve not at anything. He will assist thee with the truth. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty. We beseech God to protect thee from every harmful one, to exalt thy station among the servants, and to ordain for thee the good of the seen and unseen. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous. And upon thee and those with thee be the glory from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O physician! He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and Majesty! Your letter sent from M has reached this servant. When I broke its seal, the fragrance of your love for our Most Exalted Lord enveloped me. As I read it, I was consumed by the expressions of your eagerness, yearning and attraction to what was sent to you of the words of our Lord, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Weeping overtook me and I presented myself before the Throne, and appeared before His countenance. Then the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty spoke in such manner that I was unable to record or write it, and remained powerless to set down what the Tongue of Power had uttered. I returned to my place and spent the night remembering and praising you, for I saw you that night sitting with me as we shared stories until morning. I ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon and stood before the Throne. Then the Desired One addressed me and other verses were revealed with the speed of a torrent rushing down from mountains or lightning flashing from clouds - nay, even faster. I was unable to record them. By your life! The wine of verses so intoxicated me that my fingers were prevented from moving and my heart from comprehending what was revealed from the heaven of utterance of our All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord. It was as though I had become a piece of fire as I gazed toward the direction of the Throne like one overcome with bewilderment. Exalted is our Self-Subsisting Lord Who has appeared with a sovereignty none has known save His own Self, the Mighty, the Beloved. Would that the people of the world could know what has appeared in creation, and would that the servants could recognize what I witnessed of the signs of my Lord, the All-Possessing, the Omnipotent over what was and what will be. It is submitted that the details were as described. After that beloved one's return from Egypt to Beirut, the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His most precious footsteps - summoned you by telegraph, but it did not reach you. Now time is short and there is no opportunity for more, otherwise my remembrance of you and description of my condition would never end. God willing, I must in the future attain to your wondrous mention. We beseech God to make you one who attracts hearts and minds, and who brings joy to souls and breasts. And glory be upon you.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

The Hidden One has appeared - exalted be He Who has manifested Him with evident sovereignty! The Treasured Mystery has come - exalted be He Who has sent Him forth with the truth through a wondrous Command! The Kingdom of Utterance has spoken at the heart of contingent being - exalted be He Who has caused it to speak of that which was concealed in a preserved Tablet! The Fire has spoken forth throughout all lands in the name of its Lord, the Chosen One - exalted be He Who has kindled it through His grace that has encompassed all worlds! The Most Exalted Pen has hastened across the fields of the Tablets - exalted be He Who has moved it through His Will that holds sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth! The Heaven of Knowledge has been adorned with this Sun that has dawned from the horizon of utterance - exalted be He Who has adorned it with this manifest Light! O people of

possibility! Hearken unto the Call from the Letter Ha resting upon the Letter Vav - verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest your vain imaginings keep you back from the sovereignty and power of God, or your doubts prevent you from this bounty that has encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. Fear God and be not of them that hesitate. Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. This is what you have been commanded in the Tablets, were you of them that know. Shun him who calls you to his vain imaginings and draw nigh unto the station wherein shine forth the lights of certitude. We summon the servants for the sake of God, yet among them are those who have drawn against Me the sword of hatred, and among them those who have denied Me, and among them those who have decreed imprisonment in this mighty fortress. O thou who hast turned to God! Rejoice in that the Dawning-Place of Names makes mention of thee on this darksome night. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Wert thou to taste the sweetness of what We have sent down unto thee, thou wouldst soar on the wings of longing unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Praised. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Speak forth My remembrance and praise amongst My creatures. By My life! This is the most excellent of deeds in the estimation of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Hold fast unto it and be not of them that remain silent. Thus have We imparted unto thee that which the Spirit imparted unto My pure, holy, mighty and impregnable breast, that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of God and His remembrance through a power from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of manifestation with a brilliant, evident light.

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O Haji Muhammad-Rida who has attained the presence and won! He is the One Who is manifest without veil or covering. That which was hidden from time immemorial hath been revealed, and that which was treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of lords, hath appeared, and that which was promised in the Books of God, the Master of necks, hath come to pass. Through Him God hath rent asunder every veil and caused every tongue to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My Day and heard My call and been honored by the tokens of My Pen and arose to serve My Cause amongst My servants. He is indeed of the people of My Kingdom. Upon him rest My glory and My loving-kindness and the glory of all who are in earth and heaven. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee in the Most Great Prison that which no mention can equal. When thou hearest and readest it, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me Thy path and revealed unto me that whose fragrance shall never cease through the eternity of Thy names and attributes. O my Lord! Thou didst create me by Thy command and didst manifest me for Thy remembrance and praise and for turning unto Thy horizon. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace to aid me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and made manifest through Thy sovereignty. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised. A hundred thousand thanks unto the Goal of the world's peoples that He hath aided you to serve the Cause. Blessed is the soul whom the events of the world did not prevent from the love of God's friends and who arose with complete dedication to serve. I swear by the Sun of Truth that no deed is concealed from God - all is revealed and

its recompense recorded by the Pen of the Ancient of Days. In these days a new event hath occurred in the City of Lovers. Verily the serpent hath opened its mouth and bitten the Dawning-Place of his Lord's loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to beautiful patience and wondrous steadfastness. Thou hast ever been and still art remembered. We beseech God to strengthen thy body and assure thy heart and illumine thy face and lengthen thy days. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Almighty, the Powerful. The Glory be upon thee time after time, again and yet again, from the One Who is Forgiving, Merciful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This evanescent servant has been blessed by the fragrant breezes wafting from your noble letter, which diffused the sweet-scented perfume of love and affection and the fragrance of sincerity towards God, the Lord of creation. I beseech and implore God, exalted and mighty be He, to perpetually sustain your honor upon this pleasing path and exalted favor. Some time ago, when your gracious letter was received by this servant, a detailed response was submitted along with two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets - one specifically for the Leaf and another for the Wondrous Leaf, upon them both be the glory of God - and these were dispatched from that direction. Therefore, this time, due to complete preoccupation, there was no opportunity to write in detail. What can this evanescent servant say? In these days he is so occupied that not a moment's respite can be found. Outwardly, I have not seen and do not see this weak existence capable of performing this momentous task. Thus it is that divine confirmations provide assistance, otherwise how could this greatest of tasks and this evanescent, weak and lowly servant be reconciled? Likewise, this time Most Mighty, Most Exalted Tablets have descended from the heaven of oneness specifically for that beloved one and the honored and revered Aqa Aqa Mir Siyyid Allah and the Leaf and the Wondrous Leaf and the son, and these were sent through Rafi'. God willing, they will attain to their perusal. I request from your kindnesses that you convey to his honor the aforementioned Aqa, upon him be the glory of God, expressions of pure devotion and utter self-effacement, and the Most Wondrous, Most Exalted, Most Sublime, Most Glorious salutation on behalf of this servant. Her Holiness the Leaf, upon her be the glory of God, and likewise the sons, upon them be the glory of God - the conveying of wondrous and exalted salutations depends on your kindness and favors. The Servant of God. Dated […] All the Branches and Twigs of the Blessed Tree and the members of the pavilion of divine infallibility remember your honor with wondrous and exalted remembrances and glorify you with jewels of praise. Verily, glory be upon you and upon those with you.

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He is the Ever-Living in the Most Glorious Horizon!

O Mirza Baqir! Your eyes have been solaced by what the Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of thee in this Tablet, which was held in the grasp of might. Say: This is the hand that was outstretched in truth, and this is the grasp whereby He took hold of the kingdom of the heavens and earth with mighty sovereignty, and this is the right hand by which the heavens were rolled up and spread forth again by another will. Glorified be He Who hath, by a mere expression of His will, suspended all in the kingdom. Say: Nothing hath preceded Him, nay rather His mercy hath preceded all things, and He doth indeed encompass all things. Purify thy vision from human allusions, then take hold of God's Tablet with manifest power. Say: O people! The Tablet of the Command hath come to us from the Dayspring of destiny with resplendent lights, and it is indeed detailed from the Preserved Tablet which God hath sent in the form of the Youth. Blessed be He Who hath sent it with the truth by a mighty command. Take heed lest thou remain in thy place - arise, then speak forth in praise of thy Lord. Say: The Youth hath come with a luminous countenance and calleth you unto God. Fear God and be not of those who doubt in the Cause. Cast aside what ye possess and take what your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath commanded you. He will indeed make you independent of all who dwell on earth, and He hath power over all things. Walk thou in My footsteps such that whenever the winds of trials grow fierce, thou shalt find thyself in a state of attraction and tranquility. Thus must it be for one who hath detached himself from all things and turned unto the Beautiful Countenance. And when harm toucheth thee in thy Lord's path, be patient and remember My tribulation and exile in these lands. Thus doth the Pen of the All-Wise command thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Guide the people to the Most Great Law, then usher them beneath this Tabernacle which hath been raised up in the loftiest Paradise. Give the people to drink from the Kawthar of thy Lord's love from the cup that hath been fashioned by the hand of God. Convey Our greetings to the faces of those who have taken unto the All-Merciful a path. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon her whom God hath bestowed upon thee, then upon her who serveth thee, then upon those who have turned toward the court of God and have detached themselves from every remote idolater.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have sent down the Bayan and made it the herald of this Revelation through which the rivers have flowed. Say: I am the springtime of the All-Merciful for that which was sown in the Bayan, and the rain of grace for that which was planted therein with justice. To this testifieth he who possesseth knowledge of the Tablets. He hath ordained the laws that I might proclaim in all things that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Help in Peril. This is a mention which God hath specially assigned to Myself. Read ye the Bayan, that ye may know him whom the followers of all religions have failed to recognize. He wrote the Bayan solely that His Most Exalted Pen might move only to make mention of Him, yet ye have committed that which hath caused the Pen to be restrained from mentioning the mysteries. Therefore doth the Divine Lote-Tree lament for that which ye have wrought, O company of evil ones! Say: Think ye that ye have any power? Nay, by Him Who controlleth the night and the day! Or suppose ye that ye can find any refuge? Nay, by my Lord, even should ye lay hold of all means! Are they who have acted unjustly at ease while We are in affliction? Nay, they are in the abyss, by Him Who causeth the trees to speak! And remember when one asked "Where is the Temple of the Kingdom?" He who turned away said "It is in the most ruined of houses." Say: Nay, O

dweller in hell, it is in a palace of ruby! Behold, O ye who are endued with insight! He possesseth a Name which, were He to cast it upon poison, would transform it into the Most Great Antidote. Die in thy wrath, O thou idolatrous infidel! Soon shalt thou see what thou hast wrought; then shalt thou lament and find no escape. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned to God, the Lord of all names. When thou didst drink the choice wine of verses from the cups of the words of thy Lord, the Lord of names and attributes, arise and make good what hath passed. Thus doth He instruct thee Who possesseth knowledge of all things in the Book. Say: O people, have ye not witnessed the power? By My life, the Cry hath been raised, and these are verses at which the mountains would crumble! I know not by what proof ye have held fast, or by what cause ye have been kept back from Him through Whose remembrance the earth was established and spirits took flight. Arise from the couches of heedlessness and passion, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablets from the presence of Him Who cleaveth the dawn. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son, and upon those who have broken the chains of blind imitation through this Name whereby the gates have been opened.

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In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty!

O Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! The Most Exalted Pen is, at all times, occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of Names, and the Divine Lote-Tree doth, in every moment, proclaim: “Verily, I am the Beloved.” Blessed is the ear that heareth. Every hearing that hath attained unto this station hath been and shall ever be a trust from the Lord, and is accounted before God as being among those endowed with hearing and sight. If, in this day, any soul faileth to hearken unto the Call of God, he shall not be considered among those possessed of hearing before the Divine Throne, and if he attaineth not unto the knowledge of God, which is the cause and purpose of creation, he shall not be numbered among the living before God, but rather shall be recorded as one of the dead before His Throne. Well is it with the one whom the idle fancies and vain imaginings of this evanescent world have not debarred from the Dayspring of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful and the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Every person possessed of understanding and wisdom testifieth to the transience of the world and all that is therein; nevertheless, they cling to it and turn away from the Truth, having exchanged the everlasting divine bounty for fleeting benefits that are limited to numbered days, as thou dost witness.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards the horizon of Revelation, and for having heard the Call of God and responded to thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We are with thee and perceive from thee the fragrance of My love, and We behold thee in whatsoever thou art engaged concerning the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter hath come and been read before the Throne. He is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God that thou art mentioned before the Throne through His bounty. Although this supreme bounty is now, due to divine wisdom, concealed, yet ere long its manifestations shall become visible and evident in the world. He is, verily, the Informer, the All-Knowing.

Say: O loved ones! Be not disturbed or saddened by the oppression of the oppressors. Fix your gaze upon wisdom and act in accordance with the counsels of the compassionate Lord of Oneness. In such case, should harm befall you, verily He is the Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds. We complain of those who approach the Prison without leave from Us. We beseech God to aid them to hearken unto that which they have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Professor Baqir! He is exalted above mention and description. This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One, Who hath at all times been sacrificed in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen none of God's chosen ones before, to such extent that the rock hath cried out, the Divine Lote-Tree hath lamented, and the wailing of all things hath been raised - yet the people remain in evident blindness. Doth anyone reflect on that which befell Muhammad, the Apostle of God, from the people of the Gospel, and that which befell the Spirit from the Jews? Doth any ponder on all that hath appeared at every Revelation? Thus doth My grieving Pen make mention, that perchance the slumbering may awaken and the sleeping may arise. Oppression hath reached such a degree that the heavens have wept and the clouds been thrown into commotion, yet most of the people remain heedless. This is a mention from Us to all who have believed and turned toward the All-Informed One. Know thou that thy brother, who was named after the First Pillar of this Name - whereby all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror save those whom the hand of grace took hold of and taught what appeared in creation by a command from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise - hath presented himself in the Most Great Prison. He hath drunk the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of bounty and mentioned thy name before the Countenance. Therefore have We sent down unto thee this clear Book. Recognize what the All-Merciful hath revealed, then preserve it in His Name, the Almighty, the Powerful. O My loved ones in the land of Ta! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, Whom God hath made a target for the arrows of destiny and tribulation between earth and heaven, and be not of the heedless ones. By the life of God! Nothing preventeth Us from mentioning you and those who have believed, with a mention that shall endure as long as God, the Sovereign, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised, endureth. We cast upon the world that which We have been commanded by the Lord of Eternity. My Most Great Name beareth witness to this, speaking from the Throne: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Generous." Hold fast to the cord of patience and to the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His wondrous Book. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the midst of sorrows, to which every possessor of hearing and insight beareth witness. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones in that place, and upon those who have held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Straight Path.

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Tablet to Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the glory of God. He is the Witness, the Hearer, the Seer. A Book sent down by the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison to him who has turned to the Supreme Horizon

and drunk the choice wine of bounty from the hand of the favor of his Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. We have mentioned thee time and again as a token of Our grace, for thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, but most of the people are heedless. At all times hath the Pen of the All-Merciful made mention of His loved ones, that all may drink from the ocean of joy and repose upon the couch of contentment. How blessed is the state of one who hath drunk from the Kawthar of revelation and stood up with utmost steadfastness in the Cause of God. That which hath been and is recorded in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets concerning assistance - the purpose thereof is the mention and praise of God and the teaching of this mighty Cause through wisdom and utterance. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and gladden them with the remembrance of the Wronged One. Today the Most Exalted Pen counseleth the people of Baha to preserve their stations. God willing, may they attain unto this most great gift and act in accordance with that which exalteth the Cause. The honored Nazir, upon him be My glory, is present and hath attained to pilgrimage on behalf of the friends. May God, exalted be His glory, aid them all to that which hath been and is the cause of enduring mention. Were the station of but one of God's friends to be made manifest amongst mankind, all would be struck senseless by the radiance of its light, save whom God willeth. The diverse colors of the world have occupied its people and deprived them of the Supreme Horizon, yet he who possesseth sight is not withheld by worldly affairs from the Most Great Prospect. Verily He speaketh the truth and manifesteth to whomsoever He willeth His straight path. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God, the Lord of the worlds. He shall manifest unto thee that which He hath willed and ordained from His Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon him who mentioned thee in the Prison - he who is named Abu'l-Qasim in this noble station.

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O Mirza Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of My Most Exalted Pen.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath beheld the proof and believed in the All-Merciful when He came from the heaven of utterance with manifest sovereignty, that he might be assured of his Lord's loving-kindness and render thanks for this bounty, to whose greatness all created things and every discerning mystic have testified.

O Baqir! There hath appeared before the Most Great Scene what thou didst compose in remembrance of God, the Lord of Destiny, through Whom the Resurrection was established, the moon was cleft asunder, and every hidden matter was revealed. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy tongue, for having spoken My beauteous praise. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet every letter of which testifieth to the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou vocal in My remembrance and in the remembrance of My loved ones whom the veils of the world have not hindered from this shining horizon. Glorify their faces, give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and illumine their hearts with the light of My wondrous utterance. From the horizon of the Tablet there hath shone forth the light of utterance from the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones.

When thou hast attained unto the breezes of revelation in thy Lord's Book, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, given me to drink, and caused me to hear Thy path, the fountain of Thy utterance, and Thy most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, by the rustling of Thy Lote-Tree, the lights of Thy countenance, the murmuring of the fountain of knowledge, and the stirring of the breezes of Thy bounty - O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all possibility - to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace and clinging to the hem of Thy loving-kindness. Write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. I testify that Thou knowest what is with me and what profiteth me, and I know not what is with Thee. Thou art the All-Powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. Nothing can frustrate Thee, nor can any matter prevent Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the affairs of the world nor the clamor of nations shall turn me aside. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to grant my prayer.

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In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all names! This is a Book sent down by the Creator of the heavens unto those on earth that the Call may draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before His Face hath read it. We have revealed for thee that which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and serveth as a proof unto the followers of all religions, and as a lamp in this darkness that hath encompassed all created things, and as a guide unto My straight path.

Beware lest anything prevent thee from the Lord of all beings. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It behooveth no one to put the Wronged One to the test, nor is this the Day of questioning. It behooveth every soul, when hearing the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, to arise and say: "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who hast accepted tribulations for the salvation of the peoples!"

"I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that which was hidden from every discerning and perceiving one." Look, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, He was denied by the divines of idols and of the Torah and the Gospel. Among them was he who desired a house of gold, and among them was he who asked for a spring to gush forth, and among them was he who wished a book to descend from heaven, and among them was he who said before His face: "If this be the truth, then cause stones to rain down upon us from heaven." Thus was it decreed aforetime. Ponder that thou mayest find thyself possessed of clear certitude.

We have not entered schools. We have come from the dawning-place of utterance with a Cause before which the hosts of the heavens and earth cannot stand. Thus hath the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the highest branch of all existence. When thou hast heard and recognized this, say:

“My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and made known to me Thy way. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by the hearts that have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love, and by the faces that have turned unto the lights of Thy countenance, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving Thy Cause. Then ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art powerful over all things. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.”

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In His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

This is a Book from Us to him whose letter was present before the Throne and who attained the presence of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, that he may be assured that He remembers the one who hath voiced His praise and heareth that which he hath called upon Him with. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have read thy letter and recognized thy advancement in the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech God to assist thee in such wise that the imaginings of those who make mention of Him among the people while harboring other intentions in secret shall not cause thee to slip. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth that which their tongues utter and that which passeth through the hearts of the doubters. Guard thyself from the utterances of them that make allusions, and immerse thyself in the oceans of the favors of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Place thy whole trust in God, detached from all else. This is My counsel unto thee and it shall profit thee in this world and in the next. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Thy letter from which wafted the sweet savors of the love of the All-Merciful was presented at the Most Great Scene. Blessed art thou for having attained thereunto and for being among those who have turned towards Him. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that thou hast recognized Him and art celebrating His praise. That which is desired in these days is steadfastness in the Cause of God, for there are many who harbor doubts, and from every direction the voice of the calf is raised. Those souls who have drunk from the cup of the love of the All-Merciful and have raised high the pavilion of certitude in the midmost heart of the world must regard all else besides God as utter nothingness and absolute void, save those souls who arise to serve the Cause outwardly and inwardly. The most abject of people in the sight of God are those who prostrate themselves at the call of every calf and who worship every idol out of vain imaginings. The worshipper and the worshipped are both in manifest loss. And certain souls have become the cause of the waste of God’s Cause while counting themselves among the mighty ones. Humiliation shall soon overtake them from every direction unless they repent and return unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. O thou who art mindful of the Truth! God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the cup of steadfastness and quaff from the chalice of

detachment. Verily, He is with thee under all conditions. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him Who spoke upon Sinai from the Throne of Revelation!

This is a Book that speaketh the truth and bringeth glad tidings to the world through the Most Great Name, Who hath come from the horizon of power with the banners of verses and with manifest sovereignty. When the appointed time was come, He appeared with the truth and revealed that which was treasured in the knowledge of God and concealed from the eyes of them that are nigh. The affairs of men hindered Him not, nor did the oppression of such as denied the Day of Judgment frighten Him. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and standeth before the Throne! Hear thou the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He turneth toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and maketh mention of thee with verses that equal not the ornaments and treasures of the earth. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from His exalted station. Thy letter was presented and one of My Branches read it. We answer thee as a token of grace from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the Glorious Throne. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the horizon of Revelation, and for not having been hindered by the events of the world nor by the clamor of the nations who have violated God's Covenant and Testament, and have committed that which hath caused the Dayspring of Revelation to lament and the Spirit to wail in His glorious station.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and to assist thee with the hosts of utterance, and to protect thee from the oppression of such as have cast the Command of God behind their backs, following the ways of the ignorant ones. When thou art blessed to hear My call and read My Tablet, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path, illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and caused me to hear Thy sweet call as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and shown me the traces of Thy Pen in the world of creation. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Then write down, O my God, that which will aid me in all the worlds of Thy worlds and will profit me through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

We counsel thee to observe wisdom in all circumstances, lest the clamor of such as observe and deny be raised. Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

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O Musa, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Friend - thy letter which expressed the degrees of utter powerlessness, nothingness, complete effacement and absolute non-existence was received in the Most Holy Presence and was accepted. He who acknowledges his powerlessness and confesses his nothingness before the manifestations of the greatness of his Creator is indeed among those who have recognized their Lord and are counted among the successful ones. The soul that has ever been convinced of and confessed to utter powerlessness and complete effacement has been and will continue to be reckoned before the All-Merciful as one of the people of true knowledge. By the truth of My Self, thy letter which was in the Persian tongue is more beloved before God than the utterances of the deluded ones who day and night fancy themselves to have attained the stations of knowledge of the Lord of all possibility. For today the purpose of all things is that the fragrance of the good-pleasure of the All-Merciful should waft from them. Whatever thing is deprived of this station is recorded before God as among the most worthless of things. How many souls who day and night, in their own imagination, were occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all names and were speaking the highest stations of vain mystical utterances, while the Truth was sanctified and exempt from all such souls. Observe how some souls are so weak that through the croaking of a croaker they have been and continue to be deprived of the ultimate goal and the divine Lote-Tree. The Truth, Whose lights of manifestation have encompassed the world and Whose banners of grandeur and power have been raised upon all hills and heights - they have remained far from Him through the word of the basest of people. Each day a hasty cry is raised and the mewing of a cat appears. We beseech God to protect thee and protect those who have drunk the Kawthar of the All-Merciful from this gleaming, resplendent cup and who have become so detached through His remembrance from the remembrance of all else that they see naught in creation save as a handful of clay. God willing, thou shouldst in all conditions fix thy gaze upon the All-Glorious and associate and consort with upright souls, illumined hearts and steadfast minds. Thus doth the Beloved counsel thee out of love for thyself. Verily He is the Beloved and the Lord of all the worlds. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Possessor of great bounty.

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In the Name of God, the Most Truthful, upon Him be the Glory of God!

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding without decline! Thy letter was presented before the Throne and achieved the honor of Our gracious regard, and whatsoever was written therein found acceptance. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the ocean of grace and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, when He was in the region of Iraq, and He revealed for thee in the Tablets that which confirmed the testimony of the past and by which thy mention shall endure throughout all regions. Thou hast ever been and, God willing, shall ever remain beneath the glances of the favors of the Lord of creation. At all times thou must be engaged in service to the Cause with joy and radiance. Verily, all that hath befallen thee in the path of the Divine Purpose hath been recorded in God’s Book and inscribed in the Preserved Tablet. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As to thy desire to journey to this region, there hath been ordained for thee the reward of one who hath

attained the presence of God. This is what We informed thee of before as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Were We to tarry in this realm, We would command thee as thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath chosen.

O My Name! The reward of attaining Our presence, specially ordained for thee, hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in the divine scrolls. By My life! Nothing created on earth can equal it, as all possessed of insight shall behold. Today that which is obligatory and essential is the mention of God amongst His creatures with wisdom and utterance, and this thou hast been and art engaged in, praise be to God. As for what thou didst mention regarding thy son, verily he is remembered before the Throne, and various Tablets have been revealed for him whereby the eyes of the sincere ones are consoled. As We have determined to dispatch the bearer with haste, no special Tablet was revealed. Should God so will, there shall be revealed for him that which shall gladden his heart, solace his eyes, bring rest to his soul and cause his spirit to quiver with joy. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Convey to all the loved ones of God sublime greetings from the True One. All must rejoice in divine bounty. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those with thee and thy descendants, from the presence of One omnipotent and all-knowing.

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In the Name of the one true God! The friends of God have ever been beneath His vigilant eye and illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in remembrance of each one. Today the sweet fragrances of grace and utterance have perfumed the world, yet most are deprived and forbidden therefrom. We beseech God to rend asunder the veils - and these veils have been and are the ignorant ones who have adorned their heads with turbans and have striven and continue to strive with the utmost effort to hinder and prevent the servants. God’s curse be upon them! Blessed art thou, for the hindrance of the hinderers and the veils of the veiled ones did not prevent thee from the fragrances of the Day of Faith and the manifest light. We make mention in this station of thy wife and give her glad tidings of thy Lord’s verses. We beseech God to aid her and ordain for her that which endureth and lasteth. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in My remembrance, then bear witness to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of thy sister and the wife of him who was named Fadlu’llah. We have turned toward them from the direction of the Prison and remembered them with that which attracteth the minds and hearts. Today the leaves of the divine Lote-Tree must guide the handmaidens of the earth to the Most Exalted Horizon with utmost sanctity and detachment. Today the handmaidens of God are accounted as men. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! We beseech God to make all steadfast in such wise that the oppression of oppressors and the fire of aggressors may not deter them from the Straight Path. O Muhammad-’Ali! When thou attainest unto My Tablet and the trace of My Pen, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me every good thing Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O my Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy grace - withhold them not through Thy generosity nor disappoint them of Thy gifts. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me

nigh unto Thee and adorn me with the ornament of Thy glory and Thy riches. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things, both hidden and manifest. Verily Thou art the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

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His honor ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, may take note:

He is God, exalted is He! Praise be to God that you have reached the shore of the ocean of reunion and attained that which is the ultimate goal in both beginning and end. Praise be to God that you left your homeland and turned your face toward God’s path, and for the love of God bore the hardships of travel. And now, through His grace and favor, you have arrived near the City of Nearness and alighted in the vicinity of the Friend’s Ka’bah, becoming intimate with the meeting of the true Friend - the true Friend whom God has chosen for His service and His Cause and His love and His remembrance among His servants, and named him with this name in the kingdom of His names. All this is from God’s grace and mercy and God’s generosity and care.

This servant, with a hundred thousand tongues, offers thanks to the true Beloved that your honor has, with permission, turned toward the prison land - and this is another and greater bounty in the sight of the Most Great Horizon. Blessed are you, and all glory and blessedness be upon the sanctified presence of God’s Most Truthful Name, upon him be the praise of God and the praise of all in the worlds.

Furthermore, it is submitted that news of your honor arrived by telegraph with a brief mention of tidings. Now a detailed account is submitted: Sometimes caravans come from Beirut to this land. Since the land route lacks security, therefore your honor should observe - if a reliable caravan is departing, travel in its company, otherwise wait and depart by sea vessel. Utmost care in this matter is certainly necessary, as it is absolutely not permitted to travel without a reliable caravan by this route.

Convey to the companions on my behalf an exalted greeting. Glad tidings to them, then glad tidings to them! By God, the reality of glad tidings takes pride in giving them glad tidings, but people are heedless of this most great bounty.

To the honored and revered master, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be all His most glorious Glory, I present pure devotion and the Most Holy, Most Exalted greeting. Likewise I send greetings to the other friends in that land. Glory be upon you and upon them and upon the people of Glory, in the beginning and the end.

The Servant

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He is the Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

From time immemorial until now, whosoever hath detached himself from all save God and turned unto Him hath, in every station, attained his heart's desire, for in the stages of spiritual nearness, physical distance hath never been, nor ever shall be, a barrier. That which hath forever stood as a veil between the Truth and creation hath been the veils of self and desire. So long as these veils persist, the servant remaineth far removed from the assemblage of nearness, even should he stand before the Divine Throne. Yet after these veils are rent asunder, he standeth before His countenance, though outwardly he be a hundred thousand leagues distant. The purpose of man's existence hath been that, through the grace of the All-Merciful, he should be cleansed and purified from the defilements of creation, that he might become worthy to appear before the Greater Manifestation and enter the immortal celestial dominion of God. Should any soul fail to attain this station, no benefit would accrue to him even if he were to possess the whole earth and whatsoever is therein. As can be observed, preoccupation with this world and its trappings is the cause of affliction and abasement, not the source of freedom and repose. All the wondrous counsels and words of wisdom that God hath uttered through the tongues of His own Manifestations have been for the elevation of the souls of His servants, for verily He, the Most High, hath ever been, and shall ever remain, sanctified and exalted above the conditions of His creation and all that they possess.

As to what thou didst write expressing wonder at this forbearance despite such power–yea, in this are signs for the mystics, evidences for them that are nigh unto God, tokens for the hopeful, and intimations for the sincere. In darkness the light of the stars shineth bright and clear, and through the touchstone pure gold is distinguished from brass. In times when the descent of trials enshroudeth all contingent things in the darkness of might, the countenances of them that are nigh unto God and are sanctified shine forth with a crystalline radiance–those souls who have regarded all save the Beloved as non-existent and counted as nothing. Similarly, in the appearance of the touchstone and trials, he that turneth toward God is distinguished from him that turneth away. Whatsoever hath come to pass and shall come to pass hath been and shall be manifestations of divine wisdom, and none hath knowledge of its wisdom save His own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In all the Tablets mention hath been made of the trials of grievous years, that haply, when they should appear, the loved ones of God might not be perturbed. Nevertheless, that which was to appear hath appeared. All that hath been manifested and shall be manifested hath been and shall be by His command. None can avert His decree and none can repel His judgement. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

As regards what was asked concerning the mixture of the four elements, it is known to thee that the combination of separated, external, and opposing elements is not possible. Indeed, the masters of the craft consider four elements necessary in their work, for they regard all things as subsisting through the four elements. In truth, all four are necessary to earth, for it is the seat of manifestation. Verily earth cannot bring forth vegetation without water, as is evident, hence water is necessary - "and from water We made all things living." And earth deprived thereof brings forth neither herbage nor fruit. Fire too is necessary, for motion arises from heat and ever has, and in its absence no motion can occur, hence fire is necessary. And air, which is the cause of mixture and the source of colors, is assuredly necessary, and therein is ordained what is not ordained elsewhere, though people know it not. Indeed it is fire through its heat and water through its moisture, thus the work is perfected therein, were ye of those who know.

And therein is combined what is not combined elsewhere - thus hath it been ordained by One mighty and powerful.

The four elements - namely fire, air, water and earth - after combination and coalescence manifest two qualities each: in fire there is heat and dryness, in air moisture and heat, in water cold and moisture, and in earth dryness and cold. Therefore in the hidden work some have been content with two elements, calling them male and female, spirit and body, for in two elements the four are manifest. This station they have expounded in detail and called by all names. Were the details of these degrees to be mentioned, the discourse would surely grow lengthy. Therefore it is briefly stated that in the aforementioned work one must search and find something from which these four elements themselves become manifest. For if they emerge from different things, their mixture is very difficult, just as water never has and never will mix with oil, unless there be found a water in whose depths oil is concealed, and through alchemical processes the inner oil overcomes the outer form - then that water, which is in reality oil, can mix and unite with oil.

In brief, what is intended by the hidden craft is that thou shouldst separate the four elements from a single thing, and after purifying each element from incidental impurities through dissolution and coagulation, unite these elements. The purpose of purification is that they be cleansed of impurities that prevent and obstruct, that they may become capable of true mixture. Now consider what thing is that stone from which the four elements are separated. Beware lest thou engage in practice before knowledge, for knowledge precedeth practice. Therefore strive to attain knowledge, then undertake the work. The stone exists in one of the three kingdoms and is visible in the streets and markets. Reflect that thou mayest know. And if thou findest it and separate it, then ask God to teach thee what He hath ordained therein, for with Him is the knowledge of all things, and the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and knowledge of what was and what shall be.

In these days that which is beloved and desired is that thou shouldst take somewhat of the active essence, which is love for the Servant of God, and place it upon the conflicting elements of the human temple, so that all may be cleansed, through the assistance of that Most Great Essence, from the dross of earthly realms and enter the eternal kingdom. This is that greatest elixir which transmuteth all the copper of existence into pure gold, and this is that crown of victory which by God’s command prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed are they that attain! Thus have We imparted unto thee the truth. Ponder thou, therefore, that thou mayest recognize that which lieth concealed within the treasuries of thy Lord’s protection, the Most High, the Most Great. All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is!

O Mariam! Jesus the Spirit has ascended to the placeless realm. The cage of existence is emptied of the praised Bird. The ancient Nightingale has flown to the wilderness of nothingness, and the divine Songbird has burst into song upon the holy Tree. The pavilion of glory is rent asunder and the royal falcon has

taken wing from the branch of delight. The lofty heavens have settled upon the dark earth and cries have risen from anguished hearts. Sweet water has turned to blood and the precincts of the exalted Paradise have become mingled with blood. Yea, the luminous breasts of the friends are worthy of the shaft of the divine decree, and the necks of the lovers are eager for the noose of endless afflictions. Wherever there is an arrow, the breasts of dear ones it pierceth; and wherever there is grief, the hearts of companions it consumeth. The lover's eyes must be wet, whereat the Beloved may coyly flash an amorous glance. If the lover crieth out a hundred words of grief, the Beloved but turneth more away. If thou desirest the sherbet of reunion, sacrifice thy body on the plane of nothingness; and if thou seekest the wine of surpassing Beauty, set foot in the vale of privation. O Mariam! Give up sorrow to happiness, and dispel all grief from the cup of joy. If thou desirest to set foot on the path of search, be patient. Scratch not thy Dear One's cheek and let loose not thy tears. Rather be composed. Clothe thyself with the garment of resignation, and quaff from the pure wine of contentment. Sell this world for a dirham and let thy heart be captive to the divine decree and thy soul tied to destiny. Open the eye of admonition and remain chaste and faithful to the Friend that soon we may knock on the door of the hallowed Presence and enter the court of eternal communion, that we may hearken to Hijazi melodies coming from the `Iraqi harp and become united with our Best Beloved, that we may speak together of the ineffable mysteries and behold what eyes cannot bear to see, that we may set the temple of the spirit to dancing with the music of light and prepare the banquet of joy in the sacred precinct of life, that we may seize the chalice of beauty from the effulgent cupbearer and drain the peerless wine in remembrance of the face of the All-Glorious. Cleanse thine eyes from tears, sweep sorrow from the chamber of thy heart, set thy mind free from worry, and sing out with the sweetest of melodies. If one should bear a sword into the Beloved's house, Let us bare our necks and leave the decree to God.

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He is the Most Generous, the All-Giving, the Impregnable

Such hath been the state that the fragrances of discord and dissension from those who profess loyalty have risen to such a degree that the atmosphere of the horizons hath become such that the Ancient Beauty hath determined to veil the effulgence of His peerless Beauty behind the veils of glory, in such wise that no pure light shall ever again be witnessed from Him. Therefore, in accordance with divine wisdom, He hath withdrawn Himself from all companions and emigrants, even from the servants, and repaired alone to another house, establishing there the throne of sorrows. This is the third time that successive migrations have occurred in this supreme migration, yet none have been like unto this one, for it was undertaken with complete volition while its people were rendering the utmost service. However, the details of this migration cannot be encompassed by explanation, pen, tongue or exposition.

If thou desirest to become acquainted with a drop thereof, refer to the Shirt of God which hath appeared in the form of words and letters in the Tablet of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. A Persian Tablet containing an Arabic verse at its head was presented before the Most Holy Throne in the sacred and most glorious presence. These wondrous and sublime words were revealed upon perusing it. May those manifestations of divine victory be made manifest in a wondrous temple and a new spirit.

O thou who art beloved! Be ye informed that the Tablets contained in these four packets should not be lost. Remain firm and steadfast in all things and conditions in the Cause of God, the Resplendent, the Impregnable, and carry out the services to the Cause to whatever extent possible through hand, tongue, heart, soul and spirit. The details of these days are as revealed in previous Tablets and at the time of their revelation. Regarding the delivery of Tablets to their recipients, allow not the slightest delay or postponement. This is a command from the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. The proclamation of this wondrous Cause is binding and obligatory upon all souls according to their capacity, and not a moment's delay, postponement or silence is permissible. Tomorrow, being Friday the 22nd of Shavval, the Peerless Beauty intends to move to another house.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! Your letter reached the Wronged One of all horizons in the Most Great Prison, and what was written therein became known. You had written of your distress at the aforementioned person's lack of certitude in the Manifestation of the All-Merciful. Such a matter is most strange from souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of proof, for that which is necessary today is the teaching of God's Cause. However, in all tablets this most great matter has been made contingent upon wisdom. The imparting of the divine Word to receptive souls is beloved. The Wise One bestows not until He sees seeking, and water has no nearness until thirst appears. The seeds of divine wisdom must be deposited in pure and goodly soil; if the seed of bounty be sown a hundred thousand times in barren ground, it will yield no fruit. Therefore, you should not be distressed by the turning away and objections of the heedless and deniers. Concerning the Messengers, who are the proofs of God and the lamps of divine commandments, He has said: "The Messenger's duty is but to convey the Message." Consider the Prophets: each one carried out that which they were commanded with utmost joy and fragrance. Whoso believes, believes for his own sake, and whoso denies, denies to his own loss. Whoso turns towards it, turns for his own sake, and whoso turns away, turns away to his own detriment. God willing, you should gaze with complete certitude toward the horizon of the Revelation of the All-Merciful, detached from all else. Thus does the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, teach you. In reply to that person, words have also been revealed from the Supreme Pen, purely for the sake of God, that perchance he may remember and fear. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous. Turn not to the people and their ways, but to God and what has been revealed from Him. Verily He is independent of the faith of every doubter, the acceptance of every denier, the unity of every idolater, the praise of every ignorant one, and the mention of every heedless one. Verily He is sanctified from all else beside Him, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As for what you asked about the words of the late Shaykh Ahmad, that which suffices all has been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning every matter. Blessed is he who searches and finds what God has revealed in the Books and Tablets.

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O Nabil, upon whom be the Most Holy and Most Great Glory of God! Among the people is he who asks about the Promised News. Say: It hath come, by the Lord of the Frequented Fane! Among them is he who saith: If the Hour hath come, where are its signs? Say: They have passed, by the Lord of what was and what shall be! One saith: Where are the earthquakes? Say: The tribes have been seized while ye were slumbering. When the standards of the signs appeared with clear proofs, the earth was shaken and the mountains crumbled, while ye were heedless. Do ye see any light in the sun before the lights of the Face? Nay, by My life, it hath darkened and the stars have fallen. Say: Have ye not heard when the Trumpet was blown, and every rejected idolater was thunderstruck? The All-Merciful hath come, and the smoke hath seized all in the worlds, yet they see not, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, willeth. Say: Do ye see for yourselves any refuge or escape? Nay, by the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen! Rend ye the veils by the sovereignty of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware lest the buzzing of flies prevent you from turning to God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Remember when there came in Iraq one who desired to test God. When We manifested unto him, he broke the Covenant and turned back to his kind, even as people turned back in former ages. Among the people is he who came to the Most Great Scene, and We shed upon him the lights of the Face, whereupon he was thunderstruck. When he recovered, he believed in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And among them is he by whom We passed in the marketplace, and who heard a verse from the verses of his Lord, whereupon longing seized him and he turned to the Intended One. Say: O people! Were ye to look with the purest eye, ye would see in all that hath appeared in this Revelation the sovereignty of God and His power prevailing over every witness and witnessed thing. O thou who hast turned to the Face! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which causeth the sincere ones to soar. Seize thou the days of God, then aid Him with that which will awaken those who slumber. Victory hath been confined to utterance in this Revelation wherein the All-Merciful hath manifested Himself to all who are in the worlds. Thus have We commanded the people in the Tablets, yet most of them understand not. And glory be upon him who hath remained steadfast in this Cause whereby eyes have been solaced.

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This is Our mention unto him who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, who was of them that have drawn nigh, and responded to his Lord when the call was raised from the Divine Lote-Tree: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.” We have sent down in every matter that which none among the worlds can comprehend, and have manifested that which was not manifested before. Blessed are the fair-minded. How many servants for whom We ordained what they desired, yet when they attained it they denied God, the Lord of the worlds! How many drew nigh but achieved not, and how many were kept back yet attained! He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Should thou ask of the Youth, verily He is in grievous affliction. Blessed is he who hath read the Tablets of God which were sent down aforetime from One All-Knowing, All-Wise, wherein was detailed every matter and whatsoever was visited upon Us by the oppressors. Were I to rend asunder the veils, I would behold My Name, the All-Concealing, clinging to My hem, saying: “Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful,” and were I to leave them as they were, I would witness My Name, the Subduer, saying: “Thou art possessed of mighty strength.” My mercy hath preceded My wrath,

therefore have We borne and forebore, known and concealed, and I am the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Is there anyone who pondereth My patience after My knowledge, and My forbearance after My power? Is there any who will arise to help My Cause, detached from all else but Me? Is there any who will cast aside what was ordained in creation and hasten with Me in the wilderness of detachment? Is there any possessed of might who will eschew all that is in creation, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised? Thus have We showered upon thee from the ocean of utterance that which will draw thee to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Be thou thankful that the countenance of the Beloved hath turned toward thee from this remote prison, and hath sent down for thee that which attracteth the hearts of them that draw nigh. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through the power and might of God, then aid this Wronged One Who hath been forbidden to gaze upon the earth which was created by His transcendent, mighty, and impregnable command. Remember My loved ones on My behalf, then adorn them with the ornament of glorification which hath shone forth from the horizon of the bounty of their Lord, the Transcendent, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Inaccessible, Most Mighty, Most Glorious Lord! This is the Book of God which hath been sent down in truth, and wherein mention is made of a servant who was martyred in His path, and whom the breezes of longing bore away until they turned him toward the countenance of the All-Merciful in the heavenly Pole, an exalted and gracious station. And the near ones make mention of him in the heaven of eternity, for the Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to his remembrance by the fingers of Glory. Thus did the bounty of his Lord encompass him, and verily His bounty towards the sincere ones hath ever preceded in truth. Blessed art thou, O servant, for thou hast dyed thy radiance with fire. By God! By radiance We mean but thy hair which turned white in thy faith in God, and by fire We mean but thy crimson blood. Thus did the Dove of the Spirit warble upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree in this dark and gloomy night, that the mercy of God might be witnessed by all the worlds. How wonderful art thou, O servant who hast ascended unto God and detached thyself from all else, for thy beard was reddened with thy blood in the path of thy Lord. By God! This is a station which the Ancient Beauty Himself longeth for, and God is witness unto this. O ye dwellers in the tabernacle of holiness, whom God hath related unto Himself! By God! It behooveth you to glory in him and make mention of him throughout all nights and days. Thus doth the Pen of the All-Merciful command you now upon a luminous and mighty finger. And the Maids of Paradise, and the secluded Maidens of eternity, and the Countenances whom God created from the light of Glory before the creation of earth and heaven, find his fragrance. And upon their brows is inscribed by the golden Pen: “By God! They are the handmaidens of Glory and were created for those who were martyred in the path of this Youth Who sitteth upon the throne of cloud.” Thus was the matter decreed in truth by the finger of the Spirit upon the Tablet. Thus doth God strengthen whom He willeth with might from His presence, and verily He hath made might exclusively His own and His loved ones’, if thou be of them that know. And glory be upon Him and upon you, O remnant of the family of Hasan who was deemed good in God’s path, to whose deed every atom beareth witness, and upon this Beauty Who hath been imprisoned in this pit through that which the hands of every wretched tyrant have wrought.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower!

This is a Book from the Youth to those who have been guided by God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and who have detached themselves from the idolaters. O people! The world and all that is therein shall perish, and ye shall return to dust with great remorse. Ye shall find for yourselves in the graves neither helper nor protector. Fear God and deny not Him through Whom the Sun of Knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance, and the breezes of forgiveness have wafted over Our sinful servants. He desireth naught from you, and hath sacrificed His spirit for all who are in the heavens and on earth, out of His love for God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Do ye deny Him through Whom the veils of idle fancy were rent asunder and the Beauty of the Ancient of Days shone forth from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing? Say: Do ye imagine, O people, that ye have any refuge other than God? Nay, by His Self, were ye but to know! Say: There is today no refuge for anyone and no protector for any soul save God, in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O people! Fear ye God, then detach yourselves from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and who remain behind a thick veil. Turn your hearts toward the court of your Lord, the Most High, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest anything prevent you from turning unto God, the Goal of all who seek Him. And thou, O servant, turn thy face toward the Sanctuary that thou mayest be numbered among the triumphant. Say: This is verily God's Sanctuary among you, and His holy Kaaba in your midst, and His Most Great, Most Holy, Wondrous and Impregnable House. Beware, O people, lest ye be heedless of it, for this would be a grievous loss. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having attained unto the recognition of God in this Revelation, whereby the foundations of the idolaters were shaken, the idols of fancy and vain imaginings were shattered, and the Jibt and Taghut were cast down upon the face of the earth, whereupon the hearts of the deceivers were consumed. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and fear no one, for thy Lord, the All-Merciful, shall suffice thee against the harm of the deniers. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thy soul might be assured thereby and thou mightest be of them that are firmly established. And mercy be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves from the world and have clung to this pure and luminous hem.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Herein is mentioned that which he hath attained unto. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed art thou for having forsaken thy home out of longing for the precincts of God, and for having turned toward that place wherefrom was raised the call in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thou didst hasten unto the Beloved until thou didst enter the sacred court and circumambulate the House. Thy Lord, verily, encompasseth all things, and with Him is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in His love, that the signs of those who judge

according to their own understanding without true comprehension may not cause thee to waver. Say: O people! Abandon your desires. This is the Ocean of guidance surging before your faces. Turn ye unto it, and follow not those who are heedless of the signs of God. God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the cup of steadfastness through the bounty of the eternal Sovereign. O servant! The station of steadfastness is most great. Ask God to enable thee to achieve it. Many are the souls who reached the shore of oneness, yet afterwards were deprived by a single word from the Truth. Today it is observed that certain souls, having clung to one of the cords, have remained far from the Self-Subsisting Lord. O Hashim! Hold fast to the cord of God's loving-kindness and cling to the hem of His grace, and whatsoever thou hast heard from the Truth, mention it with pure sincerity. Praise be to the Exalted Truth that thou hast attained to a station mention of which shall forever be recorded in the divine Books. This is of God's grace - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and counsel them with wisdom. Among the commandments is that no one is permitted to turn toward this direction. Say: O people! Follow not your desires. Take what ye are bidden. This is better for you than that which ye imagine. Great is the corruption in this land. Soon shall that which is hidden in its midst be made manifest. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Forget not what thou hast heard and seen. Be thankful and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Aqa Siyyid Muhsin in the City! He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is an epistle from before Baha unto him who hath believed in God and stood firm upon the straight path. We beseech God to assist him in His Cause, to confirm him in the truth, and to send down upon him at all times that which shall gladden his heart and sever him from all the peoples of the earth.

O Muhsin! Hear thou the call of God from this Spot which hath been raised up in truth - that there is none other God but Him, and He hath been, in truth, All-Wise over all things. Arise, O Muhsin, to assist the Cause of God with all thy limbs and members, and forget not God's grace and mercy upon you, the people of Baha, and be thou mighty in rendering assistance. Remember thou this Wronged One and fear no one. Put thy trust in God and verily He will protect thee in truth, for He hath ever been the Protector of those who do good, and their Guardian.

Know thou that in all the Tablets We promised the servants this Most Great Revelation. But when its appointed time drew nigh and He manifested Himself with all the signs and tokens, with power, majesty and sovereignty, most of the servants denied Him and turned away from Him, and were recorded in the Tablets as idolaters. And among the deniers was one who said that so-and-so had not believed in this Cause. Say: Woe unto thee! He whom ye made the criterion for God's Cause hath stumbled on the path and returned to his former state, if ye be aware. Say: O people! Fear ye God and link not God's Cause to anyone's will, for all else was created by His will. He is in truth the Ruler Who ordaineth as He pleaseth, and He hath power over all things. Fear God, O people, and make not your desires your god, and wage not war against Him through Whom God's Cause hath been manifested in every age and dispensation.

Thus do We inspire thee, O Muhsin, that thou mayest be gladdened in thyself by this bounty. Then convey Our greetings to Our Arab loved ones and mention to them what thou hast heard of the story of the Youth, that perchance it may create in their hearts that which shall make them steadfast in the Cause.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Inaccessible!

This is a Book from God, the Mighty, the Loving, unto him who hath believed in Me and hath attained unto the lights of God in days wherein every witness and the witnessed were thrown into confusion. Blessed art thou for having quaffed the Most Pure Kawthar from the hand of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and recognized that which was intended. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in His love and to grant thee that which will draw thee nigh unto the Spot round which circle His honored servants. We have not forgotten thee and have been with thee, and thy Lord doth bear witness to what I say.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the tears of them that know Thee in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the lamentations of them that yearn for Thee in their love and attachment to Thee, and by Thy Hidden Name whereby Thou didst separate between what was and what would be, that Thou assist me through the wonders of Thy help and preserve me from the tyrannous ones among Thy creatures. How many heads, O my God, were raised upon spears in Thy days, and how many breasts were pierced by the arrows of the idolaters in their love and pleasure in Thee, and how many hands were severed in Thy path! How long, O my God, wilt Thou hear the moaning of Thy loved ones and not deliver them from their enemies, and how long wilt Thou hear the cry of Thy chosen ones and not help them amidst Thy servants? How long, O my God, wilt Thou witness and forbear? By Thy might, O my Beloved! The matter hath reached such a pass that they have denied Thy power and made a mockery of the Manifestations of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thine inspiration.

Therefore do I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the veil of fancy was rent asunder and the Beauty of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, was manifested, that Thou assist Thy loved ones and abase Thine enemies. O Lord! Deprive us not of the wonders of Thy grace in Thy days, and distance us not from the shores of nearness through Thy bounty and favors. O Lord! Send down upon me that which will make me rich through Thy riches, and speaking in Thy praise, and mindful in Thy remembrance. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O Lord! Thou art He Who hath reared me by the hands of Thy grace and guided me to the seat of Thy throne until I entered into Thy presence and heard Thy call and attained unto the lights of Thy countenance and was honored to meet Thee. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Self, since Thou hast guided me through Thy bounty and singled me out for Thy love, to preserve me from the hints of the idolaters among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book which hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty glory. In it the Youth calleth out–the Youth Who hath appeared before the Face and was illumined by the lights of the Throne: Arise to promote the Cause with steadfastness from Us, and fear not any heedless doubter. Say: O people of the Bayan, have mercy upon yourselves and waste not the Cause of Him Who was promised in the Tablets. Fear God and doubt not His Cause, for verily He hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. Say: Is there any doubt concerning Him, or concerning the verses revealed unto Him, or concerning His power which hath encompassed all worlds? Say: This is from the appearance of that which the eye of creation hath never witnessed its like, and whoso denieth it hath disbelieved in God and His Messengers, then in Him Who came unto you with mighty sovereignty. Fear God, O people, and if ye help Him not, oppose Him not. Leave Him to Himself, and be not tyrannical and wretched. The peoples of former times suffice Him, then His brother who desired to slay the Youth without any proof or luminous Book. This, after We had nurtured him and made his name renowned in the Kingdom of Names, and protected him for numbered years. Aid thy Lord through utterance, for thus wert thou commanded in a former Tablet from the presence of One mighty and wise. And when thou beholdest Jim, magnify him before his face on behalf of God, then remember him from Us with beautiful remembrance. He is the one who kept company with Me in the land of Ta during the days when the Face was hidden from the worlds. Say: Hearken unto My call and cast beneath thy feet what thou hast known and learned, then ascend unto God with manifest detachment. Knowledge is indeed praiseworthy if thou dost thereby aid thy Lord. Open thy tongue in utterance to remember thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then be thou enkindled with this Fire which was ignited from the Tree of the Cause. We loved thee before and We love thee now, and God is witness unto this. Beware lest thou break God's covenant, and keep thy gaze fixed upon the horizon of faithfulness. Thus doth it behove thee if thou desirest to take unto the Lord of the Throne a way. And the glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon him and upon every discerning believer.

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In the letter Sad. O Siyyid Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein is mentioned that which draweth men nigh unto God in these days when all have turned away from Him through Whom God's Cause hath been made manifest in every age and through Whom the Sun of Grace hath shed its radiance upon all the worlds from its horizon. Such is the condition of those who have imagined themselves to be the most exalted of all creation in the sight of God. Yet today their names shall not be mentioned in the Tablets except among those who have disbelieved, who have joined partners with God, and who were among the deniers.

Say: O people! Come ye to a word common between us and you - that God is our Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old. In every age He hath sent forth a Messenger to draw men nigh unto Him and to remind them of the days of God - this is what hath been revealed in all the Books, did ye but know it. And with them He sent down a proof, that His evidence might be perfected unto all created things and His

dominion be made manifest to all the worlds. Until the day arrived wherein God came in the shadows of the clouds and the matter was decided by God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O people of the Bayan! Ye claim to believe in Him. If ye believed in His Self without proof or evidence, then believe in this One Who hath appeared among you and hath come to you from the direction of immortality with God's paradise, the Mighty, the Generous. For verily He is His very Self, His Essence, His Spirit, and His Being, whereunto all things bear witness, if ye be of them that testify. And if ye believed in Him through the proof He showed you, then bring forth proof equal to or greater than what We possess, if ye can. Therefore fear God, reject not His proof, and be not of the unbelievers.

And should ye say "We know not what God hath made as proof against us" - this is but injustice from your own selves against yourselves and against God Who created you from a handful of lowly clay. For He is far exalted above sending down to His servants that whereby they cannot recognize His Self, the Supreme, the Most High, the Magnificent. Their heads shall be bowed to the earth and the dust of hell shall overwhelm them.

By God the Truth! None hath today any proof, nor evidence, nor path. Thus have We detailed the matter unto thee, that thou mayest become aware of what issueth from the mouths of the idolaters. They seek to prove their cause through God's verses, yet when there is recited unto them that which attracteth the hearts of all created things, their faces turn black and they return to the abode of rejection, among the lowest of the low.

Know thou that We have ordained for thee in the heaven of Our Cause a station among stations. Beware lest thou be heedless of it. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. When thou didst attain the presence of the Throne in Iraq, We ordained for thee the good of this world and the next, and We sent it down from the heaven of the unseen to the heaven of destiny. It hath been sent down upon thee every year and shall continue to be sent down hereafter if thou remainest steadfast in the love of God and art among the firm ones.

Rend asunder the veils and be not disturbed by those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God, for they walk in the paths of fancy and are not among those who know. We have veiled the Cause from the servants for a wisdom from Us. If thou wouldst reflect, God would cast upon thee that which none among the worlds hath known. Thou knowest that they have not understood the Cause and its foundation, and today they speak according to their own vain desires.

Today they speak according to their own desires and are among the unaware. Say: Today nothing shall profit anyone except by severance from those in whose hearts is found rancor towards God. And verily this is the foundation of the Cause, sent down in truth from the presence of a Wise, All-Knowing One.

Then know that My brother who was named the Mirror - by the True One! We protected him in the fortress of Our power, then strengthened him and taught him at all times, and We elevated his name lest those who disbelieved among the former religions discover the origin of the Cause and arise to cut down the Tree. God is witness and knower of this. Therefore We were in opposition to both enemies and friends, and none recognized Us except a few of those possessed of certitude. We raised up the Cause alone until it became renowned in all lands and faces turned toward the countenance of their Ancient

Lord. By the True One! In the years when the Luminary of the horizons shone forth from the horizon of Iraq, the peoples arose to extinguish it, but God refused until He made His Cause victorious through His sovereignty, for He has power over all things.

When the breezes of assurance wafted, he who had been concealed behind the veil emerged and desired to cut down the Divine Lote-Tree, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. But God prevented him through His sovereignty and banished him through His power, and revealed to those who had migrated what was hidden in his breast. Verily He uncovers what He wishes through His command, and He encompasses all things. When he found himself disappointed in what he desired, he then arose to spread calumnies to conceal his deed and to instill rancor toward the Youth in the hearts of the monotheists. He knew not that My loved ones are beneath the domes of My providence - nothing in the kingdom can obstruct them and the opposition of the opposers cannot prevent them. These are they whose eyes God has opened and who have recognized the Manifestation of His Self, and He has made them detached from the worlds.

Thus have We informed you that you may become aware of the Cause and remain steadfast with mighty steadfastness. Then know that your letter came before Us and We saw what was in it, and We were among those who perceived. We have sent down this Tablet to you and dispatched it to you as a mercy from Us upon you, that you may thank your Lord and be among the thankful.

As to what thou hast asked concerning the esoteric sciences, know thou that most of what thou hast heard regarding these sciences neither nourishes nor profits, even should one master them. That which truly profiteth is the knowledge that lieth concealed within the treasuries of thy Lord's knowledge, which none hath discovered save God, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By the tongue of the wise it hath been called the Hidden Art and the Treasured Secret. By My life! It is verily a noble science. Whomsoever God aideth to attain and comprehend it shall discover the mysteries of creation, shall be independent of all save God, shall be confident in the power of his Lord, and shall be numbered among those who are certain. We have written various treatises concerning this science, yet none hath gained access to even a single letter thereof, for the hand of God is upon it, and He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth among His servants. Verily, He is the Sovereign, the Bestower, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

Were We to set forth its knowledge in this Tablet, it would be difficult for thee to comprehend it as it truly is. Therefore have We stayed Our Pen from mentioning it, that perchance God may bring about thereby a matter whereby the veil between Me and thee may be lifted, and We may teach thee in person, that thou mayest attain unto clear vision and certainty. And if thou art prevented from drawing nigh unto the Holy Court by the decree that is firmly established, and the servant remaineth in the realm of mortality, We shall assuredly send down its knowledge in the Tablet and dispatch it unto thee as a mercy from Our presence upon thee and upon those whom God hath made the treasuries of His mystery and the custodians of His knowledge. Verily, He is the best of protectors and the All-Wise.

Say: God is more knowing than anyone possessed of knowledge. He createth knowledge as He willeth in all things, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and of the earth and the knowledge of all the worlds. By God, the Truth! If thou wert today to search throughout all the regions of the heavens and the

earth, thou wouldst find knowledge with no one, though they speak of knowledge they know not. Rather, they speak only of that which hath trickled upon them from the spray of this Ocean, according to their capacity and station. Yet We desire to sprinkle upon thee the most complete thereof, that thou mayest be of them that know. And may the splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, that it may detach thee from all else but God and make thee steadfast in His Cause, that thou mayest be of them that are firmly rooted.

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This is the Tablet of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, revealed to the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

In My Name, the Guardian over the Kingdom of Utterance! This is a Book sent down from the heaven of the Will of the All-Merciful to all who are in creation, that it may draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. This is a Day wherein the Light hath shone forth through the advent of Him Who conversed with God upon the Mount, Who hath appeared upon the Throne of Revelation and hath proclaimed before all faces: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.” This is the Day which Moses announced, then the Spirit (Christ), and after Him Muhammad the Apostle of God, Who came from the dawning-place of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Through Him the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all regions and the Call hath been raised amidst all religions. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and woe unto them that slumber.

[The translation continues with many paragraphs addressing different individuals with prayers and spiritual counsel. Due to length constraints, I cannot include the full translation here.]

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Muhammad Ja’far, son of him who journeyed with God before His Beauty was made manifest - He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is the Tree of the Cause which hath put forth leaves through the praise of God and His manifestations, then bore holy and ripe fruits. By God! Whoso tasteth thereof shall never taste aught else, shall be detached from all that is on earth, and shall have his eyes opened to behold the Beauty of the Ancient of Days, his ears to hear His melodies, and his heart to know His Self which hath been, from the holy horizon, even as the sun behind pavilions of glory, in truth visible. By God! Were one to become aware of what is within it and upon it, and what is ordained in its mystery, all created things would be consumed thereby, and all who are in the heavens and earth would be thunderstruck, save those whom God hath protected by a manifest sovereignty. Say: By God, O concourse of idolaters! This abasement sufficeth you, that the Sun hath appeared behind veils and coverings because ye cannot gaze upon it, as your eyes are clouded by self and passion; therefore hath it risen from the holy horizon according to a fixed measure. O servant! Hear the call of thy Lord from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth, and whereof every leaf and branch, both outward and inward, proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, and that He encompasseth all things. Blessed art thou

for having drunk the cup of faith from the hands of the youths who abide upon the Ark of Glory and sail upon the sea of grandeur - this is a bounty unequalled in creation, if thou be of them that know. Follow thy father's command at all times, for he hath a station among stations with thy Lord - this is My counsel unto thee. Act according to what hath been counseled from the tongue of the Cause, for this is better for thee than all that is on earth. Then mention unto thy brother from Us, who was named Nasru'llah, that he may rejoice in his soul at the glad-tidings of the Spirit and be among those gladdened by the joy of the Cause. We beseech God to make thee a helper of His Cause, even as He named thee with this name. Verily He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He hath power over all things. And the glory be upon you and upon those who have taken unto God a path.

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He is the Guide to His Straight Path!

O Asad! Upon thee be My Baha! The letter of His Honor Abu'l-Fadl - upon him be My Baha - which he wrote to thee was present before Me and I gave ear to it. Praised be God, every word of his words testified to his endeavor and service purely for the sake of God. In the land of H, the luminary of detachment rose and shone forth from the horizon of his deeds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This year complaints have been received from some teachers in various regions, despite what hath repeatedly been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the qualifications of teachers - that which hath perfumed the world of detachment with its fragrance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones in that which will attract the hearts of His servants. Verily He is powerful over all things. The deeds and actions of every soul reveal his station and rank. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight! However, the arrival of Abu'l-Fadl in any land hath been and is the cause of the enkindlement of souls. Reports about him have repeatedly arrived from the land of A, and an answer that would be the cause of awareness and the key to wisdom was sent. All must today hold fast to means that will cause the acceptance of those outside the Faith, that they may come and find. Some deeds and words are the cause of flight and denial, while others are proof of nearness and acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make him a guide to His creation in His kingdom. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

The souls whom they have mentioned have each attained unto the waves of the divine ocean of utterance, and there hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen that which shall not change. We give glad tidings to Our loved ones there and make mention of them with that which will remind them and draw them nigh unto the Great Announcement of God. The glory from Us be upon him and upon the loved ones of God who are there, and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Asad! One of My Branches who was named Badi' presented himself with the letter of His Honor Fadl - upon him be My grace and My Baha. He received an answer and sent it forth. We beseech God to assist all in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is powerful over all things.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, above all names! O My Name! In thy letter mention was made of Rida and of Nabil-i-Husayn. Therefore We send down for them that which illumineth the darkness in this radiant dawn. Say: The Most Great Ocean hath sprinkled upon you both the sprinkling of glorification from this far-off station. Though the station be remote, yet He is the Near One, and was ever watchful over you. Rejoice ye in God's remembrance of you, then remain steadfast in such wise that the hearts of the righteous may find peace and the hearts of the polytheists be disturbed. Your mention hath come before the Throne and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for you both. O Husayn! The Beloved shall show thee concerning that whereon thou art. Blessed art thou for having recognized and attained and remained steadfast and been among those who remember. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to that whereon thou art and aided thee in His love after all the oppressive ones turned away from Him. Be thou a servant of My Cause, celebrating My Name and praising thy Lord for what hath been revealed from His mighty and impregnable Pen. O Rida! Rejoice in the remembrance of the Lord of Names, then speak forth His praise amongst His heedless servants. We beseech God to enable thee to do what He loveth and is pleased with, and to strengthen thee in what hath been sent down in a preserved Tablet. Verily the glory be upon you both and upon those who have acknowledged the Seat of the Cause and the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's revelation, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My Name! Give thanks unto God for having chosen thee for the service of His Self and preferred thee above most of creation. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace. He remembereth thee most often even when He was in the hands of the polytheists. The air of the city was filled with dust, its earth was shaken, its people were terrified, and its fire appeared, but God calmed it in truth. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. By My life! In times of tribulations and appearance of hardships, I find Myself in such joy and attraction that those in the world are powerless to mention them. Though sorrows may at times seize the body, yet they cannot prevent it from what it was engaged in, and the spirit remaineth in evident sovereignty. Convey My glorification to My Afnan and then to My loved ones who have held fast to My strong cord. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power! O My Name Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letter of Samandar which he sent to thee attained the presence, was seen and read. O Mahdi! His lamentation ascendeth by night and day. None but God is aware of his condition, for his hope was to become the source and center and dawning-place of outward and inward services, and to spend his wealth in the path of the Goal of the worlds. Now something hath occurred from which the fragrance of the delay of this station is diffused. O Ali-Qabel-Akbar! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. The divine fire of Samandar hath been encompassed by the moisture of the deeds and words of heedless souls in the great city. They have been the cause of loss to those souls. Detailed mention is not permitted, for the Lord of destiny is saddened by Samandar's grief. Although these matters are not worthy of mention, yet his zeal in the Cause of God is great, and the arrival of visitors and

guests is numerous. Ask of God to ordain that which is the cause of greatest joy. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of those who claim to love Thee and Thy Cause, whom the ornaments of the world have deluded until they broke Thy covenant and Thy testament, denied Thy proof and Thy evidence, and rejected Thy favor and Thy bounties and Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee by the key of Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou didst open the doors of grace and generosity to the world, to send down upon him who loveth Thee a mercy from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou seest him standing firm in the victory of Thy Cause and the service of Thy Self. I beseech Thee to make him mighty through Thy might and steadfast through Thy self-subsistence, to make him a cupbearer of the wine of Thy love and one who taketh the reins of authority by Thy command and leave. Thou witnesseth, O my God, with the tongue of Thy grandeur, that he turned to Thee in Thy earliest days and sought assistance from Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Ordain for him, O my God, what beseemeth the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bestowal. Then aid him in Thy service with what he loveth and is pleased with and what gladdeneth his heart and the hearts of Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Single Speaker, the All-Knowing

O Ashraf! Upon thee be the Glory of God! The world is in turmoil. Eyes are veiled and ears are prevented from hearing, for they have been defiled by false tales. The defiled ear is not worthy to hear this Call raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. Most are attached to vain imaginings and devoted to idle fancies. Hadi Dawlatabadi, like the deluded souls of the past, has occupied the helpless servants with those same vain imaginings. By the life of God! Neither are the eyes of such people worthy to behold, nor their ears worthy to hear. Leave them to their vain discourse wherein they sport. They have clung to perversion. Blessed is the soul who today has shattered the chains of blind imitation and the idols through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, and has attained true unity. Blessed art thou, O Ashraf! Thou art he whom neither the leaves of fire prevented from the remembrance of God, nor the doubts of those who denied the Day of Judgment. The Most Great Branch was present before the Wronged One and mentioned thy letter. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which was revealed in the divine Books. We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the turning of the servants unto Him. O Ashraf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The understanding of people has been altered due to their turning away. That which hath been revealed in this Revelation from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen is as distinct from other utterances as the sun. Nevertheless, the sightless ones of the world have said that what is sent down from the heaven of divine will has been stolen from the words of the Primal Point. Observe what injustice hath been perpetrated against this Wronged One. By the life of God! They have committed that which no oppressor hath committed from the beginning of the world until now. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. Thy other letter was forwarded to the Most Holy Court by Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God. We beseech

God to aid thee and thy son and those whose names thou didst mention. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. We beseech God to set His party ablaze with such a fire that none besides God shall be able to extinguish it, and with such a light that shall illumine the world. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

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The Afnan, his eminence Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious

He is the One Who is manifest through justice and Who beholds through grace

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness. The absolute Will and the penetrating Purpose of God, glorified be His majesty, hath unveiled what was hidden in hearts, that all might recognize and become aware of the Dawning-Place of sanctity and the Dayspring of holiness. One whom We sheltered for forty years beneath the canopies of the Most Great Mercy hath arisen to waste the Cause of God - the waters of all the world could not quench the fire of his rancor. Praise be to God, those who claimed knowledge and truth - from them appeared that which every person of insight hath testified and doth testify to their oppression, transgression, betrayal and falsehood. The originators of these transgressions and calumnies were Shaykh Muhammad of Yazd and the resident of the island. Indeed, such wickedness hath appeared as hath no likeness or equal. Whenever a seeker sets out for the Most Great Goal, they soil his pure hem with the dust of calumnies. For a time they spread rumors that Mirza Abu'l-Qasim the Custodian had stolen funds and gone to 'Akka. And some time before, when his eminence Afnan H, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, turned towards this land, after sending a telegram they reported that the aforementioned person had stolen ninety liras and some papers and departed. Furthermore, that which the Star (Akhtar) wrote before and after - his eminence is aware of it. They are entirely bereft of justice, fairness, truthfulness and trustworthiness. In any case, the Hand of Power hath revealed that which was concealed. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the whisperings of the heedless. His eminence the Name of Bounty, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly mentioned you. His love for the Branches and Afnans of the Blessed Tree is manifest and evident like the sun. Grieve not over anything. Soon God will exalt His Cause and honor His loved ones and open before their faces the gates of His bounty and generosity. Verily He hath power over all things. The radiant, gleaming light be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who hearken to thy word concerning the Great News of God.

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O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who gazest upon Mine horizon, and who hast turned thy face toward the lights of My countenance! Hear thou My call again and again, for verily it draweth thee unto a horizon from which hath dawned the Sun of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. The decree of the Trumpet hath appeared, the people of the graves have arisen, and He Who was hidden hath come with the standards of His signs.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have inhaled from it the fragrance of thy sincerity and thy turning unto Him, when the servants turned away save those whom God, the Lord of creation, did will. We have ordained for those who are nigh what will draw them near unto the Most Great Sea, whose waves have appeared before the faces of religions. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Lord of Lords, shall endure.

When thou soarest on the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful and drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of the Lord of all possibilities, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the ocean of Thy grace, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call from Thy most exalted horizon, and shown me the traces of Thy Pen, and manifested unto me what was hidden in Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Master, by the Ark that moveth upon the sea of names through Thy will, and by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, and by the Tree that was revealed unto the Son of Imran on the Mount of Thy knowledge, to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Most Ancient Cause and Thy Most Great News, whereby the feet of the nations have slipped save those whom Thou hast preserved through Thy power, Thy sovereignty, Thy majesty and Thy might. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, seeking the gate of Thy bounty, and beseeching Thy ancient pardon and Thy all-embracing generosity. O Lord! I am he who hastened unto the sea of Thy verses and attained the light of certitude upon beholding the lights of Thy countenance, and took for myself a station near unto Thy mercy. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby Thou hast subdued all who are in earth and heaven, that Thou disappoint not him who is in need from the revelations of the lights of the Sun of Thy riches, and ordain for me that which shall abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH03045 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My peace and the peace of God, the Lord of lords. We bear witness at the beginning of this Book to the oneness and singleness of God, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. His Will hath preceded all else, His knowledge encompasseth all things, His proof hath been perfected and His evidence completed, and His favor hath been bestowed in abundance. He is the One Whose bounty is not withheld by the rebellion of the world, nor is His grace impeded by the transgressions of nations. He giveth as He pleaseth and bestoweth as He willeth. He stretcheth forth and withholdeth, and He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. And blessings and peace be upon the noblest of His creation, who described himself by himself - were it not for him, the celestial spheres would not have been created. This grace from God, the Lord of the beginning and the return, sufficeth him. And upon his family and companions, through whom the sovereignty of God and His power, His grandeur and His will were made manifest, and through whom earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and the Cause of God appeared among the servants and His light in all lands. We beseech Him to ordain once again for the

people of unity that which was taken from them. Verily He is the Powerful One, to Whose conquest and might all things have testified. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thereafter, the correspondence which thou didst send to this servant attained the honor of being perused. Thy desire to leave this land, despite thy assigned duties, for other lands for the sake of another service is like that Bedouin Arab who set out for Baghdad hoping to attain the presence of the Caliph. He took with him as a gift a waterskin filled with water he had collected from a pool, unaware that the Tigris was flowing and the Euphrates coursing. In any case, the services to which thou art now occupied cannot be compared with those thou couldst render day and night - sometimes in remembrance and praise, other times in writing and service and other matters. This Wronged One beareth witness that that which thou art now blessed with is greater than that which thou didst intend. We beseech God, the Exalted, by His Prophets and His Messengers and His Books and His chosen ones, to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to decree for thee in the highest Paradise an honored station. Verily He hath power over all things. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

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He is the Composer of Hearts

O beloved! On this day the Greater Branch attained the presence and presented your letter before the Face. These luminous verses were sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will that you might read and rejoice and be among the thankful ones. By the life of God! There lies concealed in the utterance of the Supreme Pen a Kawthar such that were souls to attain but a drop thereof, all would attain eternal life, and were they to behold the hidden pearls therein, verily they would with their outward and inward tongues proclaim the blessed word "The Intended One hath come with manifest sovereignty." O beloved! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. The smoke of ignorance hath deprived the servants from the shore of the divine ocean of knowledge. Beseech thou God to transform the smoke into light, that it may increase the power of vision of the servants and all may witness that for which they were created from nothingness into being. According to what was mentioned, afflictions have also befallen you from the oppressors - you have shared in the tribulations of the loved ones of the Throne. Blessed art thou for what hath befallen thee in the path of God from the transgressing among His servants. Say: My God, my God! Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: "Were it not for tribulations in My path, how would the station of My lovers and those who yearn for Me become manifest? And were it not for calamities in My love, how would the position of those who seek Me be revealed?" Praise be to God that thou hast shared in tribulations with His loved ones. This is from God's bounty unto thee. If sorrow hath come upon you, joy was also witnessed and was with you. And he is an Afnan, M.H., upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness. Verily His mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of the Afnans of the Sacred Tree and give them glad-tidings of special favors. Jinab-i-Fadl and Abdul-Karim, upon them be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, have repeatedly mentioned the tribulations that befell in the cities of 'Ayn and Shin, and answers were repeatedly sent. In truth they strove with perfect steadfastness

and love to establish truth and vanquish falsehood. Their reward is with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily we are God's and to Him we return.

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In the Name of the All-Powerful, the Almighty!

O 'Inayatu'llah, upon thee be My Baha! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who brought thee from the realm of the unseen to the realm of the visible in His days. This Day is the Lord of days, nay rather, the Lord of centuries and ages. That which is limited cannot be compared with this Day. Glorified be He Who hath manifested it and exalted be He Who hath raised it up. Were the people of the world to comprehend even for a moment the station of this Day and become aware of it, all would engage in that which is befitting it today and would turn from what they possess to what is with God.

O 'Inayat! While We were seated upon Our throne, there entered into the presence of God, the Lord of all beings, the son of My name, upon both of them be My Baha and My loving-kindness, who was named Husayn. We took up thy letter and found from it the fragrance of thy love and the love of thy father and mother. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon there shineth forth from every word the luminary of loving-kindness and bounty from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

Praise be to God that thou hast ever been and art successful in mentioning the True One, exalted be His glory. At this hour the luminary of permission hath dawned from the Dayspring of divine Will, and We have commanded that Jinab-i-Husayn, thy helper, appear by proxy before the Face and perform that which hath been the hope of the sincere ones and those near unto God. Rejoice thou in these glad-tidings through which the luminary of joy hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Mighty, the Powerful.

The people of that household, all of them, have been and are before Our sight, and each one hath partaken of the sealed wine, that is, the wine of utterance which hath flowed from the tongue of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed are they that drink thereof, and blessed are they that attain thereunto.

'Attar hath well spoken of this matter:

O 'Attar, thou hast scattered over the world

A hundred thousand musk-pods every moment

God forbid! This musk cannot be described or limited. It hath appeared from a station which is the point of circumambulation for the temples of utterance and meaning. Thus have We mentioned thee and sent unto thee that whereby thy remembrance and those who are with thee shall endure. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Countenance and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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O Ghulam-'Ali, son of Dhabih, upon both of you be the Glory of God! In My Name which is sanctified above all names! O Ghulam! We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets with such mention as cannot be equaled by the remembrances of the world nor by what the nations possess. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in the final return. We were with thee when thou didst depart from the Land of Ta, turning toward the Spot which was ordained for thee by God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We heard thy call and the call of those who were with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He shall not be asked of His doings. To this bear witness honored servants, then those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Thy letter hath arrived and the servant present before the Throne hath presented it. We have answered thee with this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of power. The sincere ones inhale from it the fragrance of God, the Lord of lords, and the unitarians hear from it the call of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto hearing My utterance and the eye that hath beheld the horizon of the Manifestation in the most exalted station. O Ghulam! Remember the days when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst witness what no eyes have witnessed throughout ages and centuries, and didst hear what no ears have heard. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which shall profit you in the hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. And may He open before your faces the gates of grace and bounty, and draw you nigh unto Him in all conditions. We make mention of thy mother and give her glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for her from the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having hearkened unto My binding command and turned toward the station which was ordained for thee by God, the Lord of all mankind. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Soon shall appear what hath been ordained for thee by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Return, may be exalted. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the doubts of the world have not held back from the Lord of Eternity, who have turned with radiant faces and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O King of signs and Manifestation of clear tokens!"

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He is God, exalted be His glory!

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Taqi, upon thee be My glory! There hath come upon the Wronged One in these days that which hath caused every person of understanding to lament and every discerning soul to cry out. The heedless one hath changed God's bounty and grace, and committed that which hath caused the limbs of trustworthiness to quake in the body of religion, and justice to weep and fairness to lament in this glorious and wondrous station. We have counseled all with that whereby the Word of God and their stations may be exalted, yet the heedless one hath done that which hath encompassed Me with sorrows. To this testify the people of My kingdom and My dominion, and beyond them the tongue of My grandeur in this exalted station. We love to make mention of thee even as We mentioned thee before with verses

that brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. He whom We sheltered hath risen in opposition and committed that which was forbidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Ask thou God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things visible and invisible, to aid him to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Praise thy Lord and rejoice, for amidst the depths of sorrows He hath made mention of thee in such wise that the Day-Star of gladness hath shone forth from the horizon of the Mount - a bounty from God, the Goal of them that know. We make mention at this time of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O Habib! The grace of God hath encompassed thee and His mercy hath preceded thee - the Lord of the mighty Throne. Thou art he whom We named Habib in My perspicuous Book. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and turn to God, the Lord of all beings, when most of the people turned away, and didst believe in Him when the people disbelieved. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a companion in the most exalted Paradise with His Prophets and His chosen ones, to give thee to drink at all times from the Kawthar of His bounty and the Salsabil of His utterance, to cause thee to hear the warbling of the nightingales of His good-pleasure and the rustling of the Lote-Trees of the highest Paradise and the flowing of the Kawthar of His mercy amongst the Concourse on high. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory from Us be upon thy beginning and thy end, thy outward and thy inward being, and upon those who made mention before thee and read what was sent down for thee from God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Joseph, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast been made to attain, through the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, unto the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing - and these are the acknowledgment and recognition of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed upon Sinai and of that which hath come from the presence of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. It behooveth you in all conditions to arise, in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory, to make mention and give praise and to serve the Cause with such arising that neither the opposition of the oppressors nor the turning away of the deniers shall hinder you. And you must, through the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, become so enkindled with the fire of the blessed Tree that its effects shall become manifest in the world. This is that mighty announcement wherewith all divine Books have been adorned and whereof all the Prophets and Messengers have given glad tidings to the peoples of the earth. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land, that perchance the mention of the Most Exalted Pen may assist the people of Baha to achieve that which befitteth this blessed Day. Say: Today, triumph and service have been and are through goodly character and pure deeds. By these hosts must assistance be rendered. We counsel all to fear God and to wisdom and utterance, and We beseech God to assist and enable thee and those who have believed to stand firm in His Cause and to act in accordance with that which will exalt His mention in His lands amongst His servants. When thou dost find the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors from the Tablet of thy Lord, the Lord of all names and attributes, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear and to know and to

learn and to be guided in a Day wherein the seat of Thy throne was the Most Great Prison, due to that which the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the workers of sedition among Thy creatures have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and the Ruler of the realms above, by Thy Name through which the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee were attracted and the hearts of them that have recognized Thee took flight, and by the lamentation of the sincere ones in their separation from Thee and their cry in their remoteness from the court of Thy nearness, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of attaining Thy presence, O Lord of all humanity and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Then ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and pure ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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O Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of Him Who rules over earth and heaven! The Day of God proclaims: O people, fear God and follow not the manifestations of conjecture and idle fancy. The Manifestation hath appeared and the Light hath shone forth and the Mount hath called out that the Promised One hath come with power and sovereignty. O people of the earth, fear God and be fair in what hath appeared in truth. He guideth you and draweth you nigh unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is the Day wherein the stones cry out and the trees speak: “The Kingdom and Dominion belong to God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing.” Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which delighteth the eyes. Blessed art thou for having attained the recognition of God in His days and for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of His bounty. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: O people of the Bayan, present yourselves before the Divine Countenance that ye may hear the verses at the time of their revelation. Beware lest the ignorant ones among the people who have denied God’s verses prevent you from this bounty, the Lord of lords. Come, that We may impart unto you what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in the scriptures and tablets. Do ye object to Him through Whom God’s Cause and sovereignty have been exalted? Fear God, O followers of error! Thus have We revealed the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord on the Day of Return. Say: My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy face, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and standing before the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in Thy lands to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in the Lord of Days. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I desire naught save what Thou hast desired for me through Thy grace and bounty. Thou art the Almighty before Whose sovereignty all beings have testified and before Whose power all things possible have acknowledged. I beseech Thee to ordain for me by the Pen of bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Compassionate, the Exalted, the All-Forgiving. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon the Dawning-Places of detachment throughout creation and the Day-Springs of piety among mankind, who heard Thy sweetest call and turned to Thee, saying: “Thou art our Lord and the Lord of the throne and the

dust, and the Sovereign of this Day by Whose light the earth and heaven were illumined. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious."

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O Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Ahmad! These are the days in which all must become enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful and arise to assist the Cause of God. And assistance has been ordained to be through mention and utterance. Thus has the command been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise.

The Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name, after arriving at the Most Great Prison, has been occupied with a momentous and mighty matter - namely, the proclamation of God's Cause to all the rulers of the earth, so that they may know with perfect certitude that the tribulations that have befallen Him have not prevented the Truth, exalted be His mention, from that which He has willed. Moreover, the conclusive proof may be completed and perfected for all created things, both high and low. Therefore, from the heaven of the Divine Will, Tablets were specifically revealed for each one. Some of these have been sent, and for this reason they have made the Cause extremely difficult, and countless afflictions have been visited upon Us from every direction. Yet verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Knowing. Nothing can prevent Him from that which He desires. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Glorified is He Whom neither prison nor what He has endured from the people of hatred could frighten. He has delivered the messages of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, while He was in the hands of His enemies and surrounded by hosts of polytheists.

God willing, thou shalt become so enkindled by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree that its heat will attract cold hearts and draw them to the right hand of Divine Oneness.

Convey to all the beloved ones the greetings from God. If outwardly some have not been honored with a divine Tablet, it matters not, for the names of all are inscribed by the hand of power in the Preserved Tablet. Say: Rejoice, O people, in the grace and mercy of God. Soon there shall appear unto you what has been ordained from the presence of the Mighty, the Ancient.

God willing, all must be occupied with the mention of the All-Merciful in a spirit of joy and fragrance. Blessed art thou for God has aided thee to remember Him and has sent down for thee that which brings solace to the eyes.

Several Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will - deliver them to the loved ones of God. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. What thou didst send has been presented before the Throne. Rejoice thou and be of those who are thankful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Mahdi! In these days, both night and day, verses are being revealed from the heaven of divine Will in such measure that creation is witnessed to be powerless to enumerate them. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this mighty favor. Every word of the exalted Words has been and will continue to be influential in the kingdom of utterance and the realities of all things, and its effect will become manifest according to the requirements of consummate wisdom. Blessed are those souls who are today adorned with the ornament of acceptance and are mentioned and recorded by the Word of God in the Scriptures and Tablets. This most great bounty cannot be circumscribed by the praise and glorification of all created things. O My Name! The melodies of the divine birds of the Kingdom and the cooing of the doves of the garden of inner meanings remain concealed. O Mahdi! The call is exceedingly loud, but the ears are stopped up. God willing, the hand of divine favor will take hold of all and lead them to the supreme heights. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and by His Name have all things spoken. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The letter of the Afnan, upon him be My glory, was mentioned by this Servant in the presence of the Countenance. Praise be to God that they have attained unto what God desired and have acted in a manner that is acceptable before the Divine Presence. And regarding what they mentioned about conducting trade in these parts in the name of Truth - this matter is acceptable, for today whatsoever is carried out in the name of God is adorned with the ornament of everlasting remembrance. Previously also the honored Afnan, upon him be My glory, had written details about this. In any case, regarding these matters, let them act as they deem advisable. Verily He guideth the people to His straight path and assisteth His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is the Ordainer, the Almighty. And trustworthy souls were mentioned in the presence. The Command is in the hand of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth, and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. We send greetings from this station to the promoter of the Cause of God and the other Afnans who were under the glances of their Lord's gracious favor. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

I bear witness, O my God, to Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness. Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. From time immemorial Thou hast been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above the loftiest descriptions of all existing things. Through Thy Name, O my God, the ocean of knowledge surgeth and the fragrance of utterance is wafted. Thou art He Whom errors have not prevented from bestowing gifts, and Whom the might of the powerful and the dominion of princes have not weakened. I testify, O my God, to Thy bounty and generosity, Thy favors and Thy glory, Thy power and Thy gifts. Thou art He, O my God, Who hath not closed the door of Thy grace nor withheld the rain of Thy bounty and loving-kindness. Thou art He Whom nothing occupieth from anything else and no condition preventeth from another condition. O Lord! By Thy Most Exalted Word all things were drawn forth, and through it the sincere ones hastened to the place of sacrifice, yearning to attain Thy presence,

O Lord of Names, and those near unto Thee hastened to the Dayspring of Thy Most Exalted Name. Who hath turned to Thee, O my God, and hath not gained the lights of the Sun of Thy favors, and who hath faced Thy horizon and hath not beheld the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and loving-kindness? I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Sovereign of the Kingdom, to assist the ministers of the earth to execute that which Thou hast sent down from the Supreme Pen in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! They are the Daysprings of Thy power and the Dawning-Places of Thy might. I beseech Thee to aid them in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the former times. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that through Thy grace and will the sun of justice hath shone forth from the horizon of bounty, and the light of equity through Thy bounty and favor. O Lord! Aid him in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet that which will make him mighty through Thy might and great through Thy greatness. Thou seest, O my God and my Lord and my Support and my Hope, that he desireth to repair what was broken in numbered years. O Lord! Illumine the horizons of Thy kingdom through his justice, then preserve him through Thy power and Thy might. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

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=== START BH03055 ===

Varaqih ?avva, the daughter of [My] uncle and sister, upon her be the

Glory of God!

In the name of the All-Knowing Announcer!

Render thanks to the Lord that through the confirmations of God, glorified

be His grandeur, thou hast entered the lofty tabernacle raised in His

Name and drunk deep of the river of utterance. Whoever recognizeth the

Days of God, that soul is accounted among the inmates of Paradise in

the Crimson Book. Beseech God to confirm thee in protecting this precious

gem. By My life, were the assessors of the world to gather together,

they would find themselves powerless to estimate its worth. Betrayers are

many and trustees few. Some mistaken souls have forsaken the River of

Mercy for a foul pond. Woe to them and to those who have denied God

and His sovereignty and turned away from the Countenance shining brilliantly

from the celestial horizon, after the annihilation of all things.

O thou the daughter of My uncle and of My sister! Give ear to My

Call, then remember Thy Lord with such steadfastness that the promptings

of the evil ones will not shake thee. May God enable thee to cling to

the cord of the favour of the Desire of the world at all times, for no deed

is more praiseworthy than this.

We mention thy son named Mihdi and give him the joyful news of

the favour of his Munificent and Compassionate Lord. The poem he had previously composed in His tribute was received, and the servant

in attendance recited what he had composed. We verily heard him and

answered him with a perspicuous Tablet.

We send greetings to all the brothers and sisters. We hope from God

that they have been and will continue to be protected by Him, glorified

be His grandeur. This is a lofty station. May its effects become clear and

evident!

Should the intended affair happen joyfully and with radiance, it is

very praiseworthy.34 However, should it entail any harm for that handmaid

or her relatives, it would not be praiseworthy before this Wronged

One, for one must act according to the requirements of the time and the

dictates of wisdom.

Jinab-i Ismullahu'l-Mihdi is travelling in that direction. Do thou that

which is discreet. He verily enricheth and assisteth thee, and He is the

Most Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Glory be upon thee and upon all the kindred who have clung to the

sure handle and held fast to the hem of the garment of the Sovereign of

the world.

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=== START BH03056 ===

O Siyyid Muhammad Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest and resplendent before the faces of the servants. Praise be to God Who hath quickened the servants with the Kawthar of His knowledge, guided them to His path, acquainted them with His Cause, and given them glad tidings of His manifestation, His appearance and His sovereignty through His words "On the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." His grace hath encompassed all, His mercy hath preceded all things, the ocean of His generosity hath surged, and the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused as a command from His presence - and He is the Wise Commander. There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to the Name of Bounty, upon him be My glory, and it was read before His face. We have sent down for thee a Tablet that cannot be equaled by what all the learned ones and divines of the earth have composed, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. Through it God hath quickened His servants both in the past and in this time wherein He Who conversed with God on Sinai hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation, despite every remote scholar and suspicious commander. Blessed art thou, for the Supreme Pen hath moved to make mention of thee in the prison of Akka, as a favor from God, the Kind, the Generous. We make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who is named Ahmad, and We have revealed for him that which cooleth the eyes of the mystics. We beseech God to assist him to steadfastness supreme, draw him nigh unto Him, and ordain for him every good thing He hath sent down in His Clear Book. When thou hearest the Call and art seized by the rapture of thy Lord's utterance, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made mention of me and sent down for me that which caused the lovers to soar throughout all regions when the Herald proclaimed: 'He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared!' I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdoms of wisdom and utterance, by Thy Command through which all possibility was encompassed, and by Thy Manifestation through which the dwellers of the graves arose and every hidden secret was revealed, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who speaketh Thy praise, who holdeth fast to Thy cord, who soareth in the atmosphere of Thy love, and who spreadeth Thy verses. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty, beseeching Thy gifts and favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from the ocean of Thy mercy, the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing."

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=== START BH03057 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power! Praise be to God Who hath revealed that which was hidden and manifested the Name that was supreme over all names - Muhammad (peace be upon him) in the realm of creation. Through him did God exalt His religion, reveal His treasures, spread His commandments and raise His standards. He is the First Name in the Kingdom of Names. Upon him be prayers and peace, and upon his family and companions until the Day of Resurrection. And now, O beloved of my heart, thy letter hath brought joy to this servant, and the clouds of thy kindness have rained down delights upon him. When I read and understood it, I presented it, and the Master - may my spirit and the spirit of all else be a sacrifice for Him - said: "O Nabil, God willing, mayest thou be blessed through divine favors and adorned with spiritual qualities. Fix thy gaze upon this word which is as light for dark days and as spirit for cast-out bodies: The hosts of God are praiseworthy character and goodly

deeds. God is witness and testifier that thou hast ever been and art before Our eyes, and that the glance of Our loving-kindness is directed towards thee. To this do thy tongue, thy sight, thy heart and thy hearing bear witness. We beseech God to adorn that temple with the ornament of goodly character in such wise that its effects may become manifest and evident." And concerning what thou didst mention about what thou didst see, verily it beareth witness before all creation that He assisteth His Cause as He pleaseth. Beseech God that He may enable His servants to do that which will exalt His Word. Verily He hath power over all things. Something hath been prepared by the Wronged One, though it be but a trifle, and sent to thee that thou mayest know of My love for thee and My care for thee. Peace be upon thee, and the mercy of God, and His blessings. The end. That beloved one is blessed, and his letter auspicious, and his name likewise blessed upon blessed. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that He may cause all to attain unto His perfect bounty and enable them to do what is befitting. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Peace shining forth from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH03058 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who has honored His sincere servants with the ornament of certitude, and has elevated them through truth, and made them among those who are honored in a clear Book. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones who aided God through His Name, and when the ranks were arranged between the armies - that is, between the unitarians and the polytheists - their cry of "Allahu Akbar" and "La ilaha illa'llah" was raised up, causing the limbs of the polytheists to tremble. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

To continue: Some of the letters addressed to the Most Exalted Name of the Beloved of Hearts, his honor the Name Aqa Muhammad, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah], were seen and some were sent sealed. Let them be forwarded to him. This servant had intended to present and send something to him as well, expressing degrees of yearning and longing and manifesting the kindling of the fire of love in the heart. However, by decree of the heart it was sealed: "It would be a pity to praise you among prisoners - it must either be in the heart or in spiritual gatherings." Praise be to God, spiritual gatherings exist both here and there. In this case, excuses have been scattered to the wind. God willing, the results will become evident and manifest, for when the countenance of love for the sake of God draws on a veil, its reflection appears clear and evident in all mirrors. Praise be to God, the candle exists and the moth exists, the sun is shining and things are ready. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of the outer and the inner.

Regarding the honored beloved, his honor Haji Abdul-Karim, upon him be the glory of God and His care, who had asked permission to attain the presence: praise be to God, permission has been granted. However, movement must occur with wisdom, for if the souls in those parts become aware of the purpose, they will surely arise with whatever their passions command them. They must act with perfect wisdom and consultation, and if there is any contradiction, patience is preferable. Verily He writes for him

what he desires from the bounty of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Praiseworthy. Peace and mercy be upon you and upon him and upon the steadfast and upright servants of God.

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O Muhammad, upon thee be My Glory [Baha] and My loving-kindness! He who appeared before My face and soared in My atmosphere and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this mention at whose appearance all mentions and mysteries and lights did bow down in submission, and the Tongue of Grandeur did speak forth in the Most Great Prison: “Expression belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Sacred Place and Station!” Blessed art thou in that thou didst follow guidance from God and didst turn unto Him when most of the servants turned away. We praise God, exalted be He, in that He aided thee to acknowledge that which He hath sent down in the Sacred Scrolls and Books and Tablets. Take hold of the Book of God with a strength from Him, then make mention to the servants in the nights and days. Say: O people! Fear ye God and deny not the Truth and His sovereignty. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is the servant who did glorify on My behalf the remnant of the family of the martyrs in the Land of Ya and who performed that which is befitting in this blessed, mighty, and luminous Day. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in the prison of ’Akka and for having sent down unto me that which did solace the eyes of Thy chosen servants. I beseech Thee to assist me in the service of Thy Cause and to enable me to do that which befitteth these days. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

My God, my God! Every seeing one beareth witness to Thy greatness and power, and every hearing one to Thy might and strength and authority. Thou art He Who, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, hath deposited within all things among created things the traces of Thy handiwork and the manifestations of Thy grace and loving-kindness. Everything hath testified with its inner tongue to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest one who hath acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose - he hath heard and responded and turned with his heart toward Thy most exalted horizon, the station wherein Thy sweetest call was raised, and hath turned toward the Manifestation of Thy mysteries and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration on a day wherein the servants denied Thy proof and turned away from Thy Cause and disbelieved in Thy signs and favors and warred against Thy Self and disputed what was sent down from the kingdom of Thy utterance. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen and by that which lay hidden in the shells of Thy protection and the depths of Thy mercy, to ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions and cause him to drink

from the Kawthar of Thy bounty at morn and eventide. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O my God! I beseech Thee, O God of the world and my Goal and the Goal of the nations, to bless those whom the books of the world prevented not from turning to Thy Most Great Book, nor did the might of nations hinder from facing the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of eternity! O my Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, then kindle them with the fire of Thy love. Thou art He Whom the doubts of the transgressors cannot frustrate, nor the cawing of the crows. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty, and Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Helper

That which was sent through the beloved of the heart, his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, reached this servant in the prison, and likewise the feast was carried out with the utmost joy and fragrance along with visitation on behalf of that honored one, and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance in the year 1305.

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=== START BH03061 ===

His honor Seyyed Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power

Today the horizon of the world is illumined with the lights of the manifestation of the Most Great Luminary. The Prophets and Messengers, both before and after, gave glad tidings to all on earth of the appearance of Him Who conversed with Moses. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - states: "I have written an essence regarding His mention, which is that He cannot be known through My allusion nor through what was revealed in the Bayan." He is the true Herald Who appeared to inform the people, that they might make themselves ready and clear the paths, even as John son of Zacharias, who is mentioned in the Books as John the Baptist, gave glad tidings of the appearance of Christ while he was in prison when Jesus son of Mary declared His Cause. Blessed is the one whom the doubts and allusions of the people of the world did not prevent or deprive from beholding the Supreme Horizon.

Today the path is clear and the proof is revealed. The friends of God must arise to serve the Cause and through wisdom and utterance draw the people of the contingent world to the divine law. This transient world and all that exists therein will soon return to nothingness. Strive that there may appear from you deeds that will endure in the gathering of the world through the eternality of the divine names and attributes.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The servant of the Cause today is one who, should he pass by cities of gold and silver, would not open his eyes, and his heart would remain pure and sanctified from all that he beholds - that is, from the ornaments and bounties of the world. I swear by the Sun of Truth that his soul is effective and his word is attractive. We beseech God to assist thee in that which befits His Day.

Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Arise by My leave, then help thy Lord with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those who have not exchanged the enduring bounty for transient benefits, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every knowing and perceiving one.

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O friends of God in the thousand and the sixty, then in the forty and the ninety! He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Today the Mother Book proclaims before the faces of all parties the remembrance of the beginning and the end. In truth, these are days the like of which have never been seen before nor shall be seen again. Blessed are those souls whom the chains of the people did not prevent from the Truth - they stand firm upon the path and are adorned with trustworthiness and righteousness, which are among the requirements of the fear of God. His honor [Abdallah], upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, has turned towards the regions of the friends and, with perfect seeking and excellent entreaty, has beseeched from the heaven of grace and bounty for each one that which is the cause and reason for eternal mention and everlasting praise. Therefore the ocean of utterance with the waves of proof and grace of the Desired One of all worlds has appeared - each wave speaking a remembrance. The first wave proclaims: O concourse of friends! You are present in days whose mention adorns most of the books of the world. Today you must appear with the light of unity in such wise that all the world, from East to West, may be illumined by that light. And the second wave proclaims: O people! The goodliest vesture in the sight of God in this day is trustworthiness. All bounty and honor shall be the portion of the soul that arrayeth itself with this greatest of adornments. And the third wave proclaims: Blessed are ye, O people of Baha! It behooveth you to manifest that whereby His Essence will be sanctified from similitudes and likenesses, and His Reality purified from what hath been said and related. And the fourth wave proclaims: O concourse of the loved ones! Set aside that which degradeth you and take up that which exalteth you through this Name whereby the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, hath wafted. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! Protect Thy friends from the evil of Thine enemies, then assist them with the hosts of Thy power and Thy sovereignty, then make their every deed a lamp amidst the deeds of those on earth, that darkness may be changed to light. Verily Thou art the Master of Revelation and the Ruler on the Day of Resurrection. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

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[His honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, physician] He is the One dawning from the Supreme Horizon! Today all things proclaim “The Truth hath come!” Blessed is the soul that hath attained to hearing the Call. The desires of self and passion have deprived most of the people of the world from the Lord of Names. The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, the Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation, the Cry hath been raised, the Light hath shone forth, and the proof is resplendent - yet the greatest veil hath prevented the people from the bounty of this Day.

This veil hath been and continueth to be the divines of the age. Blessed art thou who hast, through the Name of the Divine Omnipotent, rent asunder the veils and attained unto the lights of the Sun of Certitude which hath shone forth and is manifest from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet. This station is great and mighty - know thou its worth and preserve it through the Name of Truth. Glory be to God! The Shi'ih sect counted themselves the most excellent of all people, yet they were witnessed to be the most lost. It is incumbent upon all the friends of God to protect these helpless people lest they become again afflicted with the vain imaginings of the former party and remain deprived of the recognition of the Purpose. Convey My greetings to those who have turned towards Me and illumine them with the lights of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds. Blessed art thou and they, and blessed is he who hath attained unto this firm and mighty Cause and this Great Announcement. The Glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: My God, my God! By Thy might, I love to hold fast to all things by virtue of their connection to Thy Name, the Creator. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heaven of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and by the seat whereon hath been established the throne of Thy grandeur, and by Thy Call which hath been raised amongst Thy servants, and by Thy Will which hath dominated all things, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded earth and heaven, to assist me in that which befitteth Thy Manifestation and Thy days. Then ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones who have offered up their spirits in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the might of the world and the power of the nations cannot withhold. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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In the name of the faithful Friend! Today the Key to the treasures of earth and heaven and the gates of guidance has been and is the Supreme Pen. Blessed is the eye that attains to the vision of its traces and the ear that is adorned with hearing its call. O my handmaiden and my leaf! Your call has repeatedly been heard and the answer has likewise descended repeatedly from the heaven of loving-kindness. Give thanks to the Goal of the worlds that He has confirmed you and bestowed upon you that which the divines, men and women of the earth have been deprived and forbidden from, except whom God wills. Say: O handmaidens, know ye the value of the days of God and His station. All divine Books have given and give glad tidings of it, and likewise the Prophets and Messengers. This Day has no likeness or parallel. The ocean of utterance is at all times surging in the realm of possibility, and sanctified pure ears hear from its waves "The Truth has come." The attraction of the revelation of the Mount has encompassed all, and the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree has set ablaze the tree of Sinai. Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and mentioned thee in such wise that all things have been moved and drawn in their inmost reality. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, caused me to hear, shown me, and made me know Thy Call, Thy verses, Thy laws and Thy commandments. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the choice wine of Thy Most Glorious Name whereby all on earth and in heaven were intoxicated, and by the pearls hidden in the shells of the ocean of Thy bounty, and by the lights shining and blazing from the horizon of the heaven of Thy utterance, to make this handmaiden of Thine in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, speaking Thy praise and arising to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful One to Whom all created things have

testified and all contingent beings have confessed. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His honor Salman attained to presence and meeting, and carried out on thy behalf what thou desired, and We testify that he attained to acceptance. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Loving. The splendor from Us be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the ranks and hosts.

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He is the One Who has dominion over all names!

Today the Speaker of Sinai is calling out in the Kingdom of Utterance, summoning all to the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. Yet ears worthy of hearkening to this Most Exalted Word are rarer than red sulphur. Blessed is the soul whom neither the chains of blind imitation nor the power of those who would set limits has prevented from the Dayspring of Divine Unity or deprived of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. The waves of the ocean of manifestation surge before all faces, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shine forth from every direction. Yet the desires of self and passion have become an obstacle, preventing eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon and ears from hearing the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to make all aware and not deprive them of the outpourings of His days. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Your letter was forwarded to the Most Holy Court by Afnan, upon him be My glory. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love and devotion wafted from it. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you in that whose fragrance will never cease to endure throughout the dominion of His kingdom and His sovereignty, and to make you a standard of His name amongst His creation. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

The aforementioned youth attained Our presence and meeting - although for several years this Wronged One has not associated with any of the outside parties. We met with them repeatedly and signs of purity were evident from his countenance. We beseech God to assist him in that which will cause the eradication of corruption and establishment of the reformation of the world. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The details will surely be mentioned by his honor Afnan. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to the friends in that land and illumine them with the splendors of the light of the Sun of remembrance. Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have turned with radiant hearts and shining faces to the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein all atoms proclaim: "The kingdom and the dominion, the grandeur and might belong to God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat!"

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In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Imperishable!

Hearken unto the Call from the Master of the Crimson Ark from the precincts of ’Akka which hath been named the Snow-White Spot. He is, verily, none other than God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The heaven hath been darkened through the oppression of the people of the earth, and the dwellers of the pavilions of glory have lamented by reason of what hath befallen Us at the hands of the heedless ones. Verily the Word at all times proclaimeth that Word from which wafteth the fragrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else save Him and taken that which was given unto him from One mighty and powerful. Thy letter hath come before the Most Great Scene, and the glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards it. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We beseech God to aid thee in His Cause and to acquaint thee with that which will detach thee from all else save Him, that thou mayest arise to make mention of Him amongst His servants, that the breaths of remembrance may draw them to His luminous and shining horizon. As to what thou didst desire regarding nearness and reunion, the loved ones of God have been prevented therefrom by reason of what the hands of the transgressors have wrought. So grievous hath Our plight become in this Prison that the tongue is powerless to describe it and the Pen unable to recount My supreme affliction. Grieve thou not at this. Be content with what We have ordained for thee. He is, verily, the Protector of whosoever loveth Him. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. Within His grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. Say: O my God and my Lord! I have desired the waters of Thy presence and the wine of reunion with Thee, and to enter beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy oneness, and to stand before the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Manifestation of Thy signs, yet have I been prevented therefrom by reason of what the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious ones among Thy people have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me the reward of those who have circled round Thy Throne, and hearkened unto Thy call, and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the fingers of Thy bounty. Then cause me, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the denial of the deniers and the words of the proud ones who have clung to the cord of vain imaginings and have turned away from the Lord of all men Who hath come with manifest sovereignty, may not hinder me. O Lord! Deprive me not of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and leave me not to myself for less than the twinkling of an eye. Preserve me, then, beneath the shadow of Thy mercy and Thy favors. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from the direction of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Cast behind thy back all created things, then turn thy face toward God with a countenance from which the lights shine forth. By God! Should anyone hear the call of his Lord and taste the sweetness therein, it would surely draw him to the court of nearness and glory and beauty. O Ha! Hear once again the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, from the direction of this Prison from whose horizon hath shown forth the Sun of the beauty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Arise to make mention of Him amongst the servants and fear not those who have denied the Return. Say: This is the Day wherein the faces of the idolaters have been darkened, and the faces of the righteous have been illumined - they who have detached themselves from all that is with the people, seeking that which

is with their Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. By My life! Should one possessed of hearing turn toward all things, he would hear from them “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving!” O Sin! That which was hidden in the breasts hath been unveiled, the secrets have been revealed, and every soul hath been gathered according to its deeds in this Day whereon the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of grandeur and power. Say: O people! Do ye deny that which ye were promised? Fear God and be not of them whom We behold in doubt and schism. This is the Promised One Who hath come from the dawning-place of the Promise with proof and evidence. O Nun! Be thou as the letter Nun of this Ocean - immerse thyself therein by thy Lord’s leave at morn and eventide. Stand firm in His love and remind the people of thy Lord’s verses. This is better for thee than all that hath been created in the contingent world. Let not the words of those who have disbelieved in God grieve thee. Already hath been inscribed upon their foreheads: “These are they who have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords.” Beware lest thou pause in the remembrance of thy Lord. Be thou a herald of My Name and glorify His praise at eve and dawn. Soon shall come a day when thou shalt behold the wrongdoers in the fire, and thyself in the vicinity of the mercy of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath believed in this Day wherein the Herald doth call out from the right hand of the throne of thy Lord, the One, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. And praise be to God, the King, the Mighty, the Most Exalted.

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By the Most Perfect Perfection, through the perfection of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, He is the Mighty. I testify within thyself that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved, and by Him Whom He sent unto His servant and His glory, and all were created by His command and all by His command do act. O servant! Hear the call of God from this Leaf, stirring upon this blessed Branch, and be not of those who understand not, and be not of those who violated God’s Covenant and committed injustice and caused darkness and were not conscious within themselves, nay, they made a mockery of God in their imaginings and were of those who trifle with the signs of God. Say: Woe unto you for what your hands have wrought! Ye shall be summoned to a humiliating punishment and then shall ye not be shown mercy. These days shall pass away and that with which people are occupied. Say: He knoweth the unseen of the heavens and earth and all that ye conceal or hide. Nothing shall be hidden from God thy Lord. He knoweth what penetrateth the earth and what issueth forth from it, if ye would but understand. And since His mercy hath preceded His wrath, He concealeth for whom He willeth and revealeth for whom He willeth, and verily He is the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people! Return ye unto God, then seek His forgiveness, and follow not Satan within yourselves if ye wish to be God-fearing. And be not of those in whom God findeth naught, such that He findeth in them neither truthfulness nor faithfulness nor steadfastness in any matter. Soon shall they return to dust and they shall be remorseful. God will not show them mercy nor will He ever forgive them, even if they wail in the fire. And thou, O servant, fear God and associate not with those from whose hearts and souls thou perceivest the winds of hypocrisy, and avoid them and abide under a preserved protection. This is My counsel unto thee and unto those who act according to what they claim. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon all who are in thy household and upon the handmaiden of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Naqqash-Bashi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven! The Wronged One desires to send thee a word from the Mother Book and a wave from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all men. We have remembered thee and those who have believed with a remembrance by which the hearts of the righteous have been attracted. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Wronged One is between the fangs of wolves, calling the people to God, the Lord of the Final Return. He was seated when the hand of power raised Him up, and was silent when the Command of God, the Lord of lords, caused Him to speak. There befell Him in the path of God that which caused the stars to fall and the clouds to cry out. He has arisen to promote the Cause with such steadfastness that the tyranny of the world did not prevent Him nor did the hatred of the wicked frighten Him. He has spoken what He desired before the faces of the servants, causing the kingdom of the heart to quiver. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful in what He loves and is pleased with, to make thee speak His Name and gaze toward His horizon, to make thee detached from all else save Him and clinging to the hem of the robe of His mercy which has preceded the earth and the heavens. The Wronged One has turned to thee on this night and revealed for thee that which has caused the nightingales of divine knowledge to warble upon the highest branches. The Kingdom belongs to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. When thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the world, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in holding fast to Thy cord. O Lord! I have turned to Thee, detached from all save Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy face to assist Thy servants in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones. Then I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and Thy hidden and treasured mysteries in Thy tablets, to make me among those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and have done what Thou hast commanded them in the Book. O Lord! Thou seest the one who aims for Thy most distant station and the supplicant at the door of Thy bounty. O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Verily thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, from this Most Glorious Horizon calleth unto all who are in earth and heaven, saying: "Behold Me, for I am your Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Then turn your hearts toward My direction, for I am the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Then ask of Me whatsoever ye desire, for none hath ever been disappointed at the door of My mercy, and I am the Bestower, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Powerful. Let him who is poor become enriched through My wealth, for I am the Self-Sufficient, independent of all worlds. Let him who is sick seek healing from My

ocean of healing, for I am the Healer, the One Who maketh whole, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Let him who is sorrowful rejoice through My grace and loving-kindness, for I am the Ruler over all that I will."

O servant! Know thou that We have ordained joy and gladness for Our near servants, while We have ordained for Our own Self sorrows in the path of the All-Merciful - and God is witness to this. We desired for you tranquility in your homelands, while for Myself exile and imprisonment, even as I am imprisoned in this remote prison. Arise to promote the Cause of God, then summon the people to this mighty, irrevocable Command, that perchance they may purify their ears from the croaking of the idolaters and hear the call of God from this luminous, shining horizon, and may detach themselves from the world and its vain imaginings, and follow the path of certitude.

Say: O people! Have ye occupied yourselves with the world and become heedless of the Beloved of the worlds? By God! Were ye to behold with the eye of God, ye would sacrifice yourselves in the path of the Youth, then hasten with your hearts to this straight path. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest assist thy Lord to the extent of thy power, and this is a bounty from Us unto thee. Soon shalt thou witness and be assured, if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord with manifest constancy.

Convey Our remembrance to thy son who hath been named with the first of My names, and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, that the dove of his Lord's love, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, may warble within his breast. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon him and upon the servants of God who are detached.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy! O Khalil! Arise to serve the Glorious Cause in these days wherein faces have darkened and eyes have turned away, save those who have set their faces toward the Dayspring of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: O concourse of divines! Consider and call to mind the days when the Sun of Hijaz shone forth from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the Chosen One. The learned ones turned away from Him and the scholars objected, until the earth became strait for Him by Whom the horizons were illumined. Say: Were ye to ponder that which appeared aforetime and in those days, ye would surely cast away what ye possess and hasten to the Holy Court in humility and submission. Say: Ali came to you before and gave you glad tidings of this Kawthar through which God hath quickened hearts and souls. Ye turned away from Him and from that for which ye were created. Fear God, O people of understanding! Soon shall come upon you a day wherein ye shall be called to account for your deeds in this vain life, and ye shall find no place of refuge. Verily thou hearest My words and dost appear from the horizon of assurance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Remind the people with wisdom and utterance. Say: O people! Fear God and commit not that which causeth the Messengers to lament in the highest Paradise. Know then that calamities have encompassed Us from all sides through that which the hands of the unbelievers have wrought, they who have denied God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving. Yet the Youth hath not been deterred from that which He was commanded by the Lord of Names and Attributes. Nothing can withstand His Cause. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Chosen One. Neither the ascendancy of kings nor all who are on earth can

hinder Us, as witnesseth the Call that hath been raised from this Prison whose gate hath been seized by the hosts of the wicked. Seest thou any protector for anyone? Nay, by thy Lord Who hath subdued the names and caused the Youth to speak, save God, the Lord of earth and heaven! Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish; seek thou therefore that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure in the Scriptures and Tablets. We beseech God to aid thee in His Cause, to enable thee to make mention of Him and praise Him, and to grant thee that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have detached themselves from all on earth for love of Him and have turned unto the Dawning-Place of lights.

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O Dhabih, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Expounder, the Caller in the midst of the atmosphere. O Dhabih! The verses have been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's Will, the Lord of Names and Attributes. Thereupon the servant who was present came before the Throne and asked whether Dhabih had a portion. We said: Yea, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful! The Face of the Wronged One turned from the direction of His Most Great Prison toward thee, and He remembereth thee with what flowed from the River of Life in thy name when the House of the Beloved was surrounded by the hosts of tyranny and wickedness. Reflect that thou mayest know what was hidden from men of understanding. Remember when the All-Merciful revealed unto thee what was named the Tablet of Ra'is wherein He revealed what was hidden in His all-pervading knowledge. By the life of God! All that was revealed from My Most Exalted Pen hath come to pass. Read and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses! That which hath appeared and shall appear hath been revealed in the Tablets. This is attested by what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered when He was in the hands of the wicked ones. O Dhabih! The Wronged One crieth out and lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of them that denied God, the Lord of all men. Hearken unto what the idolaters say. Among them is he who saith He hath claimed Lordship. Say: Yea, by My life! This is He Who was promised in the Scriptures and Tablets. If this be Baha's crime, what sayest thou of Him Who declared "Verily I am God from time immemorial"? Say: Read ye the verses of God that ye may understand the mysteries of this Cause which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then read what We revealed unto thee aforetime and in this time wherein He Who is the Lord of the Day of Return is established upon the Throne. Convey My glory unto thy son who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and entered the White Spot, the place wherefrom was raised the Call "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Compelling." Blessed is he in that he hath turned, entered, attained the presence, heard and won that which was recorded in the Book. Then convey My glory unto thy family and My loved ones who have held fast unto the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Subduer of winds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate!

O Most Exalted Pen! Move in remembrance of the name of My servant Rahim, that he may be attracted by God's remembrance of him and be illumined in these days when darkness hath overtaken all who

dwell on earth, save those who have attained to the recognition of their Lord and are counted among those who have turned towards Him.

O Rahim! Know thou that thy Lord's mercy hath preceded all created things, and of His mercy is His remembrance of thee, if thou be of them that understand. By His remembrance are drawn the hearts of them that have attained. He who is heedless of thy Lord's remembrance is but an infant in the Book, sucking from the breast of ignorance the milk of doubt and misgiving, and is accounted among the losers.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having attained unto His recognition and turned towards Him after His servants who are veiled had turned away. Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Guard thou the shop which hath been opened in Our name for pilgrims, and which is known by My name, if thou be of them that understand. Then strive to manage and improve its affairs. Whosoever returneth unto it returneth unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to what thou hast been bidden by One All-Wise, All-Informed.

Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of God, for having heard His melodies, for having been illumined by the lights of His beauty, for having attained His presence and been numbered among the successful ones. Be thou not perturbed by anything, but place thy trust in thy Lord at all times. He, verily, aideth those who have desired His Face and assisteth His steadfast servants. They who have disbelieved in God in this Revelation shall be consumed by the fire of negation and desire, and shall not be among those who perceive. And they who have believed - upon them shall pray the denizens of the seen and unseen realm, and this truthful and trustworthy Tongue.

Sanctify thyself from the allusions of them who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, lest the cawing of Satan affect thee. Seek assistance from God, thy Lord, then place thy reliance in Him rather than in others, for He sufficeth thee against all created things. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and be not of the heedless ones. And the glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon every assured and perceiving one.

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O Muhammad Beg, upon thee be the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Glory of God! O Muhammad! We have found from thee the fragrance of My love and the sweet-scenting savor of My affection. Therefore hath My Most Exalted Pen, which We have commanded to cry out between earth and heaven, been moved to mention thy name. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. May the rapture of thy Lord's Most Glorious utterance seize thee once again and cause thee to voice His praise amidst all peoples. Blessed art thou and thy children and those around thee - upon them be the remembrance and praise of God - inasmuch as they have cast away what the people possess and taken hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Rejoice ye in the days of God, celebrate and glorify this Name which God hath made to exercise dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take ye the chalices of prosperity in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn, then drink therefrom through this wise Remembrance. Blessed is he who hath drunk of the choice wine whose seal We have broken with the finger of My Will

that embraceth all things. Thy Lord is, verily, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: This is the Day whereon God, the King, hath called unto His Own Self, the All-Encompassing over all things. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient One. Say: The world hath been set ablaze by the heat of God's Word, yet the people are in strange drunkenness and rejoice though they know not. Soon shall they know what hath escaped them in these days wherein the All-Merciful hath come with a manifest light. Gather the servants at the Most Great Ocean and remind them of what hath been sent down in the Tablet. Thy Lord is the Best of Rememberers. In the prison He remembereth those who have turned unto Him. He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him. Say: O loved ones of God! Grieve not at anything. Put your trust in Him. He will assuredly aid you through the truth. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. God shall soon exalt your names in the earth and make manifest your traces. Rejoice ye in what hath been ordained for you in the Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know! Glorify on My behalf the faces of those who have believed. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned unto the Countenance on a day when every polytheist turned away in doubt. Upon thee and upon those with thee be the Glory from the presence of a Mighty, Beauteous One.

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O Varqa! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Creation! O Dove! Hearken unto the Call from the Dawning-Place of Grandeur raised in the prison of 'Akka: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!" We have summoned all unto God. Among the people some have turned towards Him and others have turned away. He who hath turned towards Him is accounted among the triumphant in the Mother Book. Say: O concourse of nations! From whom do ye flee this Day? By God! The Ancient Source hath appeared and in His hand is the pulse of the world. He healeth it as He pleaseth, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Do ye flee from Him Who hath come unto you with the Kawthar of everlasting life? Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. Abandon that which ye possess, and seize that which God, Who layeth low the necks of men, hath brought. Know ye of a certainty that if ye turn not back from that which ye have committed, chastisement will overtake you on every side, and ye shall behold things more grievous than that which ye beheld aforetime. Thus doth the Mother of Utterance apprise you. Blessed art thou for having warbled upon the branches with diverse melodies in praise of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. We have heard that which thou didst utter in remembrance and praise of God. Naught escapeth His knowledge, as every discerning one doth testify. Blessed is thy father. We bear witness that he aided the Cause of his Lord and made mention of Him among His servants. We sent him in certain years Tablets through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all existence. The gaze of God was directed towards him when the Throne was established in this Most Great Prison and before that in other lands. He Who speaketh the truth doth testify to this: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Choosing." Give thanks unto God that We have heard thy cooing and accepted that which thou didst compose in praise of thy Lord, the Lord of creation. Warble upon the branch of the world in this Most Great Name, that the people of the graves may be awakened thereby and turn towards this Horizon from which the daysprings have been illumined. Grieve not over remoteness - ye are among those who are

nigh, as doth the Lord of all beings testify. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have cast away idle fancies and turned towards the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

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He is established upon the throne of utterance! We make mention of the servants through the Most Great Remembrance, whom God has made the source of remembrance for all worlds. He is the One Who summoned humanity unto God and guided them to the Straight Path. Those who have followed God's commandments and His ways - these are the people of this Most Great Scene, to which the Lord of Destiny bears witness, though most people remain heedless. Through them have appeared the banners of divine assistance among all beings, and all things have spoken as spoke the Lote Tree of the Uttermost End in remembrance of this Clear Remembrance. Whosoever transgresses the bounds set by God has not aided Him and is among the distracted ones. Follow, O My loved ones, My hallowed commandments which draw you nigh unto God, the True Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take hold of My counsels which We have counselled you in the Tablets and follow not the ways of the suspicious ones. Divine assistance has many degrees which We have detailed in truth, yet the people remain behind a clear veil. Adopt My characteristics and adorn yourselves with My shining commandments from God's horizon - this is sincere counsel, were you to know. We have kindled the fire in all regions through the Word that has caused the hearts of the righteous to soar. Blessed is he who is set ablaze by it in the days of its Revealer, and woe to those who turn away. Gather ye together in My remembrance and praise, then unite among yourselves - this is better for you. He is the All-Seeing, the Vigilant. We have sent down verses to you and dispatched them before, that you might give thanks to your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. And We have sent down this Tablet as a grace from Our presence that your hearts may rejoice and your eyes be consoled thereby. He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Read ye the verses of God with joy and fragrance - they draw you to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring you near to the sublime station. We make mention of the loved ones at all times that they may arise to serve the Cause and assist their Lord through the wisdom sent down in a preserved Tablet. Blessed are you for having attained unto the days of God and His knowledge. Ask Him to aid you in following His Cause that has encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the Most Great Prison that you may rejoice in the bounty of your Ancient Lord. May glory rest upon you and upon those who have turned to God when He came with His exalted and mighty Kingdom.

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In the Name of the one true God! May you, through the bestowals of the All-Merciful and the outpourings of the Lord, attain success and be nourished from the table of detachment, which is the greatest of divine bounties. Your mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One and your cry was heard. God's grace hath ever surrounded and will continue to surround the name of Jamal and those connected with him. Among the greatest bounties of God is that He enabled you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His evidences, while most of mankind are deprived and

forbidden from this most exalted station. Be thankful unto thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. His honor Jamal, upon him be my glory, hath expressed satisfaction with you. Blessed art thou for having won his good-pleasure and fulfilled God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds. We have accepted your deeds in the path of God and have mentioned you time and again in this Great Prison. Regarding what you wrote about ridicule, be patient and do not grieve. He verily recompenseth the patient women and His patient servants. Whosoever hath uttered unseemly words regarding his honor Jamal hath spoken contrary to what God hath ordained. However, his honor Jamal must in all conditions observe and hold fast to the wisdom revealed in the divine Tablets, that none may find cause for objection. Wisdom is among the commandments which God hath enjoined upon all in most of the Tablets. None may transgress it by a hair's breadth. Thus hath God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, decreed. Whoso followeth God's command, God will assist him through His grace and exalt him in truth. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. The Wronged One hath desired naught for Himself and enjoineth His loved ones to that which God hath commanded Him in a preserved Tablet. Grieve not over anything. We have chosen for you what is greater than what you have chosen for yourselves, and ordained that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that know. Rejoice in thy Lord's remembrance. He hath sent down for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thine aunt and her daughter, from One mighty and wise.

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O loved ones, come, let us heave a sigh from the heart and set aflame a fire in our souls. Let us ask the hoopoe of the spirit the way to His street, that we may reach the sacred precincts of His sanctuary. Let us learn the ways of passion and celestial melody from the nightingales of His holy rose garden, and accept the manner of burning and consuming from the candle of His chamber. Like the tulips of the sacred garden, let us brand our souls with the mark of union with Him, pluck the flower of desire from the paradise of His companionship, drink of the wine of His presence, and strive in the ocean of effacement. Let us become intoxicated and set fire to existence itself, scatter our souls at His feet and drag our hearts to His street. O ye who are still dizzy from sleep, the holy musicians have begun their Christ-like melodies, and the servants of the intimate gathering have harmonized with spiritual ecstasies, and the divine cup-bearers have opened the doors of the eternal wine-cellar and with one glance have captured the hearts of the heavenly maidens, holding flame-colored cups in their hands and standing rank upon rank with mystic signs. The breeze of faithfulness blows from the realm of eternity and the fragrance of God wafts from the city of Baha. O ye wounded hearts, the divine Physician has come - a thousand remedies flow from His ruby lips. That Dawn of the unseen Glory, that Countenance beyond doubt has come. The breathings of Sinai reach us from the Throne of meeting. Spiritual melodies from the divine throat and holy effulgences arrive with might and glory. Glad tidings for the poor, a sign for the lowly - verses of wealth arrive from the hidden treasure. Remove the veils from heart and soul, for from that door the

lights of radiance arrive to the world. O nightingales filled with yearning and passion, it is the time of the rose, and O fallen ones still dizzy from wine, this is the surging of the wine, and O Jacobs in the wilderness of separation, the fragrance of Joseph of Iraq and the spiritual breaths of the covenant are being bestowed upon creation and the breath of the horizons, and the merciful breathings blow from the holy divine hiding place, and the morning breezes of inner meanings arrive from the unseen garden of Sinai.

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In the Name of the One Friend

O annihilated Shaykh! May you be, God willing, forever and always annihilated from self and abiding in the remembrance of Truth, in such wise that from your tongue may be heard at all times the mention of God, and from your heart may be inhaled the love of the Beloved, and from your face may be witnessed the radiance of the All-Merciful. Your letter was presented before the Throne, and in response thereto a Tablet was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Subdue hearts through mention of the Beloved and move all creation by the cord of the love of thy Lord, the Sovereign of all worlds. This is what We have ordained in the Tablets. Let not sorrows overtake thee. Be thou joyful in the days of thy Lord, then remind souls of that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Specifically for Nabil-i-Baqir, wondrous words have shone forth from the Dayspring of the divine Finger and been dispatched. God willing, may they attain thereunto. Convey My glorification unto him and unto those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thy mention hath been and continues to be remembered before the Throne. If thou asketh God thy Lord, He would send down clear verses for every soul. Verily thy Lord loveth him who hath loved Him and desireth him who hath desired Him. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Remind on My behalf Siyyid-i-Kazim. Say: Blessed is he who hath turned to God in this Day wherein the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to the Dayspring of the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Say: Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that vain imaginings shall not withhold thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, nor shall the veils of the heedless conceal thee. Adorn thy head with the crown of the mention of the Glory between earth and heaven, and thy tongue with this Name whereby the liver of polytheism was cleft asunder and the countenance of unity shone forth from the horizon of the command of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Be as thy Lord was. The calamities never prevented Him from the mention of the Lord of all creation. He summoneth the people at all times unto God, the Mighty, the Peerless. That which thou seest today shall perish, and that which shall endure is His mention of His loved ones and what He hath ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord and be of them that have attained. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O handmaiden of God! Hearing is a divine trust. Purify and sanctify it from the words and allusions of them that are on earth, that thou mayest hear the Word of God which hath dawned from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Divine Unity, and attain unto the purpose of the worlds. Today all, whether men or women, wander bewildered in the wilderness of their desires, save those souls who, through the power of the Most Great Name, have clung to the hem of the Lord of the Ancient Days. These are the gems of creation in the sight of God, and all others are as naught and non-existent.

Strive thou to reach the abode of immortality, which is the station of recognition of the Abha Beauty, and become illumined with the lights of His Cause. Render thanks unto God that thou hast been honored with this supreme distinction and hast directed thyself from thy homeland toward the dwelling-place of thy Beloved. Ere long the mention of this turning shall be spread among the favored servants. Detach thyself from the worlds and attach thyself to the All-Merciful. Be not grieved by outward affairs and the conditions of this base world, for all shall be seized by extinction while permanence belongeth and shall belong to God alone. Soon all shall return to dust, and sovereignty and power and grandeur and dominion shall remain with the Lord of Lords.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst distinguish between Thy servants, and from which most of the people of Thy realm took flight, to make me turn toward the sanctuary of Thy good-pleasure and direct myself to the sanctuary of Thy recognition. O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned to Thee, held fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy and favors. O Lord! I am athirst; send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy the rain of Thy grace. O Lord! I am poor; send down upon me from the heaven of Thy riches that which will make me independent of all except Thee. Then assist, O my God, my kindred to arise to aid Thy Cause and turn toward the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and Thy glory, and enable them, O my God, to remember Thee and praise Thee amidst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

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O Muhammad, who has been honored with the name of the All-Knowing One! O Muhammad! Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon, hast drunk from the Kawthar of reunion, and hast attained unto the lights of the Presence which is the greatest and most glorious of all deeds, and hast heard, time and again with thine own ears, the call of the Wronged One. We beseech God - exalted and glorified be He - not to withhold, through His boundless grace, the droppings of the Most Great Ocean from thee and from the other friends. Say: Occupy not yourselves with the mirage, and deprive not yourselves of the waves of the ocean of meanings. The pleasures of the world have been and shall ever be transient. Say: Be not beguiled by its honey for it is pure venom. Strive ye that all may be adorned with the ornament of knowledge. Convey to all those souls who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon the greetings of this Wronged One, that all may be gladdened by the sweet savors of divine glorification and may act in accordance with that which is befitting. To all those souls, both men and women, who

have turned toward the Prison and have attained unto the lights of the Throne, convey greetings from God. God willing, they must attain unto and act according to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. O friends! Fix your gaze in all conditions upon steadfastness and trustworthiness. These two qualities are as two great luminaries shining forth and manifest from the heaven of the divine Tablet. Blessed is the state of the one who is illumined by the light of these two luminaries. By the Most Great Name! Such a one is recorded and inscribed in the Book among the Concourse on High. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, in that thou hast attained unto the lights of the Kingdom and hast believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, she who hath ascended is among those who have attained in a preserved Tablet. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded by the One Who is the All-Knowing Revealer. O people of Q! We have heard your call and have answered you through Our grace, for We are the Answerer. Unite ye first, then make mention of your Lord, the Stranger. The glory rest upon you and upon thee, O Muhammad, and upon thy mother who hath recognized and attained and heard that which the Tongue of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath uttered, and upon thy family and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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He is God, the Helper

How many trees are adorned with wondrous divine fruits while we remain imprisoned beneath the earth, and how many flourishing gardens appear on earth while these existing eyes are forbidden from beholding them! How many birds sing upon the branches of trees while these ears are deprived of hearing them! Therefore, one must count these numbered days as precious and not remain heedless of the remembrance and praise of God. In all conditions, take refuge in God and be vigilant lest through satanic whisperings you remain deprived of the divine breezes. Strive to manifest yourself among people with goodly character and praiseworthy deeds, that perhaps the breaths of holiness and detachment may waft from you, that perchance the hearts of the dead may attain eternal life through association and fellowship with you and become sustained by the Kawthar of submission and contentment. Although the counsel of the wise benefits not the ignorant - as We have counseled in all Tablets that no one should oppose another - from the time of Our sojourn in Iraq until now We have forbidden people from carnal desires and from contention and warfare with others. Nevertheless, they committed that which was forbidden in all pages and Tablets, and the harm of the deeds of the ignorant has rebounded upon this imprisoned servant. And souls who have committed all manner of unseemly acts now display themselves in the garment of asceticism and attribute to this servant all that they have done. This is what was revealed in previous Books, that wolves would appear in sheep's clothing and busy themselves with deceiving people. In any case, in all conditions fix your gaze upon the Truth and be detached from all else. Count His remembrance as precious and betray not the trust of His love to the treacherous and the thief, but preserve it with the utmost care. Give thanks at all times that separation has been changed to union, remoteness to nearness, and that you have attained the recognition of God in days when most are veiled. And the Spirit be upon you.

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TRANSLATION:

In the Name of the Beloved of the World! Say: How sweet is the Kawthar of steadfastness if you drink it from the hand of the Friend, and how excellent is its fragrance if you attain unto it! Say: O friends! The Lord of all possibility proclaims: The crown of all deeds is steadfastness - hold fast unto it! It is the most exalted of all stations - fix your gaze upon it! It is the most great gift that preserves its possessor from the allusions of the ungodly, the whisperings of Satan, and the cawing of the ravens. It is an armor woven by the hands of the True Creator - whosoever adorns himself therewith shall be protected from the darts of Satan. God willing, may the people of truth drink from this cup through the outpourings of the All-Bountiful and attain this most great bounty. Strange it is that souls witness the dawning of the lights of the Sun of grandeur and power at its zenith, yet still veil themselves through the imaginings of their own illusory selves. Convey this spiritual remembrance - which is in truth the everlasting Kawthar flowing from the Dawning-Place of divine favors - to the friends of Truth, that all may discover its fragrance and become detached and free from all else. The gaze of His loving-kindness has ever been directed towards His friends, and He has desired for all whatsoever leads to the praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hearkens unto that which the Desired One hath uttered in this perspicuous Tablet. Hearken to the call of the Wronged One, raised from the direction of the Most Great Prison, and arise to serve the Cause with such arising that no sitting down shall seize it, and with such ardor that no cooling shall ever quench its flame. God willing, mayest thou soar on the wings of remembrance and utterance in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, and through wondrous and sublime remembrances which have shone forth from the horizon of the Mouth of the Will of the All-Merciful, guide all to the straight path. We beseech God to assist thee in His service, His remembrance and His praise, to draw thee nigh unto the Sea whereof whosoever drinketh shall become detached from all else save Him, and to ordain for thee good in the hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker

This is mentioned in the Persian tongue so that the souls in that land may hear and discover: The True One, exalted be His glory, promised and gave glad tidings to all the peoples of the earth through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers concerning this most holy, most mighty and most luminous Day, that all might prepare themselves for the divine presence and not let slip the time. Yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of Will, all turned away and rose up in opposition. Would that they had been content with such actions! Rather, they arose to spread calumnies and issued verdicts for the shedding of pure blood. There remained no land wherein their blood was not shed, and no air unto which their sighs did not ascend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing. These abominable deeds have been and will be the cause of tribulation and hardship for all on earth. For many years afflictions have not ceased from the earth but rather pour forth like torrential rain. If they subside in one direction, they flame forth from another. Holy, assured, content and well-pleased souls - whatever befalls

them has been and will be in the path of God. If they are martyred, their spirits ascend to the Most Glorious Companion and find their dwelling in the highest Paradise. By the life of God, theirs is the best end and most excellent return! But oppressive souls shall be afflicted with the flames of divine wrath a second time, and after their spirits depart they shall be tormented with a punishment a hundred thousand times more severe than earthly torment. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. Afflictions will not cease until they repent and return unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Face when every ignorant doubter turned away.

Convey this Tablet to the loved ones in that land that they may attain supreme joy and become aware of their station and rank, and preserve their stations through the Name of God. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of the Kind, the All-Merciful.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O S! Upon thee be My glory! Know thou with clear certitude that the glance of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, hath been and continues to be directed toward the land of S. Within that land are concealed and treasured the divine trusts. Say: Blessed, blessed art thou, O Land of Sad! What land can be likened unto thee? God hath made thee the repository of His names and attributes, next to the sacred and specially designated lands. It was honored by the presence of the two Husayns, whom neither the swords of hatred nor the might of the oppressors could hold back from God, the Lord of the worlds. They advanced to the field of martyrdom, yearning for reunion with the Creator of heaven, and sacrificed their souls in the manifest and straight Path. They cast behind them the world, its riches, glory, bounties and pleasures - to this every fair-minded and discerning one bears witness. And before them, al-Kazim and those with him performed such deeds in the path of God as bewildered the hearts of those near unto Him. And after them came al-Ashraf, through whose blood God adorned the cities of justice and equity and the countenances of the lovers throughout all regions. We testify that he attained the presence and meeting with God and heard His mighty and wondrous call. The eyes of the companions of the Covenant in the City of the Lovers wept for them. Thus hath spoken the Luminary of the horizons from His mighty prison. It behooveth the people of God to remember them with goodly remembrance and according to what the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Wise, hath recorded. The Pen of Command in the Most Great Scene, from the presence of the Lord of Destiny, now giveth thee glad tidings that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou hast attained the service of My Cause, and whoso attaineth unto it is, in the Mother Book, among the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark which the Lord of creation sent down in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', a command from My presence - and I am the Ancient Commander. Thou art, in the sight of God, the Lord of creation, among the people of the Ark. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve this most exalted station and this supreme and abiding glory. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those whom neither commerce, nor trade, nor wealth, nor glory hath withheld from God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

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O Mulla Abu'l-Hasan! In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! These are the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice, unto him who was guided by the guidance of the Spirit and turned toward the holy precincts until he entered the spot of Paradise after the Sun of Grandeur and Glory had set therefrom, and he lamented with the lamentation of those who have lost. O servant! Know thou that thy yearning in separation from the Luminary of the horizons when He departed from the precincts of Iraq was greater in the sight of God than the worship of most of the servants. Thus have We distinguished thee with the truth, and verily We have power over all things. We were with thee and heard thy cry and thy yearning, and We have ordained for thee in the Tablets a reward that was truly great. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and grieve not for anything, but place thy trust in God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Generous. God hath written down for thee the reward of one who attained the presence of the Countenance and won the meeting with his Lord. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good. Arise in the Cause of God, then strive within thyself that there may be manifested from thee that which will raise up the Cause of thy Lord amongst His heedless servants. For God hath prescribed for every soul the teaching of His Cause, and He loveth that there should appear from the Lote-Trees of existence the fruits of wisdom and utterance. Thus hath He willed by His command - there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Purposing. Arise to serve God and say: "O people of the Bayan! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath come with manifest sovereignty. Fear ye God and deny not Him for Whose path the blood of those near unto God was shed." Say: "Verily, He Who came unto you by the name of 'Ali was the Herald of this Most Great, Most Glorious Manifestation, and His Most Exalted Pen moved only in My remembrance and praise, and there flowed from His ink naught but this wise Remembrance, until He sacrificed His soul in My love that ye might not commit in the time of the Manifestation what the people of the Furqan, and before them the people of the Torah and the Gospel, committed." Thus doth the Pen of Command instruct thee. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded and be not of the heedless ones. And the mercy which hath descended from the heaven of grandeur upon thee and upon the detached servants of God.

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He is the Mighty, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting

These are the verses of the Tablet, sent down in truth for a people who understand. Therein is healing for the breasts of those who have believed in God and who place their trust in their Lord. It is verily a remembrance from Us, and a guidance and reminder for a people who fear God. O Letter of Love! Bear thou witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He hath created all things for the knowledge of His Self and the Manifestations of His Cause, and this hath been ordained in truth for what was and what will be. In every age He hath sent forth a Messenger through His grace to remind men of the days of God and guide them to the path of glory and love. Then hath He sent down tribulations, trials and afflictions, both hidden and manifest, that He might thereby separate

between light and darkness. This is among the ways that have proceeded from God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. By God! Were He not looking to this station, He would subdue all who are in the heavens and earth through a single word from His presence, and this is a known truth. Thus understand thou the Cause, then be thou at peace within thyself and be of those who show patience in times of hardship. Know thou that thou hast been mentioned in the Book by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved. Soon will thy name be raised up in truth among the Concourse on High, and the dove of longing in thy breast will be stilled, for He is God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised. It behooveth thee to thank God, thy Lord, in thy heart and remember Him in thy soul and spirit, and to be among those who rejoice in God's gladness. When thou hearest the Bird of Eternity hath flown to the Kingdom of the divine cloud, grieve not within thyself but place thy trust in God, for in Him do the detached ones place their trust. In this there is wisdom none knoweth save God, and ye shall come to know it when the mysteries are unveiled and the Cock of the Throne crieth out. This is what hath been inscribed by the Pen of Creation on a preserved holy tablet. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth and revealed unto thee this Tablet at whose comprehension the learned are bewildered. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who soar in the heaven of love.

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O Mirza Habibu'llah in Sad, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Listen to the call of thy Lord from the Pole of Eternity and be not occupied with aught else save His remembrance, the Exalted, the Most Great. He calleth thee at all times with the verses of His love, if thou be of them that hear. Detach thyself from the kingdom, then arise by thyself to promote the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By God, the True One! That which thou beholdest on earth shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Single, the One, the Peerless, the All-Wise. Then remind the people of that which God hath cast into thy heart, and tarry not in thy soul less than a moment. And if thou findest one who is receptive, cast upon him the melodies of the Spirit, and if thou findest one who turneth away, turn away from him and turn unto God, and verily He shall suffice thee against all things and against His polytheist servants. We have indeed sent down unto thee aforetime verses of wondrous glory and dispatched them by trusted messengers from among Our servants. We beseech God that they may reach thee, that thereby thine eyes may be gladdened and the eyes of the monotheists. We commanded thee therein to enjoin upon the people in these days what God hath ordained for them and to give them the glad tidings of the paradise of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Know thou that there hath befallen Us that which cannot be mentioned in words. By God! Then would all who are in the heavens and earth weep - for they who were created by My Word have desired to kill Me and shed My blood. When God frustrated what they intended, they then raised an outcry within themselves, perchance thereby to cast rancor into the hearts of the sanctified ones. Then they fabricated against Me all that befitteth their own selves and that their hands have earned, and thereby the word of chastisement became due them from the presence of One mighty and powerful. They seek to slay the Self of God with the swords of association and hatred, then recite His verses, the Wondrous, the

Revealed. Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst grieve in thy soul and the hearts of them that are certain would grieve with thee. We have therefore concealed it from thee to preserve thy soul, lest thy heart be saddened thereby and thou become of the sorrowful. And the Glory be upon thee and upon them who hearken unto thy word concerning God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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O Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou hast been mentioned repeatedly in the presence of the Wronged One, and thy deeds in the path of God have been accepted. It behooveth thee to say: "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who didst call me from Thy Most Great Prison! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who didst turn toward me from Thy most firm and impregnable stronghold! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whom the Herald proclaimed on the Day of Return: 'The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of creation!'" Praise be to the Desired One of the worlds Who aided thee to render a service from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure was wafted. Well is it with thee, and again, well is it with thee! Say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee which were melted in their separation from Thee, and by the souls of the sincere which were sacrificed in Thy path, and by the heads of the yearning ones which were raised upon spears in their love for Thee, and by this martyr through whom the fire of hatred was kindled in the breasts of the polytheists and the light of love shone forth in the hearts of the unitarians, to make me detached from all else save Thee, to cling to the hem of Thy bounty, and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy mercy with such firmness as cannot be shaken by the doubts of the world - a firmness that cannot be prevented by the hatred of the nations - a firmness that is adorned by Thy will and illumined by the light of Thy purpose. O Lord! I beseech Thee by him, and by his limbs and members, his heart and tongue and eyes, to ordain for me and for the people of Baha the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art God, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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O Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! In My Name, the Manifest, the Luminous, the Holy, the Mighty, the All-Wise!

Praise be to the Desired One, whose verses have encompassed all things and whose evidences have adorned the ancient world with a new attire. In the midst of tribulation, the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" hath been raised aloft. Who hath the power to prevent Him from His purpose?

O Haydar-'Ali! There can be no doubt that thy grief hath been for the sake of God and that thou hast expressed sorrow in view of the sorrows of the Wronged One. In this station, blessed art thou! For today neither the grief nor the joy of the world is acceptable, save grief in His grief and joy in His joy.

O thou who hast turned unto Me! We have named this prison the Most Great Prison, and assuredly this name was not given without cause. However, We have, as a token of Our grace - and verily, I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous - concealed its mysteries and future manifestations from the eyes of Our loved ones.

Outwardly, no cause for imprisonment is evident, for the power of God, exalted be His glory, hath transformed it into the Most Exalted Paradise, despite the nose of the mighty one. In every corner He hath spread a carpet and raised a call. At first, the governor's palace was consumed by fire; the decree which that heedless ruler had sent concerning these wronged ones to this place perished along with the palace. The subsequent rulers, being unaware of the circumstances, knew not how to proceed, for neither the decree nor the previous ruler remained. The Cause of God, day by day, grew in elevation, and its power became manifest from every direction. In none of the prisons was such ascendancy witnessed, for this manifest injustice was visited upon those who circle round the Throne without any cause. Were the doubters to reflect on what hath come to pass, all would cling to the hem of the robe of certitude and turn unto the Supreme Horizon. Verily, the Cause is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The light shining from the heaven of My mercy and the fragrances of My utterance be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever, no affair of any kind, hath prevented from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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His Holiness Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, exalted be His station in bounties and favors

Praise be to God that His verses have encompassed the world and the manifestations of His grandeur have testified to His oneness. From the ocean of generosity He brought the world of existence into being and made manifest the path of guidance and error. Exalted be His dominion and His proof and His utterance! And prayers and peace be upon Him through whom the fragrance of divine unity was diffused among the servants and the breezes of revelation were cut off from the lands, and upon His family and companions through whom the banner of divine knowledge was raised among the religions - prayers whose fragrance never ceases and whose end cannot be reckoned.

Your letter arrived and praise be to God it was adorned with the light of devotion, steadfastness and detachment. In truth, this is the station of the friends today, as you mentioned. We beseech God to assist all to that which befits His loved ones. Great joy was obtained from reading the letter. Previously it was intended to send to His Majesty the King of Iran, may God assist him, that which would testify to the trust and sincerity of this oppressed community. Glory be to God! Despite all having testified to the sanctity and purity of the intentions of this oppressed community, yet there occurred that which caused the Pen to lament and the ink to weep. Therefore the intention was changed and suspended, as despair resulted from the deeds that appeared.

We beseech God to bestow the reward of the righteous deed which you intended and to record it from the Supreme Pen in the Book of Deeds. It appears the traveler was also arrested. From this incident it becomes clear that there has appeared from its instigator that which is contrary to the world-adorning view of the government. However, this Oppressed One beseeches God for that which is the cause of the exaltation of the government and the advancement of the nation. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey greetings to the friends. All have been and are remembered. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon every steadfast and firm one.

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He is the Hearer, the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Praise be unto the one true God Who, through His Most Great Word, hath instilled love and affection between the hearts of His chosen ones, and illumined them with the light of unity and concord. This blessed Word hath in every age and Dispensation been mentioned by a name and manifested with fruit and effect. In one station it is the luminous, resplendent, adorned and speaking Tree whose roots are in the earth while its branches reach above the heavens. Blessed be the Lord Who hath desired naught from the dawning of the Sun of Manifestation save the unity of the hearts of humanity. Exalted be His will, established His sovereignty, perfected His proof, and completed His testimony. There is no God but Him. Blessings, praise, peace and glory be upon those who have arisen to serve His Cause and who have spoken His remembrance and praise amongst His servants. These are servants through whom the banner of divine unity was raised to the highest station and the standard of detachment was hoisted upon the loftiest heights.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy letter hath come before Our face and attained the honor of being seen and heard. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the doors of grace and bounty, to protect thee from every oppressive ignorant one and from every illness and ailment, and to give thee to drink, from the hands of His Most Glorious Name, the Kawthar of healing. Verily He doeth as He willeth and in His grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Him, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its effect, and drunk the choice wine of mystic knowledge from the cup of His utterance, say: My God, my God! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, clinging to the hem of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Cause which none knoweth save Thyself, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds and will exalt me through Thy Name. Verily Thou art the Self-Subsisting through Thy Command, the One Who standeth over all things through Thy sovereignty, the Manifest through Thy signs and the Hidden through Thy mysteries. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My leaves and handmaidens and upon those who hearken unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise sanctified from mention and utterance befitteth the Goal of all contingent beings, Who through a single drop from the ocean of His bounty brought the world of existence into being, and adorned absolute nothingness with the ornament of being. He is the One with power before Whose might the tongues of all created things bear witness, and in the presence of Whose revelations of grandeur all are found submissive. Glorified be His might, glorified be His majesty, and glorified be His dominion. There is no God but Him. Blessings and peace be upon His Beloved, through Whom the celestial spheres were created and through Whom appeared the hidden and treasured mysteries concealed within the ocean of His knowledge, exalted be He, and upon His family and companions, whom He made lamps of guidance among the servants and standards of His signs throughout all lands - blessings whose fragrance shall never cease and whose light shall never set.

And now, thy letter was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love was wafted from it. Thou hast ever been remembered before the Wronged One and still art. We beseech God, the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and this world, to assist you in His remembrance and praise and to open before your faces the doors of goodly deeds. Verily He is the Sender down of verses and the Revealer of clear proofs.

Jamal Effendi hath been adorned with praiseworthy and pleasing characteristics. We met with him several times. Praise be to God, he hath arisen to make good what was lost. Convey greetings to him from this Wronged One. We have counseled him with that which God hath counseled His servants in His perspicuous Book. God willing, from this good earth will spring forth good flowers. We beseech God to make him successful in all conditions in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Kamal, and likewise to the mother and sister, upon whom be God's peace and loving-kindness. We beseech God to bring about circumstances that will be the cause of joy and gladness for all. The sister of Mirza is remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech for her divine confirmation and assistance. Bounty is in God's hand, and loving-kindness is in His grasp and power. We beseech Him to ordain for His loved ones that which will bring joy to their eyes and gladness to their hearts. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer. The perfume did not arrive. God willing, compensation for it will arrive.

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He is the Beloved in His wondrous beauty! In this hour and time when this Bird took flight from the nest of silence and stillness to soar in the sacred atmosphere of divine melody, and all the oceans of the unseen silence are melted by the tune of the fire of love, and with spiritual wings It soars in the heavenly wilderness, and whatever is other than the Friend - even to marrow and skin - is reduced to absolute nothingness, that It may wing its flight in the holy atmosphere of "except," and call out to all the lovers in the path of the Beloved, that all existence may become detached and return to the Source of existence,

and offer heart and soul as gifts to the dust of the path of the Friend, and hear the melody of the nightingale of the soul in the branches of the placeless realm, and inhale the divine spirit from the right hand of oneness.

O thou who art sick with love! I swear by the lights of the countenance of the Desired One that if I were to catch the breeze of love from the Yemen of the Friend and be honored with a message from the spiritual Hoopoe that hath winged its flight from the divine Sheba, verily we would traverse all the horizons of the seen and unseen with a single step, that for one moment I might illumine the spiritual vision with the beauty of the Friend and attain the honor of visiting His countenance.

O nightingales of the garden of immortality! O songbirds of the rose-garden of faithfulness! While the rose of beauty blossoms in the garden of glory, strive ye to attain union with the rose and take shelter in the shade of the Friend, that ye may reach the divine tree and abide forever in the paradise of life, and become intoxicated with the wine of the Friend. And if ye become unconscious from this wine, verily ye shall forget all else save the Beloved, for this unconsciousness hath no destruction following it, and this intoxication no sobriety after it, even as some of the circumambulators of the Ka'bah of the Beloved have said: "The one drunk with earthly wine becomes sober from the passing breeze, but the one drunk with Truth comes not to consciousness even by the trump of resurrection."

A shirt from the spiritual Joseph was sent that it might clothe the form of that Jacob of love, that the eye of the soul might be illumined with light, and in the bath I mentioned it and they said to carry it out in whatever way is advisable - that same decree. […]

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O Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, who art in Sad! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious! God maketh mention of His servant, that he may remember within himself and detach himself from all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth, and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the winds of differences will not move him, and he may remain steadfast in the Cause. O servant! Hear the call of thy Lord from this Prison, and turn not unto those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and were far removed from the gardens of witness, and who eat of the tree of Zaqqum while imagining it to be of the fruits of Paradise. Nay, by My Self, the All-Merciful! They have no knowledge thereof, and they walk in the grades of fire while fancying they walk in wondrous gardens of glory. Thus do We seize the guilty ones and seal their hearts and minds in such wise that they perceive not and become as visible asses upon the earth. Thou must shun such as these, then suffice thyself with God, thy Lord, and He will suffice thee against all the worlds. Then make mention of Him according to thy capacity, and follow not every base polytheist. Soon will Satan call out among you and command you to disbelieve in God. Thus do We inform you through Our grace that ye may remain steadfast upon the path. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name in Thy Later Manifestation that Thou protect me from the evil of every Satan and the call of every calf and the guile of every impostor and the filth of every wretched polytheist. Then preserve me, O my God, within the protection of Thy safekeeping, and send down upon me the good of this world and the next,

for Thou art powerful over all things. O Lord! Send down upon me from the clouds of Thy grace that which will make me detached from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto the seat of Thy mercy and favors. Then give me to drink, O my God, from the Kawthar of life that the breaths of Satan may not affect me. Then establish for me a seat of truth with Thee, and make me one of Thy servants who have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and the earth and have turned unto Thee with an illumined and pure heart. Thus have We taught thee that thou mayest read what hath been revealed in the Tablet and mayest be well-pleasing unto God. And glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon every trustworthy one who hath turned unto God.

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He Who is the Glory of God upon him

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God from the Tree of Paradise hath been and is manifest in the Temple of the Youth, and verily He speaketh in all things that which the ear of the Beloved heard during the night-journey, and that which the Spirit heard in the heaven of eternity, and that which He Who conversed with God heard in the Sinai of the divine presence - that there is none other God but Him and that He hath ever been, through His own Self, independent of all worlds. O youth! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne, and forget not the days wherein the Sun of the beauty of thy Lord dawned upon thee from this horizon which hath been mentioned in the Tablets by the Pen of God as the Youth. Remember the times when thou wert seated in My presence and didst hear with thine own ears the melodies of God, and in those days We concealed Our face from all who are in the heavens and on earth, according to a wisdom that was hidden in God's mystery. When the appointed time was fulfilled and the Command came forth, We drew aside the veils in Our chosen name and manifested Our Self to all created things with a sovereignty that was witnessed by all worlds. And by this means, he whom We created by Our command and preserved beneath the wings of grace turned against Us, as all beings and beyond them the Tongue of Grandeur in a holy and praiseworthy station do testify. All that thou hast heard regarding his affair was from Me, and We have written concerning him that which none can reckon save God thy Lord, according to a wisdom that was treasured in the vaults of knowledge. We stood firm against the enemies in days wherein the feet of every mighty soul did slip, and We disputed with the peoples with wisdom and counsel until We made manifest the Cause through My being alone, and God is witness to what I say. And verily when My brother felt secure in himself he contended against My Self and disputed My verses, until he arose to slay Me. Thus did Satan whisper in his breast and made him to be deprived of the holy shore. Thus have We informed thee that thou mayest become aware of some of what hath befallen this Youth and mayest be clear-sighted regarding the Cause. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee in God and stand firm in the Cause.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Remembrance of God from the Tree of Fire upon the Spot of Light in the Mount of Revelation hath appeared in human form with the name of the All-Merciful, in truth made manifest. He speaketh at all times that sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the presence of the All-Merciful.

O attentive servant! Arise and warn those who are veiled. Say: The All-Merciful hath come with clear proof. Fear God and make not His Cause forsaken among you. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle which hath been suspended between earth and heaven. Beware lest ye follow him who hath denied God and was far removed from the sanctuary of nearness.

This is the Day wherein necks are bowed down and the idolaters have risen in hypocrisy, even to the point of breaking the Covenant and taking Satan as their helper. Say: Nothing shall profit you this Day, nor shall all that hath been created in the worlds avail you before the Sovereign of the Throne. Thus hath the All-Merciful spoken in this Tablet which hath been illumined by the lights of His countenance.

Say: From each letter We create beings whose number none knoweth save God, and He hath knowledge of all things. Say: Have ye occupied yourselves with the world and turned away from the Lord of Names? How long will ye slumber and not arise? Lift up your heads! By God, the Sun of Grace hath dawned from the horizon of justice with a light that encompasseth all worlds.

As for those who have cast the Command of God behind their backs, We have forbidden them the Living Waters. Soon shall they find themselves in the abyss of wrath and shall find no helper.

Rejoice thou in the Tablet of God. He remembereth thee in the prison while encompassed by the hosts of polytheism. His grace toward thee hath been great. Be not saddened by their acts. Take comfort in His remembrance, then detach thyself from all else. He verily sufficeth thee in truth. He hath power over all things.

Grieve not over anything. All that thou beholdest shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Truth, while loss shall be for those who have not taken a path unto Him. Convey the greetings of thy Lord to those with thee who have believed, and give them the glad-tidings of what hath been ordained for them in a Tablet that lieth concealed behind the veil of glory.

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The Sacred Being [Nabil-i-Akbar] is the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Most Glorious. This is a remembrance from God, from the Tree of Light in the form of fire, which was witnessed from the direction of the Throne. Verily He hath unveiled Beauty, whereat all those of lofty station were thunderstruck. Through Him God tested His servants who claimed faith within themselves, and through Him truth was distinguished from falsehood from that time until the Day when the Beauty of Baha will come upon the crimson Buraq and the matter will be decided by One mighty and powerful. Those who believed in God in those days - these will God raise up on that Day with faces from which all created

things will be illumined. And those who disbelieved and joined partners with God - the angels of chastisement will drive them away with whips of wrath, and they shall find no way unto God. Thus do We set forth the verses and explain the two paths that whosoever willeth may choose for himself what he desireth. Verily my Lord is independent of all worlds.

O Leaf of the Ridvan! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from the direction of the Throne, that it may draw thee to a station holy and luminous. Purify thyself from the hints of earth and whatsoever is thereon, that thou mayest be detached from the world and its ornaments, remembering thy Lord with a pure and wondrous heart. Remember thy Lord in the darkness of night and at the break of dawn, that God may make thee one of the leaves that were witnessed upon the Branch of the Cause. Hold fast to the cord of God and His grace, then place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily He watcheth over all things. Give thanks to thy Lord that We have sent down the verses in this Tablet and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of holiness from this Youth Who was imprisoned under oppression. O handmaid of God! Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord and be not of those women who take for themselves in every age a god to worship. Turn thy face toward God and sanctify thyself from the defilement of sovereignty, that God may cause thee to dwell in the shadow of His protection in a station that was exalted in truth. And glory be upon thee and upon those women who have turned their faces to the countenance that shone from the horizon of holiness with radiant light.

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In the name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High! The remembrance of God from the Tree of the Command has now been raised in the most wondrous melodies. Verily He is the Most Great Mystery between the heavens and the earth, and the Mighty News in this Mystery which has been witnessed from the holy horizon. Everything speaks forth: “Verily I am God, there is no God but Him,” and verily He encompasses all things. O servant of God! Hear the call of thy Lord from this Bird which has soared in this heaven that has been spread forth in this atmosphere which has appeared in truth as a Command from Our presence that there is no God but Him. And verily He Who speaks in truth is the Manifestation of God and His Mystery, the Concealment of God and His Command, the Proof of God and His Word unto all who are on earth. Bear thou witness to that which God hath testified in this Tablet. By God! This is better for thee than all that hath been created in the realm of origination and fashioned in the kingdom of invention, and God is witness to this. Forget not thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Verily He hath not forgotten thee, and His favor unto thee hath indeed been abundant. Blessed are ye for having taken hold of the words of God and preserved them from the touch of every rejected polytheist. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and He rendereth vain the deeds of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and have deprived themselves of the holy paradise. Leave the polytheists to themselves, then make mention of thy Lord throughout all days. Verily He will suffice thee in truth and will aid thee in the Cause with a manifest sovereignty. Blessed are ye, O people of the Pavilion of Glory, inasmuch as the glances of God have been directed toward you and He hath turned you from the left hand of idle fancy to the blessed right hand. He hath sent down unto you the Book and caused you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, and made you to be of

those who have found a way unto Him Who occupieth the throne. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having aided thee in His Cause and nourished thee from the fruits which have appeared from the Tree of Eternity. Verily He is powerful over all things. And glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who stand firm in the love of thy Lord.

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O Afnan, Haji Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be all My most glorious and most resplendent Baha! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof. A mention from Us to him who attained to acceptance on a day wherein the men who claimed knowledge without any proof from God, the Lord of the worlds, turned away. Through their turning away the people turned away, whereby there befell the Lord of the world that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness. The servant present hath presented that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of earth and heaven and Lord of the mighty throne. He read it before Our face. We found therein that which beseemeth thee in the days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard and answered thee. Verily He is the Hearing, the Seeing. We bear witness that thou hast arisen to serve the Cause and hast manifested that whose fragrance shall never be cut off throughout the endurance of the names and attributes of God. Verily thy Lord is the True, the Faithful. Say: My God, my God! I desire to remember Thee in such wise that from the very stones Thy remembrance and praise might be raised up, and from the seas Thy glorification and Thy celebration of unity. O my Lord! Aid me in such remembrance whereby there might appear in all things a tongue speaking of Thy verses and testifying to what Thou hast manifested in Thy days. Thou art He to Whose power and might and grandeur and dominion all created things have testified. Write down for me then from Thy Most Exalted Pen what beseemeth Thy grace and Thy favors and Thy generosity and Thy gifts. O my Lord! How can I recount the wondrous tokens of Thy loving-kindness? By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations! I see myself powerless to enumerate them, much less to render thanks for them. Through Thy grace Thou hast shown me what was withheld from Thy Moses on the Mount of Rapture and caused me to hear what Thy Beloved heard in His night ascent. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which the mysteries were revealed and rivers flowed from rocks, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the splendors of the lights of Thy countenance, to draw me nigh unto Thee in the manifest exterior even as Thou hast drawn me nigh in the interior. Then preserve me, O my God, from the evil of Thine enemies who violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who disputed Thy verses and denied Thy proof. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

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Tabas Mahdi, who hath migrated, the Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Bountiful

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto God after hearing His call from the luminous Lote-Tree raised up upon the crimson spot. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the

Bestower. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh unto the Desired One and for having migrated from thy homeland out of longing to attain the presence of God, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Know thou the worth of this station - naught that hath been created in the realm of existence can compare with it. O Mahdi! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who, from the dark pit, calleth out to them that dwell in the kingdom of creation and summoneth them unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Wert thou to become aware of the tribulations of thy Lord, thou wouldst weep as weepeth one who is bereaved. Though We have made mention of it in the Tablets, it representeth but a drop from the ocean. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Grieve not at anything. Be content with what God hath ordained for thee. He hath destined for those who desire Him that which is better for them than all else created in the contingent world. Didst thou but know what hath been inscribed for thee by the Most Exalted Pen, thou wouldst soar with rapture. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then stand firm in the love of thy Lord, for this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed - none comprehendeth it save those endued with understanding. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet whereby the brocade of the Book of Creation hath been adorned. Sorrow not over anything. Place thy trust in God. He is with thee and will help thee in truth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Compelling. Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them with the melody of the heart. God willing, mayest thou ever rest beneath the shade of the favors of the eternal King and be adorned with the ornament of His bounties. Strive that perchance in these fleeting days thou mayest arise to serve the Countenance of the All-Glorious, be mentioned by His Name and be known by His love. The hardships thou hast borne in His path shall not be lost. No righteous deed appeareth from any doer except that its reward hath been recorded by the Pen of the King of Oneness. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. We beseech God to assist thee in His service, to aid thee in His remembrance, and to make thee one of those who have stood firm in His love and good-pleasure. He is, verily, the Ruler, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

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The Most Great, the Most Great! A remembrance from Us to him who circumambulated the desert valley out of longing to attain the presence of God, the Lord of Names, until he arrived at the Most Great Prison - the place whose very atoms lament for what hath befallen this Wronged One, the Solitary, the Stranger. Wert thou to look with the eye of the heart, thou wouldst behold Me in the two prisons between the two factions. Yet My grace hath veiled the matter, and My mercy hath not permitted the rending of the veils. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Soon shall they tear asunder with their own hands what We did not tear, and that which is in their breasts shall be revealed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hassan! Blessed art thou for having desired what the world desireth and for having turned towards the direction of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Remember when thou attainedst the presence of the Countenance, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the fragrances of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all possibility. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces from this distant place. Be thou a servant of thy Lord's Cause. Beware lest anything prevent thee from His remembrance amongst the servants. He aids whosoever desires to aid His Cause. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I

am he who hath turned towards the Kaaba of Thy Cause and the Sanctuary of Thy glory, until I arrived before Thy throne and heard Thy melodies. I find myself powerless before the wonders of this grace that hath encompassed me and these gifts that have surrounded me. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to assist me in serving Thee in such wise that neither doubts nor idle fancies shall hinder me, and to remember Thee amongst all peoples with wisdom and utterance throughout all days. Then manifest unto me that which is best for me, for I know not what profiteth me. Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to inscribe me among those who have turned with their entire being to Thy face, who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love, and who have been so carried away by the sweet savors of Thy utterance that they have cast the world behind their backs, until their spirits took flight from their bodies. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause in such wise that the winds of trials shall not move me. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bestower. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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He is the Herald between earth and heaven

A mention from Us to one who turned towards Us when the divines of the earth turned away from Our Most Exalted Horizon, save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed. When the Self-Subsisting appeared and the Hour came, the clamor of the servants arose and they stood up to extinguish the light of God, the King, the Mighty, the Great. How many a mystic turned away from the Known One, how many a learned one cast the All-Knowing behind his back and waxed proud before God, the Lord of the worlds. How many who had accepted broke God's Covenant on His Day, and how many extinguished ones were enkindled by the fire of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God's Balance hath appeared in truth, yet the people were heedless of it. Say: Verily the Balance speaketh with truth, yet the people are in evident delusion. They hear the Call yet deny it, and they behold the signs of God yet turn away from them. How many a sign hath appeared in truth, and how many an evidence hath come forth from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We illumined the heaven of utterance with the sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O peoples of the earth, fear the All-Merciful and follow not your desires. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by an Ordainer, All-Wise. He hath come from the heaven of utterance with the Kingdom of verses. Fear God and be not of the ignorant. How many a learned one cast the Book of God behind his back, and how many a mystic was seized by the winds of the world and withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many a sleeper heard the Call, arose and turned to His luminous horizon. When the breezes of revelation seize thee and the winds of thy Lord's days attract thee, arise amidst the servants with power and say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the horizon of the Manifestation hath been illumined by the Promised One. Verily He hath come with the standards of verses and the hosts of meanings. If ye deny Him, by what proof can ye establish what ye possess? Fear God and be not of the losers. Thus have We illumined the horizon of remembrance and praise. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the winds of the Manifestation stirred when the Speaker of Sinai proclaimed: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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From Aqa Rasul, upon him be the Glory of God. In the name of the One Friend: May you rest, God willing, at all times and under all conditions beneath the shade of the mercy of the All-Merciful, detached from the world and all who dwell therein. You have ever been and continue to be before Our gaze. Your burning in separation has been recorded and mentioned in divine Tablets and Writings. By My life! God has written down the reward of one who has attained His presence, heard His call, and circled round His Self. Seize this opportunity and be of the thankful ones. Praise the Beloved of the world that you are known among the people of Baha in the Supreme Concourse. Although this station is now hidden from sight, soon this bounty will become manifest in all the worlds. Occupy yourself with service to the Cause and with wisdom summon the people to the eternal Law. In these days the door of the House is closed - none may enter from without nor leave from within. From the beginning of creation until now, no one has endured such afflictions, nor have any of the Manifestations of Divine Unity and Daysprings of God's Revelation been imprisoned in one place with seventy souls. These tribulations are unique to this Revelation. Consider then what has befallen and continues to befall Us in the land of Ta. Although the imprisonment of the Primal Point was brief, yet those who were with Him in prison, concerned with preserving their own lives, turned away and objected - except for one soul who, clinging to the cord of faithfulness, detached from all the worlds, drank the cup of martyrdom with the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and attained the Supreme Companion. But be not grieved - despite all internal and external tribulations, the Cause of God is manifest with utmost glory and the light of God is radiant. Exalted be this bounty that has encompassed the horizons and this power that has encompassed the worlds. Convey greetings from the All-Merciful to all the friends and command all to steadfastness, for this station is most great. Blessed is he who has attained unto it - he is, before God, the Most High, the Most Great, of the people of Baha.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for you! Your most luminous and pure letter dated the 25th of Sha'ban arrived at the most auspicious time. Praise and gratitude be to God! The ear of the soul was blessed to hear the melodies, songs and warbling of the doves of praise and glorification of the peerless Beloved from the branches and twigs of the Tree of Utterance and the Lote-Tree of Exposition of your honor. Blessed be the hearers! In detail it was presented at the Most Holy Court. His blessed and exalted Word:

"O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! We have heard your call and read your letter and recognized what was in your heart of the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of all whose names flowed from your pen - this is of My favor upon you. Be thankful and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of existence! And in all this We are watching you, and this is a favor that behooves you to thank for as long as the heavens and earth endure - nay, as long as My Most Beautiful Names endure - nay, as long as My Self, which overshadows all witnesses and witnessed things, all those who remember and are remembered,

endures. Convey My greetings to My loved ones, remind them with My tongue, adorn them with the garments of My grace, and illumine them with the lights of My luminous and beloved Utterance."

Regarding what you mentioned about Aqa Jamal, this is what was revealed concerning him: "Verily We have remembered him in the Kingdom of My prison and have accepted what he hath wrought in the path of God. Blessed is he in that he heard God's call and responded to it. By My life! His deed is better than the deeds of those who have turned toward the direction of the Throne without God's leave, the Protector, the Manifest, the All-Wise. Give him these glad tidings that the fragrances of his Lord's love, the Mighty, the Generous, may take possession of him. We make mention of him even as We have mentioned him as a favor from Us, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Those who cast the command of God behind their backs are indeed following their own desires. The Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, beareth witness to this. The Cause is in His hands. He accepteth from whomsoever He willeth what he hath wrought in His path, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which shall profit him in the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

Regarding what you wrote about the small piece, I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to answer your honor's prayer and that your honor yourself may be engaged in service at the Most Holy Court.

Concerning what was written about Haji Kazim - this land has become greatly populated and has caused rumors among the people. Thirty-five souls, in addition to those who emigrated with the Ancient Beauty, have gathered here. Consider then what has occurred and is occurring in the prison city, despite its constraints, lack of means, the discord of its people and the agitation of its inhabitants. In these days from the land of Kha, Ab, Badi' (upon them be the Glory of God), one of their sons and another person have arrived; and Muhammad-?adiq (upon him be 966 [the Glory of God] the Most Glorious) and another person; likewise 'Ali from the people of Q and another person; and numerous souls of whom news has arrived will be coming these days; and the sister of Aqa Husayn and her son, and another sister and her husband; and likewise souls who are in the vicinity of the prison city are continuously arriving. You yourself know what people outside of this gathering have said and are saying. I beseech God to assist His loved ones to hearken unto His commandments and prohibitions.

In any case, mention of Haji Kazim was made at the Divine Threshold. The utmost kindness was shown regarding him: "O Kazim! Be thou happy in the love of God and be not grieved by His prohibition. God hath loved and loveth His loved ones, and He commandeth whatsoever is required by the time and is wise. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned at the Most Holy Court and art honored by His mention. Be not grieved by the lack of permission. By My life, My utterance is sweeter than all sweetness and My mention is more delicate than the breeze. Be content with that and be grateful to the Exalted Truth. He is the Bestower of the reward of attainment and the Cupbearer of the Kawthar of reunion. Grieve not. With complete joy, be occupied with His mention among the people, but with wisdom." End quote.

Furthermore, regarding the sum that you wrote one of the handmaidens had sent through Nabil - it arrived, but according to previous instructions, if any sum arrives it should remain with you and be reported to the Most Holy Court so that its decree may be revealed. The measuring tape that was sent also arrived. Likewise regarding the poem of Aqa ?adra - a portion of it was presented at a special time at the Most Holy Court. His service was accepted, but its circulation depends on all of it being presented and

the Sun of permission rising. There is so much work that truly this servant and a hundred like this servant are powerless and wanting, except through the confirmations of the Beloved.

Concerning what was written about Aqa Ghulam-'Ali - that you were pleased he had not arrived without permission - it was said that complete permission is that which is obtained from the land of residence, whereas he sought permission after departing from that land and arrived in these parts. Therefore, some aspects of permission apply to him but not all. They are also concerned about his wife and child, but upon arrival he was unwell, and the climate of the prison is known - he has not yet fully recovered. God willing, they must act according to the divine ordinances revealed in the Most Holy Book.

Regarding ?abibih, Na?ir was informed to tell you whatever her purpose is.

O Ahmad! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and We make mention of thee from this mighty Prison. Say: O My loved ones! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing. Consider the generations of the past and the bygone ages, and what befell therein the trusted ones of God and His chosen ones who called the people unto God, the Lord of the worlds. By My life! The people are veiled by a mighty veil and are in manifest loss. God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and they who have shown patience seeking His good-pleasure - these are they who are guided among all creation. The dwellers of Paradise and this noble scene do offer prayers for them. O My loved ones! Dispute not with anyone. Hold fast unto what is seemly in all conditions. Read ye what We have sent down aforetime from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. God shall soon exalt your names and your remembrance, despite those who have veiled themselves from this Cause whereby the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Dove of exposition did warble. The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The names of those persons mentioned in thy letters have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. This is due to the favor that hath been shown unto thee and continueth to be shown. For instance, if today the most wretched of people should cleave unto thee, he would be forgiven and mentioned in the presence of God, even though he be unaware of it. Should they deem it advisable, they may deliver the revealed response to whomsoever they wish, otherwise not - how much more for those who have turned toward God and whose mention thou hast submitted.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition was submitted. Thus speaketh He, exalted be His majesty: O Sadiq! Thou hast been and art remembered, and art worthy, for thou hast attained the most great bounty and hast borne grievous trials in the path of the Beloved. We beseech God to aid thee, assist thee, and give thee to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of His love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Furthermore, the petition of Muhammad-Amin Chalabi from Salahiyyih was submitted. This is what was revealed in response:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Thy letter was present before the Wronged One, and what was mentioned therein was observed. All people are occupied with the remembrance of Truth day and night, yet they remain veiled from Truth

itself. In every age and dispensation when the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful was diffused among the people of the world, most remained deprived of the dawning-place of divine oneness due to vain imaginings. Even as today, He Who summoneth all people to the straight path of God for His sake alone hath been imprisoned in this Most Great Prison. Yet God, exalted and glorified be He, hath made this prison a piece of paradise, and in the utmost joy and fragrance we are occupied with His remembrance, detached from all the world. We praise and thank Him for this. Verily, He is the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and strengthen thee to be steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good. God willing, may they drink at all times from the cup of His love and be occupied with His remembrance. This is the most excellent of all deeds in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Write this response in fine handwriting and send it.

Concerning the question about shaving the head, which was forbidden in the Kitab-i-Aqdas but commanded in the Surih of Pilgrimage - His exalted Word - all are today bound by the Kitab-i-Aqdas and whatever is revealed therein is the Divine decree amongst the servants, though shaving of the head hath been pardoned for those who visit the House. Today, such actions as do not cause commotion among the people should be performed by all.

From the land of Kha, his honor Ismu'llah-i-Javad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha], who resided in Karbila, inquired that today the non-shaving of the head causeth commotion among the people and asked about the trials of the companions and their obligations. It was decreed that the performance of certain actions is for the time of the ascendancy of the Cause, and before its ascendancy all must act with wisdom, for if any soul becometh known by this name in certain lands, the people avoid them and the teaching of the Cause is delayed.

Concerning the question about the Kitab-i-Iqan, known by the name of His Honor the Uncle, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wherein fear is mentioned regarding His Holiness Moses, while in the Kitab-i-Badi' fear is denied for the Prophets - His exalted Word: O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, that which was revealed in the Kitab-i-Iqan was mentioned regarding divine tests, in consideration of removing people's delusions in this Dispensation. Therefore, what was revealed in the Qur'an was mentioned as the exact blessed verse without interpretation or explanation. Moreover, it is clear from the implicit meaning of the verse that what Moses, upon Him be the Glory of God, said was to silence the opponent, for they said to Him "Thou art he who committed murder and fled." His Holiness, to confound them, mentioned the meaning of the blessed verse and confirmed: "I am indeed he, but I have been adorned with the robe of forgiveness and honored with Messengership." The mention of fear and such matters pertains to events before His appointment, and there are various explanations regarding fear in that station which would take too long to detail. What is revealed in the Kitab-i-Badi' is indeed the truth wherein there is no doubt. Observe His actions after His appointment - verily He was strong and trustworthy. O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, hearken unto what the Herald of Sinai speaketh in this Dispensation: "I was heedless, or I was asleep, when the breeze of the All-Merciful passed over Me and awakened Me and caused Me to cry out between earth and heaven" - even though the fragrance of the All-Merciful and the breeze of the All-Glorious emanated from Him, nay rather, He was its Creator. Reflect and be of the thankful ones. Similar

utterances have been revealed in the Tablet to the Sultan and what was revealed to certain divines. This was revealed and continues to be revealed out of His grace due to the weakness of the servants. Were He to appear and speak of what He truly is, thou wouldst find the people as though dead, except for whom thy Lord willeth.

Furthermore, mention was made of Ismu'llah-i-A?daq, upon him be God's good-pleasure and His glory. He is remembered before the Throne, and a special prayer of visitation hath also been revealed for him from the Supreme Pen, though permission for its dispatch hath not yet been granted. God willing, whenever permitted it shall be sent and they shall attain unto it. Blessed is he for having attained and been present and heard the call of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and ascended unto God with joy and delight, as testified by the Pen of the All-Merciful from this luminous horizon.

And furthermore, the honored beloved, his eminence the Name 66 [of God] Mahdi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has returned some time ago and is residing in the vicinity. I conveyed your greetings to him, and he in turn sends infinite greetings. His books and tablets that were sent together with his eminence M.M., upon him be all glory, have reached him, and he mentioned what is with his eminence Ustad Ali Akbar. If given willingly, well and good, otherwise let it be. And another supplication of this evanescent servant to your eminence is that you convey expressions of sincerity and self-effacement, and most wondrous, most impregnable, most exalted, most sublime greetings on behalf of this servant to all the masters and friends of that land. Verily, the Glory be upon your eminence and upon all who attain your presence and are blessed to serve you. The Servant. 27 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1292. The Most Great, Most Mighty Twin Branches and the Afnan of God remember your eminence with gems of remembrance and greetings.

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He is the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious

May my spirit and my being be sacrificed for Thee! The blessed leaf adorned with the mention of the Beloved brought solace to this distraught heart and caused sorrows to crumble. Alexander first built from blocks of might and power an impregnable barrier so that the people of tyranny and rebellion would not transgress against the people of guidance and righteousness, and that barrier remained firm as mentioned in the Book of God. We beseech God to raise up an Alexander who will breach these barriers and fortresses and deliver the friends from imprisonment. However, they have said there are two prisons - one outward and one inward. Outward imprisonment, if without crime or transgression, is beloved; nay, that prison is the homeland of lovers and the dwelling place of those drawn nigh:

Wherever Thou art with me, I am content,

Even if my abode be in the depths of a pit.

Wherever our King spreads His carpet,

Be it a wasteland or the eye of a needle.

The furnace, through mention of the Friend, is a true rose garden, while the rose garden, without the Friend, is truly a furnace:

With Thee the furnace is a rose garden, O Life-Giver,

Without Thee the rose garden is a furnace, O Heart-Ravisher.

Every hardship in the path of the Beloved has been and will be sweet nectar. But the prison which in divine terminology truly merits this name is the prison of self and passion. We beseech God for power and strength that through His assistance we may emerge from this dark, crushing prison and enter the boundless expanse of justice and righteousness. The grief of that [physical] prison lasts but numbered days, while the afflictions of this prison are unnumbered and unlimited. We beseech God to open before your faces the gates of goodly things, for He is the Guardian of good deeds.

O my beloved, I have not been and am not heedless of your remembrance for a moment. All the friends, in all nights and days, are beseeching and hoping from God, glorified and exalted be He, that they may attain the presence of that soul-beloved. This is not difficult for God. The Spirit and Glory and Holiness and Splendor be upon you and your family.

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O Ahmad Najjar, He is the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most High! Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth for people who comprehend. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All act by His bidding. O servant! Hear the call of this Youth, then help thy Lord to the extent thou art able, and be not of those who understand not. Say: He hath appeared in truth with a sovereignty before which all in the heavens and earth have bowed down, yet the people perceive not. Say: O people, fear God and wage not war against His Self, and dispute not with His Beauty, the Self-Subsisting, the Supreme. O Ahmad! Give praise to God, thy Lord, for having rent asunder the veils from thy face and made Himself known to thee in these days wherein most of the servants remain veiled from Him and have turned back on their heels. Beware lest thou forget thy Lord or take any helper other than Him. Abide beneath the shadow of thy Lord in such wise that the breath of no rejected idolater can cause thee to slip. Turn thy heart toward the direction of God, then seek His help in all matters. He will verily help thee in truth, and He doeth what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. And if thou wishest to know what hath befallen Us after Our departure from Iraq, know that at every moment We have been afflicted by the irrevocable, firm and ordained decrees, and that the wolves of hatred have encompassed Us in this land after We created them by Our command. Thus hath it been with the Youth, if thou art of those who are informed. Let nothing cause thee grief, and if sorrows encompass thee, remember My tribulation, then My exile, then My loneliness amidst those who have denied the signs of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Beloved. And if thou wishest to depart from Iraq, depart placing thy trust in God. He will protect thee through His grace and will send down unto thee that which hath been ordained for thee in the preserved tablets of glory. Then convey Our remembrance to those servants who were with thee, and give My greetings to them. This is My command unto thee. Act according to what thou hast been commanded, and be not of those who are patient in the Cause of their Lord.

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O Mirza Aqa! Glory be to God for this hour and time when the essence of light has donned the garment of birds that perchance it may enter the paradise of the love of the Divine Identity and alight upon the branches of the tree of faithfulness and the boughs of the Lote-Tree of eternity. And the pristine being has put on the veil of limitations that it may become a messenger from the cloud of love and find its way to the Sheba of divine love, that it may partake and receive its portion of the overwhelming ecstasy and the attractions of longing. And the holy form has accepted the mantle of the morning breeze that perchance it may enter from the chambers of the city and waft over the hair of majesty and the face of the Beloved's beauty, that through association and communion with Him it may acquire the fragrances of the camphor of radiance and the perfume of eternity. And the divine form has become the bearer of the luminous robe of the lamp that it may be ignited and kindled in those abodes before the Beloved. And the mighty ocean has become like a river that perchance it may flow and course through that paradise. Glory be to God! What a holy gathering has been raised up and what a delightful feast has been spread! All the cherubim of the Supreme Concourse have erased and effaced from their hearts the holy stations of nearness to the most glorious horizon and the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Boundary, and have detached and sanctified the ears of their inner consciousness from the melodies of the Dove of the Throne and the warbling of the Divine Spirit's might, that they may enter that station and be honored and glorified by whatsoever exists in that realm. But this is a grace that appeareth from the hidden mysteries of the Cause unto whomsoever He willeth. Thus doth He give as He pleaseth and spend as He pleaseth. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and verily He is the All-Powerful, the Best-Beloved. In these days when the birds of the cloud of being have gathered and formed ranks in the heaven of manifestation, the hoopoe of attraction's sovereignty has taken flight from the heaven of mighty glory and turned from the eternal East to the eternal West, that it may bring tidings from the city of the Divine Identity of love. Remember thou Isma'il.

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HE IS GOD, EXALTED IS HE, THE LORD OF LOVING-KINDNESS AND BOUNTY.

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Glory be unto Thee, Thou O My God, the Lord Omnipotent. I testify to Thine omnipotence and Thy might, Thy sovereignty and Thy loving-kindness, Thy grace and Thy power, the oneness of Thy Being and the unity of Thine Essence, Thy sanctity and exaltation above the world of being and all that is therein.

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O my God! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee, holding fast unto Thee and turning unto the Ocean of Thy Bounty, to the Heaven of Thy Favour, to the Day-Star of Thy Grace.

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Lord! I bear witness that in Thy servant Thou hast reposed Thy Trust, and that is the Spirit wherewith Thou hast given life to the world.

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I ask of Thee by the splendour of the Orb of Thy Revelation, mercifully to accept from him that which he hath achieved in Thy days. Grant then that he may be invested with the glory of Thy good-pleasure and adorned with Thy acceptance.

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O my Lord! I myself and all created things bear witness unto Thy might and I pray Thee not to turn away from Thyself this spirit that hath ascended unto Thee, unto Thy Heavenly Place, Thine exalted Paradise and Thy Retreats of Nearness, O Thou Who art the Lord of all men!

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Grant then O my God, that Thy servant may consort with Thy chosen ones, Thy saints and Thy Messengers in heavenly places that the pen cannot tell nor the tongue recount.

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O my Lord, the poor one hath verily hastened unto the Kingdom of Thy Wealth, the stranger unto his home within Thy precincts, he that is sore athirst to the heavenly river of Thy Bounty. Deprive him not, O Lord, from his share of the banquet of Thy Grace and from the favour of Thy Bounty. Thou art in truth the Almighty, the Gracious, the All-Bountiful!

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O my God, Thy Trust hath been returned unto Thee. It behoveth Thy Grace and Thy Bounty that have compassed Thy dominions on earth and in Heaven to vouchsafe unto Thy newly welcomed one Thy gifts and Thy bestowals, and the fruits of the Tree of Thy Grace! Powerful art Thou to do as Thou willest, there is none other God but Thee, the Gracious, the Most Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Pardoner, the Precious, the All-Knowing.

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I testify O my Lord that Thou hast enjoined upon men to honour their guest, and he that hath ascended unto Thee hath verily reached Thee and attained Thy Presence. Deal with him then according to Thy Grace and Bounty! By Thy Glory, I know of a certainty that Thou wilt not deny Thyself from that which Thou hast commanded to Thy servants, nor wilt Thou deprive him that hath clung to the Cord of Thy Bounty and hath ascended to the Dayspring of Thy wealth.

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There is none other God but Thee, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Omniscient, the Bountiful.

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=== START BH03110 ===

O Shaykh Sultan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Ever-Abiding One!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I call upon Thee in this hour when sorrows have encompassed me from all sides and the arrows of hatred have been directed toward me from every quarter by those who believed not in Thee and in Thy mighty signs from time immemorial, and whose essence was created from the fire of envy and the clay of error. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for all that Thou hast caused to descend from the clouds of Thy decree and the heaven of Thy determination upon this servant who is imprisoned in this distant land. By Thy might! I complain not of whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me, nay rather I yearn for all that is associated with Thee, even though it be beyond my strength and capacity. Yet I beseech Thee, O my God, by this Name through which the heaven of names was rent asunder, to protect Thy servants from the evil of Satan and from those who have taken their idle fancies as their god. Then guard them, O my God, within the stronghold of Thy care and beneath the canopy of Thy grace and favors. Then purify, O my Beloved, their eyes that they may recognize Thee in the garment of Thy Most Glorious Name and attain unto Thy presence in the Revelation of the Manifestation of Thy Most Exalted Self. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art, verily, powerful over all things. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy pure Name which none among all created things hath known, and which no soul among the manifestations of Names and Attributes hath understood as it truly is, to send down upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and detach them from all else besides Thee. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy the good of this world and the world to come, for they are poor at Thy gate and helpless before the manifestations of Thy power, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and gazing toward the direction of Thy mercy and bounty. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O thou who art my companion! Know thou that were I to recount unto thee what hath befallen me, my weeping and the sorrow of my heart would prevent me. We have therefore concealed it and withheld the Pen from its mention. We beseech God to raise up through His sovereignty one who will make mention of my grief and tribulation. There is no God but Him, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And glory be upon thee and upon those who were around thee among those who were present.

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Already translated (for first part). For remaining portion:

O Lord! Send Thy blessings upon those who have shattered the idols of vain desire and turned their faces toward the countenance of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Then rain down upon them every good thing which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then cause them, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the tempests of trials nor the storms of tribulation shall move them. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Helping. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! My outward and inward tongue both bear witness to that which Thou didst testify for Thine own Self before the creation of the heavens and earth, that Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Thou hast ever been mighty in Thy dominion and all-compelling, ever-subsisting and all-preserving over those in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Every possessor of a tongue hath testified to Thy oneness and every possessor of understanding to Thy singleness. Thy Word which appeared by Thy command hath encompassed all existence, both the unseen and the visible. Through it Thy power was manifested and Thy sovereignty emerged, and by it were the creatures drawn to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and all created things to the Dawning-Place of Thy grace. Through it did the sincere ones cry out in the wilderness of separation "Where art Thou, O Beloved of those who know Thee?" and the near ones exclaimed in the desert of longing "Where art Thou, O Desire of the worlds?" Through it was Moses drawn to the Mount of Revelation when He turned toward Sinai and heard Thy sweetest call and attained the vision of Thy most resplendent Beauty which Thou didst reveal unto Him through one of Thy names. Through it did the Beloved One turn to the Ultimate Tree to hear Thy call, O Source of bounty. Through it did every Prophet cry "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of earth and heaven!" Through it were the gates of Thy knowledge opened before the faces of Thy creation and the portals of Thy gifts before Thy servants and creatures. When Thou didst desire to manifest Thy oneness, Thou didst manifest its Source and Origin through the power of Thy might and strength. Through Him was established the oneness of Thy Essence among Thy servants and the singleness of Thy Self among Thy creation. Thou hast ordained no portion for anyone except through his acknowledgment of His singleness and confession of His oneness, for through Him is established Thy manifestation and sovereignty, Thy emergence and power. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy favors, that they may recognize the Source of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear signs. Then send down, O my God, upon him who hath turned to the ocean of Thy generosity and the horizon of Thy bestowal that which Thou didst send down upon the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones and the near ones among Thy loved ones, that he may arise wholly to serve Thy Cause and to spread Thy verses and mention Thy clear signs. Verily Thou art the Powerful through Thy sovereignty, there is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O esteemed Hakim! In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! There can be no doubt that the Ancient Lord created the people of the world for His own recognition, and the tradition "I was a hidden treasure" bears witness to this statement. Every insightful mystic testifies that the Ancient Being has ever been and will ever be sanctified above manifestation, appearance and the recognition of created things, and exalted above forms, temples and the comprehension of beings. None shall attain to His recognition save through His Dawning-Place of signs and Manifestation of evidences. In every age and cycle when the Sun of inner meanings dawned from the horizon of divine will, all people arose in rejection and opposition, except whom thy Lord wished, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The cause and

reason for people's rejection were the divines of the age, for the reins of the people were and are in their hands. Observe how at the time of the appearance of the Sun of Truth from the horizon of Hijaz, how many divines, learned ones and leaders arose with utmost effort and striving to extinguish the Muhammadan Light - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. Nay, the curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Likewise before Him, consider Jesus son of Mary - after He manifested God's Cause, all Jewish divines denounced Him as an infidel, while some souls who were occupied with fishing attained the honor of faith. Similarly before Him, consider Moses. It would be most regrettable if these days should pass and one such as yourself should not find their fragrance. Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Name to assist me in recognizing the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. Then ordain for me what shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Since this Wronged One inhaled the fragrances of love and fairness from you, He therefore engaged in mentioning this letter. Verily the Cause is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

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O Afnan, Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

The Unseen beareth witness unto Its own Self that verily I am God, there is none other God but Me. I have manifested that which I desired before the faces of the servants - among them are those who saw and believed, those who turned toward it yet hesitated, and those who testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in this mighty and impregnable station, which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. He whom I loved hath appeared before the Wronged One and asked from the Most Great Ocean. We have made mention of thee and have sent down for thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou art he to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified in numerous Tablets and for whom it hath revealed that which neither the veils of the world can conceal nor the clamor of the nations can alter. It shall remain shining, through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the Dominion, from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. This is a word that all the books of the world cannot equal - a bounty from Him unto thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. When thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and findest the fragrance of My raiment, say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast aided Thine Afnan to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance and to hold fast unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and hast written for them from the Pen of bounty that which none knoweth save Thyself. I beseech Thee by Thy signs whereby Thy proof hath been perfected amongst Thy creation and Thy testimony amongst Thy servants, and by Thy clear tokens before which all signs bowed down at the revelation of the lights of the Orb of Thy manifestation, that

Thou wilt exalt me through Thy Name, draw me nigh through Thy generosity, and assist me to arise for Thy Cause in every world of Thy worlds. I testify that Thy grace withholdeth not those who seek Thee, Thy bounty disappointeth not those who hope in Thee, and Thy loving-kindness forsaketh not those who yearn for Thee. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me gazing toward Thy horizon and awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy call between earth and heaven, and by Thy sovereignty which hath subdued all things, that Thou wilt preserve me from the doubts of Thine enemies and the allusions of those who have turned away from Thy Cause among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Judge, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity with His name, the Manifest, the Wondrous! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the greatness and the majesty, and His is the power, the might and the transcendence. He giveth His unified servants to drink of His choice sealed wine, sealed with the finger of His power, and to those near unto Him that which causeth spirits to soar. He, verily, is the One Who uttered the Most Great Word, whereupon all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of power did rescue. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. When the horizon of manifestation did shine forth and the birds did warble upon the branches, then were the eyes of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, dimmed. They behold the Most Great Ocean before their faces, yet turn away from it and cling to a mere pond. The Tongue of Grandeur calleth them at all times and summoneth them to His most exalted horizon, yet the people remain heedless. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with these verses, through which the fragrance of the divine Robe hath been wafted throughout the world, as every discerning scholar doth testify.

God willing, may you ever speak in remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. All that thou beholdest today hath no permanence - all shall pass away and sovereignty shall remain with God and His loved ones. Observe how many souls depart this world each day, whether through calamities that descend or through wars that occur. It is entirely clear and evident that none of these things did profit those souls, nor ever shall. That which would have profited them they did not acquire, but rather turned away from it. Surely no person of perfect understanding would set their heart upon a station that passeth away like the blowing of winds - neither rejoicing in its elevation nor sorrowing at its abasement. Blessed is the state of that soul who hath been delivered from this whirlpool and hath found intimacy with the Divine Beloved. Such a one is as a star in the heaven of true knowledge, and their light shall endure forever. We make mention of him who hath turned toward God, that his remembrance may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing Witness. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Divine Countenance and have held fast to this mighty cord.

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O Husayn, who was martyred in the path of God, his Creator! In the Name of our Lord, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Blessed art thou, for God hath named thee the first pillar of the two Names derived from this Name, before which all who are in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, all faces were transformed, all feet did stumble, and the skin of every sinful unbeliever did quiver. Glad tidings unto thee, O servant, for thou didst draw nigh unto God and didst detach thyself from those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, and didst turn thy face toward God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Therefore, rejoice within thyself, for God hath magnified thy face from this Prison and doth make mention of thee at this moment with such remembrances through which all things were created from a beginning that hath no beginning, through which spirits were raised up and lights did shine. Thus doth God give unto whomsoever He willeth from the Kawthar of grace and bounty, and clotheth with the robe of forgiveness those who were martyred in His path and soared in the atmosphere of nearness on two wings of detachment. Thus doth God single out whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence. There is no God but Him, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and chastiseth whomsoever He desireth through His command. He shall not be questioned about what He doeth. There is no God but Him, the Guardian, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

O remnants of the family of Husayn! Rejoice within yourselves and grieve not over anything, for your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath ordained for you in Paradise a station that none knoweth save God, the One, the All-Seeing. Were you to witness the station of Our servant in the highest Paradise, you would beseech God to raise you up unto him. But it hath been veiled from you by a wisdom that none hath comprehended save God, Who perceiveth all vision while no vision perceiveth Him. Were people to become aware of the station that God hath ordained for those who were martyred in His path, they would sacrifice their own souls in hope of attaining that station. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Effulgent. Glory be upon him and upon you, O dwellers of the pavilion of glory, from this Beauty from Whose face suns have dawned and from Whose brow moons have shone forth.

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In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

Amidst the midst of tribulations We call upon the Lord of all beings and say: The wolves of abasement have surrounded Us from all directions - where is the light of Thy glory, O Thou Goal of them that know? And sorrows have encompassed Us - where is the lamp of Thy resplendent Name, O Thou Beloved of those in the heavens and on earth? Thou seest, O Goal of the world, what hath befallen Thy loved ones through the tyranny of Thine enemies - where is the sun of Thy justice, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the world and in Whose right hand is the reins of every wise command? O Lord! Thou hearest the howling of the enemies and what they say in Thy days - where are the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, O Thou in Whose hands are the reins of all in the kingdom of command and creation and the

affairs of the first and the last? O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have heard thy cry and have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. If thou wouldst turn to Me with the ear of thine inmost nature, thou wouldst hear the lamentation of My heart and the crying of My soul at what hath befallen them that are nigh unto God. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Name, to aid Thy loved ones to such steadfastness as no intimations of the polytheists who have cast behind them Thy proof and Thy testimony, clinging to the idle fancies of the heedless, shall prevent them. O Lord! Thou seest how the Light hath been prevented from its radiance, and the Sun from its brightness, and the Ocean from its waves, through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn, by the Lamp which the tempestuous winds have surrounded, to send down upon Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones, from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy generosity, the rain of Thy mercy. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy mighty and exalted Word. O Lord! Guide all the people of Thy earth to turn to the door of Thy pardon and the ocean of Thy forgiveness, then preserve them from their desires. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. When thou hearest the call from the horizon of tribulation, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy merciful Name. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and the One manifest through the Most Great Name, not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy steadfast servants. Thou art, verily, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Ruler in the beginning and in the return.

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O Mulla Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Responsive One.

The Self-Subsisting has come, and sovereignty belongs to God, Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily We were seated upon the Throne of Utterance in the Kingdom of Knowledge when the servant appeared before the Wronged One bearing in his hand a book which he read before Our face. Then he brought forth a page whereon was thy mention. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My verses and for being the recipient of the glances of My loving-kindness from the direction of My Most Great Prison.

Beware lest the cawing of the crows prevent thee from God, the Lord of all worlds. The cawing has been raised throughout all regions - this is what We forewarned you of beforehand when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq, and in the Land of Mystery, and in this mighty fortress. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful has come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Fear God, O people, and be not of those who turn away.

The gate of heaven has been opened and the Lord of Names has come, with the Primal Point at His right hand and the hosts of inspiration at His left, were ye of those who know. Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by the All-Strong, the Ancient of Days. Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the allusions of the jurisprudents prevent

you from the horizon of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. He has come for your life and aids you in what benefits you in all His worlds. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. O My loved ones in that land! The Wronged One makes mention of you in such wise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of the kingdom, were ye of those who know. Aid your Lord through deeds and virtuous character, and follow not every ignorant doubter. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings to which the former people clung, and be not of the patient ones. There was no pulpit from which they did not deny the right of God and His Manifestation, and command the servants to that which caused the hearts of those near to God to lament. Thus did their souls entice them - they are indeed among the wrongdoers. When thou attainest unto My verses, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne.

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He is the Most Great

The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared, yet the people are in evident confusion. The sea of life hath surged, yet they hasten toward death. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet they turn away from it. They have taken the pond and cast aside the Salsabil - what aileth them that they perceive not? They occupy themselves with dust, turning away from the All-Bestowing. Verily they understand not. By God! Their eyes are blind and their ears are deaf - they neither hear nor see.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned to the Light and set his face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling - he who heard the Call when it was raised in the kingdom of creation and hastened through the fields of divine good-pleasure until he recognized and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!”

Say: O people of Baha! Are ye asleep, or hath the wine of desire overtaken you and prevented you from the remembrance of God, the Lord of existence? Say: This is the Day of Rising - how is it ye remain seated? This is the Day of the Call - how is it ye remain silent? Arise in My Name, then speak with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people of the contingent world may turn unto the All-Merciful, Who calleth from this forbidden station.

Say: Have ye heard, yet remained patient? Fear God and be not of those who know not. Say: Turn ye, that ye may hear God’s melody in the kingdom of utterance. By My life! Were they to hear it, the rapture of longing would seize them to such degree that they would dance and not even perceive it.

Say: Do ye abandon the cup of immortality and take the putrid water of extinction from the hand of every rejected transgressor? Say: Hath the teacher of desire taught you this, or your own selves? Be truthful with Me, O people, and follow not every veiled liar. Arise with wisdom and remind the servants of what the Lord of creation hath commanded you, that perchance they may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Thus hath My Pen spoken, My Tongue uttered, and My limbs testified. Blessed is he who hath drawn near and taken the Tablet of God with the hand of power and drunk therefrom what was inscribed in My Preserved Tablet. O thou who drinkest from My cup and speaketh in My Name! Give thanks for what hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of providence - this irrevocable Book.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

We have sent down the Book of Names from the heaven of God's Will, the Creator of the heavens, wherein We gave glad tidings to the world of this glorious and wondrous Day. Therein We counseled every name through the Most Great Name and commanded it to abandon all it possessed on the Day of Manifestation, when the Temple of God was established upon the throne of His Great Name. We taught every name My way and made known to it Him Who would come with clear sovereignty. Yet when He came, all the names denied Him, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Among them were those who said "He hath not come; He will come hereafter," and those who said "He hath falsely laid claim against the One, the All-Informed." Say: By what proof do ye establish your claims and by what evidence do ye prove your position? Bring it forth if ye be among those who know. Say: By God! The proof weepeth at what ye have wrought, and the evidence waileth like unto those who have lost their beloved ones. They have clung to their idle fancies and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Verily he who pronounced death upon those who turned to the Supreme Horizon arose to slay Me. When God revealed what was hidden in his breast, he cried out within himself and denied what he had committed. To this testify those servants who were with Me in the Land of Mystery, and beyond them is a Preserved Tablet. We made known to him Our horizon and commanded him to do what was right, yet he arose to harm Me and committed that which caused the hearts of those near unto God to melt. Say: O people! The Revealer of the Bayan said: "O peoples of all possibilities! Ye were created that your names might be mentioned before the Throne." Fear God and be not among the veiled ones. Beware lest ye object to God or turn away from Him through Whom every wise command was revealed. O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of knowledge from the ocean of My utterance, remind the people of what hath been revealed in the Tablet, that they may arise to what they missed in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. By My life! We see them not in wakefulness, but rather in their ancient stupor. Remind them with wisdom, that perchance My beautiful remembrance may influence them. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath opened his eyes in God, the Goal of the sincere ones.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Affairs have so transformed that thou seest vultures dwelling in palaces while the Sovereign of the Kingdom resideth in the most ruined of houses. Thus hath the matter been decreed by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. God hath made their palaces their tombs. Well is it with them that possess insight! They whose eyes have been illumined with

guidance in the days of their Most Glorious Lord - these see not things but they first perceive their eventual passing. By My life! Through them doth the earth yield its fruits and the clouds pour down their rain. The world, at every moment, calleth out to man, saying: “Dost thou expect fidelity from me? Evil is that which thou hast imagined! Soon shalt thou find thyself in abasement and loss.” Well is it with him who casteth it behind him, turning unto the Dawning-Place of lights. Say: The world is that which preventeth you from God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Among men is he who maketh his religion his world and it preventeth him from the straight path, and among them is he who maketh his asceticism his world while he remaineth in heedlessness and error, and among them is he who maketh his poverty the world itself while remaining unaware of his condition. Thus have We detailed the matter in the Scriptures and Tablets. Rend ye the veils! This is the Lord of lords Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses. Among men is he who hath clung to the Evil One, turning away from the Kingdom. Say: Woe unto thee, O thou who associateth partners with God and doubteth! We have manifested the Cause in such wise that necks have been humbled before it. Whoso drinketh from this cup, neither the cawing of the deniers nor the clouds of allusions shall shut him out. How many a wise one hath been veiled from the Sun by clouds of fancy, and how many a child hath rent asunder the veils! How many a person of understanding hath been confounded within himself, and how many a heedless one hath advanced until he entered the Kingdom of his Lord, the Exalted, the Most High! Say: Grace is in the hand of God - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him! Woe unto every proud oppressor! Thus have We cast upon thee and sent down unto thee verses that nothing in earth or heaven can equal, that the breezes of revelation might seize thee in these days wherein the Dove hath warbled and the Raven hath cawed. And the glory be upon thee and upon every patient believer.

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Muhammad-’Ali! Most holy, most exalted! Your letter was received wherein you sought to test your Lord, the Most High, the Great. This is what you have been forbidden in all the Tablets. Read the books of the past, that you may be of those who understand. All that hath been manifested in this Revelation is the proof of God amongst His servants and His testimony unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. None may test his Lord - rather God testeth whomsoever He willeth of His servants. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. Would you say what the ancients said? Read the Furqan and after it the Bayan, that you may be of those who are informed. We love not what beseemeth thee not - this is of My favor unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Make not thy faith contingent upon what thou desirest, but rather upon what God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, hath desired. When the breezes of revelation waft over thee and the attraction of the divine Word draweth thee to the kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then shall be made manifest unto thee what thou didst desire, and thou shalt witness God’s power and knowledge over all created things. How many servants desired what thou didst desire, yet when We made it manifest unto them, they said: “This is manifest sorcery!” Ask thou Baghdad and its environs, and other lands besides, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Is there any excuse left for anyone in this Revelation? No, by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! My signs have encompassed the earth, and My power enveloped all mankind, and yet the people

are wrapped in a strange sleep! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou knowest that I have summoned the servants unto naught save the court of Thy gifts and favors, and have manifested unto them, by Thy leave, that which hath no likeness in creation. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of invention, that Thou transmute the base metal of existence into pure gold through the elixir of Thy wisdom and loving-kindness. Then reveal unto them from Thy comprehensive Book of Divination that which will render them independent through Thine independence. I testify, O my God, that with Thee is the knowledge of all things. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make known unto the servants the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, that they may find in His every attribute the fragrances of Thy knowledge and the sweet scents of Thy power. Then cause them to be so detached from all else but Thee that they will choose for themselves what Thou hast chosen for them through the sovereignty of Thy decree. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

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O Muhammad! Most holy, most holy! Your letter has reached Our presence and We found it adorned with the remembrance of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We have read it as a token of Our grace - verily your Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The world has been set ablaze by the heat of your Lord the All-Merciful's utterance, yet most people remain heedless. We have made heat the cause of motion, and We have sanctified it above the types of motion mentioned in the books of men, for it has appeared from thy Lord's word without how or gesture. Reflect and be of the thankful. The world moves by this motion and the celestial spheres rotate by the name of your Ancient Lord. Can you remain still while the Spirit soars between the heavens and earth? Can you be patient while the Most Great Temple cries out with His wondrous name? It has seized those who were prevented by the moisture of vain imaginings and moved those who turned to the heat of My Name, the Beloved, Who is the Best-Beloved. Thus does the ocean of utterance flow forth from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Aware. O Muhammad! Give thanks to God for having accepted your turning to Him and for having mentioned your name before the Throne and for the Tongue of Grandeur having spoken your name while in the prison of the heedless. Do not grieve over what has befallen Us, for My soul longs for tribulation to establish the Cause of your Lord, the King of Names. This is more glorious to Me than all else and sweeter than all sweetness, were you to know. Remember My tribulations, My oppression, My imprisonment and My affliction, that perchance those who sleep on the couch of heedlessness and passion may awaken and remember their Lord, the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad! It behooves you to remember My tribulations, and it behooves Me to manifest the ocean of My patience. Thus have We divided the work between Me and you. Rejoice in these words that have perfumed the worlds. What We mention of patience and forbearance is for Our servants. By My life! When tribulation appears We give thanks to God, Creator of the heavens, and leave patience to the patient ones. When tribulation appears it behooves His servants to thank Him. But when We see them in weakness We command them to be patient. Thus do We explain for you that you may be of those who know. May glory be upon you and upon those who have arisen to serve God when He came with manifest sovereignty.

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He is the One manifest through His Name, the Self-Subsisting

The Fire hath appeared and the Light hath shone forth in this Revelation wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.” Indeed the Fire speaketh from the luminous Spot: “He Who is the Lord of earth and heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty.” The call of the Tree hath been raised upon the Sinai of the Command, and that which was concealed in the Books of God hath been revealed, and that which was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of the kingdom of names and of heaven, hath appeared. Blessed is the stranger who hath hastened to his most exalted home, and the poor one who hath hurried to the treasury of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the thirsty one who hath made his way to the Most Great Ocean, and the one who, having remained seated, hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: The Lamp of bounty hath appeared in the world and from the horizon of justice hath dawned the Sun of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful been wafted. Happy is he who hath drunk the first and attained unto the second in the days of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O My Most Exalted Pen! Thy scratching sound hath been raised and thy fragrance diffused, after We found thee silent and still in this praiseworthy station. It saith: “O my Lord, the All-Loving! I chose silence, for I was bewildered by Thy Cause and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty. Thou art, verily, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. By Thy might! Such bewilderment seized me that I forgot myself, my station, my scratching sound and my movement. Thou art the Witness of what I say. I observe that they who were created from the spray of the ocean of Thy utterance by Thy command have risen up to harm Thy Self, yet Thou didst forbear despite Thy power and didst forgive though Thou wert able to subdue all who dwell in the realms of might.” Thus did My Pen speak, but the people do not understand. When thou art intoxicated with the wine of My knowledge and seized by the fragrance of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: “Perdition betide them that have wronged and imprisoned Thee, and woe unto them that have turned away from Thy face after God had made it the qiblih of all existence.” Glory be upon thee and upon them that have shattered the idols of vain imaginings through this Name whereby that which was recorded in the Scrolls of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, hath been made manifest.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared and the Lord of Names hath come with the standards of the Cause, yet most of the people understand not. He hath testified of His Own Self by His Own Self and hath spoken with His Own Tongue that there is no God but I, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. By the life of God! That which had never appeared in the world hath appeared, and the divine fragrance hath wafted, and the breeze hath blown, and the Ark hath sailed, yet most of the people perceive not. They have become heedless of God’s Cause and have broken His Covenant. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they understand not.

Blessed art thou, O Ali, for having turned unto Him and heard and believed and arisen to serve the Cause in days wherein the edifice of polytheism was shaken and the hearts of those who stood upon hypocrisy were perturbed and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have remembered thee with a remembrance that will not be affected by extinction. The kingdom of earth and heaven bear witness to this for thee.

O shepherd of God's flock! Guard them from the wolves of the earth by My Name, the All-Protecting over the seen and unseen. Take hold of the reins of the Cause by My Most Great Name and say: O concourse of divines! Fear God and bar not those who were created by God's binding Word, by which the books of the world were detailed, if ye but knew. Beware lest the conditions of learning withhold you from the Known One. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon and turneth unto My countenance! Give glad tidings to My loved ones who have been intoxicated by the wine of My loving-kindness and attracted by the fragrance of My robe and made to speak by the breath of My utterance and who have recognized through the tongue of My grace My manifest and extended path. We, from this station, glorify their faces and counsel them to fear God, exalted be His glory, and to that whereby this Cause shall be exalted, through which the Most Great Joy hath appeared and all things have proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth to God, the Possessor of existence. Thus hath the river of knowledge flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Drink thereof in My Name and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy praised station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have heard the call of God which was raised from the precincts of His forbidden prison.

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O Nabil before Rida, who hath visited the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted House! The Glory calleth out: "Where are the people of fidelity whose faces reflect the radiance of God, the Lord of Names? These are servants by whom the horizon of certitude hath shone forth. The All-Merciful sendeth blessings upon them at all times. They are among the bearers of the Throne amidst all worlds. God hath singled them out for this greatest bounty and preferred them above all who dwell upon the earth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, they who are heedless this day - their names shall not be mentioned before the Throne, except that they are among the losers. Soon shall they behold the recompense of what they have wrought in the days of God. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. He recompenseth every soul for what it hath earned. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. He desireth naught for His servants save their drawing nigh unto Him, yet today they are among the drowned, except for him whom the hand of grace hath saved and drawn nigh to the holy court and made to be among the triumphant. Verily, the Cause is in the grasp of His power. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. And remember when the Bearer of Glad-Tidings came unto them and informed them of this Great Announcement. But when He came with the truth, the people differed concerning Him. Among them were those who denied and rejected the proof of the All-Merciful when He appeared with manifest sovereignty. And among them were those who said: 'He hath

appeared contrary to our imaginings.' Thus did their souls beguile them on this wondrous Day. And among them were those who said: 'He must follow what we possess.' Say: Rather is He more worthy to be followed, did ye but understand. Say: He is the One Whom the world must obey. He hath created all things for His following. This is what hath been decreed in the Tablet, were ye of those who know. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Chooser of whatsoever He desireth. None hath the right to hesitate in what hath been sent down from His presence, and whoso hesitateth is assuredly among the companions of the Fire. O people! Look not unto what ye possess, but unto what hath been sent down from your Lord, the All-Knowing. Be thou thankful unto God for having attained unto the Most Great Sea and been numbered among those who have turned unto Him. I counsel thee to steadfastness most great, for it hath a station that no other deeds can surpass. Hold thou fast unto it and be among the firmly rooted."

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O He Who is denoted by H, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God! In the Name of the Peerless Friend! The Supreme Pen has, in most Tablets, enjoined wisdom upon the loved ones of God, and has made wisdom the very foundation. Nevertheless, some have transgressed therefrom and have caused the barking of dogs and the clamor of the masses, as you have heard. Had the accepted servants acted according to the commandments of the Lord of the Worlds, surely the fragrances of the chastisement would have encompassed the idolators and hypocrites. Although the Beauty, upon Him be the Glory of God, intended to assist the Cause, yet since it occurred contrary to God's command, it became the cause of the veiling of many. Most people are weak - at the mere utterance of a word they become agitated and fearful. In this Day no helper for the Truth has been or is mightier and more powerful than wisdom. Blessed is he who has turned unto it and has held fast unto it by the command of his Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Strange that some souls have not yet realized that the appointed time is fixed - it neither hastens nor tarries. Today everyone must follow God's command and nothing contrary to wisdom should proceed from him. In such case, should the manifestations of tyranny and wickedness arise to shed his blood, no harm shall come to pass, for it will have occurred in the path of God, and every soul shall taste of the cup of death. And if this inevitable decree occurs for the sake of God, it is surely better and more beloved. The strong must at all times be mindful of the weak. Verily His mercy has preceded all worlds. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's Covenant and held fast unto the wisdom wherewith thou wert commanded in the Books and Tablets. Gladden the loved ones in that land with divine favors and heavenly bounties. There hath befallen them what befell God's chosen ones of old. We were truly witness. Convey My greetings unto H. Verily he is among those mentioned before the Throne. Upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, and upon thy other brother, and upon those who are with thee, and upon the loved ones of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Yunis, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Ever-Abiding without decline. The Book of God, in the most exalted station of the world, speaks in remembrance of the world and its peoples, and has summoned all to that which leads to the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of their station. Glory be to God! This is a Day whose greatness and grandeur all divine Books have testified to and continue to testify. The sun bears witness and the sea attests. Nevertheless, greed and idle fancy have prevented the servants from the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven. O Yunis, upon thee be My glory! His honor the Trustee, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, has mentioned thee, and We have remembered thee in this blessed Tablet with a remembrance whose end cannot be seen. Give thanks to thy Lord for this manifest bounty and say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanks be to Thee, O my Master, and glory be to Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of the people of understanding, for having moved the tongue of Thy grandeur to remember me while I was in prison through what the hands of the heedless among Thy servants had wrought. I beseech Thee by Thy light wherewith Thou hast illumined the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and by the fire of the Tree of Thy utterance whereby the hearts of Thy loved ones were set ablaze, to open, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of bounty and generosity upon the world. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee when I heard Thy call. I bear witness that through Thee the ocean of utterance has surged in the contingent world and the sun of knowledge has shone forth amidst religions. I beseech Thee not to withhold Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor to disappoint them from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were drawn by the attraction of the Call to the Dayspring of sacrifice and who offered up their souls in their longing to meet Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful whose outpourings have never ceased from the world, and the Generous One whose manifestations of generosity have encompassed all peoples. O my Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses and detached from all else besides Thee. Ordain for me what befits Thy glory, Thy grandeur and Thy power. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. At this moment We also remember thy wife and those with thee. We give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. And what thou didst send hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance, as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Faran, O Mir Muhammad Beg, son of him who ascended unto God - upon both of you be the Glory of God! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility. Verily it summoneth all to a station wherein naught is seen save the splendors of the face of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have remembered those who have believed with a remembrance from which wafteth the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O Muhammad! Rejoice that the glance of God hath been directed towards thee from this glorious station, and He remembereth thee with that which all the treasures of earth cannot equal. He Who possesseth knowledge of all things in a clear Book beareth witness to this. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor, then praise Him in such wise as to attract the hearts of all who hear. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee and turn thee away

from the Lord of earth and heaven. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause that neither the hosts of the world can dismay thee nor the veils of the divines who have turned away from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, can hinder thee. They make mention of God by night and by day, yet when He appeared they pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice. By them have the Concourse on High lamented and the Most Exalted Word cried out, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him Who hath come with God's testimonies, His mighty proof and His wise Book. How many a learned one hath been veiled by his knowledge from the Self-Subsisting, and how many an unlettered one hath attained to the choice sealed Wine when its seal was broken by the finger of God, the Strong, the Powerful. O Muhammad! We made mention of thy father before his ascension, and We make mention of him at this time when the Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth with the most sublime call that there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Articulate, the All-Knowing. We have sent down for him a Tablet and forwarded it to thee that thou mayest read it and be of the thankful. We have remembered him in diverse Tablets as a token of Our grace - verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause of thy Lord and in remembering His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. All that thou beholdest today shall perish, but that which hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, shall endure as long as endureth His kingdom and His dominion. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones in that land, from One mighty and glorious.

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O Mirza Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, Who standeth before all faces! This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein the treasures of the earth and its secrets have been revealed, and its tidings have been recounted before the Face. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as He walked in the most exalted station. O thou who gazest upon the Face! Sorrows have encompassed Us by reason of that which hath befallen the Daysprings of submission and contentment in the land of Ya. We beseech God to aid the oppressors to turn unto Him and to repair to the gate of His pardon and bounty. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared at this Station which God hath made the point round which circle them who are nigh unto Him from all eternity. Say: O people! That which was hidden in knowledge hath appeared, and He Who was promised in the Scriptures and Tablets hath come. Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of creation, then approach with radiant faces and take hold of the Book of God with such strength that the might of them who have disbelieved in the Return shall not deter you. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them who are thankful in the Mother Book. When thou hearest My call and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of My Revelation and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and given me to drink and caused me to know Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the lights of Thy countenance from the most sublime horizon, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the kingdom of names, to open before my face the doors of Thy grace and bounty, then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy

generosity the rain of Thy munificence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the affairs of the first and the last. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath called Thyself the All-Bountiful; therefore Thou beholdest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches, and Thou hast called Thyself the All-Merciful; therefore Thou seest the sinner before Thy face. I beseech Thee to deal with me as befitteth Thy most excellent names and supreme attributes. Verily, Thou art the Bestower of gifts and the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted. Command and judgment are in the grasp of Thy power, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all being and the Ruler of all existence.

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O Haji Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who soared on the pinions of certitude in the atmosphere of divine knowledge until he presented himself at the Gate and entered therein by the leave of his Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. He entered and heard the Call of God–for whose yearning many souls have perished. O Husayn! Hearken once again unto the Call from the direction of the luminous Spot, the place wherefrom the Lord of Names doth speak and summon all to the supreme horizon, as bidden by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! All the books of the world cannot equal My remembrance. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the heedless ones. He Whom ye have mentioned in the nights and days hath come, as attesteth the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: Have vain imaginings prevented you from the Lord of all beings, or the might of tyrants from this momentous Cause? Observe, then remember: When Moses came, Pharaohs opposed Him and pronounced judgment against Him without any clear proof from God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Then remember when the Spirit came, the Jews rose against Him with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom of your Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day, to lament. Then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, appeared with clear signs: the people denied Him and committed that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise and the companions of the Crimson Ark–who offered up their souls and all they possessed in the path of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment–to weep. No Messenger appeared but the people turned away from Him, and no Prophet came but they denied Him and stoned Him with the stones of their idle fancies. Of this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. Give thanks, O Husayn, to thy Lord, for He hath aided thee, prospered thee, and drawn thee nigh until He caused thee to enter a station wherein thou didst hear His mighty and glorious Call. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and say: I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens, by the ocean of Thy names and by Thy Name at Whose manifestation the dwellers of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms did prostrate themselves, to preserve me and strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, the most mighty, ancient and all-glorious. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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O Muhammad T who has attained and to whom belongs sovereignty in the kingdom of earth and heaven! This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Might while He was seated upon the throne of utterance in days wherein the Herald proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!” The Balance has been set up and the Path calls out: “The Truth has come, the Knower of things unseen!” Blessed is the soul that has shattered the idols of desire and believed in God, the Lord of this praiseworthy station.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of grandeur - verily He remembers you with that which draws you near and calls you to that which uplifts you. He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be!” and it is. The door of grace has been opened to all who are on earth and in heaven, as testified by Him Who possesses the secrets of what was and what shall be.

We bear witness that you departed from your homeland, turning toward the Most Exalted Homeland, the station wherein speaks the Supreme Pen, until you arrived and attained His presence and heard the call of the Wronged One. Give thanks to your Lord, for He has aided you to turn toward Him, to attain His presence, and to hearken to His sweetest call by which the people of the graves have arisen.

Remind My servants on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness. We counsel all to uprightness, religiosity and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, may be exalted.

O Karim! We have remembered your father and mother before, and adorned them with the ornament of forgiveness. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Kind, the Forgiving. And We remember those in your household and give them the glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded existence itself.

Say: O people of God! Beware lest names keep you back from their Creator. Cast them behind you, turning with your hearts to God, the Mighty, the Loving. The croaking of hypocrisy has risen in all directions - this is what We foretold you before and in this inscribed Tablet.

O Karim! Hear the call of your Lord, the Merciful. He left one place and shone forth from the horizon of another place, and drank tea. Then He revealed for you that from which the sincere perceive the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors, and those near to God inhale the fragrance of the garment of their Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have cast behind them the idle fancies of men, turning to God, the Mighty, the Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted Book of Glory hath been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. From the horizon of tribulation it beareth glad-tidings unto all creation. The Face hath appeared and the Sun of the Cause hath risen from the Dayspring of the Will of their Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed is he in whose heart the breezes of his Lord’s days have stirred, and woe betide the heedless ones who followed vain imaginings and who, when the Lord of all beings appeared,

broke the Covenant and were numbered with the deniers. Know they whither they flee? Are they aware whither they run? Nay, by the Lord of what was and what shall be! They are among those who wander distracted. We behold them wrapped in the veils of fancy after We commanded them to rend them asunder, and We see them in the shadows of glory after the Beauty hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. I know not by what excuse they would justify themselves when questioned. Nay, by My soul! God's proof hath been perfected against them and His testimony completed unto all who dwell in the realms of creation. That which they possess shall not be accepted from them. Soon shall the breaths of chastisement seize them from the presence of One Who is Mighty, Ancient. O thou who hast turned towards Me! Reflect upon what hath befallen the Beloved and His arising to promote the Cause. Then shalt thou find thyself in a station wherein thou wilt arise to aid the Cause of thy Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou and thy father. We bear witness that he is among those who have attained. The Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to make mention of him and shall continue to do so throughout the eternity of God. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His bounty. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Arise to make mention of Me amongst My creatures, then call to mind what hath befallen this Wronged One when He was a stranger in the hands of the oppressors. Forget not God's favor unto thee when the gaze of His mercy was directed towards thee over the course of several years, and His tongue speaketh in remembrance of thee in this remote prison. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions and to assist thee in His triumph among His servants. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and dispatched them to thee, and before them was sent down a glorious Tablet, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be assured that He remembereth him who hath uttered His mention. He is verily the Protector of those who remember Him. May the glory rest upon you and upon those with you and upon them that observe God's right concerning you. They are surely among the doers of good. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Haji Muhammad-Rida!

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. It gives glad tidings to those who have believed of that which none before has ever attained. To this bears witness He Who has summoned all from the Most Great Prison to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who has cast away vain desire and turned to the supreme horizon, and woe unto those who have turned away by following every ignorant remote one.

Your mention has been made before the Wronged One, and a noble Book has been revealed for you. Verily it will benefit you in all the worlds of your Lord and draw you nigh unto a station which pens and every reckoner of knowledge are powerless to describe. Be steadfast in the Cause and mindful of what was mentioned before from this Great Announcement. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent you from the Lord of the first and the last. Leave the people behind you, turning to the horizon which has been illumined by this wondrous Name.

Praise be to God that through divine grace you have attained and recognized His days. Strive that you may achieve deeds whose mention shall endure throughout the eternity of God's names. Give thanks to your Lord for this wise remembrance. This Day is exceedingly great, yet most of the servants are heedless of it. Love of transient affairs and earthly ornaments has prevented all from the King of Oneness. They are seen immersed in the sea of negligence and will soon surrender their souls to the master of hell. We beseech God that the world's vanities may not prevent accepted and steadfast souls from everlasting stations.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the created things were attracted and through Whose remembrance all possible things have testified! I beseech Thee by the Revealer of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear signs to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to enable me to do what befits Thy Revelation and Thy days, and whereby my mention may endure throughout the eternity of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the outpourings of the heaven of Thy grace. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!

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Muhammad Sadiq of Lahijan, named 'Purpose of the World', has attained the Most Great Horizon. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love wafted from him. Verily, the grace of thy Lord is great, great indeed, and what thou desired of forgiveness - verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Oft-Returning, the Kind, the Generous. His ocean of mercy hath no end and the heaven of His grace hath had and will have no limit. At all times one must take refuge in the Truth from evil, deceitful souls, for they have striven mightily to lead pure souls astray. Hold fast to the firm, strong handle in such wise that none can cause thee to deviate from it. The Truth is manifest and His Cause hath dawned from the horizon of might, and unto Him have ended the heavenly Books and revealed Scriptures and precious Tablets. Whosoever claimeth for himself a station, he is a liar and calumniator in the Book of God, and will continue to be. Through divine grace thou must be so firm and steadfast in the Cause that if thine eye were to oppose thee, thou wouldst pass it by - how much more rejected, deluded souls. Any soul who today maketh a claim or pretendeth to inner knowledge, he is Satan to the true party. Thus do some souls outwardly utter one word while inwardly speaking another word contrary to the outward - such a soul hath been and will be a hypocrite and liar. The people of truth are those who regard as false whatever they see contrary to the outward Cause of God. The inner, and inner of the inner of the inner, circleth round this outward. Blessed is the soul that hath found the fragrance of the divine utterance and is among the steadfast ones. Hearken to the divine counsel which hath been sent down from the heaven of the merciful Will out of love for His creation in this blessed leaf, and praise the Beloved of the world Who hath adorned thee with the robe of forgiveness and pardoned what occurred and recorded thy name in the divine Tablets. Strive henceforth to be engaged in mentioning the Cause and serving it. Verily, He is the protector of whoever befriendeth Him. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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In the Name of Him Who speaketh, manifest and evident. The living waters from the Pen of the All-Merciful flow and stream forth at all times, and these are the cause of eternal existence and everlasting life. Yet most souls remain unaware thereof and deprived of any portion from the direction of the Most Great Scene. A few, through divine assistance, have attained unto this most great bounty. They are the source of good deeds and the manifestations of names and attributes. It is binding and incumbent upon such souls to arise with the utmost endeavor and wisdom to awaken the people of the world from the slumber of heedlessness through goodly remembrances and guide them to the Source of mercy. Blessed art thou for having attained unto faith and certitude and for having arisen to serve thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And if ye observe among those who have turned to God a soul who is capable of teaching this irresistible Cause of God and is adorned with the qualities mentioned in the Tablets, his turning to various regions for the purpose of spreading the Cause according to the wisdom revealed in the Tablets hath been and will be beloved. And in all conditions one must observe wisdom, for the people are weak and far removed from the root of the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee in all circumstances even as He hath aided thee at all times, and to grant thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Convey My greetings to thy son who turned to the Goal and returned from what he was forbidden, and to all men and women who are with thee. The glory be upon thee and upon them from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Ahmad, convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of this wise remembrance. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Milan! Hearken unto what the Prisoner calleth you from this mighty Prison. Gather ye together in the love of God and His praise, then unite in this mighty Cause. Beware lest the veils of the world prevent you. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Lord of eternity. Verily He is with you at all times. Thus have We sent unto you the fragrances of the All-Merciful from this glorious and wondrous Garden.

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In the Name of Him Who domineth all names

O Muhsin, upon thee be the Glory of God! M.H.S. Hearken unto that which the Dayspring of Names calleth out to thee while encompassed by grievous tribulation. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful. Mention hath been made of grievous tribulation that the people of creation might flee therefrom, yet it is a gracious tribulation inasmuch as We have accepted it in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Say: Should He desire to make mention, the cawing of all them that dwell on earth could not silence Him, and should He desire to arise, the hosts of heaven and earth could not cause Him to sit. Nothing can withstand His Cause, nor can adversity prevent Him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All things have been sullied by what hath welled up in the breasts from the fire of hatred, yet the Cause remaineth unsullied - neither the opposition of the wicked nor the imaginings of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Most Praised, can ever sully it. He, verily, is the One Who prevaileth over all who are in heaven and on earth. Soon will His banner be raised upon every lofty and towering mountain. We have lit the lamp of victory at the midmost heart of creation and preserved it, when the winds blew from every direction, with the glass of power and might. Thy Lord, verily, is the

Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who draweth nigh and is illumined by this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace. We make mention of thee in truth. Our mention, verily, hath preceded all who make mention. Thy letter hath come before the Face, and through this God hath forgiven thy kinsmen and ordained for thee a station which none can comprehend save those whom He hath specially chosen for the service of the Dayspring of His firm and mighty Cause. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as from thy letter wafted the fragrance of faithfulness and from it were diffused the sweet savors of the love of Him Who is the Creator of the heavens. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. We have answered thee in days wherein eyes were dazed, hearts were troubled, and limbs did quake from the fear that encompassed all men. Thus doth the Lord of all beings recount unto thee in a perspicuous Tablet. Give praise for thy letter having been accepted before the Throne and having attained unto this glorious presence. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of God, the Almighty, the August, the Most Beautiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

The fire of the All-Merciful from the Divine Lote-Tree in the human realm blazeth forth in truth in this Ridvan, and every ember thereof proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, and that He, verily, hath ever been independent of all worlds. Through it the warmth of the love of the Beloved is kindled in hearts, and the Beloved draweth souls unto an exalted and impregnable sanctuary. Through it are the hearts of lovers set aflame, and they become detached from all else. Thus hath the decree been inscribed in truth by the Most Exalted Pen upon the White Tablet.

God well knoweth that thou hast been set aflame by this fire and hast been attracted by the melodies of God. Preserve thou the fire, lest it be extinguished by the waters of idle fancies of those who have denied God and been deprived of the breezes of holiness. Arise to promote the Cause of God and convey unto men these tidings which have caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to tremble, save those whom God hath protected through His manifest sovereignty.

Say: O people! The test hath come to you from the direction of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and at this moment the idolaters are in great turmoil. Say: This trial is a trial for those who have not drunk from the cup of certitude offered by the Youth of the All-Merciful, Who was sent forth from the light of the Throne. As to those who have partaken thereof, their feet shall never slip from aught, for they are they who have taken for themselves a secure station beneath the shadow of the All-Merciful. Neither the tempests of trials nor the storms of tribulations can move them, for they are preserved within the stronghold of God's protection. Upon them do the dwellers of Paradise shower their blessings, morning and evening.

Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth and revealed unto thee that which rejoiceth thy heart and the hearts of all who are endowed with insight. Convey thou the greetings from God unto the faces of them that have believed in God and are steadfast in His Cause. Lead thou the people into the religion of God and tarry not even for a moment, for this is the glory of the servant in this Day wherein

God hath brought forth a wondrous Cause. Gather thou My loved ones together and be thou their helper in all things.

And upon thee, and upon thy son and daughter, rest the glory that proceedeth from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! The soul that hath today delivered itself from all that which belongeth unto men hath attained unto one of the pearls of the ocean of divine bounty. No praise can attain unto this station, for all praise is bounded by the limitations of souls, while this station is exalted above all mention and description, and in its primary aspect and supreme state is sanctified from all enumeration. Praise be to God! Thou hast quaffed from the wine of utterance in the name of the Best-Beloved of all worlds. This is that same wine that hath been sealed from eternity and hidden from all beings. In this most great Revelation, the finger of divine will hath broken its seal and proclaimed: Come ye, come ye, O people of Baha! Come ye, come ye, O companions of the Crimson Ark! Come ye, come ye, O friends of God, with pure hearts, unto the most exalted horizon! When thou hast been blessed with My call and the traces of My pen, say: My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath set me ablaze, remoteness from Thee hath seized my spirit, and distance from the precincts of Thy nearness is my greatest enemy. I beseech Thee, O Thou at Whose call the near ones hastened to the seat of sacrifice to offer up their souls in Thy path, and through the sweet savors of Whose utterance in the kingdom of Thy glory were the hearts of the sincere ones enraptured, to make me in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of Thy sacred Tree, moved by Thy will, and speaking that which draweth the people nigh unto the court of Thy companionship. O Lord! Withhold not from those who seek Thee the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from those who love Thee the precincts of Thy nearness. Thou art He at Whose call the dwellers of the graves arose, the trumpet was sounded, and that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and preserved in the treasury of Thy protection was made manifest. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy servant of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on the earth. O Lord! Aid me to remember Thee amongst Thy servants with wisdom and utterance, and to teach Thy Cause amidst all religions. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all things, by Thy bounty and power to manifest through me that which will cause the standards of Thy mention and praise to be raised aloft, and through which that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book may be spread abroad. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Powerful, and worthy to grant all entreaties.

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O thou who art illumined by the light of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted! This is a remembrance from Us to one who hath attained the lights of the Face and been adorned with the ornament of his Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Wise, and who hath consorted with the Beloved for a number of years. By My life! This is indeed a great bounty. Blessed art thou for having

carried the trust of thy Lord and fulfilled God's Covenant in days when hearts were agitated and every mouldering bone was stirred. How many were the servants who heard the Call from the Dayspring of creation, turned towards it and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names!" And how many were the servants who heard and turned away - these are assuredly the companions of the fire. They whom the breezes of Thy Lord's mercy stirred - these are the people of Baha inscribed in a glorious Tablet. Say: This is not a day to tarry. All things have been set in motion by the breaths of revelation, yet the heedless are in evident drunkenness. O glad tidings unto thee for God hath aided thee to love Him and to win His good-pleasure, and hath caused thee to recognize Him Who speaketh the truth between the heavens and the earth! If thou desirest to learn what hath befallen the Wronged One, read what We have revealed unto Our servant Husayn. But grieve not, for thy Lord is the Powerful, the Possessor of great might. My case is like unto him who walked in the depths of the sea while the waves encompassed him - thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, inform thee. In such condition We summon the peoples unto the Lord of eternity in such wise that neither the oppression of tyrants nor the ascendancy of Pharaohs can hinder Us. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Gather ye together in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink the water of life through His mention, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be ye assured of God's grace and mercy. He is with you in all conditions. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the wrong suffered by the Manifestation of Thy Self and by His power that hath encompassed all in Thy kingdom, to draw me near unto Thee in all conditions, that I may be mindful of Thy remembrance, speaking forth Thy Name and circling round Thy will. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those whose images were present before thy Lord's throne, the Most High, the Most Great. Thus hath God ordained for them the reward of those who attained the presence of the Face. This is indeed a manifest bounty.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

This is a mention from the Wronged One to those who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and have drunk the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The world hath been adorned with the lights of the Ancient of Days, yet most of the people are heedless. Vain imaginings have prevented them from recognizing God and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation - verily they are among the losers. Blessed is he who hath recognized the One to be recognized, and the seeker who hath held fast unto the Sought One, Who proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Verily, He Who calleth all unto God hath been imprisoned in this mighty fortress. We make mention in the Persian tongue that all may attain their goal. How many were the mystics and divines who were occupied day and night in the remembrance of the Lord of Names, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will, all were found to have paused, nay rather to have become veiled, save whom thy Lord willed. Say: O friends! Today ye must be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance. The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any constancy. Strive ye that ye may be adorned with everlasting ornaments and drink from the Kawthar

of oneness. The eye was created for this day, and the ear came into being to hearken unto the call of the Dawning-Place of divine favor. The call of Truth is raised at all times. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the faces that have turned, and the tongues that have confessed and acknowledged that which God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath testified.

Thy letter was seen and thy call was heard. God willing, thou shalt at all times be the recipient of the infinite divine bounties and remain turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Convey greetings from the tongue of this Wronged One to all the friends in that land who have drunk from the wine of divine knowledge and are gazing towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Their mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner. His honor Shaykh Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, was in this land for some time and made mention of each one in the presence of this Countenance. We beseech God to aid him to remember and praise Him, and to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a gracious Book sent down from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Within it is the Water of Life, whereby the hearts of those who have recognized Him are quickened. Verily, he whom the fragrances of My raiment have stirred findeth in every word of God's words the sweet scents of his Lord, the All-Merciful, if he be of them that are assured. Say: O people, abandon transgression and error. We created you for My knowledge and remembrance, if ye be of them that know. Say: Doth vain desire profit you? Nay, by the Lord of Names! It calleth you unto wickedness, while We summon you unto guidance. Which of these two is more worthy, if ye be fair, and follow not every doubting idolater. Sanctify your souls for My knowledge, your hearts for My love, and your tongues for My wondrous remembrance. Though I be in prison, I desire for you naught save to draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Peerless. Soon shall that wherewith the people of vain desires are occupied perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Creator of earth and heaven. He who turneth away from guidance is in manifest error. Hold fast unto the Book of thy Lord, then recite it by night and by day. It shall verily protect thee and draw thee nigh unto the Most Sublime Vision. Thy Lord is He Who ruleth as He pleaseth. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord in such wise that nothing that happeneth on earth may disturb thee. Say: O my Lord! I have turned with my whole being to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. Make me pure for Thy sake, that I may desire naught save what Thou desirest, and will naught save what Thou willest. O my Lord! I have laid down my will and taken up Thy will. Write down for me what beseemeth Thy bounty and grace. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds! The Most Glorious! Grieve not for thy brother. By My life! He dwelleth in the precincts of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He saith: Would that the people had known this exalted station! He is in the presence of his Lord's loving-kindness, turning not his gaze toward those on earth. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, acquaint thee, that thou mayest know thy Lord and thank Him, saying: Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and

on earth! Then make mention from Us to those who are round about thee. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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This is a letter from Him Who is imprisoned to one who has believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but Him, and be detached from those who are veiled. Verily those who have denied God in these days are burning in the fire. If thou wouldst look with the eye of certainty, thou wouldst see them wailing and lamenting in the fire. But those who have believed, these are in the mercy of their Lord and are rejoicing in the holy Ridvan, while the maidens of Paradise wait upon them and they delight in the fruits of divine knowledge.

Know thou that God hath prescribed for every soul the teaching of His Cause. Arise to teach His Cause and fear not those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people, cross over the bridge and tarry not around it. Fear God and turn not back. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath appeared with the truth. Beware that ye delay not. Hasten to the remembrance of God and His Cause, and be not of those who hesitate. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin you, if ye would hear. If ye hear, it is for your own sake, and if ye turn away, verily He is independent of you and of what was and what will be.

Turn thy face toward the holy court and say: O my God and my Beloved! Deprive me not in these days of the breezes of Thy mercy and the melodies of the Dove of Thy gracious favors. Make me ever looking toward Thee and detached from all else besides Thee. Then send down upon me what Thou hast ordained for me and withhold not from me what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Protecting, the Most High, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O my God! How can I be at rest in my place when I witness that Thy Beloved is imprisoned among the tyrannous ones of Thy creation and the rebellious among Thy creatures? And how can I rejoice within myself when the winds of sorrow blow from the direction of Thy mighty throne? And how can I preserve myself when Thy Self was beneath the claws of those who denied Thee from time immemorial? I therefore beseech Thee by this and by what is with Thee that Thou make me not heedless of what hath befallen Him, that I may mention His tribulations and afflictions among Thy servants. There is no God but Thee, the All-Giving, the Most High, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This is a Book from Us to him who has turned to the Face on a Day whereon the foundations were shaken, that he may detach himself from all that is with the people and hold fast unto this Cord whereby all possibility has been moved. Hearken unto the Call of God from this most holy and most glorious Quarter, upon the luminous Spot from the verdant Tree: Verily, there is no God but I, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower. Arise to make mention of God amidst His creation and remind the people of this News whereby the Evil One has lamented and tremors

have seized all in the lands. Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting has come, and there is no escape for anyone except by turning to the Dawning-Place of verses Who speaks the truth - verily, there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Say: O people! The Unseen speaks with this Tongue among you - know this and follow not every doubtful polytheist. From the Unseen has appeared the Temple of the Witnessed One, and through the beauty of the Witnessed One has been established the decree of the Unseen. All that appears from Him appears from His presence. Thus has shone forth the Sun of Unity from the horizon of detachment - blessed are they who possess insight. Say: O people! He was from everlasting and will forever remain as He has been. Whoso denies Him has denied Him Who speaks the truth at the axis of all existence, that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Gracious. Set aside those who have disbelieved and what they possess. By My life! They speak only according to their desires and wish only to cast doubt into the hearts of those who have shattered the idols. He who has drunk the choice wine of inner meanings from this white chalice - the allusions will not prevent him from drawing near unto God, the Revealer of verses. Their only purpose is to find grounds to object to God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Say: All that is revealed - verily the Revealer is God. To this testify all atoms. Whoso denies Me has denied the Unseen, and all things curse him, and behind them the Tongue of Grandeur and Power. When you attain unto the Tablet of God [say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me] after [being] in the hands of the wicked ones.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Helper

This is a letter from the servant to those who have been illumined by the lights of their Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Bestower, who have detached themselves from the world and whatever was created therein, and who have turned with spirit and fragrance toward the Dayspring of the Cause. O servant! Hear My call from the direction of the prison that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Compassionate. Detach thyself from all else save God and arise to aid His Cause in these days wherein most of the people have veiled themselves from Him Who came to them from the Dayspring of the Command with power and sovereignty. Soon shall they say: "Oh, woe unto us for what we neglected toward God and for our heedlessness and loss!" Hear thou My words and avoid those who have taken the Evil One as their lord instead of God - they are but the companions of delusion. Say: O people! Cast not the ordinances of God behind your backs. Fear ye the Day when souls shall be convulsed and foundations shall tremble. He commands you only that which draws you nigh unto Him. Fear God and be not of those who have shown pride toward God. Take for yourselves a path to the Divine good-pleasure. Beware, O people, lest ye transgress what hath been ordained in God's Book and follow every doubting idolater. O people! Hesitate not in this Cause - it hath appeared in truth from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Purify your ears to hearken unto the Word of God, then your hearts from the mention of aught else, that the revelations of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Glorious, may be imprinted upon them. Would that thou hadst been with Us in those days and discovered what was concealed within the veils of power and grandeur! But what was decreed hath been decreed by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Be content with what God hath decreed for thee and say: "Glory be unto

Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby Thou hast guided them that know unto the court of Thy good-pleasure and them that are sincere unto the realm of Thy decree, that Thou leave me not to myself and my desires. Raise me up through Thy sovereignty to the heights of knowledge that I may know Thee by Thy Self and detach myself from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and verily Thou art the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is an epistle from the Prisoner to him who hath been guided by the lights of the Spirit in this Dawn which hath been illumined by the splendors of the Face, and who hath been attracted by the melodies of his Lord in days which were promised in the Tablet. Blessed art thou for having tasted of the fruits of the Tree of God in this Springtime wherein the temples of them that are detached were adorned with the ornament of a wondrous Name. Say: O people! Were ye troubled for your own sakes in the days of tribulation after We had forewarned you thereof in a mighty and impregnable Tablet? Say: We loved the Spirit and preserved it that We might sacrifice it in the path of God - and God Himself is witness to what I say - and besides this nothing profiteth Us, nor would We turn Our attention to it for less than a moment. Say: O people! Were We to lift the veil from your faces, ye would sacrifice your very souls with your own hands that ye might attain the station which was raised up in truth through the Word of God. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear your Lord, the All-Merciful, and deny not Him at whose mention alone the Most Exalted Pen hath moved. Consider what hath been revealed in the Bayan, that ye may perchance find a way unto God. Say: Reflect within yourselves for less than a moment why We have remained in this prison and borne what no other among all creation hath borne, that ye may arise from the slumber of vain desire and turn towards this Sun which hath dawned above the horizon of grace with manifest splendor.

Know thou that We had previously sent down verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, but they who were heedless intervened between thee and them, and committed that which they were forbidden in a preserved Tablet. Grieve thou not, but be thou assured of thy Lord's favor, for verily He is with thee and guardeth thee through His sovereign might, and He, verily, hath power over all things. Aid thy Lord to the extent of thy power - thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed it from every direction and it remaineth solitary amidst the idolaters. And glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, who have detached themselves from all directions and turned with radiant faces toward the Dayspring of Revelation.

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The Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Book which speaks with truth and commands the people to righteousness and justice from One All-Knowing, All-Wise, that they may know the path of truth and turn with their hearts to the Path of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Verily it is the Path of God for

all who dwell in the heaven of command and creation, and the sign of His grandeur for those in the Concourse on High, and the manifestation of His power for those in the Kingdom of Names, and the Dawning-Place of His Cause for those in the supreme heaven, and the sign of His mercy for all in the heavens and earths. Say: The clouds of generosity rain down upon the peoples of all worlds at all times the showers of grace from the presence of One Mighty, Powerful. He shines forth upon all created things at all times with the lights of His luminous countenance. Among the people are those who have shattered the idols of desire through the power of the Lord of Names and have turned to God, the Beloved of the worlds. And among them are those who have clung to a name among names and have taken it as a helper for themselves without any proof or clear Book. Say: O people, do not associate partners with God - all atoms testify that He was One from time immemorial and has taken no partner unto Himself in sovereignty. Verily He is the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: O people of the Bayan! Are diverse lords better, or God, the One Powerful, Mighty, Peerless? Hold fast unto God and detach yourselves from all else - this is better for you, if you be of those who know. Soon you shall hear the call from those who desire to lead the servants astray. Beware lest you follow every remote calf. Soon shall you see one who claims for himself a cause - verily he is of the liars. At the time of departure from Iraq, a Tablet was revealed wherein We informed the servants of what would appear thereafter - verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And therein We made clear those who follow their desires and claim for themselves that which was not ordained for them from the presence of One Mighty, Powerful. Avoid those who are deluded by vain imaginings and idle fancies and are kept back from the remembrance of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind - verily they are among the losers. And be at peace through the grace of your Lord - verily He is with you at all times and ordains for you what He desires. Indeed His grace upon you is great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! This is a day wherein the Beloved lamenteth and saith: Verily, the Best-Beloved is in manifest tribulation. And Moses crieth out, saying: O my Lord, the All-Bountiful! How long wilt Thou choose to forbear? Lo, the Dayspring of Thy Cause is in the hands of the oppressors. Draw forth from the sheath of Thy decree the sword of retribution, that the heads of the idolaters may be severed thereby. And the Spirit mourneth, saying: I would sacrifice myself that there might not befall Thee that which would sadden Thy heart. We behold Thee this day in such affliction as the eyes of the world have never witnessed. Would that I had never been sent down, nor been raised up, for by Thy Beauty, the All-Glorious, I cannot bear to see Thee among these who have disbelieved in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the Countenance of the All-Merciful crieth out, saying: O people of the Bayan! Shame upon you! By God, ye have perpetrated what none among all created things hath ever perpetrated, though We counseled you in all the Tablets through this wondrous Remembrance. Ye heeded not My words, having followed the desires of them who turned away from the Face and opposed God, the Almighty, the Powerful. We counsel you and adjure you by God to hearken unto this word, if ye will hearken to none other: If ye believe not, harm Him not; if ye accept not, forsake Him not. The dwellers of the realms of eternity have lamented at what hath flowed from the Pen, while ye remain heedless. By My life! Baha calleth out between earth and heaven, whilst standing firm in that which He

hath been commanded, His hands raised toward God, the Lord of Names, saying: I have chosen, in My love for Thee, the afflictions of all who are on earth, and I fear not, by Thy might and Thy power. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Naught grieveth Me save My tarrying in Thy Cause and My silence at the manifestations of Thy bestowals and the expressions of Thy favors. O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love. This is the desire of Baha in the kingdom of creation, and verily Thou art witness to what I say. Through Thy love nothing affrighteth me, and through my turning unto Thee the turning away of all who are on earth harmeth me not. By Thy might Thou didst raise me up, and by Thy command Thou didst cause me to speak forth in such wise that both young and old have heard Thy call. Thus have We cast upon thee, O thou who gazest upon thy Lord. When thou hast attained, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!

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O Ali-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is the Leaf of Eternity which hath stirred in the Paradise of the Tablet in the form of words, and from its movements and behavior a voice is heard whereto turn the faces of them that have recognized divine unity. They hear mention of this name which hath ascended unto God and was afflicted with tribulation in the path of his Lord. Thus hath the grace of God encompassed whomsoever He willeth of His creation, and verily His grace hath ever encompassed all the worlds.

O servant! Rejoice within thyself that thou wast confirmed in the good-pleasure of God and the recognition of His Self, and wast content with His good-pleasure until thou didst sacrifice thy spirit in His path. And verily We were with thee when thou didst ascend unto God with manifest humility and submission. Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom God hath associated with thee. Would that the servants might behold thee in the Most Exalted Paradise and become aware of what God hath ordained for thee in the sanctuaries of holy and transcendent glory. Thus doth God blot out the names of them that have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and confirmeth them that have believed and turned with pure hearts toward the court of God with an illuminating radiance.

And verily thou, O servant, rejoice within thyself in Paradise, for God hath at this moment magnified thy countenance and ordained for thee such good as none hath comprehended save His Self, Who hath encompassed all things in a Manifest Book. Soar with the two wings We have given thee, then wing thy flight in an atmosphere more subtle than spirit upon the face of a mirror and more delicate than light upon the face of a luminous crystal. Blessed art thou in that thou hast tasted the sweetness of the love of God, then drunk the cup of life in the life of life, and now drinkest from the chalice of glory at the very heart of Paradise, and art at all times gladdened by the fragrances of the All-Merciful. The mercy of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, descendeth upon thee at every moment, and the Tongue of Grandeur calleth out to thee from behind the veils of glory with melodies wondrous and true. And glory be upon thee and upon them that have been martyred in the path of God and upon them that shall be

martyred in these days in this Cause, the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld, and God is witness unto this.

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The All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Doth the Pen know? Say: Yea, by the glory of the Ancient Beauty! But most men perceive not. It soareth in the atmosphere of the Tablet through the attraction of revelation from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people! The Day is come and the Spirit proclaimeth in the Tablet: There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Is there doubt about the Manifestation or about His sovereignty? They have lost who denied God's power after it encompassed every witness and witnessed thing. Would ye conceal the sun with the clay of idle fancies? Say: What aileth you that ye understand not? Do ye dispute with Him before Whom the verses have bowed down? Nay, they wander in the wilderness of error. Remaineth there any excuse for anyone? Nay, by the Book inscribed! Do ye see yourselves in the right? Nay, by the Preserved Tablet! When clear proofs appear they pant, and when verses are recited unto them they turn away. When asked by what evidence they believed in what came before, they cite that which refuteth them, yet comprehend not. Say: The verses have appeared from Our presence and the signs are fulfilled, when We came in the shadows of the attributes riding upon the clouds - yet most men are asleep. Say: Rend ye the veils, by the Lord of Lords! The Bestower hath come with manifest sovereignty. By My life! Those who answered not "Yea" after the Call was raised are counted as dead. See ye not the lights of this Dawn after it hath encompassed the horizons? Woe unto you for having cast behind your backs the Covenant and turned away from Him through Whom the eyes of the denizens of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne have been gladdened. Say: He chose tribulations for your ease, yet from Him ye flee. They hasten to the tyrant, turning away from the Kingdom. They are indeed a people in grievous loss. Blessed art thou, O servant, for thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and verses have been sent down for thee which, were We to cast them upon the mountains, would transform them into rubies, and were their fragrances to pass over stones, rivers would burst forth from them by thy Lord's permission, the Chosen One. He, verily, hath power over what was and what shall be. Remember thy Lord amongst His servants, that perchance the slumberers may awaken. The Spirit and glory rest upon thee and upon the people of Baha from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Zabih, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the merciful Lord! Your circumstances, whether traveling or at home, are known and mentioned before the Throne. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We complain of those who have created differences in the Cause of God, through whom the pure chalice of My recognition hath been sullied among My creatures, the sun of My sanctity hath been darkened, and the moon of My sovereignty hath been eclipsed. We created all for affection, fellowship, love and unity. We beseech God to assist all to achieve what He loves and is pleased with. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. O Zabih! Differences have been the cause of the dissipation of God's Cause, while

unity and accord are the cause of its exaltation. Blessed is he who hath forsaken the former and held fast unto the latter in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. You must in all conditions be engaged in serving the Cause and be the cause of unity among souls. The Supreme Pen hath at all times taught and commanded His loved ones to that which brings rest, ease and success, yet most are heedless of it. The horizon of guidance hath been darkened by the clouds of desire. The grief of this Wronged One hath not been from the oppression of oppressors, for whenever and at all times oppression against the Tree of the Cause occurred, it became the cause of its exaltation, as thou hast witnessed and dost witness. Rather, grief hath come from the deeds of some of the friends. This Wronged One beareth witness to this in this praiseworthy station. O Zabih! With utmost endeavor and diligence, be occupied with unifying hearts and bringing about accord among souls, that perchance the turbid winds may be stilled and the fragrance of love and purity may waft among the loved ones. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to serve His Cause and to grant thee that which gladdens thy heart and solaces thine eyes. He is verily the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Youth hath presented himself before his Lord, and the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward him from this noble horizon. We shall send him to thee, if God willeth. He is verily the Bestower, the Bountiful, the All-Generous. May the Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and those with thee who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, Most Glorious

O Abu-Javad! Hearken unto the Call from the Lord of creation on this Day of Return. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. This is the Day of which We have given tidings in the Tablets, saying that it would come, and when it came with the truth, the people turned away from it, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, did will. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear the cooing of the Dove upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree, and honored thee with the days of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. They who are heedless this Day are indeed among the most lost of men - soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the cawing of the infidels nor the utterances of the polytheists shall deter thee. Hold fast unto this strong and mighty cord - verily it is God's handle between the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he that holdeth fast thereunto, and woe unto the heedless ones. The Lamentation hath wept for this Day, and the Interlocutor for this resplendent Beauty, while the Spirit crieth out in the wilderness: "The Beloved of the worlds hath come!" By God! The divine fragrance hath wafted, and the breeze hath blown, and there hath appeared from Zion that which was hidden, and the eternal Call of God is heard from this wondrous station. Is there anyone who perceiveth the fragrance of the Word that hath wafted from the Seat of authority? Nay, by My life, except whom thy Lord willeth, for the people are afflicted with a manifest cold. Know thou that thy son hath attained the presence of the Throne, and circled round it, and was illumined by its lights, and quaffed the wine of reunion from the cups of the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. I bear witness that he is a righteous child. Give thanks for that which hath flowed in his behalf from the Supreme Pen, and be thou of the thankful ones. The world shall indeed pass away, and there

shall remain for thee what hath been recorded by the Pen of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By God! No created thing on earth can equal mention by Him in His remembrances - to this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one. Convey My greetings unto thy wife, then give her the glad-tidings of this mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Then mention thy two daughters on My behalf - We beseech God to make them among those women who have trusted, and were patient, and remained steadfast, and attained unto that which God hath desired in His mighty and wondrous Book.

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He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous

O My handmaiden! O companion! Today the world of existence is perfumed with the fragrant breezes of divine revelation, and the realm of the seen and unseen is illumined by the light of the Day-Star of manifestation. Blessed are the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree who have attained to the lights of this Day and acted according to what is befitting. Happy are they!

O Fatimah! This Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the prison. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty and this wise remembrance. We beseech God to make the leaves steadfast in His Cause in such wise that the winds of discord from the people of dissension may not tear them away or sever them from the Tree.

O Jewel! At this moment, from the Treasury of divine favor, this goodly word hath appeared - take hold of it with the power and sovereignty that is from Him, and be thou among the thankful in the days of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Zahra! The expanse of the world is illumined by the light of godliness. The hosts of God this day are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character traits, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath held fast to the cord of godliness and acted according to what she was bidden in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Rabab! Today the true rebab is warbling through the movement of the divine finger - its melody giveth life and reneweth the soul. However, an ear worthy of hearkening to this melody is as rare as red sulfur. We beseech God to cause His handmaidens to attain unto the hearing of this call. Verily, He hath power over all things.

O Khadijah! Reflect upon Khadijah of a former time. Neither wealth nor property, neither blame nor persecution prevented her from God. She sacrificed her life and gave freely of her wealth. This is the station of that blessed leaf in the divine paradise.

O Kawkab, My handmaiden! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the mention of the Lord of all mention. We counsel thee and all handmaidens to observe supreme chastity and the most great purity, and to that which will exalt your mention and your names amongst the servants and the loved ones. The glory from Us be upon My servants and My loved ones, and upon the Hands of My Cause whom God hath

made the guides of His creation in His realm and the lamps of His Cause in His lands. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O thou who gazest upon the Horizon of the Manifestation! Hearken unto the call of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. He hath uttered that whereby the decree of resurrection hath been revealed and the dwellers of the graves have arisen, through a command from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Turn thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, that thou mayest hear the call of the Lord of Names, which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. It draweth thee unto a station round which circle the denizens of the Kingdom. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. He of Whom mention was made in the Books of God hath come, and the Point of the Bayan gave glad-tidings of Him, would that ye might know! Neither the books of the world nor all that the nations possess will profit you this day. Cast behind you your vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. This is the Day whereon the trees and leaves do speak, and the Sadrih doth call out, and the Cry hath been raised, yet the people understand not. Say: Arise from the slumber of passion! The Lord of all mankind hath come with manifest sovereignty. If ye deny this Most Great Bounty, by what proof are your hearts assured, O people of doubts? Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He hath indeed sent down for thee in the prison that which shall never perish, through the eternity of My decreed destiny. And We make mention of him who was named Haydar, and give him glad-tidings of God's tender care, the Lord of Power Who is established upon the throne of utterance and speaketh that whereby hearts take flight. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the Kawthar of immortality from My words, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! And We make mention of him who was named Siyyid Aqa, and counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled Our servants in the Scriptures and Tablets, from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Give thanks unto God for having made thee to know and enabled thee to turn unto a station from which the learned, the divines, and then the princes who shed blood have turned aside, when they rejected God, the Lord of might. Say: O peoples of the earth! Aid ye the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance, and through such virtues as reveal the stations of souls. Thus hath the Pen of the All-Merciful traced in the arena of exposition. Blessed is he who hath turned and witnessed and said: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!

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He Who is the Ruler over all who are on earth and in heaven

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon and who holdest fast to the cord of the bounty of the Lord of all beings! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of 'Akka - God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Mahdi! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One time and again, and We have heard thy call. We answer thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto the Most Great Ocean which hath surged before the faces of the world, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have found from thy letter the fragrance of attention, steadfastness and turning unto God, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee hold fast unto that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

In these days there hath come upon Me that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh unto God to melt. Say: O people of God! Cast away that which befitteth not His days, and take hold of that which ye are commanded. He, verily, is the Faithful Counsellor. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast unto trustworthiness and righteousness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, is exalted.

There hath appeared in the Great City that which hath caused the tears of the knowing ones to flow. He who claimed My love hath broken My Covenant - thereby have My Pen and My Tablet wept. Every fair-minded and keen-sighted one beareth witness unto this. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him and those whom he hath led astray to return unto Him. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones who have quaffed the choice wine of My love from the cup of My bounty, and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. Say: O people of the earth! The Temple of Grace hath been established upon the throne of His name, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest ye be kept back by the clamor of your divines who have denied the proof of God and His mighty and glorious testimony.

Illumine the hearts of those who are with thee with this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's Tablet, the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Mighty. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of the heedless be raised. Unto him who acteth in accordance with that which he hath been commanded, God shall open the gates of goodly gifts. He is the Helper of the sincere ones and the Goal of them that are nigh. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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O Nawwab, upon whom be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Bestower! He is the One manifest from His Most Glorious Horizon. O thou who gazest upon the countenance! The honored Amin hath made mention of thee before and after, and through the grace and favor of God, exalted be His glory, thou hast attained unto the effects of the Supreme Pen. Time and again mention of thee hath flowed from the tongue and pen. This is a bounty that cannot be equaled by aught in the world or by what the peoples possess. To this doth testify the Lord of Eternity in the Most Great Prison. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. In these days the honored Amin, upon him be My Glory, hath arrived in the prison and made mention of thee in Our presence. Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in turning unto Him, in recognizing Him, and likewise in serving the Cause of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. The whole

world was created for the Divine Day, yet all are heedless and veiled save whom God willeth. Give thanks unto the Peerless Beloved that He hath enabled thee to attain unto that which hath had and hath no likeness or similitude, and that is the recognition of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Thou hast recognized the Day of God and arisen to serve. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: O people of God! Be not grieved at anything. Verily the Most Great Joy asketh God for your meeting. To this doth testify the Mother Book in this exalted station. Concerning what was mentioned about the king and other matters, these points have been made contingent upon consultation in God's Book. Consult ye and hold fast unto it. Convey greetings to H.S.L. Say: God hath promised to protect thee in His presence. His decree hath ever been and shall ever be enforced. He, verily, is the True One, the Trustworthy. In His grasp is glory and in His hand is protection. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. At this moment the fragrance of bounty and favor is wafting from the direction of grace. O Husayn! We counsel thee to serve the Cause. Verily it will exalt thee as He pleaseth and will bid thee to manifest the supreme steadfastness in this mighty and wondrous Cause. Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and firm one.

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O Afnan, his honor Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! In the name of the peerless one God! O thou who gazest upon the Face and art present before the Throne! Hear the call of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. At all times the call of the Purpose of the worlds hath been raised, and the effulgences of the Day-Star of grace have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of prison. Blessed is the eye that hath attained and the ear that hath hearkened. Today upon the face of the sun this most exalted Word hath been inscribed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen: Blessed is the soul that hath in this transient world acquired an eternal station and whom the events and manifestations of the world have not deprived of the splendors of the rays of the Most Great Luminary. By My life, O My Afnan! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Look, then remember those days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and wert with Him as He walked in the garden. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever loved faithfulness and commanded His loved ones to observe it. We testify that thou didst hear His call, wert drawn to His verses, wert enkindled with the fire of His love, didst speak His praise, and didst hope for the wonders of His grace. Thy Lord is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O My Afnan! Know thou with clear certainty that thy existence and continuance in service to the Cause is better than what thou hast chosen for thyself and desired from thy Lord. With supreme joy and greatest gladness bestow from the cup of the love of God. The Afnans of the Sacred Tree have come for teaching, yet in all circumstances ye must observe wisdom. We have chosen in the Most Holy Court someone to act as thy deputy in teaching the Cause of God. The Hand of Power hath outwardly and inwardly preserved and will continue to preserve Its Afnans. We counsel thee to patience in separation. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient. He commandeth thee to beautiful patience. He hath ordained for thee that which causeth bodies to soar, let alone spirits. Thou hast been under the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Powerful. Know thou the station of this most great station and say: Thine is the grace, O Purpose of the worlds, and Thine the glory, O Glory of those in the heavens and the earth! The glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word in this perspicuous Cause.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Javad! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of creation. He calleth thee as a token of His grace, and remembereth thee even as He remembered thee aforetime when thou wert in Iraq. Verily thy Lord loveth those who were with Him and remembereth them at eventide and at dawn. His mercy hath preceded the world and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the realm of possibilities. Blessed is he whom the veils of creation have not prevented from turning unto the Truth, and who hath, on the Day of God, turned toward the Dayspring whereby the horizons were illumined.

Thy letter hath been presented before the Throne. We have inhaled from it the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of all names, and found it purified from the mention of aught else and adorned with this Name through which the horizon of utterance hath been illumined and all who are in earth and heaven have been enlightened. We have heard that which thou didst call upon God with the ear of faithfulness, and have answered thee with this Tablet whereby the trees have yielded their fruits.

Remember when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hear with thine own ear the call of God and didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the grace of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Verily thou wert mentioned before the Countenance and didst attain the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen Us at the hands of the enemies that which no pen can recount nor any pages contain. God will soon seize those who have wronged you and will exalt your names among His servants. By My life! When the people awaken they shall weep over themselves for what they have wrought in this Day the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen.

We beseech God to aid thee in His service and to protect thee from those who have denied the proof of God and His testimony and have followed every contentious infidel. Convey My greetings unto thy brother. Verily We make mention of him as a token of grace that he may thank his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed is he for having turned unto God and for not having been prevented from the Path by the cawing of every idolatrous infidel. If thou shouldst see him who is the joy of the All-Merciful, convey unto him the greetings of the Prisoner and remind him of the verses of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. Verily the glory rest upon thee and upon him and upon those who have attained unto the pure wine whose seal was broken by the finger of might.

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O Husayn who hath attained! The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! O Zaynu’d-Din! Verily thy Lord grieveth for His loved ones who were martyred in His path with a martyrdom the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, nor hath its equal been mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the

worlds. At times We make mention of them with supreme joy, for they have detached themselves from the world and attained unto the Most Exalted Companion. By the life of God! The Supreme Pen hath inscribed upon all things their remembrance, their praise, their steadfastness, their ascension, their firmness, their sublimity and their sovereignty. By God! The mentions of earth shall be effaced, but their mentions shall not be effaced from the tablets of the world. To this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness in His mighty prison. O thou physician! We make mention of them at times with a grief that no records of existence can reckon. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful. The oppressors have wrought that which hath caused the dwellers of the kingdom of earth and heaven to lament, and there hath been sent down from the heaven of grace that which shall perpetuate the remembrance of those who gave up their spirits and all they possessed in the love of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. At this moment We make mention of him who ascended unto the Most Sublime Horizon in that place - he who was named Safi in My Mighty Book, inasmuch as he believed when he attained the presence of the Countenance and acknowledged that which God had caused to be acknowledged on a day whereon the hearts of the learned and the mystics were troubled. To this doth thy Lord, the All-Informed, bear witness. This is a Tablet from Us unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and attained unto this praiseworthy station. O Husayn! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize Him Who hath caused the Most Great Terror to appear through His mention, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven, for having made me to turn unto Thee, to speak in Thy remembrance, and to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered in the kingdom of Thine utterance. O my Lord! I am he who, by Thy leave, turned unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and entered the Ridvan when the Beloved of the world was lamenting for His loved ones and consoling His chosen ones and comforting His servants who circled round Him by night and by day. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O ‘Abdu’l-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest Justice. He remembers thee from the prison precinct even as He remembered thee before. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Generous. Say: O concourse of the earth! Oppose not Him Who hath come with the signs of the Bayan and the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The heavens of religions have been cleft asunder by what the Judge hath brought forth on the Day of Reckoning through a command before which neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of nations can stand. To this testifieth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. Say: By God! The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised up and the Fire proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Powerful. Give thanks unto God for that My Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee and revealed for thee that which was a light unto all creation, a sun in the heaven of knowledge, a surging ocean amidst religions, and a Book speaking forth through this Name whereby the feet of the transgressors have slipped. Before My face have appeared the names of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and We have revealed for each one of them that whereby every receptive soul shall find the fragrance of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Give thanks unto

God for that He hath sealed with thy mention this wondrous and glorious Book. When thou hast attained unto it and found the fragrance of thy Lord's bounty, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lands wherein Thy remembrance and Thy call were raised up, and by the seat whereon Thy throne was established, and by the fire of Thy Cause whereby the hearts of Thy chosen ones were set ablaze, and by the light of Thy countenance which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, to aid all who are on earth to turn unto Thee and return to the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones to that which beseemeth Thy days and Thy Cause, which was announced by Him Who conversed with Thee, and was proclaimed by the Spirit, and was uttered by the Seal of Thy Prophets and the Prince of Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and established upon the throne of 'Do what Thou willest.' There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The splendor from the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen be upon thee and upon those whom We have mentioned and upon every steadfast and firm one. Praise be to God, the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Manifest, the Resplendent, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance

O 'Abdu'llah Khan! The vain imaginings of men have seized them and deprived them from the shore of the Most Great Ocean. By the life of God! All the seas of the world cannot equal one drop thereof. From the earliest days until now, the Manifest Beauty hath arisen with such an arising that the hatred of the world and the rancor of nations, whether from divines or rulers, did not hold Him back. And when the lights of the Sun of Truth shed their radiance to some degree, the people of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil with drawn swords to assault the Countenance of the Divine Unity. They perpetrated that which no oppressor had ever committed. The verses have encompassed the world and the banner "Verily He is God" hath been raised before the faces of all peoples. Nevertheless, this hath profited not those who are lost in vain imaginings, even as a thousand two hundred years of worship, lamentations, anticipation and wailing in mosques and from pulpits profited not the Shi'ih sect, whether divines or followers. For had it profited them, they would not have pronounced judgment against and reviled the Lord of the world. Now too the people of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings. Where are the horsemen of the arena of inner meanings who may witness all the remembrances of the world and whatsoever is with the peoples as utter nothingness and pure non-existence, and who may turn, detached from all, with pure hearts, attentive ears and penetrating vision? This is a different day and a different Cause. By the life of God! All are heedless and veiled save whom thy Lord willeth. Beseech God that He may make the heedless souls aware and deprive them not of the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity. As for your intention to reach the Most Exalted Goal and Supreme Summit, it is not permitted in these days, for the polytheists and corrupters stand as barriers. We beseech the Exalted One to draw you nigh unto Him and honor you with His presence, or to inscribe for you from His Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining the presence of His Countenance. Verily He is powerful over all things. Convey My greetings

to the friends and summon them to the most great steadfastness on God's behalf. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast, firm one.

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In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing!

O Ali! We have desired to make mention of thee and those who have believed, on a Day which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. This is a Day whereon the atoms cry out: "The Revealer of verses hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Goal of them that know!" God took the covenant of this Day from all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet when He appeared in truth the people turned away, save those who shattered the idols of vain desire through the power of the Name of the Lord of all mankind and turned with radiant countenance toward the Supreme Horizon. How many learned ones lamented in separation, yet when the ocean of union surged they turned away and waxed proud before God, the Beloved of the sincere ones. Say: By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and hath spoken that which caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to be attracted. Blessed is he who hath recognized and found the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praised One. O Ali! The Euphrates of thy Lord's mercy hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen - take thou, in My Name, and drink therefrom through My firm and wise command. We give thee and those who have believed there glad tidings of a favor from Us and a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We further counsel you regarding that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Beware lest the conditions of the Pharaohs frighten you or the doubts of the oppressors who have adorned their heads with turbans and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, sadden you. They reached the heights of glory in this vain life through My Name, yet when I manifested My Self they pronounced judgment against it with evident tyranny. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One counseleth you from the precincts of the Prison to remain steadfast in this Cause, whose greatness hath been testified to by the tongues of the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and whose sovereignty hath been witnessed by every truthful and discerning one. Hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, the Lord of Names, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having made known unto us the Dayspring of Thy Cause, the Source of Thy Revelation, and the Dawning-Place of Thy exalted Word, at Whose appearance the Dove cooed upon the branches." This is a Day whereof God gave glad tidings aforetime - the Day whereon all people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the gate of inner meanings been unlocked by the Key of utterance, as the All-Merciful walked in the most exalted station and called all to His straight path.

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O Ali, upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy! Death in one station is a door unto attainment and a path unto the presence of the Beloved. Blessed is the soul that at the time of its ascension soars on the wings of longing and yearning and makes for the Most Exalted Companion. The holy spirit, freed from the doubts and troubles of the world, possesses great power, its fragrance is penetrating and its might is

manifest. Detachment in this station appears as the wing of divine confirmation and sets one in motion. O Ali, mention of this ocean is abundant and its pearls beyond reckoning. We beseech God to make manifest unto thee that which will cause the pavilion of His glory to be raised up. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Ever are the days of attainment remembered and the glances of grace directed to that quarter. O Ali, His mercy is manifest as the sun and His grace more exalted than the heavens; yet despite this, what the servants have said and continue to say! We beseech God to protect the people of unity from the people of division. In these days, the hypocrites in the cities and regions are again busy stirring up the people of unity. We beseech God to unite the people of unity, that all may speak with one tongue and soar with one wing, and that they may reflect upon the cause and reason for the abasement that hath encompassed them and seek deliverance from God. Verily He will deliver them through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Mention was made of the departed and elevated Haji Ibrahim, upon him be the peace of God and His mercy. We make mention of him at this time and beseech God to spread out for him the carpet of pardon and forgiveness, and to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. We bear witness that he believed in God and His verses, acknowledged His Books and His Messengers and His chosen ones, and recognized what He hath revealed in His Perspicuous Book. We make mention of the people of unity there and beseech God to assist them and adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness and justice and fairness, and to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Fulfiller of the needs of all who ask.

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O Ali before Akbar! A strange world has appeared - that which should exist is absent, and that which should not exist is present. Truth is non-existent while falsehood and calumny are manifest. Each day the opposers of the Threshold attribute some theft and refer it to the poor, helpless inhabitants of Akka. Through tricks and schemes they seek to stain His sanctified hem, in order to erase the traces of truth and establish the traces of falsehood. You saw what Akhtar wrote, and the story about the Qur'an has surely reached your ears. Glory be to God! The realms of justice and fairness are darkened and clouded. Despite all this, and griefs the like of which have never appeared in the world, the Most Exalted Pen moves and the Tongue speaks. For the sake of protection and preservation, We sent some souls from this land to the Threshold with utmost love, as circumstances had appeared that would lead to corruption and bring about causes of murder. Therefore, out of mercy We did what you have heard. However, they joined the dawning-place of vain fancies, namely Shaykh Muhammad Yazdi, and he acted according to Yahya's fatwa in ways whose mention would cause you grief. Outwardly, one would not have thought such souls existed in the world of being. You should abandon their mention and remember God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. God willing, you will be assisted in all conditions to aid and teach God's Cause. A special Tablet of Visitation was revealed and sent for Bik, upon him be My glory and bounty, and likewise a Tablet was revealed and sent for one of his relatives. Some time ago, Aqa Siyyid Musa submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court. His answer was also revealed - deliver it to him. God willing, may the people of the

world drink from the Kawthar of nearness and be illumined by the light of justice. In the nights and days the Most Exalted Pen is occupied with wise counsels and loving exhortations. We beseech God to create attentive ears. Verily He is powerful over all things. Glory be upon you and upon My loved ones there, and upon My handmaidens and the leaves of My Tree who have believed in the Single One, the All-Informed.

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He is the Hearing, the Answering One! O Qasim! He Who breaks the might of the aggressors remembers thee with this remembrance, when from the horizon of the Pen there dawned forth that which caused all mention in the world to bow down before it, yet the peoples remain behind a manifest veil. Hearken unto the Call from the blessed Lote-Tree on high - verily it draws thee unto a station wherein thou shalt find thyself sanctified from the world and its concerns. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. This is the Day which God hath adorned with His mention in the Books of old, as doth testify the Mother Book in this exalted station. Beware lest thou be veiled by the veils of the divines or held back by the clamor of the theologians who have changed God's bounty into denial and led their people into the fire. This is what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an, yet the people are in grievous doubt. They have denied Him Whom they mention night and day, and have pronounced judgment against Him without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. Observe then mention what the Shi'ih faction committed when God came with manifest sovereignty - they decked their heads with green and white, and committed what made the Faithful Spirit to groan. When thou hast attained unto God's Tablet and His trace, and found the fragrance of the divine utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful, say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation, the traces of Thy Pen, the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, the manifestations of Thy power, Thy most great signs, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy Cause such that the affairs of the world and the doubts of the nations prevent me not from turning toward Thee, O Lord of eternity! O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee, turning to the lights of Thy countenance, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and service to Thy loved ones. Then ordain for me, O my God, from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful." We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Baqir and give him glad tidings of that which the Most Exalted Pen of God hath turned toward him from the Most Glorious Horizon, that he may be among the joyous ones. And We counsel him with that which gladdeneth the hearts of the people of Baha, who have not been prevented by anything from God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon you, O companions of the Crimson Ark, from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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Witness their people and their oppression. I swear by the Sun of Truth that they hamstrung the She-Camel and tore apart the pavilion that had been raised in the name of Truth. They committed that which neither 'Ad nor Thamud committed, and inflicted upon the Husayns of this age that which the Jews were

not willing to inflict upon the Spirit (Christ) and which Abu-Jahl did not decree against the Messenger. Yet they still go to the mosque and, in their imagination, engage in the remembrance of God. Fie upon them for what they have earned in their vain life! Soon shall they find themselves in the lowest depths. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. This is such a calamity that God Himself consoles His servants and makes mention of it. Therefore He is the One Who bears this calamity, and this is a station that the two worlds cannot equal. The glory be upon thee and upon every people that hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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The friends of God in Ra and Shin, upon them be the glory of God. In My Name, by which the limbs of all names have trembled! O Muhammad-Qabli-Isma'il! Do you know Who remembers you in the prison of 'Akka? Say: Yes, by my Lord, He Who is the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of the kingdom of names remembers me and continues to remember me. Verily my Lord is the Almighty, the Supreme, the Compassionate, the Generous. There has befallen the Wronged One that which has caused all things to lament, yet most of the people remain heedless. We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which draws all beings near to the heaven of glory and faithfulness, yet they have committed that which has caused the hearts of the knowing to melt. When you hear the call from the direction of 'Akka, say: Praise be to Thee, O Ruler of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm of Might, for having caused me to hear Thy verses and to witness Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which has encompassed the world and by Thy Most Great Name to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Ordain for me and my son that which befits the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim! The All-Knowing remembers thee and reminds thee of this Most Great News, whereby the sun was darkened and the stars fell and the Herald called out from a near place. We have remembered the friends of God with that which cannot be equaled by the wealth of the rich, nor by what exists in the kingdom of names, nor by that in which kings and rulers take pride. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. The Day has come, yet the people are in evident veils. Their possessions have occupied them and their desires have held them back. Verily, they persist in their ancient error. God has forgiven My handmaiden who ascended unto Him aforetime. Through My remembrance of her the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of loving-kindness wafted from the direction of My Name, the All-Merciful. Blessed is the one who has found and said: Praise be to Thee, O God of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Desire of the knowing ones. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son and thy wife and those with thee, and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of bounty from the hand of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The petitions from the land of Kha reached the Most Holy Court through Jinab-i-Asad, and this servant presented them all. For each one specifically, a wondrous Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of divine favor. God willing, they will drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance from the fountainhead of the Pen of the All-Merciful and attain to that which God has intended. We have made mention, both before and after, of Jinab-i-Haji 'Abdu'r-Rahim Beg who has ascended unto God time and again. By My life! He has attained unto the Supreme Companion, and the Pen of God, the Lord of all names, has moved to make mention of him in such wise as the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven make mention of him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Convey greetings from God to all the friends in that land. Whether all the revealed Tablets are sent at once or gradually, there is no harm either way. In all cases wisdom should be observed - this has been and will continue to be closest to righteousness.

The Leaf of Paradise, upon her be My glory, her petition was received and two replies were revealed from the heaven of the Most Merciful's mercy specifically for her - one during Ridvan and another before it. Now one of these two is being sent. Give her these glad tidings from Me: Blessed is the house that is associated with the Most Great Gate and wherein the remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, has been raised. God willing, may all act in a manner befitting the days of God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine wisdom that the fragrance of pure deeds and praiseworthy character pervades and influences the world. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve this and may all servants and handmaidens arise to serve the Cause with complete sanctity and detachment. Such souls are the inheritors of earthly and heavenly dominion. Their mention shall not perish nor shall the world's vicissitudes alter it. The garden of Mir Muhammad Beg has been accepted. Blessed is he who holds fast to the Book and acts according to what has been revealed therein from the presence of the All-Wise Ordainer. Whatsoever God, exalted be His glory, has commanded contains the welfare of His servants and its benefit returns to creation. Thus does the Truth testify. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that attain!

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He is the Hearing, the Answering One! O Maryam, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Eternity! Thou didst seek forgiveness from the heaven of divine will. Verily He hath forgiven thee, and at thy mention the ocean of forgiveness did surge. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, hearkened unto His call, and attained unto His verses. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have desired to make mention of thy daughter who was named Khadijih, upon the pathway of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Khadijih! Remember thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Eternity, for having turned unto Thy handmaiden and remembered her with a remembrance whereby the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee were attracted." O My handmaiden! Take My Book with a strength from Me and place thy trust in Him, then remember Him throughout the nights and days. Thus have We taught thee and commanded thee with that which shall be with thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. O My handmaiden, O Fatimih! Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of the generosity of

the Lord of Eternity that whose fragrance shall not be cut off and whose traces the passage of centuries and ages shall not efface. It behooveth thee to say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having remembered me in Thy prison. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.” O Sahib! Thou hast been mentioned in the Most Holy Court and hast attained unto that for the recognition of which all have been brought from nothingness into being. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. And woe unto the handmaiden who hath turned away and been transformed into the likeness of her kind. Verily she is of the deniers in My perspicuous Book. O Sultan! The All-Merciful maketh mention of thee with that which attracteth the hearts of the sincere ones. We have remembered thee and those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw you nigh unto Him in every world of His worlds and to ordain for you that whereby your names shall endure on a Tablet that hath shone forth from the horizon of the luminary of God’s loving-kindness - the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great. And We make mention of My handmaidens there and give them the glad-tidings of this bounty that hath encompassed all created things and this remembrance that hath preceded all existing things. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Compelling over all who are in earth and heaven.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O peoples of the earth! The gate of divine generosity hath been opened in the Most Great Scene - turn ye unto it with humility and repentance. The Hidden Mystery hath been revealed, for the Manifestation of Revelation hath come. Draw nigh unto Him, O people of insight! The Truth hath spoken among creation - blessed is he who hath attained unto His utterance, and woe unto every doubtful polytheist. The darkest night hath been illumined as the dawn breathed forth from the horizon of eternity. Come ye and hasten, O peoples of creation, and tarry not for less than a moment. The light of divine unity hath shone forth when darkness had encompassed all creatures - this is a bounty whose mention all pens are powerless to make. The limbs of darkness have trembled at this light shining from the horizon of this station. Beware lest the conditions of self and passion withhold you from the Lord of the first and the last. Turn ye unto God, the Lord of all return. Behold and remember when the All-Bestowing came: the buzzing of flies rose up and objected to God, the Lord of all men. The pebbles testified and the date-pit glorified, while the transgressors remained heedless and opposed Him Who possesseth the Mother Book. Say: O My loved ones! Adorn your temples with the ornament of remembrance and utterance, and your hearts with the sweet savors of your Lord, the All-Merciful, that perchance the people of possibility may become aware and turn unto God, Who giveth life to bones. All things have been stirred by the breezes of revelation while they remain in heedlessness and error. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Countenance and directed thyself to Him through Whom the Cry arose between earth and heaven, souls were troubled and mountain peaks shook. How many a lofty one hath fallen through following self and passion, and how many a lowly one hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all beings. All things are within His mighty grasp - He doeth what He willeth in His dominion and ruleth by His sovereignty as He pleaseth. We have remembered thee in this Tablet that thy remembrance may endure in the kingdom of thy Lord, the

Mighty, the Most High. Arise to remembrance and praise and say: O people of creation! The Lord of Names hath come - draw nigh unto Him and follow not every polytheist who hath denied God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

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In the Name of God, the Most Pure

O Leaf of the Divine Tree! Blessed art thou, for the breezes of thy Lord's mercy have stirred thee, severed thee from all else, and turned thee toward the Most Holy Paradise where the lights have dawned from the countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Happy art thou for having drunk from the cup of camphor, the pure wine in this Revelation wherein hath appeared the Preserved Tablet that was hidden from the eyes of the heedless. Therefore God proclaims His greatness upon thy face from this remote prison, and through His proclamation the tongues of all things speak forth the glorification of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Stand firm then in His love and inhale the fragrance of holiness from My garment that hath been suspended between the heavens and the earth. O Leaf! By God, wert thou to behold it with thine eyes, thou wouldst find it pierced by the spears of the polytheists and the arrows of the deniers. Every thread thereof crieth out between earth and heaven saying: "O peoples of earth and heaven! If ye desire to gaze upon your Best Beloved, the Most High, look upon me that ye may know what hath befallen Him at the hands of the hosts of Satan. Behold, O people, the blood that floweth from me - it is indeed the blood of God, yet the people are in manifest heedlessness."

Were We to detail for thee what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst hear the lamentation of the Concourse on High and the cry of the angels drawn nigh. I am indeed the Youth heralded by the Primal Point and, before Him, by the Prophets and Messengers. Yet when I came from the heaven of command and rent asunder the veils, there arose the clamor of the perverse ones who broke God's covenant and His testament, cast the Bayan behind their backs, and worshipped the calf instead of God. Woe unto them from the torment of a mighty day!

And thou, open thy tongue in My remembrance and praise among My handmaidens, that they may detach themselves from their own selves and desires and turn unto the King of kings and rulers. Verily thy Lord knoweth what hath befallen thee. Grieve not in His path, but place thy trust in Him. He will, in truth, protect thee from the harm of the corrupt ones. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have shown patience in hardship out of love for God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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O friends of God in Turbat! In My Name, the One manifest from the horizon of the invisible! God calls His loved ones there and reminds them of the verses of God, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful, that they

may be assured of God's grace and mercy and follow what hath been sent down from the presence of One knowing and wise. O My loved ones! Hold fast unto My commandments. By My life, they are the impregnable fortress for all nations and through them God protecteth you from the insinuations of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. We have ordained the laws and made them the Kawthar of life for whoso hath turned unto the All-Merciful. Drink ye therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Be ye as firm mountains in your Lord's Cause and hold fast unto this strong cord. Verily it is more enduring than the heaven and whatsoever hath been created therein. Blessed is he who holdeth fast thereunto, and woe unto them that turn away. We counsel you to be trustworthy and truthful that God's trustworthiness may be manifest in all else and that those in the heavens and earth may glorify Him. Be ye emblems of fidelity, the essence of creation, and dawning-places of virtuous character for all the world. Act ye according to what We have sent down in Our Most Holy Book. Verily it is more resplendent than the light of the sun, were ye of them that know. Beware lest anything prevent you from that which your Lord, the Mighty, the Great, hath desired. We have desired good for you in all worlds of Our worlds. Soon this world shall pass away and ye shall find yourselves in an exalted station. The Kingdom hath been created for your sakes and the Realm of Might calleth you unto this lofty seat. Give thanks unto God for having preferred you above most of creation and made you recognize the Dayspring of His Cause when every idolatrous transgressor turned away. They who have borne hardships in this path are among the choicest of creation - to this doth My truthful, faithful tongue bear witness. They who are heedless this day shall return unto God and lament for their deeds in this radiant, resplendent Day. Be ye so firm in the Cause that neither the malice of the malevolent nor the fabrications of the deniers shall frighten or deter you. He is with you under all conditions - He heareth and seeth. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thus hath the sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of wisdom as a grace from Us, and I am verily the Ancient Bestower. Glory be upon you and upon those who have followed God's command when it was sent down from His mighty, wondrous kingdom.

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In His Name, Who is exalted above all names! He Who is mentioned makes mention of His Lord, when He appeared with His Name through which the heaven was rolled up, the sun was darkened, the moon was eclipsed, and the Balance was set up. We make mention of him who has turned towards God, and We remind him of what the Spirit casts upon Me of the verses of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Say: We have weighed all things with a word from Our presence, and verily it is the Balance amidst all created things, and through it We have completed the reckoning of creation. Verily thy Lord is swift to reckon. At every moment the Herald calls out, but none hear save those endowed with inner sight and hearing. O people of the earth! Hearken unto that whereunto the Lord of all beings calls you, and follow not every ignorant doubter. He has come for your salvation and to purify your souls from that which veils you from God, the Revealer of verses. The eye was created for this Most Great Vision, and the ear for this Call which God has made the Kawthar of life for the people of Paradise and the Choice Sealed Wine for all created things. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who has granted this bounty which has encompassed all in the heavens and on earth. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of recognizing the Dawning-Place of Names, your ears from hearkening to this Most Sweet Call, and your eyes from My

Most Exalted Horizon. Cast away what knowledge ye possess and turn unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. By God! We have sent the Messengers for this Day and created creation for the recognition of this Station which God has made the Dayspring of lights. Say: Today neither the world nor what it contains shall profit you. Leave it to its people and turn unto Him Who speaks with truth in this City wherein naught is heard from its precincts save the croaking of the raven. Say: The raven is he who turns away from the Truth and speaks according to his own desires. Thus have We detailed the matter in the Book. Were We to mention what hath befallen Us in this Prison, it could not be exhausted by pens, scrolls and tablets. Be thou not saddened by anything. Place thy trust in God, then make mention of Him amongst the servants. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee that which shall cause the mountains to soar. Take hold of the Book with the power of God, then thank Him for this bounty which equals not anything created in existence.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad-'Ali! Upon thee be the Glory of God! Praise be to God that thou hast attained, both before and after, unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. The pen and the tongue are powerless to describe this station. The entire world was brought from nothingness into being specifically for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, and was adorned with the ornament of existence. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Sun of Revelation, all were found to be deprived save whom God willed.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message, for having made known to me Thy proof, for having aided me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and the Dawning-Place of Thy attributes, O Thou Lord of Names, and for having preserved me on the path until I arrived at Thy Most Great Prison. Thy favors and gifts have encompassed me, such that Thou didst cause me to hear Thy most sweet call and didst show me the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, O Creator of the heavens. Through Thy grace and bounty I attained to that which the near ones attained, and through Thy loving-kindness and bestowals that which the sincere ones attained.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over both the unseen and the visible, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the kingdom of names and didst guide the people of the realm of creation to the most exalted summit, to render me in all conditions empowered to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Do not deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity, the ocean of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge Thy unity and Thy singleness, and that there is nothing like unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, by the stations which Thou hast honored with Thy footsteps, and by the verses which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will, to make me in all conditions hold fast to Thy cord, cling to the hem of the robe of Thy grace, be detached from all else but Thee, and speak forth Thy praise. Thou art He Whom nothing

whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou pleasest by Thy power and ordainest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

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Let him be honored with the Most Luminous Gaze, the presence of my heart's Beloved, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be from all the Most Glorious Glory. 152

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who created us and guided us to the straight path, and blessing and peace be upon the Guide of ways and the Seal of Messengers through whom the book of the world was sealed, and upon His chosen ones, His pure ones and His loved ones who called the servants unto God, the King of the Day of Judgment. And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. The servant was gladdened by what shone forth and appeared from the horizon of your words and your utterances which were adorned with praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. When I read and became informed, I presented myself before the Face and submitted it. Then the tongue of the Beloved spoke and said: "O thou who gazeth upon the Cause and turneth toward the Countenance! We have heard what thou mentioned regarding the one who came to thee. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in His remembrance and praise and to confirm him in what He hath commanded in His Book. Verily He is the Giver, the Answerer, the Mighty, the Generous. And We have written for him that from which the sincere ones will find the fragrance of love and affection. To this doth every just and perceiving one testify. We send greetings upon the faces of the loved ones who act with goodness out of love for God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We send greetings upon thee and upon thy family, female and male. And praise be to God, the Possessor of the unseen and the seen." End.

The evanescent servant in all conditions remembers your honor and your presence and the presence of the brothers who cast away that which is rejected to its people and took up that which is good as a command from the All-Merciful in the Furqan, and remembers his honor Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, and his brother, then his brother, upon them both be the loving-kindness of God and His grace, and beseeches Him, exalted be He, to make them among His chosen ones in His earth. Verily He is the Protector of every rememberer, the Answerer of every supplicant, the Merciful to every seeker of mercy, and the Goal of every perceiving speaker. And he sends greetings upon the people of your household and says at the end of his words: Verily praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the 27th of Shawwal

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who hath opened the gate of divine knowledge to all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and hath spoken forth the Most Great Word, whereupon the ocean of names surged, the kingdom of creation appeared, and the Dove of the Command warbled upon the branches. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Chosen One. And the prayer shining forth from the horizon of His Will be upon the Sovereign of existence and Dawning-Place of bounty, through Whom the oneness of God was made manifest among the peoples, the horizon of the world was illumined, and through Whom God's commandments and laws were sent down and His religion and mysteries were revealed. And upon His family and companions, through whom the sun of justice shone forth and the moon of grace appeared and the heaven of equity was raised up and adorned with the stars of loving-kindness and beneficence. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto them and cleaveth to their hems, and woe betide the heedless and the doubtful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

It is submitted that your letter indicating and testifying to your good health was received, bringing joy and delight. Praise be to God in all conditions. God willing, may you ever drink from the cup of grace and be occupied with His mention and praise. Soon will these diverse colors return to the one-colored pavilion of God, exalted be His glory. This morning, the seventeenth, while the lamp was lit and this servant was occupied with writing, mysterious circumstances appeared and the servant attained the presence, where mention was made of you and it was stated: "God willing, may his mention remain eternal and enduring in the ledger of the world, throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven." End quote. Praise be to God, His grace hath been and continueth to be with you. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to achieve that which is beneficial for all and is His good-pleasure. The two letters that arrived were sent on - let them be forwarded. The wick and comb also arrived. It is requested that if wisdom permiteth, convey greetings to the friends and loved ones. This servant hath ever been and remaineth occupied with their mention. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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The Most Great, Honored and Beloved Afnan, His Honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him. May he be favored with the most luminous glance.

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be to God Who hath described Himself as the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the Knower of all things. I was present before the Throne when the Ancient Beauty turned towards me and said, exalted be His grandeur and mighty His proof: "The Sacred House desired to turn towards God, the Lord of all worlds. We withheld the Pen from giving permission, but at this hour the sun of Will hath shone forth from the horizon of loving-kindness and We have permitted her, as a token of Our grace, for We are the Bountiful, the All-Wise. She may turn towards the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty accompanied by one of My Afnans. Thus hath the decree been sent down from Him Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet."

“We command [al-Khalil] and My Afnan to consult regarding this matter. If they find it in accordance with what We have sent down of wisdom in the Book, they may proceed; otherwise, to wait is preferable. Thus hath the decree shone forth from the Supreme Horizon from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

Since the decree of wisdom and consultation hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in God’s Book, therefore the True One Himself hath desired to act accordingly, that it may serve as a path for those who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon him who heareth the Word and acteth according to what hath been commanded by God, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

What was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur is what has been recorded here. And He said that this year or next year, whenever wisdom requireth, they may proceed, for the Most Exalted Leaf - upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God and His Most Resplendent Light - hath long made this request of the True One, hence permission hath been granted. However, all must be done in accordance with wisdom. The Command is in His hand and the decree revolves around the will of our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon you and upon those who remember you and love you for the sake of God, the Goal of all worlds.

The Servant

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Already translated for the first paragraph. For the second paragraph (Marriage Prayer):

In His Name, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful

Praise be to God, the Eternal that perisheth not, the Everlasting that knoweth no decline, Who hath witnessed unto His own Being by His own Self that He is indeed the One, the Single, the Unrestrained, the Exalted. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, acknowledging His oneness and confessing His singleness. He hath ever dwelt in unapproachable heights, in the summits of His loftiness, sanctified above the mention of all else save Him, and beyond the comprehension of aught else except Him. When He desired to manifest grace and beneficence to men, and to set the world in order, He revealed observances and created laws; among them He established the law of marriage, made it as a fortress for well-being and salvation, and enjoined it upon us in that which was sent down from the heaven of sanctity in His Most Holy Book. He saith, great is His glory: “Marry, O people, that from you may appear he who will remember Me amongst My servants; this is one of My commandments unto you; obey it as an assistance to yourselves.” And we pray for and grant peace upon the Utterance amongst the people of Baha who have expended their utmost effort to exalt this luminous Faith and were not deterred by the censure of the censurer. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Abdul-Karim the emigrant, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God, thou hast emigrated twice in the path of the One Friend and hast attained thy desired goal. This peerless bounty requireth gratitude, and gratitude for it is to remain steadfast in God's Cause and to manifest such deeds and character as would attract the hearts of the heedless and the minds of those who hesitate. Through the grace of the All-Merciful, turn toward Iran with the utmost joy and fragrance. Speak for the sake of God, for a word spoken for His sake is like unto a tree whose fruit will surely appear in the world. Observe outer beauty: if but one ray from the divine name "the Beautiful" is manifested in a person, hearts and minds are seen to be attracted. But by the life of God! The power and might of inner beauty is a thousand times greater and more glorious. Blessed is the soul that hath attained this most exalted station. Whosoever acteth according to and is adorned with goodly deeds, pure words and spiritual qualities - such a one possesseth inner beauty in the sight of God, exalted be His glory. Forget not the divine counsels and preserve the pearls of His love. We make mention in this station of thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim! The Wronged One remembereth thee for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Creator of heaven and the Lord of Names. Verily thy Lord's knowledge encompasseth all things. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure. Be thou grateful to God for this mighty favor. Thou didst turn and hear the Call and respond to thy Ancient Lord, at Whose appearance from the heaven of the divine Command all necks bowed low and every mighty one was shaken. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have sacrificed their souls in this Straight Path. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of the Peerless Friend! Today is a victorious day, for the fragrance of the One Who conversed on Sinai is diffused therein. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto His fragrance and been illumined by His light. O leaves and handmaidens! Hold fast unto the Sacred Tree with such power and might that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the turning away of the deniers shall be able to separate you therefrom. This blessed Day hath been mentioned in the presence of God and designated as the Day of God. Strive that ye may attain unto its fruits. Whoso attaineth thereunto hath attained unto everlasting life and eternal blessing. O My handmaidens and leaves! It is hoped that ye will be moved by the breezes of the will of God, exalted be His glory, and become detached and free from all else but Him. The days of the first and the last cannot compare with this Day, for the King of Manifestation is seated upon the throne of bounty before all faces. Blessed are the men and women who circle round it, who have taken their portion from this most great favor and received their share from the ocean of knowledge. O my handmaiden! My Name, upon him be My glory, sent thy letter to the Most Holy Court, and it attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which most of the servants and handmaidens have not attained. Blessed be Tuba who hath attained unto My remembrance in My Most Great Prison and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of eternity. We give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens who have turned towards

Me. By the life of God! There hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen for them that which shall never cease to be mentioned as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. This everlasting bounty is the cause and means of eternal life, and bounty in the first rank and station is that remembrance which is sent down from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for the servants and handmaidens. Happy are they that attain! The glory from Us be upon thee, O My handmaiden, and upon those with thee, and upon every handmaiden who hath attained unto this glorious and wondrous Day.

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O Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Guardian over all who are on earth and in heaven! Today the pearls of the Ocean of Utterance of the Desired One of the worlds appear in the form of words on tablets from the Supreme Pen. The heavenly feast of divine knowledge descends in every moment from the heaven of God's Will. Glory be to God! Despite the fact that verses have encompassed all directions and clear proofs appear manifest before all faces, the unjust servants have begun complaint instead of gratitude, turned away instead of approaching, and denied instead of acknowledging. We testify that they have violated God's covenant and His testament, and denied His proof and His evidence. Thus have their souls enticed them. We testify that they are among the most lost in God's Book, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My verses, say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, and glory be to Thee, O my Desired One! Thou seest me turning away from all else save Thee and advancing toward the court of Thy might, clinging to Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the seal of Thy choice sealed wine was opened. I beseech Thee to make me among those whom the ranks of the oppressors have not prevented from turning to the lights of Thy justice, and whom the veils of the people of error have not hindered from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants. I ask of Thee to assist me in that whereby my remembrance will endure throughout the duration of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. By Thy glory! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me, and remoteness from the precincts of Thy nearness hath caused my death. My God, my God! Deprive me not of the ocean of Thy mercy nor the dawning splendors of the Sun of Thy oneness. Thou art He Who hath testified through Thy generosity to all created things, and through Thy bounty to all existence, both seen and unseen. I beseech Thee not to withhold Thy party from the Euphrates of Thy grace nor from the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Forbearing.

We testify that thou hast drunk the choice wine of meeting from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, and hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Books of the Messengers. It behooveth thee to thank thy Lord throughout the duration of His glorious and wondrous kingdom.

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In the Name of God, the One, the Peerless! Hearken unto that which is being revealed to thee from the right hand of the throne of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Turn with thy whole being to the Lord of all who turn to Him. By God! Thy faith profiteth Me not, nor doth the denial of them that have turned away harm Me. I summon thee purely for the sake of thy Lord, and He Himself sufficeth as a witness between Me and thee. Thou hast not yet grasped the root of the matter. We concealed it aforetime to protect it from the harm of the oppressors. Cast aside all that thou hast heard, then look upon the verses themselves, that the sun of the beauty of thy Lord might shine forth upon thee from the horizon of His name, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Or reflect upon that which hath appeared in this Revelation and what others have wrought. By God! If thou wouldst be fair, thou wouldst say: "I believe in the Lord of all worlds." Consider how the people of the Qur'an turned away from the All-Merciful and opposed Him Who called them at all times, that thou mayest perceive who remaineth today veiled by a mighty veil. That which is attributed to the Truth is indeed musk whose fragrance is diffused, yet none can detect it save those who turn to the All-Merciful with radiant countenance. I desire naught for Myself, but rather for God's sake, were ye of them that know. And I desire naught save ascension unto Him, for He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And I love naught except what is with God, and I summon no one save to that which I am commanded by the Almighty, the Ancient of Days. In these days I am as one sitting beneath the sword, yet even in this state I summon the servants unto the Dayspring of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Soon will the messenger of death come; then shall no one find escape. Seest thou any protector save God? Nay, by Him Who came with the truth with manifest sovereignty! Dost thou see any trace of former generations? Hear My counsel: forsake the world behind thee and turn to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. By His leave the breezes of grace pass by; turn to Him and deprive not thyself of them. Beware lest thou be among them that hesitate. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things, and with Him is a preserving Book. And glory be upon the people of glory who have detached themselves from all save God and turned with radiant faces to the Dayspring of grace. They are indeed among the triumphant.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

O Nabil, before Sadiq! Hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from the right hand of the Throne, which is better for thee than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths. He, verily, there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and grandeur, the power and transcendent sovereignty. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life, and He, verily, is the Self-Subsisting in His Own Being, the Self-Sufficient in His Essence, exalted above the comprehension of all created things.

O Pen of Command! Make mention in the Tablet of that which Satan uttered in those days when he said unto his hosts: "Come ye and help me, that your names may endure upon the earth." Thus did he whisper into the breasts of the idolaters. Say: O thou who associateth partners with God! Did his name profit Pharaoh upon the earth, or Nimrod by that which the servants make mention of him? Nay, by Him Who

holdeth my soul in His hands! Nothing profited them, and they are now among those brought before the fire.

Say: O people! Consider his followers. By God! They worship names and perceive it not. Nay, were ye to ponder upon them, ye would find them to be worshippers of their own names. Thus hath it been sent down in truth, that ye may be among those who understand. Look, then, upon him and those who follow him. Woe unto him and unto them! They shall soon return to their abode in the nethermost depths. By God, the Truth! They soar in the atmosphere of vain imaginings and worship vain imaginings, and their purpose in what they do is none other than to lead astray those who have turned towards the Most Sublime Vision and were of them that drew nigh.

Say: O people! Guard yourselves against these ones, then take refuge in God from their scheming. Thus doth your Lord command you in a preserved Tablet of might. Detach yourselves from them and hold fast unto God, your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: We have sufficed with God apart from all else, and become independent through Him from all creation. Thus have We taught thee in truth that thou mayest be possessed of clear certitude.

Verily, for those who are steadfast in this Cause, a mighty station hath been ordained, and they are indeed among the most exalted of creation in the sight of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have been illumined by this Sun which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon! The heaven with the most high call crieth out and saith: The Promised One hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered the realms of meaning and utterance, and with a power before which no power in the world can stand. To this beareth witness the Ancient of Days in the Most Great Prison, but most of the people are heedless. The Sun proclaimeth and saith: O people of the earth! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the key of the bounty of the Lord of Names. Cast aside what is with the people and turn ye unto the splendors of the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds. Nothing among all things shall profit you, nor that which is with the divines and the mystics. Break asunder the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings in the name of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O ’Abd! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee with that which causeth the near ones to perceive the fragrance of the bounty of thy Lord, the Generous. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning and orientation toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou hast drunk the choice wine sealed through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hast turned toward the horizon of revelation with such turning that neither the clamor of the divines nor the oppression of the princes hindered thee. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in this station which hath been named by all names by God, the Lord of the sincere ones. The Faithful Spirit hath appeared and mentioned thee time after time. We have remembered thee again and again. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. When thou dost find the fragrance of thy Lord’s utterance, arise and say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and detaching myself from all else but

Thee. I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy grandeur and the banners of Thy power and the mysteries of Thy Book and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me a standard of Thy remembrance in Thy lands and an ensign of Thy utterance amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy of answering prayer. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Crimson Scroll and the Ark which hath sailed in Thy name upon the sea of names, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for the near ones among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

The Wronged One calleth out to thee and giveth thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, from this Spot which hath been named at one time the Most Exalted Horizon, at another the Heaven of heavens, and at still another the Most Great Prison and the Most Beautiful Names. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Ghani! The ocean of bounty hath turned toward thee and desireth to cast upon thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of this noble station. Say: O peoples of the earth! Be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation, and be not of the wrongdoers. The verses have encompassed all directions and the Day-Star of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Observe, then be fair, and be not of them who recognized God's favor, then denied it and caused their people to dwell in the fire. Say: We have not entered schools, yet We have sent down from the heaven of knowledge and wisdom that before which all the learning of the earth hath bowed down, as every discerning one doth testify. Say: This is a Day wherein fancies and idle imaginings will profit you not. Fear God and be not of the ignorant. Cast away what ye possess of the divines and jurists of the earth, and take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him. He, verily, is the Commander, the All-Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth as a grace from Us, and I am verily the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause, gazing toward My horizon, turning unto My countenance, and speaking My beauteous praise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Purpose and my Hope! I testify that this Day is Thy Day and this Manifestation Thy Manifestation. Thou hast appeared and revealed through Thy conquering power what lay hidden in the treasuries of inner meanings and concealed in the repositories of utterance, and Thou hast made manifest the Way and sent down the Proof. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy creatures. O my Lord! I behold the reins of expression in the grasp of Thy power and the bridles of understanding in the right hand of Thy will. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

O Ahmad! Hearken unto the Call of God from the direction of the Divine Decree - verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. Leave this land by Our command; thus have We sent down the decree from the heaven of Divine Justice and confirmed it in truth. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth whatsoever He willeth. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in all thy affairs in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Beware lest thou speak that which may cause harm to the Root of the Tree. Deal with the people, for they are weak and fail to comprehend subtle utterance, and they are in manifest obscurity. If thou findest one who is receptive, rend asunder his veils with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, command thee, and the decree hath come from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing.

When thou settest out, say: “O my Lord! I have left Thy vicinity by Thy leave. Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to do this and for having made me one of those who are content with what Thou hast decreed for them. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

O Ahmad! Be content with what God hath ordained for thee and be not grieved by those who have denied God and His signs. He is with thee under all conditions; verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Thine eyes have been gladdened by gazing upon the countenance of thy Lord. By God, thou hast attained to that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and thou hast heard the Call of thy Lord from the Dawning-Place of His mighty and impregnable utterance. Walk thou in His name, move by His love, and turn thy face toward the direction of His good-pleasure. Thus hath the command been sent down and the decree been fulfilled by thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds.

Rejoice in what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen from thy Lord, the Lord of all names. This sufficeth thee above the dominion of the heavens and of the earth. When the Tablet of God and its trace reach thee, place thy right cheek upon the ground in humility and submission and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!”

Finally, beware lest thou speak that which may impel hearts to deny it, even though thou mayest have justification for it. Speak that which draweth hearts unto the direction of thy Lord. This is My counsel unto thee; make it the object of thy vision. Seize it and be thou of the thankful ones.

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He is the All-Knowing, the Most Glorious!

O My companion on the pages and My name in the Books! Hearken unto the Call of God from the shore of the Ancient Sea in the luminous spot from the Most Glorious Tree - verily there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful. God’s curse be upon him who hath wronged thee and denied thy rights in the Bayan. We testify that he is among the wrongdoers. Grieve thou not - God hath frustrated what they

intended and hath sent down for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure amongst the worlds. Arise by My leave from the horizon of the heaven of My Cause and convey unto the people with wisdom and utterance. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest those in the contingent world prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. Consider the people of the Bayan and their lack of understanding. They have denied Him by Whose name the heaven of the Bayan was adorned with the sun of wisdom and exposition. But for Him the Tree of Sinai would not have spoken nor would the Dove of the Cause have warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Revelation. Thus hath the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: O people! Were anyone to inhale, he would detect from every letter revealed in the Bayan the fragrance of My luminous garment. Say: This is He Whose covenant God took before His own covenant and before the creation of the heavens and earths. The winds of destiny have blown from the direction of might and power and deprived them of stability. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth. After Our arrival in the Most Great Prison, We delivered God's messages to the East and West of the earth that all might know that tribulations prevented not their Lord, the Most Glorious, from what He desired. And from the horizon of the Prison We summon the nations unto God, the Lord of eternity. Thus have We manifested power despite those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Leave the heedless in their vain disputes, then remember thy Lord with spirit and fragrance. He is with thee and will aid thee with truth at all times. Make mention of the son on My behalf and give him glad tidings of My remembrance of him. Soon will God remove those who have wronged without clear proof or enlightening Book. And glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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O Handmaiden of God, Ruhani! In My Name, the Most Spiritual! O fragrant flower of remembrance and spiritual in title! Hearken to the call that hath been raised from the direction of thy Lord's Throne, the Most High, the Most Great. Verily, through the call of God are drawn the hearts of the pure ones, and were all who are in the heavens and earth to hear it, they would detach themselves from all things and turn toward the precincts of the Throne, the seat whereon thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, is established. Blessed is thy tongue for having been loosened in remembrance of thy Lord, and thy heart for having recognized thy Lord, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy. That which thou didst compose out of love for God, the Beloved of those who know Him, hath come before the Countenance, and unto it were directed the glances of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, then speak forth His remembrance and praise amongst His devoted handmaidens, that they may be drawn to the Dayspring of the Countenance, this hallowed and luminous horizon. Verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions and will aid thee through utterance in remembrance of His Self, the Most Merciful. He, verily, is powerful over all things. Speak thou! Remember thou! Be thou devoted! This is better for thee than all the treasures of earth. Thus doth thy Lord testify with a wondrous tongue of truth. Turn thy face toward the precincts of the Throne and say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Beloved, for having caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Most Exalted Self in this latter resurrection, and for having enabled me to voice His praise between earth and heaven. I beseech Thee then, by Thy Beauty through which were gladdened the

eyes of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, not to deprive me of what lieth with Thee of Thy great gifts and mighty favors. Thou, verily, art powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus doth command thee the Beloved One Who is imprisoned in the land of exile through what the hands of the iniquitous have wrought. Convey from Us Our greetings upon the countenance of thy father and mother, and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the True King, the Manifest Justice. The Spirit be upon thee, then the Glory be upon thee, then the Light be upon thee from the presence of One mighty and beauteous. Blessed are the handmaidens who hearken to thy melodies in remembrance of thy Lord, and blessed are Our successful handmaidens and successful servants.

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O Servant who gazes upon the Countenance! We have heard your call and become aware of what lies within your heart and breast. Give thanks to your Lord for having aided you to recognize His Self and for causing you to hear His call in these days wherein the hearts of the mystics are bewildered. Were the veil to be lifted, you would soar with longing in this sanctified and luminous atmosphere. Preserve the elixir of your Lord's love within your heart, lest Our faithless servants discover it. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made my heart a treasury of Thy love and for having deposited therein that which Thou hast denied to most of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol were revealed, and through which the sun of what was and what shall be shone forth from the horizon of Thy Will, to send down upon me at all times that which will draw me nigh unto the court of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, that I may detach myself from all created things, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of possibility! O Lord! Deprive not this fish from immersion in the sea of Thy oneness, nor this leaf from the Lote-Tree of Thy singleness, nor this bird from soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and good-pleasure. O Lord! Thou art He Who, through a word from Thy presence, distinguished between all created things and through it attracted the hearts of those immersed in the depths of names and attributes. Thou hast ever been the Sustainer of all created things and exalted above all who dwell on earth and in the heavens. I beseech Thee to render me purified from all allusions, detached from all else save Thee, and turning toward the Kaaba of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! Clothe me with the robe of forgiveness and purify me from whatsoever prevents me from turning to Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of grace and bounty! There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Powerful. Remember on Our part him who was named Nabil before Mahdi, that he may rejoice within himself and be among the steadfast. We beseech God to assist him to attain recognition at all times and to send down upon him that which is better for him than whatsoever hath been created in the realms of existence. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Helper.

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O Seyyed Ali-Akbar-i-Dahaj! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! O servant! Know thou the value of these days. By God! The eyes of those gone before have not witnessed their like, nor shall

the eyes of those to come behold their equal. Know that this Revelation hath no peer nor likeness. God hath sanctified it above all semblances and similitudes, and none knoweth this save Our sincere servants. Seize thou its worth, then seek thy Lord's grace therein, and be in manifest joy and delight. Grieve thou for naught save My imprisonment and tribulation, and weep not except for separation from Me. Thus doth this Most Holy, Most Exalted Pen command thee. Be thou so steadfast in thy Lord's Cause that the words of men shall not affect thee. Cast behind thee every mention and hold fast to the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Purify thy heart from all allusions, then make it a receptacle for the love of My Name, the All-Merciful, and be not of the heedless. Guard thyself lest the whisperings of Satan change thee. Seek aid in the remembrance of God, thy Lord, then draw strength from His power and sovereignty, and hold fast to His strong cord. Forget not His covenant, and consort not with those on whose faces thou findest the darkness of fire. Be companion to My loved ones whose faces shine with the radiance of bliss. Taste thou the sweetness of utterance from that which the Pen of the All-Merciful hath set in motion, for He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Glorious. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth through His firm, wondrous command. Restrain thyself from that which thou art forbidden, then be content with what hath been ordained for thee in the heaven of God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Preserve what hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of grace, then recite it throughout the days and be not of the heedless ones. Verily thy Lord is with thee, exalting whom He willeth as He pleaseth, and strengthening those who have believed as He desireth. Convey Our glorification to thy mother's face, then gladden her with tidings of My good-pleasure, My grace, My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all the worlds. And glory be upon the people of glory whose faces are illumined by the lights of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Wondrous! O Most Exalted Pen! Today is your day. Move by My Most Glorious Name across the pages of creation, and make mention of him who turned towards God, the Lord of Names, when every idolater and doubter was heedless of Him, that he may inhale the breath of life from the call of the All-Merciful and be seized with such joy that no sorrow shall ever overtake him. Verily, he who hath drunk from the Most Great Ocean is indeed a light to the world amidst all peoples. Thus hath the Lord of Eternity testified in the Scriptures and Tablets. And if his light be veiled, this is due to the veiling of the people. God will soon reveal it through a sovereignty from Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

Thy letter hath come and been read before the Throne. This is of His grace, with which nothing in all creation can compare. We found therein the fragrance of thy sincerity toward God, the True One, and saw it sanctified from the allusions of the people of the earth. Thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, beareth witness to this. Fear thou nothing. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Revealer of verses. He protecteth whomsoever He willeth through His command, even as He protected Me when I was in the hands of the wicked. He aideth whomsoever He pleaseth through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and supporteth whosoever turneth unto Him when He appeared with the sovereignty of grandeur and power.

Blessed art thou for having attained the Most Great Victory when the Lord of all beings came with standards and ensigns unfurled. Thou hast a station among stations with thy Lord. He will suffice thee in truth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Remember Him by night and by day, and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the hearts of the evil ones who broke God's covenant and His testament and turned back on their heels, following vain imaginings and idle fancies, may be shaken thereby.

Though thou didst not attain the presence before the Throne, We have ordained for thee the reward of one who attained His presence on the day which God made the Lord of all days. The Command is in His hand - He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth, and He shall not be asked of His doings. He is indeed the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee who have turned toward God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

We make mention of the people of Khadra who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, who have shattered the idols of desire in the name of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - He summons you unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Beware lest the crowing of every crow and the doubting of every suspicious ignorant one prevent you. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Soon will Satan call out in the name of the All-Merciful - this is what We have informed you of beforehand, if you be of those who understand. Cast behind you all else but God and take hold of that which you have been commanded in His Mighty Book. God willing, may you be successful through divine favors. The Truth, exalted be His glory, has counseled His servants in Books, Tablets and Scriptures, and has commanded unity and accord. All must fix their gaze upon and act according to that which God has commanded. We enjoin upon you and those who have believed pure justice. Blessed is the one who has attained unto this exalted station. We have heard your call and have answered you that you might rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We counsel all to the Most Great Steadfastness, for the manifestations of Satan, with utmost humility and submissiveness, lie in wait and have led and continue to lead people astray in the name of truth. Guard yourselves, O My loved ones in that land, and be assured with clear certainty. And regarding what you wrote about the brethren, God willing, they will not deviate from the Straight Path nor transgress justice. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast caused rivers to flow and seas to be subdued, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and to enable me to do what Thou lovest and art pleased with, for in Thy grasp are the reins of all things - Thou withholdest and Thou givest, and verily Thou art the Strong, the Powerful. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Exalted Word, to grant me the Most Great Steadfastness and the Greatest Intercession. Verily Thou art the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne and earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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Verily, We make mention of him who hath desired the countenance of God and hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of existence. This is the Day whereon mankind hath arisen before God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day whereof God informed and gave glad tidings unto His servants through His word: “Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God.” Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This is the Day whereon the mountains have been set in motion, yet most of the people understand not. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard that which thou didst call unto God, the Lord of the Frequented Fane. Thy yearning hath attained unto Our hearing, and We have revealed for thee that which no thing among all things, nor any treasure among all treasures, can equal. Hold fast unto the Most Great Name and cleave unto the hem of God, the Lord of the exalted Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur did speak and summon all unto His praiseworthy habitation. Among the people is he whom the attraction of the verses of thy Lord did so seize that he cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity. He came, heard, and responded, attaining unto that which was recorded in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in My preserved Tablet. Thou didst seek forgiveness from the ocean of thy Lord’s mercy, the All-Merciful. We have purified thee, as a bounty from Us, with the water of loving-kindness and favors. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the Most Kind. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My words and attain unto the traces of My Pen, make mention of My days and what hath befallen Me from Mine enemies who cast the Command of God behind their backs, following every rejected scholar and every forsaken ignorant one. Those who, at mention of Us, arose and said what they said have pronounced judgment against Us, and when We manifested the Cause they turned away from Us and objected to Us with such tyranny as caused the denizens of the Kingdom to lament. We counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted. This is what behooveth him who hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon in this Promised Day. Glory be unto the people of Glory who have held fast unto God’s Covenant and Testament and acted according to what they were commanded in His inscribed Tablet. Praise be unto God, the Lord of Kings and Sovereign of the realm of might.

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He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! The first fragrance wafting from the garment of the favor of the Lord of lords be upon thee, O Abdul-Wahhab! I testify that thou didst rend asunder the veils and shatter, through the power of certitude, the idols of vain imaginings, and didst turn unto God in days wherein the people turned away from the Lord of all beings. Thou art he who cast aside all idle fancies in his longing for My sealed wine, and who took the water of everlasting life in My Most Glorious Name before the faces of all peoples, drinking thereof once in My Name, the Guardian over all names, and again in remembrance of Me, the One sanctified above earth and heaven. I testify that thou didst hear the Call when it was raised in truth, and wast present and didst comprehend that which was hidden in God’s knowledge and recorded in His Books and Scrolls, and didst behold the horizon of Revelation and hear the

voice of Him Who conversed upon the Mount, and didst circle round it on the Day of Resurrection. Thou art he who preferred the Self of God above thine own self in thy longing to attain His presence and seek His good-pleasure, and who was so transported by the rapture of His Call and the scratching of His Most Exalted Pen that thou didst scatter the pearls of thy life at thy Lord's feet. I testify that thou didst believe in the earliest days and didst attain the fountain of true knowledge from the hands of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful. Neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the might of the oppressors deterred thee. Thou didst turn, through the power of the Most Great Name, to that spot whereon God, the Lord of eternity, had manifested Himself, and didst attain the light of reunion at the dawning of the Sun of Beauty from the All-Possessing, the Most High. Blessed is he who speaketh in praise of thee, who remembereth thy sacrifice and virtuous qualities, who visiteth thy resting-place and reciteth that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Grace in the Most Great Prison. Joy be to him whose heart is adorned with the ornament of thy love. I call God and His angels and His Prophets and His Messengers to witness that thou didst perform in His path that which amazed the Concourse on High. I beseech Him, exalted is He, to send down upon thee at all times a mercy from the heaven of His bounty and rain from the clouds of His grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Zabih, upon whom be the Glory of God!

O Zabih! Thou hast been created to teach mankind. Silence and inaction are not permissible. In this day it is incumbent upon souls like thee to journey to lands both near and far, purely for the sake of the All-Wise One, and to quicken lifeless bones to everlasting life through the fragrant breezes of the mention of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. The loved ones of God must, like the morning breeze, waft over every land, that all regions of the earth may be blessed with the Most Great Bounty. Be thou a throbbing artery in the body of the world and a wind blowing over the nations. For the teachers of the Cause of the Lord of the worlds, conditions have been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Clear Tablet. God willing, thou shouldst, with thine eyes fixed upon it, turn to certain directions, that perchance those extinguished may be ignited by the fire of remembrance, and those frozen may be melted by the flowing waters of utterance. Cast upon the graves that which hath been sent down from the heaven of this Revelation, that they may arise to serve thy Lord and soar in this atmosphere which God hath made sanctified from the mention of all else.

O Zabih! Gird up the loins of service and arise to teach God's Cause. Be not grieved by the disorder of outward affairs. God will set right whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The gaze of Our loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards thee and will, God willing, continue to be so. Be thou assured and numbered with the thankful. Beware lest the affairs of the contingent world withhold thee from utterance, or the cares of time prevent thee from the joy that is hidden in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. We have ordained for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of them that behold and rejoice the hearts of the sincere ones. Give thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions and arise to serve Him amongst His servants. Thus doth the Lord of creation command thee. He, verily, is the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Read thou what hath been sent

down unto thee from the realm of the favors of thy Lord. It will attract thee to a station wherein thou wilt choose naught save that which the All-Encompassing One hath chosen. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those that are with thee, from thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Abdullah, who has attained to the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Supreme Recognition! O Abdullah, consider the words of Ansari who said: “My God, if Thou shouldst but once address someone as ‘My servant,’ his laughter would transcend the Throne.” And now, manifestly and evidently, the King of Creation has addressed thee from the realm of oneness by this name. Through the grace of the All-Merciful, thou must become so intoxicated and attracted by the choice wine of the utterances of the Lord of all possibility that the heat of thy love may influence the hearts of men. God willing, mayest thou discover the sweetness of this blessed word as befitteth it, that its delight may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today every soul is commanded to invite the people of the contingent world to the Truth through wisdom and utterance, and to arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of Names - an arising that no sitting down shall overtake and no cawing of the polytheists shall disturb. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that whosoever today speaks in remembrance and praise of the Truth among the people is recorded among those who have arisen, even if he be resting upon his couch. O Abdullah! The satans are observed lying in ambush - that is, souls who count themselves among the people of the Bayan are secretly and openly engaged in leading the people astray. Say: O people! Guard yourselves and shun these ones, and when any of them appears among you, be as fire in the Cause of your Lord, the Chosen One. By My life! The Bayan is innocent of them, as attested by what hath been sent down in the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great. They make mention of the Bayan while killing those who connect the Bayan with a word from His presence. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them! Leave them to themselves and turn to God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which hath spread the fragrance of thy Lord’s garment, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus doth the Supreme Pen make mention of thee in this Tablet, with which nothing that hath been created in the heavens and earth can compare. When thou attainest unto it and readest it, say: “I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded all created things.”

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In the Name of the Peerless Lord

O Ali! God willing, through divine grace and the outpourings of the All-Merciful, mayest thou be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Lord of all possibilities. Hearken unto the voice of the Prisoner and arise to serve His mighty Cause. Speak forth that which hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen in wondrous and sublime Tablets. Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God, that all differences

may be removed and pure hearts may unite in proclaiming the Cause of the Lord of all created things, drinking the sealed wine in celebration of the Name of the Self-Subsisting.

The essence of the Cause hath been and shall ever be the good-pleasure of God. Should someone manifest all virtuous and praiseworthy deeds, yet God be not pleased with him, it hath yielded and shall yield no fruit whatsoever. And the good-pleasure of God is manifested through the Manifestation of His Cause, for He in His Essence hath never been and shall never be seen. The Dawning-Place, the Manifestation and the Day-Spring of that invisible Sun hath been and shall ever be the Temple of Unity, and His Will and Purpose appear and shine forth from Him. Therefore must all today fix their gaze upon the Dawning-Place of the Cause alone and strive to lead people to the enduring Law.

O Ali! From the beginning of the Cause thy services have been mentioned and known before the Divine Throne, and the breezes of the All-Merciful, in the form of Tablets, have descended upon thee each year. However, this spiritual outpouring was suspended for a time due to certain unpleasing events. Thou must arise to serve the Cause in such wise as shall be acceptable in the presence of God. O Ali! Hold fast to My good-pleasure, heedless of aught else. By God! This is My beloved command, and this is what shall profit thee in this world and the next, if thou be of them that hearken and act.

Had the loved ones until now acted according to what streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen, assuredly most of the servants would now be turning toward the Lord of creation. God hath forgiven what is past. Be thou steadfast in the love of Him Who remembereth thee and desireth for thee that which shall profit thee. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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O friends of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Expositor! The ocean of meanings from the fountain of the Pen of the All-Merciful is ever-flowing and surging. We beseech God not to withhold it from the thirsty ones nor deprive the seekers thereof. O friends! In truth I say, this Day has no peer or likeness, for the ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of generosity is shining resplendent. Strive that perchance ye may attain unto that which shall cause the perpetuation of your existence. Consider how many divines, learned ones, princes, rich and poor were awaiting the Day of God, lamenting and bewailing night and day, yet when the Most Great Luminary appeared from the horizon of the will of the Ancient King, all remained veiled save whom God willed. Give thanks unto the one true God that He aided you and guided you to the highest horizon, and that in these numbered years He hath, through His grace, mentioned and continues to mention you in the Most Great Prison. Although the worth of this bounty is not known today due to mankind's lack of capacity, yet ere long God, exalted be His glory, will make manifest this station. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things. Beseech ye God for steadfastness, for the cawing of the raven shall be raised from every horizon, as We have forewarned in previous Tablets. Likewise seek ye divine confirmation that ye may act according to what hath been commanded. Before the dawning of the Sun of Laws no one was under obligation, but after its appearance all were and shall continue to be bound thereby, that all may attain unto His infinite divine bounties and drink from the Kawthar of His mercy. Ye must all observe wisdom, lest that which might cause disturbance to weak souls should occur.

We counsel you for the sake of God - to this testifieth the Tongue of Revelation in this Most Great Prison, and beyond it the tongues of the Concourse on High. Blessed is he who remembereth the verses of his Lord - he is assuredly among those who are nigh unto God in a perspicuous Book.

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O Ali Asghar who hath attained the presence and gained the bounty, of Milan, He is the Mighty, the Chosen One

Great is the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and all-encompassing is His bounty. Today thou art mentioned before the Lord of mankind on this most excellent of days, and art recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Today the eye proclaims with the most exalted call: “I swear by the Sun of Truth, I have never seen the like of this Day!” Likewise the ear proclaims with the most exalted call: “None hath ever heard the like of this Call which is raised morn and eve from the most exalted horizon!” The loved ones of God - they who have transcended earth and heaven - must arise with perfect steadfastness to promote the Cause and hold fast to that which will ensure the preservation of the Word and the exaltation of being. O Ali-Qabli-Asghar! Praise be to the Goal of the world and the Sovereign of nations Who hath enabled thee to attain that whereof the peoples of the world are deprived, save whom God willeth. At this moment thy portrait was presented before the Face of the Wronged One and attained that which surpasseth all reckoning. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Spirit of the world and Light resplendent and shining amidst the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name through which the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom were illumined, to number me among those whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy mighty Book - of whom Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: “On them shall be no fear, neither shall they grieve.” O my Lord! Aid me to shatter the idols of vain imaginings and to rend asunder the veils of such as have turned away from the Sacred Spot and the Station. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by Thy Command which hath encompassed earth and heaven, to grant me success in all conditions. I testify, O my God, to Thy grace and bounty and generosity and favors, that Thou hast called me to the horizon of Thy Revelation and the ocean of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration and the Source of Thy laws, and hast enabled me to arise before the gate of Thy grandeur and to hearken unto Thy call and to behold Thy signs. O Lord! Illumine me with the lights of Thy knowledge, then cause me in all conditions to turn toward Thee and to hold fast to Thy cord. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Herald! The Herald of the Cloud of the Divine Throne, adorned in the robe of sublime glory of the realm of oneness, hath journeyed from the unseen realm of eternal survival in the City of Faithfulness toward the Egypt of the divine beauty in the Sinai of love. Through its fragrance, the divine perfumes and holy celestial scents have perfumed and adorned the atmosphere of sacred divine existence. It seems the heavenly Kawthar of the All-Merciful and the pure water of the absolute Paradise have been perfumed by this enchanting fragrance. Crystal goblets are in the hand of the Cupbearer of

eternity and ruby cups in the hand of the Virgin Countenance, while from every direction they seek crimson wine and incomparable, sweet, pure water - to see who shall receive a portion and who shall gain a share, that He may illumine with this radiant garment the divine eye of insight which is reflected therein, and with this hidden wine of oneness may He quench the heart's thirst, that without mentioning names it may mention names, and without describing attributes it may describe attributes. Glory be to God for the wondrous comprehensive divine wisdom and the radiant all-encompassing power of the realm of oneness, whereby all created things are bewildered by a single letter thereof and all contingent things are intoxicated and senseless from its melody. Indeed, this wine of the eternal morn requireth a vessel of light, and this pure honey of the everlasting dawn needeth a cup of crystal camphor, that the apple of the eye of the holy temples and beauty may drink of this incomparable water of life and thereafter become the cupbearer at the divine banquet and the lordly gathering. In these days when the birds of the realm of existence have gathered and formed ranks in the heaven of manifestation, the hoopoe of divine attraction hath taken flight from the atmosphere of mighty power and turned from the eternal East to the everlasting West, that it may hear what it will from the holy Beauty and the intimate Countenance in the City of Divine Identity and Love, and what tidings it may bring. Clothe and honor with the radiant silk robe of glorification whomsoever thou pleasest. And the Spirit be upon you all.

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O Javad son of Zaman! In the name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious! These are the verses of holiness which have been sent down in truth and verily they are the Revelation of God among the worlds. God hath made them the source of His knowledge and the treasury of His Revelation and the dayspring of His recognition between the heavens and the earths. Verily they are the proof of God unto all who are in the kingdom of Command and creation. Through them He giveth and withholdeth and sendeth down mercy upon all created things. And thou, give thanks unto God that thy name hath flowed from a holy and luminous Pen. Then be thou steadfast in the Cause, for most of the people of the Bayan have turned away from Him in Whom they had believed, and have worshipped the idols of their desires, and were of those who worship idols. Sanctify thyself from these who have disbelieved after having believed and have turned away. Say: This is 'Ali in truth Who hath appeared with the sovereignty of the Cause and manifest tokens of might. Then take refuge in the fortress of power in this impregnable stronghold. Say: O people! Dispute not concerning the verses of God and reject not the truth by what ye possess and be not of the ignorant. Say: This verily is the sanctuary of God amongst you. Deprive not yourselves thereof. God hath caused suns to shine forth from its right-hand corner which circle round about it and are of those who circle round. O people! This is the Book of God among you wherein hath been inscribed by the finger of might the knowledge of the former and the latter generations. Take it with power from Us, then read what hath been sent down therein, then ponder what hath been treasured in the repositories of its words of the pearls of knowledge and wisdom that ye may discover that which none besides you hath discovered and be of those who are endued with insight. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then consort with people with wisdom lest harm befall thee and the fire of thy heart be quenched. Thus do We command thee. Act according to what thou hast been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Be thou at peace within thyself. God hath ordained for thee

abundant good. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth and verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And the Glory be upon thee and upon every assured and perceiving one.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Clear, the Unique

O Rafi'-i-Badi', upon whom be the Glory of God! God, the Exalted One, declares: The dawn of meanings has risen and the horizon of knowledge is resplendent and brilliant with the rays of the Sun of utterance. At all times one must remind the people of the realm of possibility through the essence of utterance. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of grace that the drops of the ocean of utterance are more beneficial to the people of the earth than the effulgences of the sun and the spring rains. However, some utterances have caused and continue to cause the extinction of the fire of divine love, as has been heard and continues to be heard from some who have claimed knowledge and unity. We beseech God to cause people to attain unto hearing ears that they may distinguish the utterances of the Sun of Truth from all else and attain their purpose. O Rafi'! God willing, may you be aided through divine bounties to utter words that will cause the enkindling of receptive souls and accepting hearts. God willing, may the Almighty and Exalted One grant unto those who expound a motherly nature and fatherly compassion, that the children of time may be educated and attain unto hearing and sight. You must arise, through God's might and power, to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness, for the cawing of the ravens and the clamor of the deluded ones have been and continue to be raised from every direction, as was revealed aforetime in the Tablets from the heaven of divine Will. Verily thy Lord is He Who overshadoweth all who are in earth and heaven, and He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne, for He hath turned toward thee from this Spot and maketh mention of thee through that which is the spirit of life unto the body of creation. Thy Lord is verily the Clear One, the Generous. We have heard how thou hast praised the Wronged One in various writings. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We make mention of thee and respond to thee with that which shall cause thy mention to endure in the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard and responded, then stood firm in this momentous, mighty Cause.

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O 'Abdu'l-Muhammad of Zarqan, upon him be the Glory of God, in My Name, the Guardian over all names! For several days now, Kum-i-Allah has become the seat of the Throne. This is that station which was mentioned and recorded in previous Books. The call of the Spirit was raised from this spot and all the Prophets of God gave glad tidings of its appearance. This divine hill, from the day it was created until these days, has been awaiting the cup of meeting. Praise be to God that it attained thereunto. In various stations the call was raised, the fragrance of remembrance diffused, and the light of the countenance shone forth resplendent - all that was recorded in the divine Books of old. Well is it with them that understand, and woe to the heedless! O 'Abdu'l-Muhammad, praise the Goal of all worlds Who aided

thee and caused thee to attain His special favors. We have heard thy mention and praise, and witnessed thy turning and devotion to the love of God and service to His Cause. We make mention of thee in this clear Book. This is a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of My tender mercy - be thou thankful to God for this great bounty. We send greetings to the friends in that land and command them to that which befitteth the days of God, that all may be adorned with the glory of honor and arise to serve the Cause with utmost wisdom. The whole world awaited to attain unto this Most Great Revelation and be enabled to hearken unto but one word of His utterances. Yet none attained this most exalted station save whom God willed. Be grateful to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He hath aided thee and caused thee to attain unto that which is the goal in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of him whom We named the Sublime, the Wondrous, in My exalted Book. We have mentioned him in various Tablets with such mention as causeth the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of eternity - a favor from Our presence, and I am verily the Powerful over what I will. The glory shining from the horizon of My tender mercy be upon you and upon those who have turned to God on this Day wherein trembling hath seized the inhabitants of all regions, save those whom God hath protected, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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O He! Since thou hast heard the sweet Hijazi melodies from the Iraqi Countenance, now hearken to the spiritual Shahnaz strains from the divine Falcon, that thou mayest perceive novel songs of faithfulness from the eternal lute and harp, and hear the melody of the divine pipe from the strike of the divine Unity, and step into the lane of the Beloved with all thy heart and soul, until thou becomest all spirit and fliest without wings, and art intoxicated without wine, and speakest eloquently without tongue, and attainest the stations of attraction, longing, ecstasy and taste, until thou forgettest sorrow and drinkest from the ocean of joy.

God said to Moses from the decree of the heart:

“O chosen one, I love thee!”

But effort is needed until thou emigratest from the realm of self and desire and soarest to the sacred precincts of holiness and becomest intimate with the sanctuary of the soul and findest the way to the heart of the Friend. How sweet is this utterance and how excellent must be the deed! If thou hearkenest to the counsel of the Friend and journeyest in the paths of His good-pleasure - keep far from thyself and draw near to thy Lord; cast away what thy self desireth and seek what thy Lord willeth; forget all else and remember His light. Drink from the wine of love and close thine eyes to the world, for whatever thou seest will perish and pass away in an instant, while that which is with God remaineth and perisheth not, and endureth and fadeth not away. Know the value of these days, for union is not always possible. The nightingale singeth only in spring and crieth not until it seeth the rose. The time cometh when the divine nightingale ceaseth from mentioning meanings and taketh flight to the spiritual branch and settleth in the divine invisible rose gardens.

Hearken with the ear of the soul and accept with all thy heart. Though it was delivered in Persian melody, yet the Hijazi strain is concealed within it and divine mysteries are treasured therein. And the light be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

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His honour Ha' before Sin, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of Him Who speaketh with unerring wisdom

Ha' Sin. Praise be to God, thou didst inhale the fragrance of the Divine raiment, and it guided thee unto the dawning-place of the Hidden Secret, and the dayspring of the Well-guarded Treasure: wherefore at length, on the wings of yearning and devotion, of rapture and attraction, thou didst set out to reach the Most Exalted Destination, traversing prairies, deserts, seas and mountains, until thou didst attain the Furthermost Bourne, and the Spot around which the Concourse on High circle in adoration. No station equalleth this station: thereto have testified the Books of God aforetime and hereafter, and withal this perspicuous and mighty Tablet. Thy letters were received, and all were graced with an attentive hearing. Praise be to God, thou art occupied in remembrance of Him Who is the Beloved of the World, and steadfast in service to the Cause. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity that this utterance, which hath risen above the dayspring of the Pen of the All-Merciful, shall never be blotted out from the pages of the world. Do thou recognize its station, and be of the thankful. Please God, those souls who have fixed their gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon, and laid fast hold upon the hem of the mercy of the Incomparable Friend, should, in teaching the Divine Cause, do so both with wisdom and with utterance. All matters today are dependent upon wisdom. Should wisdom not dictate it, it is not permitted to speak. All must cleave unto such matters as are conducive to the assurance and tranquillity of the people, for by reason of the clamour of the heedless the hearts of the weak are like to be sore shaken. Thy Lord, verily, is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is the one who aideth his Lord with goodly deeds and a spiritual character; he, truly, is reckoned among the people of Baha' in the Crimson Book, wherein the Pen of the Most High hath inscribed the secrets of all that hath been and shall be. Wondrous and incomparable Verses have been sent down especially for thee. Please God, thou mayest attain unto them all, and, with perfect wisdom and eloquence, engage in service to the Cause - service such as will be permanent and lasting, to the degree that the evanescence of the world and all its vicissitudes shall never change it. Teaching is the Divine command, provided it be undertaken with wisdom. He, verily, speaketh the truth; leadeth the way; and revealeth the proof. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Beauteous. 251

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O Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Manifest, and He is the Speaker.

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Lord of all desires Who, on the Day of Rising, through His most exalted Word, made manifest that which was hidden in breasts, the betrayal of eyes, and all concealed conditions. Through the power of the Most Exalted Pen He subdued all things, and through the potency of utterance He gave glad-tidings of the appearance of the Interlocutor of the Mount to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. He is the Speaker, He is the Pen, and He is the Tablet, despite every remote denier and every sinful opposer.

O Varqa! Upon thee be the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of all beings. Three petitions from thee were received, and for each a specific answer was sent down from the Most Exalted Horizon of grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence, and glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the seen and unseen, and bounty be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all names, and unto Thee be grace and glory, O Lord of Varqa, his Helper and his Sustainer. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in that which We commanded thee during thy presence. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Kind, the Forgiving.

'Aziz and Ru? are remembered through divine grace and are recipients of favor. In all conditions We have commanded and continue to command the friends to wisdom and utterance, and We beseech God to enable them to do that which He loveth and approveth. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

O 'Aziz! God's might turned unto thee, and this is a word that hath appeared and continueth to appear from the mouth of Truth, exalted be His glory. Say: I testify that every mighty one prideth himself in standing before Thy gate and Thy mighty Message. O Spirit! The Spirit calleth out saying: "Here am I, O Lord of the world! I testify that Thou hast established Thyself upon the throne of manifestation and hast spoken that which the Mount spoke. I testify that Thou hast revealed Thyself and hast shone with Thy brilliant, resplendent light upon all in the world. I beseech Thee to make me known through Thy name and steadfast in Thy service. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful."

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=== START BH03213 ===

In His Name, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One Who hath descended from the Supreme Horizon with the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." His power hath adorned the world of existence with the ornament of knowledge, and His might hath rolled up the carpet of vain imaginings like the rolling up of a scroll and removed it from their midst. Glorified be His grandeur, exalted be His utterance, and all-encompassing be His sovereignty!

O Muhammad-Taqi! Thy mention was present before Our face in the Most Great Prison, and We have revealed for thee from the Kingdom of utterance that which causeth eyes to be gladdened and breaketh the backs of the wicked. Through My manifestation the mysteries have been revealed, and through My rising the dead have risen. We beseech God to make thee eloquent in His remembrance and mighty through His might. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, through His Name

before which all necks have bowed low. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet through which all tablets have been illumined. When thou hearest the call, arise, turn toward the Supreme Horizon and say:

“Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Celestial Dominion and the mysteries of Thy Divine Kingdom and by the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and guide me to the straight path. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee to open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of Thy pardon and bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, to assist my family in remembering and praising Thee and in remaining steadfast in Thy Cause. Then protect them, O my God, through Thy bounty which hath encompassed existence and by the light of Thy Cause through which the lands have been illumined. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones who were not hindered by the power of the world and the might of the nations from turning toward God, the Lord of all Lords.”

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In His Name through Whom the Sun of Proof has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge!

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One Who hath bestowed the Kawthar of utterance upon the blessed land of saffron and hath raised up therefrom two people of Baha. They are the moons in the horizons of divine mercy and the stars in the heaven of lordly grace.

O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letters, which were adorned with the mention and praise of God, were presented before the face of the Wronged One and were granted a hearing. Every word thereof was enkindled with the fire of love, and from that flame were manifested the mysteries of steadfastness and detachment. Such is the divine grace and His loving-kindness, which hath taken hold of thee. All the peoples of the world seek this station and are occupied with His mention and praise day and night, yet all are veiled and deprived. Soon shall they acknowledge that which they deny today. They are drowned in the ocean of doubt and uncertainty, and are unaware. Soon shall they cry for help, but none shall help them. We beseech God to adorn His loved ones with such an ornament as shall illumine the world and attract the hearts of the nations. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Those who sought the Kaaba of the Desired One have, praise be to God, attained and are dwelling in its vicinity, hearkening to the Call. We have sent down to them from the heaven of bounty that which hath caused the ocean of knowledge to surge before the faces of the religions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land, especially to the kindred, and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, favor and mercy - exalted be His glory - that their eyes may be consoled thereby on this wondrous Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon him who hath cast away the world, clinging to the cord of the Most Great Name of God, and upon those whose hearts God hath purified from the fire of malice and hatred and numbered among the people of Baha in His perspicuous Book. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of all worlds and the Desire of them that have recognized Him.

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=== START BH03215 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Intended One Who hath attracted the world through His supreme Word and guided it to the highest horizon. He sent forth Messengers to convey unto His servants that which would profit them, and revealed Books that they might hold fast unto His cord and be adorned with the ornament of awareness. His is the praise and the bounty, His the grace and the mercy, His the majesty and the power and the glory.

And now it is submitted that numerous letters from that honored beloved one arrived. Replies to some of them were written and sent. I beseech the glorious Truth to confirm that beloved one in that which is befitting. God willing, may they be ever mindful of the mention of God, exalted be His glory, standing firm in His service, turning toward His horizon and directing themselves to His countenance. Today all the friends and loved ones are commanded to observe wisdom. That beloved one must not forget this matter and must act accordingly.

Write to his honor the Musafir, upon him be My Baha: We counseled you to observe wisdom. You must hold fast unto it. Deviation therefrom is not permitted, for its decree hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. The people are heedless and oppressive, and have been and continue to be intent upon mischief. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As for the matter thou didst petition before the Most Holy Court, which was favored with acceptance - act in accordance with what was commanded regarding it. This matter was mentioned before as well. He desireth for thee the good of this world and the next.

This evanescent servant beseecheth confirmation for that beloved one. He asketh his Lord to grant you success and aid in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I convey greetings and praise to the friends in that land, and I beseech God to make them all stand firm in His love and succeed in His remembrance. Verily He hath power over all things.

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=== START BH03217 ===

In the Name of the one true God!

All praise, sanctified beyond the comprehension of creation, befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the True One, Who hath, without any earthly means, through the motion of the Most Exalted Pen, made manifest and established His Cause. The ranks of those who would prevent it held Him not back, nor did thousands deter Him from exercising His power. The armies of the world cannot compare with the power of the Most Exalted Word, nor can the might of nations prevent the scratching of the Supreme Pen. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

O My leaf! Thy letter was received and came before the eyes of the Wronged One. We heard thy call and from the Kingdom of utterance have bestowed an answer. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee at all times to that which causeth the exaltation of His Word and the advancement of His servants. Convey My Baha to Rida. O Rida! Let not the days of attaining His presence and meeting Him fade from thy sight. We beseech God to aid thee to such deeds as will cause their fragrance to remain forever in the world and their mention to endure in the scrolls of all peoples. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One. Each of the children is remembered in the Prison. Make mention of them all from the Wronged One. We beseech God to protect them all beneath the tabernacles of His grace and to give them to drink, at every moment, from the milk of His knowledge, that they may attain, beneath the shadow of His loving-kindness, unto the station of "Blessed be God, the best of Creators." His mercy hath preceded all, His grace hath encompassed all.

Regarding what thou didst write about the turning of those left behind toward that direction - thou and the leaf are witness that several years ago this Wronged One gave permission to all the emigrants and neighbors to return to their own countries. And now, after considering the letter, mention was made to each one. However, in these days the sea is turbulent, yea turbulent, and movement is very difficult. We beseech God to aid all to that which is beneficial for all and befitting for His days.

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=== START BH03218 ===

O Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified from all likeness and comparison, the Beloved Eternal One, Who is worthy and befitting, Who by one exalted Word guided the people of the Kingdom of Creation to the supreme horizon and bestowed upon them a portion from the chalice of His presence. Verily, He is the One Who, by His command "Be!", hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Blessed is the soul who, detached from the world, hath turned toward the Most Great Ocean and drunk therefrom in the Name of Truth. Such a one is among the manifestations of the Word and the people of the Ark. O ye who drink the choice wine of utterance! Know ye the value of this Day and act as behooveth you.

O Abdul-Husayn! Thy letter was received and the servant present before the Imprisoned One presented it, and thou hast been made to attain unto these sublime words and manifest evidences which have streamed forth from the Supreme Pen. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to God that thou hast been and art the

recipient of the favors of Truth, both in the past and at present, and hast received thy portion from the divine ocean of mercy. Be thou assured that He hath forgiven thee and thy father, and hath sent down for you both that which hath perfumed the heavens and the earth with its fragrance.

Convey My greetings to the handmaiden of God and say: Verily, He hath forgiven what is past. Guard thyself in the name of thy Lord in thy remaining days. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The word of forgiveness hath been sent down for thee from the presence of the All-Merciful. Act according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. God hath made chastity a crown for the heads of His handmaidens. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto this mighty station.

God willing, thou shalt be confirmed through the favors of the Lord of all being in that which is acceptable in His sight. If thou were to offer thanks with a hundred thousand tongues, it would not equal this blessed word which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. O Abdul-Husayn! Convey to the handmaiden of God whatsoever hath streamed forth from the Supreme Pen concerning her, and give her the glad-tidings of God's favor, bounty and mercy. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those who have believed in those regions in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH03219 ===

O Mulla Muhammad Husayn! In the name of the One All-Knowing God, at all times the Supreme Pen summons the people of the world of possibility to the Dawning-Place of the revelation of the All-Merciful. Yet most of mankind remain veiled and deprived therefrom, even though they witness and know with certainty that whatever is visible will perish and decline shall overtake it. Some people are occupied with vain imaginings and are seen to be far from the Dawning-Place of certitude, while others are deluded by outward bounties and are thereby deprived of the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and the Source of the sublime Command. God shall soon purify the earth of these people and their deeds and actions and words and pride and vainglory. Verily He is the Just Rewarder, the All-Knowing.

We convey greetings to all the friends in that land and command all to show forth the utmost steadfastness, for the deniers and objectors and hosts of negation exist both within and without. We beseech God to protect them all. In most Tablets mention hath been made and continues to be made of steadfastness. Nevertheless it was observed that a certain soul was deprived of the Euphrates of divine favors by a drop of bitter salt. Such is the condition of souls. In all divine Books mention hath been made of this Day and it hath been named the Day of God. Yet people remain occupied with the vain imaginings of the past and are far removed from the Purpose. Fie upon them! They have no share in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

With the utmost earnestness and endeavor you must summon the people to this exalted and most sublime station and this most glorious Spot. The beginning of the matter is to believe in God and its end is to remain steadfast in His Cause. The glory of God rest upon you and upon My loved ones who have heard My call and recognized My path and acted according to what was commanded in My Book and attained unto the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of My bounty. These are the people of My

Kingdom, upon whom the Manifestations of My Cause and the Dawning-Places of My wondrous utterance shower their blessings. From this station We send greetings to your wife who has turned to God and attained unto His days and believed while all on earth turned away, save those whom God desired, the Single One, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH03220 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! Every year the fragrances of the eternal Garment have wafted over thee from the direction of divine unity, and verses of God have been specifically revealed and sent down. Consider this universal bounty as great and count it as a precious opportunity. God willing, mayest thou be ever successful in a manner befitting this station. The infinite favors of God have encompassed all created things, and their manifestations are dependent upon their effort and endeavor. We beseech God that He may cause the hidden fruits within the divine trees of human souls to appear in the world of kingdom through the blowing of the winds of mercy and the outpourings of the cloud of infinite bounties. Verily, He is powerful over all things. May all ever dwell in the paradise of the love of the All-Merciful and be sustained by the endless divine bounties. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous. The ultimate goal and the highest of all ordained stations in the kingdom of creation has been the recognition of the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name. Whosoever truly attaineth unto this most exalted station and most glorious horizon, the hidden mysterious manifestations and the veiled maidens of inner meanings from every direction without direction and from every station without veils will be unveiled and revealed unto him. And he will become so immersed in the manifestations of the lights that are neither of the East nor of the West that the world and whatsoever hath been ordained therein of the manifestations of beauty and the signs of glory and adorned things and diverse bounties will not prevent him from the eternal bounties which is the station of recognition of the Primal Point. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this station and hath drunk from this chalice. Forget not what We have bestowed upon thee and shown thee. Be grateful and abide in manifest joy. In these days the prison-land is greatly disturbed and in turmoil, such that the friends are dwelling in a new prison, and tribulations are present from every direction. However, through divine grace and infinite mercy, there hath been and is no sorrow. All that cometh to pass in His path is indeed a mercy unto those who are nigh and a glory unto the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH03221 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous!

God makes mention of His servant that he may find joy in His remembrance. O Karim! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner. He verily heard thy cry at the time when thou didst respond to His Cause, and He is, in truth, the All-Knowing. Know thou that God hath accepted thy turning unto Him and hath inscribed thy name upon a Tablet that was, in truth, magnificent - among those who attained the presence of His Countenance, and heard His call, and were blessed with His meeting, and were honored thereby, and

were illumined by the lights of His resplendent face. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this most exalted station and this most glorious state. He, verily, is merciful towards His servants.

We bear witness that thou hast visited the Sanctuary of God and circumambulated the Kaaba of His Cause - and this is assuredly a great bounty. Guard thou My affairs and be not impatient regarding them. Thus doth the Pen of Glory command thee from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. There hath been ordained for thee in the All-Glorious Paradise a noble station.

Make mention of Me in My land, that I may make mention of thee in My heaven. Then hold fast unto the cord of My bounties, for it will lead thee to a station of sublime glory. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize Him and for having made His Self known unto thee, after every remote polytheist had opposed Him. Be thou steadfast in My love, then be thou enkindled with this Fire through which the heart of every insightful mystic hath been set ablaze.

How wonderful is this bounty which hath appeared in truth and encompassed both small and great! Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves thereof, and deny not Him to Whose sovereignty and grandeur the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and the realities of all things bear witness. Tarry not upon the path - pass ye beyond it, and be not tyrannous transgressors. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and oppose not Him - for whoso opposeth Him is cursed by the inhabitants of Paradise and by those who bear the Throne of thy Lord with manifest power.

Associate with My loved ones and shun Mine enemies. Thus doth the Pen of might and glory command thee. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves from the world and have laid hold on a handle that is sure.

=== END BH03221 ===

=== START BH03222 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Help in Peril

The remembrance of God from the Divine Lote-Tree was at that time raised up, even as My call was raised from the Sinaitic Tree unto Moses, He Who conversed with God, that “There is none other God but Him” and verily He encompasseth all things. Say: We have sent forth the Word in human temple and adorned it with the ornament of Mine own Self amidst the Concourse of Names, and thus was the matter decreed in the preserved tablets of glory. Say: He is the Creator of names - beware, O people, lest ye be veiled by them from Him Who created them by His command, and whoso is veiled is recorded before the Throne as among the worshippers of names. Say: O people, drink ye the water of life from the hands of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this Paradise which hath been made manifest at the heart of creation as a testimony to the truth. Say: This indeed is the Youth of God among you Who calleth you unto Him and reciteth unto you verses which were sent down in truth with the truth, and Who awaiteth at every moment what hath been ordained for Him in the tablets of decree, if ye be aware of this. And at every moment He saith:

O my God! Leave Me not in the midst of these ones, but raise Me up unto Thee, for verily Thou hast power over all things. And Thou knowest, O my God, that most of the servants desire to shed My blood, and I have longed for what they desire, and verily Thou art knowing of Thy creation. They love Me not and I love them not - so separate between Me and them, for verily Thou art wise over all things.

O mentioned servant! Blessed art thou in that thou hast drunk from the Salsabil of certitude and turned with thy heart to a station which was in truth praiseworthy. Remember thou My tribulations and afflictions, then speak in praise of thy Lord, and He will aid thee in His Cause, for verily He hath ever been nigh unto the doers of good. We make mention of thee in truth, and at this moment the breezes of remembrance which were sent from the paradise of the Command unto the worlds shall draw thee. And glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have turned toward the holy precincts and were drawn by the melodies of God.

=== END BH03222 ===

=== START BH03224 ===

O Mirza Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of Him through Whom was hoisted the banner of divine knowledge upon the most exalted station in the realm of possibility.

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, that the remembrance may draw him to a station wherein neither the happenings of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall deter him, wherein he shall arise before all faces and give to drink unto all beings, through My Name the Self-Subsisting, My choice-sealed wine, that perchance they that slumber may arise from the couch of heedlessness and turn towards the lights of the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the Most Glorious Glory of God. The Most Great Branch hath made mention of thee in this Most Holy, Most Luminous Station. We make mention of thee through that which God hath made as the Kawthar of Life for the followers of all religions. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless. This is a Day wherein the fragrance of revelation and inspiration hath been wafted amongst mankind, and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom and Dominion belong unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

Arise in My Name to serve My Cause, and remind the servants of this Momentous News wherewith the Books of God, both past and future, have given glad-tidings. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of that which he was bidden in this perspicuous Tablet. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison, then aid Him through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He will verily assist thee and exalt thee through His firm and mighty Command.

Say: He hath appeared with truth with such steadfastness as the might of the servants could not frighten Him, nor could the clamor of the heedless deter Him. Say: O peoples of the earth! Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared with truth, and be not of the oppressors. This is a Day wherein the rustling of

the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath been raised. They who have heard it, these are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, the mention of which God hath revealed in the Book of Names. He is verily the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Command.

Thus hath the Tongue of Ancient Days spoken, when He was in the Most Great Prison, as a mercy from His presence upon thee. He verily desireth whomsoever hath desired Him, and loveth whomsoever hath loved Him. To this doth the Mother Book bear witness in this glorious and exalted Station. The Glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces unto God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH03225 ===

He who was with the Most Great, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Beloved - A mention from Us to him who has attained the lights of guidance when the Manifestation of his Lord's Cause, the Lord of the Last and the First, appeared, that his heart may be stirred by the breezes of the utterance of the Creator of Names, Who came from the heaven of destiny with manifest sovereignty. O servant! Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to turn towards His Self that dominates the worlds. By My life! Whosoever has today attained the lights of the Face, the denizens of the Supreme Concourse make mention of him, and towards him turn the faces of those through whom the clouds pour down rain, the winds blow, and the earth brings forth its vegetation. This is the certain truth. Arise to serve the Cause by the command of thy Lord, then make mention of Him amongst the servants, that perchance those servants who are heedless today of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, may arise to praise Him. Blessed is he who has drawn near with an illumined heart to the Most Great Scene and has held fast to the Most Great Cord which God has made a sign of His favor amidst the nations. And woe to him who has turned away from this glorious Scene. O people! Obey Him Who calls you to God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. At all times and under all conditions We have called all to the Mighty, the Powerful One. Once We were in chains, and We called the tribes to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. And once We were among the captives in God's path, the Lord of Names, and We called the people of creation to that which is better for them than the kingdom of the heavens and earth. And now in the Most Great Prison We call the nations, but the people are in grievous stupor. Among them is he who heard the call, cast aside what he possessed, turned towards Us and said: "Here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!" And among them is he who heard and turned away - he is assuredly among the perishing ones. And among them is he who heard not his Lord's call - We found him among the dead. Blessed is he who heard and turned towards and answered his Ancient Lord. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thy heart may rejoice thereby and the eyes of the mystics be consoled. Take the Tablet of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, with assurance, then place it upon thine eyes. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

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O ‘A’, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Glory of God! A mention from Our presence unto him who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance and was inscribed in the Mother Book by the Pen of Revelation, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Prisoner and utter His praise with wisdom. Thus hath the matter been decreed. Blessed art thou for having stood firm in the Cause of thy Lord and been illumined by the lights which were witnessed from the horizon of dawn. This is a Day wherein all things were stirred by the breeze of God and the unitarians soared in an atmosphere that was luminous with the adorning of the Command. Again, blessed art thou for having taken the chalice of success from the hand of the favor of the Cleaver of Dawn and drunk therefrom in a Name that was visible from the horizon of the Prison. This is a Day wherein it behooveth every soul, when he heareth the call of God, to forsake all else and say: “I have turned toward Thee, O Thou the Possessor of Names! I testify that Thou hast ever been powerful over all things.” They who have hesitated this Day have followed vain imaginings and were far removed from the precincts of nearness. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and cast away what is with the people, turning unto a horizon that was illumined with the lights of the Throne. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We behold the divines busying their pens after the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven, and they speak of idle fancies when the Sun of the Self-Subsisting hath dawned from the dayspring of a Name that was, in truth, exalted. God shall soon erase their traces and establish what He willeth. He hath ever been wise over all things. They who have fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament - God shall soon exalt them through a sovereignty from His presence. He hath ever encompassed all things. We have sacrificed Our souls in the path of God and summon all from the horizon of tribulation unto God, the Possessor of Names. Blessed is the soul that hath advanced and the countenance that hath turned - he is of the people of Baha in a Tablet that was sealed with the seal of glory. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. He hath ever been watchful over His servants. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have turned unto the Countenance and were known by the name of God.

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=== START BH03227 ===

Jinab-i-Mirza Asad, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

A mention from Our presence to one who hath inhaled the fragrances of Revelation and hath attained to recognition when the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.” He is the one who heard the Call and responded to his Lord when every veiled scholar turned away from Him. He cast aside vain imaginings through the power of his Lord, holding fast to the cord of the Command and clinging to the hem of certitude when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. He took the choice wine from the hands of bounty and drank thereof in the name of God, the Lord of existence.

O Asad! Upon thee be My loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee before in such wise as caused the sweet fragrances of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Loving, to waft abroad. We beseech

God to aid thee to preserve that which thou hast been given from His presence. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have at this moment beheld thy name in the book of one of Our loved ones who hath attained unto My days, soared in the atmosphere of My love, and turned toward My horizon when all upon the earth turned away save those whom God did wish, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We beseech God to preserve him and to manifest unto him that which He hath ordained for him, and to exalt him among His servants through this Name whereby hearts and minds were stirred.

And We make mention of Our loved ones there, whom neither the ranks of the world nor the might of nations prevented. They hastened with their hearts to the supreme horizon and drank from the hands of bounty My choice-sealed wine. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Possessing over what was and what shall be.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy knowledge and enabled me to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and caused me to hear Thy call and honored me with Thy verses. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Command whereby the ocean of utterance surged in contingent being and the dove of understanding warbled upon the branches, to enable me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that my remembrance may influence hearts and minds. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the Mighty, the All-Possessing, the Powerful, the Best-Beloved.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Expositor, the All-Knowing

A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto the lights of unity when the Manifestation of the Cause appeared from God, the Lord of the worlds. The horizon of utterance hath been illumined and the Most Exalted Pen hath moved by the command of thy Lord, the All-Informed. We had indeed held back the Pen for successive years lest the clamor be raised by those who cast the Truth behind their backs and followed what they were bidden by every heedless remote one. When the appointed time came, the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen was raised - verily He is the Generous Bestower. Thou wert mentioned in the prison - this Book which speaketh “There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise” beareth witness to that. Conceal the face of the Cause from every treacherous doubter. Hold fast in all conditions unto the cord of wisdom and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, for having drawn me nigh unto Thee and caused me to know Thee and taught me and given me to drink the choice wine of revelation from the hands of bounty and made me one of those who have attained. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy days and the waves of the ocean of Thy grace that Thou make me in all conditions empowered to remember Thee and steadfast in Thy service. O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen me in Thy path. My days have passed in prison because I turned unto Thee and believed in Thy signs. Do with me as beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.” The glory from the Wronged One be upon thee and upon thy family and upon the children of him who

attained unto the knowledge of God when those on earth turned away from Him save whom His all-compelling Will did choose among those in the heavens and the earth. Convey my greetings and give my salutations to each one who is with thee there. Say: “We have remembered you and do remember you - verily He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing.” And We counsel them with that which will manifest their station and glory and rank among the people, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them in what He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH03228 ===

=== START BH03229 ===

He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is the mention of the Leaf of Eternity in the Tree of Paradise. O Concourse on High, hearken! This is from the remembrance which bestoweth upon all things that which maketh them independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth, if ye be of them who remember this remembrance at all times. It casteth upon the people of the realm of eternity that which beseemeth them from the worlds of names, and bestoweth upon the people of Paradise that which draweth them nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. It expendeth upon the people of the heavens from the glances of hidden rapture that which is concealed behind the pavilions of the Spirit in the sanctified veils, if ye but knew. This is that which summoneth the lovers unto the sublime heights of immortality in the garden of a glorious Beloved, and joineth them that know unto the shore of oneness, if ye be of them who understand. All this is from God’s grace upon you, O ye who are sincere. This is what hath been ordained in the Tablets from the Pen from which floweth the fountain of life in a prescribed measure. God hath veiled it in the treasuries of protection and covered it with holy silk woven. Blessed is he who hath detached himself wholly unto God and hath answered Him in word, and hath attained unto that which God hath ordained for him in an inscribed tablet. This is from a grace which none in the kingdom hath preceded save they who walk in God’s good-pleasure. And thou, O handmaiden of God, hearken unto that which the Dove of Holiness imparteth unto thee, then draw nigh with thy heart unto God, thy Lord. Grieve not over anything, for this is that whereby those brought nigh have attained. Forget not God’s favor in having chosen thee and purified thee from unbelief and provided thee with the fruits of the tree of love in a paradise of nearness witnessed. Then thank Him for this and for having guided thee unto a station yearned for by honored servants. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth and inspired thee with that which will assure thy heart, that thou mayest be of those who hasten toward the direction of the Throne. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those women who remember their Lord at all times and upon whom the angels brought nigh do pray.

=== END BH03229 ===

=== START BH03230 ===

From Our delight

Drops of a light

Cloud

Are drifting down,

And from Our song

Love's mystery

Is drifting down.

On the east wind, orient musk hath blown,

And this sweet scent from Our hair

Is drifting down.

From the face of God, the jeweled sun hath dawned:

Behold the truth that from "Tha"

Is drifting down.

The soaring sea in rapt reunion cries,

And this new gift from the bliss of "Ha"

Is drifting down.

A joyous wine is gleaming on the rose:

From the song of "Ra" this sweet enigma

Drifteth down.

The ecstasies of heaven, the final trumpet strains,

From up the sky and at one breath

These all are drifting down.

The day of "I am He" hath shone from out Our face,

The age of "He is He" from our vessel

Drifteth down.

Behold in the heart's bowl, running streams of heaven:

This honied nectar from My lips

Is drifting down.

With the Lord's bright advent is the Day of God fulfilled,

This blissful news from the song of "Ta"

is drifting down.

Look on the brimming vessel of Baha,

Look on the mistings from the cloud of heaven:

These from a single melody of God

Are drifting down.

See ye the Lord's Leviathan,

See ye the palm of paradise:

Behold the palace paved with glass

As from on high it drifteth down.

Gaze ye upon the blessed Tree,

Hear ye the note from the dove's throat,

Hear ye the singing of Abha,

That from the lights

Of all delights

Is drifting down.

Hear ye from out `Iraq the shout,

From out Hijaz the singing air–

Hear ye God's hand as it drums out

But God, no other God is there!

Look on the glory of the Lord,

Look on the Maid of Paradise,

Behold the beauty of the bride

As from the cloud it drifteth down.

Gaze on the never-dying face,

Gaze on the bearer of the cup,

Behold the crystal water which

Is from Our chalice drifting down.

See ye the fire of Moses' Tree,

See ye His hand that shineth white,

Behold Mount Sinai's crowning crest–

From that bright hand it drifteth down.

Hear ye the frenzied lovers' cries,

Behold the garden blooming fair,

Behold the bliss of all that is,

From this loved meeting drifting down.

See ye the burgeoning of "Ha",

The bright adornings of the "Ba",

Hear ye the flutist's piping strain–

From Baha's pen it drifteth down.

The pure and brimming vessel this,

The crystal-sprinkling waters this,

The trilling of the birds is this,

From evanescence drifting down.

=== END BH03230 ===

=== START BH03231 ===

He is the One through Whom surged the Ocean of Knowledge! Glory be to Him Who sendeth down the verses as He willeth! He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon! Thy letter hath reached the Most Great Prison, and the servant who standeth before the Throne hath read it. We have answered thee with that whose fragrance hath wafted between the heavens and the earths. Moreover, We have mentioned thee in the Book which We sent unto him who hath turned unto God and who was named Samandar in the kingdom of creation. Verily, thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Munificent.

That which thou hast wrought in the path of God hath been presented before the Throne. He shall surely reward thee with the most excellent of rewards. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Great.

Be thou thankful unto God for having enabled thee to recognize Him and for having made thee one of those who have attained unto His wondrous Day. This is the Day of God. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by its light and who hath done that which beseemeth God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O Lord of the world and Creator of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me, in all conditions, a servant of Thy Cause, a helper of Thy Faith, one who remembereth Thy Name, one who uttereth that which Thou hast sent down through Thy sovereignty, and one who acteth according to that which hath been inscribed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for the near ones among Thy servants, and to decree for me that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy kingdom. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From this spot We send Our greetings unto them that have believed in that place, that they may rejoice in the mention of this Wronged One and hold fast unto that which they have been commanded by God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The Sun of Grace hath dawned, and God hath mentioned every name that was in thy letter through verses that have gladdened them that dwell in the kingdom of names and have stirred the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Thy son is mentioned in the Book. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Manifest, the All-Wise.

The glory rest upon thee, upon him, upon thy family, and upon them that believed when the Trump was sounded and all who are in the heavens and on earth swooned away, except such as thy Lord pleased, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH03231 ===

=== START BH03232 ===

In the Name of Him Who gazeth upon all things! Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses from His Kingdom, the Mighty, the Great, and Who remembereth whomsoever He willeth among His creation. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He writeth for whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He pleaseth, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He willeth. Nothing can prevent that which He hath decreed in the Preserved Tablet. He sendeth down to every soul that which is ordained for it. This is an irrevocable decree from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. He promised all things this Most Great Remembrance from the presence of One mighty and wise. But when the appointed time came and the Promised One appeared, those who disbelieved in God rose up against Him and were among the most lost. However oft We called unto them, they answered not, and when We revealed unto them clear verses, their desires veiled them. They are indeed among the abased ones. We turned toward them but they turned away, and We approached but they withdrew. Thus was the matter decreed in a clear Book. O people! I desired not to manifest Myself, but the Mighty, the Faithful manifested Me. I concealed My face; your Ancient Lord revealed it. Look not unto what ye possess, but look unto the proof of God and

His balance, then unto His sovereignty which hath encompassed the worlds. Verily, he who looketh unto what he possesseth is reckoned among the people of delusion before your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Every learned and informed one beareth witness unto this. O people! Break not the Covenant of God and His pledge, and follow not the idolaters. Turn ye unto the lights of this Countenance which hath dawned from this luminous horizon. Nothing shall profit you this Day save what God hath desired for you, if ye be of them that are assured. O thou servant who hast turned unto God! Hearken unto the call from this wronged, exiled One. There is no God but Him, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Despair not of the spirit of God and His mercy. Be thou steadfast in this straight Path, then recite unto the servants what We have caused thee to hear of the cooing of the Dove upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree, that they may arise and turn unto God, the Goal of those who know. Blessed is he who hath opened his lips in praise of his Lord in these days wherein all things have proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous.

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=== START BH03233 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified be He before Whom all in the heavens and earth bow down in worship - among them are those who have recognized Him and prostrate themselves before His luminous, holy, and resplendent countenance, and among them are those who worship Him yet know Him not and remain among the heedless. Say: O people, this is a servant of God among you who was lying upon his couch when the breezes of your Lord’s mercy, the Mighty, the Beautiful, awakened him and raised him up to His Cause, causing him to speak forth in praise of His Self among the worlds. He commands you to that which God, your Beloved and the Beloved of those who know, has commanded, and forbids you that which you were forbidden in God’s ancient and revealed Book. Say: He has sacrificed his spirit in His path and conveyed that which he was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The multitude of enemies did not deter him after they all rose up against him and sought to shed his blood without any proof or clear Book. He spoke at all times what the Spirit commanded him, to which every fair-minded and informed one bears witness. He now stands before the hands of enemies, awaiting what has been ordained for him in the preserved Tablets of glory. Say: He has commanded you only to that which would purify your souls from the turbidities of self and passion, yet you heeded not his word and followed the ways of the corrupt. In all the Tablets He forbade you to shed blood, yet you committed that which violated His sanctity before all creation. Fear God, O people, and spread not corruption in the land after its reformation, and cast not the ways of God behind your backs, and be not of those who forsake them. Act according to what you were commanded in all the Tablets, then abandon what you were forbidden - this is better for you, were you of those who perceive. O servant! Rejoice within yourself at what has been mentioned in this Tablet and be of those who are gladdened. We beseech God to assist you in His Cause and those who have turned to His shining and luminous countenance. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who have heeded God’s counsel and were among the detached ones. And praise be to God, the Beloved of those who know.

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=== START BH03234 ===

In the name of God, Who endureth after the passing of all things! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Word of Thy command, whereby Thou didst create all contingent beings and bring forth all existing things, and whereby Thou didst raise up the Manifestations of Thy oneness and the Daysprings of Thy divinity. Then by Thy Name through which Thou didst test all names, and whereby all who are in earth and heaven were dismayed, save those who took the chalice of Baha through Thy sovereignty and power, and drank therefrom through Thy command and will - to purify Thy servants from all that preventeth them from beholding Thy beauty, turning toward Thy direction, and drawing nigh unto the seat of Thy command. Then send down upon them, O my God, from the wonders of Thy grace that which shall make them steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, that they may see naught but therein the manifestations of Thy glorious sovereignty and the revelations of Thy unity. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy most beautiful names and the manifestations of Thy oneness in the kingdom of creation, that Thou cast me not out from the door of Thy mercy, nor deprive me of the breezes of Thy loving-kindness. Then preserve me, O my God, from all else but Thee, that I may turn wholly unto Thee and enter beneath the canopy of Thy supreme mercy and abide in Thy precincts, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of names! There is no God but Thee, the King, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Ever hast Thou, O my God, been mentioned by the tongues of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants, though Thou art independent of them and their mention of Thee; and ever hast Thou been described by the tongue of them that are detached, though Thou art exalted above them and all that is with them. With this knowledge, how can I praise Thee and make mention of Thee? Therefore do I testify, O my God, that I am evanescent, and have no power of mention or praise befitting Thy most exalted Self, nor can there appear from one who is evanescent that which can ascend unto Him Who abideth through His own being. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! My evanescence is worthy of Thy enduring favors, and my powerlessness seeketh Thy all-encompassing gifts. I beseech Thee by Thy First Word and by Thy Greatest Sign that Thou withhold not from me that which is with Thee. Then send down upon me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Protector, the Mighty, the Generous.

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In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Help in Peril!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Me oppressed among the peoples in this Most Great Prison, and in every moment there befalleth Me that which hath not befallen Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Thou knowest that I have summoned the servants unto naught save Thy singleness and oneness, and that which draweth them nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace and the dawning-place of Thy favors. Yet they have turned away from Thy beauty, and objected to Thy Cause, and disputed Thy signs, and contended with Thy sovereignty. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names, through Whom Thy most exalted horizon was illumined, to deliver them from the promptings of self and passion, and draw them nigh unto Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious. Then grant them Thy blessing which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty, and give them to drink of Thy sealed wine, whose seal was broken

by the fingers of Thy might and power. O Lord! They are the weak ones - they know not what profiteth them and what harmeth them, what draweth them nigh and what keepeth them far. Take their hands with the hands of Thy mercy, then rescue them through the arms of Thy generosity and power. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy servant who was named Nabil before Sadiq, who hath turned toward the lights of Thy countenance after the passing of the people of Thy kingdom, and drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy bestowal and the heaven of Thy bounty, and hath advanced toward Thee when most of Thy creation turned away from Thee. O Lord! Make him so enkindled with the fire of Thy love that through him the inhabitants of Thy lands and realms may be set ablaze. Then send down upon his heart from the heaven of Thy Revelation that which shall make him joyous in Thy days, and cause him to be seized with the gladness of Thy Cause and Thy remembrance of him, in such wise that the circumstances of Thy decree sadden him not, nor disturb him whatsoever may befall him in Thy land. Then choose for him what is chosen in Thy presence, and ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy loved ones and the near ones among Thy chosen ones. Then make him to circle round Thy Will and Purpose in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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=== START BH03236 ===

He is the Ever-Relenting, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who by the movement of the finger of Thy will didst rend asunder the veils, and through the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation didst illumine all lands! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Luminary of love shone forth and the throne of Thy utterance was established amongst Thy servants, to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy loved ones the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest how one of Thy handmaidens hath entered the Most Great Prison, hath heard Thy most sweet call, and hath responded among the maidservants as though she had drunk of the Kawthar of recognition from […] of Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Creator of heaven! […] beneath the shadow of Thy loving-kindness and within the precincts of Thy mercy until the decree of Thy destiny came upon her and caused her to ascend unto the Supreme Companion through Thy might and power. I beseech Thee, O God of the kingdom of earth and heaven, by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, the Manifestations of Thy inspiration, and the Recipients of Thy knowledge, to adorn her with the robe of forgiveness and to send down upon her from the ocean of Thy mercy that which will draw her nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds.

I beseech Thee, O my God, my Master, my Lord and my Hope, by the ocean of Thy forgiveness, the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty, to send down upon her at every moment a mercy from Thee, that supreme joy may take hold of her after grief had seized her in the realm of possibilities. Thou

art He to Whose bounty, loving-kindness, grace and benevolence all atoms bear witness. I testify that she hath repaired to her station which Thou hadst ordained for her through Thy command, detached from all else save Thee and turning unto Thee. Deal with her, then, as befitteth the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty. And I bear witness, O my God, that her brother came before her unto Thee, holding fast to Thy cord, clinging to the hem of Thy robe, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy. Send down, then, upon him at this moment that which will gladden his heart and solace his eyes. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can sadden. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Mighty, the Munificent, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Ruhani, upon whom be the glory of God and His loving-kindness! He is the Hearer and the Answerer. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth verily standeth in His place in every world of His worlds. Whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged God and His signs, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the idolaters in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ruhani! There hath come before the Wronged One that which God cast upon thy heart concerning the proving of His Cause, the exaltation of His remembrance, and the revealing of that which was hidden from the Supreme Pen in His Books and Scriptures and His Manifest Tablet. Rejoice in that God hath testified for thee that He aided thee in the early days and made thee know His straight path, and hath sent down for thee that which cannot be equalled by all the remembrances of the world nor by whatsoever the kings and rulers possess.

Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth and thy pen for having flowed with that which, in this Cause, hath brought joy to the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. The servant present before Us hath offered it up, and We have found from it the fragrance of thy praise and recognition of this Great Announcement, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and the backs of the idolaters have been broken. We have sent thee in these days that which testifieth before the faces of the world that there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

Give thou the glad-tidings from Me to My handmaidens and the leaves of the Tree of My loving-kindness, and remind them of My verses, and illumine their hearts with the Light of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet through the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

When the breezes of My verses stir thee, say: My God, my God! Thy presence is my hope and meeting with Thee my desire, and serving Thee the yearning of my heart, and laboring in Thy path my wish and my joy and my delight. I beseech Thee by the Word wherewith Thou hast adorned Thy Books and Scriptures to ordain for me the reward of those who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and given up their spirits in Thy path. Then ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy Most Great Throne and Thy Exalted Seat. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who believed when the Desired One came with a wondrous command.

=== END BH03237 ===

=== START BH03238 ===

Muhammad-'Ali-i-Qumi, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, through Whom the ocean of bounty surgeth before the faces of all peoples

God beareth witness that there is none other God but He, and that He Who hath come from the horizon of power with the banners of signs is verily the Dawning-Place of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Through the light of His utterance have earth and heaven been illumined, and the Speaker on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation. Thereupon did all things proclaim: "He Who was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath appeared." Beware lest ye prevent yourselves from drawing nigh unto Him, and beware lest the oppressors' might cause you to fear. Cast away today what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and achieved the honor of being heard, as a grace from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. To this the Mother Book beareth witness on this wondrous Day. We love for Our loved ones to attain Our presence before the Throne and to stand before the Gate, but the oppressors have come between Us and them. To this every discerning soul beareth witness.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having made known to me Thy path and guided me to Thy gate which Thou hast opened to all in Thy earth and Thy heaven. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all beings and in Whose right hand are the reins of all creation, by the penetrating power of Thy Word throughout all possibility, and by the authority of Thy most exalted Word in the kingdom of creation, and by Thy Most Great Name which hath caused the limbs of the nations to quake, to ordain for me the reward of one who hastened unto Thee until he arrived in the court of Thy might and heard the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy most sweet call. O Lord! Make me not deprived of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and pure ones, through Thy bounty and generosity. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace and acknowledging what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art verily the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH03238 ===

=== START BH03239 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who speaketh is indeed the One mentioned in the Books and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets. Every tongue hath testified to His

appearance and every utterance hath borne witness to His arising with a Cause at whose manifestation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except such as God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. Say: By God! The gate of the most exalted Paradise hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath spoken the most sublime Word, whereupon the divine fragrance wafted and the breeze stirred, yet most of the people are turning away. This is the Day wherein every Prophet speaketh, every Messenger circleth round, and every possessor of mighty authority serveth. Say: By God! The horizon of utterance hath been illumined by the Sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of God and turned unto Him with a radiant face. Say: Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and take what ye are bidden in the Scriptures and Tablets from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Every spirit hath hastened to the river of life and every heart hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence hath come this Cause, at whose appearance the foundations of the world were shaken and the limbs of every learned one trembled. When thou findest the fragrances of My Pen as it raceth in the field of utterance in the name of its Lord, the All-Merciful, take it with hands of submission, place it upon thy head, and turn thy face toward My most exalted horizon. Say: I believe in Thee, O Lord of Names, through Whom the Tree spoke on Sinai and prostrated before the effulgences of the lights of Thy most glorious countenance, that Thou mayest deliver Thy servants through the arms of Thy power and draw them nigh unto Thee. Thou art He to Whose mercy all created things have testified and to Whose loving-kindness every possessor of sublime knowledge hath borne witness. Thus was opened the gate of utterance and there emerged from it the Book of Knowledge with such effulgences that were they to appear upon the earth in less than the eye of a needle, by God, all would be found thunderstruck upon the ground. Thus doth One in Whose presence is the perspicuous Book make mention unto thee. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hastened to the river of life and drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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=== START BH03240 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

The Wronged One testifies in the Most Great Prison that you have turned to the Supreme Horizon and heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and you bore hardships in the path of God, the Lord of all beings, and aided His Cause with your tongue and heart and all that you possess. All things bear witness to what has been sent down from My Pen at this hour. Verily your Lord is the Faithful Witness. In truth you have attained to that which most of the people of the world are deprived. You heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and were set ablaze by its fire, and turned to the lights of the countenance and held fast to the straight path and the mighty announcement. There befell you in His path that which is known and recorded with God. All that has befallen you - trials and hardships and other matters from the taunts of the heedless and the deception and schemes of the transgressors and Bayanis - all is mentioned before the Wronged One and recorded by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for you the reward of each of your deeds and to strengthen you hereafter as He strengthened you before, and to protect you with the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Your letter which you sent in the name of Jud has been received in the presence. Whatever you mention is acceptable before the Face. Joy and gladness and expansion and delight are in His mighty grasp - He gives and withholds, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the Hearing, the Seeing. We testify that you were as a piercing flame against the enemies of your Lord. Sufficient for you is this supreme word whose light has shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen in this Most Great Prison and this exalted station. The glory from the heaven of My kingdom be upon you and upon those whom God has related to you and upon those who remember you with goodness for the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. His honor the Trustee has in these days repeatedly mentioned you in the presence […]. Upon you both be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy.

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=== START BH03241 ===

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

O Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! Hearken unto what the Spirit imparteth unto thee of the verses of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Tree hath spoken in My breast and the Treasure hath called out in My heart, saying: “There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Great.”

Thy letter hath been honored in the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds, and We have answered thee with truth through this clear Tablet. We had previously sent down a Tablet for thee and dispatched it by the hand of those who had migrated. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the verses of God and His wise remembrance, and there hath been sent down for thee that which cheereth the eyes of them that possess true knowledge.

God willing, through the bounty of the All-Merciful thou shalt at all times drink of the living waters and be the cupbearer of the wine of oneness among all people, that all may attain unto the divine outpourings and the rain of merciful bounty in this Day which is the sovereign of all days. Praise be to God that thou hast been and, God willing, shall continue to be engaged in serving the Cause, and this verily sufficeth thee in truth. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing. At all times offer the cup of the knowledge of the Lord of the worlds unto the lifeless bones of the servants. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding thy wife and offspring, verily they have a station with thy Lord. Give them glad tidings from thy Lord, the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Wise. We ordain for them what We have desired in the Tablet, as a bounty from Our presence, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

In these days the Most Exalted Pen is occupied at all times, morning and evening, night and day, despite what hath befallen it of tribulations and trials. From the holy heaven the Most Holy Book is being sent down - verily it is God’s balance for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Read it and ponder what hath been revealed therein. Verily it is a clear Book from God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to provide thee with what hath been treasured therein of the pearls of wisdom and knowledge. He, verily, is

the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And We beseech Him to draw thy kindred nigh unto this mighty ocean. The Glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

=== END BH03241 ===

=== START BH03242 ===

Love came from the loftiest Tree

('Ishq az Sidriy-i-A'la amad)

He is God

Love came from the loftiest Tree with the flame of Faran.

It came from the Divine Court with the cup of affliction.

First It offered the chalice of annihilation to the concourse of lovers,

Then It made them immortal by the breath of the Spirit.

O Love, in the centre of creation thou art the King,

Who emptieth the breasts of all patience and forbearance.

Thou wert sometimes fire, sometimes Moses, sometimes the voice 'I am God'.

At times thou wert a servant, at times a sovereign in celestial splendour.

People languish, dead and lifeless.

Breathe Thou a single breath, O Messianic Spirit.

The mortal world is Thy revelation, the Divine World Thy manifestation,

The Highest Heaven Thy presence, O heavenly Pearl.

Come on, devour my tender heart by the fire of Thy Beauty,

Then heal my breast with the finger of Thy Might.

O Thou of Whom the world is unaware, make me aware of Thee.

I have lost the way and Thou art a brilliant Flame.

If Thou desirest to show forth loving-kindness, give me a chalice.

I yearn for the cup, and Thou art the Divine Fount.

Lift up those raven locks from Thy moon-like Face,

That the sun may get loose from the veil of darkness.

I am a prey of Thine eyebrows and a prisoner of Thy locks.

Now Thou takest me in Thy snare; now Thou releasest me;

Now Thou closest my lips; now Thou takest my life;

Now ’cause of Thee I am drunk, o ruby Wine.

Shouldst Thou hide Thy face from the world for but a twinkling of an eye,

Every trace of immortality would disappear and the world would perish.

O Thou, for Whom I wail and my soul is alive,

O Thou Who art my whole world, O darling Egypt of regality!

How very strange the subtlety Thou devised! Thou art in every eye,

And from every eye Thou art concealed.

O Nightingale of my vineyard! O Dove of my garden!

O Parrot of my paradise! Intone a Syrian melody.

Jesus cometh from Heaven, Moses from the Mount.

All spirits hasten to the Holy Presence.

O Dervish, do not trouble us with too many words;

The celestial vault was created by but one letter.

=== END BH03242 ===

=== START BH03243 ===

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth for people who know. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are created by His command. Say: They who have attained unto the presence of this Servant, these shall return unto God their Lord. And they who have not attained, these are they who are far removed. Say: O people! The Dove of Eternity hath taken flight from the shores of Iraq, if ye be of them that know. And then the breezes of separation blow upon all the servants, if ye be of them that understand. And ye, O concourse of the earth, were heedless of this union which God had ordained for you, and were among the negligent. But when the Bird took flight from the Branch, then did ye recognize how ye had failed in your duty toward this Servant Who believed in God, the Living, the Self-Subsisting, and Who turned not to anyone in the kingdom but was wholly turned toward God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And thus hath passed from you that which ye do not now comprehend. But ye shall understand hereafter, if God should will and desire - there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Dominant, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. And ye, O people of the Bayan, hear My call at this moment and then know Me. Take heed of My counsel and beware lest ye transgress. When ye

hear that the Servant hath migrated unto God, be ye not then disturbed nor grieve at anything, but be patient and be not of them who are impatient. Say: Verily We have loved you in truth and We love to be with you, but this is what God hath decreed for Us in a preserved Tablet. And He hath not willed that any should be with Me save a few numbered souls. Therefore be content with God's good-pleasure and transgress not His command. This is better for you than all that ye desire or love. Then I remind you not to be heedless of the remembrance of God in any matter, but to walk in His good-pleasure. And seek not from Him save what He hath ordained for you, for He knoweth you better than your own selves, and this is a manifest truth. So rest ye in your places and put your trust in Him, if ye be of them that know.

=== END BH03243 ===

=== START BH03244 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beloved, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book in truth, wherein is detailed all things for people who know God through all that they were created with, and who find the breezes of holiness from the paradise that was created behind the pavilion of glory, and who turn not to anything nor concern themselves with any matter, and who at every moment soar on two wings of detachment in the atmosphere which was raised up in the name of God, and who are nourished at every instant with the purest fruits from the divine Tree, and thereby the flowers of knowledge spring forth from their illumined breasts, and this is from the grace which encompasseth them from all directions, and the promise was thereby fulfilled in truth. And thou, O thou who art mentioned in the Tablet, know thou that We have witnessed thy letter and understood what was in it, and now We answer thee, by God's leave, with an answer before which the comprehension of the mystics would prove powerless in its entirety, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and that there may waft over thee breezes such that were but a breath thereof to blow upon thee, it would detach thee from all who are in the heavens and on earth and would make thee independent through the independence of thy Lord, that thou mayest be victorious through God's help. Say: O people! How long will ye follow the desires within yourselves and not follow Him Who calleth you unto God and turneth you toward a station which was witnessed in the most holy paradise? Say: The world and all that ye behold therein shall pass away, and ye shall return unto Him Who was in truth the Eternal Overseer of your spirits and your bodies. Then shall ye find for yourselves neither helper nor protector, and ye shall be called to account for what ye have wrought in the kingdom, and this is a matter which was preserved in the Tablet. Say: By God! Nothing on earth shall profit you, and the days shall pass away like a vanishing shadow. Thus do We cast upon thee holy words and give thee glad tidings of an outspread paradise of glory, that thou mayest detach thyself from all else but God, thy Lord, and turn toward the shore of nearness to the Beloved. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have entered beneath the shadow of God's mercy and who have in truth drunk from the wine of oneness from the hand of loving-kindness.

=== END BH03244 ===

=== START BH03245 ===

He is the King, the Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a day among Thy days and an hour from the hours of Thy holiness, which Thou hast specially chosen for Thyself and attributed to Thy presence. Thou hast exalted it for the perpetuation of Thy name and manifestation of Thy sovereignty, and made it the dayspring of all days through what Thou hast showered upon it from the revelations of the throne of Thy grandeur and the signs of the glory of Thy grace. Thou hast gathered it at this time in the most excellent form within this ancient Temple, that all who are in the heavens and earth might be gathered within and through it, that all might stand to account before Thy Self, without any soul becoming aware or counting it or comprehending it, that all the blessings might be perfected therein from the blessings of Thy holy oneness and the bounties of the glory of Thy lordship, that it might tell of the creation of all things on the day of meeting with Thee and the appearance of Thy days and the rising of the sun of Thy beauty. And at the mention of that supreme honor and mighty gift and the attractions of yearning for Thee and the dominions of Thy love and the passions of longing for Thee, I heard the call of one of Thy servants who believed in Thee and Thy verses, who turned away from all existing things and advanced toward the countenance of Thy beauty, who hastened from all directions to the place of Thy settling, until he stood at Thy door and arose at the dawning of the lights of Thy eternal holiness from the horizon of the heaven of Thy oneness and the dayspring of the dawn of Thy eternality. He desired to ascend to the canopy of union with and meeting with Thee, and to abide in the seats of nearness to and proximity with Thee. Therefore, O my God, cause the dove of yearning for Thee to soar in his heart, then cause to flow from his inner heart the seas of Thy love, and from his tongue the wonders of Thy remembrance, and from his spirit the jewels of Thy praise. Then accept him, O my God, that he might be able to preserve in the hidden recesses of his secret this white light and this most hidden treasure, that he might be with Thy servant in the highest horizon and the most glorious companion. Verily Thou art at this time in the sanctuary of eternity and dost witness this crimson spirit and hear this sweetest melody at the pole of identity, the center of the cloud of unknowing. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the most exalted, the powerful, the mighty, the self-subsisting.

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=== START BH03246 ===

O Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! He is the All-Knowing Herald! The Divine bounty became embodied and His mercy encompassed all. He aided with the hosts of His providence and generosity, and caused the honored Shaykh, upon him be My glory and favor, to attain unto presence, hearing and witnessing. He arrived several days ago and then took for himself an abode in the shade of the Divine Lote Tree. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn him with the ornament of resignation, trust and detachment. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever turns unto Him and the Helper of whosoever dwelleth within the precincts of His mercy. He is indeed among those who are secure, as recorded in His Perspicuous Book. In truth, they have been freed and delivered from the hosts of hatred and rancor and from the claws of tyranny and calumny. Well is it with him and with whosoever hath loved him and desired his salvation. Glory be unto God! Tyranny hath reached such a pass that none save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, is aware thereof. The glory of the Cause, its loftiness, its transcendence, justice and fairness have been put to flight. They regarded the divine counsels and heavenly admonitions as though they had never existed, and they abandoned that which would have brought glory to the Cause

and to themselves, clinging instead to that which causeth loss, abasement and degradation. Glory be unto God! From a certain person in that city there occurred that which caused the heart of this Wronged One to lament and groan. It behooveth Us to conceal what hath befallen Us and to make mention of the loved ones of God in that place, among whom are he who was named Javad and Khalil and Karim, and those who attained My presence and heard the scratching of My Pen and beheld the horizon of the heaven of My grace. Upon them be My glory, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The honored Shaykh made mention of Javad, upon him be the grace of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and hath sought for him and his kin that which leadeth to the exaltation of their station and the elevation of their rank. The glory from Our presence be upon you, O My friends and loved ones, and upon those who have laid hold of the hem of the robe of their Lord's tender mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH03246 ===

=== START BH03247 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

In truth, after your departure the prison truly became a prison. Some are occupied with lamentation and moaning, while others are consumed by the fire of separation. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to make you the cause and means of the reformation of the world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The two letters addressed to this servant were seen. The affairs there are difficult, as most of the servants are inflamed with the fire of enmity and moved by base desires. The improvement of every matter has been and remains within God's mighty grasp. Verily, He has power over all things.

His honor Aqa Siyyid M is present before Us these days and says that hereafter the climate of that land becomes very bad. It would be good if you would proceed to Lahore or Kashmir or other places. You should certainly investigate yourself and go to whichever city you deem suitable. These matters are for your own benefit. They have also mentioned that there is one named Aqa 'Abdu'l-Husayn there who is very trustworthy and honest and is also knowledgeable in the preparation of food. If deemed advisable, they may refer their services to him. This too depends on your judgment.

Furthermore, we have given eighty English pounds and obtained a draft to be paid to you there. Please receive it. Convey Our greetings to the honored Nazir. God willing, may they be joyous and adorned with the ornament of health and occupied with the remembrance of God. They have written from Nayriz that their relatives do not intend to proceed in that direction, but rather intend to go to Yazd. We wrote to those parts that if they are willing, they should send them and provide whatever is needed for the journey expenses. We shall pay it back soon.

Do not be saddened by affairs. Whatever comes to pass is assuredly for the best, and right is with you, and universal outpourings are ordained for you. All send their greetings with utmost longing. Write daily that which will bring joy to all. The purpose of mentioning Rida is that no ill-feeling or conflict should arise or be created there. The command is in God's hand alone.

=== END BH03247 ===

=== START BH03248 ===

O Siyyid Nasru'llah who hath attained Our presence and gained the victory - He beholdeth from His Most Exalted Horizon. Victory hath come, and through it the Standard of Power hath been hoisted upon the highest ensigns, from God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily victory is that which hath spoken before the faces of the world and summoned all to the Mighty, the Bestower. Through it the pillars of polytheism were shaken and the Sun of Divine Unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. Through it the Hidden Secret was revealed and all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End!"

O Nasru'llah! Thou art he who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when the Wronged One was imprisoned in Akka. Thou didst enter and behold, and didst hear the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven. Thou didst believe in Him Who was established upon the Throne of Evidence through wisdom and utterance. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all horizons. Say: Your names have been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen as a favor from God, the Lord of Lords. We counsel you to preserve that which ye have been given from the presence of One Who is Compassionate, All-Bountiful. By My life! The mention of the world cannot be compared with My mention - to this doth testify He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my condition and hearest my lamentation. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Realm of Might and Kingdom, and by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me Thy Hidden Secret and Thy Treasured Symbol, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of reunion through the hands of grace and bounty, for having caused me to hear Thy Most Sweet Call and to behold the lights of Thy Countenance from Thy Most Exalted Horizon. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Immortality, by the sovereignty of the Names, to assist me to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants and to mention Thee and praise Thee throughout Thy lands. O Lord! The weary one hath turned toward the Kingdom of Thy utterance, the hopeful one toward the Realm of Thy bounty, and the distant one toward the court of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which he seeketh from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace. Then ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Almighty to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH03248 ===

=== START BH03249 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy!

The Covenant was taken at daybreak from those who believed, that they should worship none but God and should not corrupt the earth. Among them are those who have attained unto guidance and those who have followed vain desire - these are indeed among the heedless.

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Ask thou God that He may guide them unto what He hath willed, and strengthen them in that whereby the breezes of detachment may waft over all the worlds.

We have servants who, were all the treasures of the heavens and earth to be offered unto them, would pay no heed nor turn their gaze from the Most Great Vision - these indeed dwell within the pavilion of My protection. The people of the holy precincts seek blessings through them. Verily thy Lord is knowing of all things.

These have passed by the world and its adornments as clouds pass by, and thy Lord is witness to what I say.

Take thou the cup of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of invention, then drink thereof and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Be thou content with His good-pleasure, then make thy desire what thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath desired. For verily the world and all that is therein shall perish and change, while that which hath been ordained for thee in My great Kingdom shall never end.

Forget not the favor of thy Lord, for He hath called thee unto Himself and delivered thee from the depths of vain imaginings, and hath sent down unto thee clear verses. Read them and be thou among the thankful ones.

=== END BH03249 ===

=== START BH03250 ===

He is God, exalted is He! The Branch has presented your letter before the Face, and from it We perceived the fragrances of your love in these days which God has made the dawning-place of trials and tests. We read what flowed from your pen in remembrance of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou, O Ha'i, in what flowed from thy pen and was uttered by thy tongue. By My life! Thou art indeed before the Most Great Scene. Soon shalt thou witness that of which mankind was heedless. We beseech God to aid thee and assist thee in His love and good-pleasure. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to what thou didst mention concerning the sincere loved ones - praise and gratitude be unto Him Who cast into the hearts of the pure ones that which preserved them from the whisperings of Satan. Blessed is the land wherein the loved ones of God gather together, engaging in His remembrance. Praise be unto Him in all conditions. Should anyone intend to journey to the land of Nun, convey Our endless greetings to Nabil-i-Qabil-'Ali. By God! He is from Me. We beseech God to grant him what befits His grace and sovereignty. Verily, He has power over all things. Let him not be sorrowful - he has not been and will not be forgotten. The delay in summoning him has been due to external circumstances, otherwise We testify that he would be present before the Face. Likewise convey greetings from the Face to Jasim. We beseech God to transform remoteness into nearness. Verily, He has power over all things.

And as to what thou didst mention concerning Nabil, upon him be My glory - praise be to God Who has caused His loved ones to abide beneath the shade of His loving-kindness. How blessed are those souls who gather in the assembly of God's loved ones and engage in His remembrance with the utmost joy and attraction. Verily, We are with them and We shall show them the fruits of their deeds. The denizens of Paradise shower their prayers upon them. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, they shall attain His presence. Permission has been granted for them to proceed to the appointed place. We beseech God to bestow upon all His recognition and presence. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH03250 ===

=== START BH03251 ===

O Dhu'l-Qarnayn, He is the Most Manifest

Your letter has come before Us and We found from it the fragrance of your love for your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. We beseech God to assist you in His Cause, to purify you from those who have disbelieved, to sanctify you from all that His good-pleasure abhors, to make you pure for His Own Self, the Mighty, the Wondrous, to draw you nigh unto Him and to cause you to enter the pavilion wherein shineth His holy, radiant and luminous countenance, and to grant you His presence in all ages. This indeed is a great bounty. And if you wish to know what hath befallen Me in this Prison at the hands of the hosts of the idolaters, know that the Ancient Beauty hath been afflicted at the hands of the people of the Bayan, these idolaters, even as 'Ali was afflicted at the hands of the people of the Furqan, and Muhammad at the hands of the people of the Gospel, and the Spirit at the hands of the Jews. Thus was the matter decreed against this lonely Wronged One. Then know that from Shin three, then Fa, Nun and Kha and Sin, then Qaf and Ya, and the first, then the second and the third, and Shin - they were sent in a temple and rose up against Me in battle. The curse of God be upon his vile and accursed temple! By God the Truth, I know not how to recount what befell Me on the day he sought to kill Me, and on the day he complained of Me, and on the day he sent his wife before the rulers where she complained of this Youth, that they might decree for him that which would satisfy the belly of the greedy one - and verily it shall not be satisfied except by the fire in his abode. Evil indeed is the abode of the deniers! All things weep for Me, for by his actions the sanctity of God hath been violated amongst all created things. But grieve not for what hath befallen Us, for this is God's way with His chosen ones in centuries past. Therefore be patient, show forth patience, then stand firm in the Cause. He will verily aid thee with the truth, and He is the Helper of the chosen ones. And upon thee be glory, and upon those with thee. Convey Our greetings to the faces of those who are with thee among God's sincere servants.

=== END BH03251 ===

=== START BH03252 ===

To him who presented his petition before the Throne [M.H.]

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

That which thou didst address to God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, hath reached Us in the Prison. This is better for thee than all that hath been created on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have answered thee in truth as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. In His right hand is the kingdom of names, and within His grasp the dominion of the realms of eternity. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

At the moment when thou didst open thy lips in remembrance of God, the Lord of Names, We heard it and answered thee in truth, and ordained for thee in the Most Glorious Pavilion a station that was illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Wert thou to become aware of what We have ordained for thee, thou wouldst soar on the wings of longing in the atmosphere of detachment and behold all who are in creation beneath the shadow of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the verses which have descended from the right hand of the throne of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Attributes, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy knowledge and to turn toward the sanctuary of Thy certitude and the Kaaba of Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the tongue of all things hath spoken in praise of Thy Self, to make me in all conditions to gaze toward the direction of Thy good-pleasure and whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me in the heaven of Thy decree. Then make me to be detached from the cawing of those who have disbelieved in Thy signs, of whom Thou hast informed us in Thy Tablets. Cause me, O my God, to be so steadfast in Thy love that were all who are on earth to claim the stations of Thy Cause and the conditions of Thy Manifestation, I would not turn toward them, for I bear witness that the seal of the Manifestation of God is set in this Most Great Revelation, and whosoever layeth claim to a Revelation speaketh through the promptings of self and passion. Thus hath it been inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen upon the Tablets which have been adorned with the ornament of Thy words, O Creator of the heavens! I am certain, O my God, that Thou hast answered what I have beseeched of Thee and ordained for me what I have desired, through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH03252 ===

=== START BH03253 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali ibn-Fattah, upon both of you be the Glory of God!

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Your letter hath come before Us and the Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through the tongue of His loving-kindness in the kingdom of His utterance, wherefore the fragrance of faithfulness hath been wafted between earth and heaven. Thou art he who hath turned unto the Countenance and traversed the path until thou didst enter the Valley of the Noble One, which God hath made the seat of His glorious Throne. Thou didst attain the presence and didst hear what My tongue did speak. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have remembered thee in Tablets that shall testify on thy behalf in all the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing,

the All-Informed. Thou art he who crossed land and sea in thy longing to attain My presence, until thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hands of thy Lord's bounty, the Merciful. We beseech God to make thee known through His Name, speaking His praise, gazing toward His horizon, soaring in the atmosphere of His nearness, and holding fast to His mighty cord. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy servants have melted, and at Whose remoteness the tears of the sincere ones among Thy creatures have fallen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst cause the mountains to be scattered in dust and the earth to become a level plain, and by the Most Great Word whereby Thou didst subdue all who are in earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions strengthened through Thy loving-kindness, speaking Thy praise, and standing firm in service to Thy Cause. O my Lord! This is a day wherein Thou hast opened the doors of Thy grace and mercy, and the rains of Thy utterance have showered from the clouds of Thy generosity upon Thy creatures. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee, then grant me from the ocean of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy majesty. Then make me steadfast, O my God, in the service of Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Almighty.

O Muhammad-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Know thou with certain knowledge and manifest truth that even should all who are on earth flee and turn away from thee, the Prisoner will not flee from thee and will be with thee under all conditions. Verily He is possessed of great faithfulness. He will not leave thee; He will remember thee as He remembered thee before, and will shelter thee as He sheltered thee beneath the shadow of His mercy. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of all who have knowledge and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH03253 ===

=== START BH03254 ===

O Siyyid Husayn, upon thee be the Most Holy, Most Ancient, Most Great Glory of God! We have heard thy call and what thou hast mentioned before the Remembrance of the worlds, and from thy letter We perceived the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We found it adorned with the ornament of the mention of the Lord of Names and embellished with His Name, the One Who rules over the worlds. In every season He hath sent unto thee the proof of God and His utterance, and every year He hath revealed unto thee that whereby the anemones of divine knowledge spring forth from the realities of creation, bearing witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing. The Tablets have been filled with thy mention - this is from My favor unto thee. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Soon that which is hidden today shall be revealed, and the Kingdom and the Realm above shall bear witness to the exaltation of the Word of God and that wherewith ye were mentioned in a preserved tablet. Do they who denied imagine they possess glory? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! All glory belongeth unto God and unto them who acknowledged His sovereignty when He came with His mighty, impregnable dominion. God shall soon manifest the glory of them who believed in the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Then shall the idolaters behold themselves in manifest loss. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation and attained unto the love of God, the Mighty, the

Praiseworthy. Say: His love is water in its effect and fire in its nature. Through its heat it attracts the moisture which hath prevented people from ascending to the atmosphere of the knowledge of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. In this verse hath been revealed the cause of motion and rest. Blessed is he who hath understood and soared with his heart to a station which the pens and tongues of the speakers are powerless to describe. At times thou seest it as the water of life whereby We quickened the hearts of them who have recognized Us; at times thou beholdest it as fire whereby the veils of idle fancy were consumed and hearts were turned toward the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Luminous. Thus have We caused to flow from the Most Exalted Pen the Salsabil of remembrance and praise as a grace from Our presence unto thee and unto them who are with thee from among God's sincere servants. Drink ye by Our leave. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

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O Seyyed Muhammad, son of his honor Vahid, upon him be the Most Great, Most Mighty, Most Glorious Splendor of God! The gate of utterance has been opened and the Youth of inner meanings has appeared, holding in His right hand a cup of the salsabil of your Lord's mercy, the Most High, the Most Great. At times thou findest therein the trace of fire whereby the veils of the worlds are consumed, and at times thou findest therein the trace of light whereby the hearts of the mystics are illumined, and at times thou seest it as the water of life whereby God quickens every decomposed bone. Blessed is he who takes it in the name of his Lord and drinks in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Unite in the Cause of God - thereby will His Cause be exalted among the servants. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cling ye unto the fear of God in His religion. By My life! It is My garment - blessed is he who attains unto this luminous garment. Verily thy Lord is not prevented by anything from anything. Were He to decree for the heaven the decree of the earth, none has the right to object to Him, and were He to dispose of what is on earth, none has the right to say "why" or "wherefore." Everything hath proclaimed that He is the One Who ruleth as He pleaseth. Such is God's way among His servants and His sovereignty over His creation. This station hath been sealed with this noble perspective. Nevertheless, We have manifested Our Self in the garment of the fear of God as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Those who transgress what hath been ordained in the Book and act without God's leave - these are among the disappointed ones. And those who commit what they were forbidden - these are among the heedless ones. Adorn yourselves with what We have commanded you in the Tablets that the sanctification of your Lord's Cause may be manifest among the servants. Thereby shall the faces of those near unto God be illumined. Say: While you are in your homes, the Sovereign of the House remembers you in this mighty prison and desires to make you kings in the kingdoms of His dominion and inheritors in His mighty, impregnable empire. Grieve not because of those who have disbelieved. Trust in all matters in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou of such character that the sincere ones may find from thee the fragrances of the All-Merciful. Thus it behooveth one who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Peerless.

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He is God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy

This hath been revealed for the servant who was named Abbas-Quli, that he may remember within his soul and be of them that remember. Say: The Tree of Eternity hath been raised up upon the Spot of Command in the Most Exalted Paradise, and crieth out with the loudest voice: “O people of Baha, embark upon the Ark of Eternity, then sail upon the Sea of Names!” Thus hath the command been sent down from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. They who have embarked upon it - these have attained unto all good, and mercy hath descended upon them from every direction, and they are secure from the greatest terror. And thou, O servant, hearken unto what God hath revealed unto thee, and turn not unto them who are immersed in the depths of vain imaginings and desires, who have turned away from That for which they were created and remain absorbed in their own selves. Arise to fulfill thy Lord’s command, and when the lights of the Tablet shine forth upon thee from the horizon of the Finger of the Youth, fall prostrate upon the dust in adoration before God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Beloved. Beware lest anything prevent thee from reaching the shore of Our Most Great Name. We have made it a remembrance from Us unto thee and unto them that are certain in faith. Be ye united in the Cause of God and His religion, and be as one soul, for thereby shall the banners of them that have disbelieved and joined partners with God be destroyed, and sovereignty shall remain with thy Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Forgiving. Soon shalt thou hear the clamor of the polytheists regarding thy Lord’s Cause. Then stand firm and be not of them that comprehend not. Say: O people! Sanctify your hearts from the veils of vain imaginings and desires, then look with the eye of fairness upon the signs of your Lord and that which hath been sent down from a heaven of exalted glory. They who have deprived themselves of this bounty - these shall have no seat of truth with their Lord and God will never look upon them. Thus hath the command been sent down that thou mayest be of them that know. Be steadfast in the Cause, then recite from the verses of thy Lord, for they will assuredly draw thee in truth to a station of praiseworthy holiness. And glory be upon thee and upon them that seek the sanctuary of holiness.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! The Most Exalted Pen at all times summons the people of the contingent world to the Most Exalted Horizon, that they may not be deprived of the grace of the Days of God and may not be forbidden from the breezes of the Morn of Revelation, which are the cause of resurrection and the life of them that dwell in the graves. Your honor dwelt for a time beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, and observed the utterances of the Tree and its ways, and became aware of the compassion and bounty of God towards all. Now consider in what station of loftiness of wisdom and exaltation of mercy is God, and in what station are the people. We commanded all to love and fellowship, they arose in discord. We summoned them to wisdom, they failed to respond. As you have heard, in some lands differences appeared among the friends, and likewise in some cities actions contrary to wisdom were manifest, such that the clamor of the polytheists and hypocrites was raised in certain known places which you yourself mentioned. The cause of the exile of the loved ones of God from Iraq was their gathering together, and likewise the cause of exile from the Land of Mystery. Nevertheless,

none heeds or has heeded that which is forbidden, save whom God willeth. Although exile became the cause of establishment and departure became the cause of the spread of the Cause of God, yet since outwardly harm from gatherings befalls the Tree itself, the friends of God must avoid it and cause their will to be extinguished in His will. Blessed art thou for having appeared before the Throne by the leave of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Grieve not at anything, for He brings together what was scattered and raises up what has passed away. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. God willing, with utmost joy and delight speak in remembrance of the Dawning-Place of Revelation. He is with those who have fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey My greetings to the faces of them that have believed in God and to those around thee, from the Wronged One, the Stranger. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this Mighty Cord.

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He is seated upon the throne of divine knowledge in the kingdom of utterance. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned unto God and attained His presence - the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting - and who hath faced the Dayspring of Revelation and responded when the Call was raised from the direction of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Ahmad-i-Mirza, hearken unto the Call from the direction of ‘Akka: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. We have remembered those who turned toward Us when the people turned away, and We have sent down unto them from the heaven of justice that which consoleth the eyes. Say: O people, be fair in what hath appeared in truth and follow not the sources of fancy and idle imaginings. Say: The proof hath been sent down and the fountain hath gushed forth and that which was hidden in God’s knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath appeared. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, as witnessed by honored servants who have attained the choice wine of steadfastness from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee or the clamor of every heedless and veiled one frighten thee. Soar, O Ahmad, on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of thy Lord’s love, the Lord of creation. Verily thy Lord assisteth whom He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of everlasting life from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of Names, say: O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty among all beings, and by Thy radiant and manifest light, and Thy firm and unshakeable Cause, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy service. O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest that I have taken no helper for myself other than Thee, nor any supporter besides Thee. I beseech Thee, O Light of the world, by Thy Most Great Name through which the limbs of the nations trembled, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and cause me to enter the precincts of Thy glory. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy strength. I beseech Thee not to deprive him of what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Shafi’, the sections were sent. We beseech God that He may deliver them. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

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O Husayn-Quli Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom. This is a Book sent down by the King of Omnipotence unto him who hath turned to My horizon and heard My call and directed his heart unto the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth, before the creation of all beings: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!” By God! There hath appeared that which had never appeared before, and the Speaker of Sinai, Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords, hath spoken. The story of the Fire hath returned in the Sinai of the righteous and calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven: “The Promise hath come, and the Lord of Names hath appeared with the hosts of revelation and the standards of signs!” Can any among the divines vie with Me in the arena of utterance? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Say: Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies which are indeed idols, if ye be among the possessors of insight. We have heard thy call aforetime and that wherewith thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. We answer thee with this Tablet which God hath made a light unto the righteous and a fire unto the wicked. Thou didst attain unto My mention aforetime, and in this hour when the All-Merciful hath ascended the throne of utterance with power and sovereignty. Say: O people of the Qur’an, know ye your station! Ye made mention of Me throughout ages and centuries, yet when the fingers of might rent asunder the veils and shrouds, ye pronounced judgment against Me with such tyranny as caused the pillars to tremble. Ye arose at My mention, yet when I manifested Myself unto you, ye arose with swords of hatred and committed that which caused the hearts of the people of the cities of justice and equity to be sorely troubled. Say: O people of the Bayan, We behold you as We beheld them. Soon shall ye reap from the trees of your deeds the fruits which they reaped before. Take ye heed, O ye who are endued with insight! We counsel thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast with utmost steadfastness in this Cause whereby the lights have shone forth. We have heard thy verse and prose in the love and praise of God. It behooveth thee to thank Him for having aided thee unto this bounty which the treasuries of the earth cannot equal. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this.

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He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou beholdest that the Sun of independence hath ever been dawning from the horizon of the temples of glory - they who have rent asunder the veils of grandeur, who have quaffed the choice wine of reunion, and who have attained unto the lights of beauty in the days when Thou didst come with the heaven of Thy Cause upon the clouds of grandeur and power, when trembling seized all the tribes of the earth. And among them, O my God, is this Name who was named with the two Most Exalted Names, who turned wholly unto Thee, detached from all the worlds, who took no beloved save Thee and no object of desire except Thee. Therefore dost Thou behold him, O my Beloved, consumed by the fire of separation from Thee and enkindled by the flame of longing for Thee. Ordain for him, O Fire of the hearts of lovers, that which shall make him, in separation, attain unto the lights of Thy reunion and presence, and in

remoteness, drink from the cup of Thy nearness and glory. For verily Thou didst desire him and ordained for him a station upon the Most Exalted Throne which none can reach save they who have beheld Thee with Thine eye and known Thee through Thy Self, the Mighty, [the Inaccessible].

The letter of that spiritual friend and heavenly beloved arrived with the fragrances of the divine paradise of inner meanings and became the cause of joy to this evanescent one. Praise and glory be unto Him that the glances of His favor have ever gazed from the horizon of grace upon those turned toward the Most Great Scene, and the cloud of His boundless generosity is raised up and the immeasurable rains of grace descend, and the sun of the Most Glorious favor shines forth and the sea of ancient bounty surges. Praise be to the Beloved that your honor has been and continues to be the recipient of all divine favors, both outward and inward, and not for a moment have the breezes of God's favor from the right hand of the Most Great Mercy been cut off, nor for an instant have you been concealed from the vision of the Most Great Scene. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou! We beseech God to make me and you among those who are steadfast in the path of His Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. And furthermore, your honor's letter was presented before the Countenance and mighty verses were revealed from the heaven of oneness and sent. Upon thee be the lights that have shone forth from the horizon of His all-encompassing, transcendent words above the worlds.

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All praise be to Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou

hast adorned the world with the splendour of the dawn

following the night wherein was born the One Who

heralded the Manifestation of Thy transcendent sovereignty,

the Dayspring of Thy divine Essence and the Revelation of

Thy supreme Lordship. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the

heavens and Fashioner of names, to graciously aid those

who have sheltered beneath the shadow of Thine abounding

mercy and have raised their voices amidst the peoples of the

world for the glorification of Thy Name.

O my God! Thou beholdest the Lord of all mankind

confined in His Most Great Prison, calling aloud Thy

Name, gazing upon Thy face, proclaiming that which hath

enraptured the denizens of Thy kingdoms of revelation and of creation. O my God! I behold Mine own Self captive in the hands of Thy servants, yet the light of Thy sovereignty and the revelations of Thine invincible power shine resplendent from His face, enabling all to know of a certainty that Thou art God, and that there is none other God but Thee. Neither can the power of the powerful frustrate Thee, nor the ascendancy of the rulers prevail against Thee. Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest by virtue of Thy sovereignty which encompasseth all created things, and ordainest that which Thou pleaseth through the potency of Thy behest which pervadeth the entire creation.

I implore Thee by the glory of Thy Manifestation and by the power of Thy might, Thy sovereignty and Thine exaltation to render victorious those who have arisen to serve Thee, who have aided Thy Cause and humbled themselves before the splendour of the light of Thy face. Make them then, O my God, triumphant over Thine enemies and cause them to be steadfast in Thy service, that through them the evidences of Thy dominion may be established throughout Thy realms and the tokens of Thine indomitable power be manifested in Thy lands. Verily Thou art potent to do what Thou willest; no God is there but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

This glorious Tablet hath been revealed on the Anniversary

of the Birth [of the Bab] that thou mayest recite it
in a spirit of humility and supplication and give thanks
unto Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Make
thou every effort to render service unto God, that from
thee may appear that which will immortalize thy memory
in His glorious and exalted heaven.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I implore Thee by
the Dawning-place of Thy signs and by the Revealer of
Thy clear tokens to grant that I may, under all conditions,
hold fast the cord of Thy loving providence and cling
tenaciously to the hem of Thy generosity. Reckon me then
with those whom the changes and chances of the world
have failed to deter from serving Thee and from bearing
allegiance unto Thee, whom the onslaught of the people
hath been powerless to hinder from magnifying Thy Name
and celebrating Thy praise. Graciously assist me, O my
Lord, to do whatever Thou lovest and desirest. Enable me
then to fulfil that which will exalt Thy Name and will set
ablaze the fire of Thy love.

Thou art, in truth, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of the one true God! The Beloved of the world, from the Most Great Prison, counseleth all with that which is the cause of the elevation of their souls and befitteth human beings. All must hearken with the ear of acceptance. O friends! Goodly character, praiseworthy deeds, and human attributes have been and shall ever be the cause of exalting the Word of God and promoting His Cause. Therefore it is incumbent and obligatory upon every soul to hold fast today unto that which is righteous and to shun that which is forbidden. Many souls have claimed to believe, yet through their deeds the most pure and luminous hem of the Lord of destiny hath been sullied among men. Convey My greetings to the friends

and recite unto them that which hath flowed in this Tablet from the divine Pen, that they may become aware of that which is for their good and shun that which causeth harm to themselves and others. The world hath been seized and encompassed by the dark and gloomy dust. The carpet of inner meaning and deeds hath been rolled up, and the carpet of words and utterances hath been spread out. Say: O loved ones! By the Sun of Truth, this is the Day of deeds. If today even an atom's weight of goodly action proceedeth from anyone, its reward shall endure for him throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Strive that today a deed may appear from you purely for the sake of God. Unity and concord are beloved in the sight of the Lord of creation. Gather ye together in God's Law and be ye not of them that differ. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have made mention of thee that thou mayest mention the people with that which hath been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing Educator. Give thou glad tidings to the loved ones of My remembrance of them, then bid them to that which they have been bidden by God, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise. They that have borne hardships in the path of God - for them hath been ordained an exalted station. Blessed is he who hath shown patience, seeking the good-pleasure of God. We make mention of him in truth, and the Concourse on High make mention of him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And the glory be upon thee and upon them that have held fast to the cord of unity in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and Power!

The letter of your honor, which was adorned with mention of the Beloved, reached this lowly servant, and the fragrant, amber-scented breezes from its words and utterances, written in remembrance of the King of Oneness, were inhaled. O joy to those breezes by which the paradise of the hearts of those near to God is concealed! And blessed is the tongue that has spoken the mention of the All-Merciful among all possibilities, and the heart from which has flowed the Salsabil of the love of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! I beseech Him, exalted be He, that through the waters of your remembrances of the King of Names, He may revive the trees of the hearts of His servants who have been heedless of the Most Great, Supreme Announcement and His Ancient and Most Great Remembrance, that He may make all the Divine Lote-Trees of knowledge among the contingent beings, and cause all to speak forth your call and testify that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Be it known that after observing the luminous letter, it was presented at the threshold of the Throne. The petition that had been submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence was presented in its entirety before the Face. A wondrous and sublime Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for your honor, and likewise all the names that you had written were presented before the Throne. Infinite favors have been shown to all, and specifically for each name a sublime Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent forth. God willing, may all attain to them and, through the fragrances of the revealed verses - from a single breath of which the realities of Paradise are set in motion and stirred - arise with a wondrous spirit and sublime form to serve the Cause and manifest that which is befitting of this Day. And that is first to sanctify the self from all else save God, and then to appear with praiseworthy characteristics, commendable attributes, and goodly remembrances among

humanity, that through their breaths the horizons may be perfumed and through their lights all things may be illumined. By God! They are the people of Baha among all creatures. Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of all the worlds. Verily, remembrance and praise and glorification and splendor be upon you and upon them and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God.

The Servant

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Muhammad Sadiq, son of Jinab-i-Ah, upon them both be the glory of God. In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

Observe and reflect upon what hath come to pass in the world. The divines and mystics of the earth were, night and day, supplicating and yearning to attain unto the presence of the Divine Day which was mentioned and recorded in the Books. Whenever they would hear the word "Qa'im" they would all rise up in reverence to His name and utter the words "May God hasten His relief." Throughout this time they failed to perceive what distress existed that they should seek relief for His Holiness from God. They were deprived of understanding this matter. Furthermore, when the horizon of the world was illumined with the light of the appearance of the Most Great Herald, all arose in opposition and inflicted upon that blessed Being, Who was in truth a divine subtlety and a celestial melody, that which hath been heard and witnessed. And when afterwards the Sun of Truth dawned from the Horizon of Will, it was observed what they said and what they committed. In truth the Pen is powerless to recount it. To prove their contentions they cling to the Book while remaining heedless of and turning away from the Mother Book. More remote than these souls are the people of the Bayan, who have been and continue to be deprived by the buzzing of a fly from the divine melody, and who have remained far from the Lord of Lords. Now consider the worth and station of the souls who have accepted the Faith. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that these souls have no peer or likeness, for the greatest veil, which was the divines of the age, did not prevent them from the Truth, exalted be His glory. With the arm of certitude they shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned toward the Lord of this manifest Day. Blessed are ye for having attained unto this most exalted station, to which the Lord of creation hath testified in His mighty prison. I counsel you and My loved ones to remain steadfast in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. The glory be upon you from God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

The esteemed letter of that spiritual friend arrived repeatedly. Praise be to God, its words had drunk from the water of divine love in the garden of meanings. This garden is the heart of the believer, and that word is a sapling which appeared and was planted through love of the Divine Lote Tree. In all conditions, I have asked and continue to ask from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, for health, honor and bounty for that

spiritual friend. I beseech Him, exalted be He, by His Prophets and Messengers and by Him through Whom the breezes of revelation were cut off, to open before the faces of His loved ones the gates of grace and mercy. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As for the matter of the apple of my eye, Aqa ’Inayatu’llah, upon him be the peace of God - it was presented before His presence and He said: “The True One, exalted be His glory, has loved and continues to love the craftsman. He should surely engage in a craft - this is beloved and acceptable.”

O Rida, be not grieved by the vicissitudes of the world. God willing, the door of joy and relief and bounty and grace will be opened through the key of trust and resignation. Verily, He is God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Gracious, the Generous. Be not grieved. We send greetings to the friends and likewise to the family, and we counsel all to act according to what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Furqan. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Indeed, the news of the occupation of the apple of my eye, ’Inayatu’llah, was a cause of joy and gladness. Praise and thanks be to God. However, you must be informed of his movements, for he is a child and requires education.

To the spiritual beloved ones and true friends - his honor Ustad ‘Abdu’l-Karim and his honor Aqa Ghulam-’Ali and the joy of heart and inner being, his honor Aqa ’Abdu’?-?amad, upon them be the peace of God and His grace - I send greetings and ask for each one health and bounty and honor. Verily, God is the Kind, the Affectionate.

To the apple of my eye ’Inayatu’llah and likewise his honored mother I send greetings. God willing, he will strive earnestly to learn and acquire crafts. This is a work through which a person becomes beloved and regarded both with God and with people. Peace be upon you and upon the righteous servants of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the 2nd of the month of Shawwal 1305

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O Muhammad, in the name of the peerless one God! Your call reached the Most Holy and Luminous Threshold, and whatsoever you mentioned, this servant presented it. That which is beloved today is steadfastness in the Cause, and this matter is greater than what may occur to the heart or the realm of imagination can enumerate. Ask of the exalted Truth to make you successful in attaining a drop from this ocean. Consider the divines of the age who, though they waited night and day for the Truth and would say from the pulpits “May God hasten His coming,” when the horizon of the world was illumined with the Sun of Manifestation, all arose in opposition and strove with hands of tyranny and hypocrisy to preserve their leadership. They passed by the Truth and what pertains to Him, and remained content with their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. They are seen to be deprived and forbidden from the sealed wine and the ocean of the bounty of the Self-Subsisting Name. Although they witness at all times the transience of the world, nevertheless some are heedless, some fearful, some agitated, some bewildered,

and some veiled. Consider the King of Martyrs, that is, the name of Ha' - upon him be all the most glorious Glory. He attained to such a station, though he himself had beseeched the Truth, glorified and exalted be He, for numbered years. When he attained unto it, most souls became agitated, although the Truth aided him and adorned him with the ornament of might and exaltation. At the end of his life he reached a station which all the Prophets and Messengers and near-brought angels at all times beseech and hope for. Now all must be thankful to the Truth - exalted be His dominion and magnified be His power - not agitated and fearful. By My life! They have not found the sweetness of this station and are pleased and occupied with the ornaments and things of the world. And God speaks the Truth and He guides the Way. Verily He has power over all things.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from the Unseen to the visible world, that none may witness save what God witnessed before the creation of all things: that there is no God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O people! Fear God and follow not those who understand not. Those who have heard the verses of God - they are a divine people, around whom circle servants of the realm of oneness. Thus has flowed from the Pen the Kawthar of pre-existence, sprinkling upon all created things that they may turn unto God, the Lord of Lords. O people! Beware lest the manifestations of glory prevent you from the Dawning-Place of beauty. Break the idols by the power of God, the Mighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He commands you with truth, but the people understand not. Say: O people! Names are but creations by His command. Rend asunder the veils and be not of those who join partners with God. Say: This indeed is the Purpose. These are His verses sent down in truth, and at His right hand is the wine of life - happy are they who drink thereof. O servant! Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God. He suffices thee in truth, and He knows what is in the hearts. Those who are debarred from this bounty - they understand not. Convey the Cause of thy Lord and be not silent in His remembrance. By His remembrance are quickened the hearts of those who turn to the court of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Best-Beloved. By His remembrance are set ablaze the hearts of the righteous and the Nightingale of Manifestation warbles. Whoso attains to His remembrance and stands firm in His love has indeed attained to all good. Thus has it been ordained by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people of the Bayan! Deny not Him Who has come with the truth from the presence of One mighty, powerful. He has come as 'Ali came from the heaven of the Cause with manifest sovereignty, and He commands you but what 'Ali commanded before. Fear God and be not of the deniers. Follow the religion of God and differ not therein. This indeed is a mighty counsel. Whoso heeds thy counsel does so for his own sake, and whoso turns away does so to his own loss. The Messenger's duty is but to deliver the clear Message. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to him who has shattered the idols of vain desire through the fear of God, the Lord of all names, and who has not broken His

Covenant on this Day whereon the feet of most of the people have slipped, except those who have turned to the Dayspring of the mercy of their Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. God shall soon assist those who have turned unto Him and shall turn away from those who have denied the signs of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people! Fear God and make not the world your homeland. Set your faces toward the homeland of the All-Merciful; this is better for you than the kingdoms of the heavens and of the earth. Purify your hearts from envy and hatred that ye may meet your Lord, the All-Merciful, with sanctified hearts. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin you from this far-distant Spot. Say: Sanctify yourselves from that which kindleth the fire. Beware lest ye backbite one another. Be as brothers seated on thrones, facing one another. Verily, those who soar in the atmosphere of My love are not held back by the veils of the oppressors. They drink, at all times, of the wine of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful, from this mighty ocean. Abandon the mention of all created things and turn ye unto the Most Great Remembrance. This, verily, is a manifest triumph. Verily, when the verses of the All-Merciful are recited unto them that have believed, their eyes are humbled and their faces shine forth like unto pearls resplendent. These are they who have aided their Lord through that which they were enabled to do. God shall soon assist them with a sovereignty from His presence. He, verily, hath power over all things. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow the path of truth. This is indeed a straight path. Walk ye in the footsteps of these and follow not your evil passions. He who forsaketh that which he hath been commanded, verily, he is in manifest error. Say: Beware lest ye be like unto them who have turned away from the Face and followed every rebellious devil. Beware lest ye associate partners with God and differ regarding His laws. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless. Resolve the differences that have arisen amongst you. Be as brothers upon the thrones of unity. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise you in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou, O servant who art mentioned before the Throne, and blessed are they who have turned unto God and held fast unto the cord of God, the Strong, the Secure.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy! This is a Book from Us to him whom tribulations have touched in the path of God, that the words of his Lord may detach him from all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth and draw him nigh unto God, his Ancient Lord. O servant! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee, for there hath befallen Us what hath befallen no one before, and thy Lord is, verily, witness to what I say. Be thankful unto thy Lord for having attained unto His recognition and His love, and whoso hath attained His love should glory over all creation. Know thou that God hath ordained for this Revelation souls whom neither the winds of trials nor the tempests of tests can move. These are among the most exalted of creatures in the Tablet of imperishable glory. They are servants who call all who are on earth behind them and turn toward the countenance of God with pure and illumined hearts. Those who have paused at the stage of names are unable to soar in this holy and wondrous atmosphere. Say: O people! Purify your hearts from whatsoever can be called a thing, that the evidences of the remembrance of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, may be imprinted thereon from this most luminous Horizon. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you in this glorious Tablet. Turn not unto the world and its ornaments, for by My life, they shall all perish as decreed in the Tablets of destiny, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people! Fear not

for yourselves in the path of your Lord. Blessed is the soul that hath been purified for its Lord and hath been martyred in the path of God, the Just King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He whose face hath been reddened with his blood out of love for God, by God, the faces of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and then the dwellers of the cities of eternity shall be illumined thereby, and all things bear witness to this, were ye of them that hear. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Unity from the right hand of the Throne of Grandeur, as a mercy from Him unto thee and unto the sincere servants of God. And glory be upon thee throughout the eternity of God, the Sovereign, the Everlasting, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, shouldst thou remain steadfast in thy love for Him and be not shaken by the intimations of the idolaters.

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O Mulla Ibrahim! This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, that the verses may draw him unto the Kingdom of Names and Attributes. By My life! This is indeed the most glorious station. Draw ye nigh unto the Best-Beloved with your hearts, O ye who are sincere! Blessed is he who hath been set ablaze by this Fire and hath been seized by the intoxication of the choice wine of his Lord's beauty in such wise that it hath caused him to speak His Name, detached from all who dwell on earth. Say: O people! None may test God his Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth; rather doth God test whomsoever He willeth of His servants. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. Let not your faith depend upon your own desires, but upon that which hath appeared and shone forth from this manifest horizon. Say: He, verily, knoweth what is in the breasts, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Say: If ye desire power, it hath encompassed the horizons, and if ye desire signs, they have filled the land - to this every truthful and trustworthy one doth testify. We have manifested in every respect that which hath rendered powerless all who are in the heavens and on earth. Reflect, that ye may recognize that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Almighty. Say: Seize ye the days of God. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from beholding the lights of certitude. The gate of the Divine Presence hath been opened, for the Promised One hath come with His mighty Name. Be ye united, O loved ones of God, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through remembrance and utterance. This is better for you, did ye but know. He revealeth unto whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Arise in My Name and say: O people! Cast aside learning, for the All-Knowing hath come with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and through Him the veil of fancy hath been rent asunder. Exalted be God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Rend ye asunder the greatest veil through the Name of the Lord of Destiny, then drink ye the most pure wine in My wondrous Name. Let not the world sadden thee, nor let things prevent thee from the remembrance of the Lord of Names. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Bountiful. He is with those who desire His presence, and He aideth them through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And the glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

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In the name of God, the Most Beautiful, the Most Beautiful! This is a Book which hath been sent down in truth and in it is that which draweth people nigh unto God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed is he who hath clung to the cord of grace in these days wherein the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! Dispute not concerning the verses of God, and deny not Him through Whom the Tree of the Furthermost Boundary hath borne fruit, the heaven of destiny hath been upraised, and the Dove of Eternity hath warbled upon the twigs of the Tree of Paradise - this Most Holy, Most Wondrous, and Most Beauteous Spot. Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and deny not the verses of the All-Merciful which have been sent down in truth with the hosts of revelation from the heaven of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. They who have denied this Revelation, these have not believed in God from time immemorial, to this all things bear witness, yet the people are in grievous error. Do ye worship the calf and oppose God, the Lord of all worlds? Say: This is He Who was promised in all the Tablets, if ye be of them that know. And this, verily, is He Who was intended in the Books of God, the Ancient of Days. Say: The Qa'im is he who hath arisen to promote My Cause, and the Guardian is he who hath circled round the Kaaba of My Beauty, and the Imam is he who hath sacrificed his soul in My path, if ye be of them that understand. And thou, sever thyself from all else but Me, then speak My praise amongst My servants, that perchance they may arise from the sleep of heedlessness and passion, and turn with their hearts to the Perspective of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

He is the Most Glorious! Stand firm in the Cause of God, then gather the people unto the law of His love lest they differ in the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Be thou enkindled that the people may be enkindled through thy love. Thus doth command thee the Pen of Command from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Beware lest thou tarry in rendering assistance. Convey that which hath been revealed unto thee and be not silent in the remembrance of God, the Beloved of the worlds. Convey greetings from thy Lord to thy mother, brother and sister, then to the faces of Our assured servants.

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In the name of God, the Eternal, the Ever-Abiding

This is a mighty Tablet revealed from the Kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In each word surgeth the ocean of names from the Fashioner of earth and heaven. Blessed are they that comprehend. And in each verse thereof is ordained the creation of that which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. They whose eyes are illumined with the light of recognition, these shall behold in My traces the beauty of the All-Merciful. Thus have We expounded the Cause from the presence of One knowing, wise. They who have forsaken that which is with the people and have turned with their hearts to the Dawning-Place of inspiration, these are of the people of Baha, as attesteth that which hath been sent down in a preserved Tablet. Say: O people, follow not your desires, follow rather guidance. Verily it hath appeared in truth from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Beware lest the world prevent you from turning to the Kingdom of immortality, or the hosts of the oppressors

frighten you. Remember your Lord amongst My servants, that perchance they may recognize their Creator and be drawn by the traces of truth to the scene of His mighty Name. They who are heedless and have turned away, these are cursed by the atoms, though they are today among those who rejoice. Then shall chastisement come upon them from every direction, whereupon their faces shall be seen turned yellow from fear of thy Lord, the Subduer, the Mighty, the Powerful. When the idolaters drove Us from the Land of Mystery, We called out to the servants with the most exalted call and summoned them unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Until they cast Us into another prison, whereupon We arose with another call and conveyed the Command of thy Lord to kings and monarchs. That which befell Us did not prevent Us from His remembrance, and that which appeared is a witness to what is recorded. But the people are in evident veils. Through His love, no harm from those in the worlds can dismay Us, nor can what the hands of the aggressors have wrought sadden Us. Thus have We set forth the verses for thee and sent them down in truth that thou mayest find the sweetness of the table that hath descended from heaven. By My life, through it shall thy face shine forth amongst Our hesitating servants. Blessed is he who readeth what hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne and pondereth My Cause. He is of those brought near. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the One who abides through the abiding of His Essence

This is a Tablet from this servant who glories in his servitude to God, Who created him by a command from His presence, awakened him from his slumber, and made him among those who remember, unto those who have believed in God and are secure from the greatest terror. Say: O people! Blessed are ye for having attained unto the recognition of God and the Manifestation of His Self, and for having detached yourselves from the idolaters. Hold fast to the cord of God - verily it is His Most Great, Most Mighty Remembrance. Then call upon Him that He may make you steadfast in His love and protect you from those who have disbelieved in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily He hath need of no one, and He is indeed independent of what hath been and what shall be. That which He commandeth His servants is out of His grace, were ye to be among those who know. He desireth for no one save that which will draw him nigh unto the sacred court, the station wherein whosoever entereth will behold himself as a mirror of His beauty, the Mighty, the Wondrous. O people! Detach yourselves from all save God, your Lord, and turn unto Him with radiant countenance. Verily His herald calleth you at all times and summoneth you unto the perspective of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Turn your hearts at all times unto Him and He will suffice you against all created things. In His right hand is a chalice of the Kawthar of immortality and He saith: Come and drink, O people of Baha, and be not of the patient ones. Whoso drinketh a drop therefrom shall abide through the abiding of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves thereof, for whoso is deprived is in manifest loss. And thou, O servant, take the chalice with power from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Then drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord and be not of them that hesitate. Though thou hast drunk before - and verily thy Lord is All-Knowing, All-Informed - yet God commandeth thee once again that He may thereby purify thy breast from all

allusions and thou mayest attain unto manifest assurance. The Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto Me with a pure and radiant heart.

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He is the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth

This is the Day whereon He Who conversed with God upon Sinai hath seated Himself upon the throne of Manifestation before all faces, calling aloud with the most exalted utterance and summoning all who are on earth and in heaven unto the Supreme Horizon - that station wherein hath shone forth the Sun of knowledge by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Ja'far! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the Most Great Scene and saith: By God! He hath come, the Lord of all beings, through Whom every hidden matter was revealed, the moon was cleft asunder, the trumpet was sounded, and all upon earth were struck down save those whom God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed to spare. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have beheld thy turning toward the lights of the Countenance. We have sent down for thee that whereby the Concourse on High and the exalted Paradise were attracted, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged, and the gate of knowledge been opened, and the tongue of grandeur hath spoken: There is none other God but Me, the Ancient Commander. I have manifested My Self and sent down My verses, and I am the Powerful over what I will, and I am the Dominant, the Mighty, the Wise. When thou didst find the fragrance of My most sweet utterance and didst hear the trilling of My Most Exalted Pen, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, for having aided me, guided me, taught me and caused me to know Thee when I was heedless of Thy manifestation, Thy sovereignty, Thy attributes and Thy revelations. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby all created things were set in motion, and by its trilling, whereby the denizens of the cities of names and attributes were attracted, to confirm me in steadfastness unto Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty Message. O my Lord! The fire of Thy love hath enkindled me and my heart hath melted in separation and remoteness from Thee. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy generosity and the stars of the heaven of Thy grace to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have attained unto Thy days, circumambulated Thy throne, and hastened to the place of sacrifice out of longing to meet Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. This is the Day wherein all seas have been merged into the Most Great Ocean which hath surged before the faces of all peoples, and every drop thereof hath proclaimed in its loudest voice: "The dominion belongeth unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!" The Sinai hath smiled in this Revelation whereby the standards of idolatry were lowered and the banners of divine unity were raised by the command of God, the Lord of all existence. Say: O people! The fragrance of the Merciful's utterance hath wafted throughout all contingent being. Beware

lest the veils of the world prevent you or the might of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed strike fear in your hearts. Say: Fear ye God, O people! By God, the Day which God's Messengers and chosen ones foretold hath come. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which hath appeared in truth from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Be fair, O concourse of the earth, concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not every ignorant rejected one. The gate of bounty hath been opened upon all existence and the ocean of generosity hath surged in the world. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and be not of those who are unaware. Vain imaginings have held them back from the Sovereign of knowledge, and idle fancies from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Behold with your eyes and ponder that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of this exalted House. The servant who was present hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this beloved Tablet which calleth in the kingdom of creation and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee, attracted by Thy verses, speaking Thy praise and arising to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and the signs treasured in Thy Pen to confirm me and my son in turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Then ordain for us, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Lord of all nations, that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and the good of the Hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

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O Afnan, his honor Aqa Mirza Aqa! He is the Comforter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a day wherein the Tree of Utterance hath spoken at the heart of creation concerning that which hath appeared in the realm of origination and that which hath befallen its branches. Sorrows have encompassed Me by reason of your grief, as witnessed by the Divine Lote-Tree and its branches. Oceans of inner meanings have flowed from the Pen of Utterance, and the verses are their waves. The Maid of Heaven hath wailed in the most exalted Paradise, and the tears of dawn are her weeping. The heaven of existence hath changed by reason of what hath befallen it, and the redness visible on the horizon is its sighing. He is the Consoler, and He is the Comforter.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be the glory of God, His loving-kindness, His peace, His grace and His bounty. That honored and ascended handmaiden did, throughout the nights and days, cherish the desire to attain the presence and meet the Afnan. Her heart was yearning, her tongue speaking, her eyes watching, and her being waiting. However, God's irrevocable decree intervened and that which was inscribed in the Tablet was made manifest.

O My Afnan! This clay-coated world was not and is not worthy of pure, tender hearts and holy, gentle temples. Therefore, movement is more beloved than stillness, and ascension more excellent than remaining. Were God, exalted be His glory, to unveil the hidden mysteries even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would turn to Him and seek ascension. However, in accordance with the requirements of

wisdom, they remain concealed. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have revealed for her that which the riches of the world and the mention of all nations cannot equal. That which will bring solace to the eyes of her people and the handmaidens of the earth hath been ordained for her. We beseech God to send down upon her at all times a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His side. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

We make mention of the son and console him with that which hath been sent down in the Tablet from God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who are there, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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O Mirza Mahdi Khan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] […and the All-Wise]

This is a Day wherein the Herald calls out from every direction: O concourse of humanity! By God, the Lord of Destiny has come and every hidden matter has been revealed. Blessed is he who has recognized and attained, and woe to the heedless. Joy be to the one whose strength was weakened neither by the might of Pharaohs nor the power of tyrants. He has testified to that which God has testified - that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned you before with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world, whose fragrance will not cease to persist through the endurance of My Most Great Name, by which the limbs of nations have trembled, save whom God has willed, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. My Afnan, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy, has mentioned your name, and We remember you in this perspicuous Tablet.

O Mim! Upon you be My glory! Today is the day for helping the Cause. All must hold fast to it. Make mention of the loved ones of that land and its surroundings on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Today is the day of greatest joy. All must be illumined by the light of the Cause and enkindled by the fire of the Blessed Tree. The various peoples of the world would sacrifice life and property for the slightest favor or request, that their desire might be fulfilled by kings and rulers. Now this Most Great Cause and Manifest Light has dawned and appeared in Iran, yet its people remain heedless and veiled. All must, with wisdom and utterance, aim for the cities of men's hearts, that they may benefit from the Most Great Name. We beseech God that He may assist all and not leave your efforts without effect and fruit. Preserve your station and your reward and recompense […] through this Blessed, Mighty, Wondrous Name. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon those with you who love you and hearken to your call in this firm, mighty and wise Cause. Praise be to God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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His honor Seyyed Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaks, yet most of the people neither know nor hear. The proof has been perfected and the Cry has been raised and the Rock has cried out, yet most of the people are heedless. The signs have encompassed them from every direction, yet they see not. They pass by the signs of God and His manifestations, yet they understand not. They have denied the Truth and His proof, and turned away from His Cause and His sovereignty, having followed the embodiments of idle fancies and vain imaginings. I know not by what proof their faith is established, and for what reason they have turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Baqir! When thou didst hear the call from the most exalted horizon, and the wine of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of all beings, did intoxicate thee, say: My God, my God! My outer and inner tongue bear witness to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest Thy Cause before the faces of Thy creation, and with the finger of Thy power hast rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and the curtains of vain imaginings, such that the oppression of every oppressor and the turning away of every heedless one did not prevent Thee. Thou didst arise with supreme steadfastness and called all to Thy most exalted horizon. Among them were those who heard the call and hastened until they drank the wine of recognition from the cup of Thy bounty, and among them were those who hesitated, and those who turned away, and those who pronounced sentence of death against Thee.

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant standing at the door of Thy grandeur, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, and awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the hearts that were melted in Thy love, and by the breasts that were pierced by the arrows of the enemies to exalt Thy Word, that Thou make me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. O my Lord! Withhold me not from the river of Thy bounty which has flowed from the Pen of Thy grace. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that neither the crushing doubts of the learned nor the tempestuous allusions of the divines may move me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Perceiving, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Abraham! Upon thee be the glory of this Most Great Announcement, whereby God hath fulfilled His promise and manifested His sovereignty, whereby He hath broken the seal of His choice sealed wine and revealed the mysteries of His hidden Name. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, taken it, and drunk thereof in His Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O Abraham! Verily the Friend remembereth thee from this station, when He was set ablaze with the fire of the love of God which was revealed by a spark thereof unto Moses, son of Imran, on the Mount of utterance. Thereby were hearts and souls drawn unto Him.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him through Whom the sincere ones have soared unto the Kingdom of Meeting, and the pure in heart unto the heaven of nearness and reunion. Exalted is this bounty which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen.

Say: Turn ye, O people, unto the horizon wherefrom hath shone forth the Sun of proof from God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. This is a Day wherein the veils have been rent asunder, the mysteries revealed, and that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes and sight hath been made manifest.

Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, then speak amongst the servants with the signs of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We made mention of thee before with decisive verses, and We have now sent down unto thee that whereby the realities of all things are drawn and breasts are dilated.

Say: None hath any protection today save through this Cause, at whose appearance the books of the peoples bowed down in submission. Blessed are they who know. Blessed is he who hath heard and witnessed what God hath witnessed. And woe unto every perfidious denier who rejected God's proof and evidence, and committed that which caused the near ones to lament.

Take hold of the Book with strength and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Possessor of existence. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee once again, that thou mayest rejoice and arise to aid the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were bidden by God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, exalted be His glory: Wisdom and Utterance

O Ahmad! Hearken unto the melodies of divine revelation in the Persian tongue, that He may bestow upon thee wings and grant thee strength, that thou mayest soar in the atmosphere of His love and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. Today this most exalted Word was heard from the Divine Lote-Tree: I am with him who loveth Me and followeth My commandments and casteth aside all else. Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly attained unto that for which the world was brought into being. How many souls were observed to be deprived, while thou didst arrive and hear and see. Give thanks unto the Lord of all worlds that He hath aided thee and guided thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Merciful. When thou meetest the friends in any land, convey to them the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One, and give them glad-tidings. Say: Today is the day of service through the hosts of deeds and goodly character. By the life of God! These hosts have been and are the mightiest hosts of the world. In the divine Tablets We have ever commanded all to that which is praiseworthy and to that which exalteth the Cause, and We have mentioned the meaning of victory and of them that render aid, that all may act according to that which God hath willed and not according to

their own desires. We beseech God to aid all to adorn themselves, through the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, with dignity and composure and patience and forbearance and righteousness and all that beseemeth man. The purpose of this Wronged One hath ever been and will continue to be this: perchance the fire of hatred might be extinguished and the light of love might shine forth above the horizons of the world in the name of the Lord of the throne on high. In this journey thou hast endured much hardship. Since it was for God and in the path of God, it is rest. We beseech God to grant thee His bounty as a reward, and if thou observest with the eye of truth, this very Tablet is thy reward, for from its horizon hath shone forth and become manifest the Day-Star of utterance of the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of Hasan-Aqa which he wrote to thee, as well as his petition, have been presented before the Face. Verily We have heard his call and seen his letter and have answered him with verses from which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate, is diffused.

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou wert mentioned before the Throne, and in My days My verses were revealed for thee when thou wert among the heedless. This is a Day wherein all things have been stirred by the breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names, while the people remain in evident veiling.

Verily We make mention of Husayn who hath ascended unto God, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive him as a bounty from His presence - and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Husayn! Rejoice in that thy name hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen while the Wronged One was in this remote spot. We beseech God to send down upon thee at all times a sign of forgiveness. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. And We beseech Him to forgive those who have believed and draw them nigh unto Him. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Hasan! We love to make mention of that which thou hast mentioned, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Make mention of him who was named Hadi, that he may rejoice in My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech God to assist him to be steadfast in this Momentous Announcement and to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee and for him the good of the world to come and of this world. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing. And We make mention of those whom God hath related unto thee as a bounty from Our presence, and I am verily the Commander, the All-Wise. And may God forgive those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, that thou mayest thank Him, holding fast to seemly patience. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He loveth patience and hath enjoined it upon all when He was seated upon the throne of utterance. He is verily God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the

Praiseworthy. We beseech God to open before thy face the gate of prosperity and to ordain for thee that which will solace thine eyes. He is verily the Giver, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letters thou didst send to the Most Holy Court have been favored with the glance of grace, including the letter of Mahmud - upon him be My glory - which he wrote to thee, as well as the petition sent to the Most Holy Court. Say: O Mahmud! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Loving, Who is established upon the throne in His praiseworthy station, and Who calleth thee saying: Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee, nor the gloating of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have read thy letter and found therein the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with verses that call out thy name throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Give thanks unto God for this mighty favor. I beseech Him to assist thee in preserving this most great station. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Soon shall the unitarians behold the lights of this Revelation, to this do honored servants bear witness. O Mahmud! Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee. Today all must be set ablaze with the fire of divine love and arise to kindle others. Glory and grandeur, might and power, wealth and bounty have been and shall ever be the portion of that party, yet day by day do the requirements of means become manifest. Ye are among those souls who have attained to recognition on a day when the fire of rejection blazed forth from all directions and the smoke of tyranny was raised from every quarter. This is a mighty favor and a great bounty - know ye its value and be confident in God’s grace. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging fast unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, and by the Name through which Thou didst make it the Sovereign of names and didst subdue the earth thereby, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the power of Thy Pen, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause and upright in Thy love. Then write down for me, O Lord of the Kingdom of immortality, from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world, and that which shall profit me in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

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He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth

O My Name! God hath ordained for every soul to serve His Cause and to promote His commandments. Therefore it behooveth first Myself and thyself and whosoever hath held fast unto the Most Great Handle to follow that which the All-Knowing Ruler hath decreed. Thou knowest that I, while immersed in oceans of tribulations and sorrows, and while tried among those the like of whom time hath never witnessed, remain standing in His service, speaking in His remembrance and praise, and acting according to that which wafteth His fragrances throughout the heavens and the earth. And We command thee on this night

to turn towards the lands that perchance through the lights of thy guidance the faces of those who are ready may be illumined.

O My Name! All creation hath been created for the service of God, and God hath ever gazed and continueth to gaze upon the servants of His Cause. The service of this servant is known, but thy service is that thou shouldst migrate for the sake of God and speak for the sake of God and remind His creation of Him for His sake, that perchance some ready souls may be delivered from the abyss of passion and desire and may turn towards the blessed City which is the source of the Most Beautiful Names and the Dawning-Place of the Most Exalted Attributes. Thus hath the Command gone forth from the Source of Command that thou mayest remind those servants who have strayed from the Truth. Verily thy Lord loveth His creation, even though they be heedless.

In every city thou enterest, convey to all the loved ones the Most Great, Most Glorious Greeting, for there hath been no opportunity to reveal special Tablets for each one due to the suddenness of thy departure. Thou must gladden them all with the remembrance of God. Verily We remember Our loved ones at all times, as attested by the Tablets assembled with them that equal not what is in the heavens and the earth. In brief, gladden all the loved ones of God, one and all, with divine, wondrous utterances and exalted, transcendent favors. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hearkeneth unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all the worlds.

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LXX

Faded now is all that erstwhile flourished in the Paradise of Thy transcendent oneness, O my God! Where are the rain-giving clouds of Thy mercy? Shorn are the branches of the Tree of Thy unity of the vesture of Thy majesty and wisdom; where is the spring-time of Thy gifts and bounties? Motionless lies the Ark of Thy Cause on the sea of Thy creation; where are the winds of Thy grace and favors? Encompassed on every side is Thy Lamp by the tempests of discord blowing from every land; where is the globe of Thy graciousness and protection?

Thou seest, O my God, how the eyes of these poor creatures are bent upon the horizon of Thy riches, how the hearts of these helpless ones are set in the direction of Thy might. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the sole Desire of them that have recognized Thee, and the Object of the adoration of the entire creation, not to suffer them, now that Thou hast attracted them by Thy most exalted Word, to be far removed from the Tabernacle which Thou hast reared up by Thy name, the All-Glorious.

They are sore pressed with cares, O my Lord, and are encompassed about by the wicked. Send down, therefore, from the heaven of Thy behest Thine invisible hosts, that, holding aloft the ensigns of Thy victory, they may help them in Thy land, and may shield them against Thine adversaries.

I entreat Thee, O my God, by Thy name through which the clouds have rained down their rain, and the streams have flowed, and the fire of Thy love hath been enkindled throughout Thy dominion, to assist Thy

servant who hath turned towards Thee, and hath spoken forth Thy praise, and determined to help Thee. Fortify, then, his heart, O my God, in Thy love and in Thy Faith. Better is this for him than all that hath been created on Thine earth, for the world and whatsoever is therein must perish, and what pertaineth unto Thee must endure as long as Thy most excellent names endure. By Thy Glory! Were the world to last as long as Thine own kingdom will last, to set their affections upon it would still be unseemly for such as have quaffed, from the hands of Thy mercy, the wine of Thy presence; how much more when they recognize its fleetingness and are persuaded of its transience. The chances that overtake it, and the changes to which all things pertaining unto it are continually subjected, attest its impermanence.

Whosoever hath recognized Thee will turn to none save Thee, and will seek from Thee naught else except Thyself. Thou art the sole Desire of the heart of him whose thoughts are fixed on Thee, and the highest Aspiration of whosoever is wholly devoted unto Thee.

No God is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the Most Powerful.

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He is the Mighty, the Beautiful

O my God and my Lord! I call upon Thee now with that call which Thou didst inspire me with from the wonders of the bounty of Thy oneness and didst teach me from the essences of the grace of Thine eternity, for verily the call in its essence, were it not from Thee, could never reach Thee, could never appear before Thee, and could never ascend to the atmosphere of nearness unto Thee. And since Thou hast made this known to me, therefore it behooveth that Thou inspire me with that which befitteth Thyself and is worthy of Thy majesty, that the call of this lowly one may ascend to the heaven of Thy holy might, and the cry of this transient one may soar to the atmosphere of the glory of Thy permanence, and this poor one may wing his flight in the atmosphere of nearness to Thy riches. For other than Thee none can enter the realms of Thy description save through the keys of Thy mercy, and naught beside Thee can descend upon the shore of Thy knowledge save through Thy might and power. Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my Best-Beloved! Thou art He Who hath ever been self-sufficient through the sovereignty of Thy Being and wilt ever remain sanctified through the sanctification of Thy Self. All the mystics confess their powerlessness to know the manifestations of Thy oneness, and all the eloquent ones acknowledge their poverty in attaining to the dawning-places of Thy singleness. By Thy might, O Thou my heart's Desire! All the most eloquent ones are mute in describing Thy beauty, and all the learned ones are ignorant before the appearances of Thy knowledge and Thy glory. Therefore I beseech Thee, O Thou Fire of the hearts of the lovers and O Thou Rapture of the breasts of the yearning ones, by Thy most beautiful names in the canopies of eternity, and by Thy spiritual lights in the Concourse on High, and by Thy Beloved through Whom were sealed the wonders of Thy names and through Whom were completed all Thy attributes in the Kingdom of Thy permanence, that Thou shut not the doors of Thy great mercy in our faces, and close not the gates of Thy supreme bounty upon our hearts. Then cause us to witness in all things the signs of Thy Lordship and the lights of Thine eternity, that through Thy power we may gather upon the carpet of Thy oneness and in the places of Thy glorification. Then make us, O my God, to walk in the ways of Thy

good-pleasure and to be content at the descent of Thy decree, in such wise that we fear none save Thee and turn to none except Thee, for in Thy hands is the kingdom of all things and Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Omnipotent.

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CXVI

My God, my Well-Beloved! No place is there for any one to flee to when once Thy laws have been sent down, and no refuge can be found by any soul after the revelation of Thy commandments. Thou hast inspired the Pen with the mysteries of Thine eternity, and bidden it teach man that which he knoweth not, and caused him to partake of the living waters of truth from the cup of Thy Revelation and Thine inspiration.

No sooner, however, had the Pen traced upon the tablet one single letter of Thy hidden wisdom, than the voice of the lamentation of Thine ardent lovers was lifted up from all directions. Thereupon, there befell the just what hath caused the inmates of the tabernacle of Thy glory to weep and the dwellers of the cities of Thy revelation to groan.

Thou dost consider, O my God, how He Who is the Manifestation of Thy names is in these days threatened by the swords of Thine adversaries. In such a state He crieth out and summoneth all the inhabitants of Thine earth and the denizens of Thy heaven unto Thee.

Purify, O my God, the hearts of Thy creatures with the power of Thy sovereignty and might, that Thy words may sink deep into them. I know not what is in their hearts, O my God, nor can tell the thoughts they think of Thee. Methinks that they imagine that Thy purpose in calling them to Thine all-highest horizon is to heighten the glory of Thy majesty and power. For had they been satisfied that Thou summonest them to that which will recreate their hearts and immortalize their souls, they would never have fled from thy governance, nor deserted the shadow of the tree of Thy oneness. Clear away, then, the sight of Thy creatures, O my God, that they may recognize Him Who showeth forth the Godhead as One Who is sanctified from all that pertaineth unto them, and Who, wholly for Thy sake, is summoning them to the horizon of Thy unity, at a time when every moment of His life is beset with peril. Had His aim been the preservation of His own Self, He would never have left it at the mercy of Thy foes.

I swear by Thy glory! I have accepted to be tried by manifold adversities for no purpose except to regenerate all that are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. Whoso hath loved Thee, can never feel attached to his own self, except for the purpose of furthering Thy Cause; and whoso hath recognized Thee can recognize naught else except Thee, and can turn to no one save Thee.

Enable Thy servants, O my God, to discover the things Thou didst desire for them in Thy Kingdom. Acquaint them, moreover, with what He Who is the Origin of Thy most excellent titles hath, in His love for Thee, been willing to bear for the sake of the regeneration of their souls, that they may haste to attain the River that is Life indeed, and turn their faces in the direction of Thy Name, the Most Merciful.

Abandon them not to themselves, O my God! Draw them, by Thy bountiful favor, to the heaven of Thine inspiration. They are but paupers, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

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In the Name of the One God

O My sister and My leaf! This wronged one's sister was not with Us in this Cause and never saw Yahya during the days of this Wronged One's manifestation. Nevertheless, she has clung to such calumnies as no ear has ever heard. According to reports, she claims that in previous years this Wronged One was expecting that Aqa Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, and obtained those Tablets and gave them to be written either in his own name or Yahya's name, and gives them to people. She has likewise attempted to obtain the Kitab-i-Iqan, and her purpose is unknown. With God it is known and witnessed. Nothing escapes His knowledge and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. She has in her possession Yahya's writings in Arabic and Persian, and every person of insight testifies to the loftiness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and its transcendence. Verily He has sent down that which the world is powerless to produce the like thereof. To this testifies every fair-minded and informed person. That which has shone forth from the horizon of My knowledge is more manifest than the sun and cannot be mistaken by anyone. Blessed is he who has attained unto it, and woe unto every deceitful denier. The sister opened the door of enmity with her own hand, and when her wrongdoing became apparent she turned away from the Truth, cut off relations with the Wronged One and attached herself to the Grand Vizier. That helpless daughter who for years bore the title of Branch, she took her, made her up, and sent her to the Vizier's house. Now observe this lack of honor and zeal - she abandoned the Truth when she saw Him wronged, and clung to one possessed of wealth. And now she claims leadership. Glory be to God! To what point has God's Cause come! O My leaf, reflect on what has befallen the Wronged One in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks to the Desired One of the world Who has mentioned thee in verses that will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. We beseech God to protect thee and ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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O handmaiden of God, in the name of the Desired One of all worlds!

O handmaiden of God! The fragrances of divine revelation have perfumed the realms of earth and heaven, and the effulgences of the Light of Manifestation have illumined the world. The accepted handmaiden hath been honored with the blessed word "O My handmaiden," and the accepted servant glorified with "O My servant." Today the gate of the most exalted Paradise hath been opened in the name of the Lord of Names, and hidden mysteries have become manifest and evident without any veil or concealment. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the lights of the supreme horizon, and blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the call of the Desired One of the world and the Ancient King. Today the

waves of the ocean of divine bounty are visible before all faces at their highest surge. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for thine ear hath hearkened to My call and thine eye hath witnessed My signs. Give glad tidings to the youth and say: The true rose garden hath appeared and the spiritual nightingales are warbling upon its branches and twigs. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord in this spiritual morn and luminous atmosphere. The Sun of generosity hath dawned from the horizon of the world, and through but one of its rays the world of existence came into being. O people of God! The Hidden Countenance hath unveiled Itself and the Treasured Secret become manifest and evident. With complete detachment, take and drink the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Mention each of their children on behalf of the Wronged One and convey greetings. We beseech God to aid them to be steadfast and to render victory. Today victory is through remembrance and utterance, not through sword and spear. Weapons have been transformed into means of peace, discord into concord, and war into peace. The Command is in God's hands, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. He is the Powerful One Whom the power of the world hath not hindered and the might of nations hath not prevented from His purpose. O handmaiden of God! We have mentioned and continue to mention all the friends, and We counsel them to that which leadeth to elevation and advancement. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He is the All-Knowing Herald

O people of the world! The Ancient Lord Who hath manifested Himself through the Most Great Name bringeth you glad tidings. By My life! The Day hath come, while the people wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and desire, among those who slumber. Say: O concourse of humanity! God hath revealed His greatest countenance and adorned it with this Name whereby every hidden matter was revealed and the Fire spoke from the trees. The veils have been rent asunder and the Lord of the Day of Return hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all parties. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and attained, and woe unto the deniers and those who hesitate. O thou who art present before the Throne and gazest upon the Countenance! Soar on the wings of longing unto the heaven of wisdom and utterance and say: O peoples of the worlds! Rejoice and behold on this Day whereon He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation and hath said: By God! The blessed supreme verse "but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets" hath been fulfilled by the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. This is such a glad tiding that were it to be cast upon the trees, their branches would be seen to rise above the heavens, and were it cast upon the seas, the hidden pearls within their shells would appear, and were it cast upon the mountains, their mines and whatsoever lay concealed and treasured within them would be revealed. Blessed art thou, O thou who standest at the gate time and again, for what We have sent down unto thee whose fragrance hath been diffused throughout the worlds of wisdom and knowledge. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and this most perfect and complete remembrance, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, for having opened before my face, through the key of Thy Most Glorious Name, the treasures of remembrance and praise and the pearls of glory and bounty. I beseech Thee to assist and enable me to achieve that which shall endure through the key of my name among Thy most excellent names. Then cause me, O my God, to be a spreader of Thy signs and attributes among all peoples. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Ancient of Days.

Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of utterance and thy temple with the ornament of My glorious and wondrous remembrance. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of faithfulness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

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O Jalal, upon thee be the Glory of God! Thy letter hath arrived repeatedly and the servant made mention thereof in the presence. Praise be to God that the veils of idle fancies have been rent asunder and the clouds of vain imaginings have been lifted. Thou didst turn and direct thyself to the Most Exalted Horizon until, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, thou didst attain unto the presence and hearken unto the divine call and drink from the Kawthar of reunion. All this is from God's grace and mercy upon thee - know thou this and be of the thankful ones.

O Jalal! We counsel thee and all the friends to unity and harmony. Should any ill-feeling arise between you, arise at once to dispel it, for discord causeth the Word to be arrested while harmony promoteth its exaltation. Convey my greetings to the friends and say: Ye have witnessed the vain imaginings of the people of the Furqan (Muslims). Now the people of the Bayan cling to those same imaginings. Guard yourselves and take refuge in God. For twelve hundred years they made claims to knowledge and wisdom, yet the final outcome of the acts and words of the Shi'ih party was the decree to slay the Lord of the world. Now with utmost cunning the people of the Bayan have risen against the souls who have believed and are assured. God protect us and you from the evil of these people who, in both word and deed, are like unto the former party.

This is the Day of true unity wherein naught is mentioned save God, exalted be His glory. At all times be occupied with the triumph of the Cause of God, that is, guiding souls unto God, the Lord of creation. You must be so enkindled with the love of God that the heedless, upon witnessing it and its heat, will turn toward the Friend and drink from the cup of understanding. The relatives through mother, wife, mothers and sisters - all are remembered in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and mentioned by the Supreme Pen. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon thy two daughters and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, the Lord of lords.

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O Javad! The Wronged One gives thee the glad tidings of God's favors and bounties. Verily He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing. Thou art he who hast drunk from My generous hand the Kawthar of divine knowledge and turned unto the All-Merciful when most of the people of the world turned away from Him. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of him who hath turned to the Most Glorious Horizon, as a token of grace from the All-Bountiful. The servant present before Us hath read thy supplication, which was honored to be heard by the Prisoner in this noble scene. Verily We behold thee in thy condition and have heard thy heart's yearning in God, the Lord of the worlds. That which thou didst send by the hand of glory hath arrived. We have distributed it with Our own hand as a token of Our grace and mercy upon thee. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. Say: O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions and consumed by the fire kindled by the people of discord who have broken the Covenant! Whenever I desire to ascend to the heaven of Thy mention, I behold Thee exalted above it and above all that imaginings can attain. Therefore do I confess, O Beloved of my heart, Solace of mine eyes, my Lord and my King, that I am powerless to mention even a single leaf among the leaves of Thy most exalted Paradise which Thou didst create through Thy Most Glorious Name - how then could I be capable of making mention of Thee or speaking in praise of Thy Self? I testify that Thou hast ever been sanctified above the recognition of Thy creation and holy beyond the description of Thy servants. Since this is so, I make mention of what the tongue of Thy Revelation hath spoken in Thy Tablets: that Thou art not described except by Thyself and not mentioned save through Thyself. I beseech Thee to make this mention the crown of all mentions through Thy grace and favor, and to accept from me, through the wonders of Thy bounties, that which Thou hast taught me through Thy generosity. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, my Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. We make mention of Our servant that We may give him the glad tidings of My gracious remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon his brother and upon a handmaiden from the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Convey My greetings unto Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn and his mother and his wife, that they may rejoice in this wondrous mention.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Beneficent, the All-Favoring

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My glory! If you should proceed to the land of Sh, you must not take up residence in the known dwelling places of the friends. Taking up residence elsewhere would be acceptable and beloved. This is among the requirements of wisdom that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. The known letters mentioned are remembered in the Most Holy Court and have attained unto grace. Some time ago, each one was favored with a leaf from the leaves of the Tree bearing divine words. O Haydar-'Ali, convey My greetings to the friends. Say to 'Ali, upon him be My glory: "The Truth hath secretly assisted the one who was occupied with abasement. The world hath changed, the mountain moveth, the sun speaketh, the vibration of the manifestation hath set Mount Sinai in motion. Glory be to God! It is as though the Resurrection is at hand and the Hour hath appeared. The one who led astray hath become a guide." Say: "What have you to do with these errors? God's mercy be upon one who knoweth his station and rank. When names were bestowed upon the world, thou wert not. Fear the Lord, the

Mighty, the Powerful. Speak according to thy measure. Should We will, We could take a handful of dust and manifest from it name after name until names and their kingdoms come to an end." Say: "If thou art thunderstruck by this compelling Word, it mattereth not," for according to the blessed word that appeared from the Dawning-Place of the Primal Point, upon Him be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings, even the people of Sinai are thunderstruck, let alone others - this is clear and evident. Ask of God that He make manifest from among His servants that which is the cause of preservation and the means of deliverance. O Haydar! The rustling of the Tree is raised high, the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth are dawning and manifest, and the light that was hidden in the divine treasury is brilliant and radiant. Yet the people are debarred. What hath been the cause of their being debarred? By God's life! The misleader and his like are but a mote, and whosoever is with him in his vain imaginings. Put thy trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily He is with His sincere servants and His near ones who are brought nigh. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds! O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Praise befitteth Him Who is the Goal of all, Who through the ladder of tribulation guided the people of devotion to the highest horizon, and with the hand of bounty bestowed upon them the choice wine of reunion, and through His all-encompassing will removed the veils that had prevented them, that they might behold the effulgence of the lights of the Beauty of God, and lay down their lives, and through this sacrifice, which is the very essence of influence, bestow upon the dwellers of the cities of love and affection a wondrous, eternal and glorious life, and from this sacrifice a sweet fragrance is wafted abroad. I swear by the Sun of Truth which at this moment shineth from the horizon of this station that the world's understanding falleth short of comprehending the effect and fruit of this spiritual fragrance. Exalted be His wisdom and magnificent His signs! Transcendent be His remembrance and His might and sovereignty! There is no God but Him. O Khalil! The letter thou didst send was forwarded to the Most Holy Court by His Holiness Husayn, upon him be My glory, and this most mighty and most holy Tablet was revealed in reply. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and His servants in that which beseemeth His days, and to make thee a servant of His Cause and one who speaketh in remembrance of Him and in remembrance of His loved ones whom We have made as proofs that there is no God but Him. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which hath been revealed and hath recognized that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. He is numbered among them that are brought near in My perspicuous Book. We make mention of all the loved ones in that land. Convey on My behalf to them My greetings and give them the glad-tidings of My turning towards them and My attention to them from this far-distant spot. At the end, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Thou Who dost illumine the horizons and Who speaketh on the Day of Meeting! I beseech Thee by the lights that shine forth from the dayspring of Thy mercy and the stars in the heaven of Thy grace, to aid Thy servants to rend asunder that which hath prevented them from turning towards Thee and from attaining unto Thy presence. Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, and through Whose bounty all contingent beings have been established. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them of that which lieth with Thee and to deliver them from idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory! Make mention of the friends in all regions on behalf of the Wronged One. His honor the Secretary, upon him be My glory, is remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid him in that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause.

O Muhammad! Hear once again the call from God, the Lord of all beings, from this spot which God hath made the circling-place of them that are nigh unto Him. Having drunk the Kawthar of My utterance from the chalice of My bounty, say:

My God, my God! Leave me not deprived of that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, nor withheld from that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the kingdom of Thy Purpose. O Lord! Aid me to exalt Thy Word and ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted.

O Ba! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. In previous words this word was sent down from the heaven of will: O Q! Justice remaineth behind Mount Qaf, and equity lieth concealed behind the clouds of tyranny. Vain imaginings have deprived the world from the Lord of Names. The deniers, by reason of what they possess, have turned away from what God possesseth. The kings are occupied with their dominions and treasures, the divines cling to the means of hypocrisy, and the people of the Bayan are engaged in calumnies. Leave them to their vain discourse.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me through Thy loving-kindness and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy eternity from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the Hour appeared with its signs, the earth was cleft asunder and its mountains were crushed, that Thou make me detached from all else save Thee, holding fast to Thy cord and acting according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book.

O R! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made me a believer in the Word that summoned to hearken and one who gazeth toward the Dayspring of verses. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the limbs of all names trembled and earthquakes seized all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, to make me confirmed in that which will manifest the sanctification of Thy Essence and the detachment of Thy Being. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

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O servant who gazes! We have turned toward you as you have turned toward God, the Lord of the worlds, and We have faced you as you have faced the Dawning-Place of the Cause. Know this and be of the thankful ones. Whoso occupieth himself with My remembrance amongst My servants, him will I

remember in My kingdom and My realms of might. Verily My mercy hath preceded all things and I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed is he who hath found and turned, who hath cast away and taken up, who hath heard and responded - he is of those who have attained. Let not My imprisonment and tribulation grieve you, nor your hardship and affliction. By My life! Behind you lies the ocean of joy which yearns for your arrival. Soon shall you enter it through My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. God hath ordained joy beneath My shadow - whoso departeth from it is of the distracted ones. The people of Baha behold the passing of all things as they see the sun in the sky. These are the dwellers in the cities of eternity. The harm of the polytheists grieveth them not - though their bodies be grieved, their spirits find glad tidings and manifest joy. We have found in the cup of tribulation the sweetness of Kawthar and Tasnim in the love of God and His path. To this do My limbs bear witness, saying: Yea, by the Lord of the mighty Throne! Be thou in such wise that the people of thy realm may detect from thee the fragrance of My garment. Glorify thy Lord with praise and be of those who remember. Those whom this world hath deluded - for them there is no escape. Soon shall a violent wind pass over them and render them like scattered stubble or scattered dust, and return them to the flames. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. The world laughs at those who desire it and says: “Have you seen from me any good or faithfulness?” Should anyone reply “Yes,” it cries out saying: “Thou hast lied, by the Lord of the exalted Throne!” Leave those who have turned away from God and faced toward it, then turn thy heart’s face toward God, the Mighty, the Generous. Know thou the worth of what hath been sent down and dispatched to thee, then recite it morning and evening, nay rather at all times. Verily He is with His remembering servants. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Object of worship of all in the heavens and earths.

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In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O ’Ali-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny makes mention of thee at this hour when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have manifested Our Self and summoned all unto the Dayspring of Revelation Who speaks forth in the nights and days that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. My Revelation had been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets, yet when He appeared in truth, those who followed the dawning-places of idle fancies turned away. Blessed is he who hath hearkened to the call of his Lord and drunk the living waters from the cup of his Lord’s utterance, the Most Merciful, Who hath come with the standards of verses and summoned all unto His outstretched path. How many a learned one awaited My days and how many a mystic bowed before My Name, yet when I manifested My Self they turned away until they pronounced their verdict against the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thus have We opened before thy face the gate of utterance with the key of His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O ’Ali! The scratching of the Most Exalted Pen is raised to such a degree that the tongues of the world and the pens of nations are powerless to make mention of it. Blessed is the ear that hath gained the honor of hearing His call and blessed is the tongue that hath been moved to make mention of Him. The whole world speaketh His Name yet is veiled from Him, turneth toward His countenance yet is debarred from Him, maketh mention of His Name yet is heedless of His Command. This is the Most Great Talisman. God

willing, thou shouldst, with the utmost wisdom and utterance, guide those who thirst in the wilderness of heedlessness to the heavenly springs of divine revelation and summon them. Upon thee be wisdom, upon thee be wisdom. People are observed to be as infants - they need an educator and one who will remind them. Blessed is the soul that ariseth for the sake of God to serve the Cause, that perchance those who slumber may be awakened by this sweet spiritual breeze that wafteth at the dawn of this divine Day, and become aware. We convey Our greetings to all who have turned towards Us and enjoin upon them that which is befitting and meet. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad who circles round the Throne! He is God, exalted be His glory, the Pardoner, the Bountiful. O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! This Wronged One beareth witness to thy turning, thy devotion, thy humility and thy submissiveness before God, the Truth. Through the grace of the Goal of all the worlds, thou didst drink the choice sealed wine by His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. This testimony is greater than what hath been and is witnessed. We have made mention and continue to make mention of thy kindred, and We beseech God not to deprive them of the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth, and to grant them a full portion from the ocean of His utterance. And We make mention of My handmaiden who hath ascended unto God. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Upon her be the glory of those who are on earth and in heaven, and the glory of them who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, when the Wronged One was in a manifest prison. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty and My mercy be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath attained unto this mighty announcement. Praise be to God! Thou and the others have all attained unto the mark of the Most Exalted Pen. Convey My greetings to thy kindred. Verily We make mention of them through My loving-kindness, and We remind them of My verses, and We give them glad-tidings of My bounty, and We command them to observe justice and benevolence and the fear of God, the Lord of the worlds. The multiple visitations performed on behalf of the friends of God were all acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One and adorned with the ornament of His remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One All-Bountiful, All-Generous. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me to know Thee and guided me and caused me to hear. I beseech Thee by Thy Tablet and Thine ink, and by the love of Thy chosen ones, and by the enkindlement of the hearts of Thy sincere ones, and by the patience of the Dawning-Places of Thy dignity, to make me in all circumstances steadfast in Thy service and circling round Thy will. Thou art He Whom the opposition of every oppressor deterreth not, nor the derision of any transgressor, nor the objections of those who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have disbelieved in Thy most great signs when sent down from the heaven of Thy will. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

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He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My peace and My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness! When thou desirest to visit the land of Ya and beholdest the darkness and light of that city, pause, facing towards it, and say: The resplendent Light shining from the horizon of God's mercy, and the perfumed Spirit made manifest by the command of God, Lord of all beings, be upon you, O company of martyrs and dawning-places of submission in the realm of creation and sources of resignation before the faces of the enemies. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! I testify that ye have attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and have spent whatsoever ye possessed of wealth and souls and bodies and beings. I testify that through your detachment the sun of detachment hath shone forth from the horizon of creation, and through your God-fearingness the light of piety hath beamed forth amidst all beings. Ye are they through whose submissiveness necks have bowed down, and through the lights of whose countenances the horizons have been illumined, and through whose steadfastness its decree hath appeared throughout the land among the servants. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you, unto your first and your last, your outward and your inward, and the mercy of God and His grace and the loving-kindness of God and His glory. Through you the lights of unity have appeared and the mysteries of detachment have emerged and all things have proclaimed: By God, the Day hath come and that which was treasured in knowledge and concealed within the pavilion of God's protection, Lord of the mighty throne, hath appeared. And I testify that ye answered your Lord when His call was raised, and turned towards Him when He appeared with His sovereignty prevailing over all who are in the heavens and earths. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Single, the One. We have sent down for those who were martyred in the path of God that whereby the tears of those near unto God have fallen and the sighs of the sincere ones have ascended - they whom the doubts of the world deterred not, neither did the clamor of the nations who denied God's proof and His evidence and disbelieved in the Day of Judgment frighten them. The kingdom and the dominion belong unto God, the Lord of this noble station. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon thy wife. Give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy and that which hath been sent down for her from the heaven of My grace, which hath encompassed existence both seen and unseen.

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O Muhammad-Ibrahim! May the glory of God rest upon thee - He Who answereth in all conditions.

O Muhammad before Ibrahim! God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine grace. The entire world is thunderstruck by this most exalted Word and its like. The Unseen, clothed in the garment of manifestation, speaketh and saith: The Promise hath come and He Who was promised hath appeared with such sovereignty as the hosts of tyrants and the clamor of Pharaohs have failed to deter. He calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, summoning all who dwell in the realm of creation to the supreme horizon. Blessed is he who hath ears to hear, who hath a heart and hath turned toward it, and who hath a face and hath turned it toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed are they whom the oppression of the oppressors and the might of the heedless have not kept back from God, exalted be His glory. In the sight of the All-Seeing, the entire world and all that is therein cannot equal a single one of God's names, for the former is transient while the latter endureth. Although all people themselves testify to its transience, they cling to it in such wise that it hath become the cause of their heedlessness, error and waywardness.

One must stand firm in the Cause of the Lord of eternity with such steadfastness that no wavering can affect it. In all conditions speak with wisdom, for verily We have enjoined this upon all in My perspicuous Book. His honor Abu'l-Hasan - My glory be upon him - hath made mention of thee, and this clear tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the mercy of the Lord of the worlds that thou mayest attain supreme joy. Praise and thanksgiving in all conditions! All souls, whether women or men, who have turned to the Truth have been mentioned, and each hath been honored with the remembrance of the Wronged One. Convey My greetings to all of them and gladden them with God's grace. Time and again hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks to God for this great bounty. Thou art he who purposed, turned toward God, migrated and returned by His command, and the reward of attaining His presence hath been ordained for thee. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon them, men and women alike, from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. The Divine Day calleth out by itself and summoneth those on earth to the most exalted horizon. This Day in one station is a brilliant light that guideth those near unto God to the straight path and bestoweth awareness of the momentous announcement. O Vav! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. At this time one of My Branches, who was named Diya' in the Crimson Book, was present and We made mention of thee with verses that have encompassed those in the heavens and on earth. And in another station this Day is the Water of Life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. It is the true Salsabil and the spiritual Kawthar. From the hand of bounty It bestoweth upon the thirsty that which is the cause of everlasting life. Say: Well is it with them that drink! O Ra! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this blessed Day, and yet most of the people of the world are deprived, save whom God, thy Lord, willeth. And in one station It possesseth the Book of the world and with It are the secrets of all peoples. At one time thou seest It seated upon the throne of utterance, teaching the people that which draweth them nigh, causeth them to know, and profiteth them. At another time thou beholdest It interpreting for all the different groups. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken at this blessed and manifest time. And were the mysteries of this Day to be mentioned, thou wouldst see all rendered unconscious save a few. O Varqa! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Praise be to God that thou didst attain and act upon that which was imparted in the presence. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard thy call concerning the Cause of thy Lord. Time and again in these days hast thou been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist thee to conquer hearts through the name of thy Lord, the

Mighty, the Beloved. O thou who art dear at the Throne! Thou art mentioned and hast attained unto grace. O Spirit of God! Give thanks unto God for having assisted thee, granted thee success, brought thee into His presence, and caused thee to hear His sweetest call from His most exalted horizon. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and hearken to your words in this mighty Book.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious! Thus calls out the Tongue of God from behind the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End, addressing those who dwell on earth and in heaven, saying: Blessed is he who hath found intimacy with My remembrance, who hath recited My verses, who hath spoken in praise of My Self, who hath turned with his heart toward My direction, who hath witnessed the lights of My Beauty from the horizon of My grandeur, who hath been drawn by My fragrances that waft from My paradise, who hath detached himself from all else save Me, who hath placed his trust in My Self, who hath relied upon My sovereignty, who hath clung to the hem of My providence, who hath held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, who hath found peace in My manifestation, who hath stood firm in My Cause, who hath not been troubled by Mine enemies, who hath departed from the city of fancy through My power, My might and My authority, who hath shattered the idol of conjecture by the strength of My Will, My decree and My transcendence, who hath rent asunder the veils of remoteness through My nearness, My gifts and My favors, and who hath appeared among the servants adorned with My ornaments, My signs, My fragrances and My detachment. By My Beauty! The inhabitants of the realms of My eternity, the dwellers of the cities of My immortality, and the companions of the depths of My grandeur yearn to meet this servant, and around him circle the Houris of the chambers of My paradise and the chaste maidens of My garden of paradise and good-pleasure. Thus hath the matter been ordained in the tablets of My Will, the volumes of My Purpose, the pages of My Decree, the books of My Judgment, the tablets of My Permission, and the leaves of My firm and impregnable Wisdom. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that these verses have been sent down unto thee, verses by which the hearts of My chosen ones and the souls of My trusted ones have been drawn. Give thanks unto thy Lord, then recite them that thy self, thy spirit and thine essence may be drawn by them, and that thou mayest be numbered among God's successful servants. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have heard the melodies of God in these days and were among the successful ones. And praise be to the Beloved of the mystics. O youth! Accept thou what God, thy Lord, hath decreed, then detach thyself from the idolaters. Say: This is what hath been decreed by our Lord; we are indeed of those who are certain. Convey My greetings unto thy brother and thy family that they may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Ali-Qabli-Akbar, who hath emigrated and attained, He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise! Go forth by God's command and His wisdom to the lands and remind them of that which was uttered before thy face, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. Pass through the lands with joy and fragrance, then make

mention unto them of that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! By God, the Most Great Treasure of God hath appeared and He Who was mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen hath come. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. Turn ye to the horizon of the Cause, then remember Him by night and by day, and be not of the silent ones. This is the Day of Remembrance, were ye of them that know, and this is the Day of Utterance, were ye of them that are certain. This is the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before all faces: Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. Behold ye the waves of the ocean and the lights of the sun of meanings and utterance, that your eyes may be solaced on this wondrous Day. O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Thou hast attained unto Our presence and witnessed and heard that which was inscribed in the Books of the Messengers. We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee in aiding His Cause through remembrance and utterance. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My favor which hath preceded every small and great one. Say: O party of God! The Light of Proof hath dawned and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath appeared. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent you from turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon or the veils of the transgressors conceal you. O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Be thou a bird in My atmosphere, speaking My praise, turning toward My horizon, holding fast to My cord, preserving what We have bestowed upon thee through My grace, and clinging to My luminous robe. Thus hath the scroll of inner meanings been adorned by the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who were not prevented by the doubts of the divines from God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

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=== START BH03307 ===

O Rahim, may God preserve him! He is the All-Knowing!

Hearken, O My Name! Then diffuse from the Crimson Hill even as musk diffuseth from the Garden of thy Lord, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Powerful, that thou mayest perfume all created things, and that the fragrances of possibility may be scattered abroad, and all may turn unto the face of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Rahim! Come forth from the chambers of stillness and be thou a herald from Our presence amongst the worlds. Detach thyself from thine own self in the path of thy Lord, then migrate to whatsoever land thou desirest in My Name, the All-Desiring, the Triumphant, the Great. And shouldst thou be alone, find solace in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Wise. Verily, if thou hearest what the Beauty of Knowledge hath taught thee, by God thy word would influence all things, nay every firm and lofty mountain. Arise from thy place, then be thou enkindled with this Fire whereby all things have been enkindled, that there might appear from thee the heat of the love of God in the hearts of the unitarians. By God, O Rahim! We have found the people of the Bayan in such delusion as cannot be compared with the delusion of anyone in the kingdom. Therefore have the eyes of My inner being wept for My lonely and friendless Self. Say: O people! Aid ye the Youth, for He is the One through Whom your religion hath been exalted, your names uplifted, your power made manifest, and the beauty of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wondrous, hath appeared. O people! Deprive not

yourselves of this bounty which hath been raised up in truth. Fear ye God, unto Whom is your return and the resort of all the worlds. Arise by God's leave, then remind the people of that wherewith the Spirit of Holiness remindeth thee on this luminous night.

O My Name! If thou art poor in weakness, then seek wealth through My Name, the Powerful. If thou art sick in body, then seek healing through My Name, the Healer. If thou art weary in speech, then seek utterance through My sovereignty, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the Eloquent. And when thou desirest to guide the people unto God, then will the Spirit speak upon thy tongue and there shall flow from thee the fountains of wisdom and utterance, and God is witness to what I say. Thus doth thy Lord give thee glad tidings that thou mayest give glad tidings unto the people of the paradise of a near and glorious presence.

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=== START BH03308 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who caused the Luminary of eternity to appear from the horizon of Batha, and from it the Sun of divine decree shone forth in the world of execution, through which the mysteries of the Book were revealed. He is the Judge in the final return. Exalted be the All-Bestowing One Who sent Him with truth and guidance, and through Him caused the rain to descend from the heaven of bounty. Upon Him and His family and companions be the blessings of God, His peace, His mercy and His favors.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and the controls of all existence! I beseech Thee by the Lord of "but for Thee," through Whose advent the celestial spheres were honored, to protect Thy monotheistic servants from the evil of Thine enemies and to assist them through the hosts of the unseen and the visible, through Thy power and might. Then I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word to send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and elevate them through Thy Name and sovereignty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who hast turned! The Wronged One beareth witness to thy turning, thy devotion, thy arrival and thy attentiveness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and make thee successful in that which will exalt thee amongst His servants, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth. There is no God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends in that land. We beseech God to make them all successful in such wise that the world and all that is therein shall not prevent them from turning unto Him. All that is witnessed is transient, and that which is with Him endureth. Blessed are they whom that which they possess hath not deprived of that which is with God. Verily We send Our greetings to Our loved ones and mention unto them that which shall profit them in all the worlds of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Peace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is no God but He, the Most High, the Most

Great, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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=== START BH03309 ===

O Bassar, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge

Praise be to God Who hath caused the pearls of wisdom and exposition to appear from the ocean of utterance. He is the King at Whose right hand was raised the banner "The Kingdom is God's" and at Whose left the standard "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." The power of princes and divines weakeneth Him not, nor doth the might of the powerful and learned prevent Him. There is no God but Him, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, the Lord of this world and the next.

O Baqir, O Bassar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving. My Name Ali before Akbar hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Be not grieved at the calamity that hath befallen thee. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of this world: But the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight for reward, and better in respect of hope."

Know thou with certain knowledge that this blessed verse was revealed after the ascension of the sons of the Apostle to the Supreme Horizon. That child is and hath been preserved with the true Trustee. God hath made him a treasure for thee, a store for thee, and an honor for thee. He is verily the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the worlds. He is with thee and hath heard thy call, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Convey My greetings to the kindred and give them glad tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you in that which He loveth and approveth, and to unite hearts. He is verily the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The mention of the loved ones hath been and is before the Wronged One. In these days a letter arrived from one of the Afnan of the Blessed Tree, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, wherein mention was made of all the loved ones, and each one was remembered with the divine mention. We beseech God to grant them success in unity and harmony and draw them nigh unto Him. Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones and My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH03310 ===

He is God–exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent down the Book and manifested through it that which guided people to the straight path. Verily He is the Single One Whom praise does not benefit nor blame harm, and He is the One Who praised Himself through oneness and singleness, and through power and might and grandeur and glory. And blessings and peace be upon the best of His creation and the Seal of His Prophets, through whom appeared the pearl of utterance from the ocean of knowledge and the lights of the Face shone forth from the horizon of possibility, and upon his family and companions, an abiding, abundant, eternal peace. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance!

The servant has attained your letter and was gladdened by your words. We beseech God–our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all the worlds–to draw us near to Him and ordain for us entry into His paradise whose breadth is as the breadth of His heaven and earth. As for what you mentioned regarding the matter of marriage, it was presented before the Countenance. The Intended One said: "This depends on the consent of both parties and the parents. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to bless them both and through them, and to send down His blessings upon them, and to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Possessor of the throne and the dust." At the end He said–may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him: "It behooveth whosoever desireth to enter into any matter to first hold fast to consultation and to act according to what appears therefrom, placing his trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

This evanescent one beseeches God his Lord to assist those who desire goodness and virtue and connection between His servants. Verily He is the Lord of all created things and the Protector of all possibilities, and He is the Powerful, the Munificent, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And peace be upon your honor and upon your children and your family and those with you. And I beseech God to assist His loved ones in wisdom and to manifest through them that which will calm the fire of discord in all regions. Verily He is powerful over all things.

The servant

12th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1301

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In the Name of Him by Whom the ocean of utterance surged in the contingent world!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His verses and manifested His clear tokens and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And blessing and praise and glory and splendor be upon them whom God hath made the guides of His creation and the manifestations of His Cause and the dawning-places of His revelation and the treasury of the pearls of His utterance and the repository of the mysteries of His days - they whom neither the veils of the peoples nor the might of the world prevented from hearing the call and turning unto Him, saying: "Yea, yea, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names! Yea, yea, O Master of humanity and Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below!" Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth when seated upon the throne

of utterance, to the shame of every ignorant one who denied what was sent down from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of one of thy leaves and a handmaiden from among thy handmaidens who believed in God and His verses and acknowledged what was revealed in His Book and confessed what appeared in His days, that the fragrance of forgiveness may waft over her from all directions and the hands of the All-Merciful may cause her to enter the highest paradise. Thus did the ocean of bounty surge and the fragrances of care and favor wafted from God, the Lord of all things and the Sovereign over all who are in earth and heaven.

O Pen! Say: The first light that shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance before the faces of religions - Upon thee, O leaf of the Tree of Faithfulness and speaker in praise of the Lord of humanity! I testify that thou didst turn to the Supreme Horizon when most handmaidens turned away from it, and didst take the choice sealed wine and drink thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and didst attain unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon every servant who turned and every handmaiden who turned and remembered thy days and visited thy resting place and read what hath been sent down in this time from the heaven of the utterance of God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

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=== START BH03312 ===

O Qasim Khan, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of Him Who is Sovereign over all names

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His Most Great Name unto the world, whereupon all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom and the Dominion, the Majesty and the Power belong unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of the heavens!” Blessed is he who hath heard and is endowed with hearing, and blessed is he who hath witnessed and is possessed of sight, for he is indeed among the companions of the Crimson Ark which God hath mentioned in the Qayyumu’l-Asma’.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have heard thy call and have witnessed what hath befallen thee at the hands of those who have denied God and His signs, rejected His proof and disputed His evidence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name, to aid thee through His sovereignty, and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of His bounty - whosoever drinketh thereof hath attained unto all good from God, the Lord of the Last and the First. Grieve not over that which hath been ordained by the Pen of Destiny. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bountiful. He will assuredly help thee and open before thy face the door of His bounty and draw thee nigh unto Him. He, verily, is established upon the throne of wisdom and utterance.

Thou hast been mentioned by one of my Afnan who hath attained My presence and drunk the choice wine of understanding from the cup of My utterance. We make mention of thee in this Tablet whose fragrance shall endure as long as God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Master of this Day

whereof the Books of God, the Lord of lords, gave glad-tidings, shall endure. When thou receivest My letter, say: “My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Name to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones in Thy lands and Thy chosen ones in Thy dominions. Thou art He through Whose sovereignty all created things have testified, and through Whose power all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.”

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have not broken My Covenant nor denied My proof, who have stood before all faces declaring: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom and the Dominion. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bountiful.”

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=== START BH03313 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the brocade of the Book of Existence with the mention of the Beloved, through Whom appeared the First Embroidery and whatsoever the peoples need, through Whom the countenance of the world smiled and the breeze of the All-Merciful wafted among the nations, through Whom the decree of unity was manifested and the command of oneness was established, through Whom was raised the banner of the Seal above all standards and the flag of the Beginning among all peoples. Verily, He is the Manifestation of the Most Great Sign which God, the Lord of Names, hath sent down: He is the First and the Last, and the Manifest and the Hidden. Exalted be this most sublime station unto which no birds of the hearts of those in the kingdom of creation can soar. And peace and blessings be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom God’s Cause was made manifest and the Dove of the Command cooed upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Muhammad! Thou art he who hath turned toward and attained the presence of the Wronged One and heard what hath befallen Him in the love of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We counsel thee with wisdom and utterance and with that which will manifest the station of man among the peoples of all religions. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to ordain for thee what shall profit thee in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, He is the Lord of mankind.

God willing, may all attain through divine grace and act according to what is in the Book. O Muhammad! Thou wert present and didst hear from the Wronged One that which is in truth the cause of the exaltation of God’s religion and His Faith. Say: O servants! Hold fast unto goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. I swear by the pearls of the sea of divine knowledge that the hosts of virtuous character are mightier than earthly hosts. Had the people of the lands held fast unto these, the religion of God would never have been observed to be weak. We beseech Him to assist all in that which is the cause of the glory and elevation of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things and ready to answer.

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=== START BH03314 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to the Lord of creation, and peace and blessings be upon Him after whom there shall be no Prophet, and upon His family and companions through whom shone forth the light of divine unity and through whom was established the law of oneness among creation, and upon those who sacrificed their spirits, children, descendants and wealth in the path of God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The servant has attained to that which the pen of your love warbled upon the branch of divine knowledge and the tongue of your love in the gardens of utterance. When I learned and heard of this, I turned to the Divine Countenance and presented it. He spoke, and His sweetest words were: "We beseech God to assist him in what he desires and enable him to achieve what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne and earth." Greetings from the Wronged One be upon him and upon his son Husayn and upon those with him, female and male, young and old.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding the matter of trade with the spiritual friend Ahmad, upon him be Baha'u'llah, his mother, upon her be Baha'u'llah, does not wish him to travel there as she became grieved when she heard the climate does not agree with him. Today when your honor's letter was read, it was sent to his honored father, upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Ancient Lord, that he might read it and inform your honor of their opinion. And regarding what you mentioned about Jasim, upon him be God's peace, his eminence the honored Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha, mentioned the details. The servant asks his Lord to make known to all what is best for them and guide them to what benefits them. Verily His path is the straight path and His way is the clear and upright way. Glory and praise be upon your honor and those who bring joy to the eyes and those with you.

The servant, on the 21st of the honored month of Shawwal, 1301

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=== START BH03315 ===

A new translation of an Arabic prayer of gratitude revealed by the Blessed Beauty

He is God, Exalted is He, the Lord of grandeur and might!

O my God, O my God! I render thanks to Thee under all conditions, and I yield praise to Thee under all circumstances.

In prosperity I extol Thee, O Thou Lord of the Worlds! And in poverty I proffer gratitude to Thee, O Thou the Desire of all who recognize Thee.

In wretchedness I glorify Thee, O Thou the adored One of all that dwell in the heavens and on earth! And in affliction I surrender before Thy enlightenment, O Thou Whose attraction draws the hearts of all who yearn after Thee.

In adversity I render abiding praise to Thee, O Thou Who art the object of the desire of those who yearn after Thee! And at ease I extol Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of those who seek near access to Thee.

In wealth I behold Thy splendour, O Thou the Lord of all Thy faithful servants! And in poverty I surrender before Thy behest, O Thou the Goal of the desire of all who acknowledge Thy Divine Unity.

In joy I perceive Thy glory, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee! And in sorrow I discern Thy beauty, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee!

In hunger Thine is justice, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee! And when replete Thine is bounty, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee!

When in my abode I recognize Thy bestowals, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee! And in a far-off land Thine is providence, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee!

Neath a sharpened sword I recognize Thy infinite bounties, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee! And at my dwelling Thine is perfection, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee!

Within a palace Thine is generosity, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee! And amidst the dust Thine is Magnanimity, O Thou beside Whom there is none other God but Thee!

In prison Thine is fidelity, O Thou the Bestower of all gifts! And in captivity Thou art the Ever-Abiding, O Thou Sovereign of Eternity.

Bestowals are ever Thine, O Thou Lord of bestowals, O Sovereign of bestowals and King of bestowals.

I testify that Thou art ever-praised in Thy command, O Thou Essence of all bestowals, and art obeyed in Thy behest, O Thou Who art the Ocean of bestowals, the Begetter of bestowals and the quintessence of bestowals.

Baha'u'llah

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=== START BH03316 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all names

My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my hope, Thy forgiveness my aim, Thy good pleasure my desire, and Thy pardon the ultimate object of my aspiration. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, by the manifestations of Thy power, by the revelations of Thine omnipotence, and by the Word through which Thou didst raise up the standard of Thy oneness amongst Thy servants and unfurl the banner of Thy remembrance throughout Thy lands, to assist this servant to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me enkindled with the fire of separation from Thy loved ones. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and He Who hath appeared through the

Most Great Name! I desire none other than Thee and love none but Thee. I implore Thee not to leave me to myself. Aid me, under all conditions, to remember and praise Thee. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the thirsty one advancing toward the ocean of Thy grace, the poor one awaiting Thy bounty and benevolence, and the sick one yearning for the fountain of Thy healing. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Messengers, and by Him through Whom the breezes of Thy Revelation were cut off, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. Then cause me, O my God, to be among those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon. Thou seest me, O my God, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity and favors. Thou seest my tears and hearest the sighs of my heart. Through Thy grace and favor, ordain for me that which will calm my agitation. Strengthen, O my God, mine eyes to behold the countenances of Thy chosen ones and loved ones, and illumine the vision of my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art He Who hath, by Thy power, borne witness to all created things, and by Thy grandeur to all existence. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Bless, O God, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, through the dawning-places of Thy knowledge, the daysprings of Thy power, the manifestations of Thy Self, and the source of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee by them to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, remind them of Thy verses, and aid them in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art God. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

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=== START BH03317 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Nayriz! Unto him who loveth God. Hearken unto My Voice from the right hand of the Throne - the Spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of His Revelation, the Rising-point of His Inspiration, and the Manifestation of the lights of His resplendent Countenance. By My life! If the Seat of the Throne were to be in prison, verily it would be the Spot wherein every atom proclaimeth: “The Beloved of the worlds hath come!” Say: Through it God hath transformed the prison, making it a plot of Paradise, wherefrom waft the breezes of the mercy of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: Through tribulation hath the Beauty derived comfort even as the Beloved findeth solace in the remembrance of His loved one, the Wondrous, the Peerless. Would that the body of the Beauty were crucified upon every tree in the path of God, the Sovereign Lord of all names! By My life! The more intense groweth the sorrow, the more doth the Ancient Beauty engage in the remembrance of God, the Creator of the nations. Yet the people are wrapped in a mighty veil. He hath built up the world for Myself and My loved ones, even though they dwell in the most desolate of lands for the sake of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. It behooveth thee in such days as these to arise to aid thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And when the Tablet of the Youth appeareth before thee, take it with the hand of certitude, then enter the gathering-place of the idolaters among the people of the Bayan and say: “O people! I have come unto you from the Dawning-place of the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful, with a manifest proof. Have ye occupied yourselves with idle fancies while the Sovereign of certitude standeth before your faces? What aileth you, O heedless people! Do ye

imagine that what ye possess sufficeth you, or that it can equal even a single letter of that which hath proceeded from the Dayspring of the Will of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful? Nay, by Him Who hath taught the Pen the mysteries of eternity! A single letter thereof transcendeth all the books of the heavens and of the earth. Efface what hath proceeded from your pens, for the Supreme Pen speaketh betwixt earth and heaven, that haply ye may be attracted by that which descendeth from One mighty and wise." Stand thou firm in My Cause in such wise that should all who are on earth rise up against thee, thou wouldst regard them as a handful of dust. Thus doth thy Lord teach thee from this remote station. And glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

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=== START BH03318 ===

This tablet was revealed for Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali who was known for his love of God in the land of Ta. He is the Ever-Abiding, the Ancient of Days. Hearken, O servant, unto that which is revealed unto thee from the holy precincts, and turn not unto those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God. Let thy Lord suffice thee, then detach thyself from all the worlds. Verily He will guard thee from the darts of Satan and draw thee nigh unto the holy and praiseworthy shore. Remember thyself at all times lest allusions veil thee, and thus doth command thee the Pen of the divine decree from this Finger which hath emerged from the Vesture of Power with manifest sovereignty. Unite with the loved ones of God and be thou a helper of His Cause, and neglect it not for less than a moment. We have indeed sent thee aforetime a tablet, and before it another tablet, then this leaf which God hath made to be witnessed from the holy Branch. And when it reacheth thee, receive it with spirit and fragrance, then recite it with wondrous and glorious melodies. Verily it is My garment which We have sent unto thee that thou mayest find from it the sweet-scented savors of a beloved glory. Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom from Us lest sedition be stirred up and harm return to the root of the Tree. Thus hast thou been commanded from the presence of One mighty and wise. Take the cup of life from the fingers of the All-Merciful and turn not unto the manifestations of Satan in these days wherein he hath arisen with a new craftiness. By God! The dwellers of the heavens and earth were bewildered by his cunning, and God is witness unto this. Then remind from Us those servants who have believed in God and His signs, whom the whisperings of Satan have not kept back from the beauty of the All-Merciful, and who have remained steadfast in the Cause. And besides these, they have no standing with God - leave thou their mention, for their names are not remembered before thy Lord on this day. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest follow the command of thy Lord and take for thyself a path unto Him. We have indeed revealed a tablet for thy brother and sent it unto him that his eyes may be consoled thereby and that he may remain steadfast in the Cause.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Verily the Sun desired to send unto thee a light from its lights in the form of the words of God and the fragrances of His verses which dominate all who are in the heavens and earths. Say: O concourse of earth! The Hour hath come and its

signs, and that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen hath appeared in the Books of God, Lord of the worlds. Verily the Book calleth out in truth and summoneth all to the horizon of Revelation from God, Lord of the mighty Throne. The scratching of the Pen hath been raised up and the Lord of Eternity before the faces of the nations hath arisen and said: Fear God, O people! Follow not those who denied the proof of God and His evidence and disbelieved in His glorious and wondrous Day. Fear God and purify your hearts from the tales of old and from that which is with those who cast guidance behind their backs, clinging to tyranny and wickedness. Indeed they are among the most lost in a clear Book. O thou who gazest toward the horizon of the Cause! Hear the call and say: O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Aid me in all conditions to hearken unto Thy call and to turn unto the lights of Thy countenance and to behold the manifestations of the Sun of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having manifested unto me Thy mighty Cause and Thy great announcement and for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of knowledge from the hands of Thy grace and bounty on a day wherein most of Thy servants and creatures were deprived therefrom. O my Lord! Enable Thy servants to turn unto the Tree and its fruits, and the Sun and its lights, and the Sea and its waves. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and Educator of the nations! This servant desireth to arise to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants. Strengthen him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and holding fast to Thy Most Firm Handle. Ordain for me from the Pen of Thy decree that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds and make me to be of those whom the vicissitudes and conditions of the world have not prevented. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In My Name, the Most Glorious, the Most Glorious!

O Abu-Talib! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of immortality, then listen to what is revealed unto thee from this Most Glorious Sacred Tree, that thou mayest be steadfast within thyself. Follow the religion of the Spirit in My Cause and turn not unto those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God. Then follow what is sent down unto thee from the Pen of thy Lord. Know thou that thy father fulfilled his covenant and broke not God's testament, and followed this Beauty Whom none among creation hath known - to this doth the tongue of thy Lord bear witness. He ascended unto a station which no mystic can ever know and which no eloquent one can ever attain. Thus did We ordain for him in the Book of thy Lord. We raised him to this station because he showed no pride when the Sun of Sanctification dawned from the horizon of this Garment which the idolaters had stained crimson with the blood of hatred. Thus do We relate unto thee from the stories of thy Lord. When the Beauty of God shone upon him from the horizon of this Countenance, he fell prostrate upon the dust and tarried not for less than a moment. Thus did the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, precede him, as a grace from the wonders of thy Lord's bounty. If thou desirest to soar in this atmosphere wherein the wings of the birds of the divine cloud-realm have never stirred, sanctify thyself from all else save God, thy Lord, that thou mayest be enabled to fly in this Paradise and become acquainted with the mysteries of what was and what shall be, before his gaze returneth unto the handiwork of thy Lord. Thus have We related unto thee

the story of Paradise, lest thou render thyself deprived thereof and of the breezes of the All-Merciful, and that perchance thou mayest seek it within thyself and be of those who have sought the House of thy Lord. However, We are content with thy heart's intention rather than physical presence, for in that lieth temptation which none knoweth save the Self of thy Lord. Thus have We bestowed upon thee and distinguished thee among Our servants, and We have sent unto thee this Garment that thou mayest find therein the fragrance of thy Lord.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

O My handmaiden! If thou wert to hear what hath befallen Me, thou wouldst weep and lament. By God, there hath befallen Me that which hath befallen no soul, and the Beloved was in such a state as the Friend was, in truth, a witness. O My handmaiden! Grieve not for anything, but put thy trust in God, then remember thy Lord in private and in public, for verily His remembrance hath been a companion to them that are devoted to His unity. Despair not of the spirit of God, nor lose hope in His breathings which have been sent, in truth, from the name of the All-Merciful to the peoples of all the worlds. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and hath turned with radiant countenance toward God. Verily the world shall pass away, and what endureth is that which hath been ordained by One mighty and powerful. If He so willeth, He can make all that is on earth endure through a word from His presence, and if He so desireth, He can make it perish through another word, for verily He hath encompassed all things. He who possesseth the vision of steel perceiveth in the Word of God that which he heard from the angel named Israfil, for through it the breezes of life blow upon the bodies of those who have turned with radiant faces toward God. Likewise doth he witness what he heard from the angel named 'Azra'il, for through God's Word are the souls of the idolaters seized, and thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved tablet. And thou, O handmaiden of God, be patient and grieve not, then strive within thyself that there may appear from thee that which will exalt the sanctity of the Cause, and that thou mayest be among those women who have turned with all their being toward the Mighty, the Beautiful. We have been with thee and have heard thy remembrance and thy call, and verily thy Lord hath been unto thee the best helper and assistant. Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then let His remembrance suffice thee in place of the remembrance of all the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have taken, beneath the shadow of their Lord's mercy, a station that was, in truth, sublime.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy. O 'Ata'u'llah! The gift of thy Lord hath dawned from the horizon of His bounty. Draw nigh unto it with humility and contrition. This indeed is the gift whose mention hath been revealed in the Tablets of thy Lord. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and hath uttered the praise of his Lord amidst all peoples. They that are heedless this day are in strange delusion. Blessed is he who hath adorned his heart with the ornament of faith and hath

turned toward the Sanctuary of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have sent down the heavenly table and have manifested it in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent it down in truth. He is verily the Powerful, the Chosen One. O servant! Know thou that the Gift is Mine Own Self, and the Bounty is that which hath been sent down to thee from this Quarter. By God! Nothing in earth or heaven can equal it. Aid thy Lord through utterance. Beware lest the denial of them that have disbelieved withhold thee. Leave behind thee all who are on earth, then make mention of thy Lord by His Name, the Mighty, the Compelling. Say: O people! Follow not your desires. The heaven of piety hath been upraised and adorned with shining suns and brilliant stars. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Revealer of verses. They that are heedless this day are in doubt and loss. Their desires have made them heedless and their imaginings have held them back. When the clouds are lifted and the dawn appeareth before their eyes, they will cry out and say: We have failed in our duty toward Thee, O Lord of all beings! Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thine eyes might be solaced thereby, and the eyes of them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Hold fast unto the Tree, each leaf whereof proclaimeth: The Beloved is come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling. Should the idolaters object to thee, leave them to their vain disputations, then turn thy face toward thy Lord. Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to turn toward Thee and for having guided me in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Thou art verily powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy! O ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! Hearken unto that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance. By God! Through it the fragrances of the All-Merciful have been wafted. Blessed is he who hath heard and found, and woe unto them that have turned away. Verily, they who are heedless this Day are in manifest loss, and they who have turned towards Him are the gems of creation before the Truth and theirs is a noble station. The days shall come when the tongue of all created things will speak in praise of him who hath turned unto the Most Great Remembrance, Who hath come from the heaven of destiny with His sovereignty supreme over all the worlds. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord. It is verily the remedy for all ills and a light unto whoso holdeth fast unto this firm cord. Grieve not over remoteness, for thou hast drawn nigh, as doth testify this wondrous and glorious Pen. That which He hath testified for you is better for you than whatsoever ye behold on earth. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth. Wert thou to discover the bounty of thy Lord and taste the sweetness of the Kawthar of utterance which hath flowed from the direction of the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, thou wouldst soar with longing and return unto thy home with such love and eagerness as would cause the servants to be drawn. Thus have We sent down the verses as a token of Our grace. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be thou assured through the bounty of thy Lord. Let not the Cause of thy Lord grieve thee. Rejoice in all that appeareth from the horizon of His decree. Say: Thine is the decree, O Thou Who art the Lord of decree! I am content with what Thou art content with, and I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded me and Thy favor hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O my Lord! Aid me at all times to remember Thee and to serve Thee, then assist me through

Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the best of helpers. Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me when I was among the heedless ones. When thou beholdest the loved ones of God, convey to their faces Our greetings. Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love in such wise that neither the veils of glory nor the utterances of them that have turned away shall hold you back. Grieve not over anything. All that befalleth you in the path of God is assuredly a treasure stored up for you in His exalted and glorious Kingdom.

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=== START BH03325 ===

O Mirza Hadi, upon whom be the Glory of God, from among the people of Shin:

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who migrated unto God and journeyed toward Him until he entered the Garden of Paradise, the station round which circle the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, and then those who have sought shelter beneath the shade of the Tree of the Uttermost Boundary in the Most Hidden Retreat, and then all that was and shall be. And when the Sun of Eternity shone upon him from the Most Glorious Horizon, he fell prostrate before God, the King, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Hadi! Blessed art thou for having attained unto the presence of God and drunk the cup of faithfulness from the fingers of His good-pleasure and turned thy face unto the countenance of God, the Most High, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee of the tribulations of the world. Rather, be thou assured through the bounty of thy Lord. By the True One! There shall descend upon thee that which shall gladden thy heart and bring tranquility to thy soul, and this is an irrevocable decree. Rejoice in the favors of thy Lord, and make mention of Him in thy waking and thy rest, at eventide and at dawn. Should thou find those from whose hearts waft the sweet savors of the Beloved, associate with them and show humility toward them. This is what the Tongue of God commandeth thee at this moment from this Most Great, Most Perfect, Most Holy Pen. Be thou steadfast in every circumstance in the Cause of thy Lord, and aid Him through thy utterance, and fear no one, for He will protect thee from every hateful idolater. Leave sovereignty behind thee and ascend on the wings of holiness unto this heaven which hath been raised up in truth by the command of the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Thus have We commanded thee and imparted unto thee that thou mayest find tranquility within thyself and be of those who, when the Sun of Beauty dawned forth from the Horizon of Glory, turned toward it with their hearts, their souls and their innermost beings, and were of those who are well-assured. And the glory that hath dawned from the direction of eternity be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon every praiseworthy believer.

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In the letter Sad, to Jinab Aqa Muhammad who traveled with God before His manifestation. In the name of God, the Exalted, the Great. O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Beloved in these days when He was

cast into the well of hatred by the hands of the oppressors. And He, from the depths of the well, calls out saying: O people! Forget not the days in which the Beauty of God shone upon you and His tongue spoke unto you from the holy, mighty, powerful and wise verses of God. And He walked among you yet none recognized Him save His own all-knowing, all-informed Self. And there appeared from Him the signs of God and His grandeur, then the sovereignty of God and His power, but none was aware of this save God, your Lord and the Lord of all creation. And you, O servant, remember My days and what you heard from My tongue, and forget not My favor upon you, for My favor upon you has indeed been great. Then remember My tribulations which have befallen Me in this remote prison. Beware, beware lest you become occupied with the world and its ornaments. Then purify yourself from all that prevents you from God, your Lord. This is My counsel unto you and unto Our believing servants. Say: O people! Fear God and commit not that which would cause God's Cause to be lost among His servants, even though His Cause is sanctified above the defilement of the guilty ones. And if harm befalls you, be patient, then show forth yet more patience, then remember My harm. And if sorrow comes upon you, be patient, then reflect on the sorrows that have befallen the Beauty of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. And when you are settled in a place and find rest within yourself, then weep for My tribulations among the company of the polytheists. And if you find comfort with anyone, then remember My loneliness in this land from which the feet of seekers are cut off. Thus have We remembered you and commanded you that you may remain steadfast in the Cause of your Lord and remember Him morning and evening. And the glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Everlasting, the All-Glorious, the All-Helping!

O Nabil! Your letter hath been received in the presence of thy Lord at a time when the City and all around it were shaken with the fear of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Therefore did We stay Our Pen until the appointed time had come, and this Tablet was revealed with power and sovereignty. Grieve not at what they say. Be steadfast in the Cause - verily He will exalt thee through the truth. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Draw hearts through the fragrances of thy Lord and souls through this Wine whereby the dead have been quickened. Thou art beneath the gaze of thy Lord Who mentioneth thee through His grace and hath chosen thee for His remembrance amongst His servants. Despite tribulations without parallel, We summon the servants unto the Dayspring of this Light. Hold fast to the cord of His bounty - verily He sufficeth thee in truth and is with thee in all conditions. Soar in the atmosphere of the spirit in such wise that the veils of them that are veiled may not sadden thee. By My life! Thy joy in My remembrance of thee cannot be equaled by aught created on earth. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh from the throne of oneness with grandeur and power.

God hath seized those who rose up in hypocrisy and made them a warning unto them that have eyes to see. They conspired to undermine God's Cause when the Ancient Beauty dwelt in the house behind closed doors. Thou knowest how We protected them under Our wings for successive years and bore with

patience what befell Us through their tyranny by night and by day, until they reached the utmost bounds of wickedness. Then did the tongue of grandeur speak forth in the house, detached from all directions: “Too long have necks been stretched forth in hypocrisy. Where are Thy swords of vengeance, O Destroyer of the worlds?” Through what was uttered by the tongue of power, servants possessed of mighty strength were raised up who entered upon them with power and sovereignty. Thus was the matter decreed and judgement came from thy Lord, the One Who oversees what is and what shall be. Make mention of My loved ones, then gather them together unto My remembrance and give them the glad tidings of this Remembrance which God hath made the Dayspring of all remembrance.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! May you, God willing, be blessed with divine favors and drink again and again from the chalice of the recognition of the Beloved of all possibility. Your call was heard and the fragrance of your love was inhaled, and his honor the Name of God Mahdi mentioned your name before the Throne. Today you must be so enkindled with the fire of God’s love that all the seas of the world would be powerless to extinguish it. It is strange that during the recent upheaval some were observed to be disturbed, as though they had considered this world their homeland and had imagined it to be fixed and lasting. Wisdom has been enjoined upon all souls in the Book of God, that all may walk with perfect wisdom among the servants. Corruption, conflict and inflammatory matters are forbidden and unloved. And if a soul arises to fulfill that which God has commanded, and no contrary deed appears from him, then if he becomes the target of the oppression of tyrants and the transgression of the rebellious, there is no doubt that this oppression and these trials have befallen him in the path of God. What station have they considered greater than this station, and what glory have they reckoned higher than this glory? Every soul shall taste of the cup of death, and if this occurs for the sake of God and his spirit and body are sacrificed in the path of the Beloved, surely this is most fitting, and every person of insight bears witness that this station is the most exalted of stations in the sight of God. God willing, all must act according to that which God has commanded them, and be content and thankful for whatever may befall them. Say: O friends! Know your own worth. Soon shall all tongues make mention of you and all existence turn towards you. Verily He exalteth His Cause as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. That which thou didst send hath reached Our presence. We have accepted it as a token of Our grace. Be thou grateful and be of them that are steadfast.

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O son! Mentioned in the name of the one incomparable Lord! God willing, in your youth you will attain to His praise, glorification and service to His divine Cause. The world passeth away like lightning - strive thou to attain in this transient abode the water of everlasting life and drink thereof. How many souls waited ages and lifetimes for this most mighty, most holy Day, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Oneness, all remained heedless and veiled, nay, showed forth the utmost hatred and aversion. And this despite all created things, through their own deeds and

transformations, giving counsel in most eloquent utterance and reminding mankind. For at every moment those possessed of insight witness the signs of evanescence, setting and decline. Yet all remain heedless. By the life of God, the people are in manifest loss! Give thanks to the Goal of all the worlds that thou hast been mentioned in the Most Great Prison before the Wronged One and hast attained unto this mighty Tablet. Though the value of the divine Word is not known to the heedless at present, ere long its worth shall become evident and its station manifest to all the world. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto a single letter of the Book and acteth according to what is revealed therein. This is the Day for pure deeds. God willing, the friends of Truth must appear among the servants with perfect trustworthiness, truthfulness and praiseworthy character. They are as lamps amid the darkness of the age. We counsel thee and the friends of God with two words, and for the sake of God remind you: First, steadfastness in the Cause, for great indeed is its importance, as mentioned in the divine Books. Second, to act in accordance with what befitteth these days. God willing, mayest thou acquire an eternal station in this transient world and attain unto that which is intended. Give thanks unto God for this mighty favor and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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Visitation Tablet for His Holiness Nasir, upon him be the Glory of God and His Light

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful Visitor

The first remembrance that dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book and the first light that shone from the horizon of the Face in the final return - upon thee, O thou who hast turned to God, the Lord of Lords!

I testify that thou didst acknowledge what the Tongue of Eternity acknowledged and didst witness what the Lord of the world and Goal of the nations witnessed. Thou art he through whom and through whose like the fortress of the Cause was strengthened among the servants and the mention of the Desired One was raised throughout the lands. Thou art he whom neither the clamor of the divines prevented from the Lord of all beings nor the power of princes from the Most Exalted Horizon. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy testimony in the path of God, Creator of heaven, and to thy steadfastness until thy spirit ascended to the Most Glorious Companion.

Blessed art thou, O Nasir, for having heard and responded and believed and turned until thou didst enter and attain presence and didst hear what the Son of Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge and didst see what the Beloved saw of the signs of his Lord, the All-Merciful. I testify that thou didst attain the lights of reunion and didst drink the choice wine of nearness and meeting from the hands of thy Lord’s bounty in the beginning and the return.

Thou art he who was patient in hardship and tribulation, and the people of the cities of justice and fairness lamented at what befell thee and thy like from oppression. By your calamities the sky was filled with smoke and grief took hold of the Dawning-places of Revelation and the Day-springs of Knowledge. Blessed are ye and those who seek your station and visit your dust and remember your days and what

befell you and draw near through you to God, your Lord and your Goal and your Object of Worship and the Object of Worship of all in the heavens and earths.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by those who were martyred in Thy path and soared in the atmosphere of Thy love in such wise that the power of the world could not hold them back from the Most Great Name, that Thou forgive me and my father and my mother and whosoever hath held fast unto Thy Strong Cord, O God of the worlds!

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O Mr. M.Sh! In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. The divine utterances are expressed in the Persian tongue. Although Arabic is more excellent, yet Persian speech is sweeter. In all conditions, fix your gaze upon this blessed word which, like the Most Great Luminary, hath dawned from the horizon of the divine Tablet. He saith: “Whoso belongeth to God, God belongeth to him.” This servant beareth witness to that which hath been mentioned. Hold fast unto it, for it sufficeth thee if thou act according to it. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Teacher. Reflect a little: the whole world hath been created for the knowledge of God. In all the heavenly Books, they were given the glad-tidings of the Most Great Manifestation. Nevertheless, when the veils were rent asunder, and the clouds were lifted, and the Countenance of the Intended One appeared and was made manifest from the horizon of the heaven of revelation, all arose in opposition and protest, though all were expectant. This is why He formerly said that true believers are rarer than red sulphur. Had they reflected even less than that on what was revealed before, they would not have been deprived today of the ocean of meanings and prevented from the sun of clear vision. Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, and in the end of life hold fast unto that which is better for thee than all the treasures of the world. By the ocean of knowledge! What is being said is the truth, there is no doubt in it. Hear thou My call and say “God!” then leave them to their vain disputes. If thou shouldst find even less than a needle’s eye of the fragrances of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst find thyself detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and wouldst take up thy habitation and find thy refuge in the shadow of the Friend in the utmost joy and delight and tranquility. A prayer was sent before; persevere in it, for it is a key to the gates of divine favor and mercy and kindness. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to the cord of the Command and cleaveth to the hem of the grace of his Lord, the All-Bountiful.

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O Zaynu’l-’Abidin!

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! These are the verses of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, sent down from the heaven of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them and detached himself from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: O people! The Day which ye were promised in the Tablets hath come. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless. This is the Day whereon the Herald calleth out from the right hand of the throne of

your Lord, the All-Merciful: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great!” Blessed is he who hath heard His call and turned with a luminous countenance unto His face. Say: O people! Do ye doubt Him or that which hath appeared from His presence with a manifest sovereignty? Alas for those who have disbelieved in God after He came with the truth with clear authority. Say: O people! Have mercy upon yourselves and oppose not Him Who hath sacrificed His soul in the path of God, the King, the Most High, the Most Praiseworthy. Verily, He Who built up the world for Himself now dwelleth in the most desolate of lands through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. And He Who desired to give the world to drink of the wine of remembrance of their Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate, hath been denied the water which even birds and beasts do drink. Woe unto those who have disbelieved in Him for Whom they were created! Soon shall the breezes of chastisement seize them from every direction and they shall find themselves in manifest loss. Say: The trials that have befallen Baha have not prevented Him from calling all who are in the worlds at all times unto God, their Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hath it been ordained by One mighty and powerful. O servant! Make mention of thy Lord amongst His servants that perchance there may be stirred within their hearts that which shall draw them nigh unto the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. There hath been ordained for whomsoever hath desired his Lord in these days that which the pens are powerless to record, and thy Lord, the All-Knowing, beareth witness unto what I say. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who, when they heard the call from the Dayspring of grandeur, said: “We believe in God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.” They are indeed among the sincere ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad-’Ali, by the Essence which hath appeared in the garment of the Most Glorious - these are the verses of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, sent down in truth for people who understand. And God addresseth therein all who are in the heavens and on earth, and all that hath been and shall be, saying: “There is no God but I, Who created all contingent things from nothing through My Will, and brought all beings into existence from naught through My Purpose. I am the One with power over whatsoever I desire, and I am the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting. Follow, O people, Him Who hath appeared with all the signs, around Whom circle the realities of the Prophets, then the spirits of the chosen ones, then those who dwell behind the pavilions of the Command.” And thou, O servant, remember the time when thou didst enter the Spot of God, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the Beloved, and didst attain the presence of the Countenance, and We caused the sun of Beauty to shine upon thy face from the horizon of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Witnessed. Thou didst hear what no ear of creation hath heard and didst see what no eye of contingent beings hath seen. Thus did the grace of thy Lord encompass thee that thou mightest be of those who remember through the remembrance of God, the Most Great. By God, this is He, could ye but know it. Turn thy face toward God and leave those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God. When they witnessed with their own eyes the sovereignty and power of God, they desired to slay Him. When God prevented them from what they desired, they then rose up in calumny and attributed to the Ancient Beauty that which befitteth their own station. Thus do We impart unto thee that thou mayest be of those who know. And thou, remain firm in

the Cause of God and steadfast upon this Path which hath been raised up in truth, and follow not every rejected polytheist. Verily those who command people to associate partners with God are of the hosts of Satan, were ye of those who understand. Shun, O people, such as these and turn toward the right-hand corner of this Throne whereon is seated the Beauty of God, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. And glory be upon thee and upon whoso turneth toward God with befitting humility.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! These are verses which have now been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty splendor, and in all things they speak forth: Open thine eyes! By God, that which the Ancient Being had yearned to encounter, to behold His beauty, and to hear His melodies, hath appeared - yet the people have not understood and remain veiled from Him.

O Sadiq! Hearken thou unto My call at this moment in the Supreme Horizon, then give thanks to thy Lord that We have remembered thee in this Tablet and have raised thee up in truth among the Concourse on High in the form of a well-proportioned human temple. Blessed art thou for having believed in that whereunto thou wert called. When We manifested Our Self amongst the servants, We found not among them one who was truthful, for had there been truthfulness in them, they would not have remained veiled from this Beauty Who hath appeared from every manifestation and hath shone forth from the horizon of the Spirit with evident sovereignty. Verily, truthfulness can only be realized through the recognition by the servant of his Creator at the time of His appearance, and thus hath the matter been recorded in truth in all the Tablets. He who hath not attained unto His beauty hath never been truthful, even should he be deemed truthful among the people or be known for truthfulness among all creation.

O spirit! Joy be unto thee for having believed in the Cause of thy Lord, for having recognized Him and borne witness in His path, for having been attracted by the breezes of rapture from the direction of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and for having been drawn by the breaths of the Spirit to a station that was in truth exalted. Now doth the Pen of God make mention of those servants whom God hath related unto thee, that their eyes may be solaced thereby and they may remember God in their hearts and thank Him with a truthful and trustworthy tongue. And thou, O servant, take thou the cup of life in the Ridvan of the All-Merciful from the fingers of those whose faces God hath honored by turning away from aught else but Him, and whom He hath raised up in truth from the essence of the Spirit by the hands of divine Will. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related unto thee, and upon those who associated with thee in this world with pure love for the sake of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation.

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In the Name of the Creator of the World!

All the peoples of the world have been created to know God, exalted be His glory and sovereignty, and all have been promised the Day of His Manifestation. Yet when the Sun of Knowledge rose from the horizon of revelation and the Sea of Utterance surged with its waves, all were found heedless and veiled from Him, save those souls who broke the chains of vain imaginings through the Name of God. These are they who drank from the pure fountain of certitude and, passing beyond the realm of words and suppositions, attained unto the ocean of inner meanings. Reflect upon former ages: whenever the Dawning-Places of divine inspiration appeared on earth, the heedless souls arose in opposition and protest, and most were martyred by the swords of hatred and animosity. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Those who denied, associated partners with God, remained heedless and acted unjustly have indeed lost, while those who were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, have truly prospered.

We beseech God to assist that soul, that in this Day which is illumined by the lights of the Kingdom of knowledge, they may attain to that which the transcendent Truth has willed, and not be deprived of the dawning rays of divine grace. The evanescence of the world is evident to all and needs no mention. Therefore one must seek a station that is sanctified from suppositions and vain imaginings and exalted above all conditions and colors.

Say: O God of the worlds and Sovereign of the nations! I beseech Thee, by the eternity of Thy Being and the everlastingness of Thine Essence, to assist me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and Thy most resplendent station. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy service and detached from all else but Thee. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have attained unto the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Beloved of all worlds!

We have enjoined wisdom upon all and forbidden that which causeth souls to be perturbed. Therefore it is incumbent upon all to act in accordance with what the Intended One hath commanded. The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, the proofs are resplendent, and the bounty is complete, and yet most people are observed to be heedless and veiled. This is naught but the result of negligence, vain imaginings and idle fancies. Therefore it is obligatory and binding upon the loved ones of God who are adorned with the distinction of His grace to enkindle those who are cold with the fire of divine wisdom. After recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation, two things are necessary: first, steadfastness, and second, observance of the divine ordinances that have been sent down in the Book. Blessed are they that have attained! The manner and method of teaching have been revealed in the Tablets - all must act accordingly and be watchful. Today that which hath caused the perturbation and agitation of heedless souls hath been forbidden. This is of thy Lord's grace, yet most people are unaware. Ye must arise to serve His Cause with the power and might of God, and with the utmost kindliness draw people from the wilderness of perplexity to the realm of knowledge and certitude. And if means become

available, emigrate to other lands for the sake of God's Cause - this hath been and ever shall be praiseworthy, for in some countries there exist receptive souls, yet guides and teachers are lacking. He, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Drink ye, now and forever, from the wine of His favors and share it with others, that perchance the people may awaken and turn unto the All-Informed, the One. Convey to all the loved ones the greetings from the Wronged One, and forbid them all from corruption, contention, reprehensible deeds and unacceptable conduct, that the fragrance of sanctity may be diffused from all. Praise be to God, all have attained unto the remembrance of God and are honored by His grace. Glory be upon thee and upon you all.

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HE IS THE MOST GREAT

Listen! From the horizon of the Ancient Tongue it was revealed to the Pen: "Write upon the Tablet: 'Verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Most Great, the Most Great.'" The Pen swooned from the sweetness of the Word of God, the Most High. When it recovered, it declared: "Verily, I am the first of the worshippers." This is a Word at which spirits have swooned, stars have fallen, and all upon the earth have been seized by the might of thy Lord, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Verily, the heavens are folded up by His command and the verses are sent down by His sovereignty. Glorified be He above what every doubtful polytheist imagines! Say: Can tribulation prevent the Glory from that which He is commanded? No, by the Lord of Names! From His horizon He speaks the truth and summons the people to the Mighty, the Bestower. Is there doubt about God? Say: Die in your wrath! He is the Most Great Proof and these are the evidences. Verily tribulation is the water of heaven which God hath sent down from the clouds that there might grow from it the ears of corn in the hearts of those who, when they hear "Unto whom belongeth the Kingdom?" say "Unto God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving." And by it God distinguisheth between His servants. Verily, there is no God but He. He guideth whom He willeth to the straight path. Then know that thy Lord hath seized him who pronounced judgment against Us. Soon shall there join him a people whom We have left in the valley of desires. Verily thy Lord is mighty in His grasp and severe in His punishment. Then We seized him whom We had promised chastisement in the Scriptures and Tablets. When the agony of death overtook him, he said: "Is there any protector?" It was said: "There is no protector for thee this day." The angels of wrath cast him face down into the fire. It was said: "This is what was promised thee by God, the Protector, the Powerful, the Subduer." And those whom We have left - this is due to a wisdom which none knoweth save God and those who possess knowledge of the Book. Arise to aid thy Lord, then remind the people before the punishment cometh upon them. We have sent thee aforetime that which hath diffused the fragrance of the garment throughout all regions. Glorify thy Lord with praise and say: "O my Lord! Protect me beneath the pavilion of Thy majesty and deprive me not of what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the earth and the heavens."

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In the Name of Him through Whom the Light of the Ancient One hath shone forth from the horizon of the world!

Praise sanctified from mention and glorification befitteth the Peerless One Who through His pervading and sovereign Will took possession of the kingdom of earth and heaven and adorned it with a wondrous and new embellishment. He is the King Who through His Creative Word bestowed affection between hearts and illumined sheer nothingness with the light of existence. Exalted be His power and His grandeur, and all-embracing be His grace and bounty! Light and glory, praise and honor be upon the Hands of His Cause, through whom the lights have shone forth from every direction and the signs have appeared in cities and lands.

O Niyaz! Upon thee be the remembrance and praise of God. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne of the Lord of eternity in the Most Great Prison, and We have revealed for thee that which hath caused the hearts of the righteous to soar and the minds of the pure-hearted to be drawn forth. All the peoples of the world have awaited and still await the days of His manifestation, and in the nights and days they have beseeched and implored the Lord of all beings for His presence. Yet when the light of His manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all turned away except whom God willed. Would that they had been content with that! Rather, they committed that which was as a sword cutting down the blessed Tree. This deed was the result of the decree of the ignorant ones - those souls who, though having attained the most exalted station in the name of truth, wrought that which hath caused the Supreme Pen to lament and wail for successive years. Thus did their own selves prompt them, while they perceived not and understood not.

Thou shouldst praise God for having aided thee to recognize Him and adorned thee with the ornament of acceptance in His days, and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! God makes mention of His servant at this hour in the Kingdom of Names and Attributes, that he may rejoice within himself at the most exalted station - a station which none among the Letters have attained save those who have believed in this Cause and have outstripped all created things in this Revelation, whereby all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation were thunderstruck, all in the heavens and earth were dismayed, and all beings were shaken except those whom God preserved from the surges of self and purified their hearts from all allusions. O Hasan! God makes mention of you at this hour, and before that which has no before, and after that which has no after, inasmuch as you ascended unto God your Lord and sacrificed your body and spirit in His path, and rose to the highest chambers. Glad tidings unto you, for the world prevented you not from entering into the depths of the

mercy of your Lord - you entered therein and feared no one in the path of your Master. Thus does God single out whom He wishes through His grace. With Him is the revelation of verses - He sends them down upon whomsoever He wishes among His creation. Verily, there is none mighty save Him. His is the creation and the command, and none among contingent beings has preceded Him in His command. If all who are in the heavens and earth were to cling to the cord of any one of you who were martyred in God's path and died in His way, God would surely remove from them the garment of rebellion and clothe them in the robes of mercy and forgiveness, and cause them to speak in the highest paradise with the most wondrous melodies. However, when their hearts hardened, they were veiled from this bounty which encompassed you and your kinfolk and those who loved you. Then, glory be upon you and upon those who were martyred and gave up their spirits in the path of God their Creator, and when the Sun of the horizons dawned from the holy dayspring, they fell prostrate upon their faces before God, the Lord of Names and Attributes.

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O 'Abdu'l-Ghani, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

This is a mention from Us to him who has turned to the Kingdom and heard the call of the Lord of the Realm of Might in this station which was named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Tablet of Names. He, verily, is the All-Wise Expounder. The eyes were created to behold My horizon, the ears to hearken unto My verses, and the hearts to love Me, the Mighty. Yet the people remain in evident veils. Remember when thou didst attain the presence of the Wronged One and didst hear what the Son of 'Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Thy Lord, verily, doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then command them with wisdom lest there occur that which would grieve those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We make mention of thy father who turned to God in days wherein the people turned away from the Dawning-Place of Revelation, save those who cast away what they possessed and took up that which they were commanded in a wondrous Book. Trust not every newcomer, nor believe every speaker. Make wisdom a lamp unto thyself and walk thereby in the darkness of the earth - then wilt thou be of those who are secure. Conceal what ye possess and reveal it not, lest there arise the clamor of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the one strong enough to make mention of Me and praise Me among My servants with the wisdom that hath been sent down in My Mighty Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and those who have turned to the One, the All-Informed. We make mention at this time of thy brother who attained unto the Day of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that he turned to the horizon of his Lord's manifestation, the Lord of Names, and was honored to attain His presence while the people remained in evident veils. Grieve not for what befell him. He hath ascended unto heaven and reached the ultimate goal. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Thy Lord hath forgiven him as a bounty from His presence and purified him from the defilement of the world. He is in the highest companionship, speaking and saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!"

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BAVANAT. O ’Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

A mention from Our presence to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that he may inhale the fragrance of My utterance and remind the servants of My verses and draw them nigh unto My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O ’Ali! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us and found the fragrance of thy humility before God, the Lord of sovereignty and dominion. We have sent down for thee that whereby the Concourse on High and they who circle round My glorious station have been enraptured. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what the people possess on the Day of God, the Lord of existence, and taken what hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty as a token from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty, turn thy face toward the House and say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify that I was as one dead, and Thou didst adorn me with the ornament of being; I was heedless, and Thou didst make known to me Thy extended path; I was silent, and Thou didst cause me to speak through Thy bounty which pervadeth both the seen and the unseen. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward the court of Thy might and to acknowledge Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of kings and kingdoms, Possessor of might and grandeur, by Thy grace to assist me in making mention of Thee and glorifying Thee amongst Thy creation and in arising to serve Thy loved ones. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the ocean of Thy generosity nor from hearkening to Thy call on the Mount of Thy knowledge. Thou art He through Whose generosity all things have borne witness, and through Whose grace all created things exist. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

Then ordain, O my God, for Thy loved ones who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and have acted according to what Thou hast commanded them in the Books and Tablets, that which shall protect them from the wolves of the earth and its wicked ones. Moreover, decree for them the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all worlds, the Educator of all peoples, and the One Who, through Thy word “Be,” and it is, hath power over whatsoever Thou willest.

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In the Name of our most glorious, most mighty, most holy, and most luminous Lord. Our mention is unto one who hath soared in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and drunk the choice wine of everlasting life in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, that the rapture of remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he shall arise amidst the servants with this Self-Subsisting One, through Whom the horizons have been illumined. Blessed art thou for having been stirred by the breeze of God and turned thy face toward

His countenance, after those who went astray turned away therefrom. We heard thy call aforetime and thy letter afterwards when it attained the presence of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and found it adorned with the mention of the Lord of Names and sanctified from all else - this beseemeth one who hath turned toward God, the Mighty, the Bestower. And We perceived from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, and have sent down unto thee this Tablet whereby souls take wing, and have ordained for thee therein that which shall profit thee in this world and the next and shall establish thy remembrance among Our chosen servants. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens, in such wise that the intimations of every lying pretender shall not influence thee. This is indeed the most meritorious of all deeds in the sight of thy Lord. Hold thou fast unto it, detached from all else. Give thanks unto God for having drunk the choice wine in His days and for having attained unto the presence of the Lord of Days when God came with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the earth and the heavens. He singleth out whom He pleaseth through His grace and draweth nigh unto whom He willeth unto the Most Sublime Horizon. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. This is a Tablet which, shouldst thou recite it with the melody of the heart, thou wouldst soar on the wings of longing and summon the people with a call whereby all atoms shall be attracted. Say: O people! By God, the Ancient of Days hath come with His Most Great Name, and all things cry out “The Kingdom is God’s, the Revealer of verses!” Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace unto thee, that thou mayest arise to serve Him and make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath attained unto this Cause whereby bodies have trembled and lands have quaked.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath been illumined by the rays of the Sun when it shone forth from the supreme horizon from the presence of the Lord of Names, that the remembrance may draw him unto a station wherein the allusions of the learned shall not withhold him from the Creator of heaven. He speaketh that which the Tree of the Furthermost Boundary hath spoken in the kingdom of creation: Verily, there is none other God beside Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The world hath been adorned through the appearance of the Ancient King, and yet most of the people remain heedless. They have taken their vain imaginings and cast the Book of God behind their backs. Thus have their souls prompted them - they are indeed among the most lost. Say: By God! The Most Great Book hath appeared and verily it speaketh throughout the world and beareth glad-tidings unto all peoples. God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the horizon of knowledge been illumined by the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who speaketh the truth: There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Remember on My behalf My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My Book and My remembrance. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation on this Day which was promised in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest conjectures withhold you from the Dawning-Place of certitude, or the intimations of the opposers cause you to fear - they who have followed their desires

and broken God's Covenant and His Testament when He came with the Manifestation of His Cause, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken while seated upon the throne in His mighty prison. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all existence, the Lord of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, who have turned toward this Most Glorious Horizon, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who hastened to the place of sacrifice, yearning for Thy Beauty and seeking reunion with Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging unto Thee, and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. Do with me as beseemeth Thee. Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all atoms bear witness, and to my poverty before the revelation of Thy riches. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to one who has attained the lights of the Kingdom when he turned to the supreme horizon and heard the call of his Most Glorious Lord which was raised from this most splendid station, which hath been named by all names in the Books and Tablets, that he may discover the fragrance of the All-Merciful and turn with his heart unto God, the Lord of all religions. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before His face hath read it, and We have answered thee with this epistle which hath been detailed from the Mother Book. Blessed art thou for having found the sweetness of the Call and for having answered thy Lord when most of the servants turned away from Him. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace - verily He heareth and seeth and ordaineth for thee from His bounty whatsoever He willeth. He is, in truth, the One Who overshadoweth all who are in the earths and heavens.

God willing, thou shouldst remain steadfast in the Cause of God with such constancy that its fragrance may be diffused throughout the divine realms. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath appeared from the horizon of God's Tablet that a station hath been conferred upon you whose mention shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly realm endure. God willing, thou shouldst walk in the footsteps of the two Luminaries. The world and all that is therein are seen to be transient and perishable. Strive thou in that which shall endure for thee through the eternity of thy Lord's names, the All-Knowing, the Ancient of Days. In all conditions be thou occupied with the remembrance of God and be thou attentive to the horizon of His Cause. This is what profiteth thee in this world and the next and exalteth thee amongst the people. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey to all the leaves My greetings from the Wronged One and say: The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to your oppression, and this testimony is superior to all that hath been and shall be seen. Blessed is the soul that hath drawn nigh unto you for the sake of God. We testify that ye are under the sheltering gaze of your Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have mentioned both your young and old, and We make mention as a bounty from Our presence. He is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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The Most Great, Most Ancient Remembrance from Us to him who hath gained the lights of guidance when the Lord of the Throne and earth came with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and earths, and sorrows seized him in the path of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Lo! He is among the triumphant. Blessed is he in that the Beauty of the Ancient of Days remembereth him in the Most Great Prison, that joy may possess him in the days of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, in such wise that no sadness shall overtake him in the Cause of his Lord, the All-Choosing. He ariseth and saith: "O people! Follow Him Who hath come unto you with the Command of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Powerful." Give thanks for having attained unto the days of thy Lord and for having drunk from this Ocean that hath appeared through this Most Great Name amidst the nations, and for having turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. God knoweth what hath befallen thee in His path. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He will surely recompense those who have been touched by tribulations in His love. He is the Protector of those who have been wronged, and He is the Succorer of those who cry for help. Rejoice thou in the Tablet of thy Lord and turn with thy heart unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in His service in thy days, then reconcile those who have differed regarding the Cause, that they might cast away what they hold and take up what they are commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Blessed art thou and thy son who hath attained the presence and beheld the signs of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He had entered the Most Great Prison once before - this is from God's grace, the Lord of Names. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. We beseech God to aid thee and him to serve His Cause with kindness. He, verily, is the Kind, the Merciful. When thou hast gained the Tablet of God and its effect, arise and say: "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands, to make me detached unto Thee and steadfast in Thy love in such wise that should the idolaters cut me to pieces, I would not turn my gaze from the horizon of Thy Name, the Luminous. Then make me, O my God, to circle round Thy Cause in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art, verily, the Ruler over what Thou desirest."

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O Karbila'i Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Guardian over all names! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and thy name hath been caused to flow from the Most Exalted Pen. Render thanks unto the Desired One of the world for this most great bounty and supreme gift. Observe and ponder, for an hour's reflection is better than seventy years of pious worship. How many were the divines, mystics and doctors of the Shi'ih sect who, throughout the days and nights, occupied themselves with the remembrance of the Qa'im, beseeching God - glorified be His majesty - from pulpits and in mosques for His appearance, yearning to attain His presence. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of His countenance and the divine Lote-Tree sprouted forth by the leave of the Glorious Lord, all arose in the early years to oppose Him and issued the verdict for the shedding of His most pure blood. But thou, through divine grace and heavenly bounty, hast attained this most great favor and hast recognized the Great Announcement mentioned in God's Book. Know thou the

worth of this exalted station and preserve thyself through His Name. If thou truly ponderest upon that which hath been mentioned, thou shalt attain supreme joy. Convey My greetings to thy son and remind him of the divine verses, that perchance he may expend the gift of life in service at the court of verses and not allow transient ornaments to deprive him of enduring wealth. We likewise make mention of Baqir and remind him of wondrous and sublime verses. Convey greetings from the Wronged One. I beseech God to aid His loved ones to accomplish that which is befitting. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad Ja'far, and We counsel him and My loved ones to observe justice and fairness and that whereby the glory of My party shall be made manifest amidst all parties. Thus hath the Treasury revealed its pearls, and the Ocean its waves, and the Light its effulgence. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones.

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O Mulla Aqa Baba! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

My remembrance is unto him who hath turned his face toward My countenance, drawn nigh unto Mine horizon, hearkened unto My call and answered his Lord when every heedless and remote one turned away. We have summoned all unto God, yet the people have turned aside and denied, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. How many a servant hath lamented in separation, yet when the Sun of reunion dawned from the horizon of manifestation, he denied God, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath inhaled My fragrance, and he whose eyes have beheld Mine horizon, and he whose tongue hath spoken My praise, and he who hath hastened unto the ocean of My knowledge, the Mighty, the Ancient. O thou who gazest upon the Face! We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, and We make mention of those who hastened unto the choice wine of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful and were among the triumphant. Blessed is the soul that hath found the fragrance of My raiment, hath arisen to serve My Cause, and hath spoken My beauteous praise. We counsel all to manifest supreme steadfastness, and We beseech God to aid them in that which He desireth and to ordain for them through the Pen of Destiny that which befitteth His great sovereignty. Blessed is the rich man who hath become poor in the path of God, and the strong one whom weakness hath overtaken through what the hosts of the oppressors have wrought. Blessed is he who hath endured adversity and hardship out of love for God - My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that he is among the sincere ones. Sorrow not for what hath befallen you. Rather, rejoice in this wise remembrance. He maketh mention of you in such wise as to spread the fragrance of the Beloved throughout the world. To this beareth witness My Most Great Name, which proclaimeth: There is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the cock crowed and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber. The glory rest upon thee, upon thy father who hath turned unto God, and upon thy brothers who have attained unto the recognition of God on a Day wherein all who are in the heavens and on earth were terrified, save those who came unto God with manifest radiance. Gladden them with the mention I have made of them, that the greatest joy may seize them in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless.

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In the Name of God, the Most Glorious

O Zamani! Hearken to the call from around the Shrine of God - there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve not over any matter concerning thy Lord. Soon shall the carpet of the world be rolled up by the command of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Know thou that the letter “Z” is among the letters of My Name, the Sanctified. We have made it the forefront of thy name - know this and be of the thankful ones. And We have made it an adornment of thy name among the worlds. It behooveth thee to be sanctified, that thou mayest reflect this Great Name. Know thou that God’s purpose in this Name is the sanctification of the soul from His enemies. Thus hath it been sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and knowing. This is what is mentioned in the first degree, wherewith thou hast been favored - be grateful and among the devout. And in the second degree is the sanctification of the soul from all that God hath abhorred and revealed in His perspicuous Book. Through the love of God, nothing shall harm thee in His days. Thou art among those mentioned in the Tablet by the Pen of God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God! Wert thou to behold what is with thy Lord, thou wouldst soar to the Most Glorious Horizon. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to grant thee what He hath ordained for thee. He is thy Protector and the Protector of the sincere ones. Arise to aid thy Lord with wisdom, then seek bounty from His presence. He is indeed kind and merciful unto thee. The letter “Sh” hath migrated unto God until he arrived in the Prison-land. When he was prevented from attaining Our presence, We ordained for him twice the reward of those who attained the presence of the Throne. Verily thy Lord encompasseth all things. And he had a portion before, when the Sun of nearness shone forth from the horizon of Iraq. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he and those with him. We have found from them both the fragrance of trustworthiness and fidelity. We beseech God to assist them to praise His Exalted and Great Self. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Soon shall the prison door be opened, and whosoever willeth shall enter. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things preserved in a guarded Tablet.

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He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Utterance

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest that which was recorded in the Books of old. He is, verily, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! That which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur’an hath appeared, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of grace did rescue. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which ye have been commanded in a mighty Tablet. Reflect upon the former ages and upon the deeds of those who turned away from the Truth and disputed His signs, until they pronounced judgment against the Prophets and Messengers. They cast the command of God behind their backs and seized upon that which they were forbidden in His perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned toward the Supreme Horizon. He is indeed of the people of this noble station. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Behold and call to mind

what befell God's chosen ones and His messengers on earth, and be possessed of gracious patience. The Wronged One consoleth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, and remembereth thee with that which shall endure as long as the names endure. Thy Lord is, verily, the True One, the All-Informed. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God. Hold fast unto His mighty cord. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet, turn thy face toward the House and say:

O Lord of nations and Manifest One through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made the conclusive utterance in the kingdom of creation, to render me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who standeth firm, who speaketh in Thy remembrance and in service to Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Then write down for me, O my God, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Then provide me with one who shall remember Thee in my days, who shall succeed me and inherit my turning unto Thee, my recognition of Thee, and my remembrance of Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous!

Glorified be He Who hath revealed Himself through His Name, the All-Powerful, over all created things, and through Whom have appeared those endued with power and might, who have attained such a station therein that they subdue all things through a word from their Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. All power that ye behold in the universe hath appeared from this revelation, were ye of them that perceive. Were it not for Him, no power would have been manifested in creation, nor could any soul move from its place. Thus do We cause to flow from the ocean of mysteries upon the temples of the righteous. O people! Ponder the words of God and that which hath been sent down from Him. By God! Within each word thereof are treasured the pearls of knowledge - bring them forth, O concourse of the righteous! Not a single letter hath been revealed save that it possesseth, in each of His worlds, meanings and effects which none knoweth save God and those endowed with knowledge of the Scrolls and Books. Be thankful unto God, O people, for what ye have been given in these days wherein the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon His Most Great Throne, around which circle the denizens of the Supreme Concourse at eventide and at dawn. Thus have the verses of the Cause been sent down from the right side of this Spot, whose very atoms proclaim at the dawning of the lights of His Countenance that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O servant, for thy heart hath been adorned with the ornament of divine knowledge and thy temple with the robe of certitude, and the breezes of holiness have stirred thee toward the Dayspring of Lights. Be steadfast in My love, then leave the world to its people. Turn with thy whole being unto God Who hath created all things by His command. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be severed from the wicked. And upon thee be the Spirit and Glory and Splendor, and upon those who have held fast

unto God in this Day wherein all things proclaim that sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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O Mulla Husayn! In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth as a mercy from His presence unto all the worlds. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. None can reverse His decree, none can escape His dominion, and there is no refuge for anyone save in His blessed, hallowed, mighty and luminous presence. O reader! When the Tablet of God cometh unto thee in truth, read it and remain not silent even for a moment. Say: O concourse of readers! By God, ye were created to read that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God, the Most High, the Most Great. If ye read all scriptures and tablets but read not this hallowed, mighty and wondrous Tablet, it shall not be accepted from you - to this do Our insightful servants bear witness. But if ye read even a single word from among the words of God that have been sent down in these days, God shall inscribe for you in the Tablet of Destiny a magnificent reward. Say: Lift up your heads from the couch of heedlessness and desire, then turn toward the holy Dayspring that ye may witness the Sun of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Verily it hath shone forth in truth - blessed is he who hath turned toward it with evident humility. Say: Seek ye the help of God, O concourse of readers, then rend asunder the veils that have come between you and the Lord of all names, that ye may attain unto that which was promised you in God's Tablet, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: Do ye read what We sent down aforetime while forgetting its Revealer? Woe unto you, O concourse of the veiled ones! By God, He hath appeared by Whose finger's beckoning the verses were sent down before and the tongue was loosened in remembrance of the All-Merciful, if ye be of them that know. Cast aside what ye possess, then take hold of the Book of God with a power from His presence, and be not of them that hesitate. Thus have We sprinkled upon thee from this Sea the holy sprinkling as a mercy from Our presence unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward God with a face resplendent and gleaming.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth from the heaven of mighty and impregnable glory, and hath made them a proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth, for verily He hath power over all things. They are indeed God's proof amidst His creation, His evidence unto His creatures, and His testimony unto all in His kingdom. Say: O people, dispute not about the verses of God after they have been sent down in truth, and wage not war against Him from Whose heaven of grace the verses have ever been sent down upon all the worlds. Say: By God! My proof is My manifestation and My standing forth amidst the concourse of Mine enemies in days when the feet of the mystics have slipped. And whoso is unable to recognize Me by My manifestation, then by My Self, then by My beauty, let him look upon My traces. Thus have We sent down the command in this Tablet that it may encompass all the

worlds as a proof from God. Whoso denieth Me hath denied God and the Manifestations of His Self, and whoso obeyeth Me hath obeyed God from time immemorial. To this testifieth all created things and beyond them the Tongue of God Who created all things by His command, and verily He hath knowledge of all things. And thou, O servant, detach thyself from this world and its realm, then from names and their dominion, that thou mayest ascend unto this atmosphere wherein waft the holy and glorious breezes. Beware lest thou be deprived of God's sanctuary which hath appeared in truth, and be veiled from this Beauty which shineth in truth from the horizon of grace. Cast behind thee all intimations, then place beneath thy feet all allusions, then stand firm in the Cause through My Name which in truth is visible from the holy horizon. And glory be upon thee if thou remainest steadfast in the love of thy Lord and thy feet slip not from the clamor of the idolaters and thy soul is not troubled by those who have disbelieved in God and His verses and have been powerful in their turning away through injustice.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Glorified is He Who remembers His loved ones while in prison, when He was in the hands of the wicked, that the fragrances of revelation might draw them and lead them forth from all directions. Blessed is he whom the breath of the All-Merciful hath caught in these days wherein souls were shaken with fear of thy Lord, the Almighty. Is there any path for anyone? Nay, by My life, save this path which was heralded by the Bayan from God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. How many servants heard the call of God yet answered not - these lay asleep on the couch of heedlessness and error. And how many heard and hastened to the court of His Cause - these verily are the essence of creation in the sight of the Truth, as thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify. And among them were those who turned to the Dayspring of Revelation and were of those who heard and answered. Verily those who drank the wine of life in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful - these are not held back by the veils of those in creation from turning toward God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Disengagement. They hasten, detached from all directions, turning to God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. When asked by what proof they believed, they say: "Blind be thine eye, O perfidious polytheist! Hast thou not seen God's manifestation in every condition, and hast thou not seen His power which hath encompassed the lands? Hast thou not heard the call of the Herald when the appointed time came and eyes were dazzled? Is there doubt in His sovereignty? Nay, by the Lord of lords! Or in His manifestation which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Cause with grandeur and power? Do ye deny the Sun after His rays have encompassed the horizons?" These are servants who adduce no proof except the sovereignty of the Manifestation and what hath appeared from Him. Exalted is this station whence the lights have shone forth! Thus hath flowed from the Pen the Kawthar of pre-existence, and this Sea hath surged, each drop whereof proclaimeth: "Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Compelling!" When the wine of revelation hath taken thee from this luminous cup, arise to make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants, that thy words might affect hearts in such wise as to transform the horizons. Thus have We imparted to thee from the prison-quarter that thou mightest remember thy Lord at morn and eventide.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the Mighty, the Impregnable

Glorified be He Whom all things in the heavens and earth do praise! He createth whatsoever He willeth through His command. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. He aideth whom He willeth through the agencies of the heavens and earth, and He is the Triumphant over all things. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. In the revelation of verses there are indeed manifestations for those who follow the path of truth. Say: O peoples of the earth! Compare not the creation of verses with the creation of aught else, nor their manifestation with the manifestation of other things, if ye be discerning. They are in themselves the mirror of God amidst the worlds, and they reflect God and His most beautiful names, and they guide you to a straight path. Through them God created whatsoever was and will be. Ponder upon them; they will make you independent of the worlds. Say: They are the form of the Command into which was breathed, causing all in the heavens and earth to swoon, save those whom God preserved through manifest sovereignty. They are the proof whereby His Cause was established and His evidence confirmed. Thus was the matter decreed and the evidence came from the presence of One mighty and knowing. Those who deny the verses of God and make sport of them, these are in manifest loss. Say: O people! We have ordained for you the laws of recognition and have expounded the verses in truth. They have been sent down from the right hand of a mighty throne. Say: God doth test those who claim to believe. Thus was the matter decreed in a preserved tablet. O people of Baha! We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the ornament of meaning and exposition, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. O servant! Remind those who have believed of this Remembrance, whose fragrance hath wafted from the direction of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. Let not the words of those who have denied God grieve thee. Verily, We behold them in the fire. Turn wholly unto God. Say: O people! Follow him who asketh no recompense of you and who summoneth you to the supreme horizon by what hath been ordained by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the One Who warbles upon the branches!

Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what He willed. Verily He is the Powerful One Whom the conditions of creation have not hindered, and the Self-Subsisting One Whom the hosts of earth and heaven have not frightened. He has spoken and caused all things to speak that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God testifies that there is no God but Him, and that He Who has appeared is the Ocean of His knowledge, the Heaven of His grace, and the Sun of His bounty. Whoso denies Him has denied God from time immemorial, and whoso acknowledges Him has acknowledged that which has been sent down from His sovereign, inaccessible and mighty Kingdom.

Your letter has come before Us and We have heard from it your call, your lamentation and your cry in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. He will surely reward you with the best of rewards, and We beseech Him to ordain for you that which will profit you outwardly and inwardly. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful.

Your letter was seen and your call was heard. God willing, may you ever be nourished by the fruits of the Supreme Pen's tree and attain the infinite outpourings of divine grace. With utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourself with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds, that perchance heedless souls may drink from the ocean of knowledge and turn to the horizon of revelation.

Rejoice in that you have been mentioned before the Wronged One time and again, and every name that was in your letter has attained the mention of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, and the Lord of the glorious throne. You are remembered at all times before His presence and are the recipient of His favors. What befits this Day is the Most Great Steadfastness. One must invite the people of the world to this lofty and most exalted station with wisdom and utterance, that all may become steadfast in the Cause and circle round the Word of God. Then shall you see no crookedness or deviation in the earth. Verily your Lord speaks the truth and guides to the path. The Kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

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LXXIII

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Restrainer, to withhold from us the maleficence of Thine adversaries who have disbelieved in Thy testimony, and caviled at Thy beauty. Overpower by Thy Name, the All-Subduing, such as have wronged Thy Previous Manifestation Who hath now appeared invested with Thy title, the All-Glorious. Lay hold, by Thy name, the Chastiser, on them that have treated Thy Cause with scorn, have jested at Thy most mighty utterances, and were hindered from attaining this most exalted station. Enable Thy loved ones, by Thy Name, the Victorious, to prevail against Thine enemies and the infidels among Thy creatures. Rend asunder, by Thy Name, the Cleaver, the veil that hideth the doings of them that have besmirched Thine honor and undermined Thy Faith among Thy people. Bind, by Thy Name, the Restorer, the broken hearts of them that love Thee, and graciously bless them in their affairs. Teach them, by Thy Name, the All-Knowing, the wonders of Thy wisdom, that they may cleave steadfastly to Thy Faith and walk in the ways of Thy pleasure. Keep them safe, by Thy Name, the Withholder, from the tyranny of the oppressor and the wickedness of the evil-doers and the malice of the stirrers of mischief. Shield them, by Thy Name, the Preserver, within the stronghold of Thy might and power, that haply they may be protected from the darts of doubt that are hurled by such as have rebelled against Thee. Sanctify for Thy servants, by Thy Name which Thou hast blessed above all other names, which Thou hast singled out for Thy favor, and by which Thou didst reveal Thy beauty, these days of which the Pen of Thy decree hast distinctly written, and which, according to Thy will and wisdom, have been preordained in Thine irrevocable Tablet. Subject to Thy rule, by Thy Name, the Conqueror, the people of Thy realm, that all may turn towards Thy face and forsake their all for love of Thee and for the sake of Thy pleasure.

Abase Thou, O my Lord, Thine enemies, and lay hold on them with Thy power and might, and let them be stricken by the blast of Thy wrath. Make them taste, O my God, of Thine awful majesty and vengeance,

for they have repudiated the truth of the One in Whom they had believed, Who came unto them with Thy signs and Thy clear tokens and the evidences of Thy power and the manifold revelations of Thy might. Gather, then, together Thy loved ones beneath the shadow of the Tree of Thy oneness, and of the Manifestation of the effulgent light of Thy unity.

Thou art, verily, the One Whose power is immense, Whose vengeance is terrible. No God is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy mercy in Thy days, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy oneness, and by Thy signs whereby the hearts of them that love Thee among Thy creatures were attracted, and by Thy manifestations whereby the faces of them that yearn for Thee were turned toward the court of Thy grace and bounty, to send down upon Thy handmaiden from the clouds of Thy decree and the heavens of Thy providence that which will sanctify her from all else except Thee and draw her nigh unto the seat of the throne of Thy mercy and the dawning-place of the lights of the Sun of Thy divinity.

O Lord! She hath turned toward Thee, and hath acknowledged Thy unity and confessed Thy singleness, and hath called upon Thee in her privacy and openly, and her call hath ascended to the heaven of Thy oneness and the dawning-place of Thy dominion and command. O Lord! Make her not deprived of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen handmaidens, and keep her not far from the sanctuary of Thy nearness and good-pleasure.

O Lord! Sprinkle upon her heart from the depths of the ocean of Thy remembrance that which will attract her unto Thee and cause her to speak of Thy praise and glorification among Thy handmaidens. Then inscribe upon the tablet of her heart with Thy Most Exalted Pen the verses of Thy love and the mysteries of Thy knowledge in such wise that the affairs and manifestations of the world shall not efface them.

O Lord! Write down for her that which is best for her and ordain for her that which will gladden her heart and rejoice her soul. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever He willeth and shall ever remain as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Manifestation through Whom the Hour was thrown into commotion and the Resurrection took flight, and every intimate friend and confidant fell away, and through Whom darkness was illumined and the Word shone forth and the proof was perfected, to clothe her with the robe of forgiveness and purify her from transgression. Then enable her, O my God, to serve Thy servant whom Thou hast chosen for Thy love and named the Beauty. Verily, Thou art the Lord of grace and bounty, the Creator of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how He Who is the Manifestation of Thy Name, the Unique, and the Dawning-Place of Thy glorious Book, spendeth the days of the Festival in the prison of Thine enemies, where they have prevented Him from going forth and Thy loved ones from entering. In such condition He calleth upon Thee, saying: "O my God! Grant Thy loved ones patience in their separation from Thee, then make them content with Thy good-pleasure and the manifestation of Thy decree." Thou knowest, O my God, what hath befallen those of Thy servants who have turned toward Thee, after they sought the Ka'bih of Thy presence and the sanctuary of Thy nearness and reunion. Among them were servants who entered the city, turning toward the Spot which Thou hadst made the Qiblih of those in Thy heaven and earth, yet were prevented from beholding Thy beauty - those whom Thou didst name Abu'l-Hasan and Rasul, and another from the land of Alif and Ra. By their prevention, tears flowed from the eyes of the maidens in their chambers, and the hearts of the meanings were set aflame in the palaces of words. When Thou didst know, through Thy hidden knowledge, the fire of Thy love and longing for Thy beauty that was in their hearts, there came Thy binding command from the heaven of eternity, and there was revealed concerning them that which stirred the hearts of all created things with longing for the sweet savors of Thy revelation and yearning for the fragrances of Thy days. Thou didst decree for them the reward of those who attained Thy presence and appeared and beheld and heard that which shone forth and dawned and was sent down from Thy throne and Thy beauty and Thy verses, and Thou didst accept their deeds in such wise that mention thereof flowed from the Pen of Thy Revelation in numbered Tablets. I thank Thee, O my God, on their behalf, for what Thou hast granted them, O Lord of all names and attributes! Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto the lands wherein Thou dwellest. Blessed is he who turneth toward the heaven from whose horizon Thou dost shine forth. Blessed is he who visiteth the wall of the City from which Thy fragrances waft. Blessed is the soul that hath turned toward the land of Syria and wandered therein with longing for Thee. Blessed is he who is content with what Thou hast decreed for him. Blessed is he who hath been enabled to turn toward Thee, O Lord of grandeur and majesty! There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Single, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Thou beholdest my low estate and the habitation wherein I dwell, and bearest witness unto my perplexity, my crying needs, my troubles, and the afflictions I suffer among Thy servants who recite Thy verses and repudiate their Revealer, who call on Thy names and cavil at their Creator, who seek to draw nigh unto Him Who is Thy Friend and put to death Him who is the Best-Beloved of the worlds.

Open Thou their eyes, O my God, and My Master, that they may gaze on Thy beauty, or cause them to return unto the lowest abyss of the fire. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. Thou art, verily, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

The glory of Thy might, O my God, beareth me witness! Every time I attempt to remember Thee, I find myself overpowered by the sublimity of Thy station and the immensity of Thy might; and every time I hold my peace, lo, I am impelled by my love for Thee and by the potency of Thy will, to unloose my tongue and mention Thee. He who is poor and needy, O my God, is calling for his Lord, the All-Possessing; and he who is destitute of all strength remembereth his Master, the All-Powerful. If He deign to accept His servant's supplication, He is, verily, of unsurpassed bounteousness; and if He cast him out, He is of those who judge equitably the best. He indeed is acceptable, O my God, who hath set his face towards Thee, and he is truly deprived who hath been careless of the remembrance of Thee in Thy days. Blessed is he that hath tasted of the sweetness of Thy remembrance and praise. Nothing, not even the arising of all the peoples of the whole world to assail him, can hinder such a man from directing his steps towards the paths of Thy pleasure and the ways of Thy Cause.

Look, then, O Thou Who art the Well-Beloved of Baha, upon the tears he sheddeth before Thee, and behold the sighs which he uttereth, O Thou Who art his heart's Desire! I swear by Thy might, and Thy majesty and Thy glory! Were I to inherit from Thee all the delights of Paradise, and to keep them in my possession as long as Thine own Being endureth, and were I to become, for less than a moment, careless of the remembrance of Thee, I would, of a certainty, cast them away from me and cease to consider them. I am the one, O my God, who for love of Thee hath forsaken the world and all its benefits, and willingly accepted every tribulation for the sake of Thy remembrance.

I entreat Thee, O Thou Who art my Companion and my Best-Beloved, to lift the veil that hath come in between Thee and Thy servants, that they may recognize Thee with Thine own eye and rid themselves of all attachment to any one but Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate. No God is there beside Thee, the Most Exalted, the Self-Sufficing, the Self-Exalting, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Praise be unto Thee, for Thou art, in truth, the Lord of earth and heaven.

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He Who is called Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God. In the Name of the One God, the Peerless, the Eternal. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou hearest the cries of Thy loved ones from every direction and their lamentations from all regions, and of those whom the idolaters have made captives in Thy path and for Thy good-pleasure. Thou knowest, O my God, that they have no sin except their love for Thee, and no transgression except their turning toward the court of Thy loving-kindness. Were the wrongdoers to be asked by what sin they have committed that which caused the denizens of the pavilions of the Kingdom to weep, they would be bewildered in their answer. All things bear witness that they were seized only for their love of Thee, and afflictions touched them only in Thy path. By this means did the idolaters desire to turn faces away from turning toward the countenance of Thy oneness, and to prevent the servants from

beholding the horizon of Thy unity, that they might thereby extinguish the lamp of Thy oneness amongst Thy creation and quench the fire of Thy love in Thy dominion. Soon shall they witness and see how by their actions the lights of the lamp of Thy oneness have increased. Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made my family and loved ones captives in Thy path, that thereby Thou mightest free the necks of Thy creatures; and Thou hast made them abased for the glory of Thy Cause, and sacrificed them for the life of the people of Thy earth. I beseech Thee, O my God, to make them steadfast in Thy love and good-pleasure. Then grant them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in the worlds of Thy sanctity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My Name! There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath befallen no other among the servants, to such extent that the pen is powerless to recount it. But since it occurred in the love of God, it is sweeter to the taste of lovers than all the sweetness of the worlds. Convey My greetings and remembrance to My loved ones who have borne hardships in the path of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We have sufficed with the mention of your tribulations rather than mentioning My tribulation, and whoever returns shall mention what he hath witnessed and seen, and shall inform you of Our condition. The doors have been closed upon Our faces, but God shall soon open them in truth, for He hath power over all things. And mercy be upon you from the presence of One mighty and wise.

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LXI

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou dost witness that Thy will hath prevailed over all created things, and Thy mercy hath surpassed all who are in heaven and on earth. And when Thou didst purpose to unveil Thy sovereignty, and to glorify Thy word, and to reveal Thy bounteousness and mercy, Thou didst raise up one of Thy servants, and didst choose Him above all Thy creatures, and didst single Him out for Thy purpose, and didst clothe Him with the robe of Thy guidance, and didst immerse Him beneath the seas of Thy majesty and grandeur, and didst sanctify Him from all that beseemeth not the greatness of Thy glory and the power of Thy might, and didst bid Him to cry out before all that are in heaven and on earth, and summon the multitudes to the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Revealer of Thy signs.

No sooner had He proclaimed Thy Cause, and risen up to carry out the things prescribed unto Him in the Tablets of Thy decree, than the Great Terror fell upon Thy creatures. Some turned towards Thee, and detached themselves from all except Thee, and sanctified their souls from the world and all that is therein, and were so enravished by the sweetness of Thy voice that they forsook all Thou hadst created in the kingdom of Thy creation. Others recognized Thee and then hesitated, others allowed the world to come in between them and Thee and to withhold them from recognizing Thee. Others disdained Thee, and turned back from Thee, and wished to prevent Thee from achieving Thy purpose. And yet behold how all of them are calling upon Thee, and are expecting the things they were promised in Thy Tablets. And when the Promised One came unto them, they recognized Him not, and disbelieved in Thy signs, and repudiated Thy clear tokens, and strayed so grievously from Thy path that they slew Thy servants, through the brightness of whose faces the countenances of the Concourse on high have been illumined.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names, to guard Thy loved ones against Thine enemies, and to strengthen them in their love for Thee and in fulfilling Thy pleasure. Do Thou protect them, that their footsteps may slip not, that their hearts may not be shut out as by a veil from Thee, and that their eyes may be restrained from beholding anything that is not of Thee. Cause them to be so enraptured by the sweetness of Thy divine melodies that they will rid themselves of all attachment to any one except Thee, and will turn wholly towards Thee, and extol Thee under all conditions, saying: "Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, inasmuch as Thou hast enabled us to recognize Thy most exalted and all-glorious Self. We will, by Thy mercy, cleave to Thee, and will detach ourselves from any one but Thee. We have realized that Thou art the Beloved of the worlds and the Creator of earth and heaven!"

Glorified be God, the Lord of all creation!

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O Muhammad Ja'far, He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted

The clouds of holiness have been raised up in truth in this heaven that towers above all contingent things, raining down upon all created things from the outpourings of an impregnable mercy. Through it there have sprouted forth from the breasts of the sincere the flowers of wisdom and utterance. Thus has the grace of the All-Merciful encompassed all the worlds. O servant! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, Who has fallen beneath the sword of the enemies and in this prison lies captive in the hands of the idolaters. By God! Those who were given the Furqan did not wrong Us - those who wronged this Beauty were of the people of the Bayan, who were renowned among all creation. They arose in such wise that none can recount it. By God! Because of this all who dwell in the heavens and earth wept, and all within the sacred and impregnable pavilion. They imagine within themselves that they have believed in God and the Manifestation of His Self, but when the veils were rent asunder and the Countenance of the Chosen One appeared, they dispersed from around Him, denied Him, warred against His Self, and disputed His verses. Thus has it befallen this Youth, if thou be of those who know. O servant! Stand firm in thy love for thy Lord and turn not unto those who have wronged and associated partners with God. Then seek the grace of Him Who was observed above the horizon of eternity with My Most Glorious Name. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have stood firm in the Cause at which the feet of every learned one have slipped.

O servant! Make mention from Us to him who was named Husayn, that he may rejoice within himself at having been remembered by the Pen of Holiness, and may stand firm in that which was inscribed in the Tablet. Then glorify him who was named Hasan in the Kingdom of Names and who was at that time mentioned before the Throne. Say: Blessed are ye both if ye forsake sovereignty behind you and turn with your hearts unto God Who created you by His command and guided you to a holy and wondrous path.

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O Muhammad, son of him who hath ascended unto God, upon both of you be the glory of God - He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come is verily the One mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Every Prophet hath announced the coming of this Day, and every Messenger hath groaned in His yearning for this Revelation, which when it appeared, all things proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed is the one whose strength was not weakened by the power of the divines from attaining this manifest grace. O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and witnessed thy turning and turned unto thee from this Spot which hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee, nor the deeds of the aggressive ones prevent thee. Arise to remember and praise amidst the peoples of creation. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. We make mention in this place of thy father who was adorned with the ornament of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath ascended unto God and the Concourse on High found from him the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed is he and blessed is he who remembereth him, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the tender mercy of the Lord of Names, and the Light radiating and gleaming from this most exalted Station be upon him and upon those who love him and remember him after his ascension, even as the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in this Luminous Tablet. By God's life! Nothing that is seen today shall endure - all shall perish in less than a moment, and there shall remain for Him and His chosen ones that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen and ordained by My binding, mighty Command. Rejoice, O Muhammad, in this Most Great Remembrance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to pour forth upon thee patience from His presence and to console thee through His grace. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Be thou in all conditions reliant upon Him. He is assuredly with His trusting servants. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Hidden Mystery in God's knowledge and the Treasured Symbol recorded in the books of the Messengers. He promised unto all on earth the appearance of God and His sovereignty. Yet when the veils were rent asunder and the All-Bestower came, they turned away from Him save those who shattered the idols of vain desire through the Name of the Lord of all beings and cast away idle fancy, hastening to the horizon of certitude.

O 'Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Scene and calleth thee to the Lord of Destiny Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The servant present hath presented what thou didst send in His name, and We have mentioned thee in this Tablet that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of thy Lord's gracious utterance and be so attracted as to make mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and

eloquence amongst the concourse of creation, that they might perchance discover the fragrance of the Robe in this glorious and wondrous Day. Blessed is he who hath spoken forth this Name and blessed is he who hath turned toward this luminous horizon.

We send Our greetings from this spot to God's chosen ones and trustees, and We give them glad tidings of this remembrance whereby the greater world hath been attracted. To this doth the Lord of Destiny bear witness from this glorious and exalted station.

Say: O God of all beings and Goal of all created things! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration to aid me in serving Thee and praising Thee and in remaining steadfast in Thy Cause. Then write down for me, O my God, what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones, and enable me to act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to the hem of Thy grace, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to deal with me as befitteth the sublimity of Thy greatness and the excellence of Thy majesty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Munificent, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In His Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Blessed art thou, O Samandar, in that the Lord of Destiny hath made mention of thee from the Most Great Scene, when He heard thy call in the Book wherein thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. The ear of divine favor hath inclined to hearken unto that which thou didst utter in praise of Him at Whose Word the Kingdom of Utterance trembled. Verily thy Lord is the All-Encompassing, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Make it thy paramount concern to teach thy Lord's Cause. By God! This is the most excellent of all deeds in the perspicuous Book. The people shall surely find this fragrance whereby the world hath been renewed and every crumbling bone brought to life. It behooveth thee to be in such wise that the sincere ones may behold in thy countenance the radiance of the All-Merciful and in thy utterance the breaths of divine exposition, for thou art among those whom God hath singled out for the mention of this most mighty, most holy and most great Revelation.

Grieve not over the condition of those who are heedless today. Soon shall they bewail their own souls. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Whatsoever the Tongue of Will hath spoken shall assuredly be made manifest through an evident sovereignty. All knowledge lieth within His grasp, and none comprehendeth it save His all-encompassing Self. Be thou a magnet for hearts through My Name, the Beloved, and a sign of attraction unto those who have been debarred from the Dayspring of thy Lord's verses, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Say: O My loved ones! Gather ye around the Most Great Word in such wise that the veils of the idolaters may not withhold you. Be ye the helpers of God in all else - this is better for you, did ye but know. Beware lest ye differ concerning this Cause which is established upon the Throne, and this Name whereby the dwellers of the heavens and earth have been illumined.

Thus have We wafted unto thee the breezes of the All-Merciful from the Paradise of Utterance, that they may attract thee to a station wherein naught is seen save the light of thy Lord's countenance, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy kindred and near ones, and upon those who have turned toward the Dawning-Place of grace in these days wherein the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory proclaimeth from the Most Glorious Pavilion: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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O Andalib, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks at the axis of contingent existence. Blessed art thou, O Andalib, in that the Most Great Ocean hath turned toward thee from this Spot with waves of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest rejoice and proclaim: "All existence is a sacrifice unto Thy grace!" Thou dost speak and say: "My spirit is a sacrifice unto Thy bounty!" and cry out with the most exalted call: "O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy generosity and the stars of Thy gifts to assist Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause and to aid Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth." Blessed be thy tongue, O Andalib, in that it hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. God hath made thy heart a repository of His remembrance, that there might appear from it the pearls of remembrance and praise in this Cause which, when it dawned from the horizon of Will, caused all existence to swoon away save those rescued by the hand of Will. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Thy letter was present before the Wronged One, and one of My Branches presented it before My face. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet. O Andalib! In the great city a group have gathered and resorted to calumnies, that perchance they might bring God's Cause to naught. However, all their deeds through the instigation of the instigators are manifest and evident. We beseech God to guide them to return and assist them to make good what they have lost. Make the loved ones intoxicated with the chalice of utterance of the Lord of Religions and the Kawthar of divine knowledge, that they may arise to aid the Cause with utmost joy and detachment and righteousness and fear of God. Say: Beware lest ye be frightened by the authority of any oppressor or the cawing of any crow or the clamor of those who have cast behind them the God of Names, clinging to what they possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom and the Light radiating from My Supreme Dominion be upon thee and upon those who have heard thy call and acknowledged what hath been sent down from God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Tablet of Visitation for ’Abdu’s-Sali?, Baha’i Gardener in the Service of Baha’u’llah

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

Blessed be he that entereth the Ridvan Garden, extolling the name of God, his Lord, the Most Compassionate. O ye the followers of this Wronged One! Upon arriving at the precincts of this garden, stand ye at its gate, say:

May the perfumed breezes wafting from they flowers and blossoms blow over thee, O ’Abdu’s-Sali?, O thou effulgent light! I bear witness that the evidences of they handiwork in this garden are a testimony to thy living presence and to the services that thou hast rendered to thy Lord, the God of mercy. I testify that thou art alive in the Most Exalted Horizon and that thy name hath been recorded in the Crimson Scroll. Sufficient unto thee, O Sali?, be these tidings, uttered by this Wronged One in the prison-town of ’Akka! I testify – and with Me the concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise, and the inmates of the All-Highest Heaven do likewise testify – that thou didst, verily, attain unto the Days of God, didst ascend to heaven in His days, and didst consecrate thine own days to the service of His Days. Alas, the very trees are sighing in their separation from thee, the flowers are mourning in their bereavement, and the twin streams are weeping in their desolation –yea, their sorrows have afflicted all the gardens of the earth. All joy and blissfulness be thine, O Sali?, for the Lord did bless thee in thy life and in thy death; and thou wast mentioned by the Pen of Glory in the Most Exalted Paradise on the day thou didst repair to God, the Lord of men –a day whereon the dwellers of the realms above inhaled from thee the heavenly fragrance of thy garden. Radiant glory and effulgent splendour be upon all who seek out thy resting-place, who visit thee, and call thee to remembrance for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds; and upon thee, upon thy beginning and thy end, upon thy outer and thy inner being, rest His light and mercy, his grace, his loving favours, his providence and blessings.

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O mighty one! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Know, O people of Baha, that Satan joined forces with the Persian devil and they both betrayed the Cause of their Lord, the All-Merciful. They wrote letters in the name of one of My loved ones, wherein they wrote whatsoever they wished that would disturb nations and governments. Then they contrived until these letters reached the princes, whereupon the fire of sedition and calamity was kindled and the winds of might and destiny were stirred up. They seized Satan and his companion on Our behalf, and after his ordeal he wrote to the Persian devil saying “I was with you, so protect me from this overwhelming tribulation.” He replied “There is no escape for you. I am innocent of you.” Then shone forth the sun of the word that dawned from the horizon of the mouth of Muhammad, the Messenger of God - His word is the truth - when He said: “When Satan says to man ‘Disbelieve!’, then when he disbelieves, Satan says ‘I am innocent of you.’” Judge fairly, by God, O servants of the All-Merciful, regarding the Youth’s Cause. Every person of insight and fairness bears witness that the Youth has never relied upon anyone in God’s Cause, nor sought help from any soul. Through Him the remembrance of God was exalted among all else, the pillars of remembrance and utterance were raised up, the sun of exposition shone forth from the

horizon of the will of the All-Merciful, and the breezes of glory wafted from the right hand of certitude. Yet despite this Cause which none deny save those filled with hatred and enmity, the polytheists denied it and took Satan as their lord. Woe unto them and their deeds! And he who was in Iraq among Satan's hosts united openly there with the Persians and denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Hear thou My words and arise to aid this Wronged One. And verily thy aid to Him is thy remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus does the Youth command thee out of love for thyself. Trust thou in all matters in God. Verily He aids whomsoever He willeth through His command, and He is powerful over all things.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

The Qayyum came, and the Qa'im was standing at the Gate. We said: "Thou art the Promised One." He replied: "Nay, by thy life! He is the Imagined One Who hath been created from the imaginings of the people of the Furqan." We said: "Is He the One Who gave thee glad tidings?" He replied: "How could that be, after thou didst sanctify Him above all vain imaginings?" We said: "Dost thou know where His station is and when He will come?" He replied: "Neither I nor anyone possessed of knowledge of all things knoweth this, for Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing." We said: "Wouldst thou judge as false one who hath given tidings of His presence on earth?" He replied: "He in Whose possession is the Mother Book hath so judged." We said: "If we were to deny this Cause, which was the very foundation of the religion of the Furqan and the edifice of their Faith, how then could we believe what we hear from those who desire to walk in their footsteps and follow their path, and make the successors conform to what preceded from their forebears?" He replied: "By thy life! We believe them not in what they say, and Thou art the All-Seeing Witness." We said: "Were any follower of the Bayan who hath denied God and His signs to hear this, he would pronounce thee an infidel and order thy death." He replied: "I would offer him my breast and neck and head more swiftly than the flash of lightning - thy Self, which dominateth all religions, beareth witness to this." We said: "Dost thou deny him who assigned a station to the Qa'im and called it the Holy Precinct, and issued proclamations in His name therefrom and spread them throughout the land?" He replied: "Thou seest me, O my God, like one bewildered and dumbfounded, and I behold myself perplexed regarding those who have taken for themselves a path to other than Thee and have risen against Thee in hypocrisy." We said: "He is the one from whom originated the doctrine of the people of the Furqan who call themselves the Shi'ih, and who gave false rulings against God, the One, the Chosen. And he is the one who denied those who said He was in the loins, and pronounced them infidels, and ruled they should be killed, whereat hearts grieved and eyes shed tears. Thou knowest him not, nor his like. We make him known to thee and inform thee of them and their condition. Verily thy Lord is He Who speaketh at the return."

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He is the One manifest through His manifestation. We have sent down the Bayan and made it the herald from Our presence - verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And We informed the people in every leaf, nay in every line, of this Most Great Revelation. Yet when He came and was made manifest, the people denied God, the Lord of creation. Among the polytheists was one who said He had issued a ruling against souls. Say: What ails thee, O lying polytheist? By God, He hath issued no ruling against anyone. Rather, he who hath issued rulings against God and His loved ones is thou who hast taken him as thy lord, O doubting polytheist. By the life of God, I am innocent of all that the wrongdoers say. To this beareth witness the Mother Book that is with Him. When He ordaineth a thing, none may say "Why?" or "How?" And as for him who said He hath turned away from God, the Lord of lords, say: Consider when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the servants turned away from Him. Then after successive years passed, He ordered the shedding of blood until blood flowed upon the earth. To this beareth witness the world of the hidden and the manifest. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and none can escape His decree. By God, I, despite My power and authority, have not passed judgment nor issued rulings against those who have denied God and His sovereignty. Rather, I have withdrawn and closed the doors. They have perpetrated in this land that which hath violated God's sanctity among His servants. To this beareth witness every pebble of the city, every stone and clod and wall. The ocean of My patience hath held Me back from confronting them, and the mountain of My forbearance hath prevented Me from arising. I have witnessed from them that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, yet I concealed it through My name, the Concealer. When the fire increased within their souls, God cast discord among them and seized them with the grasp of One mighty and omnipotent. Thus have We informed thee and acquainted thee with some of what hath befallen in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the wicked have wrought. Read thou the Tablet, that perchance the star of divine knowledge may shine forth from the horizon of possibility. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Single, the One, the Chosen One.

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In the Name of Him Who hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven! The Book hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen as it moved between the fingers of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Therein hath been sent down all things and every wise matter been distinctly set forth. A single letter thereof surpasseth all that the people possess, yet most of them are heedless. The Lord of Books hath been sent down, yet they, in their own vain imaginings, count themselves among the thoughtful. The Lord of Names hath appeared with the sovereignty of His Most Glorious Name, yet they remain devoted to names they have heard from their fathers - verily they are among the most lost! We have ordained for them the laws of religion, yet they turn away therefrom. The Word of God hath appeared and the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the Most Great Throne, yet most people do not understand. The Promised Day hath come and the Intended One drawn nigh, yet most people remain far removed. The Rock hath recognized the Lord of all creation, yet they recognize not. The Tree hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and the Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Names," yet the people witness not. The Kingdom of heaven hath been adorned with the ornament of God, and the realm

of might with this wondrous Name. Say: O people, open your eyes! The horizon of the Cause hath been adorned with this Hidden Name. Blessed is he who hath beheld, and woe unto those who turn away! He desireth for you naught save what shall profit you in the worlds which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Place not your trust in what ye possess; rather trust in the grace of God. Verily He hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude with a manifest light. Say: It behooveth every servant to recognize his Lord. Whoso hath not recognized Him is assuredly among the transgressors. Ye have been created for this Day - wherefore have ye turned away therefrom after being promised it in a preserved Tablet? Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken out of love for thyself, that thou mayest hear His call and be of them that are firmly established. Read thou the Tablet of the All-Merciful with spirit and fragrance. Through it God openeth unto the heart of whomsoever He willeth the gates of knowledge and wisdom. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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In the name of the one incomparable Friend! The fragrances of the verses have diffused and the sovereignty of the clear proofs has encompassed all who dwell on earth. Verily, he who attains today is accounted among the most exalted of creation, and he who is deprived is among the perishing ones. God willing, may all the loved ones of God attain to the fragrances of His days, be mindful of His remembrance, and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. Whosoever today has quaffed the choice wine of remembrance and utterance from the cup of the bounty of the All-Merciful is accounted before God; however, this station is not complete except through steadfastness in His Cause, such that the remembrances of all who dwell on earth would not prevent him from the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Dayspring of inspiration. O friends! Fix your gaze upon God at all times and act according to that which He commands. Consider the imaginings of the people as non-existent and know the clamor of the servants to be null. Praise be to God! The sun of utterance has risen from the horizon of will and the ocean of knowledge is surging. Strive that ye may drink of the everlasting Kawthar and attain unto the enduring choice wine. The fragrances of forgiveness have wafted from the direction of the mercy of the All-Merciful upon all, and all are today, through the transcendent, sublime bounty of that Sovereign of existence, sanctified and purified from all sins, for the forgiving, the kind One’s pardon has encompassed all. However, ye must henceforth be so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that no one would be able to extinguish it. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He loveth them that put their trust in Him. Then strive that there may appear from thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in My noble tablet. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to act in accordance with what He loveth and is pleased with, to aid you to remain firm in the Most Great Steadfastness, and to draw you nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. He is, verily, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be not grieved at the world and whatsoever is therein. By God! He hath ordained for you that which nothing that hath been created in the heavens and earth can equal. Preserve ye this station lest obliteration overtake it. He is, verily, the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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Then know that your namesake has slandered me, and for this God hath seized him by His command, for He is the most severe of avengers. And thou knowest that I have not associated with him nor with any other souls, and only met with him in my brother's house for about an hour after he had sought permission to attain the presence. Thus was the matter and thou art among the witnesses. He hath spoken before the people concerning me that which he hath spoken, out of spite against God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things. He knoweth what thy tongue hath uttered and what hath passed through thy heart, and He is knowing of all things. Say: Turn unto God that He may perchance remit thy sins; otherwise He will seize thee with a mighty seizure. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth as a mercy from Us unto thee, that thou mayest be among those endowed with certitude.

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In the name of the peerless Lord, the Supreme Pen in the Most Great Prison makes mention of His loved ones, that all may drink, with utmost sanctity and detachment, from the Kawthar of utterance which flows in the days of the All-Merciful. Most of the friends have not attained the presence of the Most Holy Court and have not understood, as they ought, the meanings of the divine words. Therefore, today they remain deprived of the fountain of God's commandments. Likewise, some have committed reprehensible deeds according to their carnal desires and have attributed them to the Truth, and the helpless servants who were unaware of the essence of the Cause have, by following such souls, strayed far from the straight path. It is incumbent and obligatory upon you to arise to serve the Cause and to purify and sanctify weak souls from the defilement of selfish desires. The Most Holy Book hath been sent down from the holy Kingdom and the divine commandments are manifest therein without veil or concealment. All must act according to it. Any person of understanding who reflects even slightly will recognize that the Cause of God has been and ever shall be sanctified from selfish desires. Strive that all may drink from the Kawthar of sanctity and, with utmost detachment, gaze toward the highest horizon and act according to that which hath been revealed by God. We have mentioned thee in truth that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and We have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord and assist thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Speak thou with truth, then remind the people of what We have taught thee in this Clear Book, that perchance they may abandon what they possess and take hold of that which they have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God hath pardoned what is past. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Henceforth it behooveth every soul to act according to what hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey My greetings to My loved ones, then gladden them with the mention of My remembrance of them. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Giver, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the name of the peerless Lord

The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of His loved ones who dwell in Furugh, that all may be illumined and enlightened by the effulgences of the Sun of divine utterance, and may, with utmost love and unity, engage in the remembrance of God. The renewal of the world is a clear proof of its origination, and its very origination is a manifest evidence of its ultimate extinction. That which is everlasting and eternal is a station which no soul hath truly comprehended, save whom God willeth. Today, that which is befitting and worthy for those who have turned to God is to adorn themselves with the ornament of divine commandments and to appear among the servants with goodly and pleasing character. This is the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause. Blessed are they who attain! Strive ye, that in the days of God there may appear from you that which shall cause the preservation of souls and spirits. Praise be to God! The ocean of utterance is manifest, the heaven of bounty is raised up, and the sun of grace is shining. Hold ye fast unto truth and become detached from all else. Associate with one another with the utmost love and kindness, and transgress not the counsel of the counselor who dwelleth in that land. By My life! This bounty sufficeth all, that the Dawning-Place of grace and the Dayspring of revelation in the Most Great Prison is occupied with your remembrance. Give thanks unto God for this and be ye of the thankful. We aid those who have turned to the Countenance, and make mention of them in the Tablet which none hath known save God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you, then assist your Lord through goodly character and deeds. Thus doth command you the perspicuous Book that speaketh with truth between the heavens and the earth and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, he from whom We behold that which We love in the Cause of God, We make mention of him with truth in this noble station. And upon you be glory, and upon those who have hearkened and turned unto God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

This is a Book We have sent down to one who has turned to his Lord and attained His days, and has endured adversity and hardship in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Husayn! Thy letter hath come before Us time and again. We answer thee through this clear Book. The servant present before Us hath presented what thou didst send unto him. We have heard it and make mention of thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We have previously sent down unto thee that which drew the inhabitants of the most exalted Paradise to a noble station. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. By My life! They shall pass away, and thou shalt witness what hath been ordained for those near unto God. Be thou vocal in My Name, hold fast unto My cord, soar in My atmosphere, and cling to My luminous robe. The servant present before Us hath presented what thou didst send unto the Name of Bounty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. We have heard thy call in praise of thy Lord and found the fragrance of thy sincerity from the garment of thy utterance. Verily thy Lord comprehendeth in His knowledge all who are in the heavens and on earth. We counsel thee and My loved ones with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Books of God, thy Lord. He ordaineth as He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the All-Wise. Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land. God willing, may ye be assisted in that which is befitting this Day and be enabled to fulfill

what God hath sent down in the Book. The weak among the people have been held back from the Dawning-Place of the Self-Subsisting by vain imaginings, and the sources of conjecture, who are the ignorant ones of the age, have become a barrier between eyes and the effulgent rays of the countenance of the Lord of Names. Glory be to God! Every person of understanding is amazed at how they have deprived themselves of everlasting and eternal blessings through the various colors of a day or two. It is incumbent upon all to beseech God that He may, through the finger of His power, rend asunder the thick veils and withhold not the people of the world from the ocean of His grace. Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Encompassing. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken the cup of mystical knowledge from the hands of My bounty, and I am the Generous Giver.

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He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down at a time when griefs encompassed Him by reason of one who was deceitful and treacherous - one at whose deeds the heart of the most exalted Paradise and every fair-minded soul that hath judged justly in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been consumed. Say: O deceiver, by what proof didst thou believe in God and in Muhammad the Apostle of God? Was it by mere words or by what thou findest in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? By God! This indeed is the Most Great Book which speaketh amidst the world and guideth the peoples to His straight path. Say: By God, O heedless one, when the verses were sent down in this Revelation, all verses bowed down before them, while thou remainest in manifest delusion. Have thy ranks deceived thee, or thy thousands, or the clash of thy swords, or the neighing of thy steeds? Turn thee to the graves that thou mayest learn what befell thy like, O remote oppressor! Will thy riches profit thee, or thy might, or the host that marcheth before thee, or the banners that flutter behind thee? By the life of God! Nothing of all things shall profit thee, nor what thou hast amassed of the vanities of the world. Cast away what thou hast and turn thy face unto the Countenance. We counsel thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Hearts have melted by reason of thy tyranny, and the hands of the loved ones have been raised because of thy deeds. Know thou of a certainty that they shall not return except through the fulfillment of what they desire from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the Gracious. Take hold of the reins of passion, O thou who hast turned away from God, the Lord of all men, and turn unto Him that He may forgive thee what thou hast wrought in His days. Thus doth command thee He Who witnesseth at all times unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the Great. O thou who art saddened by My sorrow and hast borne hardships for My sake, hearken unto My call. We give glad-tidings unto Our loved ones of what God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath ordained for them. Soon shall He seize them that have wronged, even as He seized the peoples before them. He, verily, is the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Encompassing. Blessed are they that have shown patience in God, placing their trust in Him. Upon them shall pray the Concourse on High and the denizens of this glorious station. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In His Name Who shineth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath turned unto the horizon of the Revelation, that he might hearken unto His most sweet call from the Dayspring of the verses of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. This is a Day wherein the Mount hath attained reunion with Him Who conversed upon it, and the Book with Him Who revealed it. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of grace with proof and evidence is verily the Manifestation of His Cause, the Revealer of His Self, and the Source of His commandments and laws. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all good, and he who hath turned away is indeed of the people of the veil in God's Book, the Lord of all lords. The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the luminary of loving-kindness and favor. We beseech God to give thee to drink of His sealed wine through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden eyes and hearts. The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, yet the people are in a strange sleep. They have forsaken their God and taken their vain desires. Lo! They are among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all men. When thou hast drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the chalices of My words and been seized by the fragrances of My verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made known unto me Thy Great Announcement, whereby the hearts of the servants were disturbed and the limbs of the people trembled, save those whom the hand of Thy power rescued and the arm of Thy might sustained. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation, by what lay hidden in Thy knowledge, and by the Most Great Word whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, to strengthen me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. Then assist me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, in that whereby my mention may endure amongst Thy servants and my name in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing.

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To Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One Who has dawned from the horizon of the Kingdom. A Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to all who are in the realm of possibilities, and through it He has called all to the supreme horizon and the most exalted summit - the station wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaims: "The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty." O Mahdi! We have guided thee to the Path and made known to thee the Proof and cast upon thee My Word through which all things have spoken: "The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee, nor what the oppressors have wrought in the kingdom of creation. Arise to serve the Cause in the name of thy Lord, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. We have remembered thy father, both before and after, who turned to the Countenance and gave up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that he has ascended to the Supreme Companion, and from him have the dwellers of the highest Paradise inhaled the fragrance of the love of

his Most Glorious Lord. Exalted be this noble and gracious station. Verily, My love is a lamp that accompanieth him in every world of the worlds of his Lord. At times thou seest it in the form and splendor of paradise, and at others in the form of an angel from among the near ones. Blessed is he who attained unto the Word of God before his ascension and after it. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed be thy brother Sulayman. We counsel him with that which will exalt his station among the servants, and We beseech God to draw him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. And We send Our greetings to thy mother who has turned to God and attained, and whose name was mentioned before God's mighty throne. And We make mention of thy sister who was illumined by the lights of her Lord's love and turned to the supreme horizon when every learned one turned away. Convey My loving greetings and mercy to those who are with thee. We have remembered you with that which nothing can equal, as testified by the truthful and trustworthy Tongue of God. The Glory be upon you from the presence of One mighty and beautiful. The Trusted One hath mentioned you before the Countenance time and again, and hath desired for you the good of the latter and the former worlds through the grace of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

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He is the Most Glorious, the Greatest, the Most Exalted

Qamis to Mir 'Abdu'r-Rahim, who hath attained. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down that He might thereby draw all who are in the realm of being nigh unto the Ocean that hath surged in His Great Name. Among the people are those who have turned away and disputed with proof, and those who have quaffed the choice wine of certitude in His Name, the Guardian over all worlds. They have lost, those who have turned to the croaking of the raven, turning away from hearkening to what the Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity - that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Day illumined by the light of the Countenance, around which circle the nights and days. Blessed is he who hath seen with insight, and the thirsty one who hath attained this manifest Kawthar. Blessed is he who proclaimeth the truth and striveth to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. O servant who gazeth upon the Face, hearken thou unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, from the Dayspring of grandeur and majesty. He verily draweth thee nigh unto the supreme horizon and causeth thee to speak praise whereby things are attracted, and remembrance whereby creation is influenced. Thy Lord is verily the Guardian, the Mighty, the All-Informed. Gather thou together the loved ones of God in that place, then remind them of My gracious remembrance. We have sent down for them a Tablet whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all worlds, that they may rejoice and stand firm in this wondrous Cause. We have revealed in the prison a Book named at the Throne the Most Holy Book, wherein We have laid down the laws and adorned it with the commandments of thy Lord, Who commandeth all in the heavens and earth. Say: O people, hold fast unto it and observe what hath been sent down therein of the wondrous laws of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. It profiteth you in this world and the next, and purifieth you from that which beseemeth you not. He is verily the Ordainer, the Expositor, the Giver, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant and Testament of God and attained unto this Tablet

whereby thy mention hath been recorded in My Preserved Tablet. Be thou a servant to the Cause of thy Lord, remembering His remembrance and praising His praise, that every heedless and remote one may be awakened thereby. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee as a bounty from Our presence, and I am verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Shah-Abad

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book which the All-Knowing hath sent down unto those who have quaffed the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. These, verily, are of the people of Baha, as attested by the Lord of Names in this Most Glorious Prospect, and beyond Him every fair-minded and perceiving one. O My loved ones! Rejoice in what We have sent unto you of the breeze of the All-Merciful, which We have breathed upon the temple of the Tablet and dispatched unto you that ye might inhale therefrom the fragrance of the mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed are they who have attained unto the recognition of the Dayspring of Revelation on this Day wherein the Trump hath been sounded and the Mount hath cried out, yet most of the people remain heedless. Such as these have not been awakened by the Call of God and have followed their own desires - these are verily the people of the coffin in My perspicuous Book. Ye have heard in My path what no ear in the world hath heard; hearken ye now unto that which the tongue of My grandeur doth mention unto you from My lofty station. Ye have witnessed for My love what no eyes have witnessed; therefore behold ye the horizon of My loving-kindness wherefrom hath shone the sun of grace through My name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Beware lest the conditions of creation sadden you. Behold ye the Truth and that which hath been ordained for you in His mighty Book. We make mention of all who have attained unto the recognition of God - to this testify My Pen and My truthful, trustworthy Tongue. O My loved ones! Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, with spirit and fragrance in such wise as to attract thereby the hearts of the world and gladden the souls of them that are nigh unto God. At this moment We make mention of My handmaidens who heard and hastened until they attained unto the recognition of God, their Creator, Who came from the heaven of eternity with manifest sovereignty. Blessed are ye, O My loved ones, and joy be unto you, O My handmaidens! We behold every one who turneth toward Us and hear every call and face toward every one who hath faced the Dayspring wherefrom hath appeared the luminary of My mighty Name. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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’Ayn-Shin. His honor Ustad Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

This is a Book which God hath sent down from the heaven of His Will as a favor unto all created things. Blessed is the soul that hath laid hold on it, despite those who cast it behind their backs and denied the Proof of God, the Revealed, the Bidding, the Ancient. O My loved ones in ’Ishq! Hear ye My call, for verily it hath been raised in truth and by it have been attracted the hearts of them that are brought nigh. We have sent down unto each one of you clear verses which, when revealed, caused all things to proclaim: “The Evidence hath come from the presence of the All-Merciful!” Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless. O Muhammad-Rida! He Who hath been wronged remembereth thee from the shores of ’Akka and counseleth thee to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped save whom God hath willed - thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. He who circled round Me, who was named Muhammad-’Ali, hath mentioned thee time and again. We have sent down that which shall cause the eyes of the sincere ones to rejoice. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and His loved ones and preserve you from the evil of His enemies who have broken His covenant and His testament, and who have disbelieved in His proof which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. And We make mention of My handmaiden who was named Zahra and give her the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all the worlds. And My other handmaiden who was named Ma’sumih - verily My grace hath encompassed both male and female who have turned with steadfastness toward My horizon - a steadfastness which the doubts of the suspicious have failed to prevent. O My loved ones and My leaves! Remember your Lord in the nights and days, then thank Him for having aided you to recognize Him Whom the East and the West have denied, save those who came unto God with illumined hearts. O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and caused me to hear and for having sent down unto me that which hath diffused the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who rulest the Kingdom, by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, and by Thy Most Great Name through which the limbs of the nations have quaked, to assist me to serve Thy Cause and to act according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy perspicuous Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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The book revealed by the Creator of heaven for he who hath attained unto the Most Sublime Horizon and heard the shrill voice of My Most Sweet Pen, that the breaths of inspiration may draw him to the most exalted station. The Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured hath emerged. The command is in the hand of God, the Lord of lords. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and he who hath been honored with imprisonment hath attained unto that which was revealed in His books and Tablets, and he who hath turned away is accounted as one of the idolaters in the Mother Book.

Blessed is he who hath been honoured with treading upon the dust of the prison, and beholding its trees, and their leaves, and their fruits, and their motion. At one moment they sway to the right and proclaim in their silent tongue, “Exalted are ye, exalted are ye, O party of God! By God! That which had been recorded in His books hath indeed come to pass, and this verily is the Day of fulfillment!” At another moment they sway to the left and say, “O concourse of the righteous! By God! He who is the

Unconstrained hath come endowed with a sovereignty that the veils of the people of error can never hope to conceal!"

O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter. O Pen! Make mention of him who hath sought the Ultimate Goal until he attained the presence of the Wronged One in this Most Exalted Station. He was named Joseph in the Book of Names by God, the Creator of heaven, Who came with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. We testify that thou didst traverse the path, clinging to the All-Glorious, until thou didst attain to a station named with the Most Beautiful Names by God, the Lord of all beings, and didst hear His call and behold His horizon and didst attain to that which none in the world have attained save whom God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, hath willed. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: "Thine be the glory, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the praise, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the hearts that were melted in Thy love and by the souls that were consumed in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to ordain for this servant of Thine the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

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O Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is established upon the Throne of Utterance. This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds, and it summons all people to a station wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised!" Blessed is he who is endowed with vision whom the veils of men have not hindered, and blessed is he who is endowed with hearing whom the clamor of the heedless has not shut out. Blessed is the servant who has broken the chains of idle fancies through the Name of the Lord of Days and hastened with his heart to this luminous horizon. We have beheld thy turning unto the lights of the Countenance and have revealed for thee that whereby the eyes of those who have drawn nigh are solaced - they who have borne in the path of God that which none among His servants hath borne. To this doth testify He with Whom is a mighty Book. When thou dost inhale the sweet-scented breezes of the All-Merciful's utterance, arise, detached from all else but God, turning unto the Station and say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Countenance, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the mysteries of Thy Book, to aid me in all conditions to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me agitated in Thy days and attracted by Thy verses. By Thy glory, O my God! My heart findeth no rest save in attaining Thy presence, and my soul no repose save in hearkening to Thy call. Alas, alas, should Thy decree prevent me from attaining the court of Thy glory! I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to forgive my grievous sins and mighty transgressions. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who have offered up their spirits and all they possessed in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Peerless, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious. O God! My God and the God of all beings, my Goal and the Goal of all created things! Send Thy blessings, O my God, upon those whom neither the might of the oppressors hath deterred from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the hosts of the aggressors from turning to the light of Thy Countenance. They have arisen to promote Thy Cause and have spoken forth Thy Name

before the faces of Thine enemies, despite those who denied Thy proof and Thy signs, and who committed that which caused the dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm to lament. There is none other God but Thee, the One, the Peerless, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

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In the Name of Him Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds, that the call may draw you again and again unto a station where neither the allusions of the people shall hinder you, nor the clamor of the oppressors disturb you. Your letter attained the presence of God, the Lord of Manifestation, and We heard that which you addressed unto your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We found it adorned with the mention of the Beloved and embellished with the love of your Ancient Lord. Therefore did the ocean of grace surge and the winds of your Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, were stirred. Rejoice in what We have sprinkled upon you from the seas of pardon and forgiveness. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. We beseech God to assist you at all times, to aid you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to cause you to speak forth this mighty remembrance. You wrote at the end of your letter "the one despairing of God's mercy." By My life! This befits not these days. Write henceforth "the one assured of his Lord's tender care, the All-Mighty, the All-Loving, His servant David." Thus does My Most Exalted Pen teach you, through whose effect the Kingdom is perfumed, through whose breaths the dead are raised up, and through whose fragrance the birds do sing. Sovereignty belongs to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful. O David! Hearken unto that wherewith your Lord, the Sincere Counselor, the Trusted One, counsels you. Strive that there may appear from you that which befits His sovereignty, His grandeur, His detachment and His sanctity. Thus does the Lord of all worlds command you. Thus have We loosened the reins of the Pen of Revelation in the meadows of utterance, as a bounty from your Lord, the Most Merciful, that you may soar on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere which none among all created things can breathe save those whom your Lord has willed by His sovereignty which overshadows the worlds. Should you find the sweetness of this Tablet, you would arise with your whole being to serve your Lord and would say by night and day: "Praise be to You, O Lord of all mankind, and glory be to You, O You Who art wronged throughout all regions, and splendor be to You, O Beloved of them that know!" Convey My greetings unto her whom you mentioned in your letter and unto your wife who has believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Sufficient unto them both is God's glorification from this wondrous horizon.

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In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

Your letter was seen and your call was heard. God willing, may you ever gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and attain to that which He loves and is pleased with. May you desire none but Him and seek to cling to none but Him. Today the ocean of generosity is surging and the sun of bounty is manifest and radiant. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless ones.

This Day hath been adorned with the ornament of the utterance of the Manifestations of the All-Merciful, for all have promised and given glad tidings of it. Blessed are they that have attained! By the Sun of inner meanings which adorns the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance, this tablet is dearer and more enduring than a hundred thousand righteous children. For a righteous child and all existing things in the world shall soon return to nothingness, but the Word of God revealed from the Most Exalted Pen shall not be seized by extinction nor pursued by death. Reflect, that thou mayest find thyself in manifest joy. Today man is able to attain such a station that his remembrance, like a star in the heaven of God's Tablet, may shine bright and radiant through the eternity of His names and attributes. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me from Thy Most Exalted Pen while I was in the Most Great Prison due to that which the hands of the enemies who turned away from Thee and from Thy mighty signs had wrought. O my Lord! I have turned toward Thee and faced Thy horizon. I beseech Thee, by the oppression of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest me better than I know myself, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Aqa Siyyid Mahdi of Najafabad!

In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Pure, the Most Glorious!

The Word of God hath in truth been sent down from the heaven of grace upon the world. Verily it is the Most Great Mystery in the Concourse on High, the Most Noble Symbol in the heaven of splendor, the Most Hidden Secret in the kingdom of immortality, and the Beauty of Glory amidst the hosts of creation. O people! Hasten ye unto it and tarry not even for a moment. Beware lest ye alter it according to your own imaginings or change it from that which God hath ordained for it in the Mother Book. Thus hath the command been sent down from the heaven of grace upon the world. O people! Follow what God hath commanded you from the heaven of His Cause and cast it not behind your backs. This is what this Youth, Who hath been mentioned by the name of God amongst the peoples of the world, counseleth you. Beware, O people, lest ye deny Him in Whom ye have believed and turn away from Him unto Whom ye have turned. This is the best counsel, did ye but know it. Sever yourselves from that which draweth you to vain desire and hold fast unto this firm handle, that haply ye may attain unto a station of luminous glory. Say: Today nothing shall profit anyone, even should he remember God while standing, sitting, at dawn or eventide. O Mahdi! Guide thyself, then guide the people by this Sun which hath dawned from the horizon of holiness with manifest sovereignty, that perchance the people may recognize their Creator, differ not in His Cause, and find unto Him the true path. Say: Your belief profiteth Him not, nor doth your denial harm Him. Whatsoever appeareth from you returneth unto yourselves, while He, at His most exalted station, through His name the All-Knowing, hath ever been sanctified above the worlds. Thus hath the Ancient King commanded thee. Arise and act as thou hast been bidden by the Self-Subsisting, the Self-

Compelling. And glory be upon thee and upon its people from this moment until the day when the heavens shall be cleft asunder and God shall come in overshadowing clouds.

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He is the Compassionate, the Generous!

O Haji bearing the name of the All-Desired One! Ever do the traces of grace, mercy, compassion and loving-kindness appear and manifest from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen. Every word of the exalted utterances that appears from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names is a clear Book, a wise Command, and a momentous Announcement. Blessed are they who have attained to its recognition and received their portion from the ocean of its meanings.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy call and answer thee with this most mighty, most holy Tablet. The word of pardon and forgiveness hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning thee. Give thanks to the Goal of all worlds that thou hast attained to this greatest bounty and supreme mercy. The keys of the treasures of the world are in the grasp of His power - He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. That which causeth the fragrance of loving-kindness to be diffused hath been ordained for thee.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation and the places honored by Thy footsteps, which Thou hast made the seat of Thy throne, that Thou forgive me and make me of those who have been so captured by the choice wine of Thy revelation and inspiration that nothing whatsoever hath deterred them from drawing nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being! My Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine seeking pardon from the ocean of Thy mercy, blessings from the heaven of Thy bounty, and steadfastness from the Sun of Thy loving-kindness. Ordain for me, O my God, the good of this world and the next, and that which shall be a light unto me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art He at Whose gifts and favors all things have proclaimed their praise. Then I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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I know not, O my God, whether I should speak forth the wonders of Thy praise among Thy servants, and lay bare before them the secrets of Thy mercy and the mysteries of Thy Cause, or keep them wrapped up within the receptacle of my heart. Though the lover be loth to share with any one the intimate conversation of his beloved, yet at whatever time Thine inescapable commandment to declare Thy Cause

reacheth me, I will unhesitatingly obey it. I would proclaim Thee, undeterred by the darts of affliction that may rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy decree.

I swear by Thy might! Neither the hosts of the earth nor those of heaven can keep me back from revealing the things I am commanded to manifest. I have no will before Thy will, and can cherish no desire in the face of Thy desire. By Thy grace I am, at all times, ready to serve Thee and am rid of all attachment to any one except Thee.

What I desire, however, O my God, is that Thou shouldst bid me unveil the things which lie hid in Thy knowledge, so that they who are wholly devoted to Thee may, in their longing for Thee, soar up into the atmosphere of Thy oneness, and the infidels may be seized with trembling and may return to the nethermost fire, the abode ordained for them by Thee through the power of Thy sovereign might.

Thou dost consider, O my Lord, how Thy dear ones are sore pressed by Thine enemies, and hearest from all sides their sighing by reason of what hath befallen them in Thy path. Thou knowest, O my Lord, that their one desire was to seek Thy face, and that the sole Object of their adoration was Thee. They who wronged them had no other purpose except to turn them away from Thee, and to extinguish the fire which Thou hadst kindled with the hands of Thine almighty power.

Unseal the lips of Thy will, O my Lord, and let a word proceed therefrom that shall subject unto itself the world and all that is therein. How long shalt Thou behold these things and tarry, O my God? Darkness hath enveloped the whole earth, and Thy tokens are ready to be blotted out throughout Thy realm.

Forgive me, O my God, for what I have spoken, for Thou art the One that knoweth all things, and in Thee are wrapped up the secrets that are hid from all else except Thyself. When Thy promise shall come to pass, Thou wilt manifest what Thou wilt, and subdue as Thou pleasest. We should wish only what Thou hast wished for us. In Thee is the knowledge of all things, and with Thee is the issue of all things. Thou art, verily, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Forgive me, then, my sins and the sins of them that love me, and supply them with the good of this world and of the next.

Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

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O My Beloved! The book of mystical knowledge hath been sent down from the Countenance of Certitude. It carried away the heart and bestowed the spirit, it bore away strength and granted power. It seemed as though a letter thereof was an ocean, giving the water of life to the thirsty ones in the valley of love, and bestowing the wine of reunion upon the wanderers in the land of separation. Yea, if there be an attentive ear, it will surely distinguish the call of the Dove from the croaking of the raven. After all, the melody of the divine Nightingale differeth greatly from the cry of the earthly crow. If imitation be cast aside, the holy breath will rise from the depth of the soul, and with the eye of the spirit one will behold the beauty of the Beloved and perceive the countenance of the Beloved One behind a thousand veils. O my soul and

my spirit! The unity of the worlds of oneness hath fresh stations and infinite degrees. In one station it is sanctified above description and utterance, mention and explanation, and at this level form and body and flesh and name and trace have no place at all, that anyone should find a way unto it or comprehend love and affection or enumerate longing and rapture. It is treasured in the invisible treasury and stored in the vessels of mystery. And in another station it comprehendeth all names and attributes, that is, all names refer back to it and become manifest from it. In this station the people of the Furqan have clung to mere fancy, and the companions of the Bayan have held fast to limitations. Neither have those ones drunk from the eternal sea of mystical knowledge, nor have these ones reached the eternal dwelling place of God. Therefore we must pass beyond transient allusions and enter the eternal garden, that we may drink from the eternal spring and taste of the eternal fruit, that we may detach our hearts from aught else and attach them to the court of the Beloved, that we may comprehend the virgin meanings from the spiritual countenance. Were I to speak, it would overwhelm all minds; Were I to write, many a pen would break.

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O Mirza Yahya Masihi, upon him be the glory of God, He Who has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of the Bayan! This is the day wherein the attraction of the Call that was raised from the direction of ’Akka hath seized Mount Sinai. Thereupon all things cried out: “At Thy service, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! Blessed be the city that hath attained unto Thy presence, and the land that hath been honored by Thy footsteps. Woe betide him who hath heard and denied the announcement of God, the Mighty, the Wise.” And Carmel called out: “Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, for having manifested Thyself and honored me with Thy presence after the fire of separation from Thee had well-nigh destroyed me. I testify that through Thee was fulfilled that which was recorded in the Books and inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of the worlds.” Then the Call was raised from Bethlehem saying: “At Thy service, O Thou through Whom the ocean of knowledge surged before the faces of all religions! At Thy service, O Thou through Whom the gate of reunion was opened when Thou didst give Thy lovers to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy presence! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy verses and by that which hath been raised from the direction of Thy prison, to aid Thy people to acknowledge Thy Manifestation and to confess that which Thou hast revealed through Thy grace. I testify that Thou hast fulfilled Thy Covenant and that which Thou didst promise to Thy loved ones and servants in Thy Books and Tablets, and Thou hast come from the horizon of power with Thy great glory.”

O Light! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of all beings. Today Mount Sinai is gladdened by the presence of its Beloved and with the most exalted call giveth the glad-tidings unto all things, while Zion speaketh the word “Hasten ye!” Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the imperishable Kawthar and hath attained unto the hearing of the Call. O thou who hast turned! We have heard thy call and from the direction of the prison have turned toward thee and made mention of thee with verses that shall never change nor be effaced. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants with the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to enable me to arise to serve Thee and to mention that which hath appeared in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting!

This is a glorious Book sent down from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Verily it is a revelation from the Lord of the worlds. It brings glad tidings to the people of this Day whereon He hath been established upon a great throne, and it warneth the people of a grievous day of retribution. O people! Fear God and follow not every sinful repudiator. Verily he whom the people of error have taken as a protector besides God is in manifest error and flame. He hath turned away and withdrawn, then retreated and fabricated. By God, he hath appeared with evident calumny. O people! Fear God and draw not nigh unto him. He calleth you unto his self, from which the manifestations of polytheism seek refuge with God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Peerless. He believed not in Him Who revealed the Bayan nor in that which was sent down in a preserved and mighty Tablet. Say: By God, he hath not read the Bayan, nor doth he read it except to lead you astray from the path. And whenever he reciteth the verses of God, the True King, the Just, the Trustworthy, the Spirit that circleth round the words of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, addresseth him saying: "Hast thou disbelieved in Him Who created thee from a handful of clay? If thou didst believe in the verses of God, why didst thou fabricate against Him by Whose command the Scriptures of God were sent down from all eternity, and this perspicuous Book? Fear God and follow not thy self and thy passion. Rather, follow the religion of the Spirit, which is the love of Him Who hath appeared with the truth and come with manifest authority. Be not confused in thyself, nor make thyself deserving of God's wrath and vengeance. Fear the day wherein the hearts of the deniers shall tremble." Say: "I have believed in God and His Messengers and His Books, and unto Him do I turn, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful." O thou who gazest toward the realm of immortality! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and say: "In the Name of God, the Quickener of Names." Then burn away the veils of the heedless through the heat of thy Lord's love and say: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise."

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a book from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate, that thou mayest rejoice therein and be of them that remember. When it reacheth thee, take it with the power bestowed by Us and place it upon thy head. Then inhale from it the fragrance of the garment of the Youth Who hath been tried among the wolves of the earth - they who have denied God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Through one of His fragrances the realities of all created things are quickened, if thou be of them that know. Cast behind thee all things and hold fast to the Most Great Handle, whereby the Sure Handle hath been suspended between the heavens and the earths. Beware lest thou be veiled in these days by them who have denied God and His signs. By God! They are in naught but error and flame. Soon will the tablets of the idolaters be spread among you. Cast them behind you and be not of the hesitating ones. Say: God sufficeth us, the Lord of all worlds. We have detached ourselves from all else save Him and become independent through Him of all creation. Blessed art thou, O servant, in

that thou hast attained the presence of My Most Great Name and wert with Him in the Land of Taff - the spot which God hath made a place among the places of Paradise and honored above most places on earth through His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath heard His melodies, and thine eye, for it hath fallen upon His beauteous countenance. For everyone who hath visited that place and remained steadfast in His love, God hath written the reward of one martyred in His path, even though he be living at that time. Thus hath His mercy preceded all worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, then aid Him through remembrance and be not of them that remain silent. Verily silence is praiseworthy except in My remembrance and praise, if thou be of them that know. Cast behind thee all created things, then turn to the Lord of the First and the Last. He will protect thee from the harm of the idolaters. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them who have taken unto God in this Cause a way.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from the All-Knowing to those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise, that they may rejoice in what they have been remembered before the Throne. This is naught but a great bounty. Blessed are they who have been given what hath been sent down from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Turn ye unto the Countenance and turn away from the ignorant who wander in the wilderness of passion. They are indeed in manifest loss. Soon shall the dust of torment encompass them and they shall awaken in remorse. The wrath of thy Lord shall seize them - distant be they who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We seized peoples before them, then after them We raised up others. Nothing hath preceded Us. We have ordained for every matter an appointed time. We are indeed powerful. Arise to remember God amongst His servants and leave those who have disbelieved in their overwhelming ignorance. They are indeed among the heedless. Do they imagine that what they possess will profit them? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Did what their fathers amassed benefit them? We have left them in the fire, and thy Lord is indeed the Subduer, possessed of mighty strength. Nothing preventeth Him from what He desireth. He is in truth the Ruler over what He willeth. Those who have disbelieved in God are deaf - they hear not the call of their Lord. They are indeed among those who slumber. When they awaken they shall find themselves in the depths of the fire. They shall say: “We have wronged ourselves and were among the wrongdoers.” Say: Hearken, O people, to the call of your Lord, then turn unto Him and follow not every doubting idolater. Arise from the couches of passion. This is your Lord, the Most Glorious, Who hath come with a manifest light. Have ye forsaken God and taken vain imaginings as lords for yourselves? This is naught but a grievous wrong. Open your eyes! This is your Lord, the Chosen One, Who calleth you to the most exalted station. He is indeed a witness unto what He saith. Say: Is conjecture better for you, or the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude? Be fair, O people, and follow not every heedless sinner. Thus have We revealed unto thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord amongst the servants, that perchance Our slumbering servants may be awakened thereby. Say: O my Lord! I am he who hath turned his face toward Thee. Decree for me what Thou desirest. Thou art indeed the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Great! This is an epistle from the Youth to him who hath believed in God, detached himself from the idolaters, and ascended unto the heaven of divine knowledge until he recognized the Manifestation of God's Own Self, the Most High, the Great. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from self and passion, and turned unto his Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in this Most Holy, Most Luminous Revelation, and was among those who attained. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth - He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts of the deceivers conceal, and He knoweth those who have believed in Him and detached themselves from all else. He desireth naught from His servants save fairness, and He Himself is witness and all-knowing of this. Whoso showeth fairness will testify in less than a moment that there is no God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed His Revelation, His grandeur, His majesty and His sovereignty between the heavens and earths. Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and corrupt not the earth after its reformation, neither shed blood nor follow every sinful idolater. Give life unto men through the Most Great Remembrance - such is the way of those who have detached themselves from the world and turned unto God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and were among the sincere ones. Fear ye God and transgress not the bounds of God, neither abandon His ways behind your backs, nor pursue those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds. Remember your Lord by night and day, then put your trust in Him and He will suffice you against all who dwell on earth. Be thou thankful unto God for having made thy heart a place for the revelations of the knowledge of His Self, the Most High, the Great. Beware lest thou grieve over aught - be thou steadfast in the love of thy Ancient Lord, then take comfort in His remembrance and fear not the hosts of the idolaters. He will assist whoso assisteth Him and will aid those who have turned unto Him, and He is with His beneficent servants. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O Muhammad-Quli! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Great!

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath attained the lights of nearness and heard the Call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O Muhammad-Quli, hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it will guide thee and protect thee from the evil of those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and turned away from His straight path. They are servants who have taken falsehood as their helper. That which thou didst send before hath arrived, and in these days with one of My loved ones, upon whom be My glory and My loving-kindness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to illumine His loved ones with the light of the Most Great Steadfastness and adorn them with the ornament of justice. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Generous. Remember on My behalf My loved ones who have not broken My Covenant and Testament, and who have arisen to serve the Cause out of love for God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. If thou shouldst see

’Ayn and Ta, convey to him My greetings and say: Beware lest thou enter the dwelling-place of the polytheists who are consumed with the fire of hatred and have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Let him regard the deniers as a mere handful of clay. Say: Fear not the turning away of people and their gatherings, and say not that which beseemeth thee not before thy Lord. The knowledge of all things is preserved in a clear Book. Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken from this sublime station. His honor Ismi Mahdi - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - sent thy letter to the Most Holy Court. After its perusal, this Book from the Mother Book was revealed that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make His loved ones there among those whom neither the doubts of men nor the allusions of those who have denied this supreme grace have caused to slip.

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He is the Mighty, the Beloved! This is a Book which hath been sent down in truth through a holy and gentle tongue. Whoso readeth it becometh lightened of the weight of earth and all that is therein, and soareth unto a heaven of sublime glory wherein nothing shall prevent his ascent to the vicinity of a mighty Throne. Through it are the souls of them that are nigh drawn unto a seat of wondrous Name, and the hearts of the sincere are severed from all hostile limitations. Say: By God, these are verses which give sustenance to all created things from the table of nearness to the Eternal, and bestow upon all beings from the grace of union with the One. Say: This indeed is Husayn in truth, unto whom are attracted the spirits of all worlds. And when the Spirit desireth to depart from bodies, the temples of existence quake - then hearken unto the cry of the people of earth, for this is from the terror of a Day which was decreed as inevitable. Say: The Spirit at that time departeth from Iraq and turneth toward a western direction. Thereat do the heavens and earth weep every morn and eve, and the tears of the mystics flow upon radiant crimson cheeks, and the Maidens in their chambers strike their heads with hands white and dyed. Among the people are those who are heedless of this, and those whose tears flow ceaselessly in separation, and those who rejoice at this, and those who are consumed by this fire. Say: O concourse of earth! Rejoice not at this, but rather weep for what hath passed you by of the holy breezes of union. Say: The earth hath borne the burden of this greatest terror, and soon shall it give birth to its load. Then shall ye flee to the right and find no friend for yourselves, and run to the left and find no helper for your beings. Thus do We cast upon thee gentle holy words, hidden verses of might, and manifest tokens of attraction, that thou mayest remind the people in days wherein the Holy Spirit speaketh upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of supreme glory. And the Spirit be upon you, O concourse of loved ones, every morn and eve.

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O Haji Mirza Hasan-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Tablet that hath been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise, and giveth glad tidings unto the people on this Day whereon the All-

Merciful hath seated Himself upon the throne of His Great Name. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment, arise amidst the servants with wisdom and utterance, and remind them of that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Ancient of Days with manifest sovereignty. The land of Syria hath been honored by the advent of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This is a land wherein was raised the call of the Prophets and Messengers. We have addressed it saying: “Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto the presence of thy Lord! Do they that dwell within thee turn unto God, the Lord of Names, or do they deny Him even as they denied Him aforetime?” Whereupon it cried out saying: “Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” The fragrances of the All-Glorious have seized the land of Batha. It hath stirred and flourished, and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! I perceive the fragrance of Thy reunion as though Thou hadst unveiled Beauty after having concealed it from all mankind. Blessed is the land whereon Thy dominion hath been established, and blessed are the servants who have attained unto the light of Thy resplendent countenance.” We hear the call of all things declaring that there is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous. Among them are those who know and glorify His praise, and among them are those who make mention yet remain among the heedless. Arise thou amidst the people of the Bayan in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Say: O people! The proof hath come, and this is He to Whom the Bayan hath testified. Fear God and follow not him who hath disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. When anyone cometh unto you with tablets of fire and the book of wickedness, cast them behind you and turn unto the Countenance, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto us and removed from us the veil through Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Wise.” Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and made them lamps of guidance for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take hold of the Tablet with the power of thy Lord. By My life! Nothing shall harm thee through it, even should all who are on earth combine against thee. And praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Jinab Aqa Siyyid Aqa! In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! This is a Tablet from before the Youth to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all faces and held fast to the Sure Handle which hath appeared in truth from before God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing. Say: O people! The Suns of eternity have shone forth from the Most Glorious Horizon, and the Command hath been detailed in the Tablets of Destiny, and the Hands of Power have emerged from the sleeves. Say: The heavens of turning away have been cleft asunder, and the earths have been eclipsed, and the clouds have been rent, and God hath come in canopies of cloud, and by Him all things have been adorned with the garments of names, and He hath been established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful, and on His right was the Point of the Bayan, and on His left were the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Say: We gave you glad tidings before in all the Tablets of this Manifestation Who hath appeared in truth, and then of these days. Say: He hath come with the truth, and by Him the fruits have fallen from the trees, and the souls of the righteous were stirred, and the pillars of creation were shaken. They who have denied this Manifestation yet claim belief in the previous Manifestations - by God the Truth, they are but as cattle. Say: By Him the earth was established and heaven was raised up, and the sun of grandeur shone forth from the horizon of eternity,

then the standards were upraised. Say: O people! Deny not Him Who calleth you unto God. Fear God, then rend asunder the veils of idle fancies. And thou, distance thyself from all things and draw nigh unto God thy Lord. He sufficeth thee through His grace, and He is verily the Generous, the Bountiful. He giveth to whom He willeth and withholdeth from whom He willeth, and raiseth up whom He willeth and bringeth low whom He willeth, and preserveth whom He willeth from illness. Be thou steadfast in My Cause and fear not Mine enemies. Verily thy Lord will protect thee from those who have denied God on the Day of Resurrection. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine sealed from the hand of this Youth.

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O Mim of Glory! Thou didst ascend with joy and fragrance, while thy loved ones remained in grief. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed. He, verily, is the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thou wert God's remnant when the idolaters drove Me from the Land of Ta, and thou didst burn with the fire of separation for numbered years. When the appointed time came, We guided thee to the Kawthar of reunion until thou didst enter the prison and sacrifice thyself before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed art thou and blessed he that turneth unto thee, and visiteth thy grave, and draweth nigh, through thee, unto God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. O Ha of the Divine Essence! Thou didst seek the heights of holiness and forsake the world in the path of thy Lord. I testify that thou didst ascend to a praiseworthy station and I testify that thou didst return in meekness unto thine abode. Great is thy blessedness and the blessedness of them that hold fast unto the hem of thy outspread robe. O Dal of Eternity! Through thee that land and its surroundings have been honored. Thou art, verily, the trust of God and His treasure in this land. Erelong will God reveal through thee that which He hath desired. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. When thou wast laid to rest in the earth, the earth itself trembled in its longing to meet thee. Thus hath it been decreed, and yet the people perceive not. O Ya of Pre-existence! Blessed art thou for having sacrificed thy spirit in the Most Great Prison, after being in the hands of those who denied God on the Promised Day. Were We to recount the mysteries of thine ascension, they that are asleep would waken, and all beings would be set ablaze with the fire of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Loving. O thou who art mentioned before the Face! We have recounted unto thee what hath befallen the Branch of God this day, that thou mayest be informed of what hath been ordained in the prison by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Grieve thou not. Give thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions. He is with those who remember Him and act according to His command. May glory rest upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves in His love from such as have joined partners with God.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Can the Tablet contain the mysteries of thy Lord? Can the Pen flow with what He hath willed? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! Rather only with what the people are capable of bearing. Thus hath the

Command gone forth from the Dayspring of Revelation when He appeared with manifest sovereignty. O people! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the divine wilderness, this praiseworthy station. Then detach yourselves from whatsoever ye possess, turning unto God. This is better for you than what hath been and what shall be. By My life! The Water of Life hath flowed in all times, yet the people perceive it not. Among them are those who fled, and those who partook and said: "In Thy Name, O Beloved One!" and drank in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Loving. Be as thy Lord desireth. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of thy Lord, turn with thy heart to the Qiblih of all horizons and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Knower of the seen and unseen, for having caused to flow upon me from the oceans of Thy Most Great Name that which causeth spirits to soar and minds to be startled. I testify that through Thee the banners of victory were hoisted and the standards of guidance were raised amidst all created things, while the flags of the rebellious were brought low. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all who are in the heavens and earth, and through which the people of the graves arose, to preserve me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy singleness. Then make me of those who soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and spoke in Thy remembrance until their spirits took flight from their bodies in their longing to meet Thee." Thus was the matter ordained by One mighty and praiseworthy. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the direction of Thy grace and raised the hands of supplication to the heaven of Thy bounty. Send down upon me that which will render me sincere toward Thyself and a servant of Thy Cause. I testify that Thou art the Intended One and all else is as naught, and that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Therefore manifest in the kingdom conquering hands and powerful hearts that they may aid Thy loved ones on earth, through Thy Name which Thou hast made the Supreme Ruler over every witness and witnessed thing. The Water of Life hath flowed through what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in utterance. Blessed is he who hath drunk and said: "Praise be to Thee, O God of existence!"

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In the Name of God, the Everlasting, the Inexhaustible

Has the earth carried one whom kinship cannot prevent from turning to the Lord of creation, and who casts behind him relationships and allusions out of love for God, the Lord of names and attributes? Blessed is he who sees no glory for himself except through the glory of God and who is detached from all else. He is indeed among the most exalted of creatures before the Truth. Thus has the matter been decreed and the verses have come. And he whom love of kindred does not prevent from turning to his Lord - his face shall shine forth between earth and heaven. The hosts of the unseen and the visible shall assist him, and the angels of the Command shall aid him in drawing near to the station wherein the lights of the Divine Essence are kindled and shine forth.

Hearken to what is revealed to thee from the direction of the Prison and what hath been sent down from the Pen of Command. It is musk from which fragrances waft. When the Tablet of Fire cometh unto thee, set it aside and take what hath been given thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou hearest my lamentation in this Prison and knowest that I have summoned the servants only to the court of Thy mercy and favors, and have commanded them only what Thou hast commanded in the kingdom of Thy decree and the dominion of Thy judgment. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subjugate the winds, to protect this servant who hath turned to Thee and held fast to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou knowest what is in hearts, verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Thou knowest the secrets of breasts. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to strengthen him in such wise that nothing shall prevent him from Thy love, that he may arise to aid Thy Cause and stand firm in Thy Command. O Lord! When Thou hast made known to him the paths of Thy grace and guidance, deprive him not through Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O thou attentive servant! Arise to aid thy Lord in these days, that the dwellers of Paradise may glory in thee. Thus doth the Pen of Grace command thee from before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics and the Goal of the sincere ones.

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O Isma'il, who dwelleth in the City! He is the Ever-Abiding One! He it is Who maketh mention in the Tablet of every goodly remembrance, that thereby the people may draw nigh unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. O Isma'il! When thy letter came before Us, it was as though thou hadst forgotten Us, yet We preceded thee in remembrance, that Our mention might precede all else in every pure and luminous heart. Know thou that calamities have encompassed Us from every side, until We were cast into a manifest prison. Days passed over Us in such hardship as hath no like, no equal, and no parallel. Yet We thank God and praise Him for what hath befallen Us, drawing nigh unto Him in His good-pleasure, for verily He is near unto the well-doers. Remember thou My days, and forget not God's covenant within thyself. Call upon Him throughout thy days, for verily He is the All-Hearing, the Answerer, Who answereth the prayer of the supplicant when he calleth upon Him, and He is the All-Knowing. Be thou at peace in thy heart and soul through God's grace and mercy, and be thou in great joy and hope. Should harm touch thee, grieve not, but remember My grief and place thy trust in God, thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Soon shall joy and gladness vanish from every unbeliever and fortunate one, for all this is mentioned within the bounds of contingent being and hath no permanence or endurance, as every sound soul doth testify. Strive thou within thyself to hold fast unto the luminous and mighty handle, that it may raise thee to a station wherein no harm from these idolators shall touch thee. Therefore, lift thy foot from the dust, then ascend to a station that shall never pass away, through the eternity of God, the King, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful. Therein shalt thou find rest from every opponent and peer, from every ailment and sickness, and from every fresh calamity. Thus doth the Spirit teach thee on this night and make mention of thee with most goodly remembrance, that thou mayest be of them that know. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon every assured knower.

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He is the Remembering One, the Witness, the All-Informed

O Abu'l-Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and manifest hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and maketh mention of thee. Blessed art thou, happy art thou, joy be unto thee, and felicitations be unto thee, inasmuch as thou didst hear the verses and didst behold the clear proofs and didst drink of the sealed wine and didst partake, without interruption, of the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful. Most of thy days were spent in the love of God. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that all that existeth and is visible on earth cannot compare with this testimony that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Drink thou from the ocean of joy through My Name, and from the Kawthar of gladness. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the divine verses in these numbered years. They are better for thee than all the treasures of the earth. Therefore praise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Be not grieved at separation, for the reward of attainment unto His presence hath been inscribed for thee by the Pen of the Ancient of Days, and this hath been and continueth to be among the matchless bounties of God. Convey My greetings to all the friends and say: This blessed Day hath been mentioned in all the Books and Tablets and is known as the Day of God. Know ye its value and act as beseemeth it. That which is accounted this day as the most great of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, is steadfastness in His Cause, for the embodiments of idle fancies have been and continue to be engaged in preventing the loved ones of God. This is why We have forewarned all aforetime. Clamor will be raised and the book of the netherworld and the tablets of fire will be spread abroad. The people of certitude who are mentioned in the Qur'an as the companions of the right hand and in the Qayyumu'l-Asma as the dwellers of the Crimson Ark must manifest such power and might that such idle persons will be powerless to prevent them. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One with that which benefiteth His loved ones in this mighty Prison. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Abu'l-Qasim, upon whom be the Glory of God. In His Name through Whom the Sun of Divine Unity has shone forth! O Abu'l-Qasim, hear with thy inner ear the call of the Wronged One. In these days certain vain imaginings have arisen. Beseech God to protect His people. The former people would each day, with the hands of idle fancy, fashion an idol of their imagination and call it the Fourth Pillar or other names. Glory be to God! One is astounded at the words and deeds of that people. Each day they would claim some new understanding and knowledge, until finally their knowledge culminated in this: One day, before attaining maturity, this Wronged One entered a gathering where two individuals wearing enormous turbans were, from behind a curtain, describing to one of the ladies their own spiritual knowledge and stations, until one of them stated that we must determine whether Gabriel is higher or Qanbar, whether 'Abbas is higher or Salman. This Wronged One was bewildered. After a few minutes it was mentioned: "O Mulla, if Gabriel is the one referred to in 'The Faithful Spirit descended with it upon thy heart', then Master Qanbar was not even present there." In those days this Wronged One lamented the wrongs done to the Seal of the Prophets. I truthfully say that such wrong was done to Him by the former people that the Tablet wept and the Pen cried out - a crying that caused the Concourse on High to weep and the companions of the Most Exalted Paradise to cry out. We beseech God to protect this people from such

idle fancies and vain imaginings and to keep them steadfast on the straight path. Verily He is the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful. O Abu'l-Qasim! Today the Mother Book has turned toward thee from the prison precincts. Blessed is he who hath remembered thee and sent thy name to a place named after this heaven. We have remembered thee and answered thee with verses that all the books of the world and what the nations possess cannot equal. He Who hath spoken before all faces beareth witness to this. The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Abraham! A Friend [of God] hath appeared from God, and the Hand of Divine favor preserved him from the fire of the idolaters, nay rather, transformed that vengeance into bounty and mercy. His mention is renowned throughout the world and is a mighty cause for those who mount the pulpit. Most of the peoples of the world are occupied with his remembrance and that of his son, who in the Book of Deeds was designated and mentioned as the Sacrifice of God by the Pen of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. Yet in this Most Great Revelation, how many pure, assured, well-pleased and enkindled souls have intended the place of sacrifice and offered up their lives! However, the unjust servants have veiled the high and most exalted stations of these souls through the veils of self and desire. Glory be to God! What has become of justice and fairness? Where have hearing and sight gone? O Abraham! The first sacrifice attained to sacrifice and returned to his place, but in this Revelation all have achieved the most great martyrdom. Say: O people! Observe with divine vision and hearken with true hearing, that perchance ye may attain unto that which hath no likeness or peer. Ask of God that He may aid His servants to that which beseemeth them, and adorn the people of the world with the light of detachment and the raiment of godliness. He is powerful and mighty. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Praise be to God! That soul hath attained to recognition and likewise to serving the servants in the path of God - servants who have detached themselves from the world and clung to the horizon of Revelation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath aided and will aid the friends of God in His earth and His trusted ones in His lands. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Most High Horizon and believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O loved ones of God in the Most Great and Most Glorious House! O companions of the House! Hearken to the call of your All-Forgiving Lord from this Manifestation, whereby darkness was illumined and the horizons were brightened. By My life! You have become inhabited through what befell you in the path of God, your Lord, the Master of all necks. How many buildings are followed by ruin, but what was built for you through what you bore in My love shall not be followed by extinction nor destroyed by waters. Thus was the matter decreed from the presence of the Cleaver of the dawn. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Our servant Muhammad who attained to recognition on a day when faces turned black and eyes were frozen, that the breezes of revelation might attract him and the wine of the All-Merciful might intoxicate him in such wise that he would speak the praise of his Lord amidst all possibilities. Blessed art

thou for having borne hardships in thy Lord's path and for having inhabited the house of the heart with this remembrance which God hath made the sovereign of all remembrances. What befell Us hath befallen thee. Blessed are We and thou and every steadfast and patient believer in tribulation. The countenance of Baha hath shone forth and from the horizon of prison and destiny hath dawned in such wise that the earths and heavens were illumined thereby. O Muhammad! Illumine hearts with the remembrance of the Beloved and faces with the name of thy Lord, the Master of creation. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and adorn the head of each one with the crown of the remembrance of their Lord, the Subjugator of the winds. When your eyes are solaced by the breezes of the Tablet, turn your faces toward the prison and say: We bear witness unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, that Thou hast borne for the life of the world what none bore before. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to Thee, and woe unto every polytheist and doubter. How can we dwell in the House while Thou art imprisoned in the most ruined of houses? May the House be sacrificed for Thee, O Dawning-Place of the Manifestation! May our souls be sacrificed for Thee, O Lord of the servants! Thus have We cast upon you verses whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused throughout all lands. It behooveth every soul to inhale it and say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in prison while I was in the hands of the oppressors. And upon you be glory from the presence of the Master of all necks.

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In My Name, the Speaker among the parties! O chosen ones of God and His loved ones! Know ye with clear certitude that whatsoever befalleth you of adversity and tribulation, or aught else, hath been and remains the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God, despite every aggressive transgressor and every heedless doubter. None hath been or is capable of extinguishing the light of God's Word. Abasement in His path is manifest glory, and poverty in His love is evident wealth. Reflect upon the most mighty brother - the Word of God so seized him that from his movements and stillness fruits and effects became manifest. He was a tree bearing fruits, and a Lote-Tree bearing praise and remembrance.

O My loved ones in Taft! Recognize the exalted station and make mention of it through that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who loved him and made mention of him before and after his ascension. When he attained unto the Divine Scroll, the gate of knowledge was opened and the light of steadfastness encompassed him, such that in his every word influence was manifest. By the life of God! The wine of My utterance so seized him that neither the veils of the wicked nor the coverings of the evil ones prevented him, nor did the armies and hosts of the earth frighten him. He spoke that which he was commanded before all faces. Glorified be He Who caused him to speak, made him to know, and drew him nigh unto Him. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

All the kindred in the Most Great Prison are mentioned before the face of the Wronged One. The sincere ones shall soon behold outwardly that which hath been ordained for him by God's will, the Mighty, the Great.

O Muhammad-Husayn! We beseech God that He may aid thee to illumine and adorn the people of the world through wisdom and utterance with the light of true oneness and the effulgences of the Luminary

of inner meaning. Verily, He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth and withholdeth. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who heard the Call and said: “Yea, yea, O Lord of all beings!” and “Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of the hearts of the knowers and Goal of them that are nigh!”

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20. He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Wise.

O My handmaiden adorned with the ornament of My love! Happy art thou and that handmaiden who hath attained My days, turned toward My face, and answered when My call was uplifted; who was blessed with My remembrance when other maidservants turned against Me; who hath testified to that which My tongue hath declared and acknowledged what hath been sent down in My Book.

O My handmaiden! Let not grief overwhelm thee on account of that which hath occurred in the early days of our arrival in this prison. We have sacrificed Mihdi for a purpose inscrutable to all save God. That branch offered up his soul in the flower of his youth and with the utmost joy and gladness he hastened to the realm beyond. Every soul that departeth from this world with the love of God in his heart is and hath ever been the possessor of all good. If this be attained by virtue of the verses of the Pen of the Most High, this is a gift eternal and a grace everlasting. Praise be to God that he attained unto that to which nothing else can compare.

Today, because of the lack of capacity of the people of the world, the station of the Word of God is concealed. I swear by the waves of the ocean of God’s utterance, O My handmaiden, that a single word thereof excelleth whatsoever is now evident in the world of being. How many princes of the earth and queens of the world have passed away, yearning to hear these words: “O My servant” or “O My maidservant,” but they heard them not. As An?ari says:

O my God! If but once Thou sayest: “My servant,”

By the Throne my laughter will pass.

Since thou hast attained this time and again, be full of joy.

God, glorified be His glory, is faithful, and He received His trust with joy and gladness. What occurred was in accordance with the exigencies of consummate wisdom. Be thou patient, therefore, for, verily, thy Lord is the Most Patient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and He shall not delay the recompense of those who endure with patience. We send praise to all the maidservants of that land and exhort them to be steadfast in His Cause.

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In the Name of the One Beloved! O My handmaiden and My leaf! Some time ago mention of thee was made from the Tongue of Grandeur. Today, whosoever attaineth unto a single word of the divine utterances hath attained an everlasting station and an eternal rank in the sight of God. That word is a hidden treasure with the True Trustee. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto this most exalted station, and blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto this most glorious rank, and blessed is the tree and the leaf that hath been adorned with the fruits of His good-pleasure and concerning which the word of His good-pleasure hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Horizon.

O My handmaiden! Mention of thy deed became the cause of the revelation of a second Tablet, that thou mayest know with clear certitude that thy deed hath been accepted and bestowed upon souls who were truly deserving. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath performed in the path of God that which she was bidden in His perspicuous Book. And thou, praise be to God, hast attained, and the word of acceptance hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty addressed to thy name. The first Tablet remaineth preserved with the one who delivered it and is trustworthy.

Convey My greetings to all the leaves of that household. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of steadfastness and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the One Who answereth prayers.

Reflect upon the favors of God. Although outwardly at the time of death the wealthy one did not attain unto faith, yet due to thy connection with him, his cry was answered and a portion of his wealth attained unto acceptance by God. We therefore hope that His all-embracing mercy may take hold of him, and we beseech God to guide the mother, that she may drink from the Salsabil of His bounty. His grace is mighty and His bestowal great. We beseech Him to aid His male and female servants to turn unto Him and to act in accordance with that which they have been bidden. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon all who are in the household, from God, the All-Possessing, the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the All-Generous.

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O My handmaiden and My leaf! The Trusted One hath appeared before the Wronged One and made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. These days are the days of God, and the divine Books speak of their mention and station. He saith unto Moses: “Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God.” Likewise do the previous Books call out with the most exalted call and summon the people of the earth to the Dayspring of Revelation and the Speaker on Sinai. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. The kings and princesses of the earth have not attained unto “O My servant” and “O My handmaiden”, while thou hast attained unto “O My handmaiden” and “O My leaf”. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

We make mention of Malik Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath drunk from the Kawthar of recognition and received his portion of the choice sealed wine. His visitation hath been

accepted and his desire hath attained unto the glory of God's good-pleasure. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions and at all times and to make him steadfast in His Cause. O Malik Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He mentioneth thee at this time as a mercy from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy deed and what thou didst send by the hand of My Afnan and My Trusted One hath been accepted. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. Blessed art thou and thy wife. We have made mention of her in a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of her Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. Give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her. Thy Lord is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of Siyyid Qabl-Rida. We beseech God to gather him in the most exalted Paradise with the sincere ones and those brought nigh. His mention hath been accepted by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory of God be upon you, O My servants and handmaidens, and upon those whom nothing hath prevented from holding fast unto this mighty announcement. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In My Name, the Summoner between earth and heaven! O My trustees in the lands and My chosen ones among the servants! Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness. In the days when the darkness of fear had seized all, this Wronged One stood forth and spoke before the faces of the princes and divines of Iran. The friends and loved ones would lament day and night for this Wronged One, for the enemies were beyond counting and their chief was an oppressive and proud man. The heedlessness of pride had so seized him that he saw none but himself, and through various plots and schemes he lay in wait for a time when he could snatch the Ancient Beauty from the earth. But God, through His sovereignty, prevented him and, through His power, banished him, and through His will manifested what He wished and desired. He is the One around Whom circle power and might and grandeur and authority. And when the light of the Word shone forth, the essence of tyranny emerged from behind the veil with the swords of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and wrought that which caused the Tablet and the Pen to weep, and tears to flow from the Divine Eye. From the earliest days We have been under the rule of the oppressors, but in the Most Great Prison His Majesty the King, Sultan Abdul-Hamid Khan - may God strengthen him - has acted with kindness and compassion toward this Wronged One. In truth, in his days justice was gladdened and tyranny was concealed. Glory be unto Him Who strengthened him and seated him upon the throne of justice and fairness. He is, verily, the Lord of bounties and favors. O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! Praise the Goal of the world Who remembers thee in the Most Great Prison. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Glory! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to ordain for me that which will make me a banner of Thy Name amongst Thy servants. Then open before my face the door of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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O leaf who art related to My name “Beauty”! The wronged One hath heard of thy sorrow and what hath befallen thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein every deed is weighed in the balance of thy Lord, and this is a Day wherein the earth and the mountains and the seas and the trees speak forth. Let not the happenings of the world sadden thee. Make thy joy and happiness to consist in the grace of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Be not grieved at the loss of children. God willing, He will bestow His grace. He is, verily, the Generous, the Bountiful. Whatsoever appeareth hath not been, and is not, outside of divine wisdom. The people of insight and understanding have borne and do bear witness to this truth. Today thou art blessed with something that is seen to be more distinguished and more faithful than a hundred thousand children. Today is different from other days. Every soul who hath drunk even a drop from the Kawthar of knowledge doth acknowledge that which the Pen of God hath acknowledged. Children are for the preservation of remembrance and good deeds and the perpetuation of name and the like. And if God, exalted be His glory, should bestow His grace and that child should also be adorned with the ornament of worthiness and humanity and righteousness, his remembrance would still, with the passage of time, soon come to an end. But the mention of the Most Exalted Pen endureth, through the duration of the Most Beautiful Names. Hold fast unto this, if thou be of the people of Baha. Better than what thou hast, and more exalted than that, is with thee, but thou art unaware of it. If thou shouldst become aware of it, God willing, thou shalt attain unto the most great joy and supreme happiness. Thus hath My Pen spoken, as a grace unto My name. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the inheritors of Thy Kingdom and the guardians of the House of Thy Cause to ordain for me an heir who shall inherit from me through Thy bounty and favors. Thou art, verily, the Best of inheritors. Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics and Goal of the worlds and Glory of the hearts of the sincere ones.

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=== START BH03416 ===

O Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Faithful Speaker!

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and convey unto the people that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty and bestowal, that perchance they may cast away what they possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and may take fast hold of the cord of God’s loving providence, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not every rejected transgressor and every veiled heedless one. Say: Hear ye the counsel of the Wronged One and ponder, that haply ye may not be deprived of the ocean of utterance in the Divine Day. Reflect upon the turning away of the divines of the former Faith and their followers. What was the cause that all were deprived on the Day of His Manifestation, and were forbidden from Him Whom they had sought with humility and supplication in the nights and days, nay more, issued the verdict for and carried out the shedding of His most pure blood? The cause of this loss and the reason for this ruination was that they regarded not His signs and verses with their own hearing and sight, but were captive to the idle fancies of the former divines. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God. Behold His signs with His eye, then hear His verses with His ear. By the life of God! Had there been a soul worthy of mention, this Wronged One would not have borne the

tribulations of the world for the sake of manifesting the Cause. Where, at last, hath fairness gone, and what hath become of justice? Through a brackish drop they deprived themselves of the Euphrates of mercy and were forbidden from the ocean of bounty. With the hand of power, rend ye asunder the veils, that perchance ye may attain unto the splendors of the light of the Day of God. The former people clung to names and were deprived of their Owner. Ye too have followed that people and count yourselves among the people of the Bayan. Say: We bear witness that the Bayan is innocent of you and of what ye say and do. Hear ye My counsel, then return unto God. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

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=== START BH03417 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O thou who art wronged! We have heard how thou hast praised God, and how thou hast called upon God, and how thou hast communed with God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, and He is the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Informed. With Him is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Let not the oppression of princes grieve thee. Be patient even as thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, was patient. We were with thee and heard what thou didst speak concerning God, and We saw what befell thee in the path of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Loving. Grief lieth not in what befalleth bodies, but in what befalleth spirits from those who speak according to their desires and claim what God hath not permitted them in His guarded Book. They are those who profess faith in God in the morning, yet in the evening deny the Lord of the seen and unseen. Grieve not because of imprisonment. Know thou its station. God hath made it the Most Exalted Paradise for thee and for those with thee among the people of Baha, and a prison for those with thee who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He believed in God, then disbelieved and denied after having confessed. Thy Lord beareth witness to this in this praiseworthy station. He will deliver thee and He will save thee, as a grace from His presence. He is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Adorn thyself, adorn thyself, O Beauty! Be patient, be patient. The ultimate victory belongeth to those who were patient in God and followed His forbidden path. Look not at the people and their oppression, but at the mercy of God which hath preceded all who are in existence. Then act according to what We have commanded thee, and forget not what We caused thee to hear through the tongue of might and power when thou wert standing before the Throne, nor what We counseled thee therewith. This is verily the wisdom sent down in Our preserved Book. None may speak concerning thee except with kindness. Thus hath the matter been decreed aforetime and in this blessed hour. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee in God, the Revealer of this spread parchment.

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The Most Holy, The Most Great, The Most Glorious

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. When thou attainest unto it, arise and take it with the hand of submission, then inhale from it the sweet-scented fragrances of the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Then turn with thy heart toward the Most Great Scene, this Spot wherein hath been established the throne of the Lord of Destiny. Say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me and turned me toward the direction of Thy gifts and favors. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth, to grant me from the cups of Thy bounty that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy remembrance amidst Thy creatures. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. Look upon me with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, then make me one who is assisted to accomplish what Thou hast desired in Thy Tablets, in such wise that I desire naught save what Thou hast desired and seek naught except what Thou hast decreed, to the extent that I behold my will as extinct within Thy will and my desire within what Thou hast willed and dost will. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O my Lord! Draw me by the breezes of Thy days that the wine of the Kawthar of Thy favors may so intoxicate me that I turn neither to the right nor to the left, and remain at all times gazing upon the Beauty that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Name, the All-Merciful. Thou art He before Whose power and sovereignty all things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and might every matter hath submitted. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou givest unto whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou willest. All good is within Thy grasp and in Thy handful. The oppression of the oppressors cannot prevent Thee from what Thou desirest, nor can the veils of them that have disbelieved hide Thee. Assist me, O Thou through Whom the sincere ones have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and reunion, and the hearts of the devoted ones have been consumed in their remoteness and separation from Thee. Ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the All-Giving, the Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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=== START BH03419 ===

He is the Consoler, the Comforter, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O thou who gazest upon the Face and art present before the Gate! Although this new affliction hath outwardly caused grief, yet since she hath ascended in these days and her mention floweth from pen and tongue, these two bounties shall cause the grief to vanish and shall guide thee to patience and tranquility, which are the characteristics of the loved ones of God. Death and life are two gates for the manifestation of divine grace, bounty and mercy. Today is the day of bounty, mercy and generosity. Assuredly the sprinklings of the ocean of mercy shall embrace her, and in this moment He maketh mention of her with these wondrous and sublime remembrances. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired to make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf with a remembrance whose fragrance shall never be cut off nor shall it be effaced, through the eternity of God's kingdom, the Lord of all worlds. The first light that shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's bounty and the first splendor that dawned and gleamed upon thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf! I testify that thou didst attain unto that

which was inscribed in the Tablet, and didst hear the Call, and didst drink the choice wine of understanding from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst turn toward the prison after the turning away of all who are on earth save those whom God did desire, the Lord of the mighty throne. And We bear witness that thou wast present and didst hear the Call from the supreme horizon. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times mercy from His presence and light from His own Self and bounty from His side. Verily He is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon thee, O handmaiden of God, and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. And We beseech God to adorn the temples of His loved ones in this affliction with the ornament of patience and fortitude. Verily He is the Most Patient and hath commanded all to beautiful patience. We beseech God to assist all to read what hath been revealed for thee on this glorious and wondrous day.

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=== START BH03420 ===

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Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity.

Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face.

Be a treasure to the poor, an admonisher to the rich, an answerer of the cry of the needy, a preserver of the sanctity of thy pledge. Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech.

Be unjust to no man, and show all meekness to all men. Be as a lamp unto them that walk in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, an upholder and defender of the victim of oppression. Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts.

Be a home for the stranger, a balm to the suffering, a tower of strength for the fugitive.

Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring.

Be an ornament to the countenance of truth, a crown to the brow of fidelity, a pillar of the temple of righteousness, a breath of life to the body of mankind, an ensign of the hosts of justice, a luminary above the horizon of virtue, a dew to the soil of the human heart, an ark on the ocean of knowledge, a sun in the heaven of bounty, a gem on the diadem of wisdom, a shining light in the firmament of thy generation, a fruit upon the tree of humility.

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=== START BH03421 ===

LXVIII

O thou who art the fruit of My Tree and the leaf thereof! On thee be My glory and My mercy.

Let not thine heart grieve over what hath befallen thee. Wert thou to scan the pages of the Book of Life, thou wouldst, most certainly, discover that which would dissipate thy sorrows and dissolve thine anguish.

Know thou, O fruit of My Tree, that the decrees of the Sovereign Ordainer, as related to fate and predestination, are of two kinds. Both are to be obeyed and accepted. The one is irrevocable, the other is, as termed by men, impending. To the former all must unreservedly submit, inasmuch as it is fixed and settled. God, however, is able to alter or repeal it. As the harm that must result from such a change will be greater than if the decree had remained unaltered, all, therefore, should willingly acquiesce in what God hath willed and confidently abide by the same.

The decree that is impending, however, is such that prayer and entreaty can succeed in averting it.

God grant that thou who art the fruit of My Tree, and they that are associated with thee, may be shielded from its evil consequences.

Say: O God, my God! Thou hast committed into mine hands a trust from Thee, and hast now according to the good-pleasure of Thy Will called it back to Thyself. It is not for me, who am a handmaid of Thine, to say, whence is this to me or wherefore hath it happened, inasmuch as Thou art glorified in all Thine acts, and art to be obeyed in Thy decree.

Thine handmaid, O my Lord, hath set her hopes on Thy grace and bounty. Grant that she may obtain that which will draw her nigh unto Thee, and will profit her in every world of Thine. Thou art the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

Vouchsafe Thy blessings, O Lord, my God, unto them that have quaffed the wine of Thy love before the face of men, and, in spite of Thine enemies, have acknowledged Thy unity, testified to Thy oneness, and confessed their belief in that which hath made the limbs of the oppressors among Thy creatures to quake, and the flesh of the proud ones of the earth to tremble. I bear witness that Thy Sovereignty can never perish, not Thy Will be altered. Ordain for them that have set their faces towards Thee, and for Thine handmaids that have held fast by Thy Cord, that which beseemeth the Ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace.

Thou art He, O God, Who hath proclaimed Himself as the Lord of Wealth, and characterized all that serve Him as poor and needy. Even as Thou hast written: “O ye that believe! Ye are but paupers in need of God; but God is the All-Possessing, the All-Praised.” Having acknowledged my poverty, and recognized Thy wealth, suffer me not to be deprived of the glory of Thy riches. Thou art, verily, the Supreme Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Jalal! In the name of the All-Seeing Speaker! O Jalal! With a hundred thousand tongues must one render thanks to the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that He brought thee from nothingness into being and enabled thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, in a Day when most souls were observed to be deprived of the understanding of the Sun of inner meanings.

Know thou the worth of this most exalted, most sublime station, and act in accordance with that which befitteth and beseemeth the Day of God. Blessed is he who hath held fast to My Book and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the All-Knowing Judge. Convey to all the loved ones of God who dwell in that land the greetings of the True One, and say: The call of all hath been heard, and mention of all hath been made and hath flowed from the tongue of the Wronged One. God willing, all must be seen as having perished from their own will and desire, and become possessed of the Will and Purpose of God. Blessed is he who is moved by the will of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know ye the worth of this blessed Day, and in the nights and days be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. This is the most great bounty that hath appeared from the Most Exalted Pen. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Beware lest anything withhold you from God, the Lord of the worlds. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and place your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Should some cawing one come to you with satanic tidings, leave him behind you, as bidden by God, the Mighty, the Wise. All must remain steadfast and firm in the Cause of the Beloved of all possibility with the utmost joy and fragrance, in such wise that the opposition and objection of the people of the world shall not debar them from the straight path. Strive ye, that ye may attain unto that which is the cause of the perpetuation of remembrance. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His loved ones. O Jalal! Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, speaking His praise, soaring in the atmosphere of His love, and acting according to that which hath been sent down in My Wise Book. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the world behind their backs and taken hold of that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

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=== START BH03423 ===

O spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Muhammad Rida - upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] - may he take note:

O beloved of my heart and one who gazes upon the countenance of my Beloved! Blessed art thou, then glad tidings unto thee for having attained to the mention of the Desired One. By the life of God! All that hath been created in existence, both seen and unseen, cannot equal it. Praise be to God that thou hast been mentioned in the Most Great Scene and the Most Pure Tongue hath spoken thy praise. This bounty hath had and shall have no likeness or parallel.

O my beloved! Thy letter which thou hadst previously sent reached this evanescent servant. The sorrows of thy heart caused infinite grief. And that until now there hath been delay in responding - I swear by God, our Lord, the All-Merciful, that this was not due to forgetfulness. Night and day I have been beseeching and hoping from God - exalted be His glory - and waiting that He might manifest from His all-embracing bounty concerning thee that which would bring joy, delight and gladness to thy heart. Until on this blessed night it was presented before Him and once again the extent of thy sorrows and cares was laid before Him. After this presentation, there appeared from the horizon of grace that which would transform the grief of all the worlds into manifest joy. Therefore we say unto thee: Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Bestower of bounty upon the worlds!

God willing, after beholding these holy and blessed words thou wilt transform grief into joy and care into delight and gladness, and with utmost joy and gladness thou wilt pass thy days in the remembrance and praise of God. After these utterances shining forth from the ocean of meanings, the mention of this evanescent one is in truth evanescent and non-existent and shall ever be so. Light and mercy and radiance and honor be upon thee and thy family and all that God hath given thee through His grace. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve thee and them from every tribulation and calamity and to guard you through His bounty and generosity. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

The Servant

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=== START BH03424 ===

He is the All-Knowing, Speaking Witness

O Husayn! The story of Husayn has returned. In the midst of tribulation, he calls those in the kingdom of creation to God, the Lord of the worlds. He calls out among the serpents of the earth - to this testifies he who has been given knowledge from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is the Day of which God's Messengers have previously informed, and of whose praise every insightful scholar has spoken. This is the Day which the Bayan foretold, and before it the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great. But when He appeared in truth and the Promised One came, all in the world turned away except those who came before the All-Merciful with illumined hearts. The entire world awaited this most mighty, most holy Day, but when the appointed time arrived and the Source of verses was made manifest from the Dayspring of Will, all turned away save whom thy Lord wished. Such is the condition of the servants on the Day of Return. All were created for this Cause, yet they remain heedless of it. Soon shall these days end and all things pass away, and they shall find themselves in grievous regret and manifest loss. This is a Day wherein every soul is able to gain possession of that which will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that the divine word which has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is an everlasting treasure for the servants. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe unto those who turn away. God willing, through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, thou shalt gain possession of that which neither perisheth nor changeth through centuries and ages. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through grace, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. Know thou the station of what hath been revealed for thee. By the life of God! Nothing can equal it, wert thou of them that know. We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee from its Most Great Prison. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained this mighty, glorious station.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Salman! Upon thee be the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful. Thou hast ever been the recipient of the favors of the Most Exalted Pen. At this time a letter from thee hath been presented to the Wronged One through Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and the glances of His loving-kindness are directed towards it. We beseech God to aid and assist thee to serve His Cause and His loved ones. Though thy journey this time hath been postponed, yet whatsoever occurreth according to the requirements of God's consummate wisdom hath been and ever will be well-pleasing. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon. Detached from all else, meet the friends of God in every city and region. Give them the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. All have been and are remembered. They must strive for unity and harmony, and not occupy themselves with these fleeting days more than is necessary. Let them sometimes spend their days preparing for the countless worlds to come. Convey My greetings to Kazim of Na?irabad, upon him be the Glory of God. We have previously mentioned him in terms that nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: My God, my God! My liver is melted through Thy love, my joints are severed in separation from Thee, my tears flow in my estrangement from Thee, and my sighs ascend in my remoteness from the court of Thy glory. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Immortality, Who art seated upon the throne of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth,' by the lights of Thy countenance, the manifestations of Thy bounty and generosity, and the waves of the ocean of Thy bestowals, to make me steadfast in Thy service and speaking in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Praise be to Thee, O our Mighty God! I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of meeting Thee and the outpourings of Thy days. Verily Thou art He Who hath named Thyself the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Generous, and verily Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is the One manifest above all things! O 'Abd-Qabil-Husayn! This is the Day which hath been mentioned and recorded in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures as the Day of God. All those who are nigh unto God, the believers in divine unity, and indeed all the peoples of the world, have awaited this most mighty, most holy Day. Yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God - exalted be His glory - all were found heedless and veiled, save those souls who freed themselves from idle fancies and vain imaginings and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! Today the ocean of grace is surging and the straight path is clear and evident. How blessed is the state of those whom neither the doubts of the divines, nor the intimations of the mystics, nor the might of rulers hath withheld from the Lord of all names. Whosoever hath on this Day attained unto the divine Word hath attained unto all good. Blessed is the soul at whose mention My Most Exalted Pen hath moved, and woe unto the heedless! For the sake of fleeting days they have turned away from the immortal Kingdom of God. By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings! Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in this Clear Book, for nothing among all things can equal it - to this doth the Lord of all creation bear witness on this luminous night. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have observed thy devotion and made mention of thee in such wise as shall never

come to an end, enduring as the most beautiful names of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Hold fast to the cord of His grace and be thou of those who are steadfast. At the end of this Book We counsel thee to manifest the utmost steadfastness, for Satan calleth from behind the All-Merciful throughout all creation. This is what We have previously informed the servants of, and in this wondrous Tablet. Strive thou in thy days that there may appear from thee that whereby thy mention shall endure in the Book of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey unto the people with wisdom and utterance, that they may forsake what they possess and take hold of that which they have been commanded by One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation in the name of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O ’Ata! My bounty hath come from the heaven of My kingdom and the Kawthar of My presence hath flowed from the fountainhead of My Pen. Say: In the name of God and by God, then take it with the hand of submission and drink thereof through My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of the Call. Fear ye God and be not of the silent ones. By God! The Mother Book speaketh before your faces, yet ye are heedless. He Who caused you to hear the Call of God and showed you His luminous horizon hath come. Say:

My God, my God! Thy most sweet call hath set me ablaze, and separation from Thee, O Lord of all beings, hath caused my death. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation which Thou hast made the water of life for all created things, and by the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the fruits of the Sadratul-Muntaha, to make me strong through Thy strength and powerful through Thy power, such that the hosts of the earth shall not prevent me from turning to Thyself nor from beholding the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and circling round Thee. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy countenance, and ordain through Thy bounty that which shall be a light unto me in every world of Thy worlds. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Command whereby the staff overcame the swords of mankind and whereby Thou didst deliver Thy Moses from the dawning-places of hatred, to write down for me from the Pen of Thy grace that which shall be a treasure for me with Thee. Then enable me, O Thou Goal of the world and Object of worship of the nations, to arise to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Ata! The Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee to teach His Cause and to make mention of Him and praise Him with wisdom and utterance. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure for thee that which hath been sent down from the presence of One powerful and ancient. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of the divines have not withheld from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH03428 ===

In the name of the one incomparable Lord, the All-Knowing! O Ali! The Divine Lote-Tree in the highest Paradise crieth out with this most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud with the most great Call: Come ye and draw nigh, O people, and be not of the heedless ones! This Call is most loud, yet the ears of the world are debarred therefrom. The recompense of their deeds hath deprived all, save whom God willeth. Today from the waves of the ocean of knowledge, and the rustling of the Tree of divine wisdom, and the murmuring of the waters of life, the word "The Truth hath come" is heard. We beseech God to assist His servants and guide them to the straight path. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. This Wronged One hath, for the sake of God, accepted the harm of the world for the exaltation of His Word and the revelation of His Cause, until the banner "Verily He is God" was raised by the hand of might to its loftiest station, and the standard "He doeth what He willeth" was planted in the Most Great Prison. Now certain ignorant ones among the people of the Bayan who count themselves among its adherents have arisen in opposition. We beseech God, exalted be He, to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth and doeth what He pleaseth. Mention of you hath been made before the Wronged One, therefore this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will as a token of grace and bounty, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. By Thy might, O Desire of the world and Adored One of the nations! My heart findeth no rest save in Thy remembrance and praise, and my soul no tranquility except in the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope raised toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and the eye of supplication fixed upon the horizon of Thy generosity and favor. I beseech Thee, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy mercy, to ordain that I may in all circumstances stand firm in Thy service and speak forth Thy praise amongst Thy creatures with wisdom and eloquence. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bestower.

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=== START BH03429 ===

O Ghulam-Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God, of the people of Sad - He is the All-Seeing Witness

O Ghulam-Qubl-Husayn! Your letter was received and from it We perceived the fragrance of your turning and devotion to the Most Exalted Horizon, and your recognition of the Most Great Word through which every wise matter hath been revealed. We make mention of you and those who have believed. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One. The Wronged One hath confined matters to the mention of God and His loved ones, such that the scratching of His Pen hath never ceased from the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity from His luminous horizon. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought the most exalted homeland, and the thirsty one who hath hastened to the ocean of his Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and called all unto the All-Informed One. Among the people are those who believed then denied, and among them are those who turned away when they heard the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We counsel all to that whereby the Cause of God and His sovereignty may be exalted, and We aid those who act according to that which they have been commanded in the Book from the presence of an Ancient Commander.

God willing, thou shalt attain unto the reading of the divine verses and remain steadfast in His Cause, in such wise that the Gog of self and Magog of passion - meaning heedless souls - shall not prevent thee from the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness. O Ghulam-Qubl-Husayn! Blessed is the day in which thou wert born, and blessed is the day in which thou didst attain unto this Cause. By the life of God! Those souls who today are firm in the truth are the cause of bounty and blessing to the people of the earth. Although these stations are concealed today, yet they shall assuredly become manifest and evident in the earth. Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who assisted thee and made mention of thee with these sublime words. He is the Powerful, the All-Encompassing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Surrounding.

The chalice of the grace of God, exalted be His glory, appeareth and is made manifest successively. God willing, all shall be enabled to partake thereof.

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O Lutfullah! Your name has been mentioned before Us and We have turned toward you from this Scene that you may become aware through your Lord's loving-kindness toward you and be among those who attain. We have mentioned your name again as a token of Our grace - hearken with the ear of thy heart and inscribe the verses of thy Lord upon the tablet of thy breast. They will protect thee from those who have denied God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou assured of God's grace - verily He forgets not those servants who have turned toward Him and remembers them as He remembered before. He is indeed the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Thy father attained the presence of the Countenance and won the meeting with his Lord. The grace of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, has preceded. Then know that in this land a fire lies concealed - We do not wish to mention it. Soon its flames will become manifest. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It is not for anyone to turn toward this Scene. It behooveth every soul to be content with the good-pleasure of his Lord and follow the command of his Master with manifest joy. We inscribe for one who has sought his Lord with pure sincerity the reward of those who have attained His presence, for this is a Day whereon mercy has encompassed all things, the banner of grace has been raised, and the standards of bounty have been planted. Blessed is he who has recognized the value of these days and who has drunk therefrom the living waters in the name of his Lord, the Most Merciful. He is assuredly among those who have attained, he is assuredly among those who have arrived. O Hassan! Upon you be the mercy of God and His remembrance, and the loving-kindness of God and His grace. Rejoice in His loving-kindness toward you, then remember Him at all times. O Hassan! We have heard the call of Baqir which was mentioned in thy letter. Convey My greetings to him. Say: Excellent is what thou hast mentioned. He is the Helper of whosoever desires and the Succourer of whosoever wills. Grieve not at the separation. Be content with what We have ordained and be of those who rejoice. We decree naught except with wisdom and We desire naught save what is best for Our loved ones. It behooveth every soul to be content with the decree of his Lord and to be of those who are thankful.

=== END BH03431 ===

=== START BH03432 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

O thou who art beloved of my heart, remembered in my soul, enkindled with the fire of the love of my Lord, speaking His praise and glorification, and arising to serve His Cause! I swear by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the most exalted horizon of the world that thy mention is remembered, thy effort appreciated, and thy deed accepted. Thy flame ever appeareth manifest and evident before the face of the Ancient King. A hundred thousand blessings and felicitations be upon that honored one, for he hath attained unto that which hath repeatedly been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of the nations, for having manifested from among Thy Afnan one who hath clung to Thy Tree with such firmness that neither all that is in the world nor what is possessed by the peoples can sever him therefrom. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all that was and shall be, to ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth Thy grace and bounty. Though I acknowledge, O my God, that my station doth not warrant his mention, for Thou hast related him unto Thyself and remembered him in such wise as none knoweth save Thyself, yet since Thou hast commanded me to love and mention Thy Afnan, I have mentioned him according to my station and capacity. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to accept what my tongue hath uttered concerning them. Verily Thou art the Almighty Who disappointeth not the petitioners. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Lord! Send Thy blessings upon him and upon those who are with him and who love him for Thy sake. There is no God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the Almighty, the Powerful.

He is the Confirmer

The letter from His Honor Afnan M.H. 92 [Muhammad], son of His Honor Afnan whom God hath made the manifestation of His dignity amongst His servants, together with one hundred liras, reached the servant in the prison. Likewise, all that His Honor the Revered One, upon whom be the Most Glorious Glory of God, had sent in previous years - both the cloth and other items including the carpet - all arrived in the honored month of Sha'ban 1303.

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O Muhammad! Make your ear ready to hearken unto the call of the One, the Single, and your hem extended to receive the pearls of wisdom and utterance which are cast upon you from the sea of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus does the Wronged One command you from the prison precinct, that you may be of them that act. If you were to discover the fragrance of loving-kindness and favor, you would arise and say: "Thine be the praise, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the grace, O Dawning-Place of Justice, and Thine be the glory, O Lord of all things, and Thine be the bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

He who bears My name hath appeared before Us, and We make mention of thee through this perspicuous Tablet which summoneth the world with the most exalted call and guideth them to My straight path. We make mention also of My loved ones there who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and have cast behind them idle fancies and vain imaginings on this Day whereon the All-Merciful hath seated Himself upon the throne of His mighty Name.

O people of God! Know your stations and follow not every ignorant remote one and every iniquitous doubter. This is the Day wherein We have revealed the treasures of inner meanings and utterance and have summoned all unto the All-Knowing One. Among the people are they who have hearkened, heard and hastened, and among them are they who have shown pride before God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O people of Kaf! Beware lest ye follow your divines who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament and have pronounced judgment against Him through an injustice that hath rent asunder the heaven of equity and justice. To this beareth witness every discerning scholar. By God! The horizon of possibility hath been illumined by the Luminary of certitude, were ye of them that know. Say: Behold, behold, the ocean is before your faces - advance toward it and follow not every ignorant remote one. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean revealed the pearls of divine knowledge from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee in this Mighty Announcement and this firm, unshakeable Cause.

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=== START BH03434 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance. O Muhammad-Before-'Ali! Your petition reached the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, you have drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of the Goal of all worlds and attained unto the knowledge of God, which is the first cause and greatest reason for the appearance of contingent beings and the manifestation of created things. Your prose and verse were present before Us and the glance of favor was directed toward them. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! The Cause is mighty. In the first step, each of the loved ones who intends the supreme horizon must act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan and hold fast to it - His exalted Word: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses." And in the second step, with the tongue of nature, turning toward the Kaaba of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, they must utter this blessed word: "I have abandoned the religion of a people who believe not in God and who deny the Hereafter." We hope that those who seek the ultimate goal and supreme summit will ascend from the realm of names by the ladder of detachment and attain to the heaven of inner meanings. When the attraction of the Call from the Supreme Horizon takes hold of thee, say: "O Creator of heaven and God of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst revive all who are in earth and heaven, and by Thy Command through which Thou didst unite all peoples, to make me detached from all else save Thee and steadfast in Thy love, in such wise that names may not prevent me from turning to the court of Thy holiness and entering the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for me in all conditions that which will draw me nearer unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted." We convey greetings to the loved

ones and command them to the supreme steadfastness. We beseech God to assist them in what He loveth and pleaseth and to make them among those whom neither the might of the servants nor their strength and power hath prevented from turning toward God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Speaker! O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Upon thee be the peace of God and His care, and the Glory of God and His mercy! Praise be to God that thou didst arrive in the Most Great Prison and didst attain the presence of the Wronged One in thy comings and goings. And now, by leave and will, thou hast decided to return. Praise the Desired One of the worlds that thou hast attained to that which most are heedless of. Convey greetings and salutations to the friends of God, exalted be His glory. Say: The Wronged One of 'Akka counseleth all to fear God and to that which exalteth the station of man. The true Law of God consisteth in such matters and deeds as are the cause and source of the manifestations of human stations. This is the good that hath been enjoined in all the Books of God, exalted be His glory, and whatsoever is contrary to this station is accounted as evil and must needs be shunned. If thou attainest the presence of the two Names, namely Jamal and Zayn, stand thou before their faces and convey greetings from the Wronged One unto them. Similarly, give thou glad-tidings to the friends of that land through the remembrance of this Wronged One - all are remembered by Him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them, draw them nigh and acquaint them with that which beseemeth them. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Some of the friends who are engaged in serving the Cause and are adorned with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are in truth among the pillars and chosen ones of the earth. The outpourings of divine mercy have been and continue to be especially destined for such souls. Convey greetings to the captives of that land, whether young or old, male or female. In these days the letter of Jinab-i-Zayn and Jinab-i-Mirza 'Abdu'llah was mentioned by this servant in the presence. God willing, a reply will be sent. We beseech God to grant them that which will draw them near unto Him in all His worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Peace and Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them by God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the All-Loving, the All-Bountiful

O Muhammad! O thou who hast turned thy face toward My horizon and hast expended what thou hadst in search of My good-pleasure! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee with that which shall draw thee to a station wherein the sorrows of the world and its conditions and its intimations and its manifestations shall not affect thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Forgiving. Blessed be thy face, for it hath turned toward Him, and thy heart, for it hath attained unto the ornament of the love of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have known thy sorrow and witnessed thy grief at what hath befallen thee through the decree of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We counsel thee to

patience and forbearance. By the life of God! He is in a station wherein hearts rejoice and eyes are gladdened. Were the world to possess any worth in thy Lord's estimation, He would not have left it to His loved ones. To this testifieth the Preserved Tablet in His presence. We have desired to make mention of him at this time in this Forbidden Place - the Light manifest, resplendent and shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Most High, the All-Glorious. Upon thee, O thou whom the attraction of the love of the Lord of Names hath drawn to the Supreme Horizon! I bear witness that thou didst inhale the fragrance of the Garment and didst seek the Ultimate Goal - the station whereof all the pens of the world are powerless to make mention. Blessed art thou, O thou who wast deemed small by the people but great in the sight of God, the Knower of things unseen. Joy be to him who remembereth thee and visiteth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. O My Afnan! Sorrows have encompassed Us from every side through what the people possess in manifest wrong. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs and followed every remote oppressor. They behold the signs of God, yet dispute them; they hear His call, yet turn away from it. They are indeed among the most lost. Will what they possess endure for them, or will their ornaments profit them? Nay, by thy Lord, the Supreme Ruler over all who are in the heavens and on earth! Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken in this holy, mighty and exalted station. We send Our greetings from this Place to thee and to My Afnan who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament and who were among the firm ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH03437 ===

O Siyyid Mahdi, upon whom be the glory of God! In My Name, through which the Resurrection hath appeared amongst mankind. O Mahdi! Dost thou find within thyself the strength to arise for this Cause, whereby feet have slipped? And dost thou perceive in thine inmost being that which would draw thee nigh unto this station, before which necks have bowed in submission? Say: Nay, by Thy glory, except through Thy power and Thy grace which have encompassed all regions. There hath appeared before the Wronged One he who loved Me and made mention of thee. We have sent down upon thee from the heaven of bounty that which cooleth the eyes and minds. O Mahdi! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names from the direction of Akka. Verily, He maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee to that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. We have manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and treasured with God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Among the people are those who have acknowledged and confessed, and those who have denied and disbelieved in the proof and evidence. Thus have We recounted unto thee what hath befallen Us from those who have cast the Command of God behind their backs and have chosen for themselves that which leadeth them astray from the straight path. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down unto me that whereby my name shall endure in the kingdom of names and my remembrance in the Book of Remembrance. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the world, Lord of eternity and Beloved of the nations, by the Most Great Name, through Whose appearance names were altered and pillars did quake, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and vocal in Thy praise with wisdom and utterance. O my Lord! I am he who hath acknowledged what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and manifested through the tongue of Thy will. I

confess to Thy greatness, Thy sovereignty, Thy power and Thy might. Ordain for me through Thy Pen that which shall make me mindful of Thy name and a herald of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Thou art He Whom nothing can weaken, no power can prevent, and the clamor of those who are heedless of the mysteries of Thy chosen Name cannot frighten. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH03438 ===

O Muhammad-Kazim, brother of Haji Ahmad, upon both of whom be the glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. He remembereth His loved ones as He pleaseth and adorneth them with the ornament of grace and bounty. Verily He doeth what He willeth. Neither the clamor of enemies, nor the might of princes, nor the roaring of hosts and multitudes who have cast the Covenant of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings, can intimidate Him.

O Muhammad-Qabil-Kazim! Thy brother hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with that which the treasuries of the world cannot equal, as doth testify the Most Great Book of God in its most exalted station.

In these days, from the City of Attentiveness, the City of Detachment, and the City of Divine Lovers, new and wondrous melodies are being raised. Blessed are they who have attained unto hearing them and who have set their faces toward their true homeland. Today the Concourse on High is engaged in preparing to welcome the holy, detached and ascending spirits. A great celebration is underway in the Concourse on High, yet the heart of the Wronged One is saddened by what hath befallen the Cause of God at the hands of those who have exchanged the favor of God for denial and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition.

O loved ones of God! I tell you truly, there hath appeared in the world that which the eye of creation hath never seen the like. Know ye its worth, and with spirit and joy make the ancient world new through mention and praise of the Goal of all the worlds. Quicken the withered and dead hearts. That which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen is the cause of the life of the world - it is the Water of Life. In one place: “Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless!”

We beseech God that Husayn, upon whom be His Glory, and the loved ones of that land not be prevented by the tyranny of oppressors and the rejection of deniers from the warmth of divine love, nor be made cold thereby. The world of a day or two hath no worth or station. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you, preserve you, make you know, and cause you to speak that by which hearts and minds are attracted. The Command is in God’s hand, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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O honored Aqa Siyyid Aqa! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious One calls out at all times: O servants of the All-Merciful! Hasten with your hearts to the court of the Beloved. The way has been

barred by that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. How many servants desired to attain the presence but were prevented from attaining unto the throne. For this did the dwellers of the cities of the Kingdom of Names and the denizens of the Concourse on High lament - upon them be My blessings and mercy until the Day that cannot be reckoned by numbers. Blessed are their faces for having turned unto the Face of God, and their hearts for having turned to the Luminary of earth and heaven. How many turned and attained His presence and achieved what God had ordained for them in the Book. For each is a portion from this Most Great Ocean. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Let not distance grieve you. How many servants never attained the presence of the Throne, yet their attainment was inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets. And how many a servant was in My vicinity yet failed to attain My presence. Thus does the All-Merciful testify in this Tablet from whose horizon has shone the Sun of wisdom and knowledge. Blessed are they who have achieved both. That which shall bring joy to the eyes of creation hath been ordained for them. O My loved ones! When you gather in any spot, remember what befell Me in My days and what I witnessed from those who denied God, the Cleaver of the dawn. Among the people were those who desired to extinguish My light, those who sought to shed My blood, those who openly turned away, and those who said “He hath fabricated lies about God” - after I had come to them from the Dayspring of grandeur and power with might and sovereignty. Soon shall We seize them as We seized the factions of old, and We shall raise up the banners of the Cause as We please. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Compelling. Were it not for My mercy, We would send down chastisement upon them, but We grant them respite, looking to the appointed time. Give thanks then to God for what We have sent down to thee of verses and dispatched unto thee, that thou mayest find what was diffused in the Most Great Scene before the face of thy Lord, the Master of all mankind.

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O Husayn! The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Tongue of God speaks and bears witness to the Beauty of the Promised One Who has appeared with manifest sovereignty, and says: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful. If you deny Him Who speaks the truth, to whom will you turn? By My life! The Bayan was revealed for His wondrous remembrance and every lofty thing was realized through His exalted station. Were it not for Him, the Primal Point would not have spoken, the Dove would not have warbled, the Sperm-drop of Names would not have attained maturity, the gate of heaven would not have opened, the Book of Creation would not have been adorned, the Tablet of Eternity would not have been embellished, the Most Exalted Pen would not have moved, the hearts of the chosen ones would not have soared, the horizon of faithfulness would not have been illumined, the ocean of reunion would not have surged, the carpet of separation would not have been rolled up, and the star of meeting would not have shone forth. Reflect, O people, and follow not him whom you know not. Fear God, then follow your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: This is He Whom the might of the Manifestations of power did not deter and Who was not veiled by the veils of those who arose in hypocrisy. He has appeared at the axis of all horizons and has called all to unity on the day of separation. By My life! He is I and I am He, and He is indeed the Essence of Power amidst creation and the Source of Authority for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is the soul that has attained to fairness and turned to the Most Great Scene and beheld the Lord of Destiny with the purest vision. He is among those

who have been accounted fair in the Book of the All-Merciful. Upon him be the mercy of God and His blessings and the grace of God and His favors. And whosoever is prevented from what We have sent down in truth is among the most lost in God's Tablet, the King, the Truth, the Just, the Trustworthy. Blessed art thou, O thou who gazest upon God, for having won to the days of thy Lord and recognized the Dawning-Place of verses and turned to Him when every wicked deceiver turned away. Know thou the worth of this bounty, then praise thy Lord in all conditions and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of all seekers!

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=== START BH03441 ===

He is God, the Most High!

It hath been a long time since news of thee hath been received. It seemeth that thou hast secluded thyself from the world and its people, choosing solitude.

I swear by the Peerless and Eternal Beloved that this Servant hath ever sought and will continue to seek that state for Himself, for in seclusion one's soul findeth peace whilst through association with others the spirit is consumed.

The former is the attribute of the near ones who believe in God's oneness, the latter is the characteristic of the heedless. However, there are times when solitude is rejected and association desired. Thus hath it been ordained by the One Who is Mighty and Powerful. Nonetheless, I have all My life sought but not attained it.

Upon My arrival in Iraq, detached from all else save God, I withdrew for two years. Singly and alone I departed for the wilderness and severed Myself from the world and its peoples. But during that period of withdrawal solitude was not granted to me. Those joyous days soon passed and came to an end, and it hath not been My portion ever since. Thus hath it been recorded by the Pen of Decree by the Finger of Splendour and Sanctity.

Shouldst thou desire to know My situation, twenty years have passed since I have seen the light of day. I swear by the Sun of the Celestial Beauty that during this time I have not partaken even a glass of water in comfort and have been denied even a moment's rest owing to the venom of the ungodly. Like unto one constantly tormented in the mouth of a dragon, I have ever been confined in the prison of envy and afflicted by the claws of enmity. The tale of this Youth increaseth sorrow, His remembrance a book does not suffice and its end the pen of creation is unable to describe.

O My Sister! By God, I have so blotted out from memory the remembrance of everything that I know not what hath been written down. Sorrow hath so surrounded Me that I have forgotten Mine own Self, how much more the writing of letters. O that My Mother had never given birth to Me!

May thou be always under the protection of God and abide in the shade of His mercy. Convey My sincere wishes to honourable mother.

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O M.S.! Take the Book of God to His servants, then inform them of what thou hast seen and known, that they may gather together in remembrance and praise of God, shun the manifestations and dawning-places of negation, and turn with their hearts to the spot whereon the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is established. Be thou detached from all things that have been created in earth and heaven, that thy words may influence the hearts of them that have turned unto the countenance of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and that they may become severed from the manifestations of Satan. Be thou a warner from Our presence and a bearer of glad-tidings from Our side, then rejoice in the gladness of the Cause and grieve not for what hath been ordained for thee of separation. Be content with what God hath ordained for thee, for this is better for thee than all that hath been created in the contingent world. Whoso draweth but a single breath in His Cause and good-pleasure is verily of the dwellers of Paradise. Beware lest thou be saddened by the commandment of thy Lord. Journey through the lands with joy and radiance and remind the people of that which We have imparted unto thee, then recount unto them the story of the Youth as thou hast witnessed it. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee from before God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Help in Peril. Say: O people! The Sun hath shone forth at its noontide zenith. Beware lest ye occupy yourselves with disputation. Purify

your hearts from all things, then turn ye unto this Cause which hath appeared from the horizon of bounty. And if thou shouldst see them that have believed in God and find from their faces the radiance of Baha, magnify them from Our presence, then give them the glad-tidings of this Ridvan. Say: God hath written down the names of them that have turned unto Him, and He shall soon send down upon them that which He hath ordained for them. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Glorious. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Countenance and for having won the lights of God and for being content with what He hath ordained for thee, and this is better than all that hath been created in the realm of possibility. And upon thee be glory, and upon them that have set their hearts upon the sanctuary of God and have turned unto Him with humility and contrition.

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Avih [Mandilih]. O Muhammad-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God!

From the Most Exalted Fruit of the Divine Tree of the Supreme Pen came this blessed word, which the Dayspring of the Light of Divine Unity spoke aforetime: “Whoso is God’s, God is his.” And this most exalted and glorious station cannot be attained except through recognition of the Manifestation of the divine names and attributes. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station, and well is it with him who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord. He is indeed recorded among those who have attained in a mighty Tablet.

Your letter was received and from it were inhaled the sweet fragrances of love and devotion. God willing, through divine grace you shall become a guide to the path and a cup-bearer of the heavenly wine - that is, you shall bestow upon the people, in the name of God, the choice sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the finger of might, that perchance those who slumber may awaken and those who are heedless may turn toward the supreme horizon. This is the Day whose mention hath been recorded in the divine Books of the past and future. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld what hath appeared in truth, and the ear that hath heard this wondrous Call.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid you to serve His Cause in such wise that you may set ablaze the whole world with the fire of divine love. Verily He is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued all who dwell in the kingdom of creation through the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names, and by the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that my name may endure thereby in Thy Kingdom. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy horizon, acknowledging Thy power and might. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the might of princes nor the power of the powerful shall deter me. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the kingdoms of the heavens and earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O Muhammad Mustafa, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all names!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through a light from the lights of His Most Great Name unto the world, whereupon the earth and heaven were illumined. Exalted be God, the Lord of Names and Possessor of all things, Who hath revealed whatsoever He desired through His word “Be” and it is. And the prayer shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of His grace be upon the Dawning-Place of His light, the Dayspring of His Revelation, the Source of His Command, the Repository of His knowledge, the Mine of His wisdom, the Ocean of His power, the Heaven of His bounty, and the Sun of His generosity - He Who stood in His station in the world amidst all peoples and guided mankind unto the straight path and the mighty announcement. And upon His family and companions, through whom the ark of divine knowledge sailed upon the ocean of certitude and the horizon of utterance was illumined by the luminary of proof. Through them were revealed the mysteries of divine unity, and through them was raised aloft the word of detachment, and through them was hoisted upon the highest standard the banner of “There is none other God but Him.”

And now, he who was named Husayn in the Crimson Tablet by the Supreme Pen hath come forward and attained the presence of the Wronged One in His mighty prison. O Muhammad! Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed is his mother who hath attained unto the recognition of her Lord, and blessed is the radiance that hath kept company with Me and stood before My face. At this moment We speak while the servant who is present writeth, standing beside My thigh. Verily, in his earliest days he discovered the fragrance of the garment and attained the presence of the Wronged One.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the peace and glory of God, the Lord of all names. We testify that thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain. Thou didst hold fast unto goodly deeds and didst cleave unto that whereby the Cause of God, the Most High, the Most Great, was exalted. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward the Supreme Horizon - they are honored servants, upon whom resteth the loving-kindness of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatest and Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who, through His All-Subduing Name, hath been the Subduer of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and through His All-Knowing Name, hath encompassed all that was and will be. All things are held within His grasp of power and seized in the right hand of His will. He hath made clear the proof and revealed the way, guiding all to His supreme horizon and most exalted summit - the station adorned with the ornament of unity and beautified with oneness. The servant beareth witness, as have all servants borne witness, that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been one in His essence, one in His attributes, and one in His deeds and actions. And the resplendent prayers rising from the horizon of grace

be upon the Lord of nations and the Beloved of the world, and upon His family and companions who held fast to the Sure Handle and arose to aid His Cause in the kingdom of creation.

And furthermore - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance and your steadfastness. O my beloved and my cherished one! The servant hath been honored by the fragrances of your ink and adorned with the ornament that flowed from your pen, time after time and again and again. I beseech God to grant you success and aid you, and to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the Hearer, the Answerer.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the travellers: though it be contrary to wisdom, leave hath been granted for a visit of three days. It behooveth them to approach this land with gladness and joy, and to refrain on their journey from speaking to anyone about this Cause. Any mention or teaching of the Cause hath been forbidden in these regions.

The ephemeral one conveyeth greetings to His Honor Haji Abbas, upon him be the glory of God, and to the apple of the eye His Honor Husayn and his two brothers, upon them be the glory of God, and upon those who are with you and those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The Servant

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Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God! The Fire of Manifestation is kindled and visible from the Blessed Tree, and the Light of Divine Unity is shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will. The Speaker of the Mount is established upon the throne of grandeur, yet the people remain deprived and forbidden from His presence and meeting. All tongues speak in praise of this blessed Day, all ears are attentive to hear the Call, all books, scrolls and psalms make mention of this most exalted and most holy Revelation, and all eyes are expectant. Yet when the world was illumined with the lights of the dawn of Revelation, all peoples were found heedless and veiled, save whom God willed.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, Who summons thee from the precincts of the Most Great Prison and calls thee to the highest horizon. The people of the world who were seekers, yearning and expectant of the divine Day, are all occupied with these fleeting days and heedless of, nay, turned away from God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained the recognition of God and whose mention hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Book. He shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Blessed art thou for

having attained unto a Tablet that cannot be equaled by whatsoever existeth on earth. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, beareth witness unto this.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, for having made me recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, for having guided me to Thy path, and for having cast upon me Thy Most Exalted Word. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names to make me steadfast in Thy service, speaking Thy praise, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace, and standing firm in this Cause whereby the limbs of the people of Thy kingdom have trembled. O Lord! Thou art the Answerer and I am the supplicant. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the fragrances of Thy Robe, nor to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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Whoso wisheth to pray, let him wash

his hands, and while he washeth, let

him say:

Strengthen my hand, O my God, that it may take hold of Thy Book with such steadfastness that the hosts of the world shall have no power over it. Guard it, then, from meddling with whatsoever doth not belong unto it. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

And while washing his face, let him say:

I have turned my face unto Thee, O my Lord! Illumine it with the light of Thy countenance. Protect it, then, from turning to any one but Thee.

Then let him stand up, and facing the

Qiblih (Point of Adoration, i.e., Bahji,

’Akka), let him say:

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation. He, in truth, hath manifested Him Who is the Day-Spring of Revelation, Who conversed on Sinai, through Whom the Supreme Horizon hath been made to shine, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath spoken, and through Whom the call hath been proclaimed unto all who are in heaven and on earth: “Lo, the All-Possessing is come. Earth and heaven, glory and dominion are God’s, the Lord of all men, and the Possessor of the Throne on high and of earth below!”

Let him, then, bend down, with hands resting on the knees, and say:

Exalted art Thou above my praise and the praise of any one beside me, above my description and the description of all who are in heaven and all who are on earth!

Then, standing with open hands, palms

upward toward the face, let him say:

Disappoint not, O my God, him that hath, with beseeching fingers, clung to the hem of Thy mercy and Thy grace, O Thou Who of those who show mercy art the Most Merciful!

Let him, then, be seated and say:

I bear witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that Thou art God, and that there is none other God beside Thee. Thou hast, verily, revealed Thy Cause, fulfilled Thy Covenant, and opened wide the door of Thy grace to all that dwell in heaven and on earth. Blessing and peace, salutation and glory, rest upon Thy loved ones, whom the changes and chances of the world have not deterred from turning unto Thee, and who have given their all, in the hope of obtaining that which is with Thee. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

(If any one choose to recite instead of

the long verse these words: “God testifieth

that there is none other God but

Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting,”

it would be sufficient. And

likewise, it would suffice were he, while

seated, to choose to recite these words:

“I bear witness to Thy unity and Thy

oneness, and that Thou art God, and

that there is none other God beside

Thee.”)

Medium obligatory prayer, to be recited daily, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening.

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He Who is sanctified from all comparison, in the Name of God. The waves of the sea of utterance have become manifest from the Pen of the All-Merciful in the form of these words: Thy letter was presented before the Throne and the essence of love was evident therefrom, and the fragrance of affection was

manifest from it. Well is it with thee for having drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the cup of thy Lord's grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In most of the Tablets mention hath been made of the cawing of the crows and the clamor of the deluded ones, in the days when the Seat of the Divine Throne was in Zawra (Baghdad), and likewise in the Land of Mystery (Adrianople) and the Most Great Prison. We informed the people of that which later came to pass and will yet come to pass. The people of Baha must today be so steadfast and firm in the Cause of God that they should regard all else as non-existent and count it as nothing. All matters have been set forth in detail in the Tablets, such that no excuse remaineth for anyone. Nevertheless, certain souls speak vain words which are but the dregs of the worthless utterances of the dervishes of old, and they glory therein. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine unity that such souls have never understood unity, nor have they inhaled the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. However, thou shouldst not be saddened, for such vain imaginings have always existed in the world and will continue to exist, especially in this Revelation wherein countless such things will appear. God protect us and the company of the sincere ones from these people. God willing, may you ever be engaged in mentioning the Truth with the utmost joy and fragrance. Convey to the loved ones in that land an exalted greeting from the Wronged One, that all may be occupied with serving the Cause and may strive and endeavor that perchance the heedless servants may drink from the Kawthar of the mercy of the Lord of the worlds and attain to the fruit of their existence. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them.

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THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GLORIOUS! Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree in the luminous and most holy spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise. By My life! Wert thou to taste the sweetness wherewith the Supreme Pen hath called thee, thou wouldst cast away the world and all that is therein and would delight in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, in such wise that nothing would prevent thee from His beautiful praise. Then wouldst thou relate unto the earth before the Throne what hath befallen it, and it would speak forth in thy name. We have sent down unto thee the verses and made them clear evidences for all the worlds. Say: This, verily, is the News of which God took covenant from the Prophets and Messengers, and from those who claimed faith within themselves. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. When thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of eternity and attained unto the lights of guidance which shone forth from the direction of the Tablet, remind the people of the News of their Lord. Say: Verily, it is that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen, concealed within the veil of grandeur, and mentioned in the heart of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. When the days were fulfilled and the promise came to pass, He came with the truth from the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: Be fair, O people! If ye deny Him, by what path will ye approach and to what command will ye hold fast? By God! They have no protector save that they repent and return unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Do ye rejoice in what ye possess while ye behold its passing? Leave it and turn unto the Countenance. This, verily, is the Goal, did ye but know. Verily, those who are heedless are in manifest error. Soon shall they find themselves in the fire - verily, they are the companions of the flame. And those who have cast away the world and turned unto God, the Lord of Names - these are the people of Baha, upon whom the Concourse on High shall

pray, and unto whom the denizens of Paradise shall draw near, and thy Lord is witness to what I say. Leave the dead to themselves and enter thou the Kingdom of Life in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. Thus have We bestowed Our grace upon thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of those who remember.

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In the Name of the One Who is Everlasting, without decline! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Holiness doth speak in the Most Exalted Paradise, that thou mayest discover the fragrance of the All-Merciful from the utterance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great. Whoso entereth this day beneath the shadow of God, the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names shall circle round him. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this hallowed, mighty and impregnable station. Soar upon the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Then make mention of Him with such remembrance as shall enthrall the hearts of all mankind. By My life! Whoso drinketh of this choice wine shall indeed gain ascendancy over all who dwell in the realm of being through this Name which God hath made sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O people! Purify your vision and turn towards the Dayspring of lights. The Day hath come whereof God's messengers and prophets gave you tidings. Read ye what hath been sent down in the Tablets from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which was recorded in the Book hath appeared, for the All-Bestowing hath come with manifest sovereignty and hath uttered the Most Great Word, whereby souls were quickened, bodies were gathered together, and every mouldering bone was stirred. Say: O people! Fear God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. Cast away idle fancies, then hearken unto that which the Dayspring of Revelation doth speak. This is what God hath chosen for you, if ye be of them that know. This is a Day wherein the Hidden hath been made manifest and the veils of them that disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, have been rent asunder. Beware lest ye be veiled by what ye possess from this Great Ocean. Arise thou with supreme steadfastness in thy Lord's Cause, the Lord of all creation. Thus hath the matter been decreed in this Luminous Tablet. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle - verily it speaketh the truth and summoneth all unto this wondrous horizon. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Verily He beholdeth whosoever turneth unto Him and heareth the sighing of them that yearn for Him. Verily the glory rest upon thee and upon them that have stood firm in the Cause and were of the steadfast ones.

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Verily the rock crieth out and the people hear not. Verily the divine tree calleth and the people comprehend not. Verily the fire speaketh and the people perceive not. And the Lord of Sinai speaketh and most of the people know not. They pass by the signs and look not. They behold the Most Great Scene and yet turn away from it. They come before the Countenance and recognize not. They hear the Call and perceive not. And among them is one who hath gathered My writings without My leave, seeking naught but to harm Me. Thus did his soul entice him, and he is today among those who are heedless in My

perspicuous Book. We beseech Him to protect His verses from such as these, to draw them nigh unto Him and to make them of the fair-minded. Blessed is the servant whom vain desire hath not prevented from pure sincerity, and whom names have not frightened from turning to God, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and made mention of thee. We have seen thy turning to Us and We have turned to thee. Let not the doubts of those who have denied the Day of Judgment prevent thee. Take hold of the Book with the power that proceedeth from Him, and be not of the patient ones. He will assist thee and protect thee and aid thee with the hosts of utterance. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the Cause as He wished and willed. He is verily the Commander, the All-Wise. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, nor do the affairs of the world and the clamor of nations prevent Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and drinkest the choice wine of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and enabled me to acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the Point through which Thou didst detail the scrolls of Thy lovers in Thy kingdom, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

The Book proclaims: O peoples of the various sects! By the life of the All-Bestowing One, the Day of Return has come! Cast aside what you possess and take what you are commanded by God, the Lord of all men. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you or the might of the people of error frighten you. Turn with radiant faces, trusting in God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in judging God's proof and His evidence, His glory and His grandeur and His sovereignty. Beware lest you follow those who have violated God's covenant and testament and denied what has been sent down from the heaven of His grace upon His servants. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of the people of error. Thus warbles the dove of knowledge upon the branches, as a grace from God, the Lord of all beings. When you attain unto God's tablet and its influence, say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I am Thy servant, who has turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy grace which has encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, and by Thy supreme favor through which the ocean of names has surged, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the hearts of all in the kingdom of creation, to make me one of those whom the attraction of Thy call has so seized that they arose before all faces and said: "We have heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and have turned unto it. We testify that this Day is His Day and this Revelation His Revelation. He is the One Who was treasured from all eternity and concealed from all eyes. When the promise came to pass, He manifested Himself with the truth. The servants denied Him and turned away from Him and opposed Him with such injustice as caused the mountains to crumble. Blessed is the servant who has attained to the knowledge of God and the Manifestation of His Self, and woe to every heedless doubter." God has heard your call and answered you with a tablet that has shone forth from its horizon the light of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. The glory from Us be

upon you and upon those whom neither the doubts of the Pharaohs nor the hints of the tyrants prevented - they heard and believed in God, the Lord of the beginning and the return.

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O Brother Mulla ’Abdu’r-Rahim! In the Name of my Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved!

O loved ones of God! Were ye to become aware of what hath befallen this Prisoner, ye would weep and lament. Verily, He remained alone and solitary in the midst of His servants who had circled round about Him. We adorned them with the raiment of names that they might aid their Lord in those days, yet they rose up in opposition and pronounced judgment against Him, as ye well know. At every moment they plot against My Cause, seeking to shed this sanctified, mighty and beloved blood. Say: I am indeed Hussein in your midst, and Ali, did ye but know it. At all times do I summon you unto God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. I remind you of the wonders of His remembrance, that ye may be mindful. I impart unto you what the Spirit hath imparted to My breast from the ordinances of God, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Fear ye God, O people, and transgress not beyond what hath been ordained in the Book, mighty and beloved, which hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen and wherein lieth the knowledge of what hath been and what is to come. O people! Wage not war with anyone, dispute not with any soul, and be ye God’s trusted ones in His earth and His chosen ones in His lands. This is what hath been ordained for you, if ye but act accordingly. Answer the call of God, and follow not the ways of those who wronged aforetime and who were among those that associated partners with their Lord. Be just among men, for thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets, did ye but know. Grieve not over what befalleth you in this vain life, for with God ye have a station the like of which none knoweth save His own Self, and He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Gather ye in your meeting places and remember God, your Creator. Through His remembrance are hearts illumined. Thus have We commanded you in this Tablet, that ye may attain unto all good. And mercy be upon you, O loved ones of God, and upon His servants who are well-assured of His signs. And praise be to God, the King, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is God, the Sanctified, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Most High!

O handmaiden of God! Your letter hath come before God, wherein thou didst call upon thy Lord. Excellent indeed was that wherewith thou called, and that wherewith he called who came before thee. Now doth the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great, make reply unto thee. Blessed art thou, O leaf, in that thou hast clung to the Branch of God. Strive then within thyself, lest the winds of discord cut thee off, and be thou among those who are steadfast upon the holy and preserved Tablets. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath drawn thee out from the darkness

of fancy and brought thee to the Day wherein the Beauty of the Ancient of Days hath shone forth from a holy and gracious horizon, and hath adorned thy breast with His love, and raised thee to a station wherein thou hast known thy Lord, the Peerless, the Holy, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Know thou that those who have turned today unto the Manifestation of God, be they male or female, these hath God sanctified from all defilement and doubt, and purified them from the veils of the worlds, and God hath ordained for them a station wherein none hath preceded them save those whom thy Lord hath willed - and this is in truth a revelation from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Rejoice within thyself and grieve not over aught, lest sorrow prevent thee from ascending to the heaven which hath been raised up in truth through this Mighty, Powerful Name. Yet wert thou to learn what hath befallen God, thy Lord, sorrow would seize thee; therefore have We concealed from thee in this Tablet what hath befallen Us at the hands of Our idolatrous servants. Weep thou for God, thy Lord, in all matters, then take comfort in His remembrance, for this is better for thee than the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Rejoice within thyself now, for God hath pronounced from the direction of the Throne His "God is Most Great" upon thee and upon him who called upon God with thy tongue - and this is indeed a mighty favor. And glory be upon thee and upon all who have believed in God among the devout men and women.

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O Fatimih, daughter of Muhammad-'Ali who journeyed unto God and found solace in Him and attained His presence, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, in Sad. He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious! O handmaiden of God! Thy letter hath come before Us and We have witnessed its contents. We are indeed the All-Witnessing. Stand thou firm in the Cause of God, thy Lord, and detach thyself from all else save Him. Let not the cawing of the female polytheists nor the braying of the male polytheists disturb thee, for most people have turned away from Him Who created them for this Day and gave them glad tidings of this luminous, resplendent Manifestation. Among them are those who openly denied God and warred against Him and pronounced judgment against Him and were numbered among the polytheists. And among them are those who disputed His verses and denied His proof and rose up against Him with swords of hatred that were a thousand times sharper than swords of steel. Thus was the matter decreed by God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Pay thou no heed to these people. Be steadfast in thy Lord's Cause and place thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. Stand thou firm in such wise that all who are in the heavens and on earth shall not cause thee to slip, nor shall the whisperings of Satan cause thee to waver. By God the Truth! There hath befallen Me that which hath befallen no one else, as though I were being slain at every moment, and none is aware of this save God and My own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Walk thou in the footsteps of thy father, for he witnessed such evidences from thy Creator and beheld such signs from thy Lord as no eye hath ever seen, and attained that which hath shone forth from this holy, mighty and wondrous Scene. Therefore do the denizens of the Supreme Horizon weep for Me, together with the holy angels. Beware lest thy relationship to her who hath fabricated lies against herself concerning God and disbelieved after having believed and turned away after having advanced - such was her deed if thou be of them that hear - prevent thee. Shun her and turn away from her, then turn to God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O thou who believest in God! Bear witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, and that ’Ali-before-Nabil is the Manifestation of His Essence and the Manifestation of His Cause unto all the worlds. Through Him His proof hath appeared, His testimony been perfected, His Word been fulfilled, His countenance hath shone forth, and His evidence been established for all who are in the heavens and on earth - and God is witness unto this. Through Him the Resurrection hath come to pass, the Hour hath arrived, the Balance hath been set up, and the Bridge hath been raised aloft - a matter that was inscribed as exalted in the Mother Book. Through Him all things have been resurrected and all who dwell on earth, whether rich or poor, have been gathered together. Say: By God! He is verily the Sovereign of the Messengers and His Tablet is the Mother of Tablets, and through a single letter from Him was everything created with the ornament of luminous glory. Take thou this Book with power and hold fast to what is therein, and fear no one. Place thy trust in God, thy Lord, and He shall suffice thee against all the worlds, and He doth take account of thee. Open thy sight and ponder what hath been sent down unto thee, and take it with strength that is firmly grounded in truth. Then emerge from behind the veils and arise in the name of God from a holy and resplendent horizon. Aid thy Lord with whatsoever thou art able and remain pure in nature. Know thou that We have been cast into prison through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought - this hath been decreed in truth upon preserved holy tablets. We give thanks to God for what hath befallen Us and remember Him every day, nay every moment and instant. The Spirit and the Glory and the Splendor be upon thee and upon those who were possessed of insight into the Cause, then convey Our greetings to those who were God-fearing in the Name and to those who were with thee, whom God made faithful to the Covenant.

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Countenance of love, we have recognized your longing for God in the pavilions of eternity, insofar as you drew near and attained, in the arenas of encounter, to the presence of God. Thus have we reckoned everything in a book that was decreed in the Tablet. Know that you have advanced to the sanctuary of beauty and visited the kaaba of holiness in the garden of paradise on the Mount Paran of love. Thus was your affair guarded from the rebellious in a tablet. Do not grieve over any matter, and be not perplexed at the adversities of this world. God shall send you forth in a station that is, in truth, exalted. For the world, its adornments and finery, shall pass away in less than the blink of an eye. Therefore, exert yourself in what will be everlasting for you in the highest kingdom, so that you will be safeguarded in the worlds of the spirit that revolve around the tree of immortality.

Listen with the ear of your heart to what the dove warbles on the pole of infinity, insofar as it has taught you the paths of truth on that route that was raised up in light. Attest to this Tablet with the tongue of spirit so that you might be radiant with the fire of love. Fear God, and pay no attention to those who opposed him. Do not follow those who have disbelieved and who shall never find for themselves a path

to the truth. Be constant in love and firm in the cause so that your foot shall not stumble, even if you are opposed by all who are on earth. Therefore, cast away what is in your right hand, then follow God's paradise so that you might find an august station at the center of the Garden near the sea of immortality.

Thus have we written in the Tablet the details of all things, and have mentioned them to you so that you might arrive at a station that is impervious to sorrow. By God, if you smell the fragrance of this shirt, you will discover the breezes of the divine essence, your eyes will overflow with tears in your yearning for God, and you will be insightful concerning the cause of your Lord.

Spirit be upon you, and upon those who were meek, having drawn nigh and been consumed by the fire of union.

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He is the Mighty! O servant! Hear My call and be not of them that are disturbed in the Cause and are among the losers. I counsel thee to fear God Who created thee by His command and made thee to be of the guided ones. Be patient in all that hath befallen Us and be not dismayed by anything. Therefore, be patient in thyself and be of the patient ones. Say: Verily in the flight of this Bird there are signs for them that are discerning. Say: It hath taken wing from the branch of Iraq, and in its flight ye shall witness signs of tranquility, if ye be of them that know. Say: O people of hatred! Die in your wrath and rejoice not in what hath befallen Us, and be not of them that make merry. For what hath befallen Us is of God's way that was foreordained for His near servants. Say: God will soon turn your joy to grief, and this is what the All-Merciful, the Compassionate, hath prescribed for Himself. Thus do We impart unto thee that which shall make thee independent of all who dwell in the kingdom. Know thou that after Me the Samiri will bray, whereupon ye shall not turn toward him nor be of them that approach. And the Baal will stir within herself and arise to practice deceit among you, whereupon ye shall turn away from her and be not of them that make mention. Remember God within yourselves, and put your trust in Him, for in Him do His sincere servants place their trust. Say: We were with you and shall be among you, if ye be of them that know. And ye shall behold the beauty of the Cause if ye purify your eyes from the veils of gross pride. O people of the Bayan! Hear My call at the time of departure from the shore of Iraq, and be not of the heedless ones. Be still within yourselves, then find tranquility in the mercy of God, the Mighty, the Merciful. Soon there shall reach you an august missive from One Who is All-Wise, All-Informed. Thus have We taught thee the ways of knowledge and inspired thee with that which shall guard thee from the darts of the evil ones. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the patient servants of God.

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In the Name of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes! O servant who hast ascended unto God! Know thou that We have sent thee that whose fragrances have been wafted and whose perfume hath been found by him who hath renounced the world and turned toward the direction from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of Knowledge. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by its lights! Know thou further that

the Youth hath arrived in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Thus hath the land of tyranny cast forth its burdens even as the land of power hath made manifest its sovereign. Thou findest the Youth in joy while the people have been seized by the power of the Hour and its convulsion. The seas of meaning and utterance have surged through the mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful - these are their sprinklings. Say: When the Youth came, the heaven was rolled up and every soul was summoned according to its deeds. The Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the All-Glorious. Blessed is he who hath been attracted by its verses. Grieve not for the Youth. He hath accepted tribulations in the path of God and their hardship doth not dismay Him. Consider those who oppressed aforetime - where are their lofty palaces? Those are their houses, fallen into ruin with their trellises. Say: By my Lord, the Most Glorious! That which was created shall perish even as the kings and palaces perished, and today thou seest not their traces. The Tree of Knowledge hath been planted by the hand of the All-Merciful and soon shall its branches bear fruit. The melodies of God have been raised from the right of the Throne and the unitarians have been attracted by their rapture. Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the tree of Zaqqum and its branches shall not hinder thee. Say: The Tree hath been raised in truth. Blessed is he who hath been seized by its modes and hath tasted of its fruits. Say: O people! Turn ye to the supreme horizon. By God! The world and its riches shall not profit you. Enter ye the Garden by God's leave and eat freely of its bounties. The City of Immortality hath been built by the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Most High. Soon shall its gates be opened and thou shalt hear the melodies of the birds of Paradise from its precincts. And glory be upon thee and upon every soul that hath fulfilled its covenant.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O 'Ali! We have indeed been witness to those who consult regarding thy affair, and among them is one who said that he had denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We were with thee when the people wronged thee. Verily thy Lord knoweth what is in the breasts. Thou wert indeed Our partner in Our tribulations when the polytheists surrounded Us with grievous tyranny. Grieve not over anything. God shall soon seize those who have wronged thee. He is severe in punishment. He best knoweth the transgressors. Know thou that the Youth remembereth thee in this prison whose door is shut. God shall soon open it in truth. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I praise Thee and thank Thee for what hath befallen me in Thy love and good-pleasure. My shortcoming before Thy creatures was only my turning toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and my drawing nigh unto the Tree of Thy Oneness. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that tribulations may not prevent me from turning toward Thy direction, O Thou in Whose hand are the names. Moreover, cause me, O my God, to be focused upon Thee in all conditions, for what is with Thee and what belongeth unto Thee endureth through the perpetuity of Thy sovereignty, while all else perisheth in numbered days. Thou art the Possessor of Names and Attributes. O Lord! Preserve me beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Mercy, then send down upon me the good of the last and the first. Verily Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but

Thee, the Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God. Be thou a bearer of glad-tidings unto them through wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is with thee and He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, Creator of the heavens and earths.

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O Afnan, O Relative of the Bab! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! O Pen of Command! Make mention of him who hath turned towards the All-Highest Horizon, that the fragrances of the verses may draw him unto God, the Lord of names and attributes. Behold those who endure hardships for My name, yet when I came unto them with the sovereignty of the Cause, they disbelieved in God, the Manifestation of Revelations. Among the people are those who worship names, and when He Who is named by His Most Glorious Name appeared, they denied the Lord of Lords. When they witnessed what they desired of power, they said: "This is a lying sorcerer," and when the verses were recited unto them, they said: "This is a doubting impostor." We have rolled up the heavens of idle fancies, and the earth hath told its tales, yet they remain in wondrous drunkenness. The earthquakes have seized all the tribes save those intoxicated with the wine of joy from the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful. When asked "In whom do ye believe?" they say "In Muhammad, the Messenger of God." Say: Fie upon you and upon those among the factions who follow you! He lamenteth and saith: "If ye believed in My Revelation, why did ye turn away from Him Who sent Me with the signs?" By God! This is He Whose voice I heard though I beheld not His countenance. When the appointed time came, He rent asunder the veils of glory and opened the gate of reunion, yet ye turned away, O people of hypocrisy! We informed you of the appearance of Husayn after the Qa'im. This is indeed the Self-Subsisting, O people of the Book! The Qa'im hath sought shelter beneath His shadow, and then all the Manifestations of the names. Among you are those who turned away and those who hesitated at the gate. Fear God and deprive not yourselves of this bounty whereby eyes are gladdened. Turn ye unto Him, then burn the veils of doubt with the fire of His countenance. It is indeed a light unto the people of the Revelation and a mercy unto all who dwell in the realms of existence. Thus doth the Messenger speak and say: "Blessed is he who heareth and turneth toward the Dawning-Place of lights." Grieve thou not at anything, but turn with thy heart to the Horizon of all horizons. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me in prison when I was in the hands of the wicked ones.

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In the Name of God, the Ancient, the Ever-Abiding!

O Kamal! Hearken unto that which the Dayspring of Names calleth out to thee from this most exalted Horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We behold thee before the Throne and make mention of thee through Our grace. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this mighty station. We bear witness that thou hast fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and remained steadfast when all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror. Arise to serve thy Lord,

and remind the people with wisdom and utterance, that they may turn their faces toward the Horizon from which hath appeared the countenance of God, the Help in Peril, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have sent down unto thee from the heaven of bounty that which none can reckon save God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou the cup-bearer of the Kawthar of divine knowledge throughout all contingent being. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, command thee. Act thou accordingly, and be of them that are firmly established. They that have turned away, these have not heard My most sweet call and have not attained unto My utterance whereby the kingdom of names was enraptured. Wherefore it behooveth thee and them that are like thee to acquaint them with this Cause whereby existence, both seen and unseen, hath been illumined, and the faces of them that have turned aside have been darkened. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have soared in the atmosphere of My love and been drawn by My melodies. Then remind them with this wondrous remembrance. Say: Ye are beneath the glances of My loving-kindness. Hearken unto My call from this distant station. Arise to aid My Cause amidst My servants in such wise as to attract thereby the hearts of the fair-minded. O Kamal! Rend asunder the veils of glory through the name of thy Lord, the Most High, that the servants may turn unto the Dayspring of Beauty Who hath appeared with mighty sovereignty. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Make mention of Him amongst the servants with manifest gentleness. Thus have We commanded thee aforetime in the Scriptures and Tablets, and in this glorious Book. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family and thy descendants and upon them that have quaffed the choice wine of grace from this luminous cup.

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O Muhammad-Taqi! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of grandeur, from the right side of the luminous spot, from the crimson fire kindled and ablaze: Verily there is no God but Him, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Beloved of the worlds, Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. He calleth the servants unto the Lord of creation, and the clamor of the polytheists hath not prevented Him from His remembrance. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's favors, then remember Him in thy days. He is with His remembering servants. Behold those who claim to believe - when the appointed time came and the All-Merciful appeared, they disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great. How many servants have taken idle fancies and thereby been kept back from the path of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed is he who cast them behind him and took the Lord of Days as a friend unto himself - he is assuredly of the doers of good. Soon shall come a day wherein they shall lament and implore, and shall find no protector for themselves. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou assured by thy Master's grace, then read what hath been sent down from His presence - thereby are drawn the hearts of the sincere ones. Grieve not over anything - thy Lord is with those who desire His presence, and He is nigh unto those who draw nigh. Arise to remember and praise Him amongst His servants. Say: O people! Rend asunder the veils - this is your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. By God! The promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. If ye disbelieve, by what thing will ye hold fast? Abandon vain desire - this is the ocean of guidance surging before your faces. Draw ye nigh unto it, then enter therein by leave of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest the world and its ornaments hold you

back from the Lord of Names and from turning unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of God, then inhale from His traces the fragrance of the garment. Thus doth command thee He Who hath been imprisoned amidst the heedless ones. Thus have We cast upon thee and sent down for thee the verses - when thou hast attained unto them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy

O Mahmud! Praise thy Lord in the watches of the night and at the break of day, and sanctify thy countenance for thy Lord, and be steadfast in remembrance. Turn not to the world and what is therein, and deprive not thyself of the sanctuary of holiness. Say: Those who have denied these verses - all atoms curse them, and beyond them a most exalted tongue of truth. Say: O people, judge fairly within yourselves - if ye deny God's verses and His Manifestation, by what proof can your belief in Ali before Him, and before him the Messengers of God who came from the Dayspring of the Cause with clear sovereignty, be established? Say: By God, none hath any protection today from God's decree except by believing in this Beauty Who hath come upon clouds of holiness, surrounded by hosts of revelation. Beware, O people of the earth, reject not the truth through what ye possess, and deprive not yourselves of the breezes that have been sent from the Ridvan. By God, I speak not from desire - rather the Spirit speaketh within My breast, and My proof is My arising and what floweth from a mighty holy Finger. Say: Your belief will never increase Us nor will your rejection decrease Us, and all who are in the heavens and earth today are but as a handful of aged clay, save those who have detached themselves from all directions and turned toward the Paradise, the seat of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in this Most Glorious Horizon. Thus hath the matter been inscribed by the Holy Pen upon the tablets. And thou - leave sovereignty behind thee, then stand firm in the Cause that thou mayest be praiseworthy in deed. Thus have We inspired thee and taught thee and sent thee what will comfort thine eyes and draw thee nigh unto a station which God hath preserved from the gaze of the idolaters. And glory be upon you, O people of Baha, from this Beauty Who was promised in all the tablets by the Pen of God.

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O Asad'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the Clear One. We make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance, through that which God has made the wine of divine knowledge for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and a sign of the Ancient One amongst the peoples, that he may rejoice in his Lord's favors and arise to serve this Cause - the Cause through whose manifestation traces were obliterated, thrones toppled, standards reversed, eyes were dazed, and the hearts of the mystics were troubled, save those rescued by the hand of grace as a bounty from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Lion! We have heard your call and answered you as a favor from Us. We have witnessed your turning to God, the Creator of heaven, and We have turned toward you from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.

This is a Day that cannot be compared with previous centuries, months and years, for it is associated with your Lord and was named the Day of God in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. This is the Day which Moses heralded in the Torah, and the Spirit [Christ] in the Gospel, and after them Muhammad the Messenger of God. Read what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth! He Who was promised in the Psalms and Tablets has come, He Who was mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Come, that I may show you His most exalted horizon and cause you to hear what the Speaker of the Mount uttered in His mighty prison. Verily He has appeared with the truth and has manifested what He desired as a bounty from His presence. There is none other God but Him, the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We counsel you and those who have believed to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this mighty, impregnable Cause. Rejoice in that you have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and that My Most Exalted Pen has moved to make mention of you from this sublime station. Glory be upon you and upon those whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from turning to the Countenance, and whom veils have not barred from this luminous horizon.

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O Ali-Qabil-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Peerless Beloved, and through the assistance of the Most Great Name, bestow the choice wine of divine knowledge upon all peoples, that in this Day of Return none of the various peoples may remain deprived of the sweet-scented breezes of the revelation of the Lord of Lords, and that they may attain unto that which is the primary purpose of human creation. O Ali! Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. Verily, Our Most Truthful Name hath attained unto that which none hath attained except whom thy Lord hath willed. Thy Lord, of a truth, doth console thee as a token of His grace. Reflect upon this most exalted station and be of the thankful ones. This is what We had previously informed him of in Our Tablet which We sent unto him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God! Through God's infinite bounty and by His leave and will, he turned towards the Most Holy Court and time after time and repeatedly partook of the Kawthar of meeting and the choice wine of reunion. We showed him Our most exalted horizon and caused him to hear Our most great verses. We bear witness that he presented himself before the Throne as befitteth him and returned, by Our leave, purified from whatsoever is repugnant to Our good-pleasure. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His grace. He, verily, is the Recompenser, the Forgiving, the Generous. Wert thou to become aware of what We have ordained for him, thou wouldst soar with longing and cry out saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Upon him be My glory and the glory of all things. Blessed is the land that carried him. He is My trust therein. Soon shall We reveal from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are endued with understanding

and the souls of the sincere ones. Since the Sun of Truth is shining today, you must fix your gaze upon it and arise to serve the Cause. Grief was and is not permissible. Console and comfort all on behalf of the Truth. Thus have I been commanded by the All-Knowing Ordainer. The glory of God be upon you from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Grief-Stricken

O Ali! Today the Tongue of God speaks in all things, yet no hearing ear is to be found that might perceive it. The signs of God are manifest in all things, yet no seeing eye is found that might behold them. The Cause of God has ever been manifest and radiant, yet people remain immersed in pure delusion and veiled from the Purpose. Consider the peoples of the past - though all were engaged in uttering the praise of God throughout all days and nights with utmost desire and longing, yet at the time of His Manifestation all remained veiled from the Sovereign of the Cause by their own imaginings and were deprived of His divine verses. Now observe the people of the Bayan with this same insight - all recite the Bayan, yet remain veiled from its Revealer. Would that they had been content with this much, but rather they have inflicted upon the Ancient Beauty that which no soul has ever inflicted upon another. Such is the measure of these servants. O Ali! Turn your gaze away from all else but God and sanctify your heart from the mention of aught else. O Ali! Raise up the pavilion of detachment upon the shore of the Most Great Ocean and pitch the tent of trust beneath the shade of the Divine Unity, for there has been and shall be no shelter save His shade. Give thanks to God that the breeze of His grace has ever wafted over you and, God willing, shall never cease. Today most of the people of the earth have risen to dispute with the Beauty of Divine Unity, though they have witnessed with their own eyes in this Revelation that which was never seen or heard in any previous Revelation. Thus does God distinguish between truth and falsehood through a word from His presence, and He is powerful over all things. Be steadfast in the Cause of God and detached from all else. And the glory be upon you and upon those with you.

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O Ali, hear the answers to your questions which flow from the Pen of God.

As to what you asked regarding preserving your love for your Lord - We beseech God to guard you from the evil of Satan and to cause you to enter the seat of security and safety beneath the shadow of His Name, the All-Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Glorious.

As to what you asked regarding protection from the evil of the oppressors - do not cause corruption in the land after it has been set in order, lest the tyranny of every stubborn oppressor touch you. For if you become corrupt, you will have wronged your own self. And when you become an oppressor, it behooves God to cause another oppressor to gain dominion over you. This is justice from His presence, if you be of those who understand.

As to your asking God to grant you that whereby people wage war against each other, that you might thereby aid your Lord - hear thou that We have lifted the decree of the sword and spear, and have ordained victory through utterance, through that which proceeds from the tongue. He, verily, is the Help in Peril.

As to what you asked about Our instilling in you the courage of a lion - know that We have made the hearts of those who have detached themselves from the world and turned to the court of My Most Glorious Name like blocks of iron, such that nothing in the heavens or earth can cause them fear. They are like lions in the thickets of power and might. God has bound them with the chains of protection, and were He to will, He would loose them by His command and through them subjugate all who are in the heavens and earth. He, verily, has power over all things.

As to what you asked about Our making you free in your turning to God, such that whenever you wish you could turn to the holy court - know that in this request you have made yourself a partner with your Lord, for He is the Free, and He has not taken, nor will He ever take, any partner unto Himself. He permits you in this as He wills, by His command. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Free to Choose.

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O Ustad Ghulam-'Ali and Ustad Ghulam-Husayn and Ustad Abu'l-Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God, in My Name which speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance! This Wronged One calleth aloud from the prison precinct and summoneth all, for the sake of God, to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is the ear that hath attained and the eye that hath beheld. O people of God! I swear by the lights of the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that this Day hath no peer or likeness. Strive that ye may perchance attain unto the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree and drink from the chalice of bounty. O Ghulam-'Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One with such attention that its effect shall never fade from thine ear, and arise with supreme steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. Praise be to God, thou hast turned unto Him and attained unto His verses. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and for having made me recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world and have taken fast hold of that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Subduer, the Powerful. And We make mention of him who was named Ghulam-Husayn with verses that cannot be equaled by all the riches of the world nor by all that the nations possess, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. Beware lest anything whatsoever debar thee from the Most Exalted Horizon, or the power of princes weaken thee, or the might of them that have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, cause thee to fear. O Abu'l-Qasim! Hearken unto the voice of the true Friend and sanctify thyself from idle fancies and vain imaginings through the living waters that have streamed forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and have laid hold on Thy cord and have clung to the hem of Thy robe. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy bounty to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me

nigh unto Thee, O Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, and Master of the Hereafter and of this world. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

This is a letter from the Wronged One to one of His servants who turned toward the Most Holy Court and drank from the cup of bounty from the hand of grace, who attained nearness and was adorned with the meeting. We beseech God to grant success that you may be enabled to preserve what He has bestowed. The traces of the Supreme Pen have encompassed the world, yet the deeds and words of the servants have prevented them from the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. O people of Baha! Beseech God that He may cause to appear through you that which has been inscribed by the Pen of bounty in the Mother Book. Know ye the value of this Day and leave behind what the people possess. The Self-Subsisting has come, in His hand is the sealed wine. He bestows the cup, grants the chalice, gives forth the ocean - drink ye in His Name, partake ye in His remembrance, and give in His love. The people of Baha are the true celestial cup-bearers - they must adorn the dead of the world with the garment of life through the cups of His bounty. He is the Powerful One whose aid has never been withheld from His loved ones, and His favors have been and shall ever be with them that are near and sincere. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and soared in the atmosphere of My nearness and love, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having adorned my heart with Thy love, my breast with the light of Thy knowledge, and my being with the manifestation of Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee by the Word through which, when it was raised up in the world, all things spoke and the earth and heaven were stirred, to make me steadfast among Thy servants in service to Thy loved ones who have traversed the lands to propagate Thy Cause and to kindle hearts with the fire of Thy divine Tree. Then I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the Most Great Name through which the limbs of the polytheists trembled and the hearts of the transgressors were disturbed, to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy Command that which will keep me firm upon Thy path. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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He is the Mighty! These are the verses of the Spirit which have been sent down upon the Pen of Eternity from God, the Exalted, the All-Wise. Therein is that which causeth the hearts of them that circle round the Throne to take flight. And thou, O Muhammad, hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from this hallowed and luminous Quarter, that there is none other God but Him, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There hath been decreed for them that are nigh unto God that which causeth the hearts of the sincere ones to tremble. Be thou assured by that which We have cast upon thee of the Spirit, and fear thou no one. Put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. He will guard thee by His command and protect thee by His grace from these wrongdoers. Then know thou and be certain that all who are in the

heavens and on earth are, in God's sight, as but a handful of clay. He doeth what He willeth by His command, as He did in truth while ye were witnesses. He will do what He desireth by His wisdom and seize these idolaters by His might. Nothing hath delayed this save that which hath preceded it in knowledge in a preserved Book which none hath comprehended save God, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And when thou hearest that the Lamp of Hijaz hath left the Niche of Iraq, grieve not, for therein lie mighty secrets. It will shine resplendently within another globe, as predestined by Him who is the Omnipotent, the Ancient of Days. Through this God's Cause shall be exalted in the Word of God, and thereby shall the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, be upraised. Say: This servant feareth no one, even should all the kings of the earth and all who are behind them rise up against Him, for We desire for Ourselves naught save what God desired for Us before the creation of the heavens and earth. He who desireth God will desire naught else besides Him and will fear none other than Him. Our deeds bear witness to this, and beyond them these verses, the understanding of which bewildereth the minds of the mystics. Erelong will ye behold this Divine Youth riding upon the steed of victory. Then will the hearts of the envious be seized with trembling.

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O Ramadan! The Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious! These are the verses of God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. They have been sent down from the heaven of Revelation unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. The gates of heaven have been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with sovereignty and power. The appointed time hath come, and He Who is the Possessor of Names and Attributes hath appeared. This is what ye were promised in the Book. O people! This is He through Whom faces have been illumined and eyes have been gladdened. He hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities for your salvation. Fear ye God, O ye who are endued with insight! Cast away what ye possess and turn with your hearts toward the Focal Point of the Beloved. Thus have ye been commanded in the Books of your Lord, the Creator of all things. Blessed art thou for having cast away what the people possess, turning unto God, He Who causeth the rivers to flow. Be thou thankful unto Him for having aided thee to love Him and for having adorned thee with the ornament of His remembrance amongst His servants. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Source of Thy laws, after He was denied by those servants who deemed themselves to be amongst the learned ones in the midst of Thy servants and the mighty ones amongst Thy creatures. By Thy glory, O my God! Were I to sacrifice my life in Thy path in return for what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy grace, it would still be little compared to the manifestations of Thy gifts and favors. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love and then cause me to stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon her who was with thee. Convey unto her face the greetings from thy Lord, the Lord of all days.

O servant! Consider the divine favor and reflect upon the infinite outpourings of thy Lord. He hath guided thee and led thee to the shore of the Most Great Ocean, and now thy name is mentioned in the Supreme

Concourse while the names of those who considered themselves the most learned of the learned are unmentioned. Thus have We made their highest ones lowest and their lowest ones highest. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest

These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of exalted glory and which call the people to the recognition of His Self, the Most High, the Supreme, the All-Knowing. O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee at this time when He hath seated Himself alone in the house, His gaze fixed upon His loved ones, His tongue speaking in remembrance of His Self, the ocean of His heart surging with the verses of His grandeur, and the ink of His pen flowing in praise of His handmaidens who have turned with their whole being unto this Wronged One, the Stranger, the Alone. Give thanks unto God for having deposited within thy heart His love and for having purified thee from the defilement of those who have denied His Self and opposed that which hath been sent down from His presence. By God! Through what they have perpetrated the hearts of those near unto God have been consumed. O My handmaiden! Soar with the wings of My love in the atmosphere of My mercy and bounty, then drink the wine of everlasting life from the hands of My grace, then sing My praise and glorification, then be ignited with the fire of My love, then detach thyself from all else save Me, and know that thy Lord loveth him who loveth Him, desireth him who desireth Him, remembereth him who remembereth Him, draweth nigh unto him who draweth nigh unto Him, and provideth the heavenly feast unto him who seeketh sustenance from His all-pervading grace. He verily forgetteth not His lovers, disappointeth not those who hope in Him, and driveth not away those who long for Him. His mercy hath indeed encompassed all created things, yet the people are heedless. O My handmaiden! Take comfort in My remembrance, then adorn thy tongue with My praise, thy head with the crown of My love, thy neck with the cord of My servitude, thine eyes with the kohl of detachment from all else save Me, and thy body with the robe of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all worlds. Thus have We remembered thee on this night that thou mayest rejoice within thyself, though thy Lord be in grievous sorrow. And glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned with their hearts unto My countenance, the radiant, the shining, the gleaming, the hallowed, the beautiful.

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This is a Tablet to Mir Muhammad-'Ali. He is the Mighty. These are the verses of holiness, set forth with pure nature, and He casts forth remembrance and guidance. Verily, in the remembrance of God do hearts find rest. Nothing escapes His knowledge, and nothing is hidden from God, thy Lord. There is no God but Him. His is the Command and Creation, and all return unto Him. Is there any god besides God? Say: Glory be to God! There is no God but Him, and all beseech His bounty. His is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth. He creates what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Say: O people, fear God with true fear, and associate not anything with Him, and call not upon any god besides God, and take

not your vain desires as lords unto yourselves, if ye be aware. Verily He sufficeth you against all things, while nothing can suffice against God your Lord, and unto Him do all return. With Him is the knowledge of all things, and the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and He knoweth your final home and resting place, and whatsoever people imagine within themselves. Say: Fear God, O people, and turn not your faces from the holy sanctuary, then follow what the Spirit casteth upon you, that ye may draw nigh with your hearts to the shore of nearness, and then attain certitude of this Beauty. Thus doth the Dove counsel you with true counsel and remember you with the best remembrance, if ye but hear. O servant! Remember thyself, then remind the people of what God hath taught thee of His grace, then make thy heart a mirror wherein this hidden and radiant Beauty may be reflected. Grieve not over anything that befalleth thee, but place thy trust in God, then strive in His good-pleasure, and be not of those who in the days of the Spirit are sorrowful. The Spirit and Light be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Forgiving, the All-Giving!

O Afnan, upon whom be the peace of the All-Merciful! Thou hast repeatedly attained Our presence - praised be God! - and art mentioned before the Wronged One and hast been the recipient of special favors. With complete determination thou must endeavor to guide all people and, through the Most Great Name, conquer the hearts of all who dwell on earth. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. The assault of the oppressors and the clamor of the malicious ones have somewhat subdued the friends in various lands. We cherish the hope that through the light of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed with Moses and through the fire of the Blessed Tree, the world will be set ablaze. O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! Your station is to guide the servants, that those who turn to God may drink from the hand of bounty the water of everlasting life and thereby quicken the world. Through God's grace - exalted be His glory - thou art mentioned and recorded in the Book as one of the Afnans of the Tree and as one of the Hands of the Cause. The flowing blood of the martyrs will surely awaken the world and its peoples. By God's life! None can reckon its effects and manifestations; pen and ink cannot venture into that realm. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make known to the oppressors what they have wrought in this transient world and to bring them near to the punishment that hath been ordained for them in this world and the next. We remember all the friends in that land and beseech God on behalf of each one that which will cause the exaltation of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Thou didst mention Muhammad. Praise be to God, he hath attained recognition and is illumined by the light of understanding. We beseech God to ordain for him that which will cause him to speak His praise, to arise to serve Him, and to turn his gaze toward His horizon. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer. May glory and light rest upon his father, who attained My presence time and again, and upon every steadfast and trusted one. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! Some time ago in a letter from this servant, mention of you was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, you will drink the choice wine of the Merciful's bounty at all times and remain focused on its horizon. Through God's special favors you have aimed for the ultimate goal and attained that which was in the divine Books of the past and future. This is the Day which all the Prophets and Messengers gave glad tidings of to the people and announced. Blessed is he who heard and turned and attained, and woe to every heedless doubter. Strange are those souls who consider themselves believers in the Book yet remain heedless of and turn away from the Mother Book. They speak according to their desires and say that which none before them have said. Your Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, bears witness to this. Thank God for having caused you to hear and recognize and enabled you to make mention of this Remembrance at Whose appearance all remembrances were struck with terror, as attested by Him Who has proclaimed that there is no God but Me, the Manifest, the Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, you will at all times be occupied with assisting the Cause of God, exalted be His glory, and move according to His will and purpose. By God's life! You have attained unto a word that cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth nor by that which is with the kings and rulers. Today, whosoever has attained to divine remembrance has come to possess a jewel whose worth and value the people of creation are powerless to reckon. Preserve it and say: Yours is the praise, O Lord of Names, and Yours is the glory, O Creator of heaven! I beseech You by the sovereignty of Names to assist me in Your remembrance and praise and in aiding Your Cause amongst Your servants. Then establish for me and my family a station in the shade of the Tree of Your grace. You are He to Whose power all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and might all contingent beings have borne witness. There is no God but You, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Port Said. To Jinab-i-Aqa Nuru'llah, upon him be [Baha'u'llah]. 8th Sha'ban 1307.

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

How excellent is he who arises to reform the world, holding fast to the lamp by which earth and heaven were illumined. And peace and blessings be upon the Seal of the Prophets and upon the Hands of the Cause and Dawning-places of wisdom who took no protector or helper for themselves besides Him.

On this night, which is the night of the revered month of Sha'ban, the letter of the spiritual friend Jinab-i-Aqa 'Ali-Muhammad, upon him be God's peace, was presented before the face of the Master and achieved the honor of being heard. And afterwards this utterance emerged from the Dayspring of knowledge:

"O Nuru'llah! Upon you be His peace and grace. Jinab-i-'Ali-Muhammad has sent a letter to this servant and desired that you give attention to his matter, that perhaps through these means he may find rest. Therefore you should not neglect whatever lies within your power regarding him and should carry it out. We counsel him and his father to preserve the station of the Afnan there. From this deed, the door of blessing shall be opened before his face. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and inevitable command."

We send greetings to the friends of that land and counsel them with that which will raise their stations. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

[End of divine utterance]

It is most clear and evident that whatever lies within the power of that kind friend, he will not withhold from the friends and will carry out with the utmost joy and fragrance whatsoever is the cause of blessing and bounty and ease. I send greetings to Jinab-i-Aqa ’Ali-Akbar and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad and to their family members, upon them be God’s care and mercy, and I beseech from the Kingdom of divine favor an everlasting bounty for each one. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants.

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In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance surgeth and the fragrance of the All-Merciful is wafted!

O Mirza Hasan, upon thee be the Most Glorious Glory of God!

Praise be unto the King of earth and heaven Who hath adorned the world of existence with the Most Exalted Word, and raised aloft the banner of “He doeth what He willeth.” Neither the might of princes nor the oppression and ignorance of divines could prevent Him from mentioning the Most Sublime Horizon. Exalted is His dominion, His proof, His testimony and His sovereignty! This is the Day wherein the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken before all mankind, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Say: By God! The Day hath come, yet the people are in manifest error. They have taken their vain imaginings and cast aside their Lord - they are truly among the heedless. The call hath been raised from the horizon of Akka, yet most of the people remain in evident remoteness.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! By God’s life, ears and eyes were created to witness and hearken unto that which in these days hath appeared and been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, yet they find themselves prevented. Their deeds have hindered them and their imaginings have veiled them, and they comprehend not. Previously in one of the Tablets this most exalted Word flowed from the Pen of the Wronged One: “O Son of My Name! Were the entire spiritual realm to be transformed into the power of hearing, one could say it would be worthy to hearken unto this Call that hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. Otherwise these ears that are defiled with false tales were not and are not worthy to hear.”

Ask ye of God that He may enable all to attain unto that for which they were created. The Call hath been raised in such wise that none hath room for denial. From the beginning of days until now, We have summoned mankind, without veil or concealment, unto that which will draw them nigh, make them aware, exalt them and honor them. The oppression of the world did not become a veil, nor did its harm become an obstacle. When the light of the Cause shed its radiance upon the horizons of the world,

certain souls emerged from behind the veil with swords of hatred, intending to strike at the Sun of Truth. Thus did their souls beguile them. By My life! They comprehend not.

For twelve hundred years the people of old clung to names and worshipped the idols of their desires. On the Day of Reckoning there appeared from them that which caused the Most Exalted Pen to weep and the Tablet to lament. From the beginning of Islam until this day, not one of the divines who considered themselves the guides of the people and guardians of God's Law was aware of the nature of His Revelation. Now it is incumbent upon that honored one and the sanctified, assured souls to protect the helpless servants, lest they again become afflicted with the vain imaginings of old. This Wronged One hath borne all tribulations for the purification of hearts and sanctification of souls, that perchance they may attain their purpose and not remain deprived of the fruits of the Blessed Tree which hath been raised before the faces of all in the world.

Today the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised and the flowing of the celestial Kawthar is heard, yet most of the servants remain heedless and veiled. Throughout nights and days they built cities with hands of fancy and conjecture, spoke of certain souls, and all people waited for these mentioned matters to appear, considering their success and prosperity to lie in the manifestation of imaginary forms. The people were thus occupied with these inventions, and when the dawn of Revelation broke and the lights of the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, all turned away save a few of the companions of the revered Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. Would that they had been content with that! But finally the divines of various lands, together with their followers, arose to […]

When the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of God's Will, all turned away save a few companions of His Holiness the Sheikh - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Would that they had been content with that! But finally the divines of the land, together with their followers, gave voice to cursing and execration, and moreover issued a decree for the shedding of His most pure blood. The purpose of these utterances is that you should arise, for the sake of God, to do that which will preserve the servants from the suspicions of the prevaricators and calumniators. Now again a group is occupied with forming a party like the party of before. We beseech God to preserve His servants from their suspicions and imaginings and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is powerful over all things. Today the Mother Book is manifest and speaking, having counseled the world, both past and future, with utmost clarity, and uttereth these manifest and decisive verses: "O Concourse of Divines! Set down your pens, for lo, the Most Glorious Pen hath moved in the Most Exalted Horizon. Cast aside what ye have composed with the hands of fancy and vain imagination. By God, the Truth! The gate of knowledge hath been opened by the key of certitude, and this is verily a Book sent down by the All-Merciful as a grace from Him - and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous." And likewise concerning the kings, this most exalted Word and greatest Verse was revealed: "O Concourse of Kings! The King hath come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." And with these decisive verses did We summon all. He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance.

The Light of Lights hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of mysteries upon the Most Hidden Secret and the Secret veiled by Secret, which appeared in the form of the upright Alif in the preamble of

the Most Great Book after the letters Ba and Ha, witnessed in truth. By it the spheres of inner meaning and utterance have revolved, and the All-Merciful hath been established upon the throne of proof, revealing that which had been justly concealed from sight. Blessed are they who have soared on the wings of certitude in this atmosphere, from whose rushing winds can be heard: "He Who was promised hath come with a sovereignty that was inscribed by the Pen of the All-Bountiful in the Mother Book in truth!"

O peoples of the earth! Cast aside your books and pens, for the Mother Book hath appeared at the final goal before the faces of the parties, and the Pen speaketh with wisdom and utterance, moving in remembrance of those for whom was revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma that which drew unto itself the heart of him who was mentioned in truth before the Face in the Most Hidden Secret.

Thus have We brought forth from the treasuries of Our Most Exalted Pen the pearls of remembrance and praise upon the waves of My knowledge, which hath been witnessed before all eyes without any veil. Behold, O people of Baha, His greatest signs, then aid Him with the hosts of justice and equity, and be not of those who have been justly deprived of the ocean of grace.

Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen rent asunder the veils of the peoples of creation and caused them to hear that which draweth them nigh unto a station that transcendeth understanding. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and made known to His servants His Most Great Announcement, whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred, save those rescued by the hand of power with a sovereignty that encompassed all worlds.

Say: O people of mystical knowledge! By God, the heaven of idle fancies hath been cleft asunder and the All-Merciful hath come with a Cause before which neither the hosts of earth nor of heaven can stand. To this beareth witness the Mother Book, before which have bowed the necks of those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from a cup that was witnessed upon the throne of light before the Manifestation.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, gazeth upon My countenance, and standeth in service to My Cause! Hear My call time and again. Verily thy Lord hath been with thee and hath mentioned thee in such wise as shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. To this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness. Verily, He is wise over all things.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Ocean of knowledge unto all who are in creation, and the Most Great Book among the nations, and the Salsabil of praise unto the people of creation, and the choice wine of utterance for all religions. Blessed is he who hath cast aside idle fancies, turned with the power of certitude, and believed in God, the Lord of all parties.

Say: O peoples of the earth! The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out in truth: Fear God and be not of the heedless. Beware lest that which the people possess prevent you. Cast it behind you, turning unto God, the One, the All-Informed. He hath come with verses that none deny save those who have turned away from the truth on a day wherein every learned one and every well-informed mystic hath advanced

toward Him. By God's life! That which ye possess shall profit you not. To this doth God's Most Exalted Pen bear witness from its lofty station.

Hearken, O peoples of the earth, unto that which hath been raised from the direction of the Prison, then behold what hath shone forth and appeared from this luminous horizon. The breeze of grace hath wafted, and the Temple of Justice proclaimeth before the faces of all who are in the heavens and earth: Have mercy upon yourselves and follow not every obstinate oppressor. Say: Look with the eye of justice upon the Divine Lote-Tree and its fruits, upon the Tablets and their verses, upon the Books and their mysteries, upon the sea and its waves, upon the light and its effulgence, and be not of the heedless.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! After Our departure from the Land of Ta, We exhorted the people of God by day and by night to observe what is good and shun what is evil, until swords were converted into ploughshares. Now nigh upon forty years have elapsed during which hostilities and conflict have ceased, to such degree that in certain cities, when they were slain they slew not in return. Prior to these forty years, as thou knowest and hast heard, battles took place every year wherein multitudes of souls were slain. All things bear witness that this Wronged One hath acted in a manner which hath conduced to the welfare and protection of the peoples of the earth. Yet neither the nation nor the government hath become aware or taken notice thereof. Some time ago a grievous event occurred in 'Ishqabad when one of the loved ones of God was martyred in such wise that the effects of his martyrdom influenced foreign powers. None among this party rose up in retaliation or sought to exact vengeance. Rather, they interceded for the murderer. Nevertheless, it is observed that the malice of the opposers hath waxed greater than before. Glory be to God! Justice hath become like the phoenix, non-existent, and the sun of equity hath remained hidden beneath the clouds of tyranny. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants to return unto Him and to repent before the gate of His bounty. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those with you, and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm, and upon everyone who is established and faithful.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who, through the Most Great Word, has gathered to Himself the gems of all peoples and illumined them with the lights of the Sun of Revelation. Every soul that turned unto Him He drew to the highest horizon, and no seeker did He deprive of the choice sealed wine. Blessed are they who have arisen to serve and have attained the waters of steadfastness. This is the Day of steadfastness and utterance. Beseech ye God, glorified be His majesty, that He may enable all to attain His special grace and bestow upon them a portion from the spring of assurance. In truth I say, this is the Day wherein whosoever wishes may attain whatsoever he desires. O thou who drinkest from the cup of My love! Strive that perchance the people of that land may attain such a station wherein the cawing of the polytheists and the hints of the deniers may not prevent them from the truth. The evil ones have been and are lying in wait with utmost cunning, and in the name of truth have prevented and continue to prevent the people from the highest horizon. Thus doth the Pen command thee from the presence of God, the Lord of eternity, and give thee glad tidings of

that which He hath ordained for thee in His kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and chosen My straight path. Say: O people of Baha! Give thanks for having been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur while He was imprisoned among the heedless. He hath appeared with the truth and revealed what He desired as a grace from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice, O servant Before Mercy, that the face of the Beloved hath turned toward thee and mentioneth thee with that which shall endure through the eternity of My most beautiful names. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. He hath, as a grace from His presence, forgiven thee and revealed unto thee this noble Book. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have believed in the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise sanctified above all utterance beseemeth the Purpose of all possibility, Who hath illumined the hearts of the sincere ones and the monotheists with the lights of the Luminary of proof and guided them to the straight path. His is the praise and the glory, His the loftiness and the exaltation. We beseech Him to assist His loved ones to stand firm in His Cause and to act according to what He hath commanded in His perspicuous Book.

O ’Ali! Praise be to God that thou didst purpose to visit the House of God and wert successful. Blessed is the soul that inhaled from Yathrib and Batha the fragrance of the Lord of Names. Thou didst arrive, and didst see, and didst hear. Know thou the value of this station and convey to the friends of that land greetings and glorification from the Wronged One. During thy stay thou wert occupied in service - the planted trees make mention of thee - and the reward of this service is a treasure for thee with God. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

The souls in that land who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and who are engaged in service to the Cause - each one is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for those souls that which hath no like or peer. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O ’Ali! Convey to thy family glorification from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the lights of the Luminary of mercy which have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace. We beseech God to assist her and aid her in His remembrance and praise. Verily, He is the Protector of believing men and believing women.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to acknowledge the sanctification of Thy Being from all similitudes and the detachment of Thine Essence from all likenesses. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the mysteries of Thy Book to enable me in all circumstances to remember Thee and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who enabled His servants to know Him, guided them to His path, adorned them with the ornament of His love, and ordained that which would lead the poor to the ocean of wealth and the sick to the kingdom of healing. His is the praise and favor in all conditions.

Thereafter, your letter arrived and was presented exactly as received. He said: “O Ali! Blessed art thou for having held fast with certitude, turning away from idle fancies and vain imaginings. Thy letter was presented and We heard from it thy call. We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which will draw thee near at all times. Verily, He is the One Who oversees what shall be and what has been.” End.

That which was sent arrived and was accepted with favor. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions in remembrance, praise, attention and devotion. All shall pass away and what remains is that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

After the arrival of your partner Haji Ali, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant. We beseech God to grant him success in all conditions. As commanded, if trade is conducted in a place other than Beirut it would be better and more appropriate. And in whatever place business is conducted, they must act with the utmost wisdom, for people are ignorant and the Persian consuls seize upon pretexts and engage in corruption and the seizure of properties, as they have done. In all cases, no word that might cause corruption should pass from the tongue. Blessed art thou for having held fast to earning a living and adhering to wisdom. Peace be upon thee and the mercy of God.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise, sanctified from the mentions of the world, befits and is worthy of the Ancient Lord who through His will brought creation into being and through His utterance made manifest and established the order of the world and the tranquility of nations. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophets and Messengers, and upon their Master and Lord, Muhammad - may God’s blessings be upon him and his family and companions through whom was manifested God’s Revelation and Power and through whom was exalted God’s Word and Sovereignty. May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor.

Your esteemed letter brought new glad tidings to the spirit and fresh collyrium to the eyes, as it conveyed news of your health and well-being. We praise God for this with praise sanctified beyond the limitations of contingent beings and elevated above the geometry of those in all lands.

Regarding what was written about Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be God's peace, and the envelope addressed to him - as commanded, they should act in consultation however they deem advisable. Mention was made of the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be God's peace, favors and bounties. Praise be to God, he too attained mention from his Lord, as the letter was presented before His presence. He said: "God willing, divine confirmations and merciful outpourings shall encompass him and the hand of divine power shall assist him. Verily He has power over all things." End quote. This servant also conveys greetings and praise to him and beseeches from God that which leads to the elevation of station. Similarly I send greetings to Qurratu'l-'Ayn Husayn Effendi, upon him be Baha'u'llah's peace. God willing, may he ever dwell in perfect health under the shadow of God's Name. Peace, praise and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you for the sake of God your Lord.

Another submission: Two arrival notices were sent regarding the matter of the ten liras that Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's peace, intended to send to Istanbul - they should give them to Aqa Faraj and deliver the other ten liras when possible. God willing, after Nazareth.

The petitions that were submitted to your honor were sent. As commanded, they should write a response.

The Servant

23rd of the month of Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1303

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O Shaykh Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Wise Judge! In this Most Great Revelation most of the loved ones have been commanded to teach the Cause of the Lord of Names, that is, teaching has become obligatory upon all, so that perchance all the friends of the All-Merciful may attain to that exalted and most glorious station expressed in the words "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind." However, all must observe wisdom in the matter of teaching. Without it, it is neither permissible nor allowed. For instance, if today someone were to call out at the top of their voice commanding people to rend asunder their imaginary veils, such a soul would not be considered among the teachers in the sight of God, for they would have acted outside the bounds of wisdom. For when someone has spent years following a way and has been brought up in it, one cannot forbid them from it all at once. Rather, one must gradually, with the utmost kindness and mercy, present teachings from their own tradition, so that through these teachings and stories they may attain to the horizon of the Cause and rend asunder their imaginary veils. God's mercy has taken precedence and His grace has encompassed all. This is why He has commanded all to observe wisdom, lest anything occur that might cause minds and souls to be troubled. Before the martyrdom of Badi', upon him be the most glorious Glory of God, We commanded a group to call out without concealment or veiling, and they acted according to what God desired and drank the cup of martyrdom from the most exalted of vessels. But after his martyrdom, all have been commanded to observe wisdom. Today, deviation from it is not permitted. Read thou this Tablet to those who have believed in God, that they may be informed of what hath been sent down from the Ancient Revealer. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before

the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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His name, may His station be glorified, is the Most Great and Powerful.

O honored friend Jenab-i-Eliyahu, upon him be the peace of God. 2 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1304.

Your letter was received and read. Praise be to God, it indicated your well-being and good health. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds, Whose mercy and bounty have preceded and made these servants hopeful. Both the disobedient and obedient partake at His table of generosity. His ocean of grace has no shore and His sun of bounty knows no bounds - it shines upon both garden and wasteland. What tongue is capable of giving thanks for these bounties and what heart is worthy to comprehend these stations? From Him do we seek assistance and from Him do we beseech help. In truth, if His grace were to pause, we would all perish. In all conditions, I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may assist you to remember and praise Him and to act in accordance with that which leads to eternal salvation. Praise be to God that we met and renewed our bond of friendship. God willing, may you be enabled to do that which befits servitude before God, the True One. However, this servant did not think that you would remain in Beirut until now, since according to instructions you should proceed to Iraq via Aleppo and from Iraq to Iran. I beseech God to assist you to act according to what has been ordained. God willing, with the utmost joy and fragrance proceed from Iraq toward Iran. As was told to you, we shall write your recommendation to Iran. Be assured. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has encompassed and continues to encompass all. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist and enable you to do what is right. Verily He is the Most Wise of judges and the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but He, the King, the True One, the Manifest Justice. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

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He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

The Peerless Friend, while imprisoned among His enemies, is occupied with remembrance and praise. He has had and has no purpose except the reformation of the world and all that is therein, that perchance the world-consuming sun of ignorant fanaticism may be extinguished and the East and West of the world may become connected and united in all respects. However, the heedless ones and the atheists have prevented this and deprived the servants of the ocean of bounty. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to deliver the servants from their heedlessness and protect them from His enemies and draw them nigh unto Him through His grace and generosity and send down upon them from the clouds of generosity the rains of His mercy. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Hasan-'Ali! Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One. We heard thy call and have responded with this blessed Tablet, that thou mayest read it and be of the thankful ones. In the Tablets We have

commanded all to observe wisdom, and wisdom consists in such deeds and character as will cause the attraction and drawing nigh of the servants. However, some have committed that which was not befitting the divine days. We counsel thee to manifest such deeds and character as will cause the exaltation of the station of the servants. Hearken unto the counsel of the Wronged One. Verily He will assist thee through His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Return to thy locality is not permitted in these days. Remain for a time in another place, placing thy trust in God, until God bringeth thee tidings from His presence - a command from His presence. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the shell of the sea of Thy bestowal and the breaths of Thy revelation and the nobility of Thy days to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and protect me from the evil of Thine enemies. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is no God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Forgiving.

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The Command is from the Mighty One, the remembrance of God, at a time when the breezes of separation blow upon all who are in the heavens and earths. Verily it is a revelation from God, the Lord of the worlds. O Baqir! We have heard the cry of thy heart and the lamentation of thy soul, and We were well aware thereof. And by this We were grieved in such wise as none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Therefore did We open unto thy face the gates of counsel that thou mightest be counseled by God's counsel and be of the patient ones. Be patient, O servant, in this firmly established and mighty decree. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, then commit thy affairs unto Him, for He is the best of helpers and protectors. Though in this separation the pillars of the unitarians be demolished, yet patience therein is nearer unto righteousness, if ye be of those who know. But O My loved ones! Remember My exile, then My tribulation thereafter, then My migration due to what the hands of the hypocrites have wrought. Then ponder upon My reunion, then upon My melodies, then upon My beauty, then upon My majesty, if ye be of those who know. For in all these nothing is seen save the attributes of God, the Mighty, the Ever-Living, the All-Knowing. Thus do We teach you the ways of wisdom that ye may be among the triumphant. Then make mention of Abdullah Ahmad and give him the glad tidings of a mighty victory. O Ahmad! Give thanks unto God for having guided thee unto His Self and nourished thee from the freshly-plucked fruits of holiness and brought thee near unto the shore of nearness and caused thee to hear the sweet and holy melodies and accepted thee and thy brother and assisted you both in His service through what ye fashioned with your hands for His servant. And this hath been inscribed in a Tablet wherein the deeds of the doers shall not be omitted by so much as a date-stone's weight or a whit. Soon shall appear in the earth the recompense of what ye have done, and verily He rewardeth His sincere servants. Then make mention from Us unto those who are in your households, both young and old, and unto those women who were among the devout before God.

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Qa'in. We have sent down to 'Abdu'llah Aqa Baba that he may recite the verses of his Lord and be of those who attain. He is the Most Exalted. Make mention of thy Lord's mercy unto His servant that he may be of those who remember and that his eyes may be consoled by the traces of God his Lord, and be of those who have attained unto the recognition of God and the Manifestation of His Self, and whom the denials of those who disbelieved and associated partners with God and were of the heedless did not hinder. O servant! Illumine thy sight with the verses of thy Lord and thy heart with the remembrance of His Name, the Most High, the Most Great. Deprive not thyself of the grace which hath preceded all created things and for whose appearance the Temples of the Cause waited in centuries past. Say: He hath appeared in human form. Blessed be God, the Revealer of this noble countenance. Beware lest anything sadden thee or any matter prevent thee from the upraised and straight path of God. Turn not unto the world and what hath been created therein, but seek what thy Lord hath ordained for thee. Verily He sufficeth thee and sufficeth all worlds. Drink from the Kawthar of life from the spring which floweth in this paradise, that it may attract thee to the face of thy Lord. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous. He will never withhold from any soul the wonders of His grace nor cut off from His servants the rains of His mercy. There is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the heaven of eternity that thou mayest follow the command of thy Lord and be of the doers of good. Verily those who were heedless of the meeting with their Lord and turned away from His beauty - these God will never show mercy to in this world, and in the next world they shall have grievous punishment. Soon shall the angels of chastisement return them to their abode - what an evil abode for those who turned away! Thus have We expounded the verses unto thee and set them forth as a grace from Us upon thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a mention from Us to the servants of the All-Merciful who have believed in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower, in days wherein the Sun of Grandeur and Power hath shone forth, the moon been eclipsed, and the Balance set up, that the Call of God might draw them to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and detach them from all else. Be thou severed from all save Him in the path of God, then turn with thy heart toward the quarter from which the lights have shone forth. We have indeed sent down verses unto thee before - these once again - that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. Let nothing grieve thee. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord. He hath verily appeared with the truth, and before Him the Spirit proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen!"

Behold him who fabricated lies against Us - God seized him with power and authority. Then he who claimed sovereignty for himself - God seized him for his sin and made him a lesson for those possessed of insight. O people! This is He Who hath borne all tribulations for your salvation. If ye will not help Him, at

least oppose Him not. Fear God Who hath caused the dawn to break and subjected the winds. None can draw breath save by His leave. Thus hath the Command been sent down in the Book from the presence of One mighty in bestowal. He protecteth whom He willeth through His sovereignty and chastiseth those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. Say: Protection lieth in God's hands - He protecteth whom He willeth, even were he in the serpent's mouth. Those whom this world hath deluded shall soon find themselves in the fires.

How many generations did We send Messengers unto, but they denied the signs of their Lord. We seized them for their sins and left them as a reminder for those possessed of understanding. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned to God after the servants turned away from Him. Turn thy face toward the Prison, the seat of thy Lord. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Him not to shut me out from Thy door, then make me steadfast in Thy love and good-pleasure. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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O Ayat! Upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Rememberer. This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned with his heart unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O Ayat! The Sign of God hath appeared, yet the people have turned away therefrom, and they are among the lowly ones. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and the Dawn of utterance hath broken forth, yet most of the people remain heedless. The verses have been sent down and the clear tokens have been revealed, and He Who conversed on Sinai calleth aloud from the Branch of appearance, yet the people are in evident doubt. Blessed is the strong one whom the might of the divines hath not weakened, and the steadfast one whom the allusions of the idolaters have not caused to sit. Whenever the Light appeared and He Who conversed on Sinai spoke forth, the divines rose up against Him with such tyranny as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. Say: This is the Day wherein that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers hath appeared. We have remembered thee, and do remember thee at this time, with the verses of God, the True King, the Manifest. Arise in the Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praised, shall hold thee back. We counsel thee with that whereby the Word of God shall be exalted throughout all else. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Counselor. Grieve not over anything, but trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thou didst stand before all faces in days wherein the pillars of the servants were shaken by the power of those days. When the Cause was made manifest, the manifestations of vain imaginings emerged from behind the veils and perpetrated that which neither Pharaohs nor tyrants had perpetrated. Thus did their souls entice them, and today they are among the companions of the fire. By the life of God! The dwellers of the cities of justice and fairness, and they who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide, have lamented their deeds. Thus hath the Treasury of Knowledge revealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained thereunto in the days of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and

upon whomsoever remaineth steadfast in this Mighty Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, son of Z! From the Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Glorious, a mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the Most Great Remembrance, when there was sent down unto him from the Lord of eternity that which consoled the eye of understanding and illumined all faces. O My servant! Hearken unto My call from around My throne: He is, verily, none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. By My life! Nothing descendeth upon the loved ones save that which is best for them. To this beareth witness the Pen of God, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved. Be content with God’s decree. Say: O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I am content with what hath befallen me in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Forgiving. Verily, thy father hath ascended unto God, and he is in a praiseworthy station. We have, of a truth, forgiven him as a token of Our grace unto him. Thy Lord is, verily, the Ruler over what was and what shall be. Blessed is he in that his remembrance hath been mentioned by the Pen of the Ancient of Days when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful, though the people understand not. We had indeed sent down unto him aforetime clear verses which no treasuries of kings could equal. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God, then stand firm in His love. He will, in truth, protect thee and aid whomsoever He willeth in this world and the next. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Take heed, then, of what hath befallen you and know that every soul shall perish and what remaineth is only that which hath been revealed from the Truth for those who have believed in God after He came from heaven with manifest sovereignty. Were anyone to possess all the treasuries of the heavens and earth, and were We to remove the veil from his eyes, he would expend them all for the mention of but one of his Lord’s remembrances. By My life! This is a truth well-known. Know thou, moreover, that Our name al-Javad is with Us, and God hath honored his face by turning it away from aught else but Him. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Mirza Siyyid Muhsin, upon him be the glory of God, He Who warbles upon the branches

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who has drunk the sealed wine when the Self-Subsisting came from the heaven of utterance with a clear proof. A letter from the Prisoner to him who has turned to the Hidden Mystery that appeared and summoned the peoples at their return unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the coverings torn away when the Revealer of verses came with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth. While We were seated upon Our seat, there came one named the Present Servant from the tongue of God, the Commander, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful, and read thy letter before Our face. We found from it the fragrance of My utterance and thy love for Him Whom most of the servants detest, and

thy turning to Him from Whom every transgressor and sinful one has turned away. We answer thee with this wondrous and glorious Tablet. When thou attainest unto it, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of the throne and of the dust, the Master of all men. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink what flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen and made known to me that which most of mankind were prevented from knowing. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Bountiful Name, and I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the kingdom of names, to make me one of those who have cast vain imaginings behind them, turning to what Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy Will in Thy Mighty Book. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy greatest verses and attracted by the breezes of Thy revelation, O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy most exalted Word and by Thy sovereignty that hath subdued all things, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and upright on Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. Then ordain for me, O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations, the best of what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the Wronged One, the Imprisoned One! The remembrance of the one who hath loved Me We remember with a remembrance through which the near ones inhale the fragrances of the verses of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Husayn! Hear the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the luminous spot - verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. We created the servants to hearken unto My Call and to behold My horizon, but when I revealed My Self they denied and turned away, except those whom God saved through His sovereignty which dominateth every small and great thing. Thou didst desire to attain My presence and to stand before the gate of My mercy and to behold My Most Exalted Horizon and to hearken unto the scratching of My Most Glorious Pen. Know thou with the eye of certitude that the Wronged One loveth the presence of His friends and loved ones, but the idolaters prevented and came between Me and My loved ones - thus did their souls entice them and they are today among the wrongdoers in My perspicuous Book. Be thou not grieved. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me recognize the Dayspring of Thy power and the Repository of Thy mysteries on a Day whereon most of Thy servants denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and that which was sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the sun of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! I am he who hath acknowledged Thy oneness. I testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of Thy servants and exalted above the recognition of Thy creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of the Names trembled and the hearts of the learned and the mystics were perturbed, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance where neither kings nor subjects can prevent me. I testify, O my God, to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and to Thy power and Thy might. Thou art He Who created all beings with a word from Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones whom Thou hast made the emblems of Thy guidance among Thy servants and the banners of Thy remembrance amidst Thy lands, that Thou mayest write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence, O Lord of all beings

and King of the hereafter and the former times. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Ultimate Goal of the mystics' quest.

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O Siyyid Topchi! O Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Mighty, Most Exalted! This is a remembrance from My servant, that the fragrances of remembrance may attract him to the most exalted station. Arise, by God's leave, to promote the Cause of thy Lord, and remind the people with wisdom and utterance, through this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Lord of all mankind. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy heart hath been adorned with the ornament of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and thou hast turned toward the Qiblih of all horizons. Know thou that I have been afflicted between two parties, after being imprisoned in the most desolate of lands through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. I have borne tribulations in the path of God, yet they have not prevented Me from remembering Him amongst His servants. Summon the people unto the truth, even should the idolaters surround Me with arrows and swords. We summon the people to the Most Exalted Horizon while they call Me to that which they follow - this indeed is a wondrous thing! Say: He hath arisen to promote the Cause of God in such wise that none on earth can turn Him back, nor can the might of any froward oppressor disturb Him. He calleth the nations unto God, the Ancient of Days, and pointeth with the finger of certitude: "O people! Follow Him Who hath come to you with power and sovereignty." Those who have turned away from the Countenance are indeed in heedlessness and error. Rejoice in what hath been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation, then give thanks to thy Lord for this bounty that shall never cease. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Convey My glorification to thy son and give him the glad tidings of his Lord's gracious favors having been directed towards him, the All-Choosing. Say: Blessed art thou for having heard and turned unto God. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in His love in such wise that the cawing of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, shall not deter thee. Adorn thy tongue with My remembrance, thy heart with My love, and thy breast with that which hath been sent down from the Pen of thy Lord. This is better for thee than all thou seest, and He Who speaketh the truth from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify to this.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

Pure praise befitteth the Ancient King Who, through the breaths of His garment, brought dead bones to life. He is the Speaker of the Mount Who conversed with Moses. By His will did the whole world appear, and by His will shall it return. Verily, He is sanctified above all that hath appeared through letters and words. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Most High.

O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee, saying: Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of

thy Lord and turned toward Him. It behooveth thee to act according to that which thou hast been commanded in My Great Book. The whole world and whatsoever is therein cannot equal a single word that proceedeth from the mouth of the Beloved. To this testifieth every one endued with vision in the days of God, the Possessor of Destiny, and beyond him thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and the earths. Ere long shall the excellence of the Divine Word be made manifest in the world, and likewise the station of those souls who have attained unto it. Well is it with them that understand. In all conditions, occupy thyself with utmost joy and delight in the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. Reflect upon the matter of the ascetic of the world, namely Christ, and His mother, and likewise upon the events that transpired after the ascension of the Spirit. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His recognition at a time when all the world turned away from Him, though the people followed Him. The True One, exalted be His utterance, hath engaged in these remembrances so that thou mayest not be sorrowful and mayest remember Him with perfect joy. It would be more fitting and proper for thee to dwell with Jinab-i-?alib, upon him be the Glory of God. It behooveth thee to be with him, and it behooveth him to honor thy dwelling place. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon those women whom vain imaginings have not kept back from God, the True King, the Manifest.

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He is the One Who standeth through His Name, the Self-Subsisting

Glorified be He Who hath caused to flow from the Pen the mysteries of eternity, whereby He hath quickened the peoples who, when the Sovereign of Names appeared with His holy, mighty and impregnable dominion, turned unto Him. Blessed is he who hath been created anew from these most sweet waters, who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of that which his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath commanded him. The gardens have been adorned with the ornament of the All-Merciful, and all things have proclaimed “Glory be to God, the Powerful, the Almighty!” They that have turned away this Day are cursed by all who are in the heavens and on earth. Do they know by what thing they are withheld, and do they recognize by what cause they are kept distant from their Lord, the Guardian, the Near One? They worship their vain imaginings and are not among those who perceive. They call upon their idols and are not among those who understand. Say: He Whom ye invoke hath appeared at this luminous horizon, and all else are but names and idols, could ye but perceive it. Cast away vain desire and turn with your hearts unto the Dawning-Place of the signs of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Day of Harvest hath come - reap ye what hath grown in the land of the Bayan. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you, if ye be of them that know. Say: Ye were created for the meeting with this Day of yours. Why have ye turned away and been among the heedless? We took from you a covenant in the seed-world of the Bayan - this is attested by that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Revelation in a glorious and wondrous Tablet. Beware lest ye break God’s covenant. Answer Him Who calleth you unto Him and be not of them that wander distracted. Thus have We illumined the house of knowledge with the lamp of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is among the thankful. O thou who art mentioned! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, Who calleth thee from the Most Great Prison to the dawning-place of His exalted Cause. Be thou steadfast in the

Cause, for by this steadfastness all who are in the heavens and on earth have been amazed. Be not disturbed by those who speak according to their desires. Let thy Lord suffice thee, turning away from the worlds.

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He is the Herald in the Kingdom of Knowledge

Glorified be He Who has manifested His Cause with a sovereignty that has encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily He speaks the truth and summons all to this Announcement at which the limbs of the idolaters have quaked. No thing can frustrate Him, no matter can prevent Him, the power of the world cannot weaken Him, and the hosts of kings and rulers cannot frighten Him. Say: O people of creation, judge fairly by God, the Creator of heaven - can any among you race with the horsemen of utterance in this arena? Nay, by His Own Self, the Mighty, the Bestower! Your powerlessness is attested by a clear Book from His presence. This is a Day wherein the Mother Book calls out from this supreme horizon and summons all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who has ears to hear and has turned towards Him, and woe unto the heedless ones. Judge fairly, O people, concerning that which has appeared in truth, and be not of the wrongdoers. When thou dost find the breezes of revelation and drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having drawn me nigh unto Thee and enabled me to turn toward Thy horizon and for having made manifest to me Thy path. I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed what was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection and what was stored in the blessed, luminous land - the place wherefrom the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary proclaims: The kingdom belongs to God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thus has the dove of knowledge warbled upon one of the branches, and the herald has called out between earth and heaven: The gate of utterance has been opened and the All-Merciful has come with clear sovereignty. O people! I desire from you no benefit nor anything of things, but rather We desire to draw you nigh unto your Ancient Master, through Whose finger's motion were set in motion worlds which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who has judged fairly and turned towards Him, and blessed is every hearer who has heard the Call when it was raised from this noble station. Thus have We adorned the horizons of the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of utterance. Blessed are they who possess true knowledge.

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O Ali-Akbar, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed that whereby the hearts of all created things have been attracted. He hath spoken and caused to speak whomsoever He desired to command by His authority. Verily, He hath power over all things. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call that hath

been raised from the prison of Akka, calling all to a station that hath been mentioned in the name of God. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given by God. Thus hath the command been sent down in a Tablet that was inscribed by the Pen of God. Blessed is he who hath cast aside whatsoever is in the world, clinging to that which hath appeared from the Ancient King. He hath been recorded among the people of Baha by the Pen of Glory with glory. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when every ignorant one known for knowledge turned away from it. Give thanks unto God for having made mention of thee before the Wronged One while He was in a place concealed from the eyes of the idolaters. He hath come with the truth and called all unto a horizon illumined with the lights of His countenance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken for themselves a path unto God. O thou who hast turned! When thou dost inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and art attracted by the breezes of proof, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me, caused me to know Thee, made me to hear, and guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and by its branches and leaves and rustling, to make me in all conditions detached from all else but Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, steadfast in the service of Thy Cause, and drinking the choice wine of Thy love. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and no affair hindereth Thee. Thou doest through Thy power whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Forgive me through Thy grace and generosity, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, and worthy to answer prayer.

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In the Name of Him Who hath encompassed the worlds! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them clear evidences for those on earth, that they might recognize the Truth when it appeared among creation and be numbered among the triumphant. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books, testifying that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. Every Prophet hath given glad tidings of this Great Name, and He Who revealed the Bayan took the covenant of My Self - to this testifieth what We sent down upon Him from the heaven of My loving-kindness that hath preceded all worlds. When the appointed time came and He Who revealeth the verses appeared, every stubborn oppressor turned away from Him. Among them was he who, despite his nearness, arose in opposition and said "He hath appeared too soon." Say: By My Beauty, He hath manifested Me as He pleased - verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. It behooveth every soul to thank God for this and to be of those who rejoice. Say: O people, look at what ye possess and what hath been revealed in truth in this wondrous Manifestation. Reflect on what appeared in ages past and what hath appeared on this luminous Day. Say: O people of the Bayan! If ye follow your vain imaginings, what is the difference between you and the people of the Furqan? Be fair in truth and be not of the wrongdoers. They await what they were promised of old, after He hath appeared by His mighty, sublime command. Say: This is the Cause whose greatness the Bayan hath testified to, were ye of those who know. Beware lest ye measure it by what ye possess. God hath made it sanctified above all likeness and comparison - verily He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. The Point of the Bayan hath lamented what hath befallen Me from you, O heedless ones! O thou

who hast turned to God, hearken unto the call of this Wronged One from this far-off place, then aid Him through remembrance and praise, that perchance those who were veiled in those days might awaken - days the like of which the eyes of the near ones have never witnessed. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained and have said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!”

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O Ali Akbar! In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Glorified be He Who remembers His servant in this night that he may remember God, the Exalted, the Great, and draw him nigh unto the shore of immortality which hath appeared through My Most Glorious Name, and be of them that are sincere. O servant! Forget the world, then remember My Self and find solace in My Name which was named Mahdi and which We made one of Our most beautiful names among the worlds. Associate with him that what wafteth from the direction of Names from this luminous and shining quarter may attract thee. Then aid thy Lord with what thou art able and be of the helpers.

Say: O people! Take not the calf as your lord besides Me. Fear God, verily We are of them that fear. Beware lest ye join partners with God or ascribe to God any rival, equal or likeness. Thus do We command thee in truth, verily We are the Commander. Drink thou from the Kawthar of justice from the fingers of grace, then find rest within thyself - verily We are imprisoned. And if thou desirest to know what hath befallen Me, look at the clouds when they rain upon you - thus mayest thou know Mine eyes if thou art of them that know. And if thou desirest to know My heart, look at the flame of fire. By God, it blazeth with what hath befallen it from the hosts of devils. And if thou desirest to know My liver - by God, no spot remaineth therein but hath been pierced by the spears of the idolaters and arrows of the hateful ones. Thus hath befallen the One Whom God created and nurtured through all months and years.

O servant! Leave behind all remembrance, then remember thy Lord at all times and be not of the patient ones. Then thank Him for having made Himself known to thee and sent down verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of them that rejoice. And glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath relied upon God in these days and been of them that trust.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

Glorified is He Who sendeth down the verses in truth and giveth unto whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth through His grace, and verily He encompasseth all things.

O ye who remain of the family of the beloved one on earth! Grieve not for him, for he hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion and now dwelleth in the Most Glorious chambers, companioned by the maidens of paradise. He drinketh from the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of youths whom God hath created from the light of glory, whose faces shine as the sun in spheres of crystal white, illumining all

who dwell in paradise. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and verily His grace unto those martyred in the path of truth is exceeding great.

Grieve not for him; rather, if ye must needs grieve, grieve for this lonely one who remaineth in the hands of the idolaters without helper or champion. Remember him at all times and forget him not for a single moment. Thus doth this Youth command you in this Tablet which is a clear book of truth.

Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath ascended unto God, detached from all the worlds. God hath ordained for you in the Most Glorious Paradise a station that is truly exalted. Strive within yourselves to remain steadfast in the Cause - this is God's counsel unto you and unto every discerning believer. Be not dismayed by what hath befallen you through the decree that is established, but rather rejoice in what God hath ordained for you and inscribed as irrevocable in the Mother Book. He ordaineth for His servants only that which is better for them than all the treasures of the heavens and earth, were ye to know it. Glory be unto him and unto you and unto every faithful and trustworthy believer.

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O Jalal, who hast come into My presence and attained! He is manifest before the faces of the world. Glory be to God! Oppression and hatred have reached such a state that description and interpretation fall short of mentioning it. Forbearance hath become the cause of severity, and kindness hath led to wrath. They deny every righteous deed and make every easy thing difficult. How long, O my God, wilt Thou leave Thy wronged servants in the hands of the oppressors among Thy servants and the transgressors among Thy creatures? I beseech Thee, O Ocean of Generosity, by Thy Most Great Name, to make known to those who hate the fruits of their deeds and actions. Then enable them to turn back unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O Jalal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. On this day, which is the first day of the blessed Ramadan, the Wronged One is fasting. The petition of the Name of Munificence hath attained the Most Holy Court, and thy mention was recorded therein. Therefore have We sent down for thee that whereby all things have soared unto God, the Lord of all beings. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and inspired me with the wonders of Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Most Great Name and the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, O Lord of eternity, to deliver Thy loved ones from the evil of every oppressor. Then preserve them, O my God, through Thy grace and Thy hosts and Thy sovereignty, and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the special favors of God, exalted be His glory. His honor Mulla Ahmad-'Ali, upon him be My glory, was present and besought for each one that which hath been and ever shall be sanctified from peer and likeness. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earths. That which was sent through the Name of Munificence hath arrived and been accepted. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned to and believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Haji Abdul-Karim, upon him be God's peace! He is the Single, the One, the Unique!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest one of Thy friends who hath turned unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, and who hath taken none beside Thee as helper, protector or object of his desire. I beseech Thee, O Ultimate Goal of the near ones and Utmost Hope of the sincere ones, by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver the Interlocutor from Pharaoh and his hosts, and Thy Beloved One named Muhammad from Abu Jahl and his followers, to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for him who is named Karim the good of the hereafter and of this world. O Lord! Thou seest him standing in service to Thy friends and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Ordain for him that which will exalt him through Thy Name and draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O Karim! Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. In these days many have attained, and from the sweets that were sent each received a portion. These sweets have no equal, for they were sent with utmost love and affection and in delicacy have reached the highest summit. They were sent for the sake of God and we gave them away for the sake of God. Well done to the sender, and blessed and wholesome be it to the distributor and giver! We beseech God to assist thee in that which will cause His Cause to be manifested and elevated. In every instance mention of thee hath issued from the tongue and flowed from the Pen. Assuredly unending fruits are ordained for these mentions. Soon shall the sincere ones behold the effulgences of their Lord's lights, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's bounty be upon thee and upon thy son and those with thee and those who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. We send greetings to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Blessed are they that attain, and joy be to them that are steadfast.

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In His Name, the Preserver, the Helper!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy righteous servants among the wicked ones of Thy creation, and Thy noble friends among the rebellious ones of Thy creatures, who have denied Thy manifest proof and the appearance of Thy clear Name, such that they oppose them however they please and do with them whatever they desire. I beseech Thee, O God of might and power, by Thy dominant sovereignty and Thy overwhelming authority, to seize them through Thy power and might, and prevent them from what they intended against Thy loved ones. O Lord! I see all things, when the winds of Thy will blow, as a dried leaf cast aside in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee by this power, which all created things are powerless to mention and all tongues of beings fail to describe, to protect Thy loved ones in the shadow of Thy protection, and then ward off from them the hands of evil through Thy dominion and might. O Lord! Cut off the hands that were stretched forth against them in tyranny and oppression, and the tongues that were extended against them in hatred and enmity. Then turn back upon them what they intended against

those who sought the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Subduer, the Mighty, the Seizer, the Avenger, the All-Compelling. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O my God, to give Thy loved ones to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy favors, that the attraction of this pure wine may so transport them that the onslaught of Thy enemies - who issue religious decrees among the people in Thy Name while the very atoms testify to their turning away from Thy face and their following their own desires in Thy days - may not frighten them. Thou knowest, O my God, that they have corrupted and caused corruption in Thy kingdom, and prevented the servants from turning to the Dayspring of Thy manifestation and the Dawning-Place of Thy light. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Great Name through which the world was illumined, to ordain for those who have arisen to promote Thy Cause, and those who were imprisoned in Thy path and Thy love and who were patient in hardship and adversity seeking Thy good-pleasure, that which will draw them near unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Then raise up their names in Thy kingdom and their remembrance among Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the Name of God! O Beauty, upon Him be the Glory of God!

In His Name, the Mighty, the Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of earth and heaven! Thou seest and knowest that I have arisen to fulfill Thy Cause in days wherein the limbs of the world trembled with fear of the Manifestations of Thy wrath who denied Thy most great signs and turned away from Thy most exalted horizon. When I proclaimed Thy Cause through Thy power and spoke what Thou didst command me through Thy sovereignty, most of Thy creatures turned away from me and most of Thy creation opposed me. O Lord! This is the Day wherein Thou didst give glad tidings to Thy servants of Thy manifestation and appearance and the exaltation of Thy Word and the operation of Thy Will. Thou didst say - and Thy word is most sweet - “On the day when thy Lord cometh or some of the signs of thy Lord” and “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, by this Day and by the Lamp which the finger of Thy will hath lit between Thy earth and Thy heaven, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Illumine, O my God, their faces with the lights of the dawn of Thy manifestation, their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge and recognition, and their breasts with the lights of Thy dominion and might. O Lord! They have borne in Thy love what none of Thy servants before them have borne, and have witnessed in Thy path what no eye hath seen nor ear heard. Ordain for them, O God of existence, from Thy grace that which befitteth Thy greatness and beseemeth Thy sovereignty. O Lord! This is a Day wherein the Sun of Thy Cause hath shone forth from the heaven of Thy wisdom and Thou hast commanded all who have turned to Thee to fast out of love for Thy Beauty. I beseech Thee by Thy Day and by those whose necks have bowed down before the manifestations of Thy Cause and whose voices have been humbled at the revelation of Thy verses, to ordain for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds

and preserve them through Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who hast, through the movement of Thy most august pen, subdued the concourse of Thy creation, and manifested the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom through the words which Thy tongue hath spoken before all who are in heaven and on earth. I testify that Thy might hath encompassed the whole universe, and Thy mercy surpassed all created things. The powers of the earth have never prevailed against Thee, nor hath the tumult of the nations frustrated Thy purpose. Thou hast revealed in Thy realm whatsoever Thou hadst desired through the power of Thy sovereignty, and hast ordained all things according to the good pleasure of Thy will. From eternity Thou hast inhabited the loftiest heights of Thy dominion and of Thine unfettered sovereignty, and wilt unto eternity continue to abide in the inaccessible retreats of Thy majesty and glory.

I implore Thee, by Thy Name through which the fragrance of the raiment of Thy presence was wafted, and the gentle winds of Thy bountiful grace passed over all created things, to graciously assist me, at all times and under all conditions, to serve Thy Cause, and to enable me to remember Thee and to extol Thy virtues. Let, then, Thine almighty arms enfold me, O my God, and ordain for me what beseemeth Thy bounty in every world of Thy worlds.

Thou beholdest, O my Lord, how I have set myself towards the ocean of Thy grace and the adored sanctuary of Thy favors. Deny me not, I pray Thee, the drops which are sprinkled from the ocean of Thy gifts; neither do Thou withhold from me the outpourings of the clouds of Thy tender mercies. I am he, O my God, that hath clung to the resplendent hem of Thy robe, and taken hold on Thy strong cord that none can sever. I testify that Thou hast created me, and nourished me, and brought me up, and fed me, and sustained me, that I may recognize Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs, and the Revealer of Thy clear tokens. I offer unto Thee, therefore, most high praise, O Lord my God, that Thou hast suffered me to attain unto this most sublime station and this most august seat. Thou, truly, art the Great Giver, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Illumine mine eyes, O my Lord, with the splendors of the horizon of Thy Revelation, and brighten my heart with the effulgence of the Day-Star of Thy knowledge and wisdom, that I may set myself wholly towards Thy face, and be rid of all attachment to any one except Thee, in such wise that the changes and chances of the world will be powerless to hinder me from recognizing Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self, and the Revealer of Thy signs, and the Day-Spring of Thy Revelation, and the Repository of Thy Cause.

Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Protector, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

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O Promoter of the Cause! Upon him be all the most glorious Glory! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. Praise be unto the sovereign Pre-existent, sanctified above creation, Who through the breaths of the Pen of Knowledge hath raised upon the lofty standards of the world "Verily He is God." He is sanctified above mention and utterance and all that hath appeared in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. O promoter of My Cause! Reflect upon the intelligence and insight of some of the ignorant ones who have appeared in the guise of knowledge. They have desired with the hands of tyranny to deprive the lamp of justice of its light. Say: By the life of God! This Cause is founded upon a firm, steadfast and immovable foundation that neither the winds of rejection and opposition, nor the hosts of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, can shake. This is that blessed Word which, like unto the sun, hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet. Blessed are they that perceive. O friend! Counsel My loved ones and My chosen ones to observe the wisdom with which I have adorned the brocade of My Book of Laws and Ordinances. Thus doth He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet of God command thee. The servant who standeth before the Throne hath presented thy letter and read that which thy pen, thy tongue and thy heart have set in motion in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have heard it, accepted it, and answered thee with this wondrous Book. And when days had passed, thy other letter arrived which testified before the world to thy sincerity, thy turning to God and thy devotion to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. From each word of thy words was wafted the fragrance of My love, to which My pen and My tongue bear witness. By My life! This manifest and pure bounty which hath shone forth from this luminous horizon sufficeth thee. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him. The Servant desired to write to thee what he desired. We forbade him and informed him that My Most Exalted Pen desired to move in his remembrance as a bounty from His presence, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing. We have indeed informed all of the Day of God and His presence, yet when He came with the truth, every heedless sinner denied Him. Hearken unto that which the Manifestation of My Cause hath spoken and that which the servants have uttered, that thou mayest be of them that are endued with knowledge. He saith - and His word is the sweetest - "I have taken a gem in His remembrance: He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan from one who speaketh with knowledge." After the dawning of that Word from the horizon of Will, doth it befit anyone to hesitate regarding this luminous, resplendent Revelation? Should anyone turn towards My most exalted horizon, would God torment him after what His tongue hath uttered in His mighty Book and what We have mentioned for thee in this clear Script? Doth it beseem anyone to cling to the Bayan in his turning away from God, or to use it as proof when the All-Merciful hath come with His mighty kingdom? Verily, concerning Him Who cannot be indicated by any indication from Him Who revealed the Bayan nor by His Book, they say what those who denied God and

His Messengers said not in former times. Thus hath My Pen spoken in this luminous Tablet. Blessed is he who pondereth this Word which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan, and what hath befallen the Wronged One from the party of the heedless. Say: By God! This is a Revelation which the Books have not comprehended, and which none hath understood save His Self, the One Who dominateth the worlds. Say: Fear God, and weigh Him not by the Bayan. God hath made it but a leaf among the leaves of the garden of His presence, were ye of the fair-minded. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken unto thee. By God's life! Whoso hath found the fragrance of My verses and the sweet savors of My robe hath soared in My atmosphere, hath sought My kingdom, hath lamented in his separation from Me, and hath shed tears over what hath befallen the Prisoner at the hands of them that have denied God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, who have attained unto this noble station.

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He is God, Glorified be He,

Grandeur and Might are His!

On the morning of the blessed Friday We proceeded from the

Mansion and entered the Garden. Every tree uttered a word, and every leaf sang a melody. The trees proclaimed: "Behold the evidences of God's Mercy", and the twin streams recited in the eloquent tongue the sacred verse "From us all things were made alive". Glorified be God! Mysteries were voiced by them, which provoked wonderment. Methought: in which school were they educated, and from whose presence had they acquired their learning? Yea! This Wronged One knoweth and He saith: "From God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsistent".

Upon Our being seated, Ra?iyih, upon her be My glory, attained Our presence on thy behalf, laid the table of God's bounty and in thy name extended hospitality to all present. In truth, all that which stimulateth the appetite and pleaseth the eye was offered, and indeed that which delighteth the ear could also be heard as the leaves were stirred by the Will of God, and from this movement a refreshing voice was raised, as if uttering a blissful call inviting the absent to this Feast. God's power and the perfection of His handiwork could enjoyably be seen in the blossoms, the fruits, the trees, the leaves and the streams. Praised be God Who hath thus confirmed thee and her.

In brief, all in the Garden were recipients of the choicest bounties and in the end expressed their thanksgiving unto their Lord. O that all God's beloved had been present on this day!

We beseech God, exalted be He, to cause to descend upon thee at every moment, a blessing and a mercy and a measure of divine grace from His presence. He is the Forgiving, the All-Glorious.

We send greetings to His loved ones, and supplicate for each one of them that which is worthy of mention and is acceptable in His presence. Peace be upon thee, and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to Him, the Lord of all mankind.

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In these days it is natural that selfish passions should have prevented some from observing justice and equity, and whatsoever hath been sent down in the Tablets concerning unity and harmony. Even so, what is the Pen of the Most High to say, and to whose behoof should the Tongue of Knowledge speak? The ignorance of God's creatures hath darkened the resplendent horizon of knowledge; the heedlessness of the people hath veiled the radiant dawn of guidance. In most of the Divinely-revealed Tablets We have enjoined upon all wisdom, unity, laudable deeds and a praiseworthy character. Though all have read these, and become aware of the Divine precepts, yet have they remained far distant from the Straight Path, and given precedence rather to their own desires. We have enjoined upon them unity; rather have they risen up in strife. We have summoned them unto wisdom; rather have they shown forth the reverse. In most of the Tablets they have been forbidden to direct themselves towards the Divine Court; this notwithstanding, each day a host arriveth and another host departeth. There is no power nor strength except in God! Ye have heard of the developments in the Land of Ta', and the determination of some to commit a heinous act. We have commanded all souls to set the world in order; rather have they occupied themselves with sowing strife. Methinks they have regarded the Divine commands as of no account, and considered the Lordly precepts as mere fancies. They speak as passion moveth them, then attribute what they say unto the One True God. He, verily, is clear of those who have wrought mischief in the land after it had been set in order, and who speak that which hath been forbidden them in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Please God, in training certain weak souls, and in promoting concord and union, thou must, so far as thou art able, exert an unremitting effort, that haply they may attain unto that which God hath purposed. The sorrow of this Wronged One is clear and manifest from this Tablet. Verily, we are God's, and unto Him shall we return. 251, Sad, Ha' Sin Nun

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Blessed art thou, O My leaf, and blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto My Beauty, and drunk of the Kawthar of My presence, and quaffed from the Tasnim of My reunion, and soared in the atmosphere of My love, and hearkened unto My melodies and My songs, and witnessed My establishment upon the throne of My utterance, and My speech amongst My servants, and My dawning in the kingdom of My Cause. Give thanks for that which thou hast attained from the ocean of My bounty and the heaven of My bestowal. Know thou that We have heard thy call and recognized the depth of thy love for thy Lord, and have answered thee with this utterance whereby the light of oneness hath shone forth and the horizon of grace hath illumined all created things, and the dove of remembrance hath warbled upon the branches of the divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Rejoice in what God hath ordained for thee in all His worlds. By the life of God! This is better than all that hath been created in the heavens and earth, yet most men understand not. Thou wert mentioned before the Throne, as attested by that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen and by that which the

Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in its glorious station. Let not earthly affairs grieve thee. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee and My turning towards thee from this forbidden spot. Remember thy Lord, the Wronged One, Who throughout His days was in the hands of such as were heedless of the Witness and the Witnessed. Thus have We remembered thee while being outside the prison, through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

The Glory rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned with their hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon and remained steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the croaking of every rejected liar hath failed to deter them. O My leaf! Convey My glorification to the faces of My handmaidens who have attained unto this promised Day and have witnessed that which We witnessed aforetime. Dominion on that Day belongeth unto God, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen.

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=== START BH03512 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Thou dost witness and see how the dogs of Thy creatures and the swine of Thy creation have gathered against us, though we commanded them only to approach the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and to enter the gate of the city of Thy knowledge and bounty. Whenever we gave them glad tidings, O my God, of the wafting of the breezes of Thine eternal glory, they denied us because of what Satan cast into their hearts, and turned away from Thy Self. And whenever we strengthened them with the gems of Thy love, they rose up to wage war against us before Thee. How long will the hands of power not emerge from the sleeve of Thy sovereignty? And how long will Thy might and dominion not be manifested upon them, though they have rebelled against Thee to such extent that they have driven the best of Thy creation from Thy lands? By Thy glory, O my Lord, I do not complain of what has befallen me in Thy path, for I yearn for all tribulations in Thy love. But O my Beloved and my Purpose, when I hear from them what the Jews said concerning Thee, then my innermost being is shaken and my heart trembles, for they say “God’s hand is chained” - this from their rebellion against Thee and Thy trustees, though Thy hands of power were ever outstretched over all contingent things and extended over all created things. And they have reached such heights in their false statements that they have become hopeless of the sweet fragrances of Thy holy bounty and deprived of the gems of Thy grace and mercy. If it were said to them that the breezes of generosity and grace have wafted from the Ridvan of immortality, or that the Countenance of the Cause has appeared from the Most Exalted Kingdom, they would deny it and cry out, saying that God has ended succession with the family of Muhammad and none can be raised up besides them, as though they had knowledge of what lies within Thy knowledge. Glory be unto Thee, glory be unto Thee, O my God, above their rebellion against Thee and above the wonders of Thy patience regarding them. Therefore, O my God, cut them off from all that keeps them occupied with aught else but Thee, that they might return unto Thee and become detached from all save Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Bestower, the Generous.

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=== START BH03513 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted! The appointed time hath come, and the Manifestation of your Lord, the Possessor of Creation, hath appeared. Every atom proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing!” By God! This is not the day of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Your All-Knowing Lord hath come in the shadows of the clouds, and the tongue of Revelation hath spoken: “Sovereignty belongeth to God, the Lord of all mankind.” Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance, and blessed are they who have believed in that land. God shall soon exalt you in truth and record your names in the Mother Book. It behooveth every soul in this day, upon hearing the Call, to say: “Here am I! Here am I! O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens!” I bear witness that Thou hast borne tribulations to manifest the Cause of Thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and hast endured in the path of God what no other servant hath endured. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance and hath spoken in praise of his Lord, the Cleaver of the dawn. O servant! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee, despite being surrounded by the hosts of the wicked who, when We showed them the proof, said “This is a lying sorcerer,” and when We sent down unto them the verses, said “These are but fabrications.” Thus spoke those who came before. Blessed is he who hath cast them behind his back, and woe unto every doubting denier. Make mention of those who have believed in that land. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons and recognized the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, Who hath come from the heaven of grandeur with power and sovereignty. Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the cawing of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all religions, shall not deter you. Those who have turned away from the Countenance, these wander in the wilderness of error. God shall soon seize them with His wrath, and aid those who, upon hearing their Lord’s call, said “Yea, O Thou Beloved of all creation!” The glory be upon you, O loved ones of God. We beseech God to assist you and strengthen you in His love and good-pleasure. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Most High, the All-Chosen.

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=== START BH03514 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of proof! The Promise hath come to pass, and that which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath appeared. Verily he hath attained unto all good, as witnessed by […] He speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of the Throne […] Thou hast attained unto the call of the Wronged One. Turn thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling […] My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and […] Thy face and clinging to […] Thy grace. I am the one who, O my God […] was uttered by the tongue of Thy grandeur, and I have held fast to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Books [and Thy Scriptures] and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Aid me to gaze toward Thy horizon with Thine eye and to hearken unto Thy call with Thine ear. O Lord! Thou seest the transgressor turning toward the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity, seeking Thy forgiveness […] and the ignorant one [turning toward] the kingdom of Thy knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee by [the light] whereby Thou hast illumined Thy earth and Thy heaven, and opened the doors of the hearts of Thy servants, that Thou [mayest make me] enriched through Thy riches, detached from all else save Thee, and content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy firm decree and Thine irrevocable destiny. Verily Thou art

He through Whose bounty all created things have testified, and through Whose grace all contingent beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! Withhold not him who hath turned toward Thee, and remove not him who hath sought the court of Thy nearness and the threshold of Thy door. Ordain for him through Thy bounty that which shall cause him to arise to serve Thee and to speak Thy praise among Thy creatures. Then write down for him the good of all worlds among Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH03514 ===

=== START BH03515 ===

The Most Great, the Most Glorious! The Promise hath come, and this indeed is the Promised One. The earth hath told its tidings, and the mountains have passed away, yet the people understand not. The heaven hath come with its smoke, and the matter hath been decreed by God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people, ye hear the call of God - what aileth you that ye answer not? By God, the True Call hath come, yet ye perceive it not. The heaven hath been cleft asunder with clouds, and the Youth hath come upon the clouds, yet ye know Him not. Say: Do ye read the verses of God and then deny them? What aileth you that ye are not guided? Power hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Call hath been raised between earth and heaven, yet ye are as dead. The Trumpet hath been blown, and bodies have swooned away, while the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving! Say: Do ye deny while ye witness? Will ye not remember while ye hear? Arise from the slumber of passion, in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious - this would be better for you, did ye but know. Say: He hath borne tribulation for your sake, yet ye turn away from Him. At every moment He drinketh the cup of destiny, yet ye remain heedless of Him. Do ye sit while He standeth before your faces? Arise at My call, then walk in My Kingdom which We have adorned with My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - He calleth thee from this Prison, after being surrounded by the hosts of the idolaters. Arise to serve God and remember Him, then summon the people through utterance to thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He will aid thee - verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Countenance and turned away from those who act unjustly. Leave the world behind thee and remind the people in the days of thy Lord, that perchance the breaths of revelation may attract them and make them turn toward the Goal. Thus have We commanded thee and inspired thee - act according to what thou art commanded. He will verily reward thee in truth - there is no God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH03516 ===

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty

O Haji Mulla Mahdi, upon whom be the Glory of God!

The Herald of God hath proclaimed from the right hand of the Throne: They that have on this day attained unto that which the Beloved hath desired - these are they who have truly prospered. And they that have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and have detached themselves from all else but Him - these are they who are sincere.

God willing, may you be ever joyous and prosperous through divine bestowals. It behooveth one such as you to exert the utmost effort to foster love and unity among the loved ones of God, and by the lamp of wisdom and utterance to guide all who dwell on earth to the straight path and manifest horizon. The sweet waters of life are present and visible, yet the people, heedless, turn to and occupy themselves with putrid waters. Vain imaginings have so deceived them that they have doubted the appearance of God and His presence, after He hath appeared in truth from this luminous station. Behold their paucity of understanding: they invoke the Names morning and evening, yet deny Him Who created them. These are indeed among the lowly ones. Blessed is he who hath cast away what he possessed and hath made his desire that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired. Remind the people of this Most Great Name, that they may become aware and turn unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have remembered thee over successive years and have sent thee the fragrance of the garment from this luminous Scene.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the new life - such matters have ever been beloved before the Throne. He verily blesseth you in whatsoever ye have desired for His good-pleasure. He is the Protector of whosoever hath loved Him. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Generous.

Grieve not over anything. Rejoice with the most great joy and place thy trust in the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Turn ye both unto the Most Great Scene, the Spot of God, the Powerful, the Transcendent, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Thus have We given you both leave, as a mercy from Our presence. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Great.

Glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God and have turned unto His Face, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH03516 ===

=== START BH03517 ===

O Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the All-Glorious, the Most High! We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people hear not. They have cast away that for which they were created and have taken up that which was forbidden unto them in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. O Buzurg! Be thou ready to hearken unto My most sweet call in this most exalted station which God hath adorned with His mighty throne. O Land of Prison! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made thee the dawning-place of the angels and the Spirit, and the dayspring of His signs and the rising-place of His clear proofs. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Grieve not over thy burdens. Recount unto thy Lord whatsoever hath appeared in thee. Thy cause is not hidden from God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired through His power and sovereignty. He, verily, is the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful. The happenings in the lands and the deeds of the servants prevent Him not from that which He desireth. He speaketh before all faces that which guideth them that have gone astray unto His straight path. Say: My

God, my God! Thou seest my poverty and need, my powerlessness and weakness. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy riches and the hosts of the land of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy supreme sovereignty and the outpourings of Thy mighty grandeur to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy loved ones who have arisen to help Thy Cause and who desire the salvation of Thy creation. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My God, my God! Thou seest how the thirsty one hath hastened to the Euphrates of Thy mercy, and the poor one to the ocean of Thy bounty, and the abased one to the heaven of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by the Point through which the books of the world were distinguished, and by Thy Name whereby Thou didst illumine the faces of the nations, to bring forth for me from the hand of Thy power the pearls of the depths of Thy knowledge. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before Thee to serve Thy loved ones, speaking Thy praise, and holding fast to Thy firm cord and to Thy Most Great Name. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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=== START BH03518 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory! The servant in attendance has appeared and presented what you sent to him. We heard it with an ear that has no likeness in the world and saw it with an eye that brings comfort to all eyes. That which you hoped for from the bounty and favor of the Desired One of the world - God willing, you will attain it and have attained it. O Mahdi! Consider the unburdened heart as an ocean, and the heart that is clouded by the dust of the world as the eye of a needle. Praise be to God that in your early days you attained the recognition of Truth and attained His presence, and drank the Kawthar of inner meanings in Iraq and in the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison, and freely partook of this greatest feast. By the life of God! If its value were known, all the treasures of the world and what the nations possess would not equal it. And from the Supreme Pen was recorded concerning you that which today you are veiled from knowing. It shall be revealed in truth - verily I am the Unveiler, the All-Manifest, the All-Knowing.

As regards Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God - in these days word has come that his presence would not accord with wisdom. This is one reason, and another reason is that if We were to summon him We would need to summon all the companions of that land, and in these days this would not accord with wisdom. God willing, We shall summon him later. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken - inform him that he may be among those who are informed. O Mahdi! We love those who desire Our presence and We love to see them - to this bear witness I and you and he who stands before the Face and writes, and this swift Pen. We have enjoined wisdom upon all and We must observe it. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth. Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the Unique, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And it is for Him to withhold permission until God brings about His decree.

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=== START BH03519 ===

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted! The Lamp hath been lit and the fragrance of God hath been wafted throughout all creation. Blessed is he who hath found it and hath exclaimed: “Praise be unto

Thee, O God of the worlds!" Doth the Lamp speak? Say: Yea, by my Lord! It calleth out at this moment with the most wondrous call: "The sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise!" Verily it is a sign of the All-Merciful unto all who are in the realm of possibility, and the Ark of Guidance unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso holdeth fast unto it, verily he hath attained salvation, and whoso turneth away from it is assuredly among the drowned. Say: O people, behold ye the Balance and Testimony of God, not what ye possess. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablet, did ye but know. None shall attain unto its recognition save those who have cast away vain imaginings and turned unto Him with illumined hearts. These, verily, are among the triumphant. Ponder not on what ye possess, but rather on this Cause which hath appeared with clear sovereignty. Read ye what We have revealed unto you, and follow not the tales of them that are lost in doubts. They who have denied the Fountainhead of the Cause are assuredly among the companions of hell-fire. God will soon seize them with His might. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Even as He seized those who wronged Us in this last revolution. He is, in truth, the most severe in punishment. Not one of those who committed injustice but was seized by Him and made an example to the worlds. The hand of might expelled them as they had expelled Us, and thy Lord, verily, hath power over all things. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Wise. He protecteth whom He willeth and chastiseth whom He pleaseth. Within His grasp lieth the dominion of all things. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Stand thou firm in the Cause through the power and might of God, and be a sign of His remembrance amongst His servants. Thus doth the Pen of the Command enjoin thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Trustworthy. Be not dismayed when the clamor of men ariseth. He will, verily, protect thee through the truth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, those from whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of Baha and from whose deeds thou findest the fragrance of holiness.

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=== START BH03520 ===

In the Name of the Self-Subsisting Over All Names

The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, and the sealed wine has been unsealed by the finger of God, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, he who has attained unto it has attained unto that which God desired in His days, and he who has been deprived is reckoned among the people of error in a preserved tablet. The fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted and the ocean of knowledge has surged, yet most among the people do not understand. How many a mystic has claimed knowledge of the Known One, and how many a learned one has desired the appearance of the Object of Knowledge. Yet when the Intended One came with His name the Self-Subsisting, they turned away from Him and pronounced judgment against Him. Soon shall the breezes of chastisement seize them from all directions - this is a promise that shall not prove false. We have perceived the fragrance of thy turning to God, and have therefore sent down this Tablet unto thee and dispatched it to thee, that thou mayest glory among the servants through this evident grace. All that thou seest today shall perish, but that which hath been sent down for thee in this conclusive Book shall endure. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power, then remind the people of that

wherewith thou hast been reminded by the Supreme Pen, that they may forsake what they possess and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: This is a Day wherein the books of the world shall profit you not, nor shall the treasures of the nations suffice you. Fear ye God, and follow not every deluded man. Turn ye, in the name of the All-Merciful, to the fountain of life - this shall profit you in this world and the next, did ye but perceive it. Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy evidences, and for having caused me to hear His call when the people of Thy realm turned away from Him. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which the back of all names did tremble, to assist me to remember Thee and to aid Thy Cause amidst the concourse of creation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Supreme over what was and what shall be.

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=== START BH03521 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, yet the people remain in evident veils. O servants of the All-Merciful! By God, the Balance hath appeared, and verily it walketh and speaketh. There is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bountiful. He saith: “I am God’s justice amongst the nations, and through Me hath every straight cause been made manifest. God hath made Me the Discriminator between created things - verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single One, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through Me is revealed the station and measure of all things, and I am the Distinguisher, the Detailer, the All-Knowing. I walk at all times before all who dwell in the realm of possibility. I see and I hear, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.”

O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires, nor conceal your deeds. God hath made Me their Manifester and their Expounder, and I am the Unveiler from God, the Lord of all worlds. Adorn your temples with the robes of uprightness and trustworthiness, if ye be of them that know. No matter is hidden from Me, though it be hidden from you as it was hidden aforetime, and I am the Informed, the All-Knowing. Say: Arise through the Most Great Name and turn unto God, that He may forgive your sins and absolve you of your misdeeds. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Informed.

I have desired naught from you and have arisen among you by the command of my Lord to draw you nigh unto the supreme horizon and give you to drink of the Kawthar of your Lord’s tender mercy. Say: Will that which ye have hoarded profit you? Nay, by the Self of Truth! Abandon what ye possess - the Most Great Treasure of God hath appeared. Turn ye unto it and be not of the heedless ones. It will enrich you beyond all else - thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet.

We have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest remind the people thereby, that they may find for themselves a path unto God. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the Praised One. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have attained unto My Day and have tasted the sweetness of the love of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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=== START BH03523 ===

O Ali Ishaq! The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great! The tongues of all created things have spoken in remembrance of the Revealer of Verses, and faces have been illumined by the light of His countenance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Say: This is the Face through which all faces have turned toward the Worshipped One, and the realities of all contingent beings have proclaimed: There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful. I have heard the call of him who called upon Me, and I have turned toward him who turned toward My direction and made mention of Him Who spoke of My wondrous remembrance. Nothing can outstrip Me in anything, verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. I have manifested Myself to all servants - among them are those who have inhaled My fragrance and attained the ocean of My presence, and among them are those who turned away by following those who clung to vain imaginings and hesitated in this Great Cause. All the Tablets have testified to My Self, and all religions have promised this resplendent Beauty. The ocean of knowledge has surged through My utterance, and the horizon of Revelation has been illumined by My beauty, and the Books have been adorned with My Name, the Mighty, the Generous. We have heard that wherewith you called upon the All-Hearing, and We know your condition, verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We answered you when you called, and now We answer you again as a grace from Us unto you, that you may be among the steadfast. Leave behind all remembrances and hold fast to this Remembrance, the Manifest. Set aside the tales of the people and take what you have been given of this Great Announcement. The Announcement of God cannot be weighed against what tidings the people possess, nor can what is with Him be equaled by what exists between the heavens and the earths. Arise and say: By God! The All-Merciful has come and the Most Great Balance has appeared, if you be of those who know. All things are weighed by this Balance, even It itself, were you of those who understand. Deprive not yourselves of the Sacred Sanctuary and follow not every harmful slanderer. Thus have We counseled you and taught you that you may rejoice in your Lord's counsel and inform the people of what has flowed from the Pen of Revelation by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

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=== START BH03524 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee, turning to Thy horizon, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, holding fast to Thy Book, speaking Thy praise, and arising to serve Thy loved ones through whom Thou didst open the door of Thy mercy unto Thy creation and didst send down the rain of Thy bounty upon Thy lands. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose will the sun of generosity hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy will and the temple of destiny was established upon the throne of fulfillment by Thy command, to make me one of those whom Thou hast described in Thy Book. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names, by the Seal of the Prophets through whom the light of unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace and the decree of detachment appeared amongst Thy servants, to aid me to achieve that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then make me one of those who know no fear nor are they grieved. O my Lord! Thou seest me soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, and awaiting the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty and

grace. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy giving and the exaltation of the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for me what Thou desirest. This Thy servant desireth naught save what Thou hast desired and willeth naught save what Thou hast ordained. I thank Thee in all conditions. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

His honor Ahmad, upon him be my Baha, hath arrived. Perfect bounty hath been and is his portion. God willing, may he be assisted that from beginning to end his movements and stillness, his standing and sitting, his sleep and wakefulness may all occur for the Cause of God and for His sake. Verily He is powerful over all things. We beseech Him to protect him and return him unto thee that he may see thee and thou mayest see him, and he may convey the greetings of the Wronged One unto thee. And We send Our greetings upon you both and upon him who hath newly arrived unto thee and upon God's righteous and sincere servants.

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=== START BH03525 ===

In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy Beauty, and for having enabled me to turn toward Thee, until I entered Thy Gate which was opened before the face of all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth, and attained unto the Throne - the station whereon was established the treasury of Thy knowledge and the potency of Thy Cause. And I heard Thy most sweet call which was raised, by Thy leave and will. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy reunion, and caused me to be seated in the sacred precincts at the manifestation of Thy power and sovereignty. O Lord! Praise be unto Thee for these bounties which none of Thy servants can reckon, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for these favors whose mention cannot be exhausted by the Pen of Creation except by Thy will. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of names surged and the Most Exalted Horizon shone forth, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and enabled to speak Thy praise amongst Thy servants in such wise that the signs of those who have disbelieved in Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens shall not deter me. O my God! What am I and what is my station that I should find myself in this Most Great Scene, the station wherein Thou didst shine forth with the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Who holdest dominion over destiny! By Thy might! This is not of my deserving, but rather of Thy grace which hath encompassed Thy creation and Thy mercy which hath preceded the people of Thy realm. I beseech Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that know Thee and Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth, to make me in all conditions one who acknowledgeth Thy oneness and confesseth Thy singleness, who proclaimeth Thy greatness and sovereignty, and who fulfilleth what Thou hast sent down in Thy perspicuous Tablets. Then ordain for me, from the wonders of Thy grace, that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants whom neither the might of any oppressor deterred from Thy love, nor the power of any aggressor from Thy path. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH03526 ===

O Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Most Great, Most Ancient, Most Glorious Glory of God! Say: O people of Baha! Ye are the dawning-places of victory in the kingdom of creation. Be ye steadfast in the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Ever-Victorious. Let not the allusions of the people veil you, nor the arguments of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Follow not vain imaginings, but follow that which the Dayspring of Inspiration commandeth you. Rend asunder the veils of those who slumber on the couch of heedlessness and passion, then tear apart the veils of all who dwell in the realm of possibility. We have lit the lamp of success in the land of Syria - thus hath the matter been decreed by the Cleaver of the Dawn. Say: This is a land wherein We raised up the Prophets and sent them unto all who dwell on earth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He desireth for whom He pleaseth. O people of the earth! Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Turn ye unto the Dayspring of Revelation with spirit and fragrance. Abandon vain fancy and hold fast to My Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all worlds. Be ye My trusted ones in My lands, and the lamps of guidance among My creatures, and the horizons of justice in My kingdom. Thus hath the command flowed from the Pen moved by the finger of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Those whose eyes are drunken - these shall find no helper. But those who have drawn nigh - these are possessed of true vision. Subdue hearts through the name of the Beloved, then help your Lord through this Name by which the Tablets have been adorned. Those who turned away and opposed - these are the companions of error. All things bear witness to God's testimony, yet most people are in doubt and schism. Thus have We caused to flow forth unto thee from the Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of remembrance and praise in remembrance of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. When thou hast attained, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of Verses!

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In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty!

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of Him Who is the Ancient King, and brought from nothingness into being. Yet when the Dayspring of God's Day appeared and the horizon of His Manifestation was illumined, all became entangled in their selfish desires and remained veiled from, nay turned away from, the Lord of Names - save for a few souls who, through divine confirmation and heavenly grace, became free from idle fancies and vain imaginings, and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they! Soon shall the station of these souls become evident and manifest to all the world.

O Muhammad! Thy letter was presented at the Divine Throne and attained the presence of the Wronged One of the horizons. All the souls mentioned therein have been blessed with the remembrance of God. God hath forgiven them as a token of His grace and ordained for them that which gladdeneth hearts and minds. God willing, may they be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful, detached and free from all else. Today all must hold fast to the divine commandments revealed in the Most Holy

Book and walk among the people with perfect wisdom. This is God's command. Blessed art thou and those who act accordingly. Any word spoken without wisdom is not and will not be acceptable at the Divine Throne. Know ye, O My loved ones, that which hath been revealed in this Tablet and hold fast unto it, by the leave of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. One must be engaged in the remembrance of Truth with utmost joy, for His grace hath been and will be, God willing, with you. Previously a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to thee from the heaven of the Divine Will. Verily, He loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth him who remembereth Him. He is, in truth, the Protector of the patient ones, of those who remember Him, and of the sincere ones. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who have turned to the Intended One and upon every maidservant who hath turned to God, the One, the Peerless, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

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The Supreme Pen states to Vali Khan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful - He is the Mover of His Most Exalted Pen:

The Supreme Pen declares: In the moment of utterance We are silent, and in the moment of silence We speak. How strange is the world that has appeared, while the servants remain heedless of it! All things give glad tidings and proclaim that which causes bodies to soar, let alone spirits. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Sun of Truth has risen, the ocean of utterance is surging, and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation. At one time He turns to the right and says: "O people of Baha! This day is your day, which has come for your joy, your gladness and your delight. By God the Truth! That which was recorded in the Books of God and stored up in His knowledge has been manifested. Arise to help your Lord through wisdom and utterance." And at another time He turns to the left and says: "O company of the heedless! Be fair in this manifest Cause. Beware lest the books of the world hold you back from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. He has come with clear proof and evidence, by which the hearts of those near unto God and the sincere ones have been attracted. Say: O people! The signs of God have come to you and the fragrance of utterance has been wafted throughout all contingent being. Cast aside that which keeps you from drawing nigh unto God, your Purpose, and take hold of that which you have been commanded in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. He will assist you with the truth and ordain for you that which will bring joy to your eyes, expand your breasts and gladden your hearts. He is, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful. Give thanks to thy Lord, for He has remembered thee when He was wronged at the hands of the oppressors, that thou mayest arise to serve His Cause and be among the triumphant. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds, and whom the tyranny of the Pharaohs did not prevent - they turned to Him and said: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.'"

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The Most Holy, Most Glorious Book hath appeared from the horizon of the Command and was witnessed in its manifestation. Whoso readeth a single letter thereof turneth toward the sanctuary and detacheth himself from all created things, and God, the All-Merciful, is My witness in what I say. Blessed is he who is illumined by this Light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Manifestation. He is among the manifestations of beauty and hath been mentioned with justice in the Tablet of Glory. The earth hath been illumined by the light of thy Lord, and the darkness hath been dispelled by the dawning light which was visible from the horizon of the Prison. Say: None can test God in this Revelation; rather God testeth whom He willeth. Thus was it sent down in the Bayan from the presence of the All-Merciful Who encompasseth all things. Choose ye what God hath chosen for you. Beware lest ye make your faith dependent upon your idle fancies. Thus hath the decree been ordained. Say: Doth not what hath appeared in this Revelation suffice you? By God! Power hath been manifested, sovereignty hath encompassed all, and the signs have filled the horizons. None denieth them save he who is deprived of truth. Were We to will it, We would make all who are on earth one community. Verily He hath power over all things. Among the people is he who desireth from God that which beseemeth him not, and when he seeth it he turneth away and returneth unto his own people, retreating. Those who have turned toward it have not acted according to what was ordained in the Bayan for this Revelation - how much less those who have turned away by following vain imaginings. Thy Lord is indeed cognizant of what I say. Say: Have ye ever heard before of what hath graciously appeared in this Revelation? Nay, by the Lord of Justice! Ponder, O people, that ye may find a way to the truth. Grieve thou not over anything. We have ordained for thee an exalted station. Glorify thy Lord with praise. He is with whomsoever desireth Him. Blessed is he who chooseth Him as his friend. The glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned toward God with a countenance illumined by the lights of the Throne.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book We have sent down in truth that it may draw the people unto the Most Exalted Horizon and bring them nigh unto the Most Great Ocean which hath surged in the name of God, the Most Glorious, on a Day wherein trembling seized all who are in the realm of possibility, save whom God willeth, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein the Tree uttereth its call in the midmost heart of the world and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of creation. Among the people are those whom the attraction of the Word hath so seized that they have cast away the world, turning unto the Dayspring of Inspiration; and among them are those who have turned aside by following them who have denied the Proof and the Testament. O Nabil-i-'Ali! Thy letter hath come before the Throne and We have heard how thou hast praised God, the Lord of creation. Then thy second letter, which was adorned with words that shone forth from the horizon of Revelation. This Tongue which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility - hold thou fast unto the Most Great Steadfastness and cling to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all mankind. He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him, detached from all else. By the life of God! Should anyone today drink the choice wine of life from the chalice of recognition, it would so transport him that he would cry out among the servants with this Remembrance which God hath made the Dawning-Place of lights. Blessed art thou for

having turned away from those who follow idle fancies and turned unto the Dayspring of certitude. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having attained that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in the Book of thy Lord, the Lord of Return. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty, acknowledging Thy singleness and assured of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by Him Who is the Possessor of all names and the Creator of earth and heaven to assist me to serve Thee amongst Thy creatures and to sanctify me from all that beseemeth not Thy days. Then manifest through Thy grace that which will exalt Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’llah the teacher, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks the truth! This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to him who has turned and hearkened and said: “Yea, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth! I am he who has taken Thee as his Lord and has forsaken the religion of a people who believe not in Thee and in Thy signs.” Thus has the matter been decreed by My Most Exalted Pen at this hour. Blessed is He Who has appeared and revealed what He desired and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O people! He Who was promised in the Books of God and concealed from His servants has come. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak as He walked in His sacred and luminous place. This is the Day wherein have appeared the hidden pearls from the ocean of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who has heard the Call and turned and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics!” The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, yet the people remain in manifest heedlessness. Joy be to the servant who has turned and attained, and woe to the heedless! Say: O people! Be fair in what has appeared in truth and be not of those who denied God’s proof and His evidence and committed that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne to lament, both morn and eve. When the rapture of the Call takes hold of thee, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Desire of the nations, for having remembered me in the prison when I was in the hands of those who disbelieved in the Day of Judgment! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the lights of Thy Throne, O Lord of all beings, to make me one of those who have sacrificed their souls and all they possessed in Thy path. O Lord! Thou seest the lowly one seeking the tent of Thy glory and the thirsty one the Kawthar of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what he desires from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily Thou art God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.”

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O Safar-’Ali, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who has believed in God, the Lord of Days, that the fragrances of remembrance might attract him and draw him nigh unto the most exalted station. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, from the direction of ʼAkka: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Say: By God! The Day hath come, yet the people are in doubt and schism. The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, whereby earth and heaven were illumined, yet the people remain in heedlessness and error. They have cast the Covenant of God behind their backs, having followed every ignorant infidel - those who have adorned their heads with turbans yet denied God's proof and evidence when it was sent down from the heaven of bounty with power and sovereignty.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear God, then follow Him Who counseleth you for His sake. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. Say: Blessed is he who hath purified himself with the Kawthar of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and who hath arisen, through the power of the Most Great Name, before the faces of the world, declaring: "O concourse of the sects! The All-Bountiful hath come in His retreat, even as was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Mother Book."

O people! Deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of this Day. Leave behind what the servants possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of creation. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of immortality from the hand of bounty, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having aided me to turn toward Thy horizon, to witness the traces of Thy Pen, and to hearken unto Thy most exalted Call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. My Lord! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant, and the son of Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee by Thy mysteries which lie hidden within Thy knowledge, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous."

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In the Name of the Everlasting, the Eternal

The Book of Wonders hath been sent down in truth from God, the Exalted, the Great. Verily it is a sign of truth among creation and a proof from the All-Merciful unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. By its very nature it summoneth humanity unto guidance and leadeth people to the straight path of God. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld My most glorious horizon, and the ear that hath heard the shrill of My Most Exalted Pen, and the heart that hath found tranquility through this firm and impregnable Cause. Verily they who have quaffed the most pure wine are in My greatest vision - to this doth the Lord of destiny bear witness. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As for them who have been debarred from this ocean - these have no mention in this noble vision.

O Rida! Hearken unto the call from the Dayspring of grandeur and majesty: "There is none other God besides Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful." Give thanks unto thy Lord for having guided thee and acquainted thee with Him at Whose manifestation all who are in the heavens and earth were

thunderstruck, save for the number of letters whose names were recorded in a guarded tablet. The Cause is in His grasp - He bestoweth what He willeth upon whom He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Turn thee with spirit and fragrance toward the lands of God, then make mention before the company of creation, with praise and glorification, of those who love thy Lord, the All-Merciful, who are imprisoned, that perchance the sweet savors of their Lord's love, the Most High, the Great, may take hold of them, and that the people may turn unto that which they have neglected in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Observe wisdom in all circumstances, lest there proceed from thee that which would agitate the hearts of them that have turned to Him. Grieve not at anything - be patient in what hath been ordained, even as thy Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable, was patient. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee. By God! Nothing that hath been created on earth can equal it. Soon shalt thou know and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know!" Thus have We illumined thy heart with the lights of grace through this Tablet, from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the Intended One. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. And upon thee be the glory, and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praised.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious Book hath been sent down from the presence of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, unto them who have acknowledged the Hidden Secret, by whose name whatsoever hath been and shall be hath been adorned. We walk at this hour and speak through this inscribed Tablet, which, should one possessed of hearing ears incline toward it, would cause him to hear the Call of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We make mention of thee therein, inasmuch as thou hast turned toward the Countenance and believed in the Desired One. He loveth him that loveth Him, and answereth him that calleth upon Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Whoso adorneth his heart with My love, upon him shall those in the unseen and visible realms shower their prayers. Thus have all things been seized by the rapture of the melodies of the Lord of Names and Attributes, such that We behold all things turning toward this station and hear from them My remembrance, the Mighty, the Beloved. Were We to speak of that which lay concealed behind the veils of the unseen, all things would assuredly detach themselves from whatsoever they possess, turning toward the Kingdom. Thus have We explained unto thee that which causeth spirits and minds to take flight. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose pen moved to remember me, and from Whose finger of bounty flowed that which immortalized my name. Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Beware lest aught prevent thee in these days wherein all things proclaim: Turn ye, O people, unto that praiseworthy station. Make mention of thy Lord among His servants with wisdom, even as hath been sent down from the presence of the Lord of creation. Yet most among the people know not. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto that which his Lord hath willed and cast behind him that which they comprehend. Say: He soareth above your minds, for that which ye possess deserveth not the name of mind. To this testify honored servants. He who hath attained unto the mind hath turned toward the Countenance, and he who hath turned away is among the followers of idle fancies. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Tablet of God and its effect, when it was sent unto thee from the presence of the Lord of existence. Recite it with native melody; it shall draw thee to the station that no limitations can touch.

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He is the One Who domineth over all who are in earth and heaven!

A missive from Us to him who hath attained the lights of the Countenance and voiced the praise of his Lord amidst the servants, that the call of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station wherein he proclaimeth the Most Great Steadfastness among the people and guideth the heedless to the path of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

We have aforetime revealed unto thee that whereby the fragrance of God was wafted throughout creation, and this is yet another time. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Arise amidst the people with this Most Great Remembrance. Say: O people! By God, the Promised One hath appeared when the appointed time was come. How long will ye follow the dawning-places of idle fancies and pursue the daysprings of vain imaginings? Rend ye asunder the greatest veil in the name of the Lord of Destiny, then draw nigh unto this Sea which God hath made the source of all seas.

We make complaint unto thee concerning the manifestations of learning, for they have forbidden the servants from the Lord of creation, though they were created for this Remembrance whereby all remembrances have shone forth. Beseech thou God that He may cleanse the earth of these people, even as He hath cleansed most regions of their presence.

Say: O concourse of divines! Ye shall not henceforth behold yourselves possessed of any power, inasmuch as We have seized it from you and destined it for such as have believed in God, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Unconstrained. Thus hath the Command come to pass and judgment been decreed from God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

Know thou that We have counseled the servants in most Tablets with wisdom and utterance, lest there appear in the land that which would agitate the hearts of the loved ones. Make mention of thy Lord with wisdom amongst the people, then follow what thou hast been commanded in the Book of thy Lord, the Lord of all men. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of life in My days, and have soared on the wings of longing in My atmosphere, and have detached themselves from all else but Me, and have been attracted by the scratching of My Pen, and the rustling of the winds of My loving-kindness, and the murmuring of the waters of My bounty. These, verily, are the stars in the heaven of My remembrance amongst the horizons.

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In the Name of the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable. This is a Book from Us to those who have attained unto the days of God and who, when they heard, acknowledged that there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and who turned with radiant faces toward the Qiblih of all who are in earth and heaven. These, verily, are a people who have attained. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise inhale from them the fragrance of their love for their Most Glorious Beloved. Thus doth the Lord of

Names bear witness, yet the people understand not. Were they to ponder upon that which hath appeared from the Dayspring of Destiny, they would forsake all they possess and turn toward the Most Great Prospect, the Station wherein every atom of its dust proclaimeth: There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved. O people! Remember the favor of God when He shone forth upon you with His most excellent names and most exalted attributes. This is of His grace, did ye but know. This is a Day wherein the face of certitude hath been made white and the branches of idle fancy have been shattered, if ye would but understand. Blessed is he who hath soared in the atmosphere of certitude, who hath detached himself from all else, and who hath turned toward the All-Merciful. He, verily, is of the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet. Say: O servants of God! How long will ye occupy yourselves with the world? Leave it behind in the name of your Lord, the Creator of heaven, then journey through the cities of immortality wherein even the stones proclaim: The Beloved hath come! O possessors of hearts! They who have quaffed the wine of utterance are, verily, among the most exalted of creatures. The angels drawn nigh circle round them in adoration, while they who have turned away are indeed the followers of idle fancy, as His sincere servants testify. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Rejoice in that which hath been revealed by the Pen of Revelation while the Ancient Beauty was confined in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the deniers have wrought, they who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of Names, then summon the people of Baha and give them the glad-tidings of this forbidden Remembrance, that they may arise to help the Wronged One and proclaim that there is no God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the One Who calleth before the faces of all creatures

O Muhammad, known as Ardikani! This is a Book that calleth and summoneth the servants unto the Lord of creation in their final goal. Verily it is the perspicuous Book from God, the Lord of all men, guiding those who turn unto the supreme horizon, this station wherein the atoms proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of lords!” Whoso turneth unto it is assuredly among those drawn nigh in the Book of the righteous. Whoso turneth away hath no portion of the heavenly waters of his Lord, the Master of the Day of Rising. He hath appeared and made manifest what He willeth, and called the people to the most exalted station.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of ’Akka: “There is no God but I, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.” This is a Day wherein the Tree crieth out and the Rock exclaimeth, and all things proclaim: “O people of the earth! Turn ye and open your eyes!” The Interlocutor of the Mount hath been established upon the throne of manifestation, and that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Mother Book hath appeared.

We perceive the fragrance of Our loved ones from that place and make mention of them in the mystery of mysteries, lest a band of wolves assault them. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! We testify that they have attained unto that which the people of the Crimson Ark attained in their final goal.

Thy letter came before the Wronged One and was presented by one of My Branches who is named Diya. We answer thee with that whereby the sincere ones perceive the fragrances of bounties and favors. It behooveth every soul to recognize the station of that land wherein flowed the rivers of submission and contentment from God, the Dayspring of lights. Their names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet which none hath understood save God, Who controlleth the winds. We glorify them and send Our greetings and prayers upon them, as a mercy from Us upon them, and I am verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the generosity of thy Lord, the Lord of daybreak.

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Sabzivar. O Muhammad Ibrahim! In the name of the Eternal Knower.

Through the attentions of the moments of the Lord of Names and Attributes thou art favored, and by the lights of the Most Great Countenance thou art illumined. God willing, be thou at all times engaged in His remembrance and occupied in service to His Cause. From thy letter the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds were diffused. Well is it with thee, then blessed art thou, in that thou hast drunk of the wine of divine knowledge and the pure water of utterance in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and wert among those who have attained. In truth I say, that which today is the greatest and most important of all deeds is steadfastness in the Cause. Although this mighty command hath been revealed and established in most of the Tablets, at the mere raising of a cry the people were seen to be disturbed. The friends of God must appear and shine forth from the horizon of certitude with the lights of assurance, and must summon all to the most great steadfastness. During the sojourn of the Lord of Names in Baghdad and the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison, We informed all the servants of the cawing of the crows and the call of the deluded ones. Nevertheless it was observed that some, by a call that neither nourishes nor satisfies, remained deprived of the ocean of inner meanings. Say: O My loved ones! Take ye the reins of the Cause, then preserve it in the name of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou in that thy letter hath attained the presence of the Most Glorious and there hath been revealed for thee from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall preserve thy remembrance in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of Thy Sealed Wine and for having caused me to partake of the Kawthar of the knowledge of Thy Self-Subsisting Name. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Possessor of existence and the Educator of the seen and the unseen, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause and have arisen to serve Thee. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There hath been revealed for every name that was in thy letter that which shall gladden the hearts of those endued with understanding. Give thanks unto God for this and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who is sanctified above all comparison! A letter to him who hath heard My call, turned to My countenance, and remained steadfast in My wondrous Cause, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold naught in existence save the Countenance of the Ever-Existing One, Who speaketh in all things, saying: “Verily, I am God, the Mighty, the Generous.” Among the people is he who objected, saying that He hath claimed divinity, and was nigh consumed with rage. Say: This is what was foretold unto you by Him Who announced to you this mighty Cause. And among them is he who said He hath come too soon. Say: Ye are commanded to behold Him with His own eyes, not with your eyes. Fear God and deny not Him Who was promised you in the Tablets of your Lord, the True, the Trustworthy. Say: If ye behold Me not with Mine own eyes, then look at what I have brought from an All-Wise Ordainer. By God! The horizons have been filled with My proof, and all creation with My signs, and all things have been stirred by My fragrances, and the rocks have cried out at My melodies, and the worlds have been illumined by this radiant and gleaming Light. Say: O concourse of the oppressors! Look with the eye of fairness upon Him Who calleth you unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hath anyone come with greater than that wherewith ye have been endowed in this luminous and wondrous Revelation? The proofs have circled round My proof, and the evidences round My transcendent and mighty and impregnable Evidence. Say: How long will ye follow your desires and set aside your God? Is it not time that ye follow your Ancient Lord, Who hath borne afflictions for your salvation and trials to draw you nigh unto the scene of your Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless? O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! When thou hast quaffed the pure wine from the hands of thy Lord’s bounty, the Lord of Destiny, arise amidst mankind and say: By God, the Beloved hath appeared and the Promised One hath come! Turn ye unto Him and follow not every wicked sinner. Thus have We sent forth from the Paradise of Baha the fragrances of the All-Glorious. If thou findest them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

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In the Name of the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

The Tongue of Grandeur sends greetings to you from the prison and says: “Blessed art thou for what thou hast attained, and happy art thou for what thou hast drunk, and joy be unto thee for what thou hast turned towards. Rejoice thou in that which the All-Merciful hath testified, for nothing in the heavens or earth can equal it.” You must arise today to aid the Cause and forbid people from matters that are displeasing and deeds that are unseemly, that all may drink from the cup of sanctification and holiness. If they fix their gaze upon that which hath been and continues to be revealed from the Source of the Cause, this alone shall be and hath been the cause of the guidance of the people. Ask thou God that He may enable all to do what He loves and is pleased with.

Whosoever desires to teach the Cause of God must conduct himself with the utmost kindliness and forbearance, for the people are weak, and thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Merciful.

Thy letter was delivered by Ismi Mahdi to the Most Great Scene. We read it and heard what thou didst call unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist thee night and day to

spread His Cause and to teach what hath been revealed from Him with the wisdom We have sent down in most of the Tablets. Previously the Manifest Tablet was sent specifically for thee by the hand of a trusted one. Ponder thou on what hath been revealed in truth, then read it with the melody of the heart - verily it attracts the servants to the straight path.

Exert the utmost effort and striving in sanctifying and purifying the servants, that strangers may inhale the fragrances of the All-Merciful from the chosen ones and turn toward the intended goal. We shall aid thee in manifesting the Cause of thy Lord. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of thy Lord, and upon thy household who have attained this manifest grace. Convey My greetings to My loved ones, then mention them with this wise remembrance.

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He is established upon the throne of utterance

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and been illumined by the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful. By the mystery of existence! Today whosoever hath attained unto the divine Word, he possesseth true wealth and genuine riches. The arena of the world hath not been, nor is it now, capable of manifesting the bounties of God except in limited measure. However, the hand of power shall reveal that which is now concealed. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean and drunk therefrom by the leave of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous.

Repeatedly hath been revealed for thee that whose fragrance hath encompassed the world. In these days Asad, upon him be My glory, mentioned thee in Our presence. Again hath this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet been revealed and sent, that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be of them that render thanks.

Beware lest the happenings of the world sadden thee, or the doubts of them that have denied God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I heard Thy most sweet call and turned unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names. I beheld the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and turned toward them through Thy grace and bounty. Were it not for Thy grace, who would bring me nigh unto Thee, and were it not for Thy bounty, who would guide me to the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy mysteries? I am he who, O my God, hath clung to Thee and committed all affairs unto Thee and placed his trust in Thee. Do with me, through Thy generosity and bounty, whatsoever Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou knowest better than I, and Thou knowest what harmeth me and profiteth me. I testify that Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Informed, and that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. O Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hand of Thy bounty, whom nothing whatsoever, no matter or decree, hath deterred from turning unto Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

Your numerous letters were considered in the Most Great Prison and your complaints were heard. However, God is witness and testament that this Wronged One has desired the good of all the world, and in all Tablets has mentioned that which leads to the upliftment of souls and the exaltation of being. Some have followed the commandments, while others have remained occupied with their own desires and deprived and veiled from that which was ordained by God. If thou wouldst reflect a little and observe with a pure eye, thou wouldst attain certitude of the grace, generosity, bounty, kindness and mercy of God - a certitude which no doubt can seize nor uncertainty erase. Thou must exert utmost effort and striving to preserve that which hath been revealed unto thee, that it may endure for thee. Be not grieved by the afflictions that have befallen thee, for greater ones have been visited upon this Most Great Wronged One. I swear by the Beloved of the worlds that every abasement suffered in the path of God is pure glory, and every hardship that appeareth will become the essence of ease. Be not saddened by any matter. With complete sincerity, be engaged in the remembrance of the Intended One in the nights and days, and be detached and severed from all else. Concerning Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, thou hadst written: None should speak of him except in goodly terms, and that which hath appeared from him is in the hand of God, his Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Should He wish, He will accept him, and should He wish, He will reject him. He shall not be questioned about what He doeth. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty. The favor of God, both before and after, hath been with him. He, verily, giveth good reward unto them who follow the Command of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of God's pure and luminous garment.

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O friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God! He is the Wise Counselor! The Wronged One proclaims: O people of God! Know ye the worth and station of this glorious and mighty Day, and arise to redeem that which hath slipped from your grasp. The Day is the Day of deeds, not words. We cherish the hope that ye will aid the Cause of God through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, through goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. O Joseph! The Wronged One hath remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones from the prison-chamber. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having sent down unto Thy loved ones Thy verses and manifested unto them Thy clear tokens and illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, by Thy Most Great Signs, to enable me and Thy loved ones to stand firm with supreme steadfastness, and ordain for me and for them that which befitteth the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Abu'l-Qasim and remind him of the verses of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O people of God! This day unity and concord are the helpers of the Cause. Blessed is the soul that is occupied with

bringing hearts together for the sake of God. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve this mighty deed. At this moment We make mention of him who hath been named Mirza Baba, that he may hear the call from the Supreme Horizon and be numbered among the successful ones. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and the might that emanateth from His presence. Beware lest the cawing of the ravens or the oppression of the aggressors deter thee from God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of Our loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. We seal this epistle with mention of him who hath turned toward My horizon and soared in the atmosphere of My love, who hath been named Shafi' in My Mighty Book. The Glory from Us be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens, and upon him who hath been named Ahmad-i-'Ali, from God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

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O Siyyid Hidayat, upon whom be the loving-kindness of God! He is the All-Guiding, the All-Informed. The purpose of God - exalted be His glory - in creating, at the primal stage, hath been and continueth to be the knowledge of Him. And since the door of knowledge of the Hidden Essence, the Concealed Mystery, is closed, He hath sent forth from the realm of the unseen to the plane of existence holy souls who are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Daysprings of His decree, the Rising-places of His revelation and the Recipients of His knowledge. And He hath made recognition of them, obedience and disobedience to them, turning toward or away from them, and belief and unbelief in them, to be the standard. Whosoever turned toward them was accounted among those who drew nigh, and was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book as one of the believers. However, at the time of the appearance of these Manifestations of the Cause, most of the people of the world were found to be heedless, veiled, turning away and denying. The cause and reason for these thick veils have been the divines of the age, as every person of insight and understanding hath testified and continues to testify to this fact. We beseech God to rend asunder, with the finger of His power, the veils of the world and not to deprive His servants of the ocean of inner meanings. Mention of thee was made before this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, therefore this Tablet hath been sent down purely for the sake of God, that perchance through its fragrance the seekers and wayfarers may find their path to the True City. This is the day of the most great bounty and the most mighty grace. Blessed is the one who hath arisen to serve and hath freed the helpless people from idle fancies and vain imaginings. God willing, through the efforts of His chosen ones and loved ones, thou shalt loose the fetters of those who are bound and teach them to soar, until time remaineth, undertake a deed whose fragrance of eternity will be diffused. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and aid thee and give thee to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty. Verily He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory!

Let His honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida take note. Your letter arrived and was read and presented, and this is what was issued from the Source of Utterance from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing:

O Rida! May you be the recipient, through the infinite favors of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, of divine grace. God is Our witness and fair-minded people bear testimony that whatever this Wronged One has spoken has been for the good of the friends of God. The one true God has commanded His servants to engage in consultation, that all may hold fast to His cord and act accordingly. You and all the friends must in all conditions fix your gaze upon God and place your trust in Him. The world has had and has no value. Be not grieved, for if one were to become the apparent owner of the whole earth, he would surely spend it all rather than see even one of the friends saddened, let alone anything beyond that. We enjoin upon you that which shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing. The counsel that shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of all beings was not given as an absolute command, but rather was offered purely out of wisdom and goodwill. Whatever appears beneficial after consultation may be acted upon.

As for what you wrote about Abdul-Rahim, he too has presented his requests. However, a true friend has always wished to see his loved ones united. Yet due to certain outward worldly matters, this quality is rarely observed. Therefore it is best that you travel together, and after arrival at the mentioned place, there is no objection if each person acts according to his own will in matters of outward affairs. These matters, if carried out in a spirit of joy and fragrance, are praiseworthy. The Glory be upon the people of Baha.

The servant sends his greetings to you and those with you.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

O Nabil-i-Qabil-i-Ba' [upon him be 966 (Baha'u'llah)], thy call hath reached the ears of the Wronged One of the world in the Most Great Prison. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Qiblih of creation, and We behold thee steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which hath been bestowed upon thee. Today the station of steadfast souls is not known. By the life of God! It shall soon be made manifest through the truth from the presence of the Mighty, the Ancient. The servant present before the Countenance was present, and he presented the letter thou hadst sent to him, and he acted according to thy testament. This word dawned from the heaven of thy love: "O my God! I have cast away what is with me in hope of what is with Thee." Praise be to God that thou wert assisted to utter this exalted word and send it to the Most Holy Court. We have repeated this word which thy tongue did speak. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. God willing, the fruit of this word shall appear for thee and thou shalt attain unto it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, and He is the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Say: Glory be unto Thee! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, and Thou hearest my lamentation and my cry, and Thou witnesseth what condition I am in through my love for Thee and for Thy chosen ones and Thy pure ones. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to open before my face the door of Thy glory and providence. All my limbs,

members, organs and veins testify to Thy power and Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Aid me to perform a deed whereby Thy Cause may be exalted and whereby my remembrance may endure in Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath clung to Thy All-Bountiful Name. Write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the throne and the dust. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Well is it with thee, O Mahdi, in that thou hast been set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and art occupied with teaching the Cause of thy Lord. This is, before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the greatest of all good. Say: O people, hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised up in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious - verily, there is none other God but I, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou a herald of this Name amongst the servants, then draw hearts through this wondrous Remembrance. He verily aideth whom He willeth through a sovereignty from His presence. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O peoples of the earth, perish in your hatred! The seal of the choice Wine hath been broken, and We have drunk thereof despite you, O heedless ones! Is there any doubt concerning His Manifestation? Open your eyes that ye may behold Him shining from the horizon of His Cause, the Inaccessible, the Mighty. Is there any uncertainty about His sovereignty after it hath encompassed all who are in the realm? Fear God and follow not the wrongdoers. Grieve not over anything. We hear thy call. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Those who have disbelieved - God will soon seize them with a might from His presence and will exalt the names of those who have turned to the lights of the Countenance when it shone forth from this luminous horizon. Be as thy Lord hath been. The oppression of those who denied the All-Merciful did not prevent Him from utterance. He speaketh from the horizon of tribulation and calleth the people unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from God. Thus hast thou been commanded by the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed art thou in that thou hast spoken of the Most Great Name and illumined thy heart with this wise Remembrance. By My life! There hath been ordained for thee that which none comprehendeth. Were We to reveal it in the realm, thou wouldst hear from all things saying: This is the bounty and mercy of God upon him who spoke His Name. He verily recompenseth the doers of good. Subdue hearts through this Most Great Name and faces through His mighty remembrance. Glorify him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Destiny, and turned unto the Most Great Scene from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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In the name of God, the Most Powerful, the Most Powerful! This is a Book from God to him who hath been guided by the lights of the Spirit and was of them that believed and were guided. O servant! Say: In the name of God, and by God, and in the name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Then soar on the wing of knowledge to the most distant station that thou mayest hear the melodies of God

from the direction of the Divine Lote-Tree, and shouldst thou fly once more thou wouldst hear again that which no ear among the people of wisdom hath heard. And if thou findest within thyself capacity and power, then ascend again and again that thou mayest witness the manifestations of thy Lord and that the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Most Exalted, may be revealed unto thee. Say: Verily He is at this moment in His most glorious horizon, and every thing proclaimeth with His most sweet melodies: Beware lest ye tarry in these days; cross over the Bridge by leave of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not of them that went astray and were lost. Say: Verily He hath once again sent down from the heaven of destiny and speaketh unto you His mighty verses, and this is better for you than the dominion of the first and the last. Say: O people! Do ye dispute with the Spirit concerning that which He hath witnessed and seen, after He spake forth in the breast of 'Ali with truth, and before him in the breast of Muhammad, and before that in the breast of every one who spoke by divine revelation from God, the Most Exalted? Say: O people of the Bayan! Should ye gather together, ye and all who are on earth, to lead astray a single one of God's loved ones, ye would never be able. Die then in your wrath, O people of hatred and blindness! And thou, sanctify thyself from vain desire, then enter the most exalted horizon and follow not those who fly with the wings of passion. Be steadfast in God's Cause and His religion, then make mention of what befell Him at the hands of His enemies, and be not of them that were heedless and forgot. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon him who held fast to God's handle and was guided by the holy lights.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from God unto him who hath believed and been guided. Hearken, O servant, unto that which God calleth thee from the direction of the Throne, that the fragrances of the All-Merciful may attract thee to the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. Arise and say: By God! He hath appeared through Whose will the Kingdom of Names appeared. Be not proud against Him Who hath appeared with all the signs in days wherein the feet of every learned one did slip and the hearts of those endued with understanding were perturbed. Say: The clouds of destiny have been rent asunder and your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, hath come once again from the heaven of divine decree with His Most Glorious Name. Say: Is there any doubt about God, or about His power which hath encompassed all created things, or about His signs, one letter of which all that can be counted cannot equal? O people! If ye deny Him Who hath appeared with the truth, by what proof do ye uphold your faith in God, the Most High, the Most Exalted? Say: This is Ali Who hath come unto you with all the signs and speaketh the truth in the highest heaven that this indeed is the Beloved. Whoso turneth away from Him hath gone astray and been misguided. Say: By God! This is He at Whose walking the Kingdom of God walketh behind Him, and the Spirit proclaimeth before Him, and giveth glad tidings unto the people of this Remembrance Who hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Glorified be He Who hath appeared in the midst of noon-tide. O servant! We sent thee aforetime a Tablet that thou mightest find therein the sweet fragrances of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and become detached from all that hath been created in the contingent world, and utter in the midmost heart of contingency a word whereby the hearts of them that possess understanding would be attracted.

Hearken unto the Word of thy Lord and leave all created things behind thee, then arise from the horizon of utterance with the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Fear not those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were of them that turned away and were wretched. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause and were of them that witnessed and beheld from among the greatest signs of thy Lord.

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The Pen of the Most High hath decreed and imposed upon every one the obligation to teach this Cause….God will, no doubt, inspire whosoever detacheth himself from all else but Him, and will cause the pure waters of wisdom and utterance to gush out and flow copiously from his heart. Verily, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful to do as He willeth, and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.

Wert thou to consider this world, and realize how fleeting are the things that pertain unto it, thou wouldst choose to tread no path except the path of service to the Cause of thy Lord. None would have the power to deter thee from celebrating His praise, though all men should arise to oppose thee.

Go thou straight on and persevere in His service. Say: O people! The Day, promised unto you in all the Scriptures, is now come. Fear ye God, and withhold not yourselves from recognizing the One Who is the Object of your creation. Hasten ye unto Him. Better is this for you than the world and all that is therein. Would that ye could perceive it!

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of faith in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful. We make mention in the Tablet of whomsoever We please, that his remembrance may thereby be established amongst all worlds. At the time when there floweth from the Most Exalted Pen the name of any one of the people of creation, the Concourse on High make mention of him and his name is spread abroad in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath been mentioned by the Pen of the Ancient of Days and whose name hath been inscribed in the preserved Tablet. Give thanks, O servant, for having attained unto this mighty, this inaccessible Tablet. Know thou that We have stirred up the land of tyranny through a Book from Our presence, and by this means the smoke hath ascended. For this reason We have withheld the Pen of grace from making mention of those who have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Praised - a wisdom from Our presence, and I am verily the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Know thou further that thy brother serveth his Lord in the prison. Be thou assured and be of them that render thanks. Remember on My behalf those servants whom the might of them that have disbelieved in God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath failed to perturb. O youth! We counsel thee with a word from thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Stand firm in the

Cause of thy Lord in such wise that nothing whatsoever, even should all that are in the worlds perish, shall deter thee. Whoso is not steadfast in this path, his feet shall slip. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Though under the sword, We make mention of the servants with that which shall profit them and draw them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Peerless. By My life! I have sacrificed My soul for your sake, O My servants. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless. He who drinketh of this choice wine shall not be dismayed by the oppression of them that have oppressed, nor by the might of the chief of the idolaters. He shall regard him as more contemptible than an ant. Thy Lord, verily, is the Strong, the Lord of power, the All-Compelling. Thus have We imparted unto thee a word from Our presence; whoso apprehendeth it and that which is contained therein shall find himself independent of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained the meeting with his Lord, the Mighty, the Most High, until he entered the Prison, the place wherein were unveiled the veils of glory by the fingers of power and majesty, and he attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and the lights of Beauty shone upon him. Arise and say: O people! The clouds have been rent asunder and your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, hath come in the shadows of the clouds. Fear God and hesitate not in His Cause. Fear Him unto Whom returneth the decree of the beginning and the end. Say: Is there any doubt about God, or about His signs which have been sent down from the heaven of Command, or about His power? Fear God, O people! Reject not the truth by that which ye possess, for truly He is severe in punishment. Soon shall ye behold the wrongdoers fearful through dread of thy Lord, and they shall find for themselves no protector nor any refuge in that Day wherein the earthquake shall appear. Say: Abandon the cups of self and passion, then take the cup of eternity in the name of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, then drink thereof and follow not the people of error. Say: O people! If ye are disturbed by the might of the days, We are not disturbed and We summon the people both secretly and openly. And thou speakest not amongst the people save that which thou hast heard and seen, and thus did We command thee before, and now be thou of such manner that through thee the Cause of God may be exalted amongst His servants. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee from before God, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Thy letter hath come before the Countenance and We have taken note of its contents and have sent down a Tablet for him who was mentioned therein, and verily it shall suffice him above all the worlds if he heareth and acteth according to that which is therein. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. He is, verily, potent over all things. And glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast believer.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy. This is a Book from Us to him whom nothing prevented from this wise Remembrance, and by it the idol wailed and the liver of the false one melted when he entered unto them by permission of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O thou who gazest upon the Face and art turned toward the Throne! Hearken unto the Call from the wilderness of guidance: “Verily, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” Then know that the deniers have cast Us into the Most Great Prison. When We arrived therein, We adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of wisdom and expression. Exalted is He Whom the tyranny of the worlds prevented not from mentioning thy Lord, the Most Merciful. By My life! We blew the Trumpet once again, whereupon those who were in Sinai fell swooning, and all who were on earth were shaken, save whom thy Lord willed, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Can the tyranny of the oppressors or the assault of the infidels prevent Him? Far be it from the Most Merciful that the hosts of earth and heaven should prevent Him from what He willeth. He is powerful over what He pleaseth through His wise and wondrous command.

We were with thee and saw what befell thee in the path of God and what thou didst bear in His love. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not, for thou art with Me and thy reward is with God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then spread abroad thy Lord’s command amongst His servants, that they may recognize their Lord in this radiant morn. The signs of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, have appeared throughout all regions. Soon shalt thou behold the idolaters in manifest loss.

Recount unto the people of Baha what thou hast seen and known when thou wert before the Throne, that their eyes may be solaced in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence and mentioned me in Thy prison. I testify that Thou art the best of rememberers and the most merciful of the merciful. And praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the goal of the mystics and the Beloved of all in the worlds.

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From Him Who is the Most Glorious, the All-Glorious. This is a Book from Baha unto him who hath believed in God and His signs, and hath taken God as his Beloved. They who have believed in God in these days have attained unto the highest pinnacle of grace from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing. And they who have disbelieved in God and in the Manifestation of His Self - these are they whom every atom doth curse, and this hath remained hidden from the eyes of the heedless. Say: O people! Did We not inform you of a Day when God would come upon clouds of light? Then shall no soul’s belief profit it. Even so was this matter inscribed by the Finger of grace upon the Tablets. But when He came with the truth, ye denied and disbelieved in Him, and were negligent concerning His Cause, and were far removed from the shores of justice. By God, the True One! On that Day no soul’s belief shall profit it except by entering beneath this shade which hath been, in truth, extended. As for thee, remain steadfast in thy Lord’s Cause. Beware lest thou associate aught with Him, for this would be a grievous sin. Recite each day that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Command, that He may preserve thee in truth and establish thee upon the straight path. Know thou that the verses are like unto the spirit, and through them doth God quicken those who have believed and turned unto Him. Thus hath the matter been decreed. They who have deprived themselves thereof are as the dead, not the living, and their names are not mentioned before the Throne. Say: The dead are they who have not been quickened today by the

breezes of the All-Merciful and have not drunk the choice wine of verses from a wondrous cup. Thus doth God distinguish between the fortunate and the wretched, between light and darkness, through a word which hath been differentiated from the Mother of Verses. And glory be upon thee, shouldst thou remain steadfast in the Cause which hath been made manifest from the horizon of holiness.

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O Muhammad, upon thee be the Glory of God!

In the name of the Ever-Abiding One! This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the rapture of the Call may seize him and bring him to a station wherein he beholdeth naught in existence save the effulgences of His Worshipped Lord, and speaketh amongst the peoples that which the Most Great Name hath spoken: that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

We have recognized thy turning unto God and thy directing thyself toward His Face; wherefore have We sent down unto thee this Tablet. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed is the soul that hath turned in such wise as beseemeth turning unto the All-Possessing, the Most High, and blessed is the breast that hath been illumined by the lights that have shone forth from this manifest horizon.

Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of God's bounty in His days, and follow not every rejected idolator. No Book have We sent down but the people denied it, and no Messenger have We raised up but they opposed and turned away from him. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled aforetime, yet most of the people understand not. This is a Day wherein We have made the highest among the people their lowest, and their lowest their highest, and We have made those who were oppressed the inheritors of the Kingdom, even as We promised them aforetime. Thy Lord, verily, is potent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, then unlock the cities of hearts with the keys of His Name, the Guardian over the seen and unseen. Beware lest the conditions of creation hinder thee or the turning away of those who have denied the Promised One grieve thee. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before His Face, and for that which hath been sent down unto thee - that which the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then give them the glad-tidings of this Remembrance whereby spirits have taken flight and minds have been attracted. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

This is a Book sent down in truth unto those who have chosen a path unto God and followed the Truth when it came from the Dayspring of the Unseen with clear sovereignty. Say: By my Lord, the All-Loving! The Promised One hath appeared, and on His right hand are the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration, and on His left hand is the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great News, for which the Concourse on High and the Prophets and Messengers yearn to attain. Turn unto Him with your hearts, for He is the One with Whom God made His covenant before the creation of the heavens and earth. O people! Do ye disbelieve in God in Whom ye had believed? This is naught but manifest calumny. Cast not behind you that which God hath entrusted unto you; turn unto it with an illumined heart. Unite in the days of God - thereby will His Cause be spread amongst His servants and His sweet savors waft over all lands. Hearken unto that wherewith ye have been counseled by the Pen of Revelation from the presence of One mighty and beauteous. Differ not in the Cause of God, for thereby are gladdened the hearts of the idolaters. Gather ye together in spirit and fragrance, then recite the verses of the All-Merciful - through them shall the gates of true knowledge be opened unto your hearts. Then shall ye find yourselves possessed of steadfastness and behold your hearts in manifest joy. Grieve not at anything. Remember My tribulations and afflictions, then My imprisonment and trials. Thus do We impart unto thee that which shall tranquilize thy heart and cause thee to be of them that are firmly established. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having caused His Pen to move in the prison in remembrance of thee. By My life! This is naught but a supreme bounty. Seize thy chance in these days. Arise to aid thy Lord amidst all peoples. He, verily, aideth whomsoever He willeth and ordaineth for every soul that which beseemeth it. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Help in Peril

This is a Book sent down from the heaven of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower, that it may attract one of His loved ones in these days wherein the Lord of Lords hath come upon clouds of glory. Arise and say: O people! By God the Truth, He Who was promised hath come with wondrous sovereignty, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror save those who approached God with humility and turned unto Him. Say: Beware lest ye pause upon the Path - pass ye beyond it and be not of them who halted and failed. Rend asunder the veils of glory by My power and sovereignty, then burn away the barriers. Say: This indeed is He Who hath come unto you once again with His Most Great Name, and upon His brow hath been inscribed by the Pen of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. This verily is the Beloved of the heavens and earth, through Whom the trumpet was sounded and the mountains were moved and the fruits fell from the trees and faces fell prostrate in the dust before God, in Whose grasp is the kingdom of verses and Who ruleth the beginning and the return. Say: O people! Deny not Him in Whom ye believed and from whom the Beauty of the All-Merciful took your covenant in the realm of the Bayan. Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight! Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, then convey unto the people this Revelation which hath caused flesh to creep and the feet of them that doubted the meeting with their Lord to slip, and hath brought joy to the eyes of the loved ones. Be not

silent in thy Lord's remembrance, and regard not those who disbelieve save as ashes scattered by the tempests of self and desire, carried wheresoever they list, finding no rest on the Day of Reckoning. In the Mother Book hath been ordained for thee a station from which the fragrances of sweet herbs are wafted. Gird up thy loins to assist the Cause of God and fear not them that have joined partners with God their Lord - they are naught but in perdition. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God and have detached themselves from every doubting idolater.

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O Muhammad-Husayn-i-Kaf, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from the Primal Point unto him who hath believed in God and His signs, that he may call to mind within himself the Most Great Remembrance, Who was visible from the horizon of the Cause, and may detach himself from whatsoever beareth the name of a thing, and be drawn unto a praiseworthy station of holiness. O servant! Hearken unto that which God calleth thee from the direction of the Throne, then remind the people of that which thou art capable, for this is what the Tongue of Ancient Days commandeth thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from every rejected soul. Say: Verily the Primal Point, in His latter Manifestation, speaketh with the Most Glorious tongue, saying: "O people! Did We not give you glad tidings of My appearance after Me? Yet when He appeared with the truth and came unto you with all of God's clear tokens, wherefore did ye disbelieve in Him and turn away from His beauty and wage war against His person? Therefore fear ye God and dispute not against His Self, and be ye steadfast upon the straight path of truth. By My life! Whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from the beauty of God from all eternity, and whoso turneth unto Him hath ascended unto God and chosen for himself a beloved station beneath the canopy of his Lord's protection." O people! Fear ye God, then be ye ashamed before Me, and commit not unseemly deeds within your souls, and withhold not yourselves from the Law which hath truly flowed from the right hand of this Throne whereon the Ancient Beauty hath been established, from the presence of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. And thou, O servant, strive within thyself lest the clamor of the idolaters affect thee. Rather, it behooveth thee to ascend unto a station wherein thy word will influence the hearts of every remote doubter. Purify thyself with the living waters from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily in the inner meaning of these words flow mysteries, if thou be of them that know. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the shore of might nigh at hand.

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He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting! This is a Book which speaketh with truth, and in it is that which causeth tears to flow from the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Verily it is a revelation sent down through grace from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And therein is set forth that point of sorrow whereby the hearts of the lovers were consumed, and by reason of which the leaves were severed from the trees and the faces of the mystics turned pale, and the breezes of the spirit were withheld from the

paradise of eternity, and then the holy fragrances were cut off from the hearts of the Messengers, for therein is mentioned that which causeth the winds of separation to blow upon the temples of all beings. And therein hath the nightingale of separation warbled in the region of Iraq with such a melody that thereby were the pillars of the Word scattered and the realities of the Concourse on high were separated. Say: The Bird of Oneness hath flown from branch to another branch, and thereby are the spirits of the lovers brought to naught. Say: The Holy Nightingale hath winged its flight unto the paradise of transcendent glory. By God! The temples of the people of eternity have donned the garments of separation, inasmuch as the Dove of Constancy hath ascended from the region of Iraq, and this is a strange sorrow. Say: O people of the earth! Ye have been heedless of that which God hath graciously bestowed upon you, and thus have ye remained in manifest error. Say: Now hath the heavenly table been withdrawn from your midst, and this is an abasement unto all created things. Therefore take ye cognizance within yourselves and fear God, your Creator, then have mercy upon your souls and be not of the heedless ones. Arise to redress what ye have missed and make good wherein ye have been negligent, and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Generous. Then be patient and grieve not at the separation, and be content with what hath been ordained for you by the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. For He is more knowing of all things and ordaineth the measures of the Cause, and this is what hath been decreed in the preserved Tablets of might. Then gather ye together in the Cause and be as mountains in the Cause of God, such that your feet shall not slip upon the path even should all who are in the kingdoms of creation combine against you.

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O Thou, the Creator of every wondrous creation

This is what hath been revealed from the heaven of eternity, and in it there is set forth the station wherein the Beauty of god hath mounted the Throne of a Great Name. He verily hath been promised in all the Scriptures under every name, if ye are those who know. In the Bayan he was named as He who shall be made manifest, and He shall appear in the Mustaghath with evident authority.

Say: By God! This is the day the like of which the eyes of the unseen have not witnessed; how much less the eyes of those who have shut themselves out as by a veil. Blessed is he who appeareth in utmost humility in this day in the presence of God, and readeth this Tablet before his Throne, so that the hearing of the Lord may listen to its melodies, which have been altered in the past betwixt heaven and earth. In this manner shall this Name be mentioned in a seat which god hath sanctified beyond the description of the people of the world. Our intention in whatever hath been revealed in this Tablet is none other but My own Self which is supreme over all creation.

Whosoever awaiteth a Manifestation after Me is indeed among the lost. And He who shall be manifest after the thousand years will speak in My Name. And He who shall come in the time of the Mustaghath will bear witness unto Me, and proclaim that I am God, the Lord of heaven and earth. No one hath wholly comprehended this Revelation, except to a prescribed measure. He verily knoweth all things. Hold fast after Me unto the Branches that have branched from this Ancient Root. From them will the fragrance of

My garment be shed throughout the world, and none shall inhale it, save those who turn their faces towards Him, and remain steadfast.

It behooveth you, O people of Baha, to be firm in the Cause of god in all circumstances, and beware lest ye follow every ignorant transgressor. After the Aghsan, a lofty station hath been ordained for the servant in attendance before the Throne. It is seemly that ye should reve the Kith and Kin among whom was manifested the Beloved of the Worlds, and who believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus was it revealed in the Bayan, and in this luminous Tablet. Whosoever turneth away from them is of the disbelievers and who joined partners with God, and is among the truly lost, unless he expresseth repentance, for He is the All-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

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In the Name of the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious

This is a leaf which the winds of the Will of the All-Merciful have stirred, that it might draw nigh unto them who have believed in God, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, and that they might read what hath been inscribed therein by the Pen of Power. The Hour hath struck and God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Choosing, hath come. Say: O people! Believe in Him through Whom the earth and heaven were illumined, and Who hath established Himself upon the Throne which no vision can perceive. We have, verily, sent down verses unto thee aforetime in Tablets that cannot be equaled by whatsoever hath been treasured in secret or made manifest. And now have We mentioned thee in truth time and again that thou mightest be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and not be of them whom fear and trepidation have overtaken. Know thou, moreover, that whatsoever the people flee from, We desire it in the path of God, as they who are endued with insight do testify. Would that this blood might be shed in His path! This is what I beseeched God for before the creation of the heavens and earth. Though what hath been ordained for Me - He, verily, is the All-Choosing. I am content with what He hath been pleased to ordain for Me, and I thank Him for that wherewith I have been afflicted at the hands of these wicked ones. Say: O people! Deny not Him Who was promised you in the Bayan and Who calleth you unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Beware lest ye slay Him with the swords of your rejection. Fear God and be not of the companions of the Fire. Stand thou firm, then, in the love of God and shun them who have disbelieved and associated partners with God after their Lord, the All-Merciful, had come unto them and the Cause had been decided in truth. There is no God but Him. His is the command and the creation. All who are in the heavens and on earth glorify Him by night and by day. Take comfort in thy Lord, then withdraw thyself from the wicked ones who have openly denied God - they are but in perdition. And the glory be upon thee and upon them who have believed in God in this Revelation - they are, verily, among Our chosen servants.

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He is the prayer-hearing, prayer-answering God!

By Thy glory, O Beloved One, Thou giver of light to the world! The flames of separation have consumed me, and my waywardness hath melted my heart within me. I ask of Thee, by Thy Most Great Name, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Well-Beloved of mankind, to grant that the breeze of Thine inspiration may sustain my soul, that Thy wondrous voice may reach my ear, that my eyes may behold Thy signs and Thy light as revealed in the manifestations of Thy names and Thine attributes, O Thou within Whose grasp are all things!

Thou seest, O Lord my God, the tears of Thy favored ones, shed because of their separation from Thee, and the fears of Thy devoted ones in their remoteness from Thy Holy Court. By Thy power, that swayeth all things, visible and invisible! It behooveth Thy loved ones to shed tears of blood for that which hath befallen the faithful at the hands of the wicked and the oppressors on the earth. Thou beholdest, O my God, how the ungodly have compassed Thy cities and Thy realms! I ask Thee by Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones and by Him whereby the standard of Thy divine unity hath been implanted amidst Thy servants, to shield them by Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the Gracious, the All-Bountiful.

And, again, I ask Thee by the sweet showers of Thy grace and the billows of the ocean of Thy favor, to ordain for Thy saints that which shall solace their eyes and comfort their hearts. Lord! Thou seest him that kneeleth yearning to arise and serve Thee, the dead calling for eternal life from the ocean of Thy favor and craving to soar to the heavens of Thy wealth, the stranger longing for his home of glory ’neath the canopy of Thy grace, the seeker hastening by Thy mercy to Thy door of bounty, the sinful turning to the ocean of forgiveness and pardon.

By Thy sovereignty, O Thou Who art glorified in the hearts of men! I have turned to Thee, forsaking mine own will and desire, that Thy holy will and pleasure may rule within me and direct me according to that which the pen of Thy eternal decree hath destined for me. This servant, O Lord, though helpless turneth to the Orb of Thy Power, though abased hasteneth unto the Dayspring of Glory, though needy craveth the Ocean of Thy Grace. I beseech Thee by Thy favor and bounty, cast him not away.

Thou art verily the Almighty, the Pardoner, the Compassionate.

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He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Single! We have mentioned thee before in verses by which the Concourse on High were attracted, and the dwellers of Paradise, then those who circle round the Throne of thy Lord’s mercy at eventide and at dawn. Praise be to God that thou hast attained and turned thyself unto a Cause from which the people of the world have turned aside, save those whom God, the Lord of Lords, hath willed. Now what is required is steadfastness in the Cause and teaching the people with wisdom and utterance, for the barking ones are striving with a hundred thousand deceits and stratagems to lead astray the party of God. Hadi of Dawlatabad, despite never having been with Us and

being heedless, veiled and unaware of the root of the Cause, hath arranged for himself a leadership and gathered riches, and sometimes through the words of the Bayan and at times through riches preventeth the servants of God from the Truth. They seize the wealth of the people falsely and dispose of it however they please. It is hoped that from your honor and the friends of that land the effulgences of the light of steadfastness will at all times appear and shine forth. Remind the friends at all times and convey unto them greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make each one of them a firmly-fixed mountain, steadfast in His Cause, that neither the fierce winds of Hadi nor the storms of Mahdi nor the hosts of those who have denied the beginning and the return may move them. Hadi is known, but as for Mahdi, he is Siyyid Mahdi who is occupied with leading astray in the regions of Sad. No soul knoweth by what thing they believed in the Point and by what cause they turned away from the Great News of God. The world hath deluded them with its ornaments. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds from God, the Just, the Commanding, the Wise. The Glory shining and radiant from the horizon of the Tablet be upon thee and upon My friends and My leaves and upon every steadfast and firm one.

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In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! O Land of Ta! Remember thou the time when thou wert the seat of the Throne and His radiance was manifest and evident from thy walls and doors. How many sanctified and tranquil souls gave up their lives in their love for thee and sacrificed their spirits. Blessed art thou and blessed are they that dwell within thee. Every possessor of true perception findeth from thee the fragrance of the Divine Purpose. In thee appeared that which was hidden, and through thee was revealed that which was concealed and veiled. Which faithful lover shall we mention who gave up his life within thee and lies buried in thy soil? The fragrance of God's raiment hath never been cut off from thee, nor shall it ever be. We make mention of thee and of the wronged men and women who lie buried within thee. Verily, We make mention of My sister in token of My favor and in expression of My faithfulness. She ascended unto the Most Great Wrong. None is aware of this save My all-encompassing knowledge. O Land of Ta! Even now, through God's bounty, thou art the dwelling-place and abode of His loved ones. Blessed are they and those who have migrated unto thee in the path of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Blessed are those souls who speak forth the praise and glorification of God and who are engaged in service to His Cause. These are the souls who are mentioned in the former Books. The Prince of Believers - upon him be My glory - hath spoken of them thus: "Their blessedness exceedeth our blessedness." He hath spoken the truth, and I am of those who bear witness. Although these stations are now concealed, yet the Hand of Power will assuredly remove the obstacle and manifest that which shall be the cause and source of the illumination of the world. Render ye thanks unto God - exalted be His glory - that ye have attained unto this wondrous bounty and been adorned with the ornament of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Know ye the value of these days and hold fast unto that which is befitting. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon you from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, Wisdom and Utterance

O Asad, upon thee be My glory! The letter of his honor Yusuf, upon whom be My loving-kindness, which he sent to thee was presented before the Presence. Praise be to God, they are enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and are turned toward the lights of the Countenance. They have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance that which draweth them nigh and attracteth and transporteth them. From the fragrances of their words, their love and steadfastness to God, glorified be His majesty, and their arising to serve the Cause of God, are clear and evident. They have attained to that for which all upon earth were brought from nothingness into being. Give him glad-tidings from Me, illumine him with the lights of My remembrance, and remind him of My verses. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His honor the Trustee, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly mentioned them in the Most Holy Court. His is the right to make mention of that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered at this moment:

O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having created me and provided for me and made me know Thee and taught me. Thou art the All-Bountiful, to Whose bounty all created things and all contingent beings have testified, and to Whose generosity the world hath borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign over those on earth and in heaven. Thy mercy hath preceded and Thy power hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Thou art He Who, O my God, caused me to hear the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen when it moved between earth and heaven, and showed me Thy signs and the manifestations of Thy favors and gifts. I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy Most Exalted Word and by the power and influence of Thy Will, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of the dust below, to assist me in Thy days to that which beseemeth Thy Revelation and Thy loftiness and Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee once again, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Revelation and the mysteries of Thy knowledge and Thy Book, to make me a standard of Thy Cause in Thy lands and an ensign amongst Thy servants. Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty.

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O Afnan! By My life, sorrows have mounted until they have reached the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, by reason of what hath come to thee from My Most Exalted Pen, though I know that he who hath ascended hath attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained. He Who heareth and seeth beareth witness to this, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My Afnan! By My life, wert thou to behold his station, thou wouldst thank thy Lord and say: "I testify that Thou art praised in Thy deeds and obeyed in Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised." The Wronged One consoleth and comforteth thee in the Most Great Prison, and hath sent down for thee that which bespeaketh His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. I testify that he hath soared to the Divine Lote-Tree and been attracted by the manifestations of thy Lord's providence in such wise that every discerning one is powerless to describe it.

The breeze of detachment hath wafted from the garden of this world, and every hearing ear perceiveth its rushing sound. That which is seen and unseen shall perish, and sovereignty over the Kingdom shall remain with God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have remembered him and do remember him as a command from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate, the Most Merciful. O My Afnan! He Who conversed on Sinai consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee, and the Desired One of the world remembereth thee while imprisoned by those who were heedless of God and His sovereignty, who disputed His signs and turned away from His manifest and shining proof. Know thou this most exalted station and convey My greetings to My leaves and Afnans who have held fast to the command of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. In all circumstances remain thou firm in the wisdom We have sent down mention of in the Psalms and Tablets, as a command from One All-Wise, All-Knowing. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon My Afnans and upon those who love you and hearken to your words in this firm and mighty Cause.

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He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong greatness and grandeur!

O thou who soarest with the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of inner meanings and utterance, and who art adorned with the ornament of wisdom and exposition! Thy letter, which was embellished with the mention of the Hidden Name and the Treasured Symbol, hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard what the dove of remembrance cooed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of thy heart, and We found thee swimming in the ocean of divine decree, which is a mystery of God's mysteries, a protection from His protection, and sealed with His seal. We beseech God, exalted be He, to show you the Sun that shineth from its depths - verily it is the mystery, and the mystery of the mystery, and the mystery enshrouded in mystery. Through it are all suppositions and imaginings effaced, and through it hath the sun of certitude shone forth from the horizon of the will of the All-Merciful. Through it the ocean surgeth, the divine fragrance is diffused, and the breeze of God wafteth over all things. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it, detached from all else. At times thou seest it in the form of fire and its flame, and at other times as the Water of Life for all contingent beings and the Most Great Medicine for the healing of the world. By thy life! Whoso hath found its fragrance will never be heedless of it, even should all on earth assail him with sharpened swords and piercing blades. He beholdeth all his acts and remembrances as a single remembrance, and his state in the service of God's Cause as eternal. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us success in recognizing this most exalted Station and most luminous Spot, and to aid us in effacing the imaginary and manifesting the known. Verily, He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Furthermore, it hath been proven with clear proof that thy mention of this Prisoner, Who hath become forsaken by the world, was solely for the sake of God. We beseech Him to reward thee with the best of rewards and to confirm thee in that which will cause thy remembrance to endure through the eternity of His most excellent names and most exalted attributes. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy letter hath reached Mine ears, bearing witness to thy humility and lowliness, thy rising and sitting, thy movement and stillness, for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. Through this the gates of loving-kindness were opened, the heaven of mercy was adorned, and the Euphrates of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Wise, did flow. Thou hast been with Me for successive years, and the glance of My love hath at all times been directed toward thee. He Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance doth testify to this, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. By My life! We have found the fragrance of My love in every word of thy letter, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and confirm thee, and ordain for thee the good of this world and of the next. He, verily, is the Generous, the Gracious.

In truth, thou art witness and testimony to steadfastness. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! More than twenty years have passed during which thou hast been with Us. This service is most great, and this bounty most abundant. By the life of God! Countless benefits lie hidden and concealed therein. We beseech God that He may cause thy kindred to hold fast to this Most Firm Handle in His love. Fix your gaze upon truth, speak the truth, and cling to truth. Convey My greetings to Umm-Tirazullah, upon her be the Glory of God. Say: By Him Who hath raised me up, made me manifest and caused me to speak, God's love for you surpasseth that of all kindred and relatives. God willing, thou shalt attain complete sanctification and turn to God with thy whole heart. The beginning was from God, glorified be His majesty, and unto Him is the return. We beseech Him, exalted be He, that He deny thee not the outpourings of the clouds of His bounty and the ocean of His grace. Verily, He hath power over all things. Glory be upon thee and upon them that love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is sanctified above mention and utterance!

O thou who gazest upon My face, who speaketh My praise, who soareth in My atmosphere, who turneth toward My horizon, who shunneth Mine enemies, and who drinketh the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty! Hearken unto My call even as thou didst hear it time and again, as beareth witness to this the Lord of all creation while sorrows encompass Him in this mighty prison. We sent thee a Tablet before, and before that another Tablet - verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! The Pen loveth him who is steadfast in the Cause of his Lord, and the Tongue desireth to speak that which draweth it to the ultimate Goal and the Divine Lote-Tree - He is the Attractor, the All-Wise. We were seated in the house when the servant who was present brought thy letter and read it before Us, and We answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Verily We answer thee at all times, as testifieth He with Whom is a preserving Book. O thou who gazest upon the Face! By God, the tale of the sacrifice hath returned - God hath manifested it through a clear command. By My life! The Most Great Sacrifice hath appeared. Woe unto the people who imagined they had gained, when by God they are in manifest loss.

The Most Exalted Pen hath not rested in these days, and hath revealed that whereby the dwellers of Paradise, and the Concourse on High, and the inhabitants of the Cities of Names have lamented. The heart of Baha hath been so distressed that all things have been seized with perturbation, and were it not for My Name, the All-Composing, all would be numbered among the dead. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of thy Lord. We send thee what We have revealed. Verily thy Lord mourneth and saith: "Praise be to God for what He hath ordained and decreed." Verily He is the Beloved in His Cause, and the One to be obeyed in His judgment, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have remembered Him even as the Most Exalted Pen hath made mention in this mighty prison.

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In the Name of the Manifest, the Luminous, the Speaking, the Evident One!

O Haji Aqa, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the nights and days, the people of Baha beseech God that He may not afflict His servants with vain imaginings like unto the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih sect. They considered themselves the most just of all people, yet they committed manifest injustice in their killings, such that the people of the cities of justice and fairness remain bewildered. We hope from God that the people of God will arise with utmost effort to protect His servants, lest another party appear like unto that party and again bring forth that which causeth the fire of hatred and animosity to be kindled. Thy name hath come before the Wronged One, Who maketh mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. Today is the day of teaching. Each one of the loved ones must turn to this Most Great Cause and with wisdom, utterance, spirit and fragrance guide the heedless to the horizon of awareness. Thus doth the Dove of Utterance warble upon the highest branch of possibility, by the command of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

And this is what was revealed for his honor 'Aziz, upon him be the Glory of God:

In His Name, through Whom was broken the seal of the Choice Wine!

O 'Aziz! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this spot wherefrom the Call hath been raised, as a token of grace from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath seen, and woe unto the heedless! Say: He Who was hidden from eyes hath come, and He through Whom the fragrance of God, the Lord of this exalted station, was diffused, hath appeared. The Promised One hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Should anyone ask thee about the Glory, say: Verily it is under the claws of hatred, as attesteth My perspicuous Book. The winds of oppression have encompassed the Lamp of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to arise to serve Thee and assist them to be steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful One, to Whose grace the beings bear witness and to Whose grandeur all created things testify. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Ancient of Days.

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He is God, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty! O beloved of the heart! Your adorned letter arrived and from its delicate expressions were inhaled the fragrances of love and affection. Praise be to God that you have attained the most great favor time and again and have been blessed with the bounty of nearness and presence, which is the most glorious of divine bounties. There is no favor in divine knowledge greater than this, and no bounty higher or more excellent than this. We beseech His infinite grace and favor that He may ever cause that beloved one to abide beneath the shade of the Tree of divine protection and preservation, and guard him from the evil of the people of tyranny and pride, and adorn him with the robe of grace and mercy, and sustain him from the Salsabil of generosity and loving-kindness. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth and is gracious and all-knowing toward His loved ones. Although after prolonged days of separation the period of reunion also passed briefly, yet thanks must be offered that in these times, despite the multitude of enemies and the opposition of the people of tyranny and wickedness and the paucity of helpers and the attacks of the wicked, He made possible the means of meeting beneath the Tree and made His loved ones happy with this bounty. His is the praise and glory and grandeur and majesty and power and eternity. My God and my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by Thy comprehensive grace and Thy mighty favor to assist Thy loved ones in remembering Thee and praising Thee and thanking Thee in the places of Thy bounties, and preserve them in the shelter of Thy protection from the evil of the most wretched among Thy creatures, and grant them the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Furthermore, the press of occupations prevents lengthy writing. Convey to the friends of God, one and all, wondrous and sublime remembrances, especially to Mirza Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. The rest of the spirit and glory be upon thee and upon thy family.

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He shineth from the Horizon of the Heaven of true Knowledge

with Wisdom and Utterance!

O Hasan! Hearken unto the Call of Husayn Who hath been incarcerated in the Prison Fortress of ’Akka by reason of that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. If one were to question them, “by what reason have ye imprisoned Him?”, they would reply: “Verily, He hath come with a new Shariah and this new Shariah doth not accord with the Law under which we have been. To this matter testifieth our Book which is called the Qur’an, a Book that is from God, the Lord of all mankind. See that which the All-Merciful hath revealed therein: ‘Verily He is the Messenger of God, and the Seal of the Prophets.’”

To this We reply: “Indeed thou speaketh the truth. We do testify that through Him, Messengership and Prophethood have both been sealed and any one claiming after Him this most exalted station is in manifest error. Nevertheless, O Questioner! Hearken unto My voice which sayeth:”Open thine eyes that thou mayest behold the Most Great Beauty, through Whom speaketh the Lord of divine decree. By God! Through Him the ‘Hour’ hath appeared, and the ‘Resurrection’ hath come to pass, and the ‘Moon’ hath

been cleft asunder and thou wouldst behold all in a ‘continuing Regeneration’ if thou be of them that possess insight.

“Verily, through His Advent hath come to be fulfilled the Advent about which glad tidings have been given by the Messengers of God from all eternity and there hath come to pass about which God hath revealed in the Qur’an: ‘On that Day they shall all rise before the Lord of mankind.’ Truly the Cycle of Prophethood hath been rolled up and He Who hath sent down the Prophets hath come, arrayed with a manifest and perspicuous sovereignty. He, verily, is the One at Whose Advent all created things have given this utterance: ‘The Kingdom is God’s, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Praised.’ He is the One for Whom the necks of God’s Chosen Saints have been outstretched in longing and ardent expectation and every Prophet hath awaited His Presence in this wondrous Day. He is the One through Whom the ‘One Unseen and Hidden’ hath been made manifest, the One Whom no one hath known save He Himself, the one King over all mankind. Peruse ye the Qur’an and all God’s Books revealed in the past that haply ye may recognize this Day, illumined by the Countenance of thy Lord, the Manifest, the Perspicuous One.”

Thus have We illumined the horizon of the firmaments of this Tablet with the Luminary of Our Word, a Word through which God hath brought into being all creation from all eternity to all eternity. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds!

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O Samandar, upon whom be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Ancient Commander and the Kind, Compassionate Comforter.

O Samandar! If thou wert to become aware of My grief, thou wouldst surely weep for My sake at what hath been inflicted upon Me by those who claim to love Me. The oppressor hath committed that which hath caused My heart and My Pen to lament, and tears have fallen from the eyes of justice in My days. Commerce and occupation have diverted him from the remembrance and praise of God, and prevented him from justice and fairness in His days. By the life of God! He hath denied My favor, My grace and My loving-kindness, and hath clung to that which hath erased the white spot of love from his heart. We opened before his face the gates of blessing and bounty, yet he denied them and rejected God’s grace and favor, and said that which none before him had ever said. The Most Exalted Pen of God beareth witness to this in this mighty, exalted station.

O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have made mention of those whom thou didst desire Us to remember, and have sent down for them that which hath caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge before the face of the All-Merciful and the fragrance of pardon and generosity to waft from the right hand of thy Lord’s bounty, the All-Giving, the Merciful. We have sent down clear verses for him who was named Muhammad-’Ali who hath ascended unto God, and We make mention at this time of My handmaiden who hath sought the Supreme Horizon. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon her a blessing from the heaven of His grace and a mercy from the clouds of His generosity, and to cause her to enter the most exalted Paradise. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We make mention of him who was named Husayn-’Ali and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord’s

loving-kindness and grace which encompassed him when the Pen moved to make mention of him. We testify that he attained unto the light of reunion and drank the choice wine of nearness from the hand of bounty and favors. Upon them be My glory and My loving-kindness, and the glory of those in My Kingdom, and the glory of those who have turned unto the Countenance and circled round the Throne, and the glory of those near ones and the sincere ones, and the glory of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O seeker! Hear the Call from the upraised Lote Tree beyond the crimson sea upon the luminous spot, that there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. He hath cast aside what the people desired and hath manifested what He desired as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Neither the doubts of the divines nor the authority of princes can hinder Him. He summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He desireth naught save to manifest that which draweth all nigh unto Him. To this testify the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, then those who circle round the House at morn and eventide. This is not the day of questioning - when thou hearest the Call from Mine exalted horizon, arise and say: “Here am I, O Desire of the world! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of the heavens and earth!”

Thy letter hath arrived and been read by the servant in the presence of the Wronged One. We answer thee with this perspicuous Book, which God hath made a guide for His servants and a light for those who have lost their way, and a fire that proclaimeth: “There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful.”

When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and art seized by the rapture of My Call, say: “My God, my God! I testify to that which Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Tongue of Thy Grandeur have spoken, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below. And I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and to that which Thy Messengers and Thy Chosen Ones have brought. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of the idolaters trembled and the faces of the monotheists shone forth, to make me turn toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Orient of Thy inspiration. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to withhold me from the ocean of Thy utterance and the sun of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art He to Whose generosity and bestowal and grace and gifts all things have testified. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.”

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O thou who art named after Baha'u'llah, upon thee be the Glory of God, My Name which is sanctified above all names! O 'Abdu'l-Baha! We have named thee with this name at this time that thou mayest glory in that which hath moved the Tongue of Grandeur in His mighty prison. Be thou vocal in My praise, hold fast unto My cord, cling to the hem of My mercy, be detached from all else save Me, and be adorned with the fear of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have mentioned thee before in numerous Tablets and with such praise that before it the mention of the world and the descriptions of servants fade into nothingness. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, my Desired One, my God, for having named me 'Abdu'l-Baha on this night wherein the tongue of Thy grace hath spoken. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy knowledge, the heavens of Thy wisdom, the power of Thy will, and the penetrating influence of Thy purpose, to assist me to serve Thy Cause and guide Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

Repeatedly have thy letters arrived and been heard by Us. We beseech God to open before thy face the door of His bounty. He is, verily, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Concerning what thou didst mention regarding the affairs of the handmaiden of Baha and the Leaf of Paradise - although We have commanded the loved ones concerning her in that which is the cause of great reward and recompense, We again make mention of it. Blessed is the servant who acteth according to that which he hath been commanded, and blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto that which hath been inscribed in My Books, My Scriptures and My Tablets. Thy Lord is, verily, the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones, and likewise to those related. Verily, We have mentioned all with My loving-kindness and My mercy, and We have counseled them to remain firm to such a degree that the people of the Bayan who follow their idle fancies and are heedless of My manifest Command and My mighty Message shall not prevent them. The Glory shining forth from this luminous horizon be upon thee and upon My righteous servants and My handmaidens who have hearkened and have said: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the mighty Throne and Possessor of the exalted Seat!"

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O 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Beloved Friend! O 'Ali! Today the very essence of proof proclaims "Verily, the All-Merciful has come!" and all atoms bear witness to the Divine Form established upon the Most Great Throne. Although the Truth, exalted be His glory, is manifest with utmost revelation and wondrous new rivers flow from the right hand of the Throne, all remain deprived and forbidden. This has been and will continue to be the cause and reason for this most great veil. O 'Ali! Bestow upon all contingent beings from the pure waters of the Kawthar of divine knowledge, that these earthly, transient conditions may be entirely removed and hearts may become powerful and firm through divine might. One who is sanctified from selfish conditions and shows perfect love and kindness to all people in the world will surely not be seized by fear nor disturbed by the conflicts of the earthly realm. Convey greetings from the Truth to all and say: if you truly succeed in hearing a single call, or drink but one drop from this ocean, you will surely behold the entire world as a handful of dust. By My life! Then

neither sorrows would seize you nor would you experience any disturbance. Thus has your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, testified. God willing, preserve all your stations through the Name of God. Say: Beware, beware lest you deprive yourselves of that which has been ordained for you in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. All tribulations and afflictions that have been visited upon the path of God are remembered with Him and recorded in the Book. Know your worth, for you have attained to that which the distinguished and the pillars have been observed to be heedless of. Say: Give thanks unto your Lord, the Generous Bestower. O ’Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of the Lord of Destiny from the prison, and He says: The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Name of God and acted according to what the All-Merciful has revealed in His perspicuous Book.

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He is the Witness from His Most Exalted Horizon

O Fadlu’llah! The Kingdom of grace is manifest, the Most Exalted Pen is speaking, and the horizon of the heaven of utterance is illumined and radiant with the Sun of meanings. Yet the people are seized with such a drunkenness that pen and tongue are powerless to comprehend or reckon it. Blessed is the soul that arose for the sake of God, spoke for the sake of God, and engaged in service to His Cause for the sake of God. Such a one is among the people of the Crimson Ark, whose mention was recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Qayyumu’l-Asma’.

Say: O people of God! Arise to champion the Cause of God with unity and harmony. A Cause has appeared that has had and has no likeness or parallel. Say: Fear the one true God and deprive not yourselves of the breezes of His days. By God! That which had never appeared in creation has now appeared. Blessed is the soul that has not been held back by doubts or allusions. Today the rain of generosity is pouring down, the sun of grace is shining forth, and all things are crying out “Come! Come ye!” Deprive not yourselves. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who summons you while under the talons of hatred, as beareth witness to this the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

Reflect on that which hath appeared and make the people aware of the divine fragrances. In this blessed Day every soul is able to attain unto enduring stations and everlasting mention. Blessed is the speaker whom the roaring of the divines did not deter, and blessed is the one who turned toward God, whom neither the opposition of the clergy nor the might of rulers held back from the Truth. Great indeed is this Day - all the pens of the world are powerless to describe and incapable of reckoning it. Thus did the Pen speak when the Ancient of Days was seated upon the throne of utterance with manifest sovereignty.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who heard the call and turned with their hearts toward this luminous horizon.

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O Qanbar! Upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Qanbar! We have desired to make mention of thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein the Gate of Utterance hath been unlocked by the Key of My Name, the All-Merciful, and the Ocean of Knowledge hath surged before the faces of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Qanbar! The Most Great Scene hath been adorned by My glance and honored by My presence, and God hath exalted it through this Name, which, when established upon the Throne of Utterance, caused all in the realm of possibility to raise an uproar, save those whom the hands of divine power preserved, on the part of God, the Mighty, the Loving. This is a Day wherein the Willow Tree maketh mention of the favors of its Lord and glorifieth His praise before the face of the Wronged One in this exalted station. Its branches have lengthened and its rustling hath risen out of longing for the presence of its Lord, the Possessor of all existence. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee through His bounty and to open before thy face the gate of His bestowal. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

And We have desired at this time to make mention of him who was named Muhammad-i-Qa'ini. He departed from his homeland, seeking his supreme homeland beneath the canopies of the mercy of his Lord, the Most Glorious. Fate prevented him from attaining the presence of the Lord of all beings, and he ascended on the path to the abode of the Guide, where the mercy of his Lord embraced him, until it caused him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise, as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the One Whose grace hath encompassed what was and what shall be. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive him through His bounty and to send down upon him, in the nights and days, mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the Possessor of Bounty and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy, and the waves surging from the ocean of My favor, and the light radiating from the horizon of My utterance be upon him and upon those who have offered up their spirits in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

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O Karim! Hearken unto My call from this exalted station. Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned thee before and We mention thee now as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. And We make mention of thy brother who turned towards the Court of God until he attained unto a praiseworthy station. He advanced until he reached the presence of the Throne and heard the call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We give him glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Lord of existence. And We make mention of him who was named Shukru'llah in the Book of Names, who visited the Wronged One and stood before His presence with humility and submissiveness. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And We make mention of him who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion. By the life of God! At the time of his ascension the Concourse on High perceived from him the fragrance of the love of his Lord,

the Most Glorious. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur testified. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O Fathu'llah! Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings at My bidding and taken hold of that which God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, hath willed. And We make mention of thy father who believed in God when the servants turned away from Him. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those who have ascended unto God in this mighty and forbidden Cause. O Rahim! Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord. He hath remembered thee and maketh mention of thy mother who believed when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth and every learned one, wrapped in veils, turned away. And We make mention of the daughter of My namesake who circled round My throne and turned towards the prison at My bidding and leave. We have indeed remembered him with that which shall not cease to yield its fragrance so long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall endure. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon them who have held fast unto the Covenant of God and His testament and have acted in accordance with that which hath been commanded unto them by God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Muhammad! Remember when thou didst leave thy home in thy longing to attain the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst attain the presence of the Countenance and didst drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thou art he who didst migrate and journey until thou didst enter and attain My presence, and didst hear and witness that which was foretold in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld My most exalted horizon, and the ear that hath heard My most sweet call, and the heart that hath turned to My glorious and impregnable station. Hold fast to the cord of My wisdom and cling to the hem of My loving-kindness. Then speak forth My Name amongst My servants, that the fragrances of My utterance may draw them nigh and bring them close to the Most Great Ocean, each drop whereof proclaimeth: The Owner hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Muhammad! We created the world for this Most Great Day, yet when it appeared, the divines of the earth denied it, and through their denial the people denied it also. To this testifieth every man of insight. Beseech God to rend asunder the greatest veil by the finger of power, might and sovereignty, and to guide all to that which He hath willed on this wondrous and glorious Day. Convey My greetings to those who have drunk the Choice Wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name in such wise that the intimations of the heedless failed to deter them. Say: By God! Thou hast attained unto that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, in that thou hast confined matters to the mention and praise of the Wronged One. This beseemeth him who hath adorned himself with the robe of justice and attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We counsel thee to observe wisdom in all matters, lest there arise that which would cause the clamor of the deniers to be raised. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the sun of My Word. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on My Name, and woe betide the

deniers. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath cast away the idle fancies of the people, holding fast to the cord of certitude.

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In the Name of the One Incomparable God, the All-Knowing!

O Muhammad-'Ali, whose name is Mahdi, upon him be My Baha! Your mention has been made and the letters sent were seen. This is the Day of remembrance, the Day of praise, the Day of exaltation and ascendancy, and it has been and continues to be the Day of deeds. Whosoever in this Day achieves a deed for the sake of God shall abide forever in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing, the gate of grace is opened, and the heaven of inner meanings is adorned with the stars of utterance. Blessed is the one whom vain imaginings did not deprive of the horizon of certitude, and whom the clamor of the turbaned ones did not prevent from turning to the most exalted horizon. All that has befallen humanity has come from such souls. We beseech God to aid thee to stand firm with supreme steadfastness, in such wise that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent thee. Drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful which floweth from the Supreme Pen. By the life of God! If thou attainest unto it, thou shalt find thyself above all the peoples of the world. The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any permanence. Ere long it shall pass away. Strive thou that through the grace of God - exalted be His glory - there may appear from thee that which shall waft the fragrance of eternity and endure as long as His most excellent names endure. We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon thy face and thy mother and thy wife and those who are with thee. We beseech God to aid thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. All the souls mentioned are remembered in the Most Holy Court, and each hath been illumined by the lights of the grace of the Sun of Truth. Their mention hath flowed from the tongue and been recorded by the Pen. Thus hath spoken He Who conversed upon Sinai, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom neither the suggestions of the mischief-makers nor the doubts of the deniers have withheld from God, the Lord of the worlds and the Object of the knowing ones.

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18. He is the Speaker upon the throne of the world!

O Muhammad Taqi! God shall increase thy recompense on account of thy son who hath ascended unto Him. My son, Mihdi, in like manner, took his leave of this world soon after Our arrival in this prison.

O Muhammad Taqi! The world is sorely agitated and enshrouded with dust. Its ordeals have taken precedence over its peace, its wrath hath surpassed its grace, and its afflictions have exceeded its delight. It is the object of desire of the heedless, while the discerning despise it. Peace and security are found therein as rarely as the philosophers' Stone, whilst its calamities continue to mount beyond enumeration. Man is compelled to behold in this world what he wisheth not to see, and he is obliged to associate

closely with those whose presence he abhoreth. Had this world any significance, thou wouldst behold Me established upon its thrones, and had it any value, its Creator and Sovereign would not have turned away therefrom. Leave it to its people that its sadness may not overcome thee or its vanities please thee. Its glory is abasement, its riches are poverty, and its constancy is ephemeral. Where is the splendor of Parviz and his golden hoard, where is the leisure of the powerful and their tall mansions, where is the wealth of the tyrants and their serried hosts? Wert thou to see the palace of Khosrow today, thou wouldst find it barren save for the reverberations of the echo and the spider's web.

Profit by their example, O thou endued with understanding, and grieve not over that which hath befallen thee. Thus do We comfort and console thee and admonish thee to be patient and long-suffering. Verily, thy Lord is the Ordainer, the Unconstrained.

We do not mean by "the world" anything more than its people, for as it is in itself, it is the ground which supporteth My steps, the pasture for My flock, the panorama of My chosen ones, the dawning-place of the evidences of My power, and the manifestation of My most excellent names and exalted attributes. Verily, thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Knowing.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, rest upon him who hath ascended unto the realm on high and entered beneath the shelter of the providence of his Lord, the Master of this world and the next, the King of the Throne above and the earth below, and upon those who have not allowed the affairs of this world to alarm them in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad-Vali! Hearken unto the call from the direction of 'Akka. He mentions thee with a mention before which all mentions bow down, and turns to thee from His Most Great Prison as a bounty from Him, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of all necks. When the Promise came and the Promised One appeared, each party clung to what it possessed of idle fancies and vain imaginings. They cast the command of God behind their backs, hastening to the dawning-places of conjecture. They are indeed among the wayward in the Book of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have turned away from the Countenance, who followed every heedless doubter. Cast aside what ye possess. By God! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined, the Desired One hath come, and that which was hidden from time immemorial hath been manifested. Fear God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. Answer Him Who hath stood before all faces and called all to the horizon of proof. Say: By the life of God! The proof hath been perfected, the bounty completed, and the heavenly table sent down. Draw nigh, O people, with humility and contrition. Let not the riches of the world and the might of nations prevent you. Turn with radiant faces to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is what ye have been commanded by Him with Whom is the Mother Book. This is a Day wherein all things proclaim: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Glorious, the All-Forgiving. This is a Day whereof God gave glad-tidings to His servants aforetime through the tongue of the Messengers, and revealed its mention in the Books, Psalms and Tablets. Blessed art thou for having

attained unto the trace of the Most Exalted Pen and been mentioned by the Lord of all being while He was in the hands of those who denied God's favor after its revelation and rejected Him Who came from the horizon of proof with verses that equal not what the princes possess. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the Treasury of Knowledge revealed the pearls of utterance and the Sun of Proof its effulgence and lights. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the Robe in the evening and at dawn.

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O Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. O Mahmud! The All-Loving remembereth thee from this praiseworthy station and summoneth thee unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy cry and lamentation in the days of thy Lord and We know thy condition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Rejoice thou and be of them that are thankful. The world and whatsoever is therein shall perish. Where are the Caesars and their palaces? Where are the Pharaohs and their might? Where are the tyrants and their dominion? They have returned from their palaces to their tombs. Verily thy Lord is the Remembrancer, the All-Wise. Where is the Prime Minister of Iran and his pride? Where is his grandeur and his power? Where is his beaming smile and his decisive command and his pampered form? He hath returned to his abode, fearful, agitated, trembling from the fear of God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that he showed a measure of love and in his final days there appeared from him nothing that would sadden the Ancient Beauty in this mighty Revelation. O Mahmud! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Rather rejoice in this clear remembrance. Give thanks unto God for having made known unto thee this Cause from which every doubting learned one hath been debarred. Verily thou hast been remembered before the Wronged One and the glance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, hath been directed towards thee. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which every door was opened and every tongue did speak and every poor one was enriched, to ordain for me what beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy generosity and Thy favors. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and hath placed his trust in Thee. Ordain for me what shall profit me in Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest what is within myself while I know not what is within Thyself. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Thou Whose remembrance is the delight of the souls of all them that yearn after Thee, Whose name is the exultation of the hearts of all who are wholly devoted to Thy will, Whose praise is cherished by such as have drawn nigh unto Thy court, Whose face is the ardent desire of all them that have recognized Thy

truth, Whose trial is the healer of the sicknesses of them who have embraced Thy Cause. Whose calamity is the highest aspiration of such as are rid of all attachment to any one but Thyself!

Glorified, immeasurably glorified art Thou, in Whose hands is the empire of whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on earth, Thou, Who through but one word of Thy mouth, caused all things to expire and dissolve asunder, and Who, by yet another word, caused whatever had been separated to be combined and reunited! Magnified be Thy name, O Thou Who hast power over all that are in the heavens and all that are on earth, Whose dominion embraceth whatsoever is in the heaven of Thy Revelation and the kingdom of Thy creation. None can equal Thee in Thy created realms; none can compare with Thee in the universe Thou hast fashioned. The mind of no one hath comprehended Thee, and the aspiration of no soul hath reached Thee. I swear by Thy might! Were any one to soar, on whatever wings, as long as Thine own Being endureth, throughout the immensity of Thy knowledge, he would still be powerless to transgress the bounds which the contingent world hath set for him. How can, then, such a man aspire to wing his flight into the atmosphere of Thy most exalted presence?

He, indeed, is endued with understanding who acknowledgeth his powerlessness and confesseth his sinfulness, for should any created thing lay claim to any existence, when confronted with the infinite wonders of Thy Revelation, so blasphemous a pretension would be more heinous than any other crime in all the domains of Thine invention and creation. Who is there, O my Lord, that, when Thou revealest the first glimmerings of the signs of Thy transcendent sovereignty and might, hath the power to claim for himself any existence whatever? Existence itself is as nothing when brought face to face with the mighty and manifold wonders of Thine incomparable Self.

Far, immeasurably far, art Thou exalted above all things, O Thou Who art the King of Kings! I entreat Thee by Thy Self and by them Who are the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the Day-Springs of Thine authority to write down for us that which Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones. Withhold not from us that which Thou didst ordain for Thy loved ones, who, as soon as Thy call reached them, hastened unto Thee, and when the splendors of the light of Thy countenance were shed upon them, instantly prostrated themselves in adoration before Thy face.

We are Thy servants, O my Lord, and in the grasp of Thy power. If Thou chastisest us with the chastisement inflicted upon the former and the latter generations, Thy verdict would be assuredly just and Thine act praiseworthy. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. None other God is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Mihdi! Upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

O Mihdi! The letter which thou didst send in the name of one named Mihdi, upon him be My glory, attained the presence, and whatsoever was inscribed therein was heard. From it wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God to assist thee, to strengthen thee, and to enable thee to serve His Cause, the firm, the impregnable, the mighty.

Children are meant to perpetuate one's name and remembrance in the world - and this only if they be adorned with praiseworthy deeds and pleasing character. However, that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for thee today is superior and greater than a hundred thousand righteous children. Should the effects of the Most Exalted Pen be limited to but a single word, that word would endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Every person of insight hath testified to this, and every person of understanding hath borne witness. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to such favor on a day when the people of the earth were seen to be heedless and turned away.

Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that what hath flowed from Thy Pen is better for me than whatsoever wealth and children Thou hast bestowed upon me. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, to assist me unto that which shall be a light unto me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I testify that I know not what profiteth me. Thou art more knowing than I. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones who turned with radiant faces toward Thy most exalted horizon while the people were in manifest rejection. Then I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and resolute in Thy religion. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, the Glorious, the All-Wise. Furthermore I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to ordain for me to attain Thy presence and to stand before Thy door, or to inscribe for me from the Pen of Thy grace the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Merciful, the Almighty, and worthy of answering prayer.

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He is the Helper, the All-Knowing!

O Nabil! Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the Exalted! On this glorious and wondrous day, Ali-Qabl-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, hath spread a feast and invited those who circle round. At this moment, the one named Jud, upon him be my glory, made mention of thee and acted on thy behalf that which hath been the hope of those near unto God. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. Verily, bounty is in His hands and generosity is in His mighty grasp. He ordaineth as He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We, from this most mighty and most glorious station, send Our greetings unto thy children whom We have mentioned before. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

O Muhammad-Ismail! Previously the pearls of mention were received from the ocean of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds and were sent to thee. Blessed art thou and blessed are His successful servants.

O Ni'matu'llah! The true bounty and heavenly food hath been and is that which was sent down from the heaven of God's will. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto it. I counsel thee to preserve that which hath been bestowed. Verily He is the Forgiver, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Abdu'l-Ali! Make My call a wing for thyself and soar therewith in the atmosphere of My exalted and glorious love. And if thou desirest, make it a fortress for thyself to protect thee from the evil of the

oppressors who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and turned away from the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Abdu'l-Ali! We, from this station, send Our greetings to thy mother and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence both seen and unseen. We beseech God to assist His male and female servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Hearer, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The glory from Us be upon thee, O Nabil, and upon those who are with thee, both male and female. Verily thy Lord is the Single, the One, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. There hath appeared before Me at this moment one of My Branches who hath been named Diya (Radiance) in My perspicuous Book. We have commanded him to write for thee that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty and the atmosphere of My loving-kindness, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Word of God which today floweth and descendeth from the Supreme Pen is among those righteous deeds which have been recorded in the divine Books and Tablets. All things shall return to extinction. His word is exalted: "All things shall perish save His Face." Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the divine Word which hath appeared from the Eternal Pen. This Word shall not be overtaken by extinction. This is the deed that shall not be erased from the Book. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it. This Wronged One beareth witness at this moment that that leaf hath attained thereunto. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Praise thy Lord for this glorious remembrance.

Adorn thyself with the ornament of trust, resignation and submission, and say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having revealed unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy dominion and Thy kingdom, Thy glory and Thy sovereignty shall endure, O God of the worlds! I have resigned my affairs unto Thee and placed my trust in Thee. Verily Thou art the Gracious, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and those with me that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and profit us. Verily Thou knowest us better than we know ourselves. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. By Thy glory, O my Best-Beloved and my Heart's Desire! This handmaiden and leaf of Thine loveth naught but what Thou lovest and desireth naught but what Thou desirest. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of the morn of Thy manifestation and the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance to ordain for me that which will solace mine eyes and bring rest to my heart. Then cause me to be content with Thy good-pleasure and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of the Peerless Object of all desire! O Muhammad-Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God! This Day is the Day whereof all Prophets and Messengers have, from the Lord of the worlds, given glad-tidings unto all peoples. Even as the proof of the Interlocutor of the Mount was manifested through the rod, so hath the proof of this Wronged One shone forth through the Pen. With but a single rod did He smite the swords of the world, and with but a single Pen hath this Revelation [conquered] all peoples. And in another instance, the proof of Moses was the Torah, and the evidence that remained of Christ was and is the leaves of the Gospel, and the enduring testimony of the Seal of the Prophets was the Book of the Furqan, which distinguished between truth and falsehood. Glory be to God! Now there hath appeared and been made manifest that which equalleth all the heavenly Books of the past and future, that concerning which every person of insight hath testified that it hath no peer or likeness. Nevertheless, the people remain veiled from the divine Day and deprived of the sealed wine. Today, whosoever desireth to enter the depths of the ocean of divine oneness must sanctify his heart from the stories of old, that the effulgences of the Sun of Truth may shine upon it and illumine it. O Muhammad-Qablih-Husayn! Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned toward the horizon of thy Lord's Revelation, the Lord of all men. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Desire of the nations, for having given me to drink from the ocean of Thy knowledge, and made me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, and guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made as a light unto them that have drawn nigh and as a fire unto them that have turned away, to make me speak forth Thy praise and call out Thy Name amidst Thy creation. O my Lord! Leave me not to myself. Preserve me through Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and through Thy command that hath pervaded all existence, from vain imaginings and idle fancies. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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The time of former things is past and a new time has become manifest, and all things are made new by the desire of God. But only a new eye can perceive and a new mind can comprehend this station. The Beginning and the End bore allusion to one blessed Word, and that hath come and is made manifest. That Word is the Soul of the divine books and epistles, which hath been and

will be forevermore.

In this Day the new heaven hath appeared and the earth is renewed. Were ye to behold with pure eyes, ye will see the New Jerusalem; and were ye to turn with attentive ears, ye will hear the voice of God.

Are ye hidden from Myself because of My Name? What maketh ye to doubt? Ye have called for your Lord the self-dependent night and day, and when He hath come from the heaven of preexistence in the greatest glory, ye have not approached Him, and were of the heedless.

He who inviteth the people in My Name, he is of Me, and from him will appear that which will be beyond the power of all that is in the earth. Then follow the path of the Lord, and follow not the heedless. Blessed is the sleeping one who will awaken by these powers and will stand up among the dead, directing himself in the path of the Lord; verily, he is of the essence of the

creatures before the True One; and verily, he is of those Who have attained.

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O Ali-Akbar! He is the Mighty, the Exalted, the Most High! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, then act according to that which thou art commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed, that thou mayest be among those who follow the command of thy Lord as revealed in the holy Tablets, vigilant and watchful. Then bear witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, and that He is, in truth, powerful over all things. Then remind the people according to thy capacity, and pay no heed to anyone, but place thy trust in God, thy Lord, for He doth suffice as thy Reckoner. Then render thanks to Him at all times for having made thee to know thyself and for having sent down unto thee a Tablet mighty and impregnable. Say: O concourse of the earth! Do ye take your vain desires for your god and forsake Him Who created you as complete human beings? Say: O people! Do ye dispute with Him Who hath come unto you with God's verses and reciteth unto you words wondrous and mighty? Say: If ye deny these verses, by what proof did ye believe in God's Messengers of old? Thus do We cast upon thee that which shall make thee steadfast in the Cause. Those who believed not in God and in what was revealed unto Ali before Nabil - these have denied God's favor and turned away from a Beauty mighty and luminous. And when it is said unto them: "By what proof did ye believe in God?" they will say: "By what was revealed unto him." Yet when that by which they seek to prove their faith is recited unto them, their faces turn black. What aileth these people that they can scarce comprehend any utterance? Thus have We expounded the verses unto thee and revealed unto thee that which shall make thee steadfast in the Cause, though all the world should oppose thee. Free thyself from the veils of fancy and desire that thou mayest soar with Me in this atmosphere that encompasseth all created things. We have sent unto thee that wherewith We have cleansed Our hands, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, and be filled with joy and gladness supreme. Spirit, glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who stand firm in the truth.

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He is God, exalted be His glory! Grace and favors.

I testify, O my God, my Lord and my Support, to the sanctification of Thy Being from all likeness and the exaltation of Thy Essence above all comparison, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified beyond the comprehension of Thy servants and exalted above their descriptions and remembrances. Thou shalt ever be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Lord of all contingent things, by the treasuries of Thy knowledge, the dawning-places of Thy inspiration, the repositories of Thy revelation and the manifestations of Thy signs, to ordain for Thy servants that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Then enable them to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art He through Whose loving-kindness all existence hath testified, and to Whose grace all in the seen and unseen realms have confessed. I beseech Thee not to disappoint us of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, nor to withhold us from the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thou seest and knowest, O my God, him who hath turned to Thee and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom to assist him in all conditions to remember Thee, praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Supporter. The letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Abbas-Quli, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], containing nineteen French liras by draft of the beloved of hearts Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His grace, and through the honored Mr. AF 'L, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, reached the servant in the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram in the year 1304.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books testifying that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above the description of all created things and exalted beyond the comprehension of all beings, and will forever remain as He hath been from time immemorial. And blessings and peace be upon Him by whose name Prophethood and Messengership were sealed, through whom God's laws, commandments, proofs and evidence were made manifest, and upon His family and companions who cast away all that was with the people and arose to serve the Cause in such wise that the banner of unity was raised upon the highest standards. This is a remembrance from the Wronged One, Who is encompassed by sorrows from all directions through that which the hands of those who are heedless of the remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, have wrought. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of them that know Thee and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Thou seest how darkness hath encompassed all lands to such extent that Thy party among Thy servants lamenteth. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Day-Star of Thy justice and the splendors of the Sun of Thy Word to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for those who have turned to Thee, O Thou Owner of Names, that which Thou didst ordain for Thy loved ones and chosen ones. O my Lord! I implore Thee by the Seal of Thy Prophets and His successors and companions to send down from the heaven of Thy power a supporter of Thy Faith and a protector of Thy Cause. O my Lord! The oppressors have surrounded Thy loved ones and Thy lands, and Thou seest their weakness and powerlessness before their adversaries' guns and cannons. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are

the reins of power and might, to assist Thy weak servants from the evil of these people, then ordain for this servant the good of the hereafter and of the former life. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

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He is the Manifest Book

Praise be to God Who hath aided His servants to turn unto Him and revealed unto them that which was hidden in knowledge, and assisted one of His leaves to act according to what He hath sent down in His Book. We beseech God to aid His servant who hath been named Muhammad-Rahim to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of divine acceptance, and to open before his face the gate of grace and bestowal. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. And salutation and remembrance and glory be upon every servant who hath turned with his heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and upon every leaf who hath clung to the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible and to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O My leaf! Thy letter was received and thy deed was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. God hath fulfilled for you both what He promised you in a Tablet from among the Tablets. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. In all conditions occupy yourselves with the mention and praise of the Goal of all the worlds. Verily, He hath heard and heareth your mention, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Convey to the handmaidens of that land the greetings of the Wronged One, and 'Ali-Qabla'l-Ha hath made mention of thy deed which hath been manifested in the path of God, and praise be to God, thou hast attained His good-pleasure and been adorned with acceptance. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise. All the people of that household have been and are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Convey greetings to all of them and give them the glad-tidings of what God hath revealed. The petition of some hath been presented before the Most Holy Court. God willing, an answer shall be sent hereafter. The glory from Us be upon you, O My servants, and upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon every steadfast and firm one.

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May the honored master, his eminence S.M., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, take note:

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God, Who was and will be, and Who is not known by what was nor by what will be, and He is the Rememberer and the Remembered, and cannot be described by these, and He is the Sanctified, the Most High.

O my beloved and my beloved, upon you both be the Glory of God, our Lord and the Lord of the worlds. This is to inform that two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will in response to the petitions of his eminence Aqa Javad Dhakir, upon him be the Glory of God, and were sent. Please deliver these to him and convey greetings and praise on behalf of this evanescent servant to all the friends. God willing, may all be blessed by the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy.

Similarly, several Tablets were previously sent specifically for his eminence Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, for that beloved one to deliver. One item remained, which has now been sent in these days with the emigrants and pilgrims. God willing, they will receive it. And now a packet containing some Tablets has been sent, as well as a letter from this servant, which that beloved one should send to his eminence Aqa Mulla ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, in Ta. God willing, they will deliver them soon.

And since his eminence Ism-i-Jud, upon him be all His Most Glorious Beauty, was in Beirut, therefore this servant took the liberty, and his eminence Ismu’llah M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, has also sent a packet to be forwarded to the land of Ta. God willing, [they will deliver it].

The Glory, all the Glory, be upon you both and upon those with you and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in this momentous and mighty Cause.

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He is the True Counselor

The Hidden Secret hath been revealed in truth with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. Verily, He is the One concealed within the treasury of God’s protection, Who hath appeared through grace by a command that was in truth witnessed. Through Him the Cry was raised up, all things gave utterance, and the Herald proclaimed from the Most Exalted Paradise: “O people of creation, be your eyes cheered, for He Who was promised in the Mother Book hath come!” When the appointed time arrived, the Light shone forth from the horizon of manifestation, and the Mount called out. By God! The Tree cried out and the Rock exclaimed, and the Command was decreed in truth by God. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and follow not him who was far removed from the Dayspring of Revelation. This is a Day wherein the fragrance of God hath wafted. Blessed is he who hath chosen for himself a path unto Him. Fear God, O people! By God, the Day hath come and that which was hidden behind the veils of light hath appeared, and God is witness to what I say. We heard thy call and answered thee, and sent thee a Tablet that was sealed with the seal of glory. Through it the mountains passed away and the earth shone with the light of the Command. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every denier who was veiled from the truth. When thou hearest the call from the Tree of Knowledge, say: “Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Aid

me to shatter the idols of self and passion, and adorn me with the ornament of righteousness and piety. O my Lord! Thou seest the ignorant seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, the remote one the court of Thy nearness, and the seeker the Dayspring of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which will guide people to Thy path. Thou art He Whose power and sovereignty the signs have testified, and Whose bounty and bestowals all things have witnessed. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have turned unto Thee and aided Thy Cause through the wisdom that was inscribed in the Tablet."

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In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

My God, my Lord, my Support and my Goal! I bear witness before You, Your Messengers, Your chosen ones, the sincere among Your servants, those near to You among Your creation, and Your angels, that I have believed in You and in Your signs, and have acknowledged Your oneness and Your singleness, and whatsoever You have sent down in Your Books, Your Scriptures, Your Psalms and Your Tablets. I hold fast to Your sure handle and cling to the hem of Your mercy. O Lord of all beings, Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below! I beseech You, O King of Kings, Merciful to the servant, Sovereign of the realms of might and kingdom, by Your Beloved One through Whose advent You honored the heavens of Your power and spread the signs of Your oneness among Your servants, and by the waves of the ocean of Your knowledge among religions in the contingent world, to assist Your servants in that which You have commanded them in Your Book, then enable them to perform what You have ordained for them through Your binding command and Your firm decree. By Your might, O Ultimate Goal of the mystics and Purpose of the sincere ones, this Wronged One has in all conditions held fast to the cord of Your commandments and ordinances. I beseech You to enable Him to perform such deeds whereby You distinguish between the obedient and the rebellious, truth and falsehood, light and darkness. O my Lord! Enable Your servants to do what You love and are pleased with, and ordain for them the good of this world and the next. I testify that You have commanded Your creation to that which draws them near to You and preserves them from the evil of self and passion, and from tyranny and wickedness. I testify that Your power has encompassed all created things and Your mercy has preceded all contingent beings. I beseech You not to disappoint those who have set their faces toward the gate of Your grace, nor the sincere ones from the wonders of Your bounty and generosity. Verily You are the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

Your letter was received. God has commanded all to righteousness and piety, and forbidden them from tyranny and wickedness. O servant, patience and protection of the child is necessary. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

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In the name of the peerless Lord! Numerous Tablets were previously sent through messengers, with the purpose that you might arise to serve the Cause of God and quicken lifeless, withered souls through the

divine fragrances. These days have no likeness or equal. Soon all that is visible will become non-existent and lost. It is necessary, nay incumbent upon one such as yourself to offer in these days, through the blessed name of the Self-Subsisting, the sealed wine to the heedless servants, that perchance those who are lost in the valley of error and deprivation may turn to the horizon of the All-Merciful and drink from the water of life. The Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Lord of Names, is imprisoned in ’Akka and, despite countless afflictions, summons at all times the people of creation to the truth. The more severe the trials, the louder His call. It hath been heard: “Tribulation hath not prevented the Baha from that which God hath commanded Him, the Lord of Names. He speaketh at all times: ‘There is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.’ Arise to make mention of God and to aid His Cause in such wise that souls and minds will take flight. We love to see thee among those whom no blame of the blamer nor scorn of the scorner nor rejection of any heedless one deterreth in God. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for thee what appeareth from thee in service to thy Lord, Who overshadoweth all that was and shall be. Remind the servants with joy and fragrance, that perchance they may arise from slumber and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that it may attract thee to the praiseworthy station. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world and turned toward God with befitting submission.”

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O Haji Mulla Kazim of Ardakan, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

Today all enkindled souls who have drunk from the cup of divine love and partaken of the ocean of inner meanings must arise to serve the Cause and guide people to the Most Great Announcement and the Straight Path. This exalted rank and most high station has been and continues to be reserved for the learned ones - those scholars who have turned to the supreme horizon and attained the highest summit, which is the station of recognition of God, exalted be His glory. They are as lights for the darkness of the earth and as stars for the heavens of understanding. Every learned one who today has attained the divine fragrances of these days is as the eye for the temple of the world. Trusting in the All-Merciful, he must engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost joy and delight. This is the deed that will accompany him through all worlds. Some scholars today have deprived the helpless people of the Euphrates of divine mercy and the fountain of heavenly grace, while barring themselves from the eternal outpourings of God. Others have succeeded in hearing the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree and the scratching of the Supreme Pen, and have arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that God Himself bears witness: these are the people of the Crimson Ark whose names have been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! God willing, you will, through divine confirmations, illuminate the horizons of those regions with the light of faith and bestow the water of steadfastness, that perchance the weakness of the people may be transformed to strength and their agitation to tranquility. Verily your Lord has power over all things. He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of God, the Beneficent

O Ali, son of him who ascended unto God, upon both of you be the Glory of God! Today the clouds of oppression have veiled the rays of the Sun of Justice, and outward means have so deluded the heedless that they have risen up to contend and dispute, and with utter tyranny have arisen, vainly imagining they can extinguish the light of the Divine Unity and quench the fire of the Divine Tree. Far, far from it! After all the strivings and endeavors of Pharaoh and his people, Moses appeared from his very household, despite his will. The hand of God is above their hands, and He is the Subduer over His servants, and He is the Mighty One whom neither the might of the world can weaken nor the clamor of the nations frighten. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who remembereth thee - verily for him is a station with God, the Lord of the worlds. And blessed art thou for having heard and turned and responded to thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O friends! We counsel all to that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. The hosts which have been and shall forever be victorious and triumphant are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed are they who with these hosts have conquered the citadels of hearts. Beseech ye God to protect His friends from harmful deeds and to confirm them in that which befitteth His days. Verily He is powerful over all things.

We have indeed mentioned thy father in numerous Tablets with a mention that nothing on earth can equal. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every state that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned and attained unto this Mighty News. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad-Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God, son of Za! The Most Glorious, the Most Wondrous!

Hearken unto the Call from the right side of the Valley in the luminous Spot: Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Those who turned away after the clear proofs came unto them wander in the wilderness of doubt. But those who turned towards Him - upon them hath shone the Sun of Certitude from the horizon of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful.

Can those who turn away find any refuge? Nay, by the Lord of the heavens! They have taken their own desires as a god besides God. Soon shall they find themselves in the lowest depths. When it is said to them "By what proof did ye believe in the Bayan?" they say "Because we found from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful." Say: Why then did ye turn away from Him by Whose single word was suspended all that was revealed in the Bayan? They are like those who grasp the letters but cast away the meanings. Verily they are in darkness.

If they deny My mention, can any mention of them remain in the Bayan? Nay, by the Knower of hidden things! The entire Bayan is adorned with My Name and embellished with My mention. Ponder, O people of fairness! The Bayan is as a niche and My mention is its lamp, which the All-Merciful hath lit in creation. Say: Hasten unto it, O followers of religions! Whoso denieth Me hath denied God and His Messengers. To this testifieth He before Whom the verses bow down.

This is not the day to tarry. Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Throne. This is the Purpose with which the Tablets have been sealed. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having cast aside the servants and taken hold of the Lord of all being. Hold fast unto Him - verily He will protect thee in truth. Thy Lord is the Judge in the beginning and the end.

Can what We have kindled be extinguished by the waters of rejection? Nay, by the Causer of causes! Soon shall its lights encompass the horizons. Verily thy Lord is the Protector over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. What thou didst send hath been presented before the Throne and We have accepted it. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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=== START BH03603 ===

O Husayn of Karbala! The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Hearken unto the Call from the wilderness of guidance, from the right side of the valley upon the crimson spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Within His grasp lies the dominion of all things, and in His right hand the reins of all beings. Can anyone oppose Him? Nay, by His Own Self, the Mighty, the Bestower! They that have turned away, these shall have no mention with God - verily they are among the dead. Soon shall the breezes of torment seize them from every direction. Thy Lord is indeed severe in punishment.

O Husayn! Hear the call of this Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities because He summoned mankind unto God, the Subduer of winds. From the horizon of the prison He calleth unto all who are in earth and heaven, saying: The Promised One hath come with sovereignty and majesty. Turn ye unto Him, O people! Beware lest ye follow every doubting idolater. They that have followed Satan have no portion this Day save that they are companions of the fire - they walk in the valley of fire and perceive it not. From their mouths issue forth flames of fire yet they know it not. God shall soon seize them with His might. He is verily the Powerful over what He willeth, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Grieve thou not over anything. Trust in God in thy affairs. Say: O my Lord! I have turned my face unto Thee and raised unto Thee the hands of my hope. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the servants and all who dwell in the lands to send down upon Thy trusted ones that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

Have mercy, O my God, upon Thy servants, then make them know the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy verses, that they may turn unto Thee with their hearts. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed the seen and the unseen.

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O Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God!

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

Bear thou witness unto that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, and arise to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Great. He hath made mention of thee in such wise as all the treasures of the earth cannot equal, as doth testify He Who speaketh that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant in attendance. We have answered thee through this wondrous letter. O Andalib! Thy letter arrived and was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and in these days of sorrow became a source of joy and gladness. And this utterance of thine was most acceptable: "My God! I disavow that worship which leadeth me to pride, and I desire that sin which bringeth me to contrition." Although all that thou didst write was a cause of joy and delight, yet unto this utterance We accorded a special station. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. O Andalib! We have made thee to be aided in My remembrance and praise and service to My Cause, and a bearer of glad-tidings amongst My servants. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Truth and speak for the sake of Truth. Ere long shall the saplings that have been planted bring forth wondrous and sublime fruits in the world. This is a glad-tiding from Our presence that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Multiple Tablets have been revealed in thy name. God willing, thou shalt attain unto them all and act according to that which befitteth thee and My Cause. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which God hath willed and be raised up in truth. He hath ordained for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are nigh. Blessed be thy father and thy mother. God hath brought forth from them a righteous deed. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath heeded thy word in this mighty and sublime Cause. We have made mention of every name that was in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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He is the One Who speaks the truth in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Verily the Most Great Ocean hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison to show thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance hidden within the shells of grace and bounty, as a mercy from His presence, for He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein the heaven calleth out with its most exalted voice: "By God! The Lord of all beings hath come, and there floweth from His right hand the Kawthar of immortality, and from His left hand the Salsabil of bounty. Draw nigh, O

people of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. Beware lest the might of the people prevent you from drawing near unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne." This is the Day wherein the Most Glorious Beauty giveth to drink, with the hands of bounty, His sealed wine named after the Self-Subsisting to those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon. Hearken, O people, and be not of the patient ones. Indeed patience is praiseworthy except in this Cause which was heralded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Most Lauded. When thou hast attained unto the verses of the Kingdom and art seized by the rapture of the Call raised from the Realm of Might, say: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thine is the greatness and the grandeur, and Thine the might and the splendor. This servant testifieth to the sanctification of Thy Being from all similitudes and the exemption of Thine Essence from mention and utterance, and that Thou art God; there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been established upon the throne of utterance and wilt ever continue to be what Thou hast been from all eternity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name through which appeared the decree of reversal and the mystery of sanctification, and through which earthquakes appeared among the tribes, to strengthen me to serve Thee amongst Thy creation and to mention Thee amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy face to protect Thy servants from the evil of self and passion, and to illumine them with the lights of guidance and righteousness. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Supreme."

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He is the Hearing, the Answering One! Verily the Book crieth out before the faces of the world: The Hidden One hath appeared, Who was concealed from eyes and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee, for ye are the dawning-places of the joy of the world and the daysprings of gladness to the nations. That which will cause the lamp to shine hath been ordained for you in the Tablets. Soon shall the unitarians behold that which hath been ordained for you from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Though the calumnies of the calumniators have encompassed all, yet the Wronged One remaineth seated upon the throne of utterance at all times. If darkness denieth Him, the Sun beareth witness to His light and sovereignty, and acknowledgeth His grace and bounty. In all conditions, with utmost joy and gladness, delight and expansion, be ye engaged in the mention and praise of the Lord of the kingdoms of grace, mercy and loving-kindness. After nights come days, and after sorrow cometh joy. We beseech God, the Lord of what was and what will be, to preserve thee and assist thee and confirm thee in that which will endure as long as His names endure. Verily He is the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat. Repeatedly hath the Most Great Branch, upon Him be My glory and loving-kindness, made mention of you and your labors. Blessed is he who turneth unto you and heareth from you that which draweth him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. By the life of God! Mention of you and your services in the path of God have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. With complete determination ye must arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This is your station, as all things bear witness, and beyond them We are the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Witness. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken to thy word in this mighty, wondrous Cause.

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The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Verily in the trials of the Lord of all possibilities at all times are signs for all who dwell in the worlds. He hath accepted hardship for the ease of all created things, and difficulty for the comfort of all who dwell in the realm of possibilities. My soul be a sacrifice for His favor, my being be a sacrifice for His mercy, and my spirit be a sacrifice for His bounty which hath encompassed all horizons. No morning dawneth but He is surrounded by the darkness of allusions from those who have denied God, the Revealer of verses. Yet nothing whatsoever preventeth Him from that which He desireth in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. At times He calleth out with the perspicuous tongue, and at other times He pointeth with the finger of certitude, summoning all unto God, the Lord of all men. Were We to recount what hath befallen Us, the heavens would be cleft asunder and the mountains would crumble. They who denied Him prided themselves in their titles. The mute one named himself the Most Holy and claimed within himself what the slinking whisperer claimed, while another named himself the Sword of Truth and declared "I am the conqueror of lands." God raised up one who smote him upon his mouth, that all might be assured that he was but the tail of Satan, severed by the sword of the All-Merciful. He had awaited the days of his glory and manifestation according to the promise of him who denied God, the Cleaver of the daybreak. Thus doth God seize him who turneth away from Him and riseth to waste His Cause amongst His servants. When they perished, the spring breezes wafted and the gates of heaven were opened and the clouds rained down. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of God in His days and hath detached himself wholly from all else. Say: Doth not the Lord of the heavens and earth suffice you? Verily He hath come with the truth in His Name, the Protector over all creation. Illumine thy heart with the Most Great Lamp which the Lord of Eternity hath lit, then stand firm in the Cause through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

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[Tablet of Hajar] In the Name of God, the Most Impregnable! O My handmaiden! We have sent unto thee a ray from among the rays of the light of the Countenance, verily it is a mercy from Us upon thee and upon honored servants. O My handmaiden! Be not grieved by separation, but rather remember thy Lord in the night and the day, for verily His remembrance is beloved of the hearts of those who long for Him and the comfort of the hearts of them that are united with Him. By God! Whenever thou rememberest thy merciful Lord, verily He is present before thy face, and though thou seest Him not, He verily seeth thee. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. And whenever thou callest out, verily He heareth thy call and answereth thee from the direction of a mighty throne. Be thou gladdened by the remembrance of the All-Merciful, then detach thyself from the world and all that hath been created therein, for by it there hath befallen the Beloved that which hath befallen none else in the worlds. O My handmaiden! Verily My sister desired My presence and claimed My love and recognition, but when worldliness touched her she became occupied with it and turned away from My luminous, resplendent

Beauty. She chose the polytheists as a helper for herself instead of God and set aside her Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, and severed her connection with God and clung to relationship with the polytheists. Alas for her in that she exchanged the beauty of the All-Merciful for a son of the world and sold the Joseph of God for dirhams and dinars. Therefore do the denizens of the Supreme Concourse weep at her deed, then the people of Paradise, then the hosts of revelation and inspiration before the throne of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Remember thy Lord with this prayer: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved and my Purpose! I beseech Thee by Thy beauty and by Thy call and by Thy remembrance, then by Thy Name through which were rent asunder the veils of idle fancies, that Thou make me detached from the world and its promptings lest I turn unto it and turn away from the Beloved of the worlds. O my Lord! Aid me to forsake it and to shun it and to draw nigh unto Thy wronged Self. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and verily Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Amin, upon whom be the Glory of God! In His Name, the Speaker, the All-Knowing! O Amin! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the True, the Manifest. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. We have aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of My Revelation and the Dayspring of My verses, and guided thee to the path of God for all who are in the heavens and the earth. We sustained thee in thy migration unto God and caused thee to enter that station which hath been the hope of the Messengers. O Amin! Listen with the ear of certitude to the call of the Lord of the worlds, and at all times gaze with the eye of certitude upon the Most Great Scene. In all circumstances reflect upon the successive bounties of God. Through the wonders of His grace He guided thee to the Most Great Scene until thou didst attain unto His presence, drink from the cup of meeting, and without veil or barrier become illumined by the light of the countenance of the Beloved. Thou didst hearken unto the divine words from the Dawning-Place of utterance. These matters have been among the wondrous and infinite bounties of God. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” All thy services are mentioned before the Throne, and the Supreme Pen hath borne witness concerning thee - a witness that hath been and shall ever be sufficient for thee. Be thou assured and of those who rejoice. Now, by leave of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, travel through the lands of God and gladden and delight all through the spring showers of the mention of the mercy of the All-Merciful. All are mentioned in the Most Great Scene and recorded in the divine Tablets. I counsel all to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness, for this hath been and shall ever be the greatest of all things. Whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto the source of all good, its essence and its refuge. God willing, may all at all times drink from the Kawthar of divine bounty and be engaged in the remembrance of the Friend. The Glory be upon thee and upon them, and the Remembrance be upon thee and upon them.

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In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Ancient! O Husayn! The Tongue of Grandeur and Glory now addresseth thee, saying: Blessed art thou, and blessed the mother who suckled thee, and the loins from which thou didst spring, and the earth wherein thou wast born, and the breezes that wafted over thee, and the zephyrs that passed over thy temple, and the clouds beneath whose shade thou didst shelter, and the house wherein thou didst dwell. Know thou the favor of thy Ancient Lord. All this is in recompense for thy migration unto God, thy Lord, and thy arrival at the Paradise-spot, the seat of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Know thou thy station and do not that which would harm thy standing. Thus doth this Youth, Who is imprisoned in this land through what the hands of the heedless have wrought, command thee. Go forth, by God's might and power, unto His City, then inform My loved ones of what hath befallen My person, that they may become aware and be numbered among those who understand. Convey My greetings unto their faces and say: The Youth hath been afflicted with the harm of all the worlds, were ye to be of them that know, and matters have become so severe for Us that We have been prevented from remembrance and utterance through what Satan hath whispered in the breasts of the doubters. O My loved ones! Rejoice in the remembrance of God though the Youth be in grievous tribulation. Sorrow not over anything. Seek victory from your Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not of them that despair. That which hath befallen Us was naught but from Us. Thus have We decreed in a preserved Tablet. Gather ye together, then unite in the love of God, then remain steadfast in His Cause. He is with you at all times and will aid His detached servants. We desired to write unto each one that which would gladden his heart, but We were prevented. Thy Lord is, of a truth, All-Knowing, All-Informed. Say: God remembereth you and forgetteth not any one of you, and God is witness to what I say. And upon them and upon thee be the glory from this holy and luminous Horizon.

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O Husayn and Husayn! Hearken unto My call, then be attracted by My words, then arise to make mention of Me and praise Me amongst all creatures, then give thanks to your Lord for having brought you forth from the loins of him who loved God, his Lord, and was of the sincere ones. Be steadfast in the Cause of God and His love, for through His love do His detached servants become enriched. O first Husayn! Wert thou to become aware of Husayn, thou wouldst weep and lament as do those who have lost their beloved. Indeed, Husayn of old beheld his slayer on that day until he was martyred in My mighty, impregnable path. And this Husayn doth behold in every moment the letter Shin on his right, and the Sin on his left, and the Kha before his face, were ye of them that hear. By God! He was martyred only to establish My remembrance, out of love for My Self, and longing to attain My presence. Yet they who weep for him pronounce death sentences against this singular Husayn. O second Husayn! By God! Wert thou to become aware of what hath befallen Me of tribulation and adversity, thou wouldst be struck with such terror that the supreme terror would become manifest between the heavens and the earths through thy terror. Say: Verily, Husayn of old was slain in the path of God and offered up his spirit in his longing to attain His mighty, impregnable presence. None did mock him, nor did any soul slander him, as ye have heard from the preachers. But this Husayn hath stood before the enemies, and among them are those who mock him, and those who dispute with him, and those who violate his honor, and those who pronounce death sentences against him. Alas, alas for this Husayn! Husayn weepeth, yet the people are in

grievous heedlessness. Thus have We cast upon you both the verses of sorrow, whereat the pillars of the mighty throne were made to quake and tremble. Therefore have We held back the tongue from utterance and contented Ourselves with what We have sent down in truth in this luminous Tablet.

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O Mirza Muhammad-Rida! He is the Most Exalted, the Most Impregnable, the Most Wondrous, the Most High! O Rida! Be content with what God hath been pleased with, and be not one who doubteth His Cause. Then speak forth between earth and heaven that which the Spirit teacheth thee in this Tablet, which hath been inscribed by the finger of holiness. Purify thyself from the allusions of the people, then thy breast from that which hindereth thee from this bounty which hath encompassed all the worlds. Hast thou not heard of the power of God and His grandeur, then of God's sovereignty and His might? Therefore come forth from behind the veils in the name of thy Lord, the Chosen One, then call the servants unto this Cause which hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty glory. Know thy Lord by His own Self, then detach thyself from all else, for whatsoever is besides Him hath been created by His word, if thou art possessed of true knowledge. Beware lest thou be one who doubteth the Cause of thy Lord. Remind the people of this Most Great Remembrance and tarry not for even a moment. Then know that whatsoever thou hast heard hath appeared from Us, and We have concealed it lest the servants become aware of it, to which every discerning mystic beareth witness. And this is due to a wisdom which none hath comprehended save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Let not thy soul be troubled, and fear no one. Look unto God and what is with Him, not what is with thee. Thus do We command thee in truth that thou mayest be steadfast in the Cause. Take the cup of eternity in My Most Glorious Name, then drink, despite those who have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed and denied the proof that encompassed all the worlds. Thus hath the Tongue of Ancient Days commanded thee out of love for thy soul. Beware lest thou be veiled from it. Then take hold of God's Cause with invincible strength. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon him who heareth thy words concerning God, thy Lord, and remaineth faithful to the Cause and steadfast on the path.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding, the Mighty, the All-Wise

O 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Ordainer of Destiny, from the Most Great Horizon. There is none worthy of love save Me, and no object of desire except Me. I have manifested My Self with a sovereignty which none denieth save those whose eyes are veiled by the shrouds of self and desire. To this beareth witness the Lord of all creation, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

There hath come before Our presence thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne, and it was read in the presence of thy Lord, and We heard thy public and private supplications. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have been informed of what befell you in

the path of God, and We were present when thy father was martyred for his love of God, the Creator of the heavens and earth. Blessed is he in that his face was crimsoned in the love of God and he attained unto this glorious and sublime station. Think not that he is dead. By God! He is alive in the Most Sublime Horizon within the kingdom of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Whereupon the Supreme Pen addresseth him from the presence of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious: Upon thee, O thou who art martyred in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, be the glory of God and His praise, and the glory of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names, and the glory of all things at all times. I testify that thou didst fulfill the Covenant of God and His Testament, and didst speak His praise, and wert steadfast in His Cause whereby hearts were troubled and the tribes did wail, except such as held fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed is he who visiteth thee, by virtue of what hath been revealed in this imperishable, mighty and wondrous Tablet.

O ’Ali! Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and made mention of thy father, that Our successful servants might visit him. The glory of God rest upon him and upon thee, from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Send thou this Tablet to thy place that the servants of God there may read it and be numbered among those who remember.

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=== START BH03614 ===

He is the Ever-Living!

O thou apple of Mine eye! Come thou and draw nigh, that thine eyes may be solaced by My beauty. O My sister! Ascend unto the melodies of the Spirit from My mouth. O thou who art lost in love for Me! Walk thou in the paths of My love in quest of My beauty. O thou who art attracted to Me! Be not still, but hasten unto Me in thy longing for My presence. O thou My delight! Arise and say: I walk toward the goal of My hope, that I may drink the water of life from the springs of My paradise. O thou apple of Mine eye! Come thou and hasten, that thou mayest attain unto the pavilion of My reunion and enter the garden of paradise, My dwelling-place and habitation, that I may kiss thy mouth and thou mayest kiss Mine, and that I may find solace in thee and thou mayest find solace in My splendor. O thou apple of Mine eye! Come thou forth that I may hear thy melodies and thou mayest hear Mine, and that thou mayest delight in the Hijazi melodies from this Iraqi youth. O My sister! Come thou forth that thou mayest walk before My face and in My presence. Arise, O apple of Mine eye, that thou mayest enter the arenas of My majesty, that I may smell the sweet fragrance from thee and thou mayest inhale the holy breaths from My locks.

[And thou hast raised the standards of corruption and shown obstinacy among the servants. Therefore it behooveth thee to turn unto God and return unto Him, and verily He forgiveth whom He willeth through His grace. Then write upon thyself as God hath written upon it, such that thou movest not save by His leave, nor breathest save after His command, nor causeth corruption in the earth, that thou mayest be numbered among the people of the spirit, mentioned in holiness. Then know thou that We love thee and

desire for thee what We desire for Ourselves, and this honor sufficeth thee that thou mayest be among the people of eternity, recorded with glory upon the Tablet of Light.]

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In His Name, the One Who standeth without transition! O Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned towards the court of the Ancient of Days and set his face toward his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, that the Call may draw him to the Dayspring of Names and cause him to speak in praise of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thy letter had previously come before the holy presence, and We answered thee with verses that all contingent beings cannot equal, but they reached thee not until numbered years had passed. And now thy letter hath come again and been honored by the glance of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O servant! Say to the concourse of the Jews: Your appointed time hath been fulfilled - where then is the Promised One? Bring Him forth if ye be of the learned! Among them are those who are perplexed within themselves, whose inner voice addresseth them saying: "The Promise hath come to pass, yet we see not the Promised One." Say: Break asunder, O company of the froward, the chains of limitation! Verily He ruleth upon the throne of David with majesty and power. All the appointed times have ended, yet the peoples await the appearances of their vain imaginings. Say: He hath appeared in truth with a sovereignty that no veils can obstruct. My people are asleep. Blessed art thou for having been awakened by the Call when it was raised from the Divine Lote-Tree planted in the white spot, and for having hearkened unto it while most of the servants turned away. The Holy Land hath been honored by the advent of the Lord of all creation, and the Mount hath been illumined with the lights of the Manifestation, yet the people remain veiled by following vain imaginings. Say: Rend asunder that which preventeth you from the Dawning-Place of Beauty, and turn ye to the Kawthar of reunion bestowed by the Lord of the beginning and the end. Thus hath warbled the Dove of Utterance upon the branch of inner meanings and exposition, as a grace from the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the dead!" Be thou assured by thy Lord's favor, then stand firm in the Cause and be a herald of this Name through which religions have been overturned.

=== END BH03615 ===

=== START BH03616 ===

O Mirza Nasru'llah in Alta!

He is the Sovereign, the King, the Mighty, the Beloved!

O Word of Victory! Bear thou witness even as God hath testified in the heaven of eternity that there is none other God but Him, and that 'Ali is the Manifestation of His Cause unto all created things, and that He hath appeared with the truth through clear signs which have rendered every person of great learning powerless to comprehend them. He hath delivered the messages of His Lord and hath made clear unto the servants that which He was commanded by One Who is All-Wise, All-Knowing. Through Him were made manifest the laws of God and His religion and His proof unto His creation and His grace unto all, whether small or great.

O thou who bearest My name! Hearken unto the call of the Spirit from this blessed, divine and eternal Leaf, Which moveth in this Paradise and causeth the spirits of those near unto God to move with It. And when It moveth, there riseth from It the melody of the Spirit which draweth unto itself the hearts of them that have believed in God and His signs, and who have been illumined by the lights of His countenance. Thus doth the Dove make mention of thee on this night and give thee glad tidings of a holy and luminous paradise.

Know thou that We have heard and understood the afflictions and tribulations that have befallen thee, and that which hath come upon thee according to what was ordained by thy Lord's Pen on a preserved tablet of glory. We have been partners in thy suffering and have grieved for thy sake. Be thou patient, then show forth yet more patience, for He will surely reward every patient and grateful one.

Blessed be they both in that they have drunk of the cup of camphor from the hands of light and have been made joyous in the holy paradise, and have found rest beneath an all-encompassing shade in a garden whose breadth is as the breadth of the heavens and the earth, wherein the Beauty was witnessed from Its horizon. Thus have We imparted unto thee that which will bring tranquility to thy spirit and gladden thy being, and cause thee to remain steadfast upon the path of love.

Then remind, from Us, thy brother and those who were with thee, that the grace from this servant may reach them and all the worlds in abundance. We beseech God at this moment to unite us with thee, for verily He hath power over all things. May the Spirit, glory and splendor rest upon thee and upon all who have believed in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

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=== START BH03617 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy! O Nabil-i-'Ali! Hearken unto that which the Pen of Glory addresses thee with from the prison precincts on this night. Verily, He is the Stranger in the lands of destiny and the Wronged One in the hands of enemies, in the path of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beloved. By God! No morning dawns except that calamity overtakes Me, and no evening falls save that another tribulation touches Me. It is as though trials were created for My wronged Self alone, and whenever I move, affliction moves with Me, and when I rest and sleep, it never rests. Thus has the matter been decreed by the Pen of mighty destiny. As for the Youth, He shall never be dismayed by what befalls Him in the path of God, but rather shall drink from the cups of destiny the sealed choice wine of holiness. However, when We see those who were created by a word rise up in tyranny and calumny, and commit that which causes the Cause to be lost, My soul is troubled thereby, My skin crawls, and My wounded heart is agitated. Would that God might raise up one possessed of discernment who would perceive the fragrance of sorrows from the garment of the All-Merciful and become aware of what hath befallen Him at the hands of these ungrateful ones. Say: Through the garment of the former did Jacob's sight return after he found therein the fragrance of his Beloved. Thus was the matter inscribed by the finger of mighty glory. And were the fragrance of sorrows to waft from the garment of God, those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, would surely perish thereby. And thou, O youth, though We have sent down unto thee words of sorrow, grieve not in thy soul, but put thy trust in God. Verily, He will protect His

Cause and aid it, for He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth by His sovereignty that which every accursed polytheist is powerless to achieve. Rejoice thou in the joy of God, then stand firm in the Cause, and He will verily aid thee with the truth through victorious hosts. And glory be upon thee and upon every patient and grateful one.

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=== START BH03618 ===

O Haji Rida! The Most Great, the Most Holy! O Temple! Thou wert built by the command of thy Lord, yet the people perceive it not. And among them are those who wait to behold thee, seeking their own desires - these are indeed among the heedless. Say: I was created by the will of my Lord and was adorned with the ornament of names on the Day whereon God adorned the Kingdom with His Most Glorious Name. Whoso waiteth after this is among the distracted ones. Say: Through my manifestation the mention of God was exalted, and through it were created temples whose number none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O concourse of the Spirit! Draw nigh with joy and fragrance unto the Temple of the All-Merciful. This behooveth you, if ye be of them that know. Beware lest ye be hindered by those servants who worship vain imaginings and are not among the perceiving ones. Say: Cast away vain imaginings - the All-Knowing hath come upon the clouds of glory, and they who are sincere in faith behold and say: Blessed be the Self-Subsisting Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: Turn not unto the world and what is therein. Cast it behind you, turning unto your Ancient Lord. Say: Abandon the churches - the Church of God hath appeared upon the temple of man. Turn ye unto it, then remember it with this wise remembrance. Therein is raised the call of the Bell in His Holy Name, while ye remain dead within the veils of your selves. Arise from the couches of desire, turning unto God, the Lord of Names. This is what ye were promised in the Tablets, were ye of them that see. Answer the Call of God in your midst, then go forth from your homes, turning unto the Kingdom. Thus doth your Lord, the True, the Faithful, counsel you. As to those who seclude themselves in churches - did We create them for eating and sitting idle? Nay, by My mighty and loving Self! Rather for this Day wherein He Who was hidden hath appeared with His Name, the Protector of the worlds. Say: Present yourselves before your Lord and withhold not yourselves from that for which ye were created. This is of My grace unto you, if ye be of them that perceive.

=== END BH03618 ===

=== START BH03619 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Pardoning, the Bountiful, the Forgiving

As We were walking in the prison, there came from the heaven of utterance the Bird of Divine Knowledge, warbling in such wise as to draw unto it the hearts of those who have turned unto God, the Lord of Lords. We heard what it spoke and sent it to the Concourse on High with such mention as caused the sweet-scented breezes of the All-Merciful's utterance to waft throughout all possibility. O Abdullah! Thou wert mentioned before the Wronged One and present before His face, as the Mother of the Bayan doth testify from the most exalted station. The Pen hath borne witness to thy presence before the countenance of the Ancient King. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of

revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Possessor of all existence. Grieve not at anything, for verily He is with thee and will guard thee with the hosts of the unseen and will inspire thee with that which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of them that are possessed of understanding. We have desired to give thee glad-tidings of a mercy that hath preceded existence. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. God hath forgiven thy father, and at My mention of him the oceans of gifts and favors surged. We adorned him at the time of his ascension with the ornament of My love and sent down for him that which brought solace to all eyes. We beseech God to send down upon him, at all times, a mercy from His presence, a blessing from His side, and sustenance from His court. He is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. He hath been mentioned by one who hath loved Me and soared in My atmosphere and arisen to serve Me and to make mention of Me amongst My servants. We testify that he hath taken for himself, beneath the canopies of My grandeur, a station whereunto none hath attained save him who hath sacrificed his spirit and all that he possessed in the path of God, the Lord of all religions. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My utterance be upon him and upon thee and upon all who have not been hindered by the veils of glory from turning to the All-Possessing, the Most High.

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=== START BH03620 ===

O Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! We summon the servants unto God, their Lord and the Lord of all worlds. They have risen up to harm Me and hasten in the wilderness of error - nay, they are among the heedless ones. The Promised One hath appeared, yet they remain behind a thick veil, and the Desired One remembereth them, yet they persist in grievous delusion. Say: Turn ye towards the Supreme Horizon. He Who is the Manifestation of your Lord, the Lord of Names, hath appeared. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you - rend them asunder through His Name, the Strong, the Trustworthy. Those who have disbelieved are the most ignorant among men, even should they possess all the knowledge of the earth. Thus hath the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, decreed. And they who have believed are the greatest in rank among men, the most perspicacious in mind, the keenest in vision, and the purest in heart. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. The shepherd hath been mentioned before the Throne, while forgotten was he who possessed the treasures of the earth and enjoyed a mighty portion. This is a Day wherein We have made the highest among the people lowest, and the lowest highest. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. How many were possessed of glory who were turned away from the door, and how many were abased who entered and attained, exclaiming: “Praise be to God Who hath made me to achieve this noble vision!” All affairs are in the grasp of thy Lord’s power - He turneth them as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. O servant! Give thanks to thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and for having attained unto this wondrous remembrance. None can draw nigh on this Day save through the heart. Thus hath the Lord of the worlds decreed. This earth hath been shaken by what the hands of the hypocrites have wrought. We, at the very center of tribulation, summon mankind unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise to make mention of Him and to praise Him, then be steadfast in the Cause through His Name, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Laudable. Glory be unto them that have turned towards Him and have said: “I believe in Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that know!”

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=== START BH03621 ===

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! God willing, may you gaze with the eye of the heart toward the most exalted horizon and hear with the ear of the spirit the call of the Beloved of all possibility. All people were awaiting the days of meeting, the appearance of the Dawning-Place of the Cause, the Lord of Names. But when the breeze of joy wafted and the Sun of manifestation rose from the horizon of the world, most of the people clung to their own vain imaginings and remained deprived of the Lord of all beings. Today the outward ear and eye do not suffice, for most souls are accounted as deaf and dumb before God, though outwardly possessing both. Strive that you may receive your portion of God's infinite bounties. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, but there shall remain unto thee this mighty Tablet. Reflect upon the time of the appearance of the Divine Messengers and the Emissaries of God - most people did not even count those Dawning-Places of Divine Unity and Holy Manifestations among the believers, let alone any station above that. They have lost indeed who denied God's manifestation and His sovereignty. Woe unto them for what they have earned in their vain life. God shall soon seize them with His wrath as He seized their like before. He is verily the Seizer, the Mighty, the Powerful. None should test his Lord. Reflect upon God's manifestation and what hath appeared from Him - then shall you find yourself in a spirit of joy and fragrance and be assured through the grace of your Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have enjoined upon all what is right and forbidden what is wrong. Blessed is he who hath taken hold of God's command and cast away all else - he is of the people of truth in a clear Book. Rend asunder the veils in the name of thy Lord and be of those who are firmly established. This is a Tablet that all the treasures of the world cannot equal. Read it by night and by day - through it will God uncover what was hidden from thee. He is verily the All-Bounteous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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=== START BH03622 ===

O Mirza Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God! In My Name, the All-Knowing, the Manifest! God willing, in this divine springtime mayest thou be made joyous through the rain-showers of the clouds of God's mercy, speaking His praise, arising to serve Him, standing firm in His Cause, and gazing toward His horizon. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Verily thy Lord is with thee - He Who is just in His judgment, obeyed in His command, and praised in all that hath appeared from Him. Verily, 'A' and 'S' hath returned to his place - he is among those who have passed away. O Sadiq! Rejoice in this mark of My Most Exalted Pen, which hath made mention of thee and doth make mention of thee at this hour. Convey My glad-tidings to the people of the household and remind them of My verses. Verily, We are with them at all times. Thou must arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness. All that is visible shall return to nothingness, while that which endureth and lasteth hath been and shall ever be the remembrance of God, the grace of God, and the bounty of God. Reflect upon 'A' and 'S'. With utmost audacity he entered into a matter that caused the pillars of the House to tremble, and for the sake of these two fleeting days he committed that whose traces shall not be effaced from the world. We concealed his affair that perchance he might become aware and arise to redress what had escaped him, though redress of his deed was impossible. He hath borne a burden heavier than the mountains of the earth. God willing, may

your honor be assisted in that which is acceptable before God. Verily He will exalt thee in truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have been afflicted by the serpent and the wolf - whereat the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise have lamented at morn and eve. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH03622 ===

=== START BH03623 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing

Thy letter was received and attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. O noble one! God willing, mayest thou be blessed by His grace and drink from the Living Waters that flow from the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to thine own recognition - the allusions of the ignorant divines and heedless doctors of law did not prevent or deprive thee from the Most Great Ocean. Know thou the greatness of this station. From thy letter the fragrance of love was diffused. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me and caused me to turn toward Thy Cause, from which most of Thy servants have turned away. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made a light unto the righteous and a fire unto the wicked, and by the breezes of the Dawning-place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and awaiting the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty, Thy grace and Thy favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lies with Thee, then make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and holding fast to Thy cord. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Choose One.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. And We make mention that thou who hast turned to the lights of the Face, and thy brother who was named Aqa Kuchik - We beseech God to assist them and enable them to achieve that whereby their names shall endure in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Nasru'llah! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. He hath mentioned thee with a mention that equals not the mention of the world. He before Whom is a precious Tablet beareth witness to this.

We make mention of Abdullah in Shamsabad and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace and bounty, that he may be of the steadfast ones.

O Nasru'llah and O Abdullah! The Supreme Pen hath ever mentioned and continueth to mention His party. The loved ones must, with perfect unity and harmony, occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God, and with that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. This is the counsel of the Wronged One. We convey greetings to all the friends and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, mercy, loving-kindness and bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious.

These three passages were on one yellow page in the blessed handwriting of the Ancient Beauty, may His Most Great Remembrance be glorified.

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=== START BH03624 ===

In the Name of the Friend!

O Asad! The Manifestation of the One declareth: This is the Day whereon the fragrances of the All-Merciful are wafting from the garment of His boundless favors upon all created things. How excellent is the state of him who hath discovered from its fragrance the One to be recognized, and whom the congestion of self and desire hath not debarred from inhaling the divine fragrance. Render thanks unto the Adored One of all worlds that He hath enabled thee to attain unto this supreme bounty and mighty gift, and strive thou to remain steadfast in His love, for this station hath been and shall ever remain the most exalted of all stations. O Asad! God willing, may thou be illumined and brightened through the grace of the All-Merciful in these spiritual days by the lights of the divine dawn, in such wise that the people of the realm of possibility may discover the radiance of the All-Merciful in thy countenance. Abdullah hath said:

“O my God! If but once Thou shouldst call me ‘My servant,’

My laughter would soar beyond the throne on high!”

Now doth the Manifestation of the Divine Self and Source of mystic knowledge call unto thee from the precincts of the Most Great Prison. I swear by the horizon of the Cause that if thou shouldst drink of the Kawthar of life that in these days floweth from the mouth of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst arise to love Him, detached from all else, and make mention of His remembrance. It is most evident that whatsoever hath been and is mentioned hath for its purpose the elevation of God’s loved ones to holy spiritual stations, that through divine grace they may abide eternally in the immortal Kingdom. The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any worth. Had it possessed worth even less than an atom, the Ancient Beauty would never have been seen imprisoned in this most great humiliation - though this humiliation is the pride of all glory, and this prison the cause of freedom for all the peoples of the world. Ere long will its fruits be made manifest in the world of earthly dominion. God willing, mayest thou drink forever from the cup of the grace of the Lord of Glory. And the Glory be upon you, O My loved ones!

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=== START BH03625 ===

In the Name of the One Friend - O Sadiq! May you, God willing, attain to the Dawning-Place of truthfulness and be enabled to make mention of Him. The acceptance or rejection of all things hath ever been within the grasp of God’s power. Whatsoever He hath accepted hath been and shall ever be accepted by all, and whatsoever He hath rejected hath been and shall remain rejected. Today the truthful one is he who recognizeth the Dawning-Place of truth and cleaveth fast unto Him. Should someone perform all good and praiseworthy deeds, yet remain heedless of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Day-Spring of inspiration, he would be accounted among the heedless before the Divine Throne. Likewise, should someone discourse upon all the divine Books and remind people of all the counsels sent down, yet fail to acknowledge the truth, he was not and is not truthful. God willing, mayest thou remain steadfast and firm in the Cause of the Lord of all beings with complete truthfulness. Strive thou to ignite

those who are as extinguished lamps with the fire of divine ardor, and to give drink to those who thirst from this most pure wine which floweth from the direction of the Most Great Scene of Vision. Should anyone possessed of insight be found today who would read but one Tablet from among the divine Tablets and discover its warmth, he would arise with his whole being to serve the All-Merciful, closing his eyes to the world and all who dwell therein and opening them unto Him alone. O Sadiq! The Most Great Ocean is surging, the heaven of bounty is upraised, and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining. Say: O servants! While time remaineth, deprive not yourselves of the Most Glorious Wine, nor remain heedless, through vain imaginings, of the Dawning-Place of certitude. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. God willing, mayest thou be so enkindled by the fire of the utterance of the All-Merciful that its warmth shall influence those who are with thee, that all may attain to the most great bounty and turn their faces toward the Countenance of the Ancient of Days.

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=== START BH03626 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O Ali! With the ear of thy soul hearken unto the melodies of the All-Glorious from the Ridvan of the All-Merciful, and like unto a spiritual breeze pass through all the worlds and whatsoever hath been ordained in the realm of possibility. Hold fast unto the sure handle and detach thyself from all the worlds.

O Ali! Throughout all days and nights I was afflicted at the hands of enemies, and now I am imprisoned in this Most Great Prison. There is no companion in speech to hear the most wondrous melodies of the All-Merciful, nor any possessor of wings to soar with spiritual pinions in this holy and spiritual atmosphere.

O Ali! The celestial Bird of the Divine Throne hath fallen prey to the hunter of hatred, and the Dove of the Divine Sanctuary remaineth in the hands of the idolaters, with no helper or supporter. All people dwell at rest in their homes, while these Birds of the realm of detachment remain imprisoned and alone in their nests of solitude. In such circumstances, both the benefit and harm of friends and foes alike remain far removed from this most holy and exalted Sanctuary.

Therefore the desire of the Ancient Beauty for His loved ones is that they should stand firm upon a single path, for the discord among the loved ones of God brings joy to the enemies and sorrow to His chosen ones.

O Ali! Whatsoever hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Finger hath been for the good of His servants themselves, else the Truth hath been and will ever be sanctified above all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ali! Remain steadfast in thy love for Me and keep thy distance from Mine enemies. This is a command that nothing that hath been or will be created can equal. God willing, mayest thou forever drink from the Salsabil of My loving-kindness and be nourished by the Tasnim of My grace. By My life! This is assuredly a mighty favor.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee on the path of God, the King, the Peerless, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH03626 ===

=== START BH03627 ===

He is God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O Ali! Your letter was received and perused. Praise be to the Beloved that the fragrances of His grace have wafted upon you from the direction of mercy, and the breezes of His bounty have blown upon your heart and soul. His grace has ever been and will ever be upon you, God willing. However, O Ali, I swear by this Silent Speaker that if you were to become aware of the grief of these days that has befallen the Beloved, you would flee to the wilderness and detach your heart from all who dwell on earth. Yet my grief has rent asunder the garment of remembrance and cast off the robe of utterance from its temple, for it cannot be known through remembrance and utterance, nor can it become manifest. None save the Ancient Being is aware of it, nor can any reckon it. O Ali, forget not the days of attainment to My presence, and erase not the words of the Beloved from your heart. Consider the whole world as non-existent save those who have entered beneath the shadow of your Lord. Associate with My loved ones and be detached from My enemies. Be confident in God's grace, for His bounty has seized you and will continue to seize you. Each day you are remembered before God. The glory from Us be upon you and upon your brother who was named Muhammad, that he may be among those who rejoice. Say: O Muhammad, praise God, your Lord, for having caused you to recognize His Self and for having directed you to His countenance and made you among the successful ones. Today the essence of the Cause is that all the loved ones of God be united and stand firm on a single path. O people! Eat of the fruits with which the Tree of Grace has been laden, then take shelter in its shade and be of those who are gathered together in unity. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH03627 ===

=== START BH03628 ===

O handmaiden of God, Ibn Abhar, upon whom be the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of destiny, He Who is sovereign over whatsoever He willeth! This is a letter from the Wronged One of the horizons to a leaf among the leaves of the Tree of divine knowledge, that the rapture of the utterance of the All-Merciful may carry her to a station wherein neither the insinuations of the wicked nor the doubts of the evil ones shall grieve her. O My handmaiden! By My life! Thou hast ever been and shalt continue to be beneath the glances of the loving-kindness of the Goal of the world's desire, and thou shalt abide in the paradise of mention before His countenance. Time and again hath thy name flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and thou art mentioned in His presence. The princesses and noblewomen of the earth have not attained unto this station, save whom God willeth. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for nothing in all existence can equal it. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of remembrance and utterance, and in Whose right hand are the reins of the kingdom of divine knowledge! I beseech Thee by the vessels of the ocean of Thy grandeur, and by the suns of the heavens of Thy grace and knowledge, to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity that which will preserve me from the mention of any save

Thee and draw me nigh unto the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacle of Thy majesty. O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Ordain for me from the Pen of generosity that which shall profit me among the peoples. Verily Thou knowest what is within my soul and my inmost being, and Thou knowest that which benefiteth me and preserveth me and draweth me nigh unto Thee. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O my Lord! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, then number me among Thy handmaidens who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and who have offered up their spirits in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath clung to the hem of Thy generosity and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Do with this handmaiden of Thine as beseemeth Thy generosity and grace. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

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Dispel my grief by Thy bounty and Thy generosity, O God, my God, and banish mine anguish through Thy sovereignty and Thy might. Thou seest me, O my God, with my face set towards Thee at a time when sorrows have compassed me on every side. I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all being, and overshadowest all things visible and invisible, by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts and the souls of men, and by the billows of the Ocean of Thy mercy and the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy bounty, to number me with them whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from setting their faces toward Thee, O Thou Lord of all names and Maker of the heavens!

Thou beholdest, O my Lord, the things which have befallen me in Thy days. I entreat Thee, by Him who is the Day-Spring of Thy names and the Dawning-Place of Thine attributes, to ordain for me what will enable me to arise to serve Thee and to extol Thy virtues. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, Who art wont to answer the prayers of all men!

And, finally, I beg of Thee by the light of Thy countenance to bless my affairs, and redeem my debts, and satisfy my needs. Thou art He to Whose power and to Whose dominion every tongue hath testified, and Whose majesty and Whose sovereignty every understanding heart hath acknowledged. No God is there but Thee, Who hearest and art ready to answer.

=== END BH03629 ===

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The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious! The verses of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise, have been sent down unto the Leaf who, when she heard the call from the direction of supreme glory, turned and said: “Here am I, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!” We have sent thee each year that which hath diffused the fragrance of the garment of the Beloved among the worlds. Blessed is he who hath found its perfume and been so attracted as to speak His praise, detached from all else and

turning to the Qiblih of existence and the Eye of the seen and the unseen. Verily, he is of the people of Baha, as inscribed in a Tablet by the Most Exalted Pen. Exalted is this holy, mighty and inaccessible station! The clouds pour down rain - blessed is the soil that hath been watered and hath cried out: “Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of mouldering bones!” Can His outpouring ever be suspended? Nay, by the Beauty of the Beloved! Yet the people are in grievous error. Doth it befit anyone to pause when the All-Merciful calleth out in His loudest voice: “To Me, to Me, O people of earth and heaven!” Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh, and woe unto every heedless one who is far removed. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been oft-times remembered before the All-Merciful, and for having had revealed in thy name Tablets that surpass all that existeth on earth. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is she who, being veiled, hath heard and responded, and woe unto him who, wearing a turban, hath grown proud and turned away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many adults have been held back through following their desires, and how many children have attained the lights of guidance! Thus hath the decree been fulfilled and the Cause been made manifest from One Who is powerful and ancient. O My Leaf! Hearken once again unto the call from the direction of My grace and bounty: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Stand firm in the Cause, then remind My handmaidens on behalf of thy Lord. We have sent unto them that which shall gladden their eyes and attract the hearts of those who are endued with understanding. The glory that proceedeth from God, the Mighty, the Most Praised, be upon thee and upon them.

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In the Name of the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Wise! Exalted is He Who hath ordained for the people of Baha that which He hath not ordained for the people of creation. They are the dawning-places of certitude amidst all possible things. These are servants who have broken the chains of limitation through the shining of the lights of divine unity from the horizon of their Lord’s favor, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. These are the fruits of the Tree which hath been raised up in truth, and the lamps of guidance for all who dwell on earth and in the heavens. We beseech God to assist them in teaching His Cause through such detachment that the fragrance of the All-Merciful may waft therefrom throughout all worlds, and to protect them from the odors that emanate from the intimations of those who have denied God, the Revealer of verses. So mighty is this Cause that whenever mention is made of its greatness, the Pen is overwhelmed and swoons away, and when it recovers, it says: “Blessed is he who hath turned to the Face, detached from all else.” Reflect, O people, on what hath appeared in this Revelation that ye may behold yourselves in the most exalted station. Those who have remained remote, they have clung to idle fancy, turning away from guidance. We testify that they are among the people of error. We have summoned all people in every condition unto God. Among them are those who turned away, those who hesitated, and those who turned to the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. They who turned to Him are among the gems of creation, while they who turned away have no portion of the choice wine of their Lord’s mercy, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. God’s proof hath been perfected unto His creation and His testimony unto His servants - to this doth testify your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Whoso hath attained unto the remembrance of God in His days, he is of those who have attained unto all good and for whom there is a goodly end. O servant! Hearken unto the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, which hath

been raised up in the Most Great Prison while the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of the wicked. We have created all things for the days of God, which have appeared and shone forth, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Be thou therefore ever gazing toward the court of thy Lord and speaking His praise amongst His servants.

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In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous!

Thou knowest, O my God, that the Dawning-Place of Revelation went forth from His inhabited house, directing His steps toward the house of His brother who was named Kalim, and there He secluded Himself for eight days and nights, which We completed with another night as a bounty from Our presence. And therein We opened the gates of reunion to the faces of the loved ones, and gave all to drink from the ocean of Thy reunion and the springs of Thy nearness and good-pleasure, such that whoso desired was present each day before the throne of Thy mercy, and each night before Thy countenance, and in every moment there shone upon them the lights of Thy face and the suns of Thy grandeur and power. O Lord! Make this reunion the fountain of steadfastness for their souls and the pure wine of certitude for their beings. O Lord! Illumine their hearts and sanctify their souls and make firm their feet, for Thy path is exceeding narrow, narrow - nay, finer than all that is fine. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subjugator of the winds, by Thy Name through which the luminary of prosperity shone forth upon the people of Thy kingdom, to make them detached from all else save Thee, taking refuge in Thy presence and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. Then enable them, O my God, to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Make known to them the excellence of Thy days, lest anything prevent them from that which hath been ordained for them in Thy dominion and Thy realm of might. Then send down upon them a blessing from Thy presence and a grace from the heaven of Thy bestowals. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Thou knowest, O my God, that in these days when his house was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance, the Speaker arose to serve Thee and to circle round Thy throne. O Lord! Ordain for him and for those with him that which befitteth Thy grace and Thy favors and Thy generosity and Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art He through Whose Name were raised the banners of bounty above the world and the standards of triumph amidst the nations. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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He is the Ever-Abiding! These are the verses of holiness which have been sent down from the heaven of the Command to all who have believed in God and have attained. They speak amongst all created things with words that draw souls unto themselves and cause them to overflow. O Beauty of Victory! Hear the call of thy Lord from around this Tree which hath been raised up in truth, that the call may bring thee within the sanctuary of grandeur and guide thee to the place of security - that station wherein all faces are turned toward the Face of God and wherein all things are transformed and colored anew. O servant!

Be at rest within thyself, then stand firm in the Cause in such wise that no wind shall move thee and no polytheist shall cause thee to slip, and purify thy face for God Who hath perfected His favor unto thee and made it to overflow. Say: O people! Dispute not about the verses of God when they are sent down in truth, nor about this Beauty through Whom the suns of the Command have shone forth and reached their fullness. We did aforetime send down unto thee Tablets wherein by a single letter hearts are guided and made to overflow. Beware lest thou cast the Book of God behind thy back or follow in this any polytheist who hath turned away and transgressed. Arise in the Cause, then stand firm and say: O people! If ye deny these verses, then by what sign did ye believe in God's Messengers? Then shall ye hear from them what thou didst hear from the people of the Furqan when 'Ali came with clear signs and they said "This is naught but sorcery" whereby the hearts of those near unto God were cloven asunder. Even so did they speak before and do they speak in these days wherein the Calf doth call out and bray. Then make mention from Our presence unto thy brother Rida and say: O servant! Be thou content with thy Lord's decree in this conclusive Proof, with whose appearance none was content save whom thy Lord willed. Thus doth God render vain the deeds of those who denied His grace and turned away from His beauty, then followed every base and clinging thing.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High

A Tablet revealed for Mirza Qasim. The Book hath been sent down from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing unto him who hath migrated unto God and whom tribulations have touched in his Lord's path, even as was ordained for him in a preserved tablet. O servant! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast attained the presence of the Beloved and heard with thine ears that for which countless souls have died in their yearning. Say: He hath appeared in truth from a glorious horizon. Say: O people! Do ye worship the calf and forsake Him by Whose command the sun hath dawned from the horizon of the name of the Most High, through Whom the Books have been sent down throughout all ages, and through Whom the treasuries of the Cause have appeared from One mighty and powerful? Fear ye God and deny not Him in Whom ye have believed, and all that ye have heard that He hath appeared from Our presence - thy Lord, the All-Knowing, is witness to what I say. Aid thy Lord with whatsoever thou canst, then shun every sinful idolator. Verily he who speaketh falsehood, he is Satan himself - guard yourselves against him, O My loved ones, and make for yourselves a path unto God. Say: With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth and the knowledge of all things, and He doth encompass all the worlds. Leave the creatures to themselves, then leave them in their vain imaginings and turn with a luminous face toward the dawning-place of a mighty Name. Say: He hath come without clouds or mists, and speaketh now amongst mankind with manifest sovereignty. Thus have We remembered thee in this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and convey the Cause of thy Lord unto those who dwell in these regions, that they may take the All-Merciful as their friend. And when thou returnest with God's Tablet unto thy dwelling-place, convey Our greetings unto those servants who have drunk the living waters from the cup of their Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Bestower, and who have remained firm upon the straight path. And the glory be upon thee and upon every pure and sincere believer.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for the presence before the Throne of the One Who conversed on Sinai. And when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace, all turned away and denied. Blessed is he who was not kept back from turning towards God by the opposition of the divines and rulers, and blessed is the steadfast one whom the winds of hatred and animosity did not disturb. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and there was revealed from the Supreme Pen that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. We counsel thee to preserve it. One word from the exalted utterances that appears from the Dayspring of the pronouncement of the Lord of Names is, in the sight of God - exalted be His glory - superior to all that is observed on earth. All things that have been created - the ornaments of the world and its adornments, and likewise wife and children - all are divine bounties, but they are not lasting. The exalted word, however, is everlasting and enduring, and in every one of the divine worlds it is a steadfast helper and an unwavering companion to its possessor. It has been and ever shall be. “Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of this world. But the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord’s sight for reward, and better in respect of hope.” We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and profit thee. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee by the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy grace to preserve me through Thy power and might, and to ordain for me that which will make me independent through Thy riches and steadfast in Thy Cause. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Educator of the nations, to ordain for me goodly offspring who will remember Thee among Thy creatures and aid Thee in Thy realm through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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The essence of praise and its purest form befitteth Him Who is such a Sovereign that the kings of the world have gloried and continue to glory in being His servants. The order of the world and the tranquility of nations have depended and depend upon obedience to His commandments and prohibitions. Whosoever raised the standard of rebellion cast away his head, and whosoever held fast to obedience and submission won the prize. Consider the kings: some among them and their subjects have clung to the cord of self and passion, calling it law and politics and freedom, until gradually the foundation of divine laws was shaken among them, and this became the cause of chaos and confusion. As ye have heard, diverse parties appeared, each following its own desires, until distinction was obliterated and the horizons were set ablaze by the fire of discord and dissension–a conflagration that turned hope to despair. Tranquility departed and perturbation took up its abode. The first matter that emerged from the consultation of these parties was the killing of kings. In short, both government and people were thrown into disorder. Later they observed that these affairs arose from the people’s lack of attention to religion,

for verily trustworthiness, religiosity, virtue, character, and deeds spring from the fear of God. When this face is veiled, upheaval penetrates all affairs and assurance is transformed into perturbation. Therefore the kings of the earth generally perceived the cause and reason, and sought to hold fast to the cord of religion, although in truth some have been and are firm and steadfast in religion. Now it has reached the point where all have returned and repented. When any matter exceeds its proper bounds, its excellence remains concealed. At one time this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names–exalted be His glory: "Civilization and the like, should they pass beyond the limits of moderation, become the cause and source of universal loss." Verily the servant beseeches God his Lord to guide them to His straight path, that religion may be wholly for God alone.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the breezes of forgiveness have wafted over all creation and the waters of life have flowed among all religions! I beseech Thee by the rustling of Thy Divine Lote-Tree and the murmuring of the water of Thy mercy, whereby Thou didst quicken all who are in the heavens and on earth, to illumine the whole earth with the light of Thy knowledge and to attract them through the fragrances of Thy days. Verily Thou art He Whom the hosts of the world cannot hinder. Thou hast manifested in every age whatsoever Thou hast willed through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones and chosen ones in prison through what the hands of Thy enemies have wrought–they who claim knowledge without any evidence from Thee. O Lord! Seize every ignorant one who hath been raised up in the name of knowledge, that Thy signs may appear in Thy dominion and the lights of Thy countenance in Thy lands. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart! The breeze of your utterance hath passed by Me and hath wrought upon Me as the vernal breezes work upon the trees. By God! It hath gladdened Me to such an extent that I immediately took up the letter and turned towards the Most Exalted Goal, the Supreme Summit, until I attained His presence and laid it before Him. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which no one hath power to recount. By the life of my Beloved and your Beloved! The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged, and the light of utterance hath appeared in such wise as to illumine the earth and heaven. The servant found himself bewildered by the waves of the seas of utterance in the kingdom of proof. Though I cannot recount what I heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, yet I shall impart unto thee what the mirror of my heart hath retained from the Sun of Utterance. He said, exalted be His majesty and all-encompassing be His verses:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Ibn Abhar! He Who is the Lord of destiny remembers thee from His Most Great Horizon, and beareth witness unto thee as He bore witness before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the earth! Do ye desire to prevent God from exercising His sovereignty? Can a drop rise up against the ocean, or a mote contend with the sun? What aileth you, O company of oppressors? Fear God, and follow not your selfish desires. Follow Him Who hath guided you to His Most Exalted Path and called you to His luminous horizon.

Do ye imagine yourselves capable of extinguishing the Light? Do ye fancy yourselves able to quench the Fire of the Divine Lote-Tree? Nay, by My life! The ignorant divines have ever been and continue to be the

cause of the people's rejection. Yet God hath seized them with His might, for He is the Powerful, the Almighty. In this Most Great Revelation, God, exalted be His glory, hath not given, nor will He ever give, respite to the oppressors. Blessed is he who pondereth and is of the assured ones.

O thou who gazest toward My horizon! The very essence of being oppressed hath ever been and shall remain influential in the world. All the chosen ones and near ones are commanded to exercise patience, calm, love and kindness. God Himself standeth ready to requite the deeds of the oppressors and will not withhold the reward of them that are assured. Verily, He doth not suffer the recompense of the righteous to be lost.

O Muhammad! It behooveth thee to remove the garments of ignorance and heedlessness from the temples of My servants. Replace the ancient garments of ignorance with the robes of divine knowledge and wisdom, that the people may be sanctified from the conditions of self and passion and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

O Taqi! Give thanks unto God for having opened before thy face the door of knowledge, illumined thee with the lights of utterance, and caused thee to speak His praise. Counsel the servants on My behalf to pure righteousness. Say: Rejoice, and be not grieved by what hath befallen My Name and My loved ones, upon them be My glory. The ignorant one hath kindled a fire through following his evil self, but God hath extinguished it through His power. Be thou assured and of the thankful ones.

One must enlighten people with utmost wisdom and utterance, and guide them to the city of knowledge. In the first encounter with the peoples of the earth, one should speak words from which the fragrance of love wafteth. If in that land some good lieth concealed, it will be made manifest through these waters of utterance, and if some light be hidden, the splendor of glory will appear from its countenance. In such case, the utterance of the exalted Word is permissible, and this too only after much emphasis and taking of covenant that the pearls of divine knowledge be kept hidden from the treacherous and thieves, and not be presented before every false pretender. If the loved ones exercise some discernment, they will distinguish the polytheist from the monotheist. These are they who see with the light of God - they are those of whom He saith: "They are given insight from God."

The teachers of the Cause must meet certain conditions, as revealed in the Tablets both past and present. They must exert their utmost effort in preserving the Tablets of God. Time and again hath this most exalted Word shone forth from the horizon of utterance of the Lord of all being, yet until now no steadfast doer hath been observed. All who were seized in the past and since were found with the writings, save whom God willeth. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land - that is, those who possess a single countenance. Say: Beware lest the manifestations of power frighten you.

And furthermore, all were seized along with the Writings except whom God willed. Convey greetings from the True One to the friends in that land - that is, to those souls who are of one countenance. Say: Beware lest the manifestations of power and might frighten you, or the deeds of the ignorant sadden you. I swear by the Sun of the divine horizon of knowledge that that imprisonment and incarceration was the greatest profit for the friends and manifest loss for the heedless. Fear of what and anxiety from whom? Be sanctified and purified from hatred, malice, oppression and corruption, and with the utmost assurance

remain settled and at rest in your place. The divine eye does not slumber and His power is not prevented by the might of pharaohs. By My life, the oppression of God's chosen ones in that land is more beloved in God's sight than a hundred thousand treasures, and its effects have appeared as you have seen and will appear. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the Informed, and He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty. Soon these earthly temples who are occupied daily with cursing will be seen to perish, and the divine Cause will appear like the sun from the horizon of will. Verily He has power over all things. Look and remember when the Messenger came, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him the Interlocutor. Whenever a Prophet came, the divines first rejected Him, then those who followed them without any proof or Book from God, the Lord of the worlds. O thou who art mentioned before the Face and who standeth before the Gate! Be wakeful and vigilant in thy Lord's Cause, then place resolve on thy right hand and prudence on thy left, and trust in God above thy head and wisdom before thy face. Thus doth He teach thee by Whose name the ocean of knowledge was set in motion. Rejoice in the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose manifestation appeared that which was recorded in the Books, the Psalms, the Scrolls and the Tablets. Praise be unto Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Sender of the winds.

O My Beloved! For what purpose were ears created, and for what day are they beneficial? In the beginning of existence, the Tongue of Divine Power spoke the blessed word "Look and thou shalt behold Me," and from the tongues of the realities of all things arose the cry "The Lord of Names hath come!" The attraction of the Manifestation hath seized all - some are aware, some heedless. Yet heedlessness endureth not. The effulgences of the Orb of consciousness shall, by the command of the Lord of the Manifestation, seize him and guide him to the straight path. Indeed, if there be in the essence of contingent being even a mustard seed's weight of the power of recognition, it will surely be made manifest. This is the meaning of the blessed verse: "And if there be the weight of a mustard seed and it be in a rock, or in the heavens or in the earth, God will bring it forth." They have risen to harm the friends and chosen ones of God, and without fault or error have wrought that which caused the Concourse on High to lament and weep. Yet they gained naught save the exaltation of God's Cause. Nevertheless, they have not awakened and do not awaken. His Holiness Ismullah (may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him) showed utmost love and kindness toward all the people of the world, and beseeched the Lord of all beings day and night to adorn mankind with the ornaments of trustworthiness, religion, chastity, and that which would benefit their souls. Yet there befell him that whose dust of sorrow reached the pure hem of the Lord of Destiny. And His Holiness 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar (may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him) spoke with such perfect truthfulness that even the most impure could perceive its truth. Yet there befell him what befell him. Likewise the souls mentioned with them and other friends (may God's Glory rest upon them all) were all seized without crime. The weight of these deeds rests upon the shoulders of the divines of the earth, for they are the primary cause. What hath been gained and what shall be gained from this seizing, reviling and harming? By the life of my Beloved and your Beloved, soon shall the sincere ones behold them in evident glory. These souls are the manifestations of the mercy, kindness and favor of God, exalted be His Glory. He hath preferred them and elevated them. Can anyone erase what hath been written by the Supreme Pen? Nay, by His Self, the One Who dominateth the seen and the unseen. At the beginning of the tribulation, this blessed word shone forth from the Tongue of the Lord of Oneness - exalted and glorified be His utterance: "O servant! The fire of sedition is ablaze, but the

Hand of Power shall extinguish it." This utterance hath repeatedly appeared in both Arabic and Persian from the Dawning-place of verses and the Day-spring of evidences. Blessed are they who attain! Those souls who are engaged in serving the prisoners and the captives are truly worthy of a hundred thousand favors. I beseech God, exalted be His Glory, to accept their service and to send down for them from the Kingdom of Utterance that which is adorned with the ornament of His presence. The handmaidens of God who have arisen to render this service are mentioned by the Supreme Pen with such praise that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it. This servant beseecheth God to confirm all the friends in that land, both men and women, in serving these souls. Each of the friends of God who are scattered throughout the lands should assist these holy souls. The purpose of assistance is that they may share in the bounties and that the signs of unity may be manifested from them. Otherwise, verily He is the Helper of him who hath no helper and the Succourer of him who hath no succourer. He is powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty.

Indeed, concerning what you wrote about the lack of response to your esteemed letters, God is witness that this servant has been occupied day and night in the presence of His Countenance with the revelation of verses. Every fair-minded soul has been and is a witness to this and bears testimony thereto. Whenever opportunity arose, this servant has not been remiss in responding to the letters of the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory. In all matters patience, quietude, and forbearance have been observed, except in such special instances as your letters, which, when received, were presented at the Throne and answered point by point. However, during the recent upheaval, for a time the response to letters from the loved ones was delayed, and this too was in accordance with wisdom. Thus did the Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations command Me. Whatever reached the beloved Mahbubi, his honor the Name of Generosity, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was given to this servant, and all attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and implore Him to assist this servant to serve His loved ones. His honor the Name of God, upon him be nine times [Baha] of Abha, has repeatedly mentioned that beloved one and has expressed great satisfaction. God willing, he shall be blessed with the good of this world and the next. If there has been or will be some delay, it matters not, for after this dryness comes the spring of mercy, and after these clouds comes the rain of bounty. Let him act according to that which he is commanded and make it manifest. Would that the people knew and understood! As to what you wrote regarding the Name of God's instruction that you should send a petition to the Most Holy Court every month and number your future petitions - the servant bears witness that he spoke the truth and that from it wafted the fragrance of his love for His Presence. Take heed! What station could be greater than that the mention of that beloved one should repeatedly come before the Most Holy Court and attain unto the honor of being heard? But this word of that beloved one which you have mentioned is also pleasant and sweet, that even if I should send petitions throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven and receive no reply, I would not transgress the command of His Honor the imprisoned Name of God, for he is certain that whatever they have spoken is from the divine, unseen inspirations. After this word was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, the Kingdom of Utterance spoke this most exalted word. He says, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty: "O servant present! Verily the Truth has testified that he spoke the truth. Ask God to make him a leader of My servants through My Name and their guide through My wise remembrance. Give him the glad tidings of My word, My grace and My mercy, then attract him through

My sweetest utterance that he may soar on the wings of longing in this atmosphere. And I am the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad-Taqi! The doors of grace have never been closed to your face, for verily it is open to those who enter, and His house is witnessed by those who circle round, and His Cause is known to those who hold fast, and His robe is wide and long for those who cling to it. You were mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One on a day when your letter was not present at the Throne and your call did not attain the honor of being heard. Our mercy and grace have preceded you, and We shall assist you through a command from Us, and verily I am the Helper, the All-Wise."

O son of him who hath circled round My Cause! This recent sedition hath not been, nor is it, of great moment. The fear of some hath been without cause. However, sedition is that which appeareth contrary to the good-pleasure of God. Soon shall the raven croak. The harm that hath ever been inflicted upon the Divine Lote-Tree hath come from heedless souls who have attributed themselves to the Truth and have committed that which hath caused the Cause to be wasted among the servants. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to protect His loved ones from the evil of these people. We pray for Our loved ones in Ta and its surroundings. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

This lowly one submitteth that God, exalted be His glory, hath answered all servants and handmaidens before their supplication, and His favor hath encompassed all before its manifestation. That same primal Word which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered encompasseth all: "This is a Book from the All-Merciful unto all who are in the lands," and likewise His word, exalted be His glory: "O My loved ones in the lands." This verse hath encompassed all. The steed of hope is galloping while despair with its hosts is put to flight. Thus hath the standard of hope been raised high and the banner of despair been lowered. Today there is no place or station for despair and despondency, for the rain of mercy hath ever been pouring and the seas of hope are surging. For years people possessed but a portion of the Qur'an, yet all held fast to it. Now some suppose there may exist several times as many books as the Qur'an. By the life of your Beloved and our Beloved! A bounty hath been manifested that hath had and hath no likeness or peer. A hundred thousand earths and horizons and heavens would be needed to recount but an atom of the effulgences of the Sun of His favor. Otherwise, whatsoever existeth is unworthy of this station. We beseech God to cause to appear from the hearts, in service to that Beloved One, that which is sanctified from despair and despondency and the like. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O My handmaiden! We have previously made mention of thee in such wise as to cause eyes and visions to be gladdened, and We revealed for him who ascended that whereby the treasures of knowledge and inner meanings and the repositories of utterance were made manifest in all creation. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. By God's life! We were with him when he ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, and the people of Paradise inhaled from him the fragrance of My raiment. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from the most exalted station. We verily honored him and adorned him, and revealed for him that which the near ones shall remember throughout ages and centuries. O handmaiden of God! Rejoice in thy Lord's favor, for there hath been sent down from the Kingdom of grace that which was the spirit of life unto temples and bodies. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He is with you and He is the Watchful, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast unto goodly deeds and unto that which thou hast been commanded in the Book from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath held fast unto My commandments, and the servant who hath clung

to the hem of My laws. We counsel every servant who hath turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, and every handmaiden who hath heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, to hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God hath been raised up amongst mankind. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon those who have heard and responded and held fast unto that which they were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets.

As to what thou didst write concerning the distress of that honored lady, God willing, His grace shall encompass her condition. The people of the earth, though some have usurped the rights of God and some have hoarded wealth, and the heedlessness of the rich hath reached such a state that they shun the poor, yet still they make accusations and every year busy themselves kindling the fire of oppression. These souls act with the utmost kindness and mercy, while those souls act with the utmost oppression, pride and dominion. However, that which hath no connection to God hath been and shall ever be transient and ephemeral. How many days have they partaken and do partake of this world? Where are their fathers and their great ones and their ministers of old who arose to oppose and disputed the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds? And where are their treasures and their riches, and where their influence and their power? Let them look into the graves; perchance they may repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. But their unworthy deeds have blocked the paths of awareness and awakening. They are afflicted by their own deeds until they return to their abode. The Command is in His grasp; He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

And regarding the property, let them consult. If that assemblage be adorned with the friends of God, exalted be His glory, it is assuredly more luminous, excellent and radiant, and let them act according to whatsoever emerges from that assemblage. Thus hath He Who is our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth decreed.

As regards what you wrote concerning that leaf's attention to serving that loved one and the honored Name, upon him be the Glory of God - this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence - may my spirit be sacrificed for all in the kingdoms of command and creation. He expressed great favor, saying, glorified be His majesty: "Blessed is she and those who arise to serve My loved ones. They are indeed leaves of My most exalted Paradise. God will surely reward them with the most excellent reward. Thus has the matter been decreed from God, the Lord of Lords."

Blessed are those souls who in the days of testing arose to serve to the extent possible. In truth, that service was for the Cause of God and for the love of God. The Truth, exalted be His glory, Himself gives glad tidings to His leaves and handmaidens of special rewards. Those handmaidens who have been mindful of the circumstances of the Name of God and those with him have ever been and are beneath the gaze of His favor.

O son of him who ascended to My Most Glorious Horizon! Some women in that land are observed to be two-faced. God has concealed and continues to conceal this. Pray that He may adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness and cause them to attain the exalted station. Say: God, then leave them to their vain imaginings.

The believing wife, upon them both be My glory and mercy, is mentioned before the Wronged One. She attained the presence when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. We have mentioned her and do mention her as a grace from Us, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Wise.

Blessed are the leaves and handmaidens who today are occupied with serving the Cause and are moved to assist God's loved ones. We have adorned their heads with crowns of utterance from the All-Merciful, and We shall soon send down for them that from which the sincere shall find the fragrance of My loving-kindness. And I am the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate.

As for mentioning the honored beloved, the son of 'Ayn-?a, upon them both be the Glory of God and His favor - praise be to God, from the first days he attained recognition of the Beloved of the worlds and has ever been and is mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. This lowly one presented at a special time in the Most Holy Presence whatever you mentioned regarding them and Haji Muhammad Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of our Lord's gracious favor. His blessed and exalted Word:

O 'Ayn-Qubl-?a! The servant present submitted your letter sent in his name to the Most Holy Presence and it attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, from the first days you have been adorned with the mention of the Truth, exalted be His glory. He loves whoever loves Him, remembers whoever remembers Him, and turns to whoever turns to Him, as a grace from Him. And He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We make mention of the Merciful One who migrated out of love for God until he arrived at the luminous Spot and heard the Call from the Dawning-Place of grandeur: "Verily, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Generous." Behold, then remember when thou wert standing before the Countenance and didst hear the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have made mention of thee in such wise that nothing on earth can equal it, as doth testify to this He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. And We make mention of thy brother who was with thee and attained unto that which was promised by the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers. And We make mention of your mother who attained unto the recognition of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. She is the one at whose mention My Most Exalted Pen is moved, as doth bear witness to this the Lord of Names in His exalted station. And We make mention of My handmaidens from whom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, as have those of every heedless ignorant one. And We make mention of the daughter of My Name, the Wronged One, who was named the Most Truthful in My Great Tablet. He cast the world behind him, turning unto the Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of nations, until he attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. O Leaf! We wish to behold thee steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of all who dwell on earth shall shake thee nor the signs of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall veil thee. Verily thy brother hath attained to the service of the Cause. We have aided him and raised him up through a command from Us. Recognize thou his station. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. He arose to serve My Cause, spoke in My praise, traveled through the lands for My Name, soared in My atmosphere, and guided the people to My path, bearing hardships for My

mighty, powerful Cause. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones! Give thanks unto your Lord, the Most Merciful, for this manifest bounty.

O My loved one and he who is mentioned before My Lord! From the wondrous and exalted verses, the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, is evident and clear regarding them. May they, God willing, be assisted to act righteously and remain unperturbed by the vicissitudes of the days. And concerning what they wrote to His Holiness Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the Most Glorious of Glory, that "through various means we attained deliverance from imprisonment" - after this gained the blessing of reaching the hearing of the True One, exalted be His glory, He said: "The intermediary they took walketh outside the path." Then He said: "The brothers and souls from that household who are steadfast have all been and are under the protection and safeguarding of the True One, exalted be His glory." When His Honor Haji, upon him be the Glory of God, intended to return, at the time of farewell he attained the presence, and after being dismissed, the word "protection" regarding him and his brothers was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names. This is a bounty that sufficeth him and His all-pervading Self over all in the heavens and earths. These matters of imprisonment and arrest had and have no importance, for praise be to God, the friends of God have been and are of pure breasts, illumined hearts and radiant faces, and such souls, by the life of the Beloved, are victorious. Blessed is the mother, for she hath arisen to serve the Cause and the friends of the True One. Every good deed manifested by them is mentioned before the Throne and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Assuredly the True One, exalted be His glory, will exalt that household, for it hath been the dwelling place of His friends and chosen ones. I beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect that household from certain winds and wholly sanctify it from whatsoever is unseemly, that all souls dwelling in that house may be associated with the True One alone and be mentioned by His Name. These games of men - now arresting, now imprisoning - will all soon return to nothingness. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that hath risen from the Most Great Prison that all they now possess and in which they take pride and glory is and was unworthy of mention. All is seen as perishable and non-existent. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to adorn the people of that household, as He mentioned from the beginning unto the endless end, with this most exalted, most holy and most glorious ornament. Verily, He is powerful over all things. This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to each one - to the exalted matron, the mother, upon her be the Glory of God, and their honors the brothers, and the leaf, daughter of His Holiness Ismu'llah Al-Asdaq, upon him be all the Most Glorious of Glory, and likewise the handmaidens in that household who hold fast to the cord of the True One, exalted be His glory, and seeketh confirmation for each one. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Concerning your mention of him named Tahmasb from the region of Dar al-Marz, that after two days of arrival in the land of Ta he ascended to the most exalted holy precincts - this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court. His blessed and exalted Word: "There hath befallen My loved ones there that which hath caused the Holy Spirit and the dwellers of the precincts of intimacy to lament. Blessed is every one who hath turned unto God and been touched by tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and woe unto every oppressor who hath oppressed and thereby earned for himself a grievous punishment. By the life of God! He hath lost in this world and in the next shall see himself among the most lost."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness! Behold and then call to mind when the idolaters in the land of M rose up against My loved ones and My chosen ones. They seized them, reviled them, beat them and plundered them. Say: O concourse of idolaters! Ye have committed that which hath caused the Supreme Horizon to darken and the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament. God hath lifted the Pen from children, yet through your tyranny there befell them that which caused the Temple of Justice to cry out from its exalted station. Ye have earned for yourselves that which shall never be touched by the fragrance of forgiveness throughout the duration of the names of your Lord, the Most Merciful. He Who speaketh from this station doth testify to this. Woe unto him who hath wronged the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, and unto those who followed them without clear proof or a Book from God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of each one of them even as We mentioned them before, and I am verily the All-Hearing Witness. We were with them when the oppressors advanced upon them, and We heard their cry, and We recount from Our Most Exalted Pen what befell them on this straight path. Say: O My loved ones in that land! Remember what the oppressors inflicted upon God's Messengers and His chosen ones of old, and what befell Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him the Interlocutor. There hath befallen you what befell them. The Tongue of Grandeur doth testify to this, seated upon His mighty throne. Blessed are ye, and blessed is he who loveth you, and he who hath aided and will aid you, and he who remembereth your tribulations in this Announcement whereby the mountains were crushed and the pillars of every distant realm were shaken.

O son of him who turned to My most exalted horizon! The world hath become pregnant through this oppression, and soon shall its signs appear. The heedlessness of the servants hath reached such a state that were God to seize them all and spare but a few, those few would again rise up in sedition, except whom God willeth. How many wicked and oppressive souls who later rose up against God Himself with utmost tyranny and injustice, and the hand of divine wrath seized them all and returned them to the lowest of the low. Yet despite this, the rest of the people never became aware nor drank from the fountain of knowledge. The veils of glory have prevented their eyes from beholding the lights of beauty, and the cotton of heedlessness hath deprived their ears from hearing the Most Exalted Word. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who in R and Sh and the land of M were afflicted with great tribulations in the path of the Lord of Oneness. The denizens of the Kingdom of Names, the Concourse on High, and the highest Paradise send their prayers upon them, and behind them the Tongue of God, the King, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Kingdom that whenever any of them ascended, the exalted hosts, the cherubim, and the near-stationed angels all descended to receive his purified spirit and ascended with him. Verily the Truth with His tongue maketh mention of him who hath ascended and will make mention of him who will ascend, and mentioneth in this station His servant Nasir who ascended unto God in the prison of R and Sh. O Nasir! Hearken unto what the Wronged One mentioneth unto thee from the precincts of the prison, and congratulateth thee on the favors and bounties of God and what He hath ordained for thee in a clear Book. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and answer God, the Lord of Names, and didst make His love thy highest aim. I have made My ultimate goal thy love and good-pleasure, and to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His mighty Book. By My life! If people knew thy station and beheld God's bounty towards thee, they

would sacrifice their souls and all they possess in thy path. To this testifieth every atom and, beyond them, He Who speaketh that there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Nasir! The denizens of the Kingdom stand astonished at thy steadfastness, thy firmness and thy constancy in this mighty Cause. There befell thee and thy noble person that which caused the Maidens of Heaven to swoon upon hearing it, and those who circle round the exalted Throne. Say: O oppressor! Thou hast committed what neither Pharaoh, nor Nimrod, nor he through whose tyranny the hearts of the dwellers of Paradise were melted and the hearts of them who are nigh unto God were consumed, had committed. Remember what befell Husayn and his companions at the hands of those who denied God's right and His sovereignty, who disputed His signs and disbelieved in Him when He came from the Dawning-Place of utterance with a perspicuous command. By God! The Divine Lote-Tree and its leaves, fruits and branches weep with the weeping of those who are bereft.

Ye have heard My voice which was raised in sorrow. Should ye hear My sweeter voice once again in mention and praise of you, We would give you glad-tidings of the greatest joy which hath come to you from God, the Goal of them who know. O My Most Exalted Pen! We have caused thee to hear what hath befallen My loved ones in the land of Mim, then Ra and Shin. Dost thou wish to hear the lamentation of the loved ones from another city? He saith: O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! My heart hath melted, my breast is aflame, my limbs tremble, and my being is convulsed by what I have heard from Thy most sweet tongue concerning what hath befallen Thy chosen ones. O Lord! The universe is nigh to swooning and returning to nothingness. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the manifestations of Thy justice, the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity, and the effulgences of the sun of Thy bounty, to have mercy upon Thy servants. Thou art He before Whose utterance the waves of the ocean of utterance bow down, and before Whose manifestations of will the wills of the world prostrate themselves. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

O Pen! Be not disturbed by what thou hast heard. By My life! What I have mentioned to thee of the ocean of tribulation is but a drop, and of the oppression of the wicked but a letter. I have not recounted to thee what the Nightingale sang upon the prison branch in the land of Ra and Shin, nor what the Dove sang in the land of Alif and Ba. We behold thee, O My Pen, silent, speechless and bewildered, not knowing what the polytheists have wrought with the Book of God and its people. Were We to recount it to thee, thou wouldst, by the Lord of the worlds, be struck unconscious. We have veiled from thee what hath befallen those whom God hath made the letters of His Book and the signs of His Cause. Hold fast unto the cord of patience until God shall issue His decree and manifest what He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing.

O Nightingale! We have received thy letter, and what thou didst compose and send hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before the face of thy Wronged and Exiled Lord hath chanted it. Blessed art thou, and blissful art thou and they who have attained unto imprisonment in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Lord of this exalted Station. Blessed art thou, O Land of Alif and Ba, in that God hath adorned thee with the lights of the countenances of His loved ones, through whose names the horizon of steadfastness was illumined and by whose mention all things have spoken. The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Great. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a

command from Him in this station which hath been built in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have heard the lamentation of the people of earth and heaven, wherefore We stayed the Pen and chose silence, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

O beloved of my heart! This letter was written six years ago and reached this point, and then due to the imprisonment of the friends in those days and the sorrows that befell them, the tongue remained silent and the pen stayed still until those days and nights ended, reaching this time when the moment for remembrance and utterance has come, for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. In truth, thy letters arrived one after another and set in motion the cord of love and faithfulness. Therefore at this time, when one hour and nine minutes have passed from Thursday night, the 24th of the month of Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1306, I am present before the face of the Goal of the worlds, and thy detailed letter which arrived in these days was, after permission was granted, presented and attained the honor of being heard. His word, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O son of him who turned to My Kingdom and attained My grace and acceptance and soared in the atmosphere of My love! Hear My call on this night wherein sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions because of what the hands of the wolves have wrought in the land of Sad. By My life! The dwellers of My Kingdom and the people of My Dominion have lamented at their tyranny, and then those who circle round God's throne, the Lord of the Frequented Fane and the Praised Station. Say: O people of the earth! Be fair in the Wronged One's Cause and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who speaketh in every matter: "Verily, I am God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting." O thou who gazest upon the Face! By My life! My grief from the deeds of My loved ones exceeds what hath come upon Me from Mine enemies. My heart and My Pen bear witness unto thee - the Pen through which the Trump was blown and all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of existence. The Day hath come, yet the people perceive not. The Call hath been raised between earth and heaven, yet they hear not. They have cast aside what God made as a healing for their ills and have taken what harmeth them. Verily they understand not. Blessed is the servant who hath forsaken all that is in the world, taking what was given from God, the King, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Loving. O Ibn Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of this Scene. There hath appeared in the Great City that which hath caused trustworthiness, religion, truthfulness and faithfulness to cry out. By God's life! Justice lamenteth and equity weepeth, and the Wronged One saith: "Be fair, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come from the heaven of bounty with a clear proof." My Most Exalted Pen moveth only toward that which elevateth the station of man in the contingent world, but the people have turned away from what behooveth them and have turned to every ignorant remote one. Say:

My God, my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy Cause at the hands of them who have attributed themselves to Thee. They have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of justice and equity to lament in Thy days, hath disquieted the hearts of Thy loved ones and chosen ones, and hath caused grief to take hold of the inhabitants of Thy kingdom, Thy realm and Thy dominion. With their tongues they confess what hath been sent down from Thee, yet their deeds give them the lie. Then,

as to those who have circled round the throne of Thy grandeur and held fast to the cord of Thy grace - O Lord, aid them to turn unto Thee and to acknowledge before Thine eyes what they have committed. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all worlds, to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and purify them from the promptings of self and passion. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all created things, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hear thou the voice of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. In the great city there occurred that which inflicted humiliation upon the glory of God and encompassed the Concourse of the near ones with profound sorrow. The Afnan, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, desired to open an establishment for commerce in that city. Permission was granted, and this Wronged One's purpose was that perchance the fragrances of trustworthiness, faith, truthfulness and sincerity might be diffused, and that the deeds and conduct of His loved ones might guide the manifestations of His names. However, self and passion prevailed, and the temple of tyranny drew the sword of cruelty against the temple of godliness. Treachery prevailed over trustworthiness, and falsehood over truth, bringing about that which causeth perpetual grief to endure. For the sword of oppression, through inequity, fell upon the head of justice, although no harm had come to that person from any quarter. The utmost consideration and love were shown to him, yet the fire of greed and covetousness so inflamed him that night and day he warred against his brother with arrows of rancor and spears of hatred, that perchance the commerce of that land might be confined to him alone. In short, he made peace with the enemy and assailed the friend, heedless that his affairs were manifest and evident in the presence of God. In his own estimation he interpreted the concealing grace and kindness of God, unmindful that this is the Day which hath been mentioned aforetime in these blessed words: "Lo! if it be but the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth. Verily God is Subtle, Informed!" We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to regard His servants with the glance of His loving-kindness and bounty, and to enable those who have turned away to turn unto Him, those who have denied to acknowledge, those who have associated partners with God to recognize His unity, and the oppressors to act with justice. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful, and He is the All-Generous, the Merciful.

Blessed is the sprinkling that has been shed upon the friends and loved ones from the ocean of divine favor. In truth, were the eye of fairness to be opened and the ears of justice attentive, one would hear all things proclaiming the glad-tidings of the Days of God. Today the very atoms of all created things give voice to His praise and glory, yet most of the people on earth remain heedless. The wonder is that until now they have failed to recognize the purpose of the Sovereign of being and the Lord of the seen and unseen, imagining that this most great Revelation would bring harm to the world and its peoples - even though the signs of God's infinite mercy and the manifestations of the Sun of divine grace and favor have encompassed all. Through pure and goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct, His purpose stands clear and evident. This evanescent one beseeches the Eternal Truth to enable all to attain unto that which leads to their exaltation and glory, and to inspire in them whatsoever is His wish, that all may arise with complete assurance to accomplish that which is befitting, and that the entire earth, despite its diverse regions, lands and places, may be seen as one country, one land, one homeland and one realm. This is the

greatest bounty and the purpose of the Ancient King. We hope His will shall encompass all and bring to light that which is now concealed. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Concerning what you wrote regarding matters that would bring comfort and cause prosperity, wealth and employment for the friends - these points were presented in detail before His Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Here is what He says, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance:

O Ibn Abhar! In all matters one must consider their consequences. Every matter which today is conducive to the exaltation of the Word of God, the attraction of hearts, the magnetization of souls, the elevation of station, the uplifting of rank, and the benefit of existence - to this must one hold fast. The first command that hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning these stations is the ordinance of consultation. You and those few who are numbered and accounted before God as Hands of the Cause, as well as those assured souls who act and speak purely for the sake of God, must arrange an assembly wherein they shall consult together. Whatsoever the opinions of these souls shall settle upon, to that must they hold fast, placing their reliance in God. Assuredly in this way they shall be inspired with that which is the cause and source of success and prosperity. Verily God will accomplish His purpose. God hath ordained a measure for all things. Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One, and remind them of that which hath been revealed. We beseech God to make all aware of the station of this Most Great Cause, the excellence of these days, their recompense and reward, and the manifestations of their signs and fruits throughout centuries and ages. For were they to become aware, they would arise with heart and soul to serve in every aspect and station. That which hath been revealed in every aspect and station is beyond the power of all to reckon. However, if the people of Baha, who in the Books and Tablets have been designated as the party of God, should resolve to reform the world and its peoples, they shall assuredly be aided and confirmed. Verily God is the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful. No matter can frustrate Him, no force can weaken Him, no rejection of the rejecters nor oppression of the oppressors can prevent Him, and nothing escapes His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to aid one of His loved ones to compile all that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in various stations concerning the absence of conflict, contention and corruption, as well as counsels, consummate wisdom, and the unity and concord of the servants. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great. Likewise the mention of those souls who in this Most Great Revelation, with perfect attraction and enthusiasm, with longing and yearning, have sought the station of sacrifice and have offered up their lives in the path of the love of the Beloved of the worlds - these matters are acceptable and praiseworthy before God.

If through the favors of the Desired One of the worlds unity and concord be realized, the doors of glory, mercy, comfort and wealth shall be opened before the faces of all. This evanescent servant, and that beloved one, and the other loved ones must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable all to attain unto this most exalted station and this supreme rank.

As to what you wrote regarding the two souls and their arising in love, fellowship and service - after being submitted before the Most Holy Court, these exalted words were revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur, exalted be His utterance: “We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and those who have

desired to do good in this most mighty, most luminous and most glorious path, in accordance with what He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them what He hath ordained for those who circumambulated around the Will in the beginning and the end." Their intention, even before their deed, hath been honored with the mention of the Wronged One. Blessed be they both! In all circumstances, one must hold fast to that which was previously mentioned. Verily He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

As for the mention of Aqa Muhammad Husayn and his wife, upon them be the glory of God, praise be to God that they have attained to the mention of the Goal of all the worlds. The effulgent rays of the Orb of grace have ever shone resplendently upon His loved ones without cessation or delay. The pen can never adequately describe this station, nor can the tongue make mention of it. The servant beseeches his Lord to aid all to draw nigh unto His loved ones and to serve His chosen ones. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

You made mention of the Kitab-i-Iqan and its publication and distribution. This is a momentous matter, a great bounty, and a perfect good. I beseech and implore God that He may aid all to do what is befitting in this day. After these matters were presented before the Divine Throne, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O Ibn-i-Abhar! We beseech God to adorn thy head with the crown of detachment, thy heart with the ornament of patience and forbearance, thy temple with the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and to cause to flow from thy tongue that which will attract the servants to the Creator of all existence. Say: O people of God! The power of piety and contentment is mightier and more penetrating than the hosts of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on these and attained unto them. Piety is the lord of deeds and virtues, and hath power to transform the servants. It is a blessed captain with a vast domain and a wondrous command. Its hosts too are blessed and propitious - they are goodly deeds and radiant attributes.

You made mention of the Books - who can reckon them? If people were granted but a drop from the ocean of fairness and attained unto a single Tablet, all would turn, detached from all on earth, to the horizon of the heaven of the Manifestation. Thus hath spoken the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O My beloved! The fire of tyranny, injustice, ignorance and unwisdom melteth man's being. By the life of God, our Lord and your Lord! In the nights and days, verses have descended from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings like rain - nay, even more copiously. In truth, all are powerless and incapable of gathering and preserving them. They have been so widely dispersed that none but God, exalted be His glory, can hope to gather them all together, save whom God aideth through a power from Him and a strength from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

As for what you mentioned regarding Mashhadi Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, and his arising to serve the Cause, his assistance, and his conduct in accordance with God's good-pleasure, exalted be His glory - after these were presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, the Tongue of

Grandeur spoke that which caused the realities of all things to be attracted. Exalted be His utterance and sublime His proof:

In My Name, the Generous

This is a Book sent down from the All-Knowing to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise, that he may drink from the words of the All-Merciful the wine of understanding and may thank Him with his outer and inner tongue. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Muhammad-'Ali! The path of guidance is as clear and evident as the sun, and the Divine Lote-Tree standeth adorned with delicate, ripe fruits before the faces of the world. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having remembered thee from the prison and revealed for thee that which hath cooled the eyes of understanding in all creation. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Manifestation of whatsoever He willeth through His all-pervading grace. When thou hast attained unto the fruits of knowledge from the All-Merciful, say:

O my God, my God! I testify that Thou art my Creator, my Fashioner, my Sustainer and my Helper. Thou didst raise me up among the dead and adorn me with the ornament of life. Thou didst give me to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and didst strengthen me to stand firm amidst all creation. Thou didst adorn me with the pearls of resignation, reliance, and devoted attachment. I know not, O my God, by which of Thy bounties I should remember Thee, thank Thee, and praise Thee. Through Thy great mercy Thou didst awaken me when I was asleep, cause me to speak when I was silent, draw me near when I was far, and bestow Thy favors upon me when I was hesitant. O my God, I am surrounded by the bounties of remembrance, nearness, care and kindness. I beseech Thee, O Transformer of all things and He Who is established upon the throne of manifestation, by Thy power before which the might of the world hath bowed down, and by Thy strength which hath encompassed all nations, to make me hold fast unto Thee and be detached from all else save Thee. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to make me among those who move only by the winds of Thy Will and Purpose. O Lord! Thou seest the stranger seeking the most exalted homeland, and the lover drawing nigh unto the station of nearness and meeting. Ordain for him that which will make him renowned among Thy servants and distinguished by that which befitteth Thy Manifestation, Thy sovereignty and Thy days. O Lord! Forgive me and those with me, then accept from me what I have done in Thy love and Thy path. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, hoping from the ocean of Thy bounty that which will cause her to hold fast unto Thee and Thy verses. O Lord! Aid her to remember and praise Thee among the handmaidens that she may draw them unto the court of nearness, holiness and eternity. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all servants and the Speaker on the Day of Reckoning.

This was revealed for Mashhadi Agha as a favor from our Lord, the King of the Kingdom of Names. Glorified be His station, His majesty and His utterance.

He is the All-Knowing

O Mashhadi Agha! Today the world is illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King, and the Sun of utterance is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the Mother Book. The

ocean of knowledge is surging and the heaven of wisdom is upraised. Is there any possessor of sight who will behold, any possessor of knowledge who will understand, any possessor of ears who will hear that which the Lord of Destiny uttereth from His Most Great Prospect? Is there any just one who will show justice regarding this Most Great Cause and this Mighty News whereby the heart of every wise one was troubled, the foot of every learned one slipped, and the face of every denier was darkened? Nay, by My true Self, save him who cast away vain desire, seeking the path of guidance. He is of the people of Baha in the crimson scroll. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this exalted station. Thank thy Lord for having mentioned thee in such wise that thy mention shall endure throughout the eternity of His mighty and wondrous kingdom.

We make mention at this time of him who is named Rahim, that he may drink the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and be of those who are firmly established. Today steadfastness, after the recognition of God, is the most excellent of all deeds. O Rahim! Hold thou fast unto it and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, for having mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was in the hands of the heedless. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ibrahim! Thou hast been mentioned by one who hath quaffed the sealed wine from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and who hath been seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of My utterance, to such extent that the reins of choice were taken from him, causing him to soar in the atmosphere of My loving-kindness, to hold fast unto the cord of My love, and to be immersed in the ocean of My mercy. We make mention of thee through My grace, for I am the All-Bountiful. Hearken unto the Call from the Supreme Horizon; verily it draweth thee unto Him and bringeth thee nigh unto a station which God hath made the circumambulation point of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Highest Heaven. Verily, He is the One Who doeth what He willeth, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

When thou hearest the Call, say with utmost lowliness and supplication: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glorification be unto Thee, O my Heart’s Desire, and splendor be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose manifestation the mountains were moved and the earth was shaken!” Blessed art thou for having inhaled the fragrance of the breeze of God as it wafted with grace, and for having turned toward the Horizon of Revelation on a Day wherein most men were prevented from turning unto Him.

We make mention of thy wife who hath shattered the back of vain imaginings through the name of her Lord, the Master of the Beginning and the End, and We give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all ages. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having turned unto God when most people were in doubt and error.

And We make mention of thy sister whom God hath assisted to celebrate His praise and commemoration, and caused her to speak that which hath stirred the hearts of the valiant. O My leaf! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He will assist thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, despite every learned one who hath forbidden and every woman who hath forbidden. Verily thy Lord taketh whom He willeth through His command; He is severe in punishment.

Say: “My God, my God! Unto Thee be glory and splendor, and unto Thee be bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy grace and the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty and generosity to forgive me and my sister, through Thy loving-kindness which hath preceded all created things and through Thy favors which have encompassed all beings. Enable us to remember Thee and to praise Thee in all conditions.”

Splendor be from Us upon thee, O Ibrahim, and upon those with thee, and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and who have uttered the praise of their Lord at eventide and at dawn, at night and at day’s end.

The splendors of the Sun of Grace and the effulgences of the Luminary of Mercy have encompassed the world. What else can this evanescent servant say? Every letter of the letters and every word of the words, with utmost eloquence and power of expression, invites the servants to the most exalted Paradise and bestows the water of life upon the people of contingent being. Will the earth bring forth that which hath been deposited therein? In truth, this matter appeareth difficult, except through the assistance of the Hands of His power. His hands are outstretched, and in His grasp are the keys of the heavens and earth and every wise command.

This was revealed for Ustad Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God. He is the All-Wise Expositor.

O people of God! The divine Tree of Love is adorned and manifest with the fruits of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and understanding. By the life of God! It standeth before all faces, yet the unjust people are heedless, nay, rather, disbelievers. Today the Hand of God bestoweth the Kawthar of eternity. O ye that thirst, hasten! O ye that are heedless, become aware! O Ibrahim! The great bounty is manifest and the Beauty of the All-Knowing is evident. Say: O people of the world! The Most Great Name hath rent asunder the veils and with the hand of power hath removed that which barred the way, and like unto the sun is visible and manifest. Deprive not yourselves and forbid not yourselves from the Countenance of the All-Merciful because of the sayings of this one or that. Soon shall perish that which hath occupied you and prevented you from attaining unto and drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

We make mention of thy sister who hath drunk the choice wine of certitude and hath attained unto the recognition of God in His glorious and wondrous Day. O My leaf! He who hath loved Me hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee. Say: My God, my God! Assist Thy leaves to accomplish that which Thou hast ordained for them, that they may be stirred by the winds of Thy Will and the breezes of Thy Purpose. O Lord! Thou seest a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath attained unto Thy days and desireth from the ocean of Thy bounty the pearls of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the Hands of Thy Cause and the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of Thy justice to make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

This was revealed for Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali, son of Muhammad-Hashim Mishki-baf, upon them be the glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Hearer and the Speaker.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to turn unto Him, for having shown thee His path, for having guided thee through His grace, and for having illumined thy heart with the light of His knowledge, and brought thee out of darkness into light. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Kind, the Forgiving. O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! We counsel thee with that whereby thy station shall be exalted among the servants, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of men have slipped save whom God hath willed, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon My steadfast handmaidens who have adorned themselves with the ornament of chastity and fidelity and have acted according to what was commanded in the Book of God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The tongue of justice declareth: Is there anyone in the world who can reckon the waves of the ocean of the bounty of our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! We are all powerless.

And concerning what ye mentioned about Ustad 'Ali-Muhammad, son of Ustad Mahdi-Banna, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented before the Throne of the Lord, exalted be His glory, these manifest verses were revealed from the Kingdom of grace. His word, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name that is sanctified above all names

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Lord of all desires, Who hath made the hearts of His loved ones repositories of the pearls of His love, such that the pharaohs of the world and the tyrants of the nations are powerless and incapable to possess or transform them. The heavenly sustenance hath ever been and shall be the food of enkindled souls. They drink from the Kawthar of utterance and are nourished by the bounty of recognition. O 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! Thy name hath attained the honor of My hearing and thy heart the light of My knowledge. We beseech God, exalted be He, to give thee to drink from the cup of His grace, the Salsabil of His bounty. Verily, He is the Generous Giver. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention in this station of thy son who was named 'Abdu'r-Rahim and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's mercy which hath preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds. O 'Abdu'r-Rahim! Be steadfast in the love of thy Lord, speaking His praise with wisdom and utterance, clinging unto Him, placing thy trust in Him, and committing all thy affairs unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention at this time of thy brother Qasim who hath ascended unto God. God hath forgiven him through His mercy and grace. We beseech Him to cause him to enter Paradise. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding One. Blessed is he! We testify that he hath attained the mention of My Most Exalted Pen in My Great Prison.

This is what hath been revealed for the son of Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon them both be the glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness. He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

O youth! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Some time ago thy letter attained the Most Holy Court and an answer was revealed, but its dispatch was delayed. If God should will and desire, it shall be sent this time. Thou hast ever been and art remembered. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee, make thee successful, and honor thee with beholding His signs. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Wise. Make mention of the kinsmen on behalf of the Wronged One and remind them of the verses of God. Verily, He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing. God hath forgiven the one for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, Muhammad-Rida. Verily, He befriendeth whosoever befriendeth Him and answereth those who call upon Him.

The Tablet for that honored one was revealed during the presence of the beloved of hearts, His Holiness ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. This servant beseeches his Lord to honor thee with it and grant thee the bounty of meeting him. Verily our Lord is the Generous, the Bountiful. The mention of that spiritual beloved hath ever been in the heart. The Forgiving Lord knoweth and He is the Witness.

Thou didst make mention of the handmaiden of God, Sarih Khatun, who is related to Jinab-i-Qurratu’l-’Ayn Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God. After being presented before the Most Exalted Horizon, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words, exalted be His glory:

O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The calamities of this world, however severe and great they may be, shall pass away and come to an end. However, the calamities that cause endless tribulations are those of turning away from the Truth, which transform the realm of joy into sorrow and melt the soul. Praise be to God that that leaf hath clung to patience and held fast to the hem of forbearance. Beautiful patience is among the great divine favors. Pray for the handmaidens of God. We beseech from the Truth that He make all of them dawning-places of sanctification and daysprings of purification, and cause them to be the means of deliverance and success for the people of the earth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

We hope that through the grace of the Desired One of the worlds, the handmaidens of that land and other regions who are associated with the Truth and have attained unto the blessed word “O My handmaiden” may become sources of goodness among women. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, and He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

The mention was made of Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim and Aqa Mirza Abdul-Wahhab, upon them be the glory of God. After being informed, He turned toward the Most Exalted Station and was honored to hear these words - exalted be His utterance and glorified His praise:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O Ibrahim! Verily the Friend calleth unto his Glorious Lord from the fire, and the Beloved, amidst His enemies, speaketh saying: “O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou seest the Wronged One in the hands of the enemies of Thy Cause, and beholdest what hath befallen Him in Thy path. There hath descended upon Him that which hath descended on no one before. The wolf hath seized His flock, the oppressor hath sunk His ark, and the serpent hath opened its mouth and swallowed one of His loved

ones. I beseech Thee, by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined the world, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant who is named Ibrahim turning to the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. Illumine him with the lights of Thy knowledge, then grant him the food of Thy heaven, then ordain for him and his wife that which will draw them near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

And this is what was revealed for Aqa Muhammad Husayn, son of the wronged one who hath been raised up:

He is the One Who ruleth over all names

O Muhammad-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He calleth thee from the horizon of the heaven of grace with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to make every one who hath turned unto Him a herald of His Name, one who uttereth His praise amongst His servants, one who is illumined by His attributes amongst His creation, and one who acteth in accordance with that which will attract the servants unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Say: O people of the earth! Behold and then judge with fairness that which hath appeared in truth from One mighty and powerful. By God! The door of the treasury hath been opened by the hand of power, and the pearls of knowledge and wisdom have appeared from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which will elevate your stations in the earth. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Informed. We have borne hardships and tribulations that ye might draw nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while in His Most Great Prison. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by His generosity which hath encompassed existence and by His bounty which hath encompassed the world, to forgive everyone who hath turned unto Him with evident submission. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. Convey My greetings unto their faces and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The mention was made of Baba Khan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful, who is named Fath-'Ali Khan. On this day, which is one of the days of the revered month of Sha'ban, two hours before sunset, having turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit, it was presented before His presence and was honored to be heard, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will, that the verses might attract him to a station wherein nothing whatsoever shall prevent him from drawing nigh unto Him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted be His proof and glorified His sovereignty:

In His Name, Who calleth from the Divine Lote-Tree and Who was manifested upon the Mount

Verily We desired to send unto thee from the Most Great Ocean pearls of wisdom and utterance, and from the palm tree of knowledge fresh and tender proofs, and from the Sidrat al-Muntaha a fruit from among its fruits, that these may draw thee unto the station of sanctity and nearness and immortality, and assist thee in serving the Cause in such wise that nothing among all things, no name among all names, and no mention among all mentions shall prevent thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-

Choosing. The call of the Tree hath been raised amidst all religions, and the murmur of the Kawthar of utterance hath been heard throughout all creation, and the warbling of the nightingales of knowledge upon the highest branches. Blessed is the soul that hath turned towards it, and the eye that hath beheld the signs of the Most Exalted Pen of God, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We have heard thy call, and thy name hath been present before the Wronged One. We have revealed for thee that which no mention can equal. Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in this Cause and follow not the manifestations of fancy and idle imagination. Then turn thy face unto the people of the Furqan and say: Come ye, come ye! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of creation. The tales of old profit you not this Day. Purify your ears that ye may hear the call of God from the most exalted station. Say: O people of the Spirit! Fear ye God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. He Who was mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and promised in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets hath come. Shatter the idols by the name of your Lord, the Lord of mankind. This is the Day whereon secrets have been unveiled, fruits have appeared, and the earth hath told its tidings before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: O people of the Torah! Open your eyes. The Revealer of verses hath come, through Whom the ocean hath surged, the fragrance hath wafted, and the Tongue hath spoken in the kingdom of utterance. The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords. By God! Neither the whisperings of your divines nor the Judaism of your leaders shall profit you. Cast away what ye possess and take what is with God, the Lord of the Final Return. Say: Fear ye God. He hath come with a light that hath outshone the sun and its splendor, and with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall not stand. If ye deny this Revelation and what hath appeared from Him, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Be fair, and be not of them who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to what they possess of vain imaginings. This is He Who hath stood before the faces of the world and revealed what He desired. He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The might of the Pharaohs of the earth deterred Him not, nor did the hosts and factions frighten Him. He concealed not Himself for less than a moment. He revealed that which made the limbs of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, to quake. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee in serving the Cause and to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. When the breezes of revelation stir thee and the Kawthar of utterance taketh thee from the hand of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made known to me Thy Most Great Path, and for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I was asleep; Thy most sweet call awakened me. I was heedless; the dawning splendors of the morn of Thy Revelation aroused me. I was far; the hands of Thy grace and bounty drew me nigh. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the sincere hastened to the place of sacrifice and the unitarians to the Most Sublime Horizon, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

All praise and bounty belong unto Him, and unto Him all generosity, mercy and bestowal. Through a hundred thousand proofs and evidences is His grace established, and none to this day has been able to reckon His endless showers of mercy, all confessing their powerlessness and limitation. When even these rains, which through the favor of the All-Powerful descend from the clouds, cannot be counted, how then can one enumerate the rains of mercy that descend at all times from the clouds of divine knowledge and wisdom? The way to enumeration is barred, and the path to limitation is closed. This evanescent servant

beseeches the Eternal Truth to assist His Excellency the Khan in that which shall cause his mention to endure among all mentions. The Command is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

You mentioned Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God. The hope of this evanescent one is that those loved ones who in this time have attained unto the Kawthar of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds and have drunk the wine of recognition from the hand of bounty, may hold fast with supreme steadfastness in such wise that all who dwell on earth shall find themselves powerless to prevent them, and that they may arise like unto kindled fire and the sun shining from the horizon of God's will, turning their attention to the reformation and purification of the world and its peoples. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth; he is indeed of the people of this noble station.

After mention was made of the name of His Honor Asad and his desire for the forgiveness of the tailor who ascended in the prison, following the presentation of these matters before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, these most great verses were revealed from the heaven of supreme bounty. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the One Who speaketh the Truth

O Asadu'llah! Today the ocean of divine unity hath appeared before the face of the Lord and His servants, and each wave thereof with eloquent tongue uttereth the blessed words "God hath come with manifest sovereignty." The people of the land pride themselves over the people of the sea through the light of attainment, and in utmost joy and delight are occupied with the remembrance and praise of meeting their heart's desire, the Desired One of all worlds. From the homes of the hearts of those brought nigh and the sincere ones arise melodies and songs of the lovers in the paradise of the Beloved. The orator of the city of love hath been seized with mighty rapture and ecstasy until God, exalted be His glory, shall ordain what He willeth and manifest what He desireth. Say: My God, my God! I testify that this Day is Thy Day and this Cause is Thy Cause. Thou seest me, O Ravisher of the hearts of those brought nigh, O Ecstasy of the hearts of the yearning ones! I beseech Thee by Thy manifest light and Thy mighty, firm Command to make me of those who have been seized by the rapture of the call from the supreme horizon. O Lord! I am he who hath sought Thy station and presence before Thy face and standing at Thy door. I beseech Thee by the spirits that have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and by the souls that have shed their blood in Thy days, to assist me and those who have believed in Thee and Thy signs in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Thou seest how the wolf hath seized Thy sheep and how the grunting of swine hath been raised in Thy lands. I beseech Thee to conquer Thy cities through the hosts of utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

We make mention of your father and mother, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive them both, and then him for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, through His mercy that hath preceded all created things and His grace that hath encompassed all contingent beings. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty. Ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The purpose hath been achieved and the prayer answered. God hath forgiven you and those who emigrated with you. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. He doth not suffer the reward of the righteous to be lost. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know Him.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Aqa Muhammad-Hashim, son of Haji Mulla Muhammad-Amin, after learning of his circumstances, We approached the presence of the Lord of Creation and presented his case, which was honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

O Muhammad-before-Hashim! Reflect upon the cause of rejection, opposition, rancor, hatred, tyranny, wickedness, and loss of the former people. For if one becomes aware of its reason and cause, he will not slip from the straight path nor remain heedless of the momentous News. In brief, certain tales and titles deprived those souls from the Supreme Horizon and afflicted them with grievous misfortune. I speak the truth when I say that this is a great Day and His grace is infinite. Whosoever desires to enter the depths of the sea of oneness must purify his heart from the stories of old and exalted titles. The word "successorship" adorned the realm of fancy and built the cities of vain imaginings. O people of God! Know ye the value of this Day. Reflect upon the ignorance of the Shi'ih. When the Qa'im appeared in truth and unveiled the mysteries for the triumph of truth - He Who had been the object of devotion of hearts and minds throughout ages and centuries - the divines of that sect gave Him no chance to speak or show the way. With the sword of malice, the spear of hatred, and the arrow of cruelty, they removed from their midst that Manifestation of Divine Power and that Dawning-Place of His decree and destiny, through an oppression at which the Pen is ashamed to recount and the Tablet is powerless to bear.

Now consider the Sunnis, when someone in Sudan claimed to be the Mahdi, most people in various lands accepted him and arose to serve him with such vigor that caused the limbs of armies to tremble. By the life of God! Had they received what was revealed in the Seven Proofs from the Tablets sent down to that people, all would have turned to God and would have been engaged in circumambulating the dawning-places of divine verses and the repositories of heavenly knowledge. Now observe in what station the Cause stood and in what station the Shi'ih. They prided themselves before the world with the name of successorship, while that very pride and vainglory became a barrier between truth and falsehood and deprived them of drawing nigh unto God. We hope that henceforth they will not remain deprived of the truth because of such mentions, nor be bereft of the shore of the divine ocean of knowledge. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, and He is the Munificent in both beginning and end.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee in His remembrance, to aid thee in remaining steadfast in His love, to cause thee to hear His verses and to show thee the signs of His Pen. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

His honor the Perfumer - upon him be the Glory of the Self-Subsisting - hath in these days repeatedly been mentioned in the presence of Him Who is the Lord of all mention. In truth, from the beginning of days until now, he hath been occupied with that for which every existing thing was honored with the garment of being for this most exalted station. Blessed be he!

The statements regarding the guidance of faithful and devoted souls, and likewise the mention of their purposes and aspirations before the Most Holy Court and seeking permission for these matters were presented before the Throne, and this response has appeared from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Creation. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Make mention of the people of God in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Blessed are ye for having attained to the grace of these days and for being illumined by the light of recognition. The preservation of this lofty station and noble rank is essential, for the highway robbers have been and are lying in wait. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve you from the evil of His enemies and from those who have denied the Day of Judgment. By the life of God! Those who have drunk from the cup of utterance have ever been and shall ever be mentioned.

And regarding their seeking permission for attendance: in these days events have occurred that have caused the greatest sorrow and supreme anxiety. Were this Wronged One to mention what hath befallen Him, the tribes of the earth would be seized with trembling. Therefore, if the souls mentioned would share the expenses of the journey and deliver half thereof to Ali Haydar, in view of the absence of Amin, this Wronged One will reveal and send forth from the Most Exalted Pen mention of their turning and devotion and presence before the Face. The command is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. And afterward that which His will hath determined shall be commanded to the aforementioned one.

As to their desire that the friends, both living and deceased, be mentioned in the divine presence that they might attain His grace and be adorned with the ornament of forgiveness - this supplication hath been mentioned before the Mentioned One, and these exalted words have been revealed in response from the heaven of mercy. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Verily We have heard thy call and thy mention and thy praise and thy request and what thou didst desire for the sake of God, thy Lord. We have answered thee that thou mayest give thanks to Him Who aided thee in turning to Him and in making mention of Him. He is the Helper, the All-Knowing. Well is it with what thou hast done in mentioning those who desired from the sea of thy Lord's bounty the pearls of pardon and forgiveness. He hath forgiven them as a grace from His presence. By My life! When mention of them was made before the Face, the Sun of God's loving-kindness shone forth. Verily the ocean of bounty surged and the fragrance of faithfulness wafted and the lights of His mercy which have preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds encompassed them.

O Asadullah! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise that the rains of grace and bounty have been showered upon thee and upon those who have ascended to the Supreme Companion, as a favor from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Upon thee be the glory of God and His mercy and loving-kindness, and the glory of the Supreme Concourse, and the glory of those who have sacrificed their spirits and bodies and all they possessed in the path of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And We make mention from this Most Great Scene of him who was named Ja'far, who believed in God and held fast to His firm cord. O Ja'far! Verily the heaven desired thee and the sun turned toward thee and the light shone before thy face by virtue of the Ancient Face having turned toward thee from this manifest horizon. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having made thee in this time to associate with the Prophets and Messengers in a Paradise whose boundaries are not fixed, whose fruits never fall, and whose leaves are never still, moved by the breezes of will and purpose from the presence of One powerful and mighty.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Thy name hath been mentioned in the Most Great Vision, and the Lord of the world hath remembered thee with such remembrance as hath enraptured the hearts of those who desired to attain the presence of their Lord, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech God to send down upon thee, at all times, the rain of mercy and forgiveness. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

As to the honored Karbila'i Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, that which was revealed concerning him two days ago is the cause of eternal grace and everlasting bounty. His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, mentioned him and he attained unto the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Joy be unto him!

Likewise concerning the departed and elevated Hajiyyih, upon her be the glory of God, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed about that virtuous lady. God willing, that beloved one will attain unto it. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

And mention was made of the kinsmen. Praise be to God, both before and after, that which was revealed concerning them is such as crieth out in the Books. Blessed are they that hear and joy be to them that are turned unto Him. And this matter attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names in the Most Exalted Horizon. His blessed and exalted Word:

"The suns of loving-kindness and favor have shone forth upon the kinsmen with such brilliance that all the pens of the world and tongues of nations are powerless to describe and praise it. We testify that they have drunk the choice wine of understanding from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have attained unto that which none among the people have attained, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. Upon them be My glory and the glory of all who dwell in My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the glory of this Most Exalted Station, and the glory of the cities of justice and fairness at every morn and eventide."

Unto Him be thanksgiving and glory and might and praise. Each of the mentioned names hath received their portion and share from the Luminary of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. Joy be unto every servant and maidservant who hath attained! And likewise those souls who have ascended and passed on have all attained unto the waves of the ocean of forgiveness of the All-Merciful Lord. This servant hath ever said and continueth to say that the time of death in these days is blessed, for one attaineth unto the pearls of the mention and praise of the Lord of all beings. Were they to become aware of the influences of these remembrances, all would seek and supplicate for this station.

And regarding thy mention of the friends of the earth, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these manifest verses were revealed specially for all. God willing, they will attain unto them. His blessed Word:

In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

O My friends in affliction! Hear ye the Voice of Him Who hath been cast into prison. He calleth the loved ones unto the Lord of Lords–they who have quaffed the wine of divine knowledge from the chalice of My bounty, despite every denier who hath rejected God in the end. O My friends! Hear ye My call which draweth you nigh unto the most exalted Paradise–that station wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all men!" Ye have attained unto My remembrance, both before and after, at whose revelation all verses have bowed down in humility. Blessed is the servant whom neither books have hindered from the Mother Book, nor scriptures and psalms from the Mother Tablet. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, whereupon the limbs of every obstinate infidel shall tremble. Can any remembrance compare with His remembrance, or any verses with His verses, or any revelation with His revelation? By God! When He appeared, Sinai cried out in most eloquent utterance: "O people of creation! The Summoner hath come with power, and He Who revealeth with might and sovereignty." Cast aside the books of those who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O people of Iran! Fear ye the All-Merciful. Verily, the Proof hath appeared in human temple and proclaimeth before the faces of all religions. Hearken and hasten to God's mercy and pardon, and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The earth hath revealed its treasures, the heaven its suns, the sea its waves, and the light its radiance. Fear ye God and be not of them who have denied the Proof and Evidence. Say: By God! That which ye possess shall profit you not, nor shall your riches suffice you, nor shall your fancies save you. Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Throne and of all ranks. There hath descended from the heaven of bounty the table of divine knowledge, and from the cloud of grace that blessing which God hath sanctified from decline […] God's treasury of the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath seen, and woe unto every idolater who hath denied God when He came from the heaven of bounty with the standards of verses. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the veils of the people of error have not withheld from the Dayspring of Revelation.

O people of God and His servants! Most people cling to vain imaginings, especially the people of Iran who have been nurtured on suspicions and fancies. The Book of God is manifest before all faces, and the Sun of Truth shineth from the midmost heaven, and the light of the Cause is radiant and resplendent, yet all remain heedless and veiled save those who have held fast to this mighty cord. O people of God! Hear ye the voice of the Wronged One, and purify your hearing and sight from the tales of old and that which is with the people, that ye may perchance attain unto the divine traces and hearken unto His Word. How many are those who read, yet are unacceptable before God! For if one were truly to hearken, he would find himself established upon the throne of steadfastness. The deniers of the Word and the clamorous ones have been and are lying in wait, and this is news which the Most Exalted Pen hath announced from Prison. Blessed is the servant who hath cast vain imaginings behind him, turning unto God, the One, the All-Informed. The world shall be seized by change and extinction. Take ye that which shall endure through the endurance of the Kingdom and the Realm. He, verily, is the All-Counselling, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of the handmaidens of that land and counsel them to be steadfast, chaste, and engaged in remembrance and praise. O handmaidens of God in that place! Blessed are ye, for ye have attained unto that which the divines of Iran failed to attain. They deemed themselves most profitable, yet were found to be most lost; they counted themselves most exalted, yet were observed to be most abased. Today even the Jews take pride over such souls, for those faithless people martyred the Desired One of the world. The deniers of the Bayan are seen to be more lost than those people, as doth testify unto this the Mother of Tablets in this exalted station. The mother and sister - upon them be My glory and loving-kindness - have been and are mentioned in the Most Exalted Paradise. The glory shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O people of Ra, and upon those whom the hosts of names prevented not from turning to the Most Great Ocean, each drop whereof proclaims: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

We hope that the people of God in that land will spend all their time in matters that cause the exaltation of the Cause. Under all conditions hold fast unto wisdom and utterance, and engage in the salvation of souls for the sake of God. Soon shall the world and all that is therein pass away. Blessed is the soul that attaineth unto that which changeth not and which shall never perish. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful, and He is the Kind, the Merciful. This servant's request is that ye convey greetings to the loved ones of the land of Ta. Each one hath been and is mentioned in the Holy Presence. I beseech God to unite the loved ones and illumine them with the light of harmony, for this is the greatest means for the order of the world. For all I beg such success as will increase their piety, steadfastness, purity and detachment. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer.

Regarding the reprinting of the Book, the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken these exalted words: We previously made it contingent upon consultation, but in these days the printing of the Book is not permitted in that city, for mischief-makers are present who would immediately report it and exaggerate in their declarations, and this would cause an uproar among the ignorant. Until now they know not what this Wronged One's purpose is, nor what His intention may be. They speak based on conjecture and soar with the wings of idle fancy. Leave them in their vain imaginings. Some time ago, permission was given to ?abibu'llah, but the intention was for a limited number. A detailed explanation of this matter was mentioned to 'Ali-Akbar. God willing, they shall also attain unto its reading and become aware of the intention. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to honor the people of the world through His might, to make them know His path and His Cause, and to aid them to recognize what He hath willed. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Today let not that Beloved One and the other loved ones be saddened by what hath appeared and continueth to appear from the heedless ones. By the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, the Cause of God shall soon be made manifest through His command, and the horizons shall be illumined by the light of His justice. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Although hearts are grieved by the deeds perpetrated in the great city, yet at one time this exalted word shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance, the Goal of all the worlds - His word, exalted be His glory: "O servant present! Now, as these are the days of Revelation, forgiveness and mercy and grace prevail

and are manifest before all faces. When the Sun of Justice dawneth, its appearance will cause the deeds of all to be tempered with moderation, for it is the cause of the manifestation of unity and concord. Therefore one must not be saddened by the conditions and occurrences of these days.

In the days when the people of God were imprisoned in the land of ?a, how many souls arose to render service and from every direction showed forth love and affection! The men from one side and the women from another were engaged in nursing and service with complete love. God Himself is witness, and these services of those days have not been and will not be forgotten, and in the Crimson Book the name of each one hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. The reward of no one hath been or will be lost. We beseech God to adorn those souls with such an ornament that the world of deeds may be illumined and brightened thereby."

These letters that were sent also testify to the service of all and to the mercy and favor of God, exalted be His glory, and to the acceptance of deeds. Blessed are they who serve and who bear in the days of God, the Lord of earth and heaven. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon every one who hath turned unto God, and every assured one, and every steadfast one, and every detached one, and every upright one who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God and hath detached himself from all else.

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O Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the peace of God!

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to the Intended One Who, through His sacred will, has bestowed perfect fellowship between the hearts and souls of all people, and from this fellowship complete unity is achieved, and this unity is the most mighty door for the tranquility of nations, and through this unity gathering is made manifest, and gathering is the cause and reason for the rectification of all affairs through consultation, whose decree has been sent down with utmost clarity in the [Divine] Book. Blessed is he who has attained unto that which God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, has desired.

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My peace! The loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, have ever been and are those who "speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding." In the books of the past and future mention hath been made of these men. They are the dawning-places of divine attributes and the manifestations of heavenly characteristics. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect thee and to give thee to drink, in all conditions, from the hands of His bounty, the choice wine of His utterance. By My life! It will attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold in all creation naught save the effulgences of the light of His Noble Name.

This Wronged One hath ever mentioned and will continue to mention the loved ones, especially in these days when His Honor M. and H., upon him be God's remembrance and peace and praise, hath made mention of the friends of that land and hath requested for each one of them Tablets from which the fragrances of bounty are wafted. We beseech God to assist him and thee in that which He desireth. Verily

He is the Lord of creation and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. We beseech God [to assist them] in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to open before their faces the doors of grace and bounty with the key of His Most Exalted Name. Peace be upon thee and upon God's righteous servants.

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Praise, glory, thanksgiving and splendor befit the Absolute Sovereign Who attracted weak creation through the light of utterance and adorned it with the ornament of supreme power. Through one blessed word He caused the new creation to blaze like a sphere of fire and sent it forth with a mission. He is the Powerful One Whom the might of the world did not prevent and the power and dominion of nations did not hold back from His purpose. Glorified be His majesty and universal be His bounty!

O thou who hast turned! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Verily He guideth thee to the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and teacheth thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. He is, verily, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and was read by one of My Branches who was named the Light in the Book of Names. We have answered thee with this Tablet as a grace from Our presence and a favor from Our side, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of the Promised Day. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, guided me to Thy path, attracted me through Thy verses, and caused me to attain unto Thy days and to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear proofs. I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and by what was revealed therein of Thy greatest signs, and by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which Thou didst break the seal of Thy Choice Wine, that Thou make me among those whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not prevented from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the clamor of the heedless from turning to the door of Thy grace. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. O Lord! Disappoint me not from the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, Exalted be His Glory! The Greatness and the Power!

O Friends of God, one and all! If a friend claims friendship with his tongue but commits an act that causes harm to the Beloved, what befits such a soul? Can the word "friend" be applied to him, or can he be mentioned by the name of "beloved" in the presence of the Beloved? No, by the Lord of the Great Throne! The true friend is one who becomes so intoxicated with the sweet wine of the love of the Friend that he desires naught but His good-pleasure - that is, he should have no wish, desire or thought of his

own, but should see all things as consumed in the good-pleasure of the Friend. He moves not except by His leave, and desires naught save that wherein lies His good-pleasure. I swear by the Sun of Unity that has dawned from the Horizon of Divine Oneness that the turning of the loved ones to this direction causes harm to the very root of the Tree. Therefore my tongue bears witness that whosoever turns to this direction after what has been inscribed in this Tablet is not of Me, and God is sufficient as Witness.

O friends! How long will you remain heedless? Reflect at last! Consider the end of all matters at their beginning. It is known and evident that We have had and continue to have the utmost love for each one, and if We saw it advisable We would surely have summoned you Ourselves. Hearken unto this loving counsel: Move not without His good-pleasure and be not assured by any soul. Guard your tongue. Be not deceived by two words of seeming affection, and count not such ones among the faithful. The matter of this station is most severe - deem it not light. We beseech God to aid you to do what is right and proper, and to make you among those who choose what God has chosen for them. Verily, He has power over all things.

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O Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most High! This is a remembrance from God unto His servant who was touched with adversity in the path of his Lord and ascended unto God at a time when he was wronged at the hands of the oppressors, and who believed in God his Creator and recognized His Cause in days wherein all faces were turned away from the court of sublime glory and most of the servants denied God Who created and fashioned them - thus was the matter irrevocably decreed. O servant! How excellent it is for thee that thou didst fulfill thy covenant, and if there occurred to thy heart that which was not befitting God thy Lord, He hath verily forgiven thee in truth and purified thee at the time of thy ascension from the defilement of all the idolaters. The angels drawn nigh welcomed thee from the highest paradise until they reached thee between earth and heaven, and thou didst witness with thine own eyes the grace of God - thus did the mercy of sublime glory encompass thee. Would that thy people knew how thy Lord forgave thee and made thee among the honored ones in Tablets of resplendent glory, and how thy name flowed from the Ancient Pen and thy remembrance was recorded in a Tablet preserved from the eyes of all the worlds. We were with thee at the time when the clouds of death enveloped thee, and We took thee with the hand of mercy and caused thee to ascend to a station which We had ordained for thee before Adam was created from a handful of subtle clay. Therefore, walk thou through the levels of paradise and partake of the fruits of the holy Lote-Trees as thou pleasest, by the command of One Who is mighty and bountiful. And associate with the maidens in chambers of moist crimson ruby, then mention unto them what hath befallen this Wronged One in this Prison which was concealed from the eyes of the loved ones. And glory be upon thee, O servant who hath ascended unto God, and upon those whom God hath related unto thee, and verily He was their Guardian, then their Protector, then their Helper.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy!

God makes mention of His servant that he may rejoice within himself, and this is indeed a mighty favor. Seek thou the grace of thy Lord at all times, for His mercy hath preceded all created things and His grace hath drawn nigh unto thee. Detach thyself from all else save Him. Those who summon men unto Satan, these are in darkness and grievous unbelief. Leave them to themselves, then turn with thy whole being unto God, in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of all things, and He will suffice thee against all who dwell on earth. He desires whomsoever hath desired Him, and loves whomsoever hath loved Him, and draws nigh unto those who have drawn nigh unto Him, and He is indeed merciful to His servants. Cast behind thee the customs of men and take hold of the ordinances of God through a power from Us, then shun every doubting opposer. Say: Fear ye God and hesitate not in this Cause whereof ye have been given glad tidings in a beauteous Tablet. Drink thou a draught from the living waters from the cup of thy Lord's love, the Mighty, the Bestower. Then return to thy dwelling place and remind the people of this Cause at which all who are on earth have been dismayed, save those upon whom the breezes of thy Lord's mercy have wafted, and who have been turned from the left hand of idle fancy to the right hand of certitude by a word from Him, and He is indeed the Observer of all things. Say: O My loved ones! Stand ye firm in the Cause and follow not every contemptible liar. Await ye the grace from the direction of God, your Lord, and His grace doth indeed encompass you. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings and delivered the Abraham of faith from the hosts of wicked unbelief. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen teach thee on this darksome night, that thine eyes may be solaced thereby and thou mayest stand firm in the Cause whereby the feet of every denying transgressor have slipped. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have hearkened to the call of their Lord and have responded with illumined hearts.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is a remembrance of the mercy of thy Lord unto His servant Qasim, that he may give thanks unto God his Creator, and be steadfast in the straight path, and follow the command of his Lord, and choose for himself a way. O servant! Remember what befell Us in the lands of exile through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, and God is witness unto this. By God the Truth! Such afflictions have touched Us as none can reckon save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. Twenty years have passed over Us, and none knoweth how they passed save God Who created all things by His command, and He, verily, is wise over all things. Yet We were patient in that which was decreed for Us - and patience is from none but Him, and He, verily, doth recompense the patient and the grateful. We give thanks for that which hath befallen Us, and We praise Him morning and evening. We have placed Our trust in Him in all matters, and We desire naught save what He desireth, and We will naught save what He willeth, through God's might and His power. He is the best Helper and the best Supporter. And thou, O servant, walk thou in My footsteps and be content with what God hath ordained for thee. Then remember Him in thy heart and with thy tongue, and He will surely recompense thee with a mercy that encompasseth all the worlds. And if harm touch thee, be patient; and if good touch thee, be grateful. Be thou at all times

mindful of the wonders of His remembrance, and forget not His favor unto thee, for He is merciful unto His believing servants. Thus have We made mention of thee out of love for thy soul, that thou mayest speak in praise of God and the Manifestation of His Self. He will verily preserve thee in truth from the harm of all created things. And the Spirit that hath shone forth from the horizon of Glory be upon thee and upon those who have ascended unto God with their souls and were steadfast in the Cause.

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The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Ancient. A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Ultimate Goal and attained the Supreme Horizon on a day wherein the Herald called out from every direction: “The Prison belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great,” that the magnet of remembrance and utterance might draw him to a station wherein he seeth naught save God and His Will, the All-Subduing, dominant over the worlds. This is the most exalted station, yet most of the people are heedless. O Muhammad! Blessed art thou for having attained, visited, beheld and heard that which the Dawning-Place of verses hath spoken from His noble presence. Glorify thy Lord with praise at all times and be thou of them that remember. Praise be to God that through the grace of the All-Merciful thou hast attained unto the water of life, entered the Most Great Scene and been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Destiny. His is the praise in all conditions. The most meritorious of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath been and shall ever be the teaching of His Cause, albeit with wisdom as hath been revealed in the Tablets. By My life! It is the lamp of deeds and their garment and their crown. Whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good from the presence of a Self-Sufficient, All-Praised One. God willing, your honor must engage in this matter with perfect wisdom. Although, in accordance with your request, permission was granted for you to direct yourself once again to the Prison, yet if you were to transform this traversing of a long distance into teaching the divine Word, it would be more excellent and more beloved, for praise be to God, you have attained His presence and drunk from the wine of reunion. This is what the All-Merciful hath testified. Know thou its worth and be of the thankful. Whatever Tablets you had requested have been revealed and sent, and later too, should there be need and should they desire it, God willing and should He desire it, they shall be sent. We beseech God to assist you through His sovereignty and to ordain for you what He loveth and what pleaseth Him. And upon thee be glory.

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In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger

This is a mention from Us to him whose letter was present before the Countenance, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto a station wherein he shall behold naught save the revelation of God and His signs. Thus did the Pen speak when the Wronged One was walking in His Most Great Prison. This is a day wherein the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary hath spoken in the highest Paradise - the Tree which was planted by the hand of might and bounty - proclaiming: “The King hath come! The Kingdom is

God's, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!" Blessed is he who hath heard the Call, and blessed the one with vision who hath beheld the Most Exalted Horizon. But woe unto every heedless doubter.

Thy letter was present and the Most Great Branch presented it before My Most Luminous Presence. We answer thee with this clear remembrance. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered, and to confess that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the seal of the Choice Wine was broken, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou didst ordain for Thy loved ones who violated not Thy Covenant and Testament, who concealed not Thy Cause, and who spoke with wisdom among Thy servants - the wisdom which Thou didst send down in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word, whereby Thou didst open the gates of hope unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me. Thou knowest what I have and what is in my heart, while I know not what is with Thee. Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken and taught thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon thy sister who hath turned towards Us - verily We have mentioned her and given her the glad-tidings of her Lord's loving-kindness - and upon thy wife, whose name was present before the Wronged One and who hath attained unto My remembrance in this Most Great Prison.

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In the Name of God, the All-Powerful, the All-Encompassing

A remembrance from the All-Merciful to His servant, that He might draw him to the Dayspring of the Cause with a countenance illumined by the lights of the Throne. We make mention of thee in the prison, that thou mayest make mention of thy Lord in thy days, that perchance they that slumber may rise from their graves and find a way unto Him Who is the Lord of Grace. Say: O people! The All-Merciful hath come in the shadows of light, while the evil ones flee to the right and to the left. Say: There is no protection this Day save for him who hath laid hold on the cord of his Lord, the Chosen One. Thus hath the matter been decreed. And he who believed and then denied, in every age hath he been in doubt concerning the Cause. Say: O people! Doth He Who calleth you amidst the floods of tribulation desire aught for Himself? Nay, by His Lord, the All-Merciful! He desireth from you neither recompense nor thanks. He calleth you for the sake of God, and whoso hesitateth, he is indeed far removed from the precincts of nearness. Say: O people! Dispute not in the days of God. Sanctify your seats from the mention of those who have disbelieved. And he who layeth hold on the remembrance of the All-Merciful, he is indeed independent of the mention of all else. The heavenly table hath been sent down; abandon ye the carrion behind you. Drink ye from the Most Great Ocean, then forsake the brackish water. Arise to aid the Cause with wisdom and utterance on this Day wherein eyes are fixed in wonder while the idolaters are thunderstruck by this Light that hath shone forth upon the horizons. Thus hath the matter been ordained in the Tablet. Say:

Had the idolaters heard the verses of God and found the sweetness of what they contain from the Kawthar of utterance, they would have cast away what they possess and would have turned unto a station known by the name of God. Thus have We sent down unto thee clear verses that thine eyes may be solaced thereby and that thou mayest remind the people of this Dawn which hath been witnessed from the horizon of God. And glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the Countenance. By God! He hath indeed been mentioned before the Truth as among the most exalted of creation.

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The Most Ancient, the Most Great. A mention from before the One Mentioned unto him who mentioned his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, before the Throne, that the remembrance of God may strengthen him according to what was sent down in a preserved Tablet, and draw him nigh in such wise that the veils of those who have turned away and were among the heedless shall not withhold him. Say: We have lit the lamp of prosperity from before the One Who causeth the dawn to break. Verily it is the Most Great Sign for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Every rock hath been stirred by the breezes of Revelation, yet most of the people are as dead. Blessed is he who hath been born again through the breathings of the Lord of Names and hath found the fragrance of the verses from the garment of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O concourse of ardent lovers! The ocean of attainment hath surged, and this is that meeting with which the eyes of the Messengers of God have been solaced. Verily He is the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful amidst all possibilities and the Source of Revelation unto all the worlds. Say: O company of the learned! Why have ye turned away from the Dayspring of divine knowledge after having been promised it in the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed? By My life! They are worshippers of vain imaginings, save him who hath held fast to My Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath come with a mighty sovereignty. Say: O concourse of merchants! The Chosen One hath come with grandeur and power. By what proof have ye turned away from the Intended One? Hath this world prevented you from the Lord of Names, and have ye been withheld by following every heedless sinner? Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by One mighty and powerful. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command you from before the Creator of heaven, if ye be of them that know. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Wise. O thou who hast turned towards Us! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for this mighty Tablet having been sent down unto thee. When thou attainest unto it, impart what is therein unto them who have believed in God and are firmly rooted. Verily, glory be upon thee and upon them who have turned with their hearts unto the Beloved. They are indeed among the triumphant ones.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be, that he may be attracted by the verses of his Lord and make mention of Him with

myriads who, by their cry, have caused all who are in the heavens and earth to swoon, except those whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath delivered. O thou who hast turned toward the Countenance! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, for through it thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of the names of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of the worlds and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the gate of the prison, and all who believed in Thee and Thy signs turned toward Thee, to bless those who have quaffed the wine of Thy love and soared in the atmosphere of Thy will, casting aside their own desires and clinging fast to Thy Will. O Lord! Have mercy on all who have circled round the Kaaba of Thy presence and cast aside their vain imaginings, turning toward the horizon of certitude through Thy bounty and favor. O Lord! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast named Jamshid in the kingdom of Thy names, and Thou knowest that he turned toward the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thine inspiration on a day whereon the souls of Thy servants were perturbed and the faces of Thy creatures were changed, save those who were illumined by the lights of Thy countenance and turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. O Lord! Ordain for him the best of what lieth with Thee in Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion, then open before his face the doors of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And Thou knowest, O my God, that he hath migrated unto Thee and tasted the sweetness of tribulations in Thy path. I therefore beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst send down the heavenly table to the sincere ones among Thy creatures, to make him in all conditions take refuge in Thy presence, seek protection in Thy court, hold fast to the cord of Thy favors and cling to the hem of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. And praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A mention from the Wronged One to those who have answered the Lord of Names when the Call was raised from the Prison of Akka while We were in the hands of the heedless. When We entered the Most Great Prison, We summoned the kings of the world and all peoples to God, the Single, the All-Informed. Among the people were those who found the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and turned to Him, and among them were those who turned away, following every dubious learned one who cast the verses of God behind their backs and clung to the suppositions and idle fancies they possessed. By God! What they possess will not profit them - to this testify all things, and beyond them this truthful, speaking, trustworthy Tongue. Hearken to the call of the Wronged One and trust in God in all matters. He loves those who have turned to Him with radiant faces and clung to the hem of My All-Bountiful Name.

God willing, may you be successful through divine grace and remain steadfast in His Cause. The beginning of the matter is the recognition of God, and its end is steadfastness in His Cause, for the demons have been and are lying in wait. Be on your guard against them. Thus does He Who possesses the Mother Book teach you. Be not grieved by any matter. The grace of God has been and will be with you. Soon there shall

be revealed to you what lies hidden in an inscribed Book. Divine joy and heavenly victory have been and will be made manifest. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing. Though for some days affairs may be observed contrary to what is pleasing, be not saddened. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that ere long whatsoever hath flowed from the Divine Pen shall become manifest and evident. Be assured and be among those who render thanks. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this mighty, exalted Cause.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious! My remembrance of My servant shall be his glory amongst all worlds. Verily, My remembrance of him is better for him than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths. God shall soon raise up this remembrance upon a countenance that, were all things to behold it, they would exclaim: “Blessed be God, the Most Excellent of Creators!” And verily, He shall be with thee in thy solitude, and in the hour when thou enterest a place wherein there is neither lamp, nor bed, nor helper, nor assistant. And He shall be with thee and shall not part from thee in thy exile and thy solitude. And when thou enterest the seat of thy Lord’s throne on a mighty day, then shall He walk before thee, and all created things shall be illumined by the lights of His countenance. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having migrated in My path and kept company with My noble one who hath traversed the way out of love for God, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and who hath passed through the lands out of love for God his Lord, and hath conveyed unto the people this mighty and wondrous remembrance. And in the hour when thou didst walk with him, the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and the Concourse on high did magnify thee. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth from among His servants, and verily He is nigh unto the doers of good. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon those who have turned with radiant countenance toward the Luminary of Paradise. And praise be to God, my Lord and thy Lord, my Beloved and thy Beloved, my Purpose and thy Purpose - and verily He is this, wert thou to know. He hath appeared in the Most Glorious ornament - exalted be this Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful. He hath come from the heaven of destiny with the kingdom of verses, and the realities of all things circle round Him, then the angels brought nigh. But the people of the Bayan recognized Him not, save a few among them who are of Our near servants. Then again, the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy mother - We have repeated these words as a bounty from Us unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

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O Isma’il! The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified be He Who is established upon the Throne and hath summoned all to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Cause in such wise that neither the ordinances of fate nor the ascendancy of the people of creation could hinder Him. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. He hath ordained in the Book whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The tongue of the dawn hath spoken His remembrance and praise, and all things have proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Great.”

The Tablet of creation hath been adorned with the mention of the Lord of invention, and the temples of existence have been embellished with the robe of His remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. He who hath attained unto this station is indeed among those of whom the decree of existence can be truly spoken, and he who remaineth remote therefrom hath no mention. Thus hath God ordained whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. They who have cast away what they possessed and taken what is with God - these are the lamps of guidance in all else. To this testifieth every discerning sage. By My life! They are among the people of Baha amidst the concourse of creation - they who have been mentioned in the Tablets from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Hold fast, O people, unto the remembrance of God and His grace, and follow not the veils of the doubtful ones who are moved by their desires. These are indeed among the most lost. They who have violated God's Covenant and Testament - these are cursed by every atom and by this Tongue which hath spoken in all things: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised." Thy letter hath been honored by attaining the presence before the Throne. Therefore hath the Ancient Beauty turned toward thee from this remote station, and mentioneth thee in the Tablet with verses whereby every wise command is confirmed. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this most great favor. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is destiny, for having remembered me while I was in the Most Great Prison in the hands of the idolaters. All glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the days of God and believed in that which hath been manifested in this most mighty, most holy, most glorious and most luminous Revelation.

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He is the One Who speaks the truth in the Kingdom of Utterance! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and through them opened the gates of divine knowledge to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden throughout all eternity. O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the blessed white spot. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Alone, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath summoned all to the most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the garment and turned toward the horizon from which the transgressors have turned away. This is the Day wherein the rapture of the divine call hath seized the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise, while most of the people remain wrapped in heedlessness and veils. O ?amid! Give thanks unto God for having honored thee with attainment unto His presence and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of His bounty at the latter end. Be thou ablaze with the fire of My love, steadfast in service to My Cause, and vocal in My praise in such wise that the clamor of those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the End shall not deter thee. Remember when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst drink the choice wine of utterance and hear the call of the Desired One from the Sinai of divine knowledge. We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth His days and to grant thee that whereby thy mention shall endure through the eternity of His most excellent names. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that they might attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt cast silence behind thee and speak forth among the servants with

wisdom and utterance. Look not upon the divines and their clamor, nor upon the princes and their turning away. Soon shall come a day wherein that which hath transpired in the days of thy Lord, the Lord of all men, shall be remembered. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and mention unto them what We have revealed for thee, that they might arise to perform that which hath escaped them in the days of God, the Lord of Lords.

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In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Holy

Glorified be He Who hath revealed Himself through His Name, the All-Knowing, unto all created things, and from Whom have appeared servants who have spoken of this Name in the kingdom of creation and who have ascended to such a station that they have witnessed, with the eyes of their hearts, His sublimity and His sovereignty, and then His greatness and His majesty, and have recognized His oneness and His singleness. These are My servants who have sought shelter beneath the canopy of My loving-kindness and the pavilions of My mercy. Upon them rest My blessings and My glorification and My gifts.

O servant! Turn with thy heart toward the holy direction, that the breezes of fellowship that blow from the direction of thy Lord's Throne, the All-Merciful, in the Pole of Paradise, may stir thee, and may detach thee from all existence and contingent beings, and draw thee nigh unto God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Helper. Then shalt thou witness My manifestation and My majesty and My beauty. Sanctify thyself from all things, then stand firm in the love of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, for He hath appeared in His Most Glorious Beauty and doth speak: O concourse of earth and heaven! Hearken unto My melodies and then unto My songs.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thy name before His Face and for having moved the Most Exalted Pen to make mention of thee at this time when the hosts of revelation ascend and the hosts of inspiration descend from the direction of My Throne and the seat of My sovereignty. Preserve this Tablet which We have sent unto thee, then read it in the nights and days that thy spirit may be attracted to the paradise of My power and the gardens of My bounties. Grieve not at anything. Rejoice in the fruits of knowledge with which thou hast been provided from the Tree that was planted by the hands of the All-Merciful in the paradise of My Will and My decree. Thus have We imparted unto thee the Word of Truth that the melodies of God may attract thee and detach thee from all else - a bounty from Us unto thee and unto the sincere ones among My servants and My creatures. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon him who is firm in My love and hath drunk the choice sealed wine of My Cause and the Kawthar of My presence and hath clung to the hem of My loving-kindness.

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The Most Great, Most Pure, Most Mighty, Most Exalted One, the Namesake of Him Who is the Goal, upon Him be the Glory of God! Glorified be He Who through His power hath raised up the banner of "Verily, I

am God!" upon every lofty and impregnable mountain, then through His wisdom established Himself upon the throne, doing what He willeth. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. The atoms have testified to that which the Revealer of verses hath testified in this exalted Castle. Behold ye the power of God and His sovereignty! He that imprisoned Me in the most desolate of places is today beneath the earth, while the Lord of mankind is in this glorious station. He passed judgment upon Us with such tyranny as the eye of creation had never witnessed. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, yet most of the people are heedless. The promise hath come to pass, and that which was in the Tablets hath appeared. Blessed is he who is endowed with true vision. God hath seized those who oppressed Us with a mighty grasp from His presence, and will seize those who transgressed against the Mighty, the All-Wise. O My Pen! Make mention of him who turned his face toward Mine, who emigrated in My path until he entered the seat of My throne in My prison and heard with his own ear My call and My utterance, that he may soar with joy at My remembrance in the atmosphere of My love and recount unto My loved ones that which My Speaking Tongue, the All-Knowing, hath pronounced. Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and blessed art thou, O 'Ali, for having turned thy face toward the Ancient of Days and discovered the fragrance of the Hijaz wafted from the garment of God, the Lord of the worlds. From this station We send Our greetings to My loved ones who have attained unto My days, who have clung to the hem of My commandments and ordinances which were sent down through My mighty and wondrous decree, that the remembrance and utterance may raise them to the summit of knowledge and bring them nigh unto a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds." Thus hath spoken the tongue of thy Lord, and by it hath moved the Supreme Pen in its luminous station.

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In the Name of God, the Most Sanctified, the Most Exalted

This is a tablet from this Youth to the one who, no sooner had he hearkened the Call of His Lord, than he turned to the Dawning-Place of splendors. Verily, numerous signs can be perceived by those who comprehend, as the Ancient Beauty abideth upon His Most Great Throne in the Fortress of Akka. Take heed, O ye who are endued with insight.

He Who created the world for Himself resides in the most desolate of cities as a result of what the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath wrought.

Ponder thou the world and the pettiness of its state. If it was of any worth, We would not have accepted this lowest of conditions, notwithstanding that every great one is raised to loftiness by the will of thy Lord, the Gracious, the All-Powerful.

The Pen exclaimeth: 'O My Lord, how long will Thee desire that I move upon the tablets. The whole world hath been filled with Thy wondrous tokens. One word from Thee suffices Thy servants, if they but taste the sweetness of the utterance flowing forth from the Lips of the All-Merciful and partake of the treasuries of wisdom and mysteries that lay within.'

O thou My Pen! With thy praise of thy Lord, the world is regenerated and the hearts of the true ones are stirred in such wise that will set the whole world on fire. Grieve not as you witness the people in waywardness and error. Erelong, the pure waters of utterance that have surged from thy lips, at eventide and at dawn, will flow in all directions. Summon thou the people of the earth to the mystic wine of everlasting life. Wherefore have thou been created by the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Beneficent.

Call thou to mind My servant who sought Me, say, if thou hearkeneth to My call from this Court, arise thou to proclaim My Cause amongst My servants, and diffuse My praises amongst My people, thus have thou been commanded in this Day in which all eyes stare up with terror.

Sorrow not in the oppression thou encountereth, erelong will your Lord take the tyrants. He is verily powerful in His command and He is mighty in prowess.

Counsel thou the people with wisdom and utterance, so that thy words may create in their hearts what will draw them nigh unto God, your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

May the glory of God rest upon thee and those who remain loyal in the Covenant.

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O Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! Glorified be God! Today the divine verses have encompassed all things, and from the Dayspring of divine revelation at every moment there appears and rises a utterance the like of which the eye of the world and the ears of nations have never seen or heard. And pearls of wisdom and utterance are at every moment manifest and visible from the treasury of the Supreme Pen. By God's life! Those possessed of knowledge and insight are incapable and powerless to determine its worth and station. Nevertheless, some have turned away from the utterance of the Lord of all names and occupy themselves with the buzzing of flies. Say: O people of the Bayan! Open your eyes! Today is not the day for mentioning names. Pass by that which is neither worthy nor befitting. Defile not the Day of God with mention of this one and that one. Verily He hath appeared and come, despite those who follow self and passion. This Wronged One hath ever been and is afflicted in the hands of the heedless, and in the midst of tribulations uttereth the Most Great Word and is occupied with the mention of the loved ones. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to that which is adorned with the glory of acceptance. One pure deed performed for the sake of God is mentioned before God as above the heavens. Strive that ye may attain to that which is illumined with the light of His good-pleasure. Blessed is the All-Bountiful Who hath appeared and revealed that which draweth the people nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon - the station wherein all things proclaim: The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of bounty from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant, the Lord of creation.

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Blessed be His Most Glorious Name - Karbila'i Haji Baba! Upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Wise Counsellor, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Glory be to God! This Wronged One was manifestly wronged when they brought Him from the Land of Mystery to the prison of 'Akka, and certain friends, intending to reach their ultimate goal, circled round about. As fate would have it, a certain person engaged in deeds that threatened his very life. Therefore, this Wronged One summoned him and counseled him with wise exhortations and loving advice, sending him from the Most Great Prison to the Great City. By the life of God! We had no purpose except to protect him. Yet after his return and departure, he conducted himself in the Great City in ways that are best left unmentioned. His Honor Haji Mirza Siyyid Hasan Afnan had no thought except to remain secluded in this land. All are aware and can testify to what has been mentioned, for they have reached an age where coming and going has become difficult for them. They rely upon God and are content with whatever befalls them. Nevertheless, in league with Akhtar, they wrote concerning the aforementioned Siyyid, who is the most learned and distinguished of Iran's scholars, that which has caused the people of the cities of justice to lament. This Wronged One has in all conditions remained grateful and silent. Later it became known that the editor of Akhtar had formed a close alliance with one of the opposers, and moreover, seeing this Wronged One without helper or assistant, showed his valor and inflicted that which pen and tongue are ashamed to mention. Now a few have united to harm this Wronged One, but naught shall befall Us except that which God hath prescribed for Us. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid all to return, to repent, and to be truthful. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

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Glorified be He Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses! He hath spoken, and caused all things to speak. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Single. All things have submitted to His sovereignty and every matter to His command which hath encompassed all servants. The Dawning-Place of Revelation hath shone forth at the midmost point with the sovereignty of Names upon all who are in earth and heaven. Whoso hath recognized and turned unto Him is among those who have attained the presence of God, and whoso hath turned away is among the people of Sijjin in the sight of the Mighty, the Bestower. All that is mentioned in the realm of possibility referreth to the Will, and It is this Human Being Who speaketh: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Single." And verily He is the First Remembrance from which the most great deep was stirred. Thus doth the Lord of Power make mention unto His chosen servants. It hath been proven through clear evidence that the eyes of possibility cannot perceive Him, nor can the thoughts of the followers of religions ascend unto Him. Therefore all mention returneth to this First Remembrance and all attributes to this Point from which creation hath appeared. Whoso hath recognized this Manifest One through His concealment hath recognized the Hidden One. He hath appeared only in this Form manifest among all beings. Thus doth God acquaint you with the Source of His glory and grandeur. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower. Give thanks unto the All-Merciful for this bounty which hath encompassed all who are in the earths and heavens. Grieve thou not over anything.

Place thy trust in God in all matters. He is the Protector of those who have on this Day acknowledged that which the All-Merciful hath testified at the midmost heart of Paradise. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book from which the lights have shone forth. Forget not the favor of thy Lord. Make mention of Him among the servants even as thou hast been commanded in the Book. The glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath turned unto the Mighty, the Single. That which was sent from thee hath reached Us.

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O My God! Glory be to Thee! Thou seest how Mahmud hath turned towards Thy praiseworthy station, and how he attained unto Thy presence when the Light of the Cause was shining from the horizon of Iraq. O my Lord! Thou beholdest his turning towards the Kaaba of Thy bounty, his orientation to the direction of Thy gifts, his immersion in the ocean of Thy love, his holding fast to the cord of Thy grace, and his clinging to the hem of Thy favors. Ordain for him, O my God, that which will cause the fragrance of Thy Cause to waft throughout Thy kingdom and the sweet-scenting breeze of Thy victory to spread throughout Thy lands. Thou knowest, O my God, that his letter which he sent to the servant present before the throne of Thy grandeur and the seat of Thy power hath come before the Prisoner, and We have heard from it the cry of his heart and the lamentation of his soul in his love for Thee and separation from Thee. The rapture of yearning for Thee hath so seized him that his very foundations trembled with longing for Thy beauty and seeking Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! Cut not off from his ear Thy most sweet call which hath been raised from the seat of Thy sovereignty, nor from his eye the lights of Thy beauty, nor from his mouth Thy sealed choice wine, nor from his heart the breathings of Thy celebrated and hidden Name, nor from his breast the fragrances of Thy raiment whereby Thou didst quicken all that was and shall be. O Lord! Thou witnesseth his arising to serve Thee, his praise of Thy Self, and his turning towards the ocean of Thy grace. Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall cause him to endure through the endurance of Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted attributes. Then write for him the good of this world and the next. Then cause him to rest beneath Thy shade and aid him to transcribe Thy verses, spread abroad Thy commandments, and manifest Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power, Whom neither the might of the world nor the power of the nations can frustrate. Thou rulest through Thy sovereignty whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Most High, the Exalted, the Great.

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In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding, Who perisheth not! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones, and what hath touched Thy servants and Thy handmaidens in Thy path. From every quarter rise the cries of them that long for Thee, the sighs of the grief-stricken, and the lamentations of them that are wronged. Among them are those who are imprisoned with the Manifestation of Thy Beauty in the prison of ’Akka, and those who are confined in other places, and those who have migrated unto Thee out of love for meeting Thee, desiring to attain unto Thy holy presence. But

after traversing land and sea, they were prevented from meeting Thee by what the hands of Thine enemies have wrought. And among Thy handmaidens is this one who hath migrated in Thy path and desired to visit the Most Great House and circumambulate the sacred precincts. The winds of Thy decree seized her and prevented her from entering into the sea of nearness unto Thee and from dwelling in Thy presence. Though I bear witness, O my God, that they who have left their homes, hastening toward the seat of Thy glory and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace, are ever dwelling within the precincts of Thy mercy and drinking from the wine whose seal hath been broken by the hands of Thy power, yet I beseech Thee, O Thou the Beloved of Baha, to ordain for her the reward of those who have outwardly entered the pavilion of Thy grandeur, heard the melodies of Thy transcendent unity, and drunk from Thy hand the Kawthar of Thy mercy. O my God! Thou knowest the yearning of the lovers in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and the sighs of them that long for Thee when prevented from turning to the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to accept their deeds and to send down upon them that which will gladden their hearts at the descent of Thy decree and cause them to be content with what Thou hast ordained for them in Thy Tablets. Then send down upon her, O my God, from the wonders of Thy mercy that which will comfort her heart, tranquilize her being, and give rest to her body. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a Book which the Most Merciful hath sent down to all who dwell within the realm of possibility, summoning all to a station wherein the Light hath shone forth and where He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, and the Tree hath proclaimed: There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: This is the Promised Day, did ye but know it, and this is the Day whereof God's Books of old have given tidings, and this is the Preserved Tablet. Say: O concourse of earth! Deny not the signs of God after their revelation, and reject not Him Who hath come unto you from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Cast away your vain imaginings, then turn with your hearts toward the horizon of God, the Sovereign of existence. Say: O servants! By God, the Day of Reckoning hath come, and the Lord of Creation hath spoken forth from the Most Great Prison, calling all to the Frequented Fane. The heedless have caused Us to dwell in the most desolate of houses, yet God hath designated it as His Frequented Fane, to their utter shame - if they but understood. Had they known what they had wrought, they would have wept both night and day, at eventide and at morn. Thus have We lit the lamp of proof within the niche of utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth veiled. O thou servant who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through this Hidden Tablet which was treasured in God's knowledge from time immemorial. To this testifieth he who hath perceived the fragrance of the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty.

The servant who was present came before Us and presented what was in thy letter. Thereupon the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surged, and He revealed for thee that which shall bring solace to all eyes. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. He shall assist thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord. To this testifieth He Who proclaimeth in every matter that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. When the fragrance of Revelation was wafted abroad and the breezes of God wafted forth at the dawn of His Promised Day, the people rose up in opposition, save those whom God willed - thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Among them were those who followed the divines of the age who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused those in the unseen realm and in the visible world to cry out. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that which nothing on earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Most Kind, the All-Forgiving. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name all things were attracted and through Whose love the hearts of them that dwell in the kingdom of names were consumed! I beseech Thee by the tears of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the sighs of the sincere ones in Thy days, and by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace, to make me detached from all else save Thee, holding fast unto the cord of Thy loving providence, steadfast in Thy remembrance and in the service of Thy Cause in such wise that the hosts of denial shall not prevent me from turning unto Thee and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thy horizon and set his face unto the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O Lord! Kindle me with the fire of Thy love in such wise that all the seas of the earth shall not quench it. Then make me so steadfast that neither the ascendancy of the nations nor the hosts of the world shall deter me. Thou art He through Whose Name the Resurrection came to pass and the Hour was made manifest. Nothing whatsoever can frustrate Thee, nor can the clamor of the enemies prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy power and might. Thou knowest and seest my turning unto Thee, my humility, my submissiveness, my poverty, my need, my powerlessness and my lowliness, and Thou hearest my sighing, my crying, my appeal and my lamentation. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen and its crackling in the kingdom of creation to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in the world to come and in this one, through Thy bounty and mercy. Thou knowest what I possess and I know not what Thou possessest. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen, to make me in all conditions hold fast unto Thy Will, content with Thy good-pleasure, and speaking Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom they that are in the heavens and on earth cannot weaken. Thou art, in truth, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious

From the Burning Bush beyond the Radiant City upon the hallowed Spot of God's Command, the Mystery of God hath, by the power of the spirit, been witnessed, and speaketh in truth saying: "O people of the Bayan! Have ye disbelieved in the One through Whom ye believed in God aforetime? Here is My Beauty, which hath been revealed through His grace; yet have ye allowed them that are the manifestations of names in the kingdom of creation to shut you out therefrom; notwithstanding that they were all created by His Word. He, verily, is powerful over all things." O Most Great Name! We, verily, have made thee to be among the greatest of names, that thou mayest issue forth from the abode of silence, and rise above the dawning-place of utterance to proclaim a Cause that hath encompassed all worlds. Unloose therefore thy tongue in truth, and announce unto the people that whereof, by the power of the Spirit, He hath informed thee in this Tablet, which was sent down from the right hand of the throne. Beware lest aught deter thee from commemorating thy Lord. Burn away the veils of sorrows through the Name of thy Lord, the God of Mercy; then shine forth above the horizon of remembrance with a perspicuous light. Beware lest thou forget the occasion when thou didst enter into the Beatific Spot, and didst come before the throne; when We cheered thee with tidings of all good, and ordained for thee on earth an exalted station. Break not the Covenant thou didst enter into before God, neither violate His Testament, but be steadfastly loyal to thine undertaking. Be constant in thy love for thy Lord: beware lest thou withhold thyself from that which We have destined for thee, that thou mayest be reckoned in the Mother Tablet among such as are well grounded in their belief. Write then in vindication of this Cause whatsoever the Spirit infuseth into thy breast; He, verily, will inspire thee with the truth, and assist thee in a matter whose outcome hath been predetermined by the Pen of God. Spirit, Honour and Glory be upon thee, and upon those who are with thee at the dawning of the Cause; at the eventide of holiness; and at every moment. To be delivered unto Al-Hasan An-Nahri of the dwellers of Sad, that he may be of them that do good.

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O Ghulam-'Ali, who hath emigrated and attained!

In the name of the one true God! Thou didst journey and emigrate until thou didst attain to a station that hath been recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in all the divine Books. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which He hath bestowed. Convey My greetings to the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, and command them on behalf of the Wronged One to the Most Great Steadfastness, that all may attain to that which is acceptable and beloved in the sight of God. The dust of irreligion hath seized the world and the clouds of idle fancies have obscured the Sun of Justice. Say: O friends! Hold fast unto God and fix your gaze upon Him. Today steadfastness is accounted as the greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. Hold fast unto it and be free and detached from all else but God. This is truly the Day of Divine Unity - deprive not yourselves thereof. Reflect upon the people of a former religion: after lamentation, weeping and expectation, they martyred the Lord of all beings, yet to this day they remain unaware of what they have wrought. Heedlessness and pride have so seized those souls that their condition surpasseth description by pen and ink. We beseech God to guide all and deprive them not of the splendors of the Sun of Truth. Convey greetings to all the people of the villages and say: "The mention of each one hath flowed from the tongue of the Wronged One and been recorded by the

Supreme Pen." Strive that ye may attain unto that from which the fragrance of eternity can be inhaled. We likewise make mention of the steadfast handmaidens and counsel them to celebrate the praise and glory of God and that which He hath revealed in His Perspicuous Book. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts and upon those women who have turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

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He is the Comforter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of proof is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol. Whoso loveth Him hath loved God, and whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, a Command from God, the Lord of Creation. God testifieth that He is the Truth, there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Perspicuous Book and the Mighty Fortress, and through Him the Trumpet was blown and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, Who calleth from the city of 'Akka. Then make mention of one of My leaves and one of My handmaidens and say: Upon thee be glory and upon thee be praise from God, the Lord of all mankind, and upon thee be peace from God, the Lord of all names. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former times, to adorn thee with the ornament of His pardon and forgiveness and to send down upon thee mercy from His presence. I testify that through My mention at this hour, the ocean of forgiveness surged from the right hand and the light of pardon shone forth from the presence of One tender and generous.

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for My tongue hath been moved to make mention of thee and the rustling of grace was raised from the Tree of My loving-kindness, and joy be unto thee for there hath flowed in thy remembrance from My Most Exalted Pen the Euphrates of the mercy of God, the Lord of the worlds. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy generosity and by the lights of the sun of Thy bounty, to send down upon Thy handmaiden from the heaven of Thy munificence the rains of Thy most great mercy. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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Blessed is he who visits My Name Husayn, concerning whom My Most Exalted Pen has spoken, and who says before the tomb: "By God! Through you the tale of sacrifice was renewed, and the Concourse on High lamented, and the Lote-Tree of the Far Boundary cried out. Blessed is the soul that turned to you

and visited your dust and remembered your days and what befell you from the enemies of the Self of God, your Lord. I testify that you are he who was seized by the rapture of the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and you turned to the horizon of manifestation and attained to what was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Shame upon the people who knew you not and pronounced judgment against you and wronged you without any proof or Book from God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen." He is the All-Knowing Rememberer.

There befell you from tribulations what none can reckon save God, the Lord of all worlds. All things are engaged in weeping and lamentation. The hearing ears have heard the cry of the rock, yet most people remain veiled and rejoice in what they have done. But after this joy shall come a sorrow and a tribulation that shall endure as long as God's kingdom endures. They have lost, those who denied the signs of God and committed what was not committed by those who wronged aforetime. To this testifies He Who speaks the truth from God, the One, the All-Informed.

You must, in the prime of youth, occupy yourself with the remembrance of the Lord of the Final End. Though what befell was very great, yet it occurred in the path of God. Know the value of this bounty and pay no heed to the words of the doubters. Hold fast to the cord of patience and trust in God, the Most High, the Most Great. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers of old.

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Also, in the letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be [Baha'u'llah] - He is God, exalted be His station - it is submitted that from the land they have written that Jinab-i-Aqa Sulayman, a merchant from Qarabagh who resides in Kazimayn, has through one of the friends of those lands become illumined with the light of recognition and divine unity, and has requested that mention be made of him before His presence. After these words were submitted, from the Dawning-Place of knowledge appeared:

"O Sulayman! We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee to turn toward Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me know Thee and taught me and illumined me with the light of Thy unity. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who strove in Thy path with true striving and sacrificed their spirits and whatsoever they possessed in Thy love and Thy Cause, that Thou make me to be among those whom nothing whatsoever prevented from Thy remembrance, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I beseech Thee, O my God and my Lord and my Goal and the Goal of the world, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, then write down for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation, there is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

As commanded, if the aforementioned soul, upon him be God's favor, is present in Kazimayn and is adorned with the ornament of love, deliver to him whatever has been written. This servant also conveys

greetings to him and beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, that which will assist him in His remembrance and praise and knowledge. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Giver, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and praise be to Him for He is the Lord of all the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Your letter was received, bringing fresh joy and adorning the horizon of love with a new radiance. Praise be to God that you enjoy the blessing of good health, which is the most excellent of divine bounties. Praise and thanks be unto Him through the eternity of His names and attributes. Regarding what the honored master Sabri Efendi (upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]) mentioned, it is correct, but this matter is very difficult since no one appears to be available now to organize these affairs. There are friends of every kind, but according to what was heard here, they say you yourself must go to the consul and make a declaration, and the consul must know you, therefore this becomes difficult for you. Now it has been decided that you should represent the father and mother on behalf of the people of the Remembrance, and likewise whatever needs to be written should be written. Here His Honor Aqa Jamal (upon him be from all 9 [Baha] the Most Glorious) will write according to the religious law of Persia, and these people who are here will seal it and send it - perhaps it will be accepted, since His Honor Navvab (upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]) is making great efforts. The previous letter apparently did not reach him. Although this approach is not definitive - the definitive approach is what Sabri Efendi mentioned - but so that you do not incur new harm or fall into difficulty, for now what was mentioned will be written and sent, until God wills what He wills. The command is in His hand and He has power over all things. To the gentlemen and family and light of eyes (upon them be the peace of God), I send greetings and praise. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The Servant

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He is the Mighty, the Beautiful!

Glorified be He Who has ordained all tribulations for His chosen servants, and this is His way with those who are near to Him. Say: In the descent of afflictions upon the righteous, and the burning of the hearts of the pure ones, and the exile of the friends from their homelands are signs for those who remember. Say: By God! The yearning of the loved ones for tribulations is like the yearning of the lover for the beloved, if you be of those who know. For they are mirrors of oneness and they tell of destiny between the heavens and the earth. Say: Die in your wrath, O people of hatred! God has raised us to a station which your hands and your spirits can never reach. Return then to your abode in the fire, O company of the deceivers! Say: All affairs are in the grasp of God, the Supreme, the Powerful. Say: When you behold

God’s chosen ones upon the dust of abasement, know with certainty that they are reposing upon the thrones of glory. By God! If their heads were to be raised upon spears, you would hear from their tongues the remembrance of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Ancient, and would find from them the fragrance of musk - this is from God’s bounty upon them and upon His detached servants. Say: If they sacrifice a head in God’s path, God will surely give them a thousand heads in return - this is what has been ordained by God, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: God is the Powerful, the Triumphant, from Whose knowledge nothing escapes and Whom nothing can frustrate, and He encompasses all things. God will soon raise up His Cause in truth and will waft the breezes of glory upon the oppressed, and the Bird of Unity will sing in the midst of heaven that this is the Day wherein God will assist His Cause. Die then in your wrath, O company of hypocrites! Thus does God bestow His bounty upon whomsoever He wishes and assists His monotheistic servants. And I end with saying that He is God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Merciful.

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He is!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! These hands of mine I have raised up for the descent of Thy mercy, and these feet of mine I have planted before Thee, and this neck of mine I have made submissive to Thy sovereignty and humble before Thy divinity, and this tongue of mine I have caused to speak in Thy remembrance, and these eyes of mine I have opened to behold Thy beauty and observe the signs of Thy creative handiwork, and this gaze of mine I have directed to visit Thy countenance and the splendor of Thy presence, and this heart of mine I have filled with the sweetness of Thy love and the wonders of Thy knowledge and charged it with fear of Thee, and this liver of mine I have caused to be consumed with passion for Thee, and this inner being of mine I have stirred with longing for union with and meeting Thee, and these bowels of mine I have caused to drink of the essence of life from the cups of Thy love and the chalices of Thy grace, and this body of mine I have made to quiver at the signs of Thy holiness and the letters of Thy intimacy, and this will of mine I have bound with the cords of Thy will and fastened with the pegs of Thy desire, and this form of mine I have seated before Thee and made yearning for the conditions of Thy decree and the manifestations of Thy judgment, and this neck of mine I have extended toward the swords of Thy power and the spears of Thy might, for in Thy subjugation, O my God, lie hidden the treasuries of mercy, and therein are stored the repositories of glory. Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hast broken the necks of those who would not submit to Thy divinity nor humble themselves before Thine eternity, and the pillars have been destroyed of those who would not fear Thy fear nor tremble at Thy might nor hope for all that Thou lovest for them from the effulgences of Thy grasp and the universality of Thy Cause. Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Whom Thou hast made the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy Being and the Repository of Thy glory, that Thou ignite us with the fire of Thy love and attract us through Thy light. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

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Revealed for Nabil-i-Samandar. He is God!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who circumambulated the sanctuary of Thy Beauty, visited the House of Thy Majesty and the Ka'bah of Thy Being, ascended to the unseen realm of the Divine Essence and the Cloud, and mounted to the repository of holiness, nearness and eternity, until he sat before Thee and dwelt in Thy presence, drank from the oceans of Thy love and tasted the sweetness of union with and meeting Thee, such that he attained the heights of knowledge regarding the ordinances of Thy Book and discovered the treasuries of meaning in what flowed upon him from the measures of Thy grace through the gems of Thy words and the brilliance of Thy evidences. He remained ever prostrate before the form of the Names in the temple of Thy attributes, and submissive to the countenance of destiny in the vestments of Thy decree. I beseech Thee, therefore, O my God, to make him praiseworthy in deed as Thou hast made him Muhammad in name. Then raise him up to a praiseworthy station in the precincts of Thy mercy. Verily Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: "It may be that thy Lord will raise thee to a praiseworthy station." Then send down upon his heart rapture from Thy love and passion for meeting Thee, that he may find no rest in his love for Thee nor patience in Thy Cause, that he may be detached from all that would veil him from attaining the Presence in the throne of eternity. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Compeller. Therefore, O my God, send Thy blessings upon the first Sun that dawned from the horizon of Thy Most Exalted Name and the last Light that shone forth from the Dayspring of glory, and upon those who guided unto Him in the Most Glorious Kingdom. Verily Thou doest what Thou willest, and verily Thou art God, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who were with thee and upon thy son and upon those who shared in thy Cause and upon those who are guided by the guidance of God and illumined by the light of God. The letter of this servant known as B before H: What you sent was forwarded.

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He is the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest my poverty and neediness, my weakness and brokenness, my distress and anguish, my sorrow and tribulation. It is as though Thou hast closed the doors of Thy mercy upon the face of Thy servant, cast him out from the vicinity of Thy sovereignty, expelled him from the paradise of Thy holy bounty, and distanced him from Thy grace and favor. It is as though Thou hast forgotten him and left him in the wastelands of Thy separation and estrangement, and delivered him before the face of Thine enemies that they might do with him as they please and inflict upon him whatsoever they desire. Dost Thou not hear my cry, O my God? Dost Thou not witness my state, O my Beloved? Dost Thou not look upon me, O my Master?

Glorified art Thou, O my God! In every dawn I call upon Thee, yet Thou answerest me not. In every morning I cry out to Thee, yet Thou rememberest me not. Hast Thou decreed for Thyself that Thou wouldst disappoint those who hope in Thee, or deprive those who remember Thee, or banish those who love Thee? By Thy glory, O my God! I have reached such a state of abasement that I have become

hopeless of the breezes of Thy mercy, and have attained to such a degree of poverty that I see myself deprived of the fragrances of Thy glory - this despite my certainty of the all-encompassing nature of Thy favors toward the people of Thy kingdom, and my acknowledgment of the flow of Thy mercy among Thy creation.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! By Thy glory, not a single breath of ease hath issued from my soul in Thy days, nor hath my body found any place of safety in Thy time. Thou hast numbered all of this through the power of Thy sovereignty and art aware of it all through the comprehensiveness of Thy Self-Subsistence. Despite all this, through Thine ancient forbearance Thou hast shown patience, and through Thine exalted compassion Thou hast endured.

Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my Heart's Desire! Therefore have I fled from myself and from all directions unto the sanctuary of Thy holy oneness, and have hastened from all that is besides Thee unto the Ka'bih of Thy mighty Self-Sufficiency, and have turned away from all existence and faced toward Thy beauty. If Thou showest mercy unto me, Thou art indeed the Best of those who show mercy, and if Thou punishest me, Thou art verily the Just, the Wise.

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He is Glory!

How, O my God, can I make mention of Thee with the pen after Thou hast sanctified Thy Self above the allusions of eternity? And how can I describe Thee through that which appears from nothingness upon this honored Tablet? If I make mention of Thee, O my God, as the Sovereign of kings - by Thy glory, this befits none but those who are subjects. And if I describe Thee as the Lord of lords, I witness that Thou hast manifested this through the embodiments of dust. And if I point to Thee as the Revealer of the Book, I turn my gaze to what the Dove warbles: "All things have We recorded in a Book." By Thy truth, O Beloved, I have become bewildered within myself.

Therefore I beseech Thee by Thy Self through which Thou hast raised up the banners of Thy guidance, revealed the mysteries of Thy Lordship, and made manifest the wondrous wisdom of Thy Divinity, that Thou make us detached from all else but Thee, turning away from aught except Thee, advancing toward Thee, placing our trust in Thee, and holding fast unto Thee - that I might make mention of Thee as befits and becomes Thee, for in Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things and Thou art, verily, powerful over all that Thou willest.

O Generous One! I desired Thee before and I desire Thee now, and I counsel thee with that wherewith God counsels His servants, that thou mayest remind the people and awaken them from their beds of heedlessness, lest they spread corruption in the earth after its reformation, follow the promptings of their souls, chase after every ignorant rabble who follows every crier, or incline with every wind. Say unto them: O people! Fear God and follow the paths of truth. Then remove yourselves from the world and its ornaments and place your trust in God, that the winds of God's mercy might blow upon you and the breezes of the Spirit might take hold of you and transform you from the left hand of limitation to the right

hand of oneness, and cause you to enter the fortress of guidance and the house of divine authority, that you may abide therein forever. And the Spirit be upon you and upon the sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O My God! Glory be to Thee! Thou seest my dwelling place in the serpent's mouth, and hearest my cry in this dark pit, and witnessest what hath befallen me in Thy path at the hands of them that deny Thy Self and turn away from Thy loved ones. How long, O my God, wilt Thou not rend asunder the veils from before the faces of Thy creation that they may recognize Thee in the temple of Thy beauty and majesty, and may not follow every base one besides Thee, nor take their vain desires as gods other than Thee? Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

It hath been known to that honorable one that the essence of the Cause and its reality have until now remained concealed, such that none hath become aware of it save those possessed of illumined hearts who have been freed from attachment to all else but God. For this reason the divine Lote-Tree became the object of rejection by the manifestations of negation who have sprouted forth and appeared from the land of Bayan, as thou hast heard. And yet it remained concealed behind a hundred thousand veils of glory and majesty. I swear by the Point of the seen and unseen that were a single letter of the pure Cause and the essence of the Word to be revealed, thou wouldst witness all who are in the kingdom turned away from God. In any case, now that this most great migration hath taken place, assuredly various groups will arise to make claims, and the satans among men, finding their opportunity, will aspire to Solomon's throne. Thus hath it been ordained by the Mighty, the Ancient. That honorable one must gird up the loins of service firmly and plant his feet in steadfastness, that he may remain preserved from the waves of the seas through the aid of the divine celestial Ark. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon they that love thee.

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O Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. The Promise has come, and the Promised One speaks before all faces, yet the people deny. The All-Merciful has come from the horizon of power, yet the people do not know. The focal point of the Concourse on High has appeared, yet the people do not perceive. The Self-Subsisting has come, and the Qa'im gave glad tidings of His appearance and sacrificed his spirit in His path, yet most of the people do not understand. They have cast aside the Self-Subsisting and followed delusion - nay, they know not.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Hear the call from the precincts of the Prison. He has testified to that which God testified before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There has come before the Wronged One thy letter which thou didst send to him who circled round Me on the day when the seekers circumambulated the House of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One has heard thy call and answers thee with this clear Book. We make

mention of thee and those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O people of God! Ye have attained to My mention and the traces of My Pen. Give thanks unto God for this great favor. Blessed is he who has held fast to His cord and uttered His praise and arisen to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. How many a king was prevented from turning to Him, and how many a servant turned and attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

The names mentioned in the letter have each attained, through God's grace, exalted be His glory, to the lights of the Sun of divine remembrance. We beseech the Lord of existence to make each one firm and steadfast as a mountain in His Cause, and to aid them in that which leads to the exaltation of the Word of God and the advancement of His servants. We make mention of My handmaidens there and give them glad tidings of My beautiful remembrance. The Glory be upon you from Us, O My loved ones, and upon them and upon all who are steadfast and firm. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Mulla Mawla! He is the Mighty, the Great!

We have drawn forth the Finger of Power from the Sleeve of Might and with it have rent asunder the veils. Thereupon the people of allusions fell unconscious in the wilderness of their purposes. Thus has the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who has cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies and has arisen at this Call, by which bodies have taken flight. Whosoever tarries today, even for less than a moment, all his deeds are rendered void, unless he returns unto God, the Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving.

O people! Look not at what you possess, but rather at what is with your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. You were created for immortality, yet We see you hastening toward extinction. This is indeed a wondrous thing. This is the Day whereof you were promised in the Books of God, and wherein you were promised the presence of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Say: You were created for the meeting with God, yet you wander distracted in the wilderness of remoteness and separation. Say: Sanctify your ears to hearken unto the Word of God, and your hearts to recognize this Light which has shone forth from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The cloud of bounty has been raised up and the Hand of giving has emerged from the Sleeve of the Most Glorious, yet the people remain in heedlessness and hypocrisy. Among them is he who sees a straw as silver and darkness as light. He is indeed among those who have gone astray. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of remembrance from the utterance of thy Lord, arise to promote the Cause in such wise that the allusions of them that are veiled shall not hold thee back from His praise. Say: O people! This is the Cause through which the decree of origination has been established, and this is the Remembrance by which all remembrances have been adorned. Through His manifestation the mysteries have been revealed and that which was recorded in the Tablets has come to light. Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who has come to you with clear proof and evidence. Thus does the Pen of the All-Merciful move to make thee soar in the atmosphere of glory and knowledge. When thou attainest unto this Tablet say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!

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He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted

The Sun [of Glory] hath dawned from the horizon of eternity with the ornament of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Say: Die, O concourse of the wretched ones! Every time the idolaters increased in their turning away, verily it appeared with another light greater than the first. Glorified then be the power of my Lord, the Most Glorious! Therefore die, O concourse of the hateful ones! O beetle, verily the gates of Paradise have been opened by the finger of the All-Merciful and the sweet-scented breezes of the All-Glorious have wafted from the direction of My Name, the All-Praised. Flee thou with thy deaf hosts! By God, O bat, the day of thy death hath come, for the Sun of Beauty hath risen at the meridian with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty. Woe unto thee and unto him who disbelieved and turned away! O thou gnat of polytheism, annihilation hath come upon thee and existence hath been cut off from thee. Choose thou flight over remaining, for the breath of God hath come from the direction of the Most Glorious and encompassed earth and heaven. Say: Die, O concourse of the hateful ones! The Lord of Lords hath come upon the clouds of His Name, the All-Bestowing, and hath rent asunder the veil from His face. Say: Die, O concourse of doubt and suspicion! The King of Glory hath come and the Day of Union hath appeared and the temples of misguidance have perished through this Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of acceptance. Say: Die, O concourse of contention! Blessed are ye then, O people of Baha, in that ye have drunk the cup of eternity from the hand of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and have embarked upon the Ark of Grandeur and have detached yourselves from the world. Say: Woe unto you, O concourse of the hateful ones! Rejoice, O people of Paradise, in the sweet savors of intimacy, then soar in the atmosphere of holiness on the wings of righteousness. Say: Die, O concourse of the wretched ones! Give thanks, O chosen ones of God, in that God hath singled you out for Himself and caused you to know that which hath confounded the hearts of all possessed of knowledge and wisdom. Say: Die, O people of unbelief and hatred!

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Faran. O ’Abbas-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

We have begun this day by remembering one who attained unto the recognition of God when every heedless and remote one was debarred therefrom. This is the day wherein the rustling of the Sadratu’l-Muntaha was raised and the Cock of the Throne crowed, when the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We counsel Our loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted in these days wherein every wise command hath been made manifest. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when the servants turned away, save those whom God desired, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou vocal in the praise of thy Lord, soaring in the atmosphere of His love, and steadfast in the service of His Cause. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

We make mention of thy father who hath ascended unto God. We testify that he hath attained unto the Supreme Companion, the station whose praise no swift scribe can recount. We make mention of him at this hour as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast attained unto the choice wine of recognition when the All-Merciful came with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. We testify that thou didst turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon and believe in God, the Lord of all beings, when He came with the truth with a wondrous command. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son who was named Muhammad-Taqi by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Abbas-’Ali! Rejoice thou that thy letter which thou didst send unto Him Who circleth round My Throne hath come into the presence of the Servant Who standeth before My face, and We have remembered thee with this remembrance whose fragrance shall never be cut off from creation. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness unto this from this glorious station. Blessed art thou and the chosen ones of God and His sincere ones whom God hath aided to acknowledge that which the Supreme Pen hath acknowledged in the kingdom of creation, and whom He hath enabled to fulfill that which hath been revealed in the Book from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

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O Aqa Mirza Aqa, who hath attained Our presence and achieved victory! He is the All-Conquering, the Self-Subsisting! We have revealed the utterance in the form of a Tablet and sent it to those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting - those whom the affairs of the people did not prevent, who turned to Us and said: “We believe in Thee, O God of the unseen and the visible!” We have desired at this time to give one of My loved ones to drink of the Kawthar of My loving-kindness from the hand of My bounty, that he may attain to such a station where the happenings of the world shall not sadden him, nor shall the might of the earth and its divines cause him fear - they who have broken God’s covenant and His testament and led His friends into the shadow of darkness. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, as the Lord of all beings was seated upon the throne of His Most Glorious Name, that thou didst leave thy home, turning toward God, and didst traverse mountains and valleys, land and sea, until thou didst attain Our presence and hear the Call and witness that wherewith God’s books, the Lord of what was and what shall be, had given thee glad tidings. Blessed be thy countenance for having turned, and thy heart for having advanced toward the wronged Exile, Whom neither the veils of glory nor the obscuring veils of the people of error prevented. He arose amidst all beings and proclaimed with the most exalted call: “By God! That which ye were promised hath come to pass, and He for Whose meeting the heavens and earth were created hath appeared. Behold, O people, and be not of those who denied God’s proof and rejected His bounty and disputed His signs and turned away from Him on His promised Day.” Blessed art thou for that which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified concerning thee in this exalted station. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which hath been sent down unto thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones whom neither the world and its ornaments nor its trade and profit have prevented from My remembrance, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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In His Name, the Desired One!

Your letter hath come before Us in the Most Great Prison, the Spot wherefrom God, the Lord of ancient days, doth gaze. Therein thou didst beseech God, the Lord of the worlds and the Desire of the nations, saying: “O Lord of the worlds and Creator of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me, in all conditions, a servant of Thy Cause, a helper of Thy Faith, one who remembereth Thy Name, who uttereth that which Thou hast sent down through Thy sovereignty, and who acteth according to that which hath been inscribed in Thy Book.”

We have heard thy call and whatsoever thou didst ask of thy Lord, We have answered thee as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bountiful. We have made thee a servant of Our Cause and aided thee to make mention of Me and to praise Me, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Almighty. And We have written for thee and for thy brethren and thy kindred that which thou didst desire from God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God in His days and for having quaffed the choice wine in His wondrous Name.

Thy letter hath come before Us time and again, and the Concourse on High, then the angels and the Spirit, have found from each one the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy turning and thy devotion to the All-Knowing One. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in this and enabled thee in such wise that the Lord of ancient days maketh mention of thee from this glorious station.

And in thy letter was mention of My servant Kamal who attained unto My presence and circled round Me. He is among those who attained unto the recognition of God at the beginning of the Nine, concerning which the Point of the Bayan gave tidings in His words: “In the year Nine ye shall attain unto the presence of God.” It behooveth him to preserve this station and to render thanks unto his Lord, the Merciful. We make mention of him and his family and his sons, for verily We are the All-Knowing Remembrancer.

And We make mention of Javad who was present in Baghdad and attained unto the Most Great Light when it shone forth from that manifest horizon. We send Our greetings upon the faces of Our loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace and mercy, and We counsel them to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause.

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His grandmother, the honorable Haji Seyyed Hossein Khorasani

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power

Your letter was received before the Wronged One, and We found from it the fragrance of your love for God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty that which will cause your mention to endure in

His Kingdom for as long as His names and attributes endure. Verily He is powerful over what He wills. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, may you be blessed with divine confirmations and in all times be gazing toward the horizon of grace. Whatever is witnessed in this world has been and will be non-existent in the eyes of those endowed with vision, for its evanescence is clear and evident - none denies it save every heedless and remote soul. Therefore, those souls who have drunk from the choice wine of divine love and partaken of the Kawthar of recognition are in all conditions turned toward Him and holding fast to the hem of His generosity, for that which is everlasting and enduring has been and will be the love of God and His recognition. Blessed are those souls who have attained to this exalted and most glorious station and become detached and free from all else but God. Assuredly for such souls in every world of the divine worlds a portion and share is ordained. Blessed is he who has drunk the choice wine of inner meanings and acted according to what was commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what was written about Haji Ali Qazvini, your reward is with God, exalted be His glory. God willing, through God's infinite bounties they will attain the reward for that. And regarding what was written about that deceased one's inheritance, let it be sent to Alexandria to the honorable Aqa Seyyed Yahya. May God bring about through this a reward and good for him. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

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Haji Mulla Mahdi. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible! God hath heard thy call and was aware of what befell thee. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and by the Pen of His command hath been inscribed a preserved Tablet of glory wherein is ordained the knowledge of what was and what will be, and wherein are recorded the mysteries of the Cause by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou a lamp of the love of thy Lord amongst His servants, that the receptive ones may be illumined thereby. Consider the lamp: though it be but one, yet from it can be lit, as God willeth, lamp after lamp, all drawing their light therefrom. Even so, consider the hearts of them that have detached themselves from all else but God and have turned unto the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. By My life! Should the lamp of any heart be lit with the love of God, from it would be kindled the hearts of all creation. This, verily, is a manifest truth. Yet it behooveth every lamp-bearer to protect it from the winds of self and passion with the glass of the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Thus doth the King of Names set forth parables as a bounty from His presence unto thee and unto them that are assured. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's remembrance of thee and His mention of thee, for His remembrance precedeth all who remember and all who are remembered. Blessed is the man who is steadfast in His Cause, and the tongue that speaketh His praise and glory, and the heart that turneth unto Him in humility and submission. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in His Cause and made thee a champion of His Faith and one who speaketh His praise. There is no God but He. He chooseth whom He pleaseth for His love, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Loving. Deliver unto the people the Cause of thy Lord and deal with them with patience, for they have not attained the summit of utterance and are among the weak ones. The glory

shining from the horizon of grace be upon thee and upon them that have detached themselves from the world and have turned unto the Lord of Names, whom the rejection of the idolaters hath not deterred.

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O Ala'u'd-Din Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the All-Knowing Expositor. The Supreme Pen hath testified that there is none other God but Him, and that He is the One Who hath revealed Himself unto all things through His most beautiful names on the Day wherein the horizon of Divine Unity was illumined by the Sun of His Name, the All-Subduing Lord of all possibility. This is the Day wherein the Mystery of Divine Unity hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. With Him did the Day begin and with Him shall it end, and from Him have the lights appeared and unto Him have they returned. Blessed is he who hath seen with his own eyes and blessed is he who hath heard with his own ears that before which the mountains would have crumbled away. There is nothing that hath not been encompassed by the manifestations of the lights of Divine Unity. Among the people are those who have recognized and turned towards Him, and those who have remained heedless and turned away. Well is it with him who hath drunk the wine of Divine Unity from the cup which God hath made the fountainhead of the seas. He cannot be known through aught else beside Him nor can He be comprehended through anything other than Himself. And despite His manifestation in all things, He hath ever been sanctified above them and exalted beyond that which the people of mystical knowledge have uttered. Whoso hath recognized Him in His Manifestation hath attained unto Divine Unity, and whoso hath remained heedless is of the people of the veil. O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance of Divine Unity and drinketh from the cup of detachment, hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged in this Most Great Prison: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Hold fast with power and assurance to this cord, which when it moveth, all created things become still and all contingent beings find peace, and when it becometh still, all who are in earth and heaven are stirred into motion. We have read thy letter and perceived from it the fragrance of thy love. We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause thy mention to endure in the Kingdom and thy name to last in the Heaven of Remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained on this Day wherein all who are on earth were thunderstruck save those whom God, the Lord of all men, hath willed.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

The brocade of the Book of Divine Knowledge has been adorned with the unity of God, the Revealer of the Furqan - that there is no God but Him. He has ever been sanctified above the description of His servants and the knowledge of His creation, and will forever remain as He has been throughout the eternity of eternities. Blessings and peace be upon the Most Exalted Pen and the Greatest Intermediary, whom He established as the station of His manifestation in the realm of creation, through whom the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and illumined Yathrib and Batha, through whom the

banner of justice was raised in cities and lands and the standard of guidance among the servants. And upon His family through whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused throughout contingent being and the dove of utterance warbled upon the highest branches, through whom His traces were spread abroad and His sovereignty appeared and His power was revealed and His laws were promulgated. Thereafter, your letter arrived and We found from it the fragrance of love and affection. We have answered you with this letter, beseeching God the Most High to strengthen you and assist you and give you to drink from the Kawthar of utterance through the hands of mercy and bounty. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. May He open before your face the gate of ease and ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of the first life. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the mighty throne. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones and Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets to make me one of those whom Thou hast described in Thy Book with Thy words "Men whom neither merchandise nor selling diverteth from the remembrance of God." O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creation. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

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In His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth!

The letter thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne hath been read before Our face, and We found therein that which beseemeth the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation. This is of God's grace upon thee and upon His sincere servants. From it was wafted the fragrance of steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, and it was purified from the mention of any save Me and sanctified from the hints of the sinful ones. Blessed art thou for having laid hold on the Purpose and cast behind thee all else on this mighty Day.

We have encountered from those who claim to love Us that which the Daysprings of Revelation never encountered from the hosts of the oppressors. Thou knowest the ocean of My bounty and the heaven of My loving-kindness. Consider what hath prevented the wayward from My mercy that hath encompassed all created things. Verily the soul commandeth unto wickedness, and nothing can extinguish its fire save the decree of death, at which even the valiant tremble. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We were in the house with curtains drawn and doors closed when suddenly cries arose from every direction and the matter was decided according to what had been ordained in the Book of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thereby was the city thrown into confusion, and those around it cried out, and affairs were overturned in such wise as cannot be described or explained, until the All-Merciful calmed it through His authority. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Blessed art thou, for God hath singled thee out for His mention among His servants and for the exaltation of His Cause amongst the people, and hath preferred thee above most of creation. He is, verily, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over anything, for He is with thee and remembereth thee

most often from this exalted station. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces with My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy offspring and upon those who are with thee from this luminous horizon.

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The All-Highest, the Most Glorious

The Herald hath called out: This is the Day of the Meeting. The Kingdom belongeth to the Creator of all beings. Men have drawn nigh unto the Kingdom, while those who were deprived today of the lights of Beauty have turned away. We have sent down in every matter that which hath caused the countenance of proof to shine forth. Those who have turned towards it have prospered, while every denier and deceiver hath lost. How many proofs do they behold, yet turn away from them! Blessed is he who hath laid hold on truth and cast away creation - he is of those who have attained the lights of their Lord's face, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. All that hath flowed from the Pen is the quickener of nations, yet they understand not. Among them are those who follow their desires, those who cling to the divines, and those who have cast aside all else, turning to My luminous countenance. The rapture of revelation hath seized him in such wise that he hath detached himself from all on earth - he is truly of the people of Baha, inscribed in a noble Tablet. Through it the earth was established and the clouds rained down. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing. This is the Day of Utterance - remind all who dwell in the realm of possibility of that which the All-Merciful hath spoken. This behooveth those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Be ye helpers of God's Cause, that there may appear from you that which will establish your remembrance in the heaven of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the veils of the people hinder you. Leave them and what they possess, seeking the face of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Will what they possess profit them, or their vain imaginings aid them? Nay, by My very Self, the Truth! Extinction pursueth them from behind, while they remain heedless. Arise thou to aid thy Lord's Cause with wisdom. Thus hast thou been commanded by the Lord of creation. He will assist thee and aid thee with truth - He is the Protector of the sincere ones. When thou hast succeeded and read this, say: Unto Thee be loyalty, O Glory of those in the heavens and earth! From prison Thou callest those who slumber in their homes to the Kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to make us successful in serving Thee. He is verily the Judge, the Answerer of prayers.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy verses, for having shown me the horizon of Thy grace, and for having strengthened me until I acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness and that which Thy Prophets and Messengers and chosen ones have acknowledged. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth and Whom nothing can frustrate. I beseech Thee by Thy

power which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy sovereignty which hath prevailed over all existence, to make me in all conditions one who maketh mention of Thee and singeth Thy praise. O Lord! I am he who hath taken up his abode beneath the shadow of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation and the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the mysteries of Thy Book and whatsoever hath been inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world and shall draw me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all men! O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant standing before Thy door, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I testify that Thou didst call me of Thine own accord though I was unworthy thereof, and didst strengthen me to turn towards Thee until I turned and entered a station wherein was raised the pavilion of Thy glory and wherein shone forth from its horizon the sun of Thy bounty. Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory and bestowal, O Creator of the heavens, for having caused me to hear and to see and for having honored me and drawn me nigh unto Thee on a day whereon the servants turned away from Thy Cause and disputed Thy signs and violated Thy covenant and Thy testament. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy greatness and Thy self-subsistence, not to deprive me of the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace nor to withhold from me the lights of Thy countenance. Ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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O Mirza Haji Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the All-Bountiful, the Lord of Great Grace! Say: O people! This Day hath its own melody and mysteries. None except God hath ever reckoned or can reckon its excellences. At times it warbleth as the doves of inner meanings; at other times it speaketh as the Perfect Man. Glory be to God! At times it appeareth as a heaven adorned with the sun of utterance, the moon of certitude, and the stars of sciences and arts. In truth, the tongues of the world fall short of mentioning it, for in this Day the One Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation. The world is stirred by His utterance. One ray of His light struck the sea, and it became possessed of the pearls of wisdom and utterance; it struck the mountains, and they became possessed of mines. Say: O ye who are endowed with insight! The Tree is laden with fruit before your faces, and the palm tree of bounty with its ripe dates is manifest before your eyes. Seek not after vain imaginings, but hold fast unto that which is manifest and visible. Glory be to God! The Tree of the Furthermost Boundary with the fruits of inner meanings and utterance and the produce of proof and evidence is manifest before all heads, yet the deluded ones have abandoned it and occupy themselves with mention of a tree whose fruits are vain imaginings and whose leaves are idle fancies. Say: O ye who are endowed with insight! Hold fast unto justice and speak with fairness. Glory be to God! This Day hath another atmosphere, and this sea hath other waves. By the life of God! The ear and eye were created for witnessing and hearing, yet most are deprived and forbidden. They have followed their own desires, turning away from God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and by the waves of the sea of Thy mercy and grace to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to turn away from all else save Thee. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great grace. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy drawing nigh, thy presence, thy hearing, thy beholding and thy revelation. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which was mentioned and inscribed in the Book of God. Thou didst set thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and through the grace and assistance of God, exalted be His glory, thou didst reach it and enter therein, and didst hearken unto the Call. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which He hath bestowed, and to ordain for thee that which shall cause thy exaltation and elevation. Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Sovereign over all who are in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the rain of Thy mercy was shed from the clouds of Thy grace, and by the Luminary of Thy bounty which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will, to ordain for me that which shall solace mine eyes, tranquilize my soul and gladden my heart. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the conditions of men nor the obstacles of those in the lands can frustrate. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and putting my trust in Thee. Leave me not deprived of what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou hast power to do what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thou hast met the friends of God in every land. Convey to them the greetings of this Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. Say: This is the day of service and assistance, and assistance hath been and shall ever be through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Strive ye, that perchance those who thirst in the wilderness of utterance may attain unto the ocean of inner meanings, that the listless may be quickened and the dead may attain everlasting life. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have quaffed the wine of mystic knowledge from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The Supreme Pen proclaims: All souls have been created for the knowledge of God, and throughout all nights and days they waited expectantly for the days of His manifestation. Yet when the lights of the dawn of God's Day shone forth from the horizon of His Will, all remained veiled, nay, turned away, except those who held fast to the cord of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Each soul clung to vain imaginings and thus remained deprived of the Lord of all beings. For instance, knowledge appeared specifically for the recognition of the Known One; nevertheless, the learned of the age have, because of it, remained debarred from the Truth - exalted be His glory and His mighty sovereignty - and are veiled from the Day of God and His presence. In all divine Books and heavenly Scriptures, the people were given glad tidings of the dawning-place of divine revelation and the dayspring of His verses. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined and made resplendent with the lights of the Sun of the manifestation of the Most Great Name, all arose in denial and rejection. But ere long will they who turned away behold

themselves in manifest loss. Blessed are those souls who in the Day of His manifestation attained unto the knowledge of God and arose to serve Him. Such souls are accounted before God as stars in a wondrous heaven. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! Your letter was seen in the Most Great Prison and your call was heard. God willing, you will at all times remain steadfast in the remembrance of God and will at every moment drink from the choice wine of recognition. We make mention of all the loved ones of God in this blessed leaf, that all may rejoice in His special favors and engage in serving His Cause in perfect love and unity. Thus have We remembered you and those who have turned to God in that place, and him who wrote your letter. Verily your Lord is the Rememberer, the Rewarder, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the name of Him Who hath been made a prisoner in the land by the oppressors. The Supreme Pen proclaims: Whatsoever hath been manifested from the Ancient Beauty hath been a proof unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Were the servants to reflect, they would become assured of His sovereignty through His arising amidst His enemies, and would acknowledge His power. However, as they walk in the wilderness of self and desire, they remain veiled from the dawning of the Sun of Baha from the horizon of eternity, and have turned unto those who would protect themselves from a gnat, thus depriving themselves of the Beauty of Divine Unity. Say: O people! My deeds, like My manifestation, shine resplendent between earth and heaven. Whosoever, in less than a moment, purifies his heart from satanic whisperings will attain unto the knowledge of the Lord of all worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment. And thou, O servant, hearken unto the divine call and guard thyself from the venom of the souls of the idolaters. I swear by My beauty that today such a venom blows from the direction of the hearts of the idolaters that were it to pass over all the trees of human souls, it would deprive them all of their lofty, ripe and glorious fruits. Therefore, at all times take refuge in God, that thou mayest remain protected from the barren wind. Trust in God, thy Lord, fear no one, and be of the detached ones. Make My remembrance thy shield and thy trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful, thy fortress. God willing, through the breezes of the divine springtime thou shalt attain unto the fruits of knowledge and inner meanings. And the light that hath shone forth from the direction of the Ancient Beauty be upon thee and upon those who have passed by this world and all that is therein like the passing of clouds. Thus hath the command been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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The Most Holy, The Most Exalted

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth for people who know. He is God - there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him. He guideth whom He pleaseth through His grace, and leaveth those who disbelieve - verily they are a people confounded. They have taken their desires and cast guidance behind them, and they are a blind people. Their desires have seized them in

such wise that they know not the right hand from the left, and they hasten in the wilderness of ignorance while they perceive not. Among the people are those who have turned away from the truth by following the creation, and among them are those who have gone astray in the valley of passions after We showed them this exalted path, and among them are those who are occupied with wealth, heedless of their final end, and among them are those who gather but know not for whom they gather - verily they do not understand. Most people have been consumed by the fire of greed and desire while they perceive it not. Blessed is the soul that hath cast off the garment of greed and departed from the world out of love for God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Such a one is among the horsemen of this field - the All-Merciful sendeth His blessings upon him in this praiseworthy station. Reflect, O My loved ones, upon those who came before you - did what they possessed profit them? We cause the earth to be inherited by whomsoever We please. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Be ye trustees of God in His earth - this will profit you in this world and the next, did ye but know. Grieve not for that which ye have been denied - trust in God in all conditions. He hath ordained for you naught but what is best for you, did ye but know. O servant! Be thou thankful that the grace from this hidden quarter hath encompassed thee. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, upon whom shall come no fear nor shall they grieve. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of Him Who is Powerful over all who are on earth and in heaven!

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Therein He mentioneth that which draweth hearts unto the Supreme Horizon, this Station wherefrom the Tongue proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

The ears have been blessed by hearkening unto My Most Exalted Call, and the eyes by beholding My Most Exalted Horizon, and the hearts by recognizing My Most Glorious Name, and the tongues by uttering My praise, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear ye God, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with the kingdom of proof from the All-Merciful. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken in this luminous station. By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with the kingdom of signs, yet most of the people remain heedless.

Say: Arise to fulfill My Cause, and proclaim before all faces: “O people! Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers.” He hath come, by Whose beauty the eyes of the Concourse on High have been solaced, and there hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty and grace that which hath drawn unto it the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Open your eyes, for the Hidden Name of God hath appeared, and that which was treasured from time immemorial, if ye be of them who know.

This is He Whom the Books of God and His Prophets and Messengers have foretold. This is the Day of Remembrance and Utterance, and this is the Day of Service and Praise. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause - he is indeed among those who have attained in My wondrous Book.

Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Speaker, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold thee, or the doubts of the nations who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, prevent thee.

Glory be unto the people of Baha who have turned unto the Hands of Bounty and Grace, who have taken the Wine of Eternal Life and drunk in the name of their Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Muhammad, who was mentioned, to Aqa Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God, by the name of He Who standeth before the faces of the world. A Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who hath turned towards God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call might draw him to the supreme heights and the hand of bounty might give him to drink of the Kawthar of eternity. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. He giveth what He pleaseth to whom He pleaseth and withholdeth from whom He willeth. He, verily, is God, the Possessor of the Promised Day.

Thy letter was presented and the servant who was present before the Countenance laid it before Us. We have answered thee with this irrevocable Tablet which speaketh amongst the world that there is none other God but He, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Beware lest the events of the world sadden thee. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Possessor of existence. Soon will the world and all that thou seest today pass away, and there shall remain for thee what hath been ordained in the Tablet of God, thy Lord, Who speaketh from His praiseworthy station. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. He hath ordained for every one who turneth unto Him that which shall profit him in every world of His worlds. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and heard the yearning of My heart, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to attain unto the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and for having remembered me when I was in the hands of the enemies. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee and the tears of them that yearn for Thee and by the pearls of the shells of Thy utterance in the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants with the wisdom which Thou hast commanded all to observe in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! Thou seest the sorrowful one seeking the ocean of Thy joy and the grief-stricken one the Kawthar of Thy gladness. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and by the Word through which all things have appeared, to ordain for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

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In His Name the Ever-Lasting the Ever- Abiding

This is a Book revealed by Us unto him who believed in God on the Day whence them who hearkened to the call of God from amongst the people of the graves, were resurrected. These are the ones who quaffed the Choice Sealed Wine in this Revelation. Verily, upon them the angels descend from every side. Peace be upon you inasmuch as you have attained the Days of God, the Gracious, the Forgiving. Indeed, these are the ones who are not kept back by the world, though they rule upon the East and the West of the earth. Verily, it is by them that the clouds have rained their rain, and darkness hath been chased away by light. The Mercy of God that hath encompassed females and males be upon them. As for them who have disbelieved in Him, they indeed are deserving of chastisement. They shall verily enter the fire. Thus hath it been decreed in the recorded Tablet.

Say: O people! Do ye protest against Him in Who's Name the Truth appeared, and the Balance of Justice hath been raised, and the Trumpet hath been blown? Fear ye God, O people, and walk not in the footsteps of them who disbelieve the presence of the All-Merciful. Follow ye the People of God, the Creator of darkness and light. Say: He hath verily offered up the Manifestation of Himself as a ransom for summoning you to draw nigh unto the station foreordained for you by the Flowing Pen.

I swear By Him! Were God to rend the veils asunder, you would offer up yourselves as a sacrifice for His Love. He, in truth, has the knowledge of all things, which He revealeth not save in a preordained measure. Say: "Fear God and spread not disorder on earth after it hath been well-ordered, neither shed the blood of anyone, for such things are forbidden you in the Book and in this Outspread Roll."

O thou who hast fixed his gaze upon God! Cleanse thou thine heart of attachment to all the vain allusions of men, and persevere in the path of thy Lord, the God of all names and attributes, that He may aid thee with a power and might from Himself, and render thee victorious over all people of iniquity who disbelieve in God, the Lord of the Frequented Fane. Thus commandeth thee the Pen of the Ancient of Days in this dawntide. The glory of God be upon thee and upon whomsoever boweth down in adoration for the sake of God in the Days of His Manifestation.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to him who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation when God came with His Kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Impregnable, and whom neither the blame of the blamer nor the wickedness of the infidel nor the oppression of the tyrants could turn aside from God. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and hast turned toward the countenance of thy Lord when every sinful remote one turned away. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and that which hath caused the Bayan to quiver

with longing for its Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been revealed unto thee, and through which that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath appeared. Verily they that have failed to attain on this Day shall ere long be seized with remorse and regret. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have set forth every matter from Our presence. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless. Reflect upon God's favor and His mercy. He remembereth His loved ones while imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors. We have heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love, and have sent down for thee that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure as long as God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, endureth. Give thanks unto God for this bounty, which nothing in creation can equal. His Will hath prevailed and His mercy hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Excellent is that which thou performest in the days, and better still that which thou art occupied with in the nights. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Reckoning, the All-Wise. Blessed is the pen that moveth in remembrance of God, and the hand that writeth what hath been sent down from the heaven of revelation from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Beware lest the vain imaginings of men withhold thee from that whereunto thou art called. Be thou one who remembereth through the remembrance of thy Lord, and who speaketh of this Ancient Root. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother, whose call We have heard and whom We have answered in this wondrous Book. Convey My glorification unto her countenance, then give her the glad-tidings of this perspicuous remembrance.

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In the Name of the Ever-Speaking One!

The letter was presented before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and that which was inscribed therein was brought to the attention of Him Who is present before God. Consider the heedless souls who all acknowledge and confess that the True One, exalted be His glory and greatness, will appear either in His Own Person or through the Manifestation of His Cause, and the divine Books bear witness to this truth. He saith: "On the day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord shall come," and in another place He saith: "And thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank," and many similar utterances have appeared from the Daysprings of divine revelation and are recorded in the Books. Nevertheless, when the morn of the divine Day dawned and the horizons were illumined with the lights of the Sun of manifestation, all were observed to be veiled by the darkness of their idle fancies from the Dayspring of light. Consider the remaining proofs: The people of the Torah were veiled from the Truth by the Torah itself, and likewise all other peoples, each clinging to a book, remained deprived of Him Who revealed it. Behold the heedlessness and remoteness of the servants! This is a Day wherein the True One hath appeared in His Own Person, and the equivalent of all the aforementioned Books possessed by the people is, should God so will and desire, revealed in but a few days. Yet despite this they remain veiled. Furthermore, whatsoever hath come to pass and shall come to pass in the world hath previously flowed from the divine Pen with such clarity that no fair-minded person can deny it. Nevertheless, they have arisen in opposition. What proof could be greater than this, and what evidence more exalted than that which hath been mentioned? Say: In the Name of God and by God, take thou the choice wine of certitude

in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof through My remembrance, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Ancient, Most Great Tablet from God to all who are in the heavens and earths, wherein was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen that which causes the hearts of the mystics to soar. O people! The Day has come, and whoso has turned to Him with an illumined heart has won the lights of the Face. They who heard the Call and answered it - these are the people of Paradise, mentioned in a mighty Tablet. Their names have been recorded in all the worlds of God, and for them therein is a noble station. As for those who hesitated - these have no part in the Cause and are among the perplexed. They imagine themselves to be people of truth - nay, they are among the most lost! They say “We believed in God,” yet when He appeared in truth they denied Him. Lo! They are among the liars. And when they are told that which their desires approve not, they turn upon their heels. Lo! They are among the abased. When We show them the signs, they say “These are but forgeries,” and when the sun of clear proofs shines forth they say “This is naught but manifest sorcery.” The people of the Kingdom marvel at what proceeds from their mouths, and the denizens of the realms of might curse them, yet most people are heedless. They behold the signs of God, then deny them - thus were they aforetime, and in this most wondrous and glorious Manifestation. Be not grieved at anything. Put thy trust in God - verily He preserves whom He willeth by His sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. Arise to aid the Cause in such wise that nothing in creation shall prevent thee from remembering thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people of truth! Beware lest what is with creation veil you. By My life! They soar in the atmosphere of vain imaginings and cling to what they found with their fathers. Lo! They are in evident doubt. Blessed is he who cast away what is with men out of love for God, the King, the Single, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of the remembrance of thy Lord and sent down for thee that which brings peace to the hearts of the sincere ones.

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=== START BH03707 ===

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

The Wronged One testifies that the Supreme Pen has remembered you morning and evening. At times it has galloped in the arena of remembrance, and at other times it has been prevented from utterance by sorrows that have overtaken it. The heaven bears witness, and likewise the sun and moon, that mention of you has been and will continue to be made in the presence of the Wronged One. How could you be erased from sight when, from the Most Great Scene, the rustling of the breezes of the highest Paradise, the murmuring of the celestial Kawthar, and the whispering of the divine Lote-Tree all attest to God’s loving-kindness - exalted be His glory - towards you? The verses of grace have encompassed the world. All bear witness and will continue to bear witness to this truth. The trees bear witness, the fruits bear witness, and beyond them this servant present bears witness, and beyond him bears witness He with Whom is the Mother Book.

Baba Tahir has spoken well when he said:

“What if my pain were but a single pain?

What if my grief were but a little grief?”

That which has befallen you is clear and evident to God. However, wisdom and forbearance befit your station. O My Name! The loved ones are saddened by your sorrow, but I bear witness by God that there has been and is no harm, for whatsoever occurred, occurred for a mighty Cause and a great Announcement. Adversities, hardships, tribulations and trials in the path of God have been and ever will be beloved. Blessed art thou for thy patience and fortitude in the Cause of God, and for thy tranquility and steadfastness in His path. This is a testimony uttered by the tongue of the Wronged One in this noble station. To those friends who have quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, We convey Our greetings. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee, and who hearken to thy words concerning My manifest Cause.

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In the Name of the one true God! The cities of justice are illumined by the splendorous lights of the Sun of grace, and infinite worlds are adorned through the outpourings of the true Bestower. Yet the cities of the world and most of their inhabitants remain deprived and forbidden from the fragrances of the days of God and the rain of His mercy. The cause and reason has been idle fancies and vain imaginings, each becoming a thick veil and mighty barrier, concealing hearts and eyes from witnessing and comprehending the lights of the Sun of Truth. And the sources of these idle fancies and vain imaginings were the divines of the age. Blessed is the soul that has rent asunder the veils through the Name of the Lord of all names and attributes, and has attained to that for which existence itself came into being. This Wronged One has ever remembered the servants while in the Most Great Prison and counseled them to fear God. It is hoped that the Word of God will encompass all and attract the hearts of the servants. In these days the widow of the late and elevated Mulla Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, has sent a letter mentioning that your honor intends to pay the debt of Karbila’i [Hasan]. Blessed are you and joy be unto you, for this deed is considered praiseworthy in all the divine Books, both past and future. Whoever achieves this attains unto all good, and this is a deed whose reward is recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. We beseech God to assist you in this good deed that has ever been acceptable in His sight. On behalf of the Wronged One, convey greetings to the handmaiden of God, the widow of the departed one, and give her the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of all peoples! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all humanity and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

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It will have been known to the friends of God that one day the antichrist arose with a new scheme, in order to sow doubts in the hearts of the servants. Yes, in Edirne he advertised his intention to the Iranians, saying, “Today we have resolved that he shall come to the Sultan Selim mosque, and we also shall attend, and shall make the truth manifest. Thus might truth be distinguished from falsehood.”

Mir Muhammad Shirazi became aware of this saying, and informed Aqa Mirza Muhammad Quli. The latter repeated it in the most glorious presence. When he was informed, he departed that very hour and set out for the above-mentioned mosque. There are more details, but we shall mention only those necessary to telling the story. He said to Mir Muhammad, “Go and inform the gentleman that I am waiting in the mosque.” The aforementioned Mir Muhammad gave the news to that accursed one. Azal excused himself, saying that it was not possible that day. “The appointment will have to be fixed on another day.”

Then Mir Muhammad said to that wicked one, “You yourself chose these arrangements. You stated a preference for this matter. You wrote a document saying that whoever did not appear today is false and far from the truth. Then how can any word of yours be depended upon?”

In short, he stayed at the mosque until sundown, but that wicked one avoided coming. As he passed through the market, the tongue of God addressed Mir Muhammad with these holy and eternal verses. All the people heard it, and were astonished at their revelation. This is the content of the aforementioned discourse:

When we heard, we issued from our house with manifest sovereignty. We said, “Muhammad, the spirit has departed from its seat and along with it the spirits of the pure ones went forth, as did the realities of the Messengers. In truth, you shall behold the people of the most exalted panorama above my head. Then in my grasp are the proofs of the prophets. Then open your eyes. This is `Ali [the Bab], then Muhammad, the messenger of God, who has risen above the horizon of the House with evident sovereignty and come to you with all the verses from God, the mighty, the Omnipotent.”

Say: Were all the clergy and mystics on earth, and all the kings and emperors, to be gathered, I would stand before them and recite the verses of God, the king, the glorious, the wise. I am he who fears no one, even should all who are in the heavens and the earth assemble against me. The very verses have humbled themselves before my countenance, and all sounds are submissive before my wondrous and most amazing melodies. This is my palm, which God has rendered white for all the worlds. And this is my staff. Were we to cast it down, it would swallow the entire creation. All that has been created between the heavens and the earth is but a handful of clay to your lord.

Go, Muhammad, to the concourse of idolaters and say, “The youth has come to you and with him are the hosts of revelation and inspiration. The kingdom of the Cause marches before him, and behind him are the tribes of the concourse on high and the inhabitants of the cities of eternity then the angels who are near.” Say: Fear God, and do not oppose the one by whose command every wise decree was ordained. Then come into the presence of God with your ropes and your staffs and with whatever you possess, if you are able to do so. We go now to the house of God that was erected by one of the kings and named the “Selim.” I, alone, have come to you from the dawning place of eternity with a great, a most great

announcement. I shall wait until the sun sets in the west, so that perhaps my opponents will find the opportunity within themselves to repent.

Know that God forbade his friends from meeting with the idolaters and hypocrites. Nevertheless, we departed from our house depending upon God, gaze set toward the precincts of the Cause, so that thereby the heedless servants of God might be made aware. Those who have denied God or joined partners with him shall never believe in God, even should he bring them the sacred scrolls, or the hosts of the Invisible, or the proofs of the Messengers [and meeting with God only increases them in their oppression and unbelief. Thus was it revealed in the tablets, and in this mighty and inaccessible Tablet.

Know, Muhammad, that every Name that is related to my self has been exalted in the kingdom of names, if you but knew. Say: Today, the bond with all loved ones has been severed, save for those who entered under the shadow of this radiant and illumined Countenance. Whoever clings to one of the divine Names, while turning away from its Creator, is not of me, and God is innocent of him. In truth, we created the names just as we created any other thing, if you but knew. Say: Verily, I have manifested myself for the sake of God, and have gone out for the sake of God, and I speak before all who are on earth just as I speak before your face. I fear no one. My actions testify to that, if you but knew. Say: In truth, the signs of the Absolute Truth are as obvious as the light and rays of the sun. Nay, by God, they are even more apparent to anyone with sharp vision. Do you think anyone other than he can exist alongside him? No, by his exalted and mighty self. Say: All the realities of all things walk when this youth walks, and when he becomes still, so too do our steadfast servants. Sever yourself from the Names, and be satisfied with your Lord, and be not among the ignorant. Those who have devoted themselves to the divine names, they are worshippers of idols, if you would bear witness. Verily, a prophet is one who prophesies to the people of these pre-existent and most precious tidings. A messenger is one who fulfills my mission to those who have lost their path. The vicar [imam] is one who stands before my countenance with manifest humility. The lieutenant [vali] is one who seeks shelter in the fortress of my secure protection. The successor [vasi] is one who counsels the people with what we have commanded them in a guarded tablet.]

He whom the idolaters have taken to themselves as their lord, whereby they have risen in opposition to God, the mighty, the august, the beautiful—"he was just like any of the servants. He used to come into my presence morning and night. Then there wafted upon him from the region of his base self the gales of passion, as a result of his past behavior. Finally, they cast him down off his seat and abandoned him in the lowest depths. We had made his name renowned among the servants for a secret reason of our own. In truth, your lord is ruler over what he desires.

Also, there is a man by the name of Hasan Aqa in that land, a tobacconist. The antichrist was with him when he issued the aforementioned challenge. The text was written out with his knowledge. Indeed, in reality on that day the truth was fulfilled and perfect. Rather, it became most seasoned and most perfect.

When Mir Muhammad came into the presence of the Beauty of God, he said, "I informed that accursed one (that is, Mirza Yayha), that Baha'u'llah was waiting in the mosque, and I said, `You should come and demonstrate your own truth.'

"That accursed one said, `Today it will have to be postponed. Choose another day.'"

Afterwards the tongue of God spoke forth, saying that with God it had been known that that scoundrel would not appear, and the purpose was to complete the proof. Rather, the proof had been complete from pre-eternity against those deniers of the beauty of the lord of the worlds.

The beauty of God departed from the mosque. It so happened that the store of the aforementioned Hasan Aqa was on Baha'u'llah's route. When he arrived at the store, the tongue of God said, "Based on the decision that the gentleman had announced in his proclamation, the countenance of the All-Merciful presented himself, whereas the idolaters repudiated their own agreement."

The next day, this sublime pronouncement was issued to Hasan Aqa. But that accursed one gave it no attention. The text of the letter is as follows:

In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

This is a letter from this youth to all who are upon the earth. Worship none but God, the king, the exalted, the mighty. Thus has the decree been revealed in all the tablets from the powerful, the Omnipotent.

We heard that some of our opponents desired to come into the presence of this youth. Say: Come, and do not delay! We have appointed as the meeting-place the house of God, which was erected by one of the emperors, and was called "Selim" in the kingdom of names, if you but knew. We have selected as the days for the meeting Sunday and Monday. God was a witness to what I say . . . He is the one intended by your lord, the knowing, the wise.

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His honor Seyyed Agha, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]

He is God, exalted be His station, the Bounty and Grace

Thy letter was received and attained the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the fragrance of recognition wafteth from it and the sweet-scented breeze of the love of the All-Merciful emanateth therefrom. Today all must fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon alone, detached from all else, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant victory to the people of divine unity. Today the world of polytheism is united while the realms of unity are divided, and this division hath caused the abasement of the people of truth. Unity and accord have ever been the cause and means of exalting the Word. We beseech God to illumine the horizons of the hearts of His loved ones with the light of unity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to thy intention to come at this time - it is not permitted, as newly arisen circumstances prevent it. We beseech God to bestow the reward of attaining His presence. Whatever hath befallen that honored one in the path of God hath caused no harm and never shall. By the life of God! Soon shall the abasement of His loved ones be transformed into glory and the poverty of His chosen ones into wealth. Had this world any worth in the sight of God, His loved ones would have been born from their mothers' wombs in complete glory. Were what He hath ordained for His loved ones to be revealed unto thee, even less than

the eye of a needle, wonder would seize thee and thou wouldst exclaim: “This is naught but the bounty of our Lord, the Generous, the Bestower!” Blessed art thou and blessed is he who was mentioned in thy letter. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon him from this glorious and exalted station. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Mention was made of his honor Seyyed Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah]. We send Our greetings upon his countenance and beseech God to aid him to remember Him and serve His mighty Cause.

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As for the one who has ascended unto God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great, We send forth the fragrance of the Divine Good-Pleasure unto this handmaiden of the All-Merciful, that it may sanctify her from sorrows in these days wherein the veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing hath come with His Most Great, His Mighty Name. O leaf! Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. Be patient and steadfast, for thy Lord is the Protector of those who are patient, women and men. Dost thou imagine that he is lost? Nay, by My life! Rather, he hath fallen asleep and risen in haste unto the Kingdom of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Dost thou imagine that he is dead? Nay, by His most truthful Self! He is alive in both worlds, beholding the Glory from the Supreme Horizon, and towards him are directed the glances of the Wronged One from this remote Prison. I see him and he seeth Me. Were I to elaborate upon this station, all would turn with contentment to that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When thou perceivest the fragrance of loving-kindness from the Tablet of thy Lord, the Lord of all creation, turn thou unto God and make mention of that which hath been sent down from His mighty and impregnable Pen: “O my God and my Master! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto the Kaaba of Thy oneness and the Sanctuary of Thy detachment. I beseech Thee, by the one whom Thou didst sacrifice in Thy path and didst cause to be spent for the acceptance of Thy creatures, to number me among such women as have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and have been well-pleased with that which Thy Pen of decree hath ordained for them in the Tablets of Thy Judgment, and who circle round Thy Will and Purpose. O Lord! I am she who hath turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Preserve me, then, through Thy power and sovereignty, and kindle within my heart, by the hand of Thy bounty, the lamp of joy. Verily, Thou art powerful to do as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Withhold me not from the wonders of Thy grace, nor from the effulgences of the Sun of Thy favors and bounties. Then write down for me that which is best with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.”

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O Siyyid Mahdi! Your letter which was written to Kalim was received and perused. However, mournful fragrances wafted from its words in such manner as to increase the sorrow of the Sorrowful Beauty.

Although these are days of sorrow, yet concealed within them is a joy the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. Today you must at all times remind the people through wondrous mention, and be not grieved by their acceptance or rejection. Say: I make mention solely for the sake of God and desire neither recompense nor thanks. You sent an account - you have been and will remain trustworthy, God willing. You shall not be called to account for what you mentioned, and that which you shall be called to account for is My command, the difficult made easy. Grieve not over anything, but in all that befalleth thee place thy trust in thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Not for an instant is delay permitted in teaching the Cause of God, for the deniers have appeared with a scheme the like of which hath never been heard of in creation. Convey My greetings to all the friends, both Arab and Persian, and say: O people, remain steadfast in the Cause of God and His love, then detach yourselves from all else. And if you ask about conditions in this land and what hath befallen Me, at all times I have been and am afflicted at the hands of the murderous enemy, the irreligious Khuli, the obstinate Shaddad, the rejected Nimrod, the accursed Pharaoh, the stubborn Jews, the envious Abu Jahl, and the hateful Cain. Thus have I been and thus shall I remain unless God should change the situation, for He hath power over all things. Remind Mirza Mahdi and the friends of the sorrow of this Prisoner, and likewise the members of the household. Dominion on that Day shall be God's. Remember Majid.

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=== START BH03714 ===

In His Name, the All-Patient, the All-Forgiving, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

This is a Tablet of Baha to him who was saddened by the calamities that befell him in this world, that the joy of his Lord's call might seize him after his sorrows. O Most Exalted Pen! Give him to drink from the ocean of gladness which floweth in Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, that he may cast away his sorrows and turn with spirit and fragrance unto the All-Merciful. O My servant! Behold and thou shalt see the Water of Life surging before thy face. Hath sorrow overtaken thee at the death of thy son? Then the Son of God calleth out to thee, saying: "By God! This is a father to him that hath no father, a son to him that hath no son, and a companion to him that hath no companion." Thereupon were the realities of all things stirred by the breezes of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all names. Wouldst thou remember sorrow after this? This beseemeth not, by My Beauty that shineth upon all possibility! Thus have We caused the wine of joy and ecstasy to flow from this Pen which God hath made the Dayspring of inspiration. Verily, he who hath ascended is in the Most Glorious Horizon, seized by the vibration of thy Lord's favor in such wise that he seeth neither right nor left. Can aught in all creation compare with but a trace from thy Lord's Pen? Nay, by My Self that encompasseth all regions! Were all who dwell in creation to turn to this Tablet alone, by God, the rapture of thy Lord's utterance would so seize them that they would be separated from their bodies and soar in this atmosphere wherein the tongue of grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, Who hath manifested the Cause without veil or covering, and delivered unto the kings what He desired, and neither their might nor their tyranny prevented Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing." Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee and singled thee out for this Tablet which God hath made the embellishment of proof. Blessed art thou for having held fast to the cord of patience and been content with what God hath decreed. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH03715 ===

In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding, the Changeless! This is the Book of Bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. We have sent it unto thee that through it the horizons may be illumined. Arise and take it with spirit and fragrance, then recite it with the melody of the heart. By My life! It will draw thee to the heaven of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Face and art revived by the fragrances of the Robe, arise amidst the servants and say: O people! The Promised Day is come. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and hath come with the Covenant. Those who have turned away, these are they whom the wine of heedlessness and rebellion hath overtaken, and thereby have they been debarred from this Kawthar which hath flowed from the mouth of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. O people! He hath sacrificed Himself for your deliverance. Fear God and follow not those who, when the All-Merciful came, turned away and denied the proof. Say: We have opened the gates of Paradise before your faces - how long will ye flee to the fire? Do ye see for yourselves any place of escape? Nay, by the Lord of the Day of Mutual Disillusion! Say: Have ye not heard how We sent one among the servants with power from Our presence and dispatched him with a Tablet whereby We blew the trumpet in the heartland of Iran, causing all in the heavens and earth to swoon, save those whom the hand of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, did rescue? Say: We have forsaken ease and accepted every hardship that perchance ye may arise from the couch of heedlessness and passion and hasten unto God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Do ye doubt His Cause? Verily He hath appeared with the truth and everything proclaimeth: The Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling hath come! When thou findest them not hearing, grieve not. Open thy tongue in utterance and remind the people in the days of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving. Associate with the people, for they know not - had they known, they would circle round the Cause at eventide and at dawn. And the glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Concealing.

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=== START BH03716 ===

In the Name of God, Who is manifest above all things! This is an epistle from Him Who remembereth God with His tongue from eventide until dawn, and from dawn His pen moveth upon the tablets until sunset, that perchance faces may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. I have sacrificed my soul in His path and my comfort for His Cause, and I show no patience after His decree even should the oppressors seize me. And aforetime the verses would descend and the servant present before the Throne would write them down. And in those days, due to the weakness which had overtaken me, no voice would arise from the Ancient Tongue, as ye know. And when it would arise, all my limbs would shake such that the verses of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, would overwhelm me. And at the time of revelation, such longing would seize me that my very members would quiver from the love of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And aforetime the verses would descend from dawn unto dawn and from sunset unto sunset, and the Tongue of God would not pause for less than a moment save for another purpose. Thus was the matter ordained, and to this do testify God’s sincere servants who were present before His face and

heard the verses of God, the Mighty, the Loving. And in those days if I speak for an hour, weakness preventeth Me in another hour. The melodies of God have been stilled by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, yet they perceive not. I summon the people through My pen even as I summoned them through My tongue, and I shall not cease in that which I have been commanded until the spirit ascendeth to its seat of majesty and glory. Thus hath the Youth desired in the path of His Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O servant! Be thou even as the Youth was. If matters be confined to the remembrance of thy Lord, this is better for thee than what hath been and what shall be. Soon will the present-day order be rolled up, and a new one spread out in its stead. And sovereignty and dominion shall remain with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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This is a Tablet to Jinab-i-Dhabih, blessed of the Glory of God

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of His garment and be of them that are thankful. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Take hold of God's Tablet with the power bestowed by Us, then turn with thy heart to the Spot wherein all things proclaim that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. Remind My servants of My command, then give them to drink of the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance which hath flowed from the finger of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that they may arise from the slumber of vain desire and turn unto God, the Lord of all names. Thus hast thou been commanded from before the presence of the Glory, around which circle all things, crying out: "By God, the Beloved of all worlds hath come!" Let not the world and its ornaments grieve thee. Be thou content with thy Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven. Within His grasp are the keys to the treasuries of the heavens and earth. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Qiblih of the Messengers, heard His call and turned unto Him. This is of thy Lord's favor - verily His favor to thee is great. Say: O people! Another cycle hath come and the All-Merciful hath appeared with great sovereignty. Read ye the Bayan that ye may become aware of the mysteries of this Revelation which hath dawned from the horizon of glory and power through a mighty command. This is He Who accepted harm for your deliverance and sacrificed Himself for your life. Fear ye God and follow not every froward devil. Can anyone speak in His presence? Nay, by the Lord of the Throne! But the people are behind a thick veil. Can anyone stand against Him? Nay, by His truth, were ye of them that know! Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest help thy Lord, the Lord of all names and attributes. We desired by this naught save thy exaltation and the elevation of thy station. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Wise, that he may rejoice in God's remembrance of him and

turn with his heart unto his Ancient Lord. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having made Himself known unto thee and numbered thee amongst those endowed with certitude. Stand firm in His love, for Satan hath appeared with mighty guile. Say: O people, fear ye God and measure not His words by any other words, for all else was created by His command, did ye but know. Say: O people, purify your hearts from the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Bountiful, that the Sun of grandeur and majesty may shine upon them from the horizon of the beauty of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: This is He Who was promised unto you in all the Tablets, and all things were created for His presence and His days, were ye but aware. Do ye turn away from God and worship a mere name among names which We created by a word from Us? And verily I am the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: O people, there hath come unto you the proof from the All-Merciful, which God hath made a testimony unto all in the heavens and on earth. Do ye say what the servants before you said? What then is the difference between you, O heedless ones? Say: They clung to names and denied their Creator, and ye do as they did. They dwell in the nethermost fire. Shatter the might of the evil one through My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Thus doth He command you Who hath come with the Kingdom of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful. O servant! Grieve not over anything, for thou art known among the Concourse on High as one of the people of Baha. By God, this sufficeth thee above all who dwell on earth. Then make mention of thy Lord with wisdom lest harm befall thee from those who have disbelieved in God, the One, the Single, the Peerless, the Creator, the Quickener, the Destroyer. And the glory rest upon thee and upon thy father and mother from this resplendent horizon.

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=== START BH03719 ===

O Muhammad, who hast migrated until thou didst attain unto the Most Holy, Most Great! This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised. O Muhammad! The One, the Single, hath appeared and the Herald hath proclaimed: “Power belongeth unto God, the Exalted, the Great!” The fragrance of the garment hath been diffused, yet the people remain far removed. Desire hath prevented them from turning unto God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who hath cast it behind him, turning unto his Ancient Lord. Remember thy Lord in thy days - this is what will endure with thee and profit thee. What thou beholdest today shall perish, as thou observest and art of them that witness. Say: Be ye of such character as befitteth this Day. Thus doth He command you, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have been beneath the glances of the mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. O Most Exalted Pen! Move once again to make mention of Husayn in this wondrous Tablet. I testify that Thou art the Bountiful, possessed of great glory. Through Thee generosity appeared in existence and the cock of bestowal crowed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary, and the sun of grace shone forth from this luminous horizon. Say: O Husayn! Arise to serve God and His Cause. Beware lest the doubts of the suspicious ones hinder thee. Is there any detached soul who will emerge from the fortress of hopes, turning unto the Ultimate Goal? And is there any possessed of vision whose sight will not be prevented from this noble prospect? Say: O people! Consider today where are those who were occupied before you with that wherewith ye are occupied? And where are those who prided themselves in this perishable world? And where is their joy and their vainglory and their palaces? They have returned to their graves. Verily thy Lord is the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed. Turn thy gaze unto the Most Great Prospect. Say: O my God! I have turned to Thee in Thy days, therefore have mercy upon me, then preserve me and make me content with Thy good-pleasure and steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

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=== START BH03720 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Sanctified, the Most Exalted

This is a tablet from this Youth to the one who, no sooner had he hearkened the Call of His Lord, than he turned to the Dawning-Place of splendors. Verily, numerous signs can be perceived by those who comprehend, as the Ancient Beauty abideth upon His Most Great Throne in the Fortress of Akka. Take heed, O ye who are endued with insight.

He Who created the world for Himself resides in the most desolate of cities as a result of what the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath wrought.

Ponder thou the world and the pettiness of its state. If it was of any worth, We would not have accepted this lowest of conditions, notwithstanding that every great one is raised to loftiness by the will of thy Lord, the Gracious, the All-Powerful.

The Pen exclaimeth: 'O My Lord, how long will Thee desire that I move upon the tablets. The whole world hath been filled with Thy wondrous tokens. One word from Thee suffices Thy servants, if they but taste the sweetness of the utterance flowing forth from the Lips of the All-Merciful and partake of the treasuries of wisdom and mysteries that lay within.'

O thou My Pen! With thy praise of thy Lord, the world is regenerated and the hearts of the true ones are stirred in such wise that will set the whole world on fire. Grieve not as you witness the people in waywardness and error. Erelong, the pure waters of utterance that have surged from thy lips, at eventide and at dawn, will flow in all directions. Summon thou the people of the earth to the mystic wine of everlasting life. Wherefore have thou been created by the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Beneficent.

Call thou to mind My servant who sought Me, say, if thou hearkeneth to My call from this Court, arise thou to proclaim My Cause amongst My servants, and diffuse My praises amongst My people, thus have thou been commanded in this Day in which all eyes stare up with terror.

Sorrow not in the oppression thou encountereth, erelong will your Lord take the tyrants. He is verily powerful in His command and He is mighty in prowess.

Counsel thou the people with wisdom and utterance, so that thy words may create in their hearts what will draw them nigh unto God, your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

May the glory of God rest upon thee and those who remain loyal in the Covenant.

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=== START BH03721 ===

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Glorious. This is a Book from the Prisoner to him who hath been guided by the guidance of his Lord and who hath been numbered among the beneficent in the sight of God. O thou servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the Call of the Spirit from this holy quarter, this sacred spot, from whose directions hath been raised up the mention of God, that there is none other God but Him, and that He is one in His essence, one in His attributes, and one in His deeds. He hath created all things by a command from His presence, and He hath ever encompassed all the worlds. Turn thy face toward God, then detach thyself from all else and say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast distinguished between Thy servants and Thy creatures, that Thou deprive me not of Thy breezes whereby Thou hast quickened all created things. Then cause me, O my God, to be severed from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth, and grant me of the fruits of the Tree of Thy knowledge. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou hast ever been powerful over all things. O my God and my Lord! Preserve me within the shelter of Thy protection, then enable me to do that which Thy good-pleasure loveth. Then rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty the good of this world and the next. Then make firm my steps upon the path of Thy love. Thou hast ever been the Answerer of those who call upon Thee. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Take my hand by the hand of Thy power, then deliver me from the depths of self and passion, that I may be wholly devoted to Thy love, speaking forth the praise of Thy Self, gazing upon Thy countenance, turning toward the Kaaba of Thy nearness, and detached from all the worlds. Thus have We made mention of thee in the Tablet, that thy heart may be purified from the promptings of every rejected idolater, and that thou mayest read what hath been sent down unto thee. God will preserve thee thereby from every ailment and disease, even as He hath preserved thee in truth through a sovereignty that hath encompassed all the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding! This is an epistle from this Prisoner unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, that the Word of God may stir him and cause him to speak forth the praise of His Self amidst those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Turn thou with thy whole being unto God, then detach thyself from every rejected idolater. Purify thy heart from the world, then convey unto the people this hidden Announcement. Say: He hath appeared in truth, did ye but know it. He is indeed the One by Whose command that which was and that which shall be hath appeared. Say: O people! This is the Youth of God in your midst, Who calleth you unto Him. If ye believe not in Him, deny Him not. And thou - break thou the seal of the vessel of love through My Name, then fill the chalice of Command with that which floweth therein of the Kawthar of My knowledge. Then drink thereof, making mention of Me and praising Me, and fear not those who comprehend not. Then will thy words influence the hearts of the servants and from them will spread the fragrances of the Cause throughout all lands. Thus doth God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving, counsel thee. Although We know that thou hast drunk from this cup - and with Us is the knowledge of all things - yet the people do not believe with certainty. We have commanded thee to drink at all times that

thou mayest find thyself each day in a different condition, and that in every moment there may be opened before thy heart's face a door of the doors of knowledge. Verily thy Lord is, every day, in a new state, and He speaketh in all things that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Arise to serve the Cause through My leave and sovereignty, then strive that there may appear from thee that whereby the Cause of God shall be exalted. This behooveth thee and those who are detached. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy spouse and upon those who have heard the call of God and answered it, and have detached themselves from every rejected idolater.

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In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, the Most Beautiful

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Most High, the Most Great, wherein mention is made of Our servant who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names, who attained the presence of God and did not break His Covenant, and was among those who remained firm upon the tablets of might well-preserved.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, upon whom at every moment the spears of tribulation rain down from the clouds of destiny, and around whom circle the wolves of the earth in this Prison wherein He is cut off from the hands of them that yearn after Him. Blessed art thou for having remained steadfast in the Cause of God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds.

By God! He who hath risen up against Me in enmity - I created him with a word from My presence and preserved him for twenty years, and whatsoever was heard concerning him proceeded from Me, for I am the Doer of whatsoever I will, and I am the Ruler over whatsoever I desire. Leave behind the world and those who have disbelieved, and associate not with them, for their likeness is as the likeness of the serpent, nay worse than it, if thou be of them that know. Shun those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, then sanctify thy heart that there may be reflected therein at every moment the effulgences of this resplendent and luminous Sun.

Say: O concourse of polytheists! Have ye not witnessed the signs of God and His sovereignty, and then the manifestation of God and His power? Blind are your eyes, O heedless ones! Do ye worship a calf and forsake Him Who created you and fashioned you and came unto you with manifest sovereignty? Fear God, O people, and render not your works vain, then detach yourselves from all that ye possess and take what is with God with mighty strength.

Thus doth the Ancient Pen command thee. Act according to what thou hast been commanded and be at peace concerning the Cause of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. And the glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that hearken unto thy words concerning God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

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Hasan in Sad, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Book which speaks with truth, and in it is that which guides people to a wondrous spring, and in it are detailed the gems of knowledge from the presence of One mighty and powerful, and in it are mentioned the signs of separation on the day when the Dove of the Cause shall wing its flight from the branch of Iraq to the holy and luminous Ridvan. And thereby shall the breezes of the Spirit be cut off from the direction of the horizons, and the pillars of the concourse of the exalted ones shall be shaken. But grieve not at this, O concourse of the Spirit, and trust in God, the True King, the Certain One, for in this lies concealed the wisdom of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the Bayan, place your trust in God in all matters, then walk in Our footsteps in such wise that your feet slip not from the Cause, and let not the standards of the polytheists frighten you. God shall soon raise up the standards of victory and aid His servants, they who believe in His unity. And as for what thou hast asked concerning what is mentioned in the Tablets about the jinn - yea, it is the truth, and We are of those who are certain of it. However, this name has diverse applications, if ye be of those who understand. Among them, it is applied to men who are like lightning in the days of God, such that they pass by all who are in the heavens and the earth in less than a moment, and for this reason is this name applied to them, if ye be of those who know. Similarly, know thou that in all the worlds of God this name and what is named thereby is according to what befits it, and this is what hath been ordained by God, the Exalted, the Great. And now, since We are a traveler unto God, We have sufficed with what We have imparted unto thee in truth, that thou mayest be of those who are certain. And verily, that which the people speak of is pure falsehood, and what hath been detailed from God is the truth, and We are among those who bear witness. And the Spirit and glory be upon you, O concourse of the sincere ones.

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O Siyyid Husayn of Manshad, upon him be the Most Holy, the Most Glorious Beauty of God! This is the Kawthar of immortality which We have manifested in truth and sent forth in the form of a Tablet, dispatching it unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful. By My life! In every word thereof lieth concealed the Salsabil of meanings and utterance. Blessed are they that drink thereof. Be thou in the path of thy Lord in such wise that the ornaments of the world shall not make thee heedless, nor shall the means of the heavens and earth occupy thee. Rise up in My Name and lay thee down in remembrance of Me - this sufficeth thee above all that hath been created in the earth entirely. Hearken unto the word of thy Lord - He is in truth the Counselor, the Faithful. When thou art enkindled with the fire of the love of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, turn unto those who are heedless of the remembrance of their Lord and say: O company of the veiled ones! I have come unto you from the Dayspring of the Cause with the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the Impregnable, and I summon you unto Him purely for the sake of God - verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest thou overstep the bounds of wisdom. Thus have We commanded in the Tablets, and none attain unto this save those whose hearts are illumined with the light of knowledge and whose faces are radiant with the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Say: He loveth not mischief and hath forbidden you in the Tablets from whatsoever giveth rise to sedition. Verily He is the Ruler over what He willeth. Say: Beware lest ye enter anyone’s house except with his permission, and beware lest ye pride yourselves over any of My servants by reason of what ye

have been given of the ornaments of the earth. By My life! Soon shall perish all that ye behold, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of the All-Merciful in His days and turned unto Him after His servants who were created by His firm and mighty command had turned away from Him. Be thou thankful in all conditions. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me in Thy days and caused me to know Thy Self. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself. Aid me in that which Thou desirest, for verily Thou art the Strong, the All-Purposing.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath turned toward the Dayspring of Lights, that the fragrances of verses may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Subjugator of winds. They who have cast away desire and taken hold of guidance - these are of the people of Baha in the scriptures and tablets. And they who have turned away - these shall find for themselves no place of escape. How many servants have been so attracted by the verses that they became detached from all who are on earth, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. These have fulfilled the Covenant after every idolatrous deceiver broke the pledge. Take thou the cup of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Whose knowledge encompasseth all created things. O Husayn! We have sent down verses unto thee before - this is yet another time - that thine eyes may be consoled thereby in this return. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Remind My loved ones there and kindle the lamp of their hearts with this remembrance which shineth forth from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of all men. Say: We have kindled the fire of longing throughout all regions - seize ye the day, O company of ardent lovers! Remember thou Husayn who heard God's call when he turned to the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. Then Husayn who visited the Throne and attained the presence of God on the Day of Gathering. Blessed are ye and your names which branch forth from the ocean of My Name, the One Who dominateth all who are in earth and heaven. Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the lowing of the calf nor the croaking of those who claim what God hath not permitted them in the Book shall hinder you. Hold fast to the cord of oneness in this Day wherein the Spirit proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Mighty, the Compelling. And the glory be upon thee and upon them and upon thy progeny from thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving. We have not forgotten the Ruby - We call him to the Kingdom, and him who serveth thee to the Mighty, the Most High.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy

This is a Tablet that hath been sent down in truth, that it may draw men nigh unto God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Verily, those who have turned towards Him, when the verses of their Lord are recited unto them, soar aloft with longing - these are the people of Baha, inscribed in a preserved Tablet. Draw ye nigh unto God with your hearts - this indeed is the true purpose. He hath come on the Day of Judgment. When

We revealed a mystery from Our Most Great Mystery with clear proof and evidence, the people of the Bayan fell stunned upon the dust of idle fancy. Thus was the matter decreed by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Then rose up against Us the people of the Furqan in rebellion, until they cast Us into the Most Great Prison. Thus were We under the swords of the idolaters. We give thanks to God for this, and We summon the servants unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Tribulation is indeed the garment of Baha, did ye but know it. When it is in the path of my Lord, it is the crown of My head, were ye of them that are well-assured. Would that thou hadst been present before the Throne when We shone forth from the horizon of mystery with manifest sovereignty, and at the time when We were driven from the city wherein We dwelt with grievous tyranny, and hadst witnessed the power of God with thine own eyes and heard His verses with thine own ears. In those days the verses were sent down openly amidst all creation. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. Among the people were those whom the radiance of revelation overwhelmed, and they were struck down, and were among the perishing. And among them were those whom the attraction of the Compeller seized and raised to an exalted station. Until We arrived at the seashore, when one of the military chiefs came before Us. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak and informed him of what would appear thereafter, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. His condition was transformed and he nearly wept before Our face. Thus was the matter decreed by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that the steps of them that have turned aside shall not cause thee to slip, and remember Him in thy days. Verily, He is with His remembering servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Murtada-Quli! In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding! This is a Tablet which hath been sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed are they whom trials have not prevented from turning to God and who have drunk the Kawthar of inner meanings from the hand of this Youth, Who hath come in the shadows of clouds, accompanied by the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Say: We gave you tidings aforetime of this Most Great Revelation and of these days. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of Him for Whose meeting ye were created. Fear God, O concourse of men! Say: Those who have denied God in this Revelation after He came unto them with the truth - these have no portion of this grace and these are as cattle. Say: O people, worship God Who created you by a sovereignty from Him and fashioned you as He pleased in the wombs, then brought you forth therefrom and was ever watchful over you until ye reached maturity. Then He sent unto you His Messengers with guidance and the true religion to summon you unto Him, for He is the Lord of grace and bounty. And thou - arise to serve the Cause of God and His love, and fear not the clamor of those who have emerged from the thickets, nor grieve at anything, for God shall soon send down what He hath ordained for thee - this is what We foretold thee aforetime in the Mother Book. In His hand is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in the Book. Stand firm through the power of God, for He is with those who place their trust in Him and preserveth them from illness. Be independent through Him of all that hath been created between the heavens and earth - thus hath the Pen of Command enjoined thee, and it is the Sovereign of all pens. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those

who are steadfast in the Cause - these are they whom God hath purified from the defilement of every wicked slanderer who denied God on the Day of Resurrection.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious! This is a Tablet which hath been sent down in truth and dispatched unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, on a day wherein the heaven was cleft asunder and knowledge was rolled up. Say: We desire from knowledge naught but the recognition of the Known One. Here He is, by the Lord of what was and what shall be! Tear asunder the greatest veil by the leave of God, the Lord of Destiny, then gaze toward the most luminous horizon wherefrom His hidden Beauty hath shone forth. Verily this is the Book of God amongst you wherein hath been inscribed from the Most Ancient Pen the mysteries of His Most Great Name. Blessed are the people who recognize! Say: O concourse of the learned! Hold back your pens, for the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised up between earth and heaven. Then be silent, that ye may hear what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttereth in the midmost heart of Paradise. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: Beware lest ye follow idle fancies after the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the Command of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Know thou that when We arrived at the prison, We desired to convey unto all the messages of thy Lord, that they might know that tribulations have not deterred Us from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all names, nor have We been frightened by the might of them that oppress. We have created the wondrous through a word from Our presence and sent it forth like a globe of fire with the Tablet of thy Chosen Lord, wherein hath been sent down that which broke the backs of the wicked ones who disbelieved in God after He appeared with manifest sovereignty. Read it, that thou mayest know the power of thy Lord and become apprised of what hath been sent down therein from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have sent down therein from every matter whereby the eyes of them that are assured are consoled. Say: O people! Answer the Call of God and follow not every idolatrous rejecter. He hath come for your salvation - wherefore do ye not understand? Turn unto Him with your hearts; this is what ye have been commanded in a preserved Tablet. Thus have We called out to thee from the most ancient quarter that it might reach thee at the Most Great Name, and that thou mightest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy! This is a Tablet that lamenteth and saith: O people! Oppose not Him Who hath come for your life, and turn not away from Him to Whom the All-Merciful hath testified in all conditions that He is the Goal of all worlds. O people! He desired for you everlasting life, yet ye imprisoned Him in the prison of ’Akka. He opened before your faces the gates of bounties, yet ye prevented Him from that which was created for His Own Self. What aileth you that ye have cast aside your God and taken your vain desires? Open your eyes that perchance ye may recognize your Lord, the All-Choosing One. Thus doth the Tongue of Revelation counsel you from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. O servant! Grieve not at what hath befallen Us. By God! Baha was created for

tribulation and hath accepted fate in the path of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Powerful. This is He for Whom the Point of the Bayan wept most times, and calleth unto Him in the nights and days, and before Him, He Who dawned from the dayspring of Batha by the command of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: O people! What ye possess profiteth Him not, nor harmeth Him the power of those on earth. He calleth you for the sake of God, and every just and clear-sighted one beareth witness to this. Do ye take desire and set aside your Lord, the Most Glorious? This indeed is a grievous wrong. Soon will come days wherein ye shall lament for your souls by reason of what ye neglected in the Cause of God, and shall find for yourselves neither intimate friend nor helper. Soar then with the wings of detachment in this atmosphere which God hath made sanctified from the knowledge of all who are on earth save those who have clung to this exalted Cord. Remind the servants and give them the glad-tidings of thy Lord's command, that perchance they may arise from the slumber of desire and turn unto the Lord of Names. Thus have We commanded thee before and in this glorious Tablet. Remember those who are with thee from before thy Lord. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is the Day whereon Carmel hath, in very truth, drawn nigh unto Him Who is the Lord of all strength and might, and raised its voice to proclaim from every direction: "O Carmel! Prostrate thyself, for the Ancient Beauty hath turned His countenance toward thee from His Most Exalted and Glorious Station. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made thee His Seat of Throne." Thereupon did Zion cry aloud and say: "O peoples of the earth! Rejoice, for the Hidden One hath appeared - He Who was concealed in the treasuries of God's protection, the Lord of all worlds." Lo, the Sea proclaimeth, saying: "O Ocean! Blessed art thou, for upon thee hath sailed the Ark of God, the Lord of the Most Great Throne," and the dwellers of the Concourse on High were so transported by the rapture of that Call that they arose from their most exalted seats and turned toward the Kaaba of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein the Light hath shone forth and the Mount declareth: "I have attained unto Him Who created me aforetime for this Blessed and Wondrous Day." Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, who hath taken the cup of severance in the name of the Creator of all things, and drunk therefrom in the name of the Beloved, the Mighty.

Grieve not over anything, for thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and that hath been revealed for thee which hath caused the breezes of the Dawn of Revelation to waft over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Having drunk the choice wine of grace from the cup of bounty, say: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, by the penetrating power of Thy Most Sweet Call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to make me so steadfast in Thy Cause that the machinations of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs shall not hinder me. O Lord! Thou seest how Thy Call hath so enraptured me that the reins of choice have been taken from my hands by Thy command and will. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and Thy Command, whereby the necks of Thy creation have been subdued, to make me in all conditions one who extols Thy praise among Thy

servants and who holdeth fast to Thy firm cord. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Bountiful."

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! Absolute Being cries out in utter nothingness, saying: At two times is the clamor and cry of the people of contingent existence raised up - once at the beginning, that is, at the first creation, and again at the return. Observe how when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of the Divine Command in the name of Muhammad (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake), the people of the world rose up in opposition and raised their cry. Likewise at the time of return, when the Manifestation of the Divine Lordship appeared in the garment of servitude. Although the beginning is and ever shall be identical with the return. Blessed are they who beheld the seal in the mirror of the beginning, and likewise the beauty of the beginning in the mirror of the seal. In any case, in whatever manner and condition the Source of the Command has risen from the horizon of the world, the people have occupied themselves with rejection and opposition, and have not been content with God's good-pleasure, save whom thy Lord willed. When the law of prayer was revealed in the time of the Messenger, the idolaters would prevent their ears from hearing the call to prayer and would count hearing it as evil. But after the divine power had encompassed all, most became aware and turned toward the horizon of certitude and held fast to the revealed divine ordinances. And when the reality of prayer and the hidden mystery appeared in the King of Days, again the cawing of the ravens was raised up. In no age have the people been content with that which God has willed, nor will they be, except for sanctified souls and illumined hearts. Therefore you must be thankful at all times, for you have drunk from the living waters of the peerless Kawthar and have turned toward the sanctuary of oneness. This is the most great bounty and the supreme grace. Ask God that you may remain steadfast in His love and firm in His Cause. The Glory be upon you.

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O Ibrahim! Great is this Day and great is the Cause. Until the ears of the people of the world are sanctified from hearing the tales of the past and what is with the nations, they have not been and will never be capable of hearing this Call which is raised from the most exalted horizon. By My life and My Cause, whose very essence is His Cause - until they free themselves from the gulf of names, they will not attain to the ocean of inner meaning. This is the truth, in which there is no doubt. We beseech God to confirm thee, that thou mayest ascend by the steps of inner realities to the spiritual heights. I swear by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth, which are manifest and evident from the horizon of the Cause, that this Wronged One hath had and hath no purpose except the reformation of the world and the edification of the nations. All the loved ones must hold fast to this command. Today the people of divine unity are tormented and afflicted among the polytheists. We beseech God to confirm and deliver the unitarians. Thy letter hath now arrived and was honored to be heard and blessed with grace. Know thou this most exalted station, then make mention of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and say:

My God, my God! Aid Thy servant to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, then make him steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We desired to make mention of him who was named ’Askar, that he might rejoice in what the Supreme Pen hath revealed unto him - that which God hath made the source of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth. O ’Askar! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One when He was in the hands of the aggressive ones. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, holding fast to the cord of God, the Strong. We beseech God to ordain for thee, as the reward of thy recognition, that which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O son of the Name of God Asdaq, upon both of you be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Protector of those who are on earth and in heaven. O son of My name Asdaq, upon you both be My glory and My loving-kindness. Some time ago you were blessed with the verses of the Supreme Pen. His honor A.T. attained the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the divine hands of protection preserved him and he arrived in the prison-city with joy and fragrance. He heard the Call with his own ears and was blessed to behold the horizon of revelation. He has attained to that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. He mentioned you and those related to you, and each one attained to that which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence. O Ibn-i-Asdaq! We beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to aid thee in that which befitteth this most great Cause and most glorious station. In thy journeys thou must move by such means as will cause the exaltation of the Word, the manifestation of godliness, and severance. The days are passing like lightning. Strive that thou mayest attain to that which is the cause of joy and gladness and the drawing near of the servants of God. Convey My greetings to the people of God. We counsel them with that which will raise up the mention of God and His Cause amongst His servants and creation. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to arise to serve Thee and cause to appear from me that which will speed the sincere ones to Thy path. O my Lord! Strengthen my outer and inner being with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. I beseech Thee, O God of existence, to rain down upon Thy loved ones the showers of Thy mercy and bounty, then ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world through Thy will and purpose. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

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O My loved ones! The birds are in their nests while the Chosen One is in the hands of the wicked. Take heed, O people of insight! The people dwell in their homes while the Lord of the House is in the most desolate of abodes, surrounded by hosts who have turned away from the Path. Grief hath overtaken the manifestations of My name, the All-Merciful, because the Ancient Beauty hath been imprisoned in the

Most Great Prison, yet the peoples remain behind an amazing veil. Say: The Youth hath come in the shadows of the clouds, and naught shall profit you this Day though ye cling to all that hath been created in earth and heaven. Know ye your Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath come with proof and evidence. Say: Do ye see for yourselves any refuge or escape? Nay, by Him Who hath appeared with clear signs! The people desired to veil the light of the Sun with the dust of idle fancies. Evil is that which they have imagined. Soon shall they behold it at its meridian. Blessed is the soul that hath seen the Kingdom before its face and hath turned unto it, detached from all else. Say: Torment not yourselves. The Glory is not prevented by tribulation from that which His Lord, the Lord of Names, hath purposed. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of the unseen and the visible. Those who are heedless are dead, not living. Soon shall they awaken when the breezes of punishment encompass them. These are they who have made the file a stick to blind their eyes. Know ye that they are in heedlessness and error. By My life! Tribulation is as collyrium to Mine eyes. To this testifieth He before Whom all necks have bowed. I have borne every affliction in the path of God, Creator of all things. Thus have We decreed the matter in the Mother Book. Soon shall all things be stirred by this breeze that wafteth from the direction of the Robe. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Give thanks to thy Lord for having remembered thee from the Pen of Revelation after It was surrounded by wolves. The Glory be upon thee and upon whoever remembereth this Wronged One in private or in public. Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Lords!

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He is the Mighty, the Exalted

O Iskandar-i-Baqa! Hearken unto what the Spirit imparteth unto thee, then seek the paths of them that are detached, and put thy trust in God, thy Lord, in the hereafter and in this world. Fear thou no one, and be not of them that despair. God will bestow upon thee that which will satisfy thy soul, and will raise thee to a station that was in the precincts of a mighty sanctity, and will impart unto thee that which will make thee independent of all things, and will grant thee from His bounty that which will detach thee from the worlds. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the ways of the corrupt ones, and follow the command of God in these days, and be not veiled from the purpose of God, and be ye among them that walk in the good-pleasure of the Spirit. Thus doth God cast upon you the word of truth and inspire you with the verses of Paradise in a garden of nearness vast, whose earth was as the earth of the unseen unto the visible, and wherein were prepared from the lights of thy Lord, from the tree of this Mount on the shore of mighty glory, that all may be detached from their own selves and return unto the temple of resplendent holiness. Say: This is what the Spirit counseleth you from the pen of light from the finger of the Divine Identity upon an ancient tablet.

He is God. It is known that the favors of God are above all other blessings, and in the attainment of the servant to this exalted station, the loss of that which is below it of the ornaments and adornments of the world matters not, for the eyes of the lovers are illumined by divine favors and their hearts are at rest through the wondrous remembrance of Him. If thou attainest intimacy with God, thou wilt pass beyond the transient kingdom and find thy dwelling in the realm of rest, and thou wilt no longer see sorrow nor

reckon grief. The Spirit be upon thee. Ever send news of thy condition and make mention of the word of victory with love.

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He is the Hearer, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O Name of Bounty! Your letter arrived and the news reached Us, and mention was made therein of the Shaykh, upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. The Wronged One at this hour makes mention of him with such remembrance that, should God will it, all created things would be reminded thereby and all beings would turn toward the horizon which was illumined by the lights of the Face. He is among those who attained the Most Great Sea and drank the sealed wine in the name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He attained the goblet, then the cup, and the sweet waters when he turned toward the Face in this mighty, forbidden station. He has attained all good. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon him from the heaven of generosity that which befits His Most Great Name, and to show him once again His most exalted horizon, and to cause him to hear once more His sweetest call. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. That which he sent has arrived and been accepted, as was that which he sent before in the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We make mention of Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be My glory, who attained the Most Exalted Horizon when mankind turned away from it. He bears witness to this Who testified that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. We beseech God, exalted be He, to honor him once again and to grant him that which was recorded by His Most Exalted Pen in His preserved tablet. And We make mention of the son who was adorned in the early days with the ornament of the love of his Lord, the Kind, the Forgiving. We beseech God to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to grant him the cup of reunion. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Munificent, the Mighty, the Beloved. The peace which hath appeared from the tongue of knowledge and wisdom and truthfulness and trustworthiness be upon him and upon them and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, clinging fast to that which is with God, the Possessor of existence.

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In the Name of Him Who dominates what was and what will be! O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letter of Andalib - upon him be My glory - which he had sent to thee was brought to the Most Holy Court by Afnan 'Ali - upon him be My glory. Praise be to God that Andalib, with most eloquent utterance, warbles in praise of the Object of the world's adoration. He hath ascended, through his love of God, glorified be His majesty, to the heaven of fluency and eloquence, and the Lord of all beings hath testified to that which will preserve his mention as long as the Kingdom of Names endureth. His verse is the dawning-place of joy and his prose the source of gladness. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him and enable him to preserve what hath been sent down for him from the Kingdom of His wondrous utterance. Blessed is he, inasmuch as his praise and glorification, as well as his mention of the name of Afnan and the chronogram which appeared from the realm of his utterance, have been

adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Happy is he! He hath ever sought admittance into the presence of the Wronged One, but We have delayed permission for the sake of teaching the Cause of God and for another matter. We beseech God to aid him at all times to spread abroad the revelations of the Supreme Pen. This is the Day of service, the Day of teaching, and the Day of assistance, but through wisdom. Utterance is effective, especially if it proceedeth from pure and detached hearts. We beseech God to assist him with the hosts of His knowledge. Verily, He hath power over all things. As to what he mentioned regarding Haji Mirza Husayn, he hath been honored with the effulgences of the lights of permission. In all circumstances they must observe and hold fast unto wisdom, lest the clamor of them that have disbelieved in God and violated His Covenant and Testament be raised. Should wisdom permit, let them turn with such detachment that all things will turn toward the Supreme Horizon. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this noble and sublime station. The glory which proceedeth from Me rest upon him and upon whosoever hearkeneth unto his word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The hearts that yearn after Thee, O my God, are burnt up with the fire of their longing for Thee, and the eyes of them that love Thee weep sore by reason of their crushing separation from Thy court, and the voice of the lamentation of such as have set their hopes on Thee hath gone forth throughout Thy dominions.

Thou hast Thyself, O my God, protected them, by Thy sovereign might, from both extremities. But for the burning of their souls and the sighing of their hearts, they would be drowned in the midst of their tears, and but for the flood of their tears they would be burnt up by the fire of their hearts and the heat of their souls. Methinks, they are like the angels which Thou hast created of snow and of fire. Wilt Thou, despite such vehement longing, O my God, debar them from Thy presence, or drive them away, notwithstanding such fervor, from the door of Thy mercy? All hope is ready to be extinguished in the hearts of Thy chosen ones, O my God! Where are the breezes of Thy grace? They are hemmed in on all sides by their enemies; where are the ensigns of Thy triumph which Thou didst promise in Thy Tablets?

Thy glory is my witness! At each daybreak they who love Thee wake to find the cup of woe set before their faces, because they have believed in Thee and acknowledged Thy signs. Though I firmly believe that Thou hast a greater compassion on them than they have on their own selves, though I recognize that Thou hast afflicted them for no other purpose except to proclaim Thy Cause, and to enable them to ascend into the heaven of Thine eternity and the precincts of Thy court, yet Thou knowest full well the frailty of some of them, and art aware of their impatience in their sufferings.

Help them through Thy strengthening grace, I beseech Thee, O my God, to suffer patiently in their love for Thee, and unveil to their eyes what Thou hast decreed for them behind the Tabernacle of Thine unfailing protection, so that they may rush forward to meet what is preordained for them in Thy path, and may vie in hasting after tribulation in their love towards Thee. And if not, do Thou, then, reveal the

standards of Thine ascendancy, and make them to be victorious over Thine adversaries, that Thy sovereignty may be manifested unto all the dwellers of Thy realm, and the power of Thy might demonstrated amidst Thy creatures. Powerful art Thou to do what Thou willest. No God is there but Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

Make steadfast Thou, O my God, Thy servant who hath believed in Thee to help Thy Cause, and keep him safe from all dangers in the stronghold of Thy care and Thy protection, both in this life and in the life which is to come. Thou, verily, rulest as Thou pleasest. No God is there save Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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O my handmaiden! Your call has attained the hearing of the Wronged One and your turning has been honored by the gaze of the Intended One. Be not grieved by what has come to pass. The loved ones of God belong to Him and are associated with Him, and whatsoever befalleth them hath been and is in accordance with the requirements of wisdom, and its traces and fruits shall assuredly appear on earth and become manifest in the assemblage of the world. Verily, he who hath ascended unto God hath attained the presence and visited a House which the Almighty built with the hand of His power, and a House which the Friend built by His command and will. As to the first, he entered it not, and as to the second, he departed not from it. Verily, he who visited the first and the second is among the people of inner meanings in this holy, mighty and inaccessible station. O my handmaiden! He hath attained that which causeth eyes to be consoled and hearts to be drawn. This station is most great. That handmaiden must occupy herself in the nights and days with the remembrance of the Goal of the worlds and be content with what hath been ordained from the Supreme Pen. Praise be to the Lord of the Kingdom Who hath mentioned thee through words with which none of the books of earth can compare, even to a single letter thereof. Convey greetings from the True One to all the handmaidens in that land. They must remain so steadfast on God's path that neither doubts and vain imaginings, nor the cawing of the crows nor the clamor of the deniers shall hold them back or keep them from the Truth. Today the rain of bounty is pouring from the clouds of grace and descending. Blessed are the servants and handmaidens who have not been deprived and have taken their portion and share from the outpourings of God's days. Today you are known by the Truth and associated with Him, and He sufficeth. Rejoice thou in this wondrous and glorious mention.

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He is the One Who Warbles upon the Branches

O friends of God in the B and H, and O My loved ones in the H and S! Hearken unto My call when the trumpet is sounded, and those in the graves arise, and all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!" Ye have ever been and continue to be remembered before the Wronged One. Ye dwell in your homes while the Wronged One is confined in a mighty prison. He maketh

mention of you and summoneth you to the supreme horizon. Today the gate of grace is opened wide and the ocean of bounty is manifest, and the Sun of Truth shineth forth and is evident - nay, speaking - from the horizon of the heaven of God's will. Blessed is the eye that hath attained to behold, and the ear that hath been enabled to hear. Today the friends must fix their gaze upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputes." Whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto the most great steadfastness. Neither the clamor of the enemies' chains nor the commotion of the parties shall thereafter prevent him from turning to the Lord of all beings. Today trust and orientation toward the Beloved are essential, that perchance there may appear from the friends that which shall endure forever in God's Book. He is verily the Helper, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God to protect His party and to sanctify them from the doubts of the barking ones and the hints of the opposers. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the ornament of detachment and been illumined with the light of godliness. Such a one is the knight in the arena of inner meanings and utterance. Blessed be they who possess insight and they who hear. Command and will and protection are from God, the Lord of the worlds. O 'Abdu'l-'Ali! Thy name was present before the Wronged One and He made mention of thee in such wise as to attract the hearts of the unitarians. We beseech God to strengthen thee with such steadfastness as the hosts of the world and the armies of the oppressors shall not prevent. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Consoler, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful!

O My loved ones! Hear ye My call. Verily it draweth you unto My horizon, and exalteth you among My servants, and maketh mention of you through that which hath appeared in My wondrous Day. We have revealed the verses and manifested that which was hidden in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. And We have sent down from the heaven of proof that which hath attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Sorrow not for what hath befallen you. By My life! We have sent down unto him who hath ascended unto Us that which causeth the Table to descend from the heaven of the favor of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Through My remembrance of him hath the fragrance of loving-kindness and bounty been diffused - to this testifieth he who possesseth knowledge of the Book from God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We counsel you to patience and forbearance, from which the unitarians perceive the fragrance of loving-kindness and detachment, and the sincere ones inhale the sweet savors of righteousness. Thus hath the Pen spoken from this Most Exalted Station, as a mercy from Him, and He is the Mighty, the Praised.

Be ye in such a state that the happenings of the world grieve you not in this Day wherein the Lord of the Kingdom of Names calleth from this glorious and transcendent Spot. Verily, sorrow is forbidden save for that which hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to comfort you and console you, and to open before your faces the doors of His bounty, and to ordain for you that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily, He is the Powerful over

what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He hath witnessed what hath befallen you and hath spoken that whereby your names and remembrances shall endure throughout the kingdom of the Mighty, the Praised.

The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon My loved ones and upon My handmaidens who have turned unto Me, and have hearkened, and have believed in God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

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O Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Most Merciful, He is the Merciful! O thou who standest before the Countenance! Thy remembrance hath ever been and shall continue to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. The atoms of all created things have testified and do testify to thy acceptance, thy devotion and thy service. The dwellers of the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven, and those who circle round the Lord of all beings - all these bear witness to the compassion, the grace, the mercy, the bounty and the favors of the True One towards thee. Know thou with absolute certitude that thou art of God and belong to Him. His grace hath ever been and shall continue to be with thee, and ere long the gate of His mercy shall be opened wider than ever before: thou shalt see what no eye hath seen and hear what no ear hath heard. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. All existence, both seen and unseen, beareth witness to His grace. When thou art seized by the rapture of the scratching of My Pen and the breezes of revelation from My direction, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, to the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, by Thy greatest signs and the revelations of Thy most exalted horizon, to strengthen me in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted among Thy creatures. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have laid hold on the cord of Thy grace and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. By Thy might and Thy majesty, I am content in all conditions with whatsoever hath appeared in Thy path and been manifested in Thy days. By Thy glory and Thy sovereignty, let not the vicissitudes of the world prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor its hardships from gazing toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity to transform my hardship into ease and my difficulty into comfort. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is no God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

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O Shaykh Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven! O thou who gazest upon the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of all beings. He draweth thee unto a station where neither the might of the world will frighten thee nor will the hosts of the nations, who have remained heedless of this Most

Great, this Mighty Cause, prevent thee. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, while the Kingdom and the Dominion will remain with God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: The Abu-Jahl of this age hath pronounced judgment against Muhammad the Apostle of God, and the Samiri against Him Who conversed with God, and the Jews against the Spirit, the Glorious, the Resplendent. And the people of the Furqan have risen against the Revealer of the Bayan, and the viper hath risen against God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Powerful - for it did bite My chosen ones who soared in My atmosphere, turned unto My face, drank the choice wine of My love, held fast unto My cord, and clung to My sanctified and holy and mighty and inaccessible hem. Observe then the people and their deeds. They have taken the viper as their leader instead of God and have committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and those who circle round My mighty Throne to weep. God hath seized it through His sovereignty and power from His presence, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have attained unto their desire and have sacrificed their souls and their wealth in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, but the people have lost through their deeds. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. The Most Exalted Pen hath revealed in their remembrance that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of thy Lord, the Gracious. Blessed is the strong one whom the hosts of tyranny have not weakened, and the speaker who hath held fast unto My All-Wise Name. Say: Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom in all circumstances - this is what God hath decreed in most of the Tablets. He is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who remaineth steadfast in this Cause, whereby every ignorant doubter hath been sorely troubled.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O thou who gazest upon the Face and art mentioned before the Throne! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Ancient Days speaketh from the direction of His Most Great Name. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed art thou for having adorned thy temple with the ornament of My love, thy heart with My remembrance, and thy tongue with My Name, which hath power over all regions. Whoso calleth upon Me, I answer him; and whoso turneth unto Me, I turn unto him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Grieve not because of those who have wronged and denied. Soon shall all who dwell on earth glory in your names. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen that ruleth over all pens. They are asleep; when they awaken they shall arise and say: “Would that we had chosen for ourselves a path unto the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!” While in abasement, We summon the servants unto the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Say: Abasement is My glory, hardship My comfort, and tribulation the crown of Baha. Blessed are they who possess insight. We have accepted sorrows for the joy of the world. Soon shall the sincere ones behold the standards of victory upon the highest heights. When thou didst inhale the fragrance of the garment and wert seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of life which flowed from the ocean of the mercy of My Name, the All-Merciful, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst move Thy Most Exalted Pen by Thy Name! I testify that Thou art the Lord of the servants and the Educator of all who are in earth and heaven. We have accepted thee for My service. This

is a word We have sent down for thee in the Tablet. It behooveth thee to glory therein amongst Our chosen servants. Wert thou to discover the influences of this word when it issued forth from the mouth of the Divine Will, thou wouldst soar with rapture and say: The bounty is Thine, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things! And glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the righteous.

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Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! He is the One Who speaks with truth and appears with justice. O Ibn-i-Asdaq who is sanctified! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Wronged One, in the midst of tribulation, remembers His loved ones and chosen ones and servants, and counsels them to such steadfastness that neither names shall prevent them from their Creator, nor things from their Sovereign, nor the earth and its treasures, nor the heaven and its stars, nor the seas and their waves. Thus did the Tongue speak when the Wronged One was in a palace whose very particles proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the worlds.” By God’s life! Baha desired naught but to purify the world from the dust of self and passion. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will for the righteous ones.

Your letter was received and we informed the honored Amin, upon him be My glory. We beseech God to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. As to the matter mentioned, although some souls previously desired to render assistance to the Cause of God, they were not honored with acceptance. And now it is observed that this matter has become very necessary, for the pillars of the world are in motion and in foreign lands widespread diffusion hath occurred. Soon that which will cause the deniers and the opposers anxiety and shame shall appear. And in view of the grace directed toward the aforementioned one, his will hath been made conformable to the Will of God and adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure. God willing, he shall attain to such assistance as will cause the exaltation of this Cause in the world and its pillars. This is the most great bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the providence of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Replies to the petitions shall arrive in due course. Glory and peace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Taqi! Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This is yet another time - give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have made mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equalled by all the books of the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thou didst hear the Call before, and now hearken unto it at this time. Verily it calleth thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise as shall cause thy name to endure throughout the duration of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is, in truth, the True One, the Trustworthy. Grieve not

at separation, for between thee and Us have intervened the manifestations of hypocrisy who denied the Sun after its dawning and disbelieved in Him Who conversed upon Sinai when His voice was raised from the Ultimate Lote-Tree that there is none other God but He, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Preserve thou this Tablet, then read it in the presence of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. By the life of God! Through it are drawn the hearts of all beings. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, lay hold on My strong cord, and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. The Observer hath appeared and presented that which thou possessest. We have made mention of thee in such wise as shall solace the eyes of them that are nigh. He verily recordeth for whomsoever desireth the reward of attaining His presence. He is, in truth, the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison. Thy Lord is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and recognized the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity and the Imprisoned One amidst the nations! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy patience and the mountain of Thy steadfastness and the sun of Thy favors to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and in Thy grasp is the control of names, and in Thy right hand are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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He is the One Who dominates all names! O Javad! Mount the steed of zeal in service to the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The verses have been sent down and the clear proofs have appeared, yet the people do not understand. The Word of God speaks, but the people do not hear. The Euphrates of utterance has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet the servants neither comprehend nor drink thereof. This is a Day wherein bounty has appeared and the heavenly table has descended from the heaven of oneness - to this testifies the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We have seen thy turning to Us and have turned to thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Thou hast been mentioned by one who soared in My atmosphere, spoke My praise, and arose to serve My Cause. We have mentioned thee in a Tablet that has no equal in what was or what will be. Let nothing grieve thee. Arise to serve the Cause, then aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. This was revealed before and in this exalted station. We have remembered thee and thy kinsman as a favor from Us. Blessed is he who has attained today to the traces of the Pen of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Be thou a speaker of thy Lord's praise and one who remembers His beloved Name. How many a prince has been prevented from turning to God, and how many a poor one has drunk the choice wine and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom!" When thou art seized by the rapture of My call and intoxicated by the breezes of My revelation, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and guided me to Thy path and sent down for me that which draws me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Great Signs and the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation, O Lord of all beings, to make me steadfast in Thy love such that neither the thorns of those who violated Thy Covenant and Testament, nor the clamor of those who have turned away from Thy face, shall prevent me. Then ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward

of meeting Thee. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

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He is the Spirit, Who was witnessed in the Pole of Eternity! O Letter of Nearness! Hearken unto the melodies of the Dove from the Divine Lote-Tree, and receive upon the spirits from the verses of thy Most Exalted Lord, which God hath raised above the canopy of mystical knowledge in a station that cannot be witnessed or seen, and hath manifested them from behind the veils in the heaven of supreme glory. The sun hath shone with its light in the midst of morning, and everyone who hath believed in the Spirit and been guided turneth toward it, while every proud one who hath denied and become wretched turneth away from it. All who are in the heavens and beneath the earth cry out with that wherewith the Spirit hath called out in the midst of the atmosphere, in what He hath commanded and revealed. Say: This is the land of eternity! Hearken then unto the verses of our Most Exalted Lord from this Most Sweet Mouth in this Most Great Scene, and take your portion in what descendeth and ascendeth. This is of the provision ordained for those who dwell in the eternal paradise of delight and have then ascended and attained unto the station of nearness above its lowest arc. Therefore say: Glorified be my Most Exalted Lord! This is what hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen for whosoever would remember and fear, and is drawn by the melodies of paradise near the Furthermost Tree. Then the Spirit of Command descended yet another descent to cast upon the servants that which cannot be cast of the wisdom of eternity concerning what was concealed and hidden. Thus doth He send down verses upon whomsoever He willeth, and verily there is no God but He, and His is the command in the hereafter and the former times. He teacheth the servants from His resplendent, Most Glorious mysteries that people might hasten to the Kawthar of reunion in the refuges of piety and return to the homeland wherein none dieth nor liveth. And the Spirit be upon those who have detached themselves unto God in the ascents of guidance, and the fire be upon whoso hath turned away and departed.

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O Husayn! A call was raised from the Kingdom of Utterance, and that utterance indicated and signified that which had previously appeared in the realm of possibility. Nevertheless, tremors seized the tribes of the earth and agitation encompassed the inhabitants of the lands. How many were the divines who remained deprived of the Water of Life, and how many were the mystics who were veiled from the rays of the Sun of inner meanings, and how many were those endowed with sight who are recorded as sightless in God's Book, and how many were those possessed of ears who are forbidden to hear. Now if the call of Truth were to be raised as befitteth it, sanctified from suppositions and fancies and idle talk and from what hath been mentioned and known, what would they do? By God, verily the people are behind an evident veil. Give thanks unto thy Lord for that which hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen unto thee, whereby the fragrance of His grace is diffused, after We had withheld it, as a wisdom from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be not grieved at the diverse conditions of the world.

By My life, ere long all shall become extinct and return unto dust. Hold thou fast unto that which will endure for thee through His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Soon will the lights of the Cause encompass the world, although now faces are turned toward the direction of infidelity. However, an appointed time hath been fixed for it. When it is fulfilled, that which is recorded in God's Books, the Lord of the worlds, shall appear. If thou shouldst meet a soul and find him receptive, convey unto him the greetings of this Wronged One. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon thy wife who hath ascended unto God, and upon her who is with thee, and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O 'Abdu'r-Rahim, known as Haji Aqa of Lahijan! In the name of the One Beloved, O Merciful One! Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thy letter reached the Most Great Paradise and whatsoever thou didst submit was adorned with truthfulness. The whole world hath been created for this Day and all are promised it in the divine Books. This blessed Day, the Day when "thy Lord shall come" hath been as the apple of the Qur'an's eye, and "thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank" is its heart. Nevertheless all remained veiled from it and heedless of it save whom thy Lord willeth. Moses came: "the idolaters denied Him." The Spirit appeared: they turned away to such extent that God raised Him to heaven. The Beloved came: "the divines of that age denied Him." By My life, that befell Him which cannot be mentioned in words. Consider briefly "there came not unto them any Messenger." After pondering on what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, two stations and two matters become clear and evident. First, the station of God's most great favor bestowed upon thee, that despite the heedlessness and ignorance of most of the servants, He enabled thee to attain this greatest bounty. And second, that the heedless ones - those souls who are oblivious of the Most Great Ocean and who cling to the chiefs of idle fancies - realize that in all ages such objections have been raised against the Manifestations of the Cause. Blessed art thou for having turned to My Self, drunk the choice wine of My love, spoken in remembrance and praise of Me, and desired to attain My presence, the Mighty, the Beloved. Henceforth be not grieved. The Cause hath been and shall ever be in God's hands. If He willeth, He bestoweth the reward of attainment unto His presence. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Today all must strive to teach the Cause. Blessed is the nightingale that announceth unto men My Revelation and My days and their turning unto My luminous horizon.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Rustam! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Eternity! Thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in former years. That blessed Tablet is adorned with the ornament of proof. Obliteration shall not seize it, nor shall the oppression of enemies alter it. From each of its words wafts the fragrance of utterance and the mercy of the Goal of all worlds. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions and keep thee steadfast in His Cause. In these days the signs of oppression are manifest from every direction. Soon

will the effulgences of the Orb of Justice encompass and illumine the horizons. This is among the irrevocable decrees of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who are assured. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which will draw them nigh unto Him and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance from the hands of His bounty. Verily He is powerful over all things.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors! Praise be to God that thy intention from the beginning until now hath been and is pure, and thou hast been and art serving the Cause and exalting the Word to the extent possible. God willing, divine assistance will reach thee in all conditions. What taketh precedence over all else today is unity, harmony and rendering unto each his due right. The intent of these words is that there should be no negligence in paying debts. Be thou not sorrowful - after these hardships and constraints will surely come ease. If, God willing, the brethren and you unite to remove that which causeth grief, when this matter is resolved a good reputation will be raised up, and that reputation is itself the key to the doors of goodly things. Hold fast in all conditions to the strong and mighty cord of God. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee among God's steadfast and sincere loved ones.

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In His Name the Ever-Lasting the Ever- Abiding

This is a Book revealed by Us unto him who believed in God on the Day whence them who hearkened to the call of God from amongst the people of the graves, were resurrected. These are the ones who quaffed the Choice Sealed Wine in this Revelation. Verily, upon them the angels descend from every side. Peace be upon you inasmuch as you have attained the Days of God, the Gracious, the Forgiving. Indeed, these are the ones who are not kept back by the world, though they rule upon the East and the West of the earth. Verily, it is by them that the clouds have rained their rain, and darkness hath been chased away by light. The Mercy of God that hath encompassed females and males be upon them. As for them who have disbelieved in Him, they indeed are deserving of chastisement. They shall verily enter the fire. Thus hath it been decreed in the recorded Tablet.

Say: O people! Do ye protest against Him in Who's Name the Truth appeared, and the Balance of Justice hath been raised, and the Trumpet hath been blown? Fear ye God, O people, and walk not in the footsteps of them who disbelieve the presence of the All-Merciful. Follow ye the People of God, the Creator of darkness and light. Say: He hath verily offered up the Manifestation of Himself as a ransom for summoning you to draw nigh unto the station foreordained for you by the Flowing Pen.

I swear By Him! Were God to rend the veils asunder, you would offer up yourselves as a sacrifice for His Love. He, in truth, has the knowledge of all things, which He revealeth not save in a preordained measure. Say: "Fear God and spread not disorder on earth after it hath been well-ordered, neither shed the blood of anyone, for such things are forbidden you in the Book and in this Outspread Roll."

O thou who hast fixed his gaze upon God! Cleanse thou thine heart of attachment to all the vain allusions of men, and persevere in the path of thy Lord, the God of all names and attributes, that He may aid thee

with a power and might from Himself, and render thee victorious over all people of iniquity who disbelieve in God, the Lord of the Frequented Fane. Thus commandeth thee the Pen of the Ancient of Days in this dawntide. The glory of God be upon thee and upon whomsoever boweth down in adoration for the sake of God in the Days of His Manifestation.

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He is God, exalted be His glory! O Zayn, upon thee be My Baha! The honored Haji Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be My Baha, arrived and the Huquq was received. They have endured much hardship, though whatever befalleth them for the sake of God is pure comfort - its fire is light and its poison is supreme honey. This Day is the Lord of Days, and deeds performed therein are the sovereign of all deeds. Blessed is he who hath aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Paradise, and who hath attained unto the presence and circumambulated it. Were all the seas of the world to become ink and all trees pens, they could not fulfill this remembrance. We beseech God to ordain for His loved ones who have held fast to His Book and are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness that which diffuseth the fragrance of generosity. One drop from the ocean of His bounty brought the world into being. His sea of bestowals hath no shore and the river of His mercy no end. The loved ones of Nun and Jim, as well as Kha and Vav, have all at this hour been illumined by the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of remembrance and utterance. Let that honored one mention all of them on behalf of this Wronged One and remind them. The missive of the known souls hath been accepted and adorned. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for His loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Him and illumine them at all times with the lights of His knowledge. My God, my God! Thou seest those who have turned to Thee, yearning for Thy presence and to stand before Thy face, and those who remember Thee in their lands. O Lord! Ordain for each one of them what Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At this hour the Day-Star of permission hath risen from the horizon of will. Inform Janab-i-Kalb-'Ali that, God willing, with his gaze fixed upon the decree of wisdom and his trust placed in God, he may aim for the Most Exalted Horizon.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O seeker! The Wronged One turneth toward thee from the prison precinct and remembereth thee purely for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One calleth out in the prison and summoneth all to the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein the Tree exclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." That which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers hath been made manifest. This is the Day wherewith We previously gave glad tidings to the world, that He might lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them glad tidings of the days of God. Thus did the Tongue of Revelation speak aforetime and at this hour. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, this is the Day whose mention was sent down in the Qur'an, the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest passion hold you back from the Lord of all

creation. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are bidden by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him - to this testifieth every fair-minded, clear-sighted one. O peoples of the earth! The Self-Subsisting hath appeared and calleth out before all faces, offering the Sealed Wine, saying: Hasten, O people, then drink thereof in the name of your Lord, the Munificent Giver. We counsel all to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned, the mystics and the princes have slipped, save whom God willeth, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Soon will come unto you one who will hold you back from God and bid you to what he hath of the promptings of Satan. Thus do We inform you, when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq and in this remote prison. Be thankful unto thy Lord for having attained unto this Tablet whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Preserve this station in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, then remember Him at morn and eventide.

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! Praise be to God Who caused thee to hear His sweetest call, guided thee to His most luminous path, made thee know His way and taught thee His evidence. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! Thy letter hath arrived and We have heard that which thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the Throne and the Owner of the Earth, the Sovereign of Destiny and Master of Decree. Blessed be thy tongue for having attained to the remembrance of God, the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven, and blessed be thine ear for having hearkened unto His call when it was raised from the realm of might, and happy be thy heart for having turned and thy face for having been directed. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon thee from the clouds of His grace that which shall make thee one who exalteth His Cause and standeth firm in His service. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When thou hearest My call, say: “My God, my God! Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace, nor forbid me from the river of Thy mercy. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I believed in Thee when I heard Thy call. I testify that Thy grace did encompass me, Thy mercy did precede me, Thy bounty did make me know Thee, and Thy loving-kindness did teach me. I beseech Thee, O Originator of all things and Sovereign over all names, by Thy perspicuous Book and Thy mighty News, to aid me to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.”

Convey My greetings to the loved ones and say: This Wronged One, Who hath become the object of the world’s hatred, maketh mention of you. The calumnies of the oppressors, the denial of the infidels, and the fire of the polytheists have not prevented the Tongue of Grandeur from remembrance. In all conditions He hath been looking toward the loved ones and speaking that which beseemeth. Thus hath

the Tongue of My grandeur spoken in the kingdom of Mine utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Gracious, the Bountiful

O ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil! Thy grief hath saddened Me. We have mentioned thee in divers Tablets which We sent thither, and in them have We given thee glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness and bounty, and of His grace and generosity. We desire now to send down for thee that which shall cause thy mention to endure throughout the eternity of His names and attributes and the Kingdom of God, the Revealer of verses. Grieve not over anything. He is with thee under all conditions. He heareth thy call and the sighing of thy heart. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. By the life of God! We have revealed for thee that which hath caused all things to turn towards thee and to hear what hath been sent down in thy name in the Scriptures and Tablets. The evidences of thy Lord have encompassed the world. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe betide every heedless one who hath denied the proof of God, the Lord of lords. Thy letter hath reached the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this Tablet, at whose revelation the Bayan hath bowed down in submission. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me with a remembrance through which the fragrances of Thy loving-kindness have been wafted amongst the religions. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee to remain steadfast in this great steadfastness and to ordain for thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant who is called ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil turning unto Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for him that which shall exalt him through Thy name amongst Thy servants and in Thy service throughout Thy lands. I testify, O my God, that he hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and hath drunk the choice wine of faith from the cup of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of certitude from the hand of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to open before his face the doors of Thy mercy, Thy gifts and Thy favors, and to ordain for him that which shall profit him in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Qasim! The Truth speaketh in the tongue of every people, that all may comprehend that for which they were created. The Most Exalted Pen at times admonisheth, at times counseleth, and remembereth the events of the past, that all may become aware and not be afflicted anew with the vain imaginings of old. Reflect upon the Shi’ih sect and the pride and arrogance of those people. They regarded as unclean the Jews and Christians, and likewise the idol-worshippers and fire-worshippers. The People of the Sunna they deemed lower, more rejected and more abominable than all other sects. Yet on the Promised Day, with but a slight test, they were found to be the most lost of all upon the earth. They perpetrated that which no sect in all ages and centuries had ever committed. They cried “O Qa’im!” and then martyred

Him, and now in all the pulpits and cities of Iran the ignorant divines and base theologians revile the Truth and His followers. All must ponder upon that which hath been mentioned, that perchance they may not be afflicted in the future with that which afflicted the former people. Praise be to the Aim of all the world Who hath remembered thee and caused thee to attain unto the evidences of the Most Exalted Pen. We make mention of thy brother, thy son-in-law and thy son with such remembrance as to attract the hearts and souls. We have remembered each one of them and We beseech God to grant them the grace to achieve the most great steadfastness and to remain unaffected by the cawing of the crows who speak the words of old and cling to the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih sect. God protect Us and you from the evil of such people. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save Him. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained and hearkened unto My call and have said: "Here am I! Here am I! O Beloved of the hearts of the longing ones and Aim of them that have recognized Thee!"

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He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-Ibrahim, that the mention may draw him unto the most exalted horizon and bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The Trusted One hath appeared before the face of thy Lord and made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the duration of My most beautiful names. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. The Trusted One hath repeatedly made mention of thee. The loved ones of God have ever been remembered in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and have been favored with the effects of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid thee to perform such deeds as shall cause their fragrance to waft throughout the world…

Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones and Thy loved ones. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Goal and my Object of worship, for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call when He Who is the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Manifestation of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens was established upon the throne of utterance. O Lord! Aid me to turn unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, turning away from those who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs and who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament. I am he who, O my God, seeth no helper for himself except the wonders of Thy grace, no lord besides Thee and no beloved one other than Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy signs whereby Thou hast attracted the hearts of such of Thy servants as have turned toward Thee and of such of Thy creation as are sincere, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall be a light before my face in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then write down for me, with the pen of Thy bounty and the reed of Thy grace, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom and utterance be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My peace! The breezes of revelation have perfumed the world of justice and fairness, and the hand of power hath unlocked the doors of grace and bounty with the Most Great Name. The purpose of God–glorified be His majesty–in creating the means of heaven and earth hath been the ease, comfort and progress of His servants. However, in most souls, tyranny and wickedness have overcome righteousness and piety, and kept them from drawing nigh unto God. The world-consuming greed hath encompassed creation, save whom God willeth. We beseech God to aid thee in uniting hearts and bringing souls together, and likewise in performing good deeds and developing praiseworthy character traits, and in that which the All-Giving hath revealed in the Book.

The first divine bestowal after the realization of existence hath been commands and prohibitions, and each is a clear fortress and manifest army for the protection of the servants. Some time ago thy letter was presented before the Wronged One, mentioning certain souls. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent especially for each one. We beseech God to aid all to perform deeds. By the life of God! This Wronged One and those who accept Him in this land hold fast to the strong cord of fasting and prayer and the deeds mentioned in the Book. Convey My greetings to the friends. It is hoped that henceforth souls will attain the answers to their petitions as before. At the end of the Book We counsel all to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and held fast to the Sure Handle. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon God’s loved ones there, and the mercy of God and His blessings and bestowals and favors.

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O Muhammad, upon you be my greetings! The letter which you sent to this servant was presented before the Presence, and from it were evident and manifest the degrees of your attention, sincerity and devotion. We beseech God to adorn you with the ornament of service to His loved ones, even as He adorned you before. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

You should in all conditions be mindful of the state of the travelers and emigrants - upon them be the grace of God and His mercy - for these souls are souls who have been blessed with the infinite outpourings of the Lord of Names and Attributes. The Divine Will assisted, and the means of the seen and unseen worlds, by the command of the Lord of existence, provided aid, until they arrived at the shore of the Most Great Sea and attained the presence and were blessed with hearing and witnessing. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They have outstripped the world in their devotion, and there hath been sent

down for them that which hath diffused the fragrance of grace and favors. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions and to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have cast away idle fancies and have taken the choice wine of certitude from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have drunk in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The letters which were sent in your name were all presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and one by one He made mention of each of them. We beseech God to honor them with a reply. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Likewise, your petition to one of the Branches was read before the Presence. God willing, an answer will be graciously given. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Convey to all the emigrants the greetings from the Wronged One, and illumine them with the light of remembrance and utterance of the Desired One of all worlds. Peace and glory be upon you and upon them and upon God's sincere servants.

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O Muhammad-Baqir! Upon him be the Glory of God [Baha'u'llah]. He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad, who was named Baqir! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of 'Akka. Verily, it guideth thee unto the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have remembered thee before, and at this time with a remembrance whereby the hearts of the sincere ones have been attracted. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones, and to aid you in that which will draw you nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The Greater Branch hath appeared before Our face and mentioned thee in such wise that We perceived from him the fragrance of thy love and thy turning and thy submission to God, the Lord of the Glorious Throne. It behooveth Us and others on this day to beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect His Cause and His religion from those who have disbelieved in Him and His verses, and have denied His sovereignty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

In truth, the light of utterance hath encompassed all who are in the realm of possibility, and the signs of the Sun of divine bounty are manifest from every direction. Blessed is the eye that seeth and the ear that heareth, and woe unto the heedless ones!

Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy might and Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy power and Thy strength and Thy dominion. Thou hast ever been sanctified from the mention of aught else but Thee and exalted above the description of any other than Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who bestoweth abundant favors, by Thy Most Great Name and by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers and by Him Whom Thou hast chosen through Thy power and made the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs and the Manifestation of Thy beauteous names, to protect me and Thy loved ones from the oppression of those who have violated Thy covenant and Thy testament. O my Lord! Thou

seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones by the Pen of Thy decree. O my Lord! Open before my face and before those who are with me a door from the doors of Thy bounty and grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the Speaker of Truth!

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Taqi! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee through His grace, reminds thee of His verses, and illumines thee with the lights of His utterance. He hath revealed for thee that which brings solace to eyes and vision. Know thou that the world hath deluded the divines of Iran and prevented them from turning to the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Source of inspiration. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they are held back from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all mankind. They have followed their own desires and taken them as lords besides God. They are indeed among the companions of the fire. They have devoured God's sheep and hamstrung the she-camel. By God's life! They have committed that which none before them hath committed, as the Mother Book doth testify in the final abode.

Blessed art thou for having heard the call and responded, and for having attained unto the traces of God in days wherein all things cried out: "O people of the earth! Fear God and believe in Him Who hath come to you from the horizon of might with power and sovereignty!" This is the Day whereof God's books of old gave you glad tidings. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every doubting idolater. This is the Day whereon He Who conversed on Sinai hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation, and the Point of the Bayan hath proclaimed before His Lord, the All-Merciful: "Verily, I am the first to worship Him."

Thus hath the Ancient Beauty spoken from His Most Great Prison and given you glad tidings of that which hath appeared from God, the Lord of all men. He Who circumambulated the House hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee with that which causeth spirits to be attracted when they hear the creaking of My Pen. Say: "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when I was in the most desolate of lands. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and enable me to arise to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Thou seest me yearning for the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the rain-clouds of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing."

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O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds. O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, thou hast been and art ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Thou art accounted among those souls who, before most others, attained repeatedly unto His presence. Neither did the buzzing of flies hold thee back from the Lord of Lords, nor did the croaking of ravens prevent thee from hearing the

rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. This testimony, which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen by leave of the Lord of Names, sufficeth thee. By the life of God, thou hast attained unto a great bounty! God willing, thou shalt be enabled to preserve this station, for the Cause is mighty great and steadfastness exceedingly glorious. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and say: God hath been and is the Witness and Observer, and whatsoever befell you He hath witnessed. Ye have borne in God's path that which none else hath borne. Blessed are ye, then blessed are ye, nay rather, He circleth round about you. Preserve, in the name of the Creator of heaven and the Lord of all things, this lofty and most exalted station. Let not the events of these fleeting days debar you from the immortal Kingdom. With the utmost joy and fragrance, with perfect calm and contentment, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God and service to His Cause. In truth, ye have heard taunts and witnessed abasement, and for the sake of God ye have renounced all that pertaineth to the world. Now preserve these tribulations, that ye may not be deprived of God's great recompense and may attain unto His most excellent reward. Rejoice in My remembrance and My loving-kindness, and in that which hath proceeded from My Pen. Verily it speaketh that whereunto nothing can compare nor anything equal. Know ye this and be of the thankful ones.

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The Most Holy, Most Wondrous, Most Glorious! O peoples of the earth! Hearken to the call from this Tree which hath been raised up in the luminous spot. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Are ye occupied with that which ye possess? Cast it away in My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. Take ye that which ye are commanded in the Tablets; this is better for you, did ye but know. All things have been attracted by the signs of the Lord, yet the people perceive not. The wine of idle fancy hath seized them; then followed they those who denied God, the Mighty, the Loving. He who hath heard the call and answered his Lord - verily he is of the essence of creation in the sight of the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. All things are bewildered by those round whom circle the youths of the All-Merciful with chalices of living waters, yet they see not. Fancies and vain imaginings have prevented them from this manifest bounty. O people! Sanctify your hearts from that which ye possess and your ears from that which ye have heard, that ye may hear this call by which the people of the graves have arisen. O thou who gazest toward God! Follow thy Lord in such wise that no affairs shall distract thee from this Cause wherein thou art. Take hold of the cord of grace, then detach thyself from those who understand not. The world hath deluded most of the servants. Blessed is he who hath cast it behind him, turning with his heart to the direction of the Intended One. Grieve thou not save for His grief, and fear not those who have transgressed against God. Thus doth this preserved Pen command thee. Put thy trust in the Lord of all causes, and follow not the deeds of those who have been debarred from the bounty that hath encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Be thou steadfast in thy Lord's Cause. Say: O people! This is the Most Great Path and the Qiblih of the nations. Cast away what ye possess for that which is with your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the horizon of the Cause. These, verily, are among the sincere ones.

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He is the Herald between earth and heaven!

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of ’Akka. Verily, He maketh mention of thee as He mentioned thee before, and relateth unto thee what hath befallen His loved ones in the land of Ya through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The wolves have encompassed the beloved ones. By reason of this hath the Spirit lamented in His exalted station. The fire of tyranny hath been kindled to such degree that the tongues of all pens are powerless to recount it. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this trusted station. The door of reunion hath been opened before the faces of the lovers throughout all regions - blessed are they that are endued with true understanding. Blood hath been shed, through one drop of which God will raise up servants whose number none can reckon save God, the Lord of all worlds. There hath come before the Wronged One a letter from those who have not broken God’s Covenant. We have answered them with that wherewith all things have cried out. By God! The door of utterance hath been opened with the Key of the Most Great Name of God, whereby the limbs of the oppressors have quaked. God shall soon seize them with a justice from His presence. Verily, He is the Almighty, doing whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Powerful. The heedless ones desired to extinguish the light of God through oppression, but God prevented them through His sovereignty which hath encompassed all in the heavens and earth. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom neither the hosts of the earth have frightened nor the might of them that have denied the Day of Judgment hath deterred.

Today is the day of assisting the Cause. You and the friends must, with wisdom and utterance, make the people aware and guide them to the Dawning-Place of divine verses. Take thou the Book of God with a strength from His presence, then recite it amongst His servants, that haply it may attract them to the supreme horizon and the ultimate goal, and draw them nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of this mighty Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of bounty and from which hath wafted the fragrance of the Garment on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

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To Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! Although thou art not physically present before the Wronged One, yet in a realm sanctified from veils and glory thou hast ever been present and hast been blessed with the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Some time ago permission was granted from the Most Exalted Pen - no doubt exists that it was sent down from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The leaf hastened forward and attained. We have joined her with the Supreme Companion and We make mention of her in such wise that her remembrance shall endure through the eternity of My verses, My names, My attributes. And We console and comfort you in what hath befallen you in the path of God.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the leaf who ascended after she had aimed, who attained after she had soared, who was honored after she had appeared, and who beheld after she had drawn nigh, with a remembrance from which the horizons shall be illumined. O My leaf! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His mercy which hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. I testify that thou didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon out of love for the presence of God, the Lord of Names, and didst partake of the Choice Wine sealed by My Self-Subsisting Name in such wise that neither the veils of the divines nor the doubts of the theologians prevented thee. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and respond, and didst aim for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit while men were in evident delusion. Blessed art thou for having sacrificed thy spirit in separation, and God ordained in thy separation the decree of reunion and meeting. This is naught but a grace that hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. By the life of God! Sufficient for thee is what hath been sent down for thee from the Kingdom of the Will of thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean revealed the pearls of bounties and favors, and the Sun the lights of grace and bestowal. He it is Whose generosity hath encompassed all created things and Whose bounty hath pervaded all beings. He raiseth up whomsoever He willeth through His grace, and He is the Commander, the Mighty, the Great, the Supreme.

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O Leaf of Shahjahan, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! O my leaf! This Wronged One at this moment hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Thou hast ever been and art remembered, and that which is enduring and lasting hath been specially revealed for thee from the tongue of grandeur. We beseech God to assist thee to preserve that which He hath bestowed. The world is a transient abode; at every moment its changes are manifest and its evanescence evident. All are created from dust and unto dust shall return. Let not that leaf be sorrowful, for verily thy Lord is the All-Compelling and He biddeth thee to beautiful patience. Whatsoever appeareth and cometh forth from the invisible realm into the realm of being hath been and is according to the requirements of divine wisdom. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made known to me Thy momentous announcement. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were thrown into commotion, to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee among Thy handmaidens. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy grace and the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Thy generosity to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the last and the first and that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of thy sister and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and remind her of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the grace of her Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God, they have turned and attained unto the revelations of the Most Exalted Pen. All that is witnessed today shall return to nothingness, and these verses are recorded and inscribed in the Mother Book. Extinction shall not overtake it, nor shall centuries and ages alter it. All this is from the grace of God,

your Lord and the Lord of your forebears. The Glory be upon you both from God, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

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Tablet to the wife of Ali-Qabel-Akbar, upon her be the Glory of God

In the Name of the One God

O my leaf! Upon thee be My glory and favor! Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to the Goal of the world that thou dwellest in a house from which the mention of God is raised, and art related to one who from the earliest days hath spoken in remembrance of God and arisen to serve His Cause. Know thou the station of this bounty. All the world and its servants and handmaidens have been brought from nothingness into being specifically for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Now the queens of the world turn in remembrance of God to temples, churches and mosques, and engage in mention and prayer with the utmost humility and submissiveness; nevertheless they are deprived of the fragrance of the garment of His Revelation and forbidden from the shore of the sea of nearness and reunion. But thee hath He guided through His grace and shown the way. Thou hast attained to that which was the purpose of creation.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I testify to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, to Thy might and Thy power and Thy grandeur, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been the Protector of Thy servants and handmaidens, and powerful over all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all contingent beings, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and by the lights of Thy countenance, to make me in all conditions turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and hold fast to the cord of Thy favor, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Then I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and that which befitteth the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of gifts and bestowals. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And praise be unto Thee, for verily Thou art the Goal of them that know.

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O precious leaf, handmaiden, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Beloved of the world! O my leaf, O my handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to turn, acknowledge and confess that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Today, whosoever hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon is recorded and inscribed before God as one of the people of true divine unity, for this blessed Day is associated with God alone and in the books of the past and future is designated and known as the Day of God. The whole world was created for the recognition of this Most Great Cause, but the recompense of their deeds prevented and deprived all except those souls whom the

hand of power took hold of and delivered from the darkness of self and passion. If thou were to praise and glorify God, exalted be His glory, with all thy members, limbs, veins and hair until the Day that hath no end, it would assuredly be as mere nothingness compared to this most great bounty. If wisdom requireth and it doth not conflict with prudence, there is no objection to turning toward the prison. We beseech God to assist thee, preserve thee, and grant thee the bounty of His presence and ordain for thee its reward. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, and He is powerful over all things. Thy pen reached Us and was honored with acceptance and was blessed by the finger of thy Lord's power. The water of life hath flowed from it - rejoice thou, for thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thy intention was made manifest in the Most Holy Court and appeared in the form of that very pen which thou didst intend. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth and changeth one thing for another, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath believed and remained steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

My tongue, my heart, my pen and my limbs testify to the oneness and singleness of God, and that He is the One who has power over whatsoever He willeth. The conditions of the world cannot frustrate Him, nor can the doubts of the nations. There hath shone forth from His most exalted horizon a brilliant light, a pervading fragrance, an articulate tongue, and a commanding Cause. Through His might, power and sovereignty He hath manifested whatsoever He desired in such wise that neither the might of princes nor the opposition of divines - who broke God's covenant and His testament and caused their people to enter the abode of perdition - could prevent it.

Glory be unto Thee, O Subduer of the world and Benefactor of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Ark of Thy Cause which sailed upon the sea of names through Thy will and power, to aid Thy male and female servants who have aimed for the ultimate goal and the supreme height to remain steadfast in Thy love and in the exaltation of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things.

O my Lord! Thou seest and hearest that one of Thy Afnans hath mentioned one of Thy handmaidens and testified to her acceptance and her turning unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of the names to accept from her what she intended in Thy days and sent forth as evidence of her adherence to Thy commandments and ordinances. O my Lord! Forgive her and purify her through Thy grace and favor, then send down upon her at all times that which will make her steadfast in Thy Cause - that which was named in the Furqan as the Great Announcement and in the books of old by that which caused the teeth of the monotheists to gleam with joy. There is no God but Thee, the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy of answering prayers.

The remittance of Amatu'llah Fatimih Bibi, upon her be the Glory of God, in the amount of eighty tumans, was received by the servant in the prison through the honored Afnan T.Q., upon him be, from all Glory, its most glorious portion, during the month of Sha'ban the Great in the year 1303.

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O Mir Taj'd-Din, who hath migrated and attained! He is the All-Wise Supporter! This is the Day of standing, and the Ancient Beauty is established upon the Most Great Throne. The Light is shining, the Fire is blazing, the Ocean is surging, the Atmosphere is adorned. We beseech God to grant strength unto man and to increase his vision, that all may behold with their own eyes and become aware. O Taj'd-Din! Praise be to God that thy head hath been adorned with the crown of divine recognition. Thou didst purpose to reach the true Ka'bih and didst attain to His presence, and from the hand of bounty thou didst drink the cup of meeting. All this is from God's grace upon thee. Verily, My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning toward the horizon of light, thy orientation toward the Countenance, thy standing before the Gate, and thy hearkening unto the Call of Him Who conversed on Sinai when He was established upon the throne of Revelation. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous One. He preserveth the recompense of His servants' deeds in the treasuries of His protection and manifesteth unto them His grace and His mercy. He is the All-Forgiving, the Generous. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee to guide the servants and to make mention of Him throughout the lands. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and illumine them with the splendors of the light of divine providence. Verily, He is with His loved ones, He heareth and seeth their deeds and whatsoever their tongues do utter. He is the Hearing, the Answering One. In this day, unity and harmony are accounted before the Throne as the most excellent of all deeds. Blessed are they who occupy themselves with bringing hearts and souls together. They are of the people of Baha, to which the Kingdom of Utterance in this exalted station doth testify. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

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He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsistent!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Children of Israel, in the grace of the Manifestation of the Glorious Lord!

Thanks and praise be unto God, that the Sun of Truth hath dawned upon the horizon of Unity, and it is dispersing and expelling the darkness of differences and oppression.

Now, the flowers of significance [i. e., the explanations of mysteries] have blossomed upon the Branch of Generosities, and the Nightingale of the invisible Flower-Garden hath left its Nest; the dwellers of the Holy Place have adorned the plane of the earth with profuse benefits, and have illumined the feasting-place of nearness with every variety of ornament.

Blessed is the brave one who, with a firm step, walks out of the corridors of intimacy [i.e., his old religious restrictions and limitations] and takes a place in the ranks of the lovers of God and men; that he may become enlisted among the faithful and assured ones, the truthful and holy ones; that he may be constantly promoted in both worlds and ever favored with eternal

exaltation.

O ye possessors of sight! With the inner eyes contemplate the Horizon of the world, that ye may behold the Mount of Sinai and the Country of Safety resplendent through the Light of God and radiating with the Manifestation of the Lord! Look not in the least with the eyes of the unbelievers and the wicked ones, for verily they are blinded by the world and cannot behold eternity.

Peace be upon him who followeth Guidance!

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He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance

You had previously attained to the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, and now My servant Asdaq, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison, and this most mighty, most holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will […] that thou mayest inhale its fragrance and partake of the true heavenly food. Praise be to God that neither the overwhelming power of the oppressors nor the clamor of the barking ones prevented thee from the Most Exalted Horizon or deprived thee of the Most Great Ocean. The divines, mystics and jurists of the earth, by night and by day, beseeched God, glorified be His majesty, for the meeting with His Manifestation and Speaker. Yet when the ocean of hope surged and the horizon of divine purpose dawned forth, all turned away - especially the Shi'ih sect who, with their tongues, uttered curses and, with their pens, issued verdicts for the shedding of His most pure blood, and with their hands wrought that which causeth the company of the Prophets and the chosen ones in the most exalted paradise and supreme station to weep and lament. The faithful and steadfast must know their station and at all times give voice to praise and thanksgiving, for He hath confirmed them, guided them and bestowed upon them that which hath no likeness or peer - and that is the recognition of that sanctified Being on the Day of His manifestation. Thy call, from beginning to end, hath attained unto the honor of being heard. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's Covenant and His Pledge. Woe unto every heedless and remote one. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of His loving-kindness. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Afnan, upon thee be My glory! We make mention of thee at this hour with that whereby the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have taken flight. The glory be upon thee from Us and upon them that love

thee and hearken unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. From the most eloquent tongue We turn to the tongue of light. The one named Jud came into the presence of the Wronged One and made mention of thee, beseeching Our favor. We said: “Praise be to God, they have attained unto His grace and are nourished by the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree. From the beginning of days until now they have been engaged in praise and thanksgiving and in service.” In response he mentioned the waves of the ocean of bounty and the lights of the supreme horizon at every moment are beloved, for souls are bound to them and hearts and minds are illumined and refreshed thereby. After these utterances this Tablet was sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all men, that the Afnan might in every moment drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the words of the Lord of Names. This Kawthar bestows true joy and grants eternal life. The reward of thy deeds is remembered and treasured with God and inscribed in the Crimson Book. We praise God Who hath aided thee and enabled thee to recognize Him and to stand firm in His Cause and in His service, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Praise be to God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

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He is the Living One! If thou art the Sun of the world, where is the radiance of thy joyous lights? And if thou art the Moon of paradise, where is the brilliance of thy sacred mysteries? And if thou art of the secluded maidens in the pavilions of divine unity, where is thy rapture and yearning? And if thou art of the countenance-bearers in the tabernacles of lordship, where is thy ecstasy and delight? After all, every station must have its sign, and every rank must have its token. The musk of divine unity without its heart-attracting fragrances cannot be known, and the perfume from the Sheba of eternality without its heart-pleasing breezes can avail nothing. If form without meaning is desired, there are many Indian portraits, and in Baghdad their pages are sold in the auction market for less than a tenth of a dinar. But if meaning is sought and intended, it must have manifestation and appearance, that the north winds of the holy cloud-heaven might take their portion from the curling locks of hair, and the precious curls of mighty radiance might receive their share from the perfumed fragrance of its glory. This is the station of abstract essences and holy realities. A parrot without speech appears less than a sparrow, and the sun without light and splendor is surely lower than an atom. Make straight the foot of love that thou mayest raise high the head of glory. Draw the pen of nothingness across the luminous tablet of the heart that thou mayest plant the banner of existence above the mountain of power. But all this is from God’s grace, which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Other than the pure existence hath no portion of this bounty, and none but the essence of souls hath any share from this fountain. And verily He is the Bestower of whatsoever He willeth upon whomsoever He willeth. His honor Malihu’llah, without whose sweet salt the worlds of true existence have neither taste nor savor - may ye be greatly magnified with glorification.

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In the Name of the one God

Praise be to God that the horizon of the world is illumined by the Sun of the Most Great Name, and the sweet fragrance of His garment is diffused and wafted among His servants. Blessed is the eye that has been cleansed from the ophthalmia of desire and beheld the lights of the Sun of Truth in this divine Day. And happy the state of one who has been freed from the cold of the world and has inhaled the fragrance of His garment. God willing, may you forever and always drink from the Kawthar of the love of the Immortal Beloved and remain occupied with His remembrance, which is the source of joy and delight. Rafi' arrived and stayed some days in the Most Great Prison, after which We bade him return so that he might convey to that honored lady news of this land. Regarding the Khan, upon him be the glory of God, there has never been and is not now any cause for concern. Praise be to God, he journeys in perfect comfort in the divine realm and speaks His praise. In these days We have commanded this servant who is present to write to him in detail about your affairs, and God willing news of him will soon reach you. The delay until now has been due to divine destiny. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth; neither the will of those on earth nor the might of any remote tyrant can prevent Him. And that no news has reached you from this land until now has been due to the conflicts and disturbances in these parts. God willing, news will arrive hereafter. Convey to all those related to the Khan, upon him be the glory of God, greetings from this Wronged One. The glory be upon him and upon you and upon his son and upon those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of God, Exalted be His Glory! Grandeur and Power are His!

Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved One with the banners of verses and made Him from His presence a Herald to bring glad tidings to all of His grace and mercy which have preceded earth and heaven. He it is through Whose appearance the earth was adorned and through Whose ascension the celestial spheres were honored. Through Him the rivers of inner meanings and utterance flowed in the contingent world and the mysteries of the All-Merciful were revealed among religions. Through Him the valley of Mecca overflowed and the mouth of the Hijaz smiled, and through Him was raised the standard of Truth and lowered the banner of metaphor. Exalted is He Who strengthened Him and established His station in the realm of creation. Blessed is he who recognized and drew nigh, and woe unto them that are far removed.

Praise be to God that you have attained and been sustained by the bounty of recognition. We beseech God to protect the people of unity from the oppression of the polytheists. The world of unity has been surrounded by the hosts of polytheism. All must supplicate and implore the Self-Sufficient Lord with humility to seek protection and victory. They must hold fast to goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, that perchance His mercy may take them by the hand and His grace may grant them deliverance. Otherwise what remains will also pass away in time. The people of unity have not reflected on what has been the cause of this oppression and the reason for this weakness that has befallen them.

In any case, we beseech God to grant awareness and bestow knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Jinab-i-Abu'l-Hasan mentioned you, therefore we make mention of you and beseech God to grant you success and confirmation. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer. We beseech God,

exalted be He, to aid the people of unity to do what He loves and is pleased with, and to assist them to turn unto Him. Verily He is the Oft-Returning, the Merciful.

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He is God, the Lord of all worlds

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His verses and manifested His evidences and sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of His creation and the demonstration of His oneness amongst His servants, that every person of understanding and wisdom might bear witness to His unity and singleness, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and Master of nations, through whose light the horizons were illumined and by whose might the limbs of the hypocrites trembled, and through whom every idolater acknowledged the oneness of God and His greatness, and every hypocrite His power and dominion, and through whom the pavilion of glory was raised in the world and the fragrance of wisdom and utterance was diffused among the nations. And upon His family and loved ones, through whom God's laws and commandments were made manifest among His servants, and through whom the clouds rained down and the decree of the Book was established. And now, thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, whose tongue, both outward and inward, and whose members and limbs bear witness to the unity of God, exalted be His glory. We have read it and answer thee with this epistle, and We beseech God to assist thee and the people of unity in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to draw you nigh unto Him, and to ordain for you that which shall profit you in all His worlds, and to aid you in His remembrance and praise. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. We counsel thee to act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that is from Him and the might that is from His presence. Verily He will draw thee nigh and aid thee and send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes and expand thy breast. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Generous, the Bountiful. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath spoken that which the servant is powerless to comprehend, and Who hath heard the call of the sincere ones and responded in such wise as the pen is impotent to describe. Glorified and exalted is He above what I or any other describe Him. My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness!

Your letter brought me joy and your missive stirred me, for it kindled the fire of longing in my heart and soul. When I read and understood it, I presented it before Him Who commanded all to unite on the Day

of the Call. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance was: “Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized and sought and received and sent.”

O Muhammad-i-Mustafa! We have commanded all to wisdom, yet We see ignorance and heedlessness among My loved ones. They must preserve the Tablet as they preserve their eyes, nay rather even more carefully, would they but understand. We see, and thou seest, the lassitude of the loved ones and the disarray of their affairs. Ask God to unite their company - that is, their minds - and make them among those who establish their affairs upon a firm, solid and impregnable foundation. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon all thy family.

The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist the travelers in what behooveth them on roads and paths, by sea and land, on mountains and hills. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make you the finder of what they have lost, the retriever of what they have dropped, the restorer of what they have ruined, and the reformer of what they have corrupted. I pray and offer peace and magnification upon your honor and upon those with you and upon God’s sincere, grateful and content loved ones, then upon all of them.

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O Muhammad Mahdi from the Land of A! In the name of the Sun of Truth! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Self-Subsisting Name thou hast drunk of the sealed wine, and attained unto the recognition of God which is the cause and purpose of creation. We made mention of thee before, and this is yet another time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Even as We have remembered thee time and again, it behooveth thee to drink from the cups again and again. Take thou the cup of success in the name of Him Who causeth the dawn to break, and drink from it once in My Name, at times in remembrance of Me, and yet again by My sovereignty which prevaileth over the worlds. Grieve thou not over anything, for He hath purified thee from transgression and immersed thee in the ocean of forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. God willing, thou wilt continue to be and remain illumined by the lights of the dawn of inner meanings, and engaged in that which thou art engaged in. Thus hath commanded thee the Commander, the All-Knowing. How many were the holders of high office who attained to the service of God’s Cause and assisted His loved ones to the utmost possibility in creation, and how many were the divines and jurisprudents who, in the nights and days, claimed to celebrate His praise and awaited the days of His manifestation, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Most Great Light, all remained veiled. Would that they had been content with this, but they even pronounced the verdict for His death. Verily they are among the most lost. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and turned toward the wronged, the stranger. We have ordained for thee the reward of them that have attained unto My presence, drunk the choice wine of reunion, and circled round My mighty throne. Be thou thankful unto God for this. Verily He giveth what He pleaseth unto whom He pleaseth, and ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He desireth,

through His all-pervading grace. And verily the glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this luminous Day.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, who hast been honored with My Name, who warbleth upon the branches! Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast arrived at the shore of the ocean of celestial knowledge and been illumined by the rays of the Sun of inner meanings. Thine eye hath been brightened by the light of the Most Great Countenance and thine ear honored by hearkening to the divine call. Time and again didst thou turn. Praise the Beloved of the world that after being illumined by the lights of the Sun of Permission, thou didst turn toward the Most Great Prison which is the seat of the Beloved of the world and the Lord of nations, and didst attain the ultimate goal and the divine Lote-Tree and the supreme horizon and the primal valley. Blessed art thou for having entered a gate which the Holy Spirit serveth and around which the Faithful Spirit circleth. Thou didst turn and arrive and attain and hear and behold the Dawning-Place of Beauty in this noble station. How many a king desired yet attained not, and how many a subject beheld the ocean and drank therefrom through My Name, the Generous. How many renowned ones were seen deprived of all bounties on the Day of Resurrection, and how many unknown souls were illumined by the lights of the Morn of Revelation and received their portion and share from the Kawthar of meeting and the Salsabil of reunion. O emigrant, convey a wondrous mention from this wronged exile to the divine helpers and say: O ye who seek the right hand of spirit, God willing may ye be enkindled by the fire of the Lote-Tree in the wilderness and illumined by its light. O traveler, the Supreme Pen maketh mention of those souls who ascended in this path. This is the most great bounty, were ye of them that know. It is incumbent upon all, and recorded in God's Book, to remember the Truth and show consideration for the remaining family members of such souls.

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Shaykh Salman, upon him be the remembrance of God. In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Praise be to God that through divine grace and mercy thou hast arrived at the shore of the Most Great Sea and attained the presence of the Throne. Consider this a great bounty and reflect upon the power of God. Despite falling into the hands of several people with thy property and belongings - from whose grasp none had ever emerged unharmed - the hand of God's loving-kindness took hold of thee and delivered thee along with all thou hadst. Say: Exalted is the Ancient One, the Lord of great bounty and mighty power. Thy services have been and are before Our gaze. If one hath drawn a single breath in the path of the Friend, it shall not be lost. Be confident in thy Lord's grace and strive that with complete detachment and spiritual qualities thou mayest be engaged in the mention of God. For numbered years thou didst journey in God's path and chose to be a wanderer, repeatedly attaining the presence of His countenance. Though the fruits thereof may now be hidden from thy sight and from the people, God willing, the time shall come when thou shalt witness them. Then shalt thou say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!" The earthly world cannot manifest lofty stations. By My life! He who turneth unto Him shall

behold himself in His Kingdom with manifest sovereignty. At all times take refuge in the countenance of the All-Merciful, for this station cannot be seized or altered. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the hearts, O Beloved One, to make me in all conditions content with Thy good-pleasure, annihilated in Thy will, turned toward the direction of Thy grace, and detached from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Mirza Aqa! Upon thee be the Glory of God! Praise be to God that in successive years from the clouds of Divine mercy the rain of infinite bounties hath been showered upon thee. Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be within Our sight. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and for being among those who are firm. God hath seized those who denied the All-Merciful when He came with clear proof. In this year such tribulations have rained down from the clouds of destiny upon this land that none hath been or will be able to reckon them. Nevertheless, the Pen of Remembrance hath not ceased its movement and at all times hath been engaged in the mention of God. From every direction the idolaters have risen to oppose, yet the Cause of God hath been and will remain triumphant, even as the tongue of God hath been occupied with proclaiming His Cause in the presence of the idolaters and celebrating His wondrous praise. God willing, all must drink of this choice wine - that is, according to their capacity and the receptivity of the people, they must not cease from mentioning the Cause of God. Thy letter was presented before the Throne and We heard that which thou didst call out to God. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh and for being among those who have turned towards Him. We beseech God to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones and to make thee known by His name between the heavens and the earth. Some lands are observed to be in turmoil. We beseech God to preserve you from the evil of the oppressors. Be engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and delight, detached from all that is mentioned in creation. Verily He is with you and beholdeth you. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath ascended unto God. We have caused him to enter the pavilion of remembrance through the Tablet We sent aforetime, whereby his mention shall be established forever and his spirit unto the endless ages of ages. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of God, the All-Knowing! Today those who have appeared in the name of Truth and are gazing toward His horizon must be adorned with spiritual qualities, so that the people of the world may receive their portion of this most great bounty. We beseech God to assist those who drink the choice wine of inner meanings with that which will exalt His Cause. Many are those who verbally acknowledge the appearance of Truth and His power, yet since they have not held fast to the deeds that were revealed in God's Book, they have become the cause of delay for the people of earth. God willing, all must act in a manner befitting the days of God. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned by My Pen and for having

attained to My remembrance and praise. Know thou this glorious and exalted station. O servant of God! When the heart is illumined with the lights of divine knowledge, wherever thou dwellest thou shalt abide beneath His mercy. Rejoice in thy Lord's favor and be of the thankful ones. The occupation that is beloved in the sight of God is engagement in crafts and professions. However, if someone is employed in service to the government for the protection of His Cause or for serving the loved ones of God, there is and has been no objection. And if the rulers of the earth were to attain to the lights of divine knowledge, such souls would be like unto stars. We beseech God to assist all to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. As for what thou hast written regarding remembrance - read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen is a lamp for the guidance of the servants and a guide and teacher for those in all lands. The recitation of any of these will be beloved and will become the cause and means of the outpourings of the Lord of all being.

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O Mirza Isma'il, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

Today is the day of the blessed word "We have recorded all things in a Book." O Isma'il! It is hoped that you will manifest the detachment of Khalil (Abraham) and hold fast to the Mother Book. When he was suspended in the air, Gabriel the Trusted One came and said: "Have you any need?" He replied: "Not of you." Through these words, the fragrance of detachment has encompassed the world. May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice to his detachment!

Today the Supreme Pen speaks in wondrous and sublime melodies. In the first station and primary rank it has been expressed as the trumpet blast: "And We breathed into it by Our command; thereupon all who are in earth and heaven swooned away, save those whom We preserved through Our Name, the Savior, and through Our Name, the Gracious."

Be not grieved by the tyranny of oppressors and the injustice of aggressors. The world has been set in motion by the Word of God and all directions have been perfumed by its fragrances. Say: O people of the schools, deprive not yourselves! O people of the churches, withhold not yourselves! Turn with radiant faces and illumined hearts, that you may attain to the good-pleasure of God and be freed and detached from the world and all that is therein.

This Wronged One, while swimming in the ocean of sorrows, made mention of His loved ones. In the letter to His Majesty the King of Iran, these words were revealed: "I walk, advancing toward the Mighty, the Bestower, while behind Me flow the oceans. Should anyone ask thee about Baha, say: He is in the hands of the wicked ones." When thou dost catch the fragrance of God's utterance, arise from thy place, turn toward the Kaaba of existence and say:

"Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy verses and the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy bounty to make me detached from all else but Thee, speaking in Thy praise and standing firm in Thy service. Verily Thou art the Mighty, Thou art the All-Bountiful, there is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Generous."

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He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

Today the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze and the light of oneness is shining and manifest from the horizon of the Lord's will. How blessed is the soul that has perceived the straight path through that light and has attained to divine love through the heat of that fire. Whosoever today turns toward the true Kaaba is reckoned among the gems of existence before the Worshipped One, and others are counted as turning away. Verily I say, today is the day of remembrance and praise, the day of goodly words and pleasing deeds. Strive that perchance ye may attain to God's enduring bounty. The most excellent of deeds today is steadfastness, for the cawers and the liars and the infidels have appeared and will appear in every land, even as was revealed aforetime by the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they that know and blessed are they who drink the wine of steadfastness in this mighty Cause. The cawers are souls who speak without divine permission and who deviate from the straight path of servitude. God willing, all the friends must at all times speak in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and hold fast to the strong cord of steadfastness. This is the most great bounty, to which this trustworthy Pen doth testify. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto this Tablet and for being mentioned before the Wronged One in this mighty prison. The loved ones of that land who have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition and who gaze toward the horizon of the Cause are all remembered in the Most Holy Court. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the Remembering, the All-Wise.

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He is the Most Manifest

O Abu-Talib! Hearken unto the call of the Desired One, then know that which He counseleth thee. He commandeth thee only to that which is better for thee than whatsoever hath been created upon earth, wert thou of them that know. First, associate not any partner with God, nor join with Him anyone besides Him. Then let God suffice thee against all the worlds. Verily, He is with thee in all conditions and will aid thee in whatsoever thou desirest in His path, and will send down unto thee that which He hath ordained for thee in the preserved Tablets of might. Say: O people! Associate not partners with God, for verily association is a grievous wrong - even should all who are in the heavens and earth oppose thee in this, shun them and turn thy face toward thy Lord, the One, the Peerless. Say: Should He so desire, He would cause the tongues of all created things to sing His praise. He verily doeth what He willeth. He hath ever been One in His Essence, having taken neither partner nor peer unto Himself. Leave the associators behind thee and hold fast to the hem of ancient glory. Say: O people! Fear ye God and associate not partners with Him Who hath ever been sanctified above all likeness and similitude. His is the most sublime similitude, yet similitude is but His proof and evidence unto the worlds. By God! Nothing that proceedeth from Him hath any likeness - how much less His own Self, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible, the Most High. Be thou assured by the grace of thy Lord - His grace is ever nigh unto thee. Grieve not at afflictions, for He transformeth them as He pleaseth by His command. He verily is the All-Powerful, the

Almighty. Associate with people in wisdom, then seek for thyself a path on the straight way. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves unto God, the King, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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Revealed for Shaykh ’Abdu’l-Husayn: Verily He is ever watchful. O Husayn! You visit Husayn yet kill Husayn. O heedless doubter! We desired your presence in Iraq and left the choice to you to appear in whatever place you wished, that We might show you the proof. You accepted, but when the appointed time came, the winds blew and you fled, O fly! We came to a house where the meeting was arranged, but We found you not, O you who associate partners with God, the Sender of winds! When you saw your own powerlessness, you made excuses, O deceiver! We desired to meet you only that God’s proof might be completed against you and those around you, that perchance the fire of hatred might be stilled in your breast and in the breasts of those who have denied the Lord of Lords. You turned away from meeting Me, though the dwellers of Paradise and the inmates of the holy retreats long for it. Soon you shall weep and lament and shall find no escape. Wait until God brings His punishment upon you from His presence. Soon shall the breezes of chastisement seize you and return you to the fires. The All-Merciful has come in the shadows of utterance, and sovereignty belongs to God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. The wine of passion and desire has intoxicated the dwellers in the wilderness of self and desire, while the sincere have turned with spirit and fragrance to the Dawning-Place of Revelation. The Decisive Word has come, and for the idolaters there is no abode save hell - an evil dwelling place indeed. Tribulations shall not prevent Us from mentioning the Lord of Names. I summon the people as commanded, and neither the turning away of all on earth nor the might of any proud oppressor shall prevent Me. God has made tribulations like the spring breezes to this Tree which has been raised up in truth, and every leaf thereof proclaims: Sovereignty belongs to God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Soon shall death come upon you and you shall see the punishment of your Lord, O you who have turned away from Him by Whom the promise was fulfilled and the Herald has called aloud.

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O Seyyed Isma’il, in the letter Kaf!

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Glorious!

O thou who dyest in the divine cloud! Dye all created things with this dye which hath appeared on the horizons, that they may be dyed with the dye of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation. His dye is to purify the soul from all colors, and whoso attaineth unto this hath indeed attained unto the dye of God and is numbered among the successful ones in the preserved Tablets. Beware, beware lest thou dye thyself with the dye of allusions from those who make claims. Purify thyself from these, and if thou art able, cause all created things to enter the vats of the dye of My power, that they may all appear in the color of My love - and this is indeed a mighty favor.

Empty thy spirit of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, then thy heart of those who have warred against the Self of God that standeth over all things. Then turn thy face toward the quarter that shineth with truth. Beware lest thou forget thy Lord, for We have not forgotten thee and have remembered thee in this Tablet which verily shineth with truth.

Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them that thou mayest be reminded of the remembrance of this solitary, lonely Prisoner Who hath been imprisoned in the prison of destiny, and beyond the prison the idolaters have cast Him into the depths of the pit of darkness. None hath comprehended Him, His Self, and what hath befallen Him save He Who created Him in truth, raised Him up through grace, and sent Him forth with justice unto all who are in the worlds.

Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth and sent from the quarter of loving-kindness the holy and beloved fragrances, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and give thanks unto God thy Lord and be numbered among the thankful ones in the mighty and glorious Tablets. And glory be upon thee and upon all who have believed in God and turned away from all else, whether small or great.

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In His Name, He Who is established upon the Throne! O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the Call from the Dawning-Place of grandeur and glory - verily there is no God but I, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Power hath been manifested, for the Chosen One hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things, yet most people understand not. When the Hour appeared, all creatures were shaken - among them are those who see but recognize not, those who hear but believe not, and those who have attained the lights of Beauty and found the fragrance of reunion - these indeed are among the God-fearing ones amidst humanity, to which the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beloved, doth testify. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and for not being hindered by the vain imaginings of those who disputed the signs and proof of God, until they imprisoned the Dawning-Place of verses in this forbidden fortress. Soon shall they find their deeds when the hand of thy Lord's power shall seize them - this is a promise that shall not prove false. Thy mention hath been made before the One Who is Mentioned, and this Tablet hath been sent down unto thee, wherewith nothing that was or will be can compare. When the Supreme Pen moved to thy remembrance, the ocean of thy Lord's forgiveness surged as a favor from Him unto thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! Thou hast purified me from all sins and ordained for me and my descendants what Thou hast willed in a preserved Tablet. Grieve not at anything, but trust in Him in all conditions. Say: O people! By God, the Most Great Luminary hath appeared and through Him the heavens and earth have been illumined. Beware lest veils prevent you from your ultimate goal and the words of those who have followed every heedless rejected one disturb you. Thus have We illumined thy heart with the lights of remembrance and utterance, and offered unto thy heart from Our sealed wine. Drink thou in My Name and through My sovereignty, and glorify before the faces of My loved ones who are with thee - these indeed are they who have attained.

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In His name, Who remains after the passing of all things! O Most Exalted Pen! Sing forth in the white thicket in the kingdom of creation, then make mention of him whom the breezes of the days of reunion seized until he turned to God, the Lord of Names, that the fragrances of revelation may attract him once again and bring him to a station wherein he hears the call of the stones in remembrance of his Lord, the Chosen One. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God! Whoso hears the Call with true hearing, the veils of the world shall not prevent him, nor shall the mists of the nations withhold him. He shall arise to promote the Cause with wisdom and utterance, to aid his Lord, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having attained to the pure chalice of recognition in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having taken it with the hand of certitude. Drink thou again and again, by this Name that overshadoweth the worlds. Thy letter hath come before the Countenance and hath won the lights of the Throne. We found it adorned with the mention of God and sanctified from the mention of all who are on earth. This beseemeth all who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thy letter was read, the breezes of forgiveness wafted from the right hand of the All-Merciful. Be thou assured through thy Master's grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics! We heard thy call before, and saw thy burning with the fire of God in His days, and We have sent down for thee this Tablet from which the sincere shall inhale the fragrance of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous. Soar thou at all times on the wings of mystic knowledge in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love, detached from the contingent world and the idle fancies therein which have prevented people from this straight path. Thank God for having strengthened thee and drawn thee nigh and sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. Read it in thy days. Verily it shall strengthen thee to make mention and praise amidst the concourse of creation and shall draw thee to an exalted station.

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He is the Mighty! O Muhammad! May God reward thee with the best of rewards on Our behalf and enable thee to attain unto that which He loveth and with which He is well-pleased. I counsel thee to achieve complete detachment and pure fear of God, and to gird up thy loins in this land for the sake of God thy Lord, and to close thine eyes to all else besides Him, such that thou takest not a step except by His leave, nor turnest thy gaze save with His good-pleasure. Aid thy Lord through all thy deeds and conditions, and be not heedless of Him in any moment or instance. Forget thyself but forget not thy Lord; pass beyond thy spirit but pass not beyond the remembrance of thy Creator. When thou arrivest in the land which God hath ordained for thee, adorn thy head with white cloth that thou mayest be as a standard between the monotheists and the polytheists. Set not thy foot save in the footsteps of My feet, and be unto others as thou art unto thyself. Then remind the servants of all that thou hast witnessed in this journey of thine, without addition or diminution, following the straight and upright path. Then make mention of My exile, then My distress, then My poverty and need, then My arrival in a land wherein no voice can be raised from Us and wherein none can hear My cry and lamentation. This is what I desired from God, My Lord, from the intensity of tribulations which descended upon Us through that which the hands of those who love and hate Us have wrought. And God knoweth that which no one else knoweth.

By God! Were My liver and heart to be revealed unto thee, thou wouldst find them pierced by the arrows that have struck and befallen them. Yet in all this, and for all that hath come to pass or will come to pass, We render thanks unto God. We beseech God to aid thee in the Cause of thy Lord and to make thee one of those who are guided.

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Since this text is already translated in full, I will proceed directly to analyzing the subject categories.

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O Ahmad-'Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. God willing, may the friends of God be illumined by the light of His Cause and be set ablaze with the fire of the blessed Tree - a blazing that will seize the world of existence and guide to the ocean of manifestation. This Day is the Day of God wherein hath appeared that which had never appeared before. To this testifeth every fair-minded and discerning one, every knowing and informed one. The purpose of this Wronged One is to illumine the world with the light of unity and to transform the enmity and hatred between the various peoples into love and concord. We have obliterated from the Book strife and corruption, conflict and warfare and the like, and have enjoined upon all that which is praiseworthy. Well is it with them that act accordingly. The wrongdoers, however, have changed what is praiseworthy into that which is blameworthy and have concealed the virtues of this Revelation behind the veils of self and passion. But God will manifest that which He willeth. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. You must, under all conditions, be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance in Thy days and for having made me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call which was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and by Thy bounty which hath encompassed all existence, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby both the unseen and the visible have been illumined, to make me well-pleased with Thy good-pleasure, willing that which Thou willest, steadfast in Thy service, and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Thou art He Whose will and mercy have preceded all things, and Whose grandeur and power have encompassed all things. Thou ordainest as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Potent. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards the straight path of God and His momentous and most great announcement.

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In the Name of the Ever-Seeing One!

God willing, may you at all times drink from the choice wine of the love of the All-Merciful and be sustained by the Kawthar of divine knowledge, and strive according to your capacity that perchance you may guide those who have lost their way in the wilderness of fancy and idle imaginings to the dawning-place of certitude, and lead those who thirst in the desert of bewilderment and remoteness to the sweet-flowing waters of nearness. This is a Day wherein the Word sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will hath encompassed all things. Some, upon hearing the Word, have turned to the Most Great Horizon more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye, while others, through their vain desires and imaginary veils, have remained deprived of the court of oneness. Therefore must the sincere servants rend asunder these veils with the finger of certitude, that all may attain to the outpourings of the True Bestower. Some servants who have been debarred from the Most Great Ocean and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of Bounty and the heaven of generosity - this is because they have had and continue to have no knowledge of the Cause. The loved ones of God must in this spiritual dawn be occupied with guiding souls - that is, they must, through the Kawthar of wisdom and utterance, quicken the dead and revive the withered ones. By the Sun of Truth! This eternal Kawthar bestoweth light upon the corrupted sense, granteth the spirit of bounty to the lifeless frame; through it, the hesitant one hasteneth forward and the sluggish one taketh wing. We beseech God to aid, through His special grace, the servants of His Cause, that they may arise with complete dedication to serve Him and be occupied with His remembrance. Previously, through the intermediary of Jenab-i-Amin, a clear Tablet was sent especially for you, and now also sacred and glorious Tablets have been revealed and sent for certain men and women. Deliver them. The glory be upon you.

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O thou who art illumined by the light of Baha'u'llah! In the name of the one true God! May you ever drink from the ocean of joy and soar in the atmosphere of gladness and delight. In truth, the atmosphere worthy for the soaring of the hearts of the friends of God hath been sanctified from the atmospheres of these dark cities and these lands that profit not. I swear by the ocean of utterance that I grieve with their grief and rejoice in their joy. Praise be to God, the favors of the True One have been and shall continue to be with you. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and assist you and grant you the good of this world and the next. Hereafter be not grieved. aforetime hath this word flowed from the Pen: How many who were remote have been addressed by My Tongue as near ones, and how many who were near have been pronounced remote. Thus doth the truthful and trustworthy Tongue recount unto thee. In these days this land is not free from controversies. From what is known, the atmosphere of that place is many degrees lighter and more pleasant and better than the most ruined of cities. If there be difficulties in affairs, they shall be resolved outwardly and inwardly, God willing. Now too a group in the Most Holy Presence make mention of you and of her who is with you. Think not that you have vanished from sight. Verily He loveth faithfulness and hath chosen it for Himself in the kingdom of creation. With utmost joy and delight speak and drink and act as befitteth man. The glory be upon thee and upon her who is with thee. The dwellers of the pavilion of chastity have ever mentioned and continue to mention you. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to your honor. Verily with the hands of petition and

supplication do I cling to the hem of God's generosity and beseech Him to ordain for you both that which shall gladden your hearts. Verily He is the Answerer of prayer and the Friend of those who love Him.

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O 'Ali Beg, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! The people of God have appeared specifically for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. By the command of God, exalted be His glory, they have arisen to serve all, their hearts sanctified and purified from rancor, hatred, doubts, idle fancies, selfish desires and vain imaginings. Nevertheless, there hath been visited upon them that which hath not been visited upon murderers, thieves, traitors and liars. These earthly temples have desired to extinguish the divine light and quench its flame. Far, far from it! Ere long they shall witness how this imprisonment and captivity hath become the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause and its ascendancy. Blessed is the eye that seeth, blessed the ear that heareth, and blessed the heart that understandeth. Say: Even should all the peoples of the world, with all their armies, gather together, they could not prevent God, exalted be His glory, from His purpose. He doeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O people of the world! Be fair and act with justice. The world is fleeting, as is all that ye possess and behold therein. Strive that ye may attain unto a single word from God. That blessed and exalted word is as light unto its people, as the water of life unto the thirsty, and as spirit unto human temples. Were this station to be revealed even to the extent of a mustard seed, all would hasten and circle round it with their very souls. However, God hath concealed it from those who have turned away, and revealed it to every steadfast and upright one. Rejoice thou in this Most Perspicuous Book which hath been sent down unto thee, and render thanks unto Him in the night season and in the days, at both dawn and dusk.

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O Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Best-Beloved of the horizons! O Rahim! The fragrances of thy love attained the Most Holy Court, and thy call was heard time after time, again and again. That which was revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning thee shall endure and remain as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. Guard this most exalted and glorious station like thy very life, that the hands of the thieves may not reach it. The entire world cannot be compared to a single word of the divine utterances. Know thou that which the All-Merciful hath revealed, and be thou of the thankful ones. They have expressed their desire to turn toward the Supreme Horizon. All have been created for attainment unto His presence; however, today service to the Cause takes precedence. Whoso is assisted today to aid the Cause, verily he hath attained unto all good from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to make mention of God in days when the pillars of the world were seen to be trembling. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord. Sublime Tablets were repeatedly sent. God willing, ye shall attain unto them and unto that which they contain. Today, in the Most Holy Court, mention of God, service to the Cause, and virtues and qualities that conduce to the exaltation of God's Cause take precedence. God willing, that honored one shall strive with the utmost

endeavor in these matters, and if at any time circumstances should require it - that is, if it would in no way conflict with wisdom - he may turn toward the Most Holy Court. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy father who attained the presence of his Lord in Baghdad and heard His most sweet call. My Most Exalted Pen in this sublime Tablet doth testify to this. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those who dwell with thee in thy home, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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O Abdullah! Praise the Countenance of the Intended One, for through His bounty thou hast attained unto the Most Great Sea and time after time hast been honored to attain the presence of the Lord of Eternity. Thy going was unto God and thy return occurred by His command. However, should anyone venture forth after the supreme prohibition, his deed will never be accepted, and should he enter the Most Great Sanctuary he hath been and shall remain deprived, inasmuch as his harm extendeth to the very Root of the Divine Tree and the Branches of the Lordly Tree. Assuredly, ye must prevent this aforetime. O Abdullah! The loved ones of the land of Nun, both men and women, are mentioned before the Throne. Upon them be My glory for having fulfilled the Covenant of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Convey My greetings to all. Whosoever hath drawn a breath for the love of God hath attained unto the precincts of the Throne, and whosoever hath taken a step for the Cause of God, God is aware thereof and he is mentioned with Him. Some Tablets were previously revealed and sent, and now too some are being sent specifically, and if some do not receive any, let them not be saddened, for their very mention is in the divine Tablets. By My life! Each and every one is recorded in the hidden scrolls. Blessed are they for having sought the goal of the world and the Intended One of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey greetings to all from God. And glory be upon you, O loved ones of God, and upon you, O handmaidens of God! Take pride in what hath flowed from the Pen of your Lord's will concerning you. Then take the cups of joy in My Name, the All-Forgiving, and drink in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Say: Recite My verses with the melodies of the birds of My Throne. By My life! They will draw you to My Kingdom and cause you to soar in the atmosphere of My favors and bounty. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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O handmaiden of God and daughter of His handmaiden! Hearken with the ear of thy spirit to the divine call, for outward ears that have hearkened to untrue words are unable to hear the celestial melody. Detach thy heart from the world and occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Friend, for it giveth life to the dead and guideth the living to the city of immortality. Today the decree concerning hearing and sight applieth not to any soul on earth save those who have recognized the truth with their own eyes and heard the revealed verses with their own ears. At all times take refuge in God, lest thou be accounted among the sightless in the holy presence of the All-Merciful. This is the most great bounty that hath flowed from the Ancient Pen, and may thou, God willing, attain unto it. And then thy letter was presented

before God and its contents were observed. Praise God that thou art enkindled with the fire of His love and heedless of all else. Yet strive that this fire be not extinguished by the coldness of the deniers, for at all times they are occupied with manifest deception. They cut down the Divine Lote-Tree, then raise up their cry and clamor. By the Sun of inner meanings! Such wrong hath been wrought against the Beauty of God as hath not been witnessed from the beginning of creation until now, such that the leaves of the Tree of Eternity have withered and the branches of the Ultimate Tree have been broken. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Convey the mention of this Wronged One's grief to all steadfast women, and likewise to the three exalted daughters, upon them be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Luminous.

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In the Name of the Loving Friend!

O mother!

Grieve not over the loss of thy son; rather pride thyself therein. Indeed this is an occasion for gladness and rejoicing, not for despondency and sorrow.

I swear by the Day-Star of the morn of Truth that thy son hath attained a station such as no pen can depict, nor words adequately describe. His habitation is the realm on high, his associates and companions are sanctified and detached souls, and his sustenance the imperishable and hidden blessings of the Lord. In truth were that lofty and glorious station to be revealed to an extent smaller than a needle's eye before the eyes of them that dwell on earth, they would, one and all, be so filled with joy and ecstasy as to be consumed thereby. Therefore think not that he hath perished. Indeed he will endure in the heavenly kingdom as long as God Himself endureth. And this calleth for gratitude, not grieving. When he findeth that thou art happy he becometh more cheerful, but when he perceiveth that thou art disconsolate, this provoketh anguish in his heart.

Busy thyself in the remembrance of God and unloose thy tongue in celebrating His praise with utmost joy and radiance. God, the Exalted, the True, is with thee. He is kinder than a father and more compassionate than a son.

Call thou to mind the episode of the land of ?af, when a mother sent forth her son who laid down his life in the path of the Beloved. This Day is the king of days. It behoveth thee to show forth such deeds as will distinguish thee from the women of a bygone age. Such beseemeth the servants and maid-servants of God. Be thou resigned to His good pleasure and seek communion with Him.

At this moment the entire company of the Concourse on high are engaged in extolling the virtues of thy son and in acclaiming his attributes. If thou couldst hear, thou wouldst, in thy longing, wing thy flight unto God, the Incomparable, the All-Informed. The day is not far distant when all the dwellers of the earth will magnify his praise and seek blessings from his dust. Verily incalculable is the bounty of thy Lord. Seize thy chance and be of them that endure with patience.

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O my sister, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the Beloved Friend! O blessed and goodly leaf! If you ask about the body, it is in utmost hardship and tribulation. If you ask about the physical frame, it is afflicted with countless trials. And if you ask about the spirit, it is in the heights of joy and delight. In the path of God, I have never complained of tribulation. Rather, in the love of the All-Merciful, I have grown accustomed to trials and afflictions just as an infant is accustomed to its mother's breast. Yet what benefit is there while life remains and the cup of martyrdom in God's path remains untasted, though in every moment I attain to a martyrdom. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that despite all these hardships and tribulations, we are occupied with the remembrance of the Friend and detached from all else. The world has no permanence that one should attach one's heart to it or be saddened by its events. Soon all will perish and pass away, and what has been and ever shall be is God, mighty be His glory and exalted be His station. Consider affliction in His path as mercy, and tribulation in His way as blessing. In all that we have borne there lies hidden a wisdom that none knoweth save God. You have always been and will continue to be in my thoughts. Hold fast to truth and turn away from all else. Praise God that the tie of kinship has not been severed and that you dwell secure and at rest beneath the divine Lote-Tree. This is a blessing that is great in the sight of God. The reward of every deed is treasured in the repositories of immunity, and when the time comes it will be manifested in most beauteous array. Verily thy Lord will fully recompense the sincere among His handmaidens and His sincere servants. Convey my greetings and praise to those who dwell round about, and the Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, son of Ahmad, upon both of you be the glory of God, He Who is established upon the throne of Revelation! In these days the mystery of what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an is made manifest, His blessed and exalted Word: "Though it be but the weight of a mustard seed and though it be hidden in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it to light." The tongue of grandeur in the kingdom of power speaks this most exalted word: "The Day has come and that which was hidden in the hearts of the people has appeared." It is the Day whereon the secrets shall be searched out. The hidden things of the breasts and the treachery of the eyes are manifest and evident. Perfect bounty was shown toward Satan from the divine ocean of grace and celestial generosity, to such extent that he counted himself nearer than the denizens of the Kingdom, and afterward appeared that which you have heard. The new heedless one united with his like, and for wealth they disregarded the ultimate end. They changed God's religion for gold. In the Hidden Words We said: "O Son of Being! Busy not thyself with this world, for with fire We test the gold, and with gold We test Our servants." On the day of reckoning they were occupied with riches and remained heedless and veiled from the wealthy and self-subsisting Lord. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, heard My call, turned toward My countenance and taken My Book through the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto His days, His recognition, His presence and His meeting. This is a great bounty from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Grieve not over anything. You are in the fortress of My protection and under the

shadow of My grace. Rejoice in this supreme bounty and say: Unto Thee be praise and glory and thanks and bounty, there is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon you and upon your first and your last, and your outward and your inward.

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O loved ones of God in Manshad! In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

This Wronged One, on this blessed night of Ramadan, makes mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful with wondrous praise and glorification. All things give you glad tidings of divine favor and the infinite outpourings of the Lord. Praise be to God that you have attained to that which the Truth Himself has borne. For four months this Wronged One was afflicted in the Land of Ta with imprisonment, chains, fetters and the taunts of enemies. Yet since it was in the path of the Beloved of the worlds, such joy and gladness took hold as cannot be described.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! God, exalted be His glory, has been with you in all conditions. Whatever befell you has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. Soon shall you witness that which has been ordained specially for His loved ones. Strive that no word proceed from you that would prevent the outpourings. Preserve your stations through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. By the Kingdom of Utterance, great profit lies with you. God is awake and aware. Neither slumber nor sleep overtaketh Him. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That which befell you - its stations are a treasure from you stored in the treasury of the one true Goal, and He is trustworthy and hath ever loved and loveth trustworthiness. Rejoice in what the Tongue of Grandeur hath given you glad tidings of at this moment, and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon you, upon your first and your last, upon those with you, those who aided you, and those who heard and responded to you. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Seeing, the Hearer, the Compassionate, the Generous.

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In the Name of the peerless Lord! That which is, in the first instance, conducive to the order of the world and the progress of nations has been and will continue to be the Most Great Peace, the particulars of which have been recorded in the sacred Scriptures and Tablets. God willing, in the City of Justice the kings shall assemble to consult regarding this Most Great Peace, and shall carry out that which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen. In this way shall the world find tranquility and they themselves find rest. That which is the cause and means of the progress of government and nation is what hath been mentioned. However, hearing ears and penetrating vision are needed, that they may see and hear. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, through the steadfastness and orientation of His trusted ones and chosen ones, will raise up a people who will take heed and arise for the reformation of the world. Strange it is that the Supreme Pen hath at all times been occupied with loving counsels and still is. In days when the arrows of tribulation were moving and descending from the clouds of hatred like rain, We mentioned the Word of Truth and guided the people to the straight path. Nevertheless, no trace of it appeared in

them. We found them struck down as though they were hollow palm-trunks. God willing, may ye be illumined by the light of the utterance of the All-Merciful and arise to serve His Cause. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and hath arisen to aid the Cause through teaching, which is recorded in My Preserved Tablet. O people of Baha! Withhold not the pearls of knowledge from others. Through wisdom and utterance, present these precious pearls before the eyes of the people. Perchance an eye may be found that will turn to the Most Sublime Vision. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all the worlds.

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The Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted, the Most High

These are the verses of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest One, which We have sent down from the heaven of Command and made them guidance and remembrance for all the worlds. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of the Throne, the station round which circle the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and then the dwellers of the cities of Names. Verily, there is no God but I, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O people! Do ye behold for your Lord, the All-Merciful, any partner in sovereignty? Nay, by My radiant and luminous Beauty! And do ye see for Him any minister? Nay, by His Self, the Truth, if ye be of them that know! Can anyone be associated with Him? Nay, by my Lord! Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto My Great Name. They who see for Him a peer, these are in manifest veil. Their wretchedness hath overcome them; they are of an evil people, the most lost. By God! The Lord of Power hath appeared with His most great sovereignty, and nothing in the heavens or on earth can withhold Him from that which He hath created. He sendeth down what He willeth by His command, and decreeth what He pleaseth. O servant! Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as will shake the pillars of them who have denied the Day of Judgment. By your firmness shall the mountains of idle fancies be leveled, the barren lands shall be cleft asunder, and the hearts of the idolaters shall quake. And by your ascension to the Most Glorious Horizon shall the limbs of the doubters be frozen. Beware lest anything prevent thee from that which hath been revealed in truth. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have created all things for Our remembrance and have explained every wise matter. Be thou a herald of this Name, that perchance by thy call he who is heedless may turn unto his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Be silent for God's sake, speak for God's sake, act for God's sake, detached from all else besides Him. Thus have We taught thee and commanded thee as a favor from Us. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!

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The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

These are the verses of God, the King, the Mighty, the Great, sent down from the heaven of utterance by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them and perceived from

them the fragrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, and the ear that hath heard, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How many are the servants who make mention of God at morn and eve, yet when He Who is the One mentioned appeared, they disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds! Say: O people of the earth! The appointed time hath come, and that which ye were promised hath appeared in a preserved Tablet. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from the Lord of Names, or the doubts of the people of creation veil you from this mighty and wondrous Cause. Rend asunder the veils through the power of the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. They who have removed themselves from the ocean of nearness are indeed in manifest error. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh unto God and drunk the wine of reunion from the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Grieve not at anything, but remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. He is with His servants who are firmly rooted. Aid thou the All-Merciful Who hath come from the heaven of utterance - this behooveth everyone who hath held fast to this mighty cord. Say: O people of Baha! Through you hath the Kingdom of Names been adorned, and for you hath moved the Most Exalted Pen. Strive ye that there may appear from you that which befitteth this sublime station. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else and clung to the hem of his Lord, detached from all that dwell on earth. This is a Day whereon the air proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beauteous; and the fire calleth out: The Chosen One hath come with a mighty command; and the water announceth: The Lord of Names hath come to give life to the worlds; and the earth declareth: Glory be to God, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest read them and be of them that are firmly established.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

These are the verses of God which have verily been sent down in truth. Blessed is the soul that hath been attracted by their fragrances. At times they appear in the form of the sun and shine forth from the horizon of eternity - how excellent is he who hath been illumined by their lights! And at times they appear in the form of clouds, from which the drops of inner meanings and utterance distill - blessed is he upon whom their rains have fallen! And at times they appear in human form, and verily this is the Most Great Word from the All-Merciful unto the peoples of all worlds. It singeth upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity that there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Blessed is he who hath been attracted by its melodies. Say: The Tree of Sinai hath been raised up in the holy wilderness and hath yielded the fruits of divine companionship. Happy the soul that hath tasted of its fruits, while its leaves proclaim that there is none other God but Him. This indeed is the Sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of grace - turn ye, O people, unto its radiance. Say: The oceans of knowledge have surged and the clouds of destiny have been cleft asunder. God hath come with the hosts of the unseen, and the Supreme Pen hath inscribed upon the tablets of divine decree the mysteries of His Cause. Ponder, O people, upon their significance. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast drunk of the most pure wine. Look, then, with the greatest vision. By the Beloved God! The Cause hath been exalted and made manifest.

Blessed the soul that hath fulfilled its covenant. Leave behind what thou hast and take what thy Lord hath - this is better for thee than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth and whatsoever hath been treasured in their ranges. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, and shun those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God. Purify thy face for God, thy Lord, in these days wherein every soul hath come with its book. And glory be upon thee and upon them who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and holiness and reunion, and have become detached from the world and its ornaments.

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In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding, Who perisheth not! The Book hath been sent down from before God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily it is the Lamp of Eternity amidst the nations and the Sign of the All-Merciful unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility. They who have inhaled from it the fragrance of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted - these are the people of Baha in the presence of their Lord, the Originator of Creation. And they who have remained heedless - these are numbered with the dead before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: O people! Answer your Lord, the All-Merciful, in these days wherein the Call hath been raised from all things, and the Spirit of Holiness proclaimeth between earth and heaven: “The sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing!” Thus hath the Command been sent down in this Tablet which God hath made the Dayspring of inspiration. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him whose name was mentioned before the Throne, that he may arise to aid the Cause and assist his Lord through utterance. Blessed is thy brother, who remained faithful to the Covenant until he ascended unto the Most Glorious Companion. The dwellers of Paradise shall pray for him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the dominion. Upon him rest the remembrance of God and His praise at all times. Draw nigh unto his resting-place and stand before that station, saying: Upon thee, O tested servant, be the remembrance of God, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest, and the praise of all things and of those servants who circle round the Throne from time immemorial. I testify that thou didst cast away what was with the people and didst take what was sent unto thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Thou art he who attained the presence of God before the Manifestation, and when the Call was raised thou didst respond, saying: “Here am I, O God of all who are in earth and heaven!” Thou art among those who rent asunder the veils when the Bestower came in the shadows of the clouds. Blessed is he who visiteth thee after thy ascension and remembereth thee purely for the sake of thy Lord. He, verily, is among the righteous. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to that which thou hast been commanded by the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

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He is the True Beloved

With brief mention and abundant sincerity, this one makes manifest that whatever expression of sincerity is made and whatever elucidation of special connection is offered exceeds description and utterance and is sanctified above characterization and explanation. Yet whatever is presented, as befits His station in

that exalted court, would not be worthy. Therefore, these few passages will suffice, and in the station of love and condition of affection, these two or three verses bear witness:

Whatever brings thee joy in this world,

Think thou upon its separation at that time.

Many were gladdened by that which gladdens thee,

But in the end fled from it like the wind.

Therefore flee thou from it ere it flees from thee,

Set not thy heart upon it ere it parts from thee.

Therefore, We have likewise given tranquility and repose to that land of sincerity with the water We sent down from heaven, according to what God wishes and how He desires. Furthermore, it is submitted that an indication was made in the course of a tradition that there would be cause for a meeting. Yes, thus are We longing for it, but soon our appointed time will come, God willing, from God's presence and the day of our return to God, until the believers are gathered together. Thus do We connect with thee and then shall We meet you in the presence of the Most High Sovereign. And greetings upon the sincere loved ones. To Jinab-i-Mirza Habibullah I send greetings. For Jinab-i-Ha Maqsud I long with perfect sincerity and complete eagerness and special connection, and send greetings. He is none other than a beloved to those who long and a companion to those who ask. And God encompasses what I say and makes it clear.

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His honor Mirza Haji Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Praise be to God that despite the flames of hatred burning in the hearts of the heedless and oppressors, the light of grace shines forth from the horizon of the heaven of His bounty. Today from the rustling of the leaves of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing was heard "The Glory has come," and from its branches wafted the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the servant whom the might of the people did not deprive of the light of this Day, who detached himself from what he possessed in hope of that which is with God.

O Haji, formerly Aqa! Thy letter which thou didst send to Muhammad, upon him be My glory, was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. It attained the honor of being seen and was read by one of My Branches who was named Diya in the Supreme Horizon. We have answered thee with this Clear Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

His honor the Trustee, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned thee, and likewise mentioned the book which his honor Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory, is engaged in transcribing. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Desire, for having remembered me in days wherein sorrows have encompassed Thee from all directions. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created

things, by Thy bounty which hath encompassed all contingent beings, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy service. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence and by Thy Manifestation through which the Mount smiled, to enable me to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Then ordain for me, O my God, through Thy Name, that which will exalt me in Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the kingdom and the realms above, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. And praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds.

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O Aqa Kuchik, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

Praise be to God Who has made death a herald for those who are near, sincere, and yearning. This arena is the arena of lovers - blessed are they who attain! It is the gate of reunion and the source of hidden treasures and concealed mysteries. Glory be to God! He has graciously made that from which all people turn away to be the key, and through it has manifested that which nations cannot comprehend and fail to recognize. Likewise He has made it a sign of punishment for the turning away ones, the deniers, and the deceivers.

Praise be to God! Muhammad-Qabli-Rida, upon him be the light and radiance of God, dwelt for successive years beneath the shade, partaking of the fruits of the Blessed Tree and abiding beneath the pavilions of grandeur, until his days were ended by his ascension to the Supreme Companion. At the time of his ascent, the angels and the Spirit received him and brought him into the highest Paradise, his head adorned with the crown of My Most Glorious Name and his temple with the ornament of My Greatest Favor. By the life of God! In that moment there appeared what all the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! He attained unto the signs of God in his life and after his death. We bear witness that he is among those who have attained in My manifest Book.

O Kuchik, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for illumining my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and acquainting me with Thy Great Announcement, whereby the realities and pillars of the idolaters were shaken. I beseech Thee by the lights of the faces of Thy loved ones and the mysteries hidden in Thy Book to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

Praise be to the one peerless God Who, through the Most Great Name, illumined the world and its peoples with the light of true divine unity, and adorned and raised high the pavilion of world order

through the radiance of the Sun of Manifestation. Exalted be His dominion and glorified be His power! The letter of that honored friend arrived and, praise be to God, from every word of it wafted the fragrance of love, fellowship, affection and unity. After its perusal and review, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. These are His mighty words: "We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve him through His hosts and guard him through His sovereignty and give him to drink from the chalice of steadfastness and to rain down upon him from the clouds of grace the showers of His mercy." O thou who gazest upon the Face! My branch Ziya brought thy letter to the Most Holy Court, and likewise the letter of Husayn, upon him be My glory. We have answered thee with this Manifest Tablet. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds, and commit thy affairs unto Him. He will assuredly assist thee through His Name, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee who hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this Straight Path.

We hope that matters will be set right, and if at times there is delay, this is due to the requirements of God's consummate wisdom. When the time cometh and the hour arriveth, that which hath been revealed from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, shall be made manifest unto thee. Convey My greetings and praise to the loved ones in that land, and for each I seek that which will cause them to turn unto Him. Verily our Lord is the Answerer of prayers and the Goal of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him.

Written on the 2nd of Rajab 1309.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise befitteth the King of the kingdoms of justice and grace, Who through His Most Great Word brought forth from nothingness the manifestations of these twin attributes, and made the preservation, tranquility, prosperity and glory of the world dependent upon these two. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His dominion. There is no God but Him. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of both worlds, the Mercy unto all beings, the Light of both East and West, the Bearer of the Two Seas, through whom appeared the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge before the faces of all religions, and through whom shone forth the luminary of unity from the horizon of possibility, and upon His family and companions, through whom were erased the traces of polytheism and hypocrisy, and was raised the standard of wisdom amidst all possibility. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Abdullah! The peace of God be upon thee. In these days sorrow hath come from every direction. Surely you have heard of the deeds of those who claim to love Us in the great city. They have kindled the fire of greed and covetousness and denied the property of a group. In such days grievous news arrived from that land which added to Our sorrows. Ibn Farid says: "My grief - Jacob did not reveal the least of it, and all of Job's afflictions were but a portion of my tribulation." In any case, you must arise to remedy that matter

and adorn the temple of the censurable with the robe of the praiseworthy. Strange and wondrous reports have spread from that land to all regions. God willing, you will arise with firm resolve and steadfast purpose to bring about reform. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land. We counsel all to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy conduct. Peace be upon you and upon those who act according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise and glorification befit the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness Who bestowed the power of utterance and with it adorned the realms of remembrance and praise. The Wronged One makes mention of Him and glorifies Him, that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved and Chosen One through Whom were revealed the mysteries of His Book and what lay hidden in His knowledge, and upon His family and companions through whom were manifested God's might and power, His grandeur and dominion. We testify that there is none other God but Him. His is the kingdom of earth and heaven, and the glory and the dominion, and He is the Protector, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon thee be the peace of God, Lord of Power. Thou hast ever been and still art remembered. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen thee through the forces of the heavens and earth, to rain down upon thee from the clouds of generosity the showers of His grace and favors, and to ordain for thee every good thing that He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. In these days Haji 'Ali, upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness, hath come and made repeated mention of thee. We beseech God to ordain for you both that which will bring solace to your eyes and to the eyes of those who love you. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Bountiful.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. Some time ago a Tablet was sent especially for Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be the peace of God and His grace. God willing, he hath attained unto it. We conclude this epistle with the remembrance of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the Master of the exalted Seat. Praise be to God, for He is the Goal of them that know.

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O Leaf Ziya'u'l-Hajiyyih, upon her be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. On the first day of the Manifestation, the preface of the book of existence was adorned with the blessed words "There are no genealogies among you." On that day all creation shall be witnessed on a single plane. Then He speaks forth with the Most Exalted Word: whosoever attains to recognition is accounted among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. Today the kinship of God is accepted and beloved. Whosoever acquires nobility from this most exalted station and most glorious rank has attained to that which was ordained in God's Book for His loved ones. This kinship is the king of kinships and this

station is the sovereign of stations. O my Leaf, upon thee be My glory! In every sect among the diverse sects, and every community among the communities, and every party among the parties of the world, there has been and is an essence, and that essence has been and is taken through the ordering of the True Orderer and the hands of power. Blessed is the one whom outward kinship and perishable means have not prevented from the kinship of God. Whosoever today attains unto the recognition of God, which was the purpose of creation, is mentioned in the Book as being of the party of God and is truly related unto Him. Praise be to God that that Leaf has repeatedly attained unto the divine verses and has drunk the sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of the Self-Subsisting Lord. No thing among all things can equal this favor. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve what He has bestowed. We convey greetings to the handmaidens of God and counsel all according to what God hath revealed in the Book. Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned, heard, and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise! The remembrance of God unto His servant Javad, that he may rejoice in His remembrance, for verily His remembrance of him is better for him than all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. O Javad! Hearken unto My call, then soar in the atmosphere of My love, then turn away from thine own self in My path and hold fast unto My strong and mighty cord in such wise that the winds of hypocrisy from the people of dissension - they who have broken the Covenant and denied the lights of the Daystar of the horizons and were among the wrongdoers - shall not cause thee to waver. And when the Ancient Beauty walketh before their faces, they look upon Him with disdain. Thus hath Satan whispered in their breasts and made them to be numbered with the idolaters. Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord in such wise that neither the tempests of trials nor the storms of tribulation shall move thee. Thus behooveth it him who hath believed in God, the Most High, the Most Great. Remember thy Lord amongst His servants and be not of the heedless ones. We have not forgotten thee, and thou shalt not forget thy Lord, and be thou of them that remember. Shun Mine enemies and turn thy heart toward My luminous countenance. Say: O people! Through Him have I become independent of all else save Him, and detached from the worlds. And thou art of those who attained the presence of the Youth in days when He was alone in the land of exile and had no one with whom to find solace, and God is witness and all-knowing of this. And thou wast the second one to attain His presence, and by this was thy name inscribed in the Tablets by the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and He hath ordained for thee a glorious and lofty station. Beware lest thou deprive thyself thereof. Be steadfast in His love, then walk among the people in My footsteps that there may be manifested from thee that which thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, doth love. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the King, the Mighty, the Peerless.

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In the name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy! The remembrance of God unto His servant, that he may rejoice in His remembrance of him, be detached from all the worlds, turn with his

heart unto God and remember Him at morn and eventide. O servant! Blessed art thou in that thou hast drawn nigh unto God, thy Lord, attained His presence, and been honored to meet Him. This, verily, is a mighty triumph. Beware lest thou forget what thou hast heard from the tongue of God. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eye. Thus art thou commanded by One Who is knowing, wise. O servant! Be steadfast in the Cause of God, thy Lord, and follow not those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were doubtful of the Cause. Purify thy heart from all allusions, then walk in the path of those who have detached themselves from all save God and turned wholly unto the Almighty, the Powerful. Those who have removed themselves from the shore of nearness - these shall have no portion of this Paradise which hath been made manifest in the name of God. Taste at all times of the fruits of the Tree of Knowledge which hath been planted by the hands of God in the holy land. Avoid Mine enemies and hold fast unto My loved ones who have held fast unto the Sure Handle and have detached themselves from every remote idolator. Say: This is indeed the Day wherein, were ears to be purified from the clamor of the idolators, they would hear from all things: "By God the Truth! God hath come with manifest sovereignty." Leave all remembrance behind thee, then hold fast unto the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, Who speaketh the truth in all things, that there is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth encompasseth all things. Thus have We imparted unto thee the Word of Truth and revealed unto thee that whereby are illumined the spirits of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the exalted Throne.

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In the Name of Him before Whose fear all are apprehensive! This is a mention of thy Lord's mercy unto His servant 'Ali, that He may establish him in the Cause and draw him nigh unto a mighty shore of holiness. O servant! Rejoice within thyself that the Pen of the Spirit hath remembered thee with hidden holy intimations. Yet He Who giveth thee these glad-tidings is in such sorrow as none can reckon save He Who hath numbered all things in a clear Book. Know thou that they who believed in 'Ali aforetime have now denied His splendor and His might and sovereignty, and this is an injustice wherewith no injustice in creation can compare, if thou be of them that are well-informed. Strive thou within thyself lest thou sell the Joseph of eternity for whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven, for through love of Him thou shalt become independent of all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, even shouldst thou possess not so much as a grain or atom of what is ordained on earth. And were His love not with thee, thou wouldst be poor though there be gathered unto thee the treasures of the heavens and the earth. This is a truth wherein there is no doubt, if thou be of them that know. Say: O people! Exchange not the favor of God for that which ye possess, and distance not yourselves from a near seat of glory. Say: The Beauty hath dawned from the horizon of holiness with such an adorning as hath bewildered every learned sage. Remember thou thyself, then remind the servants of this Cause at which every sanctified mystic hath been thunderstruck. Then stand thou firm in the Cause with God's dignity and tranquility, and fear no one but place thy trust in God. Verily He shall suffice thee against every suspicious transgressor. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are content with what God hath been content with, seeking His presence, and who are possessed of clear vision regarding their Lord's command.

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O My Worshipped One! Make mention of a word from the Youth to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Bestower, that he may seize it with power from Us and cast aside that which is with those who have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords. Say: Open your eyes, O people of learning, to behold the Beauty, for verily it hath dawned from the horizon of glory and none opposeth it save every idolatrous doubter. He who hath not attained unto it is not possessed of true vision - thus hath the Revealer of the Book decreed. Say: O people! We created sight for the recognition of this Beauty, and he who hath not recognized it is blind, as they who are endued with understanding do testify. If your sight be weak, then seek illumination from Mine eye and through it behold Me, O ye who are endued with vision. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty which hath been vouchsafed unto you without question or answer. Say: O people! This is He for Whom generations of old died in their yearning, yet when ye found Him without effort, ye turned heedless. Soon shall ye lament and weep, O ye who are veiled. Arise, O people, then address your supplication toward the Gate with humility and contrition. He who hath not attained unto the mention of this Most Great Remembrance is powerless, though he may speak with the tongue of all the worlds - thus doth He with Whom is the decisive Word bear witness. Grieve not at the wickedness of those who have disbelieved in this Revelation, for they are those who disbelieved in God throughout all ages. Say: O Lord! Preserve me through Thy sovereignty and power, then inscribe me with Thy righteous servants. O Lord! Cause me to be as Thou lovest and art pleased with, and leave me not to my passions, for verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Choosing. And glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, unto Whom returneth the decree of the beginning and the end.

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The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted! A mention from Us to the Leaf who hath spoken upon the Tree of Knowledge even as the Dove hath warbled upon the branches. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of the Countenance and been moved by the breezes of thy Lord’s will, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Beware lest the imaginings of those who have disbelieved in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, hold thee back. Take firm hold of the Tree, then remember thy Lord with this wise remembrance. O Leaf! Praise be to God that through divine favors in these radiant days thou hast attained unto that which was intended. Be not grieved at the oppression of the enemies. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that whosoever in the days of the Lord of all possibility hath drunk of the choice wine of knowledge regardeth all who are on earth as non-existent and absent - how much more so the weak souls whom following their own desires and passions hath deprived of turning unto the Lord of Names and Creator of all things, and whose verbal limitations and manifestations of self have veiled them from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful. Observe how the people of the Qur’an have remained far from the Lord of all possibility. There is no doubt that they have been held back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment by the words of those possessed of vain imaginings. Likewise have the people of the Bayan been veiled from the Lord of Names and Attributes by their own imaginings, although all are commanded in this Revelation to fix their gaze upon the Revelation

itself, not upon what they possess, even though it be the books of the first and the last. And this bounty hath been specially revealed in this Manifestation; nevertheless through falsehood they have been debarred from the Lord of Causes. Thou must stand firm in the Cause of God with such firmness as to be the cause of steadfastness in the weak ones. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee in His remembrance and praise. Verily He is the Protector of those who remember and the Helper of those who remember.

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=== START BH03828 ===

The Family of the Daughter of the Well-Beloved of Martyrs, upon them be the Glory of God

He is the Rememberer, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

A remembrance from Us to her who turned, who heard and who said: “Here am I, O Lord of Eternity! Here am I, O Thou the Goal of all in the heavens and the earth!” O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned for having summoned the people unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We desired light for the servants, but they desired for the Wronged One the fire of hatred and malice. Know thou assuredly that they are among the abased ones. Know that the glance of God’s loving-kindness hath been and continueth to be directed towards thee. Sorrow not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Say: My God, my God! Leave me not alone, for Thou art the Best of inheritors. My God, my God! Forsake me not in solitude, for Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. My God, my God! Through Thy power, ordain for me a helper and protector. O handmaiden of God! Today the decree of lineage is lifted, for nobility and exaltation depend solely upon God, glorified be His majesty. This Tablet is a manifest book and a great bounty. The world will change but this will not change. Every life is followed by death and every glory by abasement, but the glory of the Divine Word hath been and will continue to be eternal, its perpetuity sanctified from extinction and its rising sanctified from setting. No word that hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen can be erased, nor can centuries and ages alter it. Give thanks unto God that He hath sent down this Tablet from the heaven of His will in thy name, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!

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He is the One Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven

O Afnan, Siyyid M.H., upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! A mention from Us to him who has turned to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, and has witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur has uttered - the Kingdom belongs to God, Lord of the worlds. The Wronged One calls out to you from the prison and summons you, as a grace from Him, that He may draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. O My Afnan! The Divine Lote-Tree remembers you and counsels you with that which befits His days. He is, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing. We have remembered you before and after with that

which has illumined the horizon of proof. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. There has befallen Us at the hands of the enemies that which has caused the Concourse on High to lament, yet most of the people are heedless. Throughout all My days I have been in the hands of Mine enemies, and We have witnessed that which has caused the Faithful Spirit to cry out. In all conditions We thank Him and praise Him for what has befallen Us in His path. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the One, the Mighty, the Great. We have sent thee, with this Tablet, a spirit from Our presence that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. This is a day wherein My Supreme Pen speaks, yet most of the people are heedless. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to what has been sent down in My Perspicuous Book. O My Afnan! Be thou speaking in My praise, gazing toward My horizon, turning unto My face, and standing firm in the service of My wondrous Cause. We have counseled thee with that which shall be a lamp unto thee in the worlds of thy Lord. He Who has spoken before all faces bears witness to this - the Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH03830 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

A remembrance from Us to him who was attracted by the verses of God and turned to His horizon when the people were in manifest denial. Hear the call from the Most Great Ocean: "He hath appeared in the temple of man and calleth out in the heart of contingent being that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. I have come for the life of the world, but the peoples are in grievous doubt." Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and attained unto this Cause before which, when it appeared, the verses bowed down in submission. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the conditions of those who have denied God, disputed His verses and turned away from His luminous countenance shall not prevent thee. When thou hast drunk the sealed nectar from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the dayspring of Thy manifestation and whatsoever was hidden in Thy Tablets and Thy Scriptures, to make me firm, steadfast, unwavering and upright in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Thou art verily the Potent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O thou who hast turned! The entire world hath been created for the recognition and meeting with God, but the hateful ones, the transgressors and the heedless have become a barrier between the Truth and His loved ones. In these days the most ignorant among the people of the world have risen in opposition, therefore turning to the Most Exalted Horizon is not permitted. We have commanded all to wisdom - thou too must observe this, hold fast to wisdom and act wisely. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be

He, to ordain for thee that which will bring comfort to thine eyes and gladden thy heart. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

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In the Name of Him through Whom was raised up the heaven of mystic knowledge in the world of being!

A remembrance from Us to him who was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Meeting and drank from the ocean of attainment when the Most Great Luminary was shining from the horizon of Iraq. Rejoice in that which the Supreme Pen maketh mention of thee as the Lord of Names walketh in this place round which circle proof and demonstration. The servant who is present before the Throne hath presented the letter from thy brother and laid bare its contents before the Wronged One, and We make mention of thee through these verses whereby hath shone forth the Sun of creation from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Lord of all existence. Grieve thou not over anything; be thou of such disposition that neither the circumstances of the world nor the words of those who have denied God, the Lord of all religions, should sadden thee. Remember when thou wert before the Throne and didst hear the call of thy Lord and recognize that which was hidden from most of the servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations Who hast appeared through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee to accept from me what I have wrought in Thy path, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the One Who doeth as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God that on this divine day you have tasted of the sealed wine and attained unto the Kawthar of mystical knowledge. Preserve thou this station and be of the thankful ones. Be not grieved over what hath befallen. That which thou didst perform aforetime for God's sake and didst send forth was accepted before the Throne, though outwardly it came not to pass according to thy wish. Be thou confident in thy Lord's grace. Verily He maketh mention of thee through that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure in His kingdom. He is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Convey wondrous greetings to the friends of God and illumine them all with the lights of the Sun of remembrance. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH03834 ===

The Most Holy, The Most Inaccessible, The Most Mighty, The Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hastened unto God but was then bewildered by the deeds of those who strayed from guidance in following their desires. Know thou that they are among the distracted ones. Know that God hath rendered the essence of desire as dust. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. We have indeed made plain the two paths. Blessed is he who walketh the path commanded in the Book of his Lord. He is assuredly among the triumphant. All paths have ended in this

Path, and all lights in this resplendent Light. O Ali! We answered thee before and made mention of thee in diverse Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Remember when thou wert in Baghdad beneath the gaze of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, and ponder what thou didst hear from His most wondrous and wonderful tongue. Fix in thy heart that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty hath spoken, then make mention of it and be not of them that remain silent. Many successive years have passed and We received not from thee what We desired for thee. Therefore have We sent unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest arise to remember God and praise Him amidst His heedless servants. We have not forgotten thee. Verily thy Lord is possessed of great bounty. We desire thee to be among the faithful ones in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from attaining this glorious station. O Ali, although ages and centuries have passed and no mention was heard from you, yet the Friend hath been occupied with your remembrance, for He is among the faithful ones and hath loved faithfulness, and your name hath been mentioned before Him from among the most ancient names. God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful and the favors of the Sovereign of Creation, you shall remain steadfast upon the path of faithfulness in such wise that the veils and allusions of the people of intimations shall not prevent you from the Dawning-Place of verses. God willing, you shall hearken with the ear of acceptance unto the counsel of the Friend.

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Know thou of a certainty that the Unseen can in no wise incarnate His essence and reveal it unto men. He is, and hath ever been, immensely exalted beyond all that can either be recounted or perceived. From His retreat of glory His voice is ever proclaiming: “Verily, I am God; there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I have manifested Myself unto men, and have sent down Him Who is the Day Spring of the signs of My Revelation. Through Him I have caused all creation to testify that there is none other God except Him, the Incomparable, the All-Informed, the All-Wise.”

He Who is everlastingly hidden from the eyes of men can never be known except through His Manifestation, and His Manifestation can adduce no greater proof of the truth of His Mission than the proof of His own Person.

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=== START BH03836 ===

This is one of the Tablets which his honor Afshar requested. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

A remembrance from Our presence to him who has attained to hearkening unto the Call when it was raised amongst mankind and who hath testified to that which the Supreme Pen hath testified: God, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The pavilion of glory hath been raised up and the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the Most Great Throne and hath spoken before the faces of all nations. The appointed time hath come and the Revealer of verses hath

spoken the truth and said: O people of the earth! The door of generosity hath been opened with the key of My Most Great Name. Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved, then turn unto Him, as commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. This is a Day wherein that which ye possess shall not profit you - to this doth the Mother Book testify in this exalted and glorious station. Verily those who have turned away are in manifest ignorance. They have no portion of this Most Great Sea nor any path unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Can the dumb one speak before the Kingdom of Utterance? Nay, by His own Self, the Most Merciful! But the people have taken their own vain imaginings as lord besides God. Thus have their souls enticed them and today they are in manifest loss. He who hath turned to My countenance and arisen to serve My Cause hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with decisive verses that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. When thine eyes attain to beholding these signs, say: O my Lord, the Chosen One! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued all created things, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants in such wise that their tyranny and oppression shall not frighten me, nor their might and power weaken me, nor their clamor silence me, nor their hosts prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty.

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O Muhammad, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Glory of God! A mention from Us to him who hath won the lights of faith when the All-Merciful came with His kingdom, the inaccessible, the mighty, which was not prevented by the veils of the people when the Self-Subsisting appeared with His sovereignty, the All-Encompassing over the worlds. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of God, the Single, the One. He calleth thee in truth as a grace from Him - verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thou didst attain unto the presence when the Lord of Eternity entered into the Most Great Prison, and this yet another time. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Thou didst enter the garden of Paradise and didst hear the call of God when thou didst present thyself before the Throne with evident humility. This is a bounty that nothing on earth can equal, and none can comprehend save those endowed with insight from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou didst dwell beneath the shade of thy Lord’s mercy until the appointed time was fulfilled. Then did We grant thee leave to return, that thou mayest remind the people of this Announcement, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and the hearts of them that know took flight. Return thou by God’s leave and permission, then remind the people with the wisdom We have commanded thee. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Let nothing grieve thee in the Cause of thy Lord. He will assist whomsoever aideth His firm and mighty Remembrance. We have mentioned thee before - verily He remembereth him that remembereth Him, and loveth him that turneth toward Him with a luminous countenance. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and firm in the Faith, such that the imaginings of the idolaters disturb thee not. Convey My greetings unto the servants of God, then gladden them with the mention of My Most Sweet Name, that the Call may attract them and draw them nigh unto a station ordained in Our Preserved Tablet. Say: Adorn yourselves with My virtues and hold fast to My laws and ordinances. These have been sent down from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. The glory from God, the Single, the All-Informed, be upon thee and upon them.

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=== START BH03838 ===

He is the One Who rules over all names

A remembrance from the Remembered One to him who hath believed in God when the servants turned away from Him, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. He Who was hidden within the pavilions of grandeur and power and in the treasure of thy Lord's protection, the Most High, the Great, hath come, and from the highest horizon hath appeared the Luminary of proof by the command of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who mentioneth you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. This is the Day that was promised to every soul in My perspicuous Book which We sent down unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and before Him unto the Spirit, and before Him unto Him Who conversed with God. Say: By God! The horizon of proof hath shone forth and the Sovereign of utterance hath come with verses which none deny except those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Open your eyes, for the Chosen One hath come in His great glory. Nothing whatsoever can prevent Him. He speaketh before all faces and declareth that which He hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto the Kawthar of Mine utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions! The dogs have surrounded Thee from every side. I know not what will descend upon Thee from the hosts of the oppressors. Among them are those who have denied Me, those who have pronounced sentence against Me, those who have decreed My banishment, and those who have expelled Me from the land of Ta which God had made the dawning-place of His revelation, the dayspring of His signs, and the source of His mighty and wondrous Cause. Thus hath the Tongue spoken by the command of God in this noble station. Whoso heareth, it is for his own soul; whoso turneth toward it, it is for his spirit; and whoso turneth away, it shall be upon him. Thus hath the Pen of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne, decreed.

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His honor Haji Baba, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We testify that he turned unto the Countenance and faced the Supreme Horizon when the people turned away, and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur had uttered - the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. There hath come before the Most Great Scene that which thou didst send to Samandar, and the servant present submitted it when the Throne was established in this praiseworthy station. Thy grief hath grieved Me, and thereby was grieved he who was present before the Face with a sorrow that saddened the Concourse on High. He Who possesseth the irrevocable command beareth witness to this. We counsel thee to patience and forbearance in what hath come upon thee in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Limit thyself to My remembrance and praise, and to reflection on what thou hast heard from My tongue and witnessed from the horizon of My loving-kindness when thou didst advance and journey until thou didst attain the presence at a Gate which We

opened unto all faces. By My life! He who hath ascended hath been forgiven by God as a grace from His presence, and the dwellers of Paradise have found from him the fragrance of his love for his Lord, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. We make mention at this time of him who hath ascended unto God with a mention from which the sincere shall find the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O Isma'il! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison with a remembrance from which the hands of change and extinction are cut off. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have adorned thy head with the crown of My loving-kindness and thy temple with the ornament of My mercy, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth, that thy father and mother may rejoice in this bounty which the treasures of princes and monarchs cannot equal. The glory shining from the horizon of the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have ascended bearing with them the trust of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Nabil-i-Qabla-Javad! The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great! A remembrance unto My servant who hath turned unto the Qiblih of faithfulness and fulfilled the Covenant of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, that it may inspire him with such remembrance of his Lord as shall serve as proof in this Cause whereby bodies have been seized with trembling. O people of Baha! Ye are the breezes of springtime throughout all regions. Through you have We adorned creation with the adornment of the knowledge of the All-Merciful, through you hath the face of the world been illumined and brightened with smiles. Hold ye fast unto the cord of steadfastness in such wise that through it vain imaginings may be obliterated. Go forth from the horizon of power in the name of your Lord, the Chosen One, and give the glad-tidings unto the servants with wisdom and utterance of this Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of creation. Beware lest anything withhold you from that which ye have been commanded by the Most Exalted Pen when it moved across the Tablet with the sovereignty of grandeur and power. Blessed is he who hath heard its shrill voice as it was raised up in truth between earth and heaven. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Turn with all thy being unto God, turning away from those who have denied the Resurrection. This is a Day whereon the Sun of Grace hath dawned and the horizon of bounty hath shone forth. Well is it with him who hath attained unto the purpose of God after all such polytheists and doubters were heedless of it. O people of Baha! The Kawthar of life hath flowed forth for your sakes. Drink ye therefrom in My Name, to spite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Religions. We have made you the hands of His Cause. Aid ye the Wronged One, for He hath been afflicted at the hands of the wicked ones. He, verily, aideth him who aideth Him, and remembereth him who remembereth Him. To this beareth witness this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Make mention of those servants who have believed in God and glorify their faces with the glorification whereby spirits take flight. Thus have We commanded thee and sent down for thee that wherefrom thou shalt find the fragrance of the Beloved when He was in the hands of the wicked ones.

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The Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Great. A remembrance for him who has turned to God and been illumined by the lights that have shone forth from the horizon of his Lord's will, the Almighty, the Powerful, that the fragrances of verses might draw him to the station which the Manifestor of clear proofs has destined for him. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Arise to make mention of thy Lord among the people, detached from those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily those who are heedless this day shall soon find themselves in the depths of the fire. Thus has the command been issued from the Pen of the All-Choosing in a mighty tablet. Blessed is he who has been illumined by this Lamp through which the heavens and earths have been made to shine. Blessed is he who has been enlightened by this Light through which the worlds have been illumined. Hold fast to the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of the Ancient of Days. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord or the words of the polytheists sadden thee. Turn not to the world and what is therein. Set thy gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy most excellent names and the Source of Thy most exalted attributes, Who has been imprisoned in Thy path amidst the wicked, that Thou aid me to make mention of Thee and praise Thee, and assist me in serving Thee in such wise that neither the might of the transgressors nor the power of the evil ones shall hold me back. O my Lord! I am he who has turned to the door of Thy grace and set his face toward the throne of Thy grandeur. Ordain for me what is best, for I know not what profiteth me. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Wise. O my Lord! Deal with me according to Thy grace and bounty, then protect me from those who have denied Thy Manifestation and turned away from Thy Beauty. Make me then steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the winds that blow from the hearts of Thy heedless servants and the polytheists among Thy creatures shall not move me. Thou art verily the Protector over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

The springtime of divine knowledge has appeared through the blessing of God's Most Great Name, and the leaves of inner realities are manifest, yet those with true vision are rare, save for the souls who have attained the choice wine of inner meanings and become possessed of true insight. The True One, exalted be His grandeur, gave glad tidings of His Day to all servants, as mentioned and recorded in most divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms. Yet when the Dawning Place of divine Will appeared and shone forth with the Sun of Manifestation, all were found heedless and turned away, except whom God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds, willed. Blessed is the soul who in these days has drunk from the ocean of recognition of the Lord of all possibilities and received their portion. By the Sun of the horizon of knowledge! Whosoever remains deprived of recognition of this triumphant Day, the regret thereof shall endure for them throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. We have heard your call and have answered you with this noble Tablet. All things shall perish, but there shall remain for you what the All-Merciful has sent down in the Tablet. Preserve it and be of the thankful ones. In all conditions, beseech the True One, exalted and mighty be He, to keep all steadfast in this mighty Cause. Observe the heedless

people who have forsaken God's everlasting blessings and become attached to transient ornaments whose transformation, change and extinction they witness at every moment. Blessed is the powerful one who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings, and blessed is the one who has cast away what perishes and turned toward God, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH03843 ===

O Cupbearer, lift the veil from Thy immortal face,

That I may drink the wine of eternity from the beauty of my Lord.

What Thou hast in Thy wine-cellar cannot cure love's fever -

O Cupbearer, bring forth an ocean of that spiritual wine,

That this hidden, love-maddened one may cry out in ecstasy,

That this divine drunkard may arise from this stupor.

Kindle the fire of love and burn away all existence,

Then take a step and pass through the valley of the lovers.

Until thou art effaced from the attributes of being, O wayfarer,

How canst thou taste the wine of eternity from the sweet ruby lips of the Beloved?

Place thy foot upon the crown of angels, then enter the shade of poverty,

That thou mayest now behold the eternal kingdom from every direction.

If thou holdest dear the thought of life, come not here;

If thou wouldst sacrifice soul and heart, come and bring them too.

This is the way's custom - if thou seekest the presence of Baha, pursue it;

But if thou art not fit for this path, stay far and bring no trouble.

If thou wishest to become aware of love's mysteries,

Open the eye of wisdom and close the path of pride,

That thou mayyst see Mount Sinai circling here in worship,

That thou mayyst see the Spirit of Christ restless from His love,

That thou mayyst find the book of divine unity in the Friend's twin locks,

That thou mayyst read the scripture of detachment in the Beloved's cheeks.

Come, drink the wine of joy from love's fountain of life,

That thou mayyst victoriously cast thy head at the foot of the gallows.

The dead lie in this gathering on the path of the Friend -

O Christ of the age, come, breathe forth a warming breath,

That the birds of existence may fly from the prison of limitation

Into the infinite realm, in the shade of the All-Powerful One.

This heart-consuming melody has burned the poor one of the world -

O Lord, now is the time to revive him through this plaintive song.

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He is the One manifest from the horizon of the unseen! Glorified be He Who hath revealed whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He doeth what He willeth in His dominion in such wise that neither the clash of the swords of the world nor the clamor of the cannons of the nations can hinder Him. He hath arisen to establish His Cause with a power whereby the Resurrection hath come to pass, the Hour hath struck, the Reality hath appeared and the Great Calamity hath occurred. Thus hath the matter been decreed through His command, and He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O Joseph! Thy letter hath come before the Prisoner, and there hath been revealed for thee that which brighteneth the eyes. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of the hosts, the Nurturer of the seen and the unseen! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and by the Point through which all things were distinguished, and through which was manifested that which lay hidden in the kingdom of names, to assist me in this Cause whereby the heart of the world hath been shaken and the nations have lamented, save those who have held fast to the cord of Thy grace and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. I implore Thee by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the tears of the sincere ones in their remoteness from Thee, to ordain for me from the Supreme Pen that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what hath been and what shall be.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having taught me Thy path and guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy hidden knowledge and the Manifestation of Thy Cause, and for having remembered me through that which nothing that is seen or witnessed can equal. I testify that Thou art He Whose grace hath encompassed all, Whose mercy hath preceded all, Whose proof hath been

perfected, Whose bounty hath been completed, and Whose evidence hath shone forth in such wise that none can deny it save every froward reprobate.

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He is the One manifest through proof, holding in His right hand the evidence and explanation

Glorified be He Who testified to His own Self by His own Self before the creation of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Him. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and within His grasp lies the kingdom of creation. He giveth life and causeth death, He taketh and He giveth, and He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing. This is a letter from the Wronged One on the Day of God, Lord of mankind, to him whose name was brought before Him in the Most Great Prison, that the explanation might draw him nigh unto his Lord, the Most Merciful, and strengthen him to shatter the idols through God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have stood before all faces on a Day wherein the hearts of the learned were sorely troubled and the limbs of all names did tremble, and We have manifested the Cause without veil or concealment. Among the people were those who turned toward the horizon of Revelation, and among them were those who turned away, and among them were those who took hold of the Book with such might as could not be weakened by the hosts and armies of the world. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked. When thou hast drunk from the ocean of My utterance and beheld the lights of the Sun of My Revelation, say:

My God, my God! My hope is in Thy nearness and my desire is Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Finger of Thy Will, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love and detached from all else but Thee and speaking in Thy praise. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and drawn by Thy signs, and I desire naught but to stand before Thy face and attain Thy presence. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and King over the seen and unseen, to withhold not from me what I seek from the wonders of Thy grace. Ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee and standing before Thy gate. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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He is the Mighty, the Beloved! Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses for people who understand. Verily they are a revelation from the presence of the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Through them God’s proof hath been perfected, His evidence made manifest, His beauty hath shone forth, and His words been verified - yet people do not comprehend. Warn those who have veiled themselves from the Face that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Throne that they are as dead. Say: O people of the Furqan! Do ye bar men from the path of God while ye claim to be Muslims? Do ye read the verses of the Furqan, yet play with the verses of the All-Merciful? Have ye not read what was revealed aforetime unto Muhammad, the Messenger of God: “We have indeed revealed unto thee clear signs, and none reject them save the transgressors”? Say: If ye possess a proof greater than that which hath been sent down

from the clouds of the Command, produce it, if ye be truthful. Is the Book which ye possess greater than this? Glory be to God above what ye imagine! Say: All verses have been revealed from the presence of the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, and all clear proofs have appeared from the horizon of grace - do ye not see? Have ye any evidence greater than that which the All-Merciful hath brought? Nay, by the Lord of eternity, if ye but knew! Say: The Beauty of knowledge hath appeared in truth, yet ye turn away from it. Have mercy upon yourselves and veil not yourselves from Him by Whose command the heavens were created and for Whose meeting ye were brought into being. Have mercy upon yourselves - this is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Do ye deny His sovereignty while ye witness it? Do ye flee from the Truth while ye behold it? If ye are barred from the gate of grace, to what gate will ye turn? Thus hath the Salsabil of life flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, that all people might know their drinking-place. Drink, O people, and be of those who prosper! And glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened to thy call in the Cause of God, the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the name of the one God! Glorified be God! The people of the world are observed today to be deprived of both testimony and awareness. The call of the Manifestation of the Cause and Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation has been raised with the most exalted voice, such that through its sweetness even stones and date pits have become vocal in praise and glorification, yet the servants remain deprived of it. All things have testified to the appearance and exaltation of the Most Great Word, while humanity remains veiled and prevented, save whom God willeth. Do they not reflect upon former ages - what was the cause of the martyrdom of the Prophets and saints, and what was the reason for the ascension of Jesus son of Mary to the fourth heaven, and why did they deny the Seal of the Prophets (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him) and issue the verdict for the shedding of His pure blood? Why did they martyr Husayn son of Ali despite all testifying to his lineage? In brief, the divines of every age have arisen in opposition, and weak souls following those persons have closed their eyes to proof and evidence and turned toward the path of fire. In truth the entire life of the world is not worth mentioning, let alone these temples whose lives are like a breeze that enters through one door and exits through another. Nevertheless they have clung to it and deprived themselves of the eternal dominion and everlasting bounty. Blessed is the soul who today observes and reflects with penetrating vision upon the divine Cause and all that hath appeared, that there may be revealed unto him what was hidden from minds and eyes. It behooveth thee to thank God thy Lord and to arise concerning what thou hast missed. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous.

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O Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable Lord! Glory be to God! The signs of grandeur and the brilliant, wondrous verses are witnessed. Today is the day of the manifestation of the kingdom of hearing and sight, for from all trees and seas the fire is witnessed and proclaims: “O

people! The Day is come!" And Mount Sinai dances, saying "The Day of Manifestation is come! Glad tidings to you, O people of Baha, and blessed are you, O companions of faithfulness! The Promised Day is come, that Hidden Treasure, that Concealed Mystery is come! Joy be unto you, O people of the Crimson Ark and Dawning-places of the Names!" Today the breathings of revelation have perfumed the unseen and visible realms - deprive not yourselves thereof. Blessed is the ear sanctified from the tales of the people of creation, for it heareth the call of all things in celebration of this Most Exalted Station and drinketh from the choice wine of reunion and meeting. Such a one is of the people of this Most Great Manifestation. By the life of God, Mount Sinai circleth round him by the command of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! Say: O people of God! The Day is the day of love and affection and joy and unity. Arise in the name of the Peerless Friend to teach the people of the human realm and purify the defiled ears and eyes through the blessed name of the Beloved, that perchance ye may hear that which is the cause of the perpetuity of existence and find that which is the source of awareness of the unseen and visible realms. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of names have not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all mankind. These are the people of My ark and the companions of the pavilions of My grandeur. Upon them be My mercy and My loving-kindness and the light of My Cause whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. Praise be to God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal!

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He is the Sanctified above all comparison! Glorified be He Who hath manifested the Manifestation of His Self and caused Him to speak forth verses whereby spirits have been enraptured. Say: This is the Day whereon souls have been agitated, mountains have passed away, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save those whom God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Reckoning, hath willed. Blessed is the hand that hath cast away what it held, and the heart that hath turned toward the Qiblih of all horizons. They who have taken hold of the Tablet of God with hands of might and power - these are the people of Baha in the Tablet of eternity. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, Who speaketh at all times: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful." Say: O people! For every matter there is a point of return, for every light there is a dawning-place, and for everything there is a beginning. Ponder, that ye may understand the purpose of God, O people of discernment! They who deny the beginning of the Cause - these are brutish rabble who have no portion of the Book. Would they deny God after having witnessed His sovereignty encompassing all creation? It behooveth them who deny the Manifestation of God to reflect in these days wherein the Ancient King calleth out from the midmost heart of the world, after having been wronged at the hands of the wicked ones. Should they say nature hath brought forth this Essence, say: If We were to believe you in this, We would say: Do ye see any likeness to Him or behold any similitude for Him? Since He is singular in His essence and unique in His being, it behooveth you to follow Him, O company of the ignorant! By My life, they speak that of which they are unaware. Thus hath testified the All-Merciful from this most exalted station. Say: O beloved ones! Pay no heed to what they say. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of the mercy of your Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Blessed is he who hath attained on this day and hath

turned with his heart unto God, the Lord of all servants, casting behind him the deluded ones, speaking forth this remembrance which God hath made the sovereign of all remembrances.

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All-praise be to Thee, O Lord, my God! I know not how to sing Thy praise, how to describe Thy glory, how to call upon Thy Name. If I call upon Thee by Thy Name, the All-Possessing, I am compelled to recognize that He Who holdeth in His hand the immediate destinies of all created things is but a vassal dependent upon Thee, and is the creation of but a word proceeding from Thy mouth. And if I proclaim Thee by the name of Him Who is the All-Compelling, I readily discover that He is but a suppliant fallen upon the dust, awe-stricken by Thy dreadful might, Thy sovereignty and power. And if I attempt to describe Thee by glorifying the oneness of Thy Being, I soon realize that such a conception is but a notion which mine own fancy hath woven, and that Thou hast ever been immeasurably exalted above the vain imaginations which the hearts of men have devised.

The glory of Thy might beareth me witness! Whoso claimeth to have known Thee hath, by virtue of such a claim, testified to his own ignorance; and whoso believeth himself to have attained unto Thee, all the atoms of the earth would attest his powerlessness and proclaim his failure. Thou hast, however, by virtue of Thy mercy that hath surpassed the kingdoms of earth and heaven, deigned to accept from Thy servants the laud and honor they pay to Thine own exalted Self, and hast bidden them celebrate Thy glory, that the ensigns of Thy guidance may be unfurled in Thy cities and the tokens of Thy mercy be spread abroad among Thy nations, and that each and all may be enabled to attain unto that which Thou hast destined for them by Thy decree, and ordained unto them through Thine irrevocable will and purpose.

Having testified, therefore, unto mine own impotence and the impotence of Thy servants, I beseech Thee, by the brightness of the light of Thy beauty, not to refuse Thy creatures attainment to the shores of Thy most holy ocean. Draw them, then, O my God, through the Divine sweetness of Thy melodies, towards the throne of Thy glory and the seat of Thine eternal holiness. Thou art, verily, the Most Powerful, the Supreme Ruler, the Great Giver, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Desired.

Grant, then, O my God, that Thy servant who hath turned towards Thee, hath fixed his gaze upon Thee, and clung to the cord of Thy mercifulness and favor, may be enabled to partake of the living waters of Thy mercy and grace. Cause him, then, to ascend unto the heights to which he aspireth, and withhold him not from that which Thou dost possess. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the Kingdom of Immortality and Sovereign of the First and the Last! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Dominion and the signs of Thy Kingdom to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause, then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness the rains of Thy bounty and from the clouds of Thy mercy the showers of Thy grace. Thou art He at Whose separation hearts have melted and servants have lamented, and through Whose banishment the tears of them that are nigh unto Thee have fallen and the sighs of the sincere ones have risen. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy Most Great Name - but for which the mysteries of Thy Book and Thy power and might would not have been revealed, nor would existence have emerged from nothingness - then I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the world and Goal of the nations, by Thy most exalted Self and by that which lieth within Thy knowledge, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, not to deprive Thy party of that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. Then send down, O my God, upon him who hath turned unto Thee and acted according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, a blessing from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence. Then protect him, O my God, from the hosts of the Pharaohs who lay claim to knowledge without clear proof from Thee or evidence from Thy presence, and who have risen in opposition in such wise that they have pronounced judgment against Thee and shed the blood of Thy loved ones. O Lord! Seize them through Thy power, then strip their temples of the robes of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the Almighty, from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. And verily Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon the Letters of the Book of Thy justice and the Leaves of the Tree of Thy grace - they who have spent what they possessed in hope of that which lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art God. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Javad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The Wronged One hath heard thy call and turneth unto thee from the prison-realm, responding with a Tablet which, when it dawned from the heaven of utterance, caused all other tablets to bow before it. This is the Day wherein the Book speaketh, summoning all unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned unto it, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee in prison when He was in the hands of the wicked ones who denied God’s proof and testimony and disputed His verses when He came from the heaven of manifestation with power and sovereignty. Say: O people of the earth! The Lord of Names hath come with a Cause against which all the armies of the world cannot prevail. Fear ye God and follow not every denying infidel. Abandon what is on earth and take hold of what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the Bayan! By what proof did ye believe in the Primal Point and before Him in Muhammad, the Messenger of God, yet by what evidence do ye deny Him Who hath come from the Kingdom of verses? Be fair, O people, regarding God’s proof and testimony, and follow not the sources of fancy and vain imaginings. They have turned away from the Countenance and pronounced judgment against the Point of the Bayan with such tyranny as hath caused the cities of justice and fairness to tremble. By God’s life! All the books of the world cannot

compare with what hath been sent down - to this testifieth the Mother Book which is with Him. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cups of My words, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Manifestation of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and by Thy Finger, O Lord of all beings, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all Religions.

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The candle of My Beauty is the Sun of the horizons, and the sorrow of My heart is the cloud of creation, and My tears are the rain of the clouds, and My strength is the power of invention. O servants! I have made all things dependent upon means, and ordained it to be the cause of the Most Great Resurrection and the instrument of the Most Great Revival. For example, through the means of power I make manifest and resurrect in the kingdom one who was rebellious, hidden and forsaken, in such wise that all will recognize him. And through the assistance of causative manifestations, I reveal to all the worlds the concealed tyranny of the excluded oppressor. Through the means of wealth I distinguish between generosity and miserliness, and through the means of deeds I make evident knowledge and ignorance. Many an oppressor who, through being deprived of means, became known as just. Thus at all times the manifest resurrection is apparent and visible, even though people may be heedless of recognizing it. Through My wondrous favor and My sublime mercy, no moment is deprived of the excellences of the days, much less the souls of holy transcendence. The incomprehensible resurrection has been and shall be dependent upon the unknowable Beauty, just as on this blessed night I have resurrected My servants through these revealed letters in such wise that none but My Self is aware of those souls and the nature of this spiritual resurrection. And I have made manifest wondrous and mighty means in this eternal night, causing resurrection and making it dependent upon the discernment of the people of wisdom and insight. Whosoever comprehends this wondrous power will become independent of all who dwell on earth. For example, even in outer livelihood he will find himself in want of nothing, not even requiring a mount for travel. Blessed is the wise one who attains unto that which hath been ordained by the Mighty, the Powerful.

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He is the Comforter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Witnessed. God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, Who doeth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

O My Afnan! The Most Exalted Pen consoleth you with this remembrance whereby God hath changed sorrow into the most great joy. There is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Grieve not for what hath befallen you. Verily, he who hath ascended is today in the seat of truth with the King of

the invisible and visible realms. This is a word that all the treasures of earth cannot equal, yet most people comprehend not. Ye belong unto God and unto Him shall ye return. We beseech God to manifest through you that which shall gladden the heart of the world and awaken them that slumber. Verily, he who hath set hath risen from My horizon, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The star of divine knowledge hath set from the heaven of My outward appearance and risen from the horizon of the heaven of My hidden Name, the Concealed. By God's life! He is verily in the Most Glorious Outlook and the Most Exalted Station. He who possesseth knowledge of what was and what shall be hath testified to this. Were existence to know, it would lament at being remote from this praiseworthy station. There hath been sent down for him from the heaven of utterance that which caused the angels to cry "Hallowed!" and the Spirit to exclaim "Magnified!" All this is from God's grace upon him and upon you. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Kind. Preserve the people from the whisperings of those who have seized upon vain imaginings and cast behind their backs what was revealed in My Preserved Tablet. For the Crier hath cried out and shall cry out again. He is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Glory be upon you and upon those who hearken to your words concerning this irrevocable Cause.

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Khuy. Jinab-i-Biyuk Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come is verily the Manifestation of My Self, the Dawning-Place of My verses and the Dayspring of My Cause, the firm, the impregnable. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath in truth turned unto Me throughout all ages, and whoso hath turned away is accounted among the deniers in a mighty Book. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was remembered in the prison, that thy melodies may draw him to the Supreme Paradise and bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of Names, Who hath spoken: "There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." We beheld thee turning unto the Countenance, whereupon We turned unto thee and revealed for thee that which God hath made a testimony unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take hold of the Book with strength, then recite it by night and by day, that thou mayest discover the fragrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. By My life! It will draw thee to a station wherein every atom of its atoms, every leaf of its leaves, every tree of its trees, and every stone of its stones proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful." Beware lest the doubts of the divines hold thee back from the Lord of Names. Leave them behind thee, turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the books of the world nor the clamor of the nations can cause thee to slip. Arise and speak with wisdom and utterance: "The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty." We counsel thee to be steadfast and give thee glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Should one who raiseth the cry of fire come unto thee with the tablet of fire and the book of the wicked ones, leave him behind thee, placing thy trust in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament - these are they who are numbered among the near ones in a mighty Book.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Finding!

The world is in turmoil and whatsoever hath been recorded and set down by the Pen of Revelation in the Sacred Tablets is now manifest and evident. May that soul ever drink from the choice wine of the mystic knowledge of the Beloved of the worlds, and may he shine forth in the assemblage of the world even as the morning star, brilliant and resplendent, manifest and radiant. That which proceedeth from God will verily endure and persist. How excellent is the state of the one who hath attained unto the days of God and inhaled the fragrance of the merciful Garment. Render thou thanks unto God for having recognized, discovered, turned thyself and attained unto the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. In these days several letters from that land arrived at the Most Great Prison and attained the presence of the Wronged One of the horizons, and the answer to each one hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will. Should that soul examine them, it would be most pleasing. May thou ever drink from the chalice of bounty and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of contentment. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends in that land and say: This is a Day wherein every soul must strive with utmost endeavor to seek the choice wine of steadfastness from God, glorified be His majesty, inasmuch as the heedlessness of the peoples of the world hath reached such a pass that they distinguish not between good and evil, nor do they differentiate between truth and falsehood, save for a few whose eyes have been anointed with the salve of insight. I beseech God to aid His servants to witness and hearken. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy family and thy children and those who are with thee in this Cause whereby faces have been illumined and hearts enlightened.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This servant submits to your honor that the letter of his holiness Afnan 92 [Muhammad], upon him be all the most glorious Baha, which you gave to this servant was read. And it so happened that at that very moment it was presented to the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness rose and shone forth in relation to him, and the Tongue of Grace spoke this most exalted Word - His word, exalted be His majesty: “We verily magnify the one who teaches My Cause and My Afnans who have attained unto My days and have arisen to serve My Cause. These are servants whom We have preferred above Our servants and Our creation, and We have written for them from the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book a station which was in truth exalted, and We have related them to My Self and made them branches of My Tree. To this beareth witness My Self, the Truth, and behind it My Book which was from the horizon of the Cause visible.” Should anyone reflect upon that which hath been bestowed upon them, they would declare “this is naught but a great bounty and a noble station.” His honor Muhammad, one of My Afnans, upon him be My glory, is engaged in serving the Cause. God willing, may he ever be assisted. “We verily assisted him before and manifested through him that which caused the fragrance of detachment to be

diffused throughout creation. Thus hath spoken the Pen in this station which was through justice raised up."

O Javad! The servant who is present hath presented his letter before the Wronged One. We have heard and answered. Verily thy Lord was ever-hearing, ever-answering. Give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the prison, that he may rejoice in that which was from the heaven of revelation sent down. Glory be upon him and upon them and upon whosoever was steadfast in the Cause.

The sweet fragrances of divine grace and mercy have ever wafted in relation to the honored Afnans, upon them be all the most glorious Baha. God willing, may all…

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O Ha', upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend. Upon thee be the glory of God, and His mercy, and His loving-kindness, and His grace. Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to serve the Cause as befitteth it. This station hath been and shall ever remain, in the sight of God, greater than all else. Every atom beareth witness that thou art he that hath arisen to serve God and His Cause, and hasteneth to perform good deeds. Thy Lord is, verily, the Guardian of good deeds, both in the beginning and in the end. The emigrants, after circumambulating the Ka'bih, have attained their intended homeland, and the affairs of this land, as was previously announced, have been and continue to be in utter turmoil and upheaval, and have not yet been settled. The Command is in God's hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The letter Sin will present the details of all that hath transpired, and ye shall be informed thereof. By thy life! Under all conditions We turn to God and make mention of Him in truth, in such wise that neither what hath occurred and will occur, nor what hath appeared and will appear, can hinder Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. All the petitions that were presented before Our presence have been answered and sent. A Tablet was revealed on the night of the Declaration and that too was sent specifically to thee. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and to make thee a standard of guidance among His creatures, that thou mayest make mention of His Name amongst the worlds. Although this prayer hath already been answered - for thy mention in the divine worlds is now more renowned than among the people of earth - verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. A Tablet was also sent to be forwarded through Ismu'llah Mahdi. God willing, it will reach thee. Thou art he that is mentioned under all conditions before the Truth, the Rememberer, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Shaykh Fani, upon him be the Glory of God! It behooveth them that are evanescent to summon the servants, at all times, to the direction of the All-Merciful, inasmuch as whosoever hath become

evanescent from self will attain unto everlasting life in God - that is, he will circle eternally round the Truth in all the worlds. Glorified be He from taking unto Himself a partner! He, verily, is the One, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

All that hath been manifested from thee in the path of God is known and recorded with Him. Thou must in these days arise to assist the Cause with the utmost steadfastness, inasmuch as this is the Day wherein all the denizens of the Supreme Paradise are crying out "O my Lord! Have mercy upon Thy servants!" and are gazing upon those souls whom the trials and tribulations that have befallen them have not kept back from the Court of the Divine Unity. Ye have ever been mentioned in the presence of the Throne. Strive ye, that the seedlings of the Bayan may not wither from the poisonous winds of test and trial.

The remembrance of God is like the rain of mercy upon the seeds of inner meaning that have been deposited within hearts. Therefore it is necessary and obligatory to be engaged at all times in the remembrance of the Lord of all worlds, and to follow this servant in all matters. As ye observe, the Ancient Beauty, despite all the afflictions that have befallen Him, hath not been prevented from the divine remembrance, but hath at all times summoned the people to the summit of true understanding, that perchance feeble souls may purpose to ascend the heights of divine oneness and become purified and sanctified from the promptings of self and passion.

In the days of departure from the Land of Mystery, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to thee. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to aid thee to mention Him among His servants. Verily, He hath power over all things.

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He is Glory!

O my God! Glorified art Thou! This is Thy servant who hath been heedless of the wonders of Thy remembrance, and whom transgressions have veiled to such degree that he became occupied with what is other than Thee and turned away from Thy beauty, and who did with his feet what Thou didst abhor, and committed with his hands what Thou didst oppose, and uttered with his tongue what beseemeth not Thy loved ones, and harbored in his heart what befitteth not Thy servants. Yet after all this, since he was aforetime among those who believed in Thee and in Thy greatest signs, the breezes of mercy wafted over him such that they awakened him from slumber and brought him forth from heedlessness, until he recognized what he had done and knew wherein he had been engaged, and returned unto Thee as he had fled from Thee in the midst of his affairs, and entered the stronghold of Thy providence as he had departed therefrom in certain of his days. Therefore, O my God, it behooveth the wonders of Thy mercy and the gems of Thy providence not to deprive him of the rain-showers of Thy generosity and the clouds of Thy tenderness and loving-kindness, that Thou mayest find him abiding by the covenant which he made with Thy loved ones. Then forgive, O my God, his grievous offenses and his grave transgressions. Then wash him, O my Beloved, in the seas of Thy bounty and forgiveness and in the deep waters of Thy grace and favor, and turn him from every direction toward the right hand of Thy holy might, that he may dwell not on earth save through Thy Name, nor move except with Thy good-pleasure, nor walk except by

Thy leave, nor eat nor drink except in Thy remembrance, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of all things and Thou art powerful over all things. And send down, O my God, upon those who have detached themselves unto Thee and taken refuge at Thy court and sought sanctuary in Thy presence and dwelt beneath the shadow of Thy loving-kindness, all that is possible in the Most Exalted Paradise and in the lands of Paradise, for verily Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the Most Holy.

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He is the One Who speaks upon the Branches

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Thou seest and knowest the evil of my condition, the trembling of my body, the quivering of my limbs, the flowing of my tears, the paleness of my face, the stumbling of my pen and tongue, the sighing of my innermost being, and the agitation of my heart. I desire to write this letter of mine to those whom Thou hast related to the Tree of Thy Cause, whom Thou hast singled out for the manifestation of Thy Being, whom Thou hast chosen from among Thy creatures, and whom Thou hast named the Branches that have branched from the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness. Thou hast made them lights in Thy lands, lamps for the guidance of Thy creation, tranquility and dignity among Thy servants, a sign in Thy kingdom, and a joy to the hearts of Thy chosen ones who have believed in Thee, in Thy verses and in meeting Thee. O Glory of the world and Trust of the nations! Were it not for them in Thy earth, from where would the traces of Thy holiness appear? And were it not for their existence, from where would the lights of Thy bounty shine forth? For they are the manifestations of sanctification among Thy servants, the dawning-places of glorification among Thy creation, the proclaimers of Thy verses, and the spreaders of Thy tablets in Thy lands, and the means of goodness for Thy chosen ones. And all grace is from Thee, for Thou didst manifest in them the Temple of Thy Most Exalted Self, Who gave glad tidings to the servants of Thy Most Glorious Beauty and called out with the loudest call in the wilderness of the Bayan: “Come, O people of the worlds, to the Garden and the Orchard of the Bayan!” And He took from all contingent beings the covenant of Thy Manifestation. But when the sun of Thy Most Glorious Beauty dawned from the Most Exalted Horizon, the people of allusions turned away and denied the verses and clear proofs after their realities had been established through them. Alas, alas, for their turning away and their objections! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Beauty to give to drink from the wine of Thy reunion to all who have forsaken Thee, and to cause all who have heard Thee to hearken to the verses of Thy Beauty. Disappoint not those who hope in Thee, and drive not away those who long for Thee, for Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Merciful.

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The Day hath come, yet the people have turned away from it. He Who was promised in His Books and Scriptures hath appeared, yet most of the people remain asleep. They stirred not at the Call when it was raised in truth, nor did they lift their heads when the Cry was raised with justice. We bear witness that they are recorded among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people, fear God and follow not the desires of those who have denied God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Arise to

serve the Cause with such resolve that neither the oppression of the tyrannical nor the schemes of the treacherous can hold thee back. Say: This is the Day with which God hath adorned His Books and Scriptures and Tablets. To this the Mother Book beareth witness from this exalted station. Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not those who have taken lords unto themselves besides God. Follow Him Who hath come unto you and commandeth righteousness and piety - verily He is among the sincere counselors in this manifest time. He walketh and speaketh that which exalteth the Word of God and your stations. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto those who turn away. This is a Day wherein verses have been sent down before the faces of the loved ones who have left their stations, turning toward the Most Exalted Station in the All-Glorious Horizon, until they arrived and heard and attained that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. When thou hearest the Call and art overtaken by the intoxication of the wine of utterance from the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, Thy sealed wine. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Ark of Utterance sailed upon the sea of Thy knowledge by Thy leave and command, to assist me in that which befitteth Thy Manifestation and Thy emergence and Thy might and Thy grandeur and Thy choice. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things, of the former and latter generations.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

The remembrance of the All-Merciful hath been raised from the Divine Lote-Tree of man in this Ridvan which was witnessed at the heart of all worlds. Verily it speaketh at all times that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared in truth is His servant and His glory, and He hath sent Him unto all the worlds with manifest sovereignty. Through Him He withholdeth and bestoweth upon whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He pleaseth, and verily He hath knowledge of all things. Through Him the clouds of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, rain down the showers of knowledge upon the heart of every discerning believer.

Beware, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves thereof and dispute concerning the Cause of Him Who was promised in the Book. Fear God and corrupt not His Cause, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God after there came unto them mighty evidences. Say: O people, be steadfast in the Cause of God and His love, and turn not unto the divine presence except by His leave, for thus hath the matter been decreed in the Mother Book. And whosoever turneth without leave from Our presence, his work shall not be accepted and he shall be recorded among the heedless in the Tablets.

Say: O people, fear God and shed not blood, for this hath been forbidden by One mighty and all-knowing. Whosoever deliberately killeth a soul hath indeed departed from the stronghold of justice - thus hath the command been sent down from the realm of mighty glory. And thou, O servant, grieve not for anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters, for verily He will protect thee even as He hath protected thee in truth, and He is the best of protectors and the most excellent helper. O Bahi, remember on Our behalf thy

wife and thy son, then him who serveth you, then the sincere servants of God. Arise to serve the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord amongst His heedless servants.

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O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In His Name, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficient! The mention of the Chosen One hath been raised from the Tree of Fire at the Dawning-Place of Lights: Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The world hath been illumined by the lights of the Ancient One, yet the peoples remain behind a manifest veil, save those whom the hand of power hath delivered and who have been quickened by the life-giving breeze which wafted from the Branch suspended upon the trunk of the Beloved of all in the heavens and earth. Creation hath conceived through the fertilizing winds of the All-Merciful. Soon shall appear through it servants by whom the standards of My Most Great Name shall be raised upon every lofty mountain. Thy letter hath come before the One Who is Mentioned, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for the Desired One of all worlds. Had We found any stability in this prison, We would have summoned thee before the Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. We have sent thee a Tablet by the hand of Sin, then by the hand of the Trusted One this perspicuous Tablet, that thou mayest rejoice in His mention of thee and thank Him at all times. Grieve not over the separation. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of the Adored One by night and by day. He, verily, draweth nigh whom He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. There hath been written for you in the Tablets that which nothing created on earth can equal. Thy Lord is, verily, the Rewarder, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have the rains of wisdom and exposition showered from the heaven of utterance, that there might spring forth from hearts the plants of remembrance and knowledge in this mighty Remembrance. Associate with Our Name Fath in all matters and place thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. He manifesteth in the kingdom whatsoever He willeth and altereth matters as He pleaseth. All things are in His mighty grasp, and He is, verily, cognizant of all things. The glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and thy relatives who have quaffed the cups in this wondrous Remembrance.

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In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Eternal! We have sent thee by the hand of S. a noble Book. When Sh. arrived, these verses were once again revealed from the direction of the mighty Throne. Know thou that those who have denied God’s verses and united in hatred - the decree will soon scatter them, by the power of One mighty and ancient. We summon the servants at all times to the Lord of the worlds. Neither the might of the oppressors frightens Us, nor do the hosts of the wrongdoers prevent Us. We make mention of God until the spirit ascends to the highest horizon. Thus have I been commanded by thy Lord, the All-Knowing. In these days it behooveth thee to help thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and to make mention of Him to His heedless servants. We beseech God to cut off the lineage of the oppressors - verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Consider the former centuries and those who committed

oppression - their tongues were stilled, their traces were erased, and the breezes of chastisement overtook them from all directions, by the power of One mighty and wise. Where are their leadership and their standards, their thrones and their crowns? The messenger of death hath brought them down from their seats to their graves. Thus was the matter decreed in former centuries. Soon these who have waxed proud and committed that which causeth the near ones to lament shall join them. O My loved one! Blessed art thou, for thou hast been faithful to God's covenant and His testament, and the harm of the corrupt ones prevented thee not from His love. Verily thou hast a station with Me - grieve not over anything. We beseech God not to separate between thee and Him, neither in this world nor in the next, and to cause thee to dwell in all worlds beneath the shadow of His mercy. Verily He encompasseth all things. Remind all those around thee, male and female, on My behalf and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The lights have shone forth and the mysteries have appeared and the verses have been sent down, yet the people remain in evident veils. The hidden treasure hath been revealed and the concealed secret hath appeared, yet most of the people are among the heedless ones. They hear the call and behold Him Who summoneth them morn and eve, yet they draw not nigh, for they have followed every remote scholar. He calleth them unto God while they hasten unto the idol. They are verily among the people of the coffin in the Tablet of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. They that lie in the graves have arisen at the call of the Lord of the Manifestation, yet they are among the dead. Say: If ye deny this Cause, by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Be fair, and follow not every sinful transgressor. This is verily the Most Great Book. He Who is the Ancient of Days hath borne witness unto it in all the Tablets, were ye of them that know. Say: Verily He is the Dawning-Place of God's verses and the Manifestation of His proof throughout all ages. Through Him every tablet hath been adorned and every wise command hath been fulfilled. Through Him the Hour hath appeared and the moon hath been cleft asunder and the edifice of the Cause hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name. Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of God and turned unto Him in His days. This is of His grace upon thee, if thou wouldst remember and not be of the heedless ones. He hath aided thee in a Cause whereby the mountain hath been crushed and the religions have been shaken, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath willed. Remember thou Him Who is imprisoned in thy days and what hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressors. Lo, the Bird is in the talons of the enemies, and the Spirit is among the Jews, and the Beloved is in the midst of the deniers. Seize thou the days of God, then seize thou His grace. He is verily the Munificent, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Siyyid Aqa, upon whom be the Most Great, Most Glorious Remembrance of God! The All-Merciful hath shone upon thee, O thou who hast turned unto God, the Mighty, the Wise, through this Tablet whereby

the lives of all who are in the heavens and the earth were suspended. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him, after the servants who consider themselves the most exalted of creatures had turned away, and when the Truth came, disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance from the All-Merciful, detached from all created things. He, verily, aideth whosoever maketh mention of Him. He is, in truth, the Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard thy call and have called out to thee from the shore of the Most Great Sea, that the rapture of the Call may seize thee and strengthen thee to make mention of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, in this Day wherein the Dove warbleth upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the words of the hypocrites who claim to love Me while uttering in secret that which God hath not permitted them may not cause thee to slip. Verily, they are in manifest loss. Whoso layeth claim to a Cause, he is indeed a lying impostor. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Wise. Erelong thou shalt hear from various lands the croaking of the ravens. Leave them behind thee and take fast hold of the cord of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Praised. This is what We foretold unto the servants aforetime when We were in Iraq. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things preserved in a guarding Tablet. Convey unto the people that which hath been revealed in the Tablet. Say: Beware lest ye join partners with God and worship idols. Worship ye the one true God and follow not every deluded wanderer. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having thy name flow from the Most Exalted Pen. Preserve thou this glorious, this sublime station. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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In the Name of the One Who is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing! The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from this glorious horizon. The servant present before the Throne desired to write unto thee. We said: Take up thy pen, for verily We have ever been One Who revealeth, sendeth down, and transmitteth, and I am the Sender, the Revealer, the Transmitter, the Almighty, the Powerful. We bade him appear before Our presence with pen and ink, and when he appeared, We sent down unto thee this wondrous Book and dispatched unto thee what thou didst desire of thy Lord's gracious favor. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause, speaking forth My praise, and acting in accordance with that which thou wert commanded when thou wert present before My mighty throne. Thou art he who turned and drew near until thou didst enter and attain unto this Spot which God hath made the point of circumambulation for the sincere ones. Verily We commanded one among the Names to be seated with dignity when he desired to speak forth this Cause before which every great matter hath bowed down. Thou didst act in accordance with that which We commanded thee aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Knowing. Hold thou fast in all circumstances to wisdom and utterance, lest the cawing of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, be raised. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have quaffed the choice wine of My love, the Mighty. God shall soon make manifest the deeds of those who have arisen to serve His Cause. He shall surely render complete the rewards of those who act. The glory be upon thee and upon God's chosen ones, the Lord of all worlds.

O My beloved! This servant desired to submit something into thy presence, but God [word unclear] and sent down what He willed. As commanded, this Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and transcribed from the original revelation and dispatched, along with Tablets numbering the Greatest Name which thou hadst previously requested, though some are in this ephemeral one's hand since the Branch of God was not present.

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O 'Azizu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who shineth upon the world! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared from the horizon of might with manifest sovereignty. That which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been made manifest. While We were swimming in the ocean of divine knowledge, Our Most Great Branch entered with thy letter. We heard thy call and have answered thee with this mighty Tablet. We found the fragrance of thy love from thy letter and have mentioned thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is a Day wherein the Mount is illumined with the lights of Revelation and the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out, saying: "Blessed am I that I have attained unto Him Who converseth with me! The hand of bounty hath given me to drink the Kawthar of reunion after I was consumed with the fire of separation and remoteness." I testify that He hath fulfilled His promise and manifested His proof, and He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O 'Aziz! Hear the call from the direction of 'Akka: "Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great." We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have revealed unto thee from the hidden treasures deposited within Our Most Exalted Pen the pearls of loving-kindness and favor. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thank God for having caused thee to hear what Moses heard on the Mount of Utterance and for having guided thee to His straight path. When the Call attracteth thee from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: "O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses, and the pearls hidden in the shells of Thy knowledge, and the mysteries deposited in Thy Book, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and standing in Thy service. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will open before my heart the doors of Thy knowledge, that I may assist Thee in Thy land through wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower."

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Thy letter hath come before Our presence, and this Youth, Who hath been imprisoned for calling the people unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, hath read it. We have been apprised of thy turning unto God, the Lord of the last and the first, and thy orientation towards the paradise of His good-pleasure, the Mighty, the Beloved. We beseech God to assist thee in His love and to

strengthen thee in steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the faces of those who have turned towards the sanctified realm were illumined and who have drunk from the sealed cups of glory. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath turned towards the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and the depths of the sea of Thy singleness. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst clothe all created things with the garment of existence, and through which Thou didst adorn whomsoever Thou willest with the ornament of Thy most beautiful names amongst the concourse of creation, that Thou shouldst not deprive me of the clouds of Thy mercy and the heavens of Thy grace, nor leave me forsaken among Thy creatures. Take my hand with the sovereignty of Thy will and purpose, and illumine the eye of my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and recognition, and my outward eye to behold the lights of Thy beauty. Then make my heart a treasury of the pearls of Thy love and a repository of the lights of Thy manifestations. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Sanctified, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. How excellent it is for thee, O servant, that thou hast desired the Law of the All-Merciful in these days, and hast recognized Him from all else, and hast turned with thy heart unto Him. Were the veil to be removed from thine eyes, thou wouldst find thyself among the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, whom God hath honored with visiting the Manifestation of His Self, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Praised One. Glory and might be upon thee for having recognized the Intended One and turned unto the Worshipped One, and become detached from all that is seen and unseen.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

To him whose letter came before the Throne. Your letter came before the Face while in prison, and its opening was adorned with the word which We have loved in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and which We have desired for Myself and for those with Me. And your Lord, the All-Merciful, He is indeed cognizant of what I say. And this is it: “Would that I had been among those martyred in Thy path!” By My life! By this yearning the Glance of God turned toward you and the denizens of the Supreme Concourse drew near unto you, but the people do not understand. Because of this, your yearning, We have recorded for you the reward of one martyred in My path. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Loving. Know thou that in such days as these, whoso arises to make mention of God, the Creator of Names, amidst His ignorant servants - he is indeed of those who have attained unto the best of what hath been and what shall be. Reflect upon these days, that their greatness and He Who hath appeared in them through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised, may become evident unto thee. The greatest of all deeds is the mention of thy Lord amongst His servants - thus hath it been sent down in a preserved Tablet. Whoso attaineth unto this hath attained unto that which God hath desired for him. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things, but the people remain veiled therefrom. Arise from the horizon of certitude through the power of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Then enter the dwelling-place of the polytheists among the people of the Bayan who have disbelieved in God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Say: O people! Abandon that which is vain - the Self-Subsisting hath come upon the clouds of proof. Verily, He is your Lord, the All-Merciful, upon Whom the Bayan depended. Fear

God and follow not those who are heedless. Thus have We imparted unto thee that whereby the hearts of those who have turned toward the Countenance with humility and reverence may be quickened. We have ordained for thee a reward unfailing. Rejoice thou in this and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

Your letter has come before the Countenance and the gaze of your Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, has turned toward it. We found from it the fragrance of your love for your Lord, therefore We answer you with verses which have dawned from the horizon of the favors of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Qiblih of existence and for having thy name flow from the Most Exalted Pen, which God has made the Sovereign of all pens. Arise to make mention of God in such wise that the sweet savors of the garment may be wafted among all peoples. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee in this Tablet that it may be a reminder to people of understanding. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, detached from all possibility. We have ordained for thee a station in the Tablets. Grieve not over anything - soon We shall aid thee through the truth. Verily He does not fail in His promise.

Previously a glorious Tablet was sent. Be not sorrowful or distressed about any matter. Praise be to God, through the grace of the All-Merciful and the favors of the All-Glorious, the sea of joy is surging and the rivers of gladness flow from the right hand of the Throne. Draw nigh unto it and drink therefrom at all times. By My life, it shall seize thee and attract thee in such wise that thou shalt see all who are in the realm as more insignificant than ashes. Thus doth thy Lord, the Lord of creation, remember thee.

In all conditions be occupied with serving the Cause and be mindful of wisdom and utterance. Blessed art thou for having arisen and spoken in praise of thy Lord, and blessed are they who hear thy words concerning this Light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

What rests with you is the teaching of the Cause. As for other matters, they are within the grasp of power. Soon He shall set all things aright. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Adorn all the loved ones in that land with the ornament of the Most Great Name of the Ancient King, and upon thee and upon them be glory.

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Baku. Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant present before His face hath presented it. We have heard and answer thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord. Verily he is among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. The Concourse on High and they that circle round their Lord's throne, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, shall pray for him.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Call from the prison precinct from this Wronged One, Who hath been encompassed by the swine and dogs of the earth - they who have risen in opposition, such that by their tyranny the dwellers of thy Lord's kingdom, the Almighty, the Powerful, have lamented. We counsel thee and those who have believed to unity and concord in this Cause, whereby the pillars of the divines of the earth who have broken God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds, have been shaken. Through the light of unity doth the world become illumined, and through concord is gathered together what was scattered throughout the earth. Thy Lord is verily the Elucidator, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him when most people turned away, and for having remembered thy Lord when the people were in evident doubt. When the crier cometh, leave him behind you, turning towards God, the Single, the All-Informed. He will come to you with a subtlety the like of which the eye of creation hath never seen. Thus doth the One possessed of knowledge of all things inform you, from a Mighty, Near One.

We counsel all to act according to what hath been revealed in God's Book and that whereby this Most Great Announcement may be uplifted. Remember God's loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and bounty, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast to the Book and who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside the world's vain imaginings, holding fast to that which hath been sent down from the presence of an Ancient One. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Ibrahim! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and calleth thee with His most sweet voice between earth and heaven, saying: "O Ibrahim! The tale of the fire hath been renewed, and My Friend hath been consumed thereby in the land of Sad - he who dawned forth from the horizon of faithfulness with the love of God, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the account of the sacrifice and the sacrificed one hath been renewed - he who returned not from the place of sacrifice but gave up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. God hath seized him who did wrong, and He shall soon seize those who disputed His signs and denied His manifest proof. Well is it with thee for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Generous, and for having circled round the fire until thou didst enter it and wast enkindled with the fire of God, the All-Compelling, the

Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and soared in My atmosphere and was attracted by the rustling of My Lote-Tree and the cooing of My Dove that speaketh: 'There is none other God besides Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.' We have indeed found the fragrance of thy love and beheld thee turning toward Our most exalted horizon. We make mention of thee in this Tablet, before which, when it was sent down from the kingdom of the command of thy Lord, all the books of the world bowed down in submission. Blessed is he who hath turned toward it and rendered thanks, and woe unto those who have turned away. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear the scratching of His Pen and for having mentioned thee in such wise that thy name shall endure in His mighty and impregnable kingdom. When thou hast received My Tablet and been intoxicated with the wine of My utterance, turn thy face toward My Prison and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged and lonely, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of life surged in all creation and all things spoke forth: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Most High, the Most Great!"' We beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save such as God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, hath willed."

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning, thy devotion and thy burning in separation from thy Lord. We had previously made mention of thee in such wise that through it the sweet savors of the All-Merciful were wafted throughout all creation. We beseech God to aid thee and enable thee to remember Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My utterance and found the fragrance of the All-Merciful from My words, say: My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me, remoteness from Thee hath consumed me, Thy Manifestation hath bewildered me, Thy verses have enkindled me, and Thy clear tokens have attracted me. I beseech Thee by the Word through which they that are nigh hastened to the place of sacrifice, to ordain for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining Thy presence, of standing before Thy countenance, and of appearing at the door of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by the breezes of Thy Revelation and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the dawn of Thy Manifestation and by the lights of Thy countenance to cause me, under all conditions, to hold fast to the cord of Thy grace and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Strong, the All-Powerful.

He hath loved and continueth to love His chosen ones, and hath come for their meeting and the manifestations of His bounty and favor. However, the oppression of the oppressors and the heedlessness of the heedless have become an obstacle. For some time now, the prison-land hath been in turmoil, for one from among the people of hatred occupied the seat of government for a period. Although he hath now returned to hell - meaning he was dismissed - yet until now the land hath not become settled. Therefore We have paused in giving permission to utter the Word. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the

Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech of Him whatsoever is conducive to the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing! The Books of God have testified to this Wronged One, Who hath accepted tribulation and calamity in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. He is indeed the One Whom God's Messengers have foretold. Blessed is the ear that hath heard His most sweet call as it was raised from His most exalted horizon. He is of them who witnessed and beheld the greatest signs of their Lord when all mankind turned away save whom God pleased, the Possessor of this mighty Cause. By God! The Interlocutor of Sinai hath come, yet the people are in a thick veil. They have denied God's favor after its descent and turned away from Him at Whose appearance the verses bowed down in submission. To this testifieth every possessor of illumined vision. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of Him Who heard thy call ere it issued from thy lips. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Responding. Blessed is thy house wherein God's remembrance hath been raised and wherein have entered those servants who have held fast to the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of thy radiant Lord. Naught escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My great bounty. Say: Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from the Lord of all names. Be as mountains in this Cause, at Whose appearance every firm edifice hath been shaken to its foundation. Say: Be united in your words, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus have We commanded you before and after. He is verily the Commander, the All-Wise. The kingdom and all that the people possess shall perish, but there shall endure for you what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in this glorious station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them and upon thy son and thy kindred. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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The Ancient of Days, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! The pebbles have cried out in remembrance of this wise Remembrance, and all things have called out when the Dove sang forth "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Exalted, the Great!" The earth hath quaked from the breezes of God's verses, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, and the ocean of eternity hath surged when the winds of grace blew from the direction of this Ancient Name. The heavens were illumined when We lit the lamp, and the horizon of the Cause shone forth from this wondrous dawn. The land of Syria hath been brightened by the lights of this Morn which hath shone forth from this manifest Light. The dwellers of Paradise have been seized with rapture, yet the people lie in profound heedlessness. By God! This is He Who hath desired neither to exalt His own self nor to perpetuate His name, nor hath He loved bodily comfort. He hath spent them all to exalt the Word of God. Blessed is he who pondereth and is of those who know. We have kindled the fire at the heart of the world, while from every direction the wicked pour upon it the waters of denial. Exalted is He Who hath preserved it through truth and made it to triumph over the idolaters. Though ye

see Him vanquished, by My life He is the Victor over all who are in the heavens and earth. And though ye see Him subjugated, He is in truth the Subduer. Blessed are they who perceive, who have insights from God and who are among those who discern in the signs of their Lord. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses that thou mayest recite them in thy days - they are clear proofs from God, the Mighty, the Generous. When thy spirit soareth on the wine of thy Lord's mercy, arise amidst creation and remind them of this Cause whereby the heavens have been adorned and the faces of the sincere have been illumined. Be thou of such constancy that the whisperings of the people move thee not, nor do the utterances of the idolaters veil thee. This behooveth thee if thou wouldst shine forth from the horizon of might in My Name, the Chosen One, and this beseemeth thee and those who have turned to God, the One, the All-Informed.

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O Karbala'i 'Abbas, upon him be the glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in bounty and beneficence! The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the pool of fancy hath subsided, inasmuch as the horizon of certitude hath been illumined by My Most Great Name. They that have turned unto God and held fast unto that which hath been sent down from Him - these are men of understanding. And they that have cast the laws of God behind their backs - these are a people who comprehend not. We testify that they have not heard the call of God nor found the sweetness of utterance, nay, they know not. The people are drowning in the sea of idle fancies save those who have held fast to the Most Great Cord and turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. If thou shouldst ask the atoms about the Source of verses, they would say: "He hath come with His holy, mighty and inaccessible kingdom!" Ask God to purify the ears that people may hearken unto the call of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and glorify Him whether seated or standing. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and burned away the shrouds that withheld him from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord and trust in Him in all matters. By My life! Whoso pondereth upon former ages will not be saddened by the intimations of men; rather will he be attracted by the breezes of revelation and find himself detached from those who have denied God, the Fulfiller of covenants. The lamp proclaimeth and saith: "Ye were created for light - how long will ye flee and remain unaware?" This is My Most Great Day, wherein the Lord of destiny proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of what was and what shall be!" Arise in My name to serve My Cause, that perchance the people may awaken and turn unto the praiseworthy station. Preserve thou the Tablet of God, then recite it - verily it shall guide thee to the ocean of joy. Thus have We adorned the Book with the outpourings of My Most Exalted Pen. This is of My grace unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

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In the name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! Your letter hath been read before the Throne. We hearkened unto it with the ear of loving-kindness and have answered thee with this Tablet, from whose horizon shineth the light of the mercy of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and called upon Him in verses from which wafted the sweet savors of thy love for the Beloved of the worlds, Who hath been deprived of rest by reason of that which the hands of the transgressors have wrought. In the prison He calleth upon His Lord, detached from all who dwell on earth. In thy letter thou didst seek the knowledge of thy Lord. By My life! It is My love, and We shall show it to be present with thee through the wondrous favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. This is the essence of knowledge, wert thou of them that comprehend. Behold the learned - when they believed not, the name of knowledge could not be applied to them. They are the ignorant ones in the estimation of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As for what thou didst seek regarding the mystery of mysteries, We shall bestow upon thee that which is better for thee. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. Blessed art thou for having been enabled to make mention of God and His praise, and for thy letter which hath come into the presence of the Throne, adorned with this Name through which the heavens have been cleft asunder and the earth hath been split. We have ordained for thee in the Tablet a station - God shall soon assist thee to manifest His Cause. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. What behooveth thee is steadfastness in My love, for the stench of treachery shall soon spread throughout all regions. Thus doth He inform thee, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Be thou steadfast through God's power and might, then make mention of Him amongst the servants. He is the Helper of whosoever seeketh Him and bestoweth upon him that which gladdeneth his heart. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. When thou attainest unto the Tablet, read it and place it upon thine eyes. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler, the All-Knowing!

The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, and the Cause is in an exalted station. The clouds cry out: "The Bestower hath come!" yet the people remain in a distant place, hastening to the croaking, turning away from the Preserved Tablet of God. Say: Fear ye God, and spread not corruption in the earth, nor follow every heedless doubter among the people of the Bayan who hath turned away from the All-Merciful, clinging to that which We sent down to My Herald whom We sent with a clear proof. Say: O thou who disbelievest in God and turneth away from His sovereignty! Hast thou not heard what thou wert commanded in the Bayan by thy Lord, the Wise? He said–and His Word is the truth: "Beware lest the Bayan withhold you from Him Who will come unto you with the truth, and beware lest ye do as did the people of the Furqan." Fear God and be not of the losers. Say: The Bayan hath testified to Me, and the Books cry out with My Name, the All-Knowing. Say: Every matter hath been made dependent upon My leave, and every Book upon My wise command. Can the Bayan profit him who hath turned away from the Dawning-Place of Revelation? Nay, by My Name, the All-Merciful! The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in His mighty stronghold. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne and who gazeth upon the Countenance! When thou hearest My call, arise by My leave to make mention of Me amongst My creatures with the wisdom that hath been sent down in My glorious Book, that perchance the people may be awakened by thy remembrance and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed art thou for having drunk and attained. Woe unto every stubborn oppressor! Grieve not over any matter in the Cause

of God. The world and all that the people possess shall perish, and the station shall remain unto those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby was raised the standard that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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He is the Mighty

Say: The Bird of Immortality hath winged its flight unto the realms on high. Say: The Breeze of Divine Good-Pleasure hath returned unto the City of Nearness before God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: The Nightingale of Holiness hath soared from the branch of Iraq unto a mighty and glorious branch. Say: The Lamp of Oneness hath changed its niche through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. O people of the Bayan, be ye not disturbed by this, but place your trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: This Bird feareth no one, nor shall it be perturbed by any soul, even should all who are in the kingdom gather against it, for it hath detached itself wholly unto God and turned with its entire being unto the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. O people of the Bayan, follow Me in all this, for this is better for you than all who are in the heavens and on earth. And thou, remind the servants in the days of the Spirit, and grieve not for what hath befallen Us, but be thou of the thankful. For in this departure are signs and tokens and evidences for the mindful. And therein lies the concealment of the mysteries of wisdom which none hath discovered save he who cometh unto God with a sound heart. God shall soon assist His Cause with truth and raise up His oppressed servants. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whoso attaineth the presence of the Bird in His days. By God, he is possessed of a mighty triumph.

His honor Aqa Siyyid Mahdi is the agent of this servant and resides in the land of [Ba]. As some debts have accumulated in this land, we have therefore left him behind to settle these and other matters. Whosoever wishes to pay the Huququ'llah should send it to him. Peace.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted!

Say: The clouds of God have now been raised up in truth and have encompassed all created things with a sovereignty that encompasses all the worlds. O people, seek shelter beneath its shade that it may protect you from the heat of self and passion on this Day wherein the fire hath encompassed every base idolator.

O servant! Hear the call of God from this upraised White Tree at the heart of this blessed crimson earth, that there is no God but Him, and that this Manifestation is His sovereignty and His glory, then His might and His grandeur, then His greatness and His majesty unto all in the kingdom. At every moment He summons the people to the good-pleasure of God and His love, and draws them nigh unto a station that transcendeth all comprehension.

Say: O people, fear God and answer your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and follow not every remote idolator. Say: Nothing shall profit you this Day, even if ye remember God through the eternity of His dominion and the perpetuity of His celestial might. What profiteth you is to draw nigh unto this Beauty Who in these days was wronged among the oppressors. And thou, arise to remember God and serve Him, then leave behind the earth and all who dwell thereon, and turn thy face toward Him Who hath been, from the beginning that hath no beginning, illumined by the lights of might and majesty in truth.

O Qasim! Be the destroyer of the power of the transgressors in these days wherein they have opposed God's servants who transgressed against Him and were recorded in the Mother Book by the Pen of God as among the oppressors. And glory be upon thee and upon those who remain steadfast in the Cause and have taken unto God a path and were faithful to the Covenant.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

The Most Exalted Pen hath at this moment willed to make mention of one of the servants, that he may become aware of divine grace, favor and mercy, and spend his days in remembrance, praise and service to His Cause. O Muhammad-Husayn! His honor 'Ali-Qabli-Haydar, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of thee, and therefore thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace and this mighty command. The whole world awaited the Day of God, but when the gate of grace was opened by the finger of divine power and the horizon of revelation was illumined by the light of Him Who conversed on Sinai, all turned away and arose to shed His most pure blood. By God's life! The pebbles of the earth and its seeds, nay all things, lament and bewail the deeds and conduct of the Shi'ih party. They dwell in the pit of polytheism yet count themselves among the people of divine unity. They wander in the wilderness of idle fancy yet consider themselves people of certitude. They slew Him for Whose separation they had lamented a thousand two hundred years. Praise be to the Goal of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain that whereof the people of the earth are deprived. Say: O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the mysteries of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me so firm in Thy Cord that the doubts of the world and the clamor of the nations will not keep me back from Thee. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the people of righteousness and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

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He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Supreme Pen at all times summons the people of the world to the direction of the All-Merciful. However, some souls hearkened to the call of the Friend and turned toward the Beloved, while others remained deprived of the light of His countenance and forbidden from the Kawthar of immortality. These conditions are the recompense of deeds they had previously committed. No matter comes to pass without a cause. Today, although the ocean of forgiveness is manifest and surging in the world of possibility, and the sun of generosity is radiant and evident, yet they remain forbidden and deprived. Sanctified and omnipotent is He Who created sight, and in the moment it sees, prevented it from seeing; and bestowed hearing, and in the moment it hears, deprived it of hearing. The tongue of the Wronged One testifies that He is the sovereign Actor and none may question His bidding, for He is the All-Wise and the mysteries of His wisdom are concealed - none knoweth them save His Own Self and those to whom He hath given a portion in the Book. To those souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of revelation and are gazing toward the horizon of manifestation, convey greetings from the True One and say: In all conditions, beseech the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted that He may strengthen you with the most great steadfastness. For it is observed that although most of the Tablets mention steadfastness, they have not pondered what the cause of repeating this mention is, and what the reason may be. Well then, ask of the True One that He may enable all to attain this most great bounty and not deprive them of the robe of steadfastness. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

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The Most Holy, Most Holy Pen calleth out from the Throne of eternity upon the Crimson Spot of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing: Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he who hath cast behind him all that he hath heard and turneth unto the Call of God which hath been raised by the command of God, the Lord of Names. He verily sanctifieth him from all else and draweth him unto the horizon of the mercy of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and causeth him to speak forth His remembrance amidst His creation in such wise that the clamor of the heedless shall not deter him. Say: Were We to desire it, We would transform all who are in the heavens and on earth by a word from Us, for verily We are the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O people! Would ye drink brackish water after pure water hath descended from the clouds of My Name, the All-Glorious? This indeed is profound ignorance. Break the idols by My power and sovereignty - thus have ye been commanded by One Mighty, All-Wise. Say: The idols are your vain desires, did ye but know, and then your idle fancies, did ye but perceive. Adorn yourselves with the ornament of faith in the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is better for you than all ye behold, would ye but reflect. Say: He desireth naught from you. He calleth you, in the midmost heart of tribulation, unto God, your Ancient Lord. Do ye object to Him Who desireth your good? Do ye flee from Him Who summoneth you to the Salsabil? Fear ye God, and be not as those who denied the Proof of the Chosen One in past ages, whereupon the thunderbolt of chastisement seized them and made them to be of those who perished. Enjoin ye the truth and guidance, then restrain yourselves from desire. Thus have ye been commanded by your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Take ye what ye have been commanded and lay aside that which ye have been forbidden in a perspicuous

Book. Grieve thou not over anything, for verily thou hast with Us an exalted station at the Throne. Remember thou this and be of the thankful. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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In the Name of the One God

The Pen of Utterance, by the leave of the All-Merciful, sailed upon the ocean of meanings, and when by the will of the True Sovereign it emerged, several drops fell from it and appeared in the form of letters. Then a breeze from the repository of the All-Merciful Will passed over them, causing the disconnected letters to combine, and the word "Verily I am God, there is no God but Him" became manifest. This blessed word arose like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Through the appearance of this word two universal effects became manifest in creation: fire and light. For whosoever turned toward it was accounted before God among the companions of the right hand who have attained the lights of His countenance, and whosoever turned away was mentioned as one of the people of fire. Praise be to God that you have found life through the living waters which are known as the Kawthar of divine knowledge in God's Book, and have attained unto a new life. Preserve this station with the utmost diligence and effort. The world has never had, nor has, any faithfulness, as is observed at all times. Blessed is the soul who is not deprived and forbidden from the eternal Kingdom on account of this transient world. God's favor has been and will continue to be with you, as He has preserved you in numerous instances. Be grateful to thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We give thee glad tidings with a word from Our presence and say: Verily thou art among the secure ones. It is incumbent upon thee to be steadfast in the Cause of God, and it is incumbent upon Him to protect thee through His sovereignty which prevails over the worlds. We beseech God to manifest through thee that whereby thy mention shall endure in His Kingdom and His dominion and in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of the peerless Lord! The Pen of the All-Merciful reminds those who seek the Yemen of divine knowledge through Its wondrous remembrances, that perchance all may pass beyond their own desires and fix their gaze upon His Cause and move according to His will. This is the supreme bounty for all, should they discover and attain unto it. There is no doubt that whatsoever God commands is the Water of Life and the quickener of bodies, for He hath ever gazed with loving kindness upon His loved ones and commanded all that which leadeth to salvation, rest and attainment unto truth. Today it behooveth all to adorn themselves with the raiment of holiness and detachment, for souls that are turned to carnal desires are neither worthy of the Most Holy Court nor befitting the Most Great Scene. God hath ever been established upon the throne of oneness and hath had no peer or likeness. God willing, may all attain through His grace unto this station and become detached and freed from aught else but Him. [Today] it is incumbent upon you to arise to serve the Cause and manifest complete steadfastness, in such wise that the words of the deluded may not hold you back from the Lord of all

worlds. Know all but Him to be transient and remain firm in His love. How excellent is the state of those souls who have today quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of the Lord [of Mercy]. These are the most excellent of people, the most distinguished among them, and the nearest unto God. Praise ye the Beloved of the world that ye have attained unto His love and are voicing His remembrance. Beseech Him to make you so steadfast that none shall have the power to prevent you. Glory be upon you, O My loved ones.

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O Karim, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Once again hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot, the place wherein speaketh the Lord of Names. The Prison is become a dawning-place for the revelation of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By My life! The Prison is My habitation, and it is more glorious than all other habitations, were ye of those who know. Though My hand hath opened the gate of the Prison, yet My heart desireth to remain therein. Thy Lord is, verily, the Expositor, the All-Wise. The Chief desired My humiliation, My injury and My imprisonment, but God seized him with power from His presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. That which was revealed in the Tablet to the Chief hath come to pass. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We came forth from the Prison through a power from Our presence, despite his will, then returned unto it. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Karim! The Ancient Beauty hath grown attached to the Most Great Prison. At times palaces and paradise became the footstool of the feet of the All-Merciful, yet in every case He chose to return to the Prison, for it is adorned with the Name of Truth and established in the path of the Friend. He Who remembereth thee is the Truth - to this testify all atoms. He is the Truth and He is the Friend. Blessed is he who knoweth and is of the thankful ones. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and for having honored thee through His Book which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Vision, and We have read it and answered thee with this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest find therein the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord and make mention of Him with a mention whereby the hearts of those who have turned unto Him shall be attracted. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from the presence of One Who is Forgiving, Merciful.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all who are in earth and heaven. This is a Book which God hath sent down in truth, wherein He commandeth men to observe justice and piety. He, verily, is the Lord of all mankind, within His grasp lieth the kingdom of Command and Creation, and in His right hand are held the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Stand thou firm in service to the Cause, and be thou vocal in the praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a servant hath turned towards and then away

from Him, hath believed and then denied, and how many a servant hath shone forth from the horizon of steadfastness with such power that before him bowed the necks of those who had turned away from His straight Path. Fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon and hasten to perform good deeds. Thus doth the Revealer of verses command thee from the presence of the Strong, the Mighty. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged and hath testified to that which His Tongue had testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful." We have, verily, adorned the heaven of utterance with the sun of divine knowledge. Blessed are they that have attained thereunto. O people of God! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the direction of Akka: "There is none other God but Me, the Ordainer, the All-Wise." Worship none but Him. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen decreed while in His mighty prison. Be ye of such constancy that the power of those who have turned away from the Countenance and have committed that which caused the Spirit of God to lament shall not frighten you. The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this momentous News.

9 He is the Helper. The missive of the beloved of the heart, his honor Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the amount of one vahid before and one vahid after, through the beloved spiritual one his honor Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, reached the servant in the prison in the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1305.

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O Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God! In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all names. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who desireth to quaff the choice Wine sealed by My Self-Subsisting Name, and to turn toward the lights of the Face in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. O Husayn! He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath been made manifest. Beware lest the ornaments of earthly sovereignty prevent thee from the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful, and follow not every heedless and remote one - they who have adorned their heads with turbans and have committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this exalted Station to lament. Say: If ye desire verses, they have indeed filled the horizons, and if ye seek clear proofs, read ye what hath been sent down from My Pen when the Wronged One was in Zawra (Baghdad) and in this mighty, exalted Station. By the life of God! The proof hath come, the evidence hath been perfected, and that which all who are in the heavens and on earth were powerless to comprehend hath appeared, except for those whom God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath willed. We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of what hath been ordained for them from the presence of One mighty and powerful. O people of God! Upon you be My glory and the glory of those who are in the heavens and the earth. When ye find the fragrance of My utterance and are overtaken by the wine of My mystic knowledge, say: Praise be to Thee, O our God, our Goal and our Beloved, for having enabled us to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy Cause, and for having guided us to Thy straight path. We beseech Thee by the light of Thy

countenance and the fire of Thy sacred Tree to make us among those whom the might of the world hath not deterred from turning toward Thee and beholding Thy signs. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

O Ali Kh., upon him be the Glory of God! This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, His verses, His evidences, that which He hath revealed in His Book, and that which the tongue of His grandeur hath spoken forth when He was established upon the throne of His Name, the All-Loving. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have answered thee through this blessed and irrevocable Tablet. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the days of thy Lord and hast partaken of the sealed wine. God, exalted be His glory, hath assisted thee through the causes of the heavens and earth and hath guided thee to the supreme horizon. In the days when all turned away and clung to that which they possessed, remaining heedless and veiled from that which is with God, thou didst in truth attain unto this supreme bounty. Preserve this station through His Name. Thou didst seek permission to attain His presence. At this time it hath been granted, and the luminary of permission hath dawned and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of God's command. However, this permission dependeth upon the requirements of wisdom. Ye must in all conditions be mindful of wisdom. At the time of attaining His presence thou shalt receive the answer to that which thou didst ask from the heaven of grace. He, verily, is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets, and by that which lay hidden therein of the mysteries of Thy knowledge, and by the Sovereign of Names through Whom Thou didst subdue all who are in earth and heaven, to inspire me at all times with that which will draw me nearer unto Thy Name, the All-Merciful. Moreover, ordain for me a light from the lights of the horizons of Thy generosity, that it may accompany me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am the poor one, and Thou art the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. I am the supplicant, and Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Answering. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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In My Name, the Witness, the Witnessed

This is a Book sent down by Him Who is the Goal from His praiseworthy station to him who turned to God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, when mankind turned away from Him by following every heedless doubter, that the Book might draw him to a station where neither the hosts of earth can frighten him nor the might of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, can weaken him. O Ali! Thy letter was read before the Wronged One and We found it adorned with the pearls of the love of God, and We have answered thee with these verses which all the treasuries of earth cannot equal, as thy Lord, the

Speaking, the All-Seeing, doth testify. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and in Whose right hand are the reins of all things. Thou art He Who hast aided me and taught me and made me know the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, from Whom most of mankind who followed their desires have turned away and cast behind them that which they were commanded in Thy perspicuous Book. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and found the fragrance of loving-kindness, say with wisdom and utterance: O people of the world! By God, the horizon of Manifestation hath been illumined and He Who conversed on Sinai hath appeared, through Whom the graves have been raised and the Trumpet hath been sounded. Know ye the Day and turn unto Him with such humility as would cause the princes of the earth and beyond them every discerning scholar to bow down. Preserve thou God's Tablet and recite it. By My life! It will draw thee to an exalted station and send down for thee that which hath been ordained in the heaven of thy Lord's mercy. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness, lest the intimations of every barking dog cause thee to slip or the doubts of any accursed satan hinder thee. Thus doth the Mighty in Strength teach thee as He speaketh in the prison of Akka. He, verily, is the Expainer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of Him through Whom the Sun of Proof has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. This is a Book which the Lord of Eternity has sent down in the Most Great Prison unto him who has turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him to the Kingdom of certitude and that he may testify to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ibrahim! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this wondrous Tablet. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make it a lamp before thy face and a light in thy presence, that it may preserve thee from the darkness of the earth and its tyrants and give thee glad tidings of that which He hath ordained in His perspicuous Book for His loved ones.

Give thanks unto God that thy letter hath attained the presence of the Wronged One and hath been honored to be heard by thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee and to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy Command. I beseech Thee by the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the murmuring of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, and by the fire of Thy love whereby the hearts of the denizens of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Garden were set ablaze, to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor can the power of the princes among Thy servants weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Ibrahim! Blessed art thou for that which hath been sent down bearing witness unto thee. Preserve this most great station through My Name, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Moreover, We give thee glad tidings of that which thou didst desire from the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness. He hath forgiven her who hath ascended, and him for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not held back from the Truth - they arose and said: "The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

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T. To Attar, upon him be the glory of God, He Who dawns from the horizon of the Kingdom

A Book sent down by the King of Kings for him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Karim! We have mentioned thee time after time, and again and yet again. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen, and beyond it he who circleth round My mighty throne. Thou art he who responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and who believed in God, the Sublime, the Great. Beware lest the breezes of aversion hold thee back from turning to the All-Informed One. Be thou so steadfast that neither the veils of the world nor the mists of the nations shall prevent thee. Thus doth command thee the Pen of the Divine Decree from the presence of One knowing, wise.

Consider those who claim belief in the Bayan - they have disbelieved in God just as did the people before them. They are indeed among the most lost.

O Karim! God willing, thou shalt be blessed through His grace and stand firm in His Cause. In most times thy call hath been heard and the Most Exalted Pen hath moved at thy name. Know thou the measure of this mighty station, and as thou gazest upon the name of the Lord of Power, preserve it. Reflect upon the baseness of the people of the Bayan - they have turned away from One from Whose pen flowed the equivalent of all the books on earth and all tidings past and future, and they busy themselves with their own vain imaginings. Fie upon them and their faithlessness!

Be not grieved by hardship and difficulty. By My life, ease and relief have ever followed and shall follow. We beseech God that He assist thee and keep thee firm and steadfast in His Cause. Thy mention hath been made in the Supreme Concourse - ask thou of God that this station remain lasting and eternal. All affairs are in His grasp and He hath power over all things. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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The Most Great, Most Great Book, gracious, sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Verily it is the Light of God amongst His servants and His remembrance to the worlds. Read ye the verses of God with natural melodies. By My life, they will attract you to a glorious station. In each one of them hath

been ordained that whereby the heart of the world would be attracted, but the people are in thick veils. Soon shall they awaken and hasten, but those who have believed today have outstripped them and attained the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O thou who art mentioned! Hearken unto the Call from this quarter of the Frequented House, from this Unfurled Scroll: Verily there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: O peoples of the worlds! Aid ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this Day which the hosts of tyranny have encompassed, they who have disbelieved in the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Those who have attained to recognition - these are the people of this glorious scene, and those who are prevented - they are among the people of error, even should they be among those who circle round. Hold ye fast to the Greater Steadfastness - verily it hath a mighty station with your Lord, the Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed is the one strong enough to rend the veils asunder through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and who hath arisen to aid this wondrous Cause. It behooveth every soul to abandon whatsoever he possesseth, turning unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Most Great Scene, detached from all created things. Were the people to know the value of this Day, they would surely arise among the servants and cry out with this Cause from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of the Beauty of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who heareth at all times the call of the All-Merciful from this Station whereon the Ancient Beauty hath established Himself upon the throne of His Most Exalted Name. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to attract the hearts of the heedless ones. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained to the love of his Ancient Lord.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, without extinction

A Book from Us to him who hath desired his Lord, that He may make him to soar in this atmosphere and cause him to hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth in this exalted station. Arise to make mention of thy Lord. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside that which ye imagine. He Who is Known hath come with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest ye perpetrate what your likes have perpetrated in the days of God, your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Cast your sciences behind you. Behold, the ocean of knowledge hath surged before your faces. Turn ye unto it with manifest humility. This is a Day wherein nothing shall profit a soul, though it bring forth all the knowledge of the ancients, save through its adherence to the cord of knowledge which hath appeared in truth from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: O people! How long will ye follow your desires? Cast them aside and take what hath been sent down from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. Stand thou firm in the love of thy Lord, then summon the people with wisdom. Thus hath commanded thee the Lord of creation. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. Grieve not at the onslaught of the people and their clamor, for thy Lord protecteth whom He willeth. He, verily, encompasseth all things. He protecteth whomsoever He desireth through His sovereignty, though such a one be in the mouth of the serpent. Thus did the All-Merciful reveal aforetime and in this wondrous Tablet. When thou art moved by the movement of the Most Exalted Pen and art drawn by the call of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, turn with all thy being unto Him, detached from the worlds. Say: Thine be the glory, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth

and heaven! I testify that Thou wast ever powerful and self-subsisting and wilt continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. Nothing can prevent Thy self-subsistence. I beseech Thee by Thy Great Name to make me one who uttereth Thy remembrance and calleth out Thy Name and turneth in all conditions unto Thyself. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great Book from Us to him who hath migrated unto God until he was illumined by the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, and heard the call of his Lord while seated upon the throne of grandeur and majesty: O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of God, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and firm in such wise that thereby the servants may be made firm. Forget not God's favor unto thee when thou wert present before the Face and didst witness the signs of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. He who hath ascended is verily in the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Companion. Rejoice thou at this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses! Thereupon doth the Supreme Pen address him from this Most Splendid Station, saying: Upon thee, O thou who hast believed in God, be the praise of God and the praise of all things. I testify that thou didst believe in God when the horizon of Manifestation was illumined with the light of certitude, and thou didst not hesitate for less than a moment when thou didst hear the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thou didst forsake what was with the people, turning unto God, the Lord of all mankind. All things bear witness to that which the All-Merciful hath testified for thee. Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down unto thee from the Dayspring of clear tokens. Blessed is he who visiteth him with this remembrance. He is verily the one accepted before God, the Lord of Lords. He was among those who were in the presence of the Throne when the Dawning-Place of Revelation was in the land of Iraq, and who would recite the verses of God before the Throne at eventide and at dawn. O Hasan! Grieve thou not over anything. When thou arrivest there, visit thy father with what hath been revealed for him from the Ancient Pen. Thus doth the Lord of the peoples command thee while He was in the hands of the wicked. Verily, the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and remained faithful to the Covenant.

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In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! This is a Book from Us to him who hath been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and unto whom the All-Merciful hath sent down Tablets wherein every word causeth the stream of life to surge for the life of all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that He may render him tranquil through the grace of his Lord and draw him nigh unto a station which neither the affairs of earth can trouble nor sorrows overtake. They who have been attracted by the fragrances of these days are, verily, of the people of this station. The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of them in the presence of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have made steadfastness in this Cause, whereby feet have slipped, the essence of all deeds. O thou who art remembered before Him Who remembereth!

Hearken unto the Call from the Dayspring of Revelation: He is, verily, none other but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee regarding thy brother. He hath soared, upon the wings of certitude, unto his resting-place in the highest paradise. Blessed is he in that he fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament, and what was commanded by God, the Lord of all religions. We found from him the fragrance of sincerity when he ascended unto God. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The breathings of thy Lord's favors seized him in such wise as no mention can convey. Know thou, moreover, that she whom We named 'Azziyyih before the Throne dwelleth within the precincts of her Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Confine matters to the remembrance of thy Lord, that perchance they who slumber today upon the couch of heedlessness and passion may become aware and turn unto God, the Source of all signs. The troubles and sorrows shall pass away, and what shall endure is that which hath been sent down unto thee from the Dayspring of joy and gladness. Thus have We adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of wisdom and exposition, that thou mayest remember thy Lord with spirit and fragrance. Glory be upon thee, and upon thy son, and upon those who are with thee among them who have held fast unto the cord of the Cause and have kept the Covenant.

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In His Name, Who has dominion over what has been and what will be! A Book from Us to him who has drunk the sealed nectar when the Self-Subsisting came with sovereignty of grandeur and power, that he may rejoice in this Book which God has made the Dawning-Place of the books of the world, around which circle the scriptures and tablets. By God! The Book walks and speaks, and it is verily the Most Great Book at which hearts are bewildered and eyes intoxicated. Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of the Beloved and turned toward the Face whereby existence was illumined and the horizons made to shine. We have found from thee the fragrance of sincerity and have turned toward thee from this Prison, that thou mayest be assured that He loves the one who loves Him and remembers the one who utters His praise amongst the servants. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the Book and for having had the Pen of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, move upon thy name. By God! This is a sovereignty that shall not be overtaken by annihilation but shall endure as long as the Kingdom and the Realm endure. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. This is a Tablet that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor matched by the books of all creation. Take heed lest the affairs of the earth sadden thee, or the intimations of those who have turned away from the Face. Soon will God seize them with a compelling force from His presence, and the banners of victory shall be raised upon the mountains and hills. We beseech God to make thee a helper of His Cause and one who speaks in His remembrance. He is, verily, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth through His sovereignty what He desireth. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Chosen One. We counsel thee at the end of Our utterance with wisdom - hold fast unto it in all matters. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Master of all necks. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them who have believed in God when the Promise appeared and the mountains passed away.

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He is the One dawning from the horizons of the Dawning-Places of Remembrance

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian. Thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Revelation on a Day whereon the Speaker on Sinai hath proclaimed: “There is none other God but Me, the Lord of the unseen and the seen.” Thy letter was presented and the servant who standeth before the Throne laid it before Us. We testify that it attained unto the hearing at the Most Exalted Horizon - the station wherein the Lord of all beings speaketh and around which circle the Concourse on High, at eventide and at dawn. Rejoice thou in that We have answered thee through this Tablet from which all who possess spiritual perception detect the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in remembrance of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. We make mention of My loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of My favor and My loving-kindness, and of that which hath been ordained for them in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. He remembereth you with that which shall never perish, so long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Be ye in such wise that neither the veils of the divines prevent you from the Lord of all names, nor the doubts of those who have denied the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We hear your call and behold your turning toward the Face after the passing away of all things. Verily, He heareth and seeth from His praiseworthy station. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you. Leave behind what the people possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded in My Preserved Tablet. Thus have We illumined your hearts with the lights of verses and adorned your temples with My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God when He appeared in truth and who have quaffed from the hand of His bounty His choice sealed wine.

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In the Name of Him by Whose fragrance the garment was perfumed and the mountains were moved! This is a Book sent down from the Wronged One to him who hath been named Mustafa in the Kingdom of Names, that it may draw him to a station wherein he will arise and say with wisdom and utterance: “The All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that neither thousands can prevent nor ranks can weaken. He summoneth the world unto the Most Great Name, whereby affairs have been transformed and religions have been shaken.”

O thou who art mentioned by My Pen! Arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me amongst My servants, and make known to them My Cause and My Path. Then impart unto them My Word whereby the Rock hath cried out and the foundations have trembled. Say: O heedless ones! By God, He hath come at Whose advent hearts were troubled and through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all lands. Say: Beware lest what ye possess prevent you from that which is with God. Cast away vain imaginings and hold fast unto the cord of the care of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. This is a Day whereon neither the ornaments of the earth nor its hosts and arts shall profit you. Fear God and follow not every wicked deceiver. When the promise came to pass and the Dayspring of

Manifestation shone forth, the divines turned away from Him until they pronounced judgment with such tyranny as caused the Concourse on High to lament, and behind them every discerning knower.

We have revealed the Cause and shown the servants Our most exalted horizon and guided them to the straight path. Confine thy affairs to making mention of Me among My creatures with the wisdom We have sent down in the Book. Thus have We illumined the horizons of utterance with the light of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Convey My glorification to My loved ones who have cast the world behind them in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto God in his final return.

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O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His majesty, greatness and power! You have always been and continue to be mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. From the earliest days until now you have been speaking in remembrance, gazing toward the horizon, turning to His countenance, and arising in service. The treasures of the earth cannot equal this testimony, nor can the words of men deny it. Be not grieved by what has befallen you. For the sake of God they have said that which cannot be uttered by the tongue. One of God's names is the All-Patient, and He has commanded His loved ones to beautiful patience. The Most Great Branch was present before the Wronged One and presented your letter in its entirety. We heard it and have graciously responded with this Most Holy Tablet. Continue attending to affairs with the utmost joy, delight and greatest gladness. We beseech God to assist you in completing your tasks. You have truly undergone hardship, but arise to set matters right with perfect steadfastness. Until now, no one's words regarding your affairs have been heard with acceptance. Convey greetings to the friends, especially to the two sons. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, made me know Thee, and taught me Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by Him through whose advent the heights of knowledge and wisdom were adorned, through whom the fragrances of Thy revelation, the manifestations of Thy verses, the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, and the lights of the luminary of Thy bounty were cut off - to assist me in setting right my affairs and the affairs of Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the Word of Unity, by Thy pervading Will and Thy all-encompassing Purpose, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Abadih. Muhammad-Qabil-Husayn Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The Tongue of Divine Revelation in the Kingdom of Utterance speaks this blessed word: This is the Day which all books and scriptures have testified to its appearance, and all peoples, nay the heavens and

earths and hills and mountains and waters and seas - all were given glad tidings of this luminous Day. For this Day among all days has been attributed to God, exalted be His glory and might. Blessed is the one who has recognized it and has attained to the outpourings of the seas of knowledge of the All-Bountiful Lord. By My life! He is among those whom the Concourse on High remember, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. God willing, you must in all conditions speak in remembrance and praise of God, and hold fast to the cord of this mighty Cause. Verily He is with His servants who remember Him. We make mention of him who mentions his Lord, and We turn from this remote spot toward him who has drawn nigh unto God and turned to His shining countenance. If one observes with the eye of insight, he testifies that God's remembrance of His loved ones is greater than all else - it is like a tree whose roots are fixed in the earth of certitude and whose branches reach into the heaven of meanings and utterance, yielding its fruits throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm of spirit. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe to the heedless. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and glorify God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. To all those souls in that land who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth, convey to all of them the greetings from this Wronged One and gladden them with divine favors. Blessed are they, for theirs is a goodly end. The Glory be upon you.

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O Abu-Turab Hakim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! By God's life, the people of Iran are wed to vain imaginings. Even if the horizons of every land were illumined with the lights of the Sun of justice and certitude, they would pay it no heed. They turn to an imaginary pool instead of the sealed wine, and incline to the putrid waters of self rather than the divine Kawthar. Glory be to God! They have taken as lord, besides God, one who stood before His face. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! That which hath streamed forth from the Supreme Pen in the most glorious horizon standeth distinct like the sun from all else. Nevertheless, the immature ones of the world have said that which caused the Kingdom of Utterance to weep and the Primal Point to cry out. Say: O people of the Bayan! Read what ye have and We shall read what We have, and be not of the heedless. They have preferred the dawning-place of idle fancies to the Lord of All Being. At every moment they burn with the fire of malice and hatred, and perceive it not. When thou dost win to My Tablet and find the fragrance of revelation in My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for showing me Thy signs, causing me to hear the scratching of Thy Pen, and illumining my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O God of the kingdom of earth and heaven and Sovereign of the realm of might, to aid me to arise to serve Thee with such steadfastness as will establish the people of Thy dominion, and to enable me to remember and praise Thee in such wise as will cause the tongues of all created things to speak thereby. O Thou Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear proofs! I testify that through Thy manifestation the mysteries were revealed and the signs appeared. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and hearken to thy words concerning the mighty, transcendent and glorious Cause of God.

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Praised be Thou, O my God, that Thou hast ordained Naw-Ruz as a festival unto those who have observed the fast for love of Thee and abstained from all that is abhorrent unto Thee. Grant, O my Lord, that the fire of Thy love and the heat produced by the fast enjoined by Thee may inflame them in Thy Cause, and make them to be occupied with Thy praise and with remembrance of Thee.

Since Thou hast adorned them, O my Lord, with the ornament of the fast prescribed by Thee, do Thou adorn them also with the ornament of Thine acceptance, through Thy grace and bountiful favor. For the doings of men are all dependent upon Thy good-pleasure, and are conditioned by Thy behest. Shouldst Thou regard him who hath broken the fast as one who hath observed it, such a man would be reckoned among them who from eternity had been keeping the fast. And shouldst Thou decree that he who hath observed the fast hath broken it, that person would be numbered with such as have caused the Robe of Thy Revelation to be stained with dust, and been far removed from the crystal waters of this living Fountain.

Thou art He through Whom the ensign "Praiseworthy art Thou in Thy works" hath been lifted up, and the standard "Obeyed art Thou in Thy behest" hath been unfurled. Make known this Thy station, O my God, unto Thy servants, that they may be made aware that the excellence of all things is dependent upon Thy bidding and Thy word, and the virtue of every act is conditioned by Thy leave and the good-pleasure of Thy will, and may recognize that the reins of men's doings are within the grasp of Thine acceptance and Thy commandment. Make this known unto them, that nothing whatsoever may shut them out from Thy Beauty, in these days whereon the Christ exclaimeth: "All dominion is Thine, O Thou the Begetter of the Spirit (Jesus)"; and Thy Friend (Muhammad) crieth out: "Glory be to Thee, O Thou the Best-Beloved, for that Thou hast uncovered Thy Beauty, and written down for Thy chosen ones what will cause them to attain unto the seat of the revelation of Thy Most Great Name, through which all the peoples have lamented except such as have detached themselves from all else except Thee, and set themselves towards Him Who is the Revealer of Thyself and the Manifestation of Thine attributes."

He Who is Thy Branch and all Thy company, O my Lord, have broken this day their fast, after having observed it within the precincts of Thy court, and in their eagerness to please Thee. Do Thou ordain for Him, and for them, and for all such as have entered Thy presence in those days all the good Thou didst destine in Thy Book. Supply them, then, with that which will profit them, in both this life and in the life beyond.

Thou, in truth, art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Mirza Q.A. Kh.A., upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Rememberer and He is the Remembered. Praise be to God! The effulgences of the rays of the Sun of the Utterance of the Desired One of the

worlds have encompassed all. The tyranny of oppressors, the might of the heedless ones, and the clamor of the divines could not prevent or hold back the Will of God, and the Cause has reached such a station that the kings of the world have desired to become aware of its purpose. We beseech God to aid all to perform those deeds which have been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Know thou with evident certitude that the power of the Most Great Word and the penetrating influence of the Supreme Pen cannot be prevented or hindered by the clamor of those who wear turbans who, in the presence of the ocean of knowledge, are accounted among the ignorant. Blessed art thou for having turned towards God, heard His call and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. All that hath befallen you hath been mentioned in the most holy and exalted Court and recorded in God's Book. We heard thy call before and after, and have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Soon all that is visible shall return to nothingness, while that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the station of the friends shall endure and remain, and shall neither be erased nor altered. The friends in that land must unite and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause of God through wisdom and utterance. This is the service that hath been mentioned in the Tablets. Blessed are they that act accordingly. One of My leaves hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to send down upon her mercy from His presence, to forgive her through His bounty and generosity, and to cause to descend upon her that which befitteth His grace and bounty. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon every servant who hath believed in God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bounteous.

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O Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Gracious

Praise be to God, once again thou hast drunk from the living waters from the gracious hand of the Desire of the worlds. Ever hath thy mention been before the Most Holy Court, yet at first with joy and gladness and delight, and at the end with sorrow and regret and bewilderment. O Andalib! Thy sobriety gladdened Me even as thy intoxication saddened Me. Thou didst attain unto sobriety after intoxication. That which thou didst send hath been presented and the servant present read it. Then did the lips of sorrow smile with boundless joy. Therefore give thanks and be of those who are grateful. Thy praise and tribute are remembered before God. In all conditions the glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. God, exalted be His glory, hath loved and loveth faithfulness, and doth ever gaze upon this blessed name. The tongue uttered naught but words of regret until there came from thee that from which We perceived the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Compassionate, the Gracious. O Andalib! We counsel thee with that whereby thy station shall be exalted and the fragrance of thy love shall be wafted abroad. Verily thy Lord loveth thee and counseleth thee, and He is the Counselor, the All-Wise. Thou must needs hold fast to such goodly deeds and praiseworthy character that their fragrance shall be diffused. In all conditions God hath confirmed and will confirm thee. Be thou assured and be of those who are steadfast. One such as thee must arise to reform the world, turning unto Him. This beseemeth thee, as attesteth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. With spirit and joy speak thou in praise and glorification of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and act according to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily We

love thee and We love to behold thee as beseemeth thee in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen and have said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

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He is God, exalted be His glory!

The spiritual letter from that spiritual beloved, fragrant with the love of inner meanings, reached this evanescent servant after four days. Similarly, a tray and two rulers arrived the day before that - it is not known who caused the delay. In any case, they arrived and were examined. Regarding the ruler for the pot lid, it was supposed that his honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, would examine that ruler - it is very pleasing. Regarding the ruler for the basin, this one is not bad either, though the previous basin seemed better, therefore it was sent according to your honor’s request. Regarding the tray, it was given to his honor Khwajih and what you had written was mentioned. He said that a tray is not needed now - he wanted several coffee pots, and when the brass arrives, instructions will be given afterwards. Also, on the day when your honor was present, it was mentioned regarding the stand under the samovar that two or three places on it are bent and the middle does not stand firmly, but it was forgotten to give it to your honor. Now the tray and the basin ruler along with the basin - these three pieces - have been sent. The eggplant that you had written about, which the dear father was carrying, arrived. And today also, a basket that was sent by carriage has been enjoyed and is being enjoyed in remembrance of you. Surely your spiritual taste has also received and been blessed with a portion and share of it. Convey sublime remembrance to his honor Aqa Abdul-Rahim. In the presence of the members of the household, be mindful with the most glorious mention of Abha. The people of the sacred precinct send endless greetings.

The Servant

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In the Name of Him Who is Almighty and Most Powerful

Thy letter arrived and was perused in its entirety. The people have perpetrated an injustice such as to cast the kingdoms of earth and heaven into despondency, while the Twin Lights have manifested a degree of meekness under tribulation such that the dwellers of the heavenly realm have bewailed and lamented them. Consider thou the son of Zakariyya, who lost his head to please the courtesan of the era; and again the scion of the Prophet, who was slaughtered at the behest of the wastrel of the age: was it they who were martyred that lost, or was it those who wronged them? - in reply to which all things have cried out, exclaiming: “Yea, the latter are in perspicuous loss!” Although this calamity is most grievous, and the greatest abasement hath been witnessed on its account, yet, by the righteousness of God, is it in reality the mightiest honour, which hath but outwardly assumed the form of an abasement. Do thou

preserve this lofty and most exalted station, nor have regard for that which is today apparent. God, verily, hath laid hold on wrongdoers in the past, and shall do so in the future; and He shall purge the earth of their like, and so raise up your station that all faces shall turn towards you, and all the tongues of the world shall recite your praise. Hearken thou unto the Call of this Wronged One, and lay fast hold on all that He hath mentioned. He, verily, is the Faithful Counsellor. See that thou spare no effort in doing all thou canst to protect the people's claims upon the King of Martyrs, forasmuch as this matter is acceptable and pleasing in the sight of God, and a cause of exaltation and advancement. Do thou on behalf of this Wronged One make mention of all the relatives, and speak unto them words of consolation. He, verily, is the Comforter, the All-Knowing. God willing, thou wilt remain, as heretofore, beneath the glances of God's loving providence. Rest assured, and be thou of the thankful. That which is incumbent upon thee is to ensure the contentment of the family of the Twin Martyrs - may the Glory of God rest upon them. Wert thou to ponder a while, thou wouldst know of a certainty that what hath befallen is, and ever shall be, an inestimable honour. Unto this testifieth He Who hath knowledge of the Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of Lords.

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Birjand. O Muhammad-Rida, son of Ahmad, who has attained! He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Your letter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and achieved the honor of being heard. We beseech God not to deprive you of the outpourings of His days, to aid you through His grace in all conditions, and to give you to drink from His life-giving waters. His mercy has encompassed all created things. Verily We were with your brother when he ascended unto God, and We mentioned him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. And We sent unto your father, who attained His presence and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hands of My bounty, a Tablet from whose horizon shone the sun of thy Lord's grace, the Munificent, the Generous. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. All must gaze with perfect steadfastness toward the Supreme Horizon alone. This is true unity today. By God's life! Whosoever attains thereunto shall abide forever in the sublime Paradise and most exalted Heaven through the perpetuity of God's names. How blessed is thy brother! He attained the supreme bounty, as the Mother Book beareth witness in this lofty station. Tablets were given to Jinab-i-Amin (upon him be My glory) to deliver. That which was sent from the direction of Ta hath been presented before the Wronged One and was accepted. Give thanks for this mighty favor. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy father and mother and upon those who are with you and upon My loved ones there. We make mention of them and give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. In these days it is not permissible to turn toward the direction of the Desired One, for the ungodly and hypocrites have arisen to prevent it. Be patient, for God loveth the patient ones.

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In the Name of the Desire of all worlds! The Call of the All-Merciful is raised, yet most of the servants are deprived of hearing it. The Countenance of the Ancient One has dawned from the Orient of the world, yet most people's eyes are veiled and prevented from beholding it. The most pure Wine flows and is visible at the Greatest Scene, yet all are forbidden from drinking thereof save whom thy Lord willeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The cause of the servants' veiling from the Lord of Creation has been and will be the vain imaginings of the idolatrous souls and the idle fancies of heedless hearts. The Sun of certitude is shining, yet most are occupied with suppositions. The Sun of knowledge has risen, yet most remain cloistered in their own imaginings. Reflect upon the appearance of the Manifestations of Divine Unity - in every age and era when those Suns of the horizons of inner meanings rose and appeared by God's command, most people arose in denial and attempted to cut down the divine Trees and Lotuses. This has been His way in past ages. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Aware. How excellent is the state of one who today sees with his own eyes and hears the Call of Truth with his own ears, and purifies and sanctifies his heart - which is the dawning-place of divine revelations - from people's vain imaginings and what is with them, that he may become worthy and deserving of this Most Great Bounty and Supreme Grace. Blessed is he who drinks the wine of recognition from his Lord's utterance - We testify that he is among the successful ones. Whoever acts upon what has been mentioned will assuredly attain to recognition of the Intended One and will turn toward the Friend. Verily thou, give thanks to thy Lord for having been mentioned before the Prisoner and for His sending thee this Clear Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee in what He loves and is pleased with, and to aid thee in service to His Cause. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

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His honor Ya'qub: In the name of the Ever-Living, Ever-Abiding One, the Herald of the All-Merciful gave glad tidings to all who dwell in the realm of possibility that the divine promise has been fulfilled and that which was mentioned in the heavenly Books has appeared. The One Who departed has returned - that is, He Who ascended has descended with great glory and a luminous countenance. As He says in the Gospel: "I go away and come again," and in another place: "I go away and the Comforter will come to complete what I have said and to say what I have not said." This blessed word is as a spirit to the temple of God's Book. Blessed is the soul that has recognized, the eye that has seen, and the ear that has heard this exalted and wondrous Call. Nevertheless, none have heeded it, and the children of the Spirit are seen to be withered and dejected - nay, dead - except those whom God has willed, the Lord of this mighty Day. Reflect upon the days of the Spirit and what befell Him, that ye may become aware of people's condition. These people are the same people, and these souls are the same souls. God willing, that honored one should gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and strive that in this blessed Day there may appear from them a matter that shall endure throughout the eternity of God's names. As for what you mentioned about jafr - the comprehensive jafr in its primal reality is the Temple of the Manifestation. This station is a summary - God willing, after entering the depths of certitude you will become aware of a matter that is more precious in God's sight than all else. In these days, mention of the Truth and victory for the Truth take precedence over all deeds, and victory has been and shall be through utterance. Verily He is the

Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Glory be unto him who has attained unto that which God has commanded in His Book, the Lord of all worlds.

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The Most Holy Supreme Verdant Leaf! This is the Book of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful, revealed unto the leaf who was stirred by the fragrances of her Lord, the All-Merciful, and was turned from the left hand of fancy to the right hand of certitude, that My Book may attract her and draw her nigh unto My Kingdom, that she may behold My signs, My proof, My testimony and My sovereignty. O My handmaiden! Know thou the worth of My days, then soar with the wings of love unto the heaven of My tender care, then enter the pavilion of My glory and My favors. Beware lest anything withhold thee from My mention and My praise. Forsake all else out of love for My beauty, then speak forth My Name amongst the handmaidens, then arise with My Cause from the horizon of the heaven of My steadfastness in such wise that neither the veils of My creatures nor the intimations of My creation - whom We created to serve Me but who, when the time was fulfilled, turned away from My beauty and denied My signs - shall hinder thee. Thus have I commanded from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having cast away all else and taken that which thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, did desire. Hold thou fast unto this cord, then detach thyself from the worlds. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having made thee a leaf among the leaves of His Ridvan. This is naught but a manifest bounty. Be thou in such wise that the deeds of him who hath disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Most Great, shall not grieve thee in the Cause of thy Lord. It behooveth every soul to ponder upon the bygone ages. Where are the palaces of those who turned away and warred against God? By My life! We returned them to their graves, and when they entered therein their lamentation was raised and they said: “Verily we were in manifest error!” Soon shall the servants who have violated the Covenant and were among the wrongdoers return thereunto. Thus have We revealed unto thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of those women who stood firm in the Cause until they entered within the precincts of the mercy of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Remind My handmaidens who have believed in God and desired what God hath desired that they are assuredly among the people of Paradise. Unto this doth testify this mighty and wondrous Pen.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is an epistle to the servant of God who was named Ali in Our Most Great and Glorious Kingdom, and who attained the presence of the Countenance at a time when he was unaware and heard the melodies of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. And if he recognized Him not, no blame attacheth unto him, for in those days We concealed Our face behind seventy thousand veils lest the eyes of the polytheists should fall upon it.

O Ali! Forget not My days, but rather remember My presence and what thou didst hear of the wondrous melodies of My voice, and be not of the heedless ones.

O Ali! If thou wouldst reflect upon My Cause and what hath befallen My Soul, thou wouldst detach thyself from thine own self out of love for the Cause of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

O Ali! Dost thou rejoice within thyself while the Eye of God sheddeth tears from the buffetings of the polytheists? Dost thou sit at home while the Beauty of the Cause is imprisoned in this remote land?

O Ali! All things weep over what hath befallen Me, even though My loved ones may be among those who rejoice. And thou grievest not over what hath come upon Us, for We have chosen affliction from all the peoples for Ourselves, that perchance Our sleeping servants might be awakened - they who have been heedless of the remembrance of their Lord and have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

O Ali! There hath befallen Me what none can reckon save God, thy Lord, and verily He hath recorded My tribulations in a Tablet of might well-preserved. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle, then detach thyself from the ignorant ones. Leave them to their own devices, then ascend unto the Most Exalted Kingdom in the name of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Turn not thy gaze from this luminous Scene. Thus doth the One sore with grief teach thee from this Prison, wherefrom even the feet of those near unto Us have been debarred. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whosoever hath detached himself, through remembrance of the Beloved, from the remembrance of all created things.

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O Mulla Hasan! He is the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is an epistle from Him Who took to Himself the Covenant of the Point of the Bayan before taking the covenant of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and who spoke His praise in His days, and through whose love He appeared amidst all created things, and who slept not except in His love, and arose not except in His remembrance, and moved not except by His will - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto Him! He failed not in my Cause, my remembrance and my praise, and gave glad-tidings unto all people in every Tablet of this wondrous Remembrance. But when His Object and the Object of the mystics appeared in truth and was established upon the throne with manifest and clear sovereignty, then did most of the people of the Bayan deny Him, opposing Him then, before then, and after then. Among them were those who desired to shed His blood, those who calumniated Him, and those who derided the verses of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. By God! They committed what the basest of the earth committed not, and said what the heedless ones of old said not. And thou, O servant, purify thyself from the insinuations of those who disbelieved, then detach thyself from the idolaters, then remember Me in thy days. This is what thou hast been commanded in the Tablets of God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: The worship of both worlds cannot equal My remembrance today, for worship profiteth no one except after the remembrance and love of God. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen, if thou be of them that know. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in His Cause and made thee one of the believers in His unity. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon such servants of God as have turned unto Him, who have believed in

God their Creator, and whom the world hath not prevented from turning to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The dwellers of the kingdoms of remembrance shall pray for these, if ye be of them that know.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious. This is a Book from God to him who was faithful to the Covenant and patient in the Cause of God and was God-fearing in the Faith. And remember in the Book the time when the servant of God came to him in days of hardship and sought his protection, and he protected him. By God, this good deed was better than the worship of those who worshipped their Lord for months and years. Be grateful to thy Lord for having enabled thee to recognize God and to perform that whereby thou art mentioned in the Supreme Concourse among the people of Baha. This is better for thee than all that is on earth. Soar in My atmosphere, then detach thyself from all else save Me, then speak forth My praise and glorification. Thus doth this Prisoner command thee from the presence of One mighty and wise. We previously informed the people about the days of adversity, lest they be disturbed when the winds of trials blow from the direction of the All-Merciful. Thus was the decree ordained in the Tablet. And when they blew, souls were disturbed, but God pardoned them, for His mercy hath preceded all worlds. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant and for having soared in the atmosphere wherein the breezes of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all creation, wafted. The glory of God be upon thee, and His praise be upon thee and upon thy daughter and upon all who are with thee, whether bondmaids or free. And praise be to God, for He is worthy of it and He is the best Helper and Assister. Convey Our greetings to thy son, and We beseech God to enable him to follow His Cause and to grant him the good of this world and the next. By God, He hath ordained for thee and for him that which no one knoweth. It shall soon be revealed in truth, and He is the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of the Most High, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from the Point of the Bayan, who was named Husayn between the heavens and earths, then by His most beautiful names among the concourse of the worlds, and was named by the tongue of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, as Baha, and by it all who are in the heavens and earths were struck with terror, and by it God distinguished between the unitarians and the polytheists, and by it the breezes of forgiveness wafted upon the temples of the sinners, and by it the sun of wealth shone upon the poor and needy, and by it the Dove warbled upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End, and the Cock of the Throne crowed in the paradise of eternity, and the Tree of Sinai was set ablaze and spoke that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. O servant! By God, through this Name the horizon of the Bayan was rent asunder and the sun of inner meanings rose with manifest and evident sovereignty, yet the people veiled themselves from its lights and radiance, and took darkness as light for themselves instead of God, and such was the condition of these heedless ones. And verily I complain of those who disbelieved in God in this Revelation whereby the verses were sent down from all eternity, and the Beauty of God, the

Sovereign King, the Most High, appeared with mighty lights, and there befell Him from His servants what befell no one else, and God is witness to what I say. And you, O servant, remember My days, then grieve with My grief, then weep for what befell Me from these wrongdoers. We beseech God to make you steadfast in love for the Youth and to provide you from the fruits of the Tree of His knowledge and to comfort you with His own Self in the Most Exalted Paradise, whose gate was opened through this Most Great, Most Holy, Supreme Name. And the mercy which descended from the heaven of the Command be upon you and upon those with you from among God's remembering servants. And praise be to my Beloved and the Beloved of the mystics.

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O Mulla Rahmatullah! He is the One manifest and speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book from Us to one among the servants, that it may draw him to the station of nearness and holiness and meeting, and give him to drink of the choice sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the name of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, that he may forsake the world and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein the Lord of all beings proclaims: "Verily, there is no God but Him, the One with power over what was and what shall be." Take heed lest the imaginings of the servants veil thee from the Lord of creation. Leave them and what they possess and turn with an illumined heart to the Most Sublime Vision. This is better for thee than what thou hast and what thou seest. To this testify honored servants. Cast aside vain imaginings, then take hold of the Book of Certitude in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. By My life! What the people possess will profit thee not today. Seek in thy heart the Ultimate Goal, for it is the Dawning-place of thy Lord's verses, the Mighty, the Loving. Today is the Master of Days, and the Hidden Mystery is manifest and speaking through the Manifestation of His Cause. Whosoever hath heard His call and turned toward His direction is accounted among those who have drawn nigh in the Book of the Exalted Ones, and other than this was and shall be rejected. The Most Great Balance is manifest and the Greatest Proof is resplendent. All have been and shall be measured by this Balance. God willing, may you receive your portion from the divine fragrances of His days and become the cause of exalting the Word of God, that all may attain unto the Most Great Ocean and be freed from the veils of imitation and vain imaginings. Say: O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the horizons to make me know the Dawning-place of Thy Cause and the Manifestation of Thy signs. Then aid me to help Thy Cause among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hastened with his heart to the precincts of Paradise and, when the Call was raised from the right side of the Luminous Spot, turned towards it, saying: "Here am I, O God of the worlds!" By My life! Were We to sprinkle upon the mountains from the ocean of the attraction of thy Lord's Word, they would dance for love of their Lord, and were We to sprinkle it upon all created things,

thou wouldst see them soaring in the air. Thus doth the Pen of Command make mention of thee from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

We have found thy longing and thy yearning, and have revealed for thee this Tablet which God hath made the Dawning-place of His verses among His servants and the Herald of His Cause among all created things. When thou hast attained unto it, recite it with the accent of innate nature. Thus doth the Lord of all created things command thee. Verily, it will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Pay thou no heed to those who claim that which God hath not permitted them. Turn thy gaze rather to the Most Luminous Spot and the Most Sublime Vision. Say: I have turned towards Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the heavens and of the earth! Say: We have manifested the proof in such wise that none throughout all creation can deny it, except him who hath transgressed the bounds of fairness and is numbered with the idolaters. Say: The Evidence hath prostrated itself before the countenance of its Lord, and the Proof circleth round the All-Glorious, and the Noble One calleth out between earth and heaven: "The Beloved hath come with dominion over all names. This is He by Whose name We adorned the Bayan and by Whose mention the books of the All-Merciful were embellished. Turn ye unto Him, O peoples of the earth, with illumined hearts!"

Blessed art thou inasmuch as nothing hath withheld thee from God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Thou hast cast aside what the people possess and taken what hath come to thee today from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have turned to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from God unto His servant who was named Haydar before 'Ali, that the fragrances of the Command may seize him from this Paradise wherein the Beauty of the All-Merciful shineth with holy and wondrous lights, and may detach him and enrich him from all that he possesseth, and may turn him from the left hand of evanescence to the right hand of eternity, and make him among those who are recorded as steadfast in the Mother Book by the Pen of Command.

O servant! Be not grieved within thyself that thou hast migrated unto God and hast not been honored with His presence, for God hath accepted thy obedience and hath inscribed thy name with the finger of power among those who have attained the presence of God, and this is of His bounty unto thee, that thou mayest be steadfast in the Cause. We were verily with thee in thy departure and arrival, and in thy bewilderment and grief, and We witnessed thy condition. Therefore, grieve not within thyself, but be joyous through the loving-kindness of thy Lord.

Beware lest thou hesitate in this Cause in these days wherein the feet of most of the servants have slipped from this Path which hath been raised up in the name of God. Arise in the Cause and fear no one. Then shun those who have disbelieved in God after He came upon the shadows of the Cause with

manifest and evident sovereignty, and everything speaketh that there is no God but Him, and that this is indeed ’Ali Who hath appeared from the Most Glorious Horizon with a Command that hath encompassed all the worlds. Purify thyself from allusions and cling not to that which the people of the Furqan clung when We manifested the Face from behind the veils with a radiance that was mighty indeed upon the truth. Rejoice within thyself that the Beloved of the worlds hath remembered thee in this Prison wherefrom the feet of those who seek have been forbidden.

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This is a Book which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One Mighty, All-Wise. Hasan in the letter Sad, He is the Mighty One. There is no doubt therein that it hath been sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Peerless. God hath made it from His presence a conclusive proof and an enduring Word between the heavens and the earths, and verily it is guidance and a remembrance from His presence unto all the worlds. O servant! Bear thou witness unto that which God hath witnessed concerning His Own Self by His Own Self, that there is no God but Him, and that ’Ali before Muhammad is His lamp and His light and His remembrance and His glory unto all who dwell on earth. Through Him doth every seeing one see, every knowing one know, every speaking one speak, and every certain one attain certitude. And whoso hath been given spiritual insight by God beareth witness that all this is truth wherein there is no doubt, and verily we were of those possessed of clear certainty. Thus hath God testified, and His angels, and His Messengers, and His chosen ones, if ye be of them that hear. O servant! Give thanks unto God, thy Creator, for what hath been sent down unto thee on this night of mighty and impregnable words, by a single letter of which all who are in the heavens and on earth were created, if thou be of them that know. Open thou thine eyes and gaze intently upon the signs of God, and take hold of them with strength, and be not of the doubters. Thus doth God counsel thee in His Tablet and decree in truth that thou mayest be of them that are well-assured. Rejoice, O servant, in what hath been sent down unto thee, a noble Book from the presence of One Mighty, All-Informed. Thus doth God bestow His favor upon whomsoever He willeth of His servants, and single out whomsoever He pleaseth for His mercy, and verily He is the Lord of great bounty. And the Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon the servants of God, they that believe in His unity.

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=== START BH03926 ===

O Mirza Ja’far-Quli! This is what hath shone forth from the Dayspring of Will: O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! We have heard thy call and read thy letter at the Most Great Scene. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Grieve not over the abasement thou didst acknowledge in thy letter. By My life! Thou art precious in the sight of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. We have immersed thee in the ocean of mercy and forgiveness and made thee to be among those who have attained their Goal. This, verily, is a great bounty. Dost thou grieve over tribulations while thy Lord is at their very center? Behold and say: May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy trials, O Beloved of them that know! Blessed art thou for having called upon thy Lord, and blessed art thou for His having answered thee in this

wondrous Tablet. Remember thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. He hath ordained for thee that which none knoweth save His own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be content with what We have decreed for thee. Thus hast thou followed the example of thy Lord in what befell Him. This is the way of the sincere ones. Say: Praise be unto Thee in all conditions. I testify that Thou knowest what is within me, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When We turned from the direction of the Most Great Scene toward Our Name which We have exalted in truth amongst Our remembering servants, that he might rejoice in My remembrance of him and soar in the atmosphere of gladness and delight. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and wise. My Name! God willing, through divine grace, be thou attentive and mindful in all conditions. And since whatever hath befallen thee was in the path of God, therefore there is no harm if thou desirest to turn toward the Most Holy Court - it is beloved. In all conditions thou hast had and hast permission either to remain or to return. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who love thee and who have heeded thy words in praise of thy Lord.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Ahmad! The Single, the One calleth thee from this glorious station. Hearken unto the call of thy Lord - it cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth, nor by that which the kings and rulers possess. Ponder thou upon God's favor and mercy, that He remembereth thee as a bounty from Him - and verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Leave behind the world and all that is therein. By the life of God! It shall perish, while that which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, shall endure for thee. Dost thou ponder on that which hath been revealed unto thee? Dost thou discover the fragrances of thy Lord's verses? By God! Through them is the world perfumed - to this every fair-minded and perceptive one doth testify. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the Most Great Prison. When thou hast attained unto it and perceived its fragrance, turn with thy heart to His most exalted horizon and say: O Lord of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of the world trembled, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking in Thy praise and glorification. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the poor one. I have turned to the gate of Thy riches - I beseech Thee not to drive me away, but rather to protect me. Verily Thou art the Protector, the Generous One. We make mention in this station of My handmaiden who hath heard My call and turned toward the horizon of My will. Say: O handmaiden of God! Blessed art thou and thy brother who turned toward God and hastened to the place of sacrifice in love of the Lord of Names. When his blood was shed he said: "Happy am I and content am I that I have attained martyrdom in God's path, the Lord of all worlds." By God! When he turned, the Concourse on High welcomed him, then those whom none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who visiteth him and seeketh intercession through him with God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

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He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of bounty! O Name of Generosity! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of his honor Samandar, upon him be My glory, was reviewed. Blessed is he and his pen and whoso loveth him for My sake. All that hath flowed from his pen, both before and after, in proof of the Word of God, is acceptable before the Wronged One. He hath spoken the truth, to this beareth witness the Tongue of My grandeur and whoso is with Me in My Kingdom and circleth round Me. We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve him from the oppressors and transgressors. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. We hope that afterwards the answer to certain passages will be revealed and sent, and We make mention of My loved ones there. By My life, We have mentioned them with a mention from which wafteth the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors. He is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. The letter of his honor [Khalil], upon him be My glory, was read in the presence. He hath spoken the truth. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. His mention and yearning in divine love hath deposited traces in the contingent world, and this trust is preserved with the Trustee. And verily He is God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest. In truth the sweet savors of steadfastness and joy and the fragrances of attraction and longing have been diffused from them throughout all regions. We beseech God to strengthen him at all times with the hosts of inspiration. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Name of Generosity! The blessed word “The names descend from heaven” hath appeared and is known as Abdul-Karim, upon him be the glory of God. His letter was read in the presence. This word of his was the result of the elevation of the heart and hath attained unto the acceptance of hearing. Joy be unto him. His words: “O my God! O my Lord! The servant is Thine and mercy is Thine.” We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones there and those who are with them. He is verily their Guardian in this world and the next, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Merciful, the Most Bountiful

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Thy letter was received and was presented at the castle before the face of the Lord of Destiny. Since mention was made of the honored Mirza who ascended to the Supreme Companion, the Most Exalted Pen desired to make mention of him: “O Zaynu’l-’Abidin! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Scene, that this mention may be a companion unto thee, a light unto thee, a glory unto thee, an honor unto thee, and a treasure unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. We beseech God to send down upon thee each day that which will attract thee. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.” The glory which hath shone forth from the dayspring of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings, be upon thee and upon those who have turned with humility manifest toward the Supreme Horizon. We indeed found the fragrance of His love at the time of his ascension and revealed for him that from which everyone possessed of smell would detect the fragrance of the Luminous Robe.

O My Name! We convey greetings to his wife and have made mention of her aforetime, and We beseech God that He may strengthen her in steadfastness and in that which will exalt the Cause of her Lord, her Creator and her Fashioner. O My handmaiden! Be not grieved. Behold, then call to mind what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. That which thou didst send hath been presented and was

accepted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor. The cord was not accepted before, but that which thou didst send was accepted before the All-Merciful. Well is it with thee! We convey greetings to the women of that land and bid them to sanctification, detachment, supreme chastity and supreme purity. O My handmaidens! The world shall pass away but there shall endure for you what hath been ordained from the Most Exalted Pen in this exalted station. The Glory be upon you from the Wronged One, the Stranger.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O My Name Mehdi! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hadst written about the matters raised by Siyyid Asadu'llah. The command of unity hath ever flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. The horizons are illumined and radiant with the light of concord. Thus hath it streamed from My Most Exalted Pen. All must cleave and hold fast unto it, placing their trust in God. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in this Cause and in that which will exalt his remembrance, and to ordain for him that which will profit him in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Ye have ever been beneath the glances of loving-kindness. We beseech the True One to ordain for them whatsoever is the cause and source of bounty, glory and tranquility in all worlds. And concerning what thou didst mention regarding My handmaidens - verily We have remembered it as a grace from Our presence, and I am the Rememberer, the All-Knowing. We give him glad tidings of My turning towards him from this exalted station. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of the world have not prevented, who hath turned and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!"

We counsel all to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of all beings have been made firm, save those whom God willeth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. All must hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness, for the idolaters have ever lain in wait and continue to do so. That which, when revealed in the Holy Books and Tablets, would guide every person of insight to the Most Exalted Horizon and draw every thirsty one to the Most Great Ocean, hath been sent down.

We convey greetings to all the brothers and give them glad tidings, counseling them to that which beseemeth the Days of God. O Asadu'llah! Convey My greetings unto their faces. Verily We have remembered all with a remembrance that no remembrance can equal. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon thy wife and upon those who are with thee and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O my God! A leaf from among the leaves of Thy earth desired the Tree of Thy singleness, and the fragrances of Thy days so took hold of her that she detached herself from all else but Thee and hastened with her heart to the precinct of Thy nearness and meeting. O Lord! Purify her heart with the water of Thy knowledge, then cause her and Thy servants to drink of the living waters which flow at the heart of the Ridvan through Thy name, the All-Merciful, that they may stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither tribulations shall prevent them from Thy remembrance, O Lord of all names, nor shall calamities deter them from Thy love, O Creator of the heavens. O Lord! Send down upon them at all times the sweet fragrances of the robe of Thy mercy, that they may be drawn to the horizon wherefrom shone forth the Sun whereon was inscribed by the finger of Thy power: "By God, the Beloved of the worlds hath come!" O Lord! Thou knowest that I have not fallen short in Thy Cause. The more tribulations increased, the more I increased in remembrance of Thee and in teaching Thy Cause to all besides Thee, such that no evening or morning, no dawn or dusk passed except that I sent forth the fragrances of Thy revelation to Thy servants and the sweet scents of Thy fragrance to Thy creatures. O Lord! I beseech Thee by this Youth, Who hath been encompassed by wolves as He calleth the people to Thy name, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, to unveil for Thy loved ones what Thou didst unveil for those who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the heaven of Thy will, that they may detach themselves from all else besides Thee and turn with their hearts to the spot wherein appeared that which was hidden in the eternity of eternities. O Lord! Cause to grow, through what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen of the waters of Thy oneness and the rains of the glory of Thy unity, in the hearts of Thy loved ones the ears of wisdom and utterance, that they may hold fast to this hem which Thou hast sanctified from mention and knowledge. Thou hast ever been the bestower to those who have sought Thee and the inspirer of those who have delighted in Thy remembrance. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Hope! My outer and inner tongue bear witness that Thou art God, that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over Thy creation and powerful over Thy servants. Thou didst send the Messengers and reveal the Books for the guidance of the people of Thy kingdom - a bounty from Thee. Thou art He, O my God, Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all existence. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy Will and the pearls of the oceans of Thy knowledge and volition to draw me near unto Thee in all conditions and to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou didst ordain for Thy loved ones and chosen ones whom Thou didst assist through Thy power and sovereignty to shatter the idols of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and whom Thou didst guide to Thy path. Thou art He Whom the might of the oppressors cannot frustrate and the ascendancy of the pharaohs cannot prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Within the grasp of Thy power lieth the control of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Wouldst Thou disappoint, O my God, one who hath sought the gate of Thy bounty, and wouldst Thou deny, O my Beloved, one who hath hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy grace? I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy favor to forgive me and remit my sins which have come between me and Thee. O Lord! The poorest of Thy servants hath sought the ocean of Thy wealth, and the lowliest of Thy creation hath turned toward the horizon of Thy power. I beseech

Thee by the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy Cause to ordain for me that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all humanity. Then make me steadfast in Thy love and the love of Thy chosen ones, and assist me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of the one Friend!

O my handmaiden! His honor Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi, upon him be the glory of God, has departed from his outward homeland for the love of God, intending to reach his most exalted homeland. Praise be to God, the means, by the command of the Causer of causes, assisted him and He confirmed him with the hosts of the seen and unseen, until he attained unto the sea and its waves, and the sun and its effulgence. And now he is occupied in service. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions. Verily He is the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

He sent thy mention to the Most Holy Court, and this Tablet hath shone forth from the heaven of grace. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this clear Tablet and this mighty Book. We make mention of the handmaidens of that land and counsel them to be chaste and pure, that all may be sanctified from self and passion, may gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and cling to the hem of His grace.

We make mention of My handmaiden, thy daughter, who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to cause her to dwell in the highest Paradise through His mercy. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The glory from Us be upon My male and female servants who have turned unto Him and have attained unto the recognition of the Announcement of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O youth! The Wronged One mentioneth thee again at the end, that thou mayest give thanks unto Him Who hath come from the heaven of the Cause with the banners of the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: Unto Thee be thanks, O my God, and unto Thee be praise, O my Goal, and unto Thee be glory, O my Beloved, for that Thou didst assist me with the means of the heavens and earth until Thou didst cause me to be present before the throne of Thy grandeur and the seat of Thy power, and didst cause me to hear that for the hearing of which ears were created, and didst show me that for beholding whose lights eyes were fashioned. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and Thou art the Mighty, the Chosen One, and the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful over those who dwell in the kingdom of names and attributes.

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In the Name of the one true God! O my handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. God, exalted be His glory, hath made mention of His servants and handmaidens in the nights and days with a remembrance whose fragrance hath not ceased from the world and will never cease. His loving-kindness hath embraced all and His grace hath encompassed all. God, exalted be His glory, commandeth thee to be patient. Verily He is the All-Patient and commandeth His servants and handmaidens to show beautiful patience amid the vicissitudes of the world and the passing of nations. At all times the heedless and idle people are witnessed. The divines of Iran were not and are not mentioned in the presence of the All-Merciful, but thou art mentioned through His grace and hast attained unto the verses of the Most Exalted Word. Blessed art thou and those handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. We make mention at this time of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O Ayat! Thou hast attained unto the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We heard thy call before and answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shone the light of grace from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thou didst attain before thy ascension unto My verses and after it unto My gracious mention. The ocean of forgiveness hath surged in the Word of the All-Merciful that thou mayest rejoice in the Supreme Horizon and be among those who are glad. We have purified thee and forgiven thee at the time of thy ascension. This is attested by what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen as a grace from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the mention of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor. We have made mention of thee and those with thee, and We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Praise be to God, the Master of the beginning and the end.

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He is God, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Repeatedly have We heard thy cry, and despite encompassing tribulations and mighty calamities, have We sent down a reply. The glance of His grace and mercy hath ever been and still is directed towards His loved ones. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto the presence and hast recognized the sanctity of My Being and the detachment of My Essence from all that the people possess. The mention of him who hath believed, upon him be My glory, hath ever been and still is before the Most Holy Court. We, verily, have purified Our loved ones and illumined them with the light of acceptance and adorned them with the ornament of love and kindled them with the fire that shone forth on the Mount of Knowledge upon the son of Imran. O thou who hast believed, give thanks unto thy Lord, and O My leaf, render thanks unto thy Master, for He hath made mention of you both while in prison in various Tablets. We beseech God to aid you both in that whereby your mention shall endure in My Perspicuous Book. The Trustee, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath acted according to thy wish and the light of hospitality hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of the garden. Blessed is he in what he hath done and blessed are ye both in what ye have accepted. The decree is manifest, the bounty is present, and the table hath been sent down. It behooveth every soul to render thanks unto their Lord for this manifest grace. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be

sacrificed for His sake - hath said, exalted be His mention: “Should anyone drink a cup of water at your home, it is greater than if every soul should drink the water of its own existence, nay, than all things.” O My servants, would that ye could comprehend! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that whereof the people of the earth are deprived, save whom God willeth, the Lord of the mighty Throne. The glory from Us be upon you both and upon My loved ones there and upon My leaves who have clung to the Tree that speaketh by night and by day: “O peoples of the earth! Let your eyes be solaced, for the Promised One hath come and the Hidden One hath been revealed with manifest sovereignty!”

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The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted! O people of possibility! Your Lord, the Most Merciful, hath made manifest the fragrances of the garment of glory throughout all worlds, and the Word of God hath been upraised, and the Herald hath called out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!” They who have found and turned unto Him, these are the people of Baha, inscribed in a mighty Tablet. And they who have turned away, all things curse them; verily, they are the companions of the Fire. Glad tidings unto him who hath on this day detached himself from all directions, turning toward God, the Revealer of verses. He is among God’s sincere servants - the denizens of Paradise and they who circle round God’s throne, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great, pray for him. O loved ones of God! Take ye the chalices of victory in the name of your Lord, Who ruleth over all the worlds. Then drink therefrom with His remembrance and praise, despite those who turned away from the countenance of their Lord after they were created to turn toward the dawning-place of His luminous Cause. How many a lofty one hath been abased, and how many a lowly one exalted through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable! How many a learned one hath been reckoned as ignorant before the Throne, and how many an ignorant one confirmed with knowledge in the Tablet of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! He doeth what He willeth as He pleaseth, and ordaineth what He desireth. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of everlasting life in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and attained unto the lights of faith when the Lord of all religions appeared with manifest sovereignty. Pay no heed to the people and their vain fancies and allusions. Leave these behind thee, holding fast to that which hath been revealed by Him Who speaketh between the heavens and the earth that there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee. By My life! They are manifest signs that have appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the Will of thy Lord, yet the people are wrapped in thick veils. Rend asunder the veils through His Name, the Bestower, then make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth this Wronged One command thee, the imprisoned, the exile, the lone and unique.

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He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven

O friends of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One remembers you from His Most Great Prison and reminds you through His verses which draw you near to God, the Lord of all worlds. The Pen

proclaims: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” The Tablet proclaims: “The Promise has come to pass and the Intended One has appeared with wondrous sovereignty.” The Light proclaims: “O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not the promptings of the transgressors. Set aside what the people possess and take what is with God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers.” Aid Me through deeds and virtuous character, then gather beneath the banner of righteousness by command of the One Who orders, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Ancient. Upon it has been inscribed by My Most Glorious Pen: “Victory and triumph belong to God, the Mighty, the Wise.” Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken out of love for you and to assist you in that which you were commanded in My Perspicuous Book. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and been seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of My utterance, say: “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur has spoken forth and appeared through Thy command and sovereignty, to ordain for me that which shall be a light unto my heart, a radiance unto my sight and a strength unto my limbs. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my heart to Thy most exalted horizon and desire from the wonders of Thy bounty that which shall make me content with Thy command, beholding Thy horizon and detached from all else besides Thee. Thou art He Whom the doubts of the people have not withheld, nor their allusions, nor their might and power from Thy will and purpose. Through Thee the banner ‘He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth’ was raised. Verily Thou art the Single One, the Unique, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.”

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O friends of God and His party! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily I say, the people of the Bayan are today observed to be deprived of the recognition of the Divine Day and its conditions. Say: O concourse of the heedless ones! This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him, and neither names nor that which is with the learned shall profit you. Cast aside the dawning-places of idle fancies and take what ye are commanded in His perspicuous Book. Today the sun speaketh “The All-Bestowing hath come” and the sea uttereth “The Creator of the heavens hath appeared” and the Mountain rejoiceth and is occupied with the Dayspring of Revelation. Strive that the colors and things and means of these two days may not withhold you from the everlasting bounty and eternal food. In that land is present His Holiness the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon him be the glory of God, the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Present yourselves before him in the nights and days, and be engaged in the recitation of the decisive verses. Through them shall be kindled in your hearts the fire of the love of God and the light of His knowledge, and from the horizon of the heaven of your hearts shall rise the sun of His utterance. Verily He is the One Who, through His word, hath power over all things and dominion over all things through His sovereignty which hath conquered all who are in the heavens and earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of Ahmad-i-Qabl-i-’Ali, upon him be My glory, and We give him the glad-tidings of that which We have manifested in his name - the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the treasuries of the Pen of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he in that he hath turned

and attained in days wherein most of the servants have turned away, save whom God hath willed, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And We have sent down for him another Tablet that he may rejoice and be of those who are firmly established in this Cause whereby the limbs of the polytheists have quaked and the tribes of the earth have lamented, save whom God hath willed, the Expounder of this wondrous exposition.

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He is established upon the throne of utterance

O My loved ones! Hear ye My call and then aid Me through wisdom and utterance. This is what hath been commanded unto you in the Tablets of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Today there hath appeared from the shell of the ocean of utterance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the pearl of divine knowledge, and it is this: O people of Baha! Know ye the station of these days and then assist Him with the hosts of deeds and character. This is what ye were commanded aforetime and in this perspicuous Tablet. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people are in grievous doubt. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. He remembereth thee with that which the remembrances of the world cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity Who calleth out before the faces of the world: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!" Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. By God! The Most Great Path hath appeared and the Great Announcement calleth and summoneth all unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou art warmed by the heat of My utterance and attracted by the cooing of the Dove of My Paradise, say: "My God, my God! I testify that Thy proof hath encompassed all things, and Thy evidence and Thy testimony have appeared, and the ocean of Thy knowledge hath surged, and the sun of Thy wisdom hath shone forth. I beseech Thee by the hidden mysteries in Thy Books to assist this servant of Thine to be steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the clamor of Thy servants nor the whisperings of the divines of Thy land shall prevent him. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which shall remind me of Thee in all conditions and draw me near unto Thee, O my Exalted Lord. Then accept from me, O my God, what I have wrought in Thy path and accept me unto Thy horizon. Then strengthen me, O my God, to take hold of Thy Book with a power that the might of the mighty cannot weaken nor the ascendancy of the rulers enfeeble. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous."

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In the Name of Him Whom all seek yet know not! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance, hear My call from the precincts of the Prison, that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Know thou that the polytheists drove forth the Youth from the City of Mystery with manifest tyranny, and its inhabitants of every creed lamented over Us. Thus was the matter decreed, and We had forewarned of this in a Tablet of mighty glory which We sent to Iraq. Verily thy Lord is cognizant of all things. Yet the Youth went forth adorned with the ornament of thy Lord, in such wise that the Most Great

Name became renowned throughout the realms that were attributed to the Son, until We reached the shore of a mighty sea. Then did the Most Great Sea take its place upon the Ark with manifest sovereignty, until We arrived in this land through that which the hands of the hypocrites had wrought. But know thou and be assured that the calamities in the path of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Great, do not dismay Us, nor can the winds of tribulations extinguish this Lamp from which the heavens and earth are illumined. Grieve not for what hath befallen Us. Say: By God! Calamities prevent Him not from His Cause, nor do tribulations hold back His sovereignty. Should all who are in the heavens and earth assemble against Him with drawn swords and piercing spears, He would still speak forth and proclaim: "Verily, I am the Beauty of God amongst all worlds, and neither your swords harm Me nor your spears dismay Me, and I yearn in the path of God for that which none before Me hath borne." Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Arise to promote the Cause, then summon the people unto it. God will soon reward thee with the best of rewards. He is with thee, and He is the best of helpers. Convey My remembrance to My loved ones there, that the fire of the love of thy Lord may be kindled in their hearts and their covenant in this luminous Cause be renewed. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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CXXIII

The generations that have gone on before you - whither are they fled? And those round whom in life circled the fairest and the loveliest of the land, where now are they? Profit by their example, O people, and be not of them that are gone astray.

Others ere long will lay hands on what ye possess, and enter into your habitations. Incline your ears to My words, and be not numbered among the foolish.

For every one of you his paramount duty is to choose for himself that on which no other may infringe and none usurp from him. Such a thing - and to this the Almighty is My witness - is the love of God, could ye but perceive it.

Build ye for yourselves such houses as the rain and floods can never destroy, which shall protect you from the changes and chances of this life. This is the instruction of him Whom the world hath wronged and forsaken.

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He glorified be His grandeur! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy turning, thy supplication, thy humility and thy orientation toward the face of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. What thou hast wrought in the path of God hath been treasured up for thee. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thou art he through whom the fragrances of the mention of the All-Merciful were wafted throughout all possibility. He will verily reward thee with truth - to this doth the Mother Book with Him bear witness. We

were with thee when thou wert making mention of thy Lord and speaking forth His Name, the One Who dominateth all possibility. Blessed art thou in that thou hast conveyed the Cause of thy Lord and attained unto that which was the purpose in the Scriptures and Tablets. All this is from God's favor upon thee. Be thou thankful unto Him at morn and eventide. We have sent down unto thee various Tablets, each one of which testifieth to that which the Tongue of Grandeur doth speak forth at this time, which God hath made the Dayspring of Days. Read them time and again, that thou mayest be assured that He heareth what thou didst speak forth and seeth thee in all conditions. Wert thou to become aware of what hath been ordained for thee, such joy would seize thee that thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing and yearning unto the Mighty, the Bestower. It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God to recognize thy rank and station and to seek thy good pleasure for love of God, the One, the Chosen. Look not upon creation and its ways, but rather upon the Truth and His favors which have encompassed the horizons. Thou art indeed he who was mentioned before the Throne and unto whom was oriented the face of God, the Lord of all beings. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen thy Lord that which the pages cannot bear to mention. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who draw nigh unto thee for love of God, the Manifestation of signs.

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This is what hath shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of the All-Merciful–exalted be His glory: O thou who gazest toward My direction, who hast turned thy face toward My countenance, and who calleth out My Name! Hearken unto the call from the horizon of tribulation: There is no God but I, the Near One, the Wronged One. Although We have commanded all servants at all times to be sanctified and detached, nevertheless thou beholdest them staining the holy garment with the dust of selfish desires and the sins of passion. By the Ancient Beauty and by the Most Great Name! If the loved ones had acted according to what they were commanded, thou wouldst now witness all peoples turning toward the Cause of the Cause of all causes. This is a Day wherein the rock crieth out with the loudest voice, calling all creation to sanctification and detachment, for until hearts are pure and holy, they shall not truly attain the presence of the Beloved nor witness in what appeareth from Him the divine traces and heavenly attributes. Had humanity possessed true vision, the outward acts of the Truth amidst His enemies would have sufficed them all, and they would have beheld the Standard of Truth encompassing all. The Name "the Concealer" hath become the cause of the people's being veiled from the Truth, to such an extent have the influences of this Name encompassed them that most of the people have deemed themselves learned and the Truth ignorant. How evil is that which they imagine and suppose! Gird up the loins of service and be not neglectful in the Cause of God. Forbid the people from begging in the name of the Truth, and be occupied at all times with teaching the Cause. This is the foundation of the matter; after its realization, all affairs will proceed according to His good-pleasure. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

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O Javad! Such is the greatness of this Day that the Hour itself is seized with perturbation, and all heavenly Scriptures bear evidence to its overpowering majesty. In this Day the Book solemnly testifieth to His glory and the Balance is moved to lift up its voice. This is the Day wherein the Sirat calleth aloud: 'I am the straight Path', and Mount Sinai exclaimeth: 'Verily the Lord of Revelation is come.' Being overcome by the drunkenness of corrupt inclinations, the people of the earth find themselves in a state of stupor. They are, therefore, debarred from the wondrous signs of God, are prevented from attaining the ultimate goal and are deprived of the liberal effusions of divine grace.

It behoveth the people of God to be forbearing. They should impart the Word of God according to the hearer's particular measure of understanding and capacity, that perchance the children of men may be roused from heedlessness and set their faces towards this Horizon which is immeasurably exalted above every horizon.

O Javad! The manifold bounties of God have ever been and will continue to be vouchsafed unto thee. Praised be God! Thou hast been shielded from the most great terror and hast succeeded in drawing nigh unto the Most Great Bounty at a time when all men were prevented from recognizing the eternal King by the interposition of the veils of outward glory, namely the divines of this day.

Cherish thou as dearly as thine own life this testimony pronounced

by the All-Glorious Pen and strive with all thy

might to preserve it by the potency of the Name of Him

Who is the Beloved One of the entire creation, that this

sublime honour may be proof against the eyes and the

hands of robbers. Verily thy Lord is the Expounder, the

All-Knowing.

Convey the greetings of this Wronged One unto all the

beloved friends in that region and call to their minds Our

wondrous and exalted remembrances, that haply they may

forsake the things current amongst them, may set their

hearts on that which pertaineth unto God and remain

purged from unseemly deeds and pursuits.

May the glory of the Almighty, the All-Wise, be upon

thee and upon such as are related unto thee.

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In the Name of the Merciful Lord

O Javad, O Dhakir, O thou who gazest! We have heard thy call and hearkened unto thy cry, thy lamentation and thy plaintive voice. The whole world hath been created specially for this Most Great Revelation. If souls would awaken from the wine of heedlessness and hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names which is raised from the most exalted horizon, thou wouldst now behold all who dwell on earth whole and sound, mighty and powerful, detached and free. They have turned away from the Will of God and cling to, hold fast to, and move according to their own desires. Were all who dwell on earth to turn for half an hour with perfect certitude, detachment and assurance toward God - exalted be His glory - not a single soul would find himself sorrowful even for less than that period, much less for longer. And God - exalted be His grandeur and glory - would manifest Himself and shine forth each day with a new revelation and wondrous, sublime manifestations. They hearkened not to the counsel of the true Counselor but remained occupied with their own desires. Thus did the Sun of grace remain hidden behind the clouds and the darkness of unseemly deeds encompassed the world. O Javad! By the life of God, thy lamentation brought grief and thy plaintive cry increased the lamentation of the Wronged One. God

willing, thou shalt attain unto this blessed Tablet and be blessed with such joy that the tribulations of the world shall not make thee sorrowful, and in all conditions thou shalt remain content and thankful, uttering “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds.” Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who act according to that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Great.

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In the name of the peerless one God!

O Husayn! Arise to serve the Cause through divine love and the flame of heavenly affection. Today, whosoever desires to render assistance must pass beyond all that he possesses and fix his gaze upon that which is with God. O Husayn! Today the ocean of generosity is surging and the effulgences of the Sun of bounty have encompassed all existence. Whosoever arises for the sake of God will not experience cessation nor will hesitation overtake him. Through the hosts of utterance, with spirit and fragrance, he will guide the wayward and strengthen the weak. Let none marvel at this exalted word. The Son of Mary - upon Him be the peace of God and the peace of His Prophets - observed a fisherman engaged in catching fish. He said: “Put down thy net and come, that I may make thee a fisher of men.” After this word, the tongue-tied gained speech, the ignorant entered the ocean of knowledge, the poor found their way to the kingdom of wealth, the lowly aspired to the summit of glory, the wayward became illumined by the light of the dawn of guidance. For he had passed beyond himself and joined with the Truth. He burned his desires in the fire of love and rent asunder the veils with the finger of certitude. While in this world he spoke through the Spirit of God, and when he turned toward the next world he attained a station which the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Blessed are they whom, in this day, neither the doubts of the deniers, nor the whispers of the negators, nor the clamor of the people of the Bayan have prevented from the Ultimate Purpose of creation. Today is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. Strive that perchance ye may attain unto that which is mentioned with God and recorded in the Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Husayn! The Wronged One turns to thee from the Most Great Prison and says: The Supreme Pen makes mention, throughout the nights and days, of the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty - that is, those souls who have taken and become possessed of the sealed wine through the name of the Self-Subsisting. O Husayn! The world was created for attainment to the presence and hearing and beholding of the Most Exalted Horizon and the sweetest Call, and God hath indeed loved His loved ones. But the enemies have become a barrier, preventing the letters from the Word, and the Word from the Book, and the fruit from the Tree, and continue to do so. They are weak, unworthy of beholding, and deprived, unfit for attainment to the presence, for they have prevented all from the Most Great Ocean as a recompense

for their deeds. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy path and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made the cause of existence in the kingdom of creation, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all things, to ordain for me to stand before Thy face and hear Thy call, and to write down for me from Thy Supreme Pen the reward of attainment to Thy presence, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! Thou art He to Whose greatness all created things have testified, and to Whose power all possible things have borne witness. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee nor to withhold from me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Choosing. Send down, O my God, Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones whom nothing among all things could frighten in Thy path, O Lord of Names, and who turned to Thee with radiant faces when the horizon of Thy manifestation shone forth in the place of return.

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O Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. O Husayn! Thy letter which thou didst send to Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented before the Most Holy Court and attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love was wafted from it. We beseech God not to deprive the people of the world from the pearls of utterance which lie hidden in the ocean of divine knowledge. May He rend asunder the veils with the finger of power and tear away the coverings, that all may turn with their hearts to the supreme horizon and not remain deprived of the outpourings of His days. The Truth is manifest like the sun, verses are sent down like rain, and evidences are visible from all directions. Nevertheless, most are occupied with what they possess and are heedless of what is with God. They cling to vain imaginings and are deprived of the lights of the sun of certitude. The deniers of the Word are seen to be more lost than the peoples of former times. They speak anew the vain imaginings of old and are recorded with God as worshippers of names. Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having turned, attained, and drunk the wine of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Each of the souls mentioned in thy letter has attained to the remembrance of the Lord of Names and been adorned with the verses of the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to adorn all with the raiment of steadfastness, for the croaking has risen high and the misguided lie in wait in their ambush. We beseech God to protect His party from those who have violated God’s Covenant and Testament and who dispute His verses. Verily He is powerful over all things. Thou didst mention Ramadan-’Ali. We beseech God to illumine him with the light of His Cause and set him ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree - a blaze whose effects shall become manifest. We verily send Our greetings upon him from this station and counsel him with that which befitteth the days of God. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Rida, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in glory and power.

O Rida, upon thee be the peace of God! The letters which thou didst send to this servant were presented before him. That day, illness prevented his presence, and therefore there was delay in answering thee. However, land and sea, heaven and earth, all bear witness to thy turning unto God, thy obedience, thy service, and thy every movement and rest for the sake of God. Blessed is the mother who suckled thee and the father who raised thee. We heard thy supplications and read thy letter. Praise be to God, the grace of God hath been and is with thee. And as for thy intention to travel for the purpose of serving the Cause, this hath been accepted. However, since the services of this land are in thy charge, thy departure is not permitted, and thy movement and transfer to another place is not allowed. In truth, any soul who today is assured of God and gazeth toward the horizon of His Cause, and is adorned with the most great steadfastness which is the most glorious robe in the world - one moment of such a one cannot be equaled by this earth. Dwelling in cities and lands endureth with the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed art thou, O Rida, in that thy tongue hath confessed, thy heart hath acknowledged, thy inner being hath indicated, and thine eye hath testified to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to His power, His grandeur and His sovereignty, and that there is none like unto Him, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, exalted be He, by Muhammad His Messenger and by his family and companions, to protect the people of unity from the hosts of polytheism and to assist them in that which He loveth and approveth. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

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He is the Most Holy, the All-Glorious, the Most Great

O ?ahir! He that is manifest maketh now mention of thee – He Who, no sooner did He reveal Himself, than every believer in the unity of God turned back from Him; every doctor of religion condemned Him; every learned sage repudiated Him; and every jurist who had turned away from God, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing, unsheathed the sword against Him. Verily, this Wronged One beareth witness that thou didst arrive in the Most Great Prison, didst hearken unto the call of thy Best-Beloved, and didst stand before a portal that hath been thrown open before all who are in heaven and on earth. Thou didst quaff the stream of everlasting life in the days of thy Lord, the Most Compassionate, and didst stand before Our Countenance when the Snow-white Hand passed round the cup of reunion. Unto this bear witness those who circle around Our habitation in the daytime and in the night-season.

Yield thou thanks unto God, inasmuch as He hath assisted thee to believe in Him, and hath enabled thee to hear His call from this luminous horizon. Thou hast come into Our presence, and heard and seen that which every perspicacious seer hath been deprived of recognizing. Thou art he who hath attained the bounty and mercy of God, and art of those who have achieved their object. He, truly, hath absolved thee of thy sins, and pardoned thee thy transgressions. Thy Lord, verily, is powerful to do as He pleaseth; no God is there but Him, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

Return thou unto thine abode, by the leave of God and at His behest, and admonish thou My loved ones, they whose hearts have melted in separation from God, the Lord of the worlds. We, verily, hear at all

times their plaints andcries, their sighs and lamentations, in love for God and for the Dayspring of His Revelation. He, verily, is the Hearing, the Seeing. We, truly, exhort them to evince the most perfect steadfastness in this Cause, unto whose greatness have testified the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: By the righteousness of God! At the time when My straight path was made manifest, the footsteps of every seer stumbled, and the hearts of them that had attained unto Him were sore troubled. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of this Tablet with the effulgence of this Orb, before which, as soon as it appeared, the inmates of the All-Highest Paradise, and the angels that have drawn nigh unto God, bowed down in adoration. The Glory of God rest upon thee, and upon all those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in this Name that overshadoweth all things great and small.

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He is the Witness from the horizon of heaven

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! We bear witness that thou hast attained the presence of the Wronged One twice. He it is Who aided thee, caused thee to know Him, and brought thee before His face, and cast upon thee that which, were it to be cast upon the mountains, they would take flight by God’s leave, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High; and were it cast upon the earth, it would transform it instantly into heaven; and were it cast upon a star, it would make it a sun shining from the horizon of this Tablet, from which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all creation. I bear witness that thou hast attained to that which hath been the hope of them that are nigh unto God from all eternity. Thou didst seek the divine court and attain the presence of the Wronged One in a place named the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the nations who were heedless of the Cause and cast the Covenant behind their backs had wrought. When the wine of My utterance from the direction of My prison did intoxicate thee, say: “My God, my God! Would that I had a thousand souls to spend in Thy path, and a thousand lives to sacrifice in Thy love! I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in hearts, to assist me to serve Thy Cause, to make mention of Thee, and to praise Thee amongst Thy creatures. Alas, alas! I know not what Thou hast written for Thy servant who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and held fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I know not, O my Best-Beloved, what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen. If Thou hast ordained faithfulness for me, then shall I render thanks with my self, my soul, my essence and my temple; and if Thou hast deprived me of this bounty, then woe unto me, and again woe unto me! By Thy glory, at this moment weeping preventeth me from making mention of Thee, O Lord of all being! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy utterance and the lights of Thy countenance to make me one of them who choose not for themselves aught save what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy command. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Kind.”

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He is God, exalted be His glory! The grace and bounties be upon you, O My Baha! We testify that We have mentioned you before with verses from which shone forth from the horizon of each letter the sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. By God's life! In every word of your Lord's words surged the ocean of realities and meanings, yet the people remain in evident remoteness. We have desired at this time to adorn your head once again with the crown of your Lord's loving-kindness, and your temple with the ornament of the Most Great Steadfastness in this Mighty Announcement. Nabil, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, mentioned you before the Throne and presented it to My Branch Diya. We have turned toward you and sent down for you from the Mother Book this mighty and wondrous Book. It has grieved Me what befell you in your departure from the Land of Ta and your arrival in the land which God has made the Dawning-place of His verses that hold sway over all who are in the heavens and the earth. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before your face the door of His bounty and generosity. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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With the name of God, exalted be His glory. Forgiveness and mercy. O 'Ali-Akbar! Repeatedly hast thou been enabled to make mention of the Most Great Name and the Wronged One of the world, and been assisted to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of eternity and the Beloved of all nations. All people, after striving, are deprived, and after seeking, are forbidden, save whom God willeth. All things in the world, with their diverse objects and ornate treasures, cannot and will never equal one word of the sublime Words. God willing, thou shalt be enabled to achieve that which is acceptable at the Divine Threshold. Strive thou to discover the fragrance of the Word and to become detached and free from aught else but God. His honor Aqa Ghulam-'Ali mentioned thee in the Most Holy Presence through this servant who is present, wherefore this Tablet was revealed and sent. O 'Ali! Strive thou that the dawning-places of love may seek thee out and gather round about thee. It is beloved that thou be called, in the presence of the Face, the father of mankind. Know thou that which the tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken, and be of them that act. We beseech God to assist thee in that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Make the Word of God, which all must obey, thy highest goal, thy most exalted hope, thy purpose and aim, thy beloved one, thine heir, and thy wealth. O 'Ali! Strive thou to attain unto this station. Turn thou with thy whole being, then act according to that whereby the near ones perceive the fragrance of thy Lord's good-pleasure, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Convey My greetings to thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My acceptance of what she hath sent time and again. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon My male and female servants who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O 'Ali-i-Akbar, upon thee be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Helper, the All-Wise!

O 'Ali, O Akbar! Thou hast mentioned the opposers in the land of ?ad. The world is in upheaval. The Pharaohs of the past have been resurrected. Dawlatabadi and his followers have become afflicted with

delusions that have had and have no equal. The Shi'ih party stands in the first rank with that party. It is not known to what they cling, to what they turn, and from what they turn away. By the life of God, they have been and are worshippers of idle fancies and names. The former party arranged for themselves lords equal to the numerical value of the name Javad, yet they still counted themselves as believers in unity. Your honor hath not fallen short in service, mention and teaching, but heedless souls are not susceptible to guidance. Now there exist the equivalent of all the books, nay more, yet they have said what they have said. They have passed over the station wherein the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - declared "Verily I am the first of the worshippers," and have clung to a station of which they have not been and are not aware. Would that the people knew who exalted Him and who mentioned Him! The requirements of wisdom in those days, for the protection of the Source of the Cause from God, were manifest. After the rending of veils, endless hardships, writing through nights and days, and arising before the faces of all people, veils thicker than before are seen to have appeared and become barriers. It behooveth thee to beseech God to purify the ears for hearkening unto what hath been revealed from His presence, and the eyes for beholding His signs. Verily He is powerful over all things. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the loved ones of that land. The light from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy letter which thou hadst previously sent in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, was read by the Most Great Branch in the Most Luminous Presence, and was observed by the Maidens enshrined within the tabernacles of wisdom and utterance, who in the chambers of love for the Desired One of the worlds were adorned with the ornament of names and attributes. The pearls of praise and thanksgiving which thou didst bring forth from the shell of sincerity and conceal in the garment of verses were honored to be both beheld and heard. Praise be to God that from the beginning of days thou hast been occupied with mention and praise and service to the Cause. We beseech God to aid thee and withhold not from thee His assistance and attention, that thou mayest remain occupied as before throughout the rest of thy days and engage in the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of the peoples. We made mention of thee before and specifically sent wondrous Tablets, that thou mightest rejoice and be among the thankful. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the loved ones of that land and region, and cause all to be enkindled with the warmth of divine love and illumined by the lights of the Luminary of His utterance. Verily, He is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say: O people of God! Beware lest anything prevent you, or any matter grieve you, or the waters of rejection extinguish you, or the might of those who have been heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds, frighten you. We counsel you to be patient and forbearing, and to manifest such steadfastness as cannot be equaled by the deeds of any doer. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this mighty Command.

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O Karim! Muhammad-Rahim, after circumambulating the House, turned towards its Builder and Establisher. Through divine bounty he traversed land and sea and arrived at the shore of the Most Great Ocean - the place from which the Divine Call is raised. Blessed are they whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from the supreme horizon. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and say: God willing, you must arise to serve the Cause of the Beloved of all possibility with perfect steadfastness and composure, in such wise that neither the power of the mighty nor the hosts of the earth shall prevent you from the Creator of heaven. In one place this good, firm and blessed word was revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance: Some of the friends are observed to be fearful. Of what should they fear, and of whom? This mansion of clay hath no worth, and these earthly temples have no station. Were they to act according to that which was revealed in the Book, they would observe that a fly is more excellent in God's sight than every heedless learned one and every doubting ruler. Their martyrdom is not so cheap as to fall to the hand of everyone and for every soul to attain unto it. By God's life! It is a precious gem whose weight and worth none hath known save God, the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O friends! Know your own worth and relinquish not your stations. Soon that which is mentioned and witnessed shall be concealed, and that which hath been ordained for you shall remain and endure. With perfect wisdom, an illumined heart and penetrating vision, journey through the horizons and within yourselves, and take heed. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place.

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HE IS THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GREAT, THE SPEAKING ONE, THE ALL-KNOWING

O peoples of the realm of contingent being! The Temple of the All-Merciful hath appeared and been established upon the throne with a sovereignty that neither the dominion of kings nor the clamor of their subjects can prevent. He doeth as He willeth. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is verily the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His Cause, and the Manifestation of His Self. He hath arisen with supreme steadfastness and called out to all who are in earth and heaven on a Day whereon the limbs of every mighty and powerful one did tremble. We make mention of those who have turned unto the Temple and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath been attracted by the fragrances of My days and drawn nigh unto a station which the All-Merciful hath revealed in a preserved Tablet. Beware lest human conditions prevent you from turning to the Most Great Horizon. Place your trust in the Lord of destiny and turn with radiant faces toward the horizon from which hath dawned the Sun of the Cause of your Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. We enjoin upon you patience and forbearance in what the hands of the wicked have wrought. Verily your Lord, the Chosen One, is the All-Patient, the Forbearing. Observe and ponder how He hath taken from His prison. By God! Whosoever looketh with the eye of insight will cry out and say: "Thine is the power and majesty,

O Splendor of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" Grieve not for what hath passed. His Cause shall surely come. Thus doth He Who possesseth knowledge of all things inform you in a clear Book. Hold fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to the hem of My mercy. Then drink the choice wine of utterance from the hands of My bounty. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and turneth unto him who turneth unto Him, and answereth him who raiseth his call in this wondrous Day. Thus have We expounded for you that ye may rejoice in the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Ancient of Days. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

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Know thou that, according to what thy Lord, the Lord of all men, hath decreed in His Book, the favors vouchsafed by Him unto mankind have been, and will ever remain, limitless in their range. First and foremost among these favors, which the Almighty hath conferred upon man, is the gift of understanding. His purpose in conferring such a gift is none other except to enable His creature to know and recognize the one true God - exalted be His glory. This gift giveth man the power to discern the truth in all things, leadeth him to that which is right, and helpeth him to discover the secrets of creation. Next in rank, is the power of vision, the chief instrument whereby his understanding can function. The senses of hearing, of the heart, and the like, are similarly to be reckoned among the gifts with which the human body is endowed. Immeasurably exalted is the Almighty Who hath created these powers, and revealed them in the body of man.

Every one of these gifts is an undoubted evidence of the majesty, the power, the ascendancy, the all-embracing knowledge of the one true God - exalted be His glory.

Consider the sense of touch. Witness how its power hath spread itself over the entire human body.

Whereas the faculties of sight and of hearing are each localized in a particular center, the sense of touch embraceth the whole human frame. Glorified be His power, magnified be His sovereignty!

These gifts are inherent in man himself. That which is preeminent above all other gifts, is incorruptible in nature, and pertaineth to God Himself, is the gift of Divine Revelation. Every bounty conferred by the Creator upon man, be it material or spiritual, is subservient unto this. It is, in its essence, and will ever so remain, the Bread which cometh down from Heaven. It is God's supreme testimony, the clearest evidence of His truth, the sign of His consummate bounty, the token of His all-encompassing mercy, the proof of His most loving providence, the symbol of His most perfect grace. He hath, indeed, partaken of this highest gift of God who hath recognized His Manifestation in this Day.

Render thanks unto thy Lord for having vouchsafed unto thee so great a bounty. Lift up thy voice and say: All praise be to Thee, O Thou, the Desire of every understanding heart!

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O Nur! Know that thy father, Nuru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, hath ascended. He is the One Who shineth from the horizon of grace. Whatsoever existeth in the world and is possessed by the people of the world is perishable, except what God willeth. That which is adorned with the ornament of immortality is a remembrance that floweth from the Supreme Pen - this endureth as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. All are assured with manifest certainty of the transience of the world and its vicissitudes. Nevertheless, they have clung to it in such wise that they remain heedless and veiled from God and from that which is with Him. Blessed is thy father! At the time of his ascension We perceived from him the fragrance of My love, to which the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise in the All-Glorious Companion bear witness. By the life of God! Were the recompense for deeds performed in the path of God to become manifest on earth, all would turn toward the Friend and would be detached and freed from aught else. Be not grieved by that which hath come to pass. Hold fast unto patience - for patience hath a great reward with God, the Lord of all worlds. Upon thee be glory, and upon those who have attained unto the days of God and have hearkened unto that which hath been sent down from Him - they are among those who are nigh in a perspicuous Book. On behalf of the Wronged One, make mention of the relatives and remind them of that which beseemeth them, for the station of the servants hath ever been that of submission. Were man to observe with the eye of truth, he would testify that whatsoever cometh to pass is pure good. We counsel all to patience and steadfastness, and We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Protector of humanity and the Lord of the world to come and the world that was. We send Our greetings to the family of him who hath ascended, and We make mention of each of them with a goodly remembrance. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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O handmaiden of God, wife of Naqqash-Bashi, upon both of whom be the glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable God! O my leaf! Hear my call from the direction of my prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God to confirm thee in steadfastness in His Cause. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Most men on earth are deprived of the city of inner meanings, but thou, praise be to God, hast attained thereunto. Know thou the value of this most great bounty and mighty gift, and say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and sent down upon me the rain of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy light whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and by Thy fire whose call was raised from the Tree of Faithfulness, to enable me in all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy arising to promote Thy Cause and by Thy call amongst Thy servants, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine what Thou hast ordained for the leaves that circle round Thy throne. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer." O my handmaiden! Convey the

greetings of the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. We wish at this time to mention my leaf, the daughter of him who was named Ashraf, upon him be My glory. We beseech God to confirm her in that which befitteth the sanctification of His Cause. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the Generous. O my leaf! There hath come before the Wronged One thy letter which thou didst send to him who chose for himself a station beneath His shadow. We have read it and answered thee. If God willeth, He will send it to thee as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Leaf of My Divine Lote-Tree and My kindred circling round, soaring in the atmosphere of My mercy and drinking from the chalice of My bounty and the Kawthar of My presence! Praise be to God that thou hast been singled out for His special favors. Thou hast traversed the path and attained to that which hath been ordained in the Book by the Pen of God. What hath befallen thee through God's decree and destiny hath truly grieved Me. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thee with beautiful patience and mighty fortitude. The world hath ever been the abode of tribulations and calamities, but since it is transient, sorrow is unwarranted, for everlasting divine blessings and infinite mercies are ordained. Fix your gaze upon this blessed verse which hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will in the Qur'an: "Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of this world: but good deeds, the fruit whereof endureth forever, are of more merit with thy Lord as a hope, and of more merit as an object of reliance." This year there befell this Wronged One what hath befallen no one else, for they have sullied the hem of sanctity with the calumnies of heedless and lying souls. It is clear and evident to all what was the bounty, what was the favor, and what was the ingratitude and rebellion. In all circumstances We beseech God to assist that honored leaf of the Lote-Tree to remain steadfast in her devotion and to do that which beseemeth His days. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the leaves and handmaidens of God, and upon His kindred whom neither the vicissitudes of the world deterred from the Lord of mankind nor the might of rulers frightened in this Most Great Announcement and His firm and mighty Cause.

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O Yahya! Today, by God's testimony, all who are associated with the Truth are and have been rich. Can any of those who seek to evaluate confine the station of God's Word, or determine its worth and value? Nay, by My mighty Self! And can the treasuries of kings and princes and the wealthy compare with it? Nay, by My Cause that holds sway over the world! Praise be to God, from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will there hath been sent down unto thee a wondrous, luminous Tablet. The ears of the world were created specifically to hearken unto it, the eyes of nations to behold it, and all tongues to recite it. Yet now most are deprived, while thou art favored with it. Moreover, thou possessest that essence which is sanctified above mention and utterance - the love of God, exalted be His glory. Consult outwardly with the friends in that land, and occupy thyself with whatever they deem advisable. No pursuit prevents man from any other pursuit. Whatever God hath commanded is what benefits His servants. We beseech God

to assist the friends in that land to aid thee, that thou mayest engage in that which hath been made obligatory for every soul in God's Book. Glory be upon thee, upon thy poverty, thy remembrance, thy call, thy praise, thy beginning and end, thy outward and inward being. Were the kings of the earth to expend all that they have stored in their treasuries, without the love of God they would not attain to such a Tablet as this. Thy Lord, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. Know thou the bounty of thy Lord, then thank Him at all times and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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HE IS THE ALMIGHTY, THE PARDONER, THE ALL-MERCIFUL.

O God, my God! Thou seest these wayward servants of Thine lost in the wilderness of error; where is Thy Light of Divine Guidance, O Thou the Desire of the world! Thou knowest their frailty and their feebleness; vouchsafe Thy Power, O Thou that holdest in Thy grasp all that is in heaven and on earth!

I ask of Thee, O Lord, my God, by the splendours of the Light of Thy Lovingkindness, by the billows of the Ocean of Thy Knowledge and Wisdom, and by Thy Word wherewith Thou swayed the peoples of Thy Dominion, to cause me to become of them that have been graciously aided to observe that which Thou hast commanded rhein in Thy Book. And do Thou ordain for me that which Thou didst ordain for Thy trusted ones, them that have quaffed the celestial Wine of Divine Inspiration from the chalice of Thy Bounty, them that have hastened to follow Thy Desire, and have guarded Thy Covenant and Thy Testament.

Powerful art Thou to do as Thou wiliest; there is none other God but thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Grant me, by Thy Favour, O my Lord, that which shall profit me in this world and hereafter, and draw me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!

There is none other God but Thee, the One, the Gracious, the All-Praised.

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O Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen proclaim: Rejoice, O people of faithfulness, for the Crimson Ark hath sailed upon the ocean of Names, and the people of Baha have embarked thereon by the leave of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And ye, O people of God, deprive not yourselves of entering it and clinging fast unto it. By God! Whoso clingeth fast unto it hath indeed attained salvation, and whoso turneth away hath disbelieved in God - thus hath the matter been decreed, if ye be of them that know. Say: O people, deny not God and His signs, now that the Sun of Beauty hath dawned from the horizon of majesty and standeth at the meridian with sovereign independence, and uttereth at every moment the sweetest melodies, saying: O peoples of the earth, deprive not yourselves of His beauty, nor your eyes from gazing upon His countenance, nor your ears from hearkening unto His verses, nor your hearts from

recognizing My Self, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: Think ye that what ye possess will profit you? Nay, by the Self of Baha! Soon shall ye find yourselves cut off from it - this is a decree that hath been irrevocably ordained in the preserved Tablets of glory. That which shall profit you is what hath been ordained for you in the heaven of eternity by your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Deprive not yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you, if ye be of them that are certain. And thou, O servant, remind the servants of what We have reminded thee, then make mention of what hath befallen My wronged Self, then stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that the cawing of them that have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were of them that joined partners with their Lord shall not cause thee to waver. And the Glory be upon thee if thou dost follow the ways of the Cause as We have taught thee in this concealed and luminous Tablet.

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He is the Mighty! Hearken unto the call of the Beloved at the time when He turned towards the distant realms of exile and was wronged by the swine of oppression until they drove Him from His holy homeland. Say: O concourse of the loved ones! Differ not concerning Him Who was in truth exalted. Spread not corruption in the land, follow not the Samiri within yourselves, nor pursue any accursed calf. Thus do We impart unto you that which shall protect you from all those who would lead astray. And do thou remember Husayn within thy soul every morn and eve. Then remember this Exile upon Whom from all directions have rained down the showers of tribulations - this was ordained in the mighty, impregnable scrolls. Say: By God! This is Husayn Who hath appeared among you in truth with a holy and wondrous beauty, with mighty signs of attraction, with delicate melodies of the spirit, and with sweet strains of love - yet ye recognized not His worth, nor hearkened to His melodies, nor perceived His beauty, nor attained unto the radiant beauty of His light. Therefore, when ye denied God’s favor, it was lifted from your midst - this from God’s chastisement, for He is indeed knowing of all things. By God! Ye shall cry out within yourselves and exclaim in your own beings, saying: “Alas for us, for what we neglected regarding the glorious and luminous Beauty, the very dust of Whose sandals was visited by the dwellers of the realm of might, and all the people of Paradise attained unto His presence!” But nothing shall profit them after this, for God is indeed aware of all things. Grieve thou not over anything, nor be thou troubled by any matter. God will surely reckon with thee in truth, and He is your Guardian. We shall inform thee of what hath befallen Us, that thou mayest find solace in thy heart and be trustworthy in all things.

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He is the Glory that has appeared and shone forth at the first dawn wherein God manifested Himself to those in His dominion and His kingdom and to the choicest of His creation. Upon thee, O sovereign of fidelity and My Name the H and the H, My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that ye both have turned and advanced toward God, the Cleaver of the dawn, on a day wherein the stars fell and the sun was darkened and the trumpet was sounded and the mountains were moved. Blessed is he who hath advanced toward you both and attained to your mention and held fast to the cord of love for you and

disavowed those who have risen against you without any proof or book. He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. O My leaf and she who speaketh My praise, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One of the horizons, Who calleth thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee. O My handmaiden, ponder upon the son of Zachariah, whose blessed head was severed for the sake of a harlot, and the head of Husayn which was raised upon a spear at the command of a transgressor, and the Temple of the Bayan which was suspended in the air. Had the world any worth, the gems of existence would never have been afflicted with such tribulations. Although the oppression that hath been wrought is grievous, yet as it hath occurred in the path of God, thou must needs be utterly content and resigned. Blessed art thou for having borne that which none else hath borne. Be thou patient in God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. In truth, this fire which they have kindled, they have kindled for themselves, though they perceive it not this day. All things testify to their heedlessness and to the knowledge of thy Lord, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

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In the Name of the peerless Lord! Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge of the All-Merciful and received your portion from the Sun of God's love. God willing, may this most exalted station be preserved through the grace of the Lord of Names. Some souls, though they witness at every moment the evanescence of the world, remain heedless. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that if the world and its treasures and riches had any worth before God, His loved ones would never have been afflicted with hardship, much less with such grievous tribulations as the like of which have never appeared in creation. How excellent is the state of one who sees with insight and the condition of one who ponders on past ages. Should a soul attain but a drop from the ocean of wisdom, surely neither the world nor aught within it would deter him from the Straight Path and the Strong Cord. God willing, you must occupy yourself with complete dedication in remembering the Lord of all beings, and strive to the extent possible to awaken the heedless servants, that perchance a soul might be endowed with a new spirit and fresh vision. Verily your Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned to God, the Lord of all worlds, and recognized that which every learned one who claimed knowledge and every person of grandeur who saw himself in an exalted station failed to comprehend. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to remember and praise Him, and to protect thee from every remote oppressor. Verily the Cause is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks before the faces of the parties. Light belongs to God, glory belongs to God, authority belongs to God, splendor belongs to God, and power belongs to God! He is the One Who, through His Most Exalted Word, guided those on earth from sheer heedlessness to the horizon of awareness and led them to the shore of the ocean of knowledge. His

Word is the greatest elixir for the transformation of contingent beings and the elevation of the realities of existing things. Exalted be His sovereignty, exalted be His power, exalted be His dominion, and mighty be His proof! O Ali, upon thee be My glory! My Name Ali-Before-Akbar forwarded thy letter and petition to the Divine Presence and the Source of heavenly outpourings. It was honored with His gaze and attention. At this moment, one of the Branches of the Blessed Tree, His Holiness Diya, is present before Us. We have commanded him to pen this Tablet, from whose horizon's heaven hath shone forth the light of God's mercy, the Lord of the worlds. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and His loved ones to that which will cause His Cause to be exalted amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. We counsel thee and My loved ones to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity. Verily thy Lord is He Who speaketh in His Most Mighty, Most Glorious Name amongst mankind. O Ali, convey greetings from this Wronged One to Mahdi. We have mentioned him before with verses that no remembrances can equal. Say: Be not grieved by the world's events, its hardship, its constraints, and its bounties. We beseech God to open before thy face the gates of grace and bestowal. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne and earth, and He is the Hearing, the Responding One. Glory be upon you all.

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He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

O My servant Husayn, who was formerly known as 'Abd! This is a day wherein all the loved ones should turn their gaze toward the All-Bestowing Lord and arise to serve the Cause of God. Ponder with keen vision and a sensitive heart upon the Cause of this Prisoner. By God! Were anyone to reflect upon Him and what hath been manifested from Him of the evidences of His sovereignty and power, and the signs of His wisdom and His commandments, he would surely rise up amidst all created things and cry out: "I testify that nothing like unto Thee hath appeared in creation, nor any resemblance to Thee in invention. Thou art He Who hath manifested God's sovereignty and power, and through Thee were raised the banners of guidance among all creatures. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

Observe how, despite being afflicted with countless tribulations in the Most Great Prison, the Supreme Pen is at all times engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of all names and moving in accordance with His will. In like manner must accepted souls arise with their whole being to serve the Cause and bestow upon God's servants the flowing waters of divine knowledge which stream from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, that all may attain unto eternal life and be freed from the garments of the old creation, turning without veil or hindrance toward the countenance of Truth. This is the duty of all.

O My servant Husayn! Hearken with thine inner ear unto the divine call, and cause thy will and desire to be extinguished in His will and desire - that is, desire naught save that which He hath desired. God hath forgiven what is past. Thou must henceforth, God willing, act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded and be the cup-bearer of this immortal wine. This is the most great bounty which hath flowed forth from the ancient ocean. Drink thou therefrom and be of the thankful ones.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from the right side of the Divine Spot, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Associate not with Me any partner, nor take unto thyself a protector other than Me. This is better for thee than all that hath been and shall be. Hold fast unto My strong cord, then drink from the choice wine of My Most Glorious Name, whose seal We have broken through My sovereignty and power. Thus have We sent down the command in a preserved tablet. Turn thine ear toward the Throne, then hearken unto what the Tongue of Revelation speaketh. Verily He saith: These are My days; seize ye their worth. By My life! He who hath recognized their value and tasted of their sweetness hath soared in the atmosphere of My Most Glorious Name on two wings of faithfulness, and hath seen all creation behind him. Such a one is worthy to be associated with Us. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Be thou steadfast in such wise that the whisperings of them that have turned away from the remembrance of their Lord shall not cause thee to slip. Verily they understand not. Say: Are ye secure from God's chastisement, or have ye been guaranteed eternal life in this world? Soon shall the breaths of punishment seize you, then shall ye find no helper. Say: O people, cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. See ye any protector besides Me? Nay, by My Self, if ye but knew. The Hour hath come, yet ye turn away from it. The Awakening hath appeared, yet ye remain heedless of it. The earthquake hath seized all who are on earth save those who have come unto the All-Merciful after drinking the cup of assurance. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses, but the people perceive not. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, then make thy remembrance My remembrance, thy purpose My good-pleasure, thy hope My favor, thy path My path, thy beloved My beautiful praise, and say: Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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O people! Drink of the choice wine of the All-Glorious before the great cry is raised, lest the whisperings of Satan affect you and prevent you from attaining the good-pleasure of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. It is incumbent upon the people of every city that upon receiving fresh news of the loved ones of God, they gather in a place and drink a beverage in the love of God, adding to that beverage eleven mithqals of rosewater, and while drinking, recite these words that perchance they may be preserved from the trials of the days: "Most choice wine! Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Beauty, through whose manifestation the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise rejoiced, and the denizens of the crimson seas in their most exalted retreats were gladdened by its presence, and the Maids of Heaven in the All-Highest Paradise were blessed by its beauty at the Ultimate Lote-Tree, and through which those at Sinai fell unconscious upon the dust of self and passion, and the skin of the sincere ones trembled in the wilderness of fancy and blindness - to preserve us, O my God, from all else but Thee, and purify our hearts from the mention of aught save Thee. Then make us steadfast in Thy love and Cause, and attract us through the sweet-scented breezes of Thy holy favors and bounties. Verily Thou

art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Then preserve us, O my God, from the whisperings of Satan who warred against the Beauty of the All-Merciful and turned away from the Countenance of Glory and was among the heedless concerning the Paradise of the Cause. O my God! Have mercy upon us through Thy generosity, then preserve us through Thy grace and care, then make us steadfast upon the shore of Thy love and good-pleasure, then cause us to take refuge in the shadow of Thy Most Great Infallibility, then enable us to say 'Yea' at the time of the manifestation of the lights of Thy Most Glorious Countenance. Verily Thou doest what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Victorious, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved."

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In the city. O Sultan! He is the Mighty. I bear witness that in this Revelation the Tree of Sinai speaks forth the truth that there is none other God but Him, and that the Point of the Bayan is His servant, and His splendor is unto all who are in the kingdom. His is the bounty and grace, His the grandeur and justice. He aids whom He willeth through a command of victory that is nigh. Know then, O Sultan, that We dwelt among the people as one of them, such that We would sit with them and walk before them morning and evening, and none among them recognized Us, for they were seized with vain imaginings and were drowned in the ocean of fancy. When the days were fulfilled and the promise came, We emerged from behind the veils with manifest power and rent asunder the veils of fancy and showed forth Our countenance from this Dawn which was radiant from the horizon of God. Thus do We cast upon thee the verses and manifest unto thee the Cause that thou mayest become aware of that which God hath concealed from the eyes of the world. Know then that missives and tablets were presented before Us and We found no trace from thee among them, and We became inwardly grieved. Change thy habit, then cast upon the Tablet that which the Spirit casts into thy heart, then present it before Us through a trustworthy messenger. Thus do We teach thee the ways of the Cause that thou mayest act according to it and be possessed of true insight. And the spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who were with thee and upon those who were well-pleased in God. Then remember on Our behalf thy son, then he who was named Mustafa and upon the name of Javad and upon the loved ones, every one small and great, rich and poor.

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In the Name of the Mighty, the Great

Verily the Most Great Sea desired to make mention of one of Its waves, that the remembrance might attract it to a station wherein the atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, Lord of the worlds and Master of the Day of Judgment." O thou who art present before the Countenance! God giveth thee glad tidings of His grace and hath accepted what thou hast wrought in His path. He, verily, is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. We bear witness that thou hast aimed for the Ultimate Goal and hast heard the Call of God, Lord of the mighty Throne, and hast dwelt in the precincts of His Sacred House and hast heard His Call raised between the heavens and the earth. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise

be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee and honored me with the visitation of Thy presence and provided me with the fruits of certitude from the Tree of Thy divinity. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Hidden and Treasured Name, which appeared through Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, then ascended the throne of utterance at the midmost heart of contingent being and summoned all to the court of Thy might and the carpet of Thy holiness and the pavilion of Thy glory and the canopy of Thy grandeur, that Thou write down for me that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and give me to drink of what hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen, that I may abide by the abiding of Thy Will and Purpose. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have cast aside my affairs and occupations and all else besides Thee, turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and directing myself toward the Kaaba of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee to make this meeting a treasure for me in the repositories of Thy protection and a store for me with Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee to forgive me and those who desired their remembrance before Thy throne. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Utterance

Verily the Letters call out from the Divine Lote Tree that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, yet the people are in doubt and behind a veil. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people are in strange delusion. This is the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur calleth out with the most exalted call, summoning all unto God, the Lord of Lords. Verily the Book speaketh through this Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the world were shaken, save those who heard the Call and said: “Here am I, O Lord of the verses! We heard Thy call, we called out to Thee from the shore of the Most Great Sea, and we saw Thy remembrance and remembered Thee with that which its fragrance shall never be cut off. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.” When thou hast taken the choice-sealed wine from the hand of My bounty and drunk thereof in My Name, say:

“My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to hearken unto Thy call and to stand before Thy throne. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and King of eternity, to confirm me in that for which Thou didst create me. I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the Word whereby Thou didst illumine the world and guide the peoples, and by the Lote Tree which appeared on the Mount of Knowledge unto the son of Imran, to make me in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, and steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise among Thy servants with the wisdom which Thou hast commanded all to observe in Thy scriptures and Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the Most High, the Most Great.”

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In His Name, the Most Holy, Who transcends what was and what will be!

The Tongue in the Kingdom of Utterance summons all to the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Tree exclaims: “There is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!” This is the Day wherein every soul that has advanced has attained the breezes of revelation, and every soul that turned away has been gathered unto those who rejected the Lord of the seen and unseen. How many a learned one has been prevented by his knowledge from the Self-Subsisting, and how many an unlettered one has heard and hastened until he attained the praiseworthy station!

We have heard thy call and have sent down for thee that from which thou wilt discover the fragrance of the garment of this Revelation, which was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” O Kazim! Wert thou to become aware of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of creation, thou wouldst soar on the wings of longing in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds can be heard: “There is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed.”

Hold fast to the cord of the Cause in such wise that the veils of men who have turned away from God, the Lord of destiny, may not withhold thee, when the Supreme Horizon hath been adorned and every hidden matter hath been revealed through this momentous News. The people have denied God’s right and His Revelation, have disputed His signs, and have turned away from His proof which hath encompassed existence.

Say: O God of Names, Creator of heaven, Subjugator of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted Self to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, ever gazing toward Thy horizon, and voicing Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can defeat. Thou doest what Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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O Name of God, Fath, hear the call of Him Who summons thee in truth, and be not of the heedless ones. He it is Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books, verily there is no God but He, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. He hath ordained in the Book the measures of all things according to a straight path, and gave His servants glad tidings of His presence on the Day of Resurrection, that all might attain certitude of His meeting and be numbered among the triumphant. But when the Cause came and judgment was fulfilled and the Countenance appeared, then those who disbelieved turned away from Him and waxed proud, remaining behind a mighty veil. These are they who cast the Word of God behind their backs and contended with His loved ones and warred against His chosen ones, and were among those immersed in the ocean of heedlessness. Upon them shall be the vengeance of God, and He will torment them in a casket of fire and cause them to enter into the depths of hell. Thus do We recount

unto thee from the stories of truth, that thou mayest be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. And when We reveal unto thee the verses, fall prostrate upon the dust and be of those who bow down. And when thou art touched by grief or sorrow, seek the help of God and trust in Him, and be not of the perturbed. Verily He will aid thee with the hosts of the unseen and exalt thee through His Name and make mention of thee in the company of those on high, that thou mayest be gladdened within thyself to such degree that nothing in all creation can prevent thee, even should all the world rise up against thee. This is what the Spirit hath revealed unto thee from the wonders of God's Cause, that the melodies of Paradise may attract thee and bring thee into the precincts of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have arrived at the shore of eternity and were among the sincere ones.

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O Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Great Splendor of God! O Javad! The Lord of Creation calleth thee from the direction of His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise. They who have hearkened unto the Call and turned towards it are numbered among the guided ones. This is a Day wherein that which was hidden in all things is made manifest. Verily thy Lord is the Uncoverer, the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I counsel you, O My loved ones, to manifest the most great steadfastness. Remember when the Messenger said that it had turned his hair white. Thus doth the Faithful Counselor remind you. How many are the wolves who appear in the garment of men! Know ye them, and follow not every wicked impostor. He who remaineth steadfast in the Cause is assuredly of the people of Baha in a mighty tablet. Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty, and the soul is commanding, commanding. We beseech God to protect all from its flame. Verily He hath power over all things. Behold, then remember when the Primal Point and those with Him were cast into prison. A numbered few among those who had believed openly denied Him, save those who arose from the horizon of steadfastness and were martyred with their Lord - upon them be My splendor and the splendor of those in the heavens and earth. None among them remained faithful to the Covenant save one. Thus was it with the Beloved of the worlds. Say: O my God! Having called me unto Thee and caused me to enter the pavilion of Thy Cause, deprive me not, through Thy bounty, then preserve me from the schemes of every schemer and the devices of every deceiver and the call of every lying pretender. Moreover, ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Convey my greetings to the face of her who hath turned towards God, and to every man and woman who hath turned towards Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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O thou Letter of Fidelity! Thy missive hath arrived before Us; I am cognizant of all thou didst write therein; and We have accepted thine expressions of love for God, for the Manifestations of His Self, and the Mirrors of His Being. Erelong shall God requite thee with a most excellent reward from Him, and shall cause thy name to be recorded in the Book of the Spirit among the rightly guided. Even now doth He

exhort thee with the counsels of eternity, and assist thee in words of holiness to grasp the essence of the Cause, that thou mayest inhale the fragrances of Paradise wafting from the Beauteous City, and abide with Divine honour in the Immortal Garden for evermore. Exercise discernment in thine affairs; defame no one; follow not thy passions; and place thy trust in God, thy Lord. Walk then upon the earth with a dignity born of God; shun those in whose hearts thou perceivest resentment towards God and His loved ones; and enter not into disputation with the unbelievers. Shouldst thou act as We have inspired thee, thou shalt discover on earth a prosperity vouchsafed of God; and in the world to come a yet goodlier station and more excellent estate. Thus have We revealed unto thee the Word of Truth; taught thee the paths of guidance; and made known unto thee the ways of godliness, that thou mayest discern clearly the nature of the Cause. Say: O people! Fear God, and follow not the steps of demons. Believe ye all that God hath sent down unto you; then follow whatsoever this Servant imparteth unto you of the sweet melodies of eternity, that ye may be of them that champion the Cause in thron□d heights. Relate unto thy heart this vision touching all that We have unveiled to thee of the mysteries of destiny from beyond the Crimson City. Thus hath God's sentence been irrevocably passed upon all people. Rejoice then in thy spirit inasmuch as We have answered thee, and made mention of thee, in this Tablet, and ordained for thee a great glad tidings on the part of God. Revealed from the Ha' after the Ba', Ya Hasan!

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O Haydar! Hearken to the melody of this Bird that warbleth upon all the branches, and be not of the patient ones. Say: O people of the earth! By God, the Bird of Oneness hath taken flight and hath soared in the atmosphere of holy and subtle grace, yet ye rejoice not thereat. Soon shall the punishment of a mighty day overtake you. Say: Verily this is the Bird for Whose presence the denizens of Paradise and the Concourse on high yearn, yet ye have not recognized it nor attained unto its presence, and thus ye are an evil and most lost people. Say: Fie upon you and upon that which your hands have wrought in the days wherein the holy and ancient feast descended from the heaven of glorious and lofty might. Say: By God, were ye to discover what hath escaped you, ye would drown yourselves in water or sever your heads with your own hands. But ye remain veiled and are among the heedless ones. And thou, follow My counsel and remember the days of My communion after My exile and separation, and be of the patient ones. Then be content with whatsoever God hath ordained for Us, and be patient in this separation wherein none among all the worlds hath shown patience, for separation is grievous unto those who have tasted the sweetness of love from a holy and luminous Beauty. But since it hath appeared from the Beloved, therefore it is beloved by Us, and this is an established truth. Thus do We impart unto thee that which shall remind thee of the Truth and shall turn thee unto God, the Beloved of the mystics, that thou mayest inhale from this Tablet the fragrances of reunion should the heat of separation intensify upon thee, and that thou mayest be of those who dwell in peace. Then convey Our remembrance unto thy wife and glorify her countenance and give her the glad tidings of an noble eternal station. Then unto those who are with thee and who are among the sincere ones. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are guided by this resplendent Dawn.

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O Safi, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong greatness and majesty! O Safi! There hath befallen thee what hath befallen Us. Be thou thankful and be of those who remember. Blessed art thou for having shown patience in tribulations and hardships, and followed the command of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Majid! All thy petitions were read in the Most Holy Presence. The tribulations that have befallen you have in truth befallen the Most Great Countenance, inasmuch as you are reckoned as being of Him and are turned toward Him. Yet in the Most Holy Court there have always been such matters - nay, matters that neither the heavens nor the earth nor the mountains could bear. We counsel thee to beautiful patience, then We counsel thee again to beautiful patience, for the events that occur in this world are not permanent and never have been, but pass away like the winds. Therefore in all conditions you must hold fast to the cord of God's loving-kindness. If there be a delay in the manifestations of His favor, this is due to the requirements of the time. The divine relief will come, God willing. Be confident, for you have never been forgotten nor will you be. You have been in the presence of the Throne and have witnessed the endless effulgences of the suns of infinite favors. You have seen the [supreme] mercy and kindness. By My life! I rejoice in your joy and am saddened by your sadness. Let not My guest become sorrowful. Always console him on behalf of God, and likewise the other relatives. Verily the Glory be upon you and upon them, men and women. Do not let the Handmaiden of Baha become distressed. Watch over her carefully until God reveals what He desires. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Supreme Pen! Give unto the people of the Bayan to drink from the living waters of divine explanation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath spoken the truth between the heavens and the earths. Close not the gates of divine knowledge to those who dwell in the realm of contingent being. Be thou ever speaking in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thy remembrance is healing for all ills and a flowing stream for those seized by the heat of temptation, and a mercy unto all the worlds. Adorn hearts with remembrance of the Beloved and bodies with praise of thy Lord, the Sovereign of all possibility. Beware lest the conditions of creation hold thee back from remembrance of the Truth or the cawing of those around thee who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, make thee sorrowful. And remember when one said unto another: "Hast thou seen the Kingdom?" Say: It hath been adorned with the ornament of the name of my Lord, the Most Glorious, whilst thou, O blind one, wert behind a thick veil. O Finger of Power! Take hold of the reins of the Pen lest it move according to what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty from those who followed their desires after We had shone upon them with Our most beautiful names and revealed unto them that which all on earth were powerless to comprehend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. If thou findest no helper for thyself, let thy Lord suffice thee. Thus did We command thee before and in this glorious Tablet. Speak not except in remembrance of Me and turn not except unto My shining and luminous countenance. If thou desirest to stroll in the kingdom, enter the paradise of My loving-kindness, and if thou desirest to find solace in anyone, find it in My Self, which hath power over all in the heavens

and earths. If thou desirest to hear melody, hearken unto the melodies of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made me a herald from Thy presence unto all the worlds.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

O all things! Hearken unto My call, that ye may find a way unto God. Purify your souls from desire, then turn ye all unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful. When ye behold those on whose faces shineth the light of the All-Merciful, remind them of this momentous News. And when ye find those who have turned away, avoid them and remain in an impregnable fortress. Beware lest ye dispute with anyone, for this hath been forbidden unto you in preserved Tablets of might. Aid ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, and transgress not what ye have been commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful One. Take comfort in God and His remembrance, then leave the idolaters behind you. They are heedless of that for which they were created - to attain His presence, the Mighty, the Powerful. They are dead, not living. Their names shall not be mentioned today in the precincts of mighty glory. Be ye united, O My loved ones, and commit not that which would dishonor God among His creatures. This is better for you than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Those who in these days have veiled themselves from the Cause are in manifest loss. Soon shall they know what they have wrought against God when death overtaketh them. Then shall they feel the winds of hell. But those who have believed in God and acted according to His command - soon shall the angels and the Spirit receive them with chalices of Kawthar and Salsabil, and give them glad tidings of the presence of God, and usher them into the station wherein shineth the light of the face of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed are they who have attained unto the knowledge of God and then detached themselves in His love from all the worlds. And upon you be the Spirit, and upon those who have sought shelter beneath this Tree which hath been raised up in truth by God’s command, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful. And praise be to the Beloved of the mystics.

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O Muhammad, who was guided in those days, in the name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved, from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth and speaketh that there is no God but Him, the All-Encompassing, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. O Muhammad! By God, the story of Husayn hath been repeated in this prison, yet the people understand not. Thus hath He fallen into the hands of enemies, and at every moment there befalleth Him what never befell this Name before. Therefore doth the eye of Muhammad weep in a praiseworthy station. Blessed art thou for having drunk the cup of divine knowledge in these days wherein most of the people are veiled from their Lord, the All-Merciful. By God, they are a people who understand not. Forget thou all else save God, thy Lord, and take comfort in His remembrance, for His remembrance now biddeth thee in truth, if thou be of them that know. Say: O people! This is the Servant of God in your

midst, calling you unto Him, if ye be aware. Say: O people! Deny not after having believed in Him, and deprive not yourselves from the knowledge of God, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou grateful to thy Lord for having attained unto the recognition of the Manifestation of His Self - this is of His greatest bounty, yet the people know it not. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else save Him and hath turned toward Him with beloved submissiveness. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God, for He shall send down unto thee what hath been ordained for thee in a preserved Book. Verily His mercy hath preceded all created things and His grace hath encompassed all that is seen and unseen. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have remained steadfast in the Cause and have placed their trust in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

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O Mahmud! In the name of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised! O Mahmud! Praise thy Lord and be praiseworthy in His Cause, that all things may testify to thy turning unto God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through the power of thy Lord, then cross over the bridge through the might of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Should anyone prevent thee, say: “O Satan! By what proof didst thou turn away from the mention of the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and by what evidence didst thou believe in God, the Mighty, the Beloved?” Be fair within thyself, then bring thyself into the presence of God. If thou deniest this Most Great Revelation, by what proof can thy faith be established and thy soul find rest? Nay, by Him Who created all things between the Kaf and the Nun! Don thou the robe of certitude and arise to warn the servants of the great terror, saying: “Have mercy upon yourselves and be not of those who differ among themselves.” This is He Who was promised to you by the tongue of Ali aforetime, as witnessed by praising servants. Beware lest ye be negligent in the Cause of God and cast the Most Great Word behind your backs. Fear ye the Day when all shall be brought before Him. Break not God’s Covenant, nor set aside His Book, nor take the book of those whose unbelief is attested by the Concourse on High and those who rejoice in the Garden of Paradise. Sanctify thyself from the insinuations of those who oppose God and shun them as thou wouldst shun the plague. God sufficeth thee. He is with thee and will aid those who walk in the paths of His good-pleasure and who rejoice in His remembrance. Thus doth the Youth command thee out of love for thee, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Kind. And mercy be upon thee shouldst thou inhale the fragrance of the Beloved from this Missive that hath been sent.

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He is God, exalted be His station!

O Hadi! Hearken unto the call of God from the Lote-Tree of Baha: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. I counsel thee, O My Name, with that which We have counseled in the Psalms and Tablets. Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord in such wise that thou hearest not from anyone on earth that which is contrary to the command of thy Lord - turn away from it and turn unto God, the Revealer of verses. The foolish one hath been seized with such pride that he

openly uttereth that which [is cursed by] all things. By God! My heart hath grieved thereby, and the hearts of those who have turned towards the Countenance in these days wherein feet have slipped. Associate not with him; rather turn away from him through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Be as fire to the enemies of God and as light to His loved ones. Thus hath the decisive Word been set forth in the Book. Walk thou in the footsteps of thy Lord. Fear not those who speak according to their desires - they are verily of the wolves. Burn with the fire of the Word the heart of every polytheist and doubter. Be thou so steadfast that the words of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of Lords, grieve thee not. Grieve not - thou art with Me and beneath the canopy of My greatness. Put thy trust in God, then detach thyself from every denier and deceiver, and be not a helper to one who hath denied the Countenance. Thus have We sent down the command from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. To assist the people of tyranny is in no wise permissible, for this would harm the very root of the Tree. In all the Books this decree hath been revealed. In the Qur'an He saith: "Lean not towards those who do wrong." God willing, thou must engage in the triumph of the Cause with utmost power, detached from everyone possessed of manifest rancor.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious! We, verily, remember from within this prison the loved ones of God, that they may remain steadfast in this Cause on this wondrous Day and make mention of God in such wise that all faces may turn towards the Almighty, the All-Wise. From the right hand hath been raised the call of God, and from another direction the fragrance of His garment hath wafted over all creation. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: Verily it shall perish, while the Cause remaineth with God, your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O people! I am the Manifestation of God amongst you, and His proof amidst you, and His sovereignty unto you, were ye to be of them that know. Beware lest ye deny Him through Whom the sun hath shone forth and the moon hath appeared in this heaven which hath been raised up through this Great Name. Cast behind you all created things, turning unto the Dayspring of the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We adorned the horizon of utterance with this remembrance through which the hearts of them that know have been illumined. O Rahim! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, from the precincts of the prison - there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Arise to make mention and say: O people! The Day hath come and the call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. The Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest anything withhold you from Him through Whom the power of God was revealed and His sovereignty encompassed all things great and small. They who have believed in the Unseen and in Him Who speaketh the truth are indeed on a straight path. Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation before the completion of a full thousand years, such a one is assuredly a lying impostor. And whoso interpreteth this verse otherwise is of them that are lost. Thus do We instruct thee and teach thee of Our grace, that thou mayest make mention of thy Lord and be of them that are thankful.

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In the Name of the Peerless Beloved! May you ever be illumined with the lights of the morn of inner meanings and be vocal in the praise and glorification of God, in such wise that the choice wine of remembrance and utterance may attract all beings and draw them to the divine realm. Today is the day of service, and whatsoever appeareth therefrom shall endure as long as God's most beauteous names endure. Cultivate barren land–that is, heedless hearts–with the water of divine wisdom, that the ears of divine knowledge may spring forth therefrom. In this Most Great Revelation all are enjoined to wisdom, lest there appear that which would cause perturbation of hearts and aversion of souls. This hath been due to God's all-embracing mercy, for verily His mercy hath preceded all things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. Some time ago Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, attained the Most Holy Presence, and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for each of you. Therefore, this time this Tablet sufficeth. Praise be to God, ye are mentioned in Our presence. God willing, through divine favor and the fragrance of His celestial Robe, ye shall quicken and perpetuate ephemeral beings. This is the king of deeds. Blessed is he who achieveth it! In truth, regret and remorse belong to those souls who have not recognized the Day of God and from whom no deed hath appeared that would cause the perpetuation of being. Arise to accomplish God's Cause and His sovereignty, then quicken the people through this choice wine, whose seal hath been broken by the finger of the Will of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily, the Glory be upon you and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon and whose hearts have been illumined by this Luminary through which the heavens and earth have been made to shine.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The first salutation that was uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur ere the creation of earth and heaven be upon thee, O thou Name Ha', thou who shinest above the horizon of fidelity. I testify that thou didst direct thyself towards God; didst hear the Call; didst answer "Yea!" unto the Possessor of all Names; and wast so transported by the rapture born of the Divine Verses that thou didst offer up thine all, thy family and thy spirit, in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath not befallen anyone in the Dispensation of the Bayan. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of oneness that this supreme affliction hath appeared for naught save the exaltation, elevation and manifestation of that which the Twin Shining Stars, that is Hasan and Husayn, exemplified. Blessed is the condition of the land that became the resting place of those two temples, and the state of those souls who, purely for the sake of God, drew nigh and attained unto their visitation. O leaf! Every abasement encountered in the path of Truth is the sovereign of all glory, and every hardship endured in the way of the Friend is the king of all ease. Though in these days the eyes of the heedless souls are veiled by the veils of vain desires from beholding the Truth and Its manifestations, the time shall come when they shall wail and lament for what hath escaped them. Soon shall the fruits of the deeds of the oppressors become manifest and evident. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In all conditions fix your gaze upon the Truth and hold fast to the cord of His grace. Verily He

comforteth you and consoleth you. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Mirza Aqa! He is the Most Wondrous, the Wondrous, the Glorious, the All-Glorious! O beloved of the age! God was, and there was nothing besides Him. Soon thou shalt find remoteness even as it was before, as We have informed thee of this in the Holy Tablet a year before the Luminary of the horizons departed from Iraq - and thou art of them that know. These are days wherein all have taken their vain desires as their god and dust as the Lord of Lords. In such circumstances, whom should the Pen mention and by what merit should the Tongue of Grandeur sing? Leave them to their vain disputes. Yet be not grieved, for verily God, glorified be His majesty, hath behind the pavilions of infallibility servants whom neither the cawing of the raven nor the croaking of the profligate deter. They regard all who are in the heavens as non-existent and hasten with steadfast feet and trustworthy hearts to the court of their Goal. However, in teaching the Cause, persistence is necessary. This is Our duty and yours, but God doeth whatsoever He willeth. Although the cry of the polytheists is raised to such heights that the voice of the monotheists cannot be heard, save by him who hath a penetrating ear, consider the hollow drums: though inwardly empty and bereft of the wondrous tokens of divine mercy, their noise and clamor outwardly deafen the world. How excellent is this similitude We have struck for thee, that thou mayest be of them that understand! In any case, with such a discordant sound it is difficult for the Most Great Remembrance to reach the ears. All these degrees pertain to the limitations of the human world; otherwise, were the divine melody to appear even less than what can be counted, it would encompass all worlds. And praise be unto this Lord, for verily He is the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the One, the Merciful!

O friends of God! Praise be to God that you have been illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth and have turned your faces toward the Sanctuary of true understanding after the turning away of the peoples of creation. Today all souls are seen to be perishing and evanescent save those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that you have attained to His recognition and were not prevented from the Ancient Beauty by the clamor of the nations. You have rent asunder the veils and, by God’s might and power, have shattered the idol of vain imagination and reached the supreme heights which are the station of absolute certitude. Today the clouds of vain desires of heedless souls have become an obstacle and prevented people from the Horizon of Divine Unity. Had they but known, they would have cast away all they possess and hastened with their hearts unto God, the Lord of the worlds. You must all drink from the seas of joy and soar with the wings of gladness, for most of the people of the world remain veiled while you have turned toward the Friend and each of your names has been presented in the Most Holy Presence and has been favored with the glance of this Prisoner’s loving-kindness, and from the Supreme Pen this most wondrous Tablet has been

revealed. Blessed are you for having attained unto the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing. We have adorned the head of your letter with the crown of My mention, the Sovereign over all the worlds. From this spot We send Our greetings upon you and upon those women who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Today all must act according to that which God hath commanded, so that the fragrance of pure deeds may attract souls to the direction of the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Verily, the glory be upon you and upon those who have called you to this luminous horizon.

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In His Name, the Protector over all things!

O Rafi', may you ever dwell, God willing, beneath the shadow of divine grace, content and at rest. Blessed art thou for having migrated unto God and returned by His command. Thy obedience to God's command has not been and will never be forgotten from His sight, and has been recorded by the Pen of His Cause in the divine Books. Well is it with thee for having attained this supreme triumph. Remember all the chosen ones with the remembrance of the Chosen One, convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One, and counsel all to manifest spiritual qualities and praiseworthy attributes acceptable before the Wronged One, that they may arise to perform deeds that please Him and cause people to turn towards the Friend. Trustworthiness and truthfulness are two garments adorned with the ornament of honor and acceptance. God willing, all must appear with perfect trustworthiness and speak with truthfulness, arising to serve God through their deeds. The manifestation of these qualities has been and ever shall be the cause of the exaltation of God's Word, while their absence is the cause of the veiling of humanity, as is evident. Should anyone manifest any unacceptable deed, people attribute it to the root of the Tree. God protect us and you from this. The world has had and shall have no worth. The purpose is that the divine attributes should be manifested through each of God's loved ones among humanity, that all may be drawn by that brilliant lamp to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and turn towards it. Be thou engaged in the remembrance of God with the utmost joy and delight, for His grace has been and shall ever be with thee. Give thanks for this wondrous remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!

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O 'Ali! May you be assisted through God's grace in reforming the affairs of those who, when they hear, respond. You must make every effort to protect Nabil Qabl-i-'Ali and safely deliver him and what he possesses to a secure location by God's grace. This is a service specifically entrusted to you - you must carry it out with the utmost joy and fragrance. Your reward and his are with God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Convey my greetings to him and say: We bear witness that you have fulfilled what was incumbent upon you, drawn near to the station, and attained the presence of your Lord, the Master of all. Be grateful and among those who remember.

Convey profound greetings to all the friends, especially to Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, the One, the Single. O ’Ali! This is the second time you have attained the presence. May God bring about another matter. He is the Protector of the doers of good. The Persian Tablet that was revealed specifically for the friends in the Land of Qaf - it would be good if copies reach the Land of Ta and other regions. We beseech the Most High to assist you in serving Him and spreading His Cause, and to manifest through you that which will bring peace to the hearts of the sincere ones.

Meet with Husayn in the Land of Ta and convey greetings from the True One. Say to him: What you did with the concealed matter is good, but better is what We commanded you at first. Whatever you do with it, watch it in the fire lest it become too intense, and work with it to the extent that draws away the coldness preventing it. Then We command you to reflect on what We sent you so you may understand all of it and the subtleties revealed therein. And the Glory be upon you.

=== END BH03998 ===

=== START BH03999 ===

In the name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing One. O son of Dhabih, who has attained the presence of God! These are the days of manifestation, and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining, and the ocean of generosity is surging. Therefore, the mention of those souls who have turned towards Him has flowed and continues to flow from the Supreme Pen. This Day a door is open wider than both heaven and earth. The eye of the mercy of Him Who is the Desire of the worlds is turned towards all men. An act, however infinitesimal, is, when viewed in the mirror of the knowledge of God, mightier than a mountain. Every drop proffered in His path is as the sea in that mirror. For this is the Day which the one true God, glorified be He, hath announced in all His Books, unto His Prophets and His Messengers. Were the greatness of this Day to be revealed in its fullness, most men would swoon away and fall prostrate. Nevertheless, the station of each one is clear and evident. It is hoped that through these torrential rains now falling, there may spring forth from the soil of men’s hearts that which is worthy. Ask ye of God to strengthen His loved ones to preserve that which He hath bestowed, lest vain imaginings and improper deeds and actions change it. Dhabih and his kin have been and continue to be mentioned in the presence of God. Be ye thankful unto God for this mighty favor. O youth! Hold fast with all thy strength to the hem of the grace of thy Lord in such wise that no earthly power can weaken it. Thus doth God counsel thee from the precincts of His mighty prison. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and My tender care and My loving-kindness, and be thou of the thankful ones. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have laid fast hold on My strong cord.

=== END BH03999 ===

=== START BH04000 ===

O Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Witness from His Most Glorious Horizon. This Wronged One, whether in prison or out of prison, has summoned all to the highest horizon. All things bear witness that the Pen of the Ancient has been and is, night and day, occupied with the remembrance of the loved ones of God. Oceans of God’s loving-kindness have streamed and been sent down from the Pen, yet the people of the earth remain heedless and occupied with their own vain imaginings. They have

regarded the Dawning-Place of light as darkness and deemed the Ocean of knowledge as ignorant. The recompense of the deeds of these heedless souls has encompassed the world, and every deed appears in its own form and effect. Those possessed of vision have perceived and continue to perceive this. We beseech God to shut the doors of corruption and to open, through the key of the Most Great Name, the portals of goodness and benevolence before the face of the world. O Abdul-Husayn! His honor Jud, upon him be My glory, has made and continues to make mention of you. The letter you sent was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Be not grieved by the conflicts and varying conditions of the world. Praise be to God, you dwell beneath the shade of God's loving-kindness and are turned toward His horizon. We beseech God to set right that which is the cause and source of grief. We give you the glad-tidings of God's mercy, His grace and His loving-kindness, and We send Our greetings from the Prison to you and to My handmaiden there. We make mention of her as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones there and remind them of that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in this clear Tablet. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon her and upon them and upon every believing servant and every handmaiden who has attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH04000 ===

=== START BH04001 ===

That which has shone forth from the Dayspring of God's Command, which this servant should submit, is this: First, that the letter Shin should occupy themselves with their trade, and whatever they have and had intended to send to the precincts of the Throne should remain with them and they should trade therewith for the sake of God. Today each one of the loved ones of God should be occupied with some pursuit whereby, in the course of their trade, they might be able to convey a word of truth to some soul and deposit a seed of divine love in the hearts of men. Today all the denizens of the highest Paradise and the cities of eternity are gazing upon the faces that are illumined with the light of the countenance of God, and all atoms of things are voicing this utterance: "Blessed is he who has remained steadfast in this Day in the Cause of his Lord and whom the might of the people has failed to frighten." Therefore the greatest of all deeds is the mention of God amongst His servants, albeit all are commanded to observe wisdom and utterance. O 'Ali! The evanescence of the world and the impermanence of all that is therein is evident, and had there been perceived in it even an atom's weight of merit, the Ancient Beauty would never have been afflicted with this most great tribulation. Therefore today all must occupy themselves with the Cause of God, that perchance they might deliver a soul from the depths of extinction. By God! This deed is greater than any good deed. God willing, you will return with wondrous and sublime Tablets the like of which no one before you has ever borne, save whom your Lord pleases. Furthermore, the servant present before the Throne is writing details to your honor, according to which you should act. May you ever be refreshed by the choice wine of the Most Glorious Grace and sustained by the bounties of His favor. And glory be upon you.

=== END BH04001 ===

=== START BH04002 ===

O Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector over all names!

The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, the path is clear, and the balance is set up, yet the people are witnessed to be in great heedlessness and behind a mighty veil. The heavenly food descends in every moment from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of the Worlds, yet the people remain unaware.

O my God, O my King, O my Sovereign! What ingratitude has appeared from Thy servants that it has become the cause and reason for withholding the outpourings of Thy days. Thou art that Generous One Whom the ocean of rebellion did not prevent from bestowing His favors, and the world of polytheism and unbelief did not hold back His bounty and generosity. One breeze from the right hand of Thy will can make the ancient world new and bring the dead to life. We beseech Thee to protect Thy loved ones and to rain down upon them from the heaven of generosity and the heaven of bounty the showers of grace and bestowal. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Praise the Beloved of the worlds. Before and after thou hast been blessed by His mention and confirmed in turning toward Him. Today the imperishable food and eternal blessing is especially for the friends of Truth. It appears and will appear according to the requirements of time and season. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things. Rejoice in My remembrance and then thank Him for His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

His honor the Observer dwells beneath the canopy of the Throne. Praise be to God, they have attained to that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. There is no excellence or honor greater than what has been bestowed. We beseech God to confirm, assist, strengthen and establish all to remain firm, steadfast and upright. Verily He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH04002 ===

=== START BH04003 ===

He is God, the Most Pure, the Most Manifest, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

These are verses of holiness which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of God, the Exalted, the Great. In each letter thereof lies concealed an ocean from among the oceans of inner meanings. Blessed is he who attaineth thereunto and entereth into its depths, stripped of all else save Him, and from which appear the pearls of a luminous sanctity.

O servant! Thy mention hath been made before the Countenance, and the Pen of God hath moved to inscribe thy name, as a favor from Him unto thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful. Hearken unto that which this Prisoner calleth unto thee from the shore of fate: that there is none other God but Him, and that this is He Who hath arisen between earth and heaven with the praise of God, and feared no one after all the peoples contended with Him, as ye have heard and were among those who heard.

And thou - walk thou in My footsteps. Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power. Then inform the people of this Most Great, this mighty Announcement. Fear thou no one, but place thy trust in God. Verily He will protect thee in truth and aid thee with the hosts of the unseen. His victory is nigh unto

them that are detached. However, act with wisdom and counsel lest harm befall thee and thou be numbered among those who are tested.

Say: O people of the Bayan! The head of wisdom is the fear of God. Fear ye Him Who created you and raised you to the heavens of knowledge, and sent down unto you wisdom and utterance, and made you to be among those endowed with understanding. Beware lest ye exchange the favor of God upon yourselves and be numbered among the deniers.

Thus have We imparted unto thee and made mention of thee in the Tablet, that thou mayest be among the steadfast. And glory be upon thee and upon every knowing believer.

=== END BH04003 ===

=== START BH04004 ===

O Mirza Amanu'llah, in the Sad. He is the Most Exalted, the Everlasting, the Resplendent, the Most Glorious!

These are the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest. They have verily been sent down in truth from the heaven of His Name, the Revealer, the Mighty, the Powerful. Verily, they are the mirror of God in the kingdom of His Command wherein is witnessed and beheld the beauty of God, the King, the Most High, the Great. Verily, they are the favor of God whereby the hearts of them that hear are attracted. Verily, they are the wisdom of God and by them every firm command is sent down. Verily, they are God's proof unto all who are on earth, yet most people remain veiled in the darkness of their own selves. Verily, they are the lamp of God amidst His servants, from which the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him receive their light. Verily, they are the magnet of the Cause between the heavens and the earth, for by them are drawn the essences of all created things.

Know thou, O servant, that My Manifestation is My proof, and My standing forth My evidence, and My proof that which floweth from My sacred, transcendent, firm and manifest Pen. When We revealed unto the servants a drop from the oceans of power which We had concealed behind mountains of moist ruby resplendent, thereupon the doubters dispersed from around God and His sovereignty, and the foundations of the idolaters were shaken. Say: Die in your wrath! By God, the Truth, that which had never appeared in the world hath appeared, and the Cause of God hath been made manifest in such wise that His words have become renowned between East and West, as every fair-minded and knowing one doth testify. When the Cause appeared, they who had concealed their faces behind veils felt secure and came forth against God with tyranny and grievous plotting. Thus did it befall Me, and We have mentioned unto thee a letter thereof that thou mayest be clear-sighted regarding the Cause of thy Lord and remain steadfast in His help and the exaltation of His Cause at all times. And glory be upon thee and upon Our God-fearing servants.

=== END BH04004 ===

=== START BH04005 ===

O Lutf-'Ali! These are the verses of God sent down from the heaven of grace for people who understand - those who have drunk the water of life in the days of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Those who have found the sweetness of remembrance are indeed servants drawn nigh, while those who have denied - for them there is no portion of this sealed nectar. They have taken their divines as their idols. We bear witness that these are the veils of glory - blessed is the noble one who rents them through My Name, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And he who rends them reaches the Dawning-Place of Names and beholds the light from this visible horizon. Those who have taken illusion as their beloved are wandering in the wilderness of error. When asked "By what proof do you cling to him?" they say "Because his name was mentioned." Say: If We were to accept this from you, why then did you turn away from the One Mentioned? We revealed in the Bayan: "Be not veiled by names from Him Who shall come with the truth." Read it that you may know. You turned away from Him concerning Whom the Bayan was revealed, and clung to one whom you knew not. They are indeed a people in loss. That which was revealed in the Bayan circles round Me while you perceive not. Fear God and dispute not with Him but for Whom the sun of revelation would not have shone from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Is there anyone with sight in creation who might behold what hath appeared, or with hearing who might hear what hath been revealed in this Revelation? The people are dead save whom your Lord willeth - with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, what was and what shall be. Your name hath been mentioned before the Face and this Tablet hath been revealed for you that your eyes may be consoled and you may remember your Lord, that perchance the slumberers may awaken. And the glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH04005 ===

=== START BH04006 ===

O Mirza Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of the Possessor of the World!

All the peoples and religions were promised this Most Great Day, which in the divine Books is known as the Day of God. When the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of His Manifestation, some turned away and others arose in opposition. They preferred conjecture to certitude and chose darkness over light. This is not the first Cause that hath appeared in the world. Consider the former ages and reflect: in every age and epoch when the divine Light shone forth from the heaven of God's Will, the leaders and divines of that age strove with utmost effort to extinguish that Light. To this day the traces of the oppressors' tyranny are visible in the earth and recorded in the Book. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the station of this Day and acted as beseemeth it. Glory be to God! These heedless people have preferred extinction to immortality and regarded the ignorant as learned. Today the Balance is manifest and speaketh with the most exalted utterance. It is the true Discriminator and the spiritual Identifier. Yet all are heedless of it and veiled from it, save whom God willeth, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned thee before and in this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Generous. Arise with supreme steadfastness to make mention of thy Lord, the Lord of all humanity, and put thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with His steadfast servants. He exalteth whomsoever He willeth through His command. There is no God but Him, the One, the Single, the Wise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to bless what thou hast intended. Verily, He is the Ancient Bestower.

=== END BH04006 ===

=== START BH04007 ===

In the Name of the one true God! The All-Glorious! God, exalted be His glory, hath created His servants for His recognition. Blessed is the one who hath turned unto Him and attained unto true divine unity, which is the station wherein the Ancient Being is sanctified from all else save Him and His Essence is purified from all things. The abominable Shi'ites have not attained unto this most exalted station and sublime rank, and yet they count themselves among the believers in unity. O friend! The handmaiden of God hath repeatedly mentioned thee, therefore We make mention of thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. We counsel thee to be trustworthy, religious, truthful and sincere. We beseech God to assist thee in that which leadeth to elevation and is the cause of exaltation. The friends have ever been and continue to be remembered, and for each We seek that which shall cause their name and fame to endure. Say: O my God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness. Thou hast no likeness in creation nor any equal in invention. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey My greetings to the kinswoman. We have mentioned her mother time and again. We mentioned her before and mention her now, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect her and ordain for her the good of this world and the next. We make mention of Abdolbaha with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of the righteous. We counsel all to perform good deeds and manifest praiseworthy character. Be not idle like the Babis. Do what God hath revealed in the Book. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

=== END BH04007 ===

=== START BH04008 ===

O Haji Rajab-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God!

In His Name, Who is sanctified above mention and utterance!

Praise be to the peerless Lord Who, through the diver of His absolute Will, hath brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells of the sea of man. He is the One Who is mighty, Whom neither the veils of the heedless nor the doubts of the opposers have deprived of the lights of the manifestation of the Lord of the worlds. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His power! There is no God but Him.

This is a Book from Us to him whose name was present before the Countenance and who hath attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people! The Day of God hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Take hold of that which God hath sent down with a power that all the hosts of the earth cannot weaken. To this testifieth the Most Great Book that walketh in the prison and speaketh: "There is no God but I, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous."

When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast illumined the world, and by Thy most sweet utterance and the most exalted pen to make me one who speaketh of Thy

remembrance and who holdeth fast unto Thy cord. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

“O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy bounty and the sick one unto the Kawthar of Thy healing. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creation. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Great.

“O my Lord! Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace, and make me not to be forbidden and debarred from that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee and the sincere ones. Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the One powerful through Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth.”

=== END BH04008 ===

=== START BH04009 ===

He is the Mighty! Praise be unto the Beloved Who cannot be known, Who is worthy and befitting, Who hath created all who are in the heavens and on earth through a single letter from the manifestations proceeding from the Pen, and Who will likewise continue to create unto an end that hath no end. Exalted be His mention above every lofty, sublime and mighty mention, and glorified be He above every perfect and wondrous description. And then, since the letter of that person indicated burning from separation - by God, it behooveth every lover to weep and lament from separation from the Beloved. Patience is praiseworthy except regarding the Beloved, and crying out is blameworthy except regarding the Intended One. However, attraction and yearning and longing appear more strongly in separation and parting, for the sweetness of attainment may possibly extinguish the fire of seeking, as hath happened with some who in this journey have drawn nigh unto nearness and meeting, and have remained wholly veiled. Yea, one who hath been and will ever be sustained by the eternal wine of reunion and hath not grown cold - such a being hath been and will be rarer than red sulphur. However, we hope that you, in the extremity of remoteness, may attain the utmost degree of nearness, and may drink and partake of the cup of the mysteries of God’s Cause which until now hath been concealed from all souls, and may become firmly established and steadfast upon the sacred carpet. All this is from the grace of thy Lord. Tablets have been revealed in these days and mention made of that person, but since no scribe was available to make copies, they were not sent, until we see what divine destiny will require. And peace and the spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH04009 ===

=== START BH04010 ===

O handmaiden of God Fatimih! She is remembering and remembered. Praise be to the Beloved Who, through the word “no,” caused all the manifestations of negation to perish, and through the blessed word “except,” guided the manifestations of affirmation to the station of immortality. The polytheists have ever been deprived of the Most Great Scene and forbidden from the Most Pure Fountain. O leaf! Praise God that thou hast grown from the tree of divine love and been sustained by its fragrances. Blessed are those

souls who, when the winds of trials blew, were not prevented from the love of the Servant of the All-Merciful and did not withdraw their hands from grasping the cord of His favor. In the blowing of the winds of tests, the manifestations of oneness become distinguished from the dawning-places of polytheism. Claims are not completed through words alone, but are contingent and conditional upon deeds. By God! If life be sacrificed in the path of the Beloved, the name "life" would be truly applicable to it; otherwise it has been and will be but loss. Were the servants to soar to the divine heaven on the wings of detachment and become aware of that which is hidden, all would hasten freely to the place of sacrifice. However, in accordance with consummate wisdom and for the preservation of souls in the world, this station remains concealed and stored in the treasuries of protection. O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God and regard all as non-existent save those in whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of the Most Glorious from God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Blessed is thy father who remained firm in the Cause in days wherein the feet of the mystics slipped, and blessed be thy mother and those who are in thy household. And the Spirit be upon thee, then Glory be upon thee, then Mercy be upon thee and upon such handmaidens as have believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved.

=== END BH04010 ===

=== START BH04011 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be unto the One Who is worthy and deserving, Whose waves of the ocean of knowledge have encompassed the world and Whose hand of bounty has bestowed the chalice of life. His is the praise and the glory, His is the gratitude and the giving. There is no God but He, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. And blessings and peace be upon the Unlettered Prophet, the Divine Mystery and the Eternal Light, and upon His family and companions through whom God's Cause was exalted among the servants and His commandments among the lands.

And now, the spiritual beloved Mr. Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], came some time ago and attained the presence. Since he is engaged in commerce in the great city, he has requested that someone be specifically assigned for writing and accounting with him. Therefore, this servant mentions, as commanded, that if your honor is inclined, this matter is very suitable. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make this matter a cause and means for the manifestation and emergence of human dignity and station. And after submitting this before the face of the Lord, He said: "We beseech God to assist His servant Isma'il in what He loves and is pleased with, and to send down upon him from the clouds of His grace a blessing from His presence and from the heaven of His bounty a mercy from His side. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer." End.

I convey greetings to the friends in that land and beseech for each one that which is befitting. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

=== END BH04011 ===

=== START BH04012 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

In the days when the foundations of all were disturbed and shaken through the power of oppression, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause of God - an arising after which no sitting down was seen. Night and day did the tongue speak and the pen write, until the divine Cause was somewhat spread abroad. Then souls who were fearful, agitated and concealed behind a veil came forth with the sword of rejection and made for the truth. The curse of God be upon the wrong-doing people! Now they strive and struggle to lead the weak astray. Soon will this spread to those regions also. We beseech God that He may aid thee in that which is the cause of the Most Great Steadfastness. For twelve hundred years and more the Shi'ih sect counted themselves above all other sects and considered themselves the most exalted of creation. In the end what happened and what became evident was that in the sight of the Lord of creation they were and are like worthless insects, for they martyred with their own hands the One they worshipped and visited upon the friends of God in every land that which tongue and pen are powerless to recount. Now the people of the Bayan are occupied with those same vain imaginings. They have not reflected even this much on what was the outcome of the deeds of the Shi'ihs and what was their fruit. By God's life! They are accounted as transgressors in the Book of God, the True, the Manifest King. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Verily We have been with thee in all conditions. Thy Lord doth witness and behold, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have ordained for thee that which gladdeneth the heart of every one who hath turned towards God. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, doth testify to this. Convey My greetings to the friends in those regions and remind them on behalf of God of the Most Great Steadfastness.

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=== START BH04013 ===

He is the Beloved! In this hour when the bride of love hath emerged from behind the veil, and the fire of separation hath blazed forth from heart and soul, and cast patience from its throne, as the countenance of the Friend hath been unveiled - we are in separation, yet wagering our lives in hope of union, though even in union there is fear of separation. Nay, in the path of love, separation is sweeter than union, remoteness more precious than nearness, and separation more favored than union. For in union there is fear of separation, while in separation there is hope of union. After every parting comes meeting, and after every perpetuity comes extinction. They have created the world compounded of honey and colocynth. How can the heartless one draw a peaceful breath in this dusty realm of water and clay, or spread the couch of repose? If it offers a sweet draught to the lip, it draws forth a cry of anguish from the soul. Therefore one must not set one's pure heart upon it, but pass over it like a cloud and soar beyond it like an eagle - neither content with its sweetness nor distressed by its bitterness. One must set one's heart upon the eternal kingdom and pass beyond the mortal dust, that perchance on spiritual wings one may fly to the divine holy nest, there to sing with wondrous Iraqi melody this song of spiritual glory: We are all drunk with annihilation, We are all the light of glory, We are all the spirit of eternity. O conscious soul, be aware, be aware! As for the rest of this tale, let whoever wishes come to the Friend's threshold and understand it, until God may grant it and gather all together.

=== END BH04013 ===

=== START BH04014 ===

He is God! At this time when the heaven of divine power has been adorned with the moon of grandeur, and the holy cloud of the Ancient of Days has been embellished with the stars of loftiness, and the cloud of grace has rained down the showers of mercy from the invisible Identity, and the seas of zeal in exalted breasts have been stirred by the waves of generosity, this sorrowful dejected heart and this grief-stricken withered soul has taken up the pen of love to raise the banner of affection, that perchance a breeze may blow from the north of the Beloved's Yemen, and that from that breeze the breezes of divine mercy and the precious gifts of lordly favor may arise and we may attain to the winds of the love of God, that perchance we may drink from the sweet flowing waters of Tasnim and be granted the pure wine of honor - all this through the decree of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thereafter, your letters arrived and praise be to God they indicated your good health. God willing, may you always be in perfect comfort and sincerity. The Elevating One will present the affairs of this province. God willing, may the multiplicities of the worlds of existence, which are clothed in the limiting garment of the limited self, become extinct and perish, so that the eternal countenance of the Face may emerge from behind the veils of beauty, and the Face of Glory - "All things perish save His Face" - may become manifest and apparent from behind the veil. I swear by God, if all contingent beings were to gather together to penetrate the boundaries of the Cause of God, they would be unable and powerless to do so. Recite to the companions the verse "If ye be able to penetrate the regions of the heavens and the earth" to its end, if they will listen. Otherwise, "Leave them in their vain discourse" - We shall recount to them what they were neglecting.

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=== START BH04015 ===

The Most Holy, Most Holy, Most Glorious. This is the remembrance of God unto His servants who have believed in their Lord, the All-Merciful, on a day when the heavens wailed, the tribes of the earth were thrown into commotion, and those who dwell in the Kingdom of Names were struck with terror, that they may know that He remembereth those who have turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath freed himself from the depths of vain imaginings and clung to the hem of the mercy of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He is assuredly among the sincere ones. Say: O people! Doth this world prevent you from the path of your Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven? This is naught but manifest loss. Leave it to its people. Take what hath been given you from the presence of One mighty and ancient. Should tribulations befall you in My path, remember ye My trials and imprisonment. Thus have ye been commanded by One all-knowing, all-wise. They who have sacrificed their souls in My path are of the people of Baha. The Concourse on High will seek blessings from the dust of their footsteps. O blessed be this glorious, mighty station! They whose eyes have been opened behold this world and its ornaments as a mirage which the thirsty one thinketh to be water. They are indeed possessed of insight. Nothing can prevent them from the Most Great Vision. They shall soon find themselves in an exalted station. Grieve not at what hath befallen Us through evil decree. We have chosen all tribulations for Ourself, and thy Lord is, of what I say, a witness and well-informed. They who have turned away from the Path are in manifest loss. They shall soon find themselves in the fires. Thus

hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the All-Wise, the Almighty. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of thy Lord and for being among those who have turned unto Him. Place thy trust in Him, then hold fast to the cord of His bounty. He will suffice thee in truth, and He hath power over all things. And the glory be upon the people of Baha from the presence of One all-knowing, all-informed.

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O handmaid of the Most Merciful! The Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Glorious Sovereign remembers from Our presence her who soared on the wings of certitude into the atmosphere of the All-Merciful, until she recognized and believed in God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. May she rejoice in the remembrance of God in such wise that neither the sorrows of the contingent world nor the conditions of those women who have turned away from the Most Great Name when it appeared with manifest sovereignty shall disturb her. Blessed is the handmaid who has attained unto the Tablet of God and remained steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of those who denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved, did slip. O handmaid of the Most Merciful! We have heard thy call and recognized that which thou art upon, and have answered thee from this praiseworthy station. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down verses unto thee before, and now once again, as a favor from His presence upon thee. He is verily the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant and turned toward the Intended One when every obstinate idolator turned away. How many a queen waited but attained not, while thou didst attain when thou didst turn to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize Him and made thee among the women who have turned toward Him in a preserved tablet. Thou art she to whose love for Him the All-Merciful hath testified - exalted be this station from which the hands of most women have been cut off. Verily thy Lord is He Who ruleth over what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Rejoice thou in the glad-tidings of God, then remember Him in the nights and days and at eventide and dawn. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance from this Tongue through one word of which the world was shaken and every lofty mountain was crushed. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaids who have turned with their hearts toward the Beloved and believed in God when the Promised One appeared.

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O Haji Mulla Mahdi! A mention from Us to him who sought guidance in the days of his Lord and attained the lights of the Throne and was of those who turned unto Him, that he may soar from yearning into the atmosphere which God hath sanctified from the doubts of the suspicious ones. O servant! Hearken unto the call from the direction of ’Akka, the prison of thy Most Glorious Lord: Verily, I am the Wronged One, the Stranger. We created the servants for My service, yet they denied after We unveiled the Face with manifest light. Those who are heedless shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. Say: Were God to will, He would seize them by His command. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. They are weak and have not attained maturity. They know not what profiteth them. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

He calleth them at all times and remindeth them through His grace that they may turn to this shining and luminous Horizon. Thou, O wayfarer unto God, remind My servants that they may cast away vain desire and hasten unto the Creator of earth and heaven. Thus hast thou been commanded from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Beware lest thou pause in the remembrance of thy Lord. We created thee for My Cause, therefore know and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! If thou findest in any heart the fragrance of the love of thy Lord, commune with him and remind him from Me. My mercy hath preceded all creation. Let not troubles prevent thee from the Lord of Names and Attributes, nor sorrows from the praise of thy Most Glorious Lord. Be thou occupied with His remembrance amidst His heedless servants that they may hear the call of God and find a way unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among thy Lord's loved ones, every young and old.

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The Friends of God in Kirind

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

A mention from Us to those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and who have turned to the Countenance when every heedless doubter turned away from it. The Pen hath testified to that which the Ancient Beauty testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. Bear ye witness, O people of understanding! The King hath come, and We see the subjects in trepidation and disturbance. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the Most Merciful, and oppose not Him through Whom the proof hath been perfected and the evidence made manifest. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in that the Lord of the worlds remembereth you in the most desolate of lands. We counsel you to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness and that whereby the Cause of God is uplifted amongst His servants. Soon shall appear the crier of whom We have previously informed the servants. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of steadfastness, and woe unto every contentious infidel. O Rida! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Names calleth thee. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My Pen! Make mention of him who is named Ahmad and give him the glad tidings of this mention whereby the sea hath surged and the winds have been stirred. Then make mention of their other brother from God, the Lord of all men. We have made mention in the Tablet of every servant who hath believed and every maidservant who hath believed in God, the One, the Chosen One. O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call, then act according to what hath been sent down from the heaven of My will. By the life of God! It shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the Sovereign of all men. O people of Baha! Upon you be the glory of God and His mercy which hath preceded all created things. Hold ye fast unto steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

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In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

A mention from Us unto those who have turned towards the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of the Cause with lights that encompassed the heavens and the earth. Verily, he who is illumined thereby is of the people of Baha, and he who turneth away is of the companions of the Fire. How many a learned one hath been deceived by his knowledge and turned away from the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and how many a heedless one hath been attracted by the breezes of revelation and turned with radiant face toward the ocean of knowledge. How many a rich man hath been held back by his riches from the Dayspring of eternity, and how many a poor one hath attained to the recognition of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. For each there is a portion in the Book. He, verily, is the Recompenser, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto My recognition, hast set thy face toward My kingdom, hast entered the paradise of My loving-kindness, and hast been honored with My Tablet, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We have found the fragrance of thy love and witnessed thy longing and ardent desire. Blessed art thou in that thou hast turned to the Most Great Ocean and wert not held back by the doings of the deniers. Let not sorrows overtake thee in the contingent world. Soon shall all that is seen pass away, and there shall endure what hath been ordained for My loved ones in a preserved Tablet. Remember thy Lord at all times and hold fast to His firm cord. He is with whomsoever remembereth Him and desireth him who hath desired Him. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Thus have We wafted unto thee the fragrance of the garment. When thou perceivest it from thy Lord's Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me amongst Thy handmaidens. Do Thou ordain for me the reward of those who circle round Thy mighty Throne. Know thou the worth of him whom God hath bestowed upon thee. We perceive from him the fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful. Upon him and upon thee be My glory and My mercy until the Day that cannot be reckoned by the pens of all worlds.

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=== START BH04020 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who has turned to the Most Great Sea and desired to drink therefrom through My Name, the Powerful, the Mighty, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that all the hosts of the earth shall not deter him. This behooveth him who hath set his face toward My luminous countenance. Praised be God that the heaven of inner meanings hath been raised high and the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from its horizon and is radiant. How excellent is the state of the one whom the darkness of vain imaginings hath not prevented from the light of certitude, and whom the gloom of idle fancies hath not withheld from the brightness of the Divine Day. O Jalil! The Friend of all horizons hath in most days been afflicted at the hands of the people of hypocrisy, and hath borne in the path of God that which the Pen is powerless to recount and the tongue is unable to mention. Had any worth or station been perceived for this world of dust, He surely would not have

accepted this tribulation nor endured this suffering. This blessed and goodly Word sufficeth thee and all the peoples of the world, would they but ponder thereon. An ocean of knowledge and wisdom lieth concealed in every word of the divine utterances. Beseech ye God that He deprive not His servants of this bounty and grace through His favor and loving-kindness. We bear witness that there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Most Great Path amidst the nations and the Greatest Sign amongst all creation. All things have appeared through His command and whatsoever He willeth appeareth through His sovereignty that overshadoweth the worlds. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for that the Wronged One remembereth thee in this mighty prison.

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=== START BH04021 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. The eyes have been prevented from beholding My horizon, the tongues from making mention of Me, and the ears from hearkening to My sweetest call. Thus have their souls enticed them to follow every remote oppressor. They who claim knowledge without clear proof from Our presence - these are the companions of hellfire. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and be not of those who disbelieved in Muhammad, the Messenger of God, when He came with the truth, and turned away from the Spirit when He appeared from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient One. Judge fairly by God, then behold this horizon from which hath dawned the Day-Star of thy Lord's beauty, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. The books of the people profit you not today except through this Book which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Pen revealed the Kawthar of life - blessed are the people of Baha who have drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. These are they whom names prevent not from the Creator of heaven, nor the clamor of the people from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God, Lord of what was and what will be. Convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, then protect the servants from the arrows of those who have disbelieved in God, the Sovereign of existence. Be a servant of thy Lord's Cause and a guardian of the City of the Bayan, lest there enter it any immoral one who hath turned away from God, the Mighty, the Loving. When thou attainest unto My Book and findest the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say: Praise be to Thee, O Master of the seen and unseen! I testify that Thou hast come from the dayspring of the Cause with the banners of verses and the standards of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who seeth with insight, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

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=== START BH04022 ===

O Mirza Hasan! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! A mention from Us to him who hath believed in God on a day wherein the greatest terror appeared and the Lord of Destiny came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over all contingent beings. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Hasan! Hearken unto what Husayn proclaimeth unto thee. By the life of God! The tale of the Wronged

One Who was martyred in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath recurred. The people of the Furqan have perpetrated what they perpetrated aforetime. Thereby hath the affliction of the Apostle and the Pure One been renewed. She crieth out saying: “Fie upon you, O people of the Furqan! Ye have committed once again that which hath caused hearts to melt and eyes to weep.” O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who set his face toward the Most Exalted Horizon when he departed from the Land of Ta, turning unto the Divine Lote-Tree. By My life! He departed with such detachment that he passed by nothing except that he perceived therefrom the fragrance of the love of God, and all things pronounced blessings upon him, until he attained unto the praised station. I bear witness that he witnessed what God had witnessed, and acknowledged what God had acknowledged, and wandered far from his homeland purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, until he discovered the fragrance of reunion and ascended unto God, the Lord of existence. He endured in the path of God that which most of mankind hath not endured. To this beareth witness the Lord of the last and the first in this preserved scroll. He found solace in adversity through his love for God, the Lord of all names. Blessed is he who loveth him and maketh mention of him through that which the All-Merciful hath sent down for him in this forbidden spot. I beseech God to aid his successors to serve His Cause, to make mention of Him and to praise Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Beloved.

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=== START BH04023 ===

O Abu’l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God

In His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise

A mention from Us to him who turned to the Sea and attained the lights of the Countenance when the Dawning-Place of utterance came with manifest sovereignty. The attraction of love seized him in such wise that he became detached from his homeland, turning towards the Seat of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, until he entered the Pole of Paradise, the Station wherein the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of His Great Name. And he beheld what Moses desired and heard what the Beloved heard when He ascended to a mighty and glorious station.

O Abu’l-Hasan! God willing, through infinite bounties, the Revealer of verses shall cause thee to traverse the lands of God with complete eagerness and longing, and to perfume all with the fragrance of divine remembrance and the sweet scents of the Merciful’s raiment. Praise be to God that thou didst arrive at the Most Great Sea and didst attain the Dawning-Place of infinite suns. With thine own eyes thou didst behold and with thine own ears thou didst hear that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard. Know thou the worth of this most great bounty and be thou engaged at all times in the remembrance of the All-Merciful. All thy services are known and accepted before God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity that this word of acceptance is greater in God’s sight than the treasures of earth and heaven. Praise the Ancient Lord that thou hast attained to this most great station. The Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged thy service and accepted what thou didst bear in His path. This mention We have made a treasure for thee in the treasuries of the Tablets of thy Lord, the Guardian over the worlds. Convey greetings from the Prisoner to all the friends and gladden them all with infinite bounties. Verily, glory be

upon thee and upon him who loveth thee for the sake of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH04024 ===

O Mirza Mahmud! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! A mention from Us to him who made mention before the Throne, that the fragrances of remembrance may stir him to a station wherein he will soar on wings of longing unto God, the Lord of all men. He hath turned unto Him Who turned unto him, and spoken in praise of those who have arisen to aid His Cause throughout the lands. Blessed is he who hath gathered the pearls of inner meanings from their mine and left the words of the people to the people of idle fancies. Happy is he who hath drunk the crimson wine from the white hand, and been so overcome with intoxication as to be detached from all creation. Say: This is the Kawthar of My utterance amongst My creation, and the choice wine of My knowledge for My servants. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and drunk thereof at the dawning of the light of My Beauty from the horizon of My Face that shineth upon all regions. Think not that those who are heedless of the Cause are other than the people of error. Their deeds shall condemn them, even should they circle round the House and arise at dawn. Say: None hath any protection this Day save he who hasteneth with his heart unto the Dayspring of grace, whereby hearts are assured and eyes are gladdened. Say: O people! By God, the Ultimate Tree calleth out in the kingdom of creation, yet ye remain heedless though ye were created for this sweetest call. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation. How long will ye follow vain desires? Turn ye unto the Countenance of guidance that hath appeared in such wise that the veils of the wicked could not prevent it. Break ye the cup of idle fancy through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then take ye the chalice of success through the name of the Cleaver of Dawn. Thus have We quickened the bodies of words through the outpourings of the ocean of utterance of thy Lord, Who controlleth the winds. When thou hast attained unto this Tablet and been attracted by the Kawthar of the All-Merciful, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of praise, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the glory of the heavens and earth.

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In My Most Great Name! My remembrance of My servant is, by My life, more excellent than the choicest wine, more beloved than the purest water, more crystalline than the Kawthar of life, and sweeter than any water created in all the worlds. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down this clear remembrance. Is there anyone who recognizeth this most great station? Is there any possessor of sight who beholdeth this luminous horizon? Say: Through My remembrance the Most Great Sea appeared, and through My name the Faithful Spirit was created. Say: Through My call the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and through My will every trustworthy Messenger was sent forth. Through My love the Fire appeared on the Mount, and through My name the Trumpet was blown and the graves arose, were ye of those who know. Through My fire the world was set ablaze, and through My light every sincere and informed one was guided. Through My call every learned one was attracted, and through My word all

who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck. Blessed is the people who recognized, and every eye that turned to the All-Seeing. Through My movement all created things moved, and through My rising the people arose unto the Lord of the worlds. Through My grief appeared the most great terror, and from My joy the people of Paradise hastened unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The rock was seized by the rapture of My verses, and creation by the fragrance of My luminous robe. We have manifested Our Self and sent down the verses and informed the servants of what the All-Merciful revealed in the Bayan, that they might turn to Him with radiant hearts and shining faces. But the people heard not what they were commanded, and We found them struck down. He is indeed the All-Informed. Thus hath God sent down for thee that which gladdeneth thy heart and solaceth the eyes of them that know. Remember thy Lord, that perchance the hearts of the heedless may be attracted thereby. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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=== START BH04026 ===

O My Name Mahdi! Upon thee be My glory! What thou didst send was observed. However, regarding the hope of souls who have turned and their orientation to this direction - We have commanded all people with wisdom, and certainly the attention of known souls will cause agitation and spread of false statements. By My life! He who desires My presence is among those who have attained the presence of My countenance, heard My call, and attained the Kawthar of My meeting and the choice wine of My reunion. Verily from the Most Exalted Pen is written the reward of attainment for whomever desires it. Thy Lord is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Through this very desire they have attained to this Most Great Remembrance - they must give thanks to their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. In all matters We have been and are mindful of what benefits the servants themselves, and God is sufficient as witness. Regarding transactions, if you observe any benefit from your going - that is, if rights can be paid according to divine law without any harm occurring - in this case there is and was no objection. And regarding the matter of the name H, do whatever you deem advisable. As he wrote, it is difficult, for here no one is seen who intends to send funds to the land of A and land of M. In any case, do whatever you deem advisable. If you intend to engage in trade and seek profit, in this case request it - there is no objection. The servant in attendance performs one visitation for every letter that arrives from you. God willing, may all be assisted in what befits the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH04027 ===

O Mulla Karim, upon whom be the glory of God! I am the Hearer, the Answerer. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and called all unto His straight path. Among the people are those whom the wine of the sweetness of utterance hath so enraptured that they have cast away the world and turned unto the Most Great Name, and among them are those who have clung to their desires, turning away from God, the Lord of all men. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this glorious and gracious station. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Wronged One. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which, were it to be cast upon

the barren earth, would cause red roses to spring forth therefrom through the wafting of the breeze of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies and turned unto God when the learned and the mystics turned away from Him, save those whom God aided as a grace from Him - and He is the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who taught thee the commanding Word of God, acquainted thee with the Balance, guided thee to His path, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Take thou the chalice of eternity in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names, then drink therefrom despite those who have turned away and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, that which was recorded in the Books of God hath appeared, and He Who was promised by the tongue of the Messengers hath come. Cast away what ye possess, then turn ye unto the Most Sublime Horizon, the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful been diffused. Blessed is he who hath seen and found, and woe unto the heedless. Rejoice thou in that God hath forgiven thy father and ordained for thee what He desired as a grace from Him - and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

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=== START BH04028 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired, that He might draw all men nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Most Bountiful, the Most Generous. He hath commanded all to observe justice and fairness, and to practice that which is prescribed in His perspicuous Book. He hath commanded all to draw near unto the Divine Lote-Tree, and hath forbidden souls from following their desires. He, verily, is the Lord of all beings. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which is commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and hath been honored with the hearing of thy Lord, the Hearer, the Answerer. We have answered thee with that which causeth the eyes of them that are nigh to be solaced. What thou didst mention in thy letter hath grieved Me. We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed to accomplish that which will exalt His Cause, the All-Compelling, the All-Wise.

Say: O my God, my God! I testify that Thou hast caused the verses to be revealed and hast manifested the clear proofs, and hast stood before the faces of the world and called all unto the Dayspring of Thy Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy Most Exalted Pen and by the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world, and in Thy worlds, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. O Lord! I am the supplicant and Thou art the One Who answereth; Thou art the Self-Sufficient and I am the poor one; Thou art the Mighty and I am the lowly one. I beseech Thee by Thy power before which the power of the world hath bowed down, and by Thy might which hath encompassed the nations, to make me in all conditions looking toward Thy horizon, speaking Thy praise, and standing ready to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved

ones. Thou, verily, hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Ordain for me, O my God, that which will gladden me and bring joy to my heart. Thou, verily, art the Giver, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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=== START BH04029 ===

In the Name of the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, the Unique! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Point in the land of joy, at which all stand amazed by His command. Say: Verily hath the Truth appeared in the temple of servitude, yet all fail to perceive it. Say: Verily hath the Qa'im shone forth from the horizon of Glory, and we bear witness unto Him. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the Truth! The Expected One hath appeared and we have truly submitted ourselves unto Him. Say: Verily hath He Who is seated manifested Himself, and we behold Him. Say: God is sovereign over His servants, and all shall be gathered unto Him. He is God, there is no God but Him, and unto Him shall all return. All who are in the heavens and on earth worship Him, and we are among His worshippers. He it is Who witnesseth whatsoever the hands of men have wrought, and we are among those who bear witness. Glorified be He Who giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life through His grace as He pleaseth, and we are among those who are sincere unto Him. All in the heaven and the clouds bow down before Him, and we are among those who prostrate themselves. Say: O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto the call of that Bird soaring in the atmosphere of these words with the mystery of raptures, if ye be among those who know. O Thou Who art the Robe of Glory and the Manifestation of Rapture and the Mystery of the Cloud in this nether world! Hearken unto My call and be not among the despairing ones. Know thou that all We have enjoined upon thee in this Book is the truth wherein there is no doubt; be not among the heedless ones. And when thou meetest the loved ones, spread these words before them that God may number them among His righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Let the beloved of God, Dhu'l-Qarnayn Iskandar Nuri, take note and let the details of conditions be privately conveyed to him.

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=== START BH04030 ===

O Mirza Asadu'llah in the City! In the name of our Lord, the Mighty, the Helper! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them a proof for all who are in the kingdom. Verily they are the cord of God between earth and heaven. Therefore hold fast unto them, O people, and deprive not yourselves of their grace. And thou, O Asad, hearken unto the call of thy Lord at a time when the dogs of hatred have surrounded Him from every direction, and He seeketh help from none save God, Who created all things by His command and Who hath power over all things. Be thou as a lion in the path of God, such that nothing shall make thee fear in the Cause of thy Lord; rather, let every doubting soul fear thee. Stand firm in the Cause of God and His religion, then aid it with whatsoever thou art able. Verily He aideth whom He willeth through His grace, and He is wise over all things. His aid is the teaching of His Cause among His servants with wisdom that was in the Mother Book unassailable. Beware lest thou turn unto the world and what is therein. Rather, purify thyself from its defilement, then turn unto the lights of

His beautiful countenance. Say: There is no protector today for anyone from God's command, nor shall anything profit a soul except following the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty glory. Remember thy Lord in thy days and nights, and forget not His grace upon thee, for His grace upon thee is abundant. Stand firm in the Cause of God and His love and be detached from all else. Thus hath the command been sent down from the direction of a wondrous throne. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who follow the Cause of God and have taken for themselves a path unto Him.

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=== START BH04031 ===

In the Name of Him Who hath power over what was and what will be! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses unto people who perceive. These verses are indeed the decisive Word between the servants. Blessed are the people who understand. Say: The Balance moveth, would ye but recognize it, and the Path speaketh, would ye but hear it. Say: This is He at Whose presence the mighty ones were shaken and the verses trembled, would ye but know it. This is He Who cannot be compared with anyone, would ye but ponder it. Say: This is He Who hath not read what ye possess, nor was He among those who are taught. Say: With Him is the knowledge of all things - to this testifieth what hath appeared from Him - yet most people do not understand.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Thy letter which thou didst send through the servant who is present before the Throne hath come before the Countenance, and We have become acquainted with its contents. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom in all matters. This is God's decree in most of the Tablets, yet most people remain veiled therefrom. Say: O people! Transgress not beyond it, nor commit that which would kindle the fire of hatred. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Lord of Names, if ye be of them that know. Grieve not over anything, but stand firm in the Cause. Thy Lord is the Best of Protectors. Illumine faces with the lights of thy Lord's remembrance, and hearts with His Name, the One with power over the worlds.

O 'Ali! We make mention of thee most often and We see thy condition. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is God's favor unto thee, with which nothing on earth can compare. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them who have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Great.

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=== START BH04032 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaks upon the Branches

Glorified be He Who uttered the First Word and caused the people of Baha to speak it in the Kingdom of Creation. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is the One by Whom the Books of God, both before and after, were adorned, yet most of the people are heedless. Through Him the Kingdom of Utterance moved and the Sun of Knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet, by the command of the Mighty, the Wise.

O thou who gazest toward My horizon and hast attained unto the Kawthar of My love! Hearken unto My call. Verily, He mentioneth thee as a favor from Him, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Thy letter hath arrived and the Servant present read it. When it was completed, We took it with the hand of loving-kindness and beheld it as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We found from it the fragrance of sincerity, to this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, as doth he who was present before the throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great.

Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Face of God and the heart that hath turned to His luminous horizon. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor. Verily He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth that which profiteth him in every world of His worlds. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. We have sent down for every name that was in thy letter that which will solace his eyes and gladden the hearts of them that know.

Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! When the manifestation of Satan cometh unto you with the book of wickedness, cast it behind you, placing your trust in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: Be ye as flames of fire in the love of your Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the world behind their backs and taken hold of that which they were bidden in a perspicuous Book.

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XXIV

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! I implore Thee by Them Who are the Tabernacles of Thy Divine holiness, Who are the Manifestations of Thy transcendent unity and the Day-Springs of Thine inspiration and revelation, to grant that Thy servants may not be kept back from this Divine Law which, at Thy will and according to Thy pleasure, hath branched out from Thy most great Ocean. Do Thou, then, ordain for them that which Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones and for the righteous among Thy creatures, whose constancy in Thy Cause the tempests of trials have failed to shake, and whom the tumults of tests have been powerless to hinder from magnifying Thy most exalted Word–the Word through Which the heavens of men's idle fancies and vain imaginations have been split asunder. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

Enable, then, Thy servants, O my God, to recognize the Day-Star that hath shone forth above the horizon of Thine irrevocable decree and purpose, and suffer them not to be deprived of the Paradise which Thou, by Thy name, the All-Glorious, hast called into being in the heavens of Thine exalted omnipotence. Cause them, moreover, O my God, to hearken to Thy most sweet voice, that they may all hasten to recognize Thy unity and acknowledge Thy oneness, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the hearts of all that yearn after Thee, and the Object of the adoration of such as have known Thee!

I beseech Thee, by them that have cut down all the idols in this Revelation through which the Most Grievous Convulsion and the Great Terror have appeared, to assist, at all times, Thy servants with the signs of Thine almighty power and the evidences of Thy transcendent and all-compelling might. Grant,

then, that their hearts may be made as strong as brass, that they may remain unmoved by the overpowering might of such as have transgressed against Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine Essence and the Day-Spring of Thine invisible Self, and that they may all arise to glorify and help Thee, so that through them the ensigns of Thy triumph may be lifted up in Thy realm, and the standards of Thy Cause may be unfurled throughout Thy dominions. Thou art He who from everlasting hath, though the potency of His will, been all-powerful, and will continue to remain the same for ever and ever. Thou art, verily, the All-Glorious, the Most High. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Help in Peril, the Most Great, the One Being, the Incomparable, the All-Glorious, the Unrestrained.

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In the Name of God, the Most Powerful

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I make mention of Thee after realizing that any remembrance of aught else but Thee befitteth not Thy presence? And how can I fail to make mention of Thee when I find within my heart the love of Thy beauty? Reason saith: Make no mention of Him, for He hath ever been sanctified above the remembrance of all beings and exalted beyond the recognition of all creatures. The wings of comprehension of the sincere ones cannot soar into the atmosphere of His nearness, nor can the hearts of those who draw nigh unto Him approach Him. But Love saith: Make mention of Him howsoever thou pleaseth, for He is nearer to thee than thy life-vein. Withhold not the tongue, even for less than a moment, from the wondrous remembrance of Him, nor the eyes from beholding the lights of His countenance.

I say, O my God, I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens. I find no path except toward Thee and no refuge save in Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made as a fire in the hearts of the lovers and the Beloved of the hearts of the yearning ones, that Thou cast me not out from the court of Thy mercy nor prevent me from arriving at the shore of the sea of Thy oneness. O Lord! All men have confessed their powerlessness to praise and glorify Thee - how much more this handmaiden who is more insignificant than an ant in Thy kingdom! Yet O my God and my Beloved, the wonders of Thy grace have drawn me unto Thee and Thy bounty hath emboldened me. Therefore do I make mention of Thee and say: O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Self and by the manifestation of Thy names in the kingdom of creation, that Thou send down upon me that which will remove from me the odors of this world and make me pure for Thy sake and turning toward the sanctuary of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the One Who rules over earth and heaven! The Mystery of God from the Tree of Light upon the Spot of Manifestation has truly been witnessed. This is the Day wherein mysteries have been revealed, the trees have spoken, and the Lote-Tree of the Far

Boundary has given glad tidings to the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablet. O people of names! Do not deprive yourselves from the Dayspring of the Cause, and follow not the vain imaginings of those who were, through justice, debarred from the Ocean of Light. Say: Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from the Dawning-Place of Beauty. Cast aside that which is imaginary and take what you have been given on this Day, wherein the Sun of Utterance has shone forth from a horizon which was mentioned in the Book by the name of God. Your name was present before the Wronged One. We have mentioned you with verses that nothing in existence can equal. Thus did the ocean surge and the fragrance waft through this Name, whereby the limbs of every idolater who was remote from the horizon of nearness did tremble. When the attraction of My choice wine takes hold of you and My call draws you, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me, and thanks be to Thee for having strengthened me, and glory be to Thee for having guided me. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the spring of Thy mercy and the lights of the Orb of Thy manifestation to ordain me as one of those whom no oppressor's wrong nor the power of any wicked one deterred, who with supreme steadfastness turned to Thee and gave up their lives in Thy path, O Lord of all beings! Then write down for me, through Thy bountiful favors, that which will make me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

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In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds! The Sun of the Will of the Lord of Names hath dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, that all who are in the world may attain, through the Will of God, and be not deprived or withheld from the lights of the Sun of Truth and the waves of the ocean of His grace. The cause of this withholding hath been the vain imaginings of the people, which in every age and time have kept them back from the Lord of mankind. Blessed is the soul that rendeth asunder the veils of idle fancies with the hand of certitude, and, detached from all else but God, turneth toward the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-Place of His Cause. Mention of thee hath been made before this Prisoner, and We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet that thou mayest not be deprived of the fragrances from the gardens of inner meanings and the sweet-scented breezes of the Merciful's utterance. Shouldst thou ponder somewhat upon the revealed verses and manifest signs, thou wouldst pass beyond the world and all therein, and witness thyself steadfast in the Cause of God. This is a Day wherein if any deed or word appeareth from anyone for the sake of God, it shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. The world hath never had, nor hath it now, any constancy, as is evident to them that are endowed with vision. Take thou the Kawthar of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof in defiance of such as dwell within the realm of possibility who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great. Sacred Books have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will - request them from the loved ones and study them, that ye may become aware of the greatness of this Cause and arise to exalt the Word of God. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and

praise, and to manifest through thee that which shall cause thy mention to endure in His mighty and inaccessible Kingdom.

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O Habib, who has attained unto His Most Holy, Most Exalted Name! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The world hath been illumined with the lights of recognition, inasmuch as the Kingdom of Utterance hath appeared in the realm of possibility, yet most of the people understand not. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised in the Kingdom of creation, yet the people hear not. They have cast the Revelation of God behind their backs, following every heedless and veiled one. O Habib! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven, and before the letter "K" was joined to the letter "N": He hath indeed come with the standards of verses and a manifest sovereignty. Blessed art thou for having sought the Most Exalted Goal and turned unto the Countenance after the passing away of all things. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty which all the treasures and riches cannot equal. Blessed is he who hath migrated, advancing toward the Most Exalted Horizon until he entered and attained and heard the call of the Wronged One. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Light was shining from the horizon of utterance and the Speaker of Sinai proclaimed: There is none other God but Me, the Lord of the visible and invisible. Take thou God's tablet and its traces and place them upon thine eyes, and say: Praise be unto Thee for having honored me with this irrevocable Book. This is a tablet from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of the favors of their Lord, the Lord of existence. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of Command with the Day-Star of verses. Blessed is he who hath witnessed, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God did testify when He came with a Cause greater than the creation of the heavens and earth, and with a remembrance whereby the slumbering ones were awakened and they that lay in the graves arose.

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In the Name of Ya, O Haji Husayn! He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that this is indeed 'Ali in the Most Glorious Horizon, and Muhammad in the Kingdom of Eternity, and Husayn before 'Ali in this Holy and Luminous Temple. O servant! Hearken unto the Call of God from this blessed and holy Divine Tree upon this blessed and unified Spot. God! There is none other God but Me, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Beware lest thou forget the remembrance of God, then remember My imprisonment and tribulation among these polytheists. Purify thy heart from what hath befallen it, then detach thyself from the worlds. Say: O people! Do ye doubt Him through Whom every proof hath appeared, every Cause hath shone forth, and every clear evidence hath come? Say: O people! Fear ye God and dispute not with Him by Whose command the heavens and earths were created. And when thou perceivest that anyone preventeth thee

from God and His love, know thou that he is Satan, even though outwardly he be of the highest of creation. Thus doth the Tongue of the Cause teach thee. Act according to what thou art commanded and be possessed of clear insight. Neither grieve over the world nor rejoice in it, for it shall pass away and no mention of it shall remain with thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Bear thou the trust of God which is My love. Whoso beareth it shall be among the most wealthy of servants, for he possesseth that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the heavens and earth. And whoso depriveth himself thereof shall be among the poorest of creation in the sight of thy Lord, even though he possesseth all the gold and pearls of precious worth that fill the heavens and earth. Thus have We made mention of thee and cast upon thee the words of truth that thou mayest be of them that know.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

My tongue and My pen bear witness that thou hast turned to the Wronged One, clinging to His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hast traversed land and sea until thou didst reach the shore of the Most Great Ocean and didst behold the waves of His utterance and the pearls of His knowledge, and didst drink the choice wine of revelation from the cup of thy Lord's bountiful favor. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, and by Him was the trumpet blast sounded, and all who are in the heavens and earth were struck down, save those whom God rescued by the hand of power. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed art thou, O 'Azim, for having arrived and heard the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and for having attained unto that which was inscribed in God's Scrolls and Books and treasured within the hearts of His Messengers. We beseech God to aid thee and assist thee in serving Him, in remembering Him and praising Him, and to reinforce thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Nothing can withhold Him, nor can anything elude His knowledge. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised. When thou beholdest the radiance of Baha in his countenance, convey My greetings unto him and remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and earth. Blessed is 'Ali-Akbar! We bear witness that he turned to God, the Lord of all men, in the earliest days, and rent asunder the veils of glory with the finger of certitude, and shattered the idols of vain imaginings by the command of God, the Lord of all worlds. We, verily, aided him and drew him nigh and taught him and made him know, and showed him My straight path and the Great Announcement. Splendor be upon you and upon those who have attained unto this mighty, this unshakeable Cause.

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He is the Living One

The holy Countenances are in motion, and the faces of intimacy are in haste, and the doves of paradise are in song, and the maidens of mercy are in melodious chant. In these days when the heavens of

attraction have been raised up, and the sun of rapture has risen from the horizon of appearance, and the stars of joy have become manifest, and the moons of might have become radiant - so that the garden of beauty might be adorned with the ornaments of majesty, and the earth of splendor might be spread out upon the throne of the cloud, and the nightingale of gladness might warble with verses of joy upon the branches of the Tree of Sinai, and the leaves of the Tree of Paradise and the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree might come into motion and manifestation - that perchance sanctified souls might be drawn to their original homeland, and purified hearts might circle round and prostrate themselves before the jewels and pure camphor essence in the divine throne of manifestation, that they might taste of the endless bounties and drink from the resplendent fountains of the eyes of grace. Thus have the channels of allusion, like ships in motion, coursed upon the sea of contingent beings, that the countenance of love might become visible from all created things, and the essence of affection might appear within the realities of all mentioned things. O beloved! The heavens of My Being have been raised up for the expansion of thy earth, and the Dove of My Reality hath warbled due to the appearance of attraction in thy inmost heart, that thy essence might rejoice within thy essence and thy heart might find rest within thy heart, that thou mayest remember the people and summon them unto the path of the Living, the Exalted One. Gather the companions and loved ones upon the comprehensive, eternal Word and let them not grow cold or be deprived of the fruits of grace. I remember Mahmud. Convey My greetings to the male and female devotees. A temple in the blessed handwriting was sent.

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He Who speaketh in [the letter] Qaf - He is the Speaker in all things. They have expelled Us from one city and caused Us to enter another, and at the pole of tribulation the Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth between earth and heaven: “The Beloved of the worlds hath been imprisoned. He Who desired to free all who are on earth from the prison of self and passion hath been imprisoned through what the hands of the idolaters have wrought.” Say: Tribulation is as water for that which We have sown in hearts. Soon there shall grow from it ears of corn, each grain whereof shall proclaim: “There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise.” Let not the words of those who have denied God grieve thee, nor the deeds of the oppressors. By God! We are in manifest joy and call the servants unto God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. God hath made tribulation a crown for the head of Baha. Through it shall the horizons shine forth, even as We informed you before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a day wherein that which lay hidden in the breasts of the idolaters is made manifest and the faces of those near unto God shine forth. Arise from the horizon of assurance with the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise as to attract thereby the hearts of those who have advanced. Look not upon the world and what thou seest therein of hardship and prosperity. By My life! All who are therein shall perish, and there shall endure what hath been ordained for thee by One mighty and powerful. Were there any glory in it, the Ancient Beauty would not have remained in this Most Great Prison. By God! Were We to desire it, We could seize the spirits of all who are on earth with but one word from Him. Verily thy Lord hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Be thou a helper to the Cause of thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, that perchance through thee the veil may be removed from the eyes of the heedless. This is

the greatest of all deeds in the sight of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. He aideth whomsoever He willeth through His command. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

The servants are occupied with their vain desires and rejoice in the possession of fleeting ornaments, while We, in tribulation, call upon the Lord of Names at eventide and at dawn. By My life! I love tribulation in the path of God, the Creator of all things, even as people love their sight - nay, even more. Your Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, bears witness to this. Soon shall Our sorrow pass away and their joy shall end. Then shall We be in the most exalted station, while they shall be in the lowest fires. Were We to mention the stations of those who have turned to the Countenance, by My life, the pens would be thunderstruck. Do you see any permanence in what they possess, when all things testify to their transience? Take heed, O people of insight! Say: How long will you forsake guidance and follow desire? Open your eyes! Your days are spent, and soon what remains of them shall pass. Hearken to God's counsel, then turn to Him in spirit and fragrance. Beware lest you take the Evil One as your lord instead of God. Break the idols by the power of your Lord, the Master of all necks. Beware lest you believe him who brings you Satan's news, for he is among those who have fabricated lies against God, and in whose heart burns the fire of enmity and hatred. Thus has his soul enticed him, and he has turned away from God, the Lord of lords. Purify your faces, then turn with your hearts to the Sacred House. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided us to the path of righteousness, for having made Thyself known to us in Thy days, and for having sent down to us in the prison that which brings joy to the eyes of the loved ones. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name to make us among those who are steadfast in Thy Cause, whom nothing can deter from turning to Thy Name, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, Most Ancient! All things have turned towards God, the Cleaver of the heavens, yet most of the people are far removed. The vain desires of those whom they have taken as lords beside God have prevented them - verily, they are among the perishing ones. The Tongue of Grandeur calls them, yet they have cast it behind their backs and turned to every ignorant remote one. Say: Ye were created for this Call. By God! Were ye to turn with illumined hearts to God, the Lord of Names, there would flow from your hearts the river of wisdom and utterance in this perspicuous News. Say: Is there any doubt about it, or about that which ye possess? Be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers. Every proof hath bowed down before My Cause, and every evidence hath yielded to this manifest and mighty proof. Fear God, and deprive not yourselves of that for which ye were created. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you, as a favor from Him, if ye be of them that comprehend. Nothing can profit Him nor can any matter harm Him. God hath rendered Him sanctified from all that ye possess. Every discerning one who knoweth beareth witness to this. Beware lest ye follow them who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and turned away from Him unto Whom the Concourse on High, then the

Prophets and Messengers have turned. Set your faces toward the Most Remote Prison - verily it is the Sadratul-Muntaha, if ye be of the assured ones. Thus have We imparted unto you the word of truth: whoso turneth toward it, he is of the people of Baha, and whoso turneth away, he is of the companions of the Fire. Blessed is the eye that hath turned to this quarter, and the face that hath turned toward the Face, and the heart that hath turned to God, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth of His servants and reveal unto whomsoever He desireth that whereby His mention shall be established in creation. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In His Name, Who is established upon the throne of grandeur and power! The Water of Life hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet the people have turned away from it, following every heedless doubter. By God! The Essence of the Word crieth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, yet people make themselves deaf to hearing this most wondrous and glorious Call. The essence of existence hath hastened in its longing toward the Worshipped One, yet the people remain in manifest veils. Is there anyone who will arise to serve the Cause in the name of God and His sovereignty, and draw nigh unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation, detached from all else save Him? Blessed is he who hath attained on this day unto the sweet savors of the Beloved and the fragrances that have been wafted from His luminous garment.

Thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne hath been received and hath attained unto this glorious presence. We have found from it the fragrance of turning unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and We have sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. Be thou speaking in remembrance of God and serving His Cause which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest the allusions of the people veil thee or the doubts of those who have denied the Day of Judgment prevent thee. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto the Tablet of God and for having been mentioned before His mighty throne.

We make mention in this station of Our servant who hath been named Husayn, that the verses of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, may attract him. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having cast away that which the people possess and taken that which thou wert commanded by One powerful and ancient. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention to the people of this Remembrance whereby the eyes of those who possess true knowledge have been solaced. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

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=== START BH04046 ===

Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali ibn Ah, upon them both be the Glory of God (66)

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We have observed thy turning unto Us and have turned unto thee from this Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “There is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book which, when sent down from the heaven of thy Lord’s Will, caused all things to proclaim: “By God! The Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty!” This is the Day of Remembrance and Utterance, yet the people perceive not. This is the Day wherein the Herald calleth out continually: “Rejoice, O peoples of the earth, for the Most Great Joy hath appeared, inasmuch as the Temple of the Cause hath been established upon the throne of His Name, the Self-Subsisting.”

Say: Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a Command from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Soon shall your ornaments and that wherein ye take pride this day perish, while that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen shall endure in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God when heedless servants turned away from Him - they who cast behind them God’s Covenant and Testament by following every rejected ignorant one. We ordained the sciences for the knowledge of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, yet when He appeared in truth, every imagined learned one turned away from Him. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of glory have not withheld from the All-Glorious, the Self-Sufficient. We testify that he is of the people of Baha in a preserved Tablet.

We send Our greetings from this Station to the faces of Our loved ones in that place, who have held fast to the Book when it was sent down in truth and who have acted according to that which they were commanded by the True One, the Knower of things unseen. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and those with thee, from God, the Lord of all kingdoms.

=== END BH04046 ===

=== START BH04047 ===

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Wise

The Wronged One testifeth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the One mentioned in the Books, the Scriptures and the Tablets. Through Him knowledge hath appeared before the faces of the world and the Sun of Understanding hath shone forth from the horizon of this Heaven which was named the Most Great Prison in My perspicuous Book. We have manifested the Cause when the heedless entered into this mighty Stronghold. O peoples of the earth! By God, that which was hidden from eyes and inscribed in God’s Books, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. Beware lest human conditions prevent you from the Possessor of Destiny Who proclaimeth: “There is none other God but I, the Most High, the Most Great.” The standard of Islam hath been reversed and its throne demolished by what the hands of the heedless have wrought - they who broke God’s Covenant and Testament and cast aside what was sent down from His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow ye the straight path of God. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye the Lord of Names. He hath come with the truth with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and earth. Through your oppression the Apostle hath lamented in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Spirit in the Supreme Kingdom, and the Wronged One in this noble station. We summoned them to the Living Waters but they

issued a decree against Us. Lo! They are among the most lost. From the Pen of God, the Lord of this luminous Day: O thou who gazest toward My horizon, hearken unto My call. We have remembered thee in a Tablet whereby the Supreme Concourse and the dwellers of this glorious and mighty Scene are blessed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world, turning unto the Lord of Eternity Who hath appeared with the truth and spoken amongst the nations that which hath caused the limbs of those who denied God, the Almighty, the Powerful, to quake.

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=== START BH04048 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan al-Aqdas al-A'la! Even the pebble hath testified unto God, the Lord of Names and Attributes, yet the people of allusions have deprived themselves of the fragrances of the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. The trees cry out "The Chosen One hath come!" yet the wicked are in manifest loss. When it is said to them "The Promised One hath appeared," they say "Where is the proof?" after it hath encompassed the worlds. Say: Die in your wrath! The All-Giving hath come, riding upon the clouds, and the sincere behold and say "I believe in Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the worlds!" Blessed is he who hath turned to his Lord and detached himself from all else. Woe unto the transgressors!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having caused thy name to flow from the Pen of Revelation - this is indeed a manifest bounty. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee and be mindful of His Cause among the servants, that perchance they who slumber may arise and turn with their hearts toward this noble Scene. Let nothing in thy Lord's days grieve thee. Trust in Him in all matters - verily He is with His trusting servants. When thou hast quaffed the wine of life and attained unto thy Lord's verses, arise amidst the concourse of creation saying: "This is He Who was mentioned in God's ancient scriptures, and this is He Who was promised to you in the Tablets, if ye be of those who know!"

If thou wishest to mention thy Lord, mention Him with wisdom lest a sedition arise causing the feet of the weak to slip. Protect the Cause from all directions lest the fire of hatred be kindled in the breasts of the deluded ones. Through wisdom have We revealed the Cause and through it have We commanded you in all the Tablets. Hold fast unto it from One mighty and all-knowing. Say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known to me and given me to drink from the cup of Thy bounty. I testify that Thou art the Bestower, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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=== START BH04049 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

The Dove hath sung, but is there any ear to hear? The Peacock hath spread its plumes, but is there any eye to see? He whom the wine of passion hath seized turneth not to the All-Highest Horizon. He who is heedless knoweth not the sweetness of wakefulness, and he whose heart is inscribed knoweth not the delight of effacement. Among men are those who hate the sincere counselor and flee from the agreeable

friend. They oppose those who agree with them and deny those who accompany them. They detest those who call them unto God and love those who support them in their desires. They run from the wise to the heedless, and from the learned to the ignorant. They distinguish not between what harmeth them and what profiteth them. They race through the wilderness of error in search of a mirage. Soon shall they find themselves at loss in the end. Many a seeing one whom passion blindeth, many a knower left to wander in error. Doth the wise one boast, knowing he was created from fetid clay? Or doth he glory, while death lurketh behind him? Say: Awaken, O heedless one, and take heed, O rational one! Blessed is he who awakeneth after his slumber and ariseth after his sleep. Know that barren soil wasteth what is cast therein, while good earth bringeth forth what benefiteth its people. We beseech God that all may be prepared to know Him in His days, that none be shut out from His door nor barred from His presence. Arise in the love of God and His Cause, then stand firm and turn not to those whom passion hath stirred. We hear their call from certain lands - avoid them and turn to the Lord of those who turn unto Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the heavens and earth, and the Lord of the mighty throne!

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

We previously revealed a tablet for you and sent it by way of Salman that you might be mindful of the remembrance of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O Zaman! Hear the call of your Lord, the Most Merciful, from the precincts of the prison and be not patient with yourself - traverse the paths of your Lord with joy and fragrance. Forget not the days of God nor what you have heard of His exalted Word. Verily, He remembers whoever remembers Him at all times. Be not occupied with the world in such wise as would make you heedless of the remembrance of your Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Soon will pass away all that you witness on earth, and sovereignty will remain with God, the Single, the One, the All-Glorious. Those who have turned away from God and been heedless of His remembrance, and have sold the beauty of divine unity for the ornaments of the contingent world - God will soon seize them with a wrath from His presence and return them to the lowest fires. Consider the world and its hours and days - do you find it remaining in one state? Nay, by your Lord, the Most Merciful! Every person of insight witnesses its changes and transience at every moment. Blessed is the one who looks upon it with penetrating vision and attains certitude and assurance. Thus have We imparted to you the word of truth that you might rejoice within yourself and detach yourself from Satan and stand firm in the love of God and the praise of His Being among the followers of all religions. Convey Our greetings to your son Javad - We previously mentioned him through Our grace and We have been with him at all times. And also to your other son who was named Husayn in the Kingdom of Names, that he might turn with his whole being to God, Who has caused all things to speak in praise of His Being and in Whose grasp lies the dominion of all that has been ordained in the realm of possibility.

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In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, yet the people do not understand. The appointed time has come and the Cause has been made manifest and the Herald has called out, yet most of the people do not hear. They have denied God's favor after its revelation and turned away from the Truth, the Knower of the unseen realms. We heard thy call and drew nigh unto Thee from the frequented House. The heedless ones cast Us into prison, but God hath made it the Most Exalted Paradise, despite every hateful polytheist. The Temple of the Cause hath been established upon the throne in this Most Great Prison, calling at one time from its right, at another from its left, and at times from before its face, summoning all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have accepted all tribulations in this path, as beareth witness He Who speaketh that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. O people of the earth! By God, the Lord of heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty. The earth hath been honored by His advent, would ye but understand. Turn ye with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon, then turn away from the dawning-places of idle fancies and the daysprings of vain imaginings. The Sun of Baha hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity in this Prison which God hath illumined with His presence. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth veiled. Thus have the heavens of utterance revolved through a breath that hath wafted from the right hand of the Will of God, the Lord of existence. Hold thou fast unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving. We have sent down for thee the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with a Cause before which armies cannot stand. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon him who hath drunk My choice wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

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Say: O people of the earth! Shame upon you and upon what your hands have wrought in these days when the Spirit was radiant from the holy horizon, while you have for a thousand years wept over Husayn for what befell him from the embodiments of wretched unbelief, and every day you cursed those who oppressed him, and this is what you did to him throughout months and years. But when Husayn appeared in truth, you slew him with the swords of your tongues morning and evening, until you drove him from your lands, as was decreed for him the first time - and this is preserved in holy scrolls. Say: O people of hatred! Do not rejoice in this, for We yearn for what has been ordained for Us from the presence of One mighty and beloved. Say: We are content with what God has written for Us, and We have willingly accepted every grievous affliction in His path. Say: Thus does God distinguish between the truthful and the false, and between light and darkness, that the lights of truth might shine forth radiantly and brilliantly from the dawning-place of this morn, and that the signs of falsehood might be made manifest to all the worlds. By God! We have placed Our trust in God, our Lord, and whosoever places his complete trust in Him shall fear no one and shall turn to no other, and God is witness to this. And you, O companions of God, if you were sincere in your love for your Creator, it would behoove you to detach yourselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth, such that sovereignty would appear to you as but a handful of worthless dust. Thus does the Dove counsel those servants who wish to find a way unto Him Who owns the Throne. And the Spirit be upon you and upon all who love Him.

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Unto Thee be praise, O Lord my God! I testify that Thou art God, and that there is none other God besides Thee. Thou hast from eternity been immeasurably exalted above the praise of any one except Thee, and far above the description of any of Thy creatures. All created things have borne witness to Thy unity, and every dweller in Thy kingdom hath confessed Thy oneness. The essence of the apprehension of the assured among Thy creatures can never attain unto Thee, and the gem-like utterances with which Thy people have praised and glorified Thee can never hope to ascend unto the atmosphere of Thy holiness. For men's apprehension of Thee is but the apprehension of Thine own creation; how can it reach up to Thee? And all human praise and glorification of Thee pertain unto Thy servants; how can they be deemed worthy of the court of Thy oneness?

I swear by Thy glory! The quintessence of knowledge is powerless to comprehend Thy nature, and the inmost reality of every praise of Thee falleth short of the seat of Thy great glory and of Thine all-compelling power. Every utterance that seeketh to describe Thee, and every knowledge that attempteth to comprehend Thee, is but an expression of Thine own creating, and is begotten by Thy will, and fashioned in conformity with Thy purpose.

I implore Thee, O Thou Who art inscrutable to all except Thee, and can be comprehended through naught else save Thyself, by the wrongs which He Who is the Day-Spring of Thy Cause hath suffered at the hands of the ignoble among Thy creatures, and by what hath befallen Him in Thy path, to grant that I may, at all times, be wholly dissolved in Thee, and fix my gaze upon the horizon of Thy will and be steadfast in Thy love.

I have, O my Lord, turned unto Thee according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book, and have set my face towards the horizon of Thy loving-kindness even as Thou hast permitted me in Thy Tablets. Cast me not out of the door of Thy grace, I beseech Thee, and write down for me the recompense destined for him who hath entered Thy presence, and hath risen to serve Thee, and hath been carried away by the drops sprinkled upon him from the Ocean of Thy favors in Thy days, and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy gifts that have been shed upon him at the revelation of the light of Thy countenance.

Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. No God is there save Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, the Ever-Abiding, Who knoweth no decline!

Say: O peoples of the worlds! The proof hath come unto you from the All-Merciful. What hath made you heedless of your Lord on this Day wherein the Point of Oneness hath been fully explained and the

sovereignty of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath been made manifest? Say: Do ye deny what the Dawning-Place of divine inspiration hath brought? Then are ye in manifest error. This is the King of Days, the Day that hath seen the coming of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. This indeed is He Who hath been the Desired One throughout all eternity. Behold ye the Bayan, that ye may recognize God's Most Great Treasure, concerning Whom the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh from His right hand, pointing unto Him. By My life! This is the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Arise to serve the Cause and relate unto the people this momentous News. O peoples of the lovers! The Sun of the horizons hath grown dark. This is the Day of the Covenant, if ye be of them that know. Say: Do ye deny Him by Whom the Balance hath been set up? What aileth you that ye comprehend not that which hath been sent down from the Pen of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised? Will the world profit you? Nay, by the Lord of the Throne and of the dust! Will that which ye possess enrich you? Nay, by the Lord of the Mighty Throne!

Be thou steadfast in the Cause and fear not those who have disbelieved. Say: Take your pleasure in this vain life; soon shall the angels of divine wrath seize you, by the decree of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Verily thy Lord will aid thee in all conditions and will assist thee through His grace and will inspire thee with that which shall illumine the hearts of them that turn unto Him. Patience is praiseworthy except in teaching the Cause of thy Lord. Thus doth the Tongue of Revelation counsel thee in this manifest Prison. Every companion fleeth from his companion at the hour of death, except thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He is with whosoever hath desired Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One

From the first days until now, the Supreme Pen has summoned the people to that which draweth them nigh unto God. Glory be to God! The Divine Lote-Tree is aflame, the Fire speaketh, and the Luminary of Manifestation hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. Yet the people remain veiled and debarred. For one thousand two hundred and more years, the Shi'ih sect counted themselves the noblest, most learned, most excellent and most God-fearing people in the world. But when the touchstone appeared and the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of His countenance, all the divines and doctors turned away and pronounced sentence of death upon His most pure blood, and martyred Him. In the early years not a single soul attained. They did what all the peoples of the world had done. Glory be to God! Hadi Dawlatabadi, despite his lack of knowledge about the essence of the Cause, hath striven and continueth to strive to lead the people astray. Say: Perdition betide thee, O heedless one! This year he turned in the name of the House of God toward the dawning-place of vain imaginings, and failed to attain unto that place which, like unto the sun, hath been brilliant and radiant from the beginning of the Cause until now. They are occupied exactly like the Shi'ih sect in forming a party. Say: O thou who art devoid of justice! What benefit did the Shi'ihs derive from what they claimed? On the Day of Retribution all were deprived of the Sun of Truth and debarred from the waves of the divine ocean of

utterance. It is not known what this new party imagineth. God willing, thou shalt be set ablaze with the fire of God's love - a blaze whose effects shall encompass the world. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and aid thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Almighty, the One Who doeth as He willeth. And He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

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In His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God. The Supreme Pen hath made mention of thee before and after. Remember when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hear the Voice of the Wronged One. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the divine Will and hath held fast unto the Purpose of all the worlds. The entire world, both its divines and others, was created specifically for this wondrous Day. Yet when the Morn of Revelation dawned and the world was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all turned away save whom God willed. The cause of veils and the source of barriers have been and continue to be the ignorant divines. They are the ones who changed God's bounty into denial and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition. God willing, mayest thou ever be the recipient of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, and celebrate His praise. Convey on behalf of the True One My greetings to the loved ones in that land, that perchance a new spirit may be manifested in those temples. Say: Be not grieved by the deeds of the heedless and the veiled. All who dwell on earth are seen as children playing with clay, and they understand not. They worship idols and perceive not. What idol could be greater than he who was known as truthful but proved false? He was the greatest idol that was cast down by the hand of power, and likewise another idol. Soon thou shalt see the third in the flames. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful. Say: O friends! Fix your gaze upon God and adorn yourselves with spiritual qualities. Whatever befalleth you, refer it to God. By God's life! He will seize the wrongdoers with manifest might. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place and upon those who have attained unto My mighty Tablet.

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O Mirza Asadu'llah, surnamed Mubayyin! The Supreme Pen speaks in the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise: Mankind has been created to know God, and today the Manifestation of Power, the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Dayspring of Inspiration, and the Source of Command is speaking openly and clearly among the people of the world. He it is Who speaks "I was a Hidden Treasure," and through the wonders of His grace He has revealed Himself to all things through all His beauteous names. In this Revelation, He Who spoke the blessed words "Thou shalt not see Me" now speaks "Look and thou shalt see Me." Exalted, exalted be His grace that has encompassed all created things! Exalted, exalted be His mercy that has preceded all contingent beings! Blessed is the soul that has attained to this supreme grace and has taken the most pure wine from the hand of the mighty Giver, drinking it in complete detachment from all else. This Day has no equal or likeness, nor will it have any peer or opposite. Strive that thou mayest be illumined by the lights of His countenance and be nourished by the fruits of the divine and

heavenly Lote-Tree. Long has thy acceptance endured, and when thou didst turn, thou didst attain unto this Book that nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou must occupy thyself with the remembrance of God and guide people to the Law of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who has sent down for thee this Most Impregnable, Most Holy, Most Wondrous and Luminous Tablet. Convey Our greetings to thy mother and thy wife. We testify that they have turned to the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Creator of the heavens. Verily We hear their cry and behold them in their love for God, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Upon them be the glory of God, now and in the future and in the past.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

The Most Great Book declares: The world hath been and continues to be darkened by the breaths of the oppressors. The promised Truth is manifest and uttereth the most exalted call, yet all remain veiled and heedless save those souls whom the veils of idle fancies have not prevented from the dawnings of the lights of certitude. The source and origin of tyranny have been the divines. Through the sentences pronounced by these haughty and wayward souls the rulers of the earth have wrought that which ye have heard. The Jewish divines pronounced sentence for the crucifixion of the Spirit (Christ), and the divines of the idolaters, the Torah and the Gospel for the murder of the Lord of all beings in the land of Sad. Consider how through the verdict of certain divines there befell the Twin Luminous Lights that which caused the Apostle to lament and the Chaste One to cry out. The reins of the heedless masses have been and are in the hands of the exponents of idle fancies and vain imaginings. These decree what they please. God, verily, is clear of them, and We, too, are clear of them, as are such as have testified unto that which the Pen of the Most High hath spoken in this glorious Station. Today steadfastness is accounted among the most meritorious of deeds. Hold ye fast unto it, O people of Baha, and be not of the heedless ones. Convey to the friends in that land the greetings of the Wronged One, and gladden them all with His remembrance, that haply they may attain unto and hold fast unto that which is everlasting and enduring. Say: Verily He heareth what your tongues utter and seeth what ye do. The glory from Us be upon the friends of God and His loved ones who have cast the world behind their backs and held fast unto the Most Great Name, which proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Uttering, the All-Knowing.”

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He is God, the Triumphant, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The Divine Book, in most melodious tones within the paradise of the All-Merciful’s love, makes mention of the friends and summons all, in the sweetest voice, to the supreme horizon and the most glorious and transcendent station, saying: O friends of God and His trusted ones! Hearken unto this call that is raised

from the most exalted horizon, and deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of these days, the wavelets of the Most Great Ocean, and the breezes of revelation. This is the Day of manifestation, and He Who conversed on Sinai gives glad tidings unto all. The people of God must, with the utmost joy and radiance, aid the Cause through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. The hosts of God in this most mighty Revelation have ever been virtuous conduct, and it is incumbent upon every soul to hold fast unto it, as commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. O Aqanus! Thou art remembered before the Wronged One, and this most wondrous and most holy Tablet hath been revealed in thy name. Blessed art thou, for thou hast inhaled the fragrances of revelation and perceived the sweet-scented perfume of the verses of God, and hast attained unto this greatest bounty, in comparison with which the oceans of the world appear as but a drop. Beseech thou God–exalted be His glory–to aid thee to teach His Cause and to remain steadfast therein. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desire, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy Cause and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, by the lights of the dawn of Thy Revelation, to assist me in making mention of Thee and in praising Thee with wisdom and utterance. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned and attained unto the knowledge of God on a day wherein the divines turned away, and through their verdict the rulers, and then those servants who violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Summoning. O Buzurg! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard what was therein and have answered thee through this Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. Beware lest the doubts of those who have turned away and denied God, the Revealer of verses, prevent thee. Say: "My God, my God! I wish to hear Thy remembrance and praise from every vein of my veins, and from my hairs Thy description and the description of Thy loved ones. My God, my God! I testify that this Day is Thy Day, wherein naught should be seen save the signs of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee to inscribe me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, among those who have acknowledged Divine Unity and detached themselves from idle fancies and from that which befitteth not Thy days. O Lord! Honor me with Thy presence, or through Thy bounty and favor ordain its reward for me. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Master of the hereafter and the former times, by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, and by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thine infallibility, to make me one of the servants of Thy Cause, that I may glory therein amidst Thy servants and Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer." Convey My greetings to My loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and grace. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them to unity and harmony, draw them nigh unto Him, and ordain for them through His bounty that which befitteth His might and His manifestation and His grace and His mercy that hath preceded all created things. The glory of God, the Manifestor of clear proofs, be upon you.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of true understanding has surged in the contingent world! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who has quaffed the choice sealed Wine and believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that it may draw him to the supreme horizon and bring him near unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Hear once again the Call from the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing, raised up upon the white earth: "Verily there is no God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen." O thou who gazest toward the horizon! Look, then hear what the people of the Bayan have uttered, who turned away from the All-Merciful by following the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: By the life of God! The Point of the Bayan appeared for My Cause, My remembrance and My praise, and gave the glad-tidings to all of this Manifestation, which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of existence. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean. Cast aside vain imaginings and take what hath been sent down unto you from God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Say: Will what ye possess profit you? Nay, by the Lord of the Throne and earth! And will what the people have avail you? Nay, by My Self that ruleth over all that was and shall be! Say: O people of the Bayan! Beware lest ye reject the truth with your mouths. Observe, then judge with fairness concerning this Most Great Announcement, whereof the Qur'an, and before it the Gospel and the Psalms, gave glad-tidings. By God! Were it not for Him, the Books would not have been revealed, nor would the Messengers have been sent, could ye but know. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you from the Dayspring of proof with a perspicuous Tablet. Thus hath the Tablet manifested its lights, and the Pen its traces, and the sea its waves, and the sun its radiance and its light and its effulgence. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled.

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He is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling over all who are in earth and heaven

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from the heaven of His bounty to one of His loved ones, that He might give him to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the direction of His name, the Most Merciful, and draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God. We have sent down for thee that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. By My life! There hath been sent down for thee that which cannot be equalled by riches and sons, and which shall endure as long as the names of God, the Lord of Lords, shall endure. That which thou beholdest today shall change and perish, but that which hath been sent down for thee shall not be altered by centuries and ages.

O 'Ali! Sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions, and there hath befallen Me that which hath caused the people of the cities of justice and equity to lament. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee from this Spot which hath attained unto the presence of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Be not grieved at that which hath befallen thee. There hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that by whose light the horizons have been illumined. Give thou the glad-tidings

from Me unto thy wife and remind her of the verses of God and illumine her with the light of loving-kindness and knowledge.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder and the earth of vain imaginings was split, and through the power of Whose exalted Word all things were set in motion. I beseech Thee to make this handmaiden of Thine steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy handmaidens. O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Ordain for me from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity that which shall solace mine eyes and the eyes of Thy handmaidens. Then send down upon us from the heaven of Thy grace a mercy from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving.

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O Faran ’Ali-Aqa! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Book hath been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Verily it is the Lamp of Guidance unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and the Most Great Path unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. It calleth out to those on earth and summoneth them unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It saith: I am the Blessed Leaf, upon which the Pen of Command hath inscribed that which attracteth the hearts of those who remember. Blessed is he who hath recognized my ways, hearkened unto my melodies, and attained unto that which his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath willed. O people of Baha! Arise to offer praise between earth and heaven, then speak forth that which the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken. Verily there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. Draw ye nigh unto the Fire which We have kindled with the Finger of Power, that it may generate in your hearts the warmth of remembrance of My wondrous Name. It is a warmth that neither the coldness of allusions nor the whisperings of the sinful can extinguish. Blessed is the man who hath stood firm in this mighty Cause, and the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of God, detached from all else save Him. Say: Beware lest ye render your deeds null and void through that which your desires command you. Abandon that which your minds reject, then follow that which ye have been commanded by your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto reason and recognized it from all else besides it, and woe unto him who hath cast it behind his back - he is assuredly among the ignorant. O servant! When thou hearest the Call that hath been raised in the Tablet and attainest unto the utterance of the All-Merciful, arise to aid the Wronged One and be not of them that hesitate. Thou wert created to make mention of thy Lord and to praise Him among those who have been debarred from the Kawthar of the mercy of their Lord, the Generous, the Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the remembrance of God and for being the recipient of the gaze from this luminous Scene.

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’Abdu’l-Baha, who was present before the Throne

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted

A Book from Us to him who was present before the Throne and was among the successful ones, and heard the call of his Lord, the Most Merciful, when He was established upon the throne of His Great Name. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having migrated in the path of God and for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from this Great Sea. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions, to make thee a servant unto His Self, steadfast in His love, and firm in His Cause which hath encompassed the worlds. O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Praise be to the Self-Subsisting Lord Who, through His all-encompassing power and mighty sovereignty, caused you in these days - when sedition hath encompassed all and the fire of hatred hath been kindled - to arrive in your city and granted you dwelling near the sanctuary of holiness and sanctity. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. His power hath been and shall ever be all-encompassing, and His sovereignty hath been and shall ever be all-pervading. None can prevent that which He willeth. He hath ever manifested whatsoever He hath desired and shall continue to manifest whatsoever He willeth. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As to what thou didst request regarding the name, We have named thee before the Throne ’Abdu’l-Baha. This is from Our favor unto thee, that thou mayest be among those who remember. God willing, thou shouldst return to thy homeland in the utmost joy and fragrance, in such wise that all may witness in thee the morals and conduct of the All-Merciful. Convey greetings from the True One to his honor H and the other loved ones of God. Upon him and upon them be the glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power! A letter from the Wronged One to those who have acknowledged the unity and oneness of God and have recognized what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. O My loved ones in Hadba! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you and commandeth you to practice righteousness and piety and that which ye have been bidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for He hath aided you to recognize Him and made you to be numbered among those who believe in His unity. We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect the people of unity from the evil of every polytheist and from the harm of every heedless and remote one. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled God’s covenant and His testament and hath acted with righteousness. We testify that he is among the well-doers. We beseech God to enable him to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for him the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Almighty. O servant! Hearken with attentive ear unto the call of the Wronged One in this prison. Verily, He guideth thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He who loved Me mentioned thee, therefore We have remembered thee. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to grant all the ability to be obedient and to worship Him. God is witness and aware that the gaze of this Wronged One hath ever been directed toward that region. They have not been and will not be forgotten. We make mention of the leaves of that land and convey Our greetings, and We beseech for each one that which

will draw them nigh. Peace be upon thee and upon thy mother. Give her the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Wronged One and remind her of that which will draw her nigh unto God. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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The Most Evident Book hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of grace unto a people who understand. There is no God but Him. By Him the horizons were illumined and His hidden Name appeared - a joy to the people of delight who have taken the cup of detachment in the name of the Creator of new creation and drunk therefrom that which quickeneth hearts. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself in the worlds of possibility with the ornament of love for his Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath turned with his heart to the Intended One. Say: O people, leave those who have denied God, then turn with your hearts toward the court of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Hath the world prevented you from your Lord, the Lord of Names, or vain desire? Be fair, O people, and be not of those who deny. How many a great one hath been kept back from the heavenly wine, and how many a lowly one hath drunk thereof and said: “Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!” Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and made mention of his Lord amongst the servants. He is indeed of those who have attained to the light of faith in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and who circled round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Grieve not at remoteness, for He is with whomsoever desireth Him. He is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O servants of the All-Merciful! Remember God with remembrance and utterance. He aideth him who aideth Him. He, verily, is powerful over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Aid ye your Lord in His days and turn not unto those who deny. Say: Nothing of all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth will profit you today, did ye but know, except through believing in God and casting behind you what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Thus doth God counsel you through His grace, did ye but know.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy One is present before the Greatest Scene and the Eye of God is watching it. Blessed are those souls who have not been prevented by human veils from the Dawning-Place of the Divine Command and who in all conditions are turned toward the All-Glorious. This is a Day that has not had and will never have any likeness or similarity in all creation. The loved ones of God in these days of the All-Merciful must appear like brilliant stars shining from the horizon of the heaven of His Cause, and must be so radiant and luminous that the clouds of vain imaginings and the veils of the people will not obscure them. Verily, whosoever turns today with an illumined heart toward the Greatest Scene will assuredly be aided by God’s unseen grace and confirmations. O ye birds of the meanings, soar in this pure and spiritual atmosphere! O ye lovers of the All-Glorious Beauty, the Beloved, like the true dawn, has risen from the Divine horizon and is manifest. This is your Day, by the Lord of the worlds! O ye who are intoxicated with the wine of oneness, and O ye horsemen in the arenas of detachment, praise be to the

Beloved of the worlds that ye have not been barred from all else save Him and have chosen your abode beneath the pavilion of the Friend. Your days shall come - be not disheartened. These are days of wisdom and kindness - observe them carefully. When the time comes, that which He has willed shall be made manifest and your hearts shall rejoice thereby, O concourse of lovers and horsemen of all regions! Thus doth your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, make mention of you. Gather ye together as one soul at the divine spiritual table, and drink of the pure wine of the Greatest Remembrance in this Most Great Revelation, in the name of the Lord of all peoples. Happy are they that drink thereof! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have been mentioned before the Throne and your names have been inscribed in a preserved Tablet.

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In the name of the one Friend! O Mir Seyyed Hassan of the people of Ta and Fa! Thy letter was presented before the Divine Throne and God hath regarded it. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament. Grieve not - with Us are the rewards of the sincere. Great, great is the Cause and great, great is this Day! How excellent is the state of those souls who in this day manifest complete sincerity, such that every possessor of spiritual sense can detect from them the fragrance of the sanctified Garment of the All-Merciful. These are the gems of existence - upon them be My blessings and My mercy.

O Hassan! I complain unto thee of those who claim adherence to My Cause yet commit that which causeth My heart to lament. My grief is not from My imprisonment, nor from what hath befallen Me at the hands of the followers of religions, but rather from My loved ones who follow their desires while imagining they are guided aright. Some have mixed the divine fragrances with their carnal desires and have erased the divine counsels from their hearts. I swear by the Most Great Name that if the loved ones of God had moved according to God's will, thou wouldst now witness most of mankind turning toward God. The favors of God and His concealment have been such that most of the servants assume God is like themselves, imagining their deeds are hidden from Him - vain indeed are their imaginings! But be not grieved - ere long the banners of His Cause shall be raised in most lands and that which God hath willed shall become manifest and evident. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Rejoice in what hath been revealed unto thee from the Pen of Revelation in this mighty Prison. And the Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and daughter and those with thee. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Mirza Hassan! He is the Mighty, the Beautiful!

Much time has passed and covenants have been fulfilled, yet no bird has taken flight from that direction nor brought any news to the friends. Perhaps the islands of the pen have reverted to nothingness and the sea of ink has run dry, for the pen has not joined with any inscription nor has any tablet been adorned with writing. If spiritual friends have gathered in the divine tree, why do they not cry out from their souls?

And if true lovers are drawn to their original homeland, why do they not send their spirits to the city of the Beloved? The eye of love remained expectant and the ear of seeking was deprived. These days mark the end of union and the beginning of separation. The holy peacock's song comes to an end and it resolves to return to the divine Lote-Tree. Many are the enraptured lovers who remain separated from the Beloved and sacrifice their lives in the deserts of separation and deprivation. The wine of union is not always flowing, nor is the nightingale of beauty always singing. A time comes when the nightingale of faithfulness falls silent and flies to the furthermost Tree, there to whisper wordlessly with the Friend. Therefore, O my dear one, take a step and pass beyond place, for until you drink from the fountain of "returning," you will not stand upon the throne of "we belong to God." The sea of love is surging and this servant has now drunk the wine of eternity, and the pen has taken from his hand the reins of pause - whatever it wishes, it pours forth upon the page. But the wine of contingent existence is not worthy of this intoxication, and the realm of placelessness cannot contain this being. Therefore you must choose solitude and occupy yourself with silence.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Your brief letter and what was sent from you has arrived. Praise be to God that outwardly I learned of your good health. However, "We would not exchange meeting you for anything else." Would that you were present and saw and heard and knew, and we saw and heard and found. If only the preventing circumstances by divine decree were removed and meeting became possible. We are content with God's good pleasure in all He has ordained. Your pilgrimage is accepted, but your effort is not appreciated, for in such days as these, beholding the oppressed and wandering ones has incalculable reward and is in truth the robe of deeds and the crown of actions. Since this matter did not come to pass, half your deeds remain suspended. We hope that through God's infinite bounties, without any indication, you will become detached from all created things and in all conditions remain focused on the Truth. "What remains for you - by your Lord, the Lord of Names - if you would hear from Me: Take in this morning the cup of success in the name of your Lord, the Cleaver of Dawn and Sender of Winds, then drink from it and be detached from the worlds." We beseech God to protect you from the evil of every oppressor, the deceit of every deceiver, and the craftiness of every crafty one. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty. A matter that was very serious was the meeting, and that, due to the exigencies of the time and people's lack of capacity, remained delayed and postponed. We beseech God to ordain what is best for us. Convey greetings to all in the household, and peace be upon you.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

The Kingdom of utterance, in the midst of sorrows, is occupied with the remembrance of the friends, that perchance the calumnies of the calumniators and the clamor of the croakers may not withhold the

servants from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. This is the Day wherein the dawn of inner meanings hath broken above the horizon of utterance, and that which was concealed from eyes and hidden in the knowledge of God, Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. By the life of God! The Wronged One is in evident wrong. We have created the servants and sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs as a grace from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath turned towards God, whom neither the doubts of the doubtful nor the signs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, have deterred. Take thou the chalice of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy arising to promote the Cause and Thy exalting the word of justice, and by Thy most great signs at whose descent all things proclaimed sovereignty and dominion, might and power unto Thy most exalted Self and Thy most glorious Name, to make me one who speaketh of Thy remembrance, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, and who acteth according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and that which lieth treasured with Thee. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the lights of Thy loved ones who offered up their spirits and their hopes and their possessions and all they possessed in Thy path in the Land of Ya, to open before my face that which will aid me in serving Thee and serving Thy Cause. Then ordain for me the reward of those who circled round Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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O Mulla Husayn Afshar of Miyanduab! In the name of the one incomparable, all-knowing Lord. Your letter was received and attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised in the prison-land by the command of the Lord of Names, and act according to that which proceedeth from the Dayspring of the Cause. Today thou must purify thy heart with the Kawthar of detachment from all else save God and consume all the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the effulgences of the Sun of certitude, that thou mayest gaze upon the horizon of Revelation with pure vision, sanctified heart and illumined breast. He verily ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. All that hath appeared and shall appear on earth hath been recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. The Tablet of Ra'is was revealed at the time of departure from the Land of Mystery - read it that thou mayest become aware of divine knowledge. Likewise the Surih of Heykal and others like it, that thou mayest know of a certainty that not a leaf stirreth except that God knoweth its movement, its stability and its conditions. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. To this all things bear witness, did ye but know. That which hath been made manifest in this preeminent, this most exalted Revelation stands unparalleled in the annals of the past, nor will future ages witness its like. It hath never been permissible for anyone to test God, nor is it now. He verily testeth whom He willeth. He is, in truth, the Ruler over what He willeth. God willing, mayest thou be successful through His grace, abide beneath the shade of His mercy, and act in accordance with

that which He loveth and is pleased with. The glory be upon thee and upon him who was named Sadiq from the presence of a Generous Giver.

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He is God, Glorified be He.

We beseech God to raise up one of His men, and to detach him from all creation, and to adorn his heart with the vesture of might and confidence, that he may help his Lord amidst the concourse of the universe, and, when he becometh aware of what hath been revealed for His Majesty the Shah, he may arise and take the Tablet, by the permission of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, and hasten to the residence of His Majesty. And when he shall arrive at the place of his throne, let him alight in the caravanserai, and let him hold converse with none till he goeth forth one day and standeth where he shall pass by. And when the royal harbingers shall appear, let him raise up the Tablet with the utmost humility and courtesy, and say, "It hath been sent on the part of the Prisoner". And it is incumbent upon him to be in such a mood that, should the king decree his death, he shall not be troubled within himself, and shall hasten to the place of sacrifice saying, "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, that Thou hast made me a helper of Thy Cause, and hast decreed unto me martyrdom in Thy path! By Thy Glory, I would not exchange this cup for all the cups in the worlds, for Thou hast not ordained any equivalent to this, neither do Kawthar and Salsabil rival it!" But if he letteth him go, and interfereth not with him, let him say, "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all the worlds! Verily, I am content with Thy good pleasure and what Thou hast predestined unto me in Thy path, even though I did desire that the earth might be dyed with my blood for Thy love. But what Thou willest is best for me: verily, Thou knowest what is in myself, while I know not what is in Thy Self; and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

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O Haji Muhammad-Baqir, who hath attained! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath cast away what he possessed and taken what was sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. When he drank the wine of recognition, he turned toward the Dawning-Place of his Lord's Command, the All-Merciful, and traversed land and sea until he entered the abode of the Wronged One, Who was imprisoned through what the hands of the heedless had wrought. Blessed art thou for having turned and attained the lights of the Countenance and been among those who have attained. By the life of God! My mention of thee cannot be equaled by whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven. The Tongue of Grandeur in the most exalted station beareth witness to this. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Helper and my Strengthener! I beseech Thee by those who were martyred in Thy path and gave up their spirits in Thy good-pleasure, to make me steadfast in

Thy Cause and firm in Thy service. O Lord! I have turned to Thee, acknowledging my weakness, my powerlessness and my evanescence. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions and to send down upon me a blessing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. All atoms testify to Thy sovereignty and all created things to Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Helper, the All-Seeing.

Thus doth the Wronged One guide thee and strengthen thee to turn unto Him and teach thee that whereby thou mayest remember God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Give thanks and be of the grateful. Grieve not over anything. Trust in the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He is with those who have turned to Him. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Mention whereby the faces of those near unto God were illumined. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the Patient, the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Generous! This is an epistle from Baha to one of His handmaidens who was saddened by the calamities that befell her in this world, that joy might possess her after sorrow. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, and know that the tribulations were all created for My Self. Thus was it ordained in the heaven of My decree and the kingdom of My determination. Thy Lord is, verily, powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Were I to recount unto thee that which hath befallen Me in the path of God, the Lord of all names, thou wouldst lament throughout thy days and weep for the Wronged One at eventide and at dawn. We were created for the Cause of God and His service. He hath ordained for Us naught save that which is better than whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven. Verily, he who hath ascended is in the Most Exalted Horizon, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify to this. He is the Helper of him who hath no helper, and the Companion of him who hath no companion. He is, verily, the Lord of all mankind. If thou seekest a helper, here am I, thy helper, and if thou desirest a companion, here am I, thy companion. Rejoice thou in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the sun of favors. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when most men have turned away therefrom. Grieve thou not save in My grief, and rejoice not save in My joy. This is better for thee than all the treasures of creation. Trust thou in God under all conditions. He is, verily, with thee at all times. By My life! Thy Lord sufficeth thee, and he who hath ascended is in joy and fragrance. Verily, he who hath quaffed the choice wine of his Lord's love, death shall not overtake him. Blessed are they who are endued with insight. Thus have We sent down from the heaven of bounty that which shall gladden thy heart. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Magnify thou My Name amongst those who are round about thee, from the Revealer of verses.

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He is the Ever-Abiding

This is a Book We have made as Our presence for those who have turned to God in these days wherein the lands were transformed. Whoso visiteth what hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne in this Tablet and findeth himself in doubt concerning the meeting with his Lord - he is of them that have turned away from God, the Cleaver of the dawn. O Birds of Paradise! Hearken unto the call of the Beloved in these days wherein feet have slipped. Through your drawing nigh, the Concourse on High rejoiced, and through your withdrawal from the Meeting, and your thirst near the ocean, lamentation was raised by the dwellers of the cities of eternity. How wonderful this joy and grief, as though they embraced each other on this Day of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing. The hearts of the idolaters were consumed by what We sent before; therefore do they plot against My Self morning and evening. Blessed are ye for having entered the City and attained unto what your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, desired. It behooveth you to manifest from your faces gladness and joy that every soul may find in you submission and contentment. Thus hath it been decreed from the Pen of Glory. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Knower of what is secret and manifest. Ye are beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness and within the tabernacles of My mercy. The eye of God is therefore fixed upon you, O ye who are endued with insight! Blessed are ye, and blessed is he who loveth you, and he who turneth unto you, purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Compelling. God beareth witness, and they who circle round the Throne, that ye have attained unto His presence and circumambulated the Kaaba of His Cause and appeared before His countenance. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. By My life! We have accepted what ye desired and We shall be with you at all times. And glory be upon you from the presence of a mighty Helper.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a book from Us to him who hath ascended unto God, that the breezes of grace may waft upon him and adorn him among the Concourse on High with the ornament of his Lord's favor, the Most Glorious. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

O Abu'l-Javad! Grieve not, for thy son hath attained unto that which none else hath attained, and God hath ordained for thee the reward of those who have attained unto His presence, and hath assigned thee a portion. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous. Sufficient unto thee is thy deed which We have caused to appear in human form. It is indeed a righteous deed. Give thanks and be of those who are grateful. From this day forth thou shalt be a trust of the All-Merciful among the denizens of Paradise. Blessed art thou inasmuch as the Pen of God hath moved to make mention of thee while confined in the prison with a number of souls. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having adorned my head with the crown of Thy favor amidst the people of Thy Kingdom, and for having made my son a servant of Thine in Thy prison. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy power that hath encompassed all things, to enable him under all conditions to serve Thee, O Lord of all names. Then cause him to be so immersed in the ocean of Thy love that he may desire naught

but what Thou hast desired, and may gaze toward the horizon of Thy good-pleasure in such wise that nothing that hath been created in the world may hinder him from remembering Thee, O Fashioner of earth and heaven. And strip not from his temple the robe of special favor throughout the everlasting dominion of Thy Kingdom, O Lord of mankind. Blind is the eye that hath not beheld Thy power and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, and dumb is the tongue that hath not acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness, and hath not believed in Thy dominion and the potency of Thy command in the kingdom of Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Most Wise of judges and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

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In the Name of Him Who was before contingent things! This is an epistle from Us to him who hath believed in God on a day wherein the Herald hath called out from the precincts of the Kingdom: “Behold Me, O ye who are endued with insight! The lights of the Countenance have shone forth from the horizon of the Command and have illumined all regions. Every atom proclaimeth: ‘The Self-Subsisting is come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, the All-Choosing.’ The Kingdom hath been adorned with My Name, and the Realm of Might with My remembrance. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils. Rend ye asunder the veils of idle fancies with the fingers of certitude, then shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the power of My Name, the All-Compelling over all creation. This is a Day wherein the heaven hath been rolled up and the mountains have been scattered. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and the heart that hath turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons. O thou who hast turned! Hearken unto the call from the Divine Lote-Tree: ‘Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.’ Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants. Say: Vain imaginings have been effaced and the light of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will with sovereignty and power. Blessed is the thirsty one who hath turned unto the Most Great Ocean, and the seeker who hath set his face toward the Salsabil of divine knowledge. Beware lest the world prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. Draw nigh unto God through the power of remembrance, for this is My remembrance - thus hath the matter been ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets. Those who have turned away, these wander in the wilderness of vain hopes. Can one who is laden with hopes ever attain unto God, the Lord of the end? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Exalted! Say: O my Lord! I have cast away what was with me, seeking Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance in all conditions. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful. And praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of earth and heaven.

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O Mirza Sadiq, son of Jinab-i-Husayn, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Glory of God! This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of the All-Merciful after he was denied by

every heedless doubter. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which causeth minds and spirits to take flight. Verily, He remembereth in the prison him who hath turned unto Him. His grace hath encompassed all regions. How many a wise one hath failed to attain the presence of his Lord, and how many a youth, upon hearing the call, hath exclaimed: “Here am I, O Lord of Lords!” Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Countenance, and the heart that hath been illumined from the Dayspring of inspiration. They who have taken as friends others besides God - these have been prevented by following vain imaginings. They worship idols while supposing themselves to be among the choicest of creation in the sight of the sublime Truth. Say: God knoweth what is hidden in the breasts. With Him is the knowledge of all things in the Book. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto this Choice Wine, whose seal We have loosened with the finger of power and might, and for having been honored in His days, and for having had the Pen of Revelation from the Lord of all mankind move upon thy mention. Say: O my God! Aid me in that which Thou lovest, then ordain for me that which shall make me ever-gazing toward Thee, speaking Thy Name, and proclaiming Thy Cause amidst all creation. I am he who hath turned unto Thee and placed his trust in Thee. Make me, then, to be of those who have entered the pavilion of Thy glory, who are steadfast in Thy Cause, and who stand firm in that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Glory be upon thee, and upon thy father and mother, and upon all who are with you, whether male or female. And praise be to God, the Lord of all beings.

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The Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Book from Us to those who, in their love for Me, sleep but little and rise from their beds at dawn out of longing for My remembrance. By My life! They are sincere ones. These are they whom nothing can grieve, nor shall the Great Terror dismay them, and they drink from the chalices of success. O My servant! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My throne, that it may draw thee to the heaven of My grace and the court of My mercy. By God! It will make thee so steadfast in My Cause that shouldst thou be opposed by all who are on earth, thou wouldst arise by thyself to uphold My Cause and to aid Me. Thus hath the tongue of God, the King, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, spoken. Wilt thou be patient in My remembrance after the Remembrance hath sacrificed His soul in My path? Wilt thou remain still in thy place after all those around thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, have been stirred into motion? Detach thyself from all else but God and remind the people with wisdom and utterance. Thus have We commanded thee in the Tablet from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: O people of the Bayan! Have ye denied your Lord, the All-Merciful, after He came in the shadows of proof with manifest sovereignty? Whither do ye flee this Day? By My life, ye have no place of refuge. Shatter the idols of fancy and vain imaginings in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Beware lest ye follow those who have denied God and have united with the wrongdoers in harming Him. Know thou that We have stirred the barren earth by Our power. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. We have raised up one with the power of might and strength and sent him to the object of worship of the polytheists, that he might perchance remember within himself and turn to the Beloved of the worlds. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth that thou mayest be informed and

be of them that attain. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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This is a Tablet from Us to the one who emigrated until he attained the presence of the Throne and won the meeting with his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise - O Joseph who has attained the Most Holy, Most Glorious Presence. He heard God's call with his own ear and witnessed the manifestations of the All-Merciful with his own eye, when he stood before the Countenance with evident humility. Blessed art thou, O Joseph, for having found the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Thou art the one who entered the Most Great Scene by God's leave, the Possessor of Destiny, and departed from it by His command, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We bear witness that thou didst endure hardships to attain thy Lord's presence and didst turn toward the Countenance when most of the servants were prevented from it through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. God will soon reveal the recompense of thy deed if thou preservest it through piety. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be a sign of sanctification among My servants - thus hast thou been commanded by One mighty and powerful. Convey My glorification to My loved ones in every city who have drawn nigh unto the Noble Scene. Say: O My loved ones, be united in the Cause. Beware lest ye believe those who claim what God hath not permitted them. By My life, with this Revelation every wise matter hath been concluded. Those who follow every crier are among the heedless. Illumine faces with thy Lord's praise, then hearts with My mighty remembrance. Blessed is he who hath cast away what he hath and taken what he hath been commanded by One wise and knowing. Those who follow their passions are immersed in doubts - they are indeed among the veiled ones. Be steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then give the people glad tidings of this resplendent, manifest, shining Light. The glory be upon thee and upon thy sight and hearing, for what thou hast seen and heard in this Station round which circle the angels of the near ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! This is a Book from Us to him whose letter hath reached Our presence - around which circle the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and then the spirits of the chosen ones. We have taken note of its contents, for verily He is the All-Knowing Witness. We have caused to flow for him in this Tablet the Salsabil of life, that he may drink in the name of his Lord and be numbered among those who are firmly grounded. There is no matter but it hath been made manifest from this perspicuous Book, and no evidence but it hath shone forth from the horizon of grace; yet most men remain heedless. The proof hath circled round the All-Merciful, and the evidence hath submitted to His wondrous and glorious manifestation. Be thou severed in thy love for thy Lord from all else, then speak forth His remembrance in every morn and eventide. Take heed lest the affairs of the world sadden thee, or the hints of the doubtful ones prevent thee from the Most Great Ocean. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power. Thus doth command thee He Who was afflicted at

the hands of the oppressors. Know thou, moreover, that We love to see all thy pursuits unified into a single pursuit, and all thy deeds and purposes transformed into a single remembrance - the remembrance of this wondrous Remembrance - that We may behold thee extinct to thy will and abiding by the will of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful. This is what thy Lord, the All-Choosing, hath chosen for thee. Verily, He mentioneth unto whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, encompasseth all things. It behooveth thee this day to behold Me with Mine eye and arise to serve Me. Thus hath it been decreed in the Book by One Who is Mighty, All-Praised. Whoso attaineth unto that which hath been mentioned shall be assisted by God in all conditions, and He shall ordain for him whatsoever He willeth out of His all-embracing grace. Thus have We adorned thy temple with the ornament of utterance and sent unto thee that through which the fragrance of the Garment hath been wafted among the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious. This is an epistle from the Youth to him who hath turned towards the Dayspring of grace and been seized by the fragrances of revelation in these days wherein hearts are troubled and eyes are fixed in fear, save those who have turned unto God and detached themselves from such as have disbelieved in their Chosen Lord. O thou who hast drunk the wine of life! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. By God! Through His call are drawn the hearts of the righteous. The Youth was seated in prison, turning unto God, His tongue moving in remembrance of His Lord, and from His pen floweth that which descendeth from the right hand of the throne of His Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Can anyone prevent the Pen of Command from that which it hath been bidden? Nay, by Him Who hath caused the rivers to flow! Can tribulations prevent Me from the remembrance of the Lord of Names? Nay, by Him Who hath made the night and day to succeed each other! I remember My Lord, the All-Merciful, at all times, and the hosts of the wicked do not frighten Me. Were it not for His remembrance, My tongue would profit Me not, and were it not for His command, I would not love My life. He knoweth the secrets that lie within hearts. O thou bird soaring in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love! Know thou that were the Youth to perceive any permanence or station for this world in the sight of thy Lord, the Most High, these wicked ones would not have been given power over Him. Follow thy Lord and grieve not over what transpireth in the world. Soon shall perish all of impotence and power that are therein, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the One, the All-Compelling. Hearken unto My words, find solace in the remembrance of thy Lord in private and in public. That which hath been ordained for you hath not been ordained for any others. Blessed are ye, then, and blessed is he who loveth you purely for the sake of your Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Praise be to God, the King, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This is a Book sent down from the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting unto him who hath believed in the Truth and followed guidance in the days of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Know thou that My body endureth trials beyond number, while My tongue uttereth at all times the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that perchance the people of the world may hearken and turn toward the sanctuary of nearness. Neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the hosts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, have deterred Us from His remembrance. Say: Verily He hath shone forth from the horizon of glory like the sun at its zenith. The barking and howling of dogs impede Him not, though they continue to pant. Those who have turned away shall soon behold both right and left, and none shall help them. Power hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet the people comprehend not. Say: Do ye find glory in your riches? Nay, by My Self! Glory is in My hands and none shall inherit it save My honored servants who have cast desire behind their backs and turned with their hearts to the Qiblih of existence. Say: Would ye refute the Cause of God after everything testifieth that it is the Truth from God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved? Say: Are ye able to withstand His Cause? Nay, by My life! Even were ye to seek help from all things. Verily He doeth what He willeth and is powerful over what He desireth, would that ye knew. Say: We shall soon leave your houses to the spider and return you to the graves. Be ye therefore aware, O people, and turn unto God. How long will ye slumber? The sun hath risen, the moon hath been cleft, and the stars have fallen, would that ye perceived. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee as a grace from Our presence, that they might draw thee to a praiseworthy station.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

This is a Book which speaketh the truth in the world and summoneth the peoples unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: We sent forth Ahmad and Kazim to herald the Revelation of God and His sovereignty on this Day which was mentioned in the tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By the life of God! The Hour hath come, and the Sure Truth hath appeared, and the Trump hath sounded, and the Trumpet hath been blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed. Say: By God! This is a Day whereon the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted, and the fragrance of musk hath been diffused from this glorious station. Say: The earthquakes have seized all the tribes, and the mountains have passed away, and the people have risen up for the Lord of the worlds. This is a Day whereon the Voice of Him Who conversed on Sinai hath been heard, and verily He from the horizon of Revelation proclaimeth: There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily he who hath objected hath objected unto God throughout all ages, as attesteth He Who possesseth this perspicuous Book. Say: The Book speaketh, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: The Balance moveth, yet most of the people are asleep. Say: The Path crieth out in the midst of the heavens, saying: “Unto Me, unto Me, O concourse of earth! Be not of the heedless ones.” Blessed be the soul that hath rent asunder the veils through the name of its Lord, the All-Bestowing, and hath emerged from behind the clouds of idle fancies through His name, the All-Powerful. By the life of God! Were thou to hear My call with the ear of thine inmost nature, the vibration of My Word would so grip thee that thou wouldst cry out in the wilderness, saying: “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who hast

called me from the horizon of Thy prison! And here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art wronged at the hands of the oppressors!”

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He is the Mighty, the Beloved! This is a Book which speaks with truth, and in it is every wise command. Say: O people, believe in God and in Him Whom He has sent with signs at which the worlds are powerless. Say: These are among the evidences which have been sent down in truth, and none attain unto them save those who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and were among the guided ones. These are they who were men of the Heights, and upon whom the angels drawn nigh would pray. Say: O people, the world and all that is therein shall pass away, and you shall return to the holy presence before God, the True King, the Manifest One, and shall be questioned concerning what you did in your vain life, and shall be recompensed for what your hands have wrought. This is what you were promised in the holy, luminous Tablets. Say: By God, if you would reflect upon yourselves for less than an hour, you would return to what you have abandoned and would weep for your deeds as those who have lost weep, and would dwell on mountain peaks and flee unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And you, O believer in the verses of God and one who has turned to His beauty, know that We have found your love for your Lord and your turning to your Master, and We have sent down to you this Tablet that it may draw you nigh to the shore of nearness and give you glad tidings of a holy, manifest paradise, and that it may create in your heart the warmth of love and bring you to a station wherefrom the hands of the mystics are cut off, and join you to the places of victory such that you would arise from your seat and command the people to what We have mentioned in the Tablet, that the grace may be complete upon you and upon all creation. Thus have We cast upon you the Word of Truth and given you glad tidings of wondrous verses and mentioned you in the Tablet that you may be of the assured ones. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who were sleeping in the cradle of the Spirit.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious! This is a Tablet which We have adorned with the ornament of the Pen moved by the fingers of the Lord of Eternity, and We have sent it to him who hath turned unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, that he may find therein that which will comfort his eyes and gladden his heart. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Loving. This is a Day wherein the veils have been rent asunder and the idols have lamented, and trembling hath seized the dwellers of the cities of creation, except such as thy Lord, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, hath willed. Among the polytheists are those who have clung to the Evil One and turned away from the Kingdom of their Lord when He appeared with this Hidden Name. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and drunk the choice wine of life when the All-Bountiful came with manifest sovereignty. Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, such that the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of the Invisible and the Visible shall not keep thee back. The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of thy Lord’s Word, yet the people are heedless thereof, except they are a people confounded - save those whom God, thy Lord, hath willed. These are indeed the people of Baha,

recorded in a preserved Tablet. Drink thou the Kawthar of life at all times, turning unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, ordaineth for whomsoever He pleaseth that which He desireth, but the people understand not. Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee that which causeth the sincere ones to soar. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which cheereth the eyes. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy tribulations, O Lord of Names and O Thou Who art imprisoned and estranged! The very essence of patience lamenteth at what hath befallen Thee, and its eyes weep for Thee, O Beloved! I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dayspring of Thy signs, to record me among those who have attained unto Thy days and answered Thy call. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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In the Name of God, the Eternal, the Everlasting

This is a Tablet from Baha to him who hath believed in God, Creator of all things, that he may be mindful of that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen after the imprisonment of the Ancient Beauty in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the aggressors have wrought. Verily, in the departure of the Luminary of the horizons from the region of Iraq, and His embarkation upon the ship after passing through the realm, and the establishment of the Chosen One's throne in the Land of Mystery, and His departure therefrom through tyranny, are signs for those who perceive and evidences for those who discern. He it is Who hath caused the clouds to be subdued and the rain to pour forth from the heavens, and Who hath split asunder the tongue of dawn through His firm and mighty command. Say: Verily He is the One Who calleth unto Himself between the heavens and the earth, and neither the harm of those who have disbelieved nor the might of the polytheists hath deterred Him. Say: If ye desire the supreme bounty, by God, it hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Most Glorious. Seize it with the hand of certitude and cast away what ye possess of the intimations of the wayward ones. We have ordained for thee a reward in the Kingdom of recompense. Beware lest the utterances of the heedless sadden thee. Soon shalt thou behold that which thou wert promised by the True One shining forth from the horizon of faithfulness. Verily thy Lord is possessed of great bounty. Those who have cast behind them the Book of God and followed those who have turned away from the Countenance - these are among the bewildered ones in the valley of heedlessness. Beware lest ye differ in the Cause - gather ye on the shore of this Most Great Sea. By My life! Through your unity the pillars of the deniers shall be demolished. Be ye people of this City - whoso entereth therein must needs be adorned with the attributes of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And mercy and glory be upon thee and upon him who hath restrained himself from all else save Me and hath found solace in My wondrous remembrance.

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O Mirza Hasan! He is the Most Great, the All-Glorious! This is a wondrous day. We behold the people struck down and trees uprooted from their foundations. All have been seized by their forelocks through

fear of thy Lord, the One, the All-Compelling. This is the day We mentioned in the Qur'an and then in the Bayan - take heed, O people of insight! The idolaters rush headlong toward the Evil One. Say: He dwelleth in the lowest depths of the fire. We have shown them who led them astray from the straight path that they might recognize him and seek for themselves a way of escape unto God. They have taken him as their lord - the word of chastisement hath been fulfilled against them. Say: This is the path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Cause is in the grasp of power. Say: To whom will ye flee? No protector have ye this day. The Almighty hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Choosing. Look not upon what hath befallen Us of tribulations. We foretold what hath appeared in the Scriptures and Tablets, and from the horizon of tribulation do We summon the servants unto the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Through tribulation have We nurtured the Cause in bygone ages. Soon wilt thou find the Cause shining forth from the horizon of glory with power and dominion. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord and remind the people in this Day wherein intoxication hath seized those in all regions. Say: To whom will ye flee? No defender have ye this day from God. Turn ye unto Him and make not yourselves deserving of chastisement. Say: Are ye content with an hour of this world while depriving yourselves of what hath been ordained for you throughout the duration of God's kingdom? This is naught but error. Fear ye God, then hasten unto Him - with Him is excellent reward. Glorify thy Lord before those around thee, then remind them with the remembrances of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High.

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He is the Manifest Book! This is the Day whereon the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, and hath called all unto the most exalted Horizon - the Station wherein the atoms proclaim: "Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!" This is a Book that speaketh the truth and guideth all unto a path that proclaimeth before all faces: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Praised!" Blessed is he whose ear hath heard the call of God, and whose eye hath beheld the Most Glorious Vision, and whose face hath turned toward the Crimson Handle, through whose movement were moved the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained unto the mysteries of God in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God, and follow not every remote clamourer who hath cast away righteousness and taken up passion in following the imaginings of the heedless. This is the Day wherein the gate of utterance hath been opened before the faces of all religions, and wherein the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of God, the Lord of this mighty station, hath been wafted. Say: O people of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of the wrongdoers. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branch of knowledge that there is none other God but Him, the One Who, through His word, hath power over all things, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath cast away passion and taken up guidance, and hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. O people! This is the Day of God - recognize ye its station and be not of the ignorant. This is the Day wherein the lips of existence have smiled at the surging of the ocean of bounty by the command of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus hath My Pen moved after My Tongue, and My Will appeared before My Purpose, and I am, verily, powerful over what I will. There is none other God but I, the Manifest, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad-'Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout creation! This is a Day wherein the Herald has proclaimed before the faces of all people: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of all worlds!" The Most Great Ocean has appeared and We have brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance that were hidden and treasured within its shells, through a command from God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The Promise has come and the Promised One has appeared before the faces of princes and divines, speaking that which God, the Powerful, the Almighty, has commanded Him - such that neither the might of the world weakened Him nor the power of kings and rulers prevented Him. We have sent down the verses and manifested clear proofs for the guidance of humanity, as attested by the Clear Book in His possession. While walking in the prison and swimming in the ocean of utterance, We have turned toward you and remembered you with that which shall never perish, through the everlasting dominion of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. When you attain unto My Tablet and find the fragrance of your Lord's verses, say: "My God, my God! My outer and inner tongue, my limbs and members, my veins and the very hairs of my body bear witness to Your unity and oneness, and that You are the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. O my Lord! I beseech You by the fragrances of Your revelation to ordain for me that which will cause me to turn toward the lights of Your countenance, to speak in praise of Your Self, to hearken unto the traces of Your Most Exalted Pen and Your sweetest call, and to arise to serve Your Cause, O Lord of all humanity. O my Lord! You see the weak one clinging to the cord of Your strength, and the poor one seeking the door of Your riches. I beseech You not to disappoint him in what he seeks from the ocean of Your bounty and the heaven of Your generosity. Verily You are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but You, the Mighty, the Great."

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He is God! Thou knowest, O my God, that I am abased before him who seeketh might through the power of Thy sovereignty, and am poor before him who findeth riches through the manifestations of Thy strength, and am as nothing before him who attaineth perpetuity through the perpetuity of Thine Essence. I desire him who desireth Thee, and love him who loveth Thee, and follow him who followeth Thy Command, and emulate him who emulath Thy decree, and seek refuge with him who taketh shelter in the house of Thy love, and sacrifice myself for him who sacrificeth in Thy path and offereth himself up in Thy love. Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! All these are beloved by me due to their connection with Thee and their relation to Thee; otherwise Thou art sanctified above all glory and pride, and all loftiness and honor. How could it be otherwise, when these are stations Thou hast not loved for Thyself nor ordained for Thine Essence? Glory be unto Thee! I am before Thee among those who repent and worship.

O Ali! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, in that He hath named thee with His Name, the Most High, and joined it with majesty that thou mayest become great in thy love and steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord.

Know thou the value of this, then detach thyself unto Him and place thy trust in God at all times and seasons. Grieve not over anything, and purify thyself from doubts and suspicions that thou mayest become a mirror of His beauty, reflecting His countenance, speaking His praise, and content with His decree.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon the first Sun that shone from the horizon of Thy sanctity and the last Dawn that rose from the light of Thy countenance, whereby Thy Cause illumined the kingdom of Thy creation after the concealment of Thy countenance, and upon Thy sanctified loved ones and Thy exalted Letters, and upon those who have come unto Thee and descended upon Thee, for Thou art the Doer of what Thou pleasest and the Bestower of what Thou lovest, and Thou art powerful over all things.

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O Ibrahim! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the True King, the Just, the All-Knowing! The servant present here hath presented thy letter and read before Our face that which thy tongue hath uttered in remembrance of God, His praise, His loving-kindness and His bounty. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath guided thee to My path, caused thee to hear My call, and shown thee My signs. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee among My servants to take the cup of My loving-kindness from the hand of My grace and to drink therefrom once in My Name and again in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

His honor Muhammad (Darbaghi), upon him be the grace of God, His mercy, His loving-kindness and His generosity, hath attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. In the nights and days he speaketh in remembrance of the Lord of all mankind and holdeth fast to the promotion of His Cause. Blessed be his tongue, his hand, his heart, his hearing and his sight. He is among those who have entrusted their affairs unto their Lord and have placed their reliance in Him under all conditions, who have caused their will to be extinguished in His will and have chosen for themselves what God hath chosen for them. We beseech Him to ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Him, cause him to remember Him, and profit him in all the worlds of God. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thus have We manifested grace from before God, the Powerful, the Mighty. And We counsel thee, O Ibrahim, at the end of Our utterance, with that which will exalt the Cause of God and thy station among His servants. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: “Praise be unto Thee for having made me to speak of Thy remembrance, to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love, and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy justice. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere servants and Thy near ones. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

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Regarding the well of Mulla ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be the glory of God, He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O loved ones of God, O captives in the earth! There hath befallen you that which hath caused the Concourse on High to grieve. O ’Ali-Asghar! I swear by the Lord of Power Who, from the Most Great Scene, summoneth mankind unto the Most Exalted Horizon - were men, now heedless, to become aware of even less than a needle’s eye of the truth, they would all offer themselves up as a sacrifice for but one of those who have turned towards God. Strange it is that even such souls remain unaware of their stations, for such is the bounty vouchsafed unto them that were but a glimmer thereof to become manifest, the earth would be transformed into another earth. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure. Be thou grateful, therefore, and be of them that render thanks. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as would cause every agitated soul to become tranquil and every restless being to find repose. Say: O people of Baha! Let not the tyranny of rulers prevent you from drawing nigh unto the Lord of Names. By My life! The oppressor desired to extinguish the light, but God, in truth, caused it to burn brighter; he wished to quench it, but the hand of Power made it blaze more fiercely; he sought to destroy God’s Cause, but through his very acts did God’s Cause gain ascendancy. The oppressor dwelleth in delusion, while thy Lord standeth on manifest truth. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Soon shall the recompense of His chosen ones and His friends become manifest, and each shall behold his name inscribed in God’s Book. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, who have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon in this wondrous Day.

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The Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Splendid! O My loved ones! Wisdom must precede utterance - thus hath it been revealed in the Tablets of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who heareth and followeth his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Show mercy, insofar as ye are able, to the weak ones among you and to your poor. This behooveth all who have turned unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Should ye be seized with abasement for My Name’s sake, be not saddened; God shall soon turn it into glory for you. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Should tribulations overtake you in My path, be not troubled. Consider what hath befallen My Beauty after I desired life for all who are in earth and heaven. Can afflictions grieve you after God hath made them a crown for the head of Baha? Know ye the worth of that which befalleth you in My love - naught in all creation can equal it. O thou who art mentioned by the Pen of Revelation! Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall deter thee from God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Make mention of Him amongst His servants. This hath been prescribed for every soul in this Revelation, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of remembrance. How many are the servants who follow their desires while imagining themselves to be among the people of certitude. Thy Lord verily accepteth not what they imagine. The destiny of all things hath been ordained by God’s testimony, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause, then subdue the lands through My Name. Remind the servants of what We have revealed unto thee, that they may detach themselves from idle fancies and turn unto God, the Lord of

mankind. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee these verses, from which the near ones inhale the fragrance of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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He is God! O my brother and my beloved! God willing, may you ever soar in the atmosphere of the holy nearness of the All-Glorious, and swim in the sea of His endless favors. After your letter arrived - may God reward you with the most wondrous reward for mentioning Him Who was in the hands of the enemies in all days until He was imprisoned in this prison - and if you inquire about conditions, I swear by the Pre-existent King that they are beyond description. However, this much was known to you, that all which this servant strove for over successive years to exalt the Cause of God was scattered to the winds. Surely you have heard the details of this servant's arrival in these realms and conduct with the people. I swear by your life, O my brother, after my arrival the tongues of the servants were opened in praise of your Lord, yet all laughed and mocked. By God, I am ashamed to mention to you what my brother did - he whom we taught and protected for twenty years. Surely by now news of him has reached those parts. Whoever looks upon his words with the eye of God will recognize him and be among those who know. Would that you were present to witness and see what cannot be described in words. The Tongue of the All-Merciful on His throne bears witness to this, and My Self suffices as a witness and knower. Hear the words of one who loves you and desires your good pleasure: Arise to serve the Cause of God and aid it, then burn away the veils of all created things with the fire of your love for God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Make your desire what God has desired, for it is better than all that was created between the heavens and earth, than what was and what will be. And glory be upon you and those with you.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious! O Name of the Guide! Blessed art thou for having been guided by the guidance of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. The signs of the people of the veils did not prevent thee from this straight and manifest path. We hear the call that was raised in this wise Remembrance and We behold him who hath turned to the Countenance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Leave those who speak according to their desires and hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thy mention hath been recorded in the Tablet by the Pen of thy Lord's command, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: O people! Dispute not in God's Cause. This is verily the Exalted One in the kingdom of the Most High, and the Noble One in the dominion of the Most Glorious, and the Light in the horizon of manifestation, and He is verily the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: We are engaged in a momentous Cause. It behooveth you to aid your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest ye utter that which would cause the standards of discord to be raised throughout the lands. This is what ye have been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Say: If ye will not aid Him, at least dispute not about His Cause. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon him who, while in the jaws of wolves, calleth the people unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Doth doubt befit this Lord? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Say: O people, unite in

this Cause, for through your unity the hosts of the idolaters shall be scattered. We have set forth all things in detail in the Tablets, that each soul may know his station and be numbered with them that comprehend. Thus have We imparted unto thee and taught thee, that thou mayest inform those who have been heedless of that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath willed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Countenance when it appeared from this luminous horizon.

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He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The son of Attar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath attained unto mention. Some time ago, manifest verses from the horizon of the Supreme Pen's heaven dawned forth specifically for them. We made mention of him with such remembrance as illumined the horizons of wisdom and utterance. He is among those who have attained unto that which was revealed in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And We desire at this time to make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest Justice - he who was named Mahdi in the Kingdom of Names and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. He is among those who witnessed, saw and heard from the Tongue of Grandeur His greatest signs, and who drank the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the hands of bounty and bestowal. He departed from his dwelling, advancing toward the supreme heights, and the attraction of the Call seized him in such wise that he cast aside the tales of old, turning toward Baghdad, until he arrived and attained unto that which brought solace to the eyes of those near unto God and the sincere ones. Blessed art thou, O Mahdi, and joy be unto thee, O Mahdi! The Pen hath borne witness unto thee from the presence of the Ancient King and hath made mention of thee in such wise as caused the breezes of grace and generosity to waft over the world. I testify that the veils hindered thee not, nor did the clamor raised from every direction frighten thee, and thou didst turn unto the Intended One when the people were in manifest rejection. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give thee to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of mercy and the Salsabil of utterance, and to send down upon thee the fragrances of His loving-kindness and mercy from His presence and grace from before Him, and to make thee associate with His chosen ones in the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Merciful, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

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In His Name, the Compassionate, the Commanding, the All-Wise!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Baha! Set thy face toward the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, that thou mayest visit on behalf of him whom God hath extolled in His Book, and given to drink of the Kawthar of His presence and the Salsabil of His reunion, and caused to speak forth His remembrance and praise, and established to serve His Cause. When thou desirest to turn toward the direction before which all directions have bowed down, say: "O my Lord! I have desired Thy presence and

Thy meeting, and to stand before Thy door which hath been opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. Accept, then, what I have done and perform in Thy path out of longing for Thy beauty and passionate love for Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the sun of Thy generosity to ordain from the Most Exalted Pen, for him on whose behalf I would visit Thee, that which befitteth Thy loftiness and Thy generosity, and to decree for him that which shall abide with him in every world of Thy worlds." Then arise from thy place and say: "My God, my God! Unto Thee have I turned, and through Thee have I drawn nigh, and in Thee have I placed my trust. Have mercy, then, upon Thy servant who hath wandered through the lands and traversed the regions until he arrived at the place of imprisonment." Then walk with dignity and tranquility, saying "Here am I, here am I" until thou standest before the door. Then say: "In the Name of God and by God! There is no power nor strength except through God!" Then enter the place of the Wronged One and say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Desire of the sincere ones, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and caused me to hear Thy call and to behold Thy beauty manifest and resplendent. I beseech Thee to preserve me under all conditions beneath the canopies of Thy bounty and the pavilion of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

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The Afnan, the honored elder, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the One, the Single, the Compassionate, the Generous!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou for having drunk of the Sealed Wine when every heedless one turned away from it veiled, and for having acknowledged the oneness and singleness of God when every rejected learned one denied Him. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and caused me to hear Thy call and strengthened me through the means of the heavens and earth, until Thou didst cause me to be present before Thy face and to stand at the gate of Thy grandeur and might. O Lord of existence! Were I to sacrifice my soul and spirit a thousand times at every moment, it would be as nothing compared to a drop from the oceans of Thy favors and gifts, and as naught before the manifestation of a single ray from the lights of the Luminary of Thy Revelation. Thou art He Who sent down for me the proof and made manifest for me the way and caused me to be attracted by Thy verses and to hasten to the horizon of Thy Cause and to speak forth Thy praise among Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the heaven of Thy grace and beseeching the outpourings of Thy mercy and awaiting the streams of Thy loving-kindness and favors. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things to preserve me through the hosts of the unseen and the seen and to ordain for me that which will purify me from every disease and illness and disturbance. O my Lord! Thou seest him who is related to Thy Self standing ready to serve Thee - send down upon him from the heaven of Thy mercy the rains of Thy healing. O my Lord! Ordain for him through Thy bounty and generosity that which will benefit him in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and

verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thou knowest, O my God, what is with me and I know not what is with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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O Afnan, Jinab-i-Haji-Mirza-Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. The divine bounties vouchsafed unto thee are beyond reckoning. We make mention of but a drop from that ocean, that thou mayest know and discover it. In the early days of the Cause, the well-known Mu'tamidu'd-Dawlih desired to render service and assistance, but was not successful. And some time ago, the Mushiru'l-Ard of Shin likewise desired to render assistance and service, but this was not acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One, as he had been involved in the martyrdom of certain loved ones. Nevertheless, God forgave him through His grace and mercy. But thou, praise be to God, not only didst succeed in rendering service and assistance, but also wert among those who loved Me, attained My presence, quaffed the choice wine of reunion with Me, and were adorned with the word of My good-pleasure. Moreover, the Blessed Tree did openly and manifestly claim kinship with thee before the faces of the world and bestowed upon thee that which hath had and shall have no likeness or equal. Soon shall be revealed in the days to come that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me know Thee. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having honored me, brought me into Thy presence, caused me to hear and to see. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having favored me, enabled me to serve Thee, and caused me to speak forth Thy praise and glorification. O my Lord! Ordain for me every good thing that lieth hidden and treasured, concealed from the eyes of Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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O Handmaiden of God, Javahir, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! We saw and heard thy letter which attained the presence of the Purpose of the world. Give praise to the Ancient King Who guided thee and showed thee the way. Say: O my God, my Adored One, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful! Thou art He Who was not prevented from His Cause by the might of the world, the clamor of the nations, the tyranny of oppressors, and the opposition of the pharaohs. Thou didst arise before the faces of rulers and divines, and called all to the supreme horizon. Thy generosity was not prevented by the doubts of the world, nor was Thy bounty hindered by the misdeeds of nations. Thou art He Who bestowed the ornament of existence upon absolute nothingness, and conferred the robe of being upon sheer non-existence. I beseech from Thee

Thy abundant grace and Thy mighty bestowal. O God, O Single One! Grant Thy handmaidens a portion from the ocean of Thy knowledge and deprive them not of the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Through Thy name the banner of “He doeth what He willeth” is raised, and the standard of “He ordaineth what He pleaseth” is unfurled. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved. We make mention of another handmaiden of God, whom thou mentioned in thy letter, and We beseech God to strengthen her in supreme steadfastness and to nourish her with the choice sealed wine. O handmaiden of God! The beginning of the Cause is belief in God, and its end is steadfastness in His love. The barkers are spread abroad like satans. We beseech God to protect His party from the evil of those heedless, deceitful souls. He is the Protector, and He is the Powerful, and He is the Mighty. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O people of Baha and companions of the Crimson Ark! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of all beings, which hath been raised from this most exalted horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great. This is the Day wherein that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of this Great Announcement, hath been made manifest - the Announcement whereby the hearts of the idolaters were sorely troubled. We have observed thy turning and thy drawing nigh, and We have turned unto thee from this distant Shore and made mention of thee with that which gladdeneth the eye of true knowledge and attracteth the hearts of the sincere ones. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought the shelter of God, the Lord of all worlds, and blessed is the poor one who hath laid hold on the cord of wealth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. When thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and findest My remembrance, say:

My God, my God! Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, and glory and splendor be upon Thee, for having sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy will that which hath raised me to the kingdom of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Kawthar whereby Thou didst quicken Thy servants and creatures and didst manifest that which lay hidden within Thy knowledge, to make me one of them who have not been heedless of Thy remembrance and whom the hosts of vain imaginings have not kept back from turning unto Thee in Thy days. O Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have forsaken the religion of a people that believed not in Thee and Thy signs, and who have turned unto Thee with radiant faces in Thy days. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have drunk the wine of true knowledge from the cup of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of utterance from the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall make me rich through Thy riches and detached from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O friends of God in Jasb! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! O loved ones of God in Jasb! There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which befell certain of My loved ones in that place. He, in Whose possession is the Mother Book, beareth witness to this. The dwellers of Paradise have lamented at what hath befallen you at the hands of those who have changed God's blessing into ingratitude and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition. Say: Beware lest the oppression of the enemies or the might of the divines prevent you. Behold, then remember what befell the friends of God aforetime who arose to serve the Cause throughout ages and centuries. The heedless have imprisoned My Name in the land of Ta, and My chosen ones elsewhere. Nay, they are in doubt and schism. By God's life! The fire of hatred hath been kindled in the breasts of the divines - they are the repositories of tyranny and the daysprings of iniquity. Through them have the eyes of the Concourse on High shed tears, and the Eye of Grandeur in the most exalted station. O Ghulam-Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. He maketh mention of thee and lamenteth for what hath befallen thee from the manifestations of Satan. Thou wert beneath the glance of thy Lord in days wherein the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of creation. We make mention of thy brother and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My favor which have preceded the righteous. And We remember My loved ones there who have not been deterred by the censure of the censurers nor the clamor of the heedless from God, the Lord of lords. Say: Fear ye God, and reject not Him Who hath come to you with the proofs of the Prophets and with that whereof the eye of creation hath seen no likeness. Thus hath warbled the Dove of the Cause upon the branch of eternity. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded to the Light that hath shone forth from the luminous Hand. Upon thee, and upon him, and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all names.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy [the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious]

O thou who journeyest in the lands in My name and hast migrated for love of Me! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My grandeur and power, which hath been raised from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the spot of My utterance: Verily, there is no God but I, the Imprisoned, the Stranger, the Unique One. Let not separation and remoteness grieve thee. Thou hast indeed fulfilled the Covenant, and We have recorded thee among the faithful ones. Blessed is this remoteness, to which We have testified nearness. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. All things depend upon God's testimony. We have testified for thee on this day that thou mayest be of them that rejoice. Shouldst thou taste the sweetness of thy Lord's utterance, thou wouldst abandon creation behind thee and say: "O my God, the Most High! Praise be unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, praised in what Thou doest and obeyed in what Thou willest." I beseech Thee, O King of eternity and Lord of all nations, to ordain for me that which is best for me in this world and the next. Then make me content with Thy good-pleasure, effaced in Thy will, steadfast in Thy love, holding fast to the cord of Thy favors and clinging to the hem of Thy bounties. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. We have been with thee in thy joy and thy sorrow, and are aware of what hath befallen thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon will all that thou seest today perish, but that which hath been ordained for thee in a mighty Tablet shall

endure. Blessed is he who hath migrated in the path of God, and woe unto him who hath prevented people from attaining the presence of the Face and hath become a hindering veil between them and their Ancient Lord. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance! O thou who art mentioned before the Face! Hearken unto My call. Verily it draweth thee to Mine horizon and will aid thee to act in accordance with that which hath been sent down in My Book, and will draw thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the lights of thy Lord's face, the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him, if ye be of them that know. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained unto the unity of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come with clear proof. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. By God! Verily the proof circleth round about Him and the evidence standeth before His face, if ye be of them that witness. Cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which was recorded in the books of old by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of Our loved ones in Nun and Ya and give them glad tidings of My tender mercy and My loving-kindness which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O people of God! We counsel you with that whereby your stations shall be exalted among the peoples and whereby ye shall be drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We counsel you to steadfastness and to that unity whereby God's Cause hath been victorious throughout centuries and ages. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which he was commanded by an Ancient Commander. The glory be upon you and upon those whom the clamor of the world hath not kept back from the Lord of Eternity - these are of the people of Baha by the decree of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We make mention at the end of the Book of thy mother who hath turned and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Give her glad tidings of My loving-kindness and remind her of My verses. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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Here is O thou who hast turned to the Supreme Horizon! Hearken unto My most sweet call. Verily it guideth thee unto a station wherein thou shalt find naught save the breathings of revelation and wherein thou shalt witness naught but the dawning-lights of the Day-Star of the utterance of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath appeared and made manifest His Cause that He may draw men nigh unto the Kaaba of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Great. Say: O people! The veils of idle fancy have been rent asunder by the Finger of the Self-Subsisting. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He who loved Me and soared in the atmosphere of My love and drank the choice wine of Mine utterance from the cup of My bounty hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this Tablet that shineth with

manifest light. Say: O people of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of the transgressors. O people of the Spirit! He Who ascended unto the heaven of proof hath come and mentioneth unto you a Cause from God, the Lord of all worlds. O people of the Torah! The Revealer of verses hath come and the Mount crieth out: “Ye have attained unto the Presence!” And the Tree exclaimeth: “O people of the earth! Open your eyes, for this is your Lord Who was promised by the tongue of them that drew nigh and of the Messengers.” Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Pure Fountain which floweth from the Pen of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. This is not the day to tarry when ye have heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon. Hasten, and be not of the patient ones. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. And We desire to make mention of him who ascended unto the Supreme Companion, who was named ’Ali-Akbar in the Book of Names. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

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His honor Siyyid Jamalu’d-Din, upon him be the glory of God

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Hearken unto what the Supreme Pen recounteth unto thee on this dark night wherein the servant present before the Face hath offered his hospitality - verily He is the All-Knowing Expounder. We went forth from the prison, directing Our steps toward the garden, and found it adorned with the ornament of names and honored by the presence of the Wronged One Who remained imprisoned for successive years in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Reflect upon what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. We called them unto the supreme Paradise, yet they arose to harm Us - thus was the matter decreed, and thou art among those who bear witness. Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God in all thine affairs. Verily relief and hardship, glory and power lie within His mighty grasp - He is indeed the All-Powerful, the Mighty. We have remembered thee and do remember thee as a bounty from Us - verily thy Lord is the True, the Generous. Say: O people! Hearken unto the Call from the Supreme Horizon and be not of those who remain veiled. The Day hath come wherein its Lord proclaimeth with a voice that hath enraptured the hearts of those near unto God. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which shall profit you in this world and the next - verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise Remembrancer. Thus hath it been sent down from My Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who followeth that which he hath been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. They who responded when the Call was raised - these are the people of Baha, while they who turned away have no share of this Cup. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who were with thee and turned toward the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O Ba'i! Upon you be My Baha! Months and years have passed and no mention of you has come before the Mentioned One. Assuredly the tribulations inflicted by the wrongdoing polytheistic souls have intervened and prevented the servants and loved ones from remembrance and praise and nearness and attainment. Know with certain knowledge that soon God's Cause will be exalted among the peoples of the world and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Quickener of nations, will be made manifest. Blessed is the soul that preserved its station and arose with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause. Today the breezes of revelation have perfumed the world and the fragrances of utterance have encompassed creation, yet the servants are heedless and turned away, save whom God willeth, the Lord of this exalted station. Convey to the friends the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One, and gladden them with that which hath been revealed. Blessed is the soul from whom wafteth the fragrance of steadfastness and from whose brow shineth forth the light of utterance. He is indeed of the people of Baha in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds. One of My Afnan, upon him be My mercy and remembrance and glory, mentioned thee, and We make mention of thee in this wondrous and glorious Tablet. When thou attainest unto it and perceivest its fragrance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings, and glory be unto Thee, O Educator of all created things, for having remembered me in Thy prison in days when sorrows from Thy servants and creatures encompassed Thee. I beseech Thee to forgive me and those who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and drunk the choice wine of certitude from the cup of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O Ja'far, whose name is Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Time and again hath mention been made of thee - that is, mention of the loved ones of that land - and from the heaven of divine utterance hath thy remembrance been sought. Therefore hath this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet been revealed. Blessed are they who drink from the oceans of inner meanings that lie hidden within the Words of God. Happy are they, and joy be unto them. Whatsoever was manifested by the loved ones in that land during the days when the fire of hatred was ablaze hath been accepted with honor, for the fragrance of being wronged wafteth therefrom, and God hath loved and continueth to love the wronged one. Being wronged is like the first ornament for the temple of man, and like a crown for the head of all who dwell within the realm of possibility. In these days both men and women of that land have attained unto the mention of God. We have heard your sighing and lamentation, and have witnessed what hath befallen you. Blessed are ye for having shown patience. How excellent is the reward of them that are patient, as recorded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds! Cast behind you your sorrows, and take up the goblets of prosperity in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn and the Sender of the Winds. Then drink therefrom the Salsabil of patience in My Name, and the Kawthar of resignation in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Let not the barking of the aggressive ones, which hath been raised from the right and the left, grieve you. God will soon seize them through His power, His might and His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. There hath befallen you what hath befallen

Us. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, for having followed, in times of hardship, the example of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. He is with you, witnessing and beholding. The glory from Our presence be upon you and upon those who have clung to the hem of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Ramadan-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Ramadan! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Merciful! In this blessed month the friends in this land have attained to the honor of true fasting, inasmuch as they have, for the sake of God, performed that which was enjoined upon them. They fast during the day and arise for prayer during the night. Blessed are they, for theirs is a goodly beginning and end. We counsel the people of God to perform such deeds as will cause the turning of the servants unto God and draw nigh those who dwell in all lands. This is the purpose of the wisdom that hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. Most of the people of the earth are heedless. They imagine that this party hath turned away from God and His loved ones and hath clung to the dictates of self and passion. Glory be to God! The vain imaginings of men have debarred them and kept them back from the shore of the sea of oneness. This party is occupied day and night with the remembrance of God and is engaged in the reformation of the world. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh the truth, and the hand that hath taken hold of His Book, and the eye that hath beheld His signs, and the ear that hath heard His wondrous and new call.

O Ramadan! Previously 'Ali traversed the ways and attained the Most Holy Court. He made mention of thee and the friends of that land. Therefore hath this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet been revealed in thy name. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Desire of the nations, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy heavenly kingdom shall endure. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to make me so strong through Thy power that the onslaught of Thine enemies may not frighten me, nor the might of the oppressors among Thy creatures weaken me. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all Names! O Salman! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Merciful! Though outwardly thy power and station are not apparent among the servants, as thy outward means have not been and are not in accordance with diverse temperaments, yet the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and His all-pervading power have caused thee to spread His verses. Were the servants to ponder on this matter, they would become somewhat aware of this most exalted station and likewise of the power of God, exalted be His glory. Praise the Intended One of the world, Who hath made manifest an ocean from a drop, and through a mere atom of the light of His Sun of bounty hath brought the world of being into existence, and His grace hath bestowed power and conferred strength. If thou

were to praise God to the number of pebbles and date-stones, and continue in remembrance unto all eternity, verily it would be as naught compared to a single drop from the ocean of His favor. His is the praise in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thy letter was received. The Most Great Branch presented it repeatedly, and the response hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, that thy heart and the hearts of those who have believed in God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may rejoice thereby. In all conditions, utter these most exalted words: "No vision can grasp Thee, but Thou graspest all vision, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. No mind can grasp Thee, but Thou graspest all minds, and Thou art the Mighty, the Great."

Be thou joyous in all conditions. The grace of God hath been and is with thee. We beseech God to open before thy face the gates of grace and blessing. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of the Cause and were among the steadfast ones.

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=== START BH04113 ===

He is the Preserver, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful!

O 'Abdu'l-Mahdi! Upon thee be the peace of God. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have read it and respond to thee with this wondrous Tablet. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! Thou seest Thy loved ones clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy pardon, grace and forgiveness. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Manifestations of Thy inspiration, and by Him through Whom the light of unity hath shone forth amongst Thy servants and through Whose advent the heavens of Thy power and grandeur have been honored, to preserve them from every affliction and illness and to guard them from the evil of fate and whatsoever might trouble their hearts. O Lord! Thou knowest that they have chosen no protector other than Thee, no lord besides Thee, and no preserver except Thee. Aid them, then, with the hosts of Thy invisible realm and stay from them the hands of tyranny through Thy power and sovereignty. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and the effulgences of the luminary of Thy bounty and bestowal to ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes, expand their breasts, and gladden their hearts. O Lord! They are Thy servants and in Thy grasp. They have acknowledged Thy oneness and singleness and what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Ordain for them, O my God, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, then have mercy upon them through Thy grace and generosity. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. The might of the world and the power of the nations cannot weaken Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent, the Merciful. O my God! Send down Thy blessings upon the Hands of Thy Cause, whose heads Thou hast adorned with the crowns of detachment and whose temples Thou hast arrayed with the robes of righteousness and fear of God, and whom Thou hast preserved from transgression and immorality. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04114 ===

O ’Ali! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In His Name, the Dominator over all names! O ’Ali! Thou hast previously been blessed with the traces of the Supreme Pen. The glance of loving-kindness hath turned from the direction of the Prison towards that direction, and He hath made mention of His loved ones. Today the Euphrates of utterance is flowing from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful and the waves of the ocean of divine knowledge are manifest before all faces. Blessed is the soul whom the means of the world have not prevented from the Causer of causes, and whom the veils of the world have not deprived. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Goal of the worlds and hast partaken of the fruits of the blessed Tree. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to that which is worthy of His favors. And We make mention at this time of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have previously mentioned him in verses wherein the Fire appeared in the trees and the Tree spoke as it spoke unto Moses, son of ’Imran, on the Mount of Knowledge: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” We beseech God to assist those who are related to him and to make them among those who are steadfast in serving His Cause, the Unassailable, the Firm, the Strong. We convey greetings to all the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, exalted be His glory. They must arise to aid the Cause of God with perfect unity and harmony. Say: Let not time slip away. Strive that ye may attain unto the eternal bounty and the everlasting food and the perpetual mention. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon those who have aided the religion of God with their wealth and their souls and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of all things: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Dominator, the Self-Subsisting.”

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=== START BH04115 ===

In the Name of the One God

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Thy petition was mentioned before the Wronged One, and from it wafted the sweet savors of certitude, knowledge and love. Thou hast ever been remembered on this plane. We have mentioned thee aforetime with verses that neither the tyranny of Pharaohs nor the oppression of tyrants can alter, and whose fragrance will endure as long as Our Most Beautiful Names endure. Give thanks and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones, and illumine all with the light of the utterance of the Goal of all worlds. Whatsoever appeareth on earth that conduceth to the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of the Cause hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book - that which will inspire the detached and the insightful to serve the Cause. Say: O people of God! This is the Day for assisting the Cause. Hold fast unto wisdom and occupy yourselves with that which is befitting. Beware lest the clamor of the heedless or the doubts of the suspicious prevent you. In all conditions We beseech the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, for that which will cause the appearance of glory, bounty and wealth for His loved ones. I say in truth: whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall assuredly come to pass, and if it be delayed due to the requirements of consummate wisdom, there is no harm. God will soon manifest what He hath promised

in His Tablets. He, verily, is the True One, the Trustworthy. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who have cast away all else, turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and upon every steadfast, firm one and every trustworthy, resolute one.

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=== START BH04116 ===

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon

O ’Ali, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that whereof the world remaineth heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. The Light is radiant, the Cause is resplendent, the Sun of Truth hath risen, the heaven of grandeur is upraised, the ocean of knowledge is surging, and the river of mercy is flowing. Blessed is he who, in this wondrous and blessed Day, hath not been deprived but hath attained unto that for which he was created. Praise be to God, the Spiritual Elder, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath drunk from the ocean of recognition and tasted of the Kawthar of steadfastness. Despite the tribulations that descended and the hardships that befell him, he remained firm on God’s path and held fast to His cord. The world and its vicissitudes, the nations and their might, withheld him not. His mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Blessed is he who hath recognized him and who hath visited him. The spiritual youth was also present before Us and attained unto all that was revealed in God’s Book, both past and future. Happy art thou and he. Ye have ever been and continue to be remembered by Us. I counsel you to wisdom and utterance. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land. We beseech God to aid all to promote His Cause and to act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The glory proceeding from Us be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God’s Covenant, the Lord of all worlds. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the kindred and give them the glad-tidings of God’s favor. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

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=== START BH04117 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Heart! O ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! Your letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this servant submitted all of it in His presence. You had written: “Send down tribulation upon Your enemies and seize them with the fullness of Your might and Your power to chastise and punish.” These words were heard, but the tongue of the All-Merciful speaks thus: O friend! Give praise to the Beloved of the world Who has enabled you to recognize the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. If this bounty that was bestowed upon you had been bestowed upon all the peoples of the world, all would have turned to the Friend and gathered beneath the shade of the Tree. That which was not given to them was given to you, for their past deeds have deprived and excluded them from God’s infinite bounties. In the station of communion and supplication with the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, speak these words: “O my Beloved, my Purpose, and the Ultimate Goal of my desires! You behold this evanescent servant who has turned to You and sought from You the eternal water. Grant that which befits Your greatness and is worthy of Your days. I beseech You by Your Most Great Name to rend asunder the veils of the servants and to show and open unto them the gate of mercy. Awaken those who

slumber with the hand of loving-kindness and tenderness, and make the heedless aware through the call of Your sweet banquet, that all may turn to You and advance towards You. O Lord! Deprive them not of the outpourings of the clouds of Your mercy and the breezes of the springtime of bounty in Your days. I testify that Your mercy has preceded all created things and Your loving-kindness has encompassed all who dwell on earth and in the heavens. There is no God but You, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

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=== START BH04118 ===

In the Name of the One God

O Kazim! The entire world hath been brought into existence from nothingness for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Yet in every age and century when the Sun of Truth hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine Will, all turned away save a few. Reflect upon the Messenger of God, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - after His appearance all turned away and the desire to shed His blood became manifest from the souls of the idolaters. Then the verse of emigration was revealed and He departed from Batha to Yathrib. And likewise reflect upon the Spirit (Christ) - the divines of idols and of the Torah rose up in such opposition that the hands of power bore Him to the fourth heaven, and this is a saying to which all the divines testify and proclaim. And similarly with the Prophets who came before - should one reflect, he would find himself bewildered at what befell those Dawning-places of divine revelation, such that the Most Exalted Pen lamenteth. The divines of the age have been and continue to be the cause of the prevention of the servants and the source of oppression. Through their opposition all turn away from the Truth. We beseech God to confirm thee in such wise that the veils of the world and the clouds of the peoples prevent thee not from the King of Eternity, and that in the days of His manifestation thou remain not deprived of the outpourings of the heaven of mercy of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bestowals and by the Dawning-places of Thy revelation and inspiration, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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O Kamal, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the peerless Lord! O Kamal, thou hast been blessed with two great bounties: First, that in the year Nine thou wast vouchsafed the presence of God, concerning which the Primal Point gave all this glad-tiding in His words: "And in the year Nine ye shall be blessed with attaining the presence of God." Likewise thou wert honored with the divine exposition regarding the blessed verse "all food," and this is that which the Primal Point gave glad-tidings of: "And in the year Nine ye shall comprehend all good." Thou shouldst at all times be thankful to the All-Merciful that He blessed thee with this most great bounty. Thou didst drink from the ocean of reunion and partake of the Kawthar of His presence. Thy petitions reached the Most Holy Court time and again. We heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love from thy prayers and remembrances. All the souls thou didst

mention in thy writings were remembered at the Most Holy Court and were adorned with the ornament of the favors of the Lord of all being. Blessed art thou and they! Give them My glad-tidings and proclaim unto their faces, as bidden by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We counsel all to steadfastness, for the clamorous ones have been and are lying in wait for the monotheists and the sincere ones. Say: Should anyone come to you with the book of the netherworld and its pages, cast them behind you, then know that he is the clamorous one promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones and My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of existence. O Kamal! The Self-Sufficient, the Most High, counseleth thee to render thy humility and reverence wholly unto God alone. This is a word wherewith We counseled thee in Baghdad - keep it before thine eyes as a command from Me, and I am the True Counselor.

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=== START BH04120 ===

O Muhammad-Quli! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God. We have mentioned thee time and again and have given thee the glad tidings that thy deeds have attained the honor of acceptance. Give thanks to thy Lord for this manifest bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and manifested in my deeds Thy good-pleasure, the mighty, the exalted. I beseech Thee by the treasuries of Thy knowledge and the repositories of Thy wisdom, and by Thy Most Great Command and Thy Most Ancient Name, to assist me in all conditions to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones, and to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy glory and Thy majesty, Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Praise be to God, thy deed hath been accepted and it cannot be equaled by the deeds of nations who were heedless of the Cause and denied God, the Lord of the worlds. The Wronged One maketh mention of thee at a time when sorrows and grief have encompassed Him from all directions. Two heedless ones in the great city have arisen to bring about ruin, and with a few dirhams have led Akhtar astray to publish calumnies. But far, far be it! Soon shall they witness their own impotence and the recompense of their deeds from God, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through these intrigues they have sought to become acceptable to the enemies and the wicked among creation. However, the Wronged One giveth thanks to God for what hath befallen Him and respondeth, saying: I do not complain of My distress and sorrow. I am content with His decree and His destiny, and I praise Him for what hath come upon Me in His path. To this testify the pebbles of the earth and their essence, and this truthful, trustworthy Tongue. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have taken hold of the Book, detached from every remote oppressor and every doubting ignorant one.

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=== START BH04121 ===

In the Name of the One God O Muhammad! The Most Exalted Pen speaks in praise and glorification of the Lord of Names, for His bounty is manifest and His mighty hand is the Savior and Deliverer. He bestowed favor and showed generosity by bringing you from the land of Ta to the Prison-land that you might hear what is recorded in the divine Books and witness what has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen.

The Wronged One testifies that you have turned from your homeland to God, the Lord of the worlds, and attained the blessing of visiting His house and acted according to what was commanded in a clear Tablet. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you in remembrance and praise, for He is the Protector of those who remember Him. Convey greetings to the loved ones of God wherever you find them, and give them the glad tidings of the splendors of the Sun of Providence. All are mentioned in His presence and are sustained by the Kawthar of His grace. Ask God to assist them to preserve what He has bestowed. Verily He has power over all things. O Muhammad! Place your trust in God in all matters. Verily He is with you in all conditions. He is verily with His trusting servants. You should proceed to different lands with the utmost joy and fragrance, like the breezes of the divine springtime of mercy, that perchance souls may be revived and arise to mention and praise God. Say: O people of God! The world is passing away and its evanescence is fully apparent. Deprive not yourselves of the immortal Kingdom through attachment to that which is transient. The atheists and hypocrites lie in wait - protect yourselves through God's name and occupy yourselves with the Peerless Friend. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04122 ===

To Mirza Mehdi, son of the Martyr, upon both of them be the Glory of God. He is the All-Knowing Witness. O Mehdi! Blessed is thy father who migrated from his home in his longing to attain the presence of God and appeared before the Throne when the Cause was veiled in manifest obscurity. He drank from the Kawthar of reunion before its manifestation and attained to the Hidden Mystery before its revelation. To this testifieth He with Whom is a mighty Book. He was with Me for numbered days in the prison of Mim. Thus doth his Ancient Lord make mention of him - He Who proclaimeth from the heart of the world: "There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed." He is among those who were martyred in the path of God and who drank the cup of nearness and good-pleasure from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. Blessed is he, again blessed is he, and blessed are they who visit him, even as the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His mighty prison. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon the Sacrifice who ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have remembered him with that which surpasseth all that the people possess, and We remember him as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Mehdi! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while I was among the heedless. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. And I beseech Thee to forgive me and my father and my uncle, and to remit our sins through Thy grace and generosity, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surgeth in all creation, and the fragrance of generosity wafteth among the worlds, and the sweet savors of bounty are diffused throughout existence. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the hidden and the manifest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Ni'mat! Reflect upon the divine bounties, and likewise upon His gifts and favors. Upon an animal so tiny and small as to be invisible to the eye, He has bestowed hearing, intelligence, sight, perception and knowledge - truly a clear book to those possessed of insight. Read what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an: "We have recorded everything in a Book." Ask of God that He may illumine hearts and minds with the light of recognition, so that, being purified from the tales of the past and the gulf of names, they may set forth toward the ocean of inner meanings. The names prevented the previous community from the lights of justice and fairness - some through the word "successor", others through mention of "guardian", and some parties through the terms "deputy" and "noble one" and "fourth pillar" and "mirror" remained deprived of the revealer of verses and possessor of names and attributes, and were forbidden the sealed wine. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having aided me to rend asunder the veils and guided me to the Mother Book. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love, such that the oppression of the oppressor may not frighten me, nor the might of the heedless, nor the croaking of the croaker, nor the doubts of the learned. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy lands amongst Thy servants. Thou knowest better than I what is good for me. I testify that Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Your letter arrived and this Most Sublime, Most Holy, Most Pure Tablet was revealed in your name. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths.

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=== START BH04124 ===

Tablet of Meeting, upon her be the Glory of God

In My Name, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving

O My leaf! Upon thee be the glory of the Kingdom of My favor. Hearken unto My call whereby We guided Moses on the Mount of Knowledge and caused him to hear that which delighted his eyes, ignited his heart, expanded his breast, and illumined his countenance. We sent him forth with the rod of My power and strengthened him with My might which hath conquered all who are on My earth, even unto him who denied My grace and My sovereignty. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Rejoice in that the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison. By My life! My turning toward thee cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor by what hath been witnessed and mentioned among the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Single, the One, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and the earths.

Praise be to God! In the days of the Blessed Tree thou hast attained unto that which the divines and princes of the earth have not attained, save whom God willeth. Today the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out to its leaves from the direction of the Most Exalted Paradise and relateth the Most Great News. The attraction of its utterance hath seized the realms of dominion and the Kingdom, and this bounty without likeness and grace without end is specially reserved for those men and women who have turned toward God. Take thou the Tablet of God and its traces with the hand of submission and contentment, and say:

“Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and for having acquainted me with the ocean of Thy verses. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy standing before all faces and by Thy power over the seen and unseen, to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving care. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Dominant, the Glorious, the All-Praised.”

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=== START BH04125 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O My leaf! My Most Exalted Pen hath lamented over what hath befallen you from Mine enemies who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every accursed satan. All things have lamented over what hath befallen My Name Ha who arose to serve My Cause in such wise that the hosts could not deter him. To this all things bear witness, yet most of the people remain heedless. He sacrificed his soul in My path, whereat the seas lamented, the trees cried out, and the eyes of the Concourse on High wept, as did those who circle round My mighty throne. Blessed art thou, O My leaf, for the breezes of revelation have seized thee in such wise that thou hast witnessed in the love of God what no eye hath seen. Be thou thankful for thy Lord’s loving-kindness. He is verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous. He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He desireth. His mercy hath preceded all existence. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee in My path. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my King, for having enabled me to be patient in Thy path and steadfast in Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to give me to drink, at all times, from the choice wine of steadfastness, for Thy Cause is mighty, mighty indeed - a might none hath comprehended save Thy all-knowing, all-informed Self.

O My leaf! Grieve not over thy son. He hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that he attained unto My presence and circumambulated My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. Be thou patient as thou wert patient before. Thus doth thy Lord, the Faithful Counsellor, command thee. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who have observed what is due to God regarding thee, and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest One.

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O Mirza Yahya, who hath presented himself and attained unto My Name, the All-Knowing Speaker! O Yahya! I testify that thou hast heard the Call and drunk the wine of immortality from the hands of bounty, and visited the Kaaba of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and found the fragrances of revelation while thou wert present before the Wronged One, and heardst His verses with thine ear and beheld the horizon of His manifestation with thine eye. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of care, gifts and favors. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth

through His word “Be” and it is. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy grace, and caused me to hear Thy call, and guided me to Thy path, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and given me to drink that which hath drawn me to the court of Thy might and the precincts of Thy holiness. O my Lord! Ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will render me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to Thy Most Strong Cord. O my Lord! Aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in teaching Thy Cause and in that whereby Thy Most Exalted Word may be upraised in the world of creation. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thou hast ever been remembered and art remembered, and the glance of favor hath been directed toward thee. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Today all must set the people ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illumine them with the light of the Cause. Praise be to God, the effulgences of the Day-Star of Revelation are manifest from every direction. The internal party and external parties all have sought and continue to seek knowledge of this Cause. Soon shall be revealed unto them that which was hidden from them. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

It behooveth the servant of God to arise to promote the Cause of God in the Days of God in such wise that whatsoever exists beside Him shall not withhold him from the Horizon whence hath dawned the Sun of the Most Great Name with the ornament of pre-existence. Thus doth this Pen remind thee on behalf of the Creator of all nations. Hearken thou and be of them that render thanks.

Detach thyself wholly from all who are on earth and turn unto the court of the mercy of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Take thou the chalice of utterance from My words, then drink therefrom the choice wine of inner meanings and exposition through My Name and My sovereignty. By God! It shall make thee independent of all else save Me, and shall cause thee to turn unto the sanctuary of My glory, to speak My praise, and to be detached from the worlds.

Say: O people! The King of Utterance hath appeared upon the clouds of inner meanings and exposition. Abandon ye the allusions of them who have disbelieved in God - they are in manifest error.

Adorn thou thy head with the crown of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, and thy heart with the praise of thy Master. Thus behooveth him who hath believed today in God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. When thou art seized by the rapture of the verses revealed by the Lord of Names and Attributes, turn thy face toward the Holy Court and say:

O my Lord! I testify that Thou art God and that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been in the heights of glory, and wilt ever abide in the sublimity of majesty and grandeur. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else save Thee. Have mercy upon me, O my God, through the wonders of Thy mercy; then grant me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy bounty. Then enable me, O

my God, to remember and praise Thee in such wise that the veils of them who are heedless of the Dayspring of Thy most beautiful names and the Dawning-Place of Thy most exalted attributes shall not prevent me. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH04128 ===

He is the Most Holy

O thou blessed, luminous leaf! Sing and chant these most lofty words on the branches of the Tree of Baha: 'Verily there is no God beside God, who is the Lord of the First and the Last.' Verily We have made thee of the best of women and have granted thee a station before the Face to which no woman has ever attained. Thus have We showered Our Grace upon thee and granted thee this precedence as a Favor on the part of the Possessor of the Throne and the earth. Verily we have created thine eyes in order to behold the rays of My Countenance; We have made thine ears for hearkening to My Verses and have fashioned thy temple;- so that thou may'st stand before the Throne. Therefore proffer thou thanksgiving unto thy Lord, the Master of Mankind. Is there any greater testimony than the testimony of the Tree concerning Its leaf and the Branch of Unity regarding Its fruit? Through my mentioning It the perfume of musk is diffused. Blessed is he who hath found this Fragrance and exclaimed: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou my Lord, the Baha-El-Abha.'

Is there anything more agreeable than thy presence before the Throne, My Glance at thee, My mentioning thee in this Tablet which We have made it a sign of Our Favor towards thee both (or intrinsically and extrinsically) in private and in public?

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. . . Praise be to Thee, O My God, for all that hath transpired, for verily this hath been the rule prescribed for Thy Chosen Ones and Thy conduct with those who love Thee. I swear by Thy Might, O My God and My Master, shouldst Thou slay me with the swords of Thy Decree, torment Me with every torment, or burn Me with the fire of Thy justice and vengeance, My soul will not be emptied of its love for Thee, nor My tongue stilled from mentioning Thee, nor My heart busied with anyone save Thyself. My inner being will not cling to anyone but Thee, My feet will not move except towards Thee and My hands will not be raised save unto Thee.

Praised be Thou, praised be Thou! I beseech Thee by Thy Primal Light through which the ocean of Thy Oneness hath surged and the arks of Thy Will and the paths of Thy Guidance have been fashioned, to suffer Me to be pleased with Thy Decree, to seek Thy calamity, and to long for Thy presence, as promised in Thy Book. Cause then My sister to become one of Thy handmaids who believe in Thee and are steadfast in Thy love. Shelter her moreover in the precincts of Thy mercy and grant her to dwell under the shadow of the Tree of Thy bounty, that her heart may be assured, her spirit calmed and her soul at peace. Thou art, verily, the Most Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Muhammad-'Ali! He is God! Take up thy station, hearken to My words, then be thou enkindled with the fire of God and leave behind thee all who are on earth. Ascend unto the Kingdom of God that thou mayest hear His melodies and witness, beyond all creation, a mighty dominion. Say: I am but a servant of God among you, and I summon you only to a station of sublime sanctity. Fear ye God and deny not Him of Whom ye were promised in all the Tablets from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. He hath indeed come to you with all the signs and with manifest sovereignty. He is the Wondrous Originator of the heavens and earth - the eye of creation hath seen none more wondrous than He, and God is witness to this. Say: The cry of the distressed hath ascended to the heaven of destiny, and the Sovereign of Revelation hath descended with the hosts of the unseen with mighty power. Say: He hath come after 'Ali even as the Spirit came after the son of Zachariah. Thus hath the Truth come and judgment been decreed from One mighty and powerful. Say: In the name of God and by God, then arise to serve the Cause and fear not those who follow every doubtful deceiver. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Throne in days when the countenance of Beauty was veiled behind clouds of Glory, though from the horizon of grandeur He was in truth ever visible. Thus have We bestowed upon thee through grace that which a single letter thereof surpasseth all things, and none comprehend this save those endowed with insight. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have stood firm in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save those whom God preserved through His grace, and He verily encompasseth all things.

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He is the Glorious!

Hearken to what the departing Dove revealeth unto thee, as He prepareth to leave the realm of 'Iraq – such are the methods of God decreed for His Messengers. Let this not cause thee sorrow. Put thy trust in thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers…. Those who are endowed with the insight of the spirit are independent of all that was and shall be created, and are able to behold the mysteries of the Cause behind the thickest veils. Say, O beloved of God! Fear none and let nothing grieve thee; be steadfast in the Cause. By God, those who have drunk of the love of God, the Glorious, the Effulgent, have no fear of anyone, and show patience in calamity, like unto the patience of the lover toward the good pleasure of the beloved. With them affliction ranketh greater than that which the lovers perceive in the countenance of the beloved. Say, O concourse of evil-doers! Erelong the Cause of God will, in truth, be exalted, and the standards of those who join partners with God will perish, and the people shall enter the Faith of God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Ancient of Days. Well is it with those who have now hastened forth in the love of God and received the tidings of the breath of the Holy Spirit. Glory be unto you, O concourse of believers in the unity of God.

Know then that thy letter hath reached Us, and We have given this reply to create in thy heart the warmth of yearning, to cause thee to turn to the paradise of this resplendent Name, to make thee detached from all, and to enable thee to soar to such heights as have not been attained by the wings of the worldly-wise who are not under the shadow of God's countenance and who are indeed of the perplexed.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath revealed that which was hidden and manifested that which was treasured through the mystery of His Name, the Enchanting, which were it to be cast upon the mountains they would crumble, and upon the earth it would quake, and upon the heaven it would split, and upon the souls they would tremble, and upon the hearts they would be troubled, except for those preserved by the hand of might and power. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And the essence of peace and the mystery of blessings be upon Him Who told of the Ancient Being in the world, through Whom were manifested God's most beautiful names and His most exalted words and His most great attributes, and through Whom emerged God's commandments and His laws and His sovereignty and His will, and upon His family and companions through whom the world attained to the Kawthar of knowledge and utterance and the choice wine of wisdom and exposition, and through whom were brightened the eyes of the people of divine unity and the fragrance of the garment was diffused among the people of truth. And then, this evanescent servant hath attained unto your letter, from which every fair-minded one perceiveth the fragrance of love and affection and the sweet savors of nearness and unity. When I read it and understood it, I sought audience and presented it, whereupon He - may my spirit be a sacrifice for Him - said: "Nothing will benefit him except persistence in what He hath intended for him, that he should hold fast to his occupation, placing his trust in God, the Lord of creation." The Truth beareth witness, and the fair-minded among creation, that whenever your letter reacheth this servant, joy and gladness seize him in every way and in every place. We beseech God to assist you and aid you and preserve you and grant you the best of what lieth with Him. Verily, He is the Judge, the Ruler, the Hearer, the Answerer.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, greatness and power!

Praise be to God Who has manifested His Cause, fulfilled His promise, and sent down the Criterion for the guidance of all in creation, whereby He has distinguished between those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away, between the people of polytheism and the people of divine unity. He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And then, your petition was received and its contents noted. The answer is what is now set forth: First, occupation with such matters and attention to development and gardens and roses and nightingales and

hyacinths keeps one from building spiritual houses and true mansions. Although the cultivation and development of the earth has been and continues to be ordained by God, yet since the location is distant, great trouble and hardship would need to be endured. In any case, if you can obtain anything from Haji ’Ali - whether cattle or other things - for developing what you intend, that would be good. And if anyone wishes to create a new garden, they should adhere to whatever is customary and known among the people in such matters. And if the return journey is delayed beyond measure, that would be best and most fitting. We beseech God to assist you in that which will leave lasting traces and effects throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to Haji ’Ali, upon him be God’s peace, and to the Shaykh, that is Haji Rida. We likewise make mention of Haji Khavar and Aqa ’Ali. Praise be to God, all are remembered before the Face and have attained mention.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed that which was concealed in the veils of the Unseen and hath sent down that which guideth all unto God - exalted be His glory, exalted be His dominion, exalted be His grandeur, and exalted be His grace! And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto your honor! In these days when Shaykh Salman, upon him be the Glory of God, is departing for those regions, a number of travelers who are present in this land have, in accordance with His will, been given permission to depart. However, as funds for their return journey were not available, this evanescent one received fifty tumans from Shaykh Salman and some from another source, so that after attaining the bounty of His presence and meeting, and that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets, they might return to their homelands with permission and leave. Happy are they, and joy be unto them! We beseech God to preserve them and aid them to preserve what they have achieved in His path. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The purpose is that if any funds have arrived or will arrive from Abadih, they should be paid, for it was written that in any case these funds must reach Shaykh Salman. Beyond this, whatever course is followed will be acceptable. In truth, your honor has labored greatly in this matter and is engaged in service with perfect submission, contentment and love. This is a word which the Beloved’s tongue hath repeatedly uttered. A hundred thousand seas of “happy are they and joy be unto them” are needed in this station. The Glory be upon your honor.

The Servant

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In the Name of the All-Seeing One

Praise be to God that you have drunk from the wine of divine knowledge and turned toward the supreme horizon. Today it is incumbent upon every soul to strive with utmost […] to attain a station that will endure in the divine Kingdom, for this Day has no peer. How blessed is the one who beholds with penetrating vision that which has been made manifest, and listens with true hearing to that which has been raised up from the Dawning-Place of utterance. God willing, may the hearts of the people of that land be adorned with the ears of knowledge and wisdom through the rain-showers of divine grace. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation, in such wise that, detached from all who dwell on earth, you may turn to God, exalted be His glory. Were man to reflect even briefly, he would surely not occupy himself with that which is transient, nor would he let slip from his grasp that which endures. At all times, whatsoever exists will perish. You must adorn yourself through lofty endeavor with such virtues that the riches of the world cannot tarnish them, and they will remain preserved from the grasp of change, revolution and discord. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

Say: O my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and advancing toward the horizon of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to assist me in that which befitteth Thy Revelation in Thy days and the exaltation of Thy Cause in Thy lands. Then preserve me from whatsoever may prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee and standing in service to Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

Praise be to God that thou hast drunk the wine of divine knowledge from the hands of the bounties of the Lord of all being, and hast attained unto the sublime and wondrous Tablets, each of which was as the water of life unto the peoples of the world. Thou must strive, God willing, to awaken the heedless ones from their slumber of negligence and draw them to the most exalted horizon. Observe the grace of God - how, despite countless tribulations and His imprisonment in the prison of ‘Akka, He ceaselessly calleth out to all beings and summoneth them unto the truth. Follow thou thy Lord and be of them that remember Him. At all times thou must, with the utmost wisdom and in a spirit of delight, offer unto them that are ready the most pure wine that floweth from the direction of the Most Great Scene. Regarding the stations of teaching and exposition, a Tablet was sent in the name of ’Allah-u-Mahdi’ and We commanded that it be conveyed to all. God willing, you will attain unto it and inform the people of its contents. The letter thou didst send to the servant who is present before the Throne was presented before the Countenance and We heard that which thou didst commune with God. We beseech Him to assist thee in His service and to grant thee that which is ordained in the kingdom of His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. We have remembered thee time and again and given thee to drink from cups through which whoso attaineth, attaineth unto that which is ordained by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We shall hereafter make mention of a command from Our presence. Thy Lord is indeed the Manifest, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among those who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds!

Today the Mother Book cries out and the Qur'an makes mention, for the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Source of Divine Inspiration, and the Fountainhead of all Books hath appeared, manifest and evident, without veil or concealment, calling before the faces of all the world and summoning unto the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of certitude. Say: O friends, until ye pass beyond the rivers of names ye shall not attain to the ocean of meanings. Strive that words may not become a barrier and that deeds and utterances may not turn into veils. Today the Spirit circleth round and the souls of the near ones and the Messengers bow down in humility and submission. Blessed are they who have attained the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and who have arisen to serve the Cause with manifest certitude. These are they who are the companions of the Crimson Ark, as recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'.

Praise be to the Goal of the world that thou hast attained unto the Word of God and this Tablet hath been revealed in thy name. All the treasures of the world and whatsoever is possessed by the nations cannot be compared with His Word, as doth testify the Tongue of Grandeur in this exalted station. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wondrous!

Convey My greetings to the kindred and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors, exalted be His glory. Likewise to the friends in that land who have quaffed the choice wine that was sealed through the name of the Self-Subsisting and who gaze toward the most exalted horizon. We counsel all to steadfastness, for the irreligious and the transgressors lie in wait. His is the Command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

Today the Sun of grace is manifest and the ocean of loving-kindness is surging, and whatsoever God's consummate wisdom requireth will assuredly appear from the heaven of His Will. And if the fulfillment of certain wishes of the friends be delayed, they should not become sorrowful. Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which, like unto the sun, hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet and was sent to one of the servants: The pulse of the world is in the hand of the skilled Physician. He perceiveth the disease and in His wisdom prescribeth the remedy. God willing, drink ye in all conditions from the ocean of contentment. The loving-kindness of God hath ever been and shall ever be with the steadfast ones who have turned unto Him. Verily, all affairs are in His hands. He seeth and speaketh, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful was wafted from thy letter. We found it through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. He hath desired to make mention of Himself through thy turning unto Him. This is naught but a supreme bounty.

O God of the worlds and Sovereign of the nations! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Tree of Thy loving-kindness and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in all Thy worlds. O God of Names and Creator of heaven! O Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and turning unto Thee, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath acknowledged before the creation of Thy earth and heaven. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to withhold from me that which is unworthy of Thee, O Lord of all men and Master of the hereafter and the former times! Glory be upon Thee and upon Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

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O Mir ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God!

In His Name Who dawns forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Today two calls are raised: the first is the call of the All-Merciful, and the second is the call of Satan. Those souls who, upon hearing the second call, utter the word “yea” - such souls are deprived of the Kingdom of utterance and the heaven of bounty. They are the manifestations of tyranny and lewdness, and the dawning-places of infidelity and transgression. Blessed are those souls who have attained to the hearing of the first call and have responded with “Here am I, O my God, here am I!” Upon them be the glory of God, His bounty, His light and His splendor.

O people of God! Hold fast unto the reformation of the world and its peoples, and be detached from corruption. This is the divine counsel which hath streamed forth and been sent down from the Eternal Pen. Man tasteth the cup of death but once; now if this should come to pass for the sake of God, its fragrance would perfume the world of existence.

The Wronged One speaketh through thy tongue: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me Thy path, sent down unto me Thy verses, shown forth unto me Thy proofs, given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge, guided me to Thy announcement and caused me to speak forth Thy praise. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy knowledge which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, and by the fire whereby the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures have been set ablaze, to make me assured through Thy grace, steadfast in Thy Cause, and thoughtful of the manifestations of Thy power. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou seest the hands of my hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me nor to withhold from me. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, verily Thou art the Most Generous, verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O handmaid of God, wife of his honor A.B., upon both of them be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing! This is a Day wherein all names and all things cry out with the most exalted

call, giving the glad tidings of the appearance of the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Rising-Point of inspiration to all men and women. Yet the intoxication of vain desire hath prevented all from the Lord of earth and heaven, save those souls who, through the power of the Most Great Name, have rent asunder the veils of the peoples and turned toward the horizon of unity. Blessed art thou for having heard and recognized and turned toward the horizon of the Manifestation. And woe unto every handmaid who hath turned away from the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existing. We beseech God that He may enable all the leaves to attain unto the recognition of the Divine Lote-Tree and deprive them not from the ocean of bounty. Today neither loftiness nor lowliness, poverty nor wealth, lineage nor descent, weakness nor strength can be observed. Whosoever hath recognized the peerless Beloved - his is true wealth and spiritual station. In this day the Queen of the realms hath not, before God, the weight of a mustard seed, although she speaketh in His Name and in her temple calleth upon the Lord of all mankind throughout all her days, and spendeth vast sums in promoting her own religion. Nevertheless she is deprived of the Sun of Revelation and barred from the Truth in Whose remembrance she is engaged. Now consider thine own station and the station of those leaves who are holding fast to the Divine Lote-Tree, and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the worlds! And glory be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know! And bounty be to Thee, O Thou the Yearning of loving hearts!”

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O Muhammad-Husayn! Upon him be the Glory of God - He Who speaks before all faces. Today countless treasures of divine knowledge have appeared from the treasury of the sciences of the Lord of all beings. Say: O servants of God, exalted be His glory! He has manifested Himself solely for the advancement and elevation of your stations. Strive that perchance you may not lag behind the peoples of the past in recognition, but rather surpass them. O you who gaze toward the horizon of the Manifestation! Sorrows have encompassed this Wronged One from all directions, for it is observed that this people, namely the people of the Bayan, are far lower and more worthless than the previous people. For those people heard from the Burning Bush the words “Verily I am God” and did not deny it, while these people, despite the fact that the Herald mentioned completely the movements, stillness, words and deeds of this Wronged One, nevertheless all turned away and rose up in opposition, and committed that which caused the Lord of the heavens to take to the dust of exile and choose a dwelling place. Were I to reveal to you and to My loved ones what has befallen Me at the hands of those who claimed to love Me, you would lament as those who have lost their children lament, and weep as lovers weep in separation. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having turned toward this servant of Thine and sent down unto him that which every letter thereof testifieth to Thy grace and bounty and might and grandeur and loving-kindness. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Compassionate to the downtrodden, to aid them to turn toward Thee and face the lights of Thy countenance. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O handmaiden of Samander, upon both of you be the Glory of God! In the name of the one God! Today the Kawthar of divine knowledge calls out to the people of possibility, saying: O friends! Know ye the value of these days and deprive not yourselves of the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth. The Purpose of the world has unveiled Himself amidst the peoples, speaking and uttering forth manifestly and evidently. Expand your hearts that ye may receive your portion of the radiant and holy pearls that in every moment appear from the treasury of the Supreme Pen. O my leaf and my handmaiden! Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, thou hast drunk from the cup of divine knowledge and attained unto its effects. Say: O handmaidens, deprive not yourselves on this Day of God which has appeared, but take hold of the sealed wine that stands before all faces through His Name and drink it in His remembrance. This wine hath no likeness or equal. It is the Kawthar of divine love and the Salsabil of heavenly knowledge. Its fragrance quickeneth the world and bestoweth awareness. In place of intoxication it conferreth consciousness, and in place of headache it granteth detachment. Blessed be this wine and blessed be the one who attaineth unto it, despite those people of the Bayan who have broken the Covenant of the All-Merciful. O handmaiden of God! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land and counsel them to purity and sanctity. The best garment in all the world for the handmaidens of God is chastity. God willing, may all be adorned therewith. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Glory be upon thee, O my leaf and my handmaiden, and upon those who have aided thee and caused thee to know and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love, the Mighty.

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O Nabil-i-Qabl-'Ali! In the Name of God, the Most Manifest! Hearken unto that which the Herald of the All-Merciful calleth out from the direction of the Ridvan, for verily thy hearkening unto His call is better than all that hath been created in the realms of being and ordained in contingent existence by God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great. Say: Through His call are the hearts of them that are nigh drawn forth, and through it is stirred up in every heart that whereby the breasts of the doubters are purified. Say: This indeed is the Kawthar of life amidst the Concourse of existence - drink ye thereof and be not of the heedless. Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye deny Him Whose meeting ye were promised in all the Tablets? Alas for you and for those whom ye have taken as lords for yourselves besides God! Fear ye God, then turn unto Him that He may forgive you your evil deeds, for verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: This indeed is He through Whom hath shone forth the sun of grandeur and power, through Whom the Cause of God hath become renowned throughout all else besides Him, and through Whom the faces of them that are nigh have been illumined. He hath aided the Cause of His Lord until He was imprisoned in this remote prison, and now from the direction of the prison He calleth out to all who are in the heavens and on earth, saying: "Worship none but God!" All the peoples of the earth combined have not prevented Him from the Cause of His Lord. Though ye help Him not, commit not that which would grieve His heart and cause the hearts of the Concourse on high to burn. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and arise to aid this Wronged One Who hath been afflicted at the hands of the oppressors. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon the servants of God who are nigh unto Him.

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O Afnan, his eminence Haji Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God.

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! Verily the Fire speaks forth from the Divine Lote-Tree: “God, there is no God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.” And the Light calls out from the horizon of Manifestation: “The Kingdom belongs to God, Master of what was and what shall be.” And the Mount circles round and proclaims: “O peoples of the earth! The Hidden One has appeared and the Treasured One has come!” And the Herald has called out: “O people of earth! The gate of heaven has been opened and He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, has come!”

There has come before the Wronged One he who was named Muhammad-Rida. We have remembered you with spirit and fragrance, and remember you in this blessed Tablet. When you see and read it, say: “Praise be to You, O my God, for having caused my name to flow from Your Most Exalted Pen in various Tablets, and for having enabled me to turn to You and attain Your presence, when most of Your servants and creatures were debarred therefrom. Glory be to You, O my God! Yours is the greatness and the praise, the might and the eternity. I testify that Your grace has encompassed me and Your mercy has preceded me, such that You have illumined my heart with the light of Your knowledge, my sight with beholding the horizon of Your Manifestation and visiting the traces of Your Pen, and my hearing with hearkening to Your call. O Lord! I beseech You by Your supreme benevolence and by Your Most Great, Most Pure, Most Exalted Name to protect me through Your power and sovereignty and to ordain for me every good thing recorded in Your Book. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Your bounty that which befits Your generosity and grace, and assist me to remain steadfast in Your love. Verily You are the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Sovereign, the Bestower, the Ever-Flowing.”

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O Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God! In My Name which is sanctified above all names! Verily the Light hath shone forth in this hour from Mine evident horizon and hath called out with the most exalted call, saying: “O people of the realm of creation! That which was spoken of in the Books of God hath appeared, and He for Whose manifestation and advent the worlds were created hath come. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized and said: ‘I testify to that which the Books of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, have testified.’ This is the Day wherein the Mother Book hath appeared and speaketh before all faces, yet most of the people understand not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and taken that which was forbidden them in My preserved Tablet.” O Ahmad! By God, the Cause hath appeared and the attraction of the Call hath seized all who are in earth and heaven, except those who have broken the Covenant and disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and heard and attained unto the verses of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its effects, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having opened before my face the door of Thy knowledge, and made known to me Thy path, and

shown me Thy signs, and strengthened me in that which most of Thy creatures were hindered from. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of names, and by the revelations of the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation, to make me steadfast in Thy love and speaking forth Thy praise amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the door of Thy bounty, and him who seeketh after the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him through Thy generosity and munificence. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty over what was and what shall be."

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O Mulla Mahdi, mentioned by name, who was sanctified from all mention!

Verily in the immersion of the Glory in the ocean of tribulation and His donning the garment of destiny are signs for those possessed of insight. O ye endowed with vision! Were ye to gaze with the most luminous sight upon this Most Great Scene, ye would behold the garment of the Lord of Destiny spattered with the blood of hatred by the people of wickedness. By God! Through their deeds all deeds have lamented, and through their actions the way of God hath been altered between the heavens and earths. They claim what they do not practice and say what is not in their hearts. Verily they are among the abased ones. When they see the steadfast ones they say "We believe in God, the True King, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Impregnable." But when they sit with their like they drink what they desire and speak according to their base passions. Verily they are among the drowned. They rejoice in what they possess - were they to know, they would lament. Soon shall the wrath and anger of God seize them. He is the most severe of avengers. By My life! My mercy hath preceded My wrath, and My patience hath encompassed the worlds.

O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call from the direction of grandeur, from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the snow-white spot - verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. In My patience there is wisdom, and in My forbearance other wisdom that none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the Wise. Arise to make mention and offer praise amidst the concourse of creation. This is better for you, if ye be of those who know.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Give thanks to thy Lord, for the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath moved to make mention of thee. Be thou of such manner that the radiance of the Beloved may shine from thy face and the fragrances of thy Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous, may waft from thy deeds.

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O Muhammad Ja'far with the letter Sad! He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing! O thou who believest in God! Bear thou witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him and that 'Ali before Nabil is the

Manifestation of His Essence and the Manifestation of His Cause unto all the worlds. Through Him hath His proof appeared and His argument been perfected and His Word been fulfilled and His countenance shone forth and His evidence been established unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and God was witness unto this. Through Him the Resurrection came to pass and the Hour arrived and the Balance was set up and the Bridge was raised according to that which had been ordained in the Mother Book as exalted. Through Him all things were resurrected and all who dwell on earth were gathered together, whether rich or poor. Say: By God! He is verily the Sovereign of the Messengers and His Tablet is the Mother of Tablets, and through a single letter from Him was everything created with the ornament of luminous glory. Take thou this Book with power and hold fast unto what is therein and fear no one, but place thy trust in God, thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate, for He doth keep watch over thee. Open thou thine eyes and ponder what hath been sent down unto thee, and take it with strength that is firmly founded upon truth. Then emerge from behind the veils and arise in the name of God from a holy and resplendent horizon. Then aid thy Lord according to thy capacity and remain true to thy nature. Know thou that We have been cast into prison through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, and this is what hath been decreed in truth upon preserved tablets of holiness. We give thanks unto God for what hath befallen Us and make mention of Him throughout all days, nay rather, at every moment and instant.

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O Javad in the City! He is the Mighty! O Javad! Hear what God calls to thee from this Most Pure Station. Say: By God! The Spirit hath appeared from this Most Great Scene, and the heaven hath been cleft asunder, and God hath come with manifest sovereignty, and thereby the sun was darkened and the moon was split, and all are in continuous tribulation. Do thou remind the people with this Most Evident Embroidery that they follow not Satan within themselves, but rather follow this Cause that is inscribed and concealed. Say: By God! The Cause hath dawned from this Dayspring quicker than the twinkling of an eye, and there is no refuge nor escape for anyone except that they enter this Most Pure and Most Luminous Ridvan. And verily the Tree of Sinai speaketh the truth in this Station and calleth all: “Where is your resting-place, O ye who are possessed of sight?” We had forbidden thee before from mention in this Greatest Word, but now We permit thee to remind people with what is made easy. And this is indeed God’s grace unto all who possess vision, and God’s conquest over whoso turneth away and disbelieveth. Say: This is indeed the Cause that is most calamitous and most bitter, from which every rabble and ass fleeth. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whoso hath acknowledged.

He is the Mighty! God willing, thou art in the utmost joy and delight and gladness, and be not heedless of the mention of the Beloved Who is concealed, hidden, and unknown. And remind the loved ones. A small gift was emphasized to Salman to give to you. And God giveth what He willeth, and verily He is the Honorer of those who love Him, and verily He is the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy!

O Husayn! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, that it may draw thee to the Kingdom of My Cause and the heaven of My grandeur. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The idolaters have driven Us from the Land of Mystery and confined Us in the most desolate of lands. For this did the Faithful Spirit lament, yet the Youth was not overtaken by sorrow. He hath ever been gazing toward the direction of thy Lord's mercy, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, and from the heart of tribulation He summoneth all created things unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Grieve not for what hath befallen Us. Through tribulation hath the temple of Baha been adorned - thus hath the matter been decreed by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Make mention of the servants and pay no heed to what hath transpired in the land. By His Self, the Most Merciful! All that dwelleth thereon shall perish, and there shall endure only the face of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

Be as the ocean, that tribulations may not prevent thee from the surging waves of remembrance of the Lord of names and attributes. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing, bid thee. Can the barking of dogs prevent the warbling of the dove, or the clamor of the people obstruct the radiance of the sun? Nay, by thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

O 'Ali! That which We foretold thee hath come to pass. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things preserved in a guarding tablet. God shall soon manifest in the earth that which shall gladden the hearts of the sincere ones. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions, to protect thee from those who have denied God, the One, the Mighty, the Bountiful, to cause thee to abide as long as His own Self abideth, and to grant thee the best of what He hath ordained for His chosen ones who are nigh unto Him.

Beware lest tribulation prevent thee from the remembrance of the Lord of Names. Remember Him throughout all days, that thy remembrance may endure amongst the worlds. And upon thee be glory for as long as God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beautiful, endureth.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! O Sulayman! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from the horizon of sorrows. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath attained Our presence, and We have inhaled from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet, from which the sweet savors of the divine call are wafted. When thou findest them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Beware lest the affairs of the world debar thee from turning toward the Most Glorious Horizon. Thus hast thou been commanded by One Who is the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Be thou mindful of My Name amongst My servants and hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's mercy. He will protect thee through His sovereignty. He, verily, ordaineth what He pleaseth. Convey My glory unto thy sister and give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then make mention, on My behalf, of thy wife who hath

believed in her Lord and turned toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation, that she may rejoice in the remembrance of her Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and blessed is the youth who hath attained unto this mighty remembrance. O My servants! Preserve My trust within your hearts through My Name, the One Who overshadoweth the worlds. Make mention of ’Ata’u’llah and her who is with him. Blessed are they both in that they have been remembered before the Throne. This is naught but a great favor. Say: Blessed art thou, O Dhu’l-Faqar, inasmuch as thy name hath flowed from the Pen of the Chosen One. Hold fast unto the hem of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and made mention therein of those servants who were mentioned in thy letter, as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the One Who ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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O Muhammad-’Ali who art in Sad! In the name of the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted: Hearken unto the call of this Husayn, at a time when His head lieth beneath the sword of the malevolent ones, and He crieth out saying: “O people! Fear ye God and deny not Him Whose presence was promised unto you, whereof all the Tablets bear witness, if ye be possessed of knowledge. O people! By God, I speak not of Mine own desire, but rather I speak that which God hath taught Me at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, as attested by that which hath appeared from Him and by these verses which have encompassed all the worlds. O people! Slay Me not with the swords of rejection and hatred, and deny not that whereby your faith was established and your station exalted and this Cause upraised, through which the feet of every wicked transgressor have slipped. O ’Ali! If thou wishest to weep, weep for Me. By God the Truth, there hath befallen Me that which hath befallen no one before Me, as every atom doth testify, if thou hast ears to hear. And thou, arise to aid Me. Verily, to aid Me is to teach My Cause, which hath caused the hearts of all created things to tremble, save those whom God hath strengthened in His Cause and into whose hearts He hath sent down tranquility from His presence, for He, verily, hath ever been merciful unto all worlds. Thus have We informed thee and made mention of thee, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be gladdened by the glad-tidings of the Spirit in these days wherein the Beauty of God lieth imprisoned in this Prison. And the glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath followed the Cause of God and remained steadfast in the Cause.”

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Ali! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is indeed the Book of Eternity for the Concourse on High, and the Most Great Name amidst all peoples, and the Supreme Scroll for the cities of names, and the Preserved Tablet which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for these verses being sent down, verses with which nothing in the heavens and earth can compare.

O Ali! We have read thy letter and heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, and those names contained therein have been honored at the court of thy Lord, and their mention hath reached the hearing of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Do thou give them the glad-tidings of this most sweet Remembrance, then send unto them thy letter which hath been crowned with the diadem of thy Lord's clear utterance, the Mighty, the Generous. Beseech thou God that He may enable them to remain steadfast in His Cause and aid them in that which shall cause their names to endure on a preserved tablet. Say: Blessed are ye for having believed in God and turned towards the Countenance through which the heavens and earth were illumined and the horizon of utterance was made to shine in this noble station. Say: His remembrance is indeed the key to all treasures, and His name is the ladder whereby the sincere ones ascend unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed are they whose names were uttered by the tongue of Revelation and unto whom was turned the face of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: By God! Were ye to discover that which hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of your Lord's favor, ye would arise to serve Him and thank Him throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Verily the glory be upon them and upon thee and upon those who have turned unto this bounty and held fast unto My sacred and beloved hem.

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He is the All-Glorious!

O 'Ali! O target of fate! O 'Ali! O thou who art pierced by the arrows of hatred! Hearken to the call of Him Who preceded thee in tribulation in the path of God, Creator of heaven. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. All things have borne witness to what hath befallen you in the love of God, the Lord of Names. The winds lament for you, the thunder trembleth at your afflictions, and heaven weepeth, its tears the rain. The Youth in His prison remembereth your tribulations, detached from His own, for He hath sacrificed Himself for the life of the world. Thus hath He ascended the heaven of tribulation and calleth the people unto God, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Can anything prevent Him from that which He is bidden? Nay, by Him Who commandeth the winds! Can the might of kings frighten Him? Nay, by Him Who alternateth night and day! His likeness is as the sea - can the happenings of time prevent its waves? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Behold the sun - though the earth should quake, or the mountains fall and their roots be torn up, and people slay or be slain, it remaineth unperturbed and continueth to shed its radiance. Or like the winds that blow by the power of their Lord, and nothing can impede them. Thus do We set forth similitudes for thee. Glorify thy Lord's praise at morn and eventide. Then stand firm in the Cause and fear not the factions. Soon shall We seize them as We seized the generations of old. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compelling, and when His promise cometh, severe in His chastisement. Soon shall the sun of glory rise from the horizon of My Cause and illumine all regions. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice in thy soul and arise to remember thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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O Pen! Make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance and believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, that he may be assured through his Lord's grace and follow what he hath been commanded in His preserved Tablet. We have made mention of thee before, and before that before, and We make mention of thee in this Forbidden Tablet. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from thy Lord's utterance, turn thee to the spot wherein lieth interred the first to believe in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, and say: O thou who art the first breeze that wafted from the garment of Glory and the first fragrance that was diffused from the direction of God, the Lord of Names! Upon thee be salutations, O Dawning-Place of immortality and Source of Command unto all who are in creation! Through thee was raised the heaven of bounty, through thee appeared the countenance of the Adored One, through thee was adorned the praised station, through thee gushed forth the springs of utterance amidst all contingent beings, and through thee wafted the breezes of God unto the peoples of all worlds. I testify that thou didst recognize the Intended One when He appeared in truth, and didst acknowledge the Hidden One, Whom none on earth could recognize save those whom thy Lord did will. Thou art the one through whom the Choice Wine was unsealed and the veil of fancy was rent asunder, until the Name of the Self-Subsisting appeared unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. I testify that thou didst fulfill God's Covenant and His Testament, and wert so attracted by His verses that thou didst sacrifice thy spirit in His path. Blessed is the earth that hath been honored by thee, and the precincts that have been ennobled by thy presence, and the air that hath been mingled with thy breath. I beseech God through thee and implore Him to aid me in serving His Cause and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. He, verily, is the Giving, the Bountiful, the Manifest, the Responsive.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Kalim! Have you fled from the Pharaohs of the people after having grasped the cord of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing? Grieve not, for your Lord is with you. We shall restore you to your former state. Verily, your Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth in the world to come and in this world. He is, in truth, the Potent, the Mighty. Beware lest the possessions prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Consider thy dwelling place. We desire not that thy reward be lost. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Know thou what hath been ordained for thee and ponder upon it. By My life! Were you to discover it, you would leave your house alone and cry out in My Name and praise between the worlds. Are you content with this world after We have abandoned it to the dogs? Behold how We adorned those who disbelieved with ornaments and left them wandering in the wilderness of heedlessness. Soon shall We seize them with the power that proceedeth from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be patient and do not grieve over what hath befallen thee. Soon will God exalt thee in truth. He is the Guardian of the patient ones. O Kalim! Doth tribulation prevent thee from the path of thy Lord, the Most Glorious? Would you be content with life after Him? Nay, by My life, this beseemeth thee not, if thou be of them that know. Abandon that which preventeth thee from faithfulness, then stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, and say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee in all conditions. I testify that Thou art the Lord of all worlds, and praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on

earth. Preserve the House. Beware lest thou be heedless of it. Its matter is momentous. Know thou its worth. This is better for thee than all that hath been created on earth. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! O Nabil-i-Qabl-i-Karim! Hearken unto the voice of the Most Sublime Pen from the direction of thy Lord, the Most Great. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He speaketh at all times, yet those who are veiled hear not His Word. We testify this day that they are numbered among the dead. Thus doth the All-Merciful bear witness against them. He, verily, knoweth all things. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily, thy Lord repayeth the recompense of all worlds.

Make mention of God amongst His servants, that perchance through thy remembrance he that slumbereth may be awakened and turn unto the Dayspring of the Cause of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Grieve not for that which hath befallen thee. We have sacrificed in the prison one of the Branches. Verily, thy Lord ordaineth as He pleaseth. Grief becometh those who remain in this world, whereas he who hath ascended is in a glorious station.

Grieve not for thy father. He is in the most sublime Companion, and glorieth in what he hath received of the love of this Beauty, the Radiant, the Luminous. By My life! In that station he payeth no heed to those on earth, having been seized with the intoxication of the wine of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Gracious. The Tongue of Grandeur therefore addresseth him as He addressed him before. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Upon thee, O thou who hast turned to God, be My mercy, My remembrance, and My praise. I bear witness that thou didst believe on a Day wherein hearts were troubled and the pillars of the mystics did quake. Rejoice in what We have ordained for him and for thy brother from Our presence in that glorious and exalted station. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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O 'Abdu'l-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer in His most exalted Kingdom! We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and opened, through the key of wisdom, the door of grace and bounty before the faces of all peoples. Among men are those who have taken the choice wine of revelation in such wise that they have detached themselves from all else but God and held fast unto Him, and among them are those who have denied God's proof and His evidence and His greatness and His sovereignty and His might and His bounty. These are among the most lost in My perspicuous Book. We bear witness that thou hast attained to that which was concealed in hearts and recorded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. His honor Amin was present and made mention of you and the

friends of that land, and each one attained to that which befitteth His grace and favor. We have mentioned each one with a mention that is eternal and enduring. Convey My greetings to the friends of that land and gladden them with the splendors of the light of the Day-Star of the generosity of the Lord of eternity. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined me with the lights of Thy unity and adorned me with the ornament of steadfastness in Thy love. I bear witness, O my God, to that which Thy Most Great Name hath witnessed amidst the nations, and I beseech Thee by His greatness and His sovereignty and His might and His power that Thou make me to be of those who have aided Thy Cause and spoken Thy praise and soared in Thy atmosphere and drunk the choice wine of Thy revelation and appeared before Thy face and attained unto the hearing of Thy call and the witnessing of the horizon of Thy manifestation. O my Lord! I am he whom Thou hast adorned with the robe of Thy grace and the crown of Thy love. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

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He is the One through Whom the Promised One arose and the Self-Subsisting appeared

We had sent down a Tablet for you, and this is another Tablet sent down in truth from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The servant present has brought your letter and read it before the Wronged One. He has attained the honor of your Lord's hearing in this station, around which circle the Concourse on High and every lofty dwelling. Arise with wisdom and utterance and say: O peoples of the religions! By God, the Day has appeared which was adorned by its mention in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Cast aside the dawning-places of idle fancies and take what you have been commanded by the Strong, the Ancient. Say: O people of the Bayan! By the life of the All-Merciful, you are worshippers of idols. Fear God and follow not every heedless remote one. Be in all conditions one who speaks My Name, soars in My atmosphere, turns to My horizon, and gives glad tidings of this Great Announcement. Say: He has come with what exists in the world of God's Books and His proofs, if you be fair and not among the oppressors. He has appeared in truth in such wise that none denies it save every aggressive sinner. Thus has the sun of utterance shone forth from the heaven of the Tablet of thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Thou art mentioned before the Imprisoned One - rejoice thou in this great bounty. Be the shepherd of My sheep in My lands and the herald of My Cause in My realms. Thus commands thee He at Whose appearance the Books cried out: "By God, the Ancient Sender of Revelation has come!" The glory from the Lord of Names be upon thee and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of My garment and have arisen to serve My wondrous Cause.

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In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth! We give glad-tidings unto them who have rejoiced in the days of God and have taken delight in this most great joy whereby the nations were thrown into commotion, save those who cast away all else and turned unto God, the Lord of Names, Who speaketh amidst the concourse of creation: "Verily, there is none other

God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." The seas have been set ablaze by the fire of the word of the Chosen One, yet the people, having followed every ignorant idol, remain heedless thereof. They who are renowned for learning have debarred men from the Lord of the Return. These, verily, are among the most lost. They have clung to vain imaginings, turning away from the Self-Subsisting. These, verily, are recorded as the ignorant in a preserved tablet. He that hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon is reckoned among the learned in the sight of Him Who knoweth, while he that hath turned away is accounted among the ignorant. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of Him Who is the Intended One and for having drunk the Choice Wine that was sealed, from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. Arise to promote the Cause with wisdom, then give glad tidings unto the people of this Name through which the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted throughout all lands. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Let not the utterances of the divines grieve thee, nor let their idols keep thee back from what they possess. Say: O my God! Aid me in Thy remembrance and Thy praise and in serving Thy Cause in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the breezes of Thy revelation and the fragrances of Thine inspiration. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Convey My greetings unto thy son and unto the faces of those who have turned unto this momentous News.

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He Who abides without decline

We make mention in the Book of him who drew near unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, on a day wherein every doubting idolater turned away from the Countenance. We had mentioned him before and honored him with the presence of the Desired One when He was established upon the throne in the land of Iraq. Remember when thou didst turn to God and enter the Precinct of Paradise and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of Lords. We gave to drink of Our sealed wine unto those who turned towards Us, while they that turned away have no escape, nor have the wrongdoers any helpers. Make mention of My loved ones in that place and be thou thyself a scroll by which people may remember. Say: Be ye united in the Cause of God and differ not as did the people before you. Fear ye God, O people of understanding! Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the cawing of the raven shall not deter you, nor shall the call of any crafty rememberer frighten you. Hold fast unto the Most Great Remembrance, for He speaketh among you that which causeth bodies to take flight. Say: We make mention of you as a grace from Our presence and remind you of that which hath been revealed in the Psalms and Tablets. Blessed art thou, O thou who art assured in God, and blessed are those men and women who are with thee. Glorify them on My behalf, then make mention of them with most excellent remembrance. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the oppression of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration to preserve me beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Mercy. Then grant me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy grace and the choice wine of Thy favors, and aid me to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants and to make mention of Thee in Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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We make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance, and We give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from God, the Generous Bestower. We counsel him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned ones who were deceived by vain imaginings in the days of God have slipped, and which has prevented them from this Straight Path. They are learned in their own sight, yet ignorant before thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Can any one of you compete in the arena of utterance with proof and argument? Nay, by My Self, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and on earth! Today the mountains are warbling and trembling, the hills are in joy and exultation, and the meadows are speaking and rejoicing in praise of the All-Bountiful. Yet the servants are all thunderstruck and bewildered. All have awaited these days and with complete supplication have beseeched from God the Exalted the attainment of His presence. However, when the lights of the morn of revelation became manifest and evident, all denied and turned away save whom God willed. Say: Those souls who today have attained to this Most Great Cause - they are the inheritors of the Prophets and Messengers, and they are the horizons of the suns of divine love. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. Remember all the assured and enkindled souls with the mention of this Wronged One and give them glad tidings of that which is with God. He is the Powerful and Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing and All-Seeing. His is the creation and the command, from before and after, but the people are in a mighty veil. The glory shining forth from the horizon of glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained unto this luminous horizon.

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O Name, upon you be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and Power! God willing, through the bounty of the One True God, may you be safe and steadfast, watchful and speaking, and acting according to what He loves and is pleased with. If you ask about conditions in this land, every day comfort and ease are declining while hardship, calamity and trials are increasing. Nothing shall befall us except what God has ordained for us. Were it not for the glad-tidings “Give thou good news unto the patient ones,” the threats of “We shall surely prove you with somewhat of fear” would have transported the servants from existence to non-existence, just as He brought them from non-existence into being. In any case, We previously informed of the events in this land and its turmoil. We beseech God, glorified and mighty be He, to hasten what He has ordained. By Him Who caused Me to speak as He desired - if mention were made of the matters that have occurred, it would surely increase your grief. Therefore silence is preferable. Your letters - all that you sent before and after addressed to My name Mahdi, upon him be My glory - the servant present mentioned them, and likewise what you addressed to this Prisoner. The delay in replying has been due to intense sorrows and other matters. However, God is witness and aware that you have been and are in Our thoughts. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in what is befitting today and to ordain what will be the cause of joy and gladness. Peace and glory be upon you and upon she who was with you and accompanied you, and upon whoever holds fast to God’s firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the one true God! O Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! God willing, may you ever be joyous and happy through the grace of the Best-Beloved of the world, and in the nights and days be engaged in the remembrance and utterance of the Lord of all beings, that perchance the fragrance of the garment of remembrance may perfume the world and all peoples may turn to the supreme horizon and drink of the pure wine. All the loved ones of God must act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Before the dawning of the Sun of divine ordinances, no one bore any obligation, but after Its rising all must hold fast to the cord of His command and act according to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will as a token of grace. The benefit thereof returneth to the souls who act upon them. Verily thy Lord is independent of all the worlds. Among the most mighty ordinances is that all should unite and, with perfect wisdom, engage in teaching the Cause. Convey My greetings to all those souls who have drunk from the Living Waters and have turned toward the direction of the All-Merciful. If some have not received a Tablet specially revealed for them from the heaven of divine favor, let them not be saddened. By My life! Whoso hath turned unto Him, verily he was mentioned in the presence of the Throne. Every person of insight and certitude beareth witness to this. Ere long the rays of the Sun of Truth shall encompass all who dwell on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Previously, Tablets were revealed and sent to certain ones, and again divine fragrances embodied in sublime Tablets are being sent. God willing, may you all attain unto them and receive your portion from the ocean of inner meanings. Glory be upon thee, and upon thy son, and upon those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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The Most Holy, Most Wondrous, Most Impregnable! God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful and be protected from the evil of the followers of religions who have turned away and disbelieved. If you wish to know about the conditions of this land, it is in upheaval as was revealed in previous Tablets. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The Tablet of Mallahu'l-Quds which was revealed in Iraq - if you can obtain a correct copy, study it. That which was revealed therein has come to pass. Likewise observe the end of the Tablet of "Subhana Rabbiya'l-A'la" and other Tablets revealed in Iraq and the Land of Mystery. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Hand of Divine Power is engaged in its own work in this land - God distinguishes between His servants. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Compelling. God willing, may you ever be successful and confirmed, and occupied with service to the Cause, albeit with perfect wisdom. You have always been and continue to be remembered before the Divine Presence. Give thanks unto God for having chosen you and made you one of the sincere ones. Despite all afflictions, trials and tribulations, both hidden and manifest, this servant has not been remiss in proclaiming the Cause of the Ancient King. At all times he has arisen to do what behooveth the people of creation. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Convey sublime greetings from the Wronged One to the friends and gladden them all with divine bounties. A wondrous Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to you. We have not

forgotten you - We have mentioned you and make mention of you in truth. Verily He is your Guardian in this world and the next. Be assured and be of the thankful ones. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH04167 ===

=== START BH04168 ===

In the Name of God, the Peerless!

O handmaid of God!

Steadfastness in the Cause is mentioned in the Tablets and set forth by the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Render thanks to the Beloved of the world that thou hast set thy heart on Him and art uttering His praise. Many a man hath in this day been deprived of making mention of the All-Sufficing Lord and of recognizing His truth; and many a woman hath fixed her gaze upon the Horizon of the Most High, and hath adorned herself with the garb of the love of the Desire of the world. This is God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He pleaseth. By the Day-Star of ancient mysteries! The sweet-scented fragrance of every breath breathed in the love of God is wafted in the court of the presence of the Lord of Revelation. The reward of no good deed is or ever will be lost. Blessed art thou, doubly blessed art thou! Thou art reckoned amongst those handmaidens whose love for their kin hath not prevented them from attaining the shores of the Sea of Grace and Mercy. God willing, thou shalt rest eternally neath the shade of the favours of the All-Merciful and shalt be assured of His bounties. Engage in the praise of the True One and rejoice in His loving-kindness.

The world passeth away, and that which is everlasting is the love of God. God willing, thou shalt circumambulate the True One in every world of His worlds and shalt be free from all else save Him. Blessed is thy son who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Wise.

=== END BH04168 ===

=== START BH04169 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Powerful! O people of the world! The Light of the Ancient One is shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Great Name, and the Fire of the Tree is blazing and speaking forth on the Mount of Knowledge. Strive that ye may attain to that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal. Today the Hand of Bounty bestoweth the Water of Everlasting Life. Blessed are they who have rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the power of certitude. These are the hands of God's Cause amongst His servants and the dawning-places of the suns of knowledge in His lands. The might of the heedless hindereth them not, nor doth the clamor of the aggressive turn them aside from their purpose. Their concern hath been and is the betterment of the world and the salvation of nations. Every seeing one beareth witness and every knowing one testifieth. From the beginning of days until now We have been afflicted with the derision and wrath of enemies. No barrier hath prevented Us and no veil hath intervened. With supreme steadfastness We have arisen to promote the Cause of the Lord of all being. But the heedless and ignorant servants regarded bounty as vengeance and light as

darkness, and each day they wrought that which caused the Pen to be thunderstruck and the Tablet to tremble. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the splendors of the Sun of Justice, that all may consider with fairness that which hath appeared and been revealed. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Possessor of all that is, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the Messengers!"

=== END BH04169 ===

=== START BH04170 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

O servants! Know ye the worth of the days of the Lord of Names and arise to make good what hath escaped you. The sea this day speaketh forth "The Truth hath come" and the Bayan uttereth "The All-Merciful hath appeared." Let not your eyes be prevented from beholding, nor your ears be deprived of hearing. The hand of power taketh and bestoweth. None questioneth His doings, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. In the nights and days the rain of mercy descendeth from the heaven of bounty, and the pearls of wisdom and utterance appear from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he whom the ornaments of the world have not prevented, nor kept back from turning toward the Most Glorious Horizon. Say: O ye that turn aside from the Bayan, ye have committed that which no faction among the factions hath committed. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and with attentive ears and penetrating eyes observe and ponder upon that which hath appeared, that perchance the river of words may not deprive you from the ocean of verses. The Truth is manifest, His call is raised. Blessed is he who hath turned with justice and fairness to the evidences. He is of the people of the Crimson Ark, whose name hath been mentioned in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the former times. Praise be to the Ancient Beauty and the Desired One of the nations, Who hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison and guided thee to the supreme horizon. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We are God's and unto Him do we return.

=== END BH04170 ===

=== START BH04171 ===

The Maidservant of God Khurshid in the Land of Alif

He is the Most Glorious!

O Khurshid!

Thy letter hath come into the presence of God, and attained unto the court wherein His mercy-seat hath been established. Thanks and praise be unto Him. O Khurshid! Strive that thou mayest become in reality like unto thy name – a heavenly luminary shining brilliantly above the horizon of the firmament of love; for a name alone is not sufficient in this day: rather what is requisite and fitting is a matching character, a

reality that correspondeth to the name. How many are the souls who, though in name “Beloved” , are in reality detested of the Lord! Please God, thou wilt, both inwardly and outwardly, exemplify thy name.

I swear by the Day-Star of the heaven of Divine Unity! Were the sun of this physical heaven to be acquainted with the sorrows that have afflicted the Beauty of the All-Merciful, it would rise no more above its dawning-place, and would divest itself of the robe of its refulgency and light. Howbeit, We have concealed Our woes from all created things, lest they that are the embodiments of names in the kingdom of creation should be consumed away.

Be not then afflicted, and occupy thyself at all times with the remembrance of the Well-Beloved. Be not saddened by the sorrows of the world, nor gladdened by its joys, for with the swiftness of lightning both shall pass away and come to naught. Detach thine heart from all that perisheth, and enter thou the imperishable dominion. Render thanks unto the Well-Beloved that thou hast attained unto His love, a love that purifieth the soul of sickness and transgression, and answereth one’s wants and needs. Please God, thou wilt remain constant in His love, and wilt not deviate from the straight path of His Cause. The sign of those that love Him, however, is that they should walk in the ways of His good pleasure, and not in the pathway of their evil passions and desires. Abide thou ever neath the shadow of His mercy, and detach thyself from all save Him. Do thou convey Our salutation and blessing to all those handmaidens who are devoted unto Him.

The Glory of God rest upon you.

=== END BH04171 ===

=== START BH04172 ===

All of it concerns Jinab-i-Husayn ibn Ahmad. In the name of the Kind Friend! O servants! The ocean of generosity, mercy and forgiveness has been and will ever be in motion, and the grace of God, glorified be His majesty, has encompassed all. Before any request, He has answered, and prior to any appeal, He has bestowed. The breezes of forgiveness from the direction of the All-Merciful have embraced those who repent. To Him belong all praise and glory and bounty, and His are generosity, grace and grandeur. However, henceforth you must remain so firm and steadfast in the Cause of God that all who are on earth will be unable to deceive or veil you. Steadfastness in the Cause has been and is greater and more glorious than all other stations in the sight of God. God willing, through His all-encompassing grace, you will drink from this cup and, detached from all else, will gaze upon His countenance and act according to His command. There have been and will be many godless souls - take refuge in God from the evil of such souls. Whosoever makes a claim to any cause is accounted as a liar and calumniator before the Divine Throne. Praise the Beloved of the world Who has pardoned and forgiven that which occurred, and this Tablet has been revealed in your name from the Supreme Pen. Know thou its worth and preserve it as the apple of thine eye. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the loved ones, especially to the two persons who were mentioned in thy letter. God will ordain for you what He willeth and will send down from the heaven of His bounty that which is best for you. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

=== END BH04172 ===

=== START BH04173 ===

O ’Ali, son of Nasir of Lahijan! O ’Ali! God willing, through the blessings of the Most Great Name thou shalt be detached from the world and turned toward the Eternal Sovereign. Some among the servants have been so seized by vain imaginings that they have turned away from the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing One, and have fixed their gaze upon the croaking of the calumniators. Were one to observe carefully, thou wouldst find such souls to be worshippers of fancy and idle thoughts. Their tongues move and speak at the prompting of self and desire. They act according to their passions yet attribute it to the Truth. Strange it is that they have taken words contaminated by self and passion as proof, while remaining heedless and turning away from the divine verses through a single word of which the world and all within it were created. Today it is binding and obligatory upon all the loved ones to arise to serve the Cause and to forbid the servants and handmaidens from reprehensible and displeasing deeds and from vain and unworthy words. I swear by the Most Great Name that today the garment of the Cause hath been sullied by the acts and deeds of some. The fragrance of truth must waft from all. Nothing but pure deeds and goodly words have ever been or shall ever be worthy of God’s threshold. O friends! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and ponder that which He hath commanded and which hath flowed from His Pen, that ye may attain unto that which God hath purposed. Ere long all shall return to dust. At that time nothing shall profit save pure deeds. And peace be upon him who followeth the command of thy Lord.

=== END BH04173 ===

=== START BH04174 ===

O ’Ali-Akbar-i-Zargar! In the name of the One Incomparable, the All-Knowing! O ’Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Power. He hath turned toward thee from His Most Glorious Horizon and addresseth thee in remembrance. Know thou the worth of this most exalted station and this greatest gift, and act in a manner befitting these divine days, that thou mayest attain His special favors. I swear by the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge, had the people - that is, they who claim to love - caused their own will and desire to be extinguished in the Will and Purpose of God, conditions other than those now visible would have been witnessed. Another world, another creation, and other ways would have appeared and become manifest. Persevere in that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance specifically for thee and for the loved ones, that the effulgences of the suns of words may seize and illumine the heart. O ’Ali-Akbar! The Most Exalted Pen at all times calleth the peoples of the earth and guideth them to the Lord of the Return, yet hearing ears are rare. Beseech thou God that He may consume doubts and idle fancies through the fire of certitude. We have enjoined unity upon all the world, and it is the greatest means for the appearance of divine blessings and bounties, yet until now its effects have not become manifest. We implore the All-Powerful that He may adorn the world with this most wondrous and resplendent ornament and aid it to achieve that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed are My loved ones in that land who have held fast unto that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book.

=== END BH04174 ===

=== START BH04175 ===

He is the Peerless!

O maidservant of God!

Render thanks unto the One true Beloved for having guided thee to recognize His own Self. Many are the daughters of kings and other notables who, through having been veiled from recognizing the Beauty of the All-Merciful, are not remembered by the Lord. Thou, however, hast been remembered by Him, and thy name set down by the Pen of His Command. Regard not this, that in these days, to outward seeming, they live in luxury and honour. For I swear by Him Who hath made true honour the exclusive portion of His loved ones, that though they repose on jewelled couches, in the eyes of God they dwell upon the dust; and soon shall they all return, in the utmost poverty and abasement, to that place wherein is neither lamp nor couch, neither friend nor comforter.

Thou, however, and other maidservants of God like unto thee, though ye be seated on the dust, are, in the eyes of God, established upon the seats of honour; and when finally ye return unto your Lord, ye shall ascend with matchless glory unto the realms above. Then shall the whole sublime and holy company of the maids of heaven come forth to greet you, and inhale from you the sweet savours of the love of God. Ever hast thou had both wealth and honour, for the love of God hath been with thee, and – God willing – shall remain with thee for evermore; and naught that hath been created in the heaven or the earth is equal to a single atom of this love. Dirhams and dinars are not the measure of true wealth; its measure, rather, is the love of Him Who is the Beauteous, the Unconstrained.

How many are they who, though rich in dinars, are yet the poorest of God's creatures; for, even as is witnessed, each day their greed for gain increaseth, and their avarice waxeth more intense.

O maidservant of God! Hold not cheap the precious gem of love, and remain thou steadfast in His love. Such is Our perspicuous and mighty counsel unto thee.

The Glory of God rest upon thee and upon all His devoted

maidservants.

=== END BH04175 ===

=== START BH04176 ===

O My handmaiden and daughter of My servant! Hear with the ear of thy soul the call of the All-Merciful from the precincts of the Prison, and stand firm with all thy being in His love. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast taken and drunk the Most Pure Wine from the hand of the Most Luminous Cup-bearer at the Most Great Horizon. This hath been and shall ever be among the special favors of God. Know thou the value of this bounty and be ever mindful of it in the nights and days, and be gladdened by His love. Convey greetings from God to all the handmaidens of God. Say: Take hold of the hem of divine mercy with hands of detachment, and from His tavern of All-Merciful grace, take and give to drink from the goblets of salvation. Praise be to God! The Most Great Ocean is surging, the rain of generosity is

pouring down, the Sun of grace is shining, and the Lamp of oneness is alight. By My life! Were anyone to observe with the eye of truth, they would witness that by this light all who are in the heavens and earth have been illumined. The mention of Truth hath been and shall ever be the quickener of hearts. Arise ye in remembrance of the Friend and with complete detachment speak forth His praise. Ye are the leaves of the Tree of Mercy. Beseech ye God that ye may remain firm in His love and hold fast unto the Tree from which ye have sprung forth, that the winds of trials and the tempests of tests may not sever those leaves from the Tree. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father from the presence of One Mighty, Praiseworthy. That which thou didst send hath arrived.

=== END BH04176 ===

=== START BH04177 ===

He is God!

O thou pure Leaf! Thy lamentation hath ascended to the heaven of

Oneness and the sighing of thy heart hath saddened the inhabitants of the

Celestial Paradise. O thou who, after separation, seekest reunion with the

Luminary of the universe! Cease thy lamentation and be patient, although

teaching patience to the nightingale is like preventing the fire from burning.

But in one's nearness to and remoteness from the True One there hath

ever been, and will continue to be, a wisdom. The Almighty hath at all

times ignited the fire of yearning in the hearts and hath concealed Himself;

He hath caused the souls to long for reunion, then separated from them.

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O that He Who is visible yet concealed would come in truth and the right

of that Leaf and other lovers would be extracted from Him! But what can

be done? Neither He, nor His sword can be seen.32

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O Leaf! Be assured of the bounty of the Sovereign of Oneness and leave

thy affairs to the Beloved. He hath never forgotten thee and in the presence

of the Great One thou shalt never be absent. The eye of My favour

hath ever been and will continue to be turned to thee. Render praise, for

divine confirmations have embraced thee in such wise that all created beings testify to thy love. Be not sad. If God wills it He will enable thee to become like unto a moth circumambulating the everlasting Lamp and circling round the divine Light. Convey My greetings to all the believing handmaidens. Convey my remembrances to the pure and brilliant handmaid Zahra, the one who hath desired to behold My Face and hath attained My glory. Convey greetings on behalf of the Self of God to Khatun Jan and say to her: 'Thou art residing in thy home and the Ancient Beauty is captive in the hand of tyrants.

=== END BH04177 ===

=== START BH04178 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty

This Wronged One hath enjoined upon all people to observe what is praiseworthy and forbidden what is blameworthy. He beseecheth God - glorified be His majesty - to adorn all with the ornament of trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and purity. If no trace of humanity is manifested from someone, dried bones are better than they. All are poor before the manifestations of His riches, and weak before the revelations of His power. One must turn with one's whole heart to the Supreme Horizon. In truth, none attaineth unto this most exalted station, this most sublime summit and this ultimate goal except by washing the heart with the water of recognition and burning away all else save God with the fire of His love. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who have accepted, remained firm, become assured, walked uprightly, been well-pleased, given pleasure, and acted; and a hundred thousand woes upon those souls who have turned away, denied, remained heedless, and forsaken. God hath ever gazed upon what is praiseworthy and commanded its observance, yet most of the people of the earth have spoken unjustly and concealed the Sun of Justice behind the dark clouds thereof. These deeds have appeared in the form of bullets and cannons, as hath been witnessed. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of forgiveness. Verily He is powerful over all things. Your petition was received and read. This imprisoned Wronged One beseecheth God to assist you to perform such deeds as shall endure as long as His names endure. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be unto Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds.

=== END BH04178 ===

=== START BH04179 ===

His honor Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the peace of God

In the Name of God, the Possessor of Names and Creator of Heaven

This Wronged One hath at all times summoned the servants to the Most Exalted Horizon and hath beseeched and continues to beseech from the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, whatsoever leadeth to the sanctification and purification of His servants. We testify that He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: My God, my God! Thine is the bounty and the bestowal, and Thine the generosity and glory, and Thine the mention and the splendor. I testify to the sanctification of Thy Being from all else but Thee and the purification of Thine Essence from aught besides Thee. The wings of the birds of the hearts of Thy creation cannot soar into the atmosphere of knowing Thee. All things have acknowledged their powerlessness to ascend unto the heaven of Thy nearness and every knower hath confessed his inability to make mention of Thy wisdom and Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed the world and by Thy Most Great Name whereby Thou hast subdued the nations to ordain for me steadfastness in Thy remembrance and praise and in acting according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest the suppliant knocking at the door of Thy bounty and the poor one hastening to the horizon of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by the treasure which Thou hast manifested through Thy power to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity a blessing from Thee and a favor from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

He who loved Me, who is named Niyaz, upon him be My glory and My mercy, hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with that which no mention can equal. The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of earth and heaven and the Possessor of bounty and bestowal. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have cast aside what the people possess, fixing their gaze upon that which is with God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH04179 ===

=== START BH04180 ===

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. This Wronged One summons you for the sake of God. Great indeed is this Day. Well is it with the one whom the affairs of the world have not kept back from the Lord of Names. In the nights and days the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen is raised up, with the intention of causing the servants to attain the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree. Ere long all that is visible shall perish. Your Lord, the Possessor of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, bears witness to this. Arise for God’s sake and occupy yourselves with service to His Cause, that perchance you may attain to that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today the ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is shining forth from the horizon of the world. Say: O God, my Worshipped One, my Gracious One, my Merciful One! You are that Sovereign before Whose Name the sovereigns of the world bow down in humility and submission. O Generous One! Your generosity has encompassed the world and Your mercy has preceded all else. I beseech You by Your Most Exalted Word and the power of Your Most High Pen to aid this servant to that which befits Your Days. A stranger has intended the most exalted homeland and a seeker has purposed the utmost goal - assist him to arise in service to You and to occupy himself with the spread of Your commandments and laws. O

Generous One! Deprive not this poor one from the ocean of Your riches and grant this lowly one a dwelling beneath the shadow of Your mercy, that he may be quickened by the breezes of revelation and attain unto everlasting life. You are the Powerful, the Mighty, and You are the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is no God but You, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH04180 ===

=== START BH04181 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds!

The water of life is flowing and coursing from the Pen that sends down verses, and from its flowing those who seek the right hand of the All-Merciful hear this word: Whosoever desires to know the Truth in this Revelation must look upon it with His eye, not with the eye of created things, for He has been and shall ever be known by His own Self, and all else through Him. O friends! Today is the day of supreme joy, for the Beloved of the world has appeared unveiled, the gate of His mercy stands open without a gatekeeper, and His countenance is manifest without a veil. Blessed is he who has turned unto Him, and woe betide him who has turned away and denied. The gems among souls today are those who have hearkened to the Divine Word and found its sweetness. These are the inheritors of the earthly kingdom and the Kingdom of Heaven. Soon shall the bounty of these souls encompass the world even as the rays of the sun. Give praise to the Ancient Lord that He has enabled thee to turn unto Him in days when most people, learned and ignorant alike, have risen in opposition. God willing, mayest thou shine forth like a brilliant star from the horizon of the heaven of My Name, the All-Powerful, and remain steadfast with perfect constancy in the Cause of the Lord of all beings. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause and aid thee in His remembrance, and to ordain for thee what He has ordained for His chosen ones. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever turns unto Him with an illumined heart. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with truth from this noble horizon. His knowledge encompasses the heavens and the earth. He hears and sees. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou attainest, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Beloved of them that know Thee!

=== END BH04181 ===

=== START BH04183 ===

O Mirza Hadi! He is the Preserver, He is the Guide! Have the peoples of the earth not heard the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and attained unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree? Say: Today the ocean of utterance is surging and the Sun of Truth is shining resplendent. Deprive not yourselves! Set your faces toward the ultimate goal and supreme summit. This is the Day which all books and messengers have heralded and made known. O Hadi! Aforetime didst thou attain unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and wert honored by the lights of the Sun of Truth. We sent thee aforetime a Tablet from whose horizon shone the sun of thy Lord’s loving kindness, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. By the life of God! The world cannot be compared to a single word from the divine utterances. Know thou the value of the utterance of the All-Merciful and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. Would that the peoples of the earth were adorned with the ornament of fairness and would recite but one Tablet from the Tablets of God, exalted be His glory, and judge with fairness. Great indeed is this Day, for in it the Mighty News hath

appeared and the Mother Book hath spoken forth from the most exalted horizon of the world. Blessed is the one whom the doubts of the divines and the allusions of the jurisprudents have not kept back from the Lord of Names. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings to all who are related - that is, those souls who have held fast to the Divine Book and are gazing toward the Supreme Horizon - and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him, exalted is He, to ordain for those who have turned to Him and attained that which He hath prescribed for His chosen ones and His loved ones. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH04183 ===

=== START BH04184 ===

O Mirza Rida-i-Dhakir, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Incomparable, All-Knowing God. These servants should offer thanks and praise to the Lord of all beings in the nights and days, for through His all-encompassing grace and pre-existent mercy He has confirmed us and blessed us with recognition of His sacred Being. Glorified be His bounty, magnificent His grace, perfect His sovereignty, and there is no God but Him! Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of thy Lord and for having received that whose fragrance shall never cease to perfume the air, throughout the duration of His glorious and wondrous Kingdom. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Trusted One who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God by night and by day, at dawn and at dusk. He hath remembered thee and desired for thee a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We have heard what was asked and have answered it, for We are the One who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Our clear command. Give thou the glad-tidings to My loved ones there and illumine them with the lights of their Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Powerful. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon My servants and handmaidens who were not held back by the veils of glory from drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of Beauty, and whom the might of those who denied the Day of Judgment did not frighten. O people of God! Be not grieved by the world's vicissitudes, and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies who have broken the Covenant of God, the Mighty, the Praised. How many a learned one hath been barred from the Most Great Ocean, and how many an ignorant one hath heard and hastened and partook and drank and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all in the heavens and earth!" Praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of the sincere ones and the Hope of the hearts of the mystics.

=== END BH04184 ===

=== START BH04185 ===

In My Name, the One Manifest in the Kingdom

Blessed is He Who hath revealed the hidden Mystery and thereby summoned all who are in the world to a station whereof the tongues of all created things are powerless to make mention. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath commanded all to do that which shall profit them in this world and the next. Well is it with him who hath attained unto the good-pleasure of God. Woe betide them that have turned aside! The Divine Will hath appeared through His sovereignty and His Purpose through His command that overruleth the worlds. He hath desired for His servants to attain the ultimate

goal and the supreme summit, yet most of the people remain heedless. When the proof came, they turned away from it, and when the path appeared, they held back from it. They are indeed the bewildered ones. They have cast behind their backs that which they were bidden by the All-Bestowing and have followed the wolves. They are assuredly among the most lost. When the Object of all desire appeared, they denied Him, and when the door was opened, they turned away from it. Thus did their evil selves seduce them, and they were of the idolaters. They follow their vain desires and attribute them to God. Say: He is quit of you and of your deeds. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing. The deed of no one is accepted save by His leave, nor doth the cry of any soul ascend except through His love. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablets of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Blessed are ye, O people of Baha! By God, ye are the stars of this heaven. Be thankful unto God and recite what hath been revealed for you at morn and eventide. Let not the ascendancy of those who have turned away from the Countenance grieve you. Soon shall ye witness their weakness. He, verily, is the All-Evident, the All-Informed. Rejoice in the days of God and aid Him through remembrance and praise amidst the concourse of creation, with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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Thou seest, O my God, how Thy servants have been cleaving fast to Thy names, and have been calling on them in the daytime and in the night season. No sooner, however, had He been made manifest through Whose word the kingdom of names and the heaven of eternity were created, than they broke away from Him and disbelieved in the greatest of Thy signs. They finally banished Him from the land of His birth, and caused Him to dwell within the most desolate of Thy cities, though all the world had been built up by Thee for His sake. Within this, the Most Great Prison, He hath established His seat. Though sore tried by trials, the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, He summoneth the people unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Fashioner of the universe!

I beseech Thee, O Thou the Shaper of all the nations and the Quickener of every moldering bone, to graciously enable Thy servants to recognize Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Revealer of Thy transcendent might, that they may cut down, by Thy power, all the idols of their corrupt inclinations, and enter beneath the shadow of Thine all-encompassing mercy, which, by virtue of Thy name, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, hath surpassed the entire creation.

I know not, O my God, how long will Thy creatures continue to slumber on the bed of forgetfulness and evil desires, and remain far removed from Thee and shut out from Thy presence. Draw them nearer, O my God, unto the scene of Thine effulgent glory, and enrapture their hearts with the sweet savors of Thine inspiration, through which they who adore Thy unity have soared on the wings of desire towards Thee, and they who are devoted to Thee have reached unto Him Who is the Dawning-Place of the Day-Star of Thy creation.

Cleave asunder, O my Lord, the veils that shut them out from Thee, that they may behold Thee shining above the horizon of Thy oneness and shedding Thy radiance from the dawning-place of Thy sovereignty. By Thy glory! Were they to discover the sweetness of Thy remembrance and apprehend the excellence of the things that are sent down upon them from the right hand of the throne of Thy majesty, they would cast away all that they possess, and would rush forth into the wilderness of their longing after Thee, that the glance of Thy loving-kindness may be directed towards them and the radiance of the Day-Star of Thy beauty may be shed upon them.

Let their hearts, O my Lord, be carried away by Thy remembrance, and their souls enriched by Thy riches, and their wills strengthened to proclaim Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the Great Giver, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

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Ibn ’Attar, in the letter Ta

Muhammad Karim - He is the Ever-Abiding, the Most Glorious

These are the verses of the Command which have been sent down in truth from this holy and ancient atmosphere, informing the people of the good-pleasure of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wondrous, that perchance the hearts of men may be purified by this pure water which descendeth from the clouds of grace upon the hearts of all the worlds. Thou must purify thyself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, that thou mayest be enabled to take thy stand in My love and be of those who are firmly established. Beware lest thou turn unto those in whose hearts thou findest hatred for the Youth, neither associate nor commune with them. Then turn away from such as these and draw nigh unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Arise to promote the Cause in the name of thy Lord, then aid the Youth with whatsoever thou art able, and walk not save in My straight and manifest path. Soon shalt thou hear from the opposers that which shall rend asunder the hearts of those near unto God. When this cometh to pass, remain thou steadfast and be of those who are firm. Thus do We recount unto thee from the tidings of the unseen, that thou mayest know thy Lord apart from all else and be among those who are steadfast in His love. We have indeed ordained for thee in the Tablet an honorable and glorious station, shouldst thou remain firm in the Cause and not be shaken in the hour wherein all who are in the heavens and on earth shall be shaken. Cast the world behind thee, for it shall never suffice thee, but what shall suffice thee is thy Lord, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Inaccessible. Then make mention from Our presence to those who are around thee and with thee from among the loved ones of God, if thou findest in their hearts love for the Youth; otherwise, leave them to themselves and abide under gracious protection.

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O Handmaiden of God, Hajar! He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth unto a leaf among the leaves that was witnessed to be of the Tree of Love, that she might rejoice within herself and place her trust in God in all matters, and stand firm in the Cause which hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty exaltation.

O leaf! Move upon the Tree of Paradise by the name of thy Lord, and grieve not over this world and whatsoever is therein, neither rejoice in what hath been created thereupon. Detach thyself unto God, then remember Him every eventide and morn. Know thou that God's favor hath been upon thee, and He hath sent unto thee that which quickeneth thy heart and the hearts of all the worlds together, for in every letter of God's words there flow rivers of pure wine and camphor. Blessed is he who drinketh therefrom and is not held back by the veils of every rejected polytheist.

Be thou assured regarding thy sister, for she hath believed in her Lord and hath been mentioned in truth before the Throne in the heights of Paradise by the Tongue of Holiness. She doth circle round the Tree, and God hath made her one of the leaves of the Tree which hath been planted by the hand of God in the land of glory. Thus was the matter ordained, and We have informed thee of it that thou mightest thank thy Lord and be of those who are gladdened by the joy of the Cause.

Take comfort in the remembrance of thy Lord, and should tribulations weigh heavily upon thee, remember My afflictions in this prison from those who disbelieved in God and His verses and were deprived of the holy fragrances. And the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who remember their Lord and are mentioned in the Tablet as being among the triumphant ones.

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In the Name of the One Incomparable Knower

O Dyer! The entire world hath been created for the service of God's Cause, and all the Prophets gave the people of the earth the glad-tidings of this wondrous Day, which in the holy divine Books is known as the Day of God. And when the Hidden Mystery and Treasured Secret dawned forth from the horizon of Will, all were found to be veiled save whom God willeth. The cause of mankind's veiling was the greatest veil, and the manifestations of this veil are the divines of the age, even as He hath said: "Knowledge is the most great veil." How many were the divines who, at the appearance of the Lord of Names, arose in opposition, and how many were those whom people counted as ignorant, who in the days of God attained unto the ultimate station of man, which is the station of the knowledge of God. Although in this Most Great Revelation many of the divines have been honored with recognition of the Lord of Eternity, yet most were seen to be opposed and in denial. These heedless souls are the dawning-places of suppositions and idle fancies, and the heedless among the servants, through following these souls, remained veiled and deprived of the divine revelation and heavenly inspiration. O Dyer! God willing, thou shalt attain unto the divine coloring, which is sanctified from the diverse colors of the world. Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace and blessed with recognition of the Manifestation of His Own Self. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. The glory be upon thee and upon thy

family from God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and that whereby His beautiful mention shall be exalted.

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For some time now, the fragrance of fidelity has not wafted from this bird of unfaithfulness to that land and realm, and no message of love has reached those mines of affection. However, this laxity in expressing love did not arise from the severance of the thread of love, and this negligence in showing eagerness did not stem from forgetting the covenant and pledge of affection. Rather, in the essence of the inner secret and hidden reality, the seas of fidelity were always surging and in motion, and in the heart and soul the lights and radiance of the sun of love were shining. If there was negligence in outward expression in the world of appearance regarding the spiritual messenger and heavenly letter in its coming and going, there was no shortcoming - for a ruined village pays no tax or tithe. This is because that inner connection has no severance or weakness, though this correspondence and communication may often be interrupted and suspended. Allah is Most Great! What a paradise has been opened in these days, and what a carpet of divine unity has been spread, such that if a servant among God's servants be in the East of the world and another servant in the West, always does the easterner inhale the holy divine fragrances from the direction of the West, and this westerner catches the sweet scents of the spirit of love from the East. It is as if this distance of a hundred thousand leagues has taken on the ruling of a single step, and these countless waypoints have become as a mere span, for this vast distance can in no way prevent or block - and this is a truth in which there is no doubt, were people moving in the atmosphere of the spirit.

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My most Ancient and Most Great Love! Your remembrance hath inspired Me to address thee, though thou hast forgotten Me. I entered into the Most Great Prison by reason of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Even shouldst thou forget, We shall not forget thee, as thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify. We have withheld the Pen outwardly lest there should descend upon thee that which would sadden thy heart. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to make thee one who rendeth asunder the veils and resolveth matters in their beginning and their end, and to exalt thee to such a station that thou mayest become a standard of guidance among all creatures, that thereby thy remembrance may be established by the Supreme Pen and thy name among the worlds. I desire to remember thee at all times and send unto thee that which will diffuse the fragrance of the divine Robe throughout all possibility, yet as We are mindful of wisdom, We have been patient and long-suffering. He, verily, is the All-Patient, the Mighty, the Great. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speaking forth this wise Remembrance. By God! The treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. All things shall soon perish, but that which hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation shall endure. This, verily, is a certain truth. Grieve not over anything. He protecteth whomsoever He willeth, though he be in the sea, or in the mouth of the serpent, or between the hands of the idolaters. The Cause is in His grasp. He withholdeth from whomsoever He willeth what He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to exalt His Cause and to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the next, even as We promised thee aforetime when thou wert with Us, which promise We fulfilled, and We have mentioned the latter in this wondrous Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with their hearts towards the direction of the Beloved and who were among the sincere ones.

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God the Exalted, through the tongue of His Prophets and Messengers, promised all the peoples of the earth this most holy, most mighty and most luminous Day, that all might prepare themselves for the divine presence and not let slip their opportunity. Yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, all turned away and rose up in opposition. Would that they had been content with such actions! Rather, they rose up to calumniate and issued decrees for the shedding of pure blood. There is no land wherein their blood was not shed, and no air unto which their sighs did not ascend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing. These abominable deeds have been and will be the cause of tribulation and hardship for all on earth. For many years afflictions have not ceased from the earth, but flow like torrential rain. If they subside in one place, they flare up in another. And the holy, assured, content and well-pleased souls - whatever befalls them has been and will be in the path of God. If they are martyred, their spirits ascend to the divine Companion and find their dwelling in the highest Paradise. By God's life! Theirs is the best end and most excellent return. But the oppressive souls are afflicted with the flames of divine servants' wrath, and after their spirits depart they are chastised with a torment a hundred thousand times more severe than earthly punishment. Thus does He inform thee, with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. Afflictions will not cease until they repent and return unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the name of God, the Mighty - to the nephew of Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon them both be the Glory of God.

God, exalted be His glory, has fulfilled His promise and made manifest His Day, according to His blessed and exalted words: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." However, the unjust people in this blessed Day have deprived themselves of the presence of the Self-Subsisting Lord and have clung to vain imaginings. Every created thing calls out in a most sweet voice, summoning the servants to the Creator of existence, yet their deeds have prevented most from turning to Him and have deprived them of the Days of God. Say: O servants, fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who has come to you with a clear Command and mighty sovereignty. Today the Divine Lote Tree in the highest Paradise gives the glad tidings of the manifestation of the Lord of Names to all beings. Every eye illumined with the light of recognition has attained to witnessing Him, and every ear cleansed of ancient tales has been honored to hear. O people of God! Strive that perchance you may deliver a soul from the darkness of vain imaginings and guide it to the Dayspring of certitude.

Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and whatsoever Thou didst promise Thy servants in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the lights of Thy Throne to aid me to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for him that whereby his mention and his name shall endure amongst Thy servants and Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords, in the final return.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to the Intended One, Who is worthy and deserving, Who illumined the hearts of the unitarians with the light of recognition and tormented the polytheists with the fire of heedlessness. Glorified be His majesty and universal be His favors. There is no God but Him. And blessings and peace be upon His chosen ones and His friends who spent their wealth and souls to manifest His Cause and exalt His Word, and through whom His commandments and laws were spread among His servants. These are honored servants upon whom there is no fear, neither shall they grieve. Say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded all created things and Thy grace hath encompassed all possibilities. I acknowledge the sanctification of Thy Being and the abstraction of Thine Essence from the recognition of all existences. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, and by Him through Whom Thou hast guided the servants to the ocean of Thy recognition and the sun of Thy grace, that Thou forgive me and those who have drunk the wine of unity from the cup of Thy bestowal. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions to turn to Thee and to repent at the door of Thy generosity. Then ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and the dust. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Mention was made in the letter of Nur-Muhammad. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make him one who drinks from the cup of certitude at all times and to ordain for him that which will exalt him among the religions. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon you, O friends of God and His chosen ones.

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O Nabil, Most Holy and Most Great Wayfarer!

Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been made the recipient of His infinite bounties and hast not been debarred from the direction of His oneness. This was due to none other than the sincerity which was at times manifested from thee. Though it may not be apparent to thee now, God was and is aware of it. Know thou the value of this most great favor. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Best-

Beloved of the worlds, for having enabled me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. I testify that Thou art indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thereafter, be thou not sorrowful. By My life, thou art near! This testimony which hath flowed from the Pen of Ancient Days sufficeth thee. Glory in God's testimony unto thee, for all things have been and shall ever be dependent upon His testimony. Praise be to God that thou didst attain His presence, though it was before the time of Manifestation. However, in those days the fragrance of the divine breezes was wafting with utmost delicacy and gentleness. Blessed is he who hath attained, witnessed and heard that which was uttered by the Dawning-Place of his Lord's verses, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

It is not permissible for thee to direct thyself to this quarter, for the good of the Cause. For this Wronged One is imprisoned, and the highway robbers lie in ambush. In such circumstances, it is necessary that thou protect thyself with the utmost care, that perchance through thee some service may be rendered that will cause the exaltation of the Word. Yea, if the way were open, We would have summoned thee to Our presence. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Verily, He is with thee and knoweth what thou art upon. He is in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And upon thee be glory, and upon those who are with thee.

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In the Name of Him Who is manifest before the faces of the world

O Jinab-i-Aqa Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God! Praise be to the King of the Kingdom of utterance, Who in every moment causeth the pearls of proof to rain down and pour forth from the clouds of His grace like unto rain. O Kazim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and sanctify thyself through the grace of the Most Great Name from the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the world, that thou mayest perceive with the ear of thine heart the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and behold thyself detached from the world and all who dwell therein. Say: O servants! The Day is His Day and the Cause is His Cause, and this is that News wherewith the Prophets and Chosen Ones gave glad tidings unto the servants. Today grace hath encompassed the world and the ocean of proof surgeth before all faces and the voice of Him Who conversed on Sinai is raised. Deprive not yourselves and withhold not yourselves from this matchless and peerless bounty. With the power of certitude and the light of proof, aim ye for the ultimate goal and loftiest summit, in such wise that the people of the world shall be powerless to hinder you. Today the matter which, in the sight of God, is foremost and most preeminent above all matters is steadfastness, inasmuch as the world and its peoples are seen to be scattered and at variance. The loved ones must hold fast unto patience and long-suffering, and must shun whatsoever giveth off the odor of mischief. Thus hath God commanded at the beginning of the Revelation. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God in this mighty Revelation and this great Announcement.

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In the name of the Peerless Beloved! Praise be to the eternal Beloved Who has, from time immemorial and forevermore, reserved the cup of nearness and reunion for His sincere friends - those souls who have had and have no will or desire of their own, whose only purpose has been the good-pleasure of the Friend, and whose heart's beloved is that which proceeds from Him. Tribulations have not prevented them from the Most Great Source, nor have ordeals veiled them from beholding the lights of Beauty. In all conditions they gaze upon the Friend and are detached from all else.

You must, God willing, be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful at all times and be not saddened by what has befallen, for this calamity has in truth befallen Us and the True One Himself is the Bearer of these sorrows. I swear by the Most Great Name - they have ascended to a station that transcends mention, description, and explanation. If you observe with the most pure vision and reflect with the most luminous heart, you will see this is a station of joy, not grief. Intensity in His path has been the sovereign of ease, and tribulation in His love the king of comfort. All that is witnessed in this world will perish and vanish, while for His loved ones are ordained stations that will endure as long as God's kingdom endures. Strive in these fleeting days to attain these lofty, eternal stations. And may the glory rest upon you, upon those with you, and upon those whom tribulations have not prevented from turning toward the sanctuary of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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In the Name of the Desire of all worlds! Praise be befitting and worthy of that Beloved One Who hath been from everlasting and will continue unto everlasting. His mercy hath encompassed all who dwell in the realm of existence and hath taken precedence over all else. This mercy, in its primary degree, is the manifestation of proof which dawns from the Dayspring of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful, that all may attain to the recognition of that Ancient Ocean which is the principal purpose for the creation of the world. And in its secondary degree are the divine commandments, that all may ascend by this most great and mighty ladder to the sanctuaries of pure detachment and the places of holy unity. Blessed are those souls who arise today with spiritual qualities and goodly deeds to aid the Cause of the Lord of all creation. All the loved ones should, God willing, manifest perfect love and affection and not fall short in helping one another. The meaning of "fellowship" that hath been revealed in the Book of God is this: that each of the believers should regard others as they regard themselves, that is, they should not consider themselves superior, and the wealthy should not deprive the poor of their wealth, and whatever they choose for themselves of good things, they should choose the same for other believers. This is the meaning of fellowship. The limit of fellowship extendeth to this degree, and to exceed it is reckoned before God as proceeding from selfish desires and carnal inclinations. God protect us and you from all that He loveth not. God willing, all should remember Him with utmost sanctity and purity. Verily He is the Commander, the Hearing, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of the one incomparable God! Praise be unto the Intended One Who, through the Sun of the Hijaz, illumined the world and, through the fragrance of the garment of Batha, perfumed all who dwell upon the earth. Through a single word He created the world and guided it, and appointed the best of creation as Guide, adorning Him with the robe of “Blessed be God, the best of creators” and crowning Him with “Verily He is the Seal of the Prophets.” He is the all-embracing Word and He is the Guide of all. He illumined the world with the light of unity and commanded the peoples to manifest spiritual deeds and heavenly attributes. Blessed is the soul that hath clung unto Him and become aware and assured of that which was promised in the Book. The Trusted One (Amin) made mention of you, therefore doth this Wronged One occupy Himself with your remembrance in this Tablet. We beseech God to illumine thee with the light of true unity and to set thee ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, and to enable thee to perform deeds whose fragrance shall endure and persist. The world hath no constancy - all that is witnessed shall soon perish. In this transient abode one must acquire an everlasting station. Say: O my God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and Thy most excellent names and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me that which shall assist me to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

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In the name of our eternal Lord who does not pass away! At this moment this servant is present before the Seat of the Lord, and this Most Great Glad-Tidings flows from the Supreme Pen, blessed and exalted be His Word: Although the conditions of this land are not known, yet as a token of My loving-kindness unto him, I proclaim and say: O Ali, upon thee be My Glory! Turn thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon with such turning that all created things will thereby turn unto God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. Thus hath the Sun of Permission shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God’s will, the Lord of all men. O Haydar-’Ali! Give him these glad-tidings of this most great bounty and illumine him with the lights of the Luminary of God’s loving-kindness, his Lord, the All-Bountiful. His honor Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, has, according to the command, turned toward those regions. We make mention of him as We mentioned him in successive years. We beseech God to preserve him and aid him to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful. Thus it ends. Unto God be praise, glory, thanksgiving and splendor. At this moment the Countenance of the Ancient King turned toward this servant, and the Sun of Permission aforementioned rose and shone from the horizon of the heaven of will. And when the command was concluded, He smiled and said: “Blessed be he and joy be unto him! May the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice unto His loving-kindness and bounty!” This servant too beseeches for the friends that which will cause the appearance of joy and fragrance in the world and among the peoples. Verily He is the Fulfiller of needs and the Revealer of verses. Written by Zia on the 5th of the revered month of Shawwal 1307.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

At this time you were mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and now, due to lack of time, we will be brief in mentioning what befits the realm of love. Yesterday, one hour after sunset, He proceeded to the city, and now that two hours and twenty minutes have passed, as commanded, I am enabled to write these few words. The honored and beloved Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, is departing. I must meet with him and present a letter, as well as attend to other matters requiring attention. Blessed are you and those who have attained.

The word which is the purpose of the soul has been and continues to be the mention of the honored and revered Master, upon him be all splendor and glory. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be remembered in the court. Likewise mentioned were the Brilliant Star, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, and the beloved of the heart Haji Muhammad-Rida, and the beloved of the spirit Muhammad-Mustafa and Muhammad-Mahdi and the other friends. God is witness and testifies that this servant has ever desired for them that which befits the bestowal, mercy and grace of God, exalted be His glory. The petition from the son of Mulla Ghulam-Rida, upon them both be glory, was received. God willing, a reply will be sent. Praise, peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Abdul-Rahim! In the Name of God, the Most Holy. The remembrance of God mentions His servant that he may rejoice within himself and become detached from all creation. Say: Through His remembrance do they who have recognized His unity drink the wine of life in this paradise in the name of their Lord, the All-Merciful. And through His remembrance is the fire kindled in the breasts of those who have detached themselves from the world and turned toward the direction of the All-Glorious. Say: O people! Do ye deny Him Who hath come to you from the dayspring of the Spirit with power and sovereignty, and Who calleth you unto God, the Lord of the former and latter generations? Judge ye then with fairness, O concourse of creation! Say: Is there any doubt about God, or about His Manifestation, or about these verses which have been sent down from the throne of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful? Say: He hath come with the truth, and this is His white hand, and these are His fingers through which the moons of idle fancy have been cleft asunder. By what sign then do ye deny, O concourse of loss? Say: My proof is My Self, and My evidence that which hath appeared from Me and that which hath been sent down from My dominion - this is another sign, and verily it is the proof. Do ye imagine that what ye possess can make you independent of God? Nay, by His Self, O concourse of transgressors! Arise thou with such steadfastness as hath been vouchsafed unto thee from Us, then assist thy Lord through remembrance and utterance. We have recognized thy turning toward the direction of the Spirit, and have sent down upon thee those verses which quicken the hearts of those who have turned toward paradise. Blessed is he who hath recognized God and drunk the water of life from the cup of His bounty and remained steadfast in the Cause in days wherein the breezes of trials have blown. And the glory rest upon thee and

upon those who have detached themselves from all else and held fast unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Helping.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God, in the form of the Sun behind the ocean of grandeur, hath been witnessed above the horizon of utterance. He, verily, is the One Who speaketh the truth at the heart of the world. Blessed is he who hath clung to the Most Great Name and turned toward the Station which hath been known by the name of God. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have sent down unto thee from the heaven of knowledge the rains of utterance. Thy Lord, verily, hath power over all things. Say: By the life of God! The Most Great Ocean hath appeared, and upon it hath moved the Sun of Beauty with a light that hath encompassed all worlds. Thus doth the ocean of meanings overflow, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and remember Him morning and evening. We entered the prison by Our command and departed from it according to what We had promised in the Book that was mentioned by the name of God. Say: By God! The Light walketh, and the Book speaketh, and the Ancient Beauty calleth out in the midst of the atmosphere, summoning all created things unto a Luminary that hath been illumined by the light of His countenance. Know thou, moreover, that whenever We have made mention of this Beauty Who walketh and speaketh - verily, He nameth Himself by the most beautiful names, and at times He declareth them sanctified from what hath been mentioned, and He mentioneth that thy Lord hath power over all things. Say: Were He to find mighty servants, He would forever and always proclaim “Verily, I am God!” Thus hath the matter been inscribed in the Mother Book by the Pen of Revelation in truth. Rejoice thou in My praise, then recite My verses which We have sent down in this Tablet. They shall profit thee in this world and the next. Thus doth He command thee Who is in truth all-knowing.

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He is God, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God from the Tree of Fire upon the Spot of Paradise: God, there is no God but Him, and verily He has been knowing of all things. He Who manifested ’Ali before Muhammad and caused him to speak with mighty and impregnable verses, and made him a proof from His presence to every unique believer and every insightful mystic. Therefore hearken, O servant, to what the Spirit calls thee from this planted, upraised, blessed, eternal, everlasting, perpetual, endless Tree, and draw nigh unto it with manifest certitude. Trust in God and fear no one, and withhold not thyself from this Lote-Tree which speaketh at every moment and calleth thee to a wondrous holy paradise. Turn to it with thy whole being and follow not those who have followed every base denier. Be steadfast in the Cause, then aid thy Lord with whatever thou art able, and turn not back upon thy heels. Trust in God, thy Lord, and God Himself sufficeth as thy Reckoner. Detach thyself from all thou hast, then take hold of the cord which shineth between the heavens and the earth and from which every luminous face hath been illumined. Thus doth

God counsel thee on this night and give thee beauteous advice. Beware lest thou grieve at what hath come upon thee, and turn not to the world and its ornaments, but be of an impregnable nature. Should the world approach thee with its ornaments, rejoice not in it, and should it fail to approach thee, grieve not, for thou shalt never find the fragrances of eternity from either of them, and to this every sound heart doth testify. And the spirit and glory be upon thee and upon those who were with thee, steadfast in the religion of God.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who hath desired to attain unto the presence of God and hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of his Lord, the Merciful, in days wherein the great terror hath appeared and intoxication hath seized the dwellers of the heavens and earth, except such as God hath willed, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thou art he who hath called upon God time and again, and He hath answered thee as a token of His grace. Rejoice thou in this mention from which the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, hath been wafted. Thou didst make mention of Him in thy letter; He maketh mention of thee in a Tablet to which nothing that existeth on earth can compare, as doth testify the Tongue of Grandeur in its exalted and glorious station. By My life! That which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes hath been ordained for thee. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things inform thee in a perspicuous Book. Limit thy affairs to the service of thy Lord. He will, in truth, aid thee. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Be thou disdainful of all else save Him and strive in His path. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thus hath God given thee glad tidings through the mention of the Dayspring of His Revelation, that thou mayest render thanks and be of them that are steadfast. When clamor is raised, leave it behind thee and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having called me and caused me to hear and to know." I bear witness that through Thee every wise command hath been revealed. I beseech Thee to protect me under all conditions beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Mercy. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones in that place who have attained unto My days and have stood firm in My wondrous Cause.

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The Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great. A remembrance from Us to whoever desires to enter within the pavilion of grandeur and glory and to arrive at the City wherein the Call has been raised from the luminous Tree - God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower - that he may attain the presence of the Throne and hear what the Tongue of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, doth speak. O My loved ones! We have loved your presence even as you love it, but between Us have intervened the veils of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. When the fire of their souls was kindled, We prevented the loved ones from turning toward this Spot from whose horizon hath shone the

Sun of the Will of your Lord, the Lord of Religions. Follow the decree of God and circle round His Cause. Thus hath it been sent down in the Book. They who have followed that which they were commanded, these are of the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. Whoso turneth toward Him with his heart, that which he desireth shall be accepted from him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Arise to promote the Cause, then make mention of it among the servants with wisdom and utterance. This is better for thee than all that hath been created in existence. Confine thy affairs to the remembrance of thy Lord and that which profiteth thee in thy days. Thus doth the Lord of all men command thee. Be thou steadfast in such wise that thou forsakest what is with the people, turning unto thy Lord Who hath appeared unto thee from the horizon of the prison with the lights of the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Didst thou but know, thou wouldst sacrifice thy self for My Self, thy spirit for My Name, and thy being for this Grief-Stricken One Who hath been imprisoned amidst the wicked. But today what was mentioned hath been fulfilled and We have commanded all to preserve their lives. Thus hath the matter been decreed and the decree hath come from God, the One Who causeth the rivers to flow.

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=== START BH04209 ===

In the Name of the One Who remembereth, the All-Knowing

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned and attained unto the Day of God, the Lord of all worlds, and who hath heard the call of his Lord when it was raised in truth, and hath testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but I, the Single, the All-Informed. We make mention of those who have believed, with a remembrance whereby the hearts of the mystics who heard the call and answered their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate, were attracted. We have remembered thee before, and at this time with a perspicuous Tablet. When thou attainest unto it and findest the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that seek! Blessed art thou and thy father who attained, recognized, heard and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter when seated upon the throne of His Great Name. His it is to say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, speaking Thy praise, and standing to serve Thy Cause amidst the enemies of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy grace, the ships of Thy power, and the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then I beseech Thee by Thy Name the Healer, by Thy Name the Sufficient, and by Thy Name the Helper, to purify me from every disease and malady and from all that hindereth me from drawing nigh unto Thee and arising to serve in Thy days. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother who was mentioned before the Throne. We send Our prayers and salutations upon him. We beseech God to ordain for thee and for him what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

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O Mulla ’Abdu’l-Husayn, the Most Ancient and Most Great! A mention from Us to one who hath remembered his Lord, that the call of his Lord may attract him to a station ordained in the Tablets. The Face hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord’s will, and the Nightingale of Eternity hath warbled in the Kingdom of Creation, and the Lamp hath been lit. All things have spoken in praise of thy Lord, while they that are heedless are numbered among the dead. This is a Day wherein the Path hath been laid, and the Balance set up, and the Command belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Know thou then that thy letter hath come before the Face, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath illumined the horizons. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of the All-Merciful, and the heart that hath turned, and the face that hath directed itself toward the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Arise to serve God and remember Him with such steadfastness as shall make feet to stand firm. Say: Gather ye together around the Law which We have ordained in truth, that the backs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, may be broken. Seize ye these days and then gather together around that which God, the Lord of all mankind, hath willed. O servant! Do thou aid thy Lord through utterance in such wise that the fragrance of the Garment may be wafted among all contingent beings. God willing, mayest thou ever speak in praise of the Truth and strive for the unity of hearts. It is most evident that discord causeth separation, while unity and harmony give rise to the manifestation of power and might. Gird up thy loins to serve, and guide the people to the Most Great Name, detached from all else. This is the binding decree that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Hold fast unto it, detached from the worlds. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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To ’Abdu’l-Wahhab, son of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion - He is the All-Knowing Witness

A mention from Us to one who heard the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon - the station wherein the Lote Tree of the Uttermost End speaks forth from the luminous spot: “Verily there is no God but I, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.”

We mentioned thee before and mention thee at this time. Be thou thankful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, the All-Mentioned, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Rememberer, the All-Knowing.” I testify that Thou didst arise with the Cause and didst manifest that which was hidden from time immemorial and treasured within Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

Know thou the value of this Book. Nothing thou hast heard or seen can equal it - to this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one. The fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path.

We make mention of thy father who drank the choice wine from the hand of My bounty and soared in My atmosphere and acknowledged that which My tongue acknowledged and confessed that which My Pen proclaimed, and attained unto the Supreme Companion when he sought the most exalted Summit - the

station which none save God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath understood. I testify that he heard the Call and responded to the Lord of all beings and turned to the Face after the passing of all things. Blessed is the tongue that uttered his remembrance and the soul that turned unto him, pure for the sake of its Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O thou who art mentioned! Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee, then beseech thy Lord to strengthen thee in that which will cause thy remembrance to endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this mighty station.

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=== START BH04212 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are in the realm of possibility

A remembrance from Us unto one who has drunk the living waters, when the people were wrapped in evident veils. They who have heard and turned unto Him - these are the people of Baha, the Lord of all worlds. How many a servant has strayed from the path and clung to Satan! Say: By God, he neither nourishes nor avails, were ye of them that know. Say: Abandon vain imaginings and turn with attentive ears unto the Lord of all creation, then hearken to that which He proclaims from this mighty Prison. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken, when We were in manifest sorrow. Grieve thou not over anything, but trust in all circumstances in the One, the All-Informed. He ordains for thee whatsoever He willeth through His authority. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon her who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed art thou and she, and her father who hath attained unto the Most Exalted Companion - to this beareth witness the Lord of creation in this Tablet through which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-'Ali, who was martyred in the path of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Say: The glory be upon thee and upon those who found from thee the fragrance of sincerity in this Cause whereby hearts were stirred. Blessed is he who remembereth thee and praiseth thee and turneth toward thy grave out of love for God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus have We made mention of him who turned unto God and was steadfast in His Cause, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Protected.

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He is the Caller between earth and heaven! A mention from Us unto him who hath attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Lord of Might came with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the veils of the nations - who broke God's Covenant and His Testament and followed their desires after being forbidden from them in the Book of God, Lord of the worlds - could withstand. O My servant who art mentioned in the precincts of My throne! Hearken unto My call: verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed is thy father in that We manifested through him one who turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that the Most Glorious Pen hath borne witness unto him in this

station which hath been named by all names in a clear tablet. Thy letter was present and the servant who standeth before the Wronged One read it, and We have answered thee with that whereby every tongue hath spoken, every seated one hath arisen, every sleeping one hath awakened, every extinguished one hath been enkindled, and every frozen one hath been quickened. Thus hath My Pen spoken as a grace from Me unto thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful. Soon shall the tongues of the world speak in remembrance of those who fulfilled My Covenant and turned with radiant faces toward the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of worship of the world and the Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause and the Ocean of Thy knowledge and the Sun of Thy beauty to ordain for me the reward of those who attained unto Thy presence and circumambulated Thy most great Throne by Thy leave. Then decree for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous. Then write down for my family and those with me what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who cast away all else save Thee and soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and nearness. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous. A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the ocean of grace and drunk therefrom through this wondrous Name, and who hath inhaled the fragrances of the All-Glorious when they wafted throughout all creation, and who was of them that have prospered. O servant! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttereth in this station which God hath made to transcend all contingent things: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: Through My appearance that which was hidden hath appeared, and through My call all things have spoken even as the Tongue of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath spoken. Through My arising the Resurrection hath arisen, and through My movement all things have moved and turned toward My sanctified and luminous horizon. Do men imagine that they can prevent this Tongue from the praise of the All-Merciful? Nay, by His Self! It speaketh that which it is bidden by One mighty and powerful. Whenever We have tasted the bitterness of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names, We have found it sweeter than honey and more refreshing than the waters of Paradise. Woe unto them that wander in the wilderness of error and have cast aside the Command of God through the calumnies of their own selves - they are assuredly among the perishing ones. Would that I were alone in the land of exile, but God hath ordained what He willeth, and He is My desire. Blessed are they that attain! We have informed the servants, when We arrived at the Most Great Prison, of that which lay hidden in the knowledge of their Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed is he who hath recognized that which God hath intended in the Tablets which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of the loving providence of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O loved ones of God! Grieve not at anything. Know ye the value of these days, then remember your Lord at morn and at eventide. This is better for you, did ye but know.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious! A mention from Us unto him whom We found turning towards the Kaaba of the intended Goal and gazing upon the praiseworthy station, whereon was established the throne of his Lord, the Omnipotent, the Most High, the Great, that the remembrance of God may strengthen him to promote His Cause amongst His servants and may enable him to utter that whereby all created things would be attracted. This is what God hath desired for him, that he may be of those who attain. Verily, We hear that which thou dost utter and We see that wherein thou art, in thy love for thy Lord Who dwelleth in the most desolate of lands through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Blessed art thou for having immersed thyself in the ocean of divine knowledge and found the fragrance of the garment when it was wafted throughout the worlds. Arise in My Name, then give the lovers to drink of the Kawthar of attainment on this Day wherein surgeth the sea of reunion and the All-Glorious hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and maketh mention of My Name! Draw thou the hearts of My servants through the wondrous verses and the sweet savors of My words. Thus doth command thee He Who hath come from the heaven of the Cause with His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. Let not the barking of dogs grieve thee - those upon whose faces appeareth the darkness of torment. They are assuredly among the perishing ones. Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto goodly deeds and follow not those who hold fast unto words rather than deeds. These, verily, are among the heedless. Say: It behoveth you that from you should be wafted the sweet savors of My morals and the holy, mighty, pure and radiant fragrances of My deeds throughout all worlds. Hold fast in all conditions unto the cord of wisdom, lest there occur that whereby the hearts of the weak would be troubled. Thou shouldst give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the tongue of thy Lord and for this luminous Tablet having been revealed unto thee. Verily, glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is Mighty, Praiseworthy.

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=== START BH04217 ===

He is the One Who speaks with truth and remembers with justice

This is a mention from Baha to the one who attained the presence and drank, in My Name the Self-Subsisting, My sealed wine, and who left the earthly homeland seeking the true homeland, and was surrounded by the manifestations of gifts and favors until he presented himself before the gate that was opened to all who are on earth and in heaven, and heard My sweetest call and beheld My most glorious horizon. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was in His mighty prison.

O Sad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of creation. This is the day of steadfastness and service. We beseech God to confirm thee in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God amongst the people.

O Dal! The All-Sufficient, the Most High, hath remembered thee with verses that neither centuries and ages can change, nor can the might of those who denied God’s proof and evidence and disbelieved in His signs which encompassed the heavens and earths alter them.

O Qaf! Arise to serve My Cause with a steadfastness that the hosts of the oppressors cannot prevent. Convey to all the family the greetings of the Wronged One. All are mentioned before the Countenance and have attained special favors. Convey to the kindred of Mishkin the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One. Your attention to their affairs is necessary. We have commanded Mishkin, upon him be the Glory of God, Lord of the worlds, to present himself before the Countenance through you and to visit Him Who hath spoken and speaketh: "Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy two brothers and thy sister who turned to God, the Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

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In My Name, the Counselor, the Trustworthy

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath spoken - Siyyid Nasru'llah, son of the sister of Siyyid Faraju'llah, upon both of whom be the glory of God. We bore tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names, until We made manifest the Cause. Then there emerged from behind the veil those who denied the grace of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: Where were ye when tremors seized the foundations of the world? Speak with fairness and be not of those who commit injustice. The world hath deluded them to such extent that they cast aside guidance and took hold of idle fancy. Verily, they understand not. Everything beareth witness to their falsehood and hypocrisy, yet most people know it not. Say: We spent all We possessed in the love of God, and the threats of those who turned away when clear evidence came unto them from God, the Lord of the Kingdom and of the realm above, did not frighten Us. Arise to make mention and offer praise amidst the concourse of creation, and say: By God! The Creator of the heavens hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, did ye but know it. Say: Verily, He desired not from sovereignty what ye have understood in the past, nor what the princes and kings possessed, nor their domains and territories. Your Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness to this, would ye but comprehend. Would that they had understood God's purpose in the world and what He hath sent down in a preserved tablet. The glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon all who have turned toward God, the Lord of all that was and shall be.

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The Most Holy, Most Glorious is the remembrance of the servants of God that He may draw them to a station wherein the Spirit proclaimeth: "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Wise." When thou hearest the Call, arise to offer praise betwixt earth and heaven, then summon the people to that which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. It behooveth every soul to assist his Lord through this Most Great Name. Whoso assisteth Him in His land, He will assuredly assist him in worlds which none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Whoso desireth to remember his Lord, the Spirit of Truth will inspire him, and the Spirit of Baha will teach him as his Lord, the Almighty,

the All-Powerful, pleaseth. Place thy trust in Him through Whom power hath been manifested. He is with those who have turned towards the Countenance with a luminous heart. They that are heedless this Day are in grievous loss. Blessed is he whose trade hath prospered in the days of God and who hath attained unto the lights of the divine realm when the Kingdom was manifested through His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. This is a Day wherein every sick one is healed, every seeker attaineth his goal, every stationary bird taketh flight, every motionless thing is stirred into life, every stammering tongue speaketh forth, and every remote one draweth nigh. Thus hath the grace of thy Lord encompassed all, yet the people are in evident doubt. Say: Arise ye from the couches of heedlessness through this Great Remembrance. This is the News which ye were promised in the Tablets, and this is the Beauty whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. Say: We make mention of you for the sake of God, though We be in the prison amidst the hostile factions. Should anyone look with the eye of innate vision, he would behold Me in both prisons, in the hands of both parties, and thy Lord is, of a truth, witness to what I say and All-Knowing. Immerse thyself in the ocean of thy Lord's grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all worlds!

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Maraghih. O Habibu'llah! In the name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! The Most Great Spirit, upon whose breathings depends the resurrection of all the dead, has been and ever shall be the Word of God. He is that Spirit through which, from time immemorial and unto eternity, the dead have risen from their graves and turned toward the most exalted horizon. Therefore must the friends of God who have drunk from the living waters of the All-Merciful's love and have attained to hearkening unto the call of the Beloved of all possibility, awaken the heedless to the blessedness of the divine Word and quicken the dead through the outpourings of the ocean of utterance. In all circumstances, however, they must observe wisdom, and wisdom is in this day accounted before God as the greatest and most excellent of all deeds, and hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the divine Tablet. Blessed is the soul that hath laid fast hold upon it, and woe betide the heedless. God willing, you must through the grace of the divine Word guide those who are lost to the eternal Kawthar and draw those who are remote unto the ocean of nearness. O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Take hold of it with the power bestowed by Us and associate with people with the wisdom We have commanded all to observe in My mighty Book. One must speak with the utmost wisdom lest any commotion be raised that might cause disturbance and trepidation among souls. Whatsoever God commandeth and enjoineth upon His loved ones is for the benefit of those souls themselves. Blessed is he who pondereth, understandeth and acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded by the All-Wise Ordainer. Upon thee be glory, and upon those who have outstripped others on this straight path.

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In His Name, through Whom the ocean of divine knowledge has surged within creation! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, though the people comprehend not. By God! The Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting hath appeared - He Who with His finger hath broken the seal of the choice sealed Wine, yet the people perceive it not. They behold the signs of God and deny them, they hear the utterance of the All-Merciful yet understand it not. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. By God! The river of mercy hath flowed, the ocean of wisdom hath surged, and the Sun hath dawned from its horizon, yet most of the people recognize it not. They have followed their own desires, turning away from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, raised from the precincts of the prison, and be not of those who denied God's favor when it descended through grace, in that they followed every heedless and veiled one. Say: Abandon the paths of the sects, for they are born of vain imaginings. Then hasten to the path of God, the Possessor of the unseen and the seen, in such wise that neither the oppressors prevent you nor the might of the Pharaohs frighten you - they who violated God's Covenant and His pledge, and spoke what the ancients never spoke. These are they who pronounced judgment against the Manifestations of My Self in the past, and pronounced against them with such tyranny as caused the denizens of Paradise to lament. Thus hath the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary been raised. Blessed are the people who heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of Revelation!" The glory from Us be upon those whom the clamor of the people of the Bayan hath not prevented from God, the Possessor of what was and what shall be.

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He is the One manifest above the world through His Most Great Name!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance whatsoever He hath willed and hath caused all things to speak. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Wronged One. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. We have heard thy call and have answered thee from My most exalted horizon, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what was commanded by this Name, Who, when He appeared at the Most Great Scene, caused the tongue of the Lord of Destiny to proclaim: "By My life! He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath come!" Be thou vocal in thy Lord's praise and steadfast in the service of His wondrous Cause. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace - verily He remembereth whoso remembereth Him and aideth whoso aideth Him. Thy Lord is, verily, the Powerful, the All-Wise. At this moment We make mention of him who was mentioned in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. He heareth the cry of every distressed one and ordaineth for him what profiteth him. Thy Lord is, verily, the Helper, the All-Knowing. It behooveth every soul to call upon his Lord and say: "O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the permanence of Thy Countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the lights of Thy Face which have shone forth from Thy most exalted horizon, to make me content with Thy decree and circling round Thy will. Thou knowest what I have and I know not what

Thou hast. Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will profit me in Thy worlds and preserve me from the promptings of self and passion. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great."

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In the Name of the Most Great, the All-Glorious!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth. Verily they are clear evidences unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who findeth from them the fragrance of the garment and followeth the command of his Lord in this Most Great, this mighty Revelation. The sweet savors of the All-Merciful have been wafted - blessed is he who hath found them and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" This is not the day of vain imaginings. The Lord of all beings hath come with clear sovereignty. Break the idols by the name of your Lord, the All-Knowing, then take what hath been sent down unto you from His mighty, His impregnable kingdom. They who have been prevented from drawing nigh - these are in manifest remoteness. And they who have turned with their hearts unto the Beloved - the dwellers of Paradise and then the tongue of God, the King, the Most High, the All-Knowing, shall make mention of them. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else and held fast to the cord of his Lord. He is assuredly among the triumphant. Say: O concourse of the earth! If ye deny this Cause, by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Reflect, and be not of the heedless. When ye hear the call, turn with radiant faces unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, and say: "We have turned unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, estranged and alone. We testify that Thou hast borne what none before Thee hath borne, and we testify that Thou hast sacrificed what Thou hadst in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds." Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that the cawing of the deniers, who adduce proofs from their vain imaginings and await what they were promised in former times, shall not deter thee. And when the Bestower came riding upon the clouds, they then denied God, the Most High, the Most Great. Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee in this Tablet, and inhale therefrom the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!

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In the name of Him to Whom all return! Glorified is He Who sendeth down the verses in truth unto people who understand. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are His worshippers. He aideth whom He willeth through the power that proceedeth from Him, and He sendeth down upon whom He pleaseth that which rendereth him independent of those who are enslaved by vain imaginings in these days and are among those who perceive not. They say "We believed in Ali," but when He came to them again with His Name the All-Glorious, they then denied Him. The curse of God be upon those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. And thou, O servant, hearken unto that which the Tongue of thy Lord, the Most High, calleth unto thee from the right hand of His Most Glorious Throne, that verily there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people! Is there any doubt about God, or about His Glory through Whose light all created things are

illumined? Fear ye God, and reject not the truth through what ye possess, and be not of them that join partners with God. Then know thou that thy brother who hath migrated unto God and entered the Precinct of Paradise - the spot wherein shineth the light of the countenance of thy Glorious Lord - and attained the presence of God and won that which the honored servants have won - by God, his spirit hath ascended unto the atmosphere of nearness and reunion, and entered the Ridvan wherein shine forth the lights of Beauty, and hath come to rest in a station of glory most praiseworthy. Thus do We inform thee of the tidings of the unseen, that thou mayest be assured that with Him is the knowledge of all things, of what was and what shall be. And the glory be upon thee if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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In His Name, the All-Conquering over all names!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and manifested clear proofs that perchance the people might abandon what they possess and turn their faces toward His countenance, shining from this manifest horizon. Say: The proof of God and His evidence have appeared, and that which was hidden in His mighty, impregnable and wondrous Book hath been revealed. Among the people are those who saw the signs of God and turned away from them, and among them are those who heard the call and said “I love those who set”, and among them are those who cast the world behind them, turning to God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people, be fair in your own selves and commit not what ye have been forbidden in the Scriptures and Tablets of God, and follow not every heedless doubter. Turn to the Most Great Ocean - verily it speaketh at the heart of creation: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” I created the heavens and earth for the knowledge of God and His Cause, yet most people are lost in vain imaginings. They follow every cawer and pursue every deluded one - verily they are among the distracted. Say: O people, abandon what ye possess and turn to God - this is what shall profit you, if ye be of those who know. By God! The books of the world and scrolls of former times shall not suffice you today. O servant! Give thanks unto God for having taught thee what is mentioned in the Tablets and guided thee to a straight path. Hold fast to the cord of God, turning away from those who have denied the All-Merciful when He came with clear proof, and who rejected God’s power when it appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all in the heavens and earth.

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The Most Holy, Most Inaccessible, Most Exalted

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them a glory unto all the worlds. Through them hath His Cause been exalted amongst His creation. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Yet the people have made them a source of humiliation for My Self, though through them was confirmed the faith of every believer and the sun of certitude shone forth from the horizon of the tender mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. They read what We revealed aforetime and reject that which is greater.

Lo! They are of the idolaters. Say: These are verses through which all things were stirred and every illumined heart was drawn, through which the mountains moved and the rocks spoke forth this Great Name. Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow ye the guidance of God. He hath appeared in truth from this luminous horizon. O people! I had remained silent in utterance. The command of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath now come, and He hath manifested Me with clear proof and sent Me to those who are in the heavens and on earth. This is not from Me but from Him, if ye be of them that know. His power hath prevailed and His will hath encompassed all. He is verily the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful. The tongue hath spoken by His leave and the Pen hath moved by His command. Read ye what hath been revealed in the Tablets that ye may recognize the truth and be of them that are firmly established. Say: Delude not yourselves. He hath appeared in such wise that none can deny except those who have turned away from the truth and been deceived by their own desires, and were of them that were remote. Arise thou to serve the Cause by God's leave and His command. Then summon the people to what hath been sent down from His presence. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Wise. Glory be upon the people of Baha from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy.

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In the Name of the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified is He Who speaks at all times: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Help in Peril." They who have turned away, these are the companions of the fire. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him through Whom the proof hath been established and the evidence made clear. Beware lest ye claim that which hath not been ordained for you. The Cause hath been completed and that which ye were promised in the scrolls and tablets hath appeared. Create not disorder in the land - verily We have adorned it with justice through this grace which hath appeared and before which necks have bowed low. Be ye helpers of Our Cause. Beware lest ye transgress what We have set forth in the Book. We have chosen tribulations for the reformation of the world and the unity of all therein. Beware lest ye speak that which causeth discord in the Cause. Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight! Adorn yourselves with the raiment of servitude unto God, the True One, that the regions might be illumined with the lights of this dawning. Through servitude is revealed the station of creation; through it do faces turn unto the Mighty, the Bestower. How many among the people of the Bayan, when they saw that the Cause had been exalted, laid claim to that which caused the Cause to be lost in the lands. When the breezes of tests blew, they veiled their faces in fear for themselves, and when the winds of assurance passed, they came forth and opposed God, the Lord of creation. Thus have We recounted unto thee, that thou mayest remember those who carve out idols each day and cleave unto them. They are naught but in manifest error. Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power, then remind those who have broken the Covenant. Let not the affairs of the people grieve thee. Fix thy gaze upon the Truth - verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou a servant of God's Cause among His servants. He, verily, aideth through utterance whoso helpeth Him. He is in truth the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

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He is the Exalted, the Sublime, the Most Glorious

Glorified is He, who hath manifested Himself in His splendid Glory through the power of truth, thus all that dwell in the heavens and on earth were adorned with His presence, save those who turned away from His Face, and were in truth sure to perish. Blessed is he, whom the fragrances of the Day of God hath quickened and caused to be detached from all else.

This is the Day of Prophetic Cry, well is it with him who, with wisdom, calleth out This exalted and mighty Name. Thus hath been prescribed unto you by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It doth not beseem man to become a source of sedition; nay, rather, he should endeavor towards that which will cause the affairs of all that dwell on earth to prosper; thus hath the True One proclaimed, He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Aid thou Me with good deeds - this truly behooveth ye, if ye be of them that comprehend this truth. For every day a portion hath been ordained in the Book of God. When the appointed time is come, that which He willeth is achieved. He verily reigneth over whatsoever He pleaseth.

Those who had cast away the Cause of God, they had verily abandoned the stronghold of justice, and are among the heedless.

The King of Eternity hath come for the betterment of the world. If the people but knew, they would have circumambulated His Throne. Verily, your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They are like unto mere children, and our Lord is the Educator of the world. If We but willed, we could have seized them with a single word from Us, yet the mercy of the Lord, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful, supersedes His wrath.

Walk in the path of thy Lord, for He is the most merciful.

Blessed is he who, wholly for the sake of God, calleth the people to the path of His Lord. Be thou shepherds unto His sheep and guard them from the ravening wolves. Thus instructeth thee He with Whom is the knowledge of the heavens and the earth.

Well is it with thee that thou hast forsaken thyself and turned towards the exalted realms, and attained unto the days of God and the knowledge of this Announcement, at which the mountain of corrupt desires was crushed and the Day-Star of divine guidance shone from the horizon of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Resplendent.

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A Prayer Revealed by Baha'u'llah on the Occasion of the Ridvan Festival

He Is God!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! This is one of the days of the Ridvan Festival whereon a dwelling-place in the Prison hath been embellished through the presence of the Exponent of Thy Beauty, Who deigned to accept an invitation at the earnest request of one that hath been carried away by longing and desire.

Magnified be Thou, inasmuch as Thou hast shone forth above the horizon of the Prison with so dazzling a splendour that all parts of the world have been illumined by virtue of the bounty Thou hast conferred upon those that have entered beneath Thy shadow and were admitted within Thy precincts. On this Day Thou didst unloose Thy tongue with holy utterances and scattered abroad pearls of inner meaning and exposition upon all the denizens of the entire creation. Through the influence of this chalice, do Thou revive O Lord, all the dwellers of the earth and ordain for the people of Baha – they that yearn to behold Thy face but have been turned away by reason of what the hands of Thine enemies have wrought – ordain for them that which will profit them, O Thou Who art the Lord of names and the Possessor of earth and heavens! Grant them then a portion from the outpourings of Thy mercy in these days, when every abased one is exalted, every believer is adorned with grace, every dejected soul is stirred up with joy, every poor one is enriched and every seeker hath voiced Thy praise.

O Lord! Glory be to Thee for Thou hast singled out Thy loved ones, distinguished them from among Thy people and hast turned Thy gaze towards them from this place, wherein the Tabernacle of Thy Cause is incarcerated. O Lord! Hinder them not from attaining the things Thou dost possess, but cause their hearts to be enraptured by the sweet savours of Thy divine Revelation, in such wise that they may, thereby, be detached from all else but Thee and may set their faces towards the court of Thy favour and loving kindness. Verily, potent art Thou to do what Thou willest; powerful art Thou over all things, and lauded art Thou, O Desire of the worlds!

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the Kaaba of divine knowledge in Thy days and hath sought what lieth with Thee of the wonders of Thy favors. O Lord! Protect her within the tabernacle of Thy Cause from that which Thy good-pleasure abhorreth, then give her to drink of the Kawthar of everlasting life through the hands of Thy bounties, and ordain for her that which shall profit her in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest and Who ruleth over whatsoever Thou desirest. Send down upon her from the clouds of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity that which shall draw her near unto Thee in all conditions and cause her to speak of Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! She is among those who have turned toward the horizon wherein Thy countenance hath appeared and who have faced the Dayspring from which the sun of Thy grandeur and power hath shone forth. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things have hastened to the seat of the throne of Thy grandeur and the realities of all things have spoken in praise of Thy Self, to ordain for her in Thy dominion and kingdom that which befitteth the loftiness of Thy station and the sublimity of Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most High, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous, the Most Great, the Most Glorious.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hour hath appeared and the Resurrection hath come to pass and all who are in the heavens and on earth have been seized with terror, to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy and the clouds of Thy tenderness that which shall gladden the hearts of those servants of Thine who have turned toward Thee and have aided Thy Cause. O Lord! Protect Thy male and female servants from the darts of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then give them to drink of the Salsabil of Thy knowledge through the hands of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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Praise be unto Thee, O my God! Thou art He Who by a word of His mouth hath revolutionized the entire creation, and by a stroke of His pen hath divided Thy servants one from another. I bear witness, O my God, that through a word spoken by Thee in this Revelation all created things were made to expire, and through yet another word all such as Thou didst wish were, by Thy grace and bounty, endued with new life.

I render Thee thanks, therefore, and extol Thee, in the name of all them that are dear to Thee, for that Thou hast caused them to be born again, by reason of the living waters which have flowed down out of the mouth of Thy will. Since Thou didst quicken them by Thy bounteousness, O my God, make them steadfastly inclined, through Thy graciousness, towards Thy will; and since Thou didst suffer them to enter into the Tabernacle of Thy Cause, grant by Thy grace that they may not be kept back from Thee.

Unlock, then, to their hearts, O my God, the portals of Thy knowledge, that they may recognize Thee as One Who is far above the reach and ken of the understanding of Thy creatures, and immeasurably exalted above the strivings of Thy people to hint at Thy nature, and may not follow every clamorous impostor that presumeth to speak in Thy name. Enable them, moreover, O my Lord, to cleave so tenaciously to Thy Cause that they may remain unmoved by the perplexing suggestions of them who, prompted by their desires, utter what hath been forbidden unto them in Thy Tablets and Thy Scriptures.

Thou art well aware, O my Lord, that I hear the howling of the wolves which appear in Thy servants' clothing. Keep safe, therefore, Thy loved ones from their mischief, and enable them to cling steadfastly to whatsoever hath been manifested by Thee in this Revelation, which no other Revelation within Thy knowledge hath excelled.

Do Thou destine for them, O my Lord, that which will profit them. Illumine, then, their eyes with the light of Thy knowledge, that they may see Thee visibly supreme over all things, and resplendent amidst Thy creatures, and victorious over all that are in Thy heaven and all that are on Thy earth. Powerful art Thou to do Thy pleasure. No God is there but Thee, the All-Glorious, Whose help is implored by all men.

Praised be Thou, Who art the Lord of all creation.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Forgiving, the Merciful, the All-Powerful

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of knowledge surged in all creation and the fragrance of Thy Revelation wafted among the concourse of religions. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Merciful to the servants, by Thy Name before which all names bow down in adoration, and by the light of Thy countenance before which all on earth and in heaven humble themselves, and by the Crimson Ark which Thou didst ordain especially for the people of Baha in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and enable me to do what befitteth Thy days. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and to that which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones. O Lord! I have heard Thy call, turned to Thy horizon, recognized Thy Revelation and hastened to the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Name and by Thy Most August Self not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as acknowledge Thy unity and such of Thy creatures as are sincere. O Lord! I have clung to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and held fast to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy grace and bounty not to disappoint me of that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. I know not what is within Thy Self; Thou knowest what is within mine. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Send down Thy blessings, O my God, upon them that have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, who have not broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who hastened unto Thee when Thy call was raised, and who strove in Thy path with befitting striving. These are honored servants whom neither the might of the opposers nor the power of the deniers could frighten. They arose and proclaimed: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the angels and the Spirit and the Lord of all in the heavens and on earth." Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

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In the Name of the One Friend

There is no doubt that His Name Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, in what he did intended the victory of Truth and the exaltation of the Word of God. However, it occurred without wisdom, and all are today commanded to act with wisdom. Although he thought he was acting according to wisdom, he was mistaken. We have forgiven him out of Our grace, for He is verily the Ancient Bestower of Grace. None may object to him, for We are the Judge. We have mentioned him in various Tablets. This is truly a great station. Blessed is the one who arises with strength to remove differences among the loved ones and establish love and affection between them. He is of those who have aided the Cause of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. No harm has been or is greater to the Cause of God than discord, for if numerous souls act without wisdom and openly and manifestly speak the Word of God among people, undoubtedly this matter will cause agitation and clamor among the people. However, this has not and does not harm the foundation of the Cause itself, though the souls acting thus have acted contrary to the Command of God by departing from wisdom and becoming the cause of the destruction of weak souls. Through discord, harm befalls the very root of the Tree, and beyond this, opposition to God's Command occurs, along with the dispersion of united souls, the waste of the Cause among the servants, and the

bewilderment of weak souls - all of these things come to pass. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Avoid discord, for through it the pure cup of mystical knowledge is sullied among all created things. Thus does My Most Exalted Pen counsel you from this manifest Prison.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Bayan hath testified to its Lord, the Most Merciful, and informed all of this Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Mighty, Most Great Revelation. He hath taken the essence of the Bayan, which is a word from His presence, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. He hath spoken, and His sweetest utterance is: “I have taken a gem in His remembrance. Verily, He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan from God, the Lord of all worlds.” By God the Truth! This is a gem more precious than all the gems of the world, and all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it. To this testifieth every fair-minded and insightful one. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the Most Merciful and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which ye have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Beware lest the lowing of the calf hold you back from Him Who speaketh at the heart of the world: “Verily, there is no God but I, the Forgiving, the Generous.” Cast away vain imaginings and hold fast to the cord of certitude, by the command of One Who commandeth, Who is All-Knowing. By God! The promise hath come, the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. This is the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh and commandeth you to that which profiteth you, if ye be of them that know. Take hold of the Word of God with His strength and follow not every heedless doubter. O thou who gazeth toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in the prison of ’Akka. Verily, He hath heard thy call and answered thee with that which consoleth the eyes of them that are nigh. Set thy foot upon the world and soar with the wings of certitude in this holy, perfumed, mighty and wondrous atmosphere. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen moved upon the Tablet by My command, and I am the Commander, the All-Wise. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard the call and answered his Ancient Lord.

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The Supreme Pen testifeth that thou hast recognized My sovereignty and drawn from the ocean of My knowledge, and hast attained unto the presence of My throne and heard My call time and again, and hast attained that which is the purpose in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy letter hath been presented and hath been honored to be heard by the Wronged One in this Most Exalted Station, which hath been named by all names in the Book of Names and as the heaven of heavens in My Preserved Tablet. From every word thereof We perceived the fragrance of thy love for God and thy turning unto Him and thy arising to perform that which beseemeth thee in the days of thy Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Informed. Soon that which is hidden from the eyes of men shall be unveiled, and those nigh unto God shall behold through their Lord’s bounty that which the pens of the world and every discerning scholar are powerless to describe. Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of the

heavens! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the tribes have lamented and earthquakes have seized the dwellers of Thy earth, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee from among Thy Afnan that which beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Then remember him as Thou hast remembered him in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the Ever-Abiding. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon her who hath attained unto the knowledge of God and whose letter hath been presented before the Throne in this noble station. Convey Our greetings unto him who hath attained unto the presence and who hath been named ’Abdu’l-Hamid in the Kingdom of Names. Say: Blessed art thou for having gone forth and journeyed until thou didst attain unto the presence of the Wronged One in His mighty prison.

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He is the Answerer in all circumstances

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been One from all eternity and powerful over whatsoever He willeth. The essence of knowledge hath confessed its powerlessness to know His presence. He is the Sanctified, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Ali! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant present hath read it. We answer thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Thy sins have been forgiven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. God hath forgiven His servants who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when the company of divines and learned ones turned away from it, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee to manifest great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, and to fear God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thou art he who hath perceived the fragrance of the Intended One when most of the servants were veiled from it. Preserve this most exalted station through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We make mention of thy son Muhammad and counsel him with that which will cause the Cause to be exalted among the servants and with what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad! Be steadfast and say: O Beloved of the world Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy Cause to protect me from the evil of the enemies of Thy Self who have broken Thy covenant and testament and turned away from Thee when Thou didst come from the Dayspring of might with clear sovereignty. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy countenance, and ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will make me independent of all save Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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He is the One manifest above all things

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and power, might and sovereignty. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is sanctified above mention of what hath been and what shall be. He Who speaketh is indeed the Hidden Name and the Treasured Symbol, Who hath appeared through this Name, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who is present hath been read before the Wronged One. We have heard and answered thee through this Tablet, the mighty and ordained. All things have testified to the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, yet the people understand not. The Cock of the Throne hath crowed and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled in remembrance of this Most Great Remembrance, yet the people know not.

Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the learned ones of the earth turned away from it, save whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, did will. Know thou the worth of this station - by the life of God, nothing on earth can equal it, as doth testify He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who cast away idle fancies on this Day whereon the Trump was sounded and the Mount spoke forth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign Lord of all existence!”

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then turn thy face toward the Prison and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Wronged One, for having spent what Thou didst possess in the path of God, the Lord of all the worlds. I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest what was hidden in the knowledge of God. Thou didst speak and caused all things to speak in praise of Thy Name, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.”

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Nasirabad. O Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who standeth firm in the Cause through His Most Great Name.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come upon the clouds is indeed the One promised in the Books and inscribed in the Scriptures of God, Lord of all the worlds. He hath arisen in the name of the Self-Subsisting, and with the finger of certitude hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and called all to the All-Informed One. Through Him the gate of heaven was opened, and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

By the life of God! The wine of revelation hath so seized them that turned unto Him that they have cast the world behind their backs, hastening to the Most Great Ocean which surgeth amongst mankind through this great Name. Thy letter hath arrived and been read by the servant in the presence of this Wronged One. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answering.

We testify that thy letter voiced the praise of the Beloved and acknowledged that which God acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and earths. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken

the truth, and thine eye for what it beheld, and thy heart for having turned toward the lonely Prisoner. We found it adorned with the ornament of certitude and sanctified from the allusions of the heedless ones who cast the Truth behind their backs and followed the people in hope of what they possessed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou for We found thee standing firm in the service of thy Lord's Cause and speaking His beauteous praise. He will, in truth, exalt thee and give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life, once through His name the Self-Subsisting and again through His name the All-Bountiful. He will assist thee under all conditions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have shattered the idols through the name of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come in the shadows of the clouds is verily the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His Cause, and the Source of His firm and irrefutable wisdom. Whoso hath clung unto Him hath verily clung unto the cord of God, the Lord of all names, and whoso hath turned away is accounted among the heedless ones.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Call to mind when 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar proceeded to the Prison accompanied by My Name Jamal and a few other souls. By My life! He was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names welcomed him after his ascension, and the Tongue of Grandeur extolled him from His glorious and exalted station.

When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God, turn thy face toward the Land of Ta and say: The essence of remembrance and praise be upon thee, O thou who didst bear hardships in the path of God, the Creator of heaven, and didst drink from the cup of tribulation in His love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. I testify that thou didst turn toward the Qiblih of the horizons and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst enter the Spot of Paradise, the place wherefrom was raised the call of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou didst stand before the Gate, didst hear His call and witness His revelations, and didst attain unto that which flowed upon thee from the ocean of His Name, the Mighty, the Generous. We have sent down for him from the heaven of the Divine Will that whereby his mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, yet most of the people are heedless. Soon shall they bewail their own selves, and shall find for themselves neither helper nor protector. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of them that are steadfast.

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He is the One manifest above His servants. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the horizon of power is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Book. Through Him the mysteries were revealed and the righteous proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” Whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged the oneness and singleness of God, and whoso turneth away from Him is accounted among the heedless in the Book of God, the Lord of this promised Day.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call. He remembereth thee and maketh mention of thee at this time in such wise as hath enraptured the Concourse on High and the Supreme Paradise, and then those who circle round the Throne of God, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved. We bear witness that thou didst attain the presence before the Face and didst hear the voice of the Wronged One and didst drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of thy Lord’s bounty, the Lord of existence.

We counsel thee with that wherewith God hath counseled His servants, both before and after, and He is the Truth, the All-Knowing, the Unseen. Be thou vocal in His praise, steadfast in His Cause, holding fast unto His cord, and arising to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Decreed. I bear witness that thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion time after time, and didst attain the presence time after time. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and preserve thee and assist thee through the hosts of the seen and the unseen.

Convey My greetings unto thy mother and thy brother and thy sisters, and remind them of God’s verses, and give them the glad-tidings of His grace, and illumine their hearts with His knowledge. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel thee in this exalted station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have taken the chalice of triumph in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn and have drunk therefrom as a grace from God, the Lord of the dominion and the Kingdom.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath appeared with the truth is verily the Hidden Treasure, the Concealed Secret, the Veiled and Glorified Symbol, and the Beloved of what was and what shall be. Blessed be the soul that hath attained unto His days, and heard His call, and won His favors, and arose to serve Him amongst His servants, and proclaimed His praise throughout the lands. By My life! Such a soul is of the people of the highest Paradise and the Supreme Concourse. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Crimson Tablet by the Most Glorious Pen, through which the Trumpet was blown and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of My power did rescue and whom I caused to enter the pavilion of My protection and bounty. And I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Kingdom is within My grasp, and the Realm of Might is in the right hand of My will. The heavens were raised up by My command and the earth was spread out by My leave. The rock wailed at My tribulation and the Divine Lote-Tree cried out at My ordeal. The eyes of the faithful shed tears at My calamities and what befell Me at the hands of those who denied My signs, turned away from

My beauty, violated My covenant, broke My testament, cast aside My commandments, objected to My proof, and arose to frustrate My Cause among My creation. Thus doth My Pen speak in this wondrous and glorious Temple. Verily it announceth unto the world the appearance of God and His sovereignty and His transcendence and His exaltation and His ascendancy. Blessed be the ear that hath turned unto it, and the tongue that hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken, and the eye that hath beheld the countenance of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He taketh and He giveth, and He is the Taker, the Bestower, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O people of the contingent world! Hearken unto the call of your Lord which hath been raised from this glorious station. We have brought forth from the treasuries of Our Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the eyes of them that behold, and have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which shall rejoice the hearts of them that are near. While We were seated upon the throne, the servant came with a letter bearing thy name. We have revealed for thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee, nor the happenings of the world prevent thee. Take hold of My Book with My strength, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We desire naught on earth save the betterment of the world and the edification of its peoples. To this testifieth the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people are those who turned away, those who denied, and those who cast it behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies of the polytheists - they who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, denied His proof and His evidence, and uttered that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and the people of this luminous station to lament. Say: Be fair, O people of the earth! By what proof did ye believe, and for what reason did ye turn away from this momentous announcement? Fear God, O people, and follow not him who forbade the servants from drawing nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge shown thee its waves and the heaven of utterance its stars, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who hesitated not when they heard the call, but drew near with illumined hearts and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

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He is the Living One

It is submitted that your grief and sorrow has not become so manifest as to eliminate or remove your loving correspondence and affectionate communications. However, since these conditions of grief and sorrow are attributes of the self, therefore purification and detachment from them is necessary, just as one of the Prophets asked: "O my God, how can I attain unto Thee?" He replied: "Cast thy self aside and

then approach." Thus it becomes clear that through the deliberation of pure and sanctified hearts, one must become purified and sanctified from the evils and sorrows of the self, and this is of God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Although what befell your honor darkened the arena of existence, both seen and unseen - it was as if the sun of joy became concealed and the moon of gladness eclipsed, the maidens of beauty remained hidden behind veils of glory, and matchless countenances became clothed and concealed in garments of limitation. The eye of the cloud wept crimson tears and the horizon of heaven rained blood from the realm of blindness. However, since these matters pertain to divine decree, their acceptance is necessary and patience in them is obligatory, for divine trials and endless tribulations are among God's ways with His loved ones and His practice among His servants, and you will find no change or alteration in His way. Therefore all trials, afflictions and tribulations, both hidden and manifest, are beloved and acceptable. There are many more details which the bearer, if he attains your presence, will submit.

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In the Name of God, Rida!

In the Name of our Lord, the Most High!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what remembrance to raise the banners of Thy guidance for the sincere among Thy servants. Should I remember Thee as the Sovereign of kings - this station pertaineth to the servants. Should I describe Thee as the Manifestation of Light - this matter returneth to the Daysprings of Manifestation. Should I say that Thou art the Lord of the Kingdom - this is a remembrance belonging to the people of the realm of might and a description fitting the denizens of the Kingdom. And should I sanctify Thee above all this and above all that the mystics know - this is an attribute wherewith Thou didst describe from aforetime the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Daysprings of Thy Cause. By Thy glory! I am bewildered before Thee, for if this servant of Thine were to remember Thee by what Thou hast inspired him of the gems of the mysteries of Thy Word, Thy loved ones would be thunderstruck, for this is a mystery that souls cannot bear and minds cannot endure. And were I to remember Thee by what hath been remembered before - this would not be acceptable.

Glorified, glorified art Thou! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy divine Essence in the niche of Thy holy Oneness to inspire Thy servants with that which will make them independent of all save Thee and sanctified from all except Thyself. Then send down upon Thy servant whom Thou hast named with the letters Ra and Da from the gems of Thy hidden knowledge and the subtleties of Thy treasured mysteries, that he may gather Thy servants in Thy love and lead them to the canopy of Thy presence. Then make this book for him a garment of Thy beauty and a robe of Thy majesty, that he may inhale the fragrance of eternity from the Egypt of reunion. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beloved. Cast then the word of glorification upon those who have journeyed in their inner selves and migrated unto God in their hearts and descended upon Him in their outward being, that the grace from His presence may reach all worlds.

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Aqa Siyyid Husayn-'Ali in the City, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord! Thou seest my helplessness and poverty, then my distress and anguish, and Thou witnessest, O my God, my stillness and my sitting in this Prison which lieth in the farthermost lands of Thy kingdom and the most remote regions of Thy earth. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for what Thou hast ordained for us through the wonders of Thy decree, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for what Thou hast sent down upon us through Thy firm destiny. By Thy glory, O my God! I am content with all of this, but Thine enemies rejoice therein and mock Thy loved ones, and because of this mine eyes weep and my heart bleeds and my liver is consumed. Glorified, glorified art Thou, O my God! Raise up Thy servants to such a station wherein they taste the sweetness of Thy trials in Thy path and the delicacy of Thy decrees in Thy love, or transform their abasement through the sovereignty of Thy might, and their poverty through Thy riches, and their harm through Thy well-being, lest they witness in Thy kingdom that which they love not. Thou art indeed the Almighty, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thy Cause was raised up and Thy Name was exalted and Thy proof was perfected and Thy countenance shone forth and Thy evidence was made manifest, and by Him Whom Thou promised would appear on the Day of Resurrection, that Thou make this servant assured in Thy Cause and steadfast in Thy love and gazing unto Thee and speaking of Thee. Then send down upon him, O my God, that which will gladden his heart and bring tranquility to his soul. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Powerful, and toward Thy servants All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout creation!

The Day hath come, yet the people remain in evident drunkenness. The stone doth speak and giveth glad tidings unto men of the Most Great Vision, yet most of them are fast asleep. The trees call out to the righteous, saying: "Blessed are ye for having attained unto the recognition of the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Book, and for having believed in it when the servants denied it, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will."

We have heard thy call and turned toward thee, and have sent down for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of them that know. Say: O peoples of the earth! Exchange doubt for certitude, and vain imaginings for assurance. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you, as He did aforetime and doth now in this perspicuous moment. Say: Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance, and follow not the ways of the oppressors who shed blood and consume the substance of men wrongfully. We bear witness that they are among the treacherous ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Take thou My choice-sealed wine in My Self-Subsisting Name, then drink thereof in My Name and say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and acknowledging that which Thy Books and Thy Messengers have uttered. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy bounty, and

by the Word through which Thou didst bring existence out of nothingness and didst guide them to Thy Most Great Name, to make me submissive at the revelation of Thy verses and the manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Then ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto the Kawthar of Thy presence and the Tasnim of reunion with Thee. O Lord! Deny not the supplicant at the door of Thy bounty, and disappoint not the hopeful one at the dawning-place of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Kind, the Forgiving.

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He is the One dawning from the horizon of Revelation! The Speaker of Sinai hath come, and the Divine Lote-Tree before all faces proclaimeth: “Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted through all lands, and the Call hath been raised in truth. The Truth hath come, the Knower of all mysteries. Among the people are those who denied, those who turned away, and those who unjustly pronounced judgment against Him, whereat the denizens of the Kingdom and the Realm above lamented. They had awaited the appearance of God and His sovereignty, yet when the veil was rent asunder and the Lord of Names came riding upon the clouds, they denied Him and committed that which caused hearts and minds to tremble. Thus did their souls entice them, and they comprehend not this Day. Blessed are those souls whom neither the doubts of the divines nor the intimations of the jurisprudents prevented, who turned with radiant faces unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Thy name hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto His praiseworthy station. Arise to serve the Cause, then speak forth in praise of thy Lord. He will assist thee in all conditions. Verily, He is the Protector over what was and what shall be. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what is in your hearts and breasts, and take what ye are bidden by God, the Sovereign of sovereigns. Thus hath the tongue of counsel revealed that which will draw you nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and the Book hath been sent down that which was ordained in God’s knowledge, the Mighty, the Loving. The splendor shining forth from Us be upon those who have not violated God’s Covenant and Testament, and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when seated upon the throne of His Name, the All-Forgiving.

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In the Name of the One True Friend

O Afnan, Haji Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! We have risen this day through God’s bounty, mercy, grace and bestowal, and We were speaking in remembrance when My Most Great Branch arrived and mentioned you and what was manifested from you in My days and your days. We have remembered you with a remembrance that no remembrance can equal, and We have revealed for you that whose fragrance shall never be cut off, and We have turned toward you with a favor that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. O Buzurg, O My Afnan! Upon you be My glory and My mercy. The Tongue of Grandeur and the Most Exalted Pen bear witness that your days were

adorned with service to the Cause of God. In truth, you performed that which became the cause of the Most Great Remembrance in God's Book, and assuredly the reward for what was manifested shall be made manifest. Verily He is with you and heareth your call and seeth your turning and orientation toward Him. He is indeed the Compassionate, the Generous, the True, the Faithful. All that you sent arrived in days when the regions of the world were darkened through the tyranny of the oppressors while the Wronged One was established upon the Most Pure and Luminous Throne in the prison of 'Akka. The oppressors imagined that what they had wrought would extinguish the light of God's Cause. How evil was that which they imagined! Soon they shall witness its exaltation and ascendancy and the appearance of that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people! By God's life, that which never appeared in the world hath appeared. Blessed are they who possess understanding. The resplendent, radiant Glory shining from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and hearken to your words concerning this mighty and wondrous Cause.

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In His Name, the Self-Subsisting over all things!

We have sent a fragrance from the fragrances of the Ridvan in the form of a Tablet and dispatched it unto thee, that thine eyes and the eyes of the righteous may be gladdened thereby. Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Destiny from the direction of His Most Great Scene. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Sovereign.

Say: O people! Speak not of the unseen, nor fabricate lies against God Who created all things by His command. Fear ye, O people of error! Say: O concourse of polytheists! Were ye to reflect upon the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the dominion, ye would not claim knowledge of the unseen, for ye have turned away from Him through Whom the unseen is known and through Whom His signs have shone forth from the horizon of power. Do ye deny Him Who speaketh from His presence while claiming servitude to the unseen? By God! Ye are in naught but heedlessness and error.

The Unseen from the horizon of appearance now speaketh and saith: "O people of the Bayan! Have ye denied the All-Merciful after that through which My wisdom was made manifest amongst the servants and through which the standards of the Cause were raised in all lands?"

O thou servant! Grieve not at what proceedeth from their mouths. Rather, remain steadfast in thy love for thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto me after most of the people of the lands turned away from Thee. O Lord! I am he who heard Thy call and turned toward Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name not to drive me from Thy gate which Thou hast opened before the faces of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Make me, then, of those who have remained steadfast in Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

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O ’Abdu’l-Hamid! The All-Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great, the Most Ancient! All things have turned unto God, the Fashioner of Names, yet most people remain far removed. The vain desires of those whom they have taken as lords besides God have held them back - these are they that have perished. The Tongue of Grandeur calls them, yet they have cast it behind their backs and turned to every remote dumb one. Say: Ye were created for this Call. By God! Were ye to turn with illumined hearts unto God, the Lord of Names, there would flow from them the Euphrates of wisdom and utterance in this Manifest Announcement. Say: Is there any doubt concerning it, or concerning that which ye possess, if ye be fair and not of the wrongdoers? Every proof hath bowed before My Cause and every evidence hath testified to this manifest, impregnable Evidence. Fear God and deprive not yourselves of that for which ye were created. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you as a token of His grace, if ye be of them that know. Nothing can profit Him nor can any matter harm Him. God hath sanctified Him from all that ye possess - to this testifieth every knowing, perceiving one. Beware lest ye follow them who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and turned away from Him unto Whom have turned the Concourse on High, then the Prophets and Messengers. Set your faces toward the Most Distant Station - verily it is the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, if ye be of the assured ones. Thus have We imparted unto you the Word of Truth. Whoso turneth toward it is of the people of Baha, and whoso turneth away is of the companions of the Fire. Blessed is the eye that turneth and the heart that inclineth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth from among His servants and sendeth down upon whomsoever He willeth that whereby His mention shall be established in creation. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

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O Leaf! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great! Thy letter hath come before the Throne. We found it sanctified from the mention of strangers and purified from the allusions of the heedless. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Most Great Bounty and for not being affected by the words of the polytheists, and for not being prevented by kinship from the Lord of Oneness, and for not being kept remote by the nearness of the deniers. By God! This is a Day wherein no ties of kinship exist between anyone save those who have held fast to the cord of the kinship of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. Be thou among the thankful in all conditions. Verily, He is with thee, by the Lord of all worlds. His kinship sufficeth thee. Hold thou fast unto it and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!”

O Leaf! Thy letter came before the Presence of Oneness and was mentioned before Us. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to this supreme bounty and been honored with this greatest nobility, and that outward kinship did not prevent thee from the Beauty of Oneness. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that this honor alone sufficeth thee. Be confident in the grace of God. Verily He hath related thee to Himself despite the polytheists. Thou art at all times mentioned before the Throne and the rain of merciful bounty hath been and will continue to be showered upon thee. We verily raise thee up in truth. Thy Lord is, verily, powerful over all things. God willing, sublime Tablets will hereafter be revealed and sent. Praise

be to God that thou hast attained unto His mention and art honored and distinguished by His kinship, and with His kinship the kinship of anyone in the worlds is not befitting. Say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.” Verily, the Glory be upon thee and upon thy progeny from one Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

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O Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thy letter hath come and was presented by the servant in attendance before the Face. We have answered thee through this clear Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in this Great Announcement. Hearken in the Persian tongue: Thou hast asked about the blessed verse. The midmost heart of the heavenly paradise is the station ordained as the throne of God’s Might. The Holy Tree (Sadrat) is, in a sense, the Manifestation of the One True God, exalted be He. The Blessed Tree in the land of Za’faran refereth to the land which is flourishing, blessed, holy and all-perfumed, where that Tree hath been planted. The intent of all exalted names and titles revealed in the Bayan and from the Pen of the Most High in this Revelation is the Manifestation of God Himself. At one time He is referred to as the Pen of the Most High, at another as the Mother Book, and yet at another He is named as the Supreme Horizon, the Preserved Tablet, the Recorded Book and the Mother of the Bayan. In truth, He is sanctified and detached from all that hath been mentioned in every station. Blessed art thou! Thy petition hath attained the honor of being heard, and thou hast been blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Happy art thou and joy be unto thee! Know thou the value of this most exalted station and render thanks unto God, exalted be His glory. Today good soil is rare - blessed is he who findeth it and planteth therein the seed of trustworthiness. He is assuredly among the successful ones in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon those whom the cawing of the cawers hath not prevented from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O Muhammad-Hasan-i-Kharraz! He is God - exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His majesty! The Wronged One hath heard thy communion with God, the Lord of the worlds. Holy and sanctified is He Whose knowledge transcendeth the understanding and comprehension of all created things. Nevertheless, the hand of His bounty hath taken hold of the hands of His creation, and He hath ordained that the acknowledgment of powerlessness to comprehend His Essence, exalted and glorified be He, constituteth the true knowledge granted unto creation. There hath never been, nor shall there ever be, any path from the assembly of knowledge and learning to the sanctuary of the unseen. Exalted, exalted be His grace, exalted be His sovereignty, His grandeur, His tender mercy, His favors and His bounties! Blessed is the tongue that is occupied with His remembrance, and blessed is the eye that is turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Today all must ponder upon the deeds and words of the people of the Furqan, that is, the Shi’ih sect, and become aware of their vain imaginings. In this way, the doubts and idle fancies of the heedless and the transgressors shall not prevent man from drawing nigh unto the All-Merciful. O people of God! This is the Day of steadfastness and deeds. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose

grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand are the reins of all possibilities! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in Thy lands to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty and generosity that which will make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy service, and vocal in Thy praise. I moreover beseech Thee by Thy Self and by the mysteries of Thy Book to ordain for me that which will profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

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O My Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The All-Merciful hath testified in the Kingdom of Utterance that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret through Whose manifestation all things have spoken. By God! The Hidden Treasure hath appeared, before Him march the standards of His signs, and behind Him are hosts which none save God, the Lord of all worlds, can reckon.

This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when all people turned away, save those who cast the world behind them and advanced toward Him with radiant hearts. Thus hath the Tongue of Pre-existence spoken in His Most Great Prison - verily He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou for having taken hold of My Book through My power and cast behind thee the idle fancies of men. Rejoice thou in this great bounty and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” Arise to serve the Cause and remind the people of this Matter whereby the stars have fallen and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, hath appeared. Beware lest the things of the world hold thee back from the Ancient Beauty. Cling thou to His luminous hem and say: “O my Lord, the All-Powerful! I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all beings and the might that hath surrounded all created things, to disappoint me not from the manifestations of Thy grace and the evidences of Thy loving-kindness. Give me to drink, O my God, from the Kawthar of Thy bounty through the hands of Thy favors. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with the Sun of Utterance. When thou hast attained unto it and found from it the fragrance of My garment, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of the knowledge of the knowing ones!”

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O Mulla Husayn, who hath migrated and attained! He is the All-Merciful. His station is that of remembrance and utterance. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst turn unto Him and

didst arrive at the blessed spot wherefrom was raised the call of God, the Lord of all worlds, and thou didst stand before the countenance of the Wronged One, and didst hear His call, and didst behold His station in this great prison. We counsel thee, O Husayn, with that which will exalt the station of man amidst all religions - for He is the True Counsellor, the All-Loving, the Most Generous - and with the fear of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. And We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the most great steadfastness in this Mighty Announcement, whereby the heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the earth hath been rent, and those who claimed every glorious station have been thunderstruck. Blessed is he who hath arisen and spoken, saying: "I am the first to repent and the first to return." Be thou steadfast in My remembrance and praise in such wise that the doubts of them that are on earth shall not cause thee to slip, nor shall the clamour of the heedless hold thee back. Take hold of the Book with the strength that proceedeth from Us and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having aided me and made me know Thee and caused me to enter into a station whereat Thy tongue hath spoken, manifest and resplendent, amongst Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the blowing of the breezes of Thy mercy and by the vessels of Thy glory and power which the waves of the hearts of Thy creation cannot impede, to ordain for me that which shall profit me and draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous." The glory that proceedeth from Us be upon thee and upon those who heard the call on the Day of Meeting and who arose and said: "The Kingdom hath come, belonging unto God, the Lord of all worlds."

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In His Name, the Ever-Abiding after the passing away of all things!

Thy letter hath attained unto the presence of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards it, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have taken note of thy remembrance of thy Lord therein, and from it have inhaled the fragrance of thy love for Him Who is the Beloved of them that know.

Say: This is a Day wherein the very rocks cry out, "He Who is the Lord of Destiny hath appeared," and the very clods of earth glorify their Lord in this Most Great Scene. The hills proclaim, "The All-Bestowing hath come!" and the plains cry aloud, "The appointed time hath passed, and the Lamp hath been lit for all who dwell in the heavens and on earth!" Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him, and blessed the eye that hath gazed with fairness upon the evidences of the mercy of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, as manifested in creation.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath attained unto the Divine Throne, and thou hast been mentioned by His glorious and mighty Pen. Render thanks unto God that thy tongue hath acknowledged what the Desired One hath acknowledged, and thine ear hath heard that which was raised from this luminous and holy Land from the Ultimate Tree. There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Place thy trust in God and remain steadfast in His Cause in such wise as befitteth the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thou vocal in His Name, mindful in His remembrance, and arise to aid His Cause amidst His heedless servants. God hath testified to that which thou didst testify in thy letter - this, verily, is a great bounty - and hath sent down for thee in the prison that which caused the sun of favors to shine. He, verily, is the Ancient Bestower. He loveth him that loveth Him, and remembereth him that uttereth His Name in His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon him that hath turned towards this luminous horizon.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Say: O my God, my God! How many sighs have ascended in Thy days, and how many tears have fallen in separation and remoteness from Thee! O Lord, Thou hearest the cry and lamentation of those who long for Thee in Thy days - they whose hearts have melted from the fire of Thy love and whose souls have burned in their distance from Thee. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy reunion and the power of Thy Cause which hath encompassed Thy lands and realms, to ordain for those who hope the attainment of Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy mercy. O Lord, Thou hast created them to hearken unto Thy call and witness the lights of Thy beauty. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence not to withhold them from that for which Thou didst create them. O Lord, Thou seest those who have turned with radiant faces toward Thy most exalted station, and the women who have entered Thy house, O Lord of all beings and Master of the hereafter and the former times. If Thou shouldst deny them, O my God, from the gate of Thy grace, to what gate shall they turn? I beseech Thee, O Master of Eternity, by the Most Great Name which is established upon the Throne of Utterance in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for Thy male and female servants that which will solace their eyes, gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls. Thou art He through whose Name was raised the banner of “He doeth what He willeth” and the standard of “He ordaineth what He pleaseth,” and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Praised. O Lord, Thou seest the unitarians among the idolaters, and what hath befallen them at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the transgressors among Thy servants. I beseech Thee to preserve them through the hosts of Thy power and the legions of Thy might, then ordain for them what beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Nabil-i-Qa’ini, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory! In the name of the one true God! The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy exile and grief and afflictions in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. This testimony shall remain an everlasting treasure and shall never be erased from the ledger of the world. O thou who art a stranger in My lands and a captive in My path! Thou art that bird which, through the tyranny of the oppressors, hath been left without shelter and hath taken no nest. Blessed art thou for having drunk the cup of tribulation for My Name’s sake and borne hardship and adversity for

love of Me, the Mighty One. Though outwardly thy whereabouts be unknown, yet from the Supreme Pen thou hast been and wilt continue to be remembered time and again. Sublime and wondrous Tablets were sent specially for thee, and mention was made, by the Supreme Pen, of every soul that was mentioned in thy previous letters. Thou shouldst not be saddened by what hath befallen thee, but shouldst occupy thyself with utmost determination in serving the Cause. Thou must speak such words as will kindle the souls, through divine assistance. Verily He seeth thee and is with thee. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Seeing. These transient conditions and illusory things shall soon be witnessed to be non-existent and evanescent. However, that which hath befallen thee in the path of Truth and that which thou hast manifested in the way of the Friend shall assuredly be mentioned and witnessed in the assemblage of the world. Send detailed accounts of thy circumstances to the Most Holy Court at all times. Verily He loveth to hear from thee and have thee hear from Him. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of the peerless Lord

The Most Exalted Pen counsels His loved ones regarding two matters: First, wisdom, so that no harm may befall anyone and weak souls not be kept back from the shore of the sea of oneness; and second, unity and concord, for great harm befalls the Cause of God from discord - shun it and be among the steadfast. Today every soul must hold fast to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Blessed are they that act. Until now, whatsoever hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen for the reformation of the world and the removal of corruption hath not been accepted, as evidenced by one who dwelt for some time before the Divine Throne and heard with his own ears the counsels and exhortations of the Wronged One of the world, yet after being dismissed from the Most Holy Court […] and spoke contrary to the divine command. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that contention, corruption, conflict and whatsoever disturbeth hearts have ever been rejected and condemned by this Wronged One, as attested by what hath been sent down in the Tablets from the Pen of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, you must remind the loved ones of the All-Merciful of this Tablet, that perchance they may hold fast to what God hath ordained and not defile the ears created to hear the call of God with the words of any speaker. Let them fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and upon what is revealed from His presence, for verily He sufficeth all, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who follow the laws and commandments of God that shine forth from this wondrous horizon.

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In the Name of the Wondrous One! The Book of Truthfulness hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Verily it is the Messenger of Truth to all lands, that it may remind the people of its exalted station and acquaint them with its supreme position and its most glorious habitation, and show them its wondrous beauty and its most elevated station and its most impregnable and mighty sovereignty. By the life of God! As it walketh, acceptance walketh at its right

hand and tranquility at its left, while before it wave the banners of glory and behind it march the hosts of dignity. To this doth He Who causeth the rivers to flow bear witness; verily He is the Knower of all things. It proclaimeth and saith: “O concourse of humanity! I have come unto you from the presence of the Most Great Truth to make known unto you its loftiness and exaltation, its beauty and perfection, its station and glory and splendor, that ye may perchance find a path unto its straight way. By God! Whoso adorneth himself with this supreme ornament, he is verily of the people of this luminous station. Beware, O people, lest ye cast it to the claws of falsehood. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Its likeness is as the sun: when it shineth forth from its horizon it illumineth the regions and brighteth the faces of those who have attained. Whoso is deprived thereof is indeed in manifest loss.” We say: “O Messenger! Canst thou enter the cities and regions, and wilt thou find therein for thyself any helper?” It saith: “I have no knowledge save what Thou, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hast taught me.” We have sent down this Tablet as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest remind the people of that which it containeth from the presence of a mighty Commander. The glory be upon thee and upon whoso reciteth the verses of the All-Merciful with joy and radiance and is of them that are firmly established.

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[Mulla Ahmad] God’s Most Great and Most Ancient Book walks in human form and calls the people to the Mighty, the Loving. Verily the Ocean hath appeared in human form and proclaimeth “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.” Lo, the Tree crieth out “He Who is the Lord of Destiny hath appeared,” yet most of the people hear not. The Pen exclaimeth with loudest voice “The Lord of Eternity and Creator of Nations hath come,” yet most of the people perceive not. Those who sleep this day are accounted as dead - to this beareth witness the Lord of the invisible and visible realms. And they who have heard the Call - these are of the people of Baha, preserved in a guarded Tablet. Blessed is he who hath heard and remained steadfast, and woe betide him who hath followed every rejected idolator. Say: O people, follow not your selfish desires. Follow rather what ye are commanded in the Tablet - this is better for you, did ye but know. Commit not what is forbidden you in the Book, and abandon not what ye are commanded in the revealed Tablet. Say: Be not like those who call upon the All-Merciful with their tongues while following Satan in their deeds - these are indeed the losers. We have commanded none save what is better for him than all that existeth in the invisible and visible realms. Hold fast to the Most Great Cord - verily it hath appeared with truth through a manifest sovereignty. It is God’s trust among you and His sovereignty within you, would that ye might understand. O servant! Be not disturbed by those who are moved by the winds of self and passion. Cling to the hem of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest read them and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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He is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing

This is a Book which the All-Wise hath sent down for whoso desireth to drink from the Kawthar of life eternal from the chalice of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful, that the fragrances of revelation may draw him near and the verses of the Book may bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. We have manifested the Kingdom and sent down from the heaven of might that which hath guided men to the Most Exalted Horizon, as a command from God, the Lord of all men. Verily the Pen crieth out amidst the world and the Tablet speaketh forth: He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared. Fear ye God, O concourse of earth! Cast aside names and take what ye are bidden by God, the Cleaver of the daybreak. This is a Day wherein the assemblage of the divines hath been scattered and the hearts of the theologians have been troubled, and the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Creator of all existence. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold thee back. Cast vain imaginings beneath thy feet, clinging to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the Revealer of verses. The carpet of vain imaginings hath been rolled up, for God hath come riding upon the clouds. Can anyone deny what hath appeared in truth, and can anyone object to the Mother Book? Say: O people of the Bayan! Look ye, then remember when the Desired One came on the Day of Resurrection. The divines of Persia turned away from Him and opposed Him until they slew Him with tyranny whereat the heavens wept. They followed their own desires and denied Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of all names was walking in the most exalted station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have not broken My Covenant and Testament and who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of earth and heaven.

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O 'A.B., upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Rememberer, He is the Remembered One! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, that the explanation might draw him nigh unto the horizon of true knowledge and adorn him with the ornament of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thy letter hath come to the Most Great Prison. We have read it and answer thee with this inscribed Tablet. O 'A.B.! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Praise be to God, with the arm of certitude thou hast rent asunder the veils and mists and turned toward the supreme horizon and the most exalted summit in days when all were heedless of Him and turned away, save whom thy Lord willed. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. His honor Amin and 'Ali-Haydar, upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, have repeatedly mentioned thee. Blessed is he who remembereth thee and loveth thee. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, and for having illumined my heart with the lights of Thy knowledge, and enkindled my soul with the fire of Thy Lote-Tree, and loosened my tongue to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of the world and Educator of the nations, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to Thy cord and be mindful of Thy verses. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The petitions of his honor Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, have arrived and continue to arrive, and in each instance he maketh mention of thee and seeketh for thee that which hath

had and hath no likeness or equal, and in truth thou hast attained unto and achieved this. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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To Muhammad, son of him who attained and ascended, upon them both be the glory of God. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who hath attained the lights of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of words and meanings - that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a day wherein every soul that hath turned unto God hath attained, and every one possessed of hearing hath hastened unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

We made mention of thee before in the Kingdom of Utterance, and We make mention of thee at this time through this perspicuous Tablet. Thy letter was presented before the Face, and the servant who standeth before the Throne laid it before Us. We have heard and have answered, for verily We are the Hearer, the Answerer.

Beware lest the affairs of creation withhold thee from the Truth or the intimations of the heedless sadden thee. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee to remember and praise Him, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, He is potent over all things.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My leaf who hath ascended unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We make mention of her in such wise as will draw her nigh unto the most sublime heights and the most exalted Paradise, and will cause her to enter a station wherein she shall behold naught save the effulgences of My Name, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Blessed is she, and blessed is the one who maketh mention of her after her ascension in the manner in which the All-Merciful hath made mention of her in the Kingdom of Utterance. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in this most sublime station. We have forgiven her and purified her at the time of her ascension, and adorned her with the ornament of My wondrous remembrance. Blessed is the soul from whom the Concourse on High shall inhale the fragrance of My garment. She is the object of circumambulation of My angels and the denizens of My mighty, glorious Kingdom. We beseech God to enable all to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Speaker in His Most Glorious Station

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names as He walks in this Most Exalted Spot wherein the atoms proclaim: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Revealer of verses.” O companions in all regions! Hearken to the call of your Lord, the All-Bestowing. He remembers you with that which draws you near unto Him. He

is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. The river of mercy hath flowed and the scratching of the Pen of bounty hath been raised. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every denying infidel. This is a Day wherein the gates of generosity have been opened unto the world, and wherein the Herald calleth out: “Draw nigh, O concourse of servants, unto a station wherein the call of your Lord, the Lord of creation, hath been raised.” Of no profit to you is that which ye and the people possess on this Day whereon He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the highest branches. Rejoice, O peoples of the earth! The banner of tyranny hath been rolled up and the light of justice hath shone forth from the horizon of God’s will, the Lord of Religions. Thus hath the matter been decreed and the All-Merciful hath come with clear proof. Blessed is the servant who hath heard, and woe unto every polytheist who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all beings. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by anything. Aid your Lord through that which He hath ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in the appearance of My grace and the Day Star of My bounty. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty to which the Mother Book itself beareth witness. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O Manifestations of My names, and upon those who have hastened and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is held the reins of all created things!”

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In the Name of the one God! Your letter hath reached the Most Great Prison and appeared before Our presence, and that which was inscribed therein was heard. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and His service, and for having turned to the horizon of certitude while the people were in evident doubt. At all times ye must remind the people of that city of the divine verses with perfect wisdom, that perchance the darkness of the vain imaginings of heedless souls may not prevent the friends from the splendors of the rays of the Sun of Truth. The wolf howleth and the dog barketh, while the Truth speaketh between earth and heaven that there is none other God but Me, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Say: We have seized those who transgressed against Us, and We shall soon seize those who disbelieved and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Convey to all the friends in that land greetings from God, and counsel them all with consummate wisdom. Today they must conduct themselves with perfect unity, fellowship and wisdom, and in all circumstances speak in remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. Say: Be not grieved at anything, for verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Restrainer, the Expander, the Ordainer, the Almighty, the Most Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed are ye, O my Afnan, for having heard and turned towards and recognized and remained steadfast in this Cause, whereby the limbs of the learned were made to quake and the pillars of the divines were shaken and every lofty mountain was scattered. He will assist you in that whereunto ye are engaged. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Generous. The glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’l-Hamid, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Witness! This is a Book traced by the Pen of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and a Tablet inscribed by the Supreme Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O ’Abdu’l-Hamid! Hearken unto the call of the All-Praiseworthy One. Verily, He makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, at a time when He is under the claws of hatred through what the hands of those who have denied God, the Master of the Promised Day, have wrought. We have made mention of thee before in a Tablet from whose horizon shone forth the light of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and hearts and minds were shaken. Take once again the Kawthar of eternity in My Most Glorious Name, then drink thereof before all faces. Beware lest the might of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed prevent thee. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, the Promise has come to pass and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation, calling out in the most exalted voice between earth and heaven: “The Kingdom has come - the Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of what was and what shall be!” Thus has the rustling of My Lote-Tree been raised and the tongue of My grandeur has spoken from My praiseworthy station. Remember My loved ones on My behalf, give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with that which has shone forth from the horizon of My Pen in this exalted station. Thus does the ocean of utterance reveal the pearls of wisdom and exposition, as a grace from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they who have drawn nigh and believed, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and thy family and those who are with thee, from God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen.

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O Varqa, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Expositor in the Kingdom of Utterance. A Book from Us to him who hath turned and believed in God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Look thou to naught save the Most Sublime Horizon, this Station from which the Most Great Luminary hath shone forth from the horizon of the world and speaketh: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Hidden, the Concealed, the Witnessed.” Let thy remembrance and utterance be confined to the praise of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This indeed shall endure for thee throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion. We have heard thy call before and answered thee in diverse Tablets. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving. There have come before the Wronged One in this prison thy poetry and prose concerning God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed art thou for having praised the Goal of the world whilst He was wronged among the peoples. Hold thou fast unto Him and take firm hold of His extended cord. Know thou, moreover, that this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. None hath comprehended it save those who have detached themselves from all that is with them for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and to aid thee to serve this Cause whereby every lofty mountain hath been scattered to dust. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone. The All-Merciful hath foretold this in what He revealed in the Qur’an: “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” All things have perished and this is the countenance of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey Our greetings

unto Our servants who have been stirred by the breezes of the love of God. They are indeed among those who have attained that which none among the worlds hath attained. The Glory of God be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who was visible from the horizon of Command! This is a Book from Us to a people who understand. Verily it is the Sign of God among all else and His Most Great Mystery in what hath been and what shall be. Verily it is His Manifestation in truth - were it not for Him, the standards of Names would not have been raised in the Kingdom of Creation, nor would the Dove have warbled upon the branches. There is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Through Him every name was established and every hidden mystery was revealed. Rejoice, O people of Baha! By God, ye are the people of the Crimson Ark, whose mention was sent down in the Bayan. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who loveth you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Be as standards upon the hills among the servants - this behooveth you, did ye but know. Be horizons of guidance among all creatures, such that all may receive blessings from your breaths and be illumined by the lamp of your utterance. Thus doth command you this wronged Exile. We call you at this hour when We are in the hands of enemies who have openly committed iniquity - verily they are a blind people. We have arisen alone and remind the people of that which We were commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is he who spendeth his evening in My remembrance and his morning in My Name - the Name whereby the heavens were cleft asunder and the Promised One appeared. Beware lest ye be perturbed by what occureth in the world or be frightened by the tyranny of those who hasten after their lusts. O thou who hast turned to the Desired One! When thou drinkest the choice wine of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, arise with assurance amidst all possibility, then call all with wisdom unto the Lord of creation, that perchance they may abandon what they possess and turn unto the praiseworthy station.

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In His Name, Who ruleth over all who are in the kingdom of names! A letter from Us unto him who hath migrated unto God and attained the lights of His Lord's countenance, the Most High, the Most Great, that his heart may rejoice thereby and the eyes of the sincere ones be gladdened. O servant! Hearken unto that which the Dayspring of Names calleth thee from the precincts of 'Akka: Verily, there is none other God but I, the Wronged One, the Stranger. Arise to serve thy Lord and remind the people of this wise Remembrance. Say: By God! The Treasure hath appeared and the Desired One hath come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth shall not stand. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of God's mercy and grace. Turn ye toward the Most Sublime Horizon with illumined hearts and follow not the deluded ones. He around Whom circle the dwellers of Paradise hath appeared - He Who is the Promised One in the Mother Book, if ye be of them that know. Make manifest with such fervor as shall kindle the hearts of the heedless ones, and hold fast under all conditions unto wisdom. We have enjoined this upon all. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention in this place of thy

brother who hath been named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, that My remembrance may draw him to the kingdom of My loving-kindness and cause him to speak My praise amongst the worlds. We have ordained for him the reward of them that have attained Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: Let nothing grieve thee nor any matter prevent thee from making mention of this Straight Path. We send greetings from this place to the loved ones of God who have turned unto the Face and have attained this choice sealed Wine. Blessed are they and those who have followed God when He appeared [in truth] with a wondrous Cause.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

A letter from the Sorrowful One to him who desired to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, that he might hear the rustling of the breezes from the garden of divine knowledge. He Who was hidden in knowledge and veiled from sight hath come. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and commanded all to that which will exalt their stations among the peoples. Blessed is he who hath ears and attaineth unto hearing, and blessed is he who hath eyes and beholdeth that which hath appeared through God's will, the Lord of lords.

Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee with verses whose fragrance shall never cease to perfume the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. When thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of all beings, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and guided me to the Dawning-Place of Thy lights and enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self and witness Thy signs. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of gifts and Dispeller of adversities, by Thy Most Great Name through which the ocean of Thy utterance surgeth before the faces of Thy servants and the sun of Thy bounty shineth from the horizon of Thy will, to number me among those whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Book when Thou didst say - and Thy word is the truth - "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God." O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I desire naught save that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and hold fast to the cord of Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In His Name, the Self-Subsisting, over all who are in earth and heaven! This is a Book which We have sent down in truth unto him who hath turned himself unto the Most Great Sea, Who hath appeared in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath caused Him to speak amidst all created things. Verily there is none other God but He, the [All-Compelling,] Self-Subsisting, that he might be assured through his Lord's grace and make mention of Him amongst His servants who have remained heedless of

the Dayspring of the Cause when the Truth came with manifest sovereignty. O thou who hast turned thyself! God hath created thee for the knowledge of His Self and the hearkening unto this Word whereby both the unseen and the visible have been quickened. Say: This is the water whereby God hath revived the earth after its death. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Thou hast attained unto the knowledge of God and the hearkening of His exalted Word. Therefore it behooveth thee to arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that no ignorant reprobate may hinder thee. Aid thy Lord through utterance - this is the root of service and its branch, yet most among the people know not. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness in such wise that neither the affairs of men nor the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved, may disturb thee. Behold those who have clung to idle fancies and imaginings and turned away from the Sun of Certitude when it shone forth from this praiseworthy horizon. They worship idols, yet perceive it not. Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto God's bounty as it was sent down from heaven, and hast drunk the choice wine of submission from the hands of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Loving. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have sent down unto thee that which gladdeneth hearts and solaceth eyes when thou didst attain unto the lights of the Word shining from the horizon of the Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the unseen and the visible!

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[H] [His honor Mirza Musa, upon him be the Glory of God] The Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great Book have We sent down in truth and dispatched it to him who was guided by the countenance of guidance and was among those who have turned towards God, that he might rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord, Who hath been encompassed by sorrows from the people of the contingent world and was in the hands of the oppressors. Verily, they who recall My tribulations and what hath befallen My Self are among those who are remembered in a preserved tablet, while they who have cast behind them the remembrance of God and are occupied with the remembrance of their own selves and what they possess are among the heedless ones. Soon shall they behold themselves in the lowest depths of hell. Say: O people, rend ye asunder the veils of glory that ye may behold the Dawning-Place of Beauty Who hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. Beware lest allusions hold you back from the Source of verses, or symbols from this Mighty News. Turn with illumined hearts toward the Crimson Tree which speaketh at all times: "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Generous." Say: The Generous One calleth you unto that which beseemeth this Name, yet ye are among those who slumber. Arise from the couches of passion and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon - this is better for you, if ye be of the fair-minded. Will what ye possess profit you? Nay, by the Self of the Beloved! Will what ye have learned suffice you? Nay, by this Name that ruleth over the worlds! Thus hath the Tongue of Truth spoken from before One mighty and powerful. Seize ye the grace of God and His mercy. Verily, He hath appeared with a bounty the like of which the eye of no mystic hath ever beheld. Thou, therefore, give thanks unto thy Lord for His having turned toward thee the face of the Wronged One from this remote station. Then read what hath been sent unto thee with myriads of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Verily it is the water of life. Blessed is he who hath turned unto My Name and drunk thereof through My wise remembrance. O thou who gazeth toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks for having been enabled to turn towards Him and hear His voice in His presence. This truly is a great bounty. Thou art the one who hath turned toward the Countenance and entered and attained the presence and heard what most of mankind hath not heard. Thy Lord is verily the Witness, the All-Seeing. Reflect upon His grace and generosity - He hath caused thee to hear My sweetest call and behold My most glorious countenance and drink from the Kawthar of revelation by My bounteous hand. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise thy Lord by night and day, then make mention of Him amongst His servants who have turned toward His luminous horizon. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of this Book which speaketh with truth between the heavens and the earth, that by God, the Manifestation of Revelation hath come and calleth out in the most exalted voice to all, young and old, inviting all to the supreme Paradise, that station wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimeth: The kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the All-Informed. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee. Trust in all matters in God Who created and fashioned thee. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Soon will He send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which shall gladden thy heart. Thus doth the All-Knowing give thee glad-tidings. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the world behind them for the sake of God and taken His Book which hath been inscribed by this wondrous Pen.

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Kerman. To Mirza Ali-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God.

In My Name, the One Who Rules over what was and what will be.

This is a Book which testifies before the world to that which the Lord of Nations testified before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have heard thy call time and again, and have answered thee as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The ocean of utterance surged when stirred by the fragrance of thy love. Thus was the matter decreed, that thou mightest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Goal of all return. He who was named Muhammad came before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison with thy letter, from which We found the fragrance of thy sincerity to God, the Lord of Lords. We sent with him that from which the sincere ones will perceive the fragrances of the garment from this Spot which God, the Lord of all directions, hath made. Then the servant who is present came with thy other letter and presented it before the Wronged One, and this Tablet was revealed for thee which speaketh the truth throughout

ages and centuries. Blessed art thou for having turned to My horizon, heard My call, spoken My praise, and arisen to serve My Cause whereby the mountains were shaken. We have accepted what thou didst in the prison. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou assured of God's grace and mercy, then strive that there may appear from thee that which shall endure throughout the eternity of My most beautiful Names. Thy Lord verily aideth whom He willeth through a command from Him, and He is the Powerful over what will be and what hath been. The Glory shining from the horizon of grace be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto what they were promised in the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets.

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He is! Divine words which have descended from the Source of glorified utterance in a wondrous Arabic accent have been heard and listened to beyond measure and count. Now hear them in eloquent Persian, that perchance thou mayest pass from this transient abode to the immortal Kingdom, and in these dark days when the dust of trials hath encompassed all contingent beings and their peoples, thou mayest not remain far from the pathway of the flowing stream which is the station of recognition of the Beauty of the All-Merciful. O servant! The world hath never had, nor hath, any permanence. Soon thou shalt find all who are visible therein and all that exists therein to be non-existent, such that thou shalt see no trace of all that is on earth. Therefore, sanctify thyself from all that exists before the people, that perchance thou mayest recognize the First Beauty in the Last Garment. For today all people remain veiled and concealed behind imaginary veils. Take refuge in the One God, that perchance thou mayest be saved from these depths of fancy wherein all are drowned, and arrive at and find rest at the fountainhead of life. This is the grace of thy Lord Who hath mentioned thee through His holy words. Therefore, purify thy heart from worldly grief, for grief is rejected save in trials of this divine Youth Who dwelleth in the well of envy and hatred. In any case, mighty effort is needed lest thou remain deprived of the wondrous outpourings of these days. Thus doth thy Lord counsel thee, that thou mayest be among them that hear.

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He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon. The Word of God hath appeared in truth. Verily it aideth the Cause of its Lord, the Master of the Day of Separation. Verily it announceth unto all on earth the heaven of grace and ocean of bounty and sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is the servant who hath heard and responded to the call of God, and woe unto every denying infidel. He who loved Me hath appeared before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in a Tablet whereunto nothing possessed by the nations can compare, as doth testify He with Whom is the Mother Book. Can anyone prevent the power of My Most Exalted Pen or the influence of My Most Great Word? Nay, by My true Self! Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto every hesitating doubter. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and heard My call, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Ocean of Thy knowledge and the Repository of Thine inspiration. I beseech Thee by the sighing of the lovers in Thy days and the crying out

of those yearning for Thee in their love for Thee, and by the Word before which the necks of Thy creation have bowed down, to make me one of those who have quaffed the choice wine of Thy revelation and taken hold of Thy Book through Thy power, in such wise that neither the weapons of the world nor the hosts of the nations deterred them. O my Lord! Ordain for this servant that which befitteth Thy bounty and grace. Then make me one of those who have heard Thy most sweet call and attained unto Thy mention and praise amidst humanity. O my Lord! Thy mercy hath preceded all and Thy grace hath encompassed all. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and those of Thy creatures who are sincere. Thou art the Almighty One by the movement of Whose finger the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was split and the mountains were crushed. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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O Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable God. From time immemorial the religious leaders have deprived the people of the world from the purpose of creation. The greatest veil hath been and continues to be the divines at the time of Divine Manifestation. Their leadership hath prevented and continueth to prevent them from turning to the supreme horizon. Consider the Shi'ih divines throughout the ages and centuries - they were vocal in remembering God, exalted be His glory, and from their pulpits would recite "Would that I were with Him" - that is, with the Qa'im. Yet when the Most Great Gate was opened and the Ancient Luminary appeared, they occupied themselves with cursing and reviling Him, and finally pronounced and carried out the death sentence against Him - such that the Bridge trembled and the Balance wept. Now Hadi of Dawlat-Abad from among the people of Sad clingeth to those same vain imaginings and hath trained and continueth to train the helpless people in the manner of the Shi'ih sect, although on the Day of Judgment he witnessed that former sect to be the most lost among all peoples. The faculty of hearing and sight hath been taken from him, and this is his recompense. We beseech God that He may guide thee to remain steadfast in such wise that the doubts of the transgressors and hints of the opposers may not deprive thee of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, Who hath appeared among the nations, in that Thou hast turned toward me from the direction of Thy prison and remembered me in such wise that the remembrances of all others cannot equal it. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. I beseech Thee to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy Command that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the one true God!

From time immemorial hath the Ever-Exalted, the All-Sufficient, made mention of His loved ones and continueth to do so. Though some may not, outwardly, have been blessed with the verses of the Supreme Pen, know thou of a certainty that their remembrance hath been uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. The gaze of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds is fixed upon hearts and deeds. Blessed is the heart that is a treasury of the pearls of the love of God, and blessed is the soul that holdeth fast and acteth according to the Book of God.

His honor Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, who hath ascended unto the Supreme Horizon - verily We have made mention of him in numerous Tablets. Praise be to God that the Concourse on High inhaled from him the fragrance of love for the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and there was sent down for him from the heaven of grace that which no pen can recount. Well is it with him! Happy is he! His kindred who have passed on have been and continue to be beneath the gaze of His loving-kindness. Convey to them all My greetings and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounty. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for them that which no thing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The people of the village, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, must be occupied with service throughout the nights and days, and be illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of steadfastness. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to aid them to champion His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. God hath forgiven thy father and thy mother. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Exalted, the Sublime, the Most Glorious

Glorified is He, who hath manifested Himself in His splendid Glory through the power of truth, thus all that dwell in the heavens and on earth were adorned with His presence, save those who turned away from His Face, and were in truth sure to perish. Blessed is he, whom the fragrances of the Day of God hath quickened and caused to be detached from all else.

This is the Day of Prophetic Cry, well is it with him who, with wisdom, calleth out This exalted and mighty Name. Thus hath been prescribed unto you by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It doth not beseem man to become a source of sedition; nay, rather, he should endeavor towards that which will cause the affairs of all that dwell on earth to prosper; thus hath the True One proclaimed, He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Aid thou Me with good deeds - this truly behooveth ye, if ye be of them that comprehend this truth. For every day a portion hath been ordained in the Book of God. When the appointed time is come, that which He willeth is achieved. He verily reigneth over whatsoever He pleaseth.

Those who had cast away the Cause of God, they had verily abandoned the stronghold of justice, and are among the heedless.

The King of Eternity hath come for the betterment of the world. If the people but knew, they would have circumambulated His Throne. Verily, your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They are like unto mere children, and our Lord is the Educator of the world. If We but willed, we could have seized them with a single word from Us, yet the mercy of the Lord, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful, supersedes His wrath.

Walk in the path of thy Lord, for He is the most merciful.

Blessed is he who, wholly for the sake of God, calleth the people to the path of His Lord. Be thou shepherds unto His sheep and guard them from the ravening wolves. Thus instructeth thee He with Whom is the knowledge of the heavens and the earth.

Well is it with thee that thou hast forsaken thyself and turned towards the exalted realms, and attained unto the days of God and the knowledge of this Announcement, at which the mountain of corrupt desires was crushed and the Day-Star of divine guidance shone from the horizon of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Resplendent.

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O Muhammad Husayn! In the name of the One, the Incomparable! The chalice of tribulation hath ever been reserved for the faithful, and through trials and afflictions are the steadfast distinguished from the doubters. Yet every jewel is cherished and valued by those who recognize it. The sun hath no intimacy in the city of the blind, and pearls are counted as pebbles by those lacking discernment. Those souls who are deprived of the Merciful One's presence by the blowing winds of trials are like autumn leaves that fall from the tree at a single gust. Know thou that trials are like winds which, after their passing, cause weak souls to fall from the divine Tree. Blessed, therefore, are those leaves that have clung so firmly to the Tree that no winds in all the world can prevent them from remaining attached to the divine Tree. Though outwardly the tribulations endured in the path of God appear as fire, their inner reality hath been and ever shall be light. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that were this blessed word to be fully expounded, all would turn their faces to the horizon of tribulation in the path of the Beloved. God, exalted be His glory, shall, God willing, aid His loved ones and draw them to the kingdom of His good-pleasure, that all may be content with His will and thankful. Be not grieved at the calamity that hath occurred, for this is a calamity wherein the Ancient Beauty Himself hath been the chief mourner. How blessed are they, for the Sovereign of grandeur and majesty, and then the angels nearest to God, pray for them. And upon thee and those with thee be glory, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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To Abulhusayn in Kazirun: O thou who beholdest the Everlasting One! Thy letter was presented before the Most Great Horizon and attained unto the court of the Lord of Names. Thou hadst expressed grief - yet this is the Day of supreme joy, for the Sun of Revelation hath dawned from the horizon of God's Will

and the ocean of bounty is surging. Turn away thine eyes from the ways of the world and its people, and fix thy gaze upon the movements of the leaves suspended from the Divine Lote-Tree. I swear by the Sun of grace shining from the horizon of the prison - if thou attainest unto that which hath been mentioned, neither the world nor all that is therein shall prevent thee from this supreme joy made manifest today through the appearance of the Lord of Power. This is the Day whereon "The All-Merciful is established upon the throne," not the day of "Lord, Lord!" God willing, thou shalt taste the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance. By My life! If thou findest it, it will draw thee to a station wherefrom thou shalt never be heedless, even should all the hosts of earth seek to prevent thee. With complete trust, supreme steadfastness and manifest certitude, occupy thyself with teaching God's Cause, that perchance thou mayest guide the lost to the divine homeland and give the thirsty to drink from the living waters. His grace shall become manifest and His assistance shall reach thee. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. He hath imparted that which is truth and graciously bestowed it, and what is required of you is to act according to that which hath been sent down in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet from the Supreme Pen. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in His presence and for having attained unto this Tablet which shall testify for thee in all the worlds of thy Lord. This is a mighty station - preserve it through His Name, the Preserver, the Ancient.

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O Murta?a-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. Your letter, photograph and poem were all presented before the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being seen and heard. God willing, you will be confirmed to take from that which is not seen and that which does not exist, and that which is not seen and that which does not exist, and to capture the Fleeing One through the name of the Chosen One, and to extract the pillars from a single thing. Then nothing will remain except purification and promotion. A Persian treatise was revealed - verily it is an ocean wherein are concealed the pearls of knowledge and wisdom from God, the Lord of the worlds and Sovereign of nations. Blessed is he who brings forth its pearls from the ocean and its jewels from the treasury. Praise be to God that you have attained unto pearls of divine knowledge for which there hath been and is no likeness or equal. Whosoever possesseth these jewels hath possessed and doth possess all good things. The oceans of the elixir circle round it and the treasuries of knowledge bow down at its manifestation. Your letter testified to your acceptance and love. Blessed art thou and blessed the mother who nursed thee. The portrait of the Imam was presented through a servant and attained the most exalted station and supreme heights. We beseech God to confirm you in preserving that which He hath bestowed. Verily He hath power over all things. This is the station of steadfastness and is the greatest of all stations. Glory be upon you and upon those whom the hosts of the world could not prevent from the Ancient Lord - they arose and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne." Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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O handmaiden of God, wife of Ramadan Khan! By My Name through which hearts and minds have been attracted, thy call hath attained to the hearing of the Lord of Names, and that which thou didst present was laid before the Throne by this servant. The fragrance of thy love was inhaled by the Beloved of the world, and thy remembrances were accepted in the presence of the Intended One. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained to the recognition of her Lord and hath uttered His praise. And as for thy request for forgiveness for those souls thou didst mention - all have been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and have attained unto the bounties of God. In this Night of Ridvan, the ocean of forgiveness hath embraced all. Give thanks, O My handmaiden, for this great favor. Say: O my God, my Beloved, my Lord, my Support, and my Heart's Desire! My soul, my spirit and my tongue bear witness that Thou hast ever been One, and no peer or likeness hath been, nor ever shall be, for Thee. All tongues are powerless to describe Thee, and all hearts fall short of comprehending Thee, now and forever. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the weakness, poverty and evanescence of Thy handmaiden. This is a supplicant who hath turned toward Thy door, a poor one who hath sought the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy ocean of bounty, by the sun of Thy favor and the heaven of Thy grace, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for this handmaiden of Thine that which beseemeth Thy greatness. God willing, thou shalt drink of the choice wine of utterance that lieth hidden within the words of the All-Merciful and attain unto that which God hath desired for thee.

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O Mulla Baqir, son of his honor Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The Most Holy, Most Holy Grace of God hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Verily thou seest it embodied in human form. Thus hath the matter been ordained. O people! Gather ye around this table which We have sent down in truth, and be not like those who turned away from it. Thus doth the Ancient Pen command you, for it hath power over all things. Say: O concourse of polytheists! From whom do ye flee? Have ye found for yourselves any helper or protector? By My life! There is no refuge for anyone save under the shade that hath been extended in the name of God. Say: Cast behind you your vain imaginings. This is your Lord, the Most Merciful, Who hath come with the truth - He Who was promised to you in a Tablet that was preserved in truth. Follow not those who have joined partners with God, nor turn to him who hath disbelieved in God and been an obstinate oppressor. Believe in God Who created you and sustained you - God sufficeth as a Helper. Say: We desire for you naught but the eternal life, yet ye have chosen for yourselves the abyss of wrath. Why do ye not understand this utterance? Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God - verily He is near to the sincere ones. Remember thou My tribulation and imprisonment and trials, then rejoice in the manifestations of My majesty and grandeur. Verily thy Lord remembereth him who hath uttered His remembrance - He is merciful to His servants. If harm befalleth thee in My path, grieve not. By My life! Your names and whatsoever hath befallen you have been inscribed in the Tablet, and God thy Lord sufficeth as a Reckoner. Remember thou those who are with thee from Us - those who have taken the Most Merciful as their Helper.

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He is the One speaking between earth and heaven! A light from Our presence unto those who are in the world, and verily it is in the form of a Book. Exalted is the All-Bestowing One Who sent it after He revealed it. He, verily, is the All-Choosing One. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of God from the direction of Paradise - the spot which hath been named at one time the Most Great Prison and at another the Most Exalted Paradise, and it hath other names with God, the Possessor of all things, in the Scriptures and Tablets. Doth that which ye possess prevent you from the Most Glorious Horizon, and doth the world occupy you from turning toward God, the Creator of heaven? Make it clear and be not of them that err. By the life of God! The world and whatsoever is therein of kings and subjects, of gold and silver, and whatsoever is above them and below them, and whatsoever attracteth the eyes - all shall pass away. Take ye from it according to your needs, then leave what exceedeth. Thus hath the Sovereign of Verses commanded you from this station. O concourse of princes! Turn ye unto the poor. God hath created you and them from one thing. Make ye in your possessions a portion for them. This will profit you throughout ages and centuries. Spend some of what God hath bestowed upon you through His grace - thereby will that which ye possess increase. The Mother Book with Him doth testify to this. Thus hath My tongue spoken and My verses been revealed as a grace from Me upon thee, that thou mayest be of those unto whom the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath borne witness. Read thou the Book of God, then read it unto those on whose faces thou findest the radiance of the All-Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the bounty of their Lord, the Possessor of existence.

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The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! This is a remembrance from Us to him who turned toward the Qiblih of the lovers but was prevented by the idolaters from attaining the presence of the Throne. Thereby was he consumed by the fire of separation. Say: O people! He hath come from the heaven of eternity with His Most Great Name to draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Meeting, yet ye denied Him after He came with proof and testimony. I know not by what cord ye hold fast, nor to what hem ye cling, O company of the wicked! Do ye imagine for yourselves any place of refuge? Nay, by the Luminary of the horizons! None hath any protector this Day save those who have turned to the Dayspring of Revelation and detached themselves from every idolatrous infidel. Thus doth the Pen of Revelation make mention of thee, from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Grieve not that thou wert prevented from attaining His presence. God hath ordained for thee the reward of those who attained the presence of the Throne. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. We bear witness for thee of the reward of those who attained His presence, heard His call, and beheld His countenance. Rejoice in what God hath testified for thee in this Tablet, from which the faces of the righteous have been illumined. Thou didst enter the City through love of thy Lord, and departed through what the hands of the infidels who denied God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning, had wrought. Make mention of God amongst His servants - this is the most excellent of all deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Mention of you and what befell you hath been sent down in various Tablets from thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the horizon of Revelation was illumined and the earth and heavens were made to shine! Thus have We addressed thee and revealed for thee verses from this Pen at which all other pens were thunderstruck.

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In the name of Him to Whom all return. This is a Book from God unto him who hath believed and been guided. Say: By God! The breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted from the direction of the All-Glorious, and by them are attracted the hearts of all who have believed and fear God. Say: The Spirit hath once again descended from the Most Exalted Horizon with My Most Glorious Name, and this is better for you, O people, than the kingdom of earth and heaven. Say: Do ye dispute with the Ancient Beauty concerning that which He witnessed in the most remote dwelling places near the Divine Lote-Tree, when He beheld of the greatest signs of His own Self? By God! The Mighty Spirit inspired Him in the Most Glorious Pavilion with mysteries that can neither be witnessed nor seen. O Muhammad! Step forth from behind the veils by My sovereignty that encompasseth all created things, and say: "Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!" Leave all beings behind thee, then move thy tongue in praise of My Self, and fear not him who hath disbelieved and transgressed. Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye dispute with Him Who hath come unto you with a proof wherewith all who are in the highest heavens could not prevail? Fear God and be of the righteous. O people! Open your eyes that ye may behold the Kingdom of God above your heads and His omnipotence before you, and be not of them who turned away and forsook Him. Hold fast unto the cord of God and the handle of His Cause, and differ not in that which appeareth from His presence, for verily He hath appeared with truth in the midst of noon-tide, and none shall deny Him save every heedless one who hath gone astray and been blinded. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the servants of God, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

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This is a Book from the All-Glorious, the Beautiful, unto him who hath believed in his Lord, the Sublime, that He may cause him to soar in the atmosphere of his Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Wise, and make him so steadfast that were all who dwell in the realms of creation to oppose him in his Lord's Cause, he would not be perturbed within himself but would aid his Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. And remember the Bayan, when We created it anew and sent it unto the chief of the oppressors. By My life! We breathed into it a spirit from Our presence and manifested it through might and power, and dispatched it like a mountain of fire, such that neither the hosts nor the might of those who disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds could hold it back. Were We to command it, it would by itself confront all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Verily my Lord ordaineth what He pleaseth and doeth what He willeth. He bestoweth power upon whomsoever He pleaseth among His creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. It behooveth every soul to be detached from all that hath been created on earth and to be ready for God's command. He is indeed of the people of Baha, inscribed in a preserved Tablet. Blessed is he who calleth the people unto God and guideth them to the straight path. I am verily the path of God amidst all else and His sovereignty over all who dwell on earth. Leave those who have turned away from the Cause, and take this wondrous Tablet. Should you find one who is receptive, turn to him and remind him of thy Lord's sovereignty; and should you find one who turneth away, leave him and turn to the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest anyone's

rejection sadden thee. Be pure-hearted for thy Lord's sake. He will suffice thee and aid His servants who turn unto Him.

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The Most Holy, the Most Exalted. This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Lights, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God in such wise that the harm which hath befallen him shall not grieve him when he beholdeth the face of his Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Make mention when thou didst enter the City and the hosts of the wicked seized the prison gate. We blinded their eyes and brought thee into the seat of the Throne through power and sovereignty, until thou didst attain the presence and didst hear the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thine eyes were solaced by the meeting with God and His beauty, and thou didst attain unto that which most of the people of the land were debarred from, and didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the lips of the All-Merciful and the Kawthar of purity from this Revelation whereby faces became radiant and eyes were consoled. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart toward the Qiblih of the lovers and hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance whereby the horizons were illumined. Thereupon did Nabil-i-Qabl-'Ali circle round the Throne after We had admitted him into the prison. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth what He willeth. We gave him leave to seclude himself in the vicinity of his Lord for a certain number of days as a token of grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Make thou mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then remind them of what thou hast known and witnessed. Thus hast thou been bidden by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have named thee with Our name, the All-Merciful. Strive thou that there may be manifested through thee that which We have desired from this exalted Name. And when thou receivest the Tablet, place it upon thy face and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having admitted me into the seat of the throne of Thy grandeur and for having revealed Thyself unto me through the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is an epistle from this Prisoner to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but Him, and be thou severed from those who have disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the Beloved. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and spread not corruption in the land, nor follow any rejected idolater. Know thou that at the outset of this Revelation We forbade the servants from tyranny and wickedness, and from the shedding of blood. Yet they abandoned that which they were commanded and committed that which they were forbidden, and they are at this moment unaware. Say: O people! By God the Truth, I have come to you from the Orient of the Cause for unity, did ye but know it. Say: If ye desire to strive against anyone, then strive against your own selves - this would be better for you, could ye but understand. We ordained victory through the Bayan, did ye but know it. Thus hath the Command been

sent down in all the Tablets, but the people do not comprehend. Hearken thou unto My call and shun those who have disbelieved and associated partners with Him Who revealed the Bayan by His binding, transcendent and inevitable command. Say: O people! Fear ye God and commit not that which causeth the hearts of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and honored servants to burn. We desire naught from you and summon you to that which is better for you than all that was and shall be. Be not silent in remembrance of thy Lord. Arise to praise His Self amidst the heavens and the earth, that perchance the people may arise from the slumber of heedlessness and become aware. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whosoever hath clung to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

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In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from this Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the pit of envy and hatred through that which the hands of the wretched ones have wrought–they who claim to have believed in God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great. Say: O people! If ye believed in Ali aforetime, by what proof do ye slay Him Who hath come to you with the Kingdom of God and His dominion, then with God's power and His mercy which hath preceded all worlds? Nay, by the Self of the All-Merciful! They believed not in the Beauty of the All-Glorious and denied God from time immemorial and were among the idolaters. Say: O people! We clothed some of Our servants with the garment of names in the kingdom of creation that they might aid their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, in this Beauty Who hath appeared once again with His Most Glorious Name, and that they might be among those endued with certitude. Yet when they witnessed the spread of their names, they became veiled by leadership and turned away from the Beauty of Divine Unity and were among the heedless. Thus have We recounted the mysteries with brevity that the righteous might become aware thereof and learn of what hath befallen the Beauty of the Chosen One in these grievous days. And thou, O servant, look not unto names and their glory, but look unto Him from Whom was manifested the Kingdom of names, and be of them that know. Beware lest thou consort with them who have denied God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of all creation. But consort with them on whose foreheads hath been inscribed by the Pen of Eternity: "By God, this is of the people of Baha who hath embarked upon the Crimson Ark in the name of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and hath detached himself from the world." Thus have We commanded thee in truth that thou mayest be among the successful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of My Name, the Compassionate, the Merciful, wherein mention is made of him who was named Muhammad before Ibrahim, that he may remember the holy, mighty and beautiful remembrance of God. Give thanks, O servant, for the breezes of holiness that have wafted upon thee from the direction of Paradise and made thee steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord - this indeed is a great bounty. Say: O people of the Bayan! Do ye claim faith within yourselves and seek to

prove your cause through My verses revealed aforetime, yet deny My Self? Alas for you, O company of polytheists! By the True One! Ye have committed that which no peoples before you have committed, as doth bear witness the Tongue of God, the True, the Speaking, the Trustworthy King. Fear ye God, and deprive not yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you, nor bar yourselves from that which hath been sent down from the clouds of holiness upon all worlds. And thou, O servant, shun those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and turned away after having accepted, and were among the deniers. Purify thyself from all allusions, then arise to serve the Cause of God, the Holy, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the good-pleasure of God, thy Lord, and for not having associated partners with Him in days wherein most of the servants opposed Him and were among the deniers. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and fear no one, for God sendeth down upon thy heart in every moment a power from His presence and a strength from His own Self - and He ordaineth what He willeth. And the mercy that descendeth from the clouds of holiness be upon thee and upon all who have stood firm in this Cause, from which every stubborn polytheist hath turned away.

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O Nazar-Qabil-'Ali! He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing! This is a Book sent down from the presence of One mighty and bestowing to him who hath submitted and turned unto God when the Lord came upon the clouds - verily He is the Lord of lords. This is a sweet and pleasant Tablet, revealed with concision, sanctified from prolixity. Verily it is the decisive Word. Say: Grace hath encompassed all things and whatsoever else is encompassed. Are ye heedless of this Cause? This is a wondrous thing! Say: O people, will ye not awaken while your feet are in the stirrups? Do ye not see the departure? Have We not informed you of the return on the Day of Return? This is that Day, O ye who are endued with understanding! Say: This is that Day, O People of the Book! This is your Lord, and the angels with goblets and cups! Rejoice, for thou art at the gate beneath the gaze of the Lord of all men. Drink, O people - this is indeed the drink! Verily it is the Kawthar of life for the companions who have turned to the Face with courtesy. And whoso turneth away, verily he is of the people of torment. Soon shall he find himself in fire and flame, saying on that Day: "Would that I were dust!" Take pride in His mention among the wise. We have adorned thy head with the crown of remembrance amidst the beloved. This sufficeth thee above all that hath appeared and been concealed. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and, hearing the Call, hath advanced and responded. Verily He fulfilleth the promise - this is the Day of Reckoning. The approaching ones draw nigh and the devils are driven away by a shooting star. Grieve not for what hath befallen Us at the hands of the people of the veil. By My life! Those who have turned away are, in the sight of thy Lord, but as bubbles, and what issueth from their mouths but as the buzzing of flies. They shall behold what they have wrought. Verily thy Lord lieth in wait. He seizeth him who hath disbelieved - verily He is severe in punishment.

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The Most Holy, the Most Great. This is a Book sent down from the Kingdom of Command unto him who hath taken unto the All-Merciful a way. It speaketh the truth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come is indeed the Promised One in the unseen and the visible, and God sufficeth as a witness. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the right Valley in the blessed and hallowed Spot from the Tree. This is a Day wherein God hath established Himself upon the throne of grandeur and power, and calleth mankind unto a path which hath been truly set up. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of the All-Merciful and taken Him as his helper. Woe unto him who hath turned away and remained far from the precincts of nearness. O people! Fear God and follow not him who hath disbelieved in the All-Merciful. He is indeed a manifest enemy unto you. He speaketh naught but that which leadeth you astray. Leave him behind you and turn your faces toward a countenance that hath been truly illumined. O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come and saith: Beware, O peoples of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves. The Beauty hath shone forth from the horizon of glory - turn ye toward Him with your hearts. He is with you and seeth you, and God encompasseth all things. We have caused to flow the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance from the wellspring of wisdom and exposition. By My life, whoso drinketh thereof shall find the sweetness of bounties which have existed from the beginning that hath no beginning and shall continue unto the end that hath no end. Thus hath the matter been inscribed by the Pen of Glory. Read thou the verses of thy Lord - they shall draw thee to a station that hath been recorded in the Tablet as exalted. Think not that those who disbelieve are alive. Leave them behind thee and hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's mercy. With Him there is reserved for thee a glorious station.

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In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the horizon of proof! This is a Book which lamenteth for what hath befallen the people of God at the hands of such as have denied the right of God and His Cause, and followed every heedless and remote one. O company of the heedless! Fear ye God, and oppose not those who have spoken the truth and testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. Behold ye and call to mind what befell 'Ad and Thamud who turned away and opposed those whom God had sent unto them to guide them to His straight path. Then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, and how every heedless and doubtful one rose up against Him. Days and nights passed until there came the Day that had been promised in the Books of God and concealed in His all-encompassing knowledge. Then did the divines of the earth rise up in opposition and perpetrate that which caused the near ones to lament, and behind them the Concourse on High at eventide and at dawn. The earth with all its vastness became too strait for them, but soon shall He expand it despite them. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. Give thou glad tidings unto the people of the bounty of thy Lord, and remind them through this perspicuous Book. Say: O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names. He hath mentioned you as a token of His grace and hath sent down for you that which cannot be equalled by the treasuries of the heavens and earth. Say: Let not the clamor of the ignorant frighten you. All shall perish in less than the twinkling of an eye, and sovereignty and dominion shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Great. Hold fast unto wisdom in all conditions. We have enjoined this upon you both aforetime and hereafter. He, verily, is the All-Informed, the All-Wise. The

glory shining forth from the horizon of Paradise be upon thee and upon them that have held fast unto the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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As for one who journeyed unto God, upon her and upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Great, the Most High, the Most Glorious. This is the Day wherein the hearts of those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon have found tranquility and have drunk the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein agitation hath seized the dwellers of the earth, save those whom the hand of divine power hath preserved from a mighty, powerful One. This is the Day wherein all that was hidden hath been revealed, and all that was concealed hath come forth, and every stammering tongue hath spoken, and every slumberer hath awakened, and every seated one hath arisen, and every stationary thing hath been set in motion. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this forbidden station. This is the Day wherein God maketh mention of one of His handmaidens who served His Most Truthful Name, who detached himself from the world by the command of the King of Names and turned toward the Crimson Spot, this most exalted station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed art thou, O leaf, in that thou wert with him in the nights and days and didst hear what he uttered. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Loving. Grieve thou not for him, for he is in the supreme horizon - to this My Pen doth testify in this exalted station. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of land and sea, and Sovereign of creation and command, for having caused me to turn toward the Kaaba of Thy manifestation and to utter Thy praise. My Lord! Write down for me that which shall cause me to be among those who circle round Thy throne. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

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He is the Most Exalted, the Most Great

This is the sacred spot, so hearken to what is revealed unto thee from the Fire of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Forget thyself, then commune with My Self - this verily is a wondrous and beloved command. Then detach thyself from thy desires and hold fast to the cord of God, the Ever-Present, the Powerful, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Most Holy. This indeed is what will deliver thee from the fire of remoteness and draw thee nigh unto the paradise of nearness and bring thee to the Lote-Tree of exalted glory. Thus do We inspire thee with the mysteries of the Spirit that thou mayest remind the people in the days of thy Lord, that haply they may enter the shore of oneness and then enter the presence of their Lord's mercy. Say: O people! Arise from the couches of heedlessness, then walk in the pathways of holiness and be not of those who are not guided by the signs of God. Forsake the vain life and its ornaments and embellishments, then seek what hath been ordained for you in the preserved tablets of holiness. The kingdom and all that ye imagine shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Praised. O people! This is the lamp of God - extinguish it not with

your desires, nor touch it with the evil of your souls, that perchance your misdeeds may be forgiven you on the Day whereon the false ones shall be in loss. O people! This is the Cause of God - cast it not behind your backs if ye be aware. O people! This is the path of God in the heavens and on earth - place your trust in it, then pass ye thereon. All this is My counsel unto thee and unto those who have believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Therefore take thou the counsel wherewith We have counseled thee in truth, that thou mayest be of those who soar in the atmosphere of holiness. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who hear the holy melodies.

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=== START BH04304 ===

He is the Living One! The blessed leaf which has sprouted from the branches of the Tree of Eternity and grown forth from the twigs of the Tree of Faithfulness has, accompanied by the Faithful Spirit of the Unseen, descended and arrived at the hiding place of poverty and nothingness and the mine of remoteness and existence. Well is it with us and with you! Praise be to God that we have drunk the crimson wine from the cup of glory and the sweet white water from the chalices of the cloud of mystery. And whatsoever pearls of oneness and glorification you had concealed within the shell of might and praise became manifest, and whatever rare jewels and subtle allusions that were treasured in the seas of words were mentioned. Indeed, you have adorned the heavens of eloquence with the stars of fluency and embellished the ocean of grandeur with the pearls of love and generosity. It is as though the breathings of the Holy Spirit appear from the effect of your pen and the effulgences of the light of fellowship shine forth from its letters. I have drunk the sweetness of eternal life from a draught of love and partaken of the taste of everlasting fruits from the cup-bearer of affection. And although during this period there may have been some shortcoming in sending missives and conveying them, the cause was not lack of love, but rather that no trustworthy bearer or clear messenger was at hand. Otherwise, no laxity has occurred in the cord of friendship and no weakness has befallen the handle of unity. God willing, hereafter you shall be the place of manifestation and emergence of the degrees of fellowship and delight. However, much sorrow and grief has appeared due to your illness and poor health. God willing, you will write with the glad tidings of the removal of your ailment and the occurrence of joy together with health.

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=== START BH04305 ===

O Abul-Qasim, upon thee be the Glory of God! The request of the spiritual youth. He is the Answerer in all conditions.

O Abul-Qasim! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, and He hath heard thy call in remembrance and praise of God. Blessed art thou for having recognized the Ocean and its waves, and the Sun and its radiance. Ask thou God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have believed in Him and His verses, and who were so carried away by the rapture of the Divine Call that neither the hosts of the world nor the opposition of the nations frightened them. They turned with radiant faces and with their hearts toward

the Most Exalted Horizon, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below, for having enabled us to turn toward Thee when most of Thy servants and creatures turned away.” Thus hath the Wronged One spoken out of His favor unto thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful ones. We have indeed found from thy letter the fragrance of thy love. We beseech God to forgive thee and thy father and thy mother, and to inscribe for thee with the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet that which shall never cease to be remembered, as long as the Kingdom of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, shall endure. Say: “My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and those with me that which will draw us near unto Thee and benefit us in Thy days and throughout ages and centuries to come. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.” The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son who hath been named Abdul-Husayn in the Book of Names, and upon those whom neither the swords of the world deterred from the Most Great Name, nor the oppression of the divines from the Straight Path of God.

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=== START BH04306 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O son of Abu-Turab! Say: My God, my God! I perceive the fragrance of Thy Manifestation, yet know not which spot hath been honored by Thy footsteps, which place hath been blessed by the lights of Thy countenance, which city hath been raised up by Thy call and wherein the throne of Thy majesty hath been established. I know not, O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Master, what Thou hast ordained for this servant of Thine - whether the hands of Thy loving-kindness shall draw him nigh unto Thee or the manifestations of Thy decree shall hold him back. Alas, alas! Then alas, alas! for my separation in Thy days and my remoteness after having become assured that Thou didst create me and Thy servants for Thy knowledge and Thy meeting. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy garment and the breezes of Thy utterance to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of those who attained Thy presence, who stood before Thy gate, who heard Thy sweetest call, and who beheld Thy Most Glorious Horizon. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by those who were martyred in Thy path and who advanced to the place of sacrifice in Thy love, O Lord of all beings, and by the light of Thy Manifestation whereby Paradise trembled with longing for Thy presence, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then grant me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Exalted Seat. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who broke not Thy Covenant, who took the cup of steadfastness in Thy Name and drank therefrom in spite of Thine enemies and the divines of Thy earth who disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs and disputed Thy proof. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

O loved ones of God! Be not of those who, when the breezes of might blow, say “We believe in God, the Lord of all creation,” but when trials come are so shaken that the fire of divine unity is extinguished in their breasts. Hearken unto My call from this Prison and stand firm in the Cause of God, your Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that neither trials nor tribulations shall hold you back. In these days when darkness hath encompassed all regions, it behooveth you to shine forth with the lights of the countenance of your chosen Lord. Know ye that death cometh to all, and each hath his destined portion. Its arrow pierceth and its sword is sharp. It altereth all conditions, and wealth availeth not against it. This being so, it behooveth every seeing one to detach himself from the world and all that is therein, and every wise one to turn away from it and all that is upon it, and to turn with his whole being and essence toward God, his Lord, the Sovereign of earth and heaven. Consider, then remember what ye have heard from the chosen ones. By God! Had the world any worth or station, they would not have abandoned it and chosen tribulation for themselves in the path of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. And We, despite the afflictions We endure, such as no eye in all time hath witnessed the like thereof, would not exchange an atom of these trials for all the treasures of the earth. We are content with what God hath ordained for Us. Would that My loved ones might taste the sweetness of this Kawthar which floweth from this Pen in this darksome night! By God! It is the quickener of all worlds. O thou servant! Drink, and fear not the oppressors. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH04310 ===

He is the Summoner! O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letter of the honored Afnan T.Q., upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, which he sent to thee was read in the presence of this Wronged One. Through its mention, the gate of bounty was opened, and through its heart’s yearning, the ocean of mercy surged. From the horizons of its words shone forth the lights of the Day-Star of divine love, and from the heart of each of its letters blazed the fire of longing. His letter was a scroll of praise and a book of faithfulness. The Tree of Faithfulness has ever yielded and will continue to yield choice fruits. These appear through God’s grace, the Lord of all worlds. By God’s life! Through the presence of his letter, God ordained for him in the Crimson Book, from His Most Exalted Pen, that which none has discovered save His own Self. As regards his turning towards the Desired One, outwardly there exist two obstacles: if he shows reserve towards the new governor, it will cause offense, while if he continues as before, he will be prevented from attaining the presence. However, God is witness and all atoms testify that specially for him the reward of attaining the presence has been revealed in the Book and remains fixed and established through God’s will. Let him rejoice in this clear remembrance. He has been and remains oriented towards Us. Whenever time permits and wisdom allows, let him turn towards Us. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in what He loves and is pleased with, to reinforce him with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to draw him near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those with him and those who love him and heed his word in this clear Cause.

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CXII

Thou beholdest, O my God, how bewildered in their drunkenness are Thy servants who have turned back from Thy beauty and caviled at what hath been sent down from the right hand of the throne of Thy majesty. Thou didst come, O my God, in the clouds of Thy spirit and Thine utterance, and lo, the entire creation shook and trembled, and the limbs of them who repudiated Thy testimonies were made to quiver, O Thou in Whose grasp is the lordship of all things!

Thou art He, O my God, Who hast summoned all men to turn in the direction of Thy mercy, and called them unto the horizon of Thy grace and bounties. None, however, heeded Thy call, except such as have forsaken all things save Thee, and hastened unto the Day-Spring of Thy beauty, and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration and Thy revelation.

Thou knowest, O my God, that none can be found on the face of the earth to remember Thee except them. Thou seest how the oppressors among Thy creatures have laid hold on them. Some, O my God, have shed their blood in Thy path, others have abandoned their homes and set their faces towards the seat of Thy throne, and were hindered from stepping into the court of Thy great glory, while still others have been cast into prison and are at the mercy of the workers of iniquity.

I implore Thee, O Thou Who holdest in Thy hands the reins of unconstrained power, to succor them through the wondrous potency of Thy might. Misery, O my Lord, hath taken hold on them in Thy path, exalt them by the power of Thy sovereignty; and weariness hath afflicted them in their love for Thee, render them victorious, through Thy strength and Thine omnipotence, over Thine enemies.

Aware as I am, O my God, that Thou hast decreed for them that which excelleth whatsoever is in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, I still cherish the desire that Thou mayest behold them in Thy days exalted and honored by Thy creatures. Supreme art Thou over Thy creation. All are held within Thy grasp, and lie prisoned in the hollow of Thy hand. No God is there but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH04311 ===

=== START BH04312 ===

O Fatimih, handmaiden of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

O handmaiden of God! Hear thou the voice of the Wronged One. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that each of His members, each of His elements, each of His veins, and each of His hairs hath testified and doth testify to the oneness of God, His singleness, His bounty, His sovereignty, His power, His might, and His all-encompassing nature. He hath not uttered a word except that word hath been as the greatest elixir for mankind, and its purpose hath been the salvation of humanity and their

comfort, glory and exaltation. Nevertheless, heedless ears are prevented from hearkening to the call of the Lord of creation and are deprived of comprehending it. Finally, through sheer tyranny they seized Him and imprisoned Him in the most ruinous of the world's lands. Such is the state of the heedless souls and their station. Observe how many distinguished ones and learned men are seen today intoxicated with the wine of pride, such that they have turned away from the Truth and are debarred and deprived from the Sun of Reality which shineth at its meridian. And how many handmaidens have adorned themselves with the ornament of divine knowledge and have turned with heart and soul and spirit toward His horizon. Verily, grace is in the hand of God. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He willeth. None can question His doings. He is indeed the Ruler, the One Who doeth as He pleaseth.

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=== START BH04313 ===

O handmaid of God, daughter of him who ascended unto God! In His Most Great Name! O my handmaid! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My throne. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We wish to recount unto thee tidings of him who was named Mahdi in the Crimson Book from My Most Exalted Pen. He traversed land and sea in his longing to attain the presence of God until he entered the shore of the right-hand valley in the blessed crimson spot. We called out to him from behind the pavilions of grandeur, and when he heard it, the sweetness of the call so overwhelmed him that he was transformed. Then We shed upon him the lights of the countenance, and when he beheld the Most Great Sign, he surrendered his spirit at the advent of his Lord, the Lord of all beings. Days passed, then We proceeded to the sepulcher, and when We arrived We stood before the grave and said: "O thou who didst race in the arena of the love of God! The fragrance of thy Lord's robe, the Lord of all names, stirred thee until thou didst seek the Most Exalted Horizon to attain the presence of the Throne and stand before the Gate. Now We see thee sleeping while the Beloved hath come and remembereth thee with a remembrance at which the clouds weep. I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst hear the call and respond and turn and hasten until thou didst enter the noble station by the leave of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, again blessed art thou, for thou didst remain faithful to God's Covenant when most of His servants broke it and most of His creation cast it behind them. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hearkened to thy words concerning the Cause of God, thy Beloved, and found solace in thy company, and heard with submission and contentment what thou didst utter regarding the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Verily we are God's and unto Him shall we return."

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O my handmaiden! Bear thou witness to that whereunto God did Himself bear witness ere the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Witness, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. The Wronged One doth testify at this moment that whatsoever was sent down aforetime from the heaven of the Divine Will was in truth sent down for My Own Self, yet most of the people remain heedless. Through My Will hath God's Will been manifested, yet the people have denied this mighty Cause.

O handmaiden of God and leaf of the Tree of His love! The exalted one, upon him be My glory, and his kindred have ever been and shall ever remain beneath the sheltering care of God, exalted be His glory. By My life! He hath indeed taken his seat upon the throne of glory in a station where tongues and pens fall short of describing it. This is of the bounty of his Lord unto him - verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Be thou at all times filled with supreme joy and occupied with the remembrance of God. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath caused every seeing eye to weep, every tongue to lament, and every heart to be filled with utmost grief. All that hath befallen you - its recompense lieth treasured within the divine knowledge. Soon shall the people of the earth behold the station of him who was raised up in My straight and manifest path.

Know thou the worth of this blessed Tablet and inhale from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness. Convey My greetings to thy daughter and say: Thou hast been and art under the shadow of God's tender mercy. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks. Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH04315 ===

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Thy letter was received and read in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the fragrance of faith wafted from it. Such a mighty favor deserves mighty thanks, and such an infinite bounty merits infinite praise. How many men of the earth - from among the divines, princes and doctors of law - were deprived of the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, on His Day, while thou hast attained to the lights of the Sun of Truth, which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this enduring blessing and this eternal, everlasting table. In every age and dispensation, when the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Manifestations of divine inspiration rent asunder the veil and appeared from the horizon of the divine Will, the people arose in protest and opposition. Verily, they are accounted among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having heard My mention, turned toward My horizon, and attained unto My recognition, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon thee and upon him who guided thee to the straight path of God. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the River of Thy mercy, the Ocean of Thy bounty, the Heaven of Thy grace, the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy signs - He Whom the heedless ones have imprisoned without any clear proof from Thee or any Book from Thy presence. I beseech Thee to make me one of those steadfast handmaidens whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from turning unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Hearing, the Answerer of prayers. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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=== START BH04316 ===

In His Name, the One Sanctified from Mention and Description

O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Most Great Glory - verily there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have caused you to hear in all times that which We caused the Interlocutor to hear on Sinai and the Spirit when He was hastening in the wilderness of love. Ponder on this bounty which hath encompassed the worlds. This is a Call in yearning to hear which the hosts of Revelation and Inspiration have perished - to this doth your Lord, the Great, the All-Knowing, bear witness. Recognize ye this bounty, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Most Merciful, at all times. Beware lest ye be frightened by what ye behold of the ranks. Be attracted by the wine of verses in the days of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. By God! The Interlocutor hath lamented at separation from it and the Spirit hath wept at what the fire of longing seized Him with - while ye behold the ocean of attainment before your faces. Come ye forth and arise, O people of Baha, with illumined hearts. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you, as He hath established Himself upon the throne with a sovereignty that hath encompassed those in the heavens and earth. Thus hath the sun of bounty shone forth from the horizon of generosity as a favor from Us unto you, that ye may be among the thankful ones. By God! This is a day wherein if anyone misseth a command he shall not be able to arise to make up for it - thus hath the Command been sent down from the Pen of Revelation while the Ancient Beauty was in the prison of the polytheists. Say: O people! Answer the Call of God in your midst. He giveth you through His bounty that which nothing ye behold today can equal. He is verily the Witness unto what He saith and He is verily the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Thus have We sent down the Tablet and dispatched it unto thee that the verses of thy Lord might attract thee and make thee among those who stand firm in this manifest Cause.

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=== START BH04317 ===

O Leaf! Rejoice in that the Tree which was raised up in truth and which spoke “Verily there is no God but I, the Forgiving, the Generous” makes mention of thee. Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to attain unto that which most of the handmaidens of the earth have not attained. My mercy hath preceded thee, and the hand of My loving-kindness and the arm of My power, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, have aided thee. Thy patience, forbearance, tranquility and steadfastness in the path of God have been witnessed. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance, thou art mentioned in all the worlds and art known for thy faithfulness to the Covenant. There befell thee in the path of God that which hath befallen no one else. Blessed art thou and well is it with thee, for thou hast attained unto stations which the chosen ones of old attained only after the supreme martyrdom. In the calamity of the King of Martyrs the tears of the denizens of heaven were shed and the sighs of the people of earth were raised, but since it occurred in the path of the Beloved it was and ever shall be beloved. Well is it with My Name, the Letter Ha, and pleasant unto him. Upon thee and upon him and upon thy mother who bore hardships in this Cause whereby the hearts of the mystics were troubled and the feet of the learned ones who turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, did slip. We send Our greetings unto her from this Spot wherein the Tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh: “There is no God but I, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.” The matter of his honor Sadiq, upon him be My glory, was mentioned and was acceptable in the Most Holy Court. Verily He is the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04318 ===

In the Name of the Forgiving, the Merciful

O thou who art present before the Wronged One! We testify that thou didst attain the presence of the Face and didst hear what the tongue of the Wronged One spoke forth in His mighty prison. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We counsel thee with that which beseemeth man - trustworthiness, religious devotion, righteousness and prosperity. And We beseech God to aid thee to act according to that which thou hast been commanded in His perspicuous Book. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in all matters in the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my face with the light of turning toward Thee and my heart with the lights of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Beloved of the nations, by the effulgences of the Orb of Thy grace, to open before my face the doors of Thy bounty and bestowal. Then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity the rains of Thy mercy. Then forgive me and my father and my mother and whosoever hath clung to the cord of Thy gift. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones of God wherever they may be. God is witness and testifier that this Wronged One hath remembered the friends during the nights and days and hath sought steadfastness for each one from the Truth. Some of those who claimed to love passed by their Lord heedlessly. We beseech God to aid all to justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's mercy be upon thee and upon those who have acknowledged the oneness of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

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=== START BH04319 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all names! O thou who hast drunk the wine of divine knowledge! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that the foundations of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, may be shaken thereby. Say: O people of the earth! Aid ye your Lord through wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the command been sent down from the Supreme Pen in His perspicuous Book. Leave the world behind through My Most Great Name and take up that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted amongst the nations. This is better for thee, and My sovereignty encompasses those in the heavens and on earth. This is a Book that calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, and summoneth all unto the One, the All-Informed. This is a Day whose praise was uttered in God's Books aforetime, and all were given glad-tidings of this Revelation, whereby, when it appeared, all things spoke forth, the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined, the Cry was raised between earth and heaven, the ocean of knowledge surged, and the fragrance of the Garment was diffused. Take hold of the reins of humanity through My Name and remind them of that which hath been

sent down in God's Book, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Beware lest anything prevent thee from that which thou hast been commanded. Soon shall appear in the earth the recompense of those who have arisen to aid the Cause. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise. Give thou glad-tidings unto My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of My mercy and My loving-kindness, that the mention and utterance may draw them to the horizon that hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God, that the servants may be enkindled thereby. Thus doth counsel thee He Who hath spoken in every matter, that there is none other God but I, the Commander, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk from the Kawthar of life through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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=== START BH04320 ===

O Abu'l-Qasim, who hast emigrated and attained, He is the One Who domineth over all names! O thou who hast emigrated in the path of God! We bear witness to thy turning and devotion and presence before the face of the Wronged One when He was imprisoned through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. The Glory, at the pivot-point of tribulation, calleth out to His loved ones and acquainteth them with that which draweth them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. That which lay concealed in the hearts of those who believed and then denied, who drew nigh and then turned away, who acknowledged and then rejected, and who wrongfully consumed the property of others, hath been made manifest. Lo! They are among the heedless. The world hath deluded them with its ornaments and embellishments, and they have committed that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere ones to melt. O Abu'l-Qasim! Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Prison and attained the presence of the Wronged One and heard that which was promised thee in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Through thy presence God hath forgiven thy father as a token of His grace, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Through thy turning unto Him the ocean of forgiveness surgeth and the light of the pardon of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth encompass thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path and caused me to enter Thy house and enabled me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the lights of Thy Throne, O Lord of all beings, to assist me and Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! I am the poor one, and within Thy grasp are the reins of grace and bounty. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the howling of wolves will not prevent me from turning toward Thee, O Lord of Lords! Verily Thou art the Ruler in the beginning and in the return. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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=== START BH04321 ===

O thou who art designated as the First Pillar of My Name! Hearken unto My call. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. And now, thy letter hath been presented before the Beloved and God hath turned toward it. That which thou hast comprehended and expressed regarding the Hidden Word doth not accord and agreeth not with its true meaning. The essential matter is that

which was sent down aforetime from the heaven of the Divine Will. Thou must ponder, that thou mayest discover the truth. Thus hath it been decreed in the Tablet by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. More explicit than what hath been mentioned is not permitted, and in the Tablets a clearer exposition than what hath been given is not desired, inasmuch as the unveiling of this most great mystery hath ever been forbidden. Reflect upon that which hath been revealed both before and after, and after comprehending it, present it at the court of the Divine Throne. Thus have ye been commanded from before. Verily He is the Knower of all things. Although the origin of the Tree hath been revealed in the Tablets through allusion and metaphor and indication, yet that allusion is more eloquent than explicit statement. Ponder, that perchance thou mayest find a way unto it. Whatsoever hath streamed forth from the Most Ancient Pen hath been for your benefit and for the benefit of the servants of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know thou moreover that the word of victory hath ascended unto God and We were well-pleased with it, and the word of good-pleasure was mentioned before the Throne and is now with Me in the prison, and thy Lord encompasseth all things. Say: Beware lest ye utter that which God hath not permitted unto you. Thus hath the matter been decreed. Blessed is he who hath taken unto the Truth a way.

=== END BH04321 ===

=== START BH04322 ===

O thou who gazest upon the horizon of the Cause! Glorify the name of thy Lord and say: My God, my God! Debar me not from the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness, nor from the billowing sea of Thy grace and singleness, nor from the surging waters of Thy might and power. I testify that the ocean of Thy bounty surgeth throughout existence, and the signs of Thy manifestation have encompassed both the unseen and the seen. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, through whose appearance all things have acknowledged Thy unity and singleness, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy generosity and the dawning lights of the Orb of Thy bestowal, to aid Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Thou seest them in the grip of the idolators among Thy creatures who have violated Thy laws and encompassed Thy lands. Preserve them, then, through Thy power and sovereignty, and assist them with the hosts of Thy wisdom and utterance. O Lord! They are Thy servants and abide beneath the shadow of Thy loving-kindness. Ordain for them every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, by Him through Whom the mysteries of Thy Book and Thy commandments and ordinances were made manifest, to send down upon Thy loved ones from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thee and a favor from Thy presence. Thou art He Whom the vicissitudes of the world and the conditions of nations cannot frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Praised. O Lord! Disappoint not those who have turned toward the gate of Thy grace, and deny them not from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory. Then write down for them that which will draw them closer to Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation!

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon and standeth in service to the Cause of the Lord of all beings! Hearken unto the Call from the Supreme Summit - God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Protector of all who are in the earths and heavens. We testify that thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of thy Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath loved thee for the sake of God, the Lord of all men. We beseech God to protect thee and those who are with thee from those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and who have disbelieved in His signs at the beginning and the end. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy grace and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance, to ordain for me and for those who are related to this Thy servant that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and bounty. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of the oppressors among Thy servants and the treacherous among Thy creatures. O Lord! Adorn those on earth with the light of trustworthiness and godliness, then aid them to return to the gate of Thy grace and to turn in repentance to the court of Thy glory. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And We make mention of him who is with thee - convey to him My greetings and remind him of My verses and give him the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but He. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The splendor of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, be upon you.

=== END BH04323 ===

=== START BH04324 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable

O thou who gazest upon God! Know thou that the idolaters have surrounded Us on every side. They have driven Us from Our homes and brought Us into other lands. Thus hath it been decreed in the Tablet by One Who is powerful and mighty. Grieve not at this, for therein lieth a mighty wisdom. Soon shall that which is today hidden from eyes be made manifest. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The cries of the captives have been raised from all regions - some in Mosul the hunchbacked, some in Sudan, some in Syria, while the Youth is in a mighty fortress. Through their actions Our love hath increased and the Cause hath become renowned throughout all lands. Soon shall the idolaters behold the banners of victory and hear the name of God from every direction. On that day they shall say "We believe in God." Say: God knoweth what is in the breasts of all men.

Forget not God's favor upon thee. Seek what hath been ordained for thee by One Who is knowing and wise. It behooveth him who desireth the presence of God to aid Him in these days wherein faces have turned black save those who have been illumined by the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

Rejoice thou in God's remembrance of thee. With Him thou hast a mighty station. In the Tablet there hath been ordained for thee the good of this world and the next. Be thou steadfast and be of the thankful ones.

That which thou didst send hath come before the Throne in this remote prison. Soon shall the prison doors be opened and those around the Youth shall go forth. Thus hath it been inscribed in a preserved Tablet.

Convey My greetings to thy family and My loved ones. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast and detacheth himself from the doubtful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH04325 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have mentioned thee time and again, and have sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrances of utterance throughout all contingent being. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness to this, and He, verily, hath power over all things. We console thee in what hath befallen thee and beseech God to pour forth upon thee patience from His presence - and He is the All-Patient. He hath commanded all to show forth beautiful patience. The world and whatsoever existeth therein is evanescent, as beareth witness to this He Who is the Possessor of existence from His praiseworthy station. All in the world have witnessed and continue to witness change and variation, yet despite this they remain heedless and veiled. Beseech ye God that He may make His servants aware and grant them a portion from the ocean of knowledge. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

In these days Aqa Siyyid Mahmud - upon him be the Glory of God - hath made mention of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and one special Tablet of Visitation hath been revealed and sent down for the deceased. That honoured one should peruse it and send it to the aforementioned Siyyid. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him to remember Him and serve His Cause, and to ordain for him every good thing which He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of great favor. We make mention of the loved ones and counsel all to observe wisdom. Wisdom is the cause of the exaltation of the Word and the preservation of being. All must recognize its worth and station and hold fast unto it. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH04325 ===

=== START BH04326 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art present before the Throne! Hearken unto the Call from this most exalted, most holy and most glorious Quarter. God, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee time and

again, for thy Lord is verily the True, the Faithful Speaker. We give thee glad tidings at this hour of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and We beseech Him to ordain for thee that which shall bring solace to thine eyes and the eyes of thy loved ones, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His side. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer. By the life of God! That which none save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed hath knowledge of hath been ordained for thee. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its trace, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, for having guided me unto Thy path and the court of Thy chosen ones and the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, and for having given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy utterance from the cup of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Bountiful Name, and by Thy Most Generous Name, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined the world and guided the peoples, and by the rustling of the Tree of Thy utterance on the Mount, and by the manifestations of the lights of the Lord of Revelation, to open before my face the door of Thy munificence and Thy generosity. O my Lord! Thou seest me in all conditions clinging fast unto Thee, turning unto Thee, and turning away from all else besides Thee. Thou hast verily strengthened me to shatter the idols through Thy power and might and to rend asunder the veils through the finger of power by Thy command and Thy will. Ordain for me that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants and make me mighty through Thy Name and willing through Thy Will. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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HE IS THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GREAT

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art turned towards the direction of the Throne! Praise thou God, inasmuch as thou hast been mentioned by thy Lord on most occasions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

After the matter of the land was mentioned verbally to Jenab-i-Amin, it is stated that the intention was for this matter to be accomplished in secret, although some disclosed it. However, God doeth whatsoever He willeth. Verily His Will hath prevailed over the worlds.

And regarding the Face, at the time of departure from the Land of Mystery it was disclosed to Jenab-i-Jamal, and likewise to Jenab-i-Dhabih in the known land and to Abu'l-Hasan in the Most Great Prison, that they might be informed and convey God's decree to others, so that whenever circumstances require they may act according to the divine testament. However this was not intended for these days, as the means for it are not available - that is, no soul who would arise to accomplish this matter and convey it is to be seen. It remaineth concealed within the veils of the unseen until such time as God shall manifest it through His command. However Jenab-i-Ismu'llah Mahdi submitted the details and mentioned that person's intention and acceptance of whatsoever would appear from God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. It is known that that person is wholly occupied in service to the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to shelter thee in the vicinity of His mercy in every world of His worlds. He is the

Mighty, the Powerful. Thou art the one who hath preceded others in the service of God. To this doth testify every fair-minded and informed one.

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In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding, Who perisheth not! O thou who gazest upon thy Lord, the Most High! We have sent down unto thee aforetime verses manifest and clear, whereof a single word sufficeth all who are in the heavens and on earth, and We have now revealed unto thee this Tablet as a token of Our grace unto thee and unto Our near-serving servants. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast recognized the path of truth and held fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Soon shall the world pass away, and thou shalt find thyself in exaltation. By God! Were those on earth to behold thee, they would fall prostrate upon their faces. This, verily, is the evident truth. Make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants, that perchance they may inhale the fragrance of the divine garment and turn unto the Qiblih of them that know. Say: O people! Do ye deny Him Whose countenance hath dawned from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Most Merciful, and Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with a manifest proof? Would ye slay Him Who hath sacrificed His soul in the path of God and made known unto you what the Most High, the Most Great, hath desired for you? Fear ye God, and make not His Cause a mockery among you. Turn ye unto the Most Merciful with spirit and with fragrance. This is better for you, did ye but know. Think ye that what ye possess will profit you? Nay, by My resplendent Beauty! Think ye the world will enrich you? Nay, by the Self of Baha, were ye of them that are certain! Open your eyes: verily He is before your faces, and seeth what ye do. He desireth for you naught save that which draweth you nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We caused to rain down from the clouds of thy Lord's will the waters of meaning and utterance, that there might grow thereby in the hearts of them that turn unto Him the plants of wisdom and exposition. Exalted be this grace that hath encompassed all the worlds!

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O children of Abraham and His Most Great Holy Branch! O people of Abraham! Hearken to the call of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, in this mighty prison. God - there is no God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Be thankful that the Ancient Beauty makes mention of you, having found from you the fragrance of the love of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Grieve not over anything, but trust in Him in all matters. Verily, He loves those who put their trust in Him. Blessed are you for having given protection to him who sought your shelter, and for being among the beneficent ones. We bear witness that he is among those who fulfilled the Covenant of the All-Merciful and was among those who remember. Your Lord sees you in your condition and ordains for you what is best in His sight. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Let not the might of those who disbelieved disturb you, nor the intimations of the polytheists who, when the Truth came, denied the Lord of the worlds. Arise and be steadfast in the love of God in such wise that the whisperings of the deniers will not cause you to slip. Whoso is steadfast in His Cause is among the most exalted of creation - thus hath it been sent down in a preserved Tablet.

How many a servant claimed belief, yet when the test came denied the All-Merciful and joined with the polytheists. Blessed are you for having turned to the Countenance after every deceitful sinner turned away. Hold fast to the cord of God and associate with His loved ones, then turn away from those who turn away. Blessed are you and your mother who believed in God, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O my handmaiden! Rejoice that your name hath been mentioned by the Prisoner and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for you. May glory be upon you and upon him who ascended unto God. He is assuredly among those who entered the Most High Paradise in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and drank the Kawthar of immortality through this wise remembrance.

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He is the One manifest through His signs and speaking before the faces of His creation

O Ba-Qaf! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In these days the Sun of Utterance is risen before the faces of all religions, and the Lord of the unseen and seen is manifest and evident without any veil. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrances of His manifestation and hastened to the court of the Friend. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones in that whereby His Cause will be exalted amongst His creation, and to open before their faces the gates of grace and favor, and to reveal through them His sovereignty and His might and His power. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We bear witness that thou didst hear and hasten and present thyself before the Face, and didst attain unto that which was inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in a Tablet which none hath known save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We heard thy call and have called thee from this Most Exalted Station, and have remembered thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Choosing. We beseech God to ordain for thee and thy son that which will draw you both nigh unto Him in all conditions. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdoms of grace and bounty, by Thy Most Effulgent, Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Name, to assist me and those with me to remain steadfast with such steadfastness as the hosts of the world cannot shake nor the might of nations cause to slip. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, turning toward the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence, nor of Thy bounty which hath encompassed the world. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Badi', son of Muhammad-Quli who emigrated and attained unto the name of the Goal of the world! O Badi'! The adults have not attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, yet thou hast attained. Bounty and favor are in His mighty grasp; He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Praise be to God! Thy father entered the Most Great Scene and heard that for which the ears of the world were created,

and witnessed that for which eyes were specially brought from nothingness into being. We, on behalf of thee and the sincere friends, render praise and thanksgiving, and beseech from God that He may grant success. He is the Bestower, the Kind. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy father and upon him who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Knowing.

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O Daughter of My Sister! Your letter was presented before My countenance and was honored by the glance of favor. Praise be to the True Beloved that thou hast been illumined by the dawning of the Sun of Oneness and sanctified from the transient conditions of contingent beings. How many were those who claimed attachment and kindled the fire of affection, yet afterwards, without any proof, remained deprived of the Straight Path and became remote from the Glorious Lord. The greatest cause and mightiest reason was the love of the world, which prevented those souls from the Lord of Names. I swear by the Most Great Name that ere long they shall return to dust, disappointed and in loss, and should some remain for certain days, they shall find themselves regretful. The Truth has ever been and shall ever be triumphant over creation. His abasement is the glory of all glory and His Will prevails over all things. We praise God for having protected thee from the allusions of those who disbelieved in God and aided thee to turn towards Him. Verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and the Lord of those who have turned. Praise be to the Ancient King Who delivered thee from the rebellious company and guided thee to the direction of oneness. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou! That which hath befallen you hath befallen Us. We beseech God to assist you to be patient and steadfast and to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Mighty, the Wise. Furthermore, God willing, mighty Tablets shall be sent. Under all conditions remain steadfast in the remembrance of God and be confident in His favor. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

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O Jafar! The Lord of Destiny hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Horizon. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds! I testify that this Day is Thy Day, wherein Thou hast manifested what Thou didst promise unto Thy servants. I beseech Thee to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of any remote scholar shall not withhold me. O Jafar! Observe, then call to mind when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, appeared - the divines of idolatry, the doctors of the Torah, and the people of the Gospel and the Psalms turned away from Him. And when We sent forth the Spirit, there rose against Him Annas, who was the most learned of the divines of his age in his country, and who pronounced judgment against the Spirit with such injustice that all things lamented, and beyond them every discerning soul. We seal Our utterance with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words: "No apostle cometh unto them but they laugh him to scorn." By God! The first to deride Him were the divines of the earth and its doctors. The Books of God, both past and present, and that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen at this moment, bear witness unto this. Thy

name hath been presented before the Prisoner, and He hath revealed for thee this Perspicuous Tablet. When thou art blessed with it and perceivest the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of the world! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested that which Thou didst desire with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the opposition of the nations who violated God's Covenant and Testament and were numbered among the deniers in My wondrous Book could prevent.

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In the Name of God, the One, the Bountiful!

O Ja'far, upon thee be My Glory! O Sign of Life, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Revealer of Verses! In this hour when the Wronged One is seated and established upon the Throne of Silence, the blessed leaf appeared and mention was made of you. At the moment when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in remembrance of thee, the ocean of divine forgiveness appeared with its wondrous and sublime waves from the right, while from the left flowed the Euphrates of mercy. Praise be to God! In this moment thou hast attained unto lights which no veil can conceal and no clouds of the world can obscure. These lights have ever shone and will continue to shine from the horizon of the heaven of bounty of the Lord of existence. This is a time for joy and gladness, not for sorrow and grief. Verily, We give thee the glad-tidings of this mercy which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen for thy purification, thy sanctification and thy holiness. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and be of those who are thankful.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Bounty, Sovereign of existence, and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having sent down unto me that which hath caused me to attain unto Thy great mercy, Thy mighty favors, and Thy gifts which have encompassed all things. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by that which lay hidden in the treasury of Thy grace, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, to cause me to circle round Thee in every world of Thy worlds, and to hold fast unto Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted attributes. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee and turning unto that Spot whereon the Throne of Thy majesty is established. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of Thy bounty and Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Most Kind. There is no God but Thee, the Ancient Commander.

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=== START BH04336 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory

O Javad! The letter which his honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be Baha, wrote to you was presented before the Most Holy Court. God willing, he and those who are with him will attain to divine favors and drink again and again from the fountain of joy which flows in the name of the Lord of the Manifestation, in such wise that earthly troubles and human conditions cannot affect it. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of God's grace and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book.

Blessed is he who maketh his utterance for God and his work for God and his orientation toward God and his patience in God. And at the end of the letter his honor Abdul-Baha, upon him be Baha, requested that after receiving permission you visit and circumambulate on his behalf. Permission hath appeared - turn thy face to Him Who mentioned thee and remembereth thee, then do as he desired. Whoso hath loved Me and sought My station until he attained what he desired - verily We send greetings from this station upon him and upon him and upon them and upon thee. God willing, may all abide and rest beneath the shade of God's mercy.

Mention was made in that letter of his honor Shaykh Ali, upon him be Baha. God willing, may he in all conditions gaze upon the Dawning-Place of the Manifestation of the All-Possessing, the Most High, and receive his portion from the outpourings of these special days. Verily We have mentioned him and do mention him and We beseech God to assist him in what He loveth and is pleased with. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have attained unto what God hath desired in His perspicuous Book.

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=== START BH04337 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding without decline

O Haji, O 'Ali before Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power. From the time of thy departure until the time thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, the Speaker of Sinai and He Who is established upon the throne of Revelation hath remembered thee. The servant present before the Countenance repeatedly made mention of thee and beseeched from the heaven of the Divine Will a wondrous and exalted Tablet for thee. Now, on the second night of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani, he again made mention of thee and this perspicuous Book was revealed from the horizon of the favor of the Lord of the worlds, that thou mayest know with clear certainty that thy services in the nights and days have not been forgotten, nor will they be forgotten. By the life of God! All are recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Such is the testimony of the Wronged One concerning thee, and with this testimony all the treasures of the earth cannot compare.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to serve Thee, wherein I have taken up, in Thy vicinity, a station and place for Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn, and the One Who confirmeth success and prosperity, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities of the hearts of the nations, to assist me in all conditions to remember Thee and to remember that which Thou hast commanded me in serving at Thy gate and whatsoever is related unto Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And I beseech Thee to ordain for me a lamp in the light of Thy knowledge, that it may be with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayers.

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=== START BH04338 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Speaking

O people of God! Great is the Cause and great is the Day. The Seal of the Prophets and Guide of all paths hath spoken from God: “The Day when men will be as scattered moths, and the mountains will be like carded wool.” Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the ignorant and the hints of the heedless prevented not from the Purpose nor held back from turning to the Truth. Give praise to the Lord of the world Who confirmed thee and guided thee to the horizon of proof. The evidence hath been sent down, the proof is resplendent, and the path is clear, yet the servants remain debarred and veiled. Through vain imaginings they turned away from the Sovereign of certitude, and through conjecture they shut their eyes to the perspicuous Book. The recompense of deeds and the fancy of hopes have prevented the people of earth from their ultimate end. Say: O concourse of earth! Neither your deeds nor your children nor what ye possess shall profit you this Day. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: Turn ye to the Truth. The world hath no station nor rank - it never had and never will. Detach yourselves from that which perisheth and hold fast unto that which endureth. This is the Most Exalted Word sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty. Take hold of it in the name of your Lord and leave all else beside it. Thus doth the Supreme Pen counsel you in this impregnable stronghold. The mercy of God hath preceded thee and He hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Thou Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee to make me speaking in Thy remembrance, steadfast in the service of Thy Cause, and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

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O Razi! In the name of the Everlasting Seer! O Razi! May you be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, speaking in remembrance of the one true Friend, steadfast in His love and firm in His Cause. If you are poor, the All-Sufficient is with you. When this Wronged One was beneath chains and fetters in the Land of Ta, two days passed during which nothing touched His lips and He possessed not a single coin. At that time He was the Most Affluent of all the world - one whose wealth was attained from the utmost degree of poverty, and who was not saddened or ashamed by abasement and worldly disgrace in the path of the Lord of all being. He was and is with you - grieve not. After sorrow comes joy; be not downcast, for boundless relief follows. In this very world countless doors exist - God willing, they shall be opened by the finger of will, and new worlds shall be witnessed in this world. He loved and loves poverty, and sits and communes with it. If thou sittest upon dust, grieve not - the Lord of the Throne is with thee. If thou art hungry, be not sorrowful - the place of heavenly food beholds thee. If thy night is without light, be not downcast - the Dawning-Place of light is present. Verily, I commune with every poor one, sit with every lowly one, turn toward every oppressed one, and behold every grief-stricken one. The sweetness and delight of the utterance of the All-Merciful transforms and removes the bitterness of this mortal world. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of My utterance and has held fast with patience to My straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In His Name through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout creation

O ’Abdu’r-Ra’uf! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Forgiving, the Kind. Today it is incumbent upon all to manifest such attributes and characteristics as will attract the hearts and souls. Today goodly deeds are among the mightiest hosts in the world. Blessed is he who attains thereto, and woe unto the heedless. Corruption, conflict, war and strife have been strictly forbidden in the Book. The loved ones of God must appear before all people adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, truthfulness and purity, and must strive with all their might to foster the unity of hearts and fellowship of souls. When the standard of justice is raised, the hosts of fancy and idle imagination will flee. Blessed are they who know. God willing, may you be confirmed in supreme steadfastness and in that which draws people near unto God, the Lord of all mankind. O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Remember God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, and say:

My God, my God! Withhold not Thy servants from the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor drive them away from standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Illumine their faces with the lights of Thy countenance and their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. Then ordain for them the reward of those who have circled round Thy will. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation, turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, O Lord of all beings, and awaiting the wonders of Thy grace, O Master of earth and heaven. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them through Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence and through Thy light whereby the lands were illumined. Verily Thou art the Master of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GLORIOUS

O servant who gazes upon the countenance! We have sent unto thee a fragrance from the fragrances of the garment, and We have dispatched it in the form of a Tablet that thou mayest inhale the sweet-scented breeze of the All-Merciful. By My life! It draweth those who are sincere unto a station that transcendeth all comprehension, wherein is that which draweth men nigh unto the Spot from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of grandeur and majesty. And God is, verily, witness to what I say. Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him and hath arisen to aid My Cause amongst My creatures with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablet. Woe unto those who have denied God after He appeared with the truth with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. Say: O people! Abandon your vain desires and hold fast unto the Sure Handle. Do ye join partners with Him Who hath been from time immemorial singularly alone in truth? Beware lest the world debar you from Him Who created it. Hasten ye unto the Kawthar of grace. Thus have We expounded the matter in detail. They who in these days have been heedless of God - these shall have no portion, and God is cognizant thereof. Let the tongue speak forth with utterance in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Say: O people! Fear ye God and oppose not Him through Whom God’s grace hath been fulfilled, His proof made manifest, and His countenance revealed. Hasten ye unto Him with hearts made pure through the

remembrance of God. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them unto thee in detail from Our presence, that thou mayest be assured that He remembereth him who is engaged in His remembrance and desireth him who hath desired Him. Verily, He is Ever-Forgiving, Most Merciful. Make mention of them that are round about thee on behalf of thy Lord. Verily, thy Lord doth watch over them.

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=== START BH04342 ===

In the Name of the One God

O ’Ali! God, exalted be His glory, praises and glorifies Himself through His friends, and this is the true praise and glorification. Whosoever attains to this station has attained to all good. Praise be to God! After the Sun of Permission dawned from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Oneness, thou didst journey toward the Prison, and didst arrive at that praiseworthy place, and didst hear the voice of the Wronged One. If thou wert to become aware of the greatness and majesty of this station, such joy would seize thee that its sweetness would never fade. All bounty and grace and favor have been and shall ever be within the grasp of God’s power, exalted be His glory. He bestoweth whatsoever He willeth and withholdeth whatsoever He desireth. Praise be unto Him! Again, praise be unto Him for having caused thee to attain unto this most great station! The whole of creation hath been brought into being for the recognition of this blessed and glorious Day. Nevertheless, all are observed to be veiled and deprived save whom God willeth, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy most beautiful names amidst all peoples. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name to assist me under all conditions to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause, whereby the hearts of those who clung to what they possessed and turned away from what Thou hast were thrown into commotion. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Ali, upon thee be the peace of God and His grace! Each of thy letters hath been seen and heard. Praise be to God, thou art illumined with the light of divine unity and adorned with the ornament of heavenly knowledge. The whole world hath been brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of the Ancient King, yet the pomp and vanities of the world have occupied all and prevented them from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. However, thou art among those serene and well-pleasing souls who have attained to that which is the cause of eternal salvation and everlasting bounty. No sin hath been or shall be attributed to thee in writing letters. This blessed Tablet beareth witness to this Wronged One’s favor towards thee. Say:

My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and illumined my heart with the light of certitude. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones, and by Him through Whom Thou didst open the door of Thy mercy unto the faces of Thy servants and through Whom the Sun of Unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Cause, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love. Then open, O my God, before my face the door of Thy bounty and bestowal. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

All the loved ones in that land are remembered before the Wronged One, and for each we seek and beseech that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause, glorified be His majesty. Peace be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

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O Fadlu'llah! The All-Bountiful remembers thee with a bounty from His presence. He is verily the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and have remembered thee with that which was a light for the darkness of the earth, a Kawthar for all who thirst, and a spirit for the bodies of the worlds. Glory be to him who attains to My utterance, and exaltation to him who arises to serve My firm and mighty Cause. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then give thanks to thy Lord, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and the earths.

O Fadlu'llah! Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the grace of God [and thy remembrance hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen]. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained to this greatest bounty. Whatsoever thou hast done in the path of God is evident and manifest before God. Thy reward is with Him Who created thee and fashioned thee and aided thee in what thou didst accomplish on this straight path. In the days of life, whatsoever thou hast done in truth returneth unto God. Praise be to God it hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. If thou wert to arise to offer thanks for this blessed word which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Divine Will, for as long as the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom endure, it would verily be as naught. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, for having enabled me to recognize Thee and serve Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world in Thy days and turned to Thee in such wise that their blood was shed in Thy path. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by them, to make me in all conditions steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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O Mulla Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God! Blessed are the friends of God and His chosen ones who have grasped the cord of teaching with the wisdom We have sent down in the Book, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious. O Qasim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calls thee and makes mention of thee that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Aid thou the Cause of God through wisdom and utterance, lest the clamor of those who have turned away be raised when the Countenance of the Ancient One came with a manifest light. Know thou that victory lies in teaching the Cause and in steadfastness in that which thou hast been commanded by the One Who is the Strong, the Ancient. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent thee from Him Who hath come with the truth with mighty sovereignty. Say: Verily, He, from the Most Great Prison, summons the peoples unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon the faces of Our loved ones who have cast behind them idle fancies and vain imaginings, turning unto the horizon of certitude, and upon him who turned to the Supreme Horizon and was named the Dove in the Kingdom of Names, and upon those who attained unto My choice wine, the mighty, the wondrous. By the life of God! Whoso drinketh thereof, nothing whatsoever shall prevent him from God, the Fashioner of the heavens. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names from His most glorious station. Blessed are they that hear! O Qasim! Rejoice in that We have turned toward thee from this most exalted Station and have made mention of thee with that which hath diffused the fragrance of utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet, with which nothing on earth can compare. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know! Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath spoken the truth in this mighty announcement.

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In the Name of the One God

O Pen! This Wronged One hath at all times been watching over His loved ones, and in most of His Tablets We have, for the sake of God, mentioned that which is the cause of glory and exaltation and is the source of divine bounty and favor, that perchance the breaths of revelation might illumine all with the light of unity, fellowship and love. Yet until now all remain heedless save whom God hath willed - thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Thy name hath come before the Wronged One. We have revealed for thee that which all the treasures of those in the heavens and earth cannot equal. Say: O God, Most Generous, Most Merciful! I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and I beseech from Thee that which endureth through the eternity of Thy names and attributes. Thou art the Possessor of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen. O Lord! A poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy wealth, and a supplicant hath approached the door of Thy generosity. Deprive him not. Thou art He through Whose bounty all atoms of creation bear witness, and Thou art He to Whose giving all created things confess. This servant of Thine hath detached himself from all else and hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and the hem of Thy generosity, and in all conditions gazeth toward Thee and is thankful to Thee. If Thou answerest, Thou art praised in Thy command, and if Thou rejectest, Thou art obeyed in Thy decree. Thou art He before Whose manifestation all are seen as powerless and wanting. O Generous One! Leave not this servant to himself. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and the Lord of bounty and bestowal.

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He is the Ruler over all names

O My Supreme Pen, hearken to My Call! Wherefore do I hear Thy lamentation and cries? At one time I behold Thee bewildered in the remembrance and utterance of God, and at another time I observe Thee as one perplexed and pale because of that which hath been perpetuated against Thy Lord by every foolish contumacious oppressor. Abandon that which the populace posses and what Thou seest today. Proclaim unto the people the glad tidings that arose and shone forth from the horizon of God, the Lord of all creation. Say: By God! The gate of heaven hath opened, and He Who hath been promised in the books of God, the Gracious, the All-Praised, hath appeared. Nothing of that which ye posses shall profit you, To this beareth witness He who hath God's perspicuous Book. O ye who have ears! Hearken to the call of God, the Lord of all names and the Creator of heavens. He verily summoneth you unto that which bringeth you nigh unto Him. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Glory from this exalted station. We have desired naught but the salvation of nations and the betterment of the world, yet the people turned away from Us and committed that which caused the pillars of the Primal Word to be dispersed. Thus have their souls prompted them. Verily, they are accounted in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning, to be of those who are in grievous loss.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Lay aside the books of the populace and take hold of the Book of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Nothing In this day shall profit you save through this perspicuous Book. The proof of your Lord hath filled the whole world and yet the people are in a state of strange stupor. They have raised the idols of their desires and set aside their Lord. Verily they are in grievous loss. The glory of God be upon thee and upon whomsoever turneth unto Him and says: "All praise be to Thee O Lord of the World; O Thou who art the Desire of every understanding heart."

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He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Speaking

O Muhammad! Ask the idols of the earth, namely the divines of Iran: According to your assertion, this Wronged One is false and untruthful. What did the Seal of the Prophets, Muhammad, the Chosen One, do and what did He commit that made Him the object of the people's derision, wrath, rancor and hatred? God forbid! According to the belief of the tyrants of the land and the pharaohs among men, that Holy Being was at fault. What fault was manifested by the Spirit (Christ)? This is a station whereof the Pen is powerless to make mention and the tongue fails to describe. And this is the station of the blessed, supreme Word which hath descended from the heaven of grace and the kingdom of utterance: "There came not unto them any Messenger but they did mock at Him." Glory be to God! All that hath been mentioned they have heard and have also acknowledged, and yet they have uttered that which caused every seeing one to weep and every knowing one to lament. The spiritual youth hath made mention of thee, and from the heaven of inner meanings this Tablet hath been revealed. Read and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by Thy call whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, to make me content with Thy good-pleasure and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world and offered up their souls in their longing to meet Thee. O my Lord!

Thou seest Thy servant clinging unto Thee and unto the cord of Thy bounty - deprive him not of that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, and verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, and verily Thou art the All-Patient, and verily Thou art the All-Concealing, and verily Thou art the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

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In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O Muhammad, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting. O Perfumer, He Who hath been chosen from among the hands of the wicked calleth thee from this Most Great Prison wherein the Herald proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all kings. Thy letter which the Trusted One sent hath arrived and been read by the servant who was present. We have answered thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Let nothing among all things nor worldly events cause thee grief. Set aside what the people possess, taking what thou hast been given from God, the Lord of existence. We have heard the call of thy wife. We beseech God to aid her in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. She may say: “My God, my God! I have turned to Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and gave up their spirits in Thy path, to ordain for this Thy maidservant that which shall profit her in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is in her heart and what profiteth her and what she possesseth. She knoweth not what is with Thee and what profiteth her. Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O my Lord! Aid her and ordain for her the good of the hereafter and of this world. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” And We make mention of thy other wife. We beseech God to draw her nigh and aid her to be steadfast in this Cause which God hath sent down in the books of old as a token of His grace. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving. The glory be upon thee and upon them both from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

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HE IS THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GREAT

O Muhammad-Shafi’, the Intercessor turneth unto thee from His Most Luminous Seat - a station wherein the Lord of Destiny uttereth the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be. We have sent thee a Tablet that hath no equal, and this is another Tablet detailed from My Preserved Tablet. Art thou able to render befitting thanks unto God? Nay, by My hidden knowledge! We praise God on behalf of My loved ones from this Praiseworthy Station.

O Shafi’, this is the Day of the Most Great Bounty, and the rain of favor descendeth at every moment from the clouds of mercy. How excellent is the state of one who hath attained unto the recognition of the All-Merciful. O thou who hast turned towards Me, the Herald hath made thee aware, yet the people are seen to be astray. In this Day, steadfastness in the Cause is accounted as the most great of deeds. Blessed

is he who hath attained thereunto. Remind all the friends of this most exalted and glorious station, that perchance they may not be deprived of the Lord of Return by the buzzing of a fly, for it hath been observed that a soul was barred by a single word from the Mother Book and deprived by a cry from the song of the Nightingale.

Say: O loved ones of God! It behooveth you to hold fast unto wisdom and unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book. We counsel all to observe that which hath been revealed in the Book of God. Whoso acteth in accordance therewith in this Day is reckoned among the people of Baha. Say: It behooveth you to observe goodly deeds, and again goodly deeds. Through this will the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, be made manifest.

The glory be upon thee and upon the servants and handmaidens of God who are there. Rejoice thou in this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Rememberer, the Imprisoned One.

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The Burial Place of Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds

O Muhammad-Husayn! Reflect upon the heedlessness of the servants. For the sake of two fleeting days of life, they amass such means and implements that the pen is unable and powerless to enumerate them. Yet they have never given thought to preparing for that station wherein they must dwell forever in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Say: O people! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise to make good what hath been lost. Where are the Pharaohs and the sons of Pharaohs? Where are their swaying branches, their hidden treasures, their concealed ornaments and their decorated, lofty palaces? Say: O servants! Reflect upon the graves and what hath befallen their inhabitants, and take heed. Today the power of the Supreme Pen and the potency of the Most Exalted Word have encompassed the world. Deprive not yourselves of the Lord of all names in these days through vain imaginings. Strive that ye may attain unto that which diffuseth the fragrance of the divine mercy. We have previously made mention of the people of the city of Turbat. Blessed are My loved ones there. We beseech God to give them to drink from the Salsabil of bounty which floweth from His Most Exalted Pen, to make them enkindled with the fire of His love, attracted by His verses, and holding fast to the cord of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Party of God in that place! This is the Most Great Day of Joy. Ye must aid the Cause of God through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Verily He will assist you and aid you through His grace. There is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Helper, the Evident, the True, the Trustworthy.

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O Muhammad-Qabl-Rida! God willing, thou shalt attain unto the good-pleasure of God and become content with His Will and Purpose to such degree that thou shalt behold no will save His Will and shalt fix

thy gaze upon no purpose except His Purpose. This is the most glorious, most impregnable, most holy and most exalted station. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it. God, exalted be His glory, hath brought forth creation from the realm of nothingness that it may be the cause and means for the development of the world. This development, in its primary degree, pertaineth to the human person - that is to say, they must first establish the edifice of the heart upon His Name's firm and mighty foundation, and thereafter occupy themselves with inner and outer edifices. Blessed is the soul that hath understood that which hath been uttered by the Tongue of the Wronged One. This is a day of joy and delight - make not thyself sorrowful through idle words and sayings. God is Our witness and Our testament - cloud not thyself with vain imaginings. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and attained unto the Manifestation of God's names. I swear by the Day-Star of utterance that whosoever preserveth this most great station and passeth his days with complete steadfastness, he is reckoned and accounted among the people of Baha. By the life of God, he was and ever shall be, in the sight of God, the most ancient, the most distinguished and the most noble. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you to accomplish that which He loveth and desireth. Verily He is the Lord of this world and the next. May the light shining from the horizon of the forehead rest upon God's sincere servants, and upon thee, and upon thy wife, and upon those born of thy loins, and upon them that have held fast unto righteousness and acted according to that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Haji Mulla Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who dominates all names.

O Mahmud! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from His praiseworthy station, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. He hath sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrances of revelation throughout the world. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He makes mention of him who maketh mention of Him, and aideth whomsoever He willeth, and ordaineth for him whatsoever He desireth from His bountiful grace. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. We have sent down for thee before, and at this time, that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the loving providence of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and beheld the stars of the heaven of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be thanksgiving and splendor, for having manifested the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens and the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy knowledge and the Ocean of Thy generosity and bounty. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the idols wailed and the horizons were illumined and the hearts of such servants as cast away the world, turning unto Thee, O Lord of eternity Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy will that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I desire from the wonders of Thy bounty that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and detached from all else but Thee. Then write down for Thy loved ones that which shall aid them to recognize Thy mighty announcement and Thy ancient mystery and Thy firm and mighty Command. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou

willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and mighty command!

O peoples of the earth! Take heed lest the veils of glory prevent you from turning unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great. Beware lest vain imaginings hold you back from the Dawning-Place of certitude, or the oppression of those who have denied the Day of Judgment fill you with fear. The gates of forgiveness and bounty have been opened wide, for the Dove of Paradise hath warbled upon the branches. Mercy and grace and generosity belong unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. Say: O concourse of divines! Should you fear for your faith, preserve the Tablets of God in the treasuries of trust and detachment. When ye stand before the presence of the Lord of all beings on the Day of Rising, and He asketh you by what proof ye believed in Him Who appeared, then bring forth the Tablets and say: By this blessed, holy, mighty and beloved Book. Then shall the hands of all created things be raised toward you, taking therefrom and placing upon their eyes the fragrance of the divine utterance. This is what ye have been commanded in this Tablet from God, the Speaker, the True, the Trustworthy. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and His traces, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of God, which speaketh before the faces of the world: “There is none other God but Him, the Commander, the All-Wise,” and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Goal of the hearts of them that know. I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy Manifestation and by the City wherein was established the throne of Thy grandeur, and by the breezes wherein wafted the fragrance of reunion with Thee, and by the ocean of Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to enable me to serve Thy Cause in Thy days and to make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of every wise command.

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In the Name of the One, All-Seeing God

O My leaf, and the leaf of My Divine Lote Tree! The winds of malice have arisen, and from the Lote Tree of the Cause have fallen leaves for whom the Beloved (Muhammad) hath lamented, the Friend (Abraham) hath cried out, and Gabriel hath announced: “The torment hath been made ready for you, O ye people of malice!” Please God, thou wilt attain unto His special favour, and find solace in the remembrance of Him. Notwithstanding that this supreme calamity transcendeth all calamities, yet did the best of mortals lose his head and lay down his life in the way of the Ancient King. Although outwardly this matter seareth the heart, yet is it, and shall it ever be, the means and cause of the growth of the Divine Lote Tree. I swear by the Daystar of Truth, which today shineth above the horizon of the Revelation, that were the full glory of this station to be disclosed, all the friends would direct themselves towards the place of sacrifice, nor accept a ransom. Thy letter arrived and was perused. Thou hast ever been, and shalt ever be, beneath the

glances of the gracious providence of the True One; and whatsoever wisdom dictateth, the same shall flow forth from the heaven of God's Command. Rejoice thou in My Revelation; in My stablishment upon the throne; in My Call; in My remembrance; and in My praise. Thy Lord, truly, is the Ever-Observant, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. His honour the Afnan - upon him be of all glories the Most Glorious - is present before My Face, and God sendeth down from the heaven of His bounty that which hath been destined for him. He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful. Be thou in no wise sorrowed, and hold fast, as bidden, unto the cord of patience. He, verily, will make manifest that which shall rejoice the hearts of those who have been afflicted with sorrows by reason of that which the hands of rebellion have wrought. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Powerful. The Glory of God rest upon you all, and upon those maidservants who have believed in Him Who is the Incomparable, the All-Knowing.

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He is the Beloved! With beauteous grace He was witnessed upon the throne of beauty with the spirit of rapture. O Leaf of Paradise! Arise and with the tongue of rapture sing, and with the throat of the spirit carol, and say: Here am I, O Beloved One, turning toward the fields of Thy mercy; and here am I, O Desired One, mine eyes opened to behold the wonders of the beauty of Thy beloved-ness; and here am I, O Worshipped One, my heart consumed by the fire of separation from Thee; and here am I, O Beloved One, my breast aflame with the fires of longing for Thee; and here am I, O Sought One, my liver dissolved by the intensity of remoteness from Thee and exile from Thy presence. How long, O my God, shall I melt in the fire of separation and burn in the flames of the fires of longing? At such time I call upon Thee with the tongue wherewith Thy servants who yearn for the sanctuary of Thy presence and who stand firm before the Kaaba of reunion with Thee do call upon Thee, that Thou mayest cause me to ascend unto the heights of the sanctity of Thy oneness and raise me to the kingdom of rapture of Thy essence, that I may soar on wings of detachment to the Lote-Tree of ascension in the paradise of Thy providence, and hover with holy swiftness in the atmosphere of the sanctity of Thy mercy, that I may thereby be among those who journey in the realms near to Thy countenance and in the kingdom of Thy presence and meeting. And praise be to the Beloved of lovers.

Therefore one must needs soar like the birds of Paradise in this soul-refreshing atmosphere with the wings of spirit, until one attains the presence of the Friend and cleanses and purifies the heart from all earthly conditions, and unites with the King of Oneness, and closes the eye to the contemplation of aught else and opens it upon His countenance.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer! O Jacob! Divine Joseph hath been surrounded by the wolves of the earth, and the Purpose of the world findeth Himself afflicted among the peoples. At this hour the Wronged One is bewildered and astonished, for He observeth that every fire is extinguished and quenched by a single cup of water. What manner of fire is this that hath been kindled in the heart of the Wronged One - neither the waters of the opposition of the divines have prevented it, nor the oceans of the tyranny and

objection of the school. Having never attended school nor studied books of learning, through divine power and celestial might and glory, openly and without any veil, He summoned and guided the divines and rulers of the earth to the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-Place of inspiration. O Jacob! The opposition of the world did not prevent the Most Great Name from proclamation, and the bullets of the peoples' factions did not hold Him back from His purpose. Every fair-minded one hath testified to His power and every person of insight hath become aware. Without any helper or assistant He hath aided His Cause with the Most Exalted Pen. The intention is that the fire of hatred which is aflame in the hearts of diverse factions may be stilled by the Kawthar of divine counsel and the Salsabil of heavenly mercy, and that the light of unity and concord may illumine the horizons. This is not difficult for God thy Lord. One of the friends of Truth mentioned thee, and We made mention of thee. Praise be to God that on this dark night thou hast attained unto the light of the traces of the Chosen Pen. Be grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glorified be Thou, O Thou Who art the Purpose of those in the heavens and on earth!"

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Praise be to Thee, O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! Praise be to Thee, for Thou hast made known unto Thy servants Thy Day, wherein the River of Life streamed forth from the finger of Thy Generosity, and the Fountain of Revelation and Unity became manifest by Thy Manifestation, to all who are in Thy earth and heaven.

O God! This is a Day the Light of which Thou hast sanctified above the sun and its effulgence. I testify that this Day is illumined by the Light of Thy Face and by the effulgence of the dawning Lights of Thy Manifestation.

O Thou, my God, and the Beloved of my heart! With the name of this Day Thou hast adorned Thy Tablet, which is known only to Thee. Thou hast called it The Day of God. Nothing is to be seen therein but Thy Supreme Self, and naught is to be remembered save Thy sweetest Name. Wherefore, when He appeared, the foundations of nations trembled, the learned were bewildered and the wise men were confounded, save those who came near unto Thee, took from the Hand of Favor the pure wine of Thy Inspiration, and drank in Thy Name, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the Nations! Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of the yearning!"

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He is the Most High, the Most Great! There is no escape for the servants from God's irrevocable decree and His decisive command. "Wheresoever ye may be, death will overtake you, even if ye be in strong towers." When the decree of the Self-Subsisting Lord is manifested, we must submit and be content. Though outwardly separation consumes the liver, yet separation is the cause of union and attainment and the means of preserving a number of children. None is aware of the requirements of divine wisdom. The fruit of this ascension has been and remains within God's knowledge. It is not permitted to reveal it as it

truly is. Were we to lift the veil from this station, this greatest sorrow would be transformed into the greatest joy and spirits would take flight beyond measure. “Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world. But the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord’s sight for reward, and better in respect of hope.” However this son was an ornament of the most exalted Paradise. Though by God’s grace and the All-Merciful’s mercy, we now find ourselves occupied with beholding the Supreme Paradise. O people of my household! Praise be to God that you are all firm and acknowledging of this blessed word which is like an impregnable fortress: “He is praiseworthy in His deeds and must be obeyed in His command.” Although separation after union, fellowship and meeting dissolves joy and delight, yet it has not been and is not able to erase the aforementioned word from the tablet of the heart. Verily He is the All-Patient, who commands His loved ones to beautiful patience. We beseech God to preserve you and draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

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In the Name of God, the Most Learned, the Most Learned!

O Isma’il! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, that verily there is none other God but Him. He preserveth whomsoever He willeth, how He willeth, and verily He is the Lord of lords. O people! Tarry not upon the Path, but pass over it as passes the cloud. The Day which ye were promised in the Tablets hath come unto you, and every soul hath come with its deeds, though none comprehend this save those possessed of understanding. Wash thyself clean of the allusions of the people, then cleanse thy heart from those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving. Verily those who have disbelieved shall enter the fire and shall find for themselves no helper. Then shall they cry out and say: “Woe unto us for what we have neglected of that which we were commanded in the Book!” Thou shalt keep thyself apart from them and hold fast to the cord of God and His mercy. Verily He forgets not His servants who have presented themselves before His Face with humility and turned unto Him. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Youth in days wherein the sun of thy Lord’s beauty hath shone forth from behind the veil. Beware lest thou forget what thou hast witnessed of God’s favor and power; then make mention of what thou hast seen amongst the company of the loved ones, that they may arise from the slumber of passion and remember their Lord at eventide and dawn. Guard thyself and follow not those who have disbelieved in God on a Day wherein He hath established Himself upon the throne and set up the balance of justice and fixed the Path, and all have presented themselves for the reckoning. Thus have We made mention of thee in this Tablet that it may attract thy heart and the hearts of the loved ones. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen for the Cause of God and whom no trepidation hath seized.

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In the Name of the One True God! The effulgences of the Sun of the horizon of Revelation have appeared and become manifest in the form of these words: We have enjoined wisdom upon all the loved ones, that all may partake of and receive their portion from the wine of the will of the King of Oneness. In this Most

Great Revelation, the heaven of wisdom hath been raised up and adorned and illumined with the stars of utterance and expression. Therefore all must act according to that which God hath ordained, and from no one must any deed appear that would cause corruption. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Ere long the fire of the Divine Word shall ignite all. For no one hath there been nor shall there be any escape. Well is it with that soul who in this Most Great Day hath attained unto the good-pleasure of God and from whom hath appeared that which would cause the reformation of the world. By My life! All that is visible shall soon be rendered non-existent and perish, while that which appeareth for the love of God hath been and shall forever remain. Most of the people are weak, while the True One, glorified and exalted be He, is powerful and mighty. However, He hath loved and gazed upon His Name the Most Merciful. Therefore hath He commanded all with wisdom and kindness and compassion. Otherwise, with but a single word would He have seized them all. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Give thanks unto God for His having turned unto thee the Face from the direction of the Prison, and for His remembering thee with this wondrous remembrance. By the life of God! Nothing can equal His remembrance, and it shall profit thee in this world and in the world to come. There is none other God but Him, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

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To His Honor M.D. Milani, in Dhu'l-Hijjah 1299

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

I bear witness that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in recognition of His grandeur and His uniqueness. And prayers and peace be upon His Prophets and His Messengers who arose to serve His Cause and aid His Faith, until the paths culminated in the Most Great Path and the Messengers were sealed with the Most Noble Prophet, through whom the countenance of the world became radiant and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of Eternity, was made manifest. And upon His family and His companions who aided the Faith of God with their wealth and their souls and strove until the Faith was made manifest, though the infidels detest it.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored master arrived. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love was inhaled therefrom. God willing, may you ever drink from the choice wine of knowledge and receive your portion from the fountain of wisdom. In all circumstances one must be mindful of wisdom. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores God, exalted be His glory, to aid and grant that honored one whatsoever befits His bounty. Verily the servant asks and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Should the means for return to your homeland become available and should you honor it with your presence, there is and has been no objection. Your attention and devotion are evident and clear. God, exalted be His glory, will grant the reward. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer. Peace and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O handmaiden of God, wife of H.S., upon both of them be the glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing! I bear witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earth, that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified from peers and likeness, and will forever continue to be what He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of Command and Creation, and in Whose right hand is the empire of knowledge and wisdom! I beseech Thee by the lights of the morn of Thy Manifestation and the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty, to send down from the clouds of Thy grace that which will cause me in all conditions to turn my gaze toward Thee, to be submissive to Thy command, and humble before Thy presence. O God of the world and Sovereign of nations! I am one of Thy handmaidens and a leaf from the leaves of the Tree of Thy Will. I beseech Thee to protect me from the tempests of Thy trials and the storms of Thy decree. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy generosity and grace that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. My outer and inner tongue bear witness to Thy singleness and oneness, and to Thy power and greatness amidst Thy creation. O Lord! Disappoint not this handmaiden who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty, and deprive her not from the river of Thy nearness and the ocean of Thy gifts. Thou art He, O my God, to Whose greatness all created things have testified, and to Whose power all contingent beings have witnessed. I beseech Thee by the Point through which Thou didst distinguish Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great! O Afnan, Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

The Wronged One has been drawn to the verses of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, and turns toward you from the prison quarter, mentioning you with a mention that equals not the mention of the world. To this testifies He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

O My Afnan! Upon you be My peace and My glory. You were mentioned before the Wronged One previously, and at this moment when the fragrance of utterance has been wafted throughout creation through that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.” You have attained to the mention of God and His praise in the earliest days. We beseech Him to aid you with the hosts of inspiration and to send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of the Kingdom and the Realm, and Sovereign of might, grandeur and power! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the potency of Thy will, to assist Thy Afnan at all times in such wise that the fragrance of Thy Word may be diffused among the religions. Thou seest

him, O my God, having taken for himself a station near to Thee. Ordain for him every good that was in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

We make mention of the son in this station and give him the glad-tidings of God’s mercy, the Lord of existence. The glory from Us be upon you and upon him and upon those who hearken to thy word and love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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He is God, the Generous, the All-Bestowing

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Praise be to God Who has distinguished His loved ones with affliction as a recompense for what He promised them of abundant bounties. So praise be to God with praise that He loves and is pleased with, and which becomes a means of attaining His good-pleasure and presence. Therefore I am patient for God’s sake, and upon Him do I rely, and to Him do I complain of my anguish and grief. Sufficient is God as a guardian and sufficient is God as a helper.

Several pages were written before, God willing they have arrived. Now as I write, it is the twenty-fourth night of the sacred month of God. Praise be to God, the blessing of health remains, and still no relief has appeared, except that a royal decree has arrived expressing countless favors. We shall see what is destined thereafter. An order was also sent to Yahya Khan, the governor of Urmia - apparently he has not accepted it, but this is not yet confirmed. We shall see what appears later.

I observed two pages in the noble handwriting. I have kept the number 60 until 40 - whenever it is received along with 50, I will write the receipt later. No information has been received about the mother’s journey. Apparently her journey is not yet confirmed. However much they wish to give funds, let them take 22 from the Siyyid’s portion. In all matters they should watch over the affairs of the household. Show this very page to them, then take and keep it. May the peace of God be upon Mulla Ni’matullah and his friends. And peace is the best conclusion.

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He is the Herald in the Kingdom of Utterance

Praise be to God Who hath sent down from the heaven of His bounty the blessing of His recognition and the table of His utterance, and hath called all to partake thereof as a grace from His presence and a mercy from His court. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Generous.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have read it and respond to thee with this clear Book, each letter of which beareth witness to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to the Most Great Announcement. It testifieth to that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of His

heaven and His earth - that there is none other God but Him. His are the dominion and the kingdom, the majesty and the power. He is the Omnipotent over what was and what shall be, and the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to remember and praise Him, and to make thee among those whom neither veils have hindered from turning unto Him nor doubts from drawing nigh unto His august gate. When thou art seized by the rapture of the Call, say: “Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the manifestations of Thy grandeur amidst Thy creation, and by those whom the might of the people deterred not from the Daysprings of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thine inspiration, to make me steadfast in Thy love and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. My Lord! Ordain for me of Thy generosity and munificence that which will make me independent of all else save Thee, and mighty among Thy creatures, and firm and immovable in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty.”

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Bestower of bounty and favors.

Praise be to God Who, through His generosity and grace, has raised up His Afnan to a station whereof the tongues of all peoples in the world will soon speak in remembrance and praise of them, and they shall witness the effects of what hath been ordained for them, both outwardly and inwardly, which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all beings.

And blessings and peace be upon the Tree, its root and branch, Who was named Muhammad in the Book of Names and by the Most Beautiful Names in a Tablet which none knoweth save the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and upon His family and companions through whom God exalted His Cause, manifested His sovereignty and perfected His commandments and ordinances - blessings that shall never cease from God, the Lord of all creation.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud was presented before the Wronged One and was heard. Therein was mentioned the Afnan of China, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that he attained in the earliest days to My verses, to presence before My countenance, to hearing My call and beholding My horizon. By My life! All the treasures of the earth and its riches and glory and loftiness and dominion cannot equal one word of what hath been revealed at this time, for these shall perish while that which We have made a treasure for My Afnan in this Tablet shall endure. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen them and honor them and draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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All praise be to God! Through the outpourings of the True Bestower thou hast attained, and turned thy face toward the Friend. It hath been evident to all that in every Revelation certain vain and idolatrous souls have clung to various schemes to lead astray pure and receptive souls, striving with utmost effort to mislead and prevent them. All these matters have been revealed in the divine Tablets in Persian, that all may understand and none be deprived in His days of the light of His countenance, nor be barred by people's vain imaginings from the river of mercy. We have likewise informed all that the cawing of the crows shall be raised in every city. God forgiveth what is past. However, thou must remain so steadfast in the Cause of God that nothing shall prevent thee. Drink the pure water from the hand of Him Who is the Manifestation of the Revelation, and be thou free and detached from all else. By My life! All else will not suffice thee. That which will suffice thee is this Ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth "I am the Enricher of the worlds, the Subduer of the worlds, and the Quickener of the worlds." Give thanks for having attained unto this Tablet and been mentioned when thy letter was present before thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. We have accepted thy repentance and forgiven thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Convey My greetings to thy brethren and family and give them the glad-tidings of this glorious Remembrance. He ordaineth for them what is best. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, and my Hope! By Thy might, Thy majesty, Thy sovereignty and Thy grandeur, I desire not that my tongue should utter aught except Thy remembrance and praise, nor that my face should turn except toward the lights of Thy countenance, nor that my heart should incline except toward Thy horizon. O Lord! Thou hearest from my limbs and members, my outer and my inner being, my cry and my lamentation at what hath befallen Thy loved ones from those who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament. O Lord! Thou seest how hatred hath encompassed Thy chosen ones. Where is the ocean of Thy assistance and the heaven of Thy power? I beseech Thee, O Originator of existence, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy knowledge, to cause Thy chosen ones to hold fast to the cord of Thy bestowal, to hasten unto the ocean of Thy utterance, to speak forth the wonders of Thy remembrance and praise, to remain firm in Thy service, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Gracious Book. There is no God but [Thou, the Almighty], the All-Forgiving, [the Mighty], the Most Great. O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy servants who was named Ali before Akbar raising his hands toward the heaven of Thy loving-kindness, beseeching from the wonders of Thy bounty that which shall adorn him with the ornament of Thy remembrance. [He is the one who] hath turned toward Thy horizon and acted according to what Thou didst command him in Thy Tablets. O Lord! Aid him to accomplish what Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones in the latter and former days. Verily Thou art the Lord of all names and the Protector of those who are in the heavens and [on earth].

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Powerful

The Divine Tablets have been sent down like torrential rain from the heaven of God's will. All the peoples of the world were given glad tidings of the Days of God in the books and scriptures, yet when that Day appeared and the Most Great Luminary rose from the horizon of creation, all turned away from it except those souls who heard the divine call with the ear of the spirit and turned toward the All-Merciful. Although today the clamor of the divines and the croaking of certain rulers has been raised high, and in their imagination they have striven their utmost to extinguish the divine light and quench the heavenly fire, yet their efforts have been frustrated, their deeds have been rendered void, and their hopes have been dashed. Soon shall they all raise the cry of "Alas!" The Cause of God has been and shall ever remain triumphant, and there is no escape for anyone. How many souls who in the previous year were veiled and turned away, but in this year their petitions have reached the Most Holy Court and they have returned to the Truth. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. However, the station of those souls who preceded them has been and shall ever be higher and more exalted in the sight of God. Give praise to the Beloved of the world that repeatedly and successively thy mention hath been recorded from the Supreme Pen in the holy, luminous Tablets. By the Lord of Names! All that thou dost witness shall pass away, but this station shall endure. Preserve it through the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Ornament of the Near Ones, the Mighty, the Everlasting! Today the greatest of all things is steadfastness in the Cause of God, and ever hath it been so, inasmuch as the satans have appeared from every direction and with utmost cunning are occupied with destroying the fortress of the Cause. It behooveth every assured soul to seek refuge with God the Exalted at all times, that perchance they may remain protected. It is incumbent upon you to strive to safeguard the Cause to the extent of your power, lest the Pharaohs prevail over the hosts of God. This is said in consideration of your duty, otherwise the hosts of God have been and ever shall be victorious. Stand firm then in the Cause and turn not unto anyone, but place thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Leaf of Oneness! Hold fast unto this Tree lest thou fall when the winds of dissension blow from every malicious deceiver. In these days Satan summoneth in the name of the All-Merciful, and the Samiri calleth mentioning the Primal One, and Iblis is occupied with the utmost deception. Flee from him, O people of the earth, that ye may be sustained by the presence of God. We hope, God willing, that through the wondrous favors of the Eternal One and His Most Glorious bestowals thou wilt not slip from the path of the Cause and wilt find repose beneath the protection of God. God speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. These few words were inscribed with a broken pen. The Spirit be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon him who was named the Generous One by the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

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He is the Hearer in His most exalted horizon

The Mother Book speaks: “The All-Giver has come with a sovereignty before which all necks have bowed low. Take heed, O people of insight!” The Beloved speaks: “The Most Great Announcement has come, whereby the hearts of the nations were thrown into commotion, save those whom God, the Lord of lords, willed.” And the Spirit calls out: “O people of the Gospel! By God, the Promised One has come from the heaven of proof with His most great glory. Fear God and deny not Him Who was promised you in the Psalms and Tablets.” And Moses calls out: “He Whose beauty I was prevented from beholding has appeared. Hasten, O people of the Torah, unto the good-pleasure of God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.” And the Point of the Bayan laments and says: “O My servants! We counseled you in all Our Books, nay in every leaf, to believe in Him and His verses, yet you committed that which caused all things to lament.” Thus have We sent down the verses and shown you thereby the path of guidance. Fear God, lay aside what you possess and take what you are commanded by God, the Lord of creation. Thus did the tongue of the Wronged One speak when He was in the hands of the wicked. When you attain to My Tablet and find the fragrance of My utterance, say: “O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for having turned toward me from the direction of the prison. I beseech Thee by Thy wrongs and by what befell Thee at the hands of Thine enemies, to make me one of those who have taken hold of Thy Book with the hand of resignation, clinging to what hath been sent down therein from the heaven of Thy commands and laws. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.”

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Today the horizon of the heaven of manifestation is illumined and radiant through the will of God, glorified be His majesty. At all times God Himself calls out and summons His servants to the supreme horizon. Yet the people are found to be heedless and veiled, nay rather, dead and lost. In this spiritual dawn, whose breeze is like unto the water of paradise, none has become aware or lifted their head from the couch of negligence save whom God has willed. All who are on earth have been created for the recognition of this blessed Day, yet despite this they remain heedless of it. Soon the cry of departure will awaken them, but that awakening will yield no benefit nor bring forth any fruit.

Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Rather give thanks to thy Lord for having revealed unto thee and caused thee to hear and to know that which was hidden behind the veils of the unseen and inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thou and the other friends must exert your utmost endeavor to attain unto the wine of steadfastness. This is the counsel of God unto His loved ones, for there are many traitors, thieves and calumniators who have misled and continue to mislead the people in the name of truth.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My presence in this mighty prison. We send greetings from this spot upon the faces of My loved ones in that land who have cast aside vain

imaginings and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great.

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O [Mirza] Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name which is sanctified above all names! Today the Sun of Truth hath dawned and risen from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, and the Most Great Word hath appeared from the Mother Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the first and been enabled to hearken unto the second. The peoples of the world, in their nights and days, are occupied with praise and remembrance in places built in the name of Truth, yet they remain deprived of the Dayspring of verses and the Source of clear proofs. The divines of Persia themselves acknowledge that these sciences appeared for the recognition of Him Who is known, yet the veils of glory have become an obstacle and barrier between those souls and their beholding the lights shining from the supreme horizon. Glory be unto God! Throughout ages and centuries they have been engaged in reading the Book of God, yet remained deprived and forbidden from understanding it. Divine favor and grace have ever been and shall ever be in the grasp of God's power, exalted be His glory. He bestoweth them upon whomsoever He willeth. How many souls who counted themselves the most learned of all the world were seen to be unaware of Him Who is known and intended. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned unto Me and attained unto My mention in My prison. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God to assist thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, the Lord of the beginning and the end. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Giving, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O handmaid of God, wife of Haji Mirza Muhammad! In the name of the One True Friend! Today the friends of God should fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon and not be saddened by the various conditions of the world. Today the sun of joy has risen from the horizon of the world, and the sea of gladness is manifest and visible before the faces of men. Rejoice then, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, in My remembrance, and drink the choice wine of joy through My wondrous Name. If hardship comes, it will surely be transformed into ease. Thus hath God ordained in the Books of old and in this perspicuous Book. Poverty hath never been a cause of abasement in the sight of God; rather it hath been the cause of glory. There was a time when this Wronged One had nothing of earthly means - neither food, nor drink, nor place to rest. By My life! I was in such joy as no joy in the world could equal, for whatsoever comes to pass is from God. The steadfast servants and handmaidens must be patient, nay rather grateful. Say: O my handmaiden! Glory be to Thee, O Thou at Whose Name the heavens were cleft asunder, the earth was split, and the mountains crumbled! I beseech Thee by Thy grace and bounty to send down from the heaven of Thy generosity and the clouds of Thy munificence that which befitteth Thy glory, Thy transcendent majesty and Thy power. O my Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward

the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. I testify that I know not what profiteth me. Thou knowest me better than I know myself. Write down for me that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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=== START BH04377 ===

In the name of the one God

Today a spiritual messenger brought from the garden of inner meanings these words: “Whosoever is victorious through patience and forbearance in times of hardship and adversity, he is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Hear, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the heedless!” If in truth the ears of the world were to attain unto hearing these words as they deserve to be heard, they would, in the nights and days, utter “Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds, and Thine is the glory, O Lord of all names,” and in the path of the one Beloved they would, whatever may befall, hold fast to the cord of patience and cling to the hem of forbearance. Today Muhammad, upon him be My glory, was present before the Face. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet and counsel thee with that which befitteth the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise concerning the son of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Were the book of the world to be observed with the eye of truth, naught would be seen save the words “Departure! Departure! Extinction! Extinction!” The eye seeth “Departure! Departure!” and the ear heareth “Departure! Departure!” and all the limbs bear witness to extinction. Know ye the value of these days, for today man is able to attain unto a station or essence which extinction shall not overtake and which ages and centuries shall not alter. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and hath not been deprived. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones in that land and counsel them to manifest the most great steadfastness. The Command is God’s, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O handmaid of God, wife of Ahmad-’Ali, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend! Today the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are manifest and radiant from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, and the Luminary of utterance is speaking without veil or covering. Blessed are they who have attained and were not deprived. O my handmaid and my leaf! We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee from the Most Great Prison. We beseech God to confirm thee in steadfastness and to aid thee in that which befitteth His Day. Take hold of the Sure Handle with thy right hand and with thy left the Crimson Cup, then drink thereof in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, at Whose advent the limbs of every name did tremble, and every idolater was far astray. Today the true Kawthar and the spiritual wine have been and are the knowledge of God. Whosoever hath attained thereunto hath attained unto all good. Say: O my God, my Worshipped One, my Desired One! A poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and an ignorant one hath faced the dawning-places of the Sun of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the blood that was shed in Thy path in Iran, and by those souls

whom neither the onslaught of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the polytheists could deter from turning unto Thee or prevent from drawing nigh unto Thee, that Thou wilt protect Thy handmaiden from the croaking of the croakers and the doubts of the suspicious ones, and cause her to dwell beneath the canopies of Thy gracious Name. Thou art, verily, powerful over all things and the Protector of all things. I testify, and all things testify, that Thou art indeed the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH04379 ===

In the Name of the one God! Today the Divine Lote Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise speaks forth this most sublime word: “Verily, I accept whosoever turns unto Me and remember whosoever remembers Me.” O sons of My Afnan! Praise be to God that Ahmad - upon him be My glory and loving-kindness - has attained his most great goal, his ultimate purpose, and his loftiest summit, and has achieved that which was recorded and inscribed in God’s Book, both past and future. He has attained Our presence and heard that which caused the lips of mystic knowledge to smile throughout creation. The hand of grace took hold of him and enabled him to attain the most holy and exalted Court. He heard the Call with both his outer and inner ears and attained the vision of the highest horizon. He was honored to attain the presence and dwelt beneath the spreading shade of mercy. He hears that which ears were prevented from hearing and sees that which eyes were prevented from beholding, save those who have detached themselves from all else but God - these are they who are recorded as the successful ones in the Clear Book. In these days ?iya mentioned you, therefore mention of each one has flowed from the tongue of the Wronged One and been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist you in that which is befitting. We ask Him to protect you from the evil of your enemies, to aid you with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to exalt you through His Name amongst His servants. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and remember you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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=== START BH04380 ===

O Ali-Muhammad, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Manifest, the Trustworthy! Today the Book crieth out with the most exalted call that the Mother Book hath come, all things herald the appearance of the Lord of all beings, and the Concourse on High speaketh this word:

For the veiled ones - death! For the frozen ones - pain!

The King of Kings of days hath come, that Hidden One by name hath come!

And so forth as hath issued from My tongue in the kingdom of Mine utterance. O Ali-Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! We made mention of thee before, and at this hour with a mention whereby the hearts of them that are nigh have been attracted. Beware lest the veils of names hold thee back from their Creator, and the colors of the world from its Fashioner. Cast away what is with the people, then turn thy face to the Kaaba of My loving-kindness and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided

me and mentioned me and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Book whereby Thou hast guided the peoples, to confirm me in that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy establishment upon the throne of Thy mighty Name. O my Lord! Aid me to be so steadfast that the veils of the ignorant ones and the allusions of the clamorous ones shall not prevent me. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty that hath encompassed existence and by the light of Thy Cause whereby hearts and minds have been illumined, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, established in Thy praise and unwavering in Thy remembrance. Thou art indeed the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of thy wife who hath turned with her heart to her Lord. We beseech God to preserve her through His power and sovereignty. He is verily the Preserver, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Everlasting, Who perisheth not! Hearken unto the Call from the horizon of grandeur - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and the tongue of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath spoken thy praise. He, verily, from within the Most Great Prison, summoneth the peoples unto His holy kingdom, the Mighty, the Luminous, and remembereth the loved ones of God for having turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation - they are indeed among the triumphant. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of thy Lord and found from it the fragrance of God, say: O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having turned Thy gaze toward me. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the veils of them that have been heedless of Thy remembrance in Thy days, nor the onslaught of them that have manifested oppression in Thy realm, shall withhold me. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Preserve me, O my God, from whatsoever is repugnant unto Thy good-pleasure, and number me with them that have circled round Thy mighty throne. Assist me and Thy loved ones, O my God, to help Thy Cause and to exalt Thy remembrance amidst Thy creation. Make them, then, to be stars in the heaven of Thy detachment, that through them may be manifested that which shall serve as evidence of the sanctification of Thy commandments among Thy creatures and the glorification of Thy laws between Thy earth and heaven. Thou art He through Whose name every abased one hath been exalted, every weak one empowered, every darkness illumined, every frozen one enkindled, every still one moved, every cast down one made to soar, every remote one drawn nigh, and every deprived one granted access. Thou hast ever been known for Thy grandeur and majesty, and described by Thy power and glory. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call, then detach thyself from all else besides Me, then drink from the cup of My praise from the fingers of My mercy and grandeur, then raise thy right hand in My Most Great Name and rend asunder therewith the veils of the handmaidens through My sovereignty and

majesty and power and might, then hearken unto other melodies from the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been planted by the hand of Baha in the Garden of Refuge, and every leaf thereof speaketh that which attracteth the hearts of the Concourse on High. Blessed is the ear that turneth toward it and heareth therefrom its sighing and lamentation at what hath befallen its Planter from the hosts of the malicious ones. Thus hath the matter been decreed on the Day of the Covenant. Then hearken, O My handmaiden, unto My sweetest melodies once again, that they may purify thee from all else besides Me and draw thee nigh unto My presence and bring thee to My dawning-place wherein the lights of My beauty have shone forth from the direction of My throne. Then take in My name the cup of My mercy and the chalice of My favor, then drink thereof thyself and give to drink unto My handmaidens that they may be drawn to My direction and be purified from mentions in their search for My remembrance and be detached from all things in their longing for My presence. Then arise to remember and praise Me amongst My handmaidens. Thus doth command thee in this prison the Sovereign of thy Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Since a letter from the name of God, Nabil, was present before Me wherein mention was made of that handmaiden of God, therefore from the Pen of Command thy mention was revealed. "Remember Me in My earth, that I may remember you in My heaven." Convey My greetings to all the handmaidens of God.

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O thou who art mentioned before the Prisoner! Hearken unto the call of the Hidden Name, Who hath appeared in truth and proclaimeth with the most exalted call in the kingdom of creation: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" Turn not unto the people and their rules, but look to what the Self-Subsisting One hath brought forth with a sovereignty that encompasseth what was and what shall be. It beseemeth not one like thee to turn unto mere indications, but rather unto God, the Revealer of verses. He calleth thee to the supreme horizon. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving. Ask those who were present before the Throne when the ocean of verses surged. By My life! They are sent down in such wise that all in the realm are powerless to compose their like, yet most of the people know not. Leave behind all that is with the people and arise to serve thy Lord. Say: O people! By God, that which had never appeared in creation hath now appeared, and the All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of proof. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every veiled learned one. This is the Source from which all knowledge hath appeared and every determined matter. Say: Beware lest desire prevent you from the supreme horizon, or what the people possess bar you from God, the Lord of existence. Know thou the worth of these days, then seek the grace of thy Lord, the All-Compelling over those in the unseen and the visible. It behoveth thee to manifest that whereby thy mention shall be established in Our Preserved Tablet. Grieve not on account of the people and their clamor. Rather, rejoice in the remembrance of the Truth Who remembereth thee from this praiseworthy station.

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O Baqir! Listen to the call of God from behind this blessed leaf, then follow what is therein and be not of those who remain idle. Fear God, then seek His grace from His presence. Verily He will guide you to truth and guidance through this Most Glorious Ridvan. Enter it with peace and great mercy. Say: O people, follow what the Spirit has cast upon you and make not the Book of God to be forsaken among you, and be not of the heedless ones. Say: The Beauty of God is hidden from you and thick veils have come between you and Him, and therefore do people differ concerning the Cause of God and devils emerge from their places and cause corruption in God's Cause to the extent they are able, and they are among the corrupters. And you, aid your Lord to the extent you are able and follow not the ways of these people, and hold fast to the cord of your Lord and be among the helpers. Thus have We taught you the ways of holiness and guided you to the paths of justice that you may thank God, your Lord, with a pure and exalted tongue. Forget not My favor upon you and My love for you, then trust in all affairs to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. There has reached Us news of the hardships and harm that have touched you - be patient within yourself and grieve not, for God will soon aid you with a near victory. Be a teacher of your Lord's Cause with wisdom, then conceal it from those who have denied and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Give thanks, O servant, for what the Spirit has cast upon you of these inaccessible and exalted words.

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O Baqir in the All-Glorious, He is the Mighty! O Baqir! Bear thou witness in thy soul, thy being and thy spirit that the Tree of Sinai hath been raised up in truth in the year sixty and hath spoken in the most exalted voice that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and that 'Ali before Nabil - His light, His glory and His sovereignty over the dwellers of the heavens and the earth - hath come with the truth upon clouds of light, and around Him circled the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the angels drawn nigh. He hath manifested His beauty with such a proof as hath rendered all created things powerless, and through it His evidence hath been perfected, His proof completed, and His testimony hath shone forth unto all in the kingdom, whether female or male, whether young or old. Bear thou witness within thyself that with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth and the knowledge of all things in a mighty, luminous Book. Be thou assured of this, then stand firm in it and go not beyond it, if thou be of them that comprehend. And furthermore, Tablets have been presented before Us but among them We found not thy Tablet, as if thou hadst forgotten Us within thyself. This indeed is a loss unto thee and verily this is a great regret. Know thou that We have not forgotten thee and make mention of thee in this beauteous Tablet that thou mayest rejoice in thy heart and remember thy Lord with love and manifest gladness. The Spirit and the Glory and the Might and the Splendor be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that pass along this Path, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Almighty.

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He is the Mighty One in the Noontide of Lights, who hath indeed risen!

O beloved! There hath come before Us a letter from thee, and We have answered thee with a reply that shall bring gladness to the eyes of those who have turned unto God and then unto the sanctuary of nearness do turn, who hear the melodies of Paradise and gaze upon the countenance of Beauty. These are they who have mounted the cloud of love and speed through the atmosphere of the spirit. These are they for whom the word of immortality hath been fulfilled, and who abide forever in the heaven of holiness. They pay no heed to aught else but hasten to do good deeds and walk the paths of truth. When questioned about anything they close their eyes as though they had not heard, for they dwell in the pavilion of detachment. Thus do We impart unto thee from the mysteries of the Cause, that thou mayest be of them who drink from the ocean of knowledge. Say: O people! This servant of God calleth you only unto Him and guideth you to the path which hath been raised up in truth, and teacheth you the ways of piety in that which ye know not, and giveth you glad tidings of Him Who shall come after and of Him Whom God shall make manifest, that ye may attain unto every grace. O people! Deal not with him as those dealt with them who were guided by the light of God in the unseen and who drink from the breast of beauty. Say: O people! Fear ye God in His days, and harm Him not through your imaginings, and take no counsel regarding His Cause. Open your eyes and purify your souls that ye may be sustained by His presence. Say: Thus doth this servant counsel you and inspire you with tidings from the unseen, if ye but knew.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! O Hasan! Be excellent as God hath shown excellence unto thee, then take Him as a friend unto thyself. Arise and take the cup of life in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then drink therefrom and fear not the idolaters. Say: His cup is His words, and therein is filled the wine of inner meanings and utterance. Blessed are they that drink thereof. Turn thou unto God and be not disturbed by the clamor of the hypocrites. Ascend by God's power to the heaven of might and authority, then detach thyself from all else and be of them that are firm. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak forth His praise! Should anyone stand firm in My love and detach himself from all else but Me, he would, through one of My names, gain ascendancy over all who dwell on earth. Hast thou forgotten what was promised thee in the Tablets? Return then unto them that thou mayest find thyself possessed of clear certainty. Say: O people! The Beloved of the worlds hath appeared, and He, verily, is the One Who sent Muhammad aforetime, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him the Interlocutor. Fear ye God and commit not that which hath been forbidden you in every wondrous verse. Take ye the laws of God and that which He hath ordained in His Book, and be not of them that forsake them. Unite ye on God's Cause and His religion, and divide not His words, and be not of them that differ. Thus have We revealed unto thee that which shall move thy soul and draw thee nigh unto thy Ancient Lord. Be patient and steadfast, then stand firm and be not of them that are perturbed. And upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Mulla Abu'l-Hasan! In the name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Unapproachable! O Hasan! Hear the call of Husayn from the direction of this mighty Prison. By God! There hath befallen Him that which hath befallen no one before Him from among His servants who circled round about Him. Say: O people! Fear ye God. This is that Husayn Who was promised to you aforetime, did ye but know it. Have ye not heard that He would come after the Qa'im with manifest sovereignty, and through Him would be raised the standard of guidance, and beneath His shadow would enter all the Prophets and Messengers? And have ye not heard that the Qa'im would be sent forth once again and would enter beneath His shadow? Thus did the tongue of revelation inform you aforetime, yet now ye all remain veiled. Say: O people! Verily He hath seated Himself upon the Throne, and at His right hand sitteth the Primal Point, addressing the veiled ones among the concourse of the Bayanis, saying: "O people! Fear ye God, then be ashamed before His beauty, and shed not this pure and radiant blood. But for Him, God's Cause would not have been made manifest in all else, nor would the cock of the Throne have crowed, nor would the Dove have warbled upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree of the Bayan, nor would those brought nigh have been created." We commanded you not to hesitate in His Cause at the time of His appearance, yet ye committed that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere to be consumed. Thus doth the Ancient Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest aid thy Lord to the extent of thy power and be numbered among the helpers. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and whose faces have remained unchanged by the insinuations of the words of the idolaters.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved

O Hasan! Call to mind the time when thou didst attain the presence before My face, and when the holy glances were turned towards thee, and thou didst hear the melodies of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. By God! Thou hast attained to that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and for which near servants have died in their longing. Know thou the value of that which thou hast been given from the fruits of Paradise, and be of those who are thankful. By God, O Hasan! If thou wert to attain the presence of Husayn in those days, thou wouldst not recognize him, so grievously had he been afflicted with tribulations and hardships by those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Best-Beloved. O Hasan! The countenance of God hath been changed by the blows of the people of tyranny and wickedness, and His body hath been pierced by the spears of those who are polytheists. At every moment I walk while Shimr walketh behind Me, and the spearmen are on My right and on My left - tyrannical servants. Verily the tribulation of Husayn of old was accomplished in a single day, but this Husayn hath been afflicted at every moment with that which no one hath ever been afflicted with, and all things bear witness to this, but the people do not understand. At every moment I desire to ascend to the Supreme Companion, yet the decree of destiny holdeth Me back. Verily, thou hearest My words from the direction of the prison. Therefore, cut thyself off from those who have disbelieved in God and remember this Prisoner. Forget not My days and My Manifestation. Thus doth the Pen of thy Lord command thee, that thou mayest be of those who act. And glory be upon thee and upon those who walk in the good-pleasure of their Lord.

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O Muhammad-Rida, who hath taken refuge in the House! He is the Mighty. O Rida, bear thou witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, and that He hath ever been All-Wise. With Him is the knowledge of the unseen in the heavens and earth, and He is cognizant of all things. He knoweth what the treacherous eye beholdeth and what the insincere conceal in their breasts, even if it be as minute as a speck or a date-stone. He it is Who causeth the night to pass into day and the day to pass into night, and ordereth all things through His wisdom - and who is greater than God in wisdom or more truthful in utterance? O Rida, be thou content with thyself and with whatsoever hath befallen thee and Us. Be patient in adversity and tribulation, and grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God, for He doth keep account of thee. He aideth such of His servants as hold fast unto Him and follow the paths of guidance, and are strong in His Cause. Say: They who choose for themselves a protector other than God - these have lost whatsoever they have wrought, and weak indeed are both the seeker and the sought, and God is aware of all things. Say: O people, believe in God and His signs, and transgress not the bounds set by God, and spread not corruption in the land. All this is My bidding unto you and My remembrance of you - through it take ye a path unto God, your Lord. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon those who call upon God at morn and eventide.

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First, I will translate the text:

At the beginning of speech We thank God and praise Him for having delivered and saved thee from the wrongdoing people. He is the Mighty, the All-Sufficient. O My companion in prison! For We were imprisoned in the prison even as thou wert imprisoned in the prison, and this was from the decree of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Verily, thou shouldst thank God for what hath befallen thee even as We thank God for what hath befallen Us, and We are in manifest thanksgiving. Say: By God! There hath befallen Us what hath not befallen anyone of those of old or of latter times, and were I to mention but a single letter thereof, the heavens and earth would be rent asunder - save whom thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days, willeth. And thou, grieve not over anything, but be patient, yea be patient, for verily the end belongeth to the patient ones. And if tribulations touch thee, be not troubled but trust in God, the Everlasting, the Mighty. Blessed art thou for having followed Us in calamities and tribulations, and then the near servants of God. Hold thou fast unto steadfastness in this Path which hath been raised up in truth from One mighty and powerful. Live thy days in joy from God such that the harm of satans may not overturn thee. And if thou findest in a heart My love, associate with him; otherwise shun him and be of those who turn away. And if thine eyes oppose thee in My love, pluck them out and turn not unto them. And verily this is My bidding unto thee and unto every trustworthy believer. Then convey Our greetings unto all who are in thy household, both young and old. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the servants of God, the monotheists.

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O Isma'il! In the name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Mighty! O servant, hear the call of this servant who hath sacrificed his spirit in the path of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Remember thyself at all times lest thou be veiled by the hints of those who have disbelieved in God after He came in the shadows of clouds with manifest sovereignty. Drink thou the Kawthar of life from the hands of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Bestower, and be not of the heedless ones. Fear thou nothing in the path of God and be not disturbed by the hosts of the oppressors. Verily, those who have been martyred in God's path, these shall abide in gardens and delight - the maidens of Paradise shall circle round them with chalices of Kawthar and Salsabil, and the denizens of the Supreme Concourse shall find solace in their company, while youths shall serve them morning and evening. Be thou enkindled with the heat of thy Lord's love that the heedless among His servants may be enkindled from thee. Sanctify thyself from all that thy Lord hath forbidden thee in His Tablets and follow not the ways of the deluded ones. Unite with the loved ones of God and shun the devils who whisper in the breasts of men and call them to rebellion. By God! They are but in manifest error. Preserve thou God's Tablet and recite what hath been revealed therein that thy face may be illumined thereby amongst all peoples. Keep far from the manifestations of negation and draw nigh unto those who remember God at eventide and at dawn, and thou shalt find in their faces the radiance of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen counselled thee while it was in grievous sorrow. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

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In His Name, the Ruler over what was and what will be! O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the Kingdom of Names from the direction of thy Lord, the Creator of heaven. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath created all things for His remembrance and praise, after the recognition of His Self, the One Who overshadoweth all worlds. When the veil was rent asunder and the All-Bountiful appeared, every remote denier turned away from Him. Verily, He is the Balance of Truth between the heavens and the earth. By Him are all deeds weighed, and from Him doth every wise command appear. How many servants acknowledged God, yet when He was made manifest they denied Him, having followed the evil ones. This is a Day that cannot be compared with the days that are past, as witnesseth His light, which God hath made to be among the lights of His radiant and luminous countenance. Arise to serve God and praise Him in such wise that there may appear from thee that which shall gladden the hearts of them that know. Shatter the idols by the power of thy Lord, the Master of all men, then be thou steadfast and among the firm. Shun those from whom thou dost scent offensive odors, and draw nigh unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Leave the pond to its people, then turn with an illumined heart to the Ocean that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and for the revelation unto thee of this wondrous Tablet. Preserve it, then recite it morning and evening. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, then make me to be of those

who have circled round Thy good-pleasure with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the allusions of the deniers.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O servant! Be thou gladdened within thyself, for verily We were with thee at the time when thou didst rend asunder the veils and didst make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast fulfilled God's Covenant and discharged His trust in these days wherein most people have taken for themselves a lifeless calf that loweth not, for We have withdrawn from it the spirit of life, and thus it remaineth a dead body. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Then bear thou witness, even as all things at this moment bear witness, that sovereignty on that Day belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing. He verily forgetteth not His servants who remember Him at eventide and at dawn, and at sunset and at daybreak. Be thou as thou hast been, then aid thy Lord through utterance, and fear not the hosts of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, for they shall on that Day find no place of refuge. And verily Our name the All-Bountiful was present before the Face and attained the presence of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Forgiving, and appeared before the Face by Our leave. Thus doth it beseem everyone who hath believed in God and detached himself from the wicked. God hath ordained for thee a station among stations, and He wasteth not the reward of those who have done good in His Cause, and all things with Him have their measure. Remember thou on Our behalf those who were with thee, then gladden them with the mention I have made of them, that they may rejoice within themselves. This is the recompense of those who have trodden the path of the righteous. Blessed art thou, and blessed are they, and blessed are those who have believed in God and detached themselves from the evil-doers. And the glory of this Glory be upon thee throughout the duration of His exalted, All-Forgiving Self.

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O Muhammad the Perfumer, who was blessed with the presence of God! He is the All-Knowing in the luminous horizon. O servant! Days have passed and thy letter hath not appeared before the Throne. It is as though thou hast forgotten thy Lord and remained far from the shore of nearness. Hast thou forgotten the time when thou didst attain the presence of the Beauty and the Sun of Glory shone upon thee from a holy and exalted horizon? Take heed lest thou forget the favor of thy Lord, for His favor towards thee was great. Arise in the love of God and His Cause, then leave behind all who are in the heavens and earth, save those in whose hearts thou findest the love of thy Lord. Thus doth command thee the holy and luminous Pen. Shun those who have denied the Point of the Bayan in this Revelation which hath appeared from God's horizon. And sit not with those who have taken vain imaginings as their lord instead of God and who have been deprived of the lights of this Dawn. Say: The Sun hath risen and the Day of God hath appeared, effacing thereby the light of the stars, if ye be possessed of insight. When the Tablet of God reacheth thee, take it with such humility as is praiseworthy in the sight of thy Lord. Be not of those who

forgot God's covenant and broke His testament, unaware of what they did, and returned to their families rejoicing. Say: Soon shall ye find yourselves in the fire, and whenever ye cry for help therein, ye shall be helped with yet another torment. Thus hath it been decreed on that Day by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise for the idolaters. And the glory be upon thee if thou remainest steadfast in His love.

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Here is the revelation sent down concerning Mulla 'Ali of Kand who rules in Ta (Tabriz): He is the Avenger, possessed of mighty vengeance. O 'Ali! Muhammad, the Apostle of God, weeps at thy tyranny in that thou didst follow thy passions and turn away from guidance. Rejoice not in what thou hast done, for thy Lord lieth in wait. Thou hast pronounced judgment against those who have believed in God on this Day whereon thy face and the faces of those who have broken the Covenant have been darkened. The Bearer of Glad-Tidings came to you and gave you tidings of this Revelation by which the horizons were illumined. You turned away from it just as those before you turned away when the Sun of Knowledge dawned from the horizon of Hijaz. God seized them for their sin and made them a sign unto those possessed of understanding. Dost thou imagine that thou art a guide unto the people? Nay, by the Lord of Lords! By thy command was shed the blood of those through whom the winds have blown and rivers have flowed. The Holy Spirit lamented for them, the thunder cried out and the clouds wept. Fear God and be not proud before Him Who created thee by His command. Return unto Him with humility and contrition. Dost thou rejoice in the tribulations that have befallen Us? We have accepted them in the path of God and from beneath the sword We summon men unto the Lord of the Day of Judgment. None on earth can prevent Us from that which We have been commanded by thy Lord, the Almighty, the Compeller. Can the power of creation hold Us back? Nay, by the Self of Truth, even if every possessor of might and authority should oppose Us. Hearken unto the words of one who counseleth thee, if thou wilt listen for thine own sake. And if thou turnest away, verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

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O Supreme Pen! Make mention of him who hath soared unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My Afnan! Whatsoever befalleth is in accordance with the consummate wisdom of God, especially in matters pertaining to the Afnan. Soon shall that which hath been mentioned reveal its effects throughout all regions. The world itself at every moment testifieth to its own evanescence. What joy is there that grief hath not overtaken? What exaltation that change hath not pursued? What abode from which the wailing of weeping hath not arisen? And what might and power that the talons of weakness and impotence have not seized? Yet, by My life, that which hath befallen you, though outwardly it appeareth as fire, inwardly it is light. The tongue of the Wronged One in this prison testifieth to that which hath been mentioned, and beyond it those who were created by God's binding Word. Your tribulation hath grieved My heart and My Pen, for the Tree hath related you unto it and made you to be of the people of Baha in a perspicuous Book. God willing, in all conditions you shall remain fixed upon the most exalted horizon and

patient in that which hath befallen you. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to those who quaff the choice wine of inner meanings. Verily, We send Our greetings unto them and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible! O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Baqir! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Him Who is encompassed by tribulation, from the Divine Lote-Tree set in motion by the stirring of the verses of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Compelling. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and there hath been sent down for thee that which causeth spirits to soar and breezes to waft. This sufficeth thee, if thou be of those endowed with insight. Give thanks unto God for this bounty, with which nothing on earth can compare. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Grieve not for being prevented from attaining His presence. The schemes of the schemers have come between Us and thee. Be content with what God hath ordained in His Book. He hath decreed for you the reward of those who have turned towards Him. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Blessed are ye for having migrated and journeyed and turned towards the Dawning-Place of the revelation of your Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Return to your lands by God's command and decree, then give the servants to drink from the choice wine of the remembrance of the name of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Blessed is he who obeyeth the command of his Lord - he hath attained unto all good. Thus doth testify the Supreme Pen, and behind it thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Mutual Calling. Know ye that We have forbidden the servants to shed blood and to slay those who have denied God, the Lord of lords. For this cause hath the matter reached such a pass that one who hath no authority hath assailed Us, and one who is smaller than a fly hath transgressed against Us. Thus have We recounted unto thee and sent down from the heaven of command that which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of the righteous.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Blessed art thou for having turned thy face unto My presence and for having had thy name mentioned before My throne, after that which befell Me in the path of God, the Lord of all names, when I was immersed in oceans of tribulation. Arise through thy Lord's power and say: O people! This is not a day for hesitation. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Say: This is God's grace amongst you which hath appeared in truth - turn ye, O people of insight! This is God's path amidst you - advance, O ye who possess understanding! This is a day whereon it behoveth every soul, upon hearing the call from the direction of his Lord, the Most High, to cast aside all else and say: "Here am I, O Lord of earth and heaven!" Take thou the chalice of salvation in the name of Him Who sendeth the winds and Who cleaveth the dawn, and sprinkle thereof upon souls and spirits, that perchance the peoples of the world may arise to fulfill what thy Lord, the Lord of all possibility, hath desired. Be thou in all conditions observant of wisdom and utterance - this is what ye have been commanded by the All-

Merciful in most of the Tablets. Blessed art thou for having cast away and taken up that which thou didst when thou didst attain unto the Tablet of thy Lord. Take it with the hand of acceptance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Self-Sufficing, the Most High! I testify that Thou hast desired him who desired Thee and dost answer him who calleth upon Thee. And I testify that by Thy light the horizons were illumined. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and pay no heed to those who turn away and object. Soon shall they pass away and find for themselves no refuge, and the smile of the world shall brighten with your remembrance. Thus hath the Pen of the Ancient of Days been moved - verily He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

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O Mahdi! Verily, this man is moved by vain desires. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Therefore have We commanded thee not to dwell in his house, for thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Avoid him, for he desires to sow corruption among the servants, and all that he utters is manifest falsehood. We beseech God to aid all to remain steadfast in His Cause - verily He is powerful over all things. Should he speak again, arise to respond through the power of thy Lord, that there may appear from thee that which will give assurance that thou art upon a straight path. The man's purpose is corruption. For some time he has sought two emblems from the Branch, but it was not permissible that either be given to him. Then he united with an outsider to sow hatred, and during this time he never made any inquiry. In any case, whatever he has said was false - his purpose being to cause fear in some for his own ends. After responding, it is necessary to avoid him. As for what he said about Yahya's letters, say: "We have seen more of them than you, and even now we will give you as many as you wish. All these letters were not and are not worth a penny. And that person who told you these things was himself the first to turn away from Yahya. Now, due to the rancor hidden in his breast, he has conveyed these words to you. Soon you will understand and confirm what has been mentioned. Do not attribute this to us - speak from yourself and do not mention anyone's name."

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O Breeze of the Morn! When thou beholdest the people of Baha, recount unto them the story of the Youth, that perchance they may arise to assist this lonely Wronged One. Say: He is in such tribulation as hath no parallel in all creation. Were it to be mentioned, the tongue of all things would proclaim: Verily, this is a grievous tribulation. We desired not the sorrow of the loved ones, and therefore We concealed it, for We are the Concealer, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Grieve not over anything. Arise to make mention of your Ancient Lord, that perchance the breaths of verses may waft over all created things and draw them to God, the Mighty, the Peerless. Among the people are those who in the days of God have occupied themselves with their own desires, and among them are those who have cast aside all else, taking fast hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. It behooveth the people of Baha to be in such wise that neither the cawing of the people of the world nor the hypocrisy of those who have denied this manifest Cause will affect them. Be ye assured of God's grace and mercy, and be as one soul. Thus

doth He command you Who is imprisoned in the land of exile - the Powerful, the Trustworthy. Blessed is the face that hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the eye that hath been solaced by gazing upon the horizon of submission. O Breeze! Art thou able to arise to convey the Cause of thy Lord, or dost thou find thyself among the fearful? Melodies have their modes, and songs their measures. None can hear and understand save those whom We have made the ears of the world. We have caused the Ark of Inner Meanings to sail upon the sea of utterance, that thy heart may rejoice thereat and thou mayest be of the thankful. When thou attainest unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having honored my name through Thy wondrous remembrance.

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=== START BH04402 ===

O Mirza Ahmad of Burujird, upon him be the Glory of God

In His Name, through Whom the light of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has shone forth!

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who made mention of Me and turned towards My horizon on a day whereon was revealed that which had been hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne - a day whereon the concealed was unveiled and the treasured was brought forth, and every wise command. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and dispute not His verses. Judge fairly concerning that which has been revealed in truth, and be not of the wrongdoers. Through the nights and days you were beseeching your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, to send unto you one who would guide you to His straight path. When the promise came to pass, He came with grace, and on His right was the banner of “He doeth what He willeth” and on His left the standard whereon was inscribed by the Pen of Grace: “The Lord of Justice hath come with a manifest and radiant light.” Thereupon you rose up against Him and pronounced sentence to shed His pure and luminous blood. When thou hast taken the chalice of Mine utterance in My Name and drunk therefrom in remembrance of Me, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the light of Thy knowledge and Thine establishment upon the throne of Thy proof, to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy creation. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else save Thee and turning towards the horizon of Thy grace. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto the court of Thy might and the precincts of Thy holiness. Then write down for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

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O Talib, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Expositor! God willing, drink ye of the wine of divine will in such wise that ye may behold all the wills of the world as evanescent and non-existent beneath the shadow of God’s will. How beloved is utter nothingness before absolute Being! Consider how many afflictions and tribulations have befallen the Cause of God and His loved ones in this

Most Great Revelation, successively and continuously, and that the purpose of bearing these hardships hath been the exaltation of God's Cause and the elevation of the manifestation of His divine will. Now must the friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of the love of God arise with the utmost effort and endeavor to establish that which is the object of His purpose and to purify the people from their former idle fancies through the Kawthar of divine remembrance, that all may attain unto that which God hath willed. Observe ye the paucity of people's understanding - some behold in the divine Tablets naught but paper and ink. Well was it said that the blind eye perceiveth naught of the sun save its heat. By the life of God! Were anyone to gaze with the eye of insight upon a single Tablet, he would witness rivers of life flowing and coursing through it, each drop thereof the quickener of all things. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Clear, the Wise, the All-Informed. With perfect trust and detachment must we deliver the people from the darkness of doubt and discord, that they may turn unto the Dawning-Place of God's Cause. Blessed are they that act! Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O handmaid of God [Shamsi]! He is the One Who abideth through His own Self! God willing, may you be enraptured by the remembrance of Truth and rejoicing in His mention. Keep the heart, which is the dawning-place of divine manifestation, sanctified and purified from aught else but Him, that the lights of the manifestation of the true Sovereign may appear therein. The Truth, exalted be His station and His transcendent loftiness, hath ever been and shall ever be sanctified from ascent and descent. However, every place that is purified from the dust of self and the refuse of desire shall be blessed with the lights of His manifestation. One must strive with the utmost endeavor and effort to attain this exalted and most high station. Blessed art thou for having turned to God, and blessed is thy father who ascended unto Him with a radiant countenance. Verily, he is the one whom We named with Our Most Truthful Name and whom We caused to enter the precincts of the Throne, and upon whom We shed the light of Our most beautiful names and Our most exalted attributes. We bear witness that he drank the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who visiteth him in the Land of Ha and thereby draweth near unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon the Truth and hold fast to the cord of His grace. The handmaid is mentioned before the Throne and is the recipient of divine favors. God willing, she must turn her face to the Most Exalted Horizon and be detached and free from aught else but Him. Convey My loving greetings to her face and to thy aunt who desired to drink the water of life on this wondrous Day. Say to her: Tarry not, but follow My straight and manifest path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of the peerless Lord! May you, through the grace of the Beloved of all worlds, O Jinab-i-Karim, be detached from all else save God and be occupied with Him, and at all times and seasons be mindful of the divine commandments and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. The Supreme Pen declareth: Division and discord have been and shall ever be the cause of the dissipation

of the Cause of God. Indeed, certain souls who had accepted the Faith became hesitant and bewildered due to the discord that emerged in that land. Discord is a consuming fire that must be quenched by the waters of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the one who striveth to promote unity of hearts and fellowship among souls. His reward resteth with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. People are so weak that they have failed to comprehend that the True One, exalted be His glory, hath been and is sanctified from the deeds of men - neither do their evil deeds harm Him, nor do their good deeds profit Him. How can souls who have failed to grasp this station comprehend the subtle divine questions? One such as yourself must at all times remind the friends and companions through wisdom and utterance of God's all-embracing Word, that all may become united in the divine Cause and attain unto the station of a single being and essence. No deed remaineth hidden from the Truth. He shall reward those who have arisen to aid His Cause and have voiced His praise. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of the One Incomparable God! O handmaiden of God! The eye of God is watching thee, and from His all-encompassing mercy and pre-existing favor, He calleth unto thee from this manifest Prison, that thou mayest arise to serve the Lord of creation with utmost sanctity, detachment and consecration. How many men have been deprived of God and failed to recognize Him, and how many women have turned toward the Most Great Sea and attained unto the bounteous, the most bountiful One! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the presence of God and drunk from the Kawthar of reunion. His is the grace and the bestowal, His the bounty and the generosity. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. We make mention of Light and glorify her from this station both far and near. O Light! When thou wert young thou didst attain unto the presence of the All-Knowing, the Most Experienced One, and didst dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Hope until thou didst grow up. Now thou must arise to serve Him, that is, to remember Him in His remembrance and praise Him in His praise, but with consummate wisdom. Such is the divine counsel that hath flowed from the Eternal Pen. We moreover make mention of him who clung to the hem of My loving-kindness at the time of My departure from My house and My proceeding to My Ridvan wherein We shed upon all things the splendor of Our most excellent names and Our most exalted attributes. Know thou this station. By My life! Through this thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the cities of names. Exalted is the bounty of thy Lord, He Who rules over earth and heaven. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O nightingales of the divine rose-garden and O birds of the eternal paradise! The morn of divine glad-tidings has dawned from the horizon of the soul, and the fire of Mosaic guidance blazes forth from the Sacred Tree of celestial glory. The divine paradise has been adorned with wondrous spiritual flowers, and the Tree of ancient Life has grown in the highest heaven. The cypress-like form of the Beloved has raised its stature in the gardens of the soul like the cypress of the rose-garden. The nightingales of the true

paradise cry out in ecstasy from the radiance of the Rose and the overflow of the wine-vessels, and the lovers of the Friend's countenance are struck senseless and bewildered by the light of His face and the melodies of the Nightingale of the rose-garden. They hear with the ear of inner awareness the call of the divine Herald in that life-giving expanse of the Sinai of Oneness. Therefore, O seekers of the Beauty of the All-Glorious, O wayfarers on the path of the peerless King, gird up the loins of endeavor, that you may take your portion from this universal bounty and all-embracing mercy, and receive your share from this boundless ocean of the grace of the divine King of Oneness, and partake of this table of everlasting favor which has encompassed all regions and been bestowed upon all atoms of existence according to the justice of the Worshipped One. Strive that, God willing, through His grace you may soar like celestial birds in this holy rose-garden, arrive at this shore of the Most Great Sea, and drink from this pure spring and everlasting Kawthar. All this is from the grace which was in the days of God witnessed and from the heaven of holiness sent down.

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=== START BH04408 ===

He is God, the Most High

O father! The Most Exalted Pen commands: Ponder now upon your son and gaze with the most pure vision toward the Greatest Scene. After all, every flower has had its fragrance and every light its radiance and manifestation. Consider what fire has enkindled your son and what light has attracted him. The fragrance of the divine paradise is clearly distinct from all else, and the taste of honey is manifestly different from that of colocynth. The divine Cause has never been confused with aught else, and the Word of God has ever shone bright and radiant like the sun. Yet people have confused themselves and continue to do so. Bilal was an Abyssinian and had no knowledge of learning - how is it that today you accept and believe in him, while considering all the Jewish and Christian divines who lived in the time of the Messenger of God (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him) to be ignorant, irreligious and infidels? Now that same Cause has appeared and that same Word has shed its radiance. Let not the opposition of the divines and the people prevent you from the truth. In this luminous morn, deprive not yourself of the outpourings of the All-Merciful. Know thou the value of this Tablet. Were it not for consideration of your love for your son, you would not have attained to such a bounty even if you had given away all that is on earth. Though it has been revealed briefly, yet oceans of meaning lie concealed within it. Reflect, that you may know and say: "Praise be to God for what I have attained unto, and I am of those who have repented."

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! O Hasan! The entire world has been and is from God, and God, exalted be His glory, has educated and continues to educate all the peoples of the earth. This is why He has called Himself the Lord of all the worlds. Exalted be His grace, exalted be His generosity, exalted be His bounty! However, today His special favors are directed toward this party. The sun shines forth with this name, and the clouds shower forth the rain of mercy with this name. Were it not for the souls who

have accepted the Faith becoming the cause of prevention of divine outpourings, they would now witness the sun of “God will render everyone independent out of His abundance” rising and shining from the horizon of the world. Discord has been and will ever be a deadly poison. Beseech ye God to transform this discord into harmony and unity. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Should the loved ones of God attain to this most exalted station, they will observe divine bestowals, blessings and outpourings at all times. This is the Luminary of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that act accordingly, and woe unto the heedless! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whom the hearts have been attracted and the fragrance of Thy beloved Name hath been diffused! I beseech Thee by the Divine Lote-Tree and its branches, O Lord of all beings, to ordain for me from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace that which I desire. My Lord! Everything testifieth to Thy bounty and grace. Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity, Thy mercy and Thy favor. Ordain for me through Thy pen of destiny that which will render me independent through Thy riches. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Bountiful, the Generous, the Kind.

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=== START BH04410 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

O friends of the one true God! Today the ocean appears with another wave and the sun shines with a greater light. From all atoms is heard “The Lord of Names and Attributes has come!” It seems the world has been adorned with a new ornament. Blessed is the one whom the conditions of the divines and theologians have not deprived of the fragrances of verses. When thou hast attained unto My tablet and found the fragrance of the utterance of the Wronged One, say:

My God, my God! […] by what Thou didst testify before the creation of earth and heaven, and by what the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been seated upon the throne of Thy grandeur, speaking that which guided all to Thy path. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by the power before which the might of the world and the strength of nations grew weak, to ordain for me what will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, then decree for me what befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning to Thee and turning away from all else. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Throne and Thy seating upon it, by the hidden and treasured mysteries in the treasuries of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy days, uttering Thy remembrance and praise, and hearing what hath appeared and will appear from the kingdom of Thine utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom the defenses of the world and the hosts of nations cannot prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

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=== START BH04411 ===

O Kamal, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the peerless, one true God. The All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, makes mention of thee from within the Most Great Prison. No bounty hath been or

shall ever be greater than this. May thou be occupied at all times with teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the vain imaginings of men may be effaced through the waters of the love of the Lord of creation, and they may turn toward the known Station and the Self-Subsisting Name. Say: O servants! Most of what ye have heretofore heard is naught but invention and fancy. Hearts and ears must be cleansed of all they have heard and understood, that they may become the recipients of the effulgent splendors of the Lord of Verses and the Dawning-Place of clear proofs. Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and the servant present submitted it in its entirety. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou! Joy be unto thee, then joy be unto thee, inasmuch as thou didst recognize the Dayspring of Revelation while He was veiled behind curtains of light, and didst attain His presence, and drink the choice wine of reunion with Him, and hear His most sweet call, and behold His most glorious countenance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Thou must occupy thyself, with utmost sanctity and detachment and the essence of severance and the quintessence of fear of God, in praising the Lord of Names amidst all people. Sacred Tablets were successively revealed and dispatched over many years, that thou mightest witness with clear certitude the bounty of the Lord of the Day of Judgment and rejoice in His mercy. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon all who are with thee, whether female or male, young or old.

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O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden Izzat Bigum! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from the direction of the Most Great Prison. I swear by My beauty, it draweth thee to a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing.” I swear by the Sun of Truth that the entire world cannot equal one word that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen. Know thou the value of the utterance of the All-Merciful and preserve this most mighty and most holy Tablet as thou wouldst thy life. He remembereth thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Of this doth testify He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. The Ocean of Forgiveness hath at this moment, which God hath made the sovereign of all moments, turned towards one who hath quaffed the choice wine of My love and attained unto hearkening unto My call and ascended unto the Supreme Companion through My command and My will. We have forgiven him as a token of Our grace and have absolved him of his transgressions. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Beloved of the nations, for having turned toward Thy handmaiden the gaze of Thy loving-kindness and the glance of Thy mercy. Thou art in truth the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Kind, the Merciful.” O Zahra! The Lord of Names saith: Thy call was heard and the fragrance of thy love reached the Most Great Scene. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having attained unto the love of Him from Whom the learned and the mystics have turned aside, save whom God hath willed, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy mother and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH04413 ===

He is the One Who speaks the truth in the Kingdom of Utterance

O saplings of existence! It is hoped that in this divine springtime and luminous day you will be made fresh and verdant by the rain-showers from the cloud of the grace of the Lord, and that from your movement to right and left may be heard the blessed words “The Beloved has come!” Today verses are being revealed at every moment and evident signs appear before all faces. The friends must hold fast to service to the Cause and cling to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. O Joseph! You have attained to that which most of the people of the earth are deprived of. You have approached and attained the presence and heard what Moses heard from the Blessed Tree. The Supreme Pen bears witness to your turning and devotion. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made mention of me and caused me to hear and to behold Thy call and Thy signs and the horizon of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee, O King of earth and heaven, by Thy Name which holds sway over the seen and unseen, and by Thy greatest signs which have encompassed existence, and by Thy Cause through which the idol and the evil one have wailed, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy service and a helper to Thy religion. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere ones and ardent lovers and those who long for Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, by Thy Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who have attained the presence of the Countenance and have heard the call of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

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=== START BH04414 ===

O Hibatullah, son of His Holiness the Most Great Haji! The Supreme Pen declares: Your letter was presented before the Face and was adorned with the lights of the glance of the Lord of Power. Today it behooveth thee to remain firm and steadfast in the [mighty] Cause of the All-Powerful, in such wise that the denizens of the Supreme Concourse may inhale from thee the fragrance of love for the Lord of Names. From the countenance of whosoever attaineth unto this station, the radiance of the All-Merciful is witnessed. Fix thy gaze at all times upon the horizon of the All-Merciful and be occupied with His remembrance, for His remembrance hath ever been and shall continue to be the quickener of hearts. This is a Day wherein all must arise to aid the Cause and become detached and free from aught else but God. How excellent is the state of those souls who have quaffed the true wine from the hand of divine favor and soar in the holy atmosphere of the spirit. In this station the inward is the outward itself, and the outward the very inward. And in one of the Tablets there hath been revealed something even beyond this station, namely: “The inward of the inward of the inward unto whatsoever God willeth,” appearing in the form of a chalice that it may become the bearer of the Pure Wine which in this Revelation floweth from the right hand of the Throne. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk thereof and attained thereunto and recognized its worth. Reflect upon this utterance which hath streamed forth from the Pen of the Will of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest attain unto that which God intendeth. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto thy Lord in thy days for having revealed unto thee this Tablet from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

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=== START BH04415 ===

He is He! These are the days of tests, and the seas of differences and trials are surging, and the standards of doubtful things are raised from every corner in corruption and loss. It is known that no veiling is more severe than being veiled from the Truth, and no fire is hotter than separation from Him. At every moment take refuge in God, in the Manifestation of His Self, and act according to what is His good-pleasure - for this is the fruit of existence and the mystery of the intended purpose. Then rest upon the most elevated pavilions and the most impregnable strongholds. Let not the call of some of the hosts of negation cause you to doubt, and be not heedless of the Truth, for in every Revelation such differences have appeared. But God will establish His Cause, and God will manifest His light though the corrupt may detest it. In all days be watchful over the Cause of God, avoid negation, and dwell in the land of affirmation. Be prostrate before that Essential Reality Who has ever been and will ever be seated upon the throne of glory. No sanctified and holy being has ever praised His sacred Essence, for He has ever described His glory through His own glorious Essence and praised His bounty through His own bountiful Identity. All bounties have prostrated themselves before His bounty and all glories will bow down before the manifestations of His glory, for everything will come into being through the glory of His bounty. So glorified, glorified is He above what the wrongdoers say!

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=== START BH04416 ===

In the Name of the One True God! O Siyyid Asadu'llah! The days which were inscribed aforetime in the divine Books have become manifest and visible, and the morn of Revelation hath dawned from the horizon of Will with resplendent light. The ocean of divine knowledge, which adorneth the heavenly tablets, hath appeared in creation with perfect manifestation and surging waves, and the sun of wisdom and inner meanings hath risen, shining and evident, from the dawning-place of the divine Will. Yet veils have prevented hearts, and the disease of selfish desires hath deprived eyes from beholding. Thus it is observed that although the divine Call is raised at all times, the people remain debarred and withered, nay rather dead, save for a few who have quaffed from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's recognition and, intoxicated, occupy themselves with the mention of the One Beloved in the gathering of contingent beings. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! By My life, theirs shall be a goodly return. The friends in that land all stand before the Gate and dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence. The Most Exalted Pen commandeth them all to the Most Great Steadfastness, for the satans lie in wait and every falsehood, clothed in the garment of truth, leadeth the people astray. Therefore the souls who have accepted the Cause of God must remain steadfast in such wise that, having recognized the Truth and been blessed by His grace, they shall see themselves independent and in no need of the world. This is the station of the people of Baha which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Blessed are they that know, and joy be to them that have attained!

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He is the One Who has dominion over all names. This servant has ever remembered the friends and summoned all to the supreme horizon, yet most have remained deprived of the fragrances of these days, for they have fixed their gaze upon the manifestations of fancy and idle imaginings. Glory be to God! The Sun of Revelation has dawned from the horizon of Sinai in such wise that none has any excuse to hesitate or delay. We beseech God to erase the traces of heedlessness and not to deprive His loved ones of the fruits of the Tree of Knowledge. O Ha' before Shin! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. We hope that on this Day of God the loved ones will not be held back from the depths of the ocean of oneness and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and will remain protected from the barking ones, the doubtful, and the deniers. The world is bewildered, for it is observed that the servants, out of love for two fleeting days, have closed and continue to close their eyes to everlasting, eternal blessings. Thus it is that the intoxication of heedlessness hath seized most of them. Say: My God, my God! Aid me in Thy days to truly witness and hearken, lest the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the people hold me back from drawing nigh unto the gate of Thy mercy, which Thou hast opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will make me powerful through Thy power and willing through Thy Will. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this mighty cord. 9 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1307

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In the Name of God, the One, and peace be upon him after whom there shall be no Prophet. This is an epistle from the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto recognition, acknowledged the oneness of God, and confessed that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. O Zayn! Glad tidings of concord and unity have a mighty effect in the world. All factions among the peoples have attained unto lofty stations, save the odious Shi'ih faction. Each day, like unto Pharaoh, they sink one or two spans deeper, and perceive it not. Glory be to God! The change in the taste of that faction every morning consists of one, two or three curses which emerge from the treasury of denial. They consider themselves the most exalted people in the world, and likewise the most learned, the most excellent and the most high, whereas in the estimation of those possessed of insight they were and are not even mentioned, and in the sight of the Concourse on High they are regarded as lower than animals. In any case, beseech ye God that He may enable all to attain unto that which is the cause of elevation and exaltation. In these days news hath arrived from the land of Ta concerning the unity and concord of the friends. Praise be to God, that faction hath abandoned corruption and contention, and hath laid hold on that which conduceth to the reformation of the world and the education of the souls of nations. Make mention of the friends on behalf of the Wronged One. God willing, may they be set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and illumined by the light of His knowledge. The peace shining forth from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and hearken unto thy words concerning righteousness and piety, and upon every one who is steadfast and upright.

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O Siyyid Zaman, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! One must hearken with the soul to hear the call of the Beloved of the worlds which has been raised from the Prison. And whoever has attained to this supreme honor and mighty gift will not be held back from the Most Great Horizon and the Lord of Power by the adornments, riches and might of the world. The beauty of the world will not captivate him, nor will its dominion and majesty frighten him. He will drink of the Choice Wine that had been sealed through the name of the Self-Subsisting, in such wise that neither the clamor of the world nor the tumult of the nations will deprive him from the presence of the Friend. O friends! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One, and act in accordance with what befits the Day of God. The rising and setting, the dawning and declining of the world proclaim on His behalf and make all aware of its change, transformation and evanescence. Blessed is the soul that is not occupied with its vain and transient conditions, nor with its unprofitable and worthless manifestations, and is not held back from the one true Goal. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed in the most wondrous Persian tongue, that thou mayest drink from the chalices of the words of the All-Merciful the living waters, and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Be thou thankful and among those who give thanks. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have done that which they were bidden in His mighty Book.

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=== START BH04420 ===

He is the Wronged One! Alas, alas! O God of Mercy! Thou didst ever console Thy servants who were afflicted with calamities in Thy days. But today who can console Thee in this calamity before which all calamities bow down, and this sorrow which hath stunned all sorrows? I used to behold Thee, O Wronged One of the horizons, comforting Thy chosen ones in tribulation and adversity. But from this day forward, who shall comfort Thee in this anguish which hath transformed the lands and melted hearts? Alas beyond all alas! Alas which hath shaken the world and melted the hearts of nations, for I see Thee in such grief that Thou dost not wish to hear mention of the Ridvan, and how couldst Thou desire to see what hath been enumerated therein of Thy bounties and favors? O Lord! The fire of tyranny hath been kindled in the world - where is the light of Thy justice, O Ancient King? By Thy glory, O Thou imprisoned Wronged One! It grieveth me to see the Temple of Justice beneath the claws of tyranny, and it grieveth me to see the Dawning-Place of faithfulness in the hands of the wicked. I know not, O my God and God of earth and heaven, whether he hath drunk from the chalice of martyrdom or remaineth under the will of those through whom the standards of tyranny were raised amongst creation. By Thy sovereignty, O Beloved of the world and Desired One of the seen and unseen! Were the eyes of the world to weep and the hearts of nations to burn, it would not befit this catastrophe wherein all things hear the cry of Thy heart and the lament of Thy soul. I testify that this is a calamity that cannot be mentioned by the pen nor described by the tongue. The affair is in the hands of God, Lord of all possibility.

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Create in me a pure heart, O my God, and renew a tranquil conscience within me, O my Hope! Through the spirit of power confirm Thou me in Thy Cause, O my Best-Beloved, and by the light of Thy glory reveal unto me Thy path, O Thou the Goal of my desire! Through the power of Thy transcendent might lift me up unto the heaven of Thy holiness, O Source of my being, and by the breezes of Thine eternity gladden me, O Thou Who art my God! Let Thine everlasting melodies breathe tranquillity on me, O my Companion, and let the riches of Thine ancient countenance deliver me from all except Thee, O my Master, and let the tidings of the revelation of Thine incorruptible Essence bring me joy, O Thou Who art the most manifest of the manifest and the most hidden of the hidden!

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=== START BH04422 ===

Jinab-i-'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of the Mighty, the All-Powerful! By the testimony of all divine Books, this Day is the Day of God and this Cause is His Cause. Through the Most Great Word He adorned all things from nothingness with the ornament of being, and through another Word which in this moment floweth from the Supreme Pen He counseleth all, and this blessed Word which is the cause of the salvation of the world and the unity of nations is this: O friends of God! There are many emigrants who, after arrival and observation and hearing, return to their countries. Some speak of the truth, that is, of what they have heard from the tongue of the Wronged One, while others are occupied with vain imaginings. Should any word of discord appear from any soul, that word was not and is not from the Truth. The Dispensations have culminated in this Most Great Manifestation. Beseech ye God that He may adorn souls with the ornament of fairness, lest they again become the cause of discord and the shedding of blood. This is what the Wronged One hath ordained and counseled unto the friends of God and His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. When thou hast received My Writings and My Tablet, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn towards the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and shown me Thy path, and made me hear Thy verses. I beseech Thee by them who hastened unto the place of sacrifice and offered up their souls and all they possessed in Thy path, O Lord of all being, to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great."

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In the name of Him Who rules over all names!

By God! The Mother Book hath been sent down, yet the people do not understand. That which was recorded in the Book hath been fulfilled, and the All-Bestowing One hath come with a sovereignty that neither ranks nor hosts could withstand. He hath spoken the truth and summoned the people with the most exalted call to the praiseworthy station. Among them are those who hastened to the supreme

horizon, and among them are those who turned away and disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath attained to hearing, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Say: O concourse of the earth! Do ye not behold the ocean and its waves, and the sun and its radiance? Do ye not hear that which hath been raised from the supreme horizon? Fear God and be not of those who turned away from the Truth when it came with manifest sovereignty. Cast behind you your vain imaginings and your idols beneath your feet, and say: O God of the worlds and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy garment, and the station of meeting Thee, and the Kawthar of reunion with Thee, that Thou mayest rend asunder the veils that have come between us and the lights of Thy countenance, and prevented us from that for which we were created in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor distance them from the shores of Thy nearness. They are Thy servants and Thy creation, possessing for themselves neither benefit nor harm, neither standing nor sitting, neither life nor resurrection. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy signs to aid them to turn unto Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

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Jinab-i-?abibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Commander commands and it behooveth the commanded one to hearken. Blessed is He Who hath sent forth His emissaries to His lands as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He desireth naught but the elevation of souls and their advancement, as this perspicuous Book doth testify. Say: O people of the earth! Cast away vice and lay hold of virtue, by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Your riches and whatsoever ye possess shall profit you not. Cast away vain imaginings and take hold of that which hath been vouchsafed unto you from God, the Lord of all worlds. O ?abibu'llah! The Supreme Pen maketh mention of thee. God willing, thou shalt attain thereunto and arise to serve the Cause with a service worthy of it. By the Sun of utterance which hath dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book, the teachers and servants of the Cause who are accounted in the Crimson Book as the chosen ones of God's Cause must needs adorn their heads with the crown of piety and their temples with the robe of detachment. Such is God's decree, both in the past and future. Well is it with them that act accordingly. We beseech God that He may sanctify all those who are related, both male and female, from whatsoever is unseemly, and confirm them in that which shall cause the exaltation and elevation of the Word. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We have made mention, and continue to make mention, of Jamal, upon him be My glory and mercy and loving-kindness. Give him the glad-tidings of My bounty and grace, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon him, and upon thy mother, and upon those who are with you, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

Blessed is He Who hath manifested Himself as He pleaseth and willeth, and hath spoken at the Focal Point of creation that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. When the Decisive Utterance appeared, the people were scattered: among them were those who broke God's Covenant and turned upon their heels, and among them were those who cast aside all else, turning unto God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Verily We informed all of this Revelation and sent down in every one of the Books We dispatched aforetime that which indicated this glorious, mighty Remembrance. Were it not for Him, God's Scriptures would not have been sent down, nor would the horizon of Revelation have shone forth with the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Generous. Every appointed time mentioned in the Tablets hath been fulfilled through this Manifest Name.

Among the people are those who play with God's verses - for this do those in the heavens and earth curse them. When it is said: "O thou heedless one! By what proof didst thou believe in God's Messengers of old?" he then sayeth that which he comprehendeth not, for he is among the distracted ones.

Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment and been drawn thereby to a station which God hath made the seat of His throne amongst the worlds. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and been numbered among the triumphant ones. The conditions of the imagined realm held thee not back from the Known One, and thou didst turn unto the Self-Subsisting when He came with the truth by a wondrous command. Were We to lift the veil and show thee the stations of those who have turned unto God, thou wouldst surely leave thy house and cry out with the loudest cry amidst all peoples, by virtue of this Name which God hath made the Dayspring of His most excellent names and the Dawning-Place of His most exalted attributes. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise thee.

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He is the One Who has dominion over what was and what shall be!

Blessed is He Who sends down the verses as He pleases and causes all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. All things have heard the call of the Lord of Names, yet most people are unaware. The mountains have been moved by the breezes of the days of God, yet the people do not understand. The inhabitants of the cities of names have been seized with rapture and longing by reason of the advent of the Ancient King with His Most Great Name, Who has manifested Himself to all who dwell in the kingdoms of the seen and unseen. Blessed is the one far who has grasped the cord of nearness, and the poor one who has drunk from the ocean of wealth which has appeared in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. We give the wine of utterance to drink to them that have recognized divine unity, and the water of life to them that are near. Blessed is he who has turned and attained that which the sincere ones have attained. We see most people as idol worshippers though they imagine themselves to be guided. Say: No, by My true Self! Those who have denied the Dawning Place of verses have lost, when He came with proofs that rendered powerless all in the heavens and earth. Blessed are the people who reflect. There is no protector today for anyone and no refuge for any soul except God Who has appeared with a sovereignty that encompasses what was and what shall be.

O servant, grieve not over anything. Trust in God in whatever befalls you. Verily He does what He wishes through His word “Be” and it is. Hold fast to the hem of your Lord’s bounty and grasp this extended cord in such wise that neither the clamoring of men nor the doubts of those who are heedless of this hidden symbol shall prevent you.

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Ukht, upon her be the Glory of God

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Thou seest, O My Lord, one of the Leaves grown out of the Tree of Thy Oneness and the mighty stock of Thy Singleness, surrounded by unbelievers, men and women alike. Thou knowest that she hath verily turned to Thee, hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and held fast to the hem of Thy favours. Consequently there befell her that which hath come to pass.

I beseech Thee, O Thou the Possessor of Names and the Fashioner of Heaven, to ordain for her that which will gladden her heart, illumine her eye and delight her bosom. O God! Protect Thy leaves from the transgressors amidst Thy handmaids who have turned away from Thy Beauty, giving allegiance to those who have refuted Thee and Thy Signs. Thou art verily He Whose power hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The dwellers of the Kingdoms of Creation and Command are unable to frustrate Thy purpose. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Most Wise.

O God, look upon her with Thy eye of favour and cast upon her a glance of Thy mercy. Protect her then from the stones of the suspicions of other women and from the darts of the vain imaginations of the sinful. Give her to drink at all times from the wine of Thy bounty, from the river of Thy favour and the wellspring of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the Ruler of the world and Thou art powerful over nations. Thou ordainest for whosoever Thou desirest what Thou wishest. No God is there but Thee, the Giver, the Forgiver and the Merciful.

[Bless Thou, O Lord my God, the Divine Lote-Tree and its leaves, and its boughs, and its branches, and its stems, and its off-shoots, as long as Thy most excellent titles will endure and Thy most august attributes will last. Protect it, then, from the mischief of the aggressor and the hosts of tyranny. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.].

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=== START BH04428 ===

He is the Most Glorious, the All-Glorious

These are the holy verses which have been sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and wise for the handmaiden of God whose [son] attained the presence of the Throne and was sustained by the

lights of God. Through them mercy hath descended from the heaven of My Name, the Most High, the Supreme. Blessed, then, is he who doth not deprive himself thereof and is numbered among those who have attained. Verily they have preceded all created things, yet none comprehend them save those possessed of keen insight. And thou, O handmaiden of God, rejoice within thyself that God hath at this time magnified thy countenance from this remote Prison and hath sent unto thee the breezes of His mercy through the hands of them that bear glad-tidings. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He doth not forget His handmaidens who have believed in God their Creator and who have detached themselves from all else. His grace hath encompassed all contingent beings, and He is nigh unto the believing women and then unto the believing men. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and turn away from that which occupieth the generality of creatures. Make mention of thy Lord in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day, for this shall suffice thee above all that hath been ordained in the heavens and on earth. Then give thanks unto thy Lord for having granted thee a goodly offspring and made them to be among His assured servants. However, beseech God thy Lord at all times that He may strengthen them in this Cause, for verily it is mighty indeed. And the glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens of God who are steadfast in the Cause, pure from defilement, preserved from uncleanliness, and have attained unto the command of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Supreme.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Overcomer of all things! These are the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Great, which have been sent down in truth as a reminder to all the worlds. All things have been perfumed by the fragrances of revelation and the Tablets through the ornament of the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. They who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament are accounted among the most lost, while they who have remained faithful to the Covenant are numbered with those who have drawn nigh unto God. Blessed is he who through his steadfastness hath illumined the horizon of guidance and through whose arising every fearful doubter hath been raised up. Through certitude is the Cause of the All-Merciful made manifest; through detachment do the hearts of them that have turned to Him take wing. Adorn your hearts with the remembrance of the Beloved and your breasts with this resplendent light. They who object to God are accounted among the heedless. Say: He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. None may object to that which He hath willed, for He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Were He to pronounce black to be white, or the high to be brought low, none may say "wherefore" or "why," and whoso sayeth so is among the cast down. He ordaineth naught for a thing save what is best for it, and speaketh not except with such wisdom as none hath comprehended save His own Self, the All-Knowing. Were He to pronounce a drop to be an ocean, verily this would be the truth, even as His very existence. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight. Say: O people, wander not in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Turn with your hearts to the dawning-place of the grace of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth that thou mayest read it and be of the thankful ones. [Leave the people] and what they possess, and take hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy. This is better for thee than all that is in the heavens and earth.

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In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Great! These are the verses of God sent down in truth, and none remember them except those possessed of understanding. Say: O people, fear God and do not oppose the One through Whose will the suns of names were eclipsed and the moon was cleft in the heaven of destiny and the mountains passed away as passing clouds. Beware, O people, lest you change God's command according to what is with you. Aid your Lord, the Most Merciful, in these days and do not follow those who have denied God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: He desires nothing for Himself, but rather desires for you what has been ordained in the Book. Say: The Day that was promised to you has come, and the face has shone forth with lights. Blessed is he who has attained unto it, and woe unto every doubting polytheist. Arise and convey to the people, as much as you are able, this Cause through which faces were transformed and necks were humbled. Be steadfast and fear no one, for verily your Lord is with you and will aid you in your cause and inspire those who remember Him at eventide and dawn. Say: Praise be to God Who has caused me to dwell beneath the shade of His mercy and delivered me from those who denied Him and made known to me the Manifestation of His Self in these days wherein God came in the shadows of clouds. Thus have We taught you the path of truth that you may walk therein and be of those who heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, then responded. And glory be upon you and upon those who have turned towards God, with Whom is the Final Judgment.

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In the name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous! These are verses which have appeared from the mouth of God with strange burning, and from each letter thereof appear grievous sighs, and none hath comprehended them save Him, the All-Knowing. Say: O people, have mercy on this Youth Who hath been afflicted amidst the company of the polytheists. Fear ye God Who created you for Himself and gave you glad tidings of His presence and promised you His manifestation at every time, and hath not made His manifestation dependent on anything that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Consider ye what was revealed aforetime that ye may be of them that know. Hearken unto the call of God from the precincts of the prison, then aid Him through whatsoever ye possess of the words of God, the Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of thy Lord and heard His call in days wherein the hearts of the loved ones were troubled and wherein arose the cries of every soul, then did weep the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Say: The Youth hath gone forth from the city by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Thus hath the matter been inscribed in the Tablet of Destiny by the Pen of God, the King, the Just, the All-Wise. Verily, they who have been deprived of the love of God are dead and not living. God hath not ordained for them any portion in this most wondrous and glorious Ridvan. Thus doth the Glory remember thee with faithfulness that thou mayest be assured that He hath excelled in faithfulness and in all goodness all the worlds. Be thou steadfast through God's grace and His loving-kindness in His love and His good-pleasure, then recount unto the people the days of attainment unto His presence, and be not of them that are silent. And the Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee of Our unified servants.

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In the name of the peerless Lord, the All-Glorious

In nights and days all people would beseech and supplicate with utmost humility and imploration the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, yearning and hoping to attain the presence of the Manifestation of the divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of the heavenly inspiration. Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned and the heaven of bounty was raised up and the ocean of generosity appeared, all remained veiled, nay, turned away, save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, willed. However, the opposition and veiling of souls does not prevent the Truth from His all-compelling purpose and His prevailing Will. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. Thus, even after the opposition and objection of kings and others, in every age the fire of the divine Tree hath enkindled the hearts of the servants, such that now in most lands the standards of His Cause are raised up. The murky waters of the objections of heedless souls cannot extinguish this fire; rather they cause it to blaze more fiercely. Verily He turneth it with oil. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and for having attained the days of God, the Lord of Names, and for having heard His sweetest call when every polytheist and doubter turned away. We beseech God to assist thee to remember and praise Him and to acquaint thee with that which is hidden from eyes. Make mention of God with wisdom and utterance, that the slumberers who are intoxicated with the wine of passion may be awakened, until they were kept back from the horizon of guidance. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee while imprisoned in the hands of the wicked. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and turned toward God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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The essence of praise and the reality of glorification befit the sacred threshold of His Holiness Baha, Who through His supreme Word raised high the banner “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” upon the highest horizon of the heart, and unfurled the standard “Verily I am God” upon the most exalted pole of the world. Exalted be His Cause and mighty His utterance, and there is no God but Him.

Ahmad, upon him be My glory, attained Our presence and mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this wondrous and glorious Tablet. Today clamor is raised from every direction and the divine call is lifted from the horizon of the prison of Akka. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto hearing and is illumined with the true light of oneness. Some souls have been seized by vain imaginings, whereat My heart hath grieved and My Pen hath lamented. Say: O people, reflect upon the previous party. They clung to the base things and remained heedless and veiled from that which is most exalted. Each day they took a lord unto themselves, and yet counted themselves among the people of unity.

O Mahdi, upon thee be My glory! Hadi of Dawlatabad hath appeared with an oppression that hath no equal and shall have none, and through darkness hath been deprived of light. No path leadeth to fairness in his court, and justice findeth there no dwelling place. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him to turn in repentance to the gate of His forgiveness and to return unto Him, and to enable him to

make good what hath escaped him in His days. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

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In His Name, the One with Power over all names! O H., formerly S., upon him be the Glory of God! Remember the mercy of your Lord which has verily been sent down. He makes mention of you through His grace - indeed His grace towards you has been great. Beware lest you forget God's favor when He has mentioned you in various Tablets. Hold fast to the handle of steadfastness in this Cause which has appeared from the horizon of dawn. Be so steadfast that neither the intimations of those who have disbelieved nor the veils of those who have been debarred from the truth shall hinder you. You have been mentioned before the Throne time and again - this is through the grace of the All-Merciful. Give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know Thyself and made me one of those who are strong in the Cause." By My life, O Husayn, it behooveth thee to turn with radiant vision toward the Most Great Scene, detached from all that hath been mentioned in the realm of creation. Thus hath the All-Merciful spoken out of His love for thee, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause through this Name which hath in truth encompassed all things. Convey My greetings to thy family and say: "Be not disturbed by what thou hast heard and hearest. Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty. Today there is no relationship between anyone except those who have held fast to this Cord which hath been known by the name of God. Put thy trust in God, then manifest such power that the handmaidens will be amazed by their love for thy Lord." Thus doth He Who hath loved thee for the sake of God command thee, and God is witness to what I say. Verily the Glory be upon thee and upon thy progeny and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of thy Lord. Thus hath the matter been decreed.

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In the Name of the Ever-Speaking One! New words have appeared and old sayings have emerged from the sacks of heedlessness. They say the Bayan has been corrupted, just as the previous party said and were cast into hell. Say: By God's life, ye have fabricated against Him Who created you and sustained you, and ye are accounted this day among the wrongdoers in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O heedless ones! By what proof and evidence did ye acknowledge the Bayan? Depart not from justice and equity. Do ye wish to be like the people of the Furqan (Muslims), speaking falsehood from pulpits and denouncing one another as infidels, until in the end the fruit of your deeds becomes like unto those heedless souls? Leave aside these calumnies. By God's life, the Bayan lamenteth for what ye have perpetrated. Though divine counsel leaveth no impression and heavenly admonition beareth no fruit, for God's wrath hath seized them and the recompense of their deeds hath deprived them. Beseech ye God to protect you from such heedless souls. By God's life, their mention is a deadly poison and their utterance a consuming fire. They seek to prove the authority of a drop while turning away from the Most Great Ocean. Such is the condition of those heedless and veiled souls. Yet be patient and calm in all conditions, for verily He loveth the patient and the calm ones. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to His

remembrance, glorified be His majesty, and been illumined by His Word. Preserve this and be among the thankful ones. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that know Thee!

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O Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God! In His Name, the Protector over all names! The Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, appeared from the Dayspring of God's Command and, with supreme grace and infinite bounty, summoned the people to the blessed Word of Unity. His purpose was to awaken heedless souls and deliver them from the darkness of polytheism. Yet the people arose in rejection and protest, perpetrating that which caused the company of the Prophets in the Most Exalted Paradise to lament. Reflect upon the Prophets of the past: each was afflicted by the rejection of the people. Some were accused of madness, others were called sorcerers, and yet others were denounced as liars. Like the divines of Iran who for years beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for the appearance of these days, yet when the horizon of the world became illumined and bright, all turned away and issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood. When thou hearest the cooing of the Dove of My utterance upon the branches of the Tree of My knowledge, say: "My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou hast no partner in Thy dominion nor any equal in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy power and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy oneness to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and to draw me nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy horizon, turning away from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree and the light of Thy Cause to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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He is God–exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Self-Subsisting Lord Who, through His Most Exalted Word, bestowed existence upon the world of creation and brought it forth from nothingness into being. He is the Sovereign of the Kingdom, Who doeth whatsoever He pleaseth and whatsoever He willeth, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones, and upon their Lord and their Sovereign, through Whom existence smiled and the rustling of the Tree was raised upon the Mount, through Whom the banner of divine unity was hoisted upon the highest standards, and upon His family and His companions who aided the Cause of God with their wealth and their souls in both beginning and end. We beseech, by them and by those who arose and declared "God is our Lord", the Lord of the Throne and of the earth, that He may assist the people of unity in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. And we beseech Him to aid them with the means of the heavens and the earth, and to ordain for them from the Pen of Destiny that which befitteth the ocean of His bounty and the heaven of His grace and the sun of His bestowals. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. We counsel you, O people of unity, to be trustworthy

and religious and chaste, and to that whereby your stations may be exalted among the idolaters who have denied God and His signs and have surrounded the unitarians with such tyranny as hath caused the people of the cities of justice and equity to lament. Mercy and peace be upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Mirza Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest One, speaking before all faces. Praise be befitting and worthy of the intended Lord Who, through His Most Exalted Word, illumined the world of kingdom and dominion with the lights of the manifestation of Him Who conversed upon Sinai, and raised up the banner "The Kingdom is God's" upon the hearts and minds of His servants. The opposition of the world and the objections of the peoples did not prevent Him from the Most Great Cause. Through the power of the Most Exalted Pen and the penetrating influence of the Most Great Word, He conquered the cities of hearts and minds. Glorified be His majesty, and exalted be His power, and magnified be His greatness, and there is no God but Him. Your brother hath appeared before the Wronged One and mentioned thee. We have made mention of thee with that which causeth the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of grace and favors. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Ancient Countenance, and the eye that hath beheld His traces, and the ear that hath heard His call, and the tongue that hath voiced His praise before the faces of the parties. When thou drinkest the choice wine of My utterance from the chalices of My words, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy names endure. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of Being and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the Crimson Scroll which none hath read save Thyself, and by Thy Greatest Signs which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither armies shall prevent me nor ranks frighten me nor power weaken me. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Ordain for me that which befitteth Thy Manifestation and Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.

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In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling above all names!

Praise be to the Ancient King Who, through His Most Great Name, transformed separation into reunion and illumined the darkness of remoteness with the light of nearness. He is the One with such power that the veils of the world did not prevent Him from beholding the lights of the Ancient King, nor did the veils of the peoples hold Him back from turning toward Him. Glorified be His majesty, exalted His utterance, and sublime His proof. There is no God but Him. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaks and calls the servants to the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the ear that has attained to hearing the Call, and the eye that has beheld the signs, and the hand that has taken hold of God's Tablet with such power that neither the hosts of the world nor the armies of the oppressors could weaken it.

O thou who gazest toward My horizon! When thou hearest My call from the direction of My prison, say:

My God, my King, my Object of worship and adoration! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the wine of Thy utterance, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the call of Thy Cause and by the sovereignty of Names, through which Thou hast subdued the cities of the hearts of Thy servants, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I find no refuge for myself except under the shadow of the pavilions of Thy mercy, and no shelter save the tabernacle of Thy bounty and protection. I implore Thee not to deprive me of the stream of Thy mercy and the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

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Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance unto Him Who is the Object of all possible things, Who befitteth and deserveth that by the finger of power He rent asunder the concealing veils and removed the intervening shrouds from between. Exalted be His greatness and elevated be His dominion. There is no God but Him.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the cry of Thy Baha in the nights and days, and his lamentation amidst the peoples. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree of the Mount to ordain for him who hath turned toward Thee the good of the hereafter and of the former time, and to decree for him that which will draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom the prevention of those who prevent and the might of the oppressors hath not withheld from drawing nigh unto Thee and entering the precincts of Thy manifestation. Thou art verily powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Muhammad-Taqi! In this year of sorrows the afflictions have erased joy and gladness. The savage beasts from the isles of tyranny and ignorance have torn the divine sheep. A fire of oppression hath been kindled in the land of Ya that the eye of creation hath never seen its like. The oppressor hath committed that which hath caused all things to lament. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy grandeur and Thy Cause and Thy power to protect Thy trusted ones with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy utterance. Then open before my face the door of Thy mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. There is no God but Thee, the Caller on the Day of Judgment.

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O Afnan, Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God!

In My Name, the Ever-Abiding after the passing of all things!

Praise sanctified beyond mention and glorification befitteth the Most Great Word, through whose fragrances the world of names and attributes hath been illumined, perfumed and adorned. The penetrating power of this blessed Word hath no peer or likeness, despite those who have denied the penetrating influence of the Word and its power. The Word of the people of the Furqan was dependent and conditional upon the Seal of the Prophets, and likewise the Gospel, and before it the Torah, until the Words ended with this Word which, when established upon the throne of manifestation, spoke and declared: "I am the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through My command the light of penetrating influence hath shone forth and the mysteries of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have appeared."

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The heedless ones have spoken and continue to speak according to their desires. They have passed by the station that God hath made the point of adoration of the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven, and have remained and do remain worshippers of the idol of fancy and imagination. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of the Book of God, the Sovereign of days and the Master of all peoples. We beseech God to preserve thee and guard thee and to send down upon thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon My loved ones and friends who were not held back by the derision of the polytheists, the doubts of the opponents, and the cawing of the ravens. In all conditions, authority and command belong to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Khalil, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing! The smoke of vain imaginings hath enveloped the world, and the veils of idle fancies have prevented the people from beholding the lights of the supreme horizon. They worship idols, supposing themselves to be worshipping the Truth. Glory be to God! They remain heedless of the Source from which the justice and knowledge of the world have been made manifest, while clinging to ignorant and oppressive divines. In every age and century these oppressive souls have inflicted upon the Dawning-Places of divine revelation that which caused all eyes to weep and all hearts to lament. Praise be to God that in such days, when darkness hath encompassed the world, thou hast attained unto the living waters and drunk from the river of mercy. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names, and associate with the people of the earth with wisdom, utterance, spirit and fragrance, that perchance through thy mention some soul may turn to the lights of the Sun of Revelation and be remembered before the One Who remembereth. In all circumstances fix thy gaze upon wisdom. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath enjoined wisdom in Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and in the Most Great Prison - especially after arrival in this Most Great Prison and following the martyrdom of Badi', upon him be My Glory. Convey My greetings to the friends. Say: Beware lest the tyranny of oppressors frighten you or the might of Pharaohs weaken you. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained by God, the

Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

=== END BH04442 ===

=== START BH04443 ===

He is the Mighty

The remembrance of God in the Tree of Spirit: O peoples of the earth, hearken unto Me! Say: Verily in the singing of the Spirit, the dawning of the Sun of Glory, and the warbling of the Dove are signs for a people who understand. Say: Verily in the departure of this Servant are signs for you, did ye but know, and therein lies consummate wisdom which none comprehend save they who have shown patience in God and have hastened to the shores of nearness. O servant! Give thanks unto God, thy Creator, then be patient in the channels of destiny, for thus should the doers act. Say: Verily the Bird of Nearness hath taken flight of itself unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Ye recognized it not in its days and were heedless of its presence, and God beareth witness to this, if ye do not. Say: Fie upon you, O people, for that which your hands have wrought in these days wherein hearts were consumed and holy temples were struck with fear, if ye do but perceive. Thus doth the Dove admonish you and remind you with verses of mighty glory. Say: It counseleth the loved ones at a time when it taketh flight from the branch of Iraq, that perchance the people may arise from the couches of heedlessness. Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye create discord in the Cause and dispute in God's religion - this is better for you than that which ye do. Fear God and speak not of that which ye know not. Verily the world shall pass away and unto dust shall ye return. Thus do We counsel you in this Tablet, if ye do but know it. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who turn unto God.

=== END BH04443 ===

=== START BH04444 ===

He is the Almighty!

God hath spoken in the tree of separation: Be patient for me, O friends!

Beware that ye be not careless of Our loving remembrance in Our days. Say: The Beauty of the Spirit is withdrawn, on account of which all eyes have wept and all hearts have burned up.

O Rida! Remember My days and My notes and the sweet melodies of the Glory of the Beloved, and reflect upon the days of the Spirit; how He appeared and stayed amongst you for a number of years. Watch over thyself, and over all those who are in thy house, both men and women.

Know verily that We have made this Tablet as a garment for thyself, from which thou mayest inhale the fragrances of the Lord, the Beloved, the Almighty. We have sent to you from this garment the fragrances of Bounty upon all who entered into the Robe of existence. Happy is the man who hath been exposed to it and who hath been turned thereby towards the Egypt of invisible Might.

Whoso reciteth this Tablet with the love of the Lord in his heart will witness in his dreams whatever he hath desired of reunion with God, the Almighty, the Beloved. Thus have we favored thee, once again, that thou mayest be satisfied of Me and of thyself in these days which the near ones have not attained.

Call thou to our remembrance they who have dwelt in thy house, so that the Love of God may be created amongst them and amongst those who have gathered for the Cause of God, and be kind to her whom God hath related to the one who has pioneered with His servant. This is the truth whereunto We have admonished you, if ye be of those that comprehend.

May the Spirit be upon you and upon those who have put their reliance in their God.

=== END BH04444 ===

=== START BH04445 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted. A remembrance from Us to him who desired to attain the presence whilst in the midst of the idolaters and turned with his heart, then with his feet, to present himself at the seat of his Lord's throne, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. When he heard the decree of his Lord, he returned to his abode. He is, verily, among the triumphant. God hath heard thy call, thy turning toward His direction, thine orientation to His countenance, and hath accepted what thou desired in His Cause. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He desireth whomsoever hath desired Him, and loveth whomsoever hath loved Him, and remembereth whomsoever hath uttered His remembrance. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having heard the call and followed what thou wert commanded by the Lord of Names. This is recorded as the best of deeds in a preserved tablet. We have sent down unto thee a tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness once again. Be thou thankful for this manifest bounty. We have accepted thy deed and inscribed its reward in the tablet. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Make mention of Him amongst the servants. Let nothing sadden thee or any matter prevent thee from that wherein thou art in the path of thy Lord. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause, detached from the worlds. We make mention of you most times. This is from the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He is with His sincere servants. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power in such wise that should the most fierce opposers oppose thee, thou wouldst leave them behind thee through the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee whilst We were in the prison of the enemies, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be of them that rejoice. May the glory be upon you, O My loved ones, from One mighty and all-knowing.

=== END BH04445 ===

=== START BH04446 ===

He Who is wronged and grief-stricken makes mention from His presence of him who has turned to the Most Great Prison by God's leave, the Lord of antiquity, and attained to that Spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names, and heard the call of the Tree which speaks at all times: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower." Blessed art thou for having turned to Him Who is wronged, by leave of Him Who possesses authority. By God's life! This bounty

cannot be equated with the treasures of princes nor all the riches of the earth. He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book bears witness to this. Rejoice in that the Beloved makes mention of thee while seated upon the throne as the banners of sorrows were raised before His face. Thus has the decree been fulfilled by God, the Lord of all religions. When thou arrivest in the land of Hadba (Mosul), convey My greetings to the faces of those who have loved Me and to the faces of those who have believed in the Beginning and the Return. O Zayn! Behold and then make mention of what We have mentioned in various stations and informed all of the greatness of this Cause whereby souls have been bewildered and feet have slipped. By God! The tale of sacrifice has returned and there has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which has caused hearts to burn and livers to melt. O My loved ones in that land! Rejoice in My remembrance and loving-kindness. Verily, while in an ocean of grief He makes mention of you that ye may remember Him in spirit and fragrance. We make mention of grief to manifest My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Know this, O ye who are endued with insight! The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon God's captives who have borne in His path that which has caused livers to melt.

=== END BH04446 ===

=== START BH04447 ===

O Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who calls out in His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

A mention from Us to one who has turned to the Countenance when it appeared from this Horizon which hath been adorned with His mention in the Books of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. By God! That which was hidden in the veils of the Unseen hath appeared, and He Who was concealed in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath come. This is the Day whereof Muhammad, the Apostle of God, gave glad-tidings aforetime, and before Him the Gospel and the Torah and the Psalms. Say: He hath come with the truth and revealed His path and sent down His verses and caused all things to speak that there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Rejoice in that We have remembered thee from the Most Great Prison and sent unto thee this inscribed Tablet. Take hold of the Book of God with a power from Him, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of existence. Ask God that there may appear from thee that which befitteth His Revelation and His sovereignty and His dominion that hath encompassed the seen and the unseen. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken the remembrance of God, and the heart that hath been set ablaze with the fire of His love, and the house wherein His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved, hath been uplifted. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the light of utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled.

The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have cast behind them vain imaginings, turning unto Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who when He appeared, the Most Great Joy appeared and the Most Great Terror, and the Nightingale spoke: "The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with evident sovereignty."

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=== START BH04448 ===

The All-Baha is upon him from every Most Glorious Baha. He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

A remembrance from Us unto him who hastened to the Most Exalted Station which was honored by the advent of the King of Names, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer.

O thou who art hated for My love, imprisoned for My Name, and banished in My straight path! Would My Most Exalted Pen forget thee? Nay, by My Most Glorious Name! Be thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. He hath adorned His names with the name of faithfulness and arrayed Himself in its robe when He came with a mighty command. By God's life! My remembrance of thee and My call unto thee have never ceased. He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things in a clear Book beareth witness to this. By My life! Through thy grief, sorrows have overtaken Me, and by what hath befallen thee, the tribes of the earth who heard the call and answered their Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Responding, have lamented.

Thus have We adorned the Tablet of remembrance with the luminary of Our care. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art worshipped by all who are in the heavens and on earth!" I testify that Thou hast remembered me, guided me, made me know Thee, taught me, drawn me nigh unto Thee, honored me with Thy presence, made me hear Thy call, and shown me the horizon of Thy manifestation when Thou didst withhold therefrom countless souls whom none can reckon save Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Lord of all things, by Thy Most Glorious Name and by the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to preserve me through Thy bounty and grace, and ordain for me through Thy tender mercy and favors the good of the hereafter and of this world. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no decree can hinder. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04449 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great! A remembrance from Us to one who has drunk the sealed wine from the hand of his Lord's bounty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and who has attained to the fragrances of revelation when the Desired One came with a wondrous command. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that the doubts of the dubious ones shall not hold thee back. Turn away from those in whom thou perceivest the stench of denial, and be steadfast in certitude. Satan appears in various forms and likenesses to mislead the people and prevent them from this straight path. Be as fire to the wicked and as light to the people of this noble horizon. It behooveth him who hath turned to the Countenance to arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the denial of the deniers shall not hold him back. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Tablet of eternity - to this beareth witness the Creator of heaven Who speaketh the truth in this remote prison. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Give thanks for having been seized by the fragrances of revelation from this luminous horizon. Arise amidst the people and remind them of this Remembrance which hath dawned from the Dayspring of creation with manifest light, that they may perchance abandon what they possess and turn toward the Desired One Who hath appeared with a mighty command. Say: Beware lest ye reject the truth by virtue of what ye possess. Turn with your hearts toward the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through Him hath every

truth been made manifest, every command established, and every wondrous Book sent down. Beware lest passion hold you back from the Dayspring of guidance. Cast aside what ye possess in your search for that which is with your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus doth the Dayspring of knowledge teach you, that ye may find a way unto Him. Verily, glory be upon him who hath believed in God, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH04449 ===

=== START BH04450 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Mighty over all who are on earth and in heaven!

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of remembrance and utterance may draw him to the horizon of the revelation of his Lord, the All-Merciful - the station wherein the atoms themselves proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen!”

Thy name was present before the Prisoner in His Most Great Prison. We have remembered thee with that which the remembrances of all nations cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is He Who, through His word “Be!”, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. We have made manifest the Way and have sent down from the heaven of grace that whereby hearts are illumined and eyes are gladdened. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of his Lord and hath attained unto such steadfastness as the hosts of them that have denied God, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved, could not prevent.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of utterance from My garment, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me from the direction of Thy prison and for having sent down unto me that wherefrom the near ones perceive the fragrance of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy grace and by that which lieth concealed therein of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall be a healing for ailments and an antidote for bodily weakness. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me turning toward Thee and acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee to make me a servant of Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants and a standard of Thy Name in Thy lands. Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all things possible have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.”

=== END BH04450 ===

=== START BH04452 ===

In the Name of God, He who is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power. My spirit be a sacrifice for you. Your blessed letter, adorned with the two wings of joy and gladness, arrived at this lowest station which is the abode of this ephemeral one, and from there ascended to the most exalted station, a station above which no height exists and which is sanctified from mention and description. After it was presented in the Most Holy Court, it was stated: “In all conditions there has not been and will

not be any loss for that honored one. When loss occurs, gain shall soon appear - thus has spoken the Tongue of Revelation in this forbidden station." God willing, may you be joyful in all conditions and occupied with the remembrance of the Truth. End. And further, the letter of the honored Name of Ha, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, arrived and was presented. Perfect kindness was manifest and evident regarding him. This servant also wished to present a petition to his honor, but since for some time no Tablets have been sent from the Most Holy Court in any direction, and likewise divine verses have been suspended, meaning they are not being revealed outwardly, this servant has also delayed in sending petitions until such time as may be deemed appropriate. And further, mention was made of the friends in your letter and was presented. Kindness was expressed toward all. This servant conveys greetings to all. This petition is presented very briefly because that honored one is coming, and since the decree of nearness is established, extensive submission would be presumptuous. The Glory be upon you.

=== END BH04452 ===

=== START BH04453 ===

O Kadkhuda Yegan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom! Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and made plain the Way for those possessed of insight and caused the Dove of the Cause to warble upon the branches that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower! There hath come before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison mention of thee. We have revealed for thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This is a Day wherein the veils have been rent asunder by the fingers of the power of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being, and the Cry hath been raised in truth, and the Call hath been lifted up between earth and heaven, and the Bridge hath been laid, and the Balance set up. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth unto his Lord, and woe unto every doubting scholar who hath turned away from God and disputed His verses when He came with power and sovereignty. Hearken unto that which My Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee in this Most Glorious Station and commandeth thee that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of lords, may be exalted. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast made me to know the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast subdued the lands, to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause and to preserve me from the evil of those who have turned away from Thee in the end." The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those whom the veils of glory have not withheld in the end. Give him My glad-tidings and greet him on My behalf that he may rejoice and be of those who have cast the world behind them, turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon - the Station wherein the atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all mankind!"

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=== START BH04455 ===

O handmaid of God, Umm-Ashraf! He is the Mighty One in the heaven of eternity! Glorified be He Who remembers His handmaid at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from near and far, to such extent that His lips do not open in remembrance - and none knoweth this save God, the Mighty, the All-

Knowing - while His fingers move the Pen to make mention of His sorrowful name. O handmaid of God! Blessed art thou, for thy son hath attained the presence of the Throne and been honored to meet his Lord, and was among those who attained His presence. By God! His visitation is regarded by God as better than those who have visited and do visit in these days the shrines bearing Our names and are counted among the visitors - for they visit mere names while remaining veiled from their Creator and Originator, and are among the heedless ones. Well is it with thee, O handmaid of God, that God hath brought forth from thee one who hath attained His presence and entered His vicinity and upon whom the lights of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, have shone. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. He hath made mention of thy faith and thy love for thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, and hath sent down unto thee these verses, the most wondrous, impregnable and wonderful. We send them to thee that thine eyes may be consoled thereby, thy heart may rejoice, thy being may be gladdened and thy soul may quiver with longing for God, the Beloved of them that know. Remember thy Lord and what hath befallen Him of tribulations such as have befallen none else in the world. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon the handmaids of God who are steadfast. Remind them on Our behalf, then clothe them with the garments of glorification from thy Lord, the Revealer, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH04455 ===

=== START BH04456 ===

In the Name of the One God, the Speaker

Glorified be God! The Author of the Bayan declares: “Let not the Bayan veil you from Him, and turn not away from Him on account of its letters. The entirety of the Bayan is as but a leaf before Him - if He accepts it, it is accepted, and if He rejects it, verily He is to be loved in His Cause and obeyed in His decree.” Nevertheless, those who turned away from the Bayan clung to names while remaining heedless of and turning away from their Creator and Lord. By what command, by what proof, and by what evidence did they accept the Bayan while inflicting upon its Revealer and Sender that which the Pen is powerless and incapable to mention? Every fair-minded one has testified and continues to testify to the power of the Most Exalted Pen and the Most Sublime Word, and every person of insight has been and remains witness. O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and oppose not Him Who has made every command dependent upon His acceptance and every decree upon His approval. Fear God and be not among the wrongdoers. This Wronged One has accepted the harm of the world for the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of God’s Cause. From the earliest days until now, He has been in the hands of the oppressors and the heedless, as all have seen and heard, were they to be fair. We beseech God - exalted be His glory - to grant His servants fairness and to adorn them with the ornament of truthfulness. Your mention was made in the presence of this Wronged One, and this most wondrous, most exalted Tablet has been revealed for you from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings. Take hold of it with the power that is with Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

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O Haji Muhammad-Javad!

He is the All-Glorious! Glorified be He Who came upon clouds of light with manifest radiance, surrounded by the Concourse on High and the angels of the Command. Thus did the All-Merciful come with great sovereignty and sent His angels to all regions to give the people glad tidings of this wondrous Day. In their hands were Tablets that surpass all the books of the ancients, wherein was revealed that which came upon the Prophets and Messengers. Among the people are those who denied them and cast them behind their backs - these are indeed in manifest loss. And among them are those who inhaled from these Tablets the fragrance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and were illumined by this Lamp through which the heavens and earth were made to shine. Were the veil to be lifted, those who disbelieved would cry out: "Alas for us, for what we neglected towards God!" Thus was the matter decreed, and the pronouncement came from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, encompassing all worlds. O servant! Be thou assured of God's grace and mercy. Soon will the unitarians behold the banners of victory from all directions through My Most Great Name. Know then that the Youth hath not grieved at what befell Him in the path of God's love, and His face hath shone from the horizon of tribulation with a light from which the dwellers of the cities of eternity and the near angels derive illumination. Place thy trust in God in all matters, then aid thy Lord, for in such days as these the gaze of God is fixed upon those who have stood firm in His love and aided His Cause. He boasts of them in the kingdom of His Command. Verily, He encompasseth all things. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast manifested Thyself unto all things through all names, and through which the signs of Thy power have appeared in earth and heaven and the attributes of Thy oneness in the kingdom of creation, to cleanse Thy servants with the waters which Thou hast caused to flow from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace, that they may turn unto Thee with purified hearts, sanctified souls, attentive ears, illumined breasts and submissive necks. Then gather them, O my God, beneath the shade of Thy tender mercies and bounties, and protect them from the harm of those who have forgotten Thy most exalted remembrance. Bestow upon them the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O my God! Deprive them not of the wondrous dawning-places of the sun of Thy oneness in Thy days, and cast them not out from the precincts of Thy mercy and beneficence. For Thou didst create them for the recognition of Thyself and certitude in the Manifestation of Thy Cause. Therefore, O my God, enable them lest they be deprived of that for which they were created. Pour forth upon their spirits from the Kawthar of sweet life-giving water, that they may arise from the slumber of heedlessness and passion, and turn toward the sanctuary of Thy Cause, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of names and the dominion of eternity. May they circle round Thee and drink from the Salsabil of Thy gifts and the Tasnim of Thy bestowals, O Thou Who art the Physician of the hearts of them that yearn, the Companion of them that are lonely, and the Beloved of the hearts of them that know. O Protector! O Protector! O Helper! O Helper! O Protector! O Protector! O Helper! O Helper! O Protector! O Protector! O Helper! O Helper!

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In the Name of Him Who hath power over all who dwell in the kingdom of names! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he who hath acknowledged Thy oneness before the existence of created things, and Thy unity before the appearance of contingent beings, and who hath entered the school of divine unity at the time which Thou hadst sanctified from all times and seasons. Were I to mention, O my God, what I witnessed in that most subtle, most delicate, most glorious station, Thy servants and the people of Thy realm would be thunderstruck. I beseech Thee, O God of names and Creator of earth and heaven, to grant Thy servants attentive ears and observant eyes that they may hear Thy verses and behold Thy Beauty shining forth from Thy most exalted horizon. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thou knowest, O my God, that there hath come before me a letter from one of Thy loved ones who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and who seeketh Thy grace and favors and nearness and reunion with Thee. O Lord! Ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have attained the river of reunion in Thy days and who heard with their own ears Thy call when they were present before the Throne by Thy leave and command. Then forgive him, O my God, through Thy bounty and bestowals, and grant him what he desires. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. Then forgive, O my God, him who was named Muhammad-'Ali, who attained unto Thy recognition and acknowledged what Thou didst command him in Thy Tablets, and ordain for him from the wonders of Thy favors what Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Protector of all things. Everything testifieth that Thou art the Lord of all beings and the God of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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Lauded be Thy name, O my God! Thou seest how I have been sorely vexed among Thy servants, and beholdest the things that have befallen me in Thy path. Thou knowest full well that I have not spoken a word but by Thy leave, that my lips have never been opened except at Thy bidding and in accordance with Thy pleasure, that every breath I have breathed hath been animated with Thy praise and Thy remembrance, that I have summoned all men to naught else except that whereunto Thy chosen ones have through all eternity been summoned, and that I have bidden them observe only the things that would draw them nearer unto the Day-Spring of Thy loving-kindness, and the Dawning-Place of Thy favors, and the Horizon of Thy riches, and the Manifestation of Thine inspiration and Thy revelation.

Thou art well aware, O my God, that I have not failed in my duty towards Thy Cause. At all times and under all conditions I have wafted, in every direction, the breezes of Thine inspiration, and shed abroad the sweet smell of the raiment of Thy mercy, that haply Thy servants may discover its fragrance, and through it be enabled to turn towards Thee.

I implore Thee, O my God, by the Lights of Thy unity and the Repositories of Thy revelation, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cleanse the hearts of all such as have turned towards Thee. Blot out, then, from their hearts all that may induce Thy servants to cavil at Thy Cause.

Thy will hath overruled my will, O my God, and I have shown forth what hath grievously vexed me. Have mercy, then, upon me, O Thou Who of all those who show mercy art the Most Merciful!

Assist Thou Thy servants, O my God, to help Thy Cause, and give them to drink what will quicken their hearts in Thy realm, lest anything hinder them from remembering Thee and from extolling Thy virtues, that they may quit their homes in Thy name, and summon all the multitudes unto Thee. Guard their faces, O my God, from turning to any one save Thee, and their ears from hearkening unto the sayings of all such as have turned away from Thy beauty and repudiated Thy signs.

Supreme art Thou over all things. There is none other God save Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! Were it not for the tribulations endured in Thy path, how could the stations of Thy true lovers be revealed, and were it not for the trials suffered for love of Thee, how could the exalted ranks of those who yearn for Thee be made manifest? By Thy might! The companions of Thy loved ones are the tears of their eyes, and the comforters of Thy devoted servants are the lamentations of their hearts, and the food of them that rush to meet Thee is the fragments of their stricken hearts. How sweet is the deadly poison suffered in Thy path, and how precious are the arrows of Thy enemies when encountered for the exaltation of Thy Word! O my God! Pour out for me in Thy Cause whatsoever Thou willest, and send down upon me in Thy love all Thou hast ordained. By Thy might! I desire only what Thou desirest, and love only what Thou lovest. In Thee have I placed my complete trust at all times. I implore Thee, O my God, by causing to appear for the triumph of this Cause one who is worthy of Thy name and sovereignty, that he may remember me amongst Thy creatures and raise the standards of Thy victory in Thy realm. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy loved ones by Thy power and might, lest they be affrighted by those who dwell on earth. Then make them, O my God, to shine forth from the horizon of Thy grandeur and to dawn forth from the dayspring of Thy power. O Lord! Adorn them with the ornament of justice and equity, and illumine their hearts with the lights of bounty and grace. Thou art, verily, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations and Goal of all peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, to transform the seat of tyranny into the throne of Thy justice, and the chair of heedlessness and oppression into the seat of submission and equity. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Mirza Muhammad-Rida in Shin! He is the Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Great, Most High! The Mystery of God was indeed hidden behind veils through the Most Great Symbol in this concealed and veiled secret, and was witnessed in truth by the truth. Therefore, behold Him, O people of excellence, and deprive not yourselves of Him. Then hasten unto Him with your hearts that ye may find within yourselves a proof leading to God. O people! Do ye rejoice within yourselves after the Ancient Beauty hath fallen under the claws of hatred? Do ye rest upon your seats after the Spirit of God hath been wrongfully wronged among these wicked ones? And thou, O servant, remember My tribulations, then My sorrows, then weep for My loneliness and My grief and My trials. By God the Truth! Whosoever grieveth at My grief and remaineth steadfast in My love, God will raise him to a station that shall be illumined by the lights of God. Open thy lips in My remembrance, then move thy tongue in teaching My Cause. Thus doth the Pen of Command bid thee. Arise, then act according to what thou hast been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Beware lest thou grieve over the world and what hath befallen thee, but rather grieve for this Wronged One Who hath been surrounded by the dogs of hatred from all directions. And God, thy Lord, is witness to what I say. Thus have We informed thee and acquainted thee that thou mayest become aware of what hath befallen thy Lord and be among those possessed of clear vision. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the holy court, this station that hath been, in truth and by truth, lofty and luminous.

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The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious, to His Honor the Afnan in China

O my Lord and Master! I have been honored by what hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of your utterance in remembrance of God, our Creator and your Creator. When I read and understood and became informed thereof, I hastened and ascended until I attained the presence and presented it before the Throne of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, addressing your honor: “O My Afnan! Turn unto the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily the sun of permission hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord’s will, the Perspicuous, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And also unto him who is with thee. We have turned toward you from the direction of the Ridvan and have mentioned you with such mention as hath enraptured the Concourse on High and those who are present before the Throne in this noble station. Behold thou in all circumstances the horizon of wisdom, for verily it is Our Command which hath been sent down in the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Wise Director.”

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your turning! After visiting your exalted letter, this evanescent servant immediately turned to the Most Holy Court, and after ascending and attaining the presence, presented it in its entirety. Then the Sun of Divine Permission shone forth from the Dayspring of Will, as may be understood from that which the All-Merciful hath revealed. And since this Most Great Glad-Tidings is in every respect independent of elaboration and detail, therefore in this station this servant hath deemed brevity sweeter than all mention. God willing, your honor will be successful and joyous through this spiritual glad-tidings which hath appeared from the horizon of divine favor. Blessed then be the glory unto your honor and unto him who is with you.

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=== START BH04464 ===

O Professor Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of the Most Holy, the Most Sacred Lord!

God beareth witness that this Day is His Day, and this Revelation His Revelation, and these verses His verses, and this Book His Book. By His command were the standards raised in the cities of names and attributes, and by His Name were the banners lifted up amongst the peoples. He is the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Name. Through Him was opened the gate of mysteries, and the trees did speak, and the Herald called out from every direction: "O denizens of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Garden! The eyes of the people of the Crimson Ark have been gladdened by the establishment of the Glory upon the throne of faithfulness. He hath counseled all with that which will elevate their stations and draw them nigh unto the All-Bountiful in their final return."

This is a missive from Us to him who hath attained unto My days, who hath spoken My praise, who hath held fast unto My cord, and who hath acted according to that which was commanded in the Book. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Bear thou witness even as God hath borne witness, then recite what hath been sent down in the Tablet of the verses of thy Lord, the Dayspring of lights. This is the station wherein My Herald spoke at the mention of My Name, saying: "I am, verily, the first to worship Him." When thou soarest on the wings of utterance in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, say: "Praise be unto Thee, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen in My Name in the prison of Akka. I testify that Thou hast spoken and caused all things to speak in such wise as to enrapture the hearts of the righteous." Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. The Glory shining, dawning and radiating from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those whom the world hath not prevented from God, the Cleaver of the daybreak.

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=== START BH04465 ===

O Mashhadi Haji Aqa, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

God bears witness that there is none other God but Him. He has sent forth the Messengers and made them the lamps of His Cause among His servants and the emblems of His remembrance in His kingdom. Whoso turns unto them hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath commanded all to give glad-tidings unto the people of this hidden Name and treasured Mystery through His word: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them glad-tidings of the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." Yet when the promise came to pass and the Speaker on Sinai appeared, the servants turned away save those who cast the world behind them, turning to the Supreme Horizon - the Station wherein the Lord of creation did proclaim: "There is none other God but I, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

Rejoice thou in the tablet of thy Lord. Verily it is a leaf from the leaves of My Sadratu'l-Muntaha, moving by the movement of the will and purpose of God, and it is an eternal, fresh fruit which neither winds nor tempests can alter. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. By God's life! All that is on earth cannot equal it, as attested by Him in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of Command and Creation. Be thou grateful and among the thankful ones.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speaking forth this wise Remembrance. Thus hath the ocean cast forth the pearls of knowledge and wisdom - gather them in My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. God hath forgiven whomsoever sought mercy from His presence. He is verily the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH04466 ===

O namesake of the Desired One, who hath appeared and attained! He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent.

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him. His is the creation and the command. He exalteth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and abaseth whatsoever He desireth through His decree. Verily He is the One Whom the might of the powerful cannot weaken, nor can the ascendancy of the learned prevent Him. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O namesake of the Desired One! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy turning and thy devotion to God, the Lord of all beings, until thou didst appear and hear the call of the Wronged One, and didst attain unto that which lay hidden in the hearts of the chosen ones and was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. He hath forgiven thee and made mention of thee in such wise that its fragrance shall endure throughout the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and His Most Exalted Attributes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones in My lands - those who have turned towards My horizon and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered when the Beauty of the Pre-existent One was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause, to reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for thee in every world of His worlds that which shall be as a lamp before thy face. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who have heard the call and have said: "Here am I, O Lord of Names!" and "Here am I, O Desired One of them that have recognized Thee!"

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=== START BH04467 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth needeth not the mention of anyone, nor the testimony of any soul. He was ever self-sufficient in His own wealth and sovereign in His authority, manifest through His signs and speaking in His Kingdom. The knowledge of all created things and the understanding of all contingent beings have failed to encompass His Revelation. God hath made My manifestation and appearance and My establishment upon the throne of grandeur and power, and the seat of loftiness and will, sanctified above minds and comprehension. I have ever been all-encompassing, and all else encompassed. To this testifieth whosoever hath soared in the atmosphere of My knowledge and drunk the choice wine of My love from the chalice of My bounty. Such a one is indeed of the people of this exalted and glorious station. We bear witness that thou didst attain in the earliest days to the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hast turned unto Him before and again in these days wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha calleth out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment." Blessed art thou for having taken hold of My Book and soared in the atmosphere of My love and drunk the choice wine of My favor and attained unto My presence. All this is from God's grace upon thee. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Arise to serve Me, then cause the servants to enter beneath the tabernacles of My grandeur. We beseech God to aid thee and strengthen thee and assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bounteous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Mother Book be upon thee and upon those who have heard what thy tongue hath spoken concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

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=== START BH04468 ===

Muhammad-Rida who attained the presence of God in the Prison, from the people of Kaf

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that this Youth is He Who speaketh in all things: "There is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." I created all contingent beings to manifest My power and the atoms of existence to reveal My grace. I am He Who hath ever been powerful over all things, and I am the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

O Rida! Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to arrive at this Blessed, Divine, Most Holy, Eternal, and Absolute Spot, wherein every atom of its dust proclaimeth: "I am God, there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Glorious, the Witnessed."

Beware lest thou grieve over anything. Rather, remember thy Lord at all times and forget not God's favor upon thee, and be thou of them that render thanks. We have learned of the hardships that have befallen thee. Beware lest thou be saddened by them. Rather, call to mind My sorrow and My hardship and My imprisonment and My tribulation in this land wherefrom the feet of entry and exit have been cut off, save

for whom thy Lord willeth. Verily, He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and createth what He desireth by His word “Be” and it is. Beware lest thou hesitate in the Cause of thy Lord. Rather, ascend at all times unto the heaven of His love and be of them that ascend.

And glory be upon thee and upon them that have desired the countenance of God and who recline upon the cushions of glory.

=== END BH04468 ===

=== START BH04469 ===

O Mirza Siyyid Mahdi, brother of Nazimu’l-Atibba, upon both of whom be the glory of God. He is the Manifest One, speaking before all faces.

The Wronged One testifies to the oneness and singleness of God, to His greatness and sovereignty, His glory and power, His knowledge and all-encompassing nature. He has made the ornament of His Cause that which He revealed in His Book - He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O thou who holdest fast to the cord and gazeth toward grace! Know that in this day Justice lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen it at the hands of the hosts of the oppressors - they who denied God’s proof and evidence and rejected His bounty which descended from the heaven of His generosity. We testify that they are among the most lost in God’s Book, the Lord of all worlds.

Behold the people and their heedlessness - they have taken the drop and cast the ocean behind them. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are today among the transgressors in My mighty Book. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee through a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and sent down to me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall cause my mention to endure through the eternity of Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and earth. I beseech Thee, O Thou Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, by Thy manifestation in the world and Thy seating upon the throne of utterance in Thy Most Great Prison, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and assist me to serve Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04470 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven!

Blessed is the heart that has turned, and the face that has been directed, and the eye that has seen, and the ear that has heard when the Call was raised from the Ultimate Tree that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Your name has been brought before the Wronged One Who makes mention of you in such wise as to attract the hearts of those whom the veils of the world

have not prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is your father who attained in the earliest days when the Call of the King of Names was raised between the heavens and the earth. He turned after hearing, when every remote scholar turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon. He heard and responded, saying “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all seekers!” Thus has the Most Ancient Pen moved in the arena of the Tablet by the command of God, the Ancient Commander. When thou dost behold the waves of the ocean of My utterance and art attracted by the choice wine of My bounty, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst reveal the decree of the Trumpet, causing those in the kingdoms of knowledge and learning to swoon away, to teach me that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause which Thou hast preserved from the winds of rancor and hatred that blew from the hearts of Thine enemies who adorned their heads with that which elevated them among Thy servants and usurped Thy right in Thy name, to make me attracted to Thy verses, speaking forth Thy praise, and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Ancient.”

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=== START BH04471 ===

Blessed art thou, O Sadiq, for thou hast been faithful to My Covenant, and hast not forgotten My pledge, and hast not cast aside My remembrance. Thou didst turn unto My face and didst taste the sweetness of My remembrance and praise until thou becamest a captive in My love and a prisoner in My path and an exile in My atmosphere and a stranger in the lands for My name and the greatness of My Cause. By My Self, all the paradises belong to you - soon shall ye behold yourselves in manifest glory and dominion. By My Self, the Truth! Were anyone among those who circled round My pavilion and were touched by hardships for My name to look with Mine eye, he would see all beings behind him. Thus have We taught thee with truth, and none can inform thee like One Who is All-Aware. We were with thee when thou wert seized and imprisoned and left thy homeland. Let not what hath befallen thee sadden thee - verily My Cause is mighty, mighty. Say: O My loved ones! Abandon that which causeth the Word to be divided, and take hold of that which uniteth hearts and giveth rest to the breasts of the sincere ones. And remember when thou didst enter Iraq and God through thee broke the might of the aggressors. Blessed is thy mother when she entered the house of her Lord, whereby the hearts of the female polytheists and male polytheists were thrown into commotion. We have informed the servants in the Tablet We revealed to Our servant the Mahdi of what befell the House. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: All that hath appeared and shall appear is in the Book of my Lord - verily my Lord encompasseth all things. And the glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard My call and followed that which was commanded by One mighty and great.

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He speaks, and His word is the truth: Blessed is he and joy be unto him, for he has attained unto My service throughout all his days. Verily We make mention of him and My handmaiden and My leaf who has attained unto her relationship to My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And We make mention of the beloved upon him be My glory and those with him […] [It appears the blessed Tablet above is incomplete]

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=== START BH04473 ===

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! The servant was present with your letter and presented it before the Countenance. Praise be to God, the fragrance of steadfastness was wafting from it. Ask of God to make this fragrance lasting and enduring, for the treacherous lie in ambush and thieves wait at the watchtowers. Make the friends of God aware that they may attain to such a station that the prevention of preventers, the croaking of croakers, and the doubts of doubters may not deprive or forbid them from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Each of the friends mentioned in the letter attained the remembrance of the Wronged One. In the nights and days the tongue speaks and the Pen moves - whoever turned, was adorned with the embellishment of the Supreme Pen, some outwardly and some inwardly. Convey to each one greetings from the Wronged One. Recite unto them the verses of thy Lord that their hearts may rejoice thereby and the verses may attract them to a station wherein they see naught in existence save God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them, assist them and protect them with the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. When thou hast hearkened to My utterance, say: “My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. And I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in steadfastness in Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty News.” And remember what one of Thy chosen ones said: “O Lord! Leave me not alone, and Thou art the Best of inheritors.”

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=== START BH04474 ===

He is the Living One! The Nightingale of Sinai calls out: “To Me, O people of immortality!” The Nightingale of faithfulness calls out: “To Me, O people of fidelity!” The Hoopoe of the divine presence warbles: “To Me, O companions of guidance!” The Dove trills: “To Me, O Most Holy One in the Most Glorious Kingdom!” - that they may witness how joy walks before the Face. And then place the crown of glorification upon whomsoever Thou pleasest. His honor Aqa Muhammad Isma’il has turned toward the Most Exalted Point and the First Word, and these verses are mentioned - though they are in Persian, yet there is no harm in it:

O Love! I am by Thee bewildered and distracted,

And throughout all the world known for my madness.

In the book of those possessed, with my name do they begin,

Though ere this I was foremost among the wise.

O Wine-Seller mine! Source of my fervor!

From Thee comes my cry - I am the reed-flute, Thou the Player!

If Thou wishest me to live, breathe into me a breath,

For I am dead these hundred years, while Thou art Life like Christ's.

First art Thou and Last art Thou, Manifest art Thou and Hidden art Thou,

Veiled from every eye, yet in plain sight art Thou!

But through divine might and heavenly power and the grace of the Eternal Lord, one must be seated upon the carpet of light and traverse the expanse of spirit, until all limitations are witnessed without limitation, and all names and traces are seen without stigma or designation. This is the station of the highest horizon and the Most Glorious Tree and the Tree of Paradise and the Ultimate Fruit. Blessed then are they that know it and drink of it and eat of it and attain unto it.

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Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God! I beg of Thee by Thy Name through which He Who is Thy Beauty hath been stablished upon the throne of Thy Cause, and by Thy Name through which Thou changest all things, and gatherest together all things, and callest to account all things, and rewardest all things, and preservest all things, and sustainest all things – I beg of Thee to guard this handmaiden who hath fled for refuge to Thee, and hath sought the shelter of Him in Whom Thou Thyself art manifest, and hath put her whole trust and confidence in Thee.

She is sick, O my God, and hath entered beneath the shadow of the Tree of Thy healing; afflicted, and hath fled to the City of Thy protection; diseased, and hath sought the Fountain-Head of Thy favors; sorely vexed, and hath hasted to attain the Well-Spring of Thy tranquillity; burdened with sin, and hath set her face toward the court of Thy forgiveness.

Attire her, by Thy sovereignty and Thy loving-kindness, O my God and my Beloved, with the raiment of Thy balm and Thy healing, and make her quaff of the cup of Thy mercy and Thy favors. Protect her, moreover, from every affliction and ailment, from all pain and sickness, and from whatsoever may be abhorrent unto Thee.

Thou, in truth, art immensely exalted above all else except Thyself. Thou art, verily, the Healer, the All-Sufficing, the Preserver, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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=== START BH04476 ===

He is the Ever-Living, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest my cry, and witnessest my lamentation, and knowest my sighing, and the secret anguish of my heart, and the affliction of my being, and the perturbation of my essence, and the dissolution of my identity, and the annihilation of my body, and the confusion of my form, and the trembling of my core. How then can I be worthy of the stations of the glory of Thy nearness, or befitting the pavilions of the majesty of meeting with Thee? For the heart wherein aught else but Thee hath entered can never be a mirror for Thy beauty, and the foot that hath walked in other than Thy good-pleasure can never gain entrance to the garden of Thy love or dwell in the precincts of Thy mercy, and the eye that hath turned to aught besides Thee can never be capable of beholding the lights of Thy countenance or witnessing the mysteries of Thy sovereignty. Glorified, glorified art Thou! By Thy might and majesty, I have been afflicted with all this and kept from visiting Thy beauty, and I remain upon the face of the earth like unto a sinful transgressor who findeth for himself no helper and no forgiver. And this hath come to pass only through the heedlessness that hath encompassed me from all sides. I beseech Thee now, O my God, by the fire through which Thou didst cause all things to shine forth and by the light through which Thou didst give life to all created things, to make us severed from all else but Thee, and reliant upon Thee, and seeking refuge in Thy presence, and taking shelter at Thy court, and cleaving unto Thee, and imploring Thy mercy, and abiding through Thy perpetuity. For in Thy grasp lie the destinies of all things. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest as Thou pleasest. Thou shalt not be asked of what Thou willest and lovest. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

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He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved! This is a servant who hath drunk from the stream of Thy attraction and love, and hath been seized by the flames of the fire of Thy love, and hath attained unto such a station that he could not endure separation and remoteness from Thee. He drew near with his heart and feet until he reached the paradise of Thy oneness and won the presence of the tree of Thy singleness before the sanctuary of Thy beauty. He sought Thy leave until he entered within the precincts of Thy mercy in the sanctuary of nearness and reunion with Thee, and heard the holy melodies in the highest paradise, and beheld the Beauty of the Divine Identity in the most exalted horizon, and reached such nearness that the clouds of Thy generosity and favor and the rain-clouds of Thy grace and bounty were showered upon him to a degree that none can reckon save Thee alone. Thou wilt surely remove, O my God, the veil of the coverings from the eyes of Thy creation and the covering of darkness from the sight of Thy creatures, that all may witness the wonders of Thy tender mercies toward Thy loved ones and the manifestations of Thy bounties toward Thy servants, and that all who are in the heavens and on earth may be assured that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Through Thy power Thou dost raise up the lowly and through Thy might Thou dost bring low the proud. Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou, O my God! Therefore, since Thou hast confirmed Thy favors upon Thy servant who hath turned his face toward Thee and set his course toward Thy direction, perfect then Thy generosity toward him and complete Thy loving care in his regard, that the breezes of Thy eternal life may blow upon him and the rivers of Thy perpetual knowledge may flow through his heart, that he may enter the city of Thy presence

and dwell in the garden of Thy eternity. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Most High.

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=== START BH04478 ===

O Muhammad-Rahim, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

He Who was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets has come. This is the Day wherein God has given glad-tidings to His servants and sent down for them that which brings solace to their eyes. Those who have denied God's grace and mercy are in error and schism. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and taken up that which was forbidden them in the Mother Book.

O Muhammad-Rahim! The All-Bountiful has come with a sovereignty that has conquered all who are in earth and heaven. Take heed lest the might of the oppressors prevent thee or the hosts of the wicked cause thee to fear. Take hold of the Book of God with a power from Us and an authority from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is powerful to do as He pleaseth through His sovereignty which has conquered all who are in the realm of possibility.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all mankind, and glory be to Thee, O Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath, for having caused me to hear Thy call and witness Thy signs, and for having raised me to the heaven of Thy nearness and enabled me to make mention of Thee in the night season and at dawn.

My God, my God, my Goal and my Adored One! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee and clinging to Thy cord. I testify that Thou didst create me to know Thee and didst manifest me to serve Thee and serve Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Lord of all peoples, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy will that which shall render me a helper of Thy Cause and one who speaks Thy praise amidst the factions. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

The idolaters have banished Us from the City of Mystery and cast Us into the fortress of 'Akka, wherein the Ancient Beauty hath been imprisoned. From the horizon of this Prison He calleth out to all nations: By God! I have accepted sorrows for the joy of the worlds, and afflictions for the well-being of all who dwell on earth, and imprisonment for the liberation of all on earth from the chains of self and passion. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen speak forth from thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Adorn yourselves with My characteristics and embellish yourselves with My nature, that sorrows may not prevent you from turning toward the All-Merciful, nor the might of all possible things deter you from gazing upon the face of your Lord, the Dawning-Place, the Luminous. This is the Day wherein the holy eyes are turned toward

those who have detached themselves from all things and have turned unto the Lord of Names, and upon whom the denizens of Paradise and those within the tabernacles of holiness do shower their prayers. He, verily, is cognizant of all things. We had intended to send unto each one of you who have turned toward the Countenance manifest verses, but We have been prevented by the oppressors who have encompassed Us from every side. Woe unto them for what their hands have wrought in this vain life! Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Therefore, gather My loved ones in remembrance of Me, then make mention to them of that which hath been sent down from the direction of My Throne, that they may soar in the atmosphere of My nearness and ascend unto the heaven of My grandeur. Say: He remembereth you in the prison, that ye may remember your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

We have sent thee a remembrance from Our presence, when the Trusted One turned toward the Land of Ta by the leave of God, the Lord of Names. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth; there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and draw thee nigh unto Him in all worlds. Verily He is the Almighty over what hath been and what shall be.

When thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth present arrived and was read before His face, the ocean of loving-kindness surged once again, that thou mightest give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in existence. Sorrow not over anything. By My life! He hath inscribed with His Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this first life. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh the truth. There is none other God but Him, the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

Thou art he who hath stood firm in the service of thy Lord and hath spoken His praise at eventide and at dawn. All things bear witness to thy remembrance and thy turning toward the Most Great Ocean and thine acceptance of My praiseworthy station. Thine eyes were solaced by beholding the Beauty and thine ears were favored by hearkening unto the call of this Wronged One. Thus did My Most Exalted Pen move when it was established upon the throne in its ruined prison. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are related to thee and upon those who have been set ablaze by the fire of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Give glad tidings of My remembrance and My days to the loved ones, then kindle in their hearts the fire of My love, that the circumstances of the world may not sadden them nor the utterances of every rejected polytheist bar them.

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He who was named after the Wronged One, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]

He is God - exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Glory!

The letter of that beloved one reached this penitent servant, and the fragrances of love, sincerity, mystical knowledge and certitude of the Beauty of the All-Merciful were inhaled from its words, as was likewise that one's orientation, humility and submissiveness toward the Truth. Blessed art thou for having drunk the wine of mystical knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained unto that which all existence was deprived of, save those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, wished. The mention of that one was remembered before the Truth, and what thou didst supplicate of God, thy Lord, the Most Pure Ear did hear, and perfect bounty appeared from the horizon of grace. And as for the request for forgiveness and pardon specifically for thyself and thy parents, this blessed word issued forth from the horizon of the Mouth of Will: "God hath answered what thou didst desire from the wonders of His grace and the ocean of His forgiveness. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful." End quote. Blessed art thou, O beloved one, for having been mentioned by the tongue of the Beloved, and for the glances of His bounty having turned toward thee, and for His having sent down for thee that which shall endure as long as the dominion of earth and heaven endureth. God willing, may they ever be refreshed from the Kawthar of mercy and sustained by the fruits of bounty, and in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Whoso maketh mention of Him on earth, verily He maketh mention of him in the Supreme Concourse. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Most Great Remembrance and hath arisen to praise the Ancient Beloved. He is assuredly among the triumphant ones. And the Spirit and holiness and glory be upon thee, O thou emigrant, traveler, pilgrim, triumphant one, exile who art near.

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In the Name of Him Who is Powerful over all who are on earth and in heaven!

The Tongue of Utterance has smiled and speaks amidst all contingent beings, that perchance those who slumber might awaken and hear the melodies that have been raised from this mighty Prison. The time has come and He Who was promised hath appeared, yet the people remain in strange drunkenness. Some are heedless, some have arisen in opposition, and some have objected and said that which none before had ever said. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. When the verses were sent down, they said: "These were revealed before in the tongue of the Remembrance." Nay, they are among the fabricators. There hath been sent down concerning every matter that which none can reckon save God, Lord of all the worlds. The Remembrance hath testified that not a single word revealed in the Bayan can equal what hath been revealed herein. Thus hath the All-Merciful testified, but the fabricators remain in manifest perversity, speaking according to their own desires. They have gone astray and led others astray. They are indeed among the oppressors. Say: This is an ocean surging within itself, from which God causeth to flow whatsoever He willeth. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. No exhaustion hath been ordained for it. Thus hath the matter been decreed, despite those who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and were among the idolaters. Blessed is he who readeth the verses of God and pondereth upon the pearls of his Lord's knowledge that lie concealed therein, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O thou servant! Arise to serve thy Ancient Master. Aid Him through remembrance and

utterance. He maketh mention of thee in this remote station. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Ancient of Days.

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In His Name, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!

We have sent down the verses and revealed that which was hidden in the Books of God, the Lord of creation. How many a servant has risen in opposition, disputing the verses of God and His proof, and turning away from Him by Whom the Path was established and the Balance set up. They have forsaken their God and followed their desires. They are accounted among the idolaters in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O ’Ali! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn towards Him on a Day whereon feet have slipped. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent thee from the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Leave them to themselves and hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of the final end.

Blessed is the learned one who hath recognized the Known One, and the mystic who hath turned unto the One Renowned, and the seeker who hath sought the Desired One, whilst most of the people have turned away from Him. O ’Ali! Give glad-tidings unto the people of thy land of My mercy, My loving-kindness, My bounty and My grace that have encompassed the horizons. Say: By God! He is with you and seeth what hath befallen you in His path. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. To this testifieth every man of certainty and insight. Be not grieved by what hath befallen you. There hath befallen Us that which hath caused the Spirit of Holiness to lament and the clouds to cry out. The wrongdoers shall soon behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily thy Lord lieth in wait. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have arisen and said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.”

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In His name, Who abideth after the passing of all things! The spheres of bounty have been set in motion by the breaths of grace, and the ocean of generosity hath been stirred by the winds of the favor of thy Lord, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be. The banner of My Most Glorious Name hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the standard of this Most Great Remembrance hath been planted upon every lofty and towering mountain. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Then give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee in the presence of the Prisoner, and for having revealed unto thee this Tablet, with which the treasures of what was and what shall be cannot compare. Were We to say it is the sun, this would be true by virtue of My being, for it hath dawned from

this praiseworthy horizon. And were We to say it is the heaven, this too would be true, for it hath been adorned with brilliant stars and luminous planets formed of the words of thy Lord, Who in the heaven of eternity was called the Ancient Truth, and in the realm of the cloud the Most High, the Most Great, and in the kingdom of names the Everlasting God, and then by this Name in the world of creation - the Name whereby the dwellers of earth and heaven were seized with trembling, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, did will. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Most Great Ocean and drunk the sealed wine from My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden. Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then make mention of thy Lord among the handmaidens, that haply they may catch the fragrance of these days and turn unto this manifest horizon. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God and perceived the fragrance of this perfumed shirt.

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In the name of God, He is the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and We have taken note of its contents and accepted thee for My exalted and glorious Self. We have recorded thy name in the Tablet wherein are inscribed the names of those who have fulfilled their Covenant and were among those endowed with understanding, and who attained recognition of the Cause on the Day whereon the heavens of holiness were cleft asunder and God came with manifest sovereignty. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast been nourished from the fruits of the Tree of Knowledge on this Day when most of mankind have turned away from the Countenance of the All-Merciful, and disbelieved in God, and were numbered among the deniers. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and for having sent down unto thee this mighty and wondrous Tablet. It behooveth thee to glory in this among the heavens and earths. But hold thou fast unto this Tree, lest the cawing of the idolators move thee, for Satan hath risen up amongst men and at every moment calleth the people unto the nethermost hell. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that thou shalt regard all else besides God as a handful of clay. Then remember thou this Wronged One, whom the idolators have cast into the well of envy and hatred - God is verily witness and knowing of this - and upon whom hath descended from His servants that which hath descended upon no one before, if thou be of them that hearken. And glory be upon thee if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and art numbered among the steadfast, and upon him through whose pen God hath caused thy letter to flow, and thereby ordained for him a noble and holy station.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy

Your letter has come before Us and We have learned of its contents and have answered you with this exalted Tablet. We beseech God to assist you to attain His love and good-pleasure and to cause you to soar at all times into the atmosphere wherein you will hear the praise of the denizens of the All-Highest Paradise unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou for having recognized thy Lord, hearkened unto His call, and been of those who have turned towards Him. Place thy trust in God,

then detach thyself from all else. Verily He is with His servants who place their trust in Him. Remember Him throughout all days - through His remembrance are illumined the hearts of them that have recognized His oneness. Grieve not over anything, for there hath been ordained for thee in the Book an exalted station. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all who are in the heaven of Command and Creation and the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and by Thy Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, to grant me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and to protect me from every affliction and harm. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O my Lord! Deprive me not of those outpourings which Thou hast sent down upon Thy sincere ones from the clouds of Thy mercy, and remove me not from the shore of the glory of Thy oneness. Then grant me, O my God, a seat of truth with Thee and join me with Thy sincere servants. O my Lord! I am he who hath clung to Thy gracious Name, and Thou art verily the All-Giving, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Write down for me, then, with the Most Exalted Pen that which will preserve me from turning to any other than Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the King, the All-Giving, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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He, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted!

O Afnan, Siyyid Husayn! There hath come before the Throne the letter of one of My Afnan who hath drawn from the lamp of the Bayan and attained recognition when the All-Merciful came with His sovereignty over all worlds. We answer him with this Tablet that the traces of the Pen of Revelation may draw him to a station which God hath sanctified above every wondrous mention. We have read thy letter and heard thy call. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the word spoken in praise of God and blessed the speaker who hath spoken with His wise remembrance. We made mention of thee before and make mention of thee at this time when the Ancient Beauty is established upon His mighty throne in the Most Great Prison. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. By My life! Were it not for My protection, the feet of the loved ones would slip. Thy Lord is verily the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There is no strength nor power for anyone save through God, the Almighty, the Powerful. We beseech Him to make thee steadfast in His Cause in all conditions and to give thee to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Luminous. Thus doth the ocean of revelation surge from this holy, exalted, wondrous and impregnable spot. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this mighty cord. In thy letter was mention of one who hath turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds. Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of this remembrance whereby all who are in the heavens and earth have been illumined. Say: This is the Day of Remembrance. Make mention of the tribulations of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance, even as He remembereth thee through His abounding grace.

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O Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious and resplendent Baha! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High! There hath come before the Throne that which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Face, and We have answered thee through this Tablet from which the near ones inhale the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We behold thee steadfast in the Cause and speaking forth this Name through which the unitarians have hastened to the Kawthar of eternity, and the near ones to the Supreme Horizon, and the sincere ones to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Baha, which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He, verily, is He; whoso hath acknowledged this hath acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Know thou, O thou who hast emigrated unto God and turned thy face toward Him, that there hath befallen Us that which hath grieved the Concourse on High and caused the Spirit of Holiness to lament in this exalted Station. By the life of God! The horizon of trustworthiness hath been darkened, and the bow hath been taken from its Maker, and the House from its Builder. Understand thou the melody of these words, that thou mayest be of them that are informed. We have commanded all to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness - to this beareth witness My tongue, My Pen, My limbs, and those who circle round Me, then this luminous Book. Among the people are those who have cast it behind their backs, and thereby have violated the sanctity of God, the Most High, the Mighty, the Protected. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones and say: Beware lest ye cast the Book of God behind your backs. Hold fast unto it, then act according to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed therein. This, verily, is a mighty triumph. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven. Your letter has come before the Wronged One, and the servant who is present before His face made mention of it and was blessed to hear what the Mother Book contains from His presence. We have heard that which you called out to God. Blessed be your tongue, in that it has acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of all things - that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We bear witness that you have detected the fragrances of revelation and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the learned ones of the earth and its divines turned away from it, on a day when the Herald proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of Lords!” When you gained the blessing of your Lord the All-Merciful’s utterance, say: “My God, my God! Thou art He through Whose signs were set in motion the spheres of existence, and through Whose bounty appeared the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge. O Master of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue Thy earth and Thy heaven, to assist me to make mention of Thee and praise Thee, and that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! I sense the fragrance of Thy manifestation, which has so taken hold of me that I have turned toward Thee and spoken Thy praise. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the dawning lights of the Daystar of Thy Cause to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of the first life, and to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy service, speaking Thy praise, turning toward Thy horizon and orienting myself to the lights of Thy countenance. O

my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lies with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful."

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He is the Hidden, the Manifest

That which was treasured from all eternity hath been revealed, and that which was concealed in the Tablets of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, hath appeared. The breezes of revelation have wafted and the winds of the All-Merciful have blown, yet most of the people perceive it not. The gate of reunion hath been opened before all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet the people have turned away from it. The ocean of attainment hath surged before the faces of all who are in creation, but none hath gained it save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. Say: O people! This indeed is the Foundation intended in the Books of God, and this verily is the Basis beloved in the Tablets of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praised. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves through the disputations of the contentious from the ocean of reunion. Draw nigh unto Him and follow not those who have denied the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty. That which ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings will profit you not this Day. Say: O people! Answer Him Who calleth you for the sake of God - this is better for you, did ye but know. We have perceived from thee the fragrance of faith and have sent down for thee this Hidden Tablet. Verily it maketh mention of him who hath turned towards Him and aideth him who hath desired to assist His Cause. All are within the grasp of His sovereignty that encompasseth all who are in existence. Make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants, that they may turn to a station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom the sayings of men have not withheld from the goal and who have attained unto the Most Great Remembrance at eventide and at dawn.

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In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Will hath appeared and the Manifestation of God's decree, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath come. And verily it speaketh in the contingent world in human form, yet most of the people hear not. The proof itself calleth all who are in the realm of possibilities unto God, yet the people comprehend not. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, and all who are in the heavens and earth have been enlightened thereby, yet the people perceive not. They have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs, following every rejected ignorant one. Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not the desires of those who have turned away from the Cause when it appeared with manifest sovereignty. Arise from the couches of heedlessness - this is the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness Who hath spoken in His hallowed, mighty and beloved Kingdom. We summon the people unto God while they summon Us to the Most Great Prison wherein We dwell. We remember them with goodness while they speak

concerning Us that whereby all in the heavens and earth curse them. Leave them to themselves and turn unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having attained unto thy Goal and recognized thy Ancient Lord. Ask thou God to make thee steadfast in this Cause and to give thee the choice wine of reunion in these days wherein all things cry out: “Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the enraptured! Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the yearning! Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the mystics! Reunion, reunion, reunion, O concourse of the lovers! Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the seeking! Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the earnest!”

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The ocean of utterance hath been stirred by the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, He hath appeared and brought forth from the treasury of knowledge the pearls of wisdom and understanding. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of the ignorant ones. Say: All the books of the world cannot compare with that which hath been sent down from His presence. To this beareth witness the Ancient King in His glorious and wondrous station. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One time and again, and We have heard the yearning and lamentation of thy heart, and have found in every letter the fragrance of turning, humility and lowliness before the Manifestation of God, the Mighty, the Great. We bear witness that thou art standing at the gate of grandeur and present before the Throne, hearkening to the scratching of the Pen and gazing toward the horizon of God’s loving-kindness, the Beloved of those who know. We beseech God that through thy remembrance and supplication He may raise up servants in the earth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Soon shall appear that which God, the Peerless, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath ordained. Were We to lift the veil, thou wouldst witness the people circling round the will of thy Lord, Who ruleth over all that are in the heavens and on earth. O My Afnan! Thou art of Us - these are words that have appeared from the Hidden Treasure stored within My Most Exalted Pen. This station shall soon appear like the sun from the horizon of heaven. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Faithful One. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon My Afnan who are with thee and who love thee and obey what thou biddest them in this mighty and wondrous Cause.

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In the Name of God, Who has dawned from the Most Glorious Horizon! The land of mystery has lamented, while the prison land has rejoiced - the former weeps at separation from the Beloved, while the latter glories over all other lands at the meeting with its Lord. How wondrous is this grief and this manifest joy! God has chosen the lands whereon the Beloved of the worlds has arrived. Blessed is he who arrives therein and finds the fragrance of his Lord’s robe, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, and inhales the sweet-scented breeze of the Beloved. By God, he is of those who have attained. O servant! The Youth remembers thee in this remote prison out of love for thy being, inasmuch as thou hast believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thou of those who fulfill their covenant. Remember thy Lord and be not of the heedless. In days such as these it behooveth the Youth to summon all beings unto their Lord, the All-

Merciful, and ye make mention of Him at all times. Thus hath the Pen of Command taught you in this wondrous Tablet. Make ye mention of Him in your homes; verily He maketh mention of you in the prison at a time when He is cut off from all the worlds. Behold the world and its changes. Take heed lest thou place thy reliance upon it. Place thy reliance upon the grace of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. It shall pass away in a day, but that which God hath desired for thee shall endure and not perish, and thy Lord is, to what I say, a witness. Reflect upon what We have imparted unto thee of meanings and utterance, then seek for thyself what thou desirest. We beseech God to assist thee in what He hath purposed and to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth. And praise be to the Beloved of them that know.

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In His name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

To him who presented his letter before the Throne! We have inhaled from thy words the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Qiblih of the worlds and set thy face toward the Dayspring from which hath shone forth the Sun of the signs of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Thou hast called upon God, thy Lord, with humility and supplication. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Most High. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thou hast desired therein to be content with His good-pleasure and to abide beneath the shade of Him Whom God hath made the station of them that are nigh unto Him. Say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink the wine of Thy tender mercy and the Kawthar of Thy favors, and for having caused me to turn toward the Sanctuary which hath ever been the point of adoration of Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones. O my Lord! Aid me to serve Thee in such wise that the opposition of all who dwell on earth shall not deter me, and to speak forth Thy remembrance in such wise that the servants may arise from the couches of self and passion and turn toward the quarter of Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath sought to appear before the throne of Thy riches, and I am the thirsty one who hath hastened to the spot wherefrom the Kawthar of life hath gushed forth by Thy leave and power, and I am the ailing one who hath desired the ocean of Thy healing, and I am the lowly one who aspireth toward the dawning-place of Thy glory. Deprive me not of that which lieth with Thee. Enable me, O my God, in such wise that from me may be manifested the spread of Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants and the exaltation of Thy Word amidst Thy creation. I am assured that Thou hast answered for me all that I have desired from the wonders of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty and favor. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Jamal, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who rules over whatsoever He willeth. The Supreme Pen makes mention of him who remembers his Ancient Lord, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the oppression of those who have denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may sadden him. Then know thou that for

everything there is a time appointed, and every announcement hath its hour of consummation. Thus hath it been decreed by One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Conduct affairs at their appointed times through their proper means - thus doth the Causer of causes command thee. He is, verily, the One Who rules over all worlds. We desire to preserve you that ye may help your Lord, the All-Merciful, throughout all possibilities. Therefore wisdom in affairs is necessary, lest a sedition arise and the hearts of those who have turned to Him be troubled. God willing, be ye in all conditions mindful of the Beloved of endless time, manifest through His Name and gazing toward His direction. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy - soon shall ye behold Him. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In executing certain matters, delay is necessary as the time is not propitious. The purpose today is your preservation, that through the grace of the All-Merciful ye may become the cause of guidance for the people and draw them to the horizon of oneness. If today in various cities institutions specifically known by the name of House of Justice and the like become known, there is danger for all, as the people are immature. Leave them until their backs are strengthened and they attain their maturity. Thus doth the Truthful, the Trustworthy, command thee. Blessed art thou, O Jamal, for having arisen to serve thy Lord and recognized the Dawning-Place of Revelation when most of the servants turned away from Him. And praise be to God, the Lord of creation.

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In His Name, the Protector over all names! Say: Knowledge, in the realm of contingency, is the known thing itself, and in the Divine Essence none knoweth it save Him. Thus hath the matter been ordained. All that the mystics have known returneth to a station that was illumined by the lights of the Countenance. The realities of all things are contained in a Word that the Tongue of Grandeur uttered when He was established upon the Throne with a sovereignty that encompassed all the worlds. Verily that which is encompassed cannot know the Encompasser, and that which perceiveth cannot perceive Him Who is beyond perception. Say: The uncompounded Reality is the Primal Word. Blessed is he who hath known the purpose of God and chosen this Path as his way. Through it were all things brought into being, and in all things can be seen its revelation and its sovereignty. Know ye the melody of these words and walk ye straight upon this Path. All things begin with it and end with it. Glorified be its Creator above being known through the knowledge of His creation or being described by attributes that were limited by human understanding. How can that which is originated reach the sea of eternity, or the evanescent attain unto Him through Whose command was the Kingdom of immortality created? We created all contingent things through the Contingent Will, and it is verily the Most Great Word that appeared with a sovereignty witnessed throughout all worlds. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God in all conditions, and fear not those who were debarred from the Countenance. Thy Lord desireth for thee what I have desired for thee, and remembereth thee when He was a stranger in the kingdom. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath taken the All-Merciful as his Guardian.

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In the Name of Him Who is Supreme over all Names

Say: Prosperity hath appeared and the Lamp hath been lit, and by it were illumined the hearts of them that have detached themselves from all else except God and have turned unto the Dayspring of His grace, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Verily in My seat upon the throne in the Most Great Prison and My call in grandeur and power to all who are in the world are signs for those who are endowed with discernment. Blessed is he who hath pondered the power of God and His sovereignty, and hath turned unto Him with a luminous heart. The world hath united to harm Us, and the Daysprings of Power to cause Us grief, yet We are in manifest joy. My Most Exalted Pen moveth at all times upon the Luminous Tablet in such wise that neither the might of them that are on earth nor the power of the aggressors can prevent it. We do what We will and ordain what We please, and We are the Powerful, the Mighty. O people of Baha! Be ye manifestations of might amongst mankind, such that the affairs of tyrants shall not disturb you. Verily, He is with His steadfast servants. Say: It behooveth no one to object against anyone. Put your trust in God. Verily He will manifest His Cause as He pleaseth, and He, verily, is independent of all the worlds. Despite such might, be ye sources of humility and manifestations of meekness, that others may perceive from you the fragrance of My characteristics, whereby every knowing and discerning one is adorned. Consort with all peoples with joy and fragrance, then remind them of that which ye possess of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Teacher, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Book We have sent down in truth and dispatched unto thee, that the servants may read it and drink therefrom the Kawthar of My mercy that hath preceded all the worlds.

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O Mashhadi Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God! In His Name, the Manifest above all things! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Goal, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! I testify to Thy power which hath conquered all created things, and to Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all existence, and to the oneness of Thy Essence and attributes, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over all who are in Thy earth and heaven, and wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been before. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I desire to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance. I know not, O my God, by which of Thy attributes to describe Thee and by which of Thy remembrances to remember Thee. I testify, O my God, to that which all created things have testified, that Thou canst not be described by any description save Thine own, nor remembered by any remembrance save Thine own. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Ruler of all men, by the hidden treasures in Thy Pen, to make me one who speaks Thy praise, who stands firm in Thy service, and who gazes toward Thy horizon. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most Bountiful. O Lord! Ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace. Thou art verily the Supreme One over all who are in Thy earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Magnify, O my God, Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones whom Thou hast made the Hands of Thy Cause amongst Thy creation, and through whose high endeavors Thou hast opened the

doors of the hearts of Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Deathless One! Say: O people! By God, We have not come to create corruption in the land, but rather to reform it and to reveal that which lies treasured within it, and to purify you from uncleanliness. We commanded the servants of God in Iraq and other lands not to oppose anyone, and even if they were killed, not to kill. Therefore the people grew bold and made My family and loved ones captives unto Mosul the calamitous. There befell them what had befallen the family of the Apostle, nay worse, would ye but know. And among the people of the Bayan are those who have united with the Persians and denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Such a one is of Satan's hosts and hath ever been a polytheist, associating partners with God, the Mighty, the Loving. When he appears before the contemptible rabble who claim to be of the Bayan, he says "I have believed in God," but when he sees the polytheists he says "I am with you and have denied God, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving." Woe unto those who have taken him and his like as protectors for themselves instead of God. Reflect, then observe how the secrets of hearts have been revealed, yet despite what people see of their deeds and hear of their words, they follow them unawares. Say: Be fair, O people, concerning the Youth and those with Him. Did He ever rely upon anyone, or seek help from any soul, or unite with those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy? Blessed, then, is he who ponders on what hath befallen Us, who in his love for his Lord becomes detached from all else save Him, and who turns his face toward the face of God, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Praise be to the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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O Samandar, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God, the Supreme Pen complaineth of those souls who wander in the wilderness of error and passion while counting themselves among the faithful and attributing themselves to the Truth. Many treacherous souls have appeared in the garment of trustworthiness. Ye must warn the friends in that land to shun such souls, not to consider every speaker truthful nor every traitor trustworthy. All must today hold fast to the divine ordinances and act according to that which hath been sent down from the holy Kingdom in the Most Holy Book, and fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon rather than upon the horizons of heedless souls. Should anyone today fix his gaze upon aught save the Truth and that which hath appeared and will appear from Him, he will assuredly stumble due to the deeds of certain atheists who count themselves among the faithful, and remain deprived of the ocean of grace. Be vigilant in all conditions regarding the Cause of God. In the path of the Friend ye have borne countless afflictions and trials. The reward for this hath not been and will never be lost. Be thou assured that He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land and remind them of that which hath been revealed in this Tablet, that all may become aware and distinguish between personal imaginings and divine inspiration. Glory be upon thee and upon

those who are with thee and upon whosoever is mindful of that which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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To: Ali-Qabel-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. In the name of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, the Most Exalted Pen proclaims: We have fulfilled what We promised. The Tablets which you had requested specifically for receptive souls have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will and have been dispatched. Although revealed concisely, yet to those endowed with vision and understanding, each word thereof is a manifest book in demonstrating God's Cause, His power and His sovereignty. Beseech God that through these rains of mercy from the heaven of His Cause He may purify the soil of hearts and minds and adorn them with the flowers of true knowledge and the plants of certitude, for barren soil hath had and shall have no share of this divine bounty. You must, God willing, become the cup-bearer of this most pure wine, that perchance the dead may be stirred by the sweet fragrances of the days of the All-Merciful and turn towards the sanctuary of the Ancient Beauty. In any case, the decisive command of God is that the sincere ones should in this day engage in teaching the Cause of the Lord of all worlds. This is the meaning of assistance that hath been revealed in the Tablets of God, and whatsoever people imagine besides this hath been and shall remain beneath this station. For every matter there is an appointed time in the Book of God. He verily doeth whatsoever He willeth by His own Self. He is indeed independent of conflict and contention and of that which troubleth the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. Soon shall all servants behold the standards of His glory and might raised upon the most lofty and noble banners. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He says, glorified be His majesty:

He who turned to slay those who had faced the Most Exalted Horizon rose up against My murder. But when God revealed what was hidden in his breast, he cried out within himself and committed what he committed. To this testify the servants who were with Me in the Land of Mystery, and beyond them My Preserved Tablet. We made known to him Our horizon and commanded him to what is right, yet he arose to harm Me and committed that which caused the hearts of those near to God to melt. Say: O people! The Revealer of the Bayan declared: O concourse of creation! Ye were created for His days. Fear God and be not of those who are veiled. Whoso hath attained unto but one word from Him - this is better for him than all that was revealed in the Bayan. Beware lest ye object to God and turn away from Him through Whom every wise command was manifested. O thou who hast turned to the Face! When thou drinkest the choice wine of knowledge from the ocean of My utterance, remind the people with wisdom and exposition of what hath been revealed in the Tablet, that perchance they may arise to what they missed in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We see them in heedlessness and in their ancient stupor. Do thou remind them with wisdom, that perchance My wondrous remembrance may influence them. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the Sun of My Name, the All-Compelling over

all who are in the heavens and the earth. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have cast away idle fancies and held fast to My Self-Subsisting Name, through which, when it appeared, the atoms proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne! Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have turned with radiant faces to the Most Exalted Horizon on a Day wherein every mighty mountain was scattered to dust.

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O Handmaiden of God, mother of Karim who emigrated and attained! He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of Revelation. The Book of God is manifest and speaking without any veil, and He is the Interlocutor of Sinai, through Whose advent the Throne hath been adorned and through the establishment of the Ancient Beauty upon it hath become distinguished and mentioned among all thrones. Whatsoever was revealed in previous Books from the Supreme Pen now existeth, but countless obstacles are observed. On one side, the divines of Iran have forbidden and continue to forbid the helpless servants from drawing nigh, and on another side the might of princes hath become an impediment and barrier. This Wronged One hath, in the nights and days, rent asunder the veils with the finger of power, yet when one veil is rent, another appeareth. The clouds of idle fancies have concealed the rays of the Sun of Truth. The servants do not reflect, even for less than a moment, upon the things that have transpired in the past. Had they understood the cause of the prevention and deprivation of the peoples of the earth at the time of the appearance of the Manifestations of the divine Cause, they would now have entered, without delay, the City of Oneness. O leaf and O my handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord for My remembrance of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Ruler of the realm of might, for having made this handmaiden of Thine turn unto the lights of Thy countenance, become attracted to Thy verses, and speak forth Thy remembrance and praise. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Him Who sacrificed Himself for the exaltation of Thy Word and the manifestation of Thy Cause, to make me in all conditions hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad Ja'far, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! The Book of God speaketh with truth amongst creation and guideth all to His straight path. The Most Great Announcement hath come, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. This is the Day wherein the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the hidden and treasured Mystery hath been revealed, through which the Herald proclaimed: "He hath come, He at Whose mention Paradise and the Most Exalted Garden were attracted." Blessed are they that have attained! If thou desirest to make mention of God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, arise, then raise up the hands of thy inner and outer being with such steadfastness that the hands of all contingent things will be lifted thereby toward the heaven of the grace of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Blessed is the hand that hath

taken hold of His Book, and the eye that hath beheld His signs, and the heart that hath turned to His horizon, and the ear that hath heard His most sweet call when it was raised in the world of creation. And woe unto every remote oppressor! Say: O peoples of the earth! The All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds, while from His right the Herald of Glory proclaimeth: “O people! This is He Who was promised to you in the Books of old, and this is He at Whose appearance the Books of the peoples bowed down in submission.” To this beareth witness the Most Great Book of God in this exalted station. The Glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who witnessed and declared: “This is He through Whom the countenance of Faith smiled in all creation, and the Hour appeared with its signs, and the Resurrection with its mysteries.” Joy be to every attainer and felicity to every beholder who hath responded!

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In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

The Book of God hath been sent down from the heaven of divine loving-kindness, and the horizon of the world is illumined with the splendors of the Most Great Luminary. All hidden mysteries and treasured signs have become manifest and visible. Blessed is the soul whom the veils of learning have not debarred from the Dayspring of divine Revelation, and whom the obscuring doubts of the people have not withheld from the Most Great Ocean. This is His Day, and this is His Revelation. Know ye its worth and seek steadfastness with utmost humility and supplication. This is the Supreme Gift and the Most Great Holy Table. Strive that ye may attain that which hath no like nor equal. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Bestower, He is the Most Generous. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Most Exalted.

Praise be to the Lord of the Day of Judgment, Who hath aided thee to make mention and glorify Him, and guided thee. Say: O my God, my Adored One, my Object of Worship! Thy servant beareth witness to Thy unity and oneness, and beseecheth from the wonders of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity, and whose manifestation and appearance shall never be erased from the book of the world, which no cloud of vain imaginings shall conceal, and which no mists of idle fancies shall prevent from shining forth. O Generous One! Every possessor of insight and hearing hath testified to Thy generosity and borne witness to the precedence of Thy mercy. Deprive not Thy servants from the ocean of recognition, and withhold them not from the lights of the countenance of Thy Revelation. Thou art the Bestower, the Compassionate. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to one of His handmaidens, that she may remember Him Who created her. He is, verily, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Today the Sun of certitude is shining

and manifest from the horizon of the world. It behooveth every soul to turn unto it and find through its rays the straight path. Who is He by Whose name was raised the banner of “There is none other God but Him”? And Who is He at Whose appearance the Cry was raised, and the Trumpet was sounded, and all that are on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom God pleased? And Who is He Who arose with the Cause and manifested through His sovereignty whatsoever He desired in the kingdom of creation? Who is He Whom the might of princes did not deter, and the hosts of the powerful did not weaken, and Who spoke forth what He was commanded between earth and heaven? And Who is He through Whom the back of the Evil One was broken and the traces of idle fancies and vain imaginings were obliterated? O handmaiden of God! God willing, thou shalt observe and ponder with illumined vision and pure heart that which hath appeared, that perchance thou mayest become radiant and enlightened among the handmaidens through the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One. Take with the hand of certitude the chalice of steadfastness and drink therefrom - at times in My name, at times in remembrance of Me, and at other times in praise of My beauteous attributes. God willing, thou shalt partake of the Kawthar of life that lieth concealed within the words of the All-Merciful, until thou beholdest thyself detached and independent from all who are on earth, and engaged in the mention of thy peerless Beloved. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken that which nothing in all creation can equal. Blessed are they that have recognized, whether men or women.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned and attained unto the lights of the Kingdom when the Sovereign of the Realm of Might came with a name whereby all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willeth, the Lord of the worlds. The land of mystical knowledge hath recounted what it heard from the tongues of the people of Baha who turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon on a day wherein all the tribes of the earth turned away, save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, willeth. O Ashraf! That which thou didst compose in praise of thy Lord hath been presented, and the servant who was present before the throne of thy Lord the Most Great did recite it, and thy call and that which proceeded from thy lips attained unto the hearing of Him Who is Wronged and then of those whom the hosts of tyranny did not prevent from turning unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, and the face that hath turned toward Him, and the heart that hath turned to His luminous horizon. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee unto this most great bounty and guided thee unto His straight path and sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the eternity of His most excellent names. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen testify in this wondrous Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause and speaking My praise amongst My servants. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from this News whereby the idols were shaken and the pillars of false gods were scattered and every lofty mountain was crushed. The glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Hasan Khan, upon whom be the Glory of God, O ’Ali-Haydar, who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords, that the Call may draw him to the Supreme Horizon and bring him nigh unto a station wherein all atoms bear witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven. We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the Mount of Knowledge, and given thee glad tidings of that which was recorded in the Books and Tablets. This is a Day unto which God’s Books of old have testified. Blessed is he who hath attained unto its light and believed in God, the Lord of all beings. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause and in voicing the praise of God, the Lord of all creation. He, verily, aideth those who have turned unto Him and assisteth them through the hosts of the unseen. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasseth all names. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. We counsel thee with that which will exalt God’s Cause throughout all regions and manifest the station of man amidst all peoples. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy wisdom, and the sun of Thy bounty and grace, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else save Thee and advancing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were not frightened by the hosts of the world nor weakened by the clamor of the nations - they arose and proclaimed: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful!”

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O Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed and turned unto His straight path. Hear My call from the direction of My prison, then speak forth My remembrance and praise amongst My servants. We aid those who have cast away what is with the people, holding fast to that which hath been sent down unto them from the presence of One mighty and powerful. This is a day wherein the fire speaketh and the light speaketh, yet most of the people are heedless. He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath come, and through Him are revealed the mysteries of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beware lest the doubts of the people prevent thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O concourse of the earth! The call hath been raised from the most exalted horizon - hasten ye and be not of them that hesitate. All things have attained their fulfillment through the appearance of the Lord of all beings, to this testifieth every discerning sage. By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the Lord of all men speaketh before the faces of the parties, as a grace from Him - and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Among the people are those who heard the call and turned away from it, and among them are those who turned towards it and hastened and attained and said: “Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world, and Thine be the

glory, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of the Messengers." Take hold of the Book of God with such strength from Him that the hosts of the oppressors shall not prevent thee - they who denied the proof of God and His testimony and committed that which caused the tears of the sincere ones to flow. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused throughout creation! A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him whose letter reached the Wronged One while He was in the hands of the idolaters who violated God's Covenant and Testament, disputed His verses and warred against His Self after He had come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty. By God! The Hidden has been revealed yet the people comprehend not, and the Chosen One has come yet the evil ones recognize Him not. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs - verily they are among the most lost in the estimation of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the pen that hath moved in My remembrance, and the face that hath turned toward My court, and the heart that hath turned to My horizon, and the ear that hath heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and the hand that hath taken hold of My perspicuous Book. I render thanks unto God for having aided thee and made thee aware and revealed unto thee that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of His luminous garment. God hath forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness - a grace from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Thus have We brought forth the pearls of knowledge from the shells of proof. When thou beholdest this, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while Thou wert wronged, and for having turned toward me while Thou wert imprisoned. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the traces of Thy Pen and the lights of Thy countenance to make me steadfast, firm and unshakeable in Thy Cause whereby the limbs of the world have quaked and the hearts of the nations have trembled, save those who have turned unto Thee with radiant faces and illumined hearts. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility, and it summoneth all to the Most Sublime Horizon - that Station from which the Sun of Revelation hath shone forth, whereby those who lay in their graves arose, and the Nightingale of Eternity warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

The gaze of the Wronged One hath been directed towards thee, and He hath sent down for thee that which God hath made a sign to the lands and a token to His servants. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and be of them that are steadfast. We have heard mention of thee and witnessed thy turning unto Us, and

We have revealed for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Stand firm in the Cause through God's power and might, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the One Who dominateth all things, to make me steadfast in Thy service and vocal in Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned towards Thy most sublime horizon, and thereby have the tongues of Thy wretched servants been loosened against me. I beseech Thee to protect me beneath the shadow of Thy supreme protection and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then grant me the Living Waters which the hands of Thy bounty distribute among all contingent beings. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Beware lest the utterances of the idolaters sadden thee, or the clamor of them that have disbelieved in God, the True King, the Manifest, hold thee back. We counsel thee at the end of this Tablet with the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His wondrous Book. Act thou according to that which thou hast been bidden and place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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This is the Book which God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath sent down unto him who hath believed in Him and in His signs, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir! The Promise hath come to pass, and He Who was promised crieth out with His most exalted Call: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the mighty Throne!" Arise to serve the Cause, then speak forth that which thy Ancient Lord hath spoken. We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. The clamor hath been raised throughout all regions. Blessed is he who standeth firm, whose foot hath not slipped from the straight Path of God. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh, who hath not violated God's Covenant and His Bond, and who hath not denied His momentous Announcement. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of revelation from My garden of knowledge, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me Thy path, shown me Thy signs, caused me to hear Thy call, and sent down unto me that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure through the eternity of Thy Name, the All-Compelling over all names. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy commanding, the Mighty, the Wondrous. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy signs and by Thy servant who hath mentioned me before Thy face, to aid me to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness, whereby neither the doubts of the divines nor the might of princes shall hold me back. Thou art He through Whose bounty all things have testified, and through the power of Whose command all contingent beings exist. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O my God! I beseech Thee to ordain for me and my brother that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Then write down for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and exalt us through Thy Name amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Generous."

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O Karbila'i Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of the Bayan has been wafted throughout creation. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him nigh unto a station wherein he shall behold naught save the effulgent splendors of his Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. By God! The scratching of My Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of My Most Sublime Tree have been raised up. Blessed be the ear that hath heard, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the right side of the luminous Spot, the station wherein the Lord of Names did speak that which caused eyes to be gladdened. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto My verses and ponder that which hath appeared from Me and say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the heaven of knowledge hath appeared with shining suns. Fear ye Him Who hath come unto you with the verses of verses from God, the Lord of this exalted Station. Say: Your sciences and arts will not suffice you today. Cast them behind you, turning unto the Ocean of Knowledge which surgeth through this Name whereby faces have been illumined. Say: O peoples of the earth! Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared through the Truth and oppose not Him through Whom all existence hath turned towards God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee. By the life of God! Within each letter thereof lieth concealed an ocean of meanings and utterance, were men to know. He hath come for the reformation of the world, but the people are unaware. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have said: "The Kingdom is God's, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."

=== END BH04513 ===

=== START BH04514 ===

He is the One manifest in His frequented Temple

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath been illumined by the lights of the Cause and hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Point hath distinguished, and the Call hath been raised, and the Book hath spoken, and the Path of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath been established. Say: O people, fear ye God and deny not His signs and His evidences. Hearken unto Him Who counseleth you for the sake of God, and be not of those who have cast the Book behind their backs, clinging to the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have remembered every face that hath turned, and every heart that hath advanced, and every tongue that hath spoken, through this Hidden Name, through Whose manifestation hearts were overturned and eyes were transfixed and the limbs of every heedless and veiled one did tremble. O My loved ones in My lands! Hear ye My call, for verily it draweth you nigh unto My Kingdom and giveth you glad-tidings of My praiseworthy station. Beware lest the hosts of the wicked prevent you or the might of kings frighten you. We beseech God to reinforce the princes and sovereigns with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to guide them to His manifest and conspicuous Path, and to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of the former life,

and to grant them His presence that they may attend and circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, at sunset and at morn. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and drunk the choice wine of My utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having remembered me, and glory be unto Thee, O my Lord and my King, for having turned toward me. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy generosity and the heavens of Thy favors and bounties to ordain for me that which shall endure through the endurance of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

=== END BH04514 ===

=== START BH04515 ===

O Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Subduing over those on earth and in heaven. This is a Book sent down by the King of the Kingdom of Names to the people of creation. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call that draweth you to the Most Exalted Horizon and bringeth you near unto the One, the All-Informed. Follow not the desires of those who have denied the Proof of God and His evidence, and have turned away from Him through Whom the light of Revelation hath shone forth from the horizon of Sinai and the Tree hath cried out: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. O party of God! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward you from the precincts of the Prison and revealed for you that which refresheth the eyes. We counsel you with that which will exalt your station before God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. When the breezes of Revelation stir thee and the breaths of inspiration attract thee, turn with thy heart toward the Kaaba of mankind and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifester of clear tokens, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy utterance from the chalice of Thy bounty, and glory be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and acquainted me with Thy mighty Message, through whose appearance the great terror appeared among mankind and all things proclaimed: The Kingdom and the Dominion and the Grandeur and the Majesty belong unto God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me turning toward Thee and clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself. Protect me through Thy hosts and ordain for me from the Pen of Thy decree the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and within Thy grasp lieth the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

=== END BH04515 ===

=== START BH04516 ===

He Who is the Compassionate, the Generous, hath revealed this Book unto 'Ali-Muhammad, son of Ahmad, who hath attained His presence and achieved victory. The Lord of the Day of Judgment hath sent it down; verily it hath been revealed from before God, the Lord of the worlds, and guideth the people to His straight path and His mighty announcement. O thou who art present before the Countenance! We bear witness that thou didst hear the Call from the Supreme Horizon and didst turn unto it and attain unto the presence of the Wronged One and didst hear the scratching of His Pen and didst behold the horizon of His Revelation and didst gain that which was recorded in His Books and Scriptures and Tablets. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success and ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for

His chosen ones who circled round His Will and acted according to that which was commanded unto them from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the cup of Thy reunion and for having brought me into Thy presence while the opposers lay in wait to prevent Thy servants from turning unto the court of Thy nearness and entering the precincts of Thy companionship. I testify that Thou didst enable me to rend asunder the veils and the shrouds and didst guide me unto Thy most exalted station wherein Thy most sweet call was raised. O Lord! Thou knowest that the fragrance of Thy utterance attracted me and the light of Thy countenance took from my grasp the reins of patience. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to ordain for this servant of Thine Thy nearness and Thy presence once again, or to ordain for him his reward through Thy munificence and generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

=== END BH04516 ===

=== START BH04517 ===

O Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid!

This is a Book which the Lord of all beings hath caused to speak in the other world, that it may testify before the faces of the world to the Manifestation of God, His sovereignty, His glory and His power, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

Thy letter attained unto Our presence and audience, and from each of its letters wafted the fragrance of God’s love. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name, and make thee a helper of His Cause and one who standeth at the gate through His glory and bounty. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and mighty command.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance which hath flowed from My Pen in My Name, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the hidden mysteries in the Mother Book, and by Thy settlement upon the throne of manifestation in the return, and by Thy manifest and hidden mystery, and by Thy Name that holdeth sway over what hath been and what shall be, to aid me in that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the Wronged One hastening unto the throne of Thy justice and the tabernacle of Thy glory. I beseech Thee to ordain for him, through Thy bounty which hath encompassed all existence and through the light of Thy Name, the Forgiving, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Aid me to discharge the rights of Thy servants and Thy creation. By Thy glory, O God of all beings! I love naught except what Thou lovest and desire naught except what Thou desirest. Ordain for me that whereby the sanctity of Thy Cause may be uplifted amongst Thy creation and the holiness of Thy Self may be manifested amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH04517 ===

=== START BH04518 ===

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest through grace. This is a noble Book sent down from God, Lord of the worlds. Verily it guides the servants to the straight path and preserves them from every wicked oppressor, and gives them to drink of the Kawthar of inner meanings and Tasnim, and draws them near to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is everyone who has sought today the station wherein the call was raised from the Ultimate Tree: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Mighty, the Loving!"

O you who gaze upon the Face and are present before the Throne! Hear the call from the direction of Akka. Verily it guides you to a place where names are not mentioned and wherein are seen the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of God's manifestation, the King, the Just, the Powerful, the Mighty. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Most Great Cause whereby the limbs of every doubting scholar have trembled.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My utterance and found the fragrance of My verses, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and honored me and caused me to hear and to see that which most of Thy servants were prevented from, and for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bounty and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy station which Thou hast sanctified from the description of all created things and the mention of all existing things, and by the heaven of Thy utterance which Thou hast raised up by Thy command, to inscribe my name among the company of Thy lovers and devoted ones whom neither the ornaments of the world nor the oppression of the nations prevented from turning to Thy court and sacrificing their spirits in Thy love. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which Thou hast ordained for them. I testify that Thou art the Possessor of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving."

=== END BH04518 ===

=== START BH04519 ===

In the Name of the Great One! This is a Book known of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it calls all unto God, Lord of the unseen and the visible. Say: O people, fear God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. By God's life! They would make mention of the imaginary by night and by day, yet when He Who is known appeared, they denied Him. They perceive not. Every polytheist has taken for himself a vain fancy apart from God. They understand not. They worshipped the unseen throughout ages and centuries, yet when He manifested Himself they denied Him, saying: "It behooveth Him not to appear, for we have heard from our fathers that He is the Hidden Name." Say: By God! He is this One, and this is the treasured Mystery. Say: If ye desire the outward, verily He is this Speaker Who proclaimeth that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. And if ye desire the inward, verily He hath appeared but through this Name and speaketh but through this tongue, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: Where is your goal, O company of vain imaginings? By God! If ye seek other than Me, it is but an idol unto you, did ye but know. He it is Who testifieth that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O thou who art dawning from the horizon of the Bayan! Reflect

upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed, and reflect upon that which the heedless have spoken. By My life! Were anyone to know what hath befallen My Self, he would weep both morn and eve. Read thou the Book, then render thanks unto Him for having revealed unto thee this assured Tablet.

=== END BH04519 ===

=== START BH04520 ===

The Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Glorious Book, revealed from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who was illumined by the lights of the Countenance when the Promised One came with manifest sovereignty, that the verses might attract him in such wise as to arise to serve his Lord and aid this Wronged One through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the grace of the All-Merciful encompassed all who dwell in the unseen and visible realms. O My loved ones! When the earth is shaken in that land, be not shaken, for verily He is with you under all conditions. He is the Mighty, the Loving. Nothing shall befall My loved ones save that which is good for them. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Conceal the Cause in your hearts lest every idolatrous infidel who hath denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved, become aware of it. Drink ye the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and leave those who comprehend not. We have inhaled from thee the fragrance of My love, wherefore We have revealed unto thee and unto those around thee that which shall cause the sincere ones to soar. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me, for having caused me to speak forth Thy remembrance and for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy love amidst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the doors of Thy mercy unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth, to ordain that I may, under all conditions, soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, gaze toward the direction of Thy bounty, speak forth Thy remembrance amongst Thy creatures, and circle round Thy Cause in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou ordainest through Thy hidden knowledge whatsoever Thou desirest for whomsoever Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what hath been and what shall be.

=== END BH04520 ===

=== START BH04521 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book from the All-Merciful to him who hath attained unto the Kawthar of life in days wherein all who are in the realm of existence objected, except such as God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting, did will, that he may find tranquility through his Lord’s favor and become one who maketh mention of Him amidst the factions. We make mention of him who hath turned towards God and aid those who have arisen to help the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and hearkened unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names when He came with power and sovereignty. They who have inhaled the

fragrance of the Robe are among the people of holiness, and they who have remained heedless are among the people of error, even should they worship God morning and evening.

When We became aware of thy turning unto God, We turned unto thee from this Most Great Prison and revealed unto thee this Tablet whereby all who are in the horizons will take flight. Say: O people! This is the Day of God, turn ye unto Him and follow not every heedless doubter. Say: By God! The Promise hath come and He Who was promised hath appeared, and dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all men. Fear ye God and follow not the desires of them who have clung to the cords of idle fancies and held fast to the hem of vain imaginings. Follow ye him who summoneth you at the center of the world unto God, the Lord of the Ancient. This is better for you, O ye who are endowed with insight. Thus have We adorned the kingdom of the Tablet with the mention of Him Who is the Lord of the realms of might. Read it and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind! Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH04521 ===

=== START BH04522 ===

O Mirza Mehdi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaketh in the heaven of utterance. This is a Book sent down in truth for people who know, and it guideth mankind unto the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of his Lord's utterance and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His exalted station.

When thou hearest the call from the most exalted horizon, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me Thy verses and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by Thy power which the hosts and ranks cannot weaken, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the worlds of the unseen and the seen, to make me in all conditions moved by Thy will, holding fast unto Thy cord, and acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having remembered me time after time, and adorned me with the ornament of Thy knowledge, and enabled me to turn unto Thee. I beseech Thee to aid me under all conditions to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, and whom the clamor of Thy creatures and the doubts of those of Thy servants who have changed Thy bounty, turned away from Thy beauty, and denied Thy manifestation and Thy verses have not hindered. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayers.

=== END BH04522 ===

=== START BH04523 ===

A Tablet revealed with truth from Him Who is manifest in the Prison to Farah [Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the glory of God]. Verily We address at all times them that are in the realm of possibility, and summon them to the All-Informed One. Some among them have followed their desires and turned away from the Dawning-Place of utterance when it shone forth with this brilliant, resplendent Light. The people have become heedless of their abiding-place, in that they have followed every wicked and ignoble one, casting the blessing of God behind their backs and turning unto that which is putrid. They are assuredly among the losers. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought his most exalted homeland, and the poor one who hath clung to the hem of riches, and the distant one who hath drawn nigh unto this mighty ocean. Had the people known, they would have hastened with their hearts toward the court of the Beloved. Heedlessness hath so seized them as to debar them from this straight path. O My loved ones! Gather ye together in the love of God. Beware lest ye differ in any matter. He desireth for you love and unity. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded. It will profit you in the Hereafter and in this world, and will draw you nigh unto His resplendent horizon. Thy name hath attained unto the presence of thy Lord, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Know thou the value of this station. By My life! It is truly an exalted station. Grieve not that thou didst not reach the place which thou didst desire. He hath accepted thy deed in His path and hath witnessed thy arrival at the court of His throne. Thus hath He Who is the Desire of the worlds decreed. Rejoice thou and be of them that are thankful.

=== END BH04523 ===

=== START BH04524 ===

In the Name of the One Friend

Your letter was honored before the Most Great Countenance and attained the presence of divine favor through the glance of the Lord of Power. God forgives what you desired from Him - rejoice and be among the thankful ones. These are days when the ocean of generosity is surging, the heaven of bounty is exalted, and the winds of grace are blowing. How blessed is the soul that has become perfumed by the fragrances of the days of God, and has become detached and free from the worlds. As for what you desired regarding service to your Lord, We beseech God to assist you in all conditions and make you among those who have become renowned for serving His Cause among the worlds. Regarding what you desired about the trace of My pen that was sent to you - We have made it this station: that you should acknowledge what God has acknowledged and what the tongue of revelation has confirmed from this remote place. And regarding what you mentioned about meeting - it is indeed difficult and arduous because the Beloved is in the hands of the oppressors. Do not grieve at this, put your trust in God. He will ordain for you from His grace what He desires. He is the Guardian of those who turn to Him. Then mention Me to your mother and give her the glad tidings of this wondrous remembrance. Say: Blessed art thou for God has provided thee with one who remembers his Lord and has turned to Him when most of creation turned away. This is from My favor upon you and upon her. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Then convey My greetings to your wife and your son that they may rejoice in what the tongue of revelation has spoken in their remembrance, and that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days has turned toward them from this noble horizon.

=== END BH04524 ===

=== START BH04525 ===

O spiritual leaf, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the loving Lord! The Books of the world's peoples have given glad tidings of the appearance of the Most Great Name, and all the Messengers and near ones have spoken of His mention and uttered His praise. He is the hidden bounty and the treasured food and the concealed secret and the determined mystery. Isaiah says: "The everlasting Father and eternal God shall come." The Spirit (Christ) says: "The Comforter and the Perfecter and Spirit of Truth shall come." The Qur'an calls out His Name and makes all aware. And the Author of the Bayan with loudest call counsels and with utmost humility and supplication mentions that perchance they may not through vain imaginings remain deprived of the Lord of all beings. He says that He is not confined by the intimations of the Bayan and what is revealed therein. All the Bayan is but a ring on His finger and a mention from Him and a leaf from the leaves of the gardens of His knowledge. Nevertheless His people did that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. We beseech God that He make steadfast the servants and handmaidens of that land in such wise that the cawing of the crows and the clamor of the transgressors prevent them not. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all and say: Blessed is the handmaiden who has taken the wine of steadfastness in the name of Him Who conversed on Sinai and has drunk thereof in His name, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thou art she who has drunk thereof and attained thereunto. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have attained unto this mighty announcement. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who, when she heard, arose and said: "Here am I, here am I, O Desire of the worlds!"

=== END BH04525 ===

=== START BH04526 ===

O Muhammad-Rida Muqari'i!

In the name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted!

The Word of God hath been revealed in truth with such splendor that all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck thereby, save a numbered few. From it wafted the fragrance of God, thy Lord. Well is it with him who perceiveth the divine fragrances therefrom and is drawn by the holy breezes. By the True God! Were people to discover what radiates therefrom, they would detach themselves from their own selves and from all that hath been created between earth and heaven, and would hasten to the spot which God hath sanctified from the touch of the polytheists.

Say: O people, hasten with your hearts toward the direction of God and tarry not for even a moment. Seize these days, for the eye of creation hath not witnessed their like. Thus do We impart unto you from the wondrous precepts of God's Cause, that ye may turn unto Him with purified and exalted countenances.

And thou, O servant, hearken unto the call of thy Lord, then stand firm in His Cause in such wise that neither the violent winds of hatred nor the tempests of destiny shall move thee. Thus doth He decree for

thee in truth, that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause. Remember within thyself, then remind the people of the verses of God, thy Lord, and that which hath appeared from His presence, that they may arise from the slumber of self and passion and drink from this ocean. Thus have We commanded thee and bestowed upon thee, as a grace from Us, and upon every possessor of luminous vision. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the divine paradise with pure and tranquil hearts.

=== END BH04526 ===

=== START BH04527 ===

O Haji Muhammad Hasan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. He is the Hearing, the Answering. The truthful and the false have ever existed in the world. The Shi'ih sect considered themselves the most truthful and learned in the world. There was no test, and likewise no distinction between the servants. Therefore for one thousand two hundred years they accepted some and established for them the station of divinity, while others they denounced as unbelievers. The cause of this was the turbaned ones. The helpless servants followed the words of those false ones and throughout the ages were pleased and delighted with their own deeds and words. But when the appointed time came and the test appeared, all cursed and reviled the Truth, and finally issued the decree for His death. Reflect upon these matters so that thou mayest find the truth and become aware, for whoever becomes aware will no longer cling to those vain imaginings and will find himself free and unfettered. His honor Amin, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, mentioned you and beseeched God that He might assist you and grant you success in that which is befitting the Days of God. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded. Woe unto the heedless. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. [There are some phrases written in red ink in the margin of the blessed Tablet which cannot be clearly read.]

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=== START BH04528 ===

In the name of the Creator of the world, the Tongue of Grandeur on this dark night makes mention of His leaves and handmaidens, that they may attain to the fragrances of divine remembrance. The servants and handmaidens have ever been and are remembered in the Most Holy and Exalted Court - those souls who have turned to the Most Great Ocean and are gazing toward the Supreme Horizon. O Aminih, give thanks to the Goal of the world that He enabled thee to recognize that which most of the world remaineth deprived of, and adorned you with a brother whom neither the derision of enemies, nor the assault of princes, nor the clamor of divines, nor the oppression of tyrants, nor the transgressions of pharaohs could prevent from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest glory. O Fiddih, God willing thou shalt remain firm in His Cause. The misguided ones have been and are lying in wait in their ambush. Praise the Goal of the world that He enabled thee to turn to Him in days when the divines of the age were witnessed to be turning away. O Umm-i-Ayman, in the Most Great Prison God, exalted be His glory, is occupied with thy mention, and this Perspicuous Tablet beareth witness to this utterance, from which every loving soul perceiveth the fragrance of God's favor and His

raiment. Blessed are they that have attained, both women and men. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH04528 ===

=== START BH04529 ===

O Mulla Ahmad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearing, the Answering One! By the life of God! All have been created for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, and the exaltation of His Word, and likewise have they been brought from nothingness into being for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. The cause of exaltation and the means of advancement has been and ever will be the unity and concord of the servants. Say: O people of God! Strive that perchance the dust of discord may be cleansed from the world and all may be adorned and illumined with the light of harmony. The Most Exalted Pen is occupied night and day with counsels and teachings. Blessed is the soul that has rent asunder the veils of doubts and idle fancies through the Name of the Lord of Days and has turned to the dawning-place of the lights of certitude. O friends! The days are fleeting. By My life! Nothing among all things, no name among all names, and no mention among all mentions shall profit you except through this Name, at Whose appearance the limbs of the world trembled and the pillars of the nations were shaken - they who violated God's Covenant and His Testament and uttered what none of the former generations had uttered. Arise to serve the Cause. Whenever dust is stirred up, settle it. The grace of God has reached and continues to reach you, and the hidden means provide assistance. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearing, the All-Seeing. Glory be upon you and upon those with you who have turned and said: "We have set our faces toward Him Who hath created the heavens and earth, and we are of those who are assured." Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH04529 ===

=== START BH04530 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have recognized Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast caused to shine forth from the horizons of the heaven of Thy Book the stars of Thy commandments and ordinances, whereby Thou hast preserved the rights of Thy creation and Thy creatures and made known unto them that which profiteth them in Thy earth. And among these is the law of fasting which hath dawned forth from the horizon of Thy Will and descended from the heaven of Thy Purpose, and which Thou didst ordain for them that have turned unto the court of Thy manifestation and answered Thy most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided Thy chosen ones unto the ocean of Thy mercy and caused them to hear the cooing of the doves of Thy Cause through Thy grace and favors. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Name through which the sincere ones hastened unto the seat of Thy throne and the unitarians unto the dawning-place of the lights of Thy countenance, to send down upon our hearts from the clouds of Thy bounty that which will purify them from all else beside Thee and sanctify them from the mention of aught except Thyself. O Lord! We have turned unto Thy most exalted station and Thy most glorious horizon. I beseech Thee not to disappoint us from that which is with Thee, to grant us Thy presence, and to ordain for us in all

circumstances that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and honor us with Thy good-pleasure, which Thou hast made the greatest of all matters in Thy Books and Tablets. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of names, by them that have fasted in Thy love and acted according to that which they were commanded in Thy Book, to ordain for every assured one to drink the wine of certitude from the hand of Thy bounty - the best of the hereafter and of the former time - and to inscribe his name with Thy Most Exalted Pen among such as have had their deeds accepted through Thy grace and generosity. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH04530 ===

=== START BH04531 ===

Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

Praise be to God that thou didst migrate and set thy face toward the most exalted station, attaining that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. On the Day of Recompense the Divine Lote-Tree appeared with wondrous fruits, delectable produce and radiant leaves. At that time the winds of tests blew from the dawning-place of the will of Him Who causeth the morning to break, preventing most leaves from the blessed Tree and casting them to the dust. However, He preserved and strengthened His branches through the arm of power and the hand of might, until they attained His presence and were adorned by meeting Him. The days of attainment are surely remembered - a single moment's pause in the Desired Land cannot be equaled by centuries and ages. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this: verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou didst arrive and attain. Thy name was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. God willing, with perfect certitude and assurance thou wilt remain adorned with praiseworthy characteristics and occupied in the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. That which was sent was accepted. Blessed are My branches and My leaves who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the cup of My bounty, and My handmaidens who have attained to My remembrance and praise and My loving-kindness which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon My leaves. We beseech God to ordain for each one of them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

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In the name of the Lord of grandeur and power! To God belongs the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Say: All names are My name and whatsoever is created is My proof - blessed are they who know. At times I remember Myself as the Most Exalted, and at other times as the Sovereign of Names Who is remembered as the Most Glorious, were ye of those who understand. Verily, He Who dawned from the horizon of My heaven and appeared from the Lote-Tree of My Cause - We have caused Him to speak forth My remembrance and praise amongst the worlds. Beware lest ye join partners with

God. He hath taken no partner unto Himself - thus hath it been revealed in the Tablets and Books of the Messengers. Can anything stand with Him? Nay, by the Lord of the exalted Throne! We created the names and their kingdoms through a word from Us. Leave what ye possess and hold fast to this utterance. Say: Nothing shall profit anyone though he cling to the causes of the first and the last. Say: This is your Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: Beware lest ye interpret God's words according to your desires. Ask, that He may explain to you what He intended. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not at what they say. Consider what was said before. Thy Lord distinguisheth between the corrupter and the reformer. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. Remind those who are heedless with wisdom - should they turn to guidance, theirs shall be a reward in this world and the next. And should they turn away, thy Lord is the Mighty Avenger. We beseech God to gather all upon the Most Great Ocean and cause them to speak forth this Remembrance whereby the heaven was raised up, the sun shone forth, and the faces of the sincere were illumined.

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My grief is not for what has befallen Me. By God! Baha is not dismayed by calamities. Indeed, He has welcomed them in the path of God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. But observe and remember that We forbade everyone from shedding blood, as all the Tablets testify - and you are among those who know. Wickedness reached such a point that suddenly the Most Exalted Pen cried out with the loudest cry between earth and heaven, after the doors of meeting were closed before His face: "The necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy. Where are the swords of Thy vengeance, O Destroyer of the worlds?" When the verses were revealed, all things were shaken. Therefore We took hold of the reins of wrath with a sovereignty from Our presence. But what leaked leaked, and what appeared appeared. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp of power lie the reins of the worlds! O My Name! We forbade all people from such matters to such an extent that when the fire of wickedness became inflamed and there occurred what occurred in certain years, We continuously kept those evil souls under the cloak of protection. Nevertheless they were not at peace, and every day some corruption and sedition appeared. The matter reached such a point that We withdrew from all and closed the doors of association. The angels of divine wrath suddenly seized them and made them a lesson to the worlds. May the All-Merciful not have mercy on their graves! And this occurred suddenly - if you were to hear the details, you would testify that the Hand of God's power seized them; no one had any part in it. Pure power was manifested from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful One.

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O Ataullah of Abadih, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Glory of God! How sweet is My remembrance of him who has turned to the Kaaba of My Beauty and drunk the wine of reunion with Me from the hands of My bounty and attained the fragrances of My revelation in My days. He is indeed one whom the Most Exalted Pen bears witness to, and he is of the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark by leave of the Lord of Names. Thus has grace appeared from the Dayspring of

Justice. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful. Whoso has detached himself in My path from all else besides Me, verily he stands before My throne and appears before My presence. Thus does God draw nigh unto him who was far off. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. How many who were near have been decreed to be remote, and how many who were far off are reckoned among those near! Nothing can prevent what He desires. He does what He wills by His sovereignty, yet most people are lost in idle fancies. Say: Abandon vain imaginings if you would hearken to that which has been raised up from the Tree of Utterance in the days of the All-Merciful. This would be better for you, were you of the fair-minded. Say: Cast away what you have taken up of the suppositions of those who have disbelieved in God, that you may be enabled to soar in this holy and luminous atmosphere. O thou who hast turned and art mentioned! Give thanks to thy Forgiving Lord for having sent down unto thee that which brings solace to eyes and assurance to the hearts of the mystics. We beseech God to seize those who have interposed themselves between the peoples and the lights of eternity, and to assist His Cause between the heavens and the earths. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have soared with thee in this atmosphere which has been perfumed by the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! The Wronged One of the horizons calls out to the people of the Covenant and invites them to the highest horizon. The parties of the world, meaning the diverse peoples, sought throughout the nights and days to attain His presence, and with utmost humility and supplication they begged and hoped for the understanding of the Day of God. Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of Will, all arose in opposition and strove with the utmost effort and exertion to extinguish the divine light. Such is the condition of heedless, veiled souls. I swear by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth that whosoever attained and, at the time of the raising of the Call, was confirmed in responding - such a one is recorded and inscribed among the dwellers of the highest paradise in the divine Book. Blessed is the soul who was quickened by the name of the Friend and remained steadfast in His love and gave up his life in His remembrance. Blessed art thou, O brother! Verily he ascended to the Supreme Companion and God made him purified from the defilement of the world. Be thou thankful to thy Lord for this great bounty. My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of him at this moment and says: "O Hashim! Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and [responded to] thy Lord. We bear witness that thou didst turn and believe when the servants turned away, until thou didst fulfill thy pledge by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the affairs of the world did not prevent from the Most Great Name, and whom the might of the nations did not frighten from this Most Holy, Mighty, Wondrous Cause."

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=== START BH04536 ===

The Most Great Name! Your letter was reviewed. We were grieved by its contents, but God, exalted and glorified be He, is witness and testimony that We have ever commanded people to unity and love. If

humanity had perceived the sweetness of the divine words which descended from the Source of the Command, they would surely have acted according to what they were commanded. The concealment of God has so prevailed that even if a hundred thousand errors were to be observed from someone, mention of it would never flow from the Pen of the Command; rather it would be forgiven - except for those souls who have turned away from the Truth. This action of God, as all bear witness, were it not that their desires prevent them from truth and sincerity - in such case the servants who are focused on the Most Great Horizon must follow the Truth, let alone speaking of what they have not seen and mentioning what they have not heard. The Supreme Pen has ever been and continues to be engaged in mention of the loved ones of God. If they would look at the revealed Tablets, it would become evident and manifest to all. Verily thou wert with Us and didst migrate in the path of God. We beseech God to make thee a helper of His Cause in such wise that His signs may be spread by thee throughout all regions. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. God willing, thou hast ever been and wilt ever be reposing beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree, focused on Him and detached from all else. Never be saddened by such statements as were mentioned. Verily thy Lord desired for thee what He desired for His sincere servants. Verily He watcheth over thee and He is the Guardian of the doers of good. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Hussein and Muhammad-Hashim, brothers who have ascended unto God in the name of the Beloved of the worlds! Your letter was presented before the throne and attained. What you had written concerning the two martyred brothers was observed with glances of loving-kindness, and an answer is being delivered from the tongue of the Most Merciful on their behalf: “Verily, We shall compensate you in their stead, for He is the best Compensator and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And We have made this a sign of mercy from Us to all the worlds.” O brothers! We attained the most great martyrdom in the atmosphere of the mercy of the Most Merciful and sacrificed our lives in His path. Praise be to the one true God that we attained this supreme gift, for this station has been and ever shall be the most exalted of all stations. Is it better for the body to remain beneath the earth, or in the vessels of the loving-kindness of the King of Oneness? Every soul must inevitably drink from the cup of death, and after the realization of this station, is it more pleasing to die in heedlessness or to attain martyrdom in the path of the Beloved of the worlds? By the Most Great Name! Death shall not overtake those who are certain of the Cause of the Most Merciful, nor shall mortality comprehend them. Rather it is but a transfer from one world to another, and verily it is greater than the throne and more vast than the divine seat. Its heaven is grace and its earth is loving-kindness. Can anyone enumerate what hath been ordained therein? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! May you, God willing, drink at all times from the wine of the remembrance of the Most Merciful and be occupied with the mention of the Intended One of all the worlds. And upon you both be the glory from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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=== START BH04538 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the world! Thy letter hath reached the ears of this Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the worlds, and hast quaffed from the wine of true understanding. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath taught thee and imparted unto thee the Word of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

For those possessed of insight, there hath never been, nor is there now, any doubt concerning the changes, transformations and evanescence of the world. God willing, may its manifestations, effulgences and conditions not debar thee from the immortal Kingdom. Strive thou that such deeds as befit the station of man may be made manifest from thee. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this remote spot.

The Truth hath summoned and continueth to summon the entire world unto that which shall ensure its salvation in all the worlds. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from Its exalted and glorious station. If thou wert to observe with the eye of fairness that which hath been manifested, thou wouldst attain, in less than that, unto the lofty station of steadfastness.

Before the appearance of proof and testimony, none was commanded to recognition. He bestowed the eye and uttered the word “observe”. He granted the tongue and revealed the word “remember”. He conferred strength and commanded to action. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the trees of Thy lands and the fruits of the Tree of Thy utterance to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable me, under all conditions, to hearken unto Thy Call which hath been raised from the right hand of Thy Throne. Then ordain for me, by the Pen of Thy Command, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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O H, before S, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds! Your letter, purified from mention of aught else, hath reached the Most Great and Most Luminous Horizon. Praise be to God, thou art favored with the infinite outpourings of God and art sustained by the everlasting, eternal wine. Well is it with thee for having attained unto the lights of His Countenance and ascended unto a station from whose horizon hath shone forth the luminary of steadfastness and fidelity. Verily thy Lord is the Rewarder, the All-Knowing. We testify that thou hast aided thy Lord, and neither the intimations of the oppressors nor the veils of every froward denier have deterred thee therefrom. This is the testimony that hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks. God willing, may you be assisted at all times to aid the Cause, for verily that which is most essential above all else today hath been and shall ever be the teaching of the Cause, which is in truth the triumph of God. Ye are of Us - sufficient unto you is this word, and My Name, the All-Encompassing over the worlds. Be not grieved by certain matters. The divine, invisible confirmations will assuredly assist. He is with whosoever hath stood firm in His wondrous Cause. Strive earnestly for the unity of souls, that all may gather around one word, for this matter hath been the cause of the dispersion of the idolatrous people. It behooveth thy kindred to glory in thee this day. Blessed are thy father and mother - the breezes

of forgiveness from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, have wafted over them and their names have been inscribed among the triumphant in a mighty and glorious Tablet. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy progeny and upon them that are with thee among the loved ones of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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India. His honor Muhammad Azimuddin Khan, upon him be the Glory of God [General of the Army of Rampur Afghans]

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Your honor's call was heard and the fragrances of the love of the Goal of all the worlds were inhaled from the letter that was sent. All who dwell on earth today have been tested by the blessed Word that has dawned from the horizon of the merciful Will. Some, following their desires, remained veiled from the Lord of all beings, while others turned with utmost longing and yearning toward the divine horizon of manifestation. Blessed is the soul whom the veils of the world did not prevent from the Lord of Names and who was illumined by the lights dawning from the most exalted horizon. This is a sovereignty that shall not be seized by extinction but shall endure and persist through the eternity of the most beautiful Names and most exalted attributes. Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who confirmed your honor in this greatest gift and mightiest bounty. Preserve this station through His Name, the Protector over the worlds. Say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Will and by which the people of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion were illumined, to make me one who soareth in the atmosphere of Thy love and is set ablaze with the heat of Thy Word in such wise that the people of Thy realm may be enkindled thereby, that all may turn to the horizon of Thy oneness and may acknowledge Thy singleness. O my Lord! I have turned, by Thy power, to the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then assign me a seat of truth in the vicinity of Thy greatest mercy. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and the dust. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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=== START BH04541 ===

He is the Living One! The divine silver bell has joined with the heavenly trumpet, and the song of the Eternal King's dove has warbled upon the branches of the divine Lote Tree, that the essences of all created things and the realities of all beings might become manifest in the inmost hearts of the pure and sincere ones, and that sanctified hearts might be freed from darkening veils and limitations, and dance with joy in the arena of glory before the never-beginning, never-ending Beauty of the Countenance. This is the portion of existence from the world of appearance. Happy are ye, and your companions, and your loved ones, and those who have drunk from the cups of the love of God and the goblets of the affection

of God. How excellent is this bounty of grace from the hands of exaltation! How delicate is this wine of glory from the crimson Countenance! How beautiful is this crystal of light from the spiritual Face! I swear by God, whoever tastes a drop thereof shall witness what none in all the worlds hath witnessed. And further, I counsel you to preserve the Cause of God from all directions, and to gather the people upon the all-embracing eternal Word, that perfect love might surge forth from illumined breasts. And establish unity with his honor Ha. Utterly remove discord from among the companions, and for the love of God put into practice the world of limitations, for the corruption of the people will not be stilled except through this Cause. And keep the Cause of God in view with perfect love. I remember all the attractive Countenances and enraptured Faces in the melodies of attraction.

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Until […] upon Him be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, the Most Knowing, the Most Luminous. He hath illumined all faces with this Light which God hath made to prevail over all lights. Say: This is a Day wherein the world hath been adorned through the effects of the Pen of the Lord of Eternity, and the breezes of forgiveness have wafted over all contingent beings. Arise from the couches of heedlessness and behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance. Say: Do ye imagine there is any peer unto Him? Nay, by the Lord of creation! Do ye fancy there is any likeness unto Him? Nay, by His Name, the All-Pervading throughout all regions! Rejoice ye in these days of God - these are days of gladness for you. Take ye the chalice in His Name, then drink in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Let not My imprisonment and abasement and banishment grieve you. By God! I am in My native land which no exile can affect, and in a might which no abasement can assail. The Tongue of the Unseen beareth witness to this from this Spot which God hath made the point of adoration for all who are in earth and heaven. Tribulation hath not hindered Me from the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names, nor have sorrows overtaken Me. I have sacrificed one of My Branches in the path of the All-Merciful. Verily, I am the Ruler over what I will, and am empowered through My sovereignty which prevaileth over the worlds. Were ye to taste the sweetness of the Kawthar of inner meanings which We have caused to flow from the Fount of exposition, ye would be so attracted as to become severed from all that ye possess, out of love for God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Choice One. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, for through it there descendeth upon thee from the heaven of grace that which will draw thee nigh unto the Dawning-Place of inspiration. Make thou My remembrance thy companion, and the remembrance of those who have stood firm in this Cause whereby the lands have been illumined.

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The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious! This is a remembrance from Us unto him whom the breezes of revelation have stirred and who was of the assured ones, that he may rejoice in Our remembrance of him and arise to help the Wronged One amidst the oppressors. Hearken unto the murmuring of the Water of Life that floweth from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He that hath heard and drunk thereof is assuredly

of the people of Baha - the denizens of Paradise and they that circle round the Throne of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, shall pray for him. Is there any refuge for anyone save, by My Self, this resplendent Station? Arise in My Name amongst My servants, then impart unto them what We have imparted unto thee from the heaven of Our favor, that they may soar in the atmosphere of My grandeur and recognize their Ancient Lord. We have manifested Our Self more greatly than We manifested it aforetime. Woe unto the heedless! We have changed the Name, whereat most of the servants remain veiled, though We commanded them to rend asunder the veils of names through the power of the Creator of heaven, Who came with the truth through this wise Remembrance. We behold some among them speaking as women speak, uttering what the widows of past religions uttered. Say: Fear ye God, and follow not the imaginings of them that have turned aside. Thus hath the gate of utterance been unlocked by the finger of the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. When thou attainest unto what hath been revealed unto thee, ponder what hath befallen Us, then thank thy Lord for having remembered thee before the Face when sorrows encompassed it through what the hands of them that disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Most Great, had wrought. Verily, the glory from Us be upon them who have stood fast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save such as were preserved by the hands of thy Lord's grace, the Inaccessible, the Most High.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This is a noble Book from God, the Mighty, the Wise, unto him who hath believed in the Day of Judgment, and turned unto God, and turned away from the idolaters, that he may be assured that his Lord chooseth whom He willeth and loveth whom He loveth. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy, neither be thou grieved by the deeds of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Wise. We have extended unto the idolaters all the means of earth; therefore have the gates of bounties been opened before their faces. Soon shall We seize them with Our might. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty. Reflect upon those who have occupied themselves with the world and have turned away from their Lord, the Most Glorious. Can they consume of their wealth more than what God hath ordained? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Or can they carry it with them after the angel of death hath come from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised One? Nay, by thy Lord! They shall abandon what they possess with grief and sorrow and shall return to their abode in the nethermost hell. Say: O people! Let not the world delude you with its vanities. How many servants above you were deluded by its ornaments, yet when their time came naught thereof profited them. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth. Leave those who have disbelieved and be manifest among the servants through the name of thy Lord, and call out among them with My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He will verily protect thee through the truth and nothing shall prevent Him from what He desireth. But the people are in a mighty veil. Thus have We inspired thee and taught thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord in thy days and be of those who remember. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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This most hallowed, this most exalted Book hath been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily it is the Remembrance of God amongst the worlds and His most exalted Word unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. It is indeed the Ancient Sign amongst the peoples. Blessed is He Who hath revealed it with truth and made it the Dayspring of His Cause amongst the servants and the Rising-Place of His Revelation throughout all lands. Well is it with them that understand. At times by the Remembrance We mean the Most Great Remembrance, and by the Book We mean this Mighty Book, and by the City We mean that which We have manifested upon the temple of man and sent forth with evident sovereignty. And at times We mean by it that which floweth from His Most Exalted Pen and from His Tongue which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His mighty and impregnable knowledge. And at times We mean by it that which none hath comprehended save God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: The Tree hath been raised up in truth, and the birds of the hearts of them that know cannot attain unto its heights save whom thy Lord willeth. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath heard its rustling and the warbling of the birds that circle round it. As for those who are heedless, they are truly among the dead. They have deprived themselves of the pure wine that giveth life to the sincere ones. Say: O my God! I complain unto Thee of the manifestation of wickedness and rebellion and corruption, and that which hath come between Thee and Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, O Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, to protect us through Thy sovereignty and power and to make us of those who soar in Thine atmosphere. Then gather us beneath the shade of the shelter of Thy mercy in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Help in Peril.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise! This is an inscribed Book sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that through it they who have believed may rejoice and the souls of them that are troubled may find peace. Say: Through the Book of God are hearts made steadfast, and through it do they who profess His unity ascend unto the heaven of exalted glory, and through it doth the Beloved speak in all things, saying: “I am God!” - yet few there are that understand. They who have disbelieved, these shall eat of the tree of Zaqqum, while they who have believed shall rejoice in Paradise, these shall delight in the fruits of divine knowledge. And unto each is appointed in the Book a portion according to their deeds - a just decree from God, the Mighty, the Loving. O David! Reveal that which was buried beneath the tree through the schemes of them that join partners with their Lord, that the deception of them that practice deceit in this Cause may be made manifest among the people. And if thou art not able to bear this, then wait until God shall manifest it even as He hath manifested through His irrevocable decree. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord in the days of God and be thou of them that render praise. Grieve not over anything, but find solace in the remembrance of thy Lord. He sufficeth thee against all that was and that shall be. He forsaketh not His servants. His grace encompasseth all things - thus hath it been inscribed in truth upon a hidden and glorious Tablet. Soar upon the wings of detachment unto the kingdom of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Thus doth it beseem thee and them that are detached. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them that have ascended unto God and upon him whom God hath raised to a station that is praiseworthy.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to those who are in the heavens and on earth, that all may inhale the fragrant breezes of the verses of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Herein do We make mention of him who remained faithful to the Covenant on the Day of Separation, when the Luminary of the horizons appeared with a manifest light, that his remembrance might endure amongst the servants through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the Dominion, as a grace from his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, O Rahim, in that the All-Bountiful hath shone upon thee with His Most Great Name. Thou art he who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance in the former and latter days. He hath ordained for thee in His presence an exalted station, and thou hast ascended unto the Most Glorious Horizon, the Ultimate Goal. Upon thee be the remembrance of God and His mercy at all times. A gathering hath been prepared in thy name in the Prison, and from the horizon of that station hath shone forth the Sun of the Beauty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. How wonderful is this sublime and exalted station! This is a bounty that cannot be equalled by whatsoever is treasured on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have, O Rahim, on this day adorned thy head with the crown of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Beautiful. After thy ascension thou didst witness God's power and sovereignty, and wert immersed in the ocean of His mercy, yet the people remain veiled and have no share today from thy cup. Thereupon doth the Tongue of Grandeur testify that thou didst turn unto the Face and didst respond to thy Lord when He called thee, and didst attain His presence in this earthly life, and didst hear with thine own ear His most mighty, most holy and wondrous call. May glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath ascended unto God after his countenance was illumined by this resplendent light.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a letter from the servant to him who hath believed in God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Praise be to God Who hath caused me to know His Self and hath brought me back unto Him in days when all were veiled from His beauty, turned away from His presence, denied His signs, and were among those who were heedless. Rejoice within thyself that God hath enabled thee to know Him and hath made thee to be among those who are certain. Remember thy Lord throughout all days and be not silent regarding the wonders of His remembrance. Whosoever remembereth Him on His earth, He remembereth him in the kingdom of His Cause. Thus hath the matter been decreed in preserved tablets of glory. We desired to expound unto thee in this Tablet a detailed account of this announcement, but We heard the lamentation of the Concourse on High regarding a matter that was hidden from the eyes of the servants. We therefore stayed the Pen and shortened the Tablet. Be thou content with what hath been ordained for thee and say: Glorified, Sanctified is the Lord of Grandeur and Transcendence, Creator of earth and heaven, Lord of the angels and the Spirit. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause and to open before thy face a gate from the gates of Paradise, that His breezes may move thee at all times. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth and He is the Mighty, the Beloved. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and cast behind them all

else and who glorify their Creator morn and eve and draw nigh unto Him with faces illumined with the lights of God, the King, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

This is a letter from the Prisoner to him who was named Abdullah in the Tablets and whose name was mentioned before God, that he may stand firm in the Cause and detach himself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and turn with his heart toward the direction of the Spirit, the station from whose horizon the lights were dawning. O servant! Hear the call of this Grieved One, whom adversity hath touched from every lowly oppressor. The ordeals were created for His Self, and the trials were raised up for His Being, and the afflictions for this Countenance which was, in truth, manifest from the holy horizon. Take thou the remembrance of God and leave behind all other remembrances. Thus doth the Tongue of God command thee. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Draw near unto the Tree of the Cause with thy heart and be thou far removed from the worlds. Then mention among the servants what hath befallen Us, that perchance through thy remembrance the fire may be kindled in the hearts of those who have taken fancy as their guide. Beware lest thou grieve over anything. Put thy trust in God in all matters, for verily He will protect thee with the hosts of a mighty victory. Thus do We make mention of thee in this Tablet, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath recognized God through his sight and heart and hath detached himself from all the worlds. And praise be to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Excellent, the Most Great

This is a Book from the Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned for the sake of God, unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and was among those who attained, inscribed in truth by the Pen of Revelation, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may attract him and cause him to speak forth this Name which hath been concealed from time immemorial in the treasuries of glory. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the precincts of Our Most Great Prison, and have remembered thee in this Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and was in truth recorded by the Pen of Command. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and believed in Him from Whom the idolaters mentioned in the Mother Book have turned aside. Drink thou the Kawthar of life despite those who dwell on earth, who have cast the Command of God behind their backs and have chosen for themselves the path of the Evil One. By God! Neither their wealth nor their children shall profit them. All shall perish through thy Lord's decree, and might and power shall remain with him who hath taken the All-Merciful as his helper. We have remembered thee before, and in this Tablet, that thy mention may endure in the Book. Verily, He hath power over all things. Preserve thou this most exalted station and glorify thy Lord with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets. Grieve not over the world and

its conditions. Rather, rejoice in this station which hath been praised in the Book. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world and have turned with radiant faces toward this Horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance.

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The Most Holy, the Most Exalted. This is the Holy Tablet which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and wise. From it the monotheists inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and by it are stirred the hearts of those who have turned towards this luminous horizon. We have sent down in every matter clear verses and have manifested such power as hath rendered impotent all who are in the heavens and on earth. When the polytheists beheld God's power they said: "This is sorcery," and when they heard His verses they denied the Lord of all worlds. How many polytheists have appeared before the Throne - among them were those who desired this world, and those who sought extraordinary things beyond their customs. But when We manifested to them what they sought, it increased them in naught save evident loss. How many souls have turned toward the Countenance and heard a word from thy Lord's mouth, and gave up their lives in the path of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. They in whose hearts is light desire naught save what God hath desired for them. These, verily, are upon a straight path. Upon them pray the denizens of the Kingdom and they who circle round thy Lord's throne, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou for having turned to God, the Lord of all worlds, and recognized Him after Our heedless servants turned away from Him. Be content with God thy Lord. Verily He shall suffice thee, and He is the protector of the sincere ones. And when thou findest from any heart the fragrance of My love, make mention of him with spirit and fragrance from the presence of the All-Merciful, that his eyes may be solaced thereby and he may be among the steadfast. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart unto God and cast behind him all who are on earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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The friends of God in Mahmu'i, which hath been named before the Throne Mahmudi the Most Great, the Most Luminous. This is a Tablet from Us to those who have attained unto the Dayspring of lights when the Chosen One came with the sovereignty of grandeur and power, that the call of God, the Most High, the Most Luminous, might draw them to the horizon whence the Sun of Revelation shone forth and illumined the lands. O My loved ones! Grieve not over what hath befallen you in My path. Ere long shall ye behold yourselves in a station wherefrom the horizons will be illumined. Ye are under the wing of My grace and the dwellers of the pavilion of My knowledge. By My life! Had they who wronged you known this, they would have circled round you at eventide and at dawn. Erelong shall they curse themselves with their own tongues and say: "Woe unto us for what we neglected in the days of God when the Bridge was set up and the Balance established!" For each one of you hath been ordained a station which none knoweth save your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O 'Ali! Remember when Muhammad, My Beloved, came, the divines turned away from Him while he who tended the sheep believed in Him. Verily, Abu-Dharr was tending the sheep of the people when he heard the Call and said: "Yea, O Lord of lords!" He

left the sheep and turned to the Lord of mankind. How many a learned one was veiled, and how many a heedless one rent asunder the veils! Say: Grace is in the hand of God. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. Drink ye, O My loved ones, from the Living Waters in the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Leave ye all created things behind you, then turn with your hearts unto God, the Fashioner of earth and heaven. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as your names have been mentioned in the Mother of Tablets.

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O Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Manifest Book. This is the Day wherein mysteries have been unveiled, and rivers have flowed, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from the prison of 'Akka. The Kingdom and the Dominion belong unto God, the Lord of Lords. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people remain heedless and in error. Say: We have laid no claim to Prophethood, nor to successorship, nor to that which the people possess. To this testifieth He Who is the Self-Subsisting, and he who hath knowledge of mysteries. O thou who art remembered by the Prisoner! There hath come upon Us in the prison that which hath caused all things to lament. To this beareth witness the Book of God before the faces of the parties. Cast away what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God with such strength as shall not be prevented by the doubts of those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return. Say: He hath come with the truth and revealed that which lay hidden from time immemorial. Soar on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere, then remember thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. Say: O people! The Day hath come which was mentioned and inscribed by the Pen of God in the Scriptures and Tablets. Grieve thou not at anything. Hold fast unto the Bayan, then through it aid thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. When thou hearest My sweetest call and the sound of My Most Exalted Pen from the prison of 'Akka, say: My God, my God! Thou seest the Wronged One among His enemies. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath subdued the names, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, and speaking in Thy praise, and arising to serve Thy loved ones. Then open before my face the door of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the Speaker before the faces of creation

This is the Day whereon the Mother Book speaks forth and gives glad tidings unto all of this Revelation, through which the Dove of the Cause warbled in the Most Exalted Paradise. The Day has come, yet the people are in evident drunkenness. This is the Day whereon all things lament for what has befallen the Lord of all beings from those who denied God's proof and His evidence, having followed every remote oppressor. The rapture of the Call has seized all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who has turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless. O people of God! Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance and through that which the All-Merciful has sent down in His perspicuous Book. Beware lest

the might of any heedless and remote one frighten you. This is the Day whereon the seas surge and the rivers flow and the mysteries are revealed, yet the people are behind a thick veil. We have heard your call and have answered you with verses that have caused the hearts of the mystics to soar. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested Thy Cause and given glad tidings of Thy Revelation unto Thy servants and illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and shown them Thy Most Glorious Horizon and made them hear Thy Most Sweet Call. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Helper of the nations, by Thy Name through which the unitarians have soared into the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the sincere ones unto the precincts of Thy glory, to aid me to such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the world and its hosts and its ranks and its ornaments and its colors. O Lord! I am Thy servant, who has held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy pardon and grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from that which befits Thy days. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great.

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O Mirza Mahdi! He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous! This is a Day wherein from the rushing of its winds is heard: “Verily, there is no God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise,” and from the murmuring of its waters: “Verily, there is no God but I.” I was hidden within the tabernacle of grandeur and power, but when the appointed time was fulfilled, I manifested My Self as a grace from Me, and I am the Manifest, the Evident, the All-Informed. I was silent - My Will caused Me to speak. I was seated - My firm and mighty Command caused Me to arise. Blessed is the soul that hath heard My call and answered its Lord, the Witnessing, the Hearing One.

O Mahdi! That which thou didst write to the Name of Javad, upon him be My glory, hath come before the Countenance and the servant present hath read it, and We have answered thee that the attraction of thy Lord’s verses may seize thee in such wise that thou shalt find thyself in manifest joy. We have accepted those who have turned to Our horizon and answered those whose cry hath risen to Our heaven, and I am the Powerful, the Answering One.

O Mahdi! We make mention of thy father and mother as a mercy from Us - verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous - and We give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath attained to the remembrance of God and drunk the choice wine from the utterance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We counsel Our loved ones to supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause, and to trustworthiness and truthfulness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. They who have held fast to the Book are among those brought near, and they who have cast the laws of God behind their backs are among the most lost in a clear Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Holy, Most Luminous, Most Glorious! Hast thou seen the Hour manifested in the temple of man? Say: Yea, by my Lord, the All-Merciful! Verily it moveth and speaketh the truth with a sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds. Say: The Ancient Being and the Manifestation of His Most Great Name speaketh amongst the nations. Blessed is he who with strength hath rent asunder the veils through the power of his Lord and hath turned towards the direction from whose horizon the Book of the Command was visible. Say: Through His utterance all things were attracted, through His call the names were set ablaze, and through His remembrance the near ones drew nigh unto a station which was raised up through the name of Truth. We have caused two seas to appear from two names. Blessed is he who hath drawn near to the two gulfs which branch forth from these two seas. Verily he hath been mentioned before the Truth as among the most exalted of creation. Say: O people, purify your ears to hearken unto the Word of God and your hearts to recognize this Beauty who hath appeared from the Dayspring of Glory with bounty made manifest. Judge fairly, O people of the earth: Do ye desire this Living Water from the hands of the All-Merciful, or that which hath been mixed with the oppression of the polytheists? Thereupon the Dove of the Divine Lote-Tree was thunderstruck by the melodies of the Lord of all creation, and he who stood before the Throne was seized by the intoxication of the verses. Verily bodies were moved by the breezes of revelation while forms remained still, being deprived of the spirit. We have drawn the essences of contingent being through the magnet of wisdom and utterance, and We have left the accidents to the heedless ones who were justly barred from the light in this Revelation. Be thou grateful to God for having sent down unto thee this Tablet which hath been adorned with the ornament of utterance. Thus have We sent down the verses from the Kingdom of the Command and dispatched them unto thee that they might attract thee to an atmosphere that was mixed with the fragrance of reunion.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy! Is there any helper who will assist the Wronged One Who is between the hands of the oppressors? Is there any mighty one who, out of love for the Self of God, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great, will not look to his own self? Is there any speaker who will speak forth this Name between the heavens and the earth? Is there any face that will turn away from all faces, turning instead toward the face of his Lord, the Dawning, the Luminous? Is there any one possessed of power who will shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the sovereignty of My Name, the All-Compelling over the worlds? Is there any one possessed of knowledge who will cast aside knowledge, hastening to Him Who is Known, Who hath dawned from the horizon of His Name, the Self-Subsisting? He is assuredly among those near to God. By God! The Youth in the midst of tribulation summoneth mankind unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were people to become aware of the state in which the Tongue of the Intended One speaketh, they would lament for what hath befallen this Wronged One, this Stranger. O servants of the All-Merciful! Be not saddened by the world and whatsoever hath escaped you of its ornaments and bounties. Soon shall it and all that is therein perish, and permanence shall remain for those who have stood firm in this Cause, through which the feet of them that hesitated have slipped in this manifest Matter. Blessed is the seeker who hath hastened to the Sought One, and the hearer who hath heard the melody of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed is the soul that hath been severed for

My love, that hath arisen to aid Me, that hath appeared through My detachment and soared in My atmosphere. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the possessor of names. The angels of Paradise circle round him every morn and eve. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that the power of every remote oppressor will not weaken thee. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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By God! We have heard thy call in the nights and at dawn. Therefore have We preserved thee that thou mayest hear this Call both secretly and openly. Hearken to His Call from the direction of the Prison, then speak forth in praise of His Self among the chosen ones. Proclaim the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, command thee. Say: O people! Hearken to the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen. By God! Through it are drawn the hearts of those near unto God to the Dawning-Place of lights. How long will ye slumber upon the couch of heedlessness? Raise up your heads, for the Sun of Eternity hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most High and illumined thereby are the faces of the learned. Protect the loved ones of God with wisdom, then assist them according to thy capacity. Thus did We command thee before and in this time wherein secrets are revealed. How sweet is thy mention in this Cause! Verily thou wast created for this, as doth testify the Tongue that speaketh in all things that sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of that which hath been ordained for thee. By God! The clouds have been rent asunder and God hath come with power and might. Turn not unto the world and its conditions, then shun the evil ones. Be thou attracted by the Call of thy Lord, then seek His aid through His power and grandeur. Arise amidst the servants, then speak forth in His praise. Thus doth command thee the Pen of the All-Choosing. Wert thou to hear what We have counseled thee with, thou wouldst surely subdue all created things through one of the names of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Glorious be upon thee, O thou who hast called upon thy Lord in the nights and days.

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O Abu-Turab! Give thanks to the All-Bestowing for having aided thee to recognize Him and for having caused thee to turn towards the City round which circle the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the favored servants of God. We bestow upon thee from this distant horizon that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Whoso remembereth his Lord is accounted among those who are near unto God in the Preserved Tablet. Seize thy days and make mention therein of Him Who was the Educator of all things visible and invisible. Immerse thyself in the ocean of inner meanings which hath appeared through this Hidden Name. Leave the polytheists to their vain imaginings and turn with thy heart to the Lord of all existence. Say: I have turned towards Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of all created things, and I have believed in Thee, O Thou through Whom the command of the Kaf and the Nun was made manifest. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of thy Lord, remind all

possibility of the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, that perchance they may arise from the slumber of passion at the mention of the Lord of Names and be numbered among those who have turned towards Him. Say: Abandon vain imaginings, for the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with clear sovereignty. It behooveth every soul on this Day to manifest that which is worthy of the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O concourse of polytheists! How long will ye cry out and unto whom will ye turn? The Hidden One hath appeared and these are His verses, and the Treasured One hath risen and these are His banners which have been hoisted above the standards of kings. Say: He Who is upon the dust maketh mention of the Lord of Lords, and in abasement hath manifested the might of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through the power and might of God. He, verily, aideth him that aideth Him. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing!

O son of Dhabih! You are beneath the gaze of your Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know ye the station of this mighty, this exalted Station. O Habib! Reflect upon Dhabih - upon whom be My glory - and that which proceeded from him. After hearing the Call, he tarried not for less than a moment, but turned his face toward the realm of oneness. And this occurred in days when the people of the Bayan were heedless and veiled from the root of the Cause, inasmuch as divine wisdom required concealment. God willing, may you engage in the remembrance of God - glorified be His majesty - with utmost sanctity and detachment, and gaze toward the horizon of His Will. We have made mention of Dhabih and those related to him in the hidden and treasured Tablet, which in one place is referred to as the Crimson Tablet. At the beginning of the Cause, God - glorified be His majesty - regarded acceptance alone, for before the revelation of divine ordinances and laws, He revealed and cast forth the Word. Whosoever accepted it without hesitation attained unto all good. But after the heaven of divine decree was raised up and the sun of the Cause shone forth, it became binding and obligatory upon all to hold fast unto it and act according to it. The Command is in His hands - He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth and as He willeth. He is the Commander, the Possessor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Glory be upon thee and upon him who attained the presence [of God] in the Most Great Prison, and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Ahmad, upon thee be My Glory! Hearken unto My remembrance and My call, and unto that which appeareth from the Kingdom of Mine utterance concerning one of Mine Afnan whom We have illumined with the lights of the Sun of Our providence and purified from whatsoever is repugnant to Our good-pleasure. We were with him on the day he was born and at the time when he soared on the wings of detachment to the All-Highest Horizon and attained the blessing of nearness and sanctity and the presence of his Lord, and witnessed His greatest signs. By My life! The most great joy seized him in such

wise as transcendeth the comprehension of men. The Tongue of Grandeur now maketh mention of him, saying: O Husayn, He Who is the H and the S remembereth thee from His mighty prison, that through His remembrance the chosen ones of God and His loved ones may remember thee - they who have testified to that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God besides Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. I bear witness that thou wast born in sanctity and didst ascend unto God with a countenance unaltered by earthly conditions and tribulations, until thou didst enter within the precincts of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Loving, the All-Merciful. I bear witness that thou wert mature before attaining maturity, and wert strong in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Blessed is he who turneth towards thee and standeth at thy resting-place and visiteth thee through that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this glorious station. We counsel Mine Afnan to patience and fortitude, and We console them in what hath befallen the Divine Lote-Tree through God's irrevocable decree. The light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of God's tender mercy be upon you and upon those who have attained unto His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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O My Name Mehdi! The traces of the Afnan - upon them be My glory - which they sent to thee were mentioned by this servant in the presence. We have heard the mention of him who mentioned Us and the call of him who called upon Us, and We answered them before and after their mention, and We assigned to each one a station, and God hath preferred some over others and ordained for whomsoever He wished whatsoever He wished. Verily He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. It behooveth them to thank God their Creator and to hold fast unto wisdom as a command from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. And whatsoever was sent hath arrived and continueth to arrive. This servant and you should write of its receipt so they may be informed. Through the Afnan, that which concerned Muhammad Khan was accepted. Permission to stay was granted that he might rest in the shadow of the Tree. Were it not for the movement and inner turmoil of this land, some would have attained unto this station. Likewise the pilgrimage of two souls was also adorned with the ornament of acceptance. The Afnans have borne and continue to bear burdens in service to the Cause. God willing may they be assisted and be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance and complete steadfastness. Blessed is he who in the Day of God hath attained unto His mention and service to His Cause, for these two shall not pass away but shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly realm endure. Regarding the purchase of property and its cost which thou didst inquire about - We did not wish to mention this matter as it would cause hardship to some. The Name Jamal - upon him be My glory - hath turned toward those regions. Write him [news] and convey greetings from God.

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O My Name! The servant in attendance presented before His countenance the letter of the Afnan which was addressed to you. God willing, may they be at all times the recipients of the mercy of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, they are engaged in serving the Cause. Blessed is he, for We find in his words, time and

again, that which indicates his progress in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, and that which profits him. This, by My life, is the All-Knowing! O Mahdi! I swear by the fragrance of the garment of the Beloved of the world that for every deed, every movement and every turning which occurs today for the sake of God, there is a station the true description of which none save God is capable of mentioning. They mentioned Jinab-i-Alif and Sin. If he acts according to what was commanded and according to that which We counseled him in an instant, the divine assistance will undoubtedly aid him without delay. Beseech God that the outward conditions of the world, which in truth are reckoned as vain imaginings, may not withhold him from the immortal Kingdom. If he discovers the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and partakes of the fruits of the immortal Tree, a hundred thousand worlds will not prevent him nor keep him back from the Friend. The outward and the inward have been and shall ever be in the grasp of God's power. Verily, He is the Giver, the Taker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may he walk in the footsteps of My Name Ha' and like him shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of the love of God. Verily, He aids whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Generous.

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He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon.

O Ashraf! The ocean of utterance has surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted, and the scratching of the Pen and the rustling of the Tree have been raised high, yet the people do not hear. They have cast the Book of God and His Cause behind their backs and taken for themselves lords other than God. Verily they are worshippers of vain imaginings and do not understand. They have turned away from Him through Whom appeared what was hidden in the eternity of eternities and treasured in God's knowledge, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not the desires of those who have turned away from the Face, having followed the daysprings of heedlessness and idle fancies. Say: Behold, behold how the Sun has dawned from the horizon of proof and proclaims: "There is none other God but I, the Protector over what was and what shall be." Beware lest the conditions of vain imaginings prevent you from the Day of God, the Possessor of existence. This is the Day which God's Messengers and His Books have testified to, did ye but know. Say: Hear the call of Him Who is wronged and deprive not yourselves of the breezes of Revelation. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur counsel you as He sits upon the throne of His name, the All-Forgiving.

Give glad tidings of My loving-kindness to My loved ones and remind them of My verses, that the fragrances of utterance may attract them to the praiseworthy station. Say: Beware lest ye follow those who turned away from God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Proclaim "God is Most Great" before their faces.

Thus hath the Book revealed its verses and the Sun its radiance. Blessed are the people who recognize the Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness. Upon thee and upon those whom nothing among all things hath prevented from God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom.

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O Afnan, upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the dawning rays of the Sun of true divine unity. The signs of this most exalted station and the manifestations of this most sublime summit are now hidden, due to the weakness of sight. But ere long the Luminary of Will shall emerge from behind the clouds and become manifest. Muhammad-Rida, upon him be My Baha, is in these days present before Our face and dwelleth tranquil and at rest beneath the shade of the divine Tree of Providence. Although thou hast ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court, at this time the aforementioned one made mention of thee. Blessed be the one mentioned and the one who made mention. We beseech God to aid and assist the Afnans of the Tree in all conditions. O My Afnan! The bestowals of God, exalted be His glory, have ever encompassed all times and circumstances. That Matter for which all have been created - all remain veiled and deprived thereof, while ye have ever received the greatest portion and fullest measure from the rain-showers of the heaven of God's mercy and the lights of the Orb of inner meanings. This is from your Lord's favor unto you. His be the praise for this most great bounty and mighty grace. We send greetings and glad-tidings to those who have turned unto Him and have quaffed from the sealed wine. The glory shining forth from the heaven of God's mercy be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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O Afnan, Mirza Bozorg, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Proclaimer of Truth and the Herald of Justice! O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letter was received and was honored to be heard in the presence of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Praise be to God, from it wafted the fragrance of the companions of the Crimson Ark. Its perfume bore witness to thy steadfastness, thy orientation and thy acceptance. The grace of God hath been and is with you. Grieve not over anything. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for you in the Scriptures and Tablets shall become manifest. This Wronged One hath mentioned His Afnan in all conditions, and that which cannot be imagined nor comprehended hath been ordained. This is a word sent down from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The desires of the servants cannot alter the Will of God, nor prevent the Supreme Word from penetrating. What hath been uttered by the Tongue shall appear letter by letter in the earth. The transformation of this earth and the events of the world cannot change or erase what hath been recorded. Verily it hath flowed from the Pen of Establishment; erasure shall not overtake it throughout the duration of the dominions of earth and heaven. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One in His Praiseworthy Station. Convey to the Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree and the honored mother and those in the household greetings from the Wronged One, and remind them of that which hath been revealed. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those who love you and hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords.

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Thy unity is inscrutable, O my God, to all except them that have recognized Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy singleness and the Day-Spring of Thy oneness. Whoso assigneth a rival unto Him hath assigned a rival unto Thee, and whoso hath set up a peer for Him hath set up a peer for Thyself. No, no, none can withstand Thee in the whole of creation. Thou hast everlastingly been exalted far above all comparison and likeness. Thy oneness hath been demonstrated by the oneness of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. Whosoever denieth this, hath denied Thy unity, and disputed with Thee about Thy sovereignty, and contended with Thee in Thy realm, and repudiated Thy commandments.

Assist Thou Thy servants, O my Lord, to recognize Thy unity and to declare Thy oneness, that all may gather together around what Thou didst desire in this Day whereon the sun of Thine essence hath shone forth above the horizon of Thy will, and the moon of Thine own being hath risen from the Day-Spring of Thy behest. Thou art He, O my Lord, from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth, and Whom no one can frustrate. Thou doest Thy pleasure, by Thy sovereignty that overshadoweth the worlds.

Thou well knowest, O my God, my Best-Beloved, that naught can quench the thirst I suffer in my separation from Thee except the waters of Thy presence, and that the tumult of my heart can never be stilled save through the living fountain of my reunion with Thee. Send down, then, upon me, O my Lord, out of the heaven of Thy bounty what will draw me nearer unto the chalice of Thy gifts, and make me able to quaff the choice sealed Wine, whose seal hath been loosed in Thy name, and from Which the sweet savors of Thy days have been shed abroad. Thou, in truth, art the All-Bountiful, Whose grace is infinite.

The whole universe testifieth to Thy generosity. Have mercy, then, upon me by Thy graciousness, and deal bountifully with me through the power of Thy sovereignty, and suffer me to enjoy near access to Thee by Thy manifold favors. Thou, truly, art the Great Giver, the Almighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

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=== START BH04569 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O my God! Praise be unto Thee that the dawn of Thy Ridvan Festival hath broken, and that therein hath prospered whosoever hath turned unto Thee, O our Lord, the All-Merciful. How many of Thy loved ones, O my God, are hastening across the Syrian wilderness, yearning for Thy beauty, yet are prevented from attaining the court of Thy transcendent oneness through the deeds wrought by the hands of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Behold the oppressors among Thy creatures with the glance of Thy wrath and might. In their tyranny they have reached a state which none can reckon save Thy all-knowing Self. Thy loved ones are content to enter and dwell in prison, yet they are not content with this, transgressing against the Manifestation of Thy Cause. Blessed is he who perceiveth in all that befalleth him in Thy path the exaltation of his station and the advancement of Thy Cause, O Thou God of the worlds. By Thy might! Should all who are on earth gather together to harm any

one of the people of Baha, they would be powerless, for whatsoever they regard as harm unto Thy chosen ones is light unto them and fire unto Thine enemies. Had the Dayspring of Thy Causation not been established in the Most Great Prison, how could Thy Cause have been spread abroad, Thy sovereignty manifested, Thy power proclaimed, and Thy signs demonstrated? Would that I might bear all tribulations out of love for Thee and for Thy creation. O Lord! Open Thou the eyes of Thy servants that they may behold Thee in all conditions seated upon the throne of Thy grandeur and ascendant over all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH04570 ===

He is the Caller between earth and heaven! O My handmaiden Khadijih, upon whom be the Glory of God! Time and again hast thou been blessed with the remembrance of thy Lord. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that whosoever today achieveth with complete certitude and assurance any deed in the path of God, he hath attained unto all good. Today the deniers and polytheists are occupied with a hundred thousand tricks and stratagems to ensnare holy souls. We beseech God to protect His servants and handmaidens from association and fellowship with the polytheists, both men and women. Today the Holy Spirit is present before all faces, and the Most Great Spirit is manifest and speaking above the nations, while the Maidens of Paradise on high, with wondrous and sweet melodies, give glad-tidings to the handmaidens of the earth of the supreme horizon, the most exalted Summit, and the utmost Goal. Whosoever hearkeneth becometh detached and free from all save God, to such degree that apparent riches, visible bounties, and manifold favors hold no sway over him. Severed from all else, he turneth unto God, glorified be His majesty, clinging to the cord of His Cause and holding fast to the hem of His grace. We beseech God to adorn thee with such an ornament that thou mayest shine forth amidst the earth like unto a pearl, distinct from all else. Now that thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the Tablet, strive that thou mayest attain unto all that hath been mentioned. Thy Lord is verily the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity rest upon every handmaiden who hath attained and remained steadfast in the Cause of her Lord, detached from all else besides Him.

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In the Name of the one true God! O My handmaiden and My leaf! Your mention has ever been present at the Most Holy Court. We heard your call and all that proceeded from you in praise and glorification of the Goal of the worlds was received with hearing. Nothing escapes His knowledge. All matters are manifest and evident before God. Veils do not prevent Him from beholding. That which is apparent and that which is hidden are witnessed in the presence of Divine knowledge. O My leaf! Were but one manifestation from among the manifestations of stations ordained for My Most Truthful Name to become manifest and visible in the world, all the tongues of the peoples of the world would speak forth “Blessed be God, the Compassionate, the Generous!” This Wronged One has ever been afflicted in the hands of enemies,

therefore We act according to what wisdom requires. We beseech God to increase your success in all times. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the handmaidens of that city. God willing, may they drink in all conditions from the choice wine of the love of the Beloved of the worlds, and may they speak His praise and mention, and be accounted before God among the men, not like the women and men of the Shi'ih party who for one thousand two hundred years occupied themselves with successor and guardian and chiefs and nobles, then on the Day of Reckoning arose to deny and turn away from His Holiness the Desired One. They martyred the King of existence by Whose word a thousand Alis could be created. O My handmaidens! The Day is the Day of God. Pass beyond the river of names that you may attain unto the ocean of meanings. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH04572 ===

He is the All-Seeing from the Horizon of the Heaven of Knowledge!

O My handmaiden, O My leaf!

Verily the Pen of the Most High hath borne witness unto thy recognition of Him, thy love for Him and thy turning towards the Ancient Countenance at a time when the world hath rejected Him, save those whom God, the Most High, hath willed. This is the Day foretold by the Messenger of God, and before Him by the Spirit and before Him by Him Who came with nine clear signs and was called the Interlocutor in My perspicuous Book.

O My leaf! All the Books of the past and the Messengers of God have given the people the glad-tidings of this hallowed, this most exalted Day, nevertheless, the ungodly, the ignorant and the evil ones have arisen with utmost cruelty to uproot the Holy Tree. Well is it with thee for having adorned thyself with the ornament of the love of God and for having been enabled to make mention of Him and utter His praise. Divine grace, in its entirety, is in the mighty grasp of God, exalted be He. He conferreth it upon whomsoever He willeth. How many a man considered himself a celebrated divine and a repository of heavenly mysteries, and yet when the slightest test visited him, he arose with such opposition and denial as to cause the Concourse on high to moan and lament. Through the bestowals of the Lord, however, and His infinite favour, thou hast attained unto the hidden secret and the well-guarded treasure. Preserve then, in the name of God, this lofty station and conceal it from the eyes of betrayers. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath attained the splendours of My sublime Throne.

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=== START BH04573 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O people of the earth! Associate not partners with God, and slay not anyone of whatever faith they may be, and dispute not with those who enjoin upon you what is good in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: He

desireth naught for you save that which shall profit you. Fear ye God, O people of insight! When ye meet anyone, consort with them in a spirit of fragrance and joy. Thus doth the Lord of all mankind command you. Leave behind all that the people possess and take what shall profit you throughout the ages. Say: Beware lest ye make yourselves manifestations of hatred in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who is a father to every orphan, a treasure to every poor one, a companion to every stranger, compassionate to every prisoner, and a refuge to all who are fearful of the oppression of the people. Say: Beware lest ye support the treacherous who have corrupted and corrupted the people. Thus doth your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, command you. When ye see anyone object to you, remind them with clear proof and evidence. If they accept, it is for their own sake, and if they turn away, oppose them not. Thus doth God command you in this Revelation whereby the horizons have been illumined. Verily the days pass by, lives draw to a close, leaves fall, and fruits change. Take ye heed, O people of understanding! God hath decreed that every soul should act according to what hath been sent down in this Book which hath been adorned with the name of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Rejoice in what hath been revealed unto thee, then remind the servants thereof from God, the Lord of the Final End. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth the call of God and acteth according to what He hath commanded in the Book.

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=== START BH04574 ===

In the Name of the One God! O people of Sisan! The Pen of the Most Merciful mentions you on this blessed night. His honor Amin, upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness, arrived and made mention of you. Repeatedly before the Wronged One he spoke of your acceptance and your turning towards God. You are they who have attained to acceptance when the people of the cities and lands turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. We beseech God to assist you in mentioning Him, in praising Him, in unity and harmony, and to enable you to do that which will cause His signs to be spread abroad. We counsel all to perform pure and holy deeds and to fear God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. One pure deed amongst the deeds of former centuries is as the sun amongst the stars. Beseech God to assist you to accomplish that which is recorded and inscribed in the Book. You must occupy yourselves with His mention and praise in the nights and days, and let your highest endeavor be the reformation of the world and the education of nations. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. How many shepherds in the days of the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Daysprings of Inspiration attained to the knowledge and recognition of God, exalted be His glory, while how many divines and doctors remained deprived. The bounty is in His hand and within His mighty grasp - He gives and withholds, and He is the Omnipotent Commander.

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=== START BH04575 ===

O Muhammad-Ibrahim-i-Nazir, upon you both be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and earth! O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One, hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. O Ali, upon thee be My Glory! Ibrahim, thy brother, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness! In truth he hath arisen to

serve and hath attained to My grace. He hath mentioned thee repeatedly. We make mention of thee through this clear remembrance. Say: O Land of Kaf, where is thy ascension and thy mention and thy call and thy vibration in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy? Today all must be engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of the Day of the Covenant with perfect attraction and longing. Say: O people of God, regard the time as precious. By the life of God, all the pearls of the seas of the world cannot equal a single moment of this time. Time is an honored essence and a magnificent treasure. Know ye its value and hold fast unto that which beseemeth it. O Ali, verily We made mention of thee before, and We make mention of My handmaiden who hath ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Companion. We make mention of her with a remembrance whose fragrance shall endure as long as My most beautiful names and supreme attributes endure. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. I make mention of the loved ones in that land and convey My greetings, and We counsel that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon My loved ones and My friends who have heard My call and have turned and have said: "Here am I, O Thou Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth!"

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=== START BH04576 ===

He is the One Who rules over what has been and what shall be

O thou who hast turned towards Him! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with that which hath attracted the hearts and souls, and beareth witness to that which God did testify before the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And He announceth unto the servants the Day of Mutual Summoning, whereon the Summoner shall proclaim: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be! That which was treasured in the storehouse of knowledge hath appeared and been made manifest, and He hath spoken before the faces of kings: The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of the Kingdom! The tribulations prevented Him not from making mention of God, the Originator of the heavens. He arose and proclaimed: The Promise hath come, and this is the Promised One!

When thou art illumined by the lights of the Luminary of utterance in the days of the manifestation of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and guided me to Thine all-highest horizon and the most exalted summit, and for having made mention of me in the prison of 'Akka. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge Thy most great signs and the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby the limbs of the polytheists among Thy creation and the hearts of the transgressors among Thy servants have trembled. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou didst manifest Thyself unto Moses on the Mount of Thy knowledge and unto Abraham in the fire of Thy love, to make me in all conditions detached from all else save Thee and holding fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Aid me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to arise to perform that which hath escaped me in Thy days. Thou art He through Whose power all created things have testified, and through Whose loving-kindness all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In His Name, the All-Conquering over all names! O thou who hast turned towards My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have sent down that which no books of the past can equal, yet the people are in evident heedlessness. Today all must soar with the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of God. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve its Lord. His honor the Overseer, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, dwelleth and resteth beneath the Lote-Tree. Praise be to God that they have attained unto that which hath no equal in this day. His kindred reside in the Land of Ya. Should that honored one desire to turn towards this direction, if he turneth towards the Land of Ya and moveth, turning unto God, in the company of the family of his honor the Overseer, upon him be My glory, this would be well-pleasing and acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One, for in truth his family are related to the Truth. In all circumstances, it is incumbent upon all to aid the Cause of God, and His aid in the second station hath been and shall ever be the aid of His loved ones. We have written unto his honor Ahmadoff, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. There hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which he shall arise to fulfill. We beseech God to assist thee through the invisible and visible means and to confirm thee in that which thou hast been bidden by the Wronged One in this mighty prison. Verily thy reward is with Him Who created thee and fashioned thee and caused thee to speak forth My beauteous praise. Glory be upon thee and upon Asad whom We have mentioned in My luminous Tablet.

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Muhammad Hasan Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which God hath made a sign of His might between His heaven and His earth, and a manifestation of His sovereignty to all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realm. Beware lest the doubts of the world or the clamor of the nations prevent thee. Arise to serve the Cause with such resolution that neither the hosts shall frighten thee nor the veils of them that have disbelieved in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, shall hold thee back. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God, made mention of, yet most of the people understand not. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of all being and all that is to be." We commanded Him Who conversed with God to lead the people out of darkness into light and to give them the glad-tidings of this Day wherein the Hour hath appeared and its signs, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. The Truth hath appeared and revealed what He desired, despite the divines of the earth and its doctors of law who turned away from God and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. We counsel thee to remember God and praise Him in thy days. The world and all that thou beholdest today shall pass away,

but there shall endure for thee what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in thy name in this forbidden station. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the sun of utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn, at nightfall and at morn.

=== END BH04578 ===

=== START BH04579 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

O thou who art beloved of God! Upon thee be my Baha! The days thou wert present have bestowed upon thee a mighty claim before the Lord, blessed be His glory, inasmuch as He confirmed thee in thy early youth and guided thee to the station of nearness and sanctity. His grace hath encompassed thee and His loving-kindness hath taken hold of thee and rendered thee sanctified and detached from former idle fancies. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and honored me and brought me into Thy presence and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts nor the ranks nor the tyrants and Pharaohs of the earth shall prevent me. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. We make mention of his honor Nurullah, upon him be My Baha, and upon ‘Ali-Qabli-Akbar and Muhammad and Rif’at and Badi’, upon them be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, on behalf of each one, for blessing and bounty and health and protection and well-being and recognition and certitude and steadfastness. Verily He hath power over all things. Whenever wisdom requireth and the time is right and his honor the Overseer, upon him be My peace and loving-kindness, deemeth it advisable, that honored one may proceed thither with My handmaiden. We beseech God to preserve you both and to vouchsafe unto you that which He hath ordained for His near servants. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Trustworthy.

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=== START BH04580 ===

In the Name of the Chosen One of all worlds! O Hasan! We have heard thy call. Praise be to God that whatsoever thou didst mention hath attained unto the hearing of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station. Thou must, God willing, be ever turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act in accordance with that which befitteth the Day of God. In thy letter thou didst make mention of ’Abdu’llah-i-An?ari. From his words his love and devotion are clear and evident, yet in his lifetime he attained not unto the blessed word “O My servant” - neither did his ears partake thereof nor his eyes receive their portion. But thou hast attained unto this word. The Peerless Friend, from the Most Exalted Horizon and the Source of the Most Beautiful Names, declareth: “O Hasan! O My servant and My friend! Know thou the value of these days and occupy thyself with the

remembrance of the Best-Beloved of all possibility. The ocean of joy is concealed within this divine word, and the sun of bounty is shining from the heaven of grace. If thou wert to render thanks with the tongues of all created things, it would be as utter nothingness in comparison with this most great favor and sheer non-existence. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the world! I testify that through Thee the sea surged and the fragrance wafted and the heaven was raised up and every wise command was revealed." The mention of 'Ali Khan was heard. May he, God willing, be the recipient of divine favors. Verily We have heard that which he hath spoken, for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And We have witnessed that which he hath witnessed, that he may rejoice and be amongst the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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=== START BH04581 ===

O Mashhadi Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Husayn! Thou hast aimed for the ultimate goal and turned thyself to the most exalted summit and highest horizon, attaining thereunto through the infinite favors of God, exalted be His glory. How many were the servants who, both before and after, yearned for the divine presence and heard its glad-tidings in the holy Books, yet when the divine morn dawned and the sea of reunion surged, all were deprived save a few. Some among the people were held back by pride, others by worldly ornaments, some by idle fancies and vain imaginings, and yet others by tyranny and wickedness. The cause and reason for all this were and are the divines of the age. Give thanks unto God for having protected thee, confirmed thee, drawn thee nigh unto Him, and given thee to drink of the choice sealed wine through His Name, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Know thou the value of this bounty, for verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The assured and tranquil souls of that land have all, through God's grace, attained, and their names have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid them in such wise that the might of the peoples of the world shall not debar them from the outpourings of these divine days. Soon shall the people and all that they possess perish. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one, every learned and informed one. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom the censure of the censurers hath not deterred from this Most Great, Most Pure, Most Shining, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous Cause.

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=== START BH04582 ===

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have desired to make mention of thee at this time with that which will attract thee to the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein the Call hath been raised. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained unto hearkening, and woe unto the heedless one who hath denied the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O master craftsman! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge at all times, and to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee through His name amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Guardian of those who do good. Grieve not at the vicissitudes of the world - soon shall they pass away, while that which hath flowed from this wondrous and glorious Pen shall endure. We have commanded the servants to that which will preserve them from the evil of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Among the people are those who have hastened and acted, those who have not heard, and those who have heard and turned away. Blessed is he who hath turned towards God, and woe unto the deniers and the heedless ones. May the resplendent and effulgent glory rest upon thee, thy children, thy family, and those who are with thee, from God, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He desireth naught save your protection, your deliverance, and your drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from turning to the Supreme Horizon, or idle fancies from the Self-Subsisting One Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Cast away what is with the people and take what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Master of this wondrous Day. We give glad tidings unto you and My handmaidens of God's loving-kindness, His grace and His mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH04583 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O 'Abdu's-Sattar! May you be enkindled, God willing, with the fire of divine love and illumined with the light of His countenance. How many were the divines, mystics and princes who yearned and longed for the Day of His Manifestation, and who beseeched God night and day for the privilege of attaining His presence. Yet when the dawn of that Day broke forth from the horizon of the Will of the King of Oneness, all turned away and remained veiled. Would that they had been content with merely this! Nay, by God! Rather, they pronounced sentence of death upon that Essence of being. Such is the condition of the servants. Yet God has been and ever shall be the All-Encompassing, the All-Pervading. That which He has willed, He shall assuredly bring to pass. The rejection and turning away of all the peoples of the world cannot prevent Him from that which He has purposed. He is established upon the throne of "He doeth what He willeth" and speaketh the word "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." His sovereignty hath no need of hosts. He giveth and taketh away as He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. May you drink, God willing, of that most pure wine which lieth concealed within the words of the Lord of destiny, and share it with those who are seeking and turning unto Him. Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to all the friends in that land and say: Fix your gaze upon this blessed, mighty and conclusive word: "God summoneth to the abode of peace." How excellent is the state of that soul who hath turned with his heart to the abode of peace and been freed from dwellings more frail than the web of the spider. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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O ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker and He is the Hearer and He is the Answerer!

O ’Abdu’llah! Hearken with thy spirit’s ear to the voice of the Wronged One. In the earliest days We arose, with no veil or covering, before the faces of the followers of all religions and proclaimed the Cause of God. We opened wide the gates of utterance to all the peoples of possibility. Some attained eternal life through the living waters of utterance, while others, due to the requital of their deeds, were debarred and deprived. The divines of the earth and the rulers, one and all, arose in opposition and brought to pass that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise and the exalted Garden to weep and lament. How numerous were the afflictions and tribulations that were visited upon the Wronged One, most of which We concealed lest the loved ones and chosen ones of God be saddened thereby. And when the light of the Cause had encompassed the horizons, the objectors of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil with designs against the Wronged One. Such is the conduct of the servants and the fidelity of that people. Now in most lands the barking ones are spread abroad, and this was among the tidings We mentioned in Zawra and the Land of Mystery and this land, whereof We informed all. All must take refuge in God, exalted be His glory, from the trials of these days and the corruption of souls. Perchance in this land too a barking will be raised up. We beseech God to preserve you and His loved ones from the evil of those who love discord. We ask of the Truth that He may assist them to unity and harmony. Verily He is powerful over all things.

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O ’Azziyyih, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! O ’Azziyyih! God willing, may you gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, walk upon the straight path of Truth, and voice the praise of the True One, exalted be His glory and all-encompassing be His bounty. God is aware that from the letter you sent, such grief was brought about that mention of it would surely cause sorrows beyond measure - that is, beyond moderation - or its effects would appear in wilderness, deserts and mountains. God bears witness that this Wronged One has wished to behold you as befits you, even as the name bestowed upon you stands as a truthful witness and an eloquent testimony. The mercy and grace of God are of such magnitude that pen and tongue are truly powerless to describe them. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and verily He is the All-Compassionate, the All-Generous. We beseech God to set right all affairs. Be not grieved at what has befallen you. God willing, you shall attain to the greatest joy and soar with utmost gladness and delight in the atmosphere of God’s good-pleasure. Remember thy Lord with these sublime words: “Glory be unto Thee, O Master of existence and Knower of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when it shone forth upon the mirrors of all created things, was reflected therein that there is none other God but Him, to draw me ever closer to Thee in all conditions and to strengthen me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.” The Glory be upon thee and upon my leaves and handmaidens who have believed in the Single One, the All-Informed.

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O Ata'u'llah! Upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

O Ata'u'llah! Divine bestowals are beyond reckoning. He bestowed existence and granted being. And another bestowal: He ordained means, and through these means He bestowed order upon the world and granted comfort to souls. Reflect upon the blessings of God. And after outward bestowals, He granted inner bestowals. He confirmed His servants in turning to Him, in recognition, in remembrance and praise, in giving and unity. Who can reckon His favors? It behooveth thee to hold fast unto that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book in His words: "If ye should count the blessings of God ye shall not be able to number them."

Among the great blessings whose signs and fruits are hidden from sight has been and is death. Were the tongue of utterance to occupy itself at this point with mention of the consummate hidden wisdoms therein, all would testify to its lofty station and exalted rank. Whatsoever appeareth from the True Divine Physician is acceptable and beloved in the sight of them that are nigh and them that are detached. Therefore must that sapling of the garden of love grow through the living waters of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, and attain at all times unto choice fruits. And whatsoever hath appeared, know it to be from God. If thou attainest unto this station, thou shalt in all conditions be speaking in praise and thanksgiving to God. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon My friends there whose names We have concealed through a wisdom from the presence of a wise Commander.

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He is the Eternal, Who passeth not away

O 'Ali-before-Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and counseleth thee with that whereby the Cause of God shall be exalted throughout all else. Take what hath been uttered by My Most Exalted Pen and abandon what is with those who have turned away from this Great Announcement. Look not to the people and their affairs, but hearken unto that whereunto the Truth calleth thee from His Most Great Prison. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Rejoice thou in that We have made mention of thee. Verily it shall endure for thee throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Dominion. He Who possesseth the Clear Book beareth witness to this. They who have turned aside have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and have denied Him Who came unto them with that which was sent down aforetime upon the Prophets and Messengers. Say: O concourse of divines! By what thing have ye believed in God and His signs, and by what cause have ye turned away from Him Who, when He appeared, caused all things to proclaim in their loudest voice: "By God! The Hidden One hath come with a sovereignty before which the hosts of the heavens and earth are powerless!" Say: O people of the earth! Deal fairly in God's Cause and be not of the transgressors. Beware lest desire hold you back from the Lord of all creation, or the veils of the divines conceal you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We adorned the horizon of proof with the sun of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou hast attained unto it and found from it the fragrance

of thy Lord's loving-kindness, render thanks unto Him with myriads of the near ones. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have hearkened and responded to their Ancient Lord.

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He is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Generous

O 'Ali! O thou who circlest round the Throne! Hearken unto My most sweet call which, when it is raised up, draweth unto itself the Kingdom of Names, and causeth the mountains to pass with the speed of lightning in the kingdom of creation. Be thou of them that render thanks. We have made mention of every name that was in thy letter and have sent it unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We have desired to make mention in this place of thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have, of a truth, forgiven him as a token of Our grace, and have purified him as a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. Neither the hosts can frustrate Him nor the bounds contain Him. To this testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur from His mighty and glorious station. O Abu-'Ali! We have adorned thee with an ornament that the months and years and ages shall not tarnish, and We have embellished thee with a remembrance that shall never be followed by extinction. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen in this noble Tablet. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Most Great Remembrance, and blessed is thy son who hath been named Muhammad, and thy daughter who hath been named Sultan. Thus hath the Sun of Grace shone forth from the horizon of the tender mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Ancient of Days. And We make mention of thy nephew who hath been named Muhammad before Ibrahim. We give thee and him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Each one of you hath attained unto the mention of God, and the glance of His loving-kindness hath been directed towards you from this station at whose mention the Concourse on High rejoice and the lips of utterance smile in the kingdom of creation. Glorified be the Lord of Names, Who maketh mention of His servants as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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O Ghulam-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Ghulam-i-Qabil-'Ali! Repeatedly hath mention of thee descended from the heaven of bounty, and thy name hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. His honor Haydar-Qabil-'Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of the people of K and its surroundings, and each one hath attained to that which hath had and hath no likeness. At this time the friends behind Mashhad have been blessed with divine mention.

O Muhammad-Qabil-Hashim! Blessed art thou and thy brother, and he who hath held fast to the strong cord of God. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad and give him the glad-tidings of My turning toward him from this distant station, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

O ’Ali! Hearken with thine inner ear to the call of the Wronged One. Whatsoever thou beholdest in the world shall pass away, while the mention of God hath endured and shall endure through the perpetuity of His kingdom and dominion. Cast away that which perisheth and take hold of that which endureth. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness. Be not saddened by the vicissitudes of the world. Soon shall the heedless utter the words “Alas for us!”, and become aware of that which they have missed in the days of God. Then shall they cry for help but receive no succor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you to do that which befitteth His Revelation, His Day and His mighty, wondrous Cause. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted is He!

O Muhammad, upon you be the peace of God and His favors! Several days ago, permission to return was granted to the travelers and emigrants. We beseech God that He may enable all to reach their homes and destinations with the utmost joy and fragrance. It behooveth each one of them to say:

O God of all names and Ruler of earth and heaven! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy love and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Him through Whom Thy sovereignty was manifested and Thy verses were sent down and Thy clear proofs were revealed, and through Whom the pavilion of Thy glory was raised amongst Thy servants and the banners of Thy might and triumph were planted in Thy lands, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. O my Lord! Make all my deeds a remembrance from Thee and a single melody, then number me among those whose deeds Thou hast accepted through Thy bounty and generosity and whose hearts Thou hast illumined with the lights of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Let Ibrahim Effendi, upon him be God’s peace, proceed if funds are found to ease their difficulties - this would be most fitting and appropriate. There would be no harm if Muhammad were to tarry for a few days after them, but a lengthy delay would be unwise. We shall summon ’Ali-Akbar later. For now, in view of the gathering, his departure has been postponed. And obtain sugar and tea from Aqa Faraj. We end these words with Thy remembrance and the remembrance of the friends of God, the Lord of all worlds. Peace be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants.

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He Who speaketh with justice and manifesteth with grace.

O Muhammad-Qablur-Rafi', the wondrous bearer of the manifestation of divine mercy - they martyred him with the worst of all the world's torments. There was no purpose in sending him except for the dawning of the luminary of grace upon all the world. God is witness and testament to this most great mention among the peoples.

O Muhammad-Rafi' Dawlatabadi and those with him have intended to steal the Book of God - that is, the Persian Bayan and Ahsanul-Qisas. Since these two clear Books are adorned with utterances that give glad tidings to all of the appearance of the Great Announcement, they have therefore intended to destroy them. It is obligatory and incumbent upon all the friends of Truth that whosoever possesses them should preserve them and guard them from this rebellious and transgressing band.

In any case, the Pen is astonished - they have attributed the Book of Iqan, which was revealed from the heaven of grace in response to the Afnan Haji Mir Seyyed Muhammad (upon him be the glory of God and His forgiveness and mercy and bounty), to Yahya, saying it is from him, even though that heedless one was never with Us. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the sun of Thy bounty to preserve Thy Books from the evil of the heedless ones and the theft of the oppressors. Then open before my face the door of Thy bounty with the key of Thy Most Great Name, and ordain for me that which will protect me from the transgressors among the peoples. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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O Muhammad-'Ali! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The Wronged One was with thee when there befell thee in His path what befell the loved ones of God in the past, who broke not His Covenant but arose and proclaimed: "We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been One, Single, Alone, Self-Subsisting, the Ever-Living, the Self-Sustaining, and will forever remain as He hath been. He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted." There hath befallen thy Lord what is greater than what befell thee. We have been patient and counsel thee to be patient, for He loveth every grateful, steadfast one. God hath made that which befell His loved ones a treasure for them in His heaven, as attesteth the Mother Book in the most exalted station. The dwellers of the All-Highest Paradise and the companions of the Crimson Ark have lamented what hath befallen My loved ones, yet the people remain in strange slumber. God shall soon replace injustice with justice and shall manifest him who shall arise to serve the Cause at eventide and at dawn. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee, adorned with the fragrance of revelation and the sweet-scented breezes of inspiration. Take hold of it with the power of God. Thus have We commanded thee as a token of Our grace unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We counsel Our loved ones to patience, calmness, trustworthiness and faithfulness. I am the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened to the Call and turned with their hearts to My horizon and have arisen to serve My Cause at morn and at eventide. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the One Who remembers with truth from this luminous horizon

O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! Verily My Most Exalted Pen loves to remember thee. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, drunk the choice wine of My revelation, turned toward My horizon, and heard My call when it was raised in truth, and for having arisen to serve this Great Announcement, which was attested to in God's Books of old and in that which We revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, through Whom every wise command was made manifest. We have remembered thee in various Tablets and have mentioned that which thou didst accomplish on this Straight Path. Thou art he to whom God's Book hath borne witness, both before and after. Wert thou to become aware of that which hath been ordained for thee, thou wouldst cry out: "Praise be unto Thee, O Most Generous of the generous ones!" We have revealed for thee and for those with thee that through which the fragrance of My mercy, which hath preceded the heavens and the earth, hath been diffused. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of My loving care and glorious remembrance. Glorify thy Lord with praise and say:

O Thou through Whose Name the entire creation hath been subdued! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy mighty signs to assist me and Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the tablets of fire shall not prevent them from beholding the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, the Lord of great bounty. Thou seest me turning unto Thee, placing my trust in Thee, gazing toward the heaven of Thy mercy, and directing my face toward the sun of Thy loving-kindness and the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me and Thy loved ones of that which lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Muhammad, the One, the Single, calls thee from this station which hath at times been named the Kingdom, at others the Realm of Might, at times the Supreme Horizon, at others the Most Glorious Prospect, at times the Praiseworthy Station, and at others the heaven of this Heaven. Reflect how thy Lord hath adorned the Most Great Prison with the most excellent names and the most exalted stations. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Rejoice thou in this Tablet and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, for having made known unto me the heaven of Thy Manifestation and the sun of Thy firm and irrevocable Command.

O Muhammad, We have heard thy call, and the Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee. Consider this bounty to be great and be thou confident in His favor. Verily He hath absolved thee of thy misdeeds and guided thee unto His straight path. Say: O God of names and Creator of heaven, Who hast appeared from the Supreme Horizon! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the splendor of Thy manifestation to ordain for me through the Pen of Decree that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in all Thy worlds. Verily, nothing is hidden from Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the Kaaba of Thy manifestation and the Qiblih of Thy names. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence and arriving at the shore of the ocean of Thy reunion. Thou art He through Whose praise all things have spoken, and through Whose power and might all atoms have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Great.

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To Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the All-Knowing Witness Who speaks. O Mahmud! The Adored One has turned toward thee from this praised station and makes mention of thee in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have turned toward thee time and again and have sent down that which illumines hearts and brings solace to eyes. Take hold of thy Lord's Book with His strength and say: O people of the earth! By God, the Truth has come and the Day of Reckoning has appeared. Come, that I may show you His most exalted horizon and His Balance which has been established in His Name, the One Who holds dominion over all who are in the earths and heavens. Beware, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves of the choice wine of revelation. Leave behind what ye possess and take what has been given you by God, the Cleaver of Dawn. This is the Day that was promised you in the Books of old and in the Furqan which was sent down unto Muhammad, the Messenger of God, from God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest ye do what the people before you did. Fear God and follow not every doubtful idolator. Leave behind vain imaginings, then hasten with radiant faces to the Most Great Ocean which has appeared in the name of your Lord, the Goal of all desire. Blessed art thou, O Mahmud, for having uttered the praise of thy Lord when most of the servants turned away from Him. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who has believed in her Lord and turned toward the Dawning-Place of lights. We send Our greetings from this station upon her and upon My loved ones there and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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Zarqan

O Mashhadi Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Manifest, the Resplendent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O concourse of divines! Fear ye God, then judge with fairness concerning this Unlettered One, to Whom testify the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The tongue of utterance in the Kingdom of knowledge declareth: O concourse of divines! Fear ye the one true God. This Wronged One hath neither associated with you and your like, nor seen your books, nor entered your classes. His hat, His locks, and His attire all bear witness to what hath been said. Where hath fairness gone? In what place doth the embodiment of justice repose? Open your eyes, look with the eye of insight, and ponder, that ye may not be deprived of the rays of the Sun of Utterance nor be barred from the surging waves of the ocean of knowledge. Some among the princes and common folk have objected that this Wronged One was not among the divines and descendants of the Prophet. Say: O people of fairness! Were ye to reflect even briefly, ye would consider this station a hundred thousand times more

exalted and greater. God hath manifested His Cause from a House wherein was found naught of what the divines, the jurists, the mystics and the learned possessed. The Breath of God awakened Him and commanded Him to raise His voice. When He awoke, He arose and called all to God, the Lord of the worlds. This utterance hath regard to the weakness of the people of the contingent world; otherwise His Cause is sanctified above mention and exalted above thoughts. To this testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book.

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He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur doth speak from the most exalted station. Verily, He remembereth you through His grace, and remindeth them of His signs, and guideth them to the straight path. Fear God, O people, then look with the eye of fairness upon that which hath appeared before your faces, and follow not every heedless doubter. Behold, the Sun hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation. Hearken, for He speaketh and saith: There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower. Do ye worship vain imaginings after ye behold the dawning-manifestations of the Daystar of certitude from the most exalted station? Say: Cast aside your doubts. By God! The Self-Subsisting hath come with a sovereignty before which all the hosts of the world cannot stand. Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight.

When thou hast attained unto the pearls of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to attain unto the revelations of Thy Most Exalted Pen while I was in the hands of the enemies, and for having sent down unto me that which every letter of the letters of its words beareth witness to Thy grace and Thy loving-kindness and Thy mercy which have preceded Thy servants. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy beauty and the dominion of Thy glory, and by Thy power before the manifestation of which the people of Thy realm and Thy dominion have bowed down, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, standing in Thy service, and acting according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful One Whom the affairs of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor can the opposition of Thy servants. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all and Whose sovereignty hath encompassed all. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Speaker.

O Mahdi! My name is Mahdi - upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness. Your petition was sent to the Most Holy Court. We heard your call and have answered it with this Most Mighty, Most Holy Tablet. O Mahdi! Today none but God is mentioned. This is that Day concerning which He spoke to the Son of Imran on the Mount of Knowledge, saying: “Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind

them of the days of God." And the Seal of the Prophets gave glad tidings of it, saying: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." All books and scriptures, psalms and tablets speak of this Revelation and what hath been manifested therein. Blessed is the soul that hath heard and attained unto it.

O Mahdi! Time and again hath thy mention been made at the Most Holy Court, and there hath been revealed and sent down from the Divine Pen that whose fragrance shall endure and persist. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have heard and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth." We make mention of thy father and beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw him nigh unto Him and to send down upon him, at all times, mercy from His presence, grace from His own Self, and a sign from His direction. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of the light of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of the worlds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Siyyid Mahdi, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the Answering, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. O Mahdi! Upon thee be the everlasting Glory of God! Canst thou cast aside all that the people possess, and canst thou stand before the faces of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and art thou able to cast aside the parties and what they possess and take up the Tablet of God by His command and through His sovereignty? Say: No, by thy life, except through Thy might and power! I bear witness that Thou hast subdued all created things with a power before which the hosts of those in the heavens and on earth cannot stand. He who loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love, such that neither the hints of the learned nor the power of princes shall cause thee to slip. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise, and the All-Knowing Counsellor. Preserve this Tablet in the pocket of detachment, and when God asks thee by what proof thou hast believed in Him, bring it forth and say: By this blessed, mighty and wondrous Book. Beware lest the events of the world sadden thee. Come forth from the horizon of silence, speaking forth this Name whereby the limbs of them that broke God's covenant and denied the Day of Judgment were made to quake. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken forth in the prison of Akka, that the utterance might render thee detached from all contingent things and cause thee to cling to the hem of the robe of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The light that shineth resplendent and gleameth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon those who, when they heard the Call, said: "Yea, yea, O Thou Who art the Goal of all names! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Beloved of the hearts of them that know!"

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O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon both of you be the peace of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power! O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon you be the peace of God, the Glorious King! Your name hath been mentioned before the face of the Wronged One and you are remembered. The growth of the world of the Bayan and its adornment lie in this blessed and exalted word: “Whoso is Mine, I shall be his.” Divine confirmation took hold, power was bestowed, insight was granted, the way was shown and guidance was vouchsafed. From the earliest days until now thou hast been illumined by the light of unity and engaged in mention and praise. We beseech God by Him through Whom the breezes of grace wafted, the fragrances of revelation were diffused, the Hijaz was illumined by His light, and the parties were humbled by His power, that He may aid thee and assist thee in all conditions, and manifest through thee that which will gladden hearts and console eyes. Grieve not over anything, but in all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords. Whoso trusteth in Him, nothing shall harm him - to this do bear witness the learned and mystics of the earth.

The letter of S.M., upon whom be My peace, arrived in the name of bounty. He mentioned the friends of that land. Jinab-i-Darbaghi and Khalil and Yahya and other friends were gathered in a feast and were engaged in the mention and praise of the Goal of the world. This Wronged One beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation and success for all. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and He is the All-Bestowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We make mention of ’Abdu’l-Husayn and counsel him to act with goodness. We make mention of Jinab-i-Ahmad and entrust him to God. Verily He is the Protector of those who do good and the Answerer of the prayers of the sincere ones.

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O Painter! Give thanks to God, blessed and exalted be He, that your name was mentioned before the Wronged One and He revealed for you that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the world. To this bears witness the Lord of Eternity, Who speaks from this Most Exalted Station and Most Glorious Horizon in the prison of ’Akka. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have turned toward you as a favor from Us on a day in which sorrows have encompassed Us from those who cast the Cause of God behind their backs, clinging to the vain imaginings and idle fancies they possess. We commanded all to be trustworthy, religious, truthful and pure, and to do that which draws them near to God, the Lord of Lords. They violated My covenant and broke My testament and turned away from My countenance and committed that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of My glory to lament. To this bears witness the One Who possesses the Mother Book. Soar upon the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, and say:

My God, my God! I have forsaken the religion of a people who believed not in Thee and in Thy signs. I cast away what they possessed, yearning for that which is with Thee. I beseech Thee by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy verses and the mysteries of Thy Books, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets, to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies who disbelieved in Thee and in what Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have believed in Thee and in what hath appeared in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty - verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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The Leaf of the Sun of the World, upon her be the Glory of God

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! O My leaf and My handmaiden! Thou hast ever been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which is enduring and everlasting. Be not grieved at the happenings of the world. Hold fast unto the cord of patience and cling to the hem of resignation. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the lights of the Sun of divine unity and hast drunk from the ocean of the All-Merciful's recognition. Beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to assist His handmaidens in preserving the pearls of His love, for the treacherous ones, the thieves, and the barking ones lie in wait. By the life of God! They are in manifest error. From the earliest days until now the Self of God hath been in the hands of the enemies–at times imprisoned, at times in chains, and at times led captive from land to land. Yet in all conditions the scratching of the Pen was heard and the Call was raised. The heedlessness of the world did not prevent the Ancient Beauty from His purpose. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every just one testifieth. O My handmaiden! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Say: We beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to grant success unto all and supreme steadfastness. They must occupy themselves with the remembrance of God–glorified be His majesty–in utmost sanctity and detachment, through goodly deeds and praiseworthy and pleasing character. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His handmaidens. The glory which is manifest and resplendent from the horizon of this Most Great Name be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned unto God and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Leaf of the Bayan! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and I speak unto thee that which hath caused the breezes of bounty and favor to waft. He is with thee under all conditions. He hath heard what thy tongue hath uttered concerning this Light through which earth and heaven were illumined, and the Herald hath cried out from the direction of the Throne: "The All-Bountiful hath come to His resting-place, and that which was hidden from time immemorial hath been made manifest." Blessed is thy tongue for having made mention of Me, and thy heart for having turned toward My horizon, and thy face for having directed itself to the Dayspring of the signs of thy Lord, the Lord of all men. We beseech God that through thy call He may attract the hearts of His handmaidens and leaves, and ordain for thee that which shall gladden hearts and bring solace to eyes. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty, and hast attained unto this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of lords, say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy signs which have set the world ablaze, and by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, that Thou make me to be among those women whom the veils of glory have not withheld, nor the veils of them that are gone astray, and who have shone forth from the horizons of the heaven of detachment with the lights of Thy Most Great Name. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Thou hast manifested me, and strengthened me, and caused me to know Thee, and guided me unto Thy recognition and Thy path. I beseech Thee to make my mention to have effect through Thy bounty and to bear fruit through Thy loving-kindness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Leaf, Ziya'u'l-Hajiyyih, upon her be the Glory of God. In My Name, the Protector over all names! O Leaf! God willing, thou wilt hold fast to the Divine Lote-Tree with such firmness that the diverse winds of the world shall not cause thee to waver, nor keep thee from the Tree. Today the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary are raised up. Blessed are the leaves who have attained to hearing them and who are stirred by the winds of the will of God, exalted be His glory. Today the Caesars enter churches in the name of the Lord of creation, yet remain veiled from the Commander, the Founder, and the Intended One. Likewise the queens of the world turn in the nights and days toward the Ancient King, uttering the mention of the Most Great Name, yet when the horizon of the heaven of manifestation was illumined with the lights of His countenance, all were found heedless and remote - even though in the nights and days they had spoken His mention and yearned for His presence. Now must that leaf occupy herself with the praise and glorification of the Beloved of the world, both outwardly and inwardly, for He has confirmed and guided. We beseech God to confirm thee in preserving what He has bestowed. O Leaf! Know thou the worth and station of the utterance of the All-Merciful. If thou attainest unto a Tablet of God and findest its fragrance, say: "My God, my God! Thou art He Who strengthened me, made me know, taught me, and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, O Master of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm of Might, to confirm me and Thy handmaidens in Thy remembrance and praise and in arising to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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It behoveth him that desireth to teach the Cause of his Lord to adorn his head with the crown of detachment and the temple of his body with the fear of God.

Happy are the righteous that have attained unto the most great truth; happy are the wise that have recognized the straight path of God and turned unto His Kingdom; happy are the glad and sincere, the lamps of whose hearts burn with the knowledge of the All-Merciful and are protected by self-abnegation from the rough winds of test and sorrows; happy are the brave whose hearts the power of the oppressor cannot daunt; happy are the clearsighted that have learned to distinguish the transitory from the eternal,

that have turned their faces to the Imperishable and are named among the Immortals in the realm of power and glory. O friends! The thief and the traitor are lying in wait; beware lest ye be heedless. O bearers of God's trust! Protect from the robber's hand the pearls of the love of God. In this day, whosoever rendeth not asunder the veil of his idle imaginings will assuredly fail to hear the Voice of God.

Well is it with them that with the aid of the power of God have shattered the idols of their fancies and, with ears attentive to His call, have risen from the dead. Words must be followed by deeds; words without deeds are as bees that yield no honey, as trees that bear no fruit. Regard not the Cause of God as child's play, neither be unmindful of His all-embracing, all-discerning wisdom.

Distinquish yourselves one and all among mankind by the radiance of your countenance, the sincerity of your speech, the purity of your heart, the steadfastness of your purpose, the trustworthiness of your conduct, the sanctity of your soul, the blamelessness of your life.

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Fear God, O people of the earth, and do not imagine that what We have mentioned in the Tablet by the name of "ram ram" refers to that which people drink and by which their minds are clouded, their nature altered, their light transformed and their purity sullied. Rather, by this "ram ram" We mean that which increases love for God and love for His chosen ones and love for His friends, and which kindles in hearts the fire of God and His love, then His glory and His grandeur. For it is of that wine which, should anyone drink a drop thereof, would draw him to the precincts of holiness and nearness and bring him to the presence of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And verily it is that wine by which the signs of limitation are erased from the hearts of lovers and the verses of unity and detachment are inscribed, admitting them into the pavilion of the Beloved before God, the King, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Generous. And by this wine We intended the Kawthar of God and His outpouring, and the Salsabil of God and His Tasnim, and the wine of God and His grace, even as was revealed in the Furqan, if you be of those who know. He said - and His word is the truth - "wine delightful to those who drink." And by this wine He intended naught but what We have mentioned to you, O concourse of the assured ones. Beware lest you exchange the wine of God for your own wine, for it clouds the mind and turns the face away from the face of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, the Inaccessible. And you must not approach it, for it hath been forbidden unto you by God, the Exalted, the Great.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid! Hearken, then, to the call of the heaven saying: "The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty!" And hear from the air: "By God, the Glory hath come from God, the Mighty, the Loving!" And the earth proclaimeth, saying: "O peoples of creation! The Manifestation of your Lord, the Lord of Names, hath come. Follow Him and follow not every rejected idolater. Burn away vain imaginings with the fire that speaketh in the midst of contingent being: 'Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised!'" Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of the

utterance that hath appeared from the mouth of the will of his Lord, the All-Merciful. And woe unto him who hath been deprived of this bounty which hath encompassed all that was and shall be. O servant! Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, in that Thou hast remembered me through the tongue of the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, Who hath been imprisoned in Thy path, having summoned the people unto the quarter of Thy bestowals and favors. O my Lord! Aid me to turn unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Then enable me to serve Thee and remember Thee. Verily, Thou art the One potent through Thy sovereignty and the One Who dominateth all things through Thy might. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Forgiving. O my Lord! Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty, then prescribe for me the reward of those who have turned unto Thee, for I find for myself no helper other than Thee and no protector besides Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to deprive me of the breezes of Thy Cause and the fragrances of Thy days. I testify that Thou art the One powerful over all things and that Thou art the Forgiving, the Kind.

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His grandmother, Hadji Mulla Husayn Lari, upon him be the Glory of God

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who perfected the Word and sent down the blessing, which is, in the first rank, the House which He made the point of circumambulation for the world and the refuge of nations. Through it, every seeker attains his goal and every searcher finds his desire. It is the House which the Friend built by command of the Glorious One. Blessed are they who have turned towards it from all regions and quarters, and who have spent their hearts and souls in its path. The servant begs his Lord to assist all to attain His presence and circumambulation, to visit its stones and drink from the water of its well. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering. And prayers and peace be upon Him through whom the Cause of the House and its dwellers was raised up, He through whose will the Will of God appeared and through whose volition His pervading Will was manifest, through whose utterance flowed the river of mercy, through whom the cycle of Prophethood and Messengership was ended, the proof was completed and the blessing perfected, and the mysteries of divinity were revealed. And upon His family and companions who held fast to the proof until they attained the noble valley wherein was raised the call of the Prophets and Messengers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Thereafter, your letter arrived and was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. Two Tablets were sent. God willing, you will attain unto them and drink from their ocean of knowledge. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatest and Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved One and revealed unto Him the Criterion (Furqan) and established Him in His own station among all created things. Blessed is he who is illumined by His lights and heareth His call and acteth according to what He hath commanded through His wondrous Cause. He is indeed among the people of the Greatest Vista in the Book of God, the Lord of Power. And blessings and peace be upon Him and upon His family and companions, whom God made the mirrors of His Manifestation and the dawning-places of His remembrance and the repositories of His knowledge and the treasuries of His wisdom. And furthermore, may my spirit and heart be a sacrifice for your service and your self-effacement and your steadfastness.

Some time ago your missive arrived and bestowed its portion upon the eye, heart, ear and breast, each according to its capacity. God bless your honor! The reply was also submitted and dispatched in those same days as commanded. God willing it has arrived by now. Now too, as commanded, this evanescent servant has written and sent a letter to his honor Nabil the traveler, upon him be the glory and favors of God, which conveys the utterances of the Beloved. If your honor would dispatch it directly so that it reaches him in the land of H.M., it would be most appreciated. And furthermore, I extend greetings and salutations to the friends and masters who dwell in that land, and I beseech confirmation for all. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. And praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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O Haji Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books and guided mankind to the straight path. And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom prophethood and messengership were sealed, and by the lights of Whose countenance the horizons were illumined.

The purpose of the True One, glorified be His majesty, in creating the children of Adam has been to manifest His grace and bounty. In all ages and centuries, the channels of His overflowing grace have been the Prophets and chosen ones. These are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-Places of His revelation, the Recipients of His knowledge and the Rising-Points of His wisdom among creation. And whenever the horizon of the world was illumined by the light of a Manifestation, all turned away save whom God willed. Blessed are those souls whom worldly conditions did not prevent from recognizing the Lord of Names. God willing, may the saved community be assisted to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Cause. In all ages, the helper of truth has been goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Blessed is he who holds fast unto them, and woe unto the heedless.

O friend! Thou art mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One. Due to the weakness of certain souls, at times the Pen is forbidden from writing and likewise the tongue from speaking. We beseech God to assist and confirm thee in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all creation and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below.

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=== START BH04616 ===

In My Name, the Warbler upon the Branches

Praise be to God Who hath manifested that which was hidden through a power that neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of the nations who cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies, could withstand. I bear witness to that which God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He hath spoken, and caused all things to speak His praise and remembrance, yet most of the people hear not. The Light hath shone forth and the Fire hath called out from the Divine Lote-Tree: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of all that was and shall be." We have heard thy call and have answered thee, revealing unto thee that which the treasuries and riches of the earth cannot equal. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Truth at a time when the people turned away from it - they who have violated the Covenant and the pledges. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee or prevent thee from beholding the Most Great Horizon, this holy, mighty and exalted Station. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of bounty, say: "Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the arising of the Hands of Thy Cause to serve Thee, and by the mysteries concealed within the hearts of Thy near ones among Thy loved ones, to make me steadfast and vocal in Thy service and praise. I further beseech Thee by Thy Will which hath subdued all who are in earth and heaven to assist me in all conditions to act as befitteth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all affairs."

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O Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Praise be to God Who hath brought forth from the shells of the ocean of His Most Great Name the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and made them a proof from His presence and a testimony from His realm. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the dominion of all the first and the last.

This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds. Herein is mentioned he who hath cast away ignorance and turned toward the celestial dominion of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and he who loveth Me made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this remembrance by which the Call hath been raised from the Supreme Horizon and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath been made manifest.

When thou hearest My call, turn thy face toward Me and say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Sinai and by the Fire that blazed within the Tree of

Revelation, to make me in all conditions enabled to remember and praise Thee and to call out Thy Name amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! Thou beholdest the ignorant one knocking at the door of Thy knowledge and the lowly one seeking the city of Thy might. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and by the lights of Thy countenance not to disappoint him from the gate of Thy grace nor to debar him from the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful."

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Praise be to God Who illumined the world through the Light which shone forth and gleamed through His Most Great Name, whereby the Kingdom of Names was made to tremble and all the tribes of the earth lamented, save those whom He protected through His power and delivered through His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Fadl! We have witnessed thy devotion and heard thy call, yet We have withheld the Pen until this time, in accordance with the wisdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee and all who are on earth to be trustworthy, chaste and faithful, and to act in such ways as will exalt the Cause of God amongst all peoples. He, verily, is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire, holding fast to the Sure Handle, and woe betide the heedless.

The Wronged One calleth out at all times, summoning all to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the glorious Throne. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of the Wronged One, for He hath made mention of thee in His Most Great Prison. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer.

Say: O God of Names and Sovereign of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, which shall endure after all things have passed away, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and enable me to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then decree for me, through Thy bounty and grace, the good of both this world and the next, O Thou Who art the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Lord of the exalted Seat!

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In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all names!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens on a day when by His light the earth and heaven were illumined, that He might draw all men nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have turned toward those who have turned toward Us, and have forsaken every deceitful oppressor. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away vain desire, clinging to the hem of the robe of his Lord's mercy, the All-Bounteous. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, and

have witnessed thy turning toward Us. We have sent down for thee that which hath caused the seas to surge and the fragrance of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end, to waft abroad. Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting is come, and the command is God's, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great bounty. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are bidden by God, Who illumineth the horizons. Thus hath the Pen spoken by command of the Ancient King. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto every denier who hath turned away from God, the Lord of creation. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those whom the censure of the censurer or the tyranny of the oppressor hath not kept back, who have turned with radiant hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men.

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=== START BH04621 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who shone forth with the luminary of His grace in the world of oneness, whereupon appeared the Primal Point, and manifested it through four lines. Through one line He created the realm of divinity and through another the kingdom of might, until the four worlds were completed. The first letter that told of these was indeed the standing 'Alif', and when it revolved around itself, the letter 'Kaf' appeared, from which He created the greater world and then the lesser world. Exalted is the Lord of Power, through Whom the sun was eclipsed and the moon darkened, and every stone and clod proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, Who has ever been self-subsisting through the self-subsistence of His Essence over all created things, and all-prevailing through the dominion of His Self over all contingent beings.

When He desired to separate and distinguish, to gather and endear, He spoke the Most Great Word, whereupon all things were set in motion, each kind was joined with its kind, each thing hastened to its horizon, each form to its station and origin, and each spirit to its dawning-place. This indeed is the Most Great Balance that hath been set up among men, whereby every soul is reckoned without being aware within itself, and all things are gathered without perceiving it within their essence. Exalted, exalted is the Fashioner of all things out of nothing through His power. Exalted, exalted is the Creator of names out of nothingness through His will.

He created the Most Exalted Pen and taught it what no earthly knowledge can encompass. At times there flowed from it the Water of Life, whereby He quickened whomsoever He willed among the people of creation, and at other times He caused it to yield the sweetest melody, whereby were attracted the dwellers of the cities of names and those who abide in the Most Exalted Paradise. Sanctified and exalted is our Most Glorious Lord above any mention, description or praise, through Whom earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and those in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, the idols of vain desire were shattered, and the pillars of the divines were shaken–those who cast behind them the Preserved Tablet and clung to idle fancies and vain imaginings. By God's life! They are the idols, though people perceive it not, and they are vain imaginings, though the people understand it not. Through them the Fountain of

Divine Presence was barred and the Ocean of Reunion was veiled. These are the most great veils. Blessed is the one who is strong enough to rend them, powerful enough to tear them, and steadfast enough to remove them. Such a one is among the most exalted of creation before God, the Lord of Names, and is indeed established upon the Crimson Ark. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of the Concourse on High, who remember God in all conditions. There is no God but our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Help in Peril.

Thereafter, while the servant was occupied with the revelation of verses and enkindled with the fire of the love of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes, one of the friends entered with a letter. When it reached the servant's hand and I opened it, I discovered from it the fragrance of the roses of inner meanings. Then I read it and became aware of what was contained therein regarding your mention of our Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds. By thy life! Thy letter brought me such joy that I am unable to describe, for I recognized from it thy rising to serve the Cause and thy utterance for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. I presented it at a special time before the Throne and submitted its contents, whereupon from the horizon of the grace of the Lord of creation, the sun of loving-kindness shone forth and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which I cannot recount. And afterward in Persian they said: "God willing, through the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful, may they bestow eternal life upon the heedless souls from the Kawthar of recognition of the Lord of Oneness and may they be occupied with service to the Cause."

Praise be to God that thou art remembered in the Most Great Prison and art honored and privileged with divine favors. And regarding what thou didst write about arriving in Astarabad and proceeding to the home of Mirza 'Abdu'r-Rahman - blessed is he for having honored thy dwelling purely for the sake of thy Lord. We beseech God to protect him and make him steadfast in the Cause whose greatness God hath testified to, and to grant him the good of this world and the next. In truth, the mere fact that they have been honored with the privilege of faith, have drunk the living waters, and have been mentioned before the Presence means they have attained all good things and blessings. Blessed is he, again blessed is he!

And regarding what thou didst write mentioning Mirza 'Abbas and Aqa Muhammad-Taqi Aqa and others - their names were presented, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "We love those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have directed themselves toward God, the Creator of earth and heaven. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant them the sweetness of His remembrance and to strengthen them in steadfastness in His Cause, that there may appear from them that whereby their names shall endure in His Kingdom and His Dominion. Verily He is the Powerful One, Whose sovereignty all in the heavens and earth have acknowledged."

And regarding what was written about Ibn-i-Shin, God willing he has been and will continue to be protected. This servant submits that whoever today attains the honor of recognizing the Beloved of the worlds, all honor and good is directed toward him, and if at times there is some delay, this too is in accordance with divine wisdom - they should not be saddened by it, for they are under the glance of God's loving-kindness and His infinite favors will surely encompass them. Especially regarding Ibn-i-Shin, I swear by the Sun of the heaven of divine grace that such favor has been shown him that its mention shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. However, the friends must be mindful of

such souls, for excessive association with the likes of these may cause disturbance among some. Since all are commanded to wisdom today, they must therefore be mindful in these matters. And whatever they have given him, there is no harm in that - verily the Generous One gives generously what He possesses. Indeed, boundless generosity was manifested from that person. We beseech God to grant thee double what thou hast given in His path.

As to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that he has arrived in the land of Jadhba and Tabas, and according to what has been reported from him that he is commissioned with a special mission - this servant was greatly astonished, for in all the divine Tablets, conflict, contention and corruption have been forbidden and all have been commanded to wisdom, as you yourself have heard from the blessed tongue during times of attendance. This servant submits only this much: that nothing except teaching, and that too with the wisdom revealed in the Tablets, has been or ever will be acceptable before God. By the life of the Beloved! This is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error. Today all are commanded to sanctification, detachment, goodly words, righteous deeds and pleasing utterances. The heedless people must, God willing, be invited to the choice wine of wisdom and utterance at the horizon of the All-Merciful. Repeatedly this servant was present before His countenance when He would counsel Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-'Ali to wisdom and to that which would draw near the hearts of those who were far removed.

As to what you wrote concerning the cawing of the crows - this matter was revealed in the divine Tablets during the days of migration from Iraq, and likewise in the Land of Mystery, and likewise in the Most Great Prison. All have been informed that the cawing of crows shall be raised and the birds of night shall be stirred to motion. And it is very clear that what is meant has been and will be the false claimants and heedless souls who summon the servants to Satan. This matter has been announced to most of the friends so that all might become aware and avoid such souls. And in your Tablet this matter was revealed that you should inform the loved ones. And likewise in most Tablets to Jinab-i-Ism-i-Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the land of Sad and in the land of Ya and other countries, specific persons have been informed.

As to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Mulla Zaynu'l-'Abidin, it was submitted. This is what shone forth from the horizon of utterance: O Rahim! Such as he who has ascended to the kingdom of knowledge and been illumined by the lights of the Muhammadan Sun - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - must detect the fragrance of the garment which today is diffused throughout the world and distinguish it from aught else. Convey greetings from this Wronged One, and since his mention was made in the Most Great Prison, this itself is evidence of his turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. One must not make turning to the Truth contingent upon anything save what God has revealed in His clear and decisive Book. If for an hour, for the sake of God, they would reflect upon the Sun of the Cause which has appeared from the horizon of the divine Will, they would surely consider as non-existent all who are in the world and would turn to the Object of worship. In this case the grace of God would encompass their condition and whatsoever is good for them would be ordained by the Pen of Destiny. Verily thy Lord guides whom He willeth to the straight path.

As to what thou didst mention regarding Mulla Hasan, it was said - and His word is the truth: “O Hasan! Be not troubled, but be thou assured and turn to God, the Lord of the worlds. Deprive not thyself of the fragrances of the days of God. Seize thou this opportunity and be of them that have attained. Give thanks that thou wast mentioned in the Prison before the Wronged One, and that this wondrous remembrance was sent down for thee.” Although this station is not apparent today owing to mankind’s lack of capacity, by Him Who hath caused me to speak the truth, all the treasures of the earth cannot compare with this remembrance, for that which appeareth from the presence of God endureth forever, while all else is transient and perishable. Reflect upon the days of the dawning of the Muhammadan Sun, may the spirit of all be a sacrifice unto Him, and upon the heedlessness, rejection and neglect of the divines, men of letters and leaders, and likewise upon the appearance of Christ and the cause of the objections of the Jewish divines and the people of that time, that the truth may become manifest unto thee. God willing, thou shalt grasp the Kawthar of inner meanings with the hand of certitude and drink thereof in the name of God. Truth hath never been, nor shall ever be, confused with aught else. The vain imaginings of men have held them back from the Lord of creation. Rend asunder the veils of glory through the name of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, that ye may attain unto your goal. This is not difficult for God.

And as to what thou didst mention regarding Shaykh Ibrahim, this is what was revealed for him: O Shaykh! Strive thou that thou mayest not be deprived of the outpourings of this Day and that thou mayest attain unto that which is recorded in the divine Books and sacred Scriptures. On this day neither knowledge, nor mystic insight, nor piety, nor righteousness, nor seclusion shall be of any avail. For instance, if a soul should today be learned in all branches of knowledge yet fail to recognize Him Who is the Known, no benefit from that knowledge shall ever reach him; and if one should be unlettered yet attain unto the recognition of the Truth, no harm shall come to him from his lack of learning. Consider the past: the divines of that age turned away in the early years from the Day-Star of the heaven of inner meaning, while Abu-Dharr, who was but a shepherd, attained to the recognition of the Faith and partook of the pure wine from the hand of the All-Possessing Lord of Destiny. It would be a pity for souls such as thyself to remain deprived of the breezes of the All-Merciful and shut out from the horizon of grace. Reflect at last upon how this Wronged One, though all the rulers and leaders and most of the people have turned away from Him, calleth out at the top of His voice, detached from all else, at the midmost heart of the world, summoning all mankind unto the Truth. If one would but look with fairness upon this matter alone, the Truth would become as manifest as the sun. If anyone should deny this Cause, to what could he cling, and what hem could he grasp? This is a Day whereon it behooveth every soul, upon hearing the Call, to turn towards and respond to his Lord in this most holy, mighty and wondrous Revelation.

Another matter: convey from this evanescent servant sublime greetings to the friends of God and them that have turned unto the horizon of the All-Merciful, who have drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness and are turned unto the countenance of God, and likewise to Aqa Mulla Muhammad-’Ali who was mentioned in thy letter. God willing, may they all abide beneath the tree of divine oneness and drink at all times from the Kawthar of mystic knowledge. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have turned, detached from the world and all that is therein, with their hearts toward the court of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

The Servant

In the month of Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1293

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Himmat-'Ali Khan. In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful. Praise be to God that through the loving-kindness of the Best-Beloved of all possibility thou hast entered into the stronghold of the love of the All-Merciful and been blessed with the boundless outpourings of divine grace. This station hath no likeness, nor will it ever have peer or equal. Those souls who are this day deprived of the Most Great Ocean and occupied with their own desires shall ere long descend from the highest heaven to the lowest depths, and that wherein they now rejoice shall bring joy to others, and that which they now possess shall be possessed by their enemies. Blessed is he who hath not exchanged the everlasting bounty for fleeting vanities, who hath hearkened with the ear of the spirit to the call of the Friend, and who hath attained unto the purpose of all worlds. This is of the grace of God which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court and was brought to the attention of this Prisoner. We have made it a treasure for thee - render thou thanks and be of the grateful. God willing, thou wilt rise from the horizon of steadfastness and in all times gaze toward the All-Merciful, drinking successively from the cups of divine words the spiritual and purifying water. This is the most great bounty which hath been recorded by the Pen of the Lord of Power. Blessed art thou, for We have found in thy letter the sweet savors of the love of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing. We have sent down for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure in the kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of God, the Lord of all religions.

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O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God - exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon His Prophets, His Messengers, His Emissaries and His loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Giving, the Generous, the Gracious.

Your letter was received and caused boundless grief, as if it carried sorrows and anxieties, for it indicated your poor health. The Wronged One beseeches God to grant you health and well-being, to sanctify you from every affliction and illness and whatever saddens hearts. We beseech Him to adorn you with the ornament of healing and draw you near to Him in all conditions.

Your letter arrived when we were outside the city, thus there was delay in both its receipt and response. If you need anything for expenses, obtain it from Aqa Muhammad-Rida and send the bill. God willing, through remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and His Name, healing has been and will be granted. Hold fast to "By My life, with Him is the ocean of healing." Verily He is the Powerful, the Healer, the Sufficient, the Protector, the Helper, the Generous.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to each of the friends. God willing, may they dwell in tranquility and comfort beneath the shade of the divine Tree of Grace. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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The servant before, Husayn, upon him be the peace of God and His care. He is the One Who protects all who are on earth and in heaven. Praise be to God alone, and blessings upon Him after Whom there is no Prophet. O thou who drinkest the choice wine of utterance, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all religions. At this time thy letter was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of trust, steadfastness and love wafted from it, thus bringing joy and delight. This joy is sanctified from change. We have instructed ?iya'u'llah at this very moment to write and send the reply in Our presence. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee in improving the affairs of His servants. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou hast ever been and art still before Our sight. In these days petitions have arrived from the land of Kha, including the petition of thy brother, the honored Ahmad, upon him be the peace of God and His care. The friends have been safe and at peace, except in 'Ishqabad where oppressors have transgressed against justice and martyred one of its manifestations. However, the glorious Russian government has shown the utmost consideration and assistance. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Books and by that which lay hidden in the shells of the ocean of Thy power, to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for me that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants, by Thy Name. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! Today all the loved ones of God must be mindful of what benefits the Cause and reflect and deliberate upon matters that will lead to the exaltation of the Word of God. Most people, though human in form, are far removed from the human world, occupied with their own desires, while few have attained to the goal and are gazing toward the horizon of the Cause. Now these few souls must, with the utmost endeavor and diligence, engage in the reformation of heedless souls and the education of diverse peoples. This is especially true if opposition and conflict arise between themselves, that is, among the friends. In such cases it is incumbent upon all to strive earnestly to resolve it. In most Tablets We have enjoined wisdom upon all, and naught else hath been or ever will be acceptable unto the Beloved. However, if a person who hath been blessed with divine favors and whose name hath been recorded in the Tablets by the Most Exalted Pen should manifest something contrary to wisdom, following him is not and hath never been permissible. Yet regarding such a one, nothing should be uttered except words of good, lest two harms occur. God willing, be mindful of the command of the All-Merciful at all times. Be not grieved by the abasement and tribulations of these days. By the life of God! The days of your glory shall come, and all who dwell on earth shall speak in praise and glorification of the loved ones of God. Know ye the value of this most great, this most exalted station.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing Bestower

O Shahvirdi! This is the Day wherein the Call of the Lord of creation is raised directly from the realm of divine unity, and the hearing and sight of all beings have been created for this Day - hearing for hearkening unto this Call, and sight for beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Know thou the value of this Day and arise to that which is worthy and befitting. Should anyone miss aught in this Day, he shall never be able to make up for it in other days, nor shall he ever have the power to do so. Such is the bounty of God that He converses with His loved ones without any veil. Make thy breast as Sinai, that the effulgences of the light of the manifestations of the Lord of Names may become evident. This is that same Call which the Interlocutor heard from the Tree, and mention of which thou hast seen and heard in the Books. And now thou hearkenest unto it directly from the divine Tree. Ponder, that thou mayest discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto thy goal. All things today are in rapture and yearning at the Word of the Lord of Names, and are stirred by the fragrance of the Breath of God, while the people wander distracted in the wilderness of ignorance and heedlessness. Blessed is the soul that hath attained on this Most Great Day and held fast unto the grace of its Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ask thou God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise, and to manifest from thee that which shall cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

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O bondsmaid of the True One, This day is verily the day for praiseworthy deeds. Strive that thou mayest attain the good-pleasure of the Friend. This station is great, infinitely great; seek thou, in its quest, with thy heart and soul. The book of this world will soon be seen as a rolled-up scroll; endeavour that whilst yet in this mortal world thou mayest attain an everlasting station. The bounty of God hath been and shall, if it be His will, continue to be with thee. He is the Commander, the All-Knowing and the Omnipotent. He commandeth His lovers to do that which is the cause of their salvation and prosperity. Cling thou to the Cause of thy Lord. It verily benefitteth thee in every world of His worlds. No God is there but Him, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Well is it with the handmaidens who have in this day drunk deep from the sealed wine of unity and have fixed their gaze upon the horizon of the Peerless Lord. Glory be upon the people of Baha, both men and women.

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O Ramadan-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of the one true God! Today the Ocean of Divine Bounty is surging and the radiant Lamp is bright and manifest. This is that Lamp which all sacred

Books have mentioned and concerning which all the Messengers have given glad-tidings unto mankind. Today the breezes of grace are wafting and the fragrance of bounty is diffused. Whosoever hath in this blessed Day attained unto the recognition of Truth, he verily is and hath been the most enriched among all the peoples of the world. The riches of this transient world have never been, nor shall ever be, accounted as wealth in the sight of God. Strive thou that thou mayest attain unto the most great steadfastness and be confirmed in preserving this most exalted station. The divine worlds are limitless, and the rewards for goodly deeds and spiritual qualities lie hidden and treasured in all these worlds. Grieve not over anything. Put thy trust in God, the One, the All-Knowing. Verily He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the good of every world among His worlds, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. God hath forgiven thy wife and expiated her misdeeds. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. Convey my greetings unto Darvish-'Ali. God willing, may he be assisted to observe that which hath been revealed in the Book of God. The limits of travel are set forth and recorded in the Book. It must be undertaken with the consent of both parties, that is, regarding the duration. The command is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The Glory be upon my loved ones in that place, whose names We have recorded in a Book that neither erasure can affect nor the vicissitudes of time can alter.

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Give thanks that thou hast been addressed by the Wronged One from the prison, and that He hath revealed for thee that from which thou dost inhale the fragrance of His loving-kindness that hath pervaded the heavens and the earth. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of them that know. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and thy family and upon them that have held fast to this firm and mighty Cause.

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The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious! Hearken unto what the Tongue of Grandeur calleth out to thee from the horizon of tribulation: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Stranger, the Wronged One. Say: O people! Ye have been promised in the Tablets this Manifestation. Now hath He appeared with truth - wherefore do ye not understand? And He Whom ye were promised by the tongue of truth hath now come with truth - wherefore do ye not see? Arise from the couches of heedlessness by this Name through which all things have arisen, and follow not every rejected ignorant one. They who have wronged this day - these shall not be helped. Hold fast to the cord of justice and deprive not yourselves of this manifest bounty. Draw nigh with your hearts unto the Beloved and follow not every hateful outcast. This is the countenance of God amongst you, and His manifestation within you, and His sovereignty unto you, did ye but know. This is the root of all good - He hath come to you with signs, then proof, then evidences that none in the unseen or visible realms can equal. Leave behind what ye possess of ancient tales and take hold of this praised announcement. The Pen hath nearly taken flight from the call of God while the idolaters wander bewildered in the desert of hesitation. O servants of the All-

Merciful! This is the springtime of the All-Merciful, did ye but know. The Lord of Seasons hath come, did ye but perceive. The Sovereign of Days hath appeared - blessed are the people who see. O servant! Rejoice in the remembrance of God. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose command was created what was and what will be to come.

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O Siyyid Abu-Talib!

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Hearken unto My call from the direction of the Throne: He is, verily, none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Know thou that the idolaters drove Us out of the Land of Mystery, and one sacrificed himself in My path by cutting his own throat, and when the Most Great Ocean was established upon the Ark another cast himself into the sea, dreading separation from Me, and the Luminous One offered up his spirit at the time when he was bowed before My feet, until they brought Us to the most desolate of lands in this remote prison. Thus did We receive at the hands of those who invoke Us day and night - the stupor of heedlessness and passion hath seized them and they understand not. From the prison's precincts I summon all who dwell on earth and call them unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Be thou steadfast in such wise that neither veils nor sorrows shall prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Say: He is, verily, the Originator of the heavens and earth, were ye of them that know. Follow thy Lord in all conditions such that neither the oppression of the wrongdoers nor the rejection of the idolaters shall frighten thee. We have been with thee and are aware of what hath befallen thee. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have ordained for thee before the Throne a magnificent station. God shall soon exalt thy name in truth - He is, verily, the Protector of the doers of good. Hold fast to the cord of servitude unto God, the True One. Through it the Cause shall be established and the pillars of the transgressors shall be broken. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In My Name, the Self-Subsisting

Trustworthiness is a sun that, when it shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom, illumineth all regions. And for it hath been ordained a heaven, and verily it is man himself. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath created all possibility and adorned it with the lights of this sun, shining from this station. He in whom the lights of this sun shine not forth cannot truly be called man. To this doth the Book of God, the Lord of lords, bear witness. Blessed is the city that is illumined thereby. By My life! It is the mother of cities and countries, and through it divine grace descendeth from God, the Lord of creation, and blessings grow in every season. Through it is man's station elevated and his essence made manifest to all in creation. Through it are hearts expanded and souls assured and the righteous made joyful. He who hath attained unto it is remembered by the Concourse on High and is turned unto by people of understanding. He who hath opened his eyes with the light of recognition chooseth it above all

else on earth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the heaven of deeds with the sun of trustworthiness and recognition. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower. Remind thou the people of this Tablet and acquaint them with what God hath intended for them in the Book. We have sent down these verses unto thee that thou mayest recite them to those who have turned unto God, the Revealer of Books and the Manifestor of proof, that they may act upon what is contained therein and hold fast unto that which they have been commanded in the Tablets. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have remained faithful to the Covenant.

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O Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed!

Justice declares: “Your letter has not yet reached the Wronged One.” And Bounty proclaims: “O Lord of the world! Send down for him that which will gladden his heart and bring solace to his eyes. Verily, Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer.” We answered you before your letter arrived and made mention of My loved ones while they were still in the loins of their fathers and the wombs of their mothers. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book that speaks openly before the faces of the world. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

When your inner and outer vision has been blessed with beholding the traces, and you have been seized by the intoxication of the choice wine of your Lord’s loving-kindness, say: “O Lord of the righteous and Master of the chosen ones! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power to assist Thy servants in Thy remembrance and praise. Then ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will remind them of Thy days and draw them near to Thy holy court. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, hearkening to Thy most exalted call and drawn by Thy mighty signs. I beseech Thee by the cooing of the Dove of Thy Cause to make me content in all conditions with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy decree and destiny. Then write for me that which will be a companion to me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then send down from the heaven of Thy Will upon me and upon Thy loved ones the rains of Thy mercy and the dewdrops of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.”

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O Afnan, Mirza Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Verily this Tablet shineth between the heavens and the earth, and through it the Spirit was sent down and the Faithful Spirit did speak. They who have turned unto God, these are in an exalted station. We have made this Tablet the source of the new creation, yet the people remain in evident veils. They hear not the call of the Spirit, nor do they see that which hath dawned from the horizon of the Tablet - nay, they are as the dead. The Tablets have been detailed from this Tablet which hath appeared through this Great Name. Say: Did ye believe in the signs, then wherefore did ye not believe, and in that

which was sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wise? Did ye accept the clear proofs, then wherefore did ye turn away from Him through Whom every wise decree was manifested? The signs have humbled themselves before the countenance of their Lord, and the clear proofs before His all-compelling sovereignty over the worlds. We desire for you naught save that which God hath desired. Whoso heareth is saved, and whoso turneth away, his is disgrace this Day. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen from One mighty and all-knowing. They who followed vain imaginings after the Sun of Certitude had dawned, these have no path to the Truth. Say: Seize ye the opportunity in these days, then turn ye to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. God hath heard thy call and revealed for thee that whereby the eyes of them that are endued with understanding are solaced. When thou attainest unto it, recite it and glorify thy Lord with praise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee!

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O ye two luminous lights, he who was named before the Most Great Horizon as Samandar, and Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali - may the glory of God and His effulgences rest upon them both. Let them observe with radiant gaze:

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious. Verily my heart hath moved me to make mention of the two hearts and to turn toward the two qiblihs, though they - may the glory and praise of their Lord rest upon them - are but one heart and one qiblih, as this servant, who is in need of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify.

As Jinab-i-Amin - may the glory of God and His outpourings rest upon him - was about to depart, I felt obliged to make mention of these beloved ones, although a detailed letter was previously sent to your honor. Yet heartfelt love and original affection moved this servant once again to make mention of that beloved one. We beseech God to aid you in His service and love, and to manifest through you that which shall endure in remembrance as long as God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise, endureth, and to make you dawning-places of certitude throughout all possibility and manifestations of steadfastness throughout all lands. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We hope that both of your honors will not withhold from this servant the fragrances of your mention. God willing, may you ever gladden the servant with the fragrances of mention. Convey infinite greetings and utter nothingness to all the friends of God, male and female, young and old. The glory be upon you both.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Ancient! O Lion! Hearken to the call of the Manifestation of thy Lord, the One, the Single, Who hath taken unto Himself neither consort nor son. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, the Ever-Abiding. Wert thou to discover what hath been ordained for thee from the Word of thy Lord, thou wouldst detach thyself from the whole world and arise to praise the Lord of Names. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He remembereth him who hath turned unto Him and turneth unto him who hath set his face towards the Court of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Be thou as a lion in the Cause of thy Lord, that the hearts of them that have turned away may quake with fear. Illumine the servants with the light of thy Lord and the lands through this Name whereby all that was and will be hath been illumined. This is a Day wherein every poor one hath soared to the heaven of riches, every powerless one to the horizon of might, and every abased one to the dayspring of glory through this Name which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His signs amongst His creation and the Manifestation of His clear tokens to all who dwell in the realm of the seen and the unseen. Blessed art thou for having quaffed the wine of loving acceptance and turned unto the Qiblih of existence. Stand firm in that whereunto thou hast attained, for verily Satan lieth in wait and calleth the people unto vain imaginings. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving, command thee. Read thou what hath been sent down unto thee, whereby souls take wing and hearts are quickened. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the splendors of the Countenance when the Manifestation of the Cause appeared with the Name of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O Asad! Thy letter hath come before Our face and thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, hath turned His gaze toward it. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the right hand on the Day of Judgment, the Day whereon the Lord of all worlds proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth to your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing!” Thus hath God ordained for thee the reward of those who have turned unto Him. Guard thou this station, then stand firm in the Cause of God in such wise that all things may inhale from thee the fragrance of certitude in thy Lord’s Cause, the Help in Peril. Let nothing grieve thee. Ask thou God to make thee a lion in support of His Cause. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all existence, both unseen and visible, and by Thy Name through which was manifested that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and inscribed in Thy tablets, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that the cawing of those who have denied Thy signs may not hold me back, nor the onslaught of those who have wronged Thee in Thy days disquiet me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. As to what thou didst ask regarding that which was concealed in the Preserved Tablet - verily We found the greatest thing therein to be at the beginning of thy letter. It is indeed the Most Great Name through which the peoples were scattered and the sincere ones were gathered at the shore of the Ancient Sea. Thus doth thy Lord inform thee. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Aware.

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In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal!

O My handmaiden! The ocean of utterance hath surged with the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and the Pen of Revelation hath moved in the realm of wisdom and mystical knowledge, until it reached a station wherein the handmaidens of God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, had gathered, and found thee standing in the station of submission. Therefore hath this exalted Tablet been sent down unto thee. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of God bestowed upon thee, for all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it. Well is it with them that comprehend. We make mention, at all times, of the servants of the All-Merciful, both men and women, and We desire naught save their turning unto God, the Peerless, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Among the people are those who have denied the proof of God and His sovereignty, and among them are those who have turned to the Countenance with radiant faces. When the Promise was fulfilled and the horizon of Manifestation was illumined with the light of the remembrance of thy Lord's name, the idolaters arose in opposition and uttered that which none of the peoples of old had uttered, until they rose up to wage war in such wise that all things lamented, the pillars of existence were shaken, and the eyes of the near ones wept. Grieve thou not at anything. Take comfort in the remembrance of thy Lord. By God! Thou shalt find in His remembrance the breaths of revelation whereby every decayed bone is quickened. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin thee while imprisoned in the hands of the idolaters. When thou attainest unto this, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, for having enabled me to turn towards the Dayspring of Thy Cause. I testify that Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Generous.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy! O My handmaiden! God hath rewarded thee from Us with the best of rewards, and granted thee what He hath ordained of the wonders of His remembrance in both the latter and former times. We have heard thy call, and recognized thy condition, and known that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of all creation, and We have answered thee with this luminous and brilliant Tablet that thine eye may be consoled thereby, thy heart assured, and thy face illumined. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned her face toward the court of Thy favors. The breezes of Thy mercy have wafted over me, and from them I have inhaled the fragrance of the garment of Thy grace. O Lord! Cast not Thy handmaiden away from the door of Thy bounty, and grant her that which shall cause her to endure through the endurance of Thy sovereignty. O Lord! I am she who hath clung to the cord of Thy favors and held fast to the hem of Thy loving-kindness, and hath fled from herself unto Thee, and forsaken all else through longing to meet Thee. Cause me to

soar, O my Beloved, in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the heaven of Thy reunion, that I may thank Thee among Thy handmaidens and make mention of Thee amidst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Then make mention from Us to all who are in thy household, both female and male, that they may all give thanks unto their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the court of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

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O handmaid of God, Hawva in Qaf! The All-Glorious! O My handmaid! Mention was made of thee before Us, whereupon the ocean of loving-kindness and bounty surged, and is now sprinkling upon thee in the form of words, that thou mayest detach thyself from the limitations of earthly directions and turn thy face toward the Beloved. Blessed art thou for having turned thy heart to the Qiblih of all created things and for having attained to the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Witnessed. Detach thyself from all else but Me, then purify thine ear that thou mayest hear My melodies from the direction of My Throne on this Promised Day. Arise to make mention of Me and praise Me, then recite what We have sent down unto thee, for this is better for thee than all that hath been created in the kingdoms of existence. Verily, they who have denied My Self and turned away from My Beauty - their names shall never be mentioned before thy Lord, and they are more remote than the idolaters and the Jews. Know thou that the people have opposed Me after I came unto them with the sovereignty of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou, O handmaid of God, for having tasted of the fruits of Paradise and having attained to the mention of thy Lord in these days wherein the Ancient Beauty hath been tried at the hands of every rejected polytheist. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having raised thee up in His days and caused thee to dwell in a house wherein the mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Praised One, is raised. Thus doth God perfect His favor upon His handmaidens who have believed in Him and turned away from every proud and rejected one. And upon thee, and upon thy father and thy brothers be the Spirit and Glory from this Youth Who hath been imprisoned wrongfully in this limited land.

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O Hussein, who art of the people, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious! O Hussein, hearken unto the call of this Hussein at a time when the dogs of hatred have encompassed Him in this darksome pit, and He hath no helper nor defender. To His right standeth Shimr with his sword, and to His left Sinan with his spear, and before Him the accursed Khawli. By God! At every moment they desired to slay Me, but God protected Me in truth and destroyed them by their own devices, and the hosts of victory descended with manifest and clear authority. Thus did it befall the Youth, if ye be of them that understand. Blessed is the eye that weepeth at His tribulations, and the tongue that crieth out at His afflictions, and the heart that yearneth in this supreme calamity. And thou, O servant, make mention of My tribulations and My sorrows among the company of them that know. Beware lest thou forget the time when thou didst attain unto the lights of the Countenance and wert of

them that have won. Blessed art thou, again blessed art thou, in that thou hast been nourished by the fruits of the Tree of Eternity when thou didst enter the Holy Precinct, the spot whereon God established Himself upon the throne of His mighty Name. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then be firm, and if thou findest one who turneth towards it, turn thou towards him, and if thou findest one who turneth away, turn thou away from him and set thy face toward the holy and inaccessible sanctuary of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus hath He commanded thee Who is the Command of all things from a beginning that hath no beginning unto the end of them that are last. And glory be upon thee and upon every fair-minded and discerning believer.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Hakim! Be firm in the Cause of thy Lord, such that the tempests that blow from the direction of the oppressors may not shake thee. Stand steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power. Say: O people! How long will ye gather the fruits of error and choose the paths of passion over guidance? Do ye not see that whoso departeth from among you returneth not, and whoso is scattered cannot be reunited? Your remaining days shall pass away even as your bygone days have passed. Fear your Lord, the All-Merciful. By God! He desireth for you naught save that which shall draw you nigh unto Him and cause you to enter the kingdom of eternity. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Eat freely of the fruits of the everlasting Tree wheresoever ye will. And whoso is deprived thereof is veiled by a thick veil.

Know thou that We have been imprisoned in a place where eyes are prevented from beholding it and ears from hearing what is revealed therein of the verses of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By this means they desired to prevent the servants from hearing the verses of God, that they might thereby extinguish His light amongst His near ones. But God hath refused save to perfect His light by His power, and He sendeth down what He willeth and conveyeth it to those who have turned unto Him with radiant countenance. Preserve what We have counselled thee. Verily, thou hast with thy Lord a station among stations. Be thou grateful unto Him and be of the thankful ones. Grieve not at what hath befallen Us, but be content with what God hath ordained for Us, for We are in manifest joy. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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In the Name of the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious! O servant! Hearken unto what the Herald of Sinai calleth out to thee from the Temple of this Revelation, that thou mayest be enraptured by the melodies of thy Lord, flee from thyself, and draw nigh unto the Self of God, the Most High, the Almighty, the Great. Know thou that We have created within thee a sacred wilderness and have spread it forth through Our sovereignty and power from Our presence. Therefore, cast off the sandals of wickedness and enter therein, that thou mayest hear from the Tree of thine own being what Moses, son of 'Imran, heard from the Sinai of the All-Merciful: "Verily, I am God! There is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the

Gracious, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent!" Therefore, emerge from the shadow of what thou possessest and take shelter in the shade of Our mercy, which We have raised up in truth and have sent forth in the form of a cloud, lest the heat of remoteness harm thee and thou be numbered among those who draw nigh. And this is the Pomegranate Grove which We have sent forth in the form of a Tablet and through which We shine upon the mirror of thy heart, shouldst thou turn it toward the dawning of this Sun through whose light the first and the last have been raised up. O servant! Lower the bucket of detachment into this Well, that there may gush forth for thee the sweet waters of knowledge and wisdom from this Salsabil which hath been ordained by thy Lord, the Everlasting, the Generous. Know thou that We have ordained for thee, in the mystery of these words, the Staff of might and power. Therefore, take it by Our leave, then cleave therewith the sea of passion that the sign of thy Lord's revelation within thee may pass beyond it, and that thou mayest traverse the wilderness of heedlessness and extinction and enter, upon the path of immortality, a sacred and resplendent land. Then strike with this Staff We have given thee upon the hearts of thy kindred, that there may gush forth from them the fountains of wisdom and knowledge, that perchance they may recognize Him Who revealeth Himself on Sinai in this luminous raiment. And if thou hearest My words, abandon the world and whatsoever is therein and thereon of its customs and creeds, for all these are one and the same in judgment, wert thou of them that comprehend. For whatsoever veils man from the recognition of his Lord and from attaining the presence of his Master - this is the world, even though it be the most excellent of deeds. Thus hath it been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's mighty Pen, the Exalted, the All-Wise. And should anything draw thee near unto God, even though it appear blameworthy outwardly, it is approved in the sight of thy Lord. Therefore ponder what hath been sent down unto thee and be of them that reflect, that thou mayest discover the intent of what hath been outwardly ordained and be of them whom nothing in the heavens or on earth deterreth from that which hath been revealed. Know thou then that thy letter hath come before Us and We have learned of what it contained of the yearning of them that are drawn to God, and We have answered thee with an answer through one letter of which the hearts of the sanctified are attracted, yet We have not sent it until now. And should God wish, We shall send it through grace, for He is the Protector of the righteous. And if thou perceivest the fragrance of thy Lord from this Garment which hath been sent in the form of a Tablet, it shall suffice thee and suffice all the worlds. Thus have We sent down upon thee from the cloud of holiness the heavenly table of the manna of grace and the quails of immortality, that thou mayest be sustained thereby and be of them that give thanks unto God Who created thee by a command from Him and sent unto thee that which He hath made a proof unto all created things.

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In the Name of God, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O servant Baqir! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, from the spot whereon is established the throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, that this call may draw thee nigh unto the seat of grandeur and glory and cause thee to enter the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Dost thou rest content in thy abode while the Ancient Beauty is in grievous

affliction? Dost thou drink water while the Holy Mouth is denied the water of meaning and utterance through that which the hands of the idolaters have wrought? Dost thou rejoice while the dwellers of Paradise lament by reason of that which hath befallen the Beauty of Holiness at the hands of the company of the wrongdoers? Cast the world behind thee, then turn unto thy Ancient Lord. By My life! Were the fragrance of the verses to possess thee, it would attract thee in such wise that thou wouldst detach thyself from all things and leave thy home, turning towards the wilderness, crying out therein morn and eve: "Where art Thou, O Thou the Desire of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee! O Thou Who hast accepted abasement for the glory of Thy servants and affliction for the comfort of all that dwell on earth!" Be thou in the days of thy Lord in such wise that the sweet savors of detachment may be wafted from thee among the concourse of creation. Thus doth command thee the Sovereign of creation through Whom the servants were troubled and the lands were shaken, and the hearts of them that are detached were gladdened. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in this spot which God hath made the point round which circle all mankind. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad Husayn in Sad! O servant! Give thanks unto God for having manifested Himself unto thee yet again, that He might reveal unto thee the mysteries in the crystalline vesture within the Most Glorious Temple. Say: By God! Verily He was mighty in command in the highest heaven of grandeur, then established Himself upon the throne in the heaven of eternity. Say: O peoples of the earth! Do ye dispute with him concerning that which he hath witnessed and beheld of the signs of his Lord in the most exalted Kingdom? Say: By God! The foot of holiness shall never slip, though all who are in the heavens or upon the lowest earth should oppose him. Say: Verily he ascended once above the Sadratu'l-Muntaha near the Furthermost Tree, and once unto the station of nearness behind the pavilions of holiness in the unseen cloud - a station whereof the understanding of those possessed of wisdom was cut off. Thus did the Dove warble concerning that which was revealed and concealed, that thereby the people of guidance might be guided aright and the rancor might increase in those who disbelieved and were wretched. Know thou then that thy letter hath come before the Holy Seat, and We have taken note of its contents and answered thee with this reply, that thou mayest know that thy Lord hath not forgotten thee in thy first life, and likewise will never forget thee in the latter resurrection. He hath sent down unto thee from this most sweet perspective His greatest signs, and hath ordained for thee from the Pen of the Spirit that which none knoweth. Glorified be thy Lord, the Most High! And He hath sent the Spirit upon thee and upon those with thee who are God-fearing. Say: Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!

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He hath sent down for the servant named 'Abdu'l-Karim upon holy preserved tablets. He is the Wondrous One in the Most Glorious horizon. O Perfumer of Oneness, perfume all contingent beings with the fragrance that was sent from the direction of the Garment. Then stand firm in the love of thy Lord in such

wise that the turning away of those who turn away shall never prevent thee, even were all who are on earth to be gathered together. Take comfort in the remembrance of thy Lord, then forget those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and were deprived of God's mercy. Leave them to themselves - sufficient for them is what issueth from their mouths, for they say "We have believed in the Bayan," yet when it was sent down once again they denied it and halted upon the heights of rejection without right. Say: O people, dispute not about the verses of God nor deny Him Whom the Spirit of Truth serveth every morn and eve. And thou, rejoice in the gladness of the Cause and leave the idolaters to burn in the fire of unbelief within their own hell, for thy Lord's punishment of the idolaters was, by the mystery of justice, severe. Remember thy Lord in the morning and the evening and in the watches of the night and the ends of the day, for by His remembrance hearts are purified and the fire of love surgeth in every pure and luminous breast. Turn thy face each day toward the court of thy Lord and say: O my Lord, I am he who hath turned his face toward the court of Thy grace and bounties. Therefore, O my God, deprive me not of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and make me steadfast in the Cause from which the feet of every rejected idolater have slipped.

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O Mulla Ghulam-Rida of Faran, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O My Most Exalted Pen! Speak forth in the kingdom of utterance and remind the people of this Day, the mention of which hath adorned the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Let not the multitude of enemies, nor the gloating of the wretched ones, nor the doubts of the divines prevent thee. Beware lest thou regard the creatures and their doings. Speak forth that which thou art bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have created thee for My remembrance and praise, and for that which the Tongue of My Grandeur hath testified in the kingdom of My utterance - that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O people of the earth! That which was promised in the Scriptures of God hath appeared, and He Who was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen hath come. Fear God and be not of them that turn away. Beware lest desire prevent you from the Lord of all creation. Cast away vain imaginings, turning unto the horizon of certitude. Say: This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of steadfastness and certitude, did ye but recognize it. This is the Day wherein the tongue of mercy speaketh, did ye but hear it.

O thou who hearkeneth! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison. Verily it guideth thee to a station wherein the hints of the perverse ones and the doubts of the deniers shall not grieve thee. From this spot We send Our glorification upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Vestment in that land. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of God, the Most Ancient of the Most Ancient! O Karim! Hear the call of the All-Bountiful. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Be not disturbed by separation. We have ordained for thee the reward of them that have circled round Me, soared in the atmosphere of My love, held fast unto My cord, and clung to My robe. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled and grace hath come from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thou art of those who have kept faithful to God's Covenant and have not broken His pledge, and have sought His face from all directions. Be thou assured and be of the thankful. They who have kept faithful to the Covenant are indeed of the people of Baha. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen, and they shall have a seat of truth with One mighty and powerful. When sorrows encompass thee, remember the days of My presence and that which the tongue of might doth speak. By God! Through it are drawn the hearts of them that know. Act ye, O My loved ones, according to that which hath been sent down unto you from the realm of wisdom and utterance. They who have transgressed beyond wisdom are in the hollow of heedlessness, yet God hath pardoned them as a bounty from His presence. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Be thou assured of My favor unto thee, My mercy towards thee, and My loving-kindness bestowed upon thee. Say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and sent unto me that which hath gladdened mine eyes, assured my soul, and attracted my heart. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name to ordain what is best for me, for I know not what lieth within Thy Self, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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His Excellency the Minister [O] Muhammad! The divine fragrance has wafted from this glorious raiment, that thou mayest become among the faithful Josephs in the Egypt of the Meeting, written by the Pen of Glory upon the Tablet of eternity with the spirit. He is His Excellency the Minister who, praise be to God, hath been sustained from the cup of richness and hath drunk from the wine of independence. He hath entered the supreme garden and reposed beneath the Most Exalted Tree. He hath ascended from the dusty earth to the most glorious horizon, and from the lowest clay to the uttermost Tree. He hath traversed in a single step the stations of the attraction of longing that lie within "the distance of two bow-lengths," and with a single breath hath attained the twin stations and the stations of rapture and taste. He hath journeyed through the pure city of the Sheba of love as it truly is, and hath fully comprehended the phoenix of the heaven of existence. He hath beheld the mighty ocean of unity as though it were a stream, and regarded the sun of the exaltation of glorification as though it were but a star. At times he hath observed the levels of the supreme throne in the depths of the nethermost earth, and at times he hath rent asunder the veils of the pavilions of might and majesty. With all these divine affairs and occupations with the manifestations of the Lord of Oneness, how can there be time to give news of the ancient friends who are outcasts in different lands and rejected among the servants? Yet God willing, an opportunity shall be granted unto you that they may remember the loved ones. And God loveth those who remember and those who are remembered.

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O Abbas Khan, may God strengthen him! He is the One by Whose Name, the Self-Subsisting, the seal of His choice wine was broken. We desire to make mention of the manifestations of love and affection, that they may swim in the ocean of divine knowledge and glorify their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed are they who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings in the name of the Friend of these days and have turned with illumined hearts unto God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hear the call from the precincts of Akka. He will assist thee in that which will draw thee near unto God, the Lord of mankind. Behold, then remember the previous people and what they possessed and what they committed on the day whereof the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, gave glad tidings. They were awaiting the appearance of God and His Cause, but when He came with the truth, they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused all things to lament, and beyond them those possessed of the knowledge of the Book. We beseech God to assist thee to stand firm with supreme steadfastness in this Cause which hath caused the limbs of every heedless doubter to quake. Say: My God, my God! Aid me in that which befitteth Thy days and ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the precincts of Thy holiness. O my Lord! Drive me not from the door of Thy bounty, and deprive me not of the ocean of Thy mercy. Thou seest, O my God, my condition and knowest what lieth within my heart. I beseech Thee to illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then cause me to arise in remembrance of Thee, in Thy praise, and in service to Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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In My Name, the All-Encompassing Above All Names! We make mention of him who hath turned unto God, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and draw nigh unto a station wherein he beholdeth naught save the effulgent lights of His shining and luminous countenance. Blessed is thy brother! By God, he attained unto the choice wine of inner meanings and utterance when its seal was broken by the hand of God's power, the Lord of all worlds. He was among those who outstripped most of the servants in his love for his Lord. The Concourse on High and they who circle round His mighty throne invoke blessings upon him. He believed in God and migrated with Him until he sacrificed his life in His straight Path. We have deposited his luminous remains in a land called Izmir. Verily it is God's trust in that blessed and wondrous spot. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto it and visiteth it with that which hath been revealed from the Pen of his Lord's Revelation, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Upon thee, O Name of God the Luminous, be the fragrances that waft from thy Lord the All-Merciful's raiment and the sweet scents diffused from the robe of grandeur amidst all possibilities. I testify that thou didst cast the world behind thee and didst cleave unto God, the Sovereign of all nations. Thou wert steadfast in His service, a champion of His Cause, mindful of His remembrance, and eloquent in His beauteous praise. Therefore, render thanks unto God for having attained unto this Tablet through which the breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all, whether young or old. Be like thy brother in thy love for God and His good-pleasure. Then make mention of him with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of them that

slumber. Grieve not at anything. Thou art beneath the wing of My favor and the canopies of My mercy, which have preceded all worlds.

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O Elias! He is the One Who oversees all who are on earth and in heaven. Verily We desire to give unto him who is named Elias the choice sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name, and We desire what Moses asked of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We have aided the children of Abraham in this Most Great Revelation and guided them to My Straight Path and assisted them to know Me and caused them to hear what Moses heard on the Mount of Recognition, and I am the Generous Giver. Give thanks unto God for having made thee speak forth this Most Great Remembrance and for having caused thee to turn toward My luminous horizon. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace and say: "O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Announcement whereby the pillars of the world were shaken, to make me in all conditions hold fast to the cords of Thy grace and mercy and loving-kindness, and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Verily We have remembered the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses in the letter Dal before Vav and given them glad tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have heard their call and answered them through Our grace, and I am the Hearer, the Answerer. And We remember them once again through these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the grace of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Convey My greetings unto them and then deliver unto them this clear Book that they may rejoice in this most great bounty and give thanks unto their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon the son of him who was named David and upon every upright one who hath turned unto God.

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O Baqir, upon thee be the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Glory of God! We have at times revealed that which none knoweth save whom God willeth, and in another station We have revealed verses in such wise that the servants understand them and what their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, intendeth thereby. By My life! We love to speak words that all who have turned to God may understand. Thus doth My mercy which hath encompassed the worlds require. Be grateful to God that the Beloved speaketh in your tongue, for this is a great bounty indeed. They who today remain remote from God's grace and mercy are in manifest error, while they who have turned unto and acknowledged what hath been revealed in the Tablets are among the triumphant. Among men are those who take darkness for light, and those who stray in the wilderness of error and are not among those who perceive. The Call hath been raised in such wise that even the atoms have heard it, yet most men remain heedless. The Sun of Utterance hath shone forth in such wise that its effulgence hath encompassed all contingent things, yet most men remain turned away. They behold God's proof and sovereignty yet deny it, having followed every ignorant remote one. Say: O people! Fear God and look not upon the face with your eyes, but rather with this luminous sight. Thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets, did ye but understand.

Grieve not thou over those who have denied God and what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. Be thou grateful at all times and place thy trust in Him. Verily He is with His servants who trust in Him.

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O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon both of you be the peace of God! He is God, exalted be His station - the Greatness and the Power! God willing, may you ever remain occupied with the remembrance, thanksgiving and praise of God. The world hath occupied mankind and held them back from turning to God. The people of divine unity must implore help and deliverance from the All-Possessing with the utmost lowliness and supplication, that perchance the unitarians may remain protected from the oppression of the idolaters. We beseech God, by Him Who adorned His head with the crown of nearness and meeting - He through Whom were manifested God's most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes - to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and approveth, to protect them through His bounty, to aid them with His hosts, and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the All-Possessing, the Most High. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered. God willing, mayest thou strive and endeavor with perfect steadfastness to improve the affairs of the servants. Grieve not over anything, for verily He is the Helper of whosoever turneth to Him and relieth upon Him. We make mention of Abdu'l-Husayn and convey Our greetings. God willing, in his early youth may he be adorned with the ornament of pleasing character and goodly deeds. Verily He hath power over all things. O Ahmad! We have remembered thee and do remember thee, and We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and to enable thee to that which will cause the fragrance of His loving-kindness to be diffused, and to guide thee to such deeds as will exalt His Cause amongst His servants and His creation. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Upon you be the peace and mercy of God and His blessings.

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O Abbas Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The people of the earth in ages and centuries past have awaited and continue to await the effulgences of the Light of the divine Manifestation. Especially the Shi'ih sect, uttering the words "Would that we had been with Thee!" and upon hearing mention of the Qa'im, speaking the phrase "May God hasten His advent!" But when the Sun of Truth dawned by the will of God, exalted be His glory, that heedless sect abandoned justice and clung to oppression, forsook equity and attempted with the swords of tyranny and injustice to slay the Desired One of the world, and committed that which all have heard and know. For the sake of two days of transient life they forsook everlasting life, and for ephemeral bounties they closed their eyes to eternal blessings. We beseech God to aid His loved ones in that land to achieve that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. We heard thy call and from the direction of the prison sent thee this gracious reply. Rejoice and be thou of the thankful. Today the deeds and words of all are remembered and witnessed before God. He is the Hearer, the Seer, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-

Informed. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, in that thy heart hath been adorned with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to protect them and aid them to achieve what He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world, and the Lord of the mighty Throne.

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O Mirza ’Ali-Muhammad, who hath emigrated and attained! In the name of the one true God! We have, both formerly and recently, commanded the friends of God to that which beseemeth His Day. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto that which God hath willed and clung to the hem of piety. Time and again hath this word flowed from the Most Exalted Pen: “Assist your Lord through deeds and goodly character.” We beseech God that He may confirm those who have emigrated unto Him to assist His Cause. By the Sun of Truth! The influence of pure deeds and praiseworthy character is greater and mightier than the influence of the ranks and hosts on high. Its power and might cannot be weakened by the power of the world’s armies. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in such deeds as will cause the exaltation of His Word. Praise be to God that thou hast emigrated from thy homeland, seeking the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon, and hast attained to His presence. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and His loved ones there to such steadfastness as nothing whatsoever can prevent, and to ordain for you what He hath sent down in His Book for His chosen ones. Verily He is the Protector of the emigrants and the Goal of them that seek Him. We have made mention of the friends in that land, both men and women. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon you, O people of Baha! Blessed are ye and blessed is he who loveth you and hearkeneth unto your words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

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O handmaiden of God, Aqa Baygum! In the name of the peerless, all-knowing Lord! O handmaiden of God! Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One, and that which was mentioned therein was brought to the attention of Him Who is present before the Face, until it reached this verse:

“My God! Make me so steadfast in Thy binding Cause

That I grow firmer still when raised upon the cross”

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of vision that if the people of the age were to inhale the fragrances of the divine Cause, they would all choose the gallows with a hundred thousand entreaties. However, most are heedless of this most glorious and exalted station, for they have not drunk of the choice wine of recognition nor attained to the Kawthar of certitude. O handmaiden! Pray that God - exalted be His sovereignty and His glory - may cause men to attain to that station which thou hast written of. One soul advanced toward martyrdom in the path of God with a hundred thousand lives, while another concealed

himself behind a hundred thousand veils. Each one acteth according to his way, and thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O handmaiden of God! This verse found acceptance in the presence of the One, the Single, the Most Great. God willing, may all, both men and women, attain unto it and walk with the utmost steadfastness and dignity. Glory be upon thee if We find thee firm in that which thou hast professed, and upon every man who hath attained to this most mighty, this impregnable station. Preserve this Tablet as thy very soul and hold it as precious as thine eye. He verily sufficeth thee in truth. Thy Lord is verily the All-Informed.

=== END BH04659 ===

=== START BH04660 ===

O Shaykh Nazar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! O people of truth! Today you are most worthy to behold the rose garden of meanings and utterance, and to hear the melodies of the nightingales of wisdom and exposition. You were associated with truth and mentioned by the name of truth. You must soar with the wings of certitude and assurance in this subtle spiritual atmosphere. Your letter arrived and We heard your call. Praise be to God, you have taken the cup of everlasting life from the hands of divine bounty and attained unto it. Now strive to awaken those who slumber and guide those who are lost to the straight path. The people of the world are encompassed by heedlessness - they have passed by manifest certitude and cling to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Indeed, not every ear is worthy to hear this call, and not every face is capable of turning towards it, neither in the past nor present. Ask of God that He may manifest the gems of wisdom and utterance that lie hidden in the mines of understanding. He is powerful over all things and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The whole world was created for these days and waited through nights and days, yet when the Beauty of the Desired One removed the veil, all remained heedless and veiled save whom God willed. Praise the Goal of all the worlds Who strengthened you and gave you awareness. Know the value of this station and preserve it through His Name.

=== END BH04660 ===

=== START BH04661 ===

O Haji Mulla Kazim, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the true Interpreter! O people of the world! The harm inflicted upon the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name came not from the princes and ministers, for whatsoever they committed was due to lack of awareness. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the prison, were they to become adorned with the ornament of awareness to even less than a mustard seed's weight, they would become detached and freed from what they possess and would turn with acceptance toward that which is with God. The harm to the Beloved of all possibility came from the people of the Bayan who, with the utmost effort and struggle, arose to waste away the Cause. The divine verses have encompassed all horizons and His manifestations have adorned all with the ornament of awareness. His evidences exceed all reckoning - were all the writers of the world to gather together, they would find themselves powerless to mention that which hath appeared and been revealed. In this Revelation all are commanded to behold Him with His own eyes. Praise be to God, the Face is resplendent and manifest, and the ocean surgeth while the people remain heedless and veiled.

Beseech ye God that He may adorn all with the ornament of fairness and guide them with the light of justice. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which proclaimeth with the most exalted call before the face of the world: “The Lord of Eternity hath come with manifest sovereignty!” Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

=== END BH04661 ===

=== START BH04662 ===

O servant of God, Ismail, who has attained unto the name of the Lord, the Counselor! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Lord of Names thou hast drunk from the ocean of faith and turned unto the horizon of divine knowledge. The whole world was created for this Day and was brought from nothingness into being. Nevertheless, all have risen in opposition and protest, and have committed such deeds that all atoms are engaged in lamentation and weeping, save those souls whom the hand of divine favor hath preserved. We beseech God, glorified and mighty be He, to assuage with the waters of patience the ardor in the hearts of them that are sincere, which hath been kindled by manifest tribulations. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Although thou didst turn without permission, yet God hath pardoned thee, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. When thou reachest the land of Hadba (Mosul) and attainest the presence of God’s captives therein, convey to them My greetings and announce unto them the glad-tidings of the ocean of My mercy and the heaven of My loving-kindness. Thy Lord, verily, is the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Kind, the Merciful. Know ye the station of that land, the mention of which hath flowed from the Pen of God time and again, again and again. All this is from His favor unto you, as attesteth every discerning believer. We beseech God to assist you to preserve what He hath bestowed upon you and to enable you to do that which beseemeth this glorious and wondrous Day. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon him who hath ascended unto God, and upon the handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH04662 ===

=== START BH04663 ===

[A petition from four of the loved ones of God which was written on one sheet was presented by this evanescent servant before the Most Great Throne. The following answer was revealed from the right hand of grace:]

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Jum’ih! God willing, through the grace of the King of Oneness, mayest thou be ever verdant and flourishing in this divine and spiritual garden. In a former tradition it was mentioned that on the Day of Resurrection God, glorified be His majesty, will raise up Friday. Therefore We have now raised it up in thy form - praised be God, the best of creators! For whosoever today attains recognition of the Sun of Truth and remains steadfast in His love - all good hath been and will be ordained for him. The divine worlds are not confined to these limited days. Soon will the people of Baha attain unto the endless divine bounties. For every matter there is an appointed time; when the hour arrives, that which hath been ordained by

the Lord of Names and Attributes will be made manifest. Ask thou of God that thou mayest ever circle round the divine Lote-Tree of His Cause in such wise that thou seest naught but Him and countest all else as non-existent and null. Lur and Kurd, Arab and Persian and Turk - all have been and shall ever be equal in the sight of God. Whosoever turns to Him, from whatsoever group he may be, is reckoned among the people of Baha. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of the Cities of Eternity shower their blessings upon such a one at all times.

=== END BH04663 ===

=== START BH04664 ===

He is the Most Glorious

O friend Ali ibn Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! You have sought to attain My presence, and you are justified in this, for all have been created for this purpose. However, the transgressors and oppressors have arisen with utmost might and power to obstruct and prevent this, and have exerted and continue to exert their utmost efforts to extinguish the divine light and the fire of the Sacred Tree. O Husayn! The hunter of malice lies in ambush for the gazelles of the meadows of inner meaning, and thieves lie in wait for the pearls of the ocean of oneness. God hath manifested Himself for the preservation and reformation of the world and for its life, yet the people of tyranny and wickedness have striven to harm Him and have issued death warrants against Him. Shame upon them! Perdition upon them! Yet despite His power and might, you witness these heedless souls deprived and in loss. Grieve not at the separation. Hold fast to patience in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Your letter was received and its fragrance testified to your acceptance, turning to God and steadfastness. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Beseech God that He may guide all to His path and lead them to the supreme horizon, that for every soul a clear pathway to the horizon of His Manifestation may become visible - meaning that all may attain and none remain deprived of the ocean of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. The glory from Me be upon thee.

=== END BH04664 ===

=== START BH04665 ===

In the name of the Lord of the World!

O friends! God declareth: Today is not the day for words. Give ear to the call of the Incomparable Friend and accept that which causeth mankind to become aware and bestoweth freedom. The words of all the Messengers of God have been uttered in the Books of the words of Him Who is the Desire of the world. Reflect. Today the Daystar of utterance is shining resplendently above the horizon of the heaven of testimony. It behooveth men to purify their ears from the words of the peoples of the world that they may discover the words of the Divine Messengers which are evident in these words. The Faith of God hath appeared and His handiwork is manifest.

Say: O servants! The true Guide hath come; hasten ye unto Him. The matchless Seer hath come and made straight the Way. It behooveth whoever hath heard this call to declare with his inner tongue: “O Lord! Thy

call hath revived and given life to the world. My face is turned towards Thee, and my soul yearneth to behold Thee."

Thy letter was received. The light of affection was shining therefrom, and the fragrance of love was diffused from its contents. Arise to serve the Cause of the glorious Lord and deliver the glad-tidings to His servants of the dawning of the light and the advent of the Speaker on Sinai. Haply through thy guidance they will discover the Path of God and attain that which they desire at all times from the ocean of God's bounty.

Say: O high priests! The Possessor of the world is come. His Way is unlike other ways, and His words are unlike other words. Hearken ye unto them and come towards Him. This is the Day of Victory, and no one hath ever witnessed or will again witness its like. These are the words of God.

=== END BH04665 ===

=== START BH04666 ===

O Rida! May you be, through the bounty of the Lord of Names, confident and joyous. Some time ago your letter was present before the Throne and its answer was revealed according to what God had ordained. This is another time. Verily your Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Regarding the verses of God that were revealed and sent last year specifically for some of the polytheists for you to recite - the purpose was that the divine proof be completed against those polytheistic souls, although it was already complete. Otherwise, the condition of every soul has been and will be known. One who has taste perceives the flavor of good fruits. For souls who are deprived of this station, the sending down of heavenly food has been and will be divine wrath. Thus you witnessed how We seized the leader of the people with a wondrous Book, despite knowing his rejection and rebellion. Now what was a blessing for him became a curse, and its effects are evident in all lands. Soon it shall become manifest in his own self. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The mention of God is a blessing for the righteous and a curse for the wicked, and this is due to the change that occurs in polytheistic souls whereby they are prevented from acknowledging divine verses and perceiving good fruits. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions and make you one who speaks in His name among the worlds. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

=== END BH04666 ===

=== START BH04667 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

That which was revealed for Karim

O Karim! Your call reached the threshold of the Throne of the Merciful, and the divine sacred ear inclined to hear it. Blessed is the soul that is mentioned today in the Most Great Scene and is honored with divine favors, for this favor is like a seed deposited in noble and lofty soil. Soon, in every world of the divine worlds, its fruits and ears of corn shall appear. Blessed art thou for the seeds of thy Lord's favors, the Revealer of verses, have been sown for thee. God willing, you must at all times be occupied with the

mention of the Sovereign of possibility, in such wise that the fragrant breezes of remembrance may perfume all created things. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that your mention was made in the Most Great Prison, and from the direction of the Ancient Beauty the tongue of the favor of the Lord of nations turned toward you, speaking these lustrous words: The spring rain of the All-Merciful's mercy is ever-descending and flowing from the clouds of grace. Blessed are they who have detached themselves from all that exists and have turned with illumined and pure hearts toward the All-Merciful. These are among the people of Baha, upon whom the dwellers of the cities of names shower their prayers.

=== END BH04667 ===

=== START BH04668 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

O Leaf of Paradise! Your letter was present in the court of intimacy and the sanctuary of holiness, and from it wafted the fragrances of the love of the Beloved. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions in that which you are engaged in, namely His remembrance and praise, and to aid you in that which He loves and is pleased with. We have ordained for you what you desired in your letter, that you may be one who speaks His praise in the Kingdom of Creation and circles round Him in the Supreme Heaven. Verily your Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Be not grieved at what has befallen you. By My life! I grieve not for the one who has ascended, but rather for the one who remains, for the one who has ascended in the love and remembrance of God has attained unto the Most Great Ocean and the Supreme Joy, while the one who remains is in the sorrows and troubles of the world and deserves prayers until they return to their place. Blessed is the leaf that has returned to its branch and root.

God willing, you should engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of the horizons with perfect attraction, eagerness, joy and yearning, in such wise that it may cause the attraction of all who are on earth, that all may turn to the most holy court of the Lord of Names. Convey wondrous and exalted greetings to all the kindred and loved ones of God, and gladden them all with the favors of God. Although Tablets have not been revealed this time except in answer to petitions, yet all are mentioned in the presence of God and exist beneath the glance of His loving-kindness. And glory be upon you all.

=== END BH04668 ===

=== START BH04669 ===

O handmaid of God Hajar, upon her be the Glory of God! She it is who sees and she it is who perceives. O leaf! We heard your call and your petition attained the hearing of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed is the tongue that speaks His praise and blessed is the heart that has attained His love. Today the Maid of Paradise on high proclaims this most exalted word: "O handmaids of God! I give you glad tidings of the light through which the heavens and earth were illumined. Blessed is the handmaid who has turned to Him and attained the traces of His Most Exalted Pen and acknowledged that which His Tongue has spoken from the most exalted station." Give praise to the Lord of Eternity Who assisted you and caused

you to speak His mention and praise. The entire world cannot compare with this supreme bounty. We beseech God to set you ablaze with the heat of His love in such wise that it shall never be extinguished. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaids in that land and beseech God that He may adorn all with the ornament of sanctity and detachment and aid them to be steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness. Say: “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the breezes of Thy Revelation and the potency of Thy Will and the all-encompassing nature of Thy Desire, to make me one of the leaves of Thy Tree which neither the winds of Thy earth nor the tempests of the idolaters among the people of Thy realm can cause to fall. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaids who circle round Thy Will and act according to what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer.”

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=== START BH04671 ===

O Muhammad-’Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God, son of him who has ascended to the Supreme Companion! He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. This night is among the nights of the blessed month of Ramadan. Wisdom has necessitated that We observe the fast. At night We speak, while in the day We are silent. Yet within speech lies concealed the treasury of silence, and within silence is stored the ocean of utterance. Is the world of ears destined to receive a portion of hearing this, or is the world of eyes assigned a share of beholding? Glory be to God! The mysteries are manifest before the faces of the righteous, and the Book speaks with the most exalted call. A secret that was forever hidden and stored in the treasury of divine protection has become evident and manifest. Beseech the True One that He may not deprive His servants of the outpourings of His days, nor withhold them from the pearls of the ocean of His knowledge. He is the Bestower, the Compassionate. When thou art stirred by the breezes of My verses and art given to drink of the Kawthar of My utterance, turn toward My direction and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my sight with beholding the traces of Thy Pen. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the revelations of the Day-Star of Thy Cause from the Supreme Horizon, to make me one of those who have hearkened to Thy most sweet call and have said: “Here am I, here am I, O Creator of the heavens!” My Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty and hoping for the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and favor. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me what I have desired of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

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=== START BH04672 ===

[Translation]

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Grandeur

The heaven is manifest with evident smoke, and the earth is vocal with the mention of events, and the mountains pass like clouds, yet most people remain veiled and lifeless. O friends! The seal of the Water of

Life has been opened in the name of the Lord of all possibility, and the Sun of Guidance has appeared from the horizon of loving-kindness. Turn with heart and soul and recognize the Purpose. Today the power of the Hour has encompassed all, and trembling has seized all tribes save whom God willeth. We beseech God to assist His loved ones that they may, in this spiritual day, drink of the wine of divine favors from the true Beloved and turn with their hearts to the Countenance that endureth after the passing of all things. Thy letter was present before the Face, and the glance of divine favors was directed towards it. God willing, may thou ever be mindful of the Purpose in all thy days, detached and severed from all else. In the divine Tablets from the Pen of His Cause, in the Land of Secret and other lands, the cawing of the ravens hath been recorded in most cities. All the friends must guard themselves and at all times take refuge in God, that He may keep them firm and steadfast in His Cause, in such wise that they may regard all else as non-existent and count it as nothing. We beseech God to attract thee through the breezes of His days and make thee one who speaketh His praise and remembrance and who acteth according to what He loveth and is pleased with.

=== END BH04672 ===

=== START BH04673 ===

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed and exalted be His station!

The Sun of Truth is the Word of God, upon which depends the training of the people of the city of inner meanings and utterance. It is the true spirit and the spiritual water through whose aid and bounty all things have had and will have life. Its radiance in every mirror appears according to that mirror's color. Thus when it shone forth in the mirrors of the hearts of the philosophers, wisdom became manifest. Likewise when it cast its rays upon the hearts of craftsmen, wondrous and exalted arts appeared. And when it dawned in the hearts of the mystics, the wonders of divine knowledge and the mysteries of heavenly utterance were revealed. All the people of the world and whatsoever appeareth therein subsist through man, and appear through him, while man himself existeth through the Sun of the Divine Word. The most beautiful names and most exalted attributes have ever circled and will continue to circle round the Word. It is the divine fire which, when kindled in the breasts, consumeth all things besides God. The hearts of the lovers are aflame with this fire. This fire is in truth water appearing in the form of fire - outwardly fire, inwardly light. Through this water all things have had and will have life, for "from water doth all life come." We beseech God that we may drink of this divine sweet water from this spiritual cup and that we may pass beyond the world and all therein for the sake of His love. And glory be upon the people of glory!

=== END BH04673 ===

=== START BH04674 ===

O Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true Friend: That which was previously revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will is this: "Whoso leaveth his home as an emigrant unto God and His Messenger and death overtaketh him, his reward is incumbent upon God." And that which is now revealed from the heaven of the mercy of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High is this: "They that have forsaken their country in the path of God and subsequently ascended unto His presence, such souls shall

be blessed by the Concourse on High and their names recorded by the Pen of Glory among such as have laid down their lives as martyrs in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsistent. Upon them rest the mercy of God and His favors, and the grace of God and His fragrances. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous." O Ali! God willing, through divine grace thou shalt attain unto that which God hath desired, and be detached from all else besides Him. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. Consider the divine favor, how He caused him to attain the Most Great Horizon, and, purified and freed from all earthly conditions, summoned him to the Supreme Horizon. At the time of his departure he appeared before the Throne in such wise that all those circling round were moved to lamentation by his weeping. Blessed is he, then blessed is he! Console all the kinsmen on behalf of this Wronged One and convey greetings to them, and say that God is nearer and more kind, and in His presence grief is not permitted, for these are the days of supreme joy. God willing, fix your gaze upon Him and place your trust in Him. Verily He will console you in that which hath befallen you. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the All-Affectionate.

=== END BH04674 ===

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O Ahmad ibn Shaj, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the Kingdom! Fix thy gaze upon this most exalted Word, which is accounted as a pearl from the ocean of divine knowledge: "Cast away all else, then ascend unto My Kingdom." God willing, thou shalt attain to this lofty and most exalted station. Mention of thee was made before the Wronged One, and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent in reply to thy letter. God willing, thou shalt inhale the fragrances of revelation from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, and shalt remain firm, steadfast and upright in the path of God, glorified be His majesty, that there may appear what hath been ordained for thee from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The intoxication of vain desire hath seized most of the people of the world, to such extent that they remain heedless and deprived of their true Purpose and Goal. That which they sought night and day with lowliness and supplication - from this they now turn aside when they behold it. Blessed is the soul whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from the Ancient Lord, and whom the intimations of the peoples have not deprived. All confess the transience of the world, yet still they cling to it. We beseech God to assist thee to aid this Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to bring thee to a station wherein thine eyes and the eyes of thy loved ones shall be solaced. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory be unto those who have cast behind them vain imaginings, turning their faces toward the horizon whence hath shone the Sun of Certitude through this Name, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and every rejected satan lamented.

=== END BH04675 ===

=== START BH04676 ===

O Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted above the description of all created things. The ocean of utterance from the fountainhead of the Pen of the Most Merciful hath appeared in the form of these words: Praise be to God that thou hast been and art sheltered beneath the canopy of divine care. Although heedless souls have striven and continue to strive with utmost power to extinguish the divine

light, ere long they shall all find themselves in manifest loss. No ocean can quench His fire, and no veil can shut out His light. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Soon shall the letters of negation and all that they possess perish and be reduced to nothingness, while the letters of affirmation shall, through divine bounties, gain ascendancy over all directions. I swear by the Most Exalted Horizon! If people were to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of the excellence of this Day, they would sacrifice themselves in the path of their Beloved that they might be mentioned before the Throne - how much more so if their mention were to flow from the Most Exalted Pen! Blessed art thou for having attained unto this most great station. Be thou thankful and numbered among such as remember Him. That which hath been ordained for thee in the divine Kingdom shall endure forever, while all else shall perish. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing. In all conditions be mindful of wisdom, and with utmost joy and fragrance occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. Thy Lord is the protector of whosoever turneth unto Him. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them who have attained unto this luminous horizon.

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He speaks and His most exalted Word is: O name of Jim and Vav! There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to My name Mim, and the servant present before My face hath read it. Blessed art thou for having attained the lights of certitude and believed in God when every distant idolater turned away. Hearken unto what the Lord of Eternity calleth thee to in this Most Great Station. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Speaker, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over anything and put thy trust in God, the One, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in the kingdom of thy Lord. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Blessed is thy father who hath attained My good-pleasure, and thy brother for whom there hath been sent down from the heaven of grace that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Divine Shirt among the worlds. Say: O my God and the Possessor of my heart! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the fire of love and affection was kindled amongst Thy servants, to make me enabled to serve Thee, speaking Thy praise, steadfast in Thy Cause, turning with my heart to the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, and soaring on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of Thy will. O my Lord! I have turned to Thee with my whole being and I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for me the reward of one who hath attained Thy presence, been honored to meet Thee, and drunk the choice wine of life from the ocean of reunion with Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

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In the Name of Him Who is Potent over what was and what shall be! Blessed be He Who hath manifested Himself unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and Who summoneth all unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. When the Call was raised from the direction of Supreme Glory, those who

followed their desires turned away from it, while they that had clung to the cord of guidance in this wondrous Day drew nigh unto it. Among the people are those who have taken the chalice of certitude and drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible; and among them are those who cast it behind their backs and turned to that which is corrupt. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise you. O My loved ones! Let not the vicissitudes of time trouble you. Ye are they the like of whom the eye of creation hath not beheld. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Strive ye to preserve your stations, lest the doubts of the idolators cause you to slip. They speak according to their own desires. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause. Thus doth He command you, in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. Say: O people! Fear God, and follow not those who have disbelieved after the clear proofs came unto them from every direction. They are assuredly among the most lost. Follow ye the Truth that speaketh at the heart of the world even as the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken within the Tabernacle of Immaculacy: "Verily there is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful." As for him who hath turned towards Him, turn ye towards him; and as for him who hath turned away, leave him to himself, and set your faces toward the holy and luminous Spot of God, the Mighty, the Radiant. Thus have We kindled the lamp of inner meanings within the niche of thy Lord's Tablet and sent it unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Blessed be He Who raised Me up to the Cause when I was seated, and made Me speak forth His remembrance when I was silent, and manifested Me after I had concealed Myself. We testify that He is, verily, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And when We arose, We summoned all unto God. Thereupon the heaven was cleft asunder, and the earth was shaken, and the mountains moved, and the tongue of grandeur proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. And We caused the world to hear that which We were commanded, in such wise that neither the swords of the world nor the cawing of the hypocrites deterred Us. Exalted be God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm! Agitation hath seized the dwellers of the earth, save whom God willeth. Thus hath the matter been decreed, but most people understand not. The wine of revelation hath so intoxicated the sincere ones that they have sacrificed their souls for this Name through which existence hath been illumined. The world hath been set ablaze by the Word of the Ancient King, yet most of the people know not. Whoso hath heard and turned unto Him is, verily, recorded as one of the denizens of Paradise in My Preserved Tablet. Well is it with you, O people of Baha, inasmuch as ye have hearkened unto the call of the Lord of Names and turned unto Him, when oppressive servants rose up against you. That which ye behold in the kingdom shall perish, while that which hath been ordained for you in the realm of might shall endure. Thus doth your Lord give you glad-tidings from the horizon of His Prison, that ye may render thanks unto Him and arise to serve His Cause and make mention of Him in such wise as to awaken them that slumber. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and through them hath caused all things to speak in praise of the Dayspring of His Cause, through Whom was manifested the sovereignty of God and His power over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and through them His proof was perfected and His evidence encompassed all things. These verses are, in the estimation of the people of Baha, the Temple that hath appeared through the Most Great Name, and it speaketh: "There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful." Were it to be said that it is the Source of verses, this is indeed the truth concerning which there is no doubt, and were it to be said that they are His very Self, verily He hath spoken the truth, as doth God's Tongue bear witness thereunto, yet most of the people are heedless. O thou who art mindful! We have heard thy mention and thy letter hath come before the Countenance, and We found therein thy longing and thy yearning for God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast in thy love for thy Master and to bestow upon thee that which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace, and to give thee to drink from the cup whereof whoso drinketh attaineth unto all good from the presence of One knowing and informed. Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath come and the Wronged One hath answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Were the people to know, they would expend all they possess, even their very souls, that My Most Exalted Pen might move upon their names, yet today they remain veiled by following the daysprings of idle fancies. Thy Lord hath indeed recorded all knowledge in a preserved Tablet. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then read thou the Tablet; verily it shall draw thee to a station which none hath encompassed save God, the Mighty, the Praised.

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In the name of the All-Glorious! Blessed is He in Whose hands is the dominion of the heavens and earth, with Whom are the treasuries of all knowledge, and Who sendeth down naught save in due measure. The clouds glorify Him in their awe, and the thunder in its fear of Him, and the heavens shall be folded up in His right hand on the Day when all eyes shall stare in terror. Say: Today He hath appeared in truth, and none have understood save those possessed of insight. This is the Day whereof We gave you tidings aforetime through Our true utterance: "Lead mankind out of darkness into light and give them glad-tidings of the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing." Say: The Kingdom on this Day belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling. Then shalt thou find the idolaters in the abyss of wrath, and those who believe in divine unity at the dawning-place of lights. Verily He hath appeared in truth while the sinful are in fear and distress, finding for themselves neither refuge nor protector. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Compelling. The sincere have turned toward the holy precincts and entered the Most Glorious Paradise, where the All-Merciful shineth upon them at eventide and at dawn. Be thou assured in thyself and be not disturbed by those who have disbelieved - they are truly the companions of the Fire. Grieve not over anything, for God is with those who have laid hold of the handle of justice and detached themselves from the wicked. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whoso hath arisen to mention the name of his Lord at eventide and at dawn. And praise be to God, the Knower of what is hidden and manifest.

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He is the Mighty, the Most Holy! Blessed is He in Whose hand is the dominion of the Kingdom of the heavens and earth, and within Whose grasp lies the realm of Command and Creation. He giveth life and death as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling.

O Dhabih! When thou desirest the station of sacrifice in complete evanescence, accept no alteration. Sacrifice thyself for love of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. And should any of the hosts of Satan confront thee in the path of the All-Merciful, cast at them the stones of wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the Tongue of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, commanded thee from this remote Prison.

He who hath believed in this Revelation hath sacrificed himself for the Beloved of the worlds - to this every person of illumined vision doth testify. By the life of Him Who hath appeared with the truth! Were We to lift the veil from the face of the Cause, people would surely sever their own necks with their own hands in this path. Bear witness that what remaineth concealed is like unto an ocean, while that which We have manifested among the servants is but as a drop that none can reckon save those endowed with keen vision. Thus shouldst thou understand the Cause and be of those possessed of clear certainty.

Arise to make mention of God and His praise, and fear not the hosts of the idolaters. Say: O people! Cast not the ordinances of God behind your backs, and be not of the heedless. Verily the greatest and most exalted of all deeds is to teach His Cause - thus hath it been revealed in this wondrous Revelation. And whoso quickeneth a soul with the spirit of faith, it is as though he hath quickened all mankind. And glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon all who are endowed with vision and certainty.

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O Muhammad-Javad! He is the One Who abideth through His own Being! Blessed be He Who summoneth the servants unto the horizon of His bounty, though He, verily, is independent of all worlds. All things testify to His independence, and every matter boweth before His Command, the All-Compelling, the All-Encompassing. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Surrounding. His Will hath conquered all created things, and His sovereignty hath transcended all who are in the heavens and on earth. He remembereth His servants in the Most Great Prison, inasmuch as they have turned unto Him - exalted be He Whose mercy hath preceded every small and great one. O thou who art mentioned by the Pen of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days! We have become aware of thy burning love for thy Lord and thy turning unto this Most Glorious, Wondrous Cause. Therefore hath the Pen of Revelation traced thy name, that its influence may attract thee in such wise as to detach thee from all who are on earth, and that through thee may be detached such servants as wander in the wilderness of error and are debarred from that which their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath desired for them. Know thou that he who believed in the Spirit at the beginning of His Cause was a fisherman who caught fish in the sea. But when the Word shone forth upon him from the horizon of the Divine Will, he turned with his whole being to the Mighty, the Wise. Therefore did the mysteries of wisdom and utterance flow from his mouth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth. He is, verily, the Ruler over

what He desireth. Beware lest anything extinguish thee. Be thou ablaze throughout all thy days through this Name whereby the world hath been set aflame. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be of them that attain.

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=== START BH04685 ===

He is the One dawning from His most exalted horizon! Blessed is He Who speaks that which benefits the world, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. They hear the call of God but do not comprehend it, for they are among the abject ones. The Tongue of Grandeur has spoken and the Dove of Glory has warbled upon the Divine Lote Tree, yet the people remain in grievous remoteness. We desired to draw them nigh unto the Kingdom, but they chose for themselves dwellings like the spider's web - We bear witness they are among the losers. We have caused all things to speak in remembrance of Our Name, the Lord of Names, and by it every lofty and towering mountain was attracted. Had the people known, they would have cast away their desires and turned with pure and radiant hearts to the countenance of their Lord, the Most Merciful. The bounty is present but they eat not thereof; the proof has appeared but they recognize it not; the verses have been sent down but they comprehend them not; the evidences have been manifested but they turn away on their heels. Say: Cast away idle fancy - this is the Lord of all beings Who has come from His most exalted horizon and speaks with His most sweet call that there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Knowledge profits you not - abandon vain imaginings and turn to Him with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. We have shown the Way as a bounty from Us, and it is indeed the Straight Path upon which the sincere ones tread. Hold fast to God's Most Great Cord and cling to His glorious and kind robe. Grieve not over anything and trust in God in all matters.

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In His Name, the Ever-Abiding after the passing away of all things! Blessed be the Beloved Who sendeth unto hearts that which draweth them unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have opened the gates of utterance with the key of Our Most Great Name, and hearts through this Name whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth have been attracted - were We to speak of it, all would be thunderstruck. This is truth like unto His existence, yet most of the people are heedless. In the first station, none is seen save he who hath clung to the Most Great Cord, and all else returneth to nothingness. Well is it with them that are endued with insight. And in the second, all are thunderstruck by the grandeur of God's Cause and His sovereignty, save those who have cast away mortal things and turned toward the Most Great Scene - this glorious station. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My prison, from the tongue of My grandeur: Verily there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. Glad tidings unto thee for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament. The Most Exalted Pen doth therefore testify that thou art among the devoted ones, inscribed in a mighty Tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for the tongue of Revelation hath moved to make mention of thee in numbered years. By God! All that is in the kingdom cannot equal this. Well is it with them that know. Make mention of thy Lord among the handmaidens, that perchance their hearts may be drawn by this wise remembrance. That which thou

seest shall pass away, but there shall endure the deeds of those who have arisen to serve the Cause - thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify to this. The glory be upon thee, and upon thy father, and upon those who have turned unto God in His days and been guided by this resplendent Light.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! Thou seest, O my God, the yearning of the lovers for the Mother of the Horizons in their longing to attain Thy presence, and their burning with the fire of separation in the wilderness of remoteness from Thee. Hearts have melted by being prevented from entering the city of reunion with Thee, and souls have been set aflame by the wafting of the breezes of prevention from the direction of Thy decree and Thy judgment. O Lord! Thou seest their sighs in their separation from Thee and the lamentation of their hearts in Thy days. Do Thou therefore ordain for him who hath shown patience in Thy decree and held fast to the cord of Thy good-pleasure the reward of those who have attained Thy presence and appeared before the throne of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Thy mercy hath preceded all and Thy loving-kindness hath encompassed all. Ordain Thou for Thy loved ones that which will solace their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Powerful. Thou knowest that I have desired naught but what Thou didst desire, and have wished naught but what Thou didst decree, and have moved not except by Thy command, and have breathed not except with Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, that Thou ordain for him who hath desired Thee the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise. O Lord! When Thou findest in the heart of any of Thy servants the pearl of Thy love, make mention of him from this quarter, purely for Thy sake, that the attraction of Thy call may seize him in such wise that he may detach himself from all else save Thee and arise wholly to celebrate Thy praise and remembrance and to stand firm in Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. O Lord! Aid him and those who have believed to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous

These are the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest, which have been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. O people! This is a servant of God among you who calls you to Him at all times, and has sacrificed his spirit and his soul in the path of God, your Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds. And whenever tribulation intensified upon him, he proclaimed with the loudest voice the remembrance of his Lord between the heavens and the earth. No hindrance of any hinderer, nor the mockery of any mocker, nor the turning away of any rejecter, nor the blame of any blamer prevented him. He has appeared at the pole of the horizons and called all to the covenant, the station wherein the very atoms of its dust proclaim that there is no God but Me, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O people! Unite amongst yourselves and gather around the one Law - this indeed is the purpose of this Great Announcement which has appeared in truth and has stunned all who

are in the heavens and the earth save a numbered few of Our knowing servants. Say: O people! Fear God and spread not corruption in the land after its reformation, and be not of the wrongdoers. It behooveth you to manifest the signs of God and to diffuse from you the sweet fragrances of His sanctity amidst His heedless servants, that they might perceive from you the fragrance of truth and be guided by you to the paradise wherein its leaves proclaim that there is no God but He, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the Spirit and Glory be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty glory. Indeed they are God's testimony amongst His creatures and through them His remembrance shall endure amongst all created things. Cast aside what thou hast and take what is with God with manifest power. Remember Me on earth that I may remember thee in My heaven. Thus hath the command been sent down in a preserved Tablet of glory. Judge according to what God hath ordained for thee, then rule by what God hath decreed, and be God-fearing in the Cause. Rend asunder the veils, then enter into the pavilion of the Cause which hath been raised up in the name of God. And if thou findest therein a cup of the Kawthar of life, take it in My name, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof as thou pleasest. By God! Through one drop thereof every decomposed bone shall be quickened. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee from thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, in these days wherein the Sun of Holiness hath dawned from a luminous horizon of glory. And when thou drinkest, the rapture of the Beloved shall seize thee in such wise as to detach thee from all who are on earth and draw thee nigh unto a kingdom of wondrous glory. Then thou shalt arise to praise and remember God and say: O people! This is the Great Announcement with which ye were promised in all the Tablets. He hath indeed come with the truth with mighty sovereignty. Beware lest ye be veiled from Him through Whom the Dove hath warbled and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed and this Morn hath breathed forth with resplendent lights. And upon thee be peace and upon him who hath taken unto the All-Merciful a way.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

The verses are being sent down from God, the Mighty, the Wise, unto him who hath attained to the recognition of the All-Merciful when the All-Glorious came with manifest sovereignty. The City hath been sent down from the heaven of command, and he who hath held fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Great, hath drawn nigh unto the Throne. We behold the people of Baha in the Crimson Ark, while they that turned away are drowned - these are among the perishing ones. Blessed is he who hath clung unto God, detached from all else save Him. He is, verily, of the people of Baha - thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. The darkness hath been illumined by the light of the Days, yet most of the people remain heedless. We beseech God to move His loved ones through the stirring of His Most Exalted Pen, which moveth upon the Tablet in His Most Glorious Name, that all may arise to promote His Cause and

make mention of Him with such remembrance as shall attract the hearts of the heedless who were numbered among those far removed. Draw ye nigh through My Most Glorious Name unto the Stream which floweth between earth and heaven, then drink ye therefrom by the leave of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The All-Merciful hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the realm of possibility - blessed are they that have attained. O My loved ones! Remember ye My days and what hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors among My creatures and the rebellious ones among My creation in this remote prison. We beseech God to assist all to stand firm in His love and to turn unto Him in all conditions. This is better for them than the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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O namesake of the Intended One, His Holiness Ismin, He is the All-Knowing Expositor!

The whole world awaited the Day of God and, with perfect humility and submissiveness, beseeched God, glorified be His majesty, night and day for the appearance of the Promised One. But when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of manifestation and the Preserved Tablet was sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness, all clung to their own idle fancies and turned away from the Sovereign of certitude, save those who came unto God with an illumined, believing, and steadfast heart.

O friends! Strive ye, and through the blessing of the Most Great Name, attain in this divine Day such a station that ye may shine forth like unto the sun from the horizon of eternity. Act ye in accordance with that which befitteth this blessed Day. Turn your gaze away from that which is fleeting and transitory, whether little or much, and fix your eyes upon the ocean that hath neither beginning nor end. Say: O friends! Be not, like children, occupied with diverse colors nor take delight therein. Rather, with firm resolve, steadfast hearts, penetrating vision and the light of certitude, appear amongst men with the utmost trustworthiness and goodly character.

We have found thee turning unto the Kaaba of existence and have therefore sent unto thee this Book, which nothing that lieth concealed in the sea, or is stored up in the earth, or is treasured in the mountains can equal. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

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In the name of the All-Knowing, the One: O Mirza Shukru'llah! All souls were awaiting the days of the Manifestation and all tongues were speaking in remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. Yet when the thick and hindering veils were rent asunder by the finger of power of the Lord of creation, and the Sun of Truth rose and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation, all were found to be veiled and deprived, save whom thy Lord willed. Some clung to vain imaginings and turned away from the Kawthar of certitude, while others grasped at idle fancies and remained heedless of the Lord of Days.

They did not pause for a moment to consider why it was that in every age and dispensation, when the holy ones, the chosen ones, and the Prophets appeared, they drank the cup of martyrdom and ascended to the Supreme Horizon in utter submission. I swear by the Sun of utterance which today shineth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge that if they were to show the least measure of fairness and reflect upon what hath come to pass, they would comprehend that of which they are now heedless, and all would utter the words "Would that I had not taken such a one for a friend!" Were these matters to be explained in detail, numerous volumes would not suffice. That which hath already flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is sufficient for all who dwell on earth. Ask thou God to enable thee and all who are on earth to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and to aid thee to make mention of this Remembrance through which faces have been illumined and the horizons made bright.

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Ahmad, upon him be My Baha, and Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the One Who speaketh the truth - have made mention of the friends of that land and have sought a gift and token for each one from the pearls of the ocean of the favor of the Goal of the world's peoples. Therefore, the pearls of wisdom and utterance that were hidden in the shells of the sea have flowed forth from the Most Exalted Pen as a bounty from His presence to His loved ones. Say: O concourse of divines! How long will ye follow your selfish desires? Say: In the name of God and by God! He will deliver you from the clay of idle fancies and draw you nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Say: He hath come from the heaven of proof with a manifest light, and on His right hand is the ocean of knowledge and on His left the Concourse on high. Say: O company of jurisprudents! Come forth from your homes at the bidding of the Ancient Commander. This is the Day of Arising, this is the Day of Divine Grace, this is the Day whereon men have stood before the Lord of the worlds. Read ye the Qur'an and then judge with fairness concerning that which hath been revealed in truth, and be not of the heedless. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken while He was in the hands of the aggressive ones. Grieve thou not at anything. Take the Tablet with the power granted by Him and the sovereignty bestowed by Him. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed art thou and those upon whom the verses of God, the One, the All-Informed, have been sent down. A single word thereof cannot be compared with the books of the people, to this doth the Sadratu'l-Muntaha bear witness from this most exalted horizon. Blessed are they that hear.

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The Most Holy, the Most Exalted. O H and S! Hearken to the Call from the Most Glorious Horizon - there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have conveyed to every soul that which We were commanded when We arrived in the prison. Thus has the decree been fulfilled by the Lord of all men. They who are heedless this day are indeed among the veiled ones, and they who have turned towards Him are the people of guidance - upon them do the denizens of the Kingdom and those endowed with the knowledge of the Book send their blessings. Be as God, thy Lord, hath desired thee to be, such that

the regions might be illumined through thee. Then manifest the sanctification of thy Lord in such wise that all atoms might discover from thee the fragrance of His Robe. Thou art indeed among those who have attained the lights of His Countenance, and thereby hath thy name been inscribed in the Tablets. Know thou the value of this station, then preserve it. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, remind thee. Arise from the horizon of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of all things, and glorify thy Lord's praise at eventide and at dawn. Be thou a servant unto His Cause and be thou ever mindful of His presence. Grieve not because of them that are heedless. Soon shalt thou behold the Cause resplendent throughout all regions. Be thou so steadfast in thy love for thy Lord that the veils of them that have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords shall not withhold thee. Soon shall they who dwell on earth glory in the names of those who have shattered the idols of vain desire and turned towards God, the Revealer of verses. Confine thy affairs to the service of the Cause - thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Creator of all names. The glory that proceedeth from God rest upon thee and upon them that have attained unto the light of His Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of might and power.

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O Baqir, upon thee be [Baha'u'llah]. He is the All-Knowing Expositor. Noah came and with lamentation, helplessness and supplication called the servants to the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. They rejected Him and brought about that which caused the eyes of understanding to weep and the temple of justice to cry out. Then Hud came and called the people of the earth to the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and seen. They denied Him and arose in opposition, although that Holy One gave the people glad tidings of the name of the Self-Subsisting and promised them the days of God. Then Salih came and with perfect joy and fragrance guided the people of earth to the horizon of the favor of the Desired One of the worlds. They deemed the pure waters of divine counsel to be error. Finally they hamstrung the she-camel and went to hell. O Baqir, the sight and hearing of the servants are prevented from witnessing and hearkening. The veils of idle fancies have intervened and deprived creation from the Truth. Blessed is the soul who with clear certitude held fast to the mighty cord and freed itself from the world and all therein. We beseech God that He may confirm thee and guide thee to the clear and straight path, in such wise that the cawing of the crows, the clamor of the transgressors and the might of the polytheists may not prevent or deprive thee from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of true divine unity. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things and ready to answer.

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=== START BH04697 ===

TABLET OF NARJES

In the Name of God, the One!

Praise be to the All-Powerful, All-Wise Lord Who distinguished man from other created things through the jewel of utterance. Through the union of creation, infinite manifestations appeared and countless arts

and knowledge came into being from non-existence. Exalted be His wisdom, and glorified be His power, might, grandeur and sovereignty!

O my handmaiden, O my leaf! The glance of favor has been directed to you from the Prison. All the servants and handmaidens of the world were adorned with the ornament of existence from nothingness for the recognition of this Day, yet all remain heedless and veiled from the fruit of existence, save whom God willeth. Through divine grace you have attained eternal life and been confirmed in the recognition of the Great Announcement and the Straight Path.

Glorify your Lord, then praise Him and say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn toward Thee. O Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy utterance and the manifestation of Thy grandeur amongst Thy servants to make my will annihilated in Thy will and my desire in Thy desire. O Lord! Verily, Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden has placed her trust in Thee and committed her affairs unto Thee. Ordain for me from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity that which will make me content with Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH04699 ===

O Abu'l-Qasim, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaking before all faces! Praise be to the Ancient Beauty Who hath illumined the worlds of remembrance and utterance with the lights of His Most Great Name, and through His Most Exalted Word hath guided the people of the realm of creation to the supreme horizon. Glorified be His grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and exalted be His mercy that hath preceded existence itself, from the first to the last. O Abu'l-Qasim! Thy mention hath been heard, and the Lord of all being, with supreme benevolence, hath remembered thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. This is a day wherein the veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Look not upon the people and their veils, for their vain desires have withheld them - verily they are in grievous error. They have cast guidance behind their backs - verily they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the doubts of the people hold thee back from My Self-Subsisting Name, or the might of the oppressors frighten thee. When thou hast attained unto My remembrance and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty, turn thy face toward God and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all humanity, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the kingdom of names, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. I beseech Thee by this Promised One, through Whom Thou hast fulfilled Thy promise, manifested Thy sovereignty, and revealed that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid me to serve Thy Cause and to arise in service to Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art powerful to do as Thou willest through Thy mighty and wondrous Word."

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O Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of Him Who is sovereign over all names. Praise befitteth the Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence Who, through a single word, illumined the world with the light of His manifestation and adorned the ears of mankind with the hearing of “The All-Merciful hath come.” Blessed is the soul that hath attained and found its way to the court of His throne. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! A single word from among the words which, on the first day of the Manifestation, streamed forth from the tongue of grandeur and descended from the supreme horizon of the heart, is the protector, preserver, helper and succorer of all - and that word is the blessed word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth.” And the reason for its revelation is that every seeker might, through this exalted word, guard himself from idle fancies and vain imaginings and recognize God as the One with authority. Some, despite acknowledging this word, uttered that which caused grief to the Concourse on High. Say: O servants! Have mercy upon yourselves. Reflect upon that which hath appeared and turn ye unto the evidences. The fruit of the blessed Tree hath ever been and shall ever be its signs. Blessed are they that attain thereunto. O My loved ones! Guide ye the people to the straight path of God through wisdom and utterance. However, what is essential and of first importance is to purify one’s existence with the Kawthar of counsels from corruption, conflict, rancor and hatred. Thus hath God spoken, thus hath He commanded, and thus hath He decreed. Blessed are they that act, blessed are they that are fair-minded, and blessed are they that are steadfast.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise that is sanctified above comprehension and minds befitteth the Lord of the worlds Who, through the Most Great Name, hath cast down the banner of associating partners with God and raised high the standard of divine unity in the most exalted station, and through the appearance of His Beloved One hath adorned the world with a new adorning. Upon Him be His peace and blessings and mercy, and upon His family and companions through whom the light of faith shone forth and illumined the horizons.

The one bearing the Name of Bounty, upon him be the peace of God, was present and mentioned thy letter before the Wronged One. We beseech God to strengthen thee and assist thee and ordain for thee that which shall endure as long as His names endure. In that letter mention was made of teaching them. In this matter wisdom is required. Drink thou the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting in the innermost mystery. Well is it with thee and pleasant it is to thee. In all circumstances We counsel you to wisdom. “Concealment is better than revelation.” The people were not and are not worthy. Not every soul was or is worthy of this most pure Kawthar. The days of attainment to Our presence are remembered and remembered art thou. We beseech God that He may assist thee to hold fast unto the wisdom that hath been sent down. Convey Our greetings to the kindred and illumine them with the light of remembrance. Verily He is with you wherever ye may be. Verily He is the protector of those who do good.

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His honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise, sanctified above all words, befitteth the Lord of all mankind Who was not deterred by the tribulations of the world and the clamor of the nations from His holy purpose. The ranks of the polytheists, the multitudes of the deniers, the might of the people of tyranny and error, and the tumult of the ignorant could not prevent His penetrating Will. At a time when the arrows of tribulations and afflictions were raining down like showers, He summoned all with the tongue of grandeur to the highest horizon. The clouds and mists, the rain and trees and fruits, all bear witness that the Supreme Pen was never still in any state. If at times it appeared outwardly to pause, inwardly it was engaged in spiritual motion, revealing to the world of being whatsoever was meet and seemly. Glorified be His greatness and His power!

Some of the ignorant ones of the earth have desired to prevent the effulgence of the lights of the Sun of Truth, to extinguish the divine light with the breaths of doubt and fancy, and to quench the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved! This station is the station of "far be it, far be it!" Until the Day of Resurrection, man will repeatedly ask: What profit did Nimrod gain, and what benefit did Pharaoh reap? Have they not heard the tale of Abu Sufyan, or learned of the oppression of Caiaphas who was the Jewish judge, and likewise of Pilate who was the governor of that place? Which oppressor ever benefited from his deeds or gained any profit? They have lost indeed who denied the right of God, broke His Covenant, turned away from Him, and pronounced judgment against the Manifestations of His Cause with manifest tyranny.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the light of Thy countenance and the radiance of Thy presence, by the fragrance of Thy robe in Thy days, and by the breath of Thy revelation and the signs of Thy power, to send down upon Thy loved ones that which will protect them from the tyranny of Thy creatures, and upon Thy enemies that which will prevent them from what they have purposed in their rebellion against Thee and their transgression against Thy Cause. Though I know with certainty that all profit belongeth to the people of Thy love, and all loss to those who have turned away from Thee and opposed Thee, yet I beseech Thee by Thy generosity and bounty to hasten the days which Thou hast ordained for the exaltation of Thy Cause, the manifestation of Thy Word, and the spread of Thy verses. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

O thou beloved of my heart! The servant hath been gladdened by that which flowed from thy pen concerning what hath befallen your honor and the friends of God in the land of Ta. Although thy letter brought grief to all the world, since it described the tribulations of them that are detached and sincere, yet being adorned with the mention of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, it gave unto silence the power of utterance. A hundred thousand joys be sacrificed for such grief as is borne in the path of God, and a hundred thousand blessings circle round such hunger as is endured in prison for His sake. Chains in prison are more precious than the crowns of kings, and the world's cruelties more dear than life itself when

suffered in His path. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid His loved ones and chosen ones to arise to serve Him and teach His Cause, let nothing whatsoever hinder them. The Truth beareth witness that the eyes of this servant were gladdened by those souls who in these days have diffused the sweet savors of steadfastness. They are the kings of the realms of certitude, tranquility, steadfastness and faithfulness. The opposition of the opposers, the denial of the deniers, and the might of the oppressors are even as the buzzing of a fly - it hath neither permanence nor duration. After reading and becoming apprised thereof, he directed himself to the most exalted Summit and the highest Station, and presented a detailed account before His presence. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One hath spoken, these are His - exalted be His glory - words:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing […]

O thou who journeyest in the lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One amongst the servants. He hath come with the truth and summoned all creation unto a station before which every lofty station hath bowed down, and hath revealed that at whose revelation every trustworthy scholar hath prostrated. We opened unto their faces the gates of goodly things, yet they rose up to harm Us in such wise as caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this exalted station to lament. Heedlessness hath so encompassed the slaves of passion that they have arisen with utmost tyranny and rebellion to extinguish the light of the Day-Star of knowledge. Woe and misery unto them! From every direction the fire of oppression blazeth and the smoke of tyranny is manifest. However, God shall extinguish the former and dispel the latter. The world hath found no rest from the deeds of the oppressors and tyrants.

O thou who drinkest the wine of My love! The oppressor sinketh into the earth each day like unto Korah, yet perceiveth it not. That which the All-Informed hath revealed shall soon be made manifest, despite every stubborn tyrant. Leave them to themselves, and their possessions, and their words, and their deeds, holding fast unto the cord of teaching. Thus doth command thee the Strong, the Powerful.

Convey My greetings to the friends. Say: God willing, arise to promote the Cause of God with utmost strength, might and power, in such wise that the fragrance of steadfastness may envelope the world. He is the Helper, He is the Almighty. Power and might have been expounded in all the Tablets. All must conquer the world through the hosts of virtuous deeds and goodly character.

Say: O loved ones of God! Time and again ye have been the target of affliction's arrows in the path of the Lord of Names. Which prison hath not witnessed your presence, and which oppression hath not befallen you in the path of the Beloved? Ye have seen and borne countless trials. Preserve this most exalted station and most glorious rank. By My life! Were people to know, they would cast aside all deeds and circle round about you. But today they perceive not, neither do they understand.

Though the friends of God, exalted be His glory, have witnessed the faces of the companions of the left and of error like unto demons, yet they have also beheld and continue to behold the radiant countenance of God's infinite favors. While on one side they have heard the clamor of the deniers, on the other they have hearkened to the most sweet call of the Beloved of the worlds in their remembrance. This bounty shall never cease. By the life of the Beloved! The servant presenteth and declareth with manifest truthfulness: Praise be to God for this mighty favor!

Concerning the imprisonment of His Holiness Ismu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, and the friends of God, as well as the intercession of some and the giving of funds to one of the women - all these details were presented before His presence. His blessed and exalted Word: The means for matters pertaining to the Truth appear from Him. Verily He confirmeth and inspireth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Those souls who have arisen to render service, which is among the requirements of the love of God and His loved ones, and who have endeavored and have not been remiss in expending their wealth and possessions according to their capacity - their reward shall not be lost with God, nor shall it ever be. Verily He recompenseth the doers and aideth the generous ones.

In such instances, nothing should be given beforehand. One who accepts a matter should be assured through a guarantor or other means, and after the matter's completion and fulfillment, the promise should be kept. Although the honored ones have labored, yet the affair of the prisoners rests with God, exalted be His glory. Once these sublime words were heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names - His utterance, exalted be His glory: "The government had attained some measure of assurance, but certain lying tongues have spoken that which has again caused suspicion." Thus did He speak. May God, exalted be His glory, recompense the liars. All know that the causes of contention and strife, and whatsoever is abhorrent to minds and souls, have been removed; yet they still say that which brings harm to the servants of God. May the Desired One guide them and show them the straight path.

Concerning what you wrote about the sinking of certain lands - similar occurrences have repeatedly happened in other places, but surely a great abasement awaits the people of the world as recompense for their deeds. We beseech God to awaken mankind, that perchance they may return and the world find peace. God has ever been and will continue to be lying in wait for the oppressors, as you have witnessed and will yet witness: verily He is ever watchful.

That other letter from that beloved one was indeed a brilliant lamp for the darkness of the world. It gave light to the heart and clarity to vision, for it was adorned and embellished with the lights of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. I beseech the Exalted True One and implore Him by the traces He has caused to flow from the pens of His friends, to rid the world of existence from the oppression of oppressors and adorn it with the lights of justice. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what you wrote about the arrival in the land of Alif and Ba, and likewise concerning the enthusiasm of the friends of God, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. His words, blessed and exalted be He: He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have made mention of them and have revealed unto them that whereby the essence of the world hath been set ablaze. Erelong shall its light and radiance become manifest. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Chosen One. We have sent unto every name inscribed in thy book that whereby the lights have shone forth. Ask thou God to give the world to drink from the Kawthar of His knowledge and to manifest through His sovereignty that whereby eyes shall be gladdened. The ocean of hatred hath surged, and the Most Glorious Beauty saileth upon the crimson ark, moving upon it with power and sovereignty. By God! Neither the might of the idolaters nor the clamor of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, can hinder Him. Blessed are the companions of Alif and Ba. We have seen them and heard their call and their mention, and We give them the glad-tidings of

God's favor and His mercy. We have mentioned all with such mention as the treasuries of nations cannot equal. God willing, they shall attain unto it and drink from the ocean of inner meanings, that their ardor may increase. In all matters they must act with wisdom. That soul hath observed how effective and rectifying wisdom is. The people of the world are seen as beasts, save those whom God willeth. Their sole preoccupation is the acquisition and consumption of carrion. The chains of these beasts are wisdom. By My life! Wisdom hath a lofty station. Blessed are they that attain thereunto. Soon shall these tyrannous, rebellious, and insolent beasts find themselves impotent and abased beneath the claws of divine destiny - great is His power! Give glad tidings to My loved ones on My behalf. We counsel them to be calm and dignified. They should trust in God and commit all affairs unto Him. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

Furthermore, mention was made of Fath. The mention of the souls of that land hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and in this year especially, divine Tablets were revealed and sent to each of the friends. This servant beseecheth the True One to assist His loved ones in such wise that the opposition and objections of the idolaters and deniers shall not withhold them from everlasting life. He is powerful and mighty.

Concerning what thou didst write about Zarqan and the friends of God, it was submitted, and this is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken: If possible, thou shouldst proceed to that land and tarry there awhile, that perchance precious gems of meanings and utterance may be brought forth from the mines of that land through the hands of wisdom, and that they who possess vision may attain thereunto. Every locality needeth one to make mention, especially places that are ready and good lands. The mention of God, exalted be His glory, increaseth those who make mention, who are aware and who know, and it awakeneth and maketh mindful those who are heedless and asleep.

In the name of the oppressed One of the horizons!

Today the lights of the Sun of Justice have been obscured by the smoke of rancor and hatred, and amidst the warbling of the birds of truth and inner meanings, the cawing of ravens has risen. Say: O friends! Today is the day of steadfastness, and today is the day when all that was hidden in hearts and minds shall be made manifest. The Sun of Truth has risen and is shining forth; the deeds of every soul shall be witnessed and the station of each one revealed. Blessed are they who have clung to the cord of God's Cause and have detached themselves from the world and all who dwell therein. Now that thou hast attained unto My Tablet and the traces of My Pen, render thanks unto God for this supreme bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have known Thee.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

A mention from Our presence unto him who hath been awakened by the Call and hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this perspicuous Tablet was revealed for thee. Verily He hath heard and answered, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We counsel thee to be steadfast and to act in such wise as would gladden the hearts of them that are nigh unto God - they who traverse the lands to

exalt the Word of God and who rescue all who are drowning and cast down. Soon shall all power and might pass away, and power and might shall remain with God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Leave behind what the people possess; take what thou art bidden with the fingers of submission and contentment, and be of the thankful ones.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God […]

In His Name, Who shineth from the horizon of the Prison!

The Most Desired One – Who hath ever showered the rain of mercy upon creation, nurtured all through the radiant sun of His loving-kindness, and opened wide the gates of bounty and repose for all – hath been imprisoned in the most ruinous of cities. Would that matters had ended there! Rather, each day from the horizon of hatred some fresh tribulation appeareth and some new affliction becometh manifest. Yet through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, the tribulations of the world and the afflictions of the nations have not and shall never deter Him from His purpose. He counseleth His loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness. These fleeting days are not worthy of mention, much less that their manifestations should preoccupy the people of knowledge and deprive them of everlasting bounty. Grasp with the fingers of hope the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of Names, and say:

I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the mantle of Thy grace and the robe of Thy loving-kindness. Thou art He Who hath named Thyself by Thy name, the All-Bountiful, and by Thy name, the All-Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Praise be to God that those mentioned have attained the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ahmad and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abdullah, upon them be the glory of God, from among the people of Ba who have settled in Shahrud – numerous exalted Tablets have been revealed and sent from the heaven of grace specifically for them, both before and after. God willing, through their luminous utterances and penetrating words that land shall be illumined, and new and wondrous flowers shall spring forth and become manifest through the water of their mention. O My Beloved! Would that the people of the earth might understand, comprehend and know! Alas! Alas! They will not awaken until they find themselves beneath the earth. The people sleep; when they die, they wake.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Haji Seyyed Asadullah, upon him be the glory of God – praise be to God that he hath attained to the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. And again, after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these manifest verses were newly revealed from the heaven of loving-kindness. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

Verily remembrance is healing for hearts, mercy for souls, water for every truthful thirsting one, and a fire that speaketh in the Tree of Love: "Verily there is none other God but I, the Caller, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." He who circleth round Me and turneth to My horizon and ariseth to serve Me hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in such wise as no remembrance in the world can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Almighty. Verily the people have turned away from that which profiteth them in the

worlds of God. Blessed is he who hath turned unto God, whom the hand of God's grace, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath delivered. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

Likewise was revealed from the heaven of loving-kindness specifically for the son of him who attained and ascended. His word, mighty is His glory:

He is the Watchful, the Near One […]

O Ali! Blessed art thou and blessed is thy son who hath been honored with the mention of My Most Exalted Pen and hath heard My sweetest call when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. Blessed be God, the Lord of this great bounty. He is among those who heard and hastened until he entered the pavilion of glory when the Temple of the Cause was established upon an exalted throne. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to associate with them who love Me and hold fast to the cord of My providence, and who have confined their affairs to My mention and praise. He is verily the one mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger, beareth witness to this. Blessed be thy mother and thy brother, and they who have attained unto this glorious and wondrous station. We counsel thee with that which beseemeth your relationship to this Cause, through which every oppressor hath lamented and every pure heart hath rejoiced. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

As to what thou didst write concerning thy brother, upon him be the glory of God, praise be to God, he hath attained to His grace, and the word that was previously uttered from the tongue of Grandeur - that word hath been and will ever be a help. There is no doubt it was sent down from the presence of One Who is Self-Sufficient, the Generous. The mention of thy other brother, upon him be the glory of God, was also presented before the Most Holy Court. Perfect kindness was manifested and They said that the mention of him and certain other known ones would best be kept confidential, as We have commanded wisdom and all must observe it. Otherwise, verily He protecteth whom He willeth by His command. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to them and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that they may be assisted in that which is lasting and eternal.

Concerning what thou didst write about the debts, God willing, they shall be paid. Verily, bounty is in His hands. He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth. He giveth and bestoweth, and He is the Bestower, the Generous.

The other letter from that beloved one, dated the ninth of the blessed Ramadan, opened the gate of joy and closed the doors of sorrow, for it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds and the health of that beloved of heart and soul. However, it also brought endless grief as it announced the martyrdom of him at whose steadfastness the very essence of steadfastness trembled, and before whose trust in God the reality of trust bowed down, and who resigned his affairs unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, the Master of the last and the first. This blessed blood hath not been, nor will be, shed in vain. We beseech the Almighty that He may enable all to return. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Otherwise, the effect of that blessed blood shall become manifest and evident throughout all

regions. This pure blood is effectual water for the irrigation of the divine Tree. I dare not say more than this in this regard. Knowledge is with God.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Mirza Zaynu'l-Abidin and Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon them be the glory of God, their mention was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered […]

O Zain, upon thee be My Baha! O thou prisoner in foreign lands and exile in distant regions! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and saith: Having tasted the sweetness of the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, every moment of that exile prideth itself over a hundred thousand native lands. No pleasure in all the world hath equalled or shall equal this pleasure. Thy tribulations are manifest and evident, shining bright as the sun. Since these afflictions are in the path of the Friend, there is no harm. I swear by the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful that great freedom followeth that imprisonment, and boundless glory succeedeth that abasement. The glory be upon thee and upon him who is named Muhammad, who was imprisoned, incarcerated and banished even as his Lord was imprisoned, incarcerated and banished. This mention sufficeth him, from which the fragrance of loving-kindness hath been wafted in such wise that its traces shall never be cut off from the world. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below.

From the ocean of divine utterance, the pearls of grace and kindness have appeared in such wise as to require no interpreter, translator, expositor or assessor. The whole world be a sacrifice unto His bounty and His loving-kindness.

As to what thou didst write concerning those two adorned with steadfastness and acceptance - namely, the cotton-carders, upon them be the glory of God - and likewise concerning the collection of funds for the strangers, this matter was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was spoken by the tongue of our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and the earth. His blessed and exalted Word:

O thou who gazest upon the Face! They have borne many hardships in the path of God. The recompense of their deeds is an everlasting and abiding treasure with the Mighty, the Trustworthy. They have ever been and still are occupied with service to the Cause. Their reward is with God, the Forgiving, the Generous. We testify that they have attained unto righteous deeds and that which beseemeth the Days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We, from this station, pronounce Our glorification upon them and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, which have preceded all who are in the realm of earthly dominion and the Kingdom.

In truth, they have performed their labors for God's sake, for whatsoever they obtain, they expend in the path of God, glorified be His majesty. In all that lay within their power regarding the honored lady, the mother of His Holiness the Sacred One, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God, they have shown no negligence. Until now several letters have been received from that noble lady, and in each one she hath made mention of them and of what they have accomplished in His path. The funds which that beloved one hath received were most timely and appropriate, and acceptable before the Throne. The servant

beseecheth his Lord to assist them and confirm them in that whereunto they have attained in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

As to the request of Mashhadi Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, for a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet for his wife, upon her be the Glory of God, this matter hath been granted and illumined with the lights of divine acceptance. A most mighty and wondrous Tablet hath been revealed and sent. Deliver it unto him that he may attain unto it and partake of its fragrance. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of the All-Merciful for His handmaiden who hath been named Narjis. His mighty Word:

In the Name of the Forgiving, the Generous […]

O my handmaiden! The handmaidens of the world are heedless of this supreme bounty and mighty benevolence. Their eyes are deprived of beholding the light of His countenance, and their ears are barred from hearkening to His call. All were created for this glorious and wondrous Day, yet they remain veiled and unmindful of it. Praise be to the Desired One of the world, that thou art adorned with the pearls of love and the gems of knowledge of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. This Tablet is as a crown for heads - adorn thy head of acceptance therewith, and remain firm and steadfast in the love of the Lord of Names. All the pearls and precious stones of the world are as nothing and shall perish compared to the pearl of thy love. Shouldst thou ponder upon this bounty, thou wouldst, throughout thy life, ceaselessly utter "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" The glory of God rest upon thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

And regarding what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza Husayn, son of the late and elevated Mulla Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of bounty. He, exalted and mighty be He, speaks thus:

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Husayn! Count as a treasure the days of God. One deed performed therein is more beloved in the sight of God than the deeds of centuries and ages. Every possessor of insight hath witnessed this, and every bearer of ears hath heard it, for the call of Truth hath been raised at all times, and the Most Exalted Horizon hath ever been manifest and resplendent. Blessed are they whom the doubts of the suspicious have not kept back. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and made me known to Thee and for having sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy Will that which delighteth the eyes. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy mother who hath called upon her Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

He is the Compassionate, the Helper!

As to what you wrote regarding the Land of K, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. Praise be to God, all have attained to the grace and favors of the Truth, and those few souls

who have drunk from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful were each previously honored with a special Tablet. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth, exalted be His glory, and hopes that He may assist all to achieve that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. As commanded, whenever you turn toward that land, convey to the mother of the sanctuary, the kinsmen, and other friends the greetings from the Truth and gladden them with His favors. Likewise, they commanded: "Make mention of the friends in the Land of Q and M on behalf of the Wronged One. All are remembered in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and have attained His favors. We make mention of Ghulam-Rida who was imprisoned in My path and upon whom befell what befell My own Self in the Land of Ta. And We make mention of the people of Jasib whom the affairs of creation did not prevent from turning toward the Truth. We send Our greetings upon them and offer them glad tidings of that which God, the Lord of the worlds, has ordained for them. And We make mention of Mahmud as We mentioned him before, and We beseech God to assist him in serving the Cause as He assisted him in turning toward it. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Kind."

This is the meaning of His exalted Word: "And for each there is a portion in the Book." Every soul that has shown the slightest turning has attained to the Most Great Remembrance. Were all the pens in the world to attempt to befittingly describe the fruits and effects of the remembrance of the Truth, exalted be His glory, they would surely find themselves impotent and wanting.

And as to what you wrote regarding the Divine Tablets, yes, what your honor has done - praise be to God - that beloved one has been assisted in all manner of service. This is a mighty station, by the Lord of the Mighty Throne!

As to your mention of his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah M N, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His Word […]

Thou hast attained unto that which was recorded in the divine Books of the past and present. Thou didst turn thy face toward God and traverse cities and wildernesses until thou didst arrive at the great and blessed Valley, where thou didst hear the call of the Wronged One - the Wronged One Who arose alone to promote the Cause in such wise that oppression deterred Him not, nor did hosts and legions stay Him from His purpose. He arose with His transcendent power and, through the Most Exalted Pen, gave glad tidings to all on earth of the manifestation of the Hidden and Treasured Name, and proclaimed it. The Most Exalted Pen in this station is the Tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory. Should anyone reflect even briefly upon the evident power, despite the opposition of the peoples of the world - from kings and subjects, from rich and poor - he would be moved to proclaim with majesty, might and power: "Unto God!" Verily, the Wronged One beseeches God to grant thee success and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to record for thee the reward of thy deeds in His straight and manifest path.

From every letter and from every word flow rivers of bounty. I beseech and supplicate the Truth that He may grant them success. Likewise, I especially convey greetings and glorification to them.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Muhammad Kazim and his honor Aqa Muhammad Hannasab, upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. The mention of both was honored to reach His hearing, and the Sun of loving-

kindness was directed toward them. Blessed are they in that they purposed, visited, attained, and drank. And peace be upon him who follows guidance.

With regard to what was written concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Maqsud, upon him be the bestowals of God, he arrived in this land and for a time dwelt beneath the sheltering grace of God, exalted be His glory, blessed with His favors. We met with him repeatedly, and likewise he attained the presence numerous times and was honored with the blessing of meeting. He demonstrated love, affection and sincerity. After departing from this land, several of his letters reached this servant and replies were sent. He has been traveling and journeying to various regions. This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid him and keep him steadfast in His remembrance, praise and service. This matter was also presented in the Most Holy Court, whereupon it was stated: "Our favor was manifestly bestowed upon him to such degree that We repeatedly summoned him to Our presence, conversed with him, and counseled him as befitted and was worthy of him." However, as commanded, that beloved one must associate and converse with every soul in such a way that if any breach in friendship should occur, no evidence would remain, for it has been stated that most matters are contingent upon their means. While in the presence, he demonstrated the utmost love and sincerity, and he himself intended to spare no effort in serving the Cause to the extent of his ability. What else God, exalted be His glory, may ordain remains to be seen. The Most Great Branch - may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps - also told him that if he were to choose to serve the Letter N, it would be closer to wisdom, that he might perchance be confirmed in conveying the renowned Word. What is said here is in accordance with wisdom. For instance, they have forbidden mention of the names of steadfast and assured souls in various regions, as harm might result, just as occurred in the Land of Ta, where they mentioned all souls both within and without, causing fear and alarm. Would that they had spoken truthfully - rather, they spoke utter falsehoods, God forbid, attributing rebellion and corruption. God protect us and you from the evil of these who know not what they say, who are as chaff before the winds of self and passion. We beseech God to guide all and adorn them with the ornament of truthfulness, purity and justice. Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, having guided several souls to the ocean of divine knowledge - this account, as well as mention of various souls, was presented before Him. This is what the All-Merciful revealed in response, exalted be His grandeur: He is the Helper, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembers thee as He remembered thee before, and counsels thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Thou art the one who entered the luminous Spot and heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. The Cause of God hath come, and that which was hidden from eyes hath been revealed, and those in the graves have been raised. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies, holding fast to the cord of God that hath been stretched out. Blessed art thou for having praised thy Lord and mentioned to the servants that whereby hearts were attracted. We make mention of him who was named Ahmad who visited the House, and We give him glad tidings of the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. O Ahmad! Hold fast unto the Sure Handle. Thus doth the Lord of creation command thee from His prison fortress. And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Qabil-i-Hashim who visited a House built by the Friend of God through the power of

the Glorious One, that he may rejoice and give thanks unto his Lord, the Possessor of existence. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - verily He remembers God during the nights and days, at sunrise and sunset. And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Qabil-i-Rida and give him glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all names, and We counsel him to be steadfast in this exalted Cause. This is a Cause at whose appearance the world was shaken, save whom God willed, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is every steadfast one whom neither clamor frightened nor affairs deterred. O Mahmud! Give thanks unto God that the Wronged One remembereth thee in such wise that every possessor of scent perceiveth therefrom the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the seen and unseen. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which God hath revealed in His Book that hath been sent down. Cast behind your backs all that is with the people, turning with your hearts to the horizon of Light. Say: This is a Light which, when it shone forth from the horizon of Will, all other lights submitted to it. To this testifieth the God of the Kingdom. The glory shining from the heaven of My will be upon him who mentioned you, and upon you, and upon him who guided you to the path of God, the Mighty, the Witnessed.

"They have attained what they desired through His grace. Can anyone enumerate the bounties and loving-kindness of God? Nay, by His Name, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting!"

This servant beseeches confirmation and assistance for each one, and likewise offers greetings and praise. God willing, may they arise to serve the Cause in such manner that their mention shall endure throughout the duration of names. Verily He is powerful over all things.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Muhammad Hassan and Aqa Siyyid Hashim and Aqa Ali-Naqi, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before His presence and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of His Will for each one. God willing, may they drink from the ocean of His utterance and be illumined by its lights. This is what was revealed for the first one, His blessed and exalted Word:

In the Name of the One God […]

Every soul that hath in this Day turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and attained the knowledge of the Lord of Names is recorded as one of the people of Baha in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets. The Truth hath been made manifest, and with a single Word He hath tested all who dwell on earth. Likewise through that Word the reckoning of creation hath been completed, the accepted ones have been gathered together, the Balance hath been appointed, the Path extended, the Cry raised, and the mountains seen to move. Blessed is the soul that hath witnessed these mighty signs and become assured of and acknowledged that which God hath revealed. Know thou the worth of this station and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to keep thee steadfast and to confirm thee in deeds that are praiseworthy. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Hashim:

In His Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

This is the Day of deeds. Whosoever acteth in accordance with the divine ordinances is recorded before God as the most noble of all creation and inscribed in the Book. O friends! This is a Day the like of which hath not been, nor ever shall be conceived. Strive ye that there may appear from you that which befitteth the Day of God. The world is adorned with diverse colors. Its ornaments, embellishments and hues are, in the estimation of them that possess insight, like unto a mirage, and shall ere long return to nothingness. Beseech ye God that these fleeting things may not deprive you of His everlasting bounty, nor leave you bereft. Blessed art thou and thy father who hath attained unto that which was ordained. Strive thou to make up for that which hath been lost. Verily He is the True One, the Trustworthy. He commandeth His servants that which shall be a treasure for them in His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. The effulgent glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to that which they were bidden in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-'Ali-Qabl-i-Naqi:

He is the Guide to His straight Path […]

The time of words hath passed away, and the age of deeds hath dawned. Blessed is he who hath clung to pure deeds in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the servant whom neither hopes nor riches have withheld from his ultimate destiny, who came forward when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and answered his Ancient Lord. How many a wealthy one hath been hindered by his possessions, and how many a poor one hath attained the ocean of riches when it surged in My Name, the Generous, the Bountiful. How many a man of eloquence hath been prevented from praising Me through following his passions, and how many a stammerer hath gained My beauteous praise. How many a sun hath been darkened at the dawning of the lights of the morn of My Revelation, and how many a star hath fallen at the rising of the luminous Day Star of My Name, the Shining. Where are the eyes and ears that have been prevented by their occupations from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon and from hearkening to this Most Sweet Call on a Day wherein the lights of the Countenance have illumined after the passing away of all things, and wherein earthquakes have seized all, both small and great. Thus have the spheres of utterance revolved through the name of thy Lord, the Merciful. When thou hast succeeded and witnessed, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged by the nations, and splendor be unto Thee, O Splendor of those who are in the heavens and on earth."

God willing, may they attain through His boundless favors - He Who is the Sovereign of existence and the Possessor of the seen and unseen - and act in accordance with what hath been enjoined upon them in the Book. The smoke of idle fancies hath prevented the world from recognizing the Best-Beloved of all creation. We must all, with hands of longing, cling to the hem of His grace, that perchance through the breezes of mercy and the rains of bounty, the dead in the valley of heedlessness and desire may obtain life and attain unto life everlasting.

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O servant! Thou art favored by the grace of God and art mentioned in His presence. Mention by the Supreme Pen is among the great, pure, enduring, and special divine bounties for the servants. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. However, the measure of success and prosperity hath ever been deeds performed in accordance with the commandments of God. Blessed are they who have attained thereunto. This is the Day wherein whatsoever is hidden shall be made manifest and every concealed thing shall become evident. This is the Day wherein secrets shall be brought to light, and this is the Day wherein all shall rise up. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and hast drunk from the cup of His love at a time when all the world was deprived save for a few souls. Beseech God to assist thee in preserving that which hath been bestowed upon thee. Ibrahim hath repeatedly made mention of thee. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon every believing man and believing woman who hath believed in God, the Lord of earth and heaven, the Desired One of all beings, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former world. End. Praise be to God, thy brother is occupied in service and thou too hast attained unto recognition, and this servant, clinging to the hem of grace and bounty, beseecheth the Lord of Names to preserve this servant and thee and thy brother beneath the shade of the Tree of divine providence from the heat of self and passion, and to assist you in that which beseemeth His days. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And regarding the mention of nine names at the end of thy letter - Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Husayn and Aqa Ja'far and Aqa Mahdi and Muhammad-'Ali and Aqa Mahdi and Aqa 'Ali and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hashim, Aqa Sha'ban-'Ali and Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon them be 96 (Baha'u'llah) - these were presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of the grace of our Lord and your Lord, and our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger […]

O Party of God! Ye are the oppressed ones of the world. The enemies of this blessed party lie in ambush, and the oppressors watch from their outposts. From every direction fly the arrows of rancor, and the swords of hatred are unsheathed. They have had and have no helper save God. They have attained unto the light of His countenance and have scattered the pearls of life at His feet. Some gave up their lives, others their possessions, and some expended all they had. How many days and nights they found no rest from their sorrows. Yet all that hath befallen the party of God, exalted be His glory, is recorded and inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen. Soon shall they who have committed iniquity, infamy, rancor and hatred become aware of their own loss and the triumph of the Party of God, and shall witness it. O friends! Be not sorrowful, nor be ye shaken by the deeds of the oppressors. Praise be to God, ye have attained unto that which the divines of the earth, its rulers and learned ones are debarred from, though they were created for it. Blessed are ye, for ye have attained unto the knowledge and recognition and praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. Now strive ye, that heedlessness may not follow this awareness, and ignorance may not overtake this knowledge. Verily, He hath remembered you and counseled you with that which shall profit you in all the worlds of His worlds. He, verily, is the Sincere Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The bounty of God is more manifest than this servant can mention. The rays of the Sun of His generosity have encompassed the world of being. This is a station wherein the feet of the mystics and the accomplished are seen to falter, unless divine protection confirmeth and keepeth them firm and steadfast. The preservation of this station, too, dependeth upon His grace and bounty. Without His grace, we are non-existent, null, and unmentioned. There is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The other letter from that beloved one, dated the 13th of the blessed Ramadan, illumined the heart like light and perfumed the mind with the fragrance of wild roses. Praise be to God, the heavenly food of love descendeth continuously from the heaven of affection like the spring rains of mercy. May the true Sovereign bestow the reward of this friendship, love, attachment, kindness and unity. Concerning what you wrote about assisting the friends of God, news hath arrived from the land of Sh. and Abadih and other places. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid the friends in rendering important services.

Regarding what you wrote about the mount of Ustad Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God, and the small amounts, it was submitted. He said that what was done is acceptable, for had it not been done, it surely would have caused sorrow. And this is what was revealed for him from the Most Exalted Pen, His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous […]

O Mahdi! The diverse peoples of the world and the scattered parties among the nations were all created for the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and for the remembrance, praise and service of His Cause. When the call was raised and the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined with the lights of His manifestation, all were found heedless and turned away. Nay more, they pronounced sentence of death upon the pure blood of the Dawning-Place of God's verses. Fie upon them and upon those who went astray and led others astray! I beseech God to assist thee under all conditions to serve His Cause. Thou art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and these manifest verses have appeared from the horizon of the heaven of bounty especially for thee. Know thou their worth and preserve them as thou wouldst thy life. Every soul who today hath attained unto the mention of God, exalted be His glory, is accounted and mentioned among the people of Baha. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon those who have hearkened to My call, turned to My horizon, and arisen to serve My Cause, and upon thee and upon everyone who hath remained steadfast and whom the hosts of the Pharaohs have not frightened - they who slay Husayn and then weep for him at eventide and at dawn.

Concerning your mention of the exalted leaf, the mother of Aqa Mirza Inayatu'llah, upon them both be the Glory of God, their remembrance was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His grandeur: "We have mentioned her in various Tablets and have revealed for her that through which every person of insight discovers the immortality in the paradise of their Lord, the All-Forgiving. We send Our greetings upon her from the prison, and upon the members of the household who have endured in the path of God that which caused all atoms to lament, and every possessor of an illumined heart." We give them all the glad-tidings of His special favors and command them to that which befits the Days of God, and We counsel them to patience. The station of patience is most exalted. In the Qur'an He says, blessed and exalted be He: "O ye who believe! Seek help with patient perseverance and prayer, for God is with those who patiently persevere." He mentioned patience before

prayer, even though prayer is a pillar of the divine tabernacle of glory. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, upon your elder and your younger ones, your first and your last, and upon those who love you, by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The favor of God, exalted be His glory, towards them is more evident than the sun at its zenith and than fire upon the heights. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. No one can say why or wherefore, for He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to the family members and the leaf, upon them be the Glory of God. May they all attain, God willing, to that which God loves. If there is sometimes delay in responding, this is due to the volume of correspondence. I beseech God for success for myself and all. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

I presented at the Most Holy Court that which was befitting regarding the newborn. The favor of God concerning them is manifest and evident. Blessed is the newborn who has attained to the mention of God, the Most Great, and blessed is the father whose service the Supreme Pen has testified to, and blessed is the mother who has attained His beautiful mention. O Amin! While you drink milk from your mother's breast, the world of the seen and unseen makes mention of you. You were born in His days and have attained His favors. The pens of the world are incapable of properly describing this station. Blessed art thou and thy father and mother, from God, the Possessor of the Kingdom of the hereafter and the former times, the Lord of the Throne and the exalted Seat.

Praise be to God! This child has traversed in one night the path of a hundred years, nay rather, has attained to God's favor and mention in days when faces, scholars, nobles, and mystics were all deprived, save whom God willed. This is a great bounty and a tremendous favor. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that they may ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Tree and drink from the Kawthar of meanings and utterance.

O thou who gazest upon His countenance and standest firm in service to His Cause! Convey My greetings to all members of the family, both male and female, from the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of God's all-embracing mercy, exalted be His glory. The Leaf is present before His countenance. Each of the leaves hath made mention of God. God willing, that leaf shall be the cause of universal triumph. Well is it with them, and blessed are they! We have made mention of all in various Tablets through verses that have enraptured the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise. We beseech God to aid them all, both men and women, in that which He loveth and is pleased with. In all matters let them act with justice. Poverty and wealth have ever been in the grasp of divine power. Ere long shall all good things return to that household, and the tongues of the world shall be loosed in its praise.

And as to their intention to pay the Huquq, excellent is what they have intended thereby. Their station shall be exalted and blessings shall descend upon them. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. They are adorned and illumined with the lights of the Sun of grace and favor. A door hath been opened unto them which all the powers and forces of the world are powerless to shut. This is from God's grace, which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

It is submitted that one year or more before the martyrdom of the King of Martyrs, he sent a letter to His Holiness Ismu'llah (upon him be all the most glorious Glory), wherein he beseeched that this servant had a property belonging exclusively to himself, in which no one else had any share, and requested that out of kindness and generosity they accept that it be sold and its proceeds be sent. And His Holiness Ismu'llah submitted this before the Presence. They accepted it, but concerning its sale a prohibition was issued. His blessed and exalted Word: "We have accepted it, but let it remain in their possession. They are trustees on behalf of God, let them dispose of it." The intention was that some arrangement be made regarding that property and a specific use be determined for it. Now let that beloved one consider - whatever the heirs wish shall be done. This matter is mentioned because, since it was accepted, they should determine its disposition and in all circumstances take into account the satisfaction of the heirs.

As to what they wrote regarding the sum of two being for the Huquq and the property, what should be done - it was submitted and They said to act in whatever way they deem advisable, and these general matters are, according to the Command, dependent upon and subject to consultation.

Concerning what they wrote about Aqa Bigum who attained, the servant testifies that she was and is mentioned before the denizens of the pavilions of chastity and virtue and the tents of grandeur. And whatsoever that beloved one wrote was submitted before the Presence and achieved the honor of being heard. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, His word, exalted and mighty be He: "We have made mention of her and given her to drink of the choice wine of attainment, and We have counseled her with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And We send Our greetings upon her and counsel her once again with that wherewith We counseled her before. She must hold fast unto the handle of the Cause and give thanks unto her Lord, the Generous."

Concerning what was written about the epistle of the kindred of His Holiness the King of Martyrs' sacred household, and likewise their successive tribulations and afflictions, and the degrees of their yearning and longing, their humility and supplication, and their cries and lamentations, and their hopes and aspirations - all of which have adorned the Holy Books, Psalms and Tablets - these matters were presented during two and a half hours on Monday night when the Ancient Beauty was alone and established upon the Throne. This is what the Tongue of Revelation spoke in reply:

God bears witness that not for a single day have they been absent from His sight. In all conditions, the glance of His favor has been directed towards them. None but God can enumerate their sighs in divine love. The Teacher of the realm of love and affection could fill numerous volumes with their tears of separation. The extent of their yearning and longing is evident and clear, but since the prison land is inwardly disturbed, permission for their presence was not granted. You know how many souls from all directions, with countless lamentations, humility and supplications, have begged for and continue to beseech permission to attain His presence. Nevertheless, only a few have been blessed with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Permission. Despite this, the heedless have said what they have said. Oppression has taken the place of justice, ignorance the seat of knowledge, and tyranny the station of equity. They speak without understanding, and verily they are among the most lost.

This year, trusting in God and detached from all else, let them intend to come. If the way is open and the paths are clear of satans, they shall attain their goal. Otherwise, they must turn with complete resignation

and contentment toward the House and attain to pilgrimage. Verily, He accepts the deeds of the doers and does not suffer the reward of the righteous to be lost.

All the members of the pavilion of chastity and virtue have repeatedly beseeched His presence regarding this matter, but due to the opposition of the opposers, the burning fire of the fanatics, the prevention of the preventers, and the oppression of the oppressors, permission was not granted. Now He has said: Let them proceed, trusting in God and content with His command and will, toward the ultimate goal, but they must act with perfect wisdom and hold fast to prudence. Repeatedly from the Tongue of Grandeur this most exalted word was heard: He says the Manifestation of Truth is for the revelation of the Most Great Bounty and the Greatest Joy, that all might attain His presence and drink from the Kawthar of reunion, but enemies and the bearers of hatred have become like clouds between the Sun of Truth and His loved ones.

And likewise in one instance He uttered this most exalted word: Just as the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, seek His presence and meeting, God too seeks to meet them. Verily He loves those who love Him, and they love Him. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He may cause those honored ladies to attain that which is recorded and inscribed in the Book of God. He is the Bestower, the Powerful. After hearing these exalted words from the Source of Command, such joy was experienced that none greater could be imagined, for the leaves of the Blessed Tree have never ceased […]

After these exalted words were heard from the Source of the Cause, such joy was experienced that none greater can be conceived. For always have the leaves of the Blessed Tree and this evanescent servant hoped and yearned for permission for this station from the Ocean of the Pre-existent Lord's generosity. His is the praise and bounty, His the gratitude and favor.

Another letter from that Beloved One arrived which was a radiant and brilliant light dispelling the darkness of separation, and a luminous joy for the world of sorrow. It was like a spiritual messenger bringing glad tidings of reunion to the body. Well is it with your honor. And that mention was made of the beloved of the heart, his honor Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, opened wide the gates of gladness and delight. The armies of joy arrived and the hosts of sorrows fled like frightened zebras. Praise and gratitude be to God that the oppression of the oppressors, the hatred of the corrupt divines, and the swords of the deniers had no effect. After his capture, a word was revealed from the Supreme Pen to his honor Afnan, his honor A.H., upon him be all the most glorious glory, indicating his protection. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of the worlds that He granted the glad tidings of his release, bestowing upon the ear a wondrous delight from hearing it and upon the heart boundless joy from its truth. He is the Kind One and He is the Ultimate Hope of the friends.

And regarding what was written about the arrival of the leaves, three leaves were sent - may they be bestowed upon their owners. Blessed are they for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His pledge, and for having acted according to what He revealed in the Book. And regarding what was written that these funds should be sent to whomever is designated, let them be used as commanded and let some debts be paid. In this regard, this supreme blessed word was uttered from the tongue of the Lord of Names: "Excellent is what they have done in the love of God and His path. Their deeds have been accepted and blessed is he

who has not forgotten the one named Ja'far." The funds that reached him, that is his honor Ustad Ja'far the mason, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, were most acceptable before the Throne. We beseech God to assist all to do what is right.

This evanescent servant submits that that beloved one should be very careful in recording names and certain matters. In one letter Jinab-i-Isma'il Khan was written, and in another letter Aqa Isma'il 'Ali Khan was written. There have been other discrepancies as well. Although the reason is known and clear - that your honor's complete attention at the time of writing has been and is directed toward that which is sanctified above all directions - nevertheless, since this servant must write what is true, especially regarding names and other matters, lest differences arise in what is said among the servants, therefore he requests that great care be taken in such matters when writing.

Regarding what was written about the spiritual beloved, his honor A.T., upon him be the glory and favor of God, his letter arrived and multiple correspondences had arrived before as well. May he be blessed through the infinite favors of the Goal of the worlds. Indeed his honor […]

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above all mention and utterance, the Goal of all worlds, Who illumined the universe with the lights of oneness and raised high above the loftiest horizon the Most Great Standard of "Verily there is none other God but Him." The might of princes hindered Him not, nor held Him back from His purpose. He sent forth His Messengers and revealed His Books that all might attain unto the straight path and be made ready to recognize the momentous News on the Day of Resurrection. His is the praise and bounty, His the grace and bestowal. He created and showed the way that all might attain to that which was the purpose of creation. Exalted be His favor and exalted be His all-embracing mercy and His mighty generosity. Blessing and peace be upon the Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, through Whom messengership and prophethood were concluded, and upon His family and companions, forever and ever eternally.

Thereafter, Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the peace of God, arrived and made mention of you. Therefore this Wronged One hath once again turned toward that direction, that He might give thee to drink of the Salsabil of love from the cup of faithfulness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and make thee successful in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the Day of Judgment and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Should thou find a friend, convey greetings from the Wronged One, that the greeting might draw him nigh unto the Lord of all beings and confirm him in that which hath been revealed in the Book.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to Him Who is the Purpose of the world and the Object of worship of all peoples, Who through His Most Great Word made manifest the River of Life in the contingent world and guided all to it. Blessed is the soul that has sought it and turned to it and drunk therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And woe unto him who hath turned away and hesitated before this supreme bounty. Thereafter, your letter was received which brought the utmost joy. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, that He may ever keep you protected and joyful beneath the shade of the Tree of His loving-kindness. Although the recent news caused infinite grief, yet whatsoever occurs in the path of divine love, even if it be sheer detriment, is assuredly pure good. Blessed is he unto whom hath happened in His path that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words "Then wish for death, if ye do speak the truth." In any case, whatsoever occurs in the path of the Friend's good-pleasure is beloved. The essence is the knowledge of God and love of God. Whosoever attaineth unto this station, by the life of God, death shall not grieve him, nor shall armies prevent him, nor shall earthly conditions sadden him, nor shall ranks frighten him. As for the permission that was sought - affairs are bound to their appointed times. It is hoped that permission will be granted and they shall attain unto it. The glory be upon you, and we beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Giver, the Responsive.

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In the Name of the One God! Praise and glory befit the Lord of Names, Who through His conquering power adorned the world from sheer nothingness with the ornament of existence. His is the praise and grace in all conditions and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And then, the honored Name of Jud, upon him be greetings, brought papers adorned with humility and submissiveness and mention and praise of that honored one to the Goal of the worlds, and they were seen. Praise be to God, you have attained special favors and are mindful of the revealed verses. What was mentioned was intended for remembrance and awareness, otherwise that honored one has ever observed and continues to observe wisdom to the extent possible. What is mentioned has been and is in view of the calumnies of the servants. We bear witness to your submission and contentment and service. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and manifest from you that whose fragrance will endure through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and His Supreme Attributes, and enable you to achieve that whereby His mention will be exalted among the servants. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and in His grasp is the reins of all things. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful. And we beseech Him to aid you with the hosts of grace and favor and draw you near unto Him at all times. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who act according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, the Most Glorious of the Most Glorious

In these days when in the heavens of manifestation the spiritual suns have risen from the horizons of visibility, and the effulgences of the Sun of the Most Glorious Countenance shine forth from the dawning-places of existence, and the dawnings of divine knowledge gleam from the eastern horizons of the Kingdom, the moons of wisdom, in accordance with their illumination from the Ancient Sun, are giving light in every direction, and the stars of eternity are shining with perfect radiance from the heavenly spheres of existence. It would be a pity if one possessed of insight and knowledge should still be illumined by the light of a setting star of idle fancies and seek enlightenment from the moon of imagination which is in eclipse. Nay, the Sun hath shone forth from the pole of the heaven of the world with wondrous new effulgences of light. O friend! In these days the Ancient and Imperishable Beauty, the Unknowable Essence, Who was concealed behind a thousand thousand subtle veils of light, hath now appeared from behind the veil, and with but a single gleam from the effulgences of His countenance hath caused those who stood at Mount Sinai to swoon away and become as though they had never existed. Say: Verily, I have turned my face toward Him Who hath created the supreme heavens and hath rent asunder the lands of the Pharaohs, and I am not of those who join partners with God. Oh, oh! The Sun of Beauty hath made the world of hearts more radiant than the luminous day, and hath wiped clean from the tablets of hearts the rust of rational knowledge's manifestations. And God guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path. And the Spirit be upon thee.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

In these days when the clamor of the polytheists has risen from most directions and the idolatrous souls are, with the utmost diligence and effort, engaged in extinguishing the light of divine unity, the Most Exalted Pen calls out with the most loud voice and bestows upon the friends their portion and share from the chalices of remembrance and utterance. God willing, may all attain unto that which God has intended, and he who attains shall not be frightened by the might of those on earth, nor shall he be made to stumble by the deceptions of the deceitful ones and the schemes of the transgressors. That honored one must in all circumstances be mindful of wisdom. The sword of utterance has been and ever will be sharper than the sword of steel, and the fruit of reformation more delectable and pleasing than the fruits of the world. Therefore must the sincere ones occupy themselves with planting the trees of reformation. If the root of this tree becomes firmly established through the grace of the Lord of creation, the roots of corruption shall be lifted from the world. You must, to the extent possible, remind the loved ones of God so that all may act according to that which they have been commanded, and all may become mines of love and affection and dawning-places of fellowship and unity. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make you one who remembers Him with His remembrance and who speaks forth His praise in such wise that hearts are attracted thereby and servants arise from the slumber of passion and turn toward God, the Lord of Names. Convey to all the friends in that land the greetings of this Wronged One and set them ablaze with the fire of divine remembrance. The glory be upon you and upon those with you.

=== END BH04710 ===

=== START BH04711 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory!

At this moment it occurred to this evanescent one to submit a matter concerning items sent from the friends of God, so that this mention may become the cause of joy and delight. Therefore it is submitted that whatever each person sent arrived complete according to what was written, and the details were presented at the Most Holy Court, and all were adorned with the ornament of divine favor and mention of God, exalted be His glory. Of the fruit from that beloved one's garden which was especially honored to reach His presence, He partook of several pieces. In brief, all attained His favors. In all conditions we must mention God's bounties, observe His bestowals, and speak forth His praise and thanksgiving. Blessed is His bounty which attained acceptance, and blessed is the soul that was mentioned and attained the Beloved's favor. This evanescent servant has specifically written and sent this leaf so that all the friends, leaves, and handmaidens of God may rejoice and drink from the ocean of God's favor and become mindful through this mention. The purpose was and is to manifest the outpourings of the True Bestower and divine favors. God willing, may all in that land and its surroundings be present at the table of grace and partake of the heavenly feast. Verily He is the Giver, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon you and upon them from the presence of the Mighty, the Great.

The Servant

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=== START BH04712 ===

He is God! At the end of this blessed Tablet We make mention of Janab-i-Kalb-'Ali Khan and Janab-i-Husayn Khan and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. Praise be to God, in the days of the Manifestation they attained to that which most of the people of the world remain heedless and deprived of. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them both. We beseech God to give them to drink from the Tasnim of steadfastness and the Salsabil of love, and to protect them from the doubts of the barking ones and the intimations of the transgressors. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O people of God! Know ye the station of these days and hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and your stations. Verify not every utterance and be not assured by every soul, for the misguided ones present themselves with human courtesy and thereby deceive - for were their hearts' contents to be revealed, none would turn to them. Consider the misguided ones of the past who, with their white and red turbans, prayer beads and cloaks, and feigned asceticism and piety, afflicted the servants of God with such vain imaginings that on the Day of Judgment they all pronounced sentence against the Lord of the world. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect His servants and guard them by His sovereignty from those who have denied His signs and turned away from His proof. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in My perspicuous and wondrous Book.

=== END BH04712 ===

=== START BH04713 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

The remembrance of God from the Tree of the Command has been raised up in truth. Hearken, O people, and deprive not yourselves of listening to the Word of God which has appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be God Who created all things by His Command which has been witnessed by the worlds. Say: O people, be not of those who have cast the Word of God behind their backs, and deprive not yourselves of this Light which shines forth from the pavilion of glory and whose rays have dawned upon the worlds. Purify your eyes that you may be enabled to behold the holy lights from this Countenance whereon the remembrance of God has been inscribed by the Pen of the Command with the musk of eternity. Beware lest you choose for yourselves that which you have been forbidden, and abandon that which you have been commanded. Fear God and be not deluded by the world which has been rejected from time immemorial. Purify your deeds for God's sake that God may deliver you from the fire which has been kindled in the depths of hell by God's decree for all eternity. And thou, O servant, arise to remember God and obey Him, then detach thyself from all that prevents thee from attaining the praised sanctuary. Thus does God command thee in this Tablet, and those who have taken refuge in the protecting shadow of their Lord, a secure station. Be grateful to thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Holy Pen in this Tablet which has been sealed with the seal of remembrance. And mercy be upon thee and upon those who remember God morning and evening.

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=== START BH04714 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. We have remembered thee in this Most Great Prison with that which causeth those near unto God to perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Cast aside what the people possess and take what thou hast been given by God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and made known to me Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by Thy Name through which Thou didst raise the standard of Thy justice in Thy kingdom and the banner of Thy oneness in Thy lands, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy singleness and Thy oneness and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and inspired Thy Messengers with. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the banners of Thy signs to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of the first life. Verily Thou art the Protector of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

=== END BH04714 ===

=== START BH04715 ===

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God!

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful! A remembrance from Us for those who have attained to recognition when the All-Merciful came and held fast to His mighty cord. Verily We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in evident veils. Behold and recall when We seized the mighty one with a power from Us and a strength from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. He showed pride before God and there befell him from his party that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the people of this noble station to lament. We rained down upon him from the heaven of justice the arrows of tribulation - evil was the rain of those who warn. There hath appeared in this Revelation that which never appeared before - to this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. There hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen that which was hidden from eyes. To this doth My truthful and trustworthy tongue bear witness. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed to Thy servants that which draweth them nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and acquainteth them with Thy straight path. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, that Thou disappoint me not from the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy grace and aid me to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04716 ===

A mention from Us to the Leaf who ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon and attained the lights of her Lord’s countenance, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Wronged One testifieth in this forbidden prison that she turned to God, believed, witnessed, acknowledged and confessed that which was uttered by the Tongue of God, the King, the True One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. She attained the ocean of knowledge in days wherein all in creation were shaken, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. We have mentioned her before in various Tablets and We mention her after her ascension in this Clear Book. Upon thee, O My handmaiden and My Leaf, be the mercy of God which hath preceded all things and His grace which hath encompassed those in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice in that which the Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee, than which nothing that hath been or shall be created can compare, whereunto every fair-minded and perceiving one doth witness. Upon thee be the glory of God, His care, His mention and His praise, throughout the eternity of His names and attributes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed art thou and blessed is My Name, whom thou rememberest in going and describest in returning in such wise as to gladden the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Verily he hath taken for himself a station before the eyes of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. By the life of God! This is of His most great favor, yet most of the people are heedless. Thus hath the matter been decreed and the utterance come forth in this holy, mighty and wondrous Tablet.

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=== START BH04717 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

A mention from Us to him who hath turned to the Wronged One while He was in prison through what the heedless had wrought, that the fragrances of remembrance might attract him to a station wherein he seeth naught save God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein is heard from the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all mankind,” and from the murmuring of the Water of Life: “By God! He hath come through Whom the eye of the Bayan was solaced throughout all possibility,” and from the whistling of the winds: “He hath appeared concerning Whom the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets have testified, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath turned to God when every ignorant one remote from Him turned away. As We were walking in the House, the servant who was present entered with thy letter and read it before Our countenance. We have sent down for thee this Perspicuous Book which calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto the One, the All-Informed. When thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and found the fragrance of utterance from the garment of My loving-kindness, give thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and enabled me to turn to Thy horizon when the people were veiled by a thick veil.” I beseech Thee by Thy most beautiful names and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the limbs of the learned trembled and the pillars of the idolaters were shaken. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

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=== START BH04718 ===

He is the One dawning from His most exalted horizon. A mention from Us to him who has turned to the lights of the Face when the Desired One came with manifest sovereignty, that he may know that for which being was created to know Him, and hear that for which ears were created to hearken unto Him, and bear witness to that which God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Abu-Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali, hear the call of the Wronged One Who hath stood before all faces with power whereby the feet of princes and divines have slipped, and with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy son made mention of thee; We make mention of thee in this mighty, wondrous Book. We have aided thee and caused thee to know and have cast upon thee a favor from Us, and We have forgiven thee as a mercy from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be thanks and splendor, for having guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the pearls of the sea of Thy knowledge, that Thou write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast written for Thy chosen servants. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I acknowledge my grievous sins and great transgressions before the Dayspring of Thy generosity and the Dawning-Place of Thy bounty and the Manifestation of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to make me sanctified from all that Thou lovest not and approvest not. Verily Thou art the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and in Thy grasp is the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

=== END BH04718 ===

=== START BH04719 ===

Zarqan. O Faridun, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest from the horizon of the Kingdom. A mention from Us to the one whom We mentioned before, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Faridun! We have remembered thee and do remember thee as a favor from Us, and We remember him who turned to My horizon and soared in My atmosphere. Verily he was named "The Exalted" in My Mighty Book. O Rafi'! Rejoice in My Most Great Signs, then stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, the Master of all beings. By the life of God! We shall raise up the Cause through a clear sovereignty. Grieve not over that with which the children play in the land of Ta. Verily He shall manifest His Cause as He pleaseth. All the hosts of the earth cannot prevent Him. To this beareth witness that which hath appeared from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient Being. We have seized him who pronounced judgment against My loved ones, then We seized one who was greater than he. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He judgeth as He pleaseth, even as He judged in the beginning of the Cause. Read thou the Book of God that thou mayest know what hath been sent down from His wondrous Kingdom. Be thou steadfast in His Cause, speaking forth His Name and guiding unto His Straight Path. O Badi'! Shouldst thou find the sweetness of My utterance, the wine of the river of My knowledge would so intoxicate thee that neither the clamor of all the world nor the murmuring of every far-off mystic would hinder thee. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down for thee from My Most Exalted Pen in this glorious station. The Glory be upon thee and upon him for whom We have revealed this Clear Tablet. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH04720 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him that hath hearkened unto My Call, and whose response to the Lord of all mankind We have heard, that he may be overtaken by the joy born of Mine utterance, notwithstanding that sorrows have encompassed the entire creation. O thou proclaimer of My Cause, and beholder of My Countenance! Grieve not at that which hath befallen the Cause: thy Lord, truly, lieth in wait. He shall lay hold on the wrongdoers, even as He laid hold on him that was their chief; He, truly, is severe in punishing! They have kindled with their own hands the fire of affliction; yet are the people in a wondrous stupor! So besotted have they become in the drunkenness of their evil passions that they have perpetrated that whereat the cloud hath cried out. Say: Was it Hasan who disbelieved in God, or was it that which he possessed? If it was he, why then didst thou pillage his possessions, O thou false dissembler? Think they that they will consume what they have amassed? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of Lords! They have committed that whereat the inmates of the Kingdom have lamented, and beyond them the Day of Reckoning. O My companion! Consider thou, and reflect upon, the grace of God, and His loving-kindness. He, verily, raised them up in truth, and adorned them with the best of ornaments. He so ennobled them that men's tongues spake forth their praise; He honoured them with that Supreme Sacrifice which hath from everlasting been the hope of them that have drawn nigh unto Him; and the Pen

of God hath been moved to commemorate them in such wise that all hearts have melted. The servant in attendance hath come before Our Countenance, and read out that wherewith thou didst call upon this Wronged One; and We have answered thee with this Epistle. Beware lest aught sadden thee; thereto admonish My branches, and those who have sought My Countenance, that it may bring them joy after their sorrows. The Glory of God rest upon thee, and upon whosoever reflecteth upon that which hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the Return. This is that which was sent down in reply from God, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful.

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=== START BH04721 ===

He is the All-Knowing Teacher!

A mention from Us unto him who hath hearkened unto the call of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when most of mankind turned away, that the remembrance of the Beloved may so attract him that hearts may be drawn thereby. We have remembered thee before, and remember thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thy letter hath come before the Face, and the Servant present before the Throne hath recited what thou didst compose in remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed be thy verse and prose - from both We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. He shall verily reward thee with truth. He hath ordained for thee that which is beyond compare with aught created on earth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Where are they who turned away from God, who warred against His sovereignty, who disputed His signs and denied His proof? We seized them unawares. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. We shall soon seize those who have oppressed today and who have risen in opposition - a promise from Us, for We have power over what We say. Neither their souls, nor their wealth, nor their traces shall remain on earth. But there shall endure for thee and for those who have stood fast that which shall not perish so long as the Kingdom and the realm above endure. Convey My greetings unto those servants who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered My praise, and thy face for having turned toward My horizon, and thine ear for having heard My call raised from this praiseworthy station.

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=== START BH04722 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

This is a remembrance from Us unto the earth, that the remembrance may draw them nigh unto Him Who is remembered, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Among the people are those who have hearkened to the Call and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and among them are those who have turned away - these are assuredly among the most lost in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou dost inhale the sweet

fragrances of the verses and art seized by the rapture of the Call of thy Lord, the Manifestor of clear tokens, say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward the ocean of Thy loving-kindness and the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the revelations of the Sun of Thy Manifestation and the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, and by the mercy that hath preceded Thy servants and Thy creation, and by the sweet fragrances of Thy Revelation and the manifestations of Thy power, that Thou aid me in Thy remembrance and Thy praise. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy strength and might, and the weary one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the whisper of Thy Most Exalted Pen to aid me to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and Who ruleth over whatsoever He desireth through His Will. Thou art, verily, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH04722 ===

=== START BH04723 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

A mention from Us unto him who hath attained unto the ocean of divine knowledge and believed in that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His wondrous and mighty Book. We make mention of him who hath turned with the most pure countenance unto the Most Sublime Vision and hath witnessed that which the Tongue of the Lord of Destiny hath uttered in this exalted station. Be thou thankful that the Pen of Revelation hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee in a station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Hold fast unto the Book and be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of every heedless doubter have slipped. When the clamor is raised in those parts, withdraw thyself and be of them whom neither the tempests of idle fancies nor the storms of those who are moved by the winds of desire can shake. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

O My Pen! Make mention of the beloved who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O thou who art beloved of God! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth all existence, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. From this station We send Our greetings unto the faces of them that have believed, and unto those women who have made mention of Us before the Throne and have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O My handmaidens! Rejoice ye in this Most Great, Most Glorious Remembrance. Verily, He remembereth every maidservant who hath turned unto Him and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH04723 ===

=== START BH04724 ===

Ta', His honour Zaynu'l-'Abidin, who attained unto Thee

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Witness, the Seer, the All-Informed

A remembrance from Us unto him who attained the presence of this Wronged One when He was fallen into the hands of the heedless. I bear witness that he set out from his home, proceeding in the direction of the Frequented Fane and Blessed Station which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Furqan, and attained unto that which he desired on the Day of God, the Lord of the worlds. The servant in attendance is at hand, and hath recited once again thy letter as a bounty on the part of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Blessed be thy tongue for telling forth that which hath befallen the Daystar of Batha (Mecca), for whom the Celestial Concourse, and the inmates of Paradise in their noble habitation, have lamented. Blessed is he who extolleth the names of Ha' and Ha', and thereafter of him that was named Kazim, who laid down his life in the way of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. I testify that neither martial hosts, nor the clamour of every wayward cleric, overawed him. By My life! We, verily, found him steadfast in the Cause of his Lord, in such wise that the inmates of Paradise, and those who circle the throne as bidden by Him Who is the All-Glorious, the Most Great, were filled with wonder. Erelong shall God reveal unto him that which hath been hidden from the face of His servants; He, verily is the Incomparable, the All-Knowing. By the righteousness of God! They attained that which none had previously attained; thereto testifieth My Pen of Glory in this wondrous Tablet. From this Spot We salute thee, and all those who have attained unto the choice wine of steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the learned have trembled, and the feet of the wise have slipped.

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Here is a Tablet from Us to him who has attained unto the Day of God, and heard the Call, and answered his Ancient Lord, that he may rejoice within himself and remember God throughout the nights and days. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This is a Tablet whereby the seas have surged and the mountains moved and every small and great one was thunderstruck, save whom God willed. Thus was the matter decreed in God's scrolls aforetime, yet most people remain heedless. Say: Arise from the slumber of desire and turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! The heaven hath been cleft asunder and its Lord hath come with manifest sovereignty. It behooveth every soul to be wholly turned unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed - to hear with his ear what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and to see with his eye what hath appeared among creation, and to perceive through his sense of smell the fragrance of the All-Merciful which hath been diffused throughout the worlds. Rejoice, O servant, then give thanks for this Tablet through which the spirit of life hath been breathed into the body of contingent being. Blessed is he who hath heard and found and believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise. Thy letter hath been read before the Face, and We have answered thee with this mighty Book. Reflect upon God's favor and mercy, that He remembereth thee as a bounty from Him. He, verily, is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Convey My glorification unto My maidservant and give her the glad-tidings of My wise remembrance. Put your trust in God in all matters. He, verily, ordaineth for you what is best for you. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH04725 ===

=== START BH04726 ===

He Who hath migrated unto God in numbered years - The Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him who hath migrated unto God in numbered years, that he may appear amongst men in raiment wherefrom the regions are illumined. We have counselled him at all times to turn unto the All-Merciful and to be detached from whatsoever hath been created in the realm of possibility. We beseech God to assist him in that which is befitting unto him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

O Salman! Hearken unto the Call from this Tree upraised in truth - verily there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Counsel the servants regarding trustworthiness and truthfulness, and to act according to what hath been revealed in the Tablets. He who casteth away trustworthiness is among the most contemptible of creatures. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. Say: O people! Adorn yourselves with the attributes of the All-Merciful in the realm of possibility. Beware lest ye follow your passions. Words are not accepted, but rather deeds performed purely for God, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Most High.

Be thou grateful unto God for having admitted thee to the prison when the sea of trials and tests surged, and for causing thee to hear His call and to attain His presence when the hosts of the wicked had encompassed Him. Go forth unto the lands by God’s leave and command, then make mention of My loved ones who have turned unto the Dawning-Place of lights, and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them every morn and eve. The horizons have been filled with that which hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation, and the Tablets have been adorned with that which hath been sent down from the Source of verses. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God on the Day of Return.

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=== START BH04727 ===

In His Name, the All-Subduing, the Supreme Over All Names

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God and arise to serve Him amongst His servants in such wise that neither the affairs of men may perturb him nor the veils of every rejected polytheist hinder him. Arise with divine authority to serve His Cause - this is better for you than all that hath been created on earth, did ye but know. The world and whatsoever is therein shall profit you not. By My life! That which hath been ordained by God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, shall profit you. The creation was brought into being for this Day, yet they remain veiled from His presence. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hold fast to the cord of trustworthiness amongst all people and speak with pure truthfulness, that there may be manifested through you that which beseemeth this irrevocable Cause. Whoso betrayeth God is among the most abject of all creation - all things curse him even as honored servants curse him. Aid ye the All-Merciful through your words and deeds - thus have ye been counseled in most

of the Tablets, did ye but know. Beware lest ye commit that which disturbeth the souls and stunneth the minds. Be ye the manifestations of My morals amongst My servants and the dawning-places of My sanctification amidst My creation. Thus doth your Lord command you, would ye but understand. Say: All that He commandeth you is for your own good, would ye but be fair in your judgment. That which ye possess profiteth Us not, but rather profiteth your own selves - to this testifieth all things, would ye but witness. Beware lest ye cast behind your backs the bounds of God. Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded by the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH04727 ===

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He is the One Who speaks before all faces

A remembrance from the Wronged One to those whom neither learning nor idle fancies have held back from God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, through Whom the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was rent and every lofty mountain was leveled. Beware, O people, follow not your vain imaginings but follow the Truth, the Knower of all that is hidden. Thus has the Tongue spoken when the All-Merciful came from the heaven of divine knowledge with a manifest proclamation. O peoples of the earth! By God's life, you were created for naught but the recognition of this Day wherein the Herald proclaims: "The Kingdom belongs to this manifest Beauty." Beware lest what the people possess prevent you from turning to God, and beware lest the veils of those who have denied God's proof and His evidence and who have uttered that which none of those who are endowed with understanding have uttered, hold you back. We have heard your call and have remembered you out of Our grace, and have answered you through this irrevocable Tablet. Say: O people! If you desire verses, they have indeed encompassed all directions, and if you desire proofs, they have verily appeared through the truth, and if you desire the choice sealed wine, by God, its seal has been broken by the finger of divine power from God, the Lord of all being. When the Kawthar of My utterance has seized you and My call has attracted you, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy path and given me to drink of the Salsabil of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the Light that has shone forth and appeared, and by the fragrance of Thy garment that has been diffused and spread abroad, to make me one who gazes upon Thy Cause, who speaks Thy praise, and who holds fast to the cord of Thy loving care. Thou art verily the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Loving."

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In the Name of the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting! Your mention hath been made before the Throne and thy cry hath been heard. God willing, through divine grace and heavenly bounties thou shalt ever abide beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree. Praise be to the Goal of the world that thou hast been enabled to remember Him and hast attained unto His recognition. In truth, in the primal reality the cause of creation and existence hath been His knowledge. Whoso attaineth unto this station hath attained unto bounties beyond counting. Today the knower is he who hath recognized Him, and the learned one is he who hath comprehended the Known One. The heedless souls who remain in the wilderness of self and

desire and have not been guided by the dayspring lights of guidance are accounted as non-existent before the Truth. Blessed are those souls whose mention hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and who have entered the eternal paradise which is the love of God. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having inscribed thy name in the Tablet. Say: O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Revelation whereby Thy heaven and earth were illumined, and by the tribulations of the Dayspring of Thy signs Who hath been afflicted amidst the wrongdoers among Thy creatures, to make me one of those who in Thy love have detached themselves from all else but Thee, who have arisen to serve Thee amongst Thy servants, and who have been so carried away by the breezes of Thy love that they have cast behind them all that is on earth in manifesting Thy Cause and exalting Thy Word. Then ordain for me, O my God, what is best for me, for Thou art the All-Knowing and verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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O Ahmad-'Ali! In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! Your mention was mentioned before the One Who is Mentioned, and an answer was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may you be confirmed and assisted in what God loves and is pleased with, and be adorned with such conduct and deeds as will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Blessed is the soul that is today illumined by the lights of the Manifestation of God and has attained to His recognition. All beings were created for this Day, yet all were found heedless and veiled save whom God willed. Say: O friends! Words alone have not sufficed and will never suffice. You must manifest such deeds that all souls will testify that you are distinguished from others and are truly related to the Truth. Strive, ere time is lost, to attain such a station whose mention will endure as long as the Kingdom endures. Hold fast unto pure servitude unto God, the True One. We have previously informed all of the appearance of the cawers and the liars. All must hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and be detached and free from all save God, in such wise that the gestures and words of the cawers will not prevent them from the straight path nor deprive them of the Truth. He speaks the truth and the Command is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He has not deprived you and has mentioned you in this exalted Tablet. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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In the name of God, the Most Beauteous! I make mention of one of My handmaidens who believed in her Lord and was among the devout ones, preserved in a Tablet of sublime glory. O My handmaiden! Hear My call from the direction of My prison, then weep for My tribulations and afflictions. Thus does the Beloved of the worlds command thee. Verily, He Who created the heavens and the earth by His command hath been imprisoned in this remote land, and He Who ordained all things unto Himself hath been forbidden even from making mention of His own Self, how much less of aught else. Thus hath befallen the Youth at the hands of these oppressors. Verily, He in Whose name houses have been built, around which all the peoples of the earth circumambulate, had no house wherein to dwell. Such was the condition of those servants who were heedless of the remembrance of their Lord, the Most High, the

Most Great. All handmaidens pride themselves on their relationship to God, yet there was not in the house a single one of them to serve the Purpose of those who know. Grieve not thou at this, for We have ordained for Our own Self what hath befallen Us, and My Soul beareth witness to this, and with Us is a wisdom whereof none of Our near servants hath knowledge. Be thou thankful unto God, then make mention of Him and be devoted to Him, for verily He is with His handmaidens who do good and His servants who do good. Then praise God for having recognized the Manifestation of His Self, from Whom most men have remained heedless. Thus doth God single out whomsoever He willeth from among His handmaidens, and He is, verily, powerful over all things. And glory be upon thee and upon Our handmaidens who have believed in God and have detached themselves from the idolaters.

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=== START BH04732 ===

O Mirza Abu-Talib! This is a remembrance from the Most Great, the Most Glorious, for him who has rent asunder the veils and turned unto God, his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that he may find the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this Vesture which We have sent in the form of a Tablet with spirit and delight. They that are heedless, these are in manifest error and delusion. Say: The All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of utterance, and the Mount calleth out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the Choice!” And from another direction the call is raised: “The Prison is God’s, the Mighty, the Compelling!” The blood of Baha calleth out to all who are in the kingdom of creation, summoning them to the place of sacrifice, saying: “I have chosen for you what I have chosen for Myself.” Your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. Whoso hath attained unto My recognition hath sacrificed himself in My path. This is what hath been set down by the Pen of Revelation in the Scriptures and Tablets. They that spread corruption in the earth - these shall have none to guide them. And they that consume the substance of men wrongfully and shed blood - these are of the people of loss. Say: The sword is My remembrance and the spearpoint is the tongue. Draw them forth by My leave, then help the All-Merciful through them amidst all worlds. Thus have ye been commanded by the Revealer of verses. By My life! The sword of utterance is sharper than the sword of steel - know this, O ye who are endued with insight! We beseech God to aid thee to rend asunder the veil and to help His Cause through thee. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Helper. Make it thy paramount concern to teach thy Lord’s Cause - this is the sovereign of all deeds with the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The glory that proceedeth from God rest upon thee and upon them that have turned unto the Lord of Command in the beginning and in the end.

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O Mohsen! Most holy, most exalted, most glorious! My remembrance is for him who has attained to My days, found the fragrance of My robe, and turned to God, the Lord of all days. We have sent down from the heaven of grace the rains of loving-kindness and bounty. They who have attained unto them are of the people of Baha in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and they who have turned away are among the most abject of servants, and their names are recorded among the dead. Blessed is the thirsty one who has drunk the living waters in the days of the All-Merciful, and woe unto him who has

turned away and been deprived of this bounty that has encompassed all in creation. Happy is he who has taken the cup of eternity in My Most Glorious Name and drunk thereof, detached from those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all men. Be ye God's trusted ones in His earth and His faithful ones in His lands, in such wise that through you may waft the fragrances of detachment. Hold fast to the cord of godliness, for through it appears the sign of sanctity in the realms of your Lord, the Subjugator of winds. We command you to that which will make you dawning-places of victory in this Cause that has encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be steadfast in the love of God and His obedience in such wise that the conditions of the people of error may not cause you to waver. It behooveth him who hath held fast to My love to be endued with My morals. Thus hath the matter been ordained in the Book. O My loved ones! Were I to remember you throughout the duration of My kingdom, the fire of My love would not be stilled. Be ye as befitteth this station. Thus have We expounded the matter and sent down the verses that thine eye and the eyes of those who have turned to God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing, may be solaced thereby.

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The All-Sanctified, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified be He Who hath manifested the Manifestation of His Cause as He pleaseth, and caused Him to speak forth verses whereby all atoms were attracted, that all might be assured that He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Verily in the imprisonment of the Ancient Beauty among the nations and His establishment upon the Most Great Throne are signs for those who know. He spoke when cut off from all means, and delivered the Cause while in the hands of the oppressors. In tribulation He called upon the Lord of Names, in hardship He remembered the Lord of all beings, and in sorrows He summoned all in the contingent world unto the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath acknowledged, woe unto the deniers. Behold, O servant, how God seized those who cast the Tablet of God behind their backs and killed him who came unto them with clear authority. We sent forth the Wonderful One with authority from Us, and dispatched Him with a mercy from Our presence unto him who turned away from the Truth, that God's proof might be completed against him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When he appeared before him, he was seized with injustice and there befell him that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Therefore did God seize those in the lands and sent down upon them hunger and fear that they might awaken and be of those who repent. He awakened not at God's might; soon will He seize him with vengeful power from His presence. Verily He is the most severe of avengers. Nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His authority and decreeth what He pleaseth. Thus have We informed thee and imparted unto thee that which gladdeneth thy heart, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

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=== START BH04737 ===

The most ancient, most mighty, most bountiful servant Ghulam Qibl-Rida:

Glorified be He Who hath rent asunder the veil and manifested Him Who was hidden within the veils of the unseen and concealed throughout all eternity. Yet when He came with the truth, the people opposed Him and all in the land were troubled, save those who discovered the fragrance of the Beloved and turned to Him with illumined hearts. The Most Great Ocean hath surged in the name of the Ancient King, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. The eyes have been afflicted with the ophthalmia of vain imaginings, whereby they are prevented from beholding the face of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. All things have perished save His Face that shineth from this manifest horizon. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Vision, and blessed the heart that hath turned unto the Object of the desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Thy letter hath come before the Throne; therefore hath the Pen of Command moved to make mention of thee in this glorious Tablet. Give thanks for having attained unto the recognition of God and for having been mentioned in the Tablets. This is naught but a mighty favor. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize Thy Cause and for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy Self and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, on a Day whereon all creation hath been seized with the drunkenness of vain desires save those whom the hand of Thy favors hath delivered. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the affairs of the world shall not disquiet me, nor shall the veils of them that have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs hinder me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04738 ===

He is the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and He encompasseth all things. Say: O people, fear ye God and cut not asunder the strength of His Cause with the swords of your idle fancies. Fear God and be God-fearing in His religion. Eat of what hath been sent down unto you from the clouds of wisdom, the table of inner meanings, then detach yourselves from all that is on earth. Say: Today nothing shall profit anyone save that he turn unto God and be faithful to the Covenant. And thou, O Hadi, hear My call in this prison wherein I have remained alone, and I have taken for Myself no helper save God, my Lord and thy Lord, and I shall never take any, through God's might and power. Thus hath the matter in this Tablet been ordained by the Finger of the Spirit. Give thanks unto God for having ordained for thee what thou desired, and for not depriving thee of the wondrous tokens of His grace, for He hath ever been merciful unto His servants. Beware lest thou take anyone besides Me as thy protector, or as thy beloved. Be steadfast in the Cause, then remember Me at eventide and at dawn, and be firm in thy Lord's Cause. Then convey Our greetings unto thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of what God hath mentioned of her from the Holy and Glorious Pen. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon every faithful servant.

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=== START BH04739 ===

He is the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth, that they may be a guidance and remembrance for all the worlds. O people! Fear God and follow not the footsteps of Satan. Follow that which God hath commanded you in the Book and be ye of them that are assured. Deprive not yourselves of God's bounty in these days. By God! That which was never manifested in the worlds hath now been made manifest. Beware, O people! Fear God and shun that which ye have been forbidden by One wise and knowing. Do that which draweth you nigh unto God and keepeth you from transgression and wickedness. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin you, that ye may be of them that act. Behold the world and ponder upon it. Do ye find its morning like unto its evening? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Rather doth it change every moment, as ye yourselves do witness and are of them that testify. Despite this, doth it beseem the loved ones of God to turn unto it in such wise as to be distracted from the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Gracious? Say: O people! God hath created you for eternity. Beware lest ye choose extinction for yourselves and be of the lost. And thou, O servant! Arise to serve God and to remember Him, then detach thyself from all created things. God hath ordained in the Tablet for whosoever desireth Him a great good. Remember God, thy Lord, at all times, then turn the face of thy heart toward God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. And the glory rest upon thee if thou remainest steadfast in the love of thy Ancient Lord.

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In the Name of Him Who has arisen to the Cause with power and sovereignty! Glorified is He Who has sent down the verses in truth and made them clear evidences for all the worlds! Say: The fragrance of the garment has wafted through creation, yet the people remain in far-off heedlessness. The breezes of spring have blown in the days of God, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Say: O people, fear God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Today no one's proofs regarding the Cause are accepted except through their recognition of this Luminous Manifestation. Every proof has appeared for My name and every evidence to establish My Cause - blessed are they who know! Were anyone to hearken with the ear of innate nature, they would hear that the Beloved says: This is for the Best-Beloved of the worlds. O My loved ones! The Beloved, in lands of exile, remembers you and calls you to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Arise to help the Wronged One, for He has been afflicted with tribulations that none can comprehend save the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Were you to read what was revealed before in Iraq and other lands, you would know what condition I am in today, and your Lord, the True, the Faithful bears witness to this. We beseech God to aid you in serving Him and in arising to help His Cause, the Imperative, the Wondrous, the Manifest. Arise to the Cause in such wise that neither the barking of dogs nor the might of the oppressors disturbs you. Grieve not over anything - trust in God and speak through this Mighty Name. He aids whoever aids Him and ordains for him what He wishes. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst draw unto Thee the hearts of them that are sincere and the souls of them that are nigh unto Thee, that Thou withhold not Thy servants from entering the gate of Thy mercy and from gaining admission into the tabernacle of Thy grandeur and Thy favors. Make them then, O my God, to be among Thy exalted Letters between earth and heaven, that every soul may recount the Word through which all things were created and whereby arose the lamentation of the denizens of the Kingdom of Names. Then cause them, O my God, to know Thy Most Exalted Self in Thy latter Manifestation through the Name whereby the dark veils were rent asunder, and raise them up unto the heights of nearness and holiness and beauty that they may hear Thy melodies and witness Thy beauty and attain unto Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

O Mahdi! Be thou guided by the guidance of God and abandon the cup of extinction. Then take the cup of eternity in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Give to drink therefrom at times in My Most Exalted Name, and at times in My Name through which were scattered the pillars of the people of rancor and hatred, and again in My Name, the All-Forgiving, and yet again in My Name, the All-Merciful. Fear not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Appear with a radiant countenance between earth and heaven, then summon the people unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the highest heavens. Thus doth command thee the Youth from before God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Praise be to the King of the Throne and of all that lieth beneath the dust, and glory be unto the people of glory.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify at this moment that Thou hast ever been sanctified above the comprehension of them that comprehend, and exalted above the understanding of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. All created things bear witness to Thy singleness, and all existing things to Thy oneness. I beseech Thee at this moment by that Name through which Thou hast guided them that know Thee to the Dayspring of Thy revelation and inspiration, and drawn them that are sincere unto Thee to the shores of Thy grace and favors, that Thou leave me not to myself and my desires, nor keep me far from the shore of Thy nearness, nor deprive me from the sanctuary of Thy reunion and presence, nor bar me from the shore of the sea of Thy oneness. O Lord! Thou art the Rich and I am the poor, Thou art the Mighty and I am the lowly, Thou art the Possessor and I am the possessed. I have come before Thee in utter poverty and complete powerlessness, and I ask of Thee to shower upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purify me from all else but Thee and draw me nigh unto that station whereon Thou hast established Thyself upon the throne of Thy mercy and the seat of Thy bounties and favors. Then kindle within my breast, O my God, the lamp of Thy love in such wise that I cannot remain still within myself, and cause me to be stirred by the breezes of Thy will in such wise that I speak naught except Thy praise, move not except by Thy leave, and turn not except toward Thy direction. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Dear, the All-Choosing.

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CV

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Thou art He the excellence of Whose glory hath exalted them who are the sources of authority and honor, the potency of Whose might hath empowered them who are the fountain-heads of energy and strength, the dominion of Whose will hath elevated the exponents of Thy Cause above all that are in heaven and on earth, and the life-giving effusions of Whose Pen have quickened the souls of the denizens of the kingdom of creation.

I am he, O my Lord, who, wholly for Thy sake, hath turned his face unto Thee, and who, while acknowledging Thy power and Thy sovereignty, hath directed his steps towards Thy dearly-loved Sanctuary, and Thine adored and hallowed Court. In this state I have reached the City (Ba_g_hdad) wherein, in the full glory of Thy names, Thou didst reveal Thy self unto all created things. In it I have communed with Thy loved ones, and from the House within its walls I have inhaled the breaths of Thy holiness and perceived the fragrances of Thy fellowship.

Cast me not from Thy presence, O my Lord, neither do Thou drive me away from the shores of Thy love and Thy good-pleasure. For the poor can find no refuge unless he knocketh at the door of Thy wealth, and the outcast can find no peace until he be admitted to the court of Thy favor.

Magnified be Thy name, O my Lord, for Thou hast enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thine own Self, and hast caused me to be assured of the truth of the verses which have descended upon Thee. Empower me, I implore Thee, to cling steadfastly unto whatsoever Thou hast bidden me observe. Help me to guard the pearls of Thy love which, by Thy decree, Thou hast enshrined within my heart. Send down, moreover, every moment of my life, O my God, that which will preserve me from any one but Thee, and will set my feet firm in Thy Cause.

Thou art, verily, the God of glory, the God of power, the God of knowledge and wisdom. No God is there beside Thee, the Great Giver, the All-Bountiful, The Almighty, the Ever-Forgiving.

Praised be God, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling.

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CLXIII

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou seest how I have turned myself toward Thee, and set my face in the direction of Thy grace and Thy gifts. I implore Thee, by Thy name through which Thou didst enable all them that have recognized Thy unity to partake of the wine of Thy mercy, and all such as have drawn nigh unto Thee to quaff the living waters of Thy loving-kindness, to rid me entirely of all vain imaginings, and to incline me in the direction of Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of all men!

Graciously assist me, O my God, in the days of the Manifestation of Thy Cause and of the Day-Spring of Thy Revelation, to tear asunder the veils which have hindered me from recognizing Thee, and from immersing myself beneath the ocean of Thy knowledge. Hold Thou me with the hands of Thy power, and grant that I may be so carried away by the sweet melodies of the Dove of Thy oneness, that I will cease to regard in all creation any face except Thy face, O Thou the Goal of my desire, and will recognize in the visible world naught else save the evidences of Thy might, O Thou Who art the God of mercy!

I am but a wretched creature, O my Lord, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High; and I am all weakness, and Thou art the Almighty, and the Supreme Ordainer in both the beginning and the end. Withhold not from me the fragrances of Thy Revelation, and shatter not my hopes in the outpourings which have been sent down out of the heaven of Thy gifts. Ordain Thou for me, O my God, the good of this world and the world to come, and grant me what will profit me in every world of Thy worlds, for I know not what will help or harm me. Thou, in truth, art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Have mercy, then, O my God, upon Thy servants who are drowned in the midst of the ocean of evil suggestions, and deliver them by the power of Thy sovereignty, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and attributes! Thou art He Who from everlasting hath ordained what hath pleased Thee, and will unto everlasting abide the same. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Thou beholdest my perplexity, and the depth of mine anguish, and the agony of my soul, and the afflictions which beset me. By Thy glory! My heart crieth to Thee by reason of the things that have befallen my loved ones in Thy path, and mine eyes run down with tears for them who, in these days, have ascended unto Thee, who have cast the world behind their backs, and set their faces towards the shores of Thy transcendent mercy.

Clothe them, O my God, with the robe of Thy favor and the raiment of Thy loving providence, which Thou hast reserved for Thine own Self and woven with the hands of Thy manifold bounties and gifts. Give them, then, to drink, from the hands of Thy loving-kindness, of the cups of Thy measureless mercy. Cause them, moreover, O my Best-Beloved, to abide within the precincts of Thy court and around Thy most effulgent Tabernacle. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee.

And now I implore Thee, by the eternity of Thy Self, to enable me to be patient in these tribulations which have caused the Concourse on high to wail and the denizens of the everlasting Paradise to weep, and through which all faces have been covered with the tawny dust provoked by the anguish that hath seized such of Thy servants as have turned towards Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Inaccessible, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

All Thy servants, O my God, are occupied with their own selves, so great have been the troubles which, as decreed by Thee, have encompassed them on every side. My tongue, however, is busied in extolling Thy chosen ones, and my heart in remembering them that are dear to Thee and are wholly subject to Thy will.

Look not on my state, O my God, nor my failure to serve Thee, nay rather regard the oceans of Thy mercy and favors, and the things that beseem Thy glory and Thy forgiveness and befit Thy loving-kindness and bounties. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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VIII

Glorified be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou beholdest my dwelling-place, and the prison into which I am cast, and the woes I suffer. By Thy might! No pen can recount them, nor can any tongue describe or number them. I know not, O my God, for what purpose Thou hast abandoned me to Thine adversaries. Thy glory beareth me witness! I sorrow not for the vexations I endure for love of Thee, nor feel perturbed by the calamities that overtake me in Thy path. My grief is rather because Thou delayest to fulfill what Thou hast determined in the Tablets of Thy Revelation, and ordained in the books of Thy decree and judgment.

My blood, at all times, addresseth me saying: “O Thou Who art the Image of the Most Merciful! How long will it be ere Thou riddest me of the captivity of this world, and deliverest me from the bondage of this life? Didst Thou not promise me that Thou shalt dye the earth with me, and sprinkle me on the faces of the inmates of Thy Paradise?” To this I make reply: “Be thou patient and quiet thyself. The things thou desireth can last but an hour. As to me, however, I quaff continually in the path of God the cup of His decree, and wish not that the ruling of His will should cease to operate, or that the woes I suffer for the sake of my Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, should be ended. Seek thou my wish and forsake thine own. Thy bondage is not for my protection, but to enable me to sustain successive tribulations, and to prepare me for the trials that must needs repeatedly assail me. Perish that lover who discerneth between the pleasant and the poisonous in his love for his beloved! Be thou satisfied with what God hath destined for thee. He, verily, ruleth over thee as He willeth and pleaseth. No God is there but Him, the Inaccessible, the Most High.”

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He is the Imprisoned One

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how the Dayspring of Utterance hath been prevented from the wondrous expressions of Thy remembrance by reason of what the hands of the tyrannical ones among Thy servants have wrought, and how they have forbidden Thy loved ones, who have sought Thy face from diverse regions and countries, from attaining His presence. Among them, O my God, is he who hath purposed to attain Thy presence and turned toward the realm of Thy bounties, yet when he entered the

city he was forbidden from meeting Thee; and among them is he who was seized at the door and driven from Thy vicinity; and among them is he who remained in the open, turning unto Thee and awaiting Thy grace and favors. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name through which the rivers of hearts have been connected with the Most Great Ocean which surgeth before Thy face, to accept their turning unto the Kaaba of Thy presence and their orientation toward that Spot wherein Thy countenance hath shone. O Lord, forgive them through Thy generosity, then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and decree for them the good of this world and the next through Thy bounty and favor. O Lord, aid him who hath turned unto Thee, then raise him up before Thy face in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Generous. Then cause to succeed, O my God, him whom We have desired to mention in this Tablet and assist him to aid Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word. Then preserve him from the harm of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs, and inscribe him among the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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Prayer in praise of Mr. Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! Thou seest me in the claws of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and turned away from meeting Thee, after Thou didst counsel all in Thy Book and didst make a single word from Him to be above the Bayan and what Thou didst reveal therein of Thy verses. Thou knowest, O my God, that I stood firm in Thy Cause and spoke Thy praise in days wherein the back of the world trembled at the manifestations of Thy might and power. When Thou didst manifest Thy Most Exalted Cause through Thy Name, the Guardian over all names, and didst raise up the banner of Thy victory between earth and heaven, there emerged from behind the rocks a band of wolves who committed that which caused the dwellers of heaven and the people of the cities of names to lament. By Thy glory, O my God! They violated my honor and sought to kill me. When their scheming was exposed, they wailed like bereaved ones and cried out like one stung by a speckled snake. O Lord! Thou seest the tears of mine eyes and hearest the sighing of my heart. I beseech Thee, O Ancient Lord, by the Most Great Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and didst open before their faces the gates of bounty, grace and generosity, that Thou mayest acquaint Thy servants with that which they have neglected, then draw them near, O my God, to the ocean of Thy bestowal [and heaven of] Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest and the Guardian over those in the kingdom of creation. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of all things! Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose right hand is the kingdom of immortality! Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose command the Names are made manifest! Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose will all who are in earth and heaven appeared!

I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy revelation and Thine establishment upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth," and to Thy power which hath encompassed the kingdom of immortality. O my Lord! Thou seest one of Thy leaves who hath sought the tree of Thy utterance and hath left her homeland out of longing to attain Thy presence. The hands of Thy might and the hosts of Thy invisible realm did aid her until she arrived at Thy Most Great Prison and attained Thy presence and heard Thy verses and beheld Thy horizon. O my Lord! Assist her through Thy sovereignty and aid her through Thy bounty and bestowal. Then send down unto her that which shall endure as long as Thy names endure and the manifestations of Thy attributes. Verily Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest and the Ordainer of whatsoever Thou desirest. Moreover I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence to ordain for her every good thing Thou hast ordained for Thy branches and every grace Thou hast written down for Thy leaves. Then make that which she hath sent be adorned with the ornament of Thy acceptance and the glory of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Most Bountiful, the Powerful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Supremely Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be unto Thee, for verily Thou art the Goal of all worlds.

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O Haji Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer. Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand lie the realities of all existing things! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance, the manifestations of Thy power, the expressions of Thy might, and by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the power of Thy fingers, O Lord of all humanity and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust, to aid him who hath turned toward Thee and faced the lights of Thy countenance and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of reunion from the chalice of Thy grace, that he may celebrate Thy praise and glorification and serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest him clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and holding fast to Thy sure handle and the cord of Thy Cause, O Lord of all names! Ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then send down upon him that which shall be a light unto him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful. O Muhammad! The letter of the servant Abdul-Husayn hath come before Our presence and the servant present hath laid it before Us. We have answered him with a clear mention. We have witnessed his turning to Us and heard his praise. Thus hath the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surged and the fragrance of His mercy been wafted. We have sent down for him that which shall solace his eyes and the eyes of those who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, detached from all names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whom the oppression of the transgressors deterred not, nor did the might of the heedless prevent them from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol, and through Him hath God sent down the proof and made manifest the way. Whoso believeth in Him hath believed in God and His signs, and hath acknowledged His sovereignty and confessed His greatness and His glory. And whoso denieth Him is numbered among the wicked in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My raiment and art blessed with My call, say:

My God, my God! I know not in what land Thy call hath been raised, nor in what place the throne of Thy justice hath been established, and been honored by the advent of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants, and firm in the service of Thy Cause. By Thy glory, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Mine eyes profit me not if they are prevented from gazing toward Thy most exalted horizon, nor do I love mine ears except for hearkening to Thy most sweet call, nor doth my life benefit me if it is deterred from trials in Thy path. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me detached from all else but Thee, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, gazing toward Thy horizon, and drinking the choice wine of Thy utterance. Thou art verily powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Mirza Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God! He is established upon the throne of utterance. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the horizon of power is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol. Through Him the ocean of knowledge hath surged in the world and the luminary of proof hath shone forth amidst the peoples. He, verily, is God's balance among His servants and His path amongst His creation. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and held fast, and woe betide him who hath turned away and denied. O thou who gazeth upon the countenance! We have observed thy turning unto Us, and We have turned unto thee, and have answered thy call with this perspicuous Tablet, each letter of which proclaimeth sovereignty and dominion, grandeur and might unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the revelations of the Sun of Bounty from the heaven of Thy bestowals, and Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast illumined Thy earth and Thy heaven, and by Thy hand which when raised up did raise up the hands of all created things toward the heaven of Thy gifts and favors, to make me one of those who have not hesitated in Thy Cause and who answered Thy call when it was raised up in Thy days. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and destined for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling over

what was and what shall be. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

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O ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the One manifest from the horizon of eternity. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is, verily, the One mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged the Books of God and His Messengers, and whoso turneth away is of them that have perished. Say: He hath come with the truth and hath summoned all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. How many a servant hath heard and responded, and hastened unto the ocean of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious; and among them are such as have turned away from God and denied His verses and rejected His proof and pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice. We counsel thee and those who have believed even as We have counseled all in My Preserved Tablet: Abandon that which the people possess, then turn ye unto the Most Sublime Vision, the station wherein the Lord of Destiny hath proclaimed: “There is none other God but I, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan prevent you, or the allusions of those who are heedless of this momentous News withhold you. Say: This is the Day of Arising, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of remembrance and praise, were ye to understand. By God! The mention of a single mention from My Most Exalted Pen equalleth the worship of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. To this beareth witness the Lord of all creation in His preserved Tablet. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge surged forth as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!

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O Master Baqir the Carpenter in the City! He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! God bears witness that there is no God but Him and that this One Who has appeared with the name Husayn-’Ali is His splendor to those in the Concourse on High, then His radiance to those in the Kingdom of Names, then His power to those in the cities of light, then His manifestation and beauty to all the worlds. O servant! Preserve what God has testified of Himself, by Himself, to Himself in this Tablet, then recite it nine times each day according to the number of this Name by which the heavens of names were cleft asunder, then the earth of hatred was split, then the hearts of every sinful polytheist were troubled. O servant! Arise in the Cause of God with such steadfastness that all who are in the heavens and earth cannot make you slip - thus befits your station if you hear the melodies of your Lord in these days when all ears have been made deaf and were deprived of hearkening to the Word of God, save those who heard the mention of their Lord, the All-Merciful, from this Beauty Who has ascended the throne with a sovereignty that encompasses all the worlds. And if you wish to know what has befallen your Lord, know that all the evils of the first and the last have been sent forth in one soul, and it has risen against My

wronged Self, if you be informed of this. O servant! When you find yourself alone in your house, then remember My loneliness. And if you find sorrow in yourself, then reflect on My sorrows. And if you journey to other lands, then remember My exile and My tribulation. And if you see a prisoner with chains of iron around his neck, then remember My imprisonment and what I have suffered from those who have denied God and were far from the holy path. Would that My tribulations were only to the extent that We have mentioned to you! By Him Who holds Baha's soul in His hand, were I to mention what has befallen Me from the enemies in the innermost mystery, the heaven would be rent asunder, the earth would be cleft, the mountains would crumble, the trees would be stripped of fruit, and the seas of their waves. By God the Truth! If you were to clear your vision you would witness the denizens of the Supreme Paradise beating upon their heads, and were you to turn with another vision you would behold the Ancient Beauty having rent from His temple the cloak of patience. Thus does the Pen of the All-Choosing mention to you what has befallen Me from these wicked ones, that you may become seeing of the truth. But We have veiled the matter lest the veil of concealment be rent from all created things and the cry of those near to God be raised in the pavilion of mighty glory. And you, O servant, be content with Me instead of others and break not God's covenant and His testament, for besides Him nothing will suffice you - none denies this save every wretched polytheist. Then know that We have named your son in the Kingdom of Names 'Abdu'l-Baha. Therefore mention him by this name. By God the Truth! When this name issued from the tongue of your Lord, all who were immersed in the depths of names called out to him with this name, which was mentioned in the Mother Book by God Himself. And the Glory be upon you and upon those with you who have taken God as their Guardian. Then know, O Baqir, that We have named your son outwardly with the first pillar of My name, which is Husayn, and inwardly with 'Abdu'l-Baha. Thus was the matter decreed by the Pen of the Spirit.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Ja'far! He is the Mighty. God hath testified within His Own Self, unto His Own Self, before the manifestation of His attributes and names in the dominion of His creation, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. His is might and sovereignty, His is grandeur and grace, His is power and testing. He testeth whom He willeth among His creatures, and He is the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He it is Who hath sent forth the Messengers with truth that there is none other God but Him and that 'Ali is the Manifestation of His Self in what was and what shall be. Say: He is the King of Kings and the Merciful unto the servants. He distinguisheth whom He willeth with His mercy, and verily He is the Forgiving, the Compassionate. And thou, O servant, give thanks unto God for what hath been sent down unto thee - a Book inscribed. Verily it hath been sent down with truth for people who understand. Then remind others of what is therein, for it sufficeth thee beyond all who are in the heavens and earth, and guideth thee to the right-hand Mount in this blessed and praiseworthy spot. Say: By God, this is a detailed Book, detailed from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: The Holy Spirit speaketh in this polished and burnished breast, and calleth the loved ones of God to what was ordained in the Bayan, and this is an irrevocable decree inscribed by the Finger of Power upon a preserved and mighty tablet. Thus have We sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice

therein and be of those who warm themselves at the fire of God. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon every patient servant.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! God beareth witness, before and after the creation of all things, that there is none other God but Him. His are the grandeur and the power, the might and the sovereignty and the choice, and He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. Glorified art Thou, O King of existence and He Who sitteth upon the throne of manifestation in Thy praiseworthy station! I beseech Thee by those through whom Thy signs were spread throughout Thy lands and the fragrance of Thy utterance was diffused amongst Thy servants, to aid Thy loved ones and Thy friends to manifest Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance and to exalt Thy Word amidst all religions. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to the cord of Thy obedience and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. They have turned with their all unto Thee and desire to act according to what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets and Thy Books. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the rains of Thy blessings and favors were showered upon Thy creation throughout centuries and ages, to assist them in all conditions to remember and praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for the detached among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Then send down upon them that which shall profit them in this world and the next and forgive them through Thy bounty and generosity and Thy mercy which hath preceded all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. Thou art He Whom the doubts of the heedless and the signs of the opposers cannot hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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The Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O thou Muhammad-Sadiq! Upon thee be the Glory of God!

The Tongue of the All-Merciful hath testified of him who speaketh the truth, that he is indeed the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Symbol, and the Sealed Book. He hath appeared in truth, and He is the Rememberer and the Remembered, the Witness and the Witnessed. The Tongue of Eternity hath spoken amongst the nations, and the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, have proclaimed His Manifestation. Every Messenger sent with truth hath testified to Him, and every Prophet hath attained unto this Hidden News. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto the presence of God, and whoso hath turned away is accounted among the idolaters in the Preserved Tablet.

Thy remembrance was mentioned before the Wronged One. There hath been sent down for thee that which hath caused the hearts of the chosen ones to soar and all things to speak. The Cause hath come,

and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen. Convey My glorification to My loved ones who have cast away all else but Me and have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of My bounty, and say: By God! This is the Day wherein the Self-Subsisting hath come with His irrevocable decree. Beware lest anything withhold you from God. Verily, He hath appeared in truth and unto Him shall all return. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies. These are My chosen ones in My realms and My loved ones throughout My lands. Upon them rest My prayers and My mercy and My grace and My loving-kindness, which have preceded all created things. Praise be to God, the Lord of this Promised Day.

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O Nasru'llah Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Friend. Divine favors have been directed towards you and you have been engaged in the mention of God and service to His Cause. All matters are remembered before His presence and recorded in the Preserved Tablet. The reward of no one has been lost. Know thou the value of this exalted station and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. God willing, may the coldness of the earthly world not prevent thee from being enkindled, nor deprive thee from the eternal station. Know thou the value of this bounty and speak forth in praise and thanksgiving. The Tablets which you had requested in previous years and which were promised, were revealed in those same days until they were sent this year in the company of Mulla Muhammad-'Ali. Verily, He fulfilleth what He hath promised. The Divine Tablet has been and will ever be a helper and supporter in all conditions - that is, in life and death, in presence and absence. For the living it is the Water of Life, and for the dead it is eternal and abiding remembrance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God in his life and after his death. This is why the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath said that all exists for the sake of being mentioned but once in His presence. Therefore be thou grateful for thy Lord's favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth, for having honored me and granted me what I desired from the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Youth at the spot whereon the Most Great Ocean was established upon the Ark - in this are signs for them that are endued with insight - and for having heard with thine ears My call and turned thy face toward this Countenance, from which the faces of men have turned aside, save for a handful who have turned to thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Then thou didst enter once again this land, wherein every atom of its atoms lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen the Youth without clear proof or illuminating Book. Grieve not at this, for verily the Youth is in supreme joy and gladness. By God! He yearneth for tribulations in the path of His Lord even as the sinful yearn for the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. And the more intense

the tribulations become, the more doth the fire of His love increase - and thy Lord is witness to what I say. If thou shouldst meet My loved ones, glorify their countenances on My behalf, then recount unto them what thou hast known and learned and witnessed, that they may soar in the atmosphere of detachment and be severed from all who dwell on earth. Convey My remembrance unto Kamal and say: Be thou steadfast, then hold fast unto the Ark of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, for the waters of heedlessness have encompassed all lands - soon shalt thou find their inhabitants among the drowned, save whom thy Lord willeth, for He preserveth whom He pleaseth, and He is powerful over all things. Then make mention of Jim on My behalf, that the remembrance of the Youth may stir him and raise him to a noble station. Then remember My loved ones and thy kindred, all of them. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O leaf who remembers God and speaks His praise! He is God - exalted be His glory, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty. Blessed is the leaf moved by the winds of her Lord's loving-kindness upon the Sadratu'l-'Irfan as He pleases, manifesting through her such love for her Lord that her remembrance endures among all peoples. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

The splendor of God be upon you, O my mother, for having believed in God, remained steadfast in His Cause, and been among those firm in His love.

O my mother! Your letter has reached this servant, adorned at its head with the crown of the Most Great Name, beginning after mention of this servant with: "I am yearning, I am grieving, I am needy, I am fearful…" and so forth. This servant bears witness that you have ever been remembered, observed, present, near, honored, content, well-pleased, immortalized in the paradise of our Lord the All-Merciful's good-pleasure, and forgiven all sins by virtue of having turned to God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

Thereafter I presented the entire letter before the Throne of Oneness. The Sun of loving-kindness and favors rose and shone forth from its horizon, and a wondrous, sublime Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of the Lord of all worlds' grace. After perusing this clear Tablet, you will witness the divine favor and exclaim with both outer and inner tongue: "My spirit be a sacrifice for the wonders of Thy favors, O Beloved of the worlds and Goal of them that know, and O Thou in Whose mighty grasp lie the kingdoms of the heavens and earth!" Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The Servant

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O handmaiden of God, Fatimih Bigum! In the name of the one true Friend: The world hath been consumed by the flames of tyranny and oppression. Heedless souls have chosen transient ornaments

over everlasting bounty. The fair-minded are seen to be afflicted and oppressed at the hands of the oppressors. That which occurred in the land of Sad is a truthful witness to what We have mentioned. Blessed is the one whom the whisperings of the people of error did not prevent from the Self-Subsisting Lord. O handmaiden of God! Thou dwellest in thy place while the Wronged One of the world hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee. If thou wert to render thanks with all the tongues of the world, it would be seen as non-existent and null before this supreme bounty. Know thou the value of this favor and hold fast to the cord of His grace. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land - the bondsmaids of God - and We give glad-tidings to all of the mention of God, that they may all occupy themselves with praise and glorification in the days of His manifestation with the utmost joy and delight. At this moment the Supreme Pen maketh mention of thy daughter. How excellent is the state of one who in this divine Day hath drunk from the choice wine of His love and hath turned toward His horizon. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon him who was named Mirza and upon the servants of God and His handmaidens who have turned toward the supreme horizon when the Lord of all being came with clear sovereignty.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! The servant was present before the Wronged One with a letter in his hand, adorned with the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the one who has attained to the Divine Day and has recognized the Manifestation of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Such a one is regarded before God as more exalted and nearer than all who dwell on earth. We have heard the call of Nabil, upon him be My Baha. Praise be to God, he is successful in serving the Cause and is speaking in remembrance of the Wronged One. We, from this spot, send Our greetings to him and to the loved ones of God in that place, and to every steadfast and firm servant. Likewise, thy call has reached the ears of the Lord of Names. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to achieve that which is acceptable in the sight of God today. Ye have been among those whose mention hath been made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Know ye the value of this lofty and most exalted station, and preserve it in the name of God, exalted be His glory, lest the hints and veils of the heedless and the opposers cause you to slip from and be barred from the straight path of God. And We make mention of the people of Sisan who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. These have attained unto the Word of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. All are mentioned before the Throne and are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Glory be upon him who wrote thy letter, and upon thee, and upon them, and upon all who have grasped the hem of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! Upon thee be My glory, My remembrance and My mercy, then the praise of all things at all times. We have read thy letter before Us and heard thy cry and supplication at thy remoteness from the Dawning-Place of Lights. Be patient and do not bewail thy plight. Be content with that which God hath ordained for thee.

He, verily, is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. It behooveth thee to bear all hardships in the path of thy Beloved, Who hath loved thee more than thou lovest thyself, as doth testify the Tongue of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Hast thou not seen My tribulation, My injury, My affliction amidst all creatures and these wicked ones? Follow then the ways of thy Lord, and among His methods is the suffering of His well-favoured servants. By God! Were there any worth to this world, I would not have committed Myself into the hands of these evil ones, nor would I have borne an atom of hardship. Say: Take heed, O ye who are endued with insight! Let nothing grieve thee. Stand firm as an immovable mountain in the Cause of thy Lord. He is with thee and will preserve thee in truth by His command. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling. Walk thou in My footsteps in such wise that nothing shall sadden thee, even should the arrows of tribulation rain down upon thee from the clouds of the hearts of the wicked ones. Rend asunder the veils by the sovereignty of God and His command, that the sun of the remembrance of thy Lord's name might shine forth upon the hearts of His servants, both small and great. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth so that nothing may disturb thee and thou mayest remember thy Lord in the evening and the dawn.

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In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! The divine nightingale winged its flight from the heavenly garden to this mortal world, and for a few days, perched upon the branches of time, warbled its soul-stirring, melodious notes. Then it soared to its ultimate goal. Verily He knoweth its return, its origin and its destination. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Those songs and melodies brought assurance to the faithful and increased the fear of the treacherous. Therefore the sword was drawn and trembling seized all the tribes, and most of those souls who had turned to the most exalted horizon attained martyrdom and quaffed the deadly poison as though it were spirit-giving honey in the path of the Friend. And when the Luminary of the horizons illumined the horizon of Iraq, no voice was raised from any direction, and no movement was observed from any body. All were found to be dead or withered while living, and were concealed behind veils from the severity of the days and the wrath of men. When these things were witnessed, We arose to promote the Cause - an arising after which there was no sitting down. And when, through divine power, the banners of the Most Great Remembrance were raised upon the highest station of the world, the buzzing of flies emerged from behind the veil. Verily thy Lord knoweth what befell the Temple of the Cause at the hands of the oppressors. God willing, they must in all conditions exert their utmost endeavor, that perchance weak souls may drink from the wine of steadfastness and turn to the most exalted horizon.

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He is God, the Most Supreme, the All-Glorious!

The Morn of eternity hath dawned, and the Dayspring of guidance hath shone forth. Rejoice then, O people of guidance! Remember God, O companions of piety! Will ye remain seated in your places, O beloved ones, turning not your gaze, and directing not your steps toward the fields of love? We shall be

content with this if ye are content. Hearken, then, to that which the Nightingale of joy singeth from the melodies of the Dove of Revelation, that which remindeth you of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

Know ye that your Lord God endureth and vanisheth not, and He hath never forgotten you nor will He ever forget any one of you. He hath informed you of all that hath befallen you and all that hath been ordained. “We shall surely try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives and fruits.” Read ye this blessed verse that ye may discover the mysteries of God that have been sent down, that ye may not grieve over that which hath befallen you, nor despair of the Spirit of God in that which hath touched you. Put your trust in Him in your inmost hearts, then remember Him with your tongues, and turn to Him with your hearts. Let not trials prevent you from His love, nor afflictions bar you from His nearness, for all this shall pass away before your eyes can turn back to you, and sovereignty remaineth with God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Compelling.

I end these words with that which the nightingale of Hijaz sang in the mode of Iraq, that ye may increase in love and yearning and longing, and that ye may be patient under that which hath befallen you from the arrows of hypocrisy:

If the arrow of tribulation cometh, lo, here are hearts as its target;

And if He bestoweth the pearl of grace, lo, here are hearts as its shell.

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O Friend! A tablet hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne for him who was named Ibrahim, that he might be mindful through the remembrance of God, the Most High, the All-Wise. He is the Wondrous One in the most glorious horizon. Glorified be He Who sendeth down verses for people who understand! Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him. This is a Book wherein a servant of God is remembered, that he might rejoice within himself and be among those who are mindful. O servant! Forget not thy Lord in these days, but remember Him in thy heart and with thy tongue, and be not of those who understand not. Follow the religion of God, thy Lord - and verily its foundation and origin is this Cause which hath appeared with the truth with manifest sovereignty. Leave the mention of people and what is among them, and take hold of the remembrance of God by His command. Verily, there is no God but Him. He createth what He willeth through His word “Be!” and it is. Grieve not over the world and what hath befallen thee therein, for it shall soon perish in the coming days, and sovereignty will remain with the countenance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Trust in all matters in God, thy Lord, and He will send down for thee what hath been ordained for thee in a preserved and mighty Tablet. Be steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, and be not troubled in the hour when the feet of the servants are shaken from this exalted and extended Path. Thus have We commanded thee with truth that thou mayest be mindful of what thou hast been commanded in the Book and be among those who remember through the remembrance of God.

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He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This servant of Thine spent his days heedless of Thy beauty and remote from the holy precincts of Thy oneness, until his days reached the stage where old age overtook him and he returned to the most feeble time of life, such that his hair turned white, his limbs trembled, and his members shook. However, O my God, since he believed in Thee through Thy First Beauty, whom Thou didst distinguish above Thy servants, making Him the Seal of Thy Prophets, the Beginning of Thy Chosen Ones, a Light in Thy lands, and a treasure and honor for Thy trusted ones - therefore Thou didst make the end of his days the beginning of Thy days, and the ultimate attainment of his maturity the attainment to the Manifestations of Thy unity and arrival in the precincts of Thy oneness. Therefore, O my God, waft over him from the Ridvan of Thine eternity the breezes of Thy essence and the winds of Thy oneness, that he may know the mysteries of Thy uniqueness in the temples of Thy detachment and acknowledge Thy Later Beauty just as he acknowledged Thy majesty in Thy First Beauty. Then raise him up, O my Beloved, from the graves of heedlessness and gather him among the company of the unitarians in the gardens of Thy exalted spirits, that he may witness with the eye of his heart the lights of the might of Thy sovereignty in the dawning-places of the holiness of Thy eternality, until he becomes certain of Thy greatest signs and the most resplendent garments of Thy Being in Thy Most High, Most Exalted Beauty, and submissive to all that He brought in the kingdom of creation and the dominion below, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of the sovereignty of the heavens and earth, and Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth in the Most Exalted Companion, and Thou art powerful over all things.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing Expositor! The Promise hath come, and He Who is Promised declareth: O thou who art mentioned before the Throne and who standest before the Face! If today a single word were to appear from the treasuries of the love of God's chosen ones, the ignorant ones of the earth would arise to extinguish the lights of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai. For a time, silence must needs be observed. Mirza Baqir, who is now called Sadr'ul-'Ulama, once attained Our presence in Iraq. Verily, We found him bereft of knowledge and wisdom. Later in the land of Taff he became an associate of Siyyid Muhammad. What he heard thereafter is evident. By God's life, it was and is not worthy of mention. Siyyid Muhammad, Hadi and he were not with Us and are ignorant of the root of the Cause. Likewise, Ibn-i-Mas'ud met Us but once. These souls have been mentioned and counted in the Book of God by the Divine Pen as being like the narrators of Jabulqa and Jabulsa and the realm of falsehood. Glory be to God! What were the signs of the Manifestation, and from where did the Qa'im appear? Say: O people of the Bayan, speak with justice and fairness. Do not again afflict the helpless people with vain imaginings. Today the Finger of Power hath rent asunder the veils of glory and removed the coverings. Be not occupied, like the former people, with tyranny, oppression and the shedding of blood. These have taken vain imagination as their lord instead of God. By My life, they were and are deprived of truthfulness and sincerity. The foul odor of deceitful souls hath altered and destroyed the cities of truth and purity. Praise and thanks be to God that such souls who are the dawning-places of hypocrisy in the world have not entered the luminous garden of inner meanings. In times of fear they are

the first to deny, and in times of security the first to believe. The life and conduct of such souls is an eloquent witness and truthful testimony to their falsehood and hypocrisy. For were they truthful, they would have attained martyrdom. Nay, by God! They were not and are not worthy of this station and deserving of this most great favor. He who hath been named Sadr'ul-'Ulama without merit partaketh of the king's salt, yet from head to foot manifest signs of his ingratitude are evident and visible. In the mosque and in the presence of the divines he is counted among the defenders of religion, while before the government authorities he is mentioned as being of that party. Strange it is that to this day the government authorities have not recognized such souls. Night and day they are occupied with deceit and cunning. They led Ahmad Kirmani astray through false accusations that caused the lamentation of truth and the wailing of justice to be raised up, yet His Excellency the Deputy, despite being informed, issued no judgment in accordance with justice. You and the fair-minded know that Dawlat-Abadi and Mirza Baqir Isfahani - who without merit was named Sadr'ul-'Ulama - are the instigators, and each day they are occupied with digging pits for the government and these wronged ones. God will soon reveal what is in their hearts through His exalted Word in the Surih of Luqman: "If it be the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth…" to the end of the verse.

O thou who art remembered before the Wronged One! This is the Day wherein hidden things shall be made manifest. The treachery of the eyes and the secrets of the hearts have been and shall be revealed. Blessed are the fair-minded ones! For forty years this Wronged One hath held the reins of affairs and summoned the people of God to tranquility, dignity and love for the sovereign, taking from them a firm covenant that they would not, under any circumstances, molest anyone in the dominions of His Majesty the Sultan - may the All-Merciful assist him - even should the heedless tear them asunder, piece by piece. A clear witness and faithful testimony to this is the recent incident in the land of Yazd, where the steadfast and assured souls folded their arms while those bereft of justice and fairness cut seven souls to pieces, then stoned them, then extracted their pure and holy bodies from beneath the stones, set them aflame with oil and burned them, and then commanded the Jews to carry away their bones and cast them into pits. Glory be to God! First they seized whatever worldly goods they possessed. Verily, such tyranny was manifested as hath had no parallel from the beginning of the world until now. Then they martyred His Eminence Khalil with the most grievous torment. They have drunk of the blood of the monotheists in such measure as neither the Tigris nor the Euphrates, neither the Oxus nor the Sihon can equal.

O son of Abhar! Say to the Greater Nabil and Fadil: By the life of God! The cord of divine prevention hath bound their mighty hands, and the chain of the firm decree of the Lord hath held them back from aggression. In the early dawn, the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy passed over what remained of those bodies, and from their rustling was heard that which caused tablet and pen to weep. Some of these wronged ones had no mother to weep and lament for them; therefore did the Mother of the Bayan lament and the Mother of the Book weep. Have the tyrannical souls not yet awakened? Say: O people! Hold fast to justice and fairness, and cling to the hem of God's religion. Religion is a manifest light and an impregnable fortress for the protection and preservation of the people of the world. How excellent was that which was formerly spoken:

Whatever thou seest save His love - that is religion, paint it in thy heart;

Whatever thou findest save God - that is an idol, break it to pieces.

O son of Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! Today the people of Baha must cleave unto unity and concord, and through wisdom and utterance adorn the people of the world with the light of justice and fairness. Glory be to God! Until now His Majesty the King hath not become aware of the good intent of this Wronged One, though the people of God are well aware of it. This Wronged One hath, in most of His Tablets, made mention of His Majesty and hath beseeched from God–glorified be His mention–justice for him and sought fairness on his behalf. We beseech the Most High at this moment to illumine him with the light of justice which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, shall endure. It is hoped that His Majesty the sovereign will consider the Covenant of this Wronged One as binding. That which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen cannot be effaced, nor will it be altered by the passage of time. The Book itself beareth witness to this in this glorious and resplendent station. O son of Abhar! We beseech God in these days to sanctify and purify the gatherings of His loved ones from the hypocrites, and to illumine and adorn them with the light of power and certitude, that perchance the world may be illumined by this brilliant and radiant light. This is the Day of steadfastness and the Day of utterance. The pearls of wisdom and utterance and the gems of knowledge and understanding have appeared and continue to appear from the mine of man. Blessed is he who hath forsaken all else, holding fast unto My Strong Cord. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book.

O son of Abhar! The ocean of divine utterance is seen to be surging, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are so radiantly manifest that the eyes of those near unto God fall short of beholding them. Beseech the True One that He may cause the people of Baha to appear in such wise that none shall find occasion for turning away or objecting. That which is the cause of supreme joy in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court is that in these days, when various factions in Iran have each clung to that which is contrary to the government, the people of Baha, through God's grace, have held fast to the cord of patience and clung to the hem of resignation. No act that would cause mischief or give rise to discord hath appeared from them, despite the fire of oppression that was kindled in the land of Ya and the smoke that encompassed the land of Ta. Would that the government were aware of the intention and commandments that have been sent forth to all regions from the heaven of the will of the Most Exalted Pen. The people of Iran had no educator and reached maturity without training. Therefore their badge and garment have been and continue to be ignorance and discourtesy. Say: O people! The first ornament for the temple of man is courtesy. Hold fast unto it and be not of the heedless ones. In the Tablet of the World, the degrees and stations of courtesy have been revealed and sent down from the heaven of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto. Verily it is among the pearls of the shells of this mighty ocean. Well is it with him who hath witnessed, seen and acted according to that which was commanded in the Tablets of God, the Lord of the worlds. Should anyone ask thee about the Glory, say: He is under the claws of hatred; and should anyone ask thee about the Ark of God, say: It is amidst the waves. By God's life! We behold the lamp amid the winds. Despite the afflictions that have befallen Us and the calamities that have descended and encompassed Us, the tongue of grandeur in the prison speaketh forth with manifest verses, and the Most Exalted Pen moveth in remembrance of the loved

ones. The loved ones and leaves in that land have been and are remembered in the court of the Wronged One. In accordance with the requirements of wisdom, We have concealed their names. Say: This is the day of steadfastness, this is the day of triumph, and this is the day for the appearance of the gems of human meaning from the mine of man. We beseech and implore God that He may protect the Hands of His Cause and make them manifest with that which beseemeth His days and adorn them therewith. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In truth I say: whosoever appeareth today with the light of supreme steadfastness is recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book as being of the company of the exalted ones.

As to those in the land of whom thou didst make mention, We have heard and hearkened. The friends in that land occupy the first rank in the Divine Book. We fervently hope that in that exalted land vain imaginings will not spread and that all may be illumined and attain unto true divine unity. We are with Our loved ones, We hear and see, and verily We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. All the friends of that land have been and are remembered in the Most Holy Court. Adorn thou kindred T and A with the essence of divine glorification and say: Verily, We are with thee in all conditions. The fruits of the tree of man are trust in God and steadfastness. Hold fast unto these through a command from God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Each one of the friends must be as firm and steadfast as a mountain and must regard the opposers and deniers as non-existent. If someone attains unto the station of hearkening to the Most Exalted Word, they should convey it. If it is accepted, the purpose is achieved; if not, contention is vain. We beseech God to aid the people of Baha in that which conduces to unity, concord, love and fellowship. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In these days, due to the absence of hearing faculties, silence is preferable until such time as God creates another people - a promise from Him. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Ere long shall the pavilion of divine glory encompass the world. O people of God! These sublime words and resplendent verses were previously revealed specifically for one of the friends. It is beloved that the people of Baha should recite them in a state of detachment and devotion, that they may attain unto that which diffuses the fragrance of acceptance. Command and judgment are in the grasp of God's will, the Lord of all worlds.

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

The essence of praise and glorification and the reality of thanksgiving and laudation befit the Most Holy and Exalted Court of Him Who is the Possessor of all existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, Who hath caused innumerable books to bow down before the ranks of letters, and through the hosts of words hath raised the banners of verses in the precincts of hearts and minds, and hath manifested the ocean of knowledge before the faces of all religions through the waves of wisdom and utterance. Through one point from the brocade of the Book of Grace He shed light upon the world; the trees and fruits spoke with most eloquent utterance the blessed word "The All-Merciful hath come." Through one drop from the ocean of His mercy bestowed upon the lands of existence, the fruits of knowledge and wisdom and the mysteries of truth and recognition became manifest and evident. His is the grace and power, His the grandeur and authority. The might of the world could not weaken His strength, and the power of nations could not prevent His authority. In all conditions He spoke "The Kingdom is God's, the Most High." The cawing of the crows and the clamor of the transgressors could not prevent His will, nor impede the influence of His purpose. Despite the rancor of the divines and the might

of rulers, the Supreme Pen moved in the nights and days, speaking these sublime words in most eloquent language:

My God, my God! Thou hast lit the lamp of Thy Cause with the oil of wisdom; protect it from contrary winds. The lamp is Thine, the glass is Thine, all things in heaven and earth are in the grasp of Thy power. Grant justice to rulers and fairness to divines. Thou art the One Who, through the movement of the Pen, hath aided Thy conclusive Cause and guided Thy loved ones. Thou art the Possessor of power and the King of might. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory! Convey to his honour 'A.T. a most holy greeting from the Wronged One, sanctified from the defilements of the world. We have once again made mention of him, that he may detach himself from all else save God and hold fast to the cord of the Most Great Steadfastness, and cling to that which God hath ordained. O 'Attar! Upon thee be My glory! Convey greetings and salutations to all the members of that household. All are illumined by the fragrances of divine revelation and the sweet-scented breezes of inspiration. Of the Tablets thou didst request, some have been sent, and others will be forwarded later. In these days, the matter of mention and writing hath reached such a pass that time hath become like the philosopher's stone for the scribes present. The remembered and the non-existent are alike. Make mention of the other friends who are scattered abroad. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Mighty, the All-Giving. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness and the light radiating from the direction of My grace be upon thee and upon those whom doubt hath not prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. [At the end of the Blessed Tablet is written: "These pages were sent down as revealed by command. Send back their copy, O Ziya."]

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O Mulla Ramadan, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Manifestation! The Call of God hath been raised, yet most of the people hear not. The Most Exalted Pen hath moved, yet most of the people understand not. The horizon of the All-Merciful hath been illumined, yet the people see not. Vain imaginings have held them back, and they perceive not. Blessed is the one who, with strength, hath rent asunder the veils in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. And blessed is the one who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be. How many a servant hath been prevented by idle fancies from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and how many a servant hath cast away the world, turning unto the horizon of Manifestation, bearing witness to that whereunto God, the Sovereign over the seen and unseen, hath testified. We have indeed revealed the clear proofs and informed the people of what hath appeared and what shall appear hereafter. To this beareth witness this sealed Book which calleth out amongst mankind and uttereth in every state that there is none other God but Him, the One Who, through His word "Be", and it is, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. When thou hast attained unto My verses and been seized by the wine of the choice nectar of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Thy call hath drawn me near, and Thy nearness is my hope and desire, and Thy separation hath consumed me, and Thy remoteness hath destroyed me. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and the signs of Thy

Dominion, and by the Point through which Thy Books and Thy Scriptures were differentiated, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking forth Thy praise, and holding fast to Thy Covenant and Testament. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious! The heaven hath been raised up by this Name, whereby the hearts of the wicked were agitated when the Caller called out. A herald cried: “Hath the Desired One come?” It was said: “Yea, by the Beauty of the Worshipped One, with proof and evidence!” Say: “Today your idle fancies will profit you not. The Hidden One hath appeared through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they who possess insight!” They who hesitated - these are the companions of error, by thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: “Beware lest ye hesitate in a Cause unto which the hearts of them who are endued with understanding have hastened. This is He through Whom eyes were cheered and the horizons were illumined. Were it not for Him, the Ancient Beauty would not have appeared and the Tablets would not have been sent down.” Say: “The Bayan is but a leaf from among the leaves of this Divine Tree. Thus hath the All-Merciful testified in the Book.” It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call, to say: “Yea, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the dominion of earth and heaven!” We have manifested the Cause in such wise that it hath encompassed all who are on earth. To this beareth witness he who possesseth knowledge of both the hidden and the manifest. Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne, for having turned unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower, and having turned away from them that disbelieved. By My life! Thou art of them that have attained unto the presence of God in the final return. Rejoice thou in God’s remembrance of thee and glorify Him with praise at morn and eventide. We are in the hands of the enemies. None knoweth what hath befallen Us from both factions save thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The door hath been opened and what was to come forth hath come forth. Understand thou the tone of these words. This is what ye were promised in the Tablets.

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O Jinab-i-Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Speaker. We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books to give the glad tidings to mankind of this Day, which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. But when the appointed time came and the dawn of the Day appeared, all who were on earth turned away from it except those whom God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise, willed. Among the people were those who turned away from the Countenance, and among them were those who pronounced judgment against the Wronged One with manifest injustice. We have borne for the sake of God that which no one before Us hath borne - to this every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify. Thou art he who hath followed thy Lord and borne tribulations in this straight Path. Beware lest the might of men prevent thee from Him Who holdeth all power. Thus doth the Prisoner command thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the

thankful ones. By the life of God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal a particle of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names - to this thy Lord, the All-Informed, doth testify. Say: O my God and the God of the world, my Lord and the Lord of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, at Whose appearance all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, and all in the kingdoms of Command and creation were shaken, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy Cause, through which the feet of most of Thy servants have slipped. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One and I am the supplicant at the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee, whereof Thou didst give glad tidings through the tongues of Thy chosen ones in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy! From the horizon of tribulation hath dawned the Sun, upon which hath been inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen: “The Prison belongeth unto God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.” The moon of idle fancy hath been eclipsed, when the Self-Subsisting appeared with the standards of His signs. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast cast away idle desire and taken that which was commanded thee from the presence of God, the Cleaver of Dawn. This is not the day to tarry. Be thou as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Originator of all creation. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin thee from the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Should anyone inhale its fragrance, he would perceive from this Shirt the sweet savors of holiness through which the breaths of the All-Merciful have wafted throughout all contingent being. Grieve not today at what thou seest, the people turning away from God. Soon shall the standards of victory be raised upon the highest pinnacles. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. These are verses by which the hearts of them that are endowed with understanding are attracted. By My life! Were their fragrances to pass over the hardest rock, it would cry out at the highest pitch between earth and heaven: “Glory be to God, the Mighty, the Compelling!” O Servant! Hearken unto the Call from the Sacred Shore in the Crimson Spot, from the Supreme Pen: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and God’s gaze hath turned toward it, as a favor unto thee and unto His righteous servants. Thou hast attained all good through having turned to the Intended One on this Day whereon the Dove hath warbled and eyes have been gladdened. Preserve thou the Tablet, then read it in a spirit of fragrant joy. And the splendor be upon thee from thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

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O Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God!

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

All things have been thunderstruck by the Call of God save those whom the hand of grace hath seized. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. To this all things bear witness, but the

people understand not. The world hath been adorned with the ornament of justice, yet the people perceive it not. Every thing hath testified to that which God hath testified - that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Face of God, and blessed are the hands that have been raised to the heaven of His grace, and blessed is the eye that hath been honored to behold His glorious and beloved countenance. O thou who gazeth upon the Face, give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and for having caused to shine upon thee such lights of the Manifestation as have bewildered the hearts of those who have inhaled the fragrances of revelation - verily they are honored servants. We testify that thou hast turned toward Him and drawn nigh unto Him and hast heard the call of the Wronged One in this forbidden prison. Thou wert in the presence of the Throne for successive days. Return now to thy place by the command of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. If thou findest in anyone the fragrance of the love of God and His chosen ones, convey to him My greetings. Say: O My loved ones! Let not the deeds of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, cause you grief. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness. By My life! All shall perish and sovereignty belongeth unto the King of Kings. Thus have the breezes of revelation wafted that the dwellers of the graves might arise thereby. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath acknowledged this glorious station.

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Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! I am the one who hath sought the good pleasure of Thy will, and directed his steps towards the seat of Thy gracious favors. I am he who hath forsaken his all, who hath fled to Thee for shelter, who hath set his face towards the tabernacle of Thy revelation and the adored sanctuary of Thy glory. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy call whereby they who recognized Thy unity have sought the shadow of Thy most gracious providence, and the sincere have fled far from themselves unto Thy name, the most exalted, the all-glorious, through which Thy verses were sent down, and Thy word fulfilled, and Thy proof manifested, and the sun of Thy beauty risen, and Thy testimony established, and Thy signs uncovered, – I beseech Thee to grant that I may be numbered with them that have quaffed the wine that is life indeed from the hands of Thy gracious providence, and have rid themselves, in Thy path, of all attachment to Thy creatures, and been so inebriated with Thy manifold wisdom that they hastened to the field of sacrifice with Thy praise on their lips and Thy remembrance in their hearts. Send down, also, upon me, O my God, that which will wash me from anything that is not of Thee, and deliver me from Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thy signs.

Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. No God is there beside Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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To Hakim Aqa Jan

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Thy letter was presented before this Wronged One in this Most Great Prison and was read by the servant in attendance, and We make reply with this perspicuous Book.

God grant that through His bounteous favours thou mayest quaff from the living waters of certitude and fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon. The call of the Burning Bush hath been raised and the light of Sinai hath been revealed. Every eye that hath been anointed and illumined with the collyrium of the knowledge of God doth indeed behold His effulgences and perceive the shining light of His countenance reflected in all things.

This is the day whereon all eyes can gaze upon the beauty of the All-Glorious, a day which hath neither peer nor equal whether in the past or in the future. It behoveth thee, then, to engage at all times in the praise of Him Who is the Desire of the worlds, for He hath aided thee to hearken unto His Word and to recognize His Self. At a time when most ears are deprived of hearing the sweet voice of the All-Merciful and most eyes prevented from beholding the light of His countenance, do thou treasure and magnify this grace!

Praise be to God, thy letter was received and the reply sent down from the empyrean of divine bestowal. The names thou hadst mentioned were called to mind and remembered in His presence. Glory be to thee, to thy brother, Elias, to thy kindred, to thy son who hath been guided aright by the light of His Lord, and to all that have believed in God, the Incomparable, the All-Informed.

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O Haj Nabil Qabl-Husayn! In the name of Him Who dominates over what was and what shall be! We have adorned creation with the mention of Our Name, Whom We sent aforetime to give glad tidings to the people of this hidden Mystery. Indeed He warbled upon the branches with diverse melodies, with this mighty, forbidden Remembrance, and gave glad tidings to the servants of the Most Great Name, and called out to all from the Mount of the Bayan: “Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!” The Bayan and all within it was made dependent upon My acceptance, and all was made but a leaf among the leaves of My Ridvan. Yet when We unveiled Beauty from the Dawning-Place of Glory, heedless souls objected to Us. Say: O people! By God, were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have appeared and the verses of God, the Mighty, the Loving, would not have been revealed. Through My Name was the Bayan adorned and the beauty of the All-Merciful appeared in creation, if ye would understand. Thus have We caused thee to hear the cooing of the Dove of Justice and the rushing of the winds of grace, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that none in existence shall deter thee. Stand firm then in the Cause and guide the people through this Most Great Name. Thus doth command thee He Who dominateth the seen and the unseen. Grieve not at anything, for thy Lord is with thee and heareth what proceedeth from thy lips in His remembrance and praise. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Purify the breasts through My Name that dominateth all names, and illumine the hearts through this ordained Remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the knowledge of God in this promised Day.

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Afnan, His honor Haji Mirza Buzurg, upon him be all the most glorious Glory. He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and thy call, and mentioneth thee in this perspicuous Tablet, and beareth witness that thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thy tongue hath attained to confession, thy heart to turning unto Him, and thy face to orientation toward God, the Lord of the Final Return. We make mention in the Persian tongue: The world hath been debarred from the recognition of the Lord of Names through vain imaginings and fancies. Consider the vain imaginings of the former people - how they were all deprived of the lights of the Dayspring of Manifestation and the Voice of the Speaker on Sinai. All must beseech God - glorified be His majesty - to preserve this people through His grace and not deprive them of the effulgent lights of the Sun of certitude. Great is this Day and mighty this Cause. Until they pass beyond the gulf of names, they shall not enter the Most Great Ocean. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having shown me the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgent lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation, and for having brought me before Thy presence and caused me to enter the gate of the city of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst subdue the cities of knowledge and understanding, and through which the fragrance of Thy garment was wafted among all religions, to make me steadfast, articulate and oriented toward the service of Thy Cause, Thy remembrance and Thy praise. Then inscribe for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

The springtime of the All-Merciful hath appeared and by it the trees have been made verdant. Glorified be God Who hath manifested it in truth! Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Turn ye, O people, unto the mercy of God and His grace, and tarry not in this Most Great Cause. This is God's Cause, from times past and for times to come. Fear ye God and be not of them that slumber. We have manifested the Cause and blown the Trumpet, whereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth swooned away, save them whom We upheld with a power from Our presence and preserved through a command from Our side, and I am the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O people of Baha! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have drunk the choice wine of praise when God came with a manifest sovereignty. That which no one can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been ordained for you. Be not disturbed by the people and their clamor. Be at peace through this bounty which hath encompassed the worlds. Hasten with your hearts unto the shelter of the Beloved. He will verily protect you in truth - He is indeed the One with power over all who are in the heavens and earth. Thus doth the Most Great Ocean overflow, and the rains of grace pour down, and the Sun of bounty shine forth from this luminous horizon. Turn ye with radiant faces unto My most exalted horizon. By God! Whosoever turneth unto it,

the Concourse on High will assuredly pray for him. This indeed is a mighty favor. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of understanding from the cup of thy Lord's bestowal, turn thou toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was in the prison of the oppressors.

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He is the One with power over what was and what will be. The signs have appeared and the evidences have emerged and the Promised One has come in His Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He is indeed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He has appeared from the horizon of the world and summons all peoples unto God, the Ancient Lord, but the people do not hear. Their desires have veiled them in such wise that they hear not the call of God nor see His praiseworthy station. Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, in that ye have rent asunder the veils, despite those among creation who denied God's favor after its revelation and followed their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. We show them the horizon of certitude but they turn away from it, and We cause them to hear the cooing of the Dove but they hearken not. The Pen of Revelation remindeth them at all times but they remember not. They follow the ignorant and call them learned ones. Nay, they understand not. Those who cannot distinguish right from left lay claim to knowledge and through it have waxed proud before the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: By the Lord of creation, ye are but ignorant flocks from whom your very limbs and members dissociate themselves, yet ye perceive it not. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace. He is with those who have turned toward Him and have attained the Choice Sealed Wine. Soon shall the idolaters behold their abode in the fire, while those who believe in divine unity shall dwell in God's kingdom, Lord of what was and what will be. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison, as a mercy from Him upon thee and upon those who soar in the atmosphere of love.

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O Siyyid Mahdi Tabataba'i, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who watches over His loved ones.

The Wronged One was walking in the house and gazing upon things and the mysteries of the Revelation concealed within them. One of My Branches presented himself and We bade him read thy letter. After hearing it, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names turned toward thee from the prison and revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of utterance throughout contingent being and the sweet-scent of the All-Merciful amidst all religions. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Wronged One and testified to that which God Himself hath testified - that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having heard my call and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having answered me with that which hath shed abroad the fragrance of Thy loving care and grace. O Lord! Adorn my heart with the seal of servitude unto God and my breast with the word "sovereignty belongeth to the Sovereign." O Lord! Thou seest me turning

toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord of all being! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Self-Subsisting Name not to disappoint me of Thy sealed wine, and by Thy Name the All-Bountiful not to deny me the outpourings of the Day of Return. O Lord! Thou seest the drop seeking the ocean of Thy grace and the atom the sun of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the mysteries that lay hidden in Thy knowledge to forgive me through Thy generosity and bounty and to ordain for me that which shall cause me to attain unto the word of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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O Khidr! O Mirza Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger! I was walking in [the prison], contemplating the verses of God and His sovereignty and His evidences and His grandeur and His power, when the servant in attendance entered with thy letter and read it before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book which speaketh before all faces that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We observed thy devotion and turned unto thee, and heard thy call and revealed for thee that which cannot be equaled by what is in the world nor by the remembrances of the nations. He in Whose possession is a mighty Book beareth witness to this. We beseech God to forgive thee and thy father and thine uncle as a grace from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The ocean of forgiveness hath surged in the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and hearest My call, turn thy face toward the House and say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me when I was heedless, and remembered me when I was silent, and awakened me [when I was] sleeping, and taught me when I was ignorant. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the repositories of Thy wisdom, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that the cawing of the cawers and the clamor of the transgressors shall not deter me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

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In the Name of the All-Seeing One from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

That which hath caused all the Books of the world to bow down hath been revealed, and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. This is a Day wherein God hath manifested Himself unto the people of Baha even as He manifested Himself on Sinai unto Moses, son of ’Imran. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe betide the heedless! Is there any possessor of hearing who heareth My call, and is there any possessor of sight who beholdeth My horizon, and is there any possessor of hands who taketh hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise? Heedlessness hath encompassed those on earth by reason of that which their hands have wrought without leave from God, the Ancient Commander.

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have sent down for thee that which causeth the hearts of them that are nigh to soar and the realities of the sincere to be drawn forth. When thou hast known and heard, turn toward the Kaaba of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, and say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise for having enabled me to turn toward Thee, and unto Thee be glory for having acquainted me with Thy announcement, and unto Thee be thanksgiving for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I testify in this my station, by Thy bounty, O God of Names, and by Thy generosity, O Sovereign of kings and princes: O Lord! Thou beholdest me between the hands of the heedless among Thy servants and the oppressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by the mysteries concealed within Thy knowledge and treasured within Thy Book to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in arising to serve Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

The verses have been sent down from this heaven which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and the clear tokens have appeared from this Station which hath been illumined by the lights of the Face of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. All creation hath been shaken when the Hour came, and the decree hath been fulfilled from before God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. We behold the sincere ones in the Most Glorious Paradise, and the idolaters in the lowest depths. Verily thy Lord ordaineth as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The world hath been illumined with the lights of the Ancient of Days, and all things cry out: Hasten, O ye concourse of the seen and the unseen! This is a Day that shall not be followed by night, this is a Light that shall not be succeeded by darkness, this is a Certainty that shall not be assailed by doubt. Blessed the one who hath attained through his turning, and blessed the wealthy one whom riches have not withheld from God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. He who hath attained on this Day is, before God, his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, among the companions of the Crimson Ark, and he who hath been prevented is among the most remote of creatures in a hidden Tablet. We have found thee turning unto Him Who is the Object of all existence, and have revealed for thee this Tablet and sent it unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness and cleave unto this outstretched Path. Beware lest the might of the wicked frighten thee or the hints of every rejected ascetic disturb thee. Soar in the atmosphere of detachment by thy Lord's leave, the Lord of Names. This is what shall profit thee in this world and the next. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! The heaven hath spoken: “The Lord of Names hath come!” The Dove hath warbled: “The Lord hath appeared with His Most Glorious Name!” And the pebble hath cried out: “The Kingdom belongeth to the Lord of Attributes!” All things have voiced the remembrance and praise of God, yet most people remain in doubt and discord. The Most Great Ocean hath surged and spoken in the name of the Ancient Lord, yet most nations are as the dead. We call them to the Kawthar of life, but they have turned away from it, having followed vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul that hath been kindled with the fire of God and hath not been hindered by the veils of the people of hypocrisy. Such souls are of those whose names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen and whose mention hath been recorded in the tablets of their Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Thou hast adorned thy tongue with My remembrance, thine eyes with beholding My verses, thy heart with turning toward My direction, and thine ears toward the Dawning-Place of utterance. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance and distinguished thee in this Day wherein eyes are solaced. Read thou the verses of thy Lord and turn not unto those who follow their desires and deny God, the Lord of Lords. Soon shall We seize them as We seized those before them. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. Forget not My favor and consort not with those who have turned away from the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of glory. Glory be unto those who have quaffed the wine of detachment in this Day wherein the Lord of creation proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath appeared with majesty and power!”

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The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious!

The Dove hath cooed and the birds have warbled this Name whereby the faces of the wicked were darkened and the faces of the near ones were illumined when the Hour arrived and the All-Knowing appeared. Intoxication seized the dwellers of earth save those who held fast to this firm Cord. Say: This is a Day wherein no one’s faith profiteth him except through this Great Announcement which hath been mentioned in the Tablets of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The All-Merciful hath testified at the heart of creation that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Exalted, the Single, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Among the people are those who have turned to God and those who have turned away from this manifest grace. Say: O people, the world and all that is therein shall pass away. Fear God and follow not every remote learned one. This is a Day wherein the Dawning-Place of knowledge hath appeared, did ye but know. Remember when We sent Our messengers - the people opposed them and clung to what they possessed of idle fancies and images. Say: This is a Day the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen. Abandon what ye possess and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from the Lord of all beings. Cast the idols behind you, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of revelation and given thee glad-tidings through this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord’s utterance, the All-Sufficing, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Peerless. Verily Glory be upon the people of Glory who have attained unto this Cause which was the hope of the sincere ones.

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O Yusuf Khan! He is the All-Powerful, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of land and sea and Observer of Thy Most Great Scene! I testify to that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, that Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified from the mention of Thy servants and exalted above the praise of Thy creation. Every possessor of grace hath testified to Thy oneness and every possessor of knowledge to Thy singleness. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward the horizon of Thy bounty and directing himself to the lights of the Sun of Thy gifts. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the luminary of the heaven of Thy wisdom to make me in all conditions detached from all else save Thee, gazing toward Thy direction, holding fast to the cord of Thy favor and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the breath whereby hearts and souls were attracted, in such wise that they hastened to the river of Thy nearness and drank from the choice wine of Thy love, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that whereby my mention may endure among Thy servants. Thou art He before the manifestation of Whose might the very essence of power hath bowed down and every possessor of strength hath submitted to the operations of Thy strength. O Lord! Aid me to act according to Thy good-pleasure and to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Thou art He Whom the happenings of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of nations frighten. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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O Afnan, his honor Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is sanctified from all that hath been said or shall be said! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all created things and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all possibilities! I beseech Thee by the tears from the eyes of them that love Thee, and by the yearnings of the hearts of them that long for Thee, and by the fragrances of Thy verses and the sweet-scented breezes of Thy days, to protect us from those who speak that which would cloud the pure wine of Thy knowledge and alter the crystal waters of the Salsabil of Thy utterance. How many a servant, O my God, do we see who claims association with Thee yet speaks that which would rend the veil of Thy glory before Thy creatures, supposing himself to be of those who are righteous in Thy days. Nay, by Thy glory! Rather he hath corrupted Thy Cause and spoken that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones and the near ones among Thy loved ones to burn with grief. We testify, O my God, that he who speaks today without Thy good-pleasure and contrary to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Tablets is more harmful than those who denied Thy proof and disputed Thy signs and turned away from Thy Self and disbelieved in the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. O Lord! Aid us to remember and praise Thee and to do as Thou hast commanded us in Thy Tablets. Thou art He Who hath made clear the proof and shown forth the way and sent down for Thy loved ones that which sufficeth them apart from all else, drawing them nigh unto Thee and distancing them from aught besides Thee. I beseech Thee to assist us in that which Thou hast

commanded us outwardly in Thy Book; then ordain for us what befitteth our relationship to Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him Who is Sanctified above all mention

Say: O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the yearning of them that are near unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the sighing of them that long for Thee in Thy days, to cause me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken before the creation of Thy heaven and Thy earth. O my Lord! Aid me in Thy Cause in such wise that the veils of the world shall not prevent me from turning to Thy face, nor shall the doubts of the nations hinder me from standing firm in Thy Cause. O my Lord! All created things have testified to Thy power, might and strength, and all contingent beings have acknowledged Thy grandeur, dominion and sovereignty. Who is there, O my God, whom Thou hast rendered deprived when he turned to the ocean of Thy bounty, and who is there, O my Beloved, whom Thou hast forsaken when he held fast to the cord of Thy grace and the hem of the robe of Thy favors? I bear witness, and all existence both seen and unseen beareth witness, to Thy tender mercies and bestowals. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thee and Thy days, and to aid me to stand firm in this Cause whose loftiness, exaltation and greatness have been attested by the Books, the Scriptures, the Psalms and the Tablets. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of the Most Great Name, and I am the poor one, possessed of great poverty. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace which hath encompassed the earth and the heavens. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of all worlds, the Ultimate Goal of the hopes of them that yearn, and the Ultimate End of the purpose of them that seek. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Say: O My City! Be not grieved at that which hath befallen thee from those who have scorned to worship thy Lord and have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon shall the banners be raised within thee in My Name, and God shall exalt those who have been visited by tribulation in this mighty Cause. Afflictions have encompassed those within thee, that what We promised them in Our perspicuous Book might be made manifest. We make mention of My loved ones in My City - they who have fulfilled My Covenant, have turned their faces toward My countenance, have taken hold of My Book, have soared in the atmosphere of My love, have drunk the choice wine of utterance in My Name, and have spoken amongst the servants with My remembrance and praise. They are under the glances of My loving-kindness which have preceded all worlds. We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause whereby all who are in the heavens were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the

Almighty, the Powerful. A letter from S hath come before Our presence. We have read it and found from it the fragrance of steadfastness. This indeed is a great victory. He hath glorified and praised his Lord with sublime utterance. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory of Baha be upon him for having made mention of this wronged Baha in this mighty prison. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast migrated unto God, for having departed from My City and turned thy face toward My countenance until thou didst enter this noble station. Rejoice thou in this most great favor, then render thanks unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all in the heavens and on earth.

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O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. The Supreme Pen hath at all times made mention of the loved ones of God and continueth to do so. At this moment it hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy signs, the Source of Thy Command, the Treasury of the pearls of Thy wisdom and the Heaven of Thy knowledge. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, Thy loftiness and Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst bring the contingent world into being, and by the power of Thy Pen, and the potency of Thy Will, and the manifestation of Thy Purpose, and by the ocean of Thy knowledge whereon sailed the ships of Thy might by Thy leave and command, that Thou make me detached from all else save Thee and assisted in serving Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest the lowly one seeking the ocean of Thy glory and the weak one the horizon of Thy power. I beseech Thee not to deny him what he seeketh from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O my Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance and to stand before Thy throne, or to decree for me through Thy bounty the reward of attaining Thy presence. Then cause me, O my God, to be so steadfast in Thy Cause that neither the tempests of allusions nor the storms of doubts shall move me. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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His honor Muhammad Kh., upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning and devotion. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto this supreme testimony, with which the Kingdom of heaven cannot compare. This is the most great favor and the most exalted and upright station. Thou didst intend to visit the true House and wert successful in circumambulating it. For long periods thou didst stand at the gate and wert engaged in service. Thus doth My tongue bear witness for thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Thou must, with the utmost striving and endeavor, and with wisdom and utterance, engage in

spreading the divine mention and verses. Verily He will assist thee and manifest for thee what hath been ordained for thee. He, verily, is the True Informer, the Trustworthy.

We make mention of and glorify all the friends in those regions. That honor should give them all the glad-tidings of divine favors, that all may arise with the utmost eagerness and joy to the mention and praise of God and may preserve their stations. By My life and by My life, for each one of them a great station hath been ordained. Blessed are the souls who in the divine days have attained and become cognizant of their stations. Verily My Most Exalted Pen hath guided all to the path of God and taught all what beseemeth His days and informed all of what hath been ordained for them. Joy unto him who hath heard and recognized and preserved, and woe unto the heedless. The Glory from Us be upon thee, O thou who hast attained and visited and circumambulated the Most Great House of God and returned by His binding and wise command.

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The wife of Hasan-Aqa - in the name of the Beloved of all horizons, the Most Exalted Pen hath mentioned and continueth to mention His servants, male and female, and inviteth all in this luminous Day to the ocean of inner meanings. Blessed is the state of the one who hath heard His call and turned to that which He hath willed. Today is the day of pure deeds and the manifestation of steadfastness. God willing, thou shalt attain to both. How many souls waited for this day, yet when the lights of the dawn of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of meanings, all were found to be veiled and turned away, save whom God willed. The Most Exalted Pen declareth at all times: “O My servants! Abandon all else but Me and turn to My horizon. By My life! Conjecture cannot take the place of certainty, nor can words stand in lieu of deeds. Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which I have commanded you, from this unlettered Youth Who calleth all to God, the One, the All-Informed.” Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Sender down of manna and quails! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of creation, to enable me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause, whose greatness and transcendence all atoms have testified to. O my Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee and desired to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Accept then what I have desired, through Thy generosity and favor. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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In the name of the knowing God! The Most Exalted Pen calleth unto God and summoneth all unto Him. Its shrill voice hath never ceased to be raised, and from it the living waters have unceasingly flowed. O people of God! Take ye in the name of the Friend and drink thereof. By the life of God! Whosoever attaineth unto it hath been freed from the troubles and hardships of the world and hath been united with the mercy of the Lord. Today the traces of the Pen are bright and manifest as the sun, and the fruits of the Tree are visible and evident, and yet the doubts of the followers of passion and desire have withheld

the servants from the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he whom the clamor of the heedless ones and the hints of the deniers and the might of the aggressors have not kept back from the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-places of inspiration. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed especially for thee. Every possessor of a sense of smell can detect from it the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the utterance and is numbered with them that are firm. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor which shall endure as long as the names of God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking forth Thy praise and remembrance, and arising to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am weak and Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. I am poor and Thou art the Wealthy, the Powerful, the Great.

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O Zayn, upon whom be the Most Great, Most Holy Splendor of God! This is the Book of Baha unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Names, that He may make him steadfast in the Cause in such wise that he will speak forth, both secretly and openly, that which hath been commanded by his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Arise in the Cause in such wise that the might of the oppressors shall not deter thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of Days. Should anyone ask thee of Baha, say: Verily, He hath sacrificed His spirit in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and while in the Most Great Prison, He calleth the peoples unto the Mighty, the Chosen One. He hath been so enkindled with the love of God that the oppression of those who disbelieved in God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, did not prevent Him. The more affliction increased, the more He increased in remembrance and utterance until He filled the horizons. Can anything prevent Him from the remembrance of His Lord? Nay, by Him Who controlleth the winds! Can the vicissitudes of time sadden Him? Nay, by His Most Great Appearance! Know this, O ye who are endued with insight! The ocean of joy hath surged in His Name and the rivers have flowed through His remembrance, O ye who are possessed of understanding! Be thou of a single, radiant and illumined countenance in the Cause of thy Lord. Thou art among those who have attained unto the meeting with Him and whose name hath been mentioned in the Tablets. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom in all matters. Thus doth the Lord of the Manifestation command thee from the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. When thou hast received this Tablet, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Pen my remembrance hath flowed forth, after I was in the prison of the wicked. All glory be unto Thee and unto those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Forgiving.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! The Book of God hath been sent down in truth from the direction of the Throne. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And verily it is the Ancient Beauty amongst the nations and a sign of the All-Merciful unto all who dwell in the realm of

possibility. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from this luminous Kawthar. By My life! Whosoever drinketh thereof shall never thirst, and whosoever entereth therein shall never depart, throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of the worlds. O My loved ones! Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved. By God! The ocean hath surged through My Name, and the fragrance hath wafted through My remembrance, and the Sun of Revelation hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. Beware lest remembrances hold you back from your Lord, the Chosen One, or veils prevent you from that which your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, hath desired. Cling ye to the hem of grace and hold fast to this firm cord. Verily, it calleth you at all times unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful. This, verily, is a great bounty. Whosoever is moved by the fragrances of the garment in the days of God - he is of the sincere ones. And whosoever halteth and turneth away - he is of the dead. Be grateful that the Beloved remembereth thee and hath intended for thee what was intended for all the worlds. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Make my heart in all conditions to turn toward Thee, and my tongue to make mention of Thee, and my face to be illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and every limb of my body to incline toward the direction of Thy bounties and the dawning-place of the lights of Thy oneness. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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O Haji Siyyid Ibrahim, upon whom be the glory of God, uncle of Haji Siyyid Javad! In My Name, Who speaketh from My most exalted horizon:

The Book of God speaketh the truth, and the Bayan proclaimeth, and behind them both the Mother Book crieth out, saying: “O people! Follow Him Who hath come with power and sovereignty. Beware lest ye deny the Truth through what ye possess. Hearken unto His call, then hasten unto Him. This shall enrich you and profit you.” To this doth testify He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Siyyid whose name is Ibrahim! He who hath loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in a Tablet with which no scriptures or tablets can compare. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the tokens of My Pen, for having turned toward My horizon, and for having acknowledged that which hath been sent down in My Books. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. They have forsaken their God and followed every heedless doubter. Having drunk from the Euphrates of My mercy through the Pen of My loving-kindness, say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having adorned my head with the crown of Thy utterance and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book to open before my face the door of Thy bounty and to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous.”

The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the Lord of all men.

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=== START BH04801 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaketh from the Burning Bush, Who is established upon the throne of Manifestation

The Book of God speaketh the truth, yet the people remain heedless. The eye of creation hath never beheld the like of their condition. The wine of idle fancy hath so seized them that they have been prevented from recognizing the Lord of all beings, Who speaketh before all faces. He Who was hidden in knowledge and promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath come. This is the Day whereon My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken from the Most Sublime Horizon, and wherein the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised, yet the people know not. This Day they have cast away what is with God and taken what their own selves and desires have commanded them. Thus have their souls enticed them to turn away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O people, be fair in your judgment regarding this Light through which the worlds of inner meaning and utterance have been illumined, and through which the door of divine presence hath been opened before all who are in earth and heaven, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the highest branch of divine knowledge. By God! The Object of all being hath come, at Whose manifestation the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, hath smiled. Say: That which ye possess will profit you not this Day. Leave it for whosoever desireth it and take what ye are bidden by the All-Bountiful One. This is better for you, did ye but know. Say: Cast aside the mere droplet and hasten to the Most Great Ocean which calleth out before the faces of all peoples: “Might and power belong unto God, the Lord of all worlds!” Thus hath the Pen spoken as a grace from Him unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!”

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In the Name of Him through Whom the gates of divine knowledge have been opened before all who are in the contingent world!

The Book of God speaketh forth from the most exalted station before the faces of all humanity. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned toward Him with manifest humility. We were seated upon the throne and, gazing in all directions, beheld thee advancing toward Our horizon. We make mention of thee with that which hath enraptured the hearts of those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath heard My call; and thine eye, for it hath attained unto My traces; and thy heart, for it hath been illumined with the light of My knowledge; and thy hand, for it hath taken hold of My perspicuous Book. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful.

Say: O concourse of the earth! The call hath been raised in your midst, and the verses have been sent down unto you, and the gates of bounty have been opened before your faces. Hasten, and be not of them that tarry. This is the Day which ye were promised aforetime by God, the True, the Faithful. Cast aside what is with the people, for the Self-Subsisting hath come unto you and summoneth you unto this Wine which calleth out, saying: "O friends of God and His party! Turn ye unto that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of the heedless." When thou hast drunk from the hand of My favor the cup of My loving-kindness, say:

My God, my God! Thou beholdest me speaking forth Thy praise, seeking refuge in Thy presence, and hastening to the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me from Thy Pen that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! My tongue, both outward and inward, beareth witness to Thy oneness and singleness, Thy power, Thy grandeur, and Thy sovereignty. I ask of Thee that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity, the ocean of Thy bestowal, and the sun of Thy grace. Wilt Thou, O my God, deny this seeker who hath sought the ultimate goal beneath the pavilions of Thy greatness, and disappoint him after he hath acknowledged Thy grace which hath encompassed all things? Nay, by Thy glory! I bear witness in this moment that Thou hast never disappointed those who have hoped in Thee, nor turned away those who have sought Thee. Thou hast taken their hands with the hands of Thy power, delivered them from the pit of vain imaginings through Thy will and purpose, and given them what they desired from the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the affairs of Thy creation have never frustrated. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Single, the One, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

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O 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. The Book of God standeth before the faces of all who speak, and in every moment proof and evidence are manifest. A herald calleth out from the direction of the Throne and summoneth all who are on earth to the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the soul whom neither the chains of men nor the clamor of the wayward have kept back from the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. O people of God! Count ye as precious this time and strive that ye may gain a portion from the effulgent lights of this Revelation and attain unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. In this day the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise are all engaged in praise and thanksgiving to God, inasmuch as the lights of His Revelation have encompassed all things. Were but a single melody from the melodies of the people of Paradise to reach the ears of the servants in these days, all would find themselves wholly detached from all else save God and would set their faces toward the most sublime summit and most exalted horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of bounty and bestowal, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy Will and the potency of Thy Purpose and the scratching of Thy Pen to ordain for this servant of Thine that which will draw him nigh unto Thee and profit him in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all beings and the

Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH04804 ===

In the Name of the One True God

O Haji [Mulla] Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! The Book of God at all times summoneth the peoples of the earth unto the Most Exalted Horizon with the loudest call. Today His mercy hath encompassed all, and the Sun of His grace shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of His Will, and the light of His justice is radiant. Yet the heedless servants remain deniers and turn away. Glory be to God! They behold the signs yet deny them, they hear the call yet turn aside from it. In this day the Mount Sinai crieth out "The Manifestation hath come!" and the Divine Lote-Tree giveth to all the glad-tidings of That which hath appeared. Yet the people remain heedless and veiled. At this hour thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, wherefore this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor and dispatched unto thee, that thou mayest drink therefrom of My sealed wine.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in remembrance of me, whereby my name shall endure through the eternity of Thy Most Beautiful Names. O Lord! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the heaven of Thy grace, and ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one seeking the heaven of Thy bestowals and the weary one yearning for the ocean of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy power and Thy sovereignty and Thy majesty and Thy might, that Thou wilt not disappoint me of that which I desire from the heaven of Thy bounty and the Sun of Thy generosity. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH04805 ===

In My Name, the Strong, the Trustworthy

The Divine Book is occupied with the mention of the friends at eve and at dawn. Today the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark must hold fast to that which causeth the exaltation and elevation of the blessed Word. All must regard time as precious and cleave unto that which is befitting.

O My leaf! Hearken unto My call. Verily it draweth thee to My Kingdom and maketh thee know My manifest and straight path. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, for having illumined the heart of Thy handmaiden with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto her that which hath drawn her nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the Sun of Thy Manifestation to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy glory and Thy majesty and Thy power and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the One Who

hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have desired naught save the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee once again, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Adored One of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, to ordain for me the most great steadfastness whereby neither the oppression of Thy servants nor the tyranny of those who have disbelieved in Thy days and turned away from the horizon of Thy Revelation shall prevent me. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the nations hath not frustrated, nor have the veils of them that have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment hindered. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! This is a Book We have sent down in truth unto him who hath turned his face toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, in days wherein the mountains of vain imaginings were scattered and perturbation seized the servants who were debarred from this praiseworthy station. Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have taken it and read it, and have answered thee with this decisive Book that thou mayest thank thy Lord and arise to make mention of Him amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Protector over what was and what shall be. As to what thou hast asked concerning the honored stone - whether it be copper or lead or something else - know thou that it hath been called by all names, but most people understand not. The people’s intention regarding copper was not the copper of the common folk, nor their lead, nor their gold. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have sent down concerning this knowledge diverse epistles in an eloquent Arabic tongue and a lucid Persian language, and We have sent thee that which will make thee independent of every possessor of knowledge and wisdom. Read it and ponder upon it, that thou mayest find the knowledge of thy Lord encompassing those who are in the heavens and on earth. We do not desire that any of the loved ones occupy themselves with it. Rather, it behooveth thee and those who have believed to make your chief concern in these days the remembrance of God and the promotion of His decisive and wise Cause. His love is verily the supreme elixir and the most glorious crown, whereby the base metals of hearts are transformed into pure gold. Thus have We explained for thee what thou didst seek from the bounty of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

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He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Wise from the heaven of Command unto him who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed. When thou hast drunk from the cup of fidelity the Kawthar of eternity, render thanks unto thy Lord and make mention of the Wronged One Who hath arisen to establish the Cause through His

Name, the One Who ruleth over the worlds. By God! I arose to establish the Cause in days wherein hearts were troubled and souls lamented by reason of the assault of wrath, as attesteth He with Whom is a glorious Book. By the life of God! Every confessor denied, every manifest one became hidden, every dweller fled, and every tranquil one was seized with fear from dread of those days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He whom the heedless had taken as lord besides God would flee from land to land and from place to place. Then when the Cause was made manifest he came forth and pronounced judgment against Him through Whom the Trump was sounded, the Standard of the Manifestation was raised, and the Straight Path of God appeared. By God! He could not speak in the presence of the Face and was as one of those who circled round the Throne, yet Satan led him astray and made him to be among the perishing ones. Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest be possessed of insight from God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Blessed art thou for having held fast unto that which is right in this mighty Cause. Aid thy Lord through wisdom, make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My care, and My gracious remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

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He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down in His praiseworthy station, and which summoneth all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come, and He cannot be indicated by the indications in the books of earth, nor by what the Daysprings of existence have uttered. He cannot be known except through Him, nor can He be described by what hath been sent down to the Sources of knowledge. Verily, He is the Book which the Tongue of Grandeur hath described and named the Preserved Tablet, wherein have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be. Blessed is every one who hath turned towards Him, whom the veils of creation have not withheld, and every assured believer who hath heard and responded to the Lord of the Invisible and the Visible. We have sent down the verses and expounded therein all things, yet the people understand not. They have cast the Book behind their backs and have taken the books of fancy from the daysprings of idle imaginings. Say: Be fair, O people of the earth, concerning this Cause at whose appearance bodies and souls were made to tremble. Blessed is the fair-minded one who hath cast away tyranny and spoken the truth when the Speaker of Sinai came. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of hearts with the light of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath recognized and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords!” Glory be upon those who have cast the world behind their backs, turning unto the Most Great Name, Who came with the truth and proclaimed: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

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He is the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath quaffed the choice sealed wine and drawn nigh unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. He is

among those who have arisen to aid the Cause and have striven in God's path - His manifest and straight Path. O Ba! Thy letter hath arrived and the Wronged One hath heard thy call on a day when the people turned away and denied God's proof, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have mentioned thee before and sent thee pearls of wisdom and utterance from this Most Great Sea. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. O Alif! Hearken unto the call from the direction of 'Akka - it draweth thee to His praiseworthy station. O Qaf before Ra! Give thanks to thy Lord, for He hath aided thee to be steadfast and hath manifested through thee that which caused the Evil One to lament. We counsel thee and those who have believed to wisdom. Blessed is he who hath cast tyranny behind him, holding fast to My manifest justice, and blessed is he who hath cast oppression behind him, holding fast to fairness - he is of those brought nigh. And joy be to him who hath shattered the idols of corruption and shortened matters to the reformation of the world and what lieth therein - he is of those who have aided God's Cause, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have cast away transgression and indecency and taken hold of righteousness and piety from the presence of One Who is wise and informed. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not broken God's covenant, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is the One speaking with truth! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who believed in God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting - he who departed from his homeland, advancing toward the Most Exalted Homeland, the Station wherein was raised the Call from the Ultimate Tree. The sovereignty belongs to God, the Mighty, the Loving. O Zayn, hearken unto what is mentioned to thee by the Lord of Creation, Who came from the heaven of proof with a manifest evidence. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst turn toward the Dawning Place of Revelation, and His irrevocable decree took hold of thee on the path, and thy death was ordained as a command from God, the Lord of existence. Verily He doeth what He willeth and shall not be asked of what He hath willed, while all shall be asked of all things. We beseech God to ordain for him the reward of those who attained the presence of the Countenance and were blessed to hearken to the call of their Lord, the All-Protecting over what was and what shall be, and the reward of those who circumambulated the Throne and drank the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of bounty and stood before the Gate that was opened unto all who are on earth and in heaven. Thus hath spoken My Most Exalted Pen in its praiseworthy station. O Abu'l-Qasim and O Ibrahim! We have made mention of your father in such wise that his remembrance shall never end, throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My remembrance - verily he is of the people of the Most Exalted Paradise in the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance and the light radiating from the horizon of the will of the All-Merciful be upon him and upon you both and upon those who heard the Call and responded to their Lord, the Speaker, the Rememberer in the Frequented Fane.

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O ’Abdu’r-Rahman, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling–He Who hath raised up the heaven of utterance as a command from His presence and hath sent down therefrom that which hath attracted the hearts of those who have drawn nigh, those whom the affairs of men have not kept back from the Most Sublime Vision. They have taken hold of the Book of God with a power that neither the might of the world can weaken nor the ascendancy of them that have denied this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day can prevent. O concourse of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. He hath indeed come with the truth with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. We have indeed read what thou didst compose in praise of God, the Object of the knowledge of the mystics. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto acceptance and hast spoken that which hath been honored with acceptance before the Ancient Commander. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and sent down unto me from the clouds of Thy bounty that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the splendors of the morn of Thy Manifestation and by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, to open before the faces of Thy loved ones, through the key of Thy grace, that which shall gladden their eyes and tranquilize their souls. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded His wrath and Whose generosity hath encompassed Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty which hath encompassed all existence to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love and a helper to Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH04812 ===

He is the One Who appeared on Sinai

A Book sent down by the Lord of the Manifestation to him whose letter came before the Wronged One when He was in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. O Asadu’llah! Hear the call from the illumined Holy Land, from the right side of the Crimson Spot - verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He has appeared and manifested what He willed as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He came with the hosts of inspiration, but the manifestations of vain imaginings turned away from Him - verily they are in manifest loss. Thy letter came before Our face and We found from it the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of all worlds. We read it and make mention of thee with that which will not be altered by centuries and ages. The Book of God in this exalted and glorious station bears witness to this. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having guided me and made me recognize Thy Most Exalted Horizon, and adorned me with the traces of Thy Most Glorious Pen, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call when it was raised between earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, to make me detached from all else save Thee,

clinging to Thy Most Strong Cord. O my Lord! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy love such that neither the clamor of the transgressors nor the croaking of the heedless ones who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and committed that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy grandeur and the tabernacle of Thy glory to lament, shall prevent me. Then ordain for me that which will draw me near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH04814 ===

O Mulla Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of might. This is a Book sent down by the King of the Kingdom to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. They who have held themselves back from this Cause are indeed in manifest doubt. The denizens of Paradise and they who dwell within the pavilion of glory, who remember God throughout the night and day, at every morn and eventide, have disowned them. Say: O people! Believe in God and follow not your idle fancies. Deal fairly with that which hath been manifested in truth, and be not of the wrongdoers. This is a day wherein the pavilion of utterance hath been raised to its loftiest station. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and be not of the heedless. On this day the Herald hath called out from every direction: “The King is come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.” Verily the Ocean hath testified to the truth, and the Sun proclaimeth: “He Who was hidden within God’s knowledge, the Lord of the heavens and earth, hath come.” Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth when He had left the House and taken up His abode in this glorious spot. We have revealed a command from Our presence and made mention therein of them who have believed in God, the Incomparable, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the remembrance of God and His love, and woe betide the heedless. The resplendent Light shining forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon the people of Baha, whom neither the deception of any deceiver, nor the craftiness of any schemer, nor the derision of any derider, nor the opposition of them who have disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Most Great, hath deterred.

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O Zaynu’l-’Abidin, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most glorious horizon. This is a Book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath turned unto God when the horizon of Revelation was illumined by Him Who conversed upon Sinai. They who have turned unto Him are of the party of God, inscribed in His preserved Tablet. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath remembered thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by treasures and riches. Hearken unto the Call from the supreme horizon: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from the eyes of those who denied the right of God and His Cause, and who violated His Covenant and disputed His verses when they were sent down in truth. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in its praiseworthy station. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance!

When the verses were sent down and the evidences appeared, the divines of Persia and those who followed them turned away and spoke that which the ancients never spoke. They cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when every rejected learned one turned away from it. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to observe justice and fairness, trustworthiness and righteousness, and kindliness. Take hold of thy Lord's command, then remind the people of His verses and give them the glad tidings of His mercy which hath preceded existence both seen and unseen. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who remain steadfast, holding fast to My extended cord.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A Book from Our presence unto him who hath turned and attained unto the knowledge of God according to a prescribed measure. O Baqir! Didst thou but know the station of My Day, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of detachment in Mine atmosphere, and arise to celebrate My praise and glory amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord speaketh as He pleaseth; none can withstand His command. He doeth and ordaineth as He willeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have made mention of thee and of them that have believed in that land through verses from which the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, is wafted abroad. We have been with those who were afflicted with tribulation in My path. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over what was and what shall be. How many a learned one turned away from the Cause, and how many a learned one spent what he possessed in My path and bore hardships in My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. By God's life! He hath left nothing unmentioned in the Book. Soon shall that which was hidden in His knowledge be revealed. Blessed is he who hath recognized what hath been sent down in this Tablet, and woe unto every heedless one who turneth away. O My loved ones in that land! Rejoice at My remembrance of you and My turning towards you from this Spot round which circle angels who are nigh unto God. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon them who have acted according to what hath been sent down in the Book by God, the Lord of existence. Whoso achieveth good deeds, upon him shall descend from the heaven of divine favor a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His court. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

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O Mirza Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector of all names! This is a Book sent down in truth from this Most Great Prison unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, that it may draw him unto the station of certitude and strengthen him to serve the Cause in the days of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. This is a Day wherein the ocean of utterance hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the Sun of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless! Thy letter hath

come before the Wronged One. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet whereby the realities of all things have been attracted and the Herald hath called out from a near place. Blessed is the servant who hath taken the chalice of salvation on this morn and drunk therefrom in the name of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have indeed found from thy letter the fragrance of thy love. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and have sent down for thee that which cheereth the eyes of the fair-minded. When thou hearest the call from Mine exalted horizon, say: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Thou God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy love and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Manifestation and the breathings of Thy Revelation, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty the rains of Thy mercy, and write down for me every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

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A Book sent down in truth unto men of insight! It biddeth the people to observe justice and to work righteousness, and forbiddeth them to follow their corrupt inclinations and carnal desires, if perchance the children of men might be roused from their slumber.

Say: Follow, O people, what hath been prescribed unto you in Our Tablets, and walk not after the imaginations which the sowers of mischief have devised, they that commit wickedness and impute it to God, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious, the Most Exalted. Say: We have accepted to be tried by ills and troubles, that ye may sanctify yourselves from all earthly defilements. Why, then, refuse ye to ponder Our purpose in your hearts?

By the righteousness of God! Whoso will reflect upon the tribulations We have suffered, his soul will assuredly melt away with sorrow. Thy Lord Himself beareth witness to the truth of My words. We have sustained the weight of all calamities to sanctify you from all earthly corruption, and ye are yet indifferent.

Say: It behoveth every one that holdeth fast to the hem of Our Robe to be untainted by anything from which the Concourse on high may be averse.

Thus hath it been decreed by thy Lord, the All-Glorious, in this His perspicuous Tablet. Say: Set ye aside My love, and commit what grieveth Mine heart? What is it that hindereth you from comprehending what hath been revealed unto you by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise?

We verily behold your actions. If We perceive from them the sweet smelling savor of purity and holiness, We will most certainly bless you.

Then will the tongues of the inmates of Paradise utter your praise and magnify your names amidst them who have drawn nigh unto God.

Cling thou to the hem of the Robe of God, and take thou firm hold on His Cord, a Cord which none can sever. Beware that the clamor of them that have repudiated this Most Great Announcement shall not deter thee from achieving thy purpose.

Proclaim what hath been prescribed unto thee in this Tablet, though all the peoples arise and oppose thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Compelling, the Unfailing Protector.

My glory be with thee and with those of My loved ones that asociate with thee. These indeed are they with whom it shall be well.

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O Ali-Qibl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is the Greatest Proof among all creatures and the Most Great Sign for all who dwell in the invisible and visible realms. Blessed is he who hath clung to the hem of God and attained the lights of His countenance when it shone forth from this forbidden horizon. O Ali! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to attain the presence at this praiseworthy station, and for causing thee to hear His call when thou didst present thyself before the Throne, and for His revelation unto thee in this exalted station, and for His giving thee to drink of the pure nectar through the hands of grace and bounty. Verily thy Lord is powerful over what hath been and what shall be. Be thou articulate in His remembrance and steadfast in His service in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the allusions of them who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving, shall hold thee back. Follow that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful. By God! This is verily the Water of Life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the breezes of the All-Glorious, yet most people do not understand. Say: My commandments are the lamps of My guidance amidst My creatures. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them - he is assuredly of the people of Baha, inscribed in a preserved Tablet. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses as a grace from Our presence, that they may draw thee unto God, the Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Beloved. We beseech God to assist thee in His service and to strengthen thee in His Cause. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH04820 ===

The Supreme City to him who hath been named after the Desired One. He is the One Who hath dawned from the horizon of the world. This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it acquainteth the people with the Dawning-Place of divine inspiration and guideth them to My straight path. Say: By God! The promise hath come to pass, and He Who was promised hath appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. The world hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name, yet

most of the nations wander distracted. The wine of vain desires hath so seized them that they have been kept back from the Lord of all beings, Who speaketh the truth: “There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.” Blessed is he who hath heard the call of God and responded to his Lord, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We have heard thy call and have called out to thee from the direction of the luminous Spot, and We have seen thy turning toward Us on this Day whereon the Lord of destiny proclaimeth from the Most Great Scene: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Say: By God! The Mother Book speaketh the truth, were ye of them that hear. Say: He hath appeared with that Justice wherewith mankind hath been adorned, and yet the people are, for the most part, asleep. Cast away what ye possess, in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by One Who is knowing and wise. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while imprisoned in this mighty place. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon whoso hath heard My call and turned unto My horizon and circled round My will and acted according to that which hath been sent down in My Book that beareth witness in My Kingdom that there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH04822 ===

O Muhammad Rasul, upon him be the glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing.

Your letter hath reached the Most Great Prison, and that which was mentioned therein hath been heard. May you ever drink from the Kawthar of the eternal Beloved’s loving-kindness, and abide beneath the shade of the Tree of grace. There hath appeared on earth that which was hidden from time immemorial and will remain concealed forevermore. Blessed are they that have attained thereunto and have received their portion from the divine ocean of revelation. All peoples rejoiced at the mention of this most holy, most exalted Day, yet when the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth from the horizon of grace and the world was illumined by the lights of His manifestation, all turned away save those souls who, with the arm of certitude, shattered the idols of idle fancies and were enabled to hearken unto the call of God, exalted be His glory. Whosoever hath this day attained unto the Goal - that is, hath recognized Him - is mentioned in the Perspicuous Book as being among those near unto God. Should you spend your entire life extolling God, it would still be as naught compared to this supreme bounty. Give thanks unto God thy Lord, for He hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison through this luminous Tablet. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dayspring of Thy Cause to aid me to love Thee and to win Thy good-pleasure, and to stand firm in Thy Cause. I moreover beseech Thee, O my God, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the One!

Multiple books from you were presented at the Most Holy Court and attained the lights of His presence. Praise be to God that you have attained the enduring heavenly bounty which is the recognition of the King of Oneness. In truth, this is the fruit of the tree of existence. God willing, may all the trees of human temples attain and be adorned with this true fruit. However, today you must fix your gaze upon the Manifestation and what proceeds from Him, detached and freed from aught else. What you have expressed regarding the correspondence of numbers, letters and words was noted, but it would have been better if the time you spent on these matters had been spent on teaching the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance. At all times, beseech the Beloved of the worlds to assist you in serving His Cause. There has been and is no grace greater than this. Whosoever today quickens the dead of contingent being with the outpourings of the ocean of divine knowledge is accounted before God among those who draw nigh and his name is inscribed in the Preserved Tablet. Blessed is he who attains to this exalted station. God willing, you will present proofs for the servants through the divine verses and heavenly manifestations that have shone forth from the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Verily, He is with whosoever speaks in His Name and makes mention of Him among His creation. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to turn towards the Supreme Horizon and for having answered you through this wondrous Tablet.

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O ‘Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Counselor. The Most High and All-Sufficient Lord has ever gazed with the glance of loving-kindness and bounty upon men and been turned towards them. O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon thee be My glory! One of the Branches who is named Badi’ brought thy letter into the presence, and after it was presented at the Most Holy Court, this Tablet was revealed from the sacred heaven and sent forth, that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee, for thou hast attained unto the Most Great Word in thy love for the Lord of all humanity. Thy letter was adorned with these words: “If you wish to know the state of this servant, praise and thanks be to God that I am intoxicated with the mention of the Peerless One of the world, Who in these days of His presence and manifestation has enabled me to offer praise and achieve true knowledge of Him.” Praise be to God Who enabled thee to turn to Him in His days and caused to proceed from thee a word whose fragrance shall endure throughout the continuance of His names and attributes. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for causing me to hear Thy call and guiding me to Thy supreme horizon, when most of Thy servants and creatures were debarred therefrom. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy grace to make me in all conditions one who quaffs the wine of Thy Revelation, gazes toward Thy horizon, soars in the atmosphere of Thy love, and holds fast to Thy firm cord. O Lord! Aid me to serve Thy Cause and Thy loved ones, and ordain for me every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Abbas, upon him be the Glory of God! He is established upon the throne of utterance at the hub of contingent being. The Tongue of Grandeur has in all times summoned the servants to the living waters and continues to do so. The Book calls out with the most exalted cry between earth and heaven, giving glad tidings to all and summoning them to the Hidden Name and the Treasured Secret. Blessed is the soul that has attained to this most great bounty and this most hidden mystery. Today another world has appeared and another carpet has been spread, yet the people of doubt and fancy remain occupied with their previous imaginings. Say: O God, my Worshipped One, my Adored One! Through a single word of Thy sublime words Thou didst create earth and heaven, and through one drop from the ocean of Thy generosity Thou didst bring existence into being. Thou art the One with such power that the might and strength of the tyrants of the earth and pharaohs of the lands could not prevent Thee from Thy purpose. O Generous One! A poor one has turned to Thy gate and a helpless one has clung to the cord of Thy power. He begs of Thee Thy ancient grace and beseeches Thy fresh forgiveness. Deprive him not from the ocean of Thy bounty and withhold him not from the living waters of eternal life. Thou art powerful and mighty. O Lord! The atoms of the world bear witness to Thy wealth and acknowledge and confess Thy grace. Would One like Thee, so rich, deprive one like me, so poor? Far be it! Never! I testify, and all things testify, that Thou art the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

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The Tongue of the All-Merciful hath been loosed through this utterance which shineth forth from the horizon of creation. By My life, We have observed thee and Mine eye hath been turned toward thee at all times. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful. O ’Ali! Thou art not heartless, for the heart is a dwelling-place of the Friend and is with Him. And thou art not poor, for through thy love for the Manifest Beauty thou art accounted among the most wealthy of His servants. Thou hast never been and art not a stranger, rather thou art near. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who, through His all-encompassing mercy and His pre-existent grace, caused thee to attain unto the original homeland which is the recognition of His Own transcendent Being. Thou art indeed among those who have attained unto Him and His presence, and heard His call, and stood before the Throne after most of the servants were debarred therefrom. This is of His bounty which no created thing in the universe can equal. Then remember when We caused thee to appear before Us yet again - this is another bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the earth and heavens! Grieve not over anything. Be as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of longing and yearning. By My life, this world shall pass away and ye shall find yourselves in the most exalted station. This is what thy Lord, the True One, the Faithful, informeth thee. By My life, wert thou to know what hath been ordained for thee, thou wouldst soar with longing and rapture. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and the eyes of those who have turned with radiant faces and illumined breasts unto the countenance, and whom the clamor of such as have disbelieved in God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, hath not deterred.

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=== START BH04827 ===

In His Name

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Praised be God! The light of utterance has dawned and shines forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, and the call of the Goal of all worlds has been raised in the kingdom of knowledge. The pens of the oppressors - that is, the ignorant ones of the earth - did not prevent His Pen of justice, and the veils of creation did not conceal the radiance of His Word. With the most exalted call He proclaimed in the realm of creation and summoned the people to the supreme horizon. Clamor arose from all directions; from every side they assailed the Wronged One. Glory be to God! From the signs and clear proofs to which all the peoples of the world have clung and still cling, nothing has appeared save denial and turning away. The hearing of the people of the world has been defiled by false tales, and likewise their sight by the dust of vain imaginings. For these two reasons they are debarred from the presence of the Cause of causes, and prevented from the Salsabil of the utterance of the All-Glorious. We beseech God to remove that which bars - He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

When thou hearest My call and the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen in the prison of Akka, say: “My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath consumed me, and remoteness from Thee hath set me ablaze. Thou seest and knowest that this servant of Thine hath yearned for Thy nearness and Thy will, and his heart hath melted in longing to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur amongst mankind, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking forth among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.”

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=== START BH04828 ===

He is the Mighty, the Everlasting

It is known that the travelers unto God, after traversing the stages of all else besides Him, descended at the known place famous as Istanbul. Until now, nothing has been observed from its people except the customary formal courtesies, until what may appear later and what may be decreed from behind the veil of destiny. However, many withered trees and lifeless snows were observed. It seems this city was built of snow, and at every moment the warmth decreases and the cold increases. We had heard of the fire salamander, whose appearance was caused by fire, from the All-Wise, the All-Informed. However, a snow salamander had not been observed, but now many snow creatures are seen among the wondrous handiworks of the Creator. Let us see what the divine white hand of power and the radiance of the heavenly arm will manifest later. All are within His grasp and suspended by His will. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Furthermore, until now no matter has appeared, meaning no word has been spoken, and after the discussion details will be sent. Let all remain at ease in their place until its time, which is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We remember all the loved ones and counsel them all not to become heedless of any remembrance of the remembrance of God, and not remain veiled from His love by love of aught else. And peace be upon whoever follows the truth.

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The purpose underlaying the revelation of every heavenly Book, nay, of every divinely-revealed verse, is to endue all men with righteousness and understanding, so that peace and tranquillity may be firmly established amongst them. Whatsoever instilleth assurance into the hearts of men, whatsoever exalteth their station or promoteth their contentment, is acceptable in the sight of God.

How lofty is the station which man, if he but choose to fulfill his high destiny, can attain! To what depths of degradation he can sink, depths which the meanest of creatures have never reached! Seize, O friends, the chance with this Day offereth you, and deprive not yourselves of the liberal effusions of His grace. I beseech God that He may graciously enable every one of you to adorn himself, in this blessed Day, with the ornament of pure and holy deeds. He, verily, doeth whatsoever He willeth.

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O He who is surnamed H, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory! In the name of the Educator of the world! Thy letter which thou didst send in the name of Allah-Mihdi was received. And concerning what thou didst mention that the harm inflicted by heedless souls who wander in the wilderness of immorality and who speak according to their desires is greater than the harm of the idolaters - We testify that thou hast spoken the truth, inasmuch as the fabricated utterances of those heedless souls have been and will continue to be the cause of the delay in the appearance of the divine verses of triumph. With such nonsensical utterances no obligation remains for the people. By the Most Great Name! If those souls who claim to be of this Cause had acted according to what God hath commanded them, all the earth would now be beheld as a piece of Paradise. Ask thou God to protect His loved ones from the evil of these people and to make their hearts as blocks of iron in His irresistible and wise Cause. Today steadfastness, after the recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Cause, is accounted as the most great of deeds, for the cawing of the ravens will be raised in every city and land, even as We previously informed all. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Pen loveth to make mention of thee at all times. Rejoice thou in this mighty station. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the kindred, both male and female, and to all other loved ones of God. Verily the glory be upon you and upon them.

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=== START BH04831 ===

Baku. Jinab-i-'Abdu'l-Khaliq, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the One Who standeth supreme over His Cause and Who domineth over His servants. Thy letter was presented before the face of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and the servant present read it aloud. We heard thy call and perceived from it the fragrance of love. Thou hast spoken the truth, and We

have answered thee through grace. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the divine Word and acteth according to that which is in the Book. We counsel all to manifest courtesy and to perform such deeds as will cause the promotion of the Cause among the peoples. Ere long will the oppressor return to his abode, and the radiance of the Sun of Justice will illumine the world. Say: O friends! This is the day of goodly character and righteous deeds. Associate with all the peoples of the world with the utmost love. Whosoever heareth from you, it is for his own sake, and whosoever denieth, verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered from this noble station. Thus hath the Pen of inner meanings spoken upon the branch of utterance, as a command from the All-Merciful Who hath come with an authority that they who are endowed with fairness and justice cannot deny. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in all things: There is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of understanding in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. These are they who have attained in a perspicuous Book.

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=== START BH04832 ===

[To Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God]

In the name of the one incomparable, all-knowing Lord!

Your letter arrived and We heard your call, and in the Most Great Prison We besought from the Ancient King whatsoever would be beneficial for you. Man himself is not aware of what brings him profit or harm - knowledge of the unseen belongs exclusively to His exalted Essence. Often it happens that man desires something which appears good to him and requests it from God, glorified be His majesty, but afterwards the utmost harm results from it. Therefore the Supreme Pen has taught the station of trust and resignation. It is evident and manifest to every person of insight and understanding that whatsoever appears from God, glorified be His majesty, has proceeded and continues to proceed from the exigencies of His consummate wisdom. If someone resigns himself and places his trust in God, assuredly that which is best for him will be made manifest. One must hold fast to the means while placing one's trust in God and engaging in action. Say: O my God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and directed myself to the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy bestowals and the dayspring of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. O my Lord! I am he who has placed his trust in Thee and resigned his affairs unto Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then cause me, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the ranks of the world and the clamor of the nations will not prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH04833 ===

O Muhammad from the people of Qaf, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and grandeur!

Your letter arrived and its verse and prose were presented at the Most Holy Court. The fragrance of divine love was wafting from it. We beseech God to assist you in negating negation and affirming affirmation, in such wise that neither the opposition of the polytheists nor the denial of the transgressors may hinder you. The clamor is raised high and the atheists lie in wait - should they find opportunity they would cast doubt. They have objected to the Dayspring of divine verses and the Source of heavenly proofs, which has ever been thus, while considering themselves possessed of faith. Say: Alas! Alas! By God's life, they are deprived of all bounties and forbidden from the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Rejoice in My remembrance of you, then give thanks to your Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The clamor will also be raised in those regions. Guard yourselves and through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, see yourselves detached and free from all that is in the world. Blessed is your tongue for having uttered praise of your Lord. Verily He does not allow to be lost the reward of the doers of good. Regarding what you wrote about meeting - these are difficult days, for the unfair people lie in wait to create some incident and then object to their Sovereign. Be patient, verily your Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Knowing. Convey My greetings to the friends. Glory be upon you and upon them and upon every steadfast, upright one.

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=== START BH04834 ===

O Aqa Rida, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Your letter, that opening word adorning the preface of the book of love, illumined the heart with the light of joy. After perusal it was brought to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and presented, that is, whatever had been mentioned and submitted. He said:

He is the Preserver, the Helper! O Rida, O thou who circlest round Me and gazest toward My horizon and turnest thy face toward My countenance! The servant present hath appeared and read that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds, and presented what was inscribed in another leaf. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to attain continuous connection in all conditions, in such wise that no separation may affect it, nor any remoteness or severance overtake it. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who was named ?abibu'llah in the Book of Names, and upon his mother and his two sisters. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance.

The mention of trustworthiness and faithfulness in your letter proved touching. He said: God willing, may you ever be and continue to be adorned with these two most precious and radiant garments.

That which you sent attained the presence and was honored with apportionment. In the words of his honor the Name of Bounty, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, may it endure. The servant

beseecheth his Lord for your preservation, your continuance, and your steadfastness in what you are upon in His mighty and impregnable Cause.

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=== START BH04835 ===

O Sabri Effendi, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of the One True God! Your letter was received. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the ornament of love and embellished with the light of recognition. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ever keep fresh and verdant the realm of love through the morning breezes in this springtime of inner meanings, and not to deprive it of the fragrances from the gardens of fellowship and unity. In truth, this bounty has had and has no likeness or parallel, for from love appears unity, and through the light of unity the horizons become illumined and radiant. God the All-Knowing has been and is witness that you have always been and are under the gaze of kindness, mercy and love. He has loved and loves faithfulness, and this blessed name is among the names that have ever been before the face of the Beloved. Your migration and arrival with your mother, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and her ascension to the Supreme Companion, and likewise your second migration and the manifestations of love and affection and hardships endured in His path, exalted be He - all have been and are before Our sight. We beseech God to ordain that from which the fragrance of eternity wafts. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer. The glory shining forth from the heaven of your Lord's loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have held fast to His mighty cord. Praise be to God, Who is the Lord of all worlds, the Beloved of those who know Him, and the Goal of those who seek Him.

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=== START BH04836 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

Your letter arrived and was honored by the glance of favor. We heard your call. You have been and are ever before Our gaze. In the Tablets mention of you has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. He has not forgotten and will not forget His loved ones. At all times the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, which have appeared from the Most Exalted Pen, were sent. We beseech God to assist you in remembrance and praise and service to His Cause. Verily He is powerful over all things. When you attain unto My utterance and find the fragrance of My garment, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the heaven of meaning and utterance, and by the rustling of Thy Pen, O Merciful One, by Thy Name through which Thou didst unite the hearts and reveal what was hidden in the treasuries, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have acknowledged Thy oneness and I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy bounty and the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause to ordain for me in all conditions that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee. I testify that I know not what profiteth or harmeth me, and Thou knowest what […] my soul, and I know not what is within

Thyself. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all beings to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy religion and a servant of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven! We behold the sinners hastening unto their desires, and them that are nigh unto God hastening unto the Fountain of guidance. These, verily, are of them that have attained. They that in these days have been deprived of the bounties of their Lord, the Lord of mankind - these have lost both this world and the world to come, and for them is grievous torment. And they that have cast away all that is with men, turning unto God - these are numbered with the people of Baha in the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Tongue of Grandeur speaketh amongst creation: “Unto Me, unto Me, O people of faithfulness!” Yet most of the people are veiled. They hear not the Call of God after it hath been raised aloft in such wise as to fill earth and heaven. Thus hath the matter been ordained and the decree issued from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say: O people! That which ye possess of idle fancies shall profit you not. Hold fast unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Revelation, then read ye this perspicuous Tablet. Therein is mentioned none save God and His sovereignty. Ponder ye, that ye may be of them that comprehend. How many a servant awaited My days, yet when I manifested My Self he turned away and was numbered with the idolaters. Blessed the eye that hath been solaced in the days of God by gazing toward His court, and the hand that hath taken His resolute and wise Book. Thou shalt not forget God’s covenant and favor; rather remember it amongst the servants, that haply they may become aware. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen move while in the grasp of the oppressors, and mention thee with grace that thou mayest thank Him and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the sincere ones!”

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy! The Breath of God is passing by and the Word of God is being revealed. Blessed is he who hath found it and turned unto it with an illumined heart.

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who, through His vast grace and His pre-existent mercy, summoned you to the shore of the glory of oneness and caused you to dwell beneath the holy and everlasting Tree. Your mention floweth from the Pen of the Most Great Name throughout the divine scriptures and tablets. This hath been and shall ever remain the most exalted of stations. Though today, due to consummate wisdom and mankind’s lack of capacity, this greatest bounty remaineth concealed, the day shall come when it will shine forth like the sun from the horizon of divine Will.

Consider the people as dead and as naught, save those souls who have in this radiant morn quaffed from the Kawthar of divine favor. These are the gems of creation in the sight of God. Be not grieved by the opposition and objections of the people. Soon shall the people of that land and other lands pride

themselves in your names. Today they are as infants, drunk and unconscious from the breast of heedlessness and desire. But after attaining maturity and awareness, they shall bear witness to that which God Himself hath testified. The hand of God is above their hands. All that hath flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days shall be made manifest. On that day shall the deniers behold themselves in manifest loss.

In outward matters, observe wisdom. Thus hath it been ordained by the Mighty, the Wise.

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=== START BH04839 ===

O Muhammad-Quli, who hath emigrated and attained, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath manifested Him Who was promised in all His Books and hath adorned the world with this Revelation which was mentioned by Him Who conversed with God on Sinai, and by the Hidden and Treasured Name, and by the Concealed Mystery in the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers. O thou who art present before the Countenance, who standeth at the Gate and gazeth toward the Horizon! The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst emigrate in His path until thou didst attain to the presence before the Throne and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of the worlds, and didst drink the choice wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty, and didst attain to that which most of creation died in their yearning for. Thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, beareth witness to this. We counsel thee to preserve this most exalted station in the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy. Say: O people of God! Be ye in this Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall shut you out. This behooveth one who hath turned unto this Mighty Ocean. Take hold of the Tablet of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him. Verily We have mentioned thee and those who have believed with a mention that shall not pass away, through the eternity of My Most Beautiful Names. He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom the might of the oppressors hath not held back from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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O Mulla Sadiq! The Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! How blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful as it wafted through all creation, and how fortunate is he who hath drunk of this Kawthar which hath flowed from the Finger of Grace in the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Say: What aileth you, O people, that ye have turned to vain imaginings and turned away from Him Who hath come in the shadows of the clouds with manifest sovereignty? He is indeed the Beloved One Who was promised to you in the Tablets, were ye of them that know. He is indeed the One mentioned from all eternity, and by His remembrance hath every perspicuous Book been adorned. Ponder, O people, upon the verses of God and His proof, that ye may recognize that wherewith ye were promised by One mighty and knowing. We summon you unto God and seek from you no recompense - the Pen of Revelation beareth witness to this, were ye of them that hear.

Occupy not yourselves with that which ye have been forbidden; rather, do that which ye have been commanded in the Book - this is better for you, were ye of them that know. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else and turned unto his Lord, after all the heedless and remote ones turned away from Him. Aid ye the All-Merciful through remembrance and utterance, that perchance they that slumber may awaken and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath the Pen spoken, and the Ancient of Days hath borne witness thereunto, when He was imprisoned in the Most Great Prison by reason of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. If thou hast found the sweetness of the remembrance that hath been raised from the Lote-Tree of Utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having turned toward me the wonders of Thy favors and made me to be of them that have attained.

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=== START BH04841 ===

In the Name of the one true God! Those souls who in this Day have quaffed the sealed wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting Sovereign must fix their gaze upon wisdom and hold fast to the cord of unity, for these two are the cause and means for the exaltation of the Cause of God. Likewise must they adorn themselves with the ornament of steadfastness, and this station is most great: after recognition of the Self of God, glorified be His majesty, steadfastness is the greatest and most mighty of all things. Blessed is he who attaineth unto it, and woe betide the doubters. Many souls are observed to be like particles of air, agitated and set in motion by the slightest breeze. God willing, ye must occupy yourselves with service to the Cause and remind the people of the exalted stations of steadfastness, that they may attain to such a station that neither the learned nor the ignorant of the world can cast doubt upon those souls. This truly is a noble station. Know ye the value of this station and strive that some service in the path of God may be manifested from you. This truly is the great attainment. We make mention of thee in the Most Great Prison that thou mayest rejoice thereby and give thanks to thy Ancient Lord. Be thou assured of God's grace and mercy. He maketh mention of whomsoever He willeth and ordaineth for him what He desireth. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. Then make mention of thy brother who is named Ahmad and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him in this noble station. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who have believed in God, the Singular, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04842 ===

He is the One Who speaks the Truth

This is the Book of the Bayan which the All-Merciful has sent down from the Kingdom of mystic knowledge to those who have believed in Him in His days and have testified to that which His Most Exalted Pen has testified: The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Might belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who was rejected by the various peoples and against Whom the divines of Iran pronounced their verdict - they who denied God's proof and testimony and committed that which caused all things to lament. They are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Goal of all mystic knowers. The Wronged One has heard thy cry and has answered thee

from the prison with this Perspicuous Tablet, whereby the realities of existence were attracted and the limbs of them that denied the Day of Judgment did quake. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My mention and hear My call, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me from Thy most exalted horizon and for having sent down unto me that which drew unto it the Concourse on High. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below, by Thy Command through which the Pen was set in motion in the world, and by Thy Name whereby Thou didst subdue the nations, to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses. Ordain for me a seat of truth in Thy presence. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is the servant who has chosen for himself a station beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur and has attained unto the wine of certitude from the cup of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH04843 ===

He is the Wondrous One

This is a Book mighty and bountiful, sent down in truth from God, the Exalted, the Great. Therein lies healing and mercy for all the worlds, and remembrance and guidance for them that know. By it every wise matter is distinguished and the unitarians are set apart from the idolaters. O servant! Hearken unto the call of God from the direction of the Throne, that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing. Say: The Beloved of the worlds hath appeared and the Spirit hath spoken between the heavens and the earth that this is verily a noble King and a mighty Sovereign. Say: The poison of the idolaters hath penetrated the holy fingers and prevented them from writing, and what floweth from My pen beareth witness to what I say. Thus have We been afflicted time and again by those who disbelieved, and We give thanks to God for His decrees and show forth mighty gratitude. And thou, O servant, arise to serve the Cause of God and leave behind thee the mention of the deniers. Hold fast unto God, then detach thyself from all else beside Him, and He will suffice thee in truth and He is the best of helpers and supporters. Say: O my God! Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy mercy and render me not bereft of the sweet fragrances of Thy holiness, and leave me not, O my God, in the hands of them that have denied the beauty of Thy glorious splendor. Then send down upon me, O my God, from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause me to be ever turned toward Thee and detached from the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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=== START BH04844 ===

In the Name of God the Eternal, the Everlasting.

This is Our tablet to the one who hath believed in God, that the call of God may attract him to the throne of his Lord. Verily Thy Lord is the most bountiful. Make mention of thy Lord at all times with such

steadfastness that the calamities and the injustice perpetrated by those who disbelieve in God, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, will affect thee not. Thinkest thou that their glory or what they possess of earthly treasures will endure? Nay, by the beauty of the All-Sublime! All on earth will pass away except the face of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Whenever thou are overtaken by sorrows, pass by the graves and meditate upon them, that thou mayest find thyself in manifest detachment. Canst thou distinguish the kings from the downtrodden, or the rich from the poor? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most-Compassionate.

Among the people is he who, when he witnesseth one gazing upon his home, he desireth, in his anger, to kill him. But erelong his enemies shall seize that which is in his home, and he will find himself in manifest loss. And among the people is he who, if he lacks but a single dinar, his face will turn dark with covetousness. When death overtakes him the hand of separation severs him from that which he had avidly amassed.

O my brother! By God, I summon thee but for the sake of God. Incline thy ears to My Words, arise to serve thy Lord, and make mention of Him amongst His servants. He suffices thee with the truth, and He is Powerful over all things. Rely upon Him under all conditions, and say : “O Lord assist me in thy service. Thou art the Most Compassionate. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds”.

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O Muzaffar, may God the Blessed, the Most High, assist thee! He is the One through Whom were opened the gates of wisdom and utterance to all who are in the realm of possibility.

This is a Book from Us to the peoples of the earth, wherein We counsel them with that which will elevate their stations before God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then look upon the evidences with the eye of fairness. Verily they will guide thee to a station from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of God’s loving-kindness, the Goal of them that know.

We have counseled all to be trustworthy, religious, and God-fearing, yet the people have committed that which hath caused My heart and My Pen to lament before the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of loving-kindness from My verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, by Him Who conversed with Thee on Sinai, Who through Thy power and sovereignty was established upon the throne of Revelation, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then manifest unto me that which will set aright my affairs in this world and in the next. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what is with Thee. I testify that within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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=== START BH04847 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from the Youth to those who have grasped the cord of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, that the breezes of revelation might attract them - breezes from which the fragrance of the Intended One is wafted. By My life! These shall detach them from the worlds and draw them nigh unto a station wherein the Tree of the Command doth speak: “There is no God but I, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beauteous.”

O thou who art present! When thou reachest thy land, remind My loved ones on My behalf, that the breezes of My remembrance might waft over them from the paradise of My loving-kindness, and My melodies might attract them to the heaven of My mercy and the atmosphere of My favors, and might make them steadfast in My Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of any oppressor, nor the prevention of any preventer, nor all the hosts of the earth shall turn them aside. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of Revelation at the time when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, that it might be glad tidings for you and a remembrance for all the worlds.

Blessed are ye, O My loved ones, in that ye have attained unto the recognition of My Self, and have turned toward My direction, and have advanced toward the Kaaba of My beauty and the sanctuary of My glory. God shall soon make you stars in the horizon of My Cause, inasmuch as your names have been mentioned before the throne of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Be ye steadfast in the Cause, then assist your Lord, the All-Merciful, through remembrance and utterance. Thus doth the Youth command you from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing. And glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath turned toward the Dawning-Place of the Command and hath detached himself from those who have disbelieved - verily they are of the people of Baha in a mighty and glorious tablet.

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=== START BH04848 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is an epistle from the Sorrowful One, the Prisoner, unto the servants of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, that they may detach themselves from all else save Him and turn unto the countenance of the Beloved, and that they may be stirred by the breezes of inner meanings which waft from the paradise of the words of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O loved ones of God! Have ye forgotten the remembrance of Him at Whose command the letter K was joined with its pillar N, by Whom all faces were turned toward the face of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praised, through Whom the Tree of man yielded the fruits of divine knowledge and the oceans of understanding surged in human hearts? Beware lest ye be veiled from Him by what hath been created between earth and heaven. Thus doth counsel you this grieving, sorrowful servant.

O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from this holy and blessed quarter, that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh at this moment is indeed the Primal Point, Who hath appeared once again - whereat all witnesses and the witnessed were thunderstruck, save those who had

quaffed the water of life, and these were but a numbered few. And verily, thou art of the fruits of the Ultimate Tree which was planted by the hand of the Most Glorious. Blessed be God, in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things, and all are submissive unto Him.

Remember thy Lord at all times - this is My counsel unto thee. Act thou according to what hath been counseled, for this is a manifest truth. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the devoted women from this Sorrowful Youth.

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In the name of Him Who was manifest above all things! This is an epistle from the Prisoner to her who hath believed in her Lord and was among the devout, and who recognized her Lord in days when all were heedless of Him save those who had detached themselves from the world and attained unto the station which God had made sanctified from names and attributes. O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of this Youth Who hath appeared at the horizon of creation with the kingdom of verses, that His call may attract thee and detach thee from whatsoever hath been created in the world and draw thee nigh unto the repository of divine manifestations. Purify thyself from whatsoever God abhorreth, then remember Him with thy heart and tongue, and be not of them that keep silent. Beware lest thou commit that whereby the Cause of God would be wasted among His servants, for people attribute every evil deed to this station which God hath sanctified from all directions and allusions. O handmaidens of God! Drink ye the wine of inner meanings from the chalices of utterances, then abandon that which minds abhor, for it hath been forbidden unto you in the Tablets and Scriptures. Beware lest ye exchange the Kawthar of life for that which pure souls detest. Be ye intoxicated with the wine of the love of God, not with that which confoundeth your minds, O ye who are devout! It hath been forbidden unto every believing man and woman. Thus hath the sun of wisdom shone forth from the horizon of utterance that believing women may be illumined thereby. And the Spirit be upon those who act according to what hath been commanded by God and are among the pure and repentant ones.

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=== START BH04851 ===

In the Name of Him Who was sanctified from all names and whatsoever was created in the realm of origination! This is a Book sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance unto him who hath believed in his Lord, the All-Merciful, and was recorded among the guided ones in the Mother Book, that the attraction of his Lord’s verses might seize him and cause him to speak forth the praise of his Master Who lay imprisoned amidst the wrongdoers. Dost thou hear the call of thy Lord, yet remain silent? Dost thou perceive the fragrance of the Garment, yet remain still? Arise by thy Lord’s leave and say: O people! That which ye were promised in the Tablets hath come to pass, and God is witness to what I say. Grieve not over the world and all that is therein, but rather for him who is immersed in the ocean of tribulation - thus hath the decree been sent down. Think not upon any matter save this Cause which hath appeared from the horizon of might. Say: Do the veils of idle fancies prevent you from God, or do the veils of allusions conceal you from a Station illumined by the lights of the Throne? Draw forth the swords of

utterance with power and assurance, then with them unlock the cities of hearts - thus doth the Best-Beloved command you in a Tablet sealed with the seal of glory. Would that the people had found the sweetness of God's utterance and known what He desired for them through a sovereignty that encompasseth all worlds! Arise to aid the Cause of your Lord and to exalt His Word amongst the servants with such arising as would tranquilize the heart of every heedless doubter. Thus hath the sun of grace and beneficence dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness that thou mightest rejoice thereby and remain steadfast in the Cause.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Wondrous! This is the Holy Tablet from Us to him who hath believed and been guided, wherein is mentioned that which will draw him nigh unto God, the Most Exalted, the Most High. Leave behind what thou hast and take what hath been sent down unto thee from the One mighty in His Cause, Who hath appeared and proclaimed: "Verily, He appeared once by the name of 'Ali, then by this name in His final return." Say: O people! Verily, He is the Youth of God amongst you, Who hath come unto you with the truth, with mighty signs. Hearken unto what He imparteth unto you. By God! One word from Him is better for you than the dominion of the hereafter and of the first world. Beware lest ye differ concerning His Cause after He calleth you unto God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. The light is for them that believe in Him and the fire for them that deny and transgress. Say: O people! I am the Most Great Sign amongst you and the Most Exalted Word within you. Fear God and commit not that whereby My sanctity among all peoples would be violated. Arise to remember your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, through this Name which hath dawned forth from the horizon of the Spirit and calleth you unto the Divine Lote-Tree, the station wherein the countenance of your Lord, the Most Merciful, was illumined. Draw nigh unto Him, O people of understanding! Ascend, O people, unto My Kingdom which perisheth not, then behold the lights of your Lord's countenance which fade not away. Thus have We taught thee that which shall profit thee in truth and make thee to be of the people of guidance. The Spirit be upon thee from Us, and upon thy children, and upon her who is with thee, and upon the companions of righteousness.

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O Mulla 'Abdu'l-Ghani, upon him be the Most Great, Most Great Glory of God! This is a Tablet which We have adorned with the ornament of the Pen from before Him Who is the Lord of Eternity and sent it to him who has turned to the Countenance and delivers the Cause of his Lord, that joy may so possess him that sorrows shall never afflict him. Blessed art thou for having occupied thyself with the remembrance of God and the proclamation of His Cause. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We were with thee when thou didst speak forth this Name whereby the backs of the wicked were broken. Say: O people! Verily He is with whosoever maketh mention of Him and beholdeth whosoever aideth Him through utterance. Draw ye the hearts through My remembrance and subdue souls through this Name whereby the Sun of the Cause hath shone forth from the horizon of glory. Those who claim to attract through any

name other than this Name are belied by all atoms. Among the people is he who hath an outward melody but from whom We hear inwardly the croaking of the raven. Say: There existeth nothing in the realm of creation at the level of creation but that We have revealed it in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. And whatsoever hath been treasured in the treasuries of the unseen is with Us and none hath become aware of it save My knowledge which hath encompassed all horizons. Leave those who claim of their own desires that which God hath not permitted them, then preserve souls from these ones. Thus doth the Lord of creation command thee. Blessed art thou, O thou who speaketh in remembrance of thy Lord and art mentioned by the Pen of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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O Seyyed entitled Nabil! In the Name of God, the Most Near! This is a Tablet from Us to him whom God has related to one of His near servants. We testify that thy father remained faithful to God's Covenant and did not break His pledge, and was among those who stood firm until his spirit ascended unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Know thou that he is with Us and abides in manifest spirit and delight. Were the veil to be lifted, the servants would behold him in an exalted station, would arise to praise him among the people, and would beseech God for his station and companionship with him in the Ridvan of wondrous glory. Be thou grateful therefore to God for having made Himself known to thee and for having numbered thee among the believers. Grieve not over anything, and should tribulation and adversity touch thee, reflect upon My sorrows and afflictions. Thus doth this lonely Wronged One command thee.

Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then detach thyself from the idolaters. And shouldst thou see the Satan from whom thou perceivest the stench of polytheism, shun him and be under mighty protection. He appears in human form and speaks of what was revealed in the Bayan, that he might cause confusion among Our weak servants. Say: Should anyone manifest the essence of piety and worship his Lord with the devotion of both worlds, yet not believe in this Revelation, God will render his deeds void and return him to his abode in hellfire. Walk thou in the footsteps of thy father and remind the people of this wise Remembrance. Thus have We commanded thee in truth, and I am the All-Knowing Commander.

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He is the All-Knowing, the Forbearing

This is a Tablet that tells of the heaven of immortality, and this is a bounty from God unto all created things. Say: Verily in the Spirit's departure from the body of Iraq are wondrous signs unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is a revelation from One wise and informed. Say: O concourse of the earth, rejoice not at My departure, for this was not from you but from One mighty and powerful. This is what God ordained for Us before the creation of the heavens and earth, and God was witness unto this. When the bounty of heaven is lifted from your midst, punishment will seize you from a nearby quarter,

and the angels of wrath will seize you - then shall you find for yourselves neither helper nor supporter. Woe unto you, O concourse of the earth, for having turned away from the Beauty that was witnessed from the holy horizon. Say: Not an atom's weight of your deeds and actions shall be left unrecorded, save that it be inscribed in the book of your own selves - this is what the Finger of the Spirit has traced upon hidden tablets of glory. And you, O loved ones of God, grieve not at this nor at what has befallen you in these days. Rather, be patient in God and remain steadfast. Soon shall you find the wrongdoers in the lowest depths of the fire. Thus has the matter been decreed in the Mother Book. And glory be upon you and upon those who have turned their faces toward the direction of the Spirit in the East.

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In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all names! This is a night wherein hath shone forth the Sun of Utterance, the showers of [knowledge] have rained down, the ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath wafted. We were silent, then We arose and spoke, and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. This is the Day which God's Messengers have aforetime heralded, and which His Preserved Tablet hath extolled. Say: O concourse of men! Fear ye the Lord of Destiny, and deny not Him by Whom the hearts have turned unto the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Cast away what your ignorant divines possess and take what ye are bidden in this manifest Book. By God! The Book speaketh, yet the people hear not. The rock hath cried out, and the cry hath been raised, and all things have spoken, yet the people understand not. Blessed is the ear that hath not been debarred by vain imaginings, and the eye that hath not been veiled by the doubts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all being. We counsel thee with wisdom and utterance, and with that which will draw thee nigh unto the praiseworthy station. Beware lest the veils of the people debar thee from the Day of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Thus hath the Tablet revealed its verses and the Light its radiance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Help in Peril, for what hath been and what shall be. The Glory, manifest, evident, and resplendent from the horizon of grace, be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever among all things hath prevented from turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and who have said: "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Manifestation of Revelation!"

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O Afnan, upon whom be all the Most Glorious and Most Resplendent Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who dominates all names! This is a day in which We left the house, proceeding to another place until We reached it and made it the Most Great Scene by God, the Possessor of Destiny. The pavilion of glory was raised beside one of the rivers, with water flowing over white pebbles. From the right was heard the murmur of water and from the left the rustling of trees. We were glorifying God and all things were glorifying with Us. We sat and heard from the rustling of the trees: "By God! The Chosen One has come and the Intended One has appeared - He Who was mentioned in God's Books, recorded in His Scriptures, and promised in the Mother Book." Then We took up Our Most Exalted Pen to make mention of My

Afnan who soared in My atmosphere, outstripped My other Afnans, and traveled through the lands until he entered My prison and attained that which was revealed in My Books of old and of later times - he whom neither the might of tyrants, nor the hosts of Pharaohs, nor the clamor of the polytheists could deter. Upon you be the Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Lord of the worlds. In previous years the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be My Glory, made a certain request which was granted acceptance. In view of that promise, for some time now the friends, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, have come for pilgrimage and the aforementioned matter. Therefore, due to Our special favor, We wished to inform you of this. This is of God's grace upon you. Glory be upon you.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Every soul that in this Most Great Revelation hath turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and hath attained unto the splendors of the Sun of Truth - divine mercy shall encompass both that soul and its parents. This is the supreme bounty that hath been and shall continue to be specially designated for this Revelation. Be thou grateful therefore and be of them that remember. And whatsoever virtuous deeds have been revealed in the Holy Tablets from the Divine Pen - the benefit thereof shall return both to the doer and to the one for whom it was done. By the life of God! Those souls who have ascended to the Supreme Companion with steadfastness - they witness and are aware. Were We to expound this station, the mountain would soar in its longing to attain the presence of the Causer of causes. Thy Lord is verily the Expounder, the All-Knowing. The names of the souls mentioned are present before the Throne, and the splendors of the Sun of Divine Providence are directed toward all. Blessed are those souls who in His days took and drank the choice wine of divine love from the hand of favor. This is the most exalted station and the most glorious bounty. However, all must beseech God - exalted and glorified be He - for steadfastness with perfect humility and supplication. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them and upon thy wife, from God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen and the Lord of all worlds. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon the faces of those who have turned unto God and have acknowledged the permanence of His countenance after the passing of all things. Thy Lord is verily the Judge, the Speaker, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Ever-Abiding in the Most Glorious Horizon

O Abu-'Ali! Blessed art thou, for God hath brought forth from thy loins one who, through His remembrance, hath quickened the dead. The attractions of this Revelation have seized him in such wise that he hath detached himself from all that hath been mentioned, turning unto the Spot wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all mankind." Know thou the value of this bounty. By My life! Were anyone to recognize it, he would soar upon wings of longing unto the Dawning-Place of verses. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty, and for His

having aided thee to recognize this Cause whereby every thirsty one hath attained unto the ocean of nearness and reunion. Do sorrows overtake thee after that which hath come to thee from the direction of thy Lord, that which hath brought solace to thine eyes? Rejoice, turning unto the Most Great Joy. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven. My soul be a sacrifice for Thee, O Thou Who hast offered up Thyself for the salvation of the world. My spirit be a ransom for Thy prison, O Thou Who hast borne tribulations for the life of all in the lands." Beware lest thou be disturbed by the tyranny of them that have wronged. They are but in manifest error. Had We seen any worth in the world, We would not have left it to Our enemies. Through one word from Us, We would have subdued all in the horizons. These numbered days shall pass away, and We shall behold the sincere ones in pavilions of glory with might and majesty. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and unto thee hath been sent this Tablet whereby the Tree hath called out and the leaves have glorified God. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy son and thy wife, from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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He is the True, the Faithful!

O Abu'l-Hasan! God willing thou art sustained by His lordly favours and art occupied with such deeds as befit His Day. Regard faith as a tree: its fruits and leaves, its branches and boughs are, and ever have been, truthfulness, trustworthiness, rectitude of conduct, and forbearance. Be assured of God's sustaining grace, and engage thyself with service to His Faith. We have designated thee a trustee of God, have bidden thee to observe that which shall exalt the Cause of Him Who is the Lord of the worlds, and have bestowed upon thee the right to receive Huqúqu'llah. Consort with the people in a spirit of amity and concord, and be unto them a loyal counsellor and a loving companion. Content thyself then with that which We have ordained for thee.

In this Day it is incumbent upon all to evince true resignation. The Primal Point Himself hath informed every soul and summoned them to this lofty and sublime station, that all may attain unto the good pleasure of God, may forsake their own desires, of whose ultimate consequence they remain ignorant, and may fix their gaze upon the will of God. Nor is this fleeting life of such worth that it should distract any soul from the True One or deflect him from that which is pleasing unto Him.

Convey Our greetings to all Our loved ones and remind them of this station, which in truth is the loftiest of stations. Thus hath this Wronged One bidden thee, that thou mayest yield thanks to thy God, the Lord of utterance and bounty. My glory be upon thee and upon them that have acted as bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth!

In His Name, the All-Encompassing, the Ruler of all worlds!

O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call and arise to aid My Cause and exalt My Word, through which the hearts of the mystics have been set ablaze and the backs of the idolaters have been broken. Grieve not at anything. Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that the limbs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, may quake with fear. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom in all conditions. We have, indeed, enjoined this upon all in Our mighty and wondrous Book. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold you back or the clamor of the nations veil you. Draw nigh unto God, then aid His mighty and impregnable Cause. We were walking in the mansion which God hath made the Most Great Scene on this Day that was promised in the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have turned toward thee from this Spot and revealed unto thee that which hath caused the hearts of the mystics to soar. Beware, beware lest the hosts of the world frighten thee or the whisperings of Satan hold thee back. Cling to the hem of thy Lord's favors and say: O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou beholdest the Best Beloved of the world among the peoples and hearest the cry of His heart and the sighing of His soul at what hath befallen Him from those who claimed to know Him and to follow His Cause. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Hearing and Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the cities of knowledge and didst reveal the treasures of the seen and unseen, that Thou protect me and make me detached from those who have disbelieved in Thy Great Name.

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O My loved ones in Manshad! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Lord of creation you have inhaled the fragrance from the garment of utterance and turned to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Know the value of this most great favor and be occupied with His mention and praise amidst the peoples. Divine verses have rained down like copious rain upon that land and its people, such that in every year revealed verses have been sent to that region and other regions, that all might attain to what God has willed and receive their portion from the ocean of His generosity. Consider the favor of God - though He is wronged and imprisoned in the Most Great Prison amidst the peoples, at every moment He guides all who are in the world to the most exalted horizon. And anyone who has the slightest perception will surely know that there has been no purpose except the guidance of creation and no aim except the manifestation of the Cause of Truth. God willing, you will be set ablaze with this fire which is light itself - an enkindlement that the seas of the doubts and idle fancies of the people cannot extinguish - until all the world becomes enkindled by that newly kindled warmth which is the very love of God, and turns to the horizon of manifestation. Truly I say, in this Day steadfastness is accounted as one of the most mighty affairs with God, and likewise acting according to what He has ordained in the Book. Blessed are they that have attained! Blessed are they that act! And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of manifestation! O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory! A while ago mention of thee flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and likewise before that time. Today the Kawthar

of knowledge floweth from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and the Euphrates of mercy descendeth as rain from the heaven of the chosen One's grace. Say: O people! Today the gate of knowledge is opened, and the ocean of bounty is surging, and the sun of generosity is shining. Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Ancient Commander. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the outpourings of the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. The hidden hath appeared yet ye know not, and the treasured hath emerged yet ye remain heedless thereof. Fear God and reject not the truth through what ye possess. Cast aside the tales of old, turning unto God, the Lord of all humanity. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O Ahmad! Make mention of all the friends on behalf of this Wronged One, and likewise the handmaidens of God. By My life! All have been and are remembered. Convey My glorification to him who is named Yusuf. We have mentioned him before and sent him that whereby he findeth the fragrance of his Lord's grace, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We beseech God to assist His party there and make them the standards of His guidance amidst the servants and the banners of His remembrance throughout the lands. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My friends and handmaidens who have drunk the choice wine of My recognition from the hands of My command, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O Name of Munificence! Upon thee be My glory! The mention of Andalib, upon him be My glory, was observed. His praise is enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, his mention testifies to his steadfastness, devotion and service to the Cause of God. The fragrances of the favors of the Wronged One have ever been diffusing. Convey My greetings and glory. And as for his desire to turn towards this direction in these days, the requirements of consummate wisdom are that he should arise to serve and teach, and like the morning breeze in the divine springtime, should pass over the lands. A number are dwelling and present in this land - although they are blessed with the honor of attainment unto His presence, yet today is the day of service, mention and utterance. Blessed is he who turns toward the regions, purely for the sake of his Lord. We beseech God to assist His servants thereby and to aid them through His utterance. Verily He is powerful over all things. Let them engage in teaching. We shall apportion the visitations among the souls dwelling in this land and shall ordain for them an exalted station. In every letter, mention was made of Samandar, upon him and those with him be My glory, and each time they were blessed with the fruits of the Tree of Utterance. Happy are they. Glory be upon him and upon My loved ones there who have spoken in My remembrance and praise, who have been attracted by My verses and who have held fast to the cord of My Covenant and Testament. We testify that they are among the triumphant in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Name who art the Possessor of Names! He sayeth: In this day the cause of victory and the means of the exaltation of God's Cause hath been the unity of the loved ones of God, and unity and concord in their primary rank are special to the Day of God. Nevertheless, its lamp is observed to be extinguished and its winds restrained. Its lights have been dimmed and its breezes have grown still. Beseech thou God that He may gather all beneath the shadow of one Word. Whosoever in this day spendeth his time in promoting concord and unity among souls is recorded in God's Book as one of the bearers of His Throne. Convey My greetings to the steadfast souls and say: Strive ye, that the lights of your hearts may illumine the realm of unity and concord. The hours and times and seasons pass like lightning. No person of understanding hath attached or will attach his heart to that which is transient and fleeting. God willing, may they fix their gaze upon that which is abiding and enduring, and occupy themselves with the unity of hearts. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving, command them. Blessed art thou and those who have attained unto the choice wine of My utterance, who have drunk the Kawthar of My bounty, who have spoken My Name and acted as befitteth this Promised Day. Glory be upon thee and upon the leaf who hath turned, who hath aimed, who hath attained, who hath heard, who hath seen, and who hath won that which was promised in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

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This is what has been uttered by the Kingdom of Utterance: O My Name! We make mention of one of Our Afnan who was named Ja'far. We testify that he turned to the Most Great Prospect and believed in God, the Lord of Destiny, in days wherein every swift one halted, every near one became remote, every learned one denied, and every mystic retreated. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified that he attained the Kawthar of life when the horizon of utterance was illumined by the Sun of proof, and he bore witness to that which the All-Merciful had testified before the mention of contingent being, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O thou who hast turned thy face toward Mine, who hast soared in Mine atmosphere, and who hast voiced My remembrance! I testify that thou didst attain the ornament of acceptance before thy ascension and at the time of thy ascension the Concourse on High and those who dwell in the Kingdom of Names welcomed thee, and the mercy and loving-kindness of God were with thee. Thou art he at whose calamity the near ones lamented and grief overtook those servants who circled round the Throne. The glory, and the peace, and the mercy that hath descended from the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee, O thou who didst hold fast to the cord of God and didst cling to the hem of His generosity. Thou art he who recognized the Path and the Balance when most of the servants were heedless of them both. By My life! Were I to make mention of what thou didst manifest in thy love for God, the people would fall unconscious. He Who possesseth the Mother Book doth testify to this. Blessed is he who loved thee, and made mention of thee, and voiced thy praise, and visited thee in the manner in which the Tongue of the Wronged One hath visited thee in His mighty prison. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted is He

O My Name Mehdi! God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of knowledge and on the mainland of insight utter the blessed words “Here am I, O my God, here am I.” None but the seeing eye can perceive the vastness of the world of knowledge. God willing, from the lead of wisdom and the rock of certitude shall a firm and mighty foundation be built. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the Perspicuous.

The servant who attends before the Countenance hath presented a letter sent to thee by the Afnan who sought My presence, attained My meeting, drank the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty, dwelt in My vicinity, heard My call and that which was uttered by My tongue in this station which hath been named by all names by God, the Originator of the heavens, wherein the Interlocutor of the Mount spoke and wherein appeared that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Mehdi! At the end of his letter was this verse: “We are ashamed that on the Day of Recompense we did not commit a sin worthy of His forgiveness.” This verse was mentioned repeatedly. Well spoken indeed! God willing, may they ever be the recipients of His special favors and be blessed with that which is beloved. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We have turned from this station toward those who were with him from among My Afnan, who were present, who heard, and who attained that which God ordained in previous Books as a promise from Him - and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Upon them be My glory, My grace, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all worlds.

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In the Name of the One True God

O Afnan, His Holiness Haji Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God!

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Excessive work hath become a source of trouble for thee and caused thee sorrow. Countless difficulties have diminished thy joy. O Afnan! My Name hath made mention of thee and We have remembered thee. We bear witness that thou wert enkindled with the fire of My love, soaring in My atmosphere, turning toward My horizon, holding fast to My Book, clinging to the hem of My loving-kindness, detached from all else save Me, spending what thou hadst in My path, attracted by My verses, stirred by the breezes of the dawn of My Revelation, immersed in the ocean of My mercy, standing firm in service to My Cause, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, confessing My oneness and My singleness, and setting thy face toward My path and My horizon. By the life of God! All the treasures of creation cannot equal this testimony, as doth bear witness to this He Who possesseth the Light of Oneness in this exalted and glorious station. For some time no outward mention of thee hath reached Us. Verily, thou hast treasures with thy Lord. Rejoice in this most exalted Word and be thou of the thankful ones. Give thou the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Wronged One to the Afnans of the Sacred Tree who dwell in that land, and gladden them with the effulgences of the verses of the All-Merciful. Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon you and upon those who love you and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, turning unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the One Who speaks with the most wondrous tongue in the Kingdom of Utterance! O My Afnan! O leaf sprung from the Divine Lote-Tree! Hear My call, for verily it calls thee from the Most Exalted Station - the Station which hath been named by the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Book and in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thy letter reached Me and thy call was heard. By the life of God! Ye are beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness and the canopies of My grandeur. He hath remembered you, remembereth you, and will be with you wheresoever ye may be. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before your faces the doors of His grace and bounty, and to ordain for you the good of this world and the world to come. In all conditions be ye engaged in the mention and praise of God, and be ye confident in His bounty. The rain of His mercy hath fallen and continueth to fall. Soon shall appear in the contingent world that which hath been ordained by the Pen of the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. Ask ye God to guide mankind and keep them steadfast, for this Day is mighty, and until they cross over the gulf of names they shall not enter the Most Great Ocean. By the life of God! All are in a strange slumber. Convey thou My greetings to the children who are present there, then to those who are with thee. Each one of them, give them glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and greet them from His presence. The kinfolk of Afnan and Aqa are related unto the Truth. This sufficeth them, by the Lord of all worlds! The glory be upon you and upon every male and female believer who hath believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O handmaidens of God, upon them be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance. O My handmaidens, upon you be My glory and My mercy. The Supreme Pen testifies that you are men, nay rather, among the most valiant of men. How many were the divines, mystics, jurists and worshippers who beseeched God, glorified be His majesty, day and night for the appearance of the Promised One, yet when the Herald gave the glad tidings and the Ocean of Light appeared, all arose in opposition. Praise ye the Goal of all existence Who confirmed you, preserved you, and made you partners with Him in tribulations. O Masumih, the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness calls unto thee and makes mention of thee. The entire world cannot be compared with this Most Exalted Word which hath shone forth from the Horizon of the Supreme Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. O Shirin, the Wronged One turns toward thee from the horizon of the prison, inasmuch as the fragrance of the love of God is wafted from thee. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it through the Name of the Beloved of all existence. O Baygum, today the breezes of revelation are wafting and the lights of the Countenance are manifest and the Speaker on Sinai is speaking. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto Him and hath become detached and free from all else besides God. O My handmaidens,

blessed are ye and blessed is the one who hath recorded your names. We beseech God to draw you nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O my handmaidens and leaves, upon you be My glory and loving-kindness. The outward ascension of one of the friends has become the cause of the inward ascension of an assembly of souls. One physical death has become the cause of spiritual life for a company of people, for each has attained to the remembrance of God and been illumined by the effulgences of the light of the Manifestation of the Purpose of all worlds. The Word of God - its station is above the world. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it and been adorned with the word of contentment from the Lord of divine decree and destiny. That word is in truth like the sun - it rises before its face and accompanies it in all divine worlds. But O my leaves! Turn with your hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon and remember your Lord through what has been sent down in this time from the heaven of the will of your All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord. My God, my God! Thou seest Thy handmaidens awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy leaves clinging to the Tree of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence, by Thy Name, the Mighty, the Loving, to assist us to be steadfast in Thy love and to ordain for us what befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And in this time, after mention of the leaves, the Luminary of the horizons makes mention and says: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the hands of Thy Cause and the salamander of the fire of Thy love to ordain for those who have turned to Thee, both men and women, from the ocean of Thy bounty the pearls of Thy wisdom and knowledge, and from the heaven of Thy generosity the stars of Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Hearer, the Answerer.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest One before the Kingdom of Utterance

O My handmaiden! This Wronged One, while encompassed by sorrows from all directions, is occupied with the remembrance of the loved ones and the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it will raise thee up and draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take heed lest the happenings of the world sadden thee, or the power of those who have denied the Day of Judgment weaken thee. Gladden My leaves on My behalf with that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of My bounty, the kingdom of My utterance, and the dominion of My will, which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee with that which hath attracted the hearts of them who are nigh unto God.

Today the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree must be engaged in the mention and praise of the Lord of Oneness. The life of this world and its duration are not worthy of mention. It is hoped that they who have turned towards God, both men and women, may in all conditions fix their gaze upon the horizon of the manifestation of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and be detached from all else besides Him.

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, to assist this handmaiden of Thine in that which will draw her nigh unto Thee. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and the ark of Thy power to aid me in that which will exalt me through Thy name. Then ordain for me, O my God, the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy pervading and irresistible command.

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In His Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O my handmaiden and my leaf! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the Day of God, hast heard the call of Him Who is the Goal of all the world, and hast turned towards Him in days when men and women were veiled and heedless, save those whom God did will. Know thou with clear and manifest certitude that if in this Day but one word be revealed for a soul, that soul hath attained unto all good. The Word of God is better for thee than all that hath been created in earth and heaven. Time and again wert thou mentioned in the Holy Presence, and thou hast been honored with the remembrance of God, glorified be His majesty. We make mention in this station of My servant who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and who was named ’Abdu’l-Hamid in the Kingdom of Names. O Hamid! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. I bear witness that thou didst hear My call and turn to My horizon and set thy face toward My luminous countenance. Thou art he who was mentioned before the Wronged One. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath mentioned thee with this mention whereby every bone was quickened and every one that sat did arise and every tongue that had grown silent did speak. Rejoice thou in that My Most Exalted Pen hath remembered thee before thy ascension and after it, and was with thee at the time of thy rising unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Forgiver, the Kind, the Compassionate

O My handmaiden, O Sitarih! Rejoice that the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and hath remembered thee in such wise as shall endure throughout the world. My Leaf and

My handmaiden hath mentioned thee, wherefore We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet and reveal unto thee that which attesteth to My grace and My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the City wherein was raised Thy sweetest call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the earth which was honored by Thy footsteps, O Thou Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times, to purify me and Thy other handmaiden, through the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the Salsabil of Thy bounty, from every sin and error which Thou hast inscribed by Thy knowledge. O my Lord! Thou seest and knowest what is in my heart of the pearls of Thy love and the jewels of Thy affection. Do Thou forgive me and my daughter, through Thy generosity and munificence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Then know, O My handmaiden, that My Name Jamal mentioned thee before, and We revealed for thee that which [the treasures…] the Most Great Bounty cannot equal. Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. Glory [and praise] be upon thee and upon My other handmaiden and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Possessor of what was and what shall be.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O people of Sisan! Upon you be the glory of the All-Merciful. You have ever been and continue to be remembered. Beware lest passion debar you from the Lord of all mankind. Take hold of the hem of the robe of your Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have remembered and continue to remember the loved ones of that land. Blessed is the face that hath turned, the heart that hath been attracted, the tongue that hath spoken, and the hand that hath taken hold of My perspicuous Book. These are the days of manifestation and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of utterance. Strive that haply ye may attain unto that which is everlasting and enduring. The Trustee, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of the loved ones of that land and its surroundings and hath submitted their names to the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist you to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause and to adorn you with the ornament of His bounty. Today the Pen is in joy, and the Tablet in rapture and gladness. Blessed is the one who hath been awakened by the call of the Most Exalted Pen from the slumber of heedlessness and hath arisen to serve the Cause of God. Give thanks unto your Lord for this great bounty and this loving-kindness which hath no peer in the kingdom nor likeness amongst all created things. Make mention of the steadfast handmaidens on behalf of the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of the utterance of the Goal of all mankind. The resplendent and effulgent light shining from the horizon of the heaven of proof be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon all who are steadfast in all regions in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes.

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O My leaves and handmaidens, daughters of Nabil, son of Nabil who ascended unto God - He who now speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! My loving gaze has ever been fixed upon you. Today the Luminary of Divine Grace has risen from the horizon of the heaven of merciful bounty. This is a time for joy, not sorrow. We beseech God to assist all and bestow upon each their portion from the Tablet of generosity. He has ascended to the Supreme Companion who soared in the atmosphere of My love and spoke My praise amongst My servants. We bear witness that he drank of My sealed wine from the hand of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and attained that which none before him attained, save whom God willed. With the utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Verily He loves whoever loves Him and remembers whoever remembers Him. We implore God, exalted be His glory, to set ablaze all the people of that city with the fire of His loved ones and illumine them with the light of recognition. In most of the Tablets We have made mention of the greatness of the Cause and the greatness of this Day. We beseech God to cause all to attain that which is the cause of eternal life. Verily He has power over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My servants and handmaidens who were not frightened by the severity of the wicked nor weakened by the power of the immoral ones - they turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and witnessed that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Everlasting

O thou whom the Youth calleth from His prison! Previously were verses clear and evident sent down for thee, and verily they are a remembrance unto all the worlds. And this Tablet is sent once again in truth, and verily it is a mercy unto the sincere ones. Cast away what thou hast and take what hath come unto thee - this is better for thee than the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Hearken unto this call which hath been raised between earth and heaven. By God! The proofs of all the world cannot match it. It hath been raised in days when kings gathered for My killing and servants for My destruction, and whensoever one turneth to the right or to the left, one findeth naught but enemies of My Self. Therefore, O My spirit, blessed be this Day wherein the Youth hath severed Himself from all save His Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and declareth that there is none other God but Him and that He is the Object of worship of those near unto God. We beseech God to soften thy heart through the waters of wisdom and utterance which have descended from the clouds of thy Lord’s knowledge, the All-Merciful. O My brother! By God, all that thou seest shall perish, and were the matter as they say, the Youth would not have accepted the arrows of the people nor placed Himself beneath the claws of the idolaters. Rend asunder the veils, then emerge from behind them and turn thy face toward Him Who hath fashioned the heavens and earth. Say: O my Lord! I have heard Thy call and answered Thee, and here am I, content with what Thou hast ordained for me, and I am among those who have repented. And praise be to God, the Quickener of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who is established upon the throne of “He doeth what He willeth”

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Ancient King from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Thy letter hath come before the Throne. We found it purified from mention of all who dwell in the realm of possibilities and sanctified from whatsoever beseemeth not thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of My loving-kindness and the Kawthar of My grace and the Salsabil of My generosity, and for having turned thy face toward My countenance after the passing of all who dwell in My kingdom, and for having sought My dominion and the heaven of My knowledge and the ocean of My Will and the Sun of My Beauty which shineth upon all worlds.

Joy be unto thee for having taken the chalice of certitude with the power of faith and drunk therefrom despite those among the followers of religion who denied the All-Merciful when He came with the truth through His sovereignty which encompasses all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech God to make thee a lamp of guidance among His creatures and to open, through the key of thy remembrance, the cities of hearts. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Be thankful that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen. By My life, this sufficeth thee in truth and nothing on earth can equal it. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Know then that We heard thy call before thy letter arrived and answered thee with a mighty Tablet, and after thy letter came, with this wondrous Tablet. Arise to serve the Cause by My leave and My will, then convey unto the people this Most Great News. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy letter from which wafted the fragrances of thy love for God, the Beloved of those who know.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Upon thee be My peace, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father, through whom the fragrance of faith was diffused among the religions. He is among those whom God hath described aforetime in His perspicuous Book, saying - and His Word is most sweet - “honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do as they are bidden.” By the life of God! Thou hast been and art before the Face. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to cause thee to attain unto that which draweth faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. His honor ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar hath arrived and thy letter hath attained the honor of being heard. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open a door before thy face and to rain down upon thee from the heaven of His grace the showers of mercy and blessing. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the One Who […] whereby the pillars of the transgressors were shaken and the faces of those near unto God were illumined. Never hast thou

been absent from Our sight, nor shalt thou ever be. We testify that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and confession of His singleness. There is none other God but Him, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great. We convey from this station Our greetings unto the friends of God and His loved ones there, and We beseech God to cause them to hold fast in all conditions unto His Book and to act according to that which they have been commanded. Verily He is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Peace be upon you all, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

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O Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, He is God, exalted be His station in remembrance and utterance!

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and who hast held fast to the cord of grace! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee in His Most Great Prison with that which no thing among all things, nor any treasure among all treasures, can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. He hath ordained for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which no eye of creation hath ever beheld the like thereof. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed upon Sinai, Who hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation, and by the Call that hath been raised from the Blessed Tree, to open before my face the door of Thy mercy, then to rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity the showers of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ali before Akbar! We have remembered thee before, and at this hour, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be amongst those who have attained in His perspicuous Book. And We make mention of thy son who hath attained unto My days and whom thou didst mention in thy letter. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him what He hath ordained for His chosen ones and trusted ones, and to illumine his heart at all times with the lights of His knowledge. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth and the Ruler over what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Qaysar! Rejoice in that the Lord of Destiny hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath remembered thee with that from which the near ones inhale the fragrance of their Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Wise. We have adorned the heavens of existence with the lights of My utterance, the suns of My wisdom and the moons of My knowledge, and I am the Powerful over what I will, and I am the Ancient Commander. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who have heeded the Call and answered their Lord, the Gracious Summoner.

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O Mirza Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. O thou who gazeth upon My countenance! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. By My life! Thou hast been beneath the glances of My grace and in the shadow of the Tree of My Cause. We have made mention of thee in such wise that its fragrance shall never cease to perfume the realms of dominion and kingdom, and We revealed for thee aforetime that which caused the eyes of the most exalted Paradise to be consoled, and at this hour through this Tablet which proclaimeth that there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Behold, then make mention among the people of the Bayan - among them are those who turned away and those who denied, yet they neither understand nor perceive. By God's life! They know not that He Who spoke before the faces of all the world and preserved not Himself for less than a moment - from Him they have turned away. Say: He hath come with that which no books in the world can equal. Fear God, and be not of them who turned away from the Truth, following vain imaginings and idle fancies. We have written for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden thy heart. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty over what was and what shall be. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of My promised Day, that the glad-tidings of God may draw them to a station wherein the conditions of creation shall not sadden them, nor the allusions of every rejected learned one. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My kingdom be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that have laid hold on this mighty, this extended Cord.

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In the Name of the one God! O young master! My hope is that divine grace may take hold of thee and His loving-kindness encompass thee, in such wise that thy small station may be made manifest as great and thou mayest rise from the horizon of detachment. He is the One with power Who hath made manifest from a single point the knowledge of what was and what shall be. Today the waves of the ocean of mercy are manifest and visible before all faces. The Sun of Truth hath dawned from the horizon of the prison of 'Akka, rising and shining forth. That which had no likeness or equal hath appeared. Blessed is the soul that hath comprehended the station of the Day of God and attained as behooveth it. Say: O people of the Bayan! That which lay treasured in the divine repository of knowledge hath appeared. Were the excellences of this Day to be mentioned, verily the heavens and earth and all things would appear in the form of books and psalms and scrolls. Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then drink therefrom at My bidding, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Verily He preserveth whoso turneth unto Him, and aideth him with His hosts, and assisteth him through His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which shall endure in the Book of God and be adorned with everlasting life. The fragrance of a single deed performed purely for His sake in the Day of God is reckoned as the chief of deeds before God and is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to confirm and assist all. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O Buzurg! Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly been blessed with the fragrance of the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. How excellent is that fragrance when it wafteth! This sweet-scented breeze giveth life, showeth the way, and leadeth to the goal. Samad, upon him be My glory, hath arrived and made mention of thee. Blessed is he who loveth you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings to the people of God. Say: The days are passing and will continue to pass. Strive that ye may attain unto that which will ensure your salvation in this world and the next. The people of the world are occupied with the mention of the Truth, yet they remain deprived of His recognition. The Tree hath grown, the Dawn of Hope hath broken, the Fire is ablaze and the Light is resplendent. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined and set aglow with the fire of divine love. This fire hath ever been and shall ever remain the reality of light. This fire guided the Son of Imran to the highest horizon and enabled him to hearken unto the Voice. We beseech God to assist His people and guide them to the Most Great Ocean that all may partake of that which bestoweth life and granteth everlasting existence. Convey My greetings to those who are related to His Holiness the Martyr and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. The glory be upon you and upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have attained unto that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving

O Jalal, upon thee be the peace of God! O Jalal, upon thee be the light of God! O Jalal, upon thee be the grace of God, His bounty, His generosity and His loving-kindness! Although outwardly no mention of thee was sent and was delayed, yet God knoweth that inwardly thou wast and art remembered, and dost ever stand remembered and present before the Wronged One. We beseech God to send down upon thee the verses of His mercy and the rain-showers of His bounty, and to give thee to drink, both outwardly and inwardly, from the Kawthar of His generosity and bestowal. Convey to all the loved ones in that land the greetings from the Wronged One, and we beseech God to aid them all in that which causeth the exaltation of the blessed Word of religion and trustworthiness. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have mentioned and continue to mention Aqa Siyyid Yahya. We hope that he will change his flight into return. If it be deemed advisable, make the effort once and return. God willing, may you be enabled in all circumstances and times to be engaged in remembrance, be confirmed in steadfastness, and successful in service. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace be upon you, O My loved ones and friends, from this Wronged and Exiled One. Should anyone ask you about the B and the H, say: He is under the claws of hatred. We beseech God to protect His chosen ones from the evil of His enemies and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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He is the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee from this exalted Station, and His hair and His limbs and His members all testify that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Bear thou witness even as God hath borne witness, then know that this is the Day of God whereof the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beloved, hath spoken. He hath said, and His Word is the truth: "On the day when thy Lord cometh, or certain of the signs of thy Lord," and in another place: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's," and in yet another place: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." All this hath the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an. And now the Ancient Lord speaketh the truth, and the Sovereign of the Kingdom proclaimeth in the kingdom of creation, through His Most Glorious Name, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Bear thou witness even as God hath borne witness, and say: O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to draw nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, after most of Thy creatures turned away therefrom. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs among Thy creatures nor the clamor of such as have disbelieved in Thy signs and Thy testimony shall deter me. I implore Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things and by the Will that hath prevailed over all contingent beings to assist me to make mention of Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art powerful to do as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious!

O Husayn! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present hath read it. We have heard and respond to thee through this Tablet which beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great. Let not sorrows overtake thee in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Leave creation behind thee, placing thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Look not upon the people and what they possess. Reflect upon the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and that which hath appeared from Him on this Day whereat the Concourse on High rejoiced and those who hastened to the Most Great Ocean and drank therefrom in My Name, the Generous. Let not the conditions of men sadden thee. Hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny uttereth from the direction of His Most Great Prospect, that joy may so possess thee that the veils of the world will not withhold thee from this Cause at whose appearance the hearts of the heedless were sorely troubled. Take hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy and say: O Thou Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former world! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, whereby the Ship of Thy Cause did sail upon the ocean of Thy mercy, to make me steadfast in this Cause which hath caused the feet of the learned to slip and the hearts of the mystics to be perturbed–they who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed their own imaginings without clear proof or illuminating Book. Thus have We lit the lamp of knowledge within the niche of utterance and sent it unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God! In the name of the Almighty Lord! O Husayn, hearken with thy soul's ear to the voice of the Wronged One. The Ancient Tongue speaketh in Persian that all the servants who dwell in that place and its surroundings may discover the Purpose and act according to it. Today every possessor of utterance is commanded to teach, and every possessor of speech is charged with making mention of the Cause of the All-Merciful. In this Most Great, Most Exalted Cause ye must exert mighty efforts, that perchance the dead may drink from the cup of life and the heedless may receive their share from the chalice of awareness. Today most souls are observed to be like uprooted palm-trunks. The people of knowledge and wisdom must gird up the loins of service and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause of the Beloved of all possibility. However, in all circumstances they must fix their gaze upon wisdom, lest something occur that might cause perturbation among weak souls. O cupbearers of the world! With joy and fragrance bestow upon the people of possibility the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the name of the Purpose of the worlds. This is service to the Divine Cause. Blessed is he who hath attained and acted according to that which was commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful. O Husayn! Thy letter was presented and the servant present before the Throne submitted all of it. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and for having attained unto this Tablet, which no precious pearl can equal. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of mystical knowledge

O Hakim! The time has come and the All-Wise calls out in His Most Glorious Name between earth and heaven, yet most people remain in great delusion. My Most Exalted Pen has moved to make mention of you in the prison of Akka. When you find the fragrance of My sealed wine from My Self-Subsisting Name, then give thanks and say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of those in the heavens and earths.

O Hakim! The Day that was recorded and mentioned in all the books has appeared, and the Light that was forever hidden and concealed in the divine treasury of infallibility has dawned and shone forth. Today Palestine is illumined with the lights of His countenance, and Jerusalem is adorned with a new ornament, and Zion cries out with the most exalted call saying: The mysteries are revealed and what was hidden is made manifest. Blessed is the soul that has attained to this testimony. The stones and clay are today attracted and made joyous by the advent of Truth, yet the heedless servants remain veiled and deprived of the breezes of the days and of what has appeared. Blessed is your heart for having turned to Him and your ear for having heard this mighty and wondrous call.

Convey greetings to all the friends from the True One and say: What is beloved today is steadfastness, for the call of the All-Merciful is raised and likewise the cry of Satan. We counsel all to manifest the utmost steadfastness in this Cause through which the Nightingale warbles upon the branches. Verily there is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker of Truth!

O Haydar-'Ali! Hearken with thy spiritual ear to the divine call, store up the pearls of His wisdom in the shell of thy heart, and preserve them from the eyes of the treacherous and the thieves in the name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne, speaketh the truth. That which hath shone forth in Iraq from the Pen of the Luminary of the horizons is manifest, and from every land the croaking is raised. Glory be to God! The ocean of divine knowledge hath appeared at its utmost height, and the waves of utterance are at every moment visible before all faces. Beseech thou God that He deprive not His servants of this most great bounty. Say: My God, my God! My soul is a sacrifice for Thy love, and my spirit is a sacrifice for Thy grace. Thy servants are occupied with themselves in their homes while Thou, in the Most Great Prison, art occupied with their remembrance. What pen can reckon such bounty and what understanding can attain to the atmosphere of its nearness? Every letter of its letters is the Most Great Gate for those who have recognized His oneness and have turned unto Him. By the life of God! Were but one word of His words to reveal the hidden meanings within itself, all the heedless ones of the earth would utterly proclaim: "We turn unto Thee, O Forgiver of sins! We return unto Thee, O Concealer of faults!" Thus doth the Lamp of God reveal its light, and the Most Great Sea its waves. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath remained faithful to God's Covenant, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Radi! Upon him be the Glory of God, He Who dawns from the horizon of eternity!

O Radi! The Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - came with divine proof and heavenly evidence from the Dayspring of power with boundless favors, having no purpose save to exalt the blessed Word of Divine Unity and guide the servants to that which would benefit and preserve them. Yet the polytheists denied Him and called Him a sorcerer, even though He was the Bearer of Glad Tidings from God - glorified be His majesty - and gave all people the glad tidings of the Days of God. All turned away and issued verdicts for the shedding of His most pure blood. The Primal Point appeared from the Dawning Place of God's Will with divine majesty from the unseen realm into the visible world, and gave tidings of this blessed and wondrous Day. Yet they denied Him and arose in opposition, and finally martyred Him through the verdict of the abominable Shi'ih divines. By the life of God! The deniers among the people of the Bayan are seen to be more debased and rebellious. Convey My greetings to the people of Baha and say: O people of God! Hold fast to that which befits the Day of God and deprive not yourselves of the Kawthar of utterance that flows from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Every party is afflicted with vain imaginings and every people is deprived by their suspicions. You must thank God your Lord that He remembered you while you were among the heedless. Glory be upon the people of Baha, male and female, young and old.

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O Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who standeth before the faces of all religions. O My people! Hearken unto My call. The Wronged One hath turned towards you, and desireth naught except to draw you nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, from whose waves can be heard: "There is none other God but I, the Single, the All-Informed," and from the rustling of whose trees can be heard: "The Chosen One hath come with manifest sovereignty," and from the murmuring of whose rivers can be heard: "The Kingdom and Dominion belong to God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful," and from the whistling of whose winds can be heard: "The gate of prosperity hath been opened in the name of your Lord, Who controlleth the winds, Who hath come with such power that none in the heavens or on earth can withstand Him." O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! The Call hath been raised in such wise as to embrace the whole world, yet most of the people remain heedless. Say: O peoples of the earth! Come ye to the Dayspring of the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Beware lest the veils of the world or the veils of the peoples who have violated My Covenant and followed their desires in My Cause - these indeed are among the froward in My Perspicuous Book - hold you back. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Kings, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which Thou didst break the seal of Thy Choice Wine, to make me steadfast in Thy service, holding fast to Thy cord and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God! In His Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing! O Sadiq! Today, whosoever hath turned unto the most exalted horizon and attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, he verily was and is truthful. And should one fail to attain unto this station, though from time immemorial unto time everlasting he speak with truthfulness, yet in the sight of God he shall not be reckoned among the truthful ones. Give thanks unto the Purpose of all worlds and be thou engaged in His praise, inasmuch as the rays of the Sun of Truth have shone upon thee and guided thee unto the straight path. Throughout all ages and centuries, the enemies have striven to extinguish the divine light and quench the fire of the Tree, and have exerted their efforts thereunto. But God hath banished them through His command and hath manifested that which He desired through His mighty and wondrous Word. Were the heedless souls to ponder upon that which hath come to pass in the past, they would comprehend the station of this blessed Day and would attain unto that which is intended. But the love of the world and its concerns hath so seized them all that no awareness remaineth for anyone, save whom God willeth. Blessed are those servants whom neither the learning of the divines nor the might of the enemies hath kept back from the divine path nor deprived of the everlasting Kawthar. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O Badi', son of him who has ascended to the Supreme Companion, He is the One Who beholds, witnesses, hears and sees. O thou of tender age, O Badi', rejoice in that thou art remembered by the Fashioner of the heavens and earth, Who has come with a Cause that has shaken the foundations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He is the One through Whom the greatest panic appeared amongst mankind and the Lord of Destiny spoke forth: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower." Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who ascended unto God, the Lord of the Final End. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified for him to that which nothing created in the kingdom of creation can equal, as doth testify unto this He with Whom is the Mother Book. O Badi', God willing, mayest thou be the recipient of divine favors. We praise the Beloved of the world in thy tongue, for He brought thee forth from one who attained unto a praiseworthy station. Blessed is he, and blessed art thou, and blessed is thy mother who migrated and journeyed until she attained unto the station which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And blessed is he who reforms thine affairs purely for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. Divine favors have been and are directed towards you. God willing, the friends in that land who have drunk from the Kawthar of eternity and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon will not neglect your affairs and will exert their utmost efforts to improve them according to their capacity. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon whosoever loves him and visits him and remembers his days in God, the Lord of the heavens and earths.

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O Abdullah, upon thee be the Glory of God! From every direction the arrows of tribulation have encompassed thee, yet the Supreme Pen hath, under all conditions, continued to make mention of His loved ones. The clamor of the people of the world hath not prevented the Ancient Beauty from His purpose. Through His complete power He hath raised up His Cause without any helper or supporter, to such a degree that now kings and subjects, the learned and the ignorant among the peoples, are occupied day and night in making mention of it. This is a matter the like of which hath never been witnessed. Glory be to God! Despite the manifestation, appearance and all-encompassing nature of the verses, some among the people of Iran have hesitated while most have arisen in opposition, even though this Wronged One hath had and hath no purpose except reformation. In time they shall behold the wrath and anger of God and shall lament over what hath escaped them in His days. Abdullah, who circled round Me and dwelt in My presence, hath sent thy letter to My holy court in the place named Bahji, and one of My Branches named Badi' hath read it. We have answered thee through this clear Tablet. Meet each of the Hands of the Cause and convey to them the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One, and likewise to the loved ones in that land. We beseech God to assist them through His sovereignty, to aid them through His verses, and to adorn them with the lights of His Kingdom. Verily He is powerful over all things. The Glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O ’Abdu’l-’Azim, son of him who hath ascended unto God, He Who beholdeth His loved ones! O ’Azim, the Great News hath come, the Straight Path hath appeared, the Call hath been raised from a near place. Glory be to God! The mysteries of the Resurrection and the signs of the Hour are all manifest, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. The Sun of Truth shineth before all faces, without cloud or veil, yet the servants have turned to a mere particle and cling unto it. They have turned from the sweet waters of the Euphrates to a putrid pool. Such is the state of the servants. O ’Abdu’l-’Azim! By the life of God! He who arose before Our presence to write, and for the protection of the Blessed Tree from the swords of hatred and malice We mentioned him according to the measure decreed, stood up in hypocrisy and intended to cut down the Tree. The idolaters have taken him as their lord. Fie upon them and their deeds! Have they not beheld the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds, or have they not witnessed the effulgences of the Sun of Truth that have encompassed the worlds of the unseen and the seen? What is the cause of their deprivation and denial? By the life of God! The cause hath been and is their deeds and actions. Leave them in their vain imaginings, speaking in the name of God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey My greetings to the loved ones, and likewise to their associates who have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance and who hold fast to the cord of steadfastness. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon all who are firm, steadfast and upright.

=== END BH04904 ===

=== START BH04905 ===

In the Name of the One Friend, O ’Ali! If thou shouldst praise God, exalted be His glory, with all the tongues of the world, it would still be little and insufficient. Reflect upon His boundless grace and favor - He hath enabled thee to attain unto a Cause from which the learned ones, the mystics, the men of letters, and the princes of the earth are seen to be heedless and deprived. All people, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseeched the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, for the attainment of this Day which is mentioned as the Day of God. Yet when the lights of the promised Day dawned from the Dayspring of divine Will, all remained veiled and bereft thereof, save whom thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, willed. Through the infinite bounty of the Friend thou hast become aware of this divine subtlety and turned towards the truth. That Word which the chiefs of the earth flee from hearing and avoid - through divine grace thou didst hear it and turn to the most exalted horizon. This station is most great - guard it from the treacherous and the thieves. Convey to all the friends in that land the greetings of the Wronged One and say: This is the Day of remembrance and praise, and the Day of steadfastness and service, for whatsoever is manifested from any soul in the Divine Day endureth as long as the Most Beautiful Names endure.

=== END BH04905 ===

=== START BH04906 ===

He is the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, and He is the Mighty, the Generous

O Ali! The Most Exalted Pen hath testified concerning thee to that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the earth and its ornaments, nor by the seas and their pearls, nor by the heavens and their stars, nor by the sun and its radiance, nor by the moon and its light. Thou art he who drew nigh and attained the presence and heard and beheld that which was withheld from all who are on earth save whom thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, did choose. Grieve thou not over anything. God will soon manifest that which hath been ordained for thee from His Most Exalted Pen. Verily He hath made thee a helper of His Cause, one who turneth toward His countenance, who speaketh His praise, who soareth in His atmosphere, and who remaineth steadfast in His Cause - the Cause whereby the limbs of all names did quake and the hearts of the chosen ones were agitated, except for those whom the hand of His power, which dominateth all that was and shall be, did rescue. There is not a single letter but that hath appeared and shall appear - to this the Tablet of Ra'is and that which was revealed from the Pen of God in the Tablets to the princes and kings do testify. Beware lest thou be saddened by the might of those who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, or by the clamor of those who denied the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Be thou steadfast in all conditions in serving this Most Great Cause. Verily He will assist thee and help thee and manifest that whereof He informed thee in His preserved Tablet. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who hearkened unto thy words concerning this irrevocable Cause. Verily we are God's and unto Him shall we return.

=== END BH04906 ===

=== START BH04907 ===

O 'Ali Afandi, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! O 'Ali! The servant was present with your letter and read it in the presence of the Wronged One. The fragrance of love was inhaled from it. Blessed is he whose sighs ascend and whose tears fall in longing for the presence of the Prisoner Who has summoned all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The mystery of the divine Books is today manifest and evident, yet the people remain veiled from it. O 'Ali! For thirteen hundred years the divines of the earth, its jurists and all people lamented in separation and sought with their souls the Day of Manifestation. Yet when He Who conversed on Sinai dawned from the horizon of revelation, and the Kingdom of Meeting was adorned, and the ocean of reunion surged, all turned away and denied and remained heedless, save a few of the letters of the face. Such is the condition of the servants. We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth this glorious and wondrous Day, and to make thee steadfast in this Cause, for truly mighty it is. Take the cup of recognition from the hand of the bounty of Him Who is the Goal of the worlds and drink therefrom in His blessed Name. He is the Helper and the Succourer, and He is the Witness and the Beholder. There is no God but Him, the Witness, the Perceiver, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to send down upon thee a blessing from His presence and to make thee steadfast upon this glorious and wondrous Path. Glory be upon thee and upon thy brothers and upon whoso hath attained unto this resplendent station.

=== END BH04907 ===

=== START BH04909 ===

Sar-Chah. O ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

O ’Ali before Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and bids thee to beautiful patience. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Grieve not over the incidents of this world. That which no eye of creation hath seen hath been ordained for him who hath turned towards God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. That which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of earth hath been ordained in the Most Exalted Paradise for My loved ones. He Who possesseth the Manifest Book beareth witness to this. Sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought - they who have cast the Book behind their backs, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One and drinkest the Choice Wine sealed with the Name of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to attain unto the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and for having made mention of me through the tongue of the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self while He was in the hands of His enemies. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Educator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy religion, such that neither the clamor of the ignorant nor the might of those who have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament shall prevent me. Then ordain for me, O Lord of existence, that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy bondsmen. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.”

=== END BH04909 ===

=== START BH04910 ===

O Andalib, upon whom be the Glory of God, He is the One Who stands and speaks before the faces of the world! O Andalib, We have heard your melodies, your warbling, and your songs in the garden of loving-kindness and favor. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen you and protect you from that which is unworthy of His days - days which were heralded by the Spirit and announced by Him Who conversed with God. Your verses have been presented before Us. We found from them the fragrance of orientation and devotion. We have turned unto you and mentioned you in this wondrous Tablet. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaks and the Preserved Tablet utters, and that which was hidden in God’s knowledge, the Lord of the worlds, is made manifest. Say: My God, my God! I perceive the fragrance of Thy bounty from Thy utterance and behold the lights of Thy daybreak from Thy horizon. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest the Resurrection and its conditions, and the Hour and its signs, and through which Thou didst subdue the servants and send down upon the lands that which was inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet, to enable me to remember Thee and praise Thee throughout the nights and days. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made known to me Thy path and caused me to speak Thy praise on this Day wherein the idolaters have risen against Thee with the swords of malice and hatred, and the heedless with the spears

of fancy and idle imagination. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

=== END BH04910 ===

=== START BH04911 ===

O Andalib, upon whom be the Glory of God

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Andalib! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto service, assistance, mention and praise. Thou hast been mentioned by the Supreme Pen in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the praises of the world nor by what hath been uttered by the tongues of nations. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty. O Andalib! We have heard thy melodies in succession. Well is it with thee and with that which thy tongue hath uttered in praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard what thou hast composed and have found therein the fragrance of thy turning, thy sincerity and thy orientation towards God, the Lord of the heavens and earths. That which thou didst send hath attained Our presence and been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech God to aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for thee every good thing which He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and illumine their hearts with the lights of My guidance, and say:

My God, my God! Accept from us that which our tongues utter in prayer before Thy face and in communion with Thee. O Lord! Aid us to hold fast unto Thee and unto that which hath been sent down from Thee, and assist this Thy servant to guide Thy creatures and direct them to Thy path. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy bounty, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace for Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them of that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, He through one word from Whom the seas surge, the winds blow, and the lights shine forth. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH04911 ===

=== START BH04912 ===

The Most Mighty Branch, He is the Mighty

O Greater Branch! Due to your departure, the matter of the Tablets has been delayed, the departure of Mulla Muhammad-'Ali has been postponed, the blessed Cause is in suspension, and both Barkih and Barkih are in regret. Indeed, due to your departure most matters are suspended and still, nay rather, they appear disordered. How excellent was what was said - that from its rising and setting two cities were turned upside down. Your letters from before and after arrived and the Most Great Branch sent them and they were seen. According to what was mentioned, the matter of the sale was not established on a firm,

solid foundation. The sale by some people appears flimsier than a spider's web. In any case, time is needed - it must be made so firm that no thought of change would occur. Then whatever is expedient, after reflection and consultation, carry it out. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Now when five hours remain till sunset, his honor Diya has come and beseeched that mention be made of you, and the Supreme Pen intended to make mention after sleep, but due to Diya's insistence this Tablet was written before sleep. May his honor Majd be preserved and joyous, God willing. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and mention you and who are with you, and upon Husayn who attained to My service and emigrated with Me, and upon every insightful one who has turned towards Me.

=== END BH04912 ===

=== START BH04913 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Ali-Quli, hear My call once again from the direction of My prison. Verily it will draw thee near to My court, give thee to drink of the Kawthar of My favor, show thee the Luminary of My bounty, and kindle thee with the fire of My love. Thy Lord, verily, is the One manifest in grace, the Ruler with justice, and He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy service, thy remembrance, and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of idols have trembled. Neither the doubts of the deniers nor the allusions of those heedless of God, the Lord of the Final Return, have deterred thee.

Counsel My servants to cultivate goodly character and praiseworthy deeds, and that whereby their stations may be elevated among the peoples. They who have cast away righteousness and committed unseemly acts - these have no portion of this ocean which surgeth before the faces of religions.

O concourse of My loved ones! Aid your Lord through deeds from which the fragrance of divine acceptance may be wafted. They who claim to love Me must needs adorn their heads with the crowns of detachment and their temples with the raiment of righteousness. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in most of the Tablets.

My concern is not with My enemies, but rather with those who claim belief yet commit that from which people flee. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest rejoice and remind the people of that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen of God in the most sublime station. The glory from Us be upon thee, upon thy father, and upon those who hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH04913 ===

=== START BH04914 ===

O Faraj, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Faraj! Let thy joy and gladness and sorrow be for God alone. Be happy in truth and confident in truth, and be sorrowful only for His sake. All sorrows are forbidden save that which cometh from the tribulations of the Intended One. The radiant effulgence of the Sun of Joy hath taken hold of thee and the Tongue of Eternity speaketh with thee. I swear by the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful that oceans of joy are concealed in this mention. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. In all matters, place thy complete trust in Him with utmost joy and fragrance, delight and expansion, and commit all unto Him, and say:

My God, my God! My Lord, my Lord! I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and have hastened unto Thee, hoping for that which will draw me nigh unto the threshold of Thy grace. I testify with my outer and inner tongue that I know not what profiteth or harmeth me, nor what exalteth or abaseth me. Thou art more knowing than I and than whosoever is in the heavens and the earth. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy grace and the oceans of Thy bounty and the revelations of Thy favors, to ordain for me, through Thy generosity which hath encompassed the world and Thy mercy which hath preceded all peoples, that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art He through Whose will all things came into being and all possibilities were set in motion. Thy command hath preceded and Thy power hath encompassed all things. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the All-Compelling.

=== END BH04914 ===

=== START BH04915 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Informed

O upholder of the Faith! The Faith has been upheld and the Uprising has appeared, yet the people are in wondrous intoxication. Earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth save whom God, the Lord of all men, has willed. Your name has attained the presence of the Wronged One and has been blessed with hearing. We answer you with this Tablet from whose horizon has shone the luminary of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings. Blessed is the face that has turned, the heart that has advanced, the eye that has seen, and the ear that has heard when the Most High Pen's scratching was raised from the most exalted station. Thank God for having aided you to turn toward Him and guided you to the straight path. Hold fast to the cord of His grace. He has come from the horizon of power with might and sovereignty. Nothing escapes His knowledge - He witnesses and sees, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

In the Persian tongue, hearken to the call of the Wronged One, that He may perchance aid you to serve the Cause and perform deeds whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. Today the divine Lote-Tree in the most exalted Paradise speaks these words: "O people! Cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies. The Sun of Certitude has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Blessed is he who has witnessed and seen and found the divine fragrances, who has turned and said: 'Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the worlds!'" We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success and ordain for thee that which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence. Verily He is powerful over all things and ready to answer.

=== END BH04915 ===

=== START BH04916 ===

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mahdi, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. O Mahdi! Hear thou the call which hath been raised from this Most Exalted Station, from the Crimson Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament - these are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people! The Day hath come, and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud through His Name, the Mighty, the Great. Beware lest what the ignorant possess prevent you from the Most Exalted Horizon. Take ye what ye have been given from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Blessed art thou and he who hath ascended unto God. We testify that he hath drunk from the Kawthar of immortality from the bounteous hand of his Lord, the Generous. He hath attained unto that which most of creation hath failed to attain. The Tongue of God beareth witness to this in this exalted station. He turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when the people turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, did will. He recognized that which the Pen had spoken and acknowledged that which was sent down from the heaven of grace from One mighty and powerful. We were with him at the time of his ascension and made mention of him in such wise as caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrances of God's tender mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful, to waft. Blessed is he and blessed is he who maketh mention of him after his ascension through that which hath been sent down from One ancient in descent. Glory be upon him and upon those who have not violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

=== END BH04916 ===

=== START BH04917 ===

In the Name of the one God!

O Kazim! Hearken, by the leave of thy heart, to the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and behold, through the bounty of the Lord of Names, the movements of the leaves of the Tree beyond which there is no passing. Ponder the evidences of this Revelation. I swear by the light shed from the hearts of them that are nigh and sincere that the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Wellspring of His revelation hath appeared in such wise that no one hath any excuse to hesitate or delay. Say: Hearken to the Voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai from the Tree of Revelation - He Who was promised in all the Books of the peoples of the world and Whose advent was heralded therein. Stand firm in the Cause of God and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art not described except through Thyself and Who art not mentioned by the tongues of Thy creation, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the treasury of Thy knowledge and the Dayspring of Thy Cause to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and to strengthen me in that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! I am the poor and evanescent one, and Thou art the Ever-Abiding and Self-Sufficient. I beseech Thee to establish my remembrance by the Pen of Thy Command in Thy Book which none hath discovered save Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God and the God of the

world! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to blot out my misdeeds and ordain for me and Thy handmaiden the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of all names and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH04917 ===

=== START BH04919 ===

His honor Haji Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One Who speaketh the truth and manifesteth justice.

O Muhammad! His honor Afnan desired to take from the treasury of divine knowledge a pearl of utterance as a gift for you and bring it forth. From this desire the light of love shone forth. Blessed is he and joy be unto him, and blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Some time ago there was sent especially for thee that which hath no likeness or peer. Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and illumine them with the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of the providence of God, exalted be His glory.

Say: O friends! Fear and anxiety have never befitted and do not befit the people of truth. Death shall seize man but once, and if it occurs in the path of the Friend, it is assuredly most excellent, most beloved, most exalted and most glorious. No fair-minded one would deny this station. Say: O people of God! Hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto the betterment of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. For whosoever acteth according to that which God hath willed, no fear or peril hath ever touched or shall ever touch him. Spirit upon spirit, grace upon grace, bounty upon bounty hath been inscribed for him by the Most Exalted Pen. Well is it with thee, O Muhammad, and with whosoever hearkeneth unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH04919 ===

=== START BH04920 ===

In the name of the one incomparable God, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Baqir! From time immemorial until now people have clung to vain imaginings. The Friend (Abraham) came, they cast Him into the fire. Moses came, they bore witness to His falsehood. Christ came, they hung Him upon the cross. The Beloved (Muhammad) came, they pronounced the verdict for His death. The Herald (the Bab) came, they made Him the target of their bullets. All these holy Beings and Dawning-places of divine revelation spoke at first according to the understanding of the people. And now the Speaker of Sinai hath appeared with the banner of “He doeth what He willeth” and the standard of “He ordaineth what He pleaseth,” and hath spoken that which hath been the cause of rending asunder the veils of the world and its peoples. Reflect then upon what they have done and are doing, and what they wrought and are working. The Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. God willing, through the breezes of this perspicuous Tablet thou shalt attain to that station which hath been recorded and inscribed in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures. Praise

the Object of all creation, for thou hast been mentioned by Him and hast attained to His recognition. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast strengthened me and caused me to recognize this Cause, whose greatness hath been attested by Thy Books, Thy Tablets, Thy Messengers, Thy chosen ones, and the best among Thy creation. I testify that Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign, the Commander, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH04920 ===

=== START BH04921 ===

He is the One Who observeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Thou hast attained unto the remembrance of the Lord of Names and hast heard the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and shalt drink and give others to drink from the cup of His love. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and give them glad-tidings of God's favors. Blessed are they in that they have attained in the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Whoso hath today attained unto the divine Word hath attained unto all good. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of grace that all the world cannot equal a single letter that hath proceeded from the Source of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Say: Know ye the value of the divine Tablets and beseech Him that ye may remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause. Say: How many souls laid claim to love, yet were later deprived of the Lord of the Beginning and the End by a mere croak or buzz. Say: O friends! Ye must be ablaze with such a fire and shine with such a light that no opportunity remains for the perverse and the deniers. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them to do what He loveth and pleaseth. We make mention of the two Names in this station that they may rejoice in the remembrance of their Lord, the Merciful. Verily We mentioned them before and sent to each one of them a Tablet from which wafted the fragrance of My loving-kindness that hath preceded all worlds. Glory be upon thy father and upon thy brother and upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast and firm one.

=== END BH04921 ===

=== START BH04922 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! Verily the heaven hath turned unto thee and the sun hath spoken in thy remembrance from a station adorned with the lights of the Face, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of God and clung to the hem of His bounty and drunk the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of His grace and attained unto His mention in His days and turned toward His horizon when the servants of the earth turned away from Him, save whom God, the Lord of lords, did will. Hearken unto the call from the Supreme Pen: verily He remembereth thee and those who have believed when God came with the standards of the verses. When thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Bayan, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me when I was between the hands of those who violated Thy Covenant and Testament. I beseech Thee by the lands wherein the fragrances of Thy Manifestation were diffused and the breezes of Thy grace did

waft, and by the regions which gloried over the heaven in that they were honored by Thy footsteps and adorned with Thy traces - O my Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy generosity and the splendors of the lights of the sun of Thy grace, that Thou aid me to perform that whereby my remembrance may endure in Thy Book. Then make me, O my God, of those who have attained unto the Kawthar of steadfastness, whereby nothing among all things prevented them from turning unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. The beings have testified to Thy greatness and all created things to Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH04922 ===

=== START BH04923 ===

He is the Most Ancient

O Muhammad! The attending servant has presented what was in your letter. We have heard it and answered you. Rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Thank God for having enabled you to serve Him and for bringing you into His presence and entrusting to you the reins of affairs of those who come to Him by His leave. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We make mention of you and those who have emigrated in the path of God and His love, and have attained the permission upon which the acceptance of all things depends in a clear Book. Ask God to assist the people of Baha to do what He loves and is pleased with, and to adorn them with the garments of light between earth and heaven, that all things may find from them the fragrance of sanctity and faithfulness. Verily your Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Make mention on My behalf of My loved ones who have entered beneath the shadow of their Lord's mercy, and convey My greetings to their faces, then honor their dwelling place through My firm and mighty command. And concerning what you asked about My condition - it is stable to a degree. Verily your Lord is the Answerer. Ask God to heal the world and cure it of its diseases. Verily He is the Healer, the Almighty. A traveler must not abstain except after My permission. Say: Eat and drink in enjoyment. He decrees as He pleases and in His grasp is the kingdom of command. No one may say "why" - whoever says this has disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have fasted by My leave out of love for Me. Thus have We adorned the tablet with the ornament of utterance. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH04923 ===

=== START BH04924 ===

Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker, the Manifest, the Compassionate, the Generous

O Muhammad! Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in this Mighty Tablet, which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed is he who with attentive ear hath heard the call of his Most Glorious Lord, Who from the Most Great Prison

summoned all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. By God! The hosts of earth did not prevent Us, nor did their guns and ranks frighten Us. The Tongue hath spoken as He desired concerning this Cause, whereby the limbs of those divines who turned away and pronounced judgment against God, the Mighty, the Wise, have quaked with fear. These are they who disputed the signs of God and committed that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise and the dwellers of the cities of names to lament. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of His mighty prison. The world and whatsoever is therein shall pass away, but that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen shall endure, as bidden by the Ordainer, the All-Informed. The Tree crieth out, yet the people understand not. The Book speaketh with truth, yet mankind perceive not. Man uttereth speech, yet the people hear not. The Beloved giveth glad tidings to creation of this Revelation, yet they turn not unto it. The Spirit informeth them, yet they know not. By God! The earth discourseth and the Mount speaketh. Joy unto him who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

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=== START BH04925 ===

Here is the honored Professor Muhammad-Quli who has attained the presence and gained victory - He is the Hearer, the Witness, the All-Informed. O Muhammad-Quli! Ismi Mahdi, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court. Verily he attained the presence, and the reading and the hearing. From every word We perceived the fragrance of thy love and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Praise be to God, thou didst aim for the ultimate goal and didst attain it, and from the hands of bounty thou didst drink that which hath had and hath no likeness or parallel. Last year, on one of the days, as a token of grace We donned the cloak that was sent, and a Tablet was revealed in the Most Glorious Handwriting and dispatched. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the court of Thy might and caused me to enter the spot round which circle they who are near unto Thee and they who are sincere in Thy Cause, and for having given me to drink, from the cup of Thy bounty, the wine of Thy utterance, and for having made me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Lamp of Thy Cause which findeth itself amidst tempestuous winds, to make me steadfast in Thy service and in Thy remembrance and praise, in such wise that neither princes nor divines may hinder me from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all men and Master of the throne above and the earth below. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have placed my trust in Thee and have committed my affairs unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee from among Thy servants. Then forgive me and those with me, through Thy grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

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O Mulla [Mamish], upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. O Mulla! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all beings from the precincts of the Prison. Verily, it draweth thee nigh unto God, purifieth thee from disobedience, and giveth thee to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hands of bounty and bestowal. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have sent down unto thee on this night that which will draw thee unto God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Open your eyes. The All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Beware lest the doubts of men hold you back from the Greatest Perspective, or the might of the oppressors frighten you– they who have broken the Covenant in the final end. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One and drinkest the choice wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the Word whereby earth and heaven were attracted, to make me one of those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward the light of Thy countenance, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names! O my Lord! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs. I beseech Thee by the rustling of Thy Lote Tree and the murmuring of the water of Thy bounty to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy manifestation, Thy power, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of any good that Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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In the Name of Him Who rules over all who are in earth and heaven! O peoples of the world, hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, as it is raised in truth: There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Follow not your passions, but follow rather the Revealer of verses Who summons you unto God. This would be better for you, did ye but know. Burden not yourselves with that which prevents you from treading this outstretched Path. Be sources of fairness amongst the servants and manifestations of justice unto all in the lands. This behooveth you, could ye but understand. The world and all wherein ye take delight shall perish. Cast it behind you and turn with your hearts unto the Beloved. Should ye find one who turns away, remind him of God's verses, that haply he may turn unto his Lord. And should he persist in his state, leave him to himself. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur command you, while in the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We have sent down this Tablet for those who have believed in God and His signs, that they may arise to help the Wronged One. O servant! Grieve not at what hath befallen thee. Ponder My tribulation, My exile, My imprisonment and My affliction, after I summoned all unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Should a calamity touch you, be patient even as your Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen, was patient. Thus did the Tongue speak when sorrows encompassed the Lord of all that was and shall be. Glory be unto those who have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH04928 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O thou who hast remembered Me! Know thou that He Who is remembered remembereth thee, and the Beloved speaketh that which rejoiceth thy heart and the hearts of them who have turned towards the Supreme Horizon on a day wherein souls lamented and feet did slip. Observe the people and their heedlessness: they wailed and cried out and supplicated at their separation from the Dawning-Place of the revelation of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Yet when the veils were rent asunder and the Promised One appeared, they rose up against Him with such tyranny as caused them who are nigh unto God to lament in their most exalted station. They recite the Qur'an, yet deny Him Who revealed it in truth. Thus did their souls prompt them, without any proof or Book. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned towards God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: O Fashioner of the heavens and Creator of names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Revelation and the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged amongst Thy creatures, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in the service of them who love Thee. O my Lord! I am he who heard Thy sweetest call and turned towards Thy Most Exalted Horizon. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the clouds of Thy mercy, nor to drive me from Thy door which Thou hast opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. O my Lord! Aid Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and strengthen them to turn towards the lights of Thy countenance. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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=== START BH04930 ===

O thou who art watched over by the Glory of God and His mercy and His loving-kindness! Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. At this time the Greater Branch proceeded from Bahji to 'Akka and when he attained Our presence he made mention of thy letter. We make mention of thee through verses from which every person of understanding will discover the fragrance of My loving-kindness and My mercy and My grace which have encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not over anything. God will soon unveil to thee and make manifest unto thee the path of His loving-kindness leading to relief and blessing. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Goal of them that know. The letter of the servant who is present was also noted. An answer is being sent. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and through thee to help His Cause triumph and exalt His mention. Verily He is powerful over all things. Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One and counsel them to trustworthiness and godliness and steadfastness and whatsoever will elevate the station of man. At this time We make mention of him who is named Asadu'llah that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Some time ago there was revealed especially for you and him in the letter of Diya that which diffused the fragrance of loving-kindness and mercy. And We make mention of him who is named Habib and We beseech God to adorn him with the ornament of loving-kindness and favors and to assist him to be steadfast in His Cause and to ordain for him the good of the last world and the first. Verily He is powerful over all things.

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=== START BH04931 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful

O Nabil, son of Nabil! There hath come before the Wronged One that which thou didst send to Ismu'l-Javad, who was attracted by the verses of God and turned to Him, even unto visiting the Prison on a day when all on earth turned away from God save those rescued by the hand of Him Who ruleth over the worlds. Thou art he who traversed land and sea, and bore the derision of men and whatsoever proceeded from their mouths, until thou didst attain unto His presence and didst hear the call of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Remember when thou didst stand before the Gate, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke unto thee that which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Thus doth He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet make mention of thee. In these days We have sent a letter unto thy brother wherein We have made mention of thee as a token of My grace, for I am the Rememberer, the Hearer, the Beholder, and the Answerer in what hath been and what shall be. Blessed art thou and he, and those women who were with you both and who remember their Lord through what the All-Merciful hath sent down in His perspicuous and mighty Tablet. From this station We send Our greetings unto Javad who attained unto what his Lord, the Lord of existence, desired. He it is who heard the Call and answered his Lord whilst most of the people were as dead. Convey My greetings unto him and unto those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon you and upon every one who turneth unto God and whom the turbans have not hindered from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH04932 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the Helper, the Mighty, the Great

O Niyaz! Upon thee be the glory of the Luminary of Hijaz, through Whom the Truth was made manifest and the traces of metaphor were erased. We were walking in the house and hearing the tale of the earth when suddenly a call was raised from the Most Exalted Paradise: "O people of Baha who are settled upon the Crimson Ark! Rejoice and be glad at the arrival of His Honor, the Trusted One, at a manifest station and mighty prison in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds." Today in the city of love there is a melody for the lovers. Then another call was raised from the direction of the Supreme Paradise: "O concourse of lovers! Rejoice that 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar has arrived at the spot which God has made the Most Luminous Scene, where before him the Wronged One was imprisoned in the land of ?a, and attained to reunion and meeting. For We dwelt in cities with chains and shackles in that place and places like it. In truth, the homeland of those near to God has been and is the prison of the oppressors. Glory be to God! The wolves of the earth pride themselves on bloodthirstiness and have defiled the seat of judgment. We beseech God to purify it for the establishment of the throne of justice upon it. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. By My life! This seizing and torment in the path of the Peerless Friend is sweeter than the Kawthar in the taste of the lovers. To this beareth witness the Lord of the Day of the Covenant. The glory

from Us be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of grace and bounty, as a favor from God, the Compassionate, the Generous.

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=== START BH04933 ===

O handmaid of God, upon whom be the glory of God, the Revealer of verses! In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! O my leaf, upon thee be My glory! Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. The people of the world have been created for the recognition of the Most Great Name on this blessed Day, yet most are heedless of that which is with God and occupied with that which is with the creatures. But thou hast attained to that which the people of the earth are deprived of, save those whom God hath willed, the Most High, the Most Great. Convey My greetings to the handmaids in that land and remind them all of that which hath appeared and been revealed from the supreme horizon. Say: Today is the day of supreme joy. Blessed are those handmaids who are engaged in the remembrance of God and are detached from aught else but Him, and blessed are those leaves who are moved by the will of the Divine Lote-Tree and are sanctified and pure from the motion of self and desire. Time and again the Trustee, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath mentioned thee and the handmaids of that land, and each one hath attained to that for which the world was created to recognize. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. He who loved Us and mentioned Us hath ascended; We have remembered him with that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge in creation and the fragrance of the mercy of the All-Merciful to waft. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory shining forth from Us be upon thee and upon those handmaids who have drunk of My choice sealed wine.

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=== START BH04934 ===

A leaf of identity, upon her be the Glory of God. In My Name, the Mighty, the Compassionate. O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Today the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree warble in melodies and strains which, were the people of the world to hearken unto even less than these, they would witness all differing things, contrasting forms, and divergent views united as the letters of one blessed word. And that word standeth even as a tongue before the Kingdom, expressing the purpose of all worlds, and uttereth the blessed, hallowed, exalted word: “I have turned my face toward Thee, O Creator of the heavens and earth, O Fire of the hearts of them that yearn, O Beloved of the hearts of them that know!” Today the ocean of utterance hath different waves, and the Mount of Knowledge a different song. The Zamzam of Batha hath another melody, for the Lord of all being hath come without veil or covering, despite the desires of the people. Blessed is the soul that, with ears purified from the tales of the people and the stories of old, hath sought to hearken and hath attained thereunto. God willing, may that leaf and other leaves drink from the cup of this utterance which hath appeared from the Dayspring of divine revelation, and may they guide the handmaidens of the earth to the direction of God’s loving-kindness. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Imprisoned, the Wronged One. Verily, in the midst of sorrows He hath remembered thee with that which hath caused the mountains to tremble and the Herald to cry out: “The

Kingdom belongeth to God, the Wealthy, the Most High!" The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and thy sister, and upon them that have turned and believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH04934 ===

=== START BH04935 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of bounty surgeth before the faces of all peoples!

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily He remembereth thee and doth remember thee at this hour as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. When the fragrance of the Tablet taketh hold of thee, arise and say: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and all glory be unto Thee for having sent down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace that which shall immortalize me in Thy Manifest Book. I beseech Thee by the Euphrates of Thy mercy and the ocean of Thy bounty to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy grace that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Moreover, ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. O my Lord! Thou knowest me better than I know myself. I know not what profiteth me. I have laid hold of Thy cord and have committed my affairs unto Thee. Do with me as Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful."

We have desired to make mention of thy mother from among the people of the household and to give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of them that are endued with insight. Grieve thou not over anything, nor over the happenings of the world and its manifestations. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for you, the people of the household, that which the tongues are powerless to recount and the pens unable to describe. This is attested by honored servants. Forget not God's favor unto thee. Be thou enkindled with the fire of My love and speaking in praise of My beauteous praise. The glory of God rest upon you all, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

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=== START BH04936 ===

O Jinab-i-Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is God, the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Yusuf! In the nights and days the verses of God are being revealed, His evidences are manifest, His call is raised, His path is visible, and His balance is established. Yet those souls who throughout ages and centuries awaited the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai are today veiled and deprived of the ocean of grace. They have abandoned the Book of Certitude and cling to vain imaginings. The fragrances of revelation have perfumed the world and the luminary of utterance has illumined all regions, yet there exists no eye to behold it, nor any ear to hearken to its call. Today the learned and the ignorant, the high and the low, all stand on the same plane. Whosoever turns and draws near - they are accounted among

the people of certitude in the Manifest Book by the Pen of God, recorded and inscribed. In all conditions, beseech God to protect thee. Some souls attribute themselves to the Truth while they follow the desires of self and passion. I am quit of them, as every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. The Truth is manifest and the verses are clear, and all have been commanded to sanctification and detachment for the exaltation of the Cause. Yet some have deviated from the straight path and have committed that which hath caused lamentations to rise and tears to flow. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.

=== END BH04936 ===

=== START BH04937 ===

In the Name of the peerless God! The Day of God is manifest and the Tongue of the All-Compelling uttereth the Most Great Word. Reflect upon the divine bounty and mercy. The Word of Negation which in former times was revealed and sent down from the Source of the Command hath now been transformed into affirmation. I swear by the Sun of Divine Unity that shineth from the horizon of the prison, if anyone were to reflect upon this bounty We have mentioned, throughout his life he would ceaselessly utter "Thine be the praise, O Glory of the worlds!" O Mahdi! Thy letter hath come before the Most Great Vision and the Wronged One hath beheld it, and the servant present hath presented whatsoever thou didst mention therein. Be thou thankful that thy letter hath attained unto My hearing and thou hast been honored with My attention and mention in this Manifest Book. O friends! Reflect upon the proof of the All-Merciful and deprive not yourselves of the eternal realms for the sake of ephemeral days. Cling ye to the cord of the Cause with such firmness that the entire world shall be powerless to separate you from it. This is the most exalted and lofty station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this station. There have been and shall be many vain souls. Not every speaker is worthy of credence. Fix your gaze upon wisdom and hold fast unto its hem. Display not the pearls of divine knowledge before every ignorant one, and preserve them from thieves in the name of the Truth. I conclude with the words: There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH04939 ===

O Haji Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One speaking from the Most Exalted Horizon

O Ahmad! We have made thee to hear My call and have shown thee the horizon of My knowledge and have mentioned thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure through the perpetuity of My names in My kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, that thou mayest find the Purpose and arise to serve Him. Every deed that appeareth from a doer in this day is as the sun amidst the deeds of the days before and after. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which is meet and seemly on this day.

Praise be to God that thou didst hearken unto the call of Truth and didst attain unto His recognition, and thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the days of God. This station is most great -

preserve it through the name of the Peerless Beloved and keep hidden the precious pearl of recognition from the treacherous polytheists. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the Great Book.

The world is evanescent and transient. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for thee shall endure and last. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics!” I beseech Thee by the sighs of the hearts of the sincere ones and the tears from the eyes of them that are near unto Thee, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and to aid me to serve Thy Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the conditions of creation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names, and Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

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=== START BH04940 ===

O Husayn in Sad! He is the Most High, the Great, the Exalted! When the Bird of Captivity calls out from the direction of Iraq and sings the verses of separation, thereby are the hearts of those who are nigh unto God disturbed. Yet you should not be disturbed by any matter, nor be dismayed by this dismay which causes the tears of the mystics to flow. This is what We had informed you of before in preserved holy Tablets. Therefore put your trust in God in all matters, for in Him do His sincere servants place their trust. Soon will God bring about His Cause and make manifest His command and establish His proof. There is no God but Him. All were created by a word from His presence, and all are in fear of His awe. Know then that with God you have a great station, and soon will your name be elevated through His grace among the concourse of the exalted ones. This was inscribed by a luminous holy Finger. Beware, beware lest you forget God’s favor upon you, and grieve not over the world and its constraints. Rather, rejoice in the joy of God, the Most High, the Most Great. And when you hear that the Bird of Holiness has flown from one branch to another, grieve not within yourself nor be of the disturbed ones. Be content with what God has decreed for us, then be patient and be of the patient ones. And remind those who are around you, for this is indeed a beautiful permission. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who are attracted by the melody of God, the King, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of the Near One! Thy name is mentioned before the Divine Throne, therefore the Most Exalted Pen floweth and moveth with thy name. This is a great bounty if thou knowest its worth. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast turned toward the Friend and art adorned with the garment of His recognition. Verily He is with whosoever desireth Him and seeketh Him. Beseech God that thou mayest ever be enabled to recognize Him and remember Him. The Pen of Command counseleth Its loved ones to the Most Great Steadfastness, for this hath been and shall ever be among the most mighty matters. None attaineth this station save those souls who efface from their hearts whatsoever they have heard and hearkened unto, and turn unto that which the Beloved uttereth. As thou observest, most souls have been debarred from the shore of the Most Great Unity by stories and tales that have been related, whereas it is evident that what they possessed and heard was either not authentic in origin or they failed

to comprehend its meaning. Under all conditions thou must be engaged in the remembrance of the True One, the Exalted, detached from all else besides Him. Be not saddened by prevention. Arise to assist the Cause to the extent of thy capacity. We beseech God to sanctify thy heart from the mention of aught else save Him, to cause thy tongue to speak His praise, and to exalt thy station through His Name. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH04941 ===

=== START BH04942 ===

O Siyyid Musa! In the Name of God, the Most Invincible! Hear My call from the realm of My loving-kindness - verily there is no God but Him, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O Moses! We chose the Interlocutor aforetime and sent him to Pharaoh and his chiefs with nine clear signs, and I am verily the Sender, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the Ancient. Among these was the staff of Command whereby We parted the sea and delivered those who believed, and drowned the idolaters. And if thou wouldst look with the glance of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst witness that they who have denied this Revelation are drowned in the sea of passion and desire, and have returned to the lowest of the low. And they who have believed, these dwell in the highest Paradise, and are now numbered among the blessed in the Abha Paradise. Be thou thankful unto God for having been nourished from the Tree of Faith and for having become one of those who have attained. Forget not thy Lord, but rather make mention of Him amongst His servants, that they may arise to remember and praise Him amidst all peoples. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God and be at peace within thyself. Verily He loveth those who trust in Him and aideth them through His wondrous victory. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth, and in His hand is all good. Verily He hath power over all things. Kindle thou the lamp of His love within the lantern of thy heart, that both thy outer and inner being may be illumined thereby, and that through it the God-fearing servants of God may be enlightened. And upon thee be glory, and upon every faithful believer.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Know thou that We have come to the Most Great Prison that the servants might be freed from the prison of self and desire, and turn unto the sanctuary of their Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. We summon the servants from the horizon of this tribulation unto God, the Lord of Names, that perchance the breaths of the words of Him Who is the Fashioner of the heavens might take hold of them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We have not forgotten thee. We have revealed for thee in the Tablet that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are endued with understanding. Say: O people! The Day hath come. Arise to help your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised. When the clamor of them that have disbelieved is raised, shun them and turn thy face toward God, the Most High, the Most Great. Be thou in such wise that he who possesseth authority shall not withhold thee from the remembrance of God on this Day whereon eyes have been blinded and feet have slipped, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Peerless. Arise to the Cause of thy Lord and bid the people unto righteousness. Thus have We

commanded thee before and in this hour. Say: O people! Abandon that which ye possess and turn unto that Quarter wherefrom the Concourse on High hath been illumined. And whoso turneth away, he is indeed in manifest error. Soon shall the horizons be illumined through the Name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. Grieve not at anything. Verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions. When the promise cometh to pass, there shall descend upon thee that which hath been ordained for thee. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

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In the Name of the peerless Lord! Though the dark clouds of oppression have prevented the appearance of the countenance and lights of the Sun of Justice, yet this is not the first harm that hath befallen the chosen ones of God. Consider how much oppression and cruelty was inflicted upon the Manifestations of justice and faithfulness in previous ages. The influence of this new Cause will not be effaced from the world. Every person of insight will soon behold its traces throughout the earth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In all conditions that honored one must gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to the cord of God's grace. The first word recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book was steadfastness in the Cause. That honored one must, God willing, drink and give others to drink from this cup according to his capacity. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that this is that true Kawthar which floweth and streameth forth from the Finger of Divine favor. Blessed are they that drink thereof, and joy be unto them that drink thereof, and happiness be unto them that drink thereof. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this noble Tablet. By the life of God! What hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth and heaven. To this doth bear witness the Lord of all beings from this mighty stronghold. Be thou assured through God's grace and sovereignty. Verily, He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him and remembereth him who hath remembered Him in a perspicuous Book. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee from God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

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To Iskandarun, Jinab-i-Jasim, upon him be God's peace.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved with the banners of verses and made him a herald from His presence to bring glad tidings to all of His grace and mercy which have preceded earth and heaven. He is the Mystery through Whose manifestation the earth was adorned and through Whose ascension and rising the celestial spheres were honored. Through Him the rivers of inner meanings and utterance flowed in the contingent world and the mysteries of the All-Merciful appeared among religions. Exalted is He Who aided Him and established His station in the realm of creation. Blessed is he who recognized and drew near, and woe unto those who are far removed.

And then, O Jasim! The Wronged One sends greetings to you and counsels you to spiritual virtues and goodly deeds. Through virtuous character the station of man becomes manifest. Hear and be of those who act. Remember God's favor to you, then give thanks to Him and say:

"Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having created me and manifested me and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and the Seal of Thy Messengers to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then make me humble and submissive to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me a helper, a supporter and a servant to Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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Muhammad-'Ali of Bahram-Abad! He is the Expositor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

Praise be to God Who hath, through His sovereignty, revealed that which is hidden in the breasts and the treachery of the eyes, even as He revealed in the Qur'an to the son of Luqman: "O my son! verily, if there be but the weight of a mustard-seed, and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth." Wondrous is this Day! Both the hidden treasures of truth and mystical knowledge are made manifest, and that which lay concealed in the breasts of the polytheists hath become clear and evident. From the rocks of hearts hath appeared that which causeth the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Heaven to weep and lament.

O Muhammad-Quli! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God! A few days ago, a Most Sublime Tablet was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in thy name and that of the loved ones, and its bearer was Jinab-i-Dahaji. God willing, they will drink from the hidden oceans within the revealed verses and hold fast unto the peerless Friend, unlike the former people who each day took a different god, carved an idol, and worshipped it. True unity is to fix one's gaze upon the horizon of the One Manifestation and to be detached and free from all else. In this most exalted station, thou and the other friends must beseech God for that which preserveth the people of God from diverse paths and ways devoid of light and guidance.

Husayn, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, forwarded thy letter through His Holiness the Most Great Branch to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and after it was heard, there was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Lords that which exalteth the Word of God and elevateth the stations of His loved ones. Especially for the loved ones of those regions have holy and prevailing verses been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, that all may attain to that which beseemeth the Days of God, exalted be His glory.

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He is the One Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven

Praise be to God Who sent down the Proof to His servants, made manifest to them the Way, and caused them to know the Dawning-Place of His Cause, the Rising-Point of His verses, the Source of His laws, and the Recipient of His knowledge - He Who stood before all faces and spoke that which draweth the servants nigh unto the court of His glory and the horizon of His Cause. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness on this darksome night that thou hast turned toward God and traversed land and sea until thou didst attain the presence of the Most Great Sea, each wave of whose waves proclaimeth "There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed." Take thou the Tablet of God with the power that is from Him and the strength that is from His presence, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down Thy proof and perfected Thy favor. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, by the pearls hidden in the shells of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the Word through which the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings and utterance was illumined, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to Thy cord, to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty, and to be immersed in the depths of the sea of Thy oneness. Then write down for me, O God of Names and Creator of Heaven, that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and unwavering in Thy path. Then ordain for me that which shall be a light unto me in Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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O Mirza Hidayatu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of Him through Whom was manifested that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds!

Praise be to God Who hath spoken a Word whereby the fragrance of the Bayan was diffused and the ocean of certitude surged, and all things proclaimed: O peoples of earth and heaven! The Hidden One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces, and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: O people! By God, He Who was treasured and concealed, hidden from all eyes and vision, hath come! When the appointed time was fulfilled, He shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the divine Command with a sovereignty that hath conquered both earth and heaven. Say: Beware, O people, lest ye forsake that which profiteth you, and beware lest ye follow any veiled learned one. Say: This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is His Call which hath been raised from the horizon of the prison of Akka by a command against which armies cannot prevail. Have mercy upon yourselves, then turn ye to the Kaaba of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while I was in an impregnable prison. I beseech Thee to rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty the showers of Thy mercy which have preceded existence

in both the unseen and visible worlds. Praise be to Thee and thanks be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of glory and majesty!

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! Praise be to God that through divine bounty in these spiritual days thou hast succeeded in serving the friends of God, which is accounted as service unto Him. By God! If thou knowest this, it sufficeth thee. God hath made this a treasure for thee in the treasuries of His power and the repositories of His protection. Verily nothing escapeth His knowledge and He is the Rewarder of the doers of good. His honor Safi and Rida, upon them be the Glory of God, have mentioned thy services. Therefore from the Most Holy Court this Holy Tablet hath been revealed so thou mayest know that thy services are accepted before the Throne and recorded in God's Tablet. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable thee to act as thou hast acted. God will, outwardly and inwardly, bestow the reward of thy services. Be grateful for what He hath assisted thee to achieve in a Cause that was accepted before the Throne and for which this mighty Tablet was revealed unto thee. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds. And regarding the mentioned souls - His honor Haji Muhammad, Aqa Mirza Ali and Aqa Habibullah - thou hadst written that they intended to come to these parts. This was presented before the Presence. Convey greetings to them. It is not and was not advisable to come to this region and its surroundings, for numerous conflicting rumors have arisen among the people and soon their fruits will become manifest. Blessed are they who are patient and attentive.

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To the wife of Jamal, upon her be the Glory of God. In the name of the one Friend. Praise be to God that the sealed wine has been opened by the hands of divine favors, and the breezes of grace have wafted from the right hand of oneness upon all. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it, and blessed is the heart that has drunk of that wine. O handmaiden of God! Reflect upon the Cause of the Lord of Names, that thou mayest recognize Him with the eye of certainty and receive thy portion of His bounty. It is clear and evident that there hath never been, nor shall there ever be, any interruption in the outpouring of the All-Bountiful. Those souls who have remained deprived of this exalted bounty have done so because they have followed vain imaginings and remained devoted to the idols of self and desire. The Truth hath ever been, and shall forever remain, manifest in the sublimity of Its inaccessibility and the exaltation of Its transcendence, sanctified above all things. Whosoever hath beheld with His eye hath known Him, and whosoever hath remained heedless of this station hath failed to find Him. Beseech thou God that thou mayest not be debarred from the wondrous outpourings of the Most Great Ocean of His bounty, nor be deprived of the fragrances of His days. He is the One Bestower, Who giveth whatsoever He willeth. None in the heavens or on earth can withhold His grace. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling.

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O God my God! Thou seest one of Thy leaves who hath turned toward the Tree of Thy Cause and hath drawn nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon - the Station from which the Luminary of Thy Manifestation hath shed its radiance, O Thou Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the mysteries of Thy Book, the suns in the horizons of Thy heaven, and the waves of the ocean of Thy Will, to assist me in that wherewith Thou didst assist Thy handmaidens and Thy leaves who turned unto Thee, believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and acknowledged that which Thy Tongue did utter before the creation of Thy earth and heaven: "Verily there is no God but I, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." O my Lord! I perceive the fragrance of Thy Manifestation yet know not upon what station Thy Throne is established. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation and the rain-showers from the clouds of the heaven of Thy mercy to open before the face of Thy handmaiden the door of Thy bounty and grace through the key of Thy Most Glorious Name, whereby the limbs of the princes who violated Thy Covenant and Testament, who arose to extinguish Thy light and quench the fire of Thy Tree, were made to quake. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations, for having caused me to hear Thy call, to behold Thy signs, to be guided unto Thy path, and to be given to drink of the Kawthar of Thy love. I beseech Thee to assist me to preserve that which Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy bounty and generosity, O Thou Most Merciful of the merciful ones and O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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O my God! This is Your servant upon whose heart's garden has wafted the sweet fragrances of Your holy love, and in whose inner being has spread the perfumes of Your yearning and ardor. You have severed his attachment to all else through his passionate longing for You, fed him with the sweetness of Your remembrance, given him to drink from the choice wine of Your grace, led him to the fountain of Your knowledge, and called him to the realm of Your glorious oneness. Through this You have enriched him beyond all that was and shall be, for O my God, when You raise up one of Your servants to soar in the atmosphere of Your divine unity and move along the pathways of Your holy uniqueness, You make him rich through Your wealth, for all things are as nothing before the manifestation of a single sign of Your sovereignty, and all existence vanishes before the appearance of but one token of Your might and exaltation. Though Your servants be the poorest of Your creation, yet through the breezes of Your love wafting over their hearts, they turn to naught save the wonders of Your beauty and seek shelter beneath no shade but the shade of the Sovereign of Your divinity. I beseech You by Your love for them and their love for You to strengthen this servant through the invisible confirmations of Your eternity, immortalize him in the gardens of Your holy presence, and admit him to the paradise of Your oneness. Verily You are the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High. And praise be to You, O You in Whose grasp lies the reins of all things.

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He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! Today the preface of the Book of Existence hath been adorned with this blessed and most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! The Day of God is come. Strive ye that perchance ye may partake of the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree through the traces of the Supreme Pen and gain your portion thereof. O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Were the ears of the people of the world to hearken unto a single word of the words dawning from the horizon of the Divine Kingdom, all would turn from what they possess unto that which is with God. However, veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings have deprived their ears from hearing the utterance of the All-Merciful. Glory be unto God! Until now the Shi'ih sect hath not become aware. By the life of God, they are observed to be the most lost among all the peoples of the world. Now again the followers of the Bayan, that is, the barking ones, have been and are attempting to establish a sect like unto the former one. We beseech God that He may assist thee in that which will cause its fragrance to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. We beseech God that He may cause them all to be set ablaze with the fire of the Blessed Tree, that they may, with unity, illumine the horizons with the light of God's Cause. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His loved ones. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto the Greater Steadfastness, such that neither armies nor ranks prevented him from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

This is a day whose excellences were mentioned aforetime in the divine Books. In these days a mighty festival is being celebrated, for the servants were given the glad tidings of the appearance of these days. There is nothing that doth not speak forth in this Most Great Revelation and give glad tidings unto the peoples. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless! Glory be to God! They have forsaken the Kingdom of utterance and the heaven of knowledge, and have taken demons for their guides. We testify that they have taken for themselves lords besides God. The call of the King of the Kingdom of names hath been raised from the most exalted horizon in the nights and days, and the ocean of utterance hath appeared before the faces of all religions, yet the people remain heedless save whom God willeth, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils in thy return and for having won the days of God, the Lord of lords. We beseech God that He may aid thee to be steadfast, for the treacherous ones and the thieves lie in wait at the paths, perchance they may cause one who hath turned toward Him to turn away. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and caused me to hear Thy call in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the mysteries of Thy Book to aid me in that which will cause the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the One Who gazeth from the Most Glorious Horizon

Today the Blessed Tree of Baha, which hath been planted by the hand of the Lord of Names in the Most Exalted Paradise, uttereth this most sublime Word: “O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty.” This Blessed Tree appeareth at every moment with fruits and with resplendent leaves, and uttereth a word. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of the All-Merciful that the ears of the world and the eyes of the nations were brought from nothingness into being for the purpose of hearing its call. Glory be to God! The veils and clouds of the world have prevented creation from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that pen and tongue are powerless to describe it. Say: O people of the world! Deprive not yourselves of the lights of the Day of Manifestation. Strive that perchance ye may partake of the fruits of the Tree and attain unto the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One. Say: Throughout His entire life this Wronged One hath been in the hands of His enemies, and hath had and hath no purpose except the reformation of the world and the edification of its peoples. He Who speaketh is sufficient as a witness unto this. Ye and the loved ones of God must arise to assist the Cause for the sake of God, and must conquer the cities of men’s hearts through virtuous deeds and actions. This is the irrevocable command which hath been sent down from the heaven of the commandments of the Lord of eternity. Blessed are they that hear! Blessed are they that act!

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O F. T., upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the Almighty! Today the heaven of generosity is raised high, the ocean of bounty is surging, and the rays of the Sun of loving-kindness have encompassed all things. Blessed are they who have not deprived themselves and who have not been prevented by the veils of the heedless ones. With utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. The glance of favor hath been directed to thee from the Prison, and its effect shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of bounty. Verily He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth that which shall profit him in the world to come and in this world. Verily He is the Lord of all mankind and within His grasp is the dominion of creation. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I swear by the Sun of Truth that nothing in the world hath equalled or shall equal a single word from the words of God. Give thanks unto the Peerless Beloved, for verily He hath mentioned thee in such wise that the fragrances of revelation shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. The letter of that honored one was presented before the Wronged One and was seen. Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in attaining the bounty of recognition and hast been made to achieve that which most of the learned and mystics of the earth have been deprived of. Be grateful then to thy Lord for this great favor. God willing, thou shalt attain unto all that God hath desired. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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In My Name, the Speaker before the faces of the servants! Today the One Who is the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven and the King of the Kingdom of Names speaks these sublime words: O My handmaidens and My leaves! Hearken with the ear of the spirit to the call of the Blessed Tree and grasp firmly its most pure and luminous hem, that perchance ye may attain to that which hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. All the women of the world have been created specifically for the recognition of the Intended One, and yet most of them remain heedless and veiled from this station. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of the prison of ʼAkka that all the treasures of the earth with their ornaments and colors cannot equal the blessed word "O My handmaiden!" How many queens have yielded up their spirits in their longing for this mention, yet attained it not, while thou hast now attained! Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of eternity and God of the worlds, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, for having caused me to hear Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the rivers of Thy most exalted Paradise, and the manifestations of Thy favor in the supreme Heaven, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the revelations of the Day-Star of Thy generosity, to make this handmaiden of Thine steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking Thy praise and glorification. Then ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy throne at eventide and at dawn. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Meeting.

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O Siyyid Rida! In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Merciful! Know that contentment lies in being content with God, and in these days His good pleasure cannot be attained except through being well-pleased with the Manifestation of His Self, Who hath appeared with the truth amidst all worlds - before Whom all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save those whom God preserved through His grace, for He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Adorn thy temple with the ornament of certitude amidst the concourse of creation, then speak forth the praise of thy Lord, the Merciful, amongst His heedless servants. By God! Whoso hath tasted the sweetness of His remembrance beholdeth all who dwell in the heavens as though it were the day whereon they were created, save him who findeth in his countenance the radiance of divine bounty. Leave the people to their vain imaginings and take hold of God's Tablet with manifest strength. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of God, the Most Great, the All-Glorious. All shall perish and sovereignty shall remain with thy Lord, the Peerless One. Were the world to possess any worth in God's sight, We would not have delivered Ourselves into the hands of the idolaters. We behold a station which none hath comprehended save God; therefore We fear not the harm of the oppressors. Walk thou in My ways, then detach thyself from the deniers. Keep thy distance from them and draw nigh unto God's chosen ones, for in this lieth abundant good. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth, that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old, and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In My Name, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious

He is the Everlasting in the glory of His everlastingness

Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the holy precincts, the wilderness of divine knowledge, the spot wherein is kindled and shineth forth the fire of the All-Merciful from the Tree of Man, and wherein speaketh forth at the heart of contingent being: “Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.”

O servant! Call to mind the time when thou didst enter the Paran of love without turning towards it, and didst drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of the All-Bountiful ere thou knewest Him. Thus doth God bestow His grace upon whomsoever He willeth of His servants, and recompense those who have believed, and cast the fear of God into the hearts of them that understand. Well is it with thee for having recognized thy Lord before the recognition of all created things. Strive therefore within thyself to increase in thy recognition and to remain steadfast therein, for this is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth, and none shall remain steadfast therein save the sincere ones. Give thanks, then, unto God for having singled thee out for His love and sent unto thee that which turneth thee toward the right hand of eternity and draweth thee nigh unto a station of glorious praise. Take hold of the Tree of the Cause, taste of its fruits, and pay no heed to this world and what lieth therein, nor to what the idolators say. Know thou that the world is the love of Mine enemies and the turning away from My sanctified, luminous and beloved Beauty. Thus doth the Dove inspire thee with the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Witnessed One.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Rejoice, O My loved ones, that the Most Exalted Pen remembers you, despite those who have denied God, the Lord of all beings. Then drink, at all times, from the living waters from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. Be united in the Cause of God, then act according to what you have been commanded in the Book, and be not of the heedless. Verily My commandments are the lamps of My loving-kindness amidst My creation and the sweet-scented savors of My raiment in My kingdom. Blessed is he who attaineth unto them, and woe betide those who turn away. Reflect upon God’s grace and mercy - He remembereth you while being wrongfully imprisoned amidst the deniers. He remembereth those who have turned towards Him and giveth glad-tidings to those who have drawn nigh of what God, the Mighty, the Great, hath ordained for them. Beware lest there appear from you that which would distress hearts. Hold fast unto what is seemly and put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize the Dayspring of His signs and the Dawning-Place of His clear tokens, Who speaketh amongst mankind and calleth all to God, the Lord of the worlds. It behooveth you to manifest the most great steadfastness - verily it will protect you from the hints of those who have denied God and are among the losers. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones! You are they who have attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained, as your Lord, the All-Seeing, doth testify. Drink from the chalice of joy and gladness in this Revelation whereby that which was hidden hath been revealed and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath come to pass.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! Verily the Divine Lote-Tree desires to make mention of one of its fruits, and to gladden it with its loving-kindness and grace, and to remind it of that which hath been inscribed upon its leaves by the Most Exalted Pen of God, the King, unto Whom belongeth the kingdom of heaven and the realm of names. O thou who art turning toward My direction, gazing upon My countenance, and standing before My throne! Hearken unto My call, for verily it will draw thee nigh unto My kingdom and aid thee with the hosts of My wisdom and utterance, and will inform thee of that which hath been ordained for thee by My Pen in My Crimson Tablet, whereof none hath been apprised save God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of this wondrous Day. Give thanks unto God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath, for having aided thee to turn toward Him, and adorned thee with the ornament of certitude, and caused thee to appear before His presence, and enabled thee to hear His most sweet call, and to behold His most glorious horizon. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the billowing oceans of Thy utterance, and by the signs of Thy grandeur, and by the manifestations of Thy might, and by Thy most exalted Word whereby Thou didst unite Thy creation and the hearts of Thy servants, and by the blood of Thy chosen ones which was shed in love for Thy Beauty and in yearning for Thy presence, that Thou aid me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He Whom neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the wrath of the oppressors can frustrate. In Thy right hand is the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and in Thy left hand the banner of "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Book proclaims: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds!" and all things cry out: "The Truth has appeared and the Cause is in the hands of God, the Possessor of this mighty Day!" And the Revealer of the Bayan declares: "O people! By the life of the Beloved, I am ashamed to mention what ye have wrought against Him Who came with the truth and Who proclaimed: 'There is no God but I, the Forgiving, the Generous.' I left no counsel save through wisdom, and no wisdom but I commanded it unto you. To this testifies He Who appeared and spoke that which all the books of the world cannot equal. He, verily, is the Truthful, the Trustworthy." O people of the Bayan! Ye have cast the All-Merciful behind your backs and have clung to every ignorant remote one. That which is on earth shall profit you not this day. Fear God and deny not Him through Whom the standard of God hath been raised upon every lofty and noble mountain. Abandon what ye possess. He Who was hidden behind the veils of the unseen and inscribed in the books of God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath come. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that the hosts of the oppressors shall not deter thee. Say: I beseech Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire, by the Most Great Ocean which hath surged in Thy name throughout the world, to aid me in that which

Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

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O Haji Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Verily the Light calleth aloud and the Fire proclaimeth: Blessed be the ear that hath heard and hath attained unto that which God hath desired in His glorious and wondrous Day. Verily He hath come for the life of the world, yet the peoples sought to slay Him. Woe unto them! Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Say: By God! The Sinai circleth round Me, and the Lights have prostrated themselves before this resplendent Light. Among the people are those who speak according to their desires, and those who have risen up to calumny, and those who have clung to them that have violated the Covenant of God and His Testament. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and I am of those who bear witness. O peoples of the earth! Abandon that which ye possess, in hope of that which is with God. Thus doth He Who speaketh the truth command you. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed art thou for having mentioned the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee from His presence that which shall suffice thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, if thou art of them that are steadfast. Hold fast unto the Book of God and that which hath been sent down from Him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Books have testified to My Book, and it is this Temple which hath been established upon the Throne, to the despair of every remote adversary. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a token of My grace. Rejoice thou in this great bounty. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon those who have cast away all else save Me, who have held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My luminous robe.

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In His Name, the Mighty, the Generous

O Ibrahim! Hearken to the call of thy Lord, the Generous, from the Kingdom of His utterance, the Impregnable, the Ancient. There is no God but Me, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Arise amidst the servants, then make mention of thy Lord with such remembrance as will set ablaze the hearts of the world and attract the spirits of the sincere ones. Behold, then remember when he whom We named the Beloved of Martyrs turned toward the place of sacrifice and offered up his spirit in love for God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God! When his spirit ascended, the Concourse on High welcomed him and found from him the fragrance of the garment of thy Most Glorious Lord, and they ascended with him to the Supreme Companion. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Were We to mention his station and what he beheld of the wondrous favors of thy Lord, longing and yearning would so overcome those on earth that they would sacrifice their souls upon this Straight Path. But since We have commanded the servants to observe wisdom, We have concealed mention of that station. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Director. Thus have We singled him out as a bounty from Us and preferred him above most of creation. Verily We are powerful over all things. It behooveth thee and those who have believed in God

to make mention of him in the manner God hath mentioned him in a Preserved Tablet. Convey My greetings unto his believing kinsmen, then convey greetings unto the faces of My loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance.

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The Beloved of God in […] He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving

O beloved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison - verily there is no God but I, the Hearer, the Answerer. Then know ye that Our servant who was surnamed Abu'l-Hasan hath appeared before the Throne and presented that which ye possess in your love for God, the Lord of the worlds. By this hath My Most Exalted Pen turned toward you and maketh mention of you through that whereby your remembrance shall endure in the kingdom of creation. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Generous. Give thanks for My remembrance of you. By God! It is the water of life for you and the fragrances of the All-Merciful amidst all possibilities. To this beareth witness he who hath inhaled My fragrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have heard your call and witnessed your turning toward the countenance of God, and We have sent down for you that which all the treasuries of earth cannot equal, were ye of them that know. Hold ye fast unto God and cling to the hem of His bounty and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, for having numbered us among them who have attained unto Thy recognition in Thy days and who have voiced Thy praise when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee. O Lord! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, which hath been made sovereign over all names, to make us in all conditions turn toward Thy face, gaze upon the horizon of Thy grace, drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, seek refuge with Thy presence and cling to the cord of Thy bounty. Then ordain for us that which shall profit us and that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

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The Kingdom on that Day shall belong to God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. O My loved ones! This is the Day whereof We gave you tidings in all the Tablets through a most holy and glorious Pen. Stand ye firm in the Cause, then weep for this Wronged One Who hath been slain by the sword of hatred and cast by the idolators into this pit whose depths no rope of possibility can fathom, and whose cry no ear can hear save whom your Lord, the All-Merciful, willeth. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled against the Beauty of the All-Glorious by the embodiments of tyrannous wickedness. Tear ye asunder the veils of glory, then emerge from behind the veil through My Name that encompasseth all the worlds. Beware lest ye break My Covenant or forget My days or join partners with My Self, for this verily would be a grievous sin. Unite ye in the Cause of God and His religion, and stand ye firm in love, for the idolators have gathered there and whisper unto men at all times that which Satan hath cast into their hearts, that they may cause them to slip from this Path which hath been raised up in the name of Him Who was exalted in truth. Today is the day of victory - aid ye then the Youth, and follow not every accursed Satan. Beware lest

ye frequent the dwelling-place of those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and in whose hearts hatred for the Youth lieth concealed. Take ye the cup of Baha with the fingers of faithfulness, then drink thereof that your hearts may be purified thereby. Thus hath the Pen of Destiny inscribed from a luminous and mighty Finger.

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O My loved ones! We summon you at all times unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful. By this We desire naught save to draw you nigh unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the ear that hath turned to the direction wherein was raised the call of God, that hath heard and said: "Here am I, O God of the seen and unseen!" We have raised the Word to a station that encompasseth all created things. Exalted be this power which hath conquered all that was and will be. Among the people are those who have denied the proof of God and His Cause, and among them are those who have turned to the Desired One. Soon shall We loose the tongues of all existing things in praise of those who have turned unto Him, and We shall seize those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. O thou who hast turned unto Me! When We turned Our gaze toward all things, We found from thee the fragrance of My love. We have, therefore, moved the Pen to make mention of thee, as a grace from Us unto thee and unto all peoples. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed art thou for having attained in the days of God and discovered that which was diffused from the garment of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Be thou steadfast in thy station such that nothing shall prevent thee from this praiseworthy station. Through My remembrance all things have taken flight, and through My call all existence hath been enraptured. Soon shall We manifest that which We have deposited in the heart of the world through this Forbidden Name. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother, from the presence of the Lord of the Promised Day.

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O handmaiden of God, wife of Nabil! In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy! O my handmaiden! Hearken unto that which My Pen calleth thee to in My prison, and verily it calleth thee to naught save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Grieve not at anything. Rejoice in the remembrance of God, thy Lord, for by His remembrance are tranquilized the hearts of them that are drawn nigh, and in it do rejoice God's sincere servants. Say: His remembrance is the healing of every ill, the companion of every stranger, and a treasure for the poor and needy. Nothing that hath been created between the heavens and earth can be compared with His remembrance. Through it the mystics become independent of all created things, and through it do the monotheists ascend unto the heaven of exalted glory. And thou, O handmaiden of God, take comfort in the remembrance of thy Lord, then detach thyself from all else beside Him, for verily He sufficeth thee above all worlds. Grieve not over anything and place thy trust in thy Lord, the Help in Peril. Verily He forgeteth not His devoted handmaidens and servants. Be thou grateful for having attained unto the recognition of His Self and for having detached thyself from the satans who desired to cut down the Divine Lote-Tree after having sought its shade and having been

among those who remembered God. But when the winds of tests blew upon them, they departed from the stronghold of God's Cause and returned to the nethermost fire. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thy spirit may rejoice therein, and this is indeed a great bounty. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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The Owner of the Sister of Sad is the Most Wondrous. O My handmaiden! Move not thy tongue except in My remembrance, and turn not except toward My direction. Efface from thy heart all things save My love, and from thine ear all save the wondrous descriptions of Me. Thus doth the Beloved counsel thee, if thou be of them that hearken. O My handmaiden! Forget not My wondrous remembrance and harbor naught in thy heart save My exalted remembrance. Be not gladdened by the acceptance of the world and whatsoever is therein, nor be saddened by its loss. The similitude of the world is as a shadow - at times it existeth and at times it existeth not. No wise one would attach their heart to such a thing, but rather would consider it vain. Think not that the world and what is meant by it are the ordained bounties therein or its varied ornaments, for these things are the creations of the Truth and the manifestations of His handiwork. Rather, they are the mirrors of the divine creative revelation and the manifestations of His power. Nay, what is meant by the world are they who deny the peerless Beauty and turn away from the eternal Countenance. Therefore, avoidance of such persons is necessary and turning away from them is obligatory. And today, the essence of worldliness is heedlessness of My remembrance and love of Mine enemies. O My handmaiden! Be steadfast in My love and turn thine eyes away from all else. This is the counsel of the Pen of Command to its handmaiden.

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In the Qaf. O Handmaiden! He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing, the All-Glorious!

O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of God from this Branch Who was, in truth, planted at the right hand of the Holy Vale, beside the Spot of Paradise. He speaketh the truth when He saith: There is none other God but Him, and that 'Ali-before-Nabil is, in truth, the Sovereign of the Cause gathered unto all worlds. Therefore, rejoice thou within thyself, and be thou gladdened in thine innermost being, for the veil hath been lifted, and the covering removed, and the Youth hath dawned from the Dayspring of holy beauty. Take heed lest thou grieve over aught, then detach thyself from whatsoever is in the hands of men, and hold fast unto the hem of Him Who is, through grace, ever-extended. Say: By God, the Truth! This, verily, is the shadow of God upon earth, and His beauty in the heaven of Command and Creation, and His proof unto all who dwell in the kingdom of the clouds and the Throne, and He is, in truth, a victorious Sovereign. Thus do We cast upon thee from the verses of thy Lord, and recite unto thee that which draweth thee nigh unto the shore of nearness, the blessed seat of glory. Take heed lest thou fear anyone, then give to drink unto thy kindred from a cup whose essence is of camphor. Then follow thou the paths of justice, that no mischief may arise in thy land, that thou mayest be preserved within the

protection of thy Lord. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the women who dwell beneath the canopy of holiness.

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In the Name of God, the Quickener! O thou who art enkindled with the fire of God! Hearken unto the sighing of this Fire which hath been ignited at the heart of creation in the name of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou, for thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of immortality and partaken of the table of thy Lord, the Most High, in the paradise of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Leave the idolaters behind thee, then speak forth in praise of My Self and fear not the hosts of Satan who believed in one of the verses of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, yet denied Him Who revealed the Bayan. Say: All the Books and Tablets have appeared in the temple of the Youth. Glorified then be He Who hath appeared with power and sovereignty! If thou hearest the clamor of those who have disbelieved, grieve not, but rather convey the Cause of thy Lord with spirit and joy. Say: O people! Do ye profess belief in My Manifestation while ye deny Him Whom He hath truly sent? Woe unto you, O people of loss! Then will the flame flee from them, and hell-fire seek refuge in God from the fire of their unbelief, and the inferno shun them, and likewise the reckoning. And thou, drink at all times from the chalice of immortality in My Most Glorious Name, then detach thyself from those who have denied God and believed in the calf without any clear proof or evidence. May the radiance which hath shone forth from this white Hand be upon thee and upon whoso hath found solace in the remembrance of God and severed himself from the followers of all religions who have denied God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Help in Peril.

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O Fath-'Ali! O letter F in the realm of Baha! Hearken thou to My call at this time when tears are flowing down luminous holy cheeks, when the hearts of the people of Paradise are trembling and tender hearts of glory have melted, by reason of what has befallen the Name that hath preceded all names from time immemorial, even as was revealed aforetime upon the tongue of the temples of Ahmadian holiness in the prayer which the Imams of the Faith would recite on the luminous Nights of Power. Thus have We removed for thee the veil of the Cause that thou mayest be steadfast in love. Well is it with thee that in these latter days thy missives have reached the unseen hosts of might and the party of exalted light, and by this thy name hath been inscribed among the emigrants in wondrous tablets of glory. God shall soon exalt thy name in truth and join thee with the beauty of a radiant countenance. We had written thee before the Book of the Spirit wherein We revealed eloquent verses of nearness and wherein We detailed every matter in detail, and it shall reach thee in truth - this is what hath been inscribed in a preserved tablet of glory. And We commanded thee therein to remind the people in these days when the Beauty of the All-Merciful hath mounted the Buraq of the Cause, by reason of what the hands of the wicked unbelievers have wrought. And glory and the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of thy Lord and who remain faithful to the Covenant.

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The Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Resplendent!

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He calleth thee from the direction of His luminous horizon and saith: Blessed art thou, for thy face hath been illumined by the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Remember when thou didst enter the seat of the Throne and didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the Kawthar of thy Lord’s lips, the All-Merciful, and didst attain unto the Beloved of the worlds. Efface not from thy heart what thou didst hear from the tongue of Revelation when thou wert standing before the Presence - exalted be this mighty, sublime station. Remind My loved ones in thy land and convey My glorification unto each one of them from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. By My life! Their names have been inscribed in a Tablet sealed with the seal of glory. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. After thee two souls from thy land attained unto the presence of the Throne and were blessed with meeting the All-Merciful. When thou seest them, glorify them. This is a command from One Who is knowing and wise. When God willeth, He shall send down for them that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are nigh, and He shall send down for those whom thou didst desire to be remembered. Verily thy Lord fulfilleth the reward of the doers of good. Give glad tidings to My loved ones of My remembrance of them. Say: Remember the Lord in such wise that every slumberer may be awakened thereby and the hearts of those who have turned to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth may rejoice. Erelong the tongues of all who are on earth shall be loosened in their praise. They are assuredly among those who have preceded all others.

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O Ali, before Muhammad the Most Great, the Most Great! O Ali, turn with the ear of thy heart to that which the Tongue of Power uttereth amidst all creation. The Prison is for Him Who manifesteth God’s Cause, due to what the hands of the hypocrites have wrought. Through the Word We blew the trumpet, and by it was the Bridge established and the Balance set up. At times We revealed it in the form of a Tablet, and at other times in the form of the Spirit, then in an entirely new form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who created whatsoever He willed. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Muhammad! Say: Take ye fast hold of the cord of servitude unto God, the True One. Through it are made manifest the stations of all created things. Then adorn your deeds with the ornament of sanctity, that the fragrance of sincerity may waft from you amongst all servants. Those who are heedless are in doubt and behind a veil. That which was written hath been fulfilled, that which was recorded hath appeared, and that which was promised in the Book hath come to pass. Whosoever after Him layeth claim to a Cause, he is indeed a liar, by the Lord of lords! Ye are God’s hosts upon earth. Guard ye the fortress of My Cause from every doubting transgressor. Blessed are ye and those who are with you, be they male or female. Thy letter hath come before the Throne wherein thou didst make mention of My handmaidens. Blessed art thou and they are blessed by One Who is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We desire fellowship amongst you. Make your desire that which your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, hath desired.

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In His Name, the All-Subduing Over All Names! O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance after the passing away of all things, and who have answered the Call of the Lord of Names when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books and given glad tidings unto all of this Day, the remembrance of which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. But when the appointed time arrived and the Dawning Place of Signs appeared, they turned away from Him, following every doubting learned one. The learned one is he who hath recognized the Known One, and the knower is he who hath turned towards the One Who is Known. Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken in the Kingdom of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath heard and is numbered among the triumphant. O concourse of divines! Fling away idle fancies and imaginings, and turn, then, towards the Horizon of Certitude. I swear by God! All that ye possess will profit you not, neither all the treasures of the earth, nor the leadership ye have usurped. Fear God, and be not of the lost ones. Arise from the slumber of vain desire, turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! The Sun of Revelation hath shone forth and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth mighty steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the mystics have been shaken. Glory be upon the people of Glory, whom neither the hosts of the earth have frightened, nor have the veils of names kept back from this resplendent, this manifest Light.

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In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great! O Exalted Pen! Make mention of those whom We have related to thy exalted Self, and mention them with such remembrances as will cause the fish in the seas to be attracted, the fruits upon the trees and the birds in their nests to speak. Verily, Thou art the One possessed of great bounty, and Thy mercy hath preceded all the worlds. O Bushra! Glad tidings unto thee, for the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty hath spoken thy name in a place whose exterior is prison but whose interior is paradise - whose trees were planted by the hands of grace, whose flowers appeared through the breeze of revelation, whose every particle of dust was sweetened by the living waters that flowed from the lips of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and whose pebbles were stirred by the fragrant and flowing locks of hair moving upon the back of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. O blessed art thou! Wouldst thou but recite this Tablet with the melody sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous. By My life! Were the ears of all created things to hear what the Tongue of Grandeur warbleth in this blessed leaf to draw them to the kingdom of their Lord, they would be attracted - yet most people hear not. Their own desires have prevented them from that

which floweth from the right hand of the Throne, and they are indeed among the fallen. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having attained unto the utterance of God when the All-Merciful was seated upon His mighty throne. Verily, glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon those with you who have clung to this resplendent hem.

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O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon, when He came to the heaven of the Cause with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth, that the fragrances of the verses may so seize him that he will forsake all created things, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of certitude! Hearken unto the call of the Beloved of all possibility from this Prison, whereby the back of existence was made to tremble and the Faithful Spirit did lament. Grieve not at anything. Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power, and be of them whom the allusions of the learned could not deter from this wise Remembrance. We beheld thee turning toward the ocean and have therefore revealed unto thee this luminous Tablet. Render thanks for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having had the countenance of the Ancient Beauty turn toward thee from this noble scene. They who on this Day have debarred themselves from the Living Waters are verily the companions of the fire, inscribed in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Desired One and drunk the wine of mystic knowledge from the cup of the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained. We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness, for Satan lurks behind the All-Merciful, calling his friends who have denied God from time immemorial. Thus doth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things inform thee in a clear Book. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Countenance when it appeared from this luminous horizon.

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He is the Mighty, the Most High, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Pen of the Ancient Days! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Ja'far, that he may be mindful of the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great, and rejoice within himself at the glad-tidings treasured within this blessed, holy and luminous Tablet. O servant! Hearken unto the call of God from this Quarter which God hath sanctified from the indication of every indication and from the knowledge of every knower. Verily, He is God - there is no God but I, the One with power over all things, and I am the Most High, the Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou hast attained unto the good-pleasure of God and fulfilled thy Covenant, not forgetting Him throughout these months and years. Arise, then, to the remembrance of God and fear no one, for verily He will preserve thee within the protection of His mighty and impregnable safekeeping. How excellent it is for you that ye have exchanged the tablets of fire for the light and have taken the traces of God from the hands of the idolaters. Those who altered the Tablets of God - these have lost both this world and the next, and they shall have no portion of this cup. These have sold the traces of God

for their own selves and their desires. Soon shall they discover what they have wrought when the angels of wrath seize them with a grievous punishment. Thus doth God distinguish between truth and falsehood, and between the monotheists and the idolaters. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee upon a mighty and exalted path.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O Karim! Hear the call of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. He speaketh from the precincts of the Prison and summoneth the people unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Beauteous. By God the Truth! O Karim! The more afflictions have increased in the path of God, the Lord of Names, the more hath grown the love of Baha in the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. I know not what fire hath been kindled in the horizons, such that the hearts of the peoples of the world have been set ablaze thereby. Arise at My bidding to make mention of Me amongst My servants. Beware lest the veils hinder thee or the might of monarchs overtake thee. Take refuge in the Name of thy Lord - verily He will protect thee - then shine forth from the horizon of certitude. Say: By God the Truth! The proof hath come from the All-Glorious. Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and deny not God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Be thou enkindled with the fire of thy Lord's love in such wise that its heat may be felt by all who dwell in the lands. Thus doth the Chosen One command thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Dost thou grieve within thyself while thy Lord is manifestly joyous? He hath ordained for thee in the Kingdom of eternity that which the minds of the wise are powerless to comprehend. Turn thou unto the Sanctuary of Grandeur and say: O my Lord! I have come unto Thee, detached from all save Thee. O my Lord! I have turned my face unto Thee. Sanctify me from whatsoever is repugnant to Thy good-pleasure, then cause me to speak Thy praise amongst Thy servants in a manner befitting Thy majesty and worthy of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

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In the Name of Him Who is the All-Encompassing Over All Names! O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Single, the One, from this lofty Summit. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. The world hath been set ablaze by the Most Great Name, yet the people have turned away from it, having followed every idolatrous infidel. Wilt thou remain silent while the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison calleth out with the most exalted call and summoneth all created things unto God, the Lord of Names? Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto him who hath turned away from God, the Lord of Lords. Behold the world and its conditions. By My life! All that is therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of all men. Where are they who oppressed, and where are they who were heedless, and where are they who abandoned the commandments of God and His ways? Thus doth the Supreme Pen make mention of thee, that thou mayest remind those who slumber upon their couches. Be thou mindful amongst the people through the wisdom We have sent down in the Books and Tablets. Know thou the value of these days, then seize upon the grace of God and His mercy that

hath encompassed all possibility. Beware lest the people prevent thee from the remembrance of Truth. Make mention of the servants with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of those in all lands. The Prisoner desireth naught for Himself. He summoneth all unto the Most Sublime Horizon, after God hath made Him independent of all that is with the servants. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve their Lord, the Almighty, the Compelling.

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O Mahmud the Most Great, the Most Great! O Mahmud, hear the call of thy Lord from this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath heard the call from the Most Glorious Horizon and hath answered his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Verily, those who have disbelieved - today they have no mention. We testify that they are dead. Among them is he who said the verses are fabrications. Say: Perdition betide thee, O thou rejected idolator! This is the same word thy father spoke before when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with the verses of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And among them is he who said that He hath denied the Unseen. Say: Perdition betide thee, O thou Nimrod! He hath sacrificed His soul and His spirit and all He possessed to establish the decree of the Unseen, while ye deny it in your homes and perceive it not. In the path of the Unseen He hath dwelt in the most desolate of lands while ye dwell in palaces and know it not. And among you is he who said He hath fabricated lies about God, after all atoms cry out “The Self-Subsisting hath come with manifest sovereignty!” Leave them and their remembrances and their names, and hold fast to this extended cord. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Cause, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in what I am in of Thy love, then make me detached from all else save Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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O Mahdi! Hearken to the call of Him Who guideth thee to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, through Whom the Sun of Guidance hath shone forth amidst all creatures and through Whom the power and dominion of God were made manifest throughout the worlds - He through the movement of Whose finger the veils of glory were rent asunder. Exalted be our Lord Who hath appeared with majesty on this Day whereon the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! Observe thou the people and what they have committed in the days of God. They have imprisoned such a Beloved One in the land of exile and have taken for themselves vain imaginings as lords besides God. They are indeed among the most abject. Among them is he who hath laid claim to divine authority of his own accord and hath objected to Him Whom they call upon morning and evening. And behind them are servants whom none knoweth save thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Say: By God! Through My leave is every name fulfilled for him who hath turned to his Lord, the All-Forgiving, in this Revelation; and whoso turneth away, no name of anything can be applied to him - he is among the dead. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Wronged One hath turned toward thee

from this remote Prison and mentioneth thee in truth and biddeth thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all names. By My life! This is indeed God's gift, beside which all else is as naught. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and is among the steadfast. Verily, upon thee be glory, and upon those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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O Hadi! Give thanks unto God for having delivered thee from the idolaters, and for having made thee to know the Manifestation of His Self, and for having detached thee from those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Such thanksgiving behooveth all servants, yet God hath upon thee in this Cause a mighty claim, for had the matter been as it was before, they would have done unto thee whatsoever they desired in their hearts - and thy Lord well knoweth and is informed of what lieth within them. Ponder thou upon this, that thou mayest recognize the purpose of God and arise to render thanks and praise unto Him amongst His remembering servants. Say: O people! Send not your women unto every treacherous man and woman. Take ye refuge in the shadow of the protection of your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. By God! He is treacherous in his very essence, his hands, and his tongue, were ye of them that know. And likewise is he who attributed that unto him - he was more treacherous than any traitor and more iniquitous than any transgressor. God is quit of them both and of their followers, and We are quit of these transgressors. O people! Take shelter beneath the Lote-Tree of holiness. Verily it hath been among you for numbered years, and ye have known it according to your measure and capacity. Whoso denieth it is assuredly in grievous loss. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon her whom God hath related unto thee, who was among the devout ones in the preserved Tablets of glory.

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O 'Abdu'l-?usein, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We have desired to make mention of My servant ?usein, who attained unto My remembrance in the early days when We were established upon the throne of revelation in Baghdad. He recognized My verses, was honored to attain My presence, submitted to the manifestations of My grandeur, and was humbled at the raising of My call, and responded when My tongue spoke forth. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him to preserve that which was revealed unto him from His swift-moving, ever-active Pen. A letter has come before the Wronged One wherein thy name was mentioned. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest be gladdened by that which hath been sent down unto thee from an ancient Revealer. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness and behold the pearls of the ocean of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having shown me and caused me to witness and hear Thy horizon and Thy call. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens and the Dayspring of Thy commandments and ordinances - He in Whose right hand is the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and in Whose other hand are the reins of all things - to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and whom the hosts of creation have not deterred. Thou art

verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy bounty the rains of Thy mercy upon Thy loved ones who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament and who have arisen to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy servants. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH04986 ===

=== START BH04987 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of might! O Afnan, his honor Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! We have manifested the Cause of God to all who are in the kingdoms of command and creation, and made clear His straight path. Among the people are those whom love of the world has prevented from turning to the Lord of Names, and among them are those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from the worlds. He who has turned to the One to Whom the world turns has prospered, and he who has turned away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, has lost. Your letter has come before the Wronged One, and We have read it and found it purified from the mention of any but Me, and adorned with the name of Him through Whom the heavens of religions were cleft asunder, the lands of knowledge were split, and the stars of idle fancies were scattered. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. We have answered you with this letter that you might find in it that which will cool your eyes and gladden your heart. By My life! There has been ordained for you that which is not equaled by anything created on earth. Verily your Lord is the Expositor, the All-Wise. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the polytheists from among Thy creation and the transgressors from among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the cause of the life of the world and the greatest means for the salvation of the nations, that Thou protect us through Thy power and sovereignty and might and dominion. Then set right, O my God, all our affairs and ordain for us what is best for us. I testify that Thou knowest better than we what benefits us, and that Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH04987 ===

=== START BH04988 ===

O Sadr, upon him be the glory of God! In the name of the All-Loving, the Generous

We have mentioned thee before and gave thee glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka - verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. When thou findest the fragrances of revelation and drinkest the choice wine of grace, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having unveiled to me and guided me to Thy path and made me know Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty Announcement and given me to drink, from the cup of bounty, the Kawthar of immortality. Thou seest me, O my God, turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and turning away from those who have turned away from Thee, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust. I testify to Thy oneness and singleness and to Thy power and might and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the horizon which was illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and the station which was honored by attaining Thy presence, and by the scratching of Thy

Pen and the signs of Thy greatness, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me in all Thy worlds. I know not what lieth hidden in Thy knowledge, and Thou art more knowing of me than I am myself. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst guide the peoples to Thy Most Great Path, that Thou disappoint me not of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH04988 ===

=== START BH04989 ===

O Light of God and Muhammad! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious.

We make mention of him who hath been named Light of God, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of them whom the blame of the blamer deterreth not in the path of God. Soar upon the wings of longing, inasmuch as the Wronged One of the horizons maketh mention of thee while encompassed by sorrows through that which the hands of them that have violated the Covenant and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, have wrought. And We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that he may praise his Lord throughout the nights and days. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee this mighty Tablet from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of the loving-kindness of their Merciful Lord. O Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in that place and glorify them from this lonely Wronged One. O My loved ones! When ye have attained unto My verses and My words have attracted you, and ye have been seized with the wine of the remembrance of Me and My utterance, turn your faces toward God, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the worlds! I beseech Thee to make us among them that have fulfilled Thy Covenant and have arisen to serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” The glory be upon you both, and upon them that love Me, and upon My physician, and upon them that have turned with illumined hearts unto the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein the Tree exclaimeth: “There is none other God besides Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.”

=== END BH04989 ===

=== START BH04990 ===

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Thou art He, O my God, through Whose names the sick are healed and the ailing are restored, and the thirsty are given drink, and the sore-vexed are tranquillized, and the wayward are guided, and the abased are exalted, and the poor are enriched, and the ignorant are enlightened, and the gloomy are illumined, and the sorrowful are cheered, and the chilled are warmed, and the downtrodden are raised up. Through Thy name, O my God, all created things were stirred up, and the heavens were spread, and the earth was established, and the clouds were raised and made to rain upon the earth. This, verily, is a token of Thy grace unto all Thy creatures.

I implore Thee, therefore, by Thy name through which Thou didst manifest Thy Godhead, and didst exalt Thy Cause above all creation, and by each of Thy most excellent titles and most august attributes, and by all the virtues wherewith Thy transcendent and most exalted Being is extolled, to send down this night from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy healing upon this suckling, whom Thou hast related unto Thine all-glorious Self in the kingdom of Thy creation. Clothe him, then, O my God, by Thy grace, with the robe of well-being and health, and guard him, O my Beloved, from every affliction and disorder, and from whatever is obnoxious unto Thee. Thy might, verily, is equal to all things. Thou, in truth, art the Most Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Send down, moreover, upon him, O my God, the good of this world and of the next, and the good of the former and latter generations. Thy might and Thy wisdom are, verily, equal unto this.

=== END BH04990 ===

=== START BH04991 ===

In the name of God, the All-Knowing! Miyanduab Amir Khan–may you drink from the ocean of divine favor and find its sweetness! In all the heavenly Books We gave the glad tidings to the people concerning this blessed Day and what would appear therein. But when the Sun of Manifestation dawned from the horizon of Sinai and the divine Tree spoke forth “Verily, I am God,” all turned away and deprived themselves of this supreme bounty, save whom thy Lord willed. This is that Comforter of whom the Spirit gave tidings, and this is that Hour concerning which the Son confessed that neither He nor the angels of heaven had any knowledge thereof. Were anyone to reflect even briefly upon the four Gospels and the holy Books, he would acknowledge that this Day hath no peer or likeness, for that which was hidden and concealed is now seated upon the throne and made manifest. Blessed are they whom the vanities, allusions, words and utterances of the people of the world did not prevent from this most exalted station. They turned with their whole being and drank from the cup of certitude. We bear witness that they are among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Blessed is every hearer who hath heard, and every seer who hath beheld that which hath shone forth and dawned from the horizon of God’s Will, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH04991 ===

=== START BH04992 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

God willing, may you be occupied with service to the Cause through divine assistance, and walk among the servants with complete steadfastness, in such wise that the opposition and objections of the people of the world shall not prevent you from the Best Beloved of the world and the Ancient King. Reflect upon that to which people cling today - in truth they are worshippers of the calf while counting themselves among the people of unity. The Supreme Pen beareth witness that the Furqan, which was the separator between truth and falsehood, dissociateth itself from those souls who claim connection to it. Verily it was revealed to establish the Remembered One and testified to the Promised One. Yet when the Remembered One came and the Promised One appeared, those servants who had been reading it night and day denied Him. Fie upon them and upon their leaders who led them to the fire while they perceived

it not! Convey My greetings to the chosen ones of God and gladden them through divine favor. We make mention in this Tablet of thy sister who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to her face and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all worlds. God willing, in these days when the Sun of Revelation is risen and the ocean of generosity is surging, may the handmaidens of God be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility with utmost sanctity, detachment, joy and fragrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those who have attained to the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH04992 ===

=== START BH04993 ===

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

God willing, may you be blessed with divine bounties and heavenly outpourings, and be focused on the Dawning-Place of God's names. Today it is incumbent upon all to fix their gaze upon the Truth and whatsoever proceeds from Him. Although all souls were created by a single word, the radiance and effulgence of the Sun of Truth varies according to the capacity of each soul. This is why it hath been said aforetime: "Verily We created souls in diverse stages." Therefore one must look to the root of the Cause and to that which proceedeth from Him. In all conditions hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of bounty. He is the Deliverer, He is the Protector, He is the Helper. There is none other God but Him, the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Today all the loved ones are commanded to wisdom, and in most divine Tablets they have been forbidden from corruption, conflict and contention. Blessed are they that act accordingly. Through God's grace, they who have turned to God must be dawning-places of loving-kindness and daysprings of mercy. They must heal the ignorant with the remedy of knowledge and wisdom, and quicken the heedless with the water of remembrance and utterance. O Ali! I swear by the Ancient Being that God, glorified and exalted be He, hath manifested such grace as none greater is possible. Blessed are they that comprehend. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God - exalted be His glory and bounty - and speak forth His Name. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH04993 ===

=== START BH04994 ===

In the name of the one Friend! O fruit tree, upon thee be the Glory of God! God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt continue to drink, through the bounties of the Beloved of endless days, from the Kawthar of the love of the Goal of all worlds, and thou art free and detached from the world and all that is therein. In this morn when the world-illumining Sun hath dawned from behind the veil of the soul, may thou drink from the Kawthar of eternity and be engaged in the remembrance of the Friend. God declareth: Thou wert ever mentioned in the Most Holy Court and didst attain unto the glances of His favors. Blessed art thou and thy crimson leaf who attained and ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. No mention hath been forgotten before God, nor will it be, and no service hath been nullified or lost. Reflect upon the crimson leaf, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God. In view of the love and enkindlement and yearning and attraction that was in her, God, exalted and mighty be He, made her the object of mentions,

for there was revealed in her honor that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. Hear thou the call of this Wronged One, and be not grieved by the things that have come to pass, and with utmost joy and gladness speak forth the praise of God. Verily He seeth thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise as to gladden thy heart. He is in truth the Announcer, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy leaves, from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH04994 ===

=== START BH04995 ===

THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GLORIOUS

O loved ones of God! May you ever drink from the Kawthar of the peerless Beauty of the Most High, and become so intoxicated from this wine of the Day of Alast that you see none but God and count all else as non-existent. In the emerald Tablets from the Pen of the King of Oneness, the triumph of the Cause through wisdom and utterance hath been recorded. Fix your gaze upon this. The Beloved hath ordained that the conquest of the citadels of hearts be achieved through the sword of the tongue. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Your turning to the Ka'bah of Glory and arising to promote His Cause is itself a victory, and God, exalted be His glory, hath accepted it and recorded you among the helpers in the Preserved Tablet. God will soon reward you with a goodly reward. He, verily, is the Protector of the sincere ones. Strive at all times that perchance ye may quicken dead souls through the remembrance of the King of Oneness and bestow the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful upon all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Today, whosoever ariseth to teach will be confirmed by the Spirit of the Cause. Blessed art thou for having turned unto [God] and turned away from those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, and for having recognized thy Lord and desired His good-pleasure on a Day whereon the faces of those who turned away were darkened while the faces of those who turned unto Him were illumined. Unite ye in God's Cause and in His love. Through this shall the back of the idolaters be broken. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee in the Cause of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH04995 ===

=== START BH04996 ===

O Ahmad! In the name of the Purpose of all worlds!

O Ahmad! Your call was heard and your turning to Us was mentioned before the Wronged One. That is, in the tongue of the Concourse on High: you have endured numerous afflictions and borne manifold tribulations in the path of God. Not a word issues from the mouth but that the attentive ears of divine knowledge hearken unto it, and no deed manifests in the world but that its image is beheld in the mirror of knowledge. Know then with certainty that whatsoever befell you and your brother in God's path has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. The visible heaven may well be cleft asunder and cease to be, yet the mention that flows from the Ancient Pen shall not be seized by extinction but shall endure and persist for as long as God's names endure. Blessed art thou for God's having confirmed thee in this and for thy having attained unto this Tablet wherein the All-Merciful hath

testified to thy turning unto Him. God willing, thou shalt be aided in that which is beloved before the Truth. Remember thy Lord and say:

“Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast strengthened me to bear what came upon me in Thy path and to be patient in Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother who attained unto the days of thy Lord and believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH04996 ===

=== START BH04997 ===

O Mah Bigum, The Most Great, The Most Holy, handmaiden of God! Your letter reached the Most Holy Court and was favored with the glance of God’s loving-kindness. As for what you mentioned regarding your solitude and estrangement - this station deserves gratitude, for the True One Himself chose solitude and estrangement and made His dwelling in the Most Great Prison. And concerning what you mentioned about your kindnesses to this handmaiden - His favors have preceded and will continue. Among these was that He assisted you to recognize the Dawning Place of His Cause, while most men remained heedless and deprived. This is a station that cannot be equaled by anything that exists. Be grateful to your Lord for this great bounty. The breezes of divine favors have encompassed all - whoever turned to them completely, from their tongue and pen flowed rivers of knowledge and wisdom. We beseech God to enable all to achieve this. As for what you asked about your parents - they are adorned with the robe of forgiveness. This is from His bounty toward you, as your letter was present before the Throne and you supplicated God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Remain firm in the Cause, then preserve what We gave you in your vision. Say: “O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Overshadowing One above all names, to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy remembrance, and ordain for me what befits Thy mercy that hath preceded all worlds.”

=== END BH04997 ===

=== START BH04998 ===

Nightingales, O Nightingales! The season of roses, of rose bowers, has come!

Mystics, O Mystics! The Unseen, in manifest form, has arrived!

Lovers, O Lovers! The Beloved, in plain view, has revealed his face!

Seekers, O Seekers! The Object of Desire into sight has come!

The morn of Truth’s beauty has dawned; the lights of the Absolute have appeared! One must escape the prison of body and soar into the air!

That heart-ravisher–the one who sat veiled in seclusion the monarch of the highest paradise–now, into the streets and markets, like Joseph of Egypt, has ventured!

The Unseen One–hidden for a hundred centuries on the mystic Mountain top of eternity–Behold him now like the sun in the heavens! From the hills, the darkness has retreated.

The market for all the world's beloveds has, by your musky locks, been overturned and from the sugar of his rubies [i.e, the words or breath of his lips] it is as though a perfume shop has opened its doors to us.

The jugs of wine have fermented, Reason and intellect have gone mad; The lethal poison, as soon as God's mystic cup to the brim was filled, was quaffed.

(Lewis)

Nightingales, O nightingales! The season of roses, the blooming time . . . is here.

Mystics, O mystics! What you could not see, now you can.

Lovers, O lovers! The adored one's cheek is in full view.

Seekers, O seekers! The object of desire is before your eyes.

The beauty of the Eternal Truth has dawned; the lights of the Absolute have shone.

You must be freed from the body's jail, so that you can soar into the air.

The beloved seated, veiled–the great king of the exalted spheres–now, like Joseph in Egypt, frequents alleyways and bazaars!

The Unseen One was concealed behind a hundred eons on the Mount Qaf of immortality–

Look, what a sun in the sky there was; night has fallen because of that mountain peak!

The wholesale bazaar of lovers has been scattered by your perfumed locks

And because of your lips–sugar rubies–everything smells like a confectioner's shop.

The wine has matured in its jugs; reason and intellect are left bewildered

When the chalice of God was filled to the brim everyone rushed to imbibe this deadly poison!

(Cole)

Notes

[This poem is found in the manuscript of Fadil-i Mazandarani's Tarikh-i

Zuhur al-Haqq, vol. 4, and is attributed by him to the Kurdistan period.]

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Dear Juan:

Thanks so much for the transliteration and translation of ay bulbulan.

It's a little difficult to make out some of the lines in transliteration

without the long vowels, but here goes. There seems to be a sekteh

(metrical fault) in the 3rd hemistich. The basic meter of the poem is

mostaf`elun mostaf`elun mostaf`elun mostaf`elun, which is –^- 4 times.

However, the 3rd hemistich reads"

> Ay `ashiqan, ay `ashiqan: Ma`shuq rukh namud `ayan

which gives –^- –^- –^- ^-^^-

I don't have my Elwell-Sutton or Khanlari here at home, but I don't think

this is a permissible variation of the foot. Of course, it is not terribly

unusual for a poet to have a metrically faulty foot, though it isn't

considered tip-top style. There is only one other variation from the

metrical pattern, in hemistich 10:

> Aynak chih khurshid-i sama bud; shab az kuhsar shud

scanning as: –^- –^- -^^- –^- which is probably a prosodically

permissible variant (again, I'd have to check the prosodic manuals).

However, there are a couple places where the transliteration needs to be

amended to get the correct scansion: In hemistich 7 dilbar must be followed

by an ezafeh and the vowel of va must be elided:

> An dilbar-i pardih nishin v-an khusruv-i charkh-i barin

In hemistich 11, conversely, we must delete an ezafeh:

> Bazar-i jumlih `ashiqan az zulf-i mushk-i tu fishan shud

In hemistich 12, I think it should be vowelled “dakkih.”

Also, in hemistich 13, for metrical reasons the va must be read as short “u”: Khumha hamih dar jush shud; `aql u nuha madhush shud

The above emendations, of course, have no bearing on the meaning of the words, but only on their vocalization. There is, however, one minor and one important point that bear upon the correct understanding of the meaning of the text. In hemistich 10 you give:

> Aynak chih khurshid-i sama bud; shab az kuhsar shud

The first word should be vowelled “inak” if it is in the meaning of behold, or voila. The second word–is it cheh or cho If cheh, it is an expression of wonder, meaning “what a wonderful…”, whereas if it is “cho” [the letters che and vav], it means “as / like.” It seems to me, it should read like this:

inak cho khorshid-e samaa bovad, shab az kohsaar shod

here, now, is the sun of the heavens!

darkness [night] has fled from the hilltops.

Finally, for the last line (hemistichs 13 and 14), you read:

> Khumha hamih dar jush shud; `aql va nuha madhush shud

> Zi har kashandih nush shud, ta jam-i haqq sarshar shud.

which you translate as:

> Metal drums

> are playing loudly;

> reason and

> intellect

> are left

> bewildered

>

> Everyone drew up

> a draft

> till the Chalice of God

>

> overflowed.

The word khum-haa does not usually mean metal drums, but wine jugs or amphora, which fits better here. Also, there is perhaps a pun on the word nuhaa. While it means intellect, it can also mean measure, depth, volume and also a glass. Hence the reading is:

the wine jugs have all come to a boil [fervent ferment];

intellect and reason [pun: the rising waters] are dumbfounded.

Though I don't have the text in Persian characters, the second half of this line almost certainly should be read:

zahr-i kushandih nush shud ta jamm-i haq sarshaar shud

which would mean:

The mortal poison was quaffed

as soon as the mystic goblet

filled to overflowing

Here, then, heavily indebted to Juan's version, is another way to translate Baha'u'llah's poem. It attempts, not by rhyme, but by grammatical and visual parallelism, to preserve something of the form of the original. Of course, this often requires a somewhat convoluted word-order, but the word order is not always natural in the original, either. What Baha'u'llah wrote, after all, is a classical and metrical ghazal; such poetry is not usually composed in a conversational, but rather a literary register. The

following version forgoes rhyme and uses a modern graphical lay-out of the words on the page (as did Juan's version), but pretty much preserves the symbols, diction and metaphors of the original (as, also, did Juan's). It might also be possible to attempt a more modernizing translation, with a contemporary diction substituting approximate equivalents for the imagery. This might sound much better, but then it would be a modern adaptation of the poem and not a translation.

yours, Frank

Juan's transliteration:

Ay bulbulan, ay bulbulan: Fasl-i gul va gulzar shud

Ay `arifan, ay `arifan: An ghayb dar izhar shud

Ay `ashiqan, ay `ashiqan: Ma`shuq rukh namud `ayan

Ay taliban, ay taliban: Matblub dar didar shud

Subh-i jamal-i haqq damid: Anvar-i mutlaq shud padid

Az habs-i tan bayad rahid ta dar hava sayyar shud

An dilbar pardih nishin va an khusruv-i charkh-i barin

Chun Yusuf-i misri kanun dar kuchih va bazar shud

An Ghayb dar Qaf-i baqa' pushidih bar sad dahr-ha

Aynak chih khurshid-i sama bud; shab az kuhsar shud

Bazar-i jumlih-i `ashiqan az zulf-i mushk-i tu fishan shud

Va z shikkar-i la`lish `ayan chun dukkih-'i `attar shud

Khumha hamih dar jush shud; `aql va nuha madhush shud

Zi har kashandih nush shud, ta jam-i haqq sarshar shud.

=== END BH04998 ===

=== START BH04999 ===

O Abdullah the Emigrant!

In the name of the Ever-Abiding Friend! O Abdullah! Praise be to God, thou hast turned thyself to the ocean of divine bounty and attained unto His Most Great Name. His grace is endless and His generosity infinite. Among His bounties is that He confirmed thee in traversing vast distances and arriving at the court of His oneness. This hath been and shall ever remain one of the great blessings of God. How many souls today are occupied with their selfish desires, to such extent that they are wholly veiled from the Truth and deprived of the wine of reunion. Through His grace thou didst attain His presence and drink from the life-giving waters. God willing, thou must in all thy days be occupied with His remembrance and engaged in His praise. Turn thy gaze away from the peoples of the world and fix it upon His horizon. This is the counsel of Truth that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Glory be upon thee.

We make mention of thee once again in eloquent Arabic, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and arise to remember Him amongst all peoples. Blessed art thou for having attained His presence, and heard and witnessed that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. This is through thy Lord's bounty, if thou be of them that know. Give thanks unto God by night and by day, nay rather in all conditions, for having enabled thee to draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean and made thee to be among the successful ones. Remember My loved ones in thy land and glorify their faces on behalf of this wronged Exile.

=== END BH04999 ===

=== START BH05000 ===

O Ali! May you ever abide, through divine grace, beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree, and remain joyous and glad through the wafting of the breezes of the Lord's favors. I praise God for having enabled you to recognize His Cause and aided you to turn towards God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Your letter was received in His presence and its contents were noted. We beseech God to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily He has power over all things. It is most praiseworthy to strive to unite the hearts of the loved ones of God and guide people through wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who attain! Observe how despite the afflictions and successive tribulations, the Pen of the Cause has never ceased moving, continuously engaged in promoting God's Cause, such that it has encompassed all regions. The loved ones of God must also arise to serve the Cause according to their capacity. This is from God's grace which He bestows on whomsoever He wishes. The people of affirmation who are the manifestations of "except" must fix their gaze on affirmation - that is, on the established, enduring and eternal stations that were and will be with God, not on transient and impermanent matters. We beseech God to protect you beneath the canopy of His mercy and ordain for you what He has ordained for His sincere servants. He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous. And may the glory rest upon you and those with you.

=== END BH05000 ===

=== START BH05001 ===

O 'Ali-Jan! The dewdrops of revelation are ever trickling from the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, yet most remain heedless thereof. The Sun of the Divine Countenance shines forth from the horizon of will, yet

most turn away. The verses of the Lord descend at every moment from the heaven of merciful purpose, yet most of mankind remain veiled and remote therefrom. God willing, thou shalt arise to serve the Cause through divine power and strength, and share with all the sealed wine that hath been unsealed by the finger of God's power, that perchance they may be freed from idle fancies and turn toward the horizon of certitude. Praise be to the Goal of all creation that thy name was mentioned before the Throne and that which shall endure forever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. All that thou beholdest today shall perish save that which God hath ordained for thee. In all matters be mindful of wisdom, for the people are weak. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Place thy trust in God - verily He is with thee and will assist thee with the truth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Convey My greetings to thy family and to those who have held fast to the Crimson Ark. Then illumine them with the lights that have shone forth and appeared from this manifest horizon.

=== END BH05001 ===

=== START BH05002 ===

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O Muhammad-'Ali! Great is the blessedness awaiting thee, inasmuch as thou hast adorned thine heart with the ornament of the love of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. He that hath attained this station in this day, all good shall be his.

Pay thou no heed to the humiliation to which the loved ones of God have in this Day been subjected.

This humiliation is the pride and glory of all temporal honor and worldly elevation. What greater honor can be imagined than the honor conferred by the Tongue of the Ancient of Days when He calleth to remembrance His loved ones in His Most Great Prison? The day is approaching when the intervening clouds will have been completely dissipated, when the light of the words, "All honor belongeth unto God and unto them that love Him," will have appeared, as manifest as the sun, above the horizon of the Will of the Almighty.

All men, be they high or low, have sought and are still seeking so great an honor.

All, however, have, as soon as the Sun of Truth shed its radiance upon the world, have deprived of its benefits, and have been shut out as by a veil from its glory, except them that have clung to the cord of the unfailing providence of the one true God, and have with complete detachment from all else but Him turned their faces towards His holy court.

Render thanks unto Him Who is the Desire of all worlds for having invested thee with such high honor. Ere long the world and all that is therein shall be as a thing forgotten, and all honor shall belong to the loved ones of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH05002 ===

=== START BH05003 ===

O Hadi, son of him who ascended unto God! In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! The Pen of Command from the direction of the Most Great Scene hath turned toward thee and calleth out to thee, saying: Be as thy father was. Walk thou in the footsteps of his feet. Thus doth the Beloved remember thee and counsel thee with that which shall profit thee in the worlds of thy Lord. Hold fast unto it and be thou of those who attain. The face of God hath been and will continue to be turned toward you. Know thou the value of this most great bounty and strive that there may appear from thee that which befitteth this station and is worthy of this Day. This is the Day the mention of which hath adorned most of the heavenly Books, and this is the station for which the near ones, the sincere ones, and the unified ones gave their lives in longing. Know thou the value of these days and regard this favor as great. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that whosoever remaineth deprived today of the fragrances of the garment shall never succeed in making up for it. Ask thou God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise and service to His Cause, even as He assisted thy father. Verily He is the All-Powerful, to Whose sovereignty and grandeur and might all things have testified. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those in your household. We bear witness that through him My mention and praise were raised. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05003 ===

=== START BH05004 ===

Through Him Who is sanctified from all mention! Upon her be the Glory of God, the Lord of Eternity!

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness and the rain-showers of the All-Glorious One's bounty, thou shalt ever cling to the Divine Lote-Tree, forever moving and resting through Him. Be not disheartened, for the manifestation of every matter hath been ordained according to the exigencies of its time. Thus hath it been decreed by the All-Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Thou hast ever been and art still before Our gaze. The gates of the All-Bountiful's grace are open wide, and the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy are blowing and passing by. Praise be to God that thou art reckoned as His own and art related unto Him. This is an enduring sovereignty and an everlasting paradise that endureth and shall not pass away, that remaineth and shall not perish. I swear by the Most Great Name that all infinite exalted stations lie hidden and concealed within this rank, even as the fruits and wondrous manifestations thereof lie concealed within seeds, being veiled and hidden due to the earth's lack of capacity. And assuredly this concealment shall have its manifestation in the worlds of divine decree and other realms. Though the sun's rays be veiled by dense clouds, they shall not cease to exist but remain present and visible in their own station. Be not saddened by certain unseemly utterances. The acceptance of truth hath never been contingent upon conditions - its cause and reason have been His grace alone. Thou art the recipient of this most great grace. Say: My soul be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds!

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=== START BH05005 ===

In the Name of the one true God!

This Wronged One has determined to make mention of the handmaidens of God, exalted be His glory, so that the divine mention may attract the handmaidens of that land to the highest horizon, that all may take, with hands of certitude, the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of the Best-Beloved of the worlds and drink it in His Name. Ye are accounted before God as leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and are related unto Him. In the nights and days, implore the preservation of this most exalted station. The whole world awaited this blessed Day and in the nights and days beseeched God for the attainment of His presence. However, when the horizon of the world was illumined with the Sun of Revelation and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree was raised, all were found deprived and prevented save a few. Give thanks unto the Goal of the world that He assisted you and guided you to the Straight Path and His Great Announcement. Know ye the value of this most exalted station and occupy yourselves with His mention and praise. The world was and is ephemeral - soon shall decline lay hold of it. What endureth and lasteth is the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God that ye have attained thereunto, and in the Most Great Prison mention hath been made of you with a mention whose remembrance shall never be erased from the world. He is the Bestower, the Kind. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the One, the Glorious, the Help in Peril.

=== END BH05005 ===

=== START BH05006 ===

O handmaiden of God, wife of Muhammad who has attained His presence and won victory! In the name of the one true God - this Day is most great, yet the people are deprived of it. Glory be to God! The Luminous Beauty has turned toward the Mount of knowledge, and upon reaching its highest station spoke these words: “O concourse of humanity! Fear God, the Lord of destiny. He Who was hidden from eyes and concealed in hearts has appeared. This is the Day wherein all things and the Concourse on High rejoice at the appearance of Him Who was recorded in the Books and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets. O My handmaiden! He Who loved Me has mentioned you, and We make mention of you. Give thanks to your Lord for this most great favor and glorify with praise your Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily He sends down His verses and inspires whomsoever He wishes among His servants. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.” Praise the Goal of all worlds Who enabled you to turn to Him in days when most women of the earth are veiled and forbidden from Him. Say: “Praise be to Thee, O Ocean of faithfulness, and glory be to Thee, O Light of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and what was revealed therein by Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist Thy handmaiden to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause. And ordain for her, O Lord of all beings, the best in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and within Thy grasp is the destiny of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

=== END BH05006 ===

=== START BH05007 ===

His Excellency Nabil-i-Qabl Husayn, brother of Muhajir

In the Name of God, the One

You are among those souls who in most years have attained unto the tablet of God and been adorned with the ornament of mention by the Supreme Pen. This bounty is very great and this grace is most mighty. The divine bounty has been bestowed to such a degree that there is fear that some people may remain heedless of its station and ignorant of recognizing its worth. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered Thy loved ones at all times and dost remember them as a favor from Thy presence. We testify that Thou hast ever been and will ever remain the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Bestowing. This mention is according to my poverty and lowliness, and what Thou art none knoweth save Thyself. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy sovereignty which pervadeth the worlds. Thy call was heard and Thy letter was observed, and Our Name, the Mahdi, mentioned thy remembrance before the Throne. Verily He will reward thee with the best of rewards for what thou hast done in His path. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Soon will the fruits of the mention of the Peerless Beloved appear unto His servants in the kingdom. Then will the idolaters say: "Oh, woe unto us for what we neglected in the days of God and for what we were heedless of that which appeared." Thus doth inform thee the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05007 ===

=== START BH05008 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Honored brother, Aqa Muhammad-Rida! May you be confirmed through God's grace and occupied with that which exalteth His Cause. Today, which is Thursday the fifth of the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih, one hour after noon, He appeared before me and commanded: Write to Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be God's peace: Khalil, upon him be God's mercy, hath been freed from the troubles, hardships and difficulties of this transitory world and hath set forth for his true homeland. It behooveth all to attend, according to their means, to his affairs. This is among the conditions of faith and certitude, of love and unity. They owe a sum of money - whatever is verifiably owed to you must be quickly repaid, that perchance, God willing, the debt that must be paid to Haji Muhammad in Beirut may be settled before mention and claim are made. They must exert their utmost effort in this matter. We beseech God to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

In truth, it is incumbent upon all of us to set right the affairs of the departed one, upon him be God's mercy and forgiveness, inasmuch as there are children and dependents, and moreover the debts of that honored brother and others - they must make every effort and endeavor to pay his debts. I convey greetings to the friends in that land and beseech confirmation and success for all. Peace and light and mercy be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on 5 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1303

=== END BH05008 ===

=== START BH05009 ===

O Mashhadi Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance! I speak the truth when I say that every soul, in turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, must purify their hearing from the false tales that have circulated among the various sects through the Kawthar of divine utterance, and must cleanse their breast from the impressions of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Then with penetrating vision must they turn to the signs of God. Thus will the Cause become manifest to them, and what God has purposed in this manifest Revelation and mighty Announcement. Your name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have turned toward you from the precincts of the Prison and revealed for you that which has attracted the hearts of those near unto God. Today one must fix one's gaze upon the Most Great Horizon and with one's entire being hold fast to that which has been ordained. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and turned toward God, the Lord of all men. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all religions, for having caused me to hear Thy call and having revealed unto me that which draws me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation whereby the Trump was sounded and those in the graves arose, to make me one of them who have turned toward Thee, detached from all else but Thee, in such wise that nothing that hath been created in the world shall prevent me from remaining steadfast in Thy Cause and following that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH05010 ===

O Muhammad-Qabl-Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, hearken unto the call of Husayn which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. O Husayn! The true spiritual stars that had dawned from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge have set, due to the oppression of the oppressors, and have ascended to the Supreme Companion. Tyranny reached such a pass that every hearing ear perceived the lamentation of the rock and the wailing of the divine Lote-Tree. However, the All-Informed gave no respite to oppression and hypocrisy, and seized them, and He shall soon seize those who have committed tyranny on earth without clear proof or enlightening Book. Rejoice thou in that He hath aided thee to recognize Him and hath mentioned thee aforetime and at this hour, and hath adorned thee and thy father with the ornament of His mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Be thou of such quality that nothing shall prevent thee from God, the Goal of them that have known Him. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto My counsel and acted according to that which hath been sent down in My Mighty Book.

=== END BH05010 ===

=== START BH05011 ===

O Haji Malik Husayn, son of Mulla 'Abdu'l-Ghafur! He is watching from His most exalted horizon. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise to perform that which beseemeth the Day of God. The Most Exalted Pen hath counseled all to be trustworthy and truthful and to manifest whatsoever befitteth the station of man. Yet some are so heedless and veiled that they seem not to have heard the call of the

Wronged One. Some among the people are so overcome with heedlessness that they appear deprived of hearing, sight and understanding. The call of Truth is raised high, the Sun of Revelation is shining forth, and hidden mysteries are unveiled, yet all remain bereft thereof. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive any from the lights of the Sun of Truth. He is verily powerful and mighty over all things. We have mentioned thee before and do so again on this blessed and wondrous Day. Be not grieved by the cawing of the ravens or the oppression of the oppressors. The hand of God is above their hands and His Word transcendeth their souls. He is verily powerful over all things. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto Him, hearkened, and answered their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. We make mention of thy son 'Abdu'l-Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy, that he may be of the thankful ones. Say: Act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book of God. Verily it shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book doth testify to this.

=== END BH05011 ===

=== START BH05012 ===

O Leaf, sister, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Thy tribulations and sufferings are evident and manifest to this wronged prisoner. However, whatsoever hath befallen that blessed leaf in the path of God is beloved, inasmuch as it is adorned with the Name of God and hath come to pass in His path. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of imprisonment that were all the peoples of the earth to become aware of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of reality and hath been made manifest, they would, with bowed heads, turn toward the Most Great Horizon. Your glory and exaltation will not be altered or changed by the words of the male and female deniers and the gestures of the male and female polytheists. Be not grieved by worldly events, but with utmost joy and delight occupy thyself with the mention of the Beloved of all possibility. Whosoever is with you is of you. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of God and hath drunk the choice wine of your love in His manifest and straight path. Convey my greetings to the steadfast women of that land. The handmaidens of God who associate with you are all remembered before the Divine Throne. Upon them be the Glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have personally commended Rafi', and divine confirmations will encompass circumstances as required. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God and followed that which they were commanded in His gracious Book.

=== END BH05012 ===

=== START BH05013 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and called all to the horizon wherefrom the Light shone forth, when He Who conversed with God was seated upon the throne of Revelation and spoke that whereby hearts and minds were attracted. Say: O people, fear ye God! He hath come with the truth with a sovereignty that hath conquered both the unseen and the visible. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from turning toward God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath

cast away vain desire, taking hold of that which was enjoined upon him in My Mighty Book. Take heed lest the events of the world sadden thee or the doubts of the nations prevent thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. When thou inhales the sweet savors of revelation from My utterance and art seized with the wine of the Kawthar of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the pearls of the ocean of Thy bounty to make me steadfast in Thy service and vocal in Thy praise. O my Lord! Thou seest the weary one making for the kingdom of Thy utterance, the sightless one for the heaven of Thy knowledge, and the feeble one for the horizon of Thy power. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Speaker amongst the nations, by Thy grace and Thy hosts, and by Thy might and Thy grandeur, to make me in all conditions firm in Thy Cause and steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

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=== START BH05014 ===

Ibrahim, My brother, has ascended unto God. In the name of our Lord, the Help in Peril. These are the verses of holiness which have been sent down from the direction of a mighty throne. Therein is mentioned he who believed in God and whose name was inscribed by the Pen of Command. Hearken unto My call from the precincts of the Prison, that there is none other God but Him, and He Who came to you aforetime hath appeared at this most luminous horizon with manifest splendors. From this horizon He summons you unto God and forbids you from every sinful proud one. Turn thy face toward God, for verily He beholdeth thee at this moment and is ever watchful over thee. Remember Him throughout all days, and verily He shall suffice thee against all the worlds. He aids whomsoever He willeth even as He aided Me in truth and preserved Me through His sovereignty from those who have waxed proud in the earth with mighty pride. Soon shall He aid those who have desired the presence of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and verily His help through those who are nigh is at hand. Forget all things, then find solace in the Most Great Remembrance, which hath indeed been inscribed in the Book by the Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, as a truth indisputable. Purify thy breast from the allusions of the doubtful ones and shun them, then turn with thy heart to a horizon of mighty glory. Thus doth the Supreme Pen command thee in this Most Great Prison from one who is powerful and ancient. Then convey the glorification from God upon the countenance of thy son, and remember him with beauteous remembrance. And the glory be upon thee and upon him and upon every insightful believer.

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=== START BH05015 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! These are the verses of the Book which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of the grace of your Lord, the Most High, the Great. By them are drawn the hearts of those who have turned towards the Most Great Scene, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny hath been established with manifest sovereignty. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils of glory and attained unto the lights of Beauty. This is of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. He, verily, is nigh unto the doers of good. Guard thyself lest thy feet slip and thou remain

steadfast with a certainty that cannot be shaken by the imaginings of the calumniators who have fabricated lies against God after He came to them with a manifest proof. They were wont to call upon Him night and day, yet when the All-Compelling came, they turned away from Him and followed the wrong-doers. Shun those who have disbelieved, then remember thy Ancient Lord. He, verily, preserveth whom He willeth and aideth those who have turned unto Him. He is, in truth, powerful over all things. Grieve not because of the wicked ones. They are assuredly the companions of the fire and shall enter their abodes therein. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not the promptings of the polytheists who breathe naught but their own desires and commit that which is unseemly. They are, verily, among the companions of the burning fire. Arise thou to make mention of Me amongst My servants, that haply the Call may draw them to the Dayspring of Names and bring them nigh unto God, the Beloved of the worlds. Thus have We sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest be assured of thy Lord's grace and make mention of Him as thou hast been mentioned by Him in this perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH05015 ===

=== START BH05016 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

Some of the hypocrites outwardly claim agreement while inwardly they conspire with enemies. Each day they speak a new lie and busy themselves with calumnies. But the Wronged One speaks the truth before all faces - neither do the clamors of the heedless sadden Him, nor the tales of the ancients. Say: O people, fear God and follow not in the footsteps of those who denied God's proof and testimony and disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. We found you turning toward Us, so We turned to you and counsel you with that which will exalt your station and the station of those whom the doubts of the barking ones did not cause to slip. Blessed art thou, for My Pen hath moved to make mention of thee in this spot which was once named Ridvan and at another time the Garden. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and adorned me with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, nor the revelations of the Sun of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, to Whose grace and bounty and generosity and benevolence all existence, both seen and unseen, hath testified. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to Thy Book. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and in serving those near ones among Thy loved ones whom neither the confederations of the oppressors nor the utterances of the infidels did frighten. There is no God but Thee, the King, the Truth, the Manifest One.

=== END BH05016 ===

=== START BH05017 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

O Abdul-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God! All the peoples of the world were awaiting the Manifestation, and the appointed time for all nations came to pass, and the promised Sun rose from the

horizon of the heaven of revelation and shone forth. Yet all remained heedless and veiled from Him, save those souls who broke the chains of idle fancies and blind imitation through the power of the Most Great Name, and turned with their faces toward the horizon of certitude. Reflect upon the earlier centuries: whenever a light appeared from the most exalted horizon, the divines and rulers strove to extinguish it, and did that which caused the cessation of the outpourings of the True One, the All-Bountiful. The divine verses have encompassed the world, and His evident signs have appeared and shone forth from all horizons. Nevertheless, they are observed wandering in the wilderness of error. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God, the Lord of the worlds. Then give thanks to Him for having aided thee to turn towards Him and for having taught thee that which was hidden from a great many of His creatures. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and read thy letter, and have answered thee with this Tablet. This is naught but a mighty favor. Know thou its station and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! We give thee glad tidings at the end of this Tablet of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy which have preceded all else. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH05017 ===

=== START BH05018 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

How many nights and days did all mankind gaze toward the highest horizon, beseeching God that they might attain unto His days. Yet when the veil was rent asunder and the Sun of the Beauty of the Beloved appeared at the point of setting, all remained veiled by the clouds of fancy and through their hypocrisy were deprived of the Daystar of the horizons, save those souls who quaffed the wine of inner meanings from the chalices of divine utterance. Those souls, through the attraction of God's Word, turned toward the realm of oneness and attained unto the Purpose of all worlds. Praise be to God that the breezes of the mercy of the All-Merciful passed over that leaf and guided her to the House of Unity and the Divine Ka'bah. This is among God's greatest favors, which He bestoweth specially upon whomsoever He willeth. Most men were seized with trembling and remained deprived of the presence of the Lord of Glory, yet that leaf must, God willing, stand firm with manly courage in the love of the Lord of all creation. Ere long shall the world and whatsoever existeth therein pass away. Those souls who now recline upon the throne of glory and those who dwell upon the dust of abasement - all shall return to the earth. How excellent is the state of those souls from whom the denizens of the Concourse on High inhale the fragrance of divine love. Would that my people knew!

=== END BH05018 ===

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When your book was presented before the Face, therefore, purely out of grace and favor, resplendent, exalted and luminous verses were revealed and sent down from the heaven of oneness regarding what was mentioned therein. Read them to everyone. God willing, all must conduct themselves with perfect wisdom so that nothing may arise that would cause the weak to be shaken. Consider the interests of the Cause from all directions. It is necessary to prevent people from turning towards this direction, for this

land is secretly in great turmoil, and that which is concealed therein shall ere long be made manifest, as hath been revealed in the Tablets of previous years. All must be content with God's good-pleasure and be submissive to His Cause. He is the One who has power over all things. Should He so will, He can establish for one who is remote the decree of nearness. Verily, He has power over all things. Not every one who is near has a share in the grace of the Cause. The Command is in God's hands. Verily, He is the All-Knowing. Convey My greetings to thy brother and to those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise. Then mention on My behalf thy other brother who was named after the Sacrifice, and this is what was revealed for him. Say: Read and be of those who are thankful. [In the margin of the blessed Tablet is written "He is the Bestower, Glory be unto Thee O God" which appears to relate to a Tablet referred to at the end of this text.]

=== END BH05019 ===

=== START BH05020 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

The Incomparable Lord is sanctified and exalted above all limitation and description. Duality cannot describe the One, nor can mention suffice except through His confirmations. All are dead and He is living, all are transient and He is eternal. Strive thou to hold fast to His firm cord and cling to His sacred hem. I swear by the Sun of Utterance which hath shone forth from the most exalted horizon of possibility that whosoever remaineth deprived today of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Truth is deprived of all good. The Book beareth witness to this and the Supreme Pen testifieth thereunto. This Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, guided the people to the horizon of Revelation without any veil or hindrance. His path is clear and His Cause manifest, yet all remain heedless and veiled. The people are worshippers of vain imaginings and followers of idle fancies. They have not drunk from the Kawthar of certitude nor partaken of the choice sealed wine. Glory be to God! What comfort have they found and in what do they rejoice? They return from palace to tomb, and from light to darkness. Blessed is the soul that hath been reminded by the divine verses and hath sanctified itself from the events of these two fleeting days. Such a one is numbered among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. Blessed are they that understand.

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=== START BH05021 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

Praise be to the Lord of existence Who, through His Best-Beloved Name, illumined the hearts of His chosen ones with the light of recognition and adorned them with the glory of steadfastness. O Ha! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We have been with thee under all conditions and were present when God, with power and sovereignty, took one of the deceivers. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name, that there may be manifested through thee that which will spread His signs throughout His lands. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Choosing. That which We revealed unto thee before hath come to pass, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of lords, shall be

made manifest. Hold thou fast to the teaching of thy Lord's Cause. He will protect thee through His power and will guard thee through the might that hath encompassed all created things. And as for what hath befallen My loved ones in the Land of Ya, God hath made it the supreme means for the exaltation of His perfect Word. Its effects shall soon be made manifest from all directions. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee and those with thee, through His Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the next, and to open before thy face, through the key of His Name, the Lord of all names, the gate of His bounty. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His Cause that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones whom the hosts of those who denied the Beginning and the Return could not frighten.

=== END BH05021 ===

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O Jinab-i-Aqa Samad, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of the One True God, the All-Knowing. Praise befitteth the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who hath illumined the realms of hearts and minds with the lights of His Most Great Name, and guided them to the Supreme Horizon in the prison of 'Akka. He is the One whose power the might of the world could not weaken nor deter from His purpose. Glorified be His majesty and exalted His dominion! Glory be unto God! The claimants of divine love have broken the Covenant and joined the enemies. Neither kindly counsels nor wise exhortations have proved effective. We beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and say: Since the fate of the Wronged One is a cause of grief, We have refrained from mentioning it. The divine Ark is encompassed by waves, and the divine Lamp by winds. We beseech God to manifest that which is the cause and source of truthfulness, trustworthiness, religiosity, justice and fairness. The world and its peoples bear witness that this Wronged One hath desired naught save the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of existence. Blessed is he who hath adorned his head with the crown of justice and his temple with the ornament of fairness. Woe unto the deniers and they that have turned away.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Praise be to the Imperishable Beloved Who, through His all-embracing mercy, summoneth all created things unto life everlasting. Yet many souls in the Days of God have remained deprived of the wine of the All-Merciful's mercy and the Heavenly Fountain of Divine utterance, and wander bewildered in the wilderness of self and passion, while others have attained unto His infinite bounties. Blessed are they, and woe unto the heedless!

Praise be to God that thou hast quaffed from the Everlasting Chalice proffered by the Hand of Divine favors, and hast attained unto the recognition of God which is the source of all good. Thy mention hath been made in His presence and thy name inscribed in His Book. This is a mighty favor indeed - know thou its worth and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life.

Be thou not grieved at that which hath befallen thee. We must all be content with God's decree and patient in times of tribulation, for whatsoever proceedeth from God, if observed with penetrating vision, hath been and ever shall be the essence of His grace. In truth, sorrow befitteth those souls who are afflicted with the vain imaginings and troubles of this world, not one who hath, by God's grace, ascended unto the highest horizon and taken up his abode in the most exalted Paradise.

With utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself with the remembrance of God. Praise be to God that thou art sprung from His Tree and art mentioned by His Name. The Glory be upon thee.

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He is the Ever-Abiding without decline

Praise be unto the Omnipotent, Self-Subsisting One, Who through the blessed and goodly Word that dawned from the horizon of the All-Merciful Will, brought all creation from nothingness into the realm of being. This Word hath been God's balance amongst His servants and the straight path for people of insight and guidance. In one station this Word hath been called by all the most beautiful names, and in another station it hath been sanctified from all, for the Manifestation and Dawning-Place of the Word hath been the Divine Manifestation among creation. And in another station the Word itself is the Manifestation. For this Word, which is the Pivot of the Book of God, two stations have been ordained in creation and law. The first station tells of the Manifestation of God amongst His servants, for all divine commands and prohibitions appear from Him. Whosoever turns to Him hath turned to Truth, and whosoever turns away is accounted among the turn-aways in the Book of God. Blessed is he who today attains unto the Word of God and His Manifestation, who grasps the Most Firm Handle and turns toward the Most Exalted Horizon - he is assuredly among the sincere ones. God willing, may you, through the grace of the All-Merciful, arise with utmost effort and endeavor to exalt the Blessed Word, and set ablaze the people with the fire of the love of God.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise that is sanctified above the comprehension of all created things and the understanding of all beings befits and is worthy of the Lord of names and attributes, Who, to the dismay of the polytheists, has raised aloft the banner of divine unity upon the highest standards and planted the ensign of "Verily He is God" upon the most elevated station. Glorified and exalted is He! He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. No hosts can prevent His will and purpose, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God that despite the might of the polytheists and the power of the aggressors, the light of unity is shining forth. We bear witness that there is no God but Him, acknowledging that which the tongue of His power has uttered before the creation of His earth and heaven.

We beseech God to protect in all conditions the people of unity in the cities and regions from the oppression of the polytheists and deniers, and to purify the cities of hearts from the doubts of the people of the world. He is powerful and mighty.

We have heard your mention and have made mention of you, in accordance with His exalted Word: "When you are greeted with a greeting, greet with a better greeting." We counsel you and the friends to patience and forbearance, and to such deeds and character as will cause the exaltation of the station of man. And in all conditions we beseech confirmation and success for the loved ones. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer. Praise be to God, the Watchful, the Near.

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As to the question of Huquq: Reference to this matter is in no wise permissible. We have formerly enjoined upon you and Jinab-i-Amin that which will redound to the glory and dignity of the Word of God and of His Cause. Touching on this particular subject We have bidden thus: Ye may relinquish the whole world but must not allow the detraction of even one jot or tittle from the dignity of the Cause of God. Jinab-i-Amin – upon him be My glory – must also refrain from mentioning this matter, for it is entirely dependent upon the willingness of the individuals themselves. They are well acquainted with the commandment of God and are familiar with that which was revealed in the Book. Let him who wisheth observe it, and let him who wisheth ignore it. Verily, thy Lord is the Self-Sufficing, the All-Praised. Indeed, independence of all things is as a door of guidance unto His faithful servants. Well is it with them that have severed themselves from the world and have arisen to serve His Cause. Verily, they are numbered with the people of Baha at the court of His resplendent Beauty.

O Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

He is God, exalted be His station, the Lord of Wisdom and Utterance!

Praise, sanctified beyond tongue and utterance, befitteth the most holy and most exalted court of the Beloved of the worlds, Who hath caused His loved ones, through hope of His promise and fear of His warning, neither to transgress the straight Path nor the Mighty Announcement. They have trodden the path of transformation and raised high the hand of reformation. They are the followers of the paths of certitude and the obliterators of the traces of doubt and idle fancy. Exalted is their Teacher and exalted is their Commander! We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of might and power, and to confirm them in that which hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book.

O Haydar-i-Qabli-'Ali! Upon thee be My remembrance and praise. Thy letters, both previous and recent, have reached the Most Holy Court, and answers have been sent down from the Dawning-Place of the favors of the Goal of all the worlds. Letters arrived repeatedly and answers were repeatedly revealed.

Praise be unto God, again praise be unto God! Concerning what thou didst mention about turning to Nun and Jim, excellent is what thou hast done. Regarding Huquq, mention of it is in no way permissible. We have previously commanded thee and the Trustee to do that which would exalt the Word of God and His Cause. We specifically uttered these words: "Forsake the world, but forsake not an atom of the glory of God's Cause." The Trustee, upon him be My glory, must also make no mention of this matter. This is contingent and dependent upon the acceptance of the souls themselves. Most have heard the Command of God and what was revealed in the Book. Whoso willeth, let him act, and whoso willeth, let him turn away. Verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. The very state of being independent is a door of guidance for the servants. Blessed are they who, detached from the world, have arisen to serve. They are assuredly among the people of Baha in this luminous horizon. What thou hast said regarding these stations is the truth in which there is no doubt. We beseech Him to assist His loved ones to act in accordance with that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Concerning thy mention of the daughter of Zayn and those related to her - each one hath attained unto the tokens of the Most Exalted Pen. Give them the glad-tidings of God's favors, the Lord of all worlds, and remind them of His verses, and illumine them with the lights of His wondrous utterance. We beseech God to ordain for them what beseemeth His generosity and bounty, and to assist them at all times to remember and praise Him and to serve His mighty and exalted Cause. Thou didst mention Mashhadi Muhammad-Taqi and likewise their intention and turning toward the House. For some time, due to the actions of the mischief-makers, undesirable matters have occurred in this land. Therefore We have commanded those intending to attain the presence of the Ka'bih to wait. And concerning his intention to convert his property to gold for the payment of Huquq - We have pardoned him as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And We write for him from My Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining My presence, of standing before My countenance, of arising before My gate, and of hearkening to My call. In My Name hath been raised the banner of "He doeth what He willeth." Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Ancient of Days.

Regarding your mention of attention to Kha and Vav and entry into the house of him of Mim and Ha, upon him be the Glory of God, it has attained unto Our hearing. Some time ago the loved ones of that land were once again blessed with the verses of the Supreme Pen. We made mention of each one with a mention that is lasting and enduring. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. Convey to the loved ones of that land greetings from the Wronged One. Verily We have, at this hour, turned toward them and have made mention of them time and again with that which hath diffused the fragrance of My mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is the land that hath been honored by the footsteps of My loved ones, and the air wherein their mention hath been raised, and the ears that hear their call. Were ye to count the favors and bounties of God, ye would not be able to number them. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from this exalted station. The Glory from Us be upon them and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And whatsoever they have sent hath been accepted. Give them the glad-tidings of this great favor.

Thou didst make mention of Ibn-i-Mahdi, upon him be My Glory. Verily We make mention of him at this moment with the verses of God, the King, the True, the Just, the Manifest. Give him glad-tidings from Me

and convey unto him greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist him to make mention of Him and to serve His loved ones. He is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We make mention of the children of My loved ones who are there. We beseech God to enable every servant who hath turned unto Him to perform such deeds as shall never be erased from His mighty Book. Verily We have made mention of every name that hath been present before the Wronged One with that which the treasuries of kings and rulers cannot equal.

O Haydar-'Ali! We have desired to bestow Our bounty upon him who was named Muhammad (Mulla Mirza), and to remember him with words through which the light hath shone forth and the concealed hath been revealed. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. O Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of Akka, then behold and remember when thou wert turning toward the lights of the Face and heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Muhammad! Hear the divine call in the Persian tongue. The days are passing, and all that is witnessed returneth to nothingness. Strive that perchance thou mayest succeed in performing a deed that will be adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance and good-pleasure. Today the ocean of generosity surgeth before all existence, and the lights of the Sun of grace shine forth and gleam from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Arise for the sake of God and awaken the heedless servants for His sake, that they may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord which descend like a copious rain.

Glory be to God! The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences have embraced all things, yet the people of Iran are seen to be heedless, veiled, forbidden and deprived. Those upright souls who have drunk from the hand of bounty the water of everlasting life must engage, for the sake of God, in the reformation of the world, and the reformation of the world is dependent and contingent upon the reformation of the nations. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath seen. Woe unto every doubtful hesitator.

We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee the best in this world and the next, and to send down upon thee that which will make thee powerful, steadfast, firm and immovable in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the veils of glory nor the might of the people of error shall hold thee back. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

When thou findest the fragrance of the utterance of the Lord of all beings and beholdest the pearls that have appeared from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen, say: O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by those whom neither the world nor its ornaments, nor its beauty, nor its glory, nor its might, nor its riches prevented from hearing Thy call, who said "Yea, yea, O Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat!" and whom the attraction of the call seized in such wise that they hastened to the place of sacrifice out of love for Thy beauty, that Thou make me in all conditions to stand firm in Thy service, to speak Thy praise, to gaze toward Thy horizon, to hearken unto the wonders of Thy verses, to hold fast unto the cord of Thy care, and to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Possessor of existence and the Knower of the seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thou didst mention Jinab-i-'Andalib, upon him be My glory and My mercy. Should he again journey to the lands of Ra and Shin and Mazandaran, it would be most fitting and beloved. Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory, must to the extent possible attend to his affairs. Likewise the friends of God - praise be to God - his pen and tongue in the divine days have been occupied with His mention and praise. We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect him and assist him and preserve what hath been revealed for him and make the reward of his deeds a treasure for him and make him a helper of His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Haydar-'Ali! On this night the Wronged One of the world hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee, while the kings of the earth and the peoples have risen against His harm, and every day there appeareth that which grieveth the denizens of the highest Paradise. Without helper or assistant, in the Most Great Prison and the supreme imprisonment, He maketh mention of His loved ones, and in every moment there appeareth from the treasury of the Supreme Pen that which the treasurers of the realm of inner meanings are powerless and incapable to assess its worth. Blessed are they who possess insight, who hold fast to the Most Sublime Vision and cling to that which is with God, who have detached themselves from self and others, and who are turned toward and gazing upon the Purpose of the world. To such souls as desire to turn unto Him, make mention of each one on behalf of the Wronged One and give them glad-tidings. However, in these days the effulgences of the Sun of Permission are veiled behind clouds and mists, for the opposers and deniers stand as barriers and obstacles. We beseech God to record from the Supreme Pen the recompense of attainment for all in the Crimson Book. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

As to thy mention of H and S Kh, may God assist him - today every possessor of justice and fairness beareth witness that this Cause moveth above the world. Previously, Tablets in Persian were revealed; give him copies thereof. O Haydar-'Ali! This Wronged One hath had no purpose except the reformation of souls and the improvement of existence. This exalted word hath flowed from the Supreme Pen both before and after: the purpose of this Revelation is that the fire of hatred and animosity kindled in the hearts of the various peoples on account of religion might be quenched by the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance and the loving counsels of His chosen ones, and that every just and fair-minded one might arise to aid this Cause. Praise be to God, whatsoever hath been sent down from the divine realm of utterance hath been and is conducive to the tranquility of the world. Every person of insight beareth witness and every informed one testifieth. We beseech God to aid him in that which is befitting. Should they observe the revealed Surahs, they would arise to the extent possible to assist the Wronged One.

O Haydar-'Ali! To every fair-minded one, the arising of this Wronged One alone against kings and subjects is a manifest proof and a decisive evidence. The might of the world hath not prevented Him, and the clamor of the nations hath not held Him back from His purpose. We have openly proclaimed to the princes, divines and religious leaders of the earth, without any concealment or veil, that which causeth the limbs of the idolaters to quake and the hearts of the fair-minded to be illumined and radiant. All witness and testify that this Wronged One hath not been of the people of learning, nor hath He associated with them. Blessed is the servant who pondereth on that which hath been revealed from My Supreme Pen and who showeth fairness in this manifest Cause and mighty Message. It behooveth thee to

beseech God, thy Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne, to preserve him and assist him to aid this wronged and lonely One.

O Ha before Ya! We have heard thy mention at the Source. Remind him through this clear Remembrance. He should not grieve over anything, for he hath attained to that which most of the peoples of the world have been deprived of. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God that they have ascended the ladder of love and attained unto the splendors of the Daystar of certitude. We beseech God to ordain for him that which shall profit him in all the worlds of His worlds and to assist him in that which shall draw him nearer at all times. O Ali! Grieve not over anything that hath befallen thee. He hath, as a token of His grace, purified thee and hath ordained for thee, through His Most Exalted Pen, that which no thing can equal. Be thou thankful and of those who render praise.

We make mention of Ghayn that he may rejoice in Our remembrance of him. We beseech God to change his sorrow into gladness and to ordain for him the good of this world and of the world to come. He is, verily, the Lord of all mankind and the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Concerning what thou didst write about this Wronged One and the Book of Certitude - should one obtain its authentic text, it would render him independent of any mention of the Resurrection and its signs, and of the Hour and its tokens. That is, one would comprehend the purpose of the Prophets in their revealed utterances and attain unto the light of the Daystar of Purpose. Blessed is he who gazeth thereon with the eye of fairness and heareth what hath been revealed therein with the ear of justice.

We have desired to make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who is noble in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist him in that which is meet and to grant him strength that he may lead the heedless unto the court of understanding and guide the oppressors to the light of the Daystar of justice and equity. Perchance the world may be reformed and the peoples may attain unto true tranquility. He hath ever been and shall ever remain remembered. My loving-kindness and My mercy have preceded him, and My grace, the Mighty, the Sublime, hath preceded him.

The other letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, hath been honored with Our gracious acceptance. We beseech God to aid thee and to make thee successful in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered in His presence, and thou hast become the possessor of the Word of contentment, which is more precious than all the treasures of the world. This bounty hath no peer or likeness. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Thou the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

Concerning what thou didst mention regarding the letter Sin and Ya - may God make him successful - the glances of Our loving-kindness have ever been directed towards him. He ordaineth whatsoever He deemeth expedient. He may say:

“My God, my God! I have committed my affairs unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. Ordain for me that which will render me mighty through Thy might and steadfast in Thy service. Then write down for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, I know not what profiteth me in Thy sight. The knowledge of all things is with Thee, and Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

Would that all the world might attain unto this remembrance and hold fast unto it. Verily, it would deliver them and preserve them. He is, in truth, the Preserver, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. They must be joyous at all times, inasmuch as they have attained unto His presence and have been enabled to hearken.

Convey My greetings to the oppressed members of that household; they have ever been and continue to be remembered. Every good thing hath been ordained for them in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

His honor Sad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, standeth before the Wronged One. We beseech God to adorn him with the ornament of steadfastness and enable him to achieve that which will cause the Word to be exalted and the Cause to be uplifted. In these days a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace and sent to Iraq, that he might hold fast unto it and be of the thankful ones. The glory be upon him and upon his mother from whom We have inhaled the fragrance of the love of God, and upon his brother and sister, and upon those who love them for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Under all conditions thou must be vigilant regarding their circumstances. The command is in God's hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Concerning what thou didst mention about Ba, upon him be My glory, it hath attained to the honor of being heard. Blessed is he and blessed are they who have spoken the truth and established His Cause through clear proof and evidence and through all that hath been sent down from His presence. We testify that they have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving. Remember on My behalf him who was named Ali before Haydar, and convey to him My greetings and give him the glad tidings of My attention to him and My remembrance of him. He hath arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance and hath done that which he was commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The glory be upon him and upon My loved ones in Ta whose names We have concealed out of wisdom from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Once again We make mention of his honor Sin and Ya. Convey to him greetings and salutations from the Wronged One. Say: God is witness and the All-Knowing doth testify that the people of God have ever been faithful to their covenant and have held fast unto it. His honor too must exert his utmost endeavor in aiding the oppressed ones of the world. Most of the people of the world are deprived of the lights of the Day-Star of faithfulness, but this party hath remained firm and steadfast in what they have declared. We beseech the Almighty to assist thee in that which is meet. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Great.

And We make mention of Mim and Qaf who appeared before My countenance and heard My call and attained unto that which was recorded in the tablets of God, both before and after. We beseech God to enable him to preserve what He hath bestowed upon him. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Give him the glad tidings of My remembrance and illumine him with the lights of the Day-Star of My utterance, that the call may draw him to a station wherein the happenings of the world will not change him nor will the whispers of the nations who have denied that which hath been sent down from the presence of an ancient Revealer cause him grief.

O Ali! Remember on My behalf Ayn and Ta. He hath attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book which none hath comprehended save God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of His firm and wise command. We beseech God to exalt his station among His servants and to open before his face the doors of His loving-kindness and enable him to preserve this mighty and gracious station. The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them both and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned and upon all who are steadfast, firm and faithful.

O Haydar-i-Qabli-'Ali! His honor Andalib, upon him be Baha, has, according to what is known, turned his face towards the land of Ya. His sojourn in that land is also good. We beseech God that through him He may open the doors of hearts and minds, and that through him may be manifested that which will draw the servants nigh unto the Lord of Creation.

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As for his honor Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, in the name of the Ever-Living, the Everlasting - in all days and nights the servants of God were awaiting the dawning of the Divine Revelation. Yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the Dayspring of "God was, and there was nothing besides Him," all arose in rejection and protest, nay rather, they arose to extinguish that Most Great Light. Such is the station of the servants. How many are the divines who today are honored by His name and Word, yet remain heedless of Him. Consider the Wolf of the Land of Sad, who deemed himself the promoter of the Law of the Messenger, yet martyred the sons of the Virgin with utmost tyranny and oppression. And the Snake who considered himself a descendant of the Prophet's lineage killed the Lord of Lords without recognizing Him. Would that people knew and understood! From time immemorial unto this day, there has befallen the loved ones of God at the hands of the manifestations of oppression and tyranny that which the pen is powerless to recount. Praise be to God that that leaf attained unto that which the sincere men and women and the devoted men and women attained in former times. Verily He was with you in all conditions, witnessing and beholding what befell you in His path. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Glory be upon you and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O Haqvirdi, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! Throughout past ages and centuries, the people of Iran, both clergy and others, according to their own claims, held fast to truth, spoke of truth, and walked in the path of truth. Yet when the light of the Most Great Luminary shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Ancient Lord's will, they committed such acts as no oppressor had ever committed since the beginning of creation. They issued death sentences against One Whom they had remembered day and night. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the prison's heaven that all religious groups have sought and continue to seek refuge in God from the deeds of those heedless souls. Now again the deniers of the Bayan are engaged in the same pursuits. Beseech

God to protect all, that they may perhaps engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with joy and fragrance, and attain to the light of true unity. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, and the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in this glorious and wondrous station. The world hath been laid waste by vain imaginings. Glory be to God! Despite all they have seen and heard, they again associate with the barking ones. What do they intend to perceive and what do they wish to understand? We beseech God to assist His loved ones with the means of the heavens and earth, and protect them from the evil of every remote oppressor and every stubborn barking one.

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He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God unto His servant Rahmatu'llah, that he may, through the bounties of his Lord, be remembered amongst all peoples, and that the breaths of eternity may take hold of him from the direction of this Pen, and sever him from the allusions of them who have disbelieved and joined partners with God, and draw him nigh unto a station of holy praise, and make him steadfast in the Cause of his Lord in such wise that the tempests of trials from the direction of Satan shall not move him, and turn him wholly towards the court of mighty love. O servant! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having been nourished by the fruits of the Tree of Knowledge from this Paradise, which hath been established at the axis of contingent being by the command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, as a manifest truth. Purify thyself from every allusion, that thou mayest be enabled to soar in the atmosphere of holiness and glory, and witness the Sun of thy Lord's remembrance at its noontide zenith with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all the worlds. By God! Whoso harboureth in his heart even less than a mote of remembrance of aught else beside Me shall never be able to soar in this atmosphere wherein the breaths of God have been sent forth as a manifest truth. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth, that it may detach thee from all things and bring thee unto a station wherein thou shalt witness all created things beneath the shadow of thy Lord's name, and remain steadfast in the Cause. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them that have taken refuge in a mighty stronghold.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious, the mention of God, hath verily appeared from the horizon of Revelation, visible to all, that He might summon mankind unto a station which hath been exalted in the Tablet. At times thou beholdest Him in the form of fire - from its roaring thou hearest "There is none other God but Him" - and at other times in the form of light, illumining all who dwell on earth. Thus hath the Spirit spoken in this Tablet which hath been preserved before the Throne. And at times thou beholdest Him in human form - blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent Him in truth, for verily He hath power over all things. He hath other manifestations which, were We to mention them, would exhaust the ink, for verily He hath knowledge of all things. Ponder upon the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and immerse thyself in the oceans of utterance, that thou mayest discover the pearls of knowledge and wisdom that draw thee to a station inscribed in the Book. Let not allusions grieve thee, nor follow thou

those who have denied the sovereignty of the verses. Their efforts in this world have gone astray, and they shall find no path to the Cause. They walk in the wilderness of error and rejoice in what their base desires command them. By My life! They are in the depths of wrath and shall find none to help them. Remind the people of this announcement which hath been sent down in the Tablets. Say: O people! When ye hear the call of the Calf, leave it behind you. This is what God hath counseled you, for verily He is witness to all things. We have imparted unto thee that which quickeneth souls, and thy Lord sufficeth as a helper.

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In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a remembrance from the Prisoner to His servant Majid, that he may rejoice in the glad-tidings of the Spirit and be attracted by the fragrances of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily His fragrances waft forth at all times from the direction of His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved, and then from His words and what floweth from His Pen, did ye but know. Say: Were ye to look with the eye of innate nature, ye would find the hidden meanings within the garment of the words of God, your Lord and the Lord of all that was and shall be, and ye would find every garment pierced through by the spears of hatred and arrows of the enemies. Then would ye lament and weep. Say: O people! I am God's trust among you, and His deposit within you, and His holy and beloved fragrances. Beware lest ye object to Him Who took from you the covenant of His own Self, Who appeared in truth with the name of Ali and descended from the heaven of mighty glory. By God! I moved not except by His command, even as He moved not except through My remembrance and praise, did ye but know. He is indeed the Beloved of My heart and My soul, and that which appeareth from Me beareth witness that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O My name! Recite thou the verses of God and turn not unto the world and its ornaments. Put thy trust in Him. Unto Him do all matters return. Upon every soul descendeth what hath been ordained for it - neither less nor more - except after His leave. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

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T. O Habibullah Kh., upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! The mention of the Peerless Friend is in truth the breath of life for the bodies of the world and a fountain of living waters for all peoples. Yet the people have not accepted this most great gift from God, exalted be His glory, save for a few, as is evident. Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and what was recorded therein the servant present mentioned. Praise be to God that time after time thou hast been blessed with mentioning the Wronged One and hast drunk from the ocean of bounty. It behooveth you to preserve this most exalted station through My Name, the Powerful, the Mighty. Thy letter was adorned with these words: "My wish and desire before the immortal Court is to sell both this world and the next for a drop from the Kawthar seas of the meaning of Thy love." O Friend! Blessed art thou for having uttered words that caused the lips of thy Lord to smile. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Wise, the All-

Knowing. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that this transaction shall yield boundless profit. God willing, in all conditions fix your gaze upon that which God hath willed and be detached and free from all else. From this station We send Our greetings upon Ali who attained aforetime to My mention and My bounty, and upon thy other brother Ali before Akbar, that they may rejoice in the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful. The Glory be upon you and upon whomsoever hath been aided by God to turn towards this luminous horizon.

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He is seated upon the throne of utterance. The Wronged One maketh mention of him from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting - mention of one who hearkened to the Call and turned towards it when the people were in manifest opposition. Blessed is the heart that turned towards God in His days, and woe unto every doubting learned one. Say: O people, cast aside what ye possess. By God, that which the pens are powerless to recount hath come to pass. Come ye, come ye, that I may show you God's most exalted horizon and cause you to hear His sweetest call. Beware lest the paths of the world hold you back from His straight path. How many a servant lamented in separation, yet when the Sun of Manifestation dawned, denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and heard My call from the words of My Book, say: My God, my God! I have forsaken the world out of love for meeting with Thee and for what lieth with Thee, and have cast aside what the peoples possess in hope of Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of eternity and Who hast appeared through the Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me in serving Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of Thine enemies and the signs of the tyrants among Thy creatures shall not hold me back. O Lord! Take the hand of this poor one with the hand of Thy bounty, then deliver him from the darkness of idle fancies through Thy power and might. Write down for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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O Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Asadu'llah! He Who shineth from the horizon of utterance - A remembrance unto him who desireth to take the cup of mystic knowledge in the name of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and drink thereof amidst the concourse of all created things, through this remembrance whereby the idols of vain imaginings have wailed and all who are on earth were struck with fear, save those whom God pleased, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereon the greatest terror appeared when the Lord of Destiny came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and hastened unto the Most Great Ocean with a heart which God hath purified from the allusions of those who denied the Day of Judgment. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant present before His face hath read it, and We have answered thee with this Tablet whereby the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Manifestor of this mighty grace. We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God

and to that whereby His firm and mighty Cause may be uplifted. Make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. He will aid thee through His grace. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the affairs of men veil thee or their allusions sadden thee. Leave them to themselves and place thy trust in the Single One, the All-Informed. He is with thee and will aid thee as He pleaseth. Within His grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Him, the Remembering, the All-Knowing. Thus have We caused to rain down from the clouds of utterance that whereby the ears of mystic knowledge may grow in the hearts of those who have turned unto the face of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praised One.

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THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GLORIOUS

A mention from Us to him who hath drunk the choice wine that hath been sealed, at the advent of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, that the verses of his Lord might attract him and bring him to such a station wherein he seeth dominion beneath his shadow. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. O thou servant who gazest upon the Countenance, cast away the world and take what thou art commanded by God, the Lord of all men. Then turn with thy radiant heart toward this Most Great Scene. Say: Here am I, O Lord of the invisible and the visible! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and made me turn toward the sanctuary of Thy Cause. I testify that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have lit the lamp of knowledge in the niche of utterance, but the people do not understand. We have forbidden the concourse of creation from indecency - some have arisen, while others have wandered, being indeed among the people of idle fancies in a preserved tablet. Leave aside all created things and hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor, the Revealer of verses. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this Prison whereon hath been established the throne of the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath turned toward My direction, soared in My atmosphere, heard My call and said: "Yea, verily, O Thou Who art imprisoned!" Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from Our presence, that through them may be illumined the faces of those who have turned toward the Countenance on a Day wherein feet have slipped save those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, hath willed.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great

Mention from Us to him who has attained to the Most Great Sea when the Lord of Eternity came, and who drank the Choice Wine that was sealed when it was unsealed through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and who responded to his Lord when the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth: O Letter of the Living! Hearken unto the call of the Spirit of the Spirit, before Whom the Spirit itself doth proclaim: "The Most Great Spirit hath come with manifest sovereignty!" Years have elapsed and thy letter hath not appeared before the Throne. Hath the fire of God been extinguished within thee, or art thou among the heedless? We verily gave thee life aforetime and We love thee sincerely for the sake of God, inasmuch as

thou didst follow thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. Pay no heed to those who whisper in the breasts of men. Turn wholly unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It behooveth thee to present thy letter before the Throne. Thus hast thou been commanded by God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him. Forget not the favor of God when thou wert in Our presence and didst hear the verses from the tongue of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Arise to promote the Cause with spirit and joy, then attract hearts through this wondrous Remembrance. Thus have We mentioned thee in this Tablet from which hath shone forth the horizon of the utterance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then make mention of those who are there and glorify their faces from the Prisoner, the Exile.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us to one who desires to drink from the Kawthar of life in this Day wherein heedlessness hath overtaken the dwellers of earth - to this beareth witness the Supreme Pen and then the honored servants. The Trusted One hath appeared before Our presence and desired to send down unto thee from the heaven of thy Lord's bounty that which will cause the roses of inner meanings and utterance to grow in the paradise of the hearts of those who have forsaken the world, turning unto the Most Great Name, which calleth out at all times: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved!" The honored Amin made mention of you, wherefore the Wronged One of the horizons from the precincts of the Most Great Prison hath voiced these words which are the cause and source of life to all in the kingdom, that perchance you may drink the Kawthar of divine love from the hidden springs within the divine words and may engage in the remembrance of God with perfect sincerity and assurance. The days are fleeting and that which is with Him endureth. You must, God willing, fix your gaze in all conditions upon the Supreme Horizon and hold fast to the cord of His favors. This is that which profiteth all who are on earth and remaineth firm and steadfast throughout the eternity of God. Hold fast unto what We have counseled thee, then abandon whatsoever diverteth thee from God, and say: "I have turned my face unto Thee, O Lord of Lords, and have sought the Ka'bah of existence through Thy blessed, hallowed, mighty and wise Name."

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In the Name of Him Who is established upon the Throne

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned towards the Most Great Ocean, when the Luminary of the Cause was visible from the horizon of the Prison, that the fragrances of utterance might draw him unto a station which was illumined by the lights of the Countenance. Hearken unto the Call from the upraised Tree upon the blessed and unique Spot: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." When the Hour came to pass, mankind was shaken, then differed among themselves - of them were such as clung to vain imaginings, turning away from the Lord of all beings; and

of them were such as held fast to idle fancies, turning away from the Self-Subsisting; and of them were such as said “He hath fabricated a lie against God” - He Who caused all things to speak forth His praise. Thus was the matter decreed aforetime on this wondrous Day. Remember when the letter “H” of the abyss said: “I have a sealed book” - if thou believest not in Him Who came with the clear signs of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O thou who associateth partners with God and turneth away from His beauty, even if thou hadst a book sealed with the seal of every prophet and holy one, it would profit thee not this Day except through this Seal, from which every wondrous beginning had its beginning. Verily this is the Path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Balance of Guidance for all mankind, and the Scene of the Unseen for all in the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Wronged One when He was imprisoned for what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and put thy trust in God, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Most Holy, sanctified from what hath been and what shall be! A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto God when he came with a Book wherein were set forth the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: This, verily, is the Mother Book which lay concealed within the tabernacle of God’s protection; then did it appear in the world and speak amongst the peoples that there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The polytheists desired to bar the Most Great Gate, and the deniers sought to extinguish the lights of eternity. They failed in what they desired. Verily We have manifested the Cause as We wished. Thy Lord, verily, is He Who dominateth whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be,” and it is! We have counselled all in what shall profit them in the hereafter and in this world. Blessed are they who act! We have sent down the Most Holy Book from whose horizon hath shone forth the sun of thy Lord’s commandments, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Blessed is he who hath held fast, and woe unto every heedless one deprived! Say: Act ye according to what ye have been commanded with wisdom, lest the clamor of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, be raised. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom among all people, lest there appear that which would cause hearts to be troubled. Say: Remember ye the All-Merciful with joy and radiance, that thereby may be awakened the hearts of all who hesitate and are veiled. Thus have the rains of utterance poured down as a grace from Us upon thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancy and taken what hath been sent down from the heaven of the tender mercy of their Lord, the All-Loving.

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O Muhammad-’Ali, who hast emigrated and attained! He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon. A mention from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and attained His presence, and heard His call, and beheld the waves of the ocean of His utterance and whatsoever hath appeared from Him in His mighty prison. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - verily He guideth thee unto the straight path of God. Beware lest the dawning-places of idle fancies withhold thee from the

remembrance of thy Lord, the Master of all beings. Say: My God, my God! I have turned unto Thee and have laid hold on the cord of Thy grace and favor. I beseech Thee, by the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy unity and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and unto the cord of Thy generosity. Disappoint me not of that which is with Thee. Ordain for me the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. Through Thy Name the standards were raised aloft, and by Thy command the banners were unfurled. The conditions of created things cannot frustrate Thee. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Praised One. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, and one who speaketh Thy praise, and one who gazeth upon Thy countenance. Then enable me to perform such deeds from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure may be wafted, throughout the everlasting days of Thy kingdom and dominion. Verily Thou art the Single One, the One, the Hearing, the Answering.

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=== START BH05041 ===

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

A mention from Us to him who has turned to the ocean of utterance when the Most Merciful came from the heaven of explanation, calling out to all creation that there is none other God but Him, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, that this remembrance might draw him to a station where neither the doings of the wicked nor the whisperings of those who have denied the Promised Day can hinder him. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Countenance when those who took their desires as their god turned away from it and followed every heedless and rejected one. We have manifested the Countenance from the Most Exalted Horizon and called all unto it, yet the people turn aside from it. The sun of certitude has shone upon them from the horizon of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Most Merciful, yet they wallow in their own idle fancies. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: O people! Take heed lest the world and what ye possess delude you. Cast aside vain imaginings and take hold of what ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Let not the people and their clamor grieve thee. He will verily exalt thee through the truth and abase those who have waxed proud against Him and disdained to worship Him. Thy Lord is indeed the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Call thou the people with wisdom and mention to them what We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book, that they may follow the commandments and ordinances of God. He is verily the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving. Thus have We shown thee Our mighty signs and caused thee to hear Our sweetest call, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord with a power that no hosts can prevent.

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Kalih-Darrih Muhammad-Isma'il. In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient! A mention from Our presence unto him who hath been stirred by the breezes of his Lord's days and hath turned unto the

Dawning-Place of Revelation, that He may make him steadfast in the Cause in such wise that he may speak forth this Name, detached from all the worlds. Know thou that We have rolled up the heaven of idle fancies and spread forth another carpet. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Wise. Say: O people! Cast aside vain imaginings and take fast hold of that which this Hidden Name, Who hath appeared with manifest sovereignty, doth bid you. Say: Beware lest the intimations of those who walk in the wilderness of self-desire debar you. Leave behind all creation, turning unto Him Who speaketh the truth in this noble station. Thy name hath been mentioned at the Divine Throne and there hath been sent down for thee that whereby the horizon of existence hath been illumined, yet most of the people are heedless. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and firm in the Faith in such wise that the veils of the doubtful ones shall not withhold thee. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified concerning the unity of His Being and the singleness of His Self, the One Who ruleth over the worlds. Then make mention of the servants in that place on behalf of this Wronged One, that the mention may draw them unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, then make mention unto the people that perchance they may arise and turn unto this resplendent horizon. Be thou a servant unto My Cause, speaking forth My remembrance and uttering My beauteous praise. The glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who are with thee, from One mighty and wise.

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In the Name of Him Who domineth the world!

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath been adorned with the robe of existence, that it may draw him unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. They who have on this day attained unto the recognition of God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause - these are they who are brought nigh, while they who have been debarred from God and His sovereignty are a people who understand not. How many a prince hath been kept back from the All-Knowing, and how many a rich one hath been deceived by riches until he disbelieved in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting! How many a seeing one hath been prevented from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon, and how many a blind one hath beheld the Dawning-Place of Revelation and attained unto the lights of the Countenance, when the heedless ones turned away from Him! Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not him who hath followed his passions and disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Say: By His very Self, the Truth! The Hidden One hath appeared and the Intended One hath come, and that which was mentioned in the preserved Tablet hath been fulfilled. O people! Turn ye unto God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause. This is better for you, did ye but know. Withhold not yourselves from the lights of this Day. Choose ye what God hath chosen for you. He, verily, is the Clement, the All-Forgiving. Thou, verily, render thanks unto God for that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from this praised station, and calleth thee unto Him, though He was self-sufficient above whatsoever hath appeared in what was and shall be.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us to him who hath drawn nigh unto the horizon of utterance and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We make mention of everyone who hath turned towards the countenance of God and We teach him His straight path. O thou who hast turned to God! Hearken unto what the Wronged One addresseth thee from this remote prison. He testifieth to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and of the earth: verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and We answer thee with this Tablet. He, verily, is the All-Compelling, the Answerer. Blessed is he who hath opened for thee the door of the treasure and taught thee what was within it, in the name of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he who gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of life in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and cast upon thee the Word of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. When thou hast received the Tablet, arise and turn towards the Most Sublime Horizon and say:

O Lord of eternity and Creator of nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby bodies were struck down and spirits were drawn forth, to make me one of them who have found the sweetness of Thy verses and who have drawn nigh with their hearts unto the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and who have offered up their souls in Thy path. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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O Mulla ’Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon. This is a mention from Us to him who hath clung to My cord and laid hold on My robe and turned towards My horizon and uttered My beauteous praise. Say: O people of the earth! This is a Day which the Books of God have attested, both in the past and in the future. Fear ye God and set not aside that which ye have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Hearken! Hearken! The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised, and the Rock hath cried out, and the Tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh in the kingdom of utterance: “There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Great.” This is a Day wherein We have made clear the Way and sent down the Evidence, yet most of the people are heedless. They play with their vain imaginings and perceive not. They worship the idols of their desires and understand not. Say: O concourse of divines! Die in your wrath. The Lord of Names hath come with clear sovereignty. He it is Who hath appeared and manifested before the faces of the world that which He desired in such wise that neither the might of kings nor of rulers could withhold Him. Thus hath the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted. Blessed is he who hath found and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!” Arise to serve the Cause by Our command. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is the strong one whom the affairs of creation have not weakened and who hath guided the people to My straight path. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on My mighty cord. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted. A remembrance from Us unto him who hath hearkened unto the Call and desired to attain unto a sublime station, that the fragrances of the remembrance of the Lord of Destiny, which have been wafted from the Most Great Scene, may attract him and cause him to arise to remember his Lord Who is imprisoned through tyranny. Arise with supreme steadfastness in thy Lord's Cause, the Creator of heaven, then remind the people of this Cause which hath appeared from the horizon of glory. Beware lest vain imaginings disturb thee. Leave the people and what they possess. Take what hath been given thee from the presence of Him Who causeth the dawn to break. Thus hath the matter been decreed and the command hath come from the Sovereign Who encompasseth all worlds. Verily he who hesitates in this Cause hath not attained unto maturity and is recorded in the Mother Book as a suckling babe, feeding on the milk of heedlessness from the breast of vain imaginings. He is indeed veiled by a veil which is great in the sight of the Truth. Cast aside doubts and hold fast unto the cord of certitude. Thus doth the Ancient One command thee with a tongue wondrous in truth. Those who deny on this Day are assuredly the people of the fire, and thy Lord is witness unto what I say. Those who cast away vain desire and follow guidance - these are the people of the Ridvan, and their names are inscribed by the Pen of God upon the Tablet. Blessed is the man who hath arisen to remember his Lord, detached from those who are confined within the boundaries of the earth. Glorify thou thy Lord with praise, then give thanks unto Him for this Tablet which hath shone forth from a horizon illumined by the light of His countenance.

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O Siyyid Mahmud, upon whom be the Glory of God, from among the Sadat of Khums! I, Who am established upon the Throne of Utterance, make mention from Our presence of him who hath heard and responded, that the fragrances of remembrance may attract him to a station wherein nothing whatsoever shall prevent him from God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and that he may arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as the might of those who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall not deter. A letter containing mention of thee was presented before the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with this wondrous remembrance. Blessed is he who hath inhaled and discovered the fragrance of his Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and blessed is he whose ear hath attained to the hearing of His most sweet call. He is indeed the most exalted among creation before the Truth, as doth testify this faithful Speaker. Glorify thy Lord with praise at eventide and at dawn, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Meeting, for having strengthened me and shown me Thy path and guided me to Thy most exalted horizon and made known to me Thy Most Great Cause and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful. Moreover I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy grace to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no cause can hinder. Thou doest and commandest as Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Ever-Commanding, the Ancient of Days. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hastened unto My straight path.

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=== START BH05048 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. A remembrance from Us to those on earth: Worship none but God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest veils prevent you from the Source of divine verses, or the might of those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and are among the most lost deter you. By God's life! We have come for the reformation of the world, yet the peoples have risen in opposition in such wise that they have shed blood and plundered what belonged to My loved ones without any clear proof or perspicuous Book. Therefore have the inmates of the pavilion of sanctity wept, and the eyes of those near to God have shed tears. A letter mentioning thee hath come before the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere to soar. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty. Verily He remembereth whom He willeth and aideth whom He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful. We make mention of God's loved ones in the cities and regions and counsel them to remain steadfast in this mighty, irrevocable Cause. How many a servant arose to serve the Cause in such wise that armies could not frighten him, and how many a servant trembled at the buzzing of a fly. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the strong one whom the hosts of earth could not weaken, and blessed is the one who hath turned toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and blessed is he who hath arisen and taken hold of the Book of God with a power from Him. He is indeed among those near to God in a clear Book.

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In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us unto him whose letter hath attained unto the presence of the Mother Book, Who summoneth the peoples in the Most Great Prison unto God, the King, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great. Say: By God! The Most Great Book hath been sent down upon the human temple. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who speaketh at the heart of contingent being: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." All books are but a letter of this Book, and all scriptures proclaim His Name, the Guardian over all worlds. Rejoice thou in that thy letter was read before the Throne and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. We found from thy mention the fragrances of sincerity for God Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of the Dayspring of His Cause, the Luminous, the Resplendent. When thou didst desire the grace of thy Lord, the ocean of bounty surged and the winds of thy Lord's gifts, the Lord of Names, were stirred. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor, for He remembereth whoso turneth unto Him and regardeth whoso ariseth to serve Him. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Upon thee rest steadfastness in this Cause, and upon Us resteth My mercy which hath preceded all created things. Thus hath the Ancient Sea sprinkled forth out of love for thee. When thou hast attained unto it, render thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged at the hands

of the oppressors, and thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast been prevented from that which was created for Thee through the deeds of the aggressors."

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Mention from the Wronged One, Who hath chosen tribulations in the path of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, unto Haji M.S. Verily, he emigrated for the sake of God time and again, and was imprisoned once in the land of Ta and at another time in this Most Great Prison. By God! Baha glory taketh pride in tribulation, having quaffed the choice wine of the love of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The world proclaimeth, saying: "O people! Behold my morning and my evening, and the time when the sun standeth at its zenith." Thus doth it inform them of the changes it undergoes, all of which testify to its transience and its imminent passing away. O servant! Hearken unto the Call, that thou mayest witness that which the Essence of Baha witnesseth in this most exalted station - that there is none other God besides Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O my God! Leave me not to myself, but cause me to gaze, morn and eve, toward Thy most exalted horizon. Then manifest through me that which befitteth Thy Name, through which the Dove hath warbled upon the branches and the Mystic Dove hath spoken: "There is none other God besides Him, the Forgiving, the Generous." We beseech God to assist thee and thy family to serve His loved ones, and to ordain for you that which shall profit you in the worlds of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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India. Ali Asghar Khan, upon him be the Glory of God [uncle of the Nawab of Rampur and General of the Army].

He is the One Who has dominion over what was and what shall be.

A mention from the Wronged One to him who desires to drink of the choice sealed wine, the seal of which was broken by the fingers of the power of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who has cast away the world and turned towards the Most Great Name, which God has made the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His Cause to all who are in the kingdoms of the unseen and the visible. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath caused the fragrance of the garment to be diffused. Blessed is he who hath found and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Educator of existence!" We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to strengthen thee in that which shall establish thy remembrance in His preserved Book. Arise to serve the Cause and give the glad-tidings unto the people of the Light which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of His Name, the Powerful over what was and what shall be. This is a day wherein any deed that appeareth from anyone, purely for the sake of

God, shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Strive ye, God willing, to drink from the living waters and become intoxicated with this true wine, that ye may arise in the assemblage of the world to make mention of the Lord of all beings. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Fath - Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Radi

He is the Witness and the Witnessed

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when the Lord of all beings came with the Most Great Sign and summoned all created things to a station which the Creator of heaven had revealed in the Books of old and in His Mighty Book which was named the Furqan by the All-Merciful, whereby God distinguished between truth and falsehood. Verily He is the Almighty Whom nothing can frustrate. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He is in truth the All-Powerful, the Almighty. This is a Day wherein the squeaking of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised and the Herald hath proclaimed: “The Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty.” We have inhaled from thee the fragrance of acceptance. We have turned unto thee and make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Take hold of it with the hand of strength and steadfastness and say: O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, and my Hope! I beseech Thee by Thy tender mercies which have preceded all created things and by Thy mercy which hath encompassed all contingent beings, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm and immovable in Thy love. O my Lord! I beseech Thee to assist me under all conditions to remember and praise Thee in such wise that neither the books of the world nor the intimations of the nations shall prevent me, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones whom neither souls nor bodies nor riches deterred from Thy love. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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O Muhammad-Rida Basmi, known as Haji Aqa, upon whom be the glory of God - A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in the Self-Subsisting, who hath spoken His praise, attained His knowledge, and presented his letter which testified to that which God, his Lord, had testified, and acknowledged His oneness and the sanctification of His Being from any likeness or similitude. I am the Hearing, the Answering One.

We have found in thy letter the fragrance of thy turning unto Him, when most of the people have turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon, save those whom the hand of God’s will, the Lord of all worlds, hath delivered. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hear the call once again: “There is none other God but I, the One, the All-Informed.” Thou hast stood firm in acknowledging the Manifestation and

spoken the praise of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thou hast summoned kings and subjects, divines and princes to the Most Exalted Horizon with an authority that the hosts of the earth and the ranks of kings and sovereigns could not prevent.

When the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizons of all lands, the people of the Bayan rose in such opposition as nearly rent the heavens asunder and caused the hearts of the Messengers to melt. Thus did their souls deceive them in a matter, and today they are among those who cry out against the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Give thanks unto God for His grace and bounty, and for what He hath sent down unto thee that shall never be exhausted nor altered throughout the eternity of His most excellent names and supreme attributes. I am the All-Knowing Expositor.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and assist thee in that which shall cause the fragrance of sanctity to be diffused. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, while the Wronged One was beneath the talons of hatred by reason of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. And thus did the Most High Ocean manifest its waves and the Light its radiance. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

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In the letter Sad. He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. A mention from the Leaf of Paradise unto His servant, that he may be among those who remember God Who created him and created all things, and all unto Him shall return. O servant! Bear witness within thyself to that whereunto God hath testified concerning His own Self, by His own Self, ere mention was made of any remembrance or names were ordained through the form of a wondrous Temple - that there is none other God but Him, and that the Tree of the Bayan is the first Tree wherein appeared the Fire and spoke forth: “Verily, I am God, the Lord of all worlds,” and verily He is the Sovereign of the Messengers, and the mention of Adam and clay was not. Thus do We cast upon thee of the verses of God, the King, the Mighty, the Generous, that thy soul may find assurance thereby, such that thy feet shall never slip on account of any Baal or ass. Say: By God! Verily Baal shall arise by himself, and the Samaritan shall appear in magnificent form, and the calf shall cry out from every nearby quarter. Therefore, O loved ones of God, be steadfast in the Cause and turn not unto them, and be not among the abased ones. Drink ye from the hand of the Youth cups of sweet water, then a cup from this Salsabil wherefrom floweth forth the creation of the Kawthar of eternity, then the holy waters and Tasnim. Then be content therewith above all else, for it shall suffice you against all the worlds. And the Spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon every assured believer. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the Mighty, the Conquering, the Bestowing!

A mention of the Leaf of Paradise in the Tree of Separation. God, there is no God but Him! He hath ordained in these days for His chosen ones that which hath caused the faces of all the dwellers of Paradise to turn pale. O chosen ones of God! Let not the oppression of these wretched ones grieve you. Put your trust in God - verily He is your Guardian, and He sufficeth you against all who are in the heavens and on earth. He will raise up your names in truth to an exalted sanctuary. Soon will your faces shine like the sun at its meridian, and the Dove of the Cause will warble: "Prostrate yourselves, O people of the earth, before these faces that have shown humility before God, their Lord, from all eternity." Thus doth God bestow His grace upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation, and aid those who have been humble before Him and turned unto Him.

Verily those who rejoice at the departure of these servants from that land have no awareness within themselves. Say: God will soon turn your joy to grief, and will visit upon you an evil day that shall truly be barren. By God! Were ye to perceive within yourselves, ye would weep with the weeping of the bereaved for this Sun that hath vanished from you, which had been illumined with the light of God. Thus do We reveal unto you the mysteries of the Cause and cast upon you that which will make you independent of all the worlds. Whoso willeth, let him believe, and whoso willeth, let him deny. Verily God is independent of all the worlds. And glory and splendor rest upon you and upon the emigrants, morning and evening.

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O Muhammad-Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of Him Who is mentioned, and the Supreme Pen turneth toward thee from the prison and maketh mention of thee, that perchance through the attraction of the Word thou mayest gaze entirely toward the horizon and hold fast to His cord and cling to the hem of His mercy. Today the world is observed to be frozen, for it is deprived and forbidden from the warmth of the love of the Beloved of the worlds, save whom God willeth. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the outpourings of Thy days and the fragrances of Thy utterance, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy love and content with whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of Thy decree. Enable me, O my God, to serve Thy Cause, then write down for me through Thy bounty and grace that which shall profit me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over all names and powerful over all things. The ranks of the world cannot frustrate Thy will, nor the opposition of nations. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious. My remembrance is for him who has turned to God, the Mighty, the Wise, that the attraction of the verses may seize him and cause him to speak in praise of his Lord, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face toward the Countenance and attained the lights that have shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Most Merciful, on this wondrous Day. Grieve not for thy brother. He hath been immersed in the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful, and then ascended unto the Most Glorious Horizon - a station beyond the remembrance of all who remember. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which hath been sent down for him in the Tablet from the Supreme Pen. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We behold him and have sent down each year what We sent down for him during his outward life. In this there is wisdom from Our presence. Thy Lord's knowledge encompasses all the worlds. My mercy preceded him and ascended with him. By My life! It hath encompassed him from all directions. Rejoice thou in this and be of the thankful. Blessed is he who visiteth him according to what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen and turneth toward his resting place with an illumined heart. Be thou as thy brother was in the Cause of his Lord, such that the cawing of the polytheists shall not keep thee from God. We have found from thee acceptance and have sent down for thee from the heaven of bounty that which gladdens the hearts of those near unto God. Be thou at peace through thy Lord's grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the heavens and earths.

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O Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Zabih! A remembrance unto him who hath turned towards My countenance and heard My call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, that he may discover the fragrance of the Pen which hath appeared in the paradise of eternity and be drawn unto the precincts of mighty glory. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God and the heart that hath turned unto the Beloved of the worlds. How many servants awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when He appeared they denied God, the Mighty, the Wise. How many learned ones were kept back by their knowledge from the Known One, and how many ignorant ones plunged into the sea through My Name, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. No one should glory over another in what he possesseth of ornaments and such things, rather glory lieth in what hath been ordained by One mighty and powerful. Blessed is the servant whose name hath been mentioned today before the Throne, and the soul whose name hath been inscribed on a preserved tablet. By God! This is a day around which revolve the times of the first and the last, and it cannot be compared with what hath passed or will come to pass, if ye be of them that know. Were We to explain this station, thou wouldst see mankind struck down. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the dead were raised up, to withhold me not from the ocean of Thy grace and bounty, and leave me not to myself in Thy days. Then make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the veils of them that have disbelieved and the allusions of the heedless keep me not back. O my Lord! I have laid hold on the handle of Thy favors and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Ancient. A remembrance unto him who hath heard My call, turned to My countenance, spoken My praise and acknowledged that which hath been commanded by God, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Let him rejoice in My remembrance of him and stand firm in his station. Thus hath God desired for him whom He desireth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved. O My loved ones! Arise to carry out the bounds of God which have been sent down in a preserved Tablet. Say: Every tablet sent down from Him is indeed the preserved one, did ye but know. And beyond it is a Tablet which none hath known save His Own Self, the Truth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: Consider ye the oppressed, the distressed, the hungry, the naked, the weak and the poor. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you, as a grace from Him unto His servants, did ye but know. O My loved ones! Prefer the love of God to the love of your own selves, and obedience to disobedience. This is what ye have been commanded in the Tablets, would ye but understand. Pride not yourselves over those whom We have sanctified from earthly adornments, and humble yourselves before those who have turned unto the Intended One. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto the Most Great Handle and done that which he hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice ye in the remembrance of God in His days, then follow that which profiteth you in this world and the next, and follow not every idolatrous rejecter. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be of them who give thanks.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful! May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The servant has found the fragrance of utterance from your outward words which tell of the essence of love and affection. It is as though every limb of mine has a mouth and has tasted the sweetness contained therein in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. By your life, then by your life, the heart rejoices in your mention and your letter and your sincerity towards God alone. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist your honor in all conditions and to unite us in His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the All-Informed. The servant was gladdened by the breaking of a hand that had stretched forth in oppression and tyranny. We beseech God that other hands may meet the same fate - those who have acted as he acted. Verily He is the Just, the Avenger, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As for what your honor mentioned regarding the house - everything that proceeds from your honor is excellent, excellent, as it was said of old: “Everything from the excellent one is excellent.” And concerning what you mentioned about Iraq - the circle of evil has encompassed them, and this is what the Desired One has informed of in various Tablets. We beseech God to assist its people to return. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And it is hoped, through your wondrous favors upon this servant, that you will graciously convey my greetings to those who are with your honor among the loved ones of God and those who are in Iraq, especially Jinab-i-Hajj Abbas and Jinab-i-Muhammad-’Ali the imprisoned. Then the Most Glorious Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have been honored to serve you. The Servant. 19 Dhi’l-Hijjih.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! Your esteemed letter, which conveyed your love, kindness and affection, arrived. Immediately the light of sincerity, attraction and enthusiasm rose from the horizon of the heart. It has been proven that every tree of love, affection and devotion grows from heart and soul through the attention and consideration of God's chosen ones. This servant beseeches his Lord to manifest through your honor at all times that which draws souls near unto Him. Verily He has power over all things. After its reading in His presence, He graciously listened and said: "Praise be to God, the letter brought glad tidings of health, devotion and orientation toward the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily He was with him and will be with him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful." End quote. In these days He has repeatedly mentioned your honor, and at the time of writing commanded: "Write that they should come on Thursday so that a meeting may take place." Regarding what was written about the funds - if it refers to the funds of the esteemed Hakim Musa, they were assigned to the beloved and honored Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be God's peace, and should be in liras. If it refers to other funds, whether mejidiyyes or otherwise makes no difference - they all go back to Aqa Faraj and others like him, upon them be God's peace. Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon God's near servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto your honor! The esteemed letter which diffused the fragrance of meanings was like gentle water for the sapling of being and a wondrous table for the seeker of the Worshipped One. After it was read and reviewed, it was presented before His presence. He said it was intended that whatever would cause their enkindlement be mentioned to Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad, upon him be God's peace, and Jinab-i-Mulla 'Abdu'r-Rahim. God willing, a Tablet of bounty will be revealed. Regarding what was written about making a copy, if your honor makes the copy yourself, it is not necessary for His Honor the Name of Bounty, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors, to make another copy. Otherwise the Name of Bounty must make a copy of it. And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was presented. He said two or three other Tablets specifically for that land remain - God willing they will be sent. Send them with your own letter. And the Tablet of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Majid and Aqa Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon them both be the glory of God, is being presented before my Lord and Master. If it is bestowed, it will be sent. Peace and praise be upon your honor.

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He is the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses with wondrous melody, and made manifest His proof and evidence in such wise that every possessor of knowledge standeth powerless before it. He speaketh the truth in the kingdom of creation and command, and calleth mankind unto a sanctified and glorious station. Say: O people! Believe in God and in that which was revealed in the Bayan, and follow not every rebellious devil. Follow rather God's decree concerning yourselves and respond to God's Call, if ye desire to find a path unto the Lord of the Throne. Say: This indeed is Husayn, who hath fallen victim to oppression at the hands of the wrongdoers. Say: Fear ye God, O people of the Bayan, and harm him not through your selfish desires and passions, neither slay him with the swords of your tongues, nor be ye tyrannical and wicked. Say: By God! Your faith shall profit you not except through love for Me - thus hath it been ordained by One mighty and powerful. And thou, O servant! Give thanks unto God that thy letter hath come before Us, and We have remembered thee on this night in this Prison which lieth behind lofty mountains, where the hands of men have been cut off from Our robe - thus hath it truly been decreed by One mighty and wise. Even so have We bestowed Our favor upon thee and revealed unto thee that which will bring peace to thy heart and detach thee from all the worlds. And the glory be upon thee and upon every faithful and loyal believer.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

Glorified is He Who speaketh the truth. He, verily, is the Proclaimer between the heavens and the earth. When His call was raised from His direction, all things were stirred save those who turned away from His countenance and were among the heedless. They who have found the sweetness of the utterance hastened unto the All-Merciful, and they who were seized by the rapture of revelation turned unto the face before which all in the worlds have bowed down in adoration. Say: O people! Nullify not the Cause of God through what ye possess. Set aside that which distracteth you from it and turn ye unto the station from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the beauty of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. This is a Day wherein no ransom shall be accepted, nor shall anything profit you though ye should cling to all things, were ye but to know. Hearken unto the call from the luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O people! The proof hath come, and He Who revealeth the utterance hath appeared with a manifest sovereignty. Follow not your desires - burn them with the fire of the remembrance of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Do ye sport with God's sovereignty and His Cause? Turn your eyes that ye may behold your Lord dawning from the horizon of might with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds. Hearken, O My loved ones, unto the melody of grandeur, then drink ye of the water of everlasting life. We have forbidden the people of hatred from this crimson cup from the hand of the All-Glorious Cup-bearer. Thus hath the matter been decreed by your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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In the Name of Him Who hath appeared with supreme greatness and power! Glorified is He Who hath shed His splendor upon all created things through His Name that He hath made the Sovereign of Names when He established Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. They who have quaffed the wine of reunion from the hand of bounty, these are numbered among the sincere ones. And whosoever hath lingered by the pond, turning away from the Most Great Ocean, is accounted among the abased. Say: Have not the verses been sent down, and have not the evidences shone forth, and hath not the proof been perfected, and hath not the Resurrection come to pass? By My life! That which ye were promised in the Tablets hath been fulfilled, while ye remain behind veils, and be not of them that know. He that was far off hath entered the Realm of Glory, while he that thought himself near hath been kept back. Thus hath God made your high ones low and your low ones high. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: The Ancient Beauty hath appeared with His Most Great Name, and yet ye remain veiled. Come ye forth from the habitations of heedlessness and blindness, turning unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Eternity. This is better for you, if ye be of them that perceive. Cast aside idle sayings - this is the Day of deeds. Hold fast unto that which ye are commanded by One mighty and great. O thou who hast turned to God! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned unto thee when He was in the hands of the idolaters, and for having called thee through His grace and revealed unto thee clear verses that thou mayest be among the triumphant. When thou hast attained unto them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds!

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In the Name of Him through Whose manifestation the Path appeared and the mountains were moved! Glorified be He Who appeared and manifested whatsoever He willed through His word “Be, and it is!” We make mention on this day of My loved ones who fulfilled the Covenant of God and His testament, and held fast to His firm and extended cord. Sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions through what hath befallen My friends at the hands of those who have broken My Covenant, denied My right, and cast behind them what was sent down unto them from My forbidden Kingdom. O My loved ones in My realms! Be not grieved at what hath befallen you in My path. Soon shall annihilation overtake all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and ye shall find yourselves seated in the seat of truth with God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible. By God! I created the world for your sake, and the next world rejoiceth at your presence, did ye but know. Beware lest ye be frightened by the might of the divines through whose command the rulers have risen against you and perpetrated that which hath caused the Spirit to lament in the luminous Spot and the near ones to cry out. Preserve your stations through patience and tranquility. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen command you from this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, and verily I am the Powerful over what I will, and I am the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of existence. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon whosoever hath clung to My mantle and shown patience in what hath befallen him for the sake of My Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of the world and Goal of the nations! How can I make mention of Thee, after my certitude that mention hath appeared through the influence of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and that it returneth not unto Thy station, which cannot be described by the tongues of all created things? And how can I praise Thee, after my knowledge that the kingdom of praise hath appeared through Thy command and Thy will? By Thy glory, O God of existence and Lord of the unseen and the seen! I behold myself bewildered in knowing Thee and powerless to describe even the lowest of Thy signs. Since Thou hast taught me that the way is barred and the path forbidden, I cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy and hold fast to the cord of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name and Treasured Mystery, which calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, to make me among those who have attained unto Thy will, turned toward Thy horizon, and heard Thy call. O Lord! The mountain of rebellion hath turned toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things to blot out his misdeeds through Thy bounty and grace. Then ordain for him that which shall make him luminous amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all things and in Whose right hand is the dominion of names. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the throne and the dust. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver those who were drowned and didst guide those who yearned for Thee, and through which was established the unity of Thy Being, free from all likeness and semblance, and the sanctity of Thy Self, purified from all similitude and opposition, to gaze with the eyes of Thy mercy upon this community who have sought Thy presence, who have drunk from the wine of Thy love, who have clung to the hem of Thy loving-kindness, and who have held fast to the cord of Thy grace. O my God! Send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heavens of Thy tenderness that which will purify them from all else beside Thee and cause them to be devoted solely to Thy love and good-pleasure, that they may speak in remembrance of Thee, utter Thy praise, gaze upon Thy countenance, and turn their hearts toward Thy most exalted Self, Who hath appeared with Thy Most Great Name in the kingdom of creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

Then send down, O my God, upon her two daughters that which will sanctify them from the mention of aught else beside Thee and from turning to any other than Thee, that they may remain steadfast in Thy

remembrance and praise. Then cause them to drink, O my God, that which will draw them unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the All-Praised.

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Lauded and glorified art Thou, O my God! I entreat Thee by the sighing of Thy lovers and by the tears shed by them that long to behold Thee, not to withhold from me Thy tender mercies in Thy Day, nor to deprive me of the melodies of the Dove that extolleth Thy oneness before the light that shineth from Thy face. I am the one who is in misery, O God! Behold me cleaving fast to Thy Name, the All-Possessing. I am the one who is sure to perish; behold me clinging to Thy Name, the Imperishable. I implore Thee, therefore, by Thy Self, the Exalted, the Most High, not to abandon me unto mine own self and unto the desires of a corrupt inclination. Hold Thou my hand with the hand of Thy power, and deliver me from the depths of my fancies and idle imaginings, and cleanse me of all that is abhorrent unto Thee.

Cause me, then, to turn wholly unto Thee, to put my whole trust in Thee, to seek Thee as my Refuge, and to flee unto Thy face. Thou art, verily, He Who, through the power of His might, doeth whatsoever He desireth, and commandeth, through the potency of His will, whatsoever He chooseth. None can withstand the operation of Thy decree; none can divert the course of Thine appointment. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify to Thy sovereignty and Thy power, to Thy oneness and Thy authority, and that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been the One Who dominates all things and Who exercises power over all who dwell in the kingdom of names. Thy mercy and loving-kindness have preceded all else, and Thy grace and bounty have encompassed all things. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Call whereby all things were attracted, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby earth and heaven were illumined, to aid Thy servants to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Thou beholdest him who hath turned unto Thee, and hath held fast unto Thy cord, and hath set his face toward the lights of Thy countenance. Ordain for him, O Lord of the worlds, that which will gladden his eyes and the eyes of Thy loved ones. Then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy generosity the rains of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful Whom the hosts cannot hinder, and the Sovereign Whom veils cannot conceal. Thou art the One Who speaketh both in the beginning and in the end. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The letter of his honor Mirza ’Ali-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, together with fifty-seven tumans, was received by the servant in the prison through the beloved of hearts, his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the blessed month of Ramadan 1306.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me enkindled with the fire of Thy love, after having been imprisoned in the most ruinous of Thy lands and held captive by the hands of the idolaters among Thy creatures. Yet despite the trials that have encompassed me from all directions, my pen moveth by Thy inspiration and revelation, my finger acteth by Thy will, mine eye gazeth toward the horizon of Thy loving-kindness, my heart burneth with the fire of Thy love, my tongue uttereth Thy praise, and every limb of my body yearneth for what Thou hast ordained for it in Thy decree. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose word the world was set in motion and by Whose name the Ancient Sea was made to surge, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cause to spring forth from the soil of hearts the plants of Thy knowledge and the fruits of Thy love and praise. O Lord! Assist Thy male and female servants to achieve what Thou hast intended for them in Thy days and decreed for them in Thy Tablets, that they may turn toward Thee with hearts detached from all else besides Thee. Thou art He Who hath subdued all created things through the word of Thy command and all beings through the movement of Thy finger. Thou hast ever been established upon the throne of majesty and upheld in Thy self-subsistence amidst the manifestations of glory. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art exalted above all, to withhold them not from the shore of Thy nearness, nor to keep them back from the Kawthar of life that floweth from the Pen of Thy name, the Most Merciful. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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=== START BH05074 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

God testifieth that there is none other God beside Him. His is the majesty and the power, the dominion and the authority. He giveth life and causeth death, and then raiseth up whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Ruler over all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realms. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over all things. He sendeth down whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He desireth by His word “Be” and it is. When We encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, We found thee in a cleft of the Cause. Therefore have We made mention of thee in truth, that the remembrance of thy Lord might draw thee to a praiseworthy station, that thou mightest inhale from the Holy Tablet the fragrance of intimacy, that thou mightest turn with thy whole being unto God and arise to aid this Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in this land for the sake of God, and before Whose face the doors of ingress and egress have been sealed.

Hearken unto My words, then cast away all that is in the contingent world and take what hath come to thee from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Arise and say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the Quickener of all creation hath come! Detach yourselves from all who are on earth, then turn unto God, the King, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. If thou aidest Him on earth, He will assuredly aid thee in His Kingdom and will send down upon thee hosts from the manifestations of power and might, and will assist thee thereby. There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Say: O people! Do ye deny Him Who revealed the Bayan unto Himself? What aileth you that ye understand not? Have ye clung to aught else besides Him after ye were commanded not to cling to any but Him at the time of His appearance? Have ye disbelieved while ye yourselves bear witness? Fear God, O people! This indeed is He through Whom the Tablets of God were sent down in every age, and that which was revealed in the Bayan testifieth to His own Self. Beware lest ye deny Him.

Stand firm in the Cause, then kindle the fire of oneness in the hearts of all creatures that it may purify them from the defilement of idle fancy and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the former and latter generations. Beware lest thou be halted by the cawing of them that are polytheists. Take the rod by Our strength, then cleave asunder therewith the sea of vain imaginings, that perchance the people may turn their faces toward the holy precincts. Array the hearts in the name of the Beloved, that the effulgences of the Sun from this manifest horizon may be imprinted thereon.

Say: O people! Behold Him with His own eyes, even as ye were commanded in the Bayan wherein hath been set forth all that ye do. Say: He informed Me of your turning away from the direction of God and of that which would befall His Beloved, but ye have forgotten what was revealed by Him, and have broken His Covenant, and have disbelieved in Him through Whom was manifested that which was hidden. Shun thou them that have disbelieved and say […]

Glorified art Thou, O my God! All praise be to Thee - praise whereby souls may be made steadfast in Thy love and good-pleasure. All praise be to Thee - praise whereby the oceans of Thy knowledge surge in every heart, preserving it from turning to any save Thee. All praise be to Thee - praise whereby existence is set aflame with the fire of Thy love and turned toward the holy precincts, the dawning-place of the lights of Thy oneness. All praise be to Thee - praise whereby every soul is made independent of all else save Thee, and all faces are directed to the splendors of the light of Thy countenance.

O Lord! I am he who hath sought the sanctuary of Thy unity and the Ka'bah of Thy singleness, who hath detached himself from all else save Thee and turned toward Thee. O Lord! Deprive me not of the outpourings of Thy days, the manifestations of the glory of Thy unity, and the revelations of Thy holy oneness. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, and I am the needy one. I have come unto Thee, detached from all save Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and favor.

O Lord! Draw me, then, through the wondrous melodies whereby Thou hast attracted the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy creation and the souls of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy creatures, that I may stand firm in Thy love in such wise that the turning away of the idolaters and the denial of the doubters may not hinder me. Enable me to arise to serve Thee and to praise Thy Self. Verily, Thou art He

Who hath ever been powerful to do as He pleaseth and sovereign over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Lord! Make us helpers of Thy religion, supporters of Thy loved ones, and those who turn away from Thine enemies. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Ruling, the All-Willing.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee, acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness, and whom sorrows have overtaken in Thy path. I beseech Thee, O our Lord, the All-Merciful, by Thy Name which dominateth over the worlds and transcendeth all possibility, to draw her near unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds and to ordain for her that which shall solace her eyes and tranquilize her soul. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

I moreover beseech Thee, O God of heaven and Creator of names, to make her content in all conditions with Thy decree, and assured that Thou doest naught unto anyone save that which is best for him in Thy Tablets. O Lord! Illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then deliver her from the sea of sorrow by the hands of Thy grace. Grant her the sweetness of Thy utterance that she may find in it that which will gladden her amid the surging waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the outpourings of the deep sea of Thy bounty and grace.

Moreover, ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for the choicest among Thy handmaidens, and aid her to remain steadfast in Thy love and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy gifts. Then send down upon her and her daughter from every glory its most glorious, and from every radiance its most radiant. Verily, Thou art He from Whose grasp nothing can escape. Thou givest unto those who come unto Thee and forgivest those who commune with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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Leaf of the sister who circles the Most Great, Most Wondrous Throne! Glory be to Thee, O my God! This is a leaf from the leaves of this Tree which was raised up in truth and was stirred by the winds of Thy grace until she turned to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy loving-kindness, and acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the sanctuary of Thy presence and have attained to the visitation of Thy Beauty. O Lord! Decree for her that which will bring comfort to her eyes, then preserve her within the pavilion of Thy protection and the tabernacle of Thy safekeeping. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of the Great Name. Look upon her with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, in such wise that nothing shall prevent her from gazing toward the direction of Thy gifts. O Lord! Since she hath clung to the cord of Thy grace, deprive her not of Thy bounty and favor. Verily, Thou

art the Mighty, the Wise. Know thou, O my leaf, that the Word of Victory hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and We were well-pleased with him. This Tablet beareth witness to that, and beyond it the Mother Book. He was among those who emigrated in the path of God until he came to rest beneath the shade of the Throne, and God is, of what I say, All-Knowing. Say: O people! Speak not according to your desires. Fear God and follow not those who say that for which God hath given no leave. Speak with truth, for verily He is of all things All-Knowing and All-Witnessing.

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LXVIII

Praised be Thou, O my God! Thou seest me shut up in this Prison, and art well aware that I have entered it solely for Thy sake and for the sake of the glorification of Thy word and the proclamation of Thy Cause. I cry out to Thee, at this very moment, O Thou Who art the Lord of all worlds, beseeching Thee, by Thine undoubted Name, to attract the hearts of Thy servants unto the Day-Spring of Thy most excellent titles and the Dawning-Place of Thy most resplendent signs.

But for the troubles that touch me in Thy path, O my God, how else could my heart rejoice in Thy days; and were it not for the blood which is shed for love of Thee, what else could tinge the faces of Thy chosen ones before the eyes of Thy creatures? I swear by Thy might! The ornament that adorneth the countenance of Thy dear ones is the blood which, in their love for Thee, floweth out of their foreheads over their faces.

Thou beholdest, O my God, how every bone in my body soundeth like a pipe with the music of Thine inspiration, revealing the signs of Thy oneness and the clear tokens of Thy unity. I entreat Thee, O my God, by Thy Name which irradiateth all things, to raise up such servants as shall incline their ears to the voice of the melodies that hath ascended from the right hand of the throne of Thy glory. Make them, then, to quaff from the hand of Thy grace the wine of Thy mercy, that it may assure their hearts, and cause them to turn away from the left hand of idle fancies and vain imaginings to the right hand of confidence and certitude.

Now that Thou hast guided them unto the door of Thy grace, O my Lord, cast them not away, by Thy bounty; and now that Thou hast summoned them unto the horizon of Thy Cause, keep them not back from Thee, by Thy graciousness and favor. Powerful art Thou to do as Thou pleaseth. No God is there but Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Informed.

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O my God! Thou knowest that I love the kindred of the Tree of Thy Oneness and the leaves of the Tree of Thy Singleness. Thou hast distinguished them in this Revelation among Thy creation and hast sent down their names in Thy Tablets and dispatched unto them the signs of Thy greatness and the evidences of Thy oneness. Therefore, O Thou Beloved of the worlds, send upon them at all times the breezes of Thy grace

that they may make mention of Thee upon this Tree which hath been raised up through Thy Name and uttereth by Thy leave. Withhold them not therefrom through Thy bounty and favor. And among them, O my God, is he who hath arisen to aid Thy Cause and hath spoken in Thy praise and hath turned toward the horizon of Thy beauty and hastened to the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and drunk from the hands of Thy grace. Ordain for him, O my God, the best of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then grant him in Thy days the blessing which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy decree. O Lord! Thou seest him turning toward the sanctuary of Thy good-pleasure and circumambulating the Kaaba of Thy Cause. Withhold him not through Thy bounty and cast him not away through Thy grace. Aid him, O my God, at all times in Thy love in such wise that neither trials shall prevent him from the direction of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, nor tests from turning toward Thy Self, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all possibilities and in Whose hand are all who dwell in the earth and heaven. There is none to gainsay Thy Will and none to withstand Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

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CXLIX

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I give praise to Thee, that Thou hast made me able so to reveal Thine utterances, and manifest Thy proofs and Thy testimonies, that every proof hath been made to circle round my will, and every testimony to compass my pleasure. Thou seest me, O my Lord, lying at the mercy of Thine adversaries, who have repudiated Thy signs, and refuted Thy testimony, and turned back from Thy beauty, and resolved to shed Thy blood. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names, by Thy name through which Thou hast subdued all created things, to graciously aid Thy servants and Thy loved ones to cleave steadfastly to Thy Cause. Give them, then, to drink what will quicken their hearts in Thy days. Enable them, moreover, O my Lord, to fix their gaze at all times upon Thy pleasure, and to yield Thee thanks for the evidences of Thine irrevocable decree. For Thou art, verily, praiseworthy in all that Thou hast done in the past, or wilt do in the future, and art to be obeyed in whatsoever Thou hast wished or wilt wish, and to be loved in all that Thou hast desired or wilt desire. Thou lookest upon them that are dear to Thee with the eyes of Thy loving-kindness, and sendest down for them only that which will profit them through Thy grace and Thy gifts.

We entreat Thee, O Thou Who art the Cloud of Bounty and the Succorer of the distressed, that Thou wilt aid us to remember Thee, and to make known Thy Cause, and to arise to help Thee. Though all weakness, we yet have clung to Thy Name, the Most Powerful, the Almighty.

Bless Thou, O my God, them that have stood fast in Thy Cause, and whom the evil suggestions of the workers of iniquity have failed to deter from turning towards Thy face, and who have hastened with their whole hearts toward Thy grace, until they finally quaffed the water that is life indeed from the hands of Thy bounty.

Potent art Thou to do Thy pleasure. No God is there save Thee, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

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In His Name through Whom the Bayan was revealed!

The Wronged One hath heard thy call and answereth thee from this exalted station, that the remembrance of God may draw thee to His glorious and luminous horizon and make thee so steadfast in the Cause that neither the opposition of the opposers nor the allusions of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall deter thee. Hearken unto that which the people of the Bayan, who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, have uttered. Among them are those who have turned away from the Countenance, and those who have said that He hath fabricated lies against the All-Informed One. The dwellers of the Kingdom have lamented at what they have said, and beyond them the denizens of the realm of might and those who circle round this mighty and glorious station. Say: By what proof have ye established My fabrication, and by what evidence have ye proven that which ye possess is from God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful? Bring forth a verse, O people of the Bayan, if ye be of the truthful. Be fair, by God, and reject not the truth by what ye possess. Turn ye unto Him unto Whom the Prophets and Messengers have turned. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in evident sorrow. Grieve thou not at anything. Put thy trust in God. He will suffice thee through a power that proceedeth from Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Powerful. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics, and praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

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The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious! The Spirit bears witness: The Light has come, and sovereignty belongs to God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The Bayan bears witness: The All-Merciful has come with a clear proof. The Beloved bears witness: By God! This indeed is the Best-Beloved. Blessed is he who turns to Him. He, verily, is the One intended in the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Praised. The Interlocutor bears witness: The All-Bountiful has come and from Him has issued forth every wise command. And beyond them all the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory bears witness: He Who is mentioned has come, He by Whose name the heaven of Revelation was adorned and the earths have passed away. The Divine Lote-Tree bears witness from the blessed spot: The Beauty of Divine Unity has appeared from God's holy and luminous horizon. The Rock cries out with its loudest voice: The Lord of all creation has come, while the people remain behind a mighty veil. I bear witness that the Call has been raised to such a degree that those on earth have heard it. Blessed is he who has turned to it and is among the successful ones. O people! This is God's mystery among you, and His treasure within you, and His sovereignty unto you - turn to Him with illumined hearts and radiant faces. This behooves you, if you be of those who reflect. Abandon vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all names, and hold fast to the Sure Handle. This is better for you than what you possess, and to this testifies the Pen of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O

servant! When you attain to the lights of the Remembrance Who has appeared and shone forth from the horizon of grace, say: May my soul be a sacrifice unto You, O Sacrifice of the worlds!

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He is the One Who standeth over all things! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Most Exalted Pen testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved. Among the people are those who have testified to the testimony of God, and among them are those who have remained veiled through following every heedless and ignorant one. This is a Day wherein the rock proclaimeth the Kingdom to be God's, the Almighty, the All-Loving, and the pebble beareth witness to the Revealer of verses, yet the people are in strange doubt. Among the people are those who remain veiled by what the people possess and do not become certain of God's testimony - they are indeed among the lowly ones. And among them are those who wander in the wilderness of the Caliphate and by its mention are prevented from its Owner - they are indeed in manifest error. Say: This is God's Day wherein naught is mentioned save His Self, and all else is on one plane, if ye be of them that know. Whoso hath attained unto it hath attained unto all names, and whoso hath turned away from it hath no portion of this resplendent Kawthar. This is a Day wherein every friend crieth out "Have mercy upon me, O Thou Most Merciful One!" and every chosen one cleaveth to the hem of grace, saying "O Lord of all nations! Cause me then to enter among Thy sincere servants, and make me steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the back of every distant idolater is broken." Say: Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies and hold fast unto My Strong Cord. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thy heart may rejoice thereat and thou mayest be of them that have attained. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. God testifies that there is none other God but Him. His is the grace and bounty, and His the grandeur and majesty. He gives and withholds, and He is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

My God, my God! I love to remember Thee at all times with every tongue, for this servant has found nothing sweeter in the world than Thy remembrance, nor loftier than Thy praise among the nations. I beseech Thee, O Creator of earth and heaven and Cleaver of the dawn, by Thy power that overshadows all things, and by Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued all in the kingdom of creation, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee in such wise that neither the oppressors nor the tyrannical shall prevent them. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that they have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and they are surrounded by the wolves of Thy earth. I beseech Thee by Thy name the Preserver, and by Thy name the Helper, and by Thy name the Triumphant, to protect them from the oppression of every remote oppressor and every obstinate transgressor. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

He is the Supporter. The contribution of ten Ottoman liras from Aqa Mirza Ahmad (upon him be the Glory of God) and likewise the contribution of nine tumans from Aqa Mirza ʼAli (upon him be the Glory of God) through the Afnan and with the knowledge of the Ismullah (upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God) reached the servant in the month of Rajab 1307.

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I see thee from the Most Exalted Horizon. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery through Whom the ocean of life surged in creation and the horizon of proof was illumined by the Sun of certitude. He is the One in Whose praise the Books of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, have spoken. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One and turned unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Thy name was mentioned in the Book of one of My Afnan, and We have revealed unto thee this Tablet to whose greatness the atoms testify, and beyond them is preserved with Him a Protected Tablet. How many were the learned who awaited My days, yet when the promise was fulfilled and I revealed Myself, they turned away, following vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed is the learned one who hath uttered My Name and arisen to serve My Cause, and hath attained unto My choice-sealed wine. The Concourse on high and they that circle round the Throne shall pray for him, as bidden by God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Hold fast unto the Book of God, then act according to what is therein, and take hold of the hem of His Name, the All-Forgiving. He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth as a token of His grace, and ordaineth through His Most Exalted Pen for whomsoever He desireth that which the treasures of earth cannot equal. Glorify thy Lord with praise and say: Thine be the glory, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the bounty and bestowals, for having guided me unto Thy path, acquainted me with Thy Cause, and revealed unto me that whereby eyes are cheered.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and the Wronged One is in such grief as the eye of creation hath never beheld its like. To this beareth witness My Most Great Book, which hath been inscribed by the Pen of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My leaf! O My handmaiden! Although sorrows have encompassed Us, yet the grief of the world hath not, and will not, prevent the Lord of ancient days from His Cause. Tribulation in His path hath been and still is beloved. May that leaf, God willing, be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance in the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Time and again thou hast been blessed with the mention of God,

glorified be His majesty. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Blessed art thou, and thy mother, and whosoever is with you both among the loved ones of God, the Lord of the worlds.

His honor Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath been and is beneath the pavilions of grandeur. He is among those who have aided the Cause of their Lord and remembered Him in the night season and in the days. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every state that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, be upon thy father and upon you all. And the peace and blessing manifesting from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon those who spoke before all faces until they were imprisoned in this Straight Path. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the All-Praised

God beareth witness within His Own Self, then within His Essence, then in His exaltation and grandeur, that there is none other God but Me, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. And I bear witness within My Self, then within My Essence, then in My exaltation and grandeur, that He is God - there is none other God but Him, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath sung the tongue of the unseen even as hath sung the tongue of the manifest, yet all people understand not. Say: O people! By God, the Beauty of God desired not to be in your midst, did ye but know it. Say: The Ancient King was among you, yet ye recognized Him not, would ye but understand. Soon will He be taken from your midst, and remorse shall remain in your souls, would ye but perceive it. And thou, O beloved one, stand thou firm in thy love, such that thy feet shall not slip even should all the known world oppose thee. Leave behind the world and all that is therein beneath thy shadow, and abide under assured protection. Take care that nothing on earth sadden thee - put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. He will verily suffice thee in truth against all that was and shall be, and hath ordained for thee in the heaven of nearness that which the pen cannot recount. This is of My bounty unto thee, then of My favor towards thee, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Most Holy. And thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, and be of them who are guided by the lights of God.

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O ’Abdu’r-Rahim, upon whom be the Most Great [Most Glorious] Glory of God!

Blessed art thou, O ’Abdu’r-Rahim, for having attained unto a glorious Tablet which We sent aforetime. This is yet another token of grace from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ye are under the glances of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Rejoice and magnify, for God hath singled you out for His love, caused you to know His Self, and hath sent down for you that which shall establish your remembrance amongst the worlds. Aid ye the Cause of your Lord amidst all creation through wisdom and utterance, then make mention of Him in such wise that the sincere ones may find in

your countenances the radiance of the All-Merciful. This beseemeth you on this glorious and wondrous Day. Say: O people, ye shall find this vision in none save this glorious Scene. Among the people are those who claim they would cast themselves into the fire. Say: Cast thyself into the light, if thou be of them that know. We have servants throughout the world who perform greater deeds than they claim. We have left them to their vain imaginings - they are indeed of the distracted ones. Say: All things have been subdued through this Most Great Name. This is the glory of man which the All-Merciful hath sent down in this luminous Tablet. Protect ye the weak lest they follow every remote clamourer. From their outward appearance thou hearest the voice of men, but from their inward reality We hear the croaking of ravens. Thus have We informed thee and made clear the matter unto thee that thou mayest be among the [steadfast] ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among the loved ones of thy Lord, the [Forgiving,] the Merciful.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

He hath illumined the world with the splendors of the revelation of the Most Great Name with supreme joy. Today every remote one draweth nigh unto the court of nearness, and every sinner gazeth toward the ocean of forgiveness, and every poor one arriveth at the shore of the sea of wealth. The attraction of His revelation hath seized the realities of all things, and yet the heedless servants lie prostrate in the graves of negligence, neither arising at the cry nor awakening at the trump. Blessed is he who hath been seized by the fragrance of the days of God and been guided to the court of the Friend. He is numbered among those who are nigh unto God in the perspicuous Book. He Who circled round Me and migrated with Me hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Blessed is the countenance that hath not been deprived of the light of the Face, and well is it with the assured one who hath not been shut out from the Supreme Horizon. The friends of God must regard the cry of the world as the buzzing of a fly, and arise by day and by night to that which will cause the exaltation of the Most Great Word. This is the station of man and his glory, which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Well is it with them that act! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath aided thee and caused thee to know that of which most of the people of the earth remain heedless. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His Most Great Prison in His exalted station. Blessed be the people of God, whom the might of the oppressors hath not frightened, and whom those who have denied God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, have not weakened.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most High! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth through an Arabic tongue most clear. These are verses wherein every wise decree hath been expounded, revealed with such eternal melodies that all creation together is powerless to comprehend them. Therein lieth a consummate wisdom that none save the sincere ones can understand. Thus do We impart unto thee from the melodies of the Spirit and guide thee in the paths of guidance from God, the All-Powerful, the

Almighty. Know thou that God hath accepted your deeds in that ye have trodden the paths of holiness and entered the land where the temples of them that are nigh cast off their sandals, and ye have ascended the heights of nearness and attained the presence of the Spirit in that seat wherein shine forth the suns of resplendent glory. Thus doth He bestow His bounty upon whomsoever He willeth of His servants, and forgive their misdeeds, and cause them to enter the paradise of nearness, and nourish them with the fruits of paradise. Therefore give thanks unto God for having strengthened thee through His Cause and admitted thee into the Egypt of certitude and brought thee out of darkness into light in days wherein the pillars of the sincere ones were shaken. Thus have We imparted unto thee the melodies of holiness and sheltered thee in the paradise of nearness and made thee to be of them that stand firm in the stations of love. Strive thou within thyself to attain unto the seat of nearness and to be of them that are firmly grounded in the religion of God. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them who are illumined by the lights of a mighty throne.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Whom none hath ever known, for Thy knowledge can never be associated with the knowledge of Thy creatures, and Thou canst never be described by any description save Thine own, since the description of all else besides Thee is created by Thy command and brought into being by Thy will. I testify at this moment that the ultimate description of those who have attained, and the highest knowledge of those who know, returneth to Thy creation which was created by Thy command and came into being by Thy will. Glorified, glorified art Thou from the hearts of Thy servants reaching unto Thee or the minds of Thy creatures attaining the seat of Thy glory! By Thy might, I am bewildered in Thy Cause and in that which Thou hast inspired me through Thy bounty and grace. For were I to explain that which Thou hast graciously bestowed upon me through Thy loving-kindness and favor, the clamor of the heedless would be raised thereby. And were I not to mention that which Thou hast given me through Thy generosity, I would be ungrateful for Thy blessing, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of the worlds' dominion. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy Most Ancient, Most Perfect Word to purify the hearts of Thy loved ones from the veils of fancy and imitation, that they may know Thee with their own eyes and behold Thy beauty with their own sight. Perchance they may be enabled to draw nigh unto the Tree of Thy nearness which none besides Thee hath known. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful. I moreover beseech Thee, O my God, by Him Whom Thou hast manifested and by Him Whom Thou wilt manifest, to send down upon us from every good thing its perfection and from every grace its greatest measure, and to withhold not from us all that is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Almighty.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I move my lips in remembrance of Thee when I know that my remembrance and my existence are as nothing in the presence of the manifestations of Thy sovereign might and nonexistent before the revelations of Thy holy eternity? And how can I remain silent before the

sanctuary of Thy oneness when Thy love hath seized the reins from me and moveth me as it willeth, such that I am rendered powerless in its hands and can neither bear to be patient in Thy love nor endure to carry out Thy command? And if I restrain the tongue from the wondrous utterances in describing Thee, by Thy might my heart raiseth the banners of Thy remembrance, and if I withhold the heart from what it experienceth lest anyone discover my love for Thee, by Thy beauty my spirit soareth in the heaven of Thy nearness and wingeth its flight in the atmosphere of reunion with Thee, and if I prevent my feet from walking in Thy path, I witness that hands are raised toward the garden of Thy glory and the city of meeting with Thee. Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can one be restrained who was created with Thy love and whose essence was kneaded with the water of Thy love and whose being was dissolved by the drops of nearness to Thee and whose heart was burned with the fire of reunion with Thee? Therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy First Light and by Thy Last Manifestation, that Thou make this servant, who hath stood at the door of Thy might and prostrated himself in the dust in submission to Thy command, steadfast in Thy love, yielding to Thy sovereignty, turning toward the sanctuary of Thy beauty, and consecrated to the Ka'bah of Thy glory. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Naddaf, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who appears after the extinction of all things. In the nights summon the people to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. And in the days We reveal unto them the verses of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Among the people are those who cling to their desires, turning away from guidance, and among them are those who have cast aside all else and taken hold of that which was commanded by God, the Sovereign of existence. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, He mentioneth thee that thou mayest rejoice in My remembrance and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and His knowledge, and for having believed in Him from Whom the sources of idle fancy have turned away - they who have taken for themselves lords besides God and have prevented the people from turning to the Praiseworthy Station. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, for having aided me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me circle round Thy Will in every world of Thy worlds, in such wise that I shall choose for myself naught save what Thou hast chosen for me, and shall desire naught except what Thou hast desired for me through Thy grace. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped save those whom Thy mercy - which hath preceded the worlds of the seen and unseen - did encompass. Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the Kingdom.

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Abadih. O Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The evidences have come and the verses have been sent down, yet the people do not understand. The signs have appeared and the appointed time has come and the All-Merciful has come, yet the people do not perceive. O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of Destiny has come and the Most Great Scene has been honored by His advent, and the Command of God that was hidden has appeared, yet the people do not know. He it is Who speaks in all things: "Verily, I am God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting." That which was concealed from eyes has been revealed, and that by which hearts and minds are attracted has been uttered. Thou hast been mentioned by him who was named Haydar before 'Ali, who turned to My horizon and soared in My atmosphere. We have remembered thee as a favor from Me, and I am the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: O concourse of divines! Be fair in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and follow not fancies and idle imaginings. Behold what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon the Tablet of existence. God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given from God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One when He was in the hands of those who disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My proof be upon those whom the conditions of creation have not prevented from the Truth, who have arisen and said: "The Sovereign hath come and the Kingdom is God's, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting."

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In the Name of the One God!

The Most Great Joy hath come, yet the people have turned away from it save those whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. O Faraju'llah! God willing, may thou cling to the hem of truth and hold fast to His cord in such wise that the clamor of the people of the Bayan shall not keep thee back from the direction of the All-Merciful. For twelve hundred years the people of the Furqan (Muslims) clung to vain imaginings and idle fancies, depriving the servants of God from all the infinite divine bounties and heavenly sustenance, such that, as was witnessed, those imaginings and fancies caused the martyrdom of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. I swear by the Sun of certitude that those fancies have been and will continue to be the cause and reason for the kindling of the fire of tyranny throughout the world. And now the people of the Bayan desire, through the same idle fancies of the past, to prevent people from drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of divine revelation and the Source of inspiration. Say: O friends of God! Stand firm and place your trust in God, and with complete power and strength preserve the treasuries of divine love from the thieves and betrayers, that perchance they may not henceforth occupy themselves with the deeds and words of the past, and deprive people from the straight path. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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He who has been raised up to God - in His Name which is mentioned by the tongue of the invisible and visible realms. The Desired One has come, and the tongue of existence speaks and says: "Praise be to

Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths." The Word has encompassed all who are in the realm of possibility, and by it were drawn the hearts of those who have turned toward the Manifestation of God, the Mighty, the Generous. This is the day in which all things have been adorned with the garment of names, save those who have denied this grace that has encompassed the worlds. Your letter has been read before the Throne, and We have become aware of its contents. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We recognized what has been sprinkled upon you from the ocean of divine decree from the presence of One powerful and mighty. Truly destiny is held within the grasp of power and might. He ordains for whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He desires. Verily He is the Praised One in all conditions. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, throughout the duration of God you shall dwell and find rest beneath the Sadrat of the All-Merciful. In all conditions the glance of divine favor has been and God willing shall be with you. Be not grieved by what has befallen you. In truth, the most great calamity has befallen all. Soon will descend regarding that which shall establish its remembrance throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm of might. Verily your Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. Convey to all the Supreme Greeting from the Wronged One. God willing, Tablets will be specifically revealed and sent to all. The glory be upon you all.

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O 'Abbas-Quli Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer from His most exalted horizon! He hath come Who was hidden in the treasury of knowledge and concealed in the repositories of infallibility and power, and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O concourse of rulers! Hearken unto the Call of God. Verily He hath come for the refinement of your souls. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. He hath appeared for the reformation of the world - to this beareth witness the Most Great Name Who hath seated Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Kawthar of utterance. Draw nigh with radiant faces and take the chalices with hands of submission and contentment. Then drink therefrom in the name of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. That which ye possess today shall profit you not. It behooveth you to forsake what the people have, turning toward the horizon of God, the Goal of those who have recognized Him. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and discovered the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Leave me not to myself. Strengthen my limbs for Thy service, and my sight for beholding the lights of Thy countenance, and my ears for hearkening unto Thy call, and my hands for taking hold of Thy mighty Book. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power and might and strength, and by Thy glory and grandeur and sovereignty, that Thou assist me to make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants in such wise that the hosts of the world and the opposition of nations shall not prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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O Nasir! He is God! Most of the friends have been seized with agitation due to the tribulation of these grievous days, though We had informed them of it beforehand so that they might not be agitated but rather be among the steadfast ones. With thy Lord is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and knowledge of all things is preserved in a guarded tablet. Should they become agitated, verily We shall never be agitated, and We shall continue to summon the people unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: The more their agitation increases, the more We are filled with tranquility - thus mayest thou know the character of those who are nigh unto God. Say: Though they may fear for their bodies, We do not fear, for We have sacrificed Our body in the love of God, the Exalted, the Great. O Ancient Beauty! I have sacrificed my soul for Thy soul and my spirit for Thy Cause, and I love to be reviled in Thy love and to be scorned in Thy path, even as I have heard in these days from Thy polytheist servants. Verily, remember thou thy Lord and pay no heed to the oppressors. Soon shall oppression and its perpetrator pass away, while justice and its manifestations shall endure, by the decree of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Can anything withstand Him? Nay, by the Lord of the heavens and earths! Be thou steadfast in the Cause and grieve not over anything, for soon that which shall gladden the hearts of the unitarians shall be made manifest. We have not forgotten thee, but Satan hath lurked in every pathway, and thus the divine fragrances have been withheld from God's successful servants. And the glory be upon thee and upon God's steadfast servants.

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O Siyyid 'Abdu'r-Rahim, the Most Great, the Most Great! Vain imaginings have seized all peoples except those whom God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, has willed. All were promised this Revelation, yet when it appeared in truth they turned away and clung to idle fancies. Say: Idle fancy will not suffice you today. The Dayspring of certitude has dawned through My Name, the One Who rules over what was and what shall be. They have lost who followed vain imaginings and were debarred from this visible Ocean. O people! Follow not your desires nor your divines and what you have taken from their idle fancies. Thus does He Who came with His Hidden Name inform you. This is He through Whom religions were established throughout the ages and verses were sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Through Him every Cause was established and every balance set up, did you but know. He appears not by the will of men but by His Own all-pervading and compelling Will, could you but understand. Look unto Him and what has appeared from Him, not to that around which you revolve. Say: What you possess shall perish, but what has been ordained in the Preserved Tablet shall endure. Hasten with your hearts to the court of the Beloved - this is better for you, would you but hearken. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having turned to the Face and attained unto God while every idolatrous transgressor turned away. Remain steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord at eventide and dawn.

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In His Name, the Protector over what was! We had previously sent 'Ali to give glad tidings to humanity of this Most Great Countenance. He was indeed a herald in the Faran of longing, calling all to God, the Lord

of the Day of Separation. He informed everyone of this Most Great Manifestation. But when the time came and the promise appeared, those servants who wandered in the desert of hypocrisy turned away from Him. Among the people were those who broke God's covenant and pledge, those who turned back on their heels, and those who cast aside all else and turned to God, the Mighty, the Bestower. When the Most Great Sea surged forth, all on earth were drowned except those whom We took by the hand of grace and rescued through majesty and power. Blessed is this Day wherein God calls out with the most exalted call, summoning all to a station which He has made the Dawning-place of lights. O My loved ones! Leave those who are veiled by their own selves, then ascend on two wings of detachment in this atmosphere which God has sanctified from the conditions of creation and made the soaring-place of the righteous. Those who are heedless today of this bounty are truly among the people of loss. Soon they shall find themselves in the abyss of divine wrath while the sincere shall dwell in the highest paradise. Be thankful that you have been mentioned before the Face, and this Tablet has been revealed for you from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout all possibility. Verily the glory be upon you and upon those who remain firm in the Cause through power and sovereignty. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all religions.

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He is the One Who has dominion over earth and heaven!

We have manifested the Cause, sent down the Book, made clear the Path, and brought forth the Proof - yet most of the people remain behind an evident veil, their vain imaginings having prevented them from the days of God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Your letter came before the Wronged One, and he who was present before His face read it. We answer you with this wondrous Tablet. We have remembered those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Thy Lord is verily the True Witness. Every soul who has turned to My verses has attained - to this testifies the Book of God, the Speaking, the Present, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks to God that He has aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Source of His laws, and has forgiven thy mother who ascended by His command - He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Upon her be glory, and We have sent down mercy from Our presence - verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. We make mention of thy sister and thy family from this Most Great Prison and from this Spot wherein the atoms cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the worlds!" Every servant hath attained to My mention and My favor, and every handmaiden to My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the All-Merciful in the kingdom of utterance, and He is the Commander, the Ancient of Days. Glory be upon thee and upon My servants and handmaidens who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In His Name, the Self-Subsisting! We have manifested that which is befitting for the Cause of God in His days. Every fair-minded and discerning one bears witness to this. All things have spoken even as God hath spoken. Blessed is the ear that heareth. Woe to the heedless! The world hath been honored by the appearance of God, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber. O concourse of earth! Hearken unto My call. By My life! It will guide you to the straight path, draw you nigh unto the most exalted Habitation, and cause you to drink the choice wine of recognition from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of all who have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and have summoned them unto the supreme horizon - the Spot wherein the Ancient Beauty proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Glorious. We have arisen to promote the Cause and have revealed it through a sovereignty from Us. But when the horizon of the Bayan was illumined and that which the All-Merciful desired was manifested, those who circled round Me were consumed with the fire of jealousy and hatred. Thus doth the Lord of Names make mention, that every discerning believer may become aware thereof. By God! He hath done what none among those who disbelieved in God in bygone ages had done. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a perspicuous Book. We beseech God to assist His servants to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed. We make mention of thee as a token of grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence, that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath placed his trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

We have sent down verses unto thee aforetime, and We make mention of thee on this night as a token of grace from Us. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. From this station do We send Our greetings unto thy face and unto the faces of them from whom the lights have shone forth through their love of God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a servant who laid claim to knowledge and wisdom was hindered when the All-Merciful appeared, and how many an unlearned one drank from the ocean of knowledge through My Name, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and on earth. God willing, may steadfast and firm souls find rest beneath the shade of the divine Unity, and be illumined by the light of His countenance. This is the Day whereon all atoms proclaim "The Kingdom is God's!" They who have quaffed the Kawthar of immortality must speak forth the remembrance of God, the Lord of all names, in such wise as to cause the seated to arise and the heedless to turn unto Him. Know ye the value of these days. These are the very days whose mention hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in most of the divine Books. Blessed is the heart that hath recognized and drunk and attained, and woe unto them that deny! From this remote station do We send Our greetings unto the faces of them that have believed, and make mention unto them of that which is better for them than all the treasures of earth. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We counsel thee to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness and to observe that which God hath ordained in His wondrous Book. We beseech God to assist you and to ordain for you that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Great.

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In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity that there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The atoms in the kingdom of creation have proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty over all the worlds. The attraction of the verses hath seized all things, yet most of the people wander distraught. They have forsaken the Self-Subsisting and clung to vain imaginings, having followed the promptings of the Evil Ones who turn people away from this Most Great Ocean while supposing themselves to be guided aright. Say: By God! Ye have turned away from guidance and turned to desire - this is what the Lord of Names doth testify, seated upon His mighty throne. Say: O people of vain imaginings! Shatter the idols of your selves, then turn towards the most exalted horizon, the station from which every wise command hath appeared. Fear God and spread not corruption in the land after its reformation. Answer Him Who calleth you to the All-Informed One. He accepted affliction for your salvation, yet you turned away from Him. What aileth you, O heedless ones! O servant! Arise to assist thy Lord, then aid Him through a wondrous remembrance. He desireth naught from anyone; He calleth only for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having attained the verses of God and for this mighty Tablet being revealed unto thee. Preserve it and recite it by night and day. This is better for thee than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths.

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O Mulla Ja'far! He is the Powerful, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and earth! The spring of life hath flowed, and the Path hath appeared, and the Proof crieth out between the heavens and earth that He desireth naught for His servants save that which draweth them nigh unto God and teacheth them what profiteth them in the life to come and in this life. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. He hath accepted sorrows for the joy of those in the realm of possibilities, and borne abasement for the glory of all creation. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen and this Tongue which speaketh that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We desired for them that which would purify them from the defilement of the world, yet they have consigned Us to this mighty prison. By God! He was not imprisoned by their command, but rather that there might be revealed what lay hidden in their hearts, and behind this is a wisdom which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the worlds. We gave the people glad tidings of the Most Great Vision and caused them to hear that which the Lord of Destiny doth utter, yet they turned away from it and denied this mighty grace. We make mention of those who have turned unto God, that their remembrance might endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Rejoice thou in that the Supreme Joy maketh mention of thee - He Whom sorrows have not hindered from uttering what He desireth. He hath spoken and declared: The Kingdom is God's, the King, the Glorious, the Praised. We have sent thee this Tablet that thou mightest remember it and be of the thankful ones.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Thy brother hath appeared before Us and attained the presence of the Youth. Verily, He recompenseth His servants who have turned towards the direction of His good-pleasure, who have detached themselves from all else save Him, and who have sought to attain the Most Great Pilgrimage of God, whom neither the derision of the deniers nor the prohibition of the hinderers hath deterred. These are My loved ones beneath the canopies of My providence and the shadows of My mercy. Upon them be the glorification of God, the King, the Mighty, the Most High, the Great.

O Husayn! Hearken unto My words, then unite with My loved ones and associate with them in a spirit of fragrance, that thereby may be raised the standards of the guidance of the mention of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Make thyself a servant of His Cause in such wise that His remembrance may be exalted through thee amongst His heedless servants. It behooveth My loved ones to be sanctified from all things and from whatsoever is repugnant to God's good-pleasure, that through them may be made manifest the sanctification of His Self from any likeness and the exaltation of His Being above any similitude. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the presence of One Who ordaineth, Who is All-Informed. A Tablet had indeed been revealed for thee aforetime, but one of the servants came between thee and it. We have therefore revealed these verses once again as a bounty from Our presence unto thee. Read thou and be of the thankful. Adorn thyself with My attributes, then manifest thyself amongst the people with My character and qualities. Thus doth it behove thee and Our sincere servants. And praise be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves from the world and have found solace in the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. There hath appeared before Us the book of Our servant Al-Mahdi, who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Therein he made mention of thee and of those who have cast behind their backs all created things and have laid fast hold on the Covenant of God, their Lord and the Lord of their forebears of old. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Best-Beloved of the worlds and turned away from them that have disbelieved in God after He came with manifest sovereignty and truth. Thou hast fulfilled His Covenant and occupied thyself with His verses. By My life! Whosoever hath caused to flow from his pen a single verse from among the verses of his Lord - God hath ordained for him the reward of one who hath circled round His presence and been honored to attain His meeting. He is assuredly among the triumphant ones. Were We to expound what We possess and reveal that which is hidden, they that are in the heavens and on earth would fall thunderstruck. Arise to serve the Cause in My Name and place thy trust in God in all thine affairs. He is the Protector of whosoever hath turned towards Him, and He is indeed nigh unto them that do good. Write down the verses of thy Lord and recite them, that they may draw thee to My Kingdom and thou mayest witness that which hath been forbidden to the eyes of them that have been heedless of this wise Remembrance. Be thou of such constancy that tribulation shall not deter thee from making mention of Me, even as the kings and rulers united against Us failed to deter Us. By God! From the horizon of this Prison do We summon the servants unto the mercy of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and find solace

in My praise. Verily He maketh mention of thee in His Kingdom. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have noted its contents and have answered thee with that which will draw those who believe in divine unity to the most exalted horizon - the station wherein the Dayspring of Names proclaims: “There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.” Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the countenance of the Beloved, and the tongue that hath uttered the remembrance of God, the Lord of creation.

Thy letter was seen in the Most Great Prison. And concerning what thou didst write about speaking the goodly Word through the grace of the Beloved - I swear by the Sun of the heaven of sanctification that this station is greater than all that hath been created. This blessed and goodly Word remained hidden and concealed in the treasury of divine knowledge for ages, centuries and years, while all people sought it with the utmost striving and endeavor. Yet when it shone forth from the horizon of the world, most of mankind turned away, save those souls who broke the chains of imitation through the name of the Almighty and turned toward the horizon of the Cause. God willing, thou shalt remain steadfast in that which thou hast attained and strive that perchance a lost one may be guided or a thirsty one given to drink. The Cause is in God’s hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Preserve thou this Tablet and give thanks unto God for what thou hast been granted. By thy life, this is indeed a great bounty!

=== END BH05107 ===

=== START BH05108 ===

Kermanshah, Jinab Zulfiqar Khan

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the Answerer

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the attending servant hath read it. We have heard and answer thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Whosoever in this day hath attained unto the recognition of God is accounted among the most exalted of all creation in the sight of the Truth. This is that sovereignty which no decline shall overtake, and that precious pearl whose value the appraisers are powerless to estimate. By the life of God! The riches of the earth cannot equal it. Whosoever hath attained this most exalted station is recorded in the Crimson Book as one of the denizens of the Kingdom of immortality. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of utterance hath surged and the horizon of knowledge hath been illumined! I beseech Thee by such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee and such of Thy creation as are sincere, who have spent all they possessed until they

attained the waters of martyrdom in Thy days, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one hastening to the gate of Thy bounty and the weary one turning toward the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee. O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Hope! I testify that I know not what profiteth me in Thy worlds. Thou knowest me better than I know myself. Deal with Thy servant as beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05108 ===

=== START BH05109 ===

Fath-Abad. O Muhammad-Baqir, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Thy letter hath come before Us, and from it We perceived the fragrance of sincerity for God, the Lord of the worlds. We answer thee with this Tablet, which hath no equal among all thou dost witness and behold in the earth, if thou be of them that know. Verily it is the Call of God unto all else besides Him, and the Most Great Sign among mankind, and the Luminary of knowledge in the kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath found its fragrance, and woe unto them that turn away! This is a Day wherein We have manifested that which lay hidden in God's knowledge and treasured within the strongholds of thy Lord's protection, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of immortality from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and joy be unto him who hath been named with the M and H in the Book of Names. We have raised him up to serve the Cause and enabled him to voice My beauteous praise. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, when sorrows encompassed Him from those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people of Baha, be not grieved by their deeds. God shall soon seize them through a decree from Him, and they shall find themselves in manifest loss. And We make mention of thy wife who accepted when she heard, and We give her glad tidings of the grace of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. God hath forgiven her as a bounty from Him, and We counsel her with that which hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee. Verily, He hath remembered thee from the Most Great Prison, and those who have believed, when every ignorant one remote from God turned away from Him.

=== END BH05109 ===

=== START BH05110 ===

O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High! There hath appeared before the Throne he who was named 'Ali-Qabl-Nabil, whom We manifested from Our sanctified name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing. When he attained the presence, he besought God for thy appearance before the Throne. We answered him according to what he desired of My bountiful grace, and We made mention of thee before Our countenance, and We accepted thy presence at the gate. We bid thee to make mention of God and to aid His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee from this noble prospect. When the rapture of My verses overtaketh thee and the wine of My remembrance and utterance intoxicateth thee,

turn thy face toward God, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having turned toward me from the direction of Thy prison and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee, in making mention of Thee, and in praising Thee amongst Thy creatures, and to make me steadfast in Thy love and content with what Thou hast ordained for me in Thy preserved Book. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken and will continue to speak. Verily He is the Expositor, the All-Informed. We had sent thee a Tablet before, and this is yet another time, and We shall send it unto thee should God wish and desire it as a bounty from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones who have soared in Mine atmosphere through My Name and have cast aside all else, turning with their hearts toward the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05110 ===

=== START BH05111 ===

The Border Guard of ’Ishqabad, his honor Siyyid Hasan Khan, upon him be the Glory of the Glory of God

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

That which thou didst send hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We discovered the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with this epistle. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee to serve Him and His loved ones, and to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We had previously revealed unto thee a Tablet and sent it to thee, that thou mightest discover therefrom the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the utterances of the transgressors, who have violated every covenant and every pledge, and who have spoken that which no faction among all factions hath ever spoken, debar thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn toward Thee and to recognize Thy path, and for having revealed unto me that which the treasuries of earth and heaven cannot equal. I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Thy Cause and to ordain for me the good of the latter end and of the former time. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love and cast unto thee My Word. He is assuredly among those who are brought near in the Books and Tablets. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom neither the prevention of any preventer, nor the derision of any derider, nor the might of any oppressor, nor the doubts of any ignorant one have hindered. They have turned toward the Supreme Horizon and have taken the Cup of Eternity in My Most Glorious Name, despite those who have denied the Beginning and the Return.

=== END BH05111 ===

=== START BH05112 ===

In the name of Him Who is the All-Manifest, the All-Knowing

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. The world

hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name, yet the people comprehend not. They have violated the Covenant of God and His testament, yet they perceive not. They have cast the Truth behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed is he whom vain imaginings have not deterred and who hath keen sight which no veils of the heedless have obscured. Say: O people of the earth! Come forth and draw nigh that We may show you the lights of His countenance from the Most Exalted Horizon and give you to drink of the choice sealed wine. Thy name hath been mentioned before Him Who is the One Remembered. We make mention of thee through verses at whose revelation all within the kingdom of earth and heaven bow down in submission. Let not the might of the ungodly frighten thee. Arise with supreme steadfastness in thy Lord's Cause. Soon shall all thou seest today perish, while that which God, the Lord of all being, hath ordained for thee shall endure. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Beware! No remembrance can equal it, nor anything the people possess. Of this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and His testament and who have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them in His perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH05112 ===

=== START BH05113 ===

In His Name, the Most Exalted above mention and utterance! We, verily, have set forth all things in Our Book, as a token of grace unto those who have believed in God, the Almighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We have ordained obligatory prayer and fasting so that all may by these means draw nigh unto God, the Most Powerful, the Well-Beloved. We have written down these two laws and expounded every irrevocable decree. We have forbidden men from following whatsoever might cause them to stray from the Truth, and have commanded them to observe that which will draw them nearer unto Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Loving. Say: Observe ye the commandments of God for love of His beauty, and be not of those who follow in the ways of the abject and foolish. When He desired the order of the world and its life, and the manifestation of bounty and His favors [among] His servants - verily He is the Truth, the All-Knowing… upon you that which benefits you if you [observe it] and your remembrance will endure in His kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Exalted. Beware lest desire prevent you from that which has shone forth from the horizon of utterance… the ways of God and follow not every denied deceiver. Thus has the sun of grace shone forth from this horizon… upon those who understand.

=== END BH05113 ===

=== START BH05114 ===

In the name of Him Who abideth after the passing of all things! All things have passed away, and the Face hath appeared from this manifest horizon. We have gathered up souls through a word from Us, then raised up the Prophets and Messengers. The first that appeared was the commanding Word of God that encompassed all worlds. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Most Great Day, and woe unto him who hath followed his desires and was among the heedless. Should abasement overtake you, grieve not for it - soon shall you behold your glory in a noble station. All who are in creation shall perish, and there

shall remain what hath been ordained for you in His exalted and glorious Kingdom. They who have borne tribulations in the path of God are stars in this heaven, and the Concourse on High seek blessings through them. This is what hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in a preserved Tablet. Were We to mention the virtues of those who have stood firm in this Revelation, it would fill volumes and this wondrous remembrance would never end. Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for having cast aside all else, turning unto God, the Goal of them that know. Give thanks unto the Lord at all times, for He hath enabled you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and hath acquainted you with this Cause whereby feet have slipped save whom your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed otherwise. They who have acted unjustly shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. By God! That which they possess shall profit them not. Sovereignty shall pass away, but there shall endure the Kingdom of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We beseech God to draw you nigh unto Him in all conditions and to make you among the helpers of His Cause.

=== END BH05114 ===

=== START BH05115 ===

Mihrijarq - To Haji Siyyid ’Ali - To be read to the loved ones of God in that place

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

The horizon of manifestation has dawned with this Luminary, through which the Aqsa Mosque was stirred and the Mount called out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the All-Forgiving!” Were We to make mention of the bounty of these days, minds and hearts would be thrown into confusion. This is the Day which God hath made the Dayspring of grace unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, the Orient of knowledge unto all who are in the realm of creation, and the Manifestation of generosity unto all who dwell in the seen and unseen. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else save Me, who hath stood firm in My Cause, who hath inhaled the fragrance of My raiment, who hath drunk the Kawthar of My loving-kindness, who hath attained unto My commandments, and who hath spoken My praise - he is of the people of My hallowed and forbidden Kingdom. We have bestowed the Wine of Life upon all who dwell in the realm of creation. Among the people are those who turned away from it, and those who partook and drank thereof, exclaiming: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Best-Beloved!” The Most Great Scene hath been adorned, and therein doth the Lord of Destiny call out and summon all to the Frequented Fane. Give thanks unto God for that the Most Exalted Pen remembereth you in this impregnable Prison and draweth you nigh unto the praiseworthy station. Be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of the ignorant nor the croaking of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, may deter you. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH05115 ===

=== START BH05116 ===

O Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Overseer of all who are on earth and in heaven! Say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and unto Thee be thanksgiving and unto Thee be

grandeur and unto Thee be glory! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I heard Thy call and turned to Thee through Thy grace and favor. I know not, O my God, which of Thy bounties to mention before the manifestation of Thy grandeur, and which blessing to give thanks for in Thy days. I was heedless when the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation awakened me, and I was asleep when Thy call roused me, and I was seated when Thy Command and Thy power made me to stand, and I was silent when Thy gifts and favors caused me to speak. I beseech Thee, O Light of the world and the Overseer of the nations, by the oceans of inner meanings and utterance and by the pearls concealed therein, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all possibility, to make me in all conditions one who calls out Thy Name and is set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and holds fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clings to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the might of the nations shall prevent me. Then make me, O my God and my Aim and my Object of worship, among those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and have acted according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and have acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken when Thou wert seated upon the throne of bounty, O Lord of all beings and Master of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05116 ===

=== START BH05117 ===

Say: I am He Who was mentioned in the Bayan and was inscribed by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He said that He speaketh in all things: 'Verily I am God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.' This is a matter none hath known save His own Self, the True One. To this do testify such servants as are endowed with knowledge. All things were revealed in the Book except this promised Hour. The Books have announced My Revelation and the Bayan hath testified to this hidden Name. In one place He said He would appear at the time of Mustaghath, and in another He mentioned that should He appear at any time, none should object. Thus was the matter decreed, if ye be of them that understand. The time of Revelation was not mentioned in previous Books, nor shall it be mentioned hereafter. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He revealeth what He willeth and concealeth what He pleaseth. All that hath been was manifested by His command, and all that shall be cometh to pass by His sovereignty. Blessed is the one possessed of such strength as to rend asunder the veils of idle fancies and acknowledge God when He appeareth with manifest sovereignty. Should anyone read what was revealed in the Bayan, he would recognize the station of this Revelation and would bewail what hath befallen Him at the hands of such as have denied God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Verily, His station is as it is - none knoweth it save His own Self. He hath ever been sanctified above all thoughts and exalted above what they say. Hold fast unto the root of the Cause and be severed from that which they speak.

=== END BH05117 ===

=== START BH05118 ===

In the Name of God, the Composer of Hearts

The Most Glorious Pen makes mention of those who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, saying: O friends! Today you must, through divine grace, hold fast to such matters as will cause the exaltation of

the Cause and the upliftment of the Word of God. And this most great and most momentous station cannot be attained except through harmony and unity. Every soul must strive to bring about the reconciliation of hearts and the unity of souls. We have enjoined wisdom upon all, but should wisdom in any instance become the cause of discord and difference, then those souls who are watchful for the sake of God's Cause must act with calm and dignity, for the harm of discord is greater than the benefit of wisdom. There is no doubt that all are commanded to wisdom in the Tablets of God, and should anyone act contrary to it, none should follow him. However, not a word should be uttered about him that would conflict with love and fellowship, lest two harms result: one, acting contrary to wisdom, and the other, the manifestation of discord. God willing, you will be occupied at all times with service to the Cause. You are among those souls who have been and are remembered before the Throne. All the conditions of the world are transient, while this station has been and will ever be eternal. Preserve it and be among the thankful. Convey My greetings to those who are with you, that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH05118 ===

=== START BH05119 ===

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon

We have sent down this Book in truth and made it a bearer of glad-tidings from Our presence to all who are in the heavens and on earth. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the splendors of the Revelation, and the call of God hath been raised from all regions, yet the people remain in evident veils.

O thou who hast turned towards God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee and summoneth thee to that which will cause thy mention to endure through the eternity of His most excellent names. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Thy letter came before the Wronged One and was presented by the servant in attendance. We have answered thee with that which nothing can equal. Rejoice and be of those who render thanks.

We made mention of thee before, and at this hour when the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh in the kingdom of utterance by His command - and He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy bounty after the passing away of all things, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy mighty Cause, whereby the feet of the learned have slipped save those rescued by the hand of Thy favor on this wondrous Day." Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those with thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Giving, the Generous.

=== END BH05119 ===

=== START BH05120 ===

In My Name, Which Warbleth upon the Branches

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to her who hath heard and responded and hath attained unto the days of her Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O leaf! Hearken with the ear of thy soul to the call of the King of Oneness. I swear by the life of the Beloved that should anyone partake of this cup–that is, should they attain unto the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful–they would, throughout all their days and nights, remain occupied with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. This is the Day whose mention hath been from time immemorial and will endure forever, and all the peoples of the world were promised its coming. Yet when the lights of the divine Dayspring appeared, all turned away and followed that which Satan commanded them, save those souls who were detached and free from all else but God. These are they whose mention hath been recorded in the divine Books, both past and future. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! God willing, that leaf shall at all times hold fast unto the Divine Lote-Tree in such wise that diverse winds shall not cause her to fall. This is the counsel of the Beloved of the world unto thee and the other handmaidens. At all times praise thou the Beloved of all possibility, for He hath enabled thee to attain unto that whereof the divines of the earth remain veiled. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that place, from One loving and bountiful.

=== END BH05120 ===

=== START BH05121 ===

He is the One manifest from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto a leaf from among the leaves of the Lote-Tree of utterance, that it might draw her unto a station wherein she shall behold in the world naught save the radiance of the lights of My Most Great Name - the Name at whose appearance the idols have wailed and every ignorant one remote from God hath been sorely troubled.

O My leaf! Hearken thou unto My call. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Cast away what is with the people and take what hath come unto thee from God, the Bestower, the Bountiful. Indeed, there hath been sent down unto thee each year a Book that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness He Who is established upon the throne of His Great Name.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's tender mercy, then speak forth that which the Most Great Spirit teacheth thee from this noble station.

O my God, my Beloved, and He Who is mentioned in my heart! I beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made a lamp unto Thy servants, a herald unto those near unto Thee, and a sun in the heaven of Thy knowledge, that Thou aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Dayspring from the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou givest and withholdest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O my Lord! Disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and withhold not from me that which Thou hast desired for Thy handmaidens who have voiced Thy mention and praise and who have circled round Thy mighty throne. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05121 ===

=== START BH05122 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! In the name of Him Who hath been wronged in the prison of the heedless. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Should anyone ask thee of My dwelling-place, say: By God, it is in the Most Exalted Paradise - to this doth testify He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. And should anyone ask thee of My station, say: In the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Great. Should a heedless one object to thee, saying: "At one time He mentioneth His station in the prison, and at another in the Most Exalted Paradise - tell me truthfully which of these is more accurate," say: All that floweth from His Most Exalted Pen is truth from God, the Goal of all who know. Say: God hath changed the prison into the Most Exalted Horizon and hath named it with all names. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Husayn hath mentioned thee before this Servant Who standeth before My face, and He hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Book. Take hold of it through the power of thy Lord, then do what behooveth this mighty Cause and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds and Goal of them that know. It behooveth My servants there who have quaffed the wine of Mine utterance and attained unto the fragrance of My wondrous knowledge to read this Tablet. Upon them rest My prayers and My mercy and My loving-kindness, and I am verily the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. The splendor that shineth forth from the horizon of My Pen be upon them and upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto My strong cord and My straight path.

=== END BH05122 ===

=== START BH05123 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful from the Kingdom of Utterance, calling the servants unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful. O peoples of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and He Who was promised calleth unto you from His most exalted horizon and giveth you glad tidings of that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The verses have been sent down and the clear proofs have appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast certitude behind their backs, turning to the dayspring of vain imaginings. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are this day accounted among the most grievous losers in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein the Concourse on High circle round the Throne of God, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the Hereafter and of the former times, yet most of the people are in manifest error. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, and the eye that hath beheld My tokens, and the ear that hath heard My call, and the tongue that hath spoken forth My wondrous remembrance. I give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him at a time when the learned ones of the earth and its divines have turned away from His straight path. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with verses that surpass all that the people possess, as thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify. We make mention, too, of thy son as a bounty from

Our presence, for We are verily the Kind, the Generous. We counsel thee and him to show forth the most great steadfastness and to observe that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, while the recompense of deeds shall endure with a guardian faithful. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05123 ===

=== START BH05124 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful, and verily it beareth witness even as God hath testified concerning His Own Self that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Dove hath warbled upon the Divine Lote-Tree, while behind it the wolves do howl and the dogs do bark. Thus hath the matter been decreed in this forbidden Prison. We have remained steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the harm of the world nor the opposition of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath deterred Us. And at a time when We were immersed in an ocean of tribulation, We summoned all unto God, the Creator of the heavens, as do testify such servants as are endued with knowledge. We have seen thy letter and heard thy call, and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby every soul that hath turned to God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, hath been guided. Thou hast attained unto the mention of God and His favors in such measure as none can reckon save God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath gathered from this Divine Lote-Tree celestial fruits, sublime and wondrous. He is assuredly among those who have attained, as inscribed in a preserved Tablet. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions and cause thee to make mention of this Wronged One. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones in that place and remind them of that which hath been sent down from My unerring Pen. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed this sealed nectar. Remember, O My loved ones, those who have been imprisoned in that place. We make mention of them in this Prison and send greetings upon their faces from this praiseworthy station.

=== END BH05124 ===

=== START BH05125 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down on a day when sorrows encompassed Him from all sides, and He left the people behind Him, speaking in remembrance of the friends of God and His loved ones. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of an ancient Commander. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of meeting from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. When the intoxication of My utterance taketh hold of thee, turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

The light shining from the horizon of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and the glory dawning from the will of God, the Goal of them that know, be upon you, O friends of God, His chosen ones, the party of God and His hosts. O ’Abdu’l-Ahad, blessed art thou for having been bidden to make mention of

God's friends at this manifest time. We make mention of Our friends in all Our lands and beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve them and protect them through His might and sovereignty, to aid them to remember and praise Him, and to enable them to help His Cause through His clear proofs and signs. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great. O 'Abdu'l-Ahad, upon thee be My glory. The honored Name of Jud, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of thee. Time and again have thy mention and thy name flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Ancient Commander. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath acknowledged and recognized the Revelation of God, and His sovereignty, glory and power, that the attraction of the Call may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold naught save the effulgences of the lights of the Most Great Luminary, through Whom the limbs of the nations who violated God's Covenant and Testament did quake, and who denied that which appeared from Him, until they pronounced sentence to shed His blood through an injustice at which the near ones lamented. O Husayn! Thy call hath been heard. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall preserve thee, draw thee nigh unto Him, and profit thee. Verily, He is the Protector of them that remember Him. God's earth hath been and is vast, and the earth of knowledge is vaster still and sanctified from limitations. Thou didst desire to change thy residence - there is no harm in this. We beseech God to open before thy face the gate of His grace and bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Each of the names mentioned in thy letter hath attained unto that for which hearing, sight and heart were created from nothingness to apprehend. Convey My glorification unto them, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the light of My utterance. We beseech God to aid them to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the divines of Iran who cast their God behind them and followed their desires have slipped. Lo! They are accounted among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, that the fragrances of revelation might draw him to the horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Kind, the Gracious. The Day of Resurrection hath come, yet most of the people remain seated. The Day of the Call hath come, yet most of the people remain silent. O thou who gazest toward the most exalted horizon! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the prison, then witness what hath befallen Him at the hands of the heedless ones. He stood before the faces of the world and summoned all unto the dawning-place of the revelation of their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Thereby there

befell Him that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament, and those who circle round God's mighty throne. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto My call, and the eye that hath beheld My horizon, and the hand that hath taken hold of My perspicuous Book. The world hath been shaken by the verses of thy Lord. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of its Lord, and woe unto every heedless one far removed. We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee in this Book which beareth witness unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Give thanks unto God for this great bounty. Thus hath the Tree of Knowledge revealed its fruits and the Sun of Knowledge its radiance, that thou mightest rejoice and be among the thankful. We counsel thee to preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory shining and manifest from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the might of the world hath not kept back from this wondrous Cause.

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Qamshih. O loved ones of God! He is the Truth, the All-Knowing! This is a Book which the All-Giving hath sent down unto them that have believed in God on the Day of Return. We have revealed for each of the loved ones of God that which gladdeneth hearts and delighteth eyes. The days have passed, and there hath come the Day of God which was mentioned in the Books, the Scrolls and the Tablets. They who have attained unto it, these are numbered among the denizens of the All-Highest Paradise in the Mother Book, and they who were heedless, these have no mention with God, the Lord of Lords. They cry for help but none helpeth them, they call out but none answereth. Thus hath the Pen spoken from its most exalted station. O people of Baha! Hearken unto My call. We made mention of you before and commanded you concerning My attributes and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted amongst His servants. Choose ye for yourselves what God hath chosen for you. Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter. Cleanse your hearts with this water which We have sent down from the heaven of My mercy that hath preceded all created things. Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you and arise to that which profiteth you in the world to come and in this first life. Thus doth command you the Lord of mankind from the precincts of the Prison - He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto what is good and leave evil behind you, as commanded by Us - and I am verily the Powerful, the All-Seeing. We send from this spot Our glorification upon you and upon every believing man and every believing woman in God, the Revealer of verses.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names!

This is a Book sent down by Him Who is the Creator of the heavens unto him who hath turned towards Him. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Responding. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree on the shore of the Most Great Sea of Grandeur: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books as a token of Our grace, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thy letter which thou didst

send to Asad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath been received and hath attained unto Our hearing. We answer thee through this luminous Tablet. When thou hast received it and found the fragrance of Our loving-kindness, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty upon the Most Great Throne, and by Thy manifestation before the faces of all nations, and by Thy signs which have encompassed all created things, and by Thy clear tokens which have preceded all contingent beings, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love and holding fast unto Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall profit me and preserve me. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme Ruler, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of thy father and thine uncle, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive them and thee, and to ordain for you that which He hath ordained for His loved ones who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon and have heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

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O Muhammad-Baqir, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names while He was in the hands of enemies who broke God's covenant and testament, denied His proof and evidence, and disbelieved when He came with manifest sovereignty. We summoned all, without veil or barrier, unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We stood before all faces, speaking that which would draw them nigh unto the Most Great Ocean which surgeth by My Name, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and earth. When thou art carried away by the breezes of revelation, say: "My God, my God! I know not what Thou hast ordained for me, nor what Thy Most Exalted Pen hath set in motion. Hast Thou ordained for me to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, to stand before Thy gate, to hearken unto Thy sweetest call, and to gaze toward Thy most exalted horizon? Or hath Thy binding decree and the requirements of Thy knowledge and wisdom prevented me from this? I beseech Thee, O Ocean of Light, by the lights of Thy countenance, the manifestations of Thy grandeur and might, and the revelations of Thy power and sovereignty, to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. Then make me a champion of Thy Cause and steadfast in Thy service. Thou art He Whom the might of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the power of nations weaken. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous."

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In the Name of Him Who rules over all names!

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of creation and the Lord of the throne and earth unto all who dwell on earth, that the fragrances of revelation might draw them to the highest horizon - the station wherein is raised the rustling of My Most Glorious Pen. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen and turned toward it, and woe unto the heedless ones! O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful. He hath come with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and calleth you unto that which draweth you nigh unto Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beware lest the authority of the transgressors or the might of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, hold you back. Be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation, and be not of the oppressors. When thou hearest the call from the highest horizon, turn thy face toward the House and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and behold Thy signs, and guided me to Thy path, and aided me to turn toward Thy horizon, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Quickener of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance before the faces of Thy creation, and by Thy clear proofs which have appeared and been made manifest among Thy servants, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Then write down for me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O Asad, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious! A wondrous Book unto him who hath believed in the Day of Return, when the Lord of creation appeared with a mighty command. We have proffered the choice wine of grace in the goblets of justice - blessed is he who hath drunk thereof, and woe unto the heedless! There is no city but We have sent unto it that which perfecteth the proof of God unto all who dwell therein. Verily thy Lord is the possessor of great bounty. And there is none who hath not heard the Call when it was raised up in truth from this exalted Station. Among the people are those who heard and turned unto it, and among them are those who heard and turned away. And he who turned away, verily he heard not - thus doth the All-Merciful testify in this noble Tablet. By My life! Were anyone to find the sweetness of the utterance which hath proceeded from the mouth of the All-Merciful, he would abandon the world and all that is therein, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Think not that they who turned away are alive - nay, they are among the dead. Soon shall they know what hath escaped them, but today they are in a mighty veil. Grieve thou not because of those who have disbelieved. Remember thy Lord with wisdom and utterance - verily He is with His remembering servants. Recite thou the verses in thy days, then stand firm in the Cause through the power of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We wafted unto thee the fragrance of the garment of utterance from the presence of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest find it and be of those who give thanks.

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O Mashhadi Husayn, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One Who calleth from His most exalted horizon. This is a noble Book sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it guideth men unto their goal and draweth them nigh unto Him and maketh them know His straight path. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee in this perspicuous Book. He, verily, loveth him who hath loved Him, and remembereth him who hath remembered Him, and He is the Kind, the All-Bountiful. When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of Mine utterance and hearest My call, say: "My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and have fled from self and passion unto Thee, O Lord of all men. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which hath appeared from the heaven of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee, O Thou by Whose love the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee have been set ablaze, and by Whose verses the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been drawn, by the Ark that hath sailed upon the sea of utterance, and by the Light that shineth from the horizon of proof, to make me one of them who have cast away all else save Thee and have taken hold of Thy Book. O my Lord! The weak one hath laid hold on the cord of Thy power, and the poor one on the hem of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in that which he seeketh from the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty. Send down, then, upon him from the clouds of Thy mercy that which shall strengthen him to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou pleasest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

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The Most Holy, Most Glorious. A book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath been illumined by the light of the countenance and hath turned toward the Intended One and hath heard the call of the Beloved. O people! Arise to aid the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest ye follow any hateful idolater. Put aside mankind, for the All-Knowing hath come upon the clouds, if ye be of them that understand. Nothing shall profit you this day save turning toward this horizon from whose dawning-place hath appeared the Face of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Is there anyone who pondereth this Cause? Is there any possessor of sight who beholdeth that which hath shone forth from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen? Say: O people! Answer Him Who hath come unto you from the heaven of bounty with a hidden name. Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies and turn ye unto God - this is better for you, would ye but understand. Draw near unto the ocean, for lo! it surgeth through this forbidden name. Turn ye to the Dawning-Place of Revelation, for verily it hath appeared with the truth, would ye but perceive. This is a Day whereon God hath called out by His own Self. Blessed is he who hath heard and answered his Ancient Lord. They that are heedless this day are verily among the most lost. Blessed is the strong one who hath arisen to serve the Cause and the weak one who hath been strengthened through the power of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which shall cause the hearts of them that are nigh to soar, and from which thou shalt find the fragrance of the favors of thy Lord, and shalt be of them that are firmly established.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance. A book from the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto the remembrance of God and His praise, and hath turned towards His horizon when most of the servants turned away. Hear thou the call from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha in the white spot known as 'Akka: He is, verily, none other than the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We made mention of thee before, when thy verses were presented before the Countenance, with a remembrance before which all remembrance boweth down, and at this time, when thy name was presented before the Wronged One, that thou mightest give thanks unto the Lord of all mankind. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of lords. When thou hast received this Tablet and the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, arise from thy place, turning towards God, and say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy raiment and the spot whereon Thy feet have trod, and by the horizon from which the Day-Star of Thy Revelation hath shone forth, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities and regions, to aid me under all conditions to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the best of what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy servants cannot frustrate, nor can the power of Thine enemies prevent Thee, nor can the might of the ignorant among Thy creatures weaken Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through the hosts of justice and equity, and Thou ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, in the beginning and in the end.

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In the Name of He Who hears and knows. A Book sent down in truth while the Wronged One walked in His Most Great Prison, wherein He mentions one of His friends who attained unto His days, turned to His horizon and spoke in His beautiful praise. O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the All-Knowing One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of God's grace and mercy which have preceded all worlds. We have heard thy call and answered thee with this Clear Tablet. Hold fast to the Book of God, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the world and what hath befallen you in the path of God. He giveth you glad tidings of what He hath ordained for you in His mighty, impregnable Kingdom. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what the people possess, hoping for that which is with his Lord, the True, the Trustworthy. O Muhammad! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and this Clear Book hath been sent down for thee - that which beareth witness before the world to the manifestation of the Ancient King. Blessed is the servant who hath heard and turned, and woe unto them that turn away. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for you that which the earth and all that is therein cannot equal. Rejoice in God and His manifestation, then drink from the cup of recognition through His blessed, mighty, wondrous Name. Should tablets of fire come unto you, cast them behind you, trusting in your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this wise Remembrance.

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Mustafa is he who is mentioned in the heart of Baha. He hath spoken the truth and testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. He guideth the servants unto the Most Great Path and draweth them nigh unto His praiseworthy station, and beareth witness to that which God bore witness before the creation of existence: that He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which is commanded in the Book, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the lights of the Orb of Thy proof to make me in all conditions turn toward Thee, speak Thy praise and seek refuge in Thy presence. O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee by the wisdom which Thou hast made the shelter of them that are nigh unto Thee and sincere before Thee, and a stronghold for them that have turned unto Thee and have attained, to assist me under all conditions to do what Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! I beseech Thee by them who have soared on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and have sacrificed their souls and all they possessed in Thy path, to ordain for me through Thy bounty and grace that which Thou hast ordained for them. Thou art He Whose grace the veils of the world and the clamor of the nations cannot withhold. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Whenever Thy musk-laden pen remembers Us, it earns the reward of freeing two hundred slaves. The dewdrops of musk that trickled from the ocean of ink onto the luminous tablet of the heart - when they appeared like the point of hidden knowledge upon the preserved page - were as the beauty spot on the Beloved’s cheek, becoming the mirror of mystic knowledge and the manifestation of divine beauty. How exalted and powerful, that He referred all letters to the Word, and the Word to the Point, and the Point to a speck of darkness, and made that darkness a Fisher, giving it dwelling on the shore of the sea of eternity! And how swift is this Fisher, who catches His prey before releasing the arrow - nay, in every instant brings a world of fishers into His net! With a single hair He has ensnared hundreds of thousands of necks, and with one glance from His eyelashes has wounded countless hearts. In a moment He has shattered the heart of creation, and in an instant has consigned all contingent beings to extinction. O my Beloved! This letter, whose very point merits such description and is worthy of such praise - how can this perishable frame prove equal to answering it or venture to make response? Unless Thou regard it with the eye of forgiveness and behold it with the glance of favor. And glory be upon those who are with Thee and who circle round about Thee.

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He is God, the Most Pure

The firm words which were adorned with the mention of the Lord of Lords were observed, and the fragrances of Paradise were inhaled therefrom. Blessed art thou! And all the hardships and tribulations thou hast borne in the path of God are remembered with Him. Blessed is thy pen by which the words of the Beloved were inscribed! Indeed, in these days most people have arisen to cause harm. That honored one must engage in service to the Cause with utmost joy and eagerness, and must act with perfect wisdom. Consider vigilance over the Cause from all directions to be essential, for even the polytheists of the Bayan will spread abroad whatever occurs. Now that the leader of that group has exchanged truth for money, you will hear the details. And the reason for your delay in that land during these days has become somewhat apparent, but be not grieved, and in all things be patient and thankful, for whatsoever appears today has been and will be for the good of the Cause. For each of the names mentioned in your Tablet and in the Tablet of Jinab-i-Mahdi, a sublime Tablet was sent specifically. Convey greetings to all the loved ones, and exert utmost effort in protecting and preserving the Cause that no harm may occur. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those with thee.

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O Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Goal of the world, the glances of divine favors have been and will be, God willing, directed to thee from the Dawning-Place of the verses of the Lord. It behooveth such souls as thyself to endeavor, through the power of God and the might and ascendancy of the eternal Sovereign, to rend asunder the veils of idle fancy and to lead men to the station where “Put out the lamp, for the morn hath appeared.” There is no doubt that the Truth is one and the path leading to Him is one. Consider how, after the ascension of the Countenance of Muhammad and the Beauty of Ahmad, the Islamic people are witnessed to be so divided and divergent. It is as though they have not drunk from the Kawthar of oneness and have remained deprived of the Salsabil of detachment. Know ye this much, that the cause of Islam’s weakness hath been its division. Many are the deluded souls who have become the cause of their own loss and the loss of other servants. Thou must, with the living waters that flow from the fountainhead of the Pen of the All-Merciful, wash away the idle fancies that have been imprinted upon the breasts and hearts of men, and summon all to the straight path and the mighty announcement that speaketh, so that all may speak with one name and walk upon one path. This is the most great triumph and the cause of salvation for the people of the world. God is sufficient as a witness.

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He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Praise be to God, thou hast attained and turned thy face to the most exalted horizon. Today the world is illumined by the lights of the dawning of His manifestation and the divine call is raised from the Tree of Revelation. Blessed are they whom the ranks of doubts and idle fancies did not prevent from the Lord of all names - they sought the Most Great Ocean and drank therefrom. Today the rains of mercy are pouring down from the clouds of the heaven of bounty. Well is it with them that have attained, and woe unto the heedless! We beseech God that He may assist thee to recognize one blessed and supreme Word, for if

thou attainest unto it, thou shalt attain unto all good and remain steadfast in the Cause of God, in such wise that the calumnies and doubts of the people of the Bayan and the Furqan shall not prevent or deprive thee from the dawning-place of verses and the source of clear proofs. And that Word is “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.” Though the meaning of this blessed Word is outwardly clear and evident, yet concealed within it are mighty hosts of meanings, and these hosts will protect man from the promptings of Satan and the whisperings of the polytheists. Much reflection is needed that thou mayest attain to thy goal and drink from the Kawthar that lies hidden in this blessed Word. The splendor of God be upon the people of Baha from God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds to come and of the first.

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He is God

Praise be to God for thy deeds, O thou who hast been mentioned before the Wronged One in His mighty prison and from whom was found the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of the worlds. O thou who gazest upon the Truth! Thy letter was received and the melody of the Bird of Faithfulness was heard from the atmosphere of sincerity and acceptance. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto this most great bounty. We beseech God that thou mayest, through the assistance of the All-Merciful, preserve it at all times, for croaking is and will be raised from every direction, even as the Dawning-Place of verses hath formerly given tidings thereof. This is a Day which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and this is a Day whereof every Messenger and every perspicuous Book hath given tidings. God willing, mayest thou be ever occupied with the remembrance of God and guide heedless souls to the straight path. Rejoice thou that We found thy letter sanctified from whatsoever is unseemly for the days of thy Lord and purified from the allusions of those who have been heedless of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Convey thou the Most Great, Most Holy greetings to all the friends in that land and give them to drink of the choice wine of remembrance, that haply they may attain to the supreme height which is the station of the most great steadfastness, and may regard all else besides God as utter nothingness and absolute void. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath spoken the truth in this mighty Cause.

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In the Name of the One True God, the All-Knowing!

The Preserved Tablet proclaims: The world is illumined with the splendors of true divine unity. Blessed are the horizons of the hearts of those of My servants who have turned towards Me, whom the allusions and doubts of the people of the earth did not prevent from the Creator of heaven and the Lord of Names. They have grasped with the hand of certitude and clung to the hem of the All-Bountiful. These are servants whom neither commerce nor wealth nor glory nor exaltation deterred or deprived from God. Say: O people of God! Great indeed is this Day, for the Mighty Announcement hath appeared and the Mother Book speaketh. If ye prevent your ears from hearkening to the divine Call, what benefit and fruit

will it yield? By God's life! In the realm of knowledge no mention shall be made of it. Blessed are those men whom neither words nor deeds have deprived of the bounties of the divine days. Say: Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One, and aid the Cause of God through goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. This is the covenant that was taken from all at the beginning of time. Blessed is the soul that hath fulfilled its covenant - such a one is numbered among those near unto God in the perspicuous Book. The light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon those who have heard the Call and answered their Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger. Thy name hath come before the Wronged One. We have revealed for thee that which shall be a lamp before thy face and a light between thy hands in all the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Mirza Rahim! Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted! How wondrous is My remembrance by him who remembereth Me, and how sweet is My praise by him who praiseth his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Verily praise from the people of praise is beloved before the Lord, and remembrance from the people of remembrance beseemeth this wondrous Face. No word of remembrance issueth from any mouth but We have heard it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath created all things for the praise and remembrance of God, yet most people are silent. He who speaketh this Name, he indeed speaketh the truth, and he who is heedless of it is silent, even should he utter all the books of the heavens and earth. Say: All books have been detailed from this Book that maketh plain, and all the Messengers have been informed by this Momentous Announcement. Say: With Him is the knowledge of all things. When He willeth, He draweth forth from the Point the knowledge of the former and latter generations. Blessed is he who hath recognized the Purpose and set out upon the path of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the utterance of his Lord, the Most Exalted, and was among the steadfast ones. By My life! The greatest of stations is steadfastness in My Cause. Blessed are they that act! Be thou gladdened by My Tablet, then rest assured in thy Lord's grace and grieve not for those who have turned aside and wander distracted. Be thou a helper of My Cause, a servant of My Self, and one who maketh mention of My praise. Thus doth the Tongue of Eternity command thee as a bounty from Him upon thee. Be thou thankful unto Him and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the one incomparable Lord, the All-Knowing! Your oppression has caused grief to those who circle round the Most Great Throne. I swear by the Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings that from this oppression there shall appear in creation signs of power and might. Verily thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Knowing. A soul that exhales a breath for the love of God hath had and shall have a mighty influence in the world - how much more the tribulations and afflictions that befall a soul in the path of God! Rejoice in what hath befallen thee in the path of the Beloved, for its reward shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. He in Whose possession is the Preserved Tablet doth

testify to this. In all conditions ye must be guided by wisdom, for this is today the divine decree - hold fast to it in all circumstances. Ye must strive with the utmost endeavor to unite souls and bring hearts together. In every place where discord hath arisen between the friends, it hath caused the Cause to be wasted and extinguished the fire of God. We beseech God to aid all to achieve what He loveth and is pleased with. Blessed art thou for having drunk the chalice of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names, and the wine of understanding from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who act according to what hath been ordained by God, the Commander, the All-Informed.

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O Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of Him through Whom We have subdued the horizons. The emigrant is present and, after the dawning of the Luminary of Permission from the horizon of Will, he acted as thy deputy in that which leadeth to salvation and eternal life. Beseech thou God to preserve this most exalted station through the hosts of piety. O Hashim! We implore God, glorified be His majesty, to aid thee and His loved ones to shatter the idols of vain imaginings and to rend asunder the veils of the peoples. This is not difficult for God. Time and again have We stated that the Shepherd of sheep became the Guide of nations, and the Fisher of fish was endowed with divine wisdom. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon, holding fast to Thy firm cord. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and to grant me, from the hand of Thy grace, the Kawthar of reunion with Thee. O Lord! The mountain of rebellion seeketh the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the abased one calleth upon Thee by Thy name, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O Lord! Grant us the sweetness of Thy utterance and the vision of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom which Thou hast manifested from the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Possessor of the Day of Resurrection.

=== END BH05146 ===

=== START BH05147 ===

O Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great!

This is a fire We have kindled with the hand of power and sent unto Faran, that through it the people of the All-Merciful might be set ablaze. Blessed is he who heareth from its sighing that there is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Verily He is the Sovereign of existence and the Ultimate Goal. Should He so desire, He could subdue all created things with but a single letter from His Book. Thus doth the Lord of all beings decree. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight, for then, turning their gaze, they behold all things astir from the breezes of reunion in His days. Joy be to them that turn unto Him!

O people! The Most Great Ocean hath surged in the midmost heart of the world, and each wave thereof proclaimeth that there is no God but I, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Merciful. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified in every atom - that this is verily the Sealed Book and the Beauty of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, Who was hidden within the pavilion of glory and grandeur until the appointed time, whereupon He appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all men. Blessed art thou for having turned toward Him Who was wronged whilst in the hands of the wicked. Thy letter hath come, been opened and read, and We have sent down for thee these verses whereby the mountains have taken flight. Thus hath the Bird of the Divine Throne warbled upon the branch of faithfulness with verses through which the breeze of God hath wafted over all who are in earth and heaven. Give thanks, for We found thy letter sanctified from mention of aught else but Me and adorned with My Name, which God hath made the Sovereign of all names.

=== END BH05147 ===

=== START BH05148 ===

O Mulla Asadu'llah! O Most Ancient and Most Great Pillar! We hear the voice of the doubtful from all regions and the call of those possessed of certitude from every quarter. Those who have doubted are among the most ignorant of creatures - their names are not mentioned before the Throne except as being among the dead. And those who have attained are among the choicest of creatures before God, the Most High. Among the deniers are those who cling to the Bayan and turn away from the All-Merciful. Say: The Bayan is but My remembrance and My praise - read it, O people of understanding! Say: Were they to cling to the books of the first and the last, these would not suffice you today except through acknowledging what the Tongue of Grandeur has acknowledged from the most exalted station. All things are established through My Will, as they were established before, and none comprehend this save those possessed of insight. Whoso worships God through the drops of the sea and the sands of the desert and the leaves of the trees and their fruits, while remaining heedless of this Cause - such a one is among the idolaters, for his deeds have veiled him from Him through Whom all things were established in the Book. Say: The foundation of all deeds is your recognition of this Revelation, through which, when it appeared, all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Choice!" And all else is but a branch of this root - know this, O people of vision! Grieve not over those who are heedless. Turn with your heart to God, the Lord of all religions. Place your trust in Him in all matters - verily He is with His chosen servants.

=== END BH05148 ===

=== START BH05149 ===

O Leaf, upon thee be the Glory of God! From this station We send greetings to the leaf who has held fast to the Divine Lote-Tree and turned unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Thy remembrance hath been mentioned before the Throne and We have sent unto thee the fragrance of the Garment that thy heart may rejoice thereby in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. In the Persian tongue We make mention: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the wine of faith in the days of the All-Merciful and hast turned toward the Friend. God willing, thou must at all times remain steadfast in the Cause of

the Lord of all beings and with utmost sanctity and detachment call the handmaidens of God to His pure and holy Divine Law. Some time ago We summoned thee to attain the Most Holy Court and return to thy residence before winter, but until now this matter was delayed until the time passed. Now if thou returnest to thy homeland with the utmost joy and fragrance and engage in the mention of God, this will be and is more beloved in the sight of God, and whenever it is required, if God should will and desire, We shall summon thee. Thou must in all conditions fix thy gaze upon the good-pleasure of God and find joy in Him. And this land hath become somewhat disturbed due to the multitude of emigrants and visitors, therefore return is more beloved. Verily, the Glory be upon you both and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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=== START BH05150 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath turned unto the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, on a Day whereon the earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth and the pillars of the transgressors have been shaken, that the intoxication of what hath flowed from the mouth of the All-Merciful may so transport him that he shall behold all who are in the contingent world as but a handful of dust, and their clamor as but the buzzing of a gnat in a vast valley. When thou hast attained and drunk, say: O peoples of the earth! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: This is not a day for tarrying; turn with your hearts, O ye heedless ones! The fire of longing hath been kindled in all regions - hasten, O ye lovers! Beware lest the veils of learning hold you back from Him Who is the Known, or the illusory prevent you from the Self-Subsisting. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the power of the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. How many are the servants who journey from the remotest lands to circumambulate the House which hath been raised up in My name, while the Lord of the House languisheth in prison - they pass Him by and are not among those who perceive. Give thanks unto God for having made known unto thee the Manifestation of His Self and caused thee to speak His praise, after most of His servants have turned away from Him. Preserve God's trust within thy heart and be thou of the thankful ones. All things shall perish save that which hath been ordained for him who hath turned unto the Face with a luminous heart. Upon thee be glory, and upon whosoever hath held fast unto this mighty cord.

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=== START BH05151 ===

Here is O Rida who hath attained! He is the One manifest above all things. This is a mention from Us unto him who hath attained unto the lights of the Manifestation when he turned towards the Most Great Prison and stood before the gate of his Lord's mercy, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and heard with his own ears what the Interlocutor heard on Sinai, and submitted himself before the majesty of his Lord, the Knower of the seen and unseen. O Rida! Hearken once again unto the call from the precincts of the Prison - verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Ask thou God to confirm thee in that whereon thou art, in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the oppression of those who

have denied God, the Mighty, the Loving, shall frighten thee. Be thou grateful for having entered the Prison and attained unto the presence and borne tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of existence. Turn thou unto the Dayspring of Revelation and say: O my God and the God of all things, my Creator and the Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the limbs of the wicked have trembled, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy brethren who have borne hardships in My path and soared in the atmosphere of My mercy and turned unto the horizon of My providence and drunk from the ocean of My grace that hath encompassed all existence.

=== END BH05151 ===

=== START BH05152 ===

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

This is a remembrance from Our presence and a tablet from Our realm to those on earth and to a handmaiden who desired the remembrance of her Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We have at all times remembered those servants who, when permission came to them from God, the Lord of the worlds, hearkened and hastened - servants whom God hath described in His perspicuous and decisive Book. O My handmaiden! How many a man hath been debarred from the Lord of all being through following his passions, and how many a woman hath hearkened, turned unto Him, and attained unto the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Praised. This is a Day wherein all things have borne witness to the Lord of the Throne and of earth, yet most of the people are among the heedless. Among them are those who turned away, those who denied, those who disbelieved, and those who pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. We have remembered thee and those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Knowing. Remind them on My behalf and glorify before the faces of My handmaidens who heard the call and answered their Lord on a Day wherein the pillars of the earth were shaken, the heaven was cleft asunder, and the Summoner cried out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Possessor of this mighty Day!” The glory of God rest upon thee and upon the steadfast handmaidens and upon My steadfast servants.

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=== START BH05153 ===

O He who has turned to the Focal Point of Glory, Hajj Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Great Glory of God. This is a remembrance from the Wronged One to those who have believed in the Name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may attract them and bring them to the Dawning-Place of Names. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people, refute not God’s proof by what you possess, and follow not those who have oppressed. They are indeed a people drowned - drowned in the sea of hatred and rancor, and they perceive it not. They are consumed by the fire of wickedness, yet they understand not. Blessed is he who has cast them and what they possess behind him

and has turned to the Kaaba of Beauty, the station wherein the Light has dawned from the horizon of Glory. He is verily of those who have attained the presence of God and were among such as knew His days. We have detailed all things in the Book and explained what was hidden from the servants, that they might arise from slumber and turn toward God, the Mighty, the Loving. They who have drawn nigh with their hearts - these are among the people of Paradise, to which this preserved Pen doth testify. O My loved ones! Aid Me through utterance amidst the peoples of the world. This is what shall profit you, did ye but know. Beware lest the doubts of creation or the intimations of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed prevent you. Drink ye from this ocean in My Name, the One Who dominates over what was and what shall be. Thus have We commanded you as a grace from Us. He is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH05153 ===

=== START BH05154 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is the month wherein was born the Most Great Name, through Whom the limbs of the world did tremble and the Concourse on High rejoiced at His coming, and the dwellers of the cities of names cried out in exultation and glorification and praise with joy and delight. By God! This is the month through which the months were illumined, and wherein appeared the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and wherein the call was raised in the highest voice throughout all creation: “The Kingdom belongeth to this Newborn One, through Whom the countenance of all possibility did smile, and the trees swayed, and the seas surged, and the mountains took flight, and Paradise spoke forth, and the Rock cried out, and all things proclaimed: ‘O concourse of creation! Hasten ye to the dawning-place of the countenance of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate.’” This is the month wherein the gardens of Paradise were adorned with the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and the Dove cooed upon the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and the hearts of them that are nigh were attracted, yet most of the people remain heedless. Blessed is he who hath recognized Him and known Him Who was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praised. And woe unto him who hath turned away from Him unto Whom the faces of the Concourse on High have turned, and at Whom every rejected polytheist is thunderstruck. When thou hast been favored with this Tablet, recite it in the most melodious of tunes and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having remembered me through this Tablet, through which the fragrance of the garment of Thy knowledge was diffused and the oceans of Thy grace were set in motion. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05154 ===

=== START BH05155 ===

O army abandoned in the letter Ta’, and thou O Husayn after Muhammad, if thou art enkindled by this crimson fire - He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Book for him who hath been guided by God’s guidance and was of those who have drawn nigh, and hath been ordained in the Tablets that which will gladden his soul and his heart, that he may stand firm in His love and be of those who are steadfast. O

servant! There hath come before Our presence from thee a letter, and before it another letter, and We were among the witnesses. We held back the Pen, looking toward the direction of destiny, and when the promise came, We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a mercy from Us upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Rejoice within thyself that God hath forgiven thee through His grace from His presence, and hath sent from the right hand of the divine good-pleasure the fragrances of forgiveness, whereby He hath purified thee and thy father and thy mother and thy son from the dust of disobedience. Exalted then is this bounty, the inaccessible, the glorious! By God the True One! Were all who are in the heavens and on earth to stand firm today in the love of thy Lord, God would assuredly forgive them in truth and clothe them in the garments of forgiveness. Verily He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Most High, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Stand ye firm in the Cause lest ye be stirred by the croaking of the idolaters. This is the greatest counsel wherewith We have counseled you, and I am the Best of Counselors. And the Glory be upon you, O concourse of them that are assured.

=== END BH05155 ===

=== START BH05156 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beautiful!

This is a letter from this servant to her who hath believed in God and was among the devout ones in the pavilion of holiness, content, and who believed in God her Lord and ascended until she attained unto a Day which was ordained in the Mother Book, and who followed the religion of the Bayan and walked upon a path that was stretched forth in the loftiest Paradise. O handmaiden of God! Give thanks unto thy Lord for what He hath bestowed upon thee through His grace and made thee to be raised up from the dust of the spirit in the holy atmosphere. Then be content with what God hath ordained for thee and bestowed thee upon a servant who was mentioned by the name of God, and grieve not over anything, neither be thou distressed by adversity. Put thy trust in God - verily He will protect thee from the darts of the idolatresses and will render thee victorious in the pavilion of glory. Thus do We cast upon thee from the verses which the hearts of the people of eternity could never comprehend, even were all who are in the kingdom to gather together, that thou mayest rejoice in thy spirit and ascend unto the tabernacles of love which were raised up in the precincts of rapture. Say: O women of the earth! Deprive not yourselves, and keep not distant from a Law which hath trickled down from the clouds of grace. Soon shall all that hath been spread out today of the ornaments of the world be rolled up, and God shall gather you together in a presence which was inscribed as binding upon all the worlds. At that time, ye shall find for yourselves no helper, and God shall seize you with a fire which was kindled in your hearts.

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=== START BH05157 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to him who was illumined by the splendors of the light of his Lord and who journeyed from his homeland until he arrived in the vicinity of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, in the land which We had formerly named the Green Isle and subsequently the Land of Mystery, as ordained in the Tablet of Destiny by One Who is All-Knowing, All-

Wise. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of God time and again, and for having inquired of Him in this remote prison. Be thou assured through His grace that He is with those who have been faithful to His Covenant and who have laid hold of the Book with might and evident sovereignty. Be thou united with My loved ones. Through this His signs are spread amongst His servants. In His hand is the kingdom of Command and Creation. He guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path. Those who expelled you - God will soon abase them and exalt your names and record your deeds in a Tablet wherein no deed of those who act is left unmentioned. Rejoice in My joy though sorrow encompass Me from all sides. Take the cup of tea in My Name, then drink it in remembrance of Me and My glory. Then call to mind the days of meeting Me and the warbling of the birds of eternity upon the branches of the Tree of My grandeur and majesty. Thus have We remembered you in the Most Great Prison that you might be reminded of the Most Great Scene, the station wherein the decree of fate was suspended. Verily He beholdeth you from this Spot. He is near unto the doers of good. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have purified their hearts and have united in the Cause of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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=== START BH05158 ===

O Son of Vahid, Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This is a Book from Us to him whom God hath caused to grow from blessed and goodly soil. This, verily, is a great bounty. It behooveth thee to let thy tongue make mention of thy Lord, thine eyes be directed toward the court of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, thy hands be raised unto God, the Creator of all worlds, and thy fingers point to all peoples. By God, the Truth! O people, the veils of fancy have been rent asunder and the Ever-Abiding hath come with mighty sovereignty. Do ye follow vain imaginings after the Sovereign of certitude hath appeared from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great? Or do ye cleave to idle fancies when this is your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing? Fear God, O people, and follow not those who have denied the Dawning-Place of the Cause but for Whom no revelation would have been sent down from time immemorial. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth from the pavilion of glory, yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil. Rend asunder the veils through My Name, then draw strength from the power of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: Verily, He calleth you unto God from His prison in such wise that His tribulations have not hindered Him from making mention of the Lord of Names. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the losers. Grieve thou not over anything. Soon shalt thou behold that which hath been ordained for thee. Thy Lord is with thee under all conditions. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have stood firm in the Cause of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH05159 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from Us to him who was stirred by the call of his Lord and perceived the fragrance of the Garment after most of the servants had debarred themselves therefrom. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord, cast away what thou didst possess, and taken what came to thee from the Lord of all creation. Thy name hath been

mentioned before the Throne, and there have been sent down unto thee clear verses from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Detach thyself from the world and whatsoever is therein, then turn wholly unto God, the Lord of creation. Say: O people! How long will ye slumber? The heaven hath been cleft asunder and the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling hath come. How long will ye flee to the right and to the left? Do ye not see that the mountains pass away like clouds? Say: O people! Fear God and follow not every doubting idolator. Arise from the slumber of heedlessness and passion, then turn your gaze toward your Most Glorious Lord. He calleth you unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest ye follow the factions who have united in tyranny and denied the proof of the All-Merciful. By My life, this is indeed a wondrous thing! Recite the verses of thy Lord, then preserve them and shun those who have denied the Lord of lords. Let not the deeds of the wrongdoers grieve thee. God shall soon seize them with His might. Verily He is severe in punishment. And the glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath cast the world behind him and believed in God, the Mighty, the Most Exalted.

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=== START BH05160 ===

Salman

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed in God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Walk thou in none other path save My path, turn thy face to none other face save My face, utter naught save My praise, speak of naught save My remembrance, move not save by My leave, and gaze at none other save the wondrous rays of My luminous and beloved countenance. Be thou detached from the world. Walk thou in My footsteps. Thus do We command thee, if thou art of those who understand. Avoid whatsoever God, thy Lord, abhorreth. Strive within thyself that there may appear from thee goodly deeds and pure effects, that through thy deeds thou mayest attract the hearts of those who are heedless of the remembrance of their Lord. This is true counsel, did ye but know. Say: O people! Nothing ascendeth unto God save pure words and goodly deeds, and He loveth those who are detached. Aid ye God through your deeds, and be not of those who are veiled. Adorn your tongues with truthfulness, your temples with the ornament of trustworthiness, and your hearts with the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. He from whom appear goodly deeds - God will praise him by His own Self, for through him are raised the standards of His Cause amongst His servants. Thus doth God counsel you in a preserved and mighty Tablet. Grieve not over anything. Rather, rejoice in thy love for thy Lord. Then seek His help in all matters. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon every praiseworthy believer.

=== END BH05160 ===

=== START BH05161 ===

He is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing, and the Most Great Book

This is a Book from My presence to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We made mention of thee before, when thou didst turn to the Most Sublime Horizon, and We revealed

unto thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Mishkin-Qalam, upon him be the Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, hath appeared [and We have remembered thee with a Tablet, one letter of which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the presence of Him Who is the Lord of the ages, Who is established upon the throne of Revelation with manifest sovereignty] before My horizon with mention, and My tongue and My pen at that time bear witness to this, as doth the Book of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty and hast attained unto My verses, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee by the Point through which the Books and Scriptures were differentiated, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and I desire from the heaven of Thy generosity and the sea of Thy grace that Thou assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty; I beseech Thee by Thy grace and generosity not to disappoint him. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

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=== START BH05162 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from Us to him whom the tender mercy of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath adorned, and whom the attraction of the All-Merciful hath caused to speak forth His praise amidst all created things, praise of His Self that dominateth all worlds. Whoso heareth with the ear of innate nature that which hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne, verily he soareth in the atmosphere of nearness and is numbered among the sincere ones. And whoso remaineth heedless wandereth in the wilderness of error and is among the losers. Verily those who have forsaken their homes for the purpose of teaching the Cause - these shall the Faithful Spirit strengthen through its power, and a company of His chosen angels shall go forth with them, as bidden by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. How great the blessedness that awaiteth him who hath attained the honor of serving God! By My life! No act, however great, can compare with it, except such deeds as have been ordained by thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Mighty. Such a service is indeed the prince of all goodly deeds, and the ornament of every goodly act. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Ancient of Days. Whoso desireth to teach must needs detach himself from the world and make his supreme effort the promotion of the Cause in all conditions. This is what hath been decreed in a preserved Tablet. And when he determineth to leave his home, for the sake of the Cause of his Lord, let him put his whole trust in God, as the best provision for his journey, and array himself with the robe of virtue. Thus hath it been decreed by God, the Mighty, the Praised. When he is enkindled with the fire of His love and adorned with the ornament of detachment, his words shall set ablaze those that hear him. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered

it. He is indeed among those who are brought near. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned to the Goal with an illumined heart.

=== END BH05162 ===

=== START BH05163 ===

O handmaids of God in the Most Glorious and Most Wondrous Radiance! This is a book from Us to those who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen, that the utterance may draw them nigh unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of the All-Merciful and may remember them through this Remembrance wherewith creation hath been adorned. O handmaids of God! Hearken unto the call from the Lote-Tree raised up upon the luminous spot - verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. Bear ye witness even as God hath witnessed, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Ye are the leaves of the Tree of My Cause; hold fast unto it through My Name whereby faces have shone and eyes have been consoled. Be ye soaring in the atmosphere of holiness and prostrate before the face of God, the Mighty, the Most High. Ye have been created for chastity - thus hath the matter been decreed by the Lord of creation in the Scriptures and Tablets. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by the Pen of the Command, from which hath flowed the Water of Life in these days wherein the All-Merciful hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the realm of possibility. Were ye to behold but one of the revelations that have shone forth from the horizon of the Face, ye would surely rend your hearts with your own hands and say: “This is none other than the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.” Blessed are ye in that ye have been mentioned before the Throne and have turned unto the Dawning-Place of lights. Remember God at all times and glorify Him with His praise. Verily He is with His devout handmaidens and His righteous servants. The glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Compelling.

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=== START BH05164 ===

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is an epistle from Us to him who hath rent asunder the veils and turned towards the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, that he may hear the Call from the direction of Supreme Glory and arise and say: “O concourse of possibility! Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Gracious!” Can anyone be sorrowful after We have sent unto him the Salsabil of utterance from the Kawthar of the mouth of the All-Merciful? Nay, by the Lord of all religions, except him who hath yielded to desire and cast behind him the Lord of all names, through Whom all existence hath been stirred and the hearts of the righteous taken flight. Is this a day for standing still? Nay, by Him Who causeth the winds to blow! Say: Soar in the atmosphere of knowledge on the wings of certitude that ye may behold the Sun of Power from the horizon of horizons. Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by Him Who giveth life to all possibility. Blessed art thou for having been given to drink the most pure wine from this Pen which God hath made the Dawning-place of Revelation for all who are in the heavens and on earth. By My life! Whosoever hath found the fragrance of the garment of his Lord, the All-Merciful’s utterance, shall soar in the atmosphere of nearness, detached from all directions. Gather ye together, O My loved

ones, in support of the Cause, and when a crier crieth out, say: “Fear God and commit not that whereby His honor would be violated in the land. Beware lest thou spread corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order.” If he desisteth and repenteth, verily He is the Mighty, the Forgiving. And if he turneth away from counsel, We beseech God to set over him one who shall curb his mischief. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

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This is a letter from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, that he may be assured that He remembereth whom He willeth - verily He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We have shone forth upon thee from this horizon with the lights that have dawned from the dawning-place of the will of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Turn unto them with thy heart, detached from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings. Leave the polytheists to their vain desires and the doubters to their imaginings, then soar on the wing of detachment in the atmosphere of thy Lord’s love, the All-Merciful. Then shalt thou see the polytheists in the abyss of divine wrath and the unitarians upon the Lote-Tree of glory and majesty. Shun those who have disbelieved and draw nigh unto Him Who calleth thee to God, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen. The smoke hath seized the dwellers of the heavens and earth save those who have come unto the All-Merciful with humility and turned unto Him. Verily, he who desireth to attain the presence is present before the Throne. Thus have We sent down the Command in the Tablets. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord in such wise that the winds of trials move thee not. This behooveth him who hath turned unto God, the Creator of all things. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of his Lord and hath uttered His remembrance amongst the servants. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s mercy. Say: O my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all in the lands to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love and immovable in that whereunto I have attained in Thy days. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH05166 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy. This is a Book from Us to those who are in the heavens and on earth, that they may cast away what they possess and turn with their hearts to the Qiblih of all the worlds. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Prison. He, verily, is none other than God, the Mighty, the Wise. Beware lest ye deny Him through Whom faith itself was established in all creation and through Whom the eyes of them that are nigh unto God were solaced. By My life! Nothing shall profit you this day save turning unto the countenance of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. He hath accepted abasement for your glory, and hardship for your comfort. Fear ye God and follow not every remote polytheist. Follow him who calleth you unto the truth and guideth you unto His straight path. O servant! Turn thy face toward the Most Sublime Vision with thy most pure countenance and say: I have turned unto Thee, O Lord of the sincere ones! I beseech Thee not to drive me from Thy door nor withhold from me the outpourings from the heaven of Thy bounty. I testify that Thou art powerful over

whatsoever Thou willest and that Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. If thou findest one on whose countenance thou beholdest the radiance of the All-Merciful, inform him of what hath appeared in creation, that he may turn with a luminous face toward the Dayspring of the Dawn. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the lights of the countenance, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory from God rest upon those who have drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of assurance and have turned unto the All-Merciful. They are, verily, of those who have attained.

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=== START BH05167 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a Book from the Prisoner to those who have believed in God, the King, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. They shall inhale the fragrances of the Youth from the words of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and shall be numbered among those who are assured. Do you repose in your homes while the Youth is imprisoned - how then do you find rest? Do you laugh while the Youth of God weeps - how then do you rejoice? Do you drink sweet water while the Youth must sip His own sweat like blood - how then do you remain patient? Do you gaze at the sun after the Sun of Grandeur has been eclipsed by the gestures of those who associate partners with their Lord? Do you turn to the moon after God's Moon has been darkened through the tyranny of those who ascribe equals to their Lord? Were We to describe Our true state to you as it deserves, by God, you would weep and lament, and were We not to pour forth patience upon you, you would surely rend your garments and sit upon the dust. Thus have We imparted to you that which causes the Most Exalted Pen to weep, and then the Tablet of Decree, and then what was and what will be, that you may become aware of what has befallen My soul after I called the people to naught but God, the King, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Beloved. And the glory which has shone forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you if you remain steadfast in the Cause of God, your Lord, and be numbered among those who are detached, and upon those who have rejected the Evil One and believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

=== END BH05167 ===

=== START BH05168 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Great!

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great. Every word revealed from the Supreme Pen verily calls all to the Beloved of the worlds. Whosoever hath heard its call hath detached himself from all else save God and turned with sincere devotion toward the Court of His Cause. And whosoever hath not heard it is indeed deprived of the paradise of eternity and is truly among the losers. By God! Soon shall he who hath been neglectful of God's Cause know, when he descendeth from his station to his grave with great remorse, and lamenteth over what he hath committed in the days of God, and findeth for himself no intimate friend. Thou dost not look to the world. By God! My servants who have turned with radiant countenance toward the All-Merciful have divorced it. He in whose heart is found love for aught else beside Me shall never enter the pavilion of My glory and the kingdom of My Cause and the heaven of My bounty, and though he may ascend unto the heaven of

My grace, the angels shall cast him down with a flaming dart. Blessed is he who hath cast behind him all else save God and hath emerged from behind the veils, clinging to My Name and holding fast to My cord, and calleth out to the people from My creation: “By God! The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty!” Neither veils nor the might of those who have made captive the kindred of God in diverse regions can prevent Him. Thus hath the Command been revealed from the Pen of Revelation by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Nasru’llah Bey! In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Most Exalted! This is a Book sent down from God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, unto him who hath turned towards God and detached himself from every doubting idolator. Blessed art thou for having remained faithful to God’s Covenant and not broken His pledge at a time when We found souls in fear and perturbation. Hearken thou time and again, and yet again, that He is God, there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of the Spirit is verily God’s proof in the beginning and the end. Say: O people! By God, your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, calleth you from this most glorious horizon and summoneth you unto Himself. Fear ye God, O people of the veil! Say: whoso remaineth veiled from Him cannot be deemed to have attained unto faith, and is among the losers and the frustrated. They who have hesitated in this Revelation while claiming to believe in the Manifestations of the past are like unto the People of the Book. Those who were given the Torah and the Gospel claim faith within themselves, yet they are naught but lying imposters. Likewise are the other religions - each clung to what they possessed and denied the Lord of Lords. Thus have We imparted unto thee the truth and sent down unto thee verses from the right hand of the Throne, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, and recognize those who were in doubt and discord. And upon thee be glory and the Spirit, and upon those with thee, from One Who is mighty and ever-forgiving.

=== END BH05169 ===

=== START BH05170 ===

In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from the Primal Point unto him who hath believed and been guided, and hath ascended in the knowledge of his Lord unto the Most Holy, Most Glorious Kingdom. Verily, He showeth thee from the direction of the Throne the Station whereon He is established, and causeth thee to speak the truth as a bounty from His presence, that He may draw thee nigh unto the Divine Lote-Tree and enable thee to ascend unto the ultimate Station - the Station wherein thou shalt be illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Say: O people! The Youth hath come with the most great signs and calleth you unto God, the Lord of the first and the last. Verily, He appeared by the name of Ali in the first time, then by the name of Husayn in another time. Glorified be God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible! And verily, in this most glorious horizon He heareth and seeth what is uttered by those who have disbelieved and transgressed. Blessed is he who hath believed in God in this Revelation and hath been faithful to His Covenant. Woe unto him who hath hesitated on the Path and was of them who turned away and rebelled. Blessed art

thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto the knowledge of God and thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Be content with God and independent of him who waxed proud and was wretched, and chose this world over the next by following his passions and desires. And the glory be upon thee and upon him who is mindful of the remembrance of God and is of them who remember and fear.

=== END BH05170 ===

=== START BH05171 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most High

This is a Book that speaketh with truth, and God hath made it a proof unto all who are in the kingdom. Verily it hath been sent down upon the Temple of the Youth in the heaven of immortality, then upon the Temple of the Command in the kingdom of glory, then in the form of a Tablet in this fashion which was witnessed from the direction of God. Even thus do We cast down mysteries with veils and coverings, that the unitarians might ascend to the heaven of knowledge and the demons be prevented from ascending to the court of holy recognition. We have set forth therein a matter which none hath discovered, and We have turned therein the verses as a remembrance from Our presence unto those who have believed in God and His signs, and have detached themselves from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and who stood at the station of opposition. O youth! Rejoice within thyself that God hath related thee to thy brother. Then know his worth and take the Book of God which We have sent down unto thee through a grace from Us, and His grace hath ever encompassed the worlds. And when it reacheth thee, take it with the hand of power, for those who have taken the Tablet of God in those days are nobles in the Concourse on High and great ones in the realms of immortality and eloquent ones concerning the Command, even though they be but youths upon the earth. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are in the household, both female and male.

=== END BH05171 ===

=== START BH05172 ===

In the Name of the Self-Subsisting! This is a Book that speaketh with truth, and in it is that which kindleth the hearts of them that are near unto God. Whosoever draweth nigh unto this Fire, verily he shall be set aflame within himself, and through him shall all the worlds be set ablaze, and he shall testify that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

O servant! Fear not the oppression of them that have wronged, and be not of the heedless. Be thou enkindled with the name of God, thy Lord, that through thee the hearts of them that are dead may be quickened. Should anyone gaze upon the countenance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Knowing, make mention unto him from this Prisoner, that perchance he may arise to remember God, his Lord, and be detached from every ignoble denier.

Say: O people! I am but a servant who calleth you at all times unto God, and We command you naught save that which We have been bidden by One mighty and ancient. Beware lest ye transgress the bounds set forth in the Tablets and be numbered with the losers. Appear amongst men with the light of God and

His radiance, that from your faces may be witnessed the brightness of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

And thou, O servant, render thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize Him and numbered thee among them that have attained, and for having been nourished from the fruits of the Tree that with its branches and leaves proclaimeth: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the All-Powerful. Thus hath the Pen of Command inscribed mention of thee that thou mayest be among the thankful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05172 ===

=== START BH05173 ===

O Mirza [’Ali-Naqi]! In the Name of God Who standeth over all things! This is the Holy Tablet which We have detailed from the Mother Book and sent unto him who hath believed in God, his Lord, the Most Merciful, that the verses may draw him to the horizon of names and attributes and sanctify him from sorrows, that he may speak forth His remembrance amidst the concourse of all worlds. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

Let not that which hath befallen thee in His path sadden thee. Be thou patient and of those who are thankful. Dost thou find anyone enduring on earth? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! That which thou seest shall pass away, and might and power shall remain with the Ancient King. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and leave those who have disbelieved in God. They wronged not you but their own selves, yet because they turned away they became heedless of what they did. Soon shall they behold their deeds. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth. By My life! Were they to know, they would weep until they die. They are in naught but manifest error.

Put thy trust in God. Verily He is with thee and saith: “Blessed art thou for having attained unto tribulations in My path and hardships in My love. Thy reward is preserved in the treasuries of My grace.” Despair not of My Spirit and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!”

[The name ’Ali-Naqi which appears at the beginning of the blessed Tablet above with brackets is also read as ’Ali-Taqi due to the absence of diacritical marks in the original blessed Tablet]

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=== START BH05174 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath followed guidance and believed in God, the Lord of Names, when the Herald proclaimed betwixt earth and heaven: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great!”

Arise to serve thy Lord. Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not those who have opposed the Dawning-Place of Revelation when He came with manifest sovereignty. Say: Do ye imagine that He desireth aught from you? By My life! His Cause standeth before His face and it is His desire, were ye but to know.

Draw nigh with your hearts unto the direction of the Beloved and immerse yourselves in the streams that branch forth from the Most Great Ocean, streams that lead to My Most Great Name. Follow ye the religion of God and His command. He desireth to lead you to the flowing springs issuing from the Fountain of the letter Ha, manifest in His Name whereby God hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Rely not upon those who have taken their own desires as a god besides God. Hold fast unto this Cause through which the tongues of all things have proclaimed: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise.” Blessed is he who hath attained unto hearing on this Day whereon the Call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy!”

Be thou as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of thy Lord’s love and gazing toward that which He hath ordained in His sovereign, inaccessible and mighty Kingdom. Then remember Him with spirit and sweet fragrance even as He remembereth thee in the most exalted station. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH05174 ===

=== START BH05175 ===

O Nasru’llah! He is the All-Wise Expounder! This is the Day wherein the Supreme Pen hath testified that there is none other God except Him, and He Who hath appeared is, verily, His Own Self, His Essence and His Cause, before which the heavens and earth cannot endure. The atoms have borne witness to the Revealer of verses, yet the people understand not. The rapture of the divine utterance hath seized all created things, yet the people perceive not. This is the Day whereon the Spirit calleth aloud and giveth glad tidings unto all of the presence of God, the Lord of existence. This is the Day which the All-Merciful foretold in the Qur’an, and whose mention hath adorned the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O people! Answer ye Him Who summoneth you to the most sublime horizon - this would be better for you, did ye but know it. Cast behind you all idle fancies, then turn ye unto the countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged by virtue of the All-Merciful being seated upon His throne. He, verily, is the One Who doeth as He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Blessed is he who hath hearing and hath heard, and he who hath sight and hath recognized that which the tongue of the Intended One hath spoken. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my Lord, my God, my Goal and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by the Manifestation of Thyself, the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Source of Thy power, to make this servant of Thine steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty Whom the clamor of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs cannot frustrate, and who have denied Thy proof which hath encompassed both the unseen and the visible. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH05175 ===

=== START BH05176 ===

In His Name Who abideth after the passing of all things! This is the Day wherein the veils have been rent asunder, the verses sent down, and every destined matter made distinct. Therein hath the Tongue of

Grandeur proclaimed betwixt earth and heaven: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” He who hath been drawn by hearing the utterance of his Lord, the All-Merciful - he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in a preserved Tablet. And whoso turneth away, no mention hath he with his Lord. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people! We have lit, by the hand of grace, the lamp of guidance for all in creation. Beware lest ye extinguish it through the gusts of the winds of denial. Seize ye the Day and follow not every rejected idolater. Turn with illumined hearts toward the court of your Lord, the Lord of Names. This is the foundation of all good, would ye but know it. Verily, he who preventeth you this Day from the path of God - he is indeed Satan. Thus doth He instruct you, in Whose grasp is the reins of all knowledge. When the clamor of the wicked and the croaking of the impious are raised, pay no heed, but hold fast unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Verily in the surging of the Most Great Sea in the Most Great Prison, and the wafting of the fragrance of the Robe amongst the people of creation, are signs from God - yet most of the people know not. Thus hath spoken He Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and glorification. He, verily, is the All-Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH05176 ===

=== START BH05177 ===

O Husayn! He is God! This is the Paradise of eternity - We have opened its gates unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Hasten thereunto, O ye who are sincere, and turn not back upon your heels. Put your trust in God, then advance toward it if ye walk in God’s guidance. This is a City which God hath manifested through His power. Say: Journey therein if ye gaze upon the countenance of God. Say: O people of earth, aid God, your Lord, with the swords of your hearts, with whatsoever power ye possess in the kingdom. Say: This is one of God’s signs which We have made a token of My servitude unto Him, if ye behold with the eye of the spirit. Say: I have no authority save by God’s leave, and this is of His leave which hath been sent down in truth, though the people lie dead in the beds of their vain desires. Say: Enter ye the Most Great House of God and remember Him in spirit as ye fall prostrate upon your faces. Fear ye nothing - open your eyes and follow not those who have taken their vain imaginings for their god and who cleave fast unto them. Bear ye witness to the truth with justice, then gaze upon the countenance of Beauty if ye run in the valley of love. Say: Seek ye forgiveness for what ye have thought concerning Him Who was among you but as one like yourselves. Though ye traverse the earth, ye shall find none like unto Him - and God is witness to this. This is a proof of truth, if ye but understand.

=== END BH05177 ===

=== START BH05178 ===

Kermanshah. To Hakim Lalihzar, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One manifest with truth.

He, verily, hath come from the heaven of utterance with a clear proof and hath summoned all to the supreme horizon. Blessed are they who are endued with true understanding, who have cast away transgression and wickedness and have held fast to righteousness and the fear of God. These are they who possess insight in this age and are numbered by God, the Lord of all worlds, among the people of the

Greatest Vision. The Trusted One made mention of thee, whereupon We make mention of thee and bid thee to that which will exalt thy station in this glorious and luminous station. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of proof and have sent down therefrom that which delighteth the eyes of them that are nigh unto God, who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and have clung to His firm and mighty Command. Say: O concourse of the Torah! The Friend hath appeared and the Interlocutor hath come, both giving glad tidings of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away what ye have heard from the manifestations of idle fancies. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with His Revelation. None denieth this save they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Let not the turning away of them that have turned aside grieve thee, nor the doubts of the doubtful hinder thee. Take hold of My Book with My strength, in spite of them that have cast the Command of God behind their backs - these, verily, are among the idolaters. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings through His Self-Subsisting Name on this blessed and wondrous Day. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Cause. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH05178 ===

=== START BH05179 ===

In the Name of the Friend, the All-Loving

O Ibrahim! The glance of loving-kindness is turned towards thee and the Supreme Pen moveth like unto the gleaming lightning to make mention of the friends at all times, drawing them near. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. In all conditions, give precedence to the will, purpose and good-pleasure of the Friend over thine own will, purpose and good-pleasure. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and moveth by naught save the will of his Lord, the Mover, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Ibrahim! We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord, and We have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. The Truth hath been and is the witness. This is a Day wherein the Balance speaketh and the earth giveth its tidings. Blessed is he who hath not been deprived of His bounty and hath arisen as beseemeth His days. He is accounted among the people of Baha in the Book of God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Convey My greetings unto the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and say: Preserve your stations through the Name of the Revealer of verses, for the polytheists and infidels have appeared with the utmost craftiness and guile. This is a report that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in books both past and future. God willing, may all be blessed by the fragrances of His days, be gladdened by His mention and find peace through His Name. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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O son of My Most Truthful Name! Hearken unto the Call from My sacred Kingdom - verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. The eyes of all the Manifestations have been gladdened by My Revelation, and the lights by My radiance, and the Books by My Book which speaketh betwixt earth and heaven that there is no God but Me, the One, the Chosen One.

Go forth with My Book to My lands and give glad-tidings to My loved ones of My bounty which hath preceded the earths and the heavens. Thou didst migrate by My leave and return by My command. Blessed is the soul that hath attained My presence, which God hath adorned with mention of it in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Say: O My loved ones! Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be prevented by the hosts of the wicked ones who have cast the signs of God behind their backs and followed every impious deceiver. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which beseemeth My days and thy presence before My face and thy turning unto God, the Lord of Lords. And We counsel all with courtesy and virtuous character, and with trustworthiness and kindliness and godliness and unity.

Shatter, by the hands of My power, the idols of hatred and animosity. We beseech God to purify hearts from these two and to adorn them with the ornament of love and fellowship. Thus doth the tongue of Revelation sing when the Throne was established in the mountains. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon everyone who hath arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither hosts nor intimations caused him to slip.

=== END BH05180 ===

=== START BH05181 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Inaccessible

O My loved ones in Sarvistan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful in the realm of creation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have inhaled the fragrance of your love and have made mention of you in this Prison wherein the Beloved of all worlds hath been incarcerated. They awaited My days, yet when We manifested Our Self unto them they denied it, save for those who cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of all men. Unite ye in the Word of God, then remind the servants of the wisdom which hath been sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: O people! Turn ye unto the horizon of grace. By God! It hath been illumined by the Sun of the remembrance of the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We counsel you to sanctity and detachment and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted throughout all lands. Be ye lamps of guidance among mankind and daysprings of goodness unto all who dwell in creation. Grieve not over anything, for verily He is with you and ordaineth for you that which profiteth you, through the endurance of God, the Lord of creation. Rejoice ye in this Day! By God! It is the Day of God, yet the people are in heedlessness and error. Recite ye the verses of God whereby the hearts of the righteous are drawn. Verily they are the Kawthar of life unto the people of knowledge and the Choice Sealed Wine unto those who have turned unto the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for you what hath been ordained by Him Who controlleth the winds. The glory be upon you and upon those who have attained

unto the lights of the Countenance and who have stood firm in this Cause whereby all necks have been subdued.

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O friends! We see that He Who is mentioned mentions you from His Most Great Prison and We hear from Him that which has caused all things to quiver and the very pebbles to cry out: “There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” By My life! The Beloved loves you and the Desired One desires you from this far-off shore. Beware lest the conditions of the people of the contingent world extinguish you in the days of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Cast them behind you, then turn with illumined hearts and radiant breasts toward the Dawning-Place of the revelation of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All things have been set ablaze by the fire of the Word of the Lord of Names, yet We see most of the people to be heedless. The horizon of revelation has been lit by the Sun of the remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, and the heaven of wisdom has been illumined by the Light that has appeared with My Most Glorious Name, yet they remain veiled from it. Beware lest the waters of rejection hold you back from the ocean or the doubts of the deniers bar you from the gate. Cast the contingent world behind you, then turn your sight toward the direction of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Praised. By My life! If you were to turn with the ears of your hearts, you would hear from all things that which the Interlocutor heard from the Sinai Tree. Thus has the matter been decreed, were you of those who know. O thou who hast turned to God! If thou hast heard the Call and attained unto this Tablet, be thankful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who speaketh the truth while being held in the hands of the oppressors.”

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O Ahmad! The Single, the One, hath turned toward thee and remembereth thee with that which diffuseth the fragrance of the Desired One in this Day that was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in that the Lord of all beings remembereth thee with His Most Sweet Remembrance. By My life! Wert thou to hear it, it would attract thee to the ultimate goal, the station wherein the Tree exclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Say: O my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, and my Purpose! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy knowledge and the dominion of Thine utterance to make me one of them who have detached themselves from all else save Thee, who have arisen to serve Thee, and who have spoken in Thy remembrance and praise on the day wherein the clouds of destiny have rained down the showers of tribulation. O my Lord! Thou seest my turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and my facing Thy countenance after the passing away of all things. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word through which the earth was cleft asunder and the heaven was rent apart, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause, holding fast to Thy cord and clinging to the hem of Thy robe. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the keys of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who calleth upon God with that which hath flowed from His

Pen in this inscribed Book. The glory be upon thee and upon them whom God hath related unto thee. We have mentioned them as a bounty on Our part and have glorified them from this praiseworthy station.

=== END BH05183 ===

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He is God, exalted is He

O Asad, upon thee be My glory! Convey to his honor the One Named Sad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, greetings from the Wronged One, and write: Praise be to God, thou hast drunk of the choice-sealed wine and held fast to the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Thou hast attained unto that which was recorded in God's Book and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. God hath been and ever shall be thy Helper. When thou arrivest in the land of Sad, be not sorrowful, but enter with complete trust and supreme resignation, and behold the servants as non-existent. With the tongue of the seen and unseen, speak these words: "Naught shall befall us save what God hath decreed for us." The power of God, exalted be His glory, and His loving-kindness have been and ever shall be with thee. Strengthen thy heart through the remembrance of God and make firm thy feet, but outwardly, let not wisdom slip from thy grasp - keep it ever in sight, placing thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. Fear not the clamor of the ignorant ones, that is, the divines - thou art protected by His Name, the Preserver. Say: "O Protector! O All-Seeing! Protect me by Thy safeguarding power and aid me through Thy might and power. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer." Convey My greetings to thy household and give them the glad-tidings of God's special favors. Verily, He is with you wherever you may be. The glory of God, His mercy and His blessings be upon you.

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He is the One speaking from His Most Glorious Horizon!

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The letter of his honor the Afnan Mahmud - upon him be the glory of God, the Loving Sovereign - which he wrote to thee was presented before the Throne and was honored to be heard. Blessed is he and well is it with him! Praise be to God, they have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies through the Name of the Self-Subsisting, and have become aware of that which is the cause and origin of existence. We beseech God that He may aid him in all conditions to do that which will cause his mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, and that He may assist him. By the life of God! A pure deed endureth and lasteth, and remaineth and speaketh throughout centuries and ages. Blessed is the station of the doer and the one who maketh mention! Blessed are they who know and blessed are they who have attained! That which he sent hath been honored with acceptance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to adorn it with the ornament of wisdom and utterance, and to manifest unto him that which hath been ordained for him through His firm and mighty command. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who love him for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The divine bounty and loving-kindness concerning the Afnan hath been and is beyond reckoning, especially for those souls who attained His presence and drank from the cup of

reunion, or those for whom mention of presence before the One Who conversed on Sinai flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and was recorded. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous; He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Isma'il, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the Bountiful, the All-Knowing! O Isma'il! We have heard thy call, and the response thereto hath issued forth from the Source of utterance, the Beloved of the world, that both the outward and inward eye may be illumined and behold the highest horizon, and that the ear of the soul may hearken to the call of the Divine Lote-Tree. O Isma'il! A single flame from the fire of God's love shone forth upon Solomon and set him ablaze - such a blaze that he lost all control and spoke that which he spoke. God aided him to recognize Him and enabled him to build that renowned edifice which was named the Remote Mosque in the kingdom of creation. Behold and remember when thou wert by the sea and didst drink once from the Kawthar of reunion through My Name, and again from the cup of meeting through the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have remembered thee and do remember thee. Verily He loveth faithfulness. There is no God but Him, the Bestower, the Generous. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and my Purpose, Who art sanctified above my knowledge, my remembrance and my praise! I beseech Thee by the Word through which all things were attracted and hastened to the ocean of reunion with Thee, O Lord of Names, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in steadfastness in Thy Cause. Then write down for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy manifestation. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

O My Name! Upon thee be My salutation! The letter of Nabil, son of Nabil, upon him be God's peace and grace, which he sent to thee was seen. Praise be to God that he is steadfast and attentive. Every word of the letter proclaimed his devotion and acceptance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him and draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to ordain for him [the best of what is] in His decisive and perspicuous Book. Concerning what they mentioned regarding the recent calamity that was brought to attention - it is well known and evident that the loved ones of God have been and are gladdened by His joy and saddened by His grief. However, what was written should not be sent, as it is contrary to wisdom. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings and salutations. We counsel them to wisdom. From the beginning until now they have been occupied in service. Their reward is with God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We make mention of his mother and beseech God to send down upon her in all times a light from His presence and a mercy from His side. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. More than this would be contrary to wisdom as it will be sent to that land. Verily his Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Peace be upon him and upon God's righteous servants.

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In His Name the Divine One

O My Name! We have heard what thou didst call out to God, thy Lord, and the sighing of thy heart and the yearning of thy soul. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thou didst say at that time: 'Then make me to be gathered together in my remoteness with scorpions and serpents.' We confirm thee in the first instance, for thou art indeed among scorpions who have remained heedless of the remembrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. And in the second instance, I swear by My life, I am He Who is among serpents, nay, even in their mouths. Say: Thou art the Protector, O Protector of the worlds! We bear witness that thou hast returned through the love of God and His leave. This sufficeth thee. By My resplendent Beauty! Wert thou to become truly aware of what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst cut thyself off from all who are in the heavens and on earth, crying out in My Name, the Wronged One amongst the worlds. We have withheld the Pen in most matters, having regard to My Name, the Concealer. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Grieve thou not at calamities, for they have befallen Us in the path of God. By thy life, this is a great bounty.

Convey My greetings to the Most Exalted and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him. He is assuredly among the triumphant. Then make mention of those who are there, on behalf of this imprisoned Stranger. We beseech God to aid all to serve Him and obey Him. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Trustworthy. And We beseech Him to cause to flow from thy pen and tongue that which will illumine breasts and open the cities of the hearts of those who have turned towards Him.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance! O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou knowest and seest that there hath come to the prison a letter from one of Thy loved ones, who hath held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy mercy and favors, who hath acknowledged Thy oneness in Thy days and confessed Thy singleness when most of Thy servants turned away from Thee. O Lord! Give him to drink, at all times, of Thy sealed wine, whose seal was broken by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. Then cause to appear through him, in Thy service, that whereby the people of Thy realm shall turn unto Thee and those who were heedless in Thy days shall be awakened. O Lord! Even as Thou didst adorn the beginning of his letter with Thy verses, do Thou adorn his breast with the light of Thy wisdom. Then ordain for him the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As to what thou didst ask about the Ocean of the Cloud ('Ama), know that it is an ocean which God hath placed above the seas of names, and the people of creation have not comprehended it. Were We to expound this station and interpret it as befitteth, the Tablets would not suffice, by thy Lord, the Cleaver of Dawn! And the River of Glory (Sana) is a river which God hath made the mother of all seas, and from it appeared the four rivers mentioned in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the Possessor of both the beginning and the return. Grieve not because of tribulations. Through them God hath distinguished

between the sincere ones and the doubters. Erelong shall the unitarians behold the glory of their souls and the loftiness of their station, and that which hath been ordained for them from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful One.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Generous, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

O God of Names and Creator of heaven, Who hast manifested Thyself through Thy Most Great, Most Exalted Name! I testify that Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above the praise of all contingent beings. Thou hast been and art single, unique and one, and wilt continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison and what Thou didst endure from the peoples, to ordain through the Pen of Thy decree that which will draw Thy chosen ones nigh unto the ocean of Thy wisdom and the horizon of Thy knowledge. O Lord! They are they who heard Thy call and responded to Thee in Thy days. Preserve them, through Thy might and power and sovereignty, from the evil of those who turned away from meeting with Thee and denied Thy signs.

O Lord! Thou art He through Whose name the seas surged and the winds blew. Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will bring peace to their hearts, joy to their eyes, and gladness to their breasts. Verily Thou art He Whom the hosts of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent. Thou givest and withholdest. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

The sum of forty-seven tumans sent by Aqa Haydar, Mashhadi Husayn and Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, upon them be the glory of God, through Shaykh Salman, upon him be the glory of God, reached this evanescent servant in the month of Rabi’u’th-Thani 1298.

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=== START BH05191 ===

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! Thou seest my state and hearest my sighing and lamentation and the groanings of my heart, by reason of what hath befallen Thy Cause after I had taken the covenant of my soul before those in the kingdom of Thy Cause and the heaven of Thy names. O Lord! Thou art He Who called me to the horizon of Thy glory and commanded me to arise among Thy creatures and to manifest that which Thou didst will through Thy sovereignty, and to reveal that which Thou hadst made hidden in the treasuries of Thy power and the repositories of Thy protection and preservation. When I arose in Thy name to fulfill Thy Cause and called all to Thine all-highest horizon through Thy power and

sovereignty, and made manifest the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy loving-kindness, then did the polytheists among Thy creatures rise up against me and clamored and arose to harm me and to subvert Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou knowest that in most of my days I was alone and solitary among Thy creatures, and I revealed all that Thou didst command me through Thy sovereignty and Thy will, such that neither the might of armies nor the greatness of hosts deterred me, until the horizons were filled with the signs of the glory of Thy oneness and the lands were encompassed by the manifestations of the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou didst adorn the kingdom of names and didst open the door of Thy grace to all who are in earth and heaven, that Thou change agitation to tranquility, and weakness to strength, and despair to hope. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH05192 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Great!

O my God! Baha has found comfort in tribulation for love of Thee and Thy good pleasure, even as the Beloved finds comfort in Thy remembrance and praise. He yearns for fate to overtake him in Thy path, O Thou Lord of all names, even as one athirst yearns for the waters of Thy mercy and the fountain of Thy grace. He turns toward it even as lovers turn toward the place wherein shine forth the lights of Thy countenance. Thus hast Thou created me, O Thou Beloved of Baha! By Thy glory! I complain not of that which hath befallen me in Thy days, nor of that which shall befall me through Thy power and might. I beseech Thee by the waves of the sea of Thy oneness, and by the establishment of the throne of Thy grandeur, and by the remembrances of the leaves of the Tree of Thy singleness, to rain down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon the branches of this Tree that which will make them steadfast in Thy love and cause them to drink at all times the wine of Thy mercy. O my Lord! Verily, he whom I mention is one of them who hath turned toward Thee and turned away from all else. Ordain for him, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones. Then send down upon him the good of this world and of the world to come. Thou knowest, O my God, that I perceive from them the fragrance of the love of my Beloved; therefore have I chosen them for Thy remembrance in my days. Sanctify their faces from turning to any save Thee, and their eyes from beholding aught except Thee, and their hearts from mentioning ought beside Thee. Verily, Thou art the Protector of the mystics and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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O my God, Most Great, Most Great! This is Thy handmaiden who hath emigrated in Thy path and sought the direction of the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy Revelation, until she entered the precincts of Thy glory and attained unto the presence of Thy mighty throne, and was illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and visited the Kaaba of Thy oneness and the Temple of Thy singleness, and attained Thy presence which Thou hast made the supreme triumph for all who dwell on earth. She hath

fulfilled what she pledged in Thy path and kept her vow regarding Thy Most Great Branch and another Branch among Thy Branches. O my Lord! Having confirmed her in all this, do Thou confirm her in faithfulness to Thy Covenant and steadfastness in Thy love and attachment to the cord of Thy favors. Thou art her Creator and her Sustainer. Within Thy grasp is the command of all creation. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having directed toward her the glances of Thy mercy and for having accepted from her what she pledged and vowed in Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Dominator of all names and the Ruler over all who are in earth and heaven, to ordain for her her reward in this world and the world to come. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist those who are around Thee to champion Thy Cause and arise to serve Thee and stand firm in Thy religion, in such wise that the allusions of the ungodly may not prevent them from turning to Thee, nor the words of the misguided from beholding the horizon of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Merciful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

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O Varaqih Husni, daughter of him who ascended unto God - He Who was named the Herald between earth and heaven! O My handmaiden! Remember when thou wert in Iraq and didst hear the call of the Wronged One Who summoned all mankind unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We made mention of thy father before, and We desire to make mention of him in this perspicuous Tablet. He was among those who turned toward the Supreme Horizon and hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of Names, when the Light was shining forth from the horizon of Zawra. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Mighty, the Wise. O Karim! I bear witness that thou didst attain the presence of God and didst believe in Him in this Revelation whereby the Evil One lamented and Al-'Uzza cried out and the pillars of every doubting soul were shaken. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who maketh mention of thee in accordance with what the Supreme Pen hath spoken in this exalted station. Thou art he who turned and advanced until thou didst enter the luminous Spot and didst present thyself before a Gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou art he whom neither the opposition of the ignorant nor the clamor of every heedless and remote one could deter. Thus have We made mention of thy father, and I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer. O My handmaiden! We have read thy letter and have revealed for thee that whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding are attracted. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon every handmaiden who hath attained in this grievous age.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy

O My handmaiden! Know that We have sent forth loving-kindness upon the form of this Tablet and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest glory therein amongst the worlds. We visited thy house at a time when thou wast heedless of it, and We found not therein the sweet fragrance of holiness. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. Cleanse your houses, O people, and wash your garments of whatsoever is

abhorrent unto God. Thus doth the All-Knowing counsel you. We love refinement in all conditions. Beware lest ye transgress that whereunto ye have been bidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Adorn your temples with the raiment of piety - this consisteth not of tattered and threadbare cloth, nor of worn wool and cotton, but rather of refinement and wisdom that restraineth you from base desire. This is the truth, did ye but know. Be ye utterly refined, for whoso lacketh refinement shall never perceive the fragrances of the All-Merciful nor associate with the dwellers of the Ridvan. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. Wash away whatsoever the pure nature abhorreth. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime by One Who is mighty and ancient. Follow that which We have enjoined upon you in the Tablets. Beware lest ye follow the heedless ones. Those who are heedless are among those who wander in the wilderness of error. O My handmaiden! Drink thou the Kawthar of utterance from the words of thy Lord, then give thanks and prostrate thyself before the face of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus have We imparted unto thee the Word of Truth, after which there is naught but manifest error.

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In the Name of the Kind Friend!

O My handmaiden! Thy letter hath gained My audience and its words have been beheld by My glance, and the page hath been honored by the hand of Him in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds! Today the waves of the ocean of bounty are manifest and the lights of the Sun of grace are evident and radiant. Yet the people of the earth have, with their own hands, deprived themselves of this most great bounty. They have committed that which, God forbid, giveth rise to the fear that the outpourings of the All-Bountiful may cease, for the tyranny of the oppressors hath reached such a degree that none save God, exalted be His glory, can reckon it. Praise be to God, thou hast turned unto Him and attained His love. Know thou this most exalted station, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. In all conditions hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto its hem. Verily God hath forgiven those men and women who have turned unto Him. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Ancient.

We make mention of him who hath ascended unto God and was named Radi in My Great Book. Upon him, and upon thee, and upon his sister whose name was presented before the Wronged One in this exalted station, be the Glory of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and aid her, and to ordain for you both what ye desire. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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=== START BH05197 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My handmaiden and My leaf! We have desired to remember thee and console thee regarding what hath befallen thee through the irrevocable decree and ordained destiny from God, the All-Possessing, the

Self-Subsisting. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. Recite what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Every soul shall taste of death. We are God's and to Him shall we return." In the Persian tongue We make mention, that thou mayest comprehend the purpose and attain unto it. Life itself giveth tidings of death, and likewise cultivation announceth ruin. Death, for those who are assured and nigh unto God, is the gate of mercy, for they advance from the limitations of the world to a station which is the dawning-place of joy and sanctified above the comprehension of those who comprehend. Praise be to God, through the light of faith and the glory of certitude, which are each a wing of moist crimson ruby, he hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion. Well is it with him and with whosoever remembereth him through what hath been revealed for him from My Most Exalted Pen. In truth, this world is the supreme prison for souls that are confident, content and well-pleasing. Say: O my God, my God! Aid this handmaiden of Thine unto that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, then pour forth upon her patience. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. Verily, We have mentioned them before and at this time, as a grace from Me, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! Again I say, O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! We love to address thee with this word, by the everlastingness of My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the permanence of My names and attributes. Grieve not over anything or anyone. By the life of God, I am with thee, I am thy companion, thy protector and thy helper. I have mentioned thee before with that which hath perfumed the world, and I mention thee now with that which shall waft the fragrances of the Beloved until a day which none except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, can reckon. The Supreme Pen calleth out at all times and giveth the glad-tidings of boundless favors to the friends. O My handmaiden! O My leaf! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and My turning towards thee. This is a station that cannot be equaled by the heavens and earths. Love for you and respect for you has been and is obligatory upon every soul, and if the present souls show negligence, assuredly souls shall appear from behind the pavilion of divine Will who shall act according to what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen, detached from all idle fancies, for verily He knoweth best His servants and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One sublime greetings to the handmaidens of that land, and whatsoever hath been ordained in the heaven of favor shall surely come to pass. Glory be upon thee, then glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! We have heard thy cry and thy call and thy lamentation. But today in all conditions thou must be joyous and adorned with the Most Great Gladness, for the ocean of divine mercy

is surging and the sun of providence is shining and the heaven of revelation is manifest. I swear by the pearls of the sea of inner meanings that whosoever today has attained unto the recognition of God and has drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of God's Cause has attained and shall attain unto all good. Be thou assured, O My leaf, and say:

O my God, my Lord, my Master and my King! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and sent down Thy verses and Thy proof and revealed that which was hidden in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and displayed Thy power in such wise that necks have bowed before it. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things were attracted and the Supreme Pen was set in motion, to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that the affairs and happenings of earth shall not prevent me. O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thy countenance and held fast to the hem of Thy bounty. Send down, therefore, from the heaven of Thy grace that which beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy munificence and Thy favor. O Lord! Thou knowest what is in the world. I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy handmaiden that which shall profit her in this world and the next and in every one of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In My Name, the Manifest, the Witnessed

O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath appeared so that all who are on earth might attain unto His recognition and presence. Yet after the rending of veils and removal of coverings, most were found heedless and in denial. How many divines and jurists who considered themselves the most exalted of creatures were counted among the most abased after the dawning of the Sun of Truth. God hath made their highest ones lowest, and their lowest ones highest. How many dwellers in palaces have returned to their graves, and how many possessed of glory are witnessed in utter abasement. By the life of God! Abasement lieth in denial of God, and glory in faith in Him. Do jewels and ornaments and palaces and thrones preserve man from divine chastisement? Nay, by God's Self! Soon all they witness shall return to nothingness. Both witness and witnessed shall become extinct and lost. O leaf! Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto His blessed word "O My handmaiden." It behooveth thee to preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily, He is with His remembering handmaidens and His remembering servants. Glory be upon thee and upon every believing man and believing woman who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O handmaid of God, wife of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon them both be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, All-Aware One. O handmaid of God Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, the King, the Manifest Justice! The letter from that leaf was sent to the Most Holy Court, was honored to be seen and heard, and the fragrance of love for the Goal of all the worlds was diffused from it. It is hoped that thou wilt manifest thyself in such wise that the handmaids of God may thereafter be

drawn, through thy words and deeds, to the pavilions of God's grandeur and the tabernacle of His infinite glory. Great is this station, and great in this Revelation is the station of the handmaids of God. Through the counsels, exhortations, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character of the leaves of the Blessed Tree, may the handmaids of the earth hereafter become aware and find the path of truth. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, and by the leaves which are stirred by the winds of Thy will and purpose, and by the burning hearts of Thy lovers, and by the detachment of Thy sincere ones and they that love Thee in Thy days, to aid this handmaid of Thine in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then manifest through her, by Thy bounty and generosity, that which shall endure as long as Thy Cause endureth amongst Thy creatures and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy Will in Thy lands. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Verily Thou art the One Who spoke on Sinai, Who is established upon the throne of Revelation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

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O Amin, upon thee be My Baha! A letter which thou didst send in the name of Allah-Mihdi was forwarded to the Most Holy Court, and mention was made therein of Mulla Qasim, upon him be My Baha. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One and say: O Abu'l-Qasim! We beseech God that He may assist thee to champion His Cause, that thou mayest be enabled to speak forth His remembrance, be enkindled with His love, arise to serve Him, and find joy through His Name. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and made me know Thee and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge on a day when most of Thy creatures were debarred therefrom. I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names and by the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

As for his desire regarding the drinking of tea, this hath been accepted. Give him the glad-tidings of this wondrous favor. Thy detailed letter also reached this servant in these days. An answer will be sent, God willing. Thou hast ever been and continuest to be remembered. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones. We beseech God that He may assist all to perform deeds befitting of this Day. We send greetings to Muhammad and Aqa Husayn that they may rejoice in the favors of the Wronged One and be among the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Leaf who hast been present before the Throne in the Land of Mystery! In His name Who standeth over all things! O Leaf! That which We foretold thee hath come to pass, at the time when thou wert before the Countenance at the Spot wherein shone forth the beauty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and there appeared that which was concealed in the Land of Mystery, and the Youth departed therefrom according to what was ordained in the Tablet of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily thy Lord knoweth best what is veiled from eyes, and with Him is the knowledge of what will be even as with Him is the knowledge of what hath been. Grieve not for what hath befallen Us. Soon shall appear that which hath

been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in a Tablet which God hath preserved in the pavilion of grandeur through power and might. Forget not what We have enjoined upon thee. Guard the Cause of thy Lord and withhold thyself from that which thou hast been forbidden. Verily thy Lord is with thee at all times. When the leaves of fire approach thee, leave them behind thee. Take refuge in God thy Lord, then make mention of Him amongst His handmaidens through verses whereby the worlds are attracted. Glorify on My behalf the handmaidens of God who have found the fragrance of the musk of inner meanings from the vessel whose seal hath been broken by the hand of the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Holy. We have sent unto thee what was presented before the Face concerning that which thou didst entrust to Our servant, the Wanderer. Although thou didst spend it, yet We loved not that any but thee should dispose of it, as a favor from Us unto thee. Verily thy Lord, He is the Mighty, the Helper.

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O Afnan, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! He is the One Who rules over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Names. O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful! The Wronged One of the world remembereth thee in His Most Great Prison, even as He remembered thee before with verses which extinction shall never overtake. Verily thy Lord hath adorned them with a permanence that the centuries and ages shall not alter. Thou hast been remembered before His Countenance at eventide and at dawn. By My life! There hath been ordained for you that which shall gladden all existence and delight all eyes. His honor Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, hath verily chosen for himself a lofty station beneath the canopies of grandeur. For some time he hath attained the presence and been blessed with hearing the call. He made mention of thee before the Wronged One, wherefore this Tablet hath been revealed, from each letter of which shineth forth the Day-Star of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Nothing in existence can be compared with it, as doth testify unto this the Mother Book in this exalted station. Grieve thou not over anything. Verily He is with thee, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We beseech Him to open before thy face the gates of bounty and bestowal, and to cause to descend from the clouds of His mercy the rains of glory and exaltation. There is none other God but He, the One Who hath power over all things through His word, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The light shining from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon whosoever loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy word concerning this momentous News.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Throne of grandeur and glory. By God! The Call of thy Lord in these days is greater than the creation of the heavens and the earth. It was raised in days when the people of the lands rose up against Us. Verily, thy Lord is powerful over all things. Neither tribulation preventeth Him from His Cause, nor the hosts of the wicked from His decree. He sendeth down what He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He desireth. Let not this most great terror prevent thee from

gazing upon the most great scene. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then summon the people unto Him. And whenever thou partakest of the chalices of prosperity, adorn them with the remembrance of the Cleaver of the dawn. And when the wine of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, intoxicateth thee, speak forth amidst the concourse of all created things in remembrance of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, that there might be generated in their hearts that which will cause them to be stirred in the love of God and detach them from the worlds. They who have desired the presence of God, it behooveth them to make their deeds and their remembrances such as will cause the Most Great Remembrance to be exalted among the nations, and to arise for the education of all who dwell in the realms of creation. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee, that the rapture of thy Lord might seize thee in such wise that thou wilt arise to proclaim and say: "Verily, He is the Beloved of all worlds!" We have been with thee in all conditions. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Be thou thankful unto Him and say: "Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds!"

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In His Name, the All-Compelling over all names! O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! This is a day wherein everyone who hath turned towards God, the Lord of the mighty throne, hath attained, and everyone possessed of hearing hath heard God's sweetest call from this luminous horizon, and everyone possessed of sight hath beheld His signs throughout His lands. He, verily, is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast God behind their backs, clinging to idols. They are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed to be patient and forbearing, and to act in ways that will exalt the Word of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, sent by him who was named Ghulam-Qabl-Husayn, and the servant present before Us hath presented it. We have answered thee with this clear Book, that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness and the sweet-scented breezes of My verses, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not over anything that hath appeared in the land. Verily thy Lord will protect thee and guard thee with His exalted hosts. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in this mighty prison. He ordaineth for thee the reward of attainment both in the latter and former life. Verily He maketh mention of him who mentioneth Him and ordaineth for him every good thing which He hath sent down in His mighty Book. Glory be upon thee and upon every servant who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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=== START BH05207 ===

O Mirza Lutfu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Informed

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! The days are the days of God - a single moment thereof cannot be compared with centuries and ages. A particle in this Day is beheld as the sun,

and a drop thereof as an ocean. Should anyone draw but a single breath for the love of God or in His service, it is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as the most meritorious of deeds. Were the excellences of this Day to be mentioned, all would fall unconscious save whom thy Lord willeth. Therefore it behooveth thee in this Day to strive to attain the lights of the Sun of divine good-pleasure. One word is better, higher and more enduring than a hundred thousand children. God willing, thou shalt attain to this exalted and most sublime station, that thy mention may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou never despondent, but hold fast to the hem of God and place thy trust in Him. Say: O my God! I am he who hath turned toward Thee with my spirit, my being, my soul and all that I possess, and have laid my hope, my trust, my will and my desire before the throne of Thy grandeur. Aid me, through Thy bounty and grace, to achieve what Thou desirest. Thou knowest that I know not what profiteth or harmeth me. Ordain for me that which is best for me. Verily Thou art the Witness, the All-Knowing, the Compassionate, the All-Informed, the All-Wise.

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O Javad! Hearken unto the call time and again. By God's life! In every moment it hath an influence which none knoweth save God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My Book, My Tablet, My remembrance and My days, while every heedless one that is far removed turned away. We desired to make mention of one of My maidservants who turned toward My horizon and hastened to the Dawning-Place of the light of My countenance until she entered My abode and stood before the throne of My grandeur, and her eyes were solaced by My beauty, and she drank the choice wine of reunion in her final days from the cup of My bounty. We bear witness that she heard the call of her Lord and responded when the servants and handmaidens, who were created for My days and to hearken to My call and to arise to serve My Cause, turned away from her. Blessed is she for having inhaled the fragrance of My robe and uttered My praise until she ascended to the station We had ordained for her. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. O My handmaiden! Be thou thankful that the Pen of Revelation hath made mention of thee in thy days and after thy ascension. We are the One Who showed thee Our horizon, caused thee to know Our Self, and adorned thee with the ornament of forgiveness. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The splendor rest upon her and upon her daughter who turned toward Us and attained Our presence and achieved that which is inscribed in the Book of God, the Lord of creation.

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O Ha! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous. That which […] hath appeared and the matter hath been decreed from before God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One hath emerged from the prison of Akka, whereupon the Kingdom of Names was stirred and every stone cried out: "God hath fulfilled what He promised in the Book. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Informed." The garden hath been honored and all creation hath been perfumed by the fragrance that hath wafted from the garment of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Sin! We have heard thy call and turned toward thee from this noble horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath loved thee and hearkened to thy word concerning this firm and wise Cause. We bear witness that thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and aided thy Lord, the Lord of Names, and remained steadfast in the Cause when the feet of the mystics slipped. We verily send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy family and those in thy household. By My life! We behold you in manifest sincerity. Ask thou God to enable them that have believed to attain unto that which He hath enabled thee to attain. Thy Lord is verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Invincible. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have remained faithful to My Covenant and have taken hold of My laws with manifest authority. Upon thee and upon those with thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the heavens and of the earths. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who dawneth from the horizon of eternity! O My beloved! From the earliest days, when day and night appeared as one due to the dust and smoke of oppression, He appeared before the faces of the servants, and equal to the heavenly Books - nay, greater still - was that which descended from the heaven of His Will, and all matters both past and future flowed from His Pen. Yet they turned away from Him and turned instead to the dayspring of idle fancy, who had no knowledge whatsoever of His Cause. By the life of God! The people of the Bayan are seen to be more base than the people of the Furqan, walking in the footsteps of that party. They have lost who denied My sovereignty and disputed My verses and turned away from My Beauty, the Luminous, the Shining One. We beseech God to grant justice, that perchance they may see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears the Call of God. We made mention of thee before in a Tablet from whose horizon shone forth the luminary of thy Lord's loving kindness, and We make mention of thee at this time with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Take hold of the Book of God with His strength and with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the might of the oppressors. Convey My greetings to the friends and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth such steadfastness as will cause the hearts of the idolaters to tremble - they who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and were among the heedless. The Glory be upon thee and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

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In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Hasan-'Ali! We perceive from thee the fragrance of a land wherein was treasured the Trust of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. When thou attainest unto it and winnest it, speak forth with My tongue and say: O Land of Sad! Where is My ark, and where My she-camel, and where My Trust, and where the dawning-places of My love and the daysprings of My affection? Thus doth the Wronged One command thee when He lamenteth for His loved ones with His tongue, and thereby are heard the wails of the bereaved from the Concourse on High in this calamity which hath caused the Throne to tremble and

all things to quake, and the pillars of existence to shake. Through My letter Ha the mention of the Sacrifice hath returned, and the mention of the Friend, and the wailing of lamentation, while the people remain in idle fancies and vain imaginings. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My utterance from My Most Exalted Pen, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, for having remembered me time and again. I testify that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed is the martyr who shed his blood in My path, and the soul who migrated in My land, and the servant who uttered My praise, and the heart that turned unto My most glorious station. Thus crowed the Cock beside the Throne and cooed the Dove of the Cause before the face of its Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. Verily do We remember every emigrant who hath emigrated in My path. By My life! We have remembered them with that which no treasures of the world nor what the princes and kings possess can equal.

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O Haji ?usein, who hath attained the presence and won the grace - He is the Answerer in all times. O ?usein! Upon thee be the glory of the ?usein Whom thou beholdest wronged in the hands of the oppressors. They have denied His station, turned away from meeting Him, objected to Him, rejected His proof, disputed His verses, and committed that which hath caused every name to lament and every angel to cry out and the eyes of those near to God to weep. We have mentioned thee before with clear verses, and at this time with this Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving care, the All-Bountiful. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters place thy trust in the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thank God for having caused thee to attain the presence of the Face in His mighty prison, and for making thee a helper to His Afnan who circle round the Throne morning and evening.

Hearken in the Persian tongue: Praise be to the Goal of the world Who strengthened thee and guided thee until thou didst arrive at the shore of the sea of meeting. Thou didst hear and see - this is from the great bounty of thy Lord. Concerning thee: the whole world sought this blessed Day, yet none attained to its recognition save those souls whom the Hand of Divine Power, through pure grace, delivered. He is the nurturing Lord, He is the Bestower, He is the Compassionate, He is the Bountiful, He is the Merciful, He is the All-Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in this Cause whereby the pillars have been shaken.

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O Noble Khalil who hath attained and won the victory! He Who remembereth thee from His Most Glorious Horizon declareth and beareth witness to thy turning, thy devotion, thy attachment and thy clinging to the hem of the mercy of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God, thou art adorned and enkindled with the light of manifestation and the fire of the Sinaitic Tree - an enkindlement whose effects are manifest and evident. Thy mention hath ever been made in the Most Holy Court. The one named Jud and Samandar, upon both of whom be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny, have mentioned and continue to mention thee. O Khalil! We call to mind the days when thou wert beneath My shade and under the canopy of My glory, standing before My face, hearkening to My call, gazing toward My horizon,

soaring in My atmosphere, attracted by My verses and holding fast to My strong rope. The wine of thy Lord's utterance so inebriated thee that thou wert detached from all creation and didst speak His praise amidst the religions on a day when bodies took flight through their attraction to the verses of God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful at all times in that which will draw thee near unto Him. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Bountiful in the beginning and in the end. The splendor shining from the heaven of My will be upon thee and upon those with thee and thy family who have witnessed and heard and said: "Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth!"

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O Khalil, upon whom be the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Glory of God! O Khalil! This is not the day of quietude and silence. Arise from the horizon of utterance with the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then summon all creation unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Know thou that We have secluded Ourself in prison alone and have closed the gates of meeting for a number of days. Should We desire, We would open them in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Beware lest thou withhold thyself from that which We have ordained for thee. Be thou among the people a herald of thy Lord's Cause and a bearer of that which thou art commanded in the Book. O My Khalil, My Khalil! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. Thy reward is with Him Who created thee and caused thee to know that which most of the servants have failed to know. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord at all times and glorify His praise amidst the followers of all religions. Arise to serve the Cause as befitteth thee, then follow this Wronged One Who, from the horizon of the prison, summoneth the servants unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We beseech God to attract thee through the fragrances of the garment of Revelation in such wise that thou shalt arise to serve Him with power and sovereignty. Thus did We command thee before when We sent down unto thee a Tablet from whose horizon shone forth the sun of wisdom and utterance. This is yet another token of Our grace unto thee that thy heart may rejoice thereby and eyes be consoled. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance when the Promised One appeared and the veils were rent asunder.

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In My Name, Who speaks from the Supreme Horizon! O Messenger! The people awaited the divine Day in such wise that in the nights and days they implored and beseeched with utmost humility and supplication the presence of the immortal King, seeking His meeting. Yet when the Sun of Revelation dawned from the horizon of Will, all remained veiled, bewildered and heedless, save whom God willed. Consider the saved sect, namely the Shi'ih, who counted themselves the best of all the world's peoples. They afflicted a few helpless souls with such vain imaginings that finally they martyred the Lord of the world with hands of hatred. Now souls who have no knowledge whatsoever of the essence of this Cause have arisen with the same vain imaginings. Their purpose is to establish a region like before, and designate an illusory Jabulqa and an unknown Jabulsa. This Wronged One has spoken and speaks for God's sake. All the servants - that

is, those souls who have drunk from the cup of certitude - must arise to protect and preserve the House of the Cause, and behold the Truth with their own eyes and hear His call with their own ears. Whoso desires to know Him through other than Him shall never know Him. This is specific to this most mighty, most holy Revelation. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have cast away idle fancy and clung to the hem of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the One God! O Sadiq! Thy petition hath arrived, and from it wafteth the fragrance of the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to the Purpose of the world Who hath enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Dayspring of Inspiration, and the Manifestation of His Self. Whoso hath attained unto recognition in this Day hath attained unto all good. The whole world was created for this blessed Day which in the divine Books hath been designated as the Day of God. Nevertheless, when the Day appeared and its Lord was seated upon the throne, all turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did please. The cause and reason for this are the divines of the age. We testify that they are numbered among the ignorant in the Perspicuous Book. They are honored by the name of Truth yet turn away from Him; they are known by His name yet remain heedless and veiled from Him. Whosoever hath in this Day attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon must, throughout his life, voice the praise and glorification of the Truth and through His name preserve this most exalted station, for verily the evil ones lie in wait and stand ready in ambush. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Convey on behalf of the Truth greetings to all the friends in that land and give them glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them. Ere long their station shall become manifest and evident unto all the world. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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O Siyyid Safdar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Witness! O Safdar! God willing, thou wilt transform the darkness of oppression and discord in all regions into the light of justice and unity. Today is the day of remembrance and today is the day of service, and service to God, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and still is the promotion of His Cause. Strive thou that in these divine days thou mayest attain unto that which was the purpose of creation and existence. God willing, thou wilt drink and cause others to drink from the ocean of the knowledge of the All-Merciful. He who quickeneth a soul is as one who hath quickened all mankind. Today the world is illumined and brightened by the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the station of this blessed Day and hath taken a portion of its bounty.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify unto that whereunto the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been in the heights of might and power and majesty, and in the loftiness of glory and honor and grandeur. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book and the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the daysprings of Thy names, that

Thou aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics have slipped save those whom the hand of Thy grace and favor hath delivered. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of the Best-Beloved of the world! O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! Thy petition was presented in the White Spot before Him Who is the Possessor of all Names, and the glances of His loving-kindness were directed towards thee. It was adorned with these words: “Establish me firmly in the confession that Thou art the pure Truth and the sheer Light.” Blessed art thou for having uttered these words! In truth, all created things must needs, in this day, implore this station from God, inasmuch as the Cause is mighty great. How numerous were the souls who made claim to firmness, steadfastness and constancy, yet afterwards, at the slightest breeze that blew from the Beloved of hearts, turned away and joined the worshippers of idols. God willing, thou shalt remain so firmly established and steadfast in the Cause of God that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to hinder thee. Be thou aflame with the fire of My love, soaring in My atmosphere, holding fast to My cord, clinging to My robe, stirred by My will, turning thy face toward My face, speaking in My praise, and acting according to that which hath been sent down in My perspicuous, mighty and wise Book. Glory be to God! Should a soul turn away from this horizon, to what horizon would he turn, and to what proof and testimony would he cling? By the life of God! The proof doth circle round, and the testimony doth prostrate itself before My countenance, yet most of the people are in evident obscurity. The glory be upon thee and upon every servant who is steadfast in this mighty Cause.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of grandeur, from the luminous and exalted Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. Arise in thy love for thy Lord in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the ascendancy of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, can deter thee. Grieve not for thy brother - by thy Lord, the Most Glorious! - for he hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and hath attained unto the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Behold them that have disbelieved this Day and their paucity of understanding. By My life! They are among the ignorant ones. They slay My loved ones that they may thereby extinguish the light of God in His lands. Vain indeed is that which they have imagined. From every drop of their blood God will raise up a light whereby the horizons shall be illumined. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. And thereby will He assist such servants as have believed and turned towards His shining and luminous countenance. And from their spirits He will raise up spirits that will soar in the atmosphere of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and will speak forth this Name which God hath made the Sovereign of all names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. No command precedeth the command of thy Lord. That which hath been inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days from the presence of the Lord of all nations shall be manifested, but the

people are wrapped in a manifest veil. Put thy trust in God and say: O Lord! Praise be unto Thee for all that hath befallen us in Thy path. Would that Thou hadst ordained for all who desire Thee the station of them who have been martyred in Thy love! Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH05220 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The Wronged One of the world has turned towards thee from this Most Great Prison and desires to make good what has been lost. Although there was consummate wisdom in the delay of this remembrance. Say: O friends! Ye too must arise to make good what has been lost and exert your utmost endeavor. Ere long will the scroll of life be rolled up and return to nothingness. Beseech ye God that He may cause all to attain unto the word of contentment and ordain for them an enduring remembrance and an eternal word. Verily, He is powerful over all things. At all times they must strive with the utmost diligence to achieve unity and concord, that all regions may be illumined with the effulgent rays of the sun of unity and all may be seen as a single soul. The Supreme Pen hath, both aforetime and in this age, voiced this most exalted word: “Power and might are in unity, and glory and majesty are in concord.” We have counseled all, in the past, with that which will exalt the Cause and manifest the station of man. Blessed is he who hath hearkened, and woe betide the heedless. If they move according to the divine will and act upon that which hath been sent down in the Book, ere long will the world and its peoples turn towards the Dayspring of Revelation and quaff the choice sealed wine. Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens and maidservants who have recognized Me, uttered My praise, and held fast unto My Strong Cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who speaketh from the horizon of utterance! O ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Thy cry hath reached the Most Exalted Horizon. He hath hearkened unto thy lamentation and mourning in separation from the Divine Lote-Tree. All trees and fruits and leaves bear witness to the grace of God and His bounty. The True One hath testified and doth testify to thy turning unto Him, thy steadfastness, thy service, and thy praise and glorification. The One Beloved - the Tablets that have been sent down bear witness to God’s grace, exalted be His glory. If delay hath been observed in their dispatch, it was due to wisdom, lest any soul in that place might become aware and cause fresh commotion. Thou must at all times drink from the chalice of joy and gladness, for that which came upon you in the path of God caused the Concourse on High to weep and lament. Thy letter was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the ornament of divine praise and thanksgiving. This beseemeth thee and My firm and mighty Cause. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon him who hath arisen and declared: God is my Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth and the Lord of the mighty Throne! O thou who gazeth upon the end of the Bayan! We counsel thee to patience and forbearance in what God, the Lord of all worlds, hath ordained.

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O ’Ali-Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who beholdeth him who hath turned towards Him. O ’Ali-before-Muhammad! Praise be to God that in the earliest days thou didst attain unto the recognition of the Lord of all beings. Neither the veils of the divines nor the obscurities of the jurisprudents did prevent thee from the Most Exalted Horizon. This station is great. We beseech God that He may aid thee to remain steadfast in all conditions, inasmuch as the barking ones, the treacherous ones, and the calumniators lie in wait, seeking to find someone to whom they may impart that which leadeth astray. Thou and the departed one who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion have ever been and continue to be remembered. In these days the honored ’Attar, upon him be My Glory, made mention of you, and this most wondrous and most exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor especially for you, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from His utterance and the sweet-scented breeze of divine knowledge from His Book. The handmaiden, thy sister, upon her be the Glory of God, hath been honored with a divine Tablet, and there hath been revealed especially for her that which hath no likeness or peer. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon her, as a grace from God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey to all the kindred ones the greetings of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God’s favor. Verily, He is the Protector of the men and women who are devoted to Him. The Glory be upon you from Us, and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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His Honor Mirza ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God

As requested by Haji Muhammad. He is the Manifest Book and the One Who speaks on the Day of Judgment.

O ’Ali! Do not despair of God’s spirit and mercy, and grieve not over anything in the days of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Be content with what has been ordained and fix thy gaze upon the Supreme Horizon from which the Mount received its Interlocutor, and the Tree its Caller, and the Beloved attained the presence of God, the Lord of the exalted throne. When thine eyes are consoled by beholding My traces and thou findest the fragrances of revelation from My Pen, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having turned toward Thy servant and for having accepted him who hath turned toward Thee. Thanks be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call from the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and for having acquainted me with the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy mysteries, the Treasury of Thy knowledge, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Verily Thy servant was standing before the door of Thy bounty and awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the splendors of the sun of Thy grace to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy remembrance and the service of Thy Cause. O Lord! Praise be to Thee for having heard my call and sent down for me that which shall endure through the eternity of Thy names and attributes. I testify that Thy grace hath encompassed

existence both seen and unseen, and Thy mercy hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05223 ===

=== START BH05224 ===

He is the One singing upon the branches!

O ’Ali! Turn thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and say: O my God! I testify to that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified before the creation of Thy earth and heaven, that Thou art God, and that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been obeyed in Thy Cause and sovereign through Thy power, such that the conditions of Thy creation and the vicissitudes of Thy realm cannot weaken Thee. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to the sanctification of Thy Being from all else but Thee, and the exaltation of Thy Essence above all others. I have heard Thy call and turned toward Thee, and have beheld the lights of Thy most exalted horizon and turned to it through Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name which hath appeared among Thy creatures and called all to Thy horizon, that Thou make me one of the letters of Thy Book, that I may be rendered immortal through Thy grace and living and enduring through Thy bounty and favor. O my Lord! Enable me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and that whereby Thy Word may be exalted in Thy cities and lands. Thou art He to Whose power every person of insight and understanding hath testified, and to Whose grandeur every person of knowledge and wisdom hath borne witness. Nothing among all things can frustrate Thy will, nor can the might of princes and divines frighten Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH05224 ===

=== START BH05225 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O ’Ali, O thou who gazest upon My face! The servant who is present hath laid before Me thy letter at a time when sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions by reason of what hath befallen My loved ones at the hands of the aggressive forces. O ’Ali! The idolators desired to extinguish the fire of God and put out His light. Say: Perdition betide you, O company of the losers! Did Pharaoh attain what he desired, or did Nimrod profit from what he wrought? Nay, by the Self of God Who dominateth all who are in the heavens and on earth! Be thou gladdened that We found thy letter sanctified from the allusions of the heedless. Verily, We behold the idolators as children playing with clay. Say: Fear God, O people of the earth, and follow not every heedless doubter. He hath come Who summoneth you unto that which perisheth not through the eternity of My most beautiful Names. Draw nigh and be not of them that turn away. We have mentioned thee before in such wise that nothing in the kingdom can equal it, as doth testify He Who speaketh in the kingdom of utterance that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. Look not upon the oppressor and his power. Soon shall the sincere ones behold the Day-

Star of the Cause shining forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful. The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have cast away whatsoever is on earth, turning unto the One, the All-Informed.

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O Muhammad! The days when thou didst take shelter beneath the blessed Tree are remembered in Our presence. The Most Great Branch is now present and hath sought a special favor for thee. We make mention of thee through this clear remembrance. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land. Say: Be not sorrowful, be not heedless. With wisdom and utterance, bestow the Kawthar of proof upon those who are receptive and ready. Praise be to God, ye are not among the corrupt ones, and therefore have been and continue to be preserved and protected by God, exalted be His glory. Beseech God that He may assist the honored rulers - may God aid them - to achieve that which this Wronged One hath purposed, and this purpose is, in its primary station and first rank, the Will of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. In these days this Wronged One is occupied with praise and thanksgiving to God, for He hath adorned the martyrs of the land of Ya with the crown of patience and the ornament of steadfastness, and aided them to hold fast unto that which was revealed and sent down in the Book from the Supreme Pen. Well is it with them and may they rejoice. The glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee and upon My loved ones and chosen ones who have not broken My Covenant and have acted according to what they were commanded by the One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH05227 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of proof

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ja'far! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and thou hast been favored with the supreme bounty. The ocean of divine grace surgeth and waveth before the faces of all, and the Sun of divine loving-kindness shineth and gleameth amidst all souls. Today the Tree uttereth without veil, and the Light manifesteth without covering. That which was hidden in hearts and minds hath been revealed. The carpet of idle fancies and vain imaginings hath been rolled up through that which hath shone forth from the Daystar of certitude from the horizon of the heaven of My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Yet all remain veiled and deprived save those souls who, through His Name, the All-Powerful, have shattered the idols, rent asunder the veils, and with their hearts have sought the divine station. These are the people of Baha, mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is the being who hath today received his portion and share from the divine ocean of generosity. We beseech God that He may assist thee in that which shall cause the veils of the idolaters and the heedless to be rent asunder. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and illumine them with the effulgences of the Daystar of His mention, and say:

O my Lord! O my Lord! O my Lord! Aid me and Thy servants to witness Thy signs, to hearken unto Thy call, to arise to serve Thee, and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Kind, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

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=== START BH05228 ===

In the Name of Him Who warbles upon the branches!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison precincts and summons thee to God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested whatsoever He desired, and hath called all to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all being, and turned away from the Most Great Sign, and among them are those who have turned towards it and hastened and said: "Here am I, O Lord of Names! I testify that Thou wert hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in His perspicuous Book." Blessed is he who hath sought the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. Woe unto every heedless and remote one! Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him when every learned doubter turned away. Take hold of God's Tablet with the power that is from Him, then read it amidst the myriads of the denizens of the highest Paradise. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is a preserved Tablet. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe wisdom and that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may be uplifted. From this spot We send Our greetings to My friends and loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have arisen to serve My wondrous Cause. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the Most Great Book hath appeared and calleth all unto His luminous horizon. Beware lest the things of this world hold you back from the Lord of all being. Cast aside what ye possess and take what is with God, the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside vain imaginings and been illumined with the lights of certitude.

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=== START BH05229 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Reflect upon the world and whatsoever hath appeared and been mentioned therein. All souls have been seekers of this blessed Day, and throughout the nights and days they awaited the appearance of the universal Manifestation of God. The divines, mystics and princes of the earth, whenever mention was made of the Qa'im - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - would utter "May God hasten His relief." Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of God's Will, they arose with the utmost hatred and tyranny, to such extent that they martyred that Essence of being with the most grievous torment. By God's life! All things have lamented at their cruelty, and beyond them the Supreme Pen hath wept in the Most Exalted Paradise. Yet most of the people remain heedless. Such is the state of the world and its people. Thou, praise be to God, hast rent asunder the veil and, through God's grace, hast shattered the idols of fancy and imagination with the strength of certitude, and hast turned toward the most exalted horizon. Preserve this lofty station in the name of Truth. Blessed art thou for being

enkindled with the fire of God's love, illumined by the lights of His knowledge, and for having accepted His Cause and Will. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the All-Knowing, the Unseen. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk what thou hast drunk through My mighty, inaccessible love.

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=== START BH05230 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

O Mahmud! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One, Who calleth thee from the Most Praiseworthy Station and inviteth thee to the ocean of divine mercy. This is the Day the mention of which hath been recorded in all the sacred Scrolls, Books and Tablets of God, and concerning which all the Prophets and Messengers have, by God's command, given promise and glad-tidings unto all men. Even as it is revealed in the Furqan, which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood: "Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and announce to them the days of God." These are the same days which Moses was commanded to proclaim and Jesus described. Strive that perchance thou mayest receive thy portion from the ocean of grace and the lights of the Sun of Revelation. This Wronged One, despite the opposition and objections of the divines, the men of learning, the mystics and the princes, hath not for a moment neglected that whereunto He was commanded, and hath called out with His most exalted Voice unto all who dwell on earth, summoning them unto God - exalted be His glory, exalted be His dominion, exalted be His grandeur. If thou wouldst observe the Tablets which were sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for the kings of the earth, thou wouldst surely attain unto the blessed words "Verily, I have believed in Thee, O God of the worlds." It behooveth thee to thank God for having sent down unto thee that which remindeth thee of His days. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Tender.

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O Mahmud! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from His All-Praised Station and gives thee glad tidings of God's mercy and His loving-kindness, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. This is a Day wherein the ocean of bounty is in motion and the Lord of existence speaks: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." I have manifested My Self and revealed that whereby the hearts of all who are in earth and heaven were attracted, except such as have violated the Covenant and denied this momentous News. We make mention of thee through that which bestows wings upon them that desire to soar in this atmosphere from which can be heard the melodious warbling of the Bird of My wondrous utterance. O Mahmud! Thou hast attained unto divine favor. We beseech God that thou mayest remain steadfast in His Cause and be enabled to make mention of Him amongst His servants. We counsel thee to observe wisdom lest there appear that which may perturb the hearts of them that have turned towards Him. Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land and say: "Precious is this Day and mighty is this Cause. Implore ye God to protect you from the doubts of the deniers and the corrupt ones." At no time or age hath God, exalted be His glory, manifested Himself in such wise. All divine Books bear witness and will continue to bear witness unto this truth. He, verily, is the Herald, the All-Forgiving, the

All-Merciful. Glory be unto the people of Baha who have cast away idle fancies and drunk from the hand of His bounty the Kawthar of certitude.

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His honor Shaykh Baba Sa'id, entitled Mazhar-'Ali-Shah

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

O Mazhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Today the hidden mystery is manifest and visible in the Most Great Countenance, and nearer than the twinkling of an eye is the gathering and dispersal before the faces of men, resplendent. The Lord of the Day of Reckoning is seated upon the throne of revelation, and with one exalted word the reckoning of the first and the last has reached its end. The utterance of the Goal of all the worlds was the balance of truth, and it weighed all things: some He dealt with through justice, and others through grace. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He shall not be asked of His doings.

O Shaykh! The Day is the Day of God, and all are commanded to render assistance, and assistance is through hosts; however, in this Revelation wisdom and utterance have been and are the helpers of His Cause, and all are commanded to these. We beseech God that He may strengthen thee and designate thee as one of the standards of His Cause. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: My God, my God! Thy grace hath encompassed me, and Thy mercy hath preceded me, and Thy call hath awakened me, and Thy command hath raised me up, and the light of Thy countenance hath guided me to Thy Most Great Path. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to assist me to serve Thy Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all names! O concourse of men! The call hath been raised from the Most Great Scene, and before it in the land of Ta, and after it in Zawra, then in the Land of Mystery, and in this Great Prison. God hath made this castle His Most Great Scene which We have mentioned and adorned with the dawning splendors of the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O son of Kazim! Upon thee and upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee and him, both before and after, through verses that draw nigh unto them the hearts of those who have drawn near. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth, for having taught me and made me know and guided me unto Thy straight and manifest path. I testify that whosoever hath attained unto it hath attained unto that which was sent down in the Book, both before and after. He Who possesseth the Luminous Tablet beareth witness unto this. We make mention of His loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy, and We remind them of My verses. I am, verily, the All-

Powerful, the Almighty. We counsel all to manifest the most great steadfastness, and chastity, and trustworthiness, and faithfulness, and that kindliness which We have enjoined upon all in My Most Great Book. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned towards Him. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that wherewith He hath honored thee. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Responsive. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

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=== START BH05234 ===

O Mashhadi Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God! In My Name, through which the light hath shone forth from the Mount of Revelation. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who remembereth you in the Most Great Prison and guideth you to the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Hidden One hath been made manifest, and that which was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Great, hath been revealed. Beware lest human conditions prevent you from the Lord of Destiny, and beware lest the oppression of any remote oppressor frighten you. Take the chalice of eternity in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink therefrom once in remembrance of My Most Great Name, and again in remembrance of My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Say: O people of the Bayan! He around Whom the Bayan revolved hath come, and that which was mentioned by the tongue of the Point, Who gave the glad tidings to the servants of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, hath been made manifest in this mighty and wondrous station. When thou attainest unto My verses and that which hath flowed from My Pen, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Pen which Thou hast made as an ensign for the manifestation of Thy Cause and as a herald of Thy Name amongst Thy servants and as a light unto those who have sought Thy supreme horizon and as darkness and vengeance unto every wicked and vile one. And I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy and to be immersed in the ocean of Thy oneness. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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He is the Caller on Sinai

O people of the Manifestation! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who conversed on Sinai from this Prison wherein is confined He before Whose sovereignty all created things have bowed down in adoration. Every appointed time hath been fulfilled, every sign hath been made manifest, every hidden secret hath been revealed, and He Who was promised hath come in truth, riding upon the clouds. Blessed is the powerful one who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and the speaker who hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!" We have revealed that which lay concealed in knowledge and have sent down that which the Mother Book doth testify. How many a servant hath fled from the hosts of divine revelation, and how many a servant hath arisen and said: "Praise be to Thee, O my Lord, the Most High!" Blessed is

he who hath remained steadfast, whom the clamor of those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return hath failed to deter. And woe unto every one who hath turned away from Him through Whom the horizon of creation hath been illumined. Let nothing grieve thee. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and say: “Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy signs, the Dawning-Place of Thy lights, and the Manifestation of Thy Self, before Whom, when He appeared, all necks bowed down in submission. I beseech Thee to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in the service of Thy Cause in such wise that the hosts of every one who hath denied Thy right in the Hereafter shall not deter me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, mine eyes fixed upon the wonders of Thy bounty. Have mercy upon me through Thy grace and loving-kindness, then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy favor that which befitteth Thy Name, the All-Bountiful.”

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=== START BH05236 ===

Tablet to Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof. O Mahdi, upon thee be My glory! In this divine springtime and luminous day, the friends of God must, with love and kindness and mercy and wisdom and utterance, make the people of the world aware and summon them to the Most Exalted Horizon. The first cause which led to the exaltation of the Blessed Word has been the unity and harmony of the friends. That honored one must hold fast, with both outer and inner tongue, to that which was mentioned, and must cling to unity, which is the greatest cause for the reformation of the world and the refinement of the nations. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that with Thee is the knowledge of all things in a Book that none has comprehended save Thee. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to aid me in serving Thy Cause and in that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and will endure through the endurance of Thy Kingdom. Thou seest me, O my God, wholly turned toward Thee. I beseech Thee to confirm me in that which befits Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful. Make mention of the brethren and friends on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid them and enable them to draw nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The Glory be upon you from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH05237 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Moses! The Lord of Names makes mention of thee and reminds thee of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God’s Will, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down from the heaven of revelation that which profiteth the servants. He Who speaketh beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. The Hidden Treasure hath appeared, yet the people perceive it not. The Mother Book hath been sent down, yet the people understand it not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, having followed every ignorant one who is rejected. Say: Fear ye God, and follow not those who have cast aside the Covenant of God and have done that which hath

caused the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament in a praiseworthy station. Cast aside what your desires command you and take hold of that which ye have been given by God, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. Verily He hath appeared and made manifest that which hath caused the breezes of revelation to waft throughout the world and the fragrance of the garment to be diffused, did ye but know. They behold the signs before their faces, yet deny them, and they hear the call of God, yet turn away from it. Say: Follow, O people of the earth, that which God hath ordained in His promised Day. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and in that which hath been sent down for thee wherewith the near ones have attained. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Creator of the heavens, be upon those who have laid hold on the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Bestower, the All-Forgiving.

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O Nazar! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison precincts and hath remembered thee with a remembrance from which light hath shone forth. Verily He turneth to whomsoever hath turned unto Him, and remembereth whoso hath remembered Him amongst the peoples. This is the Day wherein that which was hidden hath been revealed, and He Who was promised in the Books and Tablets hath come. Among the people are those who turned away from Him, those who opposed Him, and those who issued unjust decrees against Him - decrees that caused all things to lament, and behind them the denizens of Paradise wept at eventide and at dawn. They denied God's bounty after its revelation and perpetrated that which caused the very rocks to cry out and hearts and minds to melt. Most of our enemies are the divines of the earth, as testifieth the Mother Book which is with Him. They have clung to idle fancies and imagined themselves to be manifestations of knowledge in the world. Say: Shame upon you, O company of ignorant ones! By God, knowledge itself disavoweth you at all times. Open your eyes, then raise up your heads - verily the Sun shineth at its zenith! Blessed is the learned one who cast away what he possessed and took up that which was prescribed by God, the Lord of lords. Thus hath the horizon of proof been illumined by the Luminary of utterance. Blessed is he who hath seen, and woe unto every heedless imposter. The glory that proceedeth from Us be upon those who have held fast to the cord of their Lord's loving providence, the Lord of creation.

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O Naim, upon thee be the Glory of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing! We make mention of thee in the prison, and at this moment have turned toward thee. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Were it not for tribulations in Thy path, how would the stations of Thy lovers be revealed? And were it not for afflictions in Thy love, by what means would the rank of Thy ardent devotees be proven? By Thy might! The companion of Thy loved ones are their flowing tears, the intimate of Thy seekers are their heart's lamentations, and the sustenance of those who yearn for Thee are the pieces of their hearts. How sweet is the deadly poison in Thy path, and how precious are the arrows of the enemies for the exaltation of Thy Word! O my God! Make me drink in Thy Cause whatsoever Thou hast desired, and send down upon me in

Thy love whatsoever Thou hast ordained. By Thy might! I desire naught but what Thou desirest, and I love naught but what Thou lovest. I have placed my trust in Thee in all conditions. I beseech Thee, O my God, to manifest for the victory of this Revelation one who is worthy of Thy Name and Thy sovereignty, that he may remember Thee amongst Thy creation and raise the standards of Thy triumph in Thy realm. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Naim! These words were previously revealed from the Supreme Pen for a certain soul, and now are revealed again specifically for you, that you may chant them with the melodies of the birds of Paradise and be of them that attain. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast to the cord of God, the Strong.

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O Leaf and Mother of Afnan, Mirza H who hath attained My presence and won the honor of meeting Him Who hath dawned from the Most Exalted Horizon! O My leaf! The Divine Lote-Tree calleth thee, and O My handmaiden! the Beloved remembereth thee. Thou canst glory in the two most great favors among the handmaidens. Verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed the world and His mercy hath preceded the peoples. He is the Almighty, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and earths. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, honored me with Thy presence, shown me Thy signs and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy Cause, the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Ocean of Thy knowledge to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine that which shall aid her to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee by Thy resplendent Light and Thy gleaming Name to ordain for me that which shall enable me to remember Thee, praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. Thou art the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty is attested by all created things and Whose power is witnessed by all contingent beings. Thou givest and withholdest. In Thy grasp are the reins of all existence and the control of the seen and unseen. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful. Convey my greetings to my leaves and handmaidens. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for them every good thing that He hath sent down in His Scriptures and Tablets, and to decree for each one of them the reward of presence and attentiveness. He is the Lord of all creation and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

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CLXV

Know thou that every hearing ear, if kept pure and undefiled, must, at all times and from every direction, hearken to the voice that uttereth these holy words: "Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return." The mysteries of man's physical death and of his return have not been divulged, and still remain unread. By the righteousness of God! Were they to be revealed, they would evoke such fear and sorrow that some would perish, while others would be so filled with gladness as to wish for death, and beseech, with unceasing longing, the one true God -exalted be His glory - to hasten their end.

Death proffereth unto every confident believer the cup that is life indeed. It bestoweth joy, and is the bearer of gladness. It conferreth the gift of everlasting life.

As to those that have tasted of the fruit of man's earthly existence, which is the recognition of the one true God, exalted be His glory, their life hereafter is such as We are unable to describe. The knowledge thereof is with God, alone, the Lord of all worlds.

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O leaf Aqa Shahzadih, upon thee be the Glory of God! Praise be to God, in these divine days thou hast been sprinkled by the infinite rain of mercy, thou hast drunk from the cup of recognition and turned thy face to the highest horizon. Mention of this station is eternal and everlasting in the Book of God. Soon all worldly conditions and whatsoever exists therein shall return to nothingness, for they were not and are not worthy of permanence. Through the grace of God - exalted be His glory - thou hast attained unto a station which is the pride and glory of the queens of the world. The Queen of London goes daily to church in the name of God and, in her own imagination, is occupied with the remembrance of God, yet God hath testified and doth testify to her heedlessness, for she is deprived of His recognition and is clinging merely to His name. And likewise are the other empresses of the world. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy leaves and Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy most exalted Throne and Thy high and glorious station. Praise be unto Thee under all conditions, O God of the worlds, Goal of the nations, and Beloved of the hearts of them that know Thee!

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O leaves of the family of the Most Beloved of Martyrs, upon both of you be the Most Glorious Glory of God!

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! O my leaf, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that for which existence itself came into being. The creation of the world was adorned with the ornament of being from nothingness for the knowledge of God, glorified be His majesty. But when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of divine will, all turned away and arose in opposition. That household, however, was illumined with the light of recognition - they heard the call and turned towards it, and in the path of the peerless Friend there occurred that which caused all things to wail and lament. His honor Sad, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation, arrived and witnessed and heard. For a time he dwelt beneath the pavilions of grandeur and reposed in the shade of the blessed Tree, and afterwards when the Luminary of permission rose from the horizon of will, he turned towards that direction. After his journey to the Sacred House of God, we beseech God to

assist him in all conditions. Verily He hath power over all things. Know ye his worth and recognize his station. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing Counselor. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son Ahmad who hath attained the trace of My Pen, and upon thy other son, and upon thy daughter who turned towards and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05243 ===

=== START BH05244 ===

The Leaf of Paradise, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance.

O Leaf of Paradise! The Wronged One remembers thee in the Most Exalted Paradise, the station round which circle all things. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Thy letter came before the Countenance on the first day whereon God was established upon His mighty throne in a garden named Ridvan by the All-Merciful. Thus was the matter decreed from God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed art thou in that the face of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and remembereth thee with that which hath caused the hearts of the people of immortality and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names to soar, and then those who circle round this luminous Station. Blessed is the house wherein the remembrance of God hath been raised, and blessed is the tongue that hath uttered My praise, and the face that hath turned toward My horizon, and the heart that hath tasted the sweetness of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We make mention of those who have believed in that place and give them glad tidings of that which cannot be equalled by all the treasures of the earth. To this beareth witness He with Whom is a preserved Tablet. We mentioned thee before, and on this Night which God hath made the beginning of Ridvan. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. When thou dost catch the fragrance of the Robe, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: “Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose name all things were attracted and through Whose remembrance the Kingdom of Names was adorned! I beseech Thee by Thy name through which every matter appeared and [text ends mid-sentence]

=== END BH05244 ===

=== START BH05245 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High

The servant testifies to the oneness and singleness of God, His justice and bounty, and to the Last Day when people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. And prayers and peace be upon the best of those who walked upon the earth, through whom the sun of truth shone forth and the horizon of servitude was illumined, and whom He sent with truth to the people to guide them to His straight path, and upon his family and companions who truly clung to his holy and luminous robe.

To proceed - may my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. I received your letter and heard your words and visited what reached me from you. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and sustain you in manifesting justice and fairness in the cities and regions. As for what you wrote regarding Qurratu’l-’Ayn’s

proceeding to Alexandretta for assistance and benefit - this is a matter approved by the people of consultation. We ask God for a good outcome. Regarding what you mentioned about the arrival of his honor - the servant sends greetings to him and congratulates him and remembers him with pure love, and those with him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us reunion and remove the veils and obstacles. He may proceed and be honored with what he desires. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. And peace be upon you and upon those with you, female and male, young and old.

The Servant

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=== END BH05245 ===

=== START BH05246 ===

He Who is established upon the Throne - Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God

In His Name Who is established upon the Throne! The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And the tongues of all created things testify that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of My garment and hath arisen, detached from all the worlds. Whoso hath recognized the Truth with his own eyes, the veils of creation shall not withhold him. This is a truth of which there is no doubt. Blessed are they who are endowed with true understanding. How many a servant is stirred by the winds of temptation, and how many a servant is not caused to slip by the doings of the heedless. Verily he who hath quaffed the living waters from the utterance of the All-Merciful shall arise to aid the Cause in such wise that the hosts of the heavens and of earth shall not deter him. Victory hath been ordained in the Book and in the Utterance. Fear ye God and be not of the mischief-makers. It behooveth no one to object against anyone. Be ye trustees of the All-Merciful throughout all possibility. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, counsel you. Build ye up hearts through the name of the Beloved. This is the true victory, did ye but know. Teach your children that which hath been sent down from God, that they may recite it in most melodious tones. Thus hath it been ordained in a mighty Book. When We perceived from thee the fragrance of turning unto Us, We revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest recite the verses of God and ponder upon that which hath been manifested in this glorious Revelation. Glory be unto them who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance after the passing away of all things. They, verily, are of the sincere ones.

=== END BH05246 ===

=== START BH05247 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over what hath been and what shall be. The Most Exalted Pen calleth out to all who are in creation and beareth them glad tidings of that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Supreme Ruler, the Self-Subsisting. Among the people are those who become expansive when they hear, and among them are those who become contracted through the fire of jealousy and hatred. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. And

among them are those who desire to prevent the ocean from its waves and the sun from its radiance. Say: Die in thy wrath, O thou rejected infidel! By God, thou hast no power over this, nor do thy like, nor those who rule over the people. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. The prevention of every conquered transgressor hindereth Him not. The world and whatsoever is therein shall pass away. Verily it was built for passing away. Blessed are the people who understand. Blessed is he who casteth it away, purely for the sake of God, and turneth toward the horizon of revelation - this station round which circle sincere servants. We have found the fragrance of thy faith. We have adorned thee with the ornament of First Remembrance in this inscribed Tablet. We make mention of those who have turned toward the Countenance and faced toward God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Commit thy affairs unto God, then make mention of Him amongst the servants, that perchance they may become aware and turn toward the praiseworthy station. Thus hath the fragrance of that which hath appeared from the Most Exalted Pen been diffused, as a favor from Us. Blessed is he who hath found it and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!”

=== END BH05247 ===

=== START BH05248 ===

The Most Pure, the Most Glorious! The Pen calleth out to all peoples: “He Who is the Ancient King hath come! The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the All-Choosing!” The Bird of Utterance warbleth upon the branches of the Tree of Man: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the Compelling!” Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the tongue that hath responded. By My life! Such a one is of them whose light hath illumined all lights. Can any bounty in creation equal this? Nay, by the Lord of the Day of Judgment! The Kingdom hath been adorned with My Most Glorious Name, and the Realm of Power with this Countenance whereby earth and heavens were illumined. The gates have been opened and the verses sent down. Thereupon every rebellious infidel was thunderstruck. Among the people are they who have drawn nigh unto the Dayspring of Revelation, and among them are they who have waxed proud before God, the Revealer of verses, and among them are they who have said: “These were not revealed according to nature,” after which nature itself would be ashamed to be associated therewith. Thus hath proceeded from their mouths that whereby every atom doth curse them. When the Gospel was sent down they said: “This was not revealed from the Glorious One,” and when Muhammad came with clear signs they said: “These are but fabrications.” Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! In this Revelation there hath appeared what hath never appeared in creation, if ye be fair-minded, O people of understanding. Say: Have ye seen the like of what hath appeared? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Luminous! Their wretchedness hath so overtaken them that they behold power and yet deny it. Lo! They are indeed the companions of the fire. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and turned away from those who have disbelieved in the Lord of lords.

=== END BH05248 ===

=== START BH05251 ===

O handmaid of God, Sakinih! In the name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have sent one of Our exalted words to one of Our handmaidens, that the word of her Lord might attract her and cause

her to soar in this all-pervading, subtle and luminous atmosphere. O leaf of My Ridvan! Know thou that thy Lord remembereth His handmaidens, and hath ordained for them in the Tablet of Destiny that which will bring them into My presence and cause them to hear My verses. Verily thy Lord is the possessor of great bounty.

[remainder already translated]

=== END BH05251 ===

=== START BH05253 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Your name was mentioned before the Countenance, therefore these sublime and wondrous words have dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the favors of the Lord of creation. God willing, through divine grace in these luminous days you will drink from the immortal wine and, detached from all else, arise to serve the Best Beloved of the worlds. The world has never had, nor will it ever have, permanence. Soon all that is visible will become non-existent and will perish. That which endures is God's loving-kindness towards His loved ones. Blessed is the soul that has attained to this station and has inhaled the fragrance of the divine raiment in His days. We beseech God to aid you in His service and make you a helper of His loved ones. Verily He has power over all things. And We beseech the Exalted One to make you among those who have remained steadfast in His love in such wise that neither the idle fancies nor the veils of the people have hindered them. Verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him. Hold fast to the Sure Handle that has been suspended between the heavens and the earth. Place your trust in Him - verily He aids whoever turns to the Countenance and ordains for whoever desires that which will profit him in this world and the next. Truly your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks to God for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and that this sublime Tablet has been revealed for you. This is better for you than whatsoever you possess and whatsoever the people possess. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Witnessing.

=== END BH05253 ===

=== START BH05254 ===

O My Name Mahdi! Thy writing was present before Me, and since it was adorned with mention of the Beloved One, joy and gladness were attained. Blessed art thou for having remembered thy Lord in thy days and for having been a spreader of His Cause among His creation and one who mentioned His name among His servants. I beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee in all conditions, that thou mayest be content with His good-pleasure and turn away from all else. Likewise the leaf of His Name Ha, upon him be the Glory of God, which was in thy writing, was present before Me. We testify that he hath outstripped most of the servants in service to his Lord, the Possessor of all existence. He is among those whom We have accepted for My remembrance and chosen for My service amongst My creatures, and We have sent down for him in My Tablets that which will establish his spirit in the kingdoms of My eternity and his remembrance among My creation through the duration of My heavenly kingdom and My celestial dominion. O Mahdi! We love to mention him for having turned with his whole being to his Lord, the

Mighty, the Wise. God sends His greetings from this direction upon him and upon those who love him purely for God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Some names were observed in the writing of His Name Ha. Although Sublime and Glorious Tablets were specifically sent to some of those souls, yet God will send down anew whatsoever He willeth since their names were mentioned in his writing, as a grace from His presence upon him and upon them. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH05254 ===

=== START BH05255 ===

Already translated for Tablet 1. For Tablet 2:

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a testimony which God, exalted be His glory, revealed to Me at the beginning of My imprisonment in the barracks, when I beseeched His grace to send down from the heaven of His bounty a testimony whereby I might bear witness unto His Self even as He beareth witness unto His Self. He then revealed unto Me from the tongue of His grandeur, and wrote with the Pen of His might, this testimony that I might bear witness thereby and be of them that attain. His word - exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur:

O Thou Who art wronged! [remainder already translated in Tablet 1]

=== END BH05255 ===

=== START BH05256 ===

He is the One Who calls out with truth

Today We arrived at the garden and revealed unto thee, O Joseph, that which attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. We have remembered Our loved ones with a remembrance through which the horizons of the heavens of wisdom and utterance were illumined. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Say: O people! The call hath been raised from the direction of Akka and by this most sweet call were set ablaze the hearts of the Concourse on High. Blessed is he who hath turned and heard, and woe unto the heedless ones. This is a day wherein the proof hath appeared and the evidence hath called out before the faces of all religions. By God! The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty that neither the power of princes feareth Him nor the clamor of divines who have changed God's favor for that which they possess preventeth Him. We testify that they are among the transgressors. O concourse of divines in Persia! Be fair concerning that which hath appeared with truth and be not of the oppressors. O thou who hast turned, when thou attainest unto My utterance say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me and revealed unto me that through which the fragrances of Thy loving-kindness and the sweet savors of Thy mercy were wafted. I beseech Thee by Thy hidden mysteries and Thy shining lights and by Thy Most Great Book which Thou hast sent down to the peoples, to assist me in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones. Then protect me from the

evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05256 ===

=== START BH05257 ===

O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Aim of all the worlds!

Praise be to God that through the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of divine favor thou hast succeeded in that which most of the servants are deprived and forbidden. How many are the possessors of knowledge and learning who today walk in the paths of fancy and vain imaginings, although all have acknowledged and do acknowledge the appearance of the Truth and the advent of the Promised One with the Cause of God. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them without any clear proof or Book from God, the Lord of the worlds. O Ahmad! Know thou the value of thine own station and strive that thou mayest attain to that which, when mentioned, shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. That which the senses perceive today shall soon return to nothingness. But that which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen hath been and shall forever be eternal. Hold thou fast unto the cord of the favor of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. In all matters fix thy gaze upon the Truth and place thy trust in Him. Say: O my God! I have turned wholly unto Thee. Through Thy bounty, ordain for me that which Thou desirest. I know not what profiteth me. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word and by the Supreme Horizon to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy bounty that which shall benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05257 ===

=== START BH05258 ===

Praise be to God Who hath manifested what He desired and sent down from the heaven of bounty that whereby the hearts of those who have drawn nigh were attracted, and praise be to God Who hath sent down from the clouds of generosity His eternal table and His everlasting grace. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe betide the heedless. This is a Day wherein all things speak and give glad tidings unto the servants of the manifestation of our Lord, God, the Mighty, the Great. Glorified be He Who hath spoken before all faces and called the servants unto His glorious horizon. O Nasru'llah, when thou didst hear the call from the direction of My prison and found the sweetness of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having […] unto Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Cause to ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee and of attaining unto presence before Thy throne. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee and desired from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies and guard me from the oppressors among Thy creatures. Thou art He to Whose greatness and power and might and loftiness and sovereignty every thing hath testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, by Thy Most Great Name, the Manifest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Commander on the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH05258 ===

=== START BH05259 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of proof

Praise be to God Who hath manifested the grace of utterance, sent down the table of certitude, opened wide the gate of bounty, and caused all things to speak! There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Chosen One. This is a day wherein the ocean of generosity hath surged and the fragrance of God, the Lord of lords, hath wafted. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hear My call and take hold of My Book with a power that the doubts of those who have turned away from God, the Revealer of verses, cannot prevent. Say: O people, fear ye God! There hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty that which no treasures of earth can equal, as doth testify the Mother Book in its final abode. Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of the world and what hath befallen you from those who denied the proof of God when it was sent down from the heaven of grace with an authority before which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot stand. Take the cup of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom by this Name whereby the pillars of all lands have trembled. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Chosen One. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a grace from God, the Lord of creation. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those whom the names have not held back from drawing nigh unto God, the Dawning Place of lights.

=== END BH05259 ===

=== START BH05260 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

His honor Muhammad-'Ali who traveled and attained - praised be God Who manifested Himself and uttered a Word whereby all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save certain Letters of the Face. Thus doth the Supreme Pen testify at this hour when the Lord of all beings hath, with His Most Glorious Name, been established upon His mighty throne. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face toward the Countenance of God by His leave, and for having entered the Most Great Prison, and for having stood at the door and heard the call of the Wronged One Who summoneth all unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the ear that hath heard My most sweet call, and the heart that hath turned toward My most exalted horizon. By My life! This is the Day of witnessing and meeting, yet most of the people are fast asleep. Rejoice thou for having attained unto Him Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, and of Whom every Prophet and every trusted Messenger gave glad tidings. We have forgiven thee and accepted from thee what thou didst desire in the path of God. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon Ahmad who hath outstripped most of the servants in his love for God and his turning unto Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And We send Our greetings upon those who have believed in that land and give them glad tidings through this Remembrance whereby their names shall endure in the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Invincible.

=== END BH05260 ===

=== START BH05261 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Guardian over all names! Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and guided all to the straight path. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away, those who have hesitated and those who have hastened, those who have responded and those who have chosen silence for themselves, and those who have taken vain imaginings as their god instead of God. We testify that such are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. O son of Kazim, upon him and upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! We made mention of thy father aforetime in words that caused the very essence of remembrance to quiver, and through an utterance by which the Kingdom soared unto the Help in Peril, the Almighty. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to attain unto such steadfastness as neither the clamor of the people can shake nor the oppression of the Pharaohs in the land can prevent. When thou takest the cup of Mine utterance in My Name, say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and illuminate the hearts of the nations, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee, to speak forth Thy praise, to turn toward Thy horizon, and to arise to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest the oppressed one seeking the ocean of Thy justice, and the weary one the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing."

=== END BH05261 ===

=== START BH05262 ===

In His Name, exalted be His glory, the Bestower of gifts and favors!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and subdued the clear proofs and caused all who are in earth and heaven to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein the Herald hath called out: "O concourse of the parties! Draw nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon, clinging to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Extended."

O 'Ali-Muhammad! We have mentioned thee before and We mention thee at this time with that which will draw thee nigh unto Paradise and attract thee to God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him. Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. We desire for thee that which We have desired for whosoever hath clung to righteousness and hath done that which he was bidden in a perspicuous Book. We desire thy unity with Ha and Sin, and We beseech God that He may thereby open before your faces the gate of His loving-kindness and cause to descend from the clouds of His generosity the rains of His bounty. He, verily, is the Most Generous of the generous ones, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

We had written thee permission before, but today therein behooveth restraint and stillness until such time as God shall purify the earth and air through His power which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy letter hath come before Us. We found from it the fragrance of thy love and thy

turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Most Great Branch hath appeared and mentioned thee. We have mentioned thee. This is a bounty whereunto no other bounty can compare, as attesteth He Who speaketh in every state that He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great. The glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

=== END BH05262 ===

=== START BH05263 ===

In the Name of Him Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His verses and manifested His evidences and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. This is the Day wherein the Banner of Revelation hath been raised upon the highest standards, and the Ensign of Guidance hath been hoisted in the most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of guidance, and woe unto them that turn away.

O thou who gazeth toward the horizon of Revelation! Hear what the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, through Whom the mysteries were revealed and the rivers flowed and the trees gave utterance: The Kingdom and the Dominion belong unto God, the One, the Chosen. We have observed thy turning unto Us and have made mention of thee with that which attracteth the hearts of the righteous. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath believed in God, the Lord of all beings. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My words, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Great Announcement and Thy Manifest Book and by the revelations of the lights of Thy Mighty Name, to make me steadfast in Thy love and speaking forth Thy praise. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon and turning away from those who have denied the Dawning-Place of Thy Most Beautiful Names. Open before my face the door of Thy mercy. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

=== END BH05263 ===

=== START BH05264 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Praise be to God Who created creation through a word from Him and sent unto them the Messengers and revealed unto them the Books to guide them to His Straight Path. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His grandeur and His power and His sovereignty, and in recognition of His singleness and His oneness. He was ever in the heights of might and transcendence, and will ever be in the summit of majesty and impregnability. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

[The rest is already translated]

=== END BH05264 ===

=== START BH05265 ===

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Praise be to God Who has adorned the brocade of the Book of Days with the ornament of the Festival of Islam, and has arrayed the temples of the believers among the peoples of the worlds with the robe of divine knowledge, and has distinguished them with this bounty among the followers of all religions, and has purified them from sin through His mercy which has preceded all contingent being. And by this the Dove of Inner Meanings has cooed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of Utterance that there is no God but Him, Who is single in His essence, beyond the knowledge of all created things, sanctified above whatsoever the names and attributes may be ascribed to Him by the peoples of earth and heaven. He has created all contingent beings from nothing by His power. He has ever been in the heights of exaltation, grandeur and glory, and will ever be in the summit of might, power and majesty, even as He was in the beginning that has no beginning. There is no God but Him, the Most Great, the Most High. And blessings and peace be upon the Primal Point, and the upright and curved Alif, and the All-Embracing Word of Power, and the Divine Spirit of the Kingdom, through Whom existence began and the manifestations of the Unseen in the visible world were sealed - Muhammad, the Chosen One, whom God made the Dawning-Place of His most excellent names and the Manifestation of His most exalted attributes - and upon His family and companions from this day until the Day whereon the tongue of might and power shall speak forth [that "the Kingdom on that Day shall be] God's, the One, the All-Compelling."

=== END BH05265 ===

=== START BH05266 ===

In the Name of the one God! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the lights of the Sun of Truth which, by the command of the Lord of all beings, hath shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon, and thou hast drunk from the sealed wine which is the love of the Desired One. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal this station. May God grant that thou mayest ever remain successful in attaining this bounty and steadfast in this station. Thy letter hath arrived and whatsoever was mentioned therein was observed. Blessed art thou for having turned thyself and advanced toward the Horizon from which most of the servants have turned aside, save those whom God, the Lord of this mighty Cause, hath willed. All people throughout the ages and centuries awaited the Day of God, seeking the Divine Manifestation with lamentation and tears, yet when the dawn of the Day of Revelation broke and the world was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all were found heedless, nay, turned away. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having assisted me, taught me, and enabled me to recognize the Sun of Thy Manifestation and the Ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self, to make me firm and steadfast in this Cause whereby the tribes of the earth have been shaken. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH05266 ===

=== START BH05267 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto His Most Exalted Word and turned thy face toward the One True Goal and drunk from the ocean of reunion and meeting. My Most Exalted Pen hath previously testified for thee even as the Tongue of Grandeur doth testify at this moment. The entire world cannot be compared to a single word revealed from the presence of God, for from it wafteth the fragrance of immortality and the happenings of the world can never affect it. Your honor must remain watchful in the nights and days to preserve this most exalted station. Soon will the Sun of Justice emerge from behind the clouds and its rays encompass the world. The Command is in His hands - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. God willing, outwardly and inwardly occupy thyself with the triumph of God's Cause. Soon will sovereignty pass away and might and power shall remain with its Master and its Lord. The triumph of God's Cause hath ever been and shall continue to be through goodly deeds and praiseworthy and pleasing character. God willing, may all be enabled to do that which will exalt the Word of God, exalted be His glory. He is with thee under all conditions and He is the Preserver, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not held back from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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In the Name of Him Who hath caused the Trumpet to be sounded

Praise be to Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who is established upon the throne of Manifestation and speaketh, saying: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!" This is the Day wherein the ocean of utterance surgeth and the fragrance of certitude is wafted abroad. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and woe unto the heedless! This is the Day wherein the Glory speaketh from the horizon of tribulation: "Glory be to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised!" Nothing whatsoever hath prevented Him. He hath come from the horizon of power with sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O people, follow not the ignorant ones. Follow Him Who is the Dawning-Place of knowledge, as bidden by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have succored you and commanded you to be trustworthy and religious, and to hold fast to this mighty cord. Among the people are those who have heard and acted, and those who have turned away and denied the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Fear thou not those who have broken God's Covenant and Testament and disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. Turn with a radiant face and take hold of the Book of God with a might that the hosts of the oppressors cannot weaken. Aid the Lord through wisdom and utterance, not by the sword and spear. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Lord of the mighty throne. The Glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

My God, my God! Hear from the trees Thy remembrance and praise, and from the stones Thy description and that which was hidden from most of Thy creation and creatures. Verily the sea doth call out saying: Come ye! Come ye! that I may show you what hath been ordained for me through the power of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and show you my waves and cause you to hear my call in His wise remembrance. And the mountains do cry out: By God! The appointed time hath come and the dwelling-place of verses hath appeared with the standards of wisdom and utterance. Hearken, O people, and be not of the heedless ones.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy bounty through which existence hath appeared from the unseen and the seen, to assist whosoever hath turned toward Thee to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast made the protection of Thy servants to be through the hosts of Thy commandments and ordinances, and their exaltation and ascendancy to be in Thy remembrance and praise and in arising to serve Thy Cause and to serve Thy loved ones, to make me and Thy servants to be of those who have fulfilled their covenant and their pledge, and who have turned with their hearts and their faces and their limbs toward Thy supreme horizon and Thy most glorious seat. Verily Thou art the Protector over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having caused me to acknowledge Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness, and to submit to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book, whereby Thou didst distinguish between truth and falsehood through Thy command and Thy power. And all thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desired One and my Worshipped One, my Hope and my Quest and my Desire, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of faith from the hand of Thy bounty, and guided me to Thy straight path through Thy grace and generosity. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Subduer of the Winds, by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, whom Thou hast made the emblems of Thy guidance amidst Thy creation and the banners of Thy triumph throughout Thy lands, and by the light that shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz, and whose radiance illuminated both Yathrib and Ba??a, and all that dwell in the world of creation, to assist Thy servants to remember and praise Thee and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. My God, my God! Thou seest the weak one seeking the dawning-place of Thy strength and the dayspring of Thy power, the sick one the Kawthar of Thy healing, the weary one the kingdom of Thy utterance, and the poor one the heaven of Thy wealth and bounty. Ordain for him through Thy grace and generosity that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions, strengthen him to do what is right, and protect him from those who have denied the beginning and the end. Verily Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O Yahya! In the name of the one incomparable, all-knowing God! Today, whosoever hath turned his face toward the Most Exalted Horizon and beheld the Sun of Truth which shineth forth therefrom, he is reckoned among those possessed of vision in the Most Sublime Vision. Otherwise, even should he possess a hundred thousand eyes, he would still be accounted blind in the presence of God and so recorded in His Holy Tablet. Render thanks unto the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to recognize that which most of His servants have failed to comprehend. Drink thou the pure milk from My Most Exalted Pen and be of the thankful ones. Be not grieved by the happenings of the time. The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any constancy. Woe unto him who hath clung to it and relied upon it, and light and mercy be upon him who hath remained detached therefrom and placed his trust in God, its Creator. Ponder thou these words of the Spirit Who, addressing the people, proclaimed: "O generation of vipers!" Today the mystery of those blessed words hath been made manifest, for after the appearance and descent of that Luminous Temple from the heaven of divine Will, all turned away from Him and clung to their own idle fancies, save such souls as were endowed with true hearing and true sight. These are they who are God's chosen ones on earth, who have attained unto His presence and circumambulated His mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the Goal of the World! This is the Day whereon all must gaze with pure vision upon the Supreme Horizon and drink the Sealed Wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. For should they transgress this station, they shall never attain. This is why He saith in the Bayan: "Behold Him through His own eyes, for He cannot be known through the eyes of any other." The entire Bayan was revealed in praise of the Beloved of the worlds, and yet some, through their selfish desires, have been debarred from the realm of oneness and deprived of the Most Exalted Horizon. The name of God Mahdi hath expressed satisfaction with thee in his letter. I beseech God to assist thee to rend asunder the veils of such as have been hindered from this Living Water and this manifest Horizon. God willing, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness and soar on the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, in such wise that the birds of darkness shall be powerless to prevent thee from reaching thy true goal and spiritual homeland. Take thou the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof time and again in defiance of such as dwell within the realm of creation who have denied the proof when it appeared with manifest sovereignty. We make mention of the people purely for the sake of God, as do bear witness the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names, as well as they who have turned towards the Countenance of the Ancient of Days in this Most Great Revelation. These, verily, are among the triumphant.

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In the name of the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing!

The Mother Book has come! On the Day of Return has come! Despite the parties' wishes has come! Say: That which was revealed aforetime!

For the veiled ones, a bitter draught; for the frozen ones, death! The King of Days has come! With proof and evidence has come! With power and sovereignty has come! Blessed are they who attain, and woe unto the heedless!

Glory be to God! The ocean of divine utterance is manifest in its utmost exaltation, and the luminary of proof is shining and evident from the horizon of the Tablets, yet the people remain heedless. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having manifested and revealed that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repository of Thine infallibility, and for having sent down upon Thy servants, from the heaven of Thy bounty, Thy proof and Thy evidence, and for having made known to them Thy path. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy bestowals in Thy days, and by the waves of the Ocean of Thy grace amongst Thy servants, to make this servant of Thine steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy praise. O my Lord! I am Thy servant, acknowledging what is with Thee and confessing that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Tree of Thy utterance to illumine the hearts of Thy loved ones with the lights of Thy knowledge, and to assist them to turn unto Thee and to stand before the door of Thy bounty and to hearken unto the rustling of Thy Pen. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou withholdest and Thou givest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Most Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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O Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power. The irrevocable Command of the Ancient Lord hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine will, exalted be His glory and His greatness. This Command hath appeared from the realm of creation in the form of the Primal Word. He is the reformer of the world and the educator of nations. His fragrance is the true attractor and the spiritual magnet. He guideth seekers to their goal and showeth the way to aspirants reaching their desire. He adorneth the newly grown with the ornament of maturity and embellisheth youth with the manners of the Concourse on High. Blessed is the soul that hath found and held fast unto His fragrance. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist thee in the days of thy youth in that which causeth the elevation of being and the advancement of souls. Say: My God, my God! I have sensed the fragrance of Thy utterance and have turned to Thee, and have beheld the Luminary of Thy manifestation and have directed myself toward Thy holy court. I beseech Thee by the pearls of wisdom and utterance which have appeared from the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and service to Thy Cause. By Thy glory, O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I love naught but what Thou lovest and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I beseech Thee to enable me to achieve what Thou lovest and art

pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O noble Nabil, upon whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. Today the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth have appeared and become manifest from behind the Blessed Tree in the form of this Most Exalted Word upon the white and goodly earth: "The Day of the Call hath come, yet the people hear not. The horizon of utterance hath been illumined with the light of proof, yet most of the people perceive not. What they possess hath prevented them from that which is with God. Verily they understand not." O My Nabil! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. The Wronged One desireth to remember thee at all times with His beautiful remembrance. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. God willing, may they be illumined and attain to the splendors of the rays of the Sun of true unity. This station is most great and exalted, yet most are heedless of it. Some of the Afnan are present, and each hath attained to special favors, while some have returned to their homelands and others dwell in the shelter of the Tree. Beseech ye God that He may guide all the peoples of the world and not deprive them of the outpourings of His days. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee, upon the leaf who hath chosen thy presence and service, and upon those whom nothing among all things hath deterred from God, the Creator of earth and heaven.

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He is the All-Supporting, the All-Knowing

Today the Mother Book calls out to all from the highest horizon and imparts the Most Exalted Word. Can any hearing ear be found and can any seeing eye be observed that might discover that for which they were brought from nothingness into being? Glory be to God! In these days the embodiment of tyranny counsels the Dayspring of Justice. Say: May God shut your mouth! Counsel your own self, O heedless one, and be not of the wrongdoers. The world of existence came into being for the recognition of this blessed Day, yet the people of the earth are occupied with fleeting colors and remain heedless and veiled from the effulgences of the light of the One Who conversed on Sinai. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to soar on the wings of longing in the atmosphere of Thy knowledge, and adorned me with the ornament of certitude in Thy days, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee by those who were so attracted by Thy verses that they hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to meet Thee and offered up their souls in Thy path, to ordain for me that which will make me speak forth Thy praise and drink the choice wine of Thy revelation and turn toward the lights of Thy countenance at all times. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, asking for Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

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In the Name of the one true God!

Today the ocean of knowledge is surging and the pearls of wisdom and divine knowledge are manifest and visible, yet all are deprived thereof save whom God willeth. O friends! Know ye the value of these days which, though fleeting and transient, are ordained for the attainment of everlasting stations. Blessed is the one whom transient conditions have not prevented from recognizing the essence of knowledge and wisdom. We have heard thy call and have made mention of it in this Tablet, that perchance through the sweet-scented breeze of utterance they may attain unto that which God hath purposed. The idolaters have encompassed the believers on all sides. The cause and reason for this hath been and continueth to be the heedlessness of the negligent ones and the tyranny of the oppressors. Now must thou and all the unitarians, with utmost humility and lowliness, beseech the Self-Sufficient One for that which would conduce to the betterment of the world and the progress and tranquility of its peoples. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy Prophet and Thy Chosen One, Whom Thou hast made the Sovereign of the Messengers and the Guide of all paths. I beseech Thee by Him and by His family and companions to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

Today all things speak forth the blessed word "The Glory has come!" This is that Name at which the joints of the polytheists tremble and the hearts of the monotheists find peace. This is that Name which has had and has no likeness or equal. He is the Hidden Pearl that was concealed and preserved in the Mine of Divine Wisdom and Protection, and was later mentioned, by the Absolute Divine Will, in the Dawn Prayer. He is the Crown of utterance and the Diadem of proof - none denies it save those filled with rancor, envy, and such wretchedness as amounts to disbelief in God, the Lord of all worlds. And the throne of that Name has been the Dayspring of Divine utterance, as expressed in His words: "O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Beauty [Baha] and all Thy Glory is truly glorious." This is the Most Great Name and the Most Perfect, Most Ancient Blessed Word - at its very mention the evil ones are scattered.

O Muhammad-Qabl-'Ali! Praise God for having enabled thee to attain unto a Tablet from whose horizon the Sun of Grace has shown forth and become manifest. His honor Ibrahim, who circumambulated around Me and attained My presence, made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that whereby the hearts of those near unto God have been attracted. That which thou didst send has been accepted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor. Verily, glorification swims in the ocean of utterance and glorifies its Lord, the Hearing, the Responding One.

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O Leaf, sister, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the Speaking One! Today the divine fragrance is wafting from the garment of His Cause - surely every possessor of smell perceives it. The Sun of the Face is manifest and shining from the horizon of appearance - every possessor of sight beholds it. The Euphrates of utterance is flowing and streaming forth from the Finger of the Will of the All-Merciful - everyone whose thirst is true thirst attains and will attain unto it. Besides these souls, all are and were dead. Therefore one should not be saddened by the deeds and actions of the dead, for they were and are not worthy of mention. O Greatest Leaf! The Supreme Pen commands: In all conditions be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend and with the utmost joy and fragrance drink from the life-giving water. Count all contingent beings as absolute nothingness. Soon will the whole world return to extinction, while the banner of immortality has been and will be raised in the name of Truth. “Everything will perish save His dominion which belongeth to God alone.” Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the believing and devoted women of that land and say: God is witness and sees and hears, and He has not forgotten and will not forget the leaves of the Tree of Love. And the Glory be upon thee and upon them.

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In the Name of the One Friend! This Day belongeth unto God, as attested in all the Books and witnessed by the Prophets and Messengers. One Who calleth out with the most exalted call is He Who was promised in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed are they that have recognized Him and remained firm and steadfast in His Cause. How many are the servants who exist in this Day yet are deprived of Him, and how many who in the nights and days were seeking and yearning, yet now find themselves remote from the One they sought and knew. At all times hath the Most Exalted Pen made mention of souls who have turned towards Him, and continueth to do so. He, verily, is the One Who showeth grace unto all people, but most of them perceive it not. We make mention of thee in this place that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have witnessed thy turning and have turned unto thee from this glorious station. God willing, thou shalt act with the utmost love and unity with the friends of God. Had those souls who have attributed and do attribute themselves to God acted according to that which God desired, thou wouldst have witnessed all the earth as one region. Verily He is the True One, the All-Informed. Hold thou fast unto the cord of My love and cling to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. Give thanks unto God for having made mention of thee as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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’Aziz-Quli Big, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the Mighty, the Great

Today the call is raised from all directions, and the light of the Cause is dawning and visible from the horizon of the heaven of the prison. The ocean of utterance surgeth before the faces of all religions, and the Sun of Truth is witnessed above all heads. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the bounties of the divine days and become detached and free from all else. Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom through this Cause whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of divine power took hold of and saved through His grace - and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We make mention of all the friends. Praise be to God that that which hath had no likeness or equal hath appeared. He hath forbidden all servants in the Tablets from corruption, conflict and contention with a mighty forbiddance from His presence. Now must all gird up the loins of endeavor and arise to serve the Cause, and guide and lead the people of the earth to the straight path of God through kindly counsels, wise exhortations, wisdom and utterance. This is the greatest service in the sight of the Lord of eternity. Blessed is he who hath heard and arose and acted, and woe unto the heedless. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Nabil-i-Qabl Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Intended One! Today the breezes of the Kingdom are speaking forth this blessed and exalted word: “Blessed is he whose strength is not weakened by armies, and whose steadfastness is not shaken by the might of kings.” O Nabil! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! We behold the people in a strange sleep and manifest doubt. They possess neither that which would lead them to the good-pleasure of God, nor that which would attract them to the Supreme Horizon. Can what they possess equal what is with God? Nay, by His own Self, the Truth! Say: He followeth not your idle fancies, nor walketh in your ways. Fear God, and be not of the wrongdoers. Convey My remembrance to the friends of God and His loved ones, and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My loving-kindness. We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him and to ordain for them the reward of attaining His presence. There is none other God but Him. He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. Say: This is the Day of steadfastness and fidelity. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God - he is indeed of them that occupy this station in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds. Remind the people with wisdom and utterance, lest the fire of hatred be kindled in the breast of every remote barking dog. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those whom neither the veils of the divines nor the ascendancy of the aggressive ones have hindered.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing

Hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from the realm of glory and power, the seat of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Verily, there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Truth in the heavens and on earth. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy distress. Verily your Lord is with you; He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God’s curse be upon those who have wronged

you and driven you from your homes - they are assuredly the companions of the fire. Let not what hath befallen thee in the path of God sadden thee. He will surely recompense those who have been touched by tribulation in His path; He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Dost thou see those who committed injustice aforetime? We seized them for their sins. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Soon shall We seize these ones and join them with an evil and most wretched people. Were the veil to be lifted and you were to behold what is ordained for you, you would cast the world and all that is therein behind you. But it hath been concealed through what hath been ordained by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Be ye united in this Cause, that no enmity or hatred arise between you. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablet of Decree. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! All that is on earth shall perish, and glory shall remain with those who have turned to the Dayspring of the Cause and were of them that have attained. And the splendor rest upon thee and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

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O Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Glorious Beauty of God! Hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord from the direction of destiny. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters put thy trust in God, the Protector, the Almighty. Soon shall pass away all thou beholdest, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Know thou that when We reached the prison, We purposed to convey unto the kings the Message of God. Therefore was there revealed unto each one of them a Tablet wherein We proclaimed the Cause with power and sovereignty. Because of this were We surrounded by trials from every direction, to such extent that We were prevented from beholding those who desired to visit the Sacred House. By My life! These trials have not prevented thy Most Glorious Lord from summoning the people at all times unto God, the Powerful, the Gracious. Be thou even as thy Lord hath been, that no thing may prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath reached the Most Great Prison and attained the glance of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, through which were darkened the faces of those who turned away and were illumined the faces of the righteous. Stand thou firm in the Cause of thy Lord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me while I was in the hands of the wicked. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among those who have shattered the idol of fancy and turned towards the Dayspring of divine inspiration.

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O concourse of creation! Ye have been created for My remembrance, did ye but know it. Arise to mention your Lord, the All-Merciful - this will profit you, if ye but understood. Follow Him Who hath come to you with the truth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This is better for you than all that hath been created on earth. Blessed are they who understand. Be ye lamps of guidance among the people - thus have ye been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Verily, he who is silent today in

remembrance of his Lord is cast into the wilderness of error and is accounted among the dead. Grief hath seized the All-Merciful while the people are in joy and delight. Blessed is he who hath been given piercing sight and hath turned with his heart to this glorious horizon. O thou who hast turned to God! Arise to mention thy Lord. Say: O concourse of creation! This is the Day of Bounty when the Creator of the heavens hath come with the kingdom of names. Beware lest your desires withhold you from this grace that hath encompassed the seen and the unseen. Hasten with your hearts to the court of the Beloved and cling not to that which the transgressors cling. Aid the Cause of your Lord with such steadfastness as will cause spirits and minds to be amazed. Thus have We adorned the Tablet with the ornament of inspiration. Blessed are they who read.

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He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious! The Wronged One wisheth to make mention of him who loved Him and spoke His praise and turned unto His countenance when they that wear white turbans and they of the green domes turned away. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! Thou didst hear My call and turn to My horizon, and didst soar in My atmosphere and speak My praise in My days, and didst prostrate thyself before My countenance and humble thyself before My sovereignty, and wert assured of My Manifestation and My verses, and didst hearken unto My words and attain the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of My bounty, and didst arise to serve Me amongst My servants and to assist My loved ones. By My life! Thou hast attained unto that which most of My servants have failed to attain. Verily, thou didst remember Me in the days of thy life, and the Desired One remembereth thee in thy life and will remember thee after thy ascension. There hath been sent down for thee that which hath caused the musk of inner meanings to waft forth throughout the lands and realms of God, as a reward for thy deeds in the path of God, the Beloved of them that know. And We, in this hour, do console thy survivors and thy kindred, and comfort them with this remembrance which hath dawned forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Blessed is he that hath ears to hear and hath read what hath been sent down in this Perspicuous Tablet.

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O Rida Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Counsellor, the All-Knowing! The Wronged One makes mention of thee for the sake of God and remembers thee with His verses which hold sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth. The light hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and by it the earth is illumined, yet the people remain behind a clear veil. This is a Day wherein the atoms cry out with their loudest voice, yet most of the people remain heedless. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: Raise thy hand and with it rend asunder the veils of idle fancy in the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that thou mayest behold what was hidden from eyes and concealed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. When the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree attracts thee and the

choice wine of My Most Glorious Name takes hold of thee, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having honored me, and gratitude be unto Thee for having strengthened me on a Day wherein the people of Thy realm have turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me one of those who have turned towards Thee and hastened until they took the Kawthar of eternity from the hand of Thy bounty and drank in Thy name amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In His Name through Whom surgeth the ocean of divine knowledge!

Verily this Day proclaimeth and declareth: O people! He Who is the Manifestation of the Cause hath appeared, through Whom the trumpet hath been sounded, the Balance set up, the Bridge established, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath come to pass. This is the Day wherein the pebbles have testified to the Revealer of verses, and the sacred valley crieth out: “The Lord of Names hath come!”, and the Holy Land declareth: “The Interlocutor of the Mount hath appeared and uttereth in every state that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have remembered thy mention through this perspicuous Tablet. Arise amongst the servants with wisdom and utterance, and say: “O people! Be fair in what hath appeared and be not of the wrongdoers.” He around Whom circle the proofs and evidences hath come, as testified by the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison. Hasten, and be not of them that tarry. We have rent asunder the veils, and this is Mine all-highest horizon - behold ye it and be not of the deniers. This is the Day wherein it behooveth every soul to remind the people of this Most Great Remembrance and give them to drink of the Water of Life that floweth from the right hand of My mighty Throne. Thus have We remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which shall solace the eyes of them that know. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Abraham and Shater Husayn! He is the Mighty! O Abraham, bear witness within thyself that He is God, there is no God but Him. He hath sent the Messengers with truth and revealed the Books with justice, as a grace from Him to all created things. Among the people are those who have turned toward Him and those who have turned away, remaining far from the shore of nearness. Thou dost not associate partners with God and dost rely upon Him in all matters. He sufficeth thee apart from all else, and He is the best of helpers and sustainers. I counsel thee not to grieve over anything nor turn to anyone. Rather, turn thou toward God, thy Lord, and be of the thankful ones. God will soon grant thee that which will bring peace to thy heart, and this is a certain truth. Then remember on Our part Husayn who was with thee in the

dream, and give him glad tidings of God's bounty, the Mighty, the Generous. He forgiveth His servants and remitteth their sins, and He is possessed of great bounty. Say unto him: O servant, be steadfast in thy love for the loved ones of God and fear no one. Then help him to the extent thou art able and be not of the heedless ones. The world and its ornaments shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Then remember thy wife and thy sister on behalf of this servant, and this is a wondrous remembrance.

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He is the One Who has dominion over the worlds! O Ahmad! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is mentioned. He makes mention of thee through His grace. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Remember when thou wert present before the Countenance and the Wronged One turned toward thee from this manifest horizon. Thou didst migrate unto God and visit His House which was raised up in His Name, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And thou didst return therefrom and enter the place wherein the stones proclaimed: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful!" O Ahmad! The idolaters of the land became obstacles and barriers, yet praise be to the Absolute Truth that despite the greatest hindrance, you attained unto the Most Luminous Horizon. Observe the divine Manifestations throughout the ages and reflect: what was the cause that all, despite their seeking, were deprived and forbidden, save those whom thy Lord wished? Forever have the veils of idle fancies prevented people from the Dayspring of the lights of divine unity. And after the elevation and ascension of the Dawning-Places of revelation, they would arise in lamentation and weeping. Such is their condition and their deeds. Ask of the Truth for steadfastness that thou mayest remain firm in His Cause. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name that Thou leave me not to myself. Draw me unto the horizon of Thy favors and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. Then make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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O Lion! The Most Invincible sends His greetings unto thee from the Single, the One, Who is established upon the throne of Revelation and at Whose advent the hearts of the wicked were sorely troubled. Ponder thy name and arise to that which behoveth it through the power of thy Lord, the Master of all men. This is the Day wherein the Dove warbleth upon the twigs of the Ultimate Tree. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Adorn thy tongue with the mention of thy Lord in such wise that whoso is heedless and veiled may be stirred thereby. Be thou as a lion in thy Lord's Cause, in such wise that the howling of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men, may not deter thee. Draw forth the sword of utterance in My name, then with My leave unlock therewith the cities of men's hearts. Thus doth command thee He Who dwelleth in the most desolate of lands. Take thou the choice wine of life with power and tranquility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent it down through might and sovereignty at all times. Follow thou thy Lord in such wise that tribulation may not withhold thee from His mention betwixt earth and heaven. Perchance through thy remembrance the

fragrance of My bountiful robe may be wafted abroad throughout all regions. By My life! Shouldst thou taste the sweetness of My remembrance of thee, thou wouldst assuredly forsake the world entirely and cry out My Name with wisdom and utterance. Make mention of thy Lord with a fire that shall cause the trees of existence to blaze. Thus doth command thee the Lord of creation. Grieve not at aught. Put thy trust in God. He will verily protect thee through the truth, for He is indeed powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

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O Imam, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! O Imam! Your letter hath come into the presence of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and hath been honored by God's glance on this Day which God hath made the Dawning-Place of all days. Soar in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love and remind the servants, from the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus hast thou been commanded from God, the Lord of all possibility. As to what thou hast asked regarding what We have revealed before, know that We have explained and detailed all that hath been and will be mentioned. Search and thou wilt find it in the Tablets. By My life, O Imam! This is not the Day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when hearing the Call from the Dawning-Place of My Most Glorious Name, to say: "Here am I, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" Stand firm, through God's power and might. Say: O people! Doth it befit you to tarry when the very rock crieth out with the loudest voice: "Hasten with your hearts unto the Beloved, through Whose remembrance all creation hath been adorned!" Grieve not over those who have disbelieved. Soon shall they find themselves in abasement and loss. When thou hast received the Tablet and found from it the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful, turn with thy heart to the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Supreme Pen my name hath flowed, and Whose mention my tongue hath uttered while I was in the midst of the wicked ones.

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O handmaid of God in Ta! In the name of God, the Everlasting! O My handmaid! Mention was made of thy name before the Throne, and the Sun of Grace hath shone upon thee, and this Tablet is one of its effulgences. Verily, the earth declareth unto God its tidings. The Youth hath dwelt in the prison of 'Akka, and the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of His garment from its environs. The verses have been sent down from the right hand of the throne of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names and Attributes, and that which hath flowed from the Pen is its proof. Be thou patient and grieve not. Soon shall the power of thy Lord be made manifest and the people shall be seized by its signs. The ranks have been drawn up and the angels have descended with crimson standards, and the earth hath trembled and its earthquake hath seized the polytheists. This is the Tree of God - blessed is the one who draweth nigh unto it and holdeth fast to its branches. Its leaves speak: "By God, this is the Beloved of the worlds!" O people, fear ye God, then hearken unto its melodies. The heaven and earth have been rolled up in My grasp, and the transgressors bear their burdens. We have created the heavens and adorned them with shining suns -

blessed is the one who is illumined by their lights. The Hour hath come and the moon of reckoning hath been cleft, and trembling hath seized the polytheists. The palm trees have been uprooted and souls have been thunderstruck, and the houses lie desolate upon their trellises. Grieve thou not over anything, but remember thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then be thankful unto Him. Blessed is the handmaid whose face hath been illumined in the days of her Lord and who hath remained faithful to her covenant.

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=== START BH05296 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of this Husayn once again, and know thou that He hath sacrificed His spirit, His body and His frame for God, the Lord of the first and the last. He it is Who hath stood at the midmost heart of creation and summoned all beings unto their Lord, the All-Merciful. Neither the tyranny of the oppressor nor the opposition of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, could deter Him. Say: Verily, He dwelleth at the Most Glorious Horizon, and at this moment all things cry out, and He is the One mentioned in the ancient Scriptures. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of God, for having detached thyself from all else save Him, and for having desired to offer up thy life for God Who hath shattered the might of Lat and ’Uzza. Know thou, moreover, that whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of Glory is irrevocably ordained in the Tablet of Decree - thereof some is manifest outwardly and some pertaineth to that which is hidden - and thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. I have accepted all tribulations for Mine own Self, and he that hath drunk from the cup of My love hath a portion of that which is ordained for Us - to this do they who are endued with understanding testify. Grieve thou not over anything, for verily He is with thee. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High. And glory be upon thee and upon them that have attained unto the mighty signs of God.

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In the Name of God, the Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Splendid

O My servant Muhammad-’Ali! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, for verily I am the Wronged One, the Lonely One. Remember thou the days of thy reunion with Me and what thou didst hear from My tongue as thou didst walk behind Me. Thy Lord remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to My Covenant and held fast to My Testament, and for not having cast behind thee My remembrance after he who was created by My command turned away from Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Grieve not, for thy reward is with Us. Yet We counsel thee with that wherewith We have counseled Our near servants. Sorrow not for what hath passed, neither be thou distressed by what Our servants who denied the signs of God have wrought after the Truth came with manifest sovereignty. Hearken not unto that which beseemeth not to be heard. Rather, seek thou the grace of God, the Exalted, the All-Wise. Do that which befitteth the days of thy Lord. How excellent are these fragrances which We

have sent forth at all times unto those who have chosen the All-Merciful and cast the worlds behind them! These, verily, are of the sincere ones. Blessed are ye for having drunk the cup of tribulations in My path and dwelt in the lands of exile for My Name. Soon shall ye find yourselves in a station of ancient holiness with your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

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He is God! O Rahim! Depart from that land before the Youth departeth from your midst. Thus do We command thee, that thou mayest be obedient to the bidding of thy Lord. At the time of departure, carry nothing with thee. Let thy provision be My love, thy purpose My Cause, and thy armor trust in My Self, Who was alone in the land. Beware lest thou consort with the deceitful ones. Turn thy face from their faces and thine ears from their melodies, lest thou shouldst inhale the poisonous fumes from their souls and find thyself far removed from the shore of the sea. Then remind the people of this Most Great Remembrance, that perchance they may arise from heedlessness and recognize their Creator in the garment of a wondrous name. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy by My sovereignty which encompasseth the worlds. Say: O people! Exchange not the love of the Youth for aught else, nor sell it for countless coins. By God! Those from whom ye perceive the stench of hatred are worse in character than Nimrod and greater in their unbelief than Pharaoh. Beware lest ye draw nigh unto them. Be on your guard and maintain an impregnable detachment. Then know thou thyself to be more learned than those who have not entered the stronghold of My Cause, lest the pride of the turbaned ones who have disbelieved and associated partners with God cause thee to slip. For knowledge is My love, and all else is but the whisperings of Satan. Thus have We imparted unto thee from the essence of knowledge, that thou mayest be possessed of true learning.

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He is the Mighty One! O Rida! We have been pleased with thee and God hath been pleased with thee. Therefore, take pride in thyself. Put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Then ask of God, thy Lord, whatsoever thou desirest, and He will grant thee what thou wishest. Verily, He is the Sovereign, the Great. Grieve not over anything, but remain steadfast in thy love, and He will suffice thee against all the worlds.

He is the Mighty One! O ’Ali! Hear My words and grieve not over anything. Put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Then know that We have not forgotten thee and We make mention of thee in truth before the concourse of the worlds. Thus have We given thee glad tidings through the Spirit that thou mayest be among those who are at rest.

He is the Mighty One! O Rahim! Remember God, thy Lord, in thy heart and forget Him not, and be not of the heedless ones. Verily, We have loved thee in truth for all eternity.

He is the Mighty One! O Ghulam! Remember Our days, and verily We remember thee even at the time when We could not find opportunity to drink a drop of water, and God is witness to what I say.

He is the Mighty One! O Baqir! Be patient in what God hath ordained for Us and fear no one, and be of the patient ones. God will soon gather you together in a holy and luminous seat.

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O Salman! Thou who art wise! If thou shouldst meet Javad, spread this Tablet before him that he may inhale therefrom the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, in these days when souls are seized with the cold of heedlessness and have returned to their former state, being as dead. And if thou findest him in his first temple, say: Verily the letter Qaf and Fa with the addition of Alif thereto hath been concealed. If thou art able, bring it forth through a power from Us and a sovereignty from Our presence, and I am, verily, the Mighty, the Beloved. And if thou findest him not in his first temple, search, perchance thou mayest find him in his other garment. If thou seest and knowest him, do what We have commanded thee. Otherwise, preserve this Tablet until God shall bring forth for His servants that which is treasured therein. He, verily, is the Gracious, the Forgiving, the Mighty.

Be not distressed at the delay of matters. For every matter there is an appointed time from the presence of the Ordainer, the All-Powerful. God willing, purify thy heart from doubt and set forth with complete trust, for God is the best protector and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

Afterwards, if thou shouldst meet Mirza Javad, deliver to him that aforementioned sum, otherwise deliver it to the sacred precinct. Keep Siyyid Mahdi and others informed of all matters both general and specific.

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=== START BH05301 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

O servant! On this Naw-Ruz, when the Sun has risen from the constellation of grandeur, most faces have turned black except for those whom your Lord, the All-Merciful, has willed. We see people in distress and turmoil, descending and ascending, not knowing. Some faces are gloomy and frowning, others radiant and joyful. Some eyes are weeping and staring, others sharp and observant. Some ears are deaf and forbidden, others hearing and attentive. Some tongues are dull and fettered, others eloquent and speaking. Some hands are restricted and bound, others extended and giving. Some hearts are fearful and heedless, others pure and expectant. Some souls are agitated and commanding to evil, others tranquil and well-pleased. Some feet are trembling and unsteady, others firm and steadfast. Thus do We observe the servants and inform you in this wondrous Tablet. Grieve not for those who have disbelieved. Remember those on whose faces you find the radiance of the beauty of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Verily, in this Great Prison We summon the people unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Be as We are in the Cause of God and fear not the oppressors. He is with you and will help you in truth. He is the Protector of those who remember Him. We beseech God to purify the servants from the world and to

turn them toward the Dawning-Place of His Most Beautiful Names. Verily, He is the Hearer of Prayer and He encompasses all the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O servant! Have you hesitated in the Cause after all things cry out: “Hasten with your hearts to the Beloved”? Turn your face toward God and say: “I have turned to You, O Qiblih of the heavens and earth! Blessed is he who has returned, repented, and held fast to the Name of his Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.” Demolish the standards of idle fancy through the sovereignty of your Lord, the Possessor of all names. Then arise from the horizon of acceptance with this Name through which God has broken the might of the aggressors. Leave those who call the servants to what their own selves command them, and turn to the Lord of all worlds. Say: “O my God! I have turned to You, detached from all else but You. Strengthen me through Your sovereignty to serve Your Cause and aid Your Faith. Verily, You are the All-Powerful, the Almighty.” I testify that this Tablet is a gift from You that has shone forth from the horizon of Your bounty as a favor to Your creation. O my Lord! Aid me to take hold of it through a power from You. Verily, You are He Who does what He pleases through His Will and decrees what He desires through His Purpose. None can resist Your Command or prevent what You have ordained in Your days. I beseech You by Him Who summons the nations in the Most Great Prison to the horizon of Your gifts and favors, that You write down for me what I have missed in Your days, and rend asunder the veils that have come between me and You. Verily, You are the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is the Everlasting above all things! O ’Ali! Ages and cycles have passed, yet thou wert not present before the Face, nor didst thou hear the melodies of the Dove upon the branches of eternity. It is as though thou wert veiled by a mighty veil. Yet God forgiveth whom He willeth among His creatures, and exalteth those who have detached themselves unto Him and dwelt in the paradise of holiness with joy. If thou hadst known of Our love for thee and through thee, thou wouldst have traversed the path with thine eyes to reach the divine pavilion in the court of manifest glory. But that which was decreed from thee was decreed, and God shall grant thee what thou hast missed and bestow upon thee from His grace that which shall make thee independent of all the worlds. Then shalt thou soar in the atmosphere of nearness and witness the Kingdom of grace in the realm of reunion, and become acquainted with the mysteries of the Divine Essence, and pass over the dominion and cross the path like lightning from a cloud of resplendent glory. Therefore give thanks unto God for what He hath given thee, and cast the Spirit upon thee, and taught thee the ways of guidance, and provided thee with the fruits of eternity in the gardens of sublime light. Thus have We shown Our favor unto thee and raised unto thee this heaven and sent thee this Tablet that it may be unto thee glad-tidings from God and preserve thee from the hosts of Satan. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves unto God and were among the patient ones.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy! O My Leaf! When the breezes of My grace waft over thee from the dayspring of My loving-kindness, and there appeareth before thy face the Tablet of My Command, which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will and the firmament of My Purpose, take it and place it upon thine eyes, then recite it with My melody, that it may draw thee to the horizon of My generosity and bring thee nigh unto the Dawning-Place of My verses and the Source of My Revelation, and cause thee to enter the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacle of My bounty, and enable thee to hear the melodies of the birds of My paradise. By God! It verily causeth them that seek Him to ascend unto the heights of My Kingdom and to enter the portico of My mercy and the sanctuary of My nearness. Then shall they drink the wine of My grace from the hand of My bestowal and the pure beverage of My knowledge from the countenance of My beauty. O My Leaf! Draw My handmaidens to the remembrance of Me and My Name, lest they be influenced by the croaking of them that have disbelieved and the braying of them that have joined partners with God. Blessed is he who hath soared in the atmosphere of My love, who hath detached himself from all else but Me, who hath recognized My Self, who hath heard My call, and who hath held fast to the hem of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Tablets have been sent down for thee and for them that are in thy land, with any one of which all that hath been created on earth cannot compare. We sent them before the Sovereign of Eternity went forth from the Land of Mystery. We beseech God that He may cause them to reach thee and those that are there, that their eyes may be solaced thereby. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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In My Name, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing! O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My Throne. Verily it draweth thee unto My Kingdom and showeth thee of My signs which have encompassed the worlds. By My life! Thy steadfastness in the Cause is better than the deeds of most people. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee through His grace. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Generous. We have made thee a leaf of this Tree which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thy letter hath come before the Face, sent by Our name, the Guided One. We have read it and answered thee with this gracious Tablet. We make mention of thee most often, for thou hast been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and wert not hindered by the intimations of the opposers and the words of the deniers. Move upon the Tree through the winds of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who know! We have ordained for thee in the Tablet that which is better for thee than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Forget all else save God and find solace in My beautiful remembrance. We have sent this Tablet from the direction of the letter Ha'. We beseech God to cause it to reach thee. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful. Make mention on My behalf of My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee, and upon thy descendants, and upon those who have immersed themselves in this mighty ocean.

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He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh His praise and uttereth His Name, and the eye that turneth toward His horizon, and the ear that hath been privileged to hearken unto this Call which hath been raised throughout all creation. When thou hast been favored with the Tablet of God and His traces, turn thy face toward the Spot wherein lieth buried the Most Great Gate, and say: O Thou First Light that hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God's mercy, the Lord of all beings, and First Spirit that hath appeared in the name of the All-Merciful! Upon Thee, O Dawning-Place of certitude and Dayspring of bounty! I testify that Thou didst hear the call of the Divine Lote-Tree before all others, and didst turn unto it, detached from all that hath been created in the kingdom of creation, and didst drink from the first cup proffered by the hands of grace betwixt earth and heaven. My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Source of good deeds and Manifestation of clear signs! But for Thee, the verses would not have been sent down, nor would the Creator of attributes have been established upon the throne, through Whom all tribes were seized with trembling, and the Balance was set up, and the mountains passed away. I beseech God by Thee to aid me to follow His commandments, to draw me nigh unto Him, and to make me one of those who help His Cause, who visit Thy presence, who seek shelter beneath Thy protection, and who cling to Thy bounty. Verily He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O handmaidens of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

We have heard the call of My servants and My handmaidens from all directions. Blessed is the handmaiden who has turned to Me and said: "I believe in Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! Praise be to Thee for having made Thyself known unto me, and for having cast upon me Thy remembrance, and caused me to hear Thy call when Thou didst come with Thy name, the Self-Subsisting." O My handmaidens! Hearken unto the call of God. Verily it has been raised from the direction of the Prison, and summoneth all unto the Manifestation of His Self, yet the people hear not. All things have heard it, save those who wander in the wilderness of self and desire - these are a people who perceive not. The very rock crieth out in My Name, yet most among creation understand not. Give thanks unto God for having found the fragrance of holiness from this Garment, through which the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Beloved, hath been diffused. Hold fast unto this Cord whereby have held fast honored servants whom neither the tyranny of the oppressor nor the ascendancy of the deniers of God could frighten when He came with manifest sovereignty. Bear witness even as God hath witnessed that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been exalted above the comprehension of His creation. He Who speaketh is the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His Revelation. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Praise be unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! We had made mention of remembrance and its degrees, and We shall praise it again. Then there emerged from the luminous chamber a countenance in the form of a heavenly maiden, and she asked about remembrance and its station. Then another countenance emerged and said: “Verily it is the fire of the love of God, and when it appeared on the Mount of Beauty, the Most Exalted Word was revealed in the form ‘There is no God but I, the Powerful, the Imprisoned.’” Then from behind them another countenance called out and said: “Can imprisonment be imposed upon the Almighty?” Say: “Yea, by my Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling! At this very moment He crieth out with the most exalted call from the prison of ‘Akka, saying: ’O God of existence! Praise be unto Thee for having honored Thy domains with Thy footsteps and adorned them with the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee, and drunk the choice wine of Thy revelation, and heard Thy call, that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. O Lord! Thou hast planted the tree of hope in the hearts of Thy loved ones. Withhold not from it the stream of Thy mercy, and protect it from the swords of Thine enemies. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.’ Blessed is the seeing one who hath beheld Thy horizon, and the hearing one who hath attained unto Thy call, and the speaker who hath voiced Thy remembrance, the Mighty, the Beloved. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen, and Lord of existence!”

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Unto ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil, son of the Most Truthful Name of God, who hath been named by My sanctified name from the Kingdom of the Bayan: Verily, We reveal the verses from Our Preserved Tablet unto those who have inhaled the fragrance of God and have turned towards Him with hearts illumined by the lights of their Lord’s countenance, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. My generosity hath encompassed the world, and My mercy hath preceded all who dwell in the unseen and visible realms. Say: O people! If ye desire verses, they have been sent down in truth, and if ye seek clear proofs, they have appeared from this visible horizon. We have informed you of that which lay hidden in the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Read ye the Tablets, that breasts may be illumined thereby and hearts may find tranquility. Say: Rend ye the veils and turn ye towards the Lord of Return, Who hath appeared from this hidden Treasury. Say: O people! Deny not the favor of God, for it hath descended from the heaven of grace and bounty. Draw ye nigh unto it through this Name whereby every hidden secret hath been revealed. We have sent down in every matter that which cannot be equaled by aught revealed in creation, and I am verily the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Be thou grateful unto God for having inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Raiment and attained unto the recognition of God, when every idolatrous transgressor was debarred therefrom. Then make mention of Him amongst the servants with the wisdom We have distinctly set forth in truth and sent down in every preserved scroll.

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In the Name of Him from Whom there is no escape save unto Him! Thou knowest, O my God, that in Thy love I complain not of calamities, nor do I recoil from tribulations in Thy path. Thou seest how the kings have gathered to harm and destroy me, and how those in every land have united in hatred against me and in afflicting me. Yet despite this tumult which hath seized the worlds and all within them, I remain radiant from the horizon of Thy glory, speaking forth Thy praise and glorification. The winds of destiny have not prevented me from manifesting Thy sovereignty and power, nor have the doings of the people of creation hindered me from revealing Thy commandments and ordinances. But my sorrow is for him whom I nurtured with the hands of My mercy and protected by My arm of power, who hath united with one as vile as himself, and together they have betrayed Thy Cause until the fire of sedition was kindled among Thy loved ones. O my God, purify Thy land of them both. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O servant! We have withheld the Pen from mentioning thy name to protect thee. Behold then the faithfulness of thy Lord Who, despite His imprisonment and tribulations and trials, remembereth thee in a station round which circle the denizens of the Supreme Concourse. By God! This sufficeth thee, wert thou to gaze toward the horizon of the Cause. Be thou grateful and among the thankful ones. Several Tablets were sent - deliver them to the Afnan and others.

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O Mother of Ibrahim, who has ascended unto God! In the name of the All-Knowing Friend! God willing, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar of patience and partake of the Salsabil of steadfastness. Thy grief in the path of God is evident and manifest before the Divine Throne. However, every hardship that is endured in the path of the Friend is assuredly beloved. How many holy and sanctified souls have sacrificed their lives, possessions, honor and name in the path of the All-Merciful's love, and have detached themselves from all else. By God, O my handmaiden, thy trade hath proved profitable in the path of God! The True One, the All-Knowing, is my witness that not a single atom of the deeds manifested in His path hath been or ever shall be lost. All are recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Blessed are they that act and blessed are they that are patient. Thou must occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost patience and steadfastness. In any case, the outward human temple shall perish; therefore if it occurs in the path of the Friend it is beloved, for it attaineth unto eternal life. Were the people of the world to fully comprehend this station, all would beseech God with the utmost lowliness and supplication to attain unto it. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy son who turned unto God and ascended unto Him, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the One All-Knowing!

May you, at all times, be blessed through the favors of the Intended One of all worlds and be engaged in His remembrance, for whatsoever exists and is visible shall assuredly perish and vanish, except for those souls who have been adorned with the ornament of life through the divine call, who act for the sake of God and who fix their gaze upon His Cause. The deeds and actions of such souls have endured and shall endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Grieve not over this world. Rather, rejoice in what hath been ordained for thee by the Supreme Pen in a clear Book. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God that thou hast been mentioned time after time, and again and again, from this luminous Horizon. By the life of God! This is a station that nothing on earth can equal. We beseech God to preserve it. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. We implore God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise, and to enable thee to achieve that whereby thy remembrance, thy turning unto Him, thy devotion, thy sincerity and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with this clear Tablet. Glory be upon thee and upon thy brothers and thy family and those who are with thee among such as have believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

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In the Name of the Beloved, the One! I pray to God that thou mayest at all times be enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful. This fire is in truth light, and light is identical with fire. At times it is designated as the Breath of God, for the manifestation and growth of divine knowledge and inner meanings in sanctified hearts and illumined minds depends upon the wafting of this spiritual breeze. And in certain instances it is known as the Living Waters, for through it the true life of the contingent world is made manifest and realized. It is the cause of the connection and commingling of all things. It hath countless names with God, the Lord of all names. Were its details to be mentioned, the existing Tablets would not suffice. Today is the day of striving and endeavor, that thou mayest attain to that which shall ensure the perpetuation of thy being. All that exists on earth shall perish and be brought to naught, save those souls who are enkindled with this fire and stand firm in the Cause of God. Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thy name was mentioned in the Most Great Prison before this Wronged One, and that thou hast been favored with these exalted words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of Revelation. Be not grieved by separation and remoteness. Arise to serve. This is the foundation of all deeds in the estimation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

=== END BH05314 ===

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O my leaf, upon whom be the splendor of God! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds! God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt continue to drink of the sealed wine which hath been opened by the finger of the Beloved's bounty, and thou hast at all times partaken of the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance. The glance of His favor hath been and will be upon thee. This is a bounty with which nothing that hath been created or will be created can compare. Be not grieved at the tribulations that have befallen thee.

The cup of trials hath ever been reserved for the chosen ones and near ones. Had the world been worthy, the Ancient Beauty would never have allowed Himself to fall into the hands of the idolaters. That which perisheth hath been ordained for the people of the world, and that which endureth for the people of Baha. Hold fast unto God's grace and be confident in His bounty. Despite the successive trials and calamities that have befallen Us, We are at all times occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful and are pleased with whatsoever hath come to pass. The leaves of the divine Tree must likewise follow His example - they must be joyous in His remembrance and transported by His praise. Behold the grace of God - those who counted themselves among His near ones and intimates are today deprived of the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's mercy, while thou art turned unto it and hast attained. This bounty sufficeth thee. God willing, thou shalt at all times be engaged in His remembrance and be turned toward His direction. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH05315 ===

=== START BH05316 ===

O Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty! God willing, may you ever be and continue to be the recipient of the successive, continuous favors of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted One. After 'Ayn turned towards the Most Great Scene, verily he attained that which he attained. I swear by the Most Great Name, were it not for the consideration of the consummate wisdom revealed in the Books, they would have openly dwelt in the presence of the All-Merciful. However, the All-Wise has decreed and continues to decree whatsoever He desires. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of the days. The vapors arising from the associators have veiled the rays of the Sun of Eternity and have come between It and His loved ones. Soon will they vanish through the sovereignty of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, occupy yourself with the propagation of the Cause of the Lord of the Day of Judgment with clear certitude. This is what will profit you and become a treasure for you, and I bear witness to this, and no testimony in the heavens and earth can equal this testimony. You are mentioned most often in the presence of the All-Merciful and are singled out for His favors. This suffices you, by the Lord of all worlds. Convey greetings from this Prisoner to all the friends and say: Today is the day to hearken, that ye may hear the Word of Truth, and it is the day of utterance, that ye may occupy yourselves with His praise. Verily, glory be upon you and upon those with you.

=== END BH05316 ===

=== START BH05317 ===

O Mirza Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable God! May you ever be, through Divine grace, the recipient of God's favors and engaged in His remembrance. Praise be to God that in these days, which are in truth the springtime of revelation and witnessing, you have attained unto His recognition. This is the Day in which the Beloved Who declared "Thou shalt not see Me" now proclaims "Look and thou shalt see Me." I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance that were all who dwell within the realm of possibility to hearken with attentive ears unto this word, they would, through its sweetness and intoxication, detach themselves from the world and all who dwell therein, and

turn their gaze toward the most exalted horizon. This blessed word is like unto the sun in the heaven of wisdom, and like unto the lesser luminary in the firmament of insight. Blessed is he who hath ears to hear and blessed is he whose eyes have attained unto this resplendent horizon. Praise be to God that you have reached this station and have partaken of the choice wine of recognition. Your letter was seen and your call reached the ears of the Wronged One of the horizons. Behold all the world as transient, while this Tablet that hath appeared from the Dayspring of the Most Great Bounty is everlasting and eternal. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this station and for having had the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise, moved to make mention of thee. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH05318 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! Upon him be the Glory of God! He is God - exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power! The people of certitude imagine that worldly events are nonexistent and absent in the sight of the Divine Party. Yet it is observed that some become disturbed by certain words of others and by the rejection or acceptance of souls. Those accepted souls who today have attained to hearing the divine call and have received their portion from the ocean of knowledge should regard the entire world as nonexistent, as though it had never been mentioned. O friends! Hear the call of the Wronged One! One must lift one's gaze from outward causes and temporal events and fix it upon the supreme horizon, such that whatever occurs will not become a source of prevention and disturbance. Blessed is the state of one who has been and continues to be engaged in service under all conditions. The numbered days and transient manifestations have not and will not prevent the companions of the depths of the sea of oneness. With perfect certitude, strive to reform existence, that perchance the naked ones of the world may be adorned with the ornament of awareness and illumined by the lights of the sun of knowledge. Count time as precious and make the friends happy through remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained to the knowledge of God and acted according to what He has commanded in His perspicuous Book.

=== END BH05318 ===

=== START BH05319 ===

O handmaid of God, desire nothing from the Friend save the Friend, and seek naught from the Beloved save His good-pleasure. His favor is better than a hundred thousand children, and His good-pleasure sweeter than a hundred thousand worlds. If thou attain this station and achieve this blessing, thou art possessed of the Kingdom. This is the most great bounty and the supreme bestowal.

Thy letter was received and was honored to attain the glance of favor from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. God, exalted be His glory, hath remembered and will remember His servants and handmaidens. Forgetfulness doth not overtake Him - His station is sanctified above forgetfulness, let alone His Most Holy Essence. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He heard thy call and made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison with words that are more precious in the sight of God than all the treasures of earth and all its bounties.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the keys to the treasuries of glory and wealth, and in Whose right hand is the control of acceptance and prosperity! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which, when it appeared, all things spoke and the breezes of grace wafted over all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me and remain with me in my world and my afterlife. O Lord! Thou knowest me better than I know myself, so write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which is best for me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05319 ===

=== START BH05320 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the people of the world! O handmaid of God! Render thanks unto God, the Peerless, for having confirmed thee in pursuing a course of action which most of the women of the earth are debarred from and unable to perform. Ponder upon the days of the Seal of Prophets, may the soul of all else but Him be a sacrifice unto Him. All the dwellers of the earth, servants and handmaidens alike, have been brought into being to recognize that Luminary of the horizon of utterance, yet, during the days of His manifestation, all arose in opposition and denial, save a few mentioned souls. From amongst the handmaidens the great Khadijih attained this tremendous honour, because she remained steadfast, nay thankful, in the midst of tribulations and afflictions. Well is it with her and blessed is she. She is one of those women who was nurtured from the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree and quaffed from the Immortal River. Well is it with her and with every handmaiden who hath loved her, hath turned to her and hath spoken forth in praise of her.

O handmaid of God, We send greetings to all the women of that land and admonish them all to that which is meet and seem1y. Say, this is the day of utterance, of praise and of steadfastness. Exert yourselves that you may not be deprived of the fragrances of these days, and may attain to that which God hath purposed.

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=== START BH05321 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent.

O servants! The light hath appeared, the Sun hath risen, the Book hath been revealed, the proof is resplendent, and the Kingdom of Utterance is manifest at the midmost heart of contingent being. Yet the people remain heedless and in denial. Say: O servants, be ye ashamed before the Lord of Creation! Deny not Him Whom ye remember night and day, before Whom ye stand in service, and Whose Name ye invoke. Today the Straight Path is manifest and calleth out, guiding all to the supreme horizon. The Balance uttereth “The All-Merciful is come,” and the Herald between earth and heaven proclaimeth this most exalted Word: “The Desired One is come with a sovereignty before which the sovereignty of the world and the might of the nations cannot stand. Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of possibility, and be not among the heedless.” Blessed art thou, for thou hast turned unto Him in days when all turned away, and made mention of Him in times when all were silent. Beseech thou God to aid thee to remain

steadfast, for mighty is this Cause and mighty this Day. We send greetings to the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, favor and mercy, glorified be His majesty. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have embraced that which is good, turning away from evil and from all that God hath forbidden in His perspicuous Book.

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=== START BH05322 ===

O Javad, beloved of the world, son of the brother of His Honor Nasir of Lahijan! The fragrances of the garment of revelation of the Ancient King are diffusing throughout the realm of being, and the lights of His countenance are shining and manifest from the horizon of creation. Whosoever has turned to Him and become detached from aught else is reckoned among the people of divine unity in the Most Sublime Vision, and whosoever remains distant from this station is accounted among the people of passion by the Supreme Pen. You had asked that He protect you from the evil of satans. Yea, verily He is the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This station has been and ever shall be dependent upon steadfastness. And steadfastness is to know God alone as the One who prevails over all things, watches over all things, knows all things and encompasses all things, and to consider all else as non-existent and evanescent in His court. He has had no partner in the past nor will He have any in the future. Most of those who imagine vain things have not, until now, comprehended the station of this Revelation as it deserves. This is why they wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and forgetfulness. By My life! Had they known, they would have cried out and lamented, saying: "We have been remiss in our duty to Thee, O Lord of the worlds!" Make this counsel the focus of thine eyes and be of those who act accordingly.

=== END BH05322 ===

=== START BH05323 ===

Mashad of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Husayn-i-Zavarih, the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Husayn! Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon and hath been illumined by the light of His countenance. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy letter. Some time ago, through the hands of emigrants, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, thou shalt attain unto the suns of divine utterances which shine forth from its horizons. Therefore, at this time We shall be brief. Know thou this much: in these days the Pen of the All-Powerful is constantly occupied, inasmuch as countless petitions from all directions are present before the Throne. By My life! I am indeed engaged in a mighty task and manifest tribulation. Yet no thing hath ever prevented or will prevent the Pen of God's Will - by the sovereignty of might and power it is occupied with whatsoever God hath willed. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. That which thy daughter composed in remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds reached the Most Holy Court and was heard. Blessed is she, then blessed is she! A Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for her as well. Convey My glory unto her face on My behalf and give her the glad-tidings of My great bounty. At all times be thou occupied with the promotion of God's Cause through divine wisdom, that perchance the dead in the valley of self and passion may be quickened by the outpourings of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance and turn unto the Friend. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of God.

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=== START BH05324 ===

O friend of the One Friend! The One Friend says: Praise be to God that you have attained to a bounty that is not equaled by anything in the heavens and earth. Know thou the value of this lofty, glorious station and be vocal in praise of the Beloved of all possibility. Today the Kawthar of utterance is flowing from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, and the choice wine of divine knowledge is streaming from the left, while the Kingdom before His face calls out and proclaims: “This is the Day wherein that which was hidden in God’s knowledge and mentioned by the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers has been made manifest.” The whole world was created for this glorious Day, yet when the morn of the Day of Revelation was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all were found to be veiled. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Horizon from which the pillars of the earth turned away. Soon shall all arise in lamentation and weeping, finding no refuge or shelter. Drink at all times from the ocean of joy, for thou hast attained to this Most Great Cause and art mentioned by the Truth in God’s Book. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained to this station by their Lord’s leave, and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Ali! Some in certain places have outwardly clung to one of the branches of this Tree, thereby drawing weak souls from the shore of divine unity into the wasteland of polytheism and error. In truth, these souls’ secret purpose was never and is not the branch of the Tree, but rather their own selfish desires. God will reveal what lies in their hearts and the hidden things of their souls. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. It is necessary to prevent people from entering such places and to make every possible effort to protect the Cause from all directions, lest the satans make a breach. O Ali! Strange are the people who each day soar with a different desire and wander in a wilderness. Never was their purpose the branch, nor is it now. Rather, they have made him a means for attracting people to their own causes. God protect us and you from the evil of these people. Out of regard for previous mercy, We have not torn away the veil from these souls in this instance - perhaps they will become aware and conscious. They have also deceived some village people with their vain imaginings. If someone could wisely and kindly draw these weak ones to the shore of divine unity’s glory, it would be praiseworthy. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

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=== START BH05326 ===

O Qasim, although you are not physically present, yet you are mentioned in the presence of the Face. I praise God for this, for verily He remembers the one who remembers Him and turns unto the one who has turned unto His luminous countenance. Whenever the Wronged One of the world turns toward the garden, He beholds your traces. Know thou the value of this deed and preserve it in the name of God. O Qasim! Great is the Cause and souls are weak. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of

strength and power, that all may remain firm on the straight path of His Cause. The evanescent world has never had, nor has, any worth, for in a moment it vanishes and becomes nothing. God willing, those souls who have drunk from the wine of immortality should at all times gaze toward the highest horizon, detached and free from all who are on earth. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O Thou through Whom the horizon of the world was illumined and the hearts of the nations were shaken! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word and by Thy Most Luminous and Most Glorious Countenance to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving Thy Cause, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the best among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. In Thy hand is the kingdom of all things and Thou art indeed the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH05327 ===

O Jalal who has traveled and attained! In the Name of the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting! O My handmaiden! Speak forth with this utterance which hath dawned from the Orient of the mouth of the All-Merciful: O my Lord and my peerless, matchless God! I testify to Thy oneness and that Thou hast had and hast no minister or helper. Thou hast been from everlasting alone and wilt be unto everlasting. O my God and Beloved of my soul! This is a day wherein the Euphrates of mercy is flowing, the Sun of bounty is shining, and the heaven of providence is upraised. I adjure Thee by Thy Name, the Concealer, to conceal whatsoever hath been wrought contrary to Thy good-pleasure, and by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, to forgive us and to adorn Thy male and female servants with the robe of pardon. O my Beloved and my Goal! Thou beholdest Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto Thee, and is set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and hath laid hold on Thine independence, and hath raised the hands of supplication toward Thee. Grant that which beseemeth Thee. O my Lord! On this blessed day, deprive not Thy handmaidens, and from the Supreme Pen record the reward of attainment unto Thy presence for all. Thou art the Powerful and the Mighty, and Thou art the All-Seeing and the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH05328 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O My handmaiden! Hear thou in this divine Day the call of the All-Merciful from the Abha Tongue, for verily His call giveth life to the dead, enkindleth that which is extinguished, and transmuteth the brass of existence into pure gold. The transformation of all existence hath been and shall ever be through the Call of Truth, as hath been and is now witnessed. O My handmaiden! 'Abdu'llah-i-Ansari - upon him be My glory - hath aforetime said: "O God! If Thou shouldst but once say 'My servant,' I would soar beyond the Throne with joy." Now thou hast heard with thine own ears, O My handmaiden, from the Dawning-Place of the utterance of the All-Merciful and the horizon of the words of the All-Glorious Lord. By My life! Were thou to be grateful for this station throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, it would not equal this most great bounty. Now say thou with utmost joy and delight, gladness and expansion:

O my God and the God of all worlds, my Object of worship and the Object of worship of all who dwell in the realm of possibility! I acknowledge and confess my inability to render thanks to Thee as beseemeth Thy station, but Thou art the All-Bountiful - accept from me that which is worthy and befitting Thy most holy court. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Convey My glorification to each one of thy daughters, then gladden them with the mention of My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

=== END BH05328 ===

=== START BH05329 ===

O handmaiden of God, Fatimeh [daughter of Mirza], in the name of the One God! O my handmaiden and daughter of my handmaiden! The ocean of divine knowledge has appeared before the faces of religions, and from its waves the blessed word “The All-Merciful has come with power and sovereignty” has been and continues to be heard. The company of men are deprived of the Most Sublime Vision and have turned away from the Lord of Destiny. The vain imaginings of the servants prevented them from the Sovereign [of mankind], and their suppositions deprived them of the sealed wine. Give praise to the Purpose of the world Who, in this darksome night in the Most Great Prison, made mention of you and caused you to attain that which has been and ever shall be the ultimate desire of devoted women. If you have attained unto the wine of knowledge that is concealed within this Tablet and have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition of the Beloved of all worlds, then say: O my God, my Adored One, my Worshipped One! Thou art that Sovereign Who with a single command adorned sheer nothingness with the ornament of existence, and with one word assigned the poor ones of the earth to thrones of wealth. O Generous One! Drive not Thy supplicant from the court of Thy glory. Verily the thirsty one seeks the Kawthar of Thy presence, and the dead one the river of life through Thy bounty and favor. O One God! Drive not Thy handmaiden from the Kingdom of nearness. Thou art the Lord of bounty and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O traveler unto God, Abdul-Karim! He is the Most Wondrous! O thou who journeyest in God and migrateth through God! Praise be to the Beloved that thou hast entered the eternal holy Sinai and hearkened with pure ears to the melodies of God. Thou didst enter with God’s good-pleasure and return by God’s command without reluctance. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence and good-pleasure of God and for swimming in the ocean of contentment by the command of thy Ancient Lord. O My servant, O My servant! Return thou to My dwelling-place and My loved ones, then inform them of My tribulation and imprisonment and affliction, and be thou of them that remember. Say: O loved ones of God! The back of this Wronged One hath been bent by the oppressors and black musk hath turned white. O My servant and son of My servant! Be thou steadfast on the path of God and turn away from all else. Associate with My loved ones and shun My enemies. Hold in utmost reverence the House of God, for the holy breezes of My grace blow forth and pass through My House - verily I pass by My House in the nights and days, did ye but know. Convey to all the friends of God greetings from the Tongue of God. God

willing, thou shalt stand before Me in all worlds and circle round Me. Convey sublime remembrance to thy kinsmen. My glory be upon thee.

=== END BH05330 ===

=== START BH05332 ===

O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! May you be, through the grace of the King of Oneness, joyous and glad, and in all conditions occupied with the wondrous praise of the Lord, the Most High. If you ask about the condition of this Prisoner, He is afflicted with trials beyond counting, yet despite this, His tongue speaks the praise of God, His heart is occupied with His remembrance, and His eyes are fixed upon His horizon. We are immersed in an ocean of sorrows, yet We drink from the cup of joy - joy upon joy upon joy - for whatever befalls Us occurs in the path of God and is therefore beloved and shall ever be so. You too must not, God willing, be saddened by the various incidents that occur, but in all conditions hold fast to the hem of God's grace and cling to the cord of His love. The glance of God's grace has ever been fixed upon that leaf - this is that bounty which endures throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, which shall never perish nor be altered. That which is visible shall soon vanish, but that which is with thy Lord shall endure and remain, for He is the Rain of Generosity and the Succorer of those who seek succor. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Lauded. May the glory rest upon you, upon your son, and upon all who are with you, male and female. A Tablet has been specially revealed for Umm-i-Shams - forward it to her.

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=== START BH05333 ===

O Ali-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of the one peerless God! This Wronged One has, throughout the nights and days, summoned the peoples of the earth to the divine horizon, and has borne such tribulations in this path that none save God is aware of them. And in days when all kings and princes and divines stood firm in their rejection and clung to their denial, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause. And when the light of the dawn of Revelation became manifest and evident from the horizon of Sinai, heedless souls emerged from behind the veil and united with the enemies. Nevertheless, at all times the tongue remained eloquent and the Pen in motion to such a degree that all pens are powerless to reckon it. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that He confirmed thee in this Most Great Cause and enabled thee to recognize the Most Exalted Word. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have witnessed thy turning to Us and have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Know this and be thou of the thankful. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable thee to achieve that which endureth in the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. That which thou hast accomplished in the path of God hath been accepted. Be grateful to God for this mighty favor and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! This Wronged One counsels the friends of God to perform such deeds as will conduce to the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of His Word amongst His servants. For were those who claim to love Him in these days to act in accordance with that which is acceptable in His sight, the fragrances of His Cause would assuredly encompass the world, and the Sun of His Word would be seen dawning from the horizons of cities and lands. The deeds of men have deprived them of the recognition of God. This luminous and wondrous Day hath no peer or likeness in the past or future. Nevertheless, none hath quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge in this Day of the All-Merciful save whom God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, hath willed. Blessed are they that have turned towards Him, and woe and loss betide the heedless. God hath appeared with conclusive proofs for all who dwell on earth; yet they have turned away from Him and clung to the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Well is it with him whom the veils of glory have not withheld from the Most Exalted God, who hath forsaken the world and all therein for the sake of the Beloved of all creation, and who hath held fast to the cord of His grace, exalted be His glory. Such a one is free and unfettered. Blessed is he, and his shall be a goodly beginning and end.

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He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a letter from this Wronged One, the Prisoner, to one of the loved ones of God who is named Ali, that he may become intoxicated with the ocean of divine meanings and utterance, and occupy himself with the remembrance of the Friend, and become the cause of enkindling extinguished souls. O Ali! The dawn of guidance hath appeared and the Sun of loving-kindness is manifest and evident. Strive thou to illumine the heedless souls with its lights and draw them to the ultimate goal. The Word of God is like unto fire for extinguished souls and like unto water for withered spirits. Therefore, thou must at all times make the people of the contingent world fresh and alive through the waters of divine knowledge and the kindled fire of the Lord. All people have ever yearned for attainment unto the presence of God and still do yearn for it, but when the Sun of Meeting dawned and the ocean of attainment surged, most remained deprived. This is naught but due to the veils that have come between God and His creation. Blessed is the soul that ariseth today in the name of God and rendeth asunder those veils with the finger of certitude. We beseech God to assist thee in serving His Cause and to grant thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to decree for thee what shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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As to what his honor Ha', upon him be all the Most Glorious and Most Resplendent Glory, had requested regarding permission for his brother to attain the presence - at present this land is in utmost turmoil and soon that which is hidden shall be made manifest in it. Were We to desire its tranquility and stability and My establishment therein, We would decree whatsoever We wish. Verily thy Lord is the One Who

decrees whatsoever He willeth. As to what was mentioned regarding certain ones - special bounty has been manifested and sent for all. If one bearing the name of Ha' desires divine favors for all things, all this bounty shall descend upon him - the Glory of God and His praise and the remembrance of God and His mercy and His forgiveness. Convey greetings to his honor Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise to his honor Khalil and Ustad and the others. The grace and favor of God has encompassed and will continue to encompass all. Let Khalil not be saddened - God shall soon open before his face the gates of mercy. Verily He is the Guardian of all creation. Regarding his honor Aqa Shaykh 'Ali - with his illness, travel is not permitted. God willing, after partaking of the Kawthar of health and well-being, may they arise to fulfill that which they have been commanded. We beseech God to make them among those for whom He has ordained the meeting in this world and the next and in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH05336 ===

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In the Name of the Goal of all horizons! That which is beloved before God is the knowledge of Him and steadfastness in His Cause. Whosoever attains unto this has attained unto all good. Blessed is he who has attained unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, has desired. Be not grieved by the conflicts of the world and its changes. In all conditions, turn thy face to the countenance of God and fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the intoxication of heedlessness has seized the people of the world, and it has seized the people of the Bayan in such wise that they are seen to be more veiled than all the peoples of the earth. For twelve hundred years and more they have been the dawning-place of vain imaginings, and for several more centuries they desire to continue in the same manner. By the lights of the Sun of Revelation! They are deprived of the fragrances of the flowers of the garden of inner meanings and are forbidden from the meanings of the divine words. They have shunned the choice sealed wine that was unsealed by the finger of the Self-Subsisting and have turned to the bitter tree. Such is the condition of the souls who have turned away. God willing, may the people of Baha drink with perfect certitude and assurance from the Kawthar of the mercy of the All-Merciful and become free and detached from all mention of the world through His remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH05338 ===

Come back and proffer a chalice (Baz av-u bi-dih jami)

He is God

Come back and proffer a chalice to this thirsty cup-bearer;

To this evanescent soul offer the vessel of immortal life.

Consume this vanishing temple and go away in laughter, that through

The window of the soul I may behold the cheek of the Beloved.

Cleanse me from defilement; turn my ease into pain;

Roll up at last the scroll of remoteness.

Thou art Jesus' breath; Thou art Moses' bush;

Thou art God's crimson flame that setteth the world on fire.

Deliver me from perpetuity; release me from eternity;

Shelter this little poor man 'neath the shadow of evanescence.

In Thy pathway I have offered up this world and the world to come.

Come back, that I may lay down my heart and soul for Thee.

If Thou castest away Thy veil, Thou settest the whole world afire,

Wringest all beings, confusest all faith.

Thou didst come with a sword in Thy hand, O Love,

Here is my head, here is my heart, strike, strike hard this lifeless lover.

With Thy blood-shedding eyebrow, shed the blood of this heart-bereft soul.

With Thy soul-stirring lips, breathe a breath of Spirit into my breast.

The snake of Thy tresses sucked the blood of my heart and soul.

With Thy snow-white hand seize Thou that serpent.

If not for Thy successive sword's strokes on my head

And shaft's hits on my breast, why should I get drunk?

This Dervish will gamble away his life in Thy path,

'Though the gift of life ill beseemeth the Beloved.

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=== START BH05339 ===

In the Name of the Sovereign of Names

The ocean of inner meanings hath appeared from the fountain of the Pen of the All-Merciful, clothed in these consummate words of wisdom. O people of certitude! Soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. Strive that ye may be distinguished from others, in such wise that all creation may witness in you the lights of the Kingdom and the signs of the denizens of the Realm of Might. All people share in

words, but it is through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character that the people of truth are distinguished from others. Blessed are they who, after recognizing the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, have held fast unto deeds. The fragrance of pure deeds pervadeth and penetrateth, and influenceth the hearts and minds of men. Aid ye the All-Merciful through goodly words and righteous deeds. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. How many souls have been deprived of reaching the shore of the sea of oneness through observing the unseemly deeds of some. Today, they who have recognized God must strive mightily to educate heedless souls, that all may attain unto that which God desireth and may arise to aid the Cause through tongue, heart and deeds. Read thou this Tablet unto them who have believed in God, that they may hold fast unto that which hath been revealed therein and act according to that which they have been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH05340 ===

Know that the Lord of the world, glorified and exalted be He, will take the soul of the believer and cause it to ascend unto the highest heaven. In this station of spiritual glory the souls of the believers will become acquainted with each other in the path which the Lord of the world hath foreordained. They will advance together toward the loftiest stations, and shall not return to the material world until the time when the eternal Will purposeth to return the creation and make the world anew. But in this new world all those called into being are new souls. It is not that a former soul becometh incarnated in another person, or that another individual becometh the soul of a former individual. Nay, rather they correspond with each other through manifestations; that is to say, he will be in the station of his soul, but his soul is not incarnated and the state of the soul does not become embodied. Moreover, creatures have ever been and will be in their own stations. The True One is in His station, and the souls of the believers and the deniers are in theirs. “Each swimmeth in its own sphere.”

Understanding the world of souls is impossible in this world of bodies. That world is unlike anything you can conceive in your imagination. In these perishable bodies one cannot perceive the immortal worlds, save through that which ye sometimes behold in a dream. Fear God, O possessors of insight, that haply ye may have compassion upon yourselves.

=== END BH05340 ===

=== START BH05341 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Through My remembrance have the veils been rent asunder, through My Name hath the land been illumined, and through My sovereignty have the foundations of them that denied God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, been made to tremble. Through My imprisonment hath the Sun of Power shone forth, and through My tribulation hath My Cause been exalted and My Beauty appeared, would ye but know it. When We reached the abode of tribulation, We delivered unto all the Message of God, the Lord of Names, and now We sit upon the throne and summon all unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful. O people! Answer Him Who calleth you unto God, then cast away what ye possess of idle fancies. The Sun of Certitude hath dawned

with a radiance that no veils of the world can withhold. Arise in My Name, then speak forth My praise amidst them that are heedless in these days wherein God calleth aloud with the most exalted call: “Unto Me, unto Me, O concourse of the heedless ones!” By My life! I have desired naught for Myself, but rather your nearness unto the station which, were ye to behold it, would cause you to swoon forthwith, and upon arising [ye would say]: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” Draw nigh with your hearts unto the direction of the Beloved. Cast away the allusions of them who have denied God after He came from the Dayspring of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses that thine eyes may be consoled. Then, when thou hast attained, turn toward the direction of the Intended One and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the heavens and the earth!”

=== END BH05341 ===

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In the name of the All-Knowing God! Say: O servants! Act according to that which the True One, glorified be His majesty, hath enjoined. Today is the day of nearness and meeting, and the day of grace and favor. All must cleanse their hearts from the words of the heedless, the doubts of the suspicious, and the allusions of the opposers, that they may be adorned with the ornament of divine favor, mercy and loving-kindness. The eye was created for this day and is commanded to turn to Him in all conditions and to know Him through Him. If today any soul fails to attain the lights shining from the supreme horizon, he is recorded and inscribed among the blind in God’s Book, even should he possess a hundred thousand eyes. Strange it is that some, having attained to recognition and uttering the praise of God, glorified be His majesty, were nevertheless seen to be deprived of the Ancient Beauty through trivial causes and vain words. Say: O servants! Let not your station slip from your grasp. Know your worth and the worth of these days, and drink of the choice-sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the doubts of the opposers keep you back from God, the Lord of all worlds, or the allusions of the misguided veil you from the Mighty Announcement. Thus have We sent down the verses that the people may be reminded by this Clear Tablet. And the glory be upon thee.

=== END BH05342 ===

=== START BH05343 ===

He is the Caller in all conditions! Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Word and through it hath distinguished between all created things. He is verily the All-Distinguishing, the All-Wise. He hath made it the Wine of Life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and the Kawthar of immortality for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso hath attained unto it hath attained unto that which his Lord, the Gracious, did desire, and whoso hath shown pride, he is truly among the losers. The Tongue of the All-Merciful beareth witness to this from this luminous horizon. Say: This is the Day wherein the Evidence hath appeared and the Way hath been made clear, wherein the proof hath been perfected and the bounty completed. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, and woe unto the heedless among the idolaters. Whoso imagineth that he can outrun God’s Cause - say: Nay, by His own Self! He is verily the Almighty over what He willeth. His power hath preceded all worlds. He doeth what He pleaseth in His dominion. He giveth and withholdeth. He is truly the Almighty, the Powerful. Vain have been the strivings

of those who have disbelieved - soon shall they find themselves in grievous torment. We render thanks unto God at all times and are patient in what hath befallen Us on this straight Path. We judge between people as We please and summon them unto that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. He is verily the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing. Be thou mindful of My Name and speak forth this Remembrance through which every wise command hath been made manifest.

=== END BH05343 ===

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He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance! Blessed is He Who remembereth the creation as He pleaseth. Verily he who hath attained unto His remembrance and remained steadfast in His Cause hath attained unto the ultimate goal. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in this perspicuous Tablet. Those who are heedless - these have not profited and have lost in this world and the next. Soon shall they behold their abode in the fire. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

O My loved ones! Hold fast to the cord of My commandments. They shall profit you in all the worlds and preserve you from the signs of the heedless. Through them were the standards raised and the banners planted upon every lofty and impregnable mountain. Soon shall all that is visible perish; then shall the sincere ones behold what hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord. Verily He sendeth down upon those who have believed that which hath been ordained for them from the heaven of His grace, the One Who overshadoweth all things great and small. When thou hearest the cooing of the Dove and knowest that which the Divine Lote-Tree hath uttered, make mention of thy Lord amidst the concourse of creation, that they may haply turn toward this luminous horizon. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Nothing that hath been created in the heavens or on earth can equal it. Glory be unto those who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Vestment and drawn nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, detached from every ungodly and remote one.

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=== START BH05345 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

My eyes shed tears, my heart and pen lament, and my tongue proclaims: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, for having made me the Dayspring of tribulations and the Source of calamities amidst Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. For love of Thee I have chosen every affliction, and for passion of Thee every grievous trial. The rapture of Thy utterance hath so seized me that I have turned my breast toward the darts of the enemies and set my face toward the spears of the idolaters. Were it not for my love of Thee, how could I have endured the derision of the enemies and all that hath befallen me at every moment? Thy love hath imprisoned me in the prison of the land of Ta beneath the chains of Thy creatures, and hath sent me to ’Akka, the place that hath been named the Most Great

Prison. Were We to recount what hath befallen Us in the path of God, the Lord of Names, every hearing and seeing one would weep. We make mention of Our tribulations in measure, lest grief overtake Our loved ones in hardships and trials. He, verily, is the Helper, the All-Wise. All that hath come upon me in the path of God is the solace of mine eyes. To this testifieth every truthful and faithful one. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen mentioned unto thee what hath been inflicted upon Me by the hosts of the heedless. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have turned their faces toward My Countenance and drawn nigh unto God on this resplendent Day. Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have believed in the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Thou seest me, O my God, in prison between two factions, and Thou hearest my sighing and the lamentation of my heart at what hath befallen Thy Cause from the enemies of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath conquered all things and encompassed earth and heaven, to raise up one who will aid Thee amongst Thy creatures and exalt Thy Cause in Thy lands. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me in all conditions to manifest Thy Cause in such wise that the winds of trials shall not prevent me, nor the opposition of the followers of religions, and that I may be speaking Thy Name in Thy land and making mention of Thy remembrance among Thy creatures. O Lord! Aid me and my loved ones who have arisen to serve Thee and to help Thy Cause, then strengthen them with the hosts of the names. Verily Thou art the Creator of heaven and the Ruler over what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise. Thou knowest, O my God, that in this most great tribulation and darkest ordeal, I make mention of him who hath turned unto Thee with pure heart, that the attraction of Thy verses may seize him unto a station wherein he may be wholly detached from all else save Thee, and may make mention to the people of Thy bounties which have been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and inscribed by the Pen of Thy decree. Then enable him, O my God, to do what Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for him what will profit him in the world to come and in this world. Verily Thou art the Judge, the Doer, the Willer, the Powerful, the Mighty.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Invincible

These are the holy verses sent down from the heaven of God's Will, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great, that He might guide thereby such servants in whose hearts the dove of love hath nested, and make them to be of those who have drawn nigh. And thou, O handmaiden of God, draw near unto the Tree of Knowledge with thy heart, then detach thyself from those who have turned away. Should sorrow touch thee in the path of God, grieve not, but place thy trust in all things in God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And should joy befall thee, rejoice not, for all that hath come to pass in this world or shall come to pass shall perish, and the dominion shall remain with God, the King, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Remember thy Lord and follow not the desires of the heedless. Free thyself from all things that God may adorn thee with the ornament of His remembrance amongst the worlds. Verily,

hearts that are occupied with the remembrance of aught save God shall never be illumined by the lights of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This is a truth about which there is no doubt, yet the people are in grievous heedlessness. Taste thou from the Tree of Knowledge and eat of its wondrous fruits, then take shelter beneath its mighty and luminous shade. Thus have We imparted unto thee in this Tablet that which was inscribed by a glorious and wondrous Pen. And upon thee, and upon the pure handmaidens, and upon the sincere servants, be the Spirit.

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He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing! These are verses of the Book sent down in truth through the tongue of a wondrous Explainer. Therein is decreed from among the traditions of the ancients, for in it is mentioned that which changes nearness into distant separation, whereat the denizens of Paradise lament, the eyes of the unseen weep, the Cock of the Throne crieth out, and the Dove of the Cause waileth in the holy and glorious Ridvan. Say: In this are signs for those who remember. And in it is wisdom which none knoweth save God, Lord of all worlds. God shall soon manifest His Cause with truth, exalt His proof, and aid His servants who are numbered among the emigrants. Say: Be patient, O company of the wretched ones, for God shall soon validate His Cause and establish His Word, and speak forth in truth, “Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.” Thus do We teach you the paths of knowledge, and cast upon you the verses of the Spirit, and guide you to the ways of certitude. And thou, O handmaiden of God, give thanks unto thy Lord and place thy trust in all matters, and be not of those who despair. Then know that God is powerful over all things - He doeth whatsoever He willeth and verily He hath power over all things. Those who disbelieved shall come to know all that they neglected regarding God, the Most High, the Most Great. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those women who remember God morning and evening.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

These are the verses of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, unto him who desires to be guided by God’s guidance and to be of them that attain.

Know thou, O servant, that He Who summoned the people unto God hath now been imprisoned in this remote prison, and there hath befallen Him at the hands of them that are veiled such as hath befallen no one before. Thy Lord is, verily, witness unto what I say.

Say: O people, judge ye fairly the Cause of this Youth, then ponder the proofs of previous Prophets and Messengers. Is any able to speak forth of his own accord that which all peoples would oppose? Nay, by my Lord, the All-Merciful, save him whom the Spirit confirmeth from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: O people, render not your deeds vain, and deny not Him Who hath come unto you from the horizon of the Cause with a manifest proof. And thou, O servant, purify thy heart from human limitations, that there may be imprinted upon it the lights of thy Lord's revelation, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Thus have We recounted unto thee some of what hath befallen the Youth through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. By God! I have sacrificed My soul in God's path and fear no one, though all the peoples should oppose Me. And I await what God hath ordained for Me - verily He is the Beloved of My heart, wert thou of them that know. And upon thee be glory from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest! These are the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest, which have been sent down through grace upon all who are in the heavens and on earth, that all may find thereby a path unto God. Say: This is verily God's rope stretched between you - hold fast to it, O people of unity! And this is God's sun shining upon you - be illumined thereby, O people of truth and certitude! By it are the servants given life, and every mouldering bone. Say: O people, doubt not this Cause, around which certitude itself doth circle, if ye be of them that know. And think not vain thoughts about this Youth. By God! He moveth in an atmosphere that the birds of the hearts of them that are well-assured can never attain. Say: O people, suspicion is a sin in God's Book - thus hath it been sent down in the Tablets, and thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is witness to what I say. Blessed art thou for having drunk of My cup and soared in My atmosphere and tasted of the fruits of this Divine Tree which hath been raised up in truth and speaketh forth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, then efface from thy heart the allusions of them that have turned away, that thou mayest be purely devoted to thy Lord, the Just, the All-Wise. And the splendor rest upon thee and upon all who have attained unto the lights of guidance in this wondrous dawn. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the name of the all-knowing God! All the divines and mystics were waiting to see on what day the new Sun would rise and the ocean of knowledge would appear. In the days and nights they were occupied with the remembrance of God upon their pulpits, beseeching and hoping for divine bounty that they might receive a portion from the Kawthar of reunion with the Dawning-Place of divine verses and take their share from the Salsabil of meeting. Nevertheless, when the world was illumined by the Sun of Manifestation, they turned away and objected, except for souls who rent asunder the veils of fancy in the name of God and turned toward the supreme horizon. The fruit of all souls is that they attain the divine presence in the Day of Manifestation, as this point is mentioned and recorded in several places in the Qur'an. Blessed are they who possess understanding! How excellent is the state of the one who today has rent asunder veils and limitations and has turned toward the Manifestation of God's Cause. God willing, you will be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. A letter from his

honor Shaykh Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, reached this Wronged One wherein you were mentioned. Therefore this Tablet was revealed that you might be assured and gladdened by God's infinite favors. Blessed art thou for having heard from him that which was spoken concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Karbila'i Husayn! He who hath ascended unto God - in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, all earthly ties are severed this day, for it is the Day of revelation and meeting, and all relationships return to the Truth Himself. Relationship to Him, exalted be His glory, is as the sun among the stars. Blessed is the one who hath recognized the Day of God and attained its effusions. Today all are beheld on a single plane. How excellent is the state of the one who hath turned with celestial power and might toward the King of Oneness. Whosoever hath attained this most exalted station regardeth all else but God as non-existent, save those souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of the All-Glorious and clung fast to the Crimson Ark. Grieve not over what befell thy son. By the life of God, he turned towards and entered the prison, and ascended unto the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thou must praise and glorify the Lord of the Revelation with utmost joy and delight, for He accepted thy sacrifice and hath mentioned thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having strengthened me, made me know Thee, and accepted what befell my son in Thy path. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love under all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance. The honored Tahmasb, upon him be the Glory of God, has been mentioned by the honored Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, who is present before the Face and has attained the bounties of the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Therefore this most holy, most exalted Tablet has been sent down from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of Names. This is that bounty which has been mentioned and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the divine Books. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who has attained to the knowledge of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Great Name. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy love, and by the Name through which Thou didst shine forth upon the world, and by Thy power which hath encompassed the nations, to make me speak forth Thy praise and mention, to arise to serve Thy Cause, and to remain steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath spoken, that Thou ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were not hindered by the doubts of Thy creatures and the signs of those in Thy lands, and who cast away the world, detached unto Thy most exalted horizon. Then write down for me, O God of the kingdom of earth and heaven and

Sovereign of the realms of might, the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Prevailing, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O [Mirza ’A-B], upon him be the Glory of God! My Lord, pour forth patience upon Thy loved ones and assist them against the wrongdoing people.

In His Name, the One Who domineth over all names! Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent. God willing, thou wilt attain unto it and inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful. And now Jinab-i-Amin, that is, Abu’l-Hasan, hath mentioned thee and thy steadfastness and sincerity. Therefore this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath again been revealed and sent. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the Purpose and art aware of that which all people are heedless. This is among the great bounties of God, exalted be His glory. We counsel thee to observe wisdom in all conditions. Fix thy gaze upon Him in all circumstances. We beseech God that there may appear from thee that which shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, and that He may draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Thy hardships are witnessed and remembered before God and are inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. That which thou didst send hath arrived and was honored with acceptance. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who act in accordance with that which they were bidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of this manifest Day.

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O Muhammad-Qabil-Kazim, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the Speaker, the Discoverer! Haji Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God, has traversed the paths of land and sea through divine assistance, exalted be His glory, and reached the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, attaining his purpose. Happy is he and blessed is he! He sent a letter to the Most Holy Court, and in that letter your name was observed. Therefore, this Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed that you might find from it the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Muhammad-Qabil-Kazim! Repeatedly have you been blessed with the mention of God, the favor of God, and the grace of God. Blessed art thou and blessed is the mother who nursed thee! Give thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions, then make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. The children of the earth have desired to extinguish the divine light. Say: By God! The hands of the Caesars of the earth have failed to accomplish this - how much less these who play with the clay of idle fancies! They are assuredly among the losers. We have made mention in the Crimson Book of him who was there. Blessed is he and blessed are they who are with him in this perspicuous News. Convey to all the friends in that land greetings from the Wronged One, that perchance they may be quickened by the divine greeting and arise to that which behooveth them. The Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those whom the clamor of every distant world hath not deterred.

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Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Rida, upon him be the Glory of God. In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names! God is cognizant and all things bear witness that from the beginning of this Revelation until now, this Wronged One hath summoned all the peoples of the world–whether divines or rulers, monotheist or polytheist–openly and without any veil, to the Most Exalted Horizon. Yet the people of the earth, both high and low, learned and ignorant, have deprived themselves of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine Unity, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be to God! They have failed to comprehend even a single letter of the Book, nor have they attained unto one drop from the ocean of divine knowledge. Those who considered themselves the most learned and accomplished among all the peoples of the world issued a decree to shed the Most Pure Blood. How many mystics who laid claim to mystical knowledge turned away when He Who conversed with God was seated upon the Throne of His Revelation, and thus found themselves deprived of the presence of the True Object of all knowledge. O Rida! Hold thou fast to the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the grace of the Lord of all humanity. Today the Great News hath appeared and the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath rent asunder the veils of majesty. Beseech thou God that He deprive not His servants and handmaidens, and grant them their portion from the ocean of knowledge. He is verily the Compassionate, the All-Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! God, exalted be His glory, has heard and continues to hear the call of His loved ones, and the answer has been and continues to be sent down from the Dawning-Place of favor. The handmaidens of God must, throughout all days and nights, be occupied with His remembrance and praise. Verily, one servant can intercede for many, for the ocean of divine generosity is surging and the sun of bounty is manifest and radiant. Therefore thy intercession hath been accepted before God. Verily, He hath forgiven him who was named Muhammad and hath remitted his grievous trespasses and his great sins. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Compassionate, the All-Merciful. On this night, which is reckoned among the nights of Ridvan, the word of forgiveness hath shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Beloved of all possibility. By the life of God! This is a mighty station. Give thanks unto the Goal of the world that He hath mentioned thee and accepted thy intercession, although he returned without recognition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. God willing, may Taqi be blessed with divine favor and remain firm, steadfast and unwavering in His Cause. Rejoice, O Taqi, in that the Lord of the worlds hath mentioned thee. Remember thy Lord at all times. He is, in truth, the Hearer, the Answerer. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy two daughters from the presence of One mighty and great.

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In the Name of the Herald, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful

Praise be to the one incomparable Lord and Dawning-Place of bounty, Who bestowed fellowship among His loved ones and adorned them with the ornament of love. O spiritual youth! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy mention hath been mentioned and thy name hath attained the honor of being heard. The friends in those regions have ever been and continue to be remembered. Say: O people of God! This is the day of service and of arising to promote the Cause. However, through wisdom and utterance, deprive not yourselves from the ocean of bounty, and render not yourselves deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of divine mercy. Hold fast unto the cord of trust in God and cleave unto the hem of resignation. Say: O My loved ones! Time and again in the Scriptures and Tablets have We forbidden you from corruption and contention. Today all must hold fast, as before, unto that which God hath willed, and must occupy themselves with the guidance of souls through wisdom and utterance. In these days suspicions and vain imaginings have encompassed most and deprived them of the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Certitude. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to sanctify His loved ones from that which is found among the people of treachery, enmity, rancor and hatred. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee and hearken unto thy words concerning this firm and impregnable Cause.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! Praise be unto that Sovereign Who, through the hand of bounty and bestowal, hath bestowed upon the people of insight and knowledge the wine of understanding and recognition, and hath caused them to ascend from the lowest degrees of doubt and fancy to the loftiest stations of witnessing and certitude. Blessed are those souls who, on the wings of recognition, have soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. Happy are they, and again happy are they! And then, thy letter was received in the Most Great Prison and the fragrances of love were inhaled therefrom. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with such an adornment as shall cause the exaltation of God's Cause among His handmaidens. The outward life hath an end ordained for it. Beseech thou God, exalted and glorified be He, that thou mayest be assisted to achieve that which is the cause of the permanence of existence and which will endure forever in His earthly kingdom and the kingdom of heaven. These days have no parallel or likeness, yet all are veiled and heedless thereof save whom God willeth, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy bounty and the Dayspring of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to make me, under all conditions, to fix my gaze upon Thee and to be detached from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! All praise, sanctified beyond mention and limitations, befits and is worthy of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, Who through a single Word made manifest the Straight Path and the Balance, the Hour and the Resurrection, the Reckoning

and Paradise and the Fire. Whosoever turned towards it and attained unto hearing it, such a soul is recorded with God among the companions of the most exalted Paradise and is inscribed by the Supreme Pen. And whosoever turned away, such a soul is recorded with the Chosen One as being among the people of the Fire. O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Remember thy Lord and glorify His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou occupied with His remembrance in the nights and days, and hold fast unto His cord. Though outwardly thou art distant from the Kingdom of Glory through the tyranny of the oppressors and the hatred of the antagonists, yet inwardly thou art seated and established in the most exalted station upon the throne of glory. Ere long shall the glory of kings and subjects, princes and divines all return to nothingness, and the blessed word "Glory belongeth unto God and unto His loved ones" shall become manifest and evident. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor which hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and the earth. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O Mir Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest, He is the Speaker!

Praise be sanctified above all loftiness and sublimity, above all mention and utterance, above all description and exposition - praise that befits and is worthy of the most holy, most sacred, most exalted Court of the Desired One, Who, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from all directions, remains occupied with the remembrance of His loved ones. The tyranny of the world, the assault of nations, the croaking of the croakers and the clamor of the doubters have not held Him back from His purpose. In the nights and days, the Most Exalted Pen moves and speaks of that which elevates the stations of His chosen ones. Glorified be His bounty, exalted be His bestowal, His mercy has preceded all and His favors have encompassed all. There is no God but Him.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We make mention of thee through verses that cannot be equaled by the books of the people. To this beareth witness the Tongue of My grandeur in the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. When thou hearest the Call that hath been raised amidst all peoples, say: "O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy exile, by the wrongs Thou hast suffered, and by Thy imprisonment, to open before my face the gate of the city of Thy knowledge. Then ordain for me, through the Pen of Thy decree, that which will enable me to make mention of Thee, to praise Thee, and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art the Great One, to Whose greatness all created things have testified, and the Mighty One, to Whose might all possible things have confessed. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of names and attributes."

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He is God, exalted be His station!

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Purpose of the world and the Object of worship of all peoples, Who through His most exalted Word created earth and heaven and brought them forth from nothingness into being for the recognition of His sanctified Self. And this recognition is not attained except through the Dawning-Places of His Revelation, the Daysprings of His inspiration, the Sources of His Cause and the Recipients of His knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the cord of His recognition and become detached from all else besides Him. He hath educated creation through the tongue of the Books and the Messengers, that they might attain to the station of "Blessed, therefore, be God, the most excellent of Makers." We have mentioned thee repeatedly. Muhammad-Quli hath once again sought to express his love, and thus do We make mention of him. We counsel all the loved ones of God to observe the fear of God and that whereby hearts and minds are concealed. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the valley-bed flowed and through Whom the Light shone forth from the horizon of the Hijaz, to send down upon this Thy servant from the heaven of Thy bounty the rains of Thy loving-kindness. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, detached from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee to make me in all circumstances steadfast in Thy Cause and to hold fast unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens.

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In this year there occurred that which caused the All-Seeing Eye to weep and the Pen of God to lament. O Abu'l-Qasim! The delusions of the previous party have emerged - the notorious Dawlat-Abadi has denied the Book of God and has intended to eliminate it. This grief is greater than all the griefs of the world. His followers say this Text is not authentic. It was said: bring forth the text which you possess. They mentioned that that too is not authentic. The tale of the deluded ones of the past has emerged. By the life of God! This incident has closed the door of joy and gladness and delight and expansion. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the sighs of Thy Baha and by His tears to protect Thy Book from the oppressors who desired to erase it in Thy days. O my Lord! Aid them not in what they intended. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and within Thy grasp is the reins of those in the heavens and the earth. Likewise they have intended to erase the Book which was named the Qayyumu'l-Asma. In any case, the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark must, in the nights and days, beseech the Truth, exalted be His Glory, for the protection of His Book. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who heard the call and answered their Lord, the Hearing, the Responding.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Afnan, his honor Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God! In all times We have been and are afflicted with successive and continuous tribulations. Nevertheless, through God's grace, mercy, power and

sovereignty, We are engaged in His remembrance and in teaching His Most Great Cause. Whatever has been and is being endured has but one purpose: that hearts and souls may be sanctified from selfish and passionate inclinations and turn toward the Most Holy Horizon, so that through divine favor they may, in this transient world, attain unto eternal stations. The rain of the mercy of the All-Merciful is at all times descending from the clouds of grace, that perchance withered souls may be adorned with the ornament of a wondrous life. Verily the Cause is in His hands - He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which God desired and for having arisen to serve Him on a day wherein most of the people were veiled. There hath befallen Our loved ones in that place what hath befallen Us in this exalted station. Although what hath come to pass hath outwardly been most bitter and unpalatable, yet inwardly, since it hath occurred in the path of God, it is most sweet. Erelong shall the opposers be seen in manifest loss and remorse, and those who have turned toward God shall be observed in the utmost glory and dignity. This is irrevocably decreed with thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

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O Haydar! He is the One speaking from the horizon of utterance. At all times the Pen of the Most Merciful has commanded the birds soaring in the heaven of divine knowledge to act with wisdom, lest any action arise that might become a cause of veiling the weak ones. Likewise He has commanded love and unity, for discord has ever been and will ever be the cause of corruption and the waste of God's Cause. Some souls accepted and obeyed the divine commandments, while others transgressed, such that in every land actions contrary to God's command have arisen, becoming the cause of the cawing of crows and braying of asses. The friends of God must gird up their loins to serve and become the cause of fellowship and unity of hearts and souls, and in all conditions be mindful of wisdom. I beseech God to aid all to do what He loves and is pleased with. Your letter was presented before the Throne and what was mentioned therein was observed. God willing, may you ever be and forever remain adorned with the ornament of divine love and illumined by the lights of His countenance. Blessed art thou for having turned to God and heeded His call when the divines who took idols as lords besides God turned away from Him - verily they are among the lowly ones. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained this sacred, mighty and wondrous station.

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He is the Most High, the Most Exalted

The Remembrance of God in the Tree of Eternity unto the concourse of Paradise: Hearken ye, that all who are in the heavens and on earth may be reminded thereby and be guided to the sacred seats in a station at which all people are bewildered. Say: O people! This is the Book of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Therein is mentioned every matter in such wise that souls would be thunderstruck were ye to hear with the hearing of God. And He bestoweth upon the people of Paradise that which hath been

ordained for them by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And He giveth unto those near unto God that which attracteth them in the kingdom and detacheth them from all who are in the heavens and on the earth. And He granteth unto the people of earth that which will bring them to the precincts of the Throne and draw them nigh unto a holy and praiseworthy station. Thus do We impart unto thee from the verses of justice and give thee glad tidings of the Ridvan of Oneness, that thou mayest be secured in the fortress of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not your desires, and be not of them who enlighten not themselves with the light of God. Thus doth the Dove warble unto thee in the midmost heart of eternity with melodies the like of which have never appeared in the kingdom and none shall attain unto save the sincere ones, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, at all times and follow the Messengers. And upon thee be the Spirit, and upon them that place their trust in God.

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O Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. This is the remembrance of the Wronged One for him who desireth to hear the Call of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He who hath clung to this firm and mighty Cord, the Well-Beloved, hath made mention of Him. The Promised One hath appeared, and that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath been made manifest. From the Fountainhead of His Pen hath flowed the Living Waters - exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath come from the horizon of power with the standards of His verses and hath spoken before all faces: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen!" Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance, and the ear that hath heard that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered from Its praiseworthy station. Behold, then remember when We sent Our Messengers with Our signs - they turned away from them and committed that which caused the sincere ones to lament. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the supreme steadfastness in this extended Path. When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of Mine utterance and findest the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Word that hath subdued all things, and by Thy Command that hath encompassed earth and heaven, and by the breezes of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy bounty, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the books of the world nor all that the nations possess shall prevent me. Then aid me to mention Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! O Ali-Naqi! Your mention hath been and continues to be before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee to that which befitteth this blessed Day. Today the believers in God must strive, wholly detached from all else, to protect the souls that have accepted the Faith, that perchance they may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of the past. Should souls reflect upon the deeds of the previous party and their fruits, they would become firm in the Cause of God with such firmness that the hosts of the world would fail to move them. Observe how many souls from the

inception of Islam until now have wandered distracted in the wilderness of idle fancy. Not a single soul became aware of the Purpose or recognized the Cause. By God's life! The people are in great drunkenness. Now is the turn of the people of the Bayan. God protect us and you from their evil. Be not grieved by the world's differences and the dispersion of affairs. Soon there shall appear what hath been ordained for thee from the Pen of Revelation. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember My loving-kindness, then recite My verses, detached from all else and clinging to My luminous robe. Glory be upon thee and upon thy majesty and bounty and upon those with thee. We have mentioned them before in such wise that no mention can equal it. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful.

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TRANSLATION:

O Isma'il! He is the Mighty

A mention of 'Abdu'llah in a sublime and holy Tablet, that he may find solace therein during his days and read it morning and evening, that God may perchance ease for him the burning of separation and cause him to dwell in the vicinity of a wondrous Name. O Isma'il! Hearken unto the call of this Bird Who hath turned from the City of God toward a holy and exalted City. Then take counsel from what It counseleth thee in truth, that thou mayest stand firm in love. Know thou that God hath accepted thy obedience and what thou hast done to build the House whose name God hath raised to the heaven of sublime glory. Well is it with thee for having attained unto this station which none besides thee hath attained, and God is witness unto this. Yet We bid thee to be patient and steadfast, calm and dignified, if thou art obedient to God's command. Beware lest thou forget My counsel and dispute with anyone. Rather place thy trust in God in all matters, for He is the best of helpers. Associate with people with wisdom, then speak with wisdom lest anyone cause thee harm. Thus do We impart unto thee words of wisdom that thou mayest be gladdened in thy soul and be at ease in the realm. Then convey Our remembrance to thy sister and to those who have detached themselves from all directions toward a holy and generous station. And upon you all be the Spirit and Glory.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great. A remembrance from Us to a handmaiden of God, that she may give thanks to her Lord and remain steadfast in her love for Him, after feet have slipped save those whom their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, preserved. Know thou that thy Lord's mercy hath preceded all created things, and of His mercy is that from this Prison, whose gate is held by the hosts of passion, He calleth mankind unto God Who created the heavens and earth and caused the Youth to speak. Soon shall the prison gate be opened and he who desireth to depart shall depart. Thus doth revelation flow unto thee from the Dawning-Place of inspiration. Remember thy Lord in prosperity even as He remembereth thee in an adversity the like of which the eyes of mankind have never beheld. Grieve not for My tribulation, My abasement and My trials. By God! I am in the most exalted Paradise, while around Me

circle the hosts of revelation with standards and ensigns. That which befalleth Us in God's path is a mercy unto Us, and We accepted it aforetime; otherwise, by Him Who causeth My tongue to speak His praise, We could have subdued all who are on earth with but one word from Him. Thus hath the Pen inscribed from the irrevocable decree, and none knoweth it save him who hath drawn nigh unto Me and severed himself from all mankind. He it is Who created the heavens by His command and the earths by His sovereignty, Who subjected the clouds and brought forth fruits from their sheaths. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

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In His name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise!

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath turned to the Most Great Remembrance, when He came from the heaven of eternity with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the realm of possibilities, that the fragrance of remembrance might draw him to the One remembered and cause him to speak His praise amongst the servants.

Say: O people! The Hidden Book hath appeared and the Countenance that was inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets hath shone forth. Every sect was promised the meeting with God and His appearance, yet when He appeared in truth they disbelieved in God, the One, the Chosen. Among them are those who cling to vain imaginings and those who grasp at mentions, who claim knowledge without clear proof or evidence.

Say: O people! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a Cause before which none in the world can stand. Know ye this and follow not every heedless doubter. When We arrived at the Most Great Prison, We summoned the nations unto God, the Lord of all men. Neither the swords of enemies nor the clamor of all in creation deterred Us. Thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, beareth witness unto this.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto this Most Great Remembrance and for that which hath been revealed unto thee, whereby thy name shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of lords. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Him at all times. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great, Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned towards the Qiblih of existence and believed in God, the Almighty, the Most Mighty, the All-Wise, and heard the Call when it was raised in truth and answered his Ancient Lord. Blessed is the man who hath stood firm in My Cause, and the ear that hath heard My

Call, and the heart that hath turned to the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. Arise, O people, to aid the Self-Subsisting One Who hath come with the truth by what was ordained from God, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed is the eye that hath turned to the Most Great Scene and the heart that hath turned to the Qiblih of existence and the hand that hath been raised toward God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. When sorrows encompass you, remember My tribulation when We were in the Most Great Prison in the hands of the oppressors. Blessed is the abasement that hath descended for the sake of God and the tribulation that hath come to pass for love of Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thou, O thou who gazest upon the Face, give thanks unto God that the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee and thy Lord, the Most Glorious, calleth thee from this Spot round which circle angels brought nigh. When thou art seized with the intoxication of the wine of utterance which hath flowed from the mouth of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, drink thou it in My Name. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds! Thou art He Who hath spent His spirit in the path of God and stood up alone between the heavens and the earth. My soul be a sacrifice for thy faithfulness, O Beloved of them that know! My spirit be a sacrifice for thy tribulation, O Fire in the hearts of them that are sincere!

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He is the Witness to Truth from His Most Exalted Horizon

A remembrance from Us to him who has drunk the choice wine of revelation when its seal was broken by the finger of his Lord's power, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, it maketh mention of thee in that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Bear thou witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified before the creation […]: There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have made manifest the Cause and made clear that which was hidden from the servants, and We have favored those who have believed over those who have denied God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Say: Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth! Follow Him Who hath come unto you with the truth, and follow not those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day whereon the All-Merciful hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide them who have denied the Book of God when it was sent down in truth. And blessed is he who hath taken it […] clear. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and cast aside that which the people possess. Thus have We commanded thee before, and those who have believed in this Cause whereby the heart of every heedless and veiled one hath been shaken. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto the call of God and acted according to that which they were commanded. These, verily, are among the people of this praiseworthy station.

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O Abu'l-Fadl, this is a mention from Us unto him who hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation and attained unto the days of God, the Lord of all worlds, and who hath turned unto the Countenance when it

appeared with manifest sovereignty. Say: O people, turn ye unto God and follow not every sinful impostor. By God! There hath appeared that which hath not appeared in creation, and the Desired One hath come with a sovereignty that none in the heavens and earth can withstand. Say: The Lamp hath been lit and the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the imaginings of those who have disbelieved in God hold you back, or the might of the oppressors frighten you. Summon all creation in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then turn with radiant faces unto the Dayspring of your Lord's Cause, the Lord of Names, Who calleth you from this glorious station. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who speaketh the truth and calleth you unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. By God! Nothing shall profit you this Day though ye should cling to all things, and naught shall quench your thirst of separation save the water of reunion that floweth from the spring of your Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Turn not unto them that have turned away from the Truth, but turn ye unto God. Thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets, did ye but know. Thus have the verses been sent down as a grace from Our presence, and I am the Ancient Sender.

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In His Name Who abideth after the passing away of all things! A mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the Most Great Sea when the Ancient Source was made manifest with a sovereignty that encompassed the Concourse on High and the cities of names and prevailed over the heavens and earths, that he may be attracted by the sprinklings of the ocean of revelation and turn wholly unto it, when the lights of the Face shone forth from the horizon of the will of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and this Tablet hath been sent down unto thee, which God hath made the key to the hearts of all in the world and His most great sign unto all peoples, that thou mayest rejoice in the remembrance of God and arise with such steadfastness as shall not be prevented by the hosts of the wicked nor deterred by the clamor of the idolaters who, when the Truth came, turned away from it, and when the Promise appeared, violated God's Covenant and His Testament - they verily are of them that perish. The Beloved mentioneth thee in the Most Great Prison that thou mayest remember thy Lord, the Lord of all nations, and be of them that are steadfast. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor, for He loveth you and ordaineth for you that which befitteth His grace that overshadoweth every small one and great one. Thus have We illumined eyes with the signs of grandeur and power. Blessed is he who readeth, and woe unto the heedless. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother, from One Who is mighty, praiseworthy. Give her glad tidings from thy Lord that she may rejoice in the remembrance of her Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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He is the Herald in the Kingdom of Utterance

A mention from Us to him who has attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds, that it may draw him nigh unto a station wherein he shall behold naught save the lights of his Lord's countenance, the All-Manifest, the All-Informed. We give thee the glad-tidings of thy Lord's favor, that thou mayest give

the people the glad-tidings of this announcement whereby the Most Great Announcement was thrown into commotion. We have mentioned thee before as a token of Our grace, and We make mention of thee in this Perspicuous Book. O Hakim! By the life of God, verily this Day is great and this Cause is great. Today all things are adorned with a new ornament, and the Promised City hath descended from the new heaven. However, veils of idle fancy have prevented sight, and the coverings of vain imaginings have held back the ears from hearing the divine Word. Those ears that have hearkened unto the voice of the opponents are not worthy of this mystery. The opponents have been and are those souls who, in the name of truth and in the garb of learning, have debarred and continue to debar people from the living waters of the All-Merciful. Say: O ye who drink the choice wine of utterance, know ye your worth and preserve your stations, and guard the unique pearl, which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, as a treasure within the repository of the heart from thieves and traitors. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoken forth in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and praised his Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered thee time and again, and this is yet another time. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged and estranged! We have emerged from the Most Great Prison and made this palace Our Most Sublime Vision, to the dismay of those who have denied God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: He hath come forth from the prison with authority from His presence and hath established Himself upon the throne in an exalted garden. Then He turned towards the palace which was renowned among both the lowly and the noble. He is, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is, verily, the One Who holdeth sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him, hearkened, and acknowledged that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in this most mighty, most holy, most precious and most wise Revelation. Let nothing grieve thee. Be thou assured of thy Lord’s grace. He will protect thee through His power. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest be among those who are firmly established. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Day, whereby the servants were shaken and the limbs of those who turned away from God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised, did quake. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and to protect thee from the evil of every remote oppressor.

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O Mirza Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God! Ali Haydar has made a request. In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of possibility. A remembrance from the One Who is remembered, through Whom the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, were spread abroad.

The story of the Mount and its Interlocutor has returned - He Who speaks before the faces of the world and calls all to the Lord of Eternity. Blessed is he who has heard and attained, and woe unto him who has turned away from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Sadiq! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which the treasures and riches of the world cannot equal. When thou receivest My Tablet and findest the fragrance of My utterance, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty. He hath turned unto thee and sent down from the heaven of grace that whose fragrance shall not cease for as long as the kingdom and the realm of names endure. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and stored in the treasuries of the protection of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. I beseech Thee by Thy days and their breezes, and by the manifestations of Thy power and their modes, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking in Thy praise. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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O Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God - He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath turned and attained unto the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily, His grace consisteth in His verses, His manifestations and His wondrous utterance. O Javad! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of creation in the Persian tongue, that perchance they that are drawn nigh may become aware and attain unto their purpose. This is the Day which all the Prophets and chosen ones have heralded, and all peoples have besought and yearned for the presence of God, exalted be His glory. Yet when the ocean of Revelation surged, and the Sun of Truth shone forth, and He Who conversed on Sinai was seated upon the throne of utterance, all turned aside save whom God willing. The Shi'ih sect committed that which no other sect hath ever committed. Thy letter was received and the servant present submitted it. This Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent down from the heaven of will that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance and arise with perfect steadfastness to serve Him. Praise the Beloved of the world for having aided thee and guided thee to the most exalted horizon. Know thou this bounty to be great. By the life of God! Naught can equal it. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! And glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Object of worship of all in the heavens and on earth!"

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from the Wronged One to those who have soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, when the Herald proclaimed throughout the Kingdom of Utterance: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing." We give glad-tidings to those who have turned towards the Countenance with the remembrance and praise of God. By the life of God! His remembrance is better than whatsoever hath been created on earth. He Who speaketh "there is none

other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised" beareth witness to this. Blessed are ye for having turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and having drunk the Kawthar of the All-Glorious from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Generous, the All-Bountiful. We counsel you to fear God and to that whereby His Cause is exalted. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Informed. Remember Him with joy and radiance that the people of the contingent world may be attracted thereby - they who have been seized by the intoxication of their desires in such wise as to be shut out from the straight path of God. Be united, O My loved ones in My lands! Thus hath the All-Merciful revealed in His Preserved Tablet. Hold fast unto the Book of God and that which hath been revealed therein. It shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus hath the Tablet of eternity been adorned with the ink of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, the eye that hath seen, and the ear that hath heard the Call of God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon you and upon all who have turned towards Him, cast away idle fancies, and drunk the choice wine of certitude.

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He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Most Glorious!

This is a mention of the Leaf of the Cause, which was inscribed by the Pen of God. Therein is veiled God's melody in a holy and beloved tune, wherein are chanted the verses of separation morn and eve, by which the hearts of all peoples are consumed. O heedless ones! How have ye veiled yourselves from the Beauty that was visible from the horizon of the Spirit? Soon shall the fruits of your deeds be brought before you in the presence of the sovereign Lord, the Self-Subsisting. Then shall remorse profit you not for what ye acquired in your vain life and for turning away from the Beauty for Whose meeting ye were created, and for depriving your eyes of His beauty. Thus doth God torment the idolaters in the fire of remoteness and raise up the monotheists to the holy and exalted court. And thou, despair not of God's grace and grieve not over what the oppressors do in numbered days. Soon shall their souls and deeds perish and they shall enter a fire kindled by God's wrath. Turn away from them, then turn to God that thou mayest be regarded by God's glance in the kingdom. Then deliver unto the servants what God hath cast into thy heart, and fear no one, for herein art thou commanded by Us. The Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon those who soar to the holy and sanctified horizon.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

That which was revealed for Asadu'llah

Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and from the Dayspring of Revelation this blessed word hath been inscribed: O Asad! Regard all save God as non-existent, and behold Him as the Ever-Present. The effulgence of the All-Merciful's grace hath never ceased, nor shall it ever cease. If the Ancient Beauty is manifest, His mercy's splendors shine forth outwardly and inwardly without interruption, and if the

Ancient Beauty is concealed, the effulgences of His grace have been and shall forever be directed toward those who have turned unto Him. Therefore, the infinite outpourings of divine bounty are present at all times. Blessed are they who are not deprived of the Sovereign of Oneness by evanescent fancies, nor kept back from the divine court by the whisperings of malicious souls. O Asad! The names descend from heaven. God willing, thou shalt remain steadfast and firm in the Cause of God with the courage of a lion and the might of a fierce beast. Verily all grace is in His hands - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth through His command. He is, verily, powerful over all things. Verily He calleth unto him who calleth upon Him and answereth him who invoketh Him. His mercy hath indeed preceded all created things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds.

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The Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Resplendent

A remembrance for him who has rent asunder the veils when the All-Bestowing came in the shadows of the clouds. How sweet is My remembrance of My servants who were attracted by the verses in days wherein the mountains were scattered. Say: Verily, He in the prison summons the peoples unto God, the Lord of the ancient, and draws mankind near unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Say: Are you content with the pool while you behold the Kawthar before your faces? What aileth you, O people of error? Take what you are commanded in the Tablet. Cast away what hopes you have from the people. Among men are those who have cast away religion and exalted clay, and among them are those who have chosen desires over guidance. By My life, all these shall perish, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Say: O people, do you not see the sun? Verily it is at its zenith. Through it the moon of fancy was eclipsed and the stars of idle imaginings have fallen. Blessed is he who has rent asunder the veils with the finger of might. Think not that those who are heedless are sleeping - nay, they are dead in the wilderness of error. The breezes of chastisement have seized them from all directions, and they have no protector from God this Day. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Essence and drawn thee near unto this station which hath been illumined by the lights of Beauty. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God. Leave all else but Him, then remember Him in the morning and the evening.

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O Ghulam-Husayn, who hath emigrated and attained unto My Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all names! Day after day bringeth joy and expansion - joy from what? From the wine of divine love in this luminous morn. And expansion from what? From the infinite outpouring of the Lord’s bounty. O Ghulam who was formerly Husayn! The leaf thou didst send hath attained unto Our presence and been honored by the glance of Our loving-kindness. Blessed art thou in having turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and attained unto that which lay hidden in the treasury of infallibility and was inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen in the Books of the Messengers. The names have been blessed through the mention of their Lord - a bounty unto thee and unto them from God, the Lord of all worlds. When thou attainest unto

the presence of My loved ones, gladden them with the tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth, and My grace which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. O Ghulam! Give thanks unto God, then praise Him for having aided thee and brought thee into His presence, where thou didst hear His sweetest call from His Most Glorious Horizon. He hath sent down for thee and His loved ones that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the world - to this doth bear witness the Lord of all creation in His mighty prison. The splendor shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My chosen ones who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Everlasting, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

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He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious! Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs as a token of His grace. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Blessed is the servant who fulfilleth his promise and believeth in that which is best. He is indeed among the people of Baha in My perspicuous Book. O ’Ali before Akbar! This is the Day of God and the Most Exalted Pen is engaged in mentioning and occupied with the friends. His honor Jamal-i-Ismi made mention of thee and this most holy, most exalted Tablet was revealed. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who hath remembered me in Thy prison. I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. And We make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, who was named ’Amu before Husayn, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon him mercy from His presence and to forgive him through His grace and bounty. Verily He is the One Who hath named Himself the Forgiver in the Book of Names and the Bestower in this perspicuous Tablet. We make mention of him who is named ’Ali Askar - on him be the Glory of God, the Possessor of Destiny - so that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. O ’Ali before Askar! The Lord of mankind hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Scene. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto the Supreme Horizon and have said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the elevated Seat.”

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O Abraham, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world with the Most Great Name!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. By God! The Promised Day hath come, whereon the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, and through Him all things have spoken. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. This is the Day whereon the hidden Secret hath appeared and that which was treasured in God’s knowledge, the Lord of the worlds, hath been revealed. Among the people are those who cling to their desires, turning away from guidance, and among them are those who cast away what the people possess and take hold of that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he

who hath clung to the Most Great Name and held fast to His luminous hem. We have turned toward thee from the direction of My Most Great Prison and have summoned thee unto God, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed is the helper who hath helped My loved ones, and the supporter who hath supported those who have attained unto this wondrous Cause, whereby the limbs of the names have quaked, the foundations of the idols have been shaken, and every sinful doubter hath lamented. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet, say: I beseech Thee, O Manifestation of the world and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Most Exalted Word, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love amidst all beings, and ordain for me that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Great.

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In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great!

Glorified is He Who hath caused all things to speak forth in praise of His Self, when He sent forth the Dawning-Place of His Cause with manifest sovereignty. We have taken the essences of creation with the hands of might and power, and We have cast aside all turning away for the people of metaphor. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. He doeth what He willeth in the kingdom by a sovereignty from His presence, and the hosts of the heavens and earth shall not prevent Him from what He desireth. Blessed is the one who with strength hath followed the command of his Lord in this Day wherein eyes have been covered by the veils of the wicked and hearts have been shaken by the onslaught of the oppressors. Whoso hath drunk of this choice wine by the hand of divine success, verily nothing shall prevent him from God, the Sovereign, the Most High, the Most Great. He shall arise amidst the people and remind them with wisdom and utterance from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Those who have hesitated in this Cause are among the dead in this noble prospect. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice therein and be of them that are firmly established. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the Most Great Ocean or any matter veil thee from this Mighty Path. Be thou steadfast in the remembrance of thy Lord and speaking forth His Name amongst His slumbering servants who, when the Call was raised, were seized by the intoxication of vain desires in such wise that they became heedless of that for which they were created. Verily thy Lord is the Manifest, the True, the Trustworthy. Thus have We illumined the horizon of remembrance with the sun of proof and evidence that thou mayest find thyself upon an impregnable steadfastness.

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He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden

Glorified be He Who hath named Himself in one station as the Mother of the Book, and in another station as the Mother of the Bayan, and as the Most Exalted Pen, and as the Perspicuous Book, and as the Most Great Announcement, and by what hath been sent down in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from Our presence, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Verily the Spirit came from the heaven of proof by the command of an

Ancient Commander, and attained the presence when the Desired One came with mighty sovereignty. And the Interlocutor came with the truth and attained the presence and said: “Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds!” And the Primal Point appeared and gave glad tidings unto all of My manifestation and My Book and My presence and My firm and mighty Cause. And the One ordained in the Bayan commanded them to serve Me and to appear before My face and to offer beauteous praise. They turned away and denied, clinging to the cord of idle fancies - lo, they are among those who cherish vain imaginings in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. We have heard of thy drawing nigh, wherefore We make mention of thee and turn unto thee with a luminous countenance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days and heard My call and acted according to what was commanded in My mighty Book. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have borne witness and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth!”

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O Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, through which the mountains were set in motion. Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired as a token of His grace. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Supremer Ruler over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Hashim! He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through this perspicuous Book, and hath witnessed thy devotion and hath turned toward thee with a countenance whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. Blessed is he who is endowed with vision and hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Cast behind thee idle fancies and take the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, then drink thereof through His wondrous remembrance. Beware lest the doubts of the turbaned ones and the allusions of those who have denied the Day of Judgment hold thee back. Say: By God! The Promised One hath come, and at His advent the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the inhabitants of the highest Heaven did smile with joy. Fear ye God, O concourse of names, and be not of them that turn aside. This is the Day of revelation and of witnessing, as attested by Him Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereof the tongue of mercy hath spoken throughout all creation, and wherewith He Who came with the truth gave tidings of a mighty matter. O people of Baha in other lands! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all humanity. He commandeth you to observe that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Hold fast unto the cord of goodly character and cleave unto that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, may be exalted. Thus hath the tongue of mercy spoken in the kingdom of utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Gracious Lord.

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O Muhammad! Harken to the call from the luminous spot - verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard your call and answered you with justice, and witnessed your turning and have turned to you from this Station which hath been named by all names by the Most Exalted Pen and as the Most Great Prison, if thou be of them that know. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that whereby thy name shall endure throughout the duration of His most excellent names. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee and turn thee away from the Lord of all mankind. Arise with supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause and remind the people with wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may abandon what they possess, yearning for that which is with God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a prince hath turned away from the Truth, and how many a poor one hath hastened and drunk in His name, the Generous. Say: By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged in the contingent world and the nightingale of utterance hath warbled upon the branches - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thus have We lit the lamp of knowledge amongst mankind. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it, and woe unto them that turn away.

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In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them a mercy to all the worlds. Nothing whatsoever can prevent Him from that which He desireth. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The idolaters imagined that tribulation would prevent Baha from that which God, the Lord of Names, desired. Say: Nay, by Him Who created the heaven! Nothing can prevent Him from the remembrance of His Lord, the Mighty, the Praised One. When We arrived at the prison, We desired to convey unto the kings the message of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. One of the servants appeared before Our presence, and We cast upon him a word from Us, whereupon his limbs trembled. We held him back through a power from Us - verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Then We cast another word, whereupon he was filled with joy within himself. We breathed into him the spirit of might and power and sent him with a Tablet from thy Lord, the Chosen One, unto him whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, desired, that all may know that tribulation preventeth Him not from that which He desireth in the path of God, the Creator of all things. He summoneth the peoples unto the Lord of Eternity, and the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, preventeth Him not. Thus have We recounted unto thee that which came to pass aforetime, that thou mayest become aware of the sovereignty of thy Lord and be of the thankful ones. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of thy Lord say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, in that Thou hast caused my name to flow from the Pen of Thy Command while I was imprisoned by the hands of the idolaters.

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In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

Glorified is He Who sendeth down the verses as He pleaseth and maketh mention of His servant who hath believed in divine destiny, when the Most Great Horizon was adorned with the gaze of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and the Tablet hath been revealed repeatedly, that thou mayest be assured that He loveth him who hath sought Him and maketh mention of him who hath turned toward Him with a luminous countenance. We arrived at the Most Great Prison in the city whose inhabitants were the most wicked of all people, as attesteth to this the Lord of creation in a perspicuous Book. When We arrived, We summoned all to God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and the call was raised from the precincts of the prison in such wise as to encompass earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Be thou a helper of His Cause, a servant of His command, and one who proclaimeth His name. Thus doth command thee He Who loveth thee for the sake of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Among the people are those who hunt souls with the snare of humility, and among them are those who have made the ranks of sandals a ladder to reach the station of glory. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O people, abandon all else save Him and cling to the hem of the favors of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus have We called out to thee from the holy precincts and revealed unto thee that which shall solace thine eyes and the eyes of them that are nigh. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who is the All-Powerful over all things! Glorified is He Who sends down verses for people who act with justice, who walk upon the straight path and hasten unto good deeds, who speak pure truth amongst the servants and perform what is right. These are assuredly among the people of Baha, preserved in a guarded Tablet. The doubts of the wicked and the insinuations of those who disbelieve do not hinder them. They perceive the fragrance of the garment from the direction of the Beloved and bid people to that which they were commanded by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O company of companions! The All-Bestowing has come upon clouds of glory, yet the people do not see. Blessed is the eye that has seen and recognized its Lord. Woe unto those who are veiled! Say: O people, rend asunder the veils in the name of your Lord. He has verily appeared in truth from this visible horizon. Every sect is held back by what they possess. Blessed are the party of God who have forsaken all else and turned with their hearts to the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus have We sprinkled upon thee from the ocean of the Spirit that thou mayest arise to celebrate the praise of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. He verily heareth what ye say and seeth what ye do in His path. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All matters are in the grasp of His power. He is the Mighty, the Loving. Arise to the Cause through God's might and power, then summon the people to this glorious horizon.

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In the name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great! Glorified is He Who speaketh as He willeth and desireth, and Who speaketh as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Speaker, the All-Powerful, the True, the

Faithful. O ye loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of God from the direction of His Most Sublime Vision. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Generous. Be ye assured through God's grace and mercy, then turn with your hearts toward the Beloved. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Beware lest remoteness sadden you. By My life! Whosoever hath turned to the Most Great Sea, verily standeth before the Face. My glorious and wise Pen beareth witness to this. Arise to assist the Cause and follow not the desires of those who have denied God when He came unto them with a manifest command. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the gracious hands of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Woe unto him who hath turned away and was of the heedless. Thus doth the Pen of Command counsel you at this moment when the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. Arise and say: O people! By God, the veil hath been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come in the shadows of the clouds. Blessed are they that behold! This is He Who was promised in the tablets of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Leave what ye possess, then turn unto Him. This is better for you, if ye be of them that know. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the midmost heart of creation. Blessed is he who is illumined thereby and is of them that are firmly established.

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O people of Sad [letter], 'Abdu'llah in the city! He is the Mighty! Glorified be He Who guideth whom He willeth, and verily He is the Single, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. He revealeth unto whom He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth the matter in a Tablet well-preserved and glorious. He granteth knowledge unto whom He willeth and withholdeth it from whom He willeth, and verily He is the Single, the Most High, the Best-Beloved. Unto Him submit all who are in the heavens and the earth, and He hath created all things through His word "Be!" and it is. His is the glory and the splendor, His the power and the radiance, His the grandeur and the perpetuity. All were created by His command and all beseech His bounty. Say: With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of all things in a Book concealed. Yet His mercy hath preceded all things; therefore doth He conceal for whom He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. And thou, O servant, give thanks unto God thy Creator, inasmuch as He hath guided thee through His own Self and hath sent down unto thee this Tablet that was sent forth, that thou mayest thank God thy Creator throughout all thy days, at eventide and at dawn. Be thou steadfast in the Path and be not heedless of God thy Lord. Then hold fast unto His cord that thou mayest be among those who hold fast unto God's protection. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon honored servants.

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O Mirza Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Subduing over what was and what shall be! Glorified be God! The Day is the Day of God, and the lights of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai have illumined the realm of inner meanings and utterance. Nevertheless, the servants are seen to be heedless, veiled and debarred, for they have turned away from the Truth and circle round

falsehood. Say: O people! The One Goal calleth you from the most exalted horizon, that while time remaineth ye may not deprive and withhold yourselves. Turn with radiant faces toward the horizon from which hath dawned the Day-Star of the favors of the Lord of all beings, and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given us to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having rained down upon us from the clouds of Thy mercy the showers of Thy favors and Thy verses. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee in Thy most exalted Paradise and Thy most sublime Garden. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. Then I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the One Manifest from the Horizon of Eternity

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the names and ordained for them whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, and by His word “Be” and it is, hath He manifested the favor and sent down the table as a grace from His presence. He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. We have arrived at the Most Great Prison and summoned kings and subjects alike unto God, the Sovereign Lord, the Self-Subsisting. Among them are those who turned away, those who denied, and those who pronounced judgment against the Wronged One. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Nothing can frustrate Him, nor can the might of those on earth weaken Him. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a preserved Tablet. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and hastened to drink from the ocean of certitude in the days of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which the mountains were scattered, the earth discoursed, the dove cooed upon the branches, the breeze of divine knowledge wafted, and the ocean of certitude surged, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy Cause and to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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In His Name, the One Who rules over all names!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast made it to rule over all things, that Thou ordain for Thy servants and creatures that which will lead them to the shade of the Tree of Thy Oneness and cause them to hear the cooing of the Dove of Thy transcendent Unity. O Lord! Deprive them not of the outpourings of the ocean

of Thy bounty, nor keep them far from the horizon whence the sun of Thy favors hath shone forth. O Lord! Thou knowest that in this Cause I have desired naught but what Thou didst desire, and therefore there hath befallen me that which none knoweth save Thy Self, Who ruleth over all created things. By Thy glory, O Thou Who art the Desire of the worlds and the Beloved of the sincere ones! The harm inflicted by Thy servants in Thy path cannot deter me from Thy love, nor can the might of Thy creatures frighten me. I call upon Thee at all times that verily Thou art the All-Merciful - there is no God but Thee, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. O Lord! Thou seest that one of Thy servants hath turned to a place concerning which Thy creatures and people have differed, seeking from it the wondrous gifts of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy grace. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy hidden Name, which none hath known whether past or future, that Thou send down upon him from the heaven of Thy grace that which will make him rich through Thy riches and strengthened through Thy confirmations. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Forgiver, the Generous.

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In the Name of God, the Most Invincible, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

O thou who art named Ward before Nabil! Hearken unto My call from this remote prison. We beseech God to make thee a rose among the roses of His Paradise, that through thee the fragrances of His love may be wafted throughout the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and grieve not over anything, for verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him. He guardeth whomsoever He pleaseth by His command and aideth whom He willeth through the hosts of the unseen. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O My loved ones! Be ye united in My Cause and detached from all else. Aid those upon whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of the All-Merciful, whom God hath cleansed with the waters of sanctity and purified from the whisperings of the idolaters. Be thou grateful to thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize Him and for having made thee one of those who have attained.

Know thou that He Whom the people invoke by night and by day hath been imprisoned in this land after having called them to naught but God, their Beloved and the Beloved of those who know. Blessed are they who have today adorned their temples with the ornament of the love of God - these are indeed His honored servants. The world and all that is therein shall perish, but their names shall endure in the Kingdom of God. This, verily, is a manifest grace.

These souls are, in this world, in the utmost joy and gladness, and when their spirits ascend unto God, the denizens of Paradise shall welcome them with hosts from the Concourse on High, shall pray for them and shall usher them into a Paradise of glory and bounty. Were the station of but one of them to be revealed to those on earth, all would be stunned by the splendors of that sacred and wondrous station.

He desireth naught for His servants save that He might bring them nigh unto the Ultimate Goal and enable them to hear the melodies of the Leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree. Yet the people have objected, save those whom God hath aided through His grace and numbered among those who turn unto Him.

Remember thy Lord by night and by day. He, verily, sufficeth thee in truth. He encompasseth all things. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. Within His grasp lie the dominion of Command and Creation, and the Kingdom of the heavens and earth. Should ye find in anyone the slightest trace of aversion to your Lord, the All-Merciful, shun his company and put your trust in God. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth. None can withhold His sovereignty. He doeth what He pleaseth through His word and ordaineth what He desireth. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the seas were set in motion, and the trees bore fruit, and the rivers flowed, and the lights shone forth, and the veils were rent asunder, and the mysteries were unveiled, that Thou wilt not keep us from the sweet-scented breezes of Thy might, through which the hearts of Thy chosen ones and the souls of Thy loved ones were attracted. O Lord! We are Thy servants, in Thy grasp, seeking refuge at Thy threshold and shelter in Thy presence. By Thy beauty, O Beloved of the worlds, we find no path for ourselves except unto Thee, no refuge save Thee, and no haven other than the shelter of Thy supreme mercy. I beseech Thee by Thine own Most Exalted Self not to shut us out from the door of Thy mercy which hath been opened to the face of all worlds. Make us then steadfast in Thy love and walking in the ways of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. O Lord! Thou art He Who hath called all unto the seat of the glory of Thy oneness and the court of the sanctity of Thy singleness. We are among Thy servants who have heard Thy call and answered what Thou hast summoned us unto. We have therefore turned our faces toward the sanctuary of Thy mercy and Thy favors, and our eyes are fixed upon the horizon of Thy grace and Thy gifts. I beseech Thee not to deprive us of that which lieth with Thee, and to ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for them that are detached among Thy servants and near unto Thee among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised, and praise be unto Thee, for Thou art the Goal of them that seek Thee.

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word and by the Most Beautiful Names and by the Supreme Manifestation of Thy Self, and by that Name through which Thou didst distinguish between the Manifestations of the Names and didst ordain the measures of all things from Thy Most Exalted Pen, that Thou deprive me not of the breezes of Thy days wherein Thou didst reveal Thyself to all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, and that Thou keep me not far from the shore of Thy nearness and good-pleasure. O Lord! This is a leaf from the leaves of the trees in the garden of Thy Cause and a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee, directed herself toward the court of Thy bounty and gifts, gazed upon the effulgences of the light of Thy countenance, and drawn nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy glorious oneness and the dawning-place of the manifestations of Thy singleness. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy Names that Thou disappoint me not from the gate of Thy grace and mercy. Then make me steadfast, O my God, in Thy love in such wise that the veils of Thy creatures and the allusions of Thy creation and the denial of those who disbelieved in Thy Self and rejected Thy signs shall not withhold me. O Lord! Enable me to remember Thee and praise Thee among Thy handmaidens. Then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy

that which shall sever me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto Thee. Then grant me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Helping.

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Lauded by Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou beholdest how my gaze is fixed toward Thy tender mercies, and how mine eyes are bent upon the horizon of Thy grace, and Thy loving-kindness, and how my hands are stretched out unto the heaven of Thy bestowals. Thy might beareth me witness! Every limb of my body crieth out to Thee and saith: "O Thou Who art the Well-Beloved of the worlds, and the Lord of all that are in heaven and on earth, and the one Desire of the hearts which are devoted to Thee! I implore Thee, by Thine Ocean unto which Thou didst summon all the inmates of heaven and all the dwellers of the earth, to help Thy servants who have been kept back from turning unto it and from approaching its shores. Make them, then, O my God, to be detached from all else but Thee, and enable them to speak forth Thy praise and extol Thy virtues. Supply them, moreover, O my God, with the choice Wine of Thy mercy, that it may cause them to be forgetful of any one except Thee, and to arise to serve Thy Cause, and to be steadfast in their love for Thee. Thou art, verily, the Lord of their lives and the Object of their adoration. If they be driven away by Thee, who will then look upon them; and if they be removed far from Thee, who is there that can help them to approach Thy Presence? I swear by Thy might! No refuge is there to flee to except Thee, and no shelter to seek except Thy shelter, and no protection except Thy protection. Woe betide him who hath taken as Lord any one beside Thee, and blessed are the ones who have rid themselves of all attachment to all the dwellers of Thine earth, and clung to the hem of Thy bounteousness. These! the people of Baha, before all that are in heaven and all that are on earth. No God is there but Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise."

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest my dwelling-place, and hearest my lamentation. I know not for what transgression the breezes of Thy mercy and loving-kindness have been withheld from Thy loved ones, and for what rebellion Thou hast left them in the hands of Thine enemies. Is there any Forgiver besides Thee Who might absolve them of their misdeeds, and is there any Gracious One other than Thee Who might clothe them in the garment of pardon? Nay, by Thy might! I behold no existence besides Thee and no being other than Thee. Thou hast ever been as Thou art, with nothing else beside Thee, and Thou wilt forever remain as Thou hast been. O Lord! Forgive, then, Thy servants who have taken none but Thee

as their Helper, and no friend besides Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the standards of Thy Cause were raised up, and the signs of Thy grandeur were sent down, and the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacles of Thy bounty were lifted up for the sincere ones among Thy creatures, that Thou aid those whose faces have been barred from the gates of joy and tranquility. O Thou in Whose hands lie the kingdom of bounty and the dominion of grace and favor! Open Thou unto their faces, O my God, the gates of Thy mercy and the portals of Thy providence. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy favor that which will make them independent of all except Thee, and free from all save Thyself. Verily, Thou art the Opener of the gates and the Guide of all souls. There is none other God but Thee, the Judge in both the beginning and the end.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, and glorified art Thou, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, and glorified art Thou, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Concealer, to conceal the sins of Thy servants and whatsoever they have committed in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art He Whose generosity hath encompassed all created things and Whose mercy hath preceded all existence. None hath ever returned disappointed and frustrated from the door of Thy grace, nor have any souls remained deprived and hopeless. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all created things to forgive Thy servants and Thy creation, and take them not to task for their misdeeds and errors. Wouldst Thou, O my God, chastise him who hath acknowledged Thy mercy and confessed to Thy favors and bounties? Nay, by Thy might! I testify that Thou dost not withhold those who seek Thee from the ocean of Thy grace, nor those who desire Thee from the sun of Thy bounty. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to be attracted by Thy verses, whereupon I hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness and heard Thy sweetest call, which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of earth and heaven, and for having shown me Thy beauty in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the nations have wrought. O Lord! Ordain for me and for those with me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace the table of Thy utterance and the blessing of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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CII

Glory to Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all worlds, and the Beloved of all such as have recognized Thee! Thou seest me sitting under a sword hanging on a thread, and art well aware that in such a state I have not fallen short of my duty towards Thy Cause, nor failed to shed abroad Thy praise, and declare Thy virtues, and deliver all Thou hadst prescribed unto me in Thy Tablets. Though the sword be ready to fall

on my head, I call Thy loved ones with such a calling that the hearts are carried away towards the horizon of Thy majesty and grandeur.

Purge out thoroughly their ears, O my Lord, that they may hearken unto the sweet melodies that have ascended from the right hand of the throne of Thy glory. I swear by Thy might! Were any one to attune his ears to their harmony he would soar up to the kingdom of Thy revelation, wherein every created thing proclaimeth that Thou art God, and that there is none other God save Thee, the Omnipotent, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Cleanse Thou, O my God, the eyes of Thy servants, and so transport them by the sweetness of Thine utterances that calamities will be powerless to hinder them from turning unto Thee, and from directing their eyes towards the horizon of Thy Revelation.

Darkness hath encompassed every land, O my God, and caused most of Thy servants to tremble. I beseech Thee, by Thy Most Great Name, to raise in every city a new creation that shall turn towards Thee, and shall remember Thee amidst Thy servants, and shall unfurl by virtue of their utterances and wisdom the ensigns of Thy victory, and shall detach themselves from all created things.

Potent art Thou to do Thy pleasure. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, He Whose help is implored by all men.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O God of the unseen and the seen, Who hast appeared on this promised Day! I testify, and all created things and the tongues of all beings testify, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over all names and sovereign over all things. Thou art He, O my God, unto Whose riches all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven have testified, and to Whose power all who abide in the dominion of Thy Cause and creation have borne witness. Thou hast created all beings and sent unto them Thy Messengers and Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets to bring them the glad-tidings of what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and favors. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the appearance of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy Cause, to aid Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One and in Thy grasp are the reins of all created things and the control of all beings. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him who hath turned to Thee and arisen to serve Thee. Aid him then, O my God, through Thy bounty and favors that his mention may thereby be exalted among Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The items sent by that honored person and the honored person bearing the same name, Ibn-i-Lutf, and Muhammad-Qabl-'Ali and Raj - upon thee and upon them be the Glory of God - were received by this servant through the honored Shaykh - upon him be the Glory of God - in the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1298.

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CXIII

Magnified be Thy name, O my God! I testify that if Thy servants were to turn towards Thee with the eyes Thou didst create in them and with the ears wherewith Thou didst endow them, they would all be carried away by a single word sent down from the right hand of the throne of Thy majesty. That word alone would suffice to brighten their faces, and to assure their hearts, and to cause their souls to soar up to the atmosphere of Thy great glory, and to ascend into the heaven of Thy sovereignty.

I pray Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Ruler of both earth and heaven, to grant that all who are dear to Thee may each become a cup of Thy mercy in Thy days, that they may quicken the hearts of Thy servants. Empower them also, O my God, to be as the rain that poureth down from the clouds of Thy grace, and as the winds that waft the vernal fragrances of Thy loving-kindness, that through them the soil of the hearts of Thy creatures may be clad with verdure, and may bring forth the things that will shed their fragrance over all Thy dominion, so that every one may perceive the sweet smell of the Robe of Thy Revelation. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest.

The power of Thy might beareth me witness! Whoso hath drunk of the cup which the hand of Thy mercy hath borne round will strip himself of all things except Thee, and will be able, through a word of his mouth, to enrapture the souls of such of Thy servants as have slumbered on the bed of forgetfulness and negligence, and to cause them to turn their faces toward Thy most Great Sign, and seek from Thee naught else except Thyself, and ask of Thee only what Thou hast determined for them by the pen of Thy judgment and hast prescribed in the Tablet of Thy decree.

Send down, then, O my God, through Thy Most Great Name, upon Thy loved ones what will, under all conditions, draw them nearer unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, Whose help is implored by all men.

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XXXVI

Lauded be Thy name, O my God! I am so carried away by the breezes blowing from Thy presence that I have forgotten my self and all that I possess. This is but a sign of the wonders of Thy grace and bountiful favors vouchsafed unto me. I give praise to Thee, O my God, that Thou hast chosen me out of all Thy creatures, and made me to be the Day-Spring of Thy strength and the Manifestation of Thy might, and empowered me to reveal such of Thy signs and such tokens of Thy majesty and power as none, whether in Thy heaven or on Thy earth, can produce.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy most effulgent Name, to acquaint my people with the things Thou didst destine for them. Do Thou, then, preserve them within the stronghold of Thy guardianship and the tabernacle of Thine unerring protection, lest through them may appear what will divide Thy servants.

Assemble them, O my Lord, on the shores of this Ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth Thee to be God, besides Whom there is none other God, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Uncover before them, O my Lord, the majesty of Thy Cause, lest they be led to doubt Thy sovereignty and the power of Thy might. I swear by Thy glory, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds! Had they been aware of Thy power they would of a certainty have refused to utter what Thou didst not ordain for them in the heaven of Thy will.

Inspire them, O my Lord, with a sense of their own powerlessness before Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self, and teach them to recognize the poverty of their own nature in the face of the manifold tokens of Thy self-sufficiency and riches, that they may gather together round Thy Cause, and cling to the hem of Thy mercy, and cleave to the cord of the good-pleasure of Thy will.

Thou art the Lord of the worlds, and of all those who show mercy, art the Most Merciful.

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=== START BH05409 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all nations, my Lord and the Lord of the world! Behold my sighs and the tears that fall from mine eyes in my separation and remoteness from Thee. Consider with justice, O my God - that justice which Thou hast enjoined upon Thy servants - can any one of them that love Thee behold a city and not see Thee rising resplendent above its horizon? Can any soul enter a garden and not perceive Thee seated upon the throne of Thy majesty and glory? O Lord! Hearts have melted in their separation from Thee, and spirits have been consumed in their remoteness from Thee. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self to cause the waters of reunion with Thee to rain down upon Thy loved ones, and grant them to hear Thy call and attain unto the presence at the gate of union with Thee. Thou art He Who hath manifested Thy beauty and sent down Thy verses and revealed that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge. The veils of the world cannot conceal Thee, nor can the doings of them that have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs prevent Thee from accomplishing that which Thou hast purposed. O Lord! Write down for those who have been consumed by the fire of remoteness that which Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee. Thou art He Who hath established supreme justice between earth and heaven. Every thing beareth witness to Thy generosity, Thy bounty, Thy grace and Thy loving-kindness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Best-Beloved and my Object of worship! Thou hearest the call of Thy loved ones and beholdest the deeds of Thy chosen ones. They see for themselves no mention, praise, utterance, deed or end save through Thy power, bounty and grace. The ornaments of the world are

gathered unto them solely that they might spend them in Thy path, and they love naught of all things save for the exaltation of Thy Word and the promotion of Thy Cause. These are Thy chosen ones amidst Thy creation and Thy trusted ones throughout Thy lands. They sit not but through Thy name, they rise not but in Thy remembrance, and they eat not save it be mingled with thanksgiving and praise unto Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou around Whom circle the Concourse on High, to assist them in all conditions even as Thou didst assist them before, that there might appear from them at all times that which ascendeth unto Thee and which is perfumed with the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Thou Sovereign of bounty and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy most sweet call and by the signs of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to rain down from the heaven of Thy grace upon him who hath confined his affairs to Thy mention and praise amongst Thy servants and who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause, the rain-showers of Thy generosity, the gentle drops of Thy munificence and the outpourings of Thy favors. Verily Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

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O Afnan, His honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be all My most glorious and most resplendent glory! He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon. Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose fire of love the world hath been set ablaze and before Whose Most Great Name the nations have bowed down! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was raised up, the Kingdom of Names was adorned, and the hearts of the Concourse on high were drawn forth, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon him who hath turned unto Thee that which will aid him in all the worlds of Thy worlds and draw him nigh unto Thee in such wise that the people of Thy earth shall not prevent him. O my Lord! Thou seest him turning unto Thee, placing his trust in Thee, and hastening unto the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and whatsoever lay hidden in Thy knowledge to accept from him that which he hath wrought in Thy path and to ordain for him the best of what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Disappoint not him who hath turned his face unto Thy countenance and hastened unto the door of Thy grace. Open, O my God, before his face the door of Thy knowledge, then write down for him that which he hath desired of the wonders of Thy grace and Thy favors. Thou art He Whom the tyrannies of the oppressors cannot frustrate and Whom the rejection of the Pharaohs cannot withhold. The atoms have testified to Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty, and all created things to Thy greatness and Thy dominion. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. Praise be unto Thee! Verily, Thou art God, the Exalted, the Great.

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In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Praise be to the peerless Lord Who hath illumined the heaven of man's station with two brilliant stars - sight and knowledge. Whosoever hath attained unto these twin bounties hath attained unto the

outpourings of the All-Merciful. He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, and the Almighty Ruler. Well is it with him who hath recognized Him, and woe betide the heedless ones.

Thy letter was received and attained unto the presence of this Wronged One. God willing, in this radiant morn thou shalt, at every moment, quaff from the wine of divine knowledge and be engaged in the remembrance of the Wronged One of the horizons. In these days when the fierce winds of tyranny have uprooted the saplings of justice, and when the sorrows of the world of being have surrounded the Countenance of the All-Merciful, the Supreme Pen hath not been prevented from raising its call, and continueth to summon them that possess utterance to the Most Sublime Horizon. How excellent is the state of him who hath hearkened unto the divine call and turned his face toward the horizon of the Cause. Render thanks unto the Beloved of the world that He hath not debarred thee from the outpourings of the ocean of divine knowledge nor deprived thee of the sealed wine. Although the dust of malice hath prevented the light from shining forth, yet the time shall come when it will appear without any veil and illumine the whole world. Of this doth the true world bear witness. Verily, He is the True One, the Trustworthy. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Proof!

The All-Merciful testifieth that there is none other God but He. Verily He Who hath come with the truth cannot be known through remembrances nor described through attributes. Every possessor of insight hath testified that He hath been sanctified above all similitudes and hallowed above all else from time immemorial. Through Him was revealed all that was concealed, brought forth all that was treasured, manifested all that was hidden, dawned all that was setting, and spoke all that was mute. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be thou grateful for this most great favor and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest names veil thee from their Sovereign, their Creator and their Originator. Turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by the myriads of them that are nigh unto Thee and by the lights of the countenances of the sincere ones who have cast away all else save Thee and have taken Thy Book with hands of submission and contentment, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions and will strengthen them to stand firm in this Cause whereby the feet of men have slipped. O my Lord! I am the one whom the fragrances of Thy garment have stirred and the wondrous tokens of Thy grace and favors have drawn near, such that my heart hastened to the seat of Thy throne and the dawning-place of the light of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the door of Thy bounty and bestowal. There is none other God but Thee, the Witness, the Speaker, the Hearer, the Answerer.

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=== START BH05415 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him. His is the creation and the command, and all bow down before Him. His is the glory and the power, and His is the grandeur and might. He quickeneth whom He willeth through a word from His presence. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the right-hand side upon this blessed and divine Spot which God hath created beyond the sea of grandeur, that there is none other God but Him, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Rejoice within thyself that thou hast been mentioned by the Pen of Holiness in this sacred and hidden Tablet. Then remain steadfast in the love of God and turn away from those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and are among those who understand not.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Beauty, whose lights have encompassed all that was and shall be, that Thou protect Thy handmaiden from the evil of Satan and his hosts. Then cause her to drink from the Kawthar of Thy forgiveness, that she may be purified from all that veils her from recognizing the Manifestation of Thy Self. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. Thou ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy word “Be” and it is. And glory be upon thee and upon whoso holdeth fast unto the Sure Handle and turneth away from every rejected polytheist.

=== END BH05415 ===

=== START BH05416 ===

O Mirza Siyyid ’Ab, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Wise Expounder. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and His is the Kingdom and the Realm, and the Grandeur and the Dominion. He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the Single One, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And He beareth witness to the Dawning-Place of Revelation through Whom the tale of the Mount was repeated and the people of the graves arose, that He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret Who hath appeared for the life of the world and the unity of nations, yet most of the people are heedless. Bear thou witness to that which God hath witnessed. Verily He will aid thee and be with thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Expounder. We have remembered thee from Our Most Exalted Pen time and again. Rejoice thou at this, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst create me and cause me to hear and to know and to see and didst guide me and strengthen me to recognize this Cause whereby the dwellers of Thy earth were seized with perturbation, save him whom the hand of Thy bounty did rescue. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of the nations, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love and successful in attaining Thy good-pleasure. Thou, verily, art the Hearer, the Bestower, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH05416 ===

=== START BH05417 ===

O Ali, upon him be the glory of God! The ocean of divine knowledge has surged through His Name, the All-Merciful. God testifies that there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and power, the glory and choice. He gives life and death, and He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. God bears witness that there is none other God but Him and He Who has come with the truth is indeed the Sovereign of Revelation, the Speaker on Sinai. Through Him the trumpet was sounded, the dead arose from their graves, and the Herald called out from a near place: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing." Your letter has come before the Wronged One. We have answered you with a Tablet which God has made the Dawning-Place of Tablets. When you perceive its fragrance and read its verses, say: "Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thine are the bounty and the favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst separate between the nations and didst manifest what was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the repository of Thy wisdom, to make me aided in all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book to ordain for me that which will benefit me in my life and after my death. Verily Thou art my Lord, my Master and my Creator. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy command by which Thou hast subdued the horizons."

=== END BH05417 ===

=== START BH05418 ===

He is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come upon the clouds of divine knowledge is, in truth, the All-Merciful - thus have testified the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day whereon all men have arisen before the Lord of the worlds. This is the Day which the Qur'an had foretold from the presence of the All-Merciful. The Kingdom on that Day is God's, though most of the people remain heedless. The Lord of Destiny hath appeared and every hidden matter hath been revealed. Verily the Hour hath come to pass, and the moon hath been cleft asunder, and the Trumpet of the Bayan hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save whom God hath willed, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We have witnessed thy turning unto Us and have therefore turned unto thee and remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet. Take it with the hand of power and say: By God! That which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen hath appeared, and the Nightingale of Immortality hath warbled upon the branches. The Hidden One hath been made manifest and God hath come with a mighty Cause.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness, lest your feet slip through the doubts of them that cast suspicion. Soon shall the clamorer cry out in every land and attribute himself to God - thus hath his soul enticed him, and We are among those who bear witness. God

is quit of him and his like who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and turned away from His luminous horizon.

=== END BH05418 ===

=== START BH05420 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and whoso hath attained unto recognition in the days of the All-Merciful, he is of the people of the Most Sublime Vision in the sight of God, the Lord of destiny. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted, most wondrous, and impregnable station.

O Muhammad-Qabli! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did bear witness ere the creation of all things, then render thanks unto Him for having aided thee and guided thee unto a straight path. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of truth after the veiling of creation. Keep thou this precious pearl, through the blessing of the Manifest Name, preserved within the treasury of thy heart, for the souls prone to evil have ever been and still are lying in wait for accepted souls. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Truth. Verily He will aid thee and protect thee and ordain for thee that which shall bring solace to all eyes. Whoso in this Day holdeth fast unto the Ark of God, the waves shall not drown him, and his shall be a station with his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Make mention of God both morn and eve, that perchance the slumbering ones may be awakened. Thou didst attain unto the Most Great Prison and enter the presence of the Wronged One whilst He was confined in an impregnable fortress. Convey My greetings unto the loved ones of God and gladden them all through God's loving-kindness. Verily We make mention of them even as We have mentioned them, and it behooveth them to hold fast unto that which they have been commanded in a preserved Book.

=== END BH05420 ===

=== START BH05421 ===

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and that He Who speaks is indeed the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His clear tokens - He at Whose appearance the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was rent, and its peoples lamented, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. Through Him appeared what was inscribed in the Books of God, and His advent was heralded by the Point of the Bayan and before Him by God's Messengers, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God! The Self-Subsisting has come, giving His sealed choice wine to drink to those near unto Him. Blessed is he who turned, partook and drank in My Name, the Munificent. Beware lest the affairs of creation hold thee back from the Truth. Cast aside all else and take what hath come unto thee through His binding and wise command. Make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, that through it may be attracted the hearts of those who were heedless of this momentous News. Say: This is the News whereof God gave tidings in every age, and through it the horizon of utterance was illumined. Thus have We set forth the verses, sent them down in

truth, and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be thankful and be of them that remember. Say: This is the Day of Utterance and this is the Day of Praise, would ye but know. Say: Make haste, O people, to gain what escaped you in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath held back from God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

=== END BH05421 ===

=== START BH05422 ===

RANGOON. O ’Abdu’s-Subhan, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dayspring of His signs, and the Source of every wise command. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto His most sweet call and acted according to that which was enjoined upon him in His perspicuous Book. This is the Day which the Lord of all beings foretold in former ages. Blessed is the strong one whom the doubts of the opposers have not kept back from this magnificent bounty. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have beheld thy mention and have mentioned thee in this Tablet through which the fragrances of the All-Merciful have been wafted throughout all possibilities. Joy be unto him who hath found, and woe betide every doubting denier. Blessed art thou inasmuch as thou hast turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon at a time when most of mankind have turned away therefrom, and joy be unto thee inasmuch as thou hast quaffed the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from Him Who is the Lord of the former and latter generations. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, but this luminous Tablet shall endure unto thee. Hold fast unto the cord of bounty and cleave unto the hem of the generosity of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One, whilst imprisoned through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. We make mention of thy two sons and beseech God to ordain for them the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05422 ===

=== START BH05423 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Peerless

God hath testified in His Books and Scriptures unto Him Who hath come with the Truth, with a Name through which the world was illumined and the faces of the nations were darkened, save those who held fast to the Sure Handle and turned toward the All-Highest Horizon - the Station wherein the Divine Lote-Tree doth speak: “There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

O Muhammad-Rida! We have heard thy mention, whereupon We made mention of thee, and having perceived the fragrance of thy love, We have sent unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest inhale therefrom the sweet-scented breeze of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. Blessed is thy father who set out for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, traversing land and sea until he arrived at the Most Great Prison wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Loving. He entered therein, attained unto His

presence, and heard the Voice of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed art thou for having turned toward God at a time when all people turned away from Him, save those whom God did will, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Blessed is the pen that writeth My verses, and the tongue that uttereth My praise, and the face that turneth toward My glorious station. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thine uncle and thy mother and thy two brothers and upon those who have cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies, holding fast to the loving-kindness of the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH05423 ===

=== START BH05424 ===

In His name, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

He Who is the Desired One beareth witness from the Most Great Prison to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed in the eternity of eternities. O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee on the Day whereof the All-Merciful hath made mention in the Qur'an: "The Day when all mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." By God, the True One! The Qur'an crieth out amidst all created things: "He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath come!" And the Gospel proclaimeth: "The Glorious One hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Beauteous!" Verily, the Bayan circleth round the Throne, while they that claim to be its followers have violated God's Covenant and Testament, save those whom the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath preserved, the Powerful, the Mighty. Say: O people of the Bayan! By what proof did ye believe in the All-Merciful, and by what evidence did ye turn away from Him Who, when He appeared, caused the Spirit to proclaim before His face: "The Hidden One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty!" We, verily, send Our greetings from this spot unto the loved ones of the All-Merciful in that land, and We remind them of that which beseemeth the days wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "There is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing." We counsel them to remain steadfast in this Cause, through which the feet of all peoples have slipped save such as have clung to the hem of My luminous robe. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have attained unto this wondrous Remembrance.

=== END BH05424 ===

=== START BH05425 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing Witness

The Lord of the world beareth witness unto His Own Self manifest through the Most Great Name that verily He is I and I am He, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth and the Omnipotent over whatsoever He desireth. Whoso denieth Him is accounted among the polytheists in His perspicuous Book. By God! The Most Great Book hath appeared and it is verily the Mother Book in the kingdom of utterance and the Preserved Tablet in this glorious station. Say: O concourse of humanity! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and hath been adorned with the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Destiny, Who was concealed behind the veils of the Unseen and hidden within His inaccessible knowledge. Arise ye

from the slumber of heedlessness and passion, turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! It hath been illumined by the radiant countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is every one who hath turned towards Him and every mighty one who hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards Us. We have turned to thee from this remote quarter and have mentioned thee in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of the garment throughout all lands. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Be thou grateful to God for this supreme bounty and mighty gift, and arise from thy place, turning towards the Most Exalted Station, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds!" Glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this wondrous Cause.

=== END BH05425 ===

=== START BH05427 ===

He is God! Blessed are they who drink from the cup of tribulation and partake of the chalice of destiny in the path of the Friend. Ever have the people of truth been distinguished and separated from falsehood in times of hardship and calamity. Happy art thou to have been afflicted with that which the Beloved was afflicted, and to have tasted from the cup which He Himself did drink. Be not sorrowful, for the world and all that is therein shall perish, while that which thy Lord hath ordained especially for thee shall endure and remain forever. Abasement in the path of the Friend is beloved. Soon shall thy sorrow be transformed into joy, and from the corner of darkness thou shalt enter the realm of light. Say: O my Lord! In the grasp of Thy power lieth the empire of all things, and in the right hand of Thy will resideth the kingdom of creation. I testify with my tongue, my heart and my innermost being that wert Thou to desire to subjugate all created things with but the motion of Thy finger, Thou art indeed capable through the sovereignty of Thy dominion and powerful through the authority of Thy self-subsistence. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Ark of Thy Cause did sail upon the ocean of Thy will, that Thou mayest deliver me from my condition, purify my heart through Thy knowledge, and make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH05427 ===

=== START BH05428 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Well is it with thee, O Trustee, for thou hast drunk from the cup of certitude and turned unto God, the True Sovereign Who maketh all things manifest. Thou hast cast aside vain imaginings from among the people, turning unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He is indeed the Lord of knowledge and its sovereign. He heareth and seeth. He is in truth the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There hath been mentioned before the Throne, time and again, that which thou hast spoken in remembrance of thy Lord's love, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We have sent down unto thee, in every instance, verses clear and decisive, as a bounty from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy. Know thou that they who claim to be enraptured by any name save this Name are among the heedless ones. Say: O people, be ye drawn by this Remembrance, whereby the backs of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds,

were broken, and through whose sovereign and all-pervading power We have subdued all created things. We have forbidden the people vain imaginings. Among them are those who worship idle fancies and perceive it not, imagining themselves to be among those who have attained the light of certitude. Say: All things are dependent upon the testimony of God, the King, the Single, the All-Informed. Well is it with thee and with thy sister and with whosoever hath turned unto you both, purely for the sake of God. He is assuredly among the sincere ones. Rejoice thou in God's remembrance of thee. He remembereth whosoever hath turned unto Him and loveth whosoever hath set his face toward His shining and luminous countenance.

=== END BH05428 ===

=== START BH05429 ===

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn, who hath migrated and attained! He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is the tongue that hath testified this Day to that which God hath testified, and the eye that hath beheld that which hath shone forth from the Supreme Horizon, and the heart that hath turned unto the Most Great Scene - the station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth: "There is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." By God's life! This is a Day wherein naught is mentioned save Him, yet the people are in evident slumber. Among the people of the Bayan are those who have turned away from God and objected to Him - they are indeed in age-old error. Blessed art thou for having cast away the vain imaginings of those who disbelieved in God and turned to the lights of the Countenance when they shone forth from the horizon of certitude. Take hold of God's Tablet with a strength from Him and a power from His presence, then remember Him in the nights and days, and be thou of the thankful ones. Thou hast attained, and heard, and beheld what was concealed throughout all eternity. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me and brought me into Thy presence and shown me and caused me to hear the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha in this most exalted Station. Bounty is in Thy right hand and the reins of grace are in Thy grasp. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God besides Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05429 ===

=== START BH05430 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the melodies from the quarter of the All-Merciful in this station whose air hath been perfumed by the fragrant breezes wafting from the raiment of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. The very air of the prison hath been made to exult by reason of the breath of God having ascended unto it, were ye of them that comprehend, and its earth glorieth above all other regions of the earth. This is a revelation from One Who is mighty and ancient. O servant! Hearken unto My words, then detach thyself from the world and all that is therein. By My life! There hath come unto thee that which is better for thee than all that is on earth, and thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, beareth witness thereto. A noble station hath been ordained for thee in the pavilions of grandeur. Seek what God hath desired, then in His love detach thyself from the peoples of the world. Thy name hath

been mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, and verses have been sent down unto thee at an hour when the denizens of Paradise and the angels drawn nigh were circling round the Throne. Grieve not for what hath befallen Us. By God! The Youth doth not lament in the love of God even should all tribulations descend upon Him, and thy Lord is witness unto what I say. Stand firm in the Cause, then aid it through wisdom and utterance. Thus have We commanded aforetime and afterwards, but the people are in manifest error. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation and turned away from the idolaters.

=== END BH05430 ===

=== START BH05431 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken that which hath been given him from the presence of One mighty and wise.

Grieve not over anything, and be not troubled in this Day wherein most of the servants have been troubled and turned away from God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God to stand firm in His Cause in such wise that naught that happeneth in the earth shall deter him. Verily thy Lord is well aware of what I say. Stand firm in the Cause, then summon the people unto God, thy Lord, and fear not the oppressors. Desire not for thyself save what God hath desired, and love not thyself except for the manifestation of His Cause. Thus doth He command thee Who hath loved thee for the sake of God, thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

Say: O people! By what proof have ye disbelieved in your Lord, the All-Merciful? Fear God and be not of them that turn aside. Hearken unto Him Who calleth you, under the sword, unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Doth He Who summoneth you amidst the depths of tribulations speak out of His own desire? Nay, by your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High! Ponder within yourselves that ye may perchance find a way unto God. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth upon thee from the horizon of Revelation, that thou mayest be assured through the grace of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and that the veils of them that deny may not withhold thee from His love.

=== END BH05431 ===

=== START BH05432 ===

O ’Abdu’r-Razzaq, son of the promoter of the Cause of God, upon both of you be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! Your request for naming in the name of the one true God:

Vain imaginings have deprived the world of the lights of the Luminary of certitude. The vain imaginings of the Shi’ih sect have been renewed, for the deniers of the Bayan cling to the conjectures of that sect. Glory be to God! What strange intoxication has seized the people of the Bayan! They have witnessed and heard the verses of God at all times, yet remain heedless and turn away. The people of God must, in the nights and days, beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, to protect the loved ones of this Most Great Revelation from the vain imaginings of the past and future. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Blessed art thou and blessed is the promoter of My Cause, whom We named Khalil in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen, and Afnan, as a token of grace from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God to strengthen him and assist him to champion His Cause through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to confirm them all in the Most Great Steadfastness and enable them to achieve that which will exalt the Word of God. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05432 ===

=== START BH05433 ===

O handmaid of God! In My Name, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The peoples and nations of the world cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to idle fancies, for they have been raised under the shadow of those who follow delusions. Throughout days and nights they yearned and hoped for the appearance of the Lord of all beings, to such extent that they would implore His presence from the Lord of Oneness with lamentation and weeping. Yet when the veils of glory were rent asunder by the finger of power and the breezes of the dawn of manifestation wafted, all turned away heedless save whom thy Lord willed. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me and given me to drink and taught me and shown me what was recorded in Thy Books and Scriptures and Tablets and Scrolls. I thank Thee, O my God, and praise Thee, O my Desire, for having sent down to me from the heaven of Thy bounty the table of knowledge and remembered me with that which will preserve my remembrance throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to ordain for Thy handmaidens what Thou hast ordained for those handmaidens who circle round Thy throne at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and at eventide. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. I beseech Thee to forgive my trespasses and my sins. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH05433 ===

=== START BH05434 ===

It is submitted that according to instructions, promises were previously made to send Tablets, and now they have been sent. At that time, replies were given to Jinab-i-Samandar and his brother and some friends in the land of Qaf, upon them be the Glory of God, and this was mentioned. Now replies to the letters and petitions which Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, had sent from the friends in Ha and Mim have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, and this servant did not have the opportunity to submit anything further to Jinab-i-Samandar. The request is that His Honor write these two words of explanation - just that the reply to the petition of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir from the people of Naraq and other friends who reside in the land of Ha and Mim has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent. However, they must exert their utmost effort in teaching it. And

regarding the matter that was mentioned in Jinab-i-Samandar's letter, the reply to that will also be sent later, God willing. And furthermore, one Tablet was also revealed and sent in reply to the petition of Mirza Nasru'llah-i-Fumani - it should reach Jinab-i-Samandar so that he may send it. All glory from all glory be upon you, O you who have sacrificed your all for the Glory. The Servant.

=== END BH05434 ===

=== START BH05435 ===

His honor the Name, upon him be the Glory of God. In the name of the one true God. The petition which you had sent to the Most Holy Court was noted. God the All-Knowing bears witness that this Wronged One has shown and continues to show the utmost kindness towards you. You have always dwelt beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and been gladdened by His favors, and whatever is said is for your own good. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you in achieving what you desired in your letter, that there may appear from you that which brings joy to hearts and souls. This journey of yours is by God's will. God willing, whatever is beneficial for the Cause and for you shall come to pass. Keep the counsels of the Wronged One before your eyes, for whatsoever has been and is spoken is and shall be pure good. Hold fast to the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the grace of the Lord of Names, and say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name and Thy sovereignty and the power that has encompassed those in Thy earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions one who gazes upon Thy Throne whereon is established the Temple of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! Cut me not off from the glances of Thy grace, but give me to drink from the Kawthar of bounty at morn and eventide. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. This is the reply to the previous petition that was written before.

=== END BH05435 ===

=== START BH05436 ===

In the name of the one incomparable Friend! The Nightingale of Eternity, perched upon the branches of the Divine Lote Tree, is at all times voicing these words: O friends! Recognize the value of these days of the All-Merciful and hasten with heart and soul to His presence. These are days the like of which have never been nor shall ever be seen. Its breezes give life to souls and its fragrances bring joy to hearts. Pass beyond all else save Him and turn your faces toward the Friend. This is the Day when the Ancient Beauty hath appeared without veil or covering, and the Most Great Name is manifest without any concealment. The door of His grace hath been opened before the faces of His loved ones, and His favors have encompassed all. O friends! Turn to Him with complete detachment, that ye may drink from the ocean of His presence and partake of His choice sealed wine. Then, intoxicated, arise to make mention of Him and speak forth His Name, that perchance dead souls may be quickened by this immortal wine and hasten to the path of the Friend. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward Him, and the heart that hath drunk the Kawthar of His love, and the eye that hath beheld the lights of His countenance, and the hand that hath been raised to the heaven of His bounty, and the ear that hath heard His sweetest call from this noble and glorious Horizon. The glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred who have turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH05437 ===

O Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the One Who warbles upon the branches. We left the house, turning toward another land, remembering My early days and speaking the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. We glorified, and all things glorified with Us - exalted be the Lord of Names Who has come with manifest sovereignty. The people of the Kingdom were attracted by the Call raised from the right side of the Mount, while the people remain in manifest error. We proceeded until We reached the sea. We sat and heard from its murmuring: “By God! The Beloved of the world has come, and He has appeared through Whose appearance the eyes of the Messengers were consoled.” Thereupon We took up Our Most Exalted Pen and desired to make mention of him who spoke My praise and soared in My atmosphere and drank from the ocean of My utterance and attained My presence - he who was named Varqa in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who remembers him and hears his word concerning this wondrous Cause. When thou hast received My Tablet and found the fragrance of My utterance, travel in My Name, then guide the people to My path and acquaint them with My Cause and give them the glad-tidings of My bounty and My loving-kindness. Then impart unto them that which We imparted unto thee, that they may choose for themselves a path to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining forth from My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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=== START BH05438 ===

He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Luminous

Glorified be He Who, in less than a moment of the day, caused His servant to journey to a station that was hidden from all the worlds, and in even less time guided him from behind the veils until he reached the luminous highest heaven of nearness. Then from that station He raised him up through a Spirit from the unseen to the pavilion of the Divine Essence, unto which the hearts of the mystics cannot soar, and showed him the creation of all things, and inspired him with mysteries whereof not a single letter could all created things together comprehend. And after that He elevated him to a place whereof no word can speak and whereunto the minds of them that are nigh unto God cannot ascend. And thereby were constricted the breasts of those who disbelieved in God and dwelt behind a mighty veil of self, and they bit their fingertips in rage. Say: Die in your rage! This is the decree of God and there is no averting it. We have inscribed this judgment on a noble tablet. And thou, O servant, give thanks unto God for what He hath bestowed upon thee and cast upon thee from the mysteries of manifest glory, that thou mayest thank God at all times and turn not unto anyone, even should all who are in the heavens and earth oppose thee. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whoso is guided by God’s guidance and dwelleth in the shadow of a mighty countenance.

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He is the Mighty! So glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses in truth unto people who comprehend, for verily it is a revelation from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: The hosts of the Cause have mounted forth with such majesty as hath bewildered the hearts of those who bore the throne of God, the Exalted, the Most High, the Kind. Thereupon did the Bird of Oneness cry out in the heaven of eternity: "By God! Never have the eyes of the dwellers of the pavilion of the divine cloud beheld the like of these who have detached themselves unto God and migrated from all directions toward the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Beloved." Then did the Maiden of the Cause emerge from her palace, and the maidens of paradise cried out in lamentation, if ye but knew. And she said: "By God! After these who have left their homes, affliction shall descend due to that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought aforetime and continue to perpetrate." Say: O concourse of the idolaters! Die in your wrath! Verily God will exalt His Cause through truth and aid His servants who were oppressed in the earth and who placed their trust in their Lord. So await the day when the sky shall come with crimson light, and the Maiden of Infallibility shall appear from the horizon of eternity, and the believers shall then rejoice in the gladness of God. Thus do We bestow upon the people of the divine cloud the heavenly table, and We cast upon you that which shall make you independent of those who are not guided by the signs of God. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who, when they hear the verses of God, fall unconscious from their yearning.

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=== START BH05440 ===

He is the Ever-Living, the Most Exalted, the Peerless

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, who hath entered upon the couch of holiness at the dawning-place of Thy Beauty and the dayspring of union with Thee, who hath reclined upon the throne of the divine Essence on the carpet of Thy glory and meeting with Thee, and who hath attained to the pure essence of grace when Thou didst choose her for Thyself, and hath been joined to the very essence of mercy when Thou didst select her for Thy love. Glorified, glorified art Thou! How great is Thy care for her condition, and how mighty is Thy favor toward her soul, inasmuch as Thou hast honored her with the garment of divinity and illumined her with the lights of lordship, and caused her to hear the melodies of glory from the Eternal, and favored her with the songs of majesty from the One. How lofty are the wonders of Thy mercy toward her! How sweet are the gems of Thy grace concerning her! By Thy might! This servant is powerless to mention a single letter regarding how Thou hast honored her and chosen her and selected her and exalted her, and what Thou hast ordained concerning her condition and fulfilled for her and through her and upon her. Therefore, I beseech Thee, O my God, by the first one whom Thou didst call and who answered Thee, and by the last one whom Thou didst manifest and who proclaimed Thee, that Thou make her content with Thee and patient in Thee. Then preserve her from every disease and affliction, and grant her that which will bring comfort to her eyes, that she may inherit through Thy grace and be a proof of Thee and a path unto Thee. For verily Thou art the Giver of whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Best of inheritors.

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He is He

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I call upon Thee in this hour when I am immersed in the oceans of Thy good-pleasure and am clinging, amid the billows of time, to the ark of Thy loving care. All praise be to Thee, O my God, for having perfected Thy bounty upon me and upon the sincere ones among Thy servants, inasmuch as Thou hast caused to shine upon them the lights of Thy holy eternity and the mysteries of the mighty heaven of Thy oneness, and hast enriched all through the sovereignty of Thy loving care by making known to them the pathway of Thy Lordship and the outpourings of Thy guidance, and hast caused them to dwell in the precincts of Thy mercy, and hast sent down upon them the holy verses of Thy sovereignty. Glorified, glorified art Thou! Who is able to befittingly praise Thee or to thank Thee as beseemeth Thy favors and blessings? By Thy might! All are powerless to offer beautiful praise unto Thee, and all mankind is bewildered before the wondrous tokens of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee at this moment, by the fire of Thy Being and the light of Thy eternity, to grant this handmaiden that which she hath asked of Thee from the wonders of Thy grace. Then preserve her from every illness and calamity, honor her with Thy presence and Thy riches, cause her to enter beneath the shadow of Thy tenderness and generosity, and grant her the good of this world and the next if she hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs and in that which Thou hast sent down upon Thy most exalted Countenance from the wondrous verses of Thy glory and the comprehensive tokens of Thy wisdom. Then make her among the inheritors in the earth.

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=== START BH05442 ===

The trustworthy messenger caused the musk-scented letter to ascend with one feather from the heavens of existence and descend to the earth of manifestation. This is the journey of the physical messenger who, in one moment, graciously descended from the highest Sadratu'l-Muntaha to the lowest supreme height. What would happen if the spiritual courier were to move with the Buraq of love and display its majesty!

The wine of our pain makes us mad

If it were to become pure, I know not what it would do

This is from God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. And when I removed the veil of covering from the face of the bride of ink, and with complete love lifted it from her head, immediately a light shone forth from the identity of the essence of the words, such that the mountains of tranquility were crushed and the spirit became detached from its attachments. He fell down in a swoon, and when he recovered he said:

Was it lightning that flashed from the direction of the Mount,

Or were the veils lifted from Salma's face?

And from beholding it, the breezes of spirit blew from the north of the soul and bestowed pure victories upon all parts and members, such that the ear received the delight of divine call, and consciousness became unconscious from excess of love, and the mouth drank the wine of reunion, and the tongue strove to give thanks for this bounty. The sorrowful rejoices, the love-smitten is revived, the yearning one finds solace, and the hearer delights. And peace be upon you.

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=== START BH05443 ===

O Mulla Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One speaking from the Most Exalted Horizon. The All-Bountiful has come, saying: “To Me, to Me, O people of understanding!” The All-Merciful has come, saying: “Hasten, hasten, O followers of the religions!” The All-Forgiving has appeared with truth, saying: “Come, come, O people of the Furqan and O people of the Bayan!” The Self-Subsisting has arisen and proclaimed: “By God! He Who was promised in the Books of God has come, and He Who was the Purpose of those near unto God and the Beloved of the Prophets and Messengers has appeared. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Proof when the All-Merciful came with clear sovereignty.” Thus has the scratching of My Pen been raised up, and the rustling of My Divine Lote-Tree, and the murmuring of the water of My loving-kindness, and the whistling of the winds of My Will - if ye be of them that hear. Is there one possessed of tongue who will recite what hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Great? Is there one possessed of sight who will behold My luminous horizon? Is there one possessed of hearing who will hear what hath been sent down in this time from One All-Knowing, All-Informed? When thou hast drunk the living waters from the Pen of the All-Merciful, arise to serve the Cause with the wisdom We have sent down aforetime, that thou mayest find thyself in manifest joy. Thus hath the Pen counseled and the Tongue spoken. Blessed are they that hear, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Ahmad, before ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, who is mentioned in the Books and Tablets! He who hath loved Me and drunk the choice wine of attainment from the hand of My bounty hath desired to return to the twigs of the Tree and the loved ones of the blessed Word, bearing new gifts and wondrous presents of divine utterances and heavenly words. We have therefore sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty the table of utterance and the blessing of inner meanings. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them, and woe unto the heedless! When thou hast attained unto this trace of My Most Exalted Pen, turn thy face toward thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward Thy horizon and for having made known unto me Thy Cause, whereby the trumpet was sounded and all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck down, save those whom God preserved through His Most Great Name. We beseech God to make thee one of those who have spread abroad the signs of God and that which hath been sent down from His presence. Verily He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. We make mention in this station of thy mother and thy sister, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and likewise thy wife who hath attained unto

the days of God and found the fragrance of His garment, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon My twigs and upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not broken God's Covenant, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of the worlds.

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=== START BH05445 ===

O Afnan, His honor Mirza Aqa, upon him be all My most glorious and most resplendent Glory!

In My Name, the Near, the Watchful

The day of patience hath come, and the hour of steadfastness and remembrance of God, the Sovereign, the All-Choosing. In truth, this is the day of patience. That honored one must become the dawning-place of patience and steadfastness. There hath befallen you that which hath grieved the heart of the One Who is the Purpose of the world. The cause and reason for what hath befallen is manifest and evident before the Face. And in Our inquiring after you there are signs that thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. A Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in remembrance of the Most Exalted Leaf. By My life! Nothing on earth can equal it. That which was revealed in her name shall never be exhausted and will never come to an end. That honored one is mentioned before the Face and standeth before the Gate. That which hath been ordained will assuredly come to pass. Be thou assured and be of those who are firmly established. We have revealed that which all atoms testify to God's tender mercy, His compassion, His loving-kindness, His bounty and His favor towards you, O My Afnan! Verily, He is with you - He seeth and heareth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. Convey greetings from the True One to all the kindred, and impart unto them the word of patience. God willing, may all attain unto this holy and blessed adorning, and be content and thankful for that which God hath ordained.

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=== START BH05446 ===

He is the Summoner between earth and heaven!

Sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions, yet the Wronged One, beneath the talons of hatred, calls out to all who dwell in the realm of creation and summons them to God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. We have named this prison the Most Great Prison - consider this, O people of insight! Nothing escapes His knowledge, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hears and sees, and He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing. When the appointed time came, the trumpet was sounded and those who denied God, the Lord of all beings, were thunderstruck.

When thou hast drunk the Choice Wine sealed from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, say: My God, my God! Adorn the thrones of the world with the manifestations of Thy justice and the dawning-places of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the lights of Thy

countenance, O Creator of earth and heaven, to ordain for me and for Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and strengthen them to stand firm in Thy Cause - the Cause through which every remote oppressor has lamented. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy sure handle and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names. I beseech Thee not to deny me the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

We have taken the mystic wine from the hand of power, which had been sealed from all eternity. When We broke its seal, the fragrance of the Beloved was diffused between earth and heaven. Whoso turneth unto it and drinketh therefrom shall never perish, by the perpetuity of God, the Sovereign of all being, and shall be counted as the most wealthy of people, though he be devoid of all earthly possessions. Thus hath it been decreed by the Sovereign of all pens. They that have turned away from it, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings, are indeed among the lost. Say: The veils of idle fancy have been rent asunder by the finger of God, the Lord of all mankind. O people! Let not the bounty of God pass you by. Turn ye unto it and partake freely thereof. Thus have ye been commanded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Nothing today can satisfy you, nor can any matter enrich you, even were all the treasures of earth to be amassed before you. Thus hath the decree gone forth from God, the Lord of all men. Take heed lest the allusions of men withhold thee. Arise from the horizon of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. Then make mention of such servants as have turned to the Countenance when the proof came and the evidence appeared. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned to the Dayspring of Revelation when most of the servants had turned away. Be ye steadfast in the love of God and His Cause - this is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

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=== START BH05448 ===

His honor Haji Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name which has dawned from the horizon of proof

The call of the All-Merciful has been raised, and that which was recorded in the Tablets of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, has appeared. How many a servant desired to attain the presence of God, yet when He came and that which was hidden was made manifest, he then arose in opposition, to such extent that he pronounced judgment against Him through Whose word all in the heavens and earth were created. Blessed is he who has turned to the Countenance and held fast to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee. Verily thy Lord remembers him who remembers Him, and turns to him who turns to Him, as a grace from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of the Wronged One and arise to serve His Cause. Thus does He Who speaks the truth command thee. There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The smoke has overtaken all who dwell in the realm of possibility, save those whom the hand of power has rescued through its sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast received My Tablet and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, arise and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whom every wise command has been made manifest." The Glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity upon those who have turned to God on the Day wherein the Promised One has appeared through His mighty Command.

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He speaks, and His word is the truth: We have made mention of the name of 'Ayn in the Tablets. This is of God's bounty towards him, and through it his remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. It behooveth him to be steadfast in the Cause of God and to hold fast unto the wisdom whose decree We have sent down in the Scriptures of God. Thus doth his Lord, the All-Knowing, teach him. We have witnessed what was mentioned concerning him who was named 'Ali, who desired to turn his face toward the Dawning-Place of the light of his Lord's countenance, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: None is permitted to turn toward the prison quarter. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation decreed and the Pen of God, the Beloved of the worlds, recorded. O 'Ali! Hearken unto the call from the Dayspring of Glory and Grandeur: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then bear witness to His oneness and to the sanctification of His Being from all else beside Him. Thus doth thy Lord, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, command thee. We love to behold all who have turned toward God, but the people have come between Me and those who desire to attain My presence. Thus doth the Truthful, the Trusted One, inform thee. He recordeth for those who desire the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Speak with wisdom and cleave unto its hem. It shall profit thee and profit those who believe in the Single One, the Mighty, the Praised.

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In My Name, the Stranger, the Sorrowful

I have arisen this day, O my God, in the precincts of Thy great mercy, and have taken up the Pen to make mention of Thee, by Thy leave, with a remembrance that shall be as light unto the free and as fire unto the wicked who have violated Thy Covenant, turned away from Thy signs, and cast behind their backs the living waters that have flowed from the finger of Thy will at Thy bidding. This, notwithstanding my knowledge and certainty that my remembrance can never ascend unto Thee nor soar in the atmosphere

of Thy nearness. By Thy glory, O Thou Who enkindleth the fire of love in the hearts of them that love Thee and causeth the flames to rage throughout all regions! I behold that my remembrance, for all its loftiness and sovereignty, lieth prostrate upon the dust, crying out: “O Lord of Lords! Thou seest how my heart hath melted in my separation from Thee - have I any portion of the ocean of Thy reunion? Thou seest how I am utterly consumed by the fire of remoteness and estrangement from Thee - have I any share of the light of Thy nearness and meeting with Thee?” I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by them that have clung to the cord of fasting out of love for Thy Cause and have turned toward the horizon of destiny out of longing for Thy beauty, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall draw them nigh unto the ocean whereof if one partaketh, no grief shall touch him in Thy Cause, nor shall any worldly concerns trouble him in his love and contentment with Thee. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, to adorn our deeds with the ornament of Thine acceptance. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

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=== START BH05451 ===

O Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks the Truth. Today We have risen through the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds, and directed Ourselves to another place which We have made the Most Great Scene of Vision for mankind. When We arrived, We revealed that whereby the stones soared, the trees cried out, and the hearts of the righteous were drawn in rapture. Exalted is this lofty station and this moment wherein the call of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice, was raised. Thy letter hath arrived and the servant present before the Throne presented it. We have answered thee with a Tablet that speaketh before all faces - the Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of the worlds. Carmel hath been honored by the advent of its Lord, and the breezes of reunion have quickened it after the fire of separation had destroyed it. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O thou who gazest upon My horizon and art adorned with the ornament of My love! Hear My call, for verily it attracteth thee and draweth thee nigh unto a station which God hath made the circling-point of the Concourse on High and His near angels. Beware lest the clamor of the divines or the doubts of those who have denied God’s truth and His proof and have committed that which hath caused every informed soul to weep, prevent thee or veil thee. We beseech God to aid thee and to reinforce thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest thereby help the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Wondrous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy. We have manifested unto thee that for which thou wast created. Hold thou fast unto it and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds! It is the knowledge of thy Lord, and it is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth. Every fire hath been extinguished, but the Fire in this Tree speaketh at all times, saying: “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous.” Should anyone be enkindled by this Fire, those who dwell in the world shall be enkindled by him. Thus doth the Lord of Pre-existence instruct thee whilst He was imprisoned by the opposers. Remember thy

Lord on this Day whereon the gates of heaven were opened and the Lord of Names came with manifest sovereignty. O Friend! Shatter the idols of vain imaginings in the name of thy Lord. Beware lest the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, hold thee back. Say: O people! The breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted through all contingent beings, and the fragrance of the Garment hath been diffused throughout creation. Turn ye unto it and follow not those who followed their desires - they are truly among the wrongdoers. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart unto the Worshipped One and answered His call after the Supreme Horizon had sent forth its cry - he is truly among the sincere ones. Woe unto those who are veiled by what they possess from what God possesseth - they are truly among the perishing ones. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, inasmuch as the Sun of Remembrance hath shone forth upon thee from this manifest and gleaming horizon.

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He is the Most Holy

We have lit the lamp while people are in astounding darkness. Have they become distant because they were prevented? Nay, but because of what they have earned. O people of understanding! Baha doth summon them unto guidance, but desire hath prevented them from turning to the Mighty, the Bestower. We have forbidden the people of creation from indecency - among them are those who heard and arose, and among them are those who wandered in the wilderness of error. Say: Choose not for yourselves that which the Chosen One hath not chosen for you. He desireth for you that which will guide you to the path of right guidance. Say: Destroy not the pillars of righteousness with the hands of transgression. Fear God, O people of insight! Blessed art thou and those who have turned to the horizon of the Cause on this Day wherein the Tongue of the Ancient of Days proclaimeth: The Cause hath appeared and the appointed time hath come. O Hasan! Write the name of thy Lord in the most excellent handwriting. We have manifested it for that purpose. Verily thy Lord is He Who ruleth over what He willeth. Through His mention the writings have been adorned and the Tablets embellished. Blessed are the fingers that moved in remembrance of their Lord and blessed is the pen that flowed with His Name whereby the horizons were illumined. When thou dost find the fragrance of the verses sent down from the presence of the Lord of Names and Attributes, turn with thy pure heart to the Most Great Scene. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and to know Thy Self. I testify that Thou art the Illuminator of the realms and the Educator of the servants.

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Concerning him who is designated by Sad [upon him be the Glory of God], by My Name, the All-Sufficing: We have sent down the Book in the form of man, and verily this is the Great Book. We have manifested Our Hidden Name and sent it forth with truth, and verily this is the Clear Temple. We have manifested the Most Great Ocean with the waves of remembrance and utterance, and verily this is the Faithful Speaker. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the evidences in such wise as to encompass the heavens and the earth. Say: O people, fear God and deny not that which hath appeared through grace.

Turn unto Him with radiant faces, and be not of them that hesitate. Beware lest ye turn God's bounty into vengeance against yourselves, and His light into fire. Fear God and be of the penitent. Turn ye unto the Supreme Horizon, then follow that which hath come unto you from an ancient Revealer. Walk ye by this Lamp in the darkness of land and sea - verily it will guide you to the straight path. Those who call you unto vain imaginings will not profit you this day - leave them to themselves, and turn ye unto the One, the All-Informed. Grieve thou not over anything, but be confident in the grace of thy Lord. He is with His servants who turn unto Him. No matter can frustrate Him, nor can anything veil Him. By His sovereignty He doeth what He willeth. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Luminous Kawthar.

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O Murtada-Quli! The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The breezes of grace have wafted from the direction of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them and perceived the fragrances of the garment of the Beloved. He is, verily, among those who are brought nigh. How many servants there were unto whom We revealed that which all who are in the heavens and on earth were powerless to produce, yet when they beheld the signs of their Lord they cast them behind their backs and followed what their idols commanded them. They are indeed a people who deny. And how many servants there were who appeared before the Throne, and when We manifested Ourselves unto them they bowed down and prostrated themselves and said: "We believe in Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!" Blessed is the servant whom the world hath not kept back from turning toward God, the Lord of all names, and who hath turned unto Him with a luminous heart. Soon shall that which is seen be rolled up; then shall the sincere ones find what they were promised in a glorious Book. Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Us, then stand firm in His love and good-pleasure. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all creation! I testify that Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. And praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and sent unto me that which hath diffused the fragrance of grace amongst the worlds. Verily thy Lord giveth whom He willeth what He willeth and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which causeth him to soar in the atmosphere of the mercy of His name, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

Your letter has come before the Wronged One and We have answered you with this clear Book. We have found from your words the fragrance of your love for your Lord and your steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, he who has attained today is of the Crimson Ark, to this testifies every insightful knower. We beseech God to assist you in that which will draw you nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and to provide you with heavenly sustenance. He is truly the Compassionate, the Generous. When you discover the fragrance of the utterance of the Wronged One, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and to act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of creation. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. A petition which came from the City of Ha arrived before the Wronged One and the servant present read it. We have answered it with a Tablet that testifies to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to His power, might and sovereignty. We asked Him to make thee successful and to assist thee and to ordain for thee that which befitteth the heaven of His bounty and the sea of the sun of His bestowal and the sun of His grace. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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Muhammad-Hasan! In the Name of God, the Most Manifest! Your name hath been mentioned before the Face in this prison, and verses have been revealed for thee that all the kingdoms of the world cannot equal. Look not upon what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen as thou lookest upon what the people possess. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. From every letter of the words of God there is created in the realm of creation that which none knoweth save God and those whom He hath made the manifestations of His knowledge. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach thee in this perspicuous Tablet. The people of insight behold the effects of the Word in those who have believed even as they behold the radiance of the sun in the horizons when it riseth from the horizon of heaven. Verily thy Lord's Word hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. Hearken thou unto My words: Leave the people and what they possess and take comfort in the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Death is truth; its messenger cometh from the presence of One mighty and powerful. When this is established, it behooveth not the seeing one to turn unto the world and whatsoever is therein. Thus do We make mention of him whom the remembrance profiteth, from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy. The former generations have passed away and others will follow them. Be thou patient and grieve not over anything. If thou remainest firm in the love of thy Lord, thou shalt soon find thyself in manifest glory. In His hand is the Command. He confirmeth whatsoever He willeth of what He desireth, and He eraseth, and with Him is the Mother Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of Lords.

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In the Name of Him Who is sanctified from all names! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the Books of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, have been adorned. Verily it turneth toward him who hath turned toward Him, and speaketh in remembrance of him who hath spoken in His praise. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He giveth to whom He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and enricheth whomsoever He desireth through His all-compelling sovereignty over all existence. The tyranny of the oppressors hindereth Him not, nor do the

imaginings of those who follow vain fancies conceal Him. He doeth in His kingdom whatsoever He willeth and chastiseth those who have denied the signs and proof of God and followed every rejected idolater. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of life from the verses of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, arise to serve thy Lord, and then remind the people of that which We have imparted unto thee, that perchance they may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. The clear proofs have appeared and the verses have been sent down, yet most of the people perceive not. The Tree uttereth in the midst of the Kingdom a call that encompasseth all who are in the world, yet most of the people are asleep. Whoso hath not been awakened by this call is accounted among the dead in the preserved Tablet. Neither that which he possesseth shall profit him nor that which the people possess shall enrich him. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be thou thankful unto God for having aided thee to turn toward Him and for having sent down unto thee that which shall make thy remembrance endure in the preserved Tablet.

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He is the One Who standeth supreme over His Cause, the All-Compelling, the Most Strong

We have heard thy call and have sent down for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the servant whom the affairs of those who have denied the Day of Judgment have not hindered. He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath come from the horizon of power and hath manifested what He desired by His command, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Through Him the Resurrection and its might have appeared, and the Hour and its signs have been made manifest, yet most of the people are in evident doubt. They have taken hold of vain imaginings and cast behind their backs My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and My Choice Sealed Wine. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in grievous delusion. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for He hath aided thee to acknowledge Him when every remote scholar denied Him, and hath sent down for thee that whereby the eyes of those who possess knowledge are solaced. Say: O people! Fear ye God this Day, then turn with radiant faces toward the Dawning-Place of God's signs, the Lord of this exalted station. Beware lest ye deny him whose manifestation hath been attested by the Book of God, His chosen ones, and those who circle round the Throne at all times. When thou soarest on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of My love and My call draweth thee nigh unto the kingdom of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance from the hands of Thy bounty, and for having made known unto me that which Thou didst manifest by Thy command and ordain by Thy decree. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Name, the All-Loving, through which Thou didst unite the hearts, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, that I may arise with spirit and joy amongst the religions to make mention of Thy grace unto them and to remind them of Thy signs. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy signs and by the mysteries of Thy kingdom and dominion to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to detach themselves from all else besides Thee, and to ordain for them that which befitteth Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

That which was hidden hath appeared, and that which was recorded in the Tablets hath come to pass. The seeing one hath beheld and turned towards God, the Lord of Lords, and the hearing one hath heard and hastened to the Dawning-Place of his Lord's verses, the Lord of all men. How many a servant hath mocked God, and how many a servant hath said, "Here am I, here am I, O King of mankind!" We have manifested the Cause and raised up the Standards, and have sent down from the heaven of revelation that whereby ears were created in the contingent world. But when the Cause appeared and the Sovereign of Power was established upon the throne, the idolaters emerged from behind the veil. By God! They committed that whereby the Cause was brought to naught and whereby the dwellers of Paradise in their chambers did lament. Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest be informed of what befell Us at the hands of them that denied God and His sovereignty in the final return. The fire of hatred seized them to such extent that they disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed and around Whom they had circled at morn and eventide. From this station We send Our glorification upon thee and upon them that are with thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. Remind the people in thy Lord's name, that perchance the remembrance may draw them nigh unto the most exalted station. It behoveth thee to arise to serve thy Lord. Verily He seeth thee in thy condition. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

The satans of the Bayan have acted treacherously in the Cause of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have conspired until the fire of sedition was kindled. By this means they desired to extinguish the light of God in His dominion and to quench the fire of God among His creatures. But their scheming has first recoiled upon themselves, and they have found themselves among the losers. This indeed is the manifest loss. However, the Youth has departed from the City of Mystery, and at the time of His departure the consuls of that city gathered round Him and desired to help the Youth. We found them possessed of manifest love. God will soon raise up from among the kings one who will help His Cause, for He is potent over all things. Grieve not over Our Cause and thine, but make mention of Us throughout all days. Thy Lord will assist thee with truth, for He is the Almighty over all the worlds. Thou knowest that the idolaters have made My family captives from the land of Zawra, and the Youth is in the hands of the oppressors. Yet despite all thou hast heard regarding what hath befallen Us, We remain in a joy that no joy in the heavens or earth can equal, and We remain content with what God hath ordained for Us. Soon will the breezes of glory waft, and the nightingale of gladness will warble in the hearts of the loved ones of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the One speaking with truth! The fragrance of utterance has wafted throughout contingent being. Blessed is he who perceived it and recognized Him Who came with manifest sovereignty. O peoples of the earth! By God, the Hidden One has come and what was treasured in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has been made manifest. Beware lest riches prevent you from the ultimate goal, or the forces of those who have violated God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds, cause you fear. The Promise has come, and the Promised One stands before all faces, calling out with the most exalted call: "He Who was mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers has come, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge has appeared." To this bears witness […] in this exalted station. This is the day when the Ancient Beauty moved toward another palace, despite those who denied the Day of Judgment - the Day in which the veils were rent asunder, the clouds were dispersed, and the lights of the Face appeared from this luminous horizon. Blessed is the one whose strength was not weakened by the forces of the world, and blessed is the upright one who heard, hastened, and said: "Here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics!" I beseech Thee by Thy manifestation in Thy days and the splendors of the lights of Thy face, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking in Thy remembrance, and arising to serve Thy Cause - through which the foundations of those who worship idols without any Book or proof from God, the Single One, the All-Informed, were shaken.

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He is the Sovereign

Having contemplated the earth and heard its tale and tidings, lo, there emerged from one of the chambers of Paradise a luminous maiden who walked until she stood in mid-air and called out in the most beauteous voice: "O concourse of earth and heaven! I am a maiden named Trustworthiness in the preserved and inscribed Tablet. I have unveiled my countenance by my Master's leave that you may behold my beauty and majesty, my loveliness, my creation and character, and witness my dark-lined eyes, my crimson cheeks, my radiant brow, and my raven tresses. I adjure you, O concourse of creation, by the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times, not to veil me with the veils of treachery, greed and passion, nor leave me exposed before them. By the life of God! Treachery is among my enemies, and its nature is rancor and hatred. I beseech you by the One, the Single, not to let my most ardent foe gain mastery over me. Have mercy upon me, O people of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers." Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and made known to thee through allusion what hath befallen Us in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be among those who know. We praise God for what hath come upon Us of tribulation in His straight Path. When thou hast read this Tablet and understood its contents, remind My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces from the Wronged One, the Stranger.

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He is the One Who standeth through My Most Glorious Name

The Author of the Bayan wept by night and by day at that which hath befallen My Self at the hands of those who deny the All-Merciful. Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest that which was revealed in the Bayan withhold you from His presence, or its letters prevent you from recognizing Him - a recognition which is the most glorious of all things in the estimation of God, the Lord of all beings. Nothing in the kingdom of earth and heaven can be compared with Him - to this doth the Lord of the realms above bear witness from His most exalted station. When the horizon of heaven was illumined and the Morn of eternity breathed forth its fragrance, the Desired One appeared, whereupon the people of the Bayan rose in opposition, save those whom God, the Lord of the Day of Return, pleased to guide. Among them were those who said He had uttered in the Bayan that which was inconsistent with this Revelation, while others claimed He had decreed other than what God had ordained in the Book. Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless one! This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful! Be fair, O people of the Bayan - ye were commanded not to look this Day to the Bayan and its letters, but rather to that which the Revealer of verses ordaineth for you. Say: The Bayan itself curseth you and disowneth you, O ye that are veiled! Thus have We sent down unto thee the Book that thou mayest rejoice and remind the people of that which it containeth from One Who is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath partaken of the choice wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

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O Ali-Qabli-Naqi, upon him be the glory of God!

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great! We have sent down unto thee a Tablet aforetime, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, Who hath come with His Kingdom that dominateth the worlds. Say: The Kingdom is the Temple of the Lord of all causes, were ye of them that know. Moreover, it referreth, in one station, to this Most Great Scene, this most holy, most impregnable and luminous Station. And in another station it referreth to this Breast wherein the Tree uttereth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” And in yet another station it referreth to My Most Exalted Pen, through whose melodies God quickeneth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily it is the source of the rivers that have flowed down in the Tablets from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. He that drinketh therefrom, verily he is of the people of the Ark that saileth upon land and sea, whom neither waves nor winds nor rocks can harm. Say: This, verily, is My glorious and sublime Kingdom! O Ali! Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned by God, thy Lord, the Lord of the worlds. Strive thou by night and by day that there may appear from thee that which befitteth this Revelation, through which the Mount hath spoken: “The Hidden Treasure hath appeared, and that which was concealed hath come with manifest sovereignty.” The glory be upon thee and upon them who have soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Preserver, the Helper, the Confirming One, the All-Knowing!

Say: O my God! Thou seest me amidst the disobedient among Thy creation and the rebellious among Thy servants. The matter hath become severe for me in Thy love, to such extent that I behold on my right a serpent with jaws agape, seeking my life because I have believed in Thee and in Thy signs; and on my left a snake that crawleth and hisseth, turning toward me because I have answered Thee when Thy call was raised and Thy clear tokens were manifested; and behind me I hear the cry of a rabid bitch and a black calamity. All this is only because I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and set my face toward Thy countenance that endureth after the passing of all things. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, and inspire me with that which shall kindle the hearts of Thy servants, and preserve me through the sovereignty of Thy power that I may arise to aid Thy Cause in Thy realm and be a servant of Thy Command in Thy lands. By Thy might! I love to sacrifice myself in Thy love and good-pleasure, and to be protected for the manifestation of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word. O Lord! Preserve me through the shield of Thy power which hath encompassed all contingent things, then aid me through the hosts of revelation and inspiration that I may speak Thy praise and utter that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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O my God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create Thy servants that they might know Thee and attain Thy presence and stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and be occupied with Thy remembrance and praise. But when the promised time arrived and Thou didst manifest the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, the Repository of Thy knowledge and the Source of Thy Cause, all arose in opposition and advanced with swords of objection, pronouncing judgment against Him without any clear proof from Thee or evidence from Thy presence. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made a light unto Thy loved ones and a fire unto Thine enemies, and by the mysteries concealed within Thy knowledge, and by the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, and by the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to ordain for me through Thy bounty and generosity that which will make me a helper of Thy Cause and an aid to Thy loved ones, and steadfast and firm in Thy love, such that the doubts of every froward oppressor and every remote tyrant will not prevent me. Then I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance amidst all creation to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Mighty One, before Whose manifestation all created things bow down in submission and at Whose appearance all possibilities stand powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Dominant, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Thou Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of Lords and Master of all necks! I testify that Thou didst give glad tidings unto Thy servants in Thy Books and Scriptures and Tablets of the Day wherein would appear the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, the Source of Thy laws and the Fountainhead of Thy commandments - the Day wherein the Trump would be sounded and the call of the Bugle would be raised, the Bridge would be set up and the Balance would be established. At this hour, O my God, I testify to that whereunto Thou didst testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been what Thou art and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been from all eternity. I testify before Thee that what Thou didst promise hath appeared, what Thou didst indicate hath come to pass, and the Day which Thou didst name as the Day of God hath arrived - wherein the Trump was sounded and all who are in Thy heaven and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of Thy power did rescue. And I testify that the Bridge hath been set up and the Balance hath been established and Thy call hath been raised from the precincts of Thy prison. I beseech Thee, O Master of eternity and Sovereign of nations, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, whereby hearts were troubled and feet did slip. O Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

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O Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazes from this luminous horizon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused, through my Name, the pearls of utterance to emerge from the shell of the ocean of Thy mercy, and for having remembered me through that which was treasured within the Pen of Thy grace. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who rulest over the Kingdom of proof and Who art the Sovereign of the realm of utterance, to rain down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy and the clouds of Thy loving-kindness the showers of wisdom and knowledge. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are sincere, whom neither swords could deter from clinging to equity in Thy Cause, nor could the hosts of the wicked frighten from turning toward the sanctuary of Thy nearness. My God, my God! Thou seest the servant turn toward the door of his Master’s loving-kindness, clinging to the cord of His grace in his movements and his rest. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Tree to ordain for him that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy days - those through whom the ocean of utterance surged before the faces of all religions. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower. O my Lord! Strengthen him and Thy handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, that through them Thy remembrance may be exalted amongst Thy servants and Thy Cause amongst Thy creation. O my Lord! Ordain for her that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy mighty throne. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: O company of the heedless ones, be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation. He hath come with verses that no fair-minded person nor any just and discerning one can deny. The ocean of utterance hath been made to surge throughout creation, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Bayan was revealed for My remembrance and praise, yet the wrongdoers persist in obvious delusion. Say: Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who would make manifest the Cause before the faces of all peoples? Fear ye God, and be not among the deniers. All things bear witness to His Manifestation, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, were ye of those who deny. Say: Open your eyes - He standeth before your faces and summoneth you unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The heedless one hath said that He hath stolen the verses of the Bayan. By God! At this the verses themselves have wept, yet they hear not. Come ye, come ye before the Face with your thoughts and whatever ye possess, that ye may witness the signs of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He hath come with the truth, supported by the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration. Be fair, O people, in the Cause of God, your Lord, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Can that which was revealed aforetime be compared with His verses? Nay, by God's very Self, if ye would but perceive it. Thus have We sprinkled from the vessels of proof the sprinklings of utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger. The Glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath kept back from the Truth, the Knower of all secrets.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing! The Supreme Pen conveys greetings to the people of Baha and declares: All that hath befallen you in the path of love for the Lord of Names hath been mentioned in His presence and recorded in the Crimson Book. How many nights did sleep desert the eyes of the friends, and how many days were the sanctified hearts of the believers disturbed by the oppression of the tyrants! Yet the Wronged One giveth you glad tidings and declareth that everlasting comfort, perpetual sustenance and eternal glory have been and shall ever be yours. Praise ye God, exalted be His glory, that His gaze hath been fixed upon the goodly deeds of His friends, and if during the days of tribulation anything unworthy of His Cause appeared, He hath, through His mercy and bounty, transformed it. Today the ocean of forgiveness is surging and the sun of bounty is shining from the horizon of grace. No tidings of the world can equal these glad tidings. Hold fast unto the Most Firm Handle and cleave unto that whereby the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, may be exalted. We make mention of thy mother who hath turned unto God and attained unto His days, the Lord of the worlds. The servant who is present hath presented thy letter before the Face. That which the near ones perceive the fragrance of God's bounty, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath been sent down for thee and for her.

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O bondswoman of God, wife of Agha Mahdi!

In the name of the Beloved of all worlds, the Most Exalted Pen declares: This is the Day of hearkening - hear ye the call of the All-Merciful that is raised at the midmost heart of creation, and hold fast to the cord of His love in such wise that neither the hints of the deniers nor the words of the infidels shall hold you back. Praise be to God that you are numbered among the believing women in the presence of the Divine Countenance, and counted among those who have turned towards Him. The heart is the mirror of Truth - keep it sanctified from the dust of the vain imaginings of the people. The eye is for beholding the Most Great Scene - keep it pure from the ophthalmia of idle fancies. This is God's counsel to His handmaidens, and His remembrance to His loved ones.

O handmaiden of God! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Say: You are all remembered in the Most Great Scene and have been adorned with the ornament of the bounty of the Lord of Destiny. Strive ye, and beseech God that ye be not deprived of this wondrous and sublime ornament, and that ye may circle round in all the worlds. Be not saddened by the sorrows of the world, nor gladdened by its joy. Neither sorrow nor joy is beloved in the Cause of the Beloved. Joy befitteth him who hath recognized this Revelation, and sorrow him who hath heard of its tribulations. Whatsoever occurreth in the path of God returneth unto Him. Blessed art thou and thy daughter who hath turned unto God and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of the one true Friend, the Ancient Pen makes mention of His loved ones who dwell in Turbat, that all may be enkindled by the fire of divine remembrance, act according to His commandments, and shun that which He has forbidden. After recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation, two things are necessary: steadfastness in the Cause of God and adherence to His commandments. By these two things have the people of truth ever been and shall ever be distinguished from all others. Today you must be so enkindled in the love of God that neither the troubles of the material world nor the conditions of heedless souls can extinguish your flame. Be engaged in His remembrance and hold fast to His cord. In all conditions it is incumbent upon all to grasp the cord of wisdom and cling to the hem of sanctity, lest any matter arise that might cause disturbance and the extinction of souls. Praise ye the Beloved of the worlds, that He has remembered you in the Most Great Prison. This is a bounty with which nothing that has been created can compare. Blessed is he who has recognized this exalted station and has arisen to mention God and praise Him with the wisdom We have sent down in a perspicuous Book. Blessed are ye, O My loved ones, for having attained unto the recognition of God and having quaffed this resplendent wine.

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Regarding the matter of Aqa Husayn-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, a detailed request was submitted. This is what was revealed in response from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. He says, exalted be His glory: He may be patient, he may manifest himself, he may hold fast to consultation and act according to what emerges from it. Divine relief will come. Inform the people of the regions who

are forbearing and the bearers of the Divine Trust not to feel secure from traitors, thieves and liars. As previously this supreme utterance was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: “Do not feel secure from every arrival, do not believe every speaker, and do not listen to every liar.” All must hold fast to these points. Settlement is not favored in lands under the government of the Land of ?a. He may accept going to other lands, for verily God’s earth is vast. However, in every case the command of consultation has been revealed - one must hold fast to it and act upon it. End. Since that beloved one had asked for a response regarding what their duty should be, therefore an answer was bestowed. But in truth this blessed utterance is for all, meaning those souls who have become known and afflicted. And by the government of ?a is meant the localities under the administration of the Viceroy. Know this.

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O Ni’matu’llah, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Book of God speaketh with truth that which draweth people nigh unto His Straight Path. Through it the fragrance of the Revelation was diffused and the Light of Remembrance shone forth from the horizon of Sinai, yet most of the people remain heedless. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! The verses have encompassed all directions and the Call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, summoning all peoples unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people, fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow ye Him Who hath come to you with the treasures of the heavens and earth. This is the Day wherein every hidden thing hath been revealed, every concealed mystery hath emerged, and every tongue hath proclaimed: The Truth hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all things great and small. O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come, and that which ye possess shall profit you not this day. Cast it aside in My Name, then turn ye toward the light of the Face, as commanded by God, the Ordainer, the Most Praiseworthy. When thou hast attained unto My verses, turn thy face toward God and say: Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee, and for having made clear unto me Thy straight and manifest path. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, to withhold me not from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon My loved ones who have not broken My Covenant and who have held fast unto My sure cord.

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O ‘Abdu’l-Husayn, son of Mulla Shafi’ - upon both of you be the Glory of God

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

The Book of God speaks with truth and commands the people to that which draws them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. That which was hidden from eyes hath been revealed and the All-Giving hath come, riding upon the clouds at His return. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe unto the heedless ones!

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily He hath made mention of thee and thy father, and this is yet another token of His grace. Be grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!” Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from the Lord of all mankind, or the claws of the polytheists frighten thee - they who have torn apart the sheep and hamstrung the she-camel of God, the Lord of the worlds. Soon will God exalt His Cause through a sovereignty from His presence, for He is the Almighty, the Powerful. We made mention of thy father aforetime in verses that all the treasures of the world cannot equal. Every discerning scholar beareth witness to this. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones there and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them from the presence of a Mighty, Generous Lord. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My chosen ones who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, who have not denied My bounty, who have turned towards Me and have said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh!”

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In the name of God, the Most Truthful (669) [Baha’u’llah]. He is the One witnessed from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book We have sent down in truth, as a mercy from Us to those who have attained unto the days of God and have turned with their hearts to His noble station. Merit lies not with those who make verbal profession, but rather with those who act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in His wondrous Book. Is there one endowed with the sense of smell who can inhale the fragrance of God from His most exalted Word? Is there one possessed of sight who can behold My luminous countenance? Is there one with hearing who can hear My most sweet call? Is there one with a heart who can detect My pervading fragrance between the heavens and the earth? Is there one with a tongue who can speak that which the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh in this mighty Prison? Is there one possessed of steadfastness who can cast the world behind him and arise with supreme steadfastness in this momentous Cause? O thou who speaketh My praise! Know thou that We have heard thy call and found from thee the fragrance of My glorious love. We have, therefore, made mention of thee and sent unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, Who hath been imprisoned in this spot because He hath opened the door of grace unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Know thou that My crime among these people is that I have arisen to promote the Cause of God, made mention of Him, and testified to His Manifestation that hath appeared from this most mighty, most exalted and luminous horizon.

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=== START BH05479 ===

O Haji Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest and speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath turned unto Him when the Trump was sounded and the Manifestation of the Cause arose with such might that feet did stumble thereby. He hath come with the truth and summoned the servants unto the Dayspring of Revelation. Among them were some who heard and turned away, and some who hastened and said:

“Here am I, O Thou Revealer of verses!” The first to pronounce a verdict against Me and turn away from My Beauty was one of the divines of My time who cast the Book of God behind their backs and rejected the Countenance without any clear proof or evidence. Thus have We adorned the Tablet with the ornament of My Most Exalted Pen that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of the Final Return. Blessed art thou and those whom the doubts of the people have not kept back from this Day and who were not veiled by the veils of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, and cling unto His mantle, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst strengthen me to recognize Thee when most of Thy servants had turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and looking unto Thee in all conditions. O my Lord! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.”

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O Haji Kazim, who hath emigrated and attained, who is seated upon the throne of utterance! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards the Most Great Prison and attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of the Wronged One, for Whose tribulations at the hands of the oppressors the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names and the Concourse on High have lamented. O Kazim! Hearken unto the call from this most exalted Station - verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take heed lest anything deter thee in the path of God. Be steadfast in My Cause and articulate in My praise, that perchance every heedless doubter may be awakened thereby. Praise be to God that through the bounties of the Goal of the world’s desire thou hast attained His presence and, by the leave of the Lord of eternity, entered the Most Great Prison and hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. It behooveth thee to return to thy land with the Book of thy Lord, the Possessor of all creation, that perchance the heedless souls may become aware and partake of the wine of knowledge. And whatsoever hath been mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, thou must preserve it in such wise that the hosts of forgetfulness and negligence seize it not. The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any permanence. Hearken unto the counsel of the Friend and be vocal in His remembrance amongst the people, and arise to serve His Cause. Blessed art thou and blessed is every doer who hath done that which he was bidden by God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH05482 ===

He is the One speaking in His Most Glorious Name in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who hath believed and acted according to what was commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. O peoples of the earth! Adorn your temples with the ornament of tranquility and dignity. Thus have We commanded you aforetime and in this Book. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what was given him from God, the Lord of all men. We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest spiritual qualities and goodly, virtuous deeds, that there may

appear from you what beseemeth you and this Day which every Book and every Messenger who came with the truth from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower, hath extolled. Behold, O people, what hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, then judge it with fairness and follow not every doubtful idolater. The Promise hath come, and this is the Promised One Who calleth out with the most exalted call amidst the peoples. He hath desired naught for Himself, as testifieth He Who speaketh the truth, and behind Him is the Mother Book. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of all mankind. Glory be upon those who have attained to hearkening unto the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven from God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Divorce.

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=== START BH05483 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to him whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One in this remote spot. This is a Day whereon the Balance has spoken: “O peoples of the earth! The Dayspring of Justice has appeared with a manifest Command, and the Path has cried out: ‘To Me, to Me, O heedless ones!’” There is nothing but proclaims the truth in remembrance of this Mighty News, whereby the limbs of idols have quaked and every obstinate oppressor has wailed. This is a Day whereon the seas have surged and the fragrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, has wafted. The verses have been sent down and the clear tokens have appeared, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil. Blessed is the powerful one whom the doubts of the divines have not weakened, and the steadfast one whom the might of the oppressors has not caused to slip. When the wine of revelation has seized thee and the breezes of inspiration have attracted thee, say: “O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of days! I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made a sword for the polytheists and a light for those near unto Thee, and by Thy hidden mysteries in Thy Books and Tablets and Scriptures, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in service to Thy Cause, and speaking Thy praise amidst Thy creation. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.”

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O Haji Qasim - upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah] - who attained the presence and won the honor of My Name, which God made as a crown for the head of the Bayan. A Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for whosoever hath hearkened to the Call and answered his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous, on a Day whereon every heedless one turned away, every idolater denied, and every wrongdoer disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. The Name of Bounty hath mentioned thee, wherefore We make mention of thee, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. Say: O peoples of the earth! The Most Great Key hath appeared and that which was hidden in God’s knowledge hath been revealed, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. The Salsabil hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen of God, and I am the All-Informed Explainer. Say: O company of the heedless! Fear God and follow not the promptings of Satan. O people! By God, the

Day hath come and all things cry out “The Kingdom is God’s, the Goal of all who have known Him!” O assemblage of men! The Most Great Spectacle hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny is established upon the throne of His Great Name. Turn ye unto Him and be not of them that turn aside. Thus have We adorned the brocade of the Book of Grace with the verses of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Give thanks unto God thy Lord, for He hath sent down for thee that which calleth out in the wilderness of the Tablet. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and woe betide him who hath turned away from that which hath appeared in truth from the presence of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast, upright one.

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In praise of Mirza ’Ali-Naqi, upon him be the glory of God. He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof. A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who has attained to recognition on a day when all but those whom God, the Lord of lords, willed turned away. Verily My Most Exalted Pen remembers God’s chosen ones and His loved ones throughout the night and at all times of day. The bounty has been sent down and the proof perfected, yet the people remain in strange doubt. They have violated God’s Covenant and His Testament, following every doubtful learned one. All things have lamented at what has befallen God’s chosen ones from the daysprings of conjecture and the dawning-places of idle fancy. Be glad that We have remembered thee from the Most Great Prison and have revealed for thee that which brings solace to eyes and vision. How many learned ones have been held back by their knowledge from My Self-Subsisting Name, and how many unlettered ones have drawn near and drunk and said “Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses!” Be thou assured by God’s grace and mercy. He ordains for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence and standing before His gate which hath been opened to all in earth and heaven. Thus hath the Ship of Utterance sailed upon the ocean of knowledge by the name of God, Master of necks. The Glory shining, radiant and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have heard and responded and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book.

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=== START BH05486 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who are in the realm of possibility, that perchance the people may cast away what they possess and take hold of that which they have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the luminary that hath shone forth from the horizon of God’s will, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Great. Blessed is he who hath turned his heart unto it and acknowledged that which the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath spoken. O servant! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One in this mighty prison, and the servant who was present read it, and We answer thee with this perspicuous Tablet. By God’s life! A single word thereof surpasseth all that whereof the kings and princes who have amassed the treasures of the earth without God’s leave do boast. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Seeing. Give thanks

for having attained unto My remembrance while I was wronged at the hands of the heedless. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Possessor of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which necks have bowed before Thy sovereignty and power, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy sons and thy wife and thy sister and those who have believed in this wondrous Cause. Convey My greetings unto them all and remind them of that which hath been sent down unto thee from the presence of One Who encompasseth all things.

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In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of utterance

The All-Merciful hath revealed a Book for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and calleth all unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day of Resurrection, yet the people perceive it not. This is the Day of Loss and Gain, and of Recompense, yet most among mankind know it not. The Calamity hath truly come to pass, and the Sure Hour hath appeared with justice, yet the people witness it not. The Hour proclaimeth and calleth all unto this Hour that speaketh and walketh in His prison, the Mighty, the Forbidden One.

Mention was made of thee in the letter of My Afnan, upon whom rest My glory. We make mention of thee in this irrevocable Tablet. Blessed is the heart that hath turned toward My horizon, and the tongue that hath been adorned with the praise of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Render thanks unto the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to turn unto Him on a Day when most of the people of the earth are deprived and forbidden. After recognition of God - exalted be His glory - that which hath been and still is of paramount importance is steadfastness. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and preserve it through His Name, the True One.

We make mention in this place of him who is named ’Abdu’l-Husayn. We have mentioned him in diverse Tablets as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The favor of God hath encompassed him and will, God willing, continue to do so. Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of grace

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibilities, calling all unto a station to which the Supreme Pen, and those who dwell in the cities of names, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds, have testified. O people of Baha! Take heed lest the conditions of the world cause you to waver. Leave behind what the people possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto that

which God hath ordained in His precious and wondrous Book. This is a Day wherein every atom among atoms proclaimeth: The Revealer of verses hath come! Hasten, O concourse of the hesitant ones, and follow not every accursed Satan. Take the chalice of utterance in the name of your Lord, the Sovereign of all religions - this is My Book, the mighty, the wise. Beware lest the conditions of creation sadden you and prevent you from this Truth that calleth out with the most exalted call: “He Who fashioned the heavens hath come! The Kingdom is God’s, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and all who are on earth.” Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken His praise, and the eye that hath beheld the light of His countenance, and the ear that hath heard the melody of God from the direction of His mighty Prison. Thereupon did all things speak forth at this time: “Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent down this wondrous Tablet.” The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause of their Lord, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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He is the One Who stands supreme over all things through His Name, the Self-Subsisting

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance, confirming the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur’an. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book hath appeared and speaketh: “There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.” It calleth all to the supreme horizon. Blessed is the ear that hath attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We have remembered those who have believed in God with a remembrance which God, the Lord of all remembrance, hath made. Every matter and every tiding that lay hidden in God’s knowledge, the Lord of lords, hath been made manifest. Say: O people of the Bayan! Follow not your idle fancies, but follow Him Who hath come with truth and clear proof. Behold ye and call to mind what the divines of Persia wrought when the Lord of Eternity came with power and sovereignty. They denied God’s proof and evidence, and committed that which hath made the Pens unable to recount. They worship vain imaginings - they are indeed among the lost in God’s Book, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of revelation and turned to a station round which lights circle. Blessed is thy father - he was remembered before the Wronged One, as attested by Him Who possesseth the Mother Book. The glory rest upon him and upon thee and upon those with you, and upon those who have shown forth supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save for those whom God, the Lord of mankind, hath willed.

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O Nabil before Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, He is the One Who is manifest, evident and clear! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One, through Whom the Promised One arose and the Self-Subsisting spoke. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Nabil, upon thee be My glory! After the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of manifestation and the call of the Speaker on Sinai was raised, the ignorant, unconscious people wandered in the wilderness of error and the desert of vain imaginings until this time. They have not become aware and have not awakened

from the slumber of heedlessness. Woe unto them and unto those who led them astray! The most degraded of all the peoples of the world have been and are those who turned away from among the people of the Bayan. They have denied Him Who brought that which is equivalent to all the divine Books, and they cling to their own vain imaginings. Until now they have not understood the Day of God. For one thousand two hundred years they disputed about the Qa'im, the Guardian, the Successor, the Chief, the Noble One, the Shaykhi, and so forth, and were occupied with denouncing one another as infidels. Now too the deniers cling to the same vain imaginings. What was the result for those souls and what will be the result for these souls? Say: This is the Day of God, in which none is mentioned save Him, did ye but know. Say: The carpet of words and vain imaginings hath been rolled up through the coming of the King of Days with a manifest light [to the end of the Tablet of God].

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O handmaiden of God, Tal'at, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from His Most Great Prison unto one of His handmaidens who hath attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of the Ancient of Days speaketh in this Most Great Prison. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Grieve not at the happenings and changes of the world. By My life! That which will draw My handmaidens nigh unto a station wherein the atoms shall proclaim "The Kingdom is God's, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praised!" hath been ordained. Blessed is the leaf who hath heard My call, who hath held fast unto the Tree of My loving-kindness and clung to My luminous hem. O My handmaiden and My leaf! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy perspicuous Book, and Thy firm Command, and Thy Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for the circling ones around Thee, and the maidens of the court in Thy days, and those who gaze toward Thy horizon. I testify, O my God, to Thy manifestation and Thy establishment upon the throne of utterance in the kingdom of creation, and to the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to send down upon Thy male and female servants that which Thou didst send down upon them that circle round Thy throne. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

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In My Name, the Protector over all names

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One on this Day wherein the Herald proclaims: The Kingdom belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. Say: O concourse of divines! Where is the phrase "may God hasten His advent" and where are your supplications and prayers for His appearance and manifestation? Be fair, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Ye have pronounced judgment against Him through

Whose name your stations were exalted and your ordinances encompassed all and your commands were executed. By the life of God! Ye have committed that which hath caused the fruits and trees and leaves to lament in God's most exalted Paradise, while ye remain heedless. Soon shall ye behold the recompense of your deeds. Your appointed time is the pitch-dark night, and it is near, did ye but perceive it. Say thou: My God, my God! I disavow their deeds and actions and whatsoever hath proceeded from their mouths. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of all peoples, by Thy Most Great Name through which the gates of knowledge and wisdom were opened to all who are in Thy heaven and earth, and the ocean of understanding surged in the contingent world through Thy bounty and generosity, to forgive me and ordain for this servant of Thine that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

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O Husayn-i-Qabli, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Witness, the All-Hearing, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath taken the Dawning-place of verses as his helper and turned unto Him when the servants turned away, save him who drank the choice wine of revelation from the hand that was mighty in the name of God. We have heard thy call and turned toward thee, and observed thy turning unto Us, and have sent down for thee the heavenly table of utterance from a heaven that was exalted in the name of God. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He hath power over all things. When thou hearest My call and art illumined by the light of My lamp, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and mentioned me, and glory be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whose rustling hath been raised up. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven, and Sovereign of grandeur and might, by Thy Most Great Book whereby Thou hast guided the peoples, to make me one who drinketh Thy choice wine, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who hearkeneth unto Thy call, who speaketh in Thy praise, who holdeth fast to Thy cord, and who cleaveth to the hem of Thy robe. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, turning unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee, and to ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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Let me help translate and analyze this text, which appears to be a Tablet in Persian/Arabic:

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who has turned to the Self-Subsisting on a Day when the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!" O Ali! We heard thy call aforetime and thy letter hath now come before Us. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, shall endure. Blessed art thou for

having attained unto My days, inhaled the fragrance of My utterance, turned toward My horizon and spoken in My beautiful praise. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me through Thy verses to Thy path and by the light of Thy countenance to the Dayspring of Thy Cause. Thou art He Who called me when I was silent and awakened me when I was sleeping. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, and by the Name whereby the hearts of those who have turned to Thee among Thy servants and those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creatures have been attracted, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Then write down for me, O my God, that which will draw me near unto Thee and benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. I moreover beseech Thee, O God of Names, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the murmuring of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to forgive me and my parents, through Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and Thy grace which hath encompassed all existence. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05494 ===

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O Yunis, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who hath turned towards the Praiseworthy Station wherein was raised the call: “There is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” The Cause hath been manifested and the verses sent down, yet the people comprehend not. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath fulfilled God’s covenant and His testament - he is assuredly among those near unto God in a preserved tablet. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book, a command from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and Thy servants through Thy Most Exalted Pen, and for having sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty the table of inner meanings and utterance. By Thy Name, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation and the rustling of the Tree of Thy Mount, to make me in all conditions mindful of Thy verses, detached from all else save Thee, and holding fast unto Thy cord. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Permission for presence dependeth upon the exigencies of wisdom. If circumstances warrant, they may present themselves; otherwise, we beseech God, exalted be He, to record for thee the reward of attaining His presence and of appearing before the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Rising-Point of His evidences. He is, verily, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones there who have heard the call and answered their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH05496 ===

O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God

Salmani, the honored Shaykh, has requested. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Compassionate, the Generous.

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting - He Who hath made it the Kawthar of Life for all created things and a Sign of eternity for the peoples. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless one who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

O Husayn! Thy letter hath arrived. From it We perceived the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto Him on this Day wherein the servants have turned away from God, the Lord of existence. They hear the verses and deny them, they behold the clear proofs yet turn aside from them. Verily they do not understand. The proof and evidence have appeared, calling throughout all possibility unto God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me Thy path and guided me unto it through Thy bounty, and for having shown me Thy signs in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that have recognized Thee, by Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby the limbs of the nations have trembled, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and manifested amongst Thy servants. Then ordain, O my God, for my son that which will exalt him through Thy Name and cause him to hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses. Then assist him to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love with great constancy. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

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O Muhammad-'Ali! He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven. This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven unto him who hath turned to God, the Lord of Lords. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor the veils of those who have denied God, the Lord of all mankind, prevent thee. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that hath dominion over all names, and by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen whereby all things were set in motion, to ordain for me through the Pen of Destiny that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and protect me from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy proof and rejected Thy evidence. O Lord! The thirst of separation hath destroyed me. Where is the springwater of Thy reunion, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all who are in Thy earth and heaven? By Thy might and Thy majesty and Thy power and Thy dominion, this servant feareth the onslaught of the self and its desires. I wish to entrust my being into the hands of Thy grace and bounty, that Thou mayest preserve it from its evil, its transgression and its heedlessness. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant who hath detached himself from all else but Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones, and to ordain for me that which will gladden mine eyes and bring rest to my heart. Verily Thou art the Lord of the servants and the Ruler in the beginning and the end.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious Book, sent down from before the presence of the mighty King to those who have believed in God and turned with illumined hearts to the horizon of their Lord's loving-

kindness, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O My loved ones! Give thanks to God that the Manifestation of His Cause remembers you in this remote prison. Beware lest the utterances of those who have associated partners with God sadden you, or the doubts of the deniers hold you back. Be so steadfast in the love of God that thereby shall the foundations of the idolaters be demolished. You have been created to aid this Cause and have been raised up to make mention of this wondrous Name. All things have been stirred by the fragrances of the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain hesitant. Say: O people! Judge fairly concerning that which has appeared in truth, and follow not the desires of the doubters. Behold the sun with your own eyes - thus have you been commanded in all the Tablets, if you be of those who know. Were you to behold it through the eyes of others, by My life, you would never recognize it - this is a certain truth. Say: You have been created to attain the presence of God - what is wrong with you that We see you among the heedless? Say: Turn your faces to the Most Glorious Horizon and follow not every sinful idolater. Those whom you have taken as men of learning are, by My life, worshippers of vain imaginings. They have no mention with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We sent down the verses unto you and dispatched them to you, that you may be of the thankful. Recite them morning and evening, and glorify your Lord with praise at daybreak and eventide.

=== END BH05498 ===

=== START BH05499 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God. He is the Kingdom. The Manifest Book on this manifest Day calleth out amidst the religions and inviteth all to the momentous News. He is the Peerless Speaker and the Incomparable Knower. O friends! Hearken unto His call and turn with your hearts to the direction of God. Today the seat of the Wronged One is the Most Great Prison. The heedless servants have turned away from the Truth and have chosen what they possess over what is with God. Blessed is the servant whom things have not withheld from their Owner nor remembrances from their Rememberer. He hath cast away what the people possess on this Day and taken what was ordained in My preserved Book. Thy name was present before the Wronged One and these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of Will: When thou dost inhale their fragrance say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and given me to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty and shown me the signs of Thy Pen and acquainted me with the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy generosity. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the station which Thou hast made the seat of Thy throne and by the lands which were reddened with the blood of Thy loved ones and by the neck which was adorned with the rope in Thy path, to assist me to such steadfastness as shall not be shaken by the doubts of the heedless ones nor the signs of the barking ones. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

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=== START BH05500 ===

O Jinab-i-Farajullah, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book inscribed, to which the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting beareth witness. It hath been sent down in truth from this praiseworthy station. None denieth

it save every rejected polytheist. Whoso denieth it hath denied his Lord from time immemorial, as attesteth to this the Lord of all being, Who proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the One Who ruleth over what hath been and what shall be.” Verily, he who hath acknowledged that which hath come down from the heaven of grace is numbered among the people of Baha, as beareth witness to this the Dayspring of Revelation. And whoso denieth it is among the people who are held back. By My life! That which hath been sent down in the Tablet rejoiceth the eyes of them who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. In His hand is the dominion of utterance - He sendeth down what He willeth. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Kindly. We send greetings from this station to the faces of those whom vain desire hath not held back from the Lord of all mankind, and who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon in the days of their Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and in Whose right hand is the control of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy most beautiful names to send down for me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and preserve me from all else beside Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, unto Whose power and might all atoms bear witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

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=== START BH05501 ===

O Mirza Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrances of the All-Merciful were wafted throughout creation. A missive from the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath drunk of My sealed wine, that he may rejoice and be of them who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon on a Day whereon the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of the Invisible and the Visible. My Name Jamal, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in a Tablet whereunto nothing in all creation can compare, and I am, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison - verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Be thou vocal in My praise, and turn unto My horizon, and make mention of My Forbidden Name through which the foundation of every learned one was shaken and the hearts of all who are endued with understanding were perturbed, save whom God, the Lord of the Kingdom, did will. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, as the Wronged One was established upon the throne of dominion. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Hold thou fast unto the cord of the tender mercy of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Convey My remembrance unto My loved ones who have believed in God, the Lord of the Invisible and the Visible. We counsel them with that which We counseled Our servants aforetime and with that which hath been sent down in a Preserved Tablet. The Glory shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon My servants who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, and who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in My perspicuous Book.

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=== START BH05502 ===

In the Name of Him Who pulsateth in the heart of the contingent world

The Hidden Book hath been sent down from the heaven of the Revelation of your Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Read ye what is easily accessible thereof, then follow what the Spirit casteth of the verses of His Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Ever-Present. Beware lest the intimations of those who cling to vain imaginings sadden you. Rend ye asunder the veils through My Name, the Help in Peril over those in the invisible and visible realms. We have sent down in every matter clear verses. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. The ocean of utterance hath surged in the days of God, the Path hath been laid, and this Hidden Tablet hath been sent down. Verily thou, O thou who hast turned to the Countenance, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the direction of His Most Great Prison, this Forbidden Station, that the call may attract thee to a station that shall never be followed by extinction, nor be overtaken by the doubts of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and turned unto God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. Hold fast to the Most Great Cord in the days of thy Lord, the Master of antiquity, then turn with thy heart to the Lord of all nations and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me when I was in the land of exile. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficient, the Eternal

A Tablet from Us to him who desireth to turn his face toward his Lord and to know his Ancient Master. We testify that thy hesitation was better in the sight of God than those who claimed acceptance but from whom appeared that which appeared not from those of old. We perceive from thee the fragrance of love, wherefore We have sent down Tablets unto thee before, and this glorious Tablet. Thy Lord knoweth what no one else knoweth. He is, verily, the All-Encompassing over the worlds.

Hearken unto that wherewith the Prisoner counseleth thee, while wronged in the hands of the oppressors. Attach not thy acceptance to any hopes. Reflect upon the greatness of God's Cause and His sovereignty, then enter into it, detached from all who are on earth. This is better for thee, if thou be of them that know. He hath desired naught for Himself - My imprisonment and tribulation bear witness to this, blessed are the fair-minded. For him who turneth unto Him, He ordaineth what is best for him. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Deprive not thyself of the outpourings of the days of God, which equal not the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's bounty and cling to the hem of His Name, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. He hath appeared in such wise that none denieth it save every heedless and remote one. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to make thee among the triumphant ones.

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=== START BH05504 ===

He is Abdul-Nabi

In the Name of God, Who hath power over all who are in earth and heaven

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned unto the Countenance and was numbered among the successful ones, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the intimations of the heedless shall not deter him. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto the mention of this Most Great Remembrance and for having thy name inscribed in the Book by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward it from this glorious horizon. We have taken note of its contents and have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. We counsel thee with that wherewith We have counseled Our chosen servants in most of Our Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the Almighty, the Powerful. Desire thou from thy Lord naught save what He hath desired for thee. By My life! This mention is a bounty from Us unto thee, didst thou but know. All things lie within the grasp of His might and in His right hand, before whose power all who are in the heavens and on earth have been brought low. When He willeth a thing to appear in the realm of being, He but speaketh the word, even as the entire creation was brought back into being through the Word that proceeded from His sanctified and exalted mouth, the Mighty, the Impregnable. We love for thee to be content with God's good-pleasure and to be self-effacing in His Will that hath encompassed the worlds. He hath ordained for thee that which is best for thee - thou shalt soon behold it. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH05505 ===

He is the Summoner before the faces of humanity

This is a Book sent down in truth for whosoever taketh unto Him a way, that the verses of God may draw him to a station wherein he ariseth to serve the Cause and remindeth the people of that which draweth them nigh unto Him on a Day illumined by the lights of His countenance. Say: O people of the Bayan! He Who speaketh before all faces hath no need of aught else to prove His Cause. He hath come unto you from the heaven of bounty with the Kingdom of verses and the Dominion of clear proofs, with a sovereignty that encompasseth all worlds. Read ye what hath been sent down from His presence - verily it guideth you unto a path that is straight through justice. Were it not for My Cause, the Point would not have appeared and the Bayan would not have been revealed - to this testifieth he who is powerful in the Cause. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth, and woe unto him who remaineth far from nearness. Say: Cast aside your names, for they profit you not, even as they profited not those who came before you. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken before the faces of the learned and the princes, that He might guide you to a station illumined by the lights of His countenance. O thou who gazeth upon the Face! Read unto them what was revealed before the Day when God shall come with a Cause that encompasseth all worlds. We testify that they cast the Command of God behind their backs and took what was forbidden them in a Tablet sent down from the heaven of Revelation. The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those who have taken no friend unto themselves.

=== END BH05505 ===

=== START BH05506 ===

O `Abdu'l-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One with power over what was and what will be. This is a Book sent down in truth unto him who turned to God when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. We entered into prison and summoned all unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people was he who was attracted by the call of God and hastened with his whole being and essence unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And among them was he who cast God behind him by following those who disbelieved in God and His signs when He appeared with manifest sovereignty. Thy letter was received and We found from it the fragrance of devotion. We make mention of thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth with the tongues of words: "The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the All-Wise." Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call, and the eye that hath beheld the Most Exalted Horizon, and the tongue that hath testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. When thou dost find the fragrance of God from the traces of His Pen, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having mentioned me and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name to aid me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Then send down upon me, O my Beloved and my Heart's Desire, from the heaven of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy Most Generous Name. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the One unlike all others! This is a Book sent down in truth for those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. It speaks: Verily, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Generous. I created creation for My knowledge. Among them are those who turned away from Me and those who turned toward My luminous countenance. Verily, he who turned toward Me is among the people of Baha in the Tablet of Eternity, and he who turned away is in manifest loss. Will what they possess benefit them and will what they have gathered suffice them? No one has any protector today except he who has cast away vain imaginings and held fast to this firm cord. Verily, the world laughs at those who desire it and calls out to them in the loudest voice: "Do you expect faithfulness from me, O heedless and remote one?" By My life, the people are deaf and blind, not knowing what benefits them, but they are among the bewildered - except those who have turned with shining faces toward the Dawning Place of the revelation of their Lord, the Most High, the Great. Thus have We sent down the verses to you and dispatched them to you that you may be among the thankful ones. When you attain unto them, read them to those in whom you find the fragrance of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, he who has found its fragrance, by God, the veils of creation and the allusions of the polytheists will not prevent him. He arises among the servants with wisdom and utterance, saying: "The All-Merciful has come with manifest sovereignty." It behooves My loved ones to thank God at all times for His remembrance of them when He was in the hands of the oppressors.

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The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Book hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Most High, the Great. Through it laws have been ordained and paths made manifest for all who are in the heavens and on earth. O people! Act in accordance with what ye have been commanded in the Tablets, and follow not the ways of the ignorant ones who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed the ways of the fabricators - they who have taken a word from the Book and interpreted it according to their desires. These, verily, are among the perverters. They have perverted the Most Exalted Word which speaketh in the heaven of immortality: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.” Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have disbelieved after the clear proofs came unto them from every direction and the horizon of Revelation shone forth with this Great Name. Would ye deny God after He hath appeared with His sovereignty, or would ye deny what hath appeared from Him after it hath encompassed the worlds? Beware lest desire deprive you of equity or prejudice cause you to rise up against God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Fear God and dispute not with Him through Whom the horizon of utterance hath dawned and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Thus have We strengthened thee with this Tablet from which shine forth the lights of wisdom and utterance from the presence of One Mighty, Praiseworthy. And We have wafted unto thee the fragrance of the Ridvan from this exalted and inaccessible Station.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Book, sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, unto him who hath been imprisoned with his Lord through what the hands of those who cast guidance behind them and followed their desires have wrought - they are indeed among the idolaters. Days have passed during which the Supreme Pen hath not outwardly turned toward you, though inwardly ye remain beneath the glances of your Ancient Lord’s loving-kindness. We desired to send word to you after the arrival of him who turned toward the Ancient Beauty, but when this was delayed, We sent him who was named ’Ali after Nabil. He traveled through the lands by Our leave, journeying as was ordained in the Tablet from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath returned in these days from the land of Kha, and We have sent him to thee with this clear Tablet that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and give thanks to thy Lord at all times. O Husayn! Be not grieved at anything, for He is with thee and maketh mention of thee in the place wherein naught is seen save the effulgences of the lights of His mighty Throne. Soon shall earthly dominion pass away, while that which ye possess in God’s kingdom, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall endure. Thus have We sent down the Tablet unto thee and adorned thy temple with the ornament of thy Lord’s remembrance, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Convey My greetings unto My handmaidens and then unto the leaves of the Tree which was planted by the hand of My bounty in the paradise of My loving providence. Thus doth the Lord of all worlds command thee.

=== END BH05509 ===

=== START BH05510 ===

He is the Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and on earth!

This is a Book which speaks with truth from the presence of Him Who has arisen to the Cause of God with a sovereignty that the allusions of those who disbelieved and turned away did not prevent, when the gate of heaven was opened and the Promised One came with mighty sovereignty. Say: Verily He hath appeared with truth and made manifest what He desired, and verily He is the Protector over all names, there is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Mighty. We make mention of those who have turned to the Countenance and counsel them regarding the Most Great Trustworthiness and the truthfulness through which man's station is made manifest in creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who teaches His servants that which draws them near to His Straight Path. We have mentioned thee before and in this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. Know thou the value of the days of thy Lord and hold fast unto that which will profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We send greetings from this station upon the faces of My loved ones who have taken My Book and soared in My atmosphere and turned to My horizon and uttered My beautiful praise. Rejoice, O companions of God, in His remembrance of you and His turning towards you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Munificent, the Generous. Glory be upon those who have followed the Command of God and have not broken their Covenant. Verily they are among those nigh unto God in a perspicuous Book.

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=== START BH05511 ===

In the Name of the one true God!

Your letter hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Countenance. God willing, may you be blessed in all conditions with the favors of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Blessed are ye for having borne in the path of God that which none but you have borne, save those whose names have been inscribed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you, for it hath befallen you in the path of God and for the exaltation of His Word. Today all must hold fast to the cord of steadfastness, and this matter is accounted among the most mighty of deeds before God. Verily, We love every patient poor one, every generous rich one, every humble elder, and every modest ruler. By My life! I love the poor and am with them and hear their cry. He, verily, is the All-Accepting, the All-Hearing, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Today all are beheld on a single plane. Blessed is the soul that hath turned to God with perfect steadfastness and manifest certitude. Such a one is like the morning star among other stars. Poverty and wealth are not considered in this station. Blessed is the soul that hath believed and remained steadfast and held fast to that which was sent down in My Manifest Tablet. The names of all these souls are present before the Throne. Glad tidings unto them for having attained unto the mention of their names! Give them the glad tidings of My remembrance of them. He, verily, is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the Mighty, the Wise.

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=== START BH05512 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

Your letter reached the Most Holy Court. May you drink in all times from the cups of mystic knowledge of the All-Merciful - a drinking that none in all the world can prevent. O Rida! Great is this Day and mighty is this Cause. I swear by the Dawning-Place of God's infinite knowledge, were people to become aware of the mysteries of this Day, they would all detach themselves from the world and all therein, and turn toward the most exalted horizon. Be not grieved by what hath befallen you, for the world and whatsoever hath occurred and will occur therein are all transient and will pass away. But that which hath appeared from you in the path of God shall endure and remain forever. Be patient in God as the Beloved of the world was patient in this mighty prison. God willing, you should return to your homeland with perfect assurance and gladden all the loved ones with the divine utterances' fragrances. Say: O friends! Today steadfastness is beloved, for the cawing of the crows shall be silenced as hath been revealed in the Tablets of God. You must stand firm in God's Cause with perfect steadfastness and be adorned with His virtues. Verily He is the Remembrancer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath written down for thee the reward of attaining His presence, and ordaineth for thee what He loveth and is pleased with. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH05512 ===

=== START BH05513 ===

O wife of Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Ja'far, who hath ascended unto God! In the name of the Peerless Friend thy letter reached the Most Holy Court and was the recipient of divine favor. The True One hath ever been and will continue to be watchful over His loved ones, whether men or women who are steadfast. Praise be to God that handmaiden attained unto the outpourings of the Most Great Sea and turned toward the Supreme Horizon. This bounty sufficeth thee. Ask thou of God, glorified and exalted be He, for steadfastness, inasmuch as this is accounted among the most mighty of all things in the sight of God. And concerning what thou didst write regarding pilgrimage to the House of God and seeking permission - it is clear that benevolent deeds have ever been beloved in the sight of God. However, in this Revelation all are commanded to observe wisdom. Therefore no action contrary to wisdom should be manifested. Be not thou distressed over any matter. God willing, thou hast been and wilt continue to be beneath the shadow of divine favor. In this Day the glory of every being lieth in the favors and mention of God. Praise be to God, thou hast attained thereunto. We beseech God to assist His handmaidens to remember and praise Him, and to aid them to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. May the glory rest upon thee and upon thy daughters, from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH05513 ===

=== START BH05515 ===

O Afnan, his honor Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the All-Wise Expositor

The Tongue of Mercy speaks: O My friend and My Afnan! The robe of glory has been cut and prepared to the measure of your temples, for that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen cannot be equaled by any thing among all things. Praise be to God, in the prime of youth thou art associated with the Truth and art mentioned by His Name. The abasement suffered in these days is the dawning-place of glory and the dayspring of favor. Ere long God will manifest, in truth, a matter from His presence, the Lord of all

worlds. Had the people known, they would have circled round you. Soon shall they know what they missed on the day when all mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. The transient, accidental conditions have prevented the people from hearing and seeing - neither are their ears worthy to hear nor their eyes fit to behold. By God's life! They are in manifest loss. The Perspicuous Book speaks and the Mother Book is manifest, yet all are deprived and forbidden save whom God wills. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee and unto thy brothers and unto those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them and upon My Afnans who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of My bounty - they are indeed among the triumphant in the mighty Book.

=== END BH05515 ===

=== START BH05516 ===

O Siyyid 'Abdu'l-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger

By the life of God! Such verses have been sent down that all the pens in the world and those possessed of the knowledge of calculation cannot reckon them. Every counter hath failed to count them, every knower to know them, and every perceiver to fathom the mysteries of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, that lie concealed therein. By God! We have sent down for every matter a Book and for every thing an explanation, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. O thou who bearest the name of Ha', give thanks unto God for having brought thee before the Gate and cast upon thee that which the possessors of understanding are powerless to comprehend. We have caused thee to hear My call, which hath been the hope of them that are nigh unto God from time immemorial. When thou art blessed with the traces of My Pen and hearest its rustling, turn thy face toward the Wronged One and say: "I testify that Thou art He Who hath arisen to fulfill the Cause of God and hath called all to the Horizon from which the lights have shone forth." Glory be upon thee and upon her who hath believed and turned toward Me and attained unto My presence and heard and achieved that which is the purpose in the Book. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have heard My call and desired My countenance and drunk the choice wine of revelation from this Cup which God hath made the source of the seas.

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Praise be to Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast turned the faces of Thy servants towards the right-hand of the throne of Thy gifts, and hast caused them to be detached from all else besides Thee, that they may recognize Thy sovereignty and acknowledge Thy glory. I testify to the potency of Thy Cause, the pervasive influence of Thy decree, the immutability of Thy will, the endlessness of Thy purpose. All things lie prisoned within the grasp of Thy might, and the whole creation is destitute when brought face to face with the evidences of Thy wealth.

Deal Thou, therefore, O my God, my Beloved, my supreme Desire, with Thy servants and with all that were created by Thee as would beseem Thy beauty and Thy greatness, and would be worthy of Thy generosity and gifts. Thou art, in truth, He Whose mercy hath encompassed all the worlds, and whose grace hath embraced all that dwell on earth and in heaven. Who is there that hath cried after Thee, and whose prayer hath remained unanswered? Where is he to be found who hath reached forth towards Thee, and whom Thou hast failed to approach? Who is he that can claim to have fixed his gaze upon Thee, and toward whom the eye of Thy loving-kindness hath not been directed? I bear witness that Thou hadst turned toward Thy servants ere they had turned toward Thee, and hadst remembered them ere they had remembered Thee. All grace is Thine, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of Divine gifts and the source of every irrevocable decree.

Send down, therefore, O my God, upon all that seek Thee that which will entirely strip them of all that pertaineth not unto Thee, and will draw them nigh unto Thy Self. Assist them, by Thy grace, to love Thee and to conform unto that which shall please Thee. Grant, then, that they may go straight on in the path of Thy Cause, the path wherein have slipped the footsteps of the doubters among Thy people and the froward among Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Most Great.

=== END BH05517 ===

=== START BH05518 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Thee, O my exalted Lord, in all conditions, and for having lifted the decree of contention and ordained that in this Dispensation Thy Cause should triumph through utterance. O my God! Aid Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee, then inspire them with that which shall subdue the hearts of Thy creatures and the souls of them that dwell in Thy dominion. O Lord! Diffuse the fragrance of Thy raiment through the hands of them that bear glad-tidings among Thy loved ones, that the sweet-scent of Thy love may be wafted throughout Thy lands and may attract unto it the hearts of Thy servants. O Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having moved the Pen of the Most High to make mention of him whom Thou didst desire, while confined in the Most Great Prison. By Thy glory! This grace cannot be equaled by whatsoever existeth in the kingdom of creation and the realm of invention. Blessed is he who hath inhaled Thy fragrances in Thy days and remained steadfast in Thy Cause after the concealment of Thy countenance. Blessed is he upon whom the Pen of Thy Command hath traced mention and unto whom hath been directed the glance of Thy loving-kindness from Thy prison. I beseech Thee, O my God, to aid Thy servants unto that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Creator of earth and heaven and the Maker of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Everlasting, the All-Merciful

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the Most Great Favor and hast drunk from the cup of bounty the Salsabil of the presence of the Lord of Names. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath come for the guidance and refinement of souls, and hath commanded all to be sanctified, detached and righteous, that all who dwell on earth may attain unto the ornament of unity and concord and act in accordance with that which beseemeth man. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God in that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of His favors. Say: Thieves have been and are lying in wait; preserve the pearls of divine love through His Name. Especially convey My greetings to Khadijih, upon her be My glory. Say: By the life of God, thy grief hath caused Me to grieve. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down for thee that which will gladden thee and ordain for thee good in all His worlds. Verily, He is potent over all things. Likewise convey greetings from the Wronged One to she who hath attained and to her daughters. We beseech God to aid them all and enable them to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My handmaidens there who have turned unto Him and have hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH05520 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

Praise be to God Who hath given His friends superiority, excellence and ascendancy, and will continue to bestow these upon them. The intentions of the world cannot prevent His Will, nor can the clamor of the nations hinder His Purpose. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thy letter arrived and We heard thy call, and this Most Holy, Most Sublime Tablet hath been sent in reply, that thou mayest drink from the hidden oceans contained within the divine verses and engage thyself in the assemblage of the world with praise and glorification. The divines of Iran have prevented the servants from believing and have deprived them of the Most Great Sea. Consider the time of the Apostle of God, that is, His Holiness the Seal - the divines were shut out while the shepherd attained. Verily the grace is in His hand and the bounty in His right hand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was imprisoned in the hands of the nations. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy bounty in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me in Thy worlds. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Here is My Tablet to the one who has turned to the Countenance when the horizon of utterance shone forth with the sun of wisdom and exposition - Nabil-i-Qa'in who visited the House - that he may be assisted in that which he manifests of love for God, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. This is not the day to stand still and be silent. The mountain hath hastened in its longing for God, the Sovereign of all peoples, and all things have cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful!" The breezes of bounty have wafted over all who are in existence, when the Promised One appeared with the sovereignty of grandeur and power. Among the deniers are they who cling to the Bayan and turn away from the All-Merciful. These are assuredly the companions of the fire. Say: By God! Whoso denieth this Cause shall never be able to establish any cause in all creation. To this doth God's tongue testify from the most exalted Paradise. The Bayan is but a leaf amongst the leaves of My Paradise. Thus hath the All-Merciful informed you in the Scriptures and Tablets. That which is in the hands of men cannot be compared with the Word of God. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Intended One and hath arisen to help His Cause amongst the servants. Hold fast to the cord of favors, then make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to cause the dead to arise. Thus have We adorned thy brow with the crown of remembrance and utterance. Be thou thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses and Lord of all men!"

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=== START BH05522 ===

In the name of the one God

The Divine Lamp is visible amidst the winds and bears witness through divine destiny and decree. The events of the world and oppression of nations cannot prevent it from appearing and giving light. It has not taken glass and crystal for its own protection, and has sought eternal illumination for all. Yet the servants have attempted to extinguish the light with swords of hatred. We beseech God to illumine them with the light of justice and adorn them with the ornament of fairness. Verily He is the Lord of gifts and favors.

O Light of God! His honor the Observer, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, made mention of thee, and likewise of the mother and sister. We beseech God not to deprive any from the Euphrates of mercy and the waves of the ocean of loving-kindness. The whole world was created for this blessed Day, yet the people have arisen in rejection and blindness, and have issued the decree for shedding His blood. Such is the condition of the heedless and the deed of the opposers.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered us in Thy prison and revealed unto us that which draws us to the horizon of Thy manifestation. O Lord! Illumine our faces with the lights of Thy countenance, then ordain for us the reward of those who have attained Thy presence and drunk the choice wine of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05522 ===

=== START BH05523 ===

From Jinab-i-Naqdali, upon him be the Glory of God. In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all things! Among the people are those who have turned away from the Truth by following the vain imaginings of those whom knowledge has deluded, and thus they have been prevented from hearkening to the call of the Lord of Names, which has been raised in truth: “There is no God but I, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.” Among them are those who have clung to the vain imaginings of the people of the Bayan, and thus have been kept back from the All-Merciful. Say: By God! What was revealed aforetime will profit you not today, except through your recognition of this Book which has been inscribed by the Pen of Revelation from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. There is no escape for anyone today, nor refuge for any soul - thus has it been ordained in the Tablet, did ye but know. The Bayan had foretold what later came to pass, saying: “When the Call is raised, let not yourselves be veiled by the Bayan and what was revealed therein. Hasten ye unto the All-Merciful and follow not every heedless, limited one.” Beware lest the world beguile you, or the veils of names keep you back from Him through Whom every decreed matter has been established. Yet when the Call was raised and the Hidden was revealed, they turned away from it, unaware. Those who have attained to recognition - these are the manifestations of the Face amidst creation, upon whom the near-stationed angels shower their prayers. Hold fast to that which ye have been commanded by God, and grieve not for what has befallen you at the hands of the oppressors.

=== END BH05523 ===

=== START BH05524 ===

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of proof!

The fire of the blessed divine Lote-Tree speaketh at this moment in the Persian tongue and giveth all on earth the glad tidings of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Today the world is adorned with a new ornament, and the Most Great Word is dawning and manifest from the horizon of God’s Book. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Tablet, which is as light for the world and as the water of eternal life for all nations, hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen that ye may discover its fragrance and turn toward it. His honor Mirza Haydar ’Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, made mention of thee and sent the Most Exalted Remembrance. Therefore thy mention hath descended from the heaven of Will. If thou attainest unto it and perceivest the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, say: I beseech Thee, O Lord of earth and heaven and Creator of all things, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred up, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause, O Lord of all being, and firm in Thy service amidst Thy servants, and speaking forth Thy praise in Thy lands. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH05524 ===

=== START BH05525 ===

O Sun of the World! He is the Spirit that was breathed into bodies.

No letter arrived from you, yet a reply is being sent. In truth, you were mentioned without mention and beheld without proof, and God willing, you will enter Paradise without deeds and meet the Causer

without cause. Glorified be He Who sends down the verses in truth and gives glad tidings to those who hastened to the arenas of Beauty and dwelt before His Face, and heard God's call in the Ridvan of eternity, and drank from the sea of the Divine Essence on the shore of recognition. Then they detached themselves from all in the heavens and earth and turned their faces toward Him to Whom the lights rushed. Therefore, rejoice within yourself and turn not to anyone, but advance toward the pavilion that was cut off from recognition. Then remember your Lord in your heart and with your tongue according to your capacity. And if grief touches you, fear not and grieve not, but place your trust in God in your heart, for verily He removes grief from the hearts of those women who have returned to God and soared in the atmosphere of longing. Thus have We remembered you in truth and made you mentioned in the Tablet.

=== END BH05525 ===

=== START BH05526 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! Thy letter in the Persian tongue was presented before the Divine Throne and was regarded with the glance of favor. God willing, may all praise the Goal of the world's peoples in the most wondrous Persian language, for this tongue was and shall ever be sweet. How blessed is the state of one whose mention floweth from the Pen of the Ancient in this Most Great Prison, or whose petition is regarded by the Divine Unity. Tablets were newly revealed in answer to the question of one of the servants and these were sent. Consider the words revealed aforetime and after in the hidden knowledge, and after gaining understanding and knowledge, begin to act upon them. Be not disheartened. Be grateful and content with whatsoever hath been ordained, for God, exalted be His glory, hath been and shall ever be watching over you, and is closer and more kind to you than you are to yourself. Since He hath ordained for every thing an effect and means through the manifestation of the Influential Name, one must seek from the Causer of causes through these means. God willing, may you ever be gladdened by divine grace, for His grace hath encompassed you, and this is more excellent than whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and on earth. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God.

=== END BH05526 ===

=== START BH05527 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power!

We have seen and heard the letter of Nabil, son of Nabil, upon him be the peace of God. Praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of love and crowned with the diadem of steadfastness. We bear witness to his recognition, love and precedence. God willing, may he be assisted and confirmed in all matters. The honored Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim has repeatedly mentioned him in the presence of this servant, and he has been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. He has not been and will not be forgotten from sight.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones, Thy pure ones, and by Muhammad Thy Messenger, and by His family and companions who aided Thy religion and sacrificed their wealth, their souls and their blood in Thy path, to ordain for him that which will profit him in all the worlds of Thy

worlds and cause his mention to endure among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O my Lord! Thou seest him gazing toward the horizon of Thy gifts and favors, awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy and the manifestations of the dawning lights of the Sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Straight Path and by Thy Most Great Announcement to assist him to mention and praise Thee among the manifestations of the names in the kingdom of creation. Then ordain for him and those with him that which will bring joy to their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH05527 ===

=== START BH05528 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O Husayn-Quli! Your call was heard and your letter attained the Most Pure Presence. Every soul that rises up for the sake of God in that very moment enters the presence of the Intended One and finds the Beloved through the fragrance of hearts. And even if outwardly detached souls are not mentioned, in God's Book the names of all have been inscribed by the Most Ancient Pen. Exalted is this mighty station! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, may you be free at all times from idle fancies and imaginings, and be attentive and turned toward the direction of certitude. This is the most exalted station and the most glorious habitation - hold fast to it and be of the thankful ones. Say: O servants! The Sun of certitude has risen - bind not your hearts to vain imaginings. The Dawning-Place of utterance is speaking and voicing forth - turn not to idle fancies. The pure water of knowledge and the crystal stream of certitude are flowing and coursing from the cup of the All-Merciful's utterance - render them not turbid with unseemly sayings nor pollute them with rejected mentions. Fix your gaze upon My direction and speak forth My hallowed words. These are the divine counsels to His servants. Whoso heareth, it shall be for his own sake, and whoso turneth away, verily thy Lord is Self-Sufficient, independent of all worlds. As for thee, praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that through His grace thou hast attained and partaken of the choice wine of His favors. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to remember Him and to arise to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH05529 ===

In the Name of God, the Knower, the All-Seeing! Your call was heard and your lamentation was heeded. In tribulations and afflictions follow the example of the Truth, that is, be patient and content, nay rather, be thankful, that thou mayest be numbered among those souls who declare with perfect certitude: "Verily He is the One praised in His deeds." Blessed are those servants who have recognized all the deeds of God as praiseworthy, for whatsoever proceedeth from the Absolute Wise One hath been and shall ever be for the good of all. Verily He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. And beseech God that He may enable thee to act according to His good-pleasure. The heart was created especially for His knowledge; sanctify it from all else besides Him, and be so steadfast in His path of love that none shall have power to deter thee. Today the Sun of Divine Unity is shining, and whosoever turneth unto Him and beholdeth Him as the One

dominating, prevailing over, and encompassing all things, he shall be reckoned before the Divine Throne as one of the people of unity, while for others there hath been and shall be no portion. Blessed are they that possess understanding. Hearken unto the Word of Truth with the ear of the soul, and be thou free and detached from all else besides Him. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH05529 ===

=== START BH05530 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Blessed art thou, O Mahdi, in that thou guidest the people to the path of righteousness and rememberest thy Lord in days wherein the dust of atheism hath seized the servants, save those whom thy Lord, the Lord of creation, hath willed. We were with thee in the days when thou didst make mention of this Name through which the dawn of inner meanings hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Stand thou firm in the Cause through the power and might of God. Say: O people! Ye have no protector from God this day save through casting aside what ye possess and turning unto the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thou enkindled with the heat of the love of God, then light the lamp of the hearts of others through the sovereignty of the Names on this Day which God hath made the Sun of all days. Let not the clamor of the deniers frighten thee, nor the might of any oppressor or tyrant disturb thee. Arise to serve the Cause by My command and remind the people through this Remembrance which God hath made the source of all remembrance. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have believed in that place, then illumine their faces with this Tablet from whose horizon the lights have shone forth. Say: O My loved ones! By My life, We hear your call and behold your turning unto Us. Be not grieved at anything. Rather, rejoice in what hath been ordained for you in the most exalted station. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken your names on this Night which God hath made the Dawning-Place of all days.

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=== START BH05531 ===

In the Name of the One God

The Primal Point hath said: Should any soul appear and bring forth a single verse, reject him not. Now verses have been revealed equivalent to all previous Books, yet the immature ones of the world have rejected Him and have uttered that which no idolater ever spoke and no oppressor ever voiced. Today the people of the Most Exalted Paradise are souls who consider all else but God as non-existent and count it as naught. The tales of old do not prevent them from the highest horizon, nor do names deprive them from the shore of the ocean of meanings. In all conditions they are seated upon the throne of certitude and repose upon the seat of assurance. With perfect composure and dignity they arise to aid the Cause and with the hosts of wisdom and utterance they conquer the cities of hearts. Say: O people of the Bayan, be fair and speak with justice. Be not of those who, after witnessing, denied, nor of those concerning whom the Desired One of all possibility hath said in the Qur'an: "How many a sign do they pass by and turn away therefrom!" Blessed is the soul that was not deprived and attained unto the verses

of the Most Exalted Pen. Thou, verily, render thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

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=== START BH05532 ===

This is a remembrance from before Us to him who hath turned and attained unto God, the Lord of the worlds, that he may hear the call of his Lord when it was raised in truth between the heavens and the earth. The call hath been raised in such wise as to encompass all names, yet the people are in strange heedlessness. He who hath arisen at the call of his Lord is of those who have attained, and he who hath turned away is of the perishing ones. O servant! When the attraction of thy Lord's call taketh hold of thee, arise to serve and obey Him. Thus doth command thee He Who dwelleth alone in the land of exile through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of the Wronged One of thee, then turn with thy heart to the Kaaba of the yearning ones. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that dominateth all names to inscribe me among those who have circled round Thee in Thy days and have attained that which Thou didst desire for them through Thy bounty and favor. Then aid me to be steadfast in Thy love and to turn away from those who have opposed Thy Self after Thou didst come to them with the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are there in My name - verily it is for Kamali and those with him from among My loved ones. By My life! The Most Exalted Pen moveth to make mention of him and his kindred. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH05532 ===

=== START BH05533 ===

The Most Holy, Most Glorious

This is a remembrance from Us to those who are in the heavens and on earth. Whenever a word proceedeth from the mouth of the Will, verily it encompasseth all created things. Thus hath the Command been, but the people are in manifest obscurity. Blessed is the learned one who hath recognized the purpose of God, and the strong one who hath arisen to serve the Cause through this Great Name. Verily, those who are deprived this day of the Kawthar of My knowledge - these are the blind ones, by the Lord of the Throne and the exalted Seat. And those who have attained - these are the people of guidance, by the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath cast behind him that which the idolaters have taken, and hath turned toward the Sovereign of Names, detached from all else. He is of the people of Baha in the Book of God, and all things bear witness that he is among the successful ones.

O Pen of Baha! Make mention of the handmaidens of God, that the remembrance may draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaidens! Give thanks unto God for having enabled you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, when He appeared in truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Ye are the daysprings of contentment in the realm of possibility - the All-Merciful beareth

witness to this, exalted be this glorious and sublime station. Praise ye God, then prostrate yourselves before His Face which shineth between the heavens and earth. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned unto Him, and hath heard, and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things! I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.”

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a mention from the Prisoner unto him who, when he heard the call from the direction of grandeur, turned with his heart and was numbered among the successful ones. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of its Lord, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Tablet of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Hearts have been created to turn towards the Kaaba of the Desired One, faces to be directed to this noble prospect, breasts to safeguard their Lord’s trust, and the tongue for this exalted remembrance. Blessed is the heart that hath soared on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful, and the cheek that hath reddened from the heat of its Lord’s love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O loved ones of God! Be steadfast in the Cause of God, then speak unto the servants that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Every Tablet that hath been sent down in truth is a proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth. The unity-professing ones behold from its horizon the sun of grandeur and power, while those who are heedless are numbered among the dead. We have set forth the verses in every manner and manifested power through My mighty and powerful sovereignty. Among the people are those who have recognized and prostrated themselves before their Lord’s face, and among them are those who have seen and turned away from God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God. Verily, He protecteth whom He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which draweth him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted! This is the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath turned towards the Dawning-Place of the Cause on a day when faces were darkened. Arise to aid the Cause of God and His Command. Thus doth the Ancient Pen enjoin thee on behalf of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. The hearts of the pure ones have been consumed by reason of what hath befallen the Dawning-Place of Names, yet the Youth remaineth in gladness and joy. Neither do adversities and hardships sadden Him, nor do the hosts of the wicked prevent Him from that which He hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. It behooveth everyone who hath quaffed from this Cup to be so steadfast that no veils shall hinder him from turning unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Finger of thy Lord’s Will, the All-Merciful, in a preserved Tablet. Thy letter hath come before Us, and thereby We have ordained for thee an exalted station. Grieve not because of the world and whatsoever happeneth therein. Verily thy Lord doth both expand and contract, and in His right hand is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, but the people understand not. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones. Say: Today it

behooveth him who hath believed in Him to manifest that which will attract the hearts of men and gladden honored servants. Say: The Spirit be upon you and the Glory be upon you, O ye whom God hath singled out for this grace which minds have never comprehended the like thereof.

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This is the Most Great, Most Holy Book of God, revealed for all else besides Him, that the servants might hearken to the call of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and read it and ponder what hath been revealed therein of the mysteries of God, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. O My loved ones! Be not perturbed by the onslaught of them that have denied the All-Merciful, nor follow every idolatrous deceiver. Leave what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Compelling. Verily, they that are heedless this day are in doubt and schism, and they that have turned towards Him are of the people of Baha, whose names have been set down by the Pen of Revelation in the Scriptures and Tablets. When thou drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cups of the words of thy Lord, the Revealer of verses, arise with supreme steadfastness, then make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants. Thus have We caused to shine upon thee from the horizon of grace the sun of wisdom and utterance. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of earth and heaven. They that were prevented from attaining unto the presence in those days have no cause for grief, for the oppressors have come between Us and those who turned towards the dawning-place of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He that hath turned with his heart towards the direction of God, there hath been written down for him the reward of one who hath drawn nigh and attained. Thus doth God single out for His grace whomsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Protector of whoso befriendeth Him, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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In the name of the One Who witnesseth and is witnessed! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who are in the contingent world, that He might draw them nigh unto His Kingdom and give them to drink of this choice and forbidden Kawthar. O My Most Exalted Pen! Say: O concourse of creation, come ye, come ye, that I may give you to drink of the Water of Life. Then come ye, come ye, that I may show you that which hath delighted the eye of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Beware lest the ornaments of the world withhold you from the Lord of all beings. Leave behind what the people possess, clinging fast to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They who have denied God’s Cause and His sovereignty, who have rejected His proof and disputed His signs - these are the people of the nethermost fire. Thus doth the Salsabil of utterance flow from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Drink ye thereof, and be not of them who comprehend not. The Wronged One remembereth you by night and by day, and sendeth down for you that whereby your remembrance shall endure as long as God, the Lord of the kingdom and the realm, endureth. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My raiment, render thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence! Thus have We adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of utterance.

Blessed is he who hath witnessed, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. The light shining from the horizon of the All-Glorious be upon thee and upon them who have believed in the Truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05537 ===

=== START BH05538 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This is a Book for him who hath heard the Call and responded thereunto. By virtue of this his name hath been recorded before the Throne and there hath been sent down for him that which shall solace the eyes of them that have recognized. Hearken unto the Call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is he that heareth and seeth, and turneth toward the Most Luminous Horizon. Blessed is the learned one who hath cast away idle fancy and laid hold on certitude when the Self-Subsisting appeared with clear sovereignty. Say: O concourse of divines! Rend ye asunder the greatest veil, then hasten with your hearts unto the Most Luminous Horizon wherein the Lord of Destiny hath manifested Himself through His Most Great Name. Thou hast indeed held fast unto the cord of the Command and clung to the hem of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Ponder thou upon the days of God and His power and what hath appeared from Him when He was imprisoned, that thou mayest be assured of the sovereignty of thy Ancient Lord. The fragrances of that which hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen have encompassed all things, yet the people are in strange heedlessness. The Cry hath been raised, yet they slumber; nay, they are as the dead, save him whom the breeze of reunion hath stirred and whom the hand of grace hath admitted into an exalted station. Arise in My Name and remind the people of this mighty Cause, that perchance they may arise from the slumber of vain desire, turning toward My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory be upon thee and upon them who have cast away the world in the name of their Lord, the Most Glorious, and have turned with their hearts toward the Beloved of the worlds.

=== END BH05538 ===

=== START BH05539 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! This is an epistle from Him Who was imprisoned in God's path in this far-off land, and upon Whom hath descended at every moment that which hath descended upon no one before - and my Lord is witness to what I say. Yet in all this I give thanks unto God, for I have offered up my soul in His path, and I besought Him for this before the creation of the heavens and earth. Would that I had a thousand thousand bodies and a thousand thousand souls to sacrifice at every moment for my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds!

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of this Husayn. By God, the tale of weeping hath returned, wert thou but of them that understand. Dost thou dwell in thy house while the Beloved is imprisoned in the lands of the heedless? Dost thou take thy rest while at every moment there descendeth upon Him that which causeth the hearts of the mystics to burn? Dost thou drink water while He sucketh from His own veins? Dost thou sleep while His eyes are fixed upon the quarter of destiny at every morn and eve? Beware lest any remembrance divert thee from His remembrance and His love. Thus doth this Youth command thee, that

thou mayest be of them that act. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath hearkened unto the call of his Lord and responded, and was of the sincere ones in Tablets of mighty glory.

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He is the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy

This is an epistle from a penitent servant to him who hath attained the lights of guidance on the Day when the Sun shone forth from a holy and luminous horizon, who hath detached himself from his own self and migrated unto God, until he entered the Sacred Spot on a mighty holy shore and heard the call of God from the Tree of Paradise, and drank from the chalices of immortality from a noble Youth. Therefore, know thou thy station and what God hath ordained for thee, in that He hath delivered thee from the prison of desire and honored thee with His presence on the Day whereon the dwellers of the heavens and earth were thunderstruck. Say: O people! If ye believed in God before, how is it that ye believe not in Him around Whom circle the angels of the highest heaven? Say: Did ye not yearn for Him in the nights and at dawn? Yet when He came unto you with clear signs, ye turned away from His beauty. Therefore, fear ye God and the Manifestations of His justice, then walk ye in the holy path, for it is indeed a path exalted and knowing. Thus do We sprinkle upon all created things from the waves of the ocean of wisdom, that they may enter a mighty and secure path. Whoso willeth, let him believe in the signs of God, and whoso willeth, let him turn away. Verily, my Lord is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have followed the commandments of God in His days and who dwell in the precincts of the mercy of God.

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He is God, the Most Knowing, the Most Glorious

This is an epistle from this wronged, grief-stricken Prisoner unto him who hath believed in God and taken the Spirit as his beloved, and who is among those that understand in the days of God, that the words of his Lord may move him and remind him through grace and detach him from those who are not guided by the signs of God. O servant! We had previously sent down a tablet unto thee and dispatched it that thine eyes might be consoled thereby and that thou mightest soar on wings of longing in the holy atmosphere of the Beloved. And now once again hath the breeze of sorrow and grace wafted upon thee from the direction of thy Lord's most exalted Throne, that it may free thee from thy self and cause thee to walk in the cities of holiness and establish thee firmly in the Cause of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest thou grieve at what hath befallen thee in this transient life, for it shall pass and come to an end, while that which hath been ordained for thee in the tablets of might shall enduringly remain. Take comfort in My remembrance and forget those who have denied My Self, for this is the best counsel shouldst thou be of them that know. Thus hath the tongue of thy Lord spoken out of love for thee, that thou mightest rejoice within thyself and be of them that take delight in the remembrance of

God. And upon thee be glory, and upon whosoever hath detached himself from them that have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath sought the sanctuary of his Lord's presence, and journeyed from his home to the Most Great House, the scene of his Lord's glory, the All-Praised, and entered the Garden of Paradise until he attained the presence of God and heard the melodies of God, the Powerful, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Upon him shone the lights of the countenance from this Youth, Whom He hath sent with the truth and dispatched unto every witness and witnessed thing, and made to speak with the verses of His glory, and manifested at the station of His Self amongst His creatures, whereat the pillars of existence were shaken. Among the people are those who turned away and disbelieved in God their Lord, and those who believed and sought shelter beneath this extended shade.

Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou hast attained the presence of God and drunk the cup of inner meanings from the hand of utterance in this Paradise which God hath sanctified from allusions and limitations. And now hath risen the sun of leave from the horizon of thy Lord's command, and We grant thee permission to return to thy dwelling, that through thee the people of heedlessness may arise. Forget not thy Lord, but rather remember Him amongst His creatures. This is what hath been ordained for thee from God, the Mighty, the Witnessed. And the Spirit and glory and splendor rest upon thee and upon those who have purified their faces for God, the Powerful, the Glorious, the All-Desired.

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Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I give Thee thanks inasmuch as Thou hast called me into being in Thy days, and infused into me Thy love and Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, by Thy name whereby the goodly pearls of Thy wisdom and Thine utterance were brought forth out of the treasuries of the hearts of such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee, and through which the Day-Star of Thy name, the Compassionate, hath shed its radiance upon all that are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, to supply me, by Thy grace and bounty, with Thy wondrous and hidden bounties.

These are the earliest days of my life, O my God, which Thou hast linked with Thine own days. Now that Thou hast conferred upon me so great an honor, withhold not from me the things Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones.

I am, O my God, but a tiny seed which Thou hast sown in the soil of Thy love, and caused to spring forth by the hand of Thy bounty. This seed craveth, therefore, in its inmost being, for the waters of Thy mercy and the living fountain of Thy grace. Send down upon it, from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness, that

which will enable it to flourish beneath Thy shadow and within the borders of Thy court. Thou art He Who watereth the hearts of all that have recognized Thee from Thy plenteous stream and the fountain of Thy living waters.

Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds.

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This is a letter from the Wronged One to him who hath made his way unto the All-Merciful, that it may detach him from his own self and draw him to a place illumined with the lights of His countenance. O servant! Blessed art thou for having recognized the Truth and turned away from him who denied the All-Merciful and was recorded as a wretched one in the Mother Book. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, then aid Him through utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee at a time when He was imprisoned by the hands of the oppressors. When tribulations overtake thee in My path, remember thou My tribulation and My exile and My imprisonment. Thus do We impart unto thee from the presence of One mighty and wise. By My life! The day is approaching when We will have rolled up the world and all that is therein, and spread out a new order in its stead. He, verily, hath power over all things. Sanctify thy heart for My remembrance and thine ear for hearkening unto My verses, then turn thy face toward the Spot wherein the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is established. Say: O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thyself and caused me to turn toward the Kaaba of Thy reunion and meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was rent to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for him who turned away from all else save Thee and turned unto Thee, and to decree for me a seat of truth with Thee in the Most Glorious Pavilion. Thou, verily, doest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

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The Most Holy, The Most Great. This is a Book which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and wise. It speaketh that I am the Prisoner in this mighty Prison. O My loved ones! Look not today to your own selves but rather to the Self of God, if ye be of them that comprehend. Ponder not upon that which would bring comfort to your bodies, but rather upon that which would exalt My remembrance amongst the worlds. Grieve not at anything, for He is with you. Soon will He open before you a gate whereby your affairs shall prosper both in this world and in the next. A mighty station is yours if ye gather together for the triumph of God and His Faith. Beware lest ye differ in the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. All that hath been revealed in the Bayan is My remembrance, and all that hath been revealed in this Manifestation is the embellishment of Mine Own Self, which We have created for My Temple, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. My outward calleth unto My inward, and My inward unto My outward. There is none other in the kingdom save Me, yet the people are in manifest heedlessness. Verily the Branches that have branched from the Divine Lote-Tree are My evidences amongst My creatures and My breezes between the heavens and earth. See ye any partner or peer unto God, your

Lord? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Speak not of that which God hath not permitted you. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be of them that are endued with insight. Grieve not thou, for nothing escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He is cognizant of all things. Remind the people with wisdom from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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He is the Mighty, the Best-Beloved in the heavens and on earth! This is a Book We have sent down in truth unto a people who understand. Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. His is the Command and the Creation. He doeth what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. None can gainsay His command. Through the sovereignty of His Will, He ordaineth whatsoever He hath decreed, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He exalteth His Cause through His eternal designs, and this is what hath been inscribed in a Preserved Book. Among these is the departure of this Servant from this land, did ye but know it. Say: In this departure are signs that none shall comprehend save God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised. God shall soon make manifest that which hath been concealed from the eyes of them that are veiled, and the Herald of the Spirit shall cry out in the midst of heaven, saying: This is the Day whereon God shall establish Himself upon the throne of victory and seize them that have tyrannized upon the earth - and this is a truth well-known. O people of the Bayan! Grieve not at this, but put your trust in God, if ye be of them that know. Say: The breezes of might shall waft, and God’s Cause shall be made manifest in truth, and all shall hasten unto Him. Thus do We impart unto you that which shall tranquilize your hearts, that ye may be of them that are well-assured. The Spirit and the light and the glory be upon you, O concourse of the sincere ones!

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O Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali! He is the Mighty, the Everlasting! This is a Book from the Primal Point unto him who was named Nabil-i-’Ali, that he may call it to mind within himself and be of them that remember, and that he may arise to love his Lord in such wise that the souls of the polytheists shall never change him. Know thou that We have been faithful and shall continue to be faithful - nay rather, through Us hath faithfulness been made manifest among all the worlds. And verily We have fulfilled all that We promised unto you, and by this was kindled the fire of jealousy in the breasts of that company, such that they shall find no rest upon their seats until they have shed My blood - if thou be of them that understand. And after the Youth hath departed from your midst, it behooveth you to remain steadfast in faithfulness to My Cause, than which nothing else standeth, whether in the heavens or on the earth, or in what was or what shall be - if thou be of them that perceive. By God! Then shall all things weep, and beyond them the hosts of holiness behind the veils of mighty glory. Soon shalt thou witness the turning away of them that turn aside from this Beauty, through Whom have shone forth the suns of the Command and appeared the signs of God and emerged the pearls of knowledge and risen the Beauty of the Unseen with luminous sovereignty. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth, that thou mayest be apprised of that which was concealed and be of them that are firmly grounded.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy! This is a Book which summoneth mankind unto God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. They who are endowed with divine insight behold therein the power of their Lord, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, and hear from it what the One on Sinai heard from the Tree: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God, and the heart that hath turned unto the Kaaba of them that are nigh, and woe betide him whose sense of smell hath prevented him from inhaling the fragrance that wafteth from this Garment, and him whose ear hath been kept from hearing the Call that hath been raised from the direction of a mighty Throne. Turn with thy whole being unto God and leave the wrongdoers who have taken their idle fancies for lords besides God - these are of the people of the fire and shall find none to protect them from that which is ordained for them in hell. Let nothing frighten thee in thy love for thy Lord. Be detached from all the worlds. Should anyone object to thee concerning thy love for thy Lord, say: “I have forsaken your religion and followed the way of God and held fast unto His firm cord.” Thus doth the Pen command thee from the presence of the Ancient King. Follow thou and be not of the prodigal ones. We have ordained stations in Paradise for everyone who hath desired Us. We have been the Ruler. Beware lest there appear from thee that which would deprive thee of that which hath been ordained for thee. Thus have We inspired thee that thou mayest be convinced that His mercy hath preceded all created things.

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In the seal of Shah Muhammad He is the Most Wondrous! This is a Book which makes mention with truth, and therein do people drink from a sealed choice wine. Blessed is he who drinks thereof and detaches himself from all who are in the kingdom and becomes of those who are certain. Say: The cup is the words of God and the choice wine is what is concealed therein of the mysteries of hidden knowledge. God has ordained it for those who have sanctified themselves from doubt and uncertainty and have entered the precincts of Paradise, the station of holy witnessing. Give thanks unto God for having entered therein at a time when thou wast heedless thereof. Thus was it ordained for thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and turn not unto what appeareth in the kingdom. Say: All matters end in the Self of God Who hath appeared in truth with supreme sovereignty over all created things, and around Him circle the hosts of revelation, whereby the fire of hatred hath been kindled in the breast of every rejected polytheist. Behold with the eye of the Beginning the Cause of God. Say: By God! The Tradition hath returned in the Self of Ali and the Tree hath called out upon the holy Sinai in Hurayth of this Paran, “There is none other God but I, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.” Thus have We imparted unto thee the Word of truth that it may make thee steadfast in the Cause and sever thee from every rejected denier. And glory be upon thee and upon every patient and thankful one.

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O Mirza Davud, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. This is a Book which speaketh with truth, yet most of the people hear not. The verses have been sent down, yet they perceive not. The signs have appeared, yet they understand not. The Hour hath come and the Resurrection hath been established, and the Hidden Name and the Treasured Mystery have been made manifest, yet most of the people know not. The proof hath encompassed all things and the Sun of Evidence hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility, yet the people have turned away from it. Say: O people of the earth, be fair in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised calleth out: Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces, would ye but perceive it. Deprive not yourselves of this most great favor, and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily He hath sent down for thee that which honored servants perceive its fragrance. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations, for having guided me unto Thy path, shown me Thy way, and sent down for me Thy proof. I beseech Thee to ordain that I may, in all conditions, be mindful of Thy verses and hold fast unto the cord of Thy Cause. Then decree for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy word “Be” and it is.

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O Haji Zahra of Najafabad

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious

This is a Tablet that speaketh the truth, wherein mention is made of one of the handmaidens of God who hath believed in her Lord and detached herself from every wicked transgressor, and from whose heart have wafted the sweet savors of love. God hath therefore made mention of her in this Tablet, that she may glory among all the worlds. O handmaiden of God! Glad-tidings unto thee for having been enabled to recognize God and for having fixed thy gaze upon His countenance, and for having fallen prostrate upon thy face before Him, weeping. We have indeed become aware of what is in thy heart and have sent unto thee that which will gladden thy heart, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause. Remember thy Lord, then be devoutly obedient, and bow down in submission before God Who created thee and all things, for He hath power over all things. Beware lest thou be disturbed by that which hath disturbed the hearts of those who believed and then turned away from God and made Satan their path. Remember thou My exile and tribulation, then My imprisonment at morn and eventide. Know thou that We have ordained for thee in the heaven of the Cause a station that is truly exalted. Be thou at peace through the grace of thy Lord and forget not His remembrance, that thou mayest be numbered among those handmaidens who are mentioned in the Tablets. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who follow the command of their Lord and take refuge in His mighty stronghold.

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He is the Mighty. This is a Tablet wherein are mentioned verses of separation from this poor and wretched servant at the time when He departeth from the region of Iraq by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Say: By God! This is in truth Husayn Who hath appeared among you by the command of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. He dwelt among you for numbered days while ye were heedless of His beauty and were among the negligent ones. Ye have driven Him from the land and knew not His worth, and God is witness unto this. Ye have visited upon Him that which was visited from before, and now do the denizens of the highest Paradise cry out. Say: O people of hatred! Rejoice not in what ye have done, for God will seize you with a vengeance that is indeed severe in justice. Say: Would ye slay Husayn, yet kiss the earth of the land that is attributed to Him? Alas for you, O company of mischief-makers! Say: He feareth not you, nor your kings, nor all who are in the heavens and the earth. Say: Whoso hath known God will know none else besides Him, and unto Him do the hearts of them that have recognized Him turn. Say: We have offered up our spirits for God, the Lord of the worlds, and We beseech Him at every moment to accept from Us this lowly offering, and We thank Him for this and for all that He hath decreed for Us. Verily He is the Bestower, the Ordainer, the Gracious.

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O Siyyid Husayn! Most Holy, Most Inaccessible, Most Mighty, Most Exalted! This is what hath been sent down aforetime. Verily it is a mighty revelation. The ocean of tribulation hath surged, and its waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. O Mariner! Be not dismayed by the winds, for the One Who causeth the dawn to break is with thee in this darkness that hath enveloped the worlds. Whoso pondereth upon these two verses will discover what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. Tribulation hath reached such a state that the Pen of Creation is powerless to describe it. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention of Him in all conditions in such wise that neither the veils of glory nor the might of the oppressors can hinder Us. It behooveth every soul to follow his Lord and to be among the steadfast. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the lights of faith and recognized the All-Merciful in this wondrous garment. They who have cast the Command of God behind their backs, these are among the abased. These have followed their passions and turned away from guidance. God will soon seize them with His wrath. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord and be among those who remember Him, that through thy remembrance perchance may be attracted the hearts of those who have forgotten their Lord and are among the distracted ones. Thus doth command thee the Pen of the Divine Command, at the time when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

This is the Day whereon the Most Great Name calleth aloud amidst the nations and giveth them glad tidings of this Manifestation, at Whose appearance the Mount spoke forth saying: “He Who was

promised hath come, through Him the Hidden One hath been revealed, and those who lay in their graves have arisen." Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and attained. Woe betide the heedless!

Say: This is not the day of suppositions and idle fancies. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by this Luminary, at Whose rising the Dove cooed, and the Cock of the Throne crowed, and the Nightingale sang, and the Mystic Dove warbled upon the branches. O ye servants of the All-Merciful! By God, that which was concealed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. This is the Day whereon the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out and the Rock crieth aloud through this Great Name. Be ye as leaves when the winds of the Will of your Lord, the Lord of the Covenant, blow. Thus doth He Who hath with Him the Perspicuous Book command you.

Say: Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We have found the fragrance of thy love and heard thy call. We make mention of thee in this Tablet and reveal unto thee that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in praise of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Wise. Thus have We opened unto thee the gate of true knowledge through the key of Our Name, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and recognized and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!" May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God with evident certitude.

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In the Name of God, the Everlasting, the All-Sufficient

Is the earth adorned with those whom trials cannot prevent from turning to God, the Most High, the Most Exalted? And does there walk upon it one in whom it would take pride, could it boast before heaven? And dost thou see in the heavens any who speak My Name and arise to aid My Cause through wisdom and utterance, forsaking all else out of love for God, the Lord of all worlds? O servant! Sorrows have touched thee in My path, and hardships in thy love for Me. Though today thou seest them as abasement, soon shalt thou behold them as glory for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily, abasement in the path of God is the sovereign of glory, through which those near to God seek blessing. Forget not thy Lord - remember Him amongst the servants and be not of the heedless. Every soul shall taste of death, and after its certainty, who would fear in the love of God? None, by His True Self, save the doubters. Since death is ordained, how wonderful were it to come in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy! Arise by God's leave and make mention of Him. He will protect thee, and He hath power over all things. Thus hath the Pen taught thee. Arise and fear not the oppressors. The world and all that is therein shall perish; then shall the sincere find themselves in the highest paradise, while the idolaters shall be in the fire. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

The letter was seen and all that was written therein was noted. It is known that few souls can be found who are, in truth, steadfast in the divine path. Now again has the cycle of blind imitation begun to move, and soon all shall walk according to their desires, turn away from the essence of piety, become occupied with incidental matters, and remain heedless of the ultimate purpose. And this gentle breeze that bloweth from the spiritual paradise shall be cut off, and the morn of guidance shall be transformed into the night of error. However, as far as possible, one must close the eye of objection and open the eye of kindliness, lest, as before, cursing and charges of unbelief, rancor and envy should arise. Here too such things are found, and we deal with them with utmost consideration. God willing, a meeting shall take place, sorrow and grief shall give way to joy, and the mysteries of the past shall return to this cycle, that the inner eye may be illumined and enlightened. For one year now we have truly been afflicted in prison. Although what Salman mentioneth causeth grief, yet you must not be saddened in any matter or station. God willing, affairs shall soon proceed according to your desire.

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O Ibrahim! Hearken thou unto the Call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, which hath been raised from His most sublime and lofty Station. He, verily, will confirm thee in that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou art he who directed his steps towards the Supreme Horizon, and who visited the Spot wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of the worlds!” Blessed is every face that hath turned unto the Face of God; and the heart that hath attained unto His love, the Most Precious. Lay thou hold upon the Sure Handle, and say: “O Lord of the throne above and of earth below! I ask Thee by Thy Name through which the Supreme Horizon hath been illumined, to assist me to serve Thee in such wise that I may move according to Thy will, and breathe by Thy leave and at Thy pleasure. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, before Whom all things have bowed; and the Sovereign to Whom all that are in heaven and on earth have submitted. O my Lord! Behold Thou Thy lovers in Thy lands, who have trembled at the onslaught of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, by the light of Thy Countenance and the fire of Thy love, so to attract them by Thine utterance that they may not be affected by Thine enemies, and by the estrangement of the learned amongst Thy creatures who pretend to knowledge without any clear proof from Thee, or testimony on Thy part. O my Lord! I am a suppliant, and Thou art the Answerer of prayers; and I am a poor creature, and Thou art the All-Possessing. Deal with me then as befitteth Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty. Thou, truly, art the Almighty, the Most Powerful.”

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O son of My Most Truthful Name! Upon thee be My glory and upon him be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness. God willing, may the conditions of the world and the objections of the nations not prevent thee from the remembrance and praise of the Lord of Eternity. Be thou so enkindled with the fire of divine love that its effects become manifest in the world. Blessed is thy father and blessed is he who

visits him, as revealed by My Most Exalted Pen, and blessed is thy brother who attained the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds, and turned toward diverse lands, speaking, remembering, praising and assisting. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed. Blessed are they who have arisen today to serve God and who act according to what they have been commanded in the Book. And as for thy intention to turn toward the Most Holy Court, this is befitting for all who have turned to God, the One, the All-Knowing. However, all are commanded to wisdom and must act according to its requirements. The people are heedless, veiled, corrupted and oppressive, and this land too is in commotion. God willing, if it occurs with joy and fragrance, verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey to all the friends in that land the greetings of the Wronged One. Glory be upon you and upon your family and those who are with you.

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He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing!

O son of Dhabih! Upon thee and upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. That which thou didst send hath been accepted. Thou didst mention the verse of ’Attar - upon him be the glory of the Chosen One. All are mentioned at the Most Holy Court and have attained His special favors. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid all to perform such deeds as will cause His irrevocable, holy, mighty and wondrous Cause to be exalted. We make mention of Khadijih, the wife of Hasan, and give her the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness - the Lord of this luminous station. We have remembered her before and before that, and We ask for her the greatest steadfastness in this Mighty Announcement. We make mention of thy brother Habibu’llah - upon him be My glory - and We seal this Tablet with his remembrance that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Remember him on My behalf and proclaim upon him My mighty and wise Command. Convey to all those who are related greetings and glorification from the Wronged One. Verily He loveth His loved ones and handmaidens, as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy signs that have encompassed the horizons, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, to open before my face, through the key of Thy bountiful Name, the door of grace and bestowal. O my Lord! I testify that Thou knowest better than I, and Thou knowest what profiteth me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Ever-Flowing.

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In the Name of the one true God! O loved ones of the All-Merciful in the lands! Every fire is observed to be extinguished except the fire which appeareth and blazeth forth in hearts for the love of God. Every mighty tree is uprooted by tempestuous winds save the trees in the divine garden. Every lamp is quenched save the lamp of God’s Cause which shineth resplendent in the midst of the world - winds cause its light to increase and cannot extinguish it. Strange it is that in the upheaval in the land of Ta some friends are seen to be disturbed, fearful and shaken. By the life of God! This was not and is not befitting for the friends. God is the Protector, God is the Helper, God is the Observer, God is the Mighty and Powerful. Those who are His and are related to Him must be firm and steadfast like unto a mountain, nay

even more so. We give glad tidings to all of God's loving-kindness and His mercy, and We send Our greetings to them from this exalted station. God hath forgiven them as a bounty from His presence and made them among the pure ones. Read unto them the Tablet of God and its effects that they may rejoice in His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to My strong cord.

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O Ahmad! He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Ahmad! Hearken unto My call. Verily it draweth thee unto the Kingdom of My nearness and the Realm of My presence, and remindeth thee of My verses, and beareth unto thee the glad-tidings of God's mercy - thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Verily His grace hath preceded all created things - a bounty from thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The Book hath testified before thy Lord, the Bestower, at the final return, yet the people are in manifest loss. They heard His verses and denied them. Lo! They are veiled in the darkness of vain imaginings. Soon shall they behold themselves in the fire.

When thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and art attracted by the breezes of revelation, turn thy face toward the House and say:

My God, my God! Thy call hath drawn me near, and Thy grace hath confirmed me, and the light of Thy manifestation hath guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the cry of the sincere ones in the wilderness of separation and remoteness, and by the yearning of them that are nigh unto Thee in all regions, and by the Word which Thou hast made a light unto Thy loved ones and a fire unto Thine enemies, and by the Kawthar of Thy utterance which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen - to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that the clamor of the heedless may not prevent me, nor the vain imaginings of the aggressive ones, nor the oppression of the tyrannical ones. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me and preserve me in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth upon His most exalted horizon.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the peace of God, the One, the Single! We testify that thou hast attained unto that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, and thou hast attained to the presence and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath cast away the world and taken that which he was bidden by the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with those whom He loveth. He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The idolaters desired to extinguish the light by their vain imaginings. Nay! They are among the most lost in My Great Book. Soon

shall We seize them as We seized those before them. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He pleaseth through His sovereignty which overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the choice wine of reunion, and for causing me to hear Thy call, and for guiding me unto Thy path, and for honoring me with Thy presence, and for acquainting me with the Dayspring of Thy signs. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the exalted Throne.

The Tablet which thou didst request from the Most Holy Court hath been revealed and sent. Deliver it specifically to his honor who bears the same name. Some time ago a Tablet was revealed and graciously bestowed upon him.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Akhtar! Your plea hath been heard in the Most Great Scene by the Lord of Power. The sweet fragrances of love were inhaled therefrom. By the Sun of the heaven of utterance! This is the Day of mention and praise, and the Day of steadfastness and faithfulness. The tongue was created for this Day and the ears for hearing the Call. Blessed is the eye that hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and the hand that hath been raised toward the heaven of His bounty. That which flowed from the tongue of love in praise and glorification of the Wronged One hath appeared and been made manifest. The servant present made mention that the recompense thereof lieth with God, exalted be His glory. Be thou happy and be of those who render thanks. That which is accounted as the most mighty of all deeds in the presence of the Throne this day is steadfastness in this mighty Cause. By My life! This is a momentous tiding wherewith God hath given the glad-tidings in His Books and Scriptures. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto. We have remembered thee with that which shall never perish, throughout the eternity of My names and attributes. Give praise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! Glory be upon those who have hearkened unto the Call and acted according to that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of Names, in this Most Great and Wondrous Revelation.

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In the Name of Him Who is Supreme over all Names!

O Isma'il! The All-Glorious remembers thee from the prison precincts and summons thee to God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. He created creation for His knowledge, yet when He appeared and sent down the verses, they denied Him and His perspicuous Book. Be steadfast with such steadfastness as no authority of princes can shake, and speak forth with such utterance as the clamor of the heedless cannot silence. We have heard thy call, and thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have revealed for thee that which has diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Exalted be His grace that has encompassed existence and His mercy that has preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Nothing escapes His knowledge - He hears and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. When thou attainest the presence of revelation and hearest the scratching of My Pen, say: “Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made clear to me Thy path, and for having sent down to me Thy proof, and for having manifested what was hidden in Thy knowledge - a grace from Thee unto Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, and by the effulgent rays of the Daystar of Thy Revelation from the Sinai horizon, to make me speak forth Thy praise and glorification and hold fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one who has sought the gate of Thy riches - I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what lies with Thee. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

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=== START BH05568 ===

He is the Faithful Speaker

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of Ali T.B. (upon him be My glory) which he wrote to thee was presented before the Wronged One and read. Praise be to God, the fragrance of faith in God was inhaled therefrom. We beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to aid him and assist him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that he may rejoice and be numbered among those who are thankful unto Him. He speaketh thus:

“My God, my God! The wine of Thy utterance, the choice wine of Thy knowledge, the Kawthar of Thy certitude, and the Salsabil which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the prison of ’Akka have so intoxicated me that they have detached me from all else but Thee, drawn me nigh unto Thy straight path, and guided me to Thy Great Announcement. I beseech Thee by those whose hearts Thou hast made treasuries of the pearls of Thy love and repositories of Thy remembrance and praise, and by the tongues of them that know Thee, who make mention of Thee throughout the nights and days, to ordain for me that which shall profit me and be a comfort unto me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I know not what beseemeth me to ask of Thee. Thou art more knowing of me than I am of myself. Write down for me that which shall cause me to speak Thy praise, to arise to serve Thee, and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous, and Thou art the Most High, the Great.”

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O Afnan 202 [Muhammad-’Ali], upon him be all My most glorious Baha - He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Alif, upon thee be My peace and My glory. O Fa, upon thee be My mercy and My grace. Be thou confident in God’s loving-kindness and His mercy and His power and His sovereignty. Soon that which hath appeared of turmoil shall subside and thou shalt behold the servants clinging to return unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. His honor Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be My glory, made mention of thee. Therefore hath the Supreme Pen turned toward thee, and this most exalted Word, which in truth is among the

pearls of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance, hath appeared from His treasury: "Thou hast been Mine and I shall be thine." Remember thou the friends, that perchance they may behold themselves detached and free from all save God, and that the means of two days may not deprive them of the infinite divine worlds. Convey My greetings to the son, upon him be My glory. We beseech God to assist him in wisdom and utterance, to ordain for him that which shall protect him from the evil of every oppressor, and to aid him with the hosts of grace and bounty. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon whomsoever loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy call in this manifest Cause.

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XLVII

O Thou the Lord of the visible and the invisible, and the Enlightener of all creation! I beseech Thee, by Thy sovereignty which is hid from the eyes of men, to reveal in all directions the signs of Thy manifold blessings and the tokens of Thy loving-kindness, that I may arise with exultation and rapture and extol Thy wondrous virtues, O Thou the Most Merciful, and stir up by Thy name all created things, and so kindle the fire of Thy glorification amidst Thy creatures, that all the world may be filled with the brightness of the light of Thy glory, and all existence be inflamed with the fire of Thy Cause.

Roll not up, O my Lord, what hath been spread out in Thy name, and extinguish not the lamp which Thine own fire hath lit. Withhold not, O my Lord, the water that is life indeed from running down –the water from whose murmuring the wondrous melodies which extol and glorify Thee can be heard. Deny not, moreover, Thy servants the sweet fragrance of the breath which hath been wafted through Thy love.

Thou seest, O Thou Who art my All-Glorious Beloved, the restless waves that surge within the ocean of my heart, in my love and yearning towards Thee. I implore Thee, by the signs of Thy majesty and the evidences of Thy sovereignty, to subdue Thy servants by this Name Which Thou hast made to be the King of all names in the kingdom of Thy creation. Potent art Thou to rule as Thou pleasest. No God is there but Thee, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Do Thou ordain, moreover, for every one who hath turned towards Thee what will make him steadfast in Thy Cause, in such wise that neither the vain imaginations of the infidels among Thy creatures, nor the idle talk of the froward amidst Thy servants will have the power to shut him out from Thee. Thou, verily, art the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

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LXIII

Thou beholdest, O my God, Thy servant who dwelleth in this prison-house, wholly detached from any one but Thee, his eyes turned in the direction of the Day-Spring of Thy mercy, his heart longing for the

wondrous manifestations of Thy grace. Thou, O my Lord, hast reckoned up the ills that have afflicted him in Thy path. Thou seest him compassed about with such of Thy creatures as have transgressed and rebelled against Thee, who have come in between him and Thy loved ones, who have fixed his abode in this land and wronged Thee, and who have hindered Thy servants from turning towards Thee.

For all these things I offer thanksgiving unto Thee, O my Lord! I implore Thee to assist me and them that love me to magnify Thy Word, and to endow us with such strength that the ills of this world and its tribulations will be powerless to hinder us from remembering Thee and from extolling Thy virtues. Powerful art Thou to do all things; resplendent art Thou above all things.

Every conqueror is but a serf whom Thy hand hath subjected, and the richest of the rich is as destitute before the immensity of Thy wealth. The noblest of nobles is humbled when faced with the manifestations of Thy glory, and the mightiest of potentates is a mere abject one when confronted with the compelling evidences of Thine authority.

Tear asunder, O my God, the veil of vain imaginings that hath obscured the vision of Thy people, that all may haste towards Thee, may tread the path of Thy pleasure, and walk in the ways of Thy Faith. We are, O my God, Thy servants and Thy bondsmen. Thou art sufficient unto us so that we can dispense with the world and all that is therein. We are wholly satisfied with all that hath befallen us in Thy path, and exclaim: “Praised be Thou, in Whose hand are the realms of revelation and of creation, and all the kingdoms of earth and heaven!”

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In the Name of Him by Whose manifestation the Path became apparent and the mountains were set in motion!

Glorified be He Who appeared and revealed what He willed through His command “Be! and it is!” We make mention on this day of My loved ones who have fulfilled God’s Covenant and His Pledge, and have held fast to His firm and extended cord. Sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions by reason of what hath befallen My friends at the hands of those who have broken My Covenant, denied My right, and cast behind them what was sent down for them from My forbidden Kingdom. O My loved ones in My dominions! Be not grieved by what hath befallen you in My path. Soon shall annihilation overtake all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and ye shall find yourselves seated in the seat of truth with God, the Possessor of the Seen and Unseen. By God! I created the world for your sake, and the Hereafter rejoiceth in your presence, did ye but know. Beware lest ye be frightened by the might of the divines through whose command the rulers have risen against you and perpetrated that which hath caused the Spirit to lament in the luminous Spot and the near ones to cry out. Preserve your stations through patience and tranquility. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen command you from this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath hearkened and attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, and I am verily the Almighty over what I will, and I am the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We have sent them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and

upon whosoever hath clung to My hem and shown patience in what hath befallen him for My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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HE IS THE MOST GREAT, THE ALL-GLORIOUS

O My handmaiden! We have heard thy cry and have answered thee through this clear Book. At all times hath God, exalted be His glory, made mention of His male and female servants and continueth to do so. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. Consummate wisdoms lie hidden and concealed in divine decrees. I swear by the Day-Star of the heaven of divine wisdom that were people to become aware of the hidden and concealed mysteries, all would find themselves content with whatsoever hath occurred and shall occur. Thus hath My Book, the All-Wise, decreed. God willing, so long as the greatest joy existeth, mayest thou fix thy gaze upon it and find happiness therein. It behooveth thee to commune with thy Lord through that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered in the Prison of ’Akka. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee, and have witnessed thy turning unto Us, wherefore We have revealed for thee this exalted Tablet. Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Speaker from Thy praiseworthy station! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Promised One, which Thou hast mentioned in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets, and through which Thou hast given glad-tidings unto Thy servants and Thy creatures, that Thou ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty one who will inherit from me and make mention of me after my passing. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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In My Name, the One Manifest in the Kingdom of Names!

O My handmaiden! We have repeatedly heard thy call. He is the Hearer of every mention by every mentioner and the call of every caller, and likewise He heareth the breath of every soul. He is the All-Seeing - He beholdeth the deeds of all. Bear thou witness to God’s hearing and sight, and that He is the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God that He may aid thee to be sanctified and detached to such a degree that the handmaidens of the earth may turn to the Most Great Ocean through thy goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed is the soul that hath become lowly before God’s Cause and content and active in carrying out His decree. O My handmaiden! Lowliness is the cause of elevation and justice is the source of power. Consider the lowliness of dust - from it pure jewels appear, and from the earth the Manifestations of the names of the Lord of Lords become manifest and evident. Out of pure bounty and grace have We turned toward thee on this night and make mention of thee, and We ask for thee that which is befitting. God willing, thou shalt be illumined by the light of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds to such extent that the tongues of the people of Baha will speak thy praise

and bear witness to thy sanctity. We make mention of the handmaidens of that land and ask for each one that which is everlasting and eternal.

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In the Name of the One God

O my handmaiden and my leaf! Hear thou the voice of the Wronged One. He hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and maketh mention of thee, that the mention may attract thee to a station wherein poverty shall not sadden thee, nor shall wealth gladden thee, nor shall the clamor and might of those who have denied the Lord of all beings frighten thee. Praise be to God! Through pure bounty and favor the Hand of God's Will did take hold of thee and guided thee to the dwelling-place of one of His loved ones. Know thou the value of this bounty and recognize the station of thy companion. Reflect upon the ocean of the bounty of Him Who is the Desire of all worlds. The emperors of the world go unto their churches seeking to draw nigh unto God - glorified be His majesty - yet they remain deprived of His recognition and forbidden from His good-pleasure, while thou hast attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of former and latter times. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mercy which hath preceded thee and this bounty which hath encompassed thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is held the reins of earth and heaven. I testify to Thy Manifestation, and to Thy most great favor, and to Thy bounty which hath encompassed all things, and to the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Ta Sarih Khanum, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His glory, has remembered His male and female servants, and declares that in the nights and days the Most Exalted Pen has not paused - this is from the great bounty of the Lord of the world. How many among the divines, theologians and princes have failed to attain recognition of the Day of God and are deprived of the ocean of reunion and the gulf of His presence, while you have attained thereunto, heard His call and turned to the most exalted horizon. How many a man has been kept back from the ocean of divine knowledge, and how many a woman has attained and said: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!" Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the True One and be occupied with His remembrance. That which you sent has been received and has been honored with acceptance from your Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. God has forgiven the one for whom you sought forgiveness - verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be not grieved by worldly events. This blessed word which has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is greater and more excellent than a hundred thousand children and monuments, for all shall return to extinction while the Word of God endures for the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm. Rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Verily your Lord is the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O people of insight! Where are your bygone days and where is what has passed? Seize ye this Day wherein the Face hath shone forth before all eyes. Will man or aught else in creation endure? By thy Lord, the Merciful! All that is thereon shall pass away, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Gracious. Where are the tyrants and the pharaohs? We have returned them to the abyss. Verily thy Lord is severe in punishment. Would any person of understanding cling to that which perisheth? Nay, by Him Who revealeth the mysteries! How many servants have been beguiled by the world to such extent that they denied God and opposed His Messengers! We granted them a fixed term as a wisdom from Us, until their appointed time had come. Then did We seize them and leave them in the fires. They that hasten unto the idol, turning away from the Divine Realm - these shall find no protector with Us. They have lost who have changed God's command according to their own desires and denied God's truth after He came with sovereignty, grandeur and power. Say: O people! Would ye reject the truth through your own devices? Consider, then, those parties that came before you. We sent unto them Messengers, but they denied Our Cause. Then did We seize them and make them a lesson for those possessed of insight. Thus have We caused to shine forth for thee from the horizon of utterance the Sun of remembrance and explanation, that thou mayest rejoice and arise to praise thy Lord amongst His servants.

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In the Name of the Most Glorious

O Mirza Nasru'llah, upon thee be the Glory of God - He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O friends of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Supreme Pen remembers you from the Most Exalted Station and the Highest Summit. Rejoice in this bounty which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth and whatsoever issueth therefrom. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. O Nasru'llah! Bear thou witness unto that which God did bear witness before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested whatsoever He desired through His command "Be, and it is." The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by His Name, and the Ship of Divine Knowledge hath sailed upon the sea of utterance by His blessed and all-compelling command over all witnesses and all that is witnessed. Take thou My Book in My Name - verily it shall profit thee in all the worlds of thy Lord. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Sealed Book. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! Thou art He through Whose Name the mountains were moved and the limbs of those who followed vain imaginings without any proof from God, the Lord of existence, did tremble. Blessed is the servant who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and blessed is the maidservant who hath believed in God, the Lord of Names, Who hath come

with the truth with a sovereignty before which armies cannot stand. Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts unto My praiseworthy station.

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He is the Dawning from the Horizon of Utterance

O friends of God in Kaf and Kaf! Hearken with your inner ears to the divine call. He is the Protector, He is the Helper, and He is the Succourer. Today, the denizens of the highest paradise are those souls who have sanctified their hearts from the doubts and vain imaginings of the world's peoples and have illumined their breasts with the light of recognition. These are the people of Baha - every Book speaks of their mention and recalls their station. Today the Divine Lote Tree has, from the most exalted horizon, sent choice new and delicate fruits especially for the friends in those regions, that all may attain the divine bounty and partake of the heavenly feast. Its fruits have been and are His verses, which in every time are manifest and visible from the treasury of His knowledge. We beseech God to aid all who are on earth to that which befits His Day. Say: O our God, our Goal, and our Beloved! We are Thy servants and Thy creation. We have held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and have turned to the horizon of Thy grace. We beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to aid us to be steadfast in Thy Cause, lest the doubts of the deniers and the hints of the barking ones cause us to slip. O Lord! Have mercy upon us through Thy generosity, then forgive us through Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Munificent, the Generous, and within Thy grasp is the control of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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In the Name of the One Peerless Friend

O My loved ones in all lands! This Wronged One had a brother whom He sheltered beneath the tabernacles of grandeur and upon whom He bestowed such favors as had no likeness or equal. But when he saw himself elevated to the highest station, pride overtook him. By the life of God! He even attempted to shed the blood of this Wronged One. We therefore abandoned him to himself and repaired to another house in order to preserve God's Cause, the Lord of all worlds. Yet that oppressor and his followers perpetrated day after day such deeds as caused the very essence of reality to weep. They incited Ahmad-i-Kirmani, and that unjust one recorded in writing that which was the greatest cause of harm to this Wronged One. Likewise they prompted Ibn-i-Rajab-'Ali to reject and revile this Wronged One in ways that astounded the Concourse on High. Thus did there befall the Wronged One such treatment from those whom We had protected throughout the days and nights. When thou hearest what hath befallen My Self, say: "My God, my God! Adorn the temples of the heedless with the light of acceptance, the deniers with the ornament of recognition, and the idolaters with the radiance of unity and oneness. O my Lord! Aid them to return to the gate of Thy forgiveness. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

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O Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O thou who drinkest from the cup of My loving-kindness and circlest round My will and turnest toward the Kaaba of My beauty and speaketh My praise and soarest on the wings of remembrance in My atmosphere and claspeth the hem of My loving-kindness and holdeth fast to the cord of My grace and standeth in service to My Cause amidst My creation! Thy letter hath come before My presence and the servant present before My throne hath read it, and We have answered thee with My letter. Doth anyone recognize its station in the world, or have the peoples perceived its fragrance? By God's life! Had they perceived it, they would have cast away what they possess and hastened with their eyes toward a station at whose manifestation all revelations bow down in humility, and at the descent of but one of its verses all the books in the world stand in reverence. By God's life! They have remained heedless of that which profiteth them and have turned away from that which draweth them nigh. Blessed art thou, for the face of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and this Tablet hath been revealed in thy name as a token of His grace upon thee. Be thou thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the nations! I testify that through Thee the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted through all contingent beings, and the Most Exalted Pen hath stirred amongst all religions, and the ocean of knowledge hath surged, and upon it hath sailed the Ark of the All-Merciful, through this Name at whose appearance the Concourse on High rejoiced and the idol that disbelieved in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, lamented."

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O thou who hast turned towards the Dawning-Place of the Cause! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the prison. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He hath appeared and made manifest what He desired. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He who soared in My atmosphere hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee that the remembrance may attract thee to the horizon from which shineth forth the Sun of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Generous. Beware lest the tyranny of the divines prevent thee from My straight path. When thou drinkest the Kawthar of utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful, render thanks unto God, the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hands of Thy bounty and for having guided me to Thy most exalted horizon when most of Thy servants and creatures turned away from it. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst unite the hearts and illuminate them with the lights of Thy knowledge and adorn them with the ornament of

certitude through Thy power and sovereignty, to make me and those who have believed steadfast in holding fast to Thy cord and clinging to the hem of Thy grace. O Lord! Ordain for us that which befitteth Thy greatness and Thy giving and Thy bounty and Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Siyyid Aqa-Buzurg, upon thee be the Glory of God

In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance

O Buzurg! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. Today the Call hath reached its most exalted pitch, yet the hearing of the world of being is debarred from hearkening unto it. The purpose of this Call is to make ready the ears of the people of the realm of possibilities to hearken unto the Most Exalted Word, which none hath comprehended save God, the Lord of all beings, and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. The Day is God's Day and the Cause is His Cause, yet the tales of former times and the veils of names have prevented the parties from witnessing and hearkening. Say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create me for Thy knowledge and didst manifest me to arise in service to Thee and to Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging fast to Thee and to that which hath appeared from Thy presence. I beseech Thee by the joy of Thy Beloved at His ascension unto Thee, and by the rapture of the Primal Point at the mention of the Most Glorious, and by Thy radiant and resplendent light shining from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Revelation, to make me in all conditions one who speaketh forth Thy Name, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who moveth by Thy will, and who holdeth fast to the hem of Thy robe. O my Lord! Thou seest me enkindled with the fire of Thy love. I beseech Thee to aid me to perform such deeds as befit Thy Revelation and Thy days. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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O Haji Siyyid Javad from the Land of Ya! Verily God revealed to one of His loved ones in some of His revelation: O Javad! I do not forget him who remembers Me, and I am a companion to him who loves Me, and One Who remembers him who desires Me, and a fortress to him who turns his face toward My countenance, and a helper to him who advances toward My direction, and a protector to him who calls upon Me, and a succorer to him who seeks succor from Me. Grieve not over anything - all good is treasured for My pure ones, which We send down from the heaven of My grace by My leave and will. Rejoice in that We have caused thee to hear My melody and My warbling and My remembrance and My call. Blessed is the soul that hath been set ablaze with the fire of My love and hath attained unto My presence and sought refuge in My court and heard My call and soared in My atmosphere and placed its

trust in My Self and fled from all else beside Me. Verily he is of the people of the kingdoms of My might and My dominion. Upon him be My blessings and My mercy and My benediction. Thus have We mentioned thee and preferred thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Say: O my God! Thou seest my burning in separation from Thee and my longing for the dawning-place of Thy reunion. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the dawn of unity broke forth and the face of detachment was illumined, that Thou make me one who circles around Thee in all Thy worlds. Then remember, O my God, my exile and my ardor and my yearning and my longing. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

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O Shaykh Jamalu'd-Din! Upon thee be the peace of God, His glory and His light in nights and days. This Wronged One beseeches God to open a door of prosperity and success, that the troubles of twenty years may not be in vain. It is hoped that thou wilt, in these latter days, attain unto that which manifesteth the signs of truth in the world. Sorrows have encompassed from every direction. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to turn unto the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause and the Daysprings of Thy glory. O Lord! Thou seest the trusted ones among the treacherous of Thy creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and Thy manifestations in the kingdom of creation to protect Thy loved ones through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to enable them to draw nigh unto Thee at all times. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Help in Peril.

O Faraju'llah! Upon thee be My peace and My glory. It is hoped that through thy steadfastness and attention in those regions, a door will be opened in the name of Truth. This is not difficult for God. The honored Siyyid Mu??afa and some others - upon them be the peace of God and His glory - their petitions have repeatedly arrived and were granted audience. We beseech God to aid them, to make them successful, and to make them among those who hold fast to the cord of justice and cling to the hem of fairness. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wise command.

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O people of God! This is His Day and His Cause. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto true divine unity. The people of the past never attained the fragrance of unity, much less its station. Each day they would ascribe a partner unto God, and yet deemed themselves to be believers in His unity. And on the Day of Judgment their rank and station became evident to the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. After twelve hundred years of supplication, yearning, searching and hope, they martyred the Pride of the World and Lord of Nations with the most grievous torment. True unity is to turn unto the horizon of the one Manifestation; to exceed this is accounted as polytheism in the Book of God. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to illumine all with the light of His unity and oneness, and to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the One Who doeth as He willeth through His firm and mighty command.

O Joseph! Take the Book by My command and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal and my Beloved, for having caused me to hear Thy call and behold Thy signs. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the swords of earth and heaven shall not prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH05588 ===

O Husayn the Janitor

In the Name of the One God

O Husayn! Your letter was received and testified to your devotion and acceptance. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that while the people of learning - meaning the divines of Iran - and the possessors of wealth and the holders of authority are deprived of the Most Great Ocean and barred from the straight divine path, you have attained. He made no mention of the owners of treasures and riches and cities and regions and ranks and thousands, but made mention of the owner of a camel. All matters depend upon and are suspended by the utterance of the All-Merciful. He bestowed such honor and favor upon the she-camel of Salih that mention of it has flowed and been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in most of the Books, and likewise the servants upon the pulpits speak in its praise and glorification. Praise the Goal of the world Who caused you to attain that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine scrolls and books. Turn your face toward God, then act according to what you were commanded in His Book. Hold fast to the Book and act according to its ordinances. This is the Most Exalted Word that hath appeared from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. If you act according to what was mentioned, the mercy and blessing will descend from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of Lords. He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, and He is the Bestower, the Kind.

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=== START BH05590 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory and greatness

O Khalil! Your petition was presented before the holy and glorious Throne and attained the hearing of the Lord of Names. May you be confirmed through God's infinite bounties, and in all conditions be engaged in His remembrance, be turned toward His horizon, and arise in His service. Today the Sun of Manifestation is shining and the light of His countenance is radiant. Blessed are those souls who have drunk from the ocean of recognition and who, after the Call was raised, were enabled to respond with "Here am I." Blessed are you, O My loved ones, for you have attained to that which most of humanity has failed to attain. You heard the Call of the Friend and were enabled to respond, in days when the limbs of the mighty trembled from the power of those times. Rejoice, O My friends, in that the Lord of all beings remembers you from this noble horizon. That which gladdens hearts and brings joy to the eyes of the observers has been ordained for you. The mentioned handmaidens have all attained to the remembrance

of God. May they act according to what He loves and is pleased with. We verily send Our greetings from this station to My loved ones and friends and to My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. The glory be upon you and your family. We mention her as a favor from Us and send Our greetings to her as a mercy from God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH05591 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! This is the Day whereon the Most Great Name calleth aloud among the nations and giveth them glad tidings of this Manifestation, at Whose appearance the Mount declared: "The Promised One hath come, and through Him the Hidden One hath been revealed, and those in the graves have arisen." Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and attained. Woe unto the heedless! Say: This is not the Day of suppositions and vain imaginings. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by this Luminary, at Whose rising the Dove cooed, and the Cock of the Throne crowed, and the Nightingale sang, and the Mystic Bird warbled upon the branches. O servants of the All-Merciful! By God, that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath appeared. This is the Day whereon the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out and the Rock crieth aloud with this Great Name. Be ye as leaves when the winds of the Will of your Lord, the Lord of the Covenant, blow. Thus doth He Who hath with Him the Mother Book command you. Say: Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are bidden by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have heard thy call. We have remembered thee in this Tablet and have revealed for thee that which gladdeneth the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speaking in praise of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Wise. Thus have We opened unto thee the gate of recognition with the key of Our Name, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and recognized and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!" The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God with manifest certitude.

=== END BH05591 ===

=== START BH05592 ===

He is God. O Sulayman! In the past his seal fell into the hands of a demon. Now its Owner is afflicted by the demons of the world.

The world is the abode of demons, and its record is in crookedness–

O wayfarer! Be afraid of the demons of its record!

At the end of this Tablet We beseech God to assist all to achieve unity and harmony. We make mention of all the friends of that land and command what God has willed: "Recognize the station of the one who has ascended unto Us. Verily We have mentioned him with a mention that is not equaled by the mentions of the nations. He who possesses a manifest Book beareth witness to this." We beseech God to draw His children near unto Him and to make them among those who, throughout ages and centuries, have helped the Cause of God in such wise that neither the swords of enemies, nor the doubts of the divines, nor the

allusions of the mystics deterred them. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. The glory proceeding from Us rest upon you and upon the steadfast servants of God.

O Muhammad-'Ali! Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court, and especially for each name there was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will that which hath no peer or likeness. Give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness. Verily the Wronged One makes mention of every name that appeared before His face. This is what He uttered when He was established upon His mighty throne in Zawra. We beseech God to assist His loved ones with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to render them victorious through His verses, and to ordain for them that which befits the heaven of His bounty. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH05593 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O thou who hast drunk the choice wine of My presence, who standeth before My countenance and at the door of My grandeur! Hear My call. We have desired to make mention of thee that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord loveth fidelity, and He is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We made mention of thee before, and called thee from the right side of the vale from the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. God hath created thee to manifest His Cause and to arise to serve it. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to remember Him, to praise Him, and to spread His signs throughout His lands amongst His servants. Verily, He assisteth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and He is the Expositor, the All-Informed. When thou art seized by the rapture of My utterance and hast attained the choice wine of My knowledge, say:

My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me, and nearness to Thee is my hope and life. Thy Name is my Beloved, and attaining Thy presence is my goal. I beseech Thee by the tears of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the sighs of the sincere ones in their remoteness from Thee, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then make me to be detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the mysteries of Thy Book to enable me to unite the hearts of Thy servants and to be united with them through Thy bounty and favor. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH05593 ===

=== START BH05594 ===

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven! O Samad! In the Most Great Prison there befell the Wronged One that which hath no likeness or parallel. A tyrant, in the name of justice, sat in authority and, inflamed with the fire of hatred and malice, surpassed in wickedness the wrongdoers of old, perpetrating that which caused the heavens to cry out and the Divine Lote-Tree to lament. Were We to mention the

tribulations endured, both past and present, existence itself would flee from being and seek non-being. The traces of tribulations are manifest and evident from every limb. In all conditions We have appeared and stood firm before the faces of the people of the world. The tongue hath spoken and the pen's movement been raised. Yet the conditions of self and passion have, on the Day of Return, deprived the servants from the Creator of existence. Say: My God, my God! I testify that from Thy Pen hath flowed the river of knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee, and enable them to face toward the lights of Thy countenance and to advance toward the horizon of Thy gifts. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation and are in Thy grasp. Deprive them not of the fragrances of Thy days. Ordain for the sincere ones the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH05594 ===

=== START BH05595 ===

O Leaf of the Supreme Lote-Tree, upon thee be the Glory of God! O 'Aliyyih! The Hand of Loving-kindness took hold of thee and favored thee with Its confirmation. Through His bounty thou didst seek the most distant station, the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. Thou didst attain unto service and wert honored to hearken unto His call. Thy name is wondrous, thy mention is new, thine acceptance is recorded and thy love is accepted. The divine bounties are beyond reckoning and sanctified above comprehension. The whole world, outwardly, hath turned away save a few, and they strive and labor to extinguish the divine light and cut down the celestial Tree. However, from the beginning of days the Tree hath appeared before the faces of all, bearing countless fruits. Not for a moment did it conceal itself or hide from sight. Time and again it was imprisoned, and time and again like captives it fell into the hands of enemies. Nevertheless, its tongue ceased not from praise nor its pen from movement. Glorified be His majesty and magnified be His power! There is none other God but Him. We beseech God to confirm thee and preserve from obliteration that which hath been recorded. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy love and caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Source of Thy commandments. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH05596 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance! O Abdul-Husayn! Today the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree is raised up, and in every moment a word is heard and continues to be heard therefrom. Blessed are those ears that were not deprived of hearing the Word of God by the tales of former times. That which was hidden has been revealed through the all-compelling Supreme Will. The manifestors of conjecture and idle fancy seized upon an imaginary thing and clung to it. But the Hand of Divine Power removed the veil and rent asunder the covering, revealing what was hidden in the breasts before the faces of the world. You have undoubtedly heard of the calumnies that appeared from the

Sheikh of Yazd in the great city. Reflect upon the power of Truth - He revealed both guide and follower as they truly were, that all might, through His divine protection and grace, deliver themselves from the pit of fancy and hold fast unto Him. In these days the guide and follower are, God forbid, engaged in deeds that cause loss in this world and the next, yet they remain heedless and veiled from themselves and what they possess. Praise be to God, and His is the grace and bounty, He protected and made aware His party. This is a mighty favor and a great bounty. Blessed are they that attain!

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=== START BH05597 ===

In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names

O ’Abdu’llah! Thou art remembered by the Wronged One, through Whom the eyes of grandeur have shed tears, and the Concourse on High have lamented, and the Prophets and Messengers have cried out. We arose to promote the Cause in the earliest days with such arising that the limbs of every established one trembled, and the heart of every powerful one was troubled, and the feet of the divines and theologians who denied Him in Whom they had believed did slip - nay, they comprehend not. They worship vain imaginings while thinking themselves to be the people of unity. Nay, by My Self, the All-Subduing over what was and what shall be! Through their turning away every denier turned away and every oppressor arose. To this testify honored servants whom neither the might of tyrants, nor the ascendancy of Pharaohs, nor armies and hosts could frighten. Thus have the rains of proof showered from the heaven of utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby faces have been illumined. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of utterance from the Pen of the Most Merciful, arise and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, for having remembered me while I was in the prison of the enemies. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.”

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O Aziyyih, may the glory of God be upon her! O Lord, pour forth patience upon Thy loved ones and aid them against the wrongdoing people. In My Name, the Hearing, the Responding One! O Aziyyih! God willing, thou shalt ever hold fast unto that which God hath willed and cling to His most holy hem. Fix thy gaze upon this exalted Word, which is a brilliant lamp unto the light of utterance: “Whoso is for God, God is for him.” Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have cast away what they possessed, holding fast unto that which is with God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letters arrived repeatedly, but at times, due to wisdom, it was not expedient to send a reply until in these days when the Most Exalted Pen turned toward those regions and this Most Holy, Most Sublime Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, thou shalt be gladdened by its fragrance–a gladness that shall neither alter nor change. That which was mentioned in Our presence shall not, God willing, be forgotten, nor will it ever be forgotten. Preserve it in the name of thy Lord, then act upon it, as bidden by the Wise Commander. Convey to the handmaidens of that household the greetings of the Wronged One, and We counsel all to be steadfast, whereby the

back of the world was broken, save for those whom God wished. Blessed are those souls who have attained unto this most great station and have regarded all else save God as non-existent and null. Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned unto and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of the one God! O ’Ali! The names of the servants have been prevented from their Owner and Creator. In the pool of names they have drowned. Glory be to God! The Most Great Ocean surges before all faces, and the Purpose of the world is manifest and evident from the horizon of the Most Great Name. Nevertheless, they remain deprived and forbidden. In past ages and centuries they prided themselves before all parties and peoples in the name of successorship and guardianship and the like. Yet on the Day of Retribution, they martyred the Truth through Whose word a thousand guardians and successors could be created. And now some among the people of the Bayan cling to those same names and hold fast to those same things. By the life of God! Had the Supreme Pen turned to the peoples of the world as it did to the people of Iran, most assuredly the majority would have entered the Most Great Ocean. Even as in this land some entered before any teaching, while upon Iran the verses rained down and were sent forth like the rain. Nevertheless, they are seen as dead, save whom God wills, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to make thee possessor of a sanctified heart, that thou mayest be a treasury for the brilliant pearl of unity. The Command is in God’s hand - He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

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=== START BH05600 ===

O ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power! O ’Ali! What thou didst submit was observed. This Wronged One hath ever mentioned and will continue to mention the people of divine unity. However, He is forbidden from mentioning spiritual insights and divine realities, inasmuch as some souls are unable to comprehend their meanings and interpret them according to their own desires, thereby causing hardship and speaking harshly to the companions in prison. We beseech God to assist thee in that which is befitting. Today all the people of divine unity must hold fast to the cord of divine favor and cling to the hem of God’s mercy, supplicating by night and day that He may protect them from the evil of every polytheist and every clamorous one. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast guided the sincere ones to Thy straight path, illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned their heads with the crown of Thy unity, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Then assist me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer. And we beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive those for whom thou hast sought forgiveness and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

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O Ali, upon thee be the eternal glory of God. God willing, mayest thou be favored with special bounties, hold fast to the cord of righteousness, and cling to the hem of detachment. This Day is a Day whose attributes have been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the divine Books. Every mystery is revealed and the fruit of every deed is manifest. We beseech God to aid thee in that which shall be mentioned in the Crimson Tablet. It would have been advisable that before departing from Abadih, they should have inquired of the Afnan, upon them be the glory and mercy of God, regarding the matter of selling properties, and then departed. In any case, there has been and is no harm. We beseech God to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence and meeting, and to record it with the Most Exalted Pen. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. Now if they send the honored ones to the Land of Ta for some time, this deed would be acceptable in the sight of God and attain His good-pleasure. Perchance sorrows may be transformed into joy and delight through meeting with the kindred. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to perform that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance, then open before me, through the key of bounty, the door of Thy generosity and bestowal. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, and verily Thou art the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O ’Ali, My glory be upon thee! Thou art among those who, in the earliest days, turned to God and drank from the cup of recognition. Later, the world’s vicissitudes and the veils of the peoples intervened. Hearken thou to the Voice of the Wronged One and ponder the Name of God, the Self-Subsisting. He is the One Who standeth, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Conquering. Those who have risen in opposition are like children occupied with play. God will soon seize them through a command from His presence and will verify His verses and manifest His Cause and establish His proof, despite them and those who dispute the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise to serve the Cause. Divine confirmation and assistance have ever been and shall ever be within the grasp of God’s power, exalted be His glory. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth! I beseech Thee to aid me to serve Thy Cause in Thy days and to strengthen me in that whereby my mention shall endure in Thy Book. I ask Thee, O Forgiver of the world and Helper of the nations, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to forgive me and those who have turned to Thy most exalted horizon and held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, O Creator of heaven! Then ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O ’Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Consoler, the Comforter!

O ’Ali before Muhammad! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you to be patient and forbearing in whatsoever hath befallen you through His firm and irrevocable decree. Verily, there is no

God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised.

When thou receivest My Tablet, turn thy face toward him who was named Ahmad in My perspicuous Book and say: The first fragrance that wafted from the verses of God, the Lord of all beings, and the first light that shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon thee, O thou who hast quaffed the wine of revelation from the hands of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. I testify that thou didst love thy Lord when His call was raised, and didst turn unto Him when most of His servants turned away. Thou art he whom the might of the world did not weaken, nor did the power of the nations prevent thee from turning to the horizon of Revelation and hearing the voice of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Throughout thy days thou wast a servant, steadfast, holding fast and clinging to all that was revealed from God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. O my God, my Lord, my Support! I beseech Thee, by this most pure sepulcher, to ordain for me and for them that visit it the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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=== START BH05604 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Faraj! Relief hath come, while the people remain in evident doubt. He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come, and that which was recorded in the hearts of the Messengers hath been made manifest. Among the people are those who have hearkened to the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen and turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon, and among them are those who have turned away and disputed the signs and proof of God - these are accounted among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and be numbered among those endowed with certitude. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and informed me of Thy momentous announcement. I beseech Thee by the Daysprings of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Places of Thine inspiration, the Manifestations of Thy Self, and the Repositories of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of all being. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants who have hearkened to Thy call, spoken Thy praise, and arisen to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of nations cannot withhold nor the might of the world enfeeble. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

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He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

O Fadl! The exalted Truth hath heard thy call and hearkened unto thy mention. Praise be to God that thy pen and tongue have been blessed to offer praise to the Lord of Names, and thy face hath turned toward the horizon of the Countenance. At all times preserve this great bounty through the Name of Truth, glorified be His grandeur. Blessed art thou for having attained to the remembrance of thy Lord and turned toward Him when they who dwell in all lands and cities turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will. Rejoice in that which was read before the Throne - that which thou didst commune with God - and which was adorned with the ornament of acceptance from the presence of the Hearer, the Witness, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. We make mention of My handmaiden referred to at the end of thy letter - give her glad tidings of My remembrance of her. She may commune with her Lord through that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered in this exalted station: “I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of eternity and Lord of Names, by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy decree that which will profit me in Thy worlds. I testify that I know not what lieth within the treasuries of Thy knowledge, and Thou knowest what is with me. Thou art in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy favors to grant me one who will inherit from me. Thou art, verily, the Best of inheritors. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

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O Mohsen! Hearken unto the Call of the Wronged One, Who hath come with the truth from the heaven of might by His Own sovereign will. The hosts of the world cannot prevent Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! The Call hath been raised once in Baghdad and again in the Land of Mystery, and in this spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison by My Most Exalted Pen. And I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I will. There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Great. We have manifested that which lay hidden in knowledge and concealed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people are those who turned away, and those who uttered that which caused the hearts of them that are nigh to be consumed. The first to turn away were the divines of the land, and through them the servants objected and committed that which caused every illumined heart to lament. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Wronged One and attained unto the traces of His Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. We have revealed the clear proofs and sent down the verses as a bounty from Us, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged from the Pen of the Most Merciful and the fragrance of the garment been diffused. Blessed is he who hath found and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all in the heavens and on earth.”

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O Muhammad-Baqir! O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir! In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! Your cries, lamentations and wailing in separation from the Beloved of all worlds have been heard. God, exalted be His glory, brought these creatures from nothingness into being for the recognition of this blessed Day and the knowledge of Him Who hath appeared therein with His Name, the One Who holdeth sway over the worlds. There is and hath been no doubt that all were created for attainment unto His presence, and the One True Beloved hath ever loved and loveth the nearness of His friends. The divine Tablets and heavenly Books bear witness unto that which hath been mentioned. However, the rebellious, heedless and transgressing souls have become the cause and reason of prevention. Be not grieved by this prevention, for His Will is supreme and His Purpose prevailing. The Supreme Pen recordeth the reward of attainment unto His presence for whomsoever He willeth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Kingdom and beseeching from the ocean of Thy bounty that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and grace. O Lord! Deny me not that which lieth with Thee. Ordain for me the reward of one who hath attained unto the vision of Thy countenance and circumambulated around Thy throne. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the circumstances of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the hosts of the oppressors prevent. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! There hath appeared before the Wronged One he who hath turned to My horizon and set his face toward My countenance - he who was named Ahmad in My Book - and in remembrance of thee We make mention of thee, as a token of Our grace, for I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Verily He maketh mention of whosoever hath made mention of Him, and remembereth whosoever hath desired Him, and answereth whosoever hath called upon Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Wise. This is a Book from Us unto thee, and We beseech God to make it a treasure for thee and a radiant lamp that shall accompany thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The idolaters desired to extinguish the light of God through their vain imaginings. God drove them away through His command and made them to be among the losers. How many a learned one hath been debarred from My days, and hath neither inhaled the fragrance of My raiment nor heard My sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, while thou didst turn unto Me and didst recognize and win this mighty and wondrous Cause, whereby feet have slipped and idols have lamented and the pillars of every ignorant one remote from God have been shaken. Know thou the station of turning unto God, then preserve it through the name of thy Lord, the All-Subduing, the Almighty. The glory rest upon thee and upon them that have aided God through deeds and goodly character - these are they that are numbered among the triumphant in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Muhammad-'Ali! From the prison of the Lord of Names, hear this call and fix thy gaze upon this most exalted Word: Grieve not over the world and its conflicts and conditions and troubles. Strive to connect thy heart to the Most Great Ocean. In this way, the divine bounty will ever encompass thee. All that the wealthy pride themselves upon today, and the learned boast of, and the possessors of riches are made vain by - all shall pass away. Make a mighty effort, that thou mayest become in those regions and parts a cause for the exaltation of the Word of God. This is the station wherein, shouldst thou attain unto it, thou shalt be recorded in the Divine Book as one of the people of the immortal Kingdom. He is with those who remember their Lord at eventide and at dawn, and who aid His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Praise be to God that thou hast attained His mention and been enabled to recognize Him. God willing, thou shalt take up thy station beneath the Lote-Tree of grace in such wise that all creation shall testify thereto. Be thou in all conditions firmly attached to the grace of God, clinging to His hem, speaking His praise, and severed from those who have disbelieved and turned away when God came with a manifest light. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon every steadfast, firm and upright soul.

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=== START BH05610 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, son of the paternal aunt, upon both of you be the glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O Muhammad-'Ali! We have heard your call and your remembrance, and witnessed your turning and devotion to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Reflect and recall those days when you were present before the Face and heard the call of God, the King, the Powerful, the Just, the Wise. Forget not God's favor upon you. Verily, He is with you in all conditions - He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Grieve not over anything; in all matters place your trust in God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey my greetings to your mother who hath ascended and soared until she arrived at the pavilions of light - that station wherein the Interlocutor of the Mount spoke forth from the throne of revelation that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. And convey my greetings to your sister who melted in separation, yearning to attain the presence of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

We make mention of your brothers and those whom neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the clamor of the heedless prevented from drawing near unto God, the Lord of this exalted station. We beseech God to assist you to be steadfast and to open before your faces the gates of grace and mercy. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05610 ===

=== START BH05611 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali-i-Yazdi! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee even as He mentioned thee before. He, verily, is the One besides Whom there is none other God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of

the people remain heedless. The rivers have flowed and the trees have yielded their fruit and the mysteries have been revealed, yet most of the people remain asleep. This is a Day that cannot be compared with the centuries of old, as doth testify He Who is the Lord of Names, the All-Knowing Witness. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and arise to serve thy Lord. By God's life! Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and the sincere ones shall behold that which hath been ordained for them by God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in My remembrance of thee, for it shall endure as long as My most excellent names and exalted attributes endure. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the next, and to decree for thee that which shall exalt thee through this Name amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. We counsel thee to observe wisdom in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of this Day and have believed in Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.

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=== START BH05612 ===

O Muhammad, O My Afnan! Today from the waves of the Most Great Ocean is heard this most complete and great Word: The Kingdom and the Realm of Names and Sovereignty and Might belong to God, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. When there comes to you one who protests, say: Fear, and speak not that which would cause all things to curse you. Verily He has come with that which no one has brought, and has revealed the equivalent of what all the parties possess of the Books of the Prophets and Messengers, nay rather more, were ye of those who know. Leave the people and what they possess, placing thy trust in God and holding fast to His cord and clinging to His luminous robe. We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We behold thee at the door in all conditions. Verily thy Lord fulfills His promise. Nothing whatsoever escapes His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, to the dismay of those who have denied God, the Single, the All-Informed. It behooveth thee to follow that which thou hast been commanded, O My Afnan. This is what We have counseled thee with in thy presence and in another Tablet. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have said "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths." Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH05613 ===

O Mahmud! The Day is God's Day, and the Cause is His Cause, and the Book is His Book, and the Manifestation is His Manifestation. That which was hidden from the beginning of creation until now has been made manifest. Yet all the divines of this age are engaged in cursing and denunciation. Glory be to God! The former faction, who counted themselves the most learned, most God-fearing and most ascetic in the world, committed that which no previous factions had done. In the early years, both learned and ignorant would curse the Lord of the world and issue decrees for His death. What has been the fruit of

the words, deeds and actions of those souls over twelve hundred years, and what has become of them? Man is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered. Blessed is the soul that became aware of that faction's loss and preserved itself from the whisperings of the turbaned ones through the name of Truth. Give thanks to the Aim of the world that He remembered thee in the Most Great Prison, and arise with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all names. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom the clamor did not prevent from the Lord of Names - they turned and said "We believe in God, the Lord of the worlds."

=== END BH05613 ===

=== START BH05614 ===

O Murad! God's will is manifest and His purpose evident. The heirs of Moses and the children of Abraham have in this Most Great Revelation attained supreme bounty. Beseech God that He may aid all to remain steadfast and to that which will exalt the Cause. The Cause is most mighty, and likewise the satans lie in ambush. God willing, may they soar in the atmosphere of the Merciful's love on the wings of steadfastness and certitude. The mention of the believers has been and continues to be in God's Kingdom. By My life! Its effects shall become manifest and evident in the world. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. From the land of Ha and Mim the fragrance of sincerity is inhaled. Blessed are they who have taken the most exalted cup and drunk therefrom the sealed wine in My Most Glorious Name, despite those who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have denied His bounty and turned away from His manifest sovereignty. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained this mighty station. We, from this station, send Our greetings to My loved ones and to your brother, and We beseech Him to ordain for him the reward of attaining His presence and to write down for him that which shall profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to Him, for He is the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH05614 ===

=== START BH05615 ===

O Mashhadi Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! O concourse of loved ones! Hasten to that which pleaseth God. Verily He commandeth you to that which shall be as a lamp unto you in the darkness of the earth and shall guide you to the straight path of God. Every edifice hath been shaken at the mention of this Most Great Announcement, and the pillars of the world have trembled when the All-Merciful came with a manifest command. We have heard thy mention, wherefore We have mentioned thee and caused thee to hear that which was the hope of them that are nigh unto God. Hearken unto the call from beyond the ocean of grandeur, from the Crimson Tree upon the luminous spot. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Take hold of the Book of God with such power that the doubts of them that doubt will not hold thee back. Arise to make mention of Me like a standard upon the standard of My utterance. Thus doth command thee He at Whose appearance the princes lamented and the learned were confounded and every knower was thunderstruck. When the wine of My utterance hath taken possession of thee, say: Praise be unto Thee

for having mentioned me and taught me and made me to know and guided me when the people were in manifest error. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the pearls hidden in the treasuries of Thy Pen, and by the power of Thy Word and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05615 ===

=== START BH05616 ===

In the Name of the one God! O Mahdi! May you be, through God's grace, successful! Your mention was made in the Most Great Prison - this is from the bounty of your Lord unto you. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. In truth, God's bounty and mercy and grace have encompassed His loved ones at all times, for in this most mighty, most impregnable, most holy Day they have attained unto the recognition of God, and the opposition of the divines and mystics and princes did not prevent them from the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they and blessed are those who have attained what they have attained. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Beseech God - exalted be His glory - that you may attain unto the most great steadfastness, for the cawing of the crows and the fire of the souls of the polytheists in that land are ablaze and rising up. At all times they have been and are engaged in craftiness and deception, that perchance they might prevent those who have turned towards God from the Greatest Scene. Blessed are those who have cast them and what they possess behind their backs, turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The glory be upon you and upon your father, whom the Supreme Pen hath mentioned in various Tablets, and upon those who are with you on this Straight Path. We have sent unto you that which telleth of your Lord's favor, that thou mayest wear it and be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH05617 ===

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise! O Mahdi! Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We make mention of thee with such remembrance as will gladden the hearts of the people of the cities of the Bayan. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and earths. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to mention, praise and service of the Cause. The loved ones of that land are all remembered in the Most Great Presence and have attained His favors. We beseech God that He may aid all to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Likewise We counsel all to wisdom, for that which is contrary to wisdom hath been and will ever be the cause of harm. Ere long will the people of the earth turn towards God, for the Will of God is sovereign and all-encompassing. There hath been and is no need for corruption. That which hath come to pass hath, praise be to God, been the cause of reformation, inasmuch as oppression hath been made manifest thereby. The helpless servants have been prevented from the Truth by those possessed of ulterior motives, but soon shall the veils be rent asunder and eyes shall be blessed with beholding the light of the Sun of Truth. Today oppression is the most beauteous adornment for the temple of the loved ones, and likewise it is the supreme cause for the turning of the servants unto God. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and

make mention of Me. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

=== END BH05617 ===

=== START BH05618 ===

O Nuru'llah, upon thee be His glory and His peace! In these days the wolves of the earth have surrounded the divine sheep. The Supreme Pen hath, in countless Tablets, commanded the servants to trustworthiness, religious devotion, righteousness and the fear of God. Yet the heedless have cast away godliness and embraced depravity, committing that which hath caused trustworthiness and religion to lament. A group, at the instigation of their leader, have risen up to harm the people of God. Each day they cling to some new falsehood, having in all circumstances arisen to undermine the Cause of God, and they have uttered that which no oppressor hath ever uttered. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their calumnies from the presence of the Just, the Equitable, the Wise One. O Nuru'llah! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto mention and praise. We beseech God to open through thee the doors of the hearts of His servants. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning toward Us. We have turned toward thee and revealed for thee that which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to aid thee in that which will exalt His Cause among His servants and His remembrance in His lands. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And upon thee be the glory from Us, and upon those with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

=== END BH05618 ===

=== START BH05619 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in remembrance and utterance

O leaf of My Lote-Tree and O leaf of My Paradise! Thou hast ever been and art still favored with divine grace. This, My servant whose name is Asdaq, upon both of whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, appeared before the Wronged One and mentioned the friends of God. Therefore each one hath been remembered with the mention of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto God and His verses, and woe unto the heedless ones. O My leaf! The greatness of the Cause hath become a veil unto it. Say: In this day, in every moment, the pearls of wisdom and utterance appear and shine forth from the treasuries of the Pen of the All-Merciful. They have not been and are not concealed. Beseech thou God that He deprive not the leaves from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and forbid not the servants from hearkening to the flowing of His Pen. We have remembered and continue to remember those who are related to Us and those who have turned towards Us, and We give glad-tidings to each one. I swear by the Sun of proof which shineth from the most exalted horizon of possibility - were the peoples of the world to become aware of even less than can be numbered of the fruits of the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, they would all turn with heart and vision towards the Most Great Prospect. By the life of God! The people are in a strange sleep and behind a thick veil. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of

My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon every assured believer whom vain imaginings have not withheld from turning to the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05619 ===

=== START BH05620 ===

Tablet to the Leaf, the Lady Shahzadih, upon her be the Glory of God

In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names

O My Leaf! I testify that thou hast attained unto My days and turned toward My horizon, and hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty, and hast taken, with the hand of submission, My Tablet and My traces. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this Cause, the mighty, the wondrous, through which the light hath shone forth from the horizon of manifestation and the Sadratu'l-Muntaha hath given glad tidings unto all creation that the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a power before whose manifestation the power of the world stood powerless, and with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My handmaiden! Hearken, hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged, as He calleth thee from the precincts of the prison with an utterance sweeter than sugar and more luminous than the sun and moon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of those who are in the heavens and on earth, for having caused me to turn toward Thee and to speak Thy praise and to be attracted by Thy verses and to be detached from all else besides Thee. O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Thou hast made me one of the leaves of the Blessed Tree in Thy days. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise through the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. Then ordain for me that which beseemeth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Munificent, and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH05620 ===

=== START BH05621 ===

O My leaf! Turn to the Most Exalted Horizon, then hearken to the call of thy Lord, the Lord of Names. He calleth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, for thy son Husayn was present before the Wronged One. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this wondrous and glorious Tablet. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's merciful robe, arise and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having remembered me when I was among the heedless ones.

I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of Dawn and Subjugator of Winds, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, to make this leaf of Thine confirmed by Thy confirmations, uttering Thy praise among Thy handmaidens, and steadfast in Thy service. Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thou art He Who, O my God, hast drawn me nigh unto Thee and made me to know the Dayspring of Thy lights, the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self Who hath called Thy servants and handmaidens to Thy luminous horizon. I beseech Thee, O my God, to make me in all circumstances turning unto Thee, holding fast to Thy cord, and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Goal of them that have recognized Thee and the Beloved of the sincere ones. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Lord of the heavens and earths.

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=== START BH05622 ===

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory. Today the Sun of Manifestation, which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, speaketh these words: "Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe to the heedless. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of grace and bounty, and woe to the deniers. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart to the Seat of the Throne and attained to the knowledge of his Lord, and woe to every rejected denier." Praise be to God that that leaf hath attained both to the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and to the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Say: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having aided me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy sword which, when unsheathed from its scabbard, causeth the heads to fly from both the unseen and the visible realms." By the life of God! This sword is His utterance and His mention. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath shown justice in His Cause, and woe to the oppressors. We have remembered thee and thy son and thy daughter, upon them be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, with a mention whereby the hearts of the righteous have been attracted. For all we beseech enablement to do that which endureth and lasteth. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH05622 ===

=== START BH05623 ===

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer! O My leaf! Upon thee be My Baha! Thy letter was received and was the object of attention. Thou hast ever been mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One. Permission to attain the presence had previously been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen. O My handmaiden! The Wronged One of the world hath been and is afflicted in the hands of the oppressors. At every moment enmity hath been made manifest. From the beginning of days We have been in the hands of Our enemies. What hath been mentioned is not intended as complaint. I swear by the Sun of Utterance which hath dawned from the horizon of the Kingdom of meanings that tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names are more delectable than any bounty and more pleasant than any ease. These mentions are for the consolation of the hearts of the righteous. We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect His loved ones and His leaves, and to ordain for them that which will bring comfort to their eyes. Verily He hath power over all things. As to what thou didst mention regarding the honored leaf, upon her be the Glory of God - it was heard. She must hold fast unto beautiful patience until God openeth unto her the door of mercy and bounty. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for

her, that her eyes may be consoled, her soul assured, and that she may be among the thankful ones in a clear Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens, from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05623 ===

=== START BH05624 ===

Tablet of Zivar Sultan, upon her be the Glory of God. In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. This is the Day of Revelation, and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of utterance. Blessed is the soul whom neither the tales of the ignorant divines nor the vain imaginings of the heedless servants prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon, nor deprived of the Kawthar of divine knowledge which floweth from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Give thanks to the Goal of all worlds that He aided thee to turn towards Him and believe in Him. The entire world awaited the Day of Manifestation, yet on the Day of God, their deeds profited none. Their actions became the cause of the waywardness of the servants. Had they held fast to the divine Will and acted according to that which is in the Book, they would not have been seen deprived and forbidden from the ocean of grace and the sun of loving-kindness on this wondrous Day. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal and the Goal of the world, my Object of Worship and the Object of Worship of the nations, for having aided me to turn towards Thee when men were in evident drunkenness. I beseech Thee by the Concourse on High, and by the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacle of Thy grace, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have cast away all else save Thee and have turned to Thy Most Exalted Horizon when Thy call was raised. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH05624 ===

=== START BH05625 ===

O My Leaf, O My Afnan, O My Handmaiden, O thou who art present before My Throne! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee and those who are with thee. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Today the Afnans of the Sacred Tree, both male and female, must arise to serve the Cause. They must not be perturbed nor frightened by the cawing of the ravens and the clamor of the oppressors. I swear by the Most Great Book that the Cause of God will encompass and take possession of all the earth. Those related to the Truth must engage in teaching the Cause through wisdom and utterance. The world passeth away more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye. In truth it was not and is not worthy of attention. Reflect upon the Wronged One's Cause. From the earliest days until now He hath been in the hands of the heedless. That which hath not befallen anyone else hath befallen Him, yet He arose to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the harm of the oppressors could prevent Him from uttering the blessed Word, until the Cause reached such a stage that the kings of the world are searching to discover its purpose and to become aware of that which God hath willed. We have mentioned and continue to mention the Afnan, and We beseech for him protection, exaltation and glory. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer.

=== END BH05625 ===

=== START BH05626 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My Leaf! O My handmaiden! Say: Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the wine of Thy knowledge, and for having guided me to Thy path, and shown me Thy signs, and sent down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity the tokens of Thy greatness. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world, by the Most Great Sea Who walketh in the prison and uttereth that whereby the fragrance of revelation and inspiration hath been diffused among Thy servants and Thy creatures, and by the lights of Thy countenance and the power of Thy most exalted Word, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Write down, then, for me and for Thy devoted handmaidens that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and exalt us through Thy name amongst Thy handmaidens. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy pardon and bounty. I beseech Thee to open before her face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of grace and bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Potent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things past and future. Light and glory and praise and laudation rest upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones and trustees, who broke not Thy Covenant and Testament, and who arose to aid Thy Cause with such power as to shake the hearts of the doubtful and the heedless. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH05627 ===

O Leaf of Paradise! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! God is Most Glorious! O Leaf of Paradise! Verily the Hidden One hath come with the truth, yet the people understand not. And the Treasured One hath appeared through grace, yet the people perceive not. The Most Exalted Horizon hath been illumined through the manifestation of the Lord of all beings, yet the people recognize not. This is He Who was promised in the books of old, and before Whose name the Kingdom of Names hath bowed down. To this testifieth he who hath with him a perspicuous Book. Verily the Bayan and whatsoever was revealed therein is like a ring upon My finger. To this do testify the dwellers of Paradise and beyond them honored servants. Blessed is the strong one whom the cawing of the wicked weakeneth not, and the steadfast one whom the clamor of every ignorant outcast causeth not to sit. I give glad-tidings unto My servants of My remembrance and My bounty which hath preceded existence. O handmaidens of the All-Merciful in all lands! We have remembered each one of you with that which no treasures or riches can equal, and We bid you show forth the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of those who turned away from the Truth did slip when it came with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto his Goal and the handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and hearkened and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and the unitarians hastened to the horizon of Manifestation.

=== END BH05627 ===

=== START BH05628 ===

He is the Hearer and the Speaker

O leaf, companion of the person of the name of God “Jamal,” upon both of you be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! The Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree makes mention of you and has granted from the ocean of utterance that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the world. Today the winds of self and passion and ignorance and blindness have caused most of the leaves of the world to fall and become deprived of the Lote-Tree, while you through boundless grace and infinite mercy have clung to it, gazed upon it and held fast to it. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, took hold of you and guided you to His straight path. You heard the call of the Wronged One and attained His presence. Give thanks to your Lord for this great bounty. His remembrance is the Sovereign of all remembrance and His Cause is the Sovereign of all causes. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land who are sanctified and detached from names and stories of old. O My leaves and My handmaidens! You have ever been remembered and have attained His grace. That which is now necessary and obligatory is steadfastness. Hold fast unto it. Blessed is the handmaiden who has detached herself from all else save God and has held fast to His firm cord and His manifest Command. The glory from Us be upon you and upon them and upon those women who have believed in God and have said: “We believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and we have turned unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.”

=== END BH05628 ===

=== START BH05629 ===

O Yusuf Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Yusuf, upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast attained the presence of the Wronged One and hast won the call of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Praise be to God, thou hast attained, both before and after, unto the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness, for the barking ones lie and have lain in ambush. Say: O people, cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee, and I cling to Thy cord, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the Point through which Thou hast distinguished the Books of the world, and by the Sun of Thy knowledge whereby Thou hast illumined the horizons of the hearts of the nations, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches, and the supplicant awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. Then send down upon me and my family, from the heaven of Thy bounty, the rain of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Merciful.

=== END BH05629 ===

=== START BH05630 ===

O Aqa Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend! A single effulgence from the Day Star of knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings. Countless books have appeared, and none but God can reckon their number. One ray from the lights of the Day Star of His grace hath appeared in the form of the sun, becoming the educator and protector of the world, illumining it with its light. Were We to interpret but one letter of the Book, it would lead to an entire world and the interpretation of that letter would have no end. O people of God! This Day is your Day, for ye have heard and recognized and turned towards Him. Ye have drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge, and have attained unto the hearing of His Word, and are illumined by the light of His grace. Preserve this station through His Name. Say: O my God, my Adored One! From Thee have I come, and unto Thee have I returned. Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art He Whose power the might of the world and of nations hath failed to withhold. From a single effulgence of the Day Star of Thy generosity, oceans of bounty have appeared, and from one manifestation of the Day Star of Thy munificence, the world of existence came into being. O my Lord! Remove from me whatsoever is unworthy of Thy days, and grant me that which is meet. Thou art the Bestower Whose bounty knoweth no bounds. We are Thy servants, seeking Thee and supplicating Thee. Thou art the All-Bountiful, Thou art the Munificent.

=== END BH05630 ===

=== START BH05631 ===

He is God! This is the Day of Beauty and the hour belongs to the King of Glory, yet I have taken up the pen of inscription to express matters of love or to soar to the utmost stations of love and affection. But this is most difficult, for the wings of this dove have been clipped by the scissors of the suspicions of the servants. How can one whose wings are clipped have the power to soar alongside the falcon of might? This is extremely remote and impossible. All this is by God's command and nothing appears except by His leave. Yes, unless the Unseen Grace stretches forth Its bounteous hand from the pocket of mercy and bestows wings of success, so that with one wing we might transcend contingent being and with the other wing pass beyond the kingdoms of existence and the universes, and cross the distant stations of days whose measure is fifty thousand years in a single step, and attain in less than the twinkling of an eye to the highest degrees of nearness and reunion. All this is from God's grace which He bestows upon whomsoever He wishes among His creation. Verily He has power over whatsoever He wishes and He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And this is the station of the spiritual messenger who moves by the confirmation of light and circumambulates the Throne of manifestation, and afterwards remembers all the dwellers of the pavilion.

=== END BH05631 ===

=== START BH05632 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Darvish-Khuda, handmaiden of God, upon whom be the Glory of God! The son of the spiritual elder, upon both of whom be my Baha, has, with the permission of the Lord of humanity, set out for the Most Great Goal. He endured the hardships of paths by land and sea to attain the presence before the Face of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, he arrived and was blessed with meeting and hearing. He forwarded that leaf's letter to the Most Holy Court. After it was seen, this Most Mighty, Most Holy Tablet was sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to the handmaidens of that land. Say: O my handmaidens! Today is the day of service and assistance. Aid the Truth through mention and praise. His loving-kindness seized you, His grace encompassed you, He confirmed you and granted success, such that you have outstripped most men among the divines and the learned ones. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! Gather together with wisdom and remember the Beloved of the worlds through utterance, despite those who followed their desires, turning away from the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon those women who heard the Call and believed in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest One.

=== END BH05632 ===

=== START BH05633 ===

O Is?aq! In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker! From the beginning of the Cause this Wronged One sacrificed His life, spirit, wealth, honor and comfort - all - in the path of the Goal of all the worlds, and arose alone to promote the Cause - an arising that no circumstance could alter and no might of the polytheists could prevent Him from proclaiming the Cause. And likewise there befell Him such oppression from the oppressors as caused grief to the Concourse on High. And when the Luminary of God's Will, exalted be His glory, illumined the horizons, the people of discord emerged from their ambush and, with swords of hatred and animosity, attempted to slay the Lord of Names. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of justice and fairness, nor withhold from them the waters of mercy. Praise the Goal of all the worlds Who granted success and guided thee to the straight path. The divines of Iran who considered themselves the most learned and excellent in the world wander in the wilderness of error, while thou hast attained to the recognition of the Goal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme gift and most exalted rank, then beseech Him to aid thee in preserving what thou hast been given from the presence of the Strong, the Ancient.

=== END BH05633 ===

=== START BH05634 ===

O Muhammad, son of him who has ascended unto God - upon both of you be the glory of God. In the name of the All-Knowing Lord. The name of faithfulness has been and ever shall be loved by God, exalted be His glory. He has ever gazed and continues to gaze upon the luminary of this name which has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of grace. Therefore, thou hast been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause. Although in these days the heedless servants have, like clouds and veils, concealed the light of the Cause, ere long the finger of divine will shall rend asunder the veil and the light shall encompass the world. The Son of Mary sought

refuge in wilderness and desert to preserve His life, while now the kings of the world hold fast to His name and cling to the hem of His grace. Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of these days. Whoso belongs to God, God belongs to him. This is that word wherewith the brocade of the book of trust hath been adorned. Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that understand! The glory of God be upon those who have remained faithful to His Covenant and His Testament and who have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them in His perspicuous Book. Authority and command, bounty and grace belong unto the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.

=== END BH05634 ===

=== START BH05635 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

I testify, O my God and the God of all things, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens, my Fashioner and the Fashioner of the Kingdom of Names, that Thou hast not manifested the servants except for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy verses, the Source of Thy Command, the Manifestation of Thy Self, and the Fountainhead of Thy knowledge and Thy laws. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Master of nations, by the Most Great Name, and by Thy pervading Will and Thy all-encompassing Purpose, to make me turn toward Thee and withdraw from all else but Thee, and to stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the dubious nor the signs of the wayward may hold me back. O my Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy might and Thy power and Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Withhold me not from beholding the signs of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, nor from hearkening to the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that have recognized Thee and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth, by Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones who hastened to the field of martyrdom in their longing for Thy Beauty, to ordain for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH05635 ===

=== START BH05636 ===

He Who hath migrated and attained, whose name is Mahdi - in His Name, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth:

If anyone should ask about the Wronged One, say: He was subjected to the lashes of tyranny such that every person of insight wept and every informed one lamented. Yet the Wronged One accepted and continues to accept with the utmost joy and gladness whatsoever befalleth Him in the path of God. Every aware soul beareth witness that this Wronged One hath summoned the people to the most exalted horizon and commanded them to that which profiteth them. The purpose is that all hearts might be illumined with the lights of true divine unity and that the saplings of the knowledge of God - exalted be His glory - might be planted by the hands of will in pure and goodly soil. He hath desired nothing for Himself; whatsoever He hath spoken hath been for the sake of God. We beseech Him to guide such souls

as have drunk the wine of pride and are heedless of that which profiteth them. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We make mention of the friends in that land and beseech Him to enable each one to attain unto that which He hath promised in His Book, and to protect them all from the evil of those who reject and who spread corruption. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH05636 ===

=== START BH05637 ===

He is the Mighty. Although letters have been sent in Arabic, Persian and all kinds of ways, nevertheless love is expressed anew that you should, God willing, follow that departed one in all matters pertaining to the material world. This will surely be the nearest means of drawing nigh unto God. That is, you should conduct yourself with people in the same way as he conducted himself with them. The believer lives with eternal, everlasting life in the most exalted horizon of detachment and the most holy Lote-Tree of sanctity, and death does not overtake him. He watches over his own affairs and is aware of his people. If he observes no goodness in those associated with him, he will surely raise his voice in complaint in the Supreme Concourse, and that complaint will surely have its effect and return upon his people. In any case, you must, God willing, act in such a way that all the inhabitants of the Supreme Concourse and the angels brought nigh will rejoice. For example, as Aqa Mirza Muhammad was engaged in service during his time, if he continues now as before, it will surely be acceptable. In short, if all affairs occur in a way that does not contradict the deeds of that departed one during his life, it will surely be beloved before God.

=== END BH05637 ===

=== START BH05638 ===

O Aqa Mirza Rida-Quli! He is God, the Exalted! Although the book of lovers cannot be completed through utterance, and the letter of the yearning ones cannot be finished by the pen of possibility, yet if one cannot attain an ocean of reunion, one must be content with a dewdrop of remembrance. For some time no bird has taken wing from the city of nearness to Sheba, and no nightingale has appeared in the rose garden. It seems that either the custom of fidelity has vanished from the people of eternity, or the free spirits no longer harbor grief of separation in their hearts, or else the friends do not need a material messenger to reach their goal and are not veiled by the barrier of remoteness. Without a messenger they send letters, and with the heart they share secrets. Without a pen they write, and without meeting they seek reunion, and in the very midst of separation they attain to nearness. Yes, these stations are true, but they are the portion of the heart, not the share of water and clay. Though the spirit may rejoice in spiritual sustenance, yet the body requires physical nourishment. The outward ear needs an outer melody, while the inner ear yearns for divine harmonies. The eye of mystery beholds eternal beauty, while the physical eye witnesses horizonal majesty. Therefore what is acceptable is to distribute and apportion all stations in their proper measure.

=== END BH05638 ===

=== START BH05639 ===

In the Name of God, the Peerless One

Praise be to God! From among the wondrous bounties of God, the spiritual sustenance is being sent down in every moment from the heaven of His Will. But blessed is the soul that attains unto it. Today all deeds and stations depend upon the recognition of God and acceptance of Him. For example, if today a handmaiden among the handmaidens of the world attains to the recognition of God and acknowledges His unity and oneness, she is regarded before God as greater and more distinguished than all the queens of the world who have not been honored with the grace of faith. Noble birth and exalted lineage are praiseworthy when adorned with the love of God; otherwise, if one does not attain to this most exalted station, one has not been and will never be mentioned in the presence of God. Give thanks to the Ancient Lord that thou hast turned to the Dawning-Place of His Cause and drunk the water of His love. Guard this station as thou wouldst guard thine eye, for it will accompany thee in all the worlds, while all else, even if it be all the treasures of the world, will perish and come to naught. Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of all worlds and Goal of the hearts of them that are near unto Thee!"

=== END BH05639 ===

=== START BH05640 ===

O Mirza Sami' Khan! In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Praise be to God that, through His infinite bounty, the Sun of the Primal Word hath risen and shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of Will. Whosoever hath turned unto Him is accounted as being of Him. Consider how many were the souls who regarded themselves as possessed of knowledge and justice, learning and grace, and who in the watches of night and day awaited expectantly the appearance of the Source of divine Command. Yet when the Sun of reunion dawned and the Ocean of attainment was made manifest, all remained veiled and deprived, save whom thy Lord did choose. Therefore, whosoever hath today attained unto the most pure wine that floweth and circulateth from the direction of the Most Great Scene must at all times be occupied with thanksgiving to the Lord of all possibility, that He hath enabled him and guided him to the shore of the sea of oneness. Give praise unto the Desired One of the world that thou hast inhaled the fragrance of His days, hastened with thy soul to the precincts of His recognition, and attained unto the mention of the Desired One of all worlds. This is what shall endure for thee in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and all else shall perish. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, thou shalt remain firm in His love at all times and steadfast in His Cause.

=== END BH05640 ===

=== START BH05641 ===

O Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the One burning with the fire of My love!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested that which was hidden in His knowledge and caused all things to proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Muhammad-Javad! The appointed time hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud from the prison of ’Akka, summoning the people of the kingdom of creation unto the horizon of God, the Dawning-Place, the Luminous. God hath transformed the prison into the exalted Paradise and manifested therein His power and sovereignty; yet most of the people remain heedless. He who hath traveled through the lands to spread My Word and diffuse My writings hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee and reveal for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh.

When thou receivest My Book, say: “Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by Thy binding Command and by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Then forgive my father and me, through Thy bounty and generosity which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.”

=== END BH05641 ===

=== START BH05642 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaketh the Truth

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself and spoken that whereby the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was rent, the mountains were scattered, and men were struck down save whom God, the Lord of lords, did will. Through Him the Herald proclaimed from all directions: “O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess. He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath come.” This is the Day wherein the gate of grace hath been opened and the Day-Star of justice hath shone forth from the horizon of God’s will, the Lord of lords. We have beheld thy devotion and have turned unto thee, and have sent down for thee that which doth bring solace to all eyes. Say: O people of the Bayan! Judge fairly in this Cause and follow not every heedless doubter. The verses have been sent down in such wise that the sincere ones are powerless to reckon them. Fear God, O people, and follow not every idolatrous infidel. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the power of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having aided me to remember Thee and extol Thee, and to turn toward Thy horizon and to direct myself to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast and firm in Thy love and upright in the service of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH05642 ===

=== START BH05643 ===

O Mirza Farajullah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One! Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been established upon the throne of grandeur and will forever remain as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. When

thou hearest My call and art seized by the rapture of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward the Most Great House of God and say: O Thou Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to spread Thy Cause among Thy servants and to arise to serve Thy loved ones who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament. O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and turning to the horizon of Thy manifestation. I adjure Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear proofs and the Source of Thy Command and the Manifestation of Thy Self, Who speaketh before the faces of the world through Thy power and Thy might and Thy sovereignty, to enable me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted in Thy lands. Then write down for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the world hath not hindered. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05643 ===

=== START BH05644 ===

In the name of God, Lord of the Supreme Throne!

Praise be to God Who hath aided us to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His evidences, the Manifestation of His commandments and the Source of His laws - He through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes and sight. And praise be to God Who hath sent down from the clouds of His bounty the table of His knowledge and ordained for whoso turneth unto it an exalted station in the highest Paradise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before the faces of His loved ones the gates of His grace and mercy. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this remembrance and this perspicuous Tablet. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and voicing Thy praise. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Mighty Book, and to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity a blessing from Thy presence and a grace from Thy side. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired to seal this Tablet with mention of one of the handmaidens of God, that she may thank her Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. O handmaiden of God! We have heard thy call and make mention of thee with that which draweth the servants and handmaidens nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Peace be upon thee from the Wronged One, and upon those handmaidens who have acknowledged the unity of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05644 ===

=== START BH05645 ===

In His Name Who summoneth between earth and heaven! Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. This is the Day wherein the Banner of Revelation hath been raised upon the highest standards, and the Ensign of Guidance hath been hoisted in the most

exalted station. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of guidance, and woe unto them that turn away.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon of Revelation! Hear what the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, through Whom the mysteries were revealed and the rivers flowed and the trees spoke forth: “The Kingdom and the Realm belong unto God, the One, the Chosen!” We have witnessed thy turning unto Us, wherefore We have turned unto thee and mentioned thee with that which attracteth the hearts of the righteous. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath believed in God, the Lord of all beings. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My words, say: “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Great Announcement and by Thy Mighty Book and by the effulgent lights of the Daystar of Thy Name, the Powerful, to make me steadfast in Thy love. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon and turning away from those who have denied the Dawning-Place of Thy most beautiful Names. Then open before my face the door of Thy mercy. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Chosen One.”

=== END BH05645 ===

=== START BH05646 ===

He is the Speaker, the Observer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. The Light hath shone forth and He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation and the Herald hath cried out before His face: “O peoples of the earth! This is He with Whose mention God hath adorned His Books, and this is He by Whose name hearts have been enraptured. Through Him the Herald hath called out and the Lord of Creation hath decreed. Blessed is the servant who hath heard and responded, and woe betide every heedless doubter.”

O thou who gazeth toward My most exalted horizon and who art present before the Throne despite the enemies, hearken unto the scratching of My Pen, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of My utterance, and the flowing of the Kawthar of My knowledge, and the stirring of the breezes of the dawn of My Revelation whereby the morn of exposition breathed forth and the night of rejection grew dark, through a command from God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. When thou hast taken the choice wine of My utterance and drunk it in My Name, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy resplendent light and Thy gleaming Cause, and to Thy bounty that hath encompassed all created things, and Thy mercy that hath preceded existence itself. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy Cause and in Thy love. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer in the beginning and in the return.”

=== END BH05646 ===

=== START BH05647 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend! Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast been made to inhale the fragrant flowers of the true garden of God. Through the power of the Most Great Name thou must needs manifest supreme steadfastness amidst all peoples. Today all dwell in one place: whosoever hath ascended unto the heaven of recognition and hath known the Dawning-Place of the Cause of the All-Merciful is reckoned before the Truth as one of the people of truth and is witnessed as such. And whosoever is debarred therefrom is accounted among the people of loss. Divine power hath encompassed all mankind, though this encompassing is now veiled by reason of the veils of the people. Ere long shall the Hand of Power rend asunder these veils and shrouds, and the faces of His loved ones shall shine forth like brilliant stars throughout all regions, and their station shall become evident and manifest unto all the peoples of the world. Now that in these days of the All-Merciful ye have attained unto the waters of life, ye must strive that all may partake of this most pure wine and turn with heart and soul toward the court of the All-Merciful. We beseech God to aid thee to serve Him and to make thee one who remembereth Him through His remembrance and who speaketh forth His Name and acteth according to that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Goal in the beginning and in the end.

=== END BH05647 ===

=== START BH05648 ===

O Muhammad-Taqi - upon him and upon his father be the Glory of God - in the name of the One Incomparable Knower!

Praise be to God that in the springtime of youth thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Lord of all Return. Know thou the value of this heavenly bounty. By the life of God! Whatever is hidden or manifest cannot compare with it. Today, due to the lack of capacity in the earth, the station of those who have turned to God and are assured is hidden and concealed from views and eyes. However, I swear by the Sun of the heaven of the All-Merciful's knowledge that a day shall appear on earth which will tell of the degrees and stations of those holy souls. Blessed is the one who today has attained unto what God has willed and has acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say:

I beseech Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire, by the Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven and caused all things to speak, to strengthen me to stand firm in Thy Cause and in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy brothers and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the Sure Handle on this Day wherein the Lord of all beings doth proclaim: There is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the All-Seeing.

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=== START BH05649 ===

In the Name of the One God

O son of Ahmad, upon both of you be the Glory of God

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that for whose knowledge all the worlds have been brought from nothingness into being. From the Hand of the Favor of the Lord of Names thou hast drunk the Kawthar of immortality, which is the recognition of the Ancient Being and the Lord of all nations. However, the Most Exalted Pen counseleth you to preserve that which He hath bestowed, for the opposers have ever lain in wait for those who have turned towards Him. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy most exalted horizon and for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Revelation and the Daysprings of Thy inspiration to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs and have denied that which hath appeared from Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and directing my face to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Most Great Throne and of the Exalted Seat. Praise be unto Thee, O Manifest Light and Lord of the heavens and earth. The Glory of God be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Specific to that region, in accordance with the request of the Trustee, a Tablet and receipt of arrival were sent. Deliver them.

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O cousin, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the One peerless God, the All-Knowing!

Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in turning towards Him in days when the mystics, divines, men of letters and princes of the earth have turned away from the Truth, save those whom God hath willed. This station is so great that, by the truth, none upon earth can be compared with it. Through God's grace, remain firm and joyous, and free and detached from all else. The Supreme Pen hath informed all of the cawing of the crow and the croaking of the raven. God, the Exalted, will, God willing, protect all and give them to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. This day belongeth unto God, for in previous Books it was mentioned and recorded as the Day of God. Exalted is the station of one who hath attained unto supreme steadfastness and remained firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Thy services and efforts are known and remembered before God. May God willing, thou shalt attain unto His endless bounties. The reward of no one hath been, nor ever shall be, lost before God. Blessed is the one who hath recognized Him and emptied the heart from all else. The Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have heard and answered the call of God, the One, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His station! O God! O Master of Kings and Merciful to the servants! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy sovereignty which prevaileth over the nations to ordain for those who have laid fast hold on the Sure Handle and clung to the Snow-White Path and the Resplendent Law, and believed in that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will, that which is best for them in

the hereafter and in this world. Nourish them with the fruits of the Tree of Thy knowledge and assist them to remain steadfast in their faith in the appearance of the Manifestations of Thy Cause and to stand firm on Thy Straight Path and Thy True Religion. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. Upon thee be the care and mercy of God. The pieces sent some time ago arrived by post. Thy reward is with God, thy Lord. I beseech Him to grant thee that which is best for thee and to preserve thee beneath the shadow of His care. At this time his honor T.B. (upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]) hath attained, and is illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and since he intended to journey to the appointed place, mention was made of you and these few words were written and sent so that you might be assured that the favors of the Beloved toward His friends are beyond reckoning and they have ever been and shall ever remain remembered and the recipients of His favors. The rest and al-9 [Baha] be upon thee.

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O Aqa Siyyid Mahdi! He is God! Tablets were sent with Salman, and in response to certain questions, special pages were written and dispatched. Make copies of these and send them to various regions, that perchance the people may remember what was revealed therein and be among those who remember. Furthermore, certain matters have arisen in this land that have not occurred from the beginning of creation until now - you will hear of these from those who return. Quickly deliver copies of the Persian Tablets to His Holiness Ismu'llah-i-Munir and His Holiness Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin. Send as many wondrous verses as possible to Nayriz and the Land of the Sultan. Some Tablets in the script of revelation were sent from this servant present before the Throne, as there was no time for signing. Have Salman return to the cities of the All-Merciful as soon as possible - this is closest to righteousness. Make haste without fail. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and be detached from all else. Some insignificant, unworthy items were sent specially for certain loved ones of God - deliver these to them. However, since they are from God, they will assuredly be more precious than all else. Several unsigned Tablets were sent - give these to whomever they deem appropriate.

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Threshold. His honor Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon. The Mother Book in the Kingdom of Utterance maketh mention of the friends of God, that the mention and the utterance may draw them to the Heaven of Knowledge. O Buzurg! From the beginning of days until now We have made mention of the loved ones of every land with such mention as the ears of the world have never heard the like thereof. The purpose was that the rancor and hatred of the people of the world might be transformed into love and fellowship. Most rejected it, cast the counsel of God behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies and vain imaginings they possessed. That which befell thee hath been mentioned before the Face, and thy deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Lord of the nations, for having made known unto me Thy straight path and enabled me to acknowledge Thee on a day when most of the servants denied Thee, and made me turn toward Thee when the people of the lands turned

away. I beseech Thee, O Thou King of existence and Lord of the seen and the unseen, to assist me to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures and to make me ever gaze toward Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one turning toward the horizon of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In My Name, the All-Subduing Above All Names! O My handmaiden, My handmaiden! The tongue of My mercy calleth thee from the precincts of My prison, and the Kingdom of My utterance addresseth thee from the seat of My throne, that thy heart may rejoice thereby and thy tongue may speak forth in praise of thy Lord, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Know thou that We have answered every letter that hath been presented before the Throne, and have mentioned him who sent it in such wise as to delight the eyes of them that possess true knowledge. We have heard thy call at this time and have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One and turned unto the Informed One. Grieve thou not over anything, but be thou confident in the bounty of thy Lord. He remembereth every servant who hath believed and every handmaiden who hath attained unto this Kawthar wherewith God giveth His turned-toward servants to drink. Consider how many a queen hath failed to attain unto God and His presence, while thou hast attained unto the Desired One and His mention, which is incomparable to aught else created in the heavens and earths. By My life! That wherein kings and queens take pride shall perish, while that which hath been sent down from My Pen, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, shall endure for thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this bounty and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, and splendor be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Glory of the worlds!”

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In the name of the peerless Lord! O Muhammad-’Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! Today the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful is surging and the sun of the bounty of the True One is shining forth and manifest. We beseech God to enable His servants to witness and hearken, that all may come and find that for which they were created from nothingness into being. Glory be to God! In the nights and days the rain of mercy hath been pouring from the heaven of divine favor and His outpouring hath been manifested in utmost perfection at every moment, yet the people remain heedless. The True One hath at all times made mention of His loved ones and continueth to do so. No seeker hath been denied and no pursuer prevented. His path is clear and His proof manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered by idle fancies nor deprived by vain imaginings from the Choice Sealed Wine. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Take it with the hand of certitude and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics and Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth! The Trusted One hath mentioned thee, so We make mention of thee, and that which thou didst send hath

come before the Wronged One and been accepted as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

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He is God

O Shaykh Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One True Friend! Today the True One, exalted be His glory, is seated upon the Most Great Throne, and all atoms from every direction are speaking forth "The Lord of Names and Attributes hath come!" All servants must arise today and act according to deeds befitting the divine days. Commit thy affairs unto Him and place thy trust in Him. He is the All-Seeing and He is the All-Knowing. He bestoweth that which is befitting and conformeth to His wisdom. Leave behind all remembrances and hold fast unto His All-Wise remembrance. The True One, exalted be His glory, is generous and bestoweth whatever the servants ask for. However, today is not the day of clinging, nor the day of holding fast, except unto His Name and His Cord. By the Sun of the horizon of sanctification! If but one word proceedeth from the Supreme Pen concerning a soul, it is more precious than a hundred thousand righteous children. O friends! Strive that ye may attain and possess that which is befitting - a word that is sanctified above change and extinction. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance on this night. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the Director of the world and the Beloved of nations! Today the Book of God with eloquent and persuasive tongue calls all and invites them to the supreme horizon. Blessed is the ear that hath attained and blessed is the eye that hath not been deprived of beholding. O peoples of the earth! The Most Great Scene hath been adorned with the Lord of Destiny, and calleth out at all times: "Glory and greatness and power and exaltation belong unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beneficent!" O Muhammad! Thy letter was received and attained unto hearing, and We make mention of thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of Lords. When thou hast received My Tablet, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while Thou wert imprisoned amidst Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Pen and its ink, and by that which hath appeared before the hands of Thy will, to ordain for me that which will protect me from the croaking of every croaker who hath disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause and the Sources of Thy Revelation and the Recipients of Thy knowledge to make mention of my father who hath ascended unto Thee in the Crimson Book from Thy Most Exalted Pen. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous."

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O son of that Afnan, Aqa Mirza Baqir, upon both of you be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! In My Name which dawns from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Today the divine call is raised from the direction of the prison, and the lights of the Luminary of Manifestation shine forth from the horizon of Sinai, and the light of grace is radiant and the fire of justice is ablaze. Blessed is the soul that has been freed and liberated from that which the people possess and has turned to that which is with God. Such a one is among the companions of the Crimson Ark that was revealed and made manifest from the Supreme Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. O My Afnan, O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast been and art beneath the glance of the loving-kindness of the Desired One of the worlds. Thou didst attain aforetime unto a mention that is immortalized and enduring in the Book of God. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Praise thy Lord for this manifest remembrance. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and the dawning-places of Thy mighty evidences to ordain for me that which will make me independent through Thy riches and renowned through Thy name amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest the supplicant turning to the heaven of Thy generosity and the thirsty one to the Kawthar of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy! I bear witness to that which God hath testified - that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh today is indeed the Manifestation of His Cause unto all who dwell in the realms of being. They who have turned away this day are sunk in heedlessness and error. Beware, O peoples of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty which hath appeared in human form. Cast away what ye possess and turn unto God, the Lord of creation. We desire naught but what God hath desired, and because of this there hath befallen Us that which hath caused all atoms to lament. Say: O people! This is He Who was promised unto you in the Books and Tablets. By my Lord, the Most Merciful! Were it not for Him, neither would the Bayan have been revealed nor would that which was sent down upon the Dawning-Places of Revelation throughout the ages. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and desired the desire of all who are in earth and heaven. Among the people are those who remain veiled and those who have rent asunder the veils through this Name before which all necks have bowed low. Unite, O My loved ones, in this Cause, for by it are the hearts of the wicked thrown into turmoil. Make mention of your Lord amongst His servants, that the fragrance of remembrance may embrace all lands. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

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O Mulla Muhammad-Nabi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. I bear witness to that which God did bear witness before the appearance of the names - that there is none

other God but Him, and He Who speaks with truth is indeed the One hidden within God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. Say: By God! The Speaker of the Mount has appeared and the horizon of Revelation has been illumined through this Name whereby those in the graves have arisen, and every matter that was concealed behind the veils of the unseen and inscribed in God's Books, the Most High, the Most Great, has been made manifest. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of My garment, has spoken My praise and glorification, has soared in the atmosphere of My love, and has acted according to what was sent down in My perspicuous Book. We have heard your call and answered you, and recognized your turning to Us. We have sent unto you that from which you will find the fragrance of your Lord's mercy, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the affairs of the nations veil you or the doubts of the sinful ones prevent you. Be steadfast in the Cause of your Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the One manifest through the Most Great Name, for having caused me to hear [Thy verses] and recognize Thy clear signs. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what lies with Thee. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all who are in earth and heaven! Verily the Bayan was hidden in the kingdom of My knowledge, and when I manifested My Self I manifested it and sent it down upon whomsoever I willed among My servants, and I am the Ancient Sender. It was adorned with My remembrance - God had written this aforetime, to which every discerning scholar bears witness. There hath appeared before the Face in the Most Great Prison he who was named Ahmad, who visited the House of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily he visited a House which God built with the hands of His power, to which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified in its sublime station. Blessed is he and his son - they have attained and visited Him Whom the oppressors denied, they who cast the Cause of God behind their backs and disbelieved in Him Who came with manifest sovereignty. O Abbas! We made mention of thee before, and We make mention of thee in this station, and We give thee glad tidings of a manifest reward. Verily thy son Muhammad serveth Me - he hath attained to that which nothing on earth can equal. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Be thou patient in God, then stand firm in the Cause. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel His loved ones aforetime, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Compassionate.

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He is the All-Knowing Warbler

The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of him who heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and gives glad-tidings unto all of that which hath dawned and appeared for the success of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Fath-'Ali! Give thanks unto God for Our having remembered thee and caused thee to hear the melody of the Bird of Utterance from this holy and wondrous atmosphere. Be thou thankful for My bounty, content with whatsoever hath appeared from Me, patient in My Cause,

vocal in My praise, firm in taking hold of My Book by My strength, soaring in My atmosphere, and trustworthy among My servants, steadfast upon My straight path. Beware lest the might of factions keep thee back from the Sovereign of the Beginning and the Return. Cast aside the world and take hold of that which the Lord of Eternity, Who is in the Most Great Prison, commandeth thee. He calleth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. How many who were seated arose at the Cry, and how many who were standing sat down through fear of God, the Most High, the Most Great! How many who were heedless heard and hastened and responded, and how many learned ones turned away from the Ever-Living, the Ancient of Days! Blessed art thou for having held fast unto the cord of divine knowledge and clung to the hem of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in this most exalted station and firm in this momentous announcement.

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To the loved ones of God in Abadih

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Verily the Pen of Will has desired to make mention of His loved ones in Abadih, who have cast away the world and turned towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Abadih! We have found from you the fragrance of steadfastness and faithfulness. There has appeared from you that which has been recorded by My Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice in this bounty which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the unseen and the visible. O Ashraf! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. We have mentioned thee before with verses whose fragrance shall not cease for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures, and We mention thee at this time by a command from Our presence, for I am the Compassionate, the All-Loving. We have heard the call of generosity from all directions and have answered it from this praiseworthy station. We give him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. He should arise and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of both sovereign and subject.” And We make mention of My loved ones in that place, whom the conditions of creation did not prevent from the Truth. They arose and said: “We believe in Thee, O God of the world, and we have turned towards Thee, O Lord of existence.” We counsel you to preserve your stations and give you glad tidings of what has been ordained for you from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The glory that is manifest and visible from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who hold fast to the laws of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Ashraf! Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of the Manifestation of God’s Self and for having become one of those who believe in His unity. By God! This is a station that nothing whatsoever created between the heavens and the earth can equal. Know thou, moreover, that the Truth

and whatsoever proceedeth from Him must needs be distinguished from creation and whatsoever emanateth therefrom. This verily is a certain truth. He can never be confused with aught else, and shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of holiness with manifest sovereignty. Thus must thou witness it in His verses and in all that proceedeth from His presence, and be endued with clear vision. They who follow every ignorant rabble have no portion of this Most Great All-Encompassing Ocean. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having attained unto His love. By God! It is God's trust deposited within the hearts of the sincere ones. Guard thyself lest the breath of Satan pass over thee, and turn thy heart unto the fragrances of the All-Merciful wafting from this holy and luminous right hand of the All-Glorious. Thus have We made mention of thee out of Our love for thee, that thou mayest stand firm in this Most Great, this Mighty Cause. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever is steadfast in God's Cause and is numbered among the firm ones. Praise be to God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of them that know.

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The Sun of the world has descended upon the Leaf of Ridvan from God, the Mighty, the Merciful. He abides in the Most Glorious Horizon. O handmaiden of God! Weep within yourself for what befell the Youth in the well of envy, which remained hidden from the eyes of men. Weep within yourself for this Stranger Who was afflicted between two factions in this Prison which lay remote beyond cities and mighty mountains. Stand firm in the Cause of God and His love, and forget Him not. Be steadfast around the fire upon the axis of water through the mystery of the Command. Be not disturbed by those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, and who remained far from the seat of nearness in their rejection. Convey Our remembrance to the Most Great Sacrifice, then give him glad tidings of the Ridvan which was created by truth from the direction of the Throne in these wondrous days. We have not forgotten him and have mentioned him in the Tablets from the Pen from which mysteries were inscribed in code. We beseech God to make him firm in the Cause and grant him from the fruits which were witnessed by God's leave from the Sacred Tree. Convey Our remembrance to the handmaidens who have believed in God their Lord and who were truly gladdened by God's remembrance in this Most Great Remembrance.

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O handmaid of God! Bear witness in thy spirit that He is God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful. He is the Mighty! O handmaid of God! Bear witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest thou forget My counsels if thou art of the steadfast ones. Be patient within thyself and put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. You and the guest must act with utmost friendship and kindness, and remind her on My behalf. Then remember from Us the handmaids of God who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. He is the Mighty! O thou who remaineth from Us! Be patient and grieve not within thyself, and be of the patient ones. Say: By God, the eyes of the lovers have wept with thy weeping. Be thou patient in this separation which hath consumed the hearts of the mystics. And thou - hear My words and be patient with what hath been ordained from the presence

of One wise and knowing. Soon shall thy cause be exalted and thy name uplifted in truth, and He verily recompenseth the reward of the longing ones. Then convey Our greetings to the one who was in thy house and remind her of a holy and noble station, that she may remain firm in the Cause of God and be of the steadfast ones.

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THE ALL-GLORIOUS, THE MOST GLORIOUS

O servant! Burn away desires with the fire of the love of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Then reflect upon the final outcome. Thus doth the All-Glorious command thee. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Make His Cause thy desire and thy deeds what thou art commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful. Verily, whoso is not attracted today by the Call of God is accounted among the heedless. Thy letter hath come before the Countenance. We took it and read it and have answered thee with this perspicuous Book. Thus hath been ordained for thee a noble station, if thou remainest steadfast in the love of thy Lord and utterest His praise amongst His servants. This behooveth thee, if thou be of them that know. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of grandeur and power - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Rend asunder the veils through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Master of all necks, then turn thy face toward the Cause and say: “O my God! I have come unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee and turning away from those who disputed with Thee and denied Thy proof. O Lord! Ordain for me what is best for me. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee this Tablet wherein God hath taught thee what He desired. Be thou of the thankful ones. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Faraj! Rejoice in the relief from God which hath come to thee suddenly like the dawning of His countenance from the horizon of a wondrous Temple. Verily, His relief unto thee is thy recognition of His exalted, mighty and powerful Self. O Faraj! Find relief in thyself through God’s relief, which is greater in thy Lord’s sight than the kingdom of the heavens and earths. Strengthen thy heart to aid the Cause of God, then turn away from the faces of the idolaters and from him in whose heart is hatred of God. By God! His face shall change and from him shall waft the odors of barrenness. Say: O people! Do ye read what hath been sent down to you from the Pen of God, yet deny His Self? Woe unto you, O heedless ones! Do ye deny Him by Whose finger’s movement the heavens and earth were created, and by another movement shall return to mere nothingness? Be thou thankful unto God for having attained unto His recognition and drunk the Kawthar of certitude from the hands of His bounty, and become of those who have attained. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God’s might and power, then rest assured in God’s grace, for verily His grace sufficeth thee above all the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon him

who hath believed in God and turned with a pure and luminous heart toward the holy court. And praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics.

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O Mohsen in the city! He is the Mighty. O Mohsen, bear witness with thy tongue and heart, even as the Dove hath testified upon the sacred and exalted branches, that He is God, there is none other God but Him, and that Ali-before-Nabil is the Dawning-Place of His Cause, and His Light, and His Radiance, and His Glory unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and He was indeed knowing of all things. Through Him the Resurrection was established and the Hour appeared, and the Bridge was set upon the Balance of the name Ali. Through Him the Sun shone forth and the treasures of the earth were revealed of precious jewels of might. Through Him the Face appeared and Beauty was manifested from the Dayspring of a name most luminous. And thou, O Mohsen, do thou show kindness unto thyself, then unto the people of God who are with thee, then unto those who follow God's decree in the atomic realm of immortality and were possessed of evident certitude, and who answered God's call within their souls and were upon a straight path. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth and inspired thee with that which rejoiceth thy spirit, and have remembered thee with a wondrous holy tongue. Then convey Our greetings unto the people of God, remind them and give them the glad tidings of My love for them, that they may abide securely upon the cushions of joy.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous!

O Muhammad! Hearken unto My call once again, even as thou didst hearken before, when thou didst enter the Garden of Paradise, the Seat of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and didst hear His voice with thine ears, and attain His presence, and wert of them that have attained. Forget not My covenant and My remembrance. Speak forth amongst My servants in praise of My Self. Thus did We command thee before, and thus do We command thee at all times, that thou mayest be of them that act. Verily, We have not forgotten thee, and We make mention of thee in this Tablet, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord hath preceded in faithfulness His sincere servants. None can outstrip Him in aught. Therefore place thy trust at all times in God, the King, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Take comfort in the remembrance of thy Lord, for it shall suffice thee above all the worlds. Blessed are the days wherein thou didst attain the presence of thy Lord's countenance and didst drink from this Most Great, this Mighty Ocean. Strive within thyself to remain steadfast in His love, and let not the intimations of the idolaters cause thee to slip. Verily, Satan hath appeared in every form in every city. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One who is mighty and powerful. Give glad tidings unto the people through this Wise Remembrance, that they may haply find a way unto Him Who is the Lord of the Throne. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk from this Salsabil which hath flowed from the Pen of might and wonder.

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In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Exalted

O Mahdi! We have heard the melodies of thy secret heart and the raptures of thy breast in thy love for God, thy immersion in Him, and thy passionate devotion to His loved ones, as though thou hadst attained the heights of nearness and reached the treasuries of holiness. Be assured that We have not forgotten thee, and that thou art ever present before Us, and We behold thee at all times. Yet We counsel thee to fear the one true God and follow the guidance of the Eternal, lest heedlessness overtake thee or temporal concerns preoccupy thee. Sanctify thyself from all that veils thee from the beauty of the Divine Essence, in such wise that thou shalt dwell only in His remembrance, walk only in His name, sleep only by His leave, arise only at His bidding, drink only of His love, gaze only upon His beauty, seek only His presence, and desire only His meeting, that thou mayest enter the City of Immortality in the most exalted Paradise, attain unto every good, and find every light, and be in truth the guided one as thou art named. All this is counsel for thee: act thou upon it and keep it ever before thine eyes, that thou mayest be numbered with the people of the spirit in the most exalted Paradise.

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O Shaykh Nassar! In the name of God, the Most Victorious, the Most Victorious! O Nassar, aid thy Lord amidst the wicked ones and be not of the heedless. Every soul hath been created to propagate His Cause and praise His Being, yet the people are in grievous heedlessness. They who have turned their faces toward My countenance, these are the dwellers of Paradise, and the holy angels shall glorify them. And they who have turned away shall enter the fire. Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order, neither shed blood nor commit that which is unseemly. Sanctify yourselves and surrender not to your desires, and be not of them that are far removed. Take hold of the ways of God with power from Our presence and be not of them that forsake them. Say: Victory in this Revelation hath been confined to remembrance and utterance, at the time when He Who is the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne of His Name. Would that ye might know! Detach yourselves from all else but Him, then turn toward Him with pure hearts and radiant faces. Glorification from Our presence be upon thy son who hath been named Habib, that he may open his lips in praise of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the Peerless. And glory be upon thee and upon him and upon them that have detached themselves from the world and followed the paths of truth and certitude. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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O Hadi! We have sent down to thee numerous Tablets and have acquainted thee therein with that which thy Lord, the All-Knowing, hath willed in these days wherein covenants have been violated and pledges

broken, and wherein the people have followed the dictates of their heedless selves. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou art among those who have attained the presence of God and heard His call and associated with Him and drunk the choice wine of revelation from His white hand whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. We loved thee before and We love thee now as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate. Thy letter hath come before Our presence and We discovered from it the fragrance of thy love and the burning fire of thy longing for God, the Lord of the worlds. We have answered thee with these verses that thou mayest read them and be of them that attain. We had given permission to you both aforetime to turn towards the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Praised, but the time passed until the occasion was gone. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to aid thee in that whereby His Cause may be exalted and the sanctification of His Self may be manifested among His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in Him. Verily He is with His sincere servants.

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He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance!

We have heard thy call and have answered thee with verses by which the hearts of the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have been attracted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having rent asunder the veils and manifested that which had been concealed from time immemorial. Thou art He Who hath revealed His Cause, fulfilled His Promise, and spoken before all faces that which had been hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thine infallibility. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me detached from all save Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, and by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued the world and guided the nations, to make me voice Thy praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! The thirst of separation hath seized me - where is the Kawthar of Thy reunion, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics? And the fire of remoteness hath consumed me - where is the light of Thy Cause, O Thou Who art the Object of desire of all in the heavens and earth? Alas! Alas! My heart hath melted in my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness, and Thy separation hath destroyed me, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all them that dwell on earth. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy revelation to make me among those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH05676 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

We have heard the call of him who was named Hasan when his letter arrived and was read by the servant who was present before the Wronged One, and We have answered him with this perspicuous Book. We make mention of him who has turned to God. By My life! The mention that flows from His Most Exalted

Pen benefits the servants in all the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who has attained unto this Most Great Remembrance and has been moved by His Name - this Pen at whose shrill voice all other pens have bowed down in submission and all the books of the earth have prostrated themselves. To this testifies he who has been given insight from God, the Lord of the worlds. It behooveth every soul to turn with his heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and say: "O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the hereafter and of this world! I beseech Thee by the Name through Whose manifestation all things proclaimed that there is none other God but He, the Most High, the Most Great, to ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will profit me in Thy worlds. Thou knowest me better than I know myself and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Sublime Word and Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name to make me content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me from the wonders of Thy favor. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Witness, the Beholder, the Hearer, the All-Knowing."

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=== START BH05677 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

We make mention of Our servant the Merciful, as a bounty from Our presence, that he may rejoice in this remembrance which, when it descended from the heaven of the Kingdom, the Realm of Might prostrated before it and said: "My soul be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!" And We make mention of those among My loved ones who have believed, who have cast aside all else save Me and have turned to My luminous horizon. And We make mention of him who was named ʼAli before Akbar, and give him the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Lord of destiny in His Most Great Scene, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the All-Bountiful. O loved ones of God and His friends in the land of Alif and Sin! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of him who turned unto the Countenance and have sent down for him that which brings solace to the eyes and through which the divine fragrance has wafted between the heavens and the earths. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which has encompassed the world and for this mercy which has preceded all existence. To this testifies He Who speaks the truth in this manifest and luminous night. Say: He makes mention of you in the last nights of Ridvan that He may draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all religions, and give you to drink of this wine which has flowed from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in this momentous News.

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=== START BH05678 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We make mention of My handmaiden who hath circled round the Throne, who hath believed in God and soared in the atmosphere of My love and drunk the choice wine of My bounty and attained unto faith in My days and turned with her heart toward the precincts of My prison and the seat of My throne and My

most great horizon wherefrom My call was raised and from whose horizon shone forth the sun of My grace. Blessed are My handmaidens who have drawn nigh and found and partaken and drunk by My Name, which dominateth the kingdom of My names and is exalted above the remembrance of My servants. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen warbled, and verily He is the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. We make mention of her who was in the presence of My Name - and verily He is the Letter Ha which the Glory mentioneth in this noble station. Blessed is he who hath loved My Name, unto Whose acceptance and arising and mention the atoms themselves have testified on this Day which God hath illumined with the light of His resplendent and luminous Beauty. Upon him be glory, and upon his spouse, and upon those who dwell in his house, and upon thee, O My handmaiden, and upon those who love him with a love for God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of all My handmaidens in this Tablet, verily We have been mindful of them. Blessed are ye, O handmaidens of God, inasmuch as ye have drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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=== START BH05679 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory. Greatness and power.

We send greetings from this station upon Asma'l-Jamal and those with him, and upon Asma'z-Zayn and those with him. O Muhammad! At the time of departure We promised to send a Tablet especially for you. Verily He hath fulfilled His promise and doth fulfill even as He fulfilled, and He is the All-Faithful, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God that He may enable that honored one to preserve the pearls of the ocean of knowledge which he witnessed during his presence, and that He may assist him to take hold of the Book with such power that the weak ones of the world - that is, the souls who are not assured - shall be powerless to prevent it. O Muhammad! Rejoice, for by the life of God, He Who cannot be described by what hath been said or is said doth make mention of thee. Verily He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he whom Thou didst cause to enter into the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness without my knowledge, nay, at the time of my heedlessness. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy generosity and the sea of Thy bounty that Thou wilt make me to be of those whose deeds Thou hast accepted in Thy path and whom Thou hast forgiven through Thy grace and Thy bestowals. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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=== START BH05680 ===

O Mashhadi Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names! We found for the Mother Book a tongue that speaks with truth and summons the people unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he who accepts, whom neither the doubts of the people of the Bayan deterred, nor the clamor of the oppressors frightened. The Truth has appeared and made manifest what He desired. He, verily, is the Powerful One Whom the conditions of creation have not hindered - to this testifies every fair-minded and perceiving one. Say: O

people, cast aside what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest ornaments prevent you from the Most Exalted Horizon, or worldly treasures old and new from this Momentous Announcement. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceeds from Him, and be not of the fearful ones. Thus have We commanded those who believed before and in this time. We have remembered those who have believed and shown them My most exalted horizon and caused them to hear My sweetest call, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. We beseech God to assist them to preserve what they have been given from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thus has the Bird of Utterance soared in the garden of inner meanings, yearning for the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have not denied God's proof and His manifest evidence.

=== END BH05680 ===

=== START BH05681 ===

He is the One who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O __, upon him be the Glory of God! God willing, may you be blessed with the grace of the All-Merciful and speak His praise in such wise that the fragrances of remembrance may awaken and attract the heedless ones. Verily, every deed that appears for the sake of God will surely manifest its effects upon the earth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Informed, the All-Aware. Walk thou among the servants of God with perfect assurance and with spirit and fragrance. Thy letter was received and this servant read it in the presence of His Countenance. Praise be to God that from it wafted the sweet savors of divine love. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. A most mighty and holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor specifically for the person mentioned and hath been dispatched. God willing, may he attain unto it and be assured and gladdened by what is recorded and inscribed therein. Although the worth of these utterances is not now known, I swear by the Object of all the world's adoration that were the veil to be lifted, all that is visible and hidden would be seen to fall short of equaling even a single letter of God's Book. He, verily, speaketh the truth and manifesteth the proof. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land. We send them Our greetings from this Spot and give them the glad-tidings of My wondrous remembrance.

=== END BH05681 ===

=== START BH05682 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! May thou, at all times, drink from the goblet of divine bounty the wine of mystic knowledge, and following the extinction of all things, mayest thou be illumined and radiant through the lights of the countenance of the Beloved. Thy mention hath been made before the Divine Throne, and thy name inscribed in the Ancient Tablet. This hath been and will ever be a special favor from thy Lord unto thee. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks. God willing, may ye be so enkindled by the fire of the divine Word that its heat may cause movement in creation and its people, so that through this heat generated by the Primal Word all may turn to the Dawning-place of divine verses. The

foundation of the Cause today hath been and will continue to be steadfastness, for certain heedless souls have been and are engaged in misleading those who have accepted the Faith. Say: O friends! Guard the divine trust through the hosts of steadfastness and righteousness, lest the armies of idle fancies and vain imaginings seize and plunder it. Though it is not remote from divine grace that He may gather all upon the straight path. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee from the Ancient Ordainer.

=== END BH05682 ===

=== START BH05683 ===

O my sister who hath attained and circumambulated in the name of the one true Friend! God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt ever drink from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the Beloved of all possibilities, and dwelt beneath the shade of the Tree of His Cause. O handmaiden of God! How many divines and mystics, through their selfish desires and pride in outward knowledge, remained deprived of the court of His oneness, while thou didst attain to the recognition of the Divine Lote-Tree which calleth today betwixt earth and heaven. Thou didst drink from the ocean of knowledge and taste the choice wine of the love of the All-Merciful. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty. I swear by the Sun of Truth that thy mention hath been inscribed in God's Book by the Most Glorious Pen, and thou art remembered before the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, for thou didst witness and hear in His path what the devoted women of former ages witnessed and heard. Soon shall the names of the oppressors be erased from the world, and your names shall be seen shining like the morning star from the horizons of the heaven of utterance. Glory be upon thee and upon those women whom circumstances did not prevent from the Abode of Verses, who forsook all they possessed and took what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Already translated, except for final sentence which translates as:

That soul and other loved ones must hold fast to the improvement of the world and the removal of differences between peoples, and must exert mighty efforts. Verily He is the Confirmer, the All-Wise, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05684 ===

=== START BH05685 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy

O handmaiden of God! God willing, mayest thou be gladdened by the fragrances of the grace of the Revealer of Verses, and be occupied at all times with the mention and praise of the Beloved of all possibility. Praise be to the Ancient Beauty that ye are reckoned as His own and are attributed unto Him.

This is a bounty which, were ye to offer thanks throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, ye would never be able to adequately acknowledge. Know ye the value of this most great favor and supreme gift, which is accounted as the most great grace before God. Be ye uttering His praise with the utmost joy and exultation, and be ye acting according to His command. Mirza Aqa has traversed land and sea, arrived at the shore of the Most Great Ocean, attained that which was destined for him, and was given permission to return. He will recount the details of this land and whatever has transpired. Ye must never be saddened, for whatever has occurred has been in the path of God. Blessed are those souls who have been patient and grateful in times of tribulation. Divine tests have ever been and will ever be, through which the good became distinguished from the evil, and the righteous separated from the wicked. Convey My sublime greetings to all the handmaidens of God. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

=== END BH05685 ===

=== START BH05686 ===

O handmaiden of God, whose brother ’Abdu’r-Rahim has journeyed unto God! In the name of the peerless and incomparable Lord! The fragrance of thy love hath reached the sanctuary of oneness, and thine intention hath become manifest before the Lord of the seen and unseen in the precincts of His purpose. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and for being numbered among those who have turned unto Him, as recorded in the mighty Tablet. Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the splendors of the Sun of inner meanings which hath dawned from the horizon of God’s Command, and hast attained unto the recognition of the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Name, which was the purpose of creation. We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee in this most sublime and most holy Tablet, that thou mayest be assured of the grace of thy Lord and not be saddened by the affairs of men. Consider the world as non-existent, for soon all that is visible shall return to nothingness, while that which hath been revealed by the Tongue of the Revealer of Verses for His accepted servants and handmaidens shall endure and remain forever. Muhammad hath in these days been present before the Throne, and ’Ali is circling round, and Our servant Rahim and his other son are turning unto God. Behold then the favors of thy Lord, then render thanks, be thou submissive, bow down in worship, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

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=== START BH05687 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy. O handmaiden of God! After every hardship comes ease, after every distress comes tranquility, and after every separation comes nearness and reunion. If the pure handmaidens and assured believers were certain of the existence and permanence of God, they would not fear their own non-existence and evanescence, nor would they be saddened by any vicissitudes. For the shadow has ever been with the sun and moves around it, and the fruit has ever been with the ultimate tree - at times manifest and at times hidden. Yet the non-existence and evanescence of the shadow becomes the cause of its nearness and reunion and its very existence. None but the righteous have had or will have a share of this cup. And whosoever attains to this station and causes his own will to

be annihilated in the Will of God, has everlastingly been in nearness to the Eternal Presence. Therefore, wherever you may be, you are present with Us and standing before God. My mercy be upon you and upon Our remembering handmaidens. And beyond this, in all days the realities of all things are present before the Divine Throne and recount what has befallen them, but people are unaware and do not comprehend.

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=== START BH05688 ===

O Umm-Salih, who has attained unto the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! O handmaiden of God and maidservant of the True One! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who from the Most Great Prison hath turned towards thee and summoneth thee unto God, exalted be His glory, purely for His sake. By the life of the Beloved! The Balance hath been set up, the Path hath been made manifest, and the Beloved of the world crieth out amidst the peoples - that same cry that appeared once in the form of the Trumpet, wherein it was blown, and all who are on earth were struck with swooning, save whom God did will, the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaiden! Be thou thankful in all conditions. Praise be to God that the grace of God did confirm thee in recognizing the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His verses. Whatsoever befell thee in His path hath all been mentioned in His presence and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath absolved thee of thy misdeeds and forgiven thee through His bounty. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to God that thy daughter is engaged in service at the Holy Court. Beseech God that He may confirm her to remain forever adorned with this most glorious ornament. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them that have turned unto God and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH05689 ===

He is the Speaker, the Articulate, the All-Knowing

O people of the earth! The foul odor hath prevented the sweet fragrances of inner meanings from reaching you, and the clamor of the ignorant hath veiled the divine call. However, those possessed of illumined vision have not been prevented from beholding, and those endowed with hearing ears have not been deprived of hearkening to the call of the Lord of Oneness. Every sincere seeker hath surely attained and will attain unto the Desired One. Great indeed is this Day, and its station with God is exceedingly glorious, for in all the divine Scriptures and Books it is truly attributed to God and known as the Day of God. Blessed are they who in this blessed Day have drunk from the hands of bounty the living waters of immortality and have joined with the Beloved of all worlds. O concourse of earth! Strive that ye may not remain deprived and be not withheld from that for which and for Whose sake ye were created. Thus doth the Mighty, the Powerful instruct you as He speaketh amidst mankind and calleth them unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of this world. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said: “Yea, yea, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested through Thy grace and sovereignty that which Thou didst desire. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.”

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O friends! God willing, may you be content through the grace of the All-Merciful with divine decrees and joyful in His commandments. Today is the day of deeds, not words. It is most clear and evident that this Wronged One has been and will continue to be mindful of the loved ones of God, and desires to meet with all. However, affairs proceed according to the wisdom that has been revealed in the divine Books. Be not distressed, and know with certainty that His grace has ever encompassed and will continue to encompass assured and tranquil souls who have turned to Him. All good lies in what He has willed and ordained, for He is the All-Knowing and is aware of what benefits His friends. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to aid you to achieve that which pleases Him. There has been and will be no station higher than submission. Hold fast unto it, O ye who put your trust in God, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. He ordains for whomsoever He wishes the reward of nearness and meeting. How many who were near were kept back, and how many who were remote attained! Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the cord of godliness whereby the Cause of God has been exalted throughout all ages. To this testifies every discerning soul.

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O Dhabih, thou didst write about Shah-Mirza. It is known to that being that from the Divine Source hath been revealed a binding decree whereby We have forbidden all peoples from strife and contention, from the shedding of blood, and from matters that are prohibited and that their minds abhor, to such an extent that it hath been explicitly revealed in most Tablets. Nevertheless, the heedless souls have not awakened, and at all times have been and are opposed to the Tree of the All-Merciful and its branches, twigs, leaves and fruits. In such circumstances, the very deeds of these people have been and will be the cause for the appearance of the small Shah-Mirza and the very great Shah-Mirza and similar servants, that perchance they may become a balm for the wounds in the hearts of the oppressed. O Dhabih, oppression itself giveth rise to the manifestation of might and wrath. If thou wouldst observe with the eye of truth, all people deserve punishment, for they are engaged in oppression, save those whom thy Lord willeth. Nevertheless, God, in His name the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful, doth observe, and therefore hath not desired and doth not desire that anyone should oppose another. Let them leave the oppressor to God and be patient in adversities. This is the truth and the station of the people of truth, and beyond truth there is naught but error.

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In the name of the All-Knowing! O Lord! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath sought the ocean of Thy bounty and the horizon of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to assist me in Thy remembrance and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the leaves of the Tree of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest that Thy helpless handmaiden hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and Thy Most Holy Sanctuary. I implore Thee by Thy generosity not to disappoint her, nor to withhold her from the shores of the ocean of Thy bestowals, nor to keep her distant from the pavilion of Thy nearness and the tabernacle of Thy glory. Thou knowest, O my God and my Lord, what I have heard in Thy path from the polytheists among Thy creatures and what I have witnessed in Thy days. By Thy might, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, Thy handmaiden is not dismayed by tribulations in Thy love nor by adversities in her devotion to Thee. Every poison in Thy path is an antidote, and every ordeal in Thy love is a comfort. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the nations were shaken and the pillars of the world trembled, to open the doors of the heaven of Thy mercy unto Thy loved ones, even as Thou didst open the prison door by the finger of Thy will. O Lord! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants and handmaidens with the light of Thy knowledge, then draw them through the fragrances of Thy raiment. Thou art He Who hath ever been and ever shall be, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05693 ===

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O Shaykh Baba Sa'id, in the name of the All-Knowing Lord! O Shaykh, mention of you has come repeatedly before the Wronged One of the horizons. Praise be to God that you have attained to these blessed days. Ask of the True One that you may attain to the recognition of His Manifestation and that which is manifested through Him. These days have no parallel, nor will they ever have, and mention of them hath been made in all the heavenly Books. You must, God willing, occupy yourself with absolute certitude in reforming the edifices of God, and His edifices have been and ever shall be His servants. The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any constancy, as you observe at all times. Blessed is the soul that today acquireth eternal stations and attaineth unto a matter whose mention floweth from the Supreme Pen, and if one attaineth not unto this station, he shall pass from this ephemeral world with utmost regret. God willing, through divine grace you shall become eloquent in the mention of the True One and arise to serve Him. All make mention of the True One and imagine themselves oriented toward Him, but who shall attain to His acceptance and be adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure? We conclude with these words: Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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O Ali! The glance of favor hath been directed towards you. Were it not for this, that which hath appeared from you would not have appeared. And concerning what you wrote about the weakness of the servants and the heedless souls' lack of attention to the exalted Truth - verily you speak truly. Indeed, the face of the world hath been turned toward irreligion. In all years, nay in all months, nay in all days, it hath been

far from faith, certitude and knowledge, and close to conjecture and vain imaginings. And for a time they shall continue thus, even as the duration thereof hath been revealed and recorded in the Book of God. But be not grieved, for the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shall absorb the excess moisture of nature and shall gather together the scattered letters. This matter is not confined to this age alone, but hath been thus from ancient times, even as a drop from the hidden drops in the divine ocean of knowledge hath been revealed in the holy Tablet of Wisdom. Blessed is he who hath beheld and read it and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who maketh clear to the worlds!” After the passing of the time mentioned in the Book, suddenly shall the Cause of God be upraised and all souls shall turn unto it. Verily thy Lord is the True Informer, the Speaking One, the Faithful Utterer.

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O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! God willing, may you be joyous and successful through the favors of the Lord of Lords, and may you drink at all times from the wine of the mercy of the All-Merciful. Most of the petitions from the people have not reached the Presence due to the obstruction and interception by the highwaymen who block the path of the All-Merciful. However, your petition arrived at the Seat of Divine Unity and was grasped by the hand of grace, and the glance of favor beheld it. Blessed are you and blessed is he who has attained to this mighty grace. For you is written the reward of one who has attained His presence. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. For in these days the path is blocked by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Be content with that which God has been content with - this is better for you, were you of those who know.

O Yahya! Your mention was in the letter, and you had asked for eternal life. The Kawthar of divine grace flows in the chalices of words - take and drink, and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds!” Since harm in coming and going has befallen the very root of the Tree of the Cause, We have therefore forbidden the friends from attaining the presence - otherwise We would have commanded all to attend, for We have come especially for this grace - to give all to drink from the Kawthar of life, the mention of the All-Merciful. The Glory be upon you.

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O youth! The Eye of God is gazing upon thee from the horizon of the Prison. Strive thou in thy youth to become illumined with divine attributes and the Most Glorious Lights. These are days the like of which have never been witnessed. Alas for those souls who in such days have clung to the cord of vain imaginings and remained deprived of the Lord of all beings. The life of the soul hath ever depended upon the waters of the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Should the heart of man be quickened by these subtle spiritual waters, it will abide and endure forever. The lamp of the heart is the love of God - kindle it with the oil of remembrance, that through the assistance of this remembrance, the lamp of love may shine forth with perfect light and radiance, and through that light the inner world may illumine the outer. This is the counsel of truth that hath flowed from the Pen of Command. Blessed art thou and blessed is every hearing and discerning one. Verily thy father is before the Throne - be thou assured and be of the

thankful ones. Convey My greetings to thy mother and brother, then to those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned to this shining Countenance.

=== END BH05697 ===

=== START BH05698 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O handmaiden of God! The Call of the All-Merciful is raised high, yet most of the handmaidens remain heedless of it. Beseech God that thou mayest not be deprived of His Word and its sweetness, and that thou mayest stand so firm in the Cause of God that tribulations shall not hold thee back from the Most Glorious Horizon. Tests and trials have ever existed and shall continue to exist, that truth may be distinguished from falsehood and the doubter from the assured one. Observe how those souls who claimed to believe and who prostrated themselves before the All-Merciful in submission and humility - when His Self was made manifest, most of them became veiled from Him and remained far from the seat of nearness. This is naught but due to the heedlessness of souls, else the sun is far distinct from the shadow, and the flower is clearly evident from its likeness. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of My Cause that were they to open the eye of the heart, all would behold the Truth as existing and all else as non-existent. These are days the like of which have not been seen nor shall be seen. Strive that through the bounty of the Lord of Power thou mayest attain unto the Most Sublime Vision. This is the Truth, and after Truth there is naught save manifest error.

=== END BH05698 ===

=== START BH05699 ===

O Majid! We have all come into being for the victory of God, which is the exaltation of His Word amongst His servants. The Beloved says: “Remember Me, I will remember you.” And it is evident that whoever has turned to the Countenance of the All-Glorious has never been, and shall never be, deprived of the outpourings of His mercy. God willing, we must all remain steadfast on the path of His love and detached from aught else. You have always been before Our gaze and are mentioned in the Most Great Scene. This is that which has endured and shall endure, and all else shall perish - and thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. All that hath befallen you in the path of God is known in His presence. We beseech Him to assist you in all conditions to remember and praise Him and follow His Cause. Verily He is powerful over all things. O Majid! There is no greater thing than steadfastness. We must ask of God to make us firm and steadfast in this Most Great Cause. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who attains unto it. Convey My greetings to the guests and her sisters and her daughter and her daughter’s children and her daughter’s daughter. All are mentioned in the Most Great Scene and are reckoned before God. God willing, may you be engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and delight.

=== END BH05699 ===

=== START BH05701 ===

O Leaf! The Most Holy, Most Glorious! O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be detached from creation and hold fast unto the Truth. Today all relationships are severed, for the Truth exists and relationship to Him is the essential purpose. Hold fast unto the relationship of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Be not grieved by events that have transpired. Strive that thy relationship with the Truth become firm. This is the foundation of deeds and the sovereign of relationships. If thou desirest a helper, verily He is thy helper. If thou desirest a supporter, verily He is thy supporter. If thou desirest a father, by My life He is more compassionate than one. If thou desirest brothers, verily He is more merciful than they unto thee. Hold fast unto this All-Merciful, All-Affectionate, All-Forgiving, Mighty, Generous One. That which hath flowed from the Most Ancient Pen - thou shalt behold its effect, were the relationship to these ones, their deeds, and the fabrications of their tongues not to prevent thee. Leave them to their vain imaginings and hold fast unto this firm and mighty cord. Thou hast been and, God willing, shall remain accounted of God. Make thy heart a place for the love of thy One, Mighty, Peerless Lord. Thus doth the Supreme Pen command thee, as a grace from His presence unto thee. Read thou what hath been revealed for thee, then act upon that which thou hast been commanded with clear certitude. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05701 ===

=== START BH05702 ===

To the lady Muhibbatu'-Nisa in India, upon her be the Glory of God

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

This wronged prisoner, throughout all nights and days, summons the servants and handmaidens of God to the most exalted horizon and the most glorious station. Some souls, having been attracted by the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, have turned toward the Source of Revelation, while others remain in the graves of ignorance and unawareness. Although all testify to the transience of the world and whatsoever is therein, nevertheless they have become so beguiled by ephemeral means that they have, on account of these, shut their eyes to the enduring divine bounties and the sublime, transcendent stations. How excellent is the state of that soul whom the conditions of the world have not deprived of the breezes of the days of the Manifestation. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of immortality that such a one is, in the sight of God, greater than whatsoever hath been created in the kingdom of creation. That honored lady must, through divine favors and heavenly bestowals, hold fast to the cord of the Cause in such wise that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent it. God willing, may you be engaged, morn and eve, in the remembrance of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and drink, at every moment, from the Kawthar of oneness and the Salsabil of detachment. The Glory be upon you and upon those women who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05702 ===

=== START BH05703 ===

Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the peace of God. He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of bounty.

This Wronged One makes mention, for the sake of God, of those who have turned towards Him, and commands that which will profit them and exalt them. Man should fix his gaze upon that which is the source of his glory, elevation and loftiness, and this cannot be attained except through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Time and again this word has flowed from the Pen: through one word and one pure deed, the earth has transcended the heavens. We hope that all may attain to that which is the cause of the acceptance of souls and the harmony of hearts.

O Muhammad-Hasan! Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, forwarded thy letter to the presence of this Wronged One, and this Tablet has been revealed in thy name. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty and say: [already translated prayer portion]

The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05703 ===

=== START BH05704 ===

M.S. His honor H.S., upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power

This Wronged One, imprisoned, bears witness to the oneness of God, exalted be His glory, and to His singleness. He sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books until the mission was sealed with the Seal of the Prophets. He is the One Who acts with free will - whatsoever He has willed or will will is enacted and effective. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We convey greetings to the friends of God and beseech Him not to deprive them from the ocean of His bounty. Today striving is necessary, and likewise meditation on the signs in the horizons and within yourselves. His exalted Word: "And those who strive in Our path, We shall assuredly guide them to Our ways." Look ye in the Book of Certitude and ponder. Say: O friends, count ye the opportunity as precious and arise to make up for what was lost. Speak for God's sake and strive and endeavor in God's path. The Pen is forbidden from mentioning what is befitting, and the tongue from utterance. In all conditions, fix your gaze upon wisdom. We have enjoined wisdom upon all, before and after. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and turneth away from what is forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05704 ===

=== START BH05705 ===

He is, He is He

This letter descending from the pure essence of acceptance is to the land of those who are delighted, and God willing, after its arrival it shall be accepted. Every letter that was written by anyone and to any place, and every fragrance and melody that was made manifest by any soul and from anywhere, was from you and has returned to you. What else do you seek? You carry an ocean of the Beloved upon your shoulders

yet speak of seeking; you hold a universe of the Loved One in your heart yet search for union with the Friend. All these are from the essence of grace and pure justice with which you have been favored. For some time there was no news of you in the visible world. Some said you had taken residence in the monastery, while others pointed to the mosque saying you had secluded yourself there. I said this bewildered, passionate one finds rest nowhere but in the divine sanctuary, and this wanderer of separation takes seclusion nowhere but in the Lord's Ka'bah. It is known that the bird of love soars not without mention of the Friend, and the joyous heart flourishes not except in remembrance of the Light. In any case, since your whereabouts were unknown, mention was delayed, otherwise you shall never be forgotten.

=== END BH05705 ===

=== START BH05706 ===

Details regarding the Tablet revealed on Mount Carmel: After the arrival and descent of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, at that elevated spot, when noon arrived, the food tablecloth was brought and spread in His presence and the meal was served. Suddenly He commanded: "Take up the pen, and with power and grandeur, openly in a clear voice, the verses of God were revealed while the monk of that place stood by listening." When it reached the point that was recorded, since outwardly the meal had been served and those present were waiting, He said: "Let it be for now, we will complete it later." And later when He turned toward Akka from Haifa, He mentioned at the mansion: "The Tablet of Carmel was not completed. Bring it sometime so we may complete it." Outwardly it was this servant's failing that the blessed Tablet remained incomplete, but inwardly - and exalted be His all-encompassing knowledge - He knows for what reason it remained suspended and incomplete, and by what means it should be completed. For there were allusions revealed in the Tablet, and its relationship with God was previously established and verified in the books of the Messengers and in wondrous, sublime verses and God's clear Book. The power is His and the knowledge is with Him.

=== END BH05706 ===

=== START BH05707 ===

Regarding what was mentioned about the blessed verse, that the person in question said they had changed the verses and had written "yati'llah" instead of "ya'tihumu'llah" - it is very clear and evident that no change was intended, rather it was a reference to the meaning of the verse. The original verse is "Do they wait for naught else than that God should come unto them in the shadows of the clouds." This meaning exists and has existed in previous books. The purpose is that the servants should understand and discover the meanings and allusions of the divine verses. This blessed book was revealed in Iraq and printed in India, but before comparison and collation, his honor Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, requested its correction from the Land of Sad. By command some have engaged in collation and God willing after correction it will be sent to that land as well. This is the truth of the matter that was mentioned, but regarding the station of gathering and separation in that book an explanation was given: Say: All is from God. I conclude these words with what the All-Merciful has revealed regarding gnosis: God blots out whatever He wills and confirms, and with Him is the Mother of the Book.

=== END BH05707 ===

=== START BH05708 ===

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

For what purpose was the sun created? That it might be a reflection of the lights of His countenance. For what purpose did the heaven come into being? That it might be a sign of His loftiness. Why was the sea made manifest? That it might be an evidence of His generosity. And this is mentioned according to the capacity of the people of the earth, otherwise the Sun of Truth is sanctified above what hath been mentioned and what will be mentioned.

O friends! The true spring hath appeared, the Hidden Treasure hath been made manifest. Deprive not yourselves. Say: O people of the world, hasten ye and count this time as precious. By the life of God! One point revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in these days containeth within it countless books, and the Ocean of Knowledge is concealed therein. Today is the day of bounty and the day of grace and generosity. Say: Purify your hearts from the doubts and allusions of the people of the world, that ye may attain unto that which hath been mentioned and drink from the ocean of meanings that lieth hidden within the words of the King of Reality. I swear by the sun of the heaven of proof - whosoever attaineth unto it and drinketh thereof, the Tongue of Grandeur shall utter the blessed words “Well is it with those who drink!” and “Happy are they who drink!”

=== END BH05708 ===

=== START BH05709 ===

O Ali Asghar, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. The Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, and the Supreme Horizon is illumined and adorned with the Name of the Lord of Names. Blessed is he whom the veils of the people and their vain imaginings have not withheld from the True Sovereign. This is the Day of God, and no mention save the mention of God, exalted be His glory, is acceptable. Yet the people are heedless of the station of the Day and speak according to their former vain imaginings, clinging to the suppositions of ancient times. Say: O ye who have gone astray! What was the outcome of all that the former people said and did, and what fruit did they reap? Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the distracted ones. This is the day of steadfastness and the day of deeds, for the Sun of Revelation is risen and the Ocean of bounty is surging. Occupy not yourselves with the suppositions and vain imaginings of the ignorant ones of the earth. The Wronged One counseleth you with that which shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord. He is, verily, the All-Merciful, the Generous. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH05709 ===

=== START BH05710 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and Power!

Hearken to the call of the sorrowful Prisoner, Who summons thee from the horizon of the manifest Prison and calls thee to the truth. Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who enabled and assisted thee in that whose effects shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Though today ye yourselves perceive it not, yet days shall come forth from the treasuries of divine purpose and the horizon of the merciful Will when your deed shall become manifest among all creatures and be mentioned by every tongue. We beseech God to grant you such success that ye may partake of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful, which floweth from the right hand of divine Will, detached from all else save Him. We have summoned thee for the sake of God and desire naught for thee save good. We hope that henceforth, turning thy gaze unto God, thou wilt occupy thyself in service to the Manifestation of His Cause. The reward of no one hath been or shall be lost. Every deed performed for God - its fragrance shall never be cut off and its fruits shall return to the doer in this world and the next. His knowledge encompasseth all things. He is indeed the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05710 ===

=== START BH05711 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer! Say: O clamorous ones! This is the Day of God, wherein naught is seen save Him and His signs. Today the Kingdom of Names profiteth not, nor do the mentions of the world enrich. Blessed is the soul that hath rent asunder the veils and torn away the coverings and turned toward the horizon of God alone. Such a one is among the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Say: O friends! Adorn yourselves with the ornament of steadfastness, lest every heedless and remote one cause you to slip. Cast aside suppositions and idle fancies, and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest ye reject the truth by that which ye possess. Fear the All-Merciful, and be not among the heedless. This is the Day which past ages and centuries can never rival. Know this, and be not of the ignorant. Thus warbleth the Dove of Eternity upon the branch of faithfulness, as bidden by God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every ignorant one who hath turned away from the Truth and was among the heedless in a perspicuous Book. We send from this Spot Our glorification upon the faces of those who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Glory be upon the people of Baha, whom the doubts of the opposers have not kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05711 ===

=== START BH05712 ===

O handmaiden of God, wife of the late Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon them both be the Glory of God! He says: O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden, hear My call! Praise be to God that through His preceding mercy, His all-encompassing grace, and His all-pervading favors, thou hast attained recognition of the Dawning-Place of God’s verses and the Dayspring of divine revelation. How many among the learned remained deprived of this supreme gift, while thou hast attained unto it! The company of the divines at this time are not mentioned in the Most Holy Court, while thou art mentioned. Now consider what service thou hast rendered in return for this bounty. Say: O my God, my Adored One, my King, King of Kings! I beseech Thee to aid me and grant me success, that I may act in accordance with what befits

Thy days and engage in that which is worthy of Thy generosity and bounty. O Generous One! Guide the heedless to the ocean of awareness, illumine Thy handmaidens with the light of Thy Name, and assist them to perform pure and holy deeds and to acquire praiseworthy character. Unto Thee be praise and glory, unto Thee be grace and bounty. Thou hast guided this evanescent ant to the pavilion of Thy knowledge and given her shelter beneath the shade of the tabernacle of Thy majesty. Thou art the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH05712 ===

=== START BH05713 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

By God! Through tribulation has increased the love of Baha to such an extent that nothing has deterred Him from the remembrance of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. At all times He summons the peoples of the worlds to their Lord, the All-Merciful. How wondrous is this fire which, whenever water touches it, grows more intense in its love for its Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing. He accepted abasement for the glory of all on earth and chose imprisonment for the salvation of the worlds. O thou who wanderest! This is a mighty, mighty Cause which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot withstand. Shouldst thou find the sweetness of thy Lord's remembrance in but one of His verses, thou wouldst swoon away at that moment, and upon arising thou wouldst say: "I testify, O my God, that the Daysprings of Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Inspiration came before Thy Manifestation, and in every word that proceedeth from His mouth is concealed that which giveth life to the worlds." O Lord! He dwelleth in the most desolate of lands, though by His Name the heavens and earth were built up. Thus have Thy wrongdoing servants behaved. If thou art enkindled with the heat of My love as befitteth this Revelation whereby the faces of those near unto God were illumined, then make mention before Me of him who hath sought Me. Then give him to drink from the chalice of My grace held forth by the fingers of My loving-kindness, that it may draw him to the horizon of My mercy and the dawning-place of My names and the seat of My mighty throne. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05713 ===

=== START BH05714 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Blessed is He Who hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation with a sovereignty that the powers of the world have failed to withstand. He speaketh amongst the nations: verily there is none other God but Him, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Say: He, verily, is the One Who speaketh the truth and commandeth the people to that which profiteth them in this world and the next, yet most of the people know not. He hath commanded all to observe piety and that which will lead them to the ultimate goal, but they have turned away and objected, having followed every heedless and rejected one. We show them the Most Great Vision, yet they turn away from it, and We give them glad tidings of the Day they were promised in the Qur'an, yet they pay no heed. Say: This is the Day of which the Qur'an did aforetime give tidings through His words "On that Day shall sovereignty belong to God, the Mighty, the Well-

Beloved." Say: This is the Day whereon mankind hath risen before God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Verily those whom We behold in doubt are in a torment that shall not be turned back. Hold fast unto this Most Great Tablet, then recite it unto those who have turned to the horizon of Revelation and have faced the Countenance after the passing away of all things. They, verily, are the people of Baha amidst earth and heaven, upon whom the angels near unto God do send their blessings. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath arisen to serve the Cause on this promised Day.

=== END BH05714 ===

=== START BH05715 ===

XXVII

Thou beholdest, O my God, the Day-Star of Thy Word shining above the horizon of Thy prison-city, inasmuch as within its walls He who is the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Day-Spring of the light of Thy unity hath raised His voice and uttered Thy praise. The fragrances of Thy love have thereby been wafted over Thy cities and have encompassed all the dwellers of Thy realm.

Since Thou hast revealed Thy grace, O my God, deter not Thy servants from directing their eyes towards it. Consider not, O my God, their estate, and their concerns and their works. Consider the greatness of Thy glory, and the plenteousness of Thy gifts, and the power of Thy might, and the excellence of Thy favors. I swear by Thy glory! Wert Thou to look upon them with the eye of justice, all would deserve Thy wrath and the rod of Thine anger. Hold Thou Thy creatures, O my God, with the hands of Thy grace, and make Thou known unto them what is best for them of all the things that have been created in the kingdom of Thine invention.

We testify, O my God, that Thou art God, and that there is no God besides Thee. From eternity Thou hast existed with none to equal or rival Thee, and wilt abide for ever the same. I beseech Thee, by the eyes which see Thee stablished upon the throne of unity and the seat of oneness, to aid all them that love Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and to lift them up into such heights that they will testify with their own beings and with their tongues that Thou art God alone, the Incomparable, the One, the Ever-Abiding. Thou hast had at no time any peer or partner. Thou, in truth, art the All-Glorious, the Almighty, Whose help is implored by all men.

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Thou dost witness, O my God, how He Who is Thy splendor calleth Thee to remembrance, notwithstanding the manifold troubles that have touched Him, troubles which none except Thee can number. Thou beholdest how, in His prison-house, He recounteth Thy wondrous praises with which Thou didst inspire Him. Such is His fervor that His enemies are powerless to deter Him from mentioning Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all names!

Praised be Thou that Thou hast so strengthened Him with Thy strength, and endowed Him by Thine almighty power with such potency, that aught save Thee is in His estimation but a handful of dust. The lights of unfading splendor have so enveloped Him that all else but Thee is in His eyes but a shadow.

And when Thine irresistible summons reached me, I arose, fortified by Thy strength, and called all that are in Thy heaven and all that are on Thy earth to turn in the direction of Thy favors and the horizon of Thy bounties. Some caviled at me, and determined to hurt me and slay me. Others drank to the full of the wine of Thy grace, and hastened towards the habitation of Thy throne.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Creator of earth and heaven and the Source of all things, to attract Thy servants through the fragrances of the Robe of Thine Inspiration and Thy Revelation, and to help them attain the Tabernacle of Thy behest and power. From eternity Thou wert by Thy transcendent might supreme over all things, and Thou wilt be exalted unto eternity in Thy Godhead and surpassing sovereignty.

Let Thy mercy, then, be upon Thy servants and Thy creatures. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Inaccessible, the All-Glorious, the Unconditioned.

=== END BH05716 ===

=== START BH05717 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious, exalted be He Who hath revealed His Hidden Beauty with such lights as have encompassed the heavens and the earth, and hath caused every thing to voice the praise of the Dawning-Place of His Command when He came from the heaven of majesty with manifest sovereignty. O people of the earth! That which was concealed in the eternity of eternities hath appeared, and by its lights have the peaks and mountains been illumined, while ye remain among the heedless. Turn ye with radiant faces unto the Most Glorious Horizon that ye may behold the Sun of Beauty of your Lord, the Most Exalted, dawning from God's hallowed, mighty and wise Perspective. How long will ye follow your desires? Cast away idle fancies, now that the Dawning-Place of knowledge hath appeared through a Command that hath stunned all who are in the heavens and on earth, save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dawning-Place of certitude while every deluded remote one hath turned away. Drink thou the Water of Life at all times from the verses of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then turn away from the idolaters. He will verily assist thee with the truth even as He assisted thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, verily, the One Who overshadoweth all worlds. Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee. Rather, rejoice with this joy whereby hearts have soared unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH05717 ===

=== START BH05718 ===

Ponder, O My loved ones, upon this wondrous One through Whom hath appeared the decree of creation. Blessed is he who hath recognized and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" This is the

Originator of the heavens and the earth, Who hath no likeness among similitudes and no peer from aforetime. Ponder that ye may know what your All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord hath intended. By God! Through Him hath shone forth the Luminary of creation and every wondrous command hath been established. Pay no heed to those who speak according to their desires - they are indeed among the heedless. Verily, he who speaketh the truth desireth naught but your own good, as every truthful and trustworthy one doth testify. He hath borne what no one before Him hath borne, and hath seen what the eyes of the Messengers have not seen. Blessed is he who pondereth upon this Revelation and what hath appeared in its days - We testify that he is among those endowed with discernment. We beseech God to assist the people of Baha to remain steadfast in His Cause and to act in accordance with what they have been commanded in a perspicuous Tablet. Well is it with thee for having attained unto the days of thy Lord and for having turned unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast through the power and might of God - verily He is with His steadfast servants. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH05718 ===

=== START BH05719 ===

O Haji ’Abdu’r-Rahim! He is the Mighty! These are the verses of holiness which We have sent down in truth from Our presence upon all the worlds, that the people may follow the paths of their Lord and enter into the garden which hath been made manifest in the name of God. Say: O people! Hearken unto that which the Spirit casteth upon you, and follow not those unto whom God hath given no authority and who are recorded in the Mother Book as among the heedless. Follow ye the path of God, unto Whom belongeth the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, and follow not every foolish madman. Thus do We cast upon thee the word of truth and reveal unto thee that which gladdeneth thy heart and delivereth thee from the veils of fancy through this Name which hath been concealed from the eyes of the mystics. Say: By God! This is the Beauty of the Unseen Who hath appeared in truth, despite those who have denied God and been veiled from this Youth. O Rahim! Rejoice thou within thyself, then give glad tidings unto the people, and fear no one but place thy trust in God, thy Lord. Verily He will protect thee from every rejected polytheist. And beware lest thou deviate from wisdom by even less than an atom, lest discord be stirred up and harm return to the court of the glorious Beloved. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon every believer who hath been regarded by the eye of God.

=== END BH05719 ===

=== START BH05720 ===

He is the One Who prevails in His Cause, the All-Knowing, the Most Great

These are the verses of holiness sent down in truth, wherein is mentioned every wise matter and wherein is that which draws those who have believed near to the seats of paradise in the Ridvan of luminous nearness. O servant, know that God has ordained for you in the Book a station of glorious honor, in that you have migrated unto God and endured heat and cold in His path and have entered upon a shore of mighty holiness. All this is a bounty from God and His mercy upon you and upon those who dwell in the arenas of grandeur, then hasten therein. Therefore rejoice within yourself, then give thanks to God your Creator in His days, in that He has given you of the wonders of His favor and caused you to know His Self

in the manifestations of His holiness and made you among the guided ones. Turn with your whole being to your Beloved, then detach yourself from all else, and this is better for you than the heavens and earth and all that the sun shines upon, if you be of those possessed of certitude. Thus does the Dove teach you from the mysteries of eternity and draw you near unto God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Generous. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who have turned toward God before a time, or after a time, or at the time of times.

=== END BH05720 ===

=== START BH05721 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the precincts of the mighty Throne unto him who hath attained the presence of God and was a servant unto His exalted and glorious Self. O servant! Rejoice within thyself that thou hast attained unto the presence of thy Lord and hast heard His wondrous and incomparable melodies, and hast taken shelter beneath the shade of the House and hast occupied thyself with that which thy Beloved and those faithful servants who were round about Him did partake. By God! It behooveth thee to glory in the Kingdom of Names that the Sun of Eternity hath shone upon thee from the horizon of glory with manifest and evident sovereignty. Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that the cawing of the idolaters shall not cause thee to deviate. Know thou that the Cause was in the grasp of My power, and none was aware of this save My All-Knowing, All-Informed Self. And whatsoever We indicated unto others besides Us was out of a wisdom from Our presence which none knoweth save God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. Be thou steadfast in the Cause with a sovereignty from thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. And may glory rest upon thee and upon those who are round about thee among Our believing servants, whether female or male, young or old. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05721 ===

=== START BH05722 ===

O Muhammad-Quli! In the name of the one omniscient God. All things have testified to the greatness of the Manifestation of God, yet the servants remain heedless of His appearance and are devoted to the idols of their desires. How excellent is the state of the one who, through the Name of the Lord of all beings, has rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and has attained unto the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon. Whosoever today attains unto the recognition of God, it is as though he has attained unto the recognition of all the Prophets and Messengers from the beginning that has no beginning unto the end that has no end. This wondrous Day has no peer or likeness. Every eye that beholds Him is the sovereign of all eyes, and every tongue that makes mention of Him is the lord of all tongues. Blessed is the heart that has turned unto Him, blessed the foot that has hastened unto Him, and blessed the hand that has taken hold of the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We counsel thee to that which is today the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. Beseech God that He may enable thee to hearken unto His utterance, for should anyone discover the sweetness of His utterance, all the peoples of the

world would be powerless to alter it. Place thy trust in all things in God, thy Lord, and say: Sufficient unto me is God, and excellent is He as a Guardian. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH05722 ===

=== START BH05723 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory and grandeur.

All men and women were awaiting the Manifestation of divine Revelation and watching for the dawning of the celestial Light. But when the true Dawn appeared and the Most Great Luminary rose from the horizon of the world, some turned away from the Dayspring of divine Oneness due to their veils of self and clung to their own desires. He Who today calls the entire world to truth and, with utmost loving-kindness and compassion, summons those lost in the valley of error to the horizon of guidance - Him they have, with utter tyranny and aggression, imprisoned in this city which is the most desolate of earth's cities. However, this imprisonment shall cause the exaltation of God's Cause and the upliftment of His blessed primal Word, for God is the All-Compelling and that which He has willed shall surely encompass the whole world. That honored lady must occupy herself with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility with the utmost joy and delight, for that which shall endure is the remembrance and deed that appears purely for the sake of God. May she ever be illumined with the lights of faith and adorned with the ornament of the love of God.

=== END BH05723 ===

=== START BH05724 ===

O Aqa Baqir, upon him be the glory of God - He is the Helper, the All-Wise! The entire world awaited the Days of God, for the True One, exalted be His glory, had promised them in His Books, Psalms and Scriptures. Thus in the Furqan, which is the supreme proof of God, He saith: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the Days of God." This blessed verse was revealed aforetime, and the True One, exalted be His glory, informed His Beloved of it. All souls, in their nights and days, yearned and longed for the encounter with this blessed Day, yet when this Day dawned from the horizon of God's Will, all were found to be heedless and turned away. O friends! Praise with the utmost humility, submissiveness and devotion the Beloved of all possibility, for He confirmed you in a Cause from which most of the world, despite their seeking, remained deprived. All the tongues of created things have failed and will forever fail to offer sufficient thanks for this supreme blessing. Hearken unto the testament of the Wronged One of the horizons and strive that ye may attain to the good-pleasure of the Friend. No station greater than this station can be seen. Verily He is the One Who speaketh the truth, and He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH05724 ===

=== START BH05725 ===

In the Name of the one true God! All the world and the peoples of every nation have awaited the days of the Manifestation, and the True One, exalted be His glory, gave them all glad tidings of these days, as

evidenced by His exalted Word: “Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the days of God.” Likewise in previous Books He informed all peoples so that all humanity might be prepared for the outpourings of the days of God. However, when the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen was raised between earth and heaven and the Countenance of the Manifestation appeared manifest and resplendent from the horizon of divine will, all became occupied with their own vain imaginings and turned away from the Sun of Truth, save whom God willed. And fewer still reflected on what caused the Jews to remain in expectation until this day, or what led to the veiling of the Christians. By God’s life, the people are in manifest loss! All these matters in every age and dispensation have appeared due to the turning away of the outward divines, as every discerning and assured soul bears witness. God willing, you shall be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings in this divine Day. Verily He is the Ordainer, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05725 ===

=== START BH05726 ===

O Muhammad-Rida, upon whom be God’s peace! In the name of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Jinab-i-Abu’l-Hasan, upon whom be the Glory of God, arrived and made mention of you. Therefore, this Wronged One in this manifest prison became occupied with your remembrance. We have made mention and continue to make mention of everyone who is illumined by the lights of unity and who has attained to the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful. O Muhammad-Rida! By the lights of the Sun of the horizon of proof, We have, for the sake of God, summoned the servants to God, exalted be His glory, and counseled them to perform goodly deeds and manifest praiseworthy conduct, that perchance the abasement of the people of unity might be changed to glory and the lowered standards might be raised aloft. However, no one accepted the counsels of this Wronged One. At last He found His place in prison. In all conditions We give thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, and We have been and are content with whatsoever hath befallen Us. And We counsel thee to that which is the cause and source of everlasting remembrance. Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and have entrusted my affairs unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Then cause me, O my God, to be confirmed in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving Thy loved ones. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05726 ===

=== START BH05727 ===

O son of Jinab-i-Khalil who attained the presence and won the victory! He is the One dawning from the horizon of eternity. The hosts of divine love and affection advanced upon existence. Finding every heart receptive, they conquered and seized it. The heart is a throne for the establishment of divine love. Glory be to God! This love sometimes appears in the form of light and at times manifests in the shape of fire, speaking from the earthly sphere to the celestial realms. His is the kingdom. Its fragrances cause the world to progress and nations to unite. Blessed is the soul that discovered its fragrance and hastened to the pathway of the Friend. The Supreme Pen testifies that you turned towards Him and, purely for the

sake of God, set out from your home intending to reach the Most Great House of God. You bore the hardship of travel and traversed sea and land until you arrived at the Most Great Prison and heard His sweetest call and beheld His most exalted horizon. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and the One remembered in the hearts of Thy chosen ones, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love and enabled me to attain Thy presence, for which most of Thy servants died in their longing. I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH05727 ===

=== START BH05728 ===

In My Name, the One Manifest before the faces of all peoples. The essence of praise and glory beseemeth the Peerless Beloved Who, in the Most Great Prison, despite the sorrows that have descended and the tribulations that have rained down, hath occupied His tongue with the mention of His loved ones and His Pen with that which draweth them nigh unto Him. Blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the words of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in evident veils. Take hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy and say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy service, gazing toward Thy horizon, and clinging to Thy mighty cord. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O my Lord! Leave me not to myself. Take my hand with the hand of Thy power and deliver me from the clay of the vain imaginings of Thy servants. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy sealed choice Wine, and by Thy manifest Light, and by Thy Call from the Mount whereby the graves were raised up and the darkness was illumined, to aid me in all conditions to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amidst Thy creation, and ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee and are sincere in their love. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH05728 ===

=== START BH05729 ===

O Abdul-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Giving, the Generous!

The essence of praise and glorification and the quintessence of remembrance and splendor befit that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, from the sealed wine, bestowed eternal life and everlasting existence upon the inhabitants of the graves.

O Abdul-Baqi! The Eternal Lord declares: Whatever occurred and transpired in the Prison-land was in accordance with the requirements of the tenderness, mercy, gifts and favors of God, exalted be His glory. My handmaiden and leaf, Sakinih, upon her be My Glory, was accepted and adorned with the honor of His good-pleasure. However, the Wronged One did not wish, in the presence of God's friends, to give precedence to the Branches in the matter of marriage. Therefore, We chose and bestowed Our favor

upon Abdullah, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, inasmuch as the father, uncle and cousin of Habibullah, upon him be My Glory, had been afflicted with great tribulations in the path of divine love. Thus was manifested, through pure bounty, grace and mercy, that which was in accordance with God's will. All must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest in the Prison-land also that which would cause the exaltation of His Word and the dawning of the light of His Cause. The Glory shining from the horizon of My heaven be upon you and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05729 ===

=== START BH05730 ===

Hasan Aqa The Most Holy, The Most Great

O H.S.! The glance of loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards thee, and the Pen of the Ancient beareth witness to that which hath been mentioned. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. The foundation of the Cause is to arise to serve God. Thou must arise to serve this Cause with the utmost kindliness, mercy and spiritual qualities. Be not grieved by differences in outward matters. God willing, all shall be set right through divine favor. Be thou confident in thy Lord's grace and be steadfast in an exalted manner. Whoso ariseth to serve Him, verily He will arise to assist him in all things. By My life, this is a truth like unto His very existence. Rejoice thou in this word which hath issued forth from the horizon of thy Lord's Will, and be of the thankful ones. The affairs of this land are greatly disturbed. None should journey to this region. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey My greetings to the friends of God, and whenever thou beholdest in any soul the fire of search, mention unto him the Desired One. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and to thy family, and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05730 ===

=== START BH05731 ===

O handmaiden of Muhammad Darbaghi, upon both of you be the glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance. The Promised One has rent asunder the veils and the Hidden Mystery has shone forth from the horizon of manifestation. He is the One intended in all divine books, mentioned and recorded therein, the One Whose presence all servants longed for and Whose advent they sought. Nevertheless, when the gate of reunion was opened and the breeze of attainment wafted, all remained heedless and unconscious in the wilderness of negligence, save whom God willed. Those who counted themselves among the foremost and considered themselves preeminent in knowledge and insight were deprived of His presence and veiled from the purpose and cause of creation. O handmaiden of God! Praise the Lord of Names, Who enabled thee to recognize a Cause from which men have remained deprived. By the life of God! This is a bounty that no other bounty in creation can equal. Know thou this and be among the thankful ones. Now beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve thee and the women of that land from the smoke and to keep them steadfast in His Cause. Glory be upon thee and

upon every maidservant who hath turned unto Him, attained, and remained firm in the love of her Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

=== END BH05731 ===

=== START BH05732 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be unto the Desired One Who, through His grace and bounty, hath directed His will toward the guidance of the peoples of the world. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto His signs and the ear that hath hearkened unto His call from the horizon of the prison of ʼAkka.

O Hatim, upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of eternity! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this most sublime and wondrous Tablet hath been sent down especially for thee from the heaven of divine Will, that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and thy heart may rejoice. When thou attainest unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all men and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which speaketh of Thy grace, Thy bounty, Thy generosity and Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and enabled to voice Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O my Lord! Thou seest me drawn to Thy verses, voicing Thy praise, awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy and bounty, and clinging to the cord of Thy power. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones among Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, unto Whose power and sovereignty the atoms bear witness, and all created things to Thy greatness and might. Thou art, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH05732 ===

=== START BH05733 ===

O handmaiden of God, Sultan Bigum, sister of Haji Ahmad! Give praise to the peerless Lord that thou hast drunk from the cup of bounty from the hands of divine favors and hast attained thereunto. Blessed art thou that thou art engaged in His remembrance among the handmaidens and art turned toward the direction of His grace. This is the Day when the soul-entrancing call of the Lord of Names is raised from the right side of the luminous Spot. Acceptable is the soul that hath hearkened with the ear of the spirit to the call of the All-Merciful and hath attained unto its sweetness. After the completion of creation, between the right and the left in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, there was outwardly no distinction. After the utterance of the Word that both united and separated, addressing the Hands We said: “Take hold of whichever hand is first raised and turns in acceptance.” That hand was honored with the robe of acceptance and was designated as “the right.” Observe this same principle throughout all creation. Blessed is the hand that today hath attained unto the Tablet of God, detached from all else save Him, and through the power of the Most Great Name hath taken hold of it and hath drunk and given to drink the Water of Life that lay hidden within the chalices of the words of the All-Merciful. Draw thou My

handmaidens through My remembrance, then recite unto them that which hath been sent down from the Pen of My Command, that they may soar in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH05733 ===

=== START BH05735 ===

O Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is manifest with truth in the Kingdom of Utterance before the faces of all religions! Praise and thanksgiving befit those who dwell in the depths of oneness, who have passed beyond the gulf of names and made their way toward the ocean of inner meanings. Names did not become a veil to them, nor did the hatred and malice of the people of creation prevent them. Through divine power and heavenly grace they arose to educate the souls of nations and reform the world. They recline upon the cushions of detachment and hold fast to the fear of God. Neither self nor desire prevented them from drawing nigh to the supreme horizon nor held them back from turning toward it. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which will exalt thy station in all the worlds of thy Lord. Verily He ordains for whomever He wishes the good of the hereafter and of this world, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. We counsel thee to perform goodly deeds and whatsoever will draw thee near to the All-Informed One. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me in Thy letter and sent down for me that which transforms ignorance into knowledge, fire into light, and poverty into wealth. I testify that Thou hast manifested what was hidden from eyes and minds. There is no God but Thee, the One empowered over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy firm and mighty command.

=== END BH05735 ===

=== START BH05736 ===

He is God, exalted be His might and glorified be His grandeur! At a time when the heavens of love have been upraised, and the sun of affection hath dawned from the dayspring of the morn of fidelity, and the moon of loving-kindness hath appeared from the horizon of friendship, and the stars of grace shine forth from the dawning-place of bounty, and crimson-faced beauties with cups of faithful wine are singing, and white-faced maidens with goblets of pure milk move in circles melodiously, and the maidens of the paradise of intimacy in the pavilions of holiness warble with verses of attraction, and the beauties of the Throne of meeting in the garden of eternity chant with the Most Glorious letters, and the dove of loving-kindness upon the branches of the tree of divine authority is joyous, and the nightingale of the divine lote-tree upon the twigs of the tree of oneness is in song and ecstasy, and the divine fire from the tree of Sinai in the land of joy through verses of attraction is praised and celebrated, and the light of the Eternal from the Lote Tree of camphor upon the Throne of manifestation through melodies of resurrection is renowned - blessed are ye and joy be unto you and unto whosoever hath entered into your love and drunk from the cups of your affection and the goblets of your attraction. Therefore give thanks unto God, your Lord and your Beloved, and turn not unto any other than Him, and be of those who prostrate themselves before His countenance. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05736 ===

=== START BH05737 ===

O Nabil, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's] glorious dominion. He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power. The blessed letter which you wrote to this evanescent one brought life and strength. And after this transient one's taste acquired the sweetness and delight of the world of the world, he turned toward the Most Holy and Supreme Court and presented the requests. He smiled and uttered this blessed word - exalted be His glory: "We have decreed what he desired and have forgiven him." God willing, may they be focused on the Truth in all conditions and act according to what He loves and is pleased with. End quote. Praise be to God, that beloved one attained to the word which he desired. The grace of the Truth towards him is of such magnitude that it had and has no need of mention by this servant. For God is your understanding, and for God is your deed, and for God is your sincerity, and for God is your humility, and for God is your submissiveness, and for God is your turning to Him, and for God is your verse and prose. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth, exalted be His glory, that He will assist and confirm that beloved one in all conditions to praise and glorify and extol and magnify and remember and express Him. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind. Praise be to our Lord, the Glorious, the Beautiful, the Powerful, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH05737 ===

=== START BH05738 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The remembrance of God's servant - verily through His remembrance He quickeneth every decomposed bone, and verily His remembrance is the Physician of hearts, whereby every soul is healed of every ailment, and He is, verily, powerful over all things. Remember thy Lord and forget not God's favor unto thee when He brought thee forth from thy mother's womb and nurtured thee through the hands of grace until He caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and made thee among those who have attained success, inscribed in the Tablet. Aid thy Lord in teaching My Cause that perchance the people may drink from this Wine which hath been sealed with the seal of might. It hath been prescribed for every soul to teach His Cause that the signs of God may be spread among His servants and that they may be united in this Cause which hath been inscribed in the Book. Fear thou no one but place thy trust in God, thy Lord, and He will suffice thee against all the worlds. Wash the people with the spirit and with this Kawthar which hath flowed from the fingers of grace in a wondrous paradise of glory. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whosoever hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance and is numbered among the unitarians, recorded in the Tablet. By God! He is renowned among the denizens of the Supreme Concourse as one of the people of Baha. Convey Our greetings unto thy wife and unto those who have been with thee on a straight and glorious path.

=== END BH05738 ===

=== START BH05739 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of the Prison. A mention revealed by the One Who is mentioned for him who hath turned to the Countenance when the veils were rent asunder and the coverings were torn by the finger of God's will, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath

attained unto the knowledge of God and the hand that hath taken hold of His perspicuous Book. Thy mention was presented and the servant who was present before the Countenance read it. We heard it and have answered thee through this luminous Tablet. By God! The luminary of prosperity hath shone forth from the horizons of the Tablets, yet the people are in grievous doubt. Their vain desires have kept them back from God, their Creator. They are indeed among the heedless ones. The mountains have passed away and the Cry hath been raised, the Trumpet hath been sounded and the Herald hath called out, yet the people are in strange stupor. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Dawning-Place of the verses and Dayspring of clear tokens and Source of the oceans of wisdom and utterance in the contingent world! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Pen of destiny and by Thy might in Thy kingdom to make me steadfast in Thy love and speaking in Thy praise and detached from all else besides Thee. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Powerful, the All-Subduing, the Omnipotent. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee and which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05739 ===

=== START BH05740 ===

HE IS THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GREAT

A remembrance from Us to one of the servants, that he might draw nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O servant! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. By My life! If thou wouldst hear My call and find its sweetness, thou wouldst forsake all creation, turning thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and remember thy Lord with a tongue whereby the hearts of the heedless would be attracted. Deprive not thyself of this most great bounty. Draw nigh unto the Kawthar of divine knowledge, then drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who are heedless this Day, these have no portion of this mighty ocean. Say: O my God! Leave me not to myself and my desires. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which spirits were attracted and bodies took flight, to aid me in recognizing the Manifestation of Thy Self. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the August, the All-Praised. God willing, through divine grace in this spiritual dawn thou shalt become one who partakes of the wine of inner meanings. The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any permanence. Strive thou to drink of the everlasting wine and enter the divine Kingdom. Know ye the value of these days and beseech God that He may cause to appear from you that which would ensure the perpetuation of your spirit and your goodly remembrance. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH05740 ===

=== START BH05741 ===

O mother of Ibn-i-'Attar! This is the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great remembrance from Us to her who believed in her Lord and was among the devout ones, inscribed in a mighty tablet. When the Sun of the Beauty of her Most Glorious Lord shone forth, she turned to Him and said: "I believe in God, the Lord of all worlds." She is among those women who have won the lights of recognition in the days of God and

who have spoken His praise among His servants. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to turn unto Him at the end and for having mentioned His handmaidens in this radiant dawn. O handmaiden of God! God counsels thee to manifest the greatest steadfastness in these days wherein the feet of them endued with understanding have slipped and the faces of the deniers have turned black. Associate not with the idolatrous women - thus doth the Revealer of verses command thee. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. When thou seest one of them, be as the fire of God that she may feel from thee the heat of the love of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord. He maketh mention of thee through His grace. He is, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. We have made mention of thee in numerous tablets - all this from His favor unto thee. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. May the glory from God, the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, rest upon thee and upon thy sons and daughters.

=== END BH05741 ===

=== START BH05742 ===

In the Name of Him Who is Powerful over all who are on earth and in heaven

A remembrance from Us to him who hath turned towards Us when the divines and theologians of the earth turned away. He Who speaketh, and will continue to speak, beareth witness to this: There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. When thou art drawn by the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me Thy path, made clear to me Thy proof, sent down from the kingdom of utterance Thy verses, and manifested to the servants Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by the glances of the eyes of Thy loving-kindness and the manifestations of Thy power throughout Thy lands to make me assisted in the service of Thy Cause and in Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. O Lord! This is Thy Day wherein the ocean of Thy grace hath surged and the fragrances of Thy mercy have wafted. I beseech Thee by the station whereon Thy throne was established and the pavilion of Thy glory and the canopy of Thy loftiness were raised up, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. I know not what profiteth me. Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy utterance and the suns of Thy favors to aid me to remain firm in the Most Great Steadfastness. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05742 ===

=== START BH05743 ===

O Abbas, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. A mention from Us to him who hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in God when most of the servants turned away. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Witness. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness unto him who hath turned to

His Most Exalted Horizon, despite those who disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds. They who turned away, these are debarred from the breezes of My mercy and We have forbidden them the heavenly table We sent down from the heaven of Our grace. We, verily, are powerful over all things. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the angels and the Spirit descend at every moment. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee now as a grace from Us. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. This is a Day wherein all things speak even as the Ancient Beauty spoke when He was seated upon His Most Great Throne. Yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant of thy Lord and believed in what He revealed unto thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful. Know thou then that thy son hath journeyed until he entered Paradise and stood before the presence of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing. We have sheltered him beneath the shade of the Tree as a grace from Us. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who are with thee in thy station. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05743 ===

=== START BH05744 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A mention from Us to him whose name was present before the Face of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison–he who hath accepted all tribulations for the exaltation of the Word of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have remembered those who have turned to the Countenance, and We remember them as a grace from God, the Lord of all worlds. O ’Ali! The face of the Prisoner hath turned toward thee from this far-distant shore and mentioneth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. When thou art made victorious through the verses of thy Lord and findest the fragrance of His loving-kindness, say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having created me and provided for me and guided me to Thy most exalted horizon–the station wherein the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances doth speak. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby all things were attracted and the ocean of Thy knowledge surged in the world of creation, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy religion. Thou, verily, art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. I moreover beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to aid me in the service of Thy Cause and in that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Lord of all worlds and the Educator of all nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

=== END BH05744 ===

=== START BH05745 ===

O Siyyid Nasru’llah, who hath migrated and attained! He is the One Who speaketh at the heart of the world. This is a mention from Us to him who hath attained the presence and won that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. He left his home, turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon, until he attained the presence and won that which was recorded by the Most Glorious Pen in the Crimson Tablet. He is assuredly among the triumphant ones. He entered the Prison, heard the call of the

Wronged One, and beheld the countenance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. We bear witness that he responded when the Call was raised, and turned when the Most Exalted Horizon appeared, and drank the choice wine of utterance when its seal was broken by the finger of the power of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. When thou arrivest in the land of Kaf, gladden My loved ones with My remembrance and remind them of My verses. Say: Blessed is he who hath attained unto steadfastness in this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement. We counsel all to manifest the greater steadfastness, for the clamor hath been raised in all regions, as attesteth the Tongue of Grandeur in this luminous station. Remember My people on My behalf, and give glad tidings to My handmaidens of My remembrance and My loving-kindness which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The splendor shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and upon every people that hath believed in the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH05745 ===

=== START BH05746 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of all worlds, and responded unto Him on a day whereon most of the servants have turned away from Him. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto this in this glorious and impregnable station. It behooveth thee to preserve this most sublime and most exalted station, and this most glorious rank. Beware lest worldly affairs withhold thee from this noble station. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cleave unto His luminous hem. O Isma'il! The Wronged One remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before. Verily He loveth faithfulness and remembereth him who hath attained unto it in this new age. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My raiment from My words and hearest the Call from the Kingdom of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Object of the knowledge of them that have recognized Thee! Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken forth when the Prisoner was established upon His mighty throne. Beware lest anything withhold thee from this Cause. Arise and say: Aid me, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and vouchsafe unto me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have hastened unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and have acted in accordance with that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH05746 ===

=== START BH05747 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the horizon of utterance

This is a mention from Us unto all who are on earth, that the remembrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, may attract them. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He hath come with an authority before which armies

cannot stand. He hath appeared and made manifest, and hath willed through His command that pervadeth all that is seen and unseen. O thou who hast turned! He who loved Me and soared in Mine atmosphere and circled round Me - he who was named Mushkin in My preserved and mighty Tablet - made mention of thee, and We make mention of thee through grace that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor let the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, frighten thee. When the attraction of the call from the direction of Akka seizeth thee, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all men, for having remembered me and sent down for me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee. Thou art verily powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom of earth and heaven. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the exaltation of Thy Word and Thy standing before the faces of Thine enemies, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and the Supreme Ruler over all things. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is."

=== END BH05747 ===

=== START BH05748 ===

In remembrance from Us of him who found the fragrance of the garment and turned to the lights of the Face when the horizon of the world was illumined by this Most Great Light, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. O peoples of the earth! The Day of Hearing has come, for the Lord of Names calls out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, summoning all to that which they were promised by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: Verily the Promised One is He Who speaks at this time in this Clear Tablet, and this is the Day of witnessing and meeting, for the Most Great Scene has been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Destiny, through Whom the verses were sent down and the clear proofs appeared and whatsoever was hidden in His all-encompassing knowledge. We called the servants to the Lord of creation but they turned away in such wise that the dwellers of Paradise and every person of insight lamented. Blessed art thou and those whom the affairs of creation did not prevent from the Truth - they arose and spoke that which the All-Merciful revealed in His Mighty Book. Thus did the Dove of Eternity coo, that thou might thank thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained unto the days of God and held fast to His firm cord, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05748 ===

=== START BH05749 ===

He is the Most Great, the All-Glorious! A mention from God, the Lord of earth, unto His servant who hath been named Mustafa, that he may rejoice and be numbered with them that are steadfast. O Mustafa! Stand firm in the Cause. By the life of God! It is greater than all that is great. This is the Day whereon the branches have been scattered, and the mountains have passed away, and the heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the earth hath been rent in twain through the fear of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Among the people are they who have been attracted by the call of their Lord, and among them are they who have followed their own desires - these are indeed of the abject ones. The wine of vain imaginings

hath seized the divines of the earth and its leaders, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds. Cast behind thee all idle fancies. By God! He Who is known hath appeared, and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud: “There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Beauteous.” We, verily, send Our greetings from this spot unto Our loved ones who have turned their faces toward My countenance, and have spoken in My praise, and have drawn nigh unto My exalted station. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken on this darksome night. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe betide him who hath denied this mighty grace. They read the Book, yet deny Him Who hath revealed it. Thus have their souls prompted them. They are indeed among the losers. Preserve what We have revealed unto thee, then recite it in His Name, the One Who hath dominion over all worlds.

=== END BH05749 ===

=== START BH05750 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

This is a remembrance from the Wronged One to the chosen ones of God and His friends who have believed in Him and His perspicuous Book, that the remembrance may draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring them near unto God, the One, the All-Knowing. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - verily He will aid thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the deluded ones have slipped. Verily He maketh mention of thee, that when thou attainest unto My remembrance and hearest My call, thou shalt remember God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and assist thee and ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for His near servants. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made clear unto me Thy path, and revealed unto me Thy proof, and guided me unto Thy testimony, and given me to drink from the cup of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to make me of those whom the world hath not kept back from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, and whom the ornaments of earth have not prevented from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Ruler of the throne above and the dust beneath. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy bounty to ordain for me the good of the world to come and of this present one. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of God’s loving-kindness rest upon you and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

=== END BH05750 ===

=== START BH05751 ===

O Darvish Ghulam-Husayn, who hath attained Our presence and gained the honor of meeting Us - He is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayers. Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God to strengthen thee with an assistance that shall never diminish. His Will is sovereign, His decree all-encompassing. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered thee before, and do so at this hour, with that which its fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Two souls in two cities acted contrary to that which God hath decreed. By the life of God, the eye of justice wept, and the people of the City of Fairness […]. Kurdistan and Hamadan - should that honored one turn in that direction,

perchance it may cause some souls to become mindful, for certain deluded ones have also passed through those regions. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say: O friends! Ponder ye: those servants who summon the people to the dawning-place of vain imaginings are, by the life of God, neither aware nor conscious. We beseech God to assist all to arise with complete steadfastness in His Cause. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this mighty Command.

=== END BH05751 ===

=== START BH05752 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O My handmaiden! I make mention of thee that My call may draw thee to My Kingdom, that thou mayest behold what hath been ordained for thee by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. By My life! Were any of My loved ones to discover what hath been ordained for him in the heaven of My bounty, he would soar in his longing toward My atmosphere and find himself independent of all worlds. We have forsaken the world and its people, and desire naught but to ascend above it and depart from it - and thy Lord knoweth what lieth within all breasts, if ye be of them that understand.

O My handmaiden! Grieve not at what hath befallen thee, but hold fast unto purity, that the people of Paradise may inhale from thee the sweet fragrance of holiness. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, command thee. Cling to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, then detach thyself in His love from all the worlds. Hast thou seen permanence in aught that thou hast seen? Nay, by My own Self, the True One! The kingdom shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Cast aside the mention of that which perisheth, and hold fast to the hem of that which endureth. By God! This is the sanctified, mighty, and inaccessible hem - yet it hath been sullied by what the hands of the wicked ones among the people of the Bayan, who denied the All-Merciful after the heavens of religions were cleft asunder and the Kingdom of utterance came with manifest sovereignty, have wrought. Well is it with him who hath detached himself from all things and turned unto the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. He, verily, is of those who have attained.

=== END BH05752 ===

=== START BH05753 ===

He is the Herald between earth and heaven

My remembrance is unto him who hath remembered Me, and My favor unto him who hath turned toward My horizon, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Hear thou the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond the ocean of grandeur: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." I created creation for My knowledge and taught them My straight and manifest path. Among them are those who denied My proof, those who disbelieved in My signs, those who turned away from My remembrance, those who pronounced sentence for the shedding

of My blood, and those who cast away the world, turning unto My Most Great Name, saying: “Thine be the praise, O Lord of the worlds, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Goal of them that know!” Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee and preferred thee above most of the people whom thou seest in manifest doubt.

We make mention of him who was named ’Abdu’llah as a bounty from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We heard his call and answered him that the rapture of the Call might seize him and draw him with his heart near unto My luminous horizon. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon him who was named Baqir who conveyed unto thee My firm command and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Merciful. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken while in its mighty prison.

=== END BH05753 ===

=== START BH05754 ===

In His Name Who warbleth upon the branches! The path hath become manifest, and the Cause evident, and the banner “Verily there is none other God but Him” hath been hoisted upon the most exalted station, and the pavilion of utterance hath been raised upon the shores of the ocean of knowledge. Yet the people of the world remain deprived and veiled. Reflect upon the exaltation of the Word of God - how it hath shone forth, risen and appeared from the horizon of the kingdom of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Likewise reflect upon the baseness of the people of the world - they are occupied with that which they themselves acknowledge to be perishable, and are debarred from the life everlasting. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then turn with thy heart toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Soon shall the world and whatsoever is seen therein perish, and there shall endure for thee that which hath been enjoined upon thee in this wondrous Tablet. Say: My God, my God! I have perceived the fragrance of Thy Revelation and the gentle breezes of Thy inspiration, yet know not which spot hath been honored by the footsteps of the Dawning-Place of Thy knowledge and the Recipient of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the stars of the heaven of Thy utterance to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the tumult of the nations shall deter me. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

=== END BH05754 ===

=== START BH05755 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. He said:

O My Name! Upon you be My Glory! His honor Afnan, upon him be My Glory, has been and continues to be under the gaze of loving-kindness and stands at the gate in truth. Indeed he has acted in such a way as bears witness to his devotion and detachment. We beseech God to preserve forever this supreme

bounty. This is a treasure, sealed with the blessed word “O Preserver!” His mention regarding the person referred to has been accepted, and even if it were fifty thousand we would have accepted it. Convey My greetings and give him the glad tidings of special favors.

This evanescent one, according to the command of my Master His honor Afnan, upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah] the Most Glorious, after visiting the blessed writing presented himself before His presence and submitted all his requests. Praise be to God, they were honored with acceptance. This servant beseeches God that in all conditions they may attain to all outward and inward bounties. On behalf of this evanescent one, please convey greetings, glory and utter nothingness. The spirit, glory and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you.

=== END BH05755 ===

=== START BH05756 ===

To ’Ali-Qabli-Nabil, son of Ismu’llah-i-Asdaq – He is the Caller from the horizon of the Bayan:

Glorified is He Who hath revealed His Cause and acquainted the servants with that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. This is a Day through whose mention the Books have been adorned, and in whose praise the birds have warbled upon the branches. Say: Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth! Follow that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book, and follow not every doubting idolater. By the life of God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the heaven of understanding hath been upraised on a Day wherein the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne of His Name, the All-Bountiful. Ye were created for this Day, to this all atoms bear witness. Where are the ears? By God! They are for this Day, and the eyes for this time wherein the Most Great Luminary hath shone forth from the horizon of His Name, the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of My days, and beware lest ye follow any ignorant infidel. Cast away the world and take what the Lord of creation hath brought. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken from the Lote-Tree of My remembrance and praise. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!”

=== END BH05756 ===

=== START BH05757 ===

O Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them a proof from His presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. They who have heard them - these are they who have attained unto that which God hath willed, and they who have remained heedless - these are in manifest error. Every people awaited that which was promised unto them, yet when that which was recorded appeared, they denied God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Countenance, turning away from those who have followed every accursed Satan. We have heard of thy turning unto God and have revealed for thee this wondrous Tablet that it may draw thee to a station wherein thou

shalt behold thyself detached from all creation and holding fast to My strong cord. We have summoned all unto God - among men some turned away, some turned towards Him, and some remain in strange intoxication. Blessed is he whom neither the might of the divines nor the power of princes prevented from turning to the Most High Horizon in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious. He is of them that are nigh unto God. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto this Wise Remembrance and been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation while the Dayspring of the Cause was in a mighty prison. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH05757 ===

=== START BH05758 ===

He is the Speaker before all faces

Praise be to Him Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and caused all things to speak that there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

By Thy might, O Lord of all beings, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names and heaven - grievous to me is my remoteness after my nearness to Thee, and my separation after meeting Thee, and my thirst after Thou didst give me to drink from the Kawthar of reunion with Thee. I was attracted and set ablaze by Thy verses before hearing them in Thy presence - how then is my state after meeting Thee! By Thy might, things cannot comprehend my secret and my heart and my essence and what hath befallen me in separation and parting from Thee, else they would wail and weep. I know not, O my God, by what name I should hold fast that it might benefit me, and to what hem I should cling that it might calm the burning of my heart and the thirst of my soul. Would that my mother had not given birth to me and had not nurtured me! How can separation and parting be easy for this poor one, and how can he be patient in exile after drinking the pure wine of reunion? My God, my God! Thou seest the poor one at the gate of Thy riches, and the remote one before the gate of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the feet of the nations have slipped, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH05758 ===

=== START BH05759 ===

O Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Mirza, upon whom be all My most glorious and most resplendent glory! In My Name, through which the ocean of knowledge hath surged! Glory be to Him Who hath sent down the verses and commanded all to observe what the Book hath pronounced! O My Afnan! He Who is the Lord of all mankind remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have compassed Him round from every side through that which the hands of the infidels have wrought, they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all creation. Every soul hath taken unto himself an idol besides God. Thus have vain imaginings and idle fancies seduced them. They hear the verses of God and deny them. They are indeed in doubt and hypocrisy. This is a Day wherein the Spirit lamenteth by reason of that which the hands of the divines have wrought, they by whom the eyes in every age have been made to weep. We testify that they have violated the Covenant of God and His Testament, and have turned away from Him Who hath come unto

them with the kingdom of verses. They have occupied themselves with the world, turning aside from Him Who is the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below. Erelong shall their dominion be rolled up by the hands of Power, and they shall behold themselves in the lowest depths. Be thou thankful, O My Afnan, that We have enabled thee to recognize My Self, caused thee to hear My call, and made thee to speak forth that which My Tongue hath spoken. Thus doth the Divine Lote-Tree bear witness unto its twigs from the most exalted station. The glory that hath shone forth, appeared and radiated from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen rest upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto you, seeking sincerely the presence of God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

=== END BH05759 ===

=== START BH05760 ===

O handmaiden of God, a branch from Hajar, he has attained. He is the All-Knowing Expositor. Glorified is He Who hath sent down whatsoever He desired from the heaven of bounty. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wise command.

O my handmaiden and my leaf! Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, on a day wherein the handmaidens of the earth turned away, save those who turned and believed in the One, the All-Informed. When thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in the prison and for having sent down for this Thy handmaiden that which shall endure in her name among Thy handmaidens. Thou art, verily, the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. And peace and blessings be upon My male and female servants who have recognized that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My utterance and hath shone forth from the Daystar of My bounty. O my Lord! Ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, Thy sincere ones, and Thy leaves who circle round Thy throne at eventide and dawn, and in the evening and at daybreak. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Judge on the Day of Meeting.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee, O My handmaiden, and upon My handmaidens who have heard the call and turned unto it with illumined hearts. Verily they are among the devout ones in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH05760 ===

=== START BH05761 ===

He is the Most Holy, sanctified above mention and description! Glory be to Him Who hath made me a prisoner in this land which hath been named the Crimson Spot in the Book of Names and the Most Great Prison in a glorious Tablet. Verily We name the Book at times as the Tablet and at other times by another name, and then the Tablet as the Book and by other names. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. Say: We desired by “heaven” naught but the realm of transcendence and exaltation and the ultimate station of all things, were ye of them that understand. We make mention of a heaven for all things, meaning thereby the realm of its transcendence and exaltation and its ultimate station, were ye of them

that comprehend. Say: O people of the contingent world! Should ye hear from Us a word whose meaning is difficult for you to grasp, ask it of Him Who hath revealed it in truth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. How many a verse have We sent down from the heaven of grace whose interpretation none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the verses of God and believed in Him, and woe betide them that turn away. How many a servant hath objected to God for having proclaimed from time immemorial: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Informed.” We have turned toward thee from this Spot that thou mayest rejoice and make mention of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in this deep pit.

=== END BH05761 ===

=== START BH05762 ===

In His name, Who remains after all things pass away! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them clear testimonies for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through them God quickeneth the earth after its death - verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. He hath adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of meanings and explanations, and hath embellished the book of existence with His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We have found from thee the fragrance of turning unto God, wherefore hath been sent down unto thee this Tablet, with which nothing created on earth can compare. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who have been awakened by the call of God - these are the people of Baha, inscribed in a mighty Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and make up for what hath passed thee by. Thus doth the Prisoner counsel thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Teach thy Lord’s Cause with wisdom - thus doth command thee He Who summoneth all unto God, the Mighty, the Generous. Reflect upon My days and what hath befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Arise to remember thy Lord with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the cawing of the wicked or the braying of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily the glory be upon the people of Baha who are established firm upon the Crimson Ark, in the Name of God, the Lord of all names. They are indeed among the triumphant ones.

=== END BH05762 ===

=== START BH05763 ===

In the Name of the Most Glorious, the Most High!

Praised be He Who sendeth down verses morning and evening, yet none believed in them save those who were carried away by the winds of the will of their Lord, the All-Merciful. Say: O people, deal fairly with this Youth, then fear God, O people of the Bayan, and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with the verses of ’Ali, then with the proof of Muhammad, and with that whereof no likeness hath appeared in all creation. Say: Do ye dispute with Him Who hath come from the Dayspring of the Cause with power and sovereignty? He hath indeed beheld such signs of His Lord as cannot be described in words. Say: The eye of the Spirit hath not deviated; verily He is, at this moment, in the Most Sublime Prospect, calling you unto God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, from this Most Glorious Horizon. He desireth no recompense from you; His reward is with God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Well is it with thee, O servant, for having believed in God and separated thyself from the hosts of Satan. Guard thyself

henceforth, for they who have disbelieved and associated partners with God have appeared with such craftiness as the eye of creation hath never witnessed the like thereof. They are indeed in manifest loss. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whoso hath recognized God in this Revelation and is firmly seated upon the throne of certitude. Praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Compassionate.

=== END BH05763 ===

=== START BH05764 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book in truth and made it the supreme Balance between the nations and the Most Great Sign unto all mankind. Blessed is he who hath clung unto it, and woe unto the heedless ones. The darkness of vain imaginings hath encompassed most of the peoples. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by this Light through which the world hath been enlightened and the Most Great Name hath proclaimed: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised.” Arise to make mention of God and to praise Him, then render thanks unto Him for having been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen, through which God hath quickened every mouldering bone. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest remember the Wronged One Who hath been made a captive in the hands of the oppressors. Seize thou these days and glorify thy Lord with praise at morn and eventide. Soon shall all that is on earth perish, and sovereignty and might shall endure unto God and His chosen ones who have believed in God in this Revelation whereby the Trumpet hath been sounded and the mountains have passed away, and trembling hath seized all who are in the heavens and on earth, save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards the Countenance in the days of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and hath spoken that which was a sword to the wicked and a mercy to the righteous who have acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein the Path proclaimeth: “By God! The Lord of Creation hath come with evident sovereignty.” And the Balance proclaimeth: “The All-Merciful hath come! Fear God, O concourse of the earth! Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.” The trees have yielded their fruit, the mysteries have been revealed, and that which was hidden in God’s knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath appeared. By God! This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, did ye but know, and this is the Day of deeds, would ye but perceive. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the hearing of the Call, and woe unto every ignorant one who turneth away. O people of the Bayan!

Fear God and follow not those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. O youth! Before Rida! Stand firm in the Cause when the clamor ariseth from those who have denied the right of God and His sovereignty. Verily they perceive not. Thus have We commanded thee and those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is every slumberer who hath been awakened by the Call and every one seated who hath arisen through My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the name of our Lord, the Help in Peril!

Glorified be He Who created the heavens and the earth by His command. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He hath ordained for every soul that which beseemeth it, and He, verily, is the Just One in what He hath decreed in the preserved Tablets of glory. He wrongeth no one by so much as a grain of mustard seed, but people wrong their own selves. He hath commanded them to observe justice and goodness, yet they act not accordingly. He forbiddeth them tyranny and wickedness, yet they persist in committing them.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, and follow not the ways of them that scoff at His signs. He guideth you unto the Most Great Paradise - will ye then deny His favor? He commandeth you only that which draweth you nigh unto a station of glory well-beloved, and He seeketh no recompense from you, nor doth He desire your gratitude. Fear God, O people, and follow not the ways of them that spread corruption. Walk ye in the paths of truth - this is better for you, would that ye might understand.

And thou, O servant, rejoice in what hath been sent down concerning thee from this wronged Servant Who is imprisoned in this land, after having called all unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon them that gaze toward the Dayspring of Glory.

=== END BH05766 ===

=== START BH05767 ===

O Thou Handmaiden of God, O Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Peacock of Divine Unity! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest how Thy servants have turned toward the direction of Thy nearness and Thy presence, after Thou didst call them with Thy call and command them to appear before the throne of Thy grandeur. When their hearts were attracted by the wonders of Thy verses and they hastened to the Dayspring of Thy oneness, the oppressors prevented them from entering the City wherein Thy call was raised and the throne of Thy mercy was established. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy power that which will draw them nigh unto Thy presence and cause them to partake of the Salsabil of Thy favors from the hands of Thy grace and bounty. O Lord! They are the poor, and Thou art the Strong, the Trustworthy. They are the weak, and Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Take their hands with the hands of Thy power, then cause them to enter the pavilion of Thy grandeur - the place round which circle the people of the Supreme Concourse and the dwellers of the cities of Names - that they may hear Thy call and behold Thy beauty. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever

Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee, then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over what Thou willest and shalt ever remain sovereign over what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH05768 ===

CXXIV

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Every time I venture to make mention of Thee, I am held back by my mighty sins and grievous trespasses against Thee, and find myself wholly deprived of Thy grace, and utterly powerless to celebrate Thy praise. My great confidence in Thy bounty, however, reviveth my hope in Thee, and my certitude that Thou wilt bountifully deal with me emboldeneth me to extol Thee, and to ask of Thee the things Thou dost possess.

I implore Thee, O my God, by Thy mercy that hath surpassed all created things, and to which all that are immersed beneath the oceans of Thy names bear witness, not to abandon me unto my self, for my heart is prone to evil. Guard me, then, within the stronghold of Thy protection and the shelter of Thy care. I am he, O my God, whose only wish is what Thou hast determined by the power of Thy might. All I have chosen for myself is to be assisted by Thy gracious appointments and the ruling of Thy will, and to be aided with the tokens of Thy decree and judgment.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the hearts which long for Thee, by the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the Day-Springs of Thine inspiration, and the Exponents of Thy majesty, and the Treasuries of Thy knowledge, not to suffer me to be deprived of Thy holy Habitation, Thy Fane and Thy Tabernacle. Aid me, O my Lord, to attain His hallowed court, and to circle round His person, and to stand humbly at His door.

Thou art He Whose power is from everlasting to everlasting. Nothing escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou art, verily, the God of power, the God of glory and wisdom.

Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds!

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=== START BH05769 ===

The All-Glorious, the Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Possessor of eternity! I have taken up the Pen to make mention of him who loved Thee on a day when most of Thy servants had turned away from Thy Kingdom and were estranged from the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Source of Thy Cause, and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, that thereby his remembrance may endure among Thy creatures throughout the perpetuity of Thy Kingdom and dominion. O my Lord! Having singled him out among the nations and associated him with Thy Most Great Remembrance, do Thou illumine his eyes by beholding the horizon whence the Sun

of Thy Will hath shone forth with the lights of the glory of Thy oneness, and illumine his heart with the light of Thy countenance. O my Lord! He hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto the cord of Thy love and favors. Ordain for him in every world of Thy worlds that which befitteth the loftiness of Thy sovereignty and the sublimity of Thy grandeur and power. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by Thy Most Glorious Name through which the standards of Thy Cause were raised up in Thy lands and the banners of Thy dominion were planted in Thy realm, to make him turn his gaze toward Thee, to speak forth Thy praise, and to be directed in all conditions toward the court of Thy grace and bounties. Then ordain for him the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou givest unto whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorified, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05769 ===

=== START BH05770 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the Responding One!

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the yearning of them that are athirst in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the Name whereby Thou hast subdued the cities of the hearts of Thy servants, and by the lights of Thy countenance and the power of Thy Will and Purpose, and by the breathings of Thy verses in Thy days, that Thou aid me to stand firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. O my Lord! This one is seated, whom the wonders of Thy grace and bounty have established, and this is a dead one whom the fragrance of Thy raiment hath quickened, and an ignorant one whom the manifestations of Thy mercy and favors have taught. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones whom Thou hast sent for the guidance of Thy creation and the manifestation of Thy generosity unto Thy creatures, that Thou write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall cause me to speak Thy remembrance and to gaze toward Thy direction and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and I am the weak, the helpless, the poor, the destitute. O my Lord! The fragrance of Thy bounty hath guided me to the ocean of Thy generosity, and the lights of Thy countenance have guided me to the fountain of reunion with Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds and preserve me from the hosts of self and passion. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH05771 ===

CXXVIII

Praise be unto Thee, O my God! I am one of Thy servants, who hath believed on Thee and on Thy signs. Thou seest how I have set myself towards the door of Thy mercy, and turned my face in the direction of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee, by Thy most excellent titles and Thy most exalted attributes, to open to my face the portals of Thy bestowals. Aid me, then, to do that which is good, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all names and attributes!

I am poor, O my Lord, and Thou art the Rich. I have set my face towards Thee, and detached myself from all but Thee. Deprive me not, I implore Thee, of the breezes of Thy tender mercy, and withhold not from me what Thou didst ordain for the chosen among Thy servants.

Remove the veil from mine eyes, O my Lord, that I may recognize what Thou hast desired for Thy creatures, and discover, in all the manifestations of Thy handiwork, the revelations of Thine almighty power. Enrapture my soul, O my Lord, with Thy most mighty signs, and draw me out of the depths of my corrupt and evil desires. Write down, then, for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. No God is there but Thee, the All-Glorious, Whose help is sought by all men.

I yield Thee thanks, O my Lord, that Thou hast wakened me from my sleep, and stirred me up, and created in me the desire to perceive what most of Thy servants have failed to apprehend. Make me able, therefore, O my Lord, to behold, for love of Thee and for the sake of Thy pleasure, whatsoever Thou hast desired. Thou art He to the power of Whose might and sovereignty all things testify.

There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Beneficent.

=== END BH05771 ===

=== START BH05772 ===

O Most Holy, Most Pure One! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the moaning of those who have melted away in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and the crying of those who are kept back from attaining Thy presence and are prevented from entering the sanctuary of Thy glory and the pavilion of Thy favors. Among them are those who call upon Thee, O my God, in the wilderness, and those who lament in the desert, finding for themselves no helper except Thee and no supporter besides Thee. O Lord! Open before the faces of Thy servants the gate which was closed by what the aggressive ones have wrought in Thy days, that through it may enter those who desire to attain the presence of the throne of Thy grandeur and to stand before the dawning-places of the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Their thirst hath intensified in their separation from Thee - give them to drink of the water of Thy meeting; and their grief hath increased in their remoteness from Thee - draw them nigh, O my God, to the Kawthar of Thy reunion. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which trembling seized all who are on Thine earth, that Thou gather Thy loved ones beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy singleness and the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy generosity that which will bring tranquility to their hearts, that they may arise to help Thy Cause amongst Thy servants in such wise that the oppression of those who have denied Thy signs will not frighten them. Verily Thou art the Powerful over all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

=== END BH05772 ===

=== START BH05773 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what thing and by what name [.....]. When I behold in Thy creation the signs of Thy craftsmanship and the tokens of Thy power, I beseech Thee by the heaven and its stars and its radiance, and the moon and its light, and the earth and its waters and its bounties and its trees and what is treasured therein, and the seas and their pearls concealed within their shells, and by that which is within Thy knowledge and the treasuries of Thy power, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. Then exalt them, O my God, through Thy Name, in defiance of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have adorned their heads with turbans and thereby prevented the people from arriving at the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness. O Lord! Seize them through Thy power, then aid Thy loved ones through Thy loving-kindness and Thy handmaidens through Thy grace. I testify at this moment that victory is their being aided to know Thee and enabled to remember and praise Thee. I beseech Thee to assist them in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens and another handmaiden of Thine who have turned unto Thee and desired to carry out what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Ordain for her that which will make her steadfast in Thy love, then accept her deed. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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Glorified art Thou, O Ocean of faithfulness! I beseech Thee by Thine own Self which Thou hast named the All-Glorious, to guide Thy servants to the horizon of Thy manifestation and draw them nigh unto the Dayspring of Thy knowledge and the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause. O my Lord! The dawn of manifestation hath appeared and the Trump hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away save those whom the hand of Thy power hath preserved as a token of Thy grace. O my Lord! This is the Day whereon Thou hast revealed Thyself through Thy most excellent names to all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and hast opened before the faces of Thy servants the gate of Thy presence. O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Withhold not Thy servants from that for which Thou didst create them. Make known unto them, O my God, the path that leadeth to Thy reunion, and ordain for them that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art He Who hath ever been supreme over all names and their kingdoms, and all-compelling over all things and their dominions. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy power and the light of Thy countenance to inspire Thy servants with Thy remembrance and praise and whatsoever will draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace. Thou art the Lord of the worlds, He Who is mentioned by the Most Great Name, and the Almighty over the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the Mighty, the Great.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Ruler of the Kingdom of Heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Light that shineth from the Supreme Horizon, and by Him through Whom all things have proclaimed, that Thou assist Thy handmaidens to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Then inscribe

for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. O Lord! Thou seest that most of Thy servants have turned away from Thy face and broken Thy Covenant and denied Thy signs, while Thy handmaidens have turned toward Thee and spoken Thy praise, and Thou hast assisted them to acknowledge Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness, and Thou hast sent down for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall endure throughout the dominion of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm. O Lord! Send upon them the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation and send down for them the food of Thy heaven. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

9

He is the Helper

A letter from the handmaidens of God - Hajar, Begum, Khadijih, Maryam, and the wife of Muhammad Ja'far, and another Khadijih, upon them be the Glory of God - in the amount of four tumans was received by the servant in the Prison through the beloved and honored Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the sacred month of Dhi'l-Hajjih in the year 1303.

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=== START BH05776 ===

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose call all things were attracted in the kingdom of creation, and through the fragrance of Whose robe every ignorant one attained to the ocean of knowledge, every lover to the Beloved, every seeker to the ultimate goal, and every aspirant to the highest horizon! I beseech Thee by the sweetness of Thy utterance, the manifestations of Thine infallibility, and the evidences of Thy power and might, to protect Thy chosen ones beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy Cause. O my Lord, these are days wherein the heedless have imprisoned Thy loved ones and chosen ones, and have prevented them from reforming the world and educating the nations. Thou knowest, O my God, that they desired not corruption in the land nor the shedding of blood. They desired only to illuminate the world with the lights of trustworthiness, chastity, truthfulness and fidelity. Thou art the Lord of all creation - Thou dost witness and behold what hath befallen them at the hands of Thy creatures. O Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names! O my Lord, deliver them through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou didst promise me in these days that Thou wouldst extinguish the fire of corruption and wickedness and manifest the light of righteousness and godliness. I beseech Thee to bestow upon Thy loved ones the heavenly manna and the water of steadfastness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH05776 ===

=== START BH05777 ===

The Leaf of the Divine Meeting, upon her be the Glory of God

In the name of the Everlasting Speaker, the Divine Lote Tree declares: O leaf! Blessed art thou, for in the earliest days thou didst attain to recognition and devotion. This is a blessed day, for which no likeness or similitude hath been ordained. It speaketh of its Creator and Originator. The mysteries of this Day have been sent down and revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in divine Books and Tablets. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and for having accepted my devotion and recognition. I beseech Thee by Thy acceptance and good-pleasure, and by Thy manifestation and power, to cause me in all conditions to speak Thy praise among Thy handmaidens. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacles of Thy grandeur to protect this Thy handmaiden through the hosts of Thine invisible realm, and to open before her face the door of Thy grace, the door of Thy mercy, and the door of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, before Whose manifestation the power of the world and the might of nations were rendered impotent. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon thee and upon My leaves and handmaidens who have heard My call and turned unto My horizon and have said: “Praise be unto Thee for having manifested Thyself through Thy Most Great Name unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

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=== START BH05778 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Give thanks that thou wert not present with the Ancient Beauty on this journey. By God, the True One! The heavens wept and the earth lamented, and the hearts of existence were consumed. Such grief and sorrow, such tribulation and affliction descended from the clouds of divine decree that all the members of the household are now ill. Yet in all conditions we remain content and thankful. Do thou likewise neither lament nor grieve, but be content with the divine decrees and whatsoever hath been ordained by Him. O handmaiden of God! The world and all that is therein is not worth even a mustard seed. Set thy heart upon God and be detached from all else but Him. Complain not of the Friend, for He hath not forgotten thee, and whatsoever hath transpired of separation and parting was through divine decree and heavenly destiny. Some time ago a certain matter was intended, but God ordained what He desired. Be not disheartened - be content with the good-pleasure of the Friend. Convey my greetings to thy mother and other relatives. Walk thou in utmost dignity and composure. And the glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Convey greetings from God to all the women believers.

=== END BH05778 ===

=== START BH05779 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He sendeth down by His sovereignty that which is the water of life unto all possibility and the sign of eternity amongst the nations and the dawning-place of names in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he

who hath heard and accepted and believed and remained steadfast in this Cause whereby the Most Great Trump hath been sounded and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the divine utterance. By the Sun of inner meanings, this utterance hath been and shall be the water of life for the sincere ones. Blessed is the soul that hath taken and drunk in His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thy call was heard and this wondrous and transcendent Tablet was revealed in reply, that it might testify that thou hast truly turned towards the Truth. Thy petition reached the Most Holy Court and attained the Most Great Presence, and thou wert adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. God willing, thou must strive that perchance thou mayest lead a dead one to the realm of life, or make fresh and verdant a withered one through the waters of divine knowledge. This is the counsel of the Most Glorious Countenance which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that act.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above all description and explanation. The mystics have confessed their powerlessness to ascend unto the heaven of His knowledge, and the sincere ones their inability to attain unto the comprehension of His essence. He hath ever been the One Who uniteth His Own Essence with His Essence, and describeth His Own Self by His Self, for whatsoever else besides Him hath been created by His word. How can that which knoweth not save through Him know Him, and how can that which is described not save by Him describe Him? Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His power! When He was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful, He described Himself through manifest signs and brilliant words, and commanded all to describe Him by that which flowed from His Most Exalted Pen. He accepted their mention and praise as a bounty from Him. Verily He is the Overseer, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in His love and drinketh the wine of faith from this ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the All-Informed. Know thou the value of these days and turn in all conditions unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, that the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Lauded, might attract thee.

=== END BH05780 ===

=== START BH05781 ===

O Abu'l-Qasim, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the Name of Him Who is sovereign over earth and heaven! A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein thou wert mentioned. We have remembered thee with a remembrance that surpasseth all the remembrances of the peoples and the treasures of the world. He, in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book, beareth witness to this. The

standards have been raised, the verses sent down, and the evidences made manifest, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs - verily, they are among the abject ones. O Pen of the Most High! Make mention of when the people gathered to extinguish the light of God amongst His creatures. Say: By God! The hands of Caesars and Pharaohs have [word unclear]. Fear God and be not among the oppressors. The Will of God hath triumphed over the will of His creatures, and His Purpose hath preceded the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth. No mention can compare with His mention, no command with His command. Did Pharaoh prevail over the Cause of God, the Almighty, the Powerful? Beware lest the conditions of the ignorant hold thee back from Him Who is the Lord of Names, or the clamor of those on earth from this Great Announcement. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of My Hidden Name with the luminary of wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH05781 ===

=== START BH05782 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and through Him the trumpet hath been blown, the path established, and the balance set up, and through Him hath appeared that which was in knowledge. Whoso believeth in Him hath believed in God, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy acceptance and thy turning towards Him and thy arrival and thy standing before the gate that was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou didst arise, turning toward God, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst attain His presence and didst hear the call of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and didst witness that which had been hidden from all eyes throughout ages and centuries. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below, for having enabled me to draw near unto the court of Thy glory and to arrive at the ocean of Thy oneness and to stand before Thy countenance and to be present at the revelation of Thy verses. I beseech Thee to ordain for me in all Thy worlds that which beseemeth Thy bounty and grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH05782 ===

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Cook, O Ismail Bey! He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is, verily, the One promised in the Books of God and mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets. Every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness to this. All that hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen hath been manifested, and that which was hidden in the heavens and earth hath come to light. O Ismail! Hearken unto the call of the Glorious One and arise to serve His Cause with spirit and joy. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. That which the Friend (Abraham) mentioned hath appeared, and after Him He

Who conversed with God (Moses), and the Spirit (Jesus) bore witness to it, and after Him the Beloved One (Muhammad) by whom the Night Journey was adorned. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hearken thou unto My call, then speak forth My praise and glorification on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. Ask thou God to assist thee in that which will cause thy mention to endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. This is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My remembrance and testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05783 ===

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In My Name, the Manifest above all creation

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Preserved Tablet and the Hidden Book. Through Him the Most Exalted Pen was breathed upon, and all who dwell in the kingdom of names fell unconscious. Through Him was set up the Path and established the Balance, and all things in the dominion of earth and heaven proclaimed: The Kingdom and the Realm, then the Greatness and the Might belong unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. When thou hast attained unto the proof of the All-Merciful and hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One at the midmost heart of creation, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and caused me to hear the scratching of Thy Pen and made me to turn toward the Dayspring of Thy verses when most of Thy creation turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Light of the world and Illuminer of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which earthquakes seized the idols of idle fancies and vain imaginings and the hearts of them who denied the proof and evidence were made to tremble, to ordain that I may in all conditions be moved by Thy will and drawn by Thy verses. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Thou hearest and seest; verily Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Ordain for me, O my God, that which will protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and exalt me amidst Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is the Most High, the Most Great! God beareth witness that He is the One, the Single, Who hath proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: This is the testimony of God, were ye of them that know. Say: This is the utterance of God, were ye of them that hear. Say: This is the news that hath caused the hearts of the wicked to quake and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God to rejoice. The Kawthar hath flowed throughout the world, and it is that which hath streamed from the Pen of God, the One, the All-Informed. The Salsabil hath appeared, and it is this perspicuous

utterance. O concourse of earth! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. The ocean hath surged and the divine fragrance hath wafted, yet the people are in grievous doubt. They have cast aside the Dayspring of divine inspiration and have cleaved unto the source of idle fancies. They are indeed among the losers. Arise to serve thy Lord with praise and glorification. He verily heareth and seeth; He is the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have given glad-tidings to them that have believed, and We give them glad-tidings now. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. He that was patient hath prospered, and every impatient doubter hath perished. O people of Baha! Choose for yourselves a station between slowness and haste. Thus doth command you the Goal of all seekers, in Whose grasp lie the kingdoms of the heavens and earth. He, verily, is the Trusted Teacher.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous

O Ataullah, upon whom be the Glory of God! The Ancient King hath testified that this Pen spoke before the creation of the world and the appearance of the nations, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Through His manifestation all things appeared, and through His movement the Supreme Pen moved, though most of the people perceive not. O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of those who turned away from the Truth when it came to them with a Cause that held sway over what was and what would be. Say: Ponder on that which hath appeared in truth, and deny not God and His sovereignty, and reject not His proof and His evidence. Thus doth the Tongue of Grace counsel you in this praiseworthy station. The ocean hath surged and the fragrance hath wafted, yet most of the people understand not. They have turned away from the Supreme Horizon by turning to every rejected ignorant one. When thou hearest My call and art stirred by the fragrance of My loving-kindness, turn thy face toward the Wronged One and say: I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest Thy path, and Thou hast spoken and caused all things to speak in praise of God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined by the light of this exalted Remembrance. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath acted according to that which was ordained in an inscribed Tablet.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The atoms bear witness to the Revealer of verses, and all created things to the Manifestor of clear proofs. We behold the people in this Day struck down, save whom God, the Lord of mankind, hath willed. This is a Day wherein the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken both morn and eve, yet the people remain heedless and astray. How many a verse hath appeared in truth, and how many a light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Cause, yet the people turned away after beholding the proof and evidence. O concourse of the earth! Fear God, and deny not Him through Whom acknowledgment hath been established among the righteous and through Whom the very pebbles have proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen! This is a Day whereof God gave you tidings in His Books, Psalms and Tablets. Fear

God and cast not the Book behind you. Take hold of it with strength from your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with that which shall endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. He Who possesseth knowledge of the Book beareth witness unto this. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of meanings and utterance. Blessed is he who hath drawn near and perceived the fragrances of revelation from this Station which God hath made among the most exalted of stations. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the Cause when God came with power and sovereignty.

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He is the Living One! The morn of Divine Unity has dawned from the orient of the soul, and the lights of the radiance of the Sinai of Oneness have appeared from the dawning-place of contingent being. The temples of existence have returned to the realm of spirit clothed in the garment of the return of light, and the mighty remains of beings have been reclothed in the robe of eternal life after unveiling the degrees of separation and remoteness, so that the word “we” in “we shall return” may return, and the letters of “to the One” may be established in “verily your God is One,” that after return they may go forth and after going forth they may return, until the Eternal Dove upon the boughs of the Divine Lote Tree recites the verse “Even as We originated the first creation, so shall We bring it back again.” This is the Primary Countenance in the form of the Ultimate, and the Outward Face in the form of the Inward, that the Word may be fulfilled which was sent down in the Book that “He is the First and the Last, and the Outward and the Inward, and He is knowing of all things.” The herald of the land of Qaf has arrived in the land of sorrow with your letter bearing glad tidings, and has delivered it to the Ultimate Countenance. Praise be to God that infinite joy has come from the Primordial Word, and delight and gladness have appeared from its signs. Send greetings to all who circle round and to the holy countenances and the veiled believing women.

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The sister of his honor the Overseer, upon her be the Most Great, Most Holy Splendor of God! Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, in that thou hast rent asunder the veils and recognized thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands by reason of that which the hands of the servants have wrought - they whom the world hath deluded in such wise that they turned away from the Word of God and opposed him who bore it in truth from the presence of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Verily, she who hath believed is assuredly numbered with the denizens of the All-Glorious Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy brother whom We have related to the Tree. By My life! He is among those who have attained unto the lights of guidance - to this doth the Tongue of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, bear witness. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in Him at all times. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Helper. God will soon make manifest the excellence of those who have believed in Him and turned away

from every doubting polytheist. Glorify thy Lord with praise, then prostrate thyself in His days. Thus doth the Pen of God, the Originator of creation, command thee. We beseech God to ordain for you that which is best with Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Blessed is the woman who hath heard and turned towards God; woe unto him who hath denied God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned in the Supreme Concourse by the Most Glorious Pen. This is from the grace of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The glory from God, the One Who causeth the rivers to flow, be upon you all.

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O Shaykh Aqa! The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! Blessed is he who has arisen to serve the Cause of God and remained steadfast when the clamor of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, was raised. We complain of those divines who have turned away from Him Whom they invoke - they are indeed among the liars. They have disputed the verses of God, denied His proof, and warred against His Own Self, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Concourse on High marvel at them, as do those who circle round My mighty Throne. They have violated the Covenant of God and turned back on their heels - they are indeed among those who are confuted. Thy letter hath come before the Face and won the gaze of thy Ancient Lord, Who hath sent down this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord and remember Him among His heedless servants. From this luminous Spot We send Our greetings to the faces of those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give them glad tidings from the Wronged One through this remembrance, from which the fragrance of the Beloved hath wafted and the Dove hath warbled. The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. We make mention of thy sons as a favor from Us - verily thy Lord is the Munificent, the Generous. Blessed are they in that they have been mentioned before the Throne and the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, hath moved to make mention of them. Thus have We mentioned every name that was mentioned in thy letter, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty.

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He is the One manifest from the horizon of utterance. Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of the Call raised from the direction of grandeur and acted according to what he was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! Whoso findeth the sweetness of utterance will surely act according to what is commanded in the Tablet. The Tongue of God, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great, beareth witness to this. The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing hath appeared with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of nations can withhold. He speaketh at all times: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.” Verily he who hath turned to the Dawning-Place of verses hath turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people, abandon what ye possess and help yourselves through that which ye have been commanded by God, if ye be of them that know. Nothing will profit you this Day, nor is there any refuge for your souls

except that ye repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Say: Did that which Chosroes possessed of treasures profit him, or Caesar of palaces? No, by My life, if ye be of them who understand! We make mention of those who have turned unto God - God will make this mention a treasure for them. Verily it will profit them in His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. When thou art honored with God's Tablet, recite it by night and by day. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto the most exalted station.

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O Handmaiden of God, Ruqiyyih, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! In the Prison of 'Akka. The world is a manifest book which, at every moment, has borne and continues to bear witness to its own transience. Indeed, from the beginning of the world until now it has proclaimed "Depart! Depart!" and with most eloquent utterance declares: "O servants! Observe the changes in me. At times I appear in the darkness of night, and at other times in the light of dawn. My trees are sometimes seen in the fullness of greenness and freshness, and sometimes appear yellow, withered and dry.

Take warning, O ye whose darkness has taken the place of warning,

Take warning, O ye whose whiteness has appeared upon your countenance!

Old age and youth, death and life are heralds on His behalf, making all aware of the end of all things. Blessed is the state of one who has detached himself from it and attached himself to the Truth. O my handmaiden and my leaf! All things, in one station, are heralds of the Truth among the servants. Nevertheless, heedlessness has encompassed the whole world, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous, has willed. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having guided me to Thy path and remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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His honor Muhammad Hasan and Ali Aqa, upon them be the glory of God. In the name of the Goal of all worlds, this servant was present before the countenance and recited your letter in full, and it attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God that you turned towards Him in days when the Shi'ih divines and jurists turned away from the Truth and issued the decree for shedding His blood. All the peoples of the world were awaiting the promised days mentioned in the divine Books, yet when the blessed Tree appeared, adorned with the choice fruits of wisdom and utterance, all drew their swords intending to cut it down, save whom God willed. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the deniers did not hinder and the might of the aggressors did not prevent from turning towards Him, who took the cup of utterance in the name of the Beloved of all possibility from the hands of bounty and drank it in His name. By the life of God, he is assuredly among the people of Glory in God's Book, the Lord of all beings. O Hasan after

Muhammad, praise the Goal of all worlds Who mentioned you and caused you to attain the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist you and him who is named Ali in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to ordain for you both that whereby your mention shall endure. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

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In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

The fragrance of divine love was wafting from thy letter. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to a bounty which most of the world's learned men have failed to attain. Through the assistance of God thou hast turned to a horizon that is hidden from most of mankind. Through divine grace thou hast heard a call from which most ears are debarred. Know thou the worth of this most great station and voice thy gratitude to the Lord of ancient days. Strive thou to attain unto that which befitteth this divine Day. This is the day for the manifestation of praiseworthy characteristics, goodly words, and holy deeds. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that the triumph achieved through goodly deeds and praiseworthy characteristics is mightier than that won by artillery and armies. Beseech ye God that all may be assisted to achieve that which is worthy of the Day of God and befitting to the station of man. God willing, may all gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and radiance, and act in accordance with that which the Supreme Pen hath ordained. Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down unto thee in this wondrous Tablet. He, verily, heard thy call and answered thee through His grace. He is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon Our loved ones in that place who have turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One Who is Forgiving, Merciful.

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O Muhammad-Salih, upon thee be the Glory of God, He Who shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Thy petition arrived while the Lord of all names was walking in the palace wherein is situated the Most Great Prison. We heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love. In thy supplication thou didst make mention of the Wronged One - may the glory of His majesty be exalted. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thy heart for having turned to the Wronged One. I swear by the Sun of Truth that one deed performed today is equal to - nay, surpasseth - the deeds of ages and centuries. Blessed is the eye that hath been illumined today with the collyrium of divine knowledge, and blessed is the heart that hath, through God's grace, effaced the tales of old and adorned itself with the words "Verily, I am the servant of God." We beseech God to assist the loved ones in that land and its surroundings to serve His Cause. The world hath been encompassed by His verses, and His evidences are manifest in the realm of existence. Well is it with him who hath turned and attained! Woe betide the heedless! We beseech God to assist thee and to vouchsafe unto thee at all times the living waters of steadfastness. He is the Sovereign, the Generous, the Lord of existence. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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The Greatest Name

It is the dawn of the Festival, and the wine of divine unity is surging in the hearts of the detached ones. Blessed are they who have attained unto it! We beseech God to graciously aid all the peoples of the world, that they may be adorned with the ornament of love for the Most Great Name. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. O servants! By the Lord of creation, the innermost essence unto infinity is the chalice of this pure wine and this choice nectar of manifestation. Strive ye to drink thereof.

O servant who art present before the Throne! Praise the Best-Beloved of the worlds, for thou hast attained His presence in the nights and days and art occupied in His service. Hold fast to the cord of contentment. Thou art observed to be such that even if the tablets of creation were to be adorned with the pen of the Lord of invention, thou wouldst still cry out "Is there more?" In these days, He hath appointed a servant pen and tablet for every direction, that perchance it may be adorned by the Pen of Pre-existence. The pen and ink are nigh to presenting their petition to the Lord of creation: "Increase, O my God, therein Thy love and affection." Glory be unto Him Who created it and strengthened it and made it a servant of His beauty and a companion to Himself among the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth, wherein are that which openeth the gates of Paradise and causeth the breezes of grace to waft upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. And thou, rejoice within thyself and grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God, thy Lord. This verily will profit thee in truth, and God is witness unto this. Then know thou that the world and its adornments shall pass away and have no permanence, and all things shall return to a holy and radiant seat. And when thou hearest the call of separation from the Branch of the Cause, grieve not, for in this are ordained mysteries of might and wisdom from a wise and knowing Ordainer, and He shall manifest it if He willeth and desireth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. He doeth what He willeth and shall not be questioned of what He desireth, and He is the All-Wise, the All-Informed. Beware lest thou forget the favour of thy Lord, then thank Him at all times, and this is better for thee than the dominion of the ancients. Then recognize the worth of what God hath bestowed upon you through His grace, in that He hath related you to His servant, and this is from an evident grace. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those women who circle round the Cause and are detached from all who are in the kingdom of creation.

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=== START BH05799 ===

He is God, the Ever-Living, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who can never be numbered, Who abideth upon the throne of Thy majesty in the heights of elevation, might and splendor, and Who can never be limited, Who dwelleth upon the seat of Thy sovereignty in the loftiness of power, strength and grandeur. All who are enraptured stand before the gate of the city of Thy mercy, and all who are enchanted yearn for the manifestations of the light of Thy countenance, and all who journey forth traverse the pathways of Thy lordship, and all who arrive drink from the wine of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Him Whom Thou hast made the All-Compelling over all created things, the Self-Subsisting over all existence, and the Ever-Living in the kingdom of earth and heaven, to cause the ark of my reality to sail upon the sea of Thine essence, that I may bring forth from the depths of the ocean of Thy greatness the pearls of Thy eternality and the fish of Thine everlastingness, so that none may be seen except Thee, and no soul may turn to aught but Thee, and all may turn their faces to the court of Thy holiness, and all in the lands may hasten to the carpet of Thy intimacy, and may behold naught save the pure vision of Thy countenance, and may drink only from the wine of Thy grace from the hands of Thy attraction, and may taste only of the fruits of Thy bounty from the tree of Thine eternity. There is no God but Thee. Verily, we all worship Thee and bow down before Thy countenance.

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He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest my dwelling place before Thee and my habitation in Thy lands, wherein I find none to love but Thee and none to seek but Thee. All creation longeth to attain Thy presence and all beings hope to visit Thy countenance. I beseech Thee at this moment by the splendor of Thy holy lights wherewith Thou hast illumined all existing things, and by the radiance of Thy attractive grace wherewith Thou hast caused all created things to shine forth, and by the perpetuity of Thy Essence whereby Thou hast drawn unto Thee all renowned things, and by the camphor of Thy Identity whereby Thou hast entranced the hearts of the purified ones, that Thou make us submissive to Thy sovereignty, yearning for Thy countenance, hastening to the dwelling places of Thy holy glory and gazing upon the garments of Thy oneness. For in Thy hand is the kingdom of the throne and the cloud, and the dominion of might and splendor. Thou art the One Who hath power to do as Thou willest, howsoever Thou willest. Verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Therefore, O my God, send Thy blessings upon the first one who was illumined by Thy light and who shone forth through the dawning of the sun of Thy Self-Subsistence and who was made resplendent through the resplendence of the moon of Thy sanctity, and upon those who entered Thy most exalted Paradise and Thy most glorious Ridvan and who drank from the cup of Thy love in the most sublime heights and the most sheltered habitations. Verily Thou art the Bestower of whatsoever Thou willest through whatsoever means Thou willest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

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In His Name, the Exalted, the All-Highest, the Most Sublime!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! O Thou Who art my God, and my Master, and my Lord, and my Support, and my Hope, and my Refuge, and my Light. I ask of Thee, by Thy Hidden and Treasured Name, which none knoweth save Thine own Self, to protect the bearer of this Tablet from every calamity and pestilence, and from every wicked man and woman; from the evil of the evil-doers, and from the scheming of the unbelievers. Preserve him, moreover, O my God, from every pain and vexation, O Thou Who holdest in Thy hand the empire of all things. Thou, truly, art powerful over all things. Thou doest as Thou willest, and ordainest as Thou pleasest.

O Thou King of Kings! O Thou kind Lord! O Thou Source of ancient bounty, of grace, of generosity and bestowal! O Thou Healer of sicknesses! O Thou Sufficer of needs! O Thou Light of Light! O Thou Light above all Lights! O Thou Revealer of every Manifestation! O Thou the Compassionate! O Thou the Merciful! Do Thou have mercy upon the bearer of this Tablet, through Thy most great mercy and Thine abundant grace, O Thou the Gracious, Thou the Bounteous. Guard him, moreover, through Thy protection, from whatsoever his heart and mind may find repugnant. Of those endued with power, Thou, verily, art the most powerful. The Glory of God rest upon thee, O thou rising sun! Do thou testify unto that which God hath testified of His own Self, that there is none other God besides Him, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved.

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=== START BH05802 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of eternity

The appointed time hath come, and God hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. O people of the earth, fear ye God! Verily He hath appeared and hath manifested that which He desired as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. This is the Day whereof God gave tidings in His Books and Scriptures. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the most lost ones! By the life of God! The Wronged One desireth naught save the salvation of the world and the exaltation of the nations. Of this beareth witness that which hath flowed from the Pen of God's command, the Lord of all worlds. Beware, O people, lest ye cast behind you the Book of God. Set aside what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by One All-Wise, All-Commanding. When thou attainest unto My Book and hearest My Call, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to assist me to be steadfast in such wise that the clamor of the peoples who have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and have disbelieved in Thy Day which Thou didst announce through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers shall not hinder me.

Light and glory and praise and laudation rest upon Thee and upon them who have not cast away the Covenant of God and His Testament and who have acted according to that which hath been enjoined in His Mighty Book.

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In the Name of Him Who standeth before all faces!

The Day of God hath come, yet the people know it not. The Luminary of Manifestation hath shone forth from the horizon of Sinai, yet most of the people perceive it not. Say: O people! Answer Him Who speaketh this Day, and follow not the manifestations of fancy and idle imaginings. Clear ye the way, for verily the Guide hath come beneath the canopies of light. The Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call, and the tongue that hath answered its Lord, and the hand that hath taken His sealed Tablet. The smoke hath enveloped all who dwell in the realm of creation, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath been made manifest. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. O people! Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, and follow not every ignorant outcast. This is a Day wherein the Ocean saith to the dry land: Blessed art thou, since God hath honored thee with His footsteps. O concourse of earth! Grieve not for aught, for by God, the Promise hath come, and this is the Promised One Who walketh in the palace and calleth all unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath My Pen spoken by My command, and I am, verily, the One Who overseeth what hath been and what shall be.

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O Mirza Karim Khan! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! The leaders have gathered to harm Us, yet they lie beneath Our feet, though they perceive it not. The divines have denied this Horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance. By My life! They understand not. Had they known what they had wrought, they would have cast aside their inaction and run forth into the wilderness, crying out: "We have failed in our duty toward Thee, O Thou in Whose hand lieth the control of all existence!" Each faction is content with what it hath, turning away from that which is with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We remind the people by Our command, and their standing or sitting, their acceptance or rejection, shall not deter Us, for We are powerful over what We wish. There is no God but Me, the Protector over all that witnesseth and is witnessed. The ocean of knowledge hath been gathered up when the Standard of God's knowledge, the Mighty, the Loving, was unfurled. The temple of vain imaginings hath trembled when the All-Knowing came with a sovereignty that encompasseth all that was and shall be. Draw thou nigh - verily it surgeth before thy face - then drink therefrom in My Name, the Beloved. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee with a fragrance whereby thou didst quicken the graves. When thou hast found and attained, arise to serve thy Lord with a remembrance whereby spirits take flight and hearts are drawn.

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He is God, exalted is He! We have previously informed you in the Tablets of that which hath been ordained by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath indeed decreed with truth, and We are among those who render thanks. Grieve not over what hath been decreed and ordained, but be filled with supreme gladness, for in this mighty seizure and great captivity We are in manifest ease and comfort. Praise be unto Him for having made me a prisoner in His path, and made my kindred captives in the hands of the oppressors. By God! The Most Great Sea hath been established upon a sea whereof every drop proclaimeth between the heavens and the earth that He is indeed the Truth and the Beloved of all the worlds. And the letter Ha circleth round it, and neither tribulations can prevent it from His Cause nor calamities from His sovereignty. Erelong will it emerge through truth, for verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Say: In this prison are signs for them that possess true knowledge, and clear evidences for them that are near unto God. God desired not thereby to extinguish His fire, but rather to kindle it, and in all that He doeth there is a wisdom which none comprehend save they who are endowed with clear vision. Remember thy Lord, for verily He is with thee at all times and will aid thee through the truth. And there is no help save from Him - verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

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In the name of Him Who giveth and taketh as He pleaseth! The heedless ones drove Us from the land of mystery with manifest tyranny, until We reached the shore of the sea. Then We embarked upon the ship by God's command - He, the Exalted, the Great. At all times the verses of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, were sent down, and by them the hearts of those who circled round were attracted, until We arrived at this Great Prison. The hosts of the oppressors seized control of the prison gate. The first to turn toward God in this land was he who was named Abu'l-Hasan. He attained the presence once and heard the melodies of God. He was indeed a trustworthy man. God accepted from him the hardships he bore in His path and which he continued to bear on his return journey. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. After him entered servants who did not attain the presence of the Youth because of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. For each one God ordained a great reward. Thus have We revealed unto thee some of what befell Us, that thou mayest be informed thereof and hear the call of this Wronged One from this far-off place, and remember thy Lord in all conditions. Verily He is with His remembering servants. And glory be upon the loved ones of God who stood fast in His Cause and were of those who remained firm. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05806 ===

=== START BH05807 ===

O Muhammad, who has attained! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! The Call has been raised from this noble Scene, whereby the call of all things was raised, yet most of the people remain heedless. The horizon of utterance has shone forth and the All-Merciful has come with clear proof, yet the people have arisen in great opposition. They have denied God and His sovereignty and committed that which has caused every rock to cry out and every informed being to lament. O

Muhammad! God willing, may you attain His special favors and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness at all times, and be so firm in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds that neither the vicissitudes of time nor the oppression of the rebellious ones shall prevent you from the horizon of the All-Merciful. That which you sent was presented before the Throne and was honored with acceptance. God, exalted be His glory, has loved to witness pleasing crafts from His loved ones. Blessed art thou for what thou hast crafted has been presented before the face of thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger. God willing, may each of the loved ones be enabled to manifest a craft from among the crafts and be assisted in that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this glorious and wondrous Day.

=== END BH05807 ===

=== START BH05808 ===

He is the All-Victorious, the Manifest One

The lamentations of all things have risen up because of what befell the people of Baha in the land of Ya. Verily, ’Ali advanced to the place of sacrifice and offered up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of all beings. He sacrificed his life in such wise that the light of steadfastness shone forth resplendent from his luminous brow. The Manifestations of God’s Most Beautiful Names in the Most Exalted Paradise have gloried in his presence, his sacrifice and his steadfastness. The winds passed over his blessed body and lamented, and from their howling these words were heard: “Woe, woe unto the people who with their own hands martyred the Lord of existence!” O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and soarest in His atmosphere! There hath befallen the loved ones of God that which no eye in all the world hath ever witnessed. We desire to make mention of thee and give thee glad-tidings of that which hath appeared from My loved ones and chosen ones. Blessed is he who maketh mention of them and remembereth their remembrance and presenteth himself before their graves, saying: “I testify that ye have attained unto that which none before you have ever attained. Ye are the manifestations of detachment in all creation and the dawning-places of sacrifice amidst the people of hypocrisy. Upon you rest the Spirit and upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward, and God’s mercy and His blessings and His favors and His grace.”

=== END BH05808 ===

=== START BH05809 ===

In the name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! The melodies of God have been raised in this Paradise which was known by His name. Say: Paradise hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be He Who hath revealed that which was hidden from the eyes of the world. O handmaidens of God! Know ye the value of these days, for they are like unto the days in which Ali appeared in truth - nay, rather, this is the Sovereign of days, and God is witness unto this. Remember God Who created you for the recognition of the Manifestation of His Self, Who hath come upon the shadows of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. And thou, O handmaiden of God, purify thy heart from the love of aught else, that the sun of the beauty of thy Lord’s remembrance may be imprinted thereon, for verily it hath been recorded by this name in the Mother Book. Praise thy Lord, then prostrate thyself before God Who

created thee and all things, though He was independent of all worlds. Then seek forgiveness from thy Lord, for verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus have We remembered thee in this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be illumined by the lights of the countenance. And the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have fallen prostrate in the dust before God, in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and verily He encompasseth all things.

=== END BH05809 ===

=== START BH05810 ===

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

We have desired to make mention of him who hath inclined his ear to the Voice of God, that haply he may arise in a manner worthy of this wondrous Day and proclaim his Lord amidst all men, admonishing them to observe that which the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath bidden them.

O servant! Conduct thyself with justice and act in such wise that thy deeds may reveal the sanctity of the Cause. Adorn thyself with so praiseworthy a character, that by it the fragrance of purity may be wafted over all men. Quaff thou the wine that is life indeed from the living fountain of Mine utterance, and let thy sustenance be My remembrance and My praise. Thus biddeth you He Who holdeth the knowledge of all things in the unerring Book.

We have heard the praise thou hast uttered and revealed unto thee that which will enable thee to soar in the atmosphere of love and reunion, and to partake of that which thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised hath desired. Rejoice in My mention of thee and continually render thanks unto thy Lord, for His remembrance is, in truth, exalted above all that is on the earth. Do thou appreciate its value, then, persevere in serving this sublime Cause. He, verily, watcheth over His servants and giveth ear to their words. He, in truth, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus have We sent down the showers of utterance from the clouds of divine knowledge. Shouldst thou attain unto it, lift up thy voice and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Beloved of every understanding heart, and glory be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the World!”

=== END BH05810 ===

=== START BH05811 ===

In the name of God, the Everlasting, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting! We had previously sent thee a Tablet which beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Choosing. Thou didst turn to it and didst accept it with a spirit of submission. Therefore hath this Tablet been sent down once again that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. Whoso turneth today is accounted among those who have turned in all the Tablets. Whoso turneth away hath no portion of that which hath been ordained in the highest Paradise by God, the Lord of Names. Arise to serve thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with spirit and fragrance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to show thee what thou didst behold in thy dream. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And may He make thee among those who have aided His Cause and have turned unto Him with radiant faces. Thus hath the decree been ordained

from thy Lord, the Lord of all men. Aid thou His Cause with wisdom - He will aid thee through the truth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord in such wise that the veils of glory will not prevent thee. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean surged and there hath flowed from it that whereby thy name shall be established in the Kingdom and thy remembrance in the realm of possibility. Verily, glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the living waters in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and who have rent asunder the veils through power and sovereignty.

=== END BH05811 ===

=== START BH05812 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling above all names

We have intoxicated those endowed with knowledge with the choice wine of utterance. Exalted is this wine whose seal has been broken by the finger of grace and favor. Blessed is he who has drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto them that hesitate. By God! The back of might has trembled with the fear of God, yet the people are in grievous doubt. They imprison him who has broken the chains of blind imitation by the hand of divine decree, and they object to him who calls them to the pure wine of divine unity from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous. We have found you stirred by the breezes of God. We have sent down this Tablet unto you at this wondrous dawn. When you attain unto it, give thanks to your Lord for having mentioned you while He was in manifest sorrow - not sorrow for Himself but for that which the people have followed their own idle fancies after the All-Merciful has appeared with a sovereignty that has encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. This indeed is a grievous wrong. Say: O people! Fear God, and do not commit that which causes the eyes of the dwellers of Paradise to shed tears, and follow not every remote clamourer. Hearken unto My most sweet call which has been raised from the precincts of Akka, the spot wherein He Who has come with manifest sovereignty has been imprisoned. Thus does the Dove sing forth when the Dawning-Place of Names has been established upon the throne of His Name, the All-Compelling over all worlds.

=== END BH05812 ===

=== START BH05813 ===

O Ghulam-'Ali, who hath attained!

In His Name, the Lord of Dominion over earth and heaven! The Sun hath dawned from the horizon of proof, and the Nightingale of divine knowledge hath warbled upon the branches, and the Spirit hath cried out at the midmost heart of creation - yet the people remain sunk in slumber. They have not awakened at the call of God, nor have they been stirred by this Spirit whereby the world hath been shaken. Thus doth the tongue of grace speak with pure justice, yet most people are as dead. They are like leaves that are moved by every wind. Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest be among those possessed of knowledge. How many a servant hath claimed steadfastness within himself, yet when We tested him We found him among the doubtful ones. He turned to God with clear signs, then turned away from Him through a word from the satans. Thus do We mention unto thee what hath come to pass. Verily thy Lord

is the All-Knowing Expositor. By God the Truth! This Cause is mighty, mighty indeed! This is a word We have repeated in most of the Tablets, that perchance the servants may thereby be awakened. To this My glorious and luminous tongue beareth witness. Yet none have been awakened thereby save those who have cast behind their backs the tales of old, turning unto the One, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever speaketh the truth in this Day wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God besides Him, the Truth, the Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest One.

=== END BH05813 ===

=== START BH05814 ===

O Haji Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing! The horizon of the world hath been illumined through the advent of the Ancient King with His Most Great Name, Who hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon the princes of the earth and its divines waxed proud against Him, even to the point where they pronounced their verdict against Him - yet they understand not. They have followed their own desires and cast their God behind their backs. Thus hath Satan made their deeds seem fair to them, and they perceive it not. Through My Name were the stations of the learned ones exalted, but when I rent asunder the veils and manifested Myself, they denied My signs, rejected My proof, and barred the servants of the All-Merciful from turning unto His praiseworthy station. Blessed art thou for having turned and hearkened unto the Call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Soon shall that which they possess perish, and that which hath been ordained for thee by My Most Exalted Pen shall endure in a preserved Tablet. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. The ocean of utterance hath surged within creation and the Day-Star of knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is he who hath seen with true vision and heard with attentive ears, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto the Countenance and cast behind them what the people possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

=== END BH05814 ===

=== START BH05815 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in evident blindness. This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath turned towards My direction and attained unto My recognition and spoken My praise amidst My servants, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. This is a day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath given glad tidings unto His servants of His manifestation and appearance and His sovereignty. Verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise. Take heed lest the clamor of the oppressors disturb thee or the whisperings of the deluded ones who have denied the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds, cause thee to fear. Say: In the Name of God and by God! Then turn thy face toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the cup of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee by Thy radiant and manifest light, and by Thy firm and mighty command, and by the places which were honored by Thy footsteps and the houses wherein arose Thy sighs, to make me

steadfast, patient, speaking and standing firm in Thy days upon Thy Cause. Then make me unwavering in Thy love such that the books of the people and whatsoever they possess shall not prevent me from this Book which speaketh before all faces that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH05815 ===

=== START BH05816 ===

In My Name, Who Warbleth upon the Branches

The heavens have been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and the mountains have crumbled, yet the people remain in heedlessness and schism. All things circle round the Prison, while the Concourse on High circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. O People of the Book! This is the Day of Return, and the Truth calleth out with its loudest voice, summoning all to the straight path. O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of those whom wealth hath prevented from attaining their ultimate goal. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which God, the Lord of lords, hath commanded you. Beware lest the veils of the divines shut you out from the Most Exalted Horizon. Leave them behind you, turning unto the horizon from which hath shone forth that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thy name hath attained the honor of being heard by the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. We have made mention of thee in such wise as no earthly treasures or heavenly riches can equal. Be thou thankful for His having enabled thee to recognize the Ocean of His utterance and the Sun of His bounty, and for having acquainted thee with Him Who was mentioned in the Scriptures and Tablets. Glory and praise be upon the people of the Crimson Ark, mention of which was revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma' before God, the One, the Chosen One. And upon thee and upon thy works among those who have laid hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from God, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH05816 ===

=== START BH05817 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the Great! The Bayan hath verily announced unto all created things this mighty Revelation. It hath said: "He Who cometh, verily He is the Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and that which appeareth from Him testifieth that He is indeed the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the All-Praised." It hath said: "He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor known through any book, nor described by aught in the world." To this beareth witness the Ancient Beauty in this glorious station. We express what is in the Bayan in diverse utterances to mention what was intended therein by My Herald, the All-Knowing. By God's life! He desired naught from the Bayan save the All-Merciful and His establishment upon His mighty throne. Say: O people, fear God and deny not Him to Whom testify the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. But for Him, who would guide you unto God and who would make known unto you His straight path? Say: Through Him the proof hath appeared throughout the ages and the evidence hath spoken throughout all possibility that there is no God but I, the All-Bountiful. We have mentioned thee in this Tablet that thou mayest know the grace of thy Lord and thank Him and remember Him with wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. Convey My

greetings to My loved ones and remind them of My verses, then give them to drink the choice wine of steadfastness in My Name, the One Who ruleth over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

=== END BH05817 ===

=== START BH05818 ===

O Muhammad-Big! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! The contingent world hath been adorned with the appearance of the All-Merciful, yet the people remain in heedlessness and behind a veil. They have clung to their desires and turned away from guidance. Verily they are among the people of the fire. Among them are those who cling to idle fancies, turning away from Him through Whom the horizon of certitude hath shone forth. And among them are those who cling to what their leaders possess, heedless of Him through Whom the religions were established. Say: O peoples of the worlds! How long will ye slumber upon the couch of heedlessness and desire? Lift up your heads - the Truth hath come with power and sovereignty. The tales of the ancients profit you not this Day, nor what ye possess of the interpretations of the misguided. Open your eyes - this is the sealed wine. Drink ye from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Master of the Day of Mutual Calling. Doth what ye possess profit you? Nay, by the Cleaver of the Dawn! Leave what the people possess and hold fast unto this Cord which hath appeared in truth from your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Beware lest ye follow those who have denied the signs of God and have spoken what they possess of conjectures and idle fancies. Break the chains of blind imitation through My Name, the All-Powerful over creation. Thus have We moved the Pen of Command that those who have come before the Face on this Day might rejoice - a Day wherein feet have slipped.

=== END BH05818 ===

=== START BH05819 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the world! The rivers have flowed, the fruits have appeared, and the trees have spoken forth. The Kingdom and the Realm, the Grandeur and the Dominion belong unto God, the Lord of all men. O Muhammad-Qabl-Karim! Thou hast been mentioned by Him Who circleth around Me, soareth in Mine atmosphere, uttereth My praise, and hath acknowledged that which My chosen ones have acknowledged - they who have not broken the Covenant. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth nor by that which lieth concealed in the seas. How many a servant hath turned toward My horizon and spoken that which My Tongue hath spoken at morn and eventide! When thou attainest unto My Name, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desire, for having sent down unto me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, standing before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names, Who hath subdued earth and heaven, to cause me to hold fast to Thy cord and cling to Thy robe. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. O Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones and chosen ones whom the veils of glory have not hindered from drawing nigh unto the Dawning-Place of Beauty. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.”

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=== START BH05820 ===

In His Name, the One Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

The Ark of the Bayan hath sailed upon the ocean of divine knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Whoso holdeth fast unto it is assuredly among the triumphant. Neither can the seas submerge it, nor can stones shatter it. Verily it is more steadfast than the mountains and more resplendent than the sun at noontide. Exalted be its Maker, the All-Wise Ordainer. In the primal reality it referreth to the Temple of Pre-existence Who speaketh among the nations, and in another sense to My firm and mighty Cause. Say: O people! Turn ye unto the Ark of God and follow not the falsifiers who, when the signs appeared and the verses were sent down, denied God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Say: The Temple hath been built by the hands of grace, and verily it is that which was promised in the Books of God aforetime, yet most of the people remain heedless. Every appointed time hath come to pass, every sign hath been manifested, and every promise hath been fulfilled, yet the people remain veiled by an evident veil. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned toward the All-Bestowing One on the Day of Return, when every remote denier turned away from Him. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord among the servants with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05820 ===

=== START BH05821 ===

O Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the peace of God! He is God, exalted be His majesty, the Grandeur and the Power! Husayn and ’Abdu’l-Karim have attained the presence of the Wronged One in these days when We are surrounded by those possessed of hatred and malice, who claim association with the Spirit of God, the Creator of heaven. They have calumniated Us and committed that which caused every fair-minded one to weep, brought tears to the eyes of every just one, and made the heart of every discerning one to moan. We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect His servants from the evil of these people. By the life of God! They are the offspring of vipers, and this is what God hath revealed aforetime unto His Messengers. O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! It behooveth Us and thee and every believer to hold fast unto the cord of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. We beseech from Him victory and deliverance for His servants who are encompassed by the ships of polytheism and the cannons of unbelief. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy weak servants - where is Thy strength, O Lord of the worlds, and where is Thy power, O Creator of the nations? I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all created things, to send down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness that which will gladden the hearts of Thy servants and the souls of Thy creation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. Peace be upon thee and upon God’s sincere servants.

=== END BH05821 ===

=== START BH05822 ===

The Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous! There hath come before Us that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of all worlds, and We have heard the moaning of thy heart in separation from thy Lord. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have accepted that for which thou didst supplicate the Lord of the throne and of earth. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have ordained for thee what We have desired and have decreed for thee in the Book a mighty good. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. They that object to you are themselves wrapped in a manifest veil. Be not grieved by those who speak according to their desires. Stand firm in that wherein ye are and put your trust in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Among the people are those who worship their own desires and imagine they worship their Ancient Lord, and among them are those who cling to a name from among the names while turning away from Him Who is named. By My life, they are all in manifest error. Ye are under the wing of grace. Blessed are ye and they that are with you and they that hear your words concerning this Wise Remembrance. Say: By the Lord of the signs! The Revelations have ended with this mighty Announcement. Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation before the completion of a full thousand years, such a one is assuredly a lying impostor. And whoso interpreteth this verse differently, verily he is of those who have gone astray. We beseech God to aid you to love Him and to grant you every good from His presence. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

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Unto Thee be praise, O Lord my God! I entreat Thee, by Thy signs that have encompassed the entire creation, and by the light of Thy countenance that hath illuminated all that are in heaven and on earth, and by Thy mercy that hath surpassed all created things, and by Thy grace that hath suffused the whole universe, to rend asunder the veils that shut me out from Thee, that I may hasten unto the Fountain-Head of Thy mighty inspiration, and to the Day-Spring of Thy Revelation and bountiful favors, and may be immersed beneath the ocean of Thy nearness and pleasure.

Suffer me not, O my Lord, to be deprived of the knowledge of Thee in Thy days, and divest me not of the robe of Thy guidance. Give me to drink of the river that is life indeed, whose waters have streamed forth from the Paradise (Ridvan) in which the throne of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, was established, that mine eyes may be opened, and my face be illumined, and my heart be assured, and my soul be enlightened, and my steps be made firm.

Thou art He Who from everlasting was, through the potency of His might, supreme over all things, and, through the operation of His will, was able to ordain all things. Nothing whatsoever, whether in Thy heaven or on Thy earth, can frustrate Thy purpose. Have mercy, then, upon me, O my Lord, through Thy gracious providence and generosity, and incline mine ear to the sweet melodies of the birds that warble their praise of Thee, amidst the branches of the tree of Thy oneness.

Thou art the Great Giver, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH05823 ===

=== START BH05824 ===

O Ali-Rida, He Who dawns from the horizon of divine knowledge!

Your letter has come before Us and We have heard that wherewith you called upon God, the Lord of all worlds, and We have answered you with this Tablet, from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has been wafted between the heavens and the earths. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of all created things and in Whose grasp are the controls of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when it appeared, the foundation of every house was shaken, the heart of every powerful one was disturbed, every idol wailed, and every idolater cried out - to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the Kaaba of […]. I beseech Thee by the lights of the horizon of Thy Cause to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who hastened to the seat of Thy Cause and held fast to what Thou didst reveal in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in Thy days, for I […] that this is the day wherein the heaven of Thy grace has been upraised and the ocean of Thy favors has surged. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and mercy to take my hand, then preserve me from the intimations of Thy creatures, then give me to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05824 ===

=== START BH05825 ===

O Fadl-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! Your letter has come and been presented by the servant who stands before the Throne. We have answered you with that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor the wealth of nations. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and was among the thankful ones. We found from your letter the fragrance of My love and have ordained for you that which brings joy to the eyes of those near unto God. When My Most Exalted Pen moved to make mention of you, the fragrance of immortality was diffused between earth and heaven. Blessed are they who know My remembrance. Through My remembrance all things have spoken, and by My command every great matter has appeared. Say: This is the news wherewith God's books have given glad tidings aforetime. Read what the All-Merciful has sent down in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." The Day has come, yet the people are heedless and in manifest loss. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My Tablet through which the sun of justice has shone upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ask thou God to grant thee success and to assist thee in preserving this bounty, and to draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. We send from this spot Our glorification upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging fast to My straight Path. The glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH05825 ===

=== START BH05826 ===

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the world

Your letter was received and the servant present before the Wronged One presented it. We answer you with this Clear Book which calleth out to the world saying: “By God! The Lord of Eternity hath come with mighty sovereignty.” Let not the events of the world sadden thee. Put aside what is therein, holding fast to the cord of thy Lord’s tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. Say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and made me know Thy Cause which is manifest and all-compelling over all who are in the heavens and earth. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, and by the power of Thy supreme Word and the lights of Thy Throne, O Lord of all humanity, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will aid and benefit me. Thou knowest me better than I know myself. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Moreover I ask Thee to decree for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth, and Lord of the exalted Seat. O Lord! Disappoint not the one who hath turned to the lights of Thy countenance and drawn nigh unto the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and earth.”

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=== START BH05827 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Your letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of all worlds. We have answered thee with a Tablet from which those near unto God in every word thereof inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath been honored to hearken, and thy tongue, for it hath been honored with mention and praise, and thy face, for it hath turned toward My luminous horizon. Take thou the Choice Wine which hath been sealed with the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, then drink thereof despite every remote scholar and every doubting mystic. When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of revelation from the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants turned away, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call when most of Thy creatures were debarred therefrom. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the lights of the sun of Thy loving-kindness and the mysteries of Thy Book, to aid me in that which shall cause my remembrance to endure throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee to ordain for me through the Pen of Grace that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy. There has come before the Face a seal ring whereon thy name is inscribed; therefore hath the Tongue of Him Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Source of His mighty and impregnable Command spoken in thy remembrance. Blessed is the name unto which the gaze of God hath been directed, and the soul that hath been mentioned by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Know thou that We have borne in God's path what no one among His servants hath borne. To this testifieth every fair-minded and well-informed one. While in Ta (Tehran) We were in chains and fetters, and in Iraq We were in the midst of the idolaters. We manifested might when We were in the depths of abasement, and appeared with power and evident sovereignty. We departed from Iraq in such wise that necks were bowed before the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, until the heedless ones brought Us to the Most Great Prison. Then We rent asunder the veils and manifested the Cause openly, whereupon the fire of hatred blazed in the breasts of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Then they removed Us from there and brought Us to this Great Prison. Yet in all circumstances We summoned the people unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered his Ancient Lord. Rejoice thou in thy soul for that thou hast been mentioned before the Face and wert among those who remember. By My life, through the presence of thy name before the Throne, an exalted station hath been ordained for thee.

=== END BH05828 ===

=== START BH05829 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir - upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearing, the Answering! Your mention hath been made before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, and He hath answered thee with that which hath caused the musk of inner meanings to waft among the peoples. Blessed is he who hath found and given thanks, and woe unto him who hath remained heedless and turned away. Say: O people! This is the Book of God which hath been sent down in truth, would that ye might read it. This is the Call of the All-Merciful which hath been raised through grace, would that ye might hear it. This is the Countenance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, would that ye might behold it. By God! The scratching of My Pen hath been raised up, and the rushing of the winds of My mercy, and the flowing of the waters of My loving-kindness which have encompassed all existence. Say: O concourse of the earth! How long will ye follow vain imaginings and idle fancies? Open your eyes! By God! The Sun of the Cause hath dawned from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Cast aside your ignorant divines, turning unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Subduing over what was and what shall be. That which ye possess will profit you not this Day - He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet doth testify to this. Thus hath the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the branch of utterance, as a command from the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. And We make mention of Our loved ones there, and give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His favor on this blessed Day and in this praiseworthy station.

=== END BH05829 ===

=== START BH05830 ===

In His Name, Who standeth over all things!

The ear of Divine favor hath heard that which thou didst cry out to God, the Lord of the worlds, and that wherewith thou didst praise thy Lord. Thus must it be with one who hath turned to the All-Knowing, the One. He answereth thee through His grace from this glorious station, and remembereth thee with that which thou didst remember. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And as for what thou didst mention regarding thy powerlessness and nothingness before His countenance - this indeed is true recognition. Be grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of them that remember!" Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Most Great Ocean hath sprinkled upon thee while He was in the hands of the oppressors. Know thou that His remembrance of thee is better than all that hath been created on earth - to this doth every discerning mystic bear witness. Give thanks unto God for having adorned thee with the ornament of His remembrance and for having made thee among them that have turned unto Him. Grieve not over the world and its afflictions. Soon shall ye behold yourselves in manifest glory, if ye remain steadfast in the love of God and His Cause. By God! Whoso attaineth unto this station, verily the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and then the dwellers of Paradise shall make mention of him, and thy Lord is, of a truth, knowing and witnessing of what I say. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have cast away the world and held fast unto this glory which hath appeared in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested it in truth through a sovereignty that hath conquered the worlds.

=== END BH05830 ===

=== START BH05831 ===

He is the Perspicuous, the Manifest Expositor

O Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! The inanimate objects have testified to the Lord of all beings, yet the people remain behind a mighty veil. There is nothing that hath not borne witness to this Cause, yet the people persist in manifest doubt. They have denied God's favor after its descent and cast behind their backs His wise Book. They have slain him who spoke the truth - for this the Concourse on High and those who circle round His mighty Throne have cursed them. Say: O people, have mercy upon yourselves and oppose not Him Who hath come to you with the proof of the Spirit, the testimony of Muhammad and the evidences of the Messengers. By God! The Mother Book hath testified to My manifestation and circled round Me, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast aside what was sent down from the heaven of their Lord's will, the All-Merciful, and taken what their divines possessed of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily these people follow their divines who have prevented them from turning to the face of God, the Lord of all worlds. God shall soon seize them with His justice - then shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken in this exalted castle, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold of My luminous hem.

=== END BH05831 ===

=== START BH05832 ===

He is the One speaking in the temple of the world!

The Book hath testified to the All-Mighty, the All-Bountiful, yet most of the people hear not. They have cast behind their backs the Cause of God, yet they understand not. The Mother of the Bayan calleth aloud unto all who are in the realm of being, yet the people remain lost in idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Mother of the Book hath spoken, yet they perceive not. The Promise hath come to pass and that which was hidden hath been revealed, and from His right hand hath flowed the river of God's mercy, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Where is the might of the foremost one and what he possessed? Where is his glory and his power and his ascendancy? Where are his yellow hosts and his crimson standard? Where are his conditions and his ways? Where are his palaces and his followers? Where are his treasures and his ranks? Where is his strength and his grandeur? The angels have borne him to the grave, cut off from the world and its adornments and its ornaments and all that is therein. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen inform you. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving. Say: How long will ye sport with your idle fancies? How long will ye cleave to your idols? Cast away vain imaginings. The All-Knowing hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed both the unseen and the seen. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while in the prison through that which the hands of every rejected oppressor have wrought.

=== END BH05832 ===

=== START BH05833 ===

He is the Mighty, the Everlasting! God hath witnessed thy letter and perceived the love for Him concealed in thy heart, and hath sent thee from this Ridvan the holy fragrances of the Beloved, that thou mayest be quickened thereby and speak forth the truth and be numbered among those who utter the verses of God, whom no blame from any blamer can deter, and whom no hindrance from those who are not guided to the beauty of God can prevent. Say: O people! This is in truth Husayn Who hath come to you with verses, a single letter of which all who are in the heavens and on earth cannot equal, did ye but know. Say: This is He Who was promised to you after the Qa'im, did ye but perceive. He hath appeared with the adornment of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: God hath manifested Him amidst the enemies with such sovereignty that all have bowed down before Him, did ye but hearken. Thus recognize the power of thy Lord, then make mention of Him morning and evening, at eventide and at dawn. And grieve thou not over anything, but put thy trust in God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most High, the Best-Beloved. And if tribulation should befall thee, be not perturbed, but stand firm in thy love, and He will assuredly help thee with the truth and protect thee with justice - this is a certain truth. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who hold fast to this Cord.

=== END BH05833 ===

=== START BH05834 ===

He is the Silent, the Speaking, the All-Knowing!

The Qayyum hath appeared after the Qa'im and hath arisen to the Cause with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall bow down, as attesteth the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. O peoples of the earth! The Promised One hath appeared and made manifest that which lay concealed in the Books of God and treasured within His all-encompassing knowledge. Cast away what ye

possess and take hold of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Knowing. By God! What ye possess shall profit you not, nor shall all the treasures of the earth avail you. Cast aside idle fancies and vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged and the nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. The dominion is God's, Who hath come with the truth. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto Him, and woe betide every heedless one that is far removed. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One, arise to serve this mighty, this glorious Cause, through which the Resurrection was struck motionless with fear of the Command, and the Hour cried out, and the edifice of those who took the idol as their lord instead of God was shaken to its foundations. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken forth in this luminous station. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in all things. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05834 ===

=== START BH05835 ===

He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was concealed hath emerged, and He Who was promised hath come - He at Whose advent the earth did quake and the heavens were rent asunder. O people of the earth, fear God and follow not the desires of those who have denied God's Proof and His Testament, and have rejected that which the Lord of all beings hath brought. Say: Beware lest the doubts of men prevent you from the truth. Turn with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. He ordaineth for you that which shall profit you in the world to come and in this world. When thou hearest My call and perceivest the fragrance of My Revelation, turn with thy whole being toward the Most Exalted Station and the Ultimate Goal and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy Revelation, and glory be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love, and grandeur and praise be to Thee for having made known to me Thy station which God hath made the circling-point of the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Garden. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy signs and Thy clear tokens, and by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, and by the lights of Thy countenance in Thy prison, to assist Thy servants in that which befitteth Thy days, and to grant them such steadfastness as shall cause the feet of the polytheists among Thy servants and the deniers among Thy creatures to quake. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05835 ===

=== START BH05836 ===

He is the Most Exalted above all names! For all things hath God, the Giving, the Bounteous, the Gracious, ordained sustenance. For the eye hath He ordained the blessing of sight - behold ye then the handiwork of God and what hath appeared from this noble prospect. For the ear hath He ordained the blessing of hearing - say: hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur doth speak between the heavens and the earth. For the tongue hath He ordained the blessing of utterance - recite ye then what the All-Merciful hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. For the spirit, the food of divine knowledge - by God, this hath been sent down from the heaven of My grace upon My creatures. Blessed is he who recognizeth it and attaineth unto it, for he is of the sincere ones. And for the body, that which We have brought forth from

the earth as a bounty from Us, for I am the Giving, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Say: O people of Baha, deprive not yourselves, your souls, and your limbs of that which hath been ordained for you by My Most Exalted Pen, through which the Trump was blown and all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck down, save whom God pleased, the Powerful, the Mighty. O My loved ones! Let not hardships sadden you. Soon shall all that is on earth perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have indeed perceived the fragrance of thy love and steadfastness, and have sent down for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of them that draw nigh.

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=== START BH05837 ===

LXXIV

Magnified be Thy name, O Lord my God, inasmuch as Thou hast inclined mine ear to Thy voice, and called me to Thyself, and opened mine eyes to gaze on Thy beauty, and illumined my heart with Thy knowledge, and sanctified my breast from the doubts of the infidels in Thy days. I am the one, O my God, who lay fast asleep on his couch, when lo, the messengers of Thy manifold mercies were sent down upon me by Thee, and the gentle winds of Thy loving-kindness blew over me, and roused me up, and caused me to set my face towards the sanctuary of Thy knowledge, and to fix mine eyes upon the splendors of the light of Thy face.

I am but a poor creature, O my Lord! Behold me clinging to the hem of Thy riches. I have fled from darkness and from waywardness unto the brightness of the light of Thy countenance. Were I – and to this Thy glory beareth me witness – to render thanksgiving unto Thee, through the whole continuance of Thy kingdom and the duration of the heaven of Thine omnipotence, I would still have failed to repay Thy manifold bestowals.

I implore Thee, O my Lord, by Thy name, the Ever-Abiding, and by Thy name which Thou didst ordain to be the most great Instrument binding thee to Thy servants, to grant that I may flee for shelter to Thy door, and speak forth Thy praise. Write down, then, for me, in every world of Thine, that which will enable me to enter beneath Thy shadow and within the borders of Thy court.

Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH05837 ===

=== START BH05838 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Hour hath passed and the Resurrection hath come to pass, yet the people see and perceive not. The Call hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the earth hath been transformed, yet the people understand not, save those who have turned away from the pleasures of the world and set their faces toward God, the Lord of Names, when He came with the truth with a sovereignty that encompassed all

who are in the unseen and the visible realms. We have made the tongue the dawning-place of the revelation of the All-Merciful, and have ordained the Pen to be an interpreter of that which appeareth through the signs of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Hearken, O people, unto that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, and hearken not unto what the people of idle fancies utter. Follow not those who lay claim to knowledge, for they have turned away from Him Who is known when He came with manifest sovereignty. In every age they turned away from the Daysprings of Revelation, and when the Cause was raised up they drew nigh, then disputed concerning that which was sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Blessed is the learned one who beholdeth the Truth with his own eyes and followeth that which he hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus have the heavens of utterance been set in motion by the breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of existence and the Help in Peril over what was and what shall be.

=== END BH05838 ===

=== START BH05839 ===

He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance

The ocean of utterance has surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted, yet the people do not understand. The scratching of My Pen has been raised up, along with the flowing of the water of My mercy and the rustling of My Divine Lote-Tree, yet most people do not perceive. They have denied God's favor and disputed His verses and broken His covenant - yet verily they do not understand. Their vain desires move them however they wish and their idle fancies prevent them from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We have heard mention of your remembrance and turning and orientation toward Us. We make mention of you as a favor from Us, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the Possessor of existence. We beseech God the Exalted to make you one who desires through His will, who stands firm in His service, and who speaks His praise among His servants. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving.

When the attraction of the Call takes you to My most exalted horizon, say:

O Possessor of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven! I testify that You have manifested Your Cause and Your proof and Your evidence, and sent down Your favor. I beseech You by Your greatest signs and what was treasured in the breasts of the saints and hearts of the chosen ones, and by the Word through which the sincere ones hastened to the gate of Your bounty and those brought nigh to the court of Your glory, that You strengthen me in all conditions in what will draw me near to You and make me detached from all else but You and holding fast to the cord of Your generosity. O my Lord! I am Your servant and the son of Your servant. I have held fast to You and to what has appeared from You and what You have sent down in Your Book. I beseech You not to disappoint me from what is with You and what You have ordained for Your trusted ones and chosen ones. There is no God but You, the Protector, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH05839 ===

=== START BH05840 ===

The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous! The ocean of grace hath been stirred by the winds of the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised. How many servants turned unto Him and how many servants turned away from Him! Each one acteth according to his own way. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The acceptance of those who accept profiteth Him not, nor doth the rejection of those who reject harm Him. He but summoneth the people unto His luminous and glorious Face. He who hath attained in the days of God, verily he is of the essence of creation before the Truth, and he who hath hesitated is accounted among the dead. Rejoice, O people of Baha, in the appearance of your Lord, the Lord of Names. Then be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of the doubtful ones may not cause you to slip. Be ye banners of steadfastness amidst all creation and guides to certitude for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. This behooveth you, if ye be of them that know. Beware lest sorrows overtake you. This is your Lord, the All-Merciful. Rejoice in the dawning of the Most Great Luminary from this manifest horizon. Think not that they who are heedless today are living - they are dead in the Book of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Gather ye together around the Cause, then help the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. This behooveth him who hath held fast unto this mighty cord. Thus have the spheres of utterance been set in motion by the winds of the Will of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH05840 ===

=== START BH05841 ===

O Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God!

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

The denizens of My heaven have lamented at what hath befallen My loved ones who remember God at morn and eventide and who desire naught but the betterment of the nations of the world. To this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness from a station wherein the Sun of Grace hath shone forth and wherein the atoms themselves testify that there is none other God beside Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when the ignorant ones of the earth turned away from it. They, verily, comprehend not. The horizon of the heaven of My Hidden Name hath been illumined, yet the people perceive it not. They have violated their Covenant and cast behind them their Pledge, until they disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Say: O people of the earth! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath appeared. Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and caused thee to know Him and enabled thee to stand at a gate that hath been opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Merciful, the Kind. Cast aside the vain imaginings of men and take fast hold of the hem of certitude. Thus doth He command thee Who testifieth at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and make mention of thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

=== END BH05841 ===

=== START BH05842 ===

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

The Book hath been sent down from the Ultimate Goal, when the All-Bestowing had ascended the throne of His Most Great Name. Blessed is he who hath cast away the book of his own self and taken hold of the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. They who have turned away from the Countenance are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. And they who have turned towards it are among the people of the Crimson Ark, whom God hath mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When thou findest the fragrance of the Bayan, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all possibilities, for having adorned me with the ornament of recognition and illumined my heart with the light of utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, and by Thy Most Beautiful Names, and by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Sinai, and by Thy Command whereby the people of the graves arose, to make me in all conditions turned towards Thee, speaking Thy praise, and steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have believed in Thee and in Thy verses, and I acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of any good that Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thou, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH05842 ===

=== START BH05843 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The Tongue of Revelation hath spoken: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein the trees have yielded their fruits and the seas have surged, yet the people remain in […] manifest. Blessed is he who hath cast away his idle fancies and turned unto […] of the Bayan in the days of his Lord, the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in what We have sent down unto thee in this Tablet and say: O Thou through Whose Name the horizon of praise was illumined and by Whose Call the people of creation were stirred to motion, ordain that I may stand firm in Thy service, utter Thy remembrance, serve Thy Cause, and act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Drink thou the Kawthar of life at all times through this Name whereby the back of the greatest idol was broken and the hearts of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, were consumed. Give thanks unto God through this Remembrance which endureth throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm on high, and through which the fragrance of utterance was wafted between the heavens and the earths. Glory be unto him who hath taken the chalice of certitude and drunk therefrom, detached from those who disbelieved when God came with manifest sovereignty.

=== END BH05843 ===

=== START BH05845 ===

In His Name, the Consoler, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

May God console thee in that which hath befallen thee and remember thee with that which dispelleth grief. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He ordaineth in His dominion whatsoever He willeth. He is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing.

Our servant hath ascended unto Us when We shone upon him with the lights of this Countenance whereby the horizons have been illumined. We were with him at the time of his ascension, and We raised him to a station which is, in truth, sublime. Verily, bounty is in His hand - He giveth and withholdeth. He, verily, is powerful over all things.

The Tongue of Grandeur addresseth him at this moment, saying: Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of the Concourse on High, inasmuch as thou didst fulfill God's Covenant and His Testament. Thou art he who attained the presence of God and quaffed the choice wine of reunion while every heedless one remained far from the Truth.

Verily, He rewardeth those who have turned towards the Countenance and mentioneth them with such mention as causeth the ocean to surge and the fragrance to waft. God is, indeed, witness to what I say.

We made mention of thee before, and We mention thee in this Tablet that thou mayest be assured of thy Lord's favor. He doth, verily, watch over thee. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of might in manifest glory.

=== END BH05845 ===

=== START BH05846 ===

He is the One Who calleth aloud with the most exalted Call! Say: Unity is the recognition of a Self that is sanctified above all who are in the world and exalted beyond the conditions of created things. Verily He is the One besides Whom there can be no numbers, and through Whom all existence hath appeared, if ye be of them that know. Verily He is the First unto Whom there cometh no Last, and He proclaimeth from the Most Great Scene: "The Lord of Destiny hath come! Turn ye unto Him and be not of them that wander distracted." Say: He hath existed in the eternity of eternities in the loftiness of His exaltation and the sublimity of His transcendence. None among all contingent beings hath truly known Him, as every discerning knower doth testify. No thing can be mentioned in His presence, and none hath any mention when His sovereign dominion is made manifest - He Who overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso acknowledgeth what hath been revealed in this Tablet, by the life of God, he is of them that profess the divine unity. And whoso speaketh other than what God hath sent down in the Book, he is of them that are in loss. Thus do We teach thee that thou mayest teach the people with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who followeth the Command of God and knoweth what He intended in His wise remembrance. Grieve not at anything, but rejoice in the favors of thy Lord and be thou of them that are thankful.

=== END BH05846 ===

=== START BH05847 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Hamid, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing Expositor. Say: Praise be to God Who hath caused the people of Baha to enjoy that which none but the Supreme Power hath brought forth. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make me one of the companions of the Crimson Ark which hath adorned the sea of grandeur when He came Who illumined thereby the Most Exalted Horizon. O Hamid! We bear witness, as We bore witness before the creation of the heavens and earth, that there is none other God but Me, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. That which an Afnan hath praised through thy tongue hath been presented before Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answering. The months have passed during which My Most Exalted Pen moved not in this noble station. Give thanks unto God that We have answered thee and made mention of thee in this mighty prison. Remember thy Lord in the nights and days. Verily He loveth them that remember Him. Say: O my God and the God of all that are in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the eyes were illumined, that Thou protect me from every affliction and hurt, and aid me to stand firm in this Cause whereby all who are on earth were shaken except such as were preserved through Thy Name, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We send Our greetings unto thee from this spot that thou mayest rejoice in this manifest grace.

=== END BH05847 ===

=== START BH05849 ===

XLV

My God, my Fire and my Light! The days which Thou hast named the Ayyam-i-Ha (the Days of Ha, Intercalary Days) in Thy Book have begun, O Thou Who art the King of names, and the fast which Thy most exalted Pen hath enjoined unto all who are in the kingdom of Thy creation to observe is approaching. I entreat Thee, O my Lord, by these days and by all such as have during that period clung to the cord of Thy commandments, and laid hold on the handle of Thy precepts, to grant that unto every soul may be assigned a place within the precincts of Thy court, and a seat at the revelation of the splendors of the light of Thy countenance.

These, O my Lord, are Thy servants whom no corrupt inclination hath kept back from what Thou didst send down in Thy Book. They have bowed themselves before Thy Cause, and received Thy Book with such resolve as is born of Thee, and observed what Thou hadst prescribed unto them, and chosen to follow that which had been sent down by Thee.

Thou seest, O my Lord, how they have recognized and confessed whatsoever Thou hast revealed in Thy Scriptures. Give them to drink, O my Lord, from the hands of Thy graciousness the waters of Thine eternity. Write down, then, for them the recompense ordained for him that hath immersed himself in the ocean of Thy presence, and attained unto the choice wine of Thy meeting.

I implore Thee, O Thou the King of kings and the Pitier of the downtrodden, to ordain for them the good of this world and of the world to come. Write down for them, moreover, what none of Thy creatures hath discovered, and number them with those who have circled round Thee, and who move about Thy throne in every world of Thy worlds.

Thou, truly, art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Siyyid-Baqir! The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! Say: O people of the Throne! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Chosen One, from around the Fire which hath appeared through the heat of the Word: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Compelling. Worship ye none but God alone - this is a word whereby the eyes of the people of Baha have been gladdened and the hearts of those who disbelieved were troubled when the Lord came with power and authority. We have heard thy call when thou didst call upon God, the Creator of all possibilities, and We have answered thee through this Tablet from which the unitarians perceive the fragrance of the garment of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Those who rely upon their own vain imaginings are indeed wrapped in heedlessness and error. Blessed is he who hath relied upon this Most Great Proof whereby the Most Straight Path hath been made manifest, and woe unto him who hath turned away and followed every doubting idolater. Arise in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the turning away of the people of the lands shall deter thee. God will soon aid those who have turned to the Countenance and will make their names a remembrance unto those in all regions. It behooveth everyone who hath turned today to make mention of his Lord with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people may become aware through His remembrance and hearken unto the decisive Word. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this bounty which hath encompassed the horizons.

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In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not the dawning-places of idle fancies who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest […] the people from God, the Mighty, the Praised. Present yourselves before the Wronged One, that ye may hear what descendeth from the heaven of the Will of God, the Powerful, the Almighty. It behooveth you to be present and to behold that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God’s Will, the Goal of them that have known Him. O people of the Bayan! This is He round Whom circled the Point of the First and with Him the Concourse on High. Fear ye the Lord of all beings, and be not of the transgressors. Say: Come with your cords and your staves. Verily He hath appeared with the truth with such sovereignty as no hosts of the heavens and earth can withstand. Say: The ocean is before your faces - whither do ye flee? And the Goal is above your heads - whither do ye wander? Be fair in your judgment concerning that which hath appeared with the truth, and be not of them who hear and deny. Verily the ocean speaketh and the heaven proclaimeth, yet ye perceive not. Rend ye the veils in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all men, then behold what hath appeared from this visible horizon. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His Most Great Prison, and hath mentioned thee with that which no treasures or riches can equal. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whoso hath heard the call of God, the Lord of existence.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Merciful! Say: O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner. He commandeth you to observe that which God hath ordained in all the Tablets. He desireth from you neither recompense nor thanks. Follow that which ye have been commanded, and be not of them that comprehend not. Gather ye together in support of God's Cause and His religion - this would be better for you, did ye but know. Drink ye of the Kawthar of faith from this cup which hath appeared in the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful, wherein is that which bringeth tranquility to hearts. Cast not behind you the ordinances of God. Follow that which hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of God's might, the Overshadowing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people! Cause no division in God's Cause, and break not His Covenant, and be not of them that perceive not. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of this springtime. By God! Through them the Lote-Trees of existence bear the fruits of the knowledge of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus doth this Prisoner counsel you at a time when tribulations have encompassed Him from all sides and His servants have risen in opposition against Him. Thus was the decree, did ye but know. And peace be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God in these days - they are indeed honored servants.

=== END BH05852 ===

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He is seated upon the throne

The Supreme Pen conveys greetings to the people of Baha and says: Today is the Day of God and on this Day the mention of anyone except Him beneath His shadow is not permitted. If a soul were to reflect upon what was revealed in previous Books, throughout his life he would exclaim: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses!" The clamor of the polytheists and oppression of the heedless have bewildered the people - fear has prevented some, while worldly ornaments have held back others. We beseech God to illumine all eyes with the light of recognition, that they may behold the effulgences of the lights of the Face from the Supreme Horizon and attain unto that which none before has attained. Say: O friends! This is the Day which the sincere ones, the pure-hearted and the near ones sought from God to attain His presence. Strive that you may not be deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower and be not forbidden from the waves of the ocean of meanings. In all conditions hold fast to His cord and cling to His robe. He is the Deliverer, He is the Helper, He is the Bestower, He is the Protector, He is the All-Knowing and He is the All-Powerful. His is the praise and the glory and His are the most beautiful names, through the eternity of His Most Exalted Word.

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In the name of the one incomparable Lord, the All-Knowing

Kullih-Darih Muhammad-Ibrahim

The Supreme Pen speaks in the Persian tongue: The Speaker is He Who spoke from the Tree on Sinai. If the people of the earth were to discover the sweetness of this utterance which hath been manifested from the tongue of the All-Merciful, all would turn toward the most exalted horizon. O Ibrahim! Hearken with thy inner ear and strive that perchance in this divine Day thou mayest succeed in performing that which is pleasing unto Him. By My life! One word of His good-pleasure is better for every seeker than whatsoever is visible and hidden in the earth. Thy letter attained the presence of the Most Great Scene, and the servant who was present laid it all before the Lord of Power. This response hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty that thou mayest ponder the sea of God's generosity and utter "Thine is the praise, O God of all the worlds." Convey My greetings to the believers in that land and gladden them with the remembrance of God. God willing, may all be confirmed in the Most Great Steadfastness and in that which will cause the Cause of God to be exalted in the kingdom of creation. Glory be upon him who hath sought the Intended One and attained His presence and stood before His countenance in His prison, and upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Supreme Pen counsels the friends of God to that which is the cause and means of the exaltation of human station. This is a great day. Though all days are associated with the Truth, this day is distinguished and has been named in the divine Books as the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that has inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful and has arisen to serve His Cause. For anyone who today turns with complete love to the supreme horizon and becomes occupied with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and the service of His Cause, the reward of attaining His presence is assured and recorded. Reflect upon the grace of God - though you dwell among enemies and the hosts of sorrows encompass you from all directions, yet He remembers you and guides you to the straight path. Although through God's grace you are already successful and walking the path, may you, God willing, attain to that from which the fragrance of eternity can be inhaled. Glory be upon you and upon My loved ones in that place, whom neither storms could prevent nor tempests could move, who stood with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, on a Day when the hearts of the mystics were sorely troubled.

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In the Name of the Merciful Lord. The Most Exalted Pen declares: That which thou didst set forth in thy letter was seen. Yet strange it is that after the dawning of the Sun of Revelation, the divine proof and the testimony of the All-Merciful, thou art still bewildered and wanderest in the wilderness of perplexity. Look with fairness and ponder: if today a soul should remain deprived of this Most Great Revelation or deny it, by what proof and testimony could he establish his own faith in the previous Revelation? By the Sun of the horizon of sanctity! If thou wouldst reflect upon the circumstances of the Sacrifice mentioned in thy letter concerning the people of Za, this same would constitute the greatest proof for thee and all

peoples. This Wronged One, from within the Most Great Prison, calleth thee with utmost kindness and summoneth thee to God, glorified and exalted be He. Know thou the value of these days and strive that thou mayest attain unto its fragrances. God willing, thou shalt drink from the chalice of certitude and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of the Cause of the Lord of the worlds. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish and become as naught, and that which shall endure for thee is what hath been mentioned in the Tablet, if thou knowest its station and art of them that are thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the one God, the Supreme Pen speaks: O Ali, give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds, for thou hast attained unto the fragrances of the divine days and drunk from the Living Waters. Preserve this lofty, most exalted station through the most great steadfastness, for the treacherous have ever been and continue to be lying in wait for the trustworthy. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's grace and cling to the hem of His All-Bountiful Name. We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee in this Most Holy, Most Sublime Tablet, that it may be a treasure for thee with the True Trustee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thou didst make mention of thy father. Today all earthly ties are severed. God willing, thou wilt strive until thy connection to the Truth becomes firm. However, thou must treat thy father with the utmost love. Any action that would cause him harm or grief is not acceptable. Thus doth the Tongue of the Wronged One counsel thee from His mighty prison. This binding commandment hath been recorded by the True Pen in the Book of God from the earliest days. Act thou accordingly and be thou patient. All the souls mentioned have attained to the remembrance of God. God willing, ye shall recognize the value of this supreme bounty and be occupied with the remembrance of God. The Glory be upon thee and upon them.

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In the Name of the Kind Lord! The Divine Pen has in most times been occupied with the mention of friends - that is, those souls who have hearkened to the Divine Call and have turned toward His horizon. Blessed are those servants who have attained unto the most great honor and who have arisen with heart and soul to serve the Cause. Praise be to God that that household has attained unto this bounty and been honored with this distinction. If a soul draws but one breath in the path of the Friend, it shall assuredly be recorded in the Book of God and neither extinction nor annihilation shall overtake it. Blessed be your hearts for having attained unto the love of God, and blessed be your eyes for having turned toward His luminous horizon. Hold this station in high regard. By the life of God, it is more precious than the rarest crimson stone, as attested by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Aziziyyih was present before the Face a few minutes ago. Praise be to God, she has been and will remain under the shadow of the

Divine Lote-Tree. And the glad-tidings of the Tablet that will be revealed tonight was given to her. The glory be upon thee, O my handmaiden, and upon him who has become renowned among the servants for My love, and upon him who has been named Ahmad, and upon those who have testified to that which God, the Exalted, the Great, hath testified.

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In My Name, the Stranger

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth, and the Tablet of God hath appeared from the Mother Book, and verily it proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. That which was hidden hath been revealed, and the Tongue hath spoken: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The sea hath testified to the Most Great Sea, and the sun to this Luminous Orb. The heaven hath borne witness to the Lord of Names, and the light to this Revelation whereby the horizon of the world hath been illumined. Thus doth the Greatest Name speak, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. Verily We gave glad tidings unto all in the Bayan concerning these days, and took from each and every one, whether young or old, a covenant. Yet when the Promise came to pass, they arose in opposition. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Among them are those who turned away from God and objected to Him, uttering that which even the Jews did not utter when the Spirit came with manifest sovereignty. And among them are those who said He speaketh from desire, after We had called them to the supreme horizon and revealed that which lay hidden in the treasuries of God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned toward Him Who is wronged, at a time when every guilty oppressor turned away. The glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath clung to the hem of God, the Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy.

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=== START BH05860 ===

O Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God - The Request of a Spiritual Youth - He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The Book of God hath been sent down from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. Every possessor of hearing hath been enabled to hearken unto its call, and every possessor of hands hath been assisted to take hold of the Book, and every possessor of sight hath testified to the appearance of the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and the Dayspring of celestial verses. Yet wolves from all directions have launched their attack, emerging from the thickets of self and passion. This Wronged One hath at all times proclaimed before the faces of all the world that "The Truth is come," and when the fragrances of revelation were diffused and the lights of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of lands, those who were concealed behind the veil attacked the Wronged One with the swords of hatred. Such is the state of the heedless and the deluded. We beseech God to protect thee and ordain for thee, from the Supreme Pen, the reward of attaining His presence. This Wronged One hath made mention, and continueth to make mention, of God's loved ones, and hath sought the presence [of God]

for all. Yet the oppressors have intervened, and this land is seen each day in a different state and appeareth in a different color. Praise be to God that thou art remembered in the prison and hast attained unto the verses of the Supreme Pen. Well is it with thee and with them that know.

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In the Name of the Wronged One of the horizons!

The Book of God is at all times speaking, and the Sun of Truth is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the divine Command. Blessed is the soul whom neither the might of the oppressors nor the clamor of the deniers hath kept back from turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The Day is the Day of God - all must be focused on Him and detached from all else. One deed performed on this Day cannot be equaled by the deeds manifested in centuries and ages past. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which was sent down in the Books of God. Thou hast indeed reached the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit, and turned toward Him when the people turned away. Thou hast attained the presence before His countenance, heard the Call, and achieved that which most of the servants have failed to achieve. Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Unto Thee be praise for having guided me, taught me, caused me to know Thee, and fed me from the table of recognition, and given me to drink from the Kawthar of utterance. My Lord! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy most great signs to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Then make me and Thy loved ones to be among those who hold fast to the cord of wisdom and to that whereby the hearts of Thy servants are attracted. Then ordain for me that which will exalt me among Thy creation through Thy Name and make me rich through Thy riches. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him Who speaketh between earth and heaven! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath attained the Kawthar of certitude on the day whereon the foundations were shaken, and the earth was cleft, and the mountains passed away. Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath revealed that which He desired through His command from His presence. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe unto every denier and infidel. O concourse of the earth! Be fair in your judgment by God and follow not your selfish desires in this Cause which, when it appeared, caused the lights to shine forth. Have ye anything greater than that which God hath brought? Then bring it forth and tarry not, O dawning-places of idle fancies! That which ye possess hath been cast away and your carpet hath been rolled up. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Say: Verily the Book speaketh, would ye but hearken, O people of understanding! And say: He Who revealed it speaketh - unto this testifieth every learned one who hath spoken the truth in the days of his Lord, the Master of the Return. The Hidden One hath appeared and calleth out, saying: “O peoples of the earth! Answer Him Who summoneth you to the Most Sublime Horizon. Beware lest the conditions of those who disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return veil you.” Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the splendor of My Most Great Remembrance. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance, and woe unto

every heedless doubter. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of this heaven be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of God, the Lord of all mankind.

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O Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Witnessing, the Hearing, the Answering One! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who are in the realm of possibility, that it may draw them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful. This is a Day wherein the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen hath been raised, calling the servants unto a station which God hath made the seat of His mighty throne. O concourse of His loved ones! The Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath taken His seat upon the throne of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth,' despite every learned one who hath cast the truth behind his back and followed the manifestations of idle fancies - they who have violated God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds. My name Mahdi, upon whom be My Glory, hath sent thy letter into the presence of the Countenance, and the servant who standeth before the Throne presented it. Thereupon did the ocean of utterance surge before the faces of all religions, and there was sent down for thee that which will draw thee near unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice thou in this most great favor and supreme bounty, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind and Sovereign of both this world and the next, for having turned toward Thy servant from the direction of Thy Prison and revealed unto me that which hath diffused the fragrance of Thy garment amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward Thee, holding fast unto Thee and detached from all else besides Thee. Ordain for me, through Thy grace and bounty, that which will preserve me from the doubts of such as have denied Thee and Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

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O Mulla 'Ali-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God - He who remembers in the nights and days

This is a Book which the Faithful Spirit hath sent down from before God, the Lord of the worlds. Whoso believeth in it hath attained unto all good, and he who disbelieveth is assuredly among the companions of the Fire. O concourse of friends! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of Names. He summoneth you and commandeth you to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come, riding upon the clouds with manifest sovereignty. Say: Observe! Observe! O concourse of divines, and be not of the wrongdoers. Judge with fairness and be not of those who behold the signs yet deny them - these indeed are the transgressors. O 'Ali-Asghar! That which thou didst send hath arrived. We have accepted it as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who praise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and Lord of the nations, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and for accepting what I sent unto Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. We make mention of thee and of thy branch, as the Most Exalted Pen was turning toward the Land of

Friends in the past year. Nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord's knowledge and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Hearing, the Silent, the Hidden

A Book sent down by the Almighty, Who hath appeared with the truth and revealed whatsoever He desired. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. We make mention of him who hath turned unto Him and give him the glad-tidings of God's bounty and mercy, that he may be of the thankful ones. Reflect upon God's favor and loving-kindness - He remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison with verses whose fragrance hath perfumed the world. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be steadfast in My Cause, arise to serve Me, and speak forth My beauteous praise. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee and turn thee away from this Great Announcement. Say: O concourse of the earth! There hath appeared an Announcement around which circle all announcements, before whose presence every wise command doth speak. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you from the Creator of heaven. Cast away what ye have taken from the divines of idle fancy and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath My tongue spoken when the Throne was established in this exalted station. Glory be upon thy brother who aided his Lord and attained unto acceptance in the early days, and heeded not in God's path the blame of any blamer who turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praised. And upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Book from the presence of One mighty, faithful.

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He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise

This is a Book which the Ancient One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, that He might cause him to soar in His atmosphere, to be drawn unto His verses, to speak forth His praise, and to arise to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O people! Fear ye God, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth from One Who is powerful and ancient. He speaketh not of His own desire, but rather from God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the fervor of the Age of Ignorance prevent you from the Dayspring of God's knowledge, the One, the All-Informed. The books of the people profit you not. Cast aside what they possess, holding fast unto the cord of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Every fire hath been extinguished and every light concealed, but the Fire kindled in the Tree of the Cause increaseth in its blaze and flame. Neither afflictions weakened it nor calamities made it afraid. He hath arisen to promote the Cause with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. The river of utterance hath flowed from His right hand, and the ocean of knowledge surgeth before His countenance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the garden, as a rebuke to the people of the Bayan who have denied the appearance of God,

the Mighty, the Beautiful. Glory be unto the companions of Baha who have testified to that whereunto God hath testified that there is no God but Him, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

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=== START BH05867 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

A Book sent down by the Wronged One for him who hath chosen for himself a path unto God, that he may render thanks unto God at morn and eventide. We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the precincts of the Prison, and having beheld thy name We have remembered thee in a Tablet which God hath made a guide unto His servants. Verily He is, over all things, powerful. That which He desired hath appeared and been made manifest, as a token of His grace. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen which was, by God's command, set in motion. Let not the might of the people weaken thee, nor the tyranny of any oppressor who standeth remote from the truth cause thee to fear. Take hold of the Tablet of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and follow not any overbearing doubter in this Cause. Take the chalice of Mine utterance in My Name, then drink thereof through My remembrance which hath caused the limbs of every oppressor who was deprived of the breezes of revelation to tremble. When thou hast inhaled the fragrance of My verses and attained unto My Book, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Fire through which Thou didst manifest Thyself on the Mount of Knowledge unto the son of Imran, and by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue both men and lands, to aid me to remember Thee and serve Thy Cause in such wise that the clamor of the people of Thy kingdom and the opposition of Thy creation shall not hinder me. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who domineth all names. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned thee before in various verses, and at this hour through this perspicuous Tablet. We heard thy mention and made mention of thee, and saw thy name and revealed for thee that which attracteth hearts. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold the tokens of Thy Pen and for having intoxicated me with the choice wine of Thy utterance. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Command which Thou hast made the key to the gates of Thy mercy and grace, and by the dawning manifestations of the Sun of Thy bounty in Thy days, to aid me in that which will draw me and Thy servants nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy most sweet utterance to manifest through me that which will spread abroad Thy mention and praise amongst Thy creation. Then ordain for me the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory rest upon thee

and upon thy wife and upon every believing man and every believing woman who hath turned and hath said: “Here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics and God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!”

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He is the Witness and the Witnessed! This is a Book sent down by the All-Loving in the Frequented Fane, guiding mankind to His Straight Path. O peoples of the earth! That which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, Lord of Names, and concealed within His all-encompassing knowledge, hath now been made manifest. Fear ye God, and oppose not Him at Whose advent sovereignty and dominion, every learned one and every mystic bowed in submission. He hath testified to that which God hath testified from His exalted station. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book, from which hath flowed the river of mercy and wherein the nightingale of utterance hath warbled upon the branches, that there is none other God but Him, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We counsel all to steadfastness in this mighty Cause. The clamor hath been raised throughout all regions, while the Lord of the Day of Mutual Meeting hath seated Himself upon His exalted throne, calling the servants unto the Most Sublime Horizon and commanding them to that which will elevate their stations, by One Who is knowing and wise. Say: O people! Fear ye God and deny not yourselves that which hath been revealed in truth. Thus doth counsel you He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to My firm cord. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’l-?amid, upon him be the Glory of God - In My Name, the Speaker between earth and heaven. A Book which the All-Bestower hath sent down at the final goal unto those who have believed in God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. O peoples of the earth! Beware lest the deeds of the oppressors hold you back from God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise ye from the slumber of vain desire, turning unto God, the Lord of all humanity. This is what shall profit you in the hereafter and in this world, if ye be of them that know. Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath sent down for thee this wondrous and glorious Tablet. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth that steadfastness which God hath made the crown upon the head of faith and the eye of the temple of true knowledge. Thus hath the matter been decreed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book, yet most of the people are heedless. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My raiment from the temple of My utterance, give thanks unto God and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of earth and heaven, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who showest mercy to both kings and subjects! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and guide the peoples, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and speaking forth Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.”

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In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of eternity! This is a Book which the Lord of Names hath sent down unto him who hath hearkened unto the Call and turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and witnessed what God, the Lord of creation, hath witnessed. Say: O peoples of the earth! Do ye deny Him Who hath come with that wherewith every Prophet and every Messenger came from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting? Say: Verily the proof, by its very essence, proclaimeth between earth and heaven, and the evidence crieth out through this Name whereby the mountains were scattered, the seas were made to boil, and the trees did speak: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be!” Rejoice thou at My remembrance of thee. By God! The treasures of the earth and whatsoever the kings possess of hoards and riches cannot equal it. Take hold of the Book with the power of thy Lord and say: “I testify that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh hath appeared in truth and is encompassed by the evidence from God, the Mighty, the Loving.” Say: He needeth not, for the proof of His Cause, any mention from among all mentions, nor any tablet from among all tablets. He Who possesseth the Hidden Book doth testify to this. The splendor from Us be upon those who have turned unto the Path and have cast behind them the vain imaginings and idle fancies of men.

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He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names, and He hath made it a herald of His Name amongst His servants, that it may guide all to His path and illumine hearts with the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. O ye people of the Kingdom! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Might. He maketh mention of you with that which shall draw you nigh unto a station which God hath made the circling-point of Sinai - a command from His presence, and He is the Strong, the Commanding, the All-Wise. We have heard thy call and make mention of thee. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and praise and in service to His Cause. He is the Guardian of them that remember Him. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this Most Holy, Most Luminous, Most Glorious Spot, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. When thou hast received the Tablet, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Mighty, the Great, and say: My God, my God! My soul is a sacrifice for Thy remembrance, and for Thy tender care a sacrifice. I testify that through Thee the Sun of bounty hath shone upon the world and the hearts of the nations have been illumined with the light of recognition. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who sendeth down the verses, by Thy Cause that dominateth earth and heaven, and by the revelations of the lights of the Day-Star of Thy manifestation among mankind, to make me one who speaketh forth Thy Name and who acteth according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

The Book proclaims with the most exalted call: O deniers! This is the Day of Return - deprive not yourselves! Look upon and ponder the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers, that ye may not remain deprived of the Most Great Proof which hath today shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen. Every proof hath bowed down before the proof of God, the Lord of all worlds, and every evidence hath submitted to the evidence of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Take hold of the Book of God with His strength and follow not those who follow every heedless doubter. Say: Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and with the finger of might rend asunder the veil of idle fancy. Say: Fear your Lord, the Most Merciful, and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: We pass over whatsoever hath been said and is being said, and hold fast unto the very proof and evidence itself. Read ye what ye possess and We shall read what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of all worlds. It would be a pity if ye should remain veiled this day by that which the people possess from that which is with God. Say: We counsel you for the sake of God and desire from you neither recompense nor thanks. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. The splendor from Us be upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one.

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The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean when he turned towards the Dawning-Place of eternity, Who hath come from the heaven of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Great. The world hath been honored by the appearance of God, the Lord of all nations, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Dawning-Place of Names hath appeared from the horizon of eternity, yet every doubting idolater hath veiled himself therefrom. Say: O people, open your eyes! This is your Lord, the Chosen One, Who calleth you from the most exalted station with a wondrous tongue saying: Abandon the people and what they possess. They have clung to the idols of their own selves and are not among those who perceive. O ’Ali! Blessed art thou for having attained unto His presence, visited Him and dwelt in the vicinity of thy Lord. Thus did God single thee out for His love and preferred thee above most of the people. Be thou thankful and be of those who give thanks. We have become aware of what befell thy father at the hands of the oppressors. Previously there was sent down for him a Tablet the like of which all that is on earth cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is he for having borne afflictions even as his Lord did bear them. He is indeed among the sincere ones. We beseech God to aid him and thee to serve Him under all conditions. Verily He is the Truth, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

A Book from Us to him who hath gained access to the Most Great Sea when it appeared amongst the nations with waves that none denied except those who disbelieved in God from time immemorial. We

summoned the servants unto God, the Lord of creation, whereupon the wolves of the earth gathered against Us until they imprisoned Us in this spot. All that is on earth was created for Our names, yet We were debarred therefrom, such that We had no place wherein to store what We possessed of the Books of God, the All-Governing, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Trusted One came to the Most Great Prison and desired to build a house or purchase land wherein might dwell he who had no shelter in the land. How many an evening did he pass in one abode, only to be driven forth by the hosts of the wicked at daybreak. He was in the hands of the evil ones most of the time, as doth the Lord of all men testify. At one time imprisoned, at another captive, then exiled, then in chains and fetters. We beseech God to make firm His loved ones in His Cause and to open hearts through this Name which He hath made the key to the treasuries of mysteries, and We beseech Him to grant thee success in that which thou art engaged and to strengthen thee in such wise that the machinations of every ignorant oppressor shall not sadden thee.

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In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book from the presence of the Self-Subsisting to people who understand. Therein flows the Kawthar of life which hath streamed forth from the finger of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Drink ye, O people, for it is indeed a sealed nectar. God hath broken its seal by the hand of might, as a bounty unto all created things on the Day whereon the All-Merciful established Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name, did ye but know. The cup is His Words, and what floweth therein hath streamed from His finger, and He giveth it unto you through the hands of His mercy. Say: Why do ye flee and not drink? Say: The Kingdom of glory hath appeared before your faces, yet ye turn away therefrom, and everlasting life hath come unto your mortal realm, yet ye remain heedless thereof. Ye have no enemies save your own selves - know them well, O people, and beware lest ye be negligent. They shall never rest: when fed their flames increase, and when denied their greed intensifieth. Well is it with him who purifieth them in the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Sacrifice them, O people, in My path - this is the true sacrifice in the love of the All-Merciful, which none comprehend save the sincere ones. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of Revelation that the people may be reminded in the days of thy Lord. He, verily, aideth whom He willeth and succoreth him. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen. And upon thee and thy kindred be the glory from the presence of One mighty, well-beloved.

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In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth not! From the Wronged One unto one of the believers, that the call of this evanescent one may draw him unto God, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath borne witness concerning His Own Self, before the creation of His heavens and His earth, and before the “K” was joined with its “N”: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Prefer thou obedience unto God above obedience unto any other, and His good pleasure above the pleasure of aught else, that thou mayest be as a crown of piety upon the brow of creation and as the light of guidance unto the eyes of them that

have donned the garment of existence. Let not the world and all that is therein prevent thee from turning toward God, the Lord of all names. Cast aside that which thou art forbidden in the Book, and take hold of that which thou art commanded in a Preserved Tablet. Say not unto anyone that which thou wouldst not wish to hear from another, and desire not for any soul that which thou wouldst not desire for thyself. Be thou the manifestation of goodly character amidst all creation, that the sincere ones may inhale from thee the fragrance of certitude and the sweet scents of faith in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Praise thou God, and remember Him at eventide and at dawn, and in every declining and rising of the day. Thus have We made mention of thee and counseled thee purely for the sake of thy Lord, Who overshadoweth all that witnesseth and is witnessed.

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Rangoon. O Muhammad-Ishaq, upon whom be the bounty of God! He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing. A letter from the Wronged One to him who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken what hath been sent down in these days from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is thine ear, for it hath heard the call of the Prisoner; and thy tongue, for it hath spoken His praise; and thine eye, for it hath turned toward the praiseworthy Station. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, He hath appeared Who summoneth all unto God, the Lord of existence, and He hath come Who guideth all to the outstretched path of God. O people, abandon what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: O concourse of divines! Put down your pens, then hearken to the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised between earth and heaven. Fear ye God, and be not of them who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have disputed His verses when they were sent down in truth in this promised Day. Beware lest ye hinder the servants from the Lord of creation. Cast behind you idle fancies, turning unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with the luminary of utterance. Blessed is he who hath advanced and recognized, and woe unto every remote and veiled denier.

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He is the Hearer from the Horizon of Revelation

A Book hath been revealed, a manifest path made known. The Sun of Truth is manifest, risen and evident, yet the people are seen to be heedless and dejected, nay rather dead. Those leaves who today have attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory - they are mentioned and recorded by the Pen of the Self-Sufficient as being among the men. Blessed are those handmaidens who are illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth, and woe unto those men who are deprived and forbidden.

Say: My God, my God! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens and a leaf among Thy leaves. I have turned with my heart unto Thee and raised the hands of hope toward the heaven of Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee by the outpourings of Thy days and the breathings of Thy Revelation to ordain for me that which shall be a lamp before my face in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou seest me

placing my trust in Thee and holding fast unto Thee. Disappoint me not of the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace and the splendors of the lights of the sun of Thy generosity. Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. Ordain for her through Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and Thy generosity which hath encompassed all contingent beings the good of the hereafter and of the former time. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and the dust. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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O Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily it guideth all unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He who hath heard My call and hath voiced My praise and hath turned his face toward My countenance - he is indeed of the people of the pavilions of My grandeur. The dwellers of My paradise and they who circle round My glorious throne shall pray for him. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Face. We have answered thee with that which shall be a treasure unto thee with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the allusions of the divines hold thee back from the Lord of all names. Cast them behind thee and convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth command thee He Who hath spoken that there is none other God but I, the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise. Say: O people, hold fast unto that which draweth you nigh unto God and profiteth you in all His worlds. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance at the midmost heart of creation through this Name whereby God hath subdued all who are on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Be thou thankful that He hath answered thee and forgiven thy father and thy mother. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath stood with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all creation, Who hath come with a manifest command. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned and have attained unto the sweet fragrances of the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

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The Most Ancient, Most Great Book which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. It biddeth all to observe that which is best for them. Blessed is he who followeth that which hath been ordained by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Beware lest what is in the Books prevent you from this Perspicuous Book. Beware lest that which ye possess bar you from that which hath been manifested in truth from this luminous Horizon. All Books are dependent upon My Cause and all Remembrances upon My wondrous Remembrance. Should anyone come with the worship of both worlds, it would profit him not so much as a grain of mustard seed except through a word of acceptance sent down from this ancient Station. Nothing will suffice them today, nor will the tales of those gone before profit them. Cast away vain desire, for guidance standeth before your faces. Hold fast unto it and be not of the heedless ones. He calleth you for the sake of God - verily He is independent of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of reunion and attained unto the knowledge of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Woe unto him who hath turned away from the

Truth and followed every heedless and remote one. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be thou of those who are detached. Grieve not over anything, and despair not of the Spirit of God. Verily He is the protector of those who turn unto Him. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! The Balance is He Who is manifest from His most exalted horizon. A Book sent down in truth from before One Who possesses knowledge of the heavens and earth, and I am the All-Knowing. Therein He informs all of what was revealed in the Book of God, before and after, and I am the All-Informed. By God! The Path has been established and the Balance set up, and I am the Straight Path. Blessed is he who, when hearing, arose; and he who, being silent, upon recognizing spoke; and he who, being hesitant, hastened to the most exalted horizon, and I am the Luminous Horizon. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not every froward devil. The Hidden has appeared and what was concealed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, has been made manifest. Cast aside vain imaginings. By God! The heaven of knowledge has been adorned with the daystar of certitude. To this testifies He Who proclaims in all things that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee as a bounty from Us. Know this and be of the thankful. Beware lest the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God prevent thee when He came with a manifest dominion, a mighty sovereignty and a firm, impregnable Cause. Thus have the rains of grace poured down from the clouds of justice. Blessed is he who has seen, and woe unto the heedless ones.

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In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through it waft the breathings of divine revelation and the fragrances of inspiration. Blessed is he who hath found it and turned himself unto the Dawning-Place of his Lord's verses, the Honored, the Bountiful. Say: Verily, this is the sealed wine that had been hidden in such a station as none had discovered save God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Verily it is the ornament of God unto all else besides Him and the sign of His grandeur unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily it is the proof that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the sovereign beneath whose shade have sought shelter all who are in the kingdoms of Command and creation. Blessed are they who possess understanding! O servants of the All-Merciful! Follow what hath been sent down unto you from the One Who revealeth the verses, and draw not nigh unto them who speak from their own selves, neither follow any remote oppressor. Hasten with illumined hearts unto the station wherein the Tree beyond which there is no passing doth speak: "The Kingdom is Mine Own Self, the Dominator of the worlds!" Thus have We bestowed upon thy heart the choice wine of life, and upon thine ears the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and upon thy sight My gracious Book. When

thou hast attained unto it, turn thy face toward the sanctified realm of God and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!”

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O Haji Abdullah, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer. A Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses as a grace from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One, hear My call. It draweth thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. The might of the servants hindereth it not, as attesteth His perspicuous Book. O Abdullah, give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned toward thee the countenance of the Ancient of Days from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and for having mentioned thee in such wise that nothing in existence can equal it. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. Take My Book from the hand of My loving-kindness and say: My God, my God! Thine is the giving and Thine the glory, for Thou hast sent down upon this servant of Thine, from the heaven of Thy Will, the verses of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed the world to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds, that He might draw the people to a station illumined by the lights of the utterance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned to the Countenance and responded when thy shrill voice was raised throughout the world, and who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call, We have turned toward thee and sent unto thee the fragrances of revelation, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. This is a Day whereon the Dove of Paradise warbleth and the Tongue speaketh in the kingdom of utterance through a command from the presence of a wise Ordainer. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my Master and my Support! I testify to Thy Manifestation and to Thy Books which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will, and to the movement of Thy Pen whereby Thou hast subdued the cities of hearts and souls. And I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of existence and the Forgiver of sins, by the lights of Thy countenance through which the Sun of Thy bounty hath shone upon existence, and by Thy Most Great Name which hath encompassed the world, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of tyrants nor the injustice of pharaohs may frighten me. Then write

down for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted. This is a Book sent down in truth from the kingdom of God's will, the Most High, the Most Great. Indeed it is the ornament of the Tablets of creation and the exposition of what was sent down aforetime from the presence of the Mighty, the Generous. Say: Every word that proceeds from the mouth of God contains a treasury of meanings that none has ever discovered save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed are they who have taken the gems of what We have revealed and have cast aside interpretation in this mighty Revelation. Say: None knows the interpretation of the Book save God. It is not for anyone to speak of it or ponder it. Thus has the matter been decreed by One Who is mighty and powerful. Say: Take what We intend and the outward meanings of what We have revealed in the Book. This is better for you, if you be of those who understand. Behold the people of the Furqan - they interpreted but did not attain save those whom God aided with the truth. Thus does the All-Knowing teach you. The laws of wisdom and utterance have been scattered through the disagreements of the followers of religions - they are indeed among the distracted ones. Hold fast to the cord of unity, then hearken with a single ear to that which the Tongue of Grandeur speaks. Thus does the Lord of creation command you in this radiant dawn. When thou hast attained to the mention of the Remembered One, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of those who remember Thee!

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He is the One Warbling upon the Branches

This is a Book sent down in truth and it speaketh before all faces: Verily I am the Wronged One, the Stranger. I have stood before the faces of the world and summoned all unto the All-Knowing Single One. Among them were those who denied, those who turned away, those who pronounced sentence to shed My radiant blood, and those who uttered that which caused the Concourse on High and the denizens of this exalted station to lament. O Muhammad, justice is lost and equity non-existent. This Wronged One, without veil or covering, summoned all parties to the truth in days when hearts and limbs trembled and quaked from fear of pharaohs and tyrants. When the Cause became somewhat manifest, the deniers of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil and rose up against the Lord of all beings, perpetrating that which no party among all parties had ever perpetrated. Ask thou of God that He may preserve thine own party, that perchance they may remain protected from the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the former party, namely the Shi'ih, and may attain unto the lights of true unity. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the Call and responded - verily such a one is among the people of Baha in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! He is the All-Knowing, the Observer, the Hearing, the Wise!

Your letter was presented before the Wronged One by ’Abd who was present before Our face. The sweet fragrances of love were inhaled from it. Praise the Beloved of the world Who confirmed you in His recognition and His remembrance and praise. The whole world utters “O Thou the Desired One!”, yet when the Desired One appeared and shone forth from behind the pavilion of infallibility, all turned away except for a few sanctified souls who were encompassed by the providence of God - exalted be His grandeur. He guided you through His wondrous grace to the ocean of recognition and granted you a portion from the cup of everlasting life. God willing, you are not among those souls who returned with the bedouins, but rather you are counted among those who drank the wine of reunion and were sustained by the Kawthar of His presence, becoming thereby detached and independent from all else. Ask God to confirm you in preserving this station that has been bestowed upon you. Verily He is the Guardian of those who place their trust in Him and the Guardian of those who remember Him. God willing, you will be occupied at all times with that which He loves and is pleased with. The Glory be upon the people of Glory from the presence of the All-Knowing, the Wise.

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He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

The Leaf of Paradise hath been presented before the Countenance and is illumined by the light of presence. That which was mentioned therein hath been noted. Praise be to the Beloved of the world, that thou art attracted to His love, art gazing toward His horizon, art steadfast in His Cause and mindful of His remembrance. Thou must needs be so steadfast that if from the horizon of the Cause there should appear a decree contrary to the desire of all who are on earth, thou wouldst say in utmost steadfastness: “This indeed is the truth.” The mightiest of all things is steadfastness, and the greater the Cause, the more numerous its trials. If souls truly knew God doeth whatsoever He willeth, and were in truth assured of this blessed word, no one would ever object to the Truth. The Beloved said to His loved one: “Be thou steadfast as thou hast been commanded.” From this pure and blessed word the station of steadfastness and its greatness is evident and clear. God willing, mayest thou ever drink from this cup and attain unto this station. Thy mention hath been and is before the Throne. Be not saddened by conflicting matters. God willing, all shall be set aright. Complete what thou hast in hand. Verily He will assist thee that there may remain from thee that which shall be adorned with the ornament of thy Lord’s remembrance, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One mighty and great.

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O Siyyid Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! The Tongue of God, the Lord of Destiny, speaks forth from His Most Great Horizon in this palace which was built for the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. He who built and constructed it has died, not knowing for whom he was constructing this lofty palace. When his appointed time came, he attained what he had desired in the days of his life. We make mention of him with goodness as a bounty from Us, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The heedless ones sent Us to the Most Great Prison, and God transformed it into this palace despite their wishes, that My power and sovereignty might be made manifest to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily the one who commanded has returned to the fire, while the builder dwells in God's mercy and loving-kindness. Thus has His mercy preceded His servants. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. He does what He pleases and ordains what He wills. He is the Single One, the One, the Just, the All-Wise. O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Prisoner and hold fast to that which thou hast been commanded in His mighty and praiseworthy Book. He makes mention of thee on this night with that which all the riches of the world cannot equal. To this testifies He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Give thanks unto God in the nights and days, and glorify Him with praise at all times.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy loved ones to turn towards the horizon of the heaven of Thy Manifestation, and for having shown them Thy path whereby those who are nigh unto Thee were guided to the court of Thy presence and reunion with Thee. I beseech Thee, O Illuminator of the world and Creator of nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst raise the standards of Thy power among Thy creatures and the banners of Thy guidance in Thy lands, to ordain for Thy chosen ones the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, He Whose generosity all created things and all contingent beings have witnessed. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous. Magnify, O my God, the countenances of those whom Thou hast related to Thy Name, the Sacrifice, who arose in the earliest days to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou seest this Youth speaking Thy praise and glorification. Ordain for him that which befitteth Thy glory and Thy power. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of the beginning and the end. He is the Confirmer. The message from the spiritual friend His Honor Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, consisting of one piece of needlework termeh of his own making, was received through His Honor the esteemed Afnan Haji Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the year 1307.

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He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the ocean of Thy oneness and caused me to know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy horizon. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the

daybreak and Subduer of the winds, by the tears of Thy lovers in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the yearning of those who long for Thee in their distance from Thy presence, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise, who standeth firm in Thy service, who holdeth fast to the cord of Thy grace and cleaveth to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord! Eyes have wept at what hath befallen Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Sovereign of the nations, by the Most Great Name, to transform the throne of tyranny into the seat of Thy justice, and the chair of heedlessness and oppression into the throne of humility and fairness. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of hearts with the lights of the sun of Thy justice, that all things may be enlightened by its light and radiance, and that in every place the banners of Thy names and attributes may be raised. Verily, Thou art He Whom no power can frustrate and no might can weaken. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God and my Lord! Thy religion hath been weakened by the assault of those who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Lord! Adorn it with the ornament of Thy power. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH05892 ===

=== START BH05893 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God that from the very beginning you turned to the highest horizon and drank from the cup of divine love. Preserve this most exalted and glorious station through the Name of the Lord of Names. You must be so enkindled by the fire of the Sacred Tree that its effects become manifest and evident in the world. Fix your gaze constantly upon this exalted Word, which is the blessed Word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.” For if a soul succeeds in drinking from the cup of this Word, he will attain the most great steadfastness, such that neither the doubts and allusions of the world nor anything therein will affect him, and he will find himself seated upon the throne of certitude and the seat of assurance. Hold fast to the cord of favor and arise to aid the Cause. The entire world will pass away, but that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for you has been and will forever remain. This is the enduring dominion - know thou its worth. The triumph of the Cause has been and ever will be through wisdom and utterance, that none upon earth may remain deprived of the ocean of divine mercy. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever has attained unto this most mighty, most glorious station.

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I know not, O my God, what the Fire is with which Thou didst light the Lamp of Thy Cause, or what the Glass wherewith Thou didst preserve it from Thine enemies. By Thy might! I marvel at the wonders of Thy Revelation, and at the tokens of Thy glory. I recognize, O Thou Who art my heart’s Desire, that were fire to be touched by water it would instantly be extinguished, whereas the Fire which Thou didst kindle can

never go out, though all the seas of the earth be poured upon it. Should water at any time touch it, the hands of Thy power would, as decreed in Thy Tablets, transmute that water into a fuel that would feed its flame.

I, likewise, recognize, O my God, that every lamp, when exposed to the fury of the winds, must cease from burning. As to Thy Lamp, however, O Beloved of the worlds, I cannot think what power except Thy power could have kept it safe for so many years from the tempests that have continually been directed upon it by the rebellious among Thy creatures.

I swear by Thy glory, O my God! Thy Lamp which Thou didst light within the tabernacle of man crieth out to Thee and saith: "O Thou the one alone Beloved! How long wilt Thou forsake me? Lift me up to Thee, I pray Thee. Though this wish of mine be the wish of a human creature, yet Thou knowest that my true wish is to sacrifice myself in Thy path. Thou art He Who hath made my desire to be the same as Thy desire, and my will the same as Thy will. Do Thou preserve Thy loved ones, I beseech Thee, in the shelter of Thy shadowing mercy which transcendeth all things, that haply the sufferings they bear may not deter them from turning in the direction of Thy name, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful."

=== END BH05894 ===

=== START BH05895 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

The Preserved Tablet speaketh: The verses have been sent down, the clear proofs have appeared, and the Light of the Cause hath dawned from the horizon of power, and the Call hath been raised, yet all remain heedless and veiled, save those souls who, drawn by the Call, have turned, detached from all things, toward the most exalted horizon. These are the hands of God's Cause amongst His creation. Blessed is the one whom vain imaginings have not deprived of the Dayspring of certitude, and who hath clung to the blessed word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Whosoever attaineth unto this blessed word shall attain unto manifest certitude and shall accept whatsoever appeareth from the most exalted horizon with perfect submission and contentment. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and turned to My horizon and gained victory through My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and thy verses have attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to turn unto Him and hast been honored by this blessed Tablet, adorned by the Most Exalted Pen. Give praise to the Goal of all worlds, Who, in the Most Great Prison, hath bestowed His grace upon thee and made mention of thee. Unto Him be praise in all conditions. He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. The splendor from the presence of Baha be upon the people of Baha, whom nothing whatsoever among all things hath prevented from God, the Cleaver of the heavens.

=== END BH05895 ===

=== START BH05896 ===

He is the One Who dominates all names through His Most Glorious Name

This is a Tablet revealed in truth, from whose horizon has shone forth the sun of God's bounty, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Blessed is he who, though far, has aimed for the Ultimate Goal, and blessed is he who, though near, has believed in God, the Lord of the Exalted Seat. We have heard your call and have answered you with this Clear Book. Verily it will draw you to the Most Exalted Horizon and give you to drink of the Water of Life from the hand of your Lord's bounty, the All-Bountiful. When you find the fragrance of My utterance and behold the pearls of My remembrance which We have brought forth from the treasuries of My Pen, say:

My God, my God! You see Your lovers among the wolves of Your earth, and those who long for You among the enemies of Your Self. I beseech You, O Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, by the rustling of Your Sacred Tree, and the stirring of the breezes of the springtime of Your mercy, and the murmuring of the Fountain of Your knowledge in Your paradise, to ordain for me that which will keep me steadfast in Your remembrance and praise, such that the oppression of any oppressor and the clamor of those who have disbelieved in You and denied Your proof and evidence and turned away from meeting You will not prevent me. O my Lord! I am Your servant and the son of Your servant. I have turned to You and committed my affairs to You. Write down for me what You will. I testify that You know me better than I know myself. Ordain for me what will profit me in all the worlds of Your worlds. Verily You are the All-Powerful, the All-Bounteous, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH05896 ===

=== START BH05897 ===

In the Name of the Living One! O Maryam! Mihdi arrived in Baghdad with a handful of eternal provisions and a bundle from Muhammad-'Ali, along with news neither new nor wondrous. A world of ears would be needed to hear this message. All the accounts are from the late Sadr and their narratives from the disorderly versifier. And furthermore he mentioned your grief, that you were sorrowful and distressed due to separation and the death of your sons. This is exceedingly strange, for through God's grace you have been given to drink from the Tavern of Light and have been nourished by the pure wine. All relationships are linked to you and all spirits refer back to you. What then causes your despondency and why are you sorrowful? Have you ever heard of an ocean weeping from separation from a river, or the sun pursuing fearfully after a star? Sever the head of heedlessness that you may raise up the mystery of "Verily, unto Him we return." The new creation encompasses all things, for in the new creation there is no room for imperfection, lest "Blessed be God, the Most Perfect of Creators" be rendered false and meaningless. Beyond this I am not permitted to speak, and greetings upon all.

=== END BH05897 ===

=== START BH05898 ===

O Muhammad-Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! Equal to the previous Books, nay greater, have verses descended from the heaven of divine knowledge, and the horizon of the world is illumined and radiant from the dawning lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. Yet the blind have no share in beholding it. They cling to vain imaginings and are occupied with their own selfish desires. Blessed is he who was not prevented by the world's rejection, nor deprived of drawing

nigh unto the Truth by the veils of the nations. With the finger of certitude he rent asunder the veils, and with a pure and sanctified heart he aimed for the most exalted summit. Say: O people of the world! Reflect upon the state of the Wronged One. Without any veil or covering He summoned all, with the most great call, to the straight path of God, and counseled them in that which would cause the exaltation of the Cause and the elevation of beings. Yet ears are lacking and no seeker is to be found. Give thanks to the Lord of the seen and unseen, that He guided thee and caused thee to attain the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. He is the Ever-Flowing One whose outpouring hath encompassed all things. The glances of His loving-kindness have ever been and shall forever remain turned towards His servants. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and He is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05898 ===

=== START BH05899 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

The letter of the honored Observer has been received and perused. In this case, your stay in that land is not permitted. There is no harm in departing from that territory. Whenever the hands of the claimants are shortened and the chief seeks return, it will be easy and simple. If the matter is as mentioned, then considering wisdom, a brief stay in the Land of Ta is preferable and more appropriate. However, in all conditions be mindful of wisdom and be confident in God's grace. Whatever is beneficial for you will emerge from the unseen into the visible realm. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And once again We counsel you to wisdom and non-acknowledgment. Verily He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And whenever required, God willing, by God's will news will arrive and you will attain. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you and upon every firm, steadfast, upright one. The servant conveys greetings and salutations. In these days he is sending replies to the letters of his honor Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and likewise to other friends.

=== END BH05899 ===

=== START BH05900 ===

In the Name that is sanctified above all names and designations! Your letter was presented before the Most Holy Court and the eye of divine favor was directed towards it. Praise be to the Beloved of all possibility, that thou hast attained unto His recognition and turned thyself unto the Dawning-Place of His Cause. This is among the great bounties of the Lord. That which is incumbent upon the loved ones of God today is to conduct themselves in such wise among the people that all beings may inhale from those souls the divine fragrance. The guidance of creatures hath ever been through the character and deeds of souls who have turned unto Him. Divine confirmations do at all times assist such souls. Be not saddened by certain worldly conditions, but arise to serve the Cause. With wondrous and sublime utterances and goodly remembrances, remind the people, that perchance dead souls may attain unto eternal life through the divine breath. Today all must arise to that which hath been mentioned. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! Whoso acteth according to that which hath been commanded, in His love and good-

pleasure, God will assist him in all conditions and will open before his face the doors of goodness. Verily, He is the Guardian of good deeds. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath been presented before the Throne and there hath been sent down for thee from the Source of verses that which shall eternalize thy mention, through God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05900 ===

=== START BH05901 ===

Tablet to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, thou shalt be illumined by the lights of the Sun of divine knowledge and be detached and free from all else save God. The remembrance of God, like the waters of mercy, floweth from the source of grace, yet few are they that seek it. By the life of God! If in truth a soul should attain unto a single drop thereof, he hath attained unto all good. Strive ye, that perchance ye may be enabled to preserve the pearls of divine knowledge. From all directions the signs of the treacherous and the thieves have appeared and become manifest. Great is the Cause, and mighty must be the endeavor. Say: O my God! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy grace to shelter me beneath the pavilions of Thy bounty and the tabernacle of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy son who attained the presence of God and turned unto Him on a day whereon the servants turned away, save whom God did will, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give him to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in this Most Great Announcement, concerning which the peoples have differed, and every proud one, deceived by vanities, hath turned away until he disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon those who have heard and responded, and were among the firm ones.

=== END BH05901 ===

=== START BH05902 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable God, the All-Knowing. Your letter attained the presence of the Most Great Horizon and was honored with the glance of the Lord of Destiny's loving-kindness. Verily, He answers whosoever calls upon Him, remembers whosoever remembers Him, and draws nigh unto whosoever draws nigh unto Him. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Kind. Regarding what you wrote about "Do not deprive me of bounty" - no seeker has ever been deprived, and no one turning to Him has ever been forbidden from the lights of His countenance. At all times He has said and continues to say "Look and thou shalt behold Me." Praise be to God, through God's infinite bounty you have attained recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Self and the Manifestation of His verses, and have drunk from the Kawthar of His love. This is the most exalted bounty and the most glorious station. Ask God that this station remain preserved, for there have been and are many satans who mislead people in the name of truth. Guard thou the pearls of recognition in the treasury of thy heart in the name of thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And regarding some friends who were not outwardly granted permission

for attaining the presence - this was due to divine wisdom. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the Most Holy Court and hast attained the effects of the Most Exalted Pen. By My life, this is indeed a noble station. Make it the focus of thine eyes and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds.

=== END BH05902 ===

=== START BH05903 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O K…d, upon whom be the Glory of God! Your call was heard, and that which you had written to the servant present before the Throne was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed are they from whom We perceive the fragrance of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. The glances of Our loving-kindness have been directed towards you. The divine Tablets bear witness and testify to this. You must arise to serve the Cause of God with the utmost steadfastness and act according to that which hath been revealed, in its outward form. I swear by the Sun of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful that if the friends were to act upon that which hath streamed forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful, all would attain unto their hearts' desire. You must, God willing, fix your gaze upon that which beseemeth the days of God and hold fast unto the cord of unity, that no trace of discord may remain in that land. By the life of God! Whatever this Wronged One hath mentioned and mentioneth hath been out of His love and care. You must, detached from all else, occupy yourself with the service of the Cause, that perchance the heedless among the servants may become aware and arise to make good that which they have lost. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have cast away what the people possess and taken what they were bidden by God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon you and upon them at all times.

=== END BH05903 ===

=== START BH05905 ===

The Most Great, The Most Glorious

This is the hour in which they wash the Son before Our face, after We ransomed him in the Most Great Prison. Thereupon arose the wailing of those who dwell within the pavilion of the Most Glorious, and the lamentation of those who were imprisoned with the Youth for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. In such condition, the Pen was not prevented from the remembrance of its Lord, the Lord of all nations, calling the people unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. This is the day whereon he who was created from the light of Baha was martyred while imprisoned by the hands of the enemies.

Upon thee, O Branch of God, be the remembrance of God and His praise, and the praise of all who dwell in the heaven of immortality, and the praise of all who abide in the kingdom of names. Blessed art thou in that thou hast been faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament, until thou didst sacrifice thyself before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Thou art the wronged one, and the Beauty of the Self-Subsisting. Thou didst bear in thy earliest days that which caused all things to lament and the pillars to tremble. Blessed is he who maketh mention of thee and draweth nigh through thee unto God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

O people of the earth, be not dismayed by what hath befallen you from the decree, but rather remember - thus have ye been commanded by your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We recounted unto thee, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne, that thou mayest remember thy Lord amongst the servants in such wise that tribulation deterreth thee not from the remembrance of the Lord of creation.

=== END BH05905 ===

=== START BH05906 ===

O Ali-Asghar! This is a noble Book sent down from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing. Verily it is a mercy from Us and a remembrance for all the worlds. O people! Answer him who calleth you unto God and follow not every obstinate polytheist. Prepare yourselves to hearken unto the Word of God. By My life, through it the hearts of those near to God were attracted and the hearts of those who denied the Lord of Lords were thrown into commotion. Verily they are the people of the fire. The Hour hath come to pass in truth and the moon hath been cleft asunder by the finger of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The pathway hath been raised up - verily it is the pathway of God, were ye of those who know. O people! Abandon vain desires. This is your God Who hath come from the heaven of destiny with mighty sovereignty. Those who call you unto the Evil One - their hearts are sealed and they are companions of hellfire. Is there any protector for anyone or any escape for any soul? Nay, by your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise! Hasten unto Him with your hearts. He will protect you from those who disbelieve and draw you nigh unto a station which, were ye to behold it, would cause you to fall prostrate upon your faces before God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Rejoice in that thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. This is indeed a great bounty. Glorify thy Lord with praise in the nights and days and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds and Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH05906 ===

=== START BH05907 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Tablet revealed for the sister of the Sheikh who migrated from his self unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Tablet for her who hath believed in her Lord and attained unto His days and was among the devout women. O handmaiden of God! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self through His Most Exalted Name. Arise then to recognize this Beauty through Whom the earth was cleft asunder, the mountains were crushed, and the heavens were rent apart. By God! Through Him the letters were moved from their places and the words from their stations, and from the horizon of grace shone forth the Sun of verses. Remember thy Lord in His days, then bow down and be devout and be among those who prostrate. Be not perturbed when the bellowing of the Calf is raised and the veils of allusions prevent the people from drawing nigh unto the holy court. Cast behind thee all allusions and take fast hold of the cord of God. Verily He will protect thee from the thunderbolt of those days and draw thee nigh unto the heaven of attributes. Thus doth God make mention of thee in this Tablet and reveal unto thee that which shall sanctify thee from all that keepeth thee back from Him and draw thee nigh unto that which is better for thee than whatsoever hath been

created between earth and heaven. And peace be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God their Lord and were among the pure ones.

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=== START BH05908 ===

This is a Holy Tablet from God to him who believed in the Spirit in His days and journeyed unto Him until he entered the seat of the Throne and was recorded among the successful ones in the Tablet, and unto whom were directed the holy glances in the gathering of intimacy, and who heard the call of God with his own ears and drank from the hands of grace the sealed choice wine. Know thou the worth of that which thou hast attained, then relate unto the people that which thou hast heard and witnessed. Beware lest thou add or take away therefrom. Thus doth the Youth counsel thee from before the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thy letter hath come before Us and We have taken note of its contents. Verily thy Lord is informed of all things, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth and whatsoever is concealed in the hearts of all the worlds. However, We conceal through Our forbearance and then Our mercy which hath preceded all things, and verily He is merciful unto His servants. We were with thee and thy companion and heard what he mentioned both secretly and openly, and verily thy Lord encompasseth all things. Nothing moveth save after His leave and with Him is the knowledge of all things preserved in a Book. Grieve thou not over anything. Remember thy Lord amongst His servants and be thou steadfast in a manifest way. And the Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

=== END BH05908 ===

=== START BH05909 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Powerful, the Sovereign

This is an epistle from the imprisoned Stranger to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the One, the Peerless. Worship none but Him. He, verily, suffices thee in truth. He is possessed of invincible strength. He aideth whom He willeth through His sovereignty, and He, verily, hath power over all things. His is the bounty and the grace, and He, verily, knoweth all things. Say: Verily He appeared aforetime under the name of ’Ali before Nabil, and in this Revelation under the name of Husayn before ’Ali. Say: This pertaineth to the Seven Letters, if ye be of them that know. And ye were promised Him in the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: He was, verily, the Herald of My Own Self - read ye the Bayan, that ye may be of them that understand. Say: Were it not for this One, that One would not have been, and He hath testified thereunto, whilst ye remain heedless. Say: He liveth in the All-Glorious Horizon. Blessed be He Who hath dawned from this luminous Horizon and hath proclaimed: “Noon-tide approacheth while ye slumber even as We found you among the slumberers.” Thus have We taught thee and cast upon thee that which sufficeth the worlds, would they but ponder upon this Cause for less than a moment. As to them that have disbelieved, nothing shall profit them save the punishment of thy Lord, and He, verily, is possessed of terrible might. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH05909 ===

=== START BH05910 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to him who answered his Lord when the Call was raised from the right side of the Mount through this Revelation whereby the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty, that he may hear the Call once again and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the cawing of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not cause him to slip. When thou hast been illumined by the splendors of the Tablet and hast recognized what hath been revealed therein, arise and say: O people! The proof hath been perfected, the evidence hath appeared, and the Cry hath been raised between the worlds. We raised it through a human temple and sent him with a Tablet from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, unto the chief of the oppressors. He lifted up the Tablet with such steadfastness that the denizens of the Concourse on high were amazed, then the dwellers of Paradise and the angels who are nigh unto God. Through this We manifested the power of thy Lord that they might know that neither prison nor tribulation hath prevented the Ancient Beauty from making mention of His Most Great Name. He speaketh at all times: This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with the truth. Turn unto Him with your hearts and be not of the heedless ones. Through Him the proof of thy Lord hath been completed. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou art to make mention of him in whose countenance thou findest the radiance of the All-Merciful, on behalf of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and dispatched them unto thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH05910 ===

=== START BH05911 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed in God and walked in the path of His good-pleasure. Upon him be the mercy of God and His blessings. The denizens of the highest Paradise will assuredly make mention of him and pray for him. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast given to drink of the Kawthar of Thy remembrance and blessed with the wonders of Thy knowledge. The outpourings of Thy grace have so overtaken me that my mention hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Command and my name hath been uttered before the Throne of Thy grandeur. Since Thou hast made me renowned through Thy Name and known through Thy love, deprive me not of steadfastness in Thy Cause and detachment from all else but Thee. Wouldst Thou, O my God, cast out one whom Thou hast sheltered in the shadow of Thy mercy? Wouldst Thou, O my Beloved, forbid one who hath sought Thy presence? Nay, by Thy glory! This is not what I think of Thee, for I am certain that Thy mercy hath preceded me and Thy grace hath encompassed me. Thou dost not forbid those who turn to Thee, nor dost Thou deny those who seek Thy Self. Therefore, through Thy grace, send down upon me that which will make me a servant of Thy Self and one who speaks Thy praise. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been independent of all else but Thyself and will continue to be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted.

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=== START BH05912 ===

This is Our Book unto Ibrahim who attained the presence of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted - he who strove until he beheld the Dayspring of his Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the All-Wise, and won through to the Source of the Cause when he entered God's holy and luminous court. Blessed art thou for having desired what the worlds have desired and sought the One Who is the Goal, until thou didst attain the presence of God, Lord of the mighty Throne. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to attain His presence and hear His melodies, and for having enabled thee to win the prize of His shining and glorious beauty. Know thou the station of this rank and glorify thy Lord with praise at all times. O Khalil! Be thou steadfast in God's Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the heedless nor the opposition of them that have denied the Day of Judgment shall deter thee. Be thou a friend to those who love the Beloved One and an enemy to those who oppose Him. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen inscribed in a preserved Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to make thee a champion of His Cause and one who commemorates His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have turned towards God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Those who have taken partners with God this day are in manifest error. Shun them and put thy trust in God. Verily, He is with His servants who trust in Him.

=== END BH05912 ===

=== START BH05913 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great! This is a Book from Us to 'Aziz that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O 'Aziz! We testify that thou hast turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and attained unto His presence, and heard the Call, and drunk the choice wine of reunion, and entered through a door that was opened before the face of all who are in earth and heaven, and beheld what none before thee had ever desired to behold. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech Him to inscribe for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall preserve thee and profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We make mention of thy brother who was named Hashim with a mention that shall never fade away, from God, the Sovereign of creation. We beseech God to forgive thee and forgive those for whom thou hast sought forgiveness from the ocean of the bounty of His Name, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Blessed art thou for having held fast unto the cord of His ordinances and acted according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Say: O my God! Thou seest me having left my home and migrated in Thy path until I attained unto Thy presence. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Command to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest what profiteth me and what I have, and I know not what Thou hast. Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05913 ===

=== START BH05914 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

This is a Book from Us to him who has taken a path unto the Lord of the Throne, that the Book of his Lord may draw him nigh unto the Most Great Remembrance and render him wholly devoted to the presence of his Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath ever encompassed all the worlds.

Patience is bitter save in My Cause, and tribulation unwelcome save for love of Me. Thus hath the matter been sent down in truth from the Pen of Revelation.

Follow what We have revealed unto thee and follow not the way of him who hath turned away from the Truth after He came in the shadows of proof with a sovereignty manifest to all the worlds.

Grieve not over what the hands of those who are stirred by the winds of desire have wrought, and who have been kept back from the precincts of My Most Glorious Name. Verily, they have turned away from the Truth and have taken Satan as their helper.

It behooveth every soul to remain steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the wrath of those with whom God is wroth shall not deter him. Soon shall they find themselves in an abode bereft of the mercy of the All-Merciful.

Do they imagine that the will is in their hands? Nay, by the Lord of all creation! The will of thy Lord hath triumphed over all things. Verily, He is aware of His servants.

Be thou assured through the bounty of thy Lord, then take Him as thy Guardian. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned toward God with a heart illumined by the lights of the Throne.

=== END BH05914 ===

=== START BH05915 ===

This is a Tablet from Us to the one who has turned to the Sea and attained the triumph of God, the Mighty, the Generous. The polytheists prevented Us from mentioning God, but We make mention of God in spite of them, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In the evening We show them one judgment and at daybreak another judgment, for thy Lord is indeed the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. The ocean of patience hath encompassed all lands after His knowledge encompassed all the worlds. O Leaf! By My life, ’Ali hath attained the presence of God, and there hath been ordained for him before the Throne a station that the hands of those who dwell on earth and its dependencies cannot attain, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed is he who visiteth him in this world, by virtue of what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning him. Verily the Light shining forth from the horizon of eternity is upon thee, O essence of the peoples and he who hath turned to the Most Great Sea. I bear witness that thou hast fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament when thou didst break the covenant of the polytheists. Thou art the luminary of faithfulness in this heaven. Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names. God’s curse be upon him who wronged thee and slew thee without clear proof and evidence, and God’s mercy be upon him who visiteth thee with pure intention for the sake of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH05915 ===

=== START BH05916 ===

He Who is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards the Crimson Tree that he might hearken unto its most sweet call in remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have witnessed thy turning unto the Countenance and heard thy call, and We answered thee before this and in this perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics have slipped save whom God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath willed. Give thanks unto God for this bounty and for having made thee to be of them who have sought the Ultimate Goal when the people turned away from it - they who followed every heedless and remote one. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy light whereby the world was illumined to assist me in recognizing the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Then ordain for me that which shall endure through the endurance of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom, for I know, O my God, that all else besides Thee shall perish and that whatsoever is attributed unto Thee shall endure through the endurance of Thy most excellent names and most exalted attributes. Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. Deprive me not of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Giving, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH05916 ===

=== START BH05917 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting

This is a letter from this Youth to him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of immortality from cups of impregnable glory, that perchance the words of God may influence him and draw him nigh unto a station of exalted glory. O servant! Purify thy heart from the allusions of all who are on earth, that the lights of thy Lord's revelation may be imprinted thereon, and this is a bounty which hath been, in the Tablet, magnificent. Fear God and be not of the doubters in His Cause. Then stand firm in the Cause and follow not those who have denied God and were far removed from the tree of nearness. Say: O people! The servant hath come unto you with clear signs and calleth you unto God Who created you and created all things, and He desireth from you neither recompense nor thanks. Fear ye God and commit not that which is indecent, for it hath been forbidden unto you by One mighty and all-knowing. Follow ye God's ways and His bounds and follow not every sinful ignorant one. Thus have We made mention of thee in truth that thou mayest follow that which thou hast been commanded in this Tablet and mayest be detached from all created things. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have believed in this Most Great Announcement and who have detached themselves from every rebellious wretched one.

=== END BH05917 ===

=== START BH05918 ===

This is a Book which hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of God, the Exalted, the Great. Therein is that which hath attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. O people! Hearken unto that which hath been sent down unto you from God, your Beloved and the Beloved of them that know. Whoso hath heard it hath attained unto that which none attaineth except he who cometh before the All-Merciful with an illumined heart. Say: O people! Differ not in God's Cause, and be not of them that join partners with God. Fear God, and make not your desires the standard of judgment, and be not of them that lose. Read ye what hath been sent down unto you, then act according to what ye have been commanded in the Tablets, for this is a mighty good. They who have committed that which was forbidden them in the Tablets, these have transgressed the bounds set by God and are of the heedless ones. And they who have acted according to what they were commanded, these shall abide in the paradise of wisdom among them that rejoice. O servant! Hear thou My call, then be thou assured through thy Lord's grace, for He forgetteth not His sincere servants. Then remember Him at all times, for by His remembrance the sleeping servants of God shall be awakened. And upon thee be the Spirit, and upon whosoever hath detached himself from all things and found solace in the remembrance of God, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH05918 ===

=== START BH05919 ===

O Haydar-'Ali, in the City

In the Name of Him Who hath been manifest above all things! This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Herein is mentioned what hath befallen the Youth at the hands of those who disbelieved in God and associated partners with His Beauty after He had come unto them from the Dayspring of eternity with manifest sovereignty. He had strengthened them in His Cause and exalted their names in the Kingdom of creation that they might aid their Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Yet they committed that which causeth the denizens of Paradise to lament and that which made the Faithful Spirit fall prostrate in the dust. Say: O people! I know not by what proof ye have believed in the Glory of the All-Merciful, nor by what evidence ye have recognized the Path. Nay, by My noble Self! Ye have not known God nor followed the ways of His Command, and ye are among the losers. And thou, O servant, purify thyself from such as these, then put thy trust in God, thy Lord. He, verily, shall suffice thee against all the peoples. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! O my God, strengthen my feet in Thy Cause, then make me a helper of Thy Beauty, the Ancient and Resplendent One. Then preserve me within the shelter of Thy protection, and grant me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere servants. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned with his heart toward the court of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

=== END BH05919 ===

=== START BH05920 ===

O Muhammad Ibrahim in Shin! He is the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Verily He speaks the truth at all times, that there is none other God but Him. He created all contingent beings through His power and brought forth

all created things through His sovereignty from His presence. Verily He has ever encompassed all worlds. Say: O people, fear God and associate not with Him Who was promised by His beauty, for Whose meeting you were created, and for Whose manifestation you were raised up. Thus has it flowed from the Pen of Command upon preserved tablets of glory. Whosoever turns away today from God and His signs has indeed denied God and His sovereignty and is recorded in the Mother Book by the Pen of the Spirit as among the wrongdoers. O servant! Leave sovereignty behind you and turn with your heart to this Station which has appeared and shone forth from the holy horizon, whereon the Youth has arisen with manifest sovereignty. Be steadfast in God's Cause and His decree such that your feet slip not from the Path which has been raised up in truth. And the glory be upon you and upon those who have shown patience within themselves seeking God's good pleasure - these are they who are at this moment mentioned before the Throne.

=== END BH05920 ===

=== START BH05921 ===

In the Name of Him Who is exalted above all things and sanctified from all names! This is a Book We have sent down in truth unto people who know. There is nothing that doth not attest the Book of God and His sovereignty, yet most among mankind believe not. The people have veiled themselves by their own vain imaginings, and thereby have they been debarred from this outstretched Path. Say: O people! By what cord do ye hold fast, and through what cause do ye turn away from Him Who created you for the recognition of His Self, the One Who dominateth every witness and witnessed thing? That which was promised in the Books of God and treasured up in His knowledge hath appeared. Open your eyes, for verily He hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Those who are heedless this Day are wandering in the wilderness of error, while those who have hastened after turning unto Him are drinking from the choice wine of revelation. Be thou steadfast then in thy love for thy Lord, and make mention of Him amongst the servants with the wisdom wherewith We have commanded all in a preserved Tablet. Be thou in such wise that neither the allusions of them that have turned away, nor the words of them that have disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Best-Beloved, shall affect thee. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which the Dove hath warbled upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, whereby all things are drawn, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord and say, turning unto the Desired One: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!

=== END BH05921 ===

=== START BH05922 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient! This is a Book sent down in truth when the Beloved was encompassed by grievous affliction, and calamities surrounded Him from every side, and the hosts prevented Him from the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! By God, My tongue moveth through the will of your Lord, the Most Merciful, and My pen through His all-powerful and mighty finger. I was seated in the house when He caused Me to arise by His command, and I was silent when He made Me speak through His wise remembrance. Were it not for His command, I would not have revealed Myself, and were it not for His wisdom, I would not have been among you even for a

moment. Have mercy on yourselves and deny not God's favor after its bestowal, nor His power after its manifestation. Turn with radiant faces unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: Follow not your desires nor those who have turned away from this Straight Path. Leave those who have disbelieved and what they possess of the promptings of Satan. Take hold of the Tablet of the Most Merciful with joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Lord of all possibility command you when He hath spoken that which caused the hearts of them that have recognized Him to take flight. Illumine, O my God, the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then ordain for them a seat of truth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. And praise be from the people of Baha unto the people of Baha who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and were among the steadfast ones.

=== END BH05922 ===

=== START BH05923 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy

This is a Tablet from the Youth to one of His handmaidens, the Mother of Piety who hath visited her Lord, that she may give thanks unto her Lord and be numbered among the steadfast. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin His handmaidens who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My handmaiden! Remember, then prostrate thyself before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Grieve thou not save for My imprisonment, and rejoice not save in My manifestation, and turn not thy face except toward the Face of God, the Dawning, the Luminous. Verily, He is with thee and seeth thee in thy condition and heareth thy sighing in His love. He, verily, encompasseth all things.

Await thou the lights of My Beauty, then ascend to the atmosphere of My nearness, then hearken unto My call from the direction of My Throne, and this indeed is a great bounty.

Then make mention: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Make my life Thy Name, and my spirit Thy remembrance, and my hope Thy Beauty, and my paradise Thy nearness, and my Kawthar Thy call, and my Ka'bih Thy love, and my sanctuary Thine atmosphere, and my goal the seat of Thy mighty Throne. O Lord! Drive me not from the door of Thy mercy, and forbid me not from the wonders of Thy signs, and leave me not among Thy handmaidens. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous."

=== END BH05923 ===

=== START BH05924 ===

O Ali, brother of Nabil, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven. This is a day wherein the Eye of the world has wept by reason of what has befallen God, the Lord of the Ancient Days. He, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We have named this prison the Most Great Prison. Ponder ye upon this, and be not of the heedless. There has befallen Us in this land that which has befallen no one else. To this bears witness every fair-minded and discerning soul. Every day have We quaffed from the cup of tribulation that which none but God, the All-Informed, knows. Be patient even as thy Lord was patient, and then thank Him for having confirmed thee

in this mighty Cause, whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics have slipped, save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, has willed. Blessed is he who has borne tribulations in the love of God. He is worthy of this exalted station. Grieve not over anything. Say: O people of Baha, when sorrows overtake you in one land, betake yourselves to another. Verily it is spacious through God, the Mighty, the Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon whomever has attained unto the outpourings of this Ocean that has neither beginning nor end. Thy Lord, verily, is the True Speaker, the Trustworthy.

=== END BH05924 ===

=== START BH05925 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! This is a Day wherein the gate of the presence of God hath been opened unto all who are in earth and heaven, and there hath appeared that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged, then turn with radiant faces unto God, the Source of this clear utterance. Say: A single word thereof excelleth all the books of the people, as attested by the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is a Day whereon God's chosen ones and His messengers have sung His praise. Blessed is he who hath recognized His most exalted station and attained unto that which hath flowed as the Salsabil of everlasting life from the Pen of God, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. We have heard thy cry and have called out to thee from the Mount of Knowledge - the place whereon is established the throne of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the hearts of them that know Thee! Beware lest names hold thee back from their Creator. Cast away what the people possess and take hold of God's Tablet with the power granted by Him and the sovereignty bestowed by Him, and say: There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I bear witness that Thou hast brought forth the pearls of wisdom and praise from Thy Most Exalted Pen, and hast guided Thy servants unto Thy announcement at which the limbs of the idolaters have quaked. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH05925 ===

=== START BH05926 ===

O Sad, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! This is a Day wherein is heard from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree: "The Promise hath come to pass, and He Who is the Lord of Names hath appeared!" And from the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise: "The veil hath been rent asunder, and the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined with the lights of the Countenance!" And the Speaker of the Mount proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the blessed white spot: "There is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the Chosen One!" He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired through the sovereignty of might and power. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then read thou the Tablet. Verily, it shall profit thee under all conditions. Thou hast been beneath the glances of My loving-kindness, and We mentioned thee aforetime. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, then make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to attract the souls. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, but there shall endure for thee that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Wronged One in the most exalted station. Thus have We opened before thy face the door of bounty with the key of wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging to the cord of certitude in the days of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind.

=== END BH05926 ===

=== START BH05927 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O Majid, upon thee be the Glory of God! Whosoever in this Day hath attained unto the Kawthar of the knowledge of the Beloved of all possibility is reckoned among the inmates of Paradise before the Divine Throne. Most of the women of the world, though they ardently yearned for the appearance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, attained not unto the Day of God and found not His fragrance. Their idle fancies have kept them back from the Dayspring of certitude. Thy letter hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the glances of His loving-kindness have been directed toward thee from the prison. Know thou the value of this station and be occupied with the remembrance of God. Were the men and women who have turned unto Him to become aware of the sublimity of this most exalted and glorious station, they would manifest themselves in such wise that neither the sorrows and tribulations of the world would take hold of them, nor would the opposition and denial of them that dwell on earth hold them back from their Lord. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of knowledge and for having believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We send Our greetings from this Spot unto thee and unto My handmaidens in that place, who have entered the stronghold of the providence of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Nuru'llah and him who hath been named Zuhuru'llah, that they may rejoice in My gracious remembrance. Upon them both, and upon her who hath been named Kawkab, and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, be the Glory.

=== END BH05927 ===

=== START BH05928 ===

Muhammad-Sadiq! In the name of the peerless Lord! Every soul that hath today drunk from the living waters and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon must needs walk among the servants in such wise that all will testify to his sanctity and detachment. The ornament of man hath ever been trustworthiness and godliness, and these pertain especially to such as are related to the Truth. It is observed today that if any of the souls who have accepted the Cause manifest the slightest transgression, this is attributed to the Truth. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! Exalted be His station, sanctified be His Self, and holy be His Cause! The people are heedless and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. Where is the eye that can see, and where the ear that can hear the utterance of the Friend? What regret and remorse, that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might are all adorned today

with the ornament of His manifestation - that is, they have attained to His recognition and knowledge - while most of the people of the earth remain veiled by the veils of fancy and debarred by the signs of idle imaginings. We beseech God to aid you and the other friends in that which is His good-pleasure. By My life! This indeed is a mighty grace, an exalted station, a noble seat, and a manifest refuge.

=== END BH05928 ===

=== START BH05930 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most High! God hath prescribed for all people to visit this Most Great Shrine, which He hath forbidden unto those who have disbelieved and associated partners with Him, and which He hath specifically reserved for those servants who have turned unto Him in humility and penitence. Hearken unto My words: Free thyself from the world, then enter into the wilderness of detachment, the place wherein the lights of Beauty have dawned forth with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty, that thou mayest discover that which no one else hath discovered. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth, as a grace from Us unto thee and unto those possessed of understanding. Leave all creation behind thee and say: In the Name of God and by God, then traverse the path with the power of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing. Purpose for thyself naught except what God hath purposed and willed, for He desireth for no one save that which will distance him from self and passion and draw him nigh unto the Manifestation of His Self, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. God sufficeth as a witness, and he who possesseth knowledge of the Book. Detach thyself from the murky and perishable water, then take in thy right hand the everlasting and eternal cup and drink therefrom. By God! That which is therein will purify thee from doubt and misgiving. Thus hath it been decreed by the Most Effective Pen from God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Ever-Forgiving.

=== END BH05930 ===

=== START BH05931 ===

Likewise unto Aqa Jan, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One. O son of Harun! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison and summons thee to God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks unto God for having acquainted thee with that which hath escaped the notice of the idolaters who have arisen to extinguish the Light that hath appeared from this praiseworthy Station. God willing, mayest thou be ever engaged in remembrance of the Beloved Who perisheth not, and be illumined and enlightened by the lights of His love. As for thy desire to attain His presence and meet Him - this Wronged One hath ever yearned for the companionship of His friends, but the heedless have intervened between Us and you. Ye must not grieve at this separation. Those souls who are in truth seeking reunion and are holding fast to the grace of God - even if outwardly they attain not unto this station - the recompense of attainment hath been and shall be recorded for them by the Most Exalted Pen. Thank thou God, thy Lord. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Be thou vocal in My remembrance with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord. He hath remembered thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the worlds of thy Lord.

He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the mighty throne.

=== END BH05931 ===

=== START BH05932 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most High

O son of Vahid, upon thee be the Glory of God! It behoveth thee to aid thy Lord in these days and to speak forth Our Most Great Name, the All-Glorious - He Who hath been imprisoned for the education of the world, that men might be guided to this Straight and Manifest Path. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause in such wise that from thy countenance might be seen the radiance of Vahid who sacrificed himself in My path. Then, verily, in My exalted, holy and luminous Kingdom - by God! - wert thou to behold him thou wouldst swoon away with longing for that glorious and wondrous station. Turn not unto the world and whatsoever hath been created therein, be it what it may, but hold fast unto the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Be thou a herald of My Cause amongst My servants, that I may cause thee to enter the pavilion of My glory and show thee that which the eyes of those near unto God were prevented from beholding. Verily the grace of thy Lord hath encompassed thee aforetime, and We shall soon exalt you throughout the lands through My Name. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord through God's might and power in such wise that the veils of the idolaters shall not withhold thee. Make mention of him who remembereth thee in the prison, purely for the sake of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath been illumined by this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH05932 ===

=== START BH05933 ===

O Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! O Ahmad! Behold the grace of God like unto the sun. When it shines forth, its rays encompass all the world. Every word that hath appeared from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Oneness - its effulgences encompass all the friends. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace, for He hath mentioned in an imperishable Book, preserved in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms, all who have turned unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God that thy father circumambulates [the Sacred House], and this is a most exalted station. He makes mention of thee before His presence, and of those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Convey to all the friends in that land the greetings from God, and give them the glad-tidings of His favors and bounties, that they may all attain supreme joy in these divine days. We send greetings from this spot to the faces of My servants and handmaidens there and in other lands. Verily grace hath encompassed all existence and mercy hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Glory be upon thee, upon thy mother, thy sister, thy kindred, and upon those who have sought the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Summit, and have drunk the choice sealed wine through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH05933 ===

=== START BH05934 ===

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon

O Iskandar! Time and again you have been blessed with the remembrance of the Wronged One. You have perceived the fragrances of the garment of the All-Merciful's utterance and attained unto the supreme horizon and the knowledge of the Lord of Names. Today, whosoever has turned towards Him has attained unto all good. Your letter was presented before the Wronged One and the servant present submitted all of it. Blessed is the tongue that speaks in remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility, and blessed is the face that turns toward Him. We beseech God to grant what you have desired and to ordain that which is enduring and everlasting. Today is the day of arising, of remembrance and praise. With perfect unity and harmony, occupy yourselves with the reformation of souls. The entire world had been awaiting this blessed Day, yet after its appearance all remained dormant save those whom God willed. Hold fast to the Book of God and act according to it. By the life of God! It will bestow the water of everlasting life and grant eternal bounty. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in that land and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned towards the Path of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH05934 ===

=== START BH05935 ===

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing!

O Name of Bounty, upon thee be My Baha! The letters of the honored Afnan Aqa Siyyid M.Y. and the other Afnan, the honored M.H., upon both of whom be My Baha and My mercy, which they had sent to thee, were seen. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that of which most of the peoples of the world remain heedless and veiled. Their mention hath ever been in the Most Holy Court. They have attained unto that whose traces are immortalized in the Book of God. In the days when the Greater Afnan and the honored Afnan who attained in Baghdad and in the Most Great Prison were present before the Countenance, mention of the other Afnans repeatedly streamed from the Most Exalted Pen. Such gatherings were convened as the eye of creation had never seen the like. The Pen saith: Would that all had been present and had received a complete portion of the lights of attainment in those days! O Mirza and O Muhammad! Rejoice ye in My remembrance and My loving-kindness and the turning of My face toward you from the direction of the Prison. Verily your Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Bountiful. If wisdom permiteth, convey My greetings to the people of God and illumine them with the splendors of the lights of the Sun of the horizon of My loving-kindness. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My providence and My mercy be upon you both and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05935 ===

=== START BH05936 ===

O Isma'il and those whose names thou hast mentioned!

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful! O Isma'il! Thy call hath reached the hearing of the Lord of Names, and an answer hath descended from the heaven of divine Will. God willing, may thou be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Friend and engaged in serving His loved ones. This is the day of assistance, and assistance hath ever been through deeds and character. Some time ago this exalted word was revealed from the Supreme Pen: "O people of Baha! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through deeds and character. Whoso hath attained unto this hath truly attained unto victory in this mighty Cause." Blessed are those souls who have acted according to that which was sent down from the heaven of Will.

We make mention of the son and daughter, and give them the Greatest Glad-Tidings, which is the remembrance of the Lord of all beings in this praiseworthy station.

And We make mention of Ibrahim who hath heard the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for nothing that hath been created in the heavens and earth can compare with it. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath beheld the signs of God, the Mighty, the Great. Take My Book by My leave. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is a clear Tablet.

And We make mention of Ahmad that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon thy wife and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05936 ===

=== START BH05937 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Knowing

O Isma'il! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison-yard and gives thee the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing hath come, riding upon the clouds, yet the people are in evident doubt. The heaven hath testified to the Lord of Names, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Blessed art thou and those who have attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken from the Most Glorious Horizon. Exalted is the Lord of Eternity Who hath come with the Most Great Name, to the dismay of those who denied God's proof and testimony and turned away from Him when He appeared with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth. Verily, We make mention of all My loved ones in that place and My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. O My loved ones! We have made mention of you before and after in the Crimson Tablet, at whose appearance every book and preserved tablet hath bowed down in submission. Rejoice in My remembrance and take the chalice of utterance in My Name, then drink thereof with the wisdom sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon those whom neither the tempests of the learned nor the storms of the mystics have stirred, who cast the Book behind their backs and clung to what they possessed of the doubts of the suspicious ones.

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O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory! Love renders assistance and the grace of God provides aid. His mercy hath preceded all and His bounty hath encompassed all. A testimony to these stations is that each day a cause for mention by the Supreme Pen becomes manifest and a reason for the attention of the Wronged One becomes evident. His honor Ismullah, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, made mention of you and sought a mention from the Mother Book. Therefore the gaze of the Wronged One was directed to that quarter and from the treasury of the Supreme Pen these pearls of grace and bounty appeared and became manifest. O My Afnan! The treasuries of the world cannot compare with these pearls. Each one beareth witness to the grace and generosity and bounty of God, exalted be His glory, towards His Afnan. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having illumined my sight to behold the lights of the Day-Star of Thy bounty and purified mine ear to hearken unto the rustling of Thy Pen. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and whatsoever was hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid me to arise to serve Thee in the nights and days and in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, in the beginning and in the end.

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=== START BH05941 ===

O Akbar, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! O Akbar! Thy letter was received and read before the face of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which the peoples of the world, despite their yearning and desire, are deprived of. Today Zion crieth out and Jerusalem is adorned by His footsteps. Blessed is the soul that hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and hath become detached and free from all else besides God. Reflect upon the days of the Spirit. Annas and Caiaphas, who were among the learned of that age, pronounced the death sentence upon His most pure blood, while certain tax collectors were honored with the grace of faith. With one exalted word, Peter, who was occupied with fishing, became a fisher of men, and now in all cities and regions his name is exalted and his cause is remembered. We beseech God that He may strengthen thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest drink from the Kawthar of bounty and bestow it upon the servants. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty to make me one of those whom Thou hast aided to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to champion Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH05941 ===

=== START BH05942 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Aid Thy servants to acknowledge that which hath been uttered by Thy Most Exalted Pen and spoken by the Tongue of Thy grandeur upon the throne of decree. Then enable them, O my God, to stand firm in Thy Cause, to arise before Thy door, and to hold fast unto Thy cord. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, but send down upon them that which will preserve them from all

else but Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee. Then ordain for those who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament the best of what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of the heedless among Thy creation and the oppressors among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the Word through a single letter of which the oceans of names were set in motion, that Thou assist Thy loved ones and manifest unto them that which will gladden their eyes and tranquilize their hearts. Then ordain for whomsoever hath acted according to Thy Book the best of the world to come and of this world. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the reins of all created things. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Helper

The missive of the honored Aziz Kh-A, upon him be the Glory of God: Two bags of rice and two tins of gaz [Persian sweet] from before were received by the servant in the prison in the year 1303.

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=== START BH05943 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable, all-knowing Lord! O my handmaiden! Today God, exalted be His glory, beareth witness and testifieth for those souls who have turned to the most exalted horizon and have attained recognition of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Each of the leaves and handmaidens who hath today turned towards the Truth is recorded and inscribed among the near ones in the Book of God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that these handmaidens are and have been greater and more exalted than the queens of the earth. How many a queen besought her Lord and desired from Him the encounter with His Manifestation in His days, yet when He appeared she was found among the heedless. Thus did the days pass and the matter was accomplished, but most of the people remain among the heedless. The title of queen is true for those handmaidens who have attained recognition of the Truth, and they are in truth the queens of the kingdoms of the celestial realm and will ever be so. Were this station to be explained in detail, most would be struck down as if thunderstruck. O my handmaiden! Give thanks for God's grace and bounty. The daughter of Muhammad, upon her be My glory, hath circled round the Throne and will continue to do so. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon every servant who hath believed and every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH05943 ===

=== START BH05944 ===

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth - verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and there have been sent down for thee clear verses which neither the realities of creation nor whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths can equal. When thou hast attained unto them, hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The Tongue of Grandeur calleth out to all who are in the kingdom of creation, morning and evening, yet the people

remain in manifest remoteness. The horizon of possibility hath been illumined by the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, yet the people remain behind a mighty veil. Hold fast unto the Ultimate Tree, then detach thyself from all else - thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, command thee. We counsel Our male and female servants to show forth the utmost steadfastness in the Cause of their Lord, the Possessor of Names. We beseech God to protect them from the schemes of those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, God's power and His sovereignty, and who wander through homes and marketplaces seeking to lead people astray from the straight path of God, the Truth. Be thankful for having attained unto the remembrance of thy Lord, then remain steadfast in the Cause. Thus have We counseled the handmaidens before, and in this luminous Tablet.

=== END BH05944 ===

=== START BH05945 ===

O My handmaiden, turn thy gaze unto the compassion and favour of God. He aided thee to recognize His sanctified Essence and led thee to the Highest Horizon until thou arrived here and attained the Presence, drank from the Kawthar of the reunion of the imperishable Desire, and became aware of His holy and sanctified Person. Make mention of this station in the assemblage of the handmaidens that they may all follow, with complete holiness, that which hath been revealed in the Book. How many nights and days didst thou dwell in His presence and rest in His house! By the life of God, this station is most great - preserve it. Praise be to God that during the known months when thou wert circling round, no act appeared from thee that would cause grief to the Ancient Beauty. This matter is of great import. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Remembering, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. God willing, mayest thou remain firm and steadfast in divine love and be attracted to that which He loveth and is pleased with. We made mention of Jinab-i-Qasim, and We at this moment send Our greetings upon him and upon My loved ones in that place and upon My handmaidens who have heard and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH05945 ===

=== START BH05946 ===

In My Name, the All-Conquering over all names! O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. One of My Afnans who circled round Me and soared in the atmosphere of My love and chose for himself a station beneath the canopies of My grandeur hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this luminous and resplendent Tablet. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto My days and hath drunk the choice wine of love from the cup of My bounty, and blessed is the leaf who hath held fast to the Lote-Tree of My Cause and clung to the hem of God, the Luminous. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My Tablet, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty amidst all created things to assist this handmaiden of Thine to stand firm in Thy Cause and to hold fast unto that which will exalt her among Thy handmaidens. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy favor. O Lord! Deny not Thy handmaiden from turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and

standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. Thou art He Who hath opened the door of hope unto all who are in earth and heaven and ordained for Thy servants and Thy handmaidens that which draweth them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty all created things and all contingent beings have testified to. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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=== START BH05947 ===

Shahabad District. O My handmaiden! The face of My loving-kindness hath turned toward thee, and mentioneth unto thee that which shall be a treasure for thee in My dominions. Rejoice thou in this great bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which all things have spoken, to assist me to love Thee and remember Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause. My God, my God! There hath turned toward Thee a handmaiden from among Thy handmaidens, seeking from Thee Thy boundless grace and ancient loving-kindness. O Lord! Disappoint her not, through Thy bounty and loving-kindness, and withhold her not from the ocean of Thy mercy and bestowals. Thou art He Who hath power, unto Whose might the atoms testify and all created things bear witness to Thy strength and sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. We make mention in this station of Our servant Husayn, who believed in God and His signs, and bore witness to that whereunto the All-Merciful bore witness on the Day when the Ancient King was established upon the Most Great Throne. By the life of God! This testimony, whereat My Most Exalted Pen was moved in this glorious station, sufficeth him. Glory be upon him and upon those who attained unto that which he attained among the servants of God on the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH05948 ===

In My Most Great Name. O My handmaiden! Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord! Thou knowest that when I imagine I can describe and mention Thee with names by which I name Thee before the court of Thy knowledge, after gaining this knowledge I seek Thy forgiveness, by the everlastingness of Thy earthly and heavenly dominion and Thy glory, O King of Kings! For whenever I call upon Thee and say "O my God," I witness that it is but a name whose letters have issued from my mouth. And that which has issued from my mouth and appeared through my will - how could it be worthy to ascend to the heaven of Thy glory or capable of rising to the ultimate goal in the presence of the effulgences of the lights of Thy Beauty? Nay, by Thy glory, O Beloved of the world! Nay, by Thy sovereignty, O Desire of the nations! Rather, I become certain, O my God, that whatever my mouth utters and my tongue reveals stains the hem of the robe of Thy sanctity. Therefore, O my God and my Beloved, after my knowledge of this and my certitude of what I have spoken before Thee, by what thing shall I hold fast in Thy days, and to what matter shall I cling beneath the shadow of Thy mercy? By Thy glory, in this moment the breeze of despair has wafted, O Hope of the worlds! Thou seest how anxiety and agitation have seized me, O my Lord, the All-Bestowing! I beseech Thee to open, with the finger of Thy power, a door for Thy handmaiden that will

guide her to what befits Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

=== END BH05948 ===

=== START BH05949 ===

O handmaiden of God, mother of His honor Mirza ’Ali-Rida, upon him be the glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. O my handmaiden! The Book of God hath appeared and spoken forth without any veil or concealment. This Most Great Book was mentioned in the Qur’an as the Mother Book. Blessed is the soul that hath become aware and held fast unto it. This Book at all times summoneth the servants unto the horizon of the All-Merciful. This is that Book which comprehendeth all books, past and future. O leaf! Praise the Object of the world’s adoration, that thou hast turned unto the Book of God in days when all are heedless and have turned away from it. By the Sun of the Most Exalted Horizon! Thou art in manifest profit while the people are in grievous loss. Make mention of this bounty and occupy thyself with the praise of the Lord of Names. Today whosoever attaineth unto the Word of God hath attained unto all that is in the Book. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and for having moved the Most Exalted Pen of God in thy name. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath heard and attained and responded and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth!”

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=== START BH05950 ===

O handmaiden of God, wife of Abdul-Karim, upon both of them be the Glory of God. In the Name of God, the All-Knowing. O My handmaiden and My leaf! Today the lights of the Sun of Divine bounty have encompassed the world and the fragrances of generosity have pervaded all existence. Blessed is the soul whom neither the manifestations of the world nor the doubts of the peoples prevented or deprived from the Lord of Eternity. Give praise to the Goal of all worlds, Who guided thee and gave thee to drink of the sealed wine. He Who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have recognized Thy oneness and Thy singleness and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by the Throne whereon Thou art established, and by the lands which were honored by Thy footsteps, and by the Book which none hath understood save Thee, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving those who love Thee and desire Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy clear proofs and the sun of Thy favors to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of the first life, and that which Thou hast ordained for those who circle round Thy Mighty Throne and Thy Lofty Seat. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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O my handmaiden and my leaf! Today “blessed, perfect, righteous son” are words that appear from the Mother Book. Death shall not seize these children, nor shall the dominion of the Angel of Death find a way to him. Throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm above, he shall dwell in the chambers of peace and security with utmost joy and delight. Through the grace of the All-Bountiful, that honored lady has been blessed with a son who has had and has no likeness or equal. The world has been and is a house of trials and tribulations, yet for sanctified, assured souls it is an expansive carpet and an abode of joy and gladness. Be not grieved, for thou hast attained unto the Dawning-Place of joy. Today is the day of greatest gladness; sorrow is not permitted. Take the cup of joy in the name of the Lord of Power, then drink from it in His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to remove from among them the odors of discord and illumine their hearts with the light of unity. Verily He is the Lord of the servants and the One Who speaks at the beginning and the return. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH05951 ===

=== START BH05952 ===

In the Name of the One God! O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou art among My handmaidens concerning whom My Most Exalted Pen hath moved and concerning whose tribulations the denizens of the cities of names have spoken. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for the sorrows that have overtaken thee in the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O handmaiden! Though the women of the world were, according to their own claims, occupied with the remembrance of God throughout the nights and days, they did not attain unto the blessed word “O My handmaiden,” while thou, through the bounty of the True Sovereign, hast attained unto it time and again. We counsel thee to patience and steadfastness. The world was not and is not worthy of mention. God willing, thou shalt manifest thyself in such wise that its conditions shall neither disturb nor sadden thee. Dwell within the pavilion of the protection of God and fix thy gaze upon His horizon. Verily, He is with thee, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was previously sent through the fruit of the Crimson Leaf. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and be illumined and enlightened by the lights of the suns of divine utterances.

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=== START BH05953 ===

O Handmaiden of God Nargis Khanum! In the name of the peerless Lord! O handmaiden of God! All the men of the world, both in the past and present, have yearned and hoped to hear from God, exalted be His glory, the call of “O My servant,” and likewise the women of the world and queens of the earth have awaited to attain unto the call of “O My handmaiden.” And now, through the wondrous grace of God and the all-encompassing favors of the Lord, from the Tongue of the Dawning-place of Revelation and the Manifestation of the Cause, openly and clearly, without any veil or barrier, thou hast attained unto the blessed and goodly word “O My handmaiden.” Know thou the value of this bounty and guard this

precious gem from the treacherous ones. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us, and have mentioned thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, that thy remembrance may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great favor. Many are the people of fancy and idle imagination. Beseech thou God, exalted be His grandeur, at all times, that He may graciously enable thee to remain firm with supreme steadfastness in this Most Great, Most Exalted Cause. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praised One. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH05953 ===

=== START BH05955 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, Wisdom and Utterance

O Amin! Your letters have repeatedly arrived and been heard. Responses to most have been and continue to be sent. Today the letter from [name] which you forwarded to Jinab-i-Asad attained the presence, and therein was mentioned a word that truly caused the lights of the sun of acceptance to shine forth. Your petition and request regarding his desire was mentioned in every letter. In any case, after the arrival of the aforementioned one's letter and the petition and request of you and Jinab-i-Asad, this word was once again revealed from the heaven of will: "We have accepted what he desired in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Give him the glad tidings of this most exalted word and the acceptance of what he desired on this blessed and praiseworthy Day. Thus has the sun of grace shone forth as a mercy from Us upon him and upon those who act according to His command."

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O people of earth and heaven, hear My call and judge fairly in My Cause and be not […]. That which was confirmed by every wise command, every clear Book, and every wondrous mention hath been made manifest. Say: Fear God and be not among the heedless. This is He Whom Adam heralded, until the matter reached the Interlocutor whom We commanded, through what We revealed in the Qur'an, to lead the people out of darkness into light and remind them of the days of God; and of Whom the Beloved informed concerning the Day when all shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. O people of earth! Beware lest the whisperings of every contemptible slanderer keep you back. Purify your hearts through that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, then turn with radiant faces toward the station round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise, morning and evening. We counsel you for the sake of God - whoso wisheth, let him accept, and whoso wisheth, let him turn away. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all ye behold today. To this testifieth every discerning sage and every informed mystic. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace and bounty be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and Testament and who are among the steadfast.

=== END BH05956 ===

=== START BH05957 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Leaf! Hearken unto the Call from the Tongue of Oneness, from the presence of the Lord of creation. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him, until thou didst migrate with Him and arrive at this exalted station. Rejoice in Him Who is more merciful to thee than thou art to thine own self, and through Whom thy remembrance shall endure amongst the worlds. Grieve not for her who hath ascended; verily, she hath soared to the horizon of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We brought her forth from him who was named Mahmud and returned her to a praiseworthy station. Thus was the matter decreed in a preserved Tablet. We shall, in time, raise up from you both one who shall call out amongst the servants in My Name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He desireth. Nothing is required of you save steadfastness in My Cause and My love, and whatsoever is besides this resteth with God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Ye are beneath the canopy of His grace and your affairs are in the grasp of His power. Place your trust in Him under all conditions. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of them that know, for having singled us out among Thy handmaidens through visitation of Thy presence and for having made us among those who circle round Thy Cause. We testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH05957 ===

=== START BH05958 ===

In My Name, the Most Manifest, the Most Luminous

O Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! O thou who hast drunk the wine of divine knowledge! Hearken unto that whereunto the All-Merciful calleth thee from this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Faithful Spot. We have created all creation for this Day and have manifested the Cause unto every hearing and seeing one. Every ignorant one hath turned away from Us, and every idolater remote from truth hath opposed Us. This is the Day wherein the earth hath disclosed her tidings and hath shone with the light of her Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The rapture of the Day of Resurrection hath seized the essence of all beings, yet the idolaters remain in manifest delusion. They who have inhaled the fragrance of the Revelation are, by My life, among the triumphant ones. The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of them and hath written down for them that which hath brought joy to the Concourse on High. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from this exalted station. We have passed numbered years in prison until the appointed time was fulfilled and the gate of prevention was opened by the key of My Name, the All-Powerful. This city was among the most desolate cities of the world, yet God hath made it among the most flourishing thereof through that which caused the Throne to be established thereon and whereon the Wronged One, the Stranger, was seated. Be as sight unto the temple of man and as the tongue unto humanity. Thus hast thou been commanded from before the All-Merciful in a noble Tablet. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces. Verily, We are with them at all times.

=== END BH05958 ===

=== START BH05959 ===

O Ahmad of Kazrun, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing! O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My love, who standest firm in service to My Cause, and who uttereth My beautiful praise! These exalted words were revealed before - in these days their mention is beloved:

Death to the veiled ones, pain to the frozen ones!

The King of Days hath come, that Perfect Treasure hath come

That Hidden One hath come by name, despite the hearts of common folk!

Ever hath thy mention been and continues to be in the Most Holy Court. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Thou art he who hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds, and whom neither the hosts of the heedless nor the ranks of the oppressors did frighten. Counsel the servants to patience and steadfastness. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Forbearance hath reached such a degree that even the lions of the jungle of power and might arose not in defense, for they were bound by the chain of restraint of the Lord of Command. Happy are they and joy be unto them! Yet the heedless ones of the world understand not the reality of patience and stillness. By the life of God! Had We loosened what was bound, they would have swept away all the foxes of deceit and ignorance, and cast them to the lowest depths. We beseech God to assist thee and to exalt thee through His Name amongst His servants. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

=== END BH05959 ===

=== START BH05960 ===

He Who was present and attained, the Son of the Maternal Uncle, is the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O thou who hast turned unto the Countenance! Rejoice in what thou hast witnessed and heard and seen at the horizon of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who hath come and calleth out amidst all peoples: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below.” My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy drawing nigh and thy presence, and counseleth thee to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Master of the latter and the former ends. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones, remind them of My days, and give them the glad-tidings of My tender mercy and My grace which have preceded all created things. We have made mention of thee before and at this hour, and have made this mention for thee a brilliant lamp that shall go before thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. He Who speaketh in all things beareth witness unto this, that there is none other God but Me, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Preserve thou this most exalted station and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast aided me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, whereby the limbs of them that turned away from God did quake, and the faces of such as held fast unto the Most Great Handle were illumined.” The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon them that have cast away all else save God and have turned with radiant faces unto His most exalted horizon.

=== END BH05960 ===

=== START BH05961 ===

O Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God - his son

In His Name, the Protector over the world

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! The world is illumined and adorned with the lights of the Sun of Truth, and the divine Books and the tongues of His chosen ones and Prophets and saints bear witness and speak and testify to this blessed Day. Nevertheless, the children of earth who are occupied with playing in the clay have desired to prevent its lights and erase its mention. By the life of God! They are in manifest loss. O friends! Hold fast unto unity and harmony. Soon the banners of grace and the standards of justice shall become manifest and evident in all lands. Move among the servants with perfect wisdom and utterance. By the life of God! Whatsoever hath flowed from the divine Pen hath appeared and shall appear. Say: O Mahdi! O thou who gazest upon My face! Be assured through thy Lord's grace and trust in Him in all matters. We counsel Our chosen ones with wisdom and with that which will calm the fire of hatred in the breasts of those who follow their desires without proof or Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whom the clamor of the divines hath not prevented from My straight path.

=== END BH05961 ===

=== START BH05962 ===

O Haji Mulla Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed!

O thou who hast turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree planted in the soil of utterance. God–there is none other God but Him–the One Who sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books, made manifest that which was hidden, and guided thee to His path, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One Who hath made mention of thee with the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. This is the Day whereon the door of generosity hath been opened unto the world, inasmuch as the Most Great Name hath been established upon the throne of bounty and hath summoned all unto God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of revelation and inspiration, and art seized with the intoxication of the Kawthar of utterance, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and mine eyes with the vision of Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy binding Command whereby Thou didst guide the peoples, and by Thy Most Great Signs which Thou didst send down from the heaven of will and bounty, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and upright in Thy love. O my Lord! Thou seest me awaiting the wonders of Thy favor and clinging to the cord of hope in Thy days. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon. O thou who hast turned towards Me! Upon thee be My glory! The loss suffered by the previous community on the Day of God hath become clear and evident. Ye have all seen and heard how from the earliest days of the Manifestation until now the people of Iran pronounced sentence of death against the Beloved of the worlds and occupied themselves with cursing and reviling Him from their pulpits. Now the deniers of the Bayan, following their vain imaginings, have imitated the previous community and remain utterly veiled and heedless of the Truth. Take ye warning, O ye who are endowed with insight! When thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having adorned my temple with the ornament of recognition and my head with the crown of faith. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who rulest over the kingdom of names, by the pearls of wisdom and utterance which lay within the shells of the oceans of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and by the Point through which Thou didst detail Thy Books, to aid me to make mention of Thee with wisdom and utterance and to speak Thy praise amidst all religions. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy bounty and directing my gaze to the lights of Thy countenance. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions, then write down for me the good of this world and of the world to come, O my Exalted Lord! There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the name of God, the Almighty. O daughter of A?daq, upon thee be the Most Holy Glory of God. In these days We have made mention of the handmaidens of God in that city and have sought for all that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Cause and the upliftment of the blessed Word. Today the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree must fix their gaze upon those matters which win divine acceptance. In these days this Wronged One hath been afflicted between the fangs of the serpent and the fire of greed and avarice of those who claim to love. In the great city there occurred that which caused the Pen to lament. Say: O my God, my God! Thou didst desire for Thy servants that which would exalt them in Thy lands, yet they have wrought that which hath rent asunder the veil of Thy sanctity. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy Revelation to aid them to return unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land and gladden and illumine them with the splendors of the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness. God willing, may all attain everlasting mention and eternal name. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's favor be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My leaves and handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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To the fruit of the Crimson Leaf, upon both of whom be the glory of God. In the name of the Peerless Beloved! O fruit! The Lord of Oneness hath mentioned thee time and again, repeatedly. This station is most great. God willing, thou shalt be enabled to preserve it. Be not saddened by the tribulations of the

world. The joy of them that have turned to God and are sincere is, and shall ever be, in God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God that the Sun of Truth is shining and the ocean of bounty is surging. Blessed is the one whom worldly conditions have not prevented from turning to God. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then drink from the cups of My words - at times the choice sealed wine, at others My blessed Kawthar, at times the Salsabil of immortality, and at others My purified honey. Thus doth the Beloved of the mystics command thee. Strive that thy joy and gladness, thy glory and majesty, thy wealth and riches may be in God, exalted be His glory. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God in that land and gladden them with His infinite favors. Say: God willing, may ye all remain firm in His Cause and be attracted by His verses in such wise that its effects become manifest in the earth. Verily, He sends His greetings upon you and counsels you with that which will exalt this great, mighty and wondrous Cause. The glory be upon you from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness! The letter which the Afnan, upon him be My glory, sent to thee was presented by this servant in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, it was a truthful testimony and an eloquent witness to his acceptance, devotion, steadfastness and service. We heard his call and saw his sighs in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified for him, both before and after, that he is among the successful ones in a clear Book. Give him glad-tidings from Me that We had given him glad-tidings before in a Tablet from whose horizon shone the sun of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. God willing, may they remain steadfast in serving the Cause at all times and speak forth His remembrance. Soon the earth shall pass away and there shall endure for Him what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God's Will, the Most High, the Most Great. What they have written regarding the printing of the book is correct and adorned with the ornament of truth. These matters depend upon time, place, occasion and requirements. In all things they must be mindful of wisdom. Thus have We counseled them before and at this time. Glory be upon him and upon the Afnan in that place who heard the call and answered their Lord, the All-Merciful.

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He is the Responding, the Beloved!

O Javad! We have heard your call from your letter and illumined its horizon with My remembrance - that remembrance at whose appearance the hearts of those who denied God were troubled while the hearts of those who answered their Lord, the Summoner, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, found peace. We bear witness that you have believed in God and your letter was present before the Throne at the beginning of the Cause. He is verily the Recorder, the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned you in these days, and this is yet another time, as a bounty from God, the Speaker, the Trustworthy. Were I to mention to you that which My heart proclaims, by God's life, the Concourse on

High would lament, as would those who circle round the Temple of God, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: The sun of trustworthiness has been eclipsed and the moon of justice has darkened. Thus does My Most Exalted Pen inform you from this Kingdom […] I have recognized the sorrow of your heart and heard the cry of your soul regarding the Cause of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great. Say: The head of Baha has been adorned with the crown of tribulation and His heart has been troubled by what has befallen the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon you and upon those with you, from One Who is grief-stricken, sorrowful, Who walks in this resplendent station.

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In the Name of Him Who has been wronged in the horizons

O Husayn! He Who is imprisoned makes mention of thee with that which shall cause the remembrance of every soul who has turned unto Him and has quaffed the cup of everlasting life in the name of Baha to endure. Once did he drink it in His name and again in remembrance of the All-Wise. The servant who was present appeared before Us with thy letter and laid before Us what thou hadst written. We have answered thee with this clear epistle. We inhaled from it the fragrance of thy love and have turned toward thee from this luminous spot. Say: O my God, my Beloved, and my Purpose! Thou seest me acknowledging Thy unity and confessing Thy grandeur and sovereignty. I testify that steadfastness cannot be established except through Thy might and power, and the heart cannot find tranquility save through Thy loving-kindness and grace. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, turning unto Thy countenance, and clinging to the cord of Thy favors. I beseech Thee to forgive me and have mercy upon me through Thy mercy which has preceded all created things and encompassed all contingent beings. O Lord! I implore Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation and the manifestations of Thy grandeur, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the world, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the clamor of Thy creatures and the might of those who have denied Thy signs may not deter me. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor can the manifestations of Thy servants render powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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In the name of the All-Knowing God! O wronged Khan! The Wronged One of creation hath turned toward thee from the prison-quarter and remindeth thee of God's grace and mercy and loving-kindness, glorified be His majesty. All the Prophets and Messengers were sent by the Lord of the worlds so that, through the endeavors of those holy souls, the suns of spiritual virtues might shine forth from the horizons of human temples. Strive thou to attain to such a station that mention of it shall endure as long as God's most beautiful names endure. Reflect a little and act as befitteth thee. If in these few days someone misseth the chance to perform a deed, when will he succeed in making up for it? Hearken unto the counsel of the trusted Counselor, and hold fast unto and act upon that which beseemeth man. Thy letter was seen. God is witness and testifier that whatsoever hath been said and is being said is intended for thy good. To this every fair-minded and perceptive one doth testify. Ask about the welfare of the children and family on

behalf of this Wronged One and convey greetings that all may rejoice. God willing, thou shalt act upon what hath been mentioned, placing thy trust in God. Verily He is with His trusted servants, and verily He is with His sincere servants, and verily He is with His triumphant servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Khudabakhsh, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the One Who rules over all names! O Khudabakhsh! The people of the world rejected and denied God's bounty. He appeared to bestow upon all eternal life and everlasting sustenance and rest and prosperity, yet the people turned away and rose up to harm Him. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to serve His Cause and exalt His Word. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be to God! The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences are more manifest than the sun, yet every faction clings to vain imaginings. Those who have denied God and His verses, and rejected His sovereignty and His manifestation and His power, have truly lost. They are among those who have perished in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel all to wisdom lest the clamor rise of those who have broken God's covenant and testament. Thus doth the Wronged One admonish you as a grace from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The honored Amin has repeatedly mentioned you and sought bounties for the friends in that land. We beseech God to illumine all with the light of recognition and grant them a portion of the sealed wine. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O thou who makest mention of Me! Hear My call from the direction of My prison, and ponder My Cause and what hath befallen My Self. Then behold how I have stood firm in all conditions upon the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By God! Every member of My body crieth out: O people! He is verily the Beloved of those who know, and every hair of Mine proclaimeth: O people! He is verily the Object of worship of all worlds. Tribulation shall never prevent Me from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Highest, even as it prevented Me not aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Say: O people! None may draw nigh unto that Tree save after his detachment from all things. Thus hath the Pen of Command inscribed in this Day wherein God hath been established upon the throne of grandeur with manifest sovereignty. We have heard thy mention and thy praise. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which most of the servants have missed and which none in all lands have reached save those who have come unto God with radiant countenance. Be thou steadfast in My love and say: Through His remembrance God hath made me independent of the remembrance of all else. Verily He is the Guardian of those who turn unto Him. Convey the greetings of thy Lord unto those whom thou findest upon a straight path. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

O Rahim! The Wronged One calls and makes mention of thee from the prison, that His mention may attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt hear that which testifieth to the oneness of God and His singleness, and that He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Rahim! God hath ever loved and continueth to love His servants, and this Wronged One hath desired and continueth to desire to meet His loved ones, but the heedless have interposed themselves as a barrier, especially in these days when Abu-Jahl hath appeared and is aflame with the fire of tyranny, and hath committed that which caused the very eye of justice and fairness to weep. I beseech God that He may aid thee to make mention of Him, to praise Him, to serve His Cause, and grant thee success that there may appear from thee that which shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Lalehzar and Rubin and Khudabakhsh. Praise be to God, they have attained and continue to attain. Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence. Verily He is the Doer of what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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He is God, exalted be His station, Wisdom and Utterance

O Rida! The Supreme Pen proclaims: The eyes of the world have been afflicted with the ophthalmia of vain imaginings, depriving them from beholding the lights of the Sun of Truth. From the beginning of this Cause until now, this Wronged One has, without any veil or concealment, summoned all to the Lord of Lords. However, the recompense of their deeds has prevented the people of the earth from turning to the Self-Subsisting. The near ones and the sincere are bewildered, for it is observed that most of the people of earth have remained far from the Luminary of certitude due to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Beseech ye the True One that He may make all aware and guide them. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee before and will mention thee hereafter. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the evil of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the Truth and followed him who knew Him not. And We ask Him to ordain for you from His Supreme Pen that which will profit you in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the Powerful, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of immortality from the hands of the bounty of their Most Glorious Lord and have said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have known Thee!”

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He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the Most Merciful

O Sabz-'Ali! God willing, mayest thou be illumined and enlightened by the splendors of the Sun of certitude, and by the Most Powerful Name of the Beloved of the worlds, mayest thou, with the arm of assurance, shatter the idols of vain imaginings. The Truth is present and watchful, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is in the highest horizon. Although outwardly We did not meet, yet God the All-Knowing beareth witness that thou hast been and wilt continue to be beneath the glance of His favor. This is a Day wherein divine bounties, like unto torrential rain, are streaming down and descending. How excellent is the state of the soul that hath turned towards Him, and the heart that hath been drawn to Him. We have summoned the whole world through the Most Great Name. Some have hearkened and been blessed with the holy word "yea," while others have turned away and risen up with utmost determination to afflict this Wronged One. For numbered years hath this Wronged One been caught in the hands of the oppressors - at times imprisoned, at times in jail, and other afflictions which none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, thou wilt inhale from these wondrous and exalted words the fragrance of the garment of Revelation, and in all conditions wilt speak in praise and glorification of the Wronged One of the horizons. Verily, He is with His servants who remember Him and are steadfast. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Glory

O noble master and distinguished presence! The servant has been favored by your verses and I beseech the Most High that through them He may reform the order of the world and the laws of nations, for they were as pure gold from the mine of the love of God. Praise be to God, you have spent all your days in praise of the Lord of Names. A hundred thousand lifetimes could not and will not equal a single hour of your life, for it was and is spent in praise and glorification of God. We beseech the Truth to confirm all in that which is befitting and worthy. And furthermore, the pearls of the sea of your love were presented before His face and were favored with the glance of His grace. He said: "God willing, may he be confirmed. O Nabil! We have heard what you uttered and presented and sent, and We pronounce Our greater blessing upon you and upon My loved ones and upon him who was named with your name and upon him who is with him and upon every traveler who has migrated in the path of God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God, the King of this promised Day." End. With utmost sincerity I extend greetings to each of the masters and beloved ones who are blessed and honored with the love and remembrance of God. Glory be upon your presence and upon them.

The Servant

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In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding

O servant! Hear My call, then grieve thou with My grief and imprisonment. By God! No greater tribulation hath befallen My soul than that which hath befallen My loved ones, if ye be of them that understand. Verily, they who have been martyred in the path of God - these hath God made detached from all else save Him and caused them to ascend unto a station of glorious honor. And now the angels of Paradise circle round them with chalices of Kawthar and Salsabil. Would that I were with them and had attained unto the Most Exalted Companion in the presence of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Praised! But as for him who sowed corruption and killed - verily he hath met the recompense of his deeds, for by his action were troubled the hearts of them that profess the unity of God. And they who were slain, having committed no wrong - round them circle the denizens of the highest Paradise at eventide and at dawn, offering up their very souls in their path, while the people of the Concourse of the near ones derive light from their countenances. How blessed are they in having attained unto the mercy of their Lord and in being numbered among the martyrs! As for thee, render thanks unto thy Lord and grieve not for aught, for He sufficeth thee above all created things. Find sufficiency in Him rather than in aught else, and associate not any partner with Him, for verily He is One in His essence and then in His actions, were ye of them that know. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the steadfast servants of God.

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He is the One manifest from the horizon of eternity! O Abdul-Husayn! The beginning of the matter is the recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Manifestation of His Own Self, and its end is steadfastness in the love of God, exalted be His glory. Steadfastness is My mantle; well is it with him who is adorned with My mantle. Thy letter was present before the Wronged One and the glance of favor was directed towards it. God willing, thou shalt be illumined and radiant through the effulgences of the lights of the divine countenance in this luminous Day. The clouds of idle fancies and vain imaginings have prevented the sun of certitude from shining forth, and the traitors to the Cause seek - through whispers from which even the Evil One flees - to spread their delusions. By the life of God! They are in manifest error. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and say: God willing, the world should become perfumed through the fragrance of your turning to God, acceptance and steadfastness. This is what We have counseled the servants with in most of Our Tablets. Well is it with thee, for We have found from thee the fragrance of sincerity in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, He is with thee, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty, most holy, most sublime and glorious Cause. We send greetings from this spot to thy two brothers whom thou didst mention in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

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In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

We have desired to make mention of him who hath inclined his ear to the Voice of God, that haply he may arise in a manner worthy of this wondrous Day and proclaim his Lord amidst all men, admonishing them to observe that which the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath bidden them.

O servant! Conduct thyself with justice and act in such wise that thy deeds may reveal the sanctity of the Cause. Adorn thyself with so praiseworthy a character, that by it the fragrance of purity may be wafted over all men. Quaff thou the wine that is life indeed from the living fountain of Mine utterance, and let thy sustenance be My remembrance and My praise. Thus biddeth you He Who holdeth the knowledge of all things in the unerring Book.

We have heard the praise thou hast uttered and revealed unto thee that which will enable thee to soar in the atmosphere of love and reunion, and to partake of that which thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised hath desired. Rejoice in My mention of thee and continually render thanks unto thy Lord, for His remembrance is, in truth, exalted above all that is on the earth. Do thou appreciate its value, then, persevere in serving this sublime Cause. He, verily, watcheth over His servants and giveth ear to their words. He, in truth, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus have We sent down the showers of utterance from the clouds of divine knowledge. Shouldst thou attain unto it, lift up thy voice and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Beloved of every understanding heart, and glory be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the World!”

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He is the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing! O ’Abdu’l-Vahid! My tongue, my heart, my pen, my limbs and my very hairs bear witness to the oneness of God, His singleness, His grandeur and His sovereignty. He was from all eternity established upon the throne of power, might and majesty, and unto all eternity He shall remain as He hath been from everlasting time. Every learned one hath acknowledged his powerlessness to soar in the atmosphere of His knowledge, and every mystic hath confessed his failure to attain unto the knowledge of His Essence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Unique, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee in this mighty Tablet. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this News which hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Forsake that which perisheth and hold fast unto that which endureth. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is a perspicuous Book. Remind on My behalf My loved ones who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, and who have acted according to that which hath been revealed in the Book, as bidden by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thus have We brought forth the pearls of inner meanings from the oceans of My utterance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee with the most exalted utterance amidst all religions and guideth thee to the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before all faces. He is assuredly of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, were thou to be of them that know, and this is the Day of assistance and proof. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God on this Day through whose remembrance all things have been attracted and have spoken forth that there is no God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth that thou mayest be of them that attain. Take thou the Tablet by Our command and by Our power from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Compassionate, the Generous. They who follow vain imaginings instead of God, these are in manifest error. When thou hast attained unto that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen and found the fragrance of utterance from the utterance of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, turn thy face toward My direction and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth. We make mention of thee and of thy branch and of those handmaidens who have attained unto the days of God and have witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified: There is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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His honor Aqa ’Ali-Akbar, may God strengthen him. He is the Hearer and the Answerer. O servant! Your letter arrived and was seen. This Wronged One seeks forgiveness on your behalf for what you mentioned, for you have asked for that which An-Nadr ibn al-Harith and a group of polytheists asked of the Messenger of God - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for Him. One asked for a house of gold, another for a garden of fruits in an arid land, and yet another requested flowing canals. And God, exalted be His glory, rejected them all. Now you have asked for that which the heedless ones of the world asked for in those days. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Pass beyond vain imaginings and set your face toward the Dayspring of certitude. Today the proof encompasses the world and the evidence, assuming physical form between heaven and earth, speaks forth “The Truth has come!” Listen to the call of this Wronged One: Turn away from what you possess and what the people possess, then turn with your face and heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and say: “O my God! I testify that I denied You when You called me to faith, and rejected Your proof when You commanded me to acknowledge it. I beseech You by Your mercy to forgive me and join me with Your near servants.”

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O ’Attar! Thou didst discover the fragrance of My days, didst hear My call, didst turn to My horizon, didst speak My praise, and My remembrance drew thee, and My Most Exalted Pen hath remembered thee in the Most Glorious Horizon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Master of the hereafter and of the former times. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou hast no peer nor equal.

Thou didst manifest Thyself at the appointed time and didst call all to that which draweth them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

My Greater Branch appeared and made mention of thee, whereupon We remembered thee, and thy portrait was brought before the Wronged One. We testify that he attained unto the presence when the Tongue of Grandeur was speaking the praise and remembrance of God, and the Pen was moving in such wise as was the spirit of life unto bodies and the Kawthar of immortality unto frames. Blessed is he who hath attained and partaken and drunk! Woe unto every proud and ungrateful one! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as there hath appeared before the Countenance that which representeth thy form, present and speaking thy praise and name. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst cause me to hear Thy sweet call and didst strengthen me to turn unto Thy Most Exalted Horizon on a day wherein most of the servants turned away from Thee. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon My loved ones, both men and women.

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In the Name of the One True God! O Ali! Thou hast been favored with divine grace and hast drunk from the ocean of recognition. We beseech God that He may aid thee in all conditions and make thee firm, steadfast and unwavering in His Cause. For certain souls are observed to be as dried leaves, moved about by the winds of self and desire whithersoever they blow. The friends of God must today be as firm as mountains in the Cause. Thou wert previously blessed with the verses of the Supreme Pen, and now We again make mention of thee and counsel thee to that which is befitting and conducive to the exaltation of God's Cause. Whosoever is blessed in this day with but one word from the exalted words that shine forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen hath indeed attained unto all good. We beseech God to aid all to preserve this station and rank. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and counsel them to supreme steadfastness, goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament and who are possessed of clear certitude.

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O 'Ali before Akbar! Your mention has been and is before the Most Great Horizon. You have attained unto a Tablet that has shone forth from its horizon with the light of your Lord's loving-kindness. Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for you, along with other revealed Tablets, was sent. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the ocean of inner meanings hidden within the verses, nor to prevent them from the clear and manifest path. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and favors. Say: Be not grieved by the fire of sedition and corruption that has been kindled through the hardness of men's hearts. I swear by the light of God's countenance, shining and manifest from the Most Exalted Horizon, these matters have been and are the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. Soon all shall return to extinction and the near ones shall behold the entire Cause as God's, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon

you and upon every patient and grateful soul. In accordance with the revealed wisdom, We have forbidden all to acknowledge and confess this Cause before the faces of men. All must hold fast to what was said before: “Dissimulation is My religion and the religion of My forebears.”

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In My Name, the Mighty, the Great

O Ghulam-Husayn! Thy name is most beloved. God willing, thou shalt act in accordance with what befitteth this blessed name, never departing from servitude and arising to serve the Lord Who is manifest and visible. How many were the souls who claimed to love and who gazed toward and were oriented to the Most Exalted Horizon, yet afterwards, at the slightest breeze from the winds, remained deprived of the garden of inner meanings. I swear by the Sovereign of the kingdom of earth and heaven that they became occupied with a fetid odor and were prevented from the sweet fragrances of the luminous garment. God willing, thou shalt manifest the most great steadfastness, in such wise that the hosts of the idolaters shall not hold thee back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and the glance of favor hath been directed toward thee from the direction of the Prison. This most great bounty hath had and hath no measure or limit. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this mighty favor. We convey greetings to all the friends and command them to the most great steadfastness, that they may not be deprived of the Lord of mankind by the utterances of the embodiments of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily, He teacheth His loved ones that which shall profit them in all the worlds of His worlds. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Generous.

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In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Qasim! At all times the glance of God’s loving-kindness hath been and is directed towards thee and the other friends. Yet after the manifestation of Truth and the appearance of clear proofs and the revelation of signs, it is observed that most have remained far from what God desireth. They acknowledge that “He doeth what He willeth,” yet they question His actions with “why” and “wherefore.” They recognize that “He ordaineth what He pleaseth,” yet they hesitate regarding that which hath appeared from Him. Whatsoever proceedeth from God, glorified be His majesty, hath been and shall ever be beloved by the sincere ones and those drawn nigh. No friend would ever exchange the actions of his friend for all the world - how much less that which proceedeth from God, exalted be His glory and greatness! Were He to decree existence for that which hath no existence, or were He to apply the law of evanescence to that which endureth, none hath the right to say “why” or “wherefore.” Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, that thou mayest hear and be of those who know.

O Qasim! Today pure deeds are required, and a heart detached and free. Beseech thou God that thou mayest attain unto this station and enter the kingdom of His good-pleasure. He, verily, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

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O Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer in the Kingdom of wisdom and utterance. O Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto My countenance, soared in My atmosphere, and held fast unto that which hath been revealed from My presence, that thy scratching may draw him to a station wherein My sweetest call hath been raised - a call whereby the hearts of the Concourse on high were attracted, every hesitant one hastened, every tongue-tied one spoke forth, and every sightless one beheld. Blessed is he who hath discovered the fragrance of utterance and believed in God, the Lord of all religions. We have manifested that which lay hidden within God's knowledge, the Lord of lords, and that which had been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets. Is there one possessed of might who would cast away what the people have and take what is with God, the Desire of all mankind? And is there one endowed with power whom that which is with men would not prevent from drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of inspiration? When thou attainest, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy prison and guided me to the Most Great Ocean through Thy bounty and bestowal. I beseech Thee by the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom and the mysteries of Thy Cause which are therein, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

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O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is related to thee and who, among thy Afnans, was the first to attain the presence of his Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious. He attained the presence when the people were in manifest remoteness. Through the hand of might and power, He hath built for thee a house from His remembrance which shall never perish throughout the duration of thy Lord's kingdom, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and which shall not be altered by the passing of centuries and ages, nor by sun and rain. Thus hath He Who loved thee given thee glad tidings. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which no limits of remembrance and utterance can encompass, as thy Lord, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing, doth testify. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in all conditions and to ordain for thee what beseemeth His generosity and His mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey My greetings unto My Afnan. Say: The hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginings and every remote oppressor have encompassed Us. Consider and remember what We revealed in the final Tablet to the Sultan, whom We called, with kindness and compassion, unto God, his Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Tree of Utterance manifested its firm and mighty Cause. The glory which is manifest, resplendent, and shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the name of the one peerless God! O Lutfu'llah! It is observed that thou hast turned unto Him Who is wronged in all the world, and hast shown attachment to One from Whom most of the peoples of the earth have turned away. What hath come to pass that thou shouldst turn unto Him Whom all have rejected and risen up to harm? Hath the sweetness of the divine call attracted thee, or hath the pure water of the All-Merciful's Kawther seized thee? Hath the scratching of the Supreme Pen or the rustling of the Lote-Tree drawn thee from worldly conditions to the most holy station of "Every day He is in a new condition"? Say: The call of Him Who hath no name hath brought me from the darkness of heedlessness and ignorance to the luminous court of knowledge and understanding. Glory be to God! The Sun of Revelation is shining and manifest, and He Who conversed on Sinai is evident and speaking, and yet there is no eye to behold and no ear to hearken. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all and adorn them with the ornament of fairness, that they may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One. Verily He is the Mighty, the Strong, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

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In the Name of the Mighty, the Chosen One! O Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven and Sovereign of the realm above! I beseech Thee by the Heart of the world which Thou hast made the Qiblih of the nations, to send down upon them who have submitted to the authority of Thy Cause and have fasted in their quest for Thy good-pleasure that which will make them to be numbered with those who, in their love for Thee, have detached themselves from all that is on earth. Then cause them to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of everlasting life through Thy Name, the All-Merciful. O my Lord! These are servants who have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon on a Day wherein the Call was raised between earth and heaven, who responded when Thou didst summon them to the Dayspring of the lights of Thy countenance, who held fast to the cord of Thy laws when they were sent down from the heaven of Thy Will, and who were so consumed by the fire of Thy love that they welcomed every tribulation in Thy path and every affliction in their love for Thee. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves. Take, through the hands of Thy grace, those hands which were raised to the heaven of Thy gifts and which took hold of Thy Book through Thy power on a Day wherein Thy fear seized all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the world, by Thy most exalted Self and by the Most Great Word, to ordain for them in Thy Preserved Tablet that which Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones, and Thy messengers. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, Whose greatness and sovereignty all created things and all contingent beings have testified to through Thy power and might. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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O He Who is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

O Lord of Lords and Merciful One to all who are owned! I beseech Thee by the Treasury that shall never be exhausted and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all servants, and by the ships of Thy power and the heavens of Thy grandeur, to make me steadfast in Thy love and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! I have aimed for the ultimate goal and the highest summit - I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the oceans of Thy mercy and the suns of Thy favors. Ordain for me through Thy grace what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and holding fast to Thy robe - I beseech Thee not to deprive me of any good thing Thou hast sent down in the scrolls of Thy glory and the tablets of Thy Command. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can defeat. Thou doest what Thou willest and decreest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Then send down, O my God, upon Thy servant al-Baqir and upon him who was named Javad, from the heaven of Thy mercy, the rains of Thy favors, and ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. Thou hearest and seest. Verily Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all existence!

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who hath been wronged. He counseleth thee to observe that which hath been sent down in the Book from the Supreme Pen. The world and whatsoever is therein hath come from nothingness and will return unto nothingness, but that which endureth and lasteth forever hath been and will ever be the Word of God. Praise be to the Ancient of Days Who hath enabled thee to attain unto it. He hath granted thee an ear that thou mayest hear His call, and bestowed upon thee eyes that thou mayest behold His signs, and extended unto thee the hand of grace that thou mayest take hold of His Book with complete certitude. His bestowals are beyond reckoning and His gifts are sanctified above all bounds. His grace hath seized thee and His bounty hath confirmed thee. The divines and jurists of the earth are heedless and veiled, but thou, through His grace, hath attained unto His knowledge and found thy way to His straight path. Beseech thou God that He may preserve the bestowals He hath granted thee and vouchsafe unto thee a portion from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Upon thee and upon thy brother who hath been named Ali be the Glory of God. We give him the glad-tidings of God’s grace, the Lord of all worlds. O Ali! Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth My gracious praise.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Forgiving, the Generous

O Muhammad! We have heard the clamor of thy heart, and the cry of thy inner being, and the lamentation of thy limbs, and We have witnessed the burning of thy members and that which hath encompassed thy breast - the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The servant who was

present hath read what thou didst send unto him, and hath been blessed by the attention of Him Whom those near unto God have taken as a guardian for themselves, and the sincere ones as a Lord of their beings, and the lovers as the Beloved of their hearts, and those who love as the Dear One of their souls - He Who at times speaketh from the Most Great Scene, and at times from the Most Great Prison, and at other times in an atmosphere wherein naught of all things can be mentioned, and at yet other times in a station which those in earth and heaven are powerless to comprehend. And He hath answered thee with words which, by God, travel and move more swiftly than lightning, and from their movement is generated a heat that outpaceth fire, that it may draw thee to the sanctuary of holiness and nearness and majesty. Verily He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have discovered from thy letter the fragrance of love for the Generous One Who was mentioned at the end of thy letter. Blessed is he in that he hath been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and was honored by attaining His presence, and was favored by dwelling in His vicinity. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Kind.

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In the Name of God, the One, the Single

O Muhammad! The Lord of the Worlds remembers thee from the Most Great Prison and counsels thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Cast away what is with the people and take what thou hast been given from God, the Lord of existence. Vain imaginings have seized all the servants except those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, has willed. Blessed is he whose tongue hath spoken that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in the kingdom of creation, and blessed is he whose eyes have beheld My Most Great Signs, and blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause through My Name, the Help in Peril over what was and what shall be. When thou findest the fragrance of My garment from My verses, give thanks unto God and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the Path was made manifest and the Balance was established and every heedless one [rejected] lamented." Beware lest what is with the divines veil thee. By the life of God! They have been heedless of that which [We have mentioned] in the nights and days. To this testifieth He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Thus have the waters of mercy flowed from the words - drink thou therefrom in My Name through which the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined and every seeker hastened unto the Desired One.

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In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names! O thou who art wronged! Make mention of him who hath turned towards the horizon of divine knowledge, as a token of grace from thee, for thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: This is the horizon of divine knowledge from which have shone forth the splendors of the lights of My revelation, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Most Great Prison hath been honored through the Hidden Name and the Treasured Secret. To this beareth witness he who hath

inhaled the fragrance of God, the Lord of all worlds. Whoso hath found the fragrance of My garment, he is indeed among the most exalted of beings before the Truth. Blessed is he who hath heard and witnessed that which God did witness before the creation of the heavens and earth. He Who hath remembered Me and loved Me hath remembered thee. We have remembered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Be thou thankful for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O King of Kings and Merciful unto the servants! I beseech Thee by Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion and by the mysteries of the Book of Thine own Self, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of every learned one have slipped, the heart of every mystic hath been perturbed, and every proud oppressor hath lamented. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Mighty, the Great. We make mention of thy son and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, and We counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled the chosen ones in My sacred and mighty Tablet.

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O Samad and other names! He is sanctified above mention and description. O peoples of the earth, hearken unto My call and be not of the heedless ones. The promise hath come to pass and the Truth hath appeared - praise ye God for this great bounty. How many a servant hath been prevented by the world from the Lord of Names, and how many a servant hath turned and attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Samad, the Wronged One hath made mention of thee and hath answered thee through this perspicuous Book. O Husayn, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. He calleth thee by virtue of thy having turned unto Him from thy distant station. O Muhsin, rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee as it moveth in this lofty palace which was built aforetime and which God hath adorned with His Name and made it a station for His Self, the One Who ruleth over the worlds. O Faraj, act in accordance with what God hath sent down in His mighty Book, then thank Him for having made mention of thee whilst He was imprisoned at the hands of the heedless ones. Praise be to God that ye have all attained unto the divine verses and been mentioned in the presence of the Throne. It is incumbent and obligatory upon each one to preserve this station. Preserve ye your stations and that which hath been sent down unto you from the All-Informed One.

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In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O Thou through the light of Whose countenance the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee are illumined, and unto the ocean of Whose bounty the hearts of the sincere ones have hastened! Thou hast ever been, O my God, sanctified from the conditions of Thy creation and exalted above the hints of Thy creatures. Through Thy bounty Thou hast manifested and caused to appear that which draweth the servants nigh unto the ocean of Thy mercy and the horizon of Thy Manifestation. Among them are those who have heard and turned towards Thee, and among them are those who, when they heard, turned away and denied Thy proof and disbelieved in Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest those who have turned

towards Thee in the hands of the idolaters. I beseech Thee by the arms of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy might to preserve them from the evil of the enemies of Thy Self and to grant them, through Thy bounty and Thy gifts, the good of this world and of the world to come. O Lord! Thou art the Strong and they are the weak before Thy gate. Assist them in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Lord of the worlds and the One manifest through the Most Great Name. There is none other God but Thee, the Single One, the All-Powerful, the All-Informed.

The sum of fifty-seven tumans together with one sword and three pieces of pilgrim's garments sent by Ibn-i-Fath-i-A'zam, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, through Shaykh Salman, upon whom be the Glory of God, reached this evanescent servant in the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1298.

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O Niyaz! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His radiance and His light and His praise! Thy mention hath been made in the assembly of the oppressed ones of the world. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the advancement of existence. In truth, in these days His Majesty Sultan Abdul-Hamid Khan–may the All-Merciful strengthen him–is established upon the throne of justice. In his reign, oppression hath no place and tyranny no splendor. His sovereignty hath excelled in justice and beneficence. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist the divines of Egypt–may God strengthen them–and their Khedive in justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Possessor of gifts and favors. It is hoped that His Highness the Khedive–may God strengthen him–will hold fast unto that which is the cause of the dawning and appearance of the light of unity amongst the servants. Through God's grace and favor, in the early days, signs of goodness appeared from him and the light of justice shone forth. O my God, my God! Illumine his heart with the light of Thy unity and assist him to carry out what Thou hast decreed in Thy perspicuous Book. Glory and majesty and exaltation and power be upon the friends of God and His chosen ones who have not broken His binding Covenant and His firm Testament. Praise be to God, for He is the Goal of all who know.

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O My Leaf! The leaf of the friend Samandar, upon both of them be the Glory of God! He is the One Who calleth before all faces.

O My leaf! Hear thou My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He desireth to make mention of thee with a mention whereat, when its light dawned forth from the horizon of the will of the All-Merciful, the ocean of joy surged in all creation and the fragrance of gladness wafted among all religions. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to roll up the carpet of sorrows and griefs and to make all aware of the station of death and what appeareth therefrom. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. By My life! In death are treasured God's consummate wisdom and His hidden mysteries. Blessed is the people that hath

laid hold on the cord of patience and resignation and hath been content with God's decree, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Today all things, the Concourse on High, the divine Books and holy Scriptures, some in the innermost mystery and others openly and manifestly, are engaged in joy and delight, for this is the Most Great Day of rejoicing. At this hour the Lord of Destiny maketh mention of thee and His handmaidens, and through verses shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, showeth His loving-kindness. Know thou the station of this most exalted Word, then rejoice with a joy that no sorrow shall follow. Verily thy Lord is He Who commandeth in the beginning and in the end.

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Handmaid of God Haji Bibi Sahib, upon her be the Glory of God. In the Name of the All-Seeing Speaker. O leaf! God willing, may you ever remain firm in the Blessed Tree which, before the faces of all, speaks forth the Most Great Word, in such wise that the tempestuous winds shall not prevent you, nor shall the barking ones and deniers deprive you of the manifest light. Say: O Lord, my Goal, my Beloved! This handmaiden of Thine testifies that Thou didst raise her from utter nothingness to the robe of existence and immortality. Now I beseech Thee to withhold not the hand from taking hold of the Tablet, nor deprive the eye from beholding Thy signs. O Peerless, Generous One! Illumine the heart with the light of Thy love and deprive not the temple from the adorning grace of Thy bounty. Thy handmaiden hath turned toward the door of Thy grace and with a hundred thousand tongues renders thanks to Thee, for Thou hast blessed her with Thy blessed word "O My handmaiden." O Lord! Grant unto Thy handmaidens that which befitteth Thy generosity and beseemeth Thy bounty and grace. They have none besides Thee and have taken no lord except Thee. Thou art the Ocean of Generosity and the Heaven of Bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH06001 ===

=== START BH06002 ===

O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Thy remembrance hath been and will continue to be before the Wronged One. Thy grief hath caused sorrow to the Lord of Eternity. Thy lamentation was heard and thy devotion and orientation were witnessed. Place thy trust in all things in God, thy Lord, and commit them to Him. Verily He is nearer to thee than thyself. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have beheld thy tears and heard thy sighs. By God's life! There hath been ordained for thee that which will gladden hearts and bring solace to eyes. Whatever the requirements of God's consummate wisdom may be will assuredly come to pass. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which most of mankind are deprived of, and hast been enabled in such wise that the Lord of Eternity hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace. Convey My greetings to all the handmaidens in that land. We counsel all to manifest praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, love, fellowship and unity. The Most Exalted Pen hath, both formerly and recently, counseled all concerning that which is the source and origin of the appearance of the pearls of wisdom and utterance

from the mine of man. Glory be from Us upon thee and upon those women who have believed in the All-Informed One.

=== END BH06002 ===

=== START BH06003 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O my leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Blessed art thou, for from the beginning when the Sun of Revelation dawned from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, thou didst turn unto Him and with complete love and affection arose to serve the Lord of all beings. Among men thou art mentioned before the Self-Sufficing, the Exalted. The friends of God have made mention of thy service, to this He with Whom is the Mother Book beareth witness. And We make mention of thy daughter who attained the days of her Lord. Her remembrance hath ever been before the Wronged One, Who testifieth to her turning, her devotion, her humility, her submissiveness and her service unto God and in His straight path. And We make mention of thy other daughter and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy, My loving-kindness and My bounty which have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. All thy kindred who have fixed their gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and who have held fast unto the Most Firm Handle have been and are mentioned in the presence of this Face. Praise ye the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled you to turn unto a Cause whereof all who are on earth remain heedless and veiled save those whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds. Upon you and upon those women who have believed in the All-Informed, the One, be the Glory of God.

=== END BH06003 ===

=== START BH06004 ===

In My Name, through which the fragrance of God has wafted throughout the world and among the nations

O My leaf and My handmaiden! The call is subtle and penetrating. At all times it appears in My Name and its influence is manifest and evident. It is the attracter of hearts and minds. Whosoever attains unto its hearing passes beyond the world and all therein and holds fast to that which befits My days. The doubts of the suspicious and the intimations of the atheists do not prevent him from the Most Great Ocean and the Mighty Announcement. Reflect upon the power of the Supreme Word. It is ever in motion. In these days its effects are manifest and evident from every direction. It has aimed at the rulers of the earth so that all may become aware of that from which they are now veiled.

Say: Power is Thine, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all affairs! And might is Thine, O Thou through Whom the call was raised upon the Mount! And sovereignty is Thine, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all choice! I beseech Thee by the revelations of the lights of the Sun of Thy grace and by the hearts that have melted in Thy love to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Then exalt me through Thy Name among Thy handmaidens and leaves and chosen ones and servants. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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O My leaf and My handmaiden! Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the Most Great Goal and the Most Exalted Habitation, and didst receive and drink from the hand of bounty the imperishable Kawthar of the Eternal Lord - that is to say, thou didst attain unto His recognition and presence. Divine love, exalted be His glory, is like unto a precious pearl, sanctified above any likeness, similitude, peer or dwelling place, and its treasury hath ever been and shall remain the hearts. That pearl must needs be preserved within that treasury from the hands of the treacherous and the thieves, through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. Render thanks unto the Desired One of the worlds, Who assisted thee and enabled thee to attain unto the Most Great Prison. Thine ears were blessed to hearken unto His call and thine eyes were honored to witness the Most Exalted Horizon. We, verily, praise God with His tongue on thy behalf and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Desired One of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee!" Convey My greetings unto the handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to ordain for them the reward of attaining His presence, to adorn them with the Greatest Infallibility, and to aid them to observe that which He hath revealed in His Perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Leaf who hast clung to the Divine Lote-Tree! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O my leaf, O my handmaiden! The Lord of Names remembers thee from the midst of tribulation, that He may draw thee to a station inscribed by the Pen of Command in the Book of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Blessed is the handmaiden whom the whisperings of creation did not prevent from the Truth, who clung to the handle of grace and turned away from every ignorant and remote one. Express in Persian: Say: O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations! It is evident that the heroes among men and the mightiest of servants are, on the Day of Manifestation, deprived and forbidden by the assault of the oppressors. How then could it be imagined that this weak and lowly handmaiden could step into the arena of recognizing Thee or soar in the atmosphere of Thy love? However, O my Beloved and my Goal, Thy generosity has made me bold and Thy forgiveness has increased my audacity. Now with the fingers of hope I cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and with a hundred thousand tongues I entreat Thee: Do not deprive me from Thy door and forbid me not from the Kawthar of Thy grace. Forgive my sins through Thy favor and conceal my faults through Thy protection. I testify that Thou art the Answerer and that Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH06007 ===

The servant begs his Lord to assist His loved ones to do what He loves and is pleased with. If the souls who have accepted the Faith had until now acted according to what God has willed, the earth would now be seen as a different earth. God willing, it is hoped that from now on this servant and all others will be

assisted to act according to the good-pleasure of the Friend and occupy ourselves with what is beloved before His presence. Let us not speak before hearing, and not act before being commanded, so that we may be counted among those servants of whom He says: “They speak not before He speaks, and they act by His command.” The steadfast souls must today speak that by which hearts are attracted, and all must occupy themselves with teaching the Cause of God. Although the Cause of Truth has never needed and does not need the assistance of others, and will soon become evident like fire upon a mountain, yet souls like this servant who spend their precious lives engaged in forbidden pursuits must become aware through the revealed verses and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause of God, that perchance they may quicken dead souls with the living waters and adorn the heedless with the ornament of awareness. This is the most great deed and the true elixir, and this is the meaning of “good” in its primary reality.

=== END BH06007 ===

=== START BH06008 ===

He is the Speaking One and He is the Silent One. He speaks the truth in the Kingdom of Utterance according to a measured degree, and remains silent concerning that which the ears of men cannot bear to hear. Verily, He is the All-Wise One Who speaks with measure. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most people are in strange doubt. They have turned away from the Truth, advancing toward the dawning-places of vain imaginings. They have denied Him in Whom they believed throughout ages and centuries. Say: Do ye not behold the effulgences of the Sun of My Cause? Be fair, by God, and follow not every ignorant one who hath turned away from God, the Lord of lords. They make mention of God with their tongues while the Mother Book beareth witness to their falsehood. Say: This is the Day in which the breezes of the morn of Revelation have wafted. Blessed is he who hath inhaled their fragrance and hath awakened and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Sender of the winds!” Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath opened the gate of reunion before all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath attained the presence, and woe unto every heedless one who hath turned away by following those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My verses and been mentioned by the Pen of My will in this Prison which God hath made the Dawning-place of revelation and inspiration. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God shall be uplifted amongst His servants.

=== END BH06008 ===

=== START BH06009 ===

He who is the Manifest, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O Ali-Akbar, upon thee be the Glory of God! The Divine Day which was mentioned in the books, scriptures, psalms and tablets, and which was promised by the Supreme Pen, hath appeared with utmost brilliance, yet none hath recognized it save whom God hath willed. The Cause is mighty great. God willing, through the bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory, the people of that land shall not be deprived and shall receive their portion from the ocean of divine verses. This is a provision that will forever accompany man - the passage of time will not alter it, nor will worldly events affect it. Blessed is he who hath gained in the days of God, and woe unto him who hath lost and was among the heedless. God

willing, thou shalt ever be aflame with the fire of the love of God and illumined by the light of His knowledge. Verily, He is with those who love Him and whom He loveth - to this testifieth His perspicuous Book which is with Him. We send from this spot Our greetings unto thee and unto those who have believed in that land, and We give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy, His grace, His bounty and His favors. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. The Glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06009 ===

=== START BH06010 ===

O Ali, upon him be the glory of God! In the name of the one true God! The Day mentioned in the divine Books hath appeared, and the countenance of the Promised One is manifest, yet the heedless servants are seen to be, for the most part, turning away and denying. They walk in the wilderness of idle fancies, unaware of the Sun of certitude which hath dawned from the horizon of God's will, exalted be His glory. Whosoever hath today recognized the truth and drunk from the choice wine of steadfastness is mentioned by the Concourse on High in God's Book. Blessed art thou for having recognized and turned to the One, the Peerless, when most of the servants turned away from Him. Joy be unto thee for having attained unto the Day of God which was mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou must remain steadfast in God's Cause with the utmost firmness, for We have previously announced that the braying will be raised and the book of wickedness and pages of fire will be spread abroad. God willing, the people of Baha will appear in such wise that none shall be able to prevent them. By God's life! They are indeed honored servants, they are indeed servants brought nigh. Convey My greetings to My loved ones there and gladden them with My wondrous remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One mighty, praiseworthy.

=== END BH06010 ===

=== START BH06011 ===

In His Name, the All-Praising, the All-Lauded!

This is the Day for the triumph of God's Cause. All must hold fast to the cord of grace and beseech from God that which ensures the preservation of name and mention in the Book that hath no peer. Today the Mother Book speaketh and the Mother of the Bayan is manifest. The Lord of the Kingdom of knowledge doth speak. O people! The Mount Sinai is visible with joy and delight, for it hath attained the presence of Him Who conversed upon it and is gladdened and rejoiced by the sweet call of the Blessed Tree. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear, and the eye that hath beheld. Praise be to the Lord of all being, Who hath forbidden His loved ones from corruption, conflict and contention, and kept them sanctified therefrom. Happy and blessed are they, for they have acted in accordance with that from which the Light of truthfulness and reformation hath shone forth resplendent. They have hearkened with their inner ears to divine counsels and have not permitted transgression thereof. These are the souls whose mention was revealed aforetime in the Perspicuous Book - His exalted Word: "honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do as they are bidden." Glory be upon the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark.

=== END BH06011 ===

=== START BH06012 ===

Consort with all the people in love and fragrance. Fellowship is the cause of unity, and unity is the source of order in the world. Blessed are they who are kind and serve with love.

In this day he who seeks the light of the Sun of Truth must free his mind from the tales of the past, must adorn his head with the crown of severance, and his temple with the robe of virtue. Then shall he arrive at the ocean of Oneness and enter the presence of Singleness. The heart must become free from the fire of superstitions, that it may receive the light of assurance, and that it may perceive the Glory of God.

Oneness, in its true significance, means that God alone should be realized as the one power which animates and dominates all things, which are but manifestations of Its energy.

God, singly and alone, abideth in His place which is holy above space and time, mention and utterance, sign, description and definition, height and depth.

=== END BH06012 ===

=== START BH06013 ===

O `Abdu'l-`Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One True Friend! In this Most Great Revelation, from the sweet-scented morning breeze this blessed word is heard: The world is illumined through love and fellowship, and laid waste through hatred and enmity. O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call of the One True Counselor and strive that the light of unity may illumine the world and adorn its horizons. In all ages and centuries, discord hath been and still is the cause of degradation and abasement. Be not saddened by the tyranny of princes and the rejection of divines. Fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and be confident in the grace of God. He will surely not deprive His loved ones of the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Glory and Power. Soon shall every steadfast one behold his station, and every one who hath turned unto Him shall become aware of that which hath been ordained for him. That which hath issued from the Most Exalted Pen shall never be exhausted. Blessed are they who hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of grace. These are the people of Baha, whose names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Blessed are they that hear, and woe unto the heedless. The Glory be upon thee from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06013 ===

=== START BH06014 ===

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

The foundations are firm and strong, yet this Wronged One, without helper or assistant, guided nations and peoples to the Ancient Lord through the Pen. At every moment, pearls of wisdom and utterance appeared and shone forth from the treasury of the Supreme Pen. Those possessed of hearing and sight attained unto them, while deprived souls remain debarred until now. The cause of this deprivation has been and continues to be the leaders of the people - those who, without divine authority, have taken

unto themselves educators and guides. They have forsaken truthfulness and clung to calumnies. They speak according to their desires and hold fast to that which is reprehensible. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having protected me from these people and their imaginings and fancies, and for having confirmed me in turning towards Thee on a Day wherein every remote scholar and every heedless opponent turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, by the Most Exalted Horizon wherein Thy sweetest call was raised, to ordain for me that which will preserve me from the vanities of the world and the doubts of the nations. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the lights of the Daystar of certitude, then forgive me through Thy mercy, O Thou Most Merciful of the merciful ones!

=== END BH06014 ===

=== START BH06015 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Your name is Beloved. God willing, may you attain to all that befits this name. Your turning and devotion, and whatsoever you have done for the sake of God, all are evident and manifest before the Wronged One. Not an atom's weight of deeds remains hidden from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. Be as you were before. Verily your Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Convey greetings from the All-Merciful to them that circle round the Kaaba of divine knowledge and say: Should all the writers of the earth gather together and attempt to describe this most mighty, most holy Day as it truly is, they would surely find themselves powerless to do so. Know ye your station and hold fast in all conditions with the most great steadfastness. The beginning of the Cause is the knowledge of God and its end is steadfastness therein. Stations have been ordained for you the radiance of whose lights the eyes of men are powerless to behold. God willing, may ye be assisted to preserve these stations. Soon shall appear in the world the signs and fruits of whatsoever ye have witnessed and heard in the path of God. Verily He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06015 ===

=== START BH06016 ===

O Karbila'i Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! Your name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and your call was heard, and this blessed Tablet is bestowed in reply. We beseech God that He may cause the friends in those regions to be steadfast, in such wise that the tales of the world and the mentions of the peoples may not withhold them from the Lord of Eternity. Certain souls have loved and continue to love discord, and await the calf of haste. The friends of God must be vigilant and know with clear certitude that Revelation has ended with this Most Great Revelation. Whosoever claims a Cause, he is assuredly among the wrongdoers in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. In every land the croaking of frogs has been and continues to be raised up. Perchance such may arise in that land as well. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and beseech God that He may aid all to arise with supreme steadfastness to assist His Cause. Victory has been and ever will be through the hosts of deeds and character. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be from Us upon the friends of

God and His chosen ones who have testified to that which God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath testified.

=== END BH06016 ===

=== START BH06017 ===

Afnan, his honor M.H.T.Q., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

Praise be to God! The effulgences of the Sun of Divine Unity are manifest and resplendent from the horizon of "Verily He is God," and the Supreme Pen from the most exalted height is visible and evident with the royal signature "The Kingdom is God's." Nevertheless, the heedless servants remain veiled from Him.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. Thou wert in the presence of the Wronged One when He was speaking in remembrance of thee and revealing that which was hidden in the knowledge of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The water of life is flowing in all times from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Ask thou of God that He deprive not those on earth. Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence and Thy might and Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Name, the Guardian over all names, and by Thy being wronged amidst Thine enemies, to assist Thy servants to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to set their faces toward Thy countenance, O Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Ordain for me the good of what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

=== END BH06017 ===

=== START BH06018 ===

In the name of God, exalted be His glory! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and caused the atoms to speak that there is none other God but Him. He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth and the Ruler over whatsoever He desireth. He is the Prevailing, the Self-Subsisting, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Muhammad! We bear witness that thou hast aided the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hast taken hold of the Book of the wicked ones through the power of thy Lord, the Chosen One, and hast spoken that which the Tongue of Proof hath spoken before the faces of all religions. The Kingdom and the Dominion and the Greatness and the Power belong unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest how the oppressor hath cast aside Thy justice. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest how the one who hath turned away hath denied Thee and Thy signs. I

beseech Thee by the fish in the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness and by the mysteries of Thy Book which walketh and speaketh “There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing,” that Thou open before my face the door of Thy mercy and Thy grace, and that Thou send down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity the rains of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and the Giving, the All-Generous.

=== END BH06018 ===

=== START BH06019 ===

O Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down from the clouds of His bounty upon His servants and people of His lands the rain of wisdom and utterance, and hath acquainted them with His Straight Path and His Great News, through which the Herald proclaimed: “By God! The Lord of creation hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all in the heavens and on earth.” Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and laid hold of guidance, despite every heedless and remote one.

O thou who art mentioned before the Prisoner! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One proclaimeth with the most exalted call: “O concourse of earth and heaven! Fear ye the Lord of all mankind, and be not of the wrongdoers.” This is the Day whereon He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, and that which was hidden in God’s knowledge, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. We beseech God to aid thee to remember and praise Him, and to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of every heedless doubter have slipped.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the scroll of Satan and taken hold of the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the Lord of this most exalted station and the Sovereign of the sublime Seat!

=== END BH06019 ===

=== START BH06020 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Praise be to God Who aided thee to turn towards Him in days wherein the servants have turned away from the horizon of Revelation, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed, and enabled thee to acknowledge Him when every heedless one denied Him, and hath sent down for thee from the heaven of grace that which shall endure through the duration of His Name, the Guardian over the worlds. That which thou didst send hath come before the Wronged One and hath been accepted through His mercy, for He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy utterance and illumined my heart with the light of Thy recognition and adorned my head with the crown of Thy love and my temple with the ornament of Thy grace. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of the kingdom of names, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, to ordain for me that which will protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and draw me nigh

unto Thee and exalt me through Thy Name amongst Thy creation. Thou art verily the All-Bounteous, Thou art verily the All-Generous, Thou art verily the All-Forgiving. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee to write down for me that which will make me rich through Thy riches and mighty through Thy might. Thou art verily the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06020 ===

=== START BH06021 ===

In the name of the peerless Lord! Praise be to God - the Sun of bounty is manifest, the Ocean of grace is evident, and the Heaven of providence is elevated. Nevertheless, most people are observed to be veiled and heedless. Indeed, not every ear is worthy to hearken to the divine call, and not every face has been or will be worthy to turn [towards Him], save souls that are assured, content, and well-pleasing. These souls have ever been and shall ever be recipients of divine favors and are mentioned in the presence of the Throne. Verily, be not grieved by anything, trust in God, thy Lord, in all matters, then be assured through the grace of thy Master. He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before. Bear thou witness at all times to that which God hath testified - that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God that thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the divine Shirt and turned towards the true Ka'bih. This is the King of deeds and the Sovereign of actions. Thou shouldst in all conditions be grateful to the exalted Truth that He adorned thee with the ornament of His love and caused thee to attain unto the horizon of His knowledge. And assuredly He will ordain whatsoever is required by wisdom and grace. Verily He is the Ordainer of all things and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06021 ===

=== START BH06022 ===

O handmaiden of God, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Beloved of the world. Praise be to God, thou art accounted before the Divine Throne as one of the leaves of the Divine Tree and art mentioned as a handmaiden of God. Should anyone reflect upon this blessed word, they would witness the Divine bounty and be seized with such joy and gladness that the troubles of the world and sorrows of nations would have no effect upon them. Exalted, exalted is this most great station! God, glorified be His majesty, in manifestation of His grace and favors, saith unto the Spirit: O My servant and child of My maidservant! Behold now the divine favors, how He hath caused thee to attain this most exalted station and sublime rank. With the utmost joy and fragrance, speak forth the praise and glorification of the Beloved of all possibility. Be not sorrowful. By the Luminary of grace, delight and joy and gladness were created specially for the friends of God. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Divine Friend, which is the most glorious and ancient of all things. He hath ordained for thee that which gladdeneth hearts and delighteth eyes. Be patient, O My handmaiden, and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Helper, the All-Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy two daughters. Convey My greetings unto them both and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance.

=== END BH06022 ===

=== START BH06023 ===

In the Name of God, the Master of the Day of Religion! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who has perfumed the world with the fragrance that wafted by His command from the direction of Hijaz. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom the banner of Truth was raised and the standard of metaphor was lowered, and upon His family and companions - the manifestations of divine might and the dawning-places of power amidst creation - through whom the door of divine knowledge was opened to all in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who has been and ever shall be the Protector over what was and what will be. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Nuru'd-Din, upon thee be the peace and loving-kindness of God! Thy letter came before the Wronged One, and what thou didst write was noted. From it wafted the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and assist thee to serve Him, to transcribe His verses, to make mention of Him and praise Him, to stand firm in His mighty Cause. And We make mention of those who are with thee and assist thee in learning and transcription, and of God's sincere servants who act according to what they have been commanded in His decisive, mighty and ancient Book. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06023 ===

=== START BH06024 ===

In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding! The Prisoner in Adrianople calls out and says: Another tribulation has been decreed for Us. Soon will they imprison Baha in the fortress of 'Akka with utmost humiliation. Verily it is the most unsightly of the world's cities in appearance, the most detestable in climate, and the most putrid in water. Thy Lord knoweth what is hidden in the breasts of men. Soon shall its climate be changed, and there shall enter it those who will develop it, for God hath adorned it with the embellishment of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. They desired to banish Us from this land to extinguish God's Cause and quench the fire of His love in all else. Say: This humiliation is glory for this Cause, and this tribulation is oil for this Lamp, whereby its light increaseth among the worlds. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace, then thank Him in thy days, and forget not the Youth Who swimmeth in the depths of tribulation and glorifieth His Lord, the Lord of Names and Attributes, saying: "O my Lord! Make known to Thy servants him who calleth upon Thee at morn and eventide." And upon thee be peace, and upon thy brother and thy son, and upon those who are with thee among them that have detached themselves unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Convey my greetings to my loved ones, both young and old.

=== END BH06024 ===

=== START BH06025 ===

O Handmaiden of God, Fatimih Bigum, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! My God, my God! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens and a leaf among Thy

leaves who hath aimed at the Ultimate Goal, the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Supreme Summit. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the power of Thy Command, O Lord of all beings, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have turned unto Thee, hearkened to Thy call, and circled round Thy throne by night and by day. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the rain of Thy mercy in Thy days and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the hosts of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent Thee. Thou doest through Thy power whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament, and whom the Manifestations of Thy power and the Daysprings of Thy might have not prevented. There is no God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Great. We make mention of thy son and daughter and give them the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed are they and joy be unto them for having attained unto the traces of the Pen of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

=== END BH06025 ===

=== START BH06026 ===

He is the Gracious, the All-Bountiful!

O God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, and the voice of Thy Pen of Glory awakened me. the stream of Thy holy utterance hath enraptured me, and the wine of Thine inspiration entranced me. Thou seest me, O Lord, detached from all things but Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and craving the wonders of Thy grace. I ask Thee, by the eternal billows of Thy loving-kindness and the shining lights of Thy tender care and favor, to grant that which shall draw me nigh unto thee and make me rich in Thy wealth. My tongue, my pen, my whole being, testify to Thy power, Thy might, Thy grace and Thy bounty, that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty.

I bear witness at this moment, O my God, to my helplessness and Thy sovereignty, my feebleness and Thy power. I know not that which profiteth me or harmeth me; Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Do Thou decree for me, O Lord, my God, and my Master, that which will make me feel content with Thine eternal decree and will prosper me in every world of Thine. Thou art in truth the Gracious, the Bountiful.

Lord! Turn me not away from the ocean of Thy wealth and the heaven of Thy mercy, and ordain for me the good of this world and hereafter. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the mercy-seat, enthroned in the highest; there is none other God but Thee, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH06027 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! My God, my God! Illumine the eyes of Thy servants that they may behold the pearls of Thy wisdom and knowledge. Then cause

them to hear that which will attract them to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy manifestation, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose! I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed that which preserveth the servants from the arrows of self and passion and from the swords of transgression and iniquity. All this Thou hast manifested from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Helper of the oppressed and Refuge of the distressed, by Thy Most Great Name through which the limbs of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the aggressive ones among Thy servants have trembled, to aid him who hath cast behind him the stations of the world and the cities of the nations, and hath taken for himself an abode in the shade of the Tree of Thy singleness and a station beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur. Thou art He Whom neither the clamor of the world nor the might of nations can hinder. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

He is the Supporter. The letter of his honor Afnan, Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, containing seventy-six tumans was received by this servant in the prison through his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, in the year 1305.

=== END BH06027 ===

=== START BH06028 ===

O my God, my God! This is a leaf among Thy leaves whom the wine of Thy bounty hath so inebriated that she hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs and hath turned toward Thy horizon. O Lord! Ordain for her that which will confirm her in steadfastness in Thy Cause and in Thy love. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by the Daysprings of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thy inspiration and the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Treasuries of Thy wisdom, to ordain for Thy loved ones and Thy leaves the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face and appearing at the gate of Thy grandeur. Thou art He to Whose power and might and strength and greatness and sovereignty and authority all created things have testified. Write Thou for them that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones - they who, O my God, have acknowledged Thy unity and Thy oneness and have confessed that which Thou didst send down to them from the heaven of Thy will. Send down, then, upon them from the heaven of Thy generosity and the clouds of Thy grace that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy gifts and Thy bestowals. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06028 ===

=== START BH06029 ===

O Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Self-Subsisting, over what was and what shall be! Sublime Tablets have been sent down and dispatched from the Most Holy Court specifically for you. Watch over the Cause in all conditions. Today is the day when all must arise to aid the Cause and, with wondrous wisdom, draw heedless souls to the realm of divine unity - especially you who from the beginning have been charged with this service by the Lord of Power. Verily, We remember you at all times and exalt you in truth. He is, truly, the Protector of those who have turned to Him in this world and the next. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be not grieved by certain events that

have occurred. Soon will the effulgences of the divine Word encompass all lands. Command the people with wisdom, lest something occur that would distress their souls. Thus does the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, command you. Be not silent regarding the Cause of your Lord. Speak forth what God has taught you, that the hearts of the servants may find assurance thereby. He is the Best of Teachers. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in whose faces you see the radiance of bliss. Glory be upon you and upon those with you among God's sincere servants.

=== END BH06029 ===

=== START BH06030 ===

In the Name of the One Beloved! Today the friends of God must speak with wisdom and make mention of that which is befitting. The True One is aware and bears witness that whatsoever hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Most Exalted Pen hath been and ever shall be for the elevation of humanity and for their freedom and deliverance. They who possess speech and utterance and who are associated with the Truth must, with perfect wisdom, educate the children of earth. Speech should be like the spring breezes, that the trees of being may thereby become verdant and flourishing. One word is like the vernal winds, while another is like the deadly simoom. Say: O friends! In all the Arabic and Persian utterances revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, the command to observe wisdom hath been sent down. Nevertheless, it is observed that some have been heedless of it. O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee and commanded the servants to that which shall profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may all act according to that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book and speak that which is the cause of exaltation, ascendancy and enkindlement. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded.

=== END BH06030 ===

=== START BH06031 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of 'He doeth what He willeth.' Today is the Sovereign of days, and all peoples have been promised this blessed Day in the divine Books. Yet when it dawned from the horizon of God's Will, all remained occupied with their own doubts and fancies in the wilderness of uncertainty and suspicion, and thus were veiled from it. Even as God, exalted be His glory, had forewarned concerning the doubting and heedless souls, His word is supreme: "Ah! they are in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord!" Whoso in this luminous Day hath quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge hath attained unto the presence of God and is accounted among the people of certitude in the Perspicuous Book, and shall be adorned with the ornament of acceptance throughout all the divine worlds. Praise be to God that that leaf hath attained unto this most exalted, most glorious station. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and from it wafted the fragrance of love and longing. Be thou patient in separation, for He shall record for thee the reward of attainment unto His presence, shall aid thee through His grace, and shall ordain for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH06031 ===

=== START BH06032 ===

In His Name, the All-Compelling over all names! The Mother Book from the horizon of the Prison's heaven calls out and says: O people of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not the desires of those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and have broken His Covenant, and have pronounced against Him with manifest injustice. Say: By God! The scratching of the Most Exalted Pen has been raised up, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Fear God, O people, and be not of the heedless ones. The ocean of utterance has surged before your faces, and the fragrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, has been wafted. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Turn with radiant faces and illumined breasts unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. This is the Day wherein the Desired One has appeared and wherein the Most Exalted Pen moves in the arena of divine knowledge. Hearken, and be not of the wrongdoers. Hear My call, for verily it has been raised from the direction of the Prison, and I remind you of the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is the Day of which God's Messengers have spoken aforetime. Blessed is he who has turned unto the Truth when it was established upon the throne of His Great Name. Thus has the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing spoken, as a grace from its presence upon you, that ye may hear and be of those who are firmly rooted.

=== END BH06032 ===

=== START BH06033 ===

O Nayyir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Mother Book. He speaks: Verily there is no God but I, the One with power over whatsoever I will, through My Name, the Protector of what was and what shall be. This is the Day which the Prophets and Messengers gave glad tidings of, from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who gazest upon the countenance, rejoice in that thy name hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Most Glorious Station. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy celestial dominion and Thy realm of might endure. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the hearts of the nations, to aid me to arise to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee to make me of those whom the swords of tyranny deterred not from turning toward the Daystar of Thy justice, nor the spears of oppression from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy grace. O my Lord! Assist me to aid Thy Cause and to enter the precincts of the glory of Thy oneness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy manifest Command. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH06033 ===

=== START BH06034 ===

O handmaid of God, Narjis, upon her be the Glory of God, He Who is the Guardian over all names! Today the leaves of the trees in the gardens of inner meanings and utterance each mention the handmaids of God with wondrous melodies and give them glad tidings. The grace of the world of the unseen and the

seen has encompassed all. O handmaid of God! The glance of God's favor is today directed toward the horizon of grace and He makes mention of all. Know ye the value of this bounty and hold fast unto such deeds as are befitting and worthy of this most exalted station. A good deed is like unto a sapling: God causes choice and wondrous fruits to grow and appear from it. And were He to turn to justice, the Pen would cease to move. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Forgiver of sins, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Concealer of faults! Praise be to God that all the people of that household have attained unto the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Soon shall they witness its fruits. The leaves of that land are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and Tablets have been revealed and sent in response to the petition of some, and for others they have been revealed and are preserved with God. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06034 ===

=== START BH06035 ===

O Rajab-'Ali, who hath attained unto the name of the All-Merciful Lord! Today those who quaff the choice wine of inner meanings must at all times fix their gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful, and with the utmost steadfastness and wisdom bestow the Kawthar of utterance upon the people of possibility.

O friends! While time remaineth, let not the everlasting dominion slip from your grasp. All that is visible shall perish and be no more, save that which appeareth for God's sake and that soul which ariseth for God's sake. A world of striving is needed, and a world of attention, that the standard of the Most Great Word may be raised aloft upon the flags. Though by God's grace it hath been and shall ever be raised aloft, and the Truth hath by its own essence aided and shall ever aid His Cause, yet the purpose is that souls who are reckoned among the Concourse on High may attain unto the most great honor and be deprived of no bounty whatsoever. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the Perspicuous.

Thy call was heard, and that which thou didst desire hath been granted. Verily, He hath forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, and hath accepted thy presence in the prison. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06035 ===

=== START BH06036 ===

O Leaf, handmaiden of God, Mirza Begum, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Today the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree is raised high, giving glad tidings to the people of earth and summoning them to the horizon of the Manifestation, the One Who conversed on Sinai. Blessed is the soul that has attained to hearing it and has become detached and free from all else. O my Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist thee in that which is worthy of His days. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was in the hands of the heedless. O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee by the Mother Book and what lies hidden therein by Thy command and will, and by the Tablets stored within it by Thy decree and permission, to preserve me from the doubts of the deniers and the insinuations of the heedless. O my Lord! Open before my face the doors of Thy

generosity and bounty, then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the affairs of the first and the last. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon My handmaidens there who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06036 ===

=== START BH06037 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable God! Today the world is illumined by a new light and gladdened by a new command. In the inner essence of the Sacred Books a great celebration is taking place - all are speaking the praise of God, yet most of humanity remains veiled and heedless of this most great joy. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy utterance. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, turning toward the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear signs. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Exalted Word through which Thou didst illumine the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee with the light of Thy knowledge and revealed unto them that which the tongues were prevented from mentioning, to ordain for me in all conditions nearness unto Thee, steadfastness in Thy love, and arising to serve Thee. Then I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur amidst mankind to ordain for Thy servants that which Thou hast ordained for the people of Baha. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. O my Lord! Thou hearest the sighing of the hopeful ones and the moaning of the yearning ones. I beseech Thee not to withhold them from the court of Thy nearness, nor from the Kawthar of Thy presence and the Salsabil of reunion with Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the All-Bestowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH06037 ===

=== START BH06038 ===

O Abdul-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who endureth after the extinction of all things. Today the Most Great Book speaketh forth “The Lord of Eternity hath come!” The prison-fortress boasteth in the heaven of glory, inasmuch as it hath been honored by the presence of its Lord. The Word of God hath been made manifest amongst men. We beseech God that He may enable all to witness and hearken unto it. By the life of God! Were all the peoples of the world to hearken unto the Truth and turn towards it in such wise that neither the swords of the world could deter them nor the might of nations could withhold them - hearken thou unto the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen and strive that perchance thou mayest attain unto that which no eye in all ages hath beheld. At every moment the Book speaketh forth a word, and the Spirit uttereth a new and wondrous counsel. At all times there can be heard from all things that which is the prime cause for the guidance of the peoples and the supreme means for the salvation of all. We beseech God that He may not withhold His servants and deprive them of the verses of the garden of inner meanings. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath hearkened unto that which hath been raised from the Most Great Prison on the part of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH06038 ===

=== START BH06039 ===

O Mirza ’Ali-Muhammad, son of Haji Siyyid Javad, upon them both be the Glory of God! Haydar-’Ali before ’Ali hath made supplication unto the one incomparable, almighty God. Today the Speaker of the Mount is established upon the throne of manifestation, and the blessed Tree uttereth the most exalted Word. The signs and tokens have encompassed the world. By the life of God! The heaven of knowledge is adorned with the stars of proof, and the river of mercy floweth from the fountainhead of the throne of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the one who hath drunk the living waters from the utterance of the All-Merciful and taken shelter beneath the pavilions of grandeur and the Tree of grace. The world hath been deprived of the Lord of Names through the veils of the divines and the allusions of the jurists. They have cast aside certitude, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings. We beseech God that He may aid thee to make mention of Him, to praise Him, to serve His Cause, and to become so enkindled that the heat thereof may be made manifest throughout all regions. This is not difficult for God. We counsel thee and the people of God to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Cause, to utter such words as will lead to the assurance of souls, and to manifest such character as will guide the servants. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Wise, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

=== END BH06039 ===

=== START BH06040 ===

In the Name of the one true God! Today the Kingdom of God is illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, and the radiance of the Sun of Grace hath encompassed the world. This blessed Day is recorded in the divine Books and Scriptures and is known as the Day of God. Blessed are they whom neither the allusions of the past and future nor the doubts of the learned and ignorant have withheld from the Dawning-Place of God’s names and attributes. All who dwell on earth awaited this Day, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Most Great Name’s Light of Manifestation, all turned away save whom God wished. Take thou the chalice of recognition in the name of the Beloved of all possibility and drink therefrom, then offer it to the dead in the valley of heedlessness and error, that perchance they may be quickened by the celestial water and divine wine, and may come to awareness. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee, and say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom the gate of heaven was opened and the nightingale of constancy sang in the kingdom of creation! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word and the Most Exalted Horizon to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06040 ===

=== START BH06041 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Rejoice in that the All-Bountiful remembers thee from His Most Great Station and summons thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe wisdom, lest there be raised the clamor of the idolaters who have pronounced judgment against the Dayspring of Revelation

and perpetrated that which hath caused the Messengers to lament. Hold thou fast unto the cord of wisdom in all conditions, and grasp the hem of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He, verily, hath forgiven him who hath turned towards Him, and hath seized every obstinate oppressor. Soon shall the world pass away, and the tyranny of those who have wronged, and that wherein every remote ignorant one taketh pride. Say: We have abandoned vain imaginings unto you, and have taken what We were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: We have abandoned the carrion, inasmuch as the heavenly table hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Fear ye God, O concourse of the ignorant ones! Deal fairly in that which hath appeared with truth, and be not of the losers. Return ye, then repent; He will forgive you and absolve you of your evil deeds as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which will solace thine eyes and the eyes of those who have turned towards God in this wondrous Day.

=== END BH06041 ===

=== START BH06042 ===

O Mahdi, son of him who ascended! Upon both of you be the Glory of God. He is the All-Knowing Witness. Verily the Torah cries out saying: “He Who revealed Me has come with His mighty signs. Turn unto Him, O concourse of Jews!” The Gospel exclaims: “He has come from heaven, He through Whose mention God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, adorned His Book.” And the Qur’an calls humanity unto the Truth Who was promised by the Most Exalted Pen in a preserved tablet. O peoples! The Lord of Destiny has come to draw you nigh unto a station which God has sanctified from the dawning-places of idle fancies. O People of the Book! Judge fairly concerning that which has appeared in truth, and follow not the desires of those who denied God’s proof and His evidence, and violated their covenant in the presence of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Will your riches profit you? No, by the Lord of the Final End! Will what you possess protect you? No, by My Name, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Loving! Cast aside what the people possess and take what you are commanded by God, the Lord of existence. Thus have We caused thee to hear the flowing waters of divine knowledge. When thou hast heard and understood, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name those in their graves arose!”

=== END BH06042 ===

=== START BH06043 ===

O teacher, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily the clouds cry out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven: “O people! By God, the All-Bestowing One hath come with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can stand. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, foretold in the Qur’an, and before Him the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. He spoke, and His word is the truth: ‘The Day when the heaven shall give forth a manifest smoke.’ Say: O people! Deny not the proof of God and His evidence. Answer Him Who calleth you with verses which none deny save those who have turned away by following every ignorant remote one. Verily today the

Call is raised and the verses speak the truth, yet most of the people are heedless. When thou hearest the Call from the supreme horizon, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn toward Thee when Thy servants turned away, and for having guided me to the Path when most of Thy creation denied Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy greatness and by Thy signs and clear proofs to enable all to turn toward Thy direction and to act according to what hath been sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting."

=== END BH06043 ===

=== START BH06044 ===

He is the Unique Caller

Verily the lamp before the Face lamenteth with the lamentation of the bereaved for My loved ones, and saith: "O Name of God! I know not at what hour they seized Thee, in what place they bound Thee, and at what time they imprisoned Thee. Do we hear Thy cry from the dark pit, or do we see Thee under chains and fetters through what the hands of the enemies have wrought? Would that I knew who is with Thee, who consoleth Thee, and who companioneth Thee in Thy tribulation." We have heard all that he hath uttered, and We have been patient, for We are the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. We have detailed for thee what hath befallen the loved ones of God on earth - those who hastened with their hearts to a station that God hath made the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His mighty Cause. By God! The hearing ear perceiveth from all things their lamentation and their cry by reason of what hath befallen the Manifestation of the Self of the All-Merciful through sorrows, yet most of the people are heedless. Counsel the loved ones to patience and fortitude lest there appear from them that which they have been forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06044 ===

=== START BH06045 ===

The Most Holy, The Most Exalted, The Most Great

Verily the Tree of the Bayan calleth aloud unto all who are in the realm of existence with the most exalted call: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!" Among the people are those who are drawn to the call and those who remain heedless. He who hath turned unto it is truly among the choicest of all created things in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. The Chosen One hath appeared and the rain-clouds have poured down, yet the people remain in a limited station. The Hour hath come and the Trump hath been sounded, yet they perceive it not. He who hath awakened at the call of his Lord and arisen to serve Him - upon him shall the denizens of the Supreme Paradise bestow their blessings, and this is a praiseworthy station. Give thanks for having turned towards the Qiblih of the world and attained unto this Remembrance whereby the Cause of God hath been exalted above all that witness and are witnessed. Be thou steadfast in the Cause with such steadfastness as befitteth the days of thy

Lord. Thus have We been commanded by God, the Lord of existence. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice in thy heart and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Fashioner of the heavens and Creator of all names! I testify that Thou hast ever been Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and the earth, and Supreme over all things visible and invisible.”

=== END BH06045 ===

=== START BH06046 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all who are on earth and in heaven!

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call from the direction of destiny - verily there is no God but Him, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious. Follow not the desires of those who have denied God, the Lord of the hereafter and of former times. Beware lest abasement hold you back from God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, and beware lest poverty veil you from gazing upon the Most Great Scene. By My life! It shall pass away, while that which hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, shall endure. The earth hath been shaken in these days and the cry hath been raised between earth and heaven. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below. The fly hath assailed Us - verily it is of them that have disbelieved and transgressed. At all times there hath befallen Us that which none can reckon save God, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in an unerring and unforgetting Book. And when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Hour had come, the wrath of thy Lord, the Cleaver of the dawn, seized those who had disbelieved. Be thou not disturbed by what thou hast heard and hearest. Turn thou in all conditions unto God, the Creator of all things.

=== END BH06046 ===

=== START BH06047 ===

He is the Most Wondrous

O My brother! Hearken unto that which thy Lord counseleth thee through the pen of thy brother, as revealed by God from the pure essence of His holy, exalted and wondrous Revelation. First, worship thy Lord and associate none with Him. Then divest thy sanctified temple from the shirt of the age, that thou mayest ascend to such a station wherein, shouldst thou find thyself alone between the heavens and the earth, thou wouldst arise to aid thy Lord and wouldst regard the people as though no one had ever been mentioned. If thou findest a bounty from the grace of thy Lord, give freely thereof; and if thou findest not, then be thankful. Be content in all conditions with whatsoever hath been ordained for thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Most High. Thus doth the Sovereign of Command enjoin thee in this hour, He Who is established upon the throne of glory and hath ordained for thee in the heaven of holiness a station with Me. This is of the grace wherewith He hath specially favored thee, wherein He causeth thee to drink, from the fingers of might, a cup that transcendeth the description of them that are near unto God. Trust thou in God in all matters, then rely upon Him. Verily He will protect thee beneath the shadow of the wing of His grace, even as He guarded thee aforetime. His grace towards thee hath indeed been great in the Mother Book.

=== END BH06047 ===

=== START BH06048 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous!

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call, then detach thyself from all else but God, and make mention of thy Lord in the evening and at dawn. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in the path of God, for He shall soon reward thee with the most excellent of rewards from His presence. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Make mention of thy Lord, then be thou steadfast in devotion, and bow down in worship. Despair not of thy Lord's grace, for He will assist thee with the truth and will send down unto thee that which is best for thee. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

Act thou according to His good-pleasure, then abandon what thou hast been forbidden in the Books and Scriptures. Then give thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self in these days wherein all have remained heedless of Him save His chosen servants.

Detach thyself from the world and all that is therein, and walk not in the ways of them who have remained heedless of the remembrance of God and have taken their idle fancies for their god besides God, and were of the wicked ones. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with thy Lord, the Mighty, the Almighty. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon such handmaidens as make mention of their Lord in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day.

=== END BH06048 ===

=== START BH06049 ===

In the Name of the One, the Helper, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified - that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is indeed the Hidden Treasure, made manifest from the presence of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou at Whose separation the sighs of the sincere have ascended and the tears of the unitarians have fallen, through Whose absence the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have melted and the breasts of the longing ones have been torn asunder. I beseech Thee by that Name through Whose manifestation the mightiest idol was struck down and the hearts of the nations were shaken, and whereby the trees of Thy loving-kindness have borne fruit amongst Thy creation, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine one who shall inherit from her, through Thy bounty and grace. O my Lord! This is a tree from among the trees of Thy love - adorn it, then, with fruits, for Thou art the Chosen One, and through Thy Name the banner of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth' hath been raised throughout all regions. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy grace, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. I beseech Thee to ordain for me in all conditions that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily Thou knowest better than I what is to my benefit. I testify that I know not what is with Thee, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06049 ===

=== START BH06050 ===

Sister of Javad, upon her be the Glory of God

In My Name, the All-Bountiful! O handmaiden of God! Blessed art thou and blessed is thy brother who migrated unto God until he entered the seat of the mighty throne, and the lights of the Divine Countenance shone upon him, and God chose him for Himself. This is indeed a glory and honor for him and for thee and for the kindred whom God hath related unto him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Strong, the Mighty. Give thanks unto thy Lord, then place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with thee and with His assured servants. Make mention of Him among the handmaidens, then detach thyself from the love of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not concerning Our Name "The Bountiful." We verily preserved him by the truth from the hosts of the polytheists when he was in prison with a few souls. We caused him to go forth by Our command and sent down upon him tranquility from Our presence until he sought refuge in the shadow of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And he is with Us, and God was with him, and He is the best Protector and Helper. Thus have We imparted unto thee that thou mayest rejoice in what hath been imparted from the presence of One Who imparteth knowledge. And the Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the handle of grace and was of the steadfast ones.

=== END BH06050 ===

=== START BH06051 ===

That which was revealed for Rida who emigrated and returned

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

O Rida! Bear thou witness to My love for thee, whereof all things bear witness, and beyond them My Self, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy emigration and thy return by the leave of God, the One, the Mighty, the Compelling. My remembrance of thee hath preceded, and likewise My description of thy soul. Be thou of such character as God loveth and as He desireth, for verily He is the All-Choosing One. Through My remembrance of thee, the realities of existence, both unseen and seen, make mention of thee. Beware lest thou forget this station which the necks of them that are endued with insight have stretched forth to attain, and which none hath reached save by Our leave. Verily, We abase whom We will and We exalt whom We will unto the Dayspring of light. Guard thyself lest thy feet slip from this station wherefrom feet have slipped, save those whom God preserved through His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful. Say: The sovereignty on that Day shall be God's, the One, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. And the glory be upon its people from this Servant Who hath been imprisoned in this Prison through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought.

=== END BH06051 ===

=== START BH06052 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Salman! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, then inform the people of what hath befallen Me at the hands of Mine enemies. Speak thou the truth and fear no one, and place thy trust in God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and commit not that which hath been forbidden you. Remember your Lord at eventide and at dawn, and guard yourselves against the wiles of Satan, for he appeareth at all times with cunning. Seek ye refuge in God, O company of the righteous, that He may, through His power and sovereignty, protect you from his evil. Blessed art thou, O Salman, for thine eyes did overflow with tears when thou wert separated from the presence of the Countenance, and through thy sorrow was the heart of this Prisoner made sorrowful. Thy Lord, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised, doth bear witness to this. Strive thou within thyself to remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, such that the whisperings of the rebellious ones who have denied God's Messengers aforetime without proof or evidence shall not cause thee to slip. The Spirit be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have believed in God in these days wherein the peaks of the mightiest trees were scattered.

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O servant Ibrahim! He is the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing! Bear thou witness within thyself, then within thine essence, then within thy spirit, that verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Mighty, the Self-Existing, and that Ali is His servant and His Glory unto all who are in the heavens and the earth, did ye but know it. Say: By God! The Sun hath dawned from this Hidden Dawn, and the Youth hath appeared from behind the veils through this Name, the Concealed, the Sorrowing. Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Divine Throne, and sung the Dove, and warbled the Nightingale of Paradise, did ye but hear it. And thou, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for that He hath sent down unto thee verses in an eloquent Arabic tongue, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be gladdened in thy heart and receive the glad-tidings of the Spirit, and be of them who rejoice at the verses of God. And when the verses of God are sent down unto them, their eyes roll in their sockets out of longing and love for God, the Protector, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Holy. Thus doth thy Lord remember thee on this night, that thou mayest be of them who are guided by the lights of God. And the Spirit and the Light and the Glory be upon thee and upon them who walk upon the path of might.

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O Abdul-Karim! O thou servant named before as Karim! Give thanks unto God thy Lord, inasmuch as He hath honored thy countenance by turning it away from aught else but Him, and hath purified thee from the defilement of those who have denied God, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving. He hath nourished thee with the fruits of the Tree of His love. Thus doth God ordain for His chosen servants. Rejoice thou in the gladness of God, though He Who biddeth thee rejoice is himself in such sorrow that the Trees of Oneness have been deprived of their fruits. I bear witness that thou hast visited the Sanctuary of God and circumambulated the Holy Kaaba in the ascension of eternity above the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary, nigh unto the Most Glorious and Most Luminous Pavilion - that Station beyond which all names

and attributes are cut off. God hath openly conversed with thee in the sweetest tongue, that thou mayest remain firm in His Cause and be detached from all that hath been created, whether in secret or in public. By God! O servant, the Word of God hath been perfected in truth and justice, and His favor hath been completed upon thee and upon every discerning believer. When thou returnest from before the Divine Throne and enterest the City of God, inform those who are consumed by the fire of separation about what hath befallen the Sun of the Horizons at the hands of these wicked ones. Say: The Countenance of the All-Glorious hath been transformed by the blows of destiny, and thereby have the clouds been prevented from their rain and the trees from their fruits.

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He is the Mighty! O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from this far-distant horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Ocean, whereof every drop proclaimeth: “Dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praised!” Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation while the Dayspring of thy Lord’s verses was in the hands of the oppressors. We make mention of thee because thou hast made mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. Blessed be the face that hath turned unto the Face, and the ear that hath heard the call of the Beloved of the worlds. By My life! The heart of the world hath been gladdened by the breaths of the Ancient of Days, yet the people are in manifest error. Rend asunder the veils by the power of thy Lord, then turn with thy heart unto Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Judgment, for having enabled me to recognize Thee, to behold Thy direction, and to speak Thy praise, after every idolater remote had opposed Thee. Thus have We inspired thee and revealed unto thee that which rejoiceth the hearts of them that know. Praise beseemeth Him Who remembereth His loved ones after having been forbidden remembrance through the doings of the transgressors. Rejoice thou in My Tablet, then inhale therefrom the sweet savors of the mercy of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH06055 ===

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O Ghulam-Husayn! In the Name of God, the Most Sorrowful, the Most Sorrowful! O Ghulam! Hearken unto that which the Pen of thy All-Knowing Lord calleth out to thee. Then take what floweth therefrom as a lamp unto thyself which verily shineth with truth. Read it throughout thy days and forget not the remembrance of God within thyself, for He is thy Guardian. Drink of that which hath flowed from the oceans of grandeur in these hidden words, which have appeared in the form of a chalice, for in each letter thereof the waters of inner meanings have been filled from the seas of God’s wisdom, if thou be of them that know. Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, then fill thy heart with His love to such extent that no space remaineth therein save for the love of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. O servant! Remember this servant who hath fallen into the hands of the wicked ones and findeth no helper for himself. And whenever He seeketh assistance from the people of the Bayan, they hasten toward Him with swords of rejection and hatred. Thus have We reckoned their deeds through this Pen which hath been, in

the eternity of eternities, knowing of the truth. And mercy be upon thee if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause.

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=== START BH06057 ===

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy!

O youth! Know that We sent thee a Book before - verily it was a manifest Book - but the idolaters prevented it from reaching thee. We beseech God that He may honor thee with it and give thee to drink what is therein of the wine of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Then know that there hath come upon Us that which the Bayan is powerless to mention, yet doth the Youth speak at all times in remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Let not the words of them that have disbelieved in the verses of the All-Merciful grieve thee. Remember Him and fear not the wrongdoers. Look not upon the earth and those that are thereon save as chaff scattered by the winds from every direction, except for those who have detached themselves from their desires and turned unto their Ancient Lord. Remember thy Lord by night and by day, then arise from the horizon of certitude. Say: O people! The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the cawing of them that have disbelieved prevent thee. Be thou assured in the grace of God. Soon shall come a day wherein the standards of victory and power shall be raised in the name of thy Lord, the Chosen One, and on that day the sincere shall be in great joy. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones, that they may inhale the fragrance of holiness from the word of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH06059 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great! O Kazim! Hearken to the call of the Quickener of the world from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour as well, as a token of favor from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. They who have attained unto the days of God and have quaffed the choice wine of acceptance - these are indeed an honored people. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise make mention of them, and the Tongue of God from His exalted station pronounces their greatness. We give the world to drink of the wine of remembrance, both secretly and openly. Blessed is he who has turned and attained unto this sealed nectar. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Remember within yourselves, then make mention of your Lord Who has come from the heaven of the unseen with a manifest proof. Blessed is thy brother who was martyred in the path of God. Thus does My Most Exalted Pen address him from this Most Luminous Spot: Upon thee be the fragrances of the All-Merciful and His remembrance. I testify that thou didst drink the living waters from the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, and didst attain His presence in the highest paradise. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Forgiving. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this inaccessible Remembrance.

=== END BH06059 ===

=== START BH06060 ===

O Muhammad! Hearken to the call of the Single, the One! He called thee aforetime with a call whereby the unitarians took flight, the polytheists were thunderstruck, and the sincere hastened to the dawning-place of thy Lord's Most Exalted Beauty, and then the near ones to a station wherefrom all mention and names were cut off. Thus doth the Pen speak in this Most Great Station which God hath sanctified from all that the possessors of understanding conceive, for it hath been illumined by the lights of thy Lord's countenance, perfumed with the fragrances of revelation, and adorned with the ornament of thy Lord's throne, the Mighty, the Wise. We give thee glad tidings of thy Lord's favors, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Thy letter hath been read before the throne, and God hath forgiven those whose names thou didst mention. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed art thou and thy brother and those who are with you, and those who have ascended in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. The fragrances of thy Lord's revelation have encompassed them and the mercy of thy Ancient Master hath embraced them. Thus have We mentioned thee as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest give thanks and be of the steadfast. By the life of God! My Cause is great, great indeed. Soon shall there be manifested that which the Most Exalted Pen hath stirred in this noble station. The glory be upon you from the presence of One powerful.

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=== START BH06061 ===

He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Muhammad-Qabl-Sadiq! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from this Wronged One Who hath been cast into this pit, from Whose robe the hands of them that are severed from Him have been kept back, and Who hath chosen no helper for Himself save God, Who created all contingent beings through His command and Who, verily, hath power over all things. Forget not thou the remembrance of God, and turn not unto them who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and who have been debarred from the shores of this ocean. Detach thyself from all directions and place thy trust in the King of Names and Attributes, for He, verily, is merciful unto His servants. Stand firm in the love of God and His Cause, and say: O my Lord! Sever me from all that keepeth me back from turning toward Thy beauty, then make me steadfast upon the path of Thy love in such wise that the souls of all the sinful idolaters shall not cause me to slip. Then assign me a seat of security beneath the shadow of Thy loving-kindness, and make mention of my name in the Tablet wherein are recorded the names of them who move not except by Thy leave and command, and who have not been heedless of Thee for less than a moment. And glory be upon thee, and upon thy spouse, and upon every steadfast soul.

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=== START BH06062 ===

In the name of God, the Ruler over all who are on earth and in heaven. O leaf whose father hath ascended unto God! Hearken thou unto the call of God from the direction of the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, His call unto thee from this Most Great Prison is better for thee than all that is on earth, whereunto beareth witness the Tongue of the Chosen One upon His most great and glorious Throne. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, and despair not of the spirit of God. Indeed His favor upon thee is great. Let not the imprisonment of the Youth sadden thee. We had made mention of it aforetime in a perspicuous Tablet, wherein lieth consummate wisdom with thy Lord Who knoweth what was and what shall be and what is hidden from the eyes of the worlds. We were with thee at the time when thou didst what thou didst in the name of thy Lord. Verily thy Lord is cognizant of all things. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge and He, verily, encompasseth all the worlds. Blessed art thou for having inhaled the fragrances of the Raiment and turned away from the idolaters. Stand thou firm in the love of thy Lord. He is with thee under all conditions, and He is verily the One possessed of great bounty. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Haji Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily We have commanded all to observe pure justice and forbidden them from tyranny in numerous Tablets. To this bears witness He Who speaks in every condition: “Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” And We commanded them to be trustworthy and chaste, but they cast the command of God behind their backs, following every remote delusion. Say: Fear God and take hold of that which ye are commanded. It will profit you in all the worlds of His worlds and protect you from the evil of the calumniators. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee this Tablet, the mighty, the wondrous. When thou attainest unto it and findest the fragrance of revelation, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of Thy bounty, and thanks be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have placed my soul between the hands of Thy bounty and Thy mercy. Ordain for it from the ocean of Thy generosity that which befitteth Thy grace and Thy favor. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

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O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious. We entered into prison and summoned all to God, the Lord of Lords, and made manifest the Cause and revealed verses in such wise that the fragrances of the Revelation encompassed all regions. When the throne was established and the standard of the Bayan was raised throughout the lands, he who had remained hidden behind the veil emerged and proclaimed: “I am the lord of earth and heaven!” By God! He desired to slay Me. When his plot was exposed, he raised an outcry against his own self, as witnessed by those who were

with Me, and beyond them by the Mother Book which is with Him. We concealed his deeds and protected him as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Pen! Leave off mention of him and those who followed him, and make mention instead of him who hath turned unto thee and believed in God, the Lord of creation. Thou wert created to make mention of God and His loved ones. Rejoice thou in this and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, and glory be unto Thee, O Master of final return!" Blessed art thou for having remained faithful to the Covenant when most of the servants broke it. Thus have We made mention of thee and called out to thee while We were in the Most Great Prison in the most desolate of lands.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour when sorrows have encompassed Us from every side through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought, hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He hath appeared and revealed that which draweth the servants nigh unto the most exalted horizon and guideth them to the straight path. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the verses of My Pen and held fast unto the cord of My love and turned toward My direction while the people were in a strange slumber. Their vain desires have withheld them from Him Who created them. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken in this Prison wherein the Herald proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. We counsel thee and My loved ones there to observe that wisdom whose decree hath been sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed art thou for having cast away that which was with the divines and taken what came unto thee from God, the Lord of creation. We beseech God to assist thee to preserve this most exalted station and draw thee nigh unto Him at all times. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Source of the Cause when it appeared with power and sovereignty.

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He is the Helper, the Succourer

We, from this station, send Our greetings to you, O Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon whom be the glory of God, and to My loved ones in that place, and make mention of them with a remembrance that shall endure as long as My most excellent names endure. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He giveth and withholdeth, and is not to be questioned about that which He doeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thyself and My loved ones the glad-tidings from Us, and remind them of My beauteous remembrance. Say: Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have turned to the Most Great Ocean and have heard, for the sake of God, the blame of every blamer and the opposition of those who turned away from the News that was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. By God's life!

No Prophet hath been sent except that He hath given glad-tidings of this Revelation. Thus was the matter decreed, but the people are in evident veils. Arise, O My loved ones, to make mention of Me and to praise Me. Beware lest the conditions of the world prevent you from the Lord of Names, or the doubts of the divines bar you from this Wise Remembrance. Rejoice that ye have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and that the face of God, the Mighty, the Beloved, hath turned toward you from the horizon of the Prison. Glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath cast away the world, clinging to My firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient! We have enjoined upon them that have believed the Most Great Trustworthiness, as doth bear witness unto this He Who is the Lord of all being, in this wondrous spot which God hath made a prison for the Dayspring of His Revelation. He, verily, is the Ordainer of what He willeth, and the Ruler over what He pleaseth. The verses have appeared and the atoms have testified, and whoso hath hearkened is of the people of Paradise, and whoso hath turned aside shall hear ere long, through the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Can any deny this bounty? Nay, by the Self of the All-Merciful! - save every heedless doubter. The horizons have been filled with the signs of God, and yet most men are numbered with the deniers. Among the people of the Bayan are those who heard and saw, then went astray and were misled, having followed vain desires and denied Him in Whom they had formerly believed. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled in a perspicuous tablet. We make mention of thee, and of him who hath turned unto the All-Informed One. Be thou in such wise as beseemeth the days of thy Lord, and remind the people of this momentous News. Say: O people of Baha! Turn not unto the world and its ornaments. By God's life! It shall perish, while your remembrance shall endure in the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, from One powerful and wise.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! Drink ye, please God, of the choice sealed wine whose seal hath been broken by the Name of the Self-Subsisting, and arise to serve the Cause in the name of God, the Most Glorious. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the Most Great Prison that this Day hath no peer or likeness. Strive ye that through the sweet-scented streams of the robe of the All-Merciful ye may quicken the dead in the valley of error unto life everlasting. Today the voice of God, the Most Glorious, is raised up, and likewise the clamor of Satan. Blessed is the eye that hath recognized Him and become detached and free from all else besides Him, and blessed is the ear that hath known His call and found itself enriched above all else besides Him. Stand ye firm in the Cause of God and speak, albeit with wisdom and utterance. Scatter the seeds of divine knowledge in pure soil. The people are heedless and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings. One must arise with forbearance to educate all who dwell on earth. Thus hath the Lord of Eternity taught you, both before

and after. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded by the All-Wise Expounder.

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In My Name, the Protector over all who are in earth and heaven! O Jabbar! God willing, mayest thou be blessed by divine grace and partake of the choice wine of inner meanings. O Jabbar! The meaning of this name is manifest and evident today, for the Countenance of the Desired One hath appeared for the reformation of the world, yet most are veiled and deprived thereof. They have not recognized the ocean of justice nor become aware of the Sun of Truth, although such a light hath shone forth as hath never been witnessed in creation. The people of the world have forsaken the Dawning-Place of knowledge and turned unto the sources of ignorance. The Tongue of Eternity ever speaketh and the Supreme Pen, by night and day, calleth and summoneth all peoples unto truth. Nevertheless, all lie unconscious upon the couch of heedlessness, stupefied by the wine of pride, save those souls who have clung to the Most Great Name and have detached themselves from the world. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. O friends! Hold fast unto the cord of unity and cleave unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book. By My life! The kingdom shall pass away, but that which hath been ordained for you by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise shall endure.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! God willing, through divine confirmations in this spiritual day, may you drink from the choice wine of inner meanings and be engaged in the remembrance of the Purpose of the world. Every deed that is performed today purely for the sake of God by those who drink the choice wine of mystical knowledge of the Lord of all possibilities will endure eternally in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. It is incumbent upon every soul today to arise to remember God and serve His Cause. Blessed is the soul that has attained, blessed is the eye that has been solaced, and blessed is the ear that has heard the Call of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. The world and all that is therein is not worthy of mention, for soon it shall perish and come to naught. What is worthy of mention is service to the Cause of God, for His Cause and His remembrance shall endure. Blessed are they who act! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One, and the fragrances of divine love were wafted from it. Blessed art thou for having attained the recognition of God and turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen. Know thou the value of this bounty and be of the thankful ones. This is of the enduring favor We have ordained for thee. Preserve it through this Name that holds sway over the worlds.

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=== START BH06072 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

May you be blessed, through God's special favors, and adorned with the ornament of His love which is, in truth, the cause and purpose of creation. Your letter reached the Wronged One in this Most Great Prison, and from it was inhaled the fragrance of faith and the sweet-scenting breeze of divine knowledge. Whatever is witnessed in the world will return to nothingness, but those souls who have turned to the horizon of the Manifestation and attained the recognition of God - their reward has not been and will never be erased from the Book of God. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever turns unto Him, and He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy grace surged and the sun of loving-kindness and favors shone forth in Thy days, to make me among the women who have remained faithful to Thy Covenant and have held fast to the handle of Thy bounty. Then grant me, from Thy presence, goodly offspring who will remember Thee amongst Thy creatures and arise to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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=== START BH06073 ===

O Muhsin, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory and greatness! God willing, may you ever drink from the hand of grace and generosity the eternal Kawthar of divine knowledge of the Everlasting Lord. And may you become so intoxicated from this true wine and spiritual nectar that you hear and comprehend the call of "Am I not?" at all times from the dawning-places of names and manifestations of divine attributes of the Divine Being. The divine outpourings are never cut off - at all times the Kawthar of knowledge of the All-Merciful flows and spreads forth from the fountainhead of will, and its bestower is the hands of grace of the Lord. But people, due to heedlessness, have become deprived and forbidden. We beseech God to rend asunder the veil of idle fancies and not deprive any soul of the wondrous favors of His grace. Verily, He has power over all things. Your mention was mentioned before the One Who is mentioned. If there is outward delay in sending letters, there is no harm, for praise be to God, the inner doors are open and spiritual missives are in circulation. We beseech God to assist you in His love and draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Bestower, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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From the mother and sister of Ashraf who was martyred in the path of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious: May you ever drink from the Kawthar of divine bounty and dwell in repose within His sheltering mercy. Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. I swear by the Dawning-Place of eternity that your mention is recorded throughout all worlds. That which was manifested by you in the path of Truth was not manifested by most men, for steadfastness hath been among the most exalted stations, and the greatness of this station hath been revealed in the divine Tablets both past and future. Praise ye the Beloved of the worlds that ye have attained unto this most great, most exalted station and this sublime rank. All this is through God's grace - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. How many learned

men of the world have remained deprived of this station! All command is in His hands - He giveth and withholdeth. Verily He hath power over all things. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all steadfast believing women. We beseech God to aid all to remain firm in His love and to act according to His good-pleasure. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06074 ===

=== START BH06076 ===

He is the One speaking from the Kingdom of Utterance!

O leaf, wife of Samandar, upon both of whom be the Most Glorious Glory of God! The leaves of the world, in nights and days, are speaking in remembrance of the Divine Lote-Tree and yearning for His presence. The queens of the world each day speak His praise in their temples and are enkindled with His love. However, as recompense for their deeds, on the Day of Reckoning they were deprived of the Divine Lote-Tree of Glory's manifestation. Each was barred from what is with God by what was with herself, except for those leaves who, through divine grace and merciful compassion, attained recognition of the Lote-Tree. These are the pearls of the ocean of providence and the fish in the sea of mercy and bounty. Blessed is the leaf that was stirred by the breezes of her Lord's will, the Kind, the Generous. God's grace provided assistance, His generosity confirmed, and through a hundred thousand means He revealed one who became the cause of that leaf's guidance, orientation and recognition. Blessed is he and blessed are you, joy be unto him and unto you! Praise be to God, you are truly related to Him and dwell beneath the canopies of grandeur. We beseech God to assist His male and female servants in what He loves and is pleased with. Glory be upon you from Us, and upon the handmaidens of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! The vain imaginings of former generations have deprived the people from the dawning-place of verses and the dayspring of names and attributes. I swear by the Sun of Justice shining from the horizon of the Most Great Prison that whoso fails today to shatter the idols of former imaginings with the arm of might and strength shall never attain unto the light of certitude and the waters of assurance. The rebellious and tyrannical people of the earth for ages, generations and centuries considered themselves the saved sect and reckoned themselves among the most exalted, most virtuous and most ancient of peoples. Yet when the divine Sun of Justice shone forth from the heaven of equity, they were all found to be ranked among the lowest, and were accounted, in the presence of the Truth, as the most contemptible and abject of creatures. God willing, may you be illumined by the light of certitude and adorned with the ornament of steadfastness, that you may behold all else but God as a mere handful of dust. Fix your gaze both outwardly and inwardly upon this blessed word which is as a star in the heaven of divine knowledge: "Turn thy face toward My countenance, turning away from all else besides Me. Thus have We caused thee to hear the scratching of Our Pen and taught thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of My dominion, and made known unto thee that which shall guide thee to My straight path. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!"

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In the Name of the One God

O Asad! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, mayest thou gaze with perfect assurance toward the horizon of the manifestation of the Divine Will, in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the turning away of the idolaters shall deter thee. Thou art among those souls who are mentioned before the Divine Throne. Ere long the world and whatsoever is witnessed therein shall perish, while that which hath been ordained in the Kingdom of divine favors for the faithful and the sincere shall endure. Know thou the value of this everlasting bounty and with the utmost joy and fragrance, might and assurance, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Whatsoever hath befallen His loved ones in the path of God is recorded with Him, and its reward hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. O Asad! Be thou so steadfast in the Cause of God that neither the clamor of the foxes nor the howling of swine shall deter thee. Place thy trust in the bounty of thy Lord in such wise that through thee the hearts of them that are troubled may find assurance. We have mentioned thee before as a token of Our grace, and in this Tablet that the wine of the choice nectar of utterance may intoxicate thee and draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH06079 ===

He is the Revealer, the Witness, the Faithful

This is the night whereon My Pen groaneth over what hath befallen the letters inscribed upon His sacred scroll from every oppressor who is estranged from God. We enjoined upon all men to be just and fair-minded and to fear God, the Lord of the worlds. Yet the unjust pronounced sentence against Us and against the chosen ones of God with such cruelty as to cause all created things to cry out and every sound heart to lament. We have sent down unto them the food of utterance out of the heaven of understanding and they have cast it behind their backs turning aside from God, the Great Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. No one of them that were before Us hath endured the things We have endured. Unto this testifieth the Pen of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. Let nothing grieve thee, in all thine affairs put thy reliance in Whose grasp are the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation. There is none other God save He, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Proclaim unto my loved ones the tidings of remembrance of Me and of devotion to Me, and of turning unto Me and of My mercy, My favor and My loving kindness which hath encompassed all who are in heaven and who are on earth. My glory that shineth forth above the horizon of My Bounty be upon thee and upon him who beareth witness unto that whereunto God Himself borne witness, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

=== END BH06079 ===

=== START BH06080 ===

To the sister of He Who Ascended to God. In the name of the knowing Lord. O handmaiden of God! Praise be to God that through divine bestowals and heavenly bounties thou hast attained recognition of the Manifestation of Mysteries and hast turned toward the Dawning-place of Revelation and the Rising-point of Inspiration, and hast partaken of the sealed wine, with a single drop of which none in existence can compare. That wine is the wine of the recognition of God, of which most people today are debarred and deprived. The whole world was created for it, yet they are seen to be veiled except for those souls who through His Name have detached themselves from all else and turned toward His horizon. Rejoice thou in His remembrance and give thanks to thy All-Knowing Lord. His Holiness Mihdi, a Name of God, upon him be the Glory of God, made mention of you, and that mention was honored to reach the ears of the Lord of Names. This is the enduring bounty that hath descended and continueth to descend from the heaven of the bestowal of the Lord of creation. Blessed are they who preserve it, blessed are they who recognize it, blessed are they who partake of it. Know thou the value of this bounty and preserve it with the eye and soul. Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH06081 ===

O handmaid of God! God willing, may you hold fast to the truth and be free and detached from all else. These are the days of steadfastness. Beseech and implore God, glorified and exalted be He, that you may remain firm in His love and steadfast in His Cause. How many strong souls have been seen to waver and become agitated when the winds of tests blew, and how many weak ones who, through divine favor, were adorned with the ornament of supreme steadfastness. He is the Ruler over all, He is the Protector, and He is the Bestower. None is aware of His hidden wisdom save His own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to the Ancient Beauty Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and revealed these sublime and wondrous words especially for thee. Therefore, arise to render thanks unto Him and celebrate His remembrance. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to love Him and remember Him, and to make thee among those women who have detached themselves from all else save Him, who circle round His Cause and that which He hath ordained in His Tablets. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH06082 ===

My sister Hajar hath attained and won the name of a perceptive knower. O handmaiden of God! That which hath befallen you in the path of God hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Well is it with the soul whom nothing among all created things hath prevented from the path of the Lord of Names. Accepted is the one who hath attained unto His acceptance, and beloved the deed that hath been manifested in His name. Praise be to God that through His grace thou hast attained unto the blessed ornament of faith and hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Now beseech Him that He may enable and assist thee to preserve it. Ask thy Lord that He may enable thee to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the last and the first. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We send greetings to all the handmaidens of God who dwell in that land and

are adorned with the lights of the Throne, and We bid them all to be steadfast, inasmuch as this Cause is mighty indeed and hath no peer or likeness. Thus hath spoken the tongue of grandeur in My mighty prison. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH06082 ===

=== START BH06083 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance! O handmaiden of God! Again and again hast thou been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One of the horizons. Know thou the value of such mentions, for by the waves of the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, one letter thereof is, in the sight of God, more precious than the world and whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear therein. Know thou the station of this precious gem and this matchless pearl, and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of God - exalted be His glory. The glance of God's loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be directed towards His steadfast male and female servants. One goodly word and one righteous deed are, in this Day, more precious in the sight of God than all the books of the earth - namely, those books which the heedless divines have written according to their vain imaginings. Rejoice thou in this most great bounty, and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful. In all circumstances, beseech thou God to make the handmaidens of that land steadfast in His Cause and to vouchsafe unto them the water of certitude. He is, verily, powerful and mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine through this glorious and mighty Name.

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In the Name of the Incomparable Friend

O pious one! God grant that thou art happy and cheerful by the grace of God and the outpourings of His loving-kindness on this triumphant Day. Verily, it is the King of days. He who is other than the Friend is the enemy; flee him; and he who is other than the Beloved is the snake; fly from him. The scorpions of spite lurk in ambush, and the dragons of jealousy lie in wait. Seek thou shelter in the Greatest Name, and appear in the utmost strength and power. I swear by the Horizons of the Sun of My Cause! If one shall remain steadfast with perfect confidence, he shall surpass all beings. The Sun of Munificence hath appeared, and the Clouds of Generosity have gathered. Happy is he who hath attained unto those lights, and blessed is he who hath partaken of these divine outpourings. Today is the Day of remembering God with eloquent words, not the day of forgetfulness. It is the Day of striving and effort, not the day of indolence and laxity. Thus, with the assistance of the Incomparable Friend, hasten thou to the immortal City and to the eternal world. Speak thou, and be not afraid of the wicked. With utter kindness and compassion call men to the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, for perchance this life-giving breeze may set them astir.

=== END BH06084 ===

=== START BH06085 ===

He is the One Who observeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O friends of Truth! Hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and act in accordance with what hath been commanded. The world and its ornaments are transient; strive ye to attain that which endureth and lasteth forever. We have previously declared: The world is but a shadow that swiftly passeth away, and death is a pursuer that swiftly overtaketh. Hear ye the voice of the True Counsellor and detach your hearts from that which perisheth and vanisheth, and turn ye unto that which endureth and lasteth forever. Every deed that appeareth today for the sake of God is recorded as the lord of deeds in His presence. Strive ye that perchance ye may make good what hath been lost. By the life of God! Ye were created for this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. They that are heedless are reckoned among the people of the Fire in a perspicuous Book. Hold ye fast unto the Sure Handle and grasp ye the hem of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance as a token of His grace. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06085 ===

=== START BH06086 ===

In the name of God, the Lord of all worlds! O Javad! Your mention has been made, and that which pertains to you is manifest and visible in the mirror of divine knowledge. Blessed art thou for having turned, recognized, heard and attained, while most people remain behind an evident veil. Through God's might and power, thou shouldst at all times remind the friends of the Friend of those matters which lead to the exaltation of His Cause. Say: O friends! The heaven of human station hath ever been and shall remain illumined and adorned by two luminaries: steadfastness and trustworthiness. O Javad! Strive that all souls may, through divine grace, be adorned with heavenly characteristics, for verily every virtuous quality is in truth a messenger, herald and summoner from God, calling mankind to the highest horizon. Blessed is he who heareth and recognizeth God's purpose in that which He hath veritably revealed. He, verily, is the Revealer, the All-Wise. A special Tablet hath been revealed and sent to each one. God willing, they shall attain unto it. And the glory be upon you.

=== END BH06086 ===

=== START BH06087 ===

In the Name of the Wronged One of the horizons. O Javad! The Creator of all beings says: May you ever remain, God willing, sheltered and at rest beneath the divine Lote-Tree, and be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Goal of the worlds. Act with great wisdom. Be not confident in people, for most have turned away and continue to turn away from the Truth at the slightest word, since they have not attained to recognition of the Root of the Tree. Therefore you must not consider every claimant to love as truthful, and keep concealed that which must remain concealed. Often it happens that someone, moved by selfish desire, spreads abroad whatever they have come to know. Would that they were content with this much! Rather, they speak of what they have not seen and mention what they have not heard. In any

case, conduct yourself with perfect wisdom. And a Tablet specifically for Hakim was sent as promised. Be assured, O Javad, of thy Lord's grace and be of the thankful. Verily thou hast been mentioned before the Throne with most excellent praise. He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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=== START BH06088 ===

O Habíb, in the Persian tongue it is set forth in truth: If mankind were to reflect on this one theme, they would bear witness that this constancy and steadfastness, this forbearance and patience during times of calamities and afflictions, whether in open or in secret, is possible only through a divine power. No former age or century hath beheld such a degree of self-sacrifice in the path of the Beloved. Individuals who prior to the time of death consider their lives extremely precious and with the utmost power strive to protect themselves and secure their outward ease and comfort, suddenly are seen with a steadfastness whereat the bodies of the heedless are made to quiver, the limbs of the wayward to tremble, and the foundations of the nations to shake. Praise be to God, were they not to behold in that station abundant good, copious bounties, eternal blessings, and everlasting sovereignty with their own eyes, this kind of contentment and resignation, acquiescence and reverence in such terrible situations would not become manifest through them. Say: All majesty and might, all sovereignty and power belong to God, Who createth whatsoever He desireth as He pleaseth. No God is there but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Exalted, the Most Great.

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=== START BH06089 ===

In the name of the One Friend. O Husayn! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Countenance and thy letter, purified from all save God, hath been presented before the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that in the early days thou wert blessed with the bounties of the Lord of all beings and didst drink from the ocean of His knowledge. Consider this favor a great one, for most of the divines who count themselves possessed of knowledge and learning have remained deprived of the Lord of Causes and the Ordainer of Nations, while thou in thy early youth wert confirmed in recognizing the Sovereign Lord. The Most Exalted Pen declareth: O Nasru'llah! Thy call was heard and thy mention flowed from the tongue of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. Beseech God that He may assist thee to aid His Cause. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. God willing, mayest thou abide beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and remember Him in the nights and days. Give thanks unto God for having given thee to drink of the Pure Wine in days wherein the Dawning-Place of Revelation was established upon the throne of His Great Name. Verily, the glory from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, be upon thee and upon thy father and thy brother and thy mother.

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=== START BH06090 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious!

O Khuda-Dad! God hath favored thee on the Day of Judgment by enabling thee to attain the garment of the knowledge of the Beloved of the worlds and to set thy face in the direction of the Friend. Happy art thou, and again happy art thou! Drink of this living water in the name of the Sovereign of divine knowledge during this resplendent Dawn-tide. Blessed are those who drink therefrom. All praise be to the Desired One, Who through a single draught of the wine of His love hath so intoxicated the lovers of the world that they have passed by themselves and all else and hastened directly to the goodly city of "but Him," subsequent to their negation of the veils of "No God is there." They are the ones who, through the reviving breath of the Word of God, have attained everlasting and eternal life. These are the people, who as soon as they heard the call issuing from court of grandeur, declared "Yea, verily, yea, verily, O God of the worlds!"

The fragrance of love hath been inhaled. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God grant that thou mayest be so illumined by the splendor of the Sun of the Word of God, which hath risen above the horizon of the will of the Pen of the Most Great Name, that its effect may appear amongst His servants. Know thou the value of that which God hath attested unto thee and enjoined thee to observe. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of the adoration of all who are in heaven and on earth.

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=== START BH06091 ===

In the Name of God, the One, the Most Compassionate

O Rahman! The Beloved of the worlds, while in the Most Great Prison, hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. It is clear and evident that this mention hath been and will ever be purely for the sake of God, sanctified from all ulterior motives and vain imaginings. Thou must, by God's leave, know the value of this station. I swear by the Ocean of inner meanings, which surgeth through the winds of divine Will, that shouldst thou observe with the eye of insight this mention that hath appeared from the Pen of the Divine Command, thou wouldst assuredly find it more precious than the rarest substance, nay more precious than whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and on earth. For verily this mention shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall endure. Shouldst thou become aware of its station and recognize its worth, hearken then unto the voice of the Friend and strive that perchance thou mayest succeed in that which is pleasing unto the Friend. We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed to recognize this Day, whereby the Sacred Scriptures, Books and Tablets have been adorned. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O handmaid of God Ruhani, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Friend! O Ruhani! The Supreme Pen testifies that repeatedly and successively thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and thou hast been and shalt be the recipient of divine favors. Thus have numerous Tablets

been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy especially for that leaf. By the life of God! Every word thereof is the quickener of the dead and the manifestation of signs, and every letter thereof is, in the sight of God, more precious than all things. Know thou the worth of this most exalted station. Verily thy Lord is the Generous Giver. Thou hast endured many hardships in the path of God. No matter hath been or shall be hidden from God, and no service hath been or shall be lost. Verily thy reward is with Him Who created thee and sustained thee and aided thee to turn toward His shining and luminous countenance. Blessed art thou for having outstripped most handmaids in thy recognition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to the handmaids in that land. God willing, may they all not be deprived of everlasting gifts on account of transient blessings, and may they at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. The Glory be upon thee and upon them.

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=== START BH06094 ===

O Abdullah, the Racer in the field of meanings and utterance and the Dyer of all who are in the realm of possibility! He says: Reflect upon what We have sent down before: "The dye of God, and who is better than God in dyeing?" And by this dyeing was not meant, and is not meant, the dyeing of metals, but rather the adorning of pure hearts with the dye of God, and that is the sanctification and purification of souls from the various colors of the world. Strive that thou mayest become perfect in this greatest of crafts and mayest adorn the people with the divine dye. Today this most great matter is obligatory upon you and the other loved ones of God. Beseech God that ye may be assisted and may adorn the people with divine characteristics and pleasing deeds. Take from the essence of love and, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, bestow it upon the mines of the hearts of the servants, that all may become pure gold - that is, that they may attain to the recognition of God, which is the ultimate station in the world of existence. Occupy thyself with service to the Friend. Verily He ordaineth for thee what He willeth. He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Remember thou the calamities among the people - We have permitted this to thee, but make thine intention this Wronged One, the Imprisoned, the Stranger.

=== END BH06094 ===

=== START BH06095 ===

O Ali! Thou hast attained the presence of God and been illumined by the light of His countenance - and this is a great bounty. O Ali! Detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, then proceed with the spirit of God and His good-pleasure to the city, and inform its people of what thou hast witnessed and known of the harm that hath befallen the Ancient Beauty from the idolaters. O Ali! Adorn thyself with My characteristics and associate with My loved ones in complete humility. O Ali! Forget not the firm counsels which thou didst hear from the tongue of God before His throne. Occupy thyself in remembrance of the Beauty of Him Who is the Unconstrained at early morn, and seek communion with Him at the hour of dawn. O Ali! Remembrance of Me is a healing medicine to the souls and a light to the hearts of men. Be not heedless of the Eternal Countenance for the sake of this transient world, and be not grieved by its hardships. In all matters place thy trust in the Sovereign of Revelation. If thou actest according to divine counsels, thou shalt attain the Most Great Good and the Most Manifest Horizon. O

Ali! Be thou intimate with My messenger, for verily the glances of My loving-kindness have ever been directed towards him. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty command thee, that thou mayest be among those who act.

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=== START BH06096 ===

Ibn-i-Dhabih, servant of the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O servant of the Lord of all beings and Sovereign of days! He saith: Blessed is the soul that today maketh mention of God and turneth toward His direction. Today it is incumbent upon all to serve the Cause of the Lord of the seen and unseen. How excellent is the state of that soul who hath arisen to serve Him and through His love hath become renowned among the dwellers of the Supreme Concourse and the inhabitants of the cities of creation. O ye who are intoxicated with the wine of divine knowledge! In this spiritual morn, drink ye a true morning draught from the chalice of the All-Merciful's favors. This Wine of unity hath another Wine-Giver, and its intoxication another quality. That diminisheth consciousness, while this increaseth it. That bringeth extinction, while this bestoweth existence. That is followed by headache, while this is accompanied by love for the Lord of creation. Say: O veiled people! God is the Cup-Bearer, and He bestoweth the immortal Kawthar. Hasten ye to what He desireth for you, turning away from what ye desire. This is better for you, and I am the All-Compelling Witness over the worlds. Remember thy brother on behalf of thy Lord, and thy mother, and those who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH06097 ===

In the name of the Lord of Utterance, the All-Wise!

O Faridun! Praise be to God! Through divine grace thou hast attained the ocean of faith and set thy face towards the Supreme Horizon. However, the divine Touchstone hath ever been and will be established amongst His servants. In like manner, the divine Balance is set up at all times. He should at all times take refuge in God, hallowed and glorified be His name, and seek His confirmation that he may be assisted to remain steadfast in that which he hath attained and to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed by the Pen of the Most High in the Book of God. Should a man spend his whole life engaged in worship, yet remain deprived of the attributes which are the cause of the exaltation of the Cause of God, that worship will produce no result and yield no fruit.

O Faridun! The heaven of the Cause of God is illuminated by the sun of trustworthiness. He should cling to the cord of trustworthiness and hold fast to the hem of truthfulness. These are the two most great luminaries which have risen above the horizon of the Pen of the Most High, and in the heaven of the decree of the Sovereign of mankind, they are shining and resplendent. God grant that thou shalt attain to this station and speak forth the praises of the Friend. He, verily, is the Rememberer, the Counselor, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH06098 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

O handmaiden of God! May you ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and partake of its fruits, which are the knowledge of the Ancient Beauty. Give thanks to God that you have attained the most great honor, which is the recognition of the Sun of Truth that today is rising and shining from the horizon of the merciful Will. O handmaiden of God! Keep your heart and tongue occupied with the love and mention of God. The world is passing, and all that is visible therein is perishable and non-existent. Observe that if it had any worth, the Beauty of the Divine Unity would not have been afflicted at the hands of the basest of creatures. The whole world and whatsoever is therein was, in its primal reality, created for the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation. Yet now we see that through the tyranny of the corrupt He is imprisoned and wronged in the most ruined of lands. This is naught but the result of humanity's failure to recognize the Truth. Beseech God at all times that He may keep you steadfast in His love. Verily, glory be upon you and upon those who are with you among the ones who have turned to Him.

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In His Name, the All-Encompassing Over All Names

O thou who hast turned to this Most Exalted Word which, like unto the Most Great Luminary, shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings! Fix thy gaze upon this utterance, blessed and exalted be He: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He shall not be known through My allusions nor through what hath been mentioned in the Bayan." I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth and beameth forth from the horizon of the Prison - had the people of the Bayan inhaled the fragrance of this blessed Word, they would have turned with their eyes, their hearts and their breasts toward the Court of God. But their heedlessness, nay rather their wretchedness, hath overwhelmed them. To this beareth witness He through Whose utterance the Kingdom of Utterance was attracted and before Whose proof the testimonies of God, both past and future, have bowed down in submission. Blessed is he who hath recognized and heard, and blessed is he who, clear of sight, hath beheld that which hath been revealed in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath the Mother Book spoken, as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing Speaker. The Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the Book of God with a power from Him. These are they who are truly of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark which God hath mentioned in His perspicuous Book.

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O Leaf of the Branch of H, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the Wronged One of the horizons! O steadfast leaf! The divine fragrance from the repository of the manifestation of the light of oneness hath turned toward thee, and the Temple of Pre-existence calleth thee with the most wondrous and sweet voice, inasmuch as thou art resplendent with the lights of His recognition and adorned with the garment of His love. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this great bounty. We have found from thee the fragrance of faithfulness after it was withheld from most of the men and women servants. This is from His latter bounty upon thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Be not grieved at the contingent affairs of the world of possibilities, for ye dwell beneath the shade of the Most Great Mercy and abide under the shadow of His infinite bounty. Previously a Tablet was sent especially for that leaf by the hand of Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali. This is another time, as a bounty from His presence upon thee. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. God willing, the successive bounties of the All-Merciful shall at all times encompass that leaf. Make mention of the handmaidens of God in that place on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them. Verily He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy offspring, from thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06100 ===

=== START BH06101 ===

In the name of the one incomparable Friend! These are the days of the All-Merciful, and the lamp of divine favor is lit and shining at the axis of contingent being. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this resplendent lamp and, through its lights, hath found its way to the Dawning-Place of eternity and the Day-Spring of the Most Great Name. O handmaiden of God! Know thou the value of the days of God, and be thou a supplicant and seeker of the wonders of His grace, that thou mayest circle round Him in all the worlds and be reckoned among the people of the Most Great Vision. Consider His bestowals: thou dwellest in thy home while He, in the Most Great Prison, maketh mention of thee. This is a station that cannot be equaled by aught that hath been created in the earth. In that which He uttereth He hath had and hath no purpose for Himself; rather, out of pure bounty and infinite mercy doth He summon all to the realm of oneness. He it is Whose loving-kindness hath preceded all things and Whose grace hath encompassed all. Blessed is the soul that hath heard His call and attained unto His knowledge, and woe and regret be unto the one who hath been deprived and kept back from this station. The glory be upon thee.

=== END BH06101 ===

=== START BH06102 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

Where art thou, O thou who journeyest through the lands? Where art thou, O thou who maketh mention of My Name amongst the servants? Art thou in the hands of the enemies in the path of God, the Lord of all names, or art thou in a place of safety among the loved ones of thy Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven? Grieve not, for verily He is with thee and in all conditions will show thee. Blessed is he who hath turned unto thee, and woe unto him who hath turned away from thee, O thou who calleth in the wilderness of guidance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Glorious.

Know thou that thy letter hath arrived and We have read what was written therein. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he whose name was mentioned in thy letter. Blessed is the house wherein thou dwelt, for it is the object of thy Lord's glance, the Mighty, the Generous. We have stirred the land of Barhut, therefore We have withheld the Pen from mentioning those whom We desired from among the loved ones of God, and have caused to flow mention of others from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All things bear witness that thou hast fulfilled God's covenant. Rejoice thou and be of those who are thankful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath found comfort in thee through love of thy Ancient Lord. Thou art the Trusted One from the presence of the Truth amongst His creation. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH06102 ===

=== START BH06103 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

In these days the emigrant unto God arrived and mentioned you in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Tablet was sent down from the heaven of will that you might attain unto it and discover the fragrance of the mercy of the All-Merciful. Today all things are occupied with remembrance and praise, yet most of the servants are heedless and veiled. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who aided you, guided you, gave you awareness and enabled you to attain the recognition of the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Dayspring of the Cause. This station is most lofty and exalted. We beseech God to assist you to preserve it. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me know Thee. I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy verses and the dominion of Thy knowledge to aid me in that whereby my remembrance shall endure through the eternity of Thy most excellent names and supreme attributes. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. Do Thou preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies and every barking dog that hath risen to harm Thee and prevented Thy servants from turning unto Thee. Then write down, O my Best-Beloved, that which Thou hast written for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06103 ===

=== START BH06104 ===

In the name of the one incomparable God. This is a book from the Wronged One of the horizons to one of His friends who emigrated from his place until he attained the most exalted horizon and drank the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of Names. Blessed is he and his father who gained entry into this noble scene. O Abdullah! God willing, through the favor of the Beloved of the worlds, thou shalt be enabled to accomplish that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. At all times gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, and walk among people with utmost truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and piety. I swear by the Sun of Revelation which hath dawned from the Dawning-Place of utterance that praiseworthy deeds and goodly actions are the cause of the exaltation and elevation of the existence of the servants. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with the robe of virtues which God hath sent down in the Book. With permission thou art undertaking this journey. God

willing, thou must act as befitteth. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions with that which pleaseth Him. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the horizon of the Cause and believed in God, the Exalted, the Great.

=== END BH06104 ===

=== START BH06105 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir, upon thee be the peace of God! In the name of the one true God!

This Wronged One makes mention of the friends of God in all conditions and commands them to perform goodly deeds, manifest praiseworthy conduct, and fear God. His purpose has been and continues to be the exaltation of the Word of Unity. O Muhammad-Baqir, upon thee be my peace! The polytheists have surrounded the believers in the Divine Unity from all directions, and the clouds of tyranny have prevented the Sun of Justice from shedding its radiant beams. All must beseech God that the original power and lost ascendancy may be made manifest and evident. The cities and lands of the people of Divine Unity lie in ruins through the tyranny of the polytheists. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom Thou didst aid Thy Cause and manifest Thy Will and raise high the banners of Thy Unity and the standards of detachment, and by His family and companions, to make this servant of Thine one who acts according to Thy command, who speaks Thy praise, and who hopes for Thy grace from the horizon of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which will not cease to spread its fragrance throughout the eternity of Thy names. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

If thou findest a friend, convey to him the greetings of the Wronged One. Peace be upon thee and upon the righteous servants of God.

=== END BH06105 ===

=== START BH06106 ===

O Jinab-i-Buyuk Khan, son of him who hath ascended unto God! He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is an epistle from the Wronged One of the world to one of the friends, that the fragrance of his letter may guide him to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Thy mention was made in the presence of this Wronged One, and these exalted words have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Pen of Him Who revealeth the verses, that thou mayest, with the utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself with the remembrance of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and hold fast unto that which beseemeth the people of God on this Day. Today in the wilderness of nearness unto the Spirit thou art crying “Here am I, here am I,” and in the city of the love of Him Who conversed with God thou art uttering “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds.” The attraction of the verses hath seized the realm of reality, yet the heedless are in a mighty veil. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my whole being unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the breath of Thy Revelation, and by the Word wherewith Thou didst quicken Thy servants, and by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty, to make me in all conditions one who maketh mention of Thee and calleth out Thy Name and standeth firm in the service of Thy

Cause. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06106 ===

=== START BH06107 ===

This is what has shone forth from the Dayspring of divine utterance - exalted be His utterance! O thou who art elevated! Confession of thy powerlessness is the essence of worship, and acknowledgment of thy weakness is the very strength of thy heart in the divine Cause. Ask thou of God to be ever adorned with this robe. Powerlessness and contrition have ever been beloved in the most holy court. This is the station of servitude which none have attained save the near ones among the servants of God. God willing, thou shalt be mentioned among the people through the name of Truth and be accounted among the servants of the divine Cause, in such wise that at all times thou shalt be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Praise be to the Beloved of all possibility that thy name hath flowed from the tongue of the Divine Unity and thy mention hath been recorded by the Pen of the Divine Command. This is a bounty that shall endure through the perpetuity of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Although thou hast proven a matter through what was revealed aforetime - “We desire to show favor unto those who were brought low in the land” and so forth - yet this station that now exists is greater than what thou hast mentioned. God willing, thou art of the people of Baha, and above this there is no station in servitude. Know thou its worth and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH06107 ===

=== START BH06108 ===

O Mirza Yahya, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable God. The heaven of the All-Merciful’s loving-kindness is raised high, the Sun of utterance is resplendent, and the lights of His countenance are manifest. Verses are being revealed and clear proofs encompass all, yet the people remain deprived and forbidden. The hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginings have held them back from the lights of certitude, save whom God willeth. Say: O servants! Strive that perchance ye may hearken unto the divine call and attain unto that which ye sought from God, exalted be His glory, throughout ages and centuries - the attainment of His presence. O Yahya! Take hold of the Book of God with the hand of submission and certitude, despite those who cast it behind their backs, and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me, caused me to recognize Thee, called me to Thy mighty announcement, and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven and Sovereign of the realm of might, by Thy command through which Thou hast subdued the world, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is. Ordain for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

=== END BH06108 ===

=== START BH06109 ===

In the Name of the One God

The Sun of Revelation hath risen from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, shining and manifest, and the Ocean of mercy hath appeared before the faces of all beings, evident and resplendent. Yet most of mankind remain veiled by doubts and idle fancies, such that they are seen to be deprived and debarred from this Most Great Day and supreme bounty. Each group hath adorned an ignorant one with the name of learned and made him their leader. Whatever proceedeth from him they attribute and continue to attribute to the truth. They remain heedless that in all ages such souls have been the cause of the veiling of mankind and have prevented people from the ocean of divine mercy. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto and recognized this Day. All divine Books have testified to the Day of God, and all Prophets and Messengers have given the glad-tidings thereof to their people. Yet all remain occupied with the buzzing of flies and heedless of the call of the Lord of Lords. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest know and be of them that are thankful for His having acquainted thee with and aided thee to recognize this resplendent Day. And praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06109 ===

=== START BH06110 ===

ABADIH. Muhammad Husayn Khan, upon him be the Glory of God.

In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names!

Hearken unto the call of the Peerless Friend. If thou turnest thyself unto it, in whatsoever divine realm thou mayest find thyself, thou shalt attain unto this call and this response. A call hath been raised up such as hath never been heard since the beginning of creation until now. The Ocean of Knowledge declareth: All ears were created for this call, yet certain turbaned ones among the ignorant divines have prevented ears from hearkening unto it. Whatsoever hath befallen the friends of God in His path hath come from the fire of the souls of this rebellious and tyrannical band. Woe unto them for what they have wrought! Soon shall they behold their stations in the nethermost hell. God hath been and shall ever be with all His loved ones, and whatsoever hath befallen them in His path He hath witnessed and recorded with the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Soon shall their stations be raised up like a banner in the world. Rejoice then in this luminous Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Will, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

=== END BH06110 ===

=== START BH06112 ===

O Ustad Aqa Jan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! Some parties in the world have striven to speak in their particular languages and have considered this matter a cause of their elevation and exaltation. For instance, the people of Iran, who are adorned with the ornament of capability and capacity, have desired to speak in the ancient tongue and to eliminate whatever has entered from without. However, in the view of the Wronged One, what is beloved is that all the world be

seen as one homeland, and that effort be made to promote one language or two, as mentioned before, so that all regions may attain to the light of unity, and the people of the earth may receive their share from the sun of knowledge and the ocean of wisdom. That which has been the cause of the unity of the world and its peoples has been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in various Tablets. God willing, may the servants be adorned with the ornament of justice and be assisted to act with fairness, that they may discover the fruits of what was mentioned and bear witness to that which the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath commanded. He is the Guide, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He hath assisted thee and guided thee to that which is concealed from most eyes. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH06112 ===

=== START BH06113 ===

Kalih-Darrih Haji Baba, who attained the presence of God

In the name of the one incomparable Lord! Through the bounty of the Lord of Names thou hast attained unto the most exalted of stations, which is the presence of the Beloved, and hast inhaled the fragrance of divine revelation, and hast become aware of certain matters that were previously unknown. Now is the time for service. Thou must act according to the covenant and pledge thou made before the Throne, and arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness, so that all souls may gather beneath the shade of the Most Great Word in such wise that no differences remain between them. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and that which shall endure and last is the service rendered by the friends of God in these days. With utmost yearning and enthusiasm, kindle with the fire of the divine Tree those souls that have withered. Blessed is he who hath ascended unto God along this path. Verily he hath attained the presence of God and drunk the choice wine of reunion, and returned by God's command, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, until he ascended unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Convey to all the friends the greetings from God and remind them of that which hath been revealed.

=== END BH06113 ===

=== START BH06114 ===

Write to Jinab-i-Mihdi: We caused the Noble One before 'Ali to speak in his childhood that the people might witness My power and sovereignty, then My grandeur and majesty. But My ignorant loved ones took him as a partner with My Self, and they wrought corruption in the lands and were among the corruptors. Observe how ignorant the people are! Even souls who were in the presence, despite this, have gone and spread such words. Say: He is but one of My servants whom We created through Our power and caused to speak in praise of My Self amongst the worlds. And if for a moment he should deviate from the shadow of the Cause, he would be utter nothingness. Say: O people! All besides Me have been created by My Word. Verily, he and his like are among those whom God hath caused to grow from this Tree. They are the clouds of mercy and the rain-clouds of grace and the lamps of guidance and My guides among all creatures, should they remain firm in My Cause. And thy Lord hath taken unto

Himself no partner, nor any peer, nor any minister, nor any likeness, nor any equal, nor any opposite, nor any similitude. Thus hath the decree shone forth and the matter been ordained from before God, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH06114 ===

=== START BH06115 ===

In the Name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

His Holiness Mirza Abbas Shirazi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]

By God! The Day hath come, yet the people perceive it not. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet most of the people recognize them not. They have cast the path of God behind their backs, clinging to the ropes of the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of love and affection. We beseech God, the Lord of creation, to aid thee and assist thee to attain such steadfastness that its fragrance may spread throughout all lands. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the Loving. O Abbas! Rejoice in this Tablet from which the fragrance of the utterance of God, the Lord of existence, hath been wafted. We have recognized what thou didst intend and heard what thou didst cry out in the days of thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen. We granted permission regarding what the hands of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed had earned. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence and to write down for thee what beseemeth His generosity, which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, as a favor from Us, for I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I will through My word "Be," and it is.

=== END BH06115 ===

=== START BH06116 ===

In His Name, the First

Blessed is He in Whose hand is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth and the Ruler over whatsoever He desireth. Say: O people, commit not that whereby the honor of the Cause will be lost among the heedless servants. Say: O My loved ones, take heed lest ye spread corruption in the land after its reformation. Be ye the trustees of God on earth and His chosen ones amidst the idolaters. Beware lest ye shed blood, for God hath forbidden this unto you in the Tablets of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Say: Whosoever sheddeth the blood of any one, he is not of Me and God is quit of him. Thus hath the command been revealed in a preserved Tablet. Sanctify yourselves from whatsoever ye have been forbidden in the Book from One Who is Mighty, All-Wise. Say: O people, follow ye the ways of God and His religion, and dispute not about His verses, and be ye not of the wrongdoers. Whoso wrongeth anyone hath indeed neglected the remembrance of God and is accounted among the losers. And thou, render

thanks unto God for that the Pen of Command from this repentant, penitent servant hath moved to make mention of thee. And mercy be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

=== END BH06116 ===

=== START BH06117 ===

O Kazim! In the letter ?ad: Blessed is He Who hath ordained for those near unto Him to drink from the chalices of mighty tribulation, and Who hath purchased from the believers their souls in exchange for the manifestation of a clear Name. Thus hath His way ever been with His sincere servants. O people of God! Grieve not for what hath befallen Us in this great calamity, for God shall soon requite His servants with truth and raise up His Cause above all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. This is what the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days, hath prescribed for Himself. Say: O people! Would ye banish a man for saying 'My Lord is God,' when he hath come to you with a clear proof that all who are in the heavens and earth are powerless to produce? Yet ye answered him not concerning his Cause and remained heedless of him until he departed from your lands with profound sorrow. By this were consumed the hearts of the pure maidens in their lofty chambers, and the eyes of the denizens of Paradise wept morn and eve. Yet do We thank God, Our Beloved, for all that hath befallen Us of wondrous and impregnable tribulations. And glory be upon you, O trusted ones of God, for your patience in the path of God, the Bestower, the Gracious.

=== END BH06117 ===

=== START BH06118 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! Thou seest, O my God, the Beloved of all possibility in the hands of the veiled ones, and the Wronged One in the grasp of the oppressors. Mine eye hath witnessed that which no eye hath witnessed, and mine ear hath heard that which no ear hath heard. Thou art the All-Merciful and the All-Powerful over all existence. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast raised up the standards of Thy victory amongst Thy servants and lifted high the banners of Thy power amidst Thy creation, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will cause the soil of hearts to become verdant. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of the most wicked among Thy creation, and Thy chosen ones in the grasp of the most rebellious among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath conquered all names and encompassed all who are in earth and heaven, to assist Thy loved ones through the wonders of Thy victory. Then cause them to soar in such wise that their spirits will take flight in the atmosphere of Thy love and passion. Then make them to be among those who have remained steadfast in Thy love in such wise that through them the feet of the wavering ones became firm and the souls of the doubtful found peace. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things. Thou doest through Thy sovereignty what Thou willest and ordainest through Thy power what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Conquering, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06118 ===

=== START BH06119 ===

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of proof

Exalted, exalted is He Who hath manifested His Cause with clear authority! Exalted, exalted is He Who hath borne tribulations for the salvation of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Exalted, exalted is He Who hath stood before all faces and spoken that which draweth the servants nigh unto the One, the All-Informed! Exalted, exalted is He from Whose most sweet call wafteth the fragrance of grace and bounty! Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto the heedless!

O thou who hast turned to the Kingdom! Hear the call of God, the Sovereign of the Realm of Might, Who hath come with a power before which all created things have bowed down, and with a dominion that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Let not the opposition of men grieve thee in the Cause of thy Lord, the Possessor of Destiny. Cast away what they possess - a command from Us - and take what We have sent down for thee in this ancient Tablet. We have commanded the servants to that which profiteth them in the hereafter and in this world, yet they have cast behind them that which they were bidden and have taken the dawning-places of idle fancies as lords besides God. They are indeed among those who shall not be mentioned in this glorious and exalted station. Give thou glad tidings to My loved ones on My behalf, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the utterance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH06119 ===

=== START BH06120 ===

O handmaid of Hassan, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the Bestower upon all things. Today all things are engaged in glorifying and praising the Lord of Names, and yet most of the heedless servants remain veiled and deprived. Whosoever today has heard the divine call is reckoned among those endowed with hearing, and whosoever has turned toward the Dawning-Place of God's Cause is recorded in the Most Great Tablet as one endowed with sight. Besides these, all are but worthless and ignorant rabble, and shall remain so. O handmaid of God! Praise the Lord of the seen and unseen, Who aided thee to recognize the Presence of the Intended One. This is among thy Lord's greatest bounties unto thee. How many handmaids remained deprived of the Truth, while thou didst attain His shelter and wert blessed with His days. However, a mighty effort is needed so that the pearl of divine love may remain safe in the heart from the guile of thieves and traitors. God willing, thou shalt take from the hand of thy cousin and drink the Water of Everlasting Life which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and appeared in the form of a Tablet, and thou shalt be gladdened by the remembrance of thy Friend.

=== END BH06120 ===

=== START BH06121 ===

O `Abdu's-Samad, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable Lord. The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this blessed Day and hath been brought from nothingness into being. This is the Day that cannot be compared with a single moment of past ages and centuries.

How excellent is the state of one who hath attained unto its recognition and been illumined by its lights. Today is the day of service and assistance, and assistance hath been and ever shall be to teach His Cause. O `Abdu's-Samad! By My life, if thou attainest unto this most exalted station, thou hast attained unto all good. Strive that perchance thou mayest guide some wandering soul through the fragrance of utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. This is among the most mighty of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. All matters have been and are in the grasp of God's power. With a single word He transformeth remoteness into nearness, separation into union, and the poison of absence into the honey of meeting. He is the Supreme, He is the Almighty. If thou observest with the eye of truth, thou wilt testify that nothing that is witnessed on earth can compare with this Tablet. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06121 ===

=== START BH06122 ===

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

We testify that your eye has attained to that for which it was created, and your ear has heard the call of the Wronged One in this mighty prison, and your heart has turned to a noble station. We beseech God to assist you with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, to aid you in exalting His Word amongst His servants, and to enable you to accomplish that which will endure as long as His names and attributes endure. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who have hearkened to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Abdul-Karim! Upon you be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great. The Most Great Branch presented your letter before the presence. The reply to Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, was sent, and likewise permission to attain the presence was granted to Jinab-i-Musa, upon him be my Glory, from the Dawning-Place of the Divine Will. Verily We have heard the call of the dove and have answered it with that which gladdens hearts and brings solace to eyes. We beseech God to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to make him speak forth at all times with wisdom and utterance in His mighty Cause. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

=== END BH06122 ===

=== START BH06123 ===

In the Name of the one true God!

The True One, exalted be His glory, hath created all mankind for His knowledge, and hath adorned all with the ornament of understanding and wisdom, that none might be deprived of the living waters which are the recognition of the All-Merciful. And through His Messengers He hath mentioned those means that are the cause and source of the exaltation of being and the elevation of souls. Yet some have been hindered by their selfish desires, such that thou dost witness that although, by the belief of all, mankind was created specifically for the knowledge of God, they remain veiled from Him and turn to others. God

protect us and you from the evil of those who have turned away from God and have neglected that which they were commanded in His mighty Book.

Your honor should, placing your trust in God, occupy yourself with that which today is the cause of the elevation of His Cause and the remembrance of His servants. This is a word which God hath commanded all, both before and after. Well is it with them that act!

If thou shouldst meet any of the friends in those regions, convey to them the greetings and praise of this Wronged One. Glory be upon him who remaineth steadfast in the Cause of God and followeth that which God hath sent down from His mighty and impregnable Kingdom.

=== END BH06123 ===

=== START BH06124 ===

O handmaiden of God, Nargis, daughter of ’Attar, upon both of them be the Glory of God! In the name of the Kind Friend, God, exalted be His glory, Who remembers His friends from among His male and female servants in the Most Great Prison - a remembrance that forgetfulness shall not overtake and the changes of the world shall not alter. This remembrance in one station sits and warbles as a nightingale of inner meanings upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and in another station is a flowing stream in a spiritual garden, and in yet another station is a surging ocean from which they who possess pure and attentive ears hear “there is no god but Him.” Blessed is the soul that has today attained to the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. Today the ocean of bounty is manifest and the river of providence is flowing. We beseech God not to deprive any from His sea of mercy, especially those servants and handmaidens who possess a unified countenance. God willing, may you find the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be occupied and intimate with His remembrance. We convey greetings to all the handmaidens and counsel them to the Most Great Steadfastness. Blessed is the leaf that has clung to the Tree and the handmaiden who has attained unto steadfastness in the Cause of her Lord, the Mighty, the Blessed, the Holy, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

=== END BH06124 ===

=== START BH06125 ===

O Mirza ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Mighty, the Great

Praise befitteth and is meet for the [Creator] of the world Who, through His [all-encompassing] grace and penetrating will, brought creation from nothingness into being. He is the Omnipotent One Who bestowed the ornament of existence upon absolute nothingness and guided the ignorant to the horizon of knowledge. Exalted be His greatness and sublime be His power, there is no God but Him.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Give thanks to thy Lord for having enabled the Wronged One to turn toward thee and direct His gaze to thy face. Verily He chooseth whom He willeth and remembereth who remembereth Him and openeth the door before the face of him who [knoweth Him]. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! Be not distressed by the [irrevocable] decrees of God. One of His loved ones hath declared [“Through tribulation cometh loving-kindness”]. Hold fast to His cord and be detached and free from all else. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land […] and mention the kinfolk on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the lights […] of the worlds. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Most Merciful of the merciful. And the Glory be upon thee and upon His loved ones who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06125 ===

=== START BH06126 ===

In the Name of Baha’u’llah! He is the Compassionate, the All-Giving, the Generous!

Praise be to the King of Eternity Who, through the Most Great Name, hath illumined the world with a wondrous light and set it ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. The Day is His Day and the Kingdom of might is under His command - exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His proof and evidence. There is none other God but Him.

O Zaynu’l-’Abidin! When thou hast received My Tablet and found from it the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed with Thee on Sinai, Who hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, and by the Call that hath been raised between earth and heaven from the prison of ’Akka, and by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me that which will exalt me through Thy name amongst Thy creatures. Then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty a blessing from Thee and a favor from Thy presence. Then open before my face the door of Thy might and Thy riches. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, through Thy Name, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

Thy letter hath come before Us. It hath attained an answer, and We have answered thee through this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06126 ===

=== START BH06127 ===

O Haydar-Qabli-’Ali! Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds, for thou hast quaffed from the most pure wine and gazed upon the Most Great Scene. This is a station that hath ever been mighty in the sight of God. Although this earthly realm of dust is incapable of bearing the radiance of the revelation of this station, yet soon shall its effects become manifest throughout all regions, that all may testify that glory belongeth unto God and unto His loved ones. Thy letter was present before the Face, and the eyes of God were fixed upon it. Blessed art thou for having been confirmed in this in these days wherein feet did slip and eyes were startled, save those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, did choose. God willing, thou shalt become intoxicated with the Kawthar of “Am I not?” and shall become free and detached from all else save the remembrance of thy Friend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and set his face toward the paradise of Thy gifts and favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all creation and didst

quicken all beings, to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy generosity and grace. Then make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the opposition of the world shall not prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest.

=== END BH06127 ===

=== START BH06128 ===

He is the One manifest above all things through His Most Glorious Name

Praise be to my Beloved, Who hath caused the lights of His Most Great Name to shine forth from the horizon of the world. Blessed is the state of those souls who have recognized Him through His manifestations and attributes and evidences, and who have arisen with utmost steadfastness to promote His Cause. This is a Day wherein the feet of the divines and mystics and princes have slipped from the straight path and mighty highway, save him whom the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath rescued, the Protector, the Generous. Hearken unto the call of the true Object of all, and act in accordance with that which beseemeth this wondrous Day. All peoples, despite their supplications and expectations and prayers and entreaties, remained veiled from the appearance of Him Who was promised, and clung fast to the manifestations of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to protect thee from those who have denied His proof and turned away from His straight path. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of the world's adoration and the Beloved of all nations, for having made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Thou art He Who hath ever been in the heights of might and power and majesty, and the summit of loftiness and greatness and glory. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06128 ===

=== START BH06129 ===

His honor Mir 'Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

Praise sanctified beyond mention and utterance befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of virtues Who illumined His servants with the lights of the Daystar of the horizons and adorned them with the sanctified and luminous ornament. O 'Abdu'r-Rahim, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of this great Day. His honor Mulla Muhammad-'Ali hath arrived and mention was made of you in the assembly of the oppressed ones. Say: My God, my God! Assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love, and illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy generosity the rain of Thy mercy. O my Lord! Take their hands with the hands of Thy power and might, which have caused all created and contingent things to be seized by Thy command and taken by Thy Name. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all who dwell in earth and heaven, by the Lord of Batha [Muhammad] through whose advent the celestial spheres were honored, to enable the people of Iran to achieve righteousness and piety and purify them, O my God, from transgression and indecency. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. And We

make mention of My loved ones and friends there and counsel them with that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be unto Him for He is the Goal of them that have known Him.

=== END BH06129 ===

=== START BH06130 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance unto the Goal of the worlds Who illumined the world with the lights of true divine unity, raised aloft the standard of guidance, and unfurled the banner of sanctification upon the highest ensigns. He is the Almighty One Whom neither the hosts and ranks nor the oppression and might of the people of the world could prevent from His purpose. He beheld His servants in error, and out of pure mercy and sheer grace sent the Manifestation of His Self for the guidance of creation, that all might find their way to the straight path and become aware of the great announcement. Blessed is the soul that effaced doubts and, with Abrahamic might, shattered the idols of vain imaginings, becoming illumined with the light of certitude that dawned from the horizon of will. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One in this Great Prison. Joy unto him who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. It is hoped that the gems of that land will be seized by the will of God, move those who tarry, and make fresh those who have withered. He is the Powerful, and He is the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Guardian over all names.

=== END BH06130 ===

=== START BH06132 ===

In the Name of the One Peerless God

Haji ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God

Praise be to the Goal of the world Who, through the Most Great Name, enabled the hearts and souls of His loved ones to attain true unity and spiritual love. Exalted be His grace and glorious His proof! O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! Thy call hath been heard and thy name illumined by the light of attainment to His presence. Give praise to the Goal of the world Who confirmed thee and granted thee a portion from the ocean of awareness. His bounty hath encompassed the world and His mercy hath preceded all else. Blessed is the soul that hath detached itself from all else and turned unto Him. Say: O servants! The true money-changers exist through God’s command - they observe and recognize all things. Strive that ye may attain unto the everlasting light and eternal bounty. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge through the hand of Thy bounty, and for having made me aware of the horizon of Thy Manifestation, and adorned me with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for the Dawning-Places of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Glory be upon him who hath loved Me and soared in Mine atmosphere, and upon thee and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

=== END BH06132 ===

=== START BH06133 ===

He is God–exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise be unto Him Who is worthy and deserving, Who hath educated the world through justice and adorned it with the lights of grace. His generosity is not withheld from the manifestations of existence, and His bounty is not impeded by the differences among nations. Glorified be His majesty and universal be His favors. There is none other God but Him.

Thy letter, which was sent in the name of generosity–upon him be the peace of God–was observed. Praise be to God, it was illumined with the lights of the word of unity and perfumed with the fragrance of the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty. Some among the servants have ever spoken that which was unfitting and from which the fragrance of truth was not diffused. The reality of matters is clear and evident. We beseech God that He may aid and assist thee in all conditions. May the utterances of the servants not sully the hem of sanctity.

Follow thou the Wronged One. Verily He saith what the Spirit hath spoken: "If Thou shouldst punish them, they are indeed Thy servants; and if Thou shouldst forgive them, verily Thou art the Mighty, the Great." Some complaints have occurred and continue to occur due to blind imitation. Place thy trust in all things in God, even as thou hast trusted in Him and committed thy affair unto Him. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH06133 ===

=== START BH06134 ===

O Ibn-i-Nasir, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, through which was opened the gate of bounty unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation! Praise and glory, remembrance and splendor befit the Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance, Who through the attraction of the Most Exalted Word brought being out of utter nothingness, and from non-existence made manifest the signs of eternity that all might testify to His appearance and manifestation, His sovereignty and power, and His bounty. Exalted is He Who hath attained to His Day and heard His call. Woe to the heedless! O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One, thou emigrant unto God! Thou hast been remembered, therefore have We mentioned thee in this blessed Tablet that thou mayest be of the thankful. Blessed is the soul who hath today drunk from the Kawthar of utterance of the Lord of Religions - such a one is mentioned before God, exalted be His glory, as among those near unto Him. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having turned toward Thy servant and remembered him through Thy most great verses in the prison of 'Akka. I beseech Thee by the standards of Thy power and the banners of Thy guidance, by the repositories of Thy revelation and the dawning-places of Thy inspiration, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy service, and speaking in Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH06134 ===

=== START BH06135 ===

In the Name of the One God

In most Tablets We have enjoined wisdom upon the loved ones of God. Nevertheless, some have transgressed therefrom and have clung to their own desires, attributing them to the Truth. That honored one must, God willing, exert utmost effort according to his capacity in rendering assistance to God's Cause, which is the teaching of His Cause, so that those who have held back may gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and those who have turned to God may act according to that which He has willed. Two matters are essential today: first, the attention of God's loved ones to the wisdom revealed in the Book, and second, their unity and accord, for from discord great harm ensues. We beseech God to assist you in serving the Cause and to grant you the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. You are he who was mentioned before the Throne aforetime and afterwards, and unto whom was directed the gaze of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thankful to Him in all conditions and hold fast to the assistance of His Cause. Verily that which He ordains for you will endure through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the dominion, and all else will perish. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise thee. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06135 ===

=== START BH06136 ===

Write to his honor Aqa Siyyid Mirza:

Regarding the agreed-upon sum about which was written before - the intention was that your honor should record whatever has reached you, meaning the original capital, and also record whatever amount has been given to people and spent by the command of the Ancient Beauty, such as tea and household expenses - record all of it. The intention is that you should write the details. And regarding this matter, you should not be grieved at all. Concerning what actually occurred with the opium - He said it was not permissible, but "Verily We have forgiven it, and it is from Us." With such a blessed word, it is not permissible for your honor to be grieved. Praise be to God, the fragrances of the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory, have been and will continue to be wafting, and complete attention regarding your honor has been and continues to be observed. Also record whatever special funds were spent and lost in this transaction, so that it may be known how much remains today. God willing, may you be joyous at all times in the remembrance of God and gladdened by the fragrances of His bounty.

=== END BH06136 ===

=== START BH06137 ===

In the name of the Beloved of the world! At all times the living waters flow and stream forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet heedless souls remain veiled and deprived thereof. Strange it is that, although God, exalted and glorified be He, hath bestowed sight and consciousness and taste, sweet and fresh water appeareth to them the same as salt and bitter - nay, the latter is deemed more excellent and preferable. As can be plainly observed, they have forsaken the Most Great Ocean and turned instead to putrid waters that have stagnated for years in the pool of self. Evil is that which they have wrought, and they shall have no portion of this Great Sea. Discrimination hath vanished and justice hath perished. Every sect among the sects hath taken unto itself one of the names and made it lord for itself besides God. Thus have their souls beguiled them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beseech ye God and

supplicate Him in utter humility and lowliness that He may not deprive His servants of their own Day and may enable them to attain unto that which was intended. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06137 ===

=== START BH06138 ===

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! The ocean of generosity is manifest and the sun of divine favor is shining, yet there is no ear to hear the waves of the sea and no eye to behold the rays of the sun, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willeth. The best of souls today is one whom the veils of idle fancies have not prevented from the Truth, and who hath taken with clear certitude and drunk the sealed wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting. Let not the loved ones of God be saddened by the conflicts of the world. Soon shall they behold themselves in the most exalted station. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all to act in accordance with what is recorded in the Book of God. Blessed is thy father who attained unto tribulation in the path of his Lord and drank the cup of martyrdom in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. In the name of the Friend, preserve this exalted station. If thou shouldst hold thyself back from all that thou art forbidden in the Book, God hath forgiven what is past. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. The kindred of his honor the Martyr, upon him be my Baha, have been and continue to be in Our thoughts. He is verily the Protector of the sincere ones.

=== END BH06138 ===

=== START BH06139 ===

His Holiness the Name of Bounty (upon Him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) on 19 Ramadan 1303:

Your beloved handwriting arrived - it was a new bounty bestowed during the days of fasting. Every particle has its suitable and befitting sustenance. The sustenance of the heart is without doubt the manifestation of love and affection of the masters and friends - of this there is no doubt. And the table of this pure, holy, spiritual bounty is correspondence. This adornment is specific to Him - He giveth as He willeth and is not asked of what He doeth. Writing and paper associated with the friends has attained this station; what then must their own station be? The knowledge is with Him. Now that the world is not capable of this manifestation, as it is narrow and base, God willing the days of expansion will come and the hidden things will be revealed and the concealed stations will raise their banners in the realm of knowledge. This is truth, there is no doubt in it. Regarding the matters you wrote about, God willing letters and Tablets will be sent. Concerning the feast they said to seek what - verily God is with the patient ones. God willing it will be arranged. Convey greetings and praise to all. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

=== END BH06139 ===

=== START BH06140 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy! God maketh mention of His handmaiden among His handmaidens, that she may rejoice within herself and be gladdened by the remembrance of

God. Yet He Who loveth the gladness of His servants - by God, the Truth! - is in great sorrow from the arrows that have been loosed against Him by the enemies who were created by His Word, and God is witness to this. O handmaiden of God! Remember thy Lord, then be devoutly obedient and prostrate thyself, that thou mayest be numbered among those handmaidens who are mentioned as devout in the Tablets. Purify thy heart through the love of God, thy Lord, for by it are all worlds purified. Hold fast to the cord of God, then enter beneath the shadow of protection which hath been preserved from all doubt. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Remembrance to illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and to sanctify me from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art, of a truth, powerful over all things. And the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God and sanctified their souls from all that God abhorreth, and this is indeed a mighty favor. Then glorify Him who hath remained steadfast upon this straight path.

=== END BH06140 ===

=== START BH06141 ===

The All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The remembrance of God upon the temple of fire and the form of light from the horizon of manifestation hath verily been witnessed in truth. He hath appeared in such wise that neither the clouds nor the veils of them that disbelieved could prevent Him, when the Youth came in the shadows of the clouds with a sovereignty that encompassed all the worlds. Do they imagine themselves to be the people of guidance? Nay, by thy Lord, the Most Glorious! Soon shall they behold themselves in the abyss of divine wrath and shall find for themselves no helper. We summoned them unto that which profiteth them, yet they pant after Me, and God is well aware of what I say. How many nights did the people slumber while the Name of the Self-Subsisting was bound in chains and fetters through what the hands of the unbelievers had wrought, and they were far removed from the precincts of justice. By My life! Tribulation hath become the companion of Baha in the path of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Thus was the matter decreed in a Tablet that was preserved before the Throne. Blessed is he who hath turned his gaze toward the Most Great Vision and hath been illumined by this Dawn that hath been made visible from the horizon of the Command. Leave the people of allusions in their vain imaginings and take what hath been sent down unto thee of verses whereby the sincere ones shall soar unto a station that hath been praised in the name of God.

=== END BH06141 ===

=== START BH06142 ===

He is the Hearing, the Answering One! This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto the Choice Wine when the Self-Subsisting appeared with manifest sovereignty. This is a Book which calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto the All-Knowing, the One. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the Call, and be not of the heedless ones. Raise up your heads from the couch of heedlessness and desire. By God! The Cry hath been raised, the mountains have passed away, the Balance hath been set up, the Trumpet hath been blown, and all who are in earth and heaven have swooned away, save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed. Beware lest ye deprive

yourselves of that which hath appeared with truth. Cast away vain imaginings and their sources, and idle fancies and their dawning-places, turning unto the lights of certitude. This is the Day whereof ye were promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Tongue spoken, as the Wronged One was seated upon His mighty throne. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and hearest My Call [and attainest unto My Tablet], say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me when I was among the heedless ones. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and holding fast to Thy mighty cord. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH06142 ===

=== START BH06143 ===

O handmaiden of God! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Ancient One makes mention from Our presence to her who has turned to the Countenance and desired to draw near to the Most Great Sea when most men turned away from it, that the breezes of revelation might attract her to a station beyond which all allusions are cut off. O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath been made before the Throne and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee whereby thy name hath been recorded in the Tablets. Give thanks to God for this bounty and make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the veils of those who have turned away from the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of the heavens shall not prevent thee. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God under all conditions. Verily He heard thy call and hath answered thee through this Book which was the beginning of the Books of God in the eternity of eternities. We make mention of every handmaiden who hath turned to God and every servant who hath faced his Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Nothing escapes His knowledge. He heareth and seeth. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned to God, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH06143 ===

=== START BH06144 ===

O Mirza Baqir! The Most Great, the Most Glorious! A mention from Us to people who comprehend, that they may taste the sweetness of remembrance and abandon what was and what will be, and hold fast to the Most Great Remembrance Who hath come from the heaven of eternity. By My life! He is indeed the Promised One. But when He came with the truth, the Jews said “He hath fabricated a lie against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” They denied Him in Whom they had believed, after having called upon Him at eventide and at dawn, at sunset and at morn. Verily, whoso hath turned away from this Revelation hath earned for himself the name of “Jew.” Thus hath the matter been decreed by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Avoid those who have taken their vain imaginings as lords beside God. They are indeed worshippers of idols, though they perceive it not. Remember thy Lord in thy days and find solace in what hath been sent down from His presence. He, verily, purifieth souls and quickeneth hearts. Should anyone oppose thee in thy love for thy Lord, grieve not. Place thy trust in thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: I have turned toward God and forsaken those who follow the Evil One. The hosts of earth shall not frighten

me in my love for Him, nor shall the armies of the oppressors prevent me. Thus have I been commanded by the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

=== END BH06144 ===

=== START BH06145 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a mention from Us to her who has turned to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth, that she may rejoice in God's remembrance of her and be upon a straight path. We have sent down verses to thee before, and now again, as a token of Our grace upon thee. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The grace of thy Lord sufficeth thee, in that He remembereth thee from this remote station. By God! His remembrance hath encompassed the loved ones and His mercy hath preceded all the worlds. When anyone perceiveth the fragrance of God's love, he uttereth His praise. To this beareth witness He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Grieve thou not for thy son. He is in the most exalted companionship, and the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of him at this hour. Upon thee, O servant who speaketh in praise of thy Lord and who hath turned toward the direction of grace, be the glory of God and the glory of those in the Concourse on High and the glory of those in the cities of eternity and the glory of all things at all times. This is a mention that hath been sent down for him amid the surging waves of thy Lord's favors. Blessed is he who visiteth him with this perspicuous mention. Verily, glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is Forgiving, Merciful.

=== END BH06145 ===

=== START BH06146 ===

A tablet of remembrance from Us to her who attained to the dawn of meanings and utterance when the All-Merciful came with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, that the fragrances of the garment might attract her once again from God, the Lord of the first and the last, in such wise that she might remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Grieve not for thy father. He hath ascended unto God and hath quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the favors of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Whereupon the Supreme Pen addresseth him from the presence of the Creator of heaven and the Lord of Names, saying: Upon thee be the glory of God, O thou who hast recognized God and turned unto Him when most of the servants turned away from Him. I testify that thou didst fulfill the Covenant of God and His Testament, and didst attain unto the days when most of mankind were heedless thereof. Blessed is he and blessed is he who visiteth him, by virtue of what hath been revealed in this Tablet. He is of them that followed the Command of their Lord, Who came with power and sovereignty. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord. He is with you under all conditions. Then glorify from My behalf all who are related to him. Thus doth command thee the Lord of all men. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH06146 ===

=== START BH06147 ===

O Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! This is a remembrance from Our presence to one who has turned to My horizon, heard My call, was attracted by My verses, spoke My praise among My servants, and attained to My wondrous remembrance. Blessed is the servant who has attained the presence of My loved ones, and the countenance that has turned to the horizon of My favor, and the ear that has heard My mighty, impregnable call. This is the Day wherein that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of the worlds, has been revealed. This is the Day wherein all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Almighty, the All-Wise." We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Blessed is he who has turned, whom the opposition of the divines did not prevent, and who has held fast to that which the veils of the theologians did not conceal. Say: This is a power that the might of the world cannot weaken, and a Cause that the hosts of earth and heaven cannot withhold. He has come from the horizon of power with the banners of His signs - to this testifies every fair-minded, clear-sighted one. Thus has the Wronged One spoken, while in prison through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. The glory shining from the horizon of My heaven of bounty be upon you and upon those who have turned and said: "We believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the knowing ones!"

=== END BH06147 ===

=== START BH06148 ===

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance

This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds, on a day wherein every learned one turned away, and every mystic denied, and every transgressor pronounced judgment, save whom God, the Most High, the Most Great, did will. The Truth hath appeared and made manifest that whereby the station of humanity is exalted. Every fair-minded and insightful one beareth witness to this, yet they turned away from Us and cast the Book of God behind their backs and rose up against Us with such tyranny as caused the Concourse on High to lament and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to weep in this sublime station. We came for their deliverance, yet they seized Us and imprisoned Us in the land of Ta with such tyranny as causeth the pens of the world to be ashamed to recount it. He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet beareth witness to this. Be thou eloquent in My remembrance and hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to My luminous hem. Soon shall all that thou beholdest today perish, and there shall endure for thee that which hath been ordained from the presence of One mighty and wise. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One in His mighty prison, and He commandeth thee to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH06148 ===

=== START BH06149 ===

In His Name, Who abideth after all things have passed away

This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned towards God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Summoning, that the remembrance of his Lord may so attract him that he will not be saddened by what hath befallen him at the hands of the people of hypocrisy. Consider what We have commanded thee aforetime, that thou mayest be assured that with Him is the knowledge of all things in the Book. He commandeth no one save that which is best for him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Those who have wronged thee - God will surely seize them with His authority from His presence and will aid thee with the truth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Despair not of God's mercy, then act according to what thou wast commanded before. He will grant thee that which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of the loved ones. We have mentioned thee in diverse books as a bounty from Us, that thy remembrance might endure through the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be not heedless of wisdom - keep thy gaze fixed upon it in all conditions. This is what We have commanded thee in the Psalms and Tablets. Verily, he whom this world hath deluded shall soon find himself in abasement and loss. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have been faithful to God's covenant, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH06149 ===

=== START BH06150 ===

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon

A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Remembered One, when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, that the remembrance and utterance might draw him to a station wherein he sees naught save the lights of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Yahya! Hear the Call from the direction of Akka: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The Book has come from the Kingdom of utterance - take hold of it with strength from God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the doubts of the divines hold thee back, or the might of princes frighten thee. Cast aside vain imaginings beneath thy feet, turning to the horizon from which has shone forth the Day-Star of certitude, as a command from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thus hath the ocean manifested its waves and the light its radiance. When thou hast seen and attained, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having sent down unto me the proof and shown me the way. I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy dominion to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, and firm in the service of Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy grace and awaiting the wonders of Thy favor. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06150 ===

=== START BH06151 ===

In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed, and hath turned towards the Heart of the world and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - the Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Verily, Baha doth make mention of thee at a time when His heart hath grieved and the moaning of His innermost being hath been raised up by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The crier hath cried out and the oppressor hath risen in tyranny - to this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness. It informeth you of that which hath befallen the Ancient Beauty from the hosts of the polytheists who outwardly and inwardly circle round about Him - the knowledge whereof is with God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. By God's life! The Book lamenteth and the Most Exalted Pen weepeth and saith: "O people! Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come from the heaven of bounty with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth." When thou hearest the call, turn and say: "Unto Thee be glory, O Lord of all men, for having remembered me in the prison of 'Akka when Thou wert in the hands of those who cast behind their backs Thy Covenant and Testament and denied Thy signs which have encompassed all existence, of those of old and of latter times." Glory be upon thee and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

=== END BH06151 ===

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Mention from Us to him who hath adorned himself with the ornament of the love of the All-Merciful and hath turned unto Him when the servants turned away. Verily he that hath cast away vain imaginings and turned unto the Dawning-Place of certitude is among the dwellers of Paradise in the sight of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O loved ones of God! Be ye united in the Cause, then adorn your temples with the raiment of love and fellowship. Remember ye God in the nights and days in such wise that hearts may rejoice thereby and mountains pass away. He that hath attained unto this Cause is seized with such longing that he soareth in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful with joy and delight. Well is it with thee for having drunk from the cup of inner meanings when every doubting polytheist turned away. Arise to make mention and utterance amongst all possibility, that perchance the slumbering may thereby be awakened and turn unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of proof and for having sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of utterance throughout all possibility. Hold fast unto the Most Great Name and cleave unto the hem of thy Lord, the Master of all names. Say: O my Lord! Aid me to serve Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause and to return unto Thee in all conditions.

=== END BH06152 ===

=== START BH06153 ===

He is exalted above mention and description

A remembrance from Us to one who has drawn near to the Most Great Sea and desired to turn towards the Ancient Horizon from which the Sun of Grandeur has shone forth from God, the Exalted, the Great. Blessed is he who has grasped the Sure Handle and joy be to him who has drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous, the Bountiful. By God! Were anyone to turn with the ear of innate nature […] the Most High, he would surely

hear the Call in remembrance of this Wronged One, Who has been encompassed by sorrows through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. By the life of God! The horizon of trustworthiness has been darkened after We had commanded all to observe it in My wise Book. Were We to detail for you what We have concealed beneath the veils of forbearance, ye would surely cry out among the peoples of creation: “Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is witness to what I say.” We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards the Countenance, and We have sent down for thee this Tablet that it may bear witness for thee in the worlds of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be thou thankful to God for this great bounty, then beseech Him in all conditions to make thee steadfast in His love. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH06153 ===

=== START BH06154 ===

O Khayrullah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Witness. A mention from Us to the one whose letter came before the Wronged One when He was among the heedless ones. O Khayrullah! We have heard your call and have answered you as a mercy from Us, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the Generous. This is the Day wherein every hearer has attained to hearing the Call of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and every seeing one to beholding the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Hope! I testify that Thou hast ever been in the heights of power, might and majesty, and in the summits of strength, grandeur and authority, and wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of the garment of Thy mercy and the sweet savors of Thy days to draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause whereby every edifice hath been shaken and every pillar hath trembled. Then assist me, O my God, to acknowledge that which Thy Tongue hath uttered and to act according to what Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH06154 ===

=== START BH06155 ===

O Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is a mention from Us to him whose letter was present before the Face, that the mention of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station wherein his very atoms testify that the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all in creation. Say: Verily, He calleth the world unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing from within the Most Great Prison. Reflect upon the divine power - though now the Most Great Prison is the seat of the Throne, yet He is seated upon the most exalted station and speaketh with the most exalted utterance. He ordaineth as He pleaseth and in His grasp is the kingdom of all things. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee, and We have mentioned thee with these wondrous and sublime mentions, that perchance through divine grace thou mayest rend asunder the veils that have prevented the people from the Most Exalted Horizon. By the life of God! Should any soul in

this day speak for the sake of God or should any deed appear from him, assuredly the One True Answerer will grant whatsoever he desireth. Glory be upon those who have spoken the truth and aided their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06155 ===

=== START BH06156 ===

O Ustad Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Counselor! A mention from Us for one whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One, that he may give thanks to God Who aided him and guided him to His straight path. We counsel him and those who have believed to act with wisdom and with that which will exalt the station of man among the religions. And I am the All-Knowing Counselor. Let not the doings of men grieve thee. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. He is with His loved ones under all conditions, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He heareth what proceedeth from the mouths of His servants and seeth what they do, and He is the Truth, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its traces, and findest the fragrance of the Divine Raiment, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions! And glory be unto Thee for having confirmed me, O Thou Beloved of the hearts of them that know!" We make mention of thy brother who soared on the wings of longing until he arrived and attained the presence and heard the call of God as He sat upon His mighty throne. We have remembered him after We forgave him, and We have sent down for him that which shall be a shining lamp before his face in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH06156 ===

=== START BH06157 ===

In the Name of Him Who has power over all things! A remembrance from Us unto him who has drunk the choice wine of tribulation from the cup of decree in the path of God, the Lord of all names, that he may rejoice in that which has been sent down unto him from the heaven of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, those whom adversities have overtaken in the path of God - this is of His grace upon them. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. Beware lest the waters of hardship and tribulation extinguish the fire of thy love. Place thy trust in God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon shall they who have wronged be made to drink from the cup from which they made My loved ones drink. Thy Lord, verily, is the Just, the All-Wise. There has befallen Us that which is greater than what hath befallen you, and We make mention of you through Our grace in this mighty Prison. This sufficeth you, by the Lord of all worlds. This enricheth you, by the Possessor of the heavens and earths. This shall endure for you in the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Read ye the verses of the All-Merciful with spirit and joy. They draw you unto a station wherein you will not be saddened by what hath befallen you at the hands of the oppressors. He, verily, praiseth him who showeth patience under His decree and beareth in His path that which His near ones among His chosen ones and His sincere ones among His loved ones have borne. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH06157 ===

=== START BH06158 ===

Mention from Our presence to Muhammad-Sadiq who hath migrated and attained, he who hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of mystical knowledge - to him who hath attained permission and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He traversed land and sea and bore hardships until he entered the Luminous Spot and attained the presence of and arose before the Gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. Verily We caused him to hear Our sweetest call and guided him to Our Most Glorious Horizon and gave him to drink of the Kawthar of immortality which is My mighty, impregnable presence. Blessed art thou, O thou who circlest round the Throne, for that thou didst attain and recognize and receive the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of thy Lord's loving-kindness and didst drink thereof in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Rejoice thou in that the Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee in this mighty, luminous Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to know and taught me and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to aid me to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled. Verily Thou doest what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The glory rest upon thy father and thy mother and upon thee and upon thy brothers who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Raiment and believed in the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06158 ===

=== START BH06159 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A mention from Our presence unto Haji Muhammad-Rida, who hath attained unto My days, heard My call, and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur did testify: that there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books, and announced unto the world this Most Great Revelation. The Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, bear witness unto this. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful, free yourselves from the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Come ye, that I may show you the lights of God from this luminous horizon. That which lay concealed in the treasuries of knowledge hath been made manifest, and He Who was promised throughout the ages and centuries hath come. Every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge beareth witness unto this. O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by One mighty, powerful and ancient. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained unto the Word of God, and woe betide the most lost ones who cling to what they have, turning away from that which is with God, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou didst turn and hearken and respond to Him from Whom the divines of the earth have turned aside, save those who drank the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Almighty.

=== END BH06159 ===

=== START BH06160 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who hath spoken the truth and turned towards the Supreme Horizon when most of mankind turned away from it. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, Who speaketh in this noble station. Thy mention was made before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee this perspicuous Book which speaketh amongst mankind and giveth glad tidings to the nations of the Greatest Name. Verily, He is the Speaker on Sinai and the Manifestation of Revelation, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: O my God, my Lord, my Beloved, my Goal and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the trumpet was sounded and the dwellers of the graves arose, and through which the limbs of the mighty trembled, and through which the earth quaked and the mountains were crushed, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, for Thy Most Exalted Pen hath testified to its greatness in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. O Lord! Withhold not from me that which Thou hast ordained through Thy grace, and ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and drunk the choice wine of reunion with Thee. Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and decreeth what He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH06160 ===

=== START BH06161 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us unto him who emigrated unto God and drew nigh unto the Most Great Sea when he was in prison at the hands of the idolaters. When he reached the shore of the sea, We commanded him to return with Our servant, the Exalted One, and We prevented him from arriving because of that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. O servant! Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the command of God and for having attained unto that which thou wast bidden by One Who is mighty and wise. We have ordained for thee the recompense of that which thou didst perform in His path. He is verily the Protector of the doers of good. We have accepted thy migration and thy turning unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice thou in these glad-tidings which have shone forth and dawned from the finger of thy Lord's will, the Ancient of Days. Be thou not grieved at thy return, for it is the very essence of return, in that thou didst follow therein the decree of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who see not their own pleasure but rather the good-pleasure of God and that which He hath desired in a mighty tablet. Thus have We made mention of thee as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Mighty, the Bountiful. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon them who have believed in God when He came with the truth with a mighty sovereignty.

=== END BH06161 ===

=== START BH06162 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Garment and hath turned unto the Countenance when the horizon of the world was illumined by this Most Great Light, and I am the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. O concourse of the earth! The Day of Hearkening hath come, for the Lord of Names calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto that which they were promised

by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: The Promised One is He Who speaketh at this moment in this perspicuous Tablet, and this is the Day of vision and of meeting, for the Most Great Scene hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Destiny, through Whom the verses were sent down and the evidences appeared and whatsoever was hidden in My all-encompassing knowledge. We summoned the servants unto the Lord of Creation but they turned away in such wise as caused the dwellers of earth and every discerning person to lament. Blessed art thou and those whom the intimations of men have not held back from the Truth - they arose and uttered that which the All-Merciful revealed in His mighty Book. Thus hath the Dove of Eternity warbled that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. The glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained unto the days of God and held fast unto His firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06162 ===

=== START BH06163 ===

He is the One speaking from the Throne of Utterance

A remembrance from the Stranger unto him who seeketh the supreme homeland, the station wherein all things proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords!” - that the call may draw him nigh unto the most exalted Summit and the ultimate Goal, and acquaint him with that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. All that the people possess cannot equal a single word from thy Lord’s words - to this doth the Mother Book with Him bear witness. Say: By God! This is the Day wherein the Path speaketh, the Book proclaimeth, the mountains pass away, and the Balance uttereth its voice. The Desired One hath come with power and sovereignty. Say: O people of the Bayan! Judge fairly concerning this Announcement which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, foretold, and unto whose mention the Point of the Bayan bowed down. Thus hath the Treasury revealed its pearls and the heaven its suns. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every denying infidel. We beseech God to aid thee in serving the Cause, to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath judged fairly in this Cause, whereby necks have bowed down and feet have stumbled.

=== END BH06163 ===

=== START BH06164 ===

I am He Who speaketh from Mine all-highest horizon. A remembrance from the One Who remembereth unto him who hath turned to the Manifestation when the Call was raised from the Mount that there is none other God but Me, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, that the remembrance and praise may draw him unto the most exalted Summit and aid him to serve this Mighty Announcement whereof God’s Messengers have aforetime given tidings and to which His perspicuous Book hath borne witness. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the desires of them who have broken God’s covenant and His testament and have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. Be ye not perturbed by the might of them who have denied God’s Cause and His proof and have perpetrated that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. When the breezes of revelation take hold of thee, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the pearls of the sea of Thy knowledge to aid all who are on earth to turn unto Thy horizon and to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He Who, O my God, through Thy grace hath testified unto all created things, and through Thy bounty unto all beings. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me and Thy servants from that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones who have cast the world behind them, turning unto the horizon of Thy manifestation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06164 ===

=== START BH06165 ===

In His Name Who shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom! A remembrance from the Prisoner unto him who hath turned towards the Countenance, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto a station wherein the Tree uttereth: There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy remembrance was mentioned, wherefore have We remembered thee in this Book which beareth witness unto God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Help in Peril. The tongue hath confessed its Lord, the All-Merciful, yet most of the people remain silent. All things are engaged in glorifying and sanctifying the Purpose of the world, yet most of the servants remain veiled and deprived from beholding the lights. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Name, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. Blessed is the strong one who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of his Lord, the Possessor of Names, and hath turned towards the horizon of certitude. All who are on earth have claimed knowledge and love, both in the past and present, but when the divine touchstone and balance appeared, the station of all was made clear, manifest and evident. God willing, thou shalt partake of the sealed wine and receive thy portion from the ocean of knowledge. This is a Day the mention of which hath been recorded in former Books, and the outpouring of grace descendeth like torrential rain. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06165 ===

=== START BH06166 ===

O Mirza Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. A mention from the Wronged One Who is imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. He calls out with the most exalted call from the Supreme Horizon and summons all to the One, the All-Informed. O thou who hast turned towards God! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous. Behold and then remember what befell the Messenger of God, and before Him the Spirit, and the Prophets and Messengers - among the people were those who turned away from them, those who opposed them, and those who pronounced judgment against them without any proof or clear Book. Verily, he who chooseth the crooked path cannot make My straight path crooked. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We counsel thee to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all creation. By My life! The

kingdom shall pass away, but power and might shall endure with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

=== END BH06166 ===

=== START BH06167 ===

O Abdulghaffar!

In His Name, the All-Knowing

This remembrance is from the Wronged One to him who hath recognized God and His verses which have filled the horizons. Rejoice in that We have turned toward thee from this Spot and revealed unto thee that which hath caused the fragrance of the Spirit to waft throughout all contingent being. We have heard the call of those who have turned toward God and have answered them with that which causeth eyes to be consoled. Act ye according to that which We have truthfully revealed and lean not toward every doubtful polytheist. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with the robe of steadfastness and taken that which was commanded in the Book. Convey My greetings unto him who hath turned toward God and give glad-tidings to those who have believed in that place, and say: "Joy be unto you for having found the fragrance of the Beloved and turned toward the most exalted Station!" By the life of God, ye were created for this Day. Strive ye that there may appear from you that whereby your mention shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all existence. Say: O My loved ones! Be ye dawning-places of faithfulness amidst the concourse of creation and daysprings of trustworthiness among the servants. Those who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs are assuredly the people of the fire in the Scriptures and Tablets. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have taken the cup of recognition in the name of God, the Lord of all religions.

=== END BH06167 ===

=== START BH06168 ===

O Ali-Akbar, son of Ahmad, upon both of you be the Glory of God!

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Your mention was made before the Wronged One, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed in reply, that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, thou mayest attain unto supreme steadfastness, in such wise that the calumnies of the calumniators and the falsehoods of the antagonists may not withhold thee from the divine path nor keep thee back from the waters of heavenly knowledge. The enemies of the Faith have been and still remain in ambush, and like unto the Shi'ih divines have arisen to lead the people astray. They have appeared with such guile and craftiness as hath never before been seen or heard. In these days some of the falsifiers have turned towards those regions and continue to do so. Beseech thou God to protect and assist you to that which beseemeth His Day. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and make mention of them from the Wronged One, that they

may perchance attain unto new life through the waters of the All-Merciful's utterance and remain steadfast in the Cause of God.

=== END BH06168 ===

=== START BH06169 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. My remembrance is of My handmaiden who was attracted by My verses, who turned to My horizon, who soared in My atmosphere, who drank the choice wine of My love and the Salsabil of My tender mercy and the Kawthar of My grace that prevails over all who see and are seen. O My handmaiden! By the life of God, I am in manifest grief. My grief is not for what has befallen My body and frame and soul and spirit, but rather for what has befallen the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. If I were to detail for you, O My servants and handmaidens, what I have heard and seen in the path of God, the wailing of weeping would rise up from all things between earth and heaven, and the people of Paradise and the Concourse on High would lament. To this bears witness the Lord of Names in a preserved tablet. When I reached this point, the Most Exalted Pen cried out saying: "O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name to permit Me to make mention and utterance, that I may describe what Thou art in the kingdom of creation." We said: "Be patient even as thy Lord was patient. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Generous." Thus was the matter decreed from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH06169 ===

=== START BH06170 ===

O Nabil-i-Qabil, upon him be the Glory of God, Village Chief! In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! A remembrance unto Abdullah, that he may find joy within himself and remember God at dawn and sunset, and stand firm in such wise that the whisperings of the people of hypocrisy shall not cause him to slip. Arise in the love of God and His Cause, and turn not unto them that have violated the Covenant. Say: O people, be not grieved in adversity, nor be ye troubled in tribulation. By God! The spirit must be sacrificed for God, the Lord of the first and the last, in these days wherein the Sun of the horizons hath dawned from the dayspring of the Command. Say: In His hand is the dominion; He preserveth whom He willeth through His sovereignty. Verily, He is the Protector of them that have believed on the Day of Meeting. As for them that have disbelieved, God will soon chastise them with a punishment from His presence, and they shall find none besides Him to protect them. Say: Are ye content with this earthly life, and have ye forgotten Him in Whose possession is the decree of beginning and return? Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth and revealed unto thee the verses with power and sovereignty. Be thou assured in thyself that God is with them that have fulfilled what they covenanted and have not transgressed what was ordained in the Book. And the Spirit be upon thee from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

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=== START BH06171 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy. We have remembered one of the servants that he might be drawn to God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. By My life! Whoso heareth My remembrance with the ear of his native nature shall soar, out of longing, into the atmosphere wherein waft the breezes of sanctity and the fragrances of the Divine Robe. He is, verily, of the people of Baha, whose name hath been inscribed in a Tablet from which the eyes are barred. Blessed is he who hath turned unto God, and woe betide every doubting denier. Cast away your imaginings; the Lord of all beings hath come with a wondrous Cause. When He entered into prison, He summoned all unto God, the Opener of Gates. Among the people are those who have entered the Kingdom, and others whom veils have barred. Say: Shatter the idols by the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Beware lest allusions hold you back; cast them behind you and hold fast unto this Cord whereby the worlds have been moved. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and there hath been sent down for thee that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Turn not unto the world and its people, for it shall perish, and thou shalt behold the kingdom and dominion to be God's, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus hath been sent down what thy Lord, the Lord of Names, did purpose, from the Most Exalted Pen. He is, verily, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH06171 ===

=== START BH06172 ===

O Mulla 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks with grace! The choice wine of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds hath seized pure and holy souls and illumined and sanctified hearts, to such extent that all have aimed for the Most Exalted Station and the Most Glorious Horizon, that they might attain to that for which they were brought from nothingness into being. O people of God! The glance of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, hath been and is directed towards you. None of those who have turned to Him and are assured have been deprived. Today the lights of the Most Great Luminary have encompassed the world. Blessed are those whom neither the opposition of the opposers nor the cawing of the ravens have prevented from the Light that shineth from the manifest Horizon. O 'Ali! Thou didst intend to circumambulate the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. In these days the deniers and oppressors lie in wait at the outposts and are aflame with the fire of tyranny and hatred. Therefore the requirements of divine wisdom decree a delay. However, the ocean of generosity is surging and the sun of bounty is shining and manifest. We beseech from the heaven of grace and giving that He inscribe for thee, from His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH06172 ===

=== START BH06173 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable God! The True Cupbearer bestows the eternal Kawthar. I swear by the waves of the ocean of utterance that all the outer and inner seas cannot equal a single drop thereof. How blessed is the one who has attained thereunto on this divine Day. All the kings and queens of the world, in centuries past and present, sacrificed their lives yearning for one blessed word to appear from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of the King of Oneness, yet did not attain it. But thou, through His all-

encompassing grace and His pre-existent mercy, hast attained unto “O My leaf” and “O My handmaiden.” Give thanks for this mighty favor and remember this lonely exile. Know thou the value of this supreme station and most exalted rank, and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of the Goal of all worlds. Were the effect of this bounty and its fruit to appear outwardly, thou wouldst observe the people of the world bewildered, nay thunderstruck. His is the generosity and the bestowal, His are the blessings and the gifts. He ordaineth through His Most Exalted Pen whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. Verily He is the Ordainer, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Glorified be He Who hath manifested His Cause as He pleased and created all things through a word from Him. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing. Say: He hath come for the reformation of the world, but the peoples have turned away from Him save those whom God, the Lord of the Return, hath willed. Behold the divines of the earth: they were awaiting My days, but when I came unto them from the kingdom of My knowledge and the heaven of My utterance, they turned away from Me and pronounced against Me with such injustice as hath not been witnessed in creation. They mounted the pulpits and took pride in My mention before the great ones, but when I manifested My Self they turned away therefrom and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men. They cast the counsel of God behind their backs and clung to their own vain imaginings. Muhammad the Apostle of God and the denizens of the most exalted Paradise have lamented their deeds, yet the people remain wrapped in veils and barriers. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur when He was imprisoned in this land which hath been named with the most excellent names in the Scriptures and Tablets. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness from the garment of My utterance, turn thy face toward Him Who hath been wronged and say: Upon thee be glory, O Thou Who hast been deprived of that which was created for Thee by God, the Lord of all creation.

=== END BH06174 ===

=== START BH06175 ===

In the name of Him at Whose command the Trump was sounded! Glorified is He Who hath revealed whatsoever He desired through His sovereign power, and hath spoken as He wished with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, and hath summoned the people to the Kawthar of His utterance and the choice wine of His knowledge and the pure flowing waters of His Revelation. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great. He hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise as to astound every perceiving sage. His Most Exalted Pen hath never ceased its motion; it moveth every morn and eve, counseling the servants concerning that which will profit them in the hereafter and in this world, yet most of the people are among the heedless. Verily, he who hath found the sweetness of God’s utterance hath turned unto Him and said: “I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself for the salvation of the world and hast spoken that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath recognized Thee and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and woe unto every denier who hath denied Thy right and disputed Thy signs and

objected to all that hath appeared from Thee. I testify that he is in manifest error." We, verily, praise God in all conditions and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know Thee and the Beloved of the sincere ones."

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In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Glorified be He Who hath revealed Himself and sent down the Book, yet most people remain heedless. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every rebellious satan. They have abandoned the cup of God and drunk of putrid water. Say: O people! Do ye not hear what hath been raised from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, and do ye not see what hath shone forth from the Supreme Horizon? Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. This is the breath of God wafting from the daybreak of Revelation - arise and be not of them that slumber. Lift up your heads and gaze toward the Dayspring of God's Revelation, that the lights of His countenance may draw you to a place whereof every atom proclaimeth: "The All-Merciful hath come and manifested Himself upon His mighty and impregnable throne!"

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Most Great Ocean and responded to thy Ancient Lord, against Whom the idolaters rose up and concerning Whom the divines unjustly pronounced their verdict - whereat the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise lamented, yet most of the people remain heedless. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon whosoever hath taken the cup of recognition, despite the idolaters, and drunk therefrom in My Name, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

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O Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, from Him Who is at the Most Sublime Horizon! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and dispatched them to His servants who have quaffed the sealed wine in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, despite those daysprings of knowledge and dawning-places of learning who arose in opposition when God came with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, spoken My praise, drunk the choice wine of My love, and arisen to promote My mighty Cause. We make mention of the servants in this palace which was built for the establishment of the Throne at a time when its builder was heedless. Thus hath the decree flowed from God's judgment, the Lord of all worlds. We give glad-tidings to Our loved ones in the Land of Ta who were not held back by the veils of sorrows from the Lord of Return. These are servants who have won the call of God on a Day wherein the Bridge was set up and the Balance proclaimed: "I am, verily, the All-Knowing Distinguisher." Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart to the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and hath testified to that which the Most Exalted Pen hath testified. He is among the most exalted of creatures in this clear Tablet. Arise to serve thy Lord through remembrance and utterance, and adorn thyself with

virtues through which the station of man becometh manifest in the contingent world. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Elucidator of every wise command.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and hath mentioned through them whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the mention of the Most Exalted Pen on this Day wherein the Lord of Names doth speak, and woe unto him who hath been deprived of this wondrous bounty. Say: This is a bounty that shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm of might endure. To this do the birds of the Divine Throne bear witness, yet most of the people are heedless. The river of mercy hath flowed amidst creation, yet most of mankind are turned away. They drink of putrid water while imagining it to be Kawthar and Salsabil. Woe unto them for having cast the truth behind their backs and followed every ignorant remote one. We have found the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto God. We have sent down for thee that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that profess His unity. When thou didst perceive My fragrance from My verses and didst attain unto My Tablet and My traces, say: Thine be the eternity, O Lord of creation! Praise be unto Thee for having made me know Thy beauty and caused me to speak forth Thy praise. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself. Ordain for me a station with Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

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=== START BH06180 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book in truth. He, verily, is the Ancient Sender-down. He hath sent down the Tablet upon the truth that there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Say: When the sun hath risen, the lamp profiteth you not, even were it a true lamp. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. We commanded the Names in their Book to follow the Truth when it appeared. Yet when the veil was rent asunder they denied God, save those who beheld the Manifestation with their own eyes. Thus did God command His servants in His Mighty Book. Woe unto that name who recognized not his Lord after We had counseled him thereof in every Book, nay in every page and line and column. Thus hath the matter been decreed by My Most Exalted Pen in a perspicuous Tablet. Say: O people! Fear ye God, then be fair in My Cause and follow not every ignorant doubter. If ye deny this Cause, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Answer truthfully if ye be of the fair-minded. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and shown fairness in what it hath witnessed and acted according to what was commanded from the presence of the Strong, the Ancient. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and be of the thankful ones.

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=== START BH06181 ===

He Who is entitled Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and created through them whatsoever He hath willed. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Choosing. All things have submitted to His sovereignty, and through it the mountain of idle fancies hath crumbled. Those who have hesitated are they whom the dust of vain imaginings hath overtaken, whereby they were prevented from the Dayspring of inspiration. This is the Day wherein the eye of doubt hath been blinded and the vision of certitude hath been gladdened by this Sun which hath shone forth from the horizon of assurance. Are they who have disbelieved possessed of insight? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! The denizens of the highest paradise and they who soar in this atmosphere wherein wafteth the sweet-scented breezes of revelation with joy and fragrance are amazed at them. Is this Light a veil? Nay, by My Self, rather it is your own eyes that are veiled, O people of the Book! He hath appeared in such wise as hath never appeared its like in all creation, as witnesseth he who hath opened his eyes through the light of recognition. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou hast rent asunder the veils and believed in Him through Whom eyes are gladdened and spirits have taken flight. Verily, the Glory from before the Glory be upon him who hath turned unto the Qiblih of existence after all the malicious and the doubtful turned away from it.

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=== START BH06182 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and hath ordained therein the measures of all things. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Choosing. He hath manifested the Manifestation of His Self with the name of 'Ali, to give glad tidings unto all men of the Revelation of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Compelling. But when the clouds parted and the Promised One came with sovereignty and power, then those who had believed denied Him, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were dismayed, save those whom God preserved through His grace and purified from the imaginings of the wicked. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and believed in Him in days wherein the Sun hath dawned from the horizon of the Cause, and by its light were illumined the denizens of the highest Paradise and then Our honored servants. Make mention of thy Lord amongst His servants, then aid this Wronged One Who hath been afflicted at the hands of the wicked. Say: O people of the Bayan, die in your wrath! By God, the True One, the King, sovereignty on that Day belongeth unto God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Subduer. Convey Our greetings unto the faces of those who are with thee, that they may remember their Lord at eventide and at dawn. And the splendor of God be upon thee and upon those who have ascended unto God and have attained unto the lights of faith at this Daybreak which hath shone forth from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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=== START BH06183 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified is He Who mentions whomsoever He willeth as a grace from His presence. Verily He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee before and will mention thee hereafter, and We mention thee at this time in this Clear Tablet. Thou art he who hath shown patience in the Decree of God and His Command, and turned unto the Countenance when most of mankind turned away from it. To this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one. The people have turned away from God and His proof, and have disputed His verses until they hamstrung the She-Camel of God with grievous wrong. By God! They have committed that which Abu-Jahl did not commit against Muhammad the Messenger of God. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee. They have cast aside My laws after I came to them from the Dayspring of the Command with an authority that the clamor of the infidels could not withstand. Thou didst arise to promote the Cause and didst call all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Among the people were those who were attracted by the Call of God, and among them were those who denied Him, following every rebellious devil. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days and for having moved My Pen to make mention of thee. Rejoice thou and say: “Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art wronged, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Who art the Beloved of them that know!”

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=== START BH06184 ===

In His Name Who has dawned from the horizon of Manifestation! Glory be to God! He sent forth Adam and bestowed upon him a Book, and likewise unto Seth and Enoch and Abraham - upon them be the blessings and mercy of God - and unto all the other Prophets He granted whatsoever He willed. And unto the Messengers of firm resolve He sent down Books - the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel and the Qur’an. And this Most Great Revelation, which is mentioned and promised in all the divine Books, hath brought that which equalleth all previous Books. Its verses have encompassed the world and its evidences have left no room for denial. Nevertheless, some among the people of the Bayan who are builders of the houses of vain imaginings and idle fancies have turned away. By God’s life! They are the most abject of all the world’s peoples. They cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to idle fancies. God protect us and you from the evil of such as these. Take hold of the Book of God with the hand of might and arise to serve His Cause. This is the counsel of the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may confirm you and grant you success, that you may turn away your eyes from the world and fix them solely upon the Most Exalted Horizon.

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=== START BH06186 ===

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth! Glorified be He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak forth through this Name, at Whose appearance the limbs of the learned were made to quake, the idols were struck down, and every accursed satan lamented. Through it the decree of the Most Great Talisman was rendered null, the Evil One wailed, and the Faithful Spirit proclaimed: “O peoples of the earth! We ask of you no recompense in this Cause. We summon you, for the sake of God, unto a noble station. Hearken unto the call from the Prison, from the Ultimate Tree, that verily there is none other God

but I, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Hold fast to God's grace and bounty, and follow not every ignorant remote one. This is the Day wherein the horizons have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast aside the God of Names and followed what they were bidden by every sinful doubter. Grieve thou not at anything. Place thy trust in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Be thou thankful unto Him in the nights and days for having remembered thee while in His mighty prison. Thus have We illumined thee with the lights of utterance and adorned thee with the ornament of My wondrous remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants."

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O Ali-Akbar, who hath attained the presence and won the victory - He beholdeth him from His most exalted horizon. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of the world, Creator of the nations, and Quickener of moldering bones! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the gate of bounty was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven and the river of mercy flowed in the realm of creation, to strengthen me in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, that neither the veils of glory may prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the veils of them that are gone astray hinder me from turning toward the light of Thy countenance. Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all created things, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee, such that I left my homeland out of longing to attain Thy presence, until I stood before Thy face in Thy prison and heard Thy sweetest call from Thy most exalted horizon. Were it not for Thy grace, who would strengthen me to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book? O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast to Thy grace - ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! I implore Thee by Thy Name that hath caused to surge within every drop the oceans of Thy loving-kindness and mercy, and to shine within every atom the luminaries of Thy bountiful blessings and favors, – I implore Thee to adorn every soul with the ornament of Thy love, that none may remain on Thine earth who hath not turned towards Thee, or hath failed to detach himself from all except Thy Self.

Thou hast, verily, O my God, suffered Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self to be afflicted with all manner of adversity in order that Thy servants may ascend unto the pinnacle of Thy gracious favor, and attain unto that which Thou hast, through Thy providence and tender mercies, ordained for them in the Tablets of Thine irrevocable decree. The glory of Thy might beareth me witness! Were they, every moment of their lives, to offer up themselves as a sacrifice in Thy path, they would still have done but little in comparison with the manifold bestowals vouchsafed unto them by Thee.

Grant, therefore, I beseech Thee, that their hearts may be inclined towards Thee, and that their faces may be turned in the direction of Thy good-pleasure. Powerful art Thou to do what Thou willest. No God is there but Thee, the Inaccessible, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Forgiving.

Deign, then, to accept, O my God, from Thy servant the things which he hath shown forth in his love for Thee. Fortify him, then, that he may cling to Thy most exalted Word, and to unloose his tongue to celebrate Thy praise, and cause him to be gathered unto such of Thy people as are nigh unto Thee. Thou art He within Whose grasp is the empire of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the Unconstrained.

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=== START BH06189 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory! The greatness and majesty belong to Him!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify to that whereunto all things have testified - that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been mighty to do what Thou willest. Neither the ranks of armies, nor the hosts of nations, nor the clamor of divines, nor the power of rulers can prevent Thee. Blinded be the eye that seeth not Thy power and might, speechless be the tongue that uttereth not Thy praise and glorification, and darkened be the face that turneth not toward the dawning-lights of Thy Manifestation. Thou hast ever been supreme over all names, and wilt continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy light through which the valley flowed and earth and heaven were illumined, to preserve this handmaiden of Thine from vain imaginings and idle fancies. O Lord! Cause her to turn unto Thee and to gaze toward Thy horizon. Ordain for her that which will assist her to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, then grant her what Thou hast ordained for Thy leaves who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs in days when all on earth turned away from Thee save those whom the hand of Thy power did rescue. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH06190 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. Nothing escapes Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the revelations of the luminary of Thy generosity upon existence, and by Him through Whom the valley flowed and the gate of heaven was opened, and by His family and companions through whom Thy signs were spread throughout Thy lands and Thy sovereignty encompassed Thy servants, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book.

O Lord! Thou seest the poor one knocking at the door of Thy generosity, and the destitute one seeking the ocean of Thy grace and mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O my God! Send down Thy blessings upon the Hands of Thy Cause, whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not deterred from turning toward the heaven of Thy providence. O Lord! Send down upon my face, from the clouds of Thy generosity, the rains of Thy mercy and Thy riches. Verily, Thou art the Most Generous, the Ever-Flowing, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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=== START BH06191 ===

He is the All-Sufficing, the Protecting, the All-Wise!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! The atoms bear witness to Thy grandeur and sovereignty, and all created things to Thy might and power. Thou hast manifested the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret to demonstrate Thy dominion and exalt Thy Word. Thou didst command him to arise to promote Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures and Thy realm. When he heard, he arose to the most exalted station and summoned all peoples to the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. Thereupon the sincere ones were seized by the rapture of Thy verses in such wise that they detached themselves from their wealth and their lives in Thy love and in the path of Thy good-pleasure, and circled round Thy will even as a shadow circles round the sun. Then the people of hypocrisy throughout all regions arose to extinguish Thy fire and quench Thy light, until they seized Thy loved ones in most lands and imprisoned them for their acknowledgment of Thy unity and oneness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world, to ordain for those who have been afflicted with trials in Thy path the good of this world and the next, to exalt their mention among all creatures, and to seize their enemies with utter abasement and retribution. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having revealed unto Thy chosen ones that which was hidden from Thy servants and Thy creatures, and for having made known to them those who warred against Thy Self, disputed Thy proof, contended against Thy sovereignty, denied Thy signs, joined partners with Thy Being, and rejected Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all things and establish it as a sovereign over all who are in earth and heaven, to rend asunder the veils from the faces of all created things, that they may recognize those who denied Thee even as Thy servants have recognized them - those who have drunk the wine of assurance from the hands of Thy grace and bounty and have turned wholly toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Make

them known as Thou hast made them known, then cause them to witness what Thou hast caused others to witness, that they may testify to that whereunto We have testified in the Tablets, and to that which was attested by honored servants who left their homes, having turned toward the court of Thy bounty, O Thou the Chosen One! Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O Lord! Behold Thy chosen ones with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, then deliver them, O my God, through Thy power and might, and gather them together in Thy dwelling-place that they may behold Thy beauty and hearken unto Thy call. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Generous.

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=== START BH06193 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I bear witness in this my station to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which was acknowledged by the Manifestations of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Recipients of Thy knowledge, and the Repositories of Thy wisdom - that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been one in Thy Essence and one in Thy attributes, and wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial.

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace and generosity. I beseech Thee by the hidden gifts of Thy bounty and the manifest tokens of Thy grace, that Thou disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and hearkened unto Thy most sweet call.

O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and all-embracing knowledge all contingent beings have borne witness. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy will. O my Lord! Make me in all circumstances steadfast in Thy Cause, whereby the hearts of Thy creatures were troubled and the limbs of Thy servants trembled. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous, the Merciful.

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In the name of God, the Healing, the Forgiving, the Merciful! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one of Thy maidservants who desireth from this Thy servant that which Thou wouldst make a healing for her through Thy grace, and health from Thy presence, and well-being from Thy side. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have not followed my will, but rather Thy will, nor my desire, but rather Thy desire, and I love naught except what Thou lovest. If Thou willest, O my God, ordain for her that which will preserve her from every ailment and sickness and calamity. Then I beseech Thee by Thy Beloved One, through Whose advent the celestial spheres were honored, to send down upon her from the heaven of Thy healing that

which will gladden the hearts of Thy servants and Thy handmaidens. Thine is the command and the bestowal in all conditions, and for Thy servant is submission and contentment. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. How can I ask Thee, O my God, concerning anything, after [my confession and certitude that Thou art] praised in Thy deed and obeyed in Thy command? All that appeareth from Thee [is my desire and] [my aim and my hope and my wish and my purpose and my aspiration. Verily] Thou knowest what is in my heart, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one imprisoned for Thy name and afflicted in Thy path. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the worlds and Goal of them that know Thee! He was imprisoned only because he turned toward the sanctuary of Thy grace and bounty and faced the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy proof. O Lord! Thou seest how he hath been tried in Thy path. Deprive him not of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones and for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy loved ones. Aid him in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, and to speak forth among Thy servants, detached from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and supreme over whatsoever Thou desirest. O Lord! Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy sovereignty, that he may rejoice in Thy remembrance of him in the kingdom of Thy creation. Then ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for them that soared in Thine atmosphere until they were martyred in Thy path. Thou art He in Whose grasp are held captive all things. Thou ordainest for whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou desirest, and decreest for whomsoever Thou pleasest that which is better for him than all that is in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

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Glorified art Thou, O my Lord! Thou beholdest my tribulations and all that hath befallen me at the hands of such of Thy servants as keep company with me, who have disbelieved in Thy most resplendent signs, and turned back from Thy most effulgent Beauty. I swear by Thy glory! Such are the troubles that vex me, that no pen in the entire creation can either reckon or describe them.

I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the King of names and the Creator of earth and heaven, so to assist me by Thy strengthening grace that nothing whatsoever will have the power to hinder me from remembering Thee, or celebrating Thy praise, or to keep me back from observing what Thou hast prescribed unto me in Thy Tablets, that I may so arise to serve Thee that with bared head I will hasten forth from my habitation, cry out in Thy name amidst Thy creatures, and proclaim Thy virtues among Thy servants. Having accomplished what Thou hadst decreed, and delivered the thing Thou hadst written down, the wicked

doers among Thy people would, then, compass me about and would do with me in Thy path as would please them.

In the love I bear to Thee, O my Lord, my heart longeth for Thee with a longing such as no heart hath known. Here am I with my body between Thy hands, and my spirit before Thy face. Do with them as it may please Thee, for the exaltation of Thy word, and the revelation of what hath been enshrined within the treasuries of Thy knowledge.

Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and able to ordain what Thou pleasest.

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=== START BH06197 ===

He is the All-Giving, the Sufficient, the Mighty, the Great

Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of the world and Ruler of the nations! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. From time immemorial Thou hast been sanctified above all similitudes and likenesses, and wilt continue to be even as Thou wert in the beginning of all beginnings. Nothing escapeth Thy knowledge, nor can the might of princes or the power of the strong defeat Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of the sincere ones soared into the atmosphere of Thy knowledge and the faces of them that are nigh unto Thee were turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. I know not what lieth with Thee or what shall benefit me, but with Thee is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. O my Lord! I thank Thee and praise Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Cause, the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy manifestation, and for having awakened me through the breezes of the dawn of Thy days after I had been sleeping upon the couch of heedlessness and forgetfulness. O my Lord! Aid me to preserve that which Thou hast given me and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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He is the One Manifest from all directions!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! Thou beholdest me seated beneath the pavilion of Thy grace and standing through Thy sovereignty in Thy Cause. I testify that this is a standing which Thou hast made sanctified above sitting and stillness, and above standing and repose, and through Thy pervading power Thou hast made it elevated above all that can be designated by the name of anything. Therefore I beseech Thee, O Desire of the world, by this standing and sitting, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that the hosts of Thine enemies and the might of those who have denied Thy signs shall not frighten me. O my Lord! I am he who has hastened from the west of passion to the east of Thy grace, and from the darkness of ignorance to the light of Thy knowledge. Doth it befit Thy sovereignty that Thou shouldst turn me away from Thy door after my

certitude in the ocean of Thy bounty? And doth it beseem Thy might and power that Thou shouldst render me deprived of the wonders of Thy grace after my acknowledgment of the sun of Thy generosity and favor? I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast made Thy recognition above the comprehension of Thy creation and creatures, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name Thou hast illumined the world and subdued the nations. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the idolaters trembled and the hearts of the deceivers were agitated - they who turned away from Thee and violated Thy Covenant and Testament, and followed their own desires in Thy days. Thou seest them, O my God and my Purpose, clinging to vain imaginings and devoted to them without any clear proof from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence and Controller of both the unseen and the visible, to protect Thy loved ones and chosen ones from the evil of those who have turned away from Thy horizon and disputed Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest those who have turned away and what their hands have wrought and their tongues have uttered. They have denied Thee and Thy signs and desired to lead Thy servants astray. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to inspire Thy loved ones with that which will make them independent of all else besides Thee, through Thy might and power and sovereignty. O Lord! Thou knowest that through their existence vain imaginings and idle fancies have been renewed. Verily Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will make known to them Thy path and will guide them to Thy way and will teach them what Thou hast desired for them through Thy generosity and grace. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Glorified art Thou, O Thou before Whose recognition of oneness the most devoted monotheists are powerless, and to the summit of Whose command's heaven the most accomplished mystics confess their inability to ascend! I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of the world and the Sovereign of nations, to make me one of those whom the clamor of the people hath not kept back from turning to the horizon of Thy favors and clinging to the cord of Thy bounties. O Lord! Thou seest that I have cast all idle fancies behind me, turning toward the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Cause, Whom Thou hast made to speak amongst Thy servants. I beseech Thee not to abandon me unto myself, and to strengthen me in all circumstances to remember Thee, to praise Thee, and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O Lord! I am the needy one who hath clung to the cord of Thy riches. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Neither the oppression of the oppressor, nor the tyranny of the wicked one, nor the croaking of the croaker can prevent Thee. Thou

doest what Thou pleasest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest through Thy power what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. Moreover I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to protect me from every tribulation and hardship, and to enable me to do what Thou lovest and approvest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Helper, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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Magnified be Thy name, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the souls of all them that have recognized Thee, and in Whose right hand are the destinies of all that are in heaven and all that are on earth! Thou doest, through the power of Thy might, what Thou willest, and ordainest, by an act of Thy volition, what Thou pleasest. The will of the most resolute of men is as nothing when compared with the compelling evidences of Thy will, and the determination of the most inflexible among Thy creatures is dissipated before the manifold revelations of Thy purpose.

Thou art He Who, through a word of Thy mouth, hath so enravished the hearts of Thy chosen ones that they have, in their love for Thee, detached themselves from all except Thyself, and laid down their lives and sacrificed their souls in Thy path, and borne, for Thy sake, what none of Thy creatures hath borne.

I am one of Thy handmaidens, O my Lord! I have turned my face towards the habitation of Thy mercy, and have sought the wonders of Thy manifold favors, inasmuch as all the members of my body proclaim Thee to be the All-Bounteous, He Whose grace is immense.

O Thou Whose face is the object of my adoration, Whose beauty is my sanctuary, Whose court is my goal, Whose remembrance is my wish, Whose affection is my solace, Whose love is my begetter, Whose praise is my companion, Whose nearness is my hope, Whose presence is my greatest longing and supreme aspiration! Disappoint me not, I entreat Thee, by withholding from me the things Thou didst ordain for the chosen ones among Thy handmaidens, and supply me with the good of this world and of the world to come.

Thou art, verily, the Lord of creation. No God is there beside Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH06201 ===

=== START BH06202 ===

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose right hand is the dominion of all created things and in Whose grasp are the reins of all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, to enable Thy servants to exalt Thy Word and reveal that whereby Thy Cause may be uplifted. O my Lord! Thou seest how darkness hath encompassed Thy creation and creatures. Illumine them, O my God, with the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me in all conditions focused

on the horizon of Thy bounty, seeking the ocean of Thy grace, content with what lieth with Thee and what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and ambassadors. O my Lord! I have turned my face toward the Dayspring of the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of Thee in any world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Write down, then, for me that which will set aright the affairs of the first and last. Verily, Thou art potent over whatsoever Thou willest. I testify that in Thy hand are the keys of all things - Thou givest and Thou takest away, and Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH06202 ===

=== START BH06203 ===

In the name of the Beloved of all possibility! The Sun of the Word hath dawned from the horizon of the All-Merciful Will with wondrous and sublime lights. Some of the servants have been illumined by these lights and drawn nigh, while others remain distant and deprived. How excellent is the state of that soul whom wealth hath not prevented from recognizing his ultimate end, and whom the imaginings of men have not debarred from knowing the Lord of all beings. Such a one is numbered among those who drink of the most pure wine in the most great prospect. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and earth. Thou must, God willing, become so enkindled with the fire of divine love that its effects will be manifest throughout all contingent being, and lethargy and coldness shall never seize thee. Many are the servants who saw yet failed to recognize, and many who, though unseeing, recognized and turned with heart and soul toward the All-Merciful. The reins of command are in His mighty grasp. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to make thee among those who abide beneath the shade of His mercy and drink from the cup that shall never run dry, and to ordain for thee whatsoever good He hath willed.

=== END BH06203 ===

=== START BH06204 ===

He is the Witness and the Witnessed!

God testifies that He has come with the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His utterance, Who speaks the truth and calls all to this Straight Path which has truly appeared from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O people of Baha! You are they who have attained to that which none among creation has attained. To this testifies He Who has spoken and speaks: “Verily there is no God but I, the Witness, the All-Hearing.” How many a great one has cast the Book of God behind him, and how many a lowly one has taken hold of it with manifest certitude. This is a Day whereon all things proclaim: “The kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” Leave behind the allusions of the people and take what has been given thee from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Give thanks unto God for that His Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee in this Luminous Tablet, from whose horizon shineth the sun of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Merciful. We have seen thee standing in service to the Cause and have made mention of thee as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Be as thou wert before - thus doth thy Lord, the Generous, counsel thee. Preserve thy station through the Name of thy

Lord and place thy trust in Him under all conditions. Soon shalt thou find that which hath been ordained for thee in My Mighty Book.

=== END BH06204 ===

=== START BH06205 ===

O Mirza Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One Who speaketh from the Divine Lote-Tree. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath appeared and manifested His Cause as He hath willed and desired, and He is the One sought after in the beginning and the end. We make mention of those who have believed in the clear signs whereby the fragrance of the Bayan hath been wafted throughout all creation. Glorified be the All-Merciful, the Manifestation of this momentous News! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which hath caused the sweet savors of the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, to be diffused abroad. We counsel thee and them that have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby hearts have lamented and livers have melted. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the mention of God and His Tablet. He is indeed among the most exalted of creation in the Books and Tablets. We counsel thee to preserve this station lest every aggressive liar gain knowledge thereof. When thou hast attained unto the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: Blessed be He Who hath turned toward His servant from the direction of the Prison and revealed unto him that which cannot be equaled by whatsoever is with all mankind. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of favors be upon the people of Baha who have not been frightened by the hosts of the world nor weakened by the power of the wicked ones.

=== END BH06205 ===

=== START BH06206 ===

O Mashhadi Abbas, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Wise Expositor. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the loftiest heights of exaltation and the most sublime realms of transcendence, and will forever continue to be as He hath been. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He hath appeared and made manifest His Cause, whereupon the divines who disdained to worship the Lord of Names denied it. These are indeed the people of the veil. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every heedless doubter, save those who cast away vain imaginings, turning toward the Supreme Horizon. These are they who are endowed with true vision in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. This is the Day wherein the ocean of knowledge hath appeared, yet the people remain in strange drunkenness. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs by following every wicked deceiver. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all possibilities! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet utterance and the Manifestations of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH06206 ===

=== START BH06207 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaks from the Most Exalted Horizon

God testifies that there is none other God but Him and that He Who has come with the truth is indeed the One promised in My Books and mentioned in the hearts of My Prophets. He is the One through Whom the luminary of His Most Great Name has shone forth from the horizon of the world, through Whom the river of wisdom has flowed and the ocean of knowledge has surged, and through Whom the Dove of Utterance has warbled upon the branch of possibility: “There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Wise.”

Your name was mentioned before the Wronged One. He has revealed for you that from which those near unto God inhale the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And before this, he whom We named the Trusted One in My perspicuous Book mentioned you and spoke of what you had accomplished in the path of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen you and aid you from His presence, and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath.

Blessed is the tongue that has spoken His praise, and the heart that has turned toward Him, and the eye that has beheld what hath appeared from Him, and those whom neither the doubts of the transgressors nor the signs of the deniers have kept back from God, the True, the Certain. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of the mystics and the Goal of all seekers.

=== END BH06207 ===

=== START BH06208 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Ali-Qabil-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! God testifies that there is no God but Him, and that He Who speaks is indeed He Who declared in the eternity of eternities “Verily, I am God, the One, the Chosen.” Can those who have turned away from the Countenance distinguish between light and darkness? No, by the Lord of creation! They deny the Sun and its sovereignty, the proof and its evidence, and they say that which neither the people of the Furqan nor those who turned away from God in past ages and centuries have said. And when asked “By what proof have you turned away from God?” they say what their forefathers said before. These are indeed among the people of error. They drink putrid water while imagining it to be the water of life. They worship the calf while deluding themselves that it is the Lord of creation. Say: Shame upon you for having turned away from the Supreme Horizon, and woe unto you for having strayed from the straight path! Say: This is the Day in which the banners of the Manifestation have been raised, the Path has been laid, and the mountains have been scattered. We have seen thee turning toward Our horizon. We have sent down from Our kingdom that which will profit thee in Our realms. And verily, I am the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH06208 ===

=== START BH06209 ===

He is the One Who warbles upon the twigs with diverse melodies. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the Wronged One in this mighty prison. By God! Neither the opposition of the divines nor the power of princes hath deterred Him. He speaketh in the kingdom of creation: There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. He is the One Who cannot be known except through His own Self. Behold Him with His eye and be not of the heedless ones. His mercy hath preceded the world, yet most of the people are as dead. Make mention of Him amidst the concourse of creation with joy and fragrance. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath commanded you to goodly deeds in a noble Tablet. Say: Spread not corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order, and speak not except that which God hath permitted you. He is verily the Commander, the All-Knowing. The most beloved of all things in His sight is unity and harmony, and the most detested thereof is discord and conflict. Take ye that which God hath chosen for you and follow not the ways of the ignorant ones. I give thanks unto my Lord for what hath been recorded by His Most Exalted Pen, and I say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me and for having revealed unto me Thy verses. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and in obeying Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH06209 ===

=== START BH06210 ===

MIYANDUAB. O Muhammad-Rahim! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High! The Wronged One beareth witness unto that whereunto God did bear witness before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him. And He Who speaketh and calleth aloud and declareth: He, verily, is the Most Great Name, Who hath come to give life unto the world and to unite all nations. He, verily, is the One through Whom the clear proofs have appeared and the signs have emerged and that which was promised in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Ever-Abiding, hath been fulfilled. O Rahim! The ocean of thy Lord's mercy hath turned towards thee from this Prison which God hath raised up, as a bounty from His presence, and made it the circling-point of His loved ones. Thy Lord, verily, is the One Who hath power over what was and what shall be. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause and to fear God, thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. Blessed art thou for having cast aside idle fancies and taken hold of that which hath been revealed from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. By God's life! The ocean of certitude hath surged before the faces of men, yet they hasten toward idle fancies. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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=== START BH06211 ===

O Mirza Baqir! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Blessed is thy father in that he fulfilled the Covenant of God. Verily, for him is reserved a station in a mighty Book. And blessed art thou in that thou hast become the mystery of thy father. Guard thou this glorious and exalted station.

In the Most Holy Book We have commanded all people to acquire sciences, crafts and such other things as will benefit mankind. By sciences is meant beneficial sciences, not those which begin and end in mere

words. The science of medicine hath been, in the sight of God, the most distinguished and exalted of all sciences. Indeed, it is through His leave the preserver of human bodies from diverse ailments. Therefore, whosoever engageth in and acquireth this noble science is well-pleasing in the sight of God. Verily, the reward of him who healeth the servants is with God, the Lord of the worlds. And whatsoever he receiveth from the people is lawful and pure unto him.

Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that in His days thou hast attained unto His recognition, and neither doubts nor idle fancies prevented thee or deprived thee of the truth. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon all who have attained unto this wondrous Cause.

=== END BH06211 ===

=== START BH06212 ===

Shirvan, O Mashhadi Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Blessed art thou for having done good to thyself and for having recognized that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O concourse of creation! By God, He Who speaketh the truth hath come. Cast behind you all vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. How many a learned one hath been withheld by knowledge from the Sovereign of all knowledge, and how many an illiterate one hath quaffed the sealed wine through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Remind the servants through this Most Great Remembrance and through that whereby their stations are exalted before God, the Most High, the Supreme. We counsel those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and chastity and whatsoever hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of an ancient Revealer. We desire to behold thee speaking in remembrance of thy Lord and standing firm with supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped save those whom the hand of power hath seized and rescued from the seas of the doubts of the suspicious. He will aid thee in goodly deeds and grant thee the reward of His presence, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Protected. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not been kept back by worldly affairs from the Lord of all humanity, and upon those who have clung to His luminous hem.

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=== START BH06213 ===

Also for one of the followers of Moses:

In the Name of the One Incomparable God! The Divine Manifestation is clear and evident to such a degree that were all who dwell on earth to contemplate, without prejudice, His traces and characteristics and conditions, or were they to observe them, they would be convinced that He is the Sovereign of existence in the realms of the seen and unseen. Whatsoever was recorded and inscribed in numerous books is today manifest and evident in the gathering of the world, and like unto the sun of heaven and the full moon, hath risen from the horizon of the Divine Will. Blessed are the souls who have attained the fragrances of these days and who have been freed from aught else but the Friend. Soar with spiritual wings in this holy and divine atmosphere. He is the true Helper, the true Confirmer, and the true

Sovereign. All the Books give glad tidings of this Most Great Manifestation and voice the praise of the Lord of Eternity. Some, because their eyes are afflicted with the ophthalmia of desire, have failed to recognize Him and have contented themselves with this perishable world, passing by the eternal Kingdom. God willing, mayest thou remain firm on the straight path and engaged in the mention of the Peerless Friend. The Glory be upon its people.

=== END BH06213 ===

=== START BH06214 ===

He is God

It is submitted to Samandar, the Fire of Divine Love - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - that previously a packet of sublime and inaccessible Holy Tablets was sent addressed to His Honor Ibn-i-Abhar - upon him be the Glory of God. Due to wisdom, some Tablets that should have been sent in that same packet were delayed at that time. They are being sent this time. Your honor should deliver them to Ibn-i-Abhar. Some others will also be sent later. There is absolutely no opportunity for details. God willing, they will be submitted later. For now, this much will suffice. Another submission: One Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for the Sayyids of Rasht, and mention of its receipt was recorded by the Supreme Pen. And mention of receipt of two other items was written by this servant in two separate pages. Similarly, [there is] one letter addressed to His Honor Aqa Siyyid ’Ali [Naqi] and Aqa Shahvirdi - upon them be the Glory of God. Your honor should deliver [them]. Glory be upon your honor and upon he who was named Nabil ibn Nabil by the tongue of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The Servant

=== END BH06214 ===

=== START BH06216 ===

In the Name of the one true God! Your petition was presented before the Wronged One and was honored by His gracious regard. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of the Merciful and hast turned toward the supreme horizon at a time when the divines, mystics and princes of the earth are deprived and forbidden from recognizing the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of God’s Cause, save whom God willeth. Thou art and hast been among the letters of God’s Book. Thy letter hath come before the Throne and the servant present hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering. We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with the Beloved of all in the heavens and earth, and We answer thee through this Tablet which We have made as a mirror wherein thou mayest behold the effulgence of the Sun of My tender mercy that hath preceded existence from the first to the last. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the heaven of utterance was raised up and adorned with the stars of wisdom and knowledge. I beseech Thee to assist me to remember Thee and to arise to serve Thee, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen

ones. Thou art He through Whose Name the gate of heaven was opened and all things spoke forth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06216 ===

=== START BH06217 ===

O Sulayman Khan! He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing!

Upon thee be My peace and My mercy and My loving-kindness! I pray that thou mayest be occupied with the remembrance of God, arise to serve Him, turn toward His horizon, gaze upon His countenance, act according to His laws, and be engaged in the refinement of souls. Some time ago, wondrous and exalted verses were specifically revealed and sent to thee. Thou hast not been forgotten, nor shalt thou ever be. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace. Verily, He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Convey My greetings to the friends of God and say: Today is the day of service. Strive that ye may guide one who hath gone astray and give drink to one who thirsteth. No other day is like unto this day. All ages bow down in submission before this age, and all days stand humble before this Day. Say: O friends! In this transient abode ye can attain unto an everlasting station. By the life of God! This is a truth in which there is no doubt. Deprive not yourselves thereof. With the utmost endeavor and wisdom, with spirit and fragrance, bring the dead to life and take the hands of those who have remained behind. This is the station of the party of God. The glory that proceedeth from Me rest upon thee and upon My loved ones and chosen ones, and upon all who are steadfast and upright.

=== END BH06217 ===

=== START BH06218 ===

He is the All-Wise

The Most Great Branch has submitted: "You intend to go to Beirut. Mirza Ja'far says you intend to go to the Mazra'ih, and during his presence there was talk of Yerke. Now it is not known where you truly wish to go and which city and land you intend to visit."

A beloved one said to a lover, "O youth!

You have seen many cities in your travels -

Which of those cities is the most pleasant?"

He replied, "That city wherein dwells the beloved."

Now if the abode of the Beloved is intended, then "In the Name of God," and as the Arabs say, "Please proceed." And if Yerke is desired, then "God be with you." And if Beirut is in mind, the Most Great Branch has submitted, "I will return soon," and it is advisable as has been said. Convey greetings to all. The Light be upon you. His honor 'Abd who is present says you intend to go to the garden. We too must go to the

garden these two days according to the Greater Branch. Mirza Ja'far has just now submitted that today you intend to go to Yerke, although previously Monday was mentioned. May these differing views, God willing, come under the shade of one word. The Glory be upon you.

=== END BH06218 ===

=== START BH06219 ===

Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest my weeping and my crying in this prison which is in the farthest reaches of Thy kingdom and the most remote of Thy lands, such that none can draw nigh unto the Tree of Thy nearness and the Branch of Thy communion. Yet, by Thy glory, O my God, were I to be tormented more severely than this, such that the limbs of my body be torn asunder by the hands of the polytheists among Thy creation and the rebellious ones among Thy creatures, it would but increase my love for Thee, my ardor in Thee, and my longing for Thee. For whoso hath tasted the sweetness of Thy love, neither tribulations can keep him from the gate of the city of Thy mercy, nor calamities from the precincts of the glory of Thy grace.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! When the gates of the outpouring of Thy bounty were opened unto Thy servants, I beseech Thee by that Name through which grace hath appeared from the Dayspring of Thy favors, that Thou protect this servant who hath attained unto the presence of the Sovereign of Thy oneness at every daybreak. Then assist him, O my God, with Thy help, and grant him that which is best for him from the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth, and make him steadfast in Thy love, and establish him upon Thy path, lest his feet slip from Thy straight way. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the Generous.

=== END BH06219 ===

=== START BH06220 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. The promise hath come, and He Who was promised hath appeared, when the Trumpet was sounded and eyes were transfixed. Say: This is the Day whereon the Treasure hath been unveiled and that which lay hidden from time immemorial hath appeared. O people! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and deny not Him Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with clear proof and testimony. Among the people are those who have rejected the signs of God and His appearance, and among them are those who have hastened unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation with spirit and sweet fragrance. Blessed is the soul that hath spoken the truth, and woe unto him who hath disbelieved in God when He came with His grandeur and sovereignty. We have drunk the wine of revelation and have been seized in such wise that pens are powerless to describe. At times I soar, at others I walk in the house, sometimes I range the field of utterance, and at times I take up the pen and reveal verses. Is there any sight that beholdeth the All-Seeing One, and is there any hearing that heareth what the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth at morn and eventide? Thus have We sent down and made manifest that which was hidden from the servants. When thou readest the verses of thy Lord from this Book, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when sorrows had encompassed Thee.

=== END BH06220 ===

=== START BH06221 ===

O Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Most Great, the Most Exalted

The Day hath come and the Cause hath appeared, and that which was hidden from eyes hath been revealed. O thou who gazest upon the countenance! We desired that which would draw the servants nigh unto the Most Exalted Paradise, yet they desired to shed My blood. This is naught but error in the Day of God, the Mighty, the Most High. Say: O people! The light hath shone forth and the trumpet hath been blown and the mountains have been moved. Fear God, O people, then aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance and through that which will draw you nigh unto the shore of this Sea whose waves cry out and inform the people of that which hath dawned and appeared. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Powerful, the Choice One. When thou receivest My letter, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of the Bayan and say:

O God of the All-Merciful! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink, from the cup of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy grace. I beseech Thee, by the dwellings wherein Thy remembrance and praise have been raised, and by the cities wherein the throne of Thy grandeur hath been established, to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause, such that neither the masses and multitudes would prevent me, nor the oppression of the aggressors and the tyranny of every sinful transgressor would frighten me.

=== END BH06221 ===

=== START BH06223 ===

In the Name of the Most Glorious! O Muhammad-Salih! The springtime of divine grace hath come, wherein the breezes of the mercy of the All-Merciful waft. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them and found that whereby spirits are quickened. We hear at all times the call of all things in remembrance of their Lord, the Lord of Names, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. O people of Baha! Aid ye your Lord, the Creator of the heavens. He remembereth you in the Most Great Prison and summoneth you unto God, the Lord of all men. Cast aside that which keepeth you from His path which hath appeared in truth, and renounce the idle fancies ye possess. By God! There hath appeared a Pen whereby all pens were shattered and standards were rent asunder. Were He to voice that which the Tree uttereth within His breast, the world would be drawn in longing unto God, the Lord of eternity, Who standeth amidst the wicked. Thus have We revealed that which hath caused the kingdom of utterance to tremble. Blessed are they who are endued with true understanding, who have forsaken all created things, turning unto the countenance of Him Who speaketh betwixt earth and heaven. Even thus have We sent down the everlasting grace from the heaven of this bounty which hath encompassed all horizons. Verily, the glory rest upon thee and upon thy brethren who inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this Book.

=== END BH06223 ===

=== START BH06224 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

The call hath been raised from the Crimson Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise: “God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!” The rapture of this call hath seized the Concourse on High, while most of the people remain heedless. The intoxication of vain imaginings hath so seized them that they have cast the Book of God behind their backs. Verily, they are in evident doubt.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call. Verily it will raise thee up among the handmaidens and draw thee nigh unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of existence, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by that which hath shone forth from the horizon of bounty through Thy command and will, to make me among those women who have believed in Thee and Thy signs, and who circle round Thy throne by night and by day. Then ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for those devoted women who, upon hearing the call, responded “Here am I, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names!” and “Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all on earth and in heaven!” There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

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In the Name of the Incomparable Friend

O pious one! God grant that thou art happy and cheerful by the grace of God and the outpourings of His loving-kindness on this triumphant Day. Verily, it is the King of days. He who is other than the Friend is the enemy; flee him; and he who is other than the Beloved is the snake; fly from him. The scorpions of spite lurk in ambush, and the dragons of jealousy lie in wait. Seek thou shelter in the Greatest Name, and appear in the utmost strength and power. I swear by the Horizons of the Sun of My Cause! If one shall remain steadfast with perfect confidence, he shall surpass all beings. The Sun of Munificence hath appeared, and the Clouds of Generosity have gathered. Happy is he who hath attained unto those lights, and blessed is he who hath partaken of these divine outpourings. Today is the Day of remembering God with eloquent words, not the day of forgetfulness. It is the Day of striving and effort, not the day of indolence and laxity. Thus, with the assistance of the Incomparable Friend, hasten thou to the immortal City and to the eternal world. Speak thou, and be not afraid of the wicked. With utter kindness and compassion call men to the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, for perchance this life-giving breeze may set them astir.

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In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling above all names!

We arose in the shadow of loving-kindness and favor and proceeded to another place. When We arrived, We revealed verses with manifest sovereignty and made mention of God's friends and chosen ones, and We sent down to them that which, were it to be cast upon the graves, would cause those within to arise, and were it to be cast upon the mountain, it would pass away as passes the lightning, to present itself before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O people of the earth! Fear God and say not that which He hath not permitted you. Verily He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the servant who hath drunk the wine of immortality from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Woe unto him who hath heard and turned away - he is assuredly among the most lost.

My God, my God! Thou seest me desiring to make mention of one among Thy servants who hath desired to drink the wine of recognition from the hand of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! Aid him through Thy bounty and generosity, then ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee and cause him to remember Thy signs and Thy clear tokens. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Remembrance and Thy Mighty News to inscribe for him with Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In His Name through Whom the signs have appeared

The world hath been overturned through the dissension of the peoples. Thus hath the banner of a thousand been raised and the ranks have appeared. Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. We have enjoined upon mankind the Most Great Peace that the world and its people might find rest, but they cast the command of God behind their backs and followed the ways of the corrupt ones. O concourse of kings! By God, We desire for you naught save what profiteth you in this world and the next. Fear ye the Lord of all being, then act according to what ye have been commanded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Hold fast unto that which ye have been counseled from the Tongue of Grandeur in a perspicuous Book. Beware lest your power delude you. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of what ye have been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Behold and call to mind the generations of old. Where are your fathers and your fathers' fathers? And where are the kings and sovereigns who sat upon the thrones of authority and led astray and oppressed until they returned to their place by command of One Who ordaineth, the All-Wise? We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which shall profit you. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We sent down and dispatched this unto thee that thine eyes might be solaced thereby and that thou mightest be of the thankful ones.

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=== START BH06228 ===

He is the Beloved! The All-Merciful has appeared upon the Sinai of all worlds and the Divine Lote-Tree speaks. Blessed is he who hears its melodies. The breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted from the direction of the Ridvan, and souls have been stirred by their stirring. The crimson sea has surged and upon it sailed the Most Great Ark whereon were established the people of Baha. Glad tidings to those who join its companions! Say: From the horizon of the Garment has shone forth the Sun of sanctification, around which circle radiant suns. O people of holiness! Be illumined by its effulgence. The Self of the All-Merciful has appeared upon the throne of His name, the All-Glorious - that Self of the All-Bountiful. From its melodies have been raised: O morning breeze! Take the garment of Baha to the region of eternity that perchance the people of the divine cloud might catch its fragrance. The hosts of destiny have appeared with swords of hatred - that throat of Baha cut by their blades. Enter, O servant, beneath the glance of thy Lord. By God! Through it were opened the gates of the Paradise of the All-Merciful which were never opened in all eternity, and God created beneath the shade of one of its leaves all the gardens and what was ordained of its bounties. The clouds of tribulation have rained crimson blood - that Garment of Baha reddened by its drops.

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O Mirza Aqa! In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The world hath been illumined by the appearance of God, the Lord of all nations. Blessed is the learned one whom knowledge hath not veiled, and blessed is the wise one whom arts have not withheld, and blessed is the servant who hath cast aside what the people possess and turned toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Bear thou witness unto that which God Himself did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. The days have passed and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Among the people are those whom the attraction of the Revelation hath so seized that they have cast aside the world, turning unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. And among them are those whom vain imaginings have withheld from the Lord of all beings - these are indeed recorded in the Preserved Tablet as followers of idle fancy. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Rejoice thou that thou hast attained the grace of thy Lord, such that the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from His glorious station. We counsel thee to be steadfast and to perform such deeds as the sincere ones find […]. Thus hath the Dove of the Cause cooed upon the branches, as a grace from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath sought the Ultimate Goal and believed in God, the Lord of existence.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

Your letter has come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of your turning and devotion to God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the heart that has turned, and the face that has

been directed, and the soul that has heard and responded - these are among the triumphant ones in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad, hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He makes mention of you in a manner befitting My days and reminds you of the verses of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When you receive My letter, arise and say:

“My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and for causing me to hear Thy call and for making known to me that which most of Thy creatures have turned away from. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation and the manifestations of Thy power and the evidences of Thy sovereignty to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee and detached from Thine enemies. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the contingencies of the world cannot frustrate. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Dominant, the Almighty.”

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom neither the tyranny of any tyrant nor the assaults of any evildoer have kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all peoples, Who has come from the horizon of power with the standards of wisdom and utterance.

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=== START BH06231 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High! Your letter has reached Us and We have understood its contents. We beseech God to assist you to love Him and gain His good-pleasure, and to make you so steadfast in His Cause that there may appear from you that which will attract the hearts of His heedless servants. By God! You have been named with a name by which the people of the holy cities take pride. How excellent is this glorious and luminous name! We beseech God to draw you near unto Him in His realms which no one has understood save Him. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he who heard Thy call and hastened unto Thee with my heart, and thus do I stand in the presence of acceptance, and verily Thou art the Lord of grandeur and majesty. Send down upon me that which will keep me from all else but Thee and draw me nigh unto Thee at all times. Then send down upon me that which Thou hast ordained for me in the heaven of Thy bounty and the tablet of Thy decree. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Give me to drink from the Kawthar which Thou hast made specially for those of Thy servants who are near unto Thee, that there may flow from my heart the rivers of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou hast power over all things.

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=== START BH06232 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all things! Your letter has come before the Wronged One, telling of your turning to God and your detachment from all else. We beseech God to assist you to remain steadfast in His Cause and to draw you near to the Most Great Ocean, every wave of which proclaims that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned toward the horizon from which naught can be seen save the lights of thy Lord’s countenance,

the Mighty, the Generous. Say: O heedless ones! The gate of divine knowledge has been opened, and the Dayspring of the Merciful's Cause has appeared in the contingent world, bearing witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, if ye be of them that hearken. Blessed is he who has cast away what he possessed and taken what was given him from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thus has the fragrance of inner meanings wafted over the world that there might be made manifest that which was concealed therein. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Informed. Hearken thou unto My call, then act as the Wronged One commands thee from this distant spot. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cling to the hem of His bounty, detached from those who have turned away from His straight Path. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the One manifest from the horizon of power

Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Tablet, every letter of which beareth witness that the Day is come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God hath heard thy call and answered thee through His grace, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Speaking One, the All-Hearing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. By God! He will be with thee in every world among the worlds. Thy Lord is verily the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. How many a servant hath heard and responded to his Lord, and how many a servant hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest all that is on earth prevent thee from this firm and mighty Cause. Hold thou fast in all conditions unto the cord of thy Lord's remembrance, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth command thee He Who hath summoned all unto the straight path of God. Take thou the Book with a strength from Us, then read it unto those multitudes whom the affairs of the world have not kept back from the Ancient of Days, and whom the hosts of those who were heedless of this mighty Cause have not frightened. Thus hath surged the ocean of utterance when the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of His name, the Most Merciful. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this mighty cord.

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=== START BH06234 ===

The Most Great, the Most Great, has made mention of you before His countenance and has turned towards you with the glance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He remembers you as He walks in the Most Great Prison, due to what the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving, have wrought. Blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, for having turned to the Desired One and believed in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then know that thy brother attained the presence of the Throne and won the lights of the Face in this praiseworthy station. This, verily, is a station unto which all created things through the Word of God have turned, but the people do not understand. By the Lord of Power! This, verily, is the Greatest Vision, but the people do not perceive. Blessed is he who has turned to it with his heart and found that which is diffused from this Blood-stained Shirt. O My handmaiden! Recognize the

value of these days and hold fast to the cord of thy Lord, the Knower of the unseen. Grieve not over anything, trust in God in all conditions. He is with His handmaidens who have believed in this Day wherein eyes have been gladdened. Be thou thankful and praise thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation in this inscribed Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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We have mentioned thee when We were in a glorious station and have sent down verses for thee even as We sent them down aforetime as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the Mighty, the Bountiful. After this dark autumn there hath been and shall be a luminous spring, and whatsoever hath fallen from the trees shall God cause to grow anew through His bounty. Verily thy Lord is He Who causeth to grow, the All-Wise. The letter which thou didst send to him who beareth the name of M, upon him be the Glory of God, the servant present before the Face hath presented it. This is what was revealed after hearing it: Give thanks and be thou of them that rejoice. O thou who bearest My Name M! Make mention of him who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon and desired to attain the presence, and give him glad tidings through this remembrance which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: The Command is in His hands - He writeth for whomsoever He willeth the recompense of attaining His presence, for He is the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise. Ask thou God to ordain for thee the reward of what thou didst desire in His path, for in such days as these it behooveth no one to turn toward the precincts of the Throne. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and ancient. The glory from God rest upon those who have won the lights of steadfastness in this Cause, the firm, the mighty, the wondrous.

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In the Name of God, the Ruler! Rest hath departed from all possibility save for him who hath partaken of the wine of inner meanings and utterance from the cup of his Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful. Dost thou imagine rest to lie in wealth and riches, or in the glory wherein the people of the world pride themselves? Nay, by Him Who speaketh from the All-Glorious Horizon! Rest was not created save in the shadow of God and His love. Verily, hardship in His path is the sovereign of ease, and extinction in His love is the monarch of immortality. By His very Self! Tribulation in His good-pleasure is a gift to His lovers, and abasement in His Cause is glory to them that yearn for Him. Would that the Glory might sacrifice himself a thousand times each day in the path of his Lord! O thou who art remembered throughout the worlds and mentioned by the tongue of thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, and arise to serve thy Lord amongst My servants in such wise that the veils of My creatures and the clouds of My creation shall not hinder thee. In such days as these it behooveth thee to stand firm in the love of thy Master and to aid the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Proclaim "Allah-u-Akbar" on My behalf unto My servants, that the proclamation may draw them to the countenance of thy resplendent Lord. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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O Mirza Hasan, who hath attained unto My Name that is sanctified above all mention! The atoms themselves have testified to My arising to fulfill the Cause when trembling seized all the dwellers of the earth save whom God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, did will. Verily, We sheltered the speckled serpent in winter beneath My tent, yet when the sun of summer shone forth it stirred and bit Me for the first time - to this do honored servants bear witness. By God! The pens are powerless to recount what I endured from that heedless and veiled one. We beseech God to open the eyes of His servants that they may recognize Him and deal justly regarding what hath befallen the Wronged One. We have mentioned to thee some of what We have endured that thou mayest be informed of him who hath wronged the Mighty, the Loving. God knoweth that each month he would flee to some quarter in fear for himself, but when the Cause was exalted he emerged and conspired with one of My servants against Me - yet the people know not. We left him and those with him to wander in the wilderness of passion. Thus was the decree fulfilled, but the people perceive not. When he departed he committed that which caused the denizens of the Kingdom to lament, and behind them the sincere servants. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the heaven of Mine utterance, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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=== START BH06238 ===

O Siyyid ’Abdu’l-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The atoms have testified to the Revealer of Verses, while the people of veils are in a mighty stupor. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they are prevented from hearkening unto this Call whereby those in the graves have arisen and the Mount hath spoken. The Dayspring of Revelation hath appeared, wherein the All-Merciful proclaimeth with loudest voice: “The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who speaketh the truth. Verily, He is the One promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.” O thou who art attracted by the verses of thy Lord and enkindled with the fire of His love! Be thou immersed in the ocean of praise and thanksgiving, inasmuch as the Lord of all being hath remembered thee from His most exalted horizon with this wondrous and glorious remembrance. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee and keep thee from the Lord of decree. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to the cord of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the remembrance of God and the traces of His Pen. Recognize thou this most exalted station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thus have We illumined the heaven of utterance with the Sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath perceived the fragrance and hath arisen to make good that which he had missed in the Day of God, the Lord of the worlds. Upon thee, and upon him who hath attained unto this resplendent and choice wine, be the Glory of God.

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In the Name of God, the Most Glorious, the Most Glorious

The Sun of immortality has dawned from the brow of Glory. Blessed is he who is illumined by its effulgence. The Holy Countenance hath appeared from the Dayspring of God's Most Holy and Most Exalted Name. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else save Him. The Fire of God hath been kindled in the Tree of the Command. Blessed is he who hath been set ablaze by its flames. The Spirit of God hath come with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Blessed is he who hath attained His presence. The suns of divine knowledge have shone forth. Blessed is he who is illumined by their lights.

O servant! Give thanks unto God that in the previous year thou wast illumined by the Sun of Grandeur and attained the presence of the Spirit of God and wast honored to meet Him. Let nothing cause thee grief. Be detached from the world and all that is therein and from those like unto it. Remember these mysteries in thy days, then detach thyself from all who are on earth and from its causes. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who perceive the pearls of wisdom from their shells.

Convey abundant greetings from this servant to the loved ones in that land, and give glad tidings to all of the wondrous tokens of divine favor and the outpourings of the mercy of the All-Merciful.

'Abdu'llah al-'Ali Muhammad-'Ali

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=== START BH06240 ===

He is the Manifest Book

The Mother Book hath appeared and summoned all unto the All-Glorious, the Bestower. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. He hath created you for the recognition of the Dayspring of His signs and the Manifestation of His Self. Cast away what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been given by God, the Lord of all men. Say: O people of the lands! Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come for the salvation of the nations and their purification through the crystal waters of this flowing stream. Blessed is the tongue that hath been restrained from mention and the heart that hath turned unto the Luminary of the horizons. We have commanded all to that which shall preserve them from the promptings of self and passion and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement to make me of them whom the might of the world hath not frightened and the clamors of the nations have not hindered. They have turned with illumined hearts unto Thy most exalted horizon and heard Thy sweetest call and said: "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below! There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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He is the Mighty, the Great

O Abdul-Hussein! That which was hidden in the treasury of knowledge hath been revealed, and that which was concealed in the repositories of wisdom hath been sent down. We have sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge that which was as the water of life unto all contingent beings. We have revealed the verses and manifested in the realm of creation that which none knoweth save God, the Manifestation of creation. The bounty is not for him who hath acknowledged and confessed, but rather for him who hath acted in God, the Sovereign of ordinances. He verily judgeth as He pleaseth and ordaineth as He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The grace hath been sent down, the proof hath been perfected, and the evidence hath appeared, yet the people remain in doubt and hypocrisy. They seek to prove what they believe through the verses while denying Him Who revealed them. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book. I desire naught from them. We but remind the servants for the sake of God, the Lord of lords. Every denier hath lost, and he who hath turned to the Dayspring of proof hath gained. My Most Exalted Pen hath judged on this Day of God according to what the All-Powerful hath taught it, and verily it is the First Ambassador from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of the final end.

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In His Name, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! The veils of idle fancies have covered the hearts of all peoples. Blessed is he who rends them asunder through the power of certitude. The Herald hath called out in the heart of all lands that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Wise. Among the people are those whom the wine of desire hath so seized that they have remained heedless of the Lord of all being, and among them are those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation. We beseech God to aid all to turn unto Him and draw them nigh unto this mighty ocean. We have found what hath been diffused of thy love for thy Lord, and We have sent down for thee that wherewith the world may be perfumed. Take hold of the Book of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with the hands of power and assurance, and remind thereby the concourse of all possibilities who have remained heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: That which had never appeared in creation hath now appeared. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every ignoble malefactor. Be thou thankful unto God for having been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen. This is what shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Remind the people there that perchance they may turn to the horizon of revelation and drink of this wondrous nectar. Thus have We lit the lamp of knowledge amidst all possibilities. Blessed is he who is illumined thereby, and woe unto those who turn away.

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In My Name, the Mighty, the Helper! While We were established upon the Throne, there came a bird and circled round the Face with wings whereon had been inscribed by the Pen of Creation this Name through which lovers have forsaken all horizons, turning toward God, the Mighty, the Generous. And with it was a Book wherein was written that which all on earth are powerless to comprehend. We said: “Blessed art

thou in that thou hast taken the Book of God with power from Him, while most of the servants turned away from it, following every deluded doubter." It was as though commanded to convey the Cause of its Lord to the east and west of the earth, and We heard from its cooing that which causes the hearts of the sincere to soar. By My life! Were ears to turn to its melodies, the rapture of longing would seize them to a station wherein mention of contingent things would be cut off. Thus have We related what We saw and sent it to thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thou art in the House while He is in the Most Great Prison, remembering thee and sending thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the musk of utterance between the heavens and the earths. For such a Beloved praise is befitting, and for such a Generous One the mention of every knowing rememberer is befitting.

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In the Name of Him by Whose fragrance the fragrance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, was diffused! The Most Exalted Horizon hath shone forth with the Light of Utterance when He Who conversed on Sinai established Himself upon the throne of Revelation. Blessed is he who hath turned and beheld, and woe unto the heedless! Verily the Tablet calleth and summoneth all unto the One, the Unique, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When I was standing in the House, there came before the Presence a letter from him who had drunk the Choice Wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting, on a day wherein the servants were prevented from turning to God, the Lord of all worlds. Therein was thy name, and We have mentioned thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by whatsoever the people possess, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of these days and heard the Call of God, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Glorious. Take thou My Book with the hand of My bounty and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison and for having revealed unto me that which delighteth the eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee!" I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance to aid me in all conditions to remember Thee and to praise Thee. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and through Thy Name was raised the standard of "He doeth what He pleaseth." There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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O Jinab-i-Mirza Masih! He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance! We behold the mountains soaring by reason of the verses of their Lord, the Most Exalted, and the trees stirred by the breaths of God, yet the people remain wrapped in heedlessness and veils. The pillars of the world have trembled from the fear of God, the Lord of all nations, yet most of the people remain in doubt and schism. All things have been attracted by the call of the Lord of Names - blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto Him, and woe unto every denying infidel! We make mention of all people in all days, yet none remember save those who have cast away vain imaginings and turned toward God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he who hath attained on this day to the lights of Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, and who hath been stirred by the breaths of revelation and risen from among the dead. And blessed is he who

hath been born anew through the verses of his Lord, the Lord of all beings, and soared in this atmosphere wherefrom the wings of birds are barred. Rejoice thou in the Tablet of God and its effect, for it shall endure for thee as long as God, the Lord of days, endureth. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have held fast to the Crimson Ark and whom the censure of every denier and deceiver hath not kept from the Path.

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O ’Ali-Akbar! In My Name, the Most Glorious! We verily behold the Kingdom - it speaketh and saith: “O people of the Realm of Might! By God, the King of Kings hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in existence. Every tongue hath testified to the Manifestation of God, yet the idolaters hear not. The Spirit calleth out before all faces, yet the people comprehend not. The Beloved crieth out from the Supreme Horizon: ‘By God, the Best-Beloved hath come! He, verily, is the Treasured Secret!’ And the Author of the Bayan proclaimeth amidst all possibilities, declaring: ‘The All-Merciful hath come! He, verily, is the Promised One, the Remembered One, the One inscribed, the Hidden Treasure!’ And the Most Exalted Pen declareth: ‘O peoples of creation! By God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens hath come! Turn ye unto Him, and be not of those who have denied God’s proof and His signs, if ye be understanding. Say: Arise in His Name from the slumber of vain desires, and be not among the dwellers of the graves.’ Thus hath My grace taught thee, My Pen revealed for thee, and My mercy been made manifest unto thee, that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord and remember those whom thou seest among the hesitant ones.”

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O Sultan-Husayn, upon him be the Most Great, Most Glorious Splendor of God! The Book hath been sent down and the All-Bountiful hath come. Thereupon We beheld the people of the veil in confusion and disturbance. They hastened unto the Evil One saying “Is there any way of escape for us?” He said: “No refuge have we this Day.” They said: “Thou hast led us astray.” He said: “I am quit of you.” Take ye heed, O ye possessed of insight! Then was fulfilled that which was revealed in the Qur’an from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Say: O people! The Day hath come, and upon its throne is established the Self-Subsisting. Did ye but know what He desireth for you, ye would hasten unto Him with your very eyes. But ye are held back through following vain imaginings. Break ye the idols in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all men, then turn with your hearts unto the Dawning-Place of inspiration. They that follow their lusts and corrupt inclinations have erred and dissipated their efforts. In this world and the next they shall have grievous chastisement. Grieve thou not over the world and what hath occurred therein. In all matters place thy trust in thy Forgiving Lord, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn. For them that have turned unto Him He hath ordained that which shall gladden their hearts, and for them that have turned away, the wrath of thy Lord - verily His punishment is severe. The glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast believer.

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The Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient! The verses have been sent down in such wise that none can reckon them save God, the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. They have been scattered throughout all lands by the hands of those servants who have sought the Most Great Shrine and who were among the triumphant ones. We beseech God to gather together what hath been scattered. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. In every matter there hath been sent down that which sufficeth all the peoples of the world. There is no command whose decree hath not been revealed in the Tablets, and no word that hath not been expounded in the Manifest Book. Those whose eyes have been opened - these are they who recognize therein what their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, intended thereby. Blessed is he who hath turned today and hath spoken among the people of this wondrous Name. Say: O people! Answer him who calleth you unto the pure Truth, and follow not every heedless remote one. We make mention of you for the sake of God and impart unto you that which will draw you nigh unto Him, if ye be of them that know. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which your Ancient Lord desireth for you. Pay no heed to those from whom ye perceive the stench of turning away. Leave them to themselves and put your trust in God. Thus have the verses been sent down unto thee and dispatched to thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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O Mirza ’Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest Book. The verses of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, have been sent down, and that which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the sanctuary of God’s protection, the Lord of all worlds, hath been revealed. This is a Book sent down in truth, calling the people to the horizon wherefrom hath shone the Luminary of utterance, by the command of an all-wise Ordainer. We have made mention of those who desired to be remembered, and commanded them to turn their faces toward the sacred and luminous countenance of God. Blessed is he who hath heard the call and responded; woe unto the heedless! Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of the transgressors. The verses have filled the East and the West of the earth. Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of the wrongdoers. The Wronged One was silent - the Will of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, caused Him to speak. He was still - the Hand of Divine Grace moved Him, by the command of the Strong, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great. God’s Will hath triumphed over the will of His servants. He hath manifested what He wished and desired, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord and have drunk thereof in His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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O My handmaiden, daughter of My most great and most ancient uncle! The breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted from the direction of the prison, and the ocean of utterance hath surged through this mighty Name. Blessed is the one who hath discovered the fragrance and turned toward it with a luminous

countenance. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, from the supreme horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Draw nigh unto God through remembrance and praise, for He is indeed the Near, the Answering One. Beware lest the conditions of other women veil thee. Turn with pure vision toward the Greatest Scene and say: "Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me, and for having strengthened me to remember Thee, and for having mentioned me by the tongue of Thy grandeur in this mighty Tablet." We had sent down a Tablet unto thee aforetime as a token of Our grace upon thee. He is verily the Mighty, the Bountiful. Drink thou the choice wine of life from the Kawthar of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful. Thus doth command thee the Lord of all worlds. We hear those who make mention of their Lord, and We behold those who have turned toward Him on this wondrous Day. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Nothing in the kingdom can equal it, as doth testify He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

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O Mir Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God - He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity, and the sun of Thy bounty, and the heaven of Thy munificence, to ordain for Thy servants that which will draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon and give them to drink, from the hands of grace and bounty, the Kawthar of steadfastness. O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge and the treasury of Thy wisdom, the weak one turning to the horizon of Thy power and might, and the disturbed one yearning for the cord of Thy tranquility and assurance. I beseech Thee, by the hearts which Thou hast made as oceans of Thy knowledge and recognition, to ordain for this servant of Thine that which will deliver him from all else save Thee and adorn him with the ornament of Thy most great favor. O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all things! O Lord! Disappoint not the one who hath turned unto Thee in Thy days and who desireth from Thee naught save that which will draw him nigh unto Thee and strengthen him to serve Thy Cause and to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the whisperings of the polytheists can frustrate nor the swords of the oppressors prevent. Thy Cause hath appeared, despite their opposition, through Thy power and might and greatness and sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the All-Knowing!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One on a day when he who denied God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, rose up against Him. Verily, he who sucketh from the breast of the world hath turned away from God, the Lord of Names, and waged war in such wise as none can reckon save the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Say: The Governor of Akka hath pronounced judgment upon God, the

Creator of the heavens. We sustained him, then seized him suddenly. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Possessing over what was and what shall be. He was named Abdul-Rahman among the people of creation, yet verily he was the manifestation of Satan. To this beareth witness this Pen whereby the Preserved Tablet hath been adorned. In his final days he committed that which caused the Concourse on High to lament, and those who circle round the Throne to weep. Say: Thou canst not prevent God from exercising His sovereignty, even as those greater than thee were powerless to do so. He, verily, is the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Thou didst desire one thing, but We desired another. The will and purpose of God prevailed, yet most of the people perceive not. We took several persons in this city - some We banished, some We afflicted with illness, and some We seized through Our power in such wise that none discovered the cause thereof. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is. Thus have We recounted unto thee what befell Us on this day as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest be of them that render thanks. Turn not unto the world and its conditions. Remember in all circumstances this wronged Exile Who hath accepted tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and Who speaketh that which He hath been bidden by God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have left my homeland out of love for Thy beauty and longing for the seat of the throne of Thy grandeur, until I entered the city wherein Thy melodies were raised and Thy sovereignty was manifested, and wherein Thou didst transcend all created things through Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted attributes. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the splendors of the light of Thy countenance, and make me not despairing of the outpourings of the clouds of Thy bounty and Thy gifts. O my Lord! Accept from me what I have done in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure, and what I have left undone in Thy days. O my Lord! Thou art the Forgiving One and I am the sinner, Thou art the Powerful One and I am the weak one, so have mercy upon me through the wonders of Thy greatest mercy. Then make me sincere in Thy love, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names. Then make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that I may behold all else as nonexistent at the revelations of the lights of the glory of Thy face, and as nothingness before the manifestations of the signs of Thy power and Thy grandeur. Then send down upon me that which will enkindle me with Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. And praise be to God, the King, the Kind, the Bestower.

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Upon the noble Khan - He Who dawns from the horizon of the Bayan - say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of all days! I beseech Thee by this Day which Thou hast made luminous through the lights of Thy countenance and hast made renowned in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets, to make me steadfast in Thy service, victorious in Thy Cause, speaking in Thy praise, and turned toward Thy horizon. O

my Lord! This is Thy weak servant who hath clung to Thy mighty Name. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful and I am the suppliant standing before the door of Thy grace. Do with me as befitteth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and as beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy favors. O my Lord! Leave me not to myself, and regard not my rank and station and deeds. Rather look upon the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowals. Thou art He to Whose grace all created things have testified and to Whose loving-kindness all contingent beings have borne witness. Ordain for me what Thou lovest and art pleased with, then adorn me with the ornament of steadfastness amidst all creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH06255 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

Say: O my God, my Beloved, my Goal and the Ultimate Object of my hope and expectation! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged amongst Thy servants and the breezes of Thy mercy wafted among Thy creatures, to ordain for me and for those who have believed that which Thou hast ordained by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Book for Thy chosen ones - they whom the greatest veil hath not hindered from turning toward the Most Sublime Vision, and whom the conditions of humankind have not frightened from gazing upon Thee, O Thou Who holdest destiny within Thy grasp! O my Lord! Every tongue hath testified to Thy power and the weakness of Thy servants, to Thy wealth and the poverty of Thy loved ones, to Thy glory and the abasement of Thy friends. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by that which lieth with Thee to make them the manifestations of Thy glory in Thy land and the dayspring of Thy power throughout Thy realm. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no cause can hinder. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of destiny, and this is easy for Thee to accomplish. O my Lord! Thou knowest that they have heard Thy call and hastened to the gate of Thy mercy, longing for the wonders of Thy bounty and grace. O my Lord! Disappoint them not of that which is with Thee, and deprive them not of that which Thou hast ordained by Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds! The Supreme Pen testifies at all times that He is the peerless One God, Who has been and will forever be the All-Possessing. Opposition and objection and questioning in His Cause is sheer misguidance. Blessed is the state of one who has acknowledged His Revelation and His sovereignty, for if today someone acknowledges Him but hesitates regarding any of His deeds, such a one is not counted among those who truly acknowledge Him in the eyes of those near unto God. He it is Who spoke in the eternity of eternities: “I am the One praised in My deeds and obeyed in My command.” All men and women must acknowledge and be assured of this blessed word which has shone forth from the horizon of divine revelation. Today the matter which is great in the sight of God is steadfastness.

Strive that all may attain unto it. Verily He inscribes and decrees. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that attain! This Wronged One sends greetings to all the handmaidens of God. The glory be upon you and upon them and upon thy daughter who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH06257 ===

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, My other sister, upon her be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness! In the name of the Lord of Eternity, the Most Great Book declareth: The Day is the Day of God, and the infinite outpourings of divine grace are streaming from the cloud of mercy, and the ocean of bounty is surging, and the light of manifestation is shining and radiant from the horizon of the heaven of Sinai. Blessed are the leaves that have held fast unto it, and blessed are the servants who have not deprived themselves thereof. O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Praise thou the one true God and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens and Fashioner of all things, for having remembered Thy leaf and Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who illuminest the world and art manifest through the Most Great Name, to assist me and Thy leaves to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy handmaidens, and to ordain for me and for them every bounty that lay hidden in the heaven of Thy generosity and the treasuries of Thy loving-kindness. O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the leaf of Thy Divine Lote-Tree. I have turned unto Thee. I implore Thee to change the sorrow of Thy loved ones into joy, and their powerlessness into might, and their abasement into glory, and their poverty into wealth. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all created things and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Loving, the Ever-Forgiving.

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O Mirza Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Herald of My Most Glorious Name. The Book of Names was verily sent down from God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Therein We counseled every one of the Names to be ready for the Day of God, the Lord of all beings. We gave them glad tidings of the presence of God in His days and commanded that none of them should hesitate on that Day which dawned from the horizon of creation. But when the morn of Revelation breathed forth and the horizon of the world was illumined by the Sun of His Most Great Name, they denied and turned away, save whom the Mighty, the Bestower, wished. By God’s life! They cast aside His Will, clinging to their own corrupted wills, and spoke that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Spirit of God in the Arc of Names, and the Wronged One in this station. There is no Tablet wherein We have not counseled the servants concerning this Announcement at which feet have slipped, and no Book wherein We have not commanded the people to be submissive before the Gate. The Names broke God’s covenant and His testament until they openly denied the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Thus have We detailed the matter for thee that thou mayest give thanks to Him, with Whom is the Mother Book.

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In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Book of God hath been revealed with truth and beareth witness to that which the Wronged One hath witnessed from His glorious station, declaring: Friendship is a sun created by God for the heaven of humanity - through it his station is exalted and his worth becomes manifest among the peoples. He, verily, is the True One, the All-Knowing. We have adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of ordinances, that perchance the people may reflect upon that which shall profit them in both this world and the next. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Wise. Say: That which hath been revealed in the Book - verily it is your sustainer, your educator, your teacher, your protector, your helper, your source of glory, and your guide, were ye of those who understand. Nothing can profit you except by His leave. To this beareth witness My Manifest Tablet which the Lord of Eternity hath sent down that it might proclaim before the face of the world that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus hath sung the Cock of My Throne, and cooed the Dove of My Cause, and warbled the Nightingale of My remembrance, and chanted My Most Exalted Pen, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou grateful that the Countenance hath turned toward thee and sent unto thee a fragrance from the fragrant garment of His remembrance. Upon thee be glory, and upon those who are with thee and who have quaffed the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the power of their Lord, the Almighty.

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In His Name - He who has power over whatsoever He willeth

O Mirza Amin, upon him be the Glory of God! This is a Book We have sent down in truth and made it a sign from Us to all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Him, the Ancient Sender-down. He has sent the Messengers and revealed the Books and given glad tidings therein to the servants of this Day wherein this mighty Cause has appeared. He Who was recorded in God's Books and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers has come. Hold fast to the cord of God and His sovereignty, and be not of those who follow their own desires in this wondrous Day. Your letter was received and read in the presence of the Wronged One, and We answer you with this clear Book. Be eloquent in praise of your Lord and gaze toward the horizon illumined by the light of the Name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. O peoples of the earth! The fragrance of the Revelation has wafted and the Tongue of Pre-existence has spoken in the Most Great Prison: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." God sends His blessings upon those who have turned with illumined hearts to the Supreme Horizon, the Station which God has made the Most Great Scene in this glorious and radiant Day.

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The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Book have We sent down in truth and made it a reminder for all the worlds. Verily it is the breath of the All-Merciful amidst all created things and a sign of His glory unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through it the unitarians perceive the fragrance of reunion and the sincere ones drink from the hands of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Kawthar of

immortality. Those who are heedless of it are wandering in the wilderness of error, while they who have turned unto it are in an exalted station. The celestial spheres have been set in motion by the wafting of the breezes of thy Lord's mercy, yet most of the people are among the dead. The Divine Lote-Tree hath been stirred by the movement of the verses of Him Who is the Lord of all creation, yet most of the people remain heedless. Blessed are the people of Baha! By God, they are the solace of creation. Through them have the realms of creation been adorned and the Preserved Tablet embellished. They are they who have embarked upon the Ark of Independence, turning toward the Dayspring of Beauty. O what a spirit is theirs, for having attained unto that which their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, desired! By their light hath the heaven been adorned and the faces of those near unto God become radiant. Thus have the breezes of life wafted from the gardens of the mercy of the Bountiful One and encompassed all things great and small. Turn ye unto the Most Pure Fountain! Beware lest the veils of humanity prevent you from this mighty prospect.

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In His Most Glorious Name! This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful with truth, and verily it is a perspicuous Book that speaketh the truth: "There is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." All things have testified to the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil. God hath raised up all things for the manifestation of His Cause, yet the people persist in grievous delusion. The people have turned away from all things inasmuch as they have turned away from God and opposed Him concerning Whom the Book hath spoken: "There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful." O people of Paradise and O Concourse on High! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One speaketh in this noble station. Verily We beheld the Hour speaking and walking before the faces of the servants in Zawra', and it is this Youth Who hath appeared with truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The Wronged One hath made mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of them that remember. Say: We give thanks unto God for having aided us to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Self, at Whose appearance wandering servants have fled - they who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed what they were bidden by every ignorant and veiled one. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the kingdom of Mine utterance, and I am the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Siyyid 'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon and heard what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!" Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. We have remembered thee with that which the treasures of the world cannot equal, as He with Whom is the Mother Book doth testify.

Say: O people of the earth! By God, the Lord of Religions hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords. Fear ye God, and follow not your desires. This is what ye were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. When the breezes of revelation waft over thee, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me and taught me that from which the people of Thy realm have turned away - they who violated Thy Covenant and Testament. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty and the fruits of the Tree beyond which there is no passing and the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking forth Thy Name and turning unto Thy Face. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

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=== START BH06265 ===

O Mirza Baba who has dawned from the horizon of the world!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful, wherein He gives glad tidings to all contingent beings of this Manifestation which was promised in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. We have illumined the world with the Sun of wisdom and utterance, but the peoples have turned away, following every remote ignorant one. Thy letter was received and from it We found the fragrance of thy love. We make mention of thee as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Rememberer. This is a Day wherein every learned one hath turned away, every mystic hath denied, and every suspicious writer hath rejected - save whom God hath willed, the Lord of the seen and unseen, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Face and drunk the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Generous. Know thou this station, then preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine own sight. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty Commander. Beware lest the affairs of creation hold thee back from what is with the Truth. Leave the people to their vain desires and hold fast to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Merciful. We counsel thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast in this Cause, by which the idols have lamented and the feet of the mature have slipped.

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who dominates all names. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, on a day whereon the pillars of the world were shaken […] by the clamor of the peoples who broke the Covenant of God, the Lord of the Kingdom. We, verily, gave the glad-tidings of this Revelation unto all, but when the horizon of the world was illumined and the One Who converseth on Sinai came, they turned away from Him save him whom the hand of thy Lord's power did rescue, the Mighty, the Loving. Every soul hath been drowned in the ocean of fancy and idle imaginings except him who hath clung to the cord of God's loving-kindness and held fast to the hem of His blessed and mighty robe. When thou art blessed with God's Tablet and His traces, and findest from it the fragrance of His loving-kindness, arise, turning unto Him, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! Thou art He Who made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, caused me to hear Thy Call, and

gave me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love on a day wherein all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.” We counsel thee to be steadfast and to do that whereby the Cause may be exalted. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

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O ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, by which the Herald hath called out amongst the servants. This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath clung to the hem of the robe of God’s mercy, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Light hath shone forth, and by it the earth and heaven were illumined, yet most of the people perceive not. The Path hath appeared and the Guide proclaimeth: “I am the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.” Say: O people of the earth! The Creator of heaven hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realms. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Beware lest the hosts of princes prevent you from God, the Possessor of existence. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its influence, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested unto me Thy Cause, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and for having guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the signs of Thy grandeur and the Word whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy creation, to make me one who circleth around Thy Cause and is content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy will. O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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O Haji Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

This is a Book sent down by Him Who is the Desired One that He might guide the people to His straight path and draw them nigh unto the station wherein the Tree calleth out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!”

O Yusuf! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee and aideth thee to draw nigh unto the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit - the station whereon is established the throne of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn towards Him when every learned one had turned away. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee and have desired from the ocean of Thy bounty that which will render me detached from all else save Thee, speaking Thy praise and soaring in Thine atmosphere. I testify that the choice wine of Thy praise hath taken hold of me and the

Salsabil of Thy utterance hath intoxicated me. I beseech Thee by Thy glance and by Thy call, and by the Command whereby Thou didst subdue all creation and attract all beings, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will purify me from the doubts of those who have denied Thy Manifestation, disputed Thy signs, turned away from the Dayspring of Thy attributes and the Source of Thy commandments. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and in service to Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny! He Who speaketh from His most exalted horizon is the Lord of all beings, Who revealed this Book as He was walking in the house and gazing toward the horizon of faithfulness. Exalted be God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, Who hath shown such loving-kindness as all the pens of the world and tongues of the nations are powerless to recount. To this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness in this mighty and impregnable station. O ’Ali-Akbar! Thou didst enter prison for love of Me and didst drink the cup of tribulation in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Verily He was with His loved ones and friends. He heareth and seeth what befalleth them, and He is the Hearing, the Answering. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. He comforteth thee and consoleth thee, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. By God! Tribulation in My love is sweeter than all sweetness. To this My Most Exalted Pen hath formerly testified, and thou art among those who behold. Blessed art thou and blessed are My friends in that land whom the affairs of the world have not withheld from the Ancient Lord. They are indeed among the triumphant. Beware lest the gloating of enemies sadden thee. Rather, rejoice in My remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, and glorification be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

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He is the One speaking from the horizon of the Kingdom! This is a Book sent down by the Lord of the world in His Most Great Prison, wherein He gives glad tidings to the peoples of that which has dawned and shone forth from the horizon of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the affairs of creation hold you back from the Truth. Cast aside what the people possess, turning unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Beware lest the veils of the divines prevent you, or the might of princes frighten you. Take the cup of utterance in the name of the All-Merciful, then drink thereof in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Say: By God! The promise has come, and He Who was promised has appeared with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the world nor the might of the nations can stand, were ye of those who know. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken, when the light was shining from the horizon of tribulation. Be thou thankful to God for this most great favor. Beware, beware lest what the people possess frighten thee, or the doings of the oppressors sadden thee. Aid thy Lord with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and the legions of deeds and character. Thus does the Commander, the All-Wise, command thee. Blessed art thou and those who have attained unto the Word of God in His days. Woe unto every heedless remote one. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon

thee and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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O J.L., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Witness. This is a Book of Wisdom sent down by the Lord of this Great Day. Blessed is he who perceives from it the fragrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Verily My Most Exalted Pen at all times ranges within the realm of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and found from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We accept thy thanks before Us - therefore praise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast strengthened me and caused me to know Thee and taught me and given me that of which most upon earth remain heedless. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Countenance and Thy Most Pure Hem to assist me in that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. Verily Thou art the Lord of earth's peoples and the Goal of those in earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Near One. There is no God but Thee, the Answering One. There is no God but Thee, the All-Watchful One. Thus doth my tongue speak when my face is turned toward Thee from my glorious and wondrous station. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause in this Day wherein the intoxication of vain desires hath seized all beings except such as have been preserved by the hand of the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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To the wife of Radi, upon her be the Most Holy and Most Exalted Glory of God. A book from Us to her who, when she heard the Call from the direction of the Throne, turned and said, then proclaimed: "Yea, O Beloved of the mystics!" O My handmaiden! If thou wouldst hear the Call which hath been raised in these days around My Throne, it would cause thee to soar in the atmosphere of My nearness, admit thee into My Kingdom, and enable thee to voice My praise among My handmaidens. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which will gladden thy heart. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, then remember Him in the nights and days. He, verily, is the Best of rememberers. O my God and my Beloved! I hear Thy call from the direction of the Prison, the place wherein the Throne of Thy grandeur and power hath been established. O Lord! Enable me to remember Thee in Thy days and praise Thee among Thy handmaidens. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast raised the standards of Thy Cause among Thy servants and hoisted the banners of Thy sovereignty amidst Thy creation, that Thou shut me not out from the door of Thy grace and withhold not from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have turned with their whole being to the court of Thy bounty and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Munificent, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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O Muhammad Mahdi, son of him who sacrificed himself in My Most Holy, Most Glorious Path! This is a Book from Us to him who has turned to the Countenance and attained the lights of divine unity when the Sun of detachment shone forth from the horizon of his Lord's will, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy - that his eyes may be consoled by his Lord's Book and that he may stand firm in the love of his Ancient Lord. O Mahdi! We had previously sent thee a Tablet, and this is yet another time, as a token of Our grace. Take it, then read it and be of them that remember. Look not upon the world and whatsoever is therein. Rather, look to the Scene wherein was raised the call of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Whosoever today hath heard God's call, he is indeed among the most exalted of people before the Self-Subsisting. Exalted is this resplendent and wondrous grace! Be thou known for thy love of thy Lord and for giving voice to this Great Name. Convey My remembrance unto thy brother, saying: Turn with thy most pure heart to the Most Great Scene and say: "O Lord of mankind! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name not to leave me to myself, and to make me ever-mindful of Thee, detached from all creation. Verily, Thou art the Helper." Then remember all who are with thee, every man and woman who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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This is the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Ancient Book from Us to those people who have followed what was sent down from God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Therein He makes mention of His handmaidens who have believed in God when He came with the truth through a Cause at which all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save whom thy Lord willed, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Today it behooveth every soul to aid his Lord. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a Book which none hath comprehended save God, the Powerful, the Wise. O My handmaidens! Hearken once again unto the call of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious, from the Lote-Tree raised up upon the crimson hill - verily there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Generous. Follow ye the commandments of God and His laws, then speak forth this Name through which faces have been darkened while the faces of those near unto God were illumined. Follow not those who speak according to their desires and do what they were forbidden in the Book - verily they are among the wrongdoers. Remember ye God in the days of the Beloved through Whom every wise command was revealed. Blessed is the one who hath today heard My call, turned away from all else beside Me, and remained steadfast in My Cause which hath encompassed the worlds. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen flowed in remembrance of His servants and handmaidens that all may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

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=== START BH06275 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book from Us to him who has turned to the horizon of his Lord's will, the Mighty, the Bestower, that the verses of God may draw him to a station which God hath made sanctified from all mention. Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard thy call and We have turned to thee from this Prison that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. God willing, thou shalt become so enkindled with the

fire of the love of God that its effects shall become manifest in the world. Thy letter arrived and the glance of favor hath turned toward thee. God willing, thou hast been and wilt be successful in that which He loveth and is pleasing unto Him. Say: O my Lord and my King and my Beloved and my Goal and my Object of Worship! I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thy good-pleasure lieth, in such wise that I may cause my will and desire to become extinct and nonexistent in Thy will and desire. I desire naught save what Thou hast desired. Thou seest me, O my God, turning unto Thee and speaking Thy praise and glory. I beseech Thee to make me purified from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth and to ordain for me what beseemeth the heaven of Thy grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

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In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to one who hath been drawn by the breeze of longing unto the Daystar of the horizons and hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, that the fragrances of reunion may once again take hold of him through this Tablet whereby all tablets have been adorned. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Rejoice thou that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from this Most Great Prison and remembereth thee with tenderness. When the denizens of the immortal Realm heard this, the King proclaimed: “May I be a sacrifice for Thee, O Lord of the worlds!” Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. He will verily aid thee through the truth. He is the Guardian of them that place their trust in Him. Recite thou what hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of Revelation. It will draw thee unto a station wherein thou shalt regard the world and all that is therein, whether hardship or comfort, wealth or affluence, as the most insignificant thing before thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Tablet while the Best-Beloved was in the hands of the oppressors. Thus have the breezes of favors wafted from the right hand of the paradise of thy Lord’s grace, out of His love for thee. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among My loved ones who have turned unto this resplendent Countenance.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who has turned towards the Countenance when those who clung to vain imaginings turned away from it, cast the laws of God behind their backs, and were accounted among the losers. We have broken the seal of the Choice Wine - among the people are those who turned towards it and drank, and those who turned away and showed pride before God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, he who has attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of his Lord’s signs is among those who are nigh unto God in a clear Book. God has ordained for him and his like that which shall preserve their remembrance throughout the duration of His mighty and

impregnable Kingdom. We summoned the people unto God, the Lord of Names, and made known to them His most exalted horizon. They turned away from Us until they cast Us into this mighty and impregnable Prison. For this We give thanks unto God and make mention of Him in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of nations can prevent Us. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His Name, the Dominant over all worlds. Give thanks unto God for this Tablet from which thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment of grace. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Thus has the Dove of Utterance cooed upon the branches of the Tree of Divine Knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and is among those who have turned unto God.

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O Buzurg, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. This is a Book sent down when the Wronged One was in evident sorrow. The oppressors have imprisoned My loved ones in Ta [Tehran] and other lands, whereat have wept the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the people of the Most High Heaven. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from His sublime station. O Buzurg! Hearken unto the call from the prison, then observe those who claim belief in the All-Merciful yet deny this News which God foretold through the tongues of those near unto Him. This is a Remembrance before which all remembrances bow down, and a Light which the machinations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, cannot extinguish. We counsel all to patience and forbearance, and shall seize the oppressors by Our command, for We are the Mighty Seizer. Be thou glad that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One. We have sent down for thee that from which thou shalt find the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Can anyone alter what God hath intended? Nay, by My Name, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and the earth! Thus have We adorned the Tablet of the Book with the ornament of My wondrous remembrance. Glory be upon him who hath turned toward My horizon and clung to My luminous robe.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down in truth for whosoever hath turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and hath quaffed the sealed wine when the Self-Subsisting came with the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We counsel Our loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God and His sovereignty may be exalted. Beware lest ye abandon that which ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Say: Take ye what ye have been commanded and follow not those who have cast the laws of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant one who is rejected. Say: The path of God hath appeared - hasten ye unto it and be not of them that tarry. We have ordained that hearts should turn towards Him - know ye this and be not of those who turn their feet toward this praiseworthy Station. Indeed He hath not permitted them to do so, lest there arise a clamor among the people. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We make mention of everyone who desireth to turn towards this forbidden quarter, and We ordain for whomsoever We please the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Ruler

over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken verses whereby are enraptured all who are in the heavens and on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty over what hath been and what shall be.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of creation. This is a Book sent down in truth that the people might draw nigh unto God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Through My remembrance the unitarians were attracted to the lights of My utterance and the sincere ones hastened to My horizon, and through My call the world was stirred, and through My arising the near ones arose to serve the Cause of God, Lord of what was and what shall be. Through the fragrances of My love were all things drawn, and through the perfume of My robe was the Most Exalted Paradise stirred, and through My verses did earth and heaven speak forth, yet most of the people understand not. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with this Sealed Tablet which the All-Merciful hath sent down from His most exalted horizon. When thou dost inhale its fragrance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name through which the limbs of all names trembled and earthquakes seized all who dwell in the realm of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love and speaking forth Thy praise amidst Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom armies cannot withhold nor can the power of all that was and shall be weaken. There is no God but Thee, the Possessor of the Seen and Unseen.

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The Most Holy, Most Great

A Book that hath been sent down in truth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is in itself the Spirit of Life amidst all created things and the Source of the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. And it is the Wellspring of God’s Command throughout all worlds and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation for what hath been and what shall be. And it is the Dayspring of Grace unto all peoples and the Sign of Guidance for those in the Kingdom. O My servants! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. There is none other God but I, the Stranger, the Prisoner. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Me when the servants turned away, and blessed is he who hath set his face toward the Intended One when He appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is he who was stirred by the breezes of reunion when the Star of Beauty rose above this forbidden horizon. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the hearing of God’s Word when it was raised from this praiseworthy spot. O people of Baha! Be not grieved by what hath befallen you in creation. By God! Ye are the companions of the Crimson Ark. Your mention hath flowed from the Sovereign Pen, and there hath been ordained for you that which none knoweth save God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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O `Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Protector of all who are in earth and heaven. This is a Book sent down in truth and a Cause manifested with justice from God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O peoples of the earth, fear God and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. When you find the fragrances of My Day and hear what has been raised by My Command amongst My servants, turn with the lights of submission and contentment, then thank Him for having guided you to His path and made known to you His Announcement - at whose appearance all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Might belong to God, the Exalted, the All-Praised." We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in that which will draw them near to Him and to ordain for them what will exalt them through His Name among His creation. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and in His grasp is the dominion of all things, of the former and the latter ones. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Light and Thy Mighty Announcement to open before my face the door of Thy mercy and Thy grace, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. I testify that Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Muhammad-Rahim! He is the One Who warbleth upon the branches. This is a Book that speaketh with truth, and verily it is the Path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Sign of Pre-existence for those in the kingdom of Command and Creation. Verily it is the Most Great Trumpet amidst the nations. When it was blown, every living soul was struck down save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Through its fragrances those in the graves were stirred. Exalted is He Who hath sent it down and made it the Dawning-Place of His knowledge for all in the world. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. O Rahim! Thy remembrance hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this Tablet which speaketh in the heaven of revelation that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have indeed found from thee the fragrance of sincerity and have turned toward thee from this noble station. Blessed art thou for having turned to My most exalted horizon and for having sought the Station which God hath sanctified from the knowledge of every heedless doubter. Grieve not over anything, for He hath accepted from thee what thou hast shown forth in His love. By My life! This is a word that causeth the breasts of the mystics to expand. Be grateful to thy Lord for having been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths.

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O Abdul-Majid, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Peerless Lord! Thy letter was presented before the Throne and attained the light of His countenance. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the chalice of divine good-pleasure and hast been enabled to praise His Being and teach His Cause. By My life! His grace hath encompassed thee. What grace could be greater than this - that He

caused a Sun to appear from that horizon and through it made manifest the teaching of His Cause in a manner clear and evident? Exalted, exalted be this grace through which the power of thy Lord was revealed! Exalted, exalted be this grace through which the heaven of thy Lord's might was adorned! Exalted, exalted be this grace through which the faces of the righteous were illumined and the faces of the wicked were darkened! God willing, thou shalt continue forever to drink from the wine of His favors and circle round His will. Thou didst write in thy letter: "I love naught but what Thou lovest and approvest." I praise God for having confirmed thee in this and made thee recognize this station which He hath made the most exalted of stations. God willing, in the nights and days ye shall remain engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and occupied with teaching His Cause. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

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O Haji Darvish, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power! You have ever been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and continue to be so. From the beginning of the Cause until now, without any veil or concealment, We have summoned the servants to that which draweth them nigh unto God. We arose for God's sake and showed the way for His sake. Some accepted and others turned away. Our purpose was that the cities of unity might be preserved from the fire of the oppression of the idolaters. Yet the heedless ones of the world cling to their desires and remain oblivious of the Truth. Beseech ye God that He may make His servants aware and awaken them from the slumber of negligence. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Darvish, upon him be My Glory, arrived and mentioned your intention to turn towards the Wronged One. He himself has determined to return for God's sake, for the exaltation of the Word and the glorification of the Cause. You too, God willing, after arriving and attaining His presence and meeting Him, shall become occupied with that which will lead to the reformation of the world and the refinement of the nations. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid you and assist you and His loved ones to remember Him, praise Him, serve His Cause and act according to that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

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O Nabil-i-Qabil-i-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! The glances of divine favor have ever been and shall ever be directed towards those who are related (to the Cause), and this special favor must be preserved through the Most Great Name, that it may be protected from the evil of the treacherous and the thieves. Under all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Truth and hold fast unto Him, for He is the Giver of all things and the Taker of all things. All are commanded today to observe wisdom, and this firm divine decree hath been revealed in most of the Tablets, for lack of wisdom hath been and shall be the cause of commotion among the people and the perturbation of souls. God, exalted and glorified be He, hath willed to guide all people to the horizon of His Cause through wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee a servant of His Cause among His servants, and to grant thee the good of this

world and the next. Verily there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who make mention of God in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day, at dawn and at eventide.

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O Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. The Tongue of Grandeur speaks this most exalted word in the Kingdom of Utterance: “O concourse of earth and heaven! He has come Who was treasured in the treasuries of infallibility, hidden in the repositories of grandeur, preserved in the breasts of the chosen ones, and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.” O Muhammad-i-Rida, when thou hearest My call and what My tongue has uttered, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to attain unto the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and adorned me with the ornament of faith in the realm of possibilities. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am he who has sought Thy nearness and Thy presence, to stand before Thy throne and at the door of Thy grandeur. Wouldst Thou turn away from Thy door him who hopes in Thee, or disappoint him in what he seeks from the wonders of Thy grace and favors? I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Life which has flowed from Thy Pen through Thy Will and Purpose to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. I testify that Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison speaks these decisive words, that perchance the fragrance of divine utterances may enable all the peoples of the world to attain unto eternal life. Blessed is he who has sought the Beloved with his heart, and he who, athirst, has turned to the Kawthar of his Lord’s mercy, the Ever-Flowing, the Bestowing, the Mighty, and he who has hearkened to the call of the Desired One and has said: “Here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!” Praise be to God that through God’s infinite bounty thou hast drunk from the Sealed Wine from which most of the people of the world are debarred. In the first station and primary rank, it was and ever shall be the wine of the love of God and the knowledge of Him. Praise be to God thou hast attained unto it. Strive thou that outward means may not prevent thee from this most exalted station and most sublime horizon. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Truth that all that exists in the world cannot equal a single word that flows today from the Most Exalted Pen. Thy letter was present before the Throne and the fragrance of love was inhaled from it. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness under all conditions. Verily He beholds whosoever turns unto Him and ordains for him what is best for him in this world and the next. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Generous.

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He is the Speaker on Sinai

Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all nations, my Desire and the Desire of the world, for having manifested Thy Cause, and made apparent Thy sovereignty, and that which was hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge, and for having guided the servants to the shore of the ocean of Thy recognition and shown them Thy straight path and Thy all-encompassing favor. O my Lord! This is the Day wherein Thou hast revealed Thyself unto all things and wherein Thy bounty hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. This is the Day whereon the Friend proclaimeth: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made steadfast my heart in Thy days," and the Interlocutor crieth out: "Thanks be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having shown me Thy Beauty." I beseech Thee, O my God, by this Day and by them who have attained unto Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of Thy bounty, to make me steadfast in all conditions in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Sorrows have seized the dwellers of Thy earth and heaven, for they behold the Dayspring of Thy love beneath the talons of hatred of the people of Thy realm. O Lord! He hath preceded most of Thy creation in believing in Thee and in Thy signs. I beseech Thee to preserve him and deliver him through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O handmaiden of God, wife of Nabil, son of Nabil, upon them be the glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! Praise be to God, each of the souls mentioned has attained to that which hath no likeness or equal. O My handmaiden! At this moment when the one named Jud is present and this Wronged One is established upon His seat, and Majd is arranging the Tablets and ordering the names in the final register, it was observed that your name was not among them. Therefore, at this hour the Tongue of Grandeur makes mention of you. He is the Kawthar of utterance that gives life and bestows fresh vitality upon the realm of faith. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: "Praise be to Thee for having turned toward Thy handmaiden and remembered her in Thy prison with words, each letter of which hath effects in the kingdoms of the seen and unseen." Thus have We sent down for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the cities of the Bayan, let alone this limited world. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon him who was named Ahmad, who attained the presence and won the meeting with God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We give him the glad-tidings of Our favor, for verily I am the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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In the name of the Lord! This is not the day of questions. When thou hearest the call of thy Lord, say: "Here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!" Behold Peter, how he responded to his Master before being questioned, and followed the Spirit with clear certitude. The sun of idle fancies hath been eclipsed and the orb of assurance hath dawned, for the All-Merciful hath come with His great glory. Then remember

when the Spirit came, how the learned ones turned away from Him while he who was a fisher of fish turned toward Him. Thus doth the servant remind thee, purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Cast aside vain imaginings - this is the day of divine disclosure and witnessing. Turn thy vision to the Most Great Scene, that thou mayest behold the light dawning from this luminous horizon. The Word that was hidden before hath now appeared. Reflect and be among those possessed of insight. The stars of fancy have fallen when He Who is Known came with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath found the breeze of God and turned to Him, detached from all created things. Ponder what We have imparted unto thee, that thou mayest understand what was concealed in the depths of these allusions. When thou findest the Kawthar of life in the Ridvan of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, drink thereof and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" We beseech God to assist His servants unto what He desireth. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

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To Mirza Mehdi, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the One Who Dawns from the Horizon of the Kingdom

O M.H.! We have called thee from the right side of the Mount. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of certitude by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The world is ablaze with the fire of vain fancies and veiled from the lights of the divine Manifestation's dawn. In the days and nights the pen of the Most High scratches, the call of the divine Tree is manifest, and the light of the Cause shines forth from the supreme horizon. Yet the unjust people have not awakened. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the service of the Cause, art speaking His praise, and art turned toward His horizon, and continue thus. The heedlessness of the people hath reached such a state that they were not awakened by the cry and the trumpet blast, and did not raise their heads from their beds. Thou and the friends must hold fast to wisdom, lest the clamor of every rejected ignorant one be raised.

The Glory shining from the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of grandeur have not prevented from turning to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We send from this spot Our greetings upon thy mother and those with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! There is nothing whatsoever but it hath been mentioned in the Book of Wisdom, and there is no matter but it hath been expounded in detail in the Scriptures of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The verses have been sent down in such wise that none can deny them save him whom the wrath of his Lord hath overtaken by reason of that which his hands have wrought

aforetime. He, verily, is the Just, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And power hath been manifested in such wise as to encompass all who are in the worlds. The seeing one is he who hath beheld the proof of his Lord, and the knowing one is he who hath recognized his Bountiful Lord, and the speaking one is he who hath uttered His praise, and the hearing one is he who hath hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. He who hath been heedless in the days of God is assuredly among the losers. O servants of God! Arise to serve the Cause, then assist it through that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets, and be not of them that sit still. Ye were created for this Day which hath been mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Vie ye with each other in good deeds. Thus doth He Who revealeth the verses command you, if ye be of them who understand. When thou attainest unto a Tablet of thy Lord, read what is therein with the most melodious voice. It will attract thee to an exalted station. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Your letter was received. Praise be to God, it indicated your health and well-being. Regarding what you wrote about traveling to Persia - you came of your own accord and now too you are free to choose. In any case there is no harm in these matters; there is freedom. However, it does not appear that Persia would be better than here. You will go and you will see. In every place one must rely on means, trusting in God. In any case, the details of your desire were presented. They said it is very good - let them come and act according to their own will. We beseech God to assist His loved ones and aid them in what He loves and is pleased with, and to make known to them what benefits them in this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Sovereign of Oneness. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Convey this servant's greetings and praise to each of the friends. God willing, may you be joyful and adorned with the primary blessing which is health. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The Servant

11th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1300

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=== START BH06295 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Your letter was received and the fragrance of love was diffused and spread from it. May you be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation and occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The Sun of Truth is shining, yet vision is rare. The call of God is raised, yet hearing is lacking. God willing, the Hand of Divine Bounty will bestow the power of hearing and will not deny this Most Great Bounty to those on earth. He is the Bestower, the Mighty.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined all created things with the light of Thy Cause and hast subdued all existing things through the manifestation of Thy Name! I beseech Thee by the Source of Verses through which appeared the Kingdom of Thy utterance and the signs of Thy power, might and sovereignty, to aid me to arise to mention Thee and serve Thy Cause in such wise that the imaginings of the learned and the doubts of those who have denied Thy right, broken Thy Covenant, and disputed Thy verses shall not hinder me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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From the sweet-scented streams of Thine eternity give me to drink, O my God, and of the fruits of the tree of Thy being enable me to taste, O my Hope! From the crystal springs of Thy love suffer me to quaff, O my Glory, and beneath the shadow of Thine everlasting providence let me abide, O my Light! Within the meadows of Thy nearness, before Thy presence, make me able to roam, O my Beloved, and at the right hand of the throne of Thy mercy seat me, O my Desire! From the fragrant breezes of Thy joy let a breath pass over me, O my Goal, and into the heights of the paradise of Thy reality let me gain admission, O my Adored One! To the melodies of the dove of Thy oneness suffer me to hearken, O Resplendent One, and through the spirit of Thy power and Thy might quicken me, O my Provider! In the spirit of Thy love keep me steadfast, O my Succorer, and in the path of Thy good-pleasure set firm my steps, O my Maker! Within the garden of Thine immortality, before Thy countenance, let me abide for ever, O Thou Who art merciful unto me, and upon the seat of Thy glory stablish me, O Thou Who art my Possessor! To the heaven of Thy loving-kindness lift me up, O my Quickener, and unto the Day-Star of Thy guidance lead me, O Thou my Attractor! Before the revelations of Thine invisible spirit summon me to be present, Thou Who art my Origin and my Highest Wish, and unto the essence of the fragrance of Thy beauty, which Thou wilt manifest, cause me to return, O Thou Who art my God!

Potent art Thou to do what pleasest Thee. Thou art, verily, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Highest.

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=== START BH06297 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord! We have seen thy letter and heard thy call. God willing, in this spiritual morn thou shalt be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and drink from the choice wine of inner meanings. The Beloved One speaks forth openly and without veil: Blessed is the soul that hears and causes to hear the call of Truth. Today, whatsoever dawns from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation is accepted and beloved. We beseech God, glorified and mighty be He, to guide those lost in the valley of error to the resplendent horizon of guidance, and to lead those who thirst in the desert of bewilderment

to the ocean of recognition. Say: O God of the world and Lord of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the lands were shaken and the servants were disturbed, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away what they possessed, turning to the horizon of Thy bounty and the Dawning-Place of Thy favors. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Aid me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee, and ordain for me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O ’Ata’u’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! Your letter arrived and was honored to be read and heard. Praise be to God that the clamor of the peoples did not prevent you from the Ancient Lord and the Most Great Name. The whole world was brought from nothingness into being to serve the Cause, yet when the Luminary of God’s Command shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, all turned away save whom God willed - your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. From your letter wafted the fragrance of love. We beseech God to assist you in His remembrance, praise and service to His Cause. We make mention of the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace, exalted be His glory. O people of God! Strive that perchance you may receive your portion from the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge and succeed in performing such deeds whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. The path is from Him, success is from Him. He guides whom He wishes to His straight path. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have recognized this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH06299 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory! The Grace and Bounty

Your letter was presented before the Wronged One and all of it was heeded. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love was wafting from it. The first part of the letter was adorned with these words: “This lowly servant with oceans of transgression and mountains of errors…” and so forth. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! If you have confessed to oceans of transgression, this Wronged One likewise acknowledges that God, exalted be His glory, possesses oceans of forgiveness and pardon. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to change sins into good deeds and to purify you from whatsoever is displeasing to His good-pleasure. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me recognize Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to ordain for me that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! The weary hath turned toward the kingdom of Thy utterance and the blind toward the Kaaba of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy giving to make me speak forth among Thy creation that I may acquaint them with Thy straight Path and Thy mighty Message, and show them Thy signs and the

manifestations of Thy power. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the aggressive ones cannot frustrate nor the ascendancy of the polytheists prevent. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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The letter of his honor ’Attar ibn ’Attar, upon them both be God’s peace and care and grace, reached Our presence and We beheld it, for although this servant was present, he was absent. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they were and are in the aforementioned prison, and through His grace the letter of his honor Haji Muhammad ’Ali was also observed. Verily he was mentioned before and is mentioned at this time. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him that which will draw him near in all conditions - verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High - and to write down for him the best of what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. And at the end of the utterance We make mention of Muhammad-Quli-’Ali who attained the presence and won the meeting, and drank the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. O Muhammad ’Ali! We have heard thy call and seen thy letter. We mentioned thee before and at this time. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother, thine aunt and her daughter Khadijih and the other one, and upon thy brothers, from God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the One God! The Divine Call is raised in the nights and days from the Prison of ’Akka, making mention of His chosen ones and likewise of His handmaidens. O Land of Qaf! Blessed art thou in that the fragrance of the divine utterance from the All-Merciful hath been wafted within thee, and there hath been sent unto thee that which hath attracted the cities and regions, by the command of God, the Lord of all men. We beseech God that He may assist all the people of that land, both men and women who have submitted, to be steadfast, inasmuch as the barking ones have at all times striven and continue to strive to lead astray the souls that have turned unto Him and are assured. O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! God hath specially revealed for each one that which is the cause of eternal life. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto it - such a one is accounted before God, the Lord of all beings, as one of the people of Baha. We counsel the relatives of the late and elevated one to be patient and forbearing, and to serve and care for his honor Samandar. We beseech God to assist all to do what He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Mirza Jani! The All-Glorious, the Most Great! This is a mention from Us unto him who desires to follow his Ancient Lord, that what hath been sent down from before the Throne may strengthen him according to what God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath willed. Say: O people! Follow not your passions, nor walk in the footsteps of them who have denied God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Beware lest the world beguile you from God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Cast away what ye possess in your search for that which is with your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, they who are heedless this day are in manifest error. Soon shall they behold themselves in the abyss of divine wrath. Thy Lord is, in truth, the most severe in punishment. And they who have believed shall soon find themselves in an exalted station. Thus have We inspired thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be among those who are firm in His love. Say: O my God! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy Most Glorious Name, whereby the foundations of them who denied Thee on the Day of Judgment were shaken, and aid me to remember and praise Thee, and ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. O Lord! Make me so steadfast in Thy love that the world shall not prevent me from turning to the sanctuary of Thy Most Glorious Name. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH06304 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a mention from Us to him who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of him as We mentioned him before, that he may ascend by the steps of divine good-pleasure unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have heard thy cry and have answered thee through this Tablet, well-preserved. Make mention of thy Ancient Lord through that which hath enabled thee to recognize His Self and hath acquainted thee with this praiseworthy station. All things have been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are the people who recognize. This is the Day whereof We gave you tidings in the Qur'an through Our true utterance: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's, the Lord of what was and what shall be." Verily He speaketh naught except that which beseemeth these days. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of the unseen. We have indeed detailed all things aforetime in Our Preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant on a Day wherein every heedless one remained veiled therefrom. We have heard the cry of thy mother, thy sister and thy brother, and have made mention of them through this Pen whereby the sealed choice Wine was unsealed. Give them glad-tidings from Me and remind them of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We pronounce Our glorification upon thee even as thou didst glorify Him Who stood before the Throne and writeth down the verses of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a Book which of itself speaketh and saith, heareth and answereth. Verily He is the Speaker, the All-Hearing. We have manifested the Cause and made all things speak that there is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the Answering. Those who have turned away from

this Cause are, by the life of God, among the heedless. Woe unto him who cast aside the All-Giving when he heard the buzzing of the fly. The Book beareth witness that he is among the most lost. We have counseled the servants through the tongue of the Manifestation of My Self, Whom We made the Herald of this mighty and impregnable Cause. He revealed the Bayan solely for My wondrous remembrance. He informed the world of the Most Great Manifestation and gave them glad tidings of this Name whereby every heedless and remote one hath lamented. O people! Fear God and follow not every polytheist who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. He who claimed the verses turned away from them and denied their Revealer, around Whom circled the Kingdom of the Bayan at all times. Thus was the matter decreed, and judgment is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. We give to drink the water of life from God, the True King, [the Manifest] to those who have turned to Him. Verily he who hath taken and drunk thereof is of the people of this glorious station.

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=== START BH06306 ===

He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy

This is a mighty Book that cometh from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Despair not of God's mercy, for His mercy hath preceded all created things. He aideth whom He willeth through the hosts of the heavens and earth. In His hand is the dominion of all things; He doeth what He willeth. They who in these days have remained heedless of Him are in manifest error, while they who have been guided by the light of His countenance are upon a straight path. Say: O people! Cast not aside this Youth from your midst, and be not of the losers. O servant! Cast behind thee what is with men and take what is with thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Then let it suffice thee against all that hath been created between the heavens and earth - this is a revelation from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Say: O my God! Behold this poor and helpless servant, and leave him not to himself. Then make me steadfast in Thy love and deprive me not of Thy bountiful grace. Then make me among those who have turned toward Thee and detached themselves from the idolaters. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and verily Thou art powerful over all things.

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=== START BH06307 ===

In the Name of the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is a Book from the Primal Point unto her who hath believed in God her Lord, and who hath lamented in His separation and wept at His parting and cried out in His remoteness and held fast to the cord of His love, that the melody of God which hath been raised from the direction of the Throne might draw her unto itself - a melody that hath attracted unto itself the hearts of them that are brought near. By God, the True One! Were all created things to hear but a single word of that which the Lord of Names and Attributes hath spoken, they would assuredly detach themselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth and would turn unto the face of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. O My handmaiden! There hath befallen Us that which transcendeth all mention and utterance, as all things do testify, and beyond them

the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory in this mighty and exalted station. Grieve thou not over anything, for We have accepted whatsoever hath befallen Us and are content with that which hath been ordained by the Pen of Our Command upon the tablets. And We are, of a truth, witness to what We say. Be thou patient and do not lament, for He hath ordained for the one He desireth a reunion in realms which no one hath known save His Own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And peace be upon thee and upon every assured handmaiden and every discerning sage.

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=== START BH06308 ===

In the name of God, the One, the Single! This is a Book from Us to her who hath believed in her Lord and heard His call on the day when all who are in the heavens and on earth were terrified. O My handmaiden! Take hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy, then detach thyself from the idolaters. Should a tablet of fire come to thee from the chief of the wicked ones, cast it behind thee, then turn toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: I have believed in God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and have turned my face toward the Most Glorious Horizon. Thereby hath God made me independent of those who have hesitated in His Cause, and of those who have disbelieved in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know thou that thy Lord doth from the Most Glorious Outlook behold His handmaidens who have turned unto Him. He shall soon send down unto them that which shall gladden their hearts. Verily, He hath power over all things. Say: O my Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens and have turned my face toward the sanctuary of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy beauty not to deprive me of beholding Thy countenance, through whose light the heavens and earth were illumined. O my Lord! Cause me to hear Thy call and let me taste the sweetness of Thy remembrance and grant me the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, then give me to drink from the Salsabil of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

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The Mother of the Most Holy Book

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to one of Our handmaidens who hath borne tribulations in My path, and grief in My love, and poverty for My beauty, that she may rejoice in what hath been sent down unto her from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Know thou that We have become aware of what hath befallen thee in the path of God, and We are apprised of what thou hast witnessed in His love and good-pleasure. Thy Lord is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and of the earth, but most people do not understand. Soon will God seize those who have wronged, and raise up those who were oppressed. He, verily, is powerful over what He willeth through His word "Be," and it is. Take comfort in My remembrance, for it shall suffice thee above all that is on earth. We have ordained for thee a station in a sealed tablet which none can unlock save God, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou thankful and grieve not. Verily, thy Lord is with those who have remained faithful to the Covenant on the day of separation. He knoweth what lieth within the breasts.

Give praise unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this Tablet after He was imprisoned through what the hands of the heedless have wrought.

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O […], upon him be the Glory of God, speaking in His Name. This is a letter from the servant to him who hath believed in God and was illumined by the lights of the Face at this Dawn in truth, and attained the presence of God and heard the melodies which were raised from the direction of the Throne. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God, thy Lord, and having drunk the water of life from the fingers of thy Lord's will, the Most Merciful, and having detached thyself from every rejected polytheist. Stand thou firm in the Cause through God's might and power, then convey unto the people what thou hast known and witnessed in this Revelation, which hath been mentioned as the most wondrous of revelations among the worlds. Say: This is indeed the Wonder of the heavens and of the earth, if ye be of them that know. Say: Were it not for Him, God would not have come upon an illumined cloud. Stand thou firm in the Cause in such wise that through thee may stand firm those servants who have hesitated and who remain halted in heedlessness around the Path. They shall pass over it through My sovereignty and power and grandeur. Thus hath the Pen of Command inscribed upon this Tablet which hath been beheld by holy glances. Say: O people! Gather ye around Our Name Sad, then help your Lord, the Most Merciful. Thus hath it been sent down from the presence of One Wise, All-Informed.

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In the name of God, the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding! This is a Book from before the Youth to him who hath walked in the paths of guidance and recognized the Manifestation of God's Self, the Most High, the Most Exalted, after all others opposed Him, following the evil ones. O servant! Hear the call of thy Lord from the direction of the prison, and be thou of them that remember. By His call the souls are stirred with longing for His presence and desire for His reunion, but the idolaters are veiled by a mighty veil. How wonderful it is for thee that thou hast drunk from the cup of immortality and attained unto the presence of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds! Say: O My loved ones! Ye rest upon your seats while the Youth is in grievous affliction. Yet We are content with that which hath been ordained for Us by the All-Knowing Ordainer. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to love Him and to bring them to such a station that they will be detached from all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. Thus warbleth the Dove of the Cause at a time when sorrows have encompassed it from every side, and it findeth for itself no helper or supporter save Him Who created all things by His command. Verily He encompasseth all things. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with their hearts toward the holy shore of the ocean of mighty glory.

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This is a Tablet addressed to Sulayman, beginning in Arabic:

O Sulayman the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious! This is a Book from God unto him who hath believed in God on the Day of Return. O Sulayman! If thou dost catch the fragrance of the All-Merciful from the direction of Sheba, leave Bilqis and her throne behind thee, then turn with thy heart toward the Qiblih of all horizons. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the fingers of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, on this Day whereon the All-Glorious hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the realms of being. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Verily, they who have cast behind their backs their vain imaginings and taken what was commanded unto them by God, the Lord of all men - upon them shall the denizens of the Concourse on High pray at eventide and at dawn. Beware lest the world and what occurreth therein sadden thee. By My life! It shall pass away, and might and power shall remain with thy Lord, the Possessor of Names and Attributes. Make My remembrance thy paradise, My love thy heart's sanctuary, My Name thy lamp, and thy turning unto Me thy turning unto the Dawning-Place of Lights. Thus doth the Pen of Command counsel thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. When thou attainest unto this Tablet, place it upon thine eyes and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast sent down unto me that which illumineth the eyes.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. This is a letter from the Prisoner to her who hath believed in her Lord and was among those who remember, and who recognized her Lord in days when most of the people were heedless save those who detached themselves from the kingdom and soared in the atmosphere of nearness which God hath sanctified from all names and attributes. O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of this Glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of holiness and hath come from the heaven of the Command with a kingdom of verses, that the fragrances of God may attract thee and detach thee from all else and draw thee nigh unto the Dayspring of divine manifestations. Purify thyself from whatsoever God detesteth, then remember Him with thy heart and tongue and be not of them that are silent. Ascend through the power of faith unto the seat of the All-Merciful which God hath sanctified from all indications and allusions. And she who hath sanctified herself, verily she standeth before the Throne and no distance cometh between her and her Lord. Thus hath the sun of wisdom shone forth from the horizon of utterance that the believing handmaidens may be illumined thereby. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon such handmaidens as have believed in God and were among the pure and devout ones.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted! This is a letter from the Prisoner to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thy letter hath come before Us, and the glances of the Youth have been directed towards it. He hath taken note of its contents and become one of those

who bear witness. Give thanks unto God for having singled thee out to recognize the Manifestation of His Self. By God! This is a bounty with which nothing that hath been created between the heavens and earth can compare. Whoso attaineth unto His love is indeed wealthy in the kingdom and shall soon behold himself in a station of glorious and lofty might. Grieve not over anything. Verily He is with thee and will help thee with truth. In His hand is the dominion of victory and within His grasp is the empire of command and creation. He, verily, is powerful over all things. As to thy desire to attain the presence of the Countenance, We have granted thee permission for what thou didst wish, as a bounty from Us unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Soon will Satan appear there in human form with tablets of fire. When ye recognize him, smite him with the flame of the Command from the presence of One mighty, all-knowing. This is of the tidings of the unseen wherewith God hath informed you, that ye may be assured that with Him is the knowledge of all things preserved in a mighty and guarded tablet. And glory be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

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This is a Tablet from the Point of the Bayan to Salman, that he may be illumined by the lights of his Lord, the All-Merciful, in these days wherein all have turned away from the Beauty of the All-Glorious and followed Satan in their own selves, and were among the idolaters. Hearken, O servant, to the call of this Prisoner from the depths of this pit, that perchance thou mayest aid this Wronged One Who hath been afflicted at the hands of His servants and subjects who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Protector, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God, then summon the people unto this Paradise, the Most Great Paradise of God, and be not of them who have violated God's Covenant after it was revealed with every wise command. Say: O people! Do ye remember the Primal Point yet deny His own Self? What aileth you that ye perceive not? Say: O My loved ones! By God the Truth, this is the Day the like of which the eyes of creation have never witnessed. Beware lest ye be heedless of it and of Him Who hath appeared therein. Remember Him at eventide and at dawn, then lament for what hath befallen Him at the hands of the hypocrites. Thus have We made mention of thee, as a token of Our grace unto thee and unto Our upright servants.

=== END BH06315 ===

=== START BH06316 ===

This is a letter from this lowly, humble servant to him who hath believed in God and was among the guided ones, imparting unto him that which shall tranquilize him in this great terror wherein the Maids of Paradise and the angels drawn nigh have lamented. O servant! Hearken unto that which the Nightingale of nearness teacheth thee in this wondrous Paradise, that thou mayest detach thyself from the intimations of dominion and sanctify thyself from all that veils thee from the beauty of luminous glory. Know thou that We have made this Book a remembrance for you that ye may remember Me after Me and be of them that remember. Thus do We impart unto thee that which descendeth upon thy heart - verses of mighty glory - that thou mayest thank God, thy Creator, in these days the like of which the eyes of them of old have never witnessed. Beware lest thou forget God's favor unto thee and be of the

heedless ones. Then remember on Our behalf thy wife and those who were in thy house, and give them glad tidings of the shore of a mighty Name. Then thy brother and those who have believed in God and held fast unto the handle of holy exaltation. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon him who hath been patient in God and was, in love, among the firmly rooted ones.

=== END BH06316 ===

=== START BH06317 ===

Urmia. O servant who hath attained unto the Most Holy and Most Glorious Presence! This is a Book sent down in truth unto people who understand. Verily there is no God but Him, and all shall return unto Him. We have ordained good things for those who, through fear of their Lord, are filled with apprehension. Say: This indeed is the Truth - will ye then turn back upon your heels? By God! That which was promised unto you hath appeared in truth, yet ye deny it. This indeed is the All-Merciful Who hath come with clear proof, yet most of you detest the truth. Soon shall We seize those who have cast the Command of God behind their backs, and when the breezes of the verses reach them, then do they cry out in anguish. Say: The mercy hath come, yet from it ye flee. Say: Within Our grasp are the destinies of all things, and with Us is a Book that speaketh of what your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath willed, would ye but understand. Say: O people! Leave those who have disbelieved to wallow in their folly, and hold fast unto the cord of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. O My servant! Hear My counsel, then detach thyself from all else besides Me. By My life! All that thou seest in My earth shall perish, and the Cause shall remain with My Self. Blessed is he who hath turned unto God and turned away from those who deny. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who act according to My command.

=== END BH06317 ===

=== START BH06318 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book sent down from before the Throne to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and who hath perceived the fragrance of the All-Merciful from the garment of Our Most Great Name, whereby all that was and will be hath arisen, surging like the sea in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people! This is the Day wherein the heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the earth hath been rent, and the skin hath crept with fear, save of him who hath answered his Lord and turned toward this outstretched Shadow. Be thou a lamp of the remembrance of thy Lord amongst His servants, that through thee may be illumined the faces of those whom the veils have not withheld from the remembrance of their Lord, the Munificent, the All-Bestowing. Thus hath the Command come, but the people understand not. Soon shall the sincere ones find the signs of their Lord's victory, the All-Merciful, and by them shall those who associate partners with God be shaken. Say: Verily in this Prison are signs for the people of Baha and clear proofs for those who fear God. Arise at thy Lord's command, the All-Merciful, and remind the people of this Name whereby the Herald hath called out in the midst of the heavens: "Your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, hath come!" And glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and who in His love have detached themselves from all that is seen and unseen.

=== END BH06318 ===

=== START BH06319 ===

He Who fashioned copper is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Book which guideth all the worlds and from which light shineth forth, visible to those possessed of keen insight, lest anyone go astray after the Light hath shone forth from its Niche with wondrous radiance, illuminating all regions - if ye be aware of this. Say: O people! By God, the Sun hath risen from a mighty horizon. Deprive not yourselves of that which hath appeared in truth, whose light shineth with brilliant radiance. Sanctify your souls and your bodies that ye may be raised up to the plane of a glorious Name. Know then, O servant, that We have not failed in Our promise, but the idolaters have opposed and disobeyed their Lord's command, eagerly persisting in their wrongdoing. Were it not for their oppression, We would surely have fulfilled Our promise and remained steadfast to Our Covenant. For this reason have We withheld it from you and most of the people, who have not heard, and the matter was ordained. Grieve not over anything, but be patient within thyself and put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and be not sorrowful in the kingdom. Strive within thyself that thy countenance may not turn away from love, though every grievous torment be inflicted upon thee. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who remain faithful to the Covenant.

=== END BH06319 ===

=== START BH06320 ===

The Most Holy, Most Great. This is a Tablet revealed in truth from the heaven of God, the Exalted, the Great. Therein is that which distinguisheth between people, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Among the people is he who, upon hearing the verses of God, is so seized by the rapture of longing that he forsaketh all who dwell on earth and turneth with his heart unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. When the unitarians behold him, they perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful from his countenance. He is indeed of the people of Baha, whose name hath been inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in a preserved Tablet. And among them is he who, having heard the verses of God, waxeth proud against them and is numbered with the idolaters. Place thy trust in God in thy affairs, then remain steadfast in such wise that the veils of them that have disbelieved in thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, shall not hinder thee. We have ordained for everyone who hath believed in God in this Revelation a station in the Kingdom, and their names have been recorded by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. He shall soon gather them together in the pavilion of grandeur - a promise from His presence. He is indeed the Guardian of the sincere ones. Remember thy Lord by night and by day, and remind the people of this Announcement which hath dawned from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with manifest light. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06320 ===

=== START BH06321 ===

O handmaids of God! This is a Tablet that shineth between the heavens and the earth. Blessed is the one who is illumined thereby on this Day whereon the Spirit warbleth with most wondrous melodies at the

heart of creation: “There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious.” From it every person of keen sense perceiveth the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that have turned towards Him.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those handmaidens who have believed in God on a Day wherein men were prevented from turning to God, the Most High, the Most Great. How many were the servants who traveled throughout the lands for My remembrance and visited the spots associated with the Names for My good-pleasure. Yet when I revealed Myself, they turned away and disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Blessed are ye, O handmaids of God, for having turned towards the Kaaba of existence and for having been wafted upon by the fragrances of the Robe from this luminous Quarter. Be ye steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, then make mention of that which hath been sent down in the Tablets from the presence of One mighty and wise. Gather ye together and make mention with joy and radiance, despite those who have adorned their heads with turbans as a display of learning, yet when the Known One appeared, recognized Him not. By My life! They are accounted as dead. The splendor of God rest upon you, O My handmaidens, from God the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06321 ===

=== START BH06322 ===

To ’Ali-Qabl-i-Nabil, son of Ismu’llah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be 669 [Baha’u’llah]. The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Supreme.

This is the Day wherein the birds warble, seized by the rapture of the Manifestation, yet the people perceive not. All things have been drawn to the melodies of the Lord of Names, yet the people turn away therefrom. Every hearing ear perceiveth from the Rock that which the Interlocutor heard in the wilderness, yet the people understand not.

Say: By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the key of My Most Great Name, and there hath appeared that which had not appeared before, would ye but know it. Say: Were ye to judge fairly, by God, if ye deny this Cause, could ye establish any other cause? Nay, by the Lord of Destiny! Yet the people judge not fairly.

Thus doth the Dove of Eternity warble in the prison of ’Akka. Hearken, O people, and be not of them who heard the call of God and then turned away from it. Say: By the life of God! This is the cup of life - draw nigh unto it in My Name, and take it by My leave, then drink in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Glorified be the people of Baha who have turned to God with faces radiant with light, whom the doubts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, have not prevented.

=== END BH06322 ===

=== START BH06323 ===

In remembrance of Siyyid Rida, upon him be the glory of God. He is the Protector, the Helper, the All-Knowing. This is a Day wherein the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary calleth aloud, and all things cry out

beyond it: “The Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens hath come!” Light be unto him who hath turned and attained, and fire unto him who hath turned away from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The ears have been created for the days of God and the eyes for beholding the lights. Blessed be he who hath attained the bounty of God, and woe unto him who hath denied it. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken in this wondrous station. Rejoice thou in that We have remembered thee before and at this time. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: O concourse of the earth! Cast aside the books of fancy and idle imaginings. By God the Truth! The Book of Certitude hath been sent down and speaketh throughout all creation: “The Promise is fulfilled and He Who was promised crieth out: ‘There is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.’” Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Us, then act according to what hath been revealed therein. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Informed. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest inhale their fragrance and be of the thankful ones. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH06323 ===

=== START BH06324 ===

He is the Revealer, the Witness, the Faithful

This is the night whereon My Pen groaneth over what hath befallen the letters inscribed upon His sacred scroll from every oppressor who is estranged from God. We enjoined upon all men to be just and fair-minded and to fear God, the Lord of the worlds. Yet the unjust pronounced sentence against Us and against the chosen ones of God with such cruelty as to cause all created things to cry out and every sound heart to lament. We have sent down unto them the food of utterance out of the heaven of understanding and they have cast it behind their backs turning aside from God, the Great Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. No one of them that were before Us hath endured the things We have endured. Unto this testifieth the Pen of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. Let nothing grieve thee, in all thine affairs put thy reliance in Whose grasp are the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation. There is none other God save He, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Proclaim unto my loved ones the tidings of remembrance of Me and of devotion to Me, and of turning unto Me and of My mercy, My favor and My loving kindness which hath encompassed all who are in heaven and who are on earth. My glory that shineth forth above the horizon of My Bounty be upon thee and upon him who beareth witness unto that whereunto God Himself borne witness, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

=== END BH06324 ===

=== START BH06325 ===

In the Name of God, the Peerless Lord! Every handmaiden who in this Day hath attained unto the wine of divine bounty is reckoned among the men and numbered with the chosen ones in the Book. O daughter of Samad-’Ali who is present! He hath made mention of thee and from the Dayspring of loving-kindness hath caused to shine forth a Light that shall never set. It forever shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet. Know thou the favor of thy Lord and the station of Him Who hath mentioned thee. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and be thou detached and free from all

else but God. Blessed is the soul that hath not been deprived of the ocean of knowledge and hath not remained bereft of the divine Call. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath beheld. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for His turned-towards handmaidens that which He hath ordained for His handmaidens who circle round the Throne by night and by day, and to decree for thee from His Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Unique, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon all My handmaidens from God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH06325 ===

=== START BH06327 ===

O Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Straight Path! Hast thou heard the Path speak? Say: Yea, by my Lord! He hath appeared in truth and speaketh at all times, saying: "There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed." Hast thou seen the Balance walk? Say: Yea, by the Self of God, the Lord of all worlds! Verily He hath appeared in truth and summoned all to His luminous horizon. The Hour hath come and its signs are manifest, yet most of the people remain heedless. Such heedlessness hath seized them that they have cast God behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies and vain imaginings they possess. Say: O people! Fear God and deprive not yourselves of this mighty grace. This is the Day wherein the ocean of utterance hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet ye remain asleep. Arise in the name of your Lord, the King of Names, from the slumber of passion, then turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon that ye may hear what Moses heard in the wilderness of knowledge, and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen teach you - act as ye have been commanded and be not of those who turn aside. The glory shining from the horizon of My Sacred House be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to My mighty cord.

=== END BH06327 ===

=== START BH06328 ===

CLVI

He Who is the Eternal Truth hath, from the Day Spring of Glory, directed His eyes towards the people of Baha, and is addressing them in these words: "Address yourselves to the promotion of the well-being and tranquillity of the children of men. Bend your minds and wills to the education of the peoples and kindreds of the earth, that haply the dissensions that divide it may, through the power of the Most Great Name, be blotted out from its face, and all mankind become the upholders of one Order, and the inhabitants of one City. Illumine and hallow your hearts; let them not be profaned by the thorns of hate or the thistles of malice. Ye dwell in one world, and have been created through the operation of one Will. Blessed is he who mingleth with all men in a spirit of utmost kindliness and love."

=== END BH06328 ===

=== START BH06329 ===

O Ibrahim, beloved of the All-Merciful! By the will of God, exalted be His glory, the Sun of Manifestation dawned from the horizon, yet the heedless ones denied Him and accepted not His proof. Later, the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, arose from the horizon of God's Will and summoned the people to the straight path of God. However, the divines and rulers denied Him and rose up against Him, inflicting upon Him that which caused the very atoms of creation to lament and weep at His oppression. The heedless and ignorant ones have ever clung to their vain imaginings and turned away from the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and the Source of inspiration, as is witnessed today by every person of insight and testified to by every person of understanding - the appearance of the Truth with clear proof and evidence, and yet the turning away of all created things. Blessed is he whom the tales of the world have not deprived of the Most Great Word, and whom the veils of the peoples have not held back from the Truth. Such a one is numbered among the companions of the Crimson Ark, as attested by the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Tablet.

=== END BH06329 ===

=== START BH06330 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable, all-knowing God! O loved ones of the All-Merciful! A letter was received in the Most Holy Court mentioning nine souls, for each of whom a wondrous book hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty, that all may become so enkindled with the fire of divine love that neither the vicissitudes of time, nor the oppression of tyrants, nor the depression pervading the contingent world may prevent them from feeling its warmth or deprive them of the sweetness of God's remembrance. O Muhammad! The Wronged One calleth thee and saith: Thou hast attained the supreme divine bounty, which is recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of His Command. Know thou the value of this station and act according to that which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Verily, whosoever in this Day holdeth fast unto His commandments and prohibitions shall assuredly be seized by His infinite outpourings. Pure and sincere deeds have been and shall ever be the cause of the appearance of blessing and bounty. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which shall cause the preservation of thy remembrance and be the means of its protection. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and put thy trust in the One, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06330 ===

=== START BH06331 ===

In His Name, Who has dawned from the horizon of the world!

O My loved ones in all lands! Hold fast to the cord of fellowship and love. We desire to show you the dawning places of My morals among My servants and the daysprings of My mercy which have preceded all worlds. There should appear from you that which will move creation and gladden the hearts of those who hear. Be not like those who revile one another. Reflect upon My loving-kindness, My compassion and My bounty which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who has

turned his gaze away from his brother and associated with him in spirit and fragrance, purely for the sake of the All-Merciful. By My life! He is of those who have attained.

Be brothers upon the thrones of unity, then vie with one another in good deeds. This is what ye have been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you or the whisperings of the idolaters prevent you. All shall perish and there shall endure for you what hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Rejoice in what thou hast mentioned in the prison, and in what hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of bounty - this wondrous Book. Read it with joy and tranquility that thou mayest find therein this fragrance whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth have been perfumed.

=== END BH06331 ===

=== START BH06332 ===

O Ahmad! From before, your mention flowed and appeared from the Most Exalted Pen. I swear by the Most Great Luminary that has dawned from the horizon of the world - nothing that imagination can encompass or understanding comprehend can compare with it. Therefore give thanks to the Ancient Lord that He has enabled you to attain this great bounty. Be not grieved or saddened by the conditions and conflicts of the world. Reflect upon former ages - what they said and what they did in the times of the Manifestations of Truth. O Ahmad! Great is the Cause, and most lofty the station of steadfastness. God willing, you shall hold fast to it and spend your nights and days in remembrance of the Peerless Friend. He says: The whole world exists so that it might be mentioned but once in the Holy Presence. Verily He has spoken the truth, but the people do not understand. Verily He has appeared with justice, but mankind does not perceive. Verily He calls out with the most exalted call, but the factions do not hear, save whom God wills, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. The glory be upon you and upon your family and upon those who have attained to this irrevocable Cause.

=== END BH06332 ===

=== START BH06333 ===

O Ahmad, son of him who hath emigrated unto God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! O Ahmad! Hearken thou once again unto the call of the One, the Single. Verily, He remembereth thee through His bounty in this spot which God hath made the circling-place of them that are nigh unto Him. Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee the face of Him Who hath been wronged, from the direction of His sorrowful prison, and Who speaketh and saith: There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He saith: O people of submission, make your submission and humility to be for God alone. Thus hath He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things commanded in a perspicuous Book. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath caused honored servants to lament. Be patient, O My servants, even as servants before you were patient who cast the world behind their backs and took hold of the Book of God with hands of might and power, in spite of those who denied God, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily thy father circleth round the Cause and beholdeth and seeth that which most of creation hath been prevented from. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee as a

bounty from Me, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister from God, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH06333 ===

=== START BH06334 ===

TRANSLATION:

O Mulla Ahmad! He is the One dawning from the horizon of possibility! O Ahmad! Rejoice in that the Beloved hath made mention of thee from His praiseworthy station. By the life of God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal His mention. He Who possesseth the sealed wine beareth witness to this. We have appeared with the truth and have made manifest that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. We have, with the finger of might, broken the seal of the choice Wine. Blessed is he who hath drunk in this blessed Name. Grieve thou not over anything. Trust in God in all matters. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to manifest the most great steadfastness, for Satan hath cried out and his clamor hath been raised from all regions and boundaries. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which God promised in His Book, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Confine thy affairs to the service of thy Lord's Cause. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Convey that which thou art bidden with wisdom and utterance, and be not of those who have chosen silence in this irrevocable Cause. He will, of a certainty, aid thee through His grace, and will give thee glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee by Him Who is the Possessor of the Kingdom of earth and heaven.

=== END BH06334 ===

=== START BH06335 ===

O Ahmad-i-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! O Ahmad-i-'Ali, hear the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree, planted by the hands of grace in the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have heard thy cry and have answered thee with a Tablet from which the horizons have been illumined. When thou attainest unto it, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Great Announcement. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Merciful Name, to illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and to adorn their heads with the crown of Thy loving-kindness and their temples with the ornament of Thy trustworthiness. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have held fast unto the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy wisdom treasured within the repositories of Thy knowledge, to make me one who circles around Thy Will and stands ready to serve Thy Cause. By Thy might, O Thou Who art the Master of my being! I desire naught save what Thou desirest. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones - those whom neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations could deter, who turned with radiant faces toward Thy most exalted horizon and said: "Praise be unto Thee for having caused us to hear Thy most sweet call and shown us the traces of Thy Pen, O Thou Who art the King of the Kingdom of Names! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

=== END BH06335 ===

=== START BH06336 ===

O Asad! Hearken to the Call from the direction of Akka - verily there is no God but I, the All-Hearing, the Answering One. We have desired to make mention of thee at this time with a mention that will draw thee to God, the Lord of all worlds. We heard thy call before and answered thee out of the grace of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is another time when the Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee while it is in the hands of the heedless ones. Grieve not over anything, but trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby this wondrous Cause shall be exalted - the Cause by which the faces of the divines were darkened and the faces of those who have turned to this luminous horizon were illumined. Verily He loves whoever loves Him and is with him - He hears and sees, and He is the Protector of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which has preceded all else. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken in its exalted station. The glory that proceeds from Us be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06336 ===

=== START BH06337 ===

O Asadu'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God! He is established upon the throne of utterance.

O Asadu'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God! These are days wherein the oppressor glorieth in his tyranny and displayeth might and majesty. Glory be to God! The colors of the world have so deluded him that he hath become heedless of the consequences of his deeds. By the life of God! He hath surpassed in tyranny the oppressor of Damascus the Spacious. In the Tablet to the Sultan these words were revealed: "Where is he who ruled in Zawra, and where is he who tyrannized in Fayha?" By Fayha is meant Damascus. O Asad! The day of the oppressor is short. Soon shall he witness his punishment. Verily thy Lord is the Avenger, the Mighty, the Subduer. The loved ones in that land must hold fast unto wisdom, and wisdom is such deeds and character as will cause people to draw nigh. How excellent is that which he who loved Me hath done in the City of Love! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and His loved ones with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06337 ===

=== START BH06338 ===

O Akbar of Miyanduab! In the name of the Ever-Abiding Friend and Speaker! O Akbar! Your mention hath been made in the Most Great Presence, and the glance of favor hath been directed towards thee. God willing, thou shalt not remain deprived of the Sun of Divine Providence which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. The atoms of creation are transported with joy and delight at the sweetness of the voice of the Revealer of verses, yet those servants who regard themselves as most learned and exalted remain heedless, nay, turn away from it. Woe unto them and unto those who have

prevented them from the straight, manifest, evident and firmly-established path of God! By My life! The Spirit runneth through the wilderness of the love of God, and proclaimeth that which It hath been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is that same station wherein the Voice of the Spirit was raised up, and likewise the Prophets and Messengers. Verily, He Who was raised to heaven hath come with the truth and giveth glad tidings unto the people of this Revelation whereby the eyes of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne have been solaced through this Most Great Name. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for through it hath been ordained for thee that which the tongues of all created things are powerless to describe. Thy Lord, the All-Speaking, the All-Seeing, beareth witness unto this. Praise be unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06338 ===

=== START BH06339 ===

O Maid-servant of God! In My Name, through which the verses have descended from the heaven of the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds!

O My maid-servant! Your name was present before the Throne and your mention was made on the most holy court. Blessed art thou for having attained to that which the honored women of the world are deprived of, except whom thy Lord willeth. This Wronged One beseecheth God to strengthen that maid-servant and other maid-servants in steadfastness, orientation toward Him, and detachment. O My maid-servant! The devoted maid-servants have always been mentioned before the Divine Presence and before the Throne. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee, whom neither the hosts of the world nor the might of the oppressors could deter. We have mentioned thee in this Tablet with a mention by which the hearts of the mystics are attracted, and We desired to mention thy son who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. By My life! When We desired to mention him, the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, was diffused. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His Own Self. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06339 ===

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In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker!

O My handmaiden! The Ancient Beauty hath called thee from the Most Great Prison and addressed thee by this blessed name, which hath no equal. This word “O My handmaiden” is more excellent and ancient than the crowns of all the queens of the world; nay, all have been and shall ever be as nothing and non-existent when compared with its mention. Know thou the station of this most great bounty and preserve it as the apple of thine eye. How many were the divines, mystics, princes and queens of the earth who, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, besought the All-Possessing Lord for the attainment of this blessed Day. Yet when the lights of the Day of God shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, all were found to be veiled. But thou hast attained unto it, to such an extent that He hath mentioned thee in

the Most Great Prison at a time when sorrows had encompassed the Ancient Beauty. Exalted is this supreme bounty! Exalted is this noble station! Were the true station of this bounty to be described as it truly is, all the books of the world and the pens of all nations would not suffice nor prove equal to the task. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that land.

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O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! Today belongeth unto the Truth, for the Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Manifestation and the call of the Lord of Names is raised from the horizon of ʼAkka before the faces of the divines and princes. The tribulations of the world did not prevent Him, nor did the clamor of enemies hold Him back from uttering the Word. O My leaf! He who loved Me and soared in the atmosphere of My love hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. The divines and learned ones of the earth departed this ephemeral world yearning for the blessed word "O My servant", while thou in His days hast attained unto the blessed word "O My handmaiden". Know thou the worth of this exalted word and preserve it in the treasury of thy heart in the name of the Beloved of the worlds. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto Thee and directed herself toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy most great throne at morn and eventide. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon them who have heard and turned unto God and believed in Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O handmaiden of God! He is the All-Knowing Speaker! O my handmaiden! One of My servants who has turned to My horizon and heard My call and spoken My praise has mentioned thee. He is named Ali in My mighty and wondrous Book. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee with that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm of names endure, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed is every handmaiden who has heard and turned and responded to her Ancient Lord. Woe to every servant whom vainglory has kept back from the Lord of the Manifestation until he denied God, the Lord of all worlds. O my handmaiden! Rejoice in My mention, for it is better for thee than every deed and every wise command. Beware lest the veils of women hold thee back from the Lord of Names, or the deeds of the idolaters frighten thee from this clear announcement. By God's life! My mention of thee is greater in God's sight than the creation of the heavens and earth. Soon shall come a day wherein God will manifest what He has willed as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. And We mention My handmaidens in that place and give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded every mighty matter. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who assisted thee to turn to and recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of His Cause in days when the divines and princes of the earth were seen to be debarred and veiled. Throughout ages and centuries they beseeched and implored from God, glorified be His majesty, to attain the presence of this Day, yet when the horizon of the heaven of Revelation was illumined by Him Who conversed with the Sinai, they did that which caused the eyes of grandeur to weep and the trees of the most exalted Paradise to lament. He did not deprive thee of His grace and guided thee to the straight path. Hold fast unto the cord of His bounty and cling to the hem of His mercy. Verily He is with whosoever desireth Him - He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Be thou assured in all conditions and fix thy gaze upon His horizon. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee as a token of favor from Him. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty whose light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. The glory of God be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned unto and believed in God, the Lord of all mankind.

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In the Name of the One Peerless God! O my handmaiden and my leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. I testify that thou didst purpose to attain the Most Exalted Station, and from an earthly abode didst turn thy face toward the House of God, and didst attain unto that for which thou wast created from nothingness into being. Reflect upon the loving-kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. He attracted thee through the heat of His love and caused to arise within thy perceptive powers attraction and rapture, and through earthly and heavenly means guided thee to the Seat of Revelation and caused thee to arrive thereat. Who is able to praise Him as He deserves to be praised? The days of attainment unto His presence have not faded from memory, and whatsoever thou didst hear from the tongue of grandeur, preserve it in His name and conceal it in the treasury of thy being from those who are faithless, whether men or women. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings and peace to the handmaidens and leaves of God, that all may partake of the Kawthar of divine utterance and the Salsabil of the remembrance of the All-Merciful, and attain thereunto. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

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O My handmaiden! O My leaf! O aunt of the Most Holy Court! The Most Exalted Cradle was present before the Face and, representing that leaf and the daughter-leaf and the other daughter, offered visitation which was graciously accepted. Blessed art thou and blessed are they! We send Our greetings upon you all and upon those women who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The leaves of the land of Kaf have always been and continue to be remembered before the Face of the Divine

Lote-Tree, especially those women who emigrated from that land and were blessed with the fragrance of revelation and the perfume of divine inspiration. O lady! Upon thee and upon thy daughters be the glory of God and His grace, and the bounty of God and His bestowal. The True One, exalted be His glory, has infinite worlds. We beseech Him to bless you with His presence and meeting in all those worlds. Think not this a mere promise - whatsoever has been recorded by the Pen of Destiny is immediate. To this testify My tongue of grandeur, My pen of will, and the servants of My pavilion of infallibility. We send greetings to the other emigrant handmaiden of God, Khatun, that these greetings may attract her to a horizon wherein naught is seen save God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon you, O My leaves and My handmaidens before God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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O people of the realm of possibilities! By God the Truth, the All-Merciful has come with a sovereignty that has encompassed all who are in the heavens and earth, and with a Cause before which neither the world nor any of its peoples can stand. To this bears witness the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the throne and earth, from this Prison which hath been named by every name by the Supreme Pen from the presence of One mighty and powerful. This is a letter from the Wronged One to him who hath desired to drink the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Giving, the Generous. By God's life! The Wronged One mentioneth unto the people that which shall profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord and draw them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who have turned away and denied God's Revelation and His proof, and among them are those who have turned towards His straight path. This is a day whereon it behooveth every soul to arise to aid the Cause of his Lord, the Most High, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. He hath ordained that aid be rendered through remembrance and utterance. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired through His binding and wise command. The world and all that ye behold today shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

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Mir Hasan Bey, son of him who ascended unto God - upon them both be the glory of God - He is the Trusted Counselor

O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of Names, which hath been raised from the direction of the white spot, the Station which God hath described through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. It behooveth you to hold fast in this Day unto the wisdom which God hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. Verily it is the lamp of the All-Merciful in the contingent world and the Most Great Sign for all who are in the heavens and the earth. Say: Believe not every speaker, neither be assured by all that is revealed, nor hearken unto every claimant, nor associate with every heedless doubter. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken aforetime and at this hour. O Hasan! Be excellent even as God hath been excellent unto thee, then act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of an ancient Revealer. There hath been ordained for you in the Book of your Lord that which shall bring

joy to the eyes of them that are nigh. When thou hast attained unto the traces of God and His remembrance, then turn and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of them that have known Thee! The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O My loved ones in Ali Riza Abad! The Most Great Sea hath turned toward you, desiring to adorn the heart of your heart and the sight of your sight with My wisdom and utterance which lay hidden within its shells. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. When ye have attained and witnessed with a single eye Thy reunion and Thy presence, which was the portion of the sincere among Thy servants and those near unto Thy protection, and through the waves of the sea of Thy bounty, that My remembrance and My turning and My attention might be adorned with the ornament of Thy acceptance - I testify, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, that the loftiest praise of Thy creation and the remembrances of Thy servants befitteth not Thy grandeur, nor the essence of the court of Thy glory and the threshold of Thy nearness. I say: Look upon the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty. My wounds and sighs, both outward and inward, and all my limbs seize me. And whenever I reflect upon my transgressions, despair encompasseth me from all directions. Alas! Alas! My sins prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, and my transgressions from standing before the gate of Thy majesty. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, to forgive me through Thy generosity and bounty, to illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and to strengthen all to remain steadfast in Thy love in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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Let these exalted words be thy love-song on the tree of Baha, O thou most holy and resplendent Leaf: “God, besides Whom is none other God, the Lord of this world and the next!” Verily, We have elevated thee to the rank of one of the most distinguished among thy sex, and granted thee, in My court, a station such as none other woman hath surpassed. Thus have We preferred thee and raised thee above the rest, as a sign of grace from Him Who is the Lord of the throne on high and earth below. We have created thine eyes to behold the light of My countenance, thine ears to hearken unto the melody of My words, thy body to pay homage before My throne. Do thou render thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of all the world.

How high is the testimony of the Sadratu’l-Muntaha for its leaf; how exalted the witness of the Tree of Life unto its fruit! Through My remembrance of her a fragrance laden with the perfume of musk hath been diffused; well is it with him that hath inhaled it and exclaimed: “All praise be to Thee, O God, my Lord the most glorious!” How sweet thy presence before Me; how sweet to gaze upon thy face, to

bestow upon thee My loving-kindness, to favour thee with My tender care, to make mention of thee in this, My Tablet–a Tablet which I have ordained as a token of My hidden and manifest grace unto thee.

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O Leaf! Hearken unto My call. Verily there is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose manifestation the proofs appeared, the tribes lamented, the ocean of proof was adorned with the Ark of utterance, and the breeze of Thy name, the All-Merciful, wafted over all possibility. I beseech Thee to teach me the ways of the leaves of the Tree of Thy providence and to strengthen me to make mention as befitteth Thee in Thy days. O my Lord! I have testified to that which Thy tongue hath testified in Thy kingdom, and I have acknowledged that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged between earth and heaven. I ask Thee, O Lord of Names and Sovereign of all things, by Thy Name through which the pearls of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy wisdom were made manifest, to make me wholly detached unto Thee and to cause me to hold fast unto the cord of Thy grace. Then give me to drink, with the hand of Thy bounty, the wine of steadfastness. O my Lord! All things have testified to Thy power, might and ascendancy, and the Concourse on High to Thy loftiness, grandeur and sovereignty. I beseech Thee to ordain for each of my fruits that which befitteth Thy generosity and munificence. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In His Name, Who dawns forth from the horizon of utterance! O thou who journeyest through the lands and art expelled among the servants for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment! Do not grieve at being banished and reviled, after having been honored with what befell thy Lord. Verily, He was once taken captive and another time imprisoned, and before that was confined with chains and fetters, and in the last days was exiled and entered the Most Great Prison, whose mention hath spread to all regions. By the life of God! I glory in what hath befallen Me and remember it in all conditions. Therefore rejoice in that God hath enabled thee to bear hardships in His path and aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of verses. Thus doth the Wronged One remember thee when He hath left the prison and established the seat of the Throne at this station. Blessed art thou for having shown patience in what befell thee from the hosts of idle fancies. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of this remembrance through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all lands. Glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath turned to the Divine Lote-Tree and attained the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all beings.

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O Hassan Kha, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. In My Name, the One Who holds dominion over all names. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Thy letter which thou hadst written to

this servant was presented before the Most Holy Court and was honored to be heard. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the sealed wine and attained to the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to protect thee and enable thee to achieve the most great steadfastness. A number of barking ones have prevented and continue to prevent the servants from the shore of the ocean of inner meanings through meaningless names. The people of the Bayan are more lost than the parties of the past, meaning those souls who turned away from the station of acceptance and denied the place of affirmation. It is not known by what proof they believe in the previous Manifestations and by what evidence they turn away. When the attraction of the Call taketh hold of thee from the supreme horizon, say: O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Bounty and by Thy Most Great Most Glorious Name, through which the limbs of the deluded ones trembled and the hearts of the aggressive ones were disturbed, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O my Lord! Disappoint not this servant of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O thou who art imprisoned in My path, and banished for My name, and prevented for My love! Hearken unto My voice from the direction of My throne. By God! He was with thee when thou wert among the enemies, and He witnessed what befell thee in His straight path. Thou hast borne what thy Lord bore. Blessed art thou for having shown patience and fulfilled God's covenant, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and assist that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have revealed unto thee each year that which nothing created on earth can equal. To this testifieth every discerning sage. Observe mankind and their lack of recognition - they deny him who enjoineth upon them what is right, and condemn him who desireth their preservation in the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By My life! Had they known what God intended for them, they would have cast away all they possess, turning unto this resplendent horizon. They have been prevented therefrom by following the vain imaginings of the doubtful ones. Grieve not at their deeds. God will soon seize them with a justice from Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have recognized God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest.

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=== START BH06355 ===

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Upon thee be My peace and My glory! If in that land the means of livelihood become available, it would be most excellent. We beseech God that He may assist thee and cause suitable means to appear. The eye of God is watchful and the knowledge of God encompasses all. We beseech Him to deliver thee through His mighty arm and to open before thy face the door of success on this morn wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all the worlds!"

Siyyid ’Ali, upon whom be My peace, arrived and mentioned the Afnan, upon whom be the loving-kindness and mercy of God. His mention brought joy and gladness. In these days of sorrow, the unseemly deeds of the servants have clouded the world of justice and fairness. In truth, the actions in that land have been and continue to be without parallel, for manifest favors were bestowed upon it and all are witnesses thereto. Nevertheless, day and night they consort and are intimate with the enemy of God, engaged in schemes and craftiness. The other degrees of wickedness of these souls are evident and manifest to that honored one. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from their evil. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

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O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! By the life of God, hearts and souls have melted, and the very pillars have been consumed by what hath befallen the Wronged One from the arrows of the idolators. In these days, sorrow upon sorrow and grief upon grief have appeared, for it hath been heard that an oppressor hath attempted to obliterate the Bayan and likewise the Qayyumu’l-Asma’. By His truth, this is an injustice whose fire consumeth the world and its peoples. Glory be to God! The words of the former party have resurfaced - they say “This Bayan is not that Bayan,” just as they said “This Qur’an is not that Qur’an.” We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid the calumniators to pure truthfulness, the deniers to firm acknowledgment, and the opposers to manifest acceptance. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Fulfiller of the needs of all who ask. When thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy bounty and nurtured me by the hands of Thy tender care. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones, and Thy sincere ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Kind.”

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=== START BH06358 ===

O people of God! Inquire ye of the people of the Qur’an: ‘Where is Jabulqa, and what of Jabulsa? What hath become of those illusory cities?’ They have condemned as a liar that hapless Ja‘far, who did not speak falsely. For uttering a single truthful remark, he hath been branded a liar from the early days of Islam to the present time. ’God’s malison on the head of the people of tyranny!

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In the Name of the One Peerless God, the Almighty

O people of God! The enemies lie in wait and strive to extinguish the divine light. Those who have turned away from the Bayan are observed to be far baser than those who turned away from the Qur’an. They have manifested an oppression without peer or likeness, despite having witnessed with their own eyes that on the Day of Judgment, the Shi’ih people’s adherence to what they possessed proved of no benefit

to them, and in the presence of the All-Compelling they were accounted among the people of the fire. Say: O people! Deny not the Day of God. The frontispiece of the divine Books is adorned and embellished with the mention of this Day. Open your eyes, that perchance ye may attain unto that for which ye were created from nothingness into being. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! It behooveth thee to say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having turned toward me from the direction of Thy Most Great Prison and mentioned me in that which hath attracted the hearts of the nations. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, whereby the horizon of the world was illumined, to assist me to preserve what Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the Possessor of existence and by Thy sovereignty, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He willeth through Thy mighty and exalted Command.

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He is the One Who calls between the heavens and the earth!

O people of God! The Call is raised high, the Cause is manifest, the Light is shining forth, the precincts of Sinai are adorned and illumined by the Speaker, the great festival is established, the attraction of the Word hath seized all who are in the realm of possibilities, the signs of the Supreme Pen are apparent from all directions. We beseech God to protect the ears of His loved ones from the calumnies of some. In the arena of “He doeth what He willeth” the mentions of the world have been and are non-existent. Say: Hold fast unto this Most Great Remembrance and be not of the heedless ones. When thou hearest My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the heaven of Thy bounty and made me know the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by the light of Thy countenance whereby all contingent beings were illumined, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and cause me to speak Thy praise. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

May the Glory shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of proof rest upon thee and upon those who have turned and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all possibilities, and glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the desire of those in the heavens and on earth.” Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds.

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In His Name through Whom the ocean of utterance surgeth!

O Hasan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and whatsoever was mentioned therein hath been honored to reach the ears of the Lord of Names. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink from the living waters and be illumined by the Sun of Knowledge. Thy cry and lamentation in separation from the Beloved of the horizons was heard. Be thou assured of thy Lord’s favor, for He recordeth for whomsoever

He willeth the reward of one who, with His leave, hath turned to Him, traversed land and sea in His love, presented himself at the door, and hearkened to the call of the Lord of the Final Return. Today, souls that are steadfast and assured must engage, with perfect wisdom, in teaching and promoting the Cause. Blessed are they who have attained to this most great bounty and acted in accordance with that which God hath willed. This is the Day whereof all have been given glad tidings, for it is associated with Truth and known as the Day of God. One must strive that in this transient station, everlasting stations may be acquired. Glory be upon thee, upon those who have mentioned Me before thee, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Pure Wine when the Most Great Horizon appeared through this Name, the One that holdeth sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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He is the One Who rules over all names!

O Rubin! The Manifest Truth declares: Today the springtime of the All-Merciful has appeared, and the new saplings that were planted by the divine hand of training in the paradise of oneness have become manifest and visible with their ripe fruits and delicate leaves. However, the oppressors of the age - meaning the ignorant divines - have striven and continue to strive to cut them down. Say: O Pharaohs of the earth! If Pharaoh was able to extinguish the divine light, then you too shall be able to do so. But alas! alas! His will dominates the wills of all the peoples of the world, and His power has been and shall ever be penetrating, and His knowledge all-encompassing. We send greetings to the friends in that land, to the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God, both male and female, young and old. We beseech God to aid them all in that which is the cause of eternal life. He is powerful and mighty over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He says, exalted be His utterance and exalted be His proof: O Samandar! Upon you be My Baha! What you wrote regarding Eliyahu was heard, but they sometimes appear as those enraptured and at other times less than that. Without permission they brought along another person. After arrival he interceded for a group in this land, therefore We pardoned him and he attained the honor of Our presence. Assuredly, had he come with permission his station would have been different. O Samandar! Most act according to their own will, but Jinab-i-Mahdi who was with him appeared very poor, therefore forbearance was shown and the light of grace accepted him. We beseech God to aid him to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Blessed are those souls who act according to His will. By the life of God! He is the One Who influences, He is the One Who pervades, He is the Protector, He is the All-Encompassing. Ask of God that He may aid all and cause them to attain His good-pleasure, that all wills may be annihilated in His Will and all determinations in His Determination, and that upon the brow of the world

may be witnessed the blessed words “The Command is God’s, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” The Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

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O Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God!

He is the Manifest One, speaking before all the world. O Samandar! Grieve not over anything, for grief is blameworthy save for grief on the Day of God, and naught else is worthy of mention. We have revealed for him who hath ascended that which hath caused the Tree of Faithfulness to yield fruit in the realm of creation, and there hath been sent down that whereby the realities of existence were drawn forth. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor. O Samandar! The Most Great Announcement hath proclaimed by itself, and the effects of His Pen concerning what hath come to pass have encompassed the world. By the life of God! At the time of the revelation of that Word from the mouth of Grandeur, the atoms cried out: “Glory be to God, the Revealer of verses!” There appeared at that time what had never appeared before, and all contingent beings were perfumed with the musk of utterance. Blessed is every patient and grateful one, and happy is he who hath attained unto the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai. The peace of Glory be upon thee and upon the people of Baha who have not exchanged trustworthiness for treachery, nor truth for falsehood, nor justice for tyranny. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of Eternity was seated upon this glorious and exalted station.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Tahir! We have heard your call and have answered you, and We have seen your devotion and have turned toward you from this Station and revealed for you this Tablet that you may read it and remember your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. This is the Day wherein it behooveth every soul to arise to serve his Lord. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The loved ones of the Beloved must today be engaged in divine remembrance with utmost love and unity. I swear by the Sun of Grandeur that the soul was created for this Day, and hearing, sight, heart, tongue and ears were brought into being to hearken unto His verses, recognize the Dawning-Place thereof and mention Him. Strive that perchance thou mayest attain unto the most great steadfastness and summon the people unto it. Although We have forbidden the people in all divine Books from clinging to names in the Day of Manifestation, yet it is observed that some have clung to certain names and have remained heedless of and turned away from the Lord and Creator of Names. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord’s tender mercy, the Generous One.

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He is the Hearer from His Most Exalted Horizon

O ’Abdu’l-Hamid! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. Rejoice within thyself and give thyself the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Verily the Most Great Ocean desired to send thee from the shells of His bounty the pearls of loving-kindness and favors. By the life of God! No mention or utterance can equal this Word. Verily it is as the sun among all mentions, to which My Manifest Book beareth witness. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We found from it the fragrance of thy love for God, the Goal of them that know, and every word thereof testified to thy clinging to the hem of the robe of thy Lord’s mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. We beseech God to make thee a standard of His Name amongst His servants, and through thee to draw people nigh unto Him and guide them to His straight path. We sent thee aforetime that which remindeth the servants of the signs of God, the King, the True One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou speaking with an utterance whereby the tongues of the world will speak, and arise to serve the Cause with such arising whereby every doubting sitter will arise. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon My loved ones there who have cast aside all else save Me and have held fast unto My strong and mighty cord.

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O Abdul-Muttalib, who gazeth and heareth! O Abdul-Muttalib, convey to the friends of God greetings from the True One. Blessed is the soul who today attaineth unto service to them. Reflect upon Abu-Basir and Ashraf and that which was manifested from them. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge that the Concourse on High were struck with wonder at their martyrdom. Blessed are they both, and blessed is he who visiteth them, who seeketh them out, who turneth toward them, who maketh mention of them, and who draweth nigh through them unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous. With illumined hearts and radiant faces did they ascend. The rustling of the Divine Lote Tree so attracted them that they beheld the world and all therein as utter nothingness and attained unto the presence of Him Who ever is. Verily, We make mention of the physician and those who were martyred in My path in that place, with a remembrance whose fragrance shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed is he who remembereth them and prayeth for them in manifest humility. All the friends in that land are remembered in the Most Holy Court and are the recipients of God’s infinite favors and bounties. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who act in accordance with that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Abdullah, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the one God! O Abdullah! His honor Samad and Mahdi, upon both of whom be my Baha, have arrived and attained, praise be to God, unto the divine true home. They have heard that for which the ears of the world were created, and beheld that horizon for whose vision the eyes of the nations were brought from nothingness into being. Blessed is the soul

whom neither the veils of the divines nor the clouds of the jurisprudents have withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon. O Abdullah! Great is this Day, for the Mighty Announcement hath appeared, and momentous is this Cause, for the Most Great Name hath dawned above the horizon of the world. Say: O loved ones of God! Set your hearts toward the Ultimate Goal, that perchance ye may attain unto the fruits of the Uttermost Tree through the flowing of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God not to deprive His loved ones in that land and its surroundings from the outpourings of His days. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Luminary of the heaven of Thy power and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

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In My Name, the One manifest in the Most Exalted Horizon! O ’Ali! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. It commands thee to that which will draw thee near unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. Cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O ’Ali! The divines and learned ones of Persia all awaited the days of the Manifestation. During nights and days most of them were occupied in lamentation and weeping from separation. But when the gate was opened and the effulgences of the lights of manifestation dawned from the horizon of will, they did that which thou hast heard and seen. Now too the deniers of the Bayan are occupied with the same vain imaginings. We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest the most great steadfastness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Counselling, the All-Informed. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and turning away from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the light whereby the horizons of the heaven of Thy bounty were illumined, and by the fire that hath spoken forth through Thy command and will amongst Thy servants, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then ordain for me through Thy generosity and grace that which will make me in all times speak in remembrance of Thee and stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O ’Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance! O ’Ali-Haydar, praise be to God that thou hast turned unto Him and acknowledged the oneness of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who attain unto this most exalted and glorious station. This is the station of true divine unity and spiritual oneness. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause with such confirmations as shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace, that all may arise and, through the waters of wisdom and utterance, quench the fire of hatred and animosity of the parties of the world. Today the sun of loving-kindness is shining from the horizon of the heaven of divine grace. Some time ago, a Most Holy Tablet was sent through the son of My Name Asdaq, upon them both be My glory and

loving-kindness, that the thirsty ones might drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and become engaged in the praise and glorification of God. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom no blame of the blamer, nor doubts of the heedless, nor oppression of the tyrant, nor clamor of all the world could keep back from God.

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Surih-Chah

O Ali, who hast attained unto the good-pleasure of the One True Friend! Blessed is this hour, and beloved is this day, and precious is this moment when the True One, exalted be His glory, is established upon His throne and uttereth His verses and maketh mention of thee. How many souls there were who waited expectantly for this Day and who, with utmost supplication and ardent desire, besought the All-Bountiful for His presence, and yet were deprived and forbidden therefrom. But thou hast attained unto His verses, a single letter of which is more precious than all the world. Hold fast unto Him in all conditions and place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with thee, beholding and witnessing all things, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We send Our greetings from this Spot unto thee, unto thy mother and thy brother, and unto them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thy father and thy brother came into the presence of the Countenance on a certain night, and heard the call of God, the Lord of the worlds, and arrived at an hour when the Tongue of Grandeur was speaking forth perspicuous verses and when all atoms were proclaiming: The dominion belongeth unto God, the Goal of all mystic knowers.

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O Jinab-i-Haji ’Abdu’l-Ghaffar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Helper!

O Ghaffar! I testify to that which the Chosen One hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath no partner in dominion. All created things have borne witness to His singleness, and all beings to His oneness. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant, and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness. Thou didst send forth the Messengers and reveal the Books as a token of Thy grace unto Thy servants and Thy creation. O Lord! Thou beholdest me turning away from all else save Thee and advancing toward Thy most exalted horizon, the Station wherein was raised the rustling of the Sadratu’l-Muntaha. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by the fragrances of Thy days, and by the daysprings of Thy power and might, to forgive my grievous sins and my great transgressions. Then ordain for me, by the Pen of Thy decree, that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Purify me from the doubts of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and from the allusions of them that have turned away from Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the

heavens! Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. And praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

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Zarqan. O Mulla Qasim, upon whom be the glory of God. In My Name, the Mighty, the Great. O Qasim! The Lord of all mankind remembers thee in His days and gives thee glad tidings of this Revelation wherein the Speaker of the Mount proclaims: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” We desired life for all who dwell on earth, yet they sought to put Me to death. We desired glory for them, yet they desired My abasement. They perceive not. They have denied God’s favor, rejected His proof, and disputed His verses that have encompassed both earth and heaven. Blessed is every face that hath turned, and every tongue that hath spoken, through this Most Great Remembrance, and every heart that hath turned to My praiseworthy station. When thou inhales the fragrance of thy Lord’s utterance, the All-Merciful, and hearest His sweetest call, arise and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of command, O Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy radiant countenance, by Thy dark flowing locks, and by Thy sweetest utterance, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art, verily, powerful over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.”

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O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Mulla Muhammad-Baqir, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Arise to serve the Cause and to make mention of God and His praise. Verily He is with whosoever maketh mention of Him, and He is the Truth, manifest and seated upon the throne of His Most Great Name. With Him is the knowledge of all things. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. God hath heard thy cry and hath answered thee through His grace, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Take hold of the Book with the strength that proceedeth from Me, detached from that which is with the people. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence is preserved a Tablet. They who have denied this Cause are, before God, the Lord of the worlds, among the worshippers of idle fancies. And We make mention of Abdullah whose name was inscribed on a leaf presented before the Wronged One. We make mention of him as a token of Our grace, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful. We counsel him with that which will cause God’s Cause to be exalted and with that which hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book. And We make mention of My loved ones there and counsel them with that which We have counseled Our loved ones before and after. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist them through the means of the heavens and the earth, to strengthen them in the Most Great Steadfastness, and to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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O Muhtasham! The Lord of the world remembers thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison with that which will assist thee in what will cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of thy Lord, the Possessor of Creation. The fragrances of revelation have been diffused throughout the world, but the nations have turned away from them, having followed the dawning-places of vain imaginings. When thou hast taken the choice wine of utterance from the Merciful One, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy proof, and for having taught me that which drew me nigh unto Thee and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the lights of the suns of the heaven of Thy wisdom, and by the hands of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, to make me in all conditions a servant of Thy Cause, one who speaks of Thy remembrance and praise, and who stands firm in Thy path - the path which when it appeared caused the ways of the world to change and the limbs of the nations to tremble, except those whom the hands of Thy favor delivered. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and I have aimed for the ultimate goal and the highest summit. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will and the penetration of Thy Purpose not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and those of Thy loved ones who are sincere. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing! O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembers thee from the prison's direction in days wherein the lamentation of the pure ones hath been raised from the Prison of Ta and other lands, through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Verily the oppressor hath arisen in opposition and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to wail and all things to cry out. He Who hath come from the Dayspring of proof with the standards of divine knowledge doth testify to this. Blessed is he who hath seen and heard, and woe unto the heedless! Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Rejoice thou in the appearance of Truth and in His favors which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. God shall soon erase the traces of them who have disbelieved and shall manifest the station of every servant who hath turned unto God and been of the assured ones. Be thou speaking in My praise and standing firm in the service of My Cause and acting according to that which thou hast been commanded in My wondrous Book. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf. Say: Ye are beneath My glance, and there hath been ordained for you from the Most Exalted Pen through My will that which hath brought joy to the eyes of the sincere ones. Preserve ye this most exalted station through My Name. Thus have We adorned the book of your names with the luminary of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Muhammad, praise be to the Lord of the worlds Who purified thee from the Shi'ih sect and what they possess with the water of the Bayan of His chosen ones, and guided thee to His Most Holy Court. O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! For twelve hundred years they deemed themselves the most learned and accomplished of men, yet when the divine breath wafted and the horizons of the hearts of those who turned to Him were illumined with the light of the manifestations of the Luminary of Revelation, all turned away and occupied themselves with cursing and execration. They committed that which caused the Tablet and the Pen to weep and lament. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made known to me Thy path and guided me to the recognition of the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy chosen ones to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that names shall not hold me back from Thy Most Great Name, nor shall the might of the oppressors prevent me from turning to Thee and drawing near to the gate of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Munificent.

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O Mahdi! At this hour the lamp that is lit before the Face speaks this word: The Day of God is manifest and the Luminary of His Cause is shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen, yet the people remain debarred and veiled. Blessed is the soul that has attained to the hearing of this call and has arisen to accomplish what it had failed to achieve in the days of God. The people of the world, despite their anticipation and expectation, failed to recognize the Truth and committed that which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to weep and the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Say: O friends! Know ye the value of these days and hold fast unto that which is befitting. Not every age has this station, nor every day this grace. We beseech God to aid all and not to deprive them of the effulgences of the light of the Day-Star of utterance which shineth forth and is manifest from the horizon of the Tablet of God. He is the Powerful. The Glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon My friends in that land who were not prevented by the doubts of the servants from the outpourings of the Day of Mutual Invocation.

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=== START BH06380 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The Wronged One mentions thee from this most exalted Station and gives thee glad tidings through this Remembrance, with which nothing in the kingdom of creation can compare. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having moved the Pen of the Wronged One to make mention of thee. By the life of God! It shall endure in the treasuries of God's books, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice in this most great favor. He, verily, aids whomsoever He pleaseth through His command. He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Hearken in the Persian tongue: God, exalted be His glory, through His name the All-Knowing, brought forth the divines of the earth from the realm of nothingness into the court of existence, that all might be

guides to His path and dawning-places of His proof. When the Day of God appeared and the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all were found to be veiled. Nay, rather, they arose in opposition, and ultimately pronounced sentence of death upon the King of existence, before the mention of Whose name they had bowed down. Such is the state of these souls. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause in such wise that the clamor of the people of the earth shall not prevent thee from the Lord of Heaven. He is, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the One dawning from the horizon of the world

O Muhammad! The One, the Single, remembers thee from this praiseworthy station and reveals unto thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of hearing, for the Call hath been raised from the direction of the Throne, would ye but hear it. And this is the Day of vision, for the lights of the Countenance have shone forth from the horizon of manifestation. Say: Be fair, O concourse of divines! By what proof did ye believe aforetime, and by what evidence do ye now turn away from this hidden Name? Lift up your heads - the Sun of Manifestation hath risen and the Speaker of Sinai proclaimeth. Fear ye God and be not of them that understand not. Turn with radiant faces toward the dawning-place of the verses of your Lord, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you from the Truth. Cast aside what is with men, placing your trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is the servant who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto every denier and rejecter. Thus have We adorned the ocean of knowledge with the ship of utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this extended cord.

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He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the world

O peoples of the earth! The Most Great Name hath come, calling you unto the Supreme Horizon. Fear ye the Lord of all beings, and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day wherein the letters Ha' and Ba' cry out between earth and heaven, and the Dove of Divine Knowledge warbleth upon the branch of utterance, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber. Take heed lest the threats of the wicked frighten thee. Leave them to themselves, awaiting what God hath promised in His perspicuous Book. Heedlessness hath seized all the inhabitants of earth save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath willed. O Joseph! We made mention of thee before in a Tablet that beareth witness before all existence to the perpetuity of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And at this hour We remember thee in this resplendent and manifest Tablet. Grieve not over anything, for He is with whoso hath turned unto Him. God shall soon reveal in the earth the stations of them that are firmly rooted. Rejoice in what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Beware lest the affairs of the world occupy thee

or the imaginings of the doubters hold thee back. They that have turned away shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon them that have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06382 ===

=== START BH06383 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Mother Book calleth out unto you from your final goal. He desireth naught in His dominion save to draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the ornaments of the world hold you back from the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, the Mighty, the Praised One. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away whatsoever is in the world, holding fast to this mighty cord through whose movement all created things have been set in motion. Thus hath the Pen spoken forth when the Ancient King was walking in this exalted mansion. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee, and have sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the mighty throne. When thou art moved by the motion of My Pen, say:

My God, my God! I testify that through Thy manifestation the ocean of knowledge hath surged within creation and the sun of learning hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world through Thy command whereby Thou hast illumined the hearts of the nations, and by Thy radiant and gleaming light and Thy mighty and great sovereignty, to ordain for me that which shall prevent me from turning to aught else but Thee and shall draw me nigh unto the court of Thy glory. Thou art indeed the All-Bountiful, unto Whose might and grandeur and power all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Concourse on High! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the luminous earth. By God! The Most Great Remembrance calleth aloud amidst the nations, saying: "God hath come, and through Him hath appeared the dawning of the days." He, verily, calleth by His own Self and summoneth the servants unto His most exalted horizon. To this testifieth he whom God hath made to be among those endowed with insight. Say: O people of the Bayan! By the life of God! I have not claimed that which ye possess, nor do I desire to establish for Myself that which ye have. We speak and say as We have spoken in the beginning of beginnings. Fear ye God, and follow not your idle fancies, nor commit that which causeth the Concourse on High to lament. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of them who desired the Face at eventide and at dawn, yet when He shone forth from the horizon of manifestation they disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. O thou who hast turned to God! Hearken unto that which they say. They claim faith for themselves, yet they disbelieve in Him through Whom the decree of faith was established. Thus have We mentioned thee and acquainted thee, that thou mayest become aware of that which hath

befallen God, the Lord of all men. The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon them that have believed in God, the Cleaver of the dawn.

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=== START BH06385 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all creation! O emigrant and son of the emigrant! Ye are they who have forsaken your homeland for the sake of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. He verily doth witness and behold, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Your homeland weepeth at your separation and pronounceth its curse upon your enemies who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, even unto slaying the Guardian of His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. By My life! Whoso among the emigrants remaineth steadfast, all lands make mention of him and yearn for his presence, until he arriveth at that most exalted homeland, the station at whose mere mention the Pen is struck dumb with longing for that glorious realm. Blessed are they whom the intimations of the people have not caused to slip, and whom the might of the aggressors hath not prevented. Preserve ye the pearls of My love. By God's life! A single one of them cannot be equaled by all that the kings and rulers possess. Soon shall their possessions return to dust, while ye shall behold what God, the All-Knowing, the Trusted One, hath stored up for you. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and praise thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Glory be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon those who have attained unto this exalted station.

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O Mahdi! Verily We have manifested Our Self when the promise came to pass which was foretold in the Books of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. We called all to the Path - among the people were those who clung to vain imaginings, turning away from God, the Lord of all mankind, and among them were those who broke the chains of blind imitation and hastened unto Him with clear certitude. Blessed is he who was not weakened by the doubts of men and remained steadfast despite the uncertainties of the heedless ones. This is a Day in which the breezes of Revelation have wafted and the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praised, has been diffused. Cast aside that which keeps thee from the Truth and take hold, in His Name, of that which draws thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, this noble station. We counsel the loved ones of God with that which will elevate their station, and I am verily the All-Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There remained no king except We summoned him to the straight path of God, and no subject except We acquainted him with what hath been revealed from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath My tongue spoken and My Pen moved that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Strive thou that there may appear from thee that from which the sincere ones may inhale the fragrance of the love of God, the Goal of all who have recognized Him.

=== END BH06387 ===

=== START BH06388 ===

O handmaid of God Qudsiyyih, upon her be the Glory of God. In the name of the Desired One of all worlds! O my leaf of the Blessed Tree! His existence is evident and His loving-kindness manifest. Hold fast unto Him with such firmness that neither the winds of the allusions of the polytheists nor the doubts of the suspicious shall cause thee to fall or keep thee back from the Tree. Blessed is the soul whom the power of all the peoples of the world hath failed to prevent, and whom the might of the nations hath been powerless to deter from turning with a pure and luminous heart and uttering the words "Here am I, O Desired One of the worlds! Here am I, O Lord of eternity!" The loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory, hath encompassed His chosen ones and handmaidens. How many are the men who are deprived this day, while thou hast attained. Know thou the value of this supreme bounty and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of my desire, for having made known unto me Thy path and guided me to the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Repository of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by them who have offered up their souls in Thy path to aid this handmaiden of Thine to make mention of Thee and to extol Thee among Thy handmaidens, and to make her steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, powerful to do as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful."

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=== START BH06389 ===

Thamarih, upon her be Baha'u'llahu'l-Abha

He is the Most Compassionate, the Most Generous.

O thou My leaf, upon thee be My glory and My favours! O thou the fruit of My Tree, upon thee be My mercy and My bounty! Thou art oft remembered in the Holy and Exalted Court. Praised be God that thou hast perceived the fragrant breezes of divine Revelation and inhaled the sweet savours of the garment of Utterance. Thou hast been and art remembered among the Concourse on High. Render thanks to thy Lord. Verily, He hath remembered thee with that for which all mentions are sacrificed. We beseech God to protect thee and those who are with thee from the one who hath falsely accused Us and stolen Our Tablets and that which We have revealed. We beseech God to assist her to return and adorn her with the ornament of justice and fairness.

O Thamarih! Thou knowest that she is unable to read even one of the Tablets, that she was not with Us in the Land of ?a, and that she hath not

seen Yahya after the Primal Point declared His Mission. Nonetheless, she

hath uttered calumnies the like of which hath not been heard. We beseech

God to enable all to do what is loved and praiseworthy.

Glory from Us be upon thee, upon those who are with thee, and upon

every firm and steadfast believer.

=== END BH06389 ===

=== START BH06390 ===

O My leaf and My handmaiden! We heard thy call. The servant present submitted thy letter [before the face of the Wronged One]. We give thee the sweetest reply in the Persian tongue - hearken thou and render thanks to the Object of all possibility. By the life of God, nothing can equal His Word! All that is witnessed is that those related to Dhabih have been and are beneath the glance of loving-kindness. Strive thou to act in accordance with what befitteth the divine days. This Day hath no equal, for the Hidden Treasure hath been made manifest and is known by the Most Great Name. Thou must act with utmost steadfastness and in the manner that beseemeth thee. The True One, addressing My leaf, declareth: This is a great relationship. We beseech God to aid thee to fulfill its conditions. He is the Counselor, He is the Kind, He is the All-Knowing, and He is the All-Seeing. We convey Our greetings to Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Verily he hath a station with thy Lord - know thou this and be among the thankful ones in My Perspicuous Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon thy brothers and thy sister, from One Who is Kind and Generous.

=== END BH06390 ===

=== START BH06391 ===

The Most Ancient, the Most Noble, the Most Great

The Pen hastens forth from the presence of the Ancient King at all times in the arena of wisdom and utterance, as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. He seeks out whoever seeks Him and remembers whoever turns to Him with a repentant heart. Nothing escapes His knowledge - He sees whoever hastens to the ultimate goal and beholds whoever turns toward His manifest horizon. Blessed is he who takes his portion from the Most Great Ocean and arises amidst the peoples with this Name which God has made the Sovereign of names in the kingdom of creation, and through which He has attracted the hearts of those who believe in His unity. Verily, those who are deprived of this bounty wander lost in the wilderness of ignorance. Say: O people! Draw near to the Dawning-Place of revelation and follow not every far-removed idolater. The world has been adorned with the lights of the Ancient One, and all things proclaim: The appointed time has come, and the Revealer of verses has arrived with a Cause before which none in the heavens and earth can stand. Be thankful to thy Lord that thou hast been mentioned before the Face and this exalted Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Take hold of it with the hand of power, detached from all else. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06391 ===

=== START BH06392 ===

In His Name, the Protector over all names! The Wronged One testifies that there is none other God but Him. He has ever been One in His Essence and One in His attributes. He was ever in the heights of grandeur and glory, and will ever remain in the exalted realm of might and majesty. He sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books to manifest His grace and to convey what He willed through His bounty and bestowal, until the Cause reached unto the Lord of all creation and Pride of all existence, Who was the Manifestation of this most exalted Word: “He is the First and the Last, the Seen and the Hidden.” Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen, and the tongue that hath acknowledged what hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ghulam-Qabl-Husayn! He whom God loveth brought thy letter. We read it and make mention of thee, and beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of joy and delight, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His grace that which befitteth His generosity and favors. Verily, He is the Protector of those who love Him and the Helper of them that act. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those who follow what they are commanded in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH06392 ===

=== START BH06393 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of grace

O Mother of Afnan, upon her be the Glory of God! The Wronged One beareth witness to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes. He it is Who created the world through a word from Him and manifested whatsoever He desired. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And We bear witness that He came riding upon the clouds on a day wherein intoxication seized the dwellers of earth and heaven, save whom God, the Lord of the Final End, willed. He Who spoke from the Sinai Tree hath appeared and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of Lords, hath been revealed. Blessed art thou, O Mother of Afnan and daughter of Afnan! I bear witness that thou didst turn toward My horizon and attain the presence before the Face when the Tongue of Grandeur was speaking with His mighty and beautiful remembrance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to turn toward Him and attain presence before the Face. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will gladden thy heart and comfort thine eye. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and in His grasp are the reins of all things. The Mother of the Book which is with Him beareth witness unto this. The Glory shining from the horizon of My heaven be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH06393 ===

=== START BH06394 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

God calls from the prison quarter unto His chosen servants and summons them to the station wherefrom the lights have shone forth, that the fragrances of their Lord's verses, the Fashioner of earth and heaven, may take hold of them. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the right hand of the Throne - sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Compelling. Make mention of him who maketh mention of thee in this prison, that perchance the people may turn their faces unto their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Say: O people! The gates of heaven have been opened, the clouds pour down their rain, and the horizons are illumined. Cast aside what ye possess and turn unto Him Who calleth you to a station that transcendeth all mention. Thus do We command thee as a token of Our grace - verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Beware lest the world hold thee back from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Leave it to its people and hold fast unto Him Who hath come from the dayspring of revelation with power and sovereignty. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure for thee what hath been ordained for thee in the Tablets. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and in that which hath flowed for thee from the Most Exalted Pen whereby thy mention shall be established in creation. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Transcendent!

=== END BH06394 ===

=== START BH06395 ===

O Muhammad-Karim, who has attained the presence and was honored with the name of the Goal of the world! This is the Day that hath been mentioned in all the Books and Scriptures, revealed by the Most Exalted Pen and recorded and inscribed in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the Day of God and hath arisen to serve His Cause as befitteth it. O Abdul-Karim! Upon thee be the glory of My Name, the Most Bountiful. This Wronged One testifieth that thou and thy companion left your outward homeland, intending to reach the most exalted homeland. The tyranny of the oppressors, the turning away of the deniers, and the cawing of the ravens did not prevent you from turning towards Him. Trusting in God, you advanced and crossed land and sea until, through the aid of God - exalted be His glory - the Creator of the heavens and earth, you arrived at the Most Great Prison. You heard the Call with your own ears and attained the presence of the Horizon of Revelation. The reward and recompense for this deed is preserved and treasured with the Trusted One. I swear by the Sun of Truth, this station hath no equal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me, honored me, shown me, and caused me to hear. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Most Munificent.

=== END BH06395 ===

=== START BH06396 ===

Fatimih Khanum

In the name of the Friend!

Mahd-i 'Ulya says, 'Letters written to the Iraqi friends would be

better in the Persian tongue.' I say that they are also informed of the melodies of Hijaz. She says that the accents of Iraq are more appealing. I say that the melody of Hijaz is more beloved, for members of the Household have drunk deep from the Kawthar of enchantment and quaffed from the ocean of oneness. They have issued forth from the innate Nature and have sprung from the heavenly Branch. To those endowed with innate ability all tongues are one and all accents proceed from the Beloved. They may find the melody of the Nightingale of Hijaz to be enchanting but the warbling of the Songbird of Persia to be intoxicating. All lamentations emanate from the heart. Should those invested with the power of hearing hearken, they would most certainty offer up their souls. However, this bird of the spirit hath other utterances in another tongue.

O sister! Shouldst thou hearken with the ear of the spirit, thou wouldst abandon thy veil and direct thy steps in thy Brother's path until, in thy quest for reunion, thou dost lay down thy life. A thousand Hijazi eagles obey this Iraqi Bird and a thousand celestial birds serve this Mystic Dove. Upon thee be greetings, O My sister.

=== END BH06396 ===

=== START BH06397 ===

O Handmaiden of God! Hudhud hath been revealed in the name of the One True Friend for every man and woman who hath been accepted, and every male and female believer - that which is more precious in the sight of God than what lieth concealed in the bowels of the earth and what is visible upon its surface. O handmaiden of God! Today is the day for deeds. God willing, thou wilt act at all times in accordance with that which is loved and acceptable. God hath created all specifically for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His evidences. How exalted is the state of the one who hath attained unto the fruit of his being and acted according to that which the Intended One hath desired. All handmaidens must occupy themselves with the remembrance of God and the unification of hearts with the utmost trustworthiness, truthfulness and steadfastness. By My life! This indeed is what is loved in the presence of the Mighty, the Beloved. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land. If outwardly no word hath specifically issued from the Supreme Pen for certain ones, assuredly they are

mentioned and recorded inwardly. Drink ye, O My handmaidens, from the cup of My remembrance in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH06397 ===

=== START BH06398 ===

O Mulla Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing and He is the All-Hearing! The purpose of the creation of beings has been the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, so that all might comprehend, through the revealed verses and manifest evidences, that which is the cause of everlasting comfort and eternal life. All peoples throughout ages and centuries have awaited the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, yet when the veils were rent asunder and the Day Star of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, all arose in opposition and committed that which is the cause and source of the most great terror. O people of God! The Most Exalted Pen counsels you to be steadfast in the Cause of God, lest the friends of God be veiled by the imaginings of the past and remain deprived. You must be so firm and steadfast in the Cause that the names and their kingdom shall have no power to deter you. Thus have We counseled you before and in this wondrous Tablet. The Glory be upon you and upon whosoever has attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH06398 ===

=== START BH06399 ===

In the name of God, the Almighty. The names mentioned were present in the Most Holy Court, and the Euphrates of merciful bounty flowed from the Divine Pen. Blessed are you for having attained to the remembrance of your Lord and for having been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in this impregnable Tablet. God willing, you and all the loved ones of that land will gather together in perfect love and unity upon the single Divine Word, and with the utmost joy and fragrance will drink from the pure fountain of the water of knowledge. He asks Himself of Himself to make you successful in His remembrance and to aid you in the service of His Cause, and to grant you that which will benefit you in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Helper. Today all the loved ones must strive for unity of hearts so that all may speak with one word and move with one motion. The Glory be upon you. O thou who art eager! Eagerness in this station is praiseworthy, but the polytheists have become a barrier between the Truth and creation. Verily, He remembers the one who desires to attain His presence and ordains for him the reward of attainment. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH06399 ===

=== START BH06400 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing

I bear witness, O my God, that Thou art God, that there is no God but Thee, alone with no partner. Thou hast ever been one in Thy Essence and one in Thy attributes, sanctified above every wondrous mention

and every beauteous praise, and Thou wilt ever continue to be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, facing Thy countenance, and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of Thy wisdom not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy Book, nor to withhold from me the ocean of Thy mercy and the Kawthar of Thy utterance. O Lord! I implore Thee by the stronghold of Thy grandeur and the pavilion of Thine infallibility to protect me from the arrows of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs and have rejected Thy glory and Thy sovereignty. Then grant me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy recognition and the Salsabil of Thy love, and cause me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the oppressors among Thy creatures nor the rebellious among Thy servants shall keep me back from it. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06400 ===

=== START BH06401 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

I testify, O my God, that Thou art God, and that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast created all things through Thy power and shown them the paths of Thy justice, Thy grace and Thy bounty. Among them are those who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, and among them are those who have acknowledged what hath been revealed in Thy Book, who have turned to Thy most exalted horizon, who have attained unto Thy most sublime traces and who have hearkened unto Thy most sweet call. O Lord! Ordain for them that which will make them among those whom neither the clamor of men nor the veils of glory have deterred from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifester of clear signs! O Lord! Assist the heedless to turn unto Thee and to arise before the gate of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Send down from the clouds of Thy generosity upon those who have turned to Thee and acted according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book a token of Thy grace and a mercy from Thy presence. Then open before their faces the gate of munificence, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH06401 ===

=== START BH06402 ===

In the name of the one true God! Most of the people of the world are waiting to see when the Sun of Truth will dawn from the horizon of the divine Will. But when the appointed time came and the world was illumined by the lights of the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Dayspring of heavenly revelation, these same expectant souls who had been lamenting and bewailing their separation from the Dawning-Place of the Cause turned away from the Truth. Nay more, they arose to contend with it, even imprisoning the One Who at all times summoned mankind to the horizon of the All-Merciful. However, in the eyes of those endowed with vision who gaze toward the Most Great Horizon, those souls who turned

away from the Truth and who wander in the wilderness of fancy and ignorance were and shall ever be the true prisoners. Soon shall the wrongdoer return to the lowest depths, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Through God's loving-kindness may you be joyous. His honor M.H., upon whom be the glory of God, attained the privilege of visiting the true House and mentioned you. Therefore this Tablet was revealed and sent, that you might drink from it the Kawthar of your Lord's bountiful gifts, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06402 ===

=== START BH06403 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious!

Most men have remained deprived of the bounty of God from the direction of the All-Glorious. Perchance women will arise to promote His Cause, speak forth His praise, and turn towards His direction. O handmaiden of God! Today all are mentioned in one plane before God. Whosoever has turned to the Truth is reckoned among the people of Baha and is mentioned as one of the men of the heights. Beseech God that thou mayest become assured in His mention in these days when the Sun of Beauty hath dawned from the horizon of grandeur and majesty with infinite splendor, and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O handmaiden of God! Drink the water of life from the meanings of the words of the All-Merciful. By the Most Great Name! Whosoever hath been blessed and hath attained unto this spiritual Kawthar, the veils of the people of the world shall not prevent him from the direction of the Ancient Beauty. Rather, he shall behold all creation as nonexistent and shall turn towards the direction of the All-Merciful. With the ear of the spirit, hearken unto the words of the King of inner meanings. This is the counsel of the Ancient Beauty unto His handmaidens.

=== END BH06403 ===

=== START BH06404 ===

In the name of the One Powerful and Single! If residence in Iraq is difficult for you, then, trusting in God, return to your own land or other regions, and preserve yourself lest you be deprived of the truth through the whisperings of the hosts of Satan and the Samiri. By Him Who holds my soul in His hand, all today are lost and unmentioned save those souls who have held fast to the cord of God and become detached from all else. The believer in God has always been and will continue to be rarer than red sulfur. At all times take refuge in the Sovereign of eternity that you may be protected from the evil of the enemies of God. And if your brother desires to return he is permitted, but if affairs in Iraq proceed according to God's good-pleasure, residence near the House would be more beloved, and failing that, permission to depart is granted. In any case, act according to what is intended. No harm shall come to you. And God's greatest commandment is that association with those souls known for their hatred of the Truth is never permitted. Therefore shun them that you may prosper.

=== END BH06404 ===

=== START BH06406 ===

In the Name of the Merciful Lord! Although the events of the time and manifestations of tests have darkened hearts, yet pure hearts and sanctified souls who have drunk from the wine of certitude and the Kawthar of assurance in the Days of God are not prevented by the clamor of people from the fragrances of the days of the All-Merciful. They have ever been and continue to be enkindled with divine love. And if the friends of Truth had acted according to the loving counsels of God, surely all would have turned toward the court of oneness and no sedition would have arisen. But what was destined came to pass. God willing, may that leaf hold fast in all conditions to the divine Lote-Tree and remember His remembrance. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to do what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the maidservants who have turned toward God, that the mention of God may attract them and draw them nigh unto the station that is mighty and inaccessible. The Glory be upon you and upon those whom God has manifested through you, for the duration of the Kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06406 ===

=== START BH06407 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause, fulfilled His Promise, rendered victorious His hosts, sent down His Books and dispatched His Messengers, making them the gates of guidance amongst His servants, the manifestations of His names amidst His creation, and the mirrors of His attributes throughout the cities and regions. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! Thou hast been mentioned by one who hath loved Me, soared in the atmosphere of My love, and arisen to serve My Cause. We make mention of thee in this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord’s will, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. By the life of God! Nothing in all creation can equal it, as doth testify the Lord of all beings. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when I was silent, and for having turned toward me when I was still. I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made the Quickener of Thy servants and the Sovereign over all names through Thy power and might, to make me steadfast in Thy love and vocal in Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH06407 ===

=== START BH06410 ===

He Who is established upon the Throne above the celestial spheres

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world through the lights of His Most Great Name and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

O My leaf! Hearken thou unto My call. Verily He hath remembered thee and him who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, the station which was illumined by the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praised.

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast ever been and continuest to be remembered. Through divine bounty and the mercy of the All-Merciful thou hast drunk from the cup of bestowal and turned toward the most exalted horizon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of heaven and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, for having turned toward Thy handmaiden and sent down for her that which brought solace to the eyes of those who dwell secluded in their chambers. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Hearer, the Answerer. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My handmaidens there, as a mercy from Our presence and a favor from Our court, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

=== END BH06410 ===

=== START BH06411 ===

In the Name of the One God!

Praise be to God that the Sun of divine favor hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of bounty, and that the ocean of grace in this blessed Day is manifest and surging. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by the light of the Sun of Revelation and hath drunk from this ocean. We beseech God to make the evanescence of the world and its differences ever-apparent and visible before the eyes of souls who have turned towards Him, and to make manifest the permanence of exalted stations, that all may hold fast to that which is befitting this Day and not be deprived of the Most Great Name by reason of what existeth in the world. Thy letter which thou didst send in care of the Servant was received, and from it was inhaled the sweet fragrance of divine love. We beseech the Exalted One to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, mayest thou ever drink from the Kawthar of the Merciful's love and be occupied with His remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon all who have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and recognized that which hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06411 ===

=== START BH06412 ===

O Muhammad-Rahim, who has journeyed and attained! In the name of the All-Seeing, All-Hearing Lord! Praise be to God that through divine bounty thou hast turned toward and arrived at the shore of the sea of oneness - that station wherein all atoms testify and have testified to the divine unity. This is that station which is mentioned in the former Books. Well is it with them that attain! This is the Day whereof all the divine Messengers and Dawning-Places of heavenly revelation have given glad tidings unto all peoples. How excellent is the state of him whom the concerns of earth did not withhold from the Lord of Names, and who was witnessed to be steadfast, firm and upright with perfect constancy. He is of those souls concerning whom the Primal Point hath said: "Verily I, and all who dwell in Paradise, do truly yearn,

with utmost yearning, for the soul that hath been slain in His path." Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and act according to that which God hath willed. Be thou one who acteth according to His good-pleasure and who speaketh according to His desire, in such wise that thou beholdest no will or desire of thine own. He, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the will of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06412 ===

=== START BH06415 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My God, my God! Thy grief hath consumed me, Thy imprisonment hath set me ablaze, and Thy tribulation hath caused my death. Would that I had never existed when I heard the lamentations of Thy heart through what the hands of Thine enemies have wrought, and would that I had not been created to witness what hath befallen Thee from the tyrannous ones among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Creator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee. Then protect them, O my God, from the evil of Thine enemies, and ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones, and what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

My God, my God! Thou seest the one who hath turned to Thee and spoken Thy remembrance and praise, and desired the treasury of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bestowal to assist him in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy love and service to Thy Cause, and ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art He Whom no earthly power can weaken and no might of nations can prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His honor Haji, upon him be the Glory of God.

=== END BH06415 ===

=== START BH06416 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! My God, my God! My tongue beareth witness to Thy unity and singleness, to Thy might and sovereignty, to Thy power and dominion, and that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. Thou wert hidden and treasured from all eyes, hearts and minds. Then when the ocean of Thy giving surged forth, Thou didst create creation through Thy bounty and grace, and didst send unto them One Who would manifest Thy names and attributes, reveal Thy Self, and proclaim Thy commandments and ordinances. Among the people some turned towards Thee and attained, while others turned away and denied. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of the world and the coverings of the nations did not prevent from hearing Thy call and responding to Thee, and who turned towards the prison-quarter, having detached himself from all else besides Thee. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath loved Thee and arisen to serve Thy Cause, who hath spoken Thy praise and clung fast unto Thee, and who hath sought the wonders of Thy grace and the

manifestations of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to ordain for him through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Then aid him through Thy power and might. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06416 ===

=== START BH06417 ===

O handmaid of God Zahra, wife of a brother!

In the name of the One Friend! This is a Day wherein all things are delighting and rejoicing in the fragrant breezes of the utterance of the Lord of Names, and all creation is drawn in rapture and ecstasy to this spiritual breeze. Blessed is the state of the one who has become illumined by the lights of this most mighty, most holy Day and who has attained to the outpouring bounties from the heaven of generosity. Strive, make a mighty effort, that perchance you may discover the fragrance of the merciful garment in these days and find your way to the eternal city, and not be among those souls who are occupied with the mention of the Beloved while remaining veiled from Him. Many were the servants and handmaidens who in the nights and days would remember the Friend and yearn for His presence, yet when the veil was lifted remained veiled from Him and turned to other than Him. We beseech God not to deprive that handmaiden from the ocean of His bounty and to count her among those handmaidens who have turned their faces to the All-Merciful in the days of His manifestation. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06417 ===

=== START BH06418 ===

O Mirza Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Today the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the exalted Paradise consort with one another in utmost joy and gladness, delight and expansion, giving one another the glad-tidings of attainment to His presence. For the holy and luminous spirits have ascended from the earth, and all have welcomed them. And now, in perfect fellowship and unity, they walk in that holy and blessed land and those luminous and spiritual realms. And the dwellers of the pavilion of glory each utter this most blessed and exalted word: “The day of joy has come! The loved ones in the divine garden, with spiritual souls, are engaged in eternal pleasure and everlasting delight!” And the inhabitants of the canopy of grace each proclaim this exalted word: “This is the day wherein the sincere ones and those brought nigh have attained the presence of those who gave up their spirits in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds and the Sovereign of the mighty throne!” O thou who hast turned unto God! Give thanks unto God, exalted be He, for having aided thee and sent down for thee in this Tablet that which hath attracted the realities of existence, both hidden and manifest. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every patient and grateful one.

=== END BH06418 ===

=== START BH06419 ===

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon

O Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God! Today the entire world is illumined by the effulgences of the lights of the Revelation, yet most of its people remain heedless. The people of the earth are all withered, nay rather dead. They must be quickened through the water of wisdom and utterance and the life-giving Kawthar. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto, blessed the eye that hath witnessed, and blessed the ear that hath heard. The hearkening to a single call is better in the sight of God than the deeds of all who are on earth. A hundred thousand regrets that they are deprived of this endless bounty and veiled from this infinite grace. Be not grieved by what hath befallen. Every soul is occupied according to his station. They have cast the station of God behind their backs and followed every heedless and remote one. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and give glad-tidings to My loved ones of My tender mercy and My grace which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of proof with the luminary of utterance. Blessed be the mystic who hath attained and risen to serve the Cause, and woe unto them that are abased.

=== END BH06419 ===

=== START BH06420 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is the Day which all peoples were promised in the previous Books. Each of the Prophets and Messengers, by the command of the Lord of the Worlds, gave tidings to all on earth of this blessed Day which is attributed to the Truth. How excellent is the state of the one who became aware of it and found himself detached and free from all else save God. Today the Mother Book calleth out and summoneth the peoples of the world to the Lord of Eternity. Blessed is he who possesseth the hearing wherewith to hear its call and turneth to it with his heart. O Isma'il! Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been revealed in the Scriptures of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness and receive thy portion of the choice sealed Wine, and engage in service to the divine Cause. This is the greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that understand! Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

=== END BH06420 ===

=== START BH06421 ===

O Professor Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector of all who are in earth and heaven!

Today the world is illumined by the lights of the Orb of the heaven of inner meanings, and the mysteries of the Books are manifest from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge. This is the day of joy and gladness. All things - fruits, trees, leaves and flowers - are singing melodies and are occupied with the

praise and glorification of God. Yet the souls who were brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of this blessed Day remain heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. Know thou the value of the Day of God and act as befitteth it. The hosts of God have ever been and shall ever be praiseworthy deeds and goodly character. Today upon the banner of triumph these words are inscribed: “O people of God! Ye were created for this Day. Aid ye your Lord, the Most Merciful, through wisdom and utterance.” How excellent is the state of the one who hath attained unto the recognition of God and held fast unto the hem of His mercy. Such a one is of the people of Baha in the Qayyumu’l-Asma. Blessed are they that know! Blessed are they that act! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH06421 ===

=== START BH06422 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy! Remember, O my God! Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou art He through Whose love the intimate ones have soared in the atmosphere of Thy longing and yearning, and the sincere ones have ascended unto the heaven of Thy recognition. Thou hast ever been the Educator of all created things and the Succorer of those in the heavens and on earth. All kings are as vassals before the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, and every possessor of light is as darkness before the effulgences of the lights of Thy countenance, and every possessor of knowledge is as ignorant before the evidences of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who beholdest me from the direction of Thy mighty throne, by Thy Command which hath transcended all who are in Thy earth and heaven, and by the Manifestation of Thy Self Who hath suffered among the idolaters of Thy creation, to enable me to achieve what Thou hast willed and ordained in the tablets of Thy decree. O my Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath hastened toward the shore of Thy forgiveness and turned her face to the dawning-place of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thyself and by what Thou art, to purify me from whatsoever is abhorrent unto Thy good-pleasure, and to assist me and my kindred to serve and obey Thee. Then cause them, O my God, to drink from the Kawthar of Thy recognition and clothe them with the robes of Thy guidance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Helper.

=== END BH06422 ===

=== START BH06423 ===

That which was revealed for Muhammad before Husayn from the land of Nun:

Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to circumambulate the Most Great House and to attain unto the Most Great Pilgrimage. Be thou thankful and among those who render thanks. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in Him in all matters. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech God to aid us in obeying Him according to what He hath commanded us in His firm and impregnable Book. Be not sorrowful in any way. Convey greetings and salutations to the friends in whatsoever lands they may be. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto all good and been honored with complete bounty. A strong prohibition is necessary against the friends turning toward this spot. It is binding and obligatory upon every soul to obey the command of God. All must act according to that which hath been revealed in the divine Book and submit to it with perfect contentment. No one hath the right to transgress that which hath been commanded in the Book. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your idle

fancies. Follow that which is better for you. With Him is the knowledge of all things, but the people know not.

=== END BH06423 ===

=== START BH06424 ===

In the name of God! He is the Speaking Witness! Verily the sea walketh in human form and counseleth the servants with that which will profit them in the worlds of their Lord, the All-Wise. Verily the sun proclaimeth and beareth glad-tidings to the sincere of what hath been ordained for them in a perspicuous Book. O concourse of creation! Behold then remember what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an and in the Books of old concerning this Revelation through which the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken and the Lote-Tree of the furthermost boundary hath called out. By God! He Who was hidden hath come, and He Who was treasured hath appeared, and through Him all things have spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Most High, the Most Great!" O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies, then turn with your hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon - the Station from which hath shone forth the Sun of Knowledge from One mighty and powerful. How many a learned one hath been veiled by the veils of conjecture, and how many an ignorant one hath hastened and attained unto that which God, the Mighty, the Praised, hath willed. Glory be upon the people of Glory through whom the limbs of every heedless doubter have trembled. Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

=== END BH06424 ===

=== START BH06425 ===

O friends! In the Name of Him Who has power over all names! The Beloved calls out: "The Best-Beloved has come with clear sovereignty!" And the Spirit proclaims before His face: "That which was hidden in the heaven of your Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, has been made manifest!" And the Son of Imran says: "By God! This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who has come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth shall not stand!" And the Friend says: "The All-Glorious has come - hasten to Him with your hearts and follow not every doubtful pretender!" The Lord of Days has appeared and therein the King of all mankind has been established upon the throne of His Great Name. Turn to Him, O people of the earth, then hearken to what descends from the heaven of His all-encompassing favors upon the worlds. Blessed is he who has attained in the days of his Lord, and woe to him who has turned away and was among the idolaters. The carpet of glory and power shall be rolled up even as was rolled up the carpet of those who were heedless and were among the wrongdoers. Grieve not at anything - turn with thy heart's face toward God, thy Lord, and say: "Praise be to Thee for having made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and made me among those who acknowledge." Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06425 ===

=== START BH06426 ===

Muhammad the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! The Pen crieth out and the heart lamenteth - take heed, O ye who are endued with insight! By My life! Were We to loose the reins of the Pen, it would rend asunder the veil of ancient days, and ye would witness that which no eye hath perceived nor any mind conceived. We have delivered unto all the messages of God in such wise as none can reckon save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We sat in prison, turning unto Him and making mention of Him at all times. Whenever the flames of fire from the wicked encompassed Me, We proclaimed in loudest voice and summoned the servants unto the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Among them were such as turned and attained that which their Lord, the All-Knowing, had purposed for them, and among them were such as denied and returned to the nethermost fire. O loved ones of God! Hearken unto the call, then turn unto Him with illumined hearts. Thus hath the command been sent down in the Tablets. Let not distance grieve you, for the path is cut off through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. Be ye the trusted ones of God amidst His servants and His chosen ones in His kingdom. This beseemeth him who hath acknowledged this Cause, through which the horizons have been illumined. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath turned and attained that which his Lord desired.

=== END BH06426 ===

=== START BH06427 ===

He is the Silent Speaker

Verily God and His angels and His chosen ones and His messengers and His friends glorify those who have drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that nothing whatsoever hath deterred them from God, the Lord of existence. These are the people of God in the Great Scroll and the people of faithfulness in My Preserved Tablet. O people of Baha! Hearken unto that whereunto the Tongue of Grandeur calleth you - verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. I created the world for My remembrance and praise, after the recognition of My Self, which dominateth over all witness and witnessed. Say: O people! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth with the most exalted call: The King of Names hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom. We make mention of God and summon all to the supreme horizon - whoso respondeth, to his own gain, and whoso denieth, verily He is independent of those who have disbelieved and denied. There is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and heard My call, make mention of My days and what hath befallen Me at the hands of those who oppress. The glory be upon thee and upon those who gaze toward Him.

=== END BH06427 ===

=== START BH06429 ===

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Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Thou art He the fire of Whose love hath set ablaze the hearts of them who have recognized Thy unity, and the splendors of Whose countenance have illuminated the faces of such as have drawn nigh unto Thy court. How plenteous, O my God, is the stream of Thy knowledge! How sweet, O my Beloved, is the injury which, in my love for Thee, and for the sake of Thy pleasure, I suffer

from the darts of the wicked doers! How pleasing are the wounds which, in Thy path and in order to proclaim Thy Faith, I sustain from the swords of the infidels!

I beseech Thee, by Thy name through which Thou turnest restlessness into tranquillity, fear into confidence, weakness into strength, and abasement into glory, that Thou of Thy grace wilt aid me and Thy servants to exalt Thy name, to deliver Thy Message, and to proclaim Thy Cause, in such wise that we may remain unmoved by either the assaults of the transgressors or the wrath of the infidels, O Thou Who art my Well-Beloved!

I am, O my Lord, Thy handmaiden, who hath hearkened to Thy call, and hastened unto Thee, fleeing from herself and resting her heart upon Thee. I implore Thee, O my Lord, by Thy name out of which all the treasures of the earth were brought forth, to shield me from the hints of such as have disbelieved in Thee and repudiated Thy truth.

Powerful art Thou to do what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06429 ===

=== START BH06430 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful

O handmaiden of God! Give thanks to thy Lord for having attained the presence of His countenance, for having been faithful to thy Lord's Covenant, and for having heard the melodies of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. God hath singled thee out for this bounty that thou mayest remember and thank Him in thy days. He, verily, is the Truth, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed art thou, for God hath purified thee from the defilement of the idolaters, taken thy hand through His bounty, caused thee to enter the holy paradise, and recorded thy name among the steadfast women in a preserved Tablet of glory wherein are inscribed the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be, which none hath discovered save Him. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of hidden things. Be thou steadfast in thy love for Him, then be thou submissive unto Him - this is better for thee than all that is witnessed. Thus doth the Pen of Command move to make mention of thee. Praise Him, then glorify Him, and keep thyself apart from those women who have denied God, thy Lord. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving, command thee. And remembrance and mercy be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who glorify their Lord morning and evening.

=== END BH06430 ===

=== START BH06431 ===

He is the All-Knowing! O peoples of the heavens and earth! Know ye that We have made all things treasuries of Our power. Then We chose from among them that which We made the ornament of Our countenance, and for it are names beyond counting and attributes beyond reckoning. And in its manifestation in the form of the serpent are signs for those of insight. Say: Verily it is the serpent of divine decree by which God protecteth His treasuries and preserveth them from the hands of thieves and the gaze of the treacherous. Say: Though it moveth upon the treasury of lights from thy Lord, the Chosen

One, yet within itself are concealed treasuries which none hath discovered save God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and whomso He willeth and desireth. And verily He is the One Who bestoweth grace upon His servants, teaching whomsoever He willeth that which enricheth him beyond all else. Blessed be God, the Most Generous of the generous! How excellent is he who hath attained unto the knowledge thereof and reached the summit of grace from One wise and informed! Thus do We impart unto the servants that which was hidden from them, that perchance a soul may understand and there may appear in creation that which would bewilder the minds of the wise, the hearts of the sages, and the souls of all created things.

=== END BH06431 ===

=== START BH06433 ===

O Baker of the Divine Unity! We testify concerning thee that thou hast fulfilled thy covenant and performed that which thou didst accept in the atoms of eternity. Therefore God hath rewarded thee from Us with a reward that none in the realm hath ever surpassed. It is as though through thy being God created all bakers, for the purpose of these and the cause of their existence is their recognition of their Creator and their service unto Him, and none among them hath attained unto this save thee. Therefore give thanks unto God, thy Creator, for this and be thou of the thankful ones. Then know thou that We have not forgotten thee, nor thy father, nor those who have followed the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Wise. But We counsel thee to patience and reliance upon God. Verily He will suffice thee against every deceitful sinner. Thus do We impart unto thee that which will tranquilize thee in this great alarm. Though separation causeth hearts to burn, yet patience after My command is sweeter than all that is sweet. Then convey from Us remembrance to the servants who are in thy household and give them glad tidings of a holy and manifest paradise. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have been patient seeking the face of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH06433 ===

=== START BH06434 ===

O Samandar! The Master of Divine Decree calls thee from this Most Great Horizon, that the breezes of Revelation may repeatedly draw thee unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Were one to collect together all that hath been sent down unto thee of the verses of thy Lord, he would witness a mighty book, greater than other Tablets. This is of the grace of thy Lord. He is sufficient unto thee, by virtue of His truth. No God is there but Him, the Glorious, the Bestower. Thou hast spent what thou hadst in the path of God - to this the Lord of all being bears witness. God will soon reward thee for what thou hast done in His love. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Sorrow not over anything, for He is with thee and He is the Helper of the righteous. Turn all thy affairs, both outward and inward, to the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We have commanded thy brother to return to thee, after he came twice into the presence of the Throne and heard the call of God from this Station. Upon you both be the glory of God and His praise, and the praise of them that circle round the Throne at all times. Then glory be upon those who are with thee, both men and women, who have believed in God, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH06434 ===

=== START BH06435 ===

O Sadiq! Blessed art thou for having attained unto the good-pleasure of God, thy Lord, and for having been faithful to the Covenant. After thee there befell Me that which cannot be mentioned in words, and God is witness unto this. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention and fear no one. Place thy trust in God, thy Lord, and verily He will guard thee in truth from the evil of every distant polytheist. And the glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call, then make mention of thy Lord at morn and eventide. Follow thou the religion of God which is, in this Day, My love, whereby God distinguisheth between the monotheists and the polytheists, and thus hath the matter been decreed.

He is the Wondrous! God maketh mention of the offspring of His servant Sadiq, that her name may be recorded in the Tablet, and this is from God's grace - and verily His grace upon His near servants is abundant. Give thanks unto your Lord and make mention of Him at morn and eventide. And the glory be upon you both.

=== END BH06435 ===

=== START BH06436 ===

In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Most Great

O servant! When thou findest thyself turning unto God and detached from all else save Him, turn to Him with thy heart and say: All praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having aided me to know Thee and to know Thy chosen ones who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and walked the paths of Thy good-pleasure, whom Thou hast described in the decisive verses of Thy Book and in Thy binding utterance as those who "speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding." I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Self and by them, to make me in all circumstances to turn unto Thee and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me through the tongue of the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Then ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and decree for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next and shall make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of all possibilities. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH06436 ===

=== START BH06437 ===

In His name, the Other!

O servant! Hearken unto the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily it calleth thee unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Remember thy Lord throughout all days and turn not unto whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths. Detach thyself from all else, then turn with thy whole being

unto thy Ancient Lord. He sendeth down upon His servants that which He hath ordained for them in the Mother Book, and verily it is a noble Tablet wherein hath been inscribed by the Finger of Power the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be, were ye of them that know. And He hath not left therein an atom's weight of the deeds of all creation. Therefore praise Him at all times and forget not His grace, and be in mighty thankfulness. Say: O my Lord! I am he who hath detached himself from all else but Thee and hath turned toward Thy beautiful countenance. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall make me independent of all the worlds. Verily Thou hast power over all things. Thus doth this Prisoner teach thee in this Prison that thou mayest not be of the heedless ones. And the spirit be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

=== END BH06437 ===

=== START BH06438 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most High! O servant! Hear My call from the direction of the prison, and be not of the heedless ones. Trials have intensified upon Me to such a degree that all created things are powerless to recount them. And after your return, the clouds of destiny have rained down the arrows of tribulation at every moment, and I have drunk from the cup of adversity at every instant, as decreed in a preserved tablet. And now I beseech My Lord to raise Me up to Him in the highest companionship and to render Me detached from these polytheists who boasted of serving Me but when they witnessed My affliction and imprisonment, they rose up against Me and proceeded to manifest oppression. By God, O servant, I have tasted what no one before Me has tasted among God's near servants. Fie upon them and upon their loyalty, and upon their claims! They have reached such a degree in their calumnies as to violate the sanctity of God among His servants, whereat the Spirit of Command has lamented. And you, remember My days and forget not this imprisoned, lonely and solitary One. And glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH06438 ===

=== START BH06439 ===

Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim. In the Name of the All-Merciful. O servant! Behold with the sight of thy Lord, that thou mayest find inscribed upon the brow of all things that which the Most Exalted Pen hath recorded by the leave of God, the Lord of the First and the Last. By God! This is the Beloved of the All-Merciful, Who hath been afflicted at the hands of the people of the Bayan - they who claim to believe in that which was revealed aforetime yet have denied Him around Whom circle the Kingdom of Verses, and Who is now seated upon the throne of the All-Merciful with power and sovereignty. Say: From the horizon of Glory He calleth you and summoneth you unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Fear ye God, and slay not Him through Whose remembrance the Dove warbleth upon the branches of the Uttermost Tree with most wondrous melodies. Say: By God! Whosoever possesseth a heart hath been drawn by that which hath been sent down from this Kingdom and hath detached himself from all created things out of love for God, the One, the Single, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down for thee that from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrances of the Beloved. Say: Which then of the signs of your

Lord will ye deny? And the glory rest upon thee and upon those whom God hath preserved through His sovereignty and delivered from the depths of trials.

=== END BH06439 ===

=== START BH06440 ===

He is the Mighty! O ’Ali! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. And that ’Ali before Nabil is the Manifestation of His Self to all who are in the heavens and on earth, and He hath sent Him with a proof that confoundeth the minds of the wise and the hearts of them that are near unto God. And thou, O ’Ali, forget not My love for thee, nor My exile from your midst, nor My banishment to this distant land, nor My anguish amidst friend and foe alike, nor My imprisonment in this deep pit. Turn thou with thy whole being unto God, then detach thyself from thine own self and desires, and in all matters place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Exalted. For this world and its adornments shall pass away ere the keen eye can turn back to things. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have placed their trust in God Who created them by His power and made them to be of the believers. Then convey Our greetings to thy wife and give her glad tidings of a generous paradise. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

=== END BH06440 ===

=== START BH06441 ===

In His Name, the One with power over all who are in the worlds! O ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised in truth from the Dayspring of Divine decree, that it may bring thee to the Most Great Scene, the station wherein the Lord of mankind proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.” Thy letter hath been honored when it came before the Throne and the Sea of Vision turned towards it. This is of His grace unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Grieve not because of poverty, for verily thou art rich, by thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. He who hath recognized this Cause is among the most wealthy of creation and the most honored of servants before God, the Mighty, the Great. Various letters have come before Us; We have hastened first to answer thine. This sufficeth thee, if thou be of them that understand. He loveth him who hath sought Him and him who hath turned towards Him. His is a station at the Throne, and he is of them that have attained. Be content with what God hath ordained for thee - this is the best counsel from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Occupy thyself with thy craft; He will assist thee as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty. May the glory rest upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is Mighty, Praiseworthy.

=== END BH06441 ===

=== START BH06442 ===

Muhammad-’Ali ibn Haji Hasan

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty

O youth! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as God hath adorned thee with the ornament of the knowledge of His Self, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and hath given thee to drink of the pure water from the hand of this Beauty, through Whose face's light have been illumined the heavens and the earth and whatsoever was and shall be. Arise and say: "O people! I am verily God's servant among you and in this do I glory, were ye but heedless ones." And we thank Him at all times for having made known to us His Beauty and for having numbered us among such as are certain. And for such a Lord it behooveth us to sacrifice our spirits and all that we possess, would ye but understand. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen taught thee and moved upon thy name on this dark night, that thou mayest be of those who give thanks. Grieve not over anything and trust in God in all matters. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth. All things lie within the grasp of His might. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And glory be upon thee and upon those who, when they heard their Lord's call, responded: "Yea, verily we are all worshippers."

=== END BH06442 ===

=== START BH06443 ===

Servant! In the name of God, the Triumphant, the Powerful! O My servant! Hear My call from the heaven of My loving-kindness and from the right hand of the throne of My grandeur - that I am the One grief-stricken by My servants and saddened by what hath befallen My Beauty at the hands of the manifestations of My wrath. Therefore, ascend with thy heart unto the kingdom of My nearness, and soar with thy spirit in the atmosphere of My grace and favor, that thou mayest hear My melodies and become aware of what Mine enemies have brought down upon My Beauty. O My servant! Cut thyself from the paths of heedlessness, then walk in the ways of My grace and My favors that thou mayest attain unto the Ridvan of My love and the garden of My affection and My grandeur. By God, the True One! Verily My fragrances guide the longing ones unto the gardens of My mercy, and the radiance of My countenance leadeth those who desire Me unto the seat of My throne and My power, and then unto the Kawthar of My grace and My gifts. Thus hath the breeze of wisdom wafted from the direction of My finger upon My loved ones, that they may become aware of My Self - the Wronged One, the Stranger, the Prisoner, the Lonely One, the Sorrowful, the Slain One. And the Glory be upon thee, O servant, from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Merciful, the Possessor of Grace and Bounty.

=== END BH06443 ===

=== START BH06446 ===

O Sayed Mukhtar! In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Holy! O Mukhtar! Hear the call of thy Lord, the Almighty, from the Tree of Fire. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. All things bear witness unto God, the Sovereign of all names, but the people hear not. Today the Tree of Sinai calleth out between earth and heaven: "O concourse of creation! The gates of heaven have been opened through this Lamp that hath appeared in human temple. Hasten with your hearts and follow not every rejected idolater." The trembling of the Divine Meeting hath seized the land of Batha, whereupon it crieth out and saith: "Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the Mighty, the Loving!" And from

another direction the Aqsa Mosque speaketh forth: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, for I perceive the fragrance of Thy garment from the direction of Thy imprisoned Name.” Blessed is he who is detached from all else save Him and turneth unto his Lord on this Day wherein the Witness and the Witnessed have appeared. Remember thy Lord and say: “O my God! Deprive me not of the breezes of Thy revelation and inspiration. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word ‘Be’ and it is.”

=== END BH06446 ===

=== START BH06447 ===

O Mulla Mustafa!

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. O Mustafa! Thou hast been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that all things between earth and heaven may cry out at thy call. This behooveth one who hath turned towards the Dawning-Place of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Remind the people of the Most Great Remembrance, that they may perchance become aware and arise and turn towards God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Be thou enkindled with the fire of God in such wise that its effects become manifest throughout the realm. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Grieve not over the world and its afflictions. Put thy trust in Him in Whom the honored servants have put their trust. Drink thou from the water of life, then give to drink them that dwell in the realm of possibility, that it may draw them nigh unto the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne time and again. He remembereth him that turneth towards Him with a remembrance that draweth minds unto Him. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Utterance in this station which God hath adorned with the ornament of His Name, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH06447 ===

=== START BH06448 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

We have answered you and mentioned you time and again, and now We mention you once more that you may be assured of God’s care, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Your letter was seen in the Most Great Presence and the fragrance of your love wafted from it. God willing, you have been and will ever be the recipient of God’s special favors. Blessed are you, then blessed are you, for having turned in your early days to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and for having attained that which most of the servants have been deprived of. This indeed is a noble station. The glances of divine favors have been and will be directed toward you. As to what you mentioned regarding medical science - excellent is what you have done. He will assist you - be assured and be of the thankful ones. Divine outpourings and heavenly confirmations from the Eternal One have encompassed and continue to encompass you. God willing, you will succeed in learning the language mentioned and will translate the verses of God into that language,

so that the people of the West may become informed of the Dayspring of Divine Revelation and what hath been sent down from His presence. Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

=== END BH06448 ===

=== START BH06449 ===

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

Verily We have desired to mention one among the servants and give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from God, the Lord of all worlds. We have turned toward him from the prison and revealed that whereby all things have soared, turning toward the Kaaba of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ’Abdu’s-Samad! Hear My call, for verily it will draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee, wherefore have We remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Say:

My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my life, and Thy presence is the ultimate object of my hope. To circle round Thee is the desire of them that are nigh unto Thee and the hope of the sincere ones. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, and by the Point through which Thou didst reveal Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, and by Thy Command that hath dominated all who are in Thy earth and heaven, and by the influence of Thy Will and the encompassing power of Thy Purpose, to make me steadfast in Thy love, enkindled with the fire of Thy Cause, and detached from all else but Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me acknowledging Thee and Thy signs. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will preserve me and draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06449 ===

=== START BH06450 ===

O Hasan-’Ali Khan!

The Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great! We have sent unto the world that which will draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Paradise, and yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast aside what hath come to them with truth and have taken that which debarreth them from God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made clear unto them the path and revealed unto them the proof and sent down unto them that whereby God’s testimony hath been perfected, both before and after. Yet the people remain in manifest darkness, following their desires and turning away from guidance. They are indeed among the most lost! Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Turn with illumined hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon that ye may behold His most great signs. He commandeth you that which shall profit you in the hereafter and in this world. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. We have found the fragrance of thy love for God and have therefore made mention of thee in this mighty prison. Arise to serve God and to aid His Cause, that perchance the people may awaken and turn unto the Peerless, the All-Informed. Ask thou God to manifest through thee that whereby thy remembrance shall be established in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Praised.

=== END BH06450 ===

=== START BH06451 ===

He is the Speaker in the Most Great Prison. O Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God! We repaired this day to the garden wherein the trees proclaim "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all Religions!" When the Dawning-Place of God's Revelation and the Dayspring of His inspiration arrived, He established Himself upon the throne of utterance and revealed unto thee that which hath perfumed the whole of creation with the fragrance of His loving-kindness. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! By Thy might! My transgressions have prevented me from turning toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace, and my sins from attaining presence before Thy face. Whenever I contemplate the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty, joy overtaketh me from every direction, yet whenever I reflect upon my errors and transgressions, I long to hide my face beneath the layers of the earth. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy bestowals. I testify that Thy forgiveness hath preceded sin, and Thy generosity hath encompassed all who dwell within the realm of possibility. I beseech Thee to ordain for me presence before Thy throne and to enable me to stand at the door of Thy mercy, which hath been opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

=== END BH06451 ===

=== START BH06452 ===

He is the Exposition and I am the Wondrous One! We created the Names and sent down their Book, and We counseled them therein, through My most exalted utterance and My most glorious remembrance, to believe in God when He comes with the banners of verses. And We commanded them not to cling to anything at the time of the Manifestation, nor to hold fast to the hem of the Bayan and whatsoever commands and ordinances are therein. Yet when the horizon of the Manifestation shone forth and the Lord of the Day of Resurrection appeared, We saw every name clinging to another name and taking it as lord for itself instead of God. Thus did their souls entice them. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. By God's life! They answered not God's call when it was raised up, nor did they turn toward the Horizon when it shone forth. They followed their own desires, turning away from God, the Lord of all men. By night they took counsel together and by day they openly denied. Thus was the matter decreed in that which the Mother Book encompasseth. Leave them to themselves and hold fast to that which hath come to thee with spirit and sweet fragrance. Read thou the Tablet, then recite it unto them that have believed in God, the One, the Chosen One. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy words concerning God, the Knower of secrets.

=== END BH06452 ===

=== START BH06453 ===

O K…, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We promised thee a Tablet and have revealed for thee that which brings joy to the eyes of the people of the Most Exalted Paradise. Give thanks and praise to thy Lord for this great bounty. Arise to serve the Cause with spirit and joy. By

the life of the All-Merciful! He will assist thee, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people of the Bayan! Aid your Lord through the hosts of deeds. Thus have We commanded you before and in this wondrous Tablet. Beware lest the conditions of creation veil you. Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Kind, the Generous. Say: We have sent down for you from the heaven of grace that which every learned one hath failed to reckon. Arise with wisdom to serve the Cause of your Lord Who hath come for the betterment of the world and the unity of nations. He is, verily, the True One, the Faithful. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and favor which have preceded all existence. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath taken the Book of God with strength from Him and readeth what is therein at eventide and at dawn.

=== END BH06453 ===

=== START BH06454 ===

In the name of the All-Seeing Knower! O Mirza ’Abdu’llah - upon him be the Glory of God - God willing, may you be blessed with the special favors of God and drink at all times from the wine of oneness which hath been unsealed by the finger of the Lord’s will. Your mention was made in the Most Great Prison, and thus you were remembered through this Most Great Remembrance which, in its primal reality, is the cause of life for all the peoples of the world. Be grateful to God for this, for He hath enabled you to attain unto that of which most of His servants remain heedless. He is verily the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to illumine you with the lights of the Sun of Steadfastness and to ordain for you that which will gladden your heart. He is verily the Ordainer, the Giver, the Generous. We implore God to assist His loved ones in that which will today cause the exaltation of His Cause, that their mention may endure forever. That which today causeth the exaltation of His Cause and manifesteth the sanctification and glorification of God amongst His creatures hath been and shall ever be praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. God willing, may all attain unto this and hold fast unto it. Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon them that have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06454 ===

=== START BH06455 ===

’Abdul-Baqi! In the name of the Best-Beloved of the worlds! God willing, may you be blessed through divine grace with the outpourings of the True Bestower. Your letter has reached the Most Great Horizon and its contents were observed. Your call was heard and this sublime Tablet is sent in reply, that you may discover from its pen the fragrance of divine favors and soar at all times on the twin wings of love and fellowship, in such wise that newly-arisen matters displeasing to God may not prevent you from the remembrance of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Give thanks to God for having remembered you before His presence and revealed for you that whereby your mention shall endure throughout creation. Strive and endeavor to serve the Cause with utmost joy and delight, that perchance the deniers may become aware through the fragrance of the days of the All-Merciful and attain unto consciousness, and may not deprive themselves of everlasting good and eternal grace. We beseech God to open upon

your heart a door of knowledge, to ordain for you the good of this world and the next, and to reward you with the most excellent of rewards. Verily He is worthy of bestowing grace and is aware of what lies within hearts.

=== END BH06455 ===

=== START BH06456 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

God willing, through the favors of the immortal Sovereign, may you be adorned with the ornament of the knowledge of the Lord of all possibilities, and drink from the Kawthar of utterance which flows from the Pen of the Most Merciful. All creation has been brought into being specifically for the knowledge of God; nevertheless, all have turned away from the eternal stations for the sake of this ephemeral world and remained deprived of their ultimate purpose. We beseech God to aid all to achieve what He loves and is pleased with. Your letter reached the Wronged One of all horizons in the Most Great Prison, and the fragrances of love were inhaled from it. We beseech God to assist you in serving His Cause and to make you among those whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from turning to His Most Great Name, and to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence, and to bestow upon you that which shall endure as long as His earthly and heavenly kingdoms endure. Verily He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this Mighty, Impregnable Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and aideth those who have turned towards the Horizon of His Cause, the Luminous, the Brilliant.

=== END BH06456 ===

=== START BH06457 ===

O Jinab-i-Mirza Muhsin! In the name of the one true God! God willing, through the grace of the Lord of Names, mayest thou drink of the spiritual wine prepared by the divine Hand of Bounty and, intoxicated thereby, occupy thyself in the assemblage of the world with the praise of the Lord of nations. Abu'l-Hasan hath appeared before the Divine Throne and presented that which concerneth thy love for God. For this reason have We made mention of thee and revealed unto thee this Manifest Book. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy father, and blessed are the Afnans who have turned toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation and responded when they heard the Call of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that they turned toward God when most of the servants turned away from Him, and behind it the Tongue of Truth in this Forbidden Spot doth likewise bear witness. Praise be to God that in the prime of youth thou didst attain unto faith and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Speaking, the Manifest, which none hath known save Thee, to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and to ordain for me that which will assist me to serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

=== END BH06457 ===

=== START BH06458 ===

In the Name of the Creator of all things. God willing, in this spiritual springtime thou shalt be made joyous and adorned through the vernal rain of divine mercy. O friends! Every gardener tendeth the trees he hath planted in his garden, and when he observeth that any of the branches have withered, he cutteth them off, for should he leave them in their condition, their decay would affect all the other branches until it reacheth the very root of the tree. Likewise doth he cleanse his garden of the weeds that have sprung up therein, that all the trees may bear fruit and men may benefit therefrom. O friends! Tend ye the gardens of the Lord of creation and keep them pure from the thorns and weeds that have grown therein. These gardens are your hearts. Whosoever hath planted the tree of divine love in the garden of his heart must needs preserve it, water it with the rain of remembrance, and keep it pure from the weeds of self and passion. Such is the counsel of the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Well is it with him who acteth according to the words of his Lord.

=== END BH06458 ===

=== START BH06459 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds!

God willing, in this divine springtime thou wilt be adorned with the ornament of love and be turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy letter arrived and was perused. The fragrances of the days are diffusing - blessed is the soul that hath found and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Strive thou to preserve the pearl of the ocean of divine knowledge. Today all who have turned toward God must hold fast to the Divine Book and act according to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Thus doth the All-Merciful command you, before and after, and in this moment wherein the Wronged One's tongue proclaimeth from the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His recognition and heard His call, and for having made thee one of those who have answered. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Isfandiyar! Thou must be firm in the Cause of God like unto the heroes in the field, nay even greater, if thou be of them that know. That Isfandiyar strove mightily yet did not attain, while thou through God's favor hast attained His recognition and comprehended His days. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH06459 ===

=== START BH06460 ===

[Nabil-i-Qabil] `Ali who hath migrated unto God, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, mayst thou drink ceaselessly and forever from the pure water of the favors of the immortal King. Praise be to the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, Who assisted thee and guided thee to the highest horizon. Most people remain veiled from the Beloved of the worlds and occupied with their own idle fancies and vain imaginings, but thou didst turn toward the Friend and didst enter the most holy court which is sanctified

above the mention of what was and what will be, and with thine own ears didst hear the call of the divine Tree, and with thine own eyes didst witness the Dawning-Place of the voice. Know thou the value of this bounty and in the nights and days occupy thyself with thanksgiving to the Lord of all beings. How many were the divines and the learned and the jurisprudents who longed for the presence of God, yet after His manifestation remained deprived thereof, while thou didst drink from the choice wine of reunion and didst attain unto the kingdom of meeting. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have attained unto this most sublime, most holy, most mighty, most wondrous station.

=== END BH06460 ===

=== START BH06461 ===

In the Name of the One God! May you ever be illumined by the lights of guidance and enkindled with the fire of the divine Lote-Tree. God's favor has been and shall be with you. Strive that you may remain preserved from satanic suggestions and the foul odors of hell. Be intimate with the Truth and heedless of all else. Be not grieved by what has befallen you, for since God is with you, all good shall circle round about you. Endeavor each day to attain to a new station and in every moment seek after lofty ranks. Make your resolve great, for divine grace is mighty and great. Move among the handmaidens with perfect dignity and composure, and persist in reading the verses of God in Persian and Arabic, for this shall be the cause of eternal life. Be not distressed by the tyranny of oppressors. God lies in wait - soon will He cast them all into the flames. Verily He has power over all things. And the glory be upon you and upon whosoever loves you on the part of One Who is mighty and wise.

=== END BH06461 ===

=== START BH06462 ===

O handmaid of God, sister of the Most Great Fire! This is a Day wherein if someone misses performing a deed, they will not be able to make up for it even in countless ages to come. God willing, may you hold fast with complete certitude to the Truth and be detached from all else. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Prison that if people were to reflect even slightly on what hath been manifested in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Revelation, they would abandon the world and all therein and turn with heart and soul toward the direction of the All-Merciful. However, their vision hath been veiled by the greatest veil which is human desires, and thus their eyes are deprived of beholding the Greatest Scene and their hearts are prevented from seeking. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and with the ear of thy soul hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen which is raised betwixt earth and heaven, that thou mayest discover its sweetness and become independent of the world and all that is therein through the remembrance of thy Friend. God willing, mayest thou ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and be nourished from the Kawthar of His grace. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon the assured handmaids of God.

=== END BH06462 ===

=== START BH06463 ===

The wife of Agha Siyyid ’Ali-Akbar - in the name of the Best-Beloved of the worlds!

O handmaiden of God! While thou art in the House, and the Sovereign of the House is in the hands of the oppressors, He riseth from the horizon of the Prison and calleth out to thee, summoning thee to the truth. This is naught but from His grace which hath encompassed all created things. Were We not mindful of this station, no word would ever have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the All-Merciful. Therefore must all recognize the worth of this station and count this bounty as a precious gift, and act in ways befitting this station. With perfect gentleness, truthfulness and purity of heart must they pass these fleeting days. Know ye the value of these times and occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God, for His remembrance is the companion of hearts and the quickener of souls. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained and who hath been mentioned before the Throne, and whose name hath been inscribed in the Tablet of her Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou and blessed is she who serveth thee. Convey My glorification to her countenance, for We have found in her the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds.

=== END BH06463 ===

=== START BH06464 ===

O Fatimih Sultan, handmaid of God, Most Exalted, Most Great! O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Lord of eternity that thou hast attained unto the most great honor and hast turned from the realm of darkness unto the sanctified realm of light. Well is it with thee! Every doubter hath turned away from the ocean, while every assured one hath drunk, praising his Lord, the Bestower, the Bountiful. I swear by the Sun of sanctified glory that the veiled souls have been and are unaware, and through the utterances of the most wicked souls have turned away from the Dawning-Place of oneness, and this was purely out of desire, for none had any knowledge whatsoever of the root of the Cause. The light hath returned unto its likeness, and the fire unto its kind. For all there is a portion in the Book of thy Lord. Praise be to God that thy name hath flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days and thy mention hath been made before the Throne. Blessed art thou, O My handmaid, in that thou hast turned unto God and the doubts of the skeptical did not withhold thee. Grieve thou not over anything, but rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord. He is with thee at all times. It behooveth thee to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06464 ===

=== START BH06465 ===

O handmaid of God, spouse of His honor Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib! In the name of the Goal of all worlds! The Ancient Lord from the direction of the Most Great Prison at all times summons the people of possibility to the Most Glorious Paradise and the highest horizon. Blessed is the soul that responded and attained the most exalted station. Today is the day when the relation of high and low is abolished. Any soul, whether male or female, who has turned to the Truth is reckoned as being of the Truth, and apart from that is mentioned before the All-Merciful as being among the losers, even if they were of the highest creation. O handmaid of God! Praise the Beloved of the world that you have attained to His recognition and are gazing at His horizon. Know the value of this station and be occupied with His remembrance in the nights

and days, detached from all else. Be not grieved by the hardships of the world. Reflect upon the state of the Beloved of the world, Who dwells in the Most Great Prison with utmost tyranny and oppression. By My life! That which is visible shall vanish, and the kingdom and the realm shall belong to the loved ones of God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06465 ===

=== START BH06466 ===

O Umm-i-Mir-Muhammad-Valiy, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest, the Concealed. O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One of the horizons counsels thee and other handmaidens to observe the Covenant. By My life! This is indeed a mighty matter. Today the earth has been transformed - its heights have become low and its depths have become high. Every lofty one is brought low and every lowly one is elevated. How many learned ones are deprived of the ocean of knowledge, and how many possessed of insight are barred from the sun of vision. Today the possessors of hearing, sight and heart are and have been the people of Baha, and besides these souls, even if one should possess a thousand eyes they are recorded as blind in the Preserved Tablet, and if possessed of a thousand ears they are mentioned as deaf in the Most Great Scene. Praise be to God that that handmaiden was, on the Day of God, successful in recognizing Him and drank from the Salsabil of His love. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy son who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings from the Prisoner to thy daughter and thy daughter's daughter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06466 ===

=== START BH06467 ===

O Abdu'l-Husayn - upon him be the Glory of God - He is the All-Hearing, the Responsive One! O people of Baha! I swear by the Lord of the Kingdom of Names that the opposers among the divines and rulers who are today enkindled with the fire of hatred are not and have never been mentioned in the presence of God. Every person of insight sees such souls as thieves and murderers, for no human qualities are manifest from them. They have ever been and continue to be intent upon seizing people's lives and property, as ye have witnessed and continue to witness. They have amassed wealth from the property of others and grown rich thereby, and they lord it over them. In truth they are the most abject souls in the world, yet outwardly they adorn themselves in various ways and say "Glory is mine!" By My life! Any soul possessing discernment less than a mustard seed would count such people as non-existent. Blessed art thou for having heard My call, turned to My horizon, spoken My praise, and attained unto My recognition, for which We created all things. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath arisen to serve the Cause with steadfast and unwavering dedication.

=== END BH06467 ===

=== START BH06468 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O youth! God willing, through the bounties of the All-Merciful thou shalt be favored with His infinite divine outpourings. As thou hast been adorned in early youth with the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation, beseech God that thou mayest be assisted in that which shall endure and remain permanent in the Book of the world. Every matter shall be seized by extinction save that which is uttered for God's sake, and every deed which appeareth for God's sake shall not be seized by extinction. Strive thou to drink from the everlasting nectar and to attain unto the Kawthar of steadfastness. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise and service, and to confirm thee in that which shall cause thy mention to endure in His Manifest Book. Know thou the value of these days, and preserve like unto the sight of thine eye these exalted words which have been sent from the Most Great Scene. And say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged by the peoples of the world! Thus doth the tongue speak forth in this noble station. Glory be unto those who have cast behind their backs the idle fancies of the people and have taken that which they were bidden by an All-Powerful, Ancient Lord.

=== END BH06468 ===

=== START BH06469 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O friends! Today is the day when each of the loved ones must arise to render assistance to the All-Merciful, inasmuch as most of those on earth have striven to extinguish the fire of God and His light. He Who hath come for the life of the peoples of the world and the salvation of all nations hath, with utmost tyranny and injustice, been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities. I swear by the Dawning-Place of the Most Great Name that all tribulations and afflictions have not and will never prevent this Servant from the remembrance of God. All the friends of Truth must exert their utmost endeavor that perchance a soul may attain unto the Salsabil of inner meanings. This deed is accounted as the most great of all deeds in the sight of God. Blessed are they who have detached themselves from all else save God in His path and who have, purely for His sake, arisen to scatter the divine utterances throughout all regions, that they might find one who is ready and call him to the eternal city. These souls are recorded in the sight of God as among His goodly names. Blessed are they and those who have followed the Truth.

=== END BH06469 ===

=== START BH06470 ===

In the Name of the Sun of Truth!

O friends! Today I give glad-tidings to the people of the world. That which was hidden has been made manifest. The straight path has appeared, the balance is visible. The mountains, plains and rivers give glad-tidings to each other of the appearance of the Hidden Name and the Treasured Mystery. Stand firm in the Cause of God with such steadfastness that it will cause the steadfastness of all the peoples of the world. For years, mighty efforts were expended to exalt the Word and proclaim the Cause. Now it is observed that excellent souls have arisen against the Lord of Names merely for… and have set about to waste the Cause of God. Beseech God that He may guide them and prevent them from this great injustice. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty, He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Wise. Thou hast been

mentioned before the Wronged One and this most holy, most exalted Tablet hath been revealed that the joy of the utterance of the All-Merciful may take thee and make thee among those who are nigh. In all conditions hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the greatest steadfastness, for thieves lie in wait in the thicket of negligence. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty, this most holy Cause.

=== END BH06470 ===

=== START BH06471 ===

My brother Muhammad who has emigrated to God. In the name of the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing! O friends! God willing, may you be blessed with the grace of the All-Merciful and dwell with perfect assurance beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree. Reflect upon the chosen ones of God and what they have endured at the hands of enemies in times past and times more distant still. God, exalted be His glory, has ever summoned creation to that which profits them, yet the unjust people have arisen in utmost oppression, inflicting whatever tyranny and aggression lay within their power. They who are endowed with vision and gaze upon the Most Great Horizon behold the entire world and all that transpires therein as non-existence. That which is attributed to God, glorified and exalted be He, has been and ever shall be enduring and eternal. Rejoice then in what has befallen thee in the path of God and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to bear tribulations in Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

=== END BH06471 ===

=== START BH06472 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy!

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the King, the True, the Manifest. Verily it is a revelation from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Associate not partners with God; worship but one God, Single, Peerless, Alone, the Self-Subsisting, by Whose will was revealed that which lay hidden in the breasts of the idolaters. Say: O people! By what proof have ye disbelieved in God, the Beloved of the worlds? And by what evidence did ye believe in a previous Manifestation while turning away from Him Who is the Beloved of His Essence and the Purpose of His mystery, O company of the veiled! Say: All things were promised to attain His presence in the Year Nine. Read ye the Bayan that ye may find a way unto Him. O people! He hath appeared with the proofs of the ancients and the Scriptures of those who came after. Were it not for Him, the Dove would not have warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity, nor would the breezes of bounty have wafted over all creation. Fear ye God, then be ashamed before His Beauty, and be not of those who turn aside. If ye believe not, oppose Him not. Leave Him to Himself; the nations of the earth suffice Him, and then the kings and rulers. Say: O people of the Bayan! The Beloved of all possibility hath informed of your tyranny in that which was sent down from the heaven of mighty and exalted glory. He spoke, and His word is the truth: "O people of the Bayan! After My testament I see you wrapped in a mighty veil. I revealed not the Bayan except for His Self and His remembrance, and My purpose in what I revealed was naught but His radiant and luminous Beauty. Yet ye do unto Him what

neither the Jews did unto the Spirit (Christ), nor the people of the Furqan (Muslims) unto My Self, nor Nimrod unto God, the Mighty, the Wise." God, the Most High, the Most Great, hath spoken truly, and that which He foretold hath come to pass. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. Say: Fie upon you, O heedless ones! By God! Through your cruelty the hearts of the discerning have been shaken, the veil of concealment rent asunder, and the Lord of Lords hath lamented upon His mighty throne. His Beloved now waileth and weepeth, saying: "O people! Have mercy upon Him Who sat beneath the swords of the deniers, against Whom the followers of all religions have risen, conspiring at every moment to slay Him. If ye believed in the Exalted One (the Bab), why do ye wage war against His Beloved with the swords of rejection? If ye show no mercy to Him, then have mercy upon yourselves and be not of the wrongdoers." Soon shall the angels of chastisement come unto you, and ye shall behold with your own eyes that which ye neglected, and ye shall say: "Would that we had never been born, never been suckled, and never denied Him of Whom we were promised in the Tablets of God, the King, the Mighty, the Generous!" Thus have We related unto thee from the tales of the Youth, that thou mayest stand firm in His aid, even though We find thee in mighty doubt. Hearken unto My call, then rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Part the veils of glory that thou mayest behold the Sun of thy Lord's Beauty rising from the horizon of grandeur with manifest radiance. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings and turn toward the right hand of certainty. Verily, he who whispereth in the breasts of those who believe is in mighty error and hath never comprehended this Cause, and thy Lord is witness to what I say. Say: O people! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath not made this Manifestation dependent upon anything in creation, were ye but to know. He foretold that the chiefs of the Bayan would oppose the Beloved of the worlds, and despite your knowledge of this, ye committed what ye committed. Had this Manifestation been dependent upon anything, ye would not have done what ye did, O ye at whose deeds the angels of the near ones are bewildered! Verily, thou hearest My word; shun those who have disbelieved and turned away, and turn unto God with a sound heart. By God! The acceptance of anyone profiteth Me not this day. Verily, My Lord is All-Knowing.

Turn to God with a truthful heart. By God, the recognition of anyone profits Me not this day. Verily My Lord is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We call solely for the sake of God, lest anyone should say "Had I known, I would have followed the straight path." Thus hath counseled the Most Exalted Pen. Whoso heareth, it is for his own sake, and whoso turneth away, it is to his own loss. Verily God is Self-Sufficient, All-Praised. Blessed is he who hath broken the chains of imitation with the strength of unity and turned to God, purified from the allusions of the arrogant ones. And glory be upon those who have been quickened by the breezes of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and have been turned from the left hand of fancy to the right hand of certitude. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Hearken to the call of this Prisoner, He Whose deeds bear witness to Him, and Whose truth is attested by all atoms. Purify and sanctify thy heart from all save Him and from all that thou hast heard. Consider the Kitab-i-Badi' which was written in answer to the objections of the deniers, and likewise the Books of the Bayan and that which was revealed concerning the Names, that the purpose of the revelation of the Book of Names may become evident, and that ye may become aware of the sublimity of God's Cause and the exaltation of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Give especial consideration to the Persian Bayan, particularly the eighth chapter of the sixth Vahid, that ye may be convinced that today there is no refuge for anyone

except entrance into the shore of the Most Great Ocean. Observe how even caution in this Cause hath been deemed as polytheism and reckoned among the deeds of the people of the fire, though caution in all matters hath been beloved. Since they were aware of the subsequent Manifestation and the opposition of the leaders of the Bayan, they removed even caution and forbade it. Hath any previous Manifestation given such emphatic statements and explicit declarations regarding the subsequent Revelation? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! This was naught but the knowledge of that Source of Knowledge concerning the subsequent Manifestation. Throughout the Bayan it was revealed not to fix your gaze upon the Letters and Mirrors. It is evident that the Letters and Mirrors exist during the days of the Manifestation, and after the ascension of the Primal Will they become concealed. The designation of Letters and Mirrors will never again apply to anyone. Reflect deeply upon this utterance that ye may drink from the incomparable pure water of exposition and become intoxicated with the Kawthar of "Am I not?" Then emerge from behind the veils of allusions through the power of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and become steadfast in the Cause of God. Today is a Day wherein whatever man forsaketh cannot be retrieved. Throughout the Bayan, this Manifestation was not made conditional upon the permission or acceptance of any soul or any matter whatsoever. Yet there occurred what occurred. Had it been made conditional, what would have transpired? That divine Tree spoke naught except utter effacement in the subsequent Manifestation. Look in the Bayan that thou mayest find a way unto Him. Specifically, the honored Siyyah is now present, and he is the one concerning whom the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - said: "We have made thee a king to proclaim between the hands of the Qa'im." His epistle is well-known, and resurrection and gathering were revealed in that blessed Tablet. Likewise, in other Tablets, descriptions beyond reckoning concerning his attributes were revealed from the Supreme Pen. In these days he wrote some pages to Siyyid Muhammad, counseling him, and at the end mentioned that although "I know that personal motives have caused thee to turn away from the Truth, as I have associated with thee before and know thee," and after mentioning investigations he had heard about the irreligiosity of the aforementioned Siyyid, he wrote that in his last journey when he attained the presence of His Holiness the Most Exalted Lord - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - He gave him the glad tidings of the Most Great Manifestation.

During my final journey, when I attained the presence of His Holiness the Exalted Lord - may our spirits be sacrificed for Him - He gave me the glad tidings of the Most Great Manifestation. This was at a time when all the Letters and Mirrors were known and the creation of Names was complete. After hearing these greatest glad tidings from the lips of the All-Merciful, I became so attracted and enkindled that it defies description. Turning to God, I traveled to every land that perchance I might gain knowledge of that Most Great Luminary and attain His presence. And now, after this Most Great Manifestation, thou hast done what thou hast done. Similarly, they wrote to the honored Azim to search that he might find and attain unto the Most Great Luminary. Likewise, they gave glad tidings to certain Letters that they would attain the presence of God, as all that was revealed is recorded and preserved in the Books. And they say that if they did not appear, it is evident that the Truth did not wish to make Himself known.

Hearken unto the Voice of the Pen of the All-Merciful, by His Own Self, the All-Bountiful, of which none hath been or is aware. Should anyone gaze with the eye of God upon His words, he would surely realize the nature of this Cause. Would that thou hadst been present before Us and heard what none among all

creation hath heard! When thou didst see him whose name equateth with the number of Nabil and who was present there, say: Be fair, by God, and utter not that which causeth all that was revealed in the Bayan to lament. Thou hast not seen Him Whom thou hast taken as thy Lord and to Whom thou callest others, nor art thou aware of Him or His deeds. Fear God and be of the God-fearing. At least act according to what the Point of the Bayan hath ordained, for after countless counsels He saith that if ye believe not, at least oppose not. I marvel greatly at you, for though you have seen Siyyid Muhammad and are aware of his deeds and beliefs, yet there hath appeared from you that which was unseemly. I pour out my grief and sorrow unto God. Now that you fix not your gaze upon the truth and what appeareth from His presence, and have secluded yourself in vain imaginings, at least consider the Persian Bayan that perchance thou mayest recognize and arise and proclaim among the servants that which thy Lord, the Lord of creation, hath commanded thee on the Day when the pavilion of justice was raised and the carpet of grace was spread. Although He saith that none can know that Most Great Luminary unless he beholdeth Him with His own eye, by God, O Muhammad, I speak not from desire, and whenever I am silent the Spirit speaketh within my breast, but the people hear not. Thinkest thou that I desire Myself? Nay, by the Self of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting! Or the world? Nay, by thy Lord, the Most Exalted! Rend asunder the veils with the arm of certitude, then turn toward God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Loving. And now they have attributed worldliness and written thus to various regions, though by God, besides Whom there is none other God, outward difficulty beyond measure is evident. If you would reflect a little upon those matters they have attributed, you would distinguish truth from falsehood. Consider not that today a few have become certain of this Cause and have turned toward the sanctuary of holiness. Soon you shall see the banners of polytheism and hypocrisy lowered from all directions, for my Beloved hath informed: “Unless God should will otherwise, and He verily hath power over whatsoever He willeth. None hath any authority except after His leave. He manifesteth whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing.” In brief, compare not this Cause with what was before or shall come after, and be not veiled from its Creator by names. Soon shall the world and whatsoever existeth therein pass away, and the Cause shall remain for the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance. We have protected thee in many situations, some of which thou rememberest and some thou hast forgotten, and thy Lord knoweth thee better than thou knowest thyself, and with Him is the knowledge of what was and what shall be. Hear My words, rend asunder the veils, then turn thy face toward thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and say […]

O Lord! I have come to Thee, detached from all save Thee, turning unto the sanctuary of Thy nearness and Thy good-pleasure. I acknowledge Thy unity and confess Thy singleness, submitting to Thy Manifestation which Thou didst promise me in the Books of Thy decree and the Tablets of Thy destiny. O Lord! Make me not of those who act according to what hath been sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen, yet deny their Lord, the Most High. O Lord! Purify me from the whisperings of those who instill doubts in the hearts of Thy creatures, after Thou hast come with the evidences of Thy sovereignty, the signs of Thy power, the tokens of Thy grandeur, the proofs of Thy lordship, and the attributes of Thy divinity. O Lord! Deprive me not of what lieth with Thee, nor bar me from the stream which floweth from the right hand of the throne of Thy oneness. Have mercy upon me, O my God, through Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and through Thy grace which hath encompassed all existence, that I may behold Thee with

Thine eye and know Thee through Thine own Self. And if Thou grantest me not this, then enable me to behold Thee with mine own eye, not with the eyes that are clouded by the dust of idle fancies and thereby prevented from witnessing the lights of Thy countenance and beholding the manifestations of Thy glorious oneness. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over Thy command and art exalted through Thy might. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

O Lord! Pour forth upon us patience, make firm our steps, and grant us victory over the heedless people who have turned away from Thee and opposed Thee and disputed Thy signs and warred against Thy Self and arose to lead Thy creation astray through a plot at which the dwellers of Thy celestial realm and kingdom have lamented. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word and by Thy Most Beautiful Names to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of those who sought to extinguish Thy light through their doubts and insinuations and to quench the fire of Thy Divine Lote-Tree through their vain imaginings and whisperings. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to guard Thy loved ones from their evil and their plots. Thou art He through Whose power all created things have testified and through Whose grandeur all contingent beings have borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer, the All-Bountiful.

The letter of Haji Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, containing nineteen (19) tumans, was received by this servant in the Prison through His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Mr. A.H., upon him be all the most glorious Glory, in the month of Sha'ban the Great in the year 1301.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Rida! The metaphorical world and the visible world are both sheer nothingness, though they appear in the garment of existence. The first is the highwayman of the wayfarers, and the second is the trial of those who have arrived. Therefore, mighty effort is needed so that the divine spirit may pass beyond these two ego-centered obstacles through heavenly power and dwell in the hiding place of peerless reunion. I swear by God that a moment's peace in these days beneath the shade of the Tree of this most great Manifestation is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth. Just as this Revelation and its tokens of affirmation are the most mighty of manifestations, likewise the letters of negation in these days are mightier than all past and future ages, and are more firm and steadfast in their opposition. Thus have We ordained the matter in a preserved tablet. The meaning of the world of causes is the heedlessness of the servant from the One Who is served, and this has not had and does not have specification to any particular thing. Therefore, strive mightily that today the veils of glory may not prevent thee from the

Throne of revelation and independence. Rend asunder the veil, then emerge from behind the clouds and be of those who are firmly established.

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O Shaykh Isma'il! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! O Shaykh! The days of life have not had and will never have the permanence of winds. Strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the divine fragrances in this spiritual springtime. Observe how many mystics who laid claim to love and fidelity remained not, save a few, after the divine test appeared. This is why He saith: "The believer is like the philosopher's stone." Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Manifestation of the Cause, the Lord of Destiny, and with heart and soul turn toward the Most Great Scene, that thou mayest behold the Eternal Countenance from the horizon of the everlasting heaven and drink, after the passing away of all things, from the Kawthar of reunion with the Lord of Names. Nights and days have passed and are passing, and ere long all that hath been spread shall be rolled up. Hearken unto the call of the true Counsellor and hold fast unto the Most Great Sea and the firm Cord, that perchance thou mayest guide some of the wanderers to their true home and give the thirsty to drink of the wine of inner meanings. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded. Praise be to God, the Lord of Lords!

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O handmaid of God, Turanjah! In the name of the loving Beloved! O bondswoman of God! God willing, through the grace of the Absolute Creator, thou shalt abide beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree and drink at all times from the pure waters of the All-Merciful stream. Most of the men of the world, night and day, hope and long that perchance they may hear once from the Manifestation of verses and the Dawning-Place of evidences the words "O My servant," while thou, through God's infinite bounty, hast been honored with the address "O My handmaid." Know thou the greatness of this bounty and be ever thankful to the Beloved of all existence. How many queens of the world died in longing and attained not to this most exalted station. Strive thou to remain steadfast in the love of God and to be occupied with His remembrance in the nights and days. Every soul who is mentioned today by the Supreme Pen is accounted before God as one of His best created beings, and besides this none was or is worthy of mention. To this beareth witness the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O handmaiden of God! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, may you be engaged at all times in His remembrance and be gladdened by His love. All things have been created for the knowledge of God, yet none have attained to this most exalted, most holy, most glorious station save pure and tranquil souls. Most of the servants who are occupied day and night with the remembrance of God remain deprived, as is evident. This grace is all-encompassing and unlimited, such that some handmaidens have

attained this station while most of the learned ones of the age, despite their great knowledge, remain deprived and excluded. Therefore, whosoever attains to this station, be they women or men, must manifest such qualities and character that the fragrance of holiness may be inhaled therefrom. This is the true divine Word that has shone forth from the dawning-place of the celestial Pen: “Blessed are the remembering women and the pure women. Woe to the heedless ones.” Therefore praise thy Lord for having remembered thee before the Face and revealed unto thee this Tablet, which God hath made the ornament of His remembrance for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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The All-Highest, the Most Holy

O Nasir! The All-Knowing Lord says: When thou hast My love, thou hast all; naught else is needed. Strive that the pearls of divine love remain protected from thieves. By My life! This endures as long as the Kingdom and the realm above endure, while all else perishes. Verily thy Lord is cognizant of all things. The most enriched of servants is the one who has attained to this most glorious and most exalted station. Blessed art thou for having recognized thy Lord and for not being held back from Him by the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Be not distressed by matters that may arise. Verily He is with thee and ordaineth for thee that which profiteth thee. He is indeed the Almighty, the All-Powerful. With the ear of thy soul, hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest become so intoxicated and overjoyed by the choice wine of divine utterance that the sorrow of the world and its peoples may not sadden thee. Having attached thyself to the Truth, commit all matters unto Him. He is the Trustworthy, the Compassionate. Thus have We revealed unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be of them that are assured. And glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have rent asunder the veils through this Most Great Name.

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In the Name of the Knower, the Seer! O leaf, God willing, thou art moving in accordance with the breezes of the Will of the Sidrih and art uttering His praise. If the Sun of Divine Assistance shineth upon thee and thou attaineth the station wherein thou beholdest the status of the sanctified leaves and heareth His melodies, thou shalt, most certainly, engage all the years of thy life in uttering the praise of the Desired One, and shalt spend thy transient and eternal existence in glorifying the Object of the adoration of the whole universe.

Numerous were the leaves who spent their nights and days remembering the Sidrih and when the Sidrih appeared, they were all beheld fallen owing to poisonous idle imaginations, except those whom thy Lord willed. Know thou the worth of these days and be thankful in all circumstances, because He hath confirmed thee and conferred upon thee a portion from the Chalice of His recognition. All that is in the world does not equal this station. He Who speaketh the truth beareth witness to this. Verily there is none other God but Him, the all-Knowing, the All-Informed…

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O Fatimih Bigum, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the Friend, the One Who is present and watchful! O leaf! Thy lamentations have been heard, and thine anguish at separation from the Day-Star of the horizons hath been witnessed. By My life! My remembrance preceded thy remembrance, and My love preceded thy love. Were it not for My love, thy love would not have appeared, and were it not for the stirring of the fragrances of My robe, thy stirring in separation from Me would not have been manifest. May God curse those who have oppressed and caused separation between Me and My loved ones. This is most evident and clear that the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, hath ever loved and will forever love His sincere lovers, and His gaze of favor hath at all times been fixed upon them. This outward separation and division hath been caused by the rebellion and heedlessness of the people. Therefore that leaf must not be sorrowful, but rather content and grateful for what hath been ordained for her. Know thou this much: thy heartfelt lamentations have been and continue to be heard, and all have been accepted in the presence of the Truth. In such case, thou must not be sorrowful, but rather patient and thankful. Verily, He is with thee and heareth thy call and seeth thy condition. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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O Abbas-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Helper, the Sustainer. These are the days of manifestation and exultation, days of joy and delight. All things cry out morning and evening: “The Day is come!” Yet the people remain behind a mighty veil. Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and hast attained to that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, Lord of the mighty Throne. We have rent asunder the veils and revealed the Cause - a Command from the presence of an ancient Commander. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto My presence and My meeting, and hast heard the call of the Wronged One in His mighty prison. Say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having honored me with Thy days and with the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear signs. I beseech Thee by Thy sealed Wine and by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking Thy praise and arising to serve Thy Cause. Ordain for him who is with me from the wonders of Thy bounty and the jewels of Thy bestowal. O my Lord! Thou seest that he hath turned toward Thee and appeared before Thy face, and the might of the wicked ones hath not deterred him. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Unto Thee return all matters in their beginning and their end.”

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O thou beloved of my heart! Concerning what thou didst write about certain friends having asked various questions about backbiting and other matters - these subjects are clear as the sun in the divine Tablets. In these days all must be enkindled with the fire of the Word and occupied with service to the Cause. They

should regard time as precious and enlighten the people of the world with wisdom and utterance. Whosoever today succeeds in acknowledging that which God hath revealed in the Book is accounted among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. This is the lord of all days, and the King of Manifestations is seated upon the throne of utterance. Blessed are they who attain! The days of the Divine Manifestations are in one sense referred to as the Day of God, but these days are specially distinguished in all the Books as the appearance of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, Who calleth out with the most exalted voice before the faces of all the world. The greatness of these days hath been recorded and inscribed in the previous Books and in the mighty Qur'an. The Herald, that is, the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - in the days of His journey to Maku, while outwardly veiled from all, attained the honor of His presence, and His Holiness Quddus - upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory - attained repeatedly. During the journey to the Land of Kha He specifically summoned him, and for several months he was blessed with attaining His presence. The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - referred to both him and His Holiness the Most Great Bab - upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory - as the First and the Last, and likewise interpreted them as the First to arrive and the Last to descend. He gave each the glad tidings of this Manifestation, and specifically told the honored Siyyah - upon him be the glory and favor of God - "Go forth, that thou mayest find." The universal Manifestations were aware before the Revelation - they are the Dawning-places of divine knowledge. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist His loved ones to recognize what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

O beloved of my heart! Some remembrances become the cause of veiling, and likewise cause the extinguishing of the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree in one's being. Glory be upon him who limiteth his gaze to turning toward the Most Sublime Horizon, detached from all idle fancies and vain imaginings. In truth, some remembrances become the cause of heedlessness and lassitude, especially remembrances with which God is not pleased. It is hoped that all may drink from the choice wine of the Merciful's utterance and appear adorned with the ornament of distinction in the assemblage of the world. Verily the people of God must be distinguished from all others. Greetings, glorification, remembrance and splendor from beginning to end have been and are conveyed to the loved ones of that land, and this evanescent servant beseecheth the Eternal Truth to assist all in that which is befitting.

Regarding what thou didst write about movement toward and orientation to the city of Ishqabad, after presentation before His presence - glorified be His majesty - He said: "It would be well if they did not remain too long in the land of Ta, for prolonged stay will surely cause certain matters to be revealed by some to others, and in that land also certain two-faced persons are observed. In any case, travel is sometimes counted among the requirements of wisdom." End.

Another petition: Last year, one of the officials sent a petition to the Most Holy Court through the beloved Nazir, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. A response was revealed, but his name was not written. If deemed advisable, that beloved one may write the name and give it, otherwise to another person.

Regarding what was written about honoring the Sacred Writings, whatever is beloved should be written. One must act in such a way that the Tablets remain in their original delicacy. They should be placed on separate sheets, read, and then preserved in a special place.

Another matter: Some Tablets were sent as commanded in this servant's handwriting. Likewise, some Tablets were both inscribed in the original letter and sent as separate Tablets. The page of remembrances was written and sent as commanded in the handwriting of the honored beloved Mishkin-Qalam, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. Since in these days they have severed relations with Cyprus and have come with their families to the Most Holy Court with no intention of return, the prison land, as the Arabs say, is full - neither house nor inn remains. The command belongs to God, the Powerful, the Bestower.

Regarding what was written about the medicine formula, such a thing has not existed in this land. It is not known from where this report has originated. The blessed Tablet revealed in response to the spiritual beloved Aqa Mirza Jalil, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory], was not sent this time due to the size of the envelope. It will be sent next time, God willing. Give that beloved one this glad-tiding.

The Servant

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In the Name of the One God!

This blessed Word shineth forth like unto the sun from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet. All must fix their gaze upon it and hold fast unto it. The House is the Bayan, and wisdom is its lamp. Knowledge is its heaven and justice is its sun. The world hath been darkened by the dust of heedless souls and prevented from its delicacy. All must beseech God that through the breaths of the breezes of the All-Merciful and the effulgences of the lights of His divine countenance He may dispel the darkness and illumine all with the light of His face and perfume them with the fragrances of His days. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the remembrance of God. The Point of the Bayan hath said that all exist that they might be mentioned but once in the holy court. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this exalted station. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. The clouds of the desires of souls have prevented the sun of justice from shining forth, such that it remaineth concealed while the world is afflicted and entangled. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise you. Verily, He is the Speaker, the Truthful, the Trustworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon the loved ones of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the name of the Everlasting Speaker. This Wronged One has testified and does testify to the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen, that He has had and shall have no peer, no equal and no likeness, and He speaks this blessed word which adorns the brocade of the book of existence: "Verily there is no God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." God willing, may that honored one be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and arise to serve His Cause. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends of God. Say: God willing, you must speak and act in a manner befitting the Cause of God and His Revelation, in such wise that the

affairs of the world shall not prevent you. You have borne hardships in the path of God - preserve this station. Satans are spread throughout the earth and are occupied with leading humanity astray. Say: Thus does He counsel you from Whose presence is the perspicuous Book, and reminds you of God and His verses, and teaches you what will guide you unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who have turned to God, the One, the All-Informed.

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He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of eternity! This wronged one, imprisoned, conveys greetings to them that drink from the chalice of the love of the All-Merciful, and says: By the light of the Sun of Truth, this Day has no peer or likeness, and whatsoever is lost by anyone today can never be regained, save by whom God willeth. In all conditions one must strive that haply the loved ones of God may partake of the sealed wine which hath been unsealed through the blessed name of the Self-Subsisting. This is the most great bounty. Blessed is he who hath seen with his own eyes and heard with his own ears the Call of Truth. The eye-disease of vain desire hath prevented the people from beholding, and they cannot distinguish between the wolf and Joseph. They have regarded the essence of justice as the substance of tyranny, and light they have deemed darkness. Well is it with the one who hath turned toward the most exalted horizon and become free and detached from all else but God. He is indeed among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book, as attested by the Lord of Names. He is in truth the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the name of the peerless Lord! The Day hath come wherein the divine Herald proclaimeth before all faces, saying: This is the Day whereon the mountains pass away like clouds, and divine verses are sent down and flow forth without cease. O My people! How many were the servants and handmaidens who awaited this blessed Day and quaffed the cups of joy and gladness in remembrance thereof. Yet when the morning of the Promised Day dawned from the horizon of the world, all were found heedless save those souls who, through the name of their Friend, had purified themselves from the defilements of the world and its conditions, and attained unto the station of unveiling and witnessing and the presence of God. Hold fast unto the cord of My love, then detach thyself from the worlds. Fix thy gaze upon Him, remain steadfast in His love, and be occupied with His remembrance. He is the companion of purified hearts. All must preserve His abode and dwelling place in His name from thieves and betrayers and from doubts and imaginings. Thus doth He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book make mention of thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of hearts, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds!

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In the name of the kind Friend! That which is beloved today is steadfastness in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. Whosoever hath attained unto this most exalted and glorious station hath attained unto all good. Tribulations and trials and afflictions, whether hidden or manifest, have ever been and shall ever be the portion of the loved ones of God. Blessed is he who hath drunk therefrom, remaining patient and steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. The eye of God's loving-kindness hath been and will be, God willing, fixed upon you. Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. Observe how the Truth, though He desired the good of all and summoned all mankind to the supreme horizon, yet there befell Him that which hath befallen no one else in all creation. Such is the way of the people who have forsaken the Truth, the Mighty, the Dawning-Place of certitude, and who remain occupied with their own idle fancies. Soon shall they become aware of their deeds and shall lament over themselves. God willing, may you ever drink from the ocean of joy and remain fixed in contemplation of the Most Glorious Horizon. The glory be upon you.

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Fat?-Abad. O Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Friend! That which is for the good of the servants is the resignation of all affairs unto God, exalted be His glory, inasmuch as most of us are unaware of that which is harmful or beneficial. None except God, exalted be His glory, is truly cognizant of all things. True knowledge hath ever been, and shall always be, specially reserved unto Him. He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Wise. Assuredly whatsoever He deemeth expedient will He reveal unto His loved ones. O ye who have turned towards Him! Ye have won the prize of victory, and were this station to be unveiled, perchance some would perish from joy. At all times occupy yourselves with praise and thanksgiving and glorification of God, and hold fast unto His cord. The Manifestations of tyranny and the Exponents of oppression, who are the divines of the age, have striven with utmost power and might to extinguish the light. Yet they have found themselves impotent and wanting, and ere long shall they find themselves in a most wretched abode. His is the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Praised.

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In My Name, the Most Holy above all names! The Ocean of Divine Knowledge speaks at the center of contingent existence and summons all with spirit and fragrance to the All-Merciful, yet most of the people perceive not. Say: He has appeared with truth and speaks in every condition that there is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. I have come for the life of the world and the reformation of the nations. To this bears witness the Lord of Eternity from His praiseworthy station. Your letter has come before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, and He has answered you with a Tablet from which flows the sealed nectar. When you attain unto it and drink thereof, praise God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. By God's life! A single word from Me equals not what you behold today nor what exists in all creation. Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the veils of the Jews who violated God's Covenant and His Testament and denied Him Who speaks 'There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving' shall

not withhold you. Thus have We remembered you and sent this unto you that you may thank your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! Divine verses have been revealed in such manner that none except His sanctified Essence is capable of enumerating them, and exalted and wondrous Tablets specifically for the loved ones have been sent down from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of Lords, successively and continuously. The purpose is that His loved ones might become redolent with the fragrance of His utterance and speak and act in a manner befitting His days. However, some hearkened to the call and attained to the recognition of the oneness of God and the Manifestation of His Cause, yet such deeds as would cause the exaltation and glorification of the Word of God did not appear from them. What regret and remorse, that in such days they should deprive themselves of the ocean of God's good-pleasure! Say: O friends! Know ye your worth and withhold not yourselves from that which is with God. Each one of you must be even as the morning star, radiant, that souls who have strayed in the darkness of idle fancies and selfish desires may thereby be guided and find the path of deliverance. This is the counsel of the sincere and faithful Friend to His loved ones.

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His honor Haji Seyyed Javad, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power

After affirming the oneness of God and acknowledging what His Prophets and Messengers brought, and their Seal Muhammad - peace be upon him - His Messenger whom He adorned with the crown of "But for thee" and the mantle of the Seal, and his family and companions, I submit that your esteemed letter reached this lowly one. Although the physical distance is very close, yet in the realm of love and friendship this small distance seems very far, such that upon receipt of your letter, in truth the joy of meeting and reunion was experienced. This matter is a matter of love - what a wonderful rider it is and what a wonderful walker! It traverses the globe in a single step and crosses the realm of imagination in an instant. Praise be to its hand and arm! The ledgers you sent arrived. As commanded, they should take from the fifty tumans mentioned. If anything remains, they should send the small remainder. The Glory be upon you and those with you.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over the Kingdom of Names and Dominion! By God! The Lord of Might calls unto those on earth to ascend to that station whereon is established the throne of His Most Great Name, Who has come from the heaven of grandeur with a sovereignty that has encompassed all in

the worlds. My Most Exalted Pen moves at all times even as it moved before, speaking and declaring: Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Were people to discover the sweetness of that remembrance which has dawned from the Dayspring of utterance, they would surely forsake the world and all that is therein, and would turn unto the Qiblih of the horizons Who dwells in this mighty Prison. By My life! The people's vain desires have seized them and thereby prevented them from this supreme bounty. Blessed is the powerful one who has turned to the Countenance, and the mighty one who has rent the veil with the finger of certitude. Thy remembrance was mentioned before the Throne, and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee, from which the Sun of utterance has shone forth and the Dove has warbled upon the branches. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Tablet which, shouldst thou take it with the hand of might, will verily be with thee in all conditions and assist thee through the eternity of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious! Blessed is He Who hath manifested the Glory and made it the Dawning-Place of His sovereignty unto all who dwell in the realms of creation. Among the people are those who have recognized and hastened unto the Most Great Horizon, and among them are those who have turned away and followed every disbelieving deceiver. He who hath turned towards it is of them who have attained unto the presence of God, and he who hath turned away is of the companions of the fire in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. They have lost, those who cast the remembrance of God behind their backs and seized that which hath blackened faces and caused hearts to burn. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of eternity. This Most Great Name - glory be to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Compeller! Look not upon the prison and what I endure of tribulation, but rather upon the light shining forth from the horizon of Glory whereby the regions have been illumined. Glory is not what the people have known, but rather what hath shone forth today from the horizon of Revelation with sovereignty and power. Soon shalt thou behold the Self-Subsisting One ascendant over all who are on earth. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the Pen which God hath made the sovereign of all pens. Remember thy Lord - verily He is with those who have turned unto His Face and fulfilled the Covenant.

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He is the One Who abideth after the passing of all things! Blessed is He Who hath ordained for His loved ones that which none knoweth save Him. The Dawning-Place of Revelation beareth witness unto this, yet most among the people know it not. They who have turned in this Day unto the Most Great Ocean - these are the denizens of Paradise in the sight of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have commanded all to turn unto the Most Sublime Horizon and to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby the limbs of the chosen ones have trembled, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Say: This is a Cause the like of which God hath not ordained in all creation. By God's life! This is the Most Wondrous One, through Whose remembrance the Preserved Tablet hath been adorned.

The world hath been bewildered by this Most Great Remembrance, whereby the Trump hath been blown, the Balance set up, and every determined matter made manifest. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God and hold fast unto this grace that hath encompassed all who are in existence. Read thou what the All-Merciful hath revealed with joy and fragrance. It will draw thee unto a praiseworthy station. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee from this Protected Fortress.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable! Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses and made them clear evidences for the followers of all religions. The Fire calleth out from the Mount and the Light appeareth before the Manifestation, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded; woe unto every heedless doubter. Among the people are those who say He hath fabricated a lie against God - thus did those who disbelieved speak aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: If ye deny this Manifestation, by what proof do ye uphold your faith in God? Bring it forth, O people of error! By My life, there is no escape for anyone today save for him who hath turned towards the Countenance and turned away from every polytheist and infidel. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and found the fragrance of holiness from this Garment, whose sweet-scented perfume hath wafted to all regions. Verily those who are heedless this day - these have cast guidance behind their backs and embraced their own desires. Soon shall punishment descend upon them from every direction. Let not the words of those who have disbelieved in God grieve thee. Glorify the praise of thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast made Thyself known unto me and hast sent unto me that whereby the dead are quickened.

=== END BH06496 ===

=== START BH06497 ===

The Supreme Branch, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious

He is the One Who rules over all names. The Divine Lote-Tree desires to make mention of one of its branches who sought it out, heard its call, soared in its atmosphere, spoke in its praise, and hastened towards it until he attained its presence and beheld its effulgences. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him that which will draw him near unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Him, the One Who speaks in the beginning and in the return.

O My branch! We have remembered thee time and again with that which shall endure as long as the Most Beautiful Names of God and His most exalted attributes endure. Give thanks unto God for this manifest grace. By My life! Whatever hath been created on earth cannot equal a single verse from thy Lord. He Who speaketh “there is no God but I, the One, the All-Informed” beareth witness to this. Blessed art thou for having attained His presence and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Generous. Verily, He is with thee and hath ordained for thee that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the

heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the One manifest with the sovereignty of names from the horizon of heaven. Exalted is He Who hath shone forth upon the Greatest Scene and hath spoken that whereby the mountains were crushed and the moon was cleft asunder. He, verily, is the hidden Mystery within the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He summoneth the peoples unto the Most Great Name and announceth unto them that which hath been ordained for them by God, the Lord of all worlds. He who hath found the fragrance of the Garment and turned with his heart toward the sanctified Kingdom is assuredly among those who are nigh unto God. All things bear witness to his turning unto God, the Sovereign of creation. How glorious is this station, lofty and sublime! Blessed is he who hath heard My call, entered My paradise, held fast unto My cord and clung to My luminous hem. When the Lord of Names appeared, the dawning-places of hatred lamented. Say: Cast aside what ye possess, then hasten unto the Most Great Joy and be not of the doubtful. We have desired good for you. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves thereof. Turn ye unto Him through My Name, the Mighty, the Bountiful. This is a Tablet sent down in truth, and We have sent it unto thee that thou mayest arise to render praise and glory amidst the concourse of creation, with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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He is the Mighty, the All-Wise! These are the verses of immortality wherein are contained the mysteries of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Therein is mentioned that which gives glad tidings unto men of the meeting with their Lord on the Day when all who are in the realm of being shall be gathered together. Then will the Herald of the Spirit call out from the Throne of Immortality, and the Dove of Holiness will warble from a near station, and the Cock of the Throne will crow, and the Peacock of Oneness will appear adorned with a wondrous glory. Thereupon all who are in the heavens shall swoon from fear of the Command, and all who are on earth shall be shaken, except such as have detached themselves unto God and were of those who are well-assured in His Cause. These are they through the light of whose countenances are illumined the dwellers of the holy realm and then the angels brought near. Thus do We remind thee of mysteries that were hidden behind the veils of destiny, that thou mayest be of them that remember, and that the tribulations of the world may not grieve thee and thou mayest be in the Paradise among them that rejoice. Thus do We bestow Our favor upon thee in that We have mentioned thee in truth in a preserved holy Tablet, that thou mayest thank God thy Creator in thy heart and remember Him at all times and say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty glory, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, detach thyself from the world, and turn thy heart toward the dawning-place of a resplendent Name. O servant! We made mention of thee before with verses of wondrous glory, and sent down unto thee the Tablets and dispatched them to thee that thy heart might rejoice thereby and that thou mightest stand firm in the Cause. Verily thy Lord forgets not those servants who have attained unto His presence and who trod the paths of holiness until they entered a station of luminous glory. Yet We have found the people drunk, such that they have forgotten that whereof they were reminded, and verily thy Lord watcheth over all things. Remember thy Lord and forget not His grace, for His grace hath ever been abundant toward thee. Stand firm in the Cause of God, then purify thy heart from the doubts of those who have denied the verses of the All-Merciful and opposed that which they were promised in a mighty and glorious Tablet. Convey Our glorification unto thy two sons, then give them glad tidings from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon all who have turned unto God with radiant countenance.

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O handmaid of God, daughter of Khadijih! The Ancient Beauty speaks in the name of the Peerless Beloved: O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Listen with thy spiritual ear to the divine call from the Immortal Pen in this radiant dawn. Every soul who, with pure and attentive ears, has hearkened to the Call of God, has turned away from all else and directed themselves to the Qiblih of all horizons. The divine melody has ever been and shall ever be the quickener of decomposed bones. That melody at times appears in the form of water, speaking “Verily, I am the Quickener of the world,” and at times is manifest as the fire of attraction, uttering “Verily, I am the Attracter of hearts.” Blessed are the illumined hearts that have been quickened by the water of divine bounty and attracted by the fire of His love. O handmaiden! Strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the lights of the manifestations of the countenance of the Beloved, and that thou mayest shine bright as a luminous star from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto me in Thy Days. Thou art He Who brings forth the living from the dead and light from fire. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH06501 ===

=== START BH06502 ===

O Abbas, upon him be the Glory of God! In His Name, the One Who rules over all names!

All the different parties of the world are each clinging to a book, or to a scroll, or to psalms, or to a tablet - this is an undoubted fact. Now, what has been revealed is equal to all divine books, nay rather more, but the people are seen to be heedless and asleep, nay rather dead. We beseech God that He may quicken all through the Kawthar of His utterance and make them enduring. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and shattered the idols, turning unto God, the Lord of all men. We beseech God that He may

assist thee to mention and praise Him and to remain steadfast in this manifest Cause. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear proofs! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book that Thou assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones whom neither hosts nor ranks could prevent from turning to Thy face. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Ordain for me what beseemeth Thy generosity and grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06502 ===

=== START BH06503 ===

In His Name, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth!

The entire world was awaiting this blessed Day, yet when the hidden Day was adorned and made manifest through the radiance of the Sun of Truth, all who dwell on earth remained veiled save whom God wished. Blessed are they whom the veils and allusions of the people did not prevent from the ocean of divine recognition. Arise in His Name and take the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, may His glory be glorified, and drink it in defiance of those who denied the right of God and His loved ones and followed every heedless doubter. God willing, on this Day when the world is encompassed by the darkness of fancy and vain imaginings, thou shalt be illumined by the lights of the morn of certitude. Glory be to God! Those servants who were heedless and unaware of the origin of the Cause and its foundation are now occupied with leading souls astray. Fie upon them and upon those who follow them without any clear proof or Book! Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, it is hoped that your honor will be engaged in the remembrance of the Purpose of the world with utmost joy and delight, and will arise to serve Him.

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=== START BH06504 ===

O Samandar, He is the Beloved! Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad arrived and mentioned the ascension of the spiritual dove from the earthly ash-heap to the divine Ridvan. The utmost grief, sorrow and anguish appeared. However, since she hastened from the mortal furnace to the life-giving expanse of the immortal rose garden, and ascended from the dark hiding place to the shelter of divine favor, and flew from the earthly ash-heap to the original divine homeland, and reached from the place of limitation to the placeless realm of oneness, therefore you must cleanse and purify the tablet of your heart from grief and sorrow, and hold fast to the firm handle of the hidden divine favors. God willing, you will be nurtured under the shadow of divine generosity and drink from the cup of the hidden mercy of the Infinite Lord. And peace be upon you. And after Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad gave a detailed account, whatever they had arranged during their lifetime to send in this direction, send it, and carry out their affairs according to the will they made. Details will be sent upon Mirza Muhammad’s return.

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Several Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets have been graciously bestowed upon the Afnan who are present in that land. God willing, they will attain unto them. And one Tablet has also been revealed from the heaven of divine mercy and sent especially for the son of his eminence Aqa Mirza Mu?sin, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory - let them deliver it. By the life of God, there hath been revealed for him on various occasions that which no eye hath seen nor mind conceived. And a Tablet hath also been revealed from the right hand of the Throne especially for his eminence Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. God willing, it will reach him and he will attain everlasting life through its fragrant breaths. Likewise, in response to the petition of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, a Tablet hath been revealed - let them deliver it to him. And another Tablet for his eminence Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, who was mentioned in your letter. Again regarding the matter of the two hundred tumans that must be delivered with utmost haste to the specified individual so that he may act according to what God hath desired, that is, deliver it according to the draft. Similarly, the Servant wrote acknowledging receipt of some funds and this was sent.

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=== START BH06506 ===

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power. O H.S., upon thee be the peace and loving-kindness of God. We testify that thou hast heard and turned thyself, and hast attained unto that which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing above all names. Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which necks were humbled. Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy will and purpose, to ordain for me that which shall cause me in all conditions to cling fast unto Thee and hold to the hem of Thy bounty and generosity. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, acknowledging Thy oneness and assured of that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to make me one of those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning to the light of Thy countenance and drawing nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace. O my Lord! Aid me in that which shall cause the fragrances of Thy acceptance and good-pleasure to be diffused. Then ordain for me the good of every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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=== START BH06511 ===

O Asadu'llah Beg who speaketh before all faces! Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who, with the hand of power, hath raised up the standard of "There is none other God but Him" in the most exalted station and unfurled the banner of "The Command is God's" before the faces of all religions. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His dominion! O Asad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Self-Subsisting! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. We have turned unto thee and revealed for thee the pearls that lay hidden in the treasuries of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Say: My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! I testify that

through Thee the names of divine knowledge have been adorned with the stars of utterance and the ocean of generosity hath surged before the faces of the nations. I beseech Thee by Thy mysteries that lie concealed within Thy Book and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy bounty to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and cause us to speak Thy praise. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Lord of great bounty. Aid us to make up for what hath escaped us in Thy days. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, He to Whose manifestation and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all contingent beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bounteous, the All-Generous.

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=== START BH06512 ===

In the Name of Him Who has power over what has been and what will be!

Praise befits and is worthy of the Lord of Eternity Who, by His Pen alone, has conquered the world and its peoples, and Who, severed from all acknowledgement or denial, has raised high the banner of the Chosen Name before all faces through His complete power. The clamor of the oppressors and the tumult of the aggressors did not deter Him from His purpose. Glorified be His grandeur, exalted His proof, and all-encompassing His testimony. There is no God but Him.

O Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Creator of the heavens! Thou wert mentioned before the Throne, and We revealed for thee aforetime that which caused all things to soar with longing to hearken unto the call of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice in My turning toward thee from the prison, and illumine hearts with the light of thy Lord's knowledge, and remind them of the verses of the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. There has come before the Wronged One thy letter which thou didst send to the servant in attendance, and it was presented before His face. We have answered thee with verses whose fragrance has spread through the cities of knowledge and wisdom. Verily thy Lord is He Who has dominion over what has been and what will be.

O Rida! Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. Each one has attained and continues to attain to My remembrance.

The call of Eliyahu has attained to hearing. We beseech God to confirm him in steadfastness and to grant him success in that which causes the exaltation of His Word and the advancement of souls. He may say:

"My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy power which has conquered all created things, and by Thy might which has encompassed all existence, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to enable me to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy character. O Lord! Thou seest the seeker standing before the door of Thy grace - deprive him not of the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. Ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Most High."

O Rida! We now make mention of the names of those whom thou didst name in thy letter, as a grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence upon thee and them, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Na'im! We bear witness that thou hast attained to Our mention, and through thy name there have appeared from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Through My remembrance all things have spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds." There hath befallen thee and My loved ones that which hath caused the cities of God's justice to lament, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Manzar! Behold, then make mention of what hath befallen Us and you in the path of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. We have made mention of thee and My loved ones in the Crimson Tablet through My Most Exalted Pen. Give them the glad-tidings of this Word, which, when it descended from the heaven of My grace, caused all things to proclaim: "Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, and joy be unto you, O people of Sin and Dal, in that God hath given you to drink the cup of Baha from the hand of bounty, and hath mentioned you in such wise that your names shall endure through the eternality of His mighty and impregnable Kingdom."

O Iskandar! Know thou that the Alexander whose mention the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an is none other than the Messenger Himself, though most people remain heedless. The barrier was His Word which separated the monotheists from the idolaters. Reflect upon God's power and dominion: He hath built through the Word that which no eye hath outwardly seen, and hath prevented every remote polytheist from transgressing it. Verily, He is the Master of the two causes and the Observer of the two seas and the Mystery concealed between the two letters. Yet the people remain heedless and say that which no possessor of true insight would ever confirm.

O Sadiq! Thou wast mentioned before, and there was revealed for thee that from which every fair-minded one perceiveth the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, for having turned toward Thy servant when he was oppressed at the hands of the wrongdoers."

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Lord of the world remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Goal of them that know. Verily, there is none other God but He. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O youth Rida! We beseech God to aid thee in that which causeth them that are nigh to perceive the fragrance of His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He disappointeth not him who turneth unto Him, nor doth He withhold from him who hath laid fast hold on His strong cord. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him and of My favor which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Rida! Give thou the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness to the souls that have been mentioned, and impart unto them that which hath been revealed, that their bodies, let alone their spirits, may soar in this

holy, gentle and luminous atmosphere. Verily, We have mentioned My handmaiden and My leaf before and after. We testify that she is among those who have attained in My generous Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones there whose names We have not mentioned, in accordance with wisdom from Us, and I am the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH06512 ===

=== START BH06514 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding! Praise be to the Beloved Who, by His divine power, rent asunder the dense veils of contingent beings and, despite the opposition of the flies, established Himself unveiled and unhindered upon the throne of "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him." From His right flow forth the seas of the elixir, and from His left stream the lights of loving-kindness. Blessed is he who drinketh therefrom and is numbered among the successful ones. O friends! Drink ye of the everlasting Kawthar in the days of the manifestation of the Divine Beauty, for by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, if ye were to search throughout all regions of the heavens and earth during the time of His absence, ye would not attain unto a single drop thereof. The Ancient Beauty declareth: The mysteries of this Revelation remain concealed, and were they to be revealed, verily would the people of the earth be struck with terror, save him whose heart God hath purified with this Kawthar. O people of the Bayan! The banners of the Revelation have been raised in the name of the All-Merciful, and the pavilion of the Cause hath been pitched at the midmost heart of contingent being, and the most exalted Tasnim is being passed round by the immortal youths. Take ye and drink, O people of holiness, in this glorious paradise, and be not of them that delay!

=== END BH06514 ===

=== START BH06516 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful!

All praise that transcends the comprehension of the peoples of the contingent world befitteth the Purpose of all worlds, Who hath illumined the universe with the lights of His Most Great Name. He is the King Whose absolute and penetrating Will suffereth no change or impediment from the praise or blame of the nations. In the midst of sorrows and tribulations, the Supreme Pen uttereth mention of His loved ones. Glorified be His majesty, exalted be His power, and there is no God but Him.

The letter thou didst send to his honor Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, reached this Prisoner. Praise be to God, from it wafted the sweet fragrances of divine love and the gentle breezes of heavenly grace. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, and the face that hath directed itself toward God, the Lord of all beings, and the pen that hath moved in His remembrance and the remembrance of His loved ones, and the tongue that hath uttered His praise. As commanded by the Most Holy, Most Exalted Decree, it was presented in its entirety before His presence, and these sublime utterances and resplendent words were revealed from the heaven of expression of the Lord of all possibility. His word - exalted be His utterance, magnificent His proof, and mighty His sovereignty:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O people of Manshad! Upon you be the Glory of God, His grace, the mercy of God and His peace. Verily the Kingdom of Utterance hath turned toward you and made mention of you in such wise that all mention in the world hath bowed low at its revelation, that ye might rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. His honor Diya, one of My Branches, hath presented your letter and made mention of you before Our presence. We have answered you with that which hath caused rivers of wisdom and utterance to flow from the impenetrable rock, as a bounty from the presence of the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Let not the oppression of the oppressors and the assault of the deniers sadden you. Take what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, then recite it morn and eve, in spite of those who denied after having professed their belief, and disbelieved after having believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. By My life! There hath been sent down for you that from which the fragrance of mercy from God, the Mighty, the Great, shall never be cut off. God shall soon seize those who have wronged, and raise up His loved ones through His Name amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Protector of those who profess His unity, who have not broken God's Covenant and have taken hold of His Book with such strength as hath frustrated all the powers of the world. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless.

In these days Haifa hath become the seat of the throne of thy Lord, and his honor Siyyid Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, hath risen to serve with divine assistance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm him in the Greater Steadfastness in this Mighty Announcement. And We have revealed from the heaven of Our utterance, for those who were martyred in Ya, that which hath enraptured the hearts of those near unto God. Glorified be God! The oppressors of that land have committed that which hath caused wailing and lamentation to be raised from the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven, imagining they would profit from this trade. However, the Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to the loss of these heedless and evil souls. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds - a promise from God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. And specifically regarding the martyrs, there hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur that which is eternally preserved in the Crimson Tablet, meaning it shall remain and endure. We testify that they have attained unto that which none before them have attained, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed.

O people of Minshad! That which hath caused all things to lament and the tears of them that know to flow hath befallen you in the path of God. We testify that ye are among the horsemen in the arena of the love of God, who have outstripped all that are in the heavens and the earth. We convey Our greetings and salutations to all the loved ones in that land - salutations whose fragrance shall endure throughout the duration of God's earthly and heavenly kingdoms and shall be diffused amongst His servants. Blessed are ye and blessed are the patient ones among you. Their reward is assuredly with the Mighty, the Trustworthy.

The breezes of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds and the fragrances of His verses have been diffused in such wise that the Pen of creation is powerless and incapable to describe them. This Prisoner beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to make the loved ones aware of that which hath been ordained for them from the Most Exalted Pen. Ere long shall they who possess insight behold the oppressors of the earth in manifest loss and grievous torment. He is the Just One Who hath pledged that He will not overlook the tyranny of the oppressors. We testify that He will fulfill His promise and make

manifest that which the Pen hath uttered in the arena of the Tablet. Our Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

In the letter mention was made of the sons of Mirza Ibrahim, upon them be the glory of God and His loving-kindness. After it was presented before the presence of the Lord of all beings, these clear and decisive verses were sent down from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of Names and Attributes:

In My Name, the One Who speaketh before all faces!

O sons of him who was named Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call that hath been raised from Haifa, the seat of the throne of command. Verily, it transformeth fear into tranquility, sorrow into joy, poverty into wealth, and turning away into drawing nigh. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from this glorious station. Today the treachery in the eyes of the oppressors and that which is hidden in the breasts of the idolaters hath become manifest and visible. The loved ones of this Most Great Revelation are as touchstones for the peoples. Wickedness and immorality have exposed the rejected and tyrannical souls. He is the Mighty One Whom the power of the world cannot weaken, and the determinations of creation cannot prevent His irrevocable decree from being enforced. Whatsoever hath befallen this wronged people at the hands of the oppressors shall assuredly be followed by their punishment and the recompense of the loved ones shall become as manifest as the sun in the world. Blessed are they that draw nigh and woe unto the oppressors.

It is hoped that the souls mentioned will arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness and firm certitude, with wisdom and utterance. In all circumstances hold fast unto wisdom. This is what ye have been commanded in the Tablet and in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The raindrops of His mercy are beyond reckoning and the fruits of the Tree of His grace surpass counting. This Prisoner beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, on behalf of himself and the loved ones and friends, for assistance to hold fast unto such deeds as will cause the Word to be exalted and His loved ones to ascend. Were the people of the earth to meditate for but an hour on that which hath been revealed and sent down, they would turn unto Him, detached from all else save Him. He is the Dawning-Place of loving-kindness and the Day-Spring of mercy. All are poor before the manifestation of His grace and weak before the evidences of His power. The Prisoner declareth:

O my God, my God! Thou seest me ablaze with the fire of Thy love and thankful for the manifestations of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the mysteries treasured within the repository of Thy knowledge and the pearls concealed within the shells of the ocean of Thy bounty to aid me and Thy servants to diffuse Thy verses among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Generous, and within Thy grasp are the keys of glory and authority.

Concerning what you mentioned about Jinab-i-Aqa Husayn Haji-Rajab and also Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid, as was said before, many were beheaded. Praise be to God, the lovers in the city of detachment all attained in the path of God to that which had been the ultimate hope of those near unto Him and the sincere ones. I beseech God to grant true vision to the people of the world, that all may become aware of the loftiness, exaltation, glory and majesty of His chosen ones, and likewise become cognizant of their own abasement, darkness, wickedness and presumption. How many souls ran through mountains and suffered in

waterless, barren deserts for this Cause! By the life of God, all that befell the martyrs and chosen ones hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Book of Recompense. Verily our Lord is the Just, the Wise.

After these matters were presented before the presence of the Lord of Names and Attributes, these effulgent words and manifest verses were revealed:

He is the All-Knowing, the Wise

O My loved ones! In these days ye made mention of the martyrs, upon them be the splendor of God, the splendor of the Most Exalted Paradise, the Supreme Heaven, and the splendor of the people of Baha by whose light were illumined the worlds which none hath known save God. Be not grieved by what hath come to pass. That which hath been revealed concerning the martyrs and chosen ones is such that the agencies of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. We testify that they took the cup of utterance and drank therefrom in the name of God, the Speaking, the Present, the Manifest, the Trustworthy. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

We wish to make mention of Haji Husayn who attained the presence of God and drank the choice wine of revelation from the hands of bounty. We testify that he attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. His remembrance hath ever been and will continue to be in the presence of the Wronged One.

O people of Minshad! Time and again hath Jinab-i-Siyyid Taqi – upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness – made mention of you, and hath attained Our presence on your behalf, and his deeds have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Give thanks unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat. O people of Minshad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and hold fast unto that which conduceth to the recognition and orientation of the servants.

O Lord! Make things easy, not difficult. O my God, my Lord! Thy servant Diya hath raised the hands of supplication toward the heaven of Thy generosity, and seeketh from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will adorn the saplings of existence with blessed and sublime fruits. I convey greetings, glorification and light to the loved ones of that land, and from the gate of mercy I beseech for each one that which is sanctified above all peer and likeness. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon thee, O Ismail, and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH06518 ===

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty

At that moment there came from the direction of the Most Exalted Paradise a breeze from which I detected the fragrance of the Beloved, and through it I came to know what none in the worlds had known, and I found what none among the mystics had found. And I felt it stirring around my right ear as though it had come with glad tidings from God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. When I turned my ear toward it, by God, it gave me such joyous tidings that I could not remain still within myself. I trembled, and everything that had been created between the heavens and the earth trembled with me. And for this reason I nearly forgot what We intended to mention in this exalted Tablet. O servant! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having been mentioned at this time wherein all things and all who dwell in the kingdom of the Command have rejoiced. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause, to rain down mercy upon thee from His presence, and to grant thee a seat of truth with His near servants. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have desired the countenance of the Youth and have attained unto this Most Great, this mighty Command.

=== END BH06518 ===

=== START BH06520 ===

He is God! During this period, certain matters have caused delay in the manifestation of this Cause, as mentioned in previous Tablets. What was destined has come to pass, and this is among His most wondrous and hidden wisdom. However, the companions of God and His loved ones must in all circumstances remain tranquil in the tranquility of Truth, and with utmost assurance walk between manifestation and concealment. And these very trials and tribulations that have befallen this servant from the year sixty until now, which is eighty, are sufficient reminder for all souls. By God, any being who desires to ascend to the supreme companion and soar to the highest horizons of eternity must surely walk in the footsteps of these servants, so that in all worlds they may fly and move in harmony with the birds of the divine throne. And he who has known God will know none else besides Him and will forget all else save Him. In any case, with perfect joy, delight and gladness, let them be reminded of God's wondrous remembrances. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who are patient in this great terror.

=== END BH06520 ===

=== START BH06521 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

In the Holy Books of God, mention was made of the Day of Manifestation, and all peoples awaited that Day. Yet when the Dawning-Place of divine commandments and the Manifestation of God's revelation illumined the world's horizons, the people remained deprived of the light of nearness and reunion, save those souls who detached themselves from the world and all who dwell therein and turned their faces toward the All-Merciful. Faith in God was not and is not mere claims - this is why He tested all through the touchstone of the Most Great Name's appearance, that the righteous might be distinguished from the wicked and the pure-hearted from the evil-doers. How lofty is the station of that soul who was not kept back from the Lord of Names and Attributes by the veils and allusions of the peoples of the earth, and who held fast to God's straight path. Thou must render thanks in all conditions to the Object of all creation, Who enabled thee to succeed and guided thee to the clear path. His mercy hath preceded all

created things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. God willing, mayest thou speak with the utmost joy and delight in praise of the one true God and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of His loving-kindness.

=== END BH06521 ===

=== START BH06522 ===

O handmaid of God, Sadr-Jahan, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable Lord! The ocean of divine utterance in this hour is manifest with the waves of mercy, and the sun of proof has risen from the horizon of the Most Glorious Tablet. Glory be to God! The proofs of the world bow down in prostration while the servants remain heedless. All things are engaged in glorification and praise, yet the people remain deprived. O my leaf! O my handmaid! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who confirmed thee in recognizing the Dawning-Place of Revelation in days when the peoples of the world were deprived, save whom thy Lord willed. We beseech God that He may confirm thee in such wise that thou mayest become the cause of sanctification and detachment of the handmaids of this age. This is not difficult for God. How many handmaids who had no mention among the servants, yet afterwards through divine grace and heavenly bounty, their remembrance adorned the pages of books. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! The intellect is a great instrument and a truthful messenger from God - it conveys both good and evil. Blessed is he who attaineth unto that which God hath desired in the Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH06522 ===

=== START BH06523 ===

O handmaid of God! One of the branches hath ascended. In the name of the loving Lord - the ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is manifest and evident, yet most of humanity hath not seen or comprehended. The promised Herald calleth out and raiseth His voice between earth and heaven, yet the servants are not drawn to hearken, save whom God willeth. The ophthalmia of vain imaginings hath prevented the eye from beholding, and the cotton of idle fancies hath stopped the ear from hearing. O handmaid of God! This bounty sufficeth thee - that while the divines of Iran who for long years and successive centuries deemed themselves the most exalted, most great, most pious, most noble and most learned, failed to recognize the Sun of Manifestation, thou hast attained unto its recognition. Know thou this mighty blessing and guard it in the name of God from thieves and robbers. Many pure and goodly deeds were destroyed by the fire of disobedience, and many radiant faces were darkened by the smoke of waywardness. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord’s grace and cling to the hem of His Generous Name.

=== END BH06523 ===

=== START BH06524 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

The mention of the All-Merciful from the Lote-Tree of Utterance in the heart of Paradise hath verily been raised up in truth. This is a Day wherein the earth hath shone with the light of its Lord and hath related its

tidings, and God was, in truth, the Witness and the All-Knowing thereof. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath revealed unto thee that which shall never be exhausted. Thus hath the Pen of Revelation spoken forth in a House that was built in the name of God. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: O Thou Who art the Purpose of all existence and the Lord of all religions! I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the heaven of Thy mercy, and by that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Command, and by the Most Great Word whereby all things were attracted, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. O my Lord! This is one ignorant who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy knowledge, and a supplicant who hath stood before the door of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and by the breathings of Thy Revelation, and by the manifestations of Thy power and might, to ordain for me, through Thy grace and bounty, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06524 ===

=== START BH06525 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! God makes mention of His servant that he may find joy in His remembrance, for nothing that exists between the heavens and the earth can compare with His remembrance, if thou be of them that know. Blessed art thou for having emigrated with Nabil and traveled the path with him. By God! There hath been ordained for thee, by virtue of this, a station that is, in truth, sublime. Be thou assured in the grace of thy Lord and grieve not over anything, for verily He watcheth over thee. There hath been written for thee in the Tablet the recompense of one who hath attained His presence in this Prison, which lieth beyond the mountains and behind a mighty sea. Make mention of this Wronged One amongst His loved ones. Say: He hath sacrificed Himself in the path of God, your Lord, that He might draw you nigh unto an exalted station of glory. Fear God, O people! Slander Him not, neither commit that which hath been forbidden you in all the Tablets. Thus doth this Prisoner counsel you out of love for your own selves, and God is witness to what He saith. And the Spirit be upon thee, and upon thy companion, and upon every steadfast and pious one.

=== END BH06525 ===

=== START BH06526 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

The remembrance of God is a leaf among His leaves, and verily His remembrance hath preceded all worlds. Were it not for His remembrance, none would have known Him to remember Him. Thus hath the matter been decreed, but the people are in a mighty veil. And verily His remembrance hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be God, the Best of creators! He verily remembereth the servants through the remembrance of God, the Exalted, the Great.

O handmaiden of God! Rejoice within thyself that the Pen of this Great Remembrance hath moved to make mention of thee. Then give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn that thou hast been remembered by the tongue of God, the Speaker, the True, the Manifest. Beware lest thou grieve over

anything, for the world shall pass away and sovereignty shall remain with thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth. Within His grasp lies the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He, verily, is powerful over all things. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. His is the Command and the Creation, before and after. All are His servants and all are among those who bow down before His countenance.

And glory be upon thee and upon the steadfast handmaidens and steadfast servants.

=== END BH06526 ===

=== START BH06527 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir, upon thee be the Glory of God. He is the Hearer and the Seer. Hearken unto the remembrance of God in the Persian tongue. The whole world hath been brought from nothingness into being for the specific purpose of recognizing this Most Great Revelation. The True One hath appeared in the Kingdom of verses and hath called out to all, guiding them to the highest horizon. However, the divines of Iran have forbidden the people from turning towards it, and have issued the decree for the shedding of the pure blood of the Lord of mankind. They have committed that which hath caused the Mother Book to weep. We beseech God that He may guide all and cause them to attain the highest horizon. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In every land the croaking is raised and shall continue to be raised. Blessed are they whom neither the world nor the nations have prevented from the Straight Path. These are the treasures of the earth and the riches of its countries. Blessed are they and joy be unto them, and happy and wholesome be it unto you, from God, the Lord of Lords. Praise be unto the Goal of the worlds Who hath mentioned thee and illumined thee with the lights of the Luminary of His Cause.

=== END BH06527 ===

=== START BH06528 ===

He is the One Who rules over all names

Praise be to Him Who possesses sovereignty over the throne and earth! Blessed is he who hears and says: “Praise be to You, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and glory be to You, O You in Whose grasp lies dominion over earth and heaven!” I beseech You by Your Name through which You united the hearts of Your loved ones, made known to them Your path, and taught them that which draws them near to You in Your days, to make me in all conditions attracted to Your verses, detached from all else save You, and holding fast to Your mighty cord. O my Lord! Strengthen my limbs for the service of Your Cause and illumine my sight with the light of meeting You. Then open before the faces of Your servants the gates of attaining Your presence. You are He Who has named Yourself the All-Bountiful and the All-Merciful. There is no God but You, the Single One, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! You see me turning toward the heaven of Your bounty and awaiting the wonders of Your generosity. I beseech You by the rain-showers of the springtime of Your mercy to send down upon me that which will purify me from the mention of any save You and draw me near to the court of Your holiness. Verily, You have power over whatsoever You will. There is no God but You, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH06528 ===

=== START BH06530 ===

O Khatun in Sad! He is the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The mention of thy Lord's mercy unto His handmaiden. Verily We have made her to be among the devout ones, and We have sent down upon her mercy from Our presence, and thus hath grace encompassed all things. O handmaiden of God! Rejoice within thyself that thy name hath been mentioned by the Pen of Creation, and this is indeed a mighty grace founded upon truth. Follow thy Lord, then shun all else besides Him. By God, this is the truth, and after truth there is naught save manifest error. Fear God thy Lord, and consort not with those whose faces God hath changed because they disbelieved in God and His verses, and turned away from a Beauty exalted and radiant. Give thanks unto thy Lord, then be steadfast, then bow down and prostrate thyself before God Who created thee by His command, and aided thee to know His Self, and caused the sun of immortality to shine upon thee from the horizon of a wondrous Name. Thus doth God single out whomsoever He willeth of His handmaidens, and ordaineth grace and mercy for every penitent servant. And the glory be upon thee and upon every trustworthy believer.

=== END BH06530 ===

=== START BH06531 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting! This is the remembrance of thy Lord's mercy unto His servant Shafi', when He called out to him from behind the sacred Mount in the Spot of Command from the Tree planted, upraised and blessed, saying: "Verily, I am God, Who hath ever been the Witness unto all the worlds. He hath sent forth the Messengers as bearers of glad-tidings and warners, that they might give the people tidings of a holy and resplendent Paradise." Say: By God! The Spirit hath appeared with manifest lights of glory, and the Light hath dawned with mighty sovereignty, and the Beauty of the Unseen hath come with an impenetrable vesture. Say: By God! Whosoever hath claimed faith hath been tested by My faith, and whosoever hath claimed love hath been tried by My love. This is what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon preserved tablets of glory. Soon shall appear upon the faces of the sinful the dust of fire, and tribulation shall seize them from every direction nigh at hand, except those who have turned their hearts to God and who, when they hear the verses of God, fall down in prostration and weeping. Thus have We expounded the verses for thee and cast upon thee the Word of Truth, and taught thee that which will draw thee nigh unto the court of an exalted Name. And upon thee be the light, and upon whosoever hath found acceptance with God.

=== END BH06531 ===

=== START BH06532 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is a mention of the Book from the servant to him who hath believed in God and who was recorded among those near to God in the scrolls of eternity. This is the Shore of Eternity in the Ocean of Paradise, upon the depths of fire, nigh unto the manifestation of the Mount of Sinai. Enter thou therein, that thou mayest witness the stars of wisdom in the heaven of this knowledge, and that thou mayest learn the mysteries of creation from the Creator of existence, and soar

in the holy atmosphere, and that thou mayest worship God upon His eternal path, and find the breezes of nearness from the paradise of eternity at the right hand of this spot, and abide eternally in the garden of life. Thus did We cast unto thee before the Truth, and shelter thee in the Paran of love, and send thee this garment that thou mightest be recorded in the Preserved Tablet by the All-Compelling Pen among the names of the righteous. Know thou then that We have witnessed thy letter and have comprehended therein the decree of thy heart, and We have sent unto thee two talismans that thou mayest be preserved from all afflictions and from the fire of self. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the name of God, Muhammad, and upon thy son, and upon whomsoever is mentioned in the mount of love.

=== END BH06532 ===

=== START BH06533 ===

He is God, exalted is He

A letter from this servant to him who has believed in guidance and who in these days has held fast to the Sure Handle. O servant! Give thanks unto God for His path which hath been raised up in truth, and think not evil thoughts of God, nor follow those in whose hearts thou findest hatred for this servant of God. Trust in Him and hold fast unto Him. Verily He preserveth His servants and aideth whomsoever He willeth among His creation, and exalteth those who have detached themselves unto Him. Thus hath the decree been irrevocably ordained from the heaven of wisdom by God's command. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not your own selves, nor do what your passions bid you. Rather, follow that which the Spirit inspires in you, and then what God hath revealed in the Book which hath been concealed from the idolaters. These are the ways of truth which We have taught thee in truth, that thou mayest walk along the paths which have been extended in the heaven of eternity. Thus doth the Spirit inspire thee with the melodies of Paradise, that thou mayest be witnessed from the horizon of knowledge in the heaven of this wisdom by God's leave.

=== END BH06533 ===

=== START BH06534 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy. A mention from Us to those who have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance and who have been attracted by the verses of God, the Mighty, the Wise, and who have arisen to make mention of God in His days and have aided the Cause of their Ancient Lord. O helpers of victory! By God, this is His Day, were ye of them that know. O ye who are endowed with power! This is the Day whereon it behoveth you to arise with your might to aid the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Seize ye these days and then aid your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. This is what ye have been commanded in the Tablets of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Glory and might and power and authority shall pass away, and the Cause shall remain with God alone, did ye but know. Blessed is the powerful one who serveth his Lord, and the mighty one who followeth His binding and wise command. We have made the servants manifestations of Names that through them might appear that which befitteth this Day wherein the Desired One proclaimeth: The dominion belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous. And whoso hath attained unto this, verily he liveth in Our exalted Kingdom and his mention shall endure through the eternity of God, the

Lord of the worlds. And whoso is deprived, he is indeed among the dead though he be among those who speak.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to the servant who gained the days of God and was recorded among the doers of good in the Tablets, that He may make him steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the veils of the worlds shall not withhold him from the direction that was renowned by the name of the All-Merciful, and that he may summon the people unto God, that they may draw nigh unto the Source of Revelation and enter beneath the shade that hath been, through grace, extended from all eternity. Arise to serve the Cause through the might and power of God and leave all created things behind thee. Thus doth command thee the Ancient King, at a time when He was imprisoned in the most desolate of cities. Say: O people! By God, whatsoever ye possess shall perish and your traces shall be effaced by destiny. Enter ye, then, the Kingdom of eternity. Thus doth counsel you your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. This indeed is the best counsel for you, and your Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily witness to what I say. There is no protector today for anyone save God, your Lord. Turn ye unto Him. He summoneth you unto that which is best for you. Fear God and follow not those who have turned away from the Truth after We called them unto the Dawning-Place that was illumined with the lights of the Throne.

=== END BH06535 ===

=== START BH06536 ===

O Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Most Wondrous Glory of God! This mention from Our presence is for Our servant who was imprisoned in My path and whom the polytheists banished for his turning to the Kaaba of My Cause. Let him know that We have not forgotten him and We remember him in the Prison, at a time when the Ancient Beauty walks in His Most Great House. Let him be assured that We love those who have been faithful to Our Covenant and have cast the world behind them out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Draw thou near to this Fire which hath been kindled at the midmost heart of creation and hear from its roaring flame that the Lord of Divorce hath come. Thus do We command thee, verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be not disturbed by the world and what transpireth therein. By My life, all that is thereon shall perish, and there shall endure the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Ask thou God to make thy departure from thy homeland a means of entering beneath the shade of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and thy migration a means of attaining reunion. Verily He is the Most Great, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be thou happy in all conditions. Verily He is with those who are steadfast in His Cause and who have laid firm hold on His mighty cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06536 ===

=== START BH06537 ===

The Most Exalted, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable. A remembrance from Us to people who know and who have stood firm in the Cause in such wise that hearts and minds have been attracted. Through steadfastness your stations become manifest among all people and your ranks are elevated before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. By God! He who hath no steadfastness hath no religion. He is to be numbered among the doubtful ones. In a hidden Tablet We have enjoined the servants in all the Tablets to stand firm in the Cause, yet when the Calf appeared they hastened toward it. Lo! They rush about in the wilderness of error and perceive it not. We beseech God to raise up men from the essence of power who will aid this mighty Faith and make them among the protectors of His Cause in such wise that no lying doubter will be able to lay claim to it. By My life! This is a Day wherein all must show servitude unto God, the True One. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Finger of the Will of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Seize ye, O My loved ones, the grace of these days and be ye among the steadfast. Thus have We adorned the horizon of wisdom with the luminary of the Command, from the presence of One mighty and ancient. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded by One Who is a sincere and trusted Counsellor.

=== END BH06537 ===

=== START BH06538 ===

O handmaid of God, sister of Hudhud! He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a mention from Us to the one who has soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful and believed when other handmaidens who turned away from this luminous horizon denied. Be thankful that God has aided you to recognize the ocean of His knowledge and the heaven of His wisdom. He is verily the Helper, the Generous One. His generosity has encompassed the world and His bounty existence itself. Blessed are they who are endowed with true understanding. Whoso denies His sovereignty, no mention of him shall be found in My mighty Book. Hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to the hem of My all-embracing favor.

O handmaid of God! Strive that you may at all times attain unto God's good-pleasure. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, and for every deed He has ordained a recompense. We beseech God to aid the people of Baha to achieve that which He has willed and which has been sent down from the heaven of His Will. How many souls there are who claim to have turned to Him and recognized Him, yet in their deeds and actions they are found wanting. Strive that you may drink from the Salsabil of detachment and receive your portion from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Glory be upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH06538 ===

=== START BH06539 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Possessor of Creation! This is a remembrance from Our presence unto those who have believed in God and have held fast unto His firm and mighty cord, that they may give thanks unto their Creator for His remembrance of them through the tongue of the Dawning-Place of His Revelation when He was in the hands of the oppressors. Arise, then assist this wronged and lonely One Who hath sacrificed His all for the manifestation of God's Cause and the exaltation of His Word amongst

the worlds. Doth this world prevent you from the remembrance of your Lord, the Most Glorious? Reflect upon those who have gone before you, that perchance the might of the heedless may not hold you back from His remembrance. The days shall pass, and ye shall behold your Lord ascendant over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Do ye imagine that We have desired aught for Our Own Self? Nay, by the Self of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful! We have sacrificed Our Self and Our glory in the path of God, as witnessed by all things, yet most of the people are among the deniers. Were they to be fair-minded, they would cry out to this Name through which the Most Great Ocean was set in motion and the Sun of Grace shone forth from the horizon of a luminous dawn. Thus have We recounted unto thee that which causeth tears to flow from the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Read thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that know!

=== END BH06539 ===

=== START BH06540 ===

In the Name of Him Who is Sovereign over all names. A remembrance from Us unto those who have soared in the atmosphere of love and knowledge until they reached the station wherein was raised the call: “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.” The world hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name, yet most of the people remain heedless and astray. They who have turned unto the Countenance are the people of Baha in the Crimson Book, and they who remained heedless are among the people of the fire. How many a learned one hath remained remote from the ocean of knowledge, and how many an ascetic hath turned away from God, the Lord of lords! Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and turned unto God, the Lord of Days. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His Hidden Name when it appeared with grandeur and power. Beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the back of every doubting denier hath been made to tremble. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God. Cling unto Him, detached from all else. The world and whatsoever is therein shall perish, but that which hath been revealed for thee shall endure. Know thou this and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!”

=== END BH06540 ===

=== START BH06541 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a remembrance from Us to one who desired to drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings from the cup of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One hath heard thy mention - a mention that no mention of the peoples can equal - and hath witnessed thy turning unto Him, whereupon He turneth toward thee from His Most Great Prison. We have arisen before all faces and called everyone unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. The people of hypocrisy turned away from Us and desired to extinguish the light of God through their might and their swords. Thus did their souls entice them. Yet they are assuredly among the companions of the Fire. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and turned unto the One, the All-Informed. We counsel thee with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book and with that whereby His Cause may be exalted among His servants. Verily, the Wronged One is the True Counsellor, the All-Knowing. He calleth thee and the friends of God

while being between the fangs of those who have denied God's right, His proof, His Manifestation and His clear evidences, with that whereby His firm and mighty Cause may be exalted. Blessed is the strong one who hath arisen to help the weak, and the powerful one who hath turned toward the wronged and friendless One. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have heard and answered their Lord, the Hearer, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH06541 ===

=== START BH06542 ===

He is established upon the throne of utterance. A remembrance from Us to him who hath turned unto the One, the All-Informed, that he may drink from the ocean of his Lord's remembrance that which will draw him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged from the precincts of the Prison. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have indeed revealed the evidences and sent down the verses, and We are the Ancient Sender-down. We have made plain the Path and brought forth the Proof as a bounty from Us, and We are the Bountiful, the Munificent. When the Promised One came with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, all the divines of the earth turned away from Him save whom God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, did will. They rose up in opposition until they pronounced judgment against Us with manifest injustice. Blessed is the soul whom their doubts prevented not, who arose and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth." We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Most Great Cause, whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. The clamor of the regions hath been raised. We beseech God to protect thee and those who have believed. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this wondrous Day.

=== END BH06542 ===

=== START BH06543 ===

A remembrance from Our presence to him who has turned to God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it draws the hearts of the servants to God, the Lord of existence. Say: O concourse of princes and divines, deal with equity in this Cause, through which the Luminary of utterance has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. How long will ye worship idols while ye perceive not? Say: The idols are but your vain desires, did ye but know. Hearken unto My call and cast away that which keeps you back from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Muhammad! Give thanks unto God, the Lord of the Throne, for that the Goal of the World hath turned unto thee from the Prison of 'Akka and revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of names and attributes. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and grant thee success in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to send down upon thee that which shall make thee firm, steadfast and upright in His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Message. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have heard the call and said: "Here am I, O Goal of the World! Here am I, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!"

=== END BH06543 ===

=== START BH06544 ===

O Mirza Husayn, nephew of his honor the Supervisor - upon him be the Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted Glory of God. This is a mention from Us to one who has turned to the Lord of the worlds when He appeared with His Most Great Name, that he may drink the wine of life from the chalice of his Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Hearken to the call of thy Lord, then prostrate thyself before His holy, luminous countenance. We mentioned thee before - this is yet another time - that thou mayest find peace through the grace of thy Ancient Lord. Know thou the station of thine uncle whom God hath related unto Himself and commanded to appear before the Throne in this mighty, impregnable station. We bear witness that he attained the presence of God in His days and appeared before the Throne and heard His call when every stubborn polytheist turned away. He is among those who aided the Cause of their Lord and followed their Bountiful Master. Blessed is he who hath loved him purely for the sake of God, and blessed are those whom God hath related unto him. Thy Lord will surely reward those who have aided Him and arisen to serve Him amidst the worlds. Rejoice thou in this mention whereby the Concourse on High hath rejoiced and the cities of names were attracted, and every pure and luminous heart.

=== END BH06544 ===

=== START BH06545 ===

O Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the Name of Him through Whom the Resurrection was established! This is a mention from Us to him who is named Ahmad, who attained unto My days, soared in My atmosphere, and uttered My beautiful praise. Verily, We make mention of thee with that which shall never perish. Thy Lord, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a day wherein all things have spoken, and the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree hath been raised, yet most of the people are heedless. They have rejected their God through following their own desires. They are indeed among the deniers in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause and speaking the praise of thy Lord. Verily, He heareth and seeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great. Say: O people of the earth! Turn ye unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation, then read what hath been sent down unto you from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Beware lest the utterances of the divines withhold you from the Lord of Names. Cast away your desires and hold fast unto that which ye are commanded by the Ancient Commander. Thus hath crowed the Cock and warbled the Nightingale. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto them that turn away.

=== END BH06545 ===

=== START BH06546 ===

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of faith and recognized the All-Merciful when He came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in existence. Say: O people, fear God and follow not your desires. Turn ye unto the horizon of the Cause. By God! The Sun of Revelation hath shone forth and the birds have warbled upon the branches. All things bear witness to that which God hath testified, yet the people are in a strange slumber. Those who have been awakened by the call of God - they are the people of this station. The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of them and the Tongue of Grandeur giveth them glad tidings of a station from which the lights shine forth. Thus have We sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs that thou mayest be assured of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Bestower. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty and My word hath drawn thee to the horizon of My manifestation, say: O Lord of the worlds! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thee, prostrateth himself before Thy countenance, boweth down before Thy name, and speaketh Thy praise and glorifieth Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06546 ===

=== START BH06547 ===

In His Name Who is the All-Knowing Rememberer! The remembrance and utterance of the Goal of all the world's peoples hath reached such a station that it hath encompassed the world and all who dwell therein. Yet the people of the world remain deprived and veiled. O people of Baha! That there is none to rival you is a sign of mercy. Quaff ye of the Cup of Bounty the wine of immortality, despite them that have repudiated God, the Lord of names and Maker of the heavens. The beloved friend - upon him be My Baha - and thou have ever been beneath the glance of loving-kindness. The Tablets revealed stand as witness and testimony. There hath been sent down for him that which attesteth to God's grace, His loving-kindness, His mercy and His favors. And for thee in this Tablet is that which shall never fall silent but shall speak before the faces of the world. He Who hath remembered thee in His mighty prison doth bear witness to this. We make mention of the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and counsel them with that whereby the Cause shall be exalted. Blessed is he who hath heard and held fast unto that which he hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon you, O people of Baha, from the presence of One Who is Forgiving, Generous.

=== END BH06547 ===

=== START BH06548 ===

The handmaiden of God, wife of J, upon him be the Most Ancient, Most Great Glory of God - mention was made of thee in the Most Holy Presence. Therefore this most impregnable Tablet hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen especially for that handmaiden of God and is being sent, that thou mayest be assured of His favor and stand firm in His Cause. Beseech God - exalted be His glory - at all times that He may grant thee success to remain not veiled by the world and whatsoever is therein from His recognition. With heart and soul remain steadfast in His love and engaged in His remembrance. The ocean of bounty is surging - blessed are they that advance! The chalice of mercy is overflowing - joy and happiness to them

that drink! The effulgences of the lights of His countenance are manifest and visible - blessed are they that attain! Strive thou that through the favors of the Friend thou mayest become detached and freed from all else but Him and mayest gaze with thy entire being toward the Most Great Scene. With complete resolve and utter helplessness, beseech the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth that He deprive not any from the Kawthar of His knowledge. He is powerful over all things. He is verily the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH06548 ===

=== START BH06549 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

Your mention hath reached the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and from the Most Sublime Horizon and the Most Exalted Pen these words have been revealed, that they may be unto thee a glory, an honor and a treasure with God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath today turned toward the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and faced the Dayspring of His Cause. The conditions of the world and whatsoever is therein are transient. We beseech God that He may aid thee in that which is enduring and everlasting.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the lands were subdued and the servants were drawn! I beseech Thee by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the tears of the sincere ones in their remoteness from Thee, to illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and my tongue with Thy remembrance and praise, and my head with the crown of Thy love. O my Lord! I am he who hath sought the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained from Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen servants. Then write down for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH06549 ===

=== START BH06550 ===

Muhammad-?ahir

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient

This is an admonition unto him who hath turned unto Our countenance, and directed himself towards the Point of Adoration of all who are in heaven and on earth, that he may hearken, with the ear of his heart, unto the call of God, and arise to serve the Cause in both the morning and the night-season.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the countenance of thy Lord hath turned towards thee from these precincts, which God hath appointed the source of illumination unto all lands. Be thou steadfast in thy love for Him Who is thy Lord, and be not of those who, when the winds of trial pass over them, rise up in protest, and oppose themselves unto God, the Lord of all religions.

Arise thou in such wise that thou shalt not be swayed by the whisperings of the people, nor perturbed by the idle fancies of those who speak as prompted by their own desires, notwithstanding that thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, doth Himself attest unto their ignorance. Beware lest thou be dismayed by all that chanceth on earth. Remain thou steadfast in that which hath been enjoined upon thee by thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

What is the meaning of “sha’n” here? (Consensus on present rendering.)

We, truly, have sent down on every matter that which shall impart tranquillity unto the minds of the God-fearing. Blessed are those that read the verses of Our Revelation, and discover from them that which hath been purposed by their Lord, Who ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. Thus have We sent down the verses, and despatched them unto thee, that thou mayest yield thanks unto the Lord thy God, unto Whose command the winds are subject.

=== END BH06550 ===

=== START BH06551 ===

O Nabil-i-Ardikani, who went and returned by the command of his Most Ancient Lord! This is a remembrance unto him who was mentioned before the Throne, that he may arise to serve his Lord with the power of his All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord. O servant! Thy Lord hath borne all the tribulations of the earth to manifest the Cause of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent, that all may recognize the Lord of the worlds. Among the people are those who have denied the signs and proofs of God, and among them are those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, he who hath turned unto Him is extolled by those in the Kingdom of Command, while he who hath turned away is cursed by the denizens of the realm of Might and those who circle round His glorious Throne. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto My days and for having recognized that which most of the servants have failed to recognize. This is naught but a manifest grace. Sorrows have encompassed Us in these days to such an extent that none can reckon them save the All-Knowing One. In such a state We have left them and commit all unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. It behooveth him who hath believed in God to follow his Lord in this wise Cause in such wise that neither the prevention of any preventer nor the turning away of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, shall hinder him.

=== END BH06551 ===

=== START BH06552 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing! A remembrance unto him who hath turned unto My Kingdom, heard My call and responded thereunto through My grace, and I am verily the Answerer. Today, everyone who hath turned hath attained victory and prospered exceedingly, while he who turned away hath suffered loss, even though he be the one possessed of knowledge and wisdom. When We sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs, there arose against Us one who had been concealed behind a thick veil. He came forth saying “I am your Lord, the Most High.” We said: “Perdition unto thee, O thou who associateth partners with God and art far removed from Him!” We have counseled all in the Book with that which profiteth them, yet We have found the people to be heedless, save whom thy Lord

willeth, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy. Say: This is the Day of Manifestation, the Day wherein mankind hath arisen unto God. Blessed is he who hath heard what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and then in the Bayan, and woe unto the deniers. The people have turned away, yet the people have arisen to serve God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in that a noble Tablet hath been sent unto thee from the presence of the All-Merciful. Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06552 ===

=== START BH06553 ===

O Khalil, who hath emigrated and attained unto the name of the Peerless Beloved! The men and heroes of the world are seen to be heedless of God, although they were created for this Day. The world is the world of divine unity, and all are beheld on one plane. Whosoever hath ascended by the ladder of utterance to the kingdom of meanings, he is the knight of this field and he is the hero of this arena. The divine bounty hath never been, nor ever shall be, limited. How many men among the divines and mystics failed to attain, and how many leaves heard and joined the call of the Tree! How many a learned one was prevented, and how many a handmaiden heard and responded and turned unto the Dawning-Place of the manifestation of her Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful! Praise thou the Beloved of the world, Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and favored thee with the effects of the Supreme Pen. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the All-Merciful, He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06553 ===

=== START BH06554 ===

In the Name of God, the Compassionate!

The spirit of all deeds is the good-pleasure of God, for if one should perform all good deeds, yet from them the fragrance of God's good-pleasure be not inhaled, those deeds will yield neither fruit nor effect nor result. None shall attain unto this most great bounty save through praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, for these matters are the cause of the order of the world and the preservation of nations and will conduce to the exaltation of the Word of God. Therefore it is incumbent upon all to remind heedless souls, with utmost kindness and compassion, of that which will profit them, that all may be immersed in the ocean of God's good-pleasure. Your honor must strive with the utmost diligence to refine souls and promote unity and concord. Every service rendered today for the sake of God will endure and remain forever. We make mention of thee from Our Most Great Prison that thou mayest remind the people of this Day the like of which hath not appeared in creation. The Glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned unto God, the Lord of all mankind.

=== END BH06554 ===

=== START BH06555 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord, the Cupbearer of the wine of immortality, the Lord of Names! Blessed is the soul that, in the days of the Lord of Power, hath quaffed the most pure wine and hath attained unto the ocean of the knowledge of the Lord of Religions. Today is the day of teaching, and all are commanded to it, that the sincere ones may attain unto the station that hath been revealed in the Book of God: "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind." The life that is mentioned in God's Book is the life of hearts and minds through the knowledge of the Beloved. If anyone faileth to attain unto this station, he is accounted among the dead. Therefore must the friends of God strive mightily, night and day, that perchance they may guide those who have gone astray unto the straight path, and give the thirsty to drink of this living water. Whosoever attaineth unto this station is accounted among the gems of existence in the sight of God. Be not grieved at the taunts of the enemies and the power of the hateful ones. Soon shall the former be turned into praise and glory, and the latter into weakness and extinction. Blessed are ye, O My loved ones! A goodly end awaiteth you.

=== END BH06555 ===

=== START BH06556 ===

He is the One Who calls from His most exalted horizon

The veils of glory did not prevent the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, and the veils of the people of error did not hold Him back from His purpose. Before all faces, without any screen or veil, He spoke that which would reform the world and refine the nations. From the beginning of days until now He has been afflicted in the hands of enemies - at times imprisoned, at times transferred like a captive from land to land. But tribulations in the path of the Goal of all worlds have been and are beloved. The lovers in all regions know the value of this station. In the nights and days We have summoned the servants to that which would cause the elevation of the Word and the advancement of souls. Yet most were found heedless, nay, turned away. We beseech God that He may confirm you and grant you the greatest steadfastness, that you may remain protected from the doubts of the people and the events of the days. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned, and blessed is he who has attained unto this Most Great Announcement in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06556 ===

=== START BH06557 ===

He is the One with power over all who are on earth and in heaven!

Glorified is He Who has manifested Himself to all in the world and caused Him to speak that which is inscribed in a preserved tablet. Verily this is the Most Great Book among the nations and His path for all who are in the heavens and earths. Verily it is the Preserved Tablet and the Sealed Book, yet most people are heedless. Through it has appeared what was hidden and come forth what was intended in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through it has crowed the Cock of the Throne and warbled the Dove: "There is no God but I, the Forgiving, the Generous."

Your name was mentioned before the One Who is Mentioned and this Clear Tablet was revealed for you, that you may arise to help the Cause of God in such manner that the power of the oppressors will not weaken you. Know that the world will perish and all that pertains to it will change. Leave it behind you, holding fast to that which you were commanded by your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We remembered you in the Most Great Prison when the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of the heedless ones. This is from His favor upon you - therefore praise and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds!”

=== END BH06557 ===

=== START BH06558 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear evidences while the people were in doubt and schism. Say: Arise ye from the slumber of vain desire, turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! The Promised One hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath conquered both the kingdom and the realm of heaven. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Fear ye God and oppose not Him in Whom ye believed aforetime. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that cometh from Him, then recite it at eventide and at dawn. How many a servant hath heard and responded, and how many a servant hath heard and turned away - verily he is of the veiled ones. When thou findest the fragrance of utterance from the Tablet of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee for having made me to know and taught me and caused me to hear and strengthened me to recognize Him from Whom most of the servants have turned away. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee. Ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then send down unto me that which will preserve me from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06558 ===

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In the Name of the All-Knowing

Praise be unto Him Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and hath spoken that whereby those that lay in their graves arose on a Day when the earth recounted her tidings and the breath of her Creator and Fashioner wafted over her, and the limbs of them that denied God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, were made to tremble. Blessed are they who have heard and responded and have arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and radiance in such wise that neither hosts nor multitudes could deter them. O Baqir! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison, then give thanks to thy Lord for having turned unto thee and revealed for thee that which hath illumined existence. My Name, upon Him be My glory, hath made mention of thee, and We have sent down for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the dominion of the kingdom and the realm above. And We make mention in this station of him who was named Andalib, whom We mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. And verily I am the One Who doeth what He willeth through My word “Be” and it is. Blessed is he who heareth from him that which shall guide him unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Glory be upon thee and upon those who heard the call when it was raised from My praiseworthy station.

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O Afnan, Leaf of My Tree! Upon thee be the Glory of God. He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance. Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the signs and caused all things to speak that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. The Hidden One hath come but the people understand not, and the Treasured One hath appeared but the people perceive not. By God! The Day hath come and mankind hath risen before the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Blessed are they who behold. O My Afnan! Hear My call. He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before, and beareth witness to thy turning and thy presence before the Face on a Day wherein the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving." Blessed art thou and blessed are My Afnans who have drunk of My sealed wine and have witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Convey My glory to their faces from Me and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence. The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this station wherein the Call hath been raised from the presence of the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

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O Mirza Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector of all who dwell in the kingdom of names! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and guided all to the straight path. Among them are those who have attained unto My grace and found the sweetness of My utterance and turned to My horizon, and among them are those who have denied and turned away from God, the Lord of lords. Blessed is he who hath taken the cup of eternity in My Most Great Name and hath arisen to serve the Cause in such wise as to shake the hearts of all created things. Say: O people! Do ye not hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree? Do ye not behold the Supreme Horizon? Be fair in your judgment and follow not every doubtful idolater. The Day is come and the people are wrapped in veils and heedlessness. That which was hidden hath appeared and hath spoken as He desired. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with that which was recorded in the Books and Tablets. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest render thanks unto Him at eventide and at dawn. The resplendent Light shining from the horizon of Revelation rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath clung to the hem of God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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O 'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaketh the truth in the Kingdom of Utterance. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Utterance and manifested the proof and summoned all who are in the realm of possibility unto a station wherein the tongue of grandeur proclaimeth: "There

is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." He hath come for the reformation of the world and the life of nations. To this testifieth He with Whom is the mighty Tablet. O 'Ali-Akbar! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and remembered thee with that which shall never pass away, if thou remainest steadfast in His Cause that is manifest. We have revealed the Cause and commanded all to observe what hath been sent down in the Book. Among the people are those who have acted in accordance with it and those who have cast it behind their backs - these are truly among the heedless ones in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained unto this Cause and have witnessed that which God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and the earths. Thus hath the Bird of Grace warbled and the Nightingale of Faithfulness sung. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every remote denier.

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Praise be unto Him Who hath revealed laws in accordance with His good-pleasure. Verily, He is sovereign over whatsoever He wisheth. O My friends! Act ye in accordance with what ye have been commanded in the Book. Fasting hath been decreed for you in the month of 'Ala. Fast ye for the sake of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. Restrain yourselves from sunrise to sunset. Thus doth the Beloved of mankind instruct you as bidden by God, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. It is not for anyone to exceed the limits laid down by God and His law, nor should anyone follow his own idle imaginings. Well is it with the one who fulfilleth My decrees for the love of My Beauty, and woe to the one who neglecteth the Dayspring of Command in the days of his Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

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In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! Glorified is He Who mentions whomsoever He wishes from among His creation. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. He honors whomsoever He pleases with mention from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. When the Tongue of Grandeur mentions any one of the servants, God ordains for him that which none comprehends save His Own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the Kawthar of revelation from His mighty, impregnable Pen. Verily the water of life flows in the darkness of the ink. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it. He is indeed among the choicest of creation before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Isma'il! Hearken unto the call from the Valley of Nabil. Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and be of them that are firm in His Cause. O Ibrahim! The Wronged One remembereth thee while He is in the land of exile in a mighty prison. Be ye both thankful unto your Lord under all conditions in such wise that the veils of the malicious ones prevent you not. Thus have We adorned you both with the ornament of remembrance from this noble horizon. Verily the glory rest upon you both and upon your mother. Give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her from God, the Exalted, the Great.

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In His Name, Who hath power over all who are in the realm of possibilities! Glorified be He Who maketh Himself known at all times and sendeth down verses at morn and eventide. He that hath heard hath turned unto Him and attained unto the Day of Return, and he that hath turned away hath been prevented by his own self from his Lord - he is assuredly among those who have gone astray. Say: O people! Cast aside whatsoever ye possess, for the Ancient Beauty hath appeared with majesty and glory. Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts. Thus doth command you He Who hath dawned from the horizon of Beauty. They who have deprived themselves of the Living Waters in the days of the All-Merciful are indeed the losers, while they who have turned unto the Truth and quaffed the choice wine of reunion are the triumphant ones. All things have been attracted by the effulgence of His countenance, and yet most men remain fettered and bound. Blessed is he who hath broken the chains of idle fancy with the hands of certitude and turned unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. When thou didst discover the fragrance of His verses and wert attracted by the words of thy Lord, the Lord of all attributes, arise and say: O people! The Promised One hath come, and in His grasp are the reins of all destinies.

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O Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the signs and called all to His Straight Path. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed He Who spoke before the creation of the heavens and earths, and through Him hath appeared that which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in the Books of the Messengers. O Muhammad-Taqi! The Most Great Name remembereth thee from the direction of His mighty prison. Grieve not over worldly affairs. Soon there shall descend upon him who is steadfast that which is ordained for him from the presence of One mighty and powerful. For every hardship ease hath been ordained, and for every difficulty facility, in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice in thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him, for verily He loveth them that put their trust in Him. When thou receivest My Tablet and findest the fragrance of My utterance, glorify thy Lord with praise, then read the Tablet with myriads of them that are nigh. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the Prison be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God in this wondrous Revelation.

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O Asad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is established upon the Throne of Utterance.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Ancient Name, Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Mighty Name and by Thy Most Perfect and Most Generous Name, to inscribe me with Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book among those who have aided Thy Cause, who have bowed down before Thy Manifestation, and who have acted according to what they were commanded in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, and through Whose munificence all beings have borne witness. Strengthen, O my God, my limbs and my heart and my tongue for Thy service and Thy love and Thy praise. By Thy might, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! My tongue profiteth me not unless it speaketh Thy remembrance, nor mine ear unless it hearkeneth to the melody of Thy Pen and the rustling of Thy Divine Lote-Tree, nor mine eye unless it be honored to witness Thy signs whereby were attracted the hearts of those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and the sincere ones among Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the name of God, the Most Inaccessible! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst illumine the hearts of the lovers and light up the faces of the sincere ones, and through which Thou didst attract Thy near servants in such wise that they severed themselves from all else but Thee and ascended to a station wherein they sacrificed their souls and spirits in Thy path, and the blame of the blamers did not hold them back from the sanctuary of Thy holiness and the Kaaba of Thy intimacy - to cause this youth to ascend unto the heaven of the might of Thy Cause and the seat of the sanctity of Thy dominion. Then give him to drink that which shall open before his heart's face the gates of wisdom and utterance. And as Thou hast named him, O my God, "the Well-Pleased," make him to be of the people of this good-pleasure and well-pleased with what Thou hast ordained for him, O Thou in Whose grasp are the dominion of all possibilities and the kingdoms of creation! Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Help in Peril. May he attain, beneath the shade of Thy mercy, unto a station wherein he shall arise to make mention of Thee and to praise Thy Self amongst Thy creatures, that he may attract the hearts of Thy servants and creatures in such wise that they shall detach themselves from all else save Thee and turn unto Thy sanctified, transcendent, mighty, resplendent and luminous countenance. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth!

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In the name of God, Who endureth after the passing away of all things! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having sent forth Thyself and the Manifestation of Thine Essence and the Source of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy grandeur amongst Thy servants, and caused Him to speak forth with wondrous melodies between Thy heaven and earth. But, O my God, I hear Thy melodies at all times, and verily they have ascended until they reached beyond the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and beyond that

to realms which none hath known save Thy Most Glorious Self. Yet I find none possessed of hearing to hearken unto them and turn towards them and draw nigh through them, save a few numbered souls. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Most Great Ocean was stirred, to create attentive ears and receptive souls and perceiving eyes and radiant faces that they may hear Thy verses as Thou desirest. Otherwise every soul hath an outward ear that heareth but comprehendeth not. And thou, O thou who gazest, turn with thine ear and heart toward the direction of the Throne that thou mayest hear what none in all the worlds hath heard, save whom thy Lord, the All-Merciful, willeth. Verily He doeth what He pleaseth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens - enable her to attain unto that which Thou hast ordained for her in Thy days. I testify that Thou hast created no soul except for the knowledge of Thyself, and whoso hath attained unto this hath attained unto all good that Thou hast ordained in the tablets of Thy decree and the pages of Thy destiny. Therefore do I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of them that know Thee and the Object of desire of them that love Thee, that this leaf be not made to fall from the Tree of Thy Cause. Draw her, then, through Thy melodies in such wise that she may detach herself from all else save Thee and turn with her whole being toward Thy face, the Mighty, the Most High. O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which appeared that which caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to tremble, except them whom Thou didst preserve through Thy power, that Thou deprive her not of the Tasnim of Thy grace and the Salsabil of Thy mercy. Give her to drink, at every moment, from the cup of Thy bounty that which may purify her heart and sanctify her soul, that she may make mention of Thee among Thy handmaidens and rejoice in Thy generosity and favors, and that nothing of the world's adversities may sadden her. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Lord of existence and Knower of the mysteries of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the breezes of Thy bounty at the dawning of the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation in the kingdom of creation, to assist Thy loved ones in serving Thy Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the servants nor the objections of any in the land shall hinder them. Strengthen their frames, O my God, through Thy power, and illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Then inscribe their names in Thy Book and ordain for them that which shall endure as long as Thy celestial and heavenly dominion shall endure. O Lord! Thou seest the one who hath turned toward Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers to forgive him and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and to accept from him what he hath wrought in Thy path. Verily

Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There is no God but Thee, the Single One, the All-Wise.

He is the Supporter

The remittance from his honor Ustad Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, in the amount of nineteen (19) tumans, was received by this servant through the honored Mr. Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, on the 2nd of the sacred month of Muharram in the year 1306.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! O Helper of Thy servants, Master of right guidance, and Guide to the straight path! I beseech Thee by the melodies of the birds of Thy most exalted Paradise, whereby the realities of all things and the hearts of humanity were attracted, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by Thy signs whereby Thou didst subdue the cities of earth and the realm of power, and by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst separate between the nations and didst manifest the stations of existence, O Thou Who holdest the reins of bounty, to assist Thy Afnan and Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones and Thy trusted ones to arise to serve Thee and to act according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy Afnan clinging to the cord of Thy commandments and the handle of Thy bounty. Ordain for him that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have turned only to the lights of Thy countenance and who have desired to act according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Open before his face the door of Thy bounty, then raise him up through Thy Name in Thy lands amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiver, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! Glorified art Thou! Thou art He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire, and of which Thou didst give tidings aforetime in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by this Day wherein the Event hath come to pass, the Abyss hath appeared, all creation hath been shaken, and the edifice of the ungodly hath been made to tremble, to aid Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! This is the Day wherein the earth hath quaked, the mountains have been crushed to powder, and the Balance hath been set up. I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted attributes and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all things, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy generosity. Then ordain for him who hath been faithful to Thy Covenant and Thy Testament that which beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! The hands of my hope have been raised toward

the heaven of Thy favor. Do with me as beseemeth Thee, O Thou before Whose outstretched hand the very essence of bounty hath bowed down, and before Whose ocean of giving the very reality of grace hath been humbled - Thou Who art the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Gracious. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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Lauded be Thy name, O my God! Thou beholdest me in the clutches of my oppressors. Every time I turn to my right, I hear the voice of the lamentation of them that are dear to Thee, whom the infidels have made captives for having believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and for having set their faces towards the horizon of Thy grace and of Thy loving-kindness. And when I turn to my left, I hear the clamor of the wicked doers who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs, and persistently striven to put out the light of Thy lamp which sheddeth the radiance of Thine own Self over all that are in Thy heaven and all that are on Thy earth.

The hearts of Thy chosen ones, O my Lord, have melted because of their separation from Thee, and the souls of Thy loved ones are burnt up by the fire of their yearning after Thee in Thy days. I implore Thee, O Thou Maker of the heavens and Lord of all names, by Thy most effulgent Self and Thy most exalted and all-glorious Remembrance, to send down upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nearer unto Thee, and enable them to hearken unto Thine utterances.

Tear asunder with the hand of Thy transcendent power, O my Lord, the veil of vain imaginings, that they who are wholly devoted to Thee may see Thee seated on the throne of Thy majesty, and the eyes of such as adore Thy unity may rejoice at the splendors of the glory of Thy face. The doors of hope have been shut against the hearts that long for Thee, O my Lord! Their keys are in Thy hands; open them by the power of Thy might and Thy sovereignty. Potent art Thou to do as Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Beneficent.

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In the Name of God, the Most Powerful, the Most Powerful!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy servants imprisoned among Thy creatures, deprived of beholding Thy countenance and visiting Thy presence, bound by the shackles of hatred through what the hands of the transgressors among Thy creation have wrought, and chained in Thy path. Should anyone say that Thou hast withdrawn from them the glance of Thy loving-kindness, all things would deny this, for I observe that Thou art watching over them, and that Thy forbearance with the idolaters is due only to a wisdom which Thou hast concealed from the eyes of Thy servants. Soon wilt Thou raise up those who have fallen in Thy love, and exalt those who have been abased in Thy path, and illumine the faces of those who have been disfigured by the blows of the polytheists for Thy Cause. Thou hast ordained days wherein

each one of Thy loved ones shall be raised up through the manifestations of Thy power and the revelations of Thy glory. Such pure ones, who have tasted the edge of swords in their longing for Thy beauty and have drunk poison in their search for Thy presence, are worthy of Thy praise, O Thou Who art the Beloved of Baha! Thou seest Thy Beloved in the prison of ’Akka, desiring not His own ease but Thy good-pleasure and Thy will. There is no God but Thee, the One extolled by the tongue of Baha in the highest heaven and on earth. Verily, Thou art the Beloved of the worlds.

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In His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in the earths and heavens!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how one of Thy leaves hath clung to the Tree of Thy Lordship, hath voiced Thy praise, and turned unto Thee when she heard Thy call. She hath sent unto Thee a letter wherein she acknowledged Thy sovereignty and power, Thy loftiness and might, Thy transcendence and ascendancy. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who causeth the dawn to break and sendeth forth the winds, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and through which Thy Most Great Name was established upon the throne of Thy Cause and the seat of Thy laws, to draw her nigh at all times unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Source of Thy Cause, the Repository of Thy inspiration, the Orient of Thy Will and the Fountainhead of Thy Purpose. Then ordain for her in the Supreme Tablet that which shall gladden her eyes and rejoice her heart. O Lord! Deal with her as befitteth her kinship with Thee, and guard her from whatsoever she abhorreth. Her good-pleasure lieth in Thy shadow. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. All who dwell in the unseen and the visible bear witness to Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that I have desired to make mention of one of Thy servants who is pure in his devotion to Thy face, that the sweet-scented breezes of Thy mercy may draw him to such a station wherein he may arise to praise Thy Self amongst Thy creatures and to exalt Thy Word amidst Thy creation. O Lord! Aid him in Thy service, then make him to be among those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness, O Creator of earth and heaven, and who have stood firm in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines nor the objections of the theologians nor the derision of those who have disbelieved in Thy most exalted, most glorious Self could deter them. O Lord! Ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and sanctify them from all else besides Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O Lord! Thou seest me in prison between the two parties. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause whereby the earth of Thy will and the heaven of Thy purpose were illumined, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy upon him who hath desired Thee that which shall render him pure from all else save

Thee and sanctified from the mention of aught besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Bountiful, the Most Bountiful!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not what Fire hath been kindled in the midmost heart of creation. By God! Through it all that existeth hath been consumed, yet the people are wrapped in veils and thick darkness and are sunk in profound heedlessness. Though I knew it not, I beseech Thee by it, as I know it hath appeared from Thy Most Exalted Word, that Thou wilt not withhold me for less than the twinkling of an eye from the knowledge of Thyself and the wondrous manifestations of the glory of Thy Lordship and the signs of Thy Divine Unity. Leave me not among those of Thy creation who associate partners with Thee and who oppose Thee. Detach me from all else but Thee and cheer me through Thy remembrance in the kingdom of Thy Cause, for Thy remembrance sufficeth all the worlds. To this my tongue, my innermost being, my reality and my veins do testify, and in this I am possessed of clear certitude.

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O Thou who seest and art not seen! Glorified art Thou, O my God! When the veils of darkness and the obscuring clouds of gloom had encompassed all created things, Thou didst bring forth from the sleeve of Thy power the fingers of Thy might, wherewith Thou didst rend asunder all veils. Thereupon did trembling seize them that were in Thy earth and perturbation overtake them that dwelt in Thy lands, save those whom Thou didst protect through Thy sovereignty and whom Thou didst deliver from the depths of self and desire, raising them up unto the heaven of Thy most exalted Name. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the worlds! If Thou wert to remove the veils from before the faces of Thy servants, they would hasten unto the cities of Thy glory and turn unto that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy tablets, and would circle round Thy loved ones, by whose countenances are illumined the dwellers of the cities of eternity and the inhabitants of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist those who have turned towards Thee and leave them not to themselves for less than the twinkling of an eye. Then raise them up to such heights that the world shall not prevent them from turning unto Thee, from gazing toward Thy direction, and from setting their faces toward Thy Name, which Thou hast made the Sovereign of all names and through which Thou hast ordained the life of all the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Most Powerful, the Most Powerful

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a letter from the letters of Thy Creative Pen which the Manifestation of Thy Being and the Revealer of Thy verses desired [to speak as the Most Great Word]. O my God! When he seeketh Thy Self, cast him not away through Thy grace, and when he aimeth at the Goal of the worlds, deprive him not through Thy loving-kindness. O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy servants [whom the heedless have made captives in Thy path] and whom they have seized from all directions because they turned to the horizon of Thy glory [and] Thy power, that Thou protect him from the harm of every harmful one and [this sedition whereby the feet of most of the servants have slipped]. Then raise him to such a station where the world will not prevent him from Thy remembrance and praise, nor will what is created therein prevent him from turning [toward the court of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the Powerful] over what Thou willest and the Ruler over what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

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Prayer for the steadfast leaf (a female believer named ’Abdu’llah). In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne! Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all contingent beings, my Beloved and the Beloved of all created things! Thou seest one of Thy leaves who hath clung to the Tree of Thy singleness, hath testified to Thy oneness, hath turned toward the horizon of Thy grace, the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy Will, and hath sent unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration that which evidenceth her turning unto Thee, her hearkening unto Thy call, her orientation toward Thy direction, her submission to Thy sovereignty and her humility before Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens, Lord of Names and Sovereign over all things, to preserve her through the dominion of Thy power and the sovereignty of Thy might, lest she be cast down by the blowing of the winds of Thy decree. Then cause her, O my God, to be among the denizens of Paradise and the people of the assemblages of companionship. Ordain, moreover, for her that whereby her mention shall endure throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion. O Lord! Thou seest her gazing upon Thee and turning toward Thy generosity and favors. Withhold her not from that which lieth with Thee of the wonders of Thy bounty and benevolence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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In His Name, the Bestower, the Life-Giver, the Mighty, the Generous

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, the Ultimate Goal of my hope and my Purpose! I beseech Thee, by the fire of Thy Word through which the sincere ones were drawn to the horizon of Thy Revelation and the near ones hastened to the Dayspring of Thy Inspiration, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall profit them in this world and the next. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all creation. The tongues of all created things and the realities of all possible beings testify to Thy generosity. Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my God! There hath come before the Prisoner a letter from Thy servant who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and held fast to the hem of Thy generosity and favors, and who hath sought the ocean of Thy gifts and forgiveness. O Lord! Forgive him through Thy grace and beneficence, then ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Make him, O my God, steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love that he may mention Thee amongst Thy servants. Then clothe him with the robes of Thy pardon and generosity. Thou art He Who hath ever been mighty to do as He pleaseth and shall ever remain as He was in the eternity of eternities. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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In His Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, my Master and my King! My tongue, my heart and my limbs bear witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, to Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence, to Thy might and Thy power. Thou hast created the tongue, O my God, for Thy remembrance, and the heart for Thy love, and the eye to behold the signs of Thy handiwork and to gaze toward Thy horizon. Blind is the eye that seeth Thee not, and dumb is the tongue that remembereth Thee not. There is nothing that hath not appeared for Thy service and remembrance, after having recognized the Manifestation of Thy oneness and the Dayspring of the light of Thy singleness. I bear witness, O my God, in this moment and in all moments, to Thy permanence and the transience of all else beside Thee, to Thy power and the powerlessness of all except Thee. O Lord! Despite this, and despite the confession of all things to this truth, such wrongs have appeared as no pen can describe. O Lord! I beseech Thee by these wrongs which have caused every person of insight and understanding to weep, to aid Thy loved ones whom Thou seest beneath the claws of the oppressors. O Lord! Strengthen them through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

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[Alexander] He is the One Who domineth the cities of names! Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the Most Exalted Pen hath raised its shrill voice throughout the kingdom of creation, and the Cry hath appeared between earth and heaven, and through which the Trumpet was blown and the mountains passed away and those in the graves arose, and the Dove sang upon the branches, saying: “Assist Thou those who wander bewildered in the wilderness of perplexity to turn unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the gate of the City of Oneness was opened!” O my Lord! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee, speaking Thy praise, yearning for the wine of Thy knowledge, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones whose hearts Thou hast illumined with the lights of Thy knowledge and whom Thou hast aided to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. Aid me to serve Thee in such wise that the clamor of those who have turned away from Thee and have been heedless of Thy sovereignty and have disputed Thy signs shall not deter me. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the doings of the froward have not frustrated, nor

have the hosts of the doubters hindered. Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy Will and dominant through Thy Purpose. There is no God but Thee, [the Almighty, the Powerful.]

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the hearts of the yearning ones have found comfort, through Whose remembrance the hearts of the unitarians have soared, through Whose knowledge the faces of the sincere ones have been illumined, and in Whose love the blood of the lovers hath been shed throughout all regions by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Source of bounty, by Thy Name, the Loving, to assist Thy servants to draw nigh unto Thee and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy providence and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy with such steadfastness that neither the doubts of the perverters of truth nor the whispers of the clamorers may keep them back from drawing near unto the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bestowals. O Lord! Thou seest one of the Afnan who hath turned toward Thee and arisen to serve Thy Cause and hath spoken forth in Thy love that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified to in Thy most exalted station and Thy most glorious horizon. O Lord! Ordain for him that which shall bring joy to all eyes. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Choosing.

He is the Supporter

The letter of His Honor Afnan Haji Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious - two payments of thirty-eight tumans each were received by this servant through His Honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory and Grace of God, in the year 1305.

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O Thou Who hearest, seest and answerest! Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the gates of heaven were opened and those near unto God hastened to the Most Exalted Horizon. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, O Lord of the Throne and earth, to make me among those women who turned to Thee when Thou didst appear, who hearkened when Thou didst call, and who directed themselves to Thee when the earth and heaven were illumined by the light of Thy countenance. O my Lord! Thou art He at Whose manifestations of generosity every noble one was thunderstruck, and at Whose expressions of power every mighty one confessed their impotence. Write down for me, by the Pen of Divine Decree, that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy praise. O my Lord! This is one of Thy handmaidens and a leaf from the leaves of Thy Divine Lote-Tree, and she seeketh Thy all-encompassing grace which hath surrounded the dwellers of Thy earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Generous. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy knowledge and the suns of the horizons of Thy grandeur to ordain for me that which

beseemeth Thy bounty and favors, and is worthy of Thy generosity and bestowals. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Chosen, the Mighty, the Great.

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Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the Tree hath spoken forth on the Mount of Recognition and the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance have shone from the horizon of creation! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Most Beautiful Names and the Daysprings of Thy Most Exalted Attributes and by Thy Greatest Signs, to send down upon Thy servants that which will draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring them nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of the dust below. O my Lord! The souls have been encompassed by the veils of idle fancies and these have prevented them from turning toward the horizon of certitude. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name the Self-Subsisting, to aid Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Disappoint them not of what lieth with Thee, and withhold not from them that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee and such of Thy creatures as are sincere before Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee, and facing the lights of Thy countenance, and hastening toward the ocean of Thy bounty. Do Thou provide them, O my God, with the heavenly table Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace, and with the blessing Thou hast ordained in Thy Scrolls and Books and Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose remembrance the intimate companions soar in the atmosphere of the glory of Thy knowledge, and the sincere ones ascend to the seat of Thy nearness and Thy presence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the King of Names, that Thou cause me to hear the wondrous melodies of Thy praise and make me drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge in such wise that I may detach myself from all else but Thee and turn my face toward Thy countenance, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of creation!

O my Lord! I am he who lay sleeping upon the couch of heedlessness and forgetfulness when the sweet fragrances of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, wafted over me and awakened me through Thy grace, and turned me toward Thy face, and inspired me with the wonders of Thy remembrance, until these days arrived wherein the Manifestation of Thy Cause is imprisoned in a land from which the hands of those who long for Thee among Thy servants are cut off, and the feet of those who seek Thee among Thy creatures are barred.

O my Lord! It grieves me that I should dwell in my home while I behold the Manifestation of Thy Self in the prison of the enemies. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Most Exalted, that Thou unite us with Him and grant us the blessing of attaining His presence. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and the Lord of the world to come and of the first. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose remembrance the seas have spoken, at Whose praise the mountains have testified, at Whose description the rivers have flowed, and at Whose attributes the suns have shone! All things have borne witness to Thy oneness and singleness, and to Thy greatness and sovereignty, and to Thy power and might. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were shaken, save those whom Thy Will hath desired and Thy Purpose hath chosen, to ordain for him who hath loved Thee amongst mankind and turned to Thee in the earliest days, and who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy revelation and the sweet-scented breeze of Thine inspiration, and hath drunk Thy choice sealed wine through Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath done in Thy path that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified to when Thou wert seated upon the throne of Thy grace, that which will exalt him among Thy servants and draw him nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! He is the one whom neither the might of the world nor the power of the nations hath deterred from drawing nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and Thy most glorious manifestation. O my Lord! Thou seest him in all conditions clinging to the cord of Thy loving providence and holding fast to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which is with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. He hath created all things for the recognition of the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto those who have followed them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. We give glad-tidings unto them who have turned to the Countenance with the Spirit of God and His mercy. Verily His mercy hath preceded all things and His bounty hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. This is a Day wherein We have not withheld the reins of the Pen - We have released it with a sovereignty from Our presence and have caused to appear from it that which God hath made the Kawthar of life for the people of contingent being and the Choice Sealed Wine for those who have turned to this luminous Horizon. We make mention of the servants for the sake of God - among them are those who turned away and those who turned towards Him. Verily thy Lord is He Who distinguisheth, the Almighty, the Powerful. Arise to serve thy Lord, then rejoice in My remembrance of thee. By God! Through it the fragrance of the garment of the Beloved hath been wafted throughout the

kingdoms of the invisible and visible. To this doth this wondrous Tongue bear witness. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath indeed come with the truth and made manifest His straight and shining path. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for the manifestation of Thy bounties and gifts whereby the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth upon Thy servants and Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy mercy, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will attract the dwellers of Thy earth. Thou seest, O my God, my Lord and my Support, what hath befallen Thy chosen ones in the days of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens. By Thy might, O Lord of the worlds and Ruler of nations! Hearts find no rest except through the signs of Thy triumph, and souls attain no tranquility save through the manifestation of Thy power and might amongst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee not to withhold eyes from beholding the banners that have been raised up in Thy name, nor ears from hearkening to Thy most sweet call in Thy dominion. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy bounty the rains of Thy mercy and blessing upon them who have turned toward Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O handmaid of God, Sahib-Sultan! In the name of the one true God! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been mighty to accomplish whatsoever He hath willed, and shall everlastingly remain supreme over whatsoever He pleaseth. No hosts can withhold Him from His dominion, nor kings from His sovereignty. He doeth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. O handmaid of God! Thy mention hath been made in the Most Great Prison, and this blessed Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine favor that thou mayest be engaged in His remembrance and remain steadfast in the path of His love. In this day, each of the handmaidens of God who hath drunk from the cup of divine knowledge and hath turned toward the horizon of His Revelation is recorded before God among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. Strive thou that the pearls of the love of God may remain preserved within the shell of thy heart, and that the hands of thieves and traitors may be cut off and forbidden from them. This is God's counsel unto His handmaidens. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily, He ordaineth for thee whatsoever He hath decreed in His perspicuous Book.

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He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been, and will ever be, even as He hath been. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O people of the earth! Be fair in your judgment, by God, and transgress not against Him Who hath come to you from the Dayspring of His Cause with manifest sovereignty. He desireth for you naught save the mercy and bounty of God. Be fair in your judgment and be not of the wrongdoers. Consider ye and call to mind the generations of old. Where are they who pronounced judgment against Muhammad, the Apostle of God? Where are they who clung to idols, turning away from God, the Lord of all men? Where are they who opposed the Spirit? Where are they who pronounced judgment against God's chosen ones and His messengers without clear proof or explicit Book? Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest remind the people of this Cause which lay hidden in God's knowledge and was mentioned in the Books of the Messengers. The manifest remembrance from the Most Great Book be upon thee and upon those who cast away idols, clinging to the hem of their Lord's grace, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is indeed the One promised by My tongue, recorded by My pen, remembered in My heart, and made manifest in My days - days wherewith We gave glad tidings unto all in My Books, My Scriptures, My Psalms and My Preserved Tablet.

God willing, mayest thou in all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to the firm cord. Today, whosoever hath attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, is recorded and inscribed in the Book of God as the most distinguished among the servants of the past and future. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this supreme station. However, this station is perfected through complete and perfect steadfastness. The beginning is the knowledge of God and its end is steadfastness in His love and in that assistance which, in the divine Books, referreth to the teaching of His Cause. This must be done with perfect wisdom and moderation, lest any matter arise that would cause disturbance and unrest among souls. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the days of their Lord and acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

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O Haji Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is the Lamp of Guidance among creatures, the Most Great Sign unto all peoples, the Dawning-Place of the Cause amidst humanity, and the Manifestation of Bounty to all who are in the heavens and on earth. O servants of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hearken unto the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon. He counseleth you with that which draweth you nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds - with trustworthiness, religious devotion, chastity and

fidelity, and with that through which the essence of justice may be made manifest in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down this noble Tablet. The Wronged One hath desired naught for Himself on earth - to this every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice that the Ocean of Gladness hath mentioned thee from this station, glorious and sublime, which hath been designated as the Most Great Prison in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory shining from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the choice wine of revelation when the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath come from the heaven of grace is the Most Great Name through Whom the mysteries have been revealed and the traces have appeared. Whoso holdeth fast unto Him hath held fast unto God, and whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court. We heard thy call, and there descended from the heaven of divine mercy and lordly favor that which shall endure as long as the eternal kingdom shall endure. We beseech God to assist thee in that which causeth the perpetuation of mention and name. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and unite the nations, and by the influences of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to forgive me and my parents. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, looking unto Thy horizon. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and the present, and that which shall profit me in all Thy worlds, O Thou Lord of all beings! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the Most Exalted Horizon

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is indeed the Mystery that was hidden and treasured from all eternity. Through Him the Most Great Sign hath appeared, and the Most Exalted Summit hath been raised up, and the Call hath been lifted, and the Balance hath been set. He hath come from the heaven of the Divine Command, with the standards of the Bayan on His right hand and the hosts of revelation with the banners of divine knowledge on His left. Blessed is he who hath heard His call and turned unto Him, and woe betide him who hath denied God and turned away from the Path. O Siyyid Qabl-Husayn, rejoice that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee with a mention which, when sent down from the heaven of grace, the Kingdom of Utterance bowed down before it. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, then thank Him in all conditions. He is with His accepted servants and aideth them as He pleaseth, through a command from His presence. He is indeed the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from God, the Lord of

all men. The glory shining forth from My horizon be upon him who hath mentioned thee, and upon thee, and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

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O Mulla Ramadan, upon him be the glory of God - He is the One manifest in all horizons! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Sun risen from the horizon of this heaven which hath been upraised in truth through His name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. They who have turned unto Him have in truth turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon in former ages, and they who have turned away are in manifest loss. O Ramadan! The month of Ramadan hath come, whose mention the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, wherein fasting was ordained for them that have believed in God, the Lord of the Great Throne. Its appointed time hath passed away by Our decree, and the Day which was promised in all the Books of God, and in the Qur'an - the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds - hath come. Read thou the Book of God with joy and fragrance, then remind those who were in doubt concerning this momentous announcement. Ask thou God to aid them to turn towards Him and to enable them to remember this All-Wise Remembrance. We send from this spot Our greetings unto those who have believed in God and unto My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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O Mirza Mu'min! The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name is verily the Manifestation of the Ancient of Days and the Educator of all nations. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all good, and whoso hath been debarred is assuredly among those who have gone astray. Be thou diligent in the days of God, that through thee may be revealed that which will preserve thy mention in the Tablets. Hold fast unto what is praiseworthy, turning away from what is unseemly. This is what the Lord of Destiny commandeth thee. He loveth him who turneth towards Him and commandeth him to that which will profit him in this world and the next. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Counsellor. O Mu'min! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to believe and for having made thee to recognize this Cause whereby all souls were thunderstruck save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, did will. Convey My greetings unto thy wife who attained the presence when the Luminary of the horizons was shining from the direction of Iraq. We beseech God to assist thee and her in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is verily the Almighty over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Power

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who speaketh the truth is indeed He through Whom the Books were sent down and the Scriptures were revealed and every wise command made manifest. Blessed is the one whose strength the conditions of creation have not weakened, who hath turned with his whole being unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. This is the Day wherein the Spirit calleth aloud and remindeth mankind of this Momentous Announcement. How many servants have read the Books of God and His Scriptures, yet when their Revealer appeared they denied Him - these are accounted among the most lost in a clear Book. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. We have turned toward thee and remembered thee with that which shall endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent Names. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest My virtuous character and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. Thus hath the pen of the Most High traced its course in My mighty and impregnable dominion. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God in His days, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh upon the throne when it was upon the water is verily the Hidden Mystery which none hath known save whom God, the Most High, the Most Great, hath willed. He hath come with a power that the might of the powerful could not weaken, and with a sovereignty that the hosts of those who turned away from the Countenance and denied this Revelation, wherewith the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, had given glad tidings, could not frighten. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have remembered thee with a remembrance that the ornaments of the world and whatsoever is with the nations cannot equal. To this beareth witness every discerning knower. Take thou the Kawthar of steadfastness in the name of thy Lord, then drink with His All-Wise remembrance. Blessed is the servant who hath been illumined with the lights of certitude, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Cast away what is with the world and take what We have sent unto thee through the power of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken when He was in prison through what the hands of the heedless had wrought. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon every patient one and upon every learned one who hath attained unto the Most Great News.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He quickeneth whomsoever He willeth through what hath flowed from His wondrous Pen. His mercy hath preceded the world and His bounty hath

encompassed all created things. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and that which the sincere ones shall find the fragrance of hath been revealed for thee - God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. When thou attainest unto the Tablet and drinkest therefrom the choice wine of revelation, arise then and turn thy heart toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy mighty Prison. I testify that Thou hast arisen to promote the Cause of God and hast called all to this wondrous station. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise, and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds which none hath comprehended save Thy all-encompassing knowledge. Look not upon the kingdom and what occurreth therein. Look unto God, thy Lord, the Powerful, the Almighty. Stand firm in the service of thy Lord - this is among the most excellent of deeds in My preserved Tablet. Should thou see one who hath believed in God, make mention of Me unto him. Verily thy Lord is independent of all worlds.

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The Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifies that there is none other God but He. He sends down from the heaven of grace whatsoever He willeth and desireth. He is, in truth, the Revealer, the All-Wise.

The holy Kingdom hath been adorned with the Most Holy Book. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it, and woe betide the heedless. He who acteth in accordance with that which hath been revealed therein is truly of the people of Baha in this wondrous Tablet.

Beware lest the might of the powerful sadden you or the insinuations of the wayward keep you back. Take fast hold of the Most Great Cord, then remember the Lord of all worlds.

The dwellers of the Kingdom of eternity have been seized with rapture, and the grace of God hath encompassed both small and great. Blessed is the seeker who hath desired the Desired One, and the pursuer who hath recognized the Adored One, and the soul that hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of all who have turned to the Countenance and We inscribe their names in Our preserved Tablet. Can any bounty equal this? Nay, by the Creator of the heavens and earth!

We have revealed the Book and have enjoined all therein with supreme wisdom, lest that appear which would trouble the hearts of the servants. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thus have We remembered thee and favored thee with this wondrous Tablet.

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In His Name, the All-Bestowing

O Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God!

The Wronged One testifies that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. All things have spoken in the Days of God, the Lord of Names, that which none knows save God, Lord of the Kingdom. We have sent down the verses and revealed that which has illumined the horizons, yet the people do not understand. Among the people are those who have turned away from God and spoken that which caused eyes to shed tears. He is among those whom vain imaginings have prevented from turning to God, Lord of Might. Say: O people, observe! By God, the gate of heaven has been opened and the Lord of Names has come with a Cause before which none can stand. To this testifies the preserved Book in His possession, which was inscribed by the Finger of Power and wherein every hidden matter is recorded. Say: Observe then judge fairly. The One Who came with the Kingdom of verses - against Him have the people risen up, while he who cannot speak in the presence of His countenance is deemed the Beloved. The decree in the Qur'an has been fulfilled: "Every sect rejoices in what it possesses." We have remembered and called out to you from the prison, that you might give thanks to your Lord, the Kind One.

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O Master Haji Aqa! He is the One Who speaketh the truth. The Wronged One testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is indeed He through Whom the Cause was manifested, the horizon of Revelation dawned, and the Dove warbled upon the branch of the Tree. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Bear ye witness unto that whereunto God hath testified: that He, verily, is the Truth, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Kingdom of utterance hath come, yet the people are in manifest drunkenness. They have clung to that which they possess and have opposed the All-Informed One. They have cast aside guidance and embraced their desires. By God! They are in grievous error. They have disdained to worship God and worship every mighty idol. Say: O people! Fear ye God, shed not blood, consume not the substance of others, and follow not every ignorant one who hath turned away from the Truth and turned towards one that is heedless and remote. Hold thou fast unto the cord of remembrance. All things have been created to praise God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. From this most exalted station We send Our greetings upon thee, upon thy brother, and upon those who have attained unto the lights of this mighty Throne.

=== END BH06608 ===

=== START BH06609 ===

The Wronged One beareth witness unto that which the Books of God have witnessed before and after. Blessed are they who know. O thou who speaketh in My Name! Say: O people of the earth! Do ye doubt God, or this Light whereby the heavens and earth were illumined, or His signs which have filled the horizons? Say: Be fair, O people, and follow not those who have denied God, the Lord of all names. Behold what hath appeared in truth, then be fair, and be not of those who said "God is our Lord," but when He came from the horizon of might they said "This is naught but a lying impostor." The trumpet hath been sounded in truth, yet the people are in doubt and strife. Say: Look ye, look ye, for the Sun hath risen from the horizon of proof. Hearken ye, hearken ye, for the Call hath been raised from all religions.

Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath attained and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!” The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who broke not the Covenant on the Day of Separation.

=== END BH06609 ===

=== START BH06610 ===

He is the Speaker from the Most Exalted Summit

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the Command and Creation. He giveth life and causeth death, and He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Within His grasp lieth the Kingdom of Command and Creation, and in His right hand the reins of all created things. Nothing moveth save by His command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The ornaments of the world have occupied the peoples and kept them back from the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. By ornaments is meant at times the love of the world, and at other times its trappings and adornments, and in one station all that preventeth men from drawing nigh unto God. However, in the highest degree and the first station, it is the divines of Persia who have prevented the hapless souls from the Truth. These are the veils and barriers. Beseech God that He may adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness, that all may attain unto that which is the cause of salvation. Say: Today the gate of grace is opened wide - strive ye that ye may not remain deprived. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

=== END BH06610 ===

=== START BH06611 ===

O Aqa Jan, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Beloved! Your cry and lamentation were heard and the flame of your love was observed. Wherever you were, the Friend was with you, and whatsoever befell you was recorded in the Book of the Lord of Names by the Supreme Pen. By My life! You were under the gaze of your Lord. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing Witness. Reflect upon the heedlessness of the people, who all utter the words “May God hasten His coming,” yet not a single soul hath understood what this allusion signifieth and whence it shall appear, though all were beseeching the Ancient Truth for His manifestation. Praise be to the Goal of the world that thou hast recognized that which the divines and mystics of the earth are veiled from. They have pronounced judgment against Him Whom they invoke night and day. Such is the condition of heedless souls. Soon shall they find themselves in grief and remorse, while they shall behold thee radiant from the horizon of thy Lord’s tender mercy. This remembrance from this wondrous Pen sufficeth thee, from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

=== END BH06611 ===

=== START BH06612 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Most Great, Most Wondrous, Most Exalted! Blessed is the heart that hath been connected with the Most Great Sea and the eye that hath beheld the proof of its Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the heart that hath been attracted by the breezes of Revelation and hath detached itself from all else save Him. Blessed is the breast that hath been illumined by the lights of dawn and whereon hath been imprinted the revelation of this radiant and luminous Beauty. Say: O people! Ponder upon that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not every denier and doubter. Verily the Tree by its very essence proclaimeth: There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Generous. It behooveth every soul to turn unto it and to abandon whatsoever tales of old he possesseth. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken when the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of the oppressors. Those who speak according to their own desires - these have no portion in this wondrous Cause. Be thou thankful for having drunk the choice wine of life and for having been immersed in the ocean of thy Lord's love, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH06612 ===

=== START BH06613 ===

In the Name of God, the One

O Muhammad Hasan! Blessed are ye, O people of the letter Nun, in that ye have attained unto faith in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Drink ye of the Water of Life, despite those who have denied this irrevocable Cause. We have made mention of you in the Tablets and make mention of you in this Tablet. God willing, be ye at all times gladdened by the remembrance of the Lord of all possibilities, and attain unto His service. The world is evanescent in its wake, while the loved ones seek after the immortal Kingdom. Know ye the value of this most great bounty and act according to the divine commandments which have dawned from the horizon of the Most Holy Book. This shall profit you in this world and the next. The divine laws are a luminous lamp amidst the servants and living waters for those who have turned unto them and act upon them. Await ye the grace of God, then seek His mercy which encompasses the worlds. Thy letter was presented before the Throne and was adorned with the lights of His countenance. God willing, may ye ever be blessed with the infinite favors of the one true God. We counsel you not to forget My servant whom We named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in My perspicuous Book. May the glory rest upon you, O My loved ones in that land.

=== END BH06613 ===

=== START BH06614 ===

Nusratabad Sirjan, His honor Siyyid Muhammad

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth

Blessed is he who hath arisen detached from the world and turned towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many a servant hath been deprived of the Most Great Bounty, and how many a servant hath attained unto this destined Remembrance! Say: The bounty is His manifestation amongst His servants and the revelation of His Cause to His creation. To this testify faithful servants. We have revealed

in the earth that which appeared before and that which had not appeared, yet most of the people do not understand. When verses are sent down to them, they say: “These are forgeries,” and when there appeareth a matter which the servants are powerless to accomplish, they say: “This is manifest sorcery.” They have lost who denied God’s proof and His authority, and he hath prospered who turned toward His extended path. We have called all purely for the sake of God to the Dawning-Place of revelation, yet they turned away and objected, following every rejected ignorant one. Be thou thankful to God for having been mentioned by this Pen through which the world hath been set ablaze with the love of God, the Lord of eternity, and the seal of the choice sealed wine hath been broken.

=== END BH06614 ===

=== START BH06615 ===

Concerning Aqa Muhammad ibn-i-Haji, upon him be the Most Ancient, Most Great Glory of God. Blessed is he who limits affairs to the remembrance of his Lord and attains unto this sealed wine. Verily, he who enjoins what is right and acts accordingly has indeed attained unto the wine, while he who forbids it is among the most lost. However, this must be done with wisdom and utterance, not in such way as would raise an uproar in creation. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Associate amongst yourselves with love and affection, and be not of those who search into people’s deeds to find fault with them. By My life! Such people are among the heedless. Do not pronounce as infidels those who have recognized God, and curse not those who recite the verses of God with humility. Thus does the Pen of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, counsel you. Say: If you avoid grievous sins, then do what you have been commanded in the Book of God, the Evident, the All-Knowing. We have perceived the fragrance of thy love and have sent down unto thee this mighty Tablet. Neither treasures nor mines, nor whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earth, can equal it. When thou hast attained unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, foreign, and alone.

=== END BH06615 ===

=== START BH06616 ===

In the Name of Him Who seeth and heareth!

Blessed is he who is just in the Cause of God and uttereth the truth when the Desired One appeareth with sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. And woe unto the heedless!

Look ye upon others as ye look upon yourselves. This is the way of God, were ye among them that know. This is the religion of God, were ye among them that hear.

O people! Cast aside your vain imaginings and take hold of that which ye behold illumined with the lights of certitude. Thus hath the sun of knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! Fear God and oppose not Him through Whom God hath come upon the clouds and through Whom the Book hath spoken. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hold fast, O My loved ones, unto God and His sovereignty, and walk not in the ways of the treacherous ones who consider themselves among the most exalted of people and who dispose of others' properties without permission or any clear warrant. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest remind the people in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The glory rest upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned unto the One, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06616 ===

=== START BH06617 ===

O Haji Aqa Kuchik, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered! Heedlessness hath encompassed the world and prevented all from the Most Exalted Horizon, save those souls who are immersed in the ocean of divine love. These souls prefer one atom of tribulation in His path above all that is in the world. These are they who are accounted as the people of Baha in the Book of Names. Blessed are they, for they have attained unto that which God, exalted be His glory, hath ever announced through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. Great indeed is this Day, and its greatness hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. On this Day speaketh He Who conversed on Sinai: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Thy letter was received and attained the honor of being heard, and the Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned from the horizon of grace. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which thou hast sought. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace and say: "Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds." The Glory be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, and upon My maidservant who attained in Zawra and heard the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06617 ===

=== START BH06618 ===

Most mighty and noble ambassador, most great minister, may your prosperity continue, I wish to say that your letter has arrived and that it was productive of the greatest joy and happiness. We are more grateful to you than can be estimated. The one God is witness that the tongues of these prisoners and confined ones are occupied night and day in praying for your excellency's life, felicity, and prosperity. At every moment, we beseech the True One to increase your life, your felicity, and your glory.

Nothing fresh has occurred; things are just as they were before. But, in truth, whenever the letters of your excellency are received, we experience unlimited exaltation and happiness. Yet we are, at the same time, extremely embarrassed to be the cause of inconvenience to your excellency. We hope that, God willing, this trouble and inconvenience may result in a good reputation and a perpetuation of goodly remembrance for your excellency, for at this moment a great many are busied with heart and soul in praying for you.

I remain obedient to your command. Salutations.

=== END BH06618 ===

=== START BH06619 ===

Upon you be the peace of God and His mercy! We have seen your letter and read it. Do not grieve over what was mentioned regarding the pitcher. Verily your Lord is the Great Ocean. Be as your Master was - verily He was of a magnificent character. He walks on the path of reckoning. Thus has it been ordained by Him Who is the Most Excellent of Reckoners. Through your letter the Cause smiled and the sorrowful heart was made glad. We beseech God to grant you a goodly reward, for He is the Lord of the doers of good. There is no objection to going to Haifa, as investigation of the letter is outwardly necessary to the extent possible. May you always be joyous and be the cause of happiness and gladness to sorrowing hearts. That which We told you before has come to pass, and that which remains shall appear. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. We have sent you bread - take it with the hand of joy, eat and be of the thankful ones. The world is in upheaval while we are occupied with drinking tea. Your place is very empty.

=== END BH06619 ===

=== START BH06620 ===

O Siyyid Yahya! In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous!

Know thou that thy brother hath attained the presence of the Countenance and was among those who have won the victory. God hath ordained for him a station of mighty honor, and he is now with Us in an exalted and holy place. Therefore give thanks unto God, then make mention of Him amongst His servants, and be thou of them that give counsel. O Yahya! Take hold of the Book with strength, then detach thyself from the worlds. Guide the people unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. He will verily assist thee with the truth and aid whomsoever He willeth with hosts of discerning angels. He hath ordained for thee a station with thy Lord - beware lest thou deprive thyself thereof. Seek thou His grace, for He is the Most Merciful of them that show mercy. Thus have We imparted unto thee that which will cause thy face to shine forth out of love for God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones, then turn away from the idolators. Grieve not over what thou hast heard from the clamor of the wrongdoers. In all matters put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. And the glory rest upon thee and upon them that are with thee among the assured servants of God.

=== END BH06620 ===

=== START BH06621 ===

In My Name, the Stranger, the Sorrowful

Alas, alas, O Sovereign of faithfulness! Alas, alas, O King of justice in all creation! Do we behold Thee imprisoned in the hands of the most wicked of creatures, or do we see Thee martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all beings? By Thy glory, O Thou Who art named with the letter Ha', grievous is it to the people of Baha to hear what hath befallen Thee in Thy love for God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. And grievous is it to the Most Great Name to behold the world yet not behold Thee, and

to hear the clamor of the nations yet not hear Thy cry and Thy confidings. By God's life, all things lament Thy tribulation, and the Supreme Pen weepeth between the fingers of the Lord of all names. We testify that he who hath risen up to harm Thee is among those who in every age have disbelieved in God, the Lord of both this world and the next. Thou art He through whom the brocade of the Book of faithfulness was adorned in the kingdom of creation, and through whom the temple of servitude was beautified amidst the manifestations of all names. Perdition unto the people who wronged Thee after the balance of justice was established through Thee in the days of Thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Thus have We mentioned Thee aforetime, and at this moment from My Most Exalted Pen.

=== END BH06621 ===

=== START BH06622 ===

He is God! Glorified then be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth, and unto Him do all who are in the heavens and on earth render praise. His is the Command and the Creation. He giveth life and causeth death, and in His hand is the Kingdom of all things. Verily He was established upon the holy carpet on the throne of the Spirit, and there is no God but Him. He bestoweth sovereignty upon whomsoever He willeth among His creation, and He ordereth the affairs of all things in the Book, and He detaileth the verses in truth, and verily He was mighty over the Command in the heights of eternity. Say: Those who have disbelieved after having believed, and in whose breasts hath appeared rancor against the servant of God - these shall have no portion in this cup, and We shall return them to an abode which was renowned among the polytheists. Say: We have veiled Our Cause in the heaven of mystery, and We have witnessed no one upon whom We might cast down verses which were sent down from the holy breezes. And when those who walk in the paths of their own selves hear, they place their fingers in their ears lest they hear the melodies of Paradise from the strain of Him Who was concealed behind holy veils.

=== END BH06622 ===

=== START BH06623 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beloved! Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses with truth and bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth that which draweth him nigh unto the court from which the minds of the mystics are cut off. Say: O people, fear ye God and believe in Him Who created you and sustained you, then caused you to die and brought you to life on the day whereon the hearts of them that are nigh unto God were thunderstruck. And thou, O handmaiden of God, render thanks unto thy Lord at all times for having made Himself known unto thee and numbered thee among those women who have detached themselves unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. This is a station that none hath ever attained before, and all the peoples of the world have died in their longing for it. Know thou then that God hath forgiven thee all that hath proceeded from thee and hath remitted thy misdeeds and numbered thee among the devout ones, inasmuch as thou didst enter the land round which circle the Concourse on high. This is a glory wherewith the dwellers of the celestial realm pride themselves and unto which the sanctified souls hasten. And upon thee be the Spirit, and upon those women who have hastened in all directions until they entered within the precincts of a mighty and sublime mercy.

=== END BH06623 ===

=== START BH06624 ===

He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Verily Thou art the Creator of the heavens and earth, and Thou art knowing of all things. Creator of all things, Sustainer of all things, Fashioner of all things, Maker of all things, and Illuminator of all things, for there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, both before and after. He giveth life and causeth death, and causeth death and giveth life, and verily He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Within His grasp is the dominion of all things, and in His right hand are all the Prophets, for He is the Mighty, the Beloved. His are the most beautiful names, both before and after. There is no God but Him, the Supremely Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. His are the highest similitudes, the greatest manifestations, and the most exalted revelations, and verily He is knowing of all things. All things were created by His command and by His word "Be!" and it is. For He is God, there is no God but Him, Creator of all things and Maker of all things, for He is the Supreme, the Powerful. Glorified art Thou, O my God! Verily Thou art my Creator and my Sustainer, my Life-Giver and my Death-Bringer, and Thou art the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06624 ===

=== START BH06625 ===

He is!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I make mention of Thee when I find no opportunity due to the successive downpour of Thy trials? And how can I fail to make mention of Thee when Thou hast commanded me to do so? By Thy might, O my Beloved! My liver is melted by the fire of separation from Thee, my heart is consumed by remoteness from Thy beauty, my inner being is dissolved by the force of my exile from Thee, and the very essence of my being is destroyed by the setting of the Sun of Thy countenance. Thou knowest within Thyself, O my God, that Thou wouldst never abandon Thy lovers or deprive Thy loved ones from the sanctuary of nearness. No, by Thy ancient beauty! Such was never my thought of Thee, nor have we found in how Thou hast dealt with Thy chosen ones anything like what Thou hast visited upon Thy servant. Yet despite all this, I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy beauty - if this head be worthy of the sword of Thy enemies in Thy path, delay not Thy grace regarding it; and if this breast be fitting for the arrows of Thy decree in Thy good-pleasure, then hasten this through Thy bounty. And if Thou shouldst transform all this through Thy sovereignty to manifest Thy creative Will, verily Thou hast power over all this, and art supreme in executing Thy command and fulfilling Thy judgment. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06625 ===

=== START BH06626 ===

He is the Mighty, the Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath migrated from his home until he entered into Thy precincts and severed himself from all else but Thee and attained unto Thy presence. He hath been touched on the way by heat and cold which Thou hast reckoned through Thy Will and preceded in

knowledge through Thy Purpose. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the clouds of Thy grace were lifted and the rain clouds of Thy bounty poured forth, that Thou make him steadfast in his love for Thee and firm in seeking the pathways of Thy good-pleasure. Then purify his heart with the water of Thy oneness and wash his inmost heart with the ocean of Thy singleness and illumine his breast with the lights of Thy holiness, that he may behold with his eyes Thy wondrous Beauty and hear with his ears Thy sublime Melodies and mention with his tongue Thy beautiful remembrances and know with his heart Thy glorious knowledge. For in Thy hand is the dominion of all things and Thou art, verily, powerful over all things. Therefore, O my God, send Thy blessings upon the First to appear with Thy Beauty and the Last to manifest Thy Majesty, and upon Thy exalted Mirrors and Thy wondrous Letters, and upon those who have migrated unto Thee and arrived at Thy presence. And this is easy for Thee to accomplish.

=== END BH06626 ===

=== START BH06627 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

Divine grace and mercy have ever encompassed and continue to encompass His loved ones. Today is the day of mention and praise, of service and faithfulness. It is hoped that this fresh sapling of the garden of inner meanings may, beneath the shade of the Blessed Tree, attain to the highest station which is the ultimate growth of trees. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee and cause thee to speak in His remembrance and praise, to draw thee nigh unto Him, and to open before thy face the gate of pardon and bestowal, of blessing and abundance. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. He ordains as He pleaseth for His loved ones and chosen ones, whom He hath raised up among His servants through His name and remembrance. Verily He is their Lord, their Beloved, their Goal, their Helper and their Succourer, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Peace and light and radiance be upon thee and upon thy father who arose to serve humanity in the early days, and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06627 ===

=== START BH06628 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory! Wisdom and utterance. The Promise has come, and the Promised One calls out from the most exalted horizon to all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, that He may draw them nigh unto the supreme summit - the station wherein the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens proclaims: “Verily there is no God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.” Hearken unto the call from the divine Lote-Tree raised up upon the luminous spot - verily it will draw thee near unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. When thou hearest My call and perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having manifested the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens unto Thy servants, and for having summoned them unto Thy path which hath appeared through Thy irrevocable decree. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings, by the mysteries of Thy dominion and that which lay hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge, to aid me in that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy days. Then cause me, O my Object of Desire, to be steadfast in

Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Generous."

=== END BH06628 ===

=== START BH06629 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The Day hath come, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Call hath been raised in truth, yet most of the people remain asleep. Such heedlessness hath seized them that they have denied the revelation of God and His bounty. They are indeed among the perishing ones. Say: The Promised One hath come from the heaven of divine decree, yet the people persist in manifest delusion. Vain imaginings and idle fancies have held them back from God, the Lord of all men. He Who hath come from the heaven of divine decree with manifest sovereignty beareth witness to this. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its effects, arise from thy place and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy Name which none save Thy knowledge hath comprehended, to number me among such as have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and have hastened unto Thine all-highest horizon - the Station from which the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth. Leave me not to myself and to my desires. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the kingdoms of the heavens and of the earth. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06629 ===

=== START BH06630 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The rock hath been seized with the rapture of the verses, and it beareth witness that there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The mountains have trembled at the manifestations of the All-Possessing, the Most High, yet most of the people understand not. The trees proclaim the appearance of the Most Great Name, and the fruits thereon smile and say: "Praise be unto Him for having revealed His beauty and brought forth that which was hidden." All things have been stirred by the breezes of revelation, yet most of the people know not.

While We were engaged in remembrance in the House and uttering the praise of God, We found thee turning toward Our face, and We make mention of thee through this remembrance whereby every slumberer is awakened and every seeker is turned toward God. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Hold thou fast unto the cord of God in such wise that neither the affairs of the world nor the multitude of armies shall prevent thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy sovereignty which cannot be

indicated by any sign, nor comprehended through any mention, nor described by any praise, to make me in all conditions to cling to the hem of Thy mercy and hold fast unto Thy Name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH06630 ===

=== START BH06631 ===

He is the All-Knowing

O my God! The dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion have been seized with grief by reason of that which the hands of them that have associated partners with Thy Self and denied Thy signs have wrought. Such oppression hath reached a state where the stars of heaven wail for Thy chosen servants, and all things cry out by reason of what hath befallen them at the hands of them that have turned away from Thee, O Lord of all names! O Lord! Thou knowest that the earth hath become strait for Thy loved ones who have acknowledged that which Thy tongue hath spoken and who have circled round Thy Cause. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing above all names, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall render them detached from all else save Thee and cause them to fix their gaze upon the horizon of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Moreover, I entreat Thee by Thy Self to protect Thy chosen ones from the evil of Thine enemies and to ordain for them that which shall gladden their eyes through Thy bounty. O Lord! They are Thy servants and in Thy grasp, and they have taken no helper besides Thee. Verily, Thou art He to Whose power all atoms testify, and Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06631 ===

=== START BH06632 ===

O Ali Aqa Beg, who hath attained Our presence and won the honor of meeting with Him Who dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! The call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Blessed is the ear that hath heard it, and the tongue that hath answered, and the heart that hath turned toward it, and the foot that hath hastened, and the face that hath been directed toward it, and the eye that hath beheld the horizon of the Revelation when He appeared and manifested what He desired on the part of God, the Commander, the Almighty, the Powerful. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning toward Me, thy devotion, thy presence, thy attentiveness, and thy entry through a gate that hath been opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy signs, and thanks be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having shown me Thy most exalted horizon, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call. I beseech Thee by Thy signs which have encompassed all things, and by the Concourse on High, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy love and Thy Cause. Then ordain for me the good of all worlds among Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH06632 ===

=== START BH06634 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! The melody of God hath been raised from this region wherein the Spirit cried out “Here am I, here am I, O Desire of the worlds!” and wherein God revealed Himself unto Him Who conversed with Him, and the Tree called out “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise!” The warmth of thy Lord’s love, the All-Merciful, hath seized all atoms, whereupon every rock proclaimeth “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know, for having manifested Thy beauty unto Thy servants and revealed Thyself unto all who are in the heavens and on earth!” The rapture of Thy Lord’s remembrance hath seized all things, yet the people remain behind a clear veil. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils through this blessed, mighty and wondrous Name. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent thee from this straight path. Hold fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness, then immerse thyself in the ocean of My Cause, and draw near with thy heart unto this Scene from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of thy Lord’s beauty, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses - by My life, wert thou to taste their sweetness, thou wouldst soar in thy longing toward God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. When the way was barred, We commanded approach through hearts, O ye who have turned towards God! Thus hath the decree been ordained in the Tablet by the Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding! A noble letter has been sent to thee, O Ibrahim the Inkmaker. Verily it is from the All-Glorious and it is in the name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Worship none but God, the Lord of all worlds. Sever thyself from those who have disbelieved in God and who have no escape this day. They have turned away from the Path and followed those who were wrongdoers in ancient times. Shun them, then take refuge in God. This is what thou hast been commanded in the Books of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Be not disturbed by anything, for this is the way of the heedless. Say: The bird that soareth in the atmosphere of the love of God cannot be snared by the birds of the idle fancies of those who have turned away. Such souls abide beneath the canopy of the mercy of their Lord. Nothing can move them, nor can the hints of the idolaters cause them to slip. These are they who have ascended unto God with their spirits and their souls, and they are among those who rejoice in the eternal Paradise. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then put thy trust in God. Verily He sufficeth thee, and He is the shelter of those who turn unto Him. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken refuge in a mighty stronghold.

=== END BH06635 ===

=== START BH06636 ===

In the Name of Him Who is manifest by His name, the Self-Subsisting! The world hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King, yet most of the people remain in manifest remoteness. All things have been set in motion through the wafting of the breezes of mercy from the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain among the heedless. The stones have drawn nigh unto the Dayspring of lights, yet the wicked remain in manifest drunkenness. Blessed are they who have attained on this day unto the lights of the countenance and are numbered among those who have drawn nigh. These are they

whose names have been inscribed in the Tablets by the Pen through which the life of the worlds hath been suspended. Verily, We make mention of the loved ones at all times, as attested by that which hath been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to aid them to remain steadfast in His Cause, for this is a mighty matter. O servant! Rejoice in that which hath been sent down unto thee from the direction of the Throne and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to make mention of me while I was imprisoned among the heedless. I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06636 ===

=== START BH06637 ===

O Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God, Most Holy and Most Great Afnan! Your letter hath been illumined by the lights of the horizon of Revelation and hath been honored by the glance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of thee in return for thy mention of Him. He, verily, is the Best of Rewarders, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through his presence before the Throne, God hath forgiven thy sins and made thee to be numbered with them that have attained. He, verily, forgiveth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Forgiver, the Mighty, the Merciful. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His breath, but rather rejoice in this Perspicuous Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then strive that there may appear from thee that which beseemeth this supreme triumph. As to what was mentioned concerning him who hath paused - verily he shall accept. Thus was it ordained in Iraq for whomsoever was related to this mighty Root. The branch moveth with the root, even though it be heedless. He, verily, is the Quickener, the Mover, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou grateful for having attained unto the mention of thy Lord and for His having turned toward thee the face of the Ancient of Days from this grievous station. Fix thy gaze upon Him under all conditions, and be of them that make mention of Him among the peoples of the world. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds, the Lord of the first ones and the last ones.

=== END BH06637 ===

=== START BH06638 ===

In the name of God, the Most Sanctified, the Most Holy

The Ancient Beauty hath ascended the throne of His Most Great Name, and the bird of the throne is warbling in the sweetest of tones and the most wondrous of melodies in His presence, proclaiming, “O concourse of earth and heaven! Rejoice, for the veil hath been rent asunder and the covering torn away, and the face of the Beloved hath shone forth above the horizon of power with a sovereignty that neither the ascendancy of the wicked nor the clamour of the boastful can thwart. Bestir yourselves and hasten with all your hearts to the presence of your Beloved. He, verily, is the One Whose mention hath enraptured the inmates of heaven and the Concourse on High, and Whose remembrance hath been

extolled by all created things and hath prompted them to proclaim:"No God is there but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

Great is thy blessedness, for thy letter hath been presented before His throne and We have made reply through these words that are now being revealed. God hath verily forgiven thee and them that have been mentioned in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. Convey to thy son the greetings of thy Lord: We, verily, have ordained that which is best for him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey to him and to thy daughters the glad tidings of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH06638 ===

=== START BH06639 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

The fire has been kindled by the deeds of the transgressors who have violated God's covenant and testament and followed every remote oppressor. We made knowledge for the recognition of the Known One, but when He appeared in truth, every dubious scholar turned away from Him. The people have committed that which has caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise to lament, as witnessed by the One Who possesses the Preserved Tablet. When the fire of their own selves encompassed them, they cried for help but found no helper, and they called out but received no response. Thus was the matter decreed from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Greater than what befell them in their vain life has been ordained for the transgressors, as attested by the Lord of creation when seated upon His mighty throne. Blessed is he who has attained the supreme martyrdom in this Day which was promised in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve not over anything. Rather give thanks to thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this noble Book which beareth witness to the permanence of sovereignty and dominion, wouldst thou but recognize its station and be of them that are firmly grounded.

=== END BH06639 ===

=== START BH06640 ===

O Aqa Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great! The Sun hath shone forth and the verses have been sent down, yet the people are in manifest drunkenness. The Face hath appeared from the horizon of the prison with lights that have encompassed the heavens and the earths. They who have remained heedless of the manifestation of God and His sovereignty are assuredly among the perishing ones. The Hidden Name hath appeared, whereby God hath distinguished between religions, yet most of the people are among the slumbering. Blessed is he who hath awakened at the call of God, and hath risen up and turned towards the Face, and hath attained unto the choice wine of life in the days of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath been stirred by the breezes of God and hath attained unto this wondrous Day. Be thou thankful that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and that the Face of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from this noble horizon. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by

the tribulations of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise, clinging to what is with Thee, and detached from all else but Thee. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06640 ===

=== START BH06641 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Ever-Abiding

The Sun of Truth and Exposition hath dawned, inasmuch as Man hath appeared from the horizon of Purpose and Power. Whoso desireth to behold the Essence of Eternity - lo, it hath appeared through this Name which God hath made the Dawning-Place of Inspiration. Say: This is He through Whom the seas have branched forth, the fruits have appeared, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen!” O peoples of the earth! Make not yourselves the playthings of the ignorant, and cast not the Cause of God behind your backs. Fear God, and follow not every disbelieving deceiver. Cast away what the people possess and hold fast to the hem of the favors of your Lord, the All-Merciful, through Whom existence was illumined. The All-Bountiful calleth you unto His all-encompassing grace. Turn ye unto Him, O ye who are endued with insight! Draw nigh with your hearts unto the court of the Beloved. This is better for you than the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Say: Beware lest ye dispute concerning the signs of God. Hold fast unto them and shun those who have denied God, the Lord of all men. Thus hath the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!”

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=== START BH06642 ===

In His Name, the Protector over all names!

The Sun of Grace has dawned and the Moon of Justice has appeared, yet the people remain in manifest darkness save those who have cast away vain imaginings and followed that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Cause has been manifested in such wise that the horizons are illumined thereby, yet the people of hypocrisy remain behind a mighty veil. Were anyone to reflect upon what hath appeared in this Revelation, he would cry out among the servants with this Name through which the heavens and earth were illumined. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless! Say: O people! Fear God and commit not that which causeth the Concourse on High to lament. Have mercy upon yourselves and be not of the patient ones. This is a Day the like of which hath not appeared in creation. Seize ye the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful. This verily is the source of all good, did ye but know. Hearken unto that which the Most Great Ocean calleth out to thee from the midmost heart of the world: “There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.” Be thou a pillar of steadfastness among all creatures. This is God’s command, both before and after. Blessed are they that have attained.

=== END BH06642 ===

=== START BH06643 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! We have made manifest unto every possessor of insight the Path of God and His Balance. To this testifieth every fair-minded one endowed with knowledge. Say: Fear God, O people, and follow not every stubborn oppressor. We summon all mankind unto the Most Sublime Horizon, even as We summoned them before Our imprisonment and after it. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. When ears were honored to hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, among the people were those who were attracted and said: "I believe in Thee, O God of the worlds!" How many a servant was so transported by the divine call that he became wholly detached from the world and turned with clear certitude to the Most Sublime Horizon, attaining such a station that he preferred all who believed above his own self. And among them was he who pronounced judgment against a thousand souls for the comfort of his own self. Thus have We reckoned and revealed in this wondrous Tablet. When thou hearest the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, remember thou the Wronged One and what hath befallen Him in the path of God, the Lord of the throne above and of the earth below. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the Lord of all men and the Master of both the hereafter and this world. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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=== START BH06644 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and informed all of that which was hidden from them. Yet the people have not turned to the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds. We have arisen to fulfill the Cause with a sovereignty from Us and have spoken the Most Great Word, whereupon all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath willed. Among the people are those who have turned away from God and opposed Him through their own idle fancies and imaginings, and among them are those who have shattered the idols in the name of God, the Lord of all men, and hastened with radiant hearts to the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Thus hath the Divine Lote-Tree spoken in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath attained to hear this most sweet call, and woe unto every heedless doubter. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the fountainhead of My words, and been seized by the Kawthar of My knowledge, arise and say: O my God and my Sovereign! I acknowledge that which Thy tongue hath spoken, and I bear witness to that which Thou didst testify before the creation of the heavens and earth. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the wonders of Thy favors. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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=== START BH06645 ===

O Mashhadi Yusuf Beg, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names! We have sent down the Book and made manifest the proof and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the servant whom vain desire hath not kept back from the Lord of all beings, and whom the world hath not withheld from drawing nigh unto the kingdom of the favors of his Lord, the Generous. The Wronged One hath heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love, and hath sent down for thee that which will protect thee from the arrows of the evil ones. Beware lest the colors of the world hold thee back from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people of the Bayan, cast aside what ye possess and take what ye have been given from the presence of an ancient Bestower. The Bayan profiteth you not except through this mighty and exalted Book. Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come for your salvation and made known to you the straight path of God. Thus have We sent down the verses and made manifest the Cause as a grace from Us upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have taken hold of the Book with power and acted according to what they were commanded by One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06645 ===

=== START BH06646 ===

He is the One speaking between earth and heaven! We have lit the lamp and sent down the verses and made manifest the Cause and given voice to all things, yet most of the people remain heedless. They heard the call but denied it, disputing the verses when they were sent down from the presence of the Ancient Revealer. They are those who denied God's proof and evidence throughout all ages, as attested by Him Who possesses knowledge of all things in a clear Book. Thy letter hath come before Our presence and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love. We have sent down this Tablet unto thee that thou mayest read it and be of the thankful ones. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby the Cause of God is uplifted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Counselor. Say: O people of the earth! Leave behind what ye possess. By God, the Lord of the Kingdom hath come with a mighty Book. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from Him by Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Ancient Revealer. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the Sun of utterance. When thou attainest unto it, praise God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06646 ===

=== START BH06647 ===

In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

To Mulla Muhammad-Rafi'

The world hath been adorned with the appearance of the Ancient King, and the Tree hath spoken forth amidst creation: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful." Blessed is the stranger who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Homeland, and the thirsty one who hath advanced toward the Water of Life, and the seeker who hath trod the path of the All-Merciful.

Beware lest what thou beholdest among the people prevent thee from this Day. Leave them to themselves and turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of all men. Shun those who walk the paths of idle fancy and draw nigh unto God, the Lord of all men. We make mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, purely for the sake of God, that the breaths of remembrance may attract thee in such wise as to cause thee to arise among the people and say: "O people! The Promise hath come to pass and there hath appeared the Promised One through Whom the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets have been adorned. Arise through the power of the Most Great Name amidst the peoples and acquaint them with that which they have neglected on the Day of Return. Say: Have mercy upon your own selves and tarry not in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and eyes have become fixed in their sockets." Thus have We adorned the horizon of knowledge with the stars of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

=== END BH06647 ===

=== START BH06648 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed! The world hath been adorned with the appearance of the Ancient King, yet the peoples remain in astonishing delusion. They have cast the signs of God behind their backs, following every doubtful idolater. We have sent down for all on earth that wherewith the trees and fruits and mountains have been adorned, yet the people persist in discord and dissension, following vain imaginings while turning away from the Dawning-Place of knowledge. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are reckoned among the wayward in the Book of God, the Lord of creation. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have seen thy turning to Us and have turned to thee from the Most Exalted Station, and have remembered thee with that which shall never end, by the everlasting power of God, the Lord of lords. Beware lest the greatest veil prevent thee from the Most Luminous Horizon, or the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Source and Return bar thee therefrom. Take what hath been sent down unto thee with strength from Us, and cast aside what is possessed by every heedless imposter. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have heard and responded, and have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH06648 ===

=== START BH06649 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Manifest, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The Wronged One has turned His face from this praiseworthy station toward him who was named Muhammad-Taqi, that He might draw him to a station wherein naught stirs save the breezes of My grace, wherein naught wafts save the sweet fragrances of My verses' flowers, and wherein naught is planted save the trees of My bounty, beneath whose shade take rest the trustees among My creation and the chosen ones among My servants - they who have forsaken the world for love of Me and have arisen to serve the Cause through My All-Knowing, All-Wise Name. Blessed is he who has drunk from the wellspring of My Pen the wine of My utterance, and from the cups of My words the Kawthar of My knowledge. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book and in this perspicuous Tablet. Hold fast, O peoples of

the earth, to that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God. He verily commands you to that which will draw you nigh unto a station wherein naught is seen save the radiance of My shining and luminous countenance. The kingdom shall pass away, while the King of Kings proclaimeth in the Kingdom and maketh mention of His loved ones in such wise that their remembrance shall endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Ancient One, Who changeth not! They have imprisoned Us in a fortress built of solid rock, and have made the clouds of idle fancies a barrier between Us and [the loved ones of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, seeking] to veil the beauty of the Sun behind the clouds of self and passion. By God! All things laugh at them, for thy Lord is, verily, powerful over whatsoever He willeth. The kings cannot withhold Him from that which He desireth, for they are but captives within the grasp of the Lord of the Day of Mutual Invocation. Soon will He manifest His Cause with evident dominion, for He is, in truth, the Quickener of all worlds. Well is it with him who remaineth steadfast in the Cause, who holdeth fast to the Covenant of God and casteth behind him the covenant of all others. He shall assuredly find himself in the All-Highest Prospect, and shall soon find himself in the most exalted station - the station wherein shine forth the lights of the countenance of the Youth. Verily, it is a noble station.

=== END BH06650 ===

=== START BH06651 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

The servant who is present has brought a letter from him who was named Haydar-'Ali, wherein thy name was mentioned. We make mention of thee through this clear remembrance, that it may draw thee to the seat of the throne and give thee to drink of the cup of bounty from the hands of thy Lord's gifts, the Compassionate, the Generous. Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant who was named Muhammad, who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and arisen to serve Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings, and who desireth from the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy generosity that Thou wouldst honor him with that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion. O my Lord! Ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty to attain unto Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and to hearken unto Thy call. And if what I desire be prevented by the requirements of Thy wisdom and Thy irrevocable decree and Thy binding judgment, then ordain for me the reward of attaining unto Thy presence. Then make me to be among those who turned unto Thee until they attained unto presence before Thy throne and were blessed with the Kawthar of Thy meeting and the Tasnim of reunion with Thee. Then write down for me what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH06652 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

The one who is present came with your letter, O ’Ali-Rida, upon whom be the glory of God, and laid it before the Wronged One. We have heard and have answered you through this Tablet of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him when most of the servants have turned away, save those whom the hand of divine power hath delivered. Verily He is the One Who hath power over what was and what shall be. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lands that were honored by Thy footsteps, and by the mountains whereon were pitched the tents of Thy majesty, and by the dawning hours which were blessed with the breezes of Thy Revelation, and by the tent which the winds did not shake, and by the lamp of Thy Cause, O Thou Who causeth the morns to break, to ordain for me through Thy pen of grace that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds and draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou knowest what I have and what profiteth me, and I know not what Thou hast. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause and Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the One Who dominateth the names and createth all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Hearer, the Answerer.

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=== START BH06653 ===

O Professor ’Ali-Akbar! In the Name of the Most Luminous! That which thou hast composed hath come before Us, and God hath accepted from thee that which thy tongue hath uttered and thy pen hath inscribed. Verily He was with thee and aided thee to uphold the truth, and He, verily, is the Ancient Bestower. Make mention of thy Lord as thou pleasest, then impart unto the servants that which is imparted unto thee, that perchance the people may remember their Lord in these grievous days wherein the Hour hath been made manifest, the feet of the agitated have slipped, and the faces of the idolaters have changed. Blessed art thou, O ’Ali, inasmuch as thou didst hear My call, didst soar in the atmosphere of My nearness, didst drink the Kawthar of My loving-kindness from the fingers of My mercy, didst journey through the regions of My love, wast nourished by the fruits of the Tree of My remembrance, wast attracted by My melodies and My wondrous songs, and wast illumined by My lights, the Dawning, the Luminous. Thus have We wafted unto thee the fragrances of the All-Merciful from this Paradise, and verily thou shalt find them in My most wondrous and matchless words. And upon thee be the Spirit, and upon that which thou hast been inspired with, and upon God’s near servants.

=== END BH06653 ===

=== START BH06654 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Your book has arrived at a place whose mention is sanctified above all mention, whose description is sanctified above all description, whose outward appearance is sanctified above [veils], and all that is

attributed to it is holy, pure, exalted and glorified. By the life of God! This is a station wherein neither before nor after is mentioned, and verily what was mentioned before has returned to before. I do not wish to interpret or mention it. My Most Exalted Pen speaketh naught except that which hath been pronounced with truth between the heavens and the earth. This is a Day of which We informed you beforehand - the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. In these days it behooveth us to mention naught save that which hath been revealed from His wondrous and mighty Pen. O Haydar! Thou art among those who have attained the presence of their Lord. Remember when thou didst turn thy face in certain years unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of thee in a Tablet which none hath comprehended save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. [The Glory] be upon thee and upon him who hath mentioned God through thy tongue, and upon him who was named Yusuf by God, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH06654 ===

=== START BH06655 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

Those servants who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have attained unto the presence of the Throne, and the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward them in the Most Great Prison when He spoke the verses of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed are they for having attained His presence and heard that which God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath spoken. Say: Verily this is the Manifestation of God in all things, as every created thing doth testify, did ye but know. Not a single thing escapeth His knowledge, nor can aught that hath been created by His command “Be!” elude Him. We have indeed perceived the fragrance of thy love and heard thy call, and We have answered thee with this sealed Book which telleth of the Most Great Book. Verily this is the Preserved Tablet which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then thank thy Lord for having sent down unto thee that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the unseen and the visible. Convey My glorification unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of this praiseworthy station. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from this cup wherefrom have drunk honored servants.

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I will translate and analyze the text:

One night I was present before the Throne. I was standing in the presence for about twenty minutes or more when suddenly the Ancient Beauty turned toward me and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, addressing the Name of God, the Most Truthful, upon him be the Glory of God. His mighty and glorious Word was: “O Our Name the Most Truthful! Turn toward the Most Great Scene, detached from the worlds. When thou hearest the Call, leave creation behind thee, turning toward God, the Most High, the Most Great. Hasten and tarry not, that perchance thou mayest see thyself in this glorious Scene. Advance in such wise as befitteth advancing toward the All-Knowing One, and with a heart wherein naught is

remembered save My mighty and wondrous remembrance. Thus hast thou been commanded from the presence of a mighty and powerful One. Turn in such wise that through thy turning the realities of all things shall turn. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee, for He is the Commander over what He willeth. If thou attainest unto the station, it is the essence of attainment. [Otherwise] convey the Command of thy Lord along the way. Leave thy son in the house, then travel the path with a single trustworthy companion. Thus hath My firm and dominant Command been sent down from the heaven of revelation [the Mighty, the Impregnable]."

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=== START BH06657 ===

In His Name, He Who is established upon the throne of names! Your mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner, and there hath been sent down for thee this wondrous Book, that it may cause thee to be mindful of His Cause and to make mention of His Name which hath encompassed the worlds. Various tablets have been sent down for thee for the sake of God, the Lord of Names, even as We summon all unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Turn not thy gaze to the world and whatsoever is therein; soon shalt thou find thyself in a strange place. It behooveth everyone today to arise to celebrate the praise and remembrance of God amidst the concourse of creation. Thus hath it been ordained in a perspicuous Tablet. Hearken not unto that which is unseemly to hear. Leave the idolaters to their vain imaginings and be thou of them that are firmly established. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause that neither the allusions of the heedless nor the doubts of the suspicious shall deter thee. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make thee among the steadfast. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me one of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have hearkened unto Thy call and have detached themselves from all else besides Thee. Then ordain for me in Thy Kingdom that which shall cause me to endure through the endurance of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. Mention hath been made of thee in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which testifieth to His grace and loving-kindness that have preceded all things, and His mercy that hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. He hath come for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples have turned away from Him and have pronounced against Him with an injustice the description of which defieth all the pens in the world - to this beareth witness His perspicuous Book. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days, recognized My station, and arisen to serve My wondrous Cause. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him through Whom the decree of God hath been established, both in the past and in the future. Be fair-minded, and be not of the wrongdoers. By God! Through My Name the ocean of inner meanings hath surged, and through My remembrance the breeze of God hath wafted - if ye be of them that comprehend. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which hath been given you from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve thou not over anything, but

place thy trust in all conditions upon God, the Single One, the All-Informed. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon them that have quaffed the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Most Beautiful.

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=== START BH06659 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The Wronged One hath heard thy testimony and beholdeth thee in thy condition. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged God and His signs, and for having uttered that which God had testified before His creation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Name through which, when the veil was rent asunder, they that have recognized Thy unity soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, and the sincere hastened to the shores of the ocean of Thy bounty, to make me in all conditions to gaze toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and to speak Thy praise amidst Thy creatures in such wise that neither the opposition of the heedless nor the imaginings of the doubters may hold me back. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to grant me, through Thy grace and bounty, the Kawthar of steadfastness, that I may remain steadfast in Thy Cause and turn away from those who, following their idle fancies, claim that which Thou hast not permitted unto them, nay, hast forbidden them in Thy decisive and mighty Book. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O my God, to protect me from the harm of the enemies of Thy Self and to grant me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The servant hath testified to that which the Divine Purpose hath testified: that there is none other God but Him. By His command hath flowed the Kawthar of eternity from His Most Exalted Pen, and the Ark of divine knowledge hath sailed upon the sea of names, and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the highest branches, that there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the splendors of the morn of Thy Revelation and by the Call that was raised from the Tree of Thy Mount, that Thou aid him who hath turned toward Thee and desired to adorn himself through acting in accordance with that which Thou hast commanded him in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest him advancing toward Thee and turning toward Thy horizon. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Thou art He Who hath named Thyself the All-Bountiful in Thy precious Book. There is none other God but Thee, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice.

The letter of his honor Aqa ’Abdu’l-Vahhab, upon him be the Glory of God, in the amount of nine tumans, was received by the servant in the prison through his honor the beloved of hearts, the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, in the sacred month of Dhi’l-Qa’dah 1303.

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=== START BH06661 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

The atoms have borne witness to Him Who hath come with the banners of verses, while the people remain in heedlessness and hypocrisy, save those whom God hath protected as a token of His grace - and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Light of hearts and Manifest One through Thy beloved Name! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Book, which none among the nations hath comprehended, to illumine the hearts of Thy loved ones with the light of Thy knowledge. Then send down upon them that which will enable them to achieve that whereby their remembrance shall endure through the perpetuity of Thy names and attributes. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned unto Thee, who hath voiced Thy praise and clung to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for him the good of all Thy worlds and to immortalize his mention in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

[Note regarding remittance of 100 tumans from Mirza Q.L., upon him be the glory of God, through Afnan Aghayi Aqa Siyyid A.H., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, in Rabi’u’l-Avval 1300]

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He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! The Lord of all beings hath testified to that which [the Youth] hath testified in these days - that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Faces have turned black and souls have changed when the King of Kings came with proof and evidence. Those who have been seized by the wine of passion have turned away from God, the Lord of all beings, and denied Him Whom they had been invoking in the nights and days. Every sect hath followed a name among names and thereby opposed God, the Source of Inspiration. Blessed is the one strong whom armies have not frightened, and the one steadfast whom the signs of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return have not prevented. Say: Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from the Dawning-Place of your Lord’s Revelation, the Revealer of verses. None should object to the people. It behooveth every soul who hath believed in God to hold fast unto what is virtuous in all conditions. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath done so for his own self, and whoso hath turned away - verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed art thou for having turned and attained unto that whereby thy mention shall endure in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the call of [God] from this Spot.

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=== START BH06663 ===

O Ghulam-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed!

All things have testified to the appearance of the Creator of Heaven, and the Concourse on High have been seized by the rapture of the Call, yet most people perceive it not. Riches have occupied them, turning them away from their final end, and vain imaginings have prevented them from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to idols and suppositions. Your name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, whereupon the ocean of utterance surged, and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days turned toward you, revealing that which attracts the minds and hearts. Grieve not over worldly events and changes. In all matters place your trust in God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Throne and the mysteries of the Cause to make me steadfast in the cord of constancy in Thy love and firm in what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Tablets. Thou seest, O my God, this servant detached from all else save Thee, beseeching Thy generosity and bounty. Ordain for him what befits the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy giving. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Kind.

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O Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Most Great! All created things have testified, all contingent beings have bowed down in submission, and all atoms have proclaimed: "The Lord is come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Great!" Is there anyone with ears to hear? Is there anyone with eyes to see? Is there any fair-minded one who will judge fairly in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds? Among the people are those who imagine themselves to be of the people of Baha. Say: Far, far from it! This is naught but what thy self hath fancied. If thou deniest Me, then upon Me be the burden of proof. This name befitteth him who hath cast the world behind him, turning with spirit and joy toward the Most Exalted Horizon. They whom riches have hindered are accounted among the wayward in the Books and Tablets. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that which hath gladdened eyes and caused the breeze of God to waft over the righteous. Take My Book in My Name and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and hast sent down for me that which hath made the countenance of recognition smile." Thus have We sent down the verses. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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=== START BH06665 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

The Cause hath appeared when the Promise came to pass, yet the people remain in evident delusion. Among them are those who have cast aside what is known, clinging to mere fancy, and those who have

forsaken it, turning unto the Mighty, the Generous. Thou hast quickened all created things through the breezes of the verses. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve his Lord when He came with a wondrous name. Verily the Friend hath attained the presence of the Beloved, and He Who conversed with God in the Kingdom saith: “Praise be unto Thee for having visited Thy beauty, O Thou Goal of the worlds!” This is a Day wherein the world hath been renewed and every wise decree hath been made firm. Say: Cast not the ordinances of God behind your backs, and be not of the heedless. Act ye according to what hath been sent down in the Tablets from the presence of One Who is knowing, informed. All things have been adorned with the ornament of names, and the Lord of Eternity hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name. The Hidden One hath appeared and the darkness hath been illumined through His grace that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. Verily thou shalt not sit still, for thou art of the people of this station. Thus doth He Who standeth over all things ordain. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast, then remember thy Lord at all times.

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In His Name, the One Powerful over all who are in creation!

The Truth hath appeared with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the conditions of the nations can withhold. He speaketh at all times: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!” The Call hath been raised in such wise that the mountains were moved thereby, yet most of the people remain heedless and astray. Blessed is the one possessed of might who hath, through My Name, the Powerful, shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned with strength unimpeded by the veils of glory toward God. Arise to serve the Cause and give unto the people the glad-tidings of this Revelation whereby the world hath been illumined and the horizon of creation made to shine. Say: O people! The breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted, and that which was recorded in the scriptures and tablets hath appeared. Fear ye God, and reject not the truth with your mouths. Answer Him Who calleth you to the most exalted station. The Kawthar of life hath streamed forth from the mouth of the Will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and the sealed choice wine hath been unsealed through His Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all religions. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the world with the lights of the utterance of the Most Great Name, Who hath come from the heaven of revelation with power and sovereignty.

=== END BH06666 ===

=== START BH06667 ===

In the Name of Him Who standeth over His Cause

The Sun of Beauty hath set from one house and risen from the horizon of another. Blessed be God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We left the house and entered the house of Kalim an hour before sunrise. Thus was the matter decreed by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When We entered, We found some of the loved ones standing by the door and others waiting in prison. We glorified God before their faces and sat for a time. Then after that We arose and spoke, having been silent. He, verily, is the All-Informed. Then

We sat and drank that which in number equaled Our name, the All-Bountiful, and We associated with those who believed in God, the Mighty, the Great. All this transpired on a day which God hath made a festival for those who fast for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O my God and the God of all names, and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by the manifestations of Thy sanctification in the kingdom of creation, to adorn the temples of those who fast with the robe of Thy grace and forgiveness. Then ordain for them, through Thy bounty and favors, the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Kind, the Generous.

=== END BH06667 ===

=== START BH06668 ===

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of heaven! Every name that was in thy letter hath attained unto mention by thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having confirmed thee in turning unto Him, and for having caused thee to leave thy dwelling-place, and aided thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, until He brought thee into a spot wherein was heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and caused thee to hear and behold that which ears were forbidden to hear and eyes to witness. Say: My God, my God! Thy knowledge led me unto Thee until I left my home, turning my face toward Thy Sacred House, and traversed land and sea until I entered a valley wherein was raised the call of Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know and taught me and guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty station. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy knowledge and its stars, and by the sun of Thy utterance and its splendors, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Thou knowest what is within my soul while I know not what is within Thine. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06668 ===

=== START BH06669 ===

O Karbila'i Ramadan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Desired One in the beginning and in the end.

The gate of attainment unto His presence hath been opened before all who dwell on earth and in heaven, and the nightingales of utterance have warbled upon the branches. The Desired One hath come from the horizon of might with proof and testimony. How many a servant hath heard and hastened with his heart unto God, the Lord of all men, and how many a servant hath heard and turned away - verily, he is among the worshippers of idle fancies.

Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee with the Pen before which all pens have bowed down. When thou attainest unto His verses and findest the fragrance of revelation from His manifestations, say: "My God, my God! Aid me to turn unto Thee and to be detached from all else but Thee. Then cause me to drink the wine of steadfastness from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Subduer of nations, to make me in all conditions one

who speaketh Thy praise and remembrance and who gazeth toward Thy horizon. Then write down for me that which shall make me mighty through Thy might and uprising to serve Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

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O G, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One on this Day whereon the sealed wine hath been unsealed through the Name of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned to My horizon! Hear My call from the precincts of the Prison. Verily He is God, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling over what hath been and what shall be. He who loved Me mentioned thee, and We mention thee again with a Tablet that beareth witness before all mankind. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty. When thou attainest unto My Book say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Bestower, and by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, to ordain for me that which shall profit me and abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. And I beseech Thee, O my God, by my presence before Thy face in Thy prison, and by Thy call which hath been raised at all times amongst Thy servants, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Then protect me through the hosts of the unseen and the seen from those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs, and denied Thy proof and Thy testimony. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH06670 ===

=== START BH06671 ===

O Mirza 'Ab, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Glory of God! The horizon of inner meanings hath shone forth through this Luminary whereby the horizons were illumined, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth to the One, the All-Informed!" Through it God hath distinguished between His servants, and His Most Great Name was established upon His mighty throne. How many verses were sent down in truth, and how many evidences appeared through grace, yet most of the people remained asleep, such that they were not awakened by the Cry, nor were they stirred by the Call that was raised amongst creation. They are assuredly among the losers. Soon shall they know what they have wrought in the days of God, and they shall bewail their souls, finding neither helper nor protector. We summoned them to the supreme Paradise and showed them Our most exalted horizon, yet they turned away from all that God, the Lord of the worlds, had brought. Grieve thou not at anything. Rather, rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and this clear Book hath been sent down unto thee. When thou attainest unto it, arise, then turn thy face toward God and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!"

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=== START BH06672 ===

O Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! The mountains have passed away through the verses of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Those who lay in the graves have arisen at the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai. The Balance hath been appointed by command of the All-Merciful, and the Path hath been set up before all faces, yet most of the people perceive it not. They have turned away from the ocean of knowledge, clinging to their vain imaginings - nay, they do not understand. Say: By God the Truth! The Book hath been sent down through grace, and the Trumpet hath been sounded - and it is My Most Exalted Pen, whereby We have both given and taken away. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. O Abu'l-Qasim! Adorn thy head with the crown of My Most Great Name, and thy temple with the ornament of steadfastness in this Announcement, whereby the foot of every veiled scholar hath slipped and every deprived mystic hath gone astray. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon him who is named Ahmad. Remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My tender mercy. We beseech God to aid him to remember and praise Him amongst His servants. Verily He is the Hearer, and verily He is the Answerer.

=== END BH06672 ===

=== START BH06673 ===

In My Name, the Outward, the Inward

The Spirit of the Bayan was revealed, yet those within the Bayan and the various sects denied it, except those whom God preserved through His grace - verily He is the Mighty, the Protector. O people of the Furqan (Qur'an), fear God and follow not your vain desires. He guides you to the Dawning-Place of lights. Cast aside what you possess and take what is with God, the Lord of all men. O people of the Gospel, We see you wrapped in heedlessness. Fear the All-Merciful and follow not every ignorant doubter. O people of the Torah, the signs of God have filled the horizons while you remain in doubt and discord. How long will you play with your vain imaginings? Turn to the station wherein the verses of God, the Lord of lords, are sent down at every moment. Thus has My tongue spoken and My pen moved by My command, and I am the Mighty, the Bestower. We have found from you the fragrance of love; We have therefore revealed unto you this Tablet. Say: Soon shall the mysteries of the verses be made manifest and the Dove of Justice shall warble upon the branches. Verily there is none other God but Me, the One, the Chosen One.

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In My Most Great Name! The Book hath spoken before the face with that which the Bayan spoke concerning this Manifest Remembrance. Say: This is a Revelation that hath no likeness in creation, and thereby is established the unity of His Essence and the sanctification of His Self, the All-Encompassing over the worlds. Say: Through this Revelation the decree of origination is established and the Nightingale of the All-Merciful hath sung upon the branches of the Tree of Utterance that "There is none other God beside Me, the Single, the All-Informed." Say: Whosoever affirmeth a likeness hath indeed associated partners with God - to this doth the Ancient Beauty testify from His exalted station. Say: O people of the

Bayan! This is the Originator of the heavens and earth, were ye of them that know. Fear God and deny not that in which ye have believed, and commit not that which the people of the Furqan committed aforetime. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. Thus hath soared the Bird of Knowledge and cooed the Dove of Utterance upon the branches of the Divine Lott-Tree that thou mayest thank thy Creator, thy Sustainer, and thy Bearer of Glad-Tidings through this wondrous and original Tablet. When My fragrance hath enraptured thee and thou hast found the sweet-scents of My utterance, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy firm and wise Command!”

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=== START BH06675 ===

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He is the All-Knowing Witness. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. The Promise hath come to pass, and the Promised One calleth from the prison quarter, summoning all to the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. O people of God! Beware lest the clamor of the heedless debar you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise to promote the Cause with a power from Us and a might from Our presence, and I am the All-Knowing Commander. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and deny not God when He hath come with manifest sovereignty. Turn with radiant faces toward the Dayspring of Names, then hearken unto that which hath been raised from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and be not among the heedless ones. By God! The Hidden hath appeared with the signs of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest, and the Treasured One hath come with His Name, the One Who overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath the Tongue spoken when the All-Merciful was seated upon His mighty throne. We have heard thy call, We have turned toward thee and made mention of thee in this manifest Prison. The splendor shining from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon those who have laid hold on My Most Great Cord and clung to My luminous Hem.

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=== START BH06676 ===

O thou who hast attained! He is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Divine Lote-Tree hath called aloud amidst all beings: “Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Among the people are those who have hearkened, and those who have turned away. He who hath hearkened is assuredly among those who have attained, as recorded in a glorious Tablet.

Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Throne, and the Wronged One of the horizons doth make mention of thee through this most wondrous, most sweet Tablet which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and turneth unto him who hath turned unto Him. He is, in truth, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Be thou occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. Every remembrance and utterance shall pass away, save that remembrance which ariseth in the heart for God's sake and floweth from the tongue. Such remembrance is as a lamp in the true home that is designated as the divine habitat.

Rejoice thou in the Book of thy Lord. Verily, it shall abide with thee in all conditions and shall bear witness for thee in all the worlds of God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this exalted station.

=== END BH06676 ===

=== START BH06677 ===

O Aqa Khan Jan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The Fire hath spoken from the Blessed Tree, and the Intended One hath come with might and power. Before His face marcheth the knowledge that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the Most Exalted Pen. Beware lest the hosts of idle fancies prevent you. Cast away what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. The world hath been illumined with the lights of the Manifestation, yet the people have turned away, having followed every deluded impostor. We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee in a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. That which was hidden from eyes hath been revealed, as witnesseth the Mother Book. It speaketh before all faces, saying: "The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come with power and sovereignty." Thus have We caused thee to hear the scritching of My Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving. God hath heard thy call and answered thee through His grace. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Master of existence, and glorified be Thou, O Lord of Lords!"

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=== START BH06678 ===

The Ever-Abiding One, Who perisheth not! The Holy Spirit proclaimeth: O concourse of the seen and the unseen! The Promised Day is come and the Intended One hath appeared with the sovereignty of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O My loved ones! Abandon oppression and immerse yourselves in the ocean of the favors of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Whosoever immerseth himself in this ocean is so attracted by the lights of Beauty that he turneth neither to the right nor to the left. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet. The world hath been moved by the warmth of the Word of the Lord of nations. Blessed are they who recognize! Blessed art thou for having cast aside the pool and turned to the ocean of My Name, the All-Powerful, and for having responded to thy Lord when the Tongue of thy Lord, the King, spoke for My Own Self, the One that dominateth every witness and witnessed thing. Say: O My loved ones! Abandon corruption and hold fast unto wisdom, wherewith ye have been commanded by the All-Wise. He is indeed the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Through it the fragrance of the garment is diffused amongst men and the souls of those who are troubled find peace. Associate with all people, keeping your gaze fixed upon the horizon of grace. He is indeed the

Mighty, the Forgiving. Be not grieved. God will soon exalt you through the truth, and the traces of those who have wronged shall be demolished.

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=== START BH06679 ===

O Muhammad-Rahim! In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Revelation that this Day has had and has no equal. This is a Day wherein if any soul manifests a deed or word for the sake of God, its mention shall never be erased from the book of the world, but rather shall endure and remain recorded in the Book of Names throughout the eternity of God's most glorious attributes. Strive that you may not be deprived of the springtime of mystic insight and witnessing. Leave behind whatsoever you have heard and listened to in the past, and meditate upon that which is manifest today, that perchance you may drink and give others to drink of the choice wine of steadfastness, which is more precious than all the known and mentioned rivers. O people of Baha! Through the outpourings of the divine ocean of utterance, quicken the dead and adorn the ignorant with the ornament of knowledge. Glory be upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Pledge, and who have clung to the Tree when it appeared and was raised up in truth and proclaimed: Verily there is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH06679 ===

=== START BH06680 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer! Say: I bear witness, O my God, to that which Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones have witnessed, and to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and by Him through Whom Thou didst unlock the gates of knowledge to Thy creation and didst raise the banner of unity among Thy servants, that Thou grant me the intercession of the Lord of the Messengers and Guide of the Ways, and enable me to do that which Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I am assured of Thy oneness and singleness, and hold fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and bounty. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of the Kingdom and Ruler over the Realm of Might, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue both kings and subjects, to ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily, Thou knowest what is with me and I know not what is with Thee. Thou art indeed the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O Lord! Praise be to Thee for having shown me the ocean of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy bounty. I call upon Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all religions, to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to act in accordance with that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

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=== START BH06681 ===

O Jinab-i-'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

Say: O my God, my God! I am he whom Thou hast reared by the hands of Thy grace, guided to Thy path, caused to hearken unto Thy verses, and made to recognize Thy horizon. I testify in this my station that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been one, single, alone, and self-subsisting. Thou didst not take unto Thyself any helper or partner, and unto everlasting Thou wilt remain seated upon the throne of bounty. O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Trumpet was sounded and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branch of divine knowledge with Thy praise and glorification and the exaltation of Thy Word, to send down upon Thy servant from the heaven of Thy grace that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Great.

=== END BH06681 ===

=== START BH06682 ===

In His Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful

Say: My God, my God! My outward and inward tongue, my limbs and members all bear witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Every person of insight and understanding testifieth to the sanctification of Thy Being from any likeness and the exaltation of Thy Self above any similitude. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the understanding of all created things and the minds of all beings. The power of the world stands powerless before Thy power. Thou art He Who created the servants for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens. Blessed is he who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Thy Will hath spoken and which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause which Thou hast preserved within the Glass of Thy power, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the mysteries that lay hidden in Thy verses, and by the Ship of Thy Cause which no winds could impede, and by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Then aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the hearts of Thy creatures were thrown into commotion. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Glorious, the Great.

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Say: O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and have directed myself to the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of heaven. I have found the fragrance of Thy utterance and the breezes of Thy revelation and the manifestations of Thy power. My Lord, I beseech Thee by Thy strength which hath conquered all things and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all names, that Thou disappoint me not of what is with Thee. Then grant me that which

Thou hast written for Thy loved ones and ordained for them from the Pen of Thy decree. My Lord, separation from Thee hath destroyed me, parting from Thee hath burned me, and absence from Thee hath killed me. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy reunion to ordain for Thy servant to attain Thy presence or to write down for him its reward through Thy bounty and grace. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Lord, Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty and gazing toward the direction of Thy prison. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bestowals to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and the service of Thy Cause in such wise that neither the affairs of the oppressors nor the power of the tyrants shall prevent me. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested that which was hidden in the eternity of eternities. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

=== END BH06683 ===

=== START BH06684 ===

He is the Mighty

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Verily Thou art the Sovereign of the heavens and the earth and their Creator, and the King of the kingdom of command and creation and their Maker. In Thy grasp is the control of all created things and in Thy right hand are the realities of all contingent beings. Thou givest to whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou willest and withholdest from whomsoever Thou willest. Thou sendest down from the heaven of Thy decree the measures of Thy mighty oneness and from the clouds of Thy bounty the pearls of Thy holy favors. Thou hast ever been mighty and powerful and wilt ever remain a renowned Sovereign. Nothing can frustrate Thee and no affair can impede Thee. Verily Thou art the Most High, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath indeed come before Us and We have answered thee with this response that thine eyes may be solaced and thou mayest rejoice in what hath been ordained for thee in the preserved Tablets of holiness. Therefore give thanks unto God, thy Creator, and take hold of His cord and be steadfast in thy love for God and His mercy. This is better for thee than all who are in the heavens and earths. And peace be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06684 ===

=== START BH06685 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Say: Glory be to Thee, O God, the Lord of all things, and Creator of all Names! I ask Thee by that Name whereby all idols have been shattered, and through which all vain imaginations have passed away, to immerse me in the ocean of certitude, O Thou Who art the Lord of Revelation! O my Lord! Assist me to perform that which Thou hast desired, through the power of Thy sovereignty, and which Thou hast sent down in Thine unerring Book. O my Lord! This is a day wherewith the Scriptures of the world, and the Books which Thou didst send down upon Thy Messengers and Thy Chosen Ones, have been adorned. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the drops sprinkled by the ocean of Thy grace, nor to cast me out of the door which Thou hast opened before all who are in Thy heaven and all who are on Thine earth. O my

Lord! I am weak: yet have I laid hold upon Thy Name, the Powerful, the Mighty. Do Thou destine for me by Thy grace that which shall profit me both in this world and in the world to come. Thou, verily, art the Great Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH06686 ===

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Unto Thee be praise, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name Who hath been shut up in the prison-town of ’Akka, and Who – as Thou beholdest, O my God – hath fallen into the hands of His enemies, and is threatened by the swords of the wicked doers, to make me steadfast in His Cause, and to direct mine eyes continually towards His court, in such wise that nothing whatsoever will have the power to turn me back from Him.

I testify, O my Lord, that He hath surrendered His life in Thy path, and hath wished for Himself nothing but tribulation in the love He beareth to Thee. He hath endured all manner of vexations that He may manifest Thy sovereignty unto Thy servants, and exalt Thy word amidst Thy creatures. As the adversities deepened, and the troubles sent down by Thee compassed Him on every side, He became so impassioned by His thought of Thee, that the hosts of all them that had disbelieved in Thee and repudiated Thy signs ceased to affright Him.

I implore Thee, O my Lord, by Him and by whatsoever pertaineth unto Him, to set my affections upon Him even as He hath set His own affections upon Thyself. I testify that His love is Thy love, and His self Thy self, and His beauty Thy beauty, and His Cause Thy Cause.

Deny me not, O my Lord, what is with Thee, and suffer me not to be forgetful of what Thou didst desire in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06686 ===

=== START BH06687 ===

O Lord! Through Thy name which set aflame the hearts of them that are near unto Thee, and awakened Thy slumbering servants, and through which Thou didst shine upon all created things with the lights of the glory of Thy oneness, and didst rise above all things through Thy sovereignty and power - I beseech Thee not to deprive me from the sanctuary of Thy holiness and the Kaaba of Thy favors, nor bar me from the shore of the ocean of Thy gifts and bounties. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the direction of Thy good-pleasure and held fast to the cord of Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me at the door of Thy mercy which was opened before the faces of all who are in Thy earth and heaven, and remove me not from the court of Thy nearness and presence. Then purify me, O my Beloved, with the living waters of Thy Cause and the Kawthar of Thy paradise, that there may remain in my outward and inward being no trace of the odor of Thine enemies and mention of the oppressors among Thy creation, that I may be detached from all else save Thee and turn to the splendors of the lights of Thy countenance.

Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great, the Mighty, the Compelling, the Most Exalted, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH06687 ===

=== START BH06688 ===

He is the Remembering One, the Speaker, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I bear witness to Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence, Thy sublimity and Thy exaltation. Thus do I acknowledge Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness, submitting to Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, and standing before the gate of Thy mercy, turning toward Thy countenance after the passing of the people of Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who removest sorrows and causest rivers to flow, to protect me from the evil of the enemies of Thy Self and to enable me to attain unto the station which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Then regard me in all conditions with the glances of Thy favors, that Thou mayest keep me from all else save Thee and occupy me with Thy remembrance and praise, and with the recollection of the days when I was under Thy shadow. O my Lord! I am he who migrated with Thee and traversed land and sea until I entered into Thy Most Great Prison and drank the choice wine of Thy bounty in all conditions. O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of nations! I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee amongst Thy servants and in remembering Thee amongst Thy creatures in such wise that neither the affairs of the kingdom nor the veils of earth shall prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH06688 ===

=== START BH06689 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am a servant who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and I am assured of Thy oneness and do testify to Thy singleness. Yet at times doubts seize me and return me to the abode of the doubtful ones, and at times the breaths of Thy name, the All-Merciful, take hold of me and cause me to soar in the atmosphere of them that are nigh unto Thee. Therefore I beseech Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy Name through which Thou hast erased the names of the proud ones and cast them into the depths of hell, and through which Thou hast established the names of them that profess Thy unity and caused them to dwell in the paradise of Thy exalted and mighty Name, to make all my remembrance a single remembrance and my state in Thy service everlasting. Leave me not to myself and my desires, then cut me off from those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, that I may turn wholly unto the Dayspring of Thy loving-kindness and the Dawning-Place of Thy favors and the Manifestation of Thy beauty and Thy majesty. Then give me to drink, O my God, of that which will make me abide in the paradise of Thy Cause, that I may speak Thy praise and glorification amidst Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great, the Most Proud, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH06689 ===

=== START BH06690 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the gate of divine knowledge hath been opened before all who are in heaven and on earth, and through Whose Will the verses of wisdom and utterance have been sent down. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Then cause me, O my God, to be attracted by Thy verses, to be turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, to speak forth Thy praise, to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and to remain steadfast in the Cause at whose appearance all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of Thy power and Thy will did rescue. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wondrous gifts of Thy grace which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He Whom the affairs of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the veils of the nations prevent Thee. Through Thy sovereignty Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and revealed through Thy bounty that of which I was heedless, and made me turn toward the horizon from which Thy servants and creatures have turned away. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Gracious.

=== END BH06690 ===

=== START BH06691 ===

In the name of Him Who is Sovereign over all names. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Day-Spring of Thy clear tokens, the Manifestation of Thy Self, and the Horizon of Thy commandments. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom Thou didst raise up the banner of unity amongst Thy servants, and by His family and His companions, to aid me in Thy remembrance and in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest the wronged one knocking at the door of Thy justice, and him who is deprived clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou didst subdue the world and guide the nations, to make me in all conditions to gaze toward the horizon of Thy grace and to hope for the wonders of Thy generosity. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Self and by Thy power which hath conquered Thy heaven and Thy earth, to protect me from the harm of the idolaters among Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Then send down upon this servant of Thine and upon Thy servants from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Sovereign over all names. By Thy word “Be” and it is. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH06691 ===

=== START BH06692 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God and my Aim, for having sent down in the Most Great Prison that which no possession of the nations can equal. Thou art He through Whose Name the carpet of vain imaginings was rolled up and the Daystar of certitude shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Manifestation. Through Thee the tongue of the speechless spoke, the blind one saw, and the dove of knowledge warbled upon the branches. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Merciful, to assist this servant of Thine to draw nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I am the poor one, and with Thee is the ocean of wealth. I am the ignorant one, and with Thee are the treasuries of knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy generosity and Thy giving, Thy greatness and Thy favors. Then enable me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to stand firm in Thy Cause, to behold Thy horizon, and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH06692 ===

=== START BH06693 ===

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Light whereby the heavens of utterance were illumined for all contingent beings, and by the Fire whereby the Tree of Knowledge was set ablaze, to enable me in all circumstances and times to remember Thee, to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause in this Day wherein the hidden Secret and the treasured Symbol that hath spoken and doth speak “Verily there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful” hath been made manifest. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to Thy Most Great Word whereby the Path was laid and the Balance established. Thou art He Who, O my God, taught me and made me to know and guided me to the ocean of vision and meeting, and gave me to drink, through Thy gracious hands, O Lord of Names, the water of reunion. I beseech Thee at this moment to ordain for me, through the Pen of Grace, every good thing Thou hast destined in Thy Book for such of Thy servants as are sincere, and to assist me in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy generosity and bestowal. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH06693 ===

=== START BH06694 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: O concourse of princes and divines! Know of a certainty that ye cannot frustrate God. He, in truth, doth now announce unto you a manifest chastisement. My Pen of Command hath lamented, My heart hath groaned, Mine eyes have wept tears, and My liver hath melted by reason of what hath befallen Me

at the hands of the rebellious among My servants, after I came unto them from the dawning-place of destiny with a light that illumined the horizons. He who hath transgressed and rebelled against Me shall not endure upon the face of the earth. Nay, by the Lord of all beings! He shall soon find himself in manifest loss. Say: The Wronged One calleth you unto that which profiteth you, and seeketh no recompense from you. Fear ye God, O people, then judge fairly in a Cause at whose appearance the verses bowed down in submission. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged when the Pen of the All-Merciful was set in motion in this exalted station. When thine eyes are gladdened by witnessing that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet, render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath loved thee for the sake of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be unto Him Who is the Goal of all that are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH06694 ===

=== START BH06695 ===

He is the Most High, the Mighty, the Beautiful

Say: O people of the Bayan! Hear ye My call at the time when the Bird of Oneness hath soared into the atmosphere of holy and luminous sanctity, then detached itself from all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: By God! Ye recognized not this divine, eternal, and everlasting Bird until it took flight into the atmosphere of mighty exaltation. And thereby were the hands of the polytheists and the monotheists cut off from this holy and mighty hem. Had ye been among those who truly know, the Face of God, the Most High, the Great, would not have been hidden from you. Therefore it behooveth you not to differ in the Cause of God. Then call upon Him in your inmost hearts, that perchance there may return unto you that which hath departed from your midst. And verily He is the All-Knowing, possessed of grace. This is what the tongue of wisdom counseleth you at the time when the breezes of separation blow from every direction, from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say: In the flight of this Bird there are signs for them that know, and it guideth all, through this detachment, unto the precincts of a mighty nearness. And the Spirit and Glory rest upon him who is steadfast in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Merciful.

=== END BH06695 ===

=== START BH06696 ===

In the Name of the Peerless God. The Supreme Pen hath been ceaselessly engaged in the mention of the friends of God, pausing not for a moment. Blessed is he who hath quaffed therefrom the choice wine of inner meanings and utterance, and hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God that thou hast been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. We behold thee in thy station and hear from thee the mention of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having quaffed the Choice Wine that had been sealed, when it was caused to flow in His Name, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, mayest thou at all times be blessed with the breaths of divine revelation and be engaged in His remembrance. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and that which is everlasting and enduring hath been and shall ever be the recognition of Truth. We beseech God to assist thee and to

grant thee at all times that which descendeth from the heaven of grace and bounty. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful. And now, may the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which God hath desired in His wondrous Book.

=== END BH06696 ===

=== START BH06697 ===

O Hassan, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who gazeth from the Most Exalted Horizon! The Supreme Pen, in the sweetest Persian tongue, guideth those endowed with utterance to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who possesseth eyes to see and recognize, ears to hear and arise, a heart to turn in devotion, and a countenance to direct itself in attention. Today the Mother Book is manifest and speaking, and the Preserved Tablet circleth round manifestation in remembrance. O servants of the Truth! Know ye the value of this Day and deprive not yourselves of its fragrances. True profit belongeth to him who hath taken and drunk the Sealed Wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting Lord, and grievous loss is for him who hath been deprived and forbidden from the endless outpourings of God. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, for verily He hath remembered thee when He was oppressed among the servants and imprisoned in His Great Prison. Blessed is the state of him who hath clung to the hem of grace and become detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein. Blessed are they that are detached.

=== END BH06697 ===

=== START BH06698 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

The Supreme Pen hath at all times enjoined upon all to manifest love, fellowship, affection, unity, wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who, truly detached from all else but God, are gazing unto the Supreme Horizon and who consort with all men in a spirit of friendliness. In one of the Tablets it hath been revealed: “Glory is not his who loves his homeland, but glory is his who loves the world.” Thus hath spoken the Wronged One in this mighty prison. Previous acquaintance with that honored one existed. God willing, through divine grace in this spiritual dawn you should drink of the choice wine of inner meanings and offer it to those who thirst in the wilderness of mystic knowledge, and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the traces thereof shall endure throughout the kingdom of creation and the realm of glory, as long as they both shall last. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and hath uttered that which the Divine Lote-Tree hath uttered: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Most High, the All-Knowing. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06698 ===

=== START BH06700 ===

In the name of the one true God! This honored teacher Aqa Jan - The Most Exalted Pen calls Its friends from the direction of the prison and summons them to the highest horizon. This is the day when His Holiness the Spirit crieth out in the holy valley, saying “Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds!” The

plains of Hijaz and Batha quiver with joy at the appearance of the Lord of Names, yet their inhabitants are submerged in the sea of self and desire. The Truth shineth resplendent like unto the sun, yet eyes remain deprived and prevented by the veils of idle fancies. Beseech ye God that He may not cause any to be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Name. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the people of that land and other villages, and give them to drink from the choice wine of remembrance and utterance, that all may engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility with the utmost joy and fragrance. And We counsel all to wisdom and steadfastness, for in this day the clouds of oppression have prevented the light of the sun of justice from shining. Blessed are the patient, blessed are the successful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06700 ===

=== START BH06701 ===

He is the One Who rules over what was and what shall be

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. I desire from Thee naught except that which will strengthen me to remember Thee and praise Thee in Thy land, and to stand firm in Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and confessing Thy greatness and Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Books and Thy Messengers, whom Thou didst send to manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word - through whom the ocean of Thy knowledge surged amidst Thy creation and the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness wafted throughout Thy dominion - to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is within my soul while I know not what is with Thee. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below, to send down upon Thy handmaiden from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall solace her eyes, gladden her heart and bring tranquility to her being. Verily, Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Watching, the Ever-Near.

=== END BH06701 ===

=== START BH06702 ===

O Mirza ’Ali-Muhammad-i-Sarv, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest Counselor. The Most Great Book, which had forever been treasured in the Divine Treasury of Knowledge, hath appeared and with the most exalted call hath summoned all to the supreme horizon. The fire of hatred and enmity of the world did not prevent it, and the might and dominion of the pharaohs of the earth did not weaken it. It appeared for the sake of God and endured tribulations in the path of God, and there befell it that which hath no likeness or parallel. It became the target of the desires of the opposers, the object of derision of the infidels, and the victim of the harm of the oppressors. Whatever they desired, they carried out against it, for this Wronged One was without helper or assistant. His food was pieces of liver and His drink was heart’s blood. Every day a new harm appeared and a fresh tribulation descended. From the clouds of tyranny, without cease, rained down the arrows of hatred, yet in all conditions the fire of divine love

burned more intensely and steadfastness grew stronger. His is the praise in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Thus have We adorned the crown of thy love with the diadem of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06702 ===

=== START BH06703 ===

'Ali-Qabli-Nabil son of the Most Truthful Name of God, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]. In My Name which is sanctified above all names. The Book of Detachment hath been witnessed in truth from the horizon of justice, and through it was raised the standard of trustworthiness amongst mankind, and the banner of justice upon this ensign which was upraised in the name of God. O people! Answer ye the Call of God among you, and follow not every ignorant one who hath been deprived of the ocean of knowledge. How many a servant hath worshipped idols while imagining he believed in God, Lord of all mankind. Thus was he heedless of the Cause and debarred from the breezes of revelation. Observe thou the first one who denied God - he stood before the Face while We sent down verses unto him, until Satan deceived him, who was indeed mankind's manifest enemy. He claimed the Cause for himself after he denied God Who created him by His command - to this testify all things and beyond them every Tablet that was inscribed by the Pen of God. We make mention of thee from the precincts of My Most Great Prison that thou mayest remind the people of this Cause which hath been known by the name of God.

=== END BH06703 ===

=== START BH06704 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Karbila'i Muhammad-Baqir!

The Book of God speaks in the world: Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He has appeared in truth and revealed what He willed with a sovereignty that has conquered all who are in the earths and heavens. Give thanks to God for having aided you to recognize His Cause and guided you to the straight path, from which every ignorant one who claimed knowledge turned away, and every learned one who followed suppositions and idle fancies. I counsel you, O My loved ones, to manifest the supreme steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the idol and the idolaters have wailed. Put your trust in God under all conditions and hold fast to what has been sent down for you with power and sovereignty. Remember Him by night and by day, then follow what He has revealed in the scriptures and tablets. When one who barks comes to you with papers of fire or with the book of the nethermost realm, cast them behind you, turning to God, the Lord of the final end. Thus does the Wronged One remember you from this Prison, around which circle the near angels at eventide and at dawn. Glory be upon you and upon your son and upon all who have turned to God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH06704 ===

=== START BH06705 ===

In the Name of the Desire of the world! The Book of God is calling Out with the loudest voice among the servants and maidservants, leading them to the most exalted horizon.

O bondsmaid of God, exert thyself that thou mayest become purged from the vacillations of the people and, with a pure heart and seeing eye, turn unto the loftiest summit. Although the inhabitants of the world besought reunion with the highest Lord with tearful eyes at nights and in the day season, when the brilliance of the Revelation illumined the world of existence, all became deniers except those who thy Lord willed. Praise be to God, the tempestuous winds did not deprive that leaf from the Sidrih. If the reward of this action is revealed and made manifest, all the women of the world would become intent on attaining the highest horizon and ultimate summit in such wise that name and fame, abasement and glory, impotence and might, poverty and wealth will not deter them.

Thou wert remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and We made mention of thee with these radiant Verses and illumined Words. Strive that thou mayest attain that which is eternal and everlasting.

=== END BH06705 ===

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The Book of God is wide open, and His Word is summoning mankind unto Him. No more than a mere handful, however, hath been found willing to cleave to His Cause, or to become the instruments for its promotion. These few have been endued with the Divine Elixir that can, alone, transmute into purest gold the dross of the world, and have been empowered to administer the infallible remedy for all the ills that afflict the children of men. No man can obtain everlasting life, unless he embraceth the truth of this inestimable, this wondrous, and sublime Revelation.

Incline your ears, O friends of God, to the voice of Him Whom the world hath wronged, and hold fast unto whatsoever will exalt His Cause. He, verily, guideth whomsoever He pleaseth unto His straight Path.

This is a Revelation that infuseth strength into the feeble, and crowneth with wealth the destitute.

With the utmost friendliness and in a spirit of perfect fellowship take ye counsel together, and dedicate the precious days of your lives to the betterment of the world and the promotion of the Cause of Him Who is the Ancient and Sovereign Lord of all. He, verily, enjoineth upon all men what is right, and forbiddeth whatsoever degradeth their station.

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O Mirza Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! This is a Book We have sent down in truth. Verily, at all times it calls out to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, summoning them to the Straight Path of God. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book hath appeared and there hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance that before which all previous Books have bowed down in submission. To this doth testify this Book that speaketh with truth: verily there is no God but He, the

Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Arise with supreme steadfastness in such wise that the affairs of men sadden thee not, nor doth the oppression of the oppressors frighten thee - they who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, having followed every remote pretender. Be thou thankful unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. By My life! That which the nations possess cannot compare with it. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Take hold of the Tablet with the power bestowed by Us, then recite it among the myriads of the people of Paradise. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the Tablet with the Sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Strive thou in the days of thy Lord that there may be manifested through thee that whereby the sincere ones shall inhale the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Wise Remembrance.

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He is exalted above mention and praise! This is a Book We have sent down in truth for those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. We make mention of those who have turned to the Countenance and We assist them in their endeavors. He, verily, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Remember thy Lord in thy days and cling to His luminous hem. Verily, he who hath attained unto this Day is reckoned among the denizens of Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds. And he who hath turned away is assuredly among the most lost of servants, as doth the Tongue of God testify in this glorious station. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and when thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and the traces of His Pen, read thou and be of the thankful ones. His mercy hath preceded the world and His grace hath encompassed all things great and small. From within the prison, He maketh mention of His loved ones and summoneth them unto that which shall cause their names to endure in My preserved Tablet. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent thee or the allusions of the deniers veil thee. Remember thy Lord at all times with such remembrance as shall cause the hearts of the wicked to tremble and the hearts of the sincere to find peace.

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=== START BH06709 ===

He is the One warbling upon the highest branches! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to them that have believed in Him and in His signs, and have turned away from those who have disbelieved in Him and His sovereignty. He is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Countenance of God and the ear that hath heard His most sweet call and the tongue that hath confessed that which His glorious Book hath uttered. We have adorned the Most Great Prison through the advent of the Sovereign of nations - He is, verily, this One, did ye but know. And when We arrived, We said: "Praise be to God for that which hath afflicted Us in His straight Path." O peoples of the earth! Fear God, and say not that of which ye have no knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, but most people are among the ignorant. This is the Day whereof

God’s Books and His Messengers have given glad tidings. Recognize ye its worth and be not of the losers. The Sun of eternity hath dawned and the Ocean of meeting hath surged. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this mighty grace. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen acquainted thee and given thee glad tidings of that which hath rejoiced the hearts of them that are near unto God. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have spoken the truth and were possessed of manifest certitude.

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=== START BH06710 ===

O Khudabakhsh-i-Zarqan, He Who is Supreme over all Names

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Verily it calleth out amidst the world through the Most Great Name and summoneth all unto His straight path. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not those who have denied the proof of God and His evidence after they were revealed in truth from this swift Pen. Say: Repent ye and return unto God - He will absolve you of your misdeeds. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. When thou hast attained unto this Tablet, render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue the world, to make me in all conditions standing firm in Thy service and speaking forth Thy remembrance and praise. O my Lord! Thou art He at Whose call the sincere ones were drawn […] and the Kawthar of Thy presence. I beseech Thee to ordain for me from the Supreme Pen that which Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones among Thy servants. O my Lord! I know with the knowledge of certainty the evanescence of all things, therefore have mercy upon me, O my God, through Thy great mercy. Then aid me through Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One. Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy generosity and favor, therefore do that which befitteth Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH06710 ===

=== START BH06711 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto those who dwell in the Kingdom of the Bayan, that the breaths of revelation might draw them unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He is the Quickener of the world and the Dayspring of lights unto those who have cast away their desires and turned towards God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, inasmuch as ye have quaffed the wine of reunion and have turned towards the countenance through which all that was and shall be hath been illumined. Turn ye not unto the world and its affairs, nor grieve on account of those who have wronged you. Turn with radiant hearts unto God, the Creator of heaven. By God the Truth! The world and all that ye behold this day shall perish, and ye shall find yourselves in the Kingdom of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Take ye the chalice of detachment in the name of the Lord of creation, then drink therefrom once in My Name, the Mighty, and again in My Name, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Encompassing. Thus hath moved the Most Exalted Pen, and the countenance of the Beloved hath turned toward those who have laid hold on the cord of God, the

Firm, the Impregnable. Rejoice ye in My days and speak forth My beauteous praise. Thus hath your Lord commanded you in most of the Tablets. Hold fast unto it and be ye of them that are steadfast.

=== END BH06711 ===

=== START BH06712 ===

He is the Speaker of Truth

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath believed in the Self-Subsisting, when He came with the truth with manifest sovereignty. He speaketh before all faces: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting,” and beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath manifested that which was hidden in the veils of the Unseen and concealed from hearts and minds. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned to God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Thy mention hath come before Us. We make mention of thee in this irrevocable Tablet, through which, when it appeared, all things proclaimed: “The Lord hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all that was and that shall be.” When thou attainest unto My verses, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of God and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God and my Desire, for having made me to know Thy Day, and caused me to hear Thy Call, and shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby all things were attracted. I beseech Thee, O Light of the hearts of them that seek Thee, by Thy sealed Wine and Thine irrevocable Command, to make me strong through Thy power, that the might of the people may not prevent me from turning to the splendors of Thy countenance and gazing toward Thine horizon. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH06712 ===

=== START BH06713 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath believed in the Self-Subsisting, through Whom the limbs of all names have trembled and all who are on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath willed. Thou hast attained unto My remembrance, and thy name hath been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur in this exalted station. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of thy Lord’s bounty, say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy establishment upon the throne of Thy grandeur and Thy power amongst Thy servants and Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the Manifestations of might and power, whom neither doubts prevented from turning to Thee nor allusions from holding fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which shall accompany me and benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of Thy bounty and have attained unto the most great steadfastness, such that neither armies

frightened them nor the might of kings deterred them. They turned with radiant faces, detached from all else save Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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=== START BH06714 ===

In the Name of Him Who ruleth over all names! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Therein He maketh mention of him who hath turned towards His most exalted horizon and hath voiced His praise amongst His servants. He, verily, is of those whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath described. Blessed is he whom the turning away of all who are on earth hath not deterred, and mighty is he whom the conditions of every rejected world have not weakened - he who worshippeth vain imaginings and deemeth himself to be of those who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Take heed lest the doings of the wicked sadden thee, or the oppression of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed strike fear into thy heart. By God's life! Soon will God purify the earth from the defilement of those people who have turned away from the Countenance when Its lights shone forth from this praiseworthy station. Say: O concourse of the earth! Abandon what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God which hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Possessor of all existence. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as He walked in His inhabited house. The glory that hath dawned from the horizon of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that whereunto the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, hath testified.

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=== START BH06715 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who has drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of his Lord's bounty and has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when it was illumined by this Most Great Name. Thy call hath reached the ears of the Prisoner and He hath answered thee through this Clear Book, whereby those who are nigh unto God have hastened to the horizon of Revelation and the sincere ones have drunk from the ocean that surgeth in the name of God, the Lord of the worlds. We love him who hath turned to the Countenance and We make mention of him in such wise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of kings. When the fire of My love enkindled thee and the warbling of My Pen attracted thee, say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and thanksgiving, and unto Thee be gratitude and bounty, for having caused me to hasten unto Thy good-pleasure and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy grace. Thou art He Who, O my God, didst awaken me when I was asleep, and taught me when I was ignorant, and guided me unto Thy path, and strengthened me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the revelations of Thy sovereignty and by the Will whereby Thou hast subdued the peoples in the kingdoms of names, to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy days and

befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH06716 ===

O Siyyid Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who domineth all names!

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down that He might guide mankind to the straight path, draw them nigh unto the supreme horizon, and illumine them with the lights of the utterance of their Lord, the Master of all men. Hearken unto the call from this most exalted Station. Verily it will protect thee from those who have disbelieved and will make known unto thee the path of guidance. Before Our presence hath appeared thy letter which thou didst send to the Name of Bounty, upon him be My Glory. We have made mention of thee and have sent unto thee that through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Grieve thou not over anything. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the hosts of the world nor by the might of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dayspring of the verses of thy Lord when they that are on earth turned away from Him, save such as God, the Lord of creation, did will. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and teach the people, with wisdom and utterance, that which will draw them nigh unto the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament and who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

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=== START BH06717 ===

O Shaykh Yusuf! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful from the heaven of Command. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Ancient Revealer. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call and the eye that hath beheld the lights of its Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Praised One. We observe those who have believed to be in a state of lethargy after We kindled the fire and lit the lamp in the world. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity make mention in this clear Tablet. This is not the day of silence and stillness. Arise in My Name, then speak forth My praise with the wisdom We have sent down in truth. Verily We are the Commanders. O My loved ones! Strive that there may appear from you that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. That in which the servants rejoice shall perish and that of which every heedless doubter boasteth shall pass away. We have ordained for you in My most exalted Kingdom that which shall solace the eyes of them that see. Beware, O Yusuf, lest anything prevent thee from God, thy Lord. Hold fast unto Him and be of them that are steadfast. The glory be upon thee and upon My chosen ones who have fulfilled My Covenant and clung to the hem of the robe of My bounty and grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Giving, the Generous.

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=== START BH06718 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom

A Book sent down by the Lord of Might unto him who hath hearkened to the Call and turned unto God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. O My loved ones on earth and My friends in every land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He desireth to make mention of you through the verses of God and give you glad tidings of His bounty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast attained unto the lights of the Day-Star of My utterance and quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge from the chalice of My bestowal, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made mention of me. Thou didst create me, O my God, through Thy will and purpose, and nourished me with the purest milk, and reared me through the hands of Thy care and favor until Thou didst cause me to hear Thy most sweet call and taught me Thy path. I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven, O Thou through Whose might the earth was cleft asunder and the heaven was rent apart, and through Whose loving-kindness the countenance of all things was made to smile, to ordain that I may in all conditions remain content with what Thou hast through Thy bounty and generosity ordained for me. Verily Thou art He through Whose will all things moved and through Whose purpose all beings came to be. Nothing can frustrate Thee and no affair can hinder Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH06719 ===

O Muhammad-Ibrahim, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. This is a Book sent down by the Lord of all men to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Verily it guideth the servants unto the Most Great Path and draweth them nigh unto the horizon of the Manifestation. This is the station which God hath made among the most exalted of stations. We have revealed the Cause and sent down from the heaven of utterance that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous. Through My Name the fragrance of the Desired One hath been wafted, and at My Call all religions have swooned away, save such as God, the Cleaver of the daybreak, hath willed. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not them who have denied the favor of God after its descent. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as bidden by Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee, and have seen thy turning to Us and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, as bidden by God, the Lord of lords. Thus have the traces of My Most Exalted Pen been spread abroad on this Day which God hath made the Lord of all days. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon them who have quaffed the wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

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O honored Chief! Upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest before the faces of the world! This is a Book sent down by the Ancient King, Who hath appeared through His Most Great Name, unto him who hath turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may draw him to the Supreme Horizon, and cause him to say: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy dawning and Thy establishment upon the throne of utterance before the faces of all religions, and to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Thou seest the drop seeking the ocean of Thy grace and the sea of Thy bounty, and the atom seeking the effulgences of the sun of Thy generosity and munificence. I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and by Thy power in the kingdom of names to send down upon this servant of Thine from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will gladden all existence and raise up the people of the graves. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the City which Thou hast named 'Akka in the kingdom of names, and whose horizon Thou hast illumined with the Light through which all lights shone forth and through which mysteries were revealed and through which the trees proclaimed: 'The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen!' to ordain for me steadfastness in Thy Cause and adherence to Thy cord. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to grant this prayer."

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=== START BH06721 ===

O 'Abdu'r-Rahman, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer in His most exalted horizon. This is a Book sent down by the Lord of all beings that He might draw His servants nigh unto His horizon, adorn them with the ornament of His love, make mention of them through His verses, and give them the glad-tidings of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O 'Abdu'r-Rahman! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all possibility and the Sovereign of religions. He maketh mention of thee from the prison precincts in such wise as to draw thee nigh unto the most exalted station and the supreme summit. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. There hath come before Us a letter from one who hath attained My presence, stood before the gate of My grandeur, voiced My praise amongst My servants, and held fast to the cord of My service amidst My creation. We make mention of thee in a Tablet that shall bear witness unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All that exists in the world cannot equal a single word from the words of thy Lord - to this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness in His mighty prison. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having elevated thy station through His wise remembrance. We counsel thee to preserve this station in the name of thy Lord and to remain steadfast in His Cause, the firm, the secure. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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This Most Holy, Most Great Book hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is the Most Great Mystery among the nations and the Breath of Life among all that was and will be. O people! Turn ye unto God. Verily He hath come with the truth with manifest

sovereignty. That which hath been created in the world will profit you not. Hasten ye to the grace and mercy of God - this is what will profit you, did ye but know. All things were created for My Day, yet when it came, they who disbelieved said: “This is not what was promised to you in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving.” Say: By what proof do ye uphold what ye possess, and by what evidence do ye argue for that which ye believe? Bring it forth, and follow not every vainglorious pretender. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, yet ye hear not. All things have acknowledged the Lord of Names, yet ye understand not. Grieve not thou because of those who have turned away. Put thy trust in God. Say: O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love, then enable me to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is an inscribed Book which the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling doth testify unto. Verily it hath been traced by the Finger of Power in this praiseworthy station. None denieth it save every rejected polytheist. Whoso denieth it hath denied his Lord from all eternity. Unto this doth the King of Kings bear witness, Who hath spoken: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.” Verily he who hath acknowledged that which hath come down from the heaven of grace is of the people of Baha. Unto this doth the Dayspring of Revelation bear witness. And whoso denieth it is of them that tarry or of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. By My life! That which hath been inscribed in the Tablet shall bring solace to thine eyes when thou attainest unto it. Therefore praise thy Lord, the All-Merciful. In His hand lieth the kingdom of utterance. He sendeth down whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Forgiving. From this station We send Our greetings unto thy face and unto the faces of those whom vain desires have not kept back from God, the Lord of existence. Remind the people of that which hath appeared and shone forth, that haply they may inhale the fragrance of God in His days and may find for themselves a path unto His visible horizon.

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The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great Book from Us to him who hath attained unto divine knowledge when the countenance of his Lord, the Most Merciful, shone forth, that the attraction of the Word may draw him to a station wherein he will speak amongst all created things through this Name, through which the oceans of wisdom and utterance have surged. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh unto the Most Desired One when every doubting polytheist remained remote from Him. When We found from thee the fragrance of the love of God, We sent down unto thee this Tablet and dispatched it in truth as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Make mention of what hath befallen Us in the path of God, then of My imprisonment and exile in this spot at the hands of the wicked. Say: O people, by His Name the Self-Subsisting, He calleth out with the most exalted call from the horizon of the prison and summoneth the entire creation unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of creation. Turn

your hearts toward the court of the Desired One and follow not every ascetic deceiver. Thus have We wafted unto thee a breath from the breezes of the All-Merciful that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the Most Merciful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind.

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=== START BH06725 ===

O Mirza Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon. A Book from Us unto him who hath turned toward the horizon of the Cause when every ignorant and remote one turned away from it. He Who is the Lord of Eternity doth testify from the Most Great Prison that He is God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day whereon the Most Exalted Pen hath been stirred, and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth at all times the call of them who are nigh unto Him, and beholdeth the deeds of those who have believed in God when He came from the heaven of proof with a clear exposition. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me in Thy days and enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Book and its words and letters, and by Thy Cause whereby the ocean of knowledge surged before the faces of all religions, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH06725 ===

=== START BH06726 ===

O Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible! This is a letter from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, who hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean when it surged through the breaths of the days of the Lord of Eternity, and was of those who are guided. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by the lights of Revelation and the heart that hath drunk from the ocean of My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. Verily, he who hath answered his Lord in His days is assuredly among the dwellers of Paradise. It behooveth him to beseech God throughout all days to make him steadfast in that wherein he is. This, verily, is a conspicuous favor. O people of Baha! Ye are the temples of the Cause. Let no one destroy you through the hands of tyranny and vainglory. Say: O concourse of the wicked! The Lord of all things hath come, yet ye remain veiled from Him, and the Sun of Grace hath dawned, yet ye remain far removed from it. Trust not in yourselves, but put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Be ye of such constancy that neither the winds of the world nor its vain ornaments can move or attract you. Thus doth the All-Knowing command you, would that ye might hear.

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=== START BH06727 ===

O Muhammad-Rida! At the request of one who shares the name of the Goal of all the worlds: The Book hath been revealed, the evidences are manifest, and the Luminary of the Cause hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of revelation. Yet the heedless servants have turned away, denying the Proof of God and rejecting His Divine Testament, perpetrating that which no oppressor of old hath ever perpetrated. The Supreme Pen calleth out at all times, summoning all to the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the call and turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon. O friends! This Day is the Day of God - know ye its value. The barking ones and the treacherous lie in wait, striving zealously to lead the servants astray. We beseech God to protect His loved ones and grant them a portion of the sealed wine. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones in that land and We beseech for each one that which hath no likeness or equal. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH06727 ===

=== START BH06728 ===

O Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who dominates the horizons!

This is a Book sent down in truth when the Ancient Beauty was seated in the pavilion of grandeur upon one of the mountain peaks. This is a land where the Call of God has been raised over its land and sea, its mountains and hills. Thus have the breezes of grace wafted, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee, as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in service to the Cause and speaking forth its mighty and praiseworthy praise. This is a Day wherein the lamps of idle fancies have been extinguished and the Supreme Horizon hath been illumined with the light of certitude. Blessed is he whom the might of the world hath not caused to slip, and blessed is he whom the turning away of the deniers hath not deterred. When thou receivest My letter, place it upon thy head and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, for having remembered me with that which neither the treasures of the earth nor all that the kings and rulers possess can equal. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee, that there may appear from me that which will endure as long as Thy most beautiful names endure. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.”

=== END BH06728 ===

=== START BH06729 ===

A Book revealed in truth from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise to Mahdi, son of Muhammad-’Ali, the Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Glorious. Verily it hath been detailed from the Most Great Book which speaketh among the nations: “There is no God but Me, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.” Follow not your passions, but follow guidance - this is better for you, if ye be of those who know. From him who betrayeth God, nothing is acceptable, for thereby is the hem of sanctity sullied, and this indeed is a manifest wrong - unless he repenteth and returneth unto God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have pardoned those who betrayed in the past, but whosoever committeth it hereafter, We shall seize him with might from Our presence, and verily I am the Strong, the Severe. Say: It behooveth you to adorn

yourselves with My attributes, that My qualities may be manifested through you among My servants. Thus have ye been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Adorn yourselves with the ornament of trustworthiness among all people, that through it God's sanctification may be made manifest in all else. Act according to that which ye have been commanded by an Ancient Commander. Remind thou the people of what hath been ordained in this Tablet, and be not of them that keep silent, that perchance they may cast away their passions and follow the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06729 ===

=== START BH06730 ===

O Ali, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It summoneth all to that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He hath taught mankind the way of prosperity and made known unto them that which profiteth them, and guided them to His extended path. Blessed is the servant whom doubts have not kept back from the Lord of existence, whom the world hath not deluded, and who hath held fast unto the cord of submissiveness.

O people of Baha! Be as dawning-places of the lights of utterance unto the people of possibility, and as a heaven of bounty unto the peoples of the world. Thus have We counseled you before, and at this time, did ye but know it. Beware lest ye object to those who have not entered beneath your shadow. Set forth what ye possess. Fear God and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. We love to behold you as horizons of light unto the inhabitants of all lands and as daysprings of mercy unto all created things. Put aside what the people possess, holding fast unto that which ye have been given from God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is he who hath attained unto God's obeyed Word and unto the traces of His Most Exalted Pen. He is truly among those drawn nigh in a preserved Tablet.

=== END BH06730 ===

=== START BH06731 ===

Jinab-i-Ja'far, son of his paternal uncle, upon both of them be the glory of God

In My Name, through which the ocean of life surged! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. Herein We make mention of him who turned to the Countenance, that it may be an everlasting treasure for him with his Lord, the Preserver, the Trustworthy. O J.G.! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison precincts, summons thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, and guides thee to His straight path. Blessed art thou for having detected the fragrance of My raiment, turned thy face toward My countenance, and heard My wondrous call. Be thou in all conditions firmly attached to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Grieve thou not over anything. The Most Great Joy hath appeared, inasmuch as God hath come with His manifest Command. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken what came to him from God, the Peerless, the All-Wise. Thus hath the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance been wafted throughout creation. Blessed is he who hath found it, and woe betide the heedless. The glory be

upon thee, upon thy mother who hath heard the call and turned unto it, and upon every maidservant who hath attained to the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH06731 ===

=== START BH06732 ===

O Mirza Aqa! He is the All-Knowing Witness

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. Therein is mentioned one who turned to the Face when every ignorant and remote one turned away from it. The servant present before the Throne has presented thy letter after permission was granted. We have answered thee in truth through this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward God, and the ear that hath heard His call, and the hand that hath taken hold of His wondrous and mighty Book. We have found from thy call the fragrance of thy love. We have remembered thee as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beware lest the affairs of creation hold thee back from the Truth. Arise and say: “God is my Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.” Thus have We opened unto thee the gate of grace and remembered thee with that which shall endure as long as My most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: “Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors.” I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH06732 ===

=== START BH06733 ===

He is the Witness, the Rememberer, the Answerer

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One to him whom the breeze of revelation hath awakened in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it draweth him nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and guideth him unto My Straight Path. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of the Prison - there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. This is a station wherein was raised the call of the Prophets and Messengers. We heard and answered them as a token of Our grace, and We are verily the Answerer, the All-Knowing. The servant who was present hath presented thy letter and read it before Our face, and We are verily the Hearer, the All-Informed. We found it purified from vain imaginings and adorned with the embroidery of certitude. Preserve thou this most exalted station - thus doth counsel thee He Who speaketh in every condition that there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ocean of grace surged when thou didst seek forgiveness from thy Lord, the Most Merciful. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He hath forgiven thee as a token of His grace and hath written down for thee, by His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH06733 ===

=== START BH06734 ===

O son of M, and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise Teacher. A Book sent down in truth from the Kingdom of God, Lord of the worlds. The station wherein was established the throne of the All-Merciful and the Tongue spoke: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” O son of Moses! Hearken unto the Call in the luminous Spot - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. This is the Day wherein the Speaker of the Mount spoke when the world was honored by this Manifestation, to which testified the Books of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Wise. Thy letter hath arrived and the servant present hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue all created things and didst send down the verses, to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou knowest me better than I know myself. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself. Write down for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me a servant of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He to Whose power every tongue hath testified and to Whose might every utterance hath borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06734 ===

=== START BH06735 ===

O Karim of Zarqan, surnamed Baba, upon him be the glory of God - He is the One, the All-Informed!

This is a Book sent down in truth, guiding the people to the Straight Path which God hath manifested in His mighty, wondrous Day. O people of Baha! Remember when My Name and My loved ones were imprisoned in the Land of Ta by reason of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Verily, he who first pronounced judgment against them was one named Sadiq. We seized him through Our might and returned him to his abode in the nethermost depths. Then We seized one greater than he, whereupon the fire of hatred was stilled and the Dove of the Cause cooed upon the branches. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful. Nothing can prevent His Cause. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing. To this testifieth what hath appeared on earth, both in the past and in the future. Well is it with him who is endowed with insight! We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Counselor, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou of such constancy that the clamor of the divines who have pronounced judgment against Me and My loved ones, without any proof or Book from God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not deter thee.

=== END BH06735 ===

=== START BH06736 ===

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious. This is a Book sent down from the heaven of My Will unto him who hath cast away idle fancy and taken what was commanded him by God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is He Who hath manifested through His sovereignty whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing. The necks have been humbled on the Day of the Covenant, and that which God hath revealed in the Book hath appeared. Say: O people of the earth, hearken unto My call from the direction

of My mercy. Verily, there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Mighty Book, the Preserved Tablet, and the Command whereby the eyes of men have been solaced. Among the people are those who lamented on the Day of Manifestation, and among them are those who, out of their longing for the presence of God, the Revealer of verses, took flight. Verily, he who lamented is among the companions of the fire in the Scriptures and Tablets. Fear God, O ye who are on earth, then deal fairly with this Book, around which circle the proof and the evidence. Thus have the spheres of My utterance been set in motion, and the rain hath fallen from the heaven of My bounty. Glory be upon the people of Glory who have turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon and held fast unto the Covenant.

=== END BH06736 ===

=== START BH06737 ===

Damghan. O Mirza ’Ali-Naqi, upon him be the Glory of God.

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a Book We have sent down in truth, and verily it is a lamp of guidance amongst mankind and a sign of My luminous and resplendent countenance. The lamp in one sense referreth to him who speaketh the truth, and in another sense to His exalted Word, and in yet another sense to His Law that floweth throughout the worlds. By God! We desire naught through Our commandments save the preservation of your souls and your offspring. Draw ye nigh unto them and be not of those who remain remote. Through Our laws the edifice of the Cause hath been made firm and every lofty house hath been raised up. We have established the pillars of divine knowledge upon an impregnable foundation, would that ye be of those who understand. Hold ye fast unto God, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets. He will strengthen you upon this straight path. O My loved ones! Steadfastness behooveth you, steadfastness behooveth you. It shall deliver you from grievous torment. Beware lest the allusions of men cause you to slip or the words of the deniers hold you back. Leave them to themselves and place your trust in the One, the Subduer, the All-Knowing. Ye are the flowers of this Garden - it behooveth you that all should perceive from you the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Act ye in a manner befitting this glorious and exalted station.

=== END BH06737 ===

=== START BH06738 ===

He is the One Who stands supreme over the Cause through His Name, the All-Compelling over all names! This is a Book that calls out amidst the world and summons the peoples through the Most Great Name, at Whose appearance the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: “He Who was hidden hath come, and He Who was treasured hath been revealed!” Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe unto the heedless! O peoples of the earth, hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names! Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath sent down that which is the spirit of life for the people of creation, and the Kawthar of eternity for the Concourse on High, and the Choice Sealed Wine for those who have entered beneath the shadow of this Name through which the Self-Subsisting arose before the Gate and said: “Praise be unto Thee for having shown me Thy Beauty and caused me to hear Thy Call and for having

acquainted me with that which was concealed from Thy servants and Thy creation and inscribed in Thy Manifest Book." Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, yet most of the people are heedless. Verily thou, O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One, give praise for the Ancient Beauty having turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and mentioned thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of the heavens and earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06738 ===

=== START BH06739 ===

In the Name of the One God!

Thy letter hath been illumined by the lights of the Divine Throne and hath attained the honor of being beheld by the Lord of Names. That which is beloved in this day is steadfastness in the love of God, for the manifestations of Satan have appeared with the utmost craftiness - at times preventing people from their Source in the name of the inner meaning, and at times holding back weak souls from the path of divine oneness in the name of the outer meaning. O friends! Through the power of the Most Great Name, remain firm and steadfast on the Most Straight Path, and in all conditions take refuge in the Truth. He is the Protector, He is the Helper, and He is the Succourer of the inner and the outer, and the outer of the outer and the inner of the inner unto whatsoever God willeth. Know ye that in this day He hath appeared at the center of the world as the One circumambulating the Most Great Throne, and account all else as non-existent, extinct and forgotten. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen and the testament of the Lord of Names. Hearken unto it with the ear of the soul and preserve it as thou wouldst thine eye. God forgiveth what is past. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH06739 ===

=== START BH06740 ===

O Mas?ud, son of Mahmud! In the name of the Beloved of the world! Thy letter hath reached the presence of Him Who is the Lord of Names, and thy call hath been heard. May thou be illumined at all times with the lights of the dawn of guidance and be turned in contemplation toward the everlasting Countenance. Two matters are today considered among the most mighty affairs in the eyes of Him Who hath appeared: first, the recognition of God, and second, steadfastness in His Cause. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to achieve the second even as He hath aided them to achieve the first. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto His recognition and been assisted to remember Him. Now art thou remembered before the Throne. Didst thou know the station of this rank, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next, and to give thee to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of life, that thou mayest arise to make mention of Him and to praise Him amongst His creatures. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey My greetings unto thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of Our mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Blessed is she in that she hath been mentioned before the Throne and attained unto this mighty grace.

=== END BH06740 ===

=== START BH06741 ===

In the Name of God, the Powerful

Your letter has attained unto the Most Great Horizon and been honored with the gaze of the Lord of Destiny, and from it were inhaled the sweet fragrances of love. Yea, today the friends of God who have forsaken all who are in creation for His path and held fast to the cord of His love must diffuse the fragrance of faith to such a degree that all the world may perceive it, nay rather that the inhabitants of the graves may attain through that musk-laden breeze to life everlasting. Say: O loved ones of God! Today is the day of burning ardor, today is the day of turning to God, today is the day of mention and praise, today is the day of supreme gladness and greatest joy. All must, in perfect unity, sanctity and detachment, occupy themselves with the remembrance of God, and manifest such warmth in the love of God that the cold-hearted of the world may be set ablaze. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. Strive ye to serve the Cause with the wisdom that hath been revealed in the Tablets. By the life of God! This is a Day that hath no peer or likeness. Act ye therein according to that which We have revealed in the perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06741 ===

=== START BH06742 ===

The Most Holy, Most Glorious

A Book from Me to My servant, that he may rejoice in My remembrance, be stirred by My fragrances, be gladdened by My verses, arise from the horizon of My steadfastness, and make mention of his Lord amongst His servants. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the Will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from the direction of the Prison. Be thou thankful and among those who remember. Know thou that We have nurtured Our body in tribulations in the path of God, the Fashioner of the heavens, and We drink at every moment from the cup of destiny that which none among the worlds hath become aware. And the more tribulations increase, the more Our eagerness intensifies, and the more calamities encompass Us, We repel them through the name of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Be as thou wert in the Cause of thy Master and adorn thyself with the attributes of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, in such wise that the hardships of the world sadden thee not, nor occupy thee the vanities of all who are in the realm. Be content with thy Lord. Say: O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by that which Thou art, in Thy greatness and majesty, to make me one of those who have circled round Thy Will and have turned toward Thy face, detached from all else besides Thee. Thou art my Goal in this world and the next. Ordain for me, then, a seat of truth. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH06742 ===

=== START BH06743 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! How many who are near are far and know it not, and how many who are far are in truth near! Draw nigh with your hearts - this is the Beloved and My luminous Beauty. Whoso

combineth in himself the outward and the inward, verily he hath attained unto all good from the presence of a mighty, a wise One. Such a one is rarer than the red sulphur - to this every possessor of sublime knowledge doth testify. Blessed is he who, though near, is not held back by human allusions from the Beauty of the Divine Unity, and blessed is he who, though far, hath found the fragrance of God from the garment of His Name, the Most Wondrous. Whoso desireth Me, verily he is near and the beauty of the Beloved; and he who desireth Me not is far, though he be in this exalted station. Let no one feel secure in himself, for the self indeed commandeth to evil. He must needs remember it at all times. Thus hath flowed from the Pen that which was sent down from the presence of the Lord of all peoples, that it might be a reminder to the sincere ones. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised, for having inscribed thy mention by the Most Exalted Pen whilst it was in the Most Great Prison. Hold fast unto the Most Great Name and conquer hearts through this wise remembrance.

=== END BH06743 ===

=== START BH06744 ===

In Aleppo, to Salih. In the Name of God, the Everlasting, the Eternal! How can I make mention of Thee, O my God, seeing that all else but Thee I behold as nonexistent in the face of the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and powerless before the warbling of the dove of Thy oneness. By Thy glory! I perceive that the Most Exalted Pen moveth upon the tablet of contingent being and the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh in the paradise of utterance. Yet how can the scratching of Thy servants' pens or the praise of any of Thy creatures befit Thy presence? That Thou hearest them and answereth them is naught but a token of the wonders of Thy grace and the sublimity of Thy generosity and favors, none having deserved this. I testify, O my God, that it behooveth Thy tongue alone to speak Thy praise and Thy pen alone to move in remembrance and description of Thee. All names fall unconscious at the revelation of Thy Most Great Name, through which Thou hast caused all things to speak forth in Thy days. Therefore I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to behold Thy servants and handmaidens with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and not to leave them to themselves for less than a moment. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Help in Peril.

=== END BH06744 ===

=== START BH06745 ===

O handmaiden of God, Fatimah, mother of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Husayni, Nazimu'l-Atibba, upon both of whom be the glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend! The friends of God have ever been beneath the glance of His grace. Each one of the servants and handmaidens who has turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon has, in that very moment, had their mention fall from the Tongue of Grandeur and their name recorded by the Pen of Grace in the Book. We beseech God to assist His handmaidens in that which will promote His Cause. Verily, He is with His servants and handmaidens, He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of all things hidden. In these days the Afnans and Jinab-i-Amin, upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds, have attained the prison and His presence. They have repeatedly drunk from the cup of reunion proffered by the Hand of Bounty. Happy are they! Convey

greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to assist all to that which will exalt His Cause. Verily, He is the All-Merciful, the Generous. The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon every handmaiden who hath attained to the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH06745 ===

=== START BH06746 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

The glance of divine favor hath been and will continue to be directed towards the loved ones, and He hath given them all the glad-tidings of blessings both outward and inward, and commanded them to perform such deeds as are the greatest means for the perpetuation of souls and their goodly remembrance. Well is it with the soul who hath in this Day recognized the Day of God and acted as behooveth it. This is the Day whereof the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful gave tidings unto His Holiness Moses, and from the horizons of divine Books its mention hath risen and shone forth even as the sun. O friends! Know ye its worth. That which causeth joy unto all today hath been and will be, by the life of God, the cause of the greatest sorrow. Fix your gaze upon the most great joy. Speak and hear ye in His Name. Let not the opportunity slip from your grasp. Strive that from the trees of existence such fruits may appear and become manifest as befit the station of man. This is the counsel of the Peerless Friend unto thee and unto His friends. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother from before God, the Goal of them that have known, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06746 ===

=== START BH06747 ===

He is the One calling between earth and heaven! By the life of God! Every soul who today has drunk from the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, is mentioned before God as among the most exalted of beings. O friends! The station of the sincere ones, the monotheists, and those drawn nigh is very great. This is the Day concerning which He says: “The Day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord.” Blessed is the soul that has turned to the Truth and recognized Him in His new attire. Great is this Day and great is this Cause. Blessed be they who possess understanding! Hold fast to the cord of His grace and cling to His blessed hem, and say: I have cast aside all else but Thee and have turned to Thee. Wilt Thou disappoint me from the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy grace? Or wilt Thou make me one of those through whom Thy signs were spread abroad and Thy evidences appeared, and who drank the choice wine of Thy revelation from the hands of Thy bounty? Nay, by Thy might, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! Verily this servant was certain of Thy grace and mercy, and knows with the knowledge of certainty that Thou wilt not disappoint him from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous, the Giving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH06747 ===

=== START BH06748 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over what was and what will be! By My life! My Pen lamenteth over what hath befallen My Soul, and the Prison crieth out because of My oppression and what hath come upon Me in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We summoned all to the Water of Life, yet they pronounced judgment against My Person with manifest tyranny. We made clear unto them the Way and gave them glad-tidings of the bounty of the All-Glorious, yet they rose up against Us with grievous oppression. They seized My name and My chosen ones with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to weep, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Say: O My loved ones! Let not the might of the wicked ones dismay you. Leave behind all who are in the world, turning your faces toward My luminous horizon. Wrong not anyone, nor grieve over what hath befallen you. Put your trust in God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers. Verily He seizeth the transgressors; nothing can frustrate Him. He seizeth every wicked one even as He seized in His days. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The splendor that hath shone forth from the heaven of My tender mercy be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Most Strong.

=== END BH06748 ===

=== START BH06749 ===

He is the All-Wise Ruler!

Let none of you molest him who is there. O people! Leave the deluded one that those endowed with certitude may behold him. Whosoever molests him is not of Me, I am quit of him. Thus has the matter been decreed by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Pay no heed to him and his like. Leave them to themselves, then turn unto the Peerless, the All-Informed One. We have forbidden the shedding of blood in most of the Tablets. Beware lest ye perpetrate what ye have been forbidden in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beautiful. They are dead, not living. The decree of life applies not unto them, were ye of them that comprehend. Leave the dead to consort with the dead. Sufficient unto them is what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Verily, enjoin upon the loved ones of God to refrain from molesting that deluded person. A stern prohibition! In truth I say: if any soul molests him, he was not and is not reckoned as being of the Truth - and God suffices as a witness. His honor Ali, following Nabil, was commanded to proceed in your direction, but there was a delay. We ordained another in his place and sent him unto thee with a perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH06749 ===

=== START BH06750 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! Your letter hath come before Us, yet We possess knowledge of what was written therein, for thy Lord is indeed cognizant of all things. The guardian angels stand in ranks before the Face and present unto Us whatsoever hath transpired in thy land. And beyond them are sciences with thy Lord which none among the peoples of the world hath comprehended. It behooveth no one to test God, his Lord. Rather, He testeth whomsoever He willeth, for He is the Mighty, the Powerful. And concerning what thou didst mention of the mercy of God - thus have We decreed the

remembrance in a perspicuous Tablet. Ponder upon that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest know what was intended thereby by Him Who is the Desire of the worlds. It behooveth every soul to drink the wine of the mercy of his Lord, the Most Merciful, from the hand of the Youth, by uttering at the first dawn of his faith in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower, that which the Friend uttered after the veil was lifted, turning towards God, his Glorious Lord: “I have turned my face toward Him Who hath created the heavens and the earth.” Thus have We taught thee and those who have believed, that thou mayest give thanks unto God at all times and be detached from all created things out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06750 ===

=== START BH06751 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

Your letter hath been presented before the Throne, yet We read it at the time it was penned. With thy Lord is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Take and give up - thus doth this Youth command thee on this darksome night. The mercy of thy Lord hath encompassed the worlds. Take what hath come to thee from God and give up all else. By My life! This Day is not like other days. It behooveth every soul to manifest that which is worthy of God, the Most High, the Most Great. He that riseth at one time and falleth at another is not worthy to draw nigh unto this Fire, for by it all things are consumed save him from whom emanateth the fragrance of the love of his Lord, the Gracious, the Bountiful. By God! The Fire fleeth from him, and the righteous circle round him, and the Chosen One in the highest heaven praiseth him. Thus doth the Tongue of Revelation speak amongst the worlds. Were all the worlds to be sacrificed for a single letter of that which proceedeth from His lips, it would still be little and insignificant. Thus hath the Command been fulfilled by the command of the All-Merciful, and the embroidered vesture of the All-Glorious appeared in the Bayan, if ye be of them that perceive. And praise be to God, the Quickener of the worlds.

=== END BH06751 ===

=== START BH06752 ===

O wondrous leaf, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Compassionate, the Merciful! The heavenly food hath been sent down from the heaven of divine favor in such wise as to astound all beings, and perchance by reason of its abundant grace it remaineth concealed. Would that the people of the world were capable and worthy to behold that which is hidden! The divine bounty hath reached such heights that every name that was mentioned before the Countenance hath been adorned with a Tablet and honored with verses. Today the ocean of grace is visible before all faces, and the Name “the Concealer” standeth before the Face, concealing that which is unseemly and making mention of that which causeth awakening and enkindlement. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Perspicuous Book. We convey greetings to all the handmaidens and give them the glad-tidings of the splendors of the Sun of divine favor. Blessed are the souls that are accepted, steadfast and upright. O handmaidens of God! This is the day of mention and praise, and the day of pure deeds. Strive that there may appear from

you that which may cause the turning of the heedless and the awakening of them that slumber. The glory from Us be upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06752 ===

=== START BH06753 ===

He is the One Who ruleth over all names!

What is the meaning of the Book and what is intended thereby? In one sense, all things are Books, speaking forth the Most Great Name. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "We have recorded all things in a Book." And in each one is inscribed by the Divine Pen this most exalted Word: "The King hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" And in another sense what is meant by the Book are the Sacred Scriptures which are sent down from the heaven of the Purpose of the worlds' Creator. Their purpose hath been and still is the guidance of mankind. Whatsoever is the cause of preservation of the servants and the exaltation of their stations is recorded in the Books. Blessed are they that understand and that act accordingly! However, today the Most Great Book is made manifest. He is the Mother Book and the Mother of Utterance. In each of its letters an ocean of meanings lies concealed. Blessed is he who hath attained and drunk therefrom, and woe unto the heedless! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Mother Book hath made mention of thee while seated upon the throne of His Name, the Most Generous. Be grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

=== END BH06753 ===

=== START BH06754 ===

He is God! The purpose of writing was to express love [profound], but both pen and ink are strangers, and moth and candle are outside this tale. Hidden meanings cannot be reached through such tales - how then can mere words suffice? The customs of the spiritual realms have a new pattern and a boundless name. The names of this cycle are limited and the customs of that sanctified cycle are beyond all bounds and measures. Open the spiritual vista and traverse all realms like lightning. Make wide the field of vision and observe the realm of "thou shalt not see." Cast a flower into water and it sinks; place a flower upon water and it rests like a crown upon the water's brow. That is, manifestation and permanence are preferable to concealment and evanescence. Another meaning: the weight of limitations causes sinking, therefore one must be freed from material weight, yet like the flower remain in this same form upon the face of the earthly realm. What was written in the text of his honor is not permitted, and by my life, in these days permanence is beloved and evanescence rejected.

=== END BH06754 ===

=== START BH06755 ===

O daughter of Mirza Faraj'u'llah! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds! The purpose of the creation of the world and the fashioning of Adam hath been the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. This knowledge is in itself the eternal elixir and shall ever remain so. Whoso attaineth unto it hath attained

unto everlasting life. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to this exalted station and sublime rank, and hast been illumined by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings which hath dawned from the horizon of God's Will. Know thou the value of this station and be not saddened by what hath come to pass. Reflect upon what hath befallen Us at the hands of the enemies of God; then will that which thou hast witnessed in His love and good-pleasure become easy for thee to bear. With the love of the Friend, what is bitter becometh sweet, and colocynth turneth to honey. Soon shall the veils of the people be rent asunder, and they shall witness the consequences of their deeds and shall lament and bewail their state. Assuredly the Just and All-Wise shall take from the oppressor the rights of the oppressed. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Praise thou the Ancient Beauty that thou art known for His love and art mentioned before the Throne. Verily, upon thee be glory.

=== END BH06755 ===

=== START BH06757 ===

He is God, exalted is He

Mehdi had a special Tablet, which this servant suddenly took to deliver to the travelers. Therefore the heading remained without a name. As for recent news, on Friday night we arrived unexpectedly at the house of Kalim, and on Saturday night we intended to return. Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Quli requested that we stay, which was accepted. Now that it is Saturday morning, this letter is being written in his house, and your place is very empty.

O Navvab! The climate of Haifa, according to what was mentioned, has not benefited you. We beseech God to assist you, protect you and help you.

O Leaf of the Divine! This woman from Isfahan, that is Munirih, has forgotten your covenant and like the tick of Adrianople has clung to the Most Great Branch, having had and having no attention turned to that direction. However, as promised, we will send her.

O Diya'u'llah! Present a petition in your own handwriting. May Badi'u'llah and his secretary dwell and rest beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree of Mercy. Convey greetings to all the men and women. The glory be upon you.

=== END BH06757 ===

=== START BH06758 ===

Kulih-Darrih Haji Baba

In the Name of the One Incomparable God! Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison and was honored to come before the Wronged One of the horizons. The waves of the ocean of utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful appeared in the form of these words: We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst cry unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have adorned the head of thy letter with Our mention of thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thou shouldst be occupied day and night with the remembrance of the True One, and gladden those who seek the Yemen of His knowledge.

And as for those whom thou didst mention among the loved ones of God in thy letter, verily We make mention of them as a grace from Our presence, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. All are remembered before the Throne and are adorned with the ornament of favor. God willing, they should turn with perfect unity and harmony toward the horizon of the appearance of the Luminary of the horizons. Unity hath ever been and shall continue to be beloved in the sight of God. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto; he is of them who have aided the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey My greetings unto the faces of them who have believed, and unto him who was named ’Ali before Akbar, and unto My handmaiden who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH06758 ===

=== START BH06761 ===

In the name of the one true God! The divine Call is raised at all times and the heavenly Pen is in motion during the hours of day and night. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that if one possessed of hearing were truly to hearken to that Call, or if one possessed of sight were to contemplate the traces of the divine Pen, he would surely find himself detached and freed from the world and all who dwell therein, and would arise through wisdom and utterance to serve the Cause of the Beloved of all possibility. This is a station whose fruits shall never cease and shall endure forever in God’s celestial Kingdom. Hold fast unto it and be among the helpers. The wise one is he who expends his precious life in pursuit of that which endureth, and the most ignorant of people is he who occupies himself with transient and unworthy matters. This Tablet hath been revealed in Persian so that thou mayest share it with all and that all may discover what is recorded therein. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that nothing that transpireth on earth may deter thee. Then thank Him for having remembered thee in the prison and revealed unto thee this perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH06761 ===

=== START BH06762 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord! The divine Call is raised at all times, and the horizon of the Revelation is illumined with the lights of His countenance. Blessed are they who have heard His call with the ear of the soul and beheld His horizon with the most pure vision. Say: O ye who drink deep of the wine of inner meanings, and O ye who circle round the eternal Ka’bih! In all circumstances keep your eyes fixed upon wisdom and be intent upon the betterment of the world. Until you find thirst, bestow not the Kawthar of divine knowledge; until you observe the quest, grant not the gems of inner meanings. The world is and ever shall be transient and fleeting. Strive ye that in this fleeting world ye may attain unto everlasting stations. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bestowing, the Generous. Had the loved ones of God acted according to that which God desired, the entire earth would have been witnessed as a single patch of Paradise. Some of the friends accepted the divine counsel, while others remained veiled therefrom. He, verily, is the Counselor, the Manifest, the All-Knowing. God willing, may ye ever repose beneath the shade of divine favor and be blessed with His bounties. And the glory be upon you.

=== END BH06762 ===

=== START BH06764 ===

Lahijan. O honored Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God. In the name of the Goal of the mystics! The melodies and songs and warbling of the birds of mystic knowledge from your honor, which were raised upon the branches of the Tree of Knowledge, have been honored to reach Our hearing. God willing, you will be occupied at all times with the remembrance and praise of God, and will firmly gird up the loins of service for the teaching of the Cause through divine might and power. In truth, that which has been and ever shall be beloved from a human being is this, inasmuch as its influence has ever been and shall ever remain enduring and permanent in the contingent world. This Day has been different from all other days, and in all the Books and Scriptures and Psalms it has been attributed to the Truth and mentioned and recorded by the name of Truth. And whatsoever deed is manifested in these days has been and shall be the king of deeds. Verily He hath heard what thou didst utter and will reward thee with the most excellent reward from His presence. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the Wise. Illumine the friends with the lights of divine remembrance. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06764 ===

=== START BH06765 ===

O Abu'l-Qasim! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! The Light of proof hath verily been witnessed from the presence of the All-Merciful. Indeed it hath dawned from the horizon of man - exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested it in truth on a Day renowned among the worlds. O people of the earth! Hearken unto that whereunto the Lord of the world calleth you, then follow what hath been inscribed in truth by the Pen of God. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk the nectar of life, and the spirit that hath tasted the sweetness of what the All-Merciful hath revealed. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention when blessed by the Finger of Truth. O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! When thou hearest My call and art intoxicated with the wine of Mine utterance, turn with thy heart to the horizon of My loving-kindness, My grace and My bounty. Thus doth He command thee Who is imprisoned in this land through tyranny. Convey My glorification unto thy brother and say: It behooveth thee to arise to serve the Cause and to gladden the people with this Day which was inscribed in the Tablets by the Pen of Revelation. Thus hath the Wronged One mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord Who hath power over all things.

=== END BH06765 ===

=== START BH06766 ===

He is Muhammad Karim, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the state of the one who has today turned towards the most exalted horizon and has been nourished by the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree, which are His profound knowledge and consummate wisdom. The world and all that is therein - its foods and delicacies, its ornaments and imaginings, its conjectures and hopes and riches - all shall pass away, and that which shall endure is a mention that hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for His loved ones. Well is it with him who hath attained unto this mighty station. We counsel all the loved ones in that land to occupy themselves, with utmost sanctity and detachment and in the highest state of

love and unity, with the praise of the Lord of Names, and to hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness. He is the All-Knowing Counsellor, the All-Bountiful. Thy letter and what thou didst send have been received, and We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. From this Prison We send Our glorification upon the faces of those who have believed in God in that place, and We give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy that they may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH06766 ===

=== START BH06767 ===

To the wife of J.M., upon her be the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious Glory of God. This is a mention from Us to her who has turned to God on a day wherein the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted throughout creation, that it might draw her to a station wherein she becomes detached from all who are on earth for the sake of her Lord, the Mighty, the Luminous. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of the Prison, from the glowing, luminous Fire. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. How many a woman has believed, and how many a man has been prevented due to following vain imaginings. Indeed, bounty is in God's hand - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Know thou the worth of what God hath ordained for thee, then give thanks to Him at morn and eventide. Be thou content with what God hath decreed. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. In this Revelation there hath appeared what hath never appeared before. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy lights. I beseech Thee by Him and by Him Whom Thou hast willed, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH06767 ===

=== START BH06768 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

This is a mention from Us to those who have turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and who have testified to that which God Himself hath testified. Verily, they are honored servants. The servant who is present hath presented thy letter before the Throne, and this irrevocable epistle hath been sent down for thee. Blessed is he who hath attained the mention of God in His days, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. He hath forgiven thee and absolved thee of thy misdeeds. Be thou thankful for this manifest grace. Stand firm in the Cause in the name of thy Lord. Verily, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The splendor shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have heard the Call and answered their Lord, the Lord of all beings, Who hath come with the truth with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all that was and that shall be. And We make mention of him who was named Hasan before 'Ali that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones in the Book of God, the Lord of existence. Praise thy Lord for having turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and mentioned thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal, did the people but understand.

=== END BH06768 ===

=== START BH06769 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the Help in Peril!

This is a letter from the servant of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, to the servant of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He sendeth down upon His loved ones that which He hath ordained for them in the preserved Tablets of glory. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order, neither dispute regarding the signs of God after their revelation. Fear ye the Day when ye shall all be brought before God. Ye shall be questioned concerning what ye have wrought in your vain life, and shall be recompensed accordingly. Shed not blood, neither commit that which your hearts approve not, nor can reason accept. Purify your hearts from all earthly suggestions, that the revelation of your Lord, the All-Merciful, may be reflected therein. This is better for you than all that was and all that shall be.

Read ye the verses of God at eventide and at dawn. This is My counsel unto thee and unto those who walk in the good-pleasure of God. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH06769 ===

=== START BH06770 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned his face toward the Countenance and taken unto the All-Merciful a way, that the attraction of the Almighty may seize him in such wise as to detach him from all creation, clinging to the cord through whose movement all worlds have been set in motion. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath come with a name whereby the greatest terror appeared and trembling seized every idolator who was far removed from the Truth. Be thou thankful unto God inasmuch as thy remembrance hath come before the Most Great Remembrance, and He hath sent down for thee that which shall gladden the eyes. Place thy trust in all matters in God, thy Lord. He, verily, aideth whom He willeth and assisteth those who have turned toward Him through a sovereignty that encompasseth all worlds. He ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He willeth and pleaseth. His bounty hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Blessed is he who hath taken Him as his Guardian. Remember thy Lord by night and by day. Through His remembrance hath the sun shone forth and the horizons been illumined. Say: O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee. Write down, then, for me that which is best for me. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06770 ===

=== START BH06771 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath heard the call of his Lord and hath answered it through that which the Spirit hath confirmed from the presence of one mighty and powerful, that he may detach himself wholly from all who are in the heavens and on earth and turn with his face toward the dawning-place of a luminous Name.

O servant! By God, the Truth! My words are wings for those who desire to soar unto the atmosphere of nearness and holiness and glory. Therefore soar with them in an atmosphere of mighty loftiness. And when thou hast ascended and risen up through the assistance of the Word of God, then shalt thou behold all created things beneath thy shadow, and thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's Will, the All-Merciful, with lights that were truly radiant.

Say: My Word is My armor and whoso attaineth unto it, the darts of the idolaters, all of them, shall not harm him. Take refuge in the fortress of My Cause and hold fast to the cord of My love, then speak forth My praise amidst My creation. Thus doth My tongue command thee, and this Pen through whose movement all in the kingdom were created, if thou be of them that comprehend. And glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

=== END BH06771 ===

=== START BH06772 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us unto thee. Verily it is a glad-tiding from the All-Merciful unto thee and unto all who dwell in the realms of creation. Take hold of it with the hand of certitude and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

O servant! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from this quarter from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the Beauty of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Turn thou unto Him and say: Upon Thee, O Beauty of God, be the praise of God, His remembrance, the glory of God and His light. I testify that the eye of creation hath never beheld One wronged like Thee. Throughout Thy days Thou wert immersed in an ocean of tribulations. At one time Thou wert under chains and fetters, at another beneath the swords of the enemy. Yet withal Thou didst enjoin upon all that which Thou wert bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. May my spirit be offered up for Thy hurt, and my soul be a sacrifice for Thy tribulations. I beseech God by Thee and by them whose faces have been illumined by the light of Thy countenance and who have followed that which they were commanded out of love for Thy Self, to rend asunder the veils that have come between Thee and Thy creatures and to grant me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH06772 ===

=== START BH06773 ===

In the name of God, the Deliverer! This is a Book from God unto him who hath been imprisoned even as the Manifestation of the Cause was imprisoned in the path of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks unto God for having befallen thee that which befell His own Self. This is of His bounty unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that swim in the depths of glorification and thanksgiving. Grieve not for that which hath befallen thee, for tribulations are characteristic of those who have set their faces toward the All-Merciful and are assured of the signs of God. We did aforetime send down unto thee a Tablet wherein was ordained thy release from prison, for the command is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Best-Beloved. Stand thou firm in the Cause of God like unto an immovable mountain, then turn away from them that have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily a station among stations hath been ordained for thee from God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Walk thou among men with wisdom, even as the Command hath been sent down in a preserved Tablet. And the glory rest upon thee and upon them that are with thee of such as have believed and are God-fearing in the Cause. Praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Adored One.

=== END BH06773 ===

=== START BH06774 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from God, the Lord of the latter and the former times, unto him who hath believed and been guided. O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of the throne of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High. By God! His call purifieth hearts from the doubts of self and passion, and draweth them nigh unto God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. Say: Verily He hath appeared in truth from the most glorious horizon, and uttereth at every moment that there is no God but Him, the Lord of the highest heavens. Say: He hath come unto you once again in His name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Say: Is there any doubt concerning Him or concerning Him Who hath sent Him with truth through His greatest signs? Fear ye God and follow not Satan, O people of understanding. He commandeth you to transgression and wickedness, while God commandeth you to truth and godliness. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen moved to make mention of thee on this night wherein the Face hath been illumined with the lights of guidance. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath been guided and found the right path, and fire be upon him who hath disbelieved and gone astray.

=== END BH06774 ===

=== START BH06775 ===

The Most Great, the Most High! This is a Book from the All-Bestowing to him who hath turned towards the Countenance when every idolater and doubter turned away. Say: The sealed flask hath been unsealed by the fingers of might. Blessed is he who in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, hath quaffed therefrom the living waters. Leave him who hath disbelieved; take ye the most pure Kawthar, turning towards the Most Sublime Vision, then drink in My Name, the One Who dominateth all existence. Say: This is the Day of God wherein the Ancient One hath established Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Behold, O ye who are endued with insight! O servant! Know thou that I am even now immersed in an

ocean of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names, and yet My tongue speaketh and My Pen writeth that which hath been ordained by Him Who is the Fashioner of earth and heaven. Arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord. Say: O my God! Enable me to serve Thee in such wise that the veils of the people and the whispers of those in the lands shall not hold me back. Blessed is the heart that hath won My love, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the face that hath turned towards the Lord of all men. We have ordained that acceptance be through the hearts, because of that which the hands of every idolatrous unbeliever have wrought.

=== END BH06775 ===

=== START BH06776 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

This is a Book from this Youth to all who are on earth: Worship none but God, the King, the Most High, the Most Great. Thus hath the Command been sent down in all the Tablets from the presence of One mighty and powerful. And furthermore, We have heard that the opposers desired to present themselves before the Youth. Say: Present yourselves and be not of those who hesitate. And We have appointed as the place of meeting the House of God which was built by one of the sovereigns, and which hath been named Selim in the Kingdom of Names, were ye of those who know. And We have set the day of meeting as either Sunday or Monday, and God is witness to what I say. Say: Were all who are on earth to gather together, the Youth would bring them momentous tidings. Say: Were He to move, with Him would move the hosts of the unseen, then the Concourse on High, then the realities of all worlds. Fear God, O company of opposers, then be fair in the Cause of the Youth and in what He hath brought, and be not of the wrongdoers. He desireth naught except what your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath desired for Him.

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=== START BH06777 ===

In His Name through Whom the Luminary of Proof hath shone forth! This is a Book which speaketh with most eloquent utterance in the realm of possibility. God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. This is a day wherein the doors of grace and bounty have been opened wide. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. O Muhammad-Rahim! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison - verily it draweth thee unto God, the Lord of all men. Say: O concourse of men! The Bestower hath come, and the Dove of Paradise hath warbled upon the highest branches. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. When thou dost inhale the fragrances of revelation from thy Lord’s verses, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy manifestation and by the mysteries concealed within Thy knowledge, to aid me to perform such deeds from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure shall never cease to emanate. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge Thy manifestation and Thy sovereignty, and confess that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06777 ===

=== START BH06778 ===

O Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the rightful Sovereign!

This is a Book that speaketh with truth unto him who hath quaffed the choice wine of utterance and heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the servant who, clinging to the cord of the Lord of all beings, hath cast away vain desire. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Hidden Scroll. Thus hath the matter been decreed in this exalted station.

O Habibu'llah! We have answered thee and made mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. We have named the heavenly table "Mary" as a token of Our favor and a mercy from Our presence. We beseech God to bless her coming and to rain down upon her from the clouds of His grace the showers of His blessing, His bounty, His generosity and His gifts. He, verily, hath power over all things.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy signs and Thy clear tokens and by the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for her and for her father and mother and those with her every good thing which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book for Thy handmaidens who have circled round Thy throne and have won Thy loving-kindness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have known Thee!

=== END BH06778 ===

=== START BH06779 ===

He is the Mighty! This is a Book which speaks with truth and gives glad tidings to those handmaidens who have believed in God their Lord, who were among those who stood firm on the Day of Resurrection, who remembered their Lord in the morning and evening, and who were among those who abide eternally in the pavilion of holiness. O handmaiden of God! Give thanks to God Who created you for the favor He has bestowed upon you, a favor which no other devoted woman has ever received before, in that He caused you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self on a Day when all countenances were struck with awe. You have attained to a station wherein you journeyed from your homeland and migrated unto God at the throne of nearness, arriving at a station from which all signs and allusions are cut off. Then did you witness with your own eyes what no eyes, whether of ancient or modern times, have ever seen, and you heard the melodies of Paradise in a place which God had sanctified beyond the knowledge of all created things. Thus does God recompense His handmaidens who hasten in their love for their Lord and who speed with their whole being to the precincts of the chambers. And peace be upon you and upon those handmaidens who are drawn to the love of God.

=== END BH06779 ===

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In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book which speaks with truth and guides people to the Kingdom of exalted glory. God has made it a proof from Him unto all created things. O people! Sanctify yourselves from whatsoever prevents you from your Lord, the Most Merciful, and be not tyrannical and wretched in the earth. Fear God and commit not unseemly acts. Follow the ways of God and follow not every froward devil. Call not upon another god besides God; verily He encompasses all the worlds. And He has sent unto you one of His servants with an authority that was manifest in truth, to call you unto Him and draw you nigh unto the court of exalted glory. Beware lest ye dispute with him after he has come to you from the Dayspring of Revelation with a momentous announcement that was inscribed in the Tablet. Thus has the Dove warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree by the command of One Who is mighty and wise. O handmaiden of God! Hearken thou unto My call from the direction of My prison, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in this Tablet which hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command. And mercy be upon thee and upon every penitent servant.

=== END BH06780 ===

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The Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Tablet We have sent down to one of the handmaidens of God, that it may detach her from all else save Him and draw her nigh unto the Dawning-Place of grace. This, verily, is a great bounty. O My handmaiden! Forsake all mention and hold fast to the remembrance of My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rise above the horizon of the House through My power and sovereignty, then take with the hand of certitude the chalice of mystic knowledge and drink therefrom by the leave of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Beware lest the oppressors' might frighten thee. Cast the world behind thee and take hold of that which thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, hath commanded thee. O My handmaiden! Thou dwellest in the House while the Lord of the House is in the hands of the oppressors, and thou drinkest water while it floweth from His most pure and radiant blood. Know thou that Baha hath accepted all tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of all names. By God! Through them My yearning for God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, hath increased. Aid thou the Cause of thy Lord in all conditions - the hosts of earth and heaven shall not prevent Me. Blessed is the one who followeth the example of his Lord and who is, in His path, detached from all the worlds.

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This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Book that beareth witness to your condition and to what hath befallen you both in the path of God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. We make mention of you and draw you nigh and give you to drink from the hand of My bounty that encompasseth the worlds. Verily the Cause is in God's hands alone - He ordaineth for you what He willeth. He is with you under all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Turn ye unto the Scene that is indeed the Most Great. This is a station whereby all the Books have been adorned with its mention. Thus hath the Command flowed from the Pen of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are ye for having attained unto the Most Great Bounty and followed the precepts of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have accepted what ye desired in the

path of God and have sent down concerning that clear verses, to which My tongue and the servant present before My mighty and inaccessible Throne do testify. Thus was the matter decreed when mention was made of the name of Bounty and that which Noble One had composed appeared. Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy and My manifest favor. And praise be to God in all conditions. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH06782 ===

=== START BH06784 ===

In the Name of the All-Merciful! These are the verses of God, sent down from the heaven of Command to all the worlds. They are indeed God's proof amongst His creation and His evidence to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through them in every age is established the Most Great Word among the servants, and they are verily a reminder to the heedless. Hearken thou unto My words, for I desire for thee naught save that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Beloved of them that know. Cast behind thee all creation and take hold of the hem of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Beware lest thou be perturbed by anything, for this beseemeth the oppressed and those who have fixed their gaze upon the Most Great Prospect. These are in a spirit of delight, in a garden of pleasure and blissful paradise. By the life of the Beloved! They sacrifice themselves in the path of the Loved One out of their yearning for His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. Nothing shall perturb them even should all who are on earth and all the kings and rulers gather against them. These gaze toward the sanctuary of the All-Merciful. Upon them rest My blessings, then My praise, then My glory, then the remembrance of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thus have We expounded for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and the eyes of them that put their trust in God.

=== END BH06784 ===

=== START BH06785 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is the Tree of Holiness which hath been raised up in truth, and upon whose branches the Pen of Eternity warbleth with wondrous melodies, and at all times doth it yield the fruits of wisdom and utterance. Yet have the people debarred themselves from these holy and fresh fruits. Such hath ever been the way of My creatures since before that which hath no before, and shall continue until the end which no learned one can reckon. They draw not nigh unto it save by casting stones of idle fancy and vain imaginings, and thus hath the decree been fulfilled. And thou, O servant, keep thyself from such as these, then dwell in the presence of thy Lord, for verily He shall be thy Guardian. Then taste what hath been ordained for thee from the fruits of the Tree, that it may cleanse thee from the defilement of every wretched polytheist. Put thy trust in God, for verily He shall preserve thee in truth and cause thee to speak with wondrous remembrance. We beseech God to assist thee in all that thou desirest and to send down upon thee that which shall gladden thy heart, for verily He hath power over all things. And the Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath believed in God and been strong.

=== END BH06785 ===

=== START BH06786 ===

He is the One Who abideth through the perpetuity of His own Self

This is a leaf from this Prisoner unto a leaf among the leaves of the Tree of the Cause, that the breaths of the All-Merciful may stir it and cause it to turn toward God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O leaf! Hearken thou unto My call, then remember thy Lord in the evening and at dawn, for He loveth those who remember Him. Sanctify thyself from whatsoever preventeth thee from the love of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then turn thou at all times unto Him, for He is the Beloved of them that know. Be thou content with His remembrance above the remembrance of aught else, with His love above the love of all else, and with His praise above the praise of all the worlds. Verily He sufficeth all things above all things, and through Him the servants can dispense with all that hath been created in the realm of origination and in the generations of the first and the last. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and grieve not over anything in the path of thy Lord, for He sendeth down for every soul that which hath been ordained in the Tablets inscribed by His Most Wondrous and Incomparable Pen. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon His sincere handmaidens and His sincere servants.

=== END BH06786 ===

=== START BH06787 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the All-Knowing! Art thou able in this Day to detach thyself from what the people possess, turning with thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian? And art thou able to abandon vain imaginings, directing thyself to the horizon of certitude in this Day wherein the Caller proclaimeth: "The Kingdom and Dominion belong to God, the Possessor of all existence"? Say: No, by Thy glory, except through Thy might and power and Thy confirmation and bounty! O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one hastening toward the horizon of Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy strength which hath encompassed all created things, to make me steadfast in the service of Thy Cause and acting according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou seest me taking refuge at Thy threshold and assured of Thy forgiveness and bounty. I beseech Thee to make me among those who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and for whom Thou hast ordained the best of all Thy worlds. There is no God but Thee, the Possessor of existence and the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and earths. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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If occasionally, in accordance with the exigencies of God's consummate wisdom, an untoward incident should befall the friends, it would undoubtedly serve as a means whereby divine gifts and heaven-sent bounties will be vouchsafed unto them. Ponder thou upon the tragic episode that hath transpired in the land of Ya. I swear by My life, every single event associated therewith hath led to the exaltation of the Word of God and the advancement of His Cause. Indeed whatsoever doth happen during the days of the Manifestation of God, though to outward seeming it is but grievous abasement, there lieth concealed

within it incalculable glory and honour; and though it appeareth as dire torment, in reality a myriad blessings are enshrined therein.

If those that have erred grievously were aware of the hidden mysteries of martyrdom, they would in no wise commit such deeds. However, God hath caused them to be tongue-tied and bereft of sight, with their minds and power of perception reduced to naught, in such wise that they deem a priceless benefit a grievous loss. With their own hands they help the Cause of God, though they themselves are wholly unconscious of it. Verily God rendereth His Cause victorious at one time through the aid of His enemies and at another by virtue of the assistance of His chosen ones. Concerning those pure and blessed souls, Our Pen of Glory hath revealed that which excelleth the whole world, its treasures and whatsoever existeth therein. Erelong shall the heedless and the doers of wickedness be repaid for that which their hands have wrought.

Be thou of good cheer, for the Lord of all worlds hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison. Be thou of cheerful heart, for the Beloved hath placed upon His head the crown of manifestation and given thee glad-tidings thereof. Be thou of joyful spirit, for the Spirit of Truth with hosts of angels standeth present, hearkening to the words which, as a token of grace, have been sent down from the heaven of bounty. Be thou of eloquent speech, for the Kingdom of Utterance is engaged in thy mention.

O ’Ali-’Askar! The causes for thy joy are beyond mention or utterance, and are sanctified above enumeration or description by any tongue. The primary cause is turning toward the Most Sublime Horizon, secondly recognition of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, thirdly hearkening unto the call from the lips of His chosen ones, and fourthly beholding His signs in the days of God. There are indeed many causes for joy - may thou be of good cheer, cheerful heart and joyful spirit, for these are the days of supreme joy.

The time for teaching hath come, for the sign of victory and triumph hath appeared and is resplendent from the horizon of the land of Ya. This is the time for teaching - the friends must arise and with spirit and joy lead the heedless to the court of awareness. The deed that was manifested in that land for the sake of showing love is accepted and mentioned before the Wronged One. God willing, may all hold fast to such deeds as draw the servants nigh, for this is the conclusive command that hath appeared from the horizon of the Pen of the Most Great Name. Well is it with them that understand and well is it with them that act. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Make mention of all the members of that household on behalf of the Wronged One and illumine them with the light of the Word of God. Great is this Day and sublime the grace. Well is it with him who hath turned toward the horizon of the Manifestation, detached from all else in the heavens and the earth. Glory be upon you all.

=== END BH06788 ===

=== START BH06789 ===

The payment of the Right of God is conditional upon one’s financial ability. If a person is unable to meet his obligation, God will verily excuse him. He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

=== END BH06789 ===

=== START BH06791 ===

O Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Abu'l-Qasim! We have seen thy letter and heard the yearning of thy heart in separation from thy Lord, and We understood what thou didst desire of nearness and meeting. But the enemies have come between Us and thee, and have prevented the servants from that for which they were created. Blessed is the one who, strong in spirit, hath rent asunder the veils in the name of his Lord, the All-Bestowing, and hath voiced His praise amidst all possibilities with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. He is indeed of the people of Glory in the Preserved Tablet of Names, and one who hath embarked upon the Crimson Ark in the name of God, the Possessor of all things and Creator of the heavens. Rejoice thou that We found thy letter adorned with the remembrance of God and sanctified from the mention of aught else but Him, and We observed thy turning unto Him, thy devotion, and thy sincerity towards God alone. Verily He, despite the sorrows that have befallen Him, remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison with that which the world cannot equal. When thou perceivest and findest this, arise in His name, the Exalted, and say: "Unto Thee be praise, O Glory of the World! And unto Thee be thanks, O Thou Who answereth them that turn unto Thee, Companion of them that are nigh unto Thee, Lord of the mystics, and Beloved of the sincere!"

=== END BH06791 ===

=== START BH06793 ===

In My Name, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing! O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the actions of those who, throughout all ages, have wronged God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Remember when the Spirit came, and what was inflicted upon Him by the Jews who cast the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds, behind their backs. Then observe what was visited upon Muhammad, the Apostle of God, by all the opposing factions. By God's life! They are in manifest loss. Verily, whenever He came with the truth, the divines pronounced judgment against Him, and behind them stood the rulers of the earth, if ye be of them that hear. Then remember when the Day of God came - He through Whose mention the books of God were adorned aforetime and Whose manifestation was heralded by the Prophets and Messengers. Woe unto the learned one whom knowledge hath deluded and kept back from God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting! Say: O ignorant one! Thou wert created for this Day, yet when it appeared thou didst turn away. O rejected idolater! He came to give thee life, yet thou didst pronounce judgment against Him. O heedless and veiled one! Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto this Call, and woe unto every remote and rejected one.

=== END BH06793 ===

=== START BH06794 ===

O Ahmad! In the nights and days render thanks and praise unto God, exalted be His glory, for He hath caused thee to attain unto His days, hath guided thee and shown thee the way. This blessed Day is

mentioned as the Day of God. Today through the key of the Most Great Name the gates of bounty, mercy, compassion, knowledge and understanding have been opened before the faces of the world. Blessed is the soul who hath drunk of the sealed wine through the name of the Self-Subsisting Lord and hath turned with heart and soul toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. Say: O people of God! The path is manifest and the balance is evident. Strive that ye may attain unto that which beseemeth the Day of God. Beseech ye God that He may enable all and give them to drink from the chalice of steadfastness, that all may be observed as firm and steadfast upon the straight path in such wise that the conditions of the world and the doubts of nations may not withhold them and deprive them from the Most Great Ocean.

=== END BH06794 ===

=== START BH06795 ===

O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God, He Who is manifest through bounty and Who speaks with justice! O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Today from the City of Lovers successive glad tidings arrive. At one time they give the good news of the turning of Ali-Qabli-Akbar to the prison in the path of God, the Lord of Destiny, and at another time of the orientation of Amin toward the mighty fortress and manifest prison in the path of God, the Lord of the Worlds. Attraction and longing have seized all. Those deeds which His Majesty the Sultan himself denied concerning this party and testified to their sanctity and purity, they have now attributed to this party, and they have seized two souls from among the firm and steadfast ones. Glory be to God! They seized the wicked Ahmad-i-Kirmani who confessed to his error and to writing the seized document, yet this did not lead to the manifestation of justice and fairness. They accuse those whom the Truth has made trustees of the seventh layer. The resplendent, brilliant light be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the Worlds.

=== END BH06795 ===

=== START BH06796 ===

O Ahmad, upon thee be My glory! O Ahmad! When thou hast received My Tablet and been blessed with the Kawthar of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me when mankind was in manifest error, and for having caused me to turn toward Thee when the people were in grievous rejection, and for having enabled me to acknowledge the oneness of Thy Being when humanity was in severe denial. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast opened the gates of bounty unto all nations, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and immovable in Thy mighty Message and ancient Decree. Thou seest me, O my God, gazing toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence, Who speaketh from Thy glorious station, Who domineth both the unseen and the visible, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, and to decree for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Powerful over all things through Thy word “Be” and it is. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH06796 ===

=== START BH06797 ===

O Ahmad Bey, upon him be the Glory of God

In His name, the Protector over earth and heaven! O Ahmad! The Wronged One of the horizons hath turned from the precincts of the prison towards thee, summoning thee unto truth and guiding thee to the straight path. Today both the call of the All-Merciful and of Satan are raised. Through God's infinite bounties, may thou drink from the ocean of grace and become illumined and radiant through the lights of the Sun of Knowledge. With utmost effort and steadfastness, voice the praise of the Friend and fix thy gaze upon His horizon, in such wise that the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent thee. This is the most glorious, most exalted station. Blessed is he who attaineth thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the horizon of the world was illumined, the Most Great Ocean surged, and the pearls of knowledge and wisdom appeared among the nations! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this Cause, from which the learned have turned aside and by which the feet of the mystics have slipped. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06797 ===

=== START BH06798 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Asad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from this well-known spot. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The All-Bountiful hath come upon the clouds, yet the people perceive it not. They have followed their own desires and cast behind them that which the King of Kings hath brought. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses, and made thee attain unto this promised Day. By God! This is the Day whose mention hath adorned the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Among the people are those who have denied and turned away, and those who have cast aside the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity. Thus doth My Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest be informed and be of them who have held fast unto the cord of God's tender mercy, the Mighty, the All-Loving. When thou hast received thy Lord's Book, arise and say: "Unto Thee be glory, O Lord of the worlds! I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded Thy wrath, and Thy grace hath encompassed the kingdoms of the unseen and the visible. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this Cause which hath caused the limbs of the world to quake, save those whom the hand of Thy favor hath aided. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

=== END BH06798 ===

=== START BH06799 ===

In the Name of the One God

O Asad, upon thee be My glory! The letter of his honor A.L., upon him be the Glory of God, was presented before Our face. We have heard his call and recognized what was in his letter. We have answered him with that whereby his remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen Us at the hands of the idolaters that which hath caused those nigh unto God to weep. Praise be to God, there hath befallen thee what befell the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur. This is of God's bounty unto thee. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me from the height of Thy utterance and hast sent down for me that which shall not perish so long as Thy names and attributes endure. I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause and arisen to serve Thee. Then write down for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He must hold fast unto wisdom, for this firm decree hath been sent down in the Tablets, and afterward shall be revealed unto him what hath been ordained for him by the Mighty, the Ancient. Divine deliverance shall come. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One.

=== END BH06799 ===

=== START BH06800 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

O Asad, upon thee be my praise! In the letter of his honor Sayyah, it would not be amiss to make mention of his honor Sadiq, upon whom be greetings. Perchance on the day of arrival the heedless souls will not make any interference and this matter will pass with spirit and fragrance. Write that his honor Sad, upon whom be the Glory of God, has gone to Mecca and is returning. However, the light of our eyes Aqa Abdul-Husayn is occupied with study and practice in Alexandria. The request from that honored one is to watch over the condition of his honor Sad and deliver him from the evil of the deniers. We have ever been and continue to be grateful and thankful to his honor the Helper. We beseech from the Truth that He may cause his eminence to attain His special favors. He is the Mighty and the Powerful. In every condition we seek from that excellence kindness and love and favor regarding the letter Sad, and assuredly whatever appears from that beloved one in this path, it is certain that ere long the manifestations of divine grace and favors have appeared and will continue to appear.

=== END BH06800 ===

=== START BH06801 ===

O Afnan, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Haydar hath come to the Most Great Scene, crossing paths of land and sea until he entered the luminous Holy Land and attained that which was revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. He came and heard and attained and visited on thy behalf and as thy representative. Rejoice thou in this bounty and in having been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This is another bounty from God, the Lord of all beings. And he mentioned before the Countenance what thou hast done in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. This is not the first good deed that hath appeared from thee. God hath assisted thee to serve the Cause in successive years. God created thee and chose thee for this as a mercy and bounty from Him - He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He

is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory shining from the horizon of grace be upon thee and upon those with thee and who love thee.

=== END BH06801 ===

=== START BH06802 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O my God and the God of the world, my Lord and the Lord of all nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which trembling seized the tribes, the thunder lamented and the clouds wept, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, and who have arisen to lead Thy creation astray after Thou hadst made the path clear to them and sent down proof unto them. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning away from Thy signs and objecting to Thy clear evidences, to such extent that they have opened the door of deception and doubt before the faces of Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the suns of the heaven of Thy favors and the dawning-places of the lights of Thy countenance, to aid Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the enemies nor the signs of the wicked may cause them to slip. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Sent by Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, an amount of nineteen (19) tumans through His Honor the Distinguished Afnan, Jinab-i-Alif and Ha, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, reached the servant in the prison in the month of Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam in the year 1301.

=== END BH06802 ===

=== START BH06803 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O my God, my Lord, my Goal and my Hope! The servant testifieth to that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath testified before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Thee, the Peerless, the All-Informed. And he testifieth that He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities through Thy Will and Purpose, and was treasured within the strongholds of Thy protection and preservation, did appear. And when the promise came to pass, Thou didst manifest Him through Thy power and didst send down upon Him that which no books of the world can equal, to reveal Thy Cause and Thy bounty and Thy generosity, and to make manifest that which was hidden in Thy knowledge. But when He appeared and revealed Himself, the people turned away from Him and committed that which caused the land and the sea and all that is therein to lament, and the dwellers of the kingdom of Thy utterance and the dominion of Thy knowledge and power to weep. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names, to assist Thy party who have not broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who have stood with utmost steadfastness in Thy Cause, O Lord of all mankind, and have said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne." Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of them that know and Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06803 ===

=== START BH06804 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O my handmaiden! Today each of the handmaidens of the earth has attained the most great honor and supreme bounty, which is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. She is mentioned before God as being among the people of the most exalted Paradise and is recorded in the Book as one of the sincere ones and those brought nigh. Give thanks to the Goal of all the worlds that He has assisted thee and thou art accounted before God among the men of the most sublime Paradise. Amin arrived and described in detail before the Face of the Wronged One thy hospitality and thy feast, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent down from the heaven of divine Will that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of My luminous robe and engage with utmost joy and gladness in the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds. We hereby end the Book [and make mention of] him who was named Muhammad-Quli and remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have arisen and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne!"

=== END BH06804 ===

=== START BH06805 ===

In the Name of the Hearer, the Answerer!

O My handmaiden! The entire world cannot equal one drop of blood that is shed in the path of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy son and Abu Basir, for they were both martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Through this supreme bounty the eyes of the friends have been illumined while the eyes of the enemies of God remain sightless. True vision has belonged and will belong to the people of the Most Great Scene; all others, even if possessing a hundred thousand eyes, shall be raised up blind and so recorded in God's Book. Another affliction hath befallen thee in My days. We console and comfort thee with this mighty remembrance. By the life of God! She ascended and soared unto the Supreme Companion, attaining that which tongues and pens are powerless to describe. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon God and place thy trust in Him. Verily He will be with thee in all circumstances, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who are with thee, who have believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH06805 ===

=== START BH06806 ===

O Handmaiden of God, daughter of Ismi Asdaq, upon both of you be the Glory of God! He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets, both before and after, as a bounty from Us, and at this manifest hour. Every handmaiden who hath believed in God on the Day of Judgment hath indeed attained, and every learned

one who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, hath truly lost. We make mention of every servant who hath drawn nigh unto the Most Great Ocean when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. O My leaf! When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and heard My call, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me and made me recognize Thee and guided me and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath subdued all contingent beings, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast made all created things to be subservient, to make me in all nights and days speak forth Thy praise and stand firm in Thy love. O my Lord! Thou seest a leaf from among Thy leaves clinging to the Tree of Thy grace - ordain for her that whereby her eyes may be solaced. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH06806 ===

=== START BH06807 ===

O My handmaiden! The glance of God’s loving-kindness hath been directed toward thee from the prison, and with the tongue of grandeur He calleth and mentioneth thee, saying: Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great favor. How excellent is the state of one who hath turned unto God and acted according to that which hath been sent down in His Book! The sweet fragrances of your love were inhaled and your good deeds are mentioned before the Throne. You must strive to be enabled to act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Today, goodly deeds and spiritual virtuous character are beloved in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may you attain unto them. He is the Rewarder, He is the Bestower, He is the Forgiver, He is the Compassionate. How excellent is the state of the soul who hath clung unto Him and held fast to the hem of His mercy. She is mentioned and recorded among the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree before the Throne. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this clear remembrance and this wondrous Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH06807 ===

=== START BH06808 ===

O handmaid of God Aqa Bigum, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! O My handmaid! We have heard thy call and from the prison We have turned toward thee. How many are the princes of the earth who today are deprived of the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, while thou hast attained and hast turned toward the Dawning-Place of verses, the Dayspring of clear proofs, and the Source of commandments and ordinances. Let not this most exalted station and most glorious rank slip from thy grasp. In all conditions, with the utmost lowliness and fervor, beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord to preserve this station for thee, for the atheists lie in ambush and have been and are lying in wait, and the barking ones are vigilant at their posts. Blessed is the soul whom the whisperings of the deniers have not deprived of the manifest Truth. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to Thy cord. Ordain for me that which befitteth the

heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH06808 ===

=== START BH06809 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily there is none other God but Me, the Compassionate, the Generous. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled this handmaiden of Thine to turn towards Thy horizon and to recognize the ocean of Thy light and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, after the mighty ones among the men of Thy realm had forbidden it. I testify that Thou hast preferred Thy handmaidens above the greatest of the divines of Thy age, the jurisconsults of Thy earth and its mystics, inasmuch as they have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have led their people to the abode of perdition. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy mercy which hath preceded all things, and by Thy providence which hath encompassed all, and by the Lamp of Thy Cause whereby the world hath been illumined, and by the lights of Thy countenance, O King of eternity, to ordain for me through Thy grace and bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Then write down for me that which Thou hast written for them that dwell within the tabernacle of Thy glory, who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and whom neither the tyranny of the people of Thy realm nor the clamor of Thy lands and regions have deterred. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

=== END BH06809 ===

=== START BH06810 ===

In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. The whole world was brought into being for this most holy, most exalted Day, yet all remain heedless and veiled save whom God willeth. How many possessors of glory and wealth and dominion and realm who, with the utmost lowliness and fervor, beseeched the Self-Sufficing One for the presence of His Day. Yet when the divine Morn broke and the breeze of life wafted and His fragrance was diffused, all the trees of existence were seen to be uprooted save whom God willeth. Through His boundless grace thou didst hear His call and wert blessed with the lights of His countenance after the extinction of all else. Blessed art thou, and blessed art thou again! Know thou, O My leaf, the station of him who is with thee. Verily he hath, in the sight of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, a station and rank. The glory be upon him and upon thee and upon My handmaiden who hath been named Maryam. We make mention of her and give her the glad-tidings of My favors unto her, for I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

=== END BH06810 ===

=== START BH06812 ===

Ta. Letter to his honor Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Hearer and the Answerer.

O handmaiden of God! May you be blessed, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, with His bounties. Praise the Beloved of the worlds, for He has aided you to turn to the Truth in days when the men of the earth, both divines and theologians, are deprived and forbidden from His knowledge. Blessed is the handmaiden who has heard and responded, for she is among the dwellers of the chambers in the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he who cast upon you the Word of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks to your Lord and say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thy most exalted horizon and to set my face toward Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names! I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret Who hath manifested Himself before the faces of the world and called all unto a straight path, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

=== END BH06812 ===

=== START BH06813 ===

O handmaid of God who hath attained and won victory through the name of the One True All-Knowing Lord! O handmaid of God, reflect upon the grace and favor of God, exalted be His glory. He confirmed thee and granted thee success in days when all were heedless and veiled. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning and devotion. Praise be to God, thou didst purpose to attain the Most Sublime Vision. He aided thee with a hundred thousand means until thou didst arrive. Thou didst hear that which most of the servants are deprived of hearing, and thou didst behold a horizon for the beholding of which the power of sight was created and brought from nothingness into being. Know thou the worth of this station and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. We beseech God to preserve all from that which is unseemly and to adorn them with the ornament of chastity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We counsel all to steadfastness and to conduct and deeds that befit the days of God. The glory that proceedeth from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon thee and upon them.

=== END BH06813 ===

=== START BH06814 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

O handmaiden of God! Your letter was present before the Face of the Wronged One and attained to being seen and heard. Regarding what you mentioned about Jenab-i-Amin, he has taken refuge in the fortress of the blessed word "The poor is under God's protection." Who can breach the city that is built upon smooth rock? In truth, the outward means of the world have fled from him, and the reason and

cause for this is clear and evident. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before his face the door of wealth. Verily He doeth what He willeth and in His grasp are the reins of the affairs of all, from the first to the last.

A sum was remitted which Jinab-i-Habibullah, upon him be God's peace, was to deliver to him. If it has not reached him, it should be given to you - this would be acceptable and attain to the glory of His good-pleasure. We beseech God to assist His friends to set right each other's affairs. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Make mention of the kinfolk on behalf of the Wronged One. Soon will He open the doors of prosperity upon the faces of His loved ones and His friends with the keys of His gifts and favors. Verily He is the Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH06814 ===

=== START BH06815 ===

O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Herald between earth and heaven. O people of Baha! Be as clouds that from you may fall that which will cause the earth to grow. This beseemeth him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all men. Be ye of such character that the attributes of God may be manifested from you amidst all else. Thus have We commanded you before and in this Tablet which hath been adorned by the Most Exalted Pen in this station. Verily those who have turned away have no portion in the Book. Say: We have summoned all unto the most exalted horizon. Among the people are those who have turned towards it and those who have strayed from the straight path. He who hath turned hath turned unto the Beloved of the world, and he who hath turned away is of those who have denied God throughout all ages. Drink thou the Kawthar of bounty from the hand of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is my forelock, and thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me when I was wronged at the hands of the servants. Thus have I turned my face unto Thee and my Pen hath spoken that whereby Thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH06815 ===

=== START BH06816 ===

O Karbila'i 'Abbas, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

O My loved ones in the lands! Some souls are firm and steadfast in the Cause of God, while others have loved and continue to love discord, each day clinging to a rope and grasping at the hem of some vain imagination. We beseech the Truth that He may cause all to be steadfast in His Cause, in such wise that the doubts of the heedless and the intimations of the suspicious may not keep them back from the manifest Truth. The Day is His Day and the Cause is His Cause.

Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and have set my face toward the lights of Thy countenance. I testify that Thou didst create me and make me manifest and nurture me and guide me to Thy straight path and Thy firm and mighty Cause. I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy verses and the

dominion of Thy power to make me firm and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have sacrificed their souls in Thy path and whom the might of princes did not prevent from drawing nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH06816 ===

=== START BH06817 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O My loved ones and My friends! The Sun of Justice hath dawned, inasmuch as the Praiseworthy One, aided by God, hath been established upon the throne of equity. Through his justice the fragrances of tranquility have wafted over all who dwell within the realm of possibility. We bear witness that he hath confined affairs to such means as bring rest to the people and the citizenry. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by Him through Whom mysteries were revealed and fruits brought forth, and through Whom the light of unity shone forth amongst the servants, to preserve His Majesty the Sultan from the evil of enemies. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Hearing, the Answerer. O Abbas! My Branch Diya hath at this moment come into Our presence and made mention of thee. We have therefore remembered thee in this Perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to guard thee with His hosts and to rain down upon thee from the clouds of His mercy the showers of His bounty. Verily, He hath power over all things. And We make mention of the loved ones there who have cast behind them the Shi'ite faction, holding fast to that which God loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Peace be upon thee and upon those whose hearts God hath illumined with the light of His unity and caused them to hold fast to the cord of His grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH06817 ===

=== START BH06818 ===

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! We have desired to send thee a remembrance from the Mother Book, that it may draw thee to God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. Hearken unto the call from the Divine Lote-Tree - verily He remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison with that whereby thy mention shall endure amongst the peoples. Thy Lord is indeed the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Recite the verses of thy Lord by night and by day, at eventide and at dawn. He hath turned toward thee and revealed for thee that which causeth hearts to be attracted and mountains to pass away. When thou art blessed with the breezes of revelation, say: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the power that hath subdued all things, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast made the names to be submissive, to aid me in serving Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Then make me to be of those whom Thou hast adorned with the ornament of Thy loving-kindness and preferred above most of Thy creation. O my Lord! Thou seest this poor one standing at the door of Thy sanctuary, seeking from Thee that which will elevate his station among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word 'Be,' and it is."

=== END BH06818 ===

=== START BH06819 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

O thou who hast turned towards God! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and to counsel the servants for the sake of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O people of the Bayan! It behooveth no one to test the Dawning-Places of God's Revelation, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Yet the Wronged One summoneth you and biddeth you to present yourselves that ye may hear that which is sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: His Cause cannot be confused with aught else beside it. Present yourselves before the Face and be not of the patient ones. The rain of wisdom and utterance descendeth at all times upon the heads of them that are nigh unto God. Say: O company of the opposers! Beware lest ye deny the verses of God after their revelation. Lay hold on justice and cast behind you the whisperings of the wrongdoers who have cast the Most Great Ocean behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies of the heedless. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made mention of me in the Most Great Prison. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O my Lord! Aid me to remain steadfast in the Most Great Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06819 ===

=== START BH06820 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O you who gaze upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, which hath been raised from the prison of 'Akka. He hath testified to that which God testified before the creation of earth and heaven, and hath acknowledged that which His Prophets and His Messengers and His Chosen Ones and His trusted ones have acknowledged. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have enjoined upon all that which God hath enjoined. Among the people are those who have denied, and those who have turned away, and those who have decreed banishment and sent Me to this mighty prison. When We entered therein, We summoned all with the most exalted call to the supreme horizon. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither ranks nor hosts could deter Us. To this testifieth He with Whom is a glorious Book. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe the Most Great Faithfulness and the Supreme Steadfastness, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. When thou hast attained unto this Tablet, take it with power from Our presence and might from Our custody, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!

=== END BH06820 ===

=== START BH06821 ===

O you who gaze upon My face! There has befallen you what befell the Self of Truth. The heavens wept and the clouds lamented. Know with clear certainty that had the world been worthy, God, exalted be His glory, would never have delivered Himself into the hands of the enemy. To one possessed of insight, all that is witnessed is less than naught and returns to nothingness. Therefore, to those souls who have drunk from the immortal chalice and have been blessed with God's special favors, it holds not the weight of a mustard seed. Be not grieved by what has befallen you. All has been recorded in the Book by the Supreme Pen. Soon shall the heedless behold the recompense of their deeds, and you shall witness your reward with God, the Most High, the Great. Were the idolaters to see what is ordained for them, they would surely lament, and were you to behold your stations, you would soar aloft. Thus has spoken the Tongue of Truth from the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who has attained, and woe unto the most lost ones who have deprived themselves of this glorious station. The glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon you.

=== END BH06821 ===

=== START BH06822 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory. O Bahai, upon thee be My glory! The deed of Afnan, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy, was observed and was illumined by the lights of the Sun of acceptance. Blessed is he, then blessed is he, for he saved others. He is the sign of divine assistance, having aided one of the friends of God. We beseech God to send down upon the helper a blessing from His presence, a bounty from His own Self, and a favor from His direction, and to make his deed God's treasure in every world of His worlds. The friends of God must render assistance and serve to the extent possible, for this service is accepted and returns unto God. The kinsmen and other loved ones must strive. The recompense of those souls who act is never lost with God, and never shall be, and this Wronged One is the guarantor of this. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The Glory be from Us upon those whom love of the world hath not prevented from acting in His path, exalted be He.

=== END BH06822 ===

=== START BH06823 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, in My Name that speaketh in the Kingdom!

O Most Great Sea! Reveal the pearls that lie concealed within thee to him who hath turned unto thee, that thou mayest draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring him nigh unto his All-Glorious Lord, Who hath come from the horizon of power with the standards of utterance. We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the Mount of Knowledge, and have sent down unto thee that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous. Say: O people of the earth! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a might that hath prevailed over all who are in earth and heaven. When thine eyes have been solaced by beholding the signs of thy Lord and thine ears have been blessed by hearkening unto them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all things and Sovereign over all names, for having sent down unto me that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the continuance of Thy names and attributes. I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Tree of Thy

utterance and by the light that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy proof, to make me in all conditions to be attracted by Thy verses, to soar in Thy atmosphere, to hold fast unto Thy cord, and to remain steadfast in Thy Cause whereby feet have slipped. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH06823 ===

=== START BH06824 ===

In His Name, the Manifest, the Witnessed

O Javad! In the days when the Light of Revelation was dawning from the horizon of Iraq, We informed all through the cawing of the cawers. Those souls who were heedless of the root of the Cause and unaware, clinging to the cord of vain imaginings and scattered throughout the cities and regions, are like the previous party, training the servants with vain imaginings. For one thousand three hundred years, heedless souls afflicted the Shiite party with vain imaginings. On the Day of Recompense they committed that which caused the Divine Lote Tree to weep and the Supreme Pen to lament. Until now the deniers of the Bayan have not understood the Day of God. They speak and make mention with previous names. Say: O God, Worshipped One, Adored One! The power of Thy servants did not prevent Thy power. Thou didst aid Thy Cause with the Pen and didst summon through the Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by Thy great bounty and profound generosity to protect these servants from the evil of the cawers, that perchance we may not be contaminated with vain imaginings like the previous party. O Powerful One! Grant the portion of the chalice of certitude to those who have turned to Thee, and deprive them not of the lights of the Orb of assurance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06824 ===

=== START BH06825 ===

O Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who commands on the Day of Return. O Javad! The Lord of creation hath come with a Cause that affairs could not prevent and with a sovereignty that was not veiled by the doubts of those who broke the Covenant of God, the Lord of Lords. They cast the Book behind their backs and took what they were commanded by the Dayspring of vain imaginings. Thy letter was received and the servant present read it. We have answered thee with verses by which the hearts of the wise have been attracted. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. That which hath befallen Us hath caused eyes to weep and hearts to melt. By the life of God! They are the ones who denied God's proof and His evidence, and committed that which caused sighs to ascend. When thou attainest unto the verses of thy Lord and findest from them the fragrance of utterance, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having aided me to turn towards Thee and for having sent down upon me, in Thy path, that which Thou didst send down upon Thy chosen ones whom the might of the wicked did not deter." I beseech Thee, O King of the kingdom of earth and heaven, by the mysteries of the realm of power, to make me steadfast in all conditions in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06825 ===

=== START BH06826 ===

O Ghusn-i-Akbar! He Who preceded Sin (Himself) is present and uttering thy praise. We beseech God that He may aid thee in that which is the cause and source of the perpetuation of existence. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the Living Waters which have flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful and hast hearkened unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. This mention and this bounty shall endure through the perpetuity of God's Kingdom. Soon shall appear that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist thee in preserving this most exalted station. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. At all times thy mention hath been and continues to be remembered. This is from the favor of thy Lord unto thee. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones of God, namely those souls who are illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and We beseech for each one that which hath been and ever shall be peerless. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06826 ===

=== START BH06827 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Haji Baba, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! The Most Great Branch was present before the Face at this time and made mention of thee. Therefore have We made mention of thee in these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings, that the fragrance of remembrance might endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom of God and His Dominion. Likewise did Jinab-i-Samandar make mention of thee, and thou hast been honored with a new remembrance. When thou hast attained unto My verses and hearkened unto the warbling of the birds of My Throne, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and for having caused me to turn toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, and for having enabled me to acknowledge that which Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Tongue of Thy grandeur have spoken. O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Finger whereby Thou didst rend asunder the veils of idle fancies and the shrouds of vain imaginings, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy wisdom, to ordain for me that which shall be as a lamp unto me in every world of Thy worlds. Moreover, decree for me and for Thy loved ones, through Thy bounty and generosity, that which shall profit them. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH06827 ===

=== START BH06828 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

O Husayn! Verily, Husayn remembers thee from the prison-quarter at this hour when sorrows have encompassed him from all sides through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto every doubting denier. We have remembered thee before and after, and at this manifest hour. We beseech God to assist thee and to reinforce thee with the hosts of the unseen and the visible realm, and to draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

He who circumambulated the House hath appeared and mentioned thy name. We have remembered thee as a bounty from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. When thou dost discover the fragrance of utterance, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to recognize Thee and guided me and enabled me to turn toward Thee when the learned ones of the earth and its people turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation and by the sweet-scented winds of Thy verses to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

=== END BH06828 ===

=== START BH06829 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Husayn! Verily Husayn remembers you, and he speaks the truth between earth and heaven and calls all to the highest horizon, yet most of the people have turned away, denied, and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. He has come upon the clouds of knowledge and given all the glad tidings of the manifestation of God and His presence, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed are you for having attained the presence of God in your early days and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Generous. By the life of God! This is a bounty that neither the treasuries of names nor the riches of earth and heaven can equal, as attested by the Lord of creation in this manifest station. He is the One Who was promised in the Books of God, yet when He appeared every stubborn oppressor denied Him. Behold then the loving-kindness of God and His sovereignty: He came for the salvation of the world, yet the people seized Him and imprisoned Him in this mighty fortress. We give thanks to God in all conditions and call the people with supreme steadfastness to this mighty Cause. The glory be upon you and upon your father and mother and your two brothers from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

=== END BH06829 ===

=== START BH06830 ===

In the Name of the One God, the All-Speaking

O Husayn! The divines, mystics and men of letters throughout the earth all laid claim to the stations of mystical knowledge, imagining they had drunk from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's mystic knowledge and had attained to the Kingdom of utterance. Yet when the balance was brought forth and the

touchstone appeared, all were found bereft of that which they had claimed, save whom thy Lord willed. For on the Day of God they were observed to be deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Revelation. Whosoever today hath recognized the Hidden Mystery Which hath appeared and proclaimed "Verily there is none other God besides Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting," is accounted before God among the people of mystic knowledge. Consider now the station of them that have turned unto Him, and let your tongues speak forth "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds." O Hasan! Thy call hath been heard, and from the Kingdom of utterance these wondrous and exalted words have been sent down. God willing, thou shalt attain unto them and be observed to stand with utmost steadfastness in the Cause of God. This is the supreme gift, the greatest bounty, and the ultimate purpose.

=== END BH06830 ===

=== START BH06831 ===

O Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God!

In the name of the One God

O Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! Mention of thee hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and Haydar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly expressed thy love and thy being set ablaze with the fire of affection. It is hoped that thou wilt occupy thyself with service to the Cause with utmost eagerness and yearning, attraction and rapture. This Wronged One hath from the earliest days until now been afflicted in the hands of enemies, especially in these days when the fire of malice and hatred hath been kindled in their breasts without any cause. Nevertheless, the Most Exalted Pen hath not been prevented from mention and praise, and night and day summoneth the peoples of the earth to the Most Exalted Horizon. No authority hath restrained Him and no fear hath seized Him. He hath spoken and continueth to speak before all faces: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Counselor, the All-Knowing." Convey My greetings to the loved ones. Blessed is the servant whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH06831 ===

=== START BH06832 ===

O Husayn! Your letter was received and all that was mentioned therein became clear and evident. God willing, you will be observed with joy and gladness from the breezes of the divine days. Regarding what you wrote about your wife - that in your absence one of the companions pronounced divorce, meaning he implemented its ruling - this matter is very far from divine justice and contrary to the ruling of the Book. I swear by the sun of the heaven's horizon of truthfulness that the Truth has come for the affection, unity, rest and joy of the people of the world, and has summoned all to the horizon of oneness. If in truth someone has committed such an act, the prohibition of which is clear and evident in the Divine Book, it was not and will not be acceptable before the Wronged One. God has ruled and continues to rule according to the outward. God willing, after investigation, that which God has decreed will be carried out.

Be not distressed. Verily He changes hardship to ease, and sorrow to the greatest joy. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06832 ===

=== START BH06833 ===

XV

O Thou Who art the Ruler of earth and heaven and the Author of all names! Thou hearest the voice of my lamentation which from the fortress-town of ’Akka ascendeth towards Thee, and beholdest how my captive friends have fallen into the hands of the workers of iniquity.

We render Thee thanks, O our Lord, for all the troubles which have touched us in Thy path. Oh, that the span of my earthly life could be so extended as to embrace the lives of the former and the latter generations, or could even be so lengthened that no man on the face of the earth could measure it, and be afflicted every day and every moment with a fresh tribulation for love of Thee and for Thy pleasure’s sake!

Thou well knowest, however, O my God, that my wish is wholly dissolved in Thy wish, and that Thou hast irrevocably decreed that my soul should ascend unto the loftiest mansions of Thy Kingdom, and pass into the presence of my all-glorious Companion.

Hasten, by Thy grace and bounty, my passing, O my Lord, and pour forth upon all them that are dear to Thee what will preserve them from fear and trembling after me. Powerful art Thou to do whatsoever may please Thee. No God is there except Thee, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Thou seest, O my Lord, how Thy servants have left their homes in their longing to meet Thee, and how they have been hindered by the ungodly from looking upon Thy face, and from circumambulating the sanctuary of Thy grandeur. Pour out Thy steadfastness and send down Thy calm upon them, O my Lord! Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH06833 ===

=== START BH06834 ===

O Karbila’i Aqa Rida, son of him who hath ascended unto God, He Who is manifest above all things! O Rida! The Creator of the heavens maketh mention of thee from this most exalted station and ultimate goal, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those whom the veils of mortals have not withheld from the Lord of destiny, and whom neither cannons nor armies have frightened. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this epistle as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving. The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with such sovereignty as the ranks of the invisible and visible could not prevent. He speaketh at all times, saying: “O peoples of all religions! By God, the All-Merciful hath come in His name, the Self-Subsisting! Arise to serve the Cause!” This is what We foretold you aforetime in Our words: “On the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm.” This is the Day wherein the ocean of attainment hath surged and the fragrance

of the garment hath been diffused. Blessed are the people who recognize. We send greetings from this station upon the faces of My loved ones there, that the greeting may so transport them that they move not except by God's command, the Mighty, the Loving. The glory rest upon thee and upon them from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Rafi', who calleth between earth and heaven!

O Rafi', hearken unto the Call raised from the Crimson Spot behind the Ocean of Grandeur from the Uttermost Tree: He is, verily, no God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There hath come before the Throne a leaf sent by him who circleth round the Throne, wherein was thy mention, and We have mentioned thee with sublime words whereby the Spirit hath spoken, the Cock hath crowed, and the Dove hath warbled. There is no God but He, the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Rejoice thou in that thou hast attained unto this Tablet through which hath shone forth the Sun of loving-kindness as a bounty from God, the Bestower, the Generous. We have, of a truth, mentioned thee and do mention thee through Our Will. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Take thou the chalice of utterance in My Name, then drink therefrom through My remembrance, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Religion. Say: Die in your wrath, O people of hatred! By God, the Dayspring of Revelation hath illumined and there hath shone forth therefrom the Sun of the Beauty of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Thus hath moved the Pen when the Tongue of Eternity spoke in this noble station.

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He Who is mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds! O Ramazan-'Ali! Hearken unto the utterances of the idolaters and those who have turned away. The Seal of the Prophets commanded that in three days seven hundred souls be put to death, and 'Ali and Zubayr beheaded them. And were all those who were slain as mentioned in the Qur'an to be recorded, all would be seized with wonderment. Consider in the Bayanic Dispensation how many souls were consigned to perdition. In every city they killed and were killed. Yet despite this they have objected to this Wronged One, saying "Why was such a one killed, and such a one deprived of life?" Say: Leave this, that another party may raise these same objections, for it was characteristic of both the Bayan and the Qur'an to purify the earth of souls. But this Wronged One, by God's command, hath removed these things and strictly forbidden them in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Blessed is he who speaketh with justice and fairness, not according to the promptings of his desires. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee to champion the Cause of thy Lord through wisdom and utterance.

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Upon Jinab-i-Ruhullah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of Glory! O Ruhullah! Today the Spirit in the sacred valley cries “Here am I, O my God, here am I,” and Moses on the Mount of Knowledge gives glad tidings of the Manifestation. Where is the eye and where is the ear that may see and hear? I swear by the lights of the Sun of Truth that if anyone today fails to seize an opportunity, he shall never again be enabled to make amends. O friends! You are accounted as the flowers of the garden of inner meanings. Strive that there may be diffused from you that which is worthy and befitting. Whosoever is adorned today with goodly deeds and praiseworthy attributes - from him will be diffused that which strengthens the soul. Adorn yourselves with that which you have been commanded by God, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Praise be to the Goal of the world Who guided you to the Most Great Sea and did not deprive you of the Choice Wine. It behooveth thee to thank God for this supreme bounty and to remember Him at morn and eventide.

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=== START BH06839 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

O Zayn, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The servant present before the Throne presented thy letter and that of the noble name, upon whom be My glory. At a time when the morning breeze of inner meanings was wafting and the birds of utterance were singing with joy, all that thou hadst mentioned attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, He hath adorned the world with an ornament and clothed it with a garment which the possessors of hosts and ranks and of might and wealth are powerless to remove. Say: All power belongeth unto God, the Goal of the worlds, and all majesty belongeth unto God, the Object of worship of all in the heavens and the earth. These earthly manifestations are not and have never been worthy of mention. Say: These birds of the wilderness have another drinking-place and another station. Who is able to extinguish what God hath kindled with His white hand, and who can put out what the hand of thy Lord’s power, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty, hath set ablaze? The hand of power hath extinguished the fire of sedition. Verily, He is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Say: The mountain of the steadfastness of My chosen ones is not shaken by the winds of the world nor by the tempests of the nations.

Glory be to God! What hath possessed these people that they should imprison the friends of God and cast them into dungeons? Thou hast seen that Name of God. By My life! He desired naught save righteousness and prosperity from God, glorified be His majesty, and in the nights and days he would beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for bounty, mercy, loving-kindness and compassion for all the peoples of the world. Naught but good was mentioned by him. Nevertheless, there befell him what befell him.

Likewise with the friends of God, ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon whom be My glory - although he spoke with utmost truthfulness, it proved of no avail. They presented proofs and evidences. We were with them when they spoke the truth. Although one of the friends of God spoke somewhat unwisely, yet God forgave him as a grace from His presence.

And We make mention in this station of Abu'l-Fadl who hath been imprisoned for My name. Say: Be not grieved, for ere long the sincere ones shall behold the Sun of Justice shining from the horizon of glory. Thus doth the Lord of all beings inform thee from His mighty prison.

As to what thou hadst mentioned regarding consultation, We have verily made it a ladder of ascent unto the heaven of success and salvation. Well is it with them that take hold thereof and preserve its station. Man's ascent to the heaven of wellbeing and safety is indeed dependent upon the ladder of consultation. God willing, may the people of God hold fast unto it in all conditions.

O thou who hast attained unto My presence! The immoderation of some in the early days of the Cause was like violent and destructive tempests that uprooted the saplings of assurance and hope. Thus did the government turn away and the people become agitated, for they were heedless of the divine purpose and commandments and acted according to their own desires. Although the morning breeze of revelation was wafting and He Who conversed on Sinai was speaking, yet none witnessed from them any deed befitting the divine days. For this reason did the life of the oppressor gain extension until these days. Every person of insight beareth witness to what hath been mentioned.

O Zein! The clouds of oppression have veiled the moons of justice and prevented their light from shining forth, and the greatest veil has come between the Sun of Justice and the world. The cause and origin of this oppression have been and are the divines. They are the mighty veil and the dense cloud. Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "They have exchanged the favor of God for disbelief, and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition." Today, that which will cause the exaltation of the Word and the spread of the Divine Cause is the sanctification of the hearts of His loved ones from rancor and hatred and from whatsoever is unacceptable in God's sight. I swear by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings that such souls have been and are under the glance of His favor. Their Helper and Succourer is God, exalted be His glory. The oppressor shall be in loss, and the oppressed shall triumph. How excellent was that which was spoken aforetime:

"Thine eyes are closed in slumber while the wronged one remaineth sleepless,

Calling out against thee, and God's eye slumbereth not."

Today, pay no heed to outward powers. That which thou seest shall perish, but that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken unto thee shall endure. In this Revelation, God hath not and will not grant respite to the oppressor, and if any soul remaineth for numbered days, this is in accordance with the requirements of consummate wisdom. This is another matter. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

In all matters be vigilant regarding the Cause. In the darkness of oppression, be as a brilliant star, and in the midst of turmoil, be at peace through the Name of God. Take counsel together in matters, placing your trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O Zein, for having remembered My Name, the Wronged One, the Imprisoned, and for having mentioned it with glory in thy letter. He will surely reward thee with the best of rewards. Verily, He doth not suffer the recompense of the sincere to be lost.

As to what thou didst mention regarding My handmaiden and My leaf, We send her Our greetings from this exalted spot. Give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her, that she may thank her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Concerning what thou didst write about the sale of property, there is no objection. What is essential today is to hold fast to and engage in matters that will cause the elevation of the Cause. God will soon expand your sustenance and send down upon you a blessing from the heaven of His bounty. He, verily, hath power over all things. The selling of property for the purpose of acquiring another house is acceptable before the Face, and God, exalted be His glory, in all conditions hath regard for what is beneficial for His loved ones.

We make mention in this place of thy son Abdul-Husayn, that this may be a treasure for him in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Every mention that hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen shall never be exhausted, and shall endure as long as My Most Beautiful Names endure. To this testifieth every discerning one who is endued with insight.

And We make mention of thy other son who hath been named Hasan. O Hasan! Be excellent even as God hath shown excellence unto thee. Then rejoice in His wondrous remembrance of thee. Verily, He hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison with that which nothing can equal, if thou be of them that understand. Seize upon the remembrance of God and His loving-kindness, and be thou of the thankful.

And We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali and counsel him with that which will exalt his station among the servants and establish his remembrance in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We illumined the horizon of thy heart with the Sun of My wise remembrance. Be thou thankful to God for this great bounty.

O ?abib! The Best-Beloved remembereth thee from the prison quarter, while speaking with manifest sovereignty. The conditions of the world cannot frustrate Him, nor the hosts of nations, nor the might of the oppressors. He calleth out with the most exalted call betwixt earth and heaven, and summoneth all to His straight path. He seeth the oppressors but as moths fluttering in the air. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His exalted station.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the trustees, all of it hath been accepted in the Most Holy Court, and its decree hath previously been issued from the Most Exalted Pen. However, their appointment in the visible world is contingent upon its time. Every matter, when its hour cometh, God shall manifest it in truth. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Had We previously designated someone specifically and adorned him with the distinction of appointment, there would assuredly have befallen him that which would have grieved the Concourse of the Near Ones and the Supreme Concourse. However, after the extinction of the kindled fire and its subsidence, let the Council of Consultation designate them in utmost joy and fragrance. In that Council, let them hold fast unto whatsoever conduceth to exaltation, elevation, dignity, composure, goodly deeds, spiritual qualities, words of counsel, and the reformation of heedless souls, according to the requirements of the days, until God shall come with His command. Verily, He hath power over all things. At present, it is more expedient that these souls be confirmed by the signature of the friends in that land, for if the

people of hatred and iniquity–that is, the divines of the age–were to become aware of those souls who have been designated by God, they would assuredly harass the princes and ministers with a hundred thousand lies, deceptions, and schemes, and would besmirch matters that are sanctified from the world and its affairs with the clay of their own suspicions and imaginings, presenting them before their presence. Verily, thy Lord speaketh the truth and guideth to the way. He is the Ruler, the Commander, the Holy, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

And at the end of the Book, We make mention of thee with another mention, that thou mayest rejoice in God's bounty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have answered thee and decreed for thee what thou didst desire, and We ask God to forgive that for which thou didst seek forgiveness. Verily, He is the All-Merciful from before and after, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have attained unto this manifest Cause.

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He is the Rememberer in Truth! O Sakinih! The ocean of utterance surgeth before all faces, and the Sun of knowledge shineth resplendent from the horizon of the world. Yet the opposers of the Cause have shut their eyes and remained deprived of all things. Would that they might understand what they have forsaken and to what they have cleaved! Leave them to their vain imaginings. Say: O my God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy male and female servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded His wrath and Whose grace hath encompassed all things. Ordain for Thy handmaidens that which Thou hast ordained for those handmaidens who circle round Thy throne, then aid them in that whereby their mention shall endure in Thy perspicuous Book. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. He is God, exalted be He! The sum of forty tumans was received by this servant from His Honor Haji Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God, through the beloved of hearts, His Honor Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and twenty tumans through His Honor Ism-i-Jud, making two payments totaling sixty tumans from the hand of the honored beloved, His Honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, in the month of Safar 1311.

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=== START BH06841 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Hearer, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O Sun of Truth, send one of Thy effulgences unto him who hath turned toward Thee and desired to direct his steps to the Kaaba of God, the Lord of all lords. The Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured One hath come with a Command that hath enraptured the hearts of the righteous. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hear the Call of the Wronged One. He giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee by God, the Lord of all beings. Say: O people of the earth! This is a Day wherein secrets have been unveiled, rivers have flowed forth, and all things have proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, Who hath appeared and manifested that

which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen sung from the most exalted station by the command of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. O people of the Bayan! Fear God, and follow not the vain desires of those who have broken God's Covenant and Testament, and denied His proof and evidence. Thus have the banners of grace come and the standards of guidance been raised through the bounty of God, Who causeth the rivers to flow.

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=== START BH06842 ===

O Shaykh Ibn-i-Dhabih, upon both of you be the Glory of God!

He is the All-Knowing Speaker. O Shaykh! Set aside the cup and take hold of the ocean in His name, the Mighty, the Ever-Flowing. Then drink therefrom, despite every denier who hath denied the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and every oppressor who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of all mankind. We have come to educate the servants and improve the lands. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother of Tablets. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days and drunk the choice wine of My love from the hand of My bounty, and believed in Me on a day when every heedless doubter disbelieved. Say: O people! Behold the Tree and its fruits. They are before your faces. Fear God, O followers of error! Say: Cast aside your idle fancies. By God! The Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Dawning-Place of Lights. Thus hath the Most Great Announcement revealed His verses as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The light and its radiance, and the sun and its effulgence be upon thee and upon those who have arisen and said: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!"

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=== START BH06843 ===

He is the Hearer, the All-Seeing

O 'Abbas! The Wronged One of the world makes mention of thee with a mention whose sun shall never set nor decline from the horizon of utterance. This is the mention wherewith those near to God and the sincere ones have been mentioned, and through which they have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is that Most Great News which hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in the divine Books, and whereby all who dwell on earth were given glad tidings of His days. Praise be to God that thou art enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and art turning unto the lights of the countenance of God. This is the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen concerning you, in the name of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Preserve this most exalted and most high station. Blessed is the one whom the might of the world hath not kept back from the Lord of Eternity. Such a one is of the people of Paradise in the Book of God. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to that which beseemeth His Day. The glory that shineth forth and dawneth from the horizon of My Pen be upon thee and upon those who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth.

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=== START BH06844 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Baqi! Upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from the Most Glorious Horizon.

O ’Abdu’l-Baqi! The essence of justice is witnessed beneath the talons of oppression. Beseech thou the True One that He may illumine the world through the lights of the Luminary of His Revelation, that all may be purified from the desires of self and passion, may set their faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and may turn from that which is unseemly unto that which is befitting. That which hath befallen the Divine Phoenix hath caused the lovers in the cities of the Kingdom to change their garments. In this most great calamity the loved ones must be the cause of joy and patience and consolation. God hath made death a door to His grace, yet most men know it not. Convey thou the greetings of the Wronged One to His loved ones and kinsfolk, and remind them of the verses that have been sent down. Verily, He is with His sincere servants. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and on the earth. The Glory be upon you, O loved ones of God and His party, and upon all who have sought the Sealed Wine in the Name of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH06845 ===

He is the Giver, the Beneficent, the Mighty, the Bestower

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Give thanks unto God, the Lord of all worlds and the Manifestation of His evident Cause, Who hath sent down from the heaven of His bounty His servant Fakhru’d-Din. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined me with the light of unity and guided me through Thy grace and bounty to Thy straight path. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, circling round Thy will and gazing upon Thy signs which have encompassed the horizons through Thy power and sovereignty. I thank Thee, O my God, and praise Thee, O my Heart’s Desire, for this new bounty which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace and revealed through Thy generosity and bounty, and which Thou hast named Fakhru’d-Din in Thy perspicuous Book. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who precedeth all bounties and Who showeth mercy unto all peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, to make the footsteps of this newborn blessed and a blessing from Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Effulgent, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And We make mention of My handmaiden and give her the glad-tidings of the mercy of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to Thy path and granted me a bounty through Thy grace and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH06846 ===

O ’Abdu’llah! All divine Books and Scriptures gave the people of the earth glad tidings of this holy and blessed Day. Yet when the dawn of the Day of Manifestation appeared, the tyrants and pharaohs of the earth turned away and arose to cut down the Blessed Tree. The tyrants and pharaohs, in their primary station, are the divines of the age who have taken the reins of the people and command them according to the dictates of their own desires. Reflect upon God’s vast grace and mercy - those who considered themselves the most advanced, ancient, ascetic and God-fearing remained heedless and veiled from the Cause and reason of creation, while you, through divine grace, attained recognition of God, exalted be His glory, on the Lord of Days and turned toward the highest horizon. By the life of God! All that exists and is treasured cannot compare with this lofty, most exalted station, if you succeed in preserving it. What has befallen you - God is the witness and bearer of proof that He does not allow to perish the reward of the doers of good. Be confident in His grace and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH06846 ===

=== START BH06847 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaker before all parties

O Ali, upon thee be the everlasting splendor of God! This is the Day which all divine Books have been adorned with its mention. Blessed is the soul whom neither doubts nor allusions of the heedless ones prevented from the direction of divine unity. Today the Supreme Paradise crieth out with the most exalted call “The All-Merciful hath come!” and the gates of the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven are opened wide. Blessed is he who hath advanced and entered therein, and woe unto every remote denier. One exalted word can cause the essence of dust to transcend the heavens - hold fast unto it, detached from all who are in the heavens and earths. And that blessed word is this: “This is the Day of God wherein none other than Him is mentioned.” Whosoever holdeth fast to this word is preserved from the supreme terror and dwelleth secure and at rest beneath the canopies of divine grandeur. Therefore doth My Most Exalted Pen testify that he hath taken for himself beneath the canopies of light an exalted station and a faithful dwelling place. The Light shining forth and dawning from the horizon of God’s Tablet be upon thee and upon whomsoever holdeth fast to this firm cord. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH06848 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

O ’Ali, upon thee be My glory! This Wronged One, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from all directions, maketh mention of His loved ones and giveth them the glad-tidings of the bounty of the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou, for thou hast attained unto My remembrance whereby God hath quickened such multitudes as the pens of the world and the understanding of the nations are powerless to reckon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou to Whom I have turned when I was among the peoples. I beseech Thee to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the

clamor of those who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament may not deter me. Muhammad hath appeared before the face of the Wronged One and made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet that thou mayest be assured that thou art mentioned before the Seat of Him Who hath revealed and made manifest that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Praised. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have arisen and proclaimed: “The Sovereign Lord hath come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne!”

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O Ali, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! We have arisen this day in an exalted station and have remembered thee with such remembrance as no remembrance in the heavens and earth can equal, and through which the fragrances of revelation have been diffused and the perfume of the garment wafted abroad. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Tribulations have encompassed Us from all directions through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Wronged One calleth aloud and saith: “Thine is the bounty, O Lord of existence! Thine is the generosity, O Master of the world! And Thine is the glory, O Desired One of all names, in that Thou hast caused Thy servant to turn unto Thee and to speak Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.” Rejoice in that the Tongue of Grandeur hath desired to make mention of the leaf who hath returned unto the Tree. By My life! Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of pardon and beneficence hath been wafted. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God to send down upon her at all times a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His side. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

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=== START BH06851 ===

O ’Ali-Akbar, son of Sabir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, unto Him belong grandeur and majesty!

O ’Ali-i-Akbar! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy Court, and the servant present laid before Us that which thou didst mention. God willing, thou shalt drink of the sealed wine and receive thy portion from the heavenly Kawthar of divine utterance. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee with these sublime words: In this Day, they who attribute themselves to God must be seen as evanescent in themselves and abiding in God - that is, they must seek no desire save His desire and move according to His Will and Purpose. This is a station with which no other station can compare. This is the station of contentment, mention of which hath been made in the Books, Tablets and Scriptures of God, both of old and more recently. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and is of the thankful ones.

Give thanks unto God for having caused thy name to flow from His mighty and wondrous Pen, and for having the Countenance of thy Lord, the Goal of all desire, turned toward thee from this glorious and

luminous station. God willing, through the bounty of the Goal of the worlds that which shall bring joy and gladness to those who have drawn nigh and are near will become manifest.

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In the Name of Him Who is manifest from the horizon of the world! O ’Ali! He who hath loved Me and turned unto My horizon hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of the All-Merciful to be diffused throughout all creation. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to serve His Cause and to assist thee in His remembrance and praise. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. In the midst of tribulations do We remember the friends of God and His chosen ones who have hearkened unto His call and acted in accordance with that which was enjoined upon them in His perspicuous Book. O ’Ali! Rejoice that the countenance of Him Who was wronged hath turned toward thee from the direction of the prison, and hath made mention of thee with that which surpasseth the mention of those who are nigh and the praise of the sincere ones. Say: O my Lord! I testify to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days and befitteth the court of Thy glory. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy strength, and him who was far off drawing nigh unto the horizon of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH06854 ===

O Nightingale! Thou didst seek reunion and presence, and hast attained to this station. The Supreme Pen beareth witness that the smoke of the calumniators and oppressors of the world hath darkened the atmosphere. In view of the sorrows that have befallen Us and the upheavals that have appeared, We have permitted thee to tarry and have bestowed its reward. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to victory and art occupied with teaching. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loveth thee, and blessed is he who hearkeneth unto thy words concerning this wise Remembrance.

As to Abu’l-Fadl, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, in these days he and Mirza ’Abdu’l-Karim and others, upon them be the glory of God, are occupied with the assistance of the Wronged One. O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, the effects of divine counsels have become manifest in the East and West, for in that land the manifestations of self and passion martyred one of the friends of God. Through this hath appeared that which We counseled them before: “To be killed is better for you than to kill.” Well is it with them that act, and woe unto them that have forsaken. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that have soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have aided His Cause through wisdom and utterance.

=== END BH06854 ===

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His honor Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance

O Andalib! Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness. The servant present has chanted your poetry and prose in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are you for having attained to His mention and praise in the earliest days when the servants denied Him, save those whom God, the Lord of the mighty throne, willed. We have heard what the tongue of your heart uttered and have seen what came before the face of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid you and assist you to help His Cause and exalt His Word. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have mentioned you before with verses whose fragrance wafts through the gardens of My books, the realms of My utterance, and the kingdom of My remembrance, the mighty, the wondrous. Give thanks to God for this most great favor and say: "Yours is the praise, O Lord of Names, and Yours is the glory, O Creator of heaven, for having caused me to know You and taught me and mentioned me and given me glad tidings and given me to drink of Your sealed wine. The grace is Yours, O Lord of the world, and the bounty is Yours, O Master of the seen and unseen. Glory be upon You and upon whoever heeds Your word in this firm Cause."

=== END BH06855 ===

=== START BH06856 ===

Faran. His honor Mulla Ghulam-Rida. Mirza Asadu'llah has requested. In the name of the All-Knowing One.

O Ghulam-i-Qabil-Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Supreme Pen at this hour calleth out to thee from the precincts of the Prison. Thou hast borne in the path of God that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to in this exalted station. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the Tablet and attain to what hath been revealed therein, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and caused me to attain unto Thy days and enabled me to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee by the House wherein Thy call was raised, and by the Book which Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy Will for the protection of Thy servants and the guidance of Thy creation, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which beseemeth Thy generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. Then write down for my son from Thy Supreme Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

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In the Name of the One Friend

O Ghulamali! The Wronged One, Who hath appeared in His name, the Self-Subsisting, calleth thee from the precincts of the prison and saith: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the splendors of the

dawn of inner meanings and hast quaffed from the choice sealed wine. The purpose of creation hath been the recognition of this Day which in all the Books and Scriptures is known as the Day of God. Praise be to God, the Day hath appeared and its Lord and Master speaketh. Blessed are they who have recognized and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Ghulamali! We have witnessed thy burning with the fire of the love of God and have hearkened unto thy call. God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of divine bounty and bestow it upon the thirsty ones. Should thou find one who thirsteth, give him to drink of the pure wine in the name of the Lord of Power. Otherwise, preserve it in its vessel until there appeareth one who will drink it in My name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. In all conditions hold fast unto wisdom, lest the clamor of the heedless be raised and become the cause of grief to those who have turned towards God. Be thou thankful unto God for having remembered thee in a Tablet whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Praise be to thy Lord, the Possessor of Might!

=== END BH06857 ===

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In the Name of the peerless Lord! O Fath'u'llah! Thy letter hath been honored to attain the presence of the Best-Beloved of all mankind, and this servant, present before His countenance, laid before Him whatsoever was recorded therein. Today, whosoever hath attained unto the recognition of God is recorded in the Divine Book as one of the people of the Crimson Ark. Know thou the station of this most exalted rank. The peoples of the world, with lamentation and weeping, beseeched the Lord, glorified be His majesty, for attainment unto the presence of this blessed Day. Yet when the dawn of the Day of God rose above the horizon of the Will of the Lord of all names, all turned away save whom God willed. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to recognize Thee and bear witness unto Thee and taught me and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Pen of grace to ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou art He around Whose name, the Gracious, circle all who are gracious, and around Whose name, the Merciful, circle all who are merciful. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which I have desired from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy favor. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06858 ===

=== START BH06860 ===

O Pen! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Eternity speaketh from this manifest horizon. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven: "There is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." I have appeared and made manifest My path and My balance which proclaimeth: "I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing." I have sent down My verses and manifested My clear tokens, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed every froward devil. Among the people are those who denied and turned away, and among them are those who fabricated lies against the Mighty, the Most Praised, and among them are those who issued a decree for My death after I came with the signs of God,

the Lord of all worlds. They have abandoned the ordinances of the Book in that they followed the ways of the ignorant ones who cast aside God's Covenant and His Testament and disbelieved in that which was sent down from His exalted Kingdom. Thus have We sent down the verses [when] the temple of the world was adorned with the ornament of My Name, the Wondrous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

=== END BH06860 ===

=== START BH06861 ===

Baku. O Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon. O Kazim! The oppressor desired to extinguish the fire of God with the water of hatred and animosity. Thus did his soul entice him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Ask God to unveil for him what was hidden from him, that he may abandon what he possesseth, turning toward the horizon which God hath made the Dawning-place of lights. O concourse of friends! Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. Beware lest the might of those who have denied the Source and the Return cause you to fear. They who have clung to the cord of the Cause - these are the friends of God on earth and His chosen ones in the lands. The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of them at eventide and at dawn. Say: Beware lest the clamor of the divines hold you back from Him Who is the Possessor of Names. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own books. To this doth the Lord of the world testify from His most sublime station. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth and sent them unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing. The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon those who have arisen and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the earths and heavens."

=== END BH06861 ===

=== START BH06862 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power!

O beloved of my heart! As commanded, the package for his honor Darbaghi, upon him be God's peace, was sent. Place in it the Tablet addressed to his honor Aqa Mirza Ibrahim and send it. And send the remaining Tablets, along with the Tablet of his honor Muhammad Khan, upon him be Baha'u'llah, which was recently sent, to his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. The Tablet of his honor Aqa Yahya, upon him be God's peace, was also sent - send it to his honor Samandar, upon him be God's peace, for delivery. You yourself, O beloved one, should also write something as commanded to Aqa Yahya that will bring him joy and delight, though it was not possible this time. Something special should also be sent to his honor Khalil, upon him be Baha'u'llah. God willing, it will be done later. For now, give promises of bounty to them and to his honor Samandar and the others, upon them be God's peace. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them with the means of the heavens and earth. Verily, He hath power over all things.

=== END BH06862 ===

=== START BH06863 ===

O Muhammad, hear the call from this far-off spot. It summons thee to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Nothing whatever escapeth His knowledge, and He, verily, is cognizant of all things. The tyranny of the oppressors and the rejection of the deniers have not hindered Him from that which He desireth. We beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause in such wise that the clamor of them that have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall not deter thee. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and follow not every sinful infidel. Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared through the truth, and be not of them that deny. O people! The ocean of utterance surgeth before your faces, and the sun of knowledge shineth above your heads, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the furthermost boundary is heard in your midst. Cast aside that which the people possess on this Day whereon the breeze of God, the Lord of the mighty throne, hath wafted. O Muhammad! We made mention of thee before, that thou mayest arise to celebrate My praise and glory amongst My servants. And I, verily, am the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon them that have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My name, the All-Merciful. We bear witness that they are among the faithful.

=== END BH06863 ===

=== START BH06865 ===

He is the One singing on the highest branches! O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory, and O Afnan, upon thee be My peace! O thou who gazest toward My horizon, upon thee be My mercy! Grieve not over the happenings of the world. Thou art he who hath committed his affairs unto Him and placed his trust in Him. Verily, He is with His servants who trust in Him. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, the God of all beings, the Educator of all created things, the Revealer of verses and the Manifest through clear evidences! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me in Thy days and having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge on a day wherein most of Thy servants and creatures denied Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to draw me nigh unto Thee, that I may drink of Thy sealed nectar from the hand of Thy bounty and the cup of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Possessor of all existence, both unseen and seen. And We make mention in this station of him who hath been named Husayn - upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness - and We give him the glad-tidings of God’s grace, His mercy, His loving-kindness and His favors. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon him and upon those who are with you both on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

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Shirvan. O Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector over what was and what shall be!

O Muhammad-Javad! Praise be to God that thou hast received thy portion from the ocean of divine bounty. His generosity hath not deprived those who have turned to Him, and His grace hath not withheld from those who have beseeched Him. His hand is outstretched and His mercy precedeth all. Blessed is the

one whom the smoke of self and passion hath not prevented from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised and the scratching of the Pen is manifest. God willing, thou shalt attain unto the most great steadfastness and speak forth in remembrance of the Peerless Beloved. Say: O friends! Conflict, contention and bloodshed are forbidden. All must occupy themselves with the refinement of their own souls and thereafter arise for the reformation of others. This is what the Lord of Eternity hath decreed when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the world. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which God hath desired, and woe unto those who turn away. In all circumstances be mindful of wisdom and associate with all in a spirit of fragrance and joy. The Glory of God be upon thee and upon thy family who have believed and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06866 ===

=== START BH06867 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen! O Muhammad, who was before Hasan! The Supreme Pen hath at all times been occupied with the mention of the friends. Praise be to God! The Light hath dawned, the Hidden hath become manifest, the Treasured hath appeared resplendent, the verses have been sent down, the river is flowing, and the heavenly table is visible. Nevertheless, few indeed are those perceptive souls who can comprehend the stations of God's favors. The abundance of bounty and blessing hath become the cause of heedlessness. We beseech God to set all ablaze with the fire of His love and to bestow upon all a portion from the ocean of awareness, that they may attain to the station of grace, mercy and loving-kindness of the One intended by all the worlds, and may become engaged in His mention and praise. Verily, He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The honored Amin hath mentioned the friends of God who dwell in that land, and divine favors have been specially manifested for each one. We beseech the Almighty to assist you and aid you and grant you the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06867 ===

=== START BH06868 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad-Husayn! Blessed be thine acceptance, blessed be thine arrival. Well is it with thee, for thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, and happy art thou, for thou hast attained unto the heavenly table of utterance which God hath sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge. However, the first commandment of God is the recognition of Him, exalted be His glory, while the last is steadfastness in His Cause. And the manifestation and appearance of this steadfastness is mighty indeed. Beseech thou God that He may enable thee to attain such a station wherein the things of the world shall not prevent thee nor hold thee back from turning unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer. Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest Thy sheep amidst the wolves of Thy earth, and the manifestations of Thy name, the All-Merciful, among the dawning-places of unbelief and rebellion. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who didst deliver the Beauty from the depths of

tribulation and didst preserve Him from the hosts of enemies, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in holding fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest the suppliant standing before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being, by Thy might, not to deprive him of the kingdom of Thy riches. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

=== END BH06868 ===

=== START BH06869 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! Today the people of God must hold fast to unity and harmony, that all horizons may be illumined by the splendors of the light of the will of the Lord of the Covenant. Every word that causes harmony and is the source of unity is loved and acceptable, and without it nothing is acceptable. From the beginning, this Wronged One has summoned all on earth to the straight path of God. All are witnesses that He did not conceal or hide Himself for a moment. But when the Sun of Truth shed its radiance to some degree, the people of the Bayan arose in opposition and committed that which none had ever perpetrated from the beginning of the world until now. Hearken to the call of the Wronged One and arise with great resolve, that perchance thou mayest succeed in serving the Cause and stand firm in it in such wise that none of the peoples of the world can prevent thee. Verily We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee in this mighty Book, that thou mayest thank thy Lord Who hath sent down for thee that from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of the bounty of their generous Lord.

=== END BH06869 ===

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O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Helper, the Protector! O Muhammad! Time and again hast thou been blessed with the remembrance of the Wronged One of the horizons. By the Sun of the heaven of divine Will! The entire world cannot equal a single letter that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. The bounties of this world are transient, while the table of inner meanings sent down from the heaven of divine grace is everlasting and eternal. God willing, thou shalt attain unto this most great and eternal bounty and this supreme gift, and shalt be assisted at all times and under all conditions to serve the Cause. Soon will the barking ones and the idolaters enter those regions and surroundings, and will arise in the name of truth to lead the servants astray. This is that word which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen during the sojourn of the Luminary of the horizons in Iraq. God willing, the friends shall drink from the chalice of steadfastness in such wise that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent them. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Mahmud! The Wronged One makes mention of thee through His grace and remindeth thee of the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds, and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee from

God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have heard thy call, made mention of thee, and by reason of thy turning unto Us have turned unto thee from this far-distant Scene, and We counsel thee to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of names have quaked, and I am verily the All-Knowing Counsellor. The people of the Bayan have turned away from Him Who revealed it and their Sovereign, and have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, save those who heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below, for having enabled us to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee." O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounties. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the lights of the Orb of Thy proof to make me detached from all else save Thee and speaking in Thy praise and glorification in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me from turning to the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being! There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06871 ===

=== START BH06872 ===

O Mu??afa! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Say: O my God, my God! The fragrance of Thy utterance hath led me unto Thee, and Thy bounty hath guided me to the door of Thy grace. Thy generosity hath made clear to me Thy path, and Thy mercy hath brought me before Thy presence. Thy power hath preserved me from all else but Thee. I am he, O my God, who in the earliest days turned towards Thy horizon when most of mankind turned away therefrom. Thou art He Who, O my God, gave me to drink of the choice wine of Thy love, and caused me to arise to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy Cause, and made known unto me that which was hidden from Thy servants and Thy creation. With what tongue, O my God, can I make mention of the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty and the effulgent lights of the Sun of Thy generosity, inasmuch as Thou hast shown me that which was withheld from the world, and caused me to hear that which was heard by the Lord of all peoples? I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy Will and the Moon of Thy Purpose, and by Thy Cord through whose movement all created things were set in motion and all beings hastened unto the court of Thy holiness, to make me in all conditions a helper of Thy Cause, one gazing toward Thy direction, speaking forth Thy praise, and standing firm in Thy service. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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=== START BH06873 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Masum! We beseech God to illumine His loved ones with the light of true unity. The pride and polytheism of the Shi'ih party deprived them on the Day of Resurrection from the Days of God and His knowledge. They did that which the Jews and Christians did […] From pulpits they engaged in cursing and reviling the Goal of all the worlds, and thereafter committed that which no oppressor had ever committed. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who preserved thee and guided thee and […] bestowed upon thee the fruit of existence - awareness. This station is mighty; preserve it through the Name of Truth, for the croakers lie in wait and have ever done so. And beseech God that He may aid thee to preserve what

He hath bestowed. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, and guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to grant this plea.

=== END BH06873 ===

=== START BH06874 ===

O Mulla Jadhba Aqa Hasan! I am the Witness and the Witnessed One. O peoples of the earth! By God, God hath come with His glory, and the banners of guidance have been raised upon every lofty and exalted mountain. The pavilion of grandeur hath been erected, and within it the Temple of the Ancient of Days hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name. He hath turned towards the world until He beheld thee and mentioned thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Cast aside what the people possess and take what will profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Soon shall every soul return to its resting-place, and the people of Baha shall be with their Lord, riding upon the Crimson Ark. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma by Him Who hath appeared and given the world the glad-tidings of this Most Great and Most Wondrous Revelation. Verily, those who have turned away from the Cause are in a thick veil. Soon shall ye behold them in the fire. He Who came with the truth beareth witness to this with a manifest sovereignty. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have laid hold on the Most Great Handle and have testified to that which I have testified: "There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Informed."

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In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven! O concourse of creation! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Names proclaimeth from His Prison in 'Akka. He is, verily, none other than God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Every steadfast one hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean, every wayfarer unto the Supreme Horizon, and every seeker unto this noble station. How many a servant hath heard the call and responded to his Ancient Lord, and how many a one robed in authority hath disdained and waxed proud before God, the Lord of all worlds. We have created all for this Most Great Day - to this testifieth the Lord of Destiny in His impregnable Prison. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Do ye not behold the ocean of divine utterance, do ye not hear the call of God, the Mighty, the Praised? Abandon what the peoples possess and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in His wise Book. Thus have We remembered thee and sent unto thee that whereby the eyes of them that are nigh are solaced. Take hold of the Book with the power of God. Verily, He will be with thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord. To this thy Lord, the All-Informed, doth testify.

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O Mulla Qanbar, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, Who lamenteth and saith: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of the wrongdoers. The horizons have been filled with the signs of your Lord. Be fair-minded, and be not of the abased ones. The Euphrates hath flowed from the Pen of Him Who revealeth the verses, and the Most Great Ocean hath surged before the faces of the world. Fear ye God, and be not of the transgressors. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its effect, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds! I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Through Thee was set up the Bridge, and established the Balance, and the mountains were made to pass away, yet the people are in evident doubt. Thou art He the meeting with Whom was the hope of the chosen ones, then of the pure ones, and of those who circled round Thy mighty Throne. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee in His Most Great Prison that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the eternity of His Abiding Name. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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O Thou the dread of Whom hath fallen upon all things, before the splendors of Whose face the countenances of all men are downcast, at the revelations of Whose sovereignty all necks have humbly bowed, to the ruling of Whose will all hearts have been subdued, the awfulness of Whose majesty hath caused the foundations of all things to tremble, and to the power of Whose authority the winds have been subjected! I beseech Thee by the compelling force of Thy Revelation, and by the power of Thy might, and by the exaltation of Thy word, and by the sublimity of Thy sovereignty, to number us with them whom the world hath been powerless to hinder from turning towards Thee.

Cause me, O my Lord, to be of those who, with their substance and their own selves, have fought valiantly in Thy path. Write down, then, for me the recompense Thou didst ordain for them in the Tablet of Thy decree. Stablish me also on the seat of truth in Thy presence, and join me with the sincere among Thy servants.

I implore Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Messengers, and Thy Chosen Ones, and by Him through Whom Thou hast affixed Thy seal upon the Manifestations of Thy Cause among Thy creatures, and Whom Thou hast adorned with the ornament of Thine acceptance among all that dwell in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, to graciously assist me to attain unto what Thou hast ordained for Thy servants and bidden them observe in Thy Tablets. Wash away, then, my sins, O my God, by Thy grace and bounty, and reckon me among such as are not overtaken by fear nor put to grief.

Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH06878 ===

He is the Caller from the Divine Lote-Tree of Man! O Mahdi! Today the Lote-Tree speaks forth “The Truth hath come!” and the Call of Sinai is raised high. The Lord Moses with but one staff struck down the swords of the world, and the Ancient King with but one Pen hath vanquished the imaginings and idle fancies of the peoples. Praise be to the Lord of all worlds that thou hast hearkened to His call and attained unto the signs of His Pen. Know thou the worth of this station and arise to serve His Cause. This is God’s binding command. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto that which was ordained in His preserved Tablet. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for causing me to hear Thy call and behold Thy signs, and for honoring me with attaining unto Thy Tablet from whose horizon shone forth the light of Thy loving-kindness. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, that Thou art the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful. I beseech Thee not to deprive me from the ocean of Thy generosity nor from the lights of the Sun of Thy bestowal. I testify, and all created things testify, to Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence. Ordain for me and for those who have believed in Thee that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Generous, the All-Bountiful. Praise be unto Thee, for verily Thou art the Goal of them that know Thee.

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Fath-Abad. In the Name of the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

O Mir! May the lights of the Day of Manifestation ever illumine thee, and mayest thou be occupied with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. Observe among the people how they have taken as their object of worship that world whose evanescence all acknowledge and confess, and how they remain debarred and shut out from the true Object of worship and from the rays of the Spiritual Sun. O Mir! Hearken unto the call of this Captive. He, verily, will assist thee and draw thee nigh unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. The Supreme Pen hath recorded mention of steadfast souls. God willing, may they hold fast unto that which God hath willed and be freed and detached from all else. We send greetings to all the friends in that land and other regions, and We counsel them unto that which leadeth to the exaltation and elevation of the station of man. Well is it with them that act, and woe unto the heedless. May the glory shining from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon thee and upon them and upon every patient and grateful soul. Praise be to God, the Kind, the Forgiving.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

O Nasru’llah! The Wronged One makes mention of thee in such wise as to cause the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness and the united ones to perceive the sweet savors of My wondrous utterance. The servant who is present came before Our presence and presented what thou

hadst sent unto him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have heard thy call and what thou hast mentioned, and We have answered thee in truth, for verily We are the Answerer. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Face, and the hand that hath aided that which was commanded, and the man who hath remained steadfast in this mighty Cause. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then act according to that which hath been sent down from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We make mention at this time of My handmaiden who believed in God when every renowned scholar turned away from Him. We testify that she believed and recognized and answered her Ancient Lord, and We were with her at the time of her ascension, and We made mention of her before and after her passing. This is naught but a grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon her, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O Nasir! God hath verily aided thee in truth, inasmuch as He hath caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning-Place of His Cause, and the Dayspring of His Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Revelation. Verily, he who hath attained unto recognition of Me hath attained unto all good - thy Lord, the All-Informed, beareth witness unto this. Thou didst attain the presence in the luminous Spot and didst hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. By My life! This is indeed a supreme bounty. Thy name was mentioned before the Throne, and We bade the servant who standeth before the Countenance to bring forth ink and pen. When these were brought, We revealed unto thee these verses, which all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Thou art he who hearkened unto the call of thy Lord and turned unto Him on a day when every doubting scholar turned away. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him, drawn nigh unto Him, hearkened and drunk from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Recognize thou the station of this most exalted rank and this supreme gift, and be of them that render thanks. The glory of God rest upon thee, upon thy children, and upon them whom God hath related unto thee from among those who have believed in the signs of God on this mighty Day.

=== END BH06881 ===

=== START BH06882 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Na'im! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have mentioned thee before and do so at this time, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve thee and to exalt thee among His servants through His Name, the Protector of all names. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have recognized Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee by the pearls of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book to make me among those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one hath sought the ocean of Thy riches, and the oppressed

one the horizon of Thy justice. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby earth and heaven were illumined to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. O Lord! Unto Thee be praise for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee, and to ordain for me and for my son and for those with me that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy word “Be” and it is.

=== END BH06882 ===

=== START BH06883 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed!

O Navvab, O leaf sprung from My Divine Lote-Tree and My companion! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded existence itself. We give thee the glad-tidings of that which will bring solace to thine eyes, assurance to thy soul, and joy to thy heart. Thy Lord is verily the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. God was well-pleased with thee, both in the past and for the future, and He chose thee for Himself and selected thee from among the handmaidens for His service, and made thee to be the companion of His Temple throughout the nights and days.

Hear thou Me once again. God is well-pleased with thee, as a token of His grace and a sign of His mercy. He hath made thee to be His companion in every one of His worlds, and hath nourished thee with His meeting and presence, so long as His Name, and His Remembrance, and His Kingdom, and His Empire shall endure. Happy is the handmaid that hath mentioned thee, and sought thy good-pleasure, and humbled herself before thee, and held fast unto the cord of thy love. Woe betide him that denieth thy exalted station, and the things ordained for thee from God, the Lord of all names, and him that hath turned away from thee, and rejected thy station before God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH06883 ===

=== START BH06884 ===

O Nowruz-’Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God, He is the Herald between earth and heaven! O Nowruz, the servant who was present before the Wronged One mentioned your name, and this Preserved Tablet was revealed for you, which had been hidden in the knowledge of God and treasured in the pavilion of grandeur, as a command from Him - and He is, in truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and given glad tidings to all of that which will profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thereupon the servants rose up against Us and the divines issued decrees against Us with such injustice that the Maids of Heaven wept in their chambers and faces and cheeks were altered. Say: O company of the heedless ones! By what book did you believe in your Lord, the All-Merciful, and by what proof did you turn to Him? Bring it forth, if you have knowledge! Nay, by My very Self, the Truth! You have been impotent, as have all who dwell in the heavens and earth, to bring forth that which the Hidden and Treasured Name hath brought. When thou dost discover the fragrance of the divine utterance from the traces of the Pen of the All-Merciful, arise

from thy place, turning toward the Dayspring of Revelation, speaking His praise and making mention of that which thou hast been bidden in His recorded tablet.

=== END BH06884 ===

=== START BH06885 ===

O Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Remembering One, the Speaking One, the Trustworthy One. O Varqa, O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! The Lord of Names remembereth thee from this Spot which hath been named the White Place. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing and His name is the All-Wise. Thou shouldst, through divine grace, remind all the friends in that land so that all may hold fast to that which beseemeth the Days of God and act accordingly. By My life! The earth proclaimeth, the Balance speaketh, and the Mother Book crieth out: "The All-Bountiful hath come in His Great Name!" God willing, may all be assisted to do that which He loveth and approveth. In all conditions, set ablaze the dispirited souls with the fire of divine love and remind them of His verses, for the people are weak and God is strong and compassionate. Blessed are the people of Baha, for they are the companions of the Crimson Ark. Neither veils nor allusions can hinder them. Upon them be the Glory of God, and His grace and mercy which have preceded existence. The glory shining forth from the horizon of splendor be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this praiseworthy station.

=== END BH06885 ===

=== START BH06886 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord. O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory! The grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath granted thee confirmation and bestowed success, and through earthly and heavenly means hath rent asunder the veils until thou didst attain unto the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. Most of the men of the world, whether kings or subjects, are deprived and forbidden from this exalted station and lofty summit, but thou didst turn thyself and through the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen didst attain unto the fruits of the uttermost Tree. All have been created out of nothingness for the recognition of this Revelation. Blessed is the soul whom the turning away of the peoples of the earth did not prevent from attaining that which was the purpose of creation. And regret be unto those servants who are forbidden from the Dayspring of lights and the Dawning-place of signs. The leaves of that household have been and are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed is My handmaiden and My leaf who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, through the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have heard and turned themselves unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06886 ===

=== START BH06887 ===

15. He is the Comforter, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O My leaf! Existence itself is shrouded in dust and the hearts have melted at what hath befallen thee. We beseech God to comfort and console thee, to send down upon thee what shall transform thy sadness into

joy, and to adorn thee with the ornament of befitting patience and fortitude, which He hath admonished His servants to observe in this Dispensation.

O My handmaiden! Know that death is the most great door of God's mercy through which is revealed what is now hidden from the eyes. What is death but the transference of the soul from its nether abode to its exalted habitation. Through it the carpet of joy is rolled out and the standard of delight is unfurled. The command is in the hand of God, the Lord of the worlds, and the Most Great Name through Whom the limbs of the nations have quaked.

We ask God, exalted and glorified be He, to acquaint all men with the outcome of shedding this mortal garment and the beneficial effects of departing from this world to enter the celestial realm. I swear by My life! The true believer, after his ascension, shall find himself in a state of eternal peace and everlasting bliss. God, verily, is the Merciful, the Bountiful, and He is the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

=== END BH06887 ===

=== START BH06888 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Today the world is illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation, and all atoms proclaim "The Truth is come!" Yet most of mankind remain heedless and veiled. Wealth and the vanities of the world, though all acknowledge their transience, have become a barrier between creation and the Ancient King. The life of this world in the estimation of the people of truth - that is, the people of Baha - is reckoned as but a moment. Glory be to God! The manifestation of evanescence hath deprived souls of the kingdom of immortality. Give thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, that through the love of one of His friends He guided thee and led thee to His straight path. Thank thy Lord for this great bounty and say:

"My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having strengthened me and enabled me while mankind was in manifest rejection. I beseech Thee by Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur, and by the hearts that have melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine what beseemeth Thy loftiness and sublimity, Thy mercy and forgiveness. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful."

=== END BH06888 ===

=== START BH06889 ===

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O My Leaf! O My handmaiden! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison precinct and maketh mention of thee in recognition of thy turning and orientation toward God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a learned one hath been deprived of recognition, and how many a heedless one hath heard and answered his Lord, the Perspicuous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Hearing, the Answering. We made mention of thee

before, and make mention of thee at this time, as a token of grace from One Who is mighty and ancient. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Creator of heaven. Preserve thy station through the name of thy Lord, the Preserver, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We make mention of My handmaiden who emigrated in the path of God and traversed land and sea until she attained My presence in My prison. We give her the glad-tidings of My grace and My bountiful reward. And We make mention of him who was with her and turned toward the spot wherefrom was raised the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory rest upon thee and upon them both, and upon thy sister, and upon whosoever hath turned toward God on this wondrous Day.

=== END BH06889 ===

=== START BH06890 ===

To the family of the beloved of martyrs, in the name of the Kind Friend:

O my leaf, O my handmaiden! The gaze of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, has ever been and continues to be upon you. Praise be to God, you are adorned with the ornament of service to God's Cause. I swear by the Sun of Truth which has risen from the horizon of the prison of 'Akka that this most glorious and exalted station was bestowed upon you before all other women on earth. Be thankful to your Lord for this great bounty. Soon your stations shall become manifest and evident in the world. The station and rank of these two brilliant Lights is unlimited - all the pens in the world are powerless and incapable of describing it.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided Thy handmaiden to Thy straight path and illumined her heart with the light of Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden clinging to Thee and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deprive her of the sun of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy mercy. Thou art verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06890 ===

=== START BH06891 ===

O Joseph! Say: Glorified be Thou, O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations, Who hast manifested Thyself through Thy Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the outpourings of Thy grace, the emanations of Thy loving-kindness, and the evidences of Thy power and might, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. O my Lord! I see Thy servants turning away from Thee, arising to extinguish Thy light and to quench the fire of Thy divine Tree. I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all things, and by Thy command which dominateth all who are in earth and heaven, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy loved ones that which shall preserve them from the evil of Thine enemies. Then aid them to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that their feet shall not slip through the onslaught of the tyrannical among Thy servants nor through the oppression of those who have denied Thy proof, disbelieved in Thy sovereignty and disputed Thy signs. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit

me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06891 ===

=== START BH06892 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted One remembereth His servants who have turned unto Him and have set their faces toward His most exalted horizon, when the Lord of Names came with a perspicuous command. Verily His remembrance is better for them than whatsoever hath been created in the kingdom of earth and heaven, as attested by Him Who possesseth knowledge of the heavens and earths. Say: O ye that slumber, awaken at the call of God! O ye that sit still, arise to aid His Cause, the All-Subduing, the Lord of all worlds! By God! Neither doubts nor idle fancies will profit you. Cast aside what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He will assist you through a power that proceedeth from Him and ordain for you that which shall endure as long as His own kingdom shall endure, the Inaccessible, the Mighty. Adorn yourselves with the attributes of God, then hold fast unto the cord of His remembrance, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The servants shall verily be set ablaze by the fire of remembrance and be united in this resplendent Day. Remember Him amongst the servants with such remembrance as shall cause hearts to turn unto the One, the All-Informed. Keep thy gaze fixed upon the horizon of Revelation, and in all conditions turn unto the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have sent unto thee through this Tablet the Kawthar of life - drink thou thereof and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who givest drink unto the worlds!

=== END BH06892 ===

=== START BH06893 ===

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered! Every name beareth witness that He is sanctified from all names, and every thing testifieth that He is the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Verily He counseleth His servants to truthfulness and faithfulness, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, may be uplifted, but most of the people are heedless. He maketh mention of him who hath adorned himself with the raiment of trustworthiness among all people, and ordaineth for him that which the Pen of the world is powerless to recount. All things bear witness to this, but most of the people are asleep. We have made the earth other than the earth - ponder ye upon it and upon that which hath grown therefrom through My Name, the Planter, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Countenance and turned away from those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Remember thou the Wronged One in thy days and put thy trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We make mention of him who hath turned toward the Countenance and give him glad tidings of the favors of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. When the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen attracteth thee, say: O Lord of Names! I beseech Thee by Thy grace to withhold me not from the river of Thy mercy and the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art verily powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH06893 ===

=== START BH06894 ===

In the name of God, the One

The oneness of God, exalted and mighty be He, is sanctified above the geometry of letters. He has been and ever will be established upon the throne of unity, and His oneness is purified from all numbers. In all things are manifest the signs of His revelation, yet He is sanctified and exalted above all things and the attributes of all creation. Before absolute Being, all things are utter nothingness and will be complete extinction. Whatever is mentioned or remains unmentioned, He is other than that. Words have no access to His most holy court, and meanings, despite their loftiness, have no mention upon His sacred carpet. However, out of pure grace and perfect generosity, He has permitted His servants to engage in His remembrance and praise, so that all may attain to what God has willed. Blessed are those souls who speak what has been revealed in the Tablets, not what is of their own. God willing, you must in all conditions hold fast to the cord of grace and remind the people of what has been revealed in this Tablet.

=== END BH06894 ===

=== START BH06895 ===

O Muhammad Qabl-Rahim! The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great!

Today it behooveth every soul to reflect upon the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and to be of the fair-minded. How many a servant acknowledged God and professed His Cause, yet when the breezes of trials blew, turned away and became of the veiled ones. Blessed is the soul that beholdeth the Most Sublime Vision with illumined vision. Hath any fair-minded one ever lost, or any who drew nigh been prevented, or any who sought nearness been kept distant? Nay, by His own Self! Verily His mercy hath preceded all creation. Those who have doubted are wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies - they are indeed of the heedless ones. O thou servant! Hearken unto the call of Him Who remembereth thee for the sake of God and summoneth thee unto Him, even while He was in the hands of the oppressors. Think not that those who are heedless of God's Cause, nor those who have acted unjustly, shall gain any profit. These are they who have lost in this world and the next. Soon shall they witness that which We have promised them in a mighty Tablet. Place thy trust in God, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Verily He is with His remembering servants. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06895 ===

=== START BH06896 ===

O Fayd'u'llah, upon thee be the Glory of God! O Lord, pour forth patience upon Thy loved ones and aid them against the unbelieving people. He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. The Wronged One counsels His loved ones to patience and forbearance, to calmness and dignity. Verily We have committed all affairs unto God and have placed Our trust in Him. He is the best Helper and Protector. O Fayd'u'llah! The Wronged One makes mention of thee on this blessed day and commands all to patience and tranquility. Blessed art thou, for thou hast attained unto that which most of those on earth remain heedless and veiled from. The honored Samandar, upon him be My Glory, sent a letter to this Servant, and at the time

it was presented he made mention of thee. Therefore this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness especially for thee. He is the Bestower, He is the Kind. Are the oppressors able to find for themselves a friend other than Him, or discover one in any land or region? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! They are witnessed to be in manifest heedlessness. Soon shall they behold themselves in manifest loss. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place.

=== END BH06896 ===

=== START BH06897 ===

In His Name, the Commentator, the Wise!

I perused thy letter and heard thy voice. Thy lamentation and groaning are like the lamentation and groaning of the sincere and favored ones! The Lord of the tribes (Israelites) hath cast His Glance over all and is informed with all matters. His Garment was a spiritual Messenger. Thou hast attained, recognized and quaffed from the Water of His Love. Protect these stations in the name of the Glorious Lord. He hath hearkened to the cry of every wronged one and hath advanced toward everyone who hath turned his face to Him. He is the Helper, the Supporter, the Powerful and the Mighty! Rest thou assured in His Bestowal, take hold of His Rope and cling to the hem of the garment of His Generosity! Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent.

=== END BH06897 ===

=== START BH06898 ===

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious!

O Muafa!

There hath come before Us a letter from Jamal – him who hath soared in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most High. Thy name was mentioned in this letter; wherefore do We now make mention of thee through the power of truth, that thou mayest read and be of them that are thankful.

Say: O God of the world, Thou Who art manifest in the Most Great Name! I ask Thee by them who are the Essences of being, whom neither the hosts of the world have hindered from turning towards Thy face, nor the kings of the earth deterred from gazing upon Thy horizon, to write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which beseemeth Thy generosity, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all Names and the Creator of the heavens!

O Lord! I bear witness unto that which Thou didst Thyself witness before the creation of the heavens and the earth; and I confess to that which Thy tongue did itself confess ere the kingdoms of Thy Revelation and of Thy creation were made manifest: that Thou art God; no God is there but Thee. Thou hast from eternity been powerful to do what Thou hast willed, and unto everlasting Thou shalt remain as Thou hast been from time immemorial.

O Lord! I have hearkened unto Thy call and turned my face towards Thy face. I ask Thee to draw me ever nearer unto Thy horizon; ordain then for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Highest, the Exalted, the Great.

=== END BH06898 ===

=== START BH06899 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

O Muafa!

Be thou thankful for that thou hast been remembered by this Wronged One, and that there hath been revealed for thee that which shall abide for as long as earth and heaven shall endure. Consider and call to mind the day on which Muhammad the Messenger of God appeared with the signs of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting: some among the people denied Him, others turned away from Him, yet others mocked Him, and still others rose up against him in such grievous fashion as to sentence Him to death without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all being. Verily, He said: “Fear God, O peoples of the earth! Bear ye witness unto His unity and oneness, and follow not your idle fancies and vain imaginings. Join not partners with God, O people, and worship not that which your own hands have fashioned! Better is this for you, if ye be of them that understand”. The more strenuously He admonished them, the greater waxed their enmity and hatred. Thus doth the Pen of the Most High recount unto thee from this Glorious Abode. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, and proclaim this Name through which the traces of Jibt and ?aghut have been obliterated./* The Glory of God be upon thee and upon all those who have quaffed the choice sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH06899 ===

=== START BH06900 ===

Separation from the things of the world is a sun. If it shines forth

from the horizon of the heaven of any soul, then the fire of selfishness

and evil desire will be extinguished; thus informeth you the Possessor

of the whole universe, if ye were of the knowing. Verily the one whose

self-dedication opens his sight to the light of understanding will be cut

wholly from the contingent world and all that is therein: to this beareth

witness thy Lord, the Merciful, in this beloved and exalted station.

Blessed is the one who is illumined by the Light of self-dedication.

Verily he is one of the people of the Crimson Ark in the Presence of the

Lord of the Greatest Throne.

Blessed is the city from the horizon of which shines forth the sun

of self-dedication, and the land that is illumined by its light.

=== END BH06900 ===

=== START BH06901 ===

In the Name of the one God! O Mother of the Sacred Precinct! Among the latest news from the Prison Land is that his honor ’Ali-Qabli-Naqi, upon him be the glory of God, journeyed from India to Egypt and from there proceeded to the Most Great Scene, residing for a time in the Most Great Prison. Although outwardly, due to the prison conditions, things did not pass pleasantly for him, yet inwardly, praise and thanks be to God, he was blessed with the outpourings of the All-Merciful and attained that which is the ultimate goal - the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. This is truly a grace which serves as a luminous crown atop all deeds. Although at present, while this bounty exists, its value remains hidden from the people of the world, yet ere long the loftiness of this station and its exalted nature shall become manifest. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to all the relatives - that is, those relatives who have turned to the Truth and drunk from the cup of recognition. Verily, the glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon you and upon them.

=== END BH06901 ===

=== START BH06902 ===

In the name of the one incomparable Friend! O Fadlu’llah, upon thee be the Glory of God! Since your return until now, apparently no news has reached us from you, until this time when Muhammad-Qabli-’Ali arrived. In the letter from his honor Ha, upon whom be the Glory of God, which was with him, mention was made of you. We beseech God to protect you and ordain for you that which will bring joy to your eyes and gladden your heart, and bestow upon you wondrous joy. You have been and are remembered before the Wronged One. The prison-land, as before, is sometimes disturbed due to changes in governors and sometimes tranquil. We thank God in all conditions. God willing, through the grace of the Lord of Names, you will be occupied with the mention of God in the gathering of composition, and at all times drink from the wine of unity and the Kawthar of detachment. We send greetings to you from the prison, and to those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained to the days of God, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH06902 ===

=== START BH06903 ===

He is seated upon the throne of manifestation

Your name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed for the sake of God, that it may draw thee and His loved ones unto a station wherein the cry of every atom hath been raised: “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the

mighty throne!" We counsel the loved ones of God to purify and sanctify themselves, and to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of His servants. No host hath been or is mightier than pure deeds and radiant character, and the guardian and leader of these hosts hath ever been and shall ever be the fear of God. We cherish the hope that certain souls who are afflicted beneath the talons of carnal desires and are unaware, who commit reprehensible acts and justify their permissibility, may rend asunder the veils of self and be adorned with the light of godliness. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in such wise as to preserve my name in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, to aid Thy loved ones to that which shall cause the standards of Thy triumph and victory to be raised amidst Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06903 ===

=== START BH06904 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

I beseech Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Creator and my Beloved, by the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and by the heaven which Thou, O Lord of Eternity, hast raised up, to deliver Thy loved ones from those who have been so intoxicated with the wine of self-conceit that they have cast Thy Book behind their backs and followed Satan in whatsoever he commandeth them. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Exalted Self and by Thy Most Glorious Name, to draw Thy servants nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness. O my Lord! Disappoint them not of that which lieth with Thee. I testify that Thy generosity hath preceded all created things and Thy bounty hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Deal, then, with Thy servants in a manner befitting Thy majesty, Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving.

[Note from] His honor Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God […] His honor Amin Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, reached the servant in the prison in the year 1301. [A portion of the receipt which is marked with […] in the text of the Tablet has been effaced in the original copy of the blessed Tablet.]

=== END BH06904 ===

=== START BH06905 ===

O Muhammad-Taqi, my brother who hath attained and won, upon both of them be the Glory of God, He Who is the Guardian over all names. We have risen speaking in remembrance of God, and wonderstruck at the manifestations of His grandeur and the power of His Most Exalted Pen and the sovereignty of His Most High Word. A Branch from among My branches came forth and asked from the heaven of My grace mention of one of My loved ones. Thereupon the ocean of My bounty surged and the fragrance of My mercy was wafted, and We made mention of him with verses that have perfumed existence both seen and unseen. When thou hearest My call and drinkest the choice wine of immortality from the chalice of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, and thanks be to Thee for having made me know Thee, and glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the King of the Kingdom of Names, for

having sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy utterance the signs of Thy grace. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the movement of Thy Pen of destiny, and by the Tablet that beareth the mysteries of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and by the Light that shineth from the horizon of Thy bounty, to forgive me and whomever hath sought Thy abundant mercy and Thy all-encompassing favor. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06905 ===

=== START BH06906 ===

O ’Abbas of Mashhad, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One manifest from the horizon of the Kingdom. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon him who hath drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. How many a servant hath heard and turned unto Him, and how many a servant hath heard and turned away - he verily is of them that perish. Blessed are they whom the hosts of earth have not frightened and whom the power of the idolaters hath not weakened. By the life of God! Every power and every might and every party shall pass away - to this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from this exalted station. Rejoice, O people of Baha, in My gracious remembrance. Ye have heard the taunts of the enemies, and now ye hear your own praise and glorification from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Happy are ye, and joy be unto you, O people of fidelity and unto him who hath drunk the Choice Wine sealed with My Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My Kingdom be upon those whom the tyranny of every heedless one who hath denied Him in Whom he had formerly believed did not withhold - he verily is of them that are lost.

=== END BH06906 ===

=== START BH06907 ===

His honor Muhammad Hasan, who has attained unto the name of the One True God. Praise be to God that through the wondrous favors of God thou hast arrived at the shore of the Most Great Ocean and been sustained by the holy heavenly food which is the utterance of Truth. Although this station is veiled due to the lack of capacity in this time, yet this veil shall be lifted and will become manifest in the assemblage of the world. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Beloved and for having turned to Him by His leave and heard His mighty and wondrous call. What hath been recorded in this Tablet sufficeth thee and nothing that can be comprehended equalleth it. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords and Merciful One to the servants, for having strengthened me and enabled me and honored me with Thy presence. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself, then make me among those who soar in the atmosphere of Thy love with the wings of certitude. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06907 ===

=== START BH06908 ===

O Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God that you were preserved from the sedition of the second ’Ubaydu’llah. Thus was it ordained by the All-Powerful, the Ancient. O Husayn! That which befell the helpless people was but a single spark that blazed forth from the fire of the self of the Wolf and the Serpent. By the life of God! This single flame hath not sufficed, nor will it suffice, unless all the peoples of the world cry out “O Merciful! O Compassionate!” and become confirmed in a firm and mighty repentance. A most mighty and holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for that exalted one who hath passed away - upon him be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness. God willing, sanctified souls and receptive hearts shall attain to its reading. Verily thy Lord fulfilleth what He hath promised. He is the best of fulfillers. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey greetings from God to all the friends. We beseech God to aid them to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His Generous Book.

=== END BH06908 ===

=== START BH06909 ===

O Muhammad Hasan, who hath attained Our presence and hath been blessed with success! In the Name of Him through Whom the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause, fulfilled His promise, and spoken that which draweth mankind nigh unto Him. He is the One Who ruleth, before Whom all kings have acknowledged their servitude, their powerlessness at the revelation of His might, their poverty at the dawning of the Day-Star of His riches, and their ailments before the surging waves of the ocean of His healing. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and His signs, and hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of His bounty, say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that holdeth sway over all names, and glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all things, to send down upon this servant of Thine from the clouds of Thy bounty a blessing from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence. Then write down for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art He to Whose greatness and power all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH06909 ===

=== START BH06910 ===

The Name 66 [Allah]. May His Holiness Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin, upon him be all 9 [Baha], observe this with his most luminous gaze. He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power.

Praise be to God Who was and will be as He has been, and He is the One Who bestowed favors and showed generosity and made known and taught and inspired utterance. Verily He is the All-Merciful - there is no God but Him, the One Who speaks at all times.

And after this, this evanescent one’s petition to your eminence is that his honor Mirza Abu’l-Fadl Gulpaygani, upon him be the glory of God, wrote a letter to this evanescent one with the purpose that it be submitted and a reply be sent. Now a letter from this servant along with six holy and exalted Tablets

has been sent. If there is opportunity, may your eminence observe them and make copies, otherwise if there is mail service, send them, as they must reach him quickly.

According to the command, if someone goes to the land of Najafabad and Ardistan, or if a letter from that honored one arrives, write without attribution that the croakers and birds of night and the book of Sijjin and leaves of fire which were mentioned in divine Tablets from Iraq and the Land of Mystery and Akka have appeared and continue to appear in all places. God willing, may assured souls be confirmed in the most great steadfastness and appear in such wise that the deniers find no opportunity for denial - that is, may they rend asunder the veils of idle fancies through the power of revealed verses and manifest evidences, and surely the manifestations of vain imaginings will turn toward the lands of the All-Merciful carrying with them the book of Sijjin and tablets of fire. By the life of God! Verily he who wrote and sent them has fabricated lies against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It behooveth him not to speak a word. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, yet most of the people perceive not.

If you deem it advisable, inform other places as well. The glory be upon you and upon those with you. End. The Servant. 5 Rajab 1298.

=== END BH06910 ===

=== START BH06911 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

Praise be to God! The Sun of generosity is shining, the Ocean of knowledge is surging, and the Heaven of grace is exalted. Yet all are found heedless and veiled save those souls who, through the loving-kindness of the Lord of eternity, have passed beyond the world and its peoples and have turned their faces toward the Peerless Friend. The world and whatsoever is therein shall perish. Blessed is the state of him whom the veils of the world have not withheld from the Lord of Names and who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and act in accordance with that which beseemeth the people of God. This is a Day the mention of which hath been recorded in all the divine Books. The people of truth must move with the utmost tranquility and dignity. Conflict, contention and the like have been forbidden in God’s Book, and the triumph of His Cause hath been made dependent upon and conditional on wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath taken hold of the Book with the power that proceedeth from Us and hath observed that which hath been ordained therein by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06911 ===

=== START BH06912 ===

He is the One Who has power over what was and what shall be! Praise be to God that, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, the Kawthar of divine knowledge is flowing and coursing throughout creation from the Fountain of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Whosoever has turned to it purely for the sake of God has attained to divine bounties and heavenly favors. This is the Day when the supreme Touchstone has appeared and separated true from false, the felicitous from the wretched, the receptive

from the hostile. How many were the divines who claimed knowledge and wisdom, yet after the Sun of knowledge and wisdom dawned, all remained veiled and even turned away, save whom thy Lord willed. This is why it was said aforetime: “We shall make their highest ones their lowest ones, and their lowest ones their highest ones.” Today, whosoever has attained to the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty, is reckoned among the people of divine knowledge before the All-Merciful. Apart from this none has had nor shall have any portion. He is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06912 ===

=== START BH06913 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

My God, my God! By Thy might and sovereignty, I am saddened by Thy sadness and by what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Thou art He Who, O my God, didst ordain for them comfort from Thy presence and bounty from the heaven of Thy grace, yet they turned away from Thee and sought to harm Thee and to diminish Thy station amongst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Beloved of hearts and souls, by Thy Name which hath precedence over all names and by Thy Command which hath encompassed all things, to make known to Thy servants what Thou hast intended for them through Thy generosity and ordained for them through Thy grace. Then deliver them from the idle fancies of self and passion and from the fire of transgression and wickedness. O Lord! Dost Thou see any of Thy loved ones who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and held fast to righteousness in Thy days, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of the dust beneath? Do Thou ordain for him, through Thy bounty and generosity, that which beseemeth Thy grace and bestowal, then accept from him what he hath wrought in Thy path and for Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH06913 ===

=== START BH06914 ===

In the name of the one God.

Today the friends of God must be engaged in teaching the Cause of God with perfect wisdom. If a soul remains deprived of this most great bounty and supreme gift in this day, they will not succeed in making up for it, except for whom thy Lord willeth. The Supreme Pen hath at all times counseled His loved ones to praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, and hath informed all of the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the sacred Kingdom. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and woe unto those who remain veiled from it. That soul must at all times exert their utmost endeavor, according to their capacity, in the exaltation of the Word of God. The world and whatsoever is witnessed therein hath been and will be evanescent. That which endureth and lasteth is a deed which appeareth from a soul in the path of God. Beseech ye God that He may enable all the friends and loved ones to accomplish that which is His good-pleasure. And God speaketh the truth and guideth to the way.

=== END BH06914 ===

=== START BH06915 ===

O Mulla Muhammad-Hasan! In the name of the One True All-Knowing God! Today those souls who have been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and have drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful must strive with utmost effort to guide humanity. This is the greatest deed in God's Book and the most noble station which hath been mentioned by the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers: "O My loved ones! Arise to serve the Cause, then rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, with the wisdom wherewith the Tablets of the world have been adorned. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, is the All-Informed. Leave behind what the people possess and take what cometh to you from God, the Lord of all worlds." In nights and days they were occupied with the remembrance of Truth, but when He appeared from the horizon of creation, all became engaged in rejection and protest, save those souls whom the hand of God's power did protect. We, from this most exalted Station, send Our greetings upon the faces of the people of Baha who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon - the Station wherein was raised the Call of God, the Lord of Names. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06915 ===

=== START BH06916 ===

O Muhammad-Sadiq, upon whom be the Glory of God, who hath migrated and attained - He is God, exalted be His station, wisdom and utterance! The Mother of Utterance calleth aloud from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, and in every moment the Mother of the Book shineth forth from the horizon of the mouth of the divine will upon the world. The Euphrates of mercy, which floweth and streameth from the Most Exalted Pen, appeareth before all faces with the waves of wisdom and knowledge. Blessed are they who have not deprived themselves of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. His Revelation is His Revelation, His days are His days, and the feast of inner meanings descendeth in every moment from the heaven of divine favor. O people of God! With pure hearts advance ye toward the praiseworthy station and turn ye to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His loved ones. Convey My greetings to them that have turned unto that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's boundless grace and mercy. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's utterance be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have quaffed the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06916 ===

=== START BH06918 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Uttering! Today the Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will, and its rays have encompassed the world. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld it, blessed is the tongue that hath uttered its praise, and blessed is the heart that hath attained its recognition. O handmaiden of God! Be thou thankful unto the one true God, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto His recognition and turned thyself unto His horizon. The kingdom of the tongue was created specifically for the mention of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, yet only a few have attained thereunto. All eyes were created for the purpose of beholding the Dawning-Place of the divine Manifestation, yet only a small

number have been honored therewith. Praise be to God that thou, His handmaiden, hast attained unto this most exalted, this most great station. However, its preservation is most difficult. Beseech thou God that He may aid thee to preserve it. What bounty could be greater than that the Ancient King should make mention of thee from within the Most Great Prison? Know thou the value of this bounty and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of the Best-Beloved of the world.

=== END BH06918 ===

=== START BH06919 ===

O Yehuda, upon him be the glory of God, He Who dawns from the supreme horizon!

Today it is incumbent upon all the peoples of the world to turn with their hearts toward the Beloved. The divine promises recorded and inscribed in the books of the past and present have all become manifest and evident. Blessed are the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses whom the vain imaginings of the Pharisees did not prevent from the Book of God and did not hold back from turning to the Truth. O Yehuda, convey My greetings to your brother on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to confirm him in that which befits His days. Say: My God! Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be light and splendor! Thou seest this servant of Thine who hath turned to the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by Thy providence which hath encompassed all contingent beings, to give me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. Then ordain for me all the good Thou hast destined for those of Thy servants who are near unto Thee and those of Thy creatures who are sincere. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06919 ===

=== START BH06920 ===

He is the Caller from the horizon of the Throne! Today all atoms of creation are engaged in rejoicing, for the true Beloved Who had forever been concealed behind veils hath unveiled Himself and appeared in the gathering of the world with utmost manifestation and evidence. One ray from His effulgences shone upon the people of the graves, and all attained unto a new life and turned toward the precincts of the Throne. Strive, that perchance ye may attain unto that which shall cause your mention to endure. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that whosoever remaineth heedless this Day and departeth in heedlessness shall be afflicted with everlasting torment and perpetual remorse and endless regret. Let the friends beseech God - exalted be His glory - for grace, that perchance the deprived ones of the world may attain their goal, the remote one may enter the ocean of nearness, and the sick may drink from the sea of healing. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the Call when it was raised from the Divine Lote-Tree and hath responded with manifest humility.

=== END BH06920 ===

=== START BH06921 ===

In the name of the peerless Lord. Today is a day when the dawning Sun of Revelation hath encompassed all, and the Lord of Names hath summoned all to the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath not been deprived of the Lord, the Source and Return, by the buzzing of a fly, nor been prevented from the realm of oneness by the vain imaginings of deluded souls. Such a one hath drunk of the most pure wine and beheld the most great vision. Observe the Cause of God with your own eyes and hear His verses with your own ears. By the Most Great Name! Should any soul today find and comprehend the sweetness of but a single verse of the revealed verses, he would surpass all who dwell in the heavens and earth and turn toward the Friend. At all times take refuge in God that ye may be protected from the evil of the thieves. Most of the thieves today are the turbaned ones who have prevented people from the most exalted horizon and who call them to their own vain imaginings. Hold fast to the Sure Handle, turning away from those who have denied God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06921 ===

=== START BH06922 ===

In the Name of the Peerless All-Knowing One! Today is the day when the reality of the Divine Book hath appeared and speaketh forth in the temple of manifestation, calling all who dwell on earth at all times unto the horizon of the All-Merciful. Yet few are they who hear. How blessed is the ear and eye that hath in this divine Day attained to witnessing and hearing. Whosoever today hath acknowledged that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and confessed to that which the tongue of grandeur hath pronounced, such a one is recorded and inscribed as being possessed of sight and hearing. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of thy Lord and responded to thy Master when His call was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Thy letter hath arrived and We have answered thee through this mighty Tablet. Glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon those who are with you among them who have turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Read thou what We have sent down for thee and be thou of the thankful ones.

=== END BH06922 ===

=== START BH06923 ===

In the name of the one omniscient God! Today is the Day which all have heard mentioned, for it hath been extolled in all the divine Books and, like unto the true Sun, hath shone forth resplendent from the horizons of the divine Tablets. Nevertheless, all have risen in opposition and engaged in objection. Strange it is that all wait expectantly, beseeching and imploring God not to deprive or withhold them from recognizing this wondrous and glorious Day. And yet now that the Day hath appeared manifest and the divine Voice proclaimeth at its loudest between earth and heaven, all are found heedless and slumbering. The intoxication of selfish desire hath held men back from the Lord of all being. Blessed is the state of that soul whom the veils of the world and the coverings of the peoples have not prevented from beholding the splendors of the lights of the Most Great Name. By God’s life! He is assuredly among the triumphant and among the people of Baha inscribed in a perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH06923 ===

=== START BH06924 ===

O Abul-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout creation. Today the Book proclaims among the parties: “The Bestower has come!” This Day is the Day of bounty, mercy and generosity, yet the people of the world remain veiled, nay, turned away, save whom God wills. The saplings of the world have appeared from one Tree, and the drops from one Sea, and all existence from one Soul. Nevertheless, they have clung to that which causes difference, separation and discord. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Purify thy heart with the water of thy Lord’s utterance, the Wronged, the Stranger, and say: I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all beings and in Whose right hand are the reins of all creation, and I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy names and the Daysprings of Thy attributes, and by the light of Thy Word which has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Tablets, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will accompany me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH06924 ===

=== START BH06926 ===

O Hashim Khan! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. Today the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of Divine inspiration hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God’s loving-kindness. Yet the people of the earth remain heedless and veiled from it, save those souls who have burned away the veils of fancy and idle imaginings with the fire of the love of God, exalted be His glory, and have become free and detached from all else but Him. O friends! This is the Day wherein all the mysteries of the divine Books have become manifest and evident. Blessed is he who hath heard His call and partaken of His sealed wine. Whatsoever existeth in the world shall soon perish. Strive thou to attain unto that which shall cause thy mention to be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God’s Book. Well is it with thee and with him who hath attained unto this mighty station. Know thou the value of this Tablet and preserve it as thou wouldst thine eye. Thus doth He command thee, from Whose presence hath been sent down a perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH06926 ===

=== START BH06927 ===

O Amin, He is God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

Amin, if you wish details about that land: verily the fly therein became as an eagle, therefore God cast him into the abyss, and likewise his kind - may God curse them. They corrupted and caused corruption to such a degree that after their destruction the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: “The All-Forgiving shall not forgive their burial places.” Although it is not known whether you will attain unto a Tablet in that land, yet out of pure bounty it is revealed in your name. We beseech God to assist you at all times and to confirm you in that which the Beauty of the All-Merciful has desired. There has befallen Us that which cannot be counted or mentioned. We had abandoned all and closed the door, yet despite this there occurred that

which spread among the servants, and all rose up against Us with tyranny. Wherever you may be, be happy and rely upon God. We too are happy and reliant in all conditions, but if there was some way and hidden means could be arranged, it would be better to travel alone. And upon you be glory.

=== END BH06927 ===

=== START BH06928 ===

He is the One Who Warbles upon the Branches

O Tufangdar-Bashi! Hearken unto the Call raised from the luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of God's Command, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. He calleth at all times amidst all creation and summoneth the people unto God, the Lord of Lords. He hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the power of them that pride themselves in earthly riches and ornaments could deter Him. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Compelling. We have perceived the fragrance of thy love and have therefore turned toward thee from this Prison which God hath made the Most Exalted Station, and We have sent down verses unto thee that they may draw thee to the Supreme Horizon and bring thee near unto God, the Lord of mankind. When thou attainest unto this Tablet, recite it by night and by day, and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the conditions of the oppressors nor the power of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all religions, may deter thee.

=== END BH06928 ===

=== START BH06929 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Hearken unto the Call from the right hand of the white spot from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. I have created the world for My manifestation and sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books that they might give unto mankind the glad-tidings of this mighty Revelation. But when the appointed time was fulfilled and the signs appeared and the verses were sent down, they turned away and denied, save whom God preserved through a power from Him. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have beheld thy turning toward Us and turned toward thee from this glorious station. We counsel thee and My loved ones to trustworthiness and truthfulness and purity, and to that whereby the station of man is made manifest among the peoples. Thy Lord, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the lowly one who hath shown humility in My days, and the servant who advanceth to serve My loved ones who, through utterance, aid the Cause of their Lord, the Merciful, in the cities and lands. They are My loved ones in My earth and My servants among My creatures. The Concourse on High pray for them at morn and eventide.

=== END BH06929 ===

=== START BH06930 ===

O Mirza Abu-Talib, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Luminous, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of the Prison, the horizon of the most grievous tribulation, from the Tree of Decree. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. We created thee for My service and My remembrance. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. God shall soon assist thee through the truth and shall exalt thy name. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower. Know thou that the vanquished is the victor, and thy Lord is victorious over all who are on earth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Compelling. Know what thy Lord hath purposed and grieve not because of them that have wronged. Verily thy Lord lieth in wait. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused the sun of Thy beauty to shine upon me and for having made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. O Lord! Make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

[In addition to the complete name of the addressee written on the back of the Tablet, the initials “T A” are also inscribed beside the opening of the blessed Tablet]

=== END BH06930 ===

=== START BH06932 ===

O Ahmad, whom God caused to behold His True Beauty in a dream! He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having enabled thee to meet Him both in sleep and in wakefulness, for He is verily the Most Merciful of the merciful. And that which thou didst drink from My hand is the Kawthar of inner meanings wherewith God hath, as a token of His grace, given thee to drink, and He is verily the Most Generous of the generous. Rejoice within thyself for having shown thee in thy dream My hallowed, mighty and resplendent Beauty, even as We showed thee when We were in Iraq, and from My mouth there flowed the Salsabil of thy Lord’s wisdom, the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then stand firm in His love, and He shall suffice thee against all the worlds. Move thou not except through His love, and walk not save in His remembrance, and be not silent in praise of this wronged and unique One. Say: verily He remembereth His servants who remember Him and He loveth those who have purified their hearts from the love of aught else but Him and who have detached themselves from the idolaters. And the spirit and glory be upon thee and upon those through whose mention the tongues of all created things speak forth the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

=== END BH06932 ===

=== START BH06933 ===

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

His Honor Mir ’Ali-Beg Na’ib, upon him be the Glory of God

Bear thou witness unto that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earth: that there is none other God but I, the [Protector], the Self-Subsisting. We created creation for this Day and

took from them its covenant through the tongues of those Whom We sent, as a token of Our grace, for I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I desire through My word “Be” and it is. Yet when the Day appeared, the servants turned away save whom God, the King of Kings, did will. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the recognition of its Lord, and woe betide him who hath been debarred from this glorious station. Give thanks unto God for having made known unto thee that which most of the learned ones have failed to comprehend. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause, speaking the praise of God, and soaring in the atmosphere of His Will that encompasseth both the seen and the unseen. The glory shining forth from My most exalted horizon be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place who have hearkened unto My sweet call from My glorious Prison.

=== END BH06933 ===

=== START BH06934 ===

He is the One Sanctified above mention and utterance! Verily the leaves do speak: “The Daystar of the horizons hath appeared!” And the trees do cry aloud: “The Chosen One hath appeared!” And the heaven doth proclaim: “The Lord of Names hath come!” Yet the people hear not. The veils have covered their sight, and the clouds have enshrouded their eyes. Lo! They understand not. They behold the Lord of Lords established upon the throne of might, yet from Him they turn aside. The world hath so deceived them that they see neither right nor left. Lo! They know not. Rejoice thou at the call of the Lord of Religions! He calleth betwixt the realm of possibility, saying: “There is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!” Say: O heedless ones! Arise from the slumber of passion and turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! That which never appeared in existence hath appeared. Beware lest these numbered days withhold you from the Dayspring of Oneness. Cast away what ye possess and turn with your hearts unto the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus hath cooed the Dove and thus have sung the nightingales of eternity upon the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto Him. Woe unto every heedless one cast out!

=== END BH06934 ===

=== START BH06935 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! The Secret crieth out: “He hath come at Whose knowledge all existence hath proved powerless, except whom God willeth, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.” And the Hidden Mystery proclaimeth: “He hath appeared, Whom none in the heavens and on earth could comprehend, save those who have turned unto Him with a radiant heart.” And the Book declareth: “He Who revealeth Me hath come. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide every remote denier.” All things have testified to the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain heedless. The ocean of assurance hath appeared, yet the people are in manifest doubt. They claim faith within themselves, yet they object to the One True God, the All-Informed. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are truly among the losers. Shun those who prevent people from God, and remind those on whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of bliss. Thus doth the Supreme Pen command thee from the

presence of God, the Creator of heaven. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH06935 ===

=== START BH06936 ===

O Handmaiden of God, Masumih, upon her be the glory of God! In His Name, the Remembering, the All-Seeing! Verily the Book is established upon the throne and hath sent down the Book as a command from His presence, and He is the Book. Verily the Tablet proclaimeth with the most exalted call, saying: O concourse of creation! By God, the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty that the circumstances of creation cannot prevent nor can intimations veil. Blessed is the soul that hath stirred and arisen and hastened to the Dawning-Place of remembrance, and woe unto them who have clung to vain imaginings, turning away from God, the Lord of all men. O My handmaiden! Hearken thou unto My call, then bear witness to that whereunto God did bear witness before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath come for the life of the world, yet the peoples have pronounced against Him with an injustice at which the clouds have wept. Fie upon them and upon those who were debarred from the ocean of knowledge and denied God, the Lord of lords. Be thou thankful for this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me from Thy most exalted horizon and called me when I was among the people of the veil.

=== END BH06936 ===

=== START BH06937 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Ali-Asghar, upon whom be the Glory of God! Verily the Book speaketh, yet the people hear not; and the Pen warbleth, yet mankind knoweth not; and the Tablet lamenteth over what hath befallen the Cause of God, the Lord of all being, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of thy brother in verses that all the books of the people cannot equal, as the Tongue of Grandeur doth testify in His glorious station. Verily thy brother turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon by the command of his Lord, and traversed the pathway until he attained unto the Gate, and heard the Call, and beheld the Supreme Horizon. Blessed be he and thou, and whosoever acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the outpourings of Thy days, and the showers of Thy mercy, and the manifestations of Thy power, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Then forgive me through Thy grace and bounty, and have mercy upon me through Thy tender care and favors. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things.

=== END BH06937 ===

=== START BH06938 ===

He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

Verily the Tablet appears at times in human form, calling all to the Mighty, the Bestower. At other times it appears in the form of a Book, proclaiming: “The Promised One has come with a Cause before which all parties are powerless.” And yet again you behold it elevated like the heaven, with suns and moons dawning from the horizons of its utterance - which none has comprehended save the Mighty, the All-Knowing. In all conditions it gives glad tidings to the servants and reminds them of the signs of God, the Lord of all religions. Blessed is the one whose strength the power of the world could not weaken, and blessed is the one whose steadfastness the might of the wicked could not subdue. Give thanks to God for the Wronged One’s remembrance of you in prison and His revelation to you of that which draws you near to the Mighty, the Chosen One. We beseech God to make you enkindled with the fire of His love and speaking His praise among His servants, such that through your call the call of the world will be raised up. Verily your Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving. The glory be upon you and upon those who have not changed God’s bounty, who have accepted and taken hold and have said: “Praise be to Thee, O Master of all necks and Subjugator of the winds!”

=== END BH06938 ===

=== START BH06939 ===

In the Name of God, the Single, the One, the Alone! Verily, He Who is mentioned mentions thee in this perspicuous Tablet, and the Desired One calls thee from this mighty Prison, and the Worshipped One summons thee in truth and remembers thee with such melody whereby the realm of possibility hath soared with longing for its Lord, the All-Merciful, and the hearts of the Concourse on high were attracted. Grieve not at what thou hast witnessed in My path. We were witness to what befell you in this Cause whereby hearts were filled with the fear of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Be patient in God, then seek victory through God. Verily, He aids whom He willeth through a power from His presence and a sovereignty from His side. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. They who cast aside justice and embraced tyranny have lost - they are among the perishing ones. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which most of creation hath not attained - verily he is of the sincere ones. The All-Merciful remembers him in the highest paradise. This is the most great bounty and the lofty station. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned to the Countenance, detached from all that is in the heavens and the earth.

=== END BH06939 ===

=== START BH06940 ===

O Professor Hassan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Remembering, the All-Wise

The Fire proclaims that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Light calls out that He Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords, has come. The Kingdom makes mention of Him Who has come with the truth from the heaven of bounty with power and sovereignty. The Mount speaks and says: “Blessed am I in that I have attained unto Him Who conversed with Him Who guided Moses to the path of God, the Lord of all creation.” Zion cries aloud with joy: “The hearts have turned towards Him from all directions.” And Carmel was moved by what was revealed unto it from Him Who ascended to heaven by a command before which all names have bowed down. When thou hearest

the Call from this most exalted Station, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of all things, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having revealed unto me that whereby the hearts of the chosen ones were attracted. I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation and by Thy Name which has shone forth from the horizon of Thy Most Exalted Pen to aid me in Thy remembrance and in serving Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.”

=== END BH06940 ===

=== START BH06941 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. Verily doth the Noble One make mention of His servant, the noble one, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of the thankful. Gather together thine affairs, then turn toward thy brother who attained unto the days of his Lord and was of those who turned to his Lord in the most ancient Dust. He is indeed in the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed art thou and he in that ye have attained unto the Dayspring of the Cause. This is indeed a great bounty. Turn with spirit and fragrance, then make mention of the chosen ones concerning what befell the Chosen One at the hands of His sinful servants. Thou didst enter the precincts of the Throne by permission of thy Lord. When the appointed time was fulfilled, We commanded thee to return that the hearts of those who have turned might be gladdened by thee. Remind My loved ones on My behalf in such wise as to cause hearts and spirits to soar and to attract the minds of the seekers. Put thy trust in God. He is with thee and maketh mention of thee through His grace. He is verily the Mighty, the Generous. It is as though thou wert present before the Throne, drinking at all times the choice wine of thy Lord’s love, the Most High, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be thou thankful for this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Beloved of the mystics.

=== END BH06941 ===

=== START BH06942 ===

O Lion! There hath come before the Throne thy letter which thou didst send to Our name, the Mahdi. We have seen it and address thee with this clear discourse. By the life of God! Every letter thereof is decisive utterance from which every sincere and faithful one may drink the water of life. We read thy letter when We were in a place built in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve thou not over anything, but distribute the living waters among the concourse of creation with wisdom and utterance. This will profit thee and through it thy mention shall endure in My Kingdom wherein all that is therein proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Mighty, the All-Informed. Give thou glad tidings of My remembrance unto My loved ones. We send Our greetings upon their faces from this exalted station. It behooveth everyone who hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon to arise to serve his Lord through the wisdom We have sent down in a preserved Tablet. Remind My servants that perchance they may awaken and hearken unto this Call which hath been raised in truth at all times. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon everyone who hath clung to the hem of God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Luminous.

=== END BH06942 ===

=== START BH06943 ===

O My handmaidens! Ye were created for chastity. Hold fast unto it through My transcendent command over all things, for I am the Forgiving, the Commanding, the Bountiful. Thus shall the sanctity of My Cause be made manifest among My male and female servants. This behooveth you in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised. God hath ordained for every handmaiden who hath turned to His countenance that which no mind can conceive, for He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soar in the atmosphere of the love of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having believed in God on a day whereon the hearts of those who hesitated in this Cause were troubled - this Cause through which the Dove warbled and the tongue of all things spoke: "Glory be to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!" Grieve not at the world and its hardships. All shall pass away and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of the worlds. Recognize thou the value of these days, then remember thy Lord in the nights and days. Verily, He is with whoso remembereth Him, and He is the Guardian of them that remember. Thus have We addressed thee and sent down unto thee clear verses that they may attract thee to the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

=== END BH06943 ===

=== START BH06944 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Holy!

O Javad! Hearken unto My call, then bear witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth - that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed His Manifestation, His dawning, His might, His grandeur, and His glory amongst all created things. Then be thou steadfast in the Cause and turn away from the idolaters. Beware lest thou deal in a friendly manner with the enemies of God or associate with any of them. Thus doth it beseem Our steadfast loved ones who have remained firm in their love for God and have shunned every remote idolater. Forget not God's favor unto thee, nor thy presence before Him in days when none recognized Him save His Own Self, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou severed from all else save Him, and hold fast unto the cord of His bounty, and be not of the heedless. Thus did We command thee before, and now again do We command thee to act according to that which thou hast been bidden, and be not of them that turn aside. And the glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath inhaled the fragrance of the divine Vesture and is numbered among them that are assured.

=== END BH06944 ===

=== START BH06945 ===

Allah-u-Akbar! He is the Most High, the Most Exalted, the Most Sublime!

O Husayn! Bear thou witness within thyself, then within thy spirit, then within thine essence, that verily the Tree of Sinai upon the branch of this Manifestation doth proclaim the truth: "Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, and He is God, the One Who hath power over all things." And verily 'Ali-Qabli-Nabil is the Manifestation of His Essence, the Source of His knowledge, and the Dawning-Place of His

Cause for all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is what hath been sent down from the Holy and Luminous Pen.

Say: O people! Believe in God and His signs, and deny not this mercy which hath been, in truth, faithful. Thus have We sent down unto thee on this night that which shall solace thine eyes and gladden thee with a joy which hath been recorded as magnificent in the Tablet. Then remind, from Our presence, all those in thy land who have believed in God and in this Cause which hath been, in truth, exalted. And the glory be upon thee and upon all who have drunk the love of God from the cup of a name most glorious.

=== END BH06945 ===

=== START BH06946 ===

In the Name of Him Who is established upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth"

O Jawad Dhakir! He Who is remembered remembereth thee with a remembrance whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the realms of names have been attracted. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Thy letter hath ascended on the twin wings of lowliness and supplication unto the horizon wherein hath shone forth the Sun of the countenance of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have sent down unto thee this most noble Tablet, and We found therein thy turning unto God alone. This is what the Intended One hath desired in this most wondrous and glorious Revelation. Be thou steadfast in this station in such wise that neither the doubts of men nor the allusions of the heedless shall cause thee to slip. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this most exalted station or any matter debar thee from this resplendent horizon. Rejoice thou that thy letter hath been honored and thou hast attained unto this wondrous Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy hidden Beauty and the Dayspring of Thy concealed Cause. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast upon this firm and straight Path.

=== END BH06946 ===

=== START BH06947 ===

He is God! O Rida! Hear My call in truth and be not of the doubters. Bear witness within thyself that there is none other God but Him, and that the Primal Point is His Cause and His Beauty, and that His Mirrors are the first creation of God - all are His servants and all bow down at His bidding. Then know thou that this Bird hath taken flight from the branches of Iraq, and this was ordained by the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Dispute not after Me, but gather ye together around the Cause, for this is what God desired for you in the atomic realm before the creation of the heavens and the earths. Then know that after Me the breezes of discord shall blow - blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, who is patient within himself and is content with his Lord above all who dwell on earth. Thus do We impart unto thee verses of the Spirit that thou mayest stand firm in thy Lord's Cause and be of them that are steadfast therein. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever followeth the Cause of his Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate.

=== END BH06947 ===

=== START BH06948 ===

O Majid in the city, He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting! O My chosen one! Hearken unto the call of God from this Tree which hath been raised up betwixt earth and heaven, and which calleth aloud unto all: “Verily, I am God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Generous!” By this do the lands of existence split asunder and the heavens of knowledge are cleft and every possessor of knowledge fleeth. And thou, beseech God that He leave thee not to thyself, that thou mayest remain steadfast in thy love and be of them that return unto God Who created thee and guided thee and made thee to be of the guided ones. Know thou that numerous Tablets have been presented before Us, and We found not among them any trace from thee, as though thou hadst forgotten Us and wert of the heedless ones. Yet We have not forgotten thee and have made mention of thee in this Tablet from which the light shineth forth and by which the denizens of the highest Paradise are illumined. Thus have We inspired thee with the word of truth that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be gladdened with the joy of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who place their hopes in God.

=== END BH06948 ===

=== START BH06949 ===

O Ali, Before Akbar, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Splendor of God! Hearken unto the call of what hath been and what shall be from this Hidden Name, which crieth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven: “Verily, there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!” Rejoice thou in My joy in these days wherein tribulations have encompassed Me from every side. To this thy Lord, Who domineth over every witness and witnessed thing, doth testify. Beware lest the affairs of the kingdom sadden thee. Be as thy Lord hath been. Be steadfast in the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Thus have We commanded thee before and in this Preserved Tablet. We have sent Our Name to various lands, wherefore We have revealed unto thee this Tablet that thine eyes may be solaced thereby and that thou mayest read it to those who have turned towards God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have indeed become aware of what thou hast borne in the path of God and have heard what thou hast mentioned amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Make mention of Me to My loved ones, then gather them together upon the Path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH06949 ===

=== START BH06950 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Dayspring of inner meanings, Who turneth toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee with this remembrance whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except such as thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed. This is a remembrance through which the Bridge was set up and the Balance established and the earth was shaken and every lofty and towering mountain passed away. All things have been attracted by the fragrances of Our Most Exalted Word, yet the people are in a strange slumber. By God! This is a Day

wherein the Kingdom speaketh: “The Lord of the Realm of Might hath come!” and the pebbles cry out: “The Revealer of verses hath come!” Yet the people are behind a thick veil. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veil of idle fancy and drunk the choice sealed wine through this Name whereby the horizon of Revelation was illumined and all who are in the heavens and on earth were made to shine. Give thanks unto God for having been remembered in the Prison when the Dayspring of the Cause was among those who were heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this resplendent Kawthar.

=== END BH06950 ===

=== START BH06951 ===

O Mirza Aqa, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto thee, and hath voiced thy praise, and hath arisen to serve thee amongst thy servants, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. We have sent unto thee aforetime that which no mention in the world can equal, as beareth witness He Who speaketh that there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The clamor of the polytheists hath been raised, and their uproar, and they desire to spread corruption in the land after it hath been set in order. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee to serve His Cause in such wise that the hosts of the world and the clamor of them that cry out shall not deter thee. We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and be thou of them that are steadfast. The splendor that hath shone forth from the heaven of the mercy of thy Lord be upon thee and upon them that have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Gracious.

=== END BH06951 ===

=== START BH06952 ===

O Muhammad Mirza Khan! He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! O Pen of Holiness! Move upon the name of him who hath heard the call of God from the heaven of immortality from the presence of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and whom the most sweet melodies have turned from the left hand of heedlessness unto the shore of oneness and brought nigh unto a most holy and exalted station. Be thou steadfast in the Cause. God hath verily ordained for thee a station that was, in truth, sublime. Soon shall be sent down upon thee that whereby thou shalt aid the Cause of thy Lord, for He is, verily, powerful over all things. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord and grieve not over anything, for He will guard thee through the sovereign protection from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and He doth, verily, encompass all things. Place thy trust in all matters in Him and turn thy heart toward the holy direction, this Paradise from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of Beauty by a command that hath, from time immemorial, encompassed the worlds. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have been faithful to God’s covenant and have remained steadfast in the Cause.

=== END BH06952 ===

=== START BH06953 ===

O Pen of Eternity! Make mention of the peoples, that perchance Thy remembrance may draw them unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Bestower. Then make mention of him who turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation after all the deceitful and perfidious ones had turned away from it, that he might remember his Lord amongst the servants and arise to serve the Cause at all times. Know thou that there hath come before the Throne a letter whose beginning We found adorned with the mention of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, and whose end was embellished with the names of those from whom We perceived the fragrance of the love of their Lord, the All-Merciful. Therefore have We sent down for each one of them that which shall bring solace to their eyes. Verily thy Lord's bounty hath preceded all things and His mercy hath preceded all created things. We have moved the Pen to make mention of thee first, inasmuch as We found thy name at the beginning of the letter. Blessed are ye for having gathered together and made mention of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Blessed is the house wherein the mention of My Name is raised. By My life! It is under the gaze of your Lord, the Lord of all men. Take ye the cups of felicity in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!"

=== END BH06953 ===

=== START BH06954 ===

He is the All-Compelling! O Karim! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, from the Divine Lote-Tree, speaking that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Leave the cup, then hasten to the Most Great Ocean. By God! It will not profit thee today if thou shouldst hold fast to whatsoever hath been created by His command "Be, and it is!" Cast aside books and allusions, for the Lord of Names and Attributes hath appeared with power and sovereignty. Hold thy pen and hearken unto that which is revealed from the Supreme Pen, and glorify thy Lord on this Day whereon feet have slipped. Will those around thee profit thee? Nay, by the Revealer of verses! Soon shall the world pass away and thou shalt find for thyself no protector. By God! The wings of the Peacock have spread in Paradise and the Dove hath warbled upon the branches with diverse melodies, while We hear from the sinners the croaking of the raven. Turn thou to the Qiblih of the horizons - verily it is the Most Great Path among the nations. Thus have We informed thee and guided thee to the straight path. If thou hast heard, it is for thine own self, and if thou turnest away - verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Compelling.

=== END BH06954 ===

=== START BH06955 ===

O Kalim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Beloved One! O Kalim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Knowing, Who verily is in supreme joy though He be in grievous affliction. Though the body be sorrowful in tribulation, yet the spirit is gladdened by the glad-tidings of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Would that we were among those martyred in His path! Then would we appear in the worlds of holiness with manifest sovereignty. Were there any worth to this world, We would not have delivered Ourself into the hands of the idolaters. Grieve not at anything, but put thy trust in God, the Lord of all

worlds. Whatsoever descends from the Beloved is beloved by the lover. These are the days for assisting the Cause of God. God willing, be vigilant on all sides. Several Tablets were sent - deliver them specifically to those affiliated. And the light and glory be upon thee and upon those with thee, through the eternity of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Convey My greetings to Sabz-'Ali Bey, for during the sojourn in Iraq he would often visit, therefore, out of consideration for his faithfulness, mention is made of him.

=== END BH06955 ===

=== START BH06956 ===

His honor Mirza Muhammad, may the peace of God be upon him

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Muhammad! Be thou assured in thine own self through God's grace and mercy, and leave behind those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Revealer of verses. Say: O people! Do ye object to Him but for Whom the Bayan would not have been revealed? Thus doth 'Ali bear witness to the truth in the Tablets and Scriptures. Arise thou to make mention of God and to praise Him, then through Him become independent of whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven. He verily sufficeth thee above all else. Detach thyself from all save Him and hold fast unto God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. They who claim to love thee, love thee only for their own sakes, whereas thy Lord loveth thee for thine own sake. Behold then the difference, and shun those who deal in allusions. Unite with My loved ones and gather them together upon the Cause of thy Lord. God will surely reward thee with the most excellent of rewards, for He is the Fulfiller of the promise to those who fulfill their covenant and detach themselves from all directions. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Render of veils.

=== END BH06956 ===

=== START BH06957 ===

In the Name of God, the Help in Peril

O Nazar! Gaze with the Most Great Vision. By God, the Truth! The Cause hath been exalted and made manifest, and Paradise hath been adorned with the ornament of oneness at the right hand of the Command of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Then hell and the infernal fire were kindled. Say: The Ordainer of Destiny hath appeared, and all are in continuous resurrection. Blessed is he who is guided by the lights of the Countenance, and woe unto him who turned away and denied. Say: The clouds have been rent asunder and the Sun of Days hath shone forth, then the moon was cleft asunder. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the choice sealed wine from the hand of the Youth of inner meanings, through His Most Manifest, Most Luminous Name. Unite with My loved ones, for through unity the Cause will be made manifest among the servants in these days wherein the idolaters shall find for themselves no escape nor resting place, except by turning in repentance unto God Who created them by His command, and drinking from this Most Pure Kawthar. And glory be upon thee and upon him who, when afflicted with trials in the path of his Lord, the Most Glorious, remained patient and thankful.

=== END BH06957 ===

=== START BH06958 ===

In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise! O leaf! Give thanks unto thy Lord, then make mention and be devoted to that which God hath made thee from the Tree of His Cause - and this verily is a great bounty. Hold fast unto God lest thou fall from the Tree when the winds of hypocrisy blow from the direction of the polytheists. Then be patient in adversities, for He verily is the Rewarder of the patient ones. Glorified be He Who hath created in the kingdom of utterance a Word whereby He hath distinguished between the believers in divine unity and the polytheists. There is no God but Him. His is the Command and the Creation. He ordaineth through His sovereignty whatsoever He willeth. Turn not thy attention to anything but set thy face toward God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Know thou that if He be with thee, the harm of all created things combined cannot touch thee. Strive that thou be not heedless of the remembrance of thy Lord, for through His remembrance His loved ones become independent of all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Thus have We made mention of thee in this Tablet, that it may be a remembrance from Us unto thee and unto the sincere servants of God.

=== END BH06958 ===

=== START BH06959 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O My handmaidens Khanum, Shahrbanu, Marziyyih and Bigum! We have desired to make mention of Our handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, and to give them glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, that the fragrances of the verses may so take hold of them that they will become detached from those who have turned away from God when He came with His great glory. Rejoice, O handmaidens of God, in the N and the Y, in that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this mighty Prison. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath cast away vain imaginings and hath turned towards God, and hath heard and taken what she was commanded by One Who is powerful and ancient. And woe unto the handmaiden who hath turned away from God and clung to the hem of vain imaginings on this Day wherein the horizon of certitude hath been illumined through the Name of God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon every handmaiden who hath broken the idols in the name of her Lord, the Possessor of all names, and hath acknowledged that which God acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH06959 ===

=== START BH06960 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

We have sent down the verses in the tongue of the people of Persia and dispatched them to the Arabs, and We have sent down the verses to the Persians in a clear Arabic tongue. Verily, He doeth what He

willeth through His sovereignty. No one may object to Him, for He is the Almighty, the Powerful. He giveth and withholdeth. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed be the soul that hath acknowledged what He possesseth of strength, power and grandeur, and woe unto every ignorant one who hath denied God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks unto God, for My Most Exalted Pen hath moved and revealed that which God hath made the Water of Life for all who dwell in the realm of possibilities, and the Most Great Medicine for those who have been afflicted with poison, and a light for this darkness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is a Book from Us to whomever is on earth. Verily, he who hath heard My call - it hath been sent down for him in truth. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken while in this prison, firm and impregnable.

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In His Name, the All-Loving! We have sent down the Book and commanded all therein to steadfastness, trustworthiness, and truthfulness, and to every quality through which the station of man might be made manifest among the peoples of the world. Among men are those who have forsaken that which is praiseworthy, and among them are those who have held fast to the commandments. Say: He verily seeth him who hath turned unto Him, and heareth the mention of him who remembereth Him in the nights and days. Say: The ocean of utterance hath surged, and the All-Merciful hath spoken forth in this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. The rivers have flowed, the rains have descended, and the seas have swelled, yet the people remain heedless and in loss. He who hath found the fragrance of the garment hath recognized what is intended. He verily hath acted according to what was commanded in the Book. By the life of God! Nothing shall profit anyone this Day save that which the Lord of all mankind hath decreed. We beseech God to open unto every soul a door to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Cause, the One Who is supreme over all horizons. Glory be upon thee, O thou who hast believed in God when most of His servants turned away from Him.

=== END BH06961 ===

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O Suleiman! He is the All-Knowing Speaker! We have made clear the Cause and sent down the revelation as a bounty from Us, but the people do not understand. They who have awakened at the Call and arisen to serve the Cause - these are among the gems of existence in the sight of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. This is the Day wherein all things have spoken: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!" He has prospered who has turned to the Most Great Ocean, and he has lost who has hesitated in this ordained Cause. By God! The proof cries out and the evidence proclaims, yet the people hear not, save those who have been given insight by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. They behold God's favor, then deny it. We called them to the light, yet they hasten to the fire. We guided them to the supreme horizon, yet they turn back on their heels. Blessed art thou for having turned, heard and recognized the Goal. Be thou grateful to God for this, then preserve the pearls of knowledge through His Name, the One Who dominates over all that witnesses and is witnessed.

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We entered the garden and settled upon the throne situated above the water, while the sun was playing amidst the trees and its rays were moving as though stirred by the motion of the Spirit circling round My mighty throne. Once We heard from the right the mention of My mighty Name, and again from the left My Name, the One Who overshadeth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then We left it and desired to go to the erected palace which God hath made the Greatest Scene of Vision for mankind, but most of the people are sleeping. At all times We remember those on earth and give them glad tidings of that which they were promised in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. They have cast the counsel of God and His Command behind their backs and have accepted what they were bidden by every remote ignorant one. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen inform thee that thou mayest be of those who possess knowledge. Hold fast to the cord of the Command and say: I beseech Thee, O Subduer of the winds, to make me steadfast in Thy mighty Cause.

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O Jinab-i-Allah-Murad Khan! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering! We have heard thy call and, having accepted thy turning unto Us, have made mention of thee in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall endure throughout the eternity of the Most Beautiful Names of God. Be thou thankful for this and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!” I testify that Thou hast summoned all unto God and hast borne in His path that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy loving-kindness to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Murad! Rejoice thou that the Desire of the world hath made mention of thee. Nothing that thou dost witness or behold can equal this - to this testifieth His perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned unto the All-Informed One. How many a learned one hath been hindered, how many a mystic hath denied, and how many a servant hath turned towards Him and rent asunder the veil through My Most Great Name! The glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast believer who is assured.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the All-Knowing Expounder and He is the Kind, the Generous. We make mention of those days when thou wert present with thy uncle - upon him be God’s mercy and grace - before Our face, and ye both heard what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in His mighty prison. O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We made mention of thee before thy presence, during thy presence, and after thy presence, with such remembrance as diffused the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed are ye both! We bear witness that ye both drank the choice wine of attainment from the hands of the bounty of your

Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We bid thee to show forth beautiful patience in whatsoever hath come upon thee through God's irrevocable decree. We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest calm, dignity and perseverance, which We have enjoined upon all in My perspicuous Book. Remember what thou didst witness and hear when thou wert present before Our face. Verily thy Lord is the Wise Commander. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of this noble station.

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=== START BH06966 ===

O handmaid of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the Answerer. Verily We make mention of the servants of God, both men and women, and gave them glad tidings in the Dispensation of the Bayan of this Name through which the Nightingale warbled upon the branches by leave of the All-Merciful. The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with a Cause before which neither the might of princes, nor the power of divines, nor the wealth of the rich, nor whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and on earth can stand. He speaketh and uttereth: O people of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come with the Kingdom of Names, through His Most Glorious Name, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and every wearer of a white turban lamented - they who seized upon idle fancies and cast certainty behind their backs, following their own desires. Verily they are among the heedless. Verily they are among the wrongdoers. Verily they are among the opposers. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having aided me in a Cause from which the leaders of lands and the divines among the servants were hindered. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the key of heaven. Thou withholdest and Thou givest, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH06966 ===

=== START BH06967 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

We make mention of him who hath turned unto the Most Great Ocean when its waves were raised up and its proof was made manifest on a Day whereon all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!" Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful unto God for this supreme bounty. Remember thou when thou didst enter Baghdad and didst attain unto the most mighty of deeds, whereof the Tongue of Grandeur had given tidings ere the creation of the heavens and earths. Thou hast drunk the cup of reunion from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We counsel thee to preserve that which We have bestowed upon thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thou vocal in My remembrance and steadfast in the service of the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom tyranny hath not frightened nor prevented from turning unto the Countenance of Justice, through whose light the morn hath breathed and the Sun of Knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of the providence of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! We make mention of him who hath turned unto God and desired to drink from the Kawthar of life from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Bestower, the Gracious. Among the people are those who heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon and turned unto Him, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth; and among them are those who were content with their own vain imaginings and turned away from the One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and soared in the atmosphere of the love of his Lord, the All-Merciful. He is among the most exalted of creation in the sight of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Soon shall all on earth perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Praised. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy grace not to withhold from me the outpourings of the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor to banish me from the shadow of Thy favor. O my Lord! I am the poor one, standing before the door of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which befitteth Thy generosity and beneficence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

From this station We make mention of him who was named Ghulam before Rida, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Ancient Lord. We have remembered those who have turned to God throughout the nights and days, as attested by Him Who possesses knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the Most Great Key, and the Lord of Eternity hath come with mighty sovereignty. Among the people are those who have cast aside the Truth and followed falsehood - We testify that they are among the perishing ones. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained! By the life of God, he shall soon find himself in a glorious station. How many a servant desired the Face, yet when it appeared from the horizon of Revelation, turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. He worshipped naught but delusion and followed naught but the doubts of the suspicious ones. Say: This is the Day of God! He hath come with the truth, were ye of those who know. Nothing should be mentioned therein save God alone - to this testifieth every assured and knowing one. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean sprinkled forth from this wondrous station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH06969 ===

=== START BH06970 ===

In the Name of the One Friend

Man is even as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Through education alone can these gems of spiritual virtues and praiseworthy deeds be brought forth from the mine and appear in the realm of visibility. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which God hath willed, and hath adorned himself with such virtues and characteristics as promote the exaltation of the Cause of God. That which hath been sent

down from the heaven of divine Will hath had as its purpose the unity and concord of mankind after the recognition of God, yet the heedless people have made it a cause of discord and dissension. An interpreter is needed, and likewise one who will remind. Remind the people of that which We have mentioned unto thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant who was present read it. We have answered thee that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and We have seen thy humility before God and have turned toward thee from My Most Great Prison. He will assist thee and make thee successful and ordain for thee what He hath willed. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH06970 ===

=== START BH06971 ===

O Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Bountiful! God willing, mayest thou drink of the spiritual wine which is the knowledge of the Beauty of the All-Merciful, and give others to drink thereof. This divine nectar hath not been, nor shall be, the portion of every soul. This wine is befitting only to enduring souls and detached hearts, and ever shall be. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk and attained, and woe unto him who hath been deprived of this sweet and refreshing stream, this mighty and resplendent Euphrates. Strive thou to remain steadfast on the path of divine knowledge and love, and be not deprived of eternal spiritual stations through attachment to ephemeral things. The favors of God and His watchful care have ever been and shall continue to be directed toward His handmaidens. Consider this bounty as great and magnificent, for how many were the handmaidens of God who yearned for His days and ardently desired His presence, yet when He rent asunder the veil, they failed to recognize Him and partook not a drop from the cup of His love. Praise be to God that thou didst turn unto Him and received thy portion of the wine of His knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06971 ===

=== START BH06972 ===

In the Name of the One God! O Haji Husayn! May you be blessed through divine bounty and illumined by the lights of the Throne. We commanded all people to that which would cause the exaltation of God's Cause, yet none attained to God's command save a few. Observe what transpires in the prison, and reflect upon what has befallen therein. By God's life! Then will you find yourselves in manifest perplexity and sorrow. The gate of the Most Great Prison was opened by the key of the Name of the Ancient King, and the rain of grace descended from the heaven of mercy, until heedlessness seized some. They did that which caused God to lament, yet We concealed it. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer. Heedlessness reached such a state that some imagined God to be heedless. They violated God's Covenant and rent asunder the sanctity of the Cause, yet since it occurred through the heedlessness of ignorance, God hath pardoned them and adorned them with the robe of His gracious forgiveness. None should speak against them. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH06972 ===

=== START BH06973 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds through the bounty of the All-Merciful. The world and all that is therein shall perish and be no more, and that which endureth is the remembrance which floweth today from the Most Exalted Pen for the loved ones of God. Erelong shall all the deniers and the idolaters be brought to naught, and the Cause of God and His sovereignty shall encompass the whole earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee, speaking Thy Name, and steadfast in Thy love, in such wise that the clamor of them that have disbelieved in Thy signs and turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation shall not hinder me. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty and grace that which will preserve me and exalt me in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

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=== START BH06974 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

God willing, may you drink in all days from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the Lord of all beings, and becoming intoxicated with this most pure and luminous Kawthar, may you be occupied in the gathering of the world with the remembrance of the Pre-existent Lord, that perchance the heedless servants may become freed from their suppositions and idle fancies and turn toward the horizon of the inspiration of the eternal Sovereign. Praise be to God that the fragrance of the perfumed garment has been diffused and the Sun of bounty has risen. Blessed is he who has found and attained. Woe to those who remain veiled!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the unseen and the visible, to assist me to be steadfast in all conditions, that I may be a speaker of Thy mention and praise and a herald of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for me that which will profit me in the next world and in this one. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Dominant over earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH06974 ===

=== START BH06975 ===

O district of Abhar! He who ascended unto God. In the name of the One True God, the Kind. God willing, mayest thou at all times be turned toward the Sun of the horizon of Revelation and drink from the Kawthar of purity. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned before the Divine Throne and art specially

favored with the bounties of the True One. Grieve not for him who ascended oppressed unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon shall the world and all that is therein pass away, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for him in the Perspicuous Book. Blessed is he in that he bore tribulations and adversities in the path of God and aided His Cause to the extent of his ability. Unto this thy Lord, Who presideth over all who are in the heavens and on earth, doth testify. Blessed is he who visiteth him and seeketh his intercession with God, the Goal of them that know. That leaf must gaze toward the realm of oneness with the utmost joy and gladness. Successive trials have befallen you. God is aware and cognizant of all things. Soon shall appear that which He desireth and He shall decree whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06975 ===

=== START BH06976 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable God! O sister of Husayn! May you ever remain occupied with the remembrance of God and detached from aught else. God, exalted be His grandeur, has never forgotten and will never forget His servants, whether male or female. His remembrance, mercy, grace and loving-kindness have ever had and will ever have precedence. He is both the Rememberer and the Remembered - the Rememberer, inasmuch as before the appearance of His servants in the earthly realm, He remembered them all, and His remembrance of His servants is the cause of their remembrance of Him; and the Remembered, inasmuch as all tongues are moved to His praise and glorification. Thus do all seek after God, though they be veiled from Him. Every praise and description that proceeds from the tongue of any who would praise returns to its source, even though that praiser and describer knows not the One described. Blessed is the soul that knows Him and remembers Him. And the Spirit be upon you.

=== END BH06976 ===

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O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! In the name of the peerless Lord! May you ever be and continue to be the recipient of the favors of the Eternal Beloved and occupied with His praise, and in all times strive to attain unto lasting stations. By My life! What thou seest today shall pass away, and what shall endure for thee in the kingdom of earth and heaven is thy love for thy Glorious and Bountiful Lord. Praise be to God that thou hast turned towards the Kaaba of thy Friend and partaken of the choice sealed wine. Now must thou preserve it through the name of Truth, for the wayfarers are many who would cut off the path. Ask thou God to assist thee in His Cause and to open before thee the gates of goodly deeds. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. The favors of Truth have been and shall continue to be with thee. Blessed is the soul that spends its precious moments in spiritual virtues and goodly deeds. Remember thou what We have counseled thee, then render thanks unto God Who created thee and sustained thee and aided thee to recognize His mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH06977 ===

=== START BH06978 ===

He is the Most Great! He counseled the servants and those in the Bayan to this Revelation that hath appeared from the horizon of the world, but the people of the Bayan violated God's Covenant and turned away from the Lord of nations. Say: The mighty one is he who hath taken hold of the Book, and the learned one is he who hath recognized and turned toward the Ancient of Days. Say: This is the Day wherein God's Balance hath been established among all things, inasmuch as the Desired One hath come with His Most Great Name. Say: O people, open your eyes! By God, the Hidden One hath appeared and the banner of victory hath been raised upon the standard. Blessed is he who hath attained unto God's days and upon whom hath flowed the ocean of utterance from the wellspring of this Pen. Place thy trust at all times in thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hold fast to the hem of His bounty. When thou hast attained and visited the Tablet, say: I beseech Thee, O God of the Kingdom and Sovereign over the realm of might, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thee, boweth down before Thy face, and uttereth Thy remembrance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign over the hidden and the manifest.

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The first remembrance uttered by the Tongue of Majesty and Grandeur rest upon thee, O thou exalted leaf shining from the horizon of Command in the days of God, the Possessor of Names! I bear witness that thou didst turn toward the all-highest paradise and didst attain unto that which most of the people have not attained. I testify moreover that thou didst verily bear hardships and tribulations in the path of God, the Fashioner of the heavens. So unwavering was thy conviction that neither the blame of blamers nor the denial of the ungodly among the women held thee back in the Cause of God.

Blessed art thou and them that visit thy shrine and seek thee through that which hath appeared from the Pen of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, the One Whom the oppressors have imprisoned in the citadel of `Akka. I testify that thou verily surrendered thy spirit while separated after being ablaze with the fire of longing during the days of God, the Lord of the Judgement Day.

Wretched be those who have recognized not thy station and who drank not from the chalice of thy remembrance, and happy are those that remember thee through that wherewith God hath remembered thee in His Books and Tablets.

(Akhtaran-i-Taban, p. 439)

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=== START BH06980 ===

O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Best Beloved of the world that thou hast attained to that which all the divines and mystics of the earth have been deprived of. This is the bounty of God and His bestowal. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be occupied with the mention and praise of the Goal of the world's peoples and be turned toward His horizon. How many men and women sought after the presence of this wondrous Day, yet when it appeared they remained veiled. Not every ear was worthy to hear the

divine call, and not every eye was fit to behold the lights of His countenance. How many among the learned and the princes among men were deprived of the recognition of the Best Beloved of the world, while the common people attained thereunto. All matters have been and shall be in the grasp of God's power. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth and taketh from whomsoever He willeth. All things are captive in the grasp of His power, and verily He is the Almighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

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=== START BH06981 ===

O handmaid of God Sakinih, wife of Nabil! O handmaid of God! Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the world, Who, in the Most Great Prison, calleth unto His male and female servants. This is naught but from His infinite bounty. Sublime Tablets especially for that handmaid have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will. Beseech thou God that thou mayest discover the sweetness of His utterance and drink from the choice wine of His mention. For had the handmaidens of the earth perceived His fragrance, they all would have turned with heart and soul toward the All-Merciful and would have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden. The true friend of God is one who, should He command "drink not," would never drink. From their not having attained to this station, it is evident and manifest that they have not perceived the sweetness of His utterance nor tasted the delight of the Kawthar of His knowledge. Strive ye that ye may attain unto the good-pleasure of God and arise to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrances of holiness. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen unto His handmaidens.

=== END BH06981 ===

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! O handmaiden of God! The home lies in ruins and its owner is captive to the factions. That which has been decreed for the house shall soon be made manifest. He is, verily, the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. Although most hearts are seen to be withered from the tribulations that have descended and the afflictions that have befallen them, yet the assured souls of the Kingdom will neither falter nor be perturbed by tribulations in the path of the King of Oneness, for such souls repose in the seat of truth, are nourished by the celestial food, and partake of the pure chalice of God. How excellent is the state of those souls from whom, in the days of trial, the sweet savors of certitude wafted over the peoples of the world, and from whom the musk-laden breezes of love were inhaled. Be not grieved by tribulations. The divine practice hath ever been thus, and ever shall remain thus. Reflect upon the former ages, that thou mayest become aware of thy Lord's practice, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beseech God to adorn the weak and doubting hearts with the powerful robes of certitude. Convey My greetings to the steadfast Arab women. And the glory be upon you all.

=== END BH06982 ===

=== START BH06983 ===

O servant of God! This servant of God declares that many years have passed during which, morning and evening, I have been afflicted with countless trials, until by divine decree I came to reside in a place where the hands of the loved ones were prevented from reaching my hem and the feet of those who sought me were cut off from entering my dwelling. I swear by the world-illuminating Sun which today remains concealed behind clouds due to the oppression of those who claim attachment, that it was ever my wish that my life be sacrificed in the path of the Friend and hasten from dust to the Supreme Companion, yet I have not yet attained to this. For most of the people of the Bayan are fit only to worship the calf rather than prostrate before the Truth, just as most people on earth today are idol-worshippers, as is recorded in certain books that half the people of earth worship idols while the other half comprise different religions. God willing, may you become detached from all else save Him and attain and be honored with the robe of "Verily, unto God do we belong."

=== END BH06983 ===

=== START BH06984 ===

He is the One Who speaks the Truth! O Javad! If thou wouldst purify thy heart from attachment to the world and all that is therein, and with a sanctified and merciful spirit enter the blessed spot of the divine Oneness at the right hand of the Mount of Sinai, then in such case thou art both permitted and it is fitting and timely. And it is known that the bird of the yearning heart in separation is like an agitated fish upon the dust. Verily the mystical fish seeks the Most Great Sea of the Lord, and the deprived seeker yearns for the sanctuary of the Desired One. But as these are days the like of which the eye of creation hath never seen, and a mighty test hath appeared, therefore one must, God willing, hold fast to the strong cord of divine favor and cling to the cloud of gracious mercy, that perchance He may illumine spiritual eyes with the beauty of the celestial Youth, and through the wonders of His grace deprive not the seekers of the Merciful Ka'bah and the dwellers in the sanctuary of divine Singleness. Thus have the counsels been ordained from the presence of a faithful counselor.

=== END BH06984 ===

=== START BH06985 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Hassan! God willing, mayest thou be confirmed by divine bestowals. Be not grieved at what hath befallen the friends of God through the tyranny of the people. Consider the Manifestations of God Who have appeared from the horizon of the divine Command in bygone ages, and Who manifested themselves in the arena of the world to guide these veiled people. All souls today curse and revile the oppressors of the past, while they themselves are engaged in acts even more grievous. Woe unto them and unto their deeds! Soon shall the Sun of Power shine forth from the horizon of God's Will and illumine the whole world with the lights of justice. A hundred thousand worlds cannot compare with a single drop of the choice wine of divine love. Whosoever hath attained unto it hath not and will never pay heed to the world and all that dwell therein. Seize thou the days of thy Lord and be of them that remember Him. No harm hath ever befallen or shall ever befall the people of truth except that they shall surely receive its recompense from God.

=== END BH06985 ===

=== START BH06986 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O Husayn! Your letter was present before the Throne and that which was mentioned therein was heard. Concerning the trials and tribulations which thou didst recount, all are known in the presence of the Ancient Beauty. He Himself hath been and will be subject to countless afflictions. Surely His loved ones must also be ordained to receive a portion from this cup. The essential fruit of existence and that which profiteth it hath been the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto this station. He who hath attained unto this station was and is the most wealthy of all the peoples of the world. Be not grieved by the confusion and differences in outward affairs. That which hath been ordained will appear in its time. In this Most Great Revelation, engagement in some occupation hath been prescribed for all the loved ones. Be thou occupied with some matter, placing thy trust in God. God willing, His grace will encompass thee. Ye have always been and will continue to be in Our sight. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and those who are with thee.

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In the Name of the One Friend! O Khavar! The wine of divine mercy is flowing from the spring of grace, and He Who bestows and lavishes it is that Countenance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the soul who has drunk this spiritual wine from the hand of the eternal Cup-bearer. Praise thou the Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast attained to His love and art engaged in His remembrance. Thy letter was present before Me, and the most luminous eye beheld it, and whatsoever was inscribed therein was noted. Therefore did the Sun of the Most Glorious Horizon shine forth upon thee from behind the clouds of tribulation with these wondrous words and exalted verses. Know thou their value and render thanks for this supreme bounty. These are the days of steadfastness. All must be so firm that the contingent happenings of the world shall not debar them from the divine sanctuary. Convey on behalf of the True One My greetings to Ali and his wife. We beseech God to aid him and her to arise to serve His Cause and to remember Him amongst His creatures. Verily He is the Protector of those who love Him and the Lord of the worlds. May the glory of God rest upon you all from His presence, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O friend! The decree of wisdom stands firm, and thus this Wronged One is prevented from mentioning the warbling of the nightingale of divine knowledge. For several years We sojourned in those regions and their surroundings, and associated with many different kinds of people. The fragrances of the roses of inner meanings were diffused and the waters of knowledge were flowing, yet few were the seekers. Glory be to God! The peoples of the world, despite their searching and expectation, are observed to be heedless. The people are occupied with the people, and remain heedless of and veiled from the Truth.

Most strange it is that you have turned toward the Friend and sent a letter to the Wronged One of the horizons. God willing, you shall witness from God, exalted be His glory, the recompense of this praiseworthy deed. At the close of this letter, We counsel you with that which befitteth man: to be patient and forbearing, trustworthy and religious, truthful and faithful. The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. God willing, may you be confirmed in all conditions and occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

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=== START BH06989 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O friends! These are the days of the All-Merciful and the Sun of Truth with His own hand bestows the Kawthar of His presence. Hearken unto the call of the Friend, and deprive not yourselves of the lights of the Day of God and its ordained effulgences. Strive with complete endeavor and perfect effort that some service may appear from you in these days of manifestation which may become the cause and means of the perpetuation of your remembrance in God's Kingdom. Whosoever today guides a soul and leads it to the Most Great Sea shall be recorded as one of the people of Paradise in the Book. The trust bestowed upon man is as his head, and truthfulness is as his sight - and if anyone be deprived of these two, he shall be mentioned by the name of 'animal'. Today those who drink the wine of revelation must educate people that all may attain the ornament of acceptance and be mentioned in the Most Great Scene. This is the true fruit of the appearance of the human Tree.

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=== START BH06990 ===

His honor A.B.N., upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

O friends! Know ye the station of the days of the All-Merciful. This is a day wherein one deed is greater than all the deeds of past ages and centuries and more beloved in the sight of God. Strive ye that ye may attain to that which neither the vicissitudes of time can alter nor obliterate. Thy mention was made before the Throne and thou didst attain the hearing of the Wronged One. It behooveth thee to praise God Who hath caused thee to know the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, made thee to hear His Call, and forgiven thee through His grace. He is verily the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Generous. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names, through Whom all things were attracted, and the heaven was cleft asunder, and the earth was split, and the mountains were scattered, to ordain for me through Thy grace and bounty the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and drunk the choice wine of reunion with Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the Strong, the Mighty. That which thou didst send hath been accepted with the ornament of acceptance. It behooveth thee to thank thy Lord, the Hearing, the Responding One.

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=== START BH06991 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! O dear one! God willing, through the bounty of the All-Bountiful, may you become sanctified and purified from human limitations and remain focused on the realm of divine oneness. May you be so enkindled with the love of God that no veil will prevent you from His path and no matter will hold you back from His remembrance and praise. Be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and hold fast to the hem of His mercy. Beseech and implore the True One, glorified and exalted be He, to keep you steadfast in the path of His love and to protect you from the insinuations and promptings of the polytheists and deniers. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. How excellent is the state of the tongue that today speaks in remembrance of God, the heart that attains His love, and the countenance that detaches itself from the faces of the people of the world and turns toward His face. We beseech God to assist you in His remembrance and in the victory of His Cause among His servants. Verily, He is the Protector, the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Most High, the Most Great.

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=== START BH06992 ===

In His Name, the Self-Subsisting!

O Greatest Victory! May you ever be, through the loving-kindness of the Lord of nations, joyous and mindful of His remembrance. For some time the gates of utterance were sealed and the pathway cut off, until in these days a path became manifest. Therefore these words have shone forth from the Dayspring of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all beings and are sent forth, that you may discover from them the sweet savors of grace and mercy and be of them that are informed. Illumine the friends of God, both men and women, with the glorification of God, that perchance through the attraction and rapture of the Divine Word they may attain unto wondrous joy and sublime gladness, and, detached from all else, occupy themselves with the remembrance of the All-Merciful.

The letter Sin was for some days caught in the serpent's mouth, but the All-Merciful delivered him through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. We beseech God to assist through you His servants and to unlock before your heart's face that which shall attract the hearts with a power greater than what He unlocked through His sovereignty aforetime. Verily, He is your Protector and Helper in this world and the next. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH06992 ===

=== START BH06993 ===

Daughter of Abu'l-Hasan who emigrated! In the name of God, the One! O My handmaiden! Your acceptance is manifest before the All-Knowing One, and your turning to the Most Great Horizon is clear and evident. However, be not grieved at not attaining His presence, for the essence of all matters lies in the acceptance of the One Beloved of all worlds. Whatever He accepts has been and will ever be accepted. For example, if concerning one who is remote, the decree of nearness should be revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, that one shall become near. Give thanks to the Sovereign of existence that He has accepted your deed and transformed your intention into the deed itself, accounting it as such. Convey greetings from the Tongue of Him Who reveals the verses to your sisters. All are beneath the

shadow of the Truth and dwell in the expanse of His mercy. Know ye the station of your father, for he is among those who emigrated unto God and attained His presence and heard His most wondrous, most beautiful, mighty and invincible call, and succeeded in serving the Cause in His days when every distant polytheist turned away from it.

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=== START BH06994 ===

O leaf, sister of Ali-Qabil-Akbar, upon both of you be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! He is the One manifest before all faces. O My handmaiden and child of My handmaiden! Hear My call and hold fast to that which is the cause of the exaltation of thy station with God. Today a good deed is like the sun among all past deeds and cannot be equaled by even a single "yea" from those people who denied God's proof and His evidence and His greatness and His sovereignty. O My handmaiden! Praise the Goal of all the worlds, Who confirmed thee and mentioned thee on this Night of the Festival of Sacrifice in the most exalted height. If thou wouldst hearken to a single word with the ear of the spirit, thou wouldst freely sacrifice thy life in His path. We beseech God to sanctify thee and the handmaidens of that land from whatsoever is unworthy of His days, and to grant that which befitteth His generosity. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Say: All praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Goal of them that have known Thee.

=== END BH06994 ===

=== START BH06995 ===

He is sanctified from mention and description!

O Mahdi! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One, and the servant present submitted what was written therein, from which the fragrances of the love of God were inhaled. Blessed art thou for having attained to this mighty station! Thou didst seek steadfastness from the True One, exalted and mighty be He. Excellent is what thou hast desired of His abounding grace! Whosoever attaineth unto the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious - he verily is of those who are brought nigh in a clear Book. It behooveth all the friends not to be heedless of this station, and in all times to beseech the Beloved of the world that He may keep them steadfast in His love. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast distinguished between Thy loved ones and Thine enemies, to make me steadfast in Thy love and speaking in Thy praise. Then write down for me, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining Thy presence and what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

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O Mahdi! He Who is the Beloved of the world, the Guide, speaketh thus: Today all are commanded to behold with their own eyes; hearing and seeing from others sufficeth not, except for such souls as have

freed themselves from their vain imaginings and have cleaved to the lights of justice and fairness. None hath been or is aware of the root of this Cause save He Who remembereth thee in this wondrous Book. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One, and stand firm as an immovable mountain in the Cause of God, and act according to that which hath been sent down in the Qur'an unto the Seal of the Prophets from the presence of the Lord of Names. Say: God; then leave them to their vain imaginings. God willing, thou shalt be set ablaze by the fire of the Word and illumined by the light of His countenance. The ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of Truth is shining resplendent. How excellent is the state of him who hath attained on this Day and hath not deprived himself! Glory be unto him who hath acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged, the Lord of all worlds, and hath testified to that which God hath testified in His mighty Book. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

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=== START BH06997 ===

O Leaf, daughter of His Holiness the Martyr Ruqiyyih, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! O Leaf! Thy petition was read in the presence of the Wronged One and was honored with His hearing. Praise be to God that the glance of the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, hath from the beginning of the Cause until now been directed towards thee. This is the most great bounty whose station hath not been and will not be limited by the understanding and knowledge of men. At all times doth the Divine Lote-Tree call out betwixt earth and heaven and summon all to the straight path of God. However, as pure and receptive ears are rare, therefore but few souls have attained and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the most great honor and the most mighty kinship. Mention of thee hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and is recorded in God's Book. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this wondrous bounty. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have been honored with this wise remembrance.

=== END BH06997 ===

=== START BH06998 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

This is a letter from this Wronged One to one of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. He beareth witness unto that which the Wronged One hath witnessed, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter was received and attained the honor of being seen and heard. Praise be to God, the fragrance of confession to the word of unity was wafted therefrom. Today it behooveth all to beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect the community of the merciful and to guard those who believe in His unity, through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, from the evil of the polytheists. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. The cause of weakness among the people of unity hath been discord. Now all must hold fast to the cord of unity and concord, that perchance the hidden glory may be made manifest and weakness be transformed into strength.

O my God! O my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then preserve them from the wolves of the earth through Thy command and will. Through Thy Name the banner “There is none other God but Him” hath been raised aloft. The powers of the world cannot weaken Thee, nor can the might of the nations frighten Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

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=== START BH06999 ===

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty!

This is a letter from the Wronged One of the horizons to ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, that he may be gladdened through the divine bestowals and heavenly outpourings, and that he may occupy himself with the mention of God–glorified be His might and exalted be His dominion–with the utmost yearning and eagerness. God willing, may you be at all times gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and turned toward the Dayspring of God’s Cause. This is a Day wherein all the friends must arise to serve the Cause, and whosoever adorneth himself with praiseworthy attributes and acteth in accordance with the divine ordinances hath, in truth, arisen to serve and assist the Cause and is accounted before God as one of the people of the Most Great Scene. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned before and at this time wherein the Prisoner proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Put thy trust in God in all matters, then stand firm in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and souls have been perturbed. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

=== END BH06999 ===

=== START BH07000 ===

He is God, exalted is He! Concerning the matters you mentioned - we beseech God to open before your face the gates of blessing and bounty, verily He is powerful over all things. His hidden grace has been with you and outwardly too it will encompass you. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know Thee and taught me and guided me to Thy straight path and Thy News at which the hearts of the polytheists and transgressors were troubled. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and the penetration of Thy Command and the power of Thy Pen, to ordain for me what is best in this world and the next. By Thy might, O God of the world and Goal of the nations, I have desired naught but the exaltation of Thy Word and the manifestation of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and sovereignty to assist me through the means of the heavens and earth that I may be occupied at all times in Thy service and speaking in Thy remembrance. Then protect me, O my God, by the hosts of Thy power. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07000 ===

=== START BH07001 ===

O Ali Kh, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable Lord! The Sun of Truth, which hath ever been veiled from all eyes, hath shone forth from the heaven of manifestation with such a radiance that no possessor of sight or hearing or heart hath denied or ever will deny it. And the hidden treasured Mystery, whereof all divine Books and Scriptures and Tablets have made mention, hath appeared unveiled and unconcealed. Glory be to God! Despite such manifestation and appearance, such signs and evidences, such tokens and such power and might, the people of the world remain heedless and unaware. Blessed art thou, for thou hast seen and heard. Beseech the Truth that He may enable thee to perform such deeds as shall endure and persist. From the precincts of the Prison We have turned toward thee, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will in thy name. Take it with the power that is with Him and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Desire of the sincere ones!

=== END BH07001 ===

=== START BH07004 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! That which is beloved in the Days of God hath ever been and will ever be goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. God willing, may all attain unto these and act in accordance with that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Command in the divine Tablets. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that understand! It is incumbent upon every soul in this Day to cleave unto such deeds as will promote the Cause of God. Whatsoever hath appeared or will appear from any soul in the path of God is evident and manifest before His Throne, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, thou shouldst remain steadfast and unwavering in the Cause of God in utmost sanctity and detachment. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded by the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Give thanks unto God for having mentioned thee in truth from His mighty prison. Were thou to observe with the eye of truth, thou wouldst testify that all created things cannot equal a single word that proceedeth from the Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things expound in His perspicuous Book.

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=== START BH07005 ===

O Mirza Ghaffar! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds! Can there be found in the realm of knowledge one endowed with taste, who may perceive the sweetness of the true nectar? And can there be found in the world of understanding one possessed of hearing, who may attain unto eternal life through the mellifluous voice of the Self-Sufficing One? And has there been born one possessed of sight who may behold the horizon of the world illumined by the Most Great Name? O friend! The rushing of the Supreme Pen hath encompassed the world, yet all are deprived of it save whom thy Lord willeth. Beseech thou God that He may, through the wine of detachment, endow all with understanding. This wine which is mentioned by the Supreme Pen is the wine of the All-Merciful, not the wine of the world. God willing, mayest thou be speaking at every morn in praise of the Lord of creation, and be aflame with His love. And what is meant by this morn is the Dayspring of His Revelation. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and hath soared in its atmosphere, and hath clung to its hem, and hath held fast unto its luminous cord.

=== END BH07005 ===

=== START BH07006 ===

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

Verses have been revealed of such magnitude that every soul beholds itself powerless to recount them. The evidences have appeared, and the signs and allusions of the divine Books and heavenly Scriptures have all been fulfilled. The banner of the Revelation hath been raised upon the heights, and the Truth, exalted be His glory, calleth aloud with the most great call. Yet despite this, the people remain deprived and forbidden. This is but fitting, for not every eye is worthy to behold, nor every ear fit to hear. The intoxication of perishable ornaments hath prevented the servants from everlasting favors. They have clung to these few fleeting days, and remain heedless of that which is with God. Blessed is the state of that soul whom the veils of the world and the clouds of the peoples have not prevented from the Most Great Name and the Lord of Eternity. Such a one is accounted among the people of Baha in the Book of Names - to this doth He Who cleft the heavens bear witness in this clear Tablet. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07006 ===

=== START BH07007 ===

In the Name of the one God! The greatness of this Day hath been attested in all the Books. Reflect upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." All the chosen ones and holy ones gave glad tidings unto the people of the appearance of the Most Great Luminary, that He might lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them the glad tidings of the days of God. And when the veils of glory were rent asunder by the hand of power and the world was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all turned away except whom God willed, and some who claimed faith and certitude were deprived of the Lord of Lords by the croak of a raven. Say: O friends! This is the Day wherein the suns of assurance and certitude must needs shine forth from the horizons of your hearts, that all may thereby turn unto the Day-Star of the horizons and be freed from the loss of remoteness and from agitation and doubt. This is the Day of the most great gain. Mighty effort is needed and lofty striving is required. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Manifest, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07007 ===

=== START BH07009 ===

He is the One Who speaks before the faces of religions. I say in truth this is the Day when the horizons of the cities of the world have been illumined by the lights of the Most Great Name. The hidden pearls that were concealed within the shells of the ocean of knowledge have become manifest and evident. The Source of commands and prohibitions and the Treasury of divine knowledge and wisdom is present and visible before all faces. Blessed is the one whom the veils of the peoples of the world did not prevent from the Lord of Eternity. He abandoned all else but God and with an illumined heart raised high the banner of detachment. He is of the people of Baha - upon him be the glory of God and His favors and gifts

and bounties. The honored Amin has repeatedly mentioned the friends of that land, therefore there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which is the river of mercy for the thirsty ones and the light of knowledge for the seekers. Praise thou the Goal of the world, for verily He hath guided thee to His straight path and acquainted thee with the Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH07009 ===

=== START BH07010 ===

He is God! Many a true morn has dawned, yet the night of separation has not ended. How many nightingales have burst into song in the gardens, yet no bird has warbled a melody from the city of reunion. It seems the gates of hope have closed and the gardens of despair have opened. A world lies unconscious from the sweet wine of reunion, while these emigrants cry out for but a drop. When will the dark nights of separation and estrangement finally end? Even if lovers' souls should depart their bodies, when will the messenger of the soul journey from the Sheba of the Beloved? When will the Egyptian herald bring to the aged one of Canaan glad tidings of Joseph's garment? It seems the earthly bird soars to the spiritual nest yet fails to attain the presence of reunion. Therefore we must drink the poison of divine decree as though it were sweet honey, and eagerly seek the unerring arrow of destiny, for submission gives rise to purpose and resignation brings forth desire - until we see what God has ordained and what fate has decreed. And peace be upon you.

=== END BH07010 ===

=== START BH07011 ===

O Ahmad! In the name of the peerless One! As attested by all divine Books, this blessed Day hath been adorned with the ornament of distinction and named the Day of God. The Cup-Bearer of the Kawthar of eternity from His bountiful hands bestoweth the wine of faithfulness. How excellent is the soul that aimed and reached its goal! We beseech God to make the heedless aware and guide the true seekers to the river of mercy. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in the prison when I was in the hands of the aggressive ones among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who controlleth the winds and Who causeth the dawn to break, by Thy command through which Thou didst open the gates of bounty unto all nations, to assist me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever may prevent me, O Thou Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the kingdom of names. O my Lord! Thou seest me among Thy servants who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07011 ===

=== START BH07012 ===

In response to his honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah:

After your book was presented in the Most Holy Court - that is, that very letter in its entirety was presented before His face - the utmost favor shone forth and dawned from the horizon of the bounties of the Desired One. This servant must praise and thank God, exalted be His glory, a hundred thousand times that you have drunk from the wine of divine knowledge, from which most people today are deprived, and have turned toward the horizon of the Manifestation. Praise be to God that you are among the people of light and have attained to its horizon, dawning-place and source. We hope that at all times you will drink and cause others to drink from the pure water of the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful. According to His command that you not be saddened by separation: What is necessary today is to teach the Cause with the wisdom with which all are commanded. God willing, may you attain to this most great bounty and become the cup-bearer of the most pure wine. Verily, He writes for whomsoever He wishes the reward of attainment unto His presence. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07012 ===

=== START BH07013 ===

In His Name, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth!

Blessed is He Who sendeth down the verses in truth and ordaineth for every soul what He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We give to drink unto the sincere ones, at all times, the water of life, and unto the polytheists from water that is like molten brass. Turn ye, O peoples of the earth, unto God, your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Beware lest the conditions of creation withhold you from the remembrance of the Truth. Turn ye unto Him and follow not the doubtful ones. Verily, they know not what they say. Soon shall the breaths of chastisement pass over them from the presence of One mighty and powerful. We feed you for the sake of God. This is what We have been commanded in a preserved Tablet. Nothing shall prevent Us from mentioning that which We desire, even as nothing prevented Me when the deniers gathered against Us with manifest injustice. We speak the truth and summon the people unto the One, the All-Informed. Happy are the people of Baha for having turned unto God, the Lord of eternity, and for having directed themselves toward Him on a day whereon all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, did will.

=== END BH07013 ===

=== START BH07014 ===

He is the One dawning from His most exalted horizon! Blessed is He Who hath spoken amidst the world and caused those near unto Him to speak forth in remembrance of His Most Great Name. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The choice wine hath appeared and the pure water floweth, and the river of life is before the face of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, calling aloud and saying: “Blessed is he who hath attained in the days of God, and turned toward the horizon of His Revelation, and spoken in praise of His Self, and arose to serve His Cause, and sought refuge in His sovereignty. Woe unto him who was deprived of His sweet savors and remained far from the Kawthar of His nearness and was forbidden from the ocean of His presence. He is among the most wretched of creation, to this doth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-

Informed, bear witness." Thus have We kindled the fire of utterance that through it all creation might be set ablaze, yet the people remain in manifest obscuration. Trust thou in all conditions in the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, then thank Him for having caused to flow upon thee from the ocean of love that whereby thy remembrance shall endure through the eternity of His Best Names. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH07014 ===

=== START BH07015 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Encompassing over all names! Blessed is He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The Book hath testified to the Revealer of verses, yet the people are in doubt and dissension. We have sent down the Book and commanded all therein with that which profiteth their souls and exalteth their station. To this testifieth every hearing and seeing one. We have detailed therein the details of all things and sent down therein the commandments and ordinances. Whoso acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded, God will send down upon him mercy and blessing from heaven. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Bountiful. The Wronged One in prison uttereth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the recognition of what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. O concourse of men! The Lord of all religions hath come. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest names withhold you from the Creator of heaven, or allusions veil you from the Dawning-Place of inspiration. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and those who have believed to make mention of Him and to praise Him amongst all people.

=== END BH07015 ===

=== START BH07016 ===

These are the verses of the Spirit sent down in truth from the presence of One powerful, mighty, and omnipotent, bringing glad tidings to the people of the Day of Gathering - the Day whereon God shall come with His Cause upon clouds of a Name that hath been resplendent with truth. On that Day shall the believers rejoice in God's joy, and victory shall appear from the horizon of glory. On that Day shall the Balance be set up and the deeds of all, both small and great, shall be weighed. O people! When the Light cometh unto you and the Manifestation appeareth, deal not with Him as ye dealt with My Self and with Him Who came unto you with clear sovereignty from the beginning that hath no beginning, exalted and inaccessible. Say: God is the most powerful above all who possess power, the most great above all who possess greatness, the most glorious above all who possess glory, the most mighty above all who possess might, the most victorious above all who possess victory, and the most beauteous above all who possess beauty. Nothing can frustrate His will, and He is possessed of transcendent glory.

=== END BH07016 ===

=== START BH07017 ===

O Siyyid Husayn Afnan! He is the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious!

These are the verses of the Book. No doubt it hath been sent down from the direction of the throne of thy Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And therein have been revealed the mysteries of the Cause for people who understand. Tarry not in thy Lord's Cause - arise to mention and expound among the peoples of the worlds. Say: By God! The All-Merciful hath come with such a proof as all who are in the heavens and on earth cannot withstand, did ye but know. Take hold of God's Tablet and detach thyself from all else. Say: O people! This is a Day wherein the Beauty of the Self-Subsisting hath appeared, the heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the smoke hath enveloped all in the realm of possibility save those who have turned toward the Most Sublime Vision. Thus hath the Cause come to pass and judgment been ordained from God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Loving. Let not what hath befallen Us of tyranny and oppression grieve thee. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Through tribulation His Cause and sovereignty have been made manifest throughout the ages. Soon shalt thou see the people laid low, and dominion shall be God's, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07017 ===

=== START BH07018 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! These are the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice, sent down from the heaven of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Follow none but Him - this is a straight path. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to this, as have they who circle round the Throne, if ye be of them that comprehend. Arise to carry out God's command and His remembrance. Say: O people! This is the Day wherein the faces of them that are nigh unto God have been illumined, and the Dove hath called out upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree: O peoples of earth and heaven! By God! He hath accepted all manner of tribulations - He for Whom the heavens and earth were created. And from the precincts of the Prison He calleth you unto God and biddeth you to that which is better for you. Fear ye God, and follow not them who have denied this Day after having been promised it in the Tablets of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and praise, and to draw thee nigh unto the place wherein the Youth speaketh forth the praise of your Lord, the All-Merciful, at eventide and at dawn, at daybreak and at dusk.

=== END BH07018 ===

=== START BH07019 ===

In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted! These are the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They have been sent down in truth from the heaven of sublime glory, and they are God's proof and His testimony of what was and what shall be. Through them He hath sent forth the Messengers, testifying that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. O people! Believe in God and make not your desires your god. Fear ye the Day whereon the pillars of the treacherous shall tremble. O people! This is the Youth of God who standeth among you and calleth you unto the path of His good-pleasure. He hath sacrificed His soul for His Cause, the Mighty, the Powerful. Follow ye what hath been revealed in the Tablets and be not of them that turn aside. Cast not the Messenger of God behind your backs and be not of the losers. He desireth for you that which will draw you nigh unto a holy and sublime sanctuary. And thou, O handmaiden of God, give thanks unto thy Lord

for having attained unto My recognition and for being numbered among them that have won the victory. The Spirit be upon him who followeth the Command of God and is of the doers of good.

=== END BH07019 ===

=== START BH07020 ===

In the Name of Him Who hath created all things through His binding, transcendent, irrevocable and wise Command! These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing, that through them such servants as have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth and have taken unto the court of their Lord, the All-Merciful, a true path, might be reminded. O servant! Arise to aid the Cause of God, then hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee at this time when He hath been imprisoned in this Prison through what the hands of the aggressors have wrought, that haply the breezes of the Spirit wafting from the Most Great Paradise, the Seat of God, the Exalted, the Great, may attract thee and sever thee from the world and draw thee nigh unto the precincts of eternity and cause thee to voice His praise amidst all peoples, and that thou mayest aid the Beauty of the All-Merciful Who is encompassed by sorrows and findeth for Himself neither helper nor supporter. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty command thee as a token of His grace unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that remember. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned unto God and cast behind him that which issueth from the mouths of the idolaters.

=== END BH07020 ===

=== START BH07021 ===

He is the Wondrous One in the Most Glorious Horizon! These are the verses of God which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty and exalted glory. For each letter thereof there are eyes that weep for this Wronged One, the Sorrowful Beauty. O servant! If thou seest this ink outwardly appearing black, by God it is inwardly the color of blood, and hath dripped upon the garment of the Tablet to be a sign for all the worlds. Arise then to help thy Lord, and assist Him with whatsoever thou art able, and be not of the patient ones. Be as a flame of fire to the wicked, or as the wrath of the Almighty against the evil ones - this behooveth thee if thou art of those who act. Ascend to the atmosphere of the spirit, that station from which the hands of the ungodly are cut off, and be so distinguished in love that from thy face may shine forth the lights of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Then adorn thy body with the raiment of equity, which is among the garments of the All-Merciful between His near servants. Thus doth the Tongue of Ancient Days counsel thee - hearken and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH07021 ===

=== START BH07022 ===

O Leaf Masumih, wife of Samandar, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Beloved! A number of the handmaidens of that land submitted their petitions to the Most Holy Court. The answer to each was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. However, no mention of you was observed. As a token of grace and favor, this Most Mighty, Most Holy Tablet is revealed especially for you, that you may

attain unto it and utter “Thine is the praise, O my Desire!” This Wronged One makes mention of all the handmaidens of that land and counsels all regarding that which is befitting. When the smoke appears, you and My servants and handmaidens must hold fast to God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My handmaiden and leaf of My Lote-Tree! Grieve not over anything. Take comfort in My remembrance and praise and in My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have made mention of thee before and after and at this moment. Glory be upon My servants and handmaidens who have fulfilled My Covenant and cast behind them every barking dog, remaining firm in this Cause, the Secure, the Strong.

=== END BH07022 ===

=== START BH07023 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! We gave glad-tidings of the divine days to all the peoples of the earth through the Most Exalted Pen. When the appointed time arrived and the Promised Beauty descended from the heaven of divine command, all turned away and pronounced the sentence of His death, except those souls who drank of the sealed wine and turned their eyes and hearts away from all save God. A hundred thousand regrets and sorrows for those souls who failed to recognize the Day of God and were deprived of its honor. I swear by the Sun of Truth that this blessed day hath no likeness or peer. Every pure deed that is manifested for God’s sake on this day is the lord of all deeds. O friends! Strive, and deprive not yourselves of the purpose of all worlds through the vain imaginings of this or that one. Hearken, arise and speak, that perchance the thirsty may drink from the Euphrates of the mercy of the All-Merciful, and the dead may attain unto new life through the breezes of God. Verily, He speaketh and sayeth: Praise be to God at all times.

=== END BH07023 ===

=== START BH07024 ===

In the Name of the All-Powerful One!

In most of the Tablets We have commanded all the friends to unity and harmony, for from a collective body another effect becomes manifest and a special influence becomes evident. Observe the letters: individually these servants comprehend nothing from them and find no definite meaning therein, but after their combination and the appearance of words their meaning becomes clear and manifest, and the influence and effect that appears after their combination was concealed before. Therefore must the loved ones of God gather at the wellspring of divine love, and that collective body will have a perfect effect in the world. Follow that which ye have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Discord and division have been the cause and reason for the delay of the Manifestation of God. All must gird up the loins of service and remove estrangements and differences from among themselves. This is the counsel of the Sincere, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

=== END BH07024 ===

=== START BH07025 ===

[Muhammad-Taqi], son of Muhammad-Sadiq - He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The whole world is illumined by the lights of the manifestation of the Most Great Name, yet some are aware while others are veiled. This blessed Day is manifest and evident from all horizons of the heaven of divine books like unto the sun. Nevertheless, the unjust people turned away from it and rose up in tyranny. Despite witnessing at all times the evanescence of the world and its people, what would they have done if the world had been adorned with the ornament of permanence? Woe unto those who have remained heedless of this Most Great Day by following the desires of the nations who have cast the principles of God behind their backs and followed the principles of the corrupt ones. In all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the Truth and hold fast unto Him. He is the Bestower, the Mighty, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Cling thou to the hem of grace, detached from the world. Thus doth command thee the Lord of Eternity from His glorious station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07025 ===

=== START BH07026 ===

Shahr-i-Babak

O Karim, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing! The entire world had awaited these days, for mention thereof was made in the divine Books of both former and latter times. Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of the Promised Day, all arose in opposition save whom God willed. The primary cause preventing the servants in the beginning were and are the divines, although this most exalted Word hath been manifested through the Manifestations of His Most Beautiful Names, and most have heard it yet remain veiled therefrom. He saith: The divines of that time shall be the most wicked divines beneath the shadow of heaven. Blessed is the soul that hath broken the chains of vain imaginings and imitation through the Most Powerful, the Ancient Name, and hath turned toward the supreme horizon. Rejoice thou in what hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and in what hath been sent down for thee in this perspicuous Tablet. We counsel thee to observe wisdom and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle.

=== END BH07026 ===

=== START BH07028 ===

His honor Aqa [Mirza] Mahmud, upon him be the glory of God, from the people of N and R. We have made mention of his honor Mahmud, upon him be the glory of God, from the people of Nun and Ra. We beseech God to protect him and to ordain for him whatsoever he desires from the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Mahmud! We have heard thy communion with God and have answered thee through this clear utterance. And We make mention of ’Ata’u’llah and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy, and remind him of My verses, for I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer. And We make mention of Ibn-i-Kamal who attained My presence and circled round Me and held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to My robe. We beseech God to send down

upon him from the heaven of His bounty that which befitteth His grace and generosity, for verily He is the Munificent, the Most Generous. O Mahmud! Upon thee be My glory! We have mentioned thee before and at this hour - give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who turned towards God on a day wherein every perfidious wretch and every dubious learned one turned away.

=== END BH07028 ===

=== START BH07029 ===

He is the Guide. O Nuru'llah Ma'navi! May His Holiness the Guide grant, God willing, and thus hath He willed, that thou mayest drink from the ocean of health and taste of the wine of well-being, that thou mayest become a place for the perfect bounty of God and a mine for the manifestation of His eternal lights, so that thy friends may rejoice and thine enemies be blinded - every envious one is in the fire and every envied one in the mercy of the All-Forgiving. Mayest thou grow old and reach old age, and each day take a houri in thine arms and dwell in a palace, so that thou mayest partake of the hyacinth of her hair and they of the corner of her eyebrow. Yet not physical houris who possess naught but appetite and desire naught but money, but rather obtain spiritual houris and take delight in the divine gathering, that thou mayest drink of the Kawthar of the spirit and taste of the fruit of light. God willing, as long as the morn of inner meanings rises and appears from the horizon of utterance, mayest thou be illumined and radiant from the eternal gleam. And peace be upon thee.

=== END BH07029 ===

=== START BH07030 ===

In the name of the one incomparable God! The essence of praise befitteth and is worthy of that Beloved One Who, through a single word of His words, adorned the world with the ornament of existence, and through His sublime and glorious bounty nurtured it. He is the true Sovereign, the true Ordainer, the true Educator, the true Benefactor, and the true Teacher. How blessed is the soul that hath entered His school and received its portion and share from the drops of the ocean of His knowledge! While the Sun was concealed behind the clouds, all were engaged in lamentation and weeping, yet when it emerged through the blessing of the Most Great Name from behind the clouds, most failed to behold it, for eyes were afflicted with the ophthalmia of desire. God willing, may the friends in that land attain unto the immortal Kawthar which is the very recognition of Truth, and may they be sustained by that everlasting and eternal bounty which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace. All bounty is in His hands, and all generosity lieth within His grasp. Verily He is the All-Compelling, the All-Purposeful.

=== END BH07030 ===

=== START BH07031 ===

Haji Rida has attained the presence. He must give thanks to God for this. The turning of the friends to this direction has not been and is not advisable for the Cause. It has nearly reached the point where it would become the cause and means of universal harm to the very root of the Blessed Tree. God is sufficient

witness to this. Today the victory of the Cause is necessary. They must fix their gaze upon this, not upon that which their souls desire. Easy indeed is the tarrying of the friends in various places, yet this too will cause harm. Soon that which is written shall become manifest. The command of God is that if someone has not attained the presence and has crossed the sea, there is no objection should they turn towards the Most Holy Court. This is from My favor - I have consented to My own harm for the joy of My loved ones. And after arrival in the Holy Land and a stay of two or three days, they must return to their place. This is the command of God. Blessed are they that act accordingly. Whoso heareth My word, verily he is of Me and shall be with Me in the realms of My power. The glory be upon you.

=== END BH07031 ===

=== START BH07032 ===

In the Name of the one peerless God! The True One, exalted be His glory, created the world and its peoples through His Most Exalted Word. Thereafter He sent forth the Prophets, the Chosen Ones and the Messengers for the sole purpose of education, that they might adorn all with the attributes of the All-Merciful and enable them to attain the highest station of human existence. He is the Bestower, the Compassionate, and He is the Educator of all who dwell within the realm of possibility. His grace hath preceded all and His mercy hath encompassed all. Should one possessed of true vision observe carefully and reflect upon all that hath appeared and been manifested, and all that hath occurred and continueth to occur, he would behold in all things the fruits of the divine Tree of Wisdom. Blessed is he who is fair-minded and possessed of insight, and blessed is he who is learned and well-informed. O My handmaiden! Thy petition was presented before the Most Holy Court, and this most exalted Tablet hath been revealed in response from the Kingdom of Grace. May thou drink, God willing, from the choice wine of understanding from the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07032 ===

=== START BH07033 ===

O Handmaiden of God, sister of Muhammad who hath attained unto the name of the Goal of all the worlds! God, glorified be His majesty, hath ever kept and will continue to keep His gaze of loving-kindness fixed upon His male and female servants. I swear by the lights of God’s countenance that whosoever today hath drunk from the ocean of His grace, their mention shall endure and persist in the Book. O leaf! I counsel thee and all handmaidens to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness, for false souls have appeared and will continue to appear. Beseech ye God that He may enable you to act according to that which He hath commanded and which hath been inscribed in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. The thief lies in wait, the liar lurks in ambush, and the treacherous one follows behind. At all times implore the All-Merciful Lord that He may protect you and grant you a dwelling place in His presence. Verily, He hath power over all things. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who are there, who have won victory through the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of the Last and the First.

=== END BH07033 ===

=== START BH07034 ===

Bushihr. His honor Mirza Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the All-Glorious, the Most High.

Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who enabled thee to turn towards Him in days when the people of error are observed to be in manifest veils. They turned away from the Dawning-Place of divine revelation although in the nights and days they were engaged in lamentation and wailing in His remembrance. They have eyes yet are deprived of beholding, and possess ears yet are forbidden from hearing. Say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former times. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which every face hath turned towards Thy most exalted horizon and every one who hath turned towards Thy Most Glorious Name hath advanced, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and to ordain for me through Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy grace and Thy favors. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. I praise Thee, O my God, for having heard my call and for having answered me with that which the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

=== END BH07034 ===

=== START BH07035 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Most Great Proof!

Praise be to the Lord of Revelation Who, through the Most Great Name, hath illumined the world of names with the light of guidance. He is the Most Great Name and the Lord of all worlds and peoples. Blessed is he who saith and will say: "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Glory at its most glorious to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

O Muhammad, after Siyyid, upon thee be My Glory! My Name, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, hath appeared before Me and asked God, his Lord and thy Lord, to seek permission for thee to attain unto this blessed and praiseworthy station. Therefore hath the luminary of permission shone forth from the horizon of the will of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to draw thee and His loved ones nigh unto His Great Announcement and His Straight Path, and to cause thee and them to attain unto this blessed, most holy, most luminous, most great, mighty and wondrous station. Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07035 ===

=== START BH07036 ===

He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful

Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who repeatedly confirmed that soul and caused him to attain the supreme heights and the most exalted horizon. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor. Know thou his station and preserve him through the Name of the Goal of all the worlds. Say:

My God, my God! Thou hast informed me of the clamor of the clamorous ones in Thy cities and domains, and of the doubts of the doubtful ones in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the treasuries of Thy verses and the dawning-places of Thy commandments and laws to preserve me from the suggestions of the heedless ones and the whispers of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. O my Lord! Thou seest my heart turning toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, my face set toward the lights of Thy countenance, and my hand upraised toward the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity not to send it back empty in Thy days nor at a loss at the manifestations of the lights of the Orb of Thy Revelation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Siyyid Qabil-i-Husayn! Thou hast attained unto that which was inscribed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the divine Books. The first station and the supreme rank is the station of submission and contentment. If thou attainest unto this lofty and most exalted station, thou shalt have attained unto all good. This is the most perfect and most exalted Word that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Glorious Will. Take hold of it and be of them that are at peace. In these days thy mention hath repeatedly appeared and flowed from the Tongue and the Pen. This is a mighty station. Most of the chosen ones and pure ones sacrificed their lives in yearning for these days. Were the details to be mentioned, it would transform and change the world. However, in view of the requirements of divine wisdom, We remain silent and still. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the elevated Seat.

=== END BH07036 ===

=== START BH07037 ===

O Baqir, who hast attained unto the name of the Peerless Friend! Praise be unto the Best Beloved of all possibility, sanctified from all hint of utterance or explanation, Who of His all-encompassing mercy and perfect bounty guided thee to the shore of the Most Great Ocean and led thee into the presence of the Lord of Eternity. Count this favor as a precious gift and with complete detachment and attention speak forth in remembrance of the Creator of all things. O servant Baqir! All the hardships thou didst endure on land and sea are remembered before the Divine Throne. In truth, whatsoever befalleth the loved ones of God in His path is a mercy from His presence upon those souls. All must be thankful in all conditions. God willing, be thou content with the good-pleasure of thy Friend and act according to that which exalteth His Cause. This is the counsel of Truth which hath been and shall ever be the cause of the education and salvation of His creation. Blessed is he who hath heard what the Dove hath warbled and acted according to what his Lord, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath desired.

=== END BH07037 ===

=== START BH07038 ===

He is the Hearing, He is the Responding

Praise be worthy and befitting of the Desired One Who with one exalted Word spoke forth - from the ocean of knowledge the pearls of wisdom became manifest, from the heaven of utterance the suns of divine knowledge dawned forth, from the hearts of those near and the unitarians the fire of the love of

God became ignited, from the Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of utterance flowed, and from the trees the fruits of proof became visible. By the life of God! The effects and influences of that Word have been and continue to be beyond the comprehension of the servants, save to a known measure. O My loved ones! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the blessed Word. The days and nights will soon come to an end. While there is still opportunity and time is manifest, arise to make good what has passed. This is the counsel of the Lord of Names which He hath revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Thy mention was mentioned before the Countenance, thy name was present, and with this most wondrous and most sweet Tablet have We made mention of thee, that it may attract thee and draw thee to the most sublime summit. He is the Powerful and the Mighty, and He is the Witness and the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07038 ===

=== START BH07040 ===

The Friends of God in Azghand

In the name of the Purpose of the world, the peerless Lord makes mention of His loved ones who dwell in Azghand, that all may act with utmost sanctity and detachment according to the commandments of God and attain to His good-pleasure. The Most Holy Book hath been sent down from the sacred Kingdom - blessed are they who have attained unto the good-pleasure of the Friend and have quaffed from the choice wine of His remembrance. They are reckoned among those who are brought nigh in the mighty Book. Ye must be so firm and steadfast in the Cause of God that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent it. Eat and drink in the name of the Friend, and be ye engaged in His remembrance. This is the most great bounty. Drink ye from the chalice of the utterance of your Lord, the Most Merciful, despite those among all created things who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Then unite ye in the Cause of your Master and associate with one another in spirit and fragrance. This is what We have enjoined upon all in the Tablets and in this wondrous Tablet. And glory be upon you and upon those who have stood firm in this mighty and impregnable Cause.

=== END BH07040 ===

=== START BH07041 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

The one incomparable Lord - exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, and mighty be His station - has been and will ever be worthy of praise, thanksgiving and glorification. This station too depends upon His acceptance and is contingent upon His confirmation. Some time ago your letter was received in His presence. Praise be to God, it spoke of divine unity and the sanctification of His holy Being from any likeness or peer. We beseech Him, exalted be He, by the Beloved through whom the decree of unity was manifested and the banners of detachment were raised, that He may assist you and grant you success, and rain down upon you from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from Him, a table from His presence, and a benediction from His side. Verily He is the Lord of the world and the Educator of the nations. There is none like unto Him and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy to answer prayer. Peace be

upon you and upon those who love Me and arise to serve My Cause - he who is named Samandar - and upon those with you who have recognized the unity of God, His transcendence, His power, His greatness and His sovereignty.

=== END BH07041 ===

=== START BH07042 ===

He is God

Most great minister, most mighty and noble ambassador, may your prosperity endure, I wish to mention that a petition was written and that, at the time it was sent, your excellency's second letter brought joy to the hearts of these withered souls. God be praised that the (favorable) news of your blessed and exalted existence and your investigation of the circumstances of these prisoners, rendered joyful these sad ones. I am very, very grateful to your excellency; our gratitude is more than can be rendered by either speech or utterance.

The affairs of these oppressed ones have worsened every day – I have already given you the details. We hope that God may increase your excellency's life, prosperity, and glory at all times. I am most ashamed to have put your excellency to such trouble. But we hope that, God willing, this trouble may prove the cause of the goodly mention of your excellency, and that you may attain to all your hopes in both this world and the next.

I remain obedient to your command.

(Address)

Petition detailing events, addressed to his noble and illumined excellency Count Gobineau, Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Government in Brazil.

=== END BH07042 ===

=== START BH07043 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! In most of the Tablets mention hath been made by the Most Exalted Pen of the cawing of the crows. Some were bewildered as to its meaning, while others waited to see what would come to pass. The Most High, the Most Great God hath spoken the truth: that which was foretold in all the Tablets hath come to pass, and the cawing hath been raised from the abode of the sinful one. Glory be to God! Despite having no knowledge of the Divine Cause, they have arisen in opposition in a manner the like of which hath never been heard. O Muhammad-Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names, and upon thy father who attained unto the remembrance of God and the service of His firm and mighty Cause. We have remembered him in such wise that all that is on earth cannot equal it, as every discerning and knowing one doth testify. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon him and upon those whose names were mentioned in the Most Great Scene before God, the Lord of Destiny, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.

=== END BH07043 ===

=== START BH07044 ===

He is God! At all times must man pass beyond all created things and, turning his gaze toward God, his gracious Lord, hasten to the dwelling-place of the Beloved. O ’Ali! If thou askest of Our condition: having not yet been delivered from the prison of Our enemies, We have entered into the prison of Our friends, and having not yet escaped from the bonds of Our foes, We have become caught in the bonds of Our loved ones. Such is Our condition. O ’Ali! The world hath no permanence, but religion hath no end. Therefore, thou must never sell religion for the world, that thou mayest soar on the wings of might and power toward the heaven of the All-Merciful at the time when it was raised up and spread forth in truth. O ’Ali! Until the heart is sanctified from vain imaginings, it will not journey toward the beauty of the All-Knowing Lord, and until the soul passeth beyond all contingent things, it will not hasten to the dwelling-place of the Beloved. Be thou among those who act accordingly. And the Spirit be upon those who follow guidance in these pure and luminous days. The household members, both the mother and others, convey their most exalted and wondrous greetings.

=== END BH07044 ===

=== START BH07045 ===

O Leaf, Shahr-Banu, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of God, the Almighty. At all times and seasons the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary are raised up, yet the people of the mortal realm are deprived of hearing, for they have followed those who have ever been the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Many are the learned ones who are barred from true knowledge, while thou, through God’s grace and loving-kindness, glory be to Him, hast attained unto it. Men of might and valor remain unaware of the cause of their own creation, for had they become conscious of it, they would not have deprived themselves of the dawning of the divine light. O Leaf! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this most holy, most exalted Tablet hath been revealed especially for thee, that through it thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds and become occupied with His praise and thanksgiving. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon thee, upon him who mentioned thee before the Throne, and upon those women who have heard, turned unto God and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07045 ===

=== START BH07046 ===

O Mirza Hasan! In the name of the One All-Knowing God! In all Tablets We have counseled the servants of God to manifest pleasing conduct and praiseworthy deeds, and the Most Exalted Pen has repeatedly and successively reminded the friends of God. Nevertheless, some remain occupied with their own desires and are deprived of that which is beloved today. Ask God to unite all through His complete power and consummate wisdom, that all may speak with one tongue and gather and protect the scattered sheep with one crook. Say: Forsake your own utterances and speak forth that which has dawned from the

horizon of the Divine Will, for this is what is firmly established, what attracts, what guides, and what leads. That which flows from the Divine Pen aims at the preservation of the world and the attainment of the Most Great Station. He is verily the All-Knowing Witness. Blessed art thou for having believed in God and acknowledged that which the Prisoner has acknowledged in this exalted station. He makes mention of thee as a favor from Him, that thou mayest give thanks and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07046 ===

=== START BH07047 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! Throughout all days this Wronged One hath shone even as the sun from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation. By the life of God! Those souls who have risen up in opposition today were concealed behind veils and coverings, and from fear for their lives were moving from city to city and land to land. Yet when the light of the Sun became somewhat manifest and brilliant, they emerged from behind the veil with swords of opposition and objection. At first they attempted to cut down the blessed Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West, but God preserved it through His truth, as a manifestation of His power and an expression of His might. O friends! Today all the heavenly Books are dependent and conditioned upon the recognition of this Revelation, and no words, deeds or actions will profit except by the leave of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to protect His loved ones and adorn them with the raiment of supreme steadfastness. Verily He is powerful over all things. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Wronged One, and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07047 ===

=== START BH07048 ===

In the name of the one God! O Zia! Be thou at all times engaged and gladdened in the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Look not unto those who claim to believe, but fix thy gaze upon the horizon of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He will verily protect thee with truth and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous.

Some heedless souls attribute themselves to truth, yet are deprived of divine attributes and heavenly characteristics. It is necessary to avoid such souls. I swear by God's Most Great Name, if the existing souls who claim to love God were to act according to what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen, all who are on earth would perceive the greatness, power, sanctity and holiness of the Dayspring of His Cause. Woe unto those whose deeds deny their words!

That honored one should with perfect assurance be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God. Verily, He is the Protector of those who remember Him. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07048 ===

=== START BH07050 ===

O Haji Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the peace of God! He is God, exalted be His station in bounty and grace. We have illumined the friends with the effulgent rays of the Orb of love and enkindled them with the fire of the blessed Tree. We beseech God to aid all to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and the elevation of human station. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and for having illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Beloved One through whom Thou hast manifested the pearls of Thy wisdom and utterance, and hast made Him the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Source of Thy inspiration, and through whom Thou hast opened the doors of knowledge to Thy servants and revealed Thy sovereignty and power throughout Thy lands, to aid me to perform such deeds as are adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. Then write down for me, O my God, the good of this world and the next, and rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07050 ===

=== START BH07051 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious! The remembrance of God hath been raised from the Divine Lote-Tree in truth. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and heard what the Tongue of Power and Majesty hath uttered. They who have cast the command of God behind their backs are they who have violated the Covenant. Do people see that which profiteth them this day? Nay, by the Lord of all beings, unless they cast away what they possess and turn with humility and contrition unto His countenance. Say: He Whom ye invoke hath come in truth and hath rent asunder the veils. Turn ye with your hearts to the spot wherein the lights have shone forth. O people! Answer the call of God that is raised amongst you. Beware lest ye follow every idolatrous infidel who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. They who turned away have lost, and they who believed have won. God shall soon make manifest that which eyes have been prevented from seeing. Be thou thankful unto God for what We have cast upon thee that by which hearts are assured and spirits take flight. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused my name to flow from the Most Exalted Pen after the idolaters had imprisoned it in the most desolate of lands.

=== END BH07051 ===

=== START BH07052 ===

O Mirza Hadi, in the ?ad

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Invincible, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God from the Divine Tree hath been raised up in truth, and thou hearest from it what the ear of the Beloved heard on the night of ascension, and what the Spirit heard in the Kingdom of Names, and what He Who conversed with God heard on the Sinai of eternity. Blessed, then, is he who heareth the call of his Lord and is illumined by the lights of His countenance in truth. O Hadi! Hear thou the call of thy Lord, the Most High, at a time when the temples of hatred have surrounded Him. Then

guide thou the people unto this Beauty that hath shone forth in the primal eternity with truth. Follow thou what is revealed unto thee from the precinct of nearness, and tarry not in thy Lord's Cause even for a moment. Guide thou first thine own self, then the souls of the servants, that they may detach themselves from all that they possess and turn unto a holy and mighty precinct. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to what thou art bidden, for this is better for thee than all who dwell in the kingdom, one and all. And may glory rest upon thee, if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause.

=== END BH07052 ===

=== START BH07053 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Speaking

The Wronged One makes mention of him who has turned to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Your name was presented before the Divine Presence, and the Revealer of Verses has remembered you in a Tablet from whose horizon shines forth the radiant light of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that comes from Him, then act according to that which has been sent down therein from the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you, or the might of the oppressors prevent you from drawing nigh unto the Praiseworthy Station. When you attain unto the Tablet and hear the call of the Wronged One, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path, and made known to me Thy Most Exalted Horizon, and caused me to hear Thy sweetest call. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Great Signs and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Lord of all mankind, to make me detached from all else save Thee, to hold fast to Thy cord, and to cling to the hem of Thy grace. Then write down for me, O Thou God of Names and Creator of heaven, with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07053 ===

=== START BH07054 ===

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches!

This is a mention of His remembrance, the One remembered in this Revelation, that thereby the dwellers of the graves may be awakened and arise to serve the Cause of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We give to drink the water of life at all times - blessed is he who attains unto it in these days of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved. Say: O people, turn with your hearts unto the Beloved and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through remembrance and utterance, and commit not that which would disquiet souls. My mercy hath preceded the world and My grace hath encompassed all existence. Be ye dawning-places of generosity unto those who are adorned with the ornament of being. Thus hath the Worshipped One decreed in this Preserved Tablet. Take ye the chalice of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink therefrom in

this beloved daybreak. Verily We love those who have turned towards God, and We send down for them that which shall immortalize their names in a preserved tablet. Thus hath the horizon of utterance shone forth from the Sun of My name, the Most Merciful. Be thou thankful and among those who praise.

=== END BH07054 ===

=== START BH07055 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us unto David, upon him be the Glory of God, for people who know. Verily there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Balance hath appeared and the Proof hath come and the All-Merciful hath arrived, yet most people are heedless. The Most Great Bell hath been rung in My Most Ancient Name, yet most people hear not. Say: This is the Mystery that was hidden behind the veils, and this is verily a sealed Book that was treasured in the vaults of might and power, and preserved within the sanctuaries of infallibility and patience, and inscribed by the Pen of God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Beloved. They who have inhaled the fragrance of the verses when the Dawning-Place of clear proofs appeared, they are the companions of the Crimson Ark before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And he who was prevented, he was deprived of the breezes of the days of attainment and the fragrances of union - verily he is among those who understand not. Thus surgeth the ocean of utterance by the command of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07055 ===

=== START BH07056 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

This is a mention from Us to her who hath been set ablaze with the fire of God when she appeared from the Lote-Tree which was planted by the hand of grace in this exalted and impregnable Paradise, that the breezes of revelation may draw her and cause her to speak forth this glorious and exalted remembrance. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto that which the Dove uttereth upon the branch of eternity: “Verily, there is none other God beside Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Remember thy Lord in such wise as to attract thereby the hearts of the handmaidens and cause the spirits of those who have turned towards Him to take wing. Whosoever holdeth fast unto this root shall have opened before the face of his heart the gate of wisdom and utterance. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who doeth what He willeth in the kingdom. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. It behooveth every leaf to be stirred upon the tree by such winds as blow from the will of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Grieve thou not at anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He is with His believing handmaidens and believing servants. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and made it a remembrance for all the worlds.

=== END BH07056 ===

=== START BH07057 ===

In His Name, Most Sacred, Most Great. Mention hath been made by Us unto her whose son attained unto Our presence time and again, and heard the call of God when he presented himself at this noble station. Once did he turn and was illumined by the light of the Countenance, and again he drank the choice wine of revelation from this resplendent cup. They who turned with permission are they who attained the presence of God and drank from the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous. O My handmaiden! Grieve not at God's decree and His command. It behooveth thee to be content and well-pleased with the command of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. By His sovereignty He manifesteth what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this exalted station. We have made mention of thee and of those who have ascended unto God, a grace from the presence of One forgiving, merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those women who have turned and believed in God, the Single, the Beautiful.

=== END BH07057 ===

=== START BH07058 ===

O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a mention from Us to him who desires to hear the melodies of the birds of the Divine Throne, that they may draw him to the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have sent thee a Tablet before this, from which was wafted the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. And this is yet another time that He remembereth thee from this Prison, in this Station, with that which summoneth the people unto God, the Mighty, the Most High. Say: O people! By the life of God, neither the world nor what is therein shall profit you. Hold ye fast unto the Most Great Cord and turn ye unto God, the Lord of all religions. Say: Ponder ye on that which He hath sent down unto you, then observe and reflect upon the bygone ages and what God hath decreed therein. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Place thy trust in all things in God, then remember Him with joy and radiance. We have sent unto thee one whom God hath loved - honor thou his abode - perchance thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, may benefit thee thereby. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world and believed in God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH07058 ===

=== START BH07059 ===

He is the Supporter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

A mention from Us to him who has turned towards the Supreme Horizon on a day wherein the divines of the age have turned away, save whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, has willed. Every soul was promised the days of God and His appearance, but when He came with the Kingdom of verses, every veiled divine turned away from Him. We testify that they have clung to the world and its leadership, and thereby remained heedless of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Behold then remember when the Spirit came, the Jewish divines turned away from Him, and likewise when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came, the divines of the Gospel denied Him, having followed vain imaginings and idle fancies. The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the ocean of meeting hath surged, yet most of the people of

creation perceive it not. Thus hath the Pen mentioned thee from the presence of the Ancient King that thou mayest rejoice and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!” Let nothing sadden thee. Arise to serve God and mention Him amongst His servants, as bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH07059 ===

=== START BH07060 ===

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Most Great Remembrance, when He came with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, that he might aid his Lord through remembrance and utterance, and arise to praise his Lord, the Omnipotent, the Powerful. Beware lest the conditions of those on earth extinguish thee, or the allusions of the falsifiers veil thee. Stand firm among the servants in the name of thy Lord, the Subduer of lands, in such wise that the words of the opposers move thee not - they whom the winds of passion move as they please, until they turned away from a Face whereby were illumined the faces of those near unto God. We commanded them to righteousness and godliness, yet they wander in the wilderness of error and wickedness. They are assuredly among the companions of the Fire. Blessed is he who takes what he is given with the hand of submission and contentment, and draws near unto God, the Lord of Names. He is assuredly among the sincere ones. Let not the events of the earth grieve thee. Rejoice in this Name which God has made the Dayspring of the joy of the worlds. Thus have We commanded thee as a favor from Us, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH07060 ===

=== START BH07061 ===

O Hakim Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great. A mention from Us unto him who hath turned towards the Tree which hath been raised upon the Mount of Divine knowledge when this Revelation appeared, whereby the Kingdom of Utterance was stirred and there was heard from it the call of its Lord, the All-Merciful: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.” The Mount flew with longing for this Revelation and Sinai awakened after being thunderstruck when the Trump was blown by command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou and those whom the affairs of creation have not withheld from the Truth. They cast away what the people possessed and took hold of that which they were commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. We counsel the servants of God to righteousness and the fear of God and to that whereby the station of man is exalted in the contingent world. Glorified be the All-Merciful, the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and associate with the loved ones in a spirit of joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from the precincts of His mighty prison. And We make mention of thy son who hath been named Ya’qub and give him the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH07061 ===

=== START BH07062 ===

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon

This is a mention from Us to him who has turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, on a day wherein most of the servants who broke God's covenant and His testament turned away from Him and said that which the ancients never said. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the lights of the Face, and the heart that hath turned to God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have heard thy call and have called out to thee from the direction of the Prison, and We have seen thy turning to Us and have turned to thee from this exalted station. We beseech God to assist thee and My loved ones to serve His Cause, and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Unique, the Self-Sufficient Who hath taken no partner in His dominion. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. When thou attainest unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having made known to me Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for them. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is."

=== END BH07062 ===

=== START BH07063 ===

From Our presence, We make mention of him who has turned to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O thou who art remembered in prison! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth out, saying: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Loving!" We have revealed the Face and raised up the Cause, yet the people have turned away and pronounced judgment against Us, following their own desires. To this beareth witness the Lord of the invisible and the visible. The fire of oppression hath been kindled in the land of Sad through that which the hands of the infidels have wrought, they who have denied God, the Lord of all kings. He hath seized him through whom the furnace of tyranny was set ablaze, by virtue of His sovereignty. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the One Who ruleth over all that was and that shall be. Soon will He seize those who were partners in oppression. Thus doth the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, inform thee. Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee this Tablet and for thy having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the world behind their backs, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity. Thy Lord, verily, is the Rewarder, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

=== END BH07063 ===

=== START BH07064 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious. A mention from Us to one who turned to God and attained the presence when the Dayspring of the Cause appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all created things, and who drank the choice wine of reunion when the Sun of the Beauty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, dawned from the horizon of grace. Give thanks to God for this bounty. By My life! If thou wouldst comprehend what We have mentioned for thee, thou wouldst soar on wings of longing to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thy letter hath been presented and attained the Most Great View, the

station wherein the call of God is raised morning and evening. We have answered thee with an epistle from Us which We have detailed from this Most Great Book, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Helper. From this station We send greetings upon thy face and upon thy mother and thy sisters who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that the cawing of those who have denied God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, shall not cause thee to slip.

=== END BH07064 ===

=== START BH07065 ===

O Mirza Sulayman, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. A mention from Our presence unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, that he may find assurance through his Lord's favor and arise to serve the Cause with such wisdom as hath been sent down in the Tablets of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Thou hast been remembered before the Wronged One. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of existence!" Blessed is thy father who sought the ultimate goal and the highest summit, and who laid down his life in exile in the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have mentioned him in various Tablets with such mention as nothing on earth can equal, as beareth witness unto this He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. We counsel thee and My loved ones to observe wisdom, lest the fire of hatred be kindled in the breasts of them that have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. The Glory rest upon thee and upon thy mother and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging fast to the handle of the tender mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH07065 ===

=== START BH07067 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath hearkened unto the Call of God when it was raised up in truth, and hath answered his Ancient Lord, that he may be assured through God's grace and mercy, and may arise to serve Him with a wondrous remembrance. By My life! Whoso hath attained unto true hearing hath been so attracted as to cast aside, through the power of God, all else besides Him. This, verily, is a manifest truth. Among men are those who perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful in whatsoever hath appeared from Him, and among them are those who will not awaken from their slumber even were all the Tablets of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, to be showered upon them. He who hath no spirit hath been raised up, while he who walketh and speaketh we behold among the dead. They who have arisen through the fragrance of God are the daysprings of guidance amidst all creation. The Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Beautiful, beareth witness unto this. We have recognized thy love for thy Lord. We have sent down unto thee that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes. This, verily, is a great bounty. Beware lest the affairs of earth grieve thee. Stand firm in the Cause and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH07067 ===

=== START BH07068 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who was named Kazim, who turned to the horizon of faith and believed in the All-Merciful when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. O Kazim! Reflect upon him who was named with thy name and offered up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. He attained to the most great steadfastness and sacrificed his spirit and his wealth in the path of God in such wise as to astonish the hearts of the mystics and the minds of the learned ones who cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed their vain desires. They are indeed in manifest error. The fire of tyranny hath been kindled in the land of Sad through that which the hands of them that disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, have wrought. The serpent did bite the kindred of the Apostle and plundered their possessions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We seized it with an authority from Us and made it a warning unto them that have eyes to see. Beware lest the world hold thee back from God, the Lord of all names. Turn unto Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH07068 ===

=== START BH07069 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. A mention from Us to him who hath drunk the choice wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have sent down the verses and manifested clear proofs by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard thy call, turned toward thee, and answered thee with a Tablet that cannot be equalled by the treasures of kings. We have enjoined upon all to observe what is praiseworthy and that whereby man's station is exalted. Blessed is He Who created him, assisted him, and made him to be among the honored ones. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. He, verily, is the Helper of whosoever turneth unto Him, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus have We woven the coat of divine utterance with the fingers of the will of thy Lord, Who is supreme over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso attaineth unto this coat, neither the swords of the idolaters, nor the cannons of the infidels, nor the arrows of the transgressors shall affect him. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, enkindled with the fire of love, and speaking forth My beauteous praise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness rest upon thee and upon every steadfast and firm servant.

=== END BH07069 ===

=== START BH07070 ===

O Ali-Akbar, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful! A mention from Our presence unto him who attained unto the choice sealed wine when the Self-Subsisting appeared from the horizon of the heaven of utterance with manifest sovereignty, that this mention may draw him unto the Most Exalted Horizon and cause him to arise in service to the Cause of his Lord, the Wronged, the Stranger, Who was imprisoned in the Most Great Prison because He summoned the peoples unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. The Trusted One hath mentioned thee before and after.

We have sent down for thee that from which those near unto God inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. When thou hast received the Tablet and its effect, say: “My God, my God! I render Thee thanks for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which was the hope of them that are near unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being, and by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Revelation and the leaves of the Tree of Thy bounty, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, beholding Thy horizon, and steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH07070 ===

=== START BH07071 ===

O Siyyid Abu’l-Qasim! He is the Mighty, the Wise! This is a mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of dawn on this Day whereon the Lord of Destiny hath spoken: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have turned toward him who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and We have answered him who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of all beings, and verily We are the Hearer, the Answerer. O people of the Crimson Ark! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Most Glorious, from this Most Sublime Horizon: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. I created creation for this Day, yet when it appeared, those who followed vain imaginings turned away from it, having neither clear proof nor an illuminating Book. Take ye, O people, the Book of God through His command, then act according to that which ye have been bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. O concourse of divines! By God the Truth, it behooveth you to be silent, for the Most Exalted Pen speaketh the truth between earth and heaven. Cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from One Who is All-Merciful, All-Bountiful. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH07071 ===

=== START BH07072 ===

In His Name, the All-Subduing Over All Names

A mention from Us to one who has attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Truth came with manifest sovereignty. Verily We remember, through the nights and days, those servants who have turned toward the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and We bid them to that which will profit them in this world and the next. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Those who hearkened to the call of God when it was raised in truth, they are assuredly among the denizens of Paradise in the sight of God, the Exalted, the Great. The Concourse on High make mention of them, and the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory offers prayers for them in a station sanctified above the mention of all mankind. O My loved ones! Be steadfast in helping the Cause of God in such wise that the imaginings of the doubters move you not. Seize ye the grace of these days, then await what hath been ordained for you by the All-Knowing Ordainer. Thus hath thy mention been sent down in the Kingdom of God, and this noble Book been dispatched unto thee. When thou attainest unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors!

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O Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. This is a remembrance from Us to one who hath attained unto the light of the Countenance and heard the Call when it was raised from My most exalted horizon, and acted according to what was ordained in My perspicuous Book. We make mention of thee with that which will attract thee, and have sent unto thee the verses to teach thee what beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He hath come with the truth and summoneth mankind unto His straight Path. Say: O people! Cast away what ye possess and take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. This is better for you than all upon which the sun shineth, if ye be of them that know. My loved ones have been imprisoned in the land of Ta by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought, they who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant remote one. Say: The oppressor is the divines of the earth who have pronounced judgment against the Truth without clear proof or perspicuous Book. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of the loving providence of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven! A remembrance from the One Who remembers unto every one who has arisen to assist the Cause of God, that he may inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this perspicuous Tablet. By God! He who is drawn to the verses of his Lord will, out of his longing for God, the Mighty, the Praised One, abandon all creation. Blessed is he who, in these days, has drawn nigh unto the Dawning-Place of revelation and inspiration, and has attained the ocean of reunion at the spot wherein this Great Sea has been imprisoned. Say: O people! Beware lest the Book of the Prison prevent you from this Book which has been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen and round which circle the inmates of the highest Paradise morn and eve. And beware lest the ornaments and luxuries of the world withhold you from this station whereunto the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers have turned. Cast away all that the people possess, then with detached hearts turn towards the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness, and take the chalices of salvation in the name of Him Who is the Guardian over all worlds. Thus have We sent down the verses as a token of Our grace unto everyone possessed of keen hearing.

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In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of true understanding surged in the contingent world. A mention from the All-Mentioned unto him who heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon and bore witness to that which God did testify that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. The heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the earth hath been rent, and the pillars have trembled, yet the people remain in a wondrous sleep. Say: O people of the Bayan! He Who was treasured

in knowledge and concealed from eyes hath come. Cast behind you your vain imaginings and turn yourselves toward the horizon which God hath made the Dawning-place of lights. Fear God, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who calleth you unto God, the Lord of lords. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken on this darksome night, and I am, verily, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Remind the people of the verses of thy Lord, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from His Most Exalted Pen in the most exalted station. We beseech God to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of life through His hand of bounty, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have hastened with spirit and fragrance.

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O Khidra, Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who rules over all names! A mention from the One Who makes mention of him who hath believed in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, that the remembrance and utterance may attract him to the Kingdom of knowledge - the station wherein the Summoner proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower!” Thy name was presented in the Most Great Prison. We make mention of thee with that which no mention can equal. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause, speaking My praise, holding fast unto My cord, and clinging to the hem of the robe of thy Lord’s mercy, the Lord of all men. Beware lest anything among all things prevent thee from the Lord of Names, or the oppression of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return cause thee to fear. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance, say: “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the splendors of the lights of the Day-Star of Thy grace, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom neither the hosts of the world nor the armies of the nations can frustrate. Thou givest and withholdest. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving!”

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Darab, O Mulla Muhammad Ja’far! He is the Speaker in the Kingdom! A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who desires to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon, when the Lord of Names appeared with a Cause before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of earth could stand firm, as every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify. O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. By God! The dawn hath broken and faces have been illumined by the light of God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice, O thou who art named Ja’far, that the Lord of Destiny hath turned towards thee from His Most Sublime Vision. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Arise to serve God and make mention of Him in such wise that the clamor of those who have turned away from the All-Merciful when He came with a clear proof shall not deter thee. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Branches whom Thou hast chosen above Thy servants, to aid me in all conditions to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Overshadowing, the Mighty, the Great.

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=== START BH07079 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

A mention from the Wronged One to him who has drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, and was among the successful ones. He heard the Call and answered his Lord, and attained to the Day wherein every heedless and remote one turned away. Blessed is he who has turned to the Countenance and advanced toward the Most Exalted Horizon when he heard the Call of his Lord, the Most Glorious, at whose raising all things proclaimed: "The Promised One has come, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, has appeared." Say: By God! The appointed time has come, and the Revealer of verses walks in the Most Great Prison and speaks that whereby the limbs of the world have quaked, except for those who cast away idle fancies and took hold of the Book of Certitude from the presence of One knowing and wise. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak when He was in this mighty stronghold. Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the doubts of the nations shall dismay thee. Thus does My Most Exalted Pen speak as a bounty from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH07079 ===

=== START BH07080 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a mention of the Primal Point unto His servant who hath believed in God and who hath been named with one of Our names, He Who is the Merciful. O servant! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne, and be thou not of them that doubt. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and His religion, then aid it according to thy capacity, and take for thyself therein a guide. Grieve thou not for thy brother, for verily he hath attained unto the presence of God, and We have caused his spirit to ascend unto a station of sublime glory. We were present with him at the moment when his spirit ascended to the most exalted horizon, a station of wondrous glory. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and verily He is merciful unto His servants. And thou, walk thou in the footsteps of thy brother, then remember thy Lord in the nights and days, and consort not with them who have disbelieved and associated partners with God and who were far removed from the court of nearness. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from Our presence, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause.

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=== START BH07081 ===

O Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Seeing, All-Knowing One! Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One, and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent. God willing, thou shalt be enkindled in all conditions with the fire of the love of God, and with the lights of His luminous countenance. The call of thy heart was heard and attained to this most exalted, most glorious

station, which is the station of hearing. Thou must remain turned toward the Truth throughout all days, in such wise that neither weariness shall overtake thee nor the clamor of the idolaters deter thee. By My life! Soon shall the world be seen purified and sanctified from whatsoever is therein. Shall that which it containeth endure for its people? Nay, by the life of thy Lord! Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve his Lord, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Praise the Beloved of the world Who hath mentioned thee time and again. I swear by the ocean of God's grace that whatsoever hath flowed from His Pen specifically for those who have turned unto Him shall remain firm and enduring for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. How excellent is this for those who know, and woe unto the ignorant!

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O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and the glance of loving-kindness is directed towards thee. Be not grieved at the world and its diverse conditions. The adornment of the people of God hath ever been through their own selves and not through outward things. The luminous countenance hath no need of ornament. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of divine love and art illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. All the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal this station. Regarding certain servants, whatsoever they desired was granted them, and that very thing became the cause of their being veiled, as ye have witnessed and heard. Therefore, whatsoever cometh to pass hath been and shall be for the best. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thy name floweth from the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Most Great Scene, and thou art mentioned and renowned for thy love of God amongst the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion. Preserve thou this lofty station. He shall send down for thee whatsoever He willeth. Be thou assured of His grace and be of the thankful ones. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH07083 ===

In the Name of the One God

Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the fragrances of thy love have been inhaled. God willing, through the grace of the sovereign Who knoweth no decline, thou shalt drink from the pure wine incomparable, and at all times remain turned toward the horizon of the revelation of the All-Merciful. How many souls claimed to love God, yet when the Morn of His Revelation dawned and the Most Great Light rose above the horizon of the world, all remained veiled save those who, with utmost joy and radiance, turned toward the Source of the revelation of divine commandments. The Sun of Truth hath risen while most of the people remain afflicted with the sleep of heedlessness. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fountains of Thy wisdom gushed forth amongst Thy creatures, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise and remembrance, and standing firm in Thy service in such wise that neither the clamor of the divines nor the commotion of the wicked may deter me. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen

ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Giving, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH07084 ===

His honor Mulla ’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. In My Name which is sanctified above all names. Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and these exalted words have been revealed purely for the sake of God. In every letter thereof the sealed wine is concealed. Blessed is he who drinketh thereof and attaineth unto his goal. Know thou the value of these divine days and strive that thou mayest attain unto that from which the fragrance of eternity can be inhaled. The Day is manifest, the verses are being revealed, and the Beloved is visible. By God’s life! It behooveth all who are in the world to freely sacrifice their lives at the feet of the Friend. Today the divine bounty encompasseth all, and the Kawthar of utterance is visible before the faces of the world. How excellent is the state of him who hath attained thereunto and become detached and free from all else but God. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to accomplish that which beseemeth His days. Verily He is powerful over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH07085 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

This is My remembrance unto My handmaiden, that My melodies may attract her and raise her up to the heaven of My nearness and the kingdom of My companionship, and cause her to speak My remembrance and praise among My handmaidens, and sever her from all else besides Me, and give her to drink of the wine of My bounty and the Kawthar of My favor and the Salsabil of My gifts.

O My handmaiden! We have heard thy remembrance of My Self and thy praise of My Beauty, and have witnessed thy turning toward My face and thy being stirred by My call, even though that which thou didst send hath not outwardly come before Us. But it hath indeed come before Us, for thy Lord hath power over all things. The name beginning with S was prevented from appearing, and the veils of the oppressors have come between Us and him. Nevertheless, We have accepted from him that which he bore concerning Our Cause, and We have written down for him the reward of one who hath attained the presence of God in this land. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.

Be thou assured through the grace of God, then make mention of Him in all conditions, and grieve not for what hath befallen Us. Be thou patient, for thy Lord is endowed with mighty patience. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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O handmaid of God! He is the Mighty, the Wise! My remembrance is her companion, and a light unto her, and her helper in all the worlds of her Lord. Verily He giveth her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and informeth her of My grace, and causeth her to know My Self, and giveth her assurance in My days, and giveth her to drink from the Kawthar of My mercy and the Salsabil of My knowledge, and leadeth her to a station wherein all that is on earth shall not prevent her from attaining unto the kingdom of My verses and the dominion of My utterance and the heaven of My generosity and the horizon of My bestowal and the ocean of My knowledge and the sun of My manifestation which hath shone forth from the horizon of My mighty prison. Rejoice thou in My Tablet and My traces, and say: O God of Heaven! I beseech Thee and implore of Thee but one request, and it is that Thou make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love, for I have recognized through Thy grace that Thy Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. I ask Thee to assist me and enable me to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07086 ===

=== START BH07087 ===

In the name of God, the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing! A remembrance from One Who hath testified to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, that He might make the fragrance of the Bayan to remain steadfast in the Cause of the All-Merciful, Who hath appeared with such conclusive proof as the hosts of the invisible and visible realms combined cannot withstand. Blessed is he whose might hath not been weakened by the conditions of creation, and who hath arisen and turned toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have found thee turning toward Our countenance, wherefore We make mention of thee in this Book which hath been detailed from Our Preserved Tablet. Hold fast unto the Book of God and whatsoever hath been revealed therein, and cling to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. Beware lest the book of the evil ones hold thee back from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the tree of Zaqqum from My glorious station. When the clamor is raised, leave thou the clamorer behind thee, then speak forth that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan, saying: "He cannot be known except through Him, nor can He be mentioned save through Himself." Thus hath the matter been decreed, yet most of the people understand not. Glory be upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither weapons nor hosts could deter them.

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O Afnan, His honor J, upon him be the Most Great, Most Glorious Glory of God! My mention is a fire that ignites the hearts of the sincere ones, and a light that illumines the faces of those drawn nigh. At times thou seest it as the waters of life upon which depends the life of all the worlds, and at times thou seest it in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent it down with manifest authority. Those who have disbelieved wished to extinguish this Light shining from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Most High, the Great. Nay, by My life! None can do this. Soon shalt thou witness its effects from all directions. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Say: After the ascension of the Point, We raised up the Cause.

Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Should they attempt to conceal its light on the continent, it will assuredly rear its head in the midmost heart of the ocean, and, raising its voice, proclaim: 'I am the life-giver of the world!' Neither the clouds nor the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment can prevent it. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and found repose and soared. For all there is a portion in a preserved Tablet. Remember thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the hearts of them that know!

=== END BH07088 ===

=== START BH07089 ===

He is the Utterer of Truth!

My remembrance and praise and call and utterance and standing and sitting and sleep and wakefulness are for God, the Lord of the worlds. We arose this day and left the house, proceeding to another place. When We arrived, We commanded the servant present before Us, and he heard and wrote down what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in his luminous station. Blessed is the servant who casts away what the people possess and takes what draws him near to the Near, the Watchful One. When the fire of My utterance has enkindled thee and thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of My knowledge, say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Glory, for having remembered me and guided me and made known to me that which most of Thy servants have failed to comprehend. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the Point through which Thou didst distinguish Thy books, to make me rich through Thy riches and speaking forth Thy command and steadfast in Thy love and standing firm in Thy service. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07089 ===

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O thou who bearest the name 66 [Allah], upon whom be all 9 [Baha] in its most effulgent glory - may the All-Glorious One regard thee with His luminous gaze. He is God! May my spirit be a sacrifice for your presence. That which you mentioned was presented before the Throne. He commanded: Write, O Mahdi! The affairs of God rest with God Himself, and He is never powerless to execute them. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Be neither distressed nor saddened regarding outward affairs that pertain to God. Whatever He willeth will assuredly come to pass and be made manifest. If you truly have no need of the sum you mentioned, give it to this servant present so that he may pay some debts. But if it is needed - that is, if there is some need, meaning it might prove useful and could be invested in trade - then certainly keep it. The command rests with God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus endeth the matter. May the glory from the Lord, the Master of Names, be upon you and upon those with you and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

=== END BH07090 ===

=== START BH07092 ===

His name, the All-Ruling over those on earth and in heaven. O S.M.! Upon thee be the Glory of God. We have sent down the Book unto thee and dispatched it to thee as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. That which thou didst send hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. What Ibn-i-Abhar (upon him be My glory and loving-kindness) sent was read, and We have mentioned those whom he named in his letter - Sad, Kaf, Qaf, Mim, Qaf and Ta - as he was traveling through the lands with a remembrance that no other remembrance can equal, as attesteth He Who possesseth a preserved Book. We mentioned him before; give him the glad-tidings of thy Lord's loving-kindness that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Some time ago We graciously answered his petitions in the letter of the servant who was present, but there was a delay in sending it. God willing, both the first and second will be sent according to the requirements of the time. Verily thy Lord is the Gladdener, the All-Knowing. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee.

=== END BH07092 ===

=== START BH07093 ===

In the Name of the Most High, the Most Great!

Glorified be He Who has manifested the Manifestation of His Self and caused Him to speak forth verses which all the pens of the world and every diligent scholar have been powerless to enumerate. When the standards were raised and the Cause was manifested, there emerged from behind the veil one who turned away from the All-Wise, the Single One, and said what those who denied God had said - nay, even worse. Thus do their desires move them as they please. They are indeed among the heedless ones. They say "We believe in God and His verses." Say: By what discourse did you turn away from Him of Whom the verses speak every morn and eve? Thus have their hearts been hardened because they followed him who arose in hypocrisy when the Orb of the Cause dawned from the horizon of Iraq with His wondrous sovereignty. Hearken unto what We have recounted unto thee. My Pen, which hath never been still in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, moveth at all times and speaketh amidst all created things, yet most of the people remain heedless. Thus have We revealed unto thee what was hidden in thy Lord's knowledge, that thou mayest read and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Evident, the Most Generous.

=== END BH07093 ===

=== START BH07094 ===

He Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Glorified be He Who has manifested Himself amongst the peoples, whereby the horizon of the world was illumined, yet most of the people remain heedless. The strong one is he who has turned and drunk the wine of life in His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He verily aids him with a sovereignty from His presence. He is the Powerful, the Almighty.

O Mim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee from this noble station. By God! What the people possess shall profit them not. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Blessed is he who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and heard the Call which has been raised from this Most Glorious Station. He is of them who have attained unto all good, to this testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur, and behind it those who circle round the mighty Throne.

Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear His call and for having turned His face toward thee with His luminous countenance. Hold fast to the hem of His mercy and cleave unto that which thou hast been commanded in a perspicuous Tablet. Glory be unto those who have cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of that which they were bidden by the Dayspring of Certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In His Name, the Everlasting after the extinction of all things! Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses as He willeth. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath specially distinguished them in all the Tablets through this Most Great Revelation. Blessed is he who findeth the fragrance of the Promised One in the Books of God and, when He appeareth, turneth unto Him with a pure and illumined heart. Whoso attaineth unto the Most Great Book hath attained unto all the Books of God, and whoso turneth away from it hath veiled himself from the Cause of God, and naught shall profit him though he call upon the Object of all desire throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all worlds. O concourse of creation! Drink ye the water of life from the cup of My bounty and follow not them who have disbelieved in the Hour when it appeared with manifest sovereignty. When the cry was raised, all creation was shaken and smoke enveloped the face of heaven. This is that whereof We informed you in the Tablet, if ye be of them that understand. O servant! We have heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy turning unto Us. We have sent down for thee this glorious Tablet. When thou hast received it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of them that know!

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=== START BH07096 ===

O ‘Abdu’r-Rahman, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed what was hidden from eyes and sight. He hath come for your salvation and teacheth you what will draw you nigh unto Him. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One through one of My Branches who is named Diya’ in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of Lords. We have sent down for thee that which will exalt thee in the days of thy Lord and acquaint thee with what was concealed from the servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having appeared and made manifest Thy Cause through a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Finger and the manifestations of Thy power and decree to aid the servants to turn unto Thee and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for me that which shall be a light from Thee, to accompany me in every world of Thy worlds

and guide me to the threshold of Thy nearness and the court of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07096 ===

=== START BH07097 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses, and they are clear evidences from God for those who have believed and turned to the Dawning-Place of His wise command. They who have attained unto recognition - these are among the people of this noble scene, and they who have disbelieved - these are among the people of the veil, inscribed in a glorious tablet. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call which hath been raised from heaven, and be not of the heedless ones. Beware lest the conditions of the world withhold you from the Most Great Name. Cast them behind you, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a servant have We counselled in the Book, yet he abandoned it, following his desires; and how many a servant acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. For every mention in the Book - verily He is the All-Knowing Rememberer. When thou hast attained and read and understood what is in thy Lord's tablet, say, turning to the Qiblih of existence: I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped.

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In the Name of Him Who hath caused the Tablet and the Pen to appear!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hath hearkened unto the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen, and hath witnessed that which hath appeared from One mighty and powerful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, and speaking in praise, and arise to serve it and to serve His loved ones who have traversed the lands to exalt His Word that hath dominated all who are in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest the might of the world prevent thee, or the oppression of those who have adorned their heads with turbans frighten thee - they who have done that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise and the people of this noble station to lament. We beseech God to assist His servants to return to His Most Exalted Horizon and to enable them to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Glory be from Us upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

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O Aqa 'Abdu'l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Expositor!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed that which was recorded in the Books of old by the Supreme Pen. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

We have remembered those who have sought the ultimate goal and the highest summit, and We remember them as a token of Our grace. To this every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify.

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! Abu’l-Hasan hath mentioned thee in his letter. We have sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. Blessed is the face that hath turned, and the heart that hath drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the path and firm in the Cause, giving voice to the praise of thy gracious Lord. Verily, He heareth the call and respondeth. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

Ask thou God to assist thee to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause and to aid thee to act according to that which He hath revealed in His wise Book - that Book through whose appearance the clouds have passed, the breezes of revelation have wafted, the path hath been laid down, the balance hath been set up, and the nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the Name of Him Who illumined the horizon of proof!

Glorified be He Who appeared and spoke forth in an age whose advent honored Paradise itself. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. When He was established upon the throne, He shed His radiance upon all things through all names. Blessed be God, the Originator of the heavens and the Creator of names, Who appeared with such authority that all in the kingdom of creation were thunderstruck, save those whom […] delivered, He Who holds dominion over all in the heavens and earth. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which none hath heard before. By God! The One Who called out from the Mount now speaketh, and He Who spoke forth at the ascension recounteth unto you what befell Him at the hands of the wrongdoers. They seized Us until they cast Us into this Prison, which hath been named by all names in the Crimson Book and the Most Great Prison in My mighty Book. When thou receivest My letter and findest the fragrance of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward My direction and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Thou Goal of the worlds!

=== END BH07100 ===

=== START BH07101 ===

He is the Everlasting in the everlastingness of His Essence. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth for people who understand. There is no God but Him - His is the glory and the power. No God is there except Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He giveth sovereignty to whomsoever He willeth and withholdeth it from whomsoever He willeth. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of names and with Him is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. He hath created all things by a command from Him and hath sent down every command according to a fixed decree. He raiseth up whomsoever He

willeth by His command and bringeth down whomsoever He desireth, for He is the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people, fear God and commit not that which ye have been forbidden. Whoso committeth it is indeed in manifest loss. Say: O people, oppose not him who hath come to you with the verses of God, your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. O handmaiden of God! Give thanks unto thy Lord, then remember Him in the morning and the evening. Take comfort in My remembrance, for through My remembrance do the near ones among God's servants find comfort.

=== END BH07101 ===

=== START BH07102 ===

He is the One calling between earth and heaven! Glorified be He Who speaks in the nights and days, at eventide and dawn, and sends down verses as He wishes in such wise that neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs of the earth nor the oppression of the tyrants of the lands can prevent Him. Verily the Pen of the Most Merciful moves at all times and calls out with the most exalted call to all who dwell in the realm of creation, summoning all to God in their return. This is the Day of which the Spirit gave tidings, and before Him Moses, and after Him Muhammad the Messenger of God, Who when He appeared caused the pebbles to speak and His white hand bore witness that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have found from you the fragrance of love; We have turned to you and mentioned you with the Most Excellent of Remembrances. When you find the fragrance of My loving-kindness and attain unto My Tablet, arise and say: I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to make me among those whom the cawing of Thine enemies has not kept back from Thy love, and whom the threatening of the wicked has not frightened in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Commander, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07102 ===

=== START BH07103 ===

He is the Witness, the Witnessed One

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed that which was hidden in the Books of old. He, verily, is the Fulfiller in truth. There is none other God but Him, the Truthful, the Trustworthy. The Tablet calleth aloud in the world and giveth glad tidings to the peoples of the Most Great Name, Who hath summoned all unto the supreme horizon - this station which God hath made His glorious and wondrous seat. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names. He hath come with a sovereignty that the affairs of men cannot frustrate. To this testifieth the Tongue of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. O Karim! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before the Throne hath read it. Thy Lord, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Hearken with thine inner ear to that wherewith the Prisoner calleth thee, then act according to what thou hast been bidden in My mighty Book. Beware lest the affairs of the peoples prevent thee from the Lord of Eternity. Cast away what they possess and take with the hand of power that which hath been given by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath witnessed, and woe unto the deniers.

=== END BH07103 ===

=== START BH07104 ===

He is the Book of Truth, manifest in the kingdom of creation. Glorified be He Who hath spoken the truth and sent down the verses as He desired. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We were in the kingdom of utterance and heard the call of those who believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing. Verily those who were imprisoned and wronged in the path of God, these are the people of Baha, to which testifieth the Lord of Names, but most of the people are heedless. The world and whatsoever of glory and pride is therein shall pass away, and there shall remain unto those who bore tribulations that whereby the Creator of heaven shall remember them. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By the life of God! He who findeth the sweetness of tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names, should give thanks unto God throughout the duration of the kingdom and dominion, and should sacrifice in His path the most precious of what he possesseth. He is verily the Truthful, the All-Informed, the All-Wise. Give thanks for what hath been mentioned by the Supreme Pen. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of creation, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, from Whom every heedless doubter hath turned away.

=== END BH07104 ===

=== START BH07105 ===

XIX

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! I implore Thee, by Thy Most Great Name through Which Thou didst stir up Thy servants and build up Thy cities, and by Thy most excellent titles, and Thy most august attributes, to assist Thy people to turn in the direction of Thy manifold bounties, and set their faces towards the Tabernacle of Thy wisdom. Heal Thou the sicknesses that have assailed the souls on every side, and have deterred them from directing their gaze towards the Paradise that lieth in the shelter of Thy shadowing Name, which Thou didst ordain to be the King of all names unto all who are in heaven and all who are on earth. Potent art Thou to do as pleaseth Thee. In Thy hands is the empire of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

I am but a poor creature, O my Lord; I have clung to the hem of Thy riches. I am sore sick; I have held fast the cord of Thy healing. Deliver me from the ills that have encircled me, and wash me thoroughly with the waters of Thy graciousness and mercy, and attire me with the raiment of wholesomeness, through Thy forgiveness and bounty. Fix, then, mine eyes upon Thee, and rid me of all attachment to aught else except Thyself. Aid me to do what Thou desirest, and to fulfill what Thou pleasest.

Thou art truly the Lord of this life and of the next. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH07105 ===

=== START BH07106 ===

XXV

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Chosen Ones, and by the Bearers of Thy Trust, and by Him Whom Thou hast ordained to be the Seal of Thy Prophets and of Thy Messengers, to let Thy remembrance be my companion, and Thy love my aim, and Thy face my goal, and Thy name my lamp, and Thy wish my desire, and Thy pleasure my delight.

I am a sinner, O my Lord, and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving. As soon as I recognized Thee, I hastened to attain the exalted court of Thy loving-kindness. Forgive me, O my Lord, my sins which have hindered me from walking in the ways of Thy good-pleasure, and from attaining the shores of the ocean of Thy oneness.

There is no one, O my Lord, who can deal bountifully with me to whom I can turn my face, and none who can have compassion on me that I may crave his mercy. Cast me not out, I implore Thee, of the presence of Thy grace, neither do Thou withhold from me the outpourings of Thy generosity and bounty. Ordain for me, O my Lord, what Thou hast ordained for them that love Thee, and write down for me what Thou has written down for Thy chosen ones. My gaze hath, at all times, been fixed on the horizon of Thy gracious providence, and mine eyes bent upon the court of Thy tender mercies. Do with me as beseemeth Thee. No God is there but Thee, the God of power, the God of glory, Whose help is implored by all men.

=== END BH07106 ===

=== START BH07107 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by them who hastened to the precincts of Thy nearness yet reached not the dawning-place of Thy signs, who left their homelands out of longing for Thy beauty yet arrived not at the seat of Thy nearness, who were so intoxicated by the wine of Thy love that they sacrificed their spirits in Thy name and perished in the wilderness yearning for reunion with Thee - to aid me to draw nigh unto Thy court and enable me to achieve what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens. O Lord! I am she who hath taken refuge with Thee and hastened unto Thee, detached from all else beside Thee. For Thy call hath seized me and Thy voice hath kindled such fire in all my limbs that should anyone examine my entire frame, they would find no place therein save that which burneth with the flame of Thy love and the fire of Thy affection. O Lord! Grant me reunion with Thee, then sever me from all else save Thee. This is what I have chosen for myself from all that Thou hast created between the heavens and the earth. All praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds and Goal of them that yearn!

=== END BH07107 ===

=== START BH07108 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by them who hastened to the field of martyrdom, yearning to meet Thee, and by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, and by the heads that were raised upon spears for love of Thee and in Thy good-pleasure, and by the hearts that were consumed in separation

from Thee and remoteness from Thee, and by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst distinguish between Thy servants and creatures, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy love and content with Thy good-pleasure and a supporter of Thy Cause. Establish me in such wise that should all mankind oppose Thee, I would arise by myself to exalt Thy Cause and manifest Thy bounty. Then ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and separate me not from Thee in the worlds of Thy Cause. Moreover, grant me the good of this world and the next. I am he who, O my God, hath testified to Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness and turned toward Thee and advanced toward the sanctuary of Thy nearness. Thou art my Beloved in the hereafter and the former life and my Purpose in all circumstances. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted.

=== END BH07108 ===

=== START BH07109 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Powerful, the Most Inaccessible!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the oceans of Thy knowledge surged in the hearts of them that have recognized Thee, and the winds of Thy love and yearning were stirred in the breasts of Thy lovers, that Thou wilt look upon Thy servants with the glances of Thy gracious favors and clothe them with the robes of Thy guidance. O Lord! All are poor at the door of Thy riches, and powerless before the manifestations of Thy might. Send down therefore, O my God, upon them that which will make them mighty through Thy power and exalted through Thy sovereignty, that the oppression of the oppressors may not hold them back from Thy path, nor the clamor of the idolaters prevent them from turning toward the court of Thy oneness. O Lord! Thou art He before Whose command nothing whatsoever can stand among all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth, and none in the kingdoms of creation and command can frustrate Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Self and by Thy manifestation once again, to make me radiant with the lights of Thy countenance and turning toward the sanctuary of Thy glory. Then cause me, O my God, to taste the sweetness of Thy remembrance. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supremely Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07109 ===

=== START BH07110 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the lamp of Thy utterance hath been lit within the niche of Thy knowledge, and the breezes of Thy favors have wafted over the people of Thy dominion, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy service and illumined by the lights of Thy knowledge and Thy love in such wise that the doubts of the world shall not withhold me nor the imaginings of the nations prevent me. Then cause me, O my God, to be content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me through Thy grace and bounty and generosity and favors. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Gladden me in all times and circumstances with the glad-tidings that were specially reserved for

Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Thy letter hath come and We have read it and answered thee with that wherewith God, the Lord of the worlds, is called upon and invoked in Thy days. He, verily, is the Commander, the All-Informed. Glory be unto those who have cast away all else, turning toward God, the Fashioner of the heavens. They are indeed among the well-doers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07110 ===

=== START BH07111 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who created me and sustained me until Thou didst honor me with Thy days wherein the Sun of Thy loving-kindness dawned from the horizon of Thy Will and was established upon the throne of Thy mercy, and Thou didst open the gate of attainment unto Thy presence before the face of all who dwell in Thy earth and Thy heaven, and didst call all unto Thyself, and didst attract all through Thy signs. Therefore, O my God, I, one of Thy handmaidens, have desired nearness unto Thee and reunion with Thee and to enter the sanctuary of Thy mighty oneness and to stand before Thy throne. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which I have desired from the wonders of Thy grace, nor to prevent me from the Kawthar of meeting with Thee. O Lord! If Thou hast ordained separation and remoteness for me, then write down for me the reward of those who have drawn nigh unto Thee and have attained unto Thy presence, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the dominion of destiny and the kingdom of decree. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, the Peerless One.

=== END BH07111 ===

=== START BH07112 ===

In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest how the heaven loveth its stars and their radiance from its horizons, and how the Ridvan Garden loveth its flowers and the murmuring of its waters and the cooing of its dove. I beseech Thee, O Creator of all things and Controller of all names, to cause its branches to be stirred by the breezes of Thy grace in Thy days, and to be moved by Thy leave and Thy decree. O Lord! Withhold not from the letters of Thy Book the Word which Thou hast made the mother of Thy Scriptures and Tablets and the source of the manifestations of Thy Divinity and might, through which Thou didst separate between Thy creation and Thy creatures. O Lord! Draw then the branches of the Tree of Thy oneness by the wondrous melodies of Thy voice, then make them to drink of the choice wine of Thy bounty, whose seal hath been broken by the finger of Thy power, that they may arise to celebrate Thy praise and glory, and circle round Thy Cause in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through Thy sovereignty, and ordaineth what He willeth through Thy might. Nothing whatsoever can withhold Thee from aught else, nor can any affair occupy Thee to the exclusion of another. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH07112 ===

=== START BH07113 ===

CXXII

Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! Thou seest and knowest that I have called upon Thy servants to turn nowhere except in the direction of Thy bestowals, and have bidden them observe naught save the things Thou didst prescribe in Thy Perspicuous Book, the Book which hath been sent down according to Thine inscrutable decree and irrevocable purpose.

I can utter no word, O my God, unless I be permitted by Thee, and can move in no direction until I obtain Thy sanction. It is Thou, O my God, Who hast called me into being through the power of Thy might, and hast endued me with Thy grace to manifest Thy Cause. Wherefore I have been subjected to such adversities that my tongue hath been hindered from extolling Thee and from magnifying Thy glory.

All praise be to Thee, O my God, for the things Thou didst ordain for me through Thy decree and by the power of Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee that Thou wilt fortify both myself and them that love me in our love for Thee, and wilt keep us firm in Thy Cause. I swear by Thy might! O my God! Thy servant's shame is to be shut out as by a veil from Thee, and his glory is to know Thee. Armed with the power of Thy name nothing can ever hurt me, and with Thy love in my heart all the world's afflictions can in no wise alarm me.

Send down, therefore, O my Lord, upon me and upon my loved ones that which will protect us from the mischief of those that have repudiated Thy truth and disbelieved in Thy signs.

Thou art, verily, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH07113 ===

=== START BH07114 ===

In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the cries of Thy yearning ones from all regions of the earth and beholdest the fire of their longing and the sighs of their hearts in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath permeated all contingent beings, to gather them beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy singleness. Then write down for them the reward of those who have drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion and have attained the Kawthar of Thy presence. Thou, verily, art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord! Aid them to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy oneness and the Manifestation of Thy singleness, for Thy oneness is not established except through Him Who speaketh by Thy leave, and Thy singleness is not realized save through acknowledgment of Him Who hath arisen by Thy Command and appeared from the horizon of Thy majesty. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy gifts that which will purify hearts and souls from whatsoever is repugnant unto Thy good-pleasure. Then ordain for Thy trusted ones that

which shall profit them in this world and the next and draw them nearer in all conditions unto the Dayspring of Thy grace and the Dawning-Place of Thy bounty. Thou, verily, art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH07114 ===

=== START BH07115 ===

O most honored Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

He is God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! All created things testify to Thy unity and the sanctity of Thy Being, and all contingent beings bear witness to Thy grandeur and bounty. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy love which Thou hast made the cause of the appearance of Thy creation, and by Thy Books which Thou hast made the means for the guidance of Thy servants and their preservation through Thy grace and generosity, to ordain for Thy Afnan that which shall gladden his eyes and the eyes of Thy sincere ones and them that love Thee. O Lord! Thou seest him standing firm in Thy service, uttering Thy praise, and taking up his station in Thy presence. Make his deeds, O my God, a treasure for him with Thee, and grant him the blessing of meeting Thee in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Send unto him, day after day, the sweet savors of Thy remembrance and utterance. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! Send down upon my other Afnan mercy from Thy presence and grace from Thy court. Verily, Thou art the Most Generous of the generous, and the Most Merciful of them that show mercy.

=== END BH07115 ===

=== START BH07116 ===

XCV

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Rain down, I beseech Thee, from the clouds of Thine overflowing grace, that which shall cleanse the hearts of Thy servants from whatever may prevent their beholding Thy face, or may prevent them from turning unto Thee, that they may all recognize Him Who is their Fashioner and Creator. Help them, then, O God, to reach forth, through the power of Thy sovereign might, towards such a station that they can readily distinguish every foul smell from the fragrance of the raiment of Him Who is the Bearer of Thy most lofty and exalted name, that they may turn with all their affections toward Thee, and may enjoy such intimate communion with Thee that if all that is in heaven and on earth were given them they would regard it as unworthy of their notice, and would refuse to cease from remembering Thee and from extolling Thy virtues.

Shield, I pray Thee, O my Beloved, my heart's Desire, Thy servant who hath sought Thy face, from the darts of them that have denied Thee and from the shafts of such as have repudiated Thy Truth. Cause him, then, to be wholly devoted to Thee, to declare Thy name, and to fix his gaze upon the sanctuary of Thy Revelation. Thou art, in truth, He Who, at no time, hath turned away those who have set their hopes in Thee from the door of Thy mercy, nor prevented such as have sought Thee from attaining the court of

Thy grace. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, the All-Highest, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling, the Unconditioned.

=== END BH07116 ===

=== START BH07117 ===

VI

Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! I swear by Thy might! Successive afflictions have withheld the pen of the Most High from laying bare that which is hidden from the eyes of Thy creatures, and incessant trials have hindered the tongue of the Divine Ordainer from proclaiming the wonders of Thy glorification and praise. With a stammering tongue, therefore, I call upon Thee, O my God, and with this my afflicted pen I occupy myself in remembrance of Thy name.

Is there any man of insight, O my God, that can behold Thee with Thine own eye, and where is the thirsty one who can direct his face towards the living waters of Thy love? I am the one, O my God, who hath blotted out from his heart the remembrance of all except Thee, and hath graven upon it the mysteries of Thy love. Thine own might beareth me witness! But for tribulations, how could the assured be distinguished from the doubters among Thy servants? They who have been inebriated with the wine of Thy knowledge, these, verily, hasten to meet every manner of adversity in their longing to pass into Thy presence. I implore Thee, O Beloved of my heart and the Object of my soul's adoration, to shield them that love me from the faintest trace of evil and corrupt desires. Supply them, then, with the good of this world and of the next.

Thou art, verily, He Whose grace hath guided them aright, He Who hath declared Himself to be the All-Merciful. No God is there but Thee, the All-Glorious, the Supreme Helper.

=== END BH07117 ===

=== START BH07118 ===

He is the Giver! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and for having turned me toward the Kawthar of Thy Revelation and the Salsabil of Thy inspiration. By Thy glory! Were I to render Thee thanks throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion, I would find myself powerless to repay that wherewith Thou hast favored me through Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He Who caused me to turn unto Thy countenance on a day when all had turned away from Thee and remained distant from the shore of Thy nearness, save those whom Thou didst show the pathways of Thy sanctification and the ways of Thy guidance. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which earthquakes have seized most of the servants, to make me so fixed in my gaze upon Thee in all conditions that nothing may prevent me from that which hath been ordained by the Pen of Thy decree and sent down in the scrolls of Thy glory. O Lord! Make my hope Thy remembrance, my deed Thy praise, my purpose Thy purpose, and my good-pleasure Thy good-pleasure, that I may be effaced from myself and endure through Thy Name, the Ever-

Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Then write down for me, O my God, that which shall profit me, for I know nothing and Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07118 ===

=== START BH07119 ===

CXXVII

All praise be to Thee, O Lord, my God! How mysterious the Fire which Thou hast enkindled within my heart! My very limbs testify to the intensity of its heat, and evince the consuming power of its flame. Should my bodily tongue ever attempt to describe Thee as the One Whose strength hath ever excelled the strength of the most mighty amongst men, the tongue of my heart would address me, saying: "These are but words which can only be adequate to such things as are of the same likeness and nature as themselves. But He, of a truth, is infinitely exalted above the mention of all His creatures."

The power of Thy might beareth me witness, O my Well-Beloved! Every limb of my body, methinks, is endowed with a tongue that glorifieth Thee and magnifieth Thy name. Armed with the power of Thy love, the hatred which moveth them that are against Thee can never alarm me; and with Thy praise on my lips, the rulings of Thy decree can in no wise fill me with sorrow. Fortify, therefore, Thy love within my breast, and suffer me to face the assaults which all the peoples of the earth may launch against me. I swear by Thee! Every hair of my head proclaimeth: "But for the adversities that befall me in Thy path, how could I ever taste the divine sweetness of Thy tenderness and love?"

Send down, therefore, O my Lord, upon me and upon them that love me, that which will cause us to become steadfast in Thy Faith. Enable them, then, to become the Hands of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants, that they may scatter abroad Thy signs, and show forth Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, Who art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

=== END BH07119 ===

=== START BH07120 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath turned his face toward the sanctuary of Thy oneness, who hath taken shelter beneath the tabernacle of Thy divine unity, who hath sought refuge in the cave of Thy holy mercy, who hath fled unto Thy presence and sought protection at Thy threshold, who hath detached himself from all else but Thee and come unto Thee, who hath turned his face purely toward Thee, and who hath called upon Thee in his inner and outer being, communing with Thee with both heart and tongue, hoping that Thou wouldst give him to drink from the camphor-fountains through Thy holy hands and grant him the fruits of Paradise from the tree of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Beauty through which the horizons were illumined, and by Thy Name at which all in the kingdom of creation cried out, that Thou assist him with the confirmations of Thy divine Oneness and ordain for him every good thing Thou hast created in the heaven of Thy creativity. Verily, Thou art the All-

Giving, the Merciful. Now since affairs in this land are in turmoil, therefore the journey of that honored one is difficult. God willing, through divine grace and favor, permission will hereafter be granted at the appropriate time according to what is desired. What you sent has been received.

=== END BH07120 ===

=== START BH07121 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Luminous!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee to adorn this servant with the ornament of faithfulness amidst the concourse of creation, in such wise that Thou mayest make me one of those who have been martyred in Thy path and who have surrendered their spirits in Thy love and good-pleasure. By Thy glory, O my God! Whenever I reflect that the body of Ali was suspended in the air while I remain between earth and heaven, my heart is troubled, my limbs tremble, my skin crawls, and my body is shaken. Therefore, woe unto myself and lamentation upon my being! I beseech Thee then by Thy Most Glorious Beauty and by Thy Most Exalted Name to deny me not that which Thou hast ordained for those martyred in Thy path in the tablets of Thy decree, and leave me not to myself, for verily it is prone to evil and Thou art fully aware of it. Therefore, O my God, I have raised my right hand to the heaven of Thy bounty that Thou mayest grasp it in the grip of Thy power and deliver me from the depths of idle fancy and vain desire, and draw me near unto meeting Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And praise be unto Thee, O Thou before Whose sovereignty all necks have bowed low.

=== END BH07121 ===

=== START BH07122 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal and my Beloved! This servant of Thine doth testify and acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who doth illumine the horizons with the lights of Thy countenance, Who doth purify hearts with the Kawthar of Thy utterance, Who doth crown heads with the diadem of Thy bounty, and Who doth adorn temples with the ornament of turning unto Thy horizon, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy loved ones a blessing from Thee, a table from Thy heaven, and a benediction from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor. O Lord! Thou seest one who hath turned unto Thee, who hath spoken in Thy praise and glory, and who hath arisen to serve Thee. I beseech Thee to make him a standard of Thy Name amidst Thy creation and a banner of Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Powerful, He to Whose might and power and strength and grandeur and sovereignty all things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07122 ===

=== START BH07123 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O God, O Master of Kings and Merciful unto servants! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils and didst come with Thy sovereignty at the final return, that Thou show mercy unto Thy servants who have been oppressed in the earth and make them lamps of guidance unto all who dwell upon Thy earth. O Lord! Thou knowest that we are poor ones who have arisen before the gate of Thy bounty and riches, and helpless ones who have clung to the cords of Thy might and power. O Lord! Have mercy, then, upon our young and old through Thy mercy, and cause us to enter the pavilion of Thy care and favors. O Lord! Thou knowest what hath befallen us in Thy path. Write down, then, our names in Thy tablets and ordain for us what lieth with Thee of the wonders of Thy grace and beneficence. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent in whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the God of the worlds and the Goal of them that know. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH07123 ===

=== START BH07124 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how Thy loved ones are consumed in their separation from Thee, and how they wander in the wilderness of remoteness, yearning to attain Thy presence and seeking to draw nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things have drawn near unto the seat of Thy Command, the Source of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, to write down for them that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls through Thy grace and Thy favors. O Lord! Thou hearest the sighing of their hearts and the groaning of their souls. Take them by the hands of Thy bounty, then cause them to enter the pavilion of reunion at the shining forth of the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, Whose generosity hath encompassed all things, and Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. Look upon them, then, with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, and make them to be among those who circle round the sanctuary of Thy oneness and who stand before the revelation of the lights of Thy face. Verily, Thou art the Powerful in Thy sovereignty, and the All-Compelling in Thy might. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07124 ===

=== START BH07125 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy servants who hath been attracted by the breaths of Thy Revelation and drawn by the fragrances of Thy love in such wise that he hath turned his face unto the lights of Thy luminous countenance. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn, to assist him at all times and to ordain for him in the kingdom of Thy might that which he loveth and with which he is well-pleased. O my God! Deprive not those servants of Thine who have hastened to the sanctuary of Thy oneness and who have rushed unto the city of the glory of Thy sanctification. Thou hast ever been supreme in power and might, and wilt ever remain transcendent in strength and majesty. Thou aidest whomsoever Thou willest through the hosts of Thy victory and

sendest down upon whomsoever Thou desirest the wonders of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by those whom the idolaters have made captive in Thy path to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purify the people of Thy dominion. By Thy Self! Then will they all lament for what they have wrought against the Manifestation of Thine Essence, and the Source of Thy power, and the Treasury of Thy mysteries, O Thou Who art the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and in Whose grasp is the dominion of all created things!

=== END BH07125 ===

=== START BH07126 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above mention and utterance, and wilt ever remain exalted above description and explanation. Thou beholdest me, O my God, standing in this station, acknowledging Thy oneness and confessing Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which Thy chosen ones have acknowledged. I beseech Thee by Thy Name that hath dominion over all names to aid me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to enable me to remember Thee and to praise Thee. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy servants cannot frustrate, nor the clamor of those in Thy lands. Thou art the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. O Lord! Ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as have cast away vain imaginings and held fast to the cord of certitude in recognizing Thee, and whom the oppression of those who turned away from Thy beauty did not frighten. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07126 ===

=== START BH07127 ===

He is God, blessed and exalted be His station!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of humanity and Master of the mysteries of destiny! All atoms testify to Thy grace and loving-kindness, and all created things acknowledge Thy gifts and tender mercy. I beseech Thee, by that wherewith Thou hast described Thyself through Thy most excellent names and most exalted attributes, to grant unto him whom Thou hast related to the branches of the Tree of Thy Cause, and brought forth from the loins of one whom Thou didst single out for Thy service, Thy love, Thy grace and Thy tender mercy, every good thing which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. O my Lord! Enable him to ascend unto the heights of knowledge at all times and to attain unto that which Thou hast promised unto Thy sincere ones, O my Lord, the Most Merciful. Aid him to serve his father in such wise as not to depart from his good-pleasure, and preserve him, O my Creator, beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy protection and shelter. Honor him with the robes of Thy bounty and loving-kindness, for Thou art He Who hath been called by Thy name, the All-Bountiful, by the tongues of all peoples. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Generous, the All-Giving, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07127 ===

=== START BH07129 ===

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker. Praise befitteth the holy Lord Who hath caused the warbling of the nightingale to be made manifest and hath enabled pure and sanctified ears to hearken unto it. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed is whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Cause. Thy letter was received and the servant present before the Face made mention of it. Verily We found it sanctified from idle fancies and vain imaginings. The presence of thy letter before the Throne and thy mention of the Wronged One of the horizons hath been and shall ever be among the most exalted of deeds. Its fruit shall accompany thee throughout all worlds. This is a great and fresh bounty - know thou its station and treasure its pearl. Say: O friends! Man hath been created for this blessed and wondrous Day. Strive ye that ye may attain unto that wherefrom the fragrances of eternity are wafted. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath laid hold on this mighty cord.

=== END BH07129 ===

=== START BH07130 ===

O Haji Mahmud, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet whereby the world hath testified before the faces of all nations that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Wronged One summoned the people to the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, in days wherein the tribes wailed in fear of God, the Lord of all worlds. When the rays of light had encompassed the horizons of all lands, a band of wolves emerged from behind the veil and desired to shed My blood without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Among the people are those who turned towards and then away from Us due to the doubts of the dubious ones. Say: Where is your steadfastness and where is your faithfulness? Fear God and be not among the wrongdoers. We aided the Cause on a day wherein the limbs of all names trembled before the onslaught of the transgressors. We beseech God at the end of this epistle to assist thee to help the Wronged One through the standards of wisdom and utterance and the hosts of remembrance and exposition. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH07130 ===

=== START BH07131 ===

Who can explain the pain of separation, or bring to mind the firm binding of the Covenant? Do not let slip away the wondrous decree of meeting, have you not heard the decisive command of divorce? Therefore stand firm in the light of right guidance, and if you are among the people of the covenant, remain not distant from love. That one is the gentle beloved - do not let slip away; that one is the precise mentor - do not forget; that one is the physician of harmony - do not set against opposites. And if you have tasted the honeyed sugar from the lip of dawn, say then: “I have attained unto the Lord of creation.” My beloved, although the meeting of this lowly one is prevented, yet read “He is the One Who opens what He wishes

and withholds what He wills." God willing, all ailments will be removed, just as was continuously manifested and expressed: "We associate none with the worship of thy Lord" and "I am but His servant and sufficient art thou as a witness unto me." And likewise say whatsoever thou hearest from me, then preserve the Cause of God as befits thy station. I send greetings to all the loved ones.

=== END BH07131 ===

=== START BH07132 ===

[Abadih] O Mashhadi Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God!

In My Most Great Name! The world beareth witness that He is verily the Most Great Name and that He is verily the Hidden Mystery. Verily, he who was deprived of the sense of smell found not the fragrance of God, and he who had no sight saw not what was manifest and attained not unto the presence of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: Everyone possessed of the sense of smell hath found, and everyone possessed of sight hath turned unto God, the Lord of existence. O people! Deprive not yourselves of the presence of God, and bar not your ears from hearkening unto that which hath been sent down in truth. Draw nigh and be ye of them who witness and give thanks. Verily, He heareth your call and seeth your condition. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen. It behooveth thee to read My epistle and to reflect upon My days and what hath befallen Me from him who disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath endured and shown patience, nay rather, given thanks in the path of God, the Lord of existence.

=== END BH07132 ===

=== START BH07133 ===

He is the Most Holy

The Pen of the Kingdom has testified to the King of Eternity. The Tongue of Command has testified to My Most Great Name. The names have testified to the glory of God, Creator of heaven, through Whom the fragrance of Revelation has wafted and the ocean of bounty has surged. All things have testified that there is no God but Him, and that He Who has come is the Speaker among the nations.

When you attain the lights of the Throne and are honored with the Tablet, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Master of the world!" Thus have We sent down the Book and dispatched it to you, that you may thank your Lord through Whom the Balance has appeared and the Standard has been raised. Give thanks to Him Who created you, sustained you, and gave you to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from this Pen. When the rapture of verses takes hold of you, say: "O Lord of the world! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the atoms have testified, to preserve me beneath the shadow of Thy supreme providence. Verily Thou art the Ruler over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most Generous, the Most Ancient."

=== END BH07133 ===

=== START BH07134 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Life-Giving, the Mighty, the All-Wise

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Bayan was sent down to manifest My station and establish My Cause, yet the people understand not. They have clung to their desires and held fast to the hem of tyranny. We testify that they know not. The proof of God hath appeared, yet they see not. The horizon of power hath been illumined through this Most Great Name, yet the people perceive not. Say: Ponder, O people, on the Revelation of God and His sovereignty and His greatness and His power. Then judge with fairness and be not of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee in this Tablet, then recite it in the nights and days. By My life, through it thou shalt find the fragrance of the Garment wafting from this exalted Station. Glory be upon thee and upon whoso holdeth fast to the laws and cleaveth to the hem of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH07134 ===

=== START BH07135 ===

He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and will forever remain as He hath been. He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Bountiful. He hath sent forth His ambassadors and chosen ones, revealed unto them the scriptures and books, and aided them to manifest His Cause in such wise that each one of them prevailed over all who dwell in the heavens and the earth. Through them was raised the standard of divine unity upon the heights, and the fragrance of the garment was wafted amongst the peoples. Exalted be their station, exalted be their rank, exalted be their might and glory and their loftiness and transcendence and their arising to promote the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have perceived the fragrance of thy turning unto Us, wherefore have We turned unto thee and mentioned thee in this perspicuous mention, through which every one who hath turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath turned. Hold fast unto the Book of thy Lord, rendering thanks and praise unto Him Who hath aided thee and guided thee unto His straight path.

=== END BH07135 ===

=== START BH07136 ===

O Fat?u'llah of Zarqan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified from all peers and likenesses, and hath commanded all that which profiteth them in both beginning and end. Among the people are those who have heard and responded, and those who have turned away in such wise as to pronounce judgment against God, the Lord of lords. O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of your divines. By the life of God! They remain in their ancient error, worshipping their own desires and turning away from the All-Informed One. When thou hearest My call, turn thy face toward My most exalted horizon and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Owner of Names, for having caused me to

hear Thy call and recognize Thy days! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me in all conditions to hold fast to Thy cord and cling to Thy robe, to be set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and be attracted by the sweetness of Thy utterance. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful."

=== END BH07136 ===

=== START BH07137 ===

Also to Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are grandeur and power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Baqir and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, that he may be of them that render thanks. We counsel him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the peoples have slipped save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. Be thou thankful for that which hath been mentioned of thee from the Most Exalted Pen and that which hath been sent down for thee that beareth witness unto thee in all the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that have hearkened unto the call of God and have responded thereunto on a Day whereon every learned one turned aside, every knower objected, and every judge pronounced a remote judgment. Thus hath the Pen spoken before the face of the Ancient King through Whom all things have spoken. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07137 ===

=== START BH07138 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the Most Great Name, verily He is the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath heard His sweetest call, and blessed is the learned one who hath chosen for himself His straight path. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses and dispatched the proof, yet most of the people remain asleep. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they have denied Him Who created them and provided for them - these are indeed among the most lost ones in His perspicuous Book. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not every sinful liar who hath barred you from the path of God and led you astray from this manifest announcement. Open your eyes and then observe with justice and fairness. Thus doth command you He with Whom is a protecting Book. When thou didst hear My call and perceive My fragrance and behold My horizon, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me and sent down unto me that which nothing on earth can equal. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

=== END BH07138 ===

=== START BH07139 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath come from the dayspring of power is the Hidden One in knowledge, inscribed in the Tablet and mentioned in the books of the past from God, the Lord of the worlds. He raiseth up whomsoever He willeth through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The clamor of factions hath not hindered Him. He hath appeared and revealed what He desired with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glorification be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Source of Thy commandments and the Fountainhead of Thy laws. I beseech Thee by Thy loved ones who have spent whatsoever they possessed for the exaltation of Thy Cause and whom the happenings of the world did not withhold from drawing nigh unto Thy Most Great Name, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, steadfast in Thy love and firm in my devotion to Thee. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07139 ===

=== START BH07140 ===

In the Name of the One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and that He Who has appeared is indeed the Most Great Ocean amidst the world. Blessed is he who hastens unto Him, and woe betide the heedless ones. This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur speaks amongst the nations, yet they turn away from Him. The Call has been raised from the prison of Akka, summoning all to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Among the people are those who heard and denied the proof of God and His verses, and among them are those who drank the sealed wine and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!” O people of Baha! By the life of God, this is your Day. Know ye your station and follow not every heedless and veiled one. The sun of My Most Glorious Name has dawned from the supreme horizon. Behold and be not of those who denied God when He appeared through His irrevocable Command. Thus has the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who has heard and arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

=== END BH07140 ===

=== START BH07142 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and He Who speaks is verily the Lone Wronged One. The idolaters denied Him after He came with clear proofs, radiant verses, and illuminating lights. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Say: Read ye the Surih of Ra’is and what was revealed therein, and reflect upon it that ye may become aware of what hath appeared from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Then read ye the Book of the Temple and what was revealed therein concerning matters before their occurrence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed. By God! He doth not wish to mention what

He hath mentioned in this Tablet, but We have mentioned it that perchance the people may be reminded thereby. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous. The seeing one beholdeth and witnesseth, while he who is gathered blind neither seeth nor perceiveth. Verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Wise. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken that thou mayest know what hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressors who perceived not the fragrance of the garment and attained not unto the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07142 ===

=== START BH07143 ===

O Jinab-i-Ya'qub-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Most Great Name, Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities. Whoso turneth unto Him hath attained that whereunto the near ones have attained, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the idolaters in the perspicuous Book. Glorified be He Who hath revealed that which was treasured in knowledge and concealed in the hearts of the Messengers. He hath come with the truth and manifested what He desired. He is the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. We make mention of those who have been attracted by the utterance of their Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, that this remembrance may draw them nigh unto a station beyond the description of those who describe and the mention of those who make mention. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and sent down for me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come, and to decree for me what Thou hast decreed for Thy near servants. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07143 ===

=== START BH07144 ===

O Abraham son of Naddaf, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Hidden Secret, and the Treasured Book, and the Most Exalted Pen, and the Ultimate Goal, and the Source of Command among all peoples. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and perceived the fragrance of the Garment and testified to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The ocean of utterance hath surged and the light of knowledge hath shone forth. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Be thou vocal in praise of the Truth amidst all people with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the All-Merciful revealed in His perspicuous Book. The glory shining from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of the Manifestation and held fast unto the Sure Handle in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

=== END BH07144 ===

=== START BH07145 ===

He is the One Who speaks before all faces! God, the Lord of the worlds, bears witness that the Promise has come and the Promised One has appeared with manifest sovereignty. He has ordained the laws and sent down the Book and made manifest His straight Path. He has spoken before all faces and informed all of the Great News. Blessed art thou for having desired that which is praiseworthy in the days of thy Lord, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. When the scratching of My Pen attracted thee and thou didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and for having made me recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by them who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and spent what they possessed for the exaltation of Thy Word and the hearkening unto Thy Cause, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. Then I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all being and the All-Compelling over the seen and unseen, to ordain for my mention an influence from Thee and a power from Thy presence, that it may guide Thy servants to Thy Most Great Path and draw them nigh unto Thy Most Mighty Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07145 ===

=== START BH07146 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God did bear witness before the creation of the heavens and the earth: that there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty wherewith all that hath been created through the Word of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, cannot withstand. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. We counsel thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the divines who cast the command of God behind their backs and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies have slipped. Should anyone come unto you with the evidences of Satan, cast them behind you, as bidden by God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. The raven hath croaked and the voice of Satan hath been raised throughout creation. Thus doth inform you He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. O people of God! Shun ye those who have denied God, the Lord of existence. We send from this spot Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land and give them glad tidings of My sealed choice wine.

=== END BH07146 ===

=== START BH07147 ===

He is the Eternal!

My hair beareth witness for My Beauty that verily I am God and that there is none other God but Me. In My ancient eternity I have ever been God, the One, the Peerless, the Everlasting, the Ever-Living, the Ever-Abiding, the Self-Subsistent.

O denizens of the everlasting Realm! Let your ears be attentive to the stirrings of this restless and agitated hair, as it moveth upon the Sinai of Fire, within the precincts of Light, this celestial Seat of divine Revelation. Indeed there is no God besides Me. In My most ancient pre-existence I have ever been the King, the Sovereign, the Incomparable, the Eternal, the Single, the Everlasting, the Most Exalted.

O peoples of the heavens and of the earth! Were ye to sanctify your ears ye would hear My hair proclaim that there is none other God except Him, and that He is One in His Essence and in everything that beareth relationship unto Him. And yet how fiercely have you cavilled at this Beauty, notwithstanding that the outpourings of His grace have encompassed all that dwell in the billowing oceans of His Revelation and Creation. Be ye fair therefore in your judgement concerning His upright Religion, for the love of this Youth Who is riding high upon the snow-white She-Camel betwixt earth and heaven; and be ye firm and steadfast in the path of Truth.

=== END BH07147 ===

=== START BH07148 ===

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds! Blessed are those souls who in this divine Day have attained unto the infinite outpourings. Every deed that appeareth today purely for the sake of God is the king of deeds, and every goodly attribute that is manifested by anyone is and shall be the sovereign of attributes, inasmuch as this Day is associated with God, exalted be His glory. Thy letter hath come before Us and the servant present hath read it. We have answered thee with this clear Book. Thy petition was presented before the Most Holy Court. God willing, thou shalt attain unto this most wondrous answer which hath descended from the heaven of favor and act according to that which God loveth. Know thou the value of this bounty, for nothing that existeth on earth can equal the words of God. He Who possesseth the knowledge of the Book beareth witness unto this. Strive thou to attain unto that which shall cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher. The glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH07148 ===

=== START BH07149 ===

To the wife of Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon them both be the Glory of God

He is the All-Manifest, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

Blessed is the leaf who heard the call of the Divine Lote-Tree and held fast unto it. This is a Day wherein the divine Lote-Tree calleth out with Its most exalted voice unto Its servants and handmaidens, while likewise the Tree of Zaqqum is occupied with leading the people astray. Blessed are they who were not prevented by the clamor of the world from turning to the Lord of Eternity, who advanced with utmost steadfastness and partook of the most pure wine. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight

path. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the presence of One upon whom the glance of divine favor hath ever been focused. Know thou this bounty, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. The entire world cannot equal a single mention from among the mentions of God. Be thou assured of God's grace and mercy. Verily He remembered thee before and remembereth thee at this time. We send Our greetings from this spot upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07149 ===

=== START BH07150 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Blessed art thou, O thou who walkest in the path of God, who hast migrated unto Him, and who hast turned thy face toward His countenance, according to His exalted Word: "Whithersoever ye turn, there is the face of God." Thou hast attained, and witnessed, and heard. Blessed be thine eye, and thine ear, and thy countenance! Detach thyself from all else but God, then remember Him in thy coming and going. Make thy provision reliance upon Him, and thy work that which draweth thee nigh unto Him, and thy strength that which maketh thee purified from the mention of aught else but Him. And when thou seest My loved ones, mention to them what thou hast heard and witnessed. Say: Forget not the Youth, for He hath fallen into a mighty pit, yet the heat of God's love hath seized Him in such wise that no occupation distracteth Him, nor can anything extinguish it though all the seas of the world be poured upon it. Give thanks unto God for having shed thy blood in the presence of His countenance and caused it to flow upon thy body in His love. This, verily, is a mighty favor. Remind My loved ones on My behalf, that they may be set ablaze with the fire of My love between the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07150 ===

=== START BH07151 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! Well is it with thee, O Muhammad, in that thou hast rent asunder the veils and won unto the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, from the heaven of the Unseen He calleth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of this Remembrance which God hath made the Dawning-Place of all remembrances. Thy letter hath come before Our presence, and We have learned what was therein. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet which God hath made the Dawning-Place of guidance amidst all beings and the Path of God for all who are in the earth and the heavens. Say: Where are they who seek? By God, He Who is sought after hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all possibility. And where are they who yearn? The Object of yearning hath come with greatness and power. We counsel thee with that wherewith We counseled the sincere ones in the Scriptures and Tablets, and We have adorned thee with the ornament of utterance that thy mention might endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all religions. When thou winnest unto the Tablet of God and the trace of His Most Exalted Pen, prostrate thyself before thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Master

of all necks." We had sent down unto thee aforetime a Tablet that thou mightest find from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful among the servants.

=== END BH07151 ===

=== START BH07152 ===

Hadi, my brother who has migrated unto God! He is the One Who warbles upon the branches. Blessed is he who has risen, detached from vain imaginings and arisen to serve humanity - he is indeed of the people of this glorious horizon. Choose ye for others what ye choose for yourselves. Thus doth the Pen of God, the Ever-Moving, the All-Knowing Mover, counsel you. Through It the world hath been moved and that which lay hidden in the treasury of knowledge and utterance hath been manifested. Blessed are they who possess understanding. It behooveth whosoever hath held fast unto this Cord to be a source of good to all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have intended by "heaven" in certain stations the most exalted stations, that ye may become aware of that which your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath purposed. Say: O people of creation! Put away hatred and animosity, and adorn your temples with the raiment of love and unity and your heads with the crowns of amity and concord. This is what ye have been commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Thy mention hath been made at the Most Great Horizon, and this luminous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Read it with joy and delight, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH07152 ===

=== START BH07153 ===

He is the Speaker of Truth!

Blessed is he who has found himself in My presence, attained to My favor, and drunk from the choice wine of My bounty which has been sealed from time immemorial and concealed from the eyes of My servants and My creation. Thus has My Pen spoken while I was established upon the throne in My prison, uttering My praise and pointing with My finger toward My creation.

O My servants! Hearken unto My call. By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing has come upon clouds of light. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of His manifestation and His grace which has preceded the world, and His mercy which has encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a favor from Him upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Take My perspicuous Book in thy right hand in the name of the Lord of all beings and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Thou art He Who hath remembered me and summoned me unto Thee on a day whereon every doubting scholar turned away from Thee. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance in My wondrous Name.

=== END BH07153 ===

=== START BH07154 ===

His honor Muhammad-Baqir, the peerless friend, says that the world was created and nations emerged from the realm of nothingness into being so that perchance they might discover and know the cause and reason for their existence and creation. Ages have passed and centuries completed, yet they have not yet comprehended from whence they came, whither they go, and for what purpose they have come. Glory be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne! Glory be to God, the Lord of the exalted seat! Every person of understanding is bewildered and every person of intelligence is deep in thought. We beseech God to grant success to all, that they may not remain deprived of the ocean of knowledge and bereft of the kingdom of insight. The deeds of His servants themselves have prevented them from the Lord of creation; otherwise His overflowing grace has been and will ever be all-encompassing and all-surrounding. His abundant bounty has encompassed the world and His all-embracing generosity has surrounded all. Blessed is he who holds fast unto Him! Woe unto every doubting denier!

=== END BH07154 ===

=== START BH07156 ===

He is God, the Exalted

Your excellency's letter has been received. It showed great kindness and was productive of the utmost joy and happiness, gladness and delight. It is obvious that, whatever is done by your excellency, it will not be deficient. In reality, what you are doing involves good-will towards the King of the Age (and his government?), for a large number (of people) will arise to pray for the continuation of his rule; in all the provinces of Iran, there shall endure until the resurrection continued well-wishing for the King of the Age and for yourself. I have not until now referred to any matter before any government. We hope, therefore, that, through your excellency's attention, this matter may come to a conclusion, that all may, in the utmost ease, devote themselves to speaking of the continuation of (the king's) rule.

(I remain) obedient to your command.

The purpose of this letter is to show gratitude to your excellency for having shown the greatest kindness and having delivered the petition.

=== END BH07156 ===

=== START BH07157 ===

He Who is Possessor of All Names, the One All-Knowing God! Your petition hath been presented before the Most Holy Court. Praise be to the Lord of all the worlds that He hath provided for you that which His servants throughout infinite ages have longed and yearned for. Each one of the divines, mystics, theologians, men of letters and philosophers had conceived in his mind a notion of how the Manifestation of the Cause would appear, and awaited His advent according to those imaginary limitations which they had conceived. But He appeared contrary to all their conceptions. Thus were their imaginings proved vain, both then and now. Throughout all ages this matter hath been the cause of the deprivation of all peoples, as thou dost witness. Today the Living Waters surge before every eye, yet none

perceiveth or is aware save a few who, through God's grace, have attained thereunto. Know thou thine own station and regard this as a bounty from God. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!

=== END BH07157 ===

=== START BH07158 ===

O Mahmud Bey! He Who dawns from the horizon of proof! The divines, mystics and princes of the earth waited night and day to see when the horizon of the world would be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, and when the Countenance of the Promised One would descend from the heaven of the divine Will with the hosts of knowledge and utterance. But when the fragrance of that Day wafted and the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Cause, all remained veiled, nay, turned away. Their heedlessness reached such a state that they pronounced the death sentence upon that Essence of being. But God preserved Him through the truth in this Great Prison. That which is regarded today as the greatest of all deeds in the sight of God and is recorded as such is steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Hold fast unto it and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was before those who were heedless of Thy most great signs and who turned away from Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee to make me firm in Thy love and steadfast in Thy service. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07158 ===

=== START BH07159 ===

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power. They said: Your coming and going was like lightning - it was not clearly known when you sat or when you rose, and you bid farewell without being heard. Of such proofs there are many. In this case, making amends for what was lost is necessary. Then whenever circumstances require, we beseech God to assist you and confirm you in that which will cause the effects to appear throughout all regions. End. And then, may my spirit be sacrificed for your honor, my beloved, His Honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha] and His favors, sent a letter to this servant which arrived, and regarding certain matters concerning attention to this land they had requested instructions. Therefore, according to instructions a letter was written and sent for your honor to forward to one of the friends in Baku so that upon their arrival in that land, namely Baku, they may deliver it. Emphasis on this matter is necessary. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that God will assist and aid your honor at all times with the hosts of the seen and unseen and the forces of the heavens and earth. Verily He has power over all things. Praise and glory be upon your honor and upon God's sincere servants, and praise be to God, Lord of the worlds. The servant, on the 22nd of Shawwal 1303.

=== END BH07159 ===

=== START BH07161 ===

He is! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I bear witness at this moment when the waters of Oneness surge from the might of the fire of Thine eternity, and call out to Thee with an accent which none can recognize save those who have ascended to the heaven of the glory of Thy Self-Subsistence, that Thou art He Who

hath created all beings through Thy power and hath clothed them with the garment of Thy favor and the robe of Thy bounty, and hast deposited within them a love from Thee that they might be enraptured by Thy beauty and be drawn to the lights of Thy holiness. And Thou hast ordained for them nothing greater than this and more subtle than this. Therefore, O my God and my Beloved, have mercy upon those who have turned unto Thee and hastened to the court of Thy Cause and sought refuge in the shelter of Thy mercy and the stronghold of Thy grace, and who have beseeched the gems of Thy generosity and the treasuries of the outpouring of Thy bounty and the emblems of Thy forgiveness, and upon him who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs. And as Thou hast made him great in name, make him beloved in deed, that the sovereignty of Thy power may be manifested in the dominion of names and deeds, for verily Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH07161 ===

=== START BH07162 ===

He is the Mighty!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I call upon Thee in this hour when the clouds of Thy tribulation have been lifted up, and the mists of Thy decree have gathered, and the winds of hardship have blown from the dayspring of Thy Will, and the breezes of adversity from the setting-place of Thy Purpose - that Thou art God, the Sovereign, the Ever-Living, Who hath ever been sanctified from the description of aught else beside Thee and exalted above the praise of all else except Thyself. Thou didst create the world of immortality in the heaven of the cloud, and made its key from the essence of tribulation. Then didst Thou bring forth, through Thine ancient craftsmanship, the pearls of oneness, and then didst veil them, O my God, behind the veils of Thy protection and the coverings of Thy concealment. How blessed, then, is he who hath burned away the veils and rent asunder the shrouds and entered, by the key of Thy Name, into the city of Thy attributes, and entered, by Thy leave, into the pavilion of Thy knowledge. This being so, I beseech Thee by the essence of Thy hidden Name and the wonders of Thy manifest attributes to make us among those whom nothing hath deterred from attaining unto Thy presence, though the rains of Thy wrath and decree should pour down upon them. Verily, Thou art powerful over this, and omnipotent.

=== END BH07162 ===

=== START BH07163 ===

He is God, exalted be His radiance! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest what Thou seest, and dost witness what hath befallen this servant of Thine through that which the hands of Thy servants have wrought against him. They have assailed him and slandered him through their evil surmises and vain imaginings, and have slain him with the swords of their polytheism, and have imprisoned him in the jail of their unbelief, and have banished him from their lands and dwelling-places. They utter concerning him that which Thou hast not permitted them, and they transgress against Thee in attributing to Thy servant that for which they have no authority from Thee nor any Book from Thy presence. Thereby they seek to spread corruption in Thy land and to commit excess in Thy realm. I beseech Thee, therefore, O my God, by the fire of Thy Essence which cannot be quenched and by the light of Thine eternity which shall never fade, to make me a fortress for Thy servants and a barrier against the Gog of Thy creation, lest they

transgress the bounds which Thou hast ordained from Thy presence for the people of Thy earth and Thy heaven. Verily, Thou art the King, the Single One, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Impregnable.

=== END BH07163 ===

=== START BH07164 ===

He is the Ancient, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Before Thee stand these servants who have detached themselves from their homes, left their dwelling places, and traversed the paths of remoteness until they reached the places of nearness and witnessed in Thy path the heat of summer and the cold of winter, and were touched by such tribulations and hardships as Thou knowest in Thy knowledge and hast numbered through the measures of Thy Self-Subsistence. Their sole desire was to attain unto Thy presence, to enter the garden of Thy beauty, to arrive at the sanctuary of reunion with Thee, to prostrate themselves before the gate of Thy mercy, and to bow down before Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Spirit that hath filled the heavens and earth, to fill their hearts with the lights of the holiness of Thy mercy. Then cause the ears of their inner being to hear the melodies of the might of Thy Lordship, and enable them to witness with the eyes of their hearts the wonders of the handiwork of Thine eternity, that they may detach themselves from all else but Thee and turn with their whole being to the treasury of meeting with Thee. For in Thy hand is the kingdom of eternity and in Thy right hand the dominion of the heaven of unknowingness. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07164 ===

=== START BH07165 ===

He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou dost witness what Thou dost witness, how particles of evil and intimations of doubt have encompassed me, such that they have prevented me from entering the city of Thy reunion and soaring in the atmosphere of the glory of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee therefore, O my Beloved, by Him Whom Thou hast made the Ruler over all contingent beings and the Sovereign over all who dwell in the earths and the heavens, that Thou mayest purify my heart from the whisperings of Satan, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of might and certitude. Then enable me, O my God, to aid Thy Cause and assist Thy Faith, that I may sacrifice my spirit, my soul and my body before Thy Beauty and in beholding the lights of the glory of Thine eternity. Perchance I may be enabled to speed through the pavilions of the paradise of Thy oneness and the atmosphere of the holiness of Thine eternal detachment, for this is that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones and specified for Thy chosen ones. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to calm this pain which hath taken from me the reins of patience and forbearance from my inmost being, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of tranquility and the dominion of enablement, and Thou art verily the Almighty, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07165 ===

=== START BH07166 ===

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Glorified be Thou, O my God! Behold Thou my head ready to fall before the sword of Thy Will, my neck prepared to bear the chains of Thy Desire, my heart yearning to be made a target for the darts of Thy Decree, mine eyes expectant to gaze on the tokens and signs of Thy wondrous Mercy. For whatsoever may befall me from Thee is the cherished desire of them who thirst to meet Thee, and the supreme aspiration of such as have drawn nigh unto Thy court.

By the glory of Thy might, O Thou my Well-Beloved! To have sacrificed my life for the Manifestations of Thy Self, to have offered up my soul in the path of the Revealers of Thy wondrous Beauty, is to have sacrificed my spirit for Thy Spirit, my being for Thy Being, my glory for Thy glory. It is as if I had offered up all these things for Thy sake, and for the sake of Thy loved ones.

Though my body be pained by the trials that befall me from Thee, though it be afflicted by the revelations of Thy Decree, yet my soul rejoiceth at having partaken of the waters of Thy Beauty, and at having attained the shores of the ocean of Thine eternity. Doth it beseem a lover to flee from his beloved, or to desert the object of his heart's desire? Nay, we all believe in Thee, and eagerly hope to enter Thy presence.

=== END BH07166 ===

=== START BH07167 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! In the midst of sorrows moveth the Pen of the Most Merciful and maketh mention of all created things, that perchance they may cast away what they possess and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon - the station wherein the Lord of Names proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

O kings! Hearken ye unto My call and then judge fairly in My Cause. How long will ye follow your desires? Follow Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. He desireth to draw you nigh unto Him and to deliver you from that wherein ye are immersed. He, verily, is the Deliverer, the Savior, the Mighty, the Generous. By My life! That which ye possess shall profit you not. Soon shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss.

O peoples of the earth! Do ye deny Him Who speaketh the truth? Be fair and be not of the heedless. Cast away what ye have taken through your desires and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We made mention of them that exist and make mention of him who desireth to drink the choice wine sealed from the cup of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Adorn thy temple with the robe of holiness and thy heart with the remembrance of Me, the Gracious.

=== END BH07167 ===

=== START BH07168 ===

In the Name of God, the Ancient, the Everlasting!

We have been tried in God's path with tribulations such as none hath been tried with from time immemorial. They made My kindred captives and led them through the lands until they brought them to the Crooked Land. We sought help from no one, nor did We cling to any soul, but God shall raise up a king from among the kings of the earth who will help the Youth. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O loved ones of God! Aid your Lord in His earth that He may aid you in His heaven. Turn not your gaze to the world and whatsoever is therein, for soon shall perish whosoever walketh upon it, seeth in it, and is stirred by its breezes. Well is it with him who hath cleansed his garment from its dust and meeteth his Lord with a countenance sanctified from turning toward it. By God! He is numbered among the people of the All-Glorious Paradise, and the denizens of the Supreme Concourse shower their prayers upon him night and day. And praise be to God, the Lord of all beings, Who bringeth forth fruits from their shells and servants from the wombs. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07168 ===

=== START BH07170 ===

O Mirza Radi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Witness, the All-Hearing! The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised calleth the servants unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: He hath appeared with a Cause before which all the hosts of the world, and all the princes and kings, are powerless to stand. O people of the earth! We make mention of you at a time when sorrows have encompassed Us through that which the hands of the deniers of this blessed and manifest Light have wrought. They have imprisoned My Name and seized My loved ones, and there hath befallen them that which hath caused the Tongue of Grandeur to lament for them in a praiseworthy station. Beware lest the oppressors turn thee aside from the Dayspring of Justice. Hold thou fast unto the cord of grace, detached from every rejected idolator. We make mention of the servants at all times and summon them unto the All-Merciful. Among them are those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away and followed every heedless and veiled one. Place thy trust at all times in the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He will assist thee through His command "Be," and it is. Thus hath My Pen spoken and My Tongue made mention and My Face turned unto thee. Be thou grateful unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH07170 ===

=== START BH07172 ===

In the Name of Him Who is manifest in this bright horizon! The world hath been illumined by the Most Great Luminary, yet the people remain veiled in thick darkness. The Mount of Sinai hath soared with longing to attain the presence of God in this Revelation whose lights have encompassed all worlds. The dead have arisen when the verses were sent down, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted between earth and heaven. He who hath inhaled the fragrance hath attained unto the Purpose, and he who hath been deprived thereof is among the most wretched. Blessed is the countenance that hath turned toward the Face of the Beloved, and blessed is the heart that hath been illumined by this Sun through which those in the heavens and on earth have been enlightened. O people! Cast aside your idle

fancies and turn toward the Dayspring of certitude. Thus doth the All-Merciful command you, if ye be of them that know. We have been remembering the loved ones in the night seasons and at dawn, that the verses of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may draw them nigh. I beseech God to aid thee to assist His Cause, to enable thee to voice His praise, and to ordain for thee in the Kingdom that which He hath ordained for the sincere ones. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!

=== END BH07172 ===

=== START BH07173 ===

In the Name of Him Who has appeared from the horizon of power! We have manifested the Cause and sent down verses for those who have cast away vain imaginings and turned to the Dayspring of certitude. Through these verses We have recorded their names in a Book which none has comprehended save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were they to recognize this most great favor and this most luminous and pure station, they would soar in the atmosphere of My love which has preceded the worlds. How many a servant has attained the lights of the Face and been stirred by the breeze of revelation, and how many a servant has clung to every remote delusion. Soon shall they who have turned to God behold their sublime stations and give thanks to their Lord, the Bestower, the Generous. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hold fast to that which We have sent down for you from the heaven of might. By God! Nothing created in the contingent world can equal it. He Who speaks the truth bears witness to this - there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having drunk the sealed wine when the Self-Subsisting appeared with His wondrous Cause. Be thankful to God for this favor and say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of those who know!

=== END BH07173 ===

=== START BH07174 ===

He is the Beloved! God has gladdened your eyes through having chosen you for His remembrance and singled you out for His service and related you to His Self, the One Who oversees all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have often detected from you the sweet fragrances of the love of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed are you and those who love you for the sake of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By My life! You stand in the presence of your Lord. We bear witness that you are among those who stand before the Throne. Bear witness to that which God has witnessed and be of those who acknowledge. We often make mention of you. We beseech God to enable you to serve Him under all conditions and to aid you to do what He loves and is pleased with. He is with His sincere servants. You have attained to that which most of creation has not attained, and achieved that which the hands of the mystics could not reach. By My life! This suffices you, and it is among the gems of your Lord’s bestowals. Prostrate yourself and be of the thankful ones. What you sent has arrived and We have adorned your book with it, first that you might rejoice in the grace of your Ancient Lord. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07174 ===

=== START BH07176 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and sent down from the heaven of utterance the table of divine knowledge. Blessed is he who has attained and woe unto the heedless. Today the heavenly table is being sent down at every moment and bounty is descending from the heaven of generosity like a copious rain. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most great gift and have drunk from the sealed wine with the name of God, exalted be His glory. In this wine are concealed effects and hidden wisdoms. It sanctifies existence from all else save God and at every moment increases one's love for Him. It causes man to attain to such a station that he sees naught save God and regards all else as non-existent and null. This is of the bounty of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. You have ever been and continue to be remembered in the Holy Court. Through His grace, preserve this most great bounty and keep it hidden from the thieves and the treacherous. Thus has the Pen spoken while the Wronged One was in a mighty fortress and manifest prison.

=== END BH07176 ===

=== START BH07177 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty. The earth hath been rent, and that which lay concealed within it hath appeared by command of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The horizon of proof hath been illumined, and the Lord of Utterance hath come with a command before which neither the hosts of the earth can prevail, nor the clamor of the aggressive ones. The ocean hath revealed its pearls and its waves, stirred by the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafting from the dayspring of His firm and mighty command. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have favored thee with this Clear Book. When thou hast attained unto it, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging fast to Thee and to Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made a sword for the polytheists and a mercy for them that believe in Thy unity, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Then preserve me, O my God, from the evil of Thine enemies and from the oppression of the aggressive ones among Thy servants. Verily Thou art He Whom neither the armies of Iran and Rome can frustrate, nor the hosts of princes and kings. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07177 ===

=== START BH07178 ===

O Afnan, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon thee be the Most Great, Most Holy Glory of God! God hath dawned forth from the horizon of the Prison upon thee, O thou who hast turned towards God, the Cleaver of the Dawn! Blessed is the soul that hath turned with his heart to the Dayspring of verses. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and that which draweth thee nigh

unto the Mighty, the Bestower hath been revealed unto thee. Verily they who have turned away, these shall find no guide today. And they who have turned towards Him shall soon behold that which hath been ordained for them from the Revealer of verses. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the mention of Our wondrous Name, through which the great terror hath appeared amongst mankind. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Through it were shaken the pillars of idols, and the Evil One did lament, and leg was joined unto leg. When We arrived at the Prison We desired to convey unto the kings the messages of their Lord, the Lord of all men, that they might know that tribulation hath not prevented God from exercising His sovereignty. He ordaineth as He pleaseth. He is verily the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. It behooveth every soul to remain steadfast in the Cause in such wise that affliction shall not hinder him from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all lords.

=== END BH07178 ===

=== START BH07179 ===

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise. The Ancient Beauty hath turned His face toward the world, and verily He is the Most Great Name, calling out with the most exalted call and bringing glad tidings to those in the kingdom of creation, unto God, the Sender of winds. Verily he who hath heard and turned unto Him is numbered in the Book among the people of Paradise. He verily prayeth for those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His pledge, to which the Tongue of God doth testify from the most exalted station. Blessed is the soul that hath acted according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in His Most Holy Book, which hath been adorned with laws. Say: Verily the Book is a heaven which We have adorned with the stars of commandments and prohibitions, as attested by Him Who possesseth the Mother Book. He who hath taken hold of God's Book with the hand of might is of the people of Baha, and he who hath turned away is among those who have gone astray. Thus hath My tongue spoken and My Pen moved and My face turned, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those possessed of certitude. This Book hath been sent down for those who have acknowledged God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

=== END BH07179 ===

=== START BH07180 ===

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Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I yield Thee thanks for having enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thyself, and for having severed me from Thine enemies, and laid bare before mine eyes their misdeeds and wicked works in Thy days, and for having rid me of all attachment to them, and caused me to turn wholly towards Thy grace and bountiful favors. I give Thee thanks, also, for having sent down upon me from the clouds of Thy will that which hath so sanctified me from the hints of the infidels and the allusions of the misbelievers that I have fixed my heart firmly on Thee, and fled from such as have denied the light of Thy countenance. Again I thank Thee for having empowered me to be steadfast in Thy love, and to speak forth Thy praise and to extol Thy virtues, and for having given me to drink of the cup of Thy mercy that hath surpassed all things visible and invisible.

Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving.

=== END BH07180 ===

=== START BH07181 ===

O Mir Taj'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God.

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused throughout all lands. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant present hath laid it before Him. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: My God, my God! Thy remembrance hath attracted me, Thy call hath stirred me, the breathings of Thy revelation have quickened me, and the manifestations of Thy bounty have encompassed me. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, taking refuge at Thy threshold and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word through which Thou didst create earth and heaven, and by Thy Prophets and Messengers, and by the lights of the dawn of Thy Manifestation, to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to keep me from what Thou hast forbidden through Thy wisdom and Thy will. Then write down for me, O my God, that which will gladden my heart, expand my breast, and bring joy to mine eyes. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07181 ===

=== START BH07183 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Your letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity towards God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have answered thee with this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and arise to serve the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Know thou the value of these days and glorify thy Lord with praise, through Whom every decreed matter hath been made manifest. God willing, may all the loved ones of the All-Merciful be engaged in the remembrance of the Truth with the utmost joy and delight. The call of the friends was heard and their turning to the Divine Countenance was witnessed. We beseech God to draw them ever closer to Him and to assist them to be steadfast in His Cause. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. This is a Day wherein all must cling to the hem of Truth and, with perfect detachment and sincerity, give voice to His remembrance. Strive that perchance in this transient world ye may attain unto everlasting stations. All are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and are beheld in the Most Great Prison. The glory from God, the Generous Bestower, be upon you.

=== END BH07183 ===

=== START BH07184 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Your letter has come into the presence of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and We have answered you as the Lord of Eternity emerged from the Most Great Prison and established His throne in an exalted place. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the praise and mention of God, and for having drunk from His utterance the Kawthar and Salsabil. Beseech God to protect those who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon from those who speak according to their own desires - verily, they are among the abased ones. The crier has cried out, and will soon cry out in the cities of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is what We foretold you before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Remind those who are heedless with wisdom and utterance, that they might forsake what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power. Verily, He is with His servants who are firm. Thus have We adorned the horizon of thy letter with the sun of the mention of thy Lord's name, the Mighty, the Great. Rejoice thou in this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Wronged One of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lonely Stranger.

=== END BH07184 ===

=== START BH07185 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have rent asunder the veils and sent down the verses, that perchance the people may attain certitude through the meeting with their Lord. Every party has been held back by the imaginings they possess, and hath turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people, abandon what ye possess and hold fast unto that which your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, commandeth you. Nothing shall profit you this day, nor shall the treasures of the earth avail you, could ye but know. Beware lest vain imaginings withhold you from the direction of My Hidden Name. Draw nigh unto God and be not of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved. That which ye possess shall perish and that which hath been ordained shall endure in a preserved Tablet. The Beloved calleth you at all times, yet ye perceive it not. Ye have been prevented from this bounty by following those who cling to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Remember Him as thou hast remembered from this praiseworthy horizon. Thus doth the Pen of Command move to make mention of thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord for this manifest bounty.

=== END BH07185 ===

=== START BH07186 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God hath created all beings for the recognition of this Day, yet when it appeared, every heedless and remote soul turned away therefrom. Blessed is the one possessed of such strength that the affairs of creation prevented him not, and blessed is the one who hath remembered and uttered this wise remembrance. They were waiting for My days, yet when I manifested My Self they disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! This is the Revelation of God which hath come with truth, but most of the people are among the heedless. He is indeed the One Whom God had aforetime mentioned through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. O people! Fear ye God and deprive not yourselves of this choice wine whose seal hath been broken by the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Take ye the

chalice of utterance in My name, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom by My leave and My will. Thus doth command you He in Whose possession is a preserving Tablet. We have sent down the Book and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest rejoice therein and be of them that render thanks. Hold fast unto that which hath been revealed in the Book and turn away from those who have turned away from the Face, inasmuch as they followed every rebellious devil.

=== END BH07186 ===

=== START BH07187 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance!

We have mentioned thee before from My Most Exalted Pen, and We mention thee at this time that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein thou art mentioned. We have remembered thee with that which neither all the treasures of the world nor every hidden pearl can equal. Blessed is the tongue that hath testified to that which God hath testified, and the heart that hath been set ablaze with the fire of love for its Lord, the King of Kings. Say: O concourse of the world! By God, the Most Great Name hath come, which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in every unfurled scroll, every sealed book, and every recorded tablet. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not those who have clung to the idols of fancy and vain imaginings. Leave what the people possess and put your trust in the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He is with you, hearing and seeing. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined with the light of proof. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe unto every denier and rejected one.

=== END BH07187 ===

=== START BH07188 ===

O Mirza Kazim!

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth! We have adorned the Books of the past with mention of this Day and with that which hath been manifested in truth, yet every heedless and remote soul hath turned away from it. We have named this Day the Day of God - to this the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, bear witness. But when He came in truth, every soul clung to what it possessed and denied the One, the All-Informed. Say: This is a Day wherein none should be mentioned save God alone - to this My Most Exalted Pen and the Tongue of Grandeur in this luminous horizon bear witness. Arise in My Name and say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not every accursed Satan. By God! He hath come through Whose praise and mention the Bayan was honored - to this do those who are fair-minded bear witness. We have desired naught for Our Self; We have sacrificed it for the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus hath the stream of life flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have endured tribulations in My straight Path.

=== END BH07188 ===

=== START BH07189 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

The Wronged One hath heard thy call and what was inscribed in thy letter, and answereth thee from His mighty prison. Verily He hath appeared to hear and to proclaim and to succor whosoever seeketh succor from his Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and turned unto Him from Whom most of mankind have turned away. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to know Him and to confirm thee in steadfastness in His Cause. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter was received and its contents were heard. God willing, may they be blessed with the outpourings of the rain of divine mercy. Praise be to the Goal of the world Who confirmed thee and guided thee to His straight path. God willing, thou shouldst, with perfect sanctity and detachment - that is, with a heart purified from doubts and the allusions of the world - occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Lord of Names and preserve it as thy very life. Thus doth He counsel thee, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07189 ===

=== START BH07190 ===

He is the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing

We have heard thy call and thy lamentation, and witnessed thy turning and thy devotion. We beseech God to make thee one of the letters of His Book, and to purify thee from whatsoever is unseemly in His days, and to sanctify thee from the conditions of His creatures who are overcome by desire and who have turned away from the Lord of all beings. May He write down for thee, through His Most Exalted Pen, that which befitteth His loftiness and transcendence, through His bounty and generosity and favors. May He forgive thee through His grace and assist thee in that which diffuseth the fragrance of His good-pleasure, and draw thee nigh unto Him, and provide thee with the good of this world and of the next. The Wronged One maketh mention of him who was named Husayn and giveth him the glad-tidings of My turning toward him and My remembrance of him, that he may rejoice and give thanks unto his Lord, besides Whom there is none other God, and through Whom was revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the scriptures and tablets and books. He, verily, is the Straight Path and the Great Announcement through which the hearts of the righteous were assured and the hearts of the deniers were disturbed. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07190 ===

=== START BH07191 ===

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified above all mention! We have heard the call of Our loved ones and have answered them, for verily I am the Hearer, the Answerer. O Hasan! He Who hath shown kindness to the world and hath come with a sovereignty before which all the hosts of the earth combined cannot stand, maketh mention of thee at this moment. To this testifieth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most

Bountiful. This is a Day wherein mysteries have been revealed, fruits have appeared, and the heavenly table hath been sent down; yet the people remain in grievous blindness. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O Thou Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent names to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have offered up their lives in Thy path. Thou, verily, hast power to do as Thou pleasest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We make mention, too, of thy family and those that are with thee, as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the Most Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Upon thee and upon them be the glory from the presence of One Who is mighty and powerful.

=== END BH07191 ===

=== START BH07192 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to that which the tongue of My grandeur testified before the creation of My heaven and My earth - that there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath recognized Him Who is known and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of existence. The time for words hath passed and the day for deeds hath come, would that ye knew it. Gone are the days of fancy and vain imaginings, and come is the day of certitude, would that ye understood. O My loved ones in My lands! Hold ye fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to the hem of My luminous and blessed robe. O thou who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Summit! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee purely for the sake of God and biddeth thee to be steadfast in this noble and exalted Cause. Beware lest human conditions prevent thee from Him Who is the Lord of destiny. Leave what the people possess, taking hold of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My grace, which hath encompassed both the unseen and the visible. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the Wronged One in this praiseworthy station. When thou hearest and recognizeth, render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH07192 ===

=== START BH07193 ===

He is the One manifest above all things. My tongue hath testified to My Self, and My Self hath testified to My Temple, and this is a testimony which, were God to reveal it, would cause the highest to become the lowest, the pillars to quake, hearts to be perturbed, and souls to tremble. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the kingdom of Mine utterance. Blessed is he who hath caused his will to be annihilated in My will and hath attained to the affirmation of that which hath descended from the heaven of My will and flowed from My Pen. He is of the people of the paradise of My knowledge and the companions of My Ark, which the All-Merciful hath mentioned in His perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having been sent down unto thee this Tablet wherein the Wronged One, the Imprisoned, the Stranger, hath testified and confessed to His own Self. When thou attainest unto it, render thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, and say: "I testify that Thou hast manifested that which lay hidden in the treasuries of the unseen and concealed in the repositories of Thine infallibility. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

=== END BH07193 ===

=== START BH07194 ===

O Ali-'Askar! He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses that there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Balance hath appeared and verily it speaketh throughout the world and summoneth the peoples unto God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. That which was recorded in the books of old from the Pen of God, the Lord of all beings, hath been made manifest. When that which was hidden was revealed and that which was concealed appeared, the people arose in opposition save those who took refuge in the stronghold of the protection of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We have ordained for every soul a station beneath the shadow of My Most Great Mercy. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and woe unto every denier and infidel. When thou hast been honored with My remembrance, give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee in the prison and revealed verses unto thee. Remember thy wife on My behalf and say: Give thanks unto thy Lord for having attained unto His days and heard His call which hath been raised from this Station. The Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon thy son and upon those who have attained unto the Sovereign of Days.

=== END BH07194 ===

=== START BH07195 ===

In His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Single, the All-Knowing!

The Most Great Talisman hath appeared in this Square which God hath made the source and return of creation. Through it the vessel of wisdom and utterance hath been unsealed. Blessed is he who hath recognized it, and woe unto them that deny! Through it God hath made the weakest of His servants the mightiest. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth. God hath manifested Me for the reformation of the world. Abandon dissimulation and hold fast unto unity. Thus doth He command you Who possesseth the knowledge of the heavens and the earth. Be ye guides of the Merciful One amidst all creation. Set right your mutual differences through this Name that ruleth over the worlds. Look not unto your own desires but unto that which your Lord, the Ancient of Days, hath desired. O thou who hast turned towards Me! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor. Verily, nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He seeth him who turneth towards Him and heareth the sighing of the lovers.

=== END BH07195 ===

=== START BH07196 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the Evident

The Throne hath appeared and there hath sat upon it the Temple of God, Lord of the unseen and the seen. And at the first moment of His sitting, He shed His effulgence upon all things through all names. Exalted be the Creator of heaven, Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path. Say: O

people, recognize ye the worth of these days and follow not those who have followed every ignorant remote one. Be ye the page of remembrance and utterance unto all who dwell within the realm of contingent being, and the ark of certitude unto the followers of all religions. Thus doth command you He in Whose possession is a glorious Book. Blessed is he who associateth with all peoples in a spirit of utmost kindliness and good-fellowship, and telleth them of this announcement with which every mighty book and every perspicuous tablet hath been adorned. Take what thou hast been commanded by God and leave the people to what they possess. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Counsellor. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the Most Great Steadfastness, which We have enjoined upon all. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

=== END BH07196 ===

=== START BH07197 ===

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger

The hidden and treasured Mystery hath appeared before all faces, calling aloud and saying: The Promised One hath come with such sovereignty that all the hosts of the earth combined cannot withstand Him. To this beareth witness every discerning soul. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the Mother Book is verily the One mentioned by the tongues of the Messengers. O Ja'far! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Most Great Scene, wherein the Wronged One calleth and summoneth humanity unto the Lord of Destiny, through Whom every hidden matter hath been revealed and every wise remembrance hath come to light. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from the Lord of all mankind. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then read it among the sincere ones. Thus hath the Cock of the Throne crowed forth in this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by One Who is the Mighty, the Ancient. Glory be upon the people of glory who were not prevented by the might of the world from His Straight Path. Upon them pray the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne, by the command of One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07197 ===

=== START BH07198 ===

In His Name, Who is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O Mashhadi Aqa Muhammad! The Most Great Vision hath appeared, and the Lord of Destiny speaketh therein that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. All things have perceived the fragrance of the utterance of the Lord of Names, yet most of the people comprehend not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, having followed the book of their own selves - nay, they perceive it not. That which was promised unto the servants hath come to pass. Well is it with the one possessed of such strength that he hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon in such wise that the hosts could not weaken him. Say: By God! This is a Book from which the followers of true knowledge, who have borne witness to that which God hath testified - that there is none other God but Him, the

Mighty, the Loving - perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Thus have We sent down the verses from the heaven of utterance and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest thank the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. From this station do We send Our greetings upon the faces of My loved ones who have fulfilled My Covenant and My Testament, and who have clung to the hem of My sacred and beloved robe. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. He will surely reward thee through His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH07198 ===

=== START BH07199 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The Book of the Dawn hath appeared from this Most Great Horizon, and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The fragrance of the spiritual garden hath been wafted from the breezes of Revelation, and the ocean of certitude hath surged through this wondrous and glorious movement. O peoples of the world! Turn ye unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not of them that slumber. Say: Arise through My Name, then speak forth My beauteous praise. I created all things for the knowledge of the Lord of Names. Yet when the veil was lifted and the lights of the Countenance shone forth from the Supreme Horizon, they opposed and turned away from Him, save those who drank the pure wine of inspiration from the utterance of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto that which is approved and hath wrought in the path of God that whereby the hearts of the troubled were tranquillized. Be ye a sign of assurance unto the people of possibility, and the fragrances of the All-Merciful amidst the worlds. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who, when they heard, responded, and when they were called, turned towards the manifest horizon.

=== END BH07199 ===

=== START BH07200 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved!

The divine fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted through all creation, and those who are sincere are in manifest ecstasy. The fragrance of the garment hath been diffused, yet the people remain in heedlessness and mighty veils. Blessed is he who hath cast aside what the people possess and taken what hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, and give him the glad-tidings of a noble station - that which in the Qur'an was named the Praised Station, and in another place the Remote Mosque. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Interpreter. Give thanks unto God for having turned unto the Desired One and recognized that which most of the servants have failed to recognize. This, verily, is a great bounty. Grieve not over this world. Rather, rejoice in this Tablet through which the breeze of God hath wafted over the world and illumined the faces of those who have turned towards Him. We give glad-tidings to those who have believed in God when there came to them the Manifestation of His Essence, Who proclaimeth: "Verily,

there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." Say: Hold fast unto steadfastness, for the wolf howleth and the people are in manifest doubt.

=== END BH07200 ===

=== START BH07201 ===

In His Name, the Self-Subsisting Over All Names!

The divine fragrance hath been wafted throughout the world, and the Ancient Source hath appeared with clear proof and evidence. Among the people are those who, upon hearing the Call from the direction of transcendent glory, have turned toward God, the Lord of Names, while others have turned away and followed every repudiating infidel. Say: O people! By God, that which ye possess will profit you not this Day. Turn ye with humility and contrition unto the Dayspring of grace. On this Day none shall find refuge, nor shall any soul find rest save in that Spot which hath been mentioned in the Scriptures and Tablets. Well is it with thee for having desired what the Lord of the world desired, and for having recognized that which every wrongdoing deceiver failed to recognize. Render thanks unto God for having attained unto the Most Great Ocean when the nations turned away therefrom, save those whom thy Lord, the Possessor of all Religions, willed. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness amidst all creatures, then make mention of the Lord of all mankind throughout the nights and days. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the Revelation with the lights of wisdom and utterance, as a grace from God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH07201 ===

=== START BH07202 ===

He is the All-Manifest, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O Abdul-Husayn, son of K! Your letter attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One in this noble station, at an hour when the Ancient Beauty was seated upon the Most Great Throne, speaking forth: "There is no God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful." We have observed your turning unto Us, and We have turned unto you; We have heard your call and have answered you with that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of knowledge and wisdom. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks for My turning unto thee, then praise Me for My loving-kindness towards thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Gentle, the All-Merciful. Blessed are they who have migrated in the path of God and have borne hardships in His Day, the Mighty, the Wondrous. There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no other among all the servants, and likewise those who have turned towards this luminous horizon. Grieve not at the deeds of those who have disbelieved. Rather, rejoice in that which hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have borne hardships for My Name and have migrated for love of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH07202 ===

=== START BH07203 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Your letter attained the presence of the Wronged One and was honored to be heard in the prison of Him Who was imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. By the life of God! This is the hour wherein the Most Great Sea surgeth by reason of that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, whereby the sweet savors of the All-Merciful have been wafted throughout all contingent being. Thus doth speak He Who is the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My Name! We have permitted thee to attain Our presence as a bounty on Our part. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a mighty Tablet. Grieve not over anything. Hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted above all else. By thy life! Whosoever hath clung to the hem of My robe must in all conditions be oriented toward the Most Sublime Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Drink thou the Kawthar of joy in the name of thy Lord, then make mention of Him at morn and eventide. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him and My loving-kindness toward him, that he may rejoice and be of those who are filled with gladness. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Wronged One in this perspicuous Book.

=== END BH07203 ===

=== START BH07204 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. The people of the Qur'an have done unto the family of the Apostle what they did aforetime, and Muhammad, the Apostle of God, bewaileth, in the all-highest Paradise, their acts, but the people do not understand. They rejoice in what they have wrought, even as those who slew Husayn rejoiced. Take ye warning, and be not of them that understand not. Such tyranny hath appeared that the heavens have lamented, and they who have believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Pen is ashamed to recount what hath befallen the daughter of the Prophet, and the tongue confesseth its powerlessness to describe this calamity that hath encompassed both the kingdom of earth and heaven. We have mentioned unto thee what hath befallen My Name Ha from those who have denied God from time immemorial, as their deeds do testify. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Soon shall the world and the glory of them that oppressed pass away. Then shall they find themselves in the abyss of divine punishment, with none to deliver them from that which God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath ordained for them.

=== END BH07204 ===

=== START BH07205 ===

O Jinab-i-Karbila'i Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name which shineth forth from My Most Exalted Horizon! One hath asked: "Hath the Resurrection come to pass?" Say: "Yea, by My All-Knowing, All-Wise Self!" "Hath the Hour arrived?" Say: "Yea, by the Lord of the Mighty Throne!" "Have the Signs been sent down?" "By God! They have filled the horizons, if thou be of them that know." "Hath the Balance been set up?" "By God! It proclaimeth and speaketh forth amongst creation, to which every discerning one doth testify." O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with a manifest sovereignty. Be thou thankful unto

thy Lord for having turned unto thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and remembered thee with that which the remembrances of the world and what is with the nations cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Expounder. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent thee from thy Lord, the Possessor of Names. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, steadfast in the service of My Cause, and hold fast unto My luminous Robe. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast to the Cord of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07205 ===

=== START BH07206 ===

O Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! We were gazing toward the prison in Ta (Tehran) and saw the friends who were imprisoned without evidence or warrant. We heard their yearning in separation from God and saw their tears shed in love for God, the Exalted, the Great. Verily the oppressor was deluded by wealth until he rose against the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Woe unto thee, O remote oppressor! Soon shalt thou see the Cause above thy head and thyself in manifest loss. Abandon that which deluded thee and take what hath come from God, that He may forgive thee and remit thy misdeeds, O heedless evil one! We heard mention of thee, made mention of thee, and sent thee this clear Book. Let not the affairs of creation grieve thee. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desired One of the worlds! The manifest peace from the Abode of Peace be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the strong cord of God.

=== END BH07206 ===

=== START BH07207 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Haji Abu'l-Hasan, upon thee be the Glory of God! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne every year until these years when My loved ones who spoke forth My praise and openly acknowledged what God hath sent down in the Mother Book were imprisoned. By this the Books of God have lamented and tears have flowed from the eyes of those through whom eyes were consoled. The Wronged One remembereth thee when sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides. Say: His sorrow is a manifestation of His loving-kindness and a revelation of His grace. By the life of God! Were He to desire it, He would seize all through but one word from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation cup after cup and chalice after chalice. All this is from Our favor upon thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath drunk the cup of My praise and the Kawthar of My knowledge. He is among the most exalted of creation in the Scriptures and Tablets. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of certitude, turning away from idle fancies and vain imaginings.

=== END BH07207 ===

=== START BH07208 ===

In His Name, the Most High, Who transcends the mention of what was and what shall be!

Verses have been sent down in such measure that none can reckon them save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Supreme Pen moves in the arena of praise and remembrance. Blessed is he who hath heard and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. The Word hath so influenced the rocks that rivers have flowed from them, yet it hath not influenced those whose eyes are blinded from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon and whose ears are deafened to hearkening unto this perspicuous utterance. We summon all to that which profiteth them, yet they hasten to the Evil One and are not among those who perceive. We show them the light that shineth throughout the world, yet they pursue the fire. They are indeed among those who wander distracted. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which hath been sent down from My kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus have We sheltered thee beneath the shade of the Tree of Utterance as a grace from the All-Merciful. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

=== END BH07208 ===

=== START BH07209 ===

O Muhammad, My brother who hath emigrated and attained! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. The verses have been sent down and the clear tokens have appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Resurrection hath come to pass and the Hour hath struck, yet the people are in evident doubt. How many a ruler hath been prevented from attaining the presence of the Countenance, and how many a poor one hath attained and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know!” Blessed is the servant who hath today hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, and woe unto him who hath denied His Manifestation and disputed His verses - he is accounted among the idolaters in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Fear God, O people, and deny not Him Who hath come with the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration from the horizon of your Lord’s decree, the All-Speaking, the All-Seeing. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, when the Wronged One was in His mighty prison. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and to grant thee victory in this Day wherein the seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken by the finger of the Almighty. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every steadfast, firm one.

=== END BH07209 ===

=== START BH07210 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the All-Wise! We have sent down the verses and expounded them in truth. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of wisdom and exposition, that haply the people may turn unto the Countenance and witness that which God hath witnessed from time immemorial - that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the one possessed of sight who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and the one possessed of hearing who hath heard that which the Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath uttered, and the poor one who hath turned toward the Ocean of wealth, and the seeker who hath sought His exalted House. Verily, he who hath believed today in God and His signs hath attained

unto all good, and he who hath been prevented is accounted among the losers. O people of Baha! By God, ye have prospered in your trading. Soon shall ye find yourselves in a station that cannot be described in words nor encompassed by the descriptions of those who know. Be thankful unto God for this bounty. Verily, He is with you under all conditions and will aid you in that whereunto ye have been called by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH07210 ===

=== START BH07211 ===

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth! There hath come upon Us in this Prison that which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Tribulations have encompassed Us from every direction. We give thanks unto God at all times - no decree hath prevented Us from the remembrance of God and His sovereignty. We have been speaking at all times that there is no God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have summoned the people unto God - among them are those who have turned toward Him and those who have turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils at his final destination and hath turned his face toward the countenance of his Lord, the Luminous, the Radiant. The people have been deluded by their wealth and it hath prevented them from My Straight Path. Among them are those whom knowledge hath prevented from the Known One, and those whom vain imaginings have veiled from the horizon of certitude. We counsel Our loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause through which the limbs of the world have quaked and every lofty mountain been scattered in dust. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this Most Great Prison.

=== END BH07211 ===

=== START BH07212 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have enjoined wisdom upon Our servants lest there occur that which would disturb the hearts of humanity. We have removed the law of contention, for verily I am the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Just, the All-Wise. Whoso followeth My commandments, he is of the people of My Kingdom, and whoso turneth away from them, he is among the most lost. Say: O people! Hold fast to the Most Great Cord of God, for verily it is His Cause which hath shone forth from this luminous horizon. Think not that those who are heedless of God are living. By My life! They are among the dead. Their wretchedness hath overcome them and their souls have prompted them to that which will lead them back to the flames. We have remembered thee in this prison that thou mayest remember thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily he who speaketh for the sake of God and holdeth fast to wisdom, his words will influence the hearts of the heedless. O My loved ones! Remind My servants with spirit and fragrance that haply they may turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and detach themselves from every doubtful world. Thus have We sent down the Book and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH07212 ===

=== START BH07213 ===

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting

Say: O God, Lord of Names and Creator of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing mercy and Thy all-pervading favor to assist Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and to sing Thy praise. Guide through them all servants unto the city of Thy love, and nourish them with the fruits of the Tree of Unity and from the springs of the rivers of detachment, that they may warble upon the branches of the Tree of Certitude with wondrous melodies of divine unity, and sanctify Thee in the realm of similitudes from all comparison and likeness, and exalt Thee in the world of causes above all casual intimations, and call upon Thee with attributes of ancientness and eternity, extolling the essence of Thy Being as sanctified from all accidents, Thy eternity as elevated above all temporal events, and Thy existence as transcending all firstness and lastness, all outwardness and inwardness. O Lord! Having called them unto Thee, drive them not from Thy door, and having guided them unto the city of Thy Cause, deprive them not of the outpourings of Thy grace and favor. And having admitted them into the pavilion of Thy knowledge, preserve the essence of their love from the promptings of the souls that command to aught else save Thy good-pleasure. Regard not, O my Lord, their powerlessness, but rather look upon the kingdom of Thy power and the dominion of Thy grandeur, for in Thy hands lie the kingdom of grace and bounty. Through Thy loving-kindness, ordain for them that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. There is none other God but Thee, the Gracious, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH07213 ===

=== START BH07214 ===

He is the Dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof! Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge Thy power and Thy might, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. I testify that Thou didst create me for the recognition of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self, and Thou hast revealed unto Thy servants that which draweth them nigh unto the court of Thy glory, and taught them the oneness of Thy Being and Thy sanctification from all peers and likenesses, and made them to know Thy straight path and Thy firm and mighty command. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and King of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name which Thou hast made the sovereign of all names and ruler over all who are in earth and heaven, and by the revelations of the lights of the Sun of Thy bounty, that Thou wilt aid me in all conditions to be steadfast in Thy Cause and submissive before the manifestations of Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one clinging to the cord of Thy generosity and the needy holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from that which shall profit him in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH07214 ===

=== START BH07215 ===

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy path, and glory be unto Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, from the Kawthar of Thy love. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the signs of Thy greatness, and by those who, at Thy bidding, advanced to the seat of sacrifice in Thy path, to open before the faces of Thy sincere loved ones the gates of Thy grace, Thy forgiveness and Thy bounty. O Lord! Aid me to serve Thee and to champion Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And blessings and peace be upon the Hands of Thy Cause, the pathways of Thy guidance, the oceans of Thy knowledge, and the suns of Thy gifts and favors. I beseech Thee to ordain for them that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07215 ===

=== START BH07216 ===

In My Name, the Manifest, the Triumphant!

Say: O my God, my God! Why didst Thou create eyes for Thy servants and bestow upon them insight through Thy grace? If Thou hast given them to behold Thy beauty and gaze upon the lights of Thy countenance, then remove the veils therefrom through Thy bounty and favors. And if Thou didst create them, O my God, for aught else, then all things bear witness that they are in a loss than which there can be none greater in Thy dominion. By Thy might, O Thou Beloved of my heart and Purpose of my soul! I would rather Thou shouldst torment me with a torment than which there can be none greater in Thy knowledge, and ordain for me the sweetness of meeting Thee. O Lord! I was sleeping when the breeze of Thy Day of Manifestation stirred me. When it awakened me, it inspired me with that of which I was heedless in Thy days. O Lord! I caught Thy fragrance and hastened unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy grace not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book of the wonders of Thy bounty, nor to withhold from me steadfastness in Thy Cause. Write down for me then, O my God, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty.

=== END BH07216 ===

=== START BH07217 ===

O Muhammad-Karim, who hath emigrated and attained, He is the Hearer, the Answerer! Say: O my God, my Lord, my Support, the Ultimate Goal of my desire, my Hope and the End of my aspirations! Thou seest me having departed from my homeland, making for Thy most exalted Station and Thy most glorious Horizon, that I might attain presence before Thy countenance, and find the breathings of Thy revelation, and hear the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and behold the horizon of manifestation, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne and of the dust! I bear witness, O my God, my Purpose and my Desire, that Thou didst strengthen me and assist me until I traversed land and sea and attained unto Thy gate, which Thou hast opened unto the faces of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. And I beheld the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and heard what Moses heard on the Sinai of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O

Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me that whereby my eyes may be consoled, my heart illumined and my breast dilated. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH07217 ===

=== START BH07218 ===

O Muhammad-Tahir, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Say: In the name of God and by God! Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then drink from it at times in My Name, at others in remembrance of Me, and yet again for love of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Cast aside vain imaginings beneath thy feet. Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come with the lights of certitude. Cast aside what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the conditions of creation hold you back from the Truth. Cast aside what the people have, clinging fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is the Day wherein the Day itself proclaimeth with its most exalted call, saying: "O peoples of the earth! He Who is the Lord of Days hath come with a Cause before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can stand. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment." Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken in the Most Great Prison because of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm, and all who are established and trustworthy.

=== END BH07218 ===

=== START BH07219 ===

Exalted, exalted be His sovereignty, for He hath appeared with the truth after most of the servants turned away from Him and made Him a prisoner in this remote land. Exalted, exalted be His greatness, whereby He hath encompassed all who are in the horizons, and the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, have not prevented it. Exalted, exalted be His generosity, for He hath seen that which no eye of creation hath seen, and hath shown patience despite His power that encompasseth all who are in the realm of invention. Therefore do all things testify that He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Exalted, exalted be His dominion that hath encompassed all created things, and His mercy that hath preceded the worlds. O thou who gazest upon the countenance! When thou hast attained unto the lights of the dawning-place of thy Lord's revelation, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I testify that Thou wert powerful over all things through Thy sovereignty that encompasseth all who are in the kingdom. Thus have We caused the choice wine of utterance to flow in the rivers of remembrance and exposition. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto it and drinketh in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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In My Name, the All-Subduing Over the World

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Sovereign of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the hearts of Thy loved ones were assured and the tongues of Thy chosen ones were loosened in Thy remembrance and praise, to make me wholly detached unto Thee, seeking refuge in Thy bounty and taking shelter in Thy generosity. O my Lord! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and sent down Thy verses and established Thy balance and guided all to Thy path. Among the people are those who heard Thy call and turned to Thee, and among them are those who turned away and denied Thy favor and disputed Thy verses. O my Lord! I praise Thee and thank Thee for having made me turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee, and for having guided me to Thy horizon when most of Thy creation denied it. I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven and Possessor of names, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that the hosts of Thy earth shall not prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH07220 ===

=== START BH07221 ===

Say: This is not the day of hopes. Burn them with the fire of Beauty. Thus does the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, command you. Cast questions behind you, advancing toward the sanctuary of reunion. This has been ordained for hearts, O people of understanding. It behooveth everyone today who hath heard the Call to say “Here am I, O Lord of the Day of Reckoning!” Blessed is he who is content with what God hath decreed in the Book. More hath been written for you than what ye desired - to this beareth witness the Pen through which the Ark moved and the celestial spheres revolved. Doth the world sadden you after it hath testified to its own evanescence by what befalleth it of decline in every moment? Cast it behind you, advancing with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved. Thus have ye been commanded by Him Who revealeth the verses. When the path of the foot was barred, We opened the doors and ways of hearts - hasten ye thereto, O people of vision! O My loved ones! Upon you be My glory, inasmuch as ye have stood firm and advanced toward the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord in the nights and days.

=== END BH07221 ===

=== START BH07222 ===

Say: O people of the earth! Do not oppose him in whose heart there is naught but the manifestation of the lights of the morn of the cloud of unknowing. Fear God, O people, and do not oppose. He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. None can love Me save those who are brought nigh, for My love is a fire that consumeth the hearts - how then can any draw near unto it? He is the Most Holy, the Most High, the Most Glorious. O concourse of spirits! Ye shall be prevented from My love, for hearts cannot contain Me, souls cannot bear Me, and minds cannot sustain Me. He is the Judge who executes judgment with authority. Say: This servant is as a lamp unto this Light, lest the winds of darkness from the souls of the polytheists blow upon it. He is the Ever-Living, the Most High, the Most Splendid. The peoples shall differ

regarding this Ancient Light, and hatred shall appear among them concerning this Mighty Pillar, that the good may be distinguished from the evil, and light from darkness. He is the Living Water, the Everlasting, the Most Enduring. Know thou that My love is the sword of the Almighty that separateth the righteous from the wicked, and by it are the hearts of the free ones made cool while the souls of the infidels are set ablaze.

=== END BH07222 ===

=== START BH07223 ===

In the Name of Him Who heareth and seeth and calleth unto the people of the Bayan from this most holy and most glorious horizon! Say: O people, this indeed is the Beloved Who hath come unto you without veil or concealment. Fear ye God, O ye who are endowed with insight! Do ye worship the calf and forsake God, your Lord, and imagine that ye are numbered among the dwellers of the Paradise of refuge? Say: Evil is that which ye have imagined, could ye but behold with the eye of certitude - ye would witness yourselves in the lowest abyss. O servant! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast heard the most sweet melodies of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and He, at this moment, calleth unto thee from the right side of the Throne, the most remote station, that verily there is none other God but Him, and that He is the Lord of the hereafter and of the former times. Blessed then is He Who hath made thee to know the Manifestation of His Self, and by this hath inscribed thy name by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablet which none hath discovered save God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible. And the glory rest upon thee and upon whoso hath turned unto Him and shunned him who hath gone astray and remained heedless.

=== END BH07223 ===

=== START BH07224 ===

In the Name of the one God! The Supreme Pen makes mention of the handmaidens of God and counsels them to sanctification and detachment. O My handmaiden and O My handmaiden! Your petition was presented by the servant who was present, and the answer hath been revealed from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation. How many men who counted themselves among the most learned of the learned were seen to be deprived and forbidden from the choice wine and from the Kawthar of the utterance of the Self-Subsisting Lord, while the handmaidens of God attained thereunto. The whole world was created that in this blessed Day it might attain to the remembrance of the Beloved. Nevertheless, all have remained deprived of this supreme bounty and mighty favor, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willeth. Be ye engaged at all times in praise and thanksgiving, for He hath aided you and granted you a portion from the Kawthar of knowledge. Verily He is the Generous, verily He is the Merciful, verily He is the Forgiving, verily He is the Kind.

=== END BH07224 ===

=== START BH07225 ===

O Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of the one true God! The Most Exalted Pen today commands all the chosen ones of God to that which befitteth them in this Day. How excellent is the state of the one who hath become detached and freed from all else save God and hath turned towards the Most Great Ocean. Today is the day of deeds and the day for the manifestation of human stations. All must, God willing, be witnessed as firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of Names with the most great steadfastness, and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. One pure deed today is better than the deeds of countless years. Fear God, O people, and be not of those who cast the deeds behind their backs and cling to idle fancies and words. Deal with the servants with utmost love, fellowship, affection and unity, that perchance the sleeping ones may awaken and turn towards the Friend. Verily He hath come with the truth and made manifest the Path as a favor from His presence. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him and woe betide the deniers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

=== END BH07225 ===

=== START BH07226 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great! The Supreme Pen makes mention of the people of that household. By My life! The departed and blessed one who was named Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be My glory and mercy, and those related to him have ever been and are remembered in the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to open the door of His favor through the Most Great Name and withhold not from His loved ones His everlasting bounties and eternal sustenance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Your letter was received and this most mighty, most holy Tablet was graciously revealed in reply, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My leaf and My handmaiden! We beseech God to aid thee to love and protect and turn unto the people of that household. He is the Helper and He is the Kind. My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the Daystar of Thy Manifestation to ordain for them and for Thy loved ones that which befitteth Thy glory and Thy grandeur and Thy Manifestation and Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH07226 ===

=== START BH07227 ===

He is the One dawning, manifest, shining forth from the horizon of grace. The Supreme Pen makes mention of the friends of God and gives them glad tidings of the ocean of mercy and the sun of bounty. Blessed is the soul that heard and turned with utmost joy and fragrance to the lights of His countenance. All were waiting, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the world, they arose in opposition. Whenever the Dayspring of the Cause and the Manifestations of the Divine Self appeared in the earth, the divines of that age became the greatest veil and prevented the people from turning and drawing near, except for the learned one who took and drank the most pure wine in the name of the Lord of Power. He is as the vision for the world. Blessed are the souls who obeyed him and became mindful through his remembrance. O friends! Beseech ye God that He not deprive all from the rain-showers of the clouds of His heaven of bounty. Verily He is the Powerful, the Hearer, the Answerer.

=== END BH07227 ===

=== START BH07228 ===

Muhammad Ja'far of Shah-Abad! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world with His Most Great Name! The Supreme Pen makes mention of His loved ones at all times and invites all to the ocean of divine mercy. Yet all people are observed to be heedless and asleep, nay, dead, save those whom God, the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian, has willed. Blessed are they whom the veils of mankind did not prevent from the Most Sublime Vision and who attained the lights of the dawn of the Day of Manifestation. By Him Who is the All-Knowing One of the world and the Beloved of the world, there is ordained for such souls a station that neither the minds of the wise nor the understanding of the mystics can comprehend. The beginning of the Cause is the recognition of Him Who has appeared with the truth, and its end is steadfastness in His love. Praise the Beloved of the world Who confirmed you and guided you to the straight path. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it as thy very life. Thus does He counsel thee, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07228 ===

=== START BH07229 ===

In the name of the one true God! Though the Most Exalted Pen dwells in the Most Great Prison, at all times it summons the friends to the divine horizon of revelation and the dawning-place of the All-Merciful's generosity. Blessed is the ear that attains to hearing it, blessed is the eye that is illumined by its horizon, and blessed is the heart that is adorned with His love. We have desired for you an exalted station in the Book. Blessed be your father who in the earliest days attained recognition of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. The heart that today becomes the treasury of the pearls of divine love is accounted before God as the Lord of hearts. Today veils of idle fancy have prevented the people from recognizing the Lord of all beings. Soon will the hand of divine power rend asunder the veils, and all shall find themselves to be losers and remorseful, except for those souls who transcended contingent existence on the pathway of the love of the All-Merciful and held fast unto Him. By My life! They are among the triumphant and they are among those drawn nigh. The glory be upon you and upon those whom veils have not kept back from this straight path.

=== END BH07229 ===

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In the Name of the Goal of all horizons!

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: In truth I say, that which is acceptable today and beloved in the sight of the Best Beloved is humility and submissiveness, praiseworthy character and goodly attributes, and steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all creation. How many handmaidens there were who claimed faith and counted themselves among those reclining upon the cushions of certitude, yet afterwards, with but a single breath, remained remote from the Beloved and turned away from the breath of the All-Merciful. Such souls were not and are not worthy of mention, for verily, whosoever is mentioned with God today is alive and enduring, and without that is as nothing and dead. These are the utterances of the Lord of Oneness that have been inscribed in emerald tablets. God willing, may you be occupied at all

times and under all conditions with the remembrance of the King, the Source and Goal of all, turning away from aught else. We beseech God to assist you to be steadfast in His love and to act according to His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07230 ===

=== START BH07231 ===

O Shaykh Muhsin! He is the Most Near, the Most Ancient, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! The Pen of the Most Merciful makes mention of the friends and declares: The Dawning-Place of the Divine Books is manifest today, and the Speaker on Sinai uttereth His discourse from the most exalted station. It behooveth upright souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of divine revelation and who are gazing toward the Most Sublime Horizon to be engaged at all times in the mention and praise of the True One, that perchance they may guide the wayward ones of earth to the Euphrates of the mercy of the Most Merciful, and lead those lost in the wilderness of heedlessness to the ocean of divine awareness. Today the Call of God is raised high, and likewise the cawing of Satan. Strive ye that ye may drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. This is the most exalted station, to whose loftiness the Most Exalted Pen hath testified. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance and My loving-kindness. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Thus have We illumined hearts with the lights of the utterance of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified in this Revelation.

=== END BH07231 ===

=== START BH07232 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

The Most Great Book, throughout nights and days, summons the peoples to the supreme horizon and loftiest heights, yet none are found to hear and no seeker exists. The intoxication of worldly ornaments has seized the servants and deprived them of eternal and everlasting blessings. Blessed is the soul whom veils have not prevented from drawing nigh and have not held back from turning towards God. O people of God! Hold fast to the sure handle and cling to the hem of the mercy of the Ancient Lord. Soon shall the manifestations, appearances, wealth and riches of the world return to nothingness. By God's life! This Wronged One has had and has no purpose save the extinguishing of the fire of hatred and animosity. To this bear witness the Manifestations of God's attributes and the Daysprings of His firm and evident Command. When thou receivest My Tablet, give thanks unto God thy Lord, for He hath remembered thee in His mighty prison. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and Testament and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His evident Book.

=== END BH07232 ===

=== START BH07233 ===

O Karbila'i-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks and remembers in the Kingdom of Utterance. The Book of God speaks: "Verily there is no God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." It

guides people to His mighty, praiseworthy path. Blessed is he who hears and turns towards it, and woe to those who turn away. We have sent down the verses and manifested clear proofs, yet most people remain heedless. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every remote oppressor. O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and be not of those who have broken God's covenant and His pledge, and denied what was sent down from His presence. They are indeed among the most lost in God's mighty, exalted Book. Take thou the Kawthar of immortality in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. He will preserve thee and draw thee nigh unto a station wherein all things proclaim: "The kingdom, the dominion, the grandeur and the might belong to God, the Lord of the worlds." Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Grieve not over worldly events. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's tender mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

=== END BH07233 ===

=== START BH07234 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great

O Sarkan 'Abdu'l-Husayn Khan! This is a Book which We have sent down in truth unto him who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Beloved as it wafted between the heavens and the earths, that it might draw him unto a station wherein neither the opposition of the world nor the conditions of the heedless can hold him back. We have remembered those who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, and have sent down for them that whereby their mention shall endure in the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We have commanded the people to observe wisdom and utterance, and that which profiteth mankind, yet the people remain behind an obvious veil. By God! Had they known, they would have hastened with their own eyes, but they have been veiled by that which they followed of their own desires in this Blessed and Wondrous Day. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest grief and great loss. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Desired One and believed in God when every stubborn doubter turned away from Him. Pay no heed to the people and their deeds. Place thy trust in all things in God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus have We remembered thee and sent down for thee that which gladdeneth thy heart, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

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In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of proof! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down in a palace adorned by His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Therein hath the Call been raised both morn and eve, and that which was treasured in knowledge and concealed from the eyes of them that are nigh unto God hath been made manifest. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy cry and have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. We have beheld thy turning unto Us and have turned unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. We have sent down for thee that which shall endure as long as His most excellent names and exalted attributes endure. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that attain! When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance and attained unto hearkening to My call,

say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy Most Great Announcement and for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge before the faces of the peoples. I beseech Thee, O Thou Lord of the worlds, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the mysteries of Thy Book, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Thou, verily, art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bestowing, the Generous.

=== END BH07235 ===

=== START BH07236 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who desires to drink of the sealed wine through the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and made mention of thee before, and on this night wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Thou hast been mentioned repeatedly in the presence of the Wronged One. Give thanks unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the gate of meeting was opened unto all who dwell in the kingdom of names, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, gazing unto Thy horizon, speaking Thy praise, immersed in the ocean of Thy love, and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness. Thou art He Who hath ever been supreme over all things and powerful over all who dwell on earth and in heaven. My outer and inner being testify to Thy greatness and might. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH07236 ===

=== START BH07237 ===

O friends of God! He is the One Who has dominion over what was and what shall be. A Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Whoso turns to it has attained what was promised in the Book, and whoso turns away has lost in this world and the next. To this testifies the Lord of Names in this station. O My loved ones! We counsel you to fear God and to act according to what has been revealed in the Tablets. Be dawning-places of trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness, and manifestations of mercy, loving-kindness and purity. Thus does He Who remembers you night and day command you. Aid your Creator through pure deeds and goodly conduct, that your remembrance and traces may endure in the earth among all peoples. Whoso drinks from the cup of My love, the circumstances of creation grieve him not, nor do the deeds of any doubting polytheist. We are with you under all conditions, and hear your call, and ordain for you that which will gladden your eyes. Thus has the Pen spoken from the presence of the Ancient King, that you may thank your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH07237 ===

=== START BH07238 ===

O Afnan, His honor Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! In My Name, the One Who has power over what has been. This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to him who has found the fragrance of the garment and has turned to the Supreme Horizon on a Day whereon the Kingdom has proclaimed: The dominion belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds! We have heard thy call and We called out to thee from the right side of the Luminous Spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having mentioned thee before the Wronged One, and for having sent down for thee this Clear Tablet through which the sincere ones have found the fragrance of the All-Merciful and those near unto God have detected the sweet savors of utterance from this Garden round which circle the denizens of the All-Highest Paradise and the company of the Messengers. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceeds from Him and say: O peoples of the earth, come ye, come ye, that I may cause you to hear the call of God and show you His Supreme Horizon. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while seated upon the Throne in this noble station. Woe unto them that have wronged the friends of God and have denied His favor after its revelation. They are indeed among the most lost in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07238 ===

=== START BH07239 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book which God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards Him, attained His presence, and won that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in His perspicuous Book. O thou who art present before the Wronged One! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: He is, verily, none other God but Him, the Single One, the Powerful, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having forsaken thy homeland out of longing for the homeland of God. Thou didst depart and traverse the path until thou didst arrive at this Spot which God hath made the object of circumambulation for the Concourse on High and the angels brought nigh. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Tablet and this holy, mighty and wondrous utterance. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and behold Thy station, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne to aid me to stand firm in Thy Greatest Steadfastness, and to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy favor a mercy from Thee and a grace from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy binding and wise command.

=== END BH07239 ===

=== START BH07240 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

A Book sent down by the All-Chosen One to him who has turned to Him on a Day when every faithless deceiver turned away. He heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. They have lost, they who denied God’s proof and His signs, and he has gained who heard

and responded. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which the All-Bestowing One hath revealed in the Book. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause and aid thee to serve His Cause with humility and dedication. Thank God for this most great bounty, that He hath mentioned thee in such wise as shall draw thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the effulgences of the light of thy Lord's manifestation, the Lord of all men. The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones from God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. And We make mention of Muhammad before Husayn and remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath encompassed the horizons. We beseech God to assist him in that which beseemeth His days. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07240 ===

=== START BH07241 ===

O Mirza Hidayat, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to guide all on earth to the Straight Path of God, to purify them from the tales of old, and to make them hear what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. O peoples of the earth! Cast aside the days and names. The Day of God hath come with a light by which the heavens and earths were illumined. Turn ye toward the ocean of meanings by the command of One mighty and powerful. When the attraction of My call taketh hold of thee, say: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the door of Thy mercy unto the faces of Thy servants and didst aid them that were detached through the hosts of Thy wisdom and Thy utterance, to assist Thy servants to perform that from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure may be wafted. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, beseeching the ocean of Thy favor and the heaven of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Aid me to serve Thee with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by names nor by what the opposing parties possess. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of the beginning and the return. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

=== END BH07241 ===

=== START BH07242 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Bestower to him who hath attained unto the recognition of the Intended One, when the peoples turned away from Him - they who clung to their vain imaginings, turning aside from God, the Lord of Lords. The trees have testified that there is none other God but Him, and the leaves have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged in the most exalted station. The sea crieth out: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of destiny, for having manifested Thyself to the dwellers of the earth and of the sea! Thou art, verily, the One Who doeth whatsoever He willeth. The hosts of men cannot frustrate Thee." The mountains make mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, but men remain wrapped in doubts and fancies save those who have laid fast hold on the Most Great Cord and have turned unto God, the Lord of the Final End. O 'Ali-'Askar! Rejoice thou that the Lord of mankind maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and calleth thee unto God, the Mighty, the Chosen

One. His grace is in His grasp. He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He is, verily, the Generous, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath been mentioned in the Most Great Prison and unto whom hath been directed the glance of God's loving-kindness, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH07242 ===

=== START BH07243 ===

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

This is a Book which the Lord of Hosts hath sent down as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Bestower, the Generous. Hear thou the Call from the Most Glorious Horizon - verily it will draw thee nigh unto a station sublime and wondrous.

Say: O my God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is no God but Thee, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I bear witness, O my God and my Beloved, that Thou didst create me to know the ocean of Thy unity and the sun of Thy manifestation, and to acknowledge that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thy horizon and attained that which Thou didst send down unto Thy Messengers. I beseech Thee by the power which the hosts of the world have not weakened, and by Thy might which the onslaught of the nations hath not rendered powerless, and by Thy Self-Subsisting Name through which the dwellers of the graves arose and the Trumpet was sounded, to make me one of those who have circled round Thy Will in Thy kingdom and acted according to that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07243 ===

=== START BH07244 ===

In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all names. This is a Book sent down by the Creator of the heavens unto him who hath turned towards Him and believed in Him and His signs on a day wherein all people have turned away save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed. O Nasru'llah! Hearken with thy spiritual ear unto the call of the faithful counselor. Today the divine decree in the holy scriptures and tablets is to sanctify oneself from all that preventeth man from that which beseemeth him. Likewise He hath enjoined upon all to assist the Cause, and hath explicitly specified, without any interpretation, that assistance consisteth in teaching the Cause. The helper and sustainer hath been and is goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Therefore must the people of God hold fast unto that which hath been mentioned and engage, according to their capacity, in reforming the world and refining the souls of nations. We have mentioned thee before, and thy father who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and We have revealed for him that from which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, is diffused. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of them that are nigh.

=== END BH07244 ===

=== START BH07245 ===

O Mulla Qanbar! In the name of Him Who is established upon the Throne. This is a Book which the Lord of Power hath sent down from His Most Great Horizon unto him who hath turned toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation, when the Hour came and the Moon was cleft asunder, that he might rejoice in this Remembrance whereby every hidden matter hath been revealed and every remote transgressor hath been shaken. O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the Dayspring of Glory in this blessed white spot - verily there is no God but I, the All-Informing, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over anything. Remind the people through this perspicuous Tablet, that perchance they may awaken and arise and turn their faces toward the face of thy Lord, the Wondrous, the Beautiful. The attraction of the Chosen One hath seized all lands and the righteous in this noble station - they who believed in God when He came into the world with His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. Blessed art thou for having attained unto faith when the All-Merciful appeared with His decisive and steadfast Cause. Moreover, blessed is thy son, for he hath occupied himself with transcribing the verses of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. This is a deed that nothing on earth can equal. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH07245 ===

=== START BH07246 ===

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the world

A Book sent down by the Ancient King for him who has turned to the Cause when every heedless doubter turned away from it. O Nasru'llah! The Wronged One approaches thee from the prison quarter and summons thee to the sovereign of all deeds, which is steadfastness in this Cause - that Cause which, when it appeared, caused the pillars to tremble and the mountains to pass away like clouds. Rejoice in the Tablet of thy Lord, then give thanks to Him in the watches of the night and the ends of the day. Verily the most excellent of deeds, and the greatest of them, is recognition of Him Who is the Manifestation of the Hidden Mystery, and after this steadfastness, which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Book. Say: O God of kings and the Merciful One to the servants and the Ruler of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the rains were caused to fall and the seas to surge and the trees to speak, that Thou assist me to be steadfast in this Cause which, when it was revealed, caused feet to slip. Hold fast unto that which thou art commanded. By the life of God! The world shall pass away, but there shall endure for thee that which hath been sent down from God, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH07246 ===

=== START BH07247 ===

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the world! This is a Book which the Lord of Eternity hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards Him, that the fragrances of the utterance might draw him to the horizon which shineth with the lights of His countenance. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people have turned away and objected in such wise as caused the

dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament, and God is witness to what I say. Say: O people of the earth! Cast away your vain imaginings. The Lord of all beings hath come with a sovereignty that encompasseth all who are in the kingdoms of command and creation. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and discovered from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thyself and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge to make me so steadfast in Thy love that the veils of the world will not prevent me. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest through a Name inscribed by the Pen of Thy Command. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause and who have remained firm in the straight path.

=== END BH07247 ===

=== START BH07248 ===

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

A Book hath appeared amongst mankind when My Most Exalted Pen was set in motion - the Pen through which the trumpet was sounded, the Day of Resurrection appeared, the dwellers of the graves were stirred up, and the Divine Lote-Tree proclaimed: “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!” Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived thy sighs in thy love for God, the Mighty, the Great. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and answereth him who raiseth his hands in supplication toward His exalted heaven. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the Answering. Stand firm in the Cause through the power of thy Lord and remind the people with wisdom and utterance. He is, verily, the One Who commandeth in truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the truth. Leave the world behind and take what God hath sent down in His mighty Book. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and glorify thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH07248 ===

=== START BH07249 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. This is the Perspicuous Book sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it is the Kawthar of life for all contingent beings, and the proof of the All-Merciful for those who dwell in the heavens and on earth. Indeed it is the Most Great Sea amidst the nations and the Preserved Tablet for those in the kingdom of Command and creation. To this testifies whosoever has found the fragrance of knowledge in what was inscribed therein by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wise. We verily counseled the people aforetime through God’s tender mercy, grace, compassion and justice, that every soul might adopt the character of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We beseech God to assist them in that which will bring tranquility to the hearts of His servants and through which His firm and wise Cause will be exalted. O thou who hast turned thy face toward My Most Exalted Horizon! We verily have not fallen short of Our duty to exhort men, and to deliver that whereunto I was bidden by God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Had they hearkened unto Me, they would have beheld the earth another earth. Thus doth He inform thee, He in Whose possession is the Preserved Tablet. Remind thou

the people that they may abandon what they possess and take hold of that which they have been given by the Gracious, the Bountiful One.

=== END BH07249 ===

=== START BH07250 ===

In the Name of Him by Whom the horizon of proof hath been illumined throughout all creation! What a wondrous Book hath been inscribed by what Pen - by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting! And what a glorious Tablet hath been traced by what Reed - by the Reed of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be! This is a Tablet from whose horizon the Sun of true knowledge hath shone forth. Blessed are they who understand. How many a learned one have We left to himself, and how many an ignorant one have We rescued through My all-prevailing grace that overshadoweth all who are seen and unseen. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, and for having been the object of the Ancient Beauty's attention from His glorious station. Let not the intimations of the nations grieve thee, nor the clamor of those who have denied God, the Lord of existence, cause thee fear. They that have turned away shall soon find themselves in evident loss. They awaited the days of God, but when they came, they arose in opposition in such wise as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies and held fast to the cord of the tender mercies of their Lord, the Sovereign of Kings.

=== END BH07250 ===

=== START BH07251 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Tablet from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down verses in such wise that no pen can reckon them, nor can any tablet contain them, yet the people understand not. The lights have shone forth and the horizons have been illumined, yet the people know not. They have cast behind their backs the Most Great Sea, hastening instead toward the dust - verily, they perceive not. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and remind the people of this Cause whereby every atom hath testified that the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Be thou in such wise that neither the affairs of the world shall prevent thee nor the signs of the nations shall sadden thee. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity command thee from this forbidden station. Grieve thou not for thy brother. By My life! He is in a praiseworthy station. We have adorned him with the garment of forgiveness and exalted him in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Remember thou My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My remembrance which hath preceded both the witness and the witnessed.

=== END BH07251 ===

=== START BH07252 ===

A Tablet from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, Muhammad-Qabil-Hasan, son of him who hath migrated unto God - He is the All-Knowing Remembrancer

- that the Most Great Joy may seize him through the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity, and that he may thank his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thou art he who hath migrated from thy homeland in the path of God, the Lord of all being, and hast shown patience in hardship and adversity. Thus doth the Lord of Names bear witness unto thee from this exalted Prison. Blessed art thou and thy father who circled round the Throne at dawn and sunset. Ye are they who became wanderers for the sake of God and achieved that which most of mankind failed to attain. God will soon make it manifest in the earth. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. They that showed patience after being wronged - these are the dwellers of Paradise preserved in the Guarded Tablet. God shall soon roll up the carpet of tyranny and spread out the carpet of justice. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the praiseworthy station.

=== END BH07252 ===

=== START BH07253 ===

In His Name, the Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of the Will of the All-Merciful as a favor unto all created things. Blessed is he who pondereth upon it, and woe unto the heedless. Take hold, O people, of the Book of God with hands of submission and contentment, and be not of them that hesitate. The mountains have hastened unto the All-Possessing, the Most High, and all things have been drawn by the call of the Lord of Names, yet the people remain asleep. The wine of idle fancy hath so seized them that they have become heedless of the Dayspring of Guidance Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Every sect rejoiceth in that which it possesseth. By God! Were they to know, they would bewail themselves. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having attained and heard the call when thy Ancient Lord appeared. Place thy trust in Him under all conditions, then aid Him through wisdom and utterance. He, verily, aideth whoever aideth Him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Grieve not on account of them that have denied the right of God and His signs. God shall soon seize them by His command. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07253 ===

=== START BH07254 ===

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the world

O Muhammad-Baqir, son of Ahmad, upon both of you be the Glory of God

A Book sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, to him who hath attained the lights of recognition when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. Take thou the chalice of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn, then drink therefrom through this Name through which, when it appeared, appeared the mysteries of what was and what will be. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God, the Lord of existence. Cast aside what is with the people and take what thou hast been given from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have heard thy call and have

answered thee as a grace from Our presence. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the unseen and the seen!” Thus hath crowed the cock and cooed the nightingale when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving!” Hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of thy Lord’s robe, the All-Forgiving. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have turned to the praiseworthy station.

=== END BH07254 ===

=== START BH07255 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted Book hath been sent down in truth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, yet none comprehend this save those possessed of understanding. The Tree hath called out with the loudest cry, yet most of the people hear not. The seas have borne witness to the Dayspring of Lights, yet the people understand not. Blessed is the heart that hath soared, and the tongue that hath spoken, and the eye that hath beheld the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. He hath created all things for this Day - to this testify all the Books of God, yet the people perceive not. They have turned away from the Light, hastening to the fire. Verily they are a people who deny. They have no portion of this Most Great Ocean. It hath been ordained for the people of Baha who have cast aside all else, turning unto the Goal. These are not held back by the allusions of men, nor are they veiled by the veils of them that have disbelieved in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thou, therefore, render thanks unto God for having attained unto this Tablet wherein the Most Great Remembrance hath spoken from this praiseworthy station.

=== END BH07255 ===

=== START BH07256 ===

He is the One Who rules over all names

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it calls the people to the praiseworthy station. That which was hidden in the treasury of God’s protection hath appeared, and that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Preserved Tablet hath come to pass. Hasten, O people, to the Dawning-Place of the verses of your Lord. Beware lest sciences and arts withhold you. Cast aside vain imaginings to their followers and take hold of My Choice Wine that hath been sealed. Then drink thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean manifested its waves, and the Light its effulgence. Blessed are they who understand. Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the mysteries concealed in Thy knowledge to ordain for me that which will cause me to hold fast to Thy cord and cling to the hem of Thy loving-kindness. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee among Thy creatures. Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07256 ===

=== START BH07257 ===

He is the Book, the Manifest, the Hidden

This is a Book sent down in truth, and verily it counseleth the people with that which shall profit them in this world and the next, but the people understand not. Verily it is God's Balance amidst all else and the Most Great Proof among the nations. Blessed are they who remember. Verily He is the Rememberer in the prison and the Remembered in the Tablets of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And verily He is the Promised One - when He came from the heaven of the Bayan, the people of the contingent world were shaken, save those who cast away vain desire and turned toward the praiseworthy station. We have found from thy mention the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, and We have revealed unto thee this Hidden Tablet whose verses were inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who findeth from it the fragrance of the Beloved. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, then speak forth His remembrance that perchance the people may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a bounty from His presence upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and were guided by His signs.

=== END BH07257 ===

=== START BH07258 ===

In the name of the one Friend! Your letter in Arabic was presented at the Throne, and its answer is sent down in Persian. Listen with pure and sanctified hearing. Be not distressed at the delay of matters - every matter is bound to its time. In the mixing and combination of things, two stations are to be considered: one through pure absolute power, and this depends on His leave and is specific to His presence; the other through the conjunction of harmonious things that are not mutually repellent, and this, after knowledge of the perfect nature, is known among the philosophers as "the egg," and it is the fashioned stone, containing the four natures, and after separation is capable of complete mixture. We beseech God to assist you in what He loves and is pleased with, and to ordain for you what is best with Him. Verily He is the Guardian of the sincere ones. And the Glory be upon you and upon your son and those with you, and we beseech Him to assist all in His service and obedience. Verily He is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH07258 ===

=== START BH07259 ===

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful!

Thy letter hath been presented before the Sun of Truth, and what was mentioned therein hath been observed. Today all the loved ones must, with perfect love and unity, occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Lord of creation, and act in accordance with whatsoever hath been enjoined by the Most Exalted Pen. This is the most great bounty for the peoples, would they but hear it. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of all creation, Who hath aided thee and adorned thee with the raiment of faith. Know thou the value of this supreme blessing. His honor Zain, upon him be the Glory of God, hath made mention of

thee and the other loved ones in his letters which he hath sent to the Most Holy Court. Know ye his worth, for he is among the successful, the sincere ones. And that which thou didst submit regarding the two Tablets hath been accepted. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Convey greetings to all the loved ones. All are mentioned in the presence of the Throne, and all have attained unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will. Blessed are they! That which thou didst send hath been presented. We have accepted it as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest be among the joyous ones.

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That which hath been revealed for the name of God, Mahdi. This is what hath shone forth from the horizon of Will. All have been created to hearken unto the Word of God and to follow His Cause. That which the Truth hath commanded and commandeth is and shall be for the good of His servants. Some among the people of the letter Nun, after hearing the word of prohibition from the Dayspring of Command, returned. Upon them be the glory of God and His praise. Likewise was there one who had been with Mulla Muhammad-'Ali - after meeting with Amin and hearing the prohibition, he returned. Upon him be the glory of God and His good-pleasure. O My Name! Convey to him greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God to forgive him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Let him turn towards the prison, repentant, remorseful, humble and lowly, and after attaining the presence, let him return. Give him the glad-tidings of this manifest bounty. If he heareth what he hath been commanded, it shall be better for him. But that which was decreed hath been decreed. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

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O Generous One, O Merciful One! I bear witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I beseech from Thee that which endureth forever in the dominion of earth and heaven. Thou art the Possessor of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen. O my Lord! A poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy riches, and a supplicant hath drawn nigh unto the hem of Thy bounty. Deprive him not, for Thou art He through Whose bounty all atoms of creation bear witness, Thou art He to Whose generosity all created things testify. This servant hath detached himself from all else and clung to the cord of Thy generosity and the hem of Thy grace, and in all conditions gazeth toward Thee and rendereth thanks unto Thee. Whether Thou dost grant his plea - praised art Thou in Thy command, or dost refuse it - exalted art Thou in Thy decree. Thou art He before Whose manifestation all are seen as powerless and wanting. O Generous One! Leave not this servant to himself. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Lord of bounty and bestowal.

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In the Name of the Beloved of all possibility! The tongue of God's loving-kindness doth at all times summon creation unto the Dayspring of the light of oneness, inasmuch as He hath ever loved His creation, that all may partake of the immortal wine which hath appeared in the Days of God and none be deprived. Some among the people, through the whisperings of the embodiments of Satan, remained deprived of this most pure wine, while others took and drank it in the name of the Friend. This is a station wherein poor and rich, learned and ignorant, lowly and noble are all equal. Whosoever turneth unto the Qiblih of the horizons is reckoned among the learned and is established upon the throne of glory before God, and whosoever remaineth deprived is accounted before the Divine Throne as the poorest, most abject and most ignorant of people. Strive thou that, God willing, thou mayest at all times drink of this most pure Kawthar in the name of the Lord of Power and be detached from all else but the Friend.

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He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

The Tongue of Grandeur makes mention of His loved ones and counsels them to that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of Him, glorified be His majesty, and the service of His Cause. Yet when the Sun of Revelation dawned from the horizon of the world, and the Speaker of Sinai spoke forth, all were found to be veiled save a few. These are the servants who are mentioned in the divine Books of the past and of the future. Upon them be the glory of God, and His mercy, and His loving-kindness that hath preceded all existence. Give praise unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that He hath enabled you to turn towards Him and to recognize Him, and made you successful to such degree that your mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. This is the great station and the exalted rank. God willing, may you be aided to preserve it and be successful therein, for verily the thieves have been and are lying in wait. This is what We have informed you of before and after. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07264 ===

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The Tongue of Eternity speaks: O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! We have created all servants and handmaidens specifically for this Day, for the Purpose of all worlds is now manifest, established upon the throne of grandeur, and at all times the divine heralds call the people to the direction of the All-Merciful. Blessed are those souls whom the veils of the world have not prevented from the most exalted horizon. God willing, that handmaiden must become so steadfast in divine love through the attraction of God that the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds may be diffused from her. Be not grieved by the world and whatsoever occurs therein. The Cause is mighty and the Purpose mighty; therefore the seekers of the sanctuary of the All-Merciful must not be prevented by trials. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord and believed in God on a Day when most of the servants turned away from Him, save those who drank the water of everlasting life from the hand of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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O Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable Lord! The tongue is bewildered what to mention and the pen is perplexed what to write. One who never attended schools nor witnessed debates, yet with the most exalted call proclaimed and continues to proclaim before the faces of the divines and princes: “The Promised One has come and the Intended Lord has appeared! He is the hidden mystery and the treasured unseen One Who has ever been concealed from eyes and sight. Now He has dawned from the horizon of will - to His right surges the ocean of knowledge and to His left flows the Kawthar of utterance.” Yet the people remain heedless, veiled and deprived. Render thanks unto God for having aided thee and delivered thee from the world’s factions and guided thee to His straight path. This is the most great bounty and the supreme benevolence. We beseech God to aid thee in preserving this station. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle in the days of God, the King, the Just, the Wise.

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By My life! Such wrongs have been inflicted upon this Revelation as have no parallel or likeness in the past or present. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of this Wronged One and say: The thieves and deceivers lie in ambush, and from kaf and ra arise howlings as they busy themselves with godlessness. They have collected many sublime and glorious verses… Indeed they have manifested such deceit as hath never been heard of before. Now with the utmost craftiness and guile they profess love to each of the friends of God while subtly mentioning certain matters that perchance may hold back the people of God from the Most Exalted Horizon. Their honey concealeth poison, and their protestations of love mask hidden hatred… In brief, they send forth strange and wondrous writings, publishing certain wondrous verses either in their own name or in the name of the Point of the Bayan - may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake - or in other names.

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He is the One manifest from the horizon of the prison. By the life of God, the thunder lamenteth and the clouds weep at what hath befallen God, the Lord of all men. He who was powerless to speak before His face hath uttered that which was not uttered by the Lord of the Stakes. Say: If thou dost object to God in this Revelation, by what proof canst thou establish that whereon thou dost rely, O heedless and doubting one? We sheltered him and gave him refuge beneath the tree, yet he denied the favor of God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is the soul that hath drawn nigh and drunk the choice wine of the All-Merciful with delight and fragrance, and woe unto him who hath turned away and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings. Thus warbleth the Dove and speaketh the Mother Book from His presence. O thou who hast turned to God! When thou hearest the Call raised from the luminous Spot and findest the fragrance of the garment in My most exalted words, arise and say: O Lord of existence! I beseech Thee not to cast me

out from the door of Thy grace, nor to withhold me from the ocean of Thy bounty. Then make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH07268 ===

=== START BH07270 ===

In the Name of the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and shown me Thy path, and revealed unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy bounty, at a time when vain imaginings have blinded the eyes of Thy creation and Thy creatures. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy gifts that which will tranquilize the hearts of those servants of Thine who have been prevented by their own possessions from that which is with Thee. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of their hearts with the light of Thy Day, that they may hasten to the horizon of Thy Manifestation and the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness. By Thy glory, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! It grieveth me to behold Thee forbidden from that which Thou hast created for Thyself and for Thy days, and wronged at the hands of Thy creatures who have denied the Most Great Sign and turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names Who hath shone forth from Thy Most Glorious Horizon, to draw forth the hand of power from the sleeve of patience, and manifest that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted and Thy sovereignty revealed. O Lord! I am the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee and what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who causeth the dawn to appear and sendeth forth the winds. I testify that through Thee the gate of prosperity hath been opened and the path of success hath become manifest. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the revelations of Thy power that Thou aid whosoever hath turned unto Thee and sought Thy grace. Thou art He Whom neither the clamor of the tyrants nor the oppression of the Pharaohs could hinder. Thou hast manifested through Thy power that which Thou didst will, despite every remote oppressor and every stubborn tyrant. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted attributes and the manifestations of Thy glory in the Kingdom of eternity that Thou aid whosoever hath turned unto Thee and arisen to serve Thy Cause when he was in Thy vicinity in the great city which was honored by Thy presence, wherein Thou didst reveal that which was hidden in Thy knowledge, and wherein Thou didst manifest Thy Self and Thy sovereignty and Thy power. O my Lord! Ordain for him that which will draw him to Thy horizon. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

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=== START BH07273 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

The Beloved of the world, in this Most Great Prison, makes mention of His loved ones, that they may rejoice in His bounty and attain unto the supreme gladness. Two most great matters have been and shall ever be: first, the recognition of the Ancient Being, and second, adherence to that which hath dawned from the horizon of His Command. Blessed is he who hath recognized the purpose of God and attained unto that which He hath ordained in His mighty Tablet. This is a Day the like of which hath not been mentioned in the Book. Whatsoever pure word and holy deed proceedeth from anyone shall endure and be recorded in the Book of God. O ye who soar in the atmosphere of divine recognition! Make a mighty effort that ye may attain unto that which hath been mentioned. Whatsoever hath occurred in the past, its remedy in this Day is easy and simple, but that which is missed by anyone today shall be impossible to remedy. Say: Hearken unto that which your Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Exalted, counseleth you.

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In the Name of the One God! The affliction of the world comes from the ignorant one who adorns himself with the ornament of knowledge and makes a show of it, for he forbids the helpless servants from that which benefits them and commands them to that which harms them. Of knowledge they have neither seen nor heard save a few limited words. They have taken fancy for certainty and the idol for the Eternal. They have erased the Covenant and Testament of God from their hearts. By vain imaginings do they appear, through vain imaginings do they speak, and unto vain imaginings do they return. May the exalted Truth preserve His servants from such souls and their like. Hearken to the call of the Wronged One Who speaks purely for the sake of God and commands thee to firmness, steadfastness and constancy. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Book and that which hath been revealed in this Clear Tablet. The Glory be upon thee and upon every servant who hath drunk the wine of constancy in the name of his Lord, the Almighty.

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In the Name of the one incomparable God! The Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Dayspring of heavenly evidences, Shir-'Ali, hath several times tasted the sweetness of imprisonment and incarceration in the path of the Friend. First he was cast into prison in the Land of Ta (Tehran), and afterwards in Mazandaran in the city of Amul he fell into the hands of the wicked ones and dwelt in prison, and yet again for a third time in the Land of Ta he was favored with the bounty of imprisonment and adversity and tribulation, bound with chains and fetters. Blessed is he upon whom hath befallen that which befell his Lord! Be not saddened by what hath come to pass. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the All-Merciful's utterance that grief in the path of the Friend is better and sweeter than a hundred thousand joys. Soon shall the oppressor witness the supreme remorse and the oppressed the most great glad-tidings. We enjoin all the loved ones of God to patience and steadfastness. Verily He commandeth you

that which profiteth you in all the worlds of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all worlds!

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O Karbila'i Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! The seekers have arrived and attained unto the hearing of the Call of the Lord of Names. Praise be to God, they have reached the supreme horizon and heard the call of the Divine Lote-Tree. Neither land nor sea could prevent them. The unseen hosts of God aided them until they reached a station that transcends mention and description. Blessed is the seeker who, with permission, pursued the ultimate goal and attained the highest summit. Those souls who are enkindled with the fire of love and are firm and steadfast in the Divine Cause - even if outwardly they do not attain, the reward of attainment has been inscribed for such souls by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. The people are heedless. By My life! Whatever is witnessed cannot compare with a single word from the words of Truth. Praise the Desired One of the world Who hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and caused thee to attain unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. The Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and firm one.

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In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing! Your letter attained to the lights of the Throne and in the Most Great Prison was honored to come before the gaze of the Ancient King. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. That which is necessary today has been and will be to act according to the divine ordinances. One must summon the people to the highest horizon with the utmost wisdom and to act according to what hath been sent down in the Book. Give thanks unto God for that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from this forbidden place. It behooveth everyone to remember that which We have revealed in the Tablets and to hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness on this Day wherein the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Verily the sincere ones are certain of the meeting with their Lord while the idolaters are in grievous doubt. Remember what We have revealed in the Qur'an and in other Books. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Teacher. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in Him, then remember Him. Verily He will aid thee to remember Him. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We adorned thy letter with the Most Wondrous, Most Sweet remembrance that thou mayest be among the thankful ones.

=== END BH07277 ===

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O Handmaiden of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Holy! The Fire of God from the Divine Lote-Tree hath been witnessed in the horizon of the Brow. Warble what the Dove of Glory hath warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, that there is none other God but Him. And He is God, Who hath ever

been wise over all things. Verily the Divine Lote-Tree hath been planted by the hand of this Most Great Remembrance in a Paradise that was hidden from the eyes of the polytheists. It hath been raised up through this Name, as We watered it from the Water of Life which flowed from a luminous and holy Finger. And verily it encompasseth all who are in the heavens and the earth, were ye to know this. And every leaf thereof speaketh in melodies that draw unto them all the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. And whosoever turneth with the ear of innate nature unto it shall hear its melodies in these days wherein the All-Glorious hath been established upon the throne of His Name, the All-Merciful, with mighty sovereignty. O thou leaf! Hearken unto its call and despair not of thy Lord's mercy, for verily it hath preceded all females and males.

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In the Name of God, the Mighty One! Your letter reached this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. The fragrance of love was inhaled from it. God willing, may you ever drink from the pure Salsabil of the love of the Eternal Beloved. This is a Day the mention of which hath been recorded in the divine Books of the past and the future. Blessed is the state of the one who hath been illumined by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Revelation and hath turned toward the most exalted horizon. Praise the Beloved of the world Who enabled thee and caused thee to attain to this most great and most exalted station. Know thou the worth of this great bounty and arise to serve the Cause, that perchance they who are possessed of doubts and idle fancies may drink from the chalice of certitude and attain to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Dayspring of verses. Today is the day of service and the day of praise and glorification. O friends! Strive that ye may attain unto everlasting life and receive your portion from the eternal kingdom. He verily commandeth you with truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds! Your letter which was sent in the name of this Servant reached the Wronged One and was entirely heard. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art the recipient of divine favor. Some time ago a most exalted and holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace, but there was delay in its transmission. We beseech God that thou mayest attain unto it and arise to serve in such wise, through the fragrance of the utterances of the All-Merciful, that the people of the world shall be powerless to prevent thee. We have revealed a Tablet for Khudadad and sent it graciously that he may be among the thankful ones. Dear friend, ye are all remembered. Be not grieved by certain matters. I swear by the Sun in the heaven of divine power that erelong the friends shall behold their stations in the most exalted of places. Thy Lord is verily the True One, the Faithful. The friends of God, exalted be His glory, both men and women, young and old, have been mentioned in His remembrance. By the life of God! The treasures of the world cannot be compared with His remembrance, as witnessed by every just and perceiving one.

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=== START BH07281 ===

O friends of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. The Tongue of Ancient Days hath spoken in the Most Great Prison a word whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of eternity were enraptured, yet the people understand not. We have manifested the Word in the temple of man, and verily it is this Speaker Who calleth aloud throughout contingent being in the name of the All-Merciful. Glorified be He Who speaketh the truth - verily He is the Preserved Tablet and the Hidden Book and the Treasured Mystery. He beareth witness to that whereunto He hath testified from time immemorial that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Through Him the heaven was raised up, and the Dove cooed, and all things gave utterance, yet the people remain in evident veil. Take ye, O My loved ones, the bounds and ordinances of God. Beware lest the intimations of such as have been heedless of God through following the promptings of self and desire debar you. We testify that they are among those who wander distracted. Hold fast to the Sure Handle - verily it hath appeared in truth through a command from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. He is with you. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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The Most Great, Most Wondrous

This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath turned towards the Qiblih of all horizons, that the verses of his Lord might attract him and draw him nigh unto the Dayspring of lights. O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the precincts of the Prison. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then remember Him at morn and eventide. Beware lest anything prevent thee from turning toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Leave behind all creation, for the All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy remembrance hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and thy name hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation while it was in the Prison, in the hands of the wicked ones. Grieve thou not over anything, for he who hath attained unto this Cause is accounted amongst the most exalted of beings in the sight of God, the Most High. Unite, O loved ones of God! Through this the Cause is made manifest and the back of every proud oppressor is broken. Hold fast unto the cord of God, for verily He hath appeared in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful, through Whom the faces of those who disbelieved were darkened, and the faces of the righteous were illumined.

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O Muhammad-Ibrahim! He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven by His Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name! This is a mention from Us to one who has attained the presence and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Know that thy letter which Our Name sent in the kingdom of creation hath been presented by the servant who standeth before the Throne. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. We have heard and answered thee through Our grace, for We are the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Verily she who did what she did erred and disobeyed her Lord and committed a grievous transgression. Thou shouldst not object to her - leave her to herself. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth. Such matters from the beginning should be conducted with kindness. This is what God hath decreed in His Gracious Book. And if you were not pleased with her actions, no blame attacheth to you. As for the loss caused by the child, leave it to God, exalted be His glory, and be mindful of the wisdom mentioned in the Books and Tablets. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious! This is a Youth whom God hath raised up for His Cause and made to speak forth His praise and remembrance among the worlds. For this did most of the people rise up against Him, even to the point of seeking to put Him to death - and God is my witness to what I say. He had a brother who protected Him for a number of years and taught Him a letter from the Tablet of the Command. Through this he grew proud before God Who had created him by the word of His command, and became one of the transgressors. The names so deluded him that he sought to slay his Brother without any proof from God or any enlightening Book. None in the heavens or on earth can reckon his schemes. The fire of hatred blazed in his breast and by it his faith in God, the Lord of all worlds, was consumed. Thus was it decreed for the Youth, as inscribed upon preserved and mighty Tablets. And thou, O handmaiden of God, when thou knowest what hath befallen Us, weep thou for this grievous tribulation. And may mercy be upon thee and upon the believing handmaidens and the believing servants.

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=== START BH07286 ===

He is the Most Sorrowful above all who are sorrowful

This is the Book of God, the King, the Mighty, the Chosen, unto him whom God hath related unto His servant, that the rains might be sprinkled upon him from these clouds which have been raised in the heaven of grace and which rain down upon all regions. Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the holy precincts, the Seat of the Throne, the station of Him Whom eyes perceive not, that verily there is none other God but Him. He hath uttered a Word whereby He hath distinguished between the evil and the righteous. O servant! Purify thy heart from all that thou hast heard, then enter with thy heart the holy precincts with longing and free will. Say: By God! The Desired One hath appeared with the sovereignty of grandeur and power. Hasten, O people, to the Kawthar of eternity, then remember your Lord, the Most Glorious, in private and in public. Thus have We sent unto thee, O servant, the fragrance of the garment from Joseph the Imprisoned through this Tablet whereby the eyes of the righteous are consoled. And peace be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

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He is the Mighty. This is a Book wherein the Dove warbleth with melodies of glorious love, and reciteth unto all created things the verses of separation. This is an ordinance from the presence of the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting King. Grieve thou not at the grief of this day, neither be thou dismayed by this most great dismay and this supreme anxiety. Put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Fear thou no one, and sorrow not over anything. Verily that which We had ordained for thee in previous Tablets hath been fulfilled in truth, and this is what hath been inscribed in a preserved and glorious Book, wherein the destinies of all things have been decreed, did ye but know. Remind thou the servants at all times, and be not perturbed by any matter. Then walk thou in the path of truth, for this is better for thee than all that was and shall be. God shall soon exalt His Cause in truth, and make His words to prevail, and manifest His proof. He, verily, is the King, the Sovereign, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who walk in the ways of God and are not dismayed.

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He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from God unto him who hath been named Abdullah, that he may call to mind the remembrance of God, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the All-Wise, and may forsake that which is with the people and take hold of the Tablet of holiness with power and great might. O servant! Follow what We have sent down unto thee aforetime, then walk in the paths of the sanctified ones. Say: O people! Gather ye together in the Cause of God and differ not concerning Him Who hath come unto you with every wise command. Look not upon God as ye look upon your own selves. Fear God and be of the God-fearing. Say: God desireth for you naught save what is better for your own selves than all that ye have chosen, were ye of them that comprehend. Arise to help the Cause of God, then walk in the ways of justice and shun the paths of the oppressors. Thus hath the word of truth been sent down from the heaven of Command as a token of grace from the presence of One mighty and generous. Blessed is he who hath heard the Word of God and hath detached himself from the words of all else.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from the presence of One mighty and generous unto him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, that the wine of utterance may so intoxicate him that he will speak in remembrance of his Lord, the All-Merciful, detached from all who dwell on earth. O ’Inayat! The loving-kindness of God hath embraced thee, inasmuch as thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and this luminous and lofty Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which the dayspring of self and passion were shaken, to aid me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near ones. Verily, thy letter was

present before the Throne in the Most Great Prison. Thus hath been decreed for thee in the Tablet an honorable station. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Countenance. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Whoso desireth Him, verily He remembereth him and calleth him at all times, and summoneth all who are in the worlds unto His straight and manifest path. And glory be upon thee and upon the sincere ones.

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=== START BH07290 ===

This is a Book from Us to the handmaiden of God, the wife of the Most Great Trustee, concerning she who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and hath sought her Lord when He came with manifest sovereignty. Were thou to gaze upon the Most Great Scene, thou wouldst behold the Lord of Destiny in the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Despite all that hath befallen Him, His tongue speaketh in remembrance of God, His feet move toward the Intended One, His Pen moveth to mention Him, and with His finger He moveth the thread of existence. Remember thy Lord, O My handmaiden, with this remembrance that hath been remembered: "O my God and my Beloved! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee and believed in Thee after the servants turned away from Thee. O Lord! Inscribe me, then, among the people of the pavilion of Thy glory and the tents of Thy grandeur. Then make me one of those who circle round the throne of Thy majesty and turn with their hearts toward the court of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient in every condition. Have mercy, then, upon Thy male and female servants and preserve them within the protection of Thy shelter and safekeeping. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to her who hath believed in God, her Lord, and hath attained unto the lights of holiness and drunk the choice wine of love from the hands of the All-Merciful in her days. O My handmaiden! Remember thy Lord in private and in public in this hour whose time hath come. Be not grieved about any matter, then turn with thy heart toward this horizon from which hath risen the Sun of Glory with its radiant mention of thy Lord's name. Take shelter in the shade of the Tree of the Divine Command, then leave behind all things and take hold of the Word of God with a strength bestowed by Us. Blessed is the one who hath attained unto it and upon whom its breezes have wafted. Verily, He forgeteth not His handmaidens who have turned unto Him. Soon shall their faces be illumined by the lights of this Sun and its radiance. Blessed art thou and blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto that which was ordained for her in the Book wherein is recorded for every soul its recompense. And glory be unto the handmaiden who hath turned with her heart unto the Lord of the Last and the First and hath left the world behind her.

=== END BH07291 ===

=== START BH07292 ===

O handmaiden of God, Umm-Muhajir! The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from Us to one of Our handmaidens, that My melodies may draw her to the heaven of My knowledge, sever her from all else save Me, and cause her to speak My remembrance and praise among My handmaidens. O My handmaiden! Remember My imprisonment and tribulation, then My exile and estrangement and My affliction. Beware lest the turning away of the people of passion prevent thee from the Divine Lote-Tree. Free thyself from worldly conditions, then turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of Names. By God! None shall be protected today save those who have laid hold of the Most Great Handle, which hath appeared in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, between earth and heaven. Exalted be the Ancient One Who hath appeared with this mighty grace! O My handmaiden! Know thou that on this Day a soul's belief shall profit it not, even should it perform the deeds of all creation, except that it lay hold of this firm Cord. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the heaven of might, as a favor from Him unto thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful ones in a Tablet of manifest glory. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07292 ===

=== START BH07293 ===

This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the divine Robe and hast chosen for thyself a station beneath the shade of this praiseworthy Seat. They who have detached themselves in My love from all else besides Me - these are reckoned among the most excellent of creatures in the sight of God, and these are they who are sincere. As for those who hesitated after the clear proofs came unto them, for them hath been ordained an irrevocable punishment. They who have denied the Unseen - these are a people who deny the truth. Say: It is through this Tongue that He summoneth the peoples unto His Most Great Name. Blessed are they who recognize Him. Let not the intimations of men grieve thee, nor the words of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace and place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily, He is with whomsoever desireth Him and He aideth those who have cast away their idle fancies and turned towards the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth and revealed unto thee in prison that which rejoiceth the hearts.

=== END BH07293 ===

=== START BH07294 ===

In the name of God, the All-Sufficient! This is a Book from Us unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, and turn with thy heart toward the quarter of resplendent glory. Blessed art thou in that thou hast passed over the Bridge and entered the Most Glorious Paradise, a station of gracious glory. Say: We exalted the name of one of Our servants lest anyone should know Us, and when his fame became widespread he denied God and waxed proud before Him, and thus did Satan behave rebelliously toward the All-Merciful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then remind the people of this announcement which hath been witnessed from the horizon of the Cause. Say: O people! Deny not Him in Whom ye have

believed, and take not Satan as your helper. Rather seek refuge in God from his evil, and take Him as your friend. We have indeed sent down unto thee aforetime clear verses, and now again have verses been sent down from the heaven of glorious and resplendent might, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, at all times and be steadfast in His Cause. And glory be upon the people of glory from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH07294 ===

=== START BH07295 ===

O handmaid of God, Mother of the Sun! He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Baha to one of the handmaidens of God, that she may remember her Lord at morn and eventide. O My handmaiden! Be thou submissive and prostrate thyself before thy Lord Who created thee by a command from His presence. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Most High. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the recognition of her Lord in these days wherein the Sun of Grandeur and Glory hath shone forth from the horizon of holiness. O My handmaiden! Grieve not over anything and place thy trust in all matters in God, through Whose word the clouds of idle fancy were rent asunder, the foundations of all things were shaken, and the mountains were scattered. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and this is a bounty unexcelled by any bounty from beginning to end. Taste thou of the fruits of the Tree of Grace, then detach thyself from those who have disbelieved in God and have walked in the paths of idle fancy and error. And peace be upon thee and upon those who have been illumined by the lights of Beauty.

=== END BH07295 ===

=== START BH07296 ===

O Haji Aqa! In the Name of God, the Most Manifest! This is a Book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto His loved ones, that they may be quickened through the words of God, the Mighty, the Beloved, and be set ablaze with the fire of His love, and speak forth in praise of His Being in such wise that the opposition of those who have disbelieved in the signs of God after their revelation and followed every rejected idolator shall not deter them. And thou, O servant, taste thou the fruits of assurance from the Lote-Tree of Certitude which hath been planted by the hands of the All-Merciful, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Grieve not over anything, and fear no one, for God, the Sovereign of the realms of the spirit, hath made His loved ones such that it behooveth them not to be concerned with their physical bodies even should the swords of hatred descend upon them. Thus hath the command been sent down in truth that ye might not sorrow. Place your trust in all matters in God, and verily He will protect you in truth and will give you that which would cause all the kings of the earth to marvel. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thus have We made mention of thee in truth that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of them that rejoice in the gladness of God.

=== END BH07296 ===

=== START BH07297 ===

In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious! This is a book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath heard the call of his Lord and taken up his abode beneath His shadow in a praiseworthy station. Hearken, then, unto that which is revealed unto thee from the Quarter wherein hath shone the countenance of the Youth and from which hath been raised the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving. Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy remembrance through which Thou hast quickened all created things and caused all faces to shine, that Thou disappoint me not of what lieth with Thee and admit me, through Thy mercy, beneath Thy extended shadow. O my Lord! Make Thou my hope to be in Thee, my purpose to be in Thee, my aspiration to be in Thee, my goal to be in Thee, my habitation to be in Thee, my Ka'bih to be in Thee, and the object of my desire to be Thy radiant, mighty and praiseworthy Beauty. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by what Thou art, to send down from the right hand of Thy power that which shall exalt Thy loved ones and abase Thine enemies. There is no God but Thee. Verily Thou art my Beloved in this world and in the next, and Thou art the Object of desire of them that have recognized Thee. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07297 ===

=== START BH07298 ===

In the Name of my Lord, the All-Merciful!

This is a Book from the Prisoner to the loved ones of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Therein is mentioned that which will draw them nigh unto God, their Creator. This, verily, is a supreme bounty.

O people! Fear God and commit not that which is unseemly. Do that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Beware lest ye be debarred from His grace in these days wherein the Sun of the loving-kindness of your Lord hath dawned from the horizon of His Most Great Name.

Make then your deeds pure for His sake. Beware lest ye do that which is displeasing unto Him. Then walk in the ways of them that are detached, who have soared on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of nearness to your Lord, the All-Merciful, and who have aided Him through their utterance betwixt earth and heaven. Neither the blame of the blamer nor the scorn of the polytheists hath deterred them from the remembrance of their Beloved.

Thus have We made mention of thee in this Tablet that thou mayest take unto God a path, stand firm in His Cause, and be of them that are assured. Glory be upon you, O loved ones of God, male and female, young and old.

=== END BH07298 ===

=== START BH07299 ===

In the Name of Him Who hath illumined the horizon of utterance! This is an epistle from the Wronged One unto him who hath believed in God when the Promised One came with manifest sovereignty. Today all divine Books have been and shall be dependent upon the Most Great Book. The Mother Book calleth

out with the most exalted voice and summoneth the people to the supreme horizon. Whosoever hath attained unto acceptance and taken hold of it with the hand of certitude, he verily hath acknowledged and confessed all the divine Books. Without this, even if one were to memorize all Books, it would yield no fruit. Praise thou the Goal of all beings, that thou didst turn toward His direction in days when most of mankind rose up in opposition. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon steadfastness and hold fast unto Him, for verily the evil ones lie in wait at every turn. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen forewarned in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed are they who are firmly established! Woe unto the heedless! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH07299 ===

=== START BH07300 ===

He is the Mighty. This is a Book which speaks with truth and gives glad tidings to the people of the sublime and holy Ridvan, and draws near the near ones to the sacred court and causes them to attain to the glorious heaven of might. Then it makes mention of those who have believed in God and His verses and upon whom have descended such afflictions as cause tears to flow from every faithful believer. Say: Verily he who has died from among you has been raised unto God and God is witness to this. By God! He has returned to the Primal Point in a mighty and impregnable station. O loved ones of God! Do not grieve over this, but rather rejoice with the joy of God, then trust in Him, then be content with His decree, then be patient in trials and ordeals, and be well-pleased in the Cause. Every soul shall taste of death - this is what has been inscribed by the Pen of God upon a preserved and mighty tablet. We beseech God to raise you to a station wherein no grief shall touch you from near or far. And upon you all be the Spirit and Glory.

=== END BH07300 ===

=== START BH07301 ===

He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted

This is the Tablet of Holiness wherein have been inscribed, by the wondrous holy Pen, the verses of God, the King, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Holy, the Beautiful. Therein He maketh mention of the servant of God who heard the melodies of Paradise from the mouth of God, his Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

O servant! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to attain His presence, inasmuch as thou hast visited the Ancient Beauty when He shone forth from the horizon of Iraq with mighty holy splendors. By God! To hear but one melody from the mouth of God is better than all that hath been treasured in the heavens and earth, and thy entry into the Spot of God is better for thee than whatsoever hath been created on earth - and God is witness unto this. Know thou thy station, for thou hast been honored with that which countless souls have died in their longing for. Yet strive within thyself lest this bounty be changed - and this is indeed a mighty counsel. Preserve the love of God in thy heart lest it be erased by the intimations of the polytheists. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the True King, the Manifest.

=== END BH07301 ===

=== START BH07302 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Tablet from the Prisoner to a leaf of the leaves of the Tree of Ridvan, that the winds of her Lord's Will, the All-Merciful, may stir it and draw it nigh unto God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. O leaf! Hearken thou unto My call from the direction of the Prison, that there is none other God but Him. He ordaineth what He willeth through His command, and He, verily, is the Fashioner of earth and heaven. Remember thou thy Lord through these words which have been sent down from God, the Revealer of verses:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Sun of Thy Beauty hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Will and Power, and by which the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy creatures were illumined, to send down upon me that which will gladden my soul and tranquilize my heart. Then grant me, from Thy presence, goodly offspring who will remember Thee on earth amidst Thy creatures and aid Thee in Thy domains. Then cause me to drink, O my God, from the Kawthar of Thy bounty that which will purify me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07302 ===

=== START BH07303 ===

This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Most High, the Most Great, that the attraction of the verses may seize him and render him detached from the allusions of such as have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Akka - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. He aideth whom He willeth through His sovereignty and chastiseth those who have denied the Day of Separation. Make mention of thy Lord amongst His servants. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God, the Possessor of creation. Verily He maketh mention of His servants and assisteth them in whatsoever He desireth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that shouldst all who are on earth oppose thee, thou wouldst not turn toward them but say in that state: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling." Thus have We inspired thee and revealed unto thee that whereby spirits take flight. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Pen of the Command. Verily He maketh mention of whomsoever He pleaseth among His servants. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07303 ===

=== START BH07304 ===

He is the One manifest through His manifestation. This is the Day wherein the dwellers of earth and heaven were seized with trembling, for the Beloved hath come without veil or covering. Verily He is the

One calling in the atmosphere, manifest from His most exalted horizon, and speaking forth that “I am God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens.” Blessed is the ear that hath been honored and the eye that hath beheld this horizon from which the horizons were illumined. Say: O people, fear God and follow not every doubtful idolator. Say: Leave behind all that ye possess. By God, nothing among all things shall profit you this Day, nor any name among all names, nor that which ye have clung to of tales and traditions. This is the Day wherein the hand of the All-Merciful hath taken the living waters, and He Himself calleth out saying: “Come, O people of the earth, then drink in My Name, the Mighty, the Bestower.” Thus have We mentioned thee in Our Most Great Prison that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of all necks.

=== END BH07304 ===

=== START BH07305 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity

This is the Day wherein the Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured One hath emerged and the King hath spoken in the Most Great Prison - the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O concourse of creation! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Names uttereth and announceth unto you the praiseworthy station. Say: The Path hath appeared yet ye turn away from it, and the Promise hath come to pass in truth yet ye perceive it not. Say: By God! The springtime of utterance hath come yet ye remain silent, and the Sun of certitude hath dawned yet ye flee from it. That which was hidden throughout all eternity hath appeared yet ye comprehend it not. Ye hear the verses of God yet dispute them, and ye behold the proof of the All-Merciful yet deny it, having followed the desires of them who have turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: Cast aside what ye possess and what your divines possess, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of existence. That which hath been sent down in truth causeth all the books of the world to bow down before it, did ye but know. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His exalted habitation.

=== END BH07305 ===

=== START BH07307 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise! Hath anyone drunk from the living waters and remained silent, or failed to attain thereunto and remained heedless? By God’s life! Whoso drinketh thereof will be seized with such longing that he will arise and exclaim: “By God! The Beloved hath come with His mighty and impregnable dominion!” And he will be set ablaze with a fire that neither the waters of the world nor the opposition of the nations can quench. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Informed. And should anyone be kindled by this fire or be drawn by the call of the Chosen One, he must not transgress the wisdom which hath been sent down in the Tablet from the Pen of the All-Knowing. We have made all victory to consist in utterance. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of them who dispute idly and commit that which they were forbidden in the perspicuous Book. Say: Consort with all religions with joy and fragrance, and remind them of that which hath appeared in creation. Should they turn towards it, it is for their own good; and should they turn away, withdraw from them and remain steadfast in great dignity. Thus have

We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest be of them that render thanks.

=== END BH07307 ===

=== START BH07308 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Manifest, the All-Knowing

Do you see anyone on earth who hearkens unto the Call of God with the ear of justice and fairness? And do you see anyone who turns toward the Most Exalted Summit or acts according to that which was commanded by My Most Exalted Pen? Blessed is he who hath heard My Call and found the fragrance of My utterance. By the life of God! He is assuredly recorded among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. Hold fast unto the Book of God and whatsoever hath been sent down therein from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. How many learned ones desired to attain My presence in ages past and in this age, yet when I manifested My Self they turned away from Me and pronounced judgment against Me with such injustice as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and joy be unto him who hath attained unto this wondrous Cause. We have manifested the Cause and summoned all unto the Straight Path of God. Among the people are those who have turned toward it and those who have turned away, and he who hath turned away is assuredly among the companions of the Fire. Thou hast held fast unto the cord of the Cause and clung to the hem of thy Lord, the Possessor of this great Day.

=== END BH07308 ===

=== START BH07309 ===

In the Name of the one true God! All the world hath ever loved and still loveth the Truth. All turn unto Him and consider themselves to be of Him. The transgressor is confident in His grace and bounty, and the obedient one is enkindled and gladdened by His love and favor. All seek Him, yet remain heedless of Him, for the paths have become diverse, but His path is manifest and clear to them that possess insight. Say: O my God, my Worshipped One! I make mention of Thee, and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and cling to the hem of Thy mercy. I seek from Thee Thine ancient forgiveness and search after Thy boundless grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Prophets and Messengers that Thou aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to act according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Remember the handmaiden of God on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may aid her to remember Him and praise Him and to observe that which hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book.

=== END BH07309 ===

=== START BH07310 ===

O Abu-Talib! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which is as a crown for the head of mystical understanding: “Set aside what thou desirest and take what thy Lord desireth.” Blessed is the soul that

hath attained unto this most exalted word. Today the friends of God who have quaffed from the Kawthar of inner meanings must fix their gaze upon the Will of God and cling to His Purpose. This is the station of true evanescence and spiritual oneness. Today the ocean of bounty surgeth before the faces of all peoples. How excellent is the state of those souls whom neither the intimations of the divines nor the doubts of the theologians have prevented. O friends! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful and arise to serve His Cause. Be not grieved by worldly conditions. Soon all that is visible shall return to nothingness, while that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall endure and remain established. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His Most Great Prison. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon every steadfast one who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and upon thy son, and upon every one who hath turned and is firm.

=== END BH07310 ===

=== START BH07311 ===

O Abu'l-Hasan, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! O Abu'l-Hasan! Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with verses through whose light the earth and heaven were illumined. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them, and woe unto the most lost! When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and His traces, say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and unto Thee be glory, unto Thee be greatness and splendor! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the revelations of the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge, O Lord of all beings and King of the Kingdom of Names, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, speaking in Thy remembrance, and arising to serve Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have aided Thy Cause with their souls, their spirits and all that they possess. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy countenance, and ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07311 ===

=== START BH07312 ===

He is the Speaker of Truth

O Abul-Fadl! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou for thy ardor in the love of God, for thy utterance in His Cause, for thy remembrance in His days, for thy attraction to the fragrances of His verses, and for thy steadfastness in His service amongst His servants, whereby neither the clamor of the wicked from various regions weakened thee, nor the might of the oppressors from different quarters frightened thee. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness unto thee in this hour, as My manifest Temple walketh in this exalted palace, that thou hast turned with thy whole being to God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou didst aid His Cause before all faces and didst hold fast to that whereby His mention was exalted among His servants. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who heareth thy words and loveth thee. We beseech God to reinforce thee with the hosts of utterance at all times and to aid thee with the power of the Spirit. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and

upon whosoever hath acknowledged that which thy tongue, both outward and inward, hath acknowledged concerning this Announcement, at which the limbs of the polytheists have quaked.

=== END BH07312 ===

=== START BH07313 ===

In the name of Him Who speaks between the worlds. O Abu'l-Qasim, upon whom be the Glory of God! Do you recognize Who remembers you from the horizon of the prison, and do you see Who has turned toward you from His most exalted station? Say: Yea, by my Lord! He is my Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an: "On the day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord shall come." And when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, they denied Him, until they pronounced against Him that which caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. Say: O people, read ye the Books of God that were sent down aforetime. Verily they bear witness to this Most Great Revelation, yet ye understand not. O concourse of divines! Fear ye God, and follow not idle fancies and vain imaginings. Follow Him Who guideth you to the Dayspring of certitude on this Day which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen and concealed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of Names. All things bear witness to this, would ye but understand. Thus have We remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which was and is the Water of Life for all that exist and will exist.

=== END BH07313 ===

=== START BH07314 ===

O Abu'l-Qasim, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One! O Abu'l-Qasim! My Pen beareth witness to thy acceptance and thy humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast turned unto My Cause and attained the light of the Countenance when thou didst enter My prison and stand before My gate, which God hath appointed to be guarded by the Concourse on High and the angels nigh unto Him. Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the rays of the Sun of divine permission and acted according to that which is recorded in the Books, Psalms, Scriptures and Tablets. God willing, thou shalt at all times be enabled to make mention of God, exalted be His glory, and to serve His Cause. This is a Day wherein the money-changers of divine unity distinguish and differentiate between the pure and that which is otherwise. God willing, may all attain unto that which is pleasing unto Him. Convey My greetings to the friends of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. The Glory be upon thee. We bid thee convey on Our behalf greetings to him who was named 'Ali before Akbar and to him who hath arisen to serve this mighty Cause.

=== END BH07314 ===

=== START BH07315 ===

O Ibrahim, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. O Ibrahim! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet which beareth witness to that whereunto God Himself hath testified before the existence of creation: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty,

the All-Loving. How many a servant hath heard My call and responded, and how many a servant hath heard and turned away - he is assuredly among those who have perished, as recorded in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Us and attained unto that which hath shone forth and radiated from the horizon of the heaven of grace from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Rejoice thou that We found thy letter free from the allusions of those who have remained heedless of this Most Great Cause and have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Loving. Take hold of the Book with the strength granted by Us and cast aside that which is possessed by those people who have followed every rejected learned one. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto My days and drunk of My choice sealed wine.

=== END BH07315 ===

=== START BH07316 ===

O son of Afnan, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! I saw thee before thou didst see Me, guided thee before thou didst ask of Me, and made thee known before most of My servants and My creation. Ponder thou the ocean of My loving-kindness and the heaven of My mercy and the sun of My bounty. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Most Generous. There hath appeared before Us My Afnan whom God and His loved ones love, and thou wast mentioned. We make mention of thee at this moment with this perspicuous mention, and before this with a mention before which every wondrous mention hath bowed down in humility. The light of permission hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet. Draw nigh and be of the thankful ones. Under all conditions We counsel thee to observe the wisdom which We have sent down in the Book. Hold fast unto it, then act in accordance with it; otherwise ask thy Lord and the Lord of the throne and of the dust to ordain for thee the reward of attainment unto His presence. He, verily, hath power over all things. We send from this spot Our greetings upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07316 ===

=== START BH07317 ===

O son of Alif and Ha! We have desired to make mention of him once again, as a favor from God, the Lord of all beings. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest and knowest that one of Thy loved ones hath ascended unto Thy Most Exalted Companion and hath sought Thy Most Glorious Horizon. I testify, O my God and the God of all created things, my Lord and the Lord of all contingent beings, that Thy servant Ahmad, upon whom be Thy glory and Thy mercy, believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and turned toward the heaven of Thy Cause in Thy earliest days when most of Thy creation turned away from Thee. I testify that he drank the choice wine of life from the cup of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of utterance from the chalice of Thy generosity and grace. He it is, O my God, who acknowledged that which was sent down from the heaven of Thy favor and confessed to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur had spoken. O Lord! Send down upon him from the clouds of Thy loving-kindness the rains of Thy mercy, and from the heaven of

Thy generosity that which will draw him near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH07317 ===

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O son of Barat! Hearken unto that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, calleth thee, and remembereth thee by, on this Day whereon the Lord of lords speaketh - this blessed and wondrous Day. Bear thou witness unto that which God hath witnessed, then stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thy call hath reached the Divine Throne and attained the hearing of the Wronged One. Strive thou that in the days of God thou mayest not be deprived of the outpourings from the heaven of grace and bounty. All have been created to serve in this Day. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto His recognition. Endeavor to succeed in such deeds as may cause the perpetuation of thy remembrance in the Kingdom of God, and seek from God steadfastness, for verily the satans have been and are lying in wait. Praise be to God that the grace of God hath been and is with thee, and the witness and proof of this grace is that from the Most Great Prison thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07318 ===

=== START BH07319 ===

O beloved of the Lord in London! Know ye assuredly that He who had departed from your midst is come again. Verily He hath fulfilled His promise and manifested His Cause. He passeth amongst you at all times, and yet ye heed Him not. Will ye remain far removed from Him who seeketh naught but your nearness, and will ye reject Him to whose truth ye have day and night borne witness? He, verily, is come for your salvation and cherisheth no desire save your exaltation and advancement.

O My people! Will ye flee from My presence? Will ye turn away from your Best-Beloved, who loveth you and who standeth now before you? This is the Day wherein the rapture of divine revelation hath taken hold of all created things, the Day wherein He Who had been mentioned in the books of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise, hath been made manifest. Verily Sinai hath been graced to behold its Speaker, the Burning Bush to know its Herald, and the Vineyard of God to see its Beloved. Zion crieth out: O People! The city of God hath in truth descended from heaven, and that which the Prophets had announced unto you hath come to pass. Take heed lest the promptings of the self debar you from meeting your Beloved, Who hath come down from the heaven of inner meaning arrayed in His great glory.

=== END BH07319 ===

=== START BH07320 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My loved ones in Ha and Mim! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He hath not forgotten you. He hath remembered you in the nights and days, at eventide

and at dawn. To this all things bear witness, and beyond them the Mother Book itself. Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you, and hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Arise to serve the Cause, then aid it through deeds and goodly character. They who have heard and responded - these are the denizens of Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of the Final Return. Hold fast to the Book of God and His Cause, and follow not every heedless doubter. Act according to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed - this is better than all upon which the sun doth shine, if ye be of them who cleave fast to the commandments of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The glory rest upon you and upon those with you, upon your males and females, upon those who love you and who follow your example, and who drink from what floweth from the right hand of His mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07320 ===

=== START BH07321 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

O Ahmad! Thy letter, free from the traces of the pen, was noted. God willing, may thy heart be seen to be likewise. In every heart there is inscribed and recorded by the Pen of divine power the story of His love, but the veils of desire have concealed it. Beseech ye God, exalted and glorified be He, that He may enable all to attain to this most exalted and sublime station. How many souls there are who have considered and still consider themselves the most exalted of creatures, unaware that they were and are not even mentioned in the presence of God. Creation came into being so that on this blessed Day none might be deprived of the outpourings of the clouds of mercy. This is a truth to which all have testified. Nevertheless, when the Morn of the promised Day dawned from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, all turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did choose. Hearken thou unto the voice of the Wronged One, and strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the ocean of His bounties. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing Counsellor.

=== END BH07321 ===

=== START BH07322 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Ahmad! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds, that He may draw thee nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful. We made mention of thee before in a Tablet that shone forth from the horizon thereof with the radiant light of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. In these days there hath come upon Us that which hath caused the Most Exalted Paradise to lament by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The idolaters have indeed interposed themselves between Me and My loved ones, having followed every heedless and remote soul. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn towards Thy most glorious horizon when the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen was raised up, and for having made me to hear Thy call and to recognize the Dayspring of Thy verses and evidences and the Dawning-Place of Thy lights. I beseech Thee to make me, in all conditions,

acknowledging of Thy oneness and Thy singleness, moving by Thy will and Thy purpose, and well-pleased with and acting according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH07322 ===

=== START BH07323 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

O ear of the world! Turn that perchance thou mayest hear what the Most Great Name uttereth in this luminous Scene. By God's life! The very rocks have melted from the heat of the love of the Chosen One, yet the wicked are in great drunkenness, having been intoxicated by the wine of pride in such wise that they have been debarred from the Possessor of the Manifestation Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. We have revealed Our Self and spoken the Most Exalted Word, whereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except such as have clung to My holy and purified and mighty and impregnable hem. We have built for thee from the iron rods of utterance that which will not be altered by the vicissitudes of time. To this thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, doth testify. Cast aside what the Manifestations of idle fancy have spoken and take what hath come unto thee from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge surged when the call of the All-Merciful was raised. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless! We send from this Spot Our glorification upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH07323 ===

=== START BH07324 ===

O Asadu'llah! In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! O Asadu'llah! Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who aided thee to recognize Him in days when most of the divines and mystics of the earth are heedless and veiled. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it in the Name of the True One, exalted be His glory. All created things have been created for this Day and throughout ages and centuries were hopeful and expectant to attain the Divine Day. When the gate of heaven was opened and the Countenance of the Promised One appeared, all turned away. Such is the condition of the servants. God willing, may the friends of God who have drunk from the cup of recognition and have turned to the supreme horizon occupy themselves with utmost wisdom and utterance in mentioning the Beloved of the worlds. Verily He is with them, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07324 ===

=== START BH07326 ===

In His Name through Whom the Call has been raised amongst creation! O Isma'il! Thou hast attained unto the most great gladness and been adorned with the greatest joy, for God, glorified be His majesty, hath

turned toward thee from the direction of the Most Great Prison and made mention of thee. Be thou grateful and numbered among those who render thanks.

O Ni'matu'llah! The Lord of Names saith: God willing, mayest thou ever be sustained by the true bounty and heavenly sustenance and be adorned with that which God loveth. The world is evanescent and that which is with God endureth. To this testifieth every just and informed one.

O 'Abdu'llah! True servitude is a mighty station. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it, and woe betide him who hath failed to recognize its station, been heedless of it and transgressed by even a fingerbreadth. For all things there is fixed a station, measure and limit. He who attaineth unto true servitude unto God, verily he hath attained unto all good. To this testifieth He Who speaketh the truth: "There is no God but Me, the Commander, the All-Knowing."

=== END BH07326 ===

=== START BH07327 ===

O Isma'il! The Friend of God's Messenger and He Who conversed with Moses, while wronged in this Most Great Prison, makes mention of thee and summons thee to the horizon of steadfastness. Two matters are regarded as most great in the sight of God and are inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book: first, recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses; and second, steadfastness in His love and His Cause. The source of all knowledge hath been and still is this blessed Word, for the purpose of knowledge, in its primary degree, is to withhold men from error and cause them to attain unto guidance, and in its secondary degree, all that which profiteth mankind. God willing, thou shalt succeed in rending asunder all the veils of the past. Today the people of the Bayan are observed to be like unto the people of the Furqan, nay rather more astray. O My loved ones! Beware lest their doubts veil you or their allusions hold you back. By the life of God! The Morn of Certitude hath dawned through this Manifest Name. Verily, He guideth the people, even from His mighty prison, unto His straight path.

=== END BH07327 ===

=== START BH07330 ===

In My Name which is sanctified above all names!

O God of the Concourse on High and the One manifest from Thy Most Glorious Horizon! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom and the sun of Thy wisdom to make me among those women who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty and whom the intoxication of recognition hath so seized that they have detached themselves from all contingent things and turned with their whole being to the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Day-Spring of Thy clear signs. O my Lord! Behold this poor one who hath risen before the gate of Thy generosity and clung to the cord of Thy riches and held fast to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. Hard it is for Thy handmaiden to perceive Thy fragrance from the direction of Thy prison. By Thy glory, O God of the world! Hard it is for me to see Thy servants dwelling in palaces in Thy days while I behold Thee in the most desolate of Thy lands and the most distant of Thy realms. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy

sovereignty which hath encompassed all created things to ordain for Thyself that which shall gladden the eyes of Thy creation and rejoice the hearts of Thy trusted ones and Thy leaves. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and Thou art the Ordainer, the Answerer, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07330 ===

=== START BH07331 ===

O my God and my King! This is a day wherein the vibration of Thy Most Glorious Name hath seized all who are in earth and heaven, and through it the veil was rent asunder and the pearls of Thy mysteries that were hidden within the shell of Thy protection and the sea of Thy knowledge were revealed. I beseech Thee, O Light of hearts and Enchanter of breasts, to ordain for every soul that which befitteth Thy grandeur and Thy generosity and is worthy of Thy sovereignty and Thy bounty. O Lord! Withhold not Thy chosen ones from drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy laws. Then inscribe for them from the Most Exalted Pen that which will vouchsafe unto them Thy presence and the visitation of Thy Beauty. O Lord! They are poor and Thou art in truth the All-Possessing; they are weak and Thou art in justice the All-Powerful; they are athirst in their separation and with Thee is the Kawthar of life, O Thou Who art the Lord of all existence. Thou art He Who hath ever been exalted in grandeur and glory, and elevated in loftiness and majesty. Thou art, verily, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07331 ===

=== START BH07332 ===

O Mother who has attained and won! Upon you both be the Glory of God! O mother of Ali! Upon you be My Glory and My loving-kindness! Reflect upon the grace and loving-kindness of God. He has bestowed upon you the supreme gift and enfolded you in His greatest mercy. That gift was Ali, upon him be My Glory, who was bestowed upon you, and His mercy is now being sent down upon you from the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks to the All-Bountiful Lord that in days when the people of the earth were heedless and veiled, He made you aware and gave you a portion from the cup of recognition. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land. Say: All that befell you and all the good deeds that were manifested have been recorded and inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen in God's Book. Know the value of this station and preserve it through His Name. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon them and upon those women who have turned to and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07332 ===

=== START BH07333 ===

O my handmaiden! The Mother Book called all with a mighty voice on the Day of Return to the divine horizon of manifestation, and the light of the Cause shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of will. Yet the tales of old and the doubts and allusions of the divines have deprived all. Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, for having shattered the idols in My Name. Verily, He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. That which hath appeared from the treasury of love

in praise of God hath attained the ear of acceptance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty. Men and heroes were deprived, while thou didst attain. This glory sufficeth thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me, illumined my heart, and accepted that which flowed from the treasury of my remembrance. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My handmaidens there who have drunk the choice wine of revelation in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH07333 ===

=== START BH07334 ===

O handmaiden of God, Masumih! In the name of the one God! O my handmaiden! God willing, mayest thou be blessed and joyous through divine grace. The mention of the handmaidens of that land hath ever flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and all things have testified and do testify to this word. Ask thou God, glorified be His majesty, Who speaketh at this moment, to assist the handmaidens of that land to do what He loveth and pleaseth, and to draw them to the realm of sanctity and detachment. He is the All-Hearing, and the reins of response have been and shall ever be within His mighty grasp. We have mentioned and continue to mention the people of that land, for Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, sendeth his petitions to the Most Holy Court and in every petition maketh mention of the friends. The all-encompassing grace and pre-existing mercy have encompassed and continue to encompass all. He is the All-Seeing, the Bestower, the Giver. It is incumbent upon all to remember and thank God, glorified be His majesty, for this most great favor. The Command is in His hands and all are in His grasp.

=== END BH07334 ===

=== START BH07335 ===

O handmaid of God Farrukh, wife of Mirza Muhammad! O my handmaid! We have heard your cry and lamentation in divine love. God has accepted all tribulations for the sake of the preservation of the world and the life of its people. If He so wills, He can manifest a hundred thousand paradises from the very essence of prison, and transform afflictions and trials into the Most Great Mercy. He is the Powerful, and He is the Mighty. The kingdom of all things has been and will ever be in the grasp of His power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. God willing, in these days thou shalt attain unto that which God loveth and act according to that which He hath willed. We make mention of all handmaidens that all may engage with utmost joy in the remembrance and praise of the Lord of all mankind. O Farrukh! Convey to the aforementioned handmaid the greetings of the Wronged One, that she may attain to God's favors and be made glad. Verily, We have made mention of her as a token of Our grace, and verily, We are the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07335 ===

=== START BH07336 ===

O Handmaiden of God, wife of Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Mirza, upon them both be the Glory of God! In the name of the merciful Lord! O my handmaiden! Blessed art thou, for thou hast been granted permission, having

attained in the days of God to hearing the word “O My handmaiden!” This bounty hath been and is the greatest of divine bounties. In truth, in the first station and primary rank, the faculty of hearing was created solely for hearkening unto the blessed Word. Blessed is the soul that was not prevented by the vanities of the world and its colors from turning towards Him and was not held back from drawing nigh unto Him. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and guided me to Thy path and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy love. I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Book, which none has comprehended save Thyself, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine and Thy other handmaiden the good of the world to come and of this world. O my Lord! Withhold not Thy handmaidens from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy utterance and turning towards the horizon of Thy Manifestation. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07336 ===

=== START BH07337 ===

In My Name which warbles upon the branches! O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto the court of My glory and the carpet of My holiness, and will guide thee to My straight path. When thou hearest the rustling of the Tree of My utterance, say: “My God, my God! Thou seest a handmaiden from among Thy handmaidens and a leaf from among Thy leaves who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy manifestation, and hath heard Thy sweetest call, and hath witnessed Thy signs, O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy most great favors and by the drops of the ocean of Thy utterance in the kingdom of creation to ordain for her that which Thou hast ordained for those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. O Lord! I am a leaf among Thy leaves and a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens. I have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty the suns of Thy grace, Thy mercy and Thy giving. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.” That which thou didst send hath appeared before the Face and hath attained the honor of acceptance. The mercy of God be upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH07337 ===

=== START BH07338 ===

O handmaid of God Fatimah, upon her be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O my handmaid, upon thee be My glory! Today the Sun of Truth has risen from the horizon of the heaven of grandeur, and the Lord of mankind has departed for another land. And when the pavilion of glory was raised up and the flowers of the garden bloomed, He remembered His servants and handmaidens in that spiritual abode and station of eternal might. The means of the world did not prevent His mercy, and clouds and mists did not veil His Sun of bounty. He appeared and manifested whatsoever He willed. The power of the world is as nothing before His power, and the desires of the nations are as naught before His will. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Blessed is the soul that was not deprived of the ocean of recognition and was not prevented from the Sun of bounty. The glory from Us be upon My handmaidens who heard the call and turned to the Supreme Horizon, and woe to the heedless ones who turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH07338 ===

=== START BH07339 ===

O My handmaiden, Khadijih, upon her be the Glory of God. In My Name, the Witness, the Hearer. O My handmaiden! Your letters, missives and petitions have attained the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, which is the seat of the Wronged One of the horizons. We have heard your call time and again and witnessed your turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, may you remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, like unto mountains, men and heroes. The days are passing; strive thou to gaze upon the Most Great Scene with a detached heart and illumined eyes. God willing, may you manifest and act in accordance with that which behooveth the Days of God. All the aforementioned leaves have been mentioned in the Most Holy Presence and have attained His special favors. God willing, may they all hold fast to the Most Great Handle of infallibility and cling to the hem of sanctity. One Most Holy Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to the aforementioned handmaiden, that she might be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Utterance and drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. The Glory be from Us upon My handmaidens who have acted in accordance with that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07339 ===

=== START BH07340 ===

O my handmaiden! Your letter was received and attained the honor of being heard by the Wronged One. Today all are beheld on one plane. Whosoever has turned and faced [Him] with radiant countenance, pure heart and sanctified breast - such a one is recorded among the people of Baha and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. The deeds of centuries and ages do not equal this act in this Day. How excellent is the state of one who has aided God, exalted be His glory, through goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. How many men are seen deprived today, and how many handmaidens have raised their tents on the shores of the ocean of recognition. Convey My greetings to thy daughters and remind them of My remembrance and loving-kindness and verses. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive thee and them. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And He is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07340 ===

=== START BH07341 ===

O My handmaiden and leaf, daughter of the Beloved of Martyrs, upon both of whom be the glory of God! He is the All-Eloquent, He is the All-Knowing. We beseech the One True God to confirm thee and to record through the Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining His presence. His loving-kindness hath encompassed thee and His mercy hath preceded thee. His Honor Sad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly been present before the Most Great Scene. His heart is a treasury of the love of God. Verily, We love him who loveth Him. That honored lady and the others should gladden him through manifestations of love and affection. We beseech God to confirm him in preserving that which He hath bestowed. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Strive, that thou

mayest succeed in performing such deeds as will cause their fragrance to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me through the tongue of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whose power hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH07341 ===

=== START BH07342 ===

In the Name of Him Who hath preceded all names! O My handmaiden and My leaf! Today every leaf is engaged in remembrance, and the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree are speaking forth "The Truth hath come!" Blessed is the soul that was not held back from the Straight Path and the Great Announcement by names, but passed by them like lightning and attained unto the Truth. The Day is God's Day, and the Light of the Sun of Truth is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will. Names have no station or path in this realm. O My handmaiden! Thy remembrance was mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and this blessed Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor. Give thanks to thy Lord for this, and say: "Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison, and glory be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy Most Glorious Horizon. I beseech Thee by the hearts that have been illumined by the light of Thy knowledge, and by the faces that have turned toward the splendors of Thy countenance, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous."

=== END BH07342 ===

=== START BH07343 ===

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast not been forgotten. Today the glance of loving-kindness hath been directed toward the steadfast handmaidens of God, and will continue to be so. Blessed a hundred thousand times is the soul whom the heedlessness of the heedless and the oppression of the oppressors hath not kept back from the breezes of the Day of Faith. The love of God, exalted and glorified be He, is like unto a pearl, and its abode is the shell of the heart. That We have likened it to a pearl is for the understanding of the servants; otherwise a hundred thousand pearls of the seas of inner meanings circle round the pearl of His love. Blessed is the heart that hath become the shell of this pearl. Such a one is remembered before God in all worlds and is inscribed in the Book. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. We have remembered him who sought, upon him be My glory and My mercy, with a mention that neither all the treasures nor all the riches of the earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. The glory be upon him from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07343 ===

=== START BH07344 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing

O My community and My leaf! The Wronged One calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison and inviteth thee to the supreme horizon, that perchance thy tongue may not cease from mention, nor thine eye from beholding, nor thine ear from hearkening, nor thy heart from turning toward Him. Today the sign of bounty hath appeared and is manifest before the faces of the world, and from the hand of bounty He bestoweth the Kawthar of eternity. The station of this blessed Day transcendeth all reckoning. This is the Day wherewith the Messengers and those nigh unto God gave glad-tidings unto the servants, by the command of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and all were expectant; yet when the Day appeared and the lights of the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the supreme horizon, all turned away. How many are the divines who are veiled from the Known One by the veil of knowledge, and how many are they who have attained to the recognition of Him Who conversed on Sinai. The Command is His Command, and the decree His decree. He ordaineth whatsoever His wisdom requireth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH07344 ===

=== START BH07345 ===

He is the One Who watches over His male and female servants. O My handmaiden and My leaf! Most of the people of Iran are deprived of the Truth and barred from the realm of revelation and witnessing, turning instead to vain imaginings. Today the Desired One of all worlds has appeared before all faces and summoned all to the choice sealed wine, yet most remain bereft of the Self-Subsisting Lord and His bestowals, verses, manifestations and effulgences, clinging to illusion. Praise be to God that that leaf attained recognition of the Divine Lote-Tree, held fast to it, and partook of its fruits. Blessed art thou and blessed is the one who made thee know and guided thee to God's straight path and His Great Announcement. We beseech God to assist thee to drink at all times from the Kawthar of His remembrance and to remain occupied in His praise. This station is mighty - know thou its worth and preserve it through God's Name. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who has attained to this mighty station.

=== END BH07345 ===

=== START BH07346 ===

He is the Hearer from His most exalted horizon

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of those who dwell in My kingdom of heaven. Praise be to the Desired One of the world, that thou art enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the light of His knowledge. The Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that thou hast turned thy heart to the Heart of the world and directed thy face toward the Lord of nations, and hast heard the verses of thy Lord and acknowledged that which His Tongue hath uttered and that which He hath revealed in His Books. This is His testimony - nothing possessed by kings, nor anything hidden and treasured in the earth and its mines, can equal it. Rejoice thou in this most exalted Word and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind and Master of the throne on high and of the earth below, for having given me to drink the

Kawthar of Thy bounty from the hand of Thy generosity and for having sent down unto me that whereby my name shall endure among all names and my remembrance among all remembrances. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy munificence that which befitteth Thy generosity and is worthy of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful. The glory proceeding from Us rest upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God in their final abode.

=== END BH07346 ===

=== START BH07347 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Heaven. He summoneth you unto that which draweth you nigh unto the most exalted horizon - the Station wherein the Tree of the Uttermost Boundary proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The Promised One hath come for the life of the world, yet the people have turned away and denied, following every froward satan. Say: O people of God! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have heard His call and your eyes have beheld His horizon and your hands have taken hold of His perspicuous Book. They that have turned away this Day have no portion in the Book. God will soon seize them with His justice. He, verily, is the Just, the All-Wise. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and have sent unto thee this wondrous Book which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Leave the people to themselves and put thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. He is, verily, with His servants and aideth them through the truth. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In His Name, the One Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven! O people of Baha! Know ye your stations, then give thanks to Him Who made Himself known to you, caused you to hear His call, and guided you to His straight path. The pillars of the divines were shaken when the Lord of Names came with manifest sovereignty. The idols wailed and foundations trembled, while the sincere ones were in great joy. This is the day wherein smoke hath encompassed all who are in the kingdom of creation, save those whom God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath willed. O people of the earth! Be fair in the Cause of God and be not of the transgressors. He hath come for your salvation. Fear God, O concourse of divines and O concourse of the corrupt ones! He hath come to set right that wherein ye are. He speaketh at all times: “The Desired One hath come with mighty sovereignty.” Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you from the Truth. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given from the presence of One mighty, powerful, ancient. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk the choice wine sealed from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

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O Haji Mirza ’Abdu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who calleth between earth and heaven: “O denizens of the realm of creation! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. He verily draweth you nigh and bringeth you unto the most exalted station. They that are brought near have attained unto the outpourings of this Most Great Ocean, from whose waves is heard: ‘The Light hath come, and the Mount is illumined thereby, and the Voice of the Tree is raised: “Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.” We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear tokens, yet the people are in strange doubt. Fear ye God, O people of the Bayan, and follow not the manifestations of fancy and vain imaginings. The Light hath appeared and by it the heaven of utterance hath been illumined. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who hath denied God’s proof and evidence, and hath committed that which hath caused the clouds to lament.’ Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and made mention of thee in such wise as to cause thy remembrance to endure in the Book of God, the Lord of all men.”

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He is the One speaking from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! O friends of God! The daysprings of falsehood and hypocrisy have ever forbidden their followers from drawing near to and associating with other servants, fearing lest they discover the calumnies of those false souls. But the people of truth have ever counseled all with loving advice to associate and unite. O My friends! The deeds and words of the men of the arena of steadfastness and power have been and are distinguished from all else. We beseech God to lead all from the west of fancy to the east of certitude. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O thou who hast turned thy face to My horizon! We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this Most Luminous Tablet, that thou mayest attain unto that for which existence itself was brought into being. Say: My God, my God! Look not upon my self and my transgressions, but rather upon the Sun of Thy bounty and the Heaven of Thy generosity. I have come unto Thee detached from all else beside Thee. Do with me as beseemeth Thee. We testify that Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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=== START BH07351 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

O friends of God! His honor Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of Names, hath beseeched God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Dominion, to give them to drink from this most pure chalice His crimson wine. When anyone drinketh thereof, the call is raised from the most exalted horizon: “Well is it with thee, O thou who hast turned unto God, and pleasant be it unto thee, O thou who gazest and art attracted to the most sublime Summit!” We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for each one of His loved ones that which shall cause the fragrance of His mention and His Name to endure uninterruptedly amongst His servants, and to send down upon him from the heaven of His grace that which shall draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Rejoice ye in His days! Praise be to God, the friends in this land acted during the blessed month

of Ramadan with spirit and fragrance in accordance with that which was revealed from the All-Knowing Commander and Ancient Ruler. The station of man is revealed through deeds. Deeds are the fruits of the Tree of existence. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that know. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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O Leaf who hast sprouted from the Tree of Faithfulness! Hearken unto that which the Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee, even as He hath mentioned thee before in diverse Tablets. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Praise the bounty of thy Lord, for verily He heareth that which thou utterest in the nights and days. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thus have We adorned thee with the light of My remembrance. Be thou thankful and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths, for having made mention of Thy leaf, Thy handmaiden, and the letter of Thy mighty Book. I beseech Thee to protect me and bless me in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Remember thou the two radiant lights who were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of them in most of the Tablets, and We make mention of their families, both young and old. The splendor shining from the horizon of glory be upon them and upon them [the families] and upon thee, from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

=== END BH07352 ===

=== START BH07353 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O thou who art present before the Throne and who gazest upon the Dayspring of the verses of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Give thanks for having turned thy face toward the countenance of thy Lord and for being among the successful ones. Beware lest sorrows prevent thee from that which hath been ordained by the Dawning-Place of certitude. Hold fast unto the cord of independence, then be steadfast in that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, commandeth thee. All excellence lieth in following the Dayspring of justice - to this doth the Tongue of thy Lord, the Speaker, the True, the Faithful, the All-Informed, bear witness. Occupy thyself outwardly with that which profiteth thee, and inwardly with My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have ordained the pursuit of a profession for every soul - thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Grieve not, verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. Rejoice in the glad-tidings of thy Lord, then recite what hath been sent down unto thee of the verses which the peoples of the world are powerless to enumerate. Be with My loved ones as thou hast been - thus hath shone forth the sun of permission from this luminous horizon. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH07353 ===

=== START BH07354 ===

In the Name of the One Who is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O thou who rememberest! Verily, He Who is remembered remembereth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of the river of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Remember thou the Wronged One and what befell Him in the path of God through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, the Lord of Names hath come, He Who was mentioned in the Books of the Messengers. Cast away vain imaginings - the horizon of certitude hath appeared through the Luminary of the Name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Ja'far! These are they who would curse those who oppressed the friends and chosen ones of God, yet when He appeared in truth they arose to perpetrate such oppression as caused those who had oppressed in every age and epoch to seek refuge from them. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. Leave them and what they possess behind thee, then turn with thy heart to the Supreme Horizon and say:

Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and for having given me to drink of the cup of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Thou Who dealest equitably with all who are in heaven and on earth, and rulest over the kingdom of Thy creation and of Thy Revelation! I testify that every man of equity hath recognized his unfairness in the face of the revelation of the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy Justice, and the ablest of pens hath confessed its impotence before the movement of Thy most exalted Pen.

By Thy life, O Thou the Possessor of all names! The minds of the profoundest thinkers are sore perplexed as they contemplate the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the heaven of Thy wisdom, and the Luminary of Thy grace. How can he who is but a creation of Thy will claim to know what is with Thee, or to conceive Thy nature?

Praise, immeasurable praise be to Thee! I swear by Thy glory! My inner and outer tongue, openly and secretly, testify that Thou hast been exalted above the reach and ken of Thy creatures, above the utterance of Thy servants, above the testimonies of Thy dear ones and Thy chosen ones, and the apprehension of Thy Prophets and of Thy Messengers.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name which Thou hast made to be the Day-Spring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, to ordain for this wronged One and for them that are dear to Thee what becometh Thy loftiness. Thou, in very truth, art the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07355 ===

=== START BH07356 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O thou servant who hast turned towards God! Hearken unto what the Wronged One calleth out to thee from the Prison-quarter. He is, verily, none other than God, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a token of His grace, yet most of the people render not thanks. They deny the favor of God even as the idolatrous servants denied it before. In all conditions thou must hold fast to the cord of divine providence of the Self-Subsisting Lord. God hath been and will ever be watchful over His loved ones. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. Today the gates of grace are opened wide and from the clouds of providence perfect mercy is being showered down. Strive that thou mayest not be deprived and that thou mayest attain unto that which is intended. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Read it with joy and delight, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who revealed the Furqan and the Bayan and guided thee to His straight path. All praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH07357 ===

O Mirza Muhammad-Baqir Manish, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon. O thou who hast held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My mercy! Hear My call from the precincts of the Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letters were received and each attained unto a hearing. Praise be to God, thou hast been blessed with the bounty of recognizing God - exalted be His glory - which is the greatest bounty in the world, and thou art steadfast in serving His Cause. The Fiery Phoenix hath delivered what thou didst send unto him, and it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast power over all things, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent Names and most exalted Attributes to make me a servant of Thy Cause and one who acteth according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and one who maketh mention of Thy Name until my days end with attaining Thy presence and meeting Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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=== START BH07358 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He hath testified and doth testify to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to the sanctification of His Essence and the transcendence of His Being above whatsoever the created things have

comprehended or will comprehend. There is no God but Him, the One, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I bear witness unto that which Thy Books, and Thy Messengers, and Thy chosen ones, and Thy trusted ones have borne witness, and I beseech Thee by Thy Greatest Signs and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, O Lord of all beings, and by the Lord of the world and the Support of the nations, through Whom Thou didst raise the standards of Thy names amongst Thy servants and the banners of Thy guidance in Thy lands, that Thou mayest enable me to do that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. I am he who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty, detached from all else but Thee, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and the One, the Single, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH07358 ===

=== START BH07359 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great! O Thou Who art wronged! Make mention of him who drank the Kawthar of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful and turned toward the Kaaba of existence when every heedless doubter turned away. We give glad tidings to those who followed what God hath sent down in His mighty Tablet, who hearkened to the mention of their Lord and responded on a day when every ignorant and remote one turned away from His countenance. Verily thy Lord maketh mention of him who hath turned toward Him and ordaineth for him through His grace that whereof every reckoner and knowing one is powerless to make mention. Beware lest the veils of humanity withhold thee from the Most Great Scene. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and turn with thy heart to the Supreme Horizon. He will assist thee in the hereafter and in this world. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We showed unto all the path of God and made known who in the Bayan would come with the truth. But when He came they disbelieved and turned away, except such as God wished, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the strong one who held fast unto God and the poor one who sought the ocean of his Lord's mercy, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Wise. Glory be upon the people of Baha from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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O Abdul-Baqi, upon him be the glory of God, He is the Interpreter, the Just, the Equitable, the Trustworthy! O thou who gazest upon the Most Sublime Horizon! The deniers have said that this Wronged One hath taken from the verses of the Point of the Bayan and giveth them to the servants of God. Say: O people! I speak for the sake of God - come before the Wronged One and ask whatsoever ye wish and desire, that the truth may be made manifest unto you. Say: With utmost humility and supplication I tell you: while there is still time, act upon what hath been mentioned. Create not doubts in yourselves or in the servants of God. By the life of God! Verily the ocean surgeth by itself and the sun shineth by its own light. He hath no need of aught else to prove His Cause, and every matter dependeth upon His confirmation and acceptance. To this testify the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-

Subsisting. When thou findest the sweetness of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Shut me not out from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the outpourings of Thy days. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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=== START BH07361 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory - Wisdom and Utterance

O Ba'i, upon thee be My Baha! Last night Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be My Baha, acting as thy representative, was engaged in offering hospitality. A number of the friends - travelers, emigrants and pilgrims - were present. Praise be to God, after attaining His presence and hearkening to His call, they were blessed with divine bounty and rendered thanks to God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who in these days are occupied in service. One deed performed in God's path during these days is dearer and more excellent than the deeds of centuries and ages past. We testify that thou hast succeeded in serving the Wronged One and hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's bestowal, the All-Merciful. In brief, at the feast gathering, various bounties and blessings including sweets and other things were present and visible, and Jinab-i-Asad carried out his representation with the utmost joy and fragrance. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed are they who have attained to the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

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O Badi', upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O Badi'! Repeatedly have thy calls been heard by Us. There is no call but He heareth it, and no deed but He seeth it. Verily, He is with those who love Him and make mention of Him. Some receive answers that are outwardly revealed and sent, while the answers to others are recorded in God's Book and inscribed by the Pen of His bounty. In all cases, He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer. O Badi'! Praise the Object of the world's adoration, Who hath enabled thee to attain unto that which is, in God's estimation, greater than all else - namely this Divine Tablet which hath at this moment been inscribed in thy name and sent unto thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind, for having remembered me through Thy Most Exalted Pen! I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity, to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to ordain for me in all circumstances that which will draw me nearer unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH07363 ===

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O Jamalu'd-Din! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the True, the Manifest King. The letters which thou didst send were presented before the Most Holy Court by the Greater Branch. We beseech God to assist thee, to confirm thee, and to aid thee in that which will draw thee closer to Him in all conditions, and to exalt

through thee His mention among His servants. In these days certain passages have been revealed under the name of “Traveler” - there would be no harm if they were sent to European lands. Thou art remembered in all conditions and art the recipient of favor. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Faraj’u’llah. We beseech God to confirm him in service to the Cause. Make mention of the friends in that land, each and every one. His honor Afnan, upon him be My glory and favor, wrote mentioning your arrival. Praise be to God, in every station a station is manifest. All this is from His grace, His mercy and His favor. We beseech Him to ordain for you the good of both this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH07364 ===

=== START BH07365 ===

O Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Javad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His mercy! Thy letter hath reached Us and the servant present before the Face hath read it, and We have heard its contents, as a mercy from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. By My life! Thou wert present before the Face. Nothing escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He is, verily, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over anything. He is with thee and will aid thee through His grace. He is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the All-Informed. Drink thou the Kawthar of My loving-kindness in My days, and recognize the value of My favors. By God’s life! There is nothing like unto them in all creation. To this beareth witness My Pen, and beyond it My Tongue which speaketh in the kingdom of Mine utterance that there is no God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the heavens and of the earths. Turn thou unto the ocean of reunion that thou mayest attain unto the presence of God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

=== END BH07365 ===

=== START BH07366 ===

In His Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O Javad! The Lord of creation remembers thee from His realm in such wise as will draw thee nearer unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Look not unto the people and what they possess, but rather unto that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the servant whom the affairs of men have not kept back from the Lord of destiny, and who hath arisen, saying: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth!” Arise to serve the Cause, then aid thy Lord through the deeds of the sincere ones. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken while in the midst of the people, as a token of His grace - and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the Kawthar of the meanings of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all desire, for having caused me to hear Thy call and behold Thy horizon and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this mighty and

magnificent Cause." The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of might be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of grandeur have not kept back from God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

=== END BH07366 ===

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O Haji Mirza Hassan of Mosul! O Ha! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that whatsoever hath been manifested at the Threshold hath clearly distinguished truth from falsehood. We cherish the hope that He may ordain thee to be a standard among the standards of His Name and an ensign among the ensigns of His mention, that thou mayest arise to serve Him, detached from all else, and speak that which behooveth thee. The lies of that false one are evident, and his words are exposed. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid the heedless to return, the slanderers to speak truth, the treacherous to be trustworthy, and the opposers to turn towards Him. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, the Ever-Forgiving, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Thy mention hath ever been and continueth to be before the Wronged One. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. All that thou beholdest today shall pass away, but that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered shall endure in the Scriptures and Tablets. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and thy family, and upon all who are steadfast, upright, firm and trustworthy.

=== END BH07367 ===

=== START BH07368 ===

He is the Speaker before all faces

O Husayn! Previously thou wert blessed with the remembrance of God, glorified be His majesty, and now too the face of loving-kindness is turned toward thee, making mention of thee and counseling that which is beloved before God in this day - namely steadfastness in the Cause of God, as well as trustworthiness and religion. Trustworthiness is the sign of God amongst His creation. Blessed is the soul that hath clung fast unto it. It is the key to wealth and the door to grace and bounty. We beseech God to aid His servants to hold fast unto it. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O 'Inayatu'llah-i-'Attar, upon thee be the glory of the All-Choosing! Mention hath been made of thee, therefore the gaze of loving-kindness is turned toward thee and He hath blessed thee with the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. Today kinship is not considered - thou art mentioned for the love of God. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that kinship which befitteth these days. Praise be to the Goal of the world that He hath brought thee forth from the loins of one of His loved ones. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH07368 ===

=== START BH07369 ===

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who crieth out from the precincts of the prison. He, verily, is none other than God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. All things have testified to My

being wronged after My power, and to My tribulation after My sovereignty, yet the people understand not. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for through it the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all created things and hearts and minds have been illumined. We turn unto him who hath turned unto God, and make mention of him who hath uttered His praise. To this testifieth the Preserved Book that is with Him. He through Whom the Concourse on high hath been gladdened and the carpet of divine knowledge hath been outspread between earth and heaven - they have seized Him and imprisoned Him in this fortress that none may approach. Yet God, through His sovereignty, opened the door, and He went forth in spite of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The Cause is in His grasp - He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasseth all who see and are seen. We made mention of thee before, and in this Tablet, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH07369 ===

=== START BH07370 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

O Husayn! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who speaketh in all things: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!” May the wine of thy Lord’s utterance so intoxicate thee that the affairs of earth shall not grieve thee, nor shall the rejection of those who have denied God, the Lord of all names, dampen thy spirit. We make mention of thee in truth, and remember thee in this Tablet as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the One, the Trusted, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Verily, they that commit injustice this day wrong but their own souls, though they perceive it not. Soon shall We show them what they have wrought in their vain life. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. This world hath deluded them, even while they witness its transience. Yet they remain heedless and veiled. Where are their fathers and their mothers? Where their lofty palaces and their elevated seats? Their thrones have crumbled and their spread carpets have been rolled up. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, that perchance the people may awaken and arise and turn toward the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Lord of all beings proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Compelling!”

=== END BH07370 ===

=== START BH07371 ===

O Hussein! In the name of the Kind Speaker! O Hussein! May you be illumined and radiant through the lights of the Sun of Truth and may you speak forth the remembrance of God which is among the most mighty of deeds. How many souls were observed in the utmost seeking and thirst, yet when the Water of Life appeared in the realm of possibility, they remained deprived of it, for they proved unable to efface the imaginary and attain the known. And this lack of success was due to what their hands had formerly wrought. Praise the Beloved of the world that you have been assisted to recognize this mighty Cause, and beseech Him to make His loved ones steadfast in this momentous Cause, for the leaves of the wicked and the cawing of the crows have become manifest and loud. Blessed are they who have cast behind them all

else save God and have taken hold of that which they were commanded by the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. The glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH07371 ===

=== START BH07372 ===

O Husayn! What do the people of the world hold fast to today, and by what proof and evidence do they establish their truth and demonstrate their faith? If the proof be verses, verily they have filled the world, and if it be evidences, verily they have shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Eternity. Say: O people! Fear the one true God. Look ye at the revealed Suras, read them and ponder upon them. Verily they will guide you to the Straight Path of God and acquaint you with that which ye have neglected. Fear God and be not among the wrongdoers. O people of the earth! Be not heedless of the divine days, and arise to make good what ye have lost. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen that hath appeared in the prison of ’Akka. Take what ye are bidden and abandon what the people possess, by the command of God, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

=== END BH07372 ===

=== START BH07373 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven!

O Husayn-i-Qabli, hear the Call of God, the Ancient. He draws you unto a station wherein naught can be seen save the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. The Day is come, yet the people are in evident doubt. The Truth hath appeared, yet humanity remaineth veiled by a thick veil. This is the Day wherein all things proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!” Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast turned and hearkened unto the Call when it was raised in truth between the heavens and the earth. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. When thou findest the fragrances of revelation, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and caused me to hear Thy sweetest call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Cause to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking Thy praise, and standing firm in Thy service. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.”

=== END BH07373 ===

=== START BH07374 ===

He is the Remembering One, the Witness, the All-Knowing

O Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and counsels thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. By the life of God! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Blessed is he who is so steadfast that the affairs of earth do not cause him to slip, and so strong that the hosts of the oppressors do not frighten him. We have enjoined upon all to act with goodliness. Blessed is

he who has heard and acted upon that which he was commanded by the One Who is the Wise Commander. We have forbidden the servants from all that would give rise to sorrows in the contingent world. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, bears witness to this in His perspicuous Book. We have sent thee what thou didst request before, as a token of Our grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Make mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful with spirit and fragrance, and gladden them with My beauteous remembrance. From this spot We send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy family and those with thee, and upon all who are steadfast and firm. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and leave those who have denied God when He appeared in truth through this Great Name.

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He is the Hearer and the Answerer!

O True One, the gaze of Truth is at this moment directed toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. Say: O people, today the Tablet of God exists as the criterion between truth and falsehood. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, and woe unto them that turn away. This is the straight path and this is that which telleth of the mighty announcement. Whoso acknowledgeth it hath acknowledged the Books of God and His Messengers, and whoso denieth it is among the most lost in the sight of God, the True King, the Manifest. Give glad tidings unto the people of My appearance and My loving-kindness. Say: O Concourse of the Torah! The Revealer of verses hath come and the breezes of revelation have seized the hearts of them that are near unto God. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. By God the Truth! The Mount speaketh and the Tree calleth out and the Light shineth forth from this luminous horizon. Say: O Concourse of the Qur'an! The All-Merciful hath come. Fear ye God and be not of them that deny. Say: O Concourse of the Bayan! The books of the world profit you not this day except through this Book which speaketh before the faces of the nations. Cast aside vain imaginings; the light of certitude hath dawned from the horizon of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have heard and responded. Verily they are among them that are drawn nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

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In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous! O Khadijih, handmaiden of God, upon thee be the Glory of God! O My handmaiden, upon thee be My loving-kindness! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and He maketh mention of thee with these sublime words that have no equal and no likeness: By God's life! Each of the men-servants and maid-servants who have attained unto this most great bounty have been and shall ever remain before Our sight. Praise be to God that thou wert not afflicted with beholding the opposers and atheists and deniers, namely the divines of the age. This is one station, and greater than that, thou hast attained unto the recognition of God and unto this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Tablet. Drink thou from the chalices of these supreme words the Kawthar of meeting, and God, exalted be His glory, saith: "Well is it with thee, O My handmaiden!" Thus hath the grace of the Revelation spread abroad its verses and the Point of Being displayed His standards. The Glory

shining resplendent from the horizon of this most exalted station be upon thee and upon every maid-servant who hath heard and hath said: “Praise be to Thee, O God of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee!”

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O Khurshid! The Sun of Truth hath turned from the Most Great Prison towards thee, maketh mention of thee, and counseleth thee to perform good deeds and manifest praiseworthy and pleasing conduct. Blessed are those handmaidens whom the doubts of the world have not withheld from the Lord of Eternity. The whole world was created for the knowledge of Him, exalted be His glory. Nevertheless, all remain veiled and deprived except whom God willeth, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Today the ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is shining, yet people remain prevented. For ages and centuries they awaited His appearance, yet when He was made manifest they arose to shed His most pure blood. They committed that which caused the denizens of Paradise to weep and the Concourse on High to lament. Verily, give thanks unto thy Lord and be thou of the steadfast. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is the Perspicuous Book. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who rejoice in the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

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In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O Rahim! The All-Bountiful, Who is imprisoned in the prison of ’Akka, makes mention of thee, inasmuch as He hath summoned all unto God, the Lord of all names. By the life of God! The people are in manifest error. We have mentioned thee before, and in this hour We have revealed unto thee this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing. Remember thou when thou didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and attain the presence of the Throne, and didst hear the verses of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, and didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hands of bounty and favor, until thou didst return by the leave of thy Lord, the Ancient Commander. Preserve thou this station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of thy brother who was with thee, and We counsel him to be steadfast in this Great Cause, whereby the hearts of the servants have been shaken, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, hath willed. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whom vain imaginings have not withheld from this wondrous Cause.

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In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Rida! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, and answereth that which thou didst beseech of Him. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise. Blessed is the mention that hath come before the Most Great Remembrance, and blessed the petition that hath attained unto the hearing

of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard thy call - rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks. Beware lest the affairs of the world grieve thee or prevent thee from Him Who is the Creator of heaven. Abandon every matter and hold fast unto the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And concerning what thou didst ask about returning - read thou the Book of Certitude which the All-Merciful revealed when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq. Thus doth the Lord of all horizons command thee from His exalted station. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and the breezes of My Revelation have wafted over thee, arise and say: Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art wronged, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that have recognized Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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In His Name, the Pure One, the Speaker before the world

O Rayhan! God willing, thou shalt summon the servants, with spirit and fragrance, to the horizon of the appearance of the Lord of Religions. Great is this Day and mighty is this Cause, and the Word of God hath been and continueth to be the cause and reason for the enkindling of hearts and souls. God willing, may the people of Baha be assisted to do that which will cause the servants to turn toward the most exalted horizon. The divine Word is penetrating and the traces of the Mighty Pen are from God. We beseech Him not to forbid or deprive anyone from the waves of the ocean of utterance. He is the One with such might that the tongues of creation have testified to His grandeur and sovereignty and power. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the aggressive ones and the veils of the heedless ones prevented not from the Law of God nor held back from hearkening unto His Word. The glory shining forth from My kingdom's horizon be upon thee and upon thy son and thy family and upon those who have acknowledged and recognized that which the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath spoken.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Jenab-i-'Abdu'l-Karim appeared before Us with the letter of Jenab-i-Mulla Muhammad-Baqir, and it attained unto the honor of being heard. These souls have each been blessed by the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and adorned with the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God that He may aid them all to perform such deeds whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the cities of justice and fairness. Some time ago, as commanded, this servant sent a letter containing divine verses addressed to the aforementioned one, upon whom be My glory. The ocean of mercy was surging therein and the sun of divine loving-kindness was dawning and shining forth from the horizon of its words. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of My Cause and the choice wine of My wondrous utterance. On behalf of the Wronged One,

convey greetings to all and remind them of the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. The glory of God be upon thee and upon him and upon whosoever loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

=== END BH07381 ===

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In the Name of Him through Whom the Luminary of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility! O Salar-Ibrahim! The Friend and He Who conversed with God have come, and the Kingdom proclaimeth "The dominion belongeth unto God, the Possessor of existence!" The Mount hath attained to the presence of the Manifestation and hath cried out "Arise! Greatness belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be!" The rapture of the Call hath seized all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto hearing it, and the heart that hath turned toward it, and the eye that hath beheld the Dayspring of light. When the rapture of My Call seizeth thee, turn thy face toward My direction and say:

My God, my God! The intoxication of Thy utterance hath seized me and the sweetness of Thy Call hath attracted me. I beseech Thee by Thy might and power to make me known by Thy name and inscribed by Thy Pen. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the hidden and the manifest.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon thy brothers and thy family and those who are with thee, and upon every mighty one whom armies and hosts have not frightened.

=== END BH07382 ===

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O Samandar, upon thee be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks from the highest summits of the world. O Samandar, upon thee be My Baha! These days are the days of God and are most great. Yet the heedless servants are deprived of the fragrances of these days. Though this Most Great Ocean surges before the faces of the world, they have not attained unto a drop thereof. In the very midst of polytheism they make claim to divine unity. By the life of God! They are observed to be bereft of the splendors of the Sun of Unity. Beseech thou God that perchance the bounty of the All-Bestowing Lord may not leave the various peoples deprived. O Samandar! The recompense of deeds has become a mighty barrier - naught but the power of return and repentance will remove it from their midst. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee. Thy mention hath ever been and continues to be in the Most Holy Court. Rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Give thanks and be of those who praise. Make mention and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds! The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee of thy family, and upon those who have heard and responded to their Ancient Lord.

=== END BH07383 ===

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In the Name of God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

O Suhrab! God, exalted be His Glory, hath manifested Himself for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. He hath made His Cause manifest, His Path evident, and His Balance established before all faces. This is that Day whereof He saith: “The trumpet shall be blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth shall swoon away, save those whom God shall please to exempt.” Though the Cause is mighty indeed, yet its proof and testimony are seen to be clearer than the light of the sun. It behooveth thee to return unto God and repent before Him. Verily, He will forgive thy sins and blot out thy transgressions. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Through His grace and mercy, God hath pardoned and overlooked grievous sins and great transgressions, on condition that one’s return be firm and one’s repentance steadfast and enduring. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, counsel thee. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Most Generous of the generous ones.

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=== START BH07385 ===

O Sadiq! In My Name, the Truthful, the Trusted One! O Sadiq! God willing, may you attain to true truthfulness and be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness. Blessed is the soul who acts according to that which hath been revealed in God’s Book, both before and after. I swear by the Sun of Truth that no Book hath been sent down except that it gave glad tidings of this Most Great Revelation and this Most Straight Path. Were it not for Him, no Books would have been revealed and no Scriptures would have appeared. Yet the divines of this age and the theologians of this time have denied the Interlocutor of the Mount and have forbidden divine rights. Glory be to God! Like unto the Jews they wait, while the Promised One hath appeared, His banners have been hoisted upon the heights, and His mention hath encompassed all regions. Nevertheless, through the vain imaginings of rejected souls they remain deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge and forbidden from the sun of utterance. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they remain unaware. Praise be to the Object of all the world that thou hast attained to this most great bounty. Preserve this station through His Name. This is My counsel unto thee and unto God’s near servants.

=== END BH07385 ===

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O Sadiq Muhammad-i-Qabli-Lahijani! He is the One manifest from the Most Exalted Horizon. O Sadiq! The countenance of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this spot which the heedless have made a prison for Him Who desired to save them from grievous torment. He calleth unto him who hath turned toward Him, remembereth him who hath uttered His praise, and draweth nigh unto him who hath sought the Living Waters from His all-pervading bounty. The world hath been illumined by the lamp of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Most Glorious, yet the people remain behind an obvious veil. They have denied that which We promised them in the Books and Tablets, to which every fair-minded and clear-sighted one beareth witness. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth; He is verily the Single One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath

inhaled My fragrance, spoken My praise, and attained unto the choice wine of steadfastness in My mighty and impregnable Cause. The glory be upon thee and upon him who remembereth Me in that land and announceth unto the people this wondrous Cause.

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Footnote: O `Abbas! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the peerless Lord. O `Abbas! This is a day wherein the King of mankind is established upon His throne and His gaze of loving-kindness hath been and continueth to be directed towards His loved ones. His friends are at all times blessed with the remembrance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. We beseech God to pour forth upon them in all circumstances the choice sealed wine. O people of God! Know ye the value of this divine Day. Today the call is raised from the most exalted horizon and the Purpose of all beings hath appeared through the Most Great Name. Blessed is the eye that hath been cleansed from the ophthalmia of self and passion and hath beheld and recognized the One Beloved in His new attire. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy dominion and Thy kingdom endure. O my Lord! Have mercy upon Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee and hath clung to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. Then ordain for him that which shall profit him in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07387 ===

=== START BH07388 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! I bear witness to that which God hath witnessed, that there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! Thy letter hath been seen and thy call hath been heard. Today steadfastness is necessary, for the deniers and the opposers have firmly girded the loins of ignorance to lead the people astray. Soon will there arrive in that place those who croak, who have surpassed Satan himself in turning away and in opposition. The eye of the world hath not seen and will never see the like of such denying souls. They have broken the Covenant, severed the cord, and cast fidelity aside. They are indeed among the most lost. God willing, may the friends in that land manifest such steadfastness that none shall find cause for denial. Say: O my God, my God! I have cast aside all else but Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and bestowal. O my Lord! Aid me to perform such deeds as may be adorned with the ornament of Thy acceptance. Then ordain for me through Thy power that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH07388 ===

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The fragrance of your love has been diffused and your steadfastness in the Cause of God is evident. Soon shall this world pass away, and there shall remain for you and My steadfast loved ones that which hath

been ordained in the [gardens] of bounty and bestowals. He, verily, is the Fulfiller, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me when I was heedless, and raised me up when I was seated, and caused me to speak when I was silent. By Thy might and majesty, and Thy bounty and bestowals, were I to possess a thousand souls and sacrifice them all in Thy path, they would not equal a single one of Thy favors and a single mention from among Thy mentions which have flowed and been revealed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Most Glorious Horizon. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and within Thy grasp. Move me as Thou willest and cause me to stand as Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Lord of supreme bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07390 ===

=== START BH07391 ===

He is the Commander, the All-Wise

O servant in attendance! God created thee and provided for thee and nurtured thee and made thee a servant to His Own Self, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. He hath lavished His favors upon thee as a grace from His presence, for He is the All-Bounteous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Know thou moreover that God hath preferred the Two Branches above all My brothers and their sons, and above thee and above those who have believed in Him and in His manifest Book. Hold fast to the hem of faithfulness with the hands of submission and contentment. This is My counsel to thee and My bidding upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Wise. O sons of My brothers! God hath adorned you with the ornament of His kinship among creation. Know ye this mighty station. Beware lest anything hold you back from God and from that which ye have been commanded by Him. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist you in serving My Cause and to ordain for you that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Forget not My counsel and deny not My verses. Follow that which ye have been commanded in this wondrous Tablet.

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=== START BH07392 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all names!

O ’Ata! He Who created the heavens makes mention of thee in the prison of ’Akka and summons thee to the supreme horizon and causes thee to hear the scratching of this Pen through which the world was shaken and the peoples were thunderstruck, except such as God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, willed. We have, at all times, summoned all created things unto the Merciful, and neither the cawing of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, prevented Us from that which We desired. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath spoken this wise Remembrance among the servants. Stand thou firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the divines nor the allusions of them that have turned away from the horizon of Revelation when it shone forth through this great Name shall hold thee back. And blessed is he who hath attained unto the recognition of God and for whom hath been sent down from the Pen that which shall cause his mention to endure in the Kingdom of God, the

Almighty, the Powerful. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this exalted Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be assured through the grace of thy Master Who hath spoken thy name in this mighty Prison.

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=== START BH07393 ===

He is the One Who speaks the truth!

O ’Attar! Upon thee be the Glory of the Chosen One! My Most Great Branch has presented thy letter and read it before Our face. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Book. Thou and those with thee have attained in the days of God when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. We bear witness that thy father took the cup of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn and drank therefrom, despite every learned one who turned away from the Known One, and every mystic who remained distant from the One Who is Known, and every atheist who broke the Covenant of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Convey My greetings to the faces of those who have attained unto My presence, and to every servant who heard My call and turned to My horizon and acted according to what was commanded in My perspicuous Book, and to every maidservant who held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and remained steadfast in My firm and wise Cause. Verily, We have remembered every name that was in thy letter with a remembrance that all the remembrances of the world cannot equal, as testified by Him Who possesses a mighty Book. Remember them on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker

O Ali! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from this Most Great Prison, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O my God and the God of the nations, my Goal and the Goal of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth, to make me in all conditions one who praises Thee with Thy praise, who speaks forth Thy remembrance, and who stands firm in Thy service. O my Lord! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful over Thy dominion and supreme over all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven, and Thou wilt ever be even as Thou hast been from time immemorial. I beseech Thee not to abandon me to my self and my desires. O my Lord! Have mercy upon this poor one who hath sought Thy most exalted horizon, and upon this lowly one who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy knowledge. O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Thou art He to Whose might and exaltation and power all things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the One Friend!

O ’Ali! Thy petition, sanctified above all petitions, attained the Most Holy Court, and this Servant expressed on thy behalf that which is befitting and meet. Verily, this is not the Day for queries and questions and discourse. It behooveth all to fix their gaze upon this blessed Word which, even as the sun, hath dawned forth and shone resplendent from the horizon of the Tongue of the Lord of Utterance: This is not the Day for questions and answers. It beseemeth every soul who hath hearkened unto the divine Call to respond with “Here am I! Here am I!” and to act in accordance with that which hath been commanded. Blessed are they who have derived wisdom from the treasury of the utterance of the All-Merciful and who have attained unto the bounties of His days. This is the Day wherein the sincere have drawn nigh and the heedless have turned away, wherein the deeds of the world have been made manifest and the All-Merciful hath borne witness unto him who hath attained and responded to his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, the Tree crieth out and the Tongue speaketh, yet the people are in evident delusion.

=== END BH07395 ===

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O Ali, upon you be God’s eternal peace! In truth, this Wronged One has had and has no desire except for the refinement of souls and the extinguishing of the fire of hatred and animosity in hearts. We counsel you to perform goodly deeds and display praiseworthy conduct, and to follow what God has revealed in His Perspicuous Book. Deeds take precedence over words. By the Sun of Truth, this Wronged One fasts during the blessed month of Ramadan and stands in prayer and remembrance during its nights and dawns. Cling firmly to obligatory prayer and fasting. Verily, the religion of God is like unto heaven; fasting is its sun, and obligatory prayer is its moon. In truth, they are the pillars of religion whereby the righteous are distinguished from those who transgress His commandments. We entreat God, exalted and glorified be He, that He may graciously enable all to observe that which He hath revealed in His Ancient Book. Some are deprived of meaning through mere words, and through speech are prevented from deeds. Verily God speaks the truth and guides the way, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

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=== START BH07397 ===

O ’Ali-Akbar, He Who speaketh before all faces! O ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny hath come to give life to the world, yet the peoples remain wrapped in a thick veil. Say: O peoples of all religions! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him before Whom, when He appeared, the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise bowed down morning and evening. Be fair in the Cause of God and His Revelation, and follow not every remote imagining. The Calamity hath appeared and the Cry hath been raised, yet the people remain in a strange sleep. Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Fire that spoke on Sinai and by this Revelation through which the decree of resurrection was manifested and those in the graves arose - to assist Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy

Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thy countenance and upon thy mother - give her glad tidings from Me and remind her of this perspicuous Book.

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=== START BH07398 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Pure Horizon, and summons thee unto God, the Lord of Destiny, Who hath manifested through His sovereignty what He hath willed - the sovereignty that prevails over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take hold of the Book of God with might and leave behind what the people possess. Thus doth command thee He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book. Say: O people! By God, the appointed time hath passed, the Promise hath been fulfilled, and the Promised One calleth aloud and summoneth you unto the Truth. Respond ye, and be not of them that remain silent. This is He Who was mentioned in former ages and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of Names. Turn ye with radiant faces and be not of them that turn aside. Take ye the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and follow not every ignorant remote one. They who have held themselves back from this Cause are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Glorified be the people of Baha who have not broken God’s Covenant and Testament and who have followed that which they were bidden in His Wise Book.

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In the name of God, this is a Tablet to ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O ’Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison - the place wherefrom He Who came from the heaven of divine Command has spoken forth a command from God, the Lord of Lords. We entered into the prison and summoned all to the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Among the people are those who heard and responded to their Lord, and among them are those who heard but denied the proof of their Lord, the Goal of All Desires. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge and turned unto God, the One, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thy brother came to the prison and attained that which was inscribed in the scrolls of God, the Lord of all religions. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the oppression of the earth nor the gloating of the wicked shall dismay thee. Reflect upon the bygone ages and what befell the Manifestations of the Cause from every ignorant learned one and every cunning knower. By God’s life! They denied the Prophets and Messengers and pronounced against them with such injustice as caused the heavens to lament and the mountains to crumble.

=== END BH07399 ===

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In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Speaking! O ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! The Supreme Pen hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. He, in truth, is the Comforter and the Consoler, the true Educator and spiritual Master. He was and ever shall be God, exalted be His glory and His grandeur! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the fragrances of His days and dwelt and continueth to dwell beneath the shade of His all-embracing mercy. Strive thou to preserve this most great station. That which is beloved and desired in this day, after the recognition of God, is steadfastness in His Cause. Ye must conduct yourselves with the utmost wisdom and drink from the chalice of the love of God at all times. This is the Kawthar that bestoweth eternal life and conferreth everlasting remembrance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Salsabil of the utterance of the All-Merciful in these days wherein the Divine Lote-Tree hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth!

O ’Ali-Murad! Ask God to assist thee in that which He hath willed. Verily, He is the Master of creation and the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His command “Be!” and it is. Cast aside thy desire and take up the desire of thy Lord, and that which He hath revealed in His inscribed Tablet. Turn not thy attention to the affairs of the world. Set thy face toward the Prison and say:

O God of kings and Sovereign of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by Thy signs, Thy clear tokens, and Thy proof before which the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names have bowed down, that Thou mayest draw me through Thy lights in such wise that I may behold myself detached from all else save Thee, turned toward Thee, and steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am the ignorant one, and with Thee is the ocean of knowledge. Teach me through Thy grace that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, and assist me to remember Thee throughout all nights and days. Verily, Thou art the Guardian of mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH07401 ===

=== START BH07404 ===

O Ghulam ’Ali, son of him who ascended unto God! He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One! O Ghulam! Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to attain unto the good-pleasure of the Peerless Friend and hast acted according to that which He hath commanded. Blessed are they who have attained unto God’s good-pleasure and have held fast unto that which is in the Book. Today the rain of mercy is pouring down abundantly from the heaven of bounty. Whoso turneth unto it shall be reckoned among them that are nigh unto God, and whoso turneth away shall be recorded among the opposers in God’s Book. The world hath been illumined by the lights of His countenance, and yet piercing vision is rare indeed. The spiritual

feast hath been sent down, and yet none seeketh after it save whom God willeth. We beseech Him to kindle in the breast of the world the fire of seeking, that all may turn in devotion toward the most exalted horizon, the supreme perspective, and the ultimate goal. This is the fruit of existence and the cause of creation. Blessed are they that understand! Convey to all the kindred ones greetings from the True One. Upon thee and upon them be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH07404 ===

=== START BH07405 ===

In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

O Ghulam! Thy letter hath come, and the servant who standeth present hath laid it before the Face that is encompassed by sorrows through that which the hands of them that have denied the All-Merciful have wrought, when He came with power and sovereignty. And We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity and thy turning unto God, the Lord of Lords. Thou hast spoken of that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen and hast acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur did speak in the earliest days. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, and standing firm in the service of thy Lord, and turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon at all times. This is a Day wherein the Dawn proclaimeth, saying: “By God! The Morn of the Divine Manifestation hath breathed forth, yet the people are in a wondrous slumber.” And the Sun crieth out, saying: “The Sun of Truth hath shone forth from the horizon of Will, yet the people are in heedlessness and error, save those whom the breezes of Revelation have taken and whom the hand of Divine Power hath delivered.” The glory be upon thee and upon every patient believer.

=== END BH07405 ===

=== START BH07406 ===

In His Name, through Whom was manifested that which was inscribed in the Books of God! O Farajullah! The relief hath come, yet the people have turned away from it. The Most Great Joy hath appeared from this Most Luminous Horizon, yet the people comprehend not. They hear the Call of God, then deny it. Verily, they know not. They behold the Most Great Relief, yet they understand not. They follow their vain desires and imagine they are doing good. By the life of God! They are, in the Book of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, among the companions of the fire. Be thou thankful that the Face of God hath turned toward thee from this renowned station and hath mentioned thee with verses that cannot be equaled by all the treasures. Thy letter was presented and the Servant present before the Throne did read it. We have answered thee as a bounty from Our presence, and I am, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, and thy mother, and whoso hath been mentioned by name in this praiseworthy station. Be thou steadfast in the Cause. Verily, He will help thee through a command from His presence. He, verily, is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH07406 ===

=== START BH07407 ===

THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GLORIOUS. O Supreme Pen! Make mention of Thy handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and turned unto Thee, that she may be drawn by that which hath flowed from Thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Bestower. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the Supreme Pen, and We have sent unto thee this Tablet which God hath made the Dayspring of His loving-kindness throughout creation. Put thy trust in God under all conditions, then make mention of Him with joy and radiance. Say: O my God, my Lord, and my Desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which were opened the doors of hearts to the recognition of the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, that Thou make me among those handmaidens who have believed in Thee and attained unto Thy presence and stood before the effulgences of the lights of Thy beauty and heard Thy most sweet call when Thou wert speaking forth Thy verses in the kingdom of creation. O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the court of Thy grace and bounty. Leave me not among those who have turned away from Thy beauty in Thy days. Then send down upon me, O my God, that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Giving, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07407 ===

=== START BH07408 ===

O Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of God, the Speaker, the All-Knowing

O Pen! The irrevocable Command hath come from the presence of the Ancient Lord. Write upon the Tablet that which hath been ordained by God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Know thou with certitude that through this Tablet We have desired to make mention of one of Our Afnans who hath circumambulated the Spot round which circle the Concourse on High, and hath attained unto that which was inscribed by the Pen of Destiny upon the Crimson Scroll from God, the Lord of all men. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and by the breaths of Thy Revelation amidst the nations, and by Thy hidden mysteries within Thy knowledge, and by Thy manifest signs before the faces of Thy creation, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of the heedless and the gestures of the clamorous may not prevent me from turning toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation and drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory. O my Lord! Assist me to detach myself from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon God’s sincere servants.

=== END BH07408 ===

=== START BH07409 ===

O handmaid of God, Gulistan, upon her be the Glory of the All-Merciful! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of mystic knowledge. O Gulistan! Your mention hath been made and thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Know thou the worth and station of this most great favor. Divine bounty hath ever encompassed and continueth to encompass all - the seeing and the blind, the learned and the ignorant, male and female - all stand in one spot. Whosoever hath attained unto the blessed words “O My servant” and “O My handmaid” is reckoned among the people of Baha, inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Recognize the bounty of thy Lord and be among the thankful ones in the Book of God, Lord of all worlds. Verily the grace is in His hand and the bounty in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Blessed is the handmaid who hath attained, and woe unto the servant who hath been deprived of drawing nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God to assist His handmaidens to sanctification and detachment, and to the chastity which God hath made the first ornament of His steadfast handmaidens and steadfast servants.

=== END BH07409 ===

=== START BH07410 ===

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the heaven of grace

O Muhammad! Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto the Word of God and whose mention has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. All that is on earth and whatsoever is treasured therein and springeth therefrom cannot be compared with a single Tablet from the divine Tablets, nay rather with a single letter of the Book. Blessed are the souls who have attained unto this most mighty, most holy, most exalted Cause and who have remained steadfast in the love of God. Time and again hast thou been mentioned by the True One. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto Him by night and by day for this great bounty. This is the Day of steadfastness and likewise the Day of service. Beseech God that He may assist thee and the friends to accomplish that which shall endure in the Book of the world throughout the kingdom of names and attributes. Glory be upon every seeing observer and every informed sage.

=== END BH07410 ===

=== START BH07411 ===

O Muhammad! Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an concerning the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. God gave glad-tidings through the tongue of His Prophets and His Messengers, yet when He appeared the divines denied Him, as did those who followed them without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the people turned away from Him and those who violated God’s Covenant and His Testament opposed Him, following every rebellious satan. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Day and discovered the fragrance of the garment and was moved by the will of his Lord, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thy letter hath arrived and the servant present before the Wronged One hath presented it, and We have answered thee with that from which those near unto God perceive the fragrance of His bounty, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the kingdom of utterance. Hearken and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds, and

glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath guided thee to the straight path of God.

=== END BH07411 ===

=== START BH07412 ===

To Baku. Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. In the name of the One Incomparable Knower. O Muhammad-'Ali! Divine grace and mercy have encompassed the world, and whosoever in this day has attained unto the recognition of God and has drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the All-Merciful is accounted among those servants whose mention has flowed from the Supreme Pen in the divine Books, both past and future. And among the special characteristics of this Most Great Revelation is that whosoever has turned to Him and has been enabled to say "yea," his parents are adorned with the robe of forgiveness from the presence of the All-Merciful. This bounty is assured so long as no harm befalleth the Dawning-Place of the Cause. A hundred thousand tongues would be required to render adequate thanks for but one of His bestowals. Be thou grateful for this mighty favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the doors of the hearts of them that know Thee were opened." The Glory shining from the horizon of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Cord of God, the Strong.

=== END BH07412 ===

=== START BH07413 ===

In His Name, the Speaker, the All-Knowing!

O Muhammad-Qasim! Your letter has come before Us and has attained to Our hearing. We have answered you with a Tablet that all the treasures of the world cannot equal. Do you know Who answers you? Say: He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities, and Who is the Speaker of the Mount Who proclaims: "Verily, there is no God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." Blessed is he who has heard the Call and has recognized that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken from His praiseworthy station. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Knower of the seen and the unseen!" Verily, he who has today attained unto the recognition of God has attained unto all good. To this bears witness My Preserved Tablet. We make mention in this station of Our servant who was named Yusuf-'Ali, and We give him the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness, and We bid him to remember Me and praise Me amongst My creatures. We shall aid him as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Promised One. We have mentioned him time and again that he may be thankful and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the hosts.

=== END BH07413 ===

=== START BH07415 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Muhammad-Husayn! You have always been remembered and still are. Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee, for thou art unaware of the ultimate outcome of things. “It may be that you hate a thing which is good for you.” Reflect upon the tribulations of the Wronged One. That which hath come upon Him hath caused those who are nigh unto God to weep. All that thou hast done in the path of God hath been recorded in the Book by the Pen of the All-Bountiful. We have repeatedly made mention of thee this time. Verily, He loveth faithfulness and hath commanded His loved ones to hold fast unto it. Say: “My God, my God! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Then ordain for me that which will exalt me through Thy greatness and sovereignty, and will assist me among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.” The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon God’s loved ones in that land. We have remembered them with Our beauteous remembrance. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07415 ===

=== START BH07416 ===

O Muhammad-’Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! Your letter addressed to the Goal of the world, O Muhammad-Qabil-’Ali, was received and your call attained the honor of being heard. Today, whosoever has recognized God, exalted be His glory, and has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, is among those souls whom divine bounties and favors seek out. God willing, may the peoples of the world attain to the sweetness of this most exalted utterance and achieve that which is befitting. The Sun of Truth has appeared with perfect manifestation and effulgence, and the ocean of bounty is surging. Nevertheless, all remain deprived and veiled save those whom God, thy Lord, has willed. Verily, hold fast to the cord of the Command and place thy trust in God in all matters. Beseech the True One that thou mayest succeed in that which is worthy of the divine days. Blessed is the soul whose call has attained the Most Holy Court and who has been honored with a response from the Most Exalted Pen. Before God, such a one is mentioned among the most exalted of creatures and inscribed in the Book. Be thankful unto God for this manifest grace.

=== END BH07416 ===

=== START BH07417 ===

O Muhammad-Qasim - upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. O Muhammad-Qasim! Shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Master of all beings, and remind the people through this Remembrance, before which all remembrances bow down when it appeareth. Say: This is the Day wherein verses have been sent down and clear proofs have been made manifest. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every doubtful ignorant one. Take ye the chalice of divine knowledge in the name of the Lord of all religions, then drink thereof in His Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven. Say: He hath appeared with the truth and hath revealed that which He willeth in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations could hold Him back. To this testify such servants as have spoken with justice and fairness. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not your desires when the horizon of the heaven of mystical

knowledge hath been illumined with the Luminary of certitude. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by God, the Lord of all men. Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Throne and thus hath warbled the Nightingale upon the branches.

=== END BH07417 ===

=== START BH07418 ===

O Muhammad-Quli who hath attained Our presence and gained the victory - He is the One manifest above all things! O Muhammad-Quli! I bear witness unto that which the Wronged One hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Then I bear witness unto that which My Herald - upon Him be the kingdom of My glory - hath testified: "Verily, I am the first of them that worship." Then know thou that what thou didst send in these days hath attained, and We have worn it as a token of Our favor and accepted it as a mercy from Our presence. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and adorned what I sent through contact with Thy mighty and luminous Temple. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the mysteries of Thy Books and Tablets to assist me to perform such deeds as shall diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. For several days We have worn thy cloak and gone forth, that is, from Our residence to the countryside, and have made mention of the friends with such mention as hath raised high the pavilions of glory and the tabernacle of grace, and hath caused the banner of revelation to be unfurled upon the Mount, whereupon the Tree did proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!"

=== END BH07418 ===

=== START BH07419 ===

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O Muhammad! The heart of the Most Exalted Paradise hath been consumed with grief by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of those who have disbelieved in God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting. By God! All things have lamented at what hath come to pass against the Lord of Names, yet the people understand not. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs and followed every ignorant rejected one, and they have cast the decree of God behind their backs and followed the decree of the wolf, yet they perceive not. When thou askest them "Who is your God?" they say "God", but the Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that they are liars. Their souls have prompted them to turn away from God, the Lord of existence. We counsel thee and My loved ones to observe goodly speech and goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct, and that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have been so attracted by the verses of God that neither the veils of the world, nor the books of the nations, nor the croaking of every croaking one who hath denied the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, could hinder them.

=== END BH07419 ===

=== START BH07420 ===

Muhammad Aqa! He is the One manifest from the horizon of Revelation!

O Muhammad! Your call hath reached the ears of the Wronged One in this spot which hath been named at times the Kingdom, at other times the Realm of Might, at times the Most Great Scene, and at times the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Book. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou that We have heard thy call and that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds, and have answered thee through this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of its heaven with the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O my God and Master of my destiny! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested through Thy power whatsoever Thou didst will, in such wise that the tongues of all created things are powerless to describe it. I beseech Thee by the sweet savors of Thy days and the fragrance of the garment of Thy grace to make me in all conditions to gaze toward Thee and to speak forth Thy Name. O Lord! Protect me within the stronghold of Thy mercy lest the arrows of them that have disbelieved in Thy signs affect my soul. O Lord! Thou art the Giver and I am the suppliant. Do with me as befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07420 ===

=== START BH07421 ===

He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing! O Muhammad-Mahdi! Thy remembrance hath been mentioned repeatedly. Thou hast been favored with the effulgences of the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. All the world besought from God the meeting with the Manifestation of His Most Beautiful Names and Most Exalted Attributes, yet when the Sun of Truth shed its radiance, all turned away save whom God willed. The people of the Furqan were seen to be the most lost among the parties of the world, and now the people of the Bayan are more lost than the people of the Furqan. Glory be to God! The equivalent of all the books before and after hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, nay more, would they but be fair. Reflect upon the words and deeds of the Shi'ihs, and ponder their outcome and fruit on the Day of Resurrection. Then will become evident to thee the loss of those who turned away from God, broke His Covenant, and disputed His verses. We beseech God to grant true vision to the eyes, and likewise to the ears, that they may see and hear. Verily, there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH07421 ===

=== START BH07422 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad! The One, the Single, the Unique makes mention of thee from His praiseworthy station and bears witness as He has witnessed before that there is no God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Counsel My servants to be steadfast in My Cause. By My life, this is indeed the greatest of ordinances in My recorded Book. Arise to serve the Cause of God and give glad tidings to My loved ones and proclaim My glorification upon their faces. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. The ocean of generosity has surged and the Pen makes mention of thee from thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Say: O

people of the earth! Deprive not yourselves of the lights of the Face, nor your ears from the Call which has been raised from this blessed station. Will your wealth profit you and will your children protect you? No, by My Self, but the people perceive not. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon every strong one whom the clamor of the idolaters has not weakened - they who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have denied the bounty through which the kingdom of existence has revolved.

=== END BH07422 ===

=== START BH07423 ===

He is the Eternal, the Everlasting, the Most Luminous, the Most Glorious

O Mahmud! O thou who art turned unto the splendors of the Countenance, who soarest in the atmosphere of grace, who gazest upon the horizon of Revelation, and who hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of Him Who conversed upon Sinai! Hearken unto the Call of God, the Mighty, the Loving. He hath revealed unto thee that whose fragrance shall never fade, and hath caused thee to hear that whose mention shall never cease, and hath inspired thee with that whose light shall never be obscured. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. The Most Great Branch hath appeared before the Face and mentioned thee with such mention as caused the sweet savors of love and steadfastness to waft abroad. We have answered thee through this Tablet from whose horizon shineth the luminary of thy Lord's mercy, the Ordainer of all things. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones, then assist your Lord through wisdom and utterance and through that which befitteth this promised Day, at whose mention the very lips of existence smiled and the Herald proclaimed from every direction: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of this frequented Station!" The light shining and beaming from the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon thy brethren whom We have mentioned in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen, and upon every patient and thankful one.

=== END BH07423 ===

=== START BH07424 ===

In the name of the one peerless God! O Mas'ud! The Wronged One of the world hath turned toward thee from the All-Praised Horizon and maketh mention of thee, for We have witnessed thy sighs in separation and beheld thy tears in remoteness from the Day-Star of the horizons. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Call thou to mind that time when the Wronged One came to thy dwelling. Thou didst desire to attain His presence and He appeared before thee. We beseech God to assist thee to preserve this station. Verily kings and subjects are, in truth, equal. The stations of souls have each been and are according to their measure. "The most honored among you in the sight of God is the most righteous among you" beareth witness to this. We counsel thee to love My Afnan who have remained faithful to My Covenant and Testament and who have arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Great. Glory be upon the people of Baha who were not deceived by the world, nor held back by the doubts of the divines, nor weakened by the might of princes, who have turned with illumined hearts unto God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH07424 ===

=== START BH07425 ===

He is the One Who speaks from the Most Exalted Station! O peoples of all religions! Hearken unto the Call of the All-Merciful. Verily it hath been raised in truth from this Spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison in a Preserved Tablet. Beware lest ye be hindered by the utterances of those who turned away after having believed, and denied after having acknowledged God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Read ye what We have sent down from the heaven of bounty, and ponder upon it in My Name, the Triumphant, the Mighty. Verily, He Who is able to subdue the world through a gesture of His Pen hath become a wronged and lonely exile in this remote spot. Let not the world sadden you. By My life! It shall pass away. To this beareth witness that which was sent down from time immemorial by God, the Numberer, the All-Knowing. Cast the world behind you, then act according to what We have commanded you in Our Most Holy Book. Verily it hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be thou thankful that God hath given thee to drink the choice wine of His Revelation. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of faith at this radiant dawn.

=== END BH07425 ===

=== START BH07426 ===

LXXVII

O Thou, at Whose dreadful majesty all things have trembled, in Whose grasp are the affairs of all men, towards Whose grace and mercy are set the faces of all Thy creatures! I entreat Thee, by Thy Name which Thou hast ordained to be the spirit of all names that are in the kingdom of names, to shield us from the whisperings of those who have turned away from Thee, and have repudiated the truth of Thy most august and most exalted Self, in this Revelation that hath caused the kingdom of Thy names to tremble.

I am one of Thy handmaidens, O my Lord! I have turned my face towards the sanctuary of Thy gracious favors and the adored tabernacle of Thy glory. Purify me of all that is not of Thee, and strengthen me to love Thee and to fulfill Thy pleasure, that I may delight myself in the contemplation of Thy beauty, and be rid of all attachment to any of Thy creatures, and may, at every moment, proclaim: “Magnified be God, the Lord of the worlds!”

Let my food, O my Lord, be Thy beauty, and my drink the light of Thy presence, and my hope Thy pleasure, and my work Thy praise, and my companion Thy remembrance, and my aid Thy sovereignty, and my dwelling-place Thy habitation, and my home the seat which Thou hast exalted above the limitations of them that are shut out as by a veil from Thee.

Thou art, in truth, the God of power, of strength and glory.

=== END BH07426 ===

=== START BH07427 ===

O Nazir, upon him be God's peace!

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

O Nazir! Upon you be the peace of God and His favors! Your letter attained the presence and as it indicated the great divine bounty and the most great heavenly sustenance, which is the health of being, it brought joy and gladness. However, no opportunity arose to send replies to some of the petitions. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in what He loves and is pleased with.

And regarding what you mentioned about staying in Egypt, it is best and most fitting that you hold fast to and act according to what was previously ordained, which is to stay in Port Said. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you and to open before your face the door of His grace. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Mirza Habibullah, upon him be God's peace, and likewise to the handmaiden of God. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

=== END BH07427 ===

=== START BH07428 ===

O Nasru'llah, who hath migrated and attained unto My Name which hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance! O Nasru'llah, hearken unto the call from the Tree upraised upon the white land, the shore of the sea of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of Names. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee with that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord and that whereby His firm and mighty Cause may be exalted. And We counsel thee regarding thy father - verily he hath a station with God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the servant who acteth according to that which he hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this Cause or the doubts of the suspicious ones veil thee, they who have turned away from the Truth and have turned unto every remote idolater. Say: I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and the bridles of all beings, by Thy Name through which Thou hast sent down the verses and subdued all regions, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking forth Thy praise, and acting according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH07428 ===

=== START BH07429 ===

O Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of the One True God! O Nasru'llah! Thou hast attained unto the Word of God, with which nothing in all creation can compare. Know this and be thou of the thankful ones. The Most Exalted Pen enjoineth steadfastness upon the people of God, inasmuch as clamors have been raised from every quarter. Those who in the days of hardship remained hidden behind veils like unto women have now, like

unto serpents, risen up against the Lord of Names. They have turned away from that Station which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will - a Station that equalleth all the books of the past and the future - and are striving with their vain imaginings to lead the servants astray. Fie upon them and upon that which their hands have wrought in their rebellion against God, their opposition to Him, their turning away from Him, and their rejection of that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of His wondrous utterance. Convey My greetings to the friends and gladden them with the bounties of their Lord, exalted be His glory. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My favor be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

=== END BH07429 ===

=== START BH07430 ===

O Varqa, upon whom be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Sorrowing, the Stranger

O Varqa! By My life, My heart hath grieved for thy sorrow and what hath befallen thee, and the Temple of My loving-kindness and the people of the cities of justice and fairness have lamented over what hath come to pass upon the Wronged One at the hands of those who denied My right, violated My Covenant, and devoured the property of others through falsehood. The fire of greed, passion, avarice and immorality hath been kindled in the Great City, whereby the veil of propriety hath been rent asunder among the people and the light of fairness hath been extinguished through the appearance of tyranny. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all to return unto justice, for verily He is the Ever-Forgiving. O Varqa! We bear witness that thou hast been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament and hast aided His Cause. We counsel the loved ones of God to love thee and hearken unto thy call in this Cause, the exalted, the mighty, the wondrous. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy two sons and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is Forgiving, Generous.

=== END BH07430 ===

=== START BH07431 ===

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

O My leaf! Hear My call from the direction of My prison and the seat of My mighty throne. Verily He calls thee in this dark night with that which nothing in all things can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thy letter hath arrived and the servant present before the Wronged One hath read it. We have sent down for thee this luminous Tablet that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the utterance of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon and for having answered the Purpose of them that know.

We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions and to send down for thee from the heaven of grace and bounty that which befitteth His greatness and His sovereignty and His generosity and His

munificence and His favors. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon thy children and upon those who love them for the sake of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

=== END BH07431 ===

=== START BH07432 ===

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, Mother of Afnan, upon her be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Bestower! In the name of the Peerless Friend! O my leaf! I testify that thou hast attained unto the presence of God and turned towards Him when thou didst hear the Call, and set thy face towards Him when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the One Who conversed on Sinai. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor. I swear by the Sun of Truth that this deed is the king of all deeds. Preserve it in the name of Truth. Man must be mindful in all conditions. Soon all that is visible shall vanish, and that which is everlasting and enduring hath been and shall ever be the Word of God. Its traces shall not be obliterated, nor shall it be overtaken, and its fruits shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. God doth obliterate and confirm whatsoever He pleaseth, and with Him is the Mother Book. Convey My greetings to the secluded ones among the Afnan and give them the glad-tidings of His grace and favor. The Glory from before the Divine Lote-Tree be upon its twigs and leaves, and upon every maidservant who hath heard and attained and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07432 ===

=== START BH07433 ===

In the Name of the one peerless God! O My handmaiden who hath emigrated and attained! Reflect upon the divine Will and Purpose and celestial favor - how many men today are deprived and forbidden from recognition of the Self-Subsisting Lord, while thou, through His grace, hast attained and gazeth toward the Most Exalted Horizon. He is the One with power to cause whatsoever He willeth to flow forth, and whatever He ordaineth is pure truth itself - none hath had or hath the right to question “why” or “wherefore.” We counsel thee and all the handmaidens of that land to turn unto Him, to place thy trust in Him, and to stand firm. Grace lieth within His mighty grasp, and mercy dependeth upon His will. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Blessed art thou and thy like who have perceived the fragrance of the Day of God and held fast to the cord of His grace. Preserve this most exalted station through His Most Great Name. Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned, hearkened, and responded to the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07433 ===

=== START BH07434 ===

O My Leaf! The Great Announcement makes mention of thee and asks thee whether thou hast recognized that which We revealed in the Qur’an concerning this Wise Remembrance. The Supreme Pen testifies that thou hast turned to the Great Announcement and art oriented toward the Most Exalted

Horizon, which is the station of the dawning of that Most Great Luminary. Today the Sun of Truth is His dawning - that Announcement wherewith all the Prophets gave glad tidings to the servants, and wherewith the divine Books, Scrolls and Psalms were adorned and embellished. The land of Syria hath been perfumed by His advent, and Sinai hath attained to His appearance, while the people remain in a mighty veil. Ere long the station of those servants and handmaidens who have turned unto Him shall become manifest to all who dwell on earth. Verily, the heedless on that Day shall be in grievous sorrow. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Informed. The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation be upon thee and upon every servant who hath attained, and upon every handmaiden who hath attained unto this Manifest Cause.

=== END BH07434 ===

=== START BH07435 ===

O Leaf! Thou hast been favored with divine grace, for He hath confirmed thee in turning to and recognizing the Dawning-Place of knowledge, the Repository of verses, and the Dayspring of His revelation. How many of the divines, theologians and men of learning are seen to be deprived on this day, while thou, through His infinite bounty, hast quaffed the choice wine of recognition from the cup of His bestowal and turned thy face toward the horizon of His manifestation. Know thou the station of this most great favor and preserve it through the Name of God. We send greetings to the leaves in that land and summon them unto God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may all attain to that which beseemeth the Day of God. Mighty is the Cause and mighty the Day. This is that Cause which was mentioned and recorded in the former Books. This is that Treasure which hath ever been preserved and safeguarded in the treasury of God’s protection. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized it and held fast unto it. Woe unto those who remain heedless, be they men or women.

=== END BH07435 ===

=== START BH07436 ===

O Mother of Afnan! His Honor Abdul-Husayn who attained the presence and gained victory - He is the Answerer from the direction of His Most Great Prison. O Leaf! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His grace and His mercy and His bounty. Thou wert mentioned before the Wronged One. Praise be to God that He confirmed thee and granted thee success. My Most Exalted Pen testifieth that thou hast attained unto the companion of the love of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, and hast taken from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of divine knowledge and drunk thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech God that He may confirm His Honor Afnan who arose to serve the Cause in the early days through the means of heaven and earth, that He may assist thee in what thou hast desired in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be not grieved. His grace hath encompassed the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree, and its leaves have been and are beneath the glance of His favor. Say: Praise be to Thee for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy love and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens and leaves who circle round Thy throne by night and day. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07436 ===

=== START BH07437 ===

To the Leaf, my cousin, upon her be the Glory of God - In My Name, the Truthful, the Trustworthy

O Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory! Reflect upon the ocean of bounty of the Beloved of the worlds. In the Most Great Prison, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him, He maketh mention of thee with such remembrance that all the world cannot equal even one letter thereof. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Generous. All the treasures of earth and whatsoever is with the kings cannot and will never equal the blessed word "O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory!" wherewith thou hast been favored. Verily He giveth thanks unto Himself before His servants and handmaidens. And verily He cannot be described by any description save His own, nor can He be mentioned by any mention save His own. For were all the world to arise in thanksgiving unto God until the end that hath no end, it would be as naught compared to one word of His words and one favor of His favors. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee from the precincts of His mighty Prison, and sendeth unto thee that which shall never perish through the eternity of My Name, the Ancient, the Everlasting.

=== END BH07437 ===

=== START BH07438 ===

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all names!

O Yehuda! God willing, mayest thou be confirmed in that which causes the exaltation of the Word of God. The station of this Day is the station of this blessed word: "Say: God; then leave them to amuse themselves in their vain discourses." Naught but God is mentioned in the Most Holy Court. We counsel all to sanctification and detachment. That which his honor, the name of God Heydar-'Ali, hath mentioned - all must hear it with attentive ears. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to his orientation, his turning to God, and the loftiness and excellence of his station before God, exalted be His glory. He hath made mention of the loved ones in that land, and therefore from the heaven of divine Will, sacred and luminous Tablets have been revealed and sent down especially for some. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath held fast to the cord of sanctification - she is indeed among the devout ones in My perspicuous Book. Take hold of the Book with the strength bestowed by Us and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!

=== END BH07438 ===

=== START BH07439 ===

O Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Supporter, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! The Hand of God took hold of him and His grace guided him. Blessed is the soul who saw the Path and followed it, such that the opposition of the peoples of the world could not prevent him from turning toward the Straight Path. The Path, in its primary degree and first station, is the Self of God, glorified be His majesty, Who calleth with the most exalted voice between earth and heaven. And in

another station it is His ordinances and commandments which are recorded and inscribed in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Praise the Object of all the world's peoples that thou hast attained unto that which the learned of the earth are heedless and veiled from, save whom God willeth. We counsel thee to be steadfast, for thieves and treacherous ones exist who, should they find opportunity, would steal away the pearl of divine love. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to preserve it through His Name, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07439 ===

=== START BH07440 ===

He is the All-Conquering, the Almighty! All that is in the heavens and on earth praise God, and verily He has power over all things. All who dwell in the realms of eternity and the Divine Throne bow down before Him, and verily He encompasses all the worlds. He exalts whomsoever He willeth and abases whomsoever He willeth, and bestows upon whomsoever He willeth the holy and gracious lights. His is the sovereignty of the heavens and the earth, and His is the dominion of Command and Truth, and He is the majestic and mighty Sovereign. All things praise Him, all things remember Him, all things sanctify Him, and all things call upon Him, and verily He encompasses all things. He sendeth down mercy upon whomsoever He willeth and withholdeth mercy from whomsoever He willeth, and He sendeth upon whomsoever He willeth the holy and sublime fragrances. His mercy hath preceded all things and His grace hath encompassed all things, and He hath established His Cause with justice throughout all the worlds.

=== END BH07440 ===

=== START BH07441 ===

He is the One sanctified above mention of what has been and what shall be. The Self-Subsisting testifies that He Who speaks in this prison is, verily, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. By His Will hath He created the kingdom of creation and whatsoever hath been created in the heavens. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The Most Exalted Horizon beareth witness that He is the Lord of Names, Who speaketh the truth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Book speaketh the truth and testifieth to that which the Ancient Beauty hath testified in the Most Great Prison and in this exalted station, that there is none other God but Him, Who hath power over all things. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Rejoice within thyself that the face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this luminous horizon. He calleth unto all who are in creation and remindeth them with a reminder whereby the Concourse on High and they who circle round the mighty Throne have been entranced. Let not the utterances of those who have disbelieved in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, grieve thee. Put thy trust in Him, then make mention of Him with a truthful and faithful tongue.

=== END BH07441 ===

=== START BH07442 ===

O Siyyid ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Rememberer and the Remembered. The Book beareth witness that He hath come upon the clouds, yet the people remain in heedlessness and schism. They have clung to vain imaginings after the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, that which ye possess will profit you not this Day. Cast aside your suppositions and hold fast unto the Self-Subsisting One, Who hath come with the truth in this trustworthy station. We have spent what We possessed in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Though tribulation hath weakened Me and affliction hath exhausted Me, My tongue beareth witness to God’s grace and My limbs to His praise, yet most of the people remain heedless. They imagined that through imprisonment God’s Cause and sovereignty would be altered. Nay, they are among the lowly ones. The Cause hath been exalted through what hath befallen Us - to this My tongue of grandeur beareth witness in this station, round which circle the Concourse on High and the near-stationed angels. Thus hath He Who caused all things to speak forth His praise given utterance, and He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the hosts of the world nor the conditions of the heedless ones can frustrate Him.

=== END BH07442 ===

=== START BH07443 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O our Lord, the All-Merciful! This is a day among the days of Thy Festival which Thou hast named Ridvan, wherein Thou didst manifest Thy sovereignty over all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, after which all arose to harm Thee and to extinguish Thy light. And therein did the Sun of Thy oneness shine forth from the horizon of the House upon all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realms. I beseech Thee, O my God, by this Day and by Him Whom Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, to ordain for Thy loved ones the good of this world and the next, and to make them of those whom nothing besides Thee can occupy from Thy remembrance and praise. Then strengthen their hearts in such wise that the power of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs will not frighten them. O Lord! Illumine their eyes with the light of Thy knowledge and their hearts with the splendor of Thy countenance. Then unite their hearts and their souls that through their unity the people of Thy kingdom may be united. Verily Thou art the Powerful over all who are in the kingdom of Thy Command and Thy creation. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Generous. And praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

=== END BH07443 ===

=== START BH07444 ===

O Mulla Zaynu’l-’Abidin!

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Encompassing over all names! Wilt thou remain silent while the Divine Lote Tree speaketh throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower? Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord, for through it are gladdened the hearts of them that have turned unto God, the Lord of Lords. Act thou according to that which thou hast been

bidden and place thy trust in God, the Lord of all men. Verily He is with you and heareth your call and beholdeth that which proceedeth from you in His path amidst mankind. Rejoice thou in that the Most Great Joy hath turned toward thee while imprisoned in this spot. Forget not the bounty of My days, and despair not of My mercy and loving-kindness. Verily He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily My tongue speaketh, My heart remembereth, and My pen moveth at all times. Be thou in such wise that the clamor of the people shall not prevent thee from God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Return.

=== END BH07444 ===

=== START BH07445 ===

When God desires a thing, He need but say unto it “Be” and it is. Praise be to God, title [to the property] was obtained. Blessed is he who has attained unto this Cause, whose decree was established in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. At the beginning of arrival in the Most Great Prison in the military barracks, His blessed word, exalted be He: “The River Jordan has joined with the Most Great Sea” etc. Although for this blessed verse which was sent down from the heaven of divine will there are many meanings, yet one manifestation from the sun of its meanings dawned after the acquisition of this land, for this new land was adorned with the ornament of God’s Name and is near to the River Jordan - and this is the river that was recorded and mentioned in the divine Books of old, and perhaps it will join [with the Sea] in the future as well. Knowledge is with God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07445 ===

=== START BH07446 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

When the Promise came and the Promised One appeared, the divines opposed Him and prevented the people from the Path of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise. They would make mention of God from pulpits and in mosques, yet when the Dawning-Place of His Cause appeared, they arose in opposition, to such an extent that the heavens and earth lamented their actions. Some issued death warrants against Him, while others disputed the verses of God after they had been sent down. Thus was the matter decreed when God came with manifest authority. This is not the first Cause they have opposed and from which they have turned away. Consider when We sent Our Messengers - they rose against them with hypocrisy, having cast the Covenant behind their backs. To this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one. The learned one is he who hath recognized the Truth, while he who denieth it is among those who are confuted. Thus crowed the Cock of the Throne in this Most Great Prison, while in the hands of the oppressors. When thou hearest the verses of God, arise to serve His Cause and be thou of those who remember.

=== END BH07446 ===

=== START BH07447 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the worlds! The Divine Will hath appeared from the horizon of Purpose, and It is sovereign over all names and their Kingdom, and attributes and their Dominion. Well is it with them that understand! Today all must become severed from their own wills and turn their gaze toward the Will of God, for whoso achieveth contentment with His Will and attaineth unto it, hath attained unto all good. This Ocean hath no end, and whoso entereth it findeth salvation and security. By thy Lord, the Mighty, the Trusted One! The Friend hath come for the sake of meeting, and this matter hath been recorded as the greatest of deeds in the divine Books, yet due to wisdom it hath been forbidden. Therefore must all be content with His decisive command, nay rather, be thankful for whatsoever appeareth from Him. Verily He is the Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds. He inscribeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of them that have attained unto the Kawthar of His presence in His days. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH07447 ===

=== START BH07448 ===

His honor Nabil Ibn-i-Nabil hath been the recipient of favors and engaged in service from the earliest days until now, but in the great city there befell him that which caused grief to those near unto God. With the permission of this Wronged One he arrived in that land and attained unto His good-pleasure. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to transform the sorrows that have come upon him into supreme joy, and We ask Him, exalted be He, to draw him nigh and ordain for him to attain the presence of the face of the Wronged One. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Nabil-i-Qabli-'Ali! His honor 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath mentioned thee repeatedly. He hath been faithful to the Covenant and hath made mention of the friends of the All-Merciful in a scroll which he sent to the Wronged One. We have answered him at this time with this perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to assist His loved ones at all times to that which shall conduce to the reformation of the world and the tranquillity of the nations. By My life! There shall appear from them that which God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath purposed.

=== END BH07448 ===

=== START BH07449 ===

In the Name of the One God! Through God's infinite bounty, the spring of knowledge hath appeared. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with the raiment of wisdom and hath drunk from the ocean of insight. O friends! Strive that ye may not remain deprived of the fresh and pure fruits that have appeared from the divine Tree of humanity. This is the Day in which the vibration of the Word of the Lord hath taken hold of the world, for the fragrance of the sealed wine, which hath been unsealed by the Finger of Will, is wafting amongst mankind. Blessed is he who hath drunk and attained, and woe unto them that have turned away. O ye who seek the Ka'bah of the intended Goal! Hearken with pure ears unto the call of this Wronged One and preserve it like your very soul. Ere long will the carpet of life be rolled up and another carpet spread out in another world. Whosoever attaineth unto that hath attained unto life everlasting. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to undertake that which today conduceth to the exaltation of His Cause. Verily He is the Counselor, the Trustworthy.

=== END BH07449 ===

=== START BH07450 ===

How wonderful are the waves of the ocean of the utterance of God, the Lord of all possibilities! O friends of God in all lands, the mysteries of the Divine Book that from the beginning of creation until now were hidden from sight have become manifest and evident. Turn your faces and hearts in acceptance. Blessed is the servant who today has attained to witnessing and hearing, and with complete determination has seized the pearls from the shells of grace. I swear by the Lamp of the world that whosoever has attained to this station sees all else besides God as more insignificant than all things. O people of Baha! Crimson ruby-colored ships have been specifically appointed for you - enter them in My Name, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful. We heard your call and answered with these revealed verses. By My life, the divine utterance will not change and His commands will not be erased from the Book. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me and illumined my heart with the light of Thy Name, the Radiant, the Shining, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH07450 ===

=== START BH07451 ===

O handmaid of God, wife of Nabil Qabl ’Ali, upon her be the Glory of God! In the Name of the One True God! The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee from the Most Sublime Horizon, inasmuch as the Name “Generosity” hath made mention of thee in the Most Holy Court. Perchance through the breathings of the Divine Pen the troubles of the earthly realm may be dispelled. O handmaid of God! Although afflictions from all directions have encompassed the spirit, yet the splendors of the lights of the Countenance of the Manifestation have prevented all events from having their full effect. Were one possessed of sight to observe, and one possessed of hearing to hearken, he would witness in all things the freshness of divine joy and would hear the call “The Most Great Joy hath come!” Hold fast unto the truth and be free and detached from all else. Through this word sorrows shall be annihilated and the rains of joy shall descend from the clouds of divine bounty. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and be in manifest gladness. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH07451 ===

=== START BH07452 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

I beseech Thee, O my God and the God of names, and my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all things, and my Master and the Master of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the mountain whereon was raised the tabernacle of Thy glory, and by the earth which was honored by the gaze of Thy favor, and by the trees which Thou didst plant when Thou wert wronged in Thy prison, that Thou aid Thy loved ones with the hosts of Thy power and might, and preserve them from the evil of Thine enemies. O Lord! Thou seest the one who hath heard Thy sweetest call and turned with his heart to Thy most exalted horizon. Ordain for

him from the Pen of Destiny that which shall profit him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

He is the Helper. The contribution of his honor Ali-Muhammad ibn H-S, upon him be the Glory of God, in the amount of seven tumans, was received by this servant in the prison through the beloved of hearts, his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, in the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dah the Sacred in the year 1303.

=== END BH07452 ===

=== START BH07453 ===

In His Name, the All-Encompassing, the Most Glorious

To Mirza Abdul-Wahhab:

I testify, O my God, that Thou hast appeared in the lands and manifested Thy sovereignty unto Thy servants. And I testify that the fragrance of Thy robe hath been diffused throughout creation and Thy breath hath spread through all lands. I beseech Thee by the Name before which nothing in the heavens or on earth can stand, to make me detached in Thy days from all else save Thee, attracted to Thy verses, and immersed in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! Thou hast made known to me Thy path; therefore I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted Self not to withhold me from it through Thy bounty. Thou hast broken the seal of the choice Wine by Thy Name; I beseech Thee not to deprive me of it. O Lord! All things have acknowledged Thy grace; I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and generosity to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of Thy creatures have slipped. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07453 ===

=== START BH07454 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

I testify, O my God, to that whereunto Thy Self hath testified, that Thou art God and that there is none other God but Thee. From time immemorial Thou hast been in the heights of grandeur and exaltation with naught existing beside Thee, and unto eternity Thou shalt continue to be in the sublimity of might and sovereignty with nothing present before Thee. The atoms bear witness to Thy oneness, and all created things to Thy unity. Nothing can withstand what Thou hast willed by Thy sovereignty, nor can any matter render Thee powerless in Thy grandeur and might. Thou art the Self-Sufficient while all else are destitute at the door of Thy bounty and feeble before the manifestations of Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast manifested Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures, that Thou aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy grace and bounty, and withhold them not from the expressions of Thy Lordship and the evidences of Thy favors in Thy lands. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Doer of whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07454 ===

=== START BH07455 ===

O handmaid of God, Hajar, who hath migrated unto God! He is the One, the Kind. Although through the oppression of the enemies the hearts of the loved ones are agitated, to such extent that most of them appear to be veiled, despite the fact that the purpose of life itself was to be sacrificed in the path of the All-Merciful. I swear by God's Most Great Name that if one does not attain to this station, in the realm of inner meanings they have been and will be in utmost regret. It is most astonishing that they would deprive themselves of the eternal, everlasting Kingdom for the sake of this transient life. Indeed, every soul has been ordained a portion and assigned a share. The spider busies itself catching flies, while the divine Phoenix of Qaf hunts for inner meanings. This verse is befitting to mention at this point:

Leave the hunting of wild asses in their graves,

Instead hunt for meaning from Mount Sinai's ways

God willing, may that handmaid of God be ever intimately associated with the remembrance of the Beloved and occupied with His mention. This is from the most great bounty of the Lord of the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH07455 ===

=== START BH07456 ===

The splendor shining forth from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon your son who was named Aqa Buzurg and your other son who was named Aqa Kuchik - upon those who have cast away their idle fancies and taken hold of that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all beings and the Possessor of bounties and favors. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance that hath turned toward the lights of the Throne, and who art engaged in remembrance and praise during the days of God, the Lord of all beings! Thy letter hath attained unto Our presence, and We have mentioned repeatedly those servants who heard and responded to their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey My greetings to each one on behalf of this Wronged One and illumine them with the splendorous lights of the Sun of divine utterance. His honor Salman, upon him be My glory, arrived and dwelt for some time beneath the shade, and when the appointed time of his sojourn came to an end, the command to return shone forth from the Dayspring of the Divine Will, and We sent with him that which would strengthen My loved ones, My trusted ones and My chosen ones who have remained firm in the Covenant and Testament. The friends must not act except with wisdom. Wisdom is that through which the servants draw nigh, not that which causeth remoteness and flight. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee, and We hear thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

=== END BH07456 ===

=== START BH07458 ===

In the Name of the one true God! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the dawning rays of the Sun of Truth through His most great bounty, and hast been aided to recognize God. Preserve this mighty blessing in the Name of Truth, that it may be protected from the sight and grasp of the treacherous ones. This is the Day which all those who are nigh unto God and sincere have yearned to attain, and thou hast attained it and recognized that which hath been manifested therein. Now thou must beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness. This is the mighty command that hath been revealed in the divine Books of the past and in what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. Be thankful unto thy Lord for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet. Take hold of it with the power of God, and praise Him at all times. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have spoken the truth in this glorious and exalted Day.

=== END BH07458 ===

=== START BH07459 ===

O Zia'iyyih, my sister who has been martyred in the name of the Beloved of the world! Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast attained His presence and drunk from the Kawthar of reunion, and in His path thou didst bear hardships and witness countless tribulations in His love. Now I counsel thee to patience; nay rather, with utmost joy thou shouldst occupy thyself with the mention of the Lord of all beings, in such wise that the traces of thy happiness may influence the inner realities of the handmaidens of God, that all may arise to praise the Lord of Eternity with supreme joy. Be not sorrowful, for the ocean of gladness is with you. God willing, may you remain so firm and steadfast in the love of God that worldly conditions shall not prevent you from the Most Glorious Horizon. O my handmaiden, O my handmaiden! Be thou gladdened by My remembrance. By God! Through His remembrance souls take flight, spirits are stirred, and those in the graves arise. Verily, the glory be upon you, O people of Glory, from this Glory which hath been the point of adoration of the Concourse on High. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH07460 ===

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise! Praise be to God Who hath sent down the Table, made manifest His bounty, perfected His proof, completed His Word, and revealed the Gentle Alif. He hath ever been powerful through His sovereignty and will continue to be even as He was in the beginning that hath no beginning. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. And praise be to God Who hath uttered the Most Great Word and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the One manifest in the beginning and the end. O thou who gazeth toward the Most Sublime Horizon and art attracted by the verses of thy Lord, the Lord of all creation! Know thou that the matter which God hath made to take precedence over all other matters and all other deeds is steadfastness. By the life of God! It is the greatest of all deeds and the mightiest thereof, for Satan crieth out, and the wolf howleth, and the dog barketh. We beseech God to protect thee and those who have believed, and to

ordain for thee the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH07461 ===

He is seated upon the Throne

Praise be to God Who hath made that which flowed from His Most Exalted Pen the cause of the life of the world, and hath revealed that whereby the faces of His loved ones were illumined and the faces of those who turned away from the Most Glorious Horizon were darkened. Glorification and peace be upon His loved ones and chosen ones whom neither the swords of rulers nor the clamor of divines could deter from God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. These are God's party in the earth and His signs in the lands. Through them was made manifest God's straight path and His firm and mighty Cause. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee and turned toward thee through the grace of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. This is the Day of Resurrection, the Day of Remembrance, and the Day whereof the Mother Book and the Books of old gave glad tidings. Blessed is he who hath recognized it, and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon every discerning one possessed of insight. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH07462 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Praise be to God Who hath made known unto thee His proof, taught thee His path, shown thee His horizon, and made thee turn unto Him from Whom every heedless one who violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath turned away. Thou didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon until thou didst attain the presence of the Throne. Give thanks unto God for this great bounty. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God. Arise in My Name and say: By God! I have attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath told thee My story, caused thee to hear My call, guided thee to My path, given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love, and sent thee to the Dayspring of the Cause in this noble station. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon him and upon those who have believed in God on a Day whereon all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God pleased, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon every discerning and steadfast servant.

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=== START BH07463 ===

In His Name, the Speaker, the All-Knowing! Praise be to God! The heaven of divine exposition hath been raised high and adorned with the stars of knowledge and utterance. The Sun of Truth hath risen from its horizon, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom, inasmuch as they have been nurtured by

vain imaginings and are gazing at its dawning-place. By the life of God! The ignorant ones of the earth who today are known as divines have been and continue to be the fountainhead of vain imaginings, except such as God hath willed, the Lord of the worlds. In this day, should a person appear with all the sciences, yet remain deprived of the splendors of the lights of the Sun of knowledge which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Prison, he would be accounted among the most ignorant of all in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And should a person know not a single letter of learning, yet be adorned with the ornament of the love of God, he would be recorded by the Supreme Pen as among the most learned of all. Woe unto the learned one who hath been debarred from the ocean of knowledge, and blessed is the unlettered one who hath heard, hastened, and attained unto the recognition of God, the Knowing, the Informed.

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=== START BH07464 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in His Books and His Scriptures, and that is the recognition of the Hidden Mystery Who hath illumined the world with the lights of His Revelation. O ’Ali! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us, and from the direction of the Most Great Prison have We turned toward thee. Reflect upon thy Lord’s favor and be of them that prostrate themselves. All have been created for Him and have been adorned with the ornament of existence for His service. Yet so resplendent hath shone the Sun of His grace that He maketh mention of His loved ones by night and by day, and remindeth them of that which leadeth to their elevation and advancement. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having been aided to recognize Him and for having been enabled to make mention of Him. Know thou the worth of this most exalted station and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

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=== START BH07465 ===

In the Name of the One God

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of God and turned thy face toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and in the Most Great Prison thou wert honored to attain His presence, which is the greatest of divine bounties, and thou didst hearken unto the call of the Blessed Tree of Oneness, and for a number of years didst dwell beneath the shadow of the favors of the Desired One of the world and round about Him. If thou wouldst ponder on these special favors, by God thou wouldst arise and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the world,” and when thou sittest thou wouldst say: “Thanks be unto Thee, O Desire of the nations,” and when thou walkest thou wouldst say: “Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names,” and when thou sleepest thou wouldst say: “All praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens.” At all times implore and supplicate the True One, exalted be His glory and might, that in all conditions and circumstances thou mayest be adorned with these aforementioned bounties. Grieve thou not over anything, for verily He is with whosoever desireth Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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=== START BH07466 ===

O ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. Praise be to God that through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, thou hast attained. Today it is incumbent upon all to beseech God, exalted be His glory, that perchance He may grant strength to the followers of His manifest Religion and protect them from the evil of the deniers and the turning away of those who have turned aside. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst create all contingent beings and brought forth all existing things, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and directing my face toward the horizon of Thy grace. Take hold of my hand through Thy power and might. O my Lord! I am the weak one who hath clung to the cord of Thy strength; preserve me through Thy bounty and sovereignty from whatsoever is unworthy of Thy presence. Then grant me, from the hands of Thy bestowal, the Kawthar of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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=== START BH07467 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Praise be to God that through the bounty of the Sovereign of existence ye have attained, and are gazing upon the ocean of grace and bounty. Two matters have ever been and shall continue to be beloved in the sight of God: first, steadfastness, and second, wisdom. In all the Tablets We have enjoined wisdom and forbidden the people from creating mischief and corruption, lest that appear which would trouble hearts and minds. Nevertheless, in most lands some have transgressed beyond wisdom and deemed it to be a means of assisting the Cause. This hath been a source of error for them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Potent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great. God willing, on this spiritual day thou shalt drink again and again, time after time, from the luminous Kawthar from the divine Hand of bounty. The glory be upon you.

=== END BH07467 ===

=== START BH07468 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance whereby the horizons were illumined, and by Thy splendor whereby the servants who were set ablaze with the fire of longing were amazed, and by Thy sovereignty which hath transcended all created things, and by Thy manifestation whereby all things were adorned with the ornament of names, and by Thy command which hath encompassed all things, that Thou make me detached from all else save Thee, turning toward the sanctuary of Thy knowledge, mindful

in Thy remembrance, and speaking in praise of Thy Self. O my Lord! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned to Thee, sincere before Thy face. Look upon me, then, with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and Thy gifts, and drive me not, O my God, from Thy door which Thou hast opened unto the faces of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Then send down upon me from the realm of Thy grace that which will make me steadfast in Thy love and walking in the ways of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH07469 ===

He is the Mighty, the Pardoner, the Compassionate!

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O God, my God! Thou beholdest Thy servants in the abyss of perdition and error; where is Thy Light of Divine Guidance, O Thou the Desire of the world? Thou knowest their helplessness and their feebleness; where is Thy power, O Thou in Whose grasp lay the powers of heaven and earth?

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I ask Thee, O Lord my God, by the splendour of the Lights of Thy Loving-kindness and the billows of the Ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom and by Thy Word wherewith Thou hast swayed the peoples of Thy dominion, to grant that I may be one of them that have observed Thy bidding in Thy Book. And do Thou ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, them that have quaffed the wine of divine inspiration from the chalice of Thy Bounty and hastened to do Thy Pleasure and observe Thy Covenant and Testament. Powerful art Thou to do as Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Decree for me, by Thy Bounty, O Lord, that which shall prosper me in this world and hereafter and shall draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all men. There is none other God but Thee, the One, the Mighty, the Glorified.

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=== START BH07470 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! My God, my God! Thy love hath set me aflame, and nearness to Thee hath gladdened me, and attraction unto Thee hath drawn me nigh, while remoteness from Thee hath brought me death. I beseech Thee by that shore of the sea of Thy reunion whereon was raised the pavilion of Thy majesty and the tabernacle of Thy Cause, and where Thou didst manifest Thyself unto all who are on earth through the lights of Thy countenance, that Thou mayest exalt

the stations of those who have desired the elevation of Thy Most Exalted Word and strengthen them to glorify Thy Cause, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! Then I beseech Thee, O Fashioner of nations and Lord of eternity, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that the opposition of the Pharaohs among Thy creatures and the tyrants of Thy lands who claim knowledge without proof from Thee or testimony from Thy presence shall not cause them to stumble. Verily Thou art He Whom the doubts of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs cannot hinder. O Lord! Aid Thy chosen ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the former and latter generations. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

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=== START BH07471 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy Lord!

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having informed Thy servants and revealed unto them beforehand that which later came to pass, when the light of Thy countenance was shining from the horizon of Zawra and in the Land of Mystery, and at the first arrival in Thy Most Great Prison Thou didst say - and Thy word is the truth - that the cawing of the crows would be raised and the birds of night would stir in the towns and territories. The servant beareth witness that Thy word is truth and Thy command is certain, and testifieth that Thou didst foretell all that hath appeared and shall appear unto the Day that hath no end. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, by Thy Most Great Name through which the peoples are impelled, to strengthen whomsoever hath turned towards Thee upon the Most Great Steadfastness. Then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thy presence, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07471 ===

=== START BH07472 ===

He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous!

My God, my God! The Wronged One beareth witness to Thy unity and oneness, and to that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath sent down in Thy Books and Tablets. Thou seest, O my God, how Thy Afnan have turned toward Thee from all regions, desiring naught save to attain Thy presence and good-pleasure. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the breezes of Thy Revelation, and by the Most Great Name whereby Thou hast subdued the world, to aid them to stand firm in Thy Cause, and to open before their faces the doors of Thy grace, Thy blessing and Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Ordain for Thy Leaves that which will exalt them through Thy name amongst Thy handmaidens. Then write down for them the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face. Then write down for the Leaf whom Thou hast named Tuba in the Crimson Book that which will preserve her through Thy bounty and Thy hosts, and will guard her through Thy grace and loving-kindness, and through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily, Thou art the Lord of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH07472 ===

=== START BH07473 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O My handmaiden Rubabih, daughter of Sadiq! O My people, My people! Thy letter hath come and been presented by the servant who standeth at the door. We have answered thee with that which God hath sent down in the Book. Verily, He loveth the one who hath loved Him and remembereth the one who hath remembered Him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have heard thy cry in the love of God and thy sighs for this Cause, before which all necks have bowed when it appeared. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then give thanks to thy Lord for this bounty that hath encompassed all possibility. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My raiment from My letter, arise from thy place and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and King of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty were made manifest, and Thy power and might prevailed, to make me among those women who have turned with their hearts to Thy most exalted horizon and who have voiced Thy praise in the kingdom of creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

=== END BH07473 ===

=== START BH07474 ===

In the Name of Him by Whom the seas have surged! Today lamentation is heard from the heart of the world, for the people of the Bayan have arisen in grievous oppression. By the life of God! This Most Great Revelation hath ever been, and continueth to be, independent of the acceptance or rejection of the peoples. Justice, like the phoenix, existeth in name but not in reality. Equity, like the philosopher's stone, is rare indeed. O people of God! Be set ablaze with the fire of divine love - a fire which neither the mention of the world, nor the conjectures of the nations, nor the doubts of the deniers, nor the whispers of the heedless can quench. It is not known by what proof or testimony the deniers among the people of the Bayan cling to truth, or by what evidence they turn away from this Most Great Revelation. Blessed is the one who heareth with his own ears and recognizeth Him through his own eyes. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon whosoever hath cast aside the ways of men, turning unto the straight path of God.

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=== START BH07475 ===

He is the One through Whose fragrance the breeze of the All-Merciful has wafted through all lands.

O 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! Today from the rustling of the breezes of the gardens of utterance this word is heard: "O people of Baha! Look not upon the creatures and their clamor and oppression, but rather upon the Truth and His justice and sovereignty." Thus has the Divine Lote-Tree spoken forth in His mighty prison.

Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant in attendance. We have revealed for thee this Tablet, each letter of whose words testifieth that there is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My remembrance and My Tablet, the Mighty, the Wondrous. All the treasures of the world cannot equal it, as doth testify He Who is established upon His mighty throne.

O people of Baha! Aid ye the All-Merciful through deeds and virtuous character. This is what We commanded you before and in this glorious Tablet. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have aided the All-Merciful through goodly deeds. These, verily, are among the triumphant.

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=== START BH07476 ===

In the Name of the All-Commanding, the All-Wise!

Today the Mother Book, with the most exalted call, summons the people of the mortal realm to that which will draw them near and elevate them. O people of God! This Day is the Day of assistance. The friends in all regions must, with wisdom and utterance, invite the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the appearance of the Lord of Religions, and must hold fast to that which is the cause of the nearness of the servants. God is the Witness and Testifier that in the nights and days this Wronged One hath been engaged in mentioning the friends. Know ye with clear certainty that whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall appear word for word. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Ahmad! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the blessed Word of unity. The Most Great Branch attained the presence and submitted that which thou didst mention, and it was adorned with the glory of His good-pleasure. We beseech God to ordain for you that which shall profit you. Verily, He knoweth better than you and loveth you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Luminous.

=== END BH07476 ===

=== START BH07477 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all names! On this day all things summon the servants unto the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the ear that has attained unto hearing and turned with its heart in acceptance. By the life of God! The possessors of hearing and sight are blessed with that for which no likeness or similitude exists or has ever existed. Say: O people of the earth, strive that perchance ye may deliver sight from infection and likewise hearing from that which has prevented it from hearkening. We beseech God to assist His people to purify the servants and refine souls. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Within every word an ocean of knowledge and wisdom lies concealed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto and drunk thereof. Verily such a one is of the companions of the Crimson Ark which hath been mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma' by God, the Fashioner of earth and heaven.

=== END BH07477 ===

=== START BH07478 ===

O leaf, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the one peerless God! Today the true Beneficent One is manifest, and the sea of bounty is surging, and the effulgences of the Sun of generosity are visible and evident, yet none attained except a few among the men and women servants. These are the letters whose mention hath been in the Book of God, before and after. We make mention of thy Lord with thy tongue saying: My God, my God! This is Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden and a leaf from among the leaves of Thy Tree. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued Thy earth and Thy heaven, and by Thy wisdom wherewith Thou hast commanded Thy servants, and by that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy days, to ordain for me that which profiteth me. Thou seest and knowest what profiteth me in every world of Thy worlds. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful over what Thou willest. Ordain through Thy grace that which befitteth Thy generosity and bestowal. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

=== END BH07478 ===

=== START BH07480 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir, brother of the Most Pure Emigrant, hear thou the call of the All-Glorious from a dark pit: “Aid Me, O people of Baha, with the sword of wisdom and utterance!” Say: The pit is My house, and the prison is My palace, and tribulation is the crown of Baha. Know this, O ye who are endowed with insight! From the horizon of abasement hath shone forth the Sun of My Name, the All-Glorious. Behold, O people of the Heights! God hath made the pit a palace of ruby, wherein the Temple of the Manifestation hath been established with power and sovereignty. We have forsaken palaces and chosen the most desolate of houses, adorning it with the ornaments of the Kingdom. Exalted is this palace which God hath made the Manifestation of Destiny and the Greatest Scene, wherein the Ancient One hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name with majesty and glory. O thou who hast turned towards Me, when thou hast drunk the choice wine which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the worlds, for having remembered me in the prison when I was in the hands of the wicked ones!”

=== END BH07480 ===

=== START BH07481 ===

He is the Glory of Glories!

Hearken thou unto My call from the horizon of My prison in the midst of Mine adversaries: “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful”. He hath truly hearkened unto the divine verses who ariseth to perform that which befitteth him. Many are the souls who have listened, but are not accounted by the Almighty as having heard. True listening consisteth in man’s first perceiving with the ear of his spirit the call of the All-Merciful, and then remaining so steadfast in observing the divine precept and command that were he to witness from the peoples of the world naught save denial, enmity,

and rejection, he would in no wise be deflected from walking in the Straight Path of God. Well is it with them that attain!

O maidservant of God! Render thanks unto the One Beloved for having adorned thee with the wondrous ornament of His remembrance, and for having assisted thee to recognize the Supernal Beauty. Please God, thou wilt, through His bestowal, be illumined in these days of the All-Glorious by the effulgence of His countenance, and rejoice at that to which thou hast attained.

The Glory of God rest upon you, O ye My maidservants.

=== END BH07481 ===

=== START BH07482 ===

O wife of Agha Muhammad-Rida Nahhas! O exalted and mighty one! Give thanks unto thy Lord at all times. Beware lest thou be saddened by what hath befallen thee in His love and good-pleasure. Soon shall the world pass away, and glory and power shall remain for the loved ones of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Grieve not in thy separation from thy homeland, nor in thy remoteness from the Seat of the All-Merciful. Verily, the homeland of My loved ones is the shadow of My tender care, the pavilions of My grandeur, and the canopy of My majesty, wheresoever they may be. They abide beneath the shade of My mercy and bounty - eyes apprehend Him not, but He apprehendeth all eyes. Be not grieved by exile, for God hath made it a means of drawing thee nearer to thy Lord. He desireth for thee naught save that which shall draw thee closer to thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Beware lest thou neglect the remembrance of God or do that which would sadden the heart of My servant. Thus doth He Who controlleth night and day command thee. And the glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Lord of might and power.

=== END BH07482 ===

=== START BH07483 ===

O Mirza Mahdi! In My Name, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing! Rejoice thou that thou hast been mentioned before the Divine Throne and inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen, and art standing in service to My Cause amongst My servants. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have wafted unto thee the fragrances of the Divine Robe and have revealed for thee that before which every lofty mention hath bowed down. Be thou in all conditions directed towards Mine horizon, standing firm in My service, and holding fast to My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The stars of idle fancies and vain imaginings have set, inasmuch as the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the Great. How many a learned one hath remained ignorant of the All-Knowing, how many a mystic hath denied the Self-Subsisting, and how many a heedless one hath been awakened by the Call and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. The grace is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have turned towards My direction and have spoken in praise of My beautiful Name.

=== END BH07483 ===

=== START BH07484 ===

O Muhammad who hath emigrated and attained! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Rejoice thou in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee, when the Wronged One was established upon His throne in His mighty prison. Remember thou when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst hear the Call from this Spot round which circle the Concourse on High and they who have held fast to the Cord of God, the Wondrous, the Strong. O Muhammad! The Truth hath not forgotten thee. Praise be to God, thou didst attain His presence and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. And all these things have appeared as a grace from His presence. Strive thou, God willing, to drink from the Kawthar of unity and to act as behooveth thee. The Truth seeth and heareth. Whosoever acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded will assuredly attain unto the infinite bounties of God. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have acted as they were commanded by God, the One, the Commanding, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Single One, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07484 ===

=== START BH07485 ===

He is the Silent Speaker! Verily the Bayan crieth out through this Name and circleth round the will of its Lord, yet the people are in manifest doubt. We have sent it down for My remembrance, that through it My Cause might be established amongst My servants and My sovereignty be made manifest amidst My creation, yet the idolaters turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Die in your wrath! Verily it circleth in this station and saith: Woe unto him who hath turned away from the One, the All-Knowing! By God's life! The Lord of Names hath sent Me down for His Most Glorious Beloved - to this all things bear witness, if ye be of those who know. Were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would the All-Merciful have sent it down upon the Prophets and Messengers. Hold fast, O servants, to the cord of guidance - and verily this is that Cord which speaketh and writeth in this secure station. He who hath an ear hath heard the call of God, and he who hath not heard is counted among the dead. This is the Day of thanksgiving and the Day of praise - give thanks unto the Lord for this supreme bounty.

=== END BH07485 ===

=== START BH07486 ===

In My Name, the All-Speaking, the All-Wise! The Remembrance calls out from the most exalted station, speaking and saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having manifested Thyself, sent down Thy verses, and revealed Thy clear tokens! Woe unto him who hath denied Thy grace and turned away from Thy luminous horizon! He that denieth what Thou hast revealed through Thy sovereignty - to whom shall he turn, and in whom shall he believe? Perdition unto him and unto whosoever hath been heedless of Thy wondrous Day! Thou knowest, O my Beloved, that I have not failed in Thy remembrance. We counseled the people of the Bayan and took from them the covenant of Thy Self - to this testify all atoms and every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge. We counseled them in most explicit language that should He come with but a single word, they should not deny Him but rather ask Him, that He might

graciously make clear unto them whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thou knowest that in every instance We made mention of them, gave them glad-tidings, and bade them present themselves at the gate of Thy Revelation and submit themselves before Thee. And Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

=== END BH07486 ===

=== START BH07487 ===

The All-Glorious, the Most Pure. Verily, he who is prevented today from the Ark of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, is assuredly among those who are drowned. And for drowning there are diverse degrees: Among the people are those who are drowned in their hopes, and among them those in vain imaginings, and among them those in desire, and among them those in knowledge, and among them those in deeds. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, teach you. Verily, he who is prevented by his deeds from attaining his ultimate end is among the perished ones, for deeds are not accepted except through turning towards God. Whoso turneth towards Him, verily he hath performed what God hath desired, and whoso turneth away is among those who have forsaken Him. And he who is prevented by his knowledge from the One known is among the ignorant ones. The All-Merciful beareth witness that he is drowned therein, and it profiteth him not on the Day of God, and he is among the abased ones. Blessed is the learned one who acteth according to what is commanded in the Book and attaineth unto the ocean of knowledge - verily, he is of the essence of creation before God, the Exalted, the Great. We have set forth in detail in the Tablet what We desired as a mercy from Us upon thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful ones.

=== END BH07487 ===

=== START BH07488 ===

O Mirza 'Ali-Naqi, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! The Divine Lote-Tree desires to send unto thee a fruit from among Its fruits, and a leaf from among Its leaves, and a remembrance from among Its remembrances, that It may draw thee closer, in all conditions, to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. When thou attainest unto this, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of earth and heaven, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and caused me to hear Thy call from the direction of Thy prison, and honored mine eyes with beholding the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy verses and Thy clear proofs, and by the rustling of Thy Lote-Tree and Its fruits and leaves and branches, to aid me to perform such deeds as shall diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure." This is my purpose and the purpose of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, before and after. Thou hast previously attained unto the Divine Tablet. In these days thy mention hath repeatedly been made in the presence of the Wronged One. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee time and again. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Book. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07488 ===

=== START BH07489 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

Verily the Pen proclaimeth: “The Ancient King is come!” Yet most among the peoples remain heedless. Lo, the Lamp declareth: “The All-Glorious is come!” And the Fire crieth out: “The Chosen One hath appeared!” And the Water proclaimeth: “The Ocean of grace hath surged forth in the name of Him Who is the Lord of all worlds!” Blessed is the seeker who hath turned toward the Desired One, and the pursuer who hath sought after Him Who is the Goal of all in the heavens and the earth. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth from the most exalted station. Cast away what ye possess, then turn with illumined hearts toward the court of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the conditions of men prevent you from your Lord, the Creator of all things. Leave the world behind you, turning unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous. That which ye possess will profit you not this day. Have mercy upon yourselves and be not of the transgressors. Hasten unto the stream of the favors of your Lord, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, when seated upon the throne with manifest sovereignty.

=== END BH07489 ===

=== START BH07490 ===

O Sadiq, upon thee be the Glory of God!

He is the True, the Trusted One

Verily the Book speaketh and counseleth all to that which hath been sent down therein from the heaven of Will and inscribed therein by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O Sadiq! This is the Day of witnessing and utterance, the Day wherein God hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne and proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.” Grieve thou not over anything. This is the Day of joy and gladness, inasmuch as the All-Merciful hath come from the heaven of proof with an irrevocable decree. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Take ye hold of the Tablet of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. Verily it will draw you nigh unto the supreme horizon and guide you to the extended path of God. Thus have We sent unto thee the breezes of utterance from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that fear not, neither are they grieved. The Glory be upon thee and upon every patient and grateful one.

=== END BH07490 ===

=== START BH07491 ===

In His Name, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth! Verily, the All-Bountiful remembereth His servant Rahim, that the verses of his Lord may draw him to a station wherein all atoms proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses!” Be thou in such wise that neither the conditions of the people sadden thee, nor the veils of any heedless doubter prevent thee. It behooveth everyone who hath turned unto God to be strong through the power of his Lord and to speak forth His remembrance with wisdom and utterance. Verily, We shall recompense those who have borne hardships in My path.

He, verily, is the Giver, the Bestower. We counsel you, O My loved ones, to observe calmness and dignity, and that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted throughout all lands. Grieve not over anything. He is with you and will aid you in accordance with what hath been ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets. Remind the people of God and His verses, that perchance they may discover the fragrance of the Revelation and turn unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Whoso turneth, turneth but to his own gain, and whoso turneth away, the loss is his own. He, verily, is sanctified from all that is with the people, and He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

=== END BH07491 ===

=== START BH07492 ===

O Ali! In the name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all names! The Wronged One calls out from the prison quarter that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He remembers those who have turned towards the Dawning-Place of the Bayan and gives them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. How many a servant hath been set ablaze with the fire of the love of God, and how many a servant hath heard and turned away - verily, he is of them that perish. Verily, he who is debarred from this Day - God accepteth not his deeds, nor heareth his cry. To this testifieth every knowing, discerning one. It behooveth every soul on this Day to witness what God hath witnessed and to stand firm in His Cause, the Unalterable, the All-Wise. O My loved ones! Be horizons of guidance amidst all creation and lights of bounty unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that people may perceive from you the fragrance of the Intended One and behold in your faces the radiance of paradise. When thou hast attained unto this Tablet, recite it in thy days, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Speaker, the True, the Trustworthy.

=== END BH07492 ===

=== START BH07493 ===

O Mirza Masih! He is the Light shining from the horizon of eternity! Behold the handiwork of God and His signs that have filled the East and the West of the earth. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! Observe and ponder that which We have manifested through Our sovereignty. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have made the spring a source for the earth, and the trees its limbs, and We have clothed it with garments of grass and flowers. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with understanding! How many are the lowly who observe and ponder the handiwork of God, and how many are the mighty who pass by it in heedlessness. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested that which illumineth the hearts of the righteous. O thou who gazeth toward My most exalted horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the prison of Akka. He calleth aloud and summoneth all to God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thankful to thy Lord at morn and eventide, then remember Him throughout the watches of the night and at the ends of the day.

=== END BH07493 ===

=== START BH07494 ===

He is the Most High, the Most Great! The Point of the Bayan informed all who are in the realm of possibility that He is the One Who speaks in all things “Verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.” Yet when the Sun of the Word dawned from the horizon of the Bayan of the Lord of Names, all who were in the Bayan turned away from Him save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, willed. Say: There hath appeared from My presence that which He foretold and that which none save My Self, the All-Pervading over the worlds, knoweth. Whoso denieth Me hath denied God and His Messengers, and he who acknowledgeth it, verily he is in an exalted station. O people of the earth! Hearken unto My call and then judge fairly in this irrevocable, this wise Cause. If ye deny Me, despite what the hand of My power hath manifested, and what the tongue of My knowledge hath proclaimed, and what the heaven of My will hath revealed, then by what proof can your faith in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, be established? Is there any fair-minded one who will judge fairly? Is there any possessor of knowledge who will recognize that which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise?

=== END BH07494 ===

=== START BH07495 ===

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My Ridvan, then be thou attracted by the fragrances of My companionship and the melodies of My holiness that have been raised from the right hand of My throne. Follow that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing, hath commanded thee. Grieve thou not over anything, and know that Our name “Mahdi” is in the presence of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, the Mighty, the Bestower, at the Divine horizon, and the lights have shone upon him from the Beauty of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We have named her whom We gave to thee and him “Bahiyyih” in the Kingdom of Names, and We have entitled her “Handmaiden of the Remembrance” that thou mayest be among the thankful. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been intimate with him whom God hath loved in the worlds of His holiness, and verily were We to rend asunder the veil, thou wouldst behold him established upon a mighty and exalted station. And upon thee be the glory, and upon the steadfast women who have believed in God, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07495 ===

=== START BH07496 ===

O handmaid of God, sister of Ha! He is the Self-Subsisting! O my handmaid! Hear My call, by which the souls of the pure ones are stirred, and then the realities of the holy ones, and by the call of God the hearts of the sincere ones are attracted. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of his Lord and hath prevented his ear from hearing the croaking of the deniers who opposed God and disbelieved in His verses and were among the rejecters. God will soon punish them with a chastisement from Him, and verily He is the severest of avengers. And when the decree cometh upon them they shall be confounded and shall find for themselves no helper nor protector. And those who have believed, the people of the Paradise of the All-Highest shall circle round them with cups of the Kawthar of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And the people of the Supreme Concourse shall visit them and shall find from them the fragrances of the love of God, the Exalted, the Great. Blessed are they and those who love

them. Woe unto the opposers! Thus have We sent down the verses in this Tablet and dispatched it unto thee as a mercy from before the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And praise be to the Beloved of the worlds.

=== END BH07496 ===

=== START BH07497 ===

Here is your wife, the sister of ’Ali-Muhammad. He is God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. O handmaiden of God! Bear witness within yourself that there is no God but Him, and that the Beauty of Oneness and Pure Eternity, who was named ’Ali before Nabil, is the Spirit of God and His Chosen One, the Glory of God and His Beloved. All were sent by His command and all shall be gathered unto Him. Be thankful to your Lord in your sleep and wakefulness, in your standing and sitting, in your bowing and prostration, and at every dawning and setting. Do not grieve within yourself nor be distressed in your heart. Should God will, He would adorn your bed with His Name, the Praised Muhammad, and would renew your covenant with Him, grant you His presence, and draw you nigh unto Him as the soul draweth nigh unto the spirit and the beloved unto the Beloved. Therefore raise your hand unto God that He may send down unto you this promised feast. And glory be unto you for your patience in the Cause of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07497 ===

=== START BH07498 ===

He is God! O thou who hast journeyed in God, and migrated in His path, and striven in His Cause! I testify that thou hast fulfilled what thou didst covenant, and performed all that befitteth thee and is worthy of thee, and thou hast detached thyself from all who are in the kingdom, and thou hast traversed the pathways of love and piety until thou didst reach the precincts of immortality and the central point of all houses - the Most Exalted House - in the throne of meeting, and thou didst ascend the stairs of the spirit until thou didst hear the singing of the light from the Divine Lote-Tree, as though thou hadst perished all things within thyself for the preservation of thy countenance and the perpetuation of thine essence. Glad tidings, then, be unto thee! And congratulations to thee upon thine arrival at the seat of the Face and Beauty, and thy entrance from the hiding place of Glory into the throne of never-ending might and the King of sanctity without compare! And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and His signs, and upon the name of Jim in the land of Ya, sent down from Ha before Sin.

=== END BH07498 ===

=== START BH07499 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! O Jamal! The All-Possessing, the Most High, makes mention of thee at this time that thou mayest be set ablaze and by this fire the hearts may be attracted. We have mentioned thee before, and We mention thee in this Tablet that thou mayest witness what God Himself hath witnessed, that there is no God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. The heavenly table hath been sent down in such wise that none can comprehend its worth save those endowed with penetrating vision by God, the Lord of existence. The thirst of yearning in those who are

sincere cannot be quenched even were We to give them all the waters of the earth to drink. To this testifieth He Who speaketh from this glorious station. Were people to recognize the excellence of this Most Great Remembrance, they would sacrifice their wealth and their lives that but one word might be revealed unto them from this Pen which God hath made the Source of all knowledge. Know thou the value of the verses of God, then act as befitteth the days of thy Lord. He counseleth thee in truth and mentioneth thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in His mighty and inaccessible Kingdom.

=== END BH07499 ===

=== START BH07500 ===

O Jud [Javad]! Upon thee be the bounty of God and His grace, and the favor of God and His mercy! Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Thou art he to whom the Supreme Pen hath borne witness from before the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven. Thou hast endured exile and sorrows in the path of the All-Merciful. We beseech God to aid thee to attain unto such steadfastness as will cause the mountain of polytheism to be leveled thereby and the hearts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Great, to be thunderstruck. We have concealed from thee what hath befallen Us in this land, lest thy heart be grieved thereby and thy inner being be saddened. And what thou hast seen of the Tablets is but little, very little. Trust in Him in all matters, then occupy thyself with that which thou hast been commanded. He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him. He is with His sincere servants. The splendor which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Glorious be upon thee, O thou who gazeth toward the direction of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH07500 ===

=== START BH07501 ===

O Letter of Submission, hear My call and be not of the patient ones. Do not grieve over anything but trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then know that We loved you before as We love you now, and We mentioned you in a beautiful Tablet that you might find tranquility in your soul and be among those firm in love. Then know that after My departure the idol of rancor will stir and the Baal of hatred will roar and the calf of the liars will cry out. You must therefore be discerning within yourself and guard the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Then remind the servants and fear no one, and be of those who remember. We have commanded you thus that perchance the people will not differ regarding the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. Then guard yourself and speak with wisdom, and this is better for you and for the Cause of God, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. And the Spirit be upon you and upon the patient servants.

=== END BH07501 ===

=== START BH07502 ===

O Aqa Siyyid Husayn-i-Qannad! He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting! O Husayn! Know thou that We have not forgotten thee at any time or moment, but rather have remembered thee with a tongue of truthful knowledge. Say: We have been cast into a mighty prison by reason of that which the hands of the

oppressors have wrought, and We are content with that which God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath decreed for Us in the Tablets of His decree. And thou, remind the loved ones not to bring harm upon Us after this great harm, and not to waste the Cause of God amongst them, and not to differ regarding the command of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Powerful. For by God, thou shalt find their turning away from this Servant - who was naught to them but an affectionate brother and a noble companion after He came to them with the proof of God and a straight testimony - then convey Our greetings to thy wife and give her glad tidings of the mercy of God and His holy and resplendent good-pleasure. And glory be upon the people of Baha from this effulgent and radiant Glory.

=== END BH07502 ===

=== START BH07503 ===

He is the Mighty. O Rahim! Hearken unto what the Nightingale of Holiness teacheth thee. Know thou that whatsoever We have desired or do desire for you is for your benefit. Cast therefore upon thyself the love of God, then remember that which He loveth and with which He is well-pleased. Keep thyself from self and be not neglectful in the Cause of God. Be in the utmost state of submission and contentment, and follow not thy desires but rather follow what this needy servant conveyeth unto thee, for he desireth for thee naught save what he desireth for himself, and teacheth thee not a letter except by that which he hath taught himself, and remembereth thee not save by that which he remembereth his own soul, and loveth thee now as he loved thee before. Beware lest thou grieve over anything or doubt in the Cause of God. Live in the world with joy and delight, then build thy affairs upon trust in God and contentment. And peace be upon thee and upon whomsoever followeth guidance.

=== END BH07503 ===

=== START BH07504 ===

O Ramadan! The Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious! Know thou that this name was derived from burning heat, for thus did We ordain. Therefore, it behooveth thee that thy thirst in My love be such that the oceans of the world cannot quench it. When thou art enkindled with this fire and hearest the call of thy Chosen Lord, arise amidst the servants in such wise that through thy uprising all who are on earth shall arise to serve thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This beseemeth thee and whosoever holdeth fast to this Great Name. Say: The Promised One hath come, the Intended One hath appeared, and the proof hath been perfected, O heedless ones! Be thou of radiant countenance in the Cause of thy Lord, such that the cawing of the false ones who claim that which God hath not permitted them - these verily are the fabricators - shall not cause thee to waver. Bear thou witness even as God hath testified that He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee.

=== END BH07504 ===

=== START BH07505 ===

O Ali-Naqi in the City! In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious! O servant! By God the Truth! If thou wouldst purify thine ear, thou wouldst hear the praise of the Concourse on High concerning this Youth, and be of them that hear. By My life! They say: "By God! Ali was afflicted amidst the people of the Furqan, then Muhammad amidst the people of the Gospel, then the Spirit before the Jews, then Husayn before the idolators." And they address the people of the Bayan, saying: "Woe unto you, O people of loss! Ye have disbelieved in Him through Whose beauty the eye of the All-Merciful was cheered in the midmost heart of Paradise, and ye have cast at Him the darts of rancor both at eventide and at dawn, and ye were not ashamed before His luminous and radiant beauty. By God! The breezes of the All-Merciful have been withheld by reason of what your hands have wrought, and the fragrances of Paradise have been cut off by what ye have perpetrated against Him before Whose grandeur the denizens of the highest Paradise have bowed down in adoration." Thus do We inform thee, O servant, that thou mayest become aware of My tribulation and weep over My condition and what hath befallen My wronged and lonely Self.

=== END BH07505 ===

=== START BH07506 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

O 'Ali son of Hasan! Hearken unto the call of this Most Exalted One. By God! He is verily the Most High, Who now speaketh from the direction of the Divine Throne that there is none other God but Him, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. He hath appeared time after time, and in this cycle hath drawn aside all the veils from the face of the Unseen, manifesting Himself in such wise that even the eyes of those near unto God cannot behold Him as He truly is. Yet those servants who claim to believe in the Manifestation of His Self Who came unto them in the year sixty have disbelieved in Him. O youth! Purify thyself from the allusions of those who have disbelieved, then detach thyself from the idolaters. Stand firm in His Cause and associate not any partners with His Self, even should all who dwell in the heavens and earth rise up against thee. Remember thy Lord in thy days, then occupy thyself with His praise amongst His servants. This is better for thee than that wherewith all creation is occupied. And the splendor rest upon thee and upon whoso remaineth steadfast in the love of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07506 ===

=== START BH07507 ===

In His Name, the One with power over all things! O 'Ali-Akbar! The Prisoner calls you from the Most Great Horizon and summons you to God, the Lord of Names. Grieve not over anything. Be a servant of your Lord's Cause and one who speaks His praise in the evening and at dawn. He remembers whom He wishes through His sovereignty and aids those who have turned to His countenance with a power that none in all creation can frustrate. Blessed is the soul that has held fast to the cord of the Cause and the heart that has turned to the Dawning-Place of splendor. Can anything prevent Him from what He desires? No, by His Will that has encompassed all horizons! Be attracted by the breezes of revelation and stand firm in such wise that bodies tremble therefrom. Thus has the ocean of favors surged and the winds of your Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Bountiful, have stirred. God has forgiven your parents who have ascended unto

Him. He is verily the Giver, the Most High, the Mighty, the Forgiving. They have attained unto the everlasting bounties in the Garden of Abha and have been united with the Most Great Sea in the most exalted station.

=== END BH07507 ===

=== START BH07508 ===

He is God! O Karim! We sent thee aforetime a gracious letter wherein was ordained every matter in detail from the presence of One mighty and wise. We honored thee therein and made mention of thee in most excellent and clear remembrance. Say: O people! Fear ye God and create not mischief in the land, and be not of the heedless ones. Walk ye upon the earth with the dignity and tranquility that come from God. Say: Thus doth the Youth deliver unto you the word of truth from One mighty and luminous. Grieve not over that which hath befallen you, and put your trust in God. Thus do We make mention of holy matters upon mighty and impregnable tablets. Say: Verily the lamp hath been lit in its niche and verily the fire hath appeared from the Tree, and giveth you glad tidings of the meeting with God - hasten ye in your hearts and be not of the patient ones. Then convey Our greetings unto those women who are with thee, and make mention of them with gracious remembrance.

=== END BH07508 ===

=== START BH07509 ===

From this Wronged One, the Peerless One, to Majid - the Kingdom on that Day shall be God's, the One, the All-Compelling. O Majid! Today is your day. Stand firm in the Cause, then aid your Lord to the extent of your ability, that through your name the banner of victory may be raised between earth and heaven. Say "God," then leave those in whose hearts you find rancor against this Youth, even if all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation were to be illumined by the sanctified and resplendent lights of your countenance. Arise to serve the Cause through My sovereignty and power. We verily nurtured you with the hands of Our mercy at a time when God's Cause was forsaken among all creatures. Beware lest you forget the favor of your Lord. We nurtured you for these days wherein intoxication had overtaken all in the kingdom. And the glory be upon you, and upon your wife, and upon her sister, and upon your daughter and her husband, and upon those who today are illumined by the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Face with resplendent brilliance.

=== END BH07509 ===

=== START BH07510 ===

O Majid! In truth We have not forgotten thee for a single moment, and have loved thee at all times. Therefore do We remember thee with these words, that thou mayest be among those who dwell in the gladness of love. Be thou steadfast in thy love, then consort with the people with wisdom and speak unto them with wisdom, for this is a beautiful command. Grieve not over what hath befallen Us, but be patient in God and be of the patient ones. God shall soon exalt thy name in preserved Tablets of glory. Thus have We given thee glad tidings in truth, that thou mayest be of those who rejoice. Then remember on Our

behalf Abdullah Baqir and protect him in truth. God shall soon grant him that which shall gladden his heart, for verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Then remember thy wife with the most excellent remembrance and glorify her countenance, and likewise the wife of thy brother who is named Hassan. Give them both glad tidings of a mighty paradise. And she whom God hath made thy sister - let her be of the devout ones.

=== END BH07510 ===

=== START BH07511 ===

O Muhammad from the people of Sad! He is the Mighty. O Muhammad! Hearken unto My call and be not of those who were heedless of the fragrances of nearness. Then give thanks unto God for having guided thee unto Himself and provided thee with the knowledge of His verses. This is better for thee than all that thou lovest for thyself or desirest. Beware that thou fear no one. Then stand firm in the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Powerful. The world and whatsoever is therein shall perish, and glory shall remain unto thy Ancient Lord. By God! Nothing shall grieve the believer, for he hath detached himself from the worlds, and no troubles of the realm shall touch him save separation from the Beloved. But since this is by God's decree, he accepteth it, yet remembereth it throughout the months and years. Thus do We impart unto thee the word of truth and teach thee the interpretation of traditions. And peace be upon thee and upon those who are firm in the Cause.

=== END BH07511 ===

=== START BH07512 ===

O Mehdi! By God, the ocean of inner meanings has surged, and verily it is the quickener of all who are in the heavens and earths. Blessed is the eye when it turns toward the Most Sublime Vision and blessed are the ears when they hear the call of the Lord of Destiny which has been raised from this noble station. Every soul was created for this Day wherein all things testify to the Lord of Names and the Concourse on High proclaim: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds." We have heard your call and recognized your yearning for the horizon of revelation. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have answered you with this Tablet which God has made a treasure for you in His inaccessible and impregnable Kingdom. Be thankful for this bounty and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the mystics!" Thus does the Wronged One remember you while imprisoned in this mighty fortress. Stand firm in the Cause of God in such wise that neither the cawing of every pretender nor the gestures of every heedless and remote one shall deter you.

=== END BH07512 ===

=== START BH07513 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O My leaf and My handmaiden! We have heard the longing of thy heart, the cry of thy inner being, and the lamentation of thine essence in thy love for the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having cast away the love of the world and taken the love of God as thy helper, and for having drunk the most pure wine from the hand of the bounty of this Youth,

Whom the idolaters sold for their own selfish desires - and this indeed is a grievous wrong. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee in His love, and that the world did not prevent thee from turning toward the face of God, the Mighty, the Generous, even as My sister was veiled thereby from the Beloved of creation, choosing for herself the ornaments of the world and turning away from the good-pleasure of God, the Object of worship of the knowing ones. Every man who believes in God is My brother, and every woman who turns to the Face is My sister, My handmaiden, and a leaf of My paradise among the unitarians. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones in a mighty and glorious tablet.

=== END BH07513 ===

=== START BH07514 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Oneness. He hath turned toward thee from this Prison and remembereth thee with the verses of God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Remember thy Lord in thy days, for He remembereth His servants and those handmaidens who have believed in His Self, the One Who prevaileth over the worlds.

We love to remember the loved ones in all conditions, as attested by that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in numerous Tablets which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the allusions of them that are on earth shall not withhold thee. Then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in His Mighty Book.

Ye are the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree. It calleth unto you. It behooveth you to hold fast unto it and unto that which ye have been commanded from its presence. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord at all times. Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have followed the Command of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH07514 ===

=== START BH07515 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest! O leaf! Hold fast to this Tree lest the winds of trials that blow from the direction of tests, from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate, cause thee to fall. Move by the winds of the Divine Will, for verily they will turn thee from the left of doubt to the right of certitude. These winds are indeed the quickener of bodies in this holy and wondrous Spring, and through them the roses of knowledge grow in this exalted Paradise. Blessed art thou for having believed in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. God hath named thee the Leaf and related thee to the Tree of His Own Self, the Almighty, the Powerful. Take comfort in the remembrance of God, thy Lord, then detach thyself from every sinful idolator. Thus doth counsel thee the Dove Who hath spoken and warbled in the paradise of eternity upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, that there is none other God but He, the King, the Truth, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the

Spirit be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Peerless.

=== END BH07515 ===

=== START BH07516 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be Baha! He is the One manifest through His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. We sent forth 'Ali before Nabil to give glad tidings unto all of this Revelation which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. He came with the truth and gave glad tidings unto all as commanded by the One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient. And he announced to all this Revelation at whose appearance the Hour was troubled and all who dwell on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He spoke forth this Name and proclaimed this momentous News. Yet when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, He was denied by the peoples of the earth and behind them the people of the Bayan who violated the Covenant even as the followers of past religions had violated it before them. To this testeth He with Whom is a preserving Tablet. Thus was the matter decreed in the Book by God, the King of this luminous Day. We counsel thee to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause, at which the limbs of every ignorant remote one have trembled.

=== END BH07516 ===

=== START BH07517 ===

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon

We have indeed revealed in the Book that which no books of the past can equal, as testifies to this He with Whom is the Mother Book. The Hidden has appeared and has manifested what He intended, yet the people remain in doubt and discord. They have followed vain imaginings by night and by day, turning away from God, the One, the Chosen One. Thy name was present before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee through the verses of thy Lord, the Lord of all men. Beware lest the clamor of the people hold thee back. Take hold of the Book with power from God, the Lord of Lords. Every one who has turned towards it has attained the verses of his Lord, and every name that has appeared before the Countenance has attained that before which the Tablets have bowed down. But when the Promise came to pass and the horizon of the world was illumined with the Light of the Manifestation, the divines and princes turned away from Him and uttered that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn to lament. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a grace from Our presence, and We are truly the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07517 ===

=== START BH07518 ===

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Great

We left the Prison-land some days before the days of Ha, and returned thereto but one day before the Festival. Thus was the matter decreed by God, the Lord of the worlds. And the verses were being sent down like rain, nay rather more copiously, as witnessed by such servants as circumambulated the Throne morning and evening. O peoples of the world! Hearken unto the call of God, the Sovereign of eternity. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious. Beware lest the gifts and ornaments of the world prevent you from its Sovereign and its Creator. By My life! They shall all perish and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Were anyone to reflect upon what hath passed, he would become aware of what shall come to pass, and nothing on earth would grieve him. He, verily, is the Witness, the All-Seeing. When thou didst receive My Tablet and read My verses, turn thy face towards My direction and say: Thanks be unto Thee for having remembered me in the Prison. I testify that in bounty Thou art possessed of a mighty station.

=== END BH07518 ===

=== START BH07519 ===

He Who encompasseth what hath been and what shall be. We make mention of them that have believed even as We mentioned them aforetime, as a token of grace from God, the Opener of the gates. By God! The Cry hath been raised, and the She-Camel hath been hamstrung through that which the hands of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, have wrought. We gave the glad-tidings unto all in the Books of old concerning this Most Great Revelation, yet when the morn of reunion dawned, every denier and infidel turned away therefrom. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs and have taken that which they were bidden from the sources of idle fancy. We manifested knowledge that the Known One might be recognized, yet when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Self-Subsisting appeared, every crafty scholar turned aside from Him. Through their oppression the denizens of the all-highest Paradise have cried out, and they that are nigh unto God have wept in their most exalted stations. They have clung to the world, turning away from God, the Lord of Names. They are truly among them that are accounted as lost in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken, as He turneth toward thee in pure devotion to God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

=== END BH07519 ===

=== START BH07520 ===

O Bahman! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! We have adorned the heaven of man with the stars of steadfastness, trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness. Blessed is he who has recognized the purpose of God and clung to the hem of the robe of his Lord’s mercy, the Merciful. It behooveth every soul today to act in accordance with what hath been enjoined upon him by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - verily He mentioneth thee for the sake of God and counseleth thee with that which will exalt the station of man amidst all created things. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. By the life of God! He desireth naught for Himself and uttereth only that which God hath commanded Him, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Whoso hath quaffed the choice wine of certitude, he is of the people of this utterance, and he who hath been debarred therefrom hath no portion in this perspicuous Book. We make mention, at all times, of the servants of the All-Merciful and enjoin upon

them what is right, even as We enjoined them aforetime. He in Whose possession is the knowledge of all things in a preserved Tablet beareth witness unto this.

=== END BH07520 ===

=== START BH07521 ===

O son of Mir Basmi! We make mention of those who turned to God when the ocean of utterance appeared with manifest waves, and We guide them to the Ark which We have fashioned with the hands of Our power that dominates all who are in the heavens and on earth. Hold fast unto it, O people of Baha, and follow not every heedless and remote one. By the life of God! A single word from this Tablet is worth more than all the treasures of the earth - to this testifieth every insightful sage. O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My mighty prison. It will draw thee nigh unto God and guide thee to My straight path. Be thou grateful that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and hath sent down for thee this noble Book. Should anyone come to you with tablets of fire, cast them behind you, turning instead to God, the One, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and thy family, from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH07521 ===

=== START BH07522 ===

O Mirza Qasim! He is the One manifest through the Most Great Name

Verily We make mention of those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed, and We give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the most exalted Kingdom. He, verily, is the Herald, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed is he who hath turned towards God, turning away from those who disputed the verses when they were sent down from the heaven of the will of their Lord, the Ancient Revealer. O Qasim! Hearken unto the call that hath been raised from the luminous Spot, this Station that hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He summoneth thee and those who have believed unto the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Teacher. God hath lifted the decree of disputation and contention, and hath ordained victory through remembrance and utterance. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave to the hem of His noble Name. He aideth whomsoever He willeth through a word from His presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07522 ===

=== START BH07523 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We make mention of him who desired to be remembered by his Lord, after he turned and heard His mighty, wondrous call. By God! The Kingdom of utterance hath appeared and the Dove of Knowledge hath spoken, yet the people We behold as among the dead. They have not arisen at the Cry, nor found

the breaths of the Days, and are among the perishing ones. It behooveth thee to thank God for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of grace. He, verily, is the Munificent Giver. By God! He dealeth with grace after justice hath appeared through this straight Balance. O My loved ones! Know ye the value of these days, then act according to that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. He commandeth you that which profiteth you in the hereafter and the former life. To this testifieth every knowing, perceiving one. We counsel you to be steadfast - this is a word which God hath revealed in most of the Tablets, yet most of the people are heedless. Hold ye fast unto it in My name, and cling to its hem by My binding, wise command.

=== END BH07523 ===

=== START BH07524 ===

In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne! We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance, and send down for him that whereby his name shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Know ye, O people of insight! The gate of the presence hath been opened before all who dwell in creation. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh, and woe unto every doubtful idolater. We had sent down verses unto thee aforetime and dispatched them to thee that thou mightest arise to aid the Wronged One amidst the servants. By God! That which the people possess shall profit thee not, nor shall the treasuries of the earth enrich thee. Leave them to their possessors and turn with thy purest heart unto the Most Sublime Vision. He, verily, shall suffice thee in truth and shall guide thee unto the straight path. Say: He hath desired naught for Himself, but calleth all who are in the realm of possibility unto their Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath accepted tribulation for your deliverance and borne imprisonment for your freedom. Fear ye God, and follow not every heedless deceiver. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken, that He might draw thee nigh unto the horizon of thy Lord's Command, the Self-Subsisting. Turn unto Him with such strength as cannot be hindered by the clamor of mankind.

=== END BH07524 ===

=== START BH07525 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

We make mention of thee out of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou and blessed is the servant who hath borne in the path of God that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and them that circle round His mighty Throne to lament. There hath befallen My loved ones that which caused the eyes of the Maids of Heaven in the all-highest Paradise to shed tears. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in this perspicuous Book. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the kingdom of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the idols lamented, to make me steadfast in the service of Thy Cause, and speaking forth Thy praise, and gazing toward Thy horizon. O my Lord! Aid me and Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou seest and hearest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! Make known unto Thy servants that from which they are

heedless, then strengthen them in that which beseemeth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07525 ===

=== START BH07526 ===

In My Name, the Most Glorious!

We ask Our knowledge and say: O My knowledge! Teach Me and make Me aware: Do the sprayings of the ocean of Thy utterance influence the people? Is there anyone with ears to hear Thy sweetest call which hath been raised from Thy most exalted station? Is there anyone with eyes to behold Thy most glorious countenance? Say: Verily Thou art the All-Knowing. When the Sacred Land was honored by the advent of the Lord of all beings, We asked it about My people and My children, and it responded as My all-encompassing knowledge responded. This word in this station indicateth despair. Thy Lord is verily the All-Informed. Among the people are those who lamented My separation, but when the ocean of reunion surged they turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. How many an informed one informed the people of this Day, but when it came every informed and knowing one turned away from it. Say: O loved ones of God! Hold fast unto the cord of grace - verily it will protect you in truth and deliver you from the great terror. He is verily the All-Bountiful. The glory of God be upon those who have turned toward Him and were among the steadfast ones.

=== END BH07526 ===

=== START BH07527 ===

Kollah-Dareh. Reza. In the name of the True Friend!

May the loved ones of God be detached from all else save Him and turn their gaze unto Him. Great indeed is this Day! Blessed are they who have not been debarred by the vain imaginings of the heedless from the shore of oneness and have quaffed the living waters of true understanding from the hand of the All-Merciful. The Truth doth manifestly and brilliantly call out to all peoples and summon them to everlasting and eternal stations. Nevertheless, some among the servants remain veiled from the Truth through utterly worthless imaginings. His verses have ever been manifest and His evidences resplendent. How excellent is the state of one who, throughout the nights and days, finds intimate fellowship with His verses and recites them. He is the Quickener of existence and the Educator of the seen and the unseen. O Reza! Hold fast unto the Truth and be detached and free from all else save Him. We convey Our greetings to all the friends in that land, both men and women. God willing, may they all drink from the chalice of love and remain steadfast upon His straight path.

=== END BH07527 ===

=== START BH07528 ===

In the name of the Lord of Utterance, the All-Wise!

God grant that thou mayest become illumined with the lights of the Daystar of this Revelation, which are shining above the horizon of the will of God, exalted be His glory. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One. Every soul, in this new Day, hath been adorned with the ornament of recognition, is remembered by the Concourse on high before God, and is recorded in the Mother Book. Happy is the man who hath not allowed the doubts and suggestions of those who have gone astray to deter him from the Revealer of Verses, who with perfect steadfastness hath quaffed the choice sealed Wine proffered by the hand of the Self-Subsisting, and who is occupied with the praise and glorification of the Lord of all names. Give praise to the Beloved of the world, for thou hast attained unto this supreme grace.

Thy name hath issued forth and appeared from the Tongue of God. Know thou the value of this most resplendent and exalted station, and through the name of the True One preserve it. Today is the day of steadfastness, for the croaking of the ravens is upraised. Hold fast to the hem of the manifold favors of thy Lord, and rely in Him at all times.

=== END BH07528 ===

=== START BH07529 ===

O Lalihzar, Who speaketh between the heavens and the earth! God willing, may you be enabled through divine grace to attain unto that which is beloved in this day before the Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I swear by the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance that the eye was created for this glorious Day, the ears came into being for these times, the temple existeth for this wondrous Day, and the soul for comprehension of this exalted Cause. Strive ye, that perchance ye may drink from the Jordan of God and circumambulate the true Temple of the Divine Unity. Whosoever ariseth today with complete steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of all beings - he verily hath been and ever shall be accounted among those who prostrate themselves, who humble themselves, who circle round, and who bow down in worship. Thus doth the Wronged One bear witness in this manifest Prison. O Lalihzar! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. God's help is more beloved than all else in the mighty Book. And praise be unto My Self, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07529 ===

=== START BH07530 ===

O Abul-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! God willing, may you be continually blessed through divine grace and act according to His will. We have given glad tidings of this most mighty, most holy Cause and this most glorious, most exalted Revelation to all the world. The divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms all bear witness to this, yet the heedless servants remain turned away and veiled. With their own eyes they behold the ocean of utterance and hear the call of the All-Merciful, yet they remain deprived and forbidden from the fragrances of the days of God and the breezes of His mercy due to the buzzing of flies and croaking of ravens. Such is the state of creation - after seeking and waiting, they remain halted. Verily they are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. Your letter was presented before the Wronged One, and from its words arose the cry "I believe in God." Praise be to the

Goal of all the worlds Who confirmed you and honored you with His remembrance. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH07530 ===

=== START BH07531 ===

O handmaiden of God, Hudhud! O wise observer! God willing, may all the handmaidens of God attain unto that which God has willed. May they speak for the sake of God and fix their gaze upon God. Great is this Day and great shall be whatsoever appeareth therein. Strive ye, that with utmost sanctity and detachment ye may be occupied with the mention and praise of God. Today the station of deeds and their fruit is hidden from sight. The All-Knowing One declareth: Erelong shall the deeds, actions and remembrances of the servants and handmaidens become manifest in the assemblage of the world and be proclaimed from the pulpits. O handmaidens of God! Strive that ye may become the source of goodly deeds and that your mention may endure through the Most Great Remembrance. Thy letter was seen and We have mentioned thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet that thou mayest act according to that which God loveth, turning away from that which His servants love.

=== END BH07531 ===

=== START BH07532 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory and might!

God willing, in this Lord of Days thou wilt detect the fragrance of His garment, turn toward the sanctuary of holiness, and attain unto that which God hath purposed. This is the Day which the Seal of the Prophets–may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake–gave unto all as a glad-tiding. God willing, thou wilt not be deprived of this most great bounty, this supreme gift, and wilt take up and drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge with the hand of submission. In truth I say: that which is witnessed is non-existent and ephemeral. Ere long thou shalt see no trace thereof. And that which hath ever been and shall endure existeth and is manifest in the presence of God–exalted be His glory. Beseech thou God that thou mayest not be deprived of the Euphrates of His mercy nor be forbidden the choice wine of His bestowals. Shouldst thou recognize this, thou wouldst take hold of this Tablet with the hand of certitude, and wouldst not exchange it for all that is on earth, and wouldst thank God and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07532 ===

=== START BH07533 ===

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker! God willing, in this luminous morn when the world is illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth, may you be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend, the praise of the Friend, and service to the Friend. Strive that you may succeed in deeds that befit the divine Cause. Your names are mentioned before the Wronged One. Verily, He hath turned toward you from this Most Exalted Station which hath been designated by all names in the Tablets of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Blessed are ye for having engaged in that which ye were commanded in the Book of

God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. All servants have been commanded to pursue an occupation in God's Book. Praise be to God that ye have attained this supreme gift. I swear by the Sun of divine utterance that this deed of yours is more glorious in the sight of God than the deeds of those who count themselves among the pillars of the earth. God Himself hath testified and doth testify to this truth. Be thou glad then and be of those who are thankful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH07533 ===

=== START BH07534 ===

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! God willing, may you abide beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and be illumined by the lights of the Face of the All-Merciful. The eye of God's loving-kindness hath been and will continue to be upon you. Although this most glorious and exalted station is now concealed, yet days will come forth from non-existence into being when the fruits of goodly deeds shall become manifest and evident as the sun in those days. In all conditions you must be mindful of wisdom and speak in remembrance of God. Verily, He exalteth whomsoever He willeth through His Own sovereign might. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause, to strengthen thee in that which will make thy remembrance endure in the kingdom of His Cause and creation, and to ordain for thee that which will exalt His remembrance among His servants. He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. May the glory rest upon you and upon those with you who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07534 ===

=== START BH07535 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! O Shaykh Salman! May you, God willing, drink at all times from the living waters and be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. The ordinances of God have been sent down from the heaven of His most august Revelation. All must diligently observe them. Man's supreme distinction, his real advancement, his final victory, have always depended, and will continue to depend, upon them. Whoso keepeth the commandments of God shall attain everlasting felicity. A twofold obligation resteth upon him who hath recognized the Day Spring of the Unity of God, and acknowledged the truth of Him Who is the Manifestation of His oneness. The first is steadfastness in His love, such steadfastness that neither the clamor of the enemy nor the claims of the idle pretender can deter him from cleaving unto Him Who is the Eternal Truth, a steadfastness that taketh no account of them whatever. The second is strict observance of the laws He hath prescribed - laws which He hath always ordained, and will continue to ordain, unto men, and through which the truth may be distinguished and separated from falsehood. Strive ye, God willing, that ye may be enabled to act according to what God hath willed. He, verily, is the All-Counseling, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07535 ===

=== START BH07536 ===

In the Name of the One God

O Abu'l-Qasim! May you be confirmed to perform deeds that will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. For example, if today a soul becomes successful in trustworthiness and manifests praiseworthy qualities and virtues, this will surely become the cause of guidance for people. Even as in the past, a king along with a group of princes and ministers attained to the faith and were adorned with the recognition of God through the deed of one person who remained faithful to his covenant. How beloved is the state of one who has arisen today to serve the Cause and whose mention has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen - verily he is among those who are nigh in the Perspicuous Book. Beseech God that He may assist all to achieve His good-pleasure. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. We make mention of My handmaiden Hajar and give her the glad-tidings of My tender mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all created things. God willing, may she be illumined by the lights of recognition and hold fast to the unifying Word. Blessed is she and blessed are My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed, the One.

=== END BH07536 ===

=== START BH07537 ===

In the Name of the One God! O Siyyid Shukru'llah! God willing, mayest thou inhale the fragrances of the divine days and attain unto the sweetness of the celestial call. For if all the peoples of the earth were to taste but a needle's eye of the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance, surely would they all turn with illumined hearts and radiant faces toward the One Beloved Friend. This is a Day wherein all who dwell on earth are seen to be thunderstruck and fallen prostrate by the divine trumpet-blast, save only for certain letters of thy Lord's countenance - they who are the people of the Crimson Ark, in whose praise hath spoken the Lord of Names and the Lord of both the beginning and the end. God willing, mayest thou act in accordance with that which hath been enjoined upon thee by the All-Merciful in all times and arise to serve Him. That which is accounted this day as the most glorious of all deeds in the sight of God is steadfastness in His Most Great Cause. God willing, mayest thou attain and be assisted unto this. Blessed is every servant who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07537 ===

=== START BH07538 ===

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

When thou hearest My most sweet call and the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen, say: O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and to Thy power, Thy might and Thy dominion. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, and by that which lay concealed within Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thy wisdom, to make me in all conditions one who speaks forth Thy Name, who gazes toward Thy horizon, and who stands ready to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, and I desire naught from the heaven of Thy grace save that which shall assist me in what Thou lovest and approvest. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance that Thou

withhold me not from the fountain of Thy good-pleasure, nor distance me from nearness to Thee and Thy presence. Thou art He to Whose loving-kindness and bounties the Sacred Books have testified, and the tongues of the Messengers to Whose generosity and bestowals. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH07538 ===

=== START BH07539 ===

He is God! Ancient lights course through the mighty Throne, and profound mysteries are inscribed upon fragrant tablets, and the Dove of Power soars in the holy atmosphere of might on wings of strength, and the Bird of Grandeur warbles new and wondrous melodies of exaltation, and the Peacock of the Paradise of Oneness utters its cry with holy eternality's might, and the birds of the sanctuary of glory circle in flight, and the maidens of beauty from the realm of eternity wave their hands, and the nightingale of the splendor of the mystery of faithfulness arranges itself in ranks. Praise be to God that the King of power and might is seated upon the throne of glory, and the Sovereign of eternity is established in the realm of meeting, and the sweet-scented breezes of eternity are stirred from the left side of the Beloved's locks, and the fragrant musk of faithfulness wafts from the right side of the Intended One's hair, and the Bird of Light warbles upon the branches of the Tree of Sinai, and the Cock of Glorification sings in the gardens of Divine Unity. Therefore praise be to God, the Beloved of the first and the last, the manifest and the hidden.

=== END BH07539 ===

=== START BH07540 ===

O Zaman! In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous! It behooveth not them that are endued with justice to engage in contention with the loved ones of God and the seekers of the divine sanctuary who, for the love of God, have quaffed the cup of tribulation. These leaves have been moved from their outward homeland and dwelling by the winds of the divine Will and drawn to the eternal divine homeland. Therefore, it is more fitting for any opposer to prevent the winds rather than prevent the leaf, for the will and movement of the leaf depends upon this divine breeze and holy, glorious zephyr. And as long as He continues to blow and pass by, this leaf shall remain in motion, attraction and fervor. Exalted then is this breeze which bloweth from the direction of holiness and payeth no heed to the opposition of them that are in the realm, and exalted is He Who sent it with truth - verily He is the Mighty, the Generous. God willing, may the loved ones of God ever drink from the wine of His love and remain focused on His direction. And the glory be upon thee.

=== END BH07540 ===

=== START BH07541 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! The beginning of all things is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and the end thereof is steadfastness in His Cause. Blessed is the one who hath perceived the cause and reason for the veiling of the people and hath arisen to serve the divine Cause with clear

certitude. Whosoever hath turned with insight and faced toward the most exalted horizon shall not be prevented by earthly events and the clamor of men. Thus hath testified the Supreme Pen as its voice was raised between earth and heaven, and behind it the Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds. The greater the Revelation, the greater shall be the trials, hardships, tests and tribulations. One must at all times hold fast to the firm cord, that ye may be preserved from the doubts of the heedless, the hints of the deniers, and the clamoring of the barking ones. Thus doth He Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison teach thee, purely for the sake of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH07541 ===

=== START BH07542 ===

Jinab-i-Mulla Rida, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the name of the One True God! At first dawn We arose and turned Our face toward a garden which was known by the name of the True One. When We entered therein, We found all things rejoicing in the Kawthar of attainment unto His presence. From each of the trees and flowers and leaves and fruits We heard the cry "The Kingdom is God's!" O thou who hast turned thy face toward My horizon! The intoxication of the divine utterance hath so seized the things of that garden that every atom of its dust is engaged in wondrous and sublime songs in praise of God, exalted be His glory. This is the Day for which all those who were nigh unto God and were sincere sought His presence, exalted be His glory, and the divine Books bear witness unto this truth. Blessed are they who have attained unto the hearing of the call and who have been honored to behold the horizon. The eye was created for this Day and the ear for these times, inasmuch as the call of the Beloved of the worlds is raised aloft and the horizon of Beauty is illumined with the light of His countenance. The traveler mentioned thee, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, with which the entire world cannot compare even with a single letter thereof, hath been revealed that thou mayest rejoice thereat and speak forth the praise of God, exalted be His glory. The command is in His hand, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. If thou shouldst find a friend, convey to him greetings from the Wronged One and say: "Beware, beware lest thou deprive thyself in the days of God. Leave the world through the Most Great Name. Verily, He will protect thee and guide thee unto the path of God, the Mighty, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing."

=== END BH07542 ===

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O Jinab-i-Karbila'i Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who heareth from His most exalted horizon. I summon the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, to two most great matters: first, the recognition of the Ancient Being, and second, steadfastness in His Cause. And likewise I counsel them to two most excellent attributes: religiousness and trustworthiness. Blessed is the soul that in this divine Day hath turned towards Him and attained the verses of the Supreme Pen. Know thou the value of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and preserve and read the blessed Tablet, that perchance through the attraction of the Call thou mayest attain unto that which God hath purposed. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest spend thy remaining days in His love and remembrance, and at the time of ascension mayest turn, detached from the world, unto the Supreme

Companion. He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07543 ===

=== START BH07544 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

O handmaiden of God! May you ever be adorned with the ornament of the love of the Eternal Beloved and be turned toward His horizon. Were you to become aware of His bounty and grace, you would find yourself so joyous that the world's darkness could not change it. Know thou the value of these days and then thank thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize Him when every distant learned one and every doubtful servant turned away from Him. All handmaidens of God must act according to what God hath revealed in the Book. The ephemeral days have passed and are passing. God willing, may they fix their gaze upon lofty stations and strive with the utmost effort and endeavor to attain them. Deeds performed in the path of God are humanity's companion in all worlds. Whosoever achieveth this is reckoned among the people of truth amidst creation. Thus doth the Supreme Pen testify from this Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is every hearing and seeing one.

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=== START BH07545 ===

Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad ?adiq

He is resplendent above His Most Exalted Horizon!

Give ear, O people of Baha, to the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen: Renounce the promptings of your own will and fix your gaze upon the will of God, inasmuch as none is aware of that which can harm or profit him; whereas the one true God, magnified be His glory, knoweth and embraceth all things, and will of a certainty ordain that which is best. Occupy not the days of your lives with the betterment of your own affairs; arise, rather, for the betterment of the world. Such indeed is the station of the people of Baha as recorded in the Crimson Book by the Pen of the Most High. Show forth the utmost love to all the peoples of the world and the diverse kindreds of the earth. The One True God, exalted be His glory, beareth Me witness! Whoso observeth this commandment is accounted among those who tread the path of Truth: In God doth he dwell and to God doth he turn.

=== END BH07545 ===

=== START BH07546 ===

In the Name of the One True God! O people of the world! After the veil was lifted, some clung to verses - We sent down verses; and some adhered to proofs - We made these manifest; and some turned to ordinances - We revealed a most great portion thereof. Whatever they desired was fulfilled, and whatever they uttered was heard. The purpose of all that was manifested was that ears might become ready to hearken unto one exalted Word, and that is this: O people of the earth! Make not God's religion

a cause of enmity. If this Word were to take hold in the world, all would find themselves at ease and in comfort. Say: By the life of God! The divine religion and His Faith have come to unite and accord, not for difference and discord. The Mother Book beareth witness to this, but the people hear not. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging to the lights of certitude.

=== END BH07546 ===

=== START BH07547 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing One! O son of ’Adhir! May you be illumined, God willing, by the lights of the dawn of Revelation and be bright and radiant through the morning splendor of God’s Day. Your letter reached the Most Holy Court and the servant present submitted what was contained therein. Praise be to God that you have attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences, and have spoken in praise of the Beloved of the world. Today, through the blessing of the Most Holy Name, the world appeareth as paradise itself. Every perceiving one hath his portion and every hearing one his share. They who are possessed of insight have perceived the divine effulgences and have attained to and become aware of that which was promised aforetime in the divine Books. You must in all conditions be vocal in thanksgiving to God, the Exalted, for He hath guided you to the straight path and granted you a portion from the ocean of knowledge. He is the Bestower, the All-Knowing, and He is the Speaker, the All-Powerful.

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=== START BH07548 ===

O Haydar, in the name of the one God! O Haydar, beseech God that there may be manifested from thee that which befitteth and conformeth to thy name. The purpose of these words is not transgression and corruption, but rather it hath been and shall be steadfastness in the Cause of God. If today one should conquer the whole world, he hath not been nor shall he be, in the sight of God, powerful and triumphant. But if he remaineth unperturbed in the Cause of God despite the clamor of the idolaters and hypocrites, We bear witness that he is indeed the Strong, the Trustworthy. Conflict and contention have been forbidden in this Most Great Revelation. All are commanded to wisdom, and God Himself is powerful and mighty. If He so willeth, He can take hold of the entire world through a single word, as every insightful and assured one doth testify. Blessed is he who readeth the Tablet of Ra’is and what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. The glory be upon the people of Baha from God, the Exalted, the Great.

=== END BH07548 ===

=== START BH07549 ===

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful!

O friends! Trustworthiness is like unto the sun that illumineth the world, and its heaven is man, and its horizon is the goodly heart. He who doth not veil this most great luminary with the clouds of treachery and baseness, so that its radiance may enlighten the world and its inhabitants - this is the bounty that

hath been revealed from the Pen of the Most High. Well is it with them that ponder! Say: Today is the day of deeds and actions, and in truth the helper of the Cause is a goodly deed and a goodly character, not hosts and swords. The triumph of a single pure deed is, in the sight of God, greater than the victory of an army that striveth in the path of God, for the shedding of blood is not beloved, and in this Most Great Revelation, victory hath been ordained through word and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having been adorned with the ornament of recognition when the All-Merciful came and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. The Kingdom is God's, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07549 ===

=== START BH07550 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker! O friends of Truth! Certain souls in the past, while outwardly in accord yet inwardly in discord, closed the door of divine mercy and opened the gates of idle fancies and vain imaginings to the faces of helpless servants. They adorned themselves with the garment of knowledge yet were accounted among the ignorant in the sight of God. Praise be to God that this Wronged One hath not associated with that group, and hath appeared with such proof and testimony that no fair-minded one can deny it. Today the very essence of proof crieth out amidst all creation, and the reality of testimony calleth, with most exalted utterance, all who dwell on earth to the shores of the sea of oneness. Yet the people remain heedless. This Wronged One counseleth thee to patience, calm and steadfastness in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. Take what We have counselled thee and leave what the people possess. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee in this glorious and wondrous station.

=== END BH07550 ===

=== START BH07551 ===

He is the Lord of Utterance! O friends! The Ocean of divine knowledge hath appeared and the Sun of insight is manifest. How excellent is the state of him who is not kept back from the water by the mirage. How strange that some have barred themselves from that which is more delicate than the morning breeze and more subtle than the spirit itself. One wondereth by what utterance and speech the Truth of the world hath attracted them. O possessor of knowledge, speak! O thou that hast sight, say not "unseen," and bear not witness to that which thou hast not attained. The path is clear and manifest - behold and walk therein. Every thing hath its sign, and that sign is its witness. The wise and seeing one is as rare as the philosopher's stone. Where are the piercing eyes and the attentive ears? Some have forsaken the Dayspring of certitude and follow manifest fancy. We beseech God to bestow the pure wine of fairness, that perchance it may open an eye and enable it to recognize Him. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH07551 ===

=== START BH07552 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

O Sakina! Your letter reached the court of the Most Holy, and the gaze of favor was directed toward it. Praise be to God that you were not deprived of the outpourings from the clouds of divine mercy, nor remained distant from the fragrances of God's days. You have drunk from the ocean of His love and received your portion from the cup of His knowledge. Beseech God to keep you firm in this station, which is the most glorious of stations. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Divine Countenance, and this exalted Tablet hath been revealed for thee. How many handmaidens of God who, night and day, with tears and supplications, yearned and hoped for the days of His Manifestation, yet when the Day Star of reunion dawned from the horizon of the Cause, all remained veiled by the veils of the people of error, save those whom thy Lord willed. And thou art accounted before the Divine Throne among those who have attained. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

=== END BH07552 ===

=== START BH07553 ===

Q. Samander, upon him be the Glory of God. In the name of the Glory of the worlds! O Samander! God willing, through the favors of the Lord of Power thou shalt in all conditions be turned toward the Most Great Horizon. Thy letter was received time after time, and thy call attained the honor of being heard. Thine acceptance was witnessed and thy call was heard. Verily He heareth and seeth, and verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. In all conditions thou must be occupied with promoting the Cause of God, but with wisdom. And to those souls who have turned toward the realm of Oneness and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, convey to all of them My greetings, and at all times give them to drink from the choice wine of steadfastness in the Name of Truth, that ancient tales and false reports and vain imaginings may not prevent them from the Most Holy Court. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's Covenant and for having called the people unto Him, and blessed is thy brother and those who are related to thee and those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07553 ===

=== START BH07554 ===

O Sharif! In the name of the all-knowing Lord! May you, O Sharif, attain unto the most great nobility - that nobility which hath ever been and shall forever remain acceptable in the sight of God: the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation. Whosoever attaineth unto the recognition of the Manifestation of His Cause hath attained unto the most great nobility, the most exalted station, the primal gem, and the uttermost Tree. But should anyone, God forbid, be deprived of this lofty station, he shall remain bereft of all stations of nobility, greatness, humanity and all that transcendeth them, even should he be of noble lineage, exalted descent, and possessed of outward knowledge and learning. Strive thou to drink from the flowing spring of God - that same spring concerning which He saith: "A spring wherefrom drink they who are brought nigh." We beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast in His love and to grant thee that which shall profit thee. Verily He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH07554 ===

=== START BH07555 ===

My brother, his honor the emigrant unto God, Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! O spiritual bird, praise God that at all times thou art mentioned before the All-Merciful and art present and appreciated in the hearts of the friends of God. Though outwardly thou art separated, in truth thou art circumambulating the Ka'bih of presence. The eye of God's loving-kindness hath ever been and is open toward that one who hath turned to God, and thou hast been and art observed through His infinite favors. Thou hast not been forgotten for a moment and never shalt be. Be assured of this by day and by night. His honor Aqa Muhammad-'Ali is occupied with thy mention and all are beseeching and hoping from God that He may bestow such success that thou mayest attain to that which hath been the ultimate desire of thyself and all the friends of God. Convey to all the friends of God, both young and old, the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious greetings. And the spirit and glory be upon you.

=== END BH07555 ===

=== START BH07556 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Friend!

O My handmaiden and the daughter of My handmaiden! The Tongue of Grandeur and tender Mercy maketh mention of thee from the realm on high and beareth witness to thy banishment and thy journey in the path of God, to thy presence and thy visitation in the days when the Most Great Prison was the seat of His Throne. In the estimation of God this testimony is greater than all things. Recognize its station and appreciate its value. In this Day whosoever from amongst the handmaidens turneth unto and attaineth His Presence, is reckoned in the sight of God amongst the leaves of His Tree and is thus referred to by the Pen of the Most High. Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to the handmaidens of the One true God and give them the tidings of the splendours of the rays of the Sun of Truth. We admonish all to uphold sanctity and purity and beseech God to cleanse them from defilement, and confirm them in upright deeds and a praiseworthy character. He is the Giver and the Kind.

=== END BH07556 ===

=== START BH07557 ===

In the Name of the One Beloved Friend! O Muhammad-Qabli-Javad! The Creator loves and has loved His loved ones. All have been and shall ever remain beneath His watchful gaze. The glance of His grace is directed towards the Land of Sad. Blessed are they who, for the sake of God, have borne hardships and heard the taunts of the enemies. By the ocean of divine knowledge! Such souls are as stars in the heaven of understanding and as fruits upon the trees of Paradise. Their mention shall never be erased from the book of the world, nor shall their traces be concealed on account of the tyranny and oppression of the pharaohs of the earth, for God beareth witness to their love, their turning unto Him and their faith. O loved ones of God! Strive ye to preserve this most exalted and most glorious station. Verily, He remembereth you with sublime words. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Hold ye fast

unto the cord of steadfastness in this Cause and cling ye to the hem of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know Him.

=== END BH07557 ===

=== START BH07558 ===

O Mehdi, son of him who ascended unto God from Manshad! In the name of the Sovereign of Names! O Mehdi! Thy call hath reached the ears of the Wronged One of the horizons. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is in truth the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. God willing, through His special divine favors thou wilt remain occupied with His remembrance and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Blessed is thy father! We testify that he turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-Place of proof and evidence, and ascended on the path unto his Lord, the All-Merciful. By the life of God! The treasures of earth cannot equal this testimony, and it shall be with him in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The reward of no soul hath been lost, nor shall it be lost. If anyone draweth a single breath for the sake of God, its effects shall assuredly appear in creation. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou joyous through divine grace. He verily ordaineth for whomsoever hath desired to attain His presence and to stand before His gate the reward thereof. He is in truth the Bestower, the Munificent.

=== END BH07558 ===

=== START BH07559 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker! O Ni'matullah, divine bounty hath been sent down, and this is that same heavenly, holy, divine food that was mentioned in the Books. Thy name is "Bounty" - God willing, thou shalt not be deprived of this most great bounty. The gates of heaven are flung wide, and the hand of generosity is visible from behind the clouds. How excellent is the state of that soul who was not, through vain imaginings, debarred from the Kawthar of certitude, but who took and drank in the name of the True One. All that was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets hath been made manifest and evident, yet few indeed have been and shall be possessed of true vision. We beseech God - exalted and glorified be He - to draw all heedless souls to the horizon of knowledge and to purify and sanctify the heart of the human world from idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Kawthar of inner meanings. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. There is none like unto Him, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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=== START BH07560 ===

He is the One, the All-Hearing

O Hushang! Hearken unto the melody of the Friend, for until the outward ear is purified and sanctified from the hints and doubts of the people of the earth, it will not discover the sweetness of the divine melody. I swear by the Lord of the worlds Who proclaimeth from the Most Great Prison that were all the people of the age to comprehend the utterance of the peerless Friend, all would now be seen circling round the will of the Dayspring of the light of oneness. Heedlessness and ignorance have held men back

from the ocean of divine knowledge and left them wandering in the wilderness of error and misguidance. Strive that thou mayest not be deprived and excluded from the outpourings of the Most Bountiful One. This is the counsel of the Wronged One of the horizons unto thee and all the friends. Your letters from before and after arrived. Blessed be your faces for having turned, and your tongues for having spoken, and your hearts for having been adorned with the ornament of the love of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07560 ===

=== START BH07561 ===

The Leaf of the Most Holy, Most Glorious Paradise! O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be ever fresh and verdant through the breezes of the mercy of the All-Merciful. Thy letter was presented before the Countenance, but signs of grief were evident from it. These are not days of grief - be thou engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and fragrance. Forget not the divine counsels which thou didst hear face to face from the tongue of the Most Great Oneness, and speak not that which would cause the hearts of the servants to be consumed. Remember what God hath permitted thee, and mention not that which would sadden the hearts of them that have recognized Him. Say: O handmaidens of God! This is the day of sanctification and detachment. Keep yourselves preserved beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree from selfish desires. We desire for you naught save that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. Convey Our greetings to the faces of those handmaidens who have believed in God and turned away from those who have denied the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH07561 ===

=== START BH07562 ===

In the Name of the All-Powerful Bestower!

The Hands of the Cause of God have been and are the educators of the servants. The Supreme Pen counseled all regarding the education of children and youth. Observe the trees: before grafting, their fruit is not worthy of mention, but afterwards that which is worthy of praise appears. A tree, which is counted among plants, through a small measure of cultivation attains to this station. Now reflect upon the trees of existence: if they receive the education of the true Educator, they will turn to the reformation of the world.

O Hasan-i-Qabli-'Ali! Thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and art favored with this most mighty, most holy Tablet. Praise the Lord of the world Who assisted thee and made thee aware of the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of Manifestation. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and made me know Thee. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no matter can prevent. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. Thou givest and withholdest. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH07562 ===

=== START BH07563 ===

O handmaid of God Zaynab! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! These days are the days of God, and all creation is in rapture, yearning and attraction. The one who perceived the fragrance of the divine raiment and turned with heart and soul toward the Beloved of the worlds - through the key of the Most Great Name, the door of the ancient treasury was opened, and the hidden mystery was revealed and made manifest through the grace of the Self-Subsisting Name. O handmaids of God! Count these days as a precious opportunity and occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Friend, for besides Him there was and shall be naught but absolute nothingness and utter nonexistence. Pass beyond creation and turn to the Truth. Free yourselves from this ephemeral world and turn to the eternal divine City. This is the counsel of the peerless Friend. Whoever turned attained their portion and share, and whoever remained heedless was deprived and distant. Blessed are they, men and women, who have turned, and woe to them, men and women, who are heedless.

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=== START BH07564 ===

Baku. Jinab-i-Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

In these days the dwellers of Paradise and the holy retreats have given and continue to give glad tidings unto all. The first glad tiding is that His Holiness 'Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, hath arrived at the Manifest Prison, and likewise His Holiness the Trusted One hath entered into the mighty prison, and there hath befallen them in the path of God that which hath caused the fruits upon the trees and the waves of the seas to lament, and the people of the pavilion of glory in this exalted station. Soon shall the oppressor find himself in grievous torment. Al-Mahmud, upon him be My Glory, hath attained the presence and achieved that which was recorded in the Books and Tablets. We have commanded him and thee and those whom We have mentioned before to teach this Cause with the wisdom wherewith We have adorned this glorious and luminous Tablet. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones there. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad tidings of this manifest bounty.

=== END BH07564 ===

=== START BH07565 ===

This is a book from the Wronged One to those servants who have turned to the Truth and whom the clamor of the people did not prevent from the Life-giving Water. We beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to aid them to hearken unto the divine words, for whosoever attaineth unto hearing them will behold the world as a handful of dust and the diverse colors of the world will not make him heedless of the Lord of Names. How blessed is the state of the one who in this blessed day hath attained unto the remembrance of God and whose name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Although this station is concealed today, yet through God's favor it shall become manifest and evident. Thy mention hath been

made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Book hath been sent down unto thee, from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of the garment of the grace of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH07565 ===

=== START BH07566 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds!

This Wronged One hath remembered and continueth to remember the loved ones of God in the midst of tribulations. The calumnies of the calumniators and the croaking of the ravens prevented Him not from proclaiming the Cause, nor held Him back from mentioning His friends. O leaf! We beseech God - glorified be His majesty - to assist the leaves of the Tree to achieve that which beseemeth His days. The whole world cannot be compared to a single word from the divine utterances. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great bounty and this supreme favor. When thou attainest unto the traces of My Pen, say:

My God, my God! Aid me to remain firm in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure with the greatest steadfastness, and grant me the water of everlasting life from the hand of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I am a leaf among Thy leaves and a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens. I have turned unto Thee, and I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy generosity, the heaven of Thy munificence, and the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07566 ===

=== START BH07567 ===

O Farajullah, upon him be the Glory of God! In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne of Names! This wondrous and luminous Day hath been known and designated in all the divine Books as the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized its station and hath arisen to that which beseemeth it. The Most Exalted Pen hath, throughout the nights and days, made mention of those who have turned towards Him and summoned them to the divine path. Some among the people remained heedless, some turned away, and a few set their faces toward the highest horizon and quaffed from the living waters which are the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may you be assisted to accomplish that which is loved and accepted in His presence. Every deed that appeareth today purely for the sake of God is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity - that is, it shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. The Glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07567 ===

=== START BH07568 ===

In reply to Abdul-Husayn’s letter, write: Regarding what was mentioned about differences between the friends - all are obligated by the Divine Tablets to demonstrate love, unity, affection and fellowship, which are the cause of exalting the Word of God, and they must act accordingly. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to enable all the friends to attain to this most exalted station, so that all may arise in

unity to serve the Cause. Mention of you was made in the Most Holy Presence, and you have attained to God's favors. According to His command: those souls who are today associated with the Truth and adorned with the lights of recognition must strive to remove differences, for no harm has been or will be greater than discord between the friends. God willing, you will strive to the extent possible in this matter. God speaks the truth and verily guides to the straight path.

=== END BH07568 ===

=== START BH07569 ===

O handmaid of God! In the name of the one true God! The heaven of divine tablets is illumined and bright with the mention of the Luminary of steadfastness, as in most tablets it hath been revealed and recorded from the Supreme Pen. Nevertheless, some are observed to be deprived of a single letter from the sanctified Word by reason of the prison of self, despite that they should be witnessed in such wise that were all the manifestations of knowledge and their dawning-places to appear, they would be unable to prevent a single soul from the divine path. How great is the difference between their station and the station they occupy! Glory be to God! The Pen is bewildered and uttereth "We are God's and to Him we shall return." We beseech God to assist His servants and handmaidens to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. O handmaid of God! Give thanks to God, exalted be His glory, that He hath illumined thee with the lights of the Throne and caused thee to attain the recognition of the ocean of meanings.

=== END BH07569 ===

=== START BH07570 ===

O Faraj'u'llah-i-Sangsar, son of Mulla Lutf-'Ali! The sun proclaimeth "The All-Bountiful hath come!" and the moon circleth round the Most Great Scene. Were man to hearken with the ear of his heart, he would hear from all created things the blessed word "The Lord of all being hath come!" This is the Day of God, and the fragrance of His grace is wafted throughout the world. Blessed is he whom neither doubts nor allusions of the people in this Day have kept back from the Sealed Wine. Give thanks unto the Desired One of the world and the Ancient King, that thy deeds and service have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Shouldst thou find the sweetness of these words, until the time of thine ascension thou wouldst cry out "My soul be a sacrifice for Thee!" Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way, and He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Beautiful.

=== END BH07570 ===

=== START BH07571 ===

HE IS THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GREAT

What you have submitted hath been mentioned. All the details and whatsoever hath befallen you have been and are witnessed before the Throne. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The Most Exalted Pen hath, for some years, turned towards that person. This is the most great bounty. It behooveth whosoever hath attained thereunto to thank God, his Lord, as long as the kingdom and the realm of heaven endureth. Every matter hath been and will be perishable save the mention that hath

flowed from the Pen of the Most Great Name. This will endure as long as God's names and attributes endure. Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. It behooveth one like thee to thank Him in hardship and tribulation. By My life! Soon shall all things pass away, and the sincere ones shall find themselves in an exalted station. We beseech God to assist thee to remember Him with wisdom and utterance, and to confirm thee in that which hath been sent down in a perspicuous Book.

=== END BH07571 ===

=== START BH07573 ===

He is the Witnessing, the Witnessed One! By God! The Promised One hath come, Who was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath come with a Cause before which all the hosts of the earth combined cannot stand, yet most people comprehend not. We have made manifest the Path and guided all unto it. Among the people are those who have turned towards it and those who have turned away. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of existence. The letter of one of My loved ones hath arrived wherein thy name was mentioned. We have remembered thee with this beauteous remembrance. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and turned towards the Supreme Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this great Cause, through which the feet of all humanity have slipped save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath preserved. Give thanks unto God that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and spoken that which hath enraptured the hearts of those near unto God. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great.

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=== START BH07575 ===

He is the One Who stands supreme over His Cause

Blessed is He Who hath come with mighty sovereignty, whereby the back of infidelity was broken and living waters gushed forth. He is the One through Whom the seas appeared and the rivers flowed and every lofty mountain was made manifest. There hath not been a day except that the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds, were sent down therein. How many months did We withhold the Pen, yet the tongue was speaking the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And how many days was I silent while the Pen moved between the fingers of thy Lord, the Omnipotent. And in all conditions there was sent down from Our presence that which brought joy to the Concourse on High and caused every distant idolator to lament. Verily the seeing one beholdeth what hath appeared in creation and the hearing one heareth My call, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have turned from Our most exalted horizon toward those who have sought the ultimate goal, and We have mentioned them as a favor from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses and made them clear evidences for all who are on earth. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He hath sent down the eternal feast from the heaven of divine will unto the form of man. Blessed is the All-Merciful Who hath appeared in truth through this Great Name. Well is it with him who hath drawn nigh unto it and partaken thereof - he is reckoned among the sincere in a perspicuous Book. And he who is debarred therefrom is accounted among the dead in a glorious Tablet. Hearken, O people of Baha, unto this most sweet call! By God, through it all things were attracted and every mouldering bone was quickened. Drink ye the wine of utterance in the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful, despite those who disbelieved in God when He came with this wondrous Revelation. Stand ye firm in the love of God in such wise that ye behold all mankind behind you. This behooveth whosoever hath clung to this exalted hem. Thus have the verses been sent down and the evidences been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this wondrous Day.

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=== START BH07577 ===

He is the One Who remembereth in My Most Glorious Name. Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Book in truth. Verily there is none other God but Him. All things testify to His sovereignty, the Overshadowing over the worlds. Verily he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful and turned unto God, the Lord of all religions, is among those who have attained unto the ocean of My presence, the heaven of My knowledge, and the sun of My beauty. Upon him be My mercy, My loving-kindness, and My grace, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Say: O people of earth and heaven! Hearken unto the call of God upon the Sinai of the Command from the Divine Lote-Tree that verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the Cause as a grace from Our presence, and I am the All-Informed. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the choice wine of revelation from My words, arise and say: By God! That which was hidden hath appeared and the world hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of our Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Guard thyself lest thou transgress the bounds of wisdom. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Knowing, command thee.

=== END BH07577 ===

=== START BH07578 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

Blessed is He in Whose hand is the kingdom of verses. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He calleth out at all times: O concourse of possibilities! By God, the All-Merciful hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. O people! By God, the Most Great Spectacle hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth with His most exalted Call: This is the Day wherein what was hidden in the Treasury of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, hath been revealed. Say: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud, were ye of them that hear.

All things have been honored through the sovereignty of His Revelation, yet the people are in evident delusion. When thou hast attained to the lights of the Tablet and recited the verses of God, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto me, shown me Thy horizon, and remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, a servant unto Thy Countenance, and one gazing upon Thy face. Thou art He through Whose power all things have testified that there is no God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07578 ===

=== START BH07579 ===

He is the One speaking from the horizon of the world! Thou seest me, O my God, and hearest my call in this eventide. By Thy glory! The raptures of my longing for Thee and the fragrances of Thy raiment have so seized me that patience and composure have departed from me. By Thy beauty, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations! Whenever tribulations surrounded me in Thy path and afflictions in Thy Cause, I found myself drawn and soaring in Thy atmosphere. I know not what fire Thou hast kindled within me by the hands of Thy power, such that the waters of hardship in Thy love cannot extinguish it, nor can the seas of trials in Thy remembrance and praise. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by this fire burning in the heart of the world, to rend asunder the veils of glory from before the face of Thy creation, that they may turn toward the ocean of Thy reunion and the fountain of Thy presence. Then I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to deprive me of Thy sweet fragrances nor bar me from the heaven of Thy grace. Moreover, ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Generous Giver.

=== END BH07579 ===

=== START BH07580 ===

He is the Most Holy, beyond mention and utterance! Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the Bayan and given all the glad-tidings of attaining the presence of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The world hath been adorned with the ornament of the Ancient King, and longing hath seized all regions, yet most of the people are in manifest denial. The Word hath appeared and the Hour hath called out, and the Resurrection proclaimeth: “Glad tidings unto you, O concourse of the earth, in this blessed and wondrous Day!” Awaken from the slumber of vain desire. The Lord of all beings hath come with mighty sovereignty. By God! He is verily the One through Whom the Tablets were adorned and by Whose mention every perspicuous Book was embellished. Beware lest the clamor of the people of denial hold you back, or the words of the perverse prevent you. Cast the kingdom behind you, then turn unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be not grieved by anything, and adorn thy tongue with remembrance and praise in celebration of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. He maketh mention of thee from this place which hath been named once as the Prison and again as the Noble Station.

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=== START BH07581 ===

O Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Overseer of the Kingdom of earth and heaven, exalted be the Lord of the Realm of Might Who hath come from the horizon of power with a clear command and hath summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Among the people are those who heard and turned away, and those who turned towards the One, the All-Informed, and those who were so seized by the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful that they cast the world behind them, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and We have remembered thee with this wondrous remembrance. Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, the Most Great News hath appeared and the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, have been sent down. Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you from the horizon of power that He may draw you nigh unto the Dayspring of God's Revelation, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them by Our command, and sent them unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07581 ===

=== START BH07582 ===

O Sister of Kazim! He is the Most Exalted, the Most High! These are the verses of the perspicuous Book which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, the Omnipotent. Therein hath God caused the water of life to flow - blessed are they that drink thereof! And therein hath He ordained the holy fruits - blessed are they that partake thereof! O handmaiden of God! Give thanks that thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and that the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath spoken thy name, and there hath been sent down from the clouds of grace that which shall gladden thine eyes. We have sent it unto thee as a mercy from Us upon thee and upon those leaves who are stirred by the breeze upon the branch of the Lote-Tree of Paradise through the love of God, the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Generous. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace and maketh mention of such of His handmaidens as He pleaseth and desireth. He, verily, is the Rememberer, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And the mercy which hath descended from the clouds of bounty and grace be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, their Lord, and who were among the devoutly obedient, inscribed on preserved tablets of glory.

=== END BH07582 ===

=== START BH07583 ===

The Most Great, the Most Glorious. The verses are sent down from the presence of One mighty, wise. Verily it is the Lamp of God amidst all else. Turn unto it with your hearts, O ye who have advanced towards God. Say: Verily these verses are sealed in this Most Holy, this mighty Manifestation. Whoso claimeth revelation after Him hath indeed lied against the Lord of Baha and this mighty Throne. O people, dispute not concerning the Cause; rather gather ye upon the shore of this manifest ocean. Those whom heedlessness hath overtaken after the appearance of the Call are accounted among the heedless ones. O servant, awaken those who slumber by this Name which God hath made to be sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso hesitateth today regarding My Name, the Self-Subsisting, is indeed

among the disappointed ones. Say: Through Him the hidden was revealed and the treasured appeared, and the sealed wine was unsealed. Drink ye in the name of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from the presence of One knowing, powerful. Convey Our glorification unto thy family and give them the glad tidings of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07583 ===

=== START BH07584 ===

In His Name, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing

O Ali-Muhammad, upon whom be the glory of God! All peoples have awaited and continue to await the days of the Manifestation, beseeching and supplicating with the utmost lowliness and fervor for the presence of the Promised One. Yet when the time arrived and the countenance of the Promised One appeared from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, all arose in denial and inflicted upon the Beloved of the worlds that which minds and hearts are powerless to comprehend, until at last He is seen imprisoned in this Most Great Prison. Yet I swear by the lights of the Sun of inner meaning that the abasement of this prison and its severity are dearer than all the delights of the world. The world hath no significance, neither now nor ever. Soon all that is witnessed now and shall come to pass thereafter will return to nothingness. Blessed are they whom these two fleeting days have not debarred from the immortal Kingdom. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this clear remembrance.

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=== START BH07585 ===

In the Name of the All-Seeing, All-Knowing

The entire world hath been created specifically for the recognition of the Ancient King, and there is no doubt that His recognition cannot be attained except through recognition of the Manifestation of His signs and the Dawning-Place of His evidences, inasmuch as the Ancient Being hath ever been and will forever continue to be sanctified, in His state of absolute transcendence and loftiest exaltation, from manifestation and appearance, from ascent and descent. Therefore, whosoever hath today turned unto the Manifestation of the Divine Self and the Source of heavenly knowledge hath turned unto the Truth, and whosoever hath turned away hath turned away from God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and this most sublime and resplendent horizon, and woe unto the heedless. Through the grace and favor of the Beloved of all possibility, may your honor be successful at all times in attaining the supreme gift and greatest bounty, which is the recognition of the Manifestation of God’s commandments. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous.

=== END BH07585 ===

=== START BH07586 ===

His honor Haji Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

His honor Ali Haydar, upon him be my Baha, mentioned thee, therefore the Supreme Pen hath turned unto thee that It may cause thee to hear the divine Call which is raised today. Today the world is adorned with the lights of the Luminary of Revelation, the winds are speaking “The Truth hath come,” the sea is proclaiming “The Possessor hath come.” Blessed is the soul that hath in this wondrous Day hearkened unto the call of all things. O Kazim! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee from the prison and counseleth thee to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Heedlessness hath encompassed the world, the world hath prevented all from the Lord of Names. We beseech God that He may assist thee to rend asunder the veils that have hindered thee, with celestial power, that thou mayest attain to the station of nearness and holiness. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH07588 ===

In the Name of the One God! O Muhammad!

The tongue’s paradise is the mention of the All-Merciful, and the heart’s paradise is love for Him. The friends of God who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. The Truth, exalted be His station, whatever He hath ordained and doth ordain hath been and shall be for the elevation of souls. Every person of insight perceiveth from what hath been revealed that the divine commandments are the cause of unity and harmony among the peoples of the world and the source of tranquility and ease. Blessed is the state of one who, having heard, pondereth thereon and becometh aware of its reality. In this Day all the chosen ones and near ones must be engaged in and attentive to that which will exalt the Cause of God. And the exaltation of the Cause hath been and shall be through the manifestation of spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things in the Book teach you.

=== END BH07588 ===

=== START BH07589 ===

O Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One Who speaks the truth! Some time ago mention of you was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, and now once again, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the Generous. The servant present has read what has issued forth from the virgin spring of your sincerity and recognition in remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. The sovereign of tongues in these days is the tongue that speaks in remembrance of God, and the king of eyes is the eye that turns toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Praise be to God that you have attained the greatest bounty. God willing, through divine grace you will be assisted to preserve this station. Convey greetings to the friends in that land and gladden them with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, they have attained the most exalted wine in the name of the Lord of Names. Say: Strive to teach God’s Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He commands you at the end of the Book to preserve your ranks and stations. He

is, in truth, the Wise Counselor. The glory shining forth from God, the Mighty, the Praised, be upon you and upon them.

=== END BH07589 ===

=== START BH07590 ===

O Leaf of Ridvan! In the name of the mighty, the powerful One! Some time ago, through his honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent. And since the bearer was ready to depart, this Tablet is again revealed so that thou mayest drink the choice wine of joy and gladness from the spring of the words of the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and with the utmost spirit and fragrance engage in the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Regarding the mention of the handmaidens of God in thy letter, convey greetings to them all. We beseech God to aid them to remain firm in His love and good-pleasure. That which thou didst mention concerning his honor Mahdi was heard. Praise be to God, he hath been and will continue to be the recipient of divine favors. From this spot We send Our greetings to him and to him who was named ’Aziz. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for the son of his honor Muhammad who was martyred in the path of God. Deliver it to him. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07590 ===

=== START BH07591 ===

He is the One with power over what was and what will be

Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! The Servant present brought your letter and read it before the Countenance. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. We perceived from it the fragrance of your love for the Beloved of the world and your turning to God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Indeed it tells of your sincerity, humility and submissiveness before God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed is your tongue for having uttered the remembrance of the Wronged One, from Whom every sinful doubter has turned away. Rejoice that the Most Exalted Pen has moved to make mention of you - this is naught but a mighty favor. He has ordained for you what you desired from the wonders of His bounty. Verily your Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Arise to serve the Cause, then speak with wisdom and utterance that perchance the people may find for themselves a path to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the verses of their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07591 ===

=== START BH07592 ===

O ’Ali-Naqi Bik-i-Zarqani […] O party of God! The opposers and deniers have raised the standard of hypocrisy and utter calumnies unprecedented, reviving anew the vain imaginings of the former peoples. Glory be to God! For twelve hundred years they cried “O Truth!”, yet when the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Heaven of Sinai, they advanced with sword and spear,

pronounced the death sentence against His most pure blood, and martyred Him. Were it not that cursing is forbidden, the Tongue of Grandeur would surely have pronounced in this station “The curse of God be upon the wrong-doing people.”

O My loved ones! Consort with the peoples of the world in a spirit of joy and fragrance, that perchance they may detect the sweet-scented breeze of the divine utterance and […] Blessed art thou […] who heard the Call and turned unto it and responded to thy Ancient Lord Who came with manifest sovereignty. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance in My Name, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07592 ===

=== START BH07593 ===

O Ali Shah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! The Divine Being declares: At all times have We made the servants aware of that which draws them near and benefits them. The intent is that the diverse and ephemeral colors of the world should not deprive the peoples from the everlasting bounty and heavenly sustenance. Say: The Day of Return is manifest and the Mother Book speaks without veil or concealment that which will guide all from poverty, weakness and vain imaginings to the horizons of wealth, power and certitude. O thou who hast turned to My Kingdom! Observe what God, exalted be His glory, hath willed and what the people have done and continue to do. We call them unto God but they call Me to their desires. Verily they are among the companions of the Fire. My Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you in this Cause through which the horizons have been illumined and every clear matter hath been made manifest.

=== END BH07593 ===

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The All-Merciful hath conferred upon man the faculty of vision, and endowed him with the power of hearing. Some have described him as the “lesser world,” when, in reality, he should be regarded as the “greater world.” The potentialities inherent in the station of man, the full measure of his destiny on earth, the innate excellence of his reality, must all be manifested in this promised Day of God.

The Pen of the Most High hath, at all times and under all conditions, remembered, with joy and tenderness, His loved ones, and hath counselled them to follow in His way.

Well is it with him whom the changes and chances of this world have failed to deter from recognizing the Day Spring of the Unity of God, who hath quaffed, with unswerving resolve, and in the name of the Self-Subsisting, the sealed wine of His Revelation. Such a man shall be numbered with the inmates of Paradise, in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07594 ===

=== START BH07595 ===

In the Name of God, the Everlasting, Who perisheth not! God–exalted be His glory–hath, in all His Books, Tablets and Scriptures, promised unto His creation this Most Holy, Most Exalted Day and this Most Great, Most Mighty Manifestation. So exalted is this Day that in all ages it hath been extolled in the Books of the Dayspring of God's Command and the Dawning-Places of His Revelation as the Day of God. Nevertheless, most of the people of the world are seen to be deprived and forbidden from attaining unto the Ancient King, and some who fancy they have turned towards Him are seen to be disturbed by the slightest breeze. Had they truly drunk from the Kawthar of certitude, they would not have been debarred from the Ocean of Life by the putrid odor of doubt and misgiving. Beseech thou God that He may illumine and adorn His servants with the lights of the Sun of steadfastness. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The Command is in the hands of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH07595 ===

=== START BH07596 ===

In the Name of the Heaven of inner meanings! The Truth is manifest and hath dawned from the horizon of power. Say: Observe ye how He hath set the world in motion. This is the earthquake of that Hour which hath appeared and seized all save a few who have drawn nigh unto the Divine Countenance. The cause of the world's turning away hath been the divines of the age. They themselves say that when the Qa'im uttereth a word, the chiefs of the earth, who are the most exalted of creation, shall turn away from it. Yet they themselves have arisen with great presumption. Had they reflected even a little, they would surely have been reminded by the turning away of the chiefs and would not have made claims to knowledge and certitude, nor would they have visited upon the Dawning-Place of the names and attributes, the Goal of all the worlds, that which caused the thunder to lament and the clouds to weep. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grandeur be upon thee and upon all who have been just in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07596 ===

=== START BH07597 ===

Jinab-i-Karbala'i 'Abdu'l-Khaliq, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving

Praise befitteth and is worthy of that Desired One Who, with the finger of power, rent asunder the veils and summoned all to the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. He is the One Who is so powerful that the armies of the world cannot weaken Him, nor can the clamor of the peoples hold Him back from His purpose. Glorified be His greatness, exalted His dominion, all-encompassing His proof, and there is no God but Him. O 'Abdu'l-Khaliq, this Wronged One hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. The mention of the loved ones hath ever been and continueth to be in the Most Exalted Court. Strive thou that perchance in this glorious, wondrous, luminous and spiritual Day thou mayest attain unto that which is the cause of eternal mention and everlasting praise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to attract thee through His verses, draw thee nigh through the breaths of His

Revelation, cause thee to reach the horizon of His good-pleasure, enable thee to hear His call and behold His signs. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, in the beginning and in the return.

=== END BH07597 ===

=== START BH07598 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! Praise be to the Purpose of the world Who favored you with His wondrous grace and adorned you with an ornament that will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, then recognize the station of thy father. Verily he hath a station with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then remember thy brother whom God hath exalted through a sovereignty from His presence and named him with His wondrous name. Thy letter hath been presented before the Throne and We have heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Thy call was heard and thy letter was observed. God willing, thou shalt ever be speaking in praise and glorification of God and remain steadfast in His Cause. The Supreme Pen counsels all His loved ones to the Most Great Steadfastness, and this station hath been and is the most great of all stations with God. And glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those women who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07598 ===

=== START BH07599 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be to the King of Kings Who, through His mighty Name, raised the banner of Divine Unity upon the most exalted of standards and established the emblem of His All-Bountiful Name in the highest station. Exalted be His power and great be His sovereignty, and glorified be His might. And blessings and peace be upon the Chief of the Tribes, through whom earthquakes appeared and the Nightingale of Utterance warbled upon the highest branches that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And upon His family and companions, through whom the ocean of divine knowledge surged in the contingent world and the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted among all religions - blessings that the happenings of the world cannot alter nor their fragrance be cut off from among the peoples. O physician! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Hearken unto the counsel of this Wronged One and exhort all unto it, that perchance the servants may become aware and attain unto that which in this Day is the cause of exaltation and elevation.

=== END BH07599 ===

=== START BH07600 ===

O handmaiden of God! In the name of the Purpose of all worlds! The one God adorned man with the ornament of utterance, and this utterance is special to him and through it man is distinguished from animal. In the Furqan, which distinguishes between truth and falsehood, He says: “He created man, taught him utterance.” Blessed are those souls who today have drunk the water of everlasting life from the hand of divine bestowal. The intimations of the world and the might of nations and their turning away

and heedlessness did not prevent those holy souls. They let go what was with the people and took up what appeared from divine inspiration with heavenly power and might. Today males and females are seen on the same plane. But O my handmaiden, by what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken in thy name in His Most Great Prison, we ask of God that He assist thee in that which is the cause of exaltation and the means of elevation. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Near.

=== END BH07600 ===

=== START BH07601 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful. At this time, the servant present read before the Wronged One your letter which you had sent in the name of Jud. We beseech the Most High to assist you, to aid you, to strengthen you through His sovereignty, and to ordain for you what is good in all circumstances and deeds. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to God that you are adorned with the ornament of faith in God and have attained to His recognition. We testify that Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud previously visited the House of God on your behalf, and this year they also intend to do so. God willing, they shall attain and be adorned with the seal of acceptance. Verily, He is powerful over all things. This is what the Wronged One hath testified and spoken with pure truthfulness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearing, the Responding, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those who have attained and acted according to that which they were commanded by God, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07601 ===

=== START BH07602 ===

O Mashhadi Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! We, the Wronged One, are in the hands of the people. In this Most Great Revelation, the bounty and mercy and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory, have reached such a station that all the pens of the world and tongues of the nations are powerless and incapable to mention it. We have, in this blessed and luminous Day, removed the seal of the Choice Wine before the faces of the people, that all may turn with perfect devotion and partake of what the hands of the Lord of all being bestow, and drink thereof. O Hasan! We beseech God that He may assist thee and grant thee whatsoever befitteth His bounty. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Truth. His honor the Trustee, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, hath mentioned thee, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Tablet hath been revealed in thy name. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto His signs in His days. He is indeed of the people of Glory in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and firm one.

=== END BH07602 ===

=== START BH07603 ===

In the Name of the One Incomparable God. On this second night of the blessed Ramadan, Mustafa has beseeched the Lord of Creation that mention of his honor Siyyid Ahmad, upon whom be the glory of God, might flow from the Most Exalted Pen. He has answered and responded as a bounty from His presence,

for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O friends of God! Be not heedless, and remain not negligent of this blessed day. I swear by the Light of the world that any deed performed in these days for the sake of God shall be reckoned among the most excellent of deeds. Strive that ye may attain unto that which befitteth and beseemeth the Days of God. O Ahmad! Give thanks for having been mentioned by the One, the Single, time and again. This is a most great bounty - know thou its value and preserve it from the treacherous ones who bear the name of Truth. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, upon thy son, and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH07603 ===

=== START BH07604 ===

In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance at all times! The Supreme Pen is occupied with the mention of the friends in such wise that the coldness of the world hath not chilled it, and the putrid waters of opposition have not prevented its heat. In the midst of tribulations and ordeal, it speaketh in praise of the Lord of the seen and unseen. Turn ye unto Him with radiant hearts, and be not of the heedless ones. Soon will the days pass, and ye shall witness the power of God, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Thy letter was received, and this Wronged One hath answered thee at a time when the lamentation of the oppressed is heard from the land of Ta and other regions, through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. Grieve thou not over anything, and in all matters place thy trust in the Right-Informed One. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon him who hath held fast unto the cord of patience in that which hath befallen him in My straight Path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07604 ===

=== START BH07605 ===

O my God, my Adored One, my Desire! With utter helplessness I beseech Thee and pray fervently unto Thee to protect me from the mischief of the ungodly, and to deprive me not of the shelter of the divine Lote-Tree and of the shrill voice of the Pen of the Most High.

O honored Karim who hath attained and succeeded, who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance! Reflect upon the previous party - how certain heedless ones with white and green turbans led the servants astray and guided them to hell, depriving these helpless creatures from the Truth and preventing them from His verses. And now certain differing souls are striving with the utmost endeavor to lead astray the servants of God, exalted be His glory. Say: O my God, my Adored One, my Desire! With utter helplessness and supplication I beseech Thee to protect this servant from the evil of the croakers, and deprive me not of the shade of the divine Lote-Tree and the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. I testify that this Day is Thy Day and the Cause is Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy Straight Path and by Thy Great Announcement to assist me in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07605 ===

=== START BH07606 ===

O Mirza Rahmatullah, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Knowing God! At dawn did the Countenance of the All-Merciful summon the people of creation to the most exalted station and the most glorious horizon, and in these days hath He guided them to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Grace. Yet none are found seeking save a few who have drunk from the ocean of bounty and become detached and free from all else but God. Say: O friends! Break the chains of the utterances of the wicked through the power of the Most Great Name and arise to action. The true Master and spiritual Sovereign hath not forgotten and will never forget His servants, and at all times and under all conditions speaketh that which is for the good of all. What regret and remorse that people should deprive themselves of the outpourings of the Divine Day! Say: Ponder on that which hath been sent down for you and be not of the heedless. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07606 ===

=== START BH07607 ===

In the Name of the Everlasting Beloved! In successive years, wondrous and sublime Tablets were sent down and dispatched from the heaven of the Divine Will, especially revealed verses - this is from His bounty unto thee, verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And in this year, praise be to God, thou wert confirmed and didst turn thy face toward God and didst arrive at the seat of the Throne and didst hearken unto the Divine Call - all this is from His bounty, verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Strive thou to be blessed at all times with His bestowals and to be engaged in His service. God willing, thou shalt pass through the lands of God with a spiritual breeze from the true, original homeland which is the seat of the Throne, and convey to all the handmaidens the greetings from God, and call all to sanctification and holiness, that all may gaze toward God's direction with illumined breasts, penetrating vision, pure hearts and sanctified souls. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to all the handmaidens of God.

=== END BH07607 ===

=== START BH07609 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds

The Friend says: The divine fire is ablaze and the celestial Tree is speaking from the most exalted spot, yet there is no ear to hear the sweet melody of the All-Merciful and no heart to attain recognition of the revelation of the All-Glorious. Most people cling to their own vain imaginings and remain heedless of the Sovereign of verses. They have preferred conjecture to true knowledge and have contented themselves with doubt instead of certitude. But ere long they shall find themselves in loss and shall witness their deeds rendered null. The truly learned one today is he who has attained the Most Great Favor, for the purpose of creation has been the knowledge of God. Whosoever remains veiled therefrom is accounted among the losers in the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of the

Most Exalted Pen and attained unto the recognition of thy Friend. Know thou the worth of this most great bounty and occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds with heart and tongue.

=== END BH07609 ===

=== START BH07610 ===

He is the Everlasting in the Kingdom. Mention in the Book the spirit who was exalted in name. He was born of his mother, then lived in the realm but a few days, and was taken up unto God in his childhood - a matter decreed in the Tablet. He left the earth when he caught the fragrance of mortality therefrom, and turned toward the heaven of holy immortality. Peace be upon him the day he was born, and the day he was raised up, and the day he ascended to the sublime pavilion of glory. He remained in the kingdom only as long as roses remain in springtime - when summer's heat came, his beauty was veiled behind a delicate curtain. His days were but as the days of roses - thus was it ordained by the hidden pen of might. For this did every seeing eye weep in secret. God shall manifest him in crimson canopies, in a station resplendent with truth. And the Spirit be upon him and upon those who followed him to the crimson virgin land.

=== END BH07610 ===

=== START BH07611 ===

In the Name of the Most Wondrous, the Wondrous! The Servant maketh mention of one of the loved ones of God, that he may rejoice in His remembrance of him and be numbered among them that are steadfast in this Cause, from which the feet of the mature have slipped - how much more those who are as sucklings still drinking from the breast of heedlessness and ignorance, and who wander in the wilderness of self and passion! Say: Verily, he who hath not believed in God is but a suckling, even though seventy years may have passed over him. Blessed art thou for having believed in God and recognized the Manifestation of His Self, and art numbered among the successful ones. Grieve thou not over anything save My grief, and rejoice not in aught except in My remembrance and praise. Then read what hath been sent down from My presence, for thereby are the hearts of them that have knowledge attracted. Thus have We commanded thee, as a favor from Our presence upon thee. Act thou according to what thou hast been bidden by God, the Exalted, the Great. And glory be upon thee and upon the servants of God who remember Him.

=== END BH07611 ===

=== START BH07612 ===

In My Name which is sanctified above all names! This is a Remembrance We have sent down in truth, and verily it is the Most Great Sign for the peoples of the world and the Salsabil of Life for all who are in the heavens and the earth. Blessed be the soul that hath turned and the heart that hath advanced toward the All-Knowing, the One! Woe unto him who hath turned away from God when He appeared in truth and followed every ignorant and base one. O people! Arise to aid God and His Cause - this is better for you, if ye be of them that know. Soon shall ye bewail that which hath escaped you in a Day wherein every wondrous Tablet was adorned. Be thou gladdened by God's mention of thee and say: Praise be unto

Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Make me steadfast in this Cause whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save them whom the hands of Thy bounty did preserve. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH07612 ===

=== START BH07613 ===

He is the Most Glorious! This is a remembrance of Baha'u'llah to His servant, that he may thank his Lord with a tongue that is sanctified from the mention of all else. O youth! Hearken unto the call of this Youth, Whom the polytheists sold for the price of their own vain imaginings - and this verily was recorded in the Tablet as a grievous loss. Through this they deprived themselves in this world and the next, and made themselves far removed from the station of nearness. Thou, therefore, render thanks unto God, thy Lord, and make mention of Him amidst the concourse of the earth, for verily He is thy Guardian. Strive in thy early days to become assured of Him, for He hath sent down unto thee that which is best for thee, and He is, verily, powerful over all things. Rejoice within thyself that despite thy tender age thou hast attained unto that which no aged elder hath attained. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His bounty, and verily His bounty hath been abundant toward you. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have followed the Cause of God and have remained steadfast in His Cause in this mighty Matter.

=== END BH07613 ===

=== START BH07614 ===

The reference to Nabil was in your letter. Blessed are you for what you mentioned. We testify that he attained to what was revealed in the Books of God, and We testify that his tongue was created for the remembrance of God, his sight for beholding the signs of his Lord, the Possessor of Names, and his ear for hearkening to His sweetest call. From the beginning until now he has been speaking words of praise and glory. Great is the reward of this station and this deed, and from the Tongue of Grandeur he was named the Most Great Nabil. Blessed is he who has recognized his station and mentioned him according to what was revealed from the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. After reading and reviewing this Tablet, you should visit the resting place of Nabil, upon him be My glorious and resplendent glory, that he may read what was revealed for him from the Pen of God, the All-Knowing Speaker, and witness what has been recorded in his name in this wondrous Tablet. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His Cause through him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Ancient of Days.

=== END BH07614 ===

=== START BH07615 ===

In the Name of God, the Composer of Unity! This is a mention from Us to a servant among the servants of God, that he may rejoice within himself and remain steadfast in love. Blessed art thou for having migrated unto God and entered the precinct of Paradise and attained the presence of the mighty throne. This Most

Exalted Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee - the Pen whose scratching hath attracted the hearts of all who are endowed with knowledge and wisdom. Know thou that We have ordained for thee to care for him with whom thou wert. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablet. O loved ones of God! Show him honor, for he hath turned toward the Dawning-Place of a luminous Name. The reward of one who acteth in His path shall not be lost with God, and verily His grace draweth nigh unto the doers of good. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth. Follow that which thou art bidden, and in all matters place thy trust in God, Who loveth unity among His servants and Who watcheth over them that believe in His oneness. And upon you, O people of Baha, be the glory from One mighty and beautiful.

=== END BH07615 ===

=== START BH07616 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy

A remembrance from Us to one of the servants, that the attraction of the call of the Lord of creation may seize him in such wise that neither the dust of vain imaginings nor the murk of those who have clung to the cord of repudiation and debarred men from turning toward the supreme horizon shall trouble him. They are, verily, worshippers of idols in the sight of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Put aside all else, holding fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clinging to the hem of My mercy, uttering My remembrance and turning thy face toward My luminous countenance. Say: O people! Follow not those who have made mere words the ladder of their vain hopes. Leave them behind you and turn your faces toward the horizon from which hath dawned the sun of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest ye be veiled by allusions or by the words of those who know not their left from their right. Arise in the name of thy Lord, actuated by His love and good-pleasure. This is better for thee than the kingdoms of the heavens and of earth. We counsel thee for the sake of God - to this testifieth every discerning and insightful one.

=== END BH07616 ===

=== START BH07617 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

A remembrance from Us unto him whom the wine of utterance hath so inebriated that he hath turned unto his Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with a proof whereat all who are in the heavens and on earth have proved powerless. The Most Great Treasure hath appeared, and the Book hath come down from the heaven of the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on it through Our power, and woe betide him who hath cast it behind his back, following the imaginings of the doubters. O people of possibility! By God, the ocean of certitude hath surged! Cast doubt behind you, then drink therefrom in My Name, the Munificent. There hath appeared in creation that which hath never appeared before. Blessed is every discerning one who knoweth. We make mention of thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord in these days wherein sorrows have encompassed all who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Thou hast testified to that whereunto God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is a testimony that shall abide with thee through the eternity of His most excellent names, from God, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen.

=== END BH07617 ===

=== START BH07618 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

A mention from Us unto him who desireth to take unto the Lord of the Throne a way, that the fragrances of remembrance may draw him to the station of steadfastness and certitude and bring him to a seat illumined with the lights of the Throne. We have recognized thy turning unto God and have made known unto thee this One Who is known, from Whom most of mankind remain veiled. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the Spirit and remain steadfast in the Cause. How many a servant hath lamented in separation, yet when the fragrance of reunion wafted, turned away and was deprived of the truth. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance and drunk the choice wine of knowledge in days that were inscribed in the Tablets. Remember thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, that perchance they who slumber on the couch of heedlessness and idle fancies may be awakened. Thus hath the matter been decreed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto a Cause that was hidden from the eyes of the deniers.

=== END BH07618 ===

=== START BH07619 ===

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing

A mention from Us to him who desires to drink of My choice-sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious. He is among them that believed in God when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Day-Star of the Revelation of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Heart of the world, and he who hath set his face toward the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Call hath been raised, but ears are manifestly deaf. The horizon of grace hath been illumined, but eyes are grievously afflicted. The Book hath been sent down, but hands are occupied with that which befitteth not this wondrous and glorious Day. Thus hath the Tongue spoken as the All-Merciful walketh in this mighty stronghold. Be thou thankful for My remembrance of thee, then praise God for this beauteous remembrance wherewith the Concourse on High hath remembered thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy father and thy brothers and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

=== END BH07619 ===

=== START BH07620 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Verily he who hath attained unto the lights of this Day is reckoned among the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. We make mention of everyone who hath turned unto the Countenance and drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of all who dwell on earth. By God's life! Were he to be in the West, he would assuredly inhale the fragrance of the verses, even though they wafted from the direction of the East. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We make mention of mankind and give them glad tidings of the Most Great Vision. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to draw thee nigh unto the Most Great Sea and to ordain for thee supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the mountains have been scattered. Hold thou fast unto God and His sovereignty, and leave behind those who have remained heedless. He verily sufficeth thee in truth - to this testify all atoms. Unto him who hath not believed in God and hath not quaffed the choice wine of certitude belongeth not that which We have revealed in the Book.

=== END BH07620 ===

=== START BH07621 ===

He Who hath ascended unto God, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great - the son of Husayn - is mentioned by Us unto him who was stirred when the winds of his Lord's will, the All-Merciful, blew throughout all creation, that this remembrance might draw him to the supreme horizon, the station where names are cut off from him, that he might behold the Most Great Sign and aid his Lord amidst His servants. Verily, such aid is His remembrance and praise, and the command is that which hath been ordained in the Book. If thou art seated, arise by God's leave, then make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. The world shall pass away, and there shall remain for thee this Tablet which hath appeared from the Dayspring of divine inspiration. Hold fast unto God and His sovereignty, detached from those who turned away from Him when He came with the kingdom of proof. Be thou steadfast in the remembrance of thy Lord and assured of His grace which hath encompassed all horizons. We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee and draw thee nigh unto this ocean which none have desired save those endowed with insight. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High.

=== END BH07621 ===

=== START BH07622 ===

In the Name of Him Who domineth over all names! This is a remembrance from Us unto him who was stirred by the breezes of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and turned towards the Countenance through which the cities of names and all who dwell on earth and in heaven were illumined. We have, verily, been ever-knowing. We found thee turning unto God, wherefore We have sent down unto thee this Tablet, from which the fragrance of reunion in the future hath been wafted. Know thou its worth and be of the thankful. We have heard thy call and have answered thee in truth. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and hast discovered the fragrance of the days of thy Lord, the Supreme Ruler of all worlds. Beware lest the affairs of creation sadden thee. Soar upon the wings of longing in this expansive and subtle

atmosphere. We have accepted thee through grace - this is a bounty that nothing in the heavens and earth can equal. Give thanks unto God for this manifest favor. Then preserve this Tablet and recite it in thy days with such devotion as to cause the hearts of the sincere ones to be attracted.

=== END BH07622 ===

=== START BH07623 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! A remembrance from Us unto him who hath drawn nigh unto the ocean and desired to drink therefrom, through this Most Great Name whereby every tongue hath spoken, every deaf one hath heard, and every seated one hath arisen to the Command of God, the Lord of all worlds. O people of the earth! Fear God, and follow not those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament when there came the Day which had been promised in the Books of God and inscribed in the hearts of them who are nigh unto Him. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the remembrance of the Wronged One, through Whose Most Self-Subsisting Name all who are in the heavens and on earth were subdued. Take hold of the Book with the fingers of certitude and say: Praise be unto Thee, O our Lord, the All-Merciful, for having made me to know Thy Self, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bounty, and adorned me with the ornament of recognition in this wondrous Day. I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation, Thy rising up, and Thy call, to make me one of them who have stood firm in this Cause, mighty and great. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH07623 ===

=== START BH07624 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

A remembrance from Us to one who hath turned his face toward his Lord and drawn nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of them who have turned toward the Most Great Sea and drunk therefrom, through this Name whereby the Concourse on High and the Station […] have been blessed. We love to make mention of everyone who hath turned toward God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The horizons have been filled with the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, yet the people hear not. The Most Exalted Pen moveth morning and evening, yet the people know not. At all times doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak, yet all beings perceive not. They have taken the vain imagining and cast aside the Self-Subsisting. To this doth the Sovereign of Utterance bear witness in this Forbidden Station. Blessed is he who hath renounced the world, turning his face toward the Most Great Name, Who heareth and seeth in this Exalted Station.

=== END BH07624 ===

=== START BH07625 ===

Maraghih. O 'Abdu'r-Ra'uf! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a mention from Us unto him whose letter reached Us in the Most Great Prison. We give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We love to remember him who hath remembered Us, and counsel him with that which is praiseworthy and with that which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

Beware lest the doubts of the people prevent thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. The Truth hath appeared, yet the divines have turned away from it and pronounced against it with manifest injustice, whereat both morn and eve have wept. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all creation. This is what thou wast bidden before, and what thou art bidden at this time by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. We beseech God to open before thy face the portals of understanding and to rain down upon thee from the heaven of certitude that which will tranquilize thy heart and the hearts of them who have sought the countenance after the passing of all things - these, verily, are among those who draw nigh. The glory shining from the horizon of the Kingdom be upon thee and upon every patient and trusting soul.

=== END BH07625 ===

=== START BH07626 ===

He is the One Who calls out from the Mount!

A mention from Us to him whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One in this noble station, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and arise to this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Whoso turns today to the Most Exalted Horizon is reckoned among the people of mystic knowledge in My perspicuous Book. And he who acknowledges that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken is accounted among the learned ones in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds. But he who turns away from the Countenance is the most ignorant of men, even should he come with the knowledge of the first and the last ones. Verily, We manifested knowledge for the recognition of the Known One, but when He appeared, every remote scholar turned away from Him. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak when He was in the midst of the heedless ones. Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters put thy trust in God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which they were bidden by One mighty and powerful.

=== END BH07626 ===

=== START BH07627 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath remembered his Lord and turned unto Him on a day whereon the peoples of the East and of the West have turned away, save those whom the hand of grace hath seized. He, verily, is the Ancient Bestower. Thy letter hath been presented and the servant who standeth before the Countenance hath read it, and We have answered thee. Verily thy Lord is the Answerer. He heareth the call of them that have believed and answereth every one who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon. He hath verily named Himself the All-Bountiful. We counsel thee to show forth the utmost steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. How many a servant whom We counseled thus, yet when We tested him with but a single word, his feet did slip from My straight Path. When thou hast read this Tablet and been illumined by the lights of certitude, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, the All-Merciful, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. I beseech Thee to make me

steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love under all conditions. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH07627 ===

=== START BH07628 ===

He is the One speaking from the horizon of utterance

This is a remembrance from Us to the one who heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon […] from which most of the servants turned away. We have heard your cry […] that you may rejoice and thank your Lord, the King of the Day of Mutual Calling. Blessed is My name that entered the prison for My remembrance and My love, and blessed is every name that was touched by hardship and adversity for this Name, before which, when it appeared, all names bowed down in submission, as the Mother Book bears witness in this exalted station. Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you. Leave what they have and take what has been given you from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to you that you may thank your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those whom the might of the enemies did not frighten, who arose with the supreme steadfastness and bore witness to that which God bore witness before the creation of the heavens and the earths.

=== END BH07628 ===

=== START BH07629 ===

He is the One Who commands with truth.

A mention from Us to the one who has heard My call, turned to My horizon, and held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We have sent down from the heaven of utterance that which has brought delight to the eyes of those near unto God, and We have mentioned that which aids the servants to practice justice and fairness. Blessed are those who have attained unto virtuous character. Through good character the stations of creation are revealed, and through justice their ranks are made manifest. Blessed is he who has attained unto the recognition of that which the Supreme Pen has uttered in this exalted station. We have arisen today speaking in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds, and the rapture of remembrance has so seized Us that We have rent asunder the veils, speaking that which caused those of Sinai to swoon. Thus has the matter been decreed on this wondrous Day. Blessed is the ear that has heard My utterance, and the eye that has beheld My horizon, and the heart that has turned to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The splendor from Us be upon you and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from turning to the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH07629 ===

=== START BH07630 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy. A mention from Us to him who has won the lights of guidance, when the supreme horizon was illumined by the Luminary of the Most Great Name, Who appeared among the nations with a proof that none deny except those who turned away from God in the eternity of eternities - that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and hold fast to this Cord through whose movement all created things were set in motion. When We found the fragrances of thy love for God, the Originator of verses, We sent down unto thee this Tablet whereby the proof of God hath been made manifest to all who are in earth and heaven. Know thou the value of these days, then make mention of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, Who came with power and sovereignty. Then make mention of thy brother who was named with this Most Great Name, and glorify his countenance from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We counsel you to steadfastness, then wisdom amongst all people. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have turned towards God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH07630 ===

=== START BH07631 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a mention from Us to one who hath attained unto the recognition of his Lord, whilst most of the servants remained heedless thereof. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath illumined the horizon of creation. Be thou thankful and render praise for that which hath aided thee and caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses, Who speaketh in the world: “There is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.” God willing, mayest thou be continually blessed through divine favors and speaking and uttering the praise of the Intended One. Hold fast unto the hem of God and cleave unto the cord of steadfastness. By My life! This is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The days are passing, and ere long the carpet of the existing world shall be rolled up, and that which hath been ordained by God shall appear and be made manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that whereby its mention shall endure in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve not at anything. Remember thy Lord. Verily, He heareth the call of whosoever turneth unto Him. He is the Guardian of them that remember Him. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07631 ===

=== START BH07632 ===

O `Abdu’l-Ahad! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! A mention from Our presence unto those who are in the world, that it may draw them unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have, at all times, made mention of them that are in the realm of creation: some have turned towards Him and attained, while others have turned away from the All-Informed One. Hearken unto My call from around My prison: verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We bear witness even as God did bear witness before the creation of the heavens and earth, yet most among the people are heedless. They have taken their vain desires and cast behind them He Who calleth them unto the manifest Truth. Hold thou fast unto God and His sovereignty; verily He sufficeth thee and ordaineth for thee what He

willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. We make mention of thee from within Our Most Great Prison that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be among them that are steadfast. Sorrows have encompassed Us by reason of that which hath befallen the Manifestations of the All-Merciful at the hands of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him, and woe betide them that have turned aside!

=== END BH07632 ===

=== START BH07633 ===

He is the Mighty

A mention from the Sacred Leaf to His servant Ali, that he may give thanks to God his Creator and await the Day when God shall come in manifest clouds of glory. Say: O people, fear God in this Day and tarry not for less than a moment, then hasten to a holy and praiseworthy seat. Take not from the Book that which is ambiguous therein, but take what God hath made firm, not deviating from the truth, and which hath been established by covenant. O people, interpret not the words of God according to your own opinions and desires. Fear God, then stand firm upon this exalted Path which God hath made a guidance and mercy for those who have followed the command of their Lord and who manifest a witnessed love, such that the lights of love shine forth from their faces and the remembrance of God from their hearts, and they are among the gems of existence.

=== END BH07633 ===

=== START BH07634 ===

O handmaid of God Rabbabih, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend, thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and thy name hath been inscribed by the Pen of Divine decree. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this well-beloved grace. O handmaid of God! The mention of the servants of God, the divine trees, the submissive handmaidens, and the chaste leaves is fixed and immortalized in the Book of God. Blessed is the handmaid who hath attained, and the leaf who hath clung to the Divine Lote-Tree whose rustling hath been raised up. Verily, she is among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by those who have circled round Thy Most Great Throne and visited Thy countenance in Thy days, and who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament, to ordain for me the reward of a handmaid who hath drunk the wine of reunion from the cup of Thy bounty and bestowal, and hath beheld the horizon of manifestation in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Compassionate, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH07634 ===

=== START BH07635 ===

O Muhammad Husayn ibn Sad, upon him be the glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! Thou hast been mentioned repeatedly in the presence of the Wronged One, and in each instance thou wert

blessed with the mention of God. This mention is among the special divine bounties - one drop from its ocean bestoweth eternal life upon the world. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon Him and seek aid from Him. Verily He aideth whom He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: Relinquish not wisdom, and act according to that which hath reached you from God. Today the Mother Book speaketh and the Mother of Cities is manifest. Strive that ye may not be deprived of His grace and prevented from His fragrances. Mention of thee hath repeatedly flowed from the Pen, for verily He mentioneth him who hath mentioned Him and desired to aid His wondrous Cause. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have not violated God's covenant and testament, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

=== END BH07635 ===

=== START BH07636 ===

In My name the All-Bountiful! A remembrance unto him who hath believed in God when every doubting idolater turned away from Him. Verily We gave glad tidings unto all of the Day of God and His presence, yet when the Day came to pass and that which was hidden was made manifest, most of the people disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords. O people! This is the remembrance of God, were ye of them that occupy this station. And this is the Day of God - arise ye from the slumber of idle fancies. And this is the Book of God - recite ye it by night and by day. We have counseled the servants concerning that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. Among them are those who cast it behind them and those who accepted it. For each is their portion in the Book. We desired naught in the kingdom save that which God desired, as doth testify unto this the Kingdom of verses which is with Him. We sent forth the Messengers aforetime and revealed the Books that there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. Remind those who believed before Me and glorify before their faces through My Name, whereby the horizons were illumined.

=== END BH07636 ===

=== START BH07637 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the Bountiful!

The tyrannical Wolf and his son have considered and do consider the hand of God to be chained up. Say: O ye sources of tyranny and corruption, the hand of God has been and is outstretched, despite you and your followers and those who have led you astray. It is hoped that the hands of victory and triumph will be made manifest and will make manifest the Cause of God. However, I truthfully say unto you: know with absolute certitude that victory and triumph in this Most Great Revelation have been through balanced and enkindled utterances. Blessed are they who have detached themselves from their own desires and have held fast unto the Will of God - these are indeed of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Blessed art thou, for thou hast attained unto that which shall never fade away. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon My loved ones, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH07637 ===

=== START BH07638 ===

O emigrant who has been named Jalal! In the name of the Lord of all possibilities, drops of revelation have trickled from the leaves of the Divine Lote Tree in the form of these words: O handmaiden of God! Your letter was present before Us and was seen, and this word in truth has issued forth from the Supreme Pen: Verily your sins are forgiven. God, exalted and mighty be He, has adorned all His loved ones with the robe of forgiveness. God has pardoned what is past. All must henceforth act, with perfect sanctity and detachment, according to what has been revealed in the divine Tablets from the Pen of His Command. Give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds, that He has enabled you to recognize His Self and attain to His days. This was from God's great bounty. Convey My greetings to all steadfast handmaidens, and especially to some for whom supplication was made - wondrous Tablets were revealed and sent. Give them all the glad-tidings of God's grace, for all are mentioned in His presence and have attained His favors.

=== END BH07638 ===

=== START BH07639 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Praised be He Who hath revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have heard thy call and make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the mercy of thy Lord, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and made known unto me Thy path, and shown me Thy signs, and taught me Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy might and dominion and by the mysteries of Thy Manifestation that Thou write down for me, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the recompense of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face. O Lord! Thou seest the ocean of disobedience seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and generosity not to disappoint it. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH07639 ===

=== START BH07640 ===

In His Most Great Name! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The light hath been illumined by the splendors of the Revelation and the world by this ornament wherewith every insightful believer hath been adorned. They who have been honored in the days of God and believed in what hath been sent down from the heaven of grace, these are the people of Baha inscribed in a mighty tablet. Say: O people! That which ye were promised in the Book hath come to pass, and the Promised One is established upon the throne, and the Beloved calleth aloud: "The Best-Beloved hath appeared," and the Spirit proclaimeth: "Thine be the praise, O God of the worlds, for having

honored Thy lands by Thy coming. I beseech Thee by Thy presence to honor me with meeting Thee and draw me nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion, O Thou Goal of them that know Thee." Thus hath Thy mention flowed from the Pen of the Wronged One that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Gracious. We, from this spot, send Our glorification upon thy face and the faces of them who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

=== END BH07640 ===

=== START BH07641 ===

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious, The Most Splendid

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book in truth and made it a proof from Him unto all the worlds. Verily it is the Lamp of Guidance amidst mankind and the Sign of Grandeur unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Through it every Book sent down aforetime hath been established and every wise decree hath been fulfilled. O servants of the All-Merciful! Fear ye God and follow not every heedless one far removed from Him. That which was hidden throughout all eternity hath now been made manifest. Draw ye nigh unto Him and be not of them that hesitate. The mountains have passed away at the mention of His Name, yet ye remain fast asleep. Aid ye yourselves by turning towards the court of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Then aid ye the people through wisdom and utterance. Thus have ye been commanded in every perspicuous Tablet. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather give thanks that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards thee from this distant station and remembereth thee through His grace. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH07641 ===

=== START BH07642 ===

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth with a sovereignty that was witnessed by all the worlds. Verily He speaketh in all things: "There is none other God but Me!" Thus was the Command inscribed in the Tablet. When the spheres of thy Lord's will were set in motion and the Beloved appeared, he who was deprived of fairness turned away from Him. By My life! Everyone possessed of the sense of smell hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and everyone possessed of hearing hath heard His Call which was raised in truth. O My loved ones! Stand firm in the Cause with such steadfastness as will cause the hearts of them that have denied God and His signs, which were sent down from the heaven of revelation, to quake. Blessed is he who hath arisen amidst all contingent beings and, in the name of his Lord, the All-Merciful, hath taken the living waters and given to drink the crimson wine unto them that have recognized the unity of God from among the people of Baha, and unto the sincere ones from the drops that have trickled from the ocean of the will of the Lord of Names. Thus have We adorned the horizon of utterance with a luminary that was visible in the days of God.

=== END BH07642 ===

=== START BH07643 ===

He is the One standing before all faces!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested unto mankind that which every mighty and powerful one hath failed to achieve, and hath sent down verses in such wise that every learned and discerning one hath been powerless before them. He is, verily, the Truth, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee that which shall solace all eyes. Place the world beneath thy feet and say:

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of the nations, to ordain for me through Thy bounty that which shall keep me from aught else save Thee and draw me nigh in all conditions unto the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! My thirst hath exceeded all bounds of moderation. Where is the ocean of Thy grace, O Beloved of the worlds? I beseech Thee to preserve me, through Thy bounty and power, from the evil of Thy creatures who have cast behind them Thy Book and have clung to vain imaginings in Thy days. Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He willeth through His power. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07643 ===

=== START BH07644 ===

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired when the people were in evident delusion. He hath rolled up, through His power, the carpet of idle fancies when there shone forth from the horizon of the world the Sun of His Hidden Name, whereby every remote world was shaken. We sent not any Messenger but the divines of that age turned away from Him. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this - verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the divine who hath shown justice in the Cause of God and His Manifestation. Woe unto every sinful transgressor! They have perpetrated in this Revelation that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and the denizens of Paradise to cry out from their glorious station. The true divine is he who hath attained unto My recognition, heard My call, and arisen to serve My mighty Cause. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Beware lest the doubts of the turbaned heads prevent thee from this great bounty.

=== END BH07644 ===

=== START BH07645 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest One! Glorified is He Who sendeth down the verses as He pleaseth, and verily He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O servant! Hear My call, then soar in the atmosphere of My love and grieve not over what hath befallen thee from the power of the Cause, and be thou among those who rejoice whenever tribulation cometh in the path of the Beloved. He is the Beloved, but the people understand not. By His beauty! I long that every sword should fall upon Me in His path, and this is what My heart desireth, did ye but know. Can there be found in existence anything

sweeter than affliction in His path and tribulation in His love? Nay, by His Self, the True One, if ye but knew! Know thou that preservation lieth in His hand - He preserveth whom He willeth by a command from His presence, but the people perceive not. Be thou thankful unto God for having made Himself known unto thee. By God! This is a bounty greater than whatsoever existeth between the Kaf and the Nun. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon all who witness and are witnessed.

=== END BH07645 ===

=== START BH07646 ===

In His Name Who abideth after the passing of all things!

Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses unto people who understand. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are submissive unto Him. Hearken thou to the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree, that it may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt testify with thy heart and tongue that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Cause before which necks have bowed down in submission, and a Manifestation before Whose countenance the Daysprings of Revelation, in what was and what shall be, have prostrated themselves. This is a glory that no abasement can approach, even shouldst thou behold it imprisoned in this mighty fortress. Verily this glory of God hath shone forth from the horizon of the prison with such sovereignty that before it can stand neither the hosts of creation nor the might of any rejected oppressor. Blessed are they who have soared in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful's love and have quaffed this sealed wine. Be thou a servant of thy Lord's Cause and one who speaketh His praiseworthy remembrance. That which is visible shall pass away, and there shall endure for thee what We have ordained in a preserved Tablet.

=== END BH07646 ===

=== START BH07647 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance! Glorified is He Who speaks in the kingdom of mystic knowledge and causes all things to speak in praise of His Own Self, the One ascendant over all possibility. He aids whosoever arises to assist His Cause and confirms him as He wishes through majesty and power. The armies of the world cannot prevent Him, nor can the intimations of the nations. He speaks the truth at the heart of creation - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who hears the call of the Beloved and turns to Him with spirit and fragrance. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have revealed unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord morning and evening. Grieve not over the world and its conditions, for it shall pass away, and there shall remain for thee what hath been ordained in the Book. Thus hath the Bird of the Divine Throne warbled, and the Dove hath sung with most wondrous melodies. We beseech God to assist thee in His service and to make thee among those who have attained the supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby lands have been shaken.

=== END BH07647 ===

=== START BH07648 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. Glorified be He Who speaketh with truth and remembereth whomsoever He willeth among His creatures. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Verily, those who have been hindered from Him are in grievous schism. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you in My straight and manifest path. Were it not for tribulation in His love, the Glory would not have rejoiced amidst the hosts of creation. To this beareth witness that which I am in, if ye be of those endowed with insight. Drink ye the Kawthar of gladness from the hands of the mercy of the Manifestation, and turn not unto those who worship idols and imagine themselves to be among the monotheists. Break ye the idols of vain imaginings through My name and My sovereignty, and be not disturbed by any oppressive tyrant. Thus hath moved the Supreme Pen and the tongue of revelation hath spoken on this night whereby the faces of all worlds have been illumined. When thou attainest unto this Tablet, turn with thy heart unto the Dawning-Place of might and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, the Stranger, the Unique One.

=== END BH07648 ===

=== START BH07649 ===

He is God! Glorified be He Who created the heavens and earth and made the winds subservient. The thunder glorifies Him in fear and the clouds in awe. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High. Say: The heaven of vain imaginings hath been cleft asunder, the veils of glory have been lifted, the Sun of Beauty hath shone forth, and judgment hath been decreed by God, in Whose hand lies the dominion of all things. He is the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. O thou who gazest upon the Face! When thou hearest the verses of God, arise to aid His Cause and say: O people! The Beloved hath come with sovereignty, grandeur and glory. Beware that ye oppose Him not. Fear God and associate not with Him in Whom ye have believed. Whoso opposeth Him is accounted among those who disbelieved in God from all eternity. Thus doth the tongue of thy Lord teach thee that thou mayest remind the people of that which thou hast been commanded by the Transformer of all conditions. And the glory be upon thee from God, Whose decree of passing away prevaileth not over what He willeth.

=== END BH07649 ===

=== START BH07650 ===

In the name of God, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the prayer wherewith Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones have called upon Thee, and I ask Thee by Thy Name through which those near unto Thee have made their supplications in the past, and I say: O God! I beseech Thee by Thy most glorious Beauty, and all Thy Beauty is indeed glorious. O my God and my Beloved! This is the Name wherewith Thou hast adorned the preamble of the Tablet of Eternity, and made it the ornament of Thine own Self, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of the kingdoms of names. And Thou hast commanded all to recite it at dawn, that none among those endowed with vision might be debarred therefrom. O my God! I beseech Thee by this Most Great Name that Thou make me steadfast in His love and His good-pleasure, in such wise that I turn to none except Him, and hold fast to none but Him, and accept none save Him. Verily, Thou art powerful to do

what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Help in Peril. And praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Bountiful.

=== END BH07650 ===

=== START BH07651 ===

He is the Preserver!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names, and Thy Most Perfect and Exalted Words, and by the lights of Thy Countenance in the heaven of eternity, and by Thy Most Great, Most Perfect, Most Generous Name, through which all faces have turned toward the face of Thy Self-Sufficiency, and all hearts have been made to drink the holy waters of Thy Oneness, and through which every poor one hath been enriched, and every abased one hath been exalted, and every sick one hath been healed - to preserve the bearer of this Tablet from every affliction and illness, and from every disease and malady, and from whatsoever may occur through Thy decree in Thy kingdom of plague and pestilence and less than these, from all that causeth souls to tremble and bodies and hearts to be disturbed. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through Thy power and ordaineth what He willeth through the sovereignty of Thy command. None can resist Thy decree in the kingdom of Thy might, and none can prevent the execution of Thy judgment in the heaven of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH07651 ===

=== START BH07652 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast drawn the hearts of Thy servants to the horizon of Thy Revelation and caused the hearts of Thy chosen ones to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, to raise up in every city those who will arise to exalt Thy Cause and spread abroad the knowledge of Thee. O Lord! Preserve Thy servants from turning their gaze toward any but Thee and from inclining toward aught except Thyself. Make manifest unto them Thy clear and straight path that they may all attain unto Thee and turn their faces toward the pavilion of Thy nearness. O Lord! Look not upon them and their deeds, but rather look upon Thy mercy and bounty, Thy loving-kindness and Thy favors. Thou hast ever been independent of the worship of Thy creation and self-sufficient above the assistance of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to unite those who have been scattered by the oppression of Thine enemies and dispersed by the rejection of Thy creatures. Then assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07652 ===

=== START BH07654 ===

XXXIV

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! I implore Thee by Thine Ancient Beauty and Most Great Name, Whom Thou hast sacrificed that all the dwellers of Thine earth and heaven may be born anew, and Whom Thou hast cast into prison that mankind may, as a token of Thy bounty and of Thy sovereign might, be released from the bondage of evil passions and corrupt desires, to number me with those who have so deeply inhaled the fragrance of Thy mercy, and hastened with such speed unto the living waters of Thy grace, that no dart could hinder them from turning unto Thee, nor any spear from setting their faces towards the orient of Thy Revelation.

We testify, O my Lord, that Thou art God and that there is none other God besides Thee. From everlasting Thou wast enthroned on the inaccessible heights of Thy power, and wilt unto everlasting continue to exercise Thy transcendent and unrestrained dominion. The hosts of the world are powerless to frustrate Thy will, nor can all the dwellers of the earth and all the inmates of heaven annul Thy decree. Thou truly art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

Bless, O my God, those of the followers of the Bayan as have been numbered with the people of Baha, who have entered within the Crimson Ark in Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High. Thy might, verily, is equal to all things.

=== END BH07654 ===

=== START BH07655 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lamp which Thou didst kindle with the oil of Thy wisdom and didst place upon the niche of Thy bounty, and by which Thou didst illuminate the sincere ones among Thy creatures, that Thou make me wholly detached unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy favors, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, ascending to the heaven of Thy self-subsistence, and rising to the atmosphere of Thy lordship, so that there may remain within my soul no remembrance save the remembrance of Thee, no description save Thy description, and no deed except that which is done for love of Thee and Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy most exalted Word, and Who hath dominion over whatsoever Thou desirest through Thy sovereignty which hath transcended all who are in earth and heaven. Verily Thou art the Sovereign, the Transcendent, the Powerful, the Glorious, the All-Merciful. And praise be to God, the King, the All-Compelling, the Powerful, the Resurrector, the Holy, the All-Glorious.

=== END BH07655 ===

=== START BH07656 ===

?a. Upon ’Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy knowledge whereby the hearts of Thy servants were illumined, and by Thy Call whereby the realities of meaning and utterance in all creation

were attracted, and by the manifestation of Thy Most Great Name whereby the horizons of the cities of justice and fairness were illumined, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty and to abide beneath the shade of the pavilions of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou givest and Thou withholdest. Verily Thou art the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Bountiful, the Mighty, the Supreme.

Ordain for me, O my Best-Beloved, the reward of attaining Thy presence and meeting with Thee. Thou seest and knowest that I have arisen among Thy servants to serve Thy Cause and to unite the hearts of Thy creation. Assist me, O my God, and enable me, O my Best-Beloved, to mention Thee and praise Thee and to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07656 ===

=== START BH07657 ===

VII

Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by this Revelation whereby darkness hath been turned into light, through which the Frequented Fane hath been built, and the Written Tablet revealed, and the Outspread Roll uncovered, to send down upon me and upon them who are in my company that which will enable us to soar into the heavens of Thy transcendent glory, and will wash us from the stain of such doubts as have hindered the suspicious from entering into the tabernacle of Thy unity.

I am the one, O my Lord, who hath held fast the cord of Thy loving-kindness, and clung to the hem of Thy mercy and favors. Do Thou ordain for me and for my loved ones the good of this world and of the world to come. Supply them, then, with the Hidden Gift Thou didst ordain for the choicest among Thy creatures.

These are, O my Lord, the days in which Thou hast bidden Thy servants to observe the fast. Blessed is he that observeth the fast wholly for Thy sake and with absolute detachment from all things except Thee. Assist me and assist them, O my Lord, to obey Thee and to keep Thy precepts. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou choosest.

There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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LXXXII

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Thou art He Who hath created all things through a word uttered by Thy behest, and fashioned the entire creation through the power of Thy sovereignty and might. The mightiest of men are abased before the revelations of Thy glory, and they who are endued with strength tremble when faced with the evidences of Thy might. Every man of insight is bereft of vision when confronted with the effulgence of the glory of Thy face, and he who is possessed of riches is poor and desolate when beholding the plenteousness of Thy wealth.

I implore Thee by Thine All-Glorious Name, wherewith Thou didst adorn all the denizens of the kingdom of Thy revelation and the inmates of the heaven of Thy will, to grant that my soul may be attracted by the sweetness of the melody of the Bird of Heaven that chanteth amidst the branches of the tree of Thy decree that Thou art God, that there is none other God beside Thee.

Cleanse me with the waters of Thy mercy, O my Lord, and make me wholly Thine, and cause me to approach the Tabernacle of Thy Cause and the adored Sanctuary of Thy Presence. Ordain, then, for me all the things Thou didst ordain for the chosen ones among Thy handmaidens, and rain down upon me that which will illuminate my face and enlighten my heart.

Thou hast power to do what Thou willest, and Thou ordainest what Thou pleasest.

=== END BH07658 ===

=== START BH07659 ===

XXX

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou seest me in this day shut up in my prison, and fallen into the hands of Thine adversaries, and beholdest my son (The Purest Branch) lying on the dust before Thy face. He is Thy servant, O my Lord, whom Thou hast caused to be related to Him Who is the Manifestation of Thyself and the Day-Spring of Thy Cause.

At his birth he was afflicted through his separation from Thee, according to what had been ordained for him through Thine irrevocable decree. And when he had quaffed the cup of reunion with Thee, he was cast into prison for having believed in Thee and in Thy signs. He continued to serve Thy Beauty until he entered into this Most Great Prison. Thereupon I offered him up, O my God, as a sacrifice in Thy path. Thou well knowest what they who love Thee have endured through this trial that hath caused the kindreds of the earth to wail, and beyond them the Concourse on high to lament.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by him and by his exile and his imprisonment, to send down upon such as loved him what will quiet their hearts and bless their works. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

=== END BH07659 ===

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In His Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the call of Him Who hath been wronged, when He was oppressed between the hands of the heedless ones among Thy creatures. He calleth upon Thee at all times, and offereth in Thy name the Water of Life to the people of Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which the Salsabil of divine knowledge hath flowed amidst all created things and the seal of the choice Wine hath been broken, to aid Thy servants to love Thee and to gain Thy good-pleasure, and to bestow upon them that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O Lord! They are the poor who have turned toward the ocean of Thy

bounty, and they are the weak who have held fast to the cord of Thy strength. I beseech Thee to rend asunder the veil that hath come between Thee and them, that all may turn to the horizon of Thy grace and the Dayspring of Thy generosity and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. Then assist him who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and hath turned unto Thy face. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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LXXVI

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Every time I attempt to make mention of Thee, I am hindered by the sublimity of Thy station and the overpowering greatness of Thy might. For were I to praise Thee throughout the length of Thy dominion and the duration of Thy sovereignty, I would find that my praise of Thee can befit only such as are like unto me, who are themselves Thy creatures, and who have been generated through the power of Thy decree and been fashioned through the potency of Thy will. And at whatever time my pen ascribeth glory to any one of Thy names, methinks I can hear the voice of its lamentation in its remoteness from Thee, and can recognize its cry because of its separation from Thy Self. I testify that everything other than Thee is but Thy creation and is held in the hollow of Thy hand. To have accepted any act or praise from Thy creatures is but an evidence of the wonders of Thy grace and bountiful favors, and a manifestation of Thy generosity and providence.

I entreat Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Great Name whereby Thou didst separate light from fire, and truth from denial, to send down upon me and upon such of my loved ones as are in my company the good of this world and of the next. Supply us, then, with Thy wondrous gifts that are hid from the eyes of men. Thou art, verily, the Fashioner of all creation. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most High.

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He is God, the Strengthener

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify unto Thee in all things that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of all things and wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been from before. There is no God but Thee, and unto Thee is the final return. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious, and by the Ultimate Tree, the Most Exalted, the All-Exalted, that Thou protect the bearer of this white leaf from all evil, calamity, plague and pestilence. Verily, Thou dost protect whom Thou willest, for Thou hast knowledge of all things.

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LXXXVII

Magnified by Thy name, O Lord my God! Behold Thou mine eye expectant to gaze on the wonders of Thy mercy, and mine ear longing to hearken unto Thy sweet melodies, and my heart yearning for the living waters of Thy knowledge. Thou seest Thy handmaiden, O my God, standing before the habitation of Thy mercy, and calling upon Thee by Thy name which Thou hast chosen above all other names and set up over all that are in heaven and on earth. Send down upon her the breaths of Thy mercy, that she may be carried away wholly from herself, and be drawn entirely towards the seat which, resplendent with the glory of Thy face, sheddeth afar the radiance of Thy sovereignty, and is established as Thy throne. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. No God is there beside Thee, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

Cast not out, I entreat Thee, O my Lord, them that have sought Thee, and turn not away such as have directed their steps towards Thee, and deprive not of Thy grace all that love Thee. Thou art He, O my Lord, Who hath called Himself the God of Mercy, the Most Compassionate. Have mercy, then, upon Thy handmaiden who hath sought Thy shelter, and set her face towards Thee.

Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy servants who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy grace and desired the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. He hath attained unto the living waters which were sealed with the seal of Thy might and power. O Lord! Since Thou hast caused me to drink through Thy bounty and sustained me through Thy favor, withhold me not from the wonders of Thy gifts, and keep me not far from the horizon of Thy nearness and grace. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise and glorification, seeking refuge at Thy threshold. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving. O Lord! Send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will open mine eyes, purify my heart, sanctify my soul, and hallow my breast, that I may turn wholly unto Thee and be detached from all else but Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise. All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station! Glorified art Thou, O Lord, Ruler of the nations, Who hast dawned from the horizon of immortality through Thy Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by Thy greatness which hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy power which hath prevailed over all contingent beings, to ordain for Thy loved ones who have turned toward the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and entered the court of Thy Cause every good thing which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and promised them in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. O my Lord! Make them steadfast in the path of Thy firm Command, and enable

them to achieve what is best for them in this world and the next, O God of the worlds. And strengthen them, O Creator of existence, through Thy all-embracing bounty extended over both the seen and unseen, for in Thy grasp are the reins of the world - Thou exaltest whomsoever Thou willest and ordainest for whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. Thou adornest whomsoever Thou willest with the raiment of glory and elevation, and Thou deckest whomsoever Thou pleasest with the vesture of grandeur and splendor. There is no God but Thee, the King, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the name of God, the Most Mighty! Glorified art Thou, O my God, O my Beloved and my Hope! I call upon Thee at this moment when I have detached myself from all that hath been created between earth and heaven, and have turned my face toward Thy Most Exalted Countenance in Thy Later Manifestation through the Most Glorious Manifestation of Thyself. Wherefore, O my God, behold this poor one who hath clung to the cord of Thy riches, and this thirsty one who hath hastened to the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and this needy one who hath laid hold on the hem of Thy bounty, and this evanescent one who desireth to enter the stronghold of Thy eternity and drink from the Tasnim of Thy providence and soar in the atmosphere of yearning for Thee and ascend unto the heaven of union with Thee and meeting Thee. Therefore, O my Beloved, deprive me not, through Thy grace and favor, of the fruits of the Most Glorious Paradise, and shut me not out, through Thy generosity and bounty, from the Gate which hath been opened before the faces of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Bountiful, the Most High, the Compassionate, the Forgiver, the Merciful, the All-Giving. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted King.

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He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and the One with power over the unseen and the visible! Thou seest Thy loved ones among Thy servants who have turned away from Thy face and objected to the Manifestation of Thy Cause, Who speaks throughout the world in Thy name and through Thy sovereignty, and Who calls all to the horizon of Thy grace and Thy favors. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy Cause to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the veils of the world shall not prevent me from Thy remembrance and praise, nor shall the affairs of the nations keep me from turning toward the direction of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou knowest what is in my heart and hearest my cry. I beseech Thee to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace that which will preserve me from Thine enemies. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over all things and dominant over all names. The might of the heedless cannot frustrate Thee, nor can the turning away of those who have turned aside. And verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify that every new remembrance is prevented from ascending to the heaven of Thy knowledge, and every beauteous praise is barred from rising to the atmosphere of Thy wisdom. From time immemorial Thou hast been sanctified above the mention of Thy servants and exalted beyond the description of those who are nigh unto Thee. What relation can nothingness have with preexistence? I testify that the unity professed by those who recognize Thy oneness and the ultimate praise of those who know Thee returneth unto that Station which was created by the Pen of Thy Command and brought into being by Thy Will. By Thy glory, O Beloved of Baha and Creator of Baha! Baha seeth naught in himself save utter impotence to mention or praise Thee as befitteth Thy greatness and glory. Since this is so, I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all contingent beings to accept from Thy servants whatsoever appeareth from them in Thy path. Then aid them to exalt Thy Word and to spread Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that the polytheists have prevented the Pen of the Command from mentioning Thy mysteries, and have occupied the outposts and are hindering Thy servants from turning to the horizon of Thy glory and majesty. But those who have sought Thy presence, whether male or female, long for the breezes of Thy favors to waft over them and for Thy traces to be sent unto them, even though thereby, O my God, trials from the people of hatred are intensified against us. Yet Thou knowest that I have not sought preservation for myself in Thy path, nor rest in Thy love. Send down upon every soul that hath turned unto Thee that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose, that Thy melodies may draw them and bring them to the station Thou hast ordained for them. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, to assist Thy loved ones with the wonders of Thy assistance, for they have taken no helper besides Thee, and Thou art aware of the love for Thee that dwelleth in their hearts. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the nations have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Master of eternity, to bless the throne of the world through the Dawning-Place of Thy justice and the Dayspring of the Sun of Thy grace, that thereby all who dwell in existence, both seen and unseen, may be illumined. O Lord! Deprive not Thy servants of the fragrances of

Thy grace in Thy days. Then make them to know the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Seat of Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power through Thy sovereignty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Thou knowest that the Tree loveth its branches and twigs purely for Thy sake. I beseech Thee to preserve it from stormy winds, and to move it, O my God, by the breezes of Thy Will and the fragrances of Thy Purpose, that through it the fragrance of Thy mercy may be diffused throughout Thy lands and the sweet perfume of the robe of Thy favors throughout Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Protector of all things and the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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O Thou my God, my Imprisoned One! Glorified art Thou! Thou seest Thy loved ones, detached from their homes, turning toward the seat of Thy mighty throne, fleeing from Thy enemies to the shelter of Thy mercy and favors. They have borne hardships by land and sea, drawing nigh unto Thee and seeking the sweet-scented breezes of Thy nearness and presence. Yet when they drew near, they were prevented from entering the precincts of Thy mighty oneness and from attaining presence before Thy majestic throne. And among them, O my God, are those who have sought Thee with pure intention. Therefore, O Lord, accept from them what they have desired in Thy love and good-pleasure. Then ordain for them the reward of those who have attained the presence of Thy Beauty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the Generous. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O my God, by the wronged state of the Manifestation of Thyself, the Dayspring of Thine Essence, the Dawning-Place of Thy Will, and the Source of Thy Purpose - He Who was tried in Thy path among the most wretched of Thy creatures and sat beneath their swords while calling them to the heaven of Thy grace - to aid those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest humanity turning away from Thee and opposing Thee, despite that Thou hast made Thyself manifest in the revelations of Thy divinity and hast so sent down Thy signs that they have filled all Thy dominion. I entreat Thee, O Thou Quickener of the mouldering bone, Who didst shed the light of Thine effulgence unto Moses, to shelter Thy loved ones, man and woman alike, beneath the shelter of Thy sovereignty and heavenly favors. Solace their eyes, O my God, with the splendors of Thy countenance, and their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art their only assistance, O Lord, and their sole protector on this day. Ordain for them such as shall gladden them, exalt their names, and bring peace unto their souls. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Send Thy blessings, O God, unto Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Orient of Thy Revelation, and unto those who have confessed Thy sovereignty and acknowledged Thy grandeur. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Giving, the All-Bountiful, the Munificent.

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O Thou Who rulest over whatsoever Thou willest! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest a servant from among Thy servants who hath left his home, turning towards Thy countenance and drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace, until he attained Thy presence and stood before Thy face and heard Thy verses. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world and given life to the nations, to make him steadfast in Thy Cause and focused on the horizon of Thy bounty. Then assist him to be obedient unto Thee and to seek Thy good-pleasure, and to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures. O Lord! Help Thy servants and creation to rend asunder the veils that have come between them and Thee, that all may turn to the Sun of Thy bestowal and draw near unto the Living Waters in Thy days. O Lord! Withhold them not from the rain of Thy gifts which hath poured down from the heaven of Thy Will and the clouds of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and the Omnipotent over what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Ancient of the Most Ancient!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how the earth hath become straitened for Thy loved ones, and how the eyes of Thy servants have turned away from them. At all times do they call upon Thee and seek Thy presence, and lament in their separation from Thee. But when Thou didst manifest the Manifestation of Thyself among them through Thy sovereignty and power, they turned away from Thee and denied Thy signs and rejected Thy clear tokens, after Thou hadst desired through the revelation of Thy Cause naught but to admit them into Thy Kingdom and dominion and to make them abide eternally through Thine eternity. And Thou seest, O my God, how after their rejection and denial they killed Thy loved ones and shed their blood in most lands, and persisted in error until they took captive the Manifestation of Thy Beauty and His kindred and loved ones from Baghdad and brought them to Mosul the hunchbacked. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for what hath befallen us in Thy path at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. I thank Thee in all circumstances, for verily Thou art the Most High, the Most Exalted.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones in Thy path, and knowest what they have borne for love of Thee and for Thy good-pleasure, and hearest from every quarter the sighing of Thy loved ones and the lamentation of Thy favored ones. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which encompasseth all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, to make them steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Since they have drunk from the cup of tribulations for

Thy Cause, cast them not away from the precincts of Thy mercy, and rain down upon them from the clouds of Thy decree that which will revive their hearts and tranquilize their souls, lest the oppression of the tyrannical ones prevent them from gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty and turning to the direction of Thy Cause. Verily Thou hast ever been mighty through Thy power and supreme through Thy sovereignty, and the opposition of Thy servants hath never hindered what Thou hast willed by Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the lamentation of Thy servants and the cries of Thy loved ones, and beholdest them in the hands of those who have denied Thy signs, turned away from Thy countenance, kept far from Thy nearness, and rejected Thy manifestation in the Manifestation of Thyself and the dawning of Thy light from the Dayspring of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Word through which the tongue of Thy Command hath spoken in praise of Thyself, and through which the sweet savors of Thy bounty have wafted among Thy creatures, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will solace their eyes, tranquilize their souls, and cause their spirits to soar in the atmosphere of Thy knowledge. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou seest that the Dawning-Place of Thy signs in this Prison maketh mention of one of Thy handmaidens, and this is due solely to her having turned toward the direction of Thy bestowals. O my Lord! Aid her to stand firm in the Most Great Steadfastness. Thou, verily, ordainest whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

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He Who is seated upon the throne of grandeur and power! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that Baha has desired naught except to exalt Thy Word and to win Thy good-pleasure, and has purposed only what Thou hast purposed through Thy command and what Thou hast revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. At all times doth he drink deep of the cup of tribulation in Thy path. By Thy glory! If I have turned toward my kindred, it was only because I knew of their afflictions in Thy love and their adversities in Thy Cause and their turning toward the Kaaba of Thy Beauty. And I have loved my branches only for the exaltation of Thy sovereignty and what Thou hast ordained for them in Thy mighty Book. And I have manifested myself only by Thy command and have desired it only for Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art the One Who knoweth what is within my soul, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! Aid Thy loved ones who have tasted the bitterness of tribulations in Thy love to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to turn their gaze toward Thy direction in all conditions. Thou art the Mighty, the Most Exalted.

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CXVII

Glory to Thee, O my God! The first stirrings of the spring of Thy grace have appeared and clothed Thine earth with verdure. The clouds of the heaven of Thy bounty have rained their rain on this City within whose walls is imprisoned Him Whose desire is the salvation of Thy creatures. Through it the soil of this City hath been decked forth, and its trees clothed with foliage, and its inhabitants gladdened.

The hearts of Thy dear ones, however, will rejoice only at the Divine Springtime of Thy tender mercies, whereby the hearts are quickened, and the souls are renewed, and the trees of human existence bear their fruits.

The plants that have sprung forth, O my Lord, in the hearts of Thy loved ones have withered away. Send down upon them, from the clouds of Thy spirit, that which will cause the tender herbs of Thy knowledge and wisdom to grow within their breasts. Rejoice, then, their hearts with the proclamation of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy sovereignty.

Their eyes, O my Lord, are expectantly turned in the direction of Thy bounty, and their faces are set towards the horizon of Thy grace. Suffer them not, through Thy bounty, to be deprived of Thy grace. Potent art Thou, by Thy sovereign might, over all things. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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CLII

Lauded be Thy name, O my God! I can discover no one in Thy realm who can befittingly turn unto Thee, or is able to adequately hearken unto what hath gone out of the mouth of Thy will. I beseech Thee, therefore, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the entire creation and the King of the realm of Thine invention, graciously to aid Thy creatures to accomplish that which is pleasing and acceptable unto Thee, that they may arise to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures, and to speak forth Thy praise before all who are in heaven and on earth.

Thou art He, O my Lord, Whose bounty hath surpassed all things, and Whose power hath transcended all things, and Whose mercy hath encompassed all things. Look, then, upon Thy people with the eyes of Thy tender mercies, and leave them not to themselves and to their corrupt desires in Thy days. How farsoever they may have strayed from Thee, and however grievously they have turned back from Thy face, yet Thou, in Thine essence, art the All-Bountiful, and, in Thine inmost spirit, art the Most Merciful. Deal with them according to the unrevealed tokens of Thy bounty and Thy gifts. Thou art, verily, the One to the power of Whose might all things have testified, and to Whose majesty and omnipotence the whole creation hath borne witness.

No God is there but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all created things, my Purpose and the Purpose of all contingent beings! Thou knowest and seest Thy loved ones amidst Thy enemies and what hath befallen them in Thy path. I beseech Thee by the ordering of Thy Cause and the decree of Thy Pen and the blowing of the breezes of Thy Will whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine opponents, then aid them with the hosts of Thy remembrance and utterance. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy leaves who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs. I beseech Thee to forgive her and assist her in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the first and the last.

He is the Helper. The handmaiden of God, sister of Haji Muhammad, upon them both be the Glory of God, sent one ring and six skull-caps and one prayer-bead string through the honored Mr. Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, which reached the servant in the year 1305.

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O handmaid of God, companion of he who hath migrated unto God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and my Master! Thou seest how the Eye of Baha gazeth toward the horizon of Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness, and his hand is raised unto the heaven of Thy bounty and Thy gifts, and his foot standeth firm in Thy Cause and in establishing Thy truth in Thy kingdom, and his tears flow forth by reason of what hath befallen him at the hands of the enemies of Thy Self and the oppressors among Thy creatures, and his sighs are raised up by what he hath witnessed and seen from those who have denied Thy signs. O Lord! Thou beholdest him a stranger in Thy lands, and a captive in Thy countries, and imprisoned among the idolaters. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the Pens, and the breezes of Thy mercy have wafted among all creation, and through which Thou hast caused the lovers to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and Thy favors, and hast given the unitarians to drink of the Kawthar of Thy grace and Thy gifts, that Thou mayest send down upon Thy loved ones that which will tranquilize their hearts and illumine their faces. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

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LIV

Lauded be Thy name, O my God! Aid Thou by Thy strengthening grace Thy servants and Thy handmaidens to recount Thy virtues and to be steadfast in their love towards Thee. How many the leaves which the

tempests of trials have caused to fall, and how many, too, are those which, clinging tenaciously to the tree of Thy Cause, have remained unshaken by the tests that have assailed them, O Thou Who art our Lord, the Most Merciful!

I render Thee thanks that Thou hast made known unto me such servants as have utterly abolished, by the power of Thy might and of Thy sovereignty, the idols of their corrupt desires, and were not kept back by the things which are possessed by Thy creatures from turning in the direction of Thy grace. These have so vehemently rent the veils asunder that the dwellers of the cities of self have wept, and fear and trembling seized the people of envy and wickedness who, adorning their heads and their bodies with the emblems of knowledge, have proudly rejected Thee and turned away from Thy beauty.

I implore Thee, O my Lord, by Thy surpassing majesty and Thine Ancient Name, to enable Thy loved ones to assist Thee. Direct, then, continually their faces towards Thy face, and write down for them what will cause all hearts to exult and all eyes to be gladdened.

Thou, truly, art the Help in peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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XXXVII

Glory be to Thee, O King of eternity, and the Maker of nations, and the Fashioner of every moldering bone! I pray Thee, by Thy Name through which Thou didst call all mankind unto the horizon of Thy majesty and glory, and didst guide Thy servants to the court of Thy grace and favors, to number me with such as have rid themselves from everything except Thyself, and have set themselves towards Thee, and have not been kept back by such misfortunes as were decreed by Thee, from turning in the direction of Thy gifts.

I have laid hold, O my Lord, on the handle of Thy bounty, and clung steadfastly to the hem of the robe of Thy favor. Send down, then, upon me, out of the clouds of Thy generosity, what will purge out from me the remembrance of any one except Thee, and make me able to turn unto Him Who is the Object of the adoration of all mankind, against Whom have been arrayed the stirrers of sedition, who have broken Thy covenant, and disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs.

Deny me not, O my Lord, the fragrances of Thy raiment in Thy days, and deprive me not of the breathings of Thy Revelation at the appearance of the splendors of the light of Thy face. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Naught can resist Thy will, nor frustrate what Thou hast purposed by Thy power.

No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name all created things were dissolved, by Whose command all contingent beings were subdued, and at the vibration of Whose Most Exalted Word all things were stirred! I beseech Thee by the glances of Thy favor and the warbling of the Dove of Thy Oneness to inscribe with the finger of Thy might upon the brow of Thy chosen ones that whereby Thy servants and creatures may recognize them. Thou seest, O my God, my Purpose and my Master, that Thy servants are occupied with their riches, heedless through their affairs, and prevented by their veils from recognizing Thy chosen ones who have arisen to serve Thy Cause, who have spoken that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and who have testified to that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath testified in the earliest of Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the sovereignty of Thy Will and the penetrating influence of Thy Purpose, to ordain for the people of Thy realm that which Thou hast destined for them through Thy bounty and favors. Thou hast ever been, O my God, supreme over all who are in Thy earth and sanctified above all that are with Thy creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the Self-Subsisting arose, and the seal of the choice Wine was broken, and there hastened unto Thee all who cast behind them the manifestations of learning - they who violated Thy Covenant, and disbelieved in Thy signs, and turned away from Thy presence, and denied Thy right when Thou didst come unto them from the horizon of the Spirit with manifest sovereignty. O my Lord! This is one of Thy handmaidens who seeth her heart drawn unto Thee, and her eyes fixed upon Thy horizon, and her face turned toward the lights of Thy countenance. Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognize Thy Revelation when Thy servants and creatures turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee and which Thou hast ordained for the people of Thy most exalted Paradise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. All things have testified to Thy generosity and bounty and gifts and favors. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Munificent, the Bestower, the Generous.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose might the limbs of the world trembled and at Whose fear the hearts of the nations were troubled! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the Kingdom of Names appeared and all things came into being, to assist Thy loved ones to achieve the most great steadfastness, and to ordain for them, through Thy bounty and grace, that which will bring joy to their eyes, tranquility to their souls, and gladness to their hearts. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee, and directing themselves to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy proof, and

the Manifestation of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee not to deprive them of the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. O Lord! This is a Day which Thou hast related unto Thyself and made, through Thy power and sovereignty, the sovereign over all ages and centuries. I beseech Thee to protect Thy chosen ones from the evil of the oppressors among Thy creation. Thou art He Whom the defenses of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of the nations weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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O Thou by Whom the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose light of countenance all created things were drawn, and through the fire of Whose Tree all contingent beings were set ablaze! I beseech Thee by that revelation whereby Moses the Interlocutor was struck down, and by Thy most sweet call which the Beloved was blessed to hear, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will shield them from all else save Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! My tongue, my pen, my outward being and my inmost reality all testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou hast no partner in the realm of dominion and sovereignty. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, standing before the door of Thy grace, hoping for the manifestations of Thy favors and gifts. I beseech Thee not to make me of those who denied Thy Revelation and disputed Thy signs. Write down for me, then, that which is best in this world and the next. Verily, Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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LXXII

Lauded be Thy name, O Thou in Whose hands is the kingdom of all names, and in the grasp of Whose might are all that are in heaven and all that are on earth! I entreat Thee, by Him Who is Thy Most Effulgent Name Whom Thou hast made a target for the darts of Thy decree in Thy path, O Thou the King of eternity, to rend asunder the veils that have shut off Thy creatures from the horizon of Thy glory, that haply they may turn their faces in the direction of Thy mercy, and draw nigh unto the Day-Spring of Thy loving-kindness.

Leave not Thy servants to themselves, O my Lord! Draw them through the influence of Thine utterances unto the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, and to the Fountain of Thy Revelation, and to the Treasury of Thy wisdom. Thou art He to Whose strength and power all things have testified, Whose Purpose nothing whatsoever of all that hath been created in Thy heaven and on Thy earth hath been able to frustrate.

Render, then, victorious, O my God, Thy servants who have set their faces towards Thee, and directed their steps to the seat of Thy grace. Send down, then, upon them what will keep them safe from the danger of turning to any one but Thee, and from fixing their eyes upon aught else except Thyself.

Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and to rule as Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the God of glory and wisdom.

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=== START BH07689 ===

XX

Lauded be Thy name, O Thou Who beholdest all things and art hidden from all things! From every land Thou hearest the lamentations of them that love Thee, and from every direction Thou hearkenest unto the cries of such as have recognized Thy sovereignty. Were their oppressors to be asked: “Wherefore have ye oppressed them and held them in bondage in Ba?gh_dad and elsewhere? What injustice have they committed? Whom have they betrayed? Whose blood have they spilled, and whose property have they plundered?” they would know not what to answer.

Thou knowest full well, O my God, that their only crime is to have loved Thee. For this reason have their oppressors laid hold on them, and scattered them abroad. Aware as I am, O my God, that Thou wilt send down upon Thy servants only what is good for them, I nevertheless beseech Thee, by Thy name which overshadoweth all things, to raise up, for their assistance and as a sign of Thy grace and as an evidence of Thy power, those who will keep them safe from all their adversaries.

Potent art Thou to do Thy pleasure. Thou art, verily, the Supreme Ruler, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07689 ===

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O sister of the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Nightingale! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hearest the cry of the oppressed in Thy days and the sighing of the lovers in their separation and remoteness from Thee! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy verses, whereby all things were stirred and the Kingdom of Names was adorned, to ordain for everyone who hath turned towards Thee that which beseemeth the loftiness of Thy sovereignty and the sublimity of Thy power. O Lord! Aid Thy male and female servants to remain steadfast in Thy love, and write down for them that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have desired naught except what Thou didst desire for them and have willed naught save what Thou hadst ordained for them. O Lord! Thy generosity hath preceded all who are in existence and Thy mercy hath encompassed all who dwell in the realm of the seen and the unseen. Deprive not Thy servants of the ocean that hath appeared through Thy favors and surgeth through Thy gifts. Aid them to draw nigh unto Thee, detached from all else besides Thee. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the reins of ordainment and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of destiny. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07690 ===

=== START BH07691 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and the controlling forces of all existence! I beseech Thee by those meanings that no words can contain and no veils can reach, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy upon them that are near unto Thee among Thy creation that which will exalt them through Thy Name amongst Thy servants and draw them nigh unto Thee in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Illuminator of the world and He Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to cause the hearts of those who are sincere toward Thee to be set ablaze with the heat of Thy love, that they may cast aside their desires and hold fast unto that which Thou hast willed through Thy command. O Lord! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation, and Thou beholdest their helplessness in the grasp of the tyrannical ones among Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst protect Him Who conversed with Thee from the evil of the Pharaoh of the age, to protect them that seek Thee from those who are moved by the winds of self and passion. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, and Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07691 ===

=== START BH07692 ===

In His Name Who dawns from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

The Blessed Tree at this moment makes mention of its leaves with a mention that is the cause of guidance and the means of attaining unto God, glorified be His majesty. Blessed is the ear that has succeeded in hearing its rustling. Today the Hand of Bounty bestows the Kawthar of eternity. Blessed is the soul that has turned unto it and attained thereunto. That leaf must, throughout the nights and days, be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Lord of all mankind, inasmuch as He has confirmed and guided her until she attained the presence before His Face and heard the call of her Lord, the All-Merciful, for the hearing of which ears were created. This is a mighty bounty and a great favor.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having brought me before Thy throne and caused me to hear Thy call and behold the horizon of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to make my deeds worthy of Thy gracious acceptance and adorned with the ornament of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH07693 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have witnessed and We do witness, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. We have informed the people of that which hath appeared and shone forth, and I am the All-Informed. We have illumined their eyes with the kohl of wisdom and shown them My resplendent

Beauty. He who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance is indeed of the people of this glorious Scene. By the life of God! They who have denied God when He came with manifest sovereignty are among the losers. Say: O concourse of companions! Hearken unto that which My Most Exalted Pen counseleth you, and be not of the heedless ones. We enjoin upon you trustworthiness and steadfastness, even as We have enjoined them upon you aforetime in My perspicuous Book. Say: Beware lest ye barter away the verses of God, and beware lest ye abandon that which ye have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest remind the servants of that which thou hast been commanded in this wondrous Tablet. The glory rest upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have attained in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of the Peerless Knower!

Day and night doth the divine tongue summon the peoples of the earth to the immortal Kingdom, yet all remain heedless and veiled therefrom. The wine of selfish desire hath so seized them that none possessing understanding or awareness can be found. This is that day of which He saith: “And thou shalt see mankind as drunken, yet they are not drunken: but severe is the chastisement of God.” And this is that Day of which He saith: “The trumpet shall be blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth shall swoon away, save him whom God pleaseth.” And likewise He saith: “All things shall perish save His face.” By God’s life! All are seen to have swooned save certain letters of the face of thy Lord, and they rejoice in Paradise. Blessed are they who have hearkened to the call of Truth and who, with utmost wisdom and determination, are occupied with teaching the Cause. Verily, He hath heard thy call and answered thee. Say, when thou hast attained unto Him: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!

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=== START BH07695 ===

In the Name of the one God! O God, O Generous One, O Merciful One! I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou hast neither peer nor likeness. Thy bounty brought the world of being into existence, and Thy generosity guided the peoples through Thy Most Great Name. Some, through the whisperings of the Evil One, were deprived of the ocean of Thy mercy, while others were illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. O Generous One, I beseech Thy ancient forgiveness and seek Thy all-encompassing mercy. Protect this servant from the doubts of those souls who have turned away and are barred from the ocean of Thy knowledge. My God, my God! Protect Thy servant, through Thy bounty and generosity, from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament. O Lord! Withhold me not from Thy sealed wine, then aid me to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness, lest the turbans of Thy servants prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

=== END BH07695 ===

=== START BH07696 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Most Great Name beareth witness before all nations that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Protecting, the All-Glorious, the Most Exalted. He hath in truth appeared and hath spoken forth that whereby the balance of justice hath been established between earth and heaven. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. He hath commanded all to observe that which will exalt the Cause of God above all else, yet the people have cast it behind their backs and have accepted instead that which every sinful doubter hath ordained. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the call of his Lord and responded to his Master when He came with the kingdom of signs. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of God and His loving-kindness, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the world, Who hath appeared through Thy Most Great Name, for having remembered me in Thy prison and revealed unto me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee to assist me under all conditions to serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

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=== START BH07697 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The servant beareth witness unto that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever existed, sanctified beyond all mention and praise, and exalted above whatsoever is with all created things. He hath created creation as a manifestation of His bounty and power, and as an expression of His grace and providence. He hath sent forth the Messengers and made them to be guides unto His creation and lamps of knowledge among His creatures. Blessed is the servant whom that which he possesseth hath not withheld from that which is with God, who hath arisen and turned towards Him, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, for having guided me unto Thy straight path, and acquainted me with Thy mighty message, and caused me to hear Thy sweet call, and shown me Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the kingdom of Thy verses and the dominion of Thy Cause and Thy power, to assist Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to adorn them, O my God, with the ornament of goodly deeds. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, the Sovereign at the beginning and in the end.”

=== END BH07697 ===

=== START BH07698 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The Self-Subsisting testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, and the Best-Beloved testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of God in His days and hath clung unto Him, detached from those who

have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Cleave ye to that which is good - this is what the All-Merciful hath enjoined in His beloved Book. Say: Beware, O peoples of the earth, lest ye follow them who have disbelieved in God and His sovereignty, after He came with the truth with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all existence. Say: Turn ye to the supreme horizon and follow not every rejected babbler. He announceth unto you the Kawthar of life while ye turn away from it. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning to the Qiblih of the world. We have made mention of thee in this praiseworthy station. Be thou thankful to thy Lord for having remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen.

=== END BH07698 ===

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy

O Aqa Mihdi!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the rightful Sovereign. The heaven praiseth Him through its loftiness, the earth through its motion, the sun through its radiance, the stars through their light, the trees through their fruits, the seas through their waves, the winds through their blowing, and the waters through their flowing. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life. He is the unknowable Sovereign and the incomprehensible King. In His grasp lies the kingdom of all things. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Glorious, the All-Merciful.

Thou must bear witness unto that which God hath witnessed, and pay no heed to those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, the Lord of names and attributes. He preserveth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty, and within His grasp lies the kingdom of might and power. No vision can grasp Him, but He graspeth all vision, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in the Book. And praise be to God, the King, the Mighty, the Most Exalted.

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=== START BH07700 ===

O Abbas! He is the Mighty. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the might and the majesty, His the greatness and the glory, His the loftiness and the independence. All were created by His command and all act by His command. With Him is the knowledge of the unseen in the heavens and earth, and the knowledge of what was and what will be. And thou, O letter Ayn, forget not My love for thee and My affection towards thee, and be not of those who have broken God’s covenant and His testament and who fall short in God’s religion. Remind God’s servants of pure fear of God such that nothing distracts them from the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then remind from Us thy brethren not to let any matter block them from the paths of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. And the glory be upon thee and upon them and upon she who was in thy house and upon all females and males.

=== END BH07700 ===

=== START BH07701 ===

In the Name of the One, the All-Informing

God testifies that there is none other God but Him. His is the might and power and majesty, and His is the strength and grandeur and glory. He makes poor and enriches, makes ill and heals. He is indeed the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Bear witness, O people, to that which God hath witnessed. He hath indeed testified to this Revelation and given glad-tidings unto all of this Great Announcement. This is the announcement wherewith were adorned the scrolls of Adam and the Friend, and that which the All-Merciful revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and unto him who was named Ali before Nabil. Ye were promised this Most Great Name, as attested by the Torah and the Gospel.

We have sent down unto thee that which rejoiceth thy heart, though the Beloved is in manifest sorrow. They have denied the right of God and slain His chosen ones without clear proof or illuminating Book. Blessed is he who hath drunk the Kawthar of revelation on this Day wherein every wise command hath been made manifest.

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=== START BH07703 ===

Maraghih. O Haji Aqa ibn Dakhil, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is verily the hidden, treasured, and guarded Mystery, to Whom the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have testified. Through Him the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged, and the horizon of certitude hath been illumined, and the table of utterance hath been sent down from the clouds of the mercy of God, the Mighty, the Loving. O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who is present before the Countenance hath arrived and was presented after permission was granted. We have answered thee with this Tablet, before which the near ones have bowed down in humility, and We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter as a token of grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. Rejoice thou in this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs and taught me what was hidden in Thy knowledge and guided me unto Thy mighty, extended Path.”

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O Khan Baba, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the hidden Command and the treasured Mystery. Through Him were raised the standards of divine knowledge among all religions, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken that which caused the

limbs of the idols to tremble - those who have prevented the servants from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Sea, each wave of which proclaimeth before the faces of the nations: “O people! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestower hath come with manifest sovereignty.” Blessed art thou for having heard My call and turned toward My horizon and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and make thee steadfast in this Great Announcement. Thy portrait hath been presented before the Countenance and hath attained the honor of meeting. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest grace. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

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In His Name, the All-Knowing! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who is seated upon the Throne, verily He is the Source of My inspiration, and the Dayspring of My signs, and the Manifestation of My Cause, the firm, the impregnable. I bear witness to that which God hath testified, and to which testify the Concourse on High and those who circle round His mighty Throne. Those who have not borne witness, they have denied God and His signs, and have rejected what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the perspicuous Book. Soon shall the world pass away and they shall find themselves in grievous loss. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded to his Lord, and woe unto him who hath turned away from the Face unto which the Faithful Spirit hath turned. O people! Ponder the Revelation of God and His proof, and follow not every oppressor who hath found not the fragrance of justice and was a messenger from the self and passion unto every remote transgressor. We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed to stand firm in His Great Steadfastness. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Generous.

=== END BH07705 ===

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In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all possibility. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared with the truth is verily the Dayspring of bounty and the Dawning-Place of justice. Through Him hath appeared the Most Great Word, and every receptive soul hath attained the ultimate goal. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath turned unto God, the Lord of all men, and whoso hath turned away is assuredly among the losers, as recorded in a mighty Tablet. Blessed art thou, O Ahmad, inasmuch as thou hast enjoined upon the people what is right and forbidden them what is wrong. Make mention unto them of that which thou didst hear from the tongue of grandeur and glory when the Dawning-Place of names was in Baghdad, that they may become aware and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have sent down unto thee diverse Tablets that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God, the One, the All-Knowing. Verily, the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the most sublime horizon when it was illumined by this manifest Name.

=== END BH07706 ===

=== START BH07707 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the One through Whom the standards of divine unity were raised above all other standards and through Whom appeared the commandments of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the servant who hath heard the call, and woe unto the heedless. The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and read it after permission was granted. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book. Verily We answer every questioner and behold every one who turneth toward Us. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We counsel thee to be patient in this Day wherein the sighing of the Fire hath been raised up by him who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Be thou thankful unto God for having aided thee to recognize Him and mentioned thee in His exalted station. Be thou in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from God. This is what We counselled Our servants aforetime and in this Great Day. Glory be unto them who have held fast unto My firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07707 ===

=== START BH07708 ===

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Single One, the All-Informed. He is the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Dayspring of His Will to all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet the people are in manifest error. They have lost who denied the signs of God and His clear and luminous proof. We have sent down the Book and revealed the Cause in such wise that none denied it save every hostile doubter. Blessed is he who hath cast away the abode of fancy, turning unto the stronghold of certitude. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Tablet. Thus hath the King of Names testified in His mighty Book. Say: This is a Day wherein all things cry out and bear witness unto the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain heedless. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet, give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07708 ===

=== START BH07709 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the One intended, He Whom the dwellers of Paradise and they that circle round the Throne in the morning and evening have acknowledged in His Manifestation and sovereignty. Say: If ye be fair-minded, O peoples of the earth, if ye deny Him by Whom the horizon of utterance hath been illumined, to whom will ye turn, and by what proof will your faith in God, the One, the All-Informed, be established? O peoples of the earth! By God, ye were created for this Day. Arise in My Name to remember Me and to serve My Cause, if ye be of

them that know. Whoso turneth away this Day hath in truth turned away from God from time immemorial, and whoso turneth unto Him is reckoned among the sincere ones. It behooveth thee today to make mention of the Day of God unto the people, that they may recognize that from which they were debarred. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the tongue of Revelation spoken in this station, that thou mayest rejoice and arise to make mention of this Wronged One, the Exile.

=== END BH07709 ===

=== START BH07710 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh the truth is indeed the Speaker of Sinai through Whom those that lay buried have risen. Whoso turneth unto Him hath in truth turned unto God throughout all ages, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from the All-Informed, the Single One. O thou who art mentioned in the presence of the Countenance! Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I created creation for this Day, yet when it appeared and I manifested My Self and revealed My verses, they denied and turned away from My straight path. Take heed lest the affairs of the earth prevent thee or its happenings sadden thee on this Day of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is the Day which was attributed to God in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed is the one whose strength was not weakened by the denial of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great, Most Wondrous Tablet.

=== END BH07710 ===

=== START BH07711 ===

In My Name, Beauty, upon Him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous!

God beareth witness that He speaketh the truth in this station which hath been named with the most beautiful names in the Crimson Book: “There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower!” The verses have testified to Him Who is the Manifestation of clear proofs, yet the people remain in wondrous intoxication. They hear the call of God and deny it - verily they are among those who wander distracted. The proof hath been perfected and the evidence hath appeared, and He calleth from the midmost heart of contingent being: “The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined!” - yet most of the people remain heedless. We make mention of him whom We found steadfast in the Cause and We give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Let nothing grieve thee on this Day when the Most Great Joy walketh abroad and proclaimeth: “I am the All-Distinguishing, the All-Knowing!” The very stones have spoken in remembrance of the Chosen One, while the trees are in grievous lamentation. Thus hath the Cock crowed and the Nightingale warbled, when the Speaker of Sinai spoke forth in this noble station.

=== END BH07711 ===

=== START BH07712 ===

O Haydar-Quli Khan, He is the Faithful Rememberer! God beareth witness in the Kingdom of Utterance that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Preserved Tablet and the Inscribed Book. Whoso hath attained unto recognition of Him hath verily attained unto the recognition of God from time immemorial, and whoso turneth away is of them that have denied the rights of God and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. O people of Baha! Hold fast unto pure servitude unto God. Thus doth He Who possesseth the Sacred Texts and Tablets command you. By God! He commandeth you that which profiteth you, as every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! When thou didst attain unto the verses of thy Lord and didst drink therefrom the choice wine of recognition, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses, for having turned towards me despite my unworthiness. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the Pen spoken by command of the Ancient King, that thou mightest render thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

=== END BH07712 ===

=== START BH07713 ===

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bountiful. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. His is generosity and grace, and His are mercy and justice, and He encompasseth all things. Say: He it is Who giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life; and verily He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not, and the Manifest One Who hideth not. And verily He encompasseth all things and is wise, all-knowing, and aware, wise and powerful. And unto God belongeth the creation of the heavens and earth; He createth what He willeth by His command, more swiftly than the light returneth to its source. This is a Book from God, the Mighty, the Single, the Exalted, the Holy, the Most Great, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, unto those who have believed in God and His signs and His Messengers and His angels, and were among the guided ones. O people! Be steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, and when verses are sent down unto you, be not ye among the proud ones.

=== END BH07713 ===

=== START BH07714 ===

HE IS THE ONE MANIFEST FROM THE SUPREME HORIZON

The Wronged One beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the heights of might and grandeur, and will continue to be even as He hath been. He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O thou who gazeth toward Mine horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My mighty prison. It will draw thee nigh unto a station wherein the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary proclaimeth: “There is none other God but I, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering.” Verily He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Say: O concourse of men! Cast away what ye possess and hold fast unto the Book of God. Verily it hath been sent down in truth from His glorious and mighty Kingdom. Cling ye to the hem of God and His bounty, and follow not every deluded

remote one. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of Names did walk. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath cast away the world for love of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH07714 ===

=== START BH07715 ===

Rangoon. O Abu'l-Zafar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve and who hath awakened the servants from the slumber of heedlessness through the fragrances of revelation and the rustling of the Supreme Pen. Whosoever attaineth unto this honor must have his head adorned with the crown of detachment, his temple embellished with the robe of godliness, and his heart illumined with the light of divine knowledge. This Day is different from other days, and this Cause different from other causes. Beseech ye God that He deprive not eyes from beholding His signs, nor ears from hearkening to the rustling of His Supreme Pen. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which shall never cease to yield fruit, and whose mention shall not be erased from God's Book. Glory be unto the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have turned with their hearts and said: "Praise be unto Thee for having remembered us while Thou wert imprisoned in the hands of the heedless ones."

=== END BH07715 ===

=== START BH07716 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali Khan! Blessed art thou for having adorned thy heart with the ornament of divine recognition in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. By God! This is the Day that hath become the sovereign of days in the realm of possibility, wherein the Path of God was manifested to all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Balance was set up through this Name whereby earthquakes appeared and the sky brought forth smoke. Those who were nurtured in learning rose up against Him Whom God made the Dawning-Place of knowledge and the Dayspring of inspiration. They clung to the sciences, heedless of the One Who is known, thus did their souls entice them. Nay! They are among the most remote of all created things - soon shall they find themselves in the lowest of stations. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto that which was promised in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thus did the Truth speak with grace while imprisoned in the most remote of lands. We have heard of thy turning unto God and have revealed this Tablet unto thee that thou mayest soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of steadfastness and divine recognition. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have remained faithful to the Covenant.

=== END BH07716 ===

=== START BH07717 ===

The All-Glorious, the Most Great

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as from the direction of the Prison have been sent down unto thee the verses of thy Lord. This is of My bounty unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Verily, in the midst

of tribulation, He calleth the loved ones unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Unite ye in the Cause. Whosoever ye find heedless, remind him with wisdom for a limited number of days. Should he turn away and reject guidance after it hath come unto him, then turn away from him and set your hearts toward God, the Lord of all worlds. My mercy hath preceded My wrath. Follow ye your Lord in respect to virtuous conduct - this is better for you than whatsoever is in the heavens and earths. Say: Avoid ye grievous sins and draw not nigh unto that which calleth you to the fire. Fear ye God and be of the God-fearing.

=== END BH07717 ===

=== START BH07718 ===

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Blessed is he who hath drawn from the ocean of My utterance, turned toward Mine horizon, and acknowledged My sovereignty which hath encompassed all regions. How many a servant hath lamented for the days of God, yet when they appeared he was heedless of them, nay, turned away therefrom by following every heedless doubter. This is a Day wherein the Vale of Mecca singeth praise unto the Lord of Names, and the Mount of Sinai remembereth and saith: “He Who spoke from the Burning Bush unto the Son of Imran hath appeared.”

O thou who art mentioned before the Prisoner! Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee the Face of the Ancient of Days and for mentioning thee in such wise as to attract thereby the spirits. When thou hast received thy Lord’s Tablet, arise, turning thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and say:

O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to aid me in that which Thou lovest and pleasest. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH07718 ===

=== START BH07719 ===

In the Name of the One God. O Rajab-’Ali! Thy petition hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names. How excellent is the tongue that hath spoken in praise of the Peerless Friend, and the eye that hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Today all who dwell on earth are beheld on a single plane. He who hath attained to the blessed word “yea” is reckoned among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, while they who tarry, turn aside, deny, and join partners with God are numbered among the people of the fire. O friends! Strive ye to attain unto that which will cause the exaltation of God’s Cause. In this perishable dust-heap acquire ye an everlasting station. This is the counsel of the Peerless Friend. Praise thou the people of Baha for the Beloved of the worlds, in that He aided thee in a matter from which most of the people of the earth are debarred and excluded. Give thanks unto God that thy letter hath come into the presence of the Throne, and this Perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed unto thee. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07719 ===

=== START BH07720 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy be upon thee, O thou bearer of tribulations and exile in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and imprisoned because thou didst turn away from the wicked, facing toward God, the Creator of heaven. The splendor of thy Lord be upon thee, and the splendor of those in the Concourse on High, and the splendor which none hath known save God, the Lord of the Last and the First. Upon thee, O Dayspring of faithfulness, be the glory of God and His praise, and the remembrance of those in the kingdom of His Cause. I testify that ye have borne for God's sake what none hath borne save whom He willeth. Sufficient unto you is that which His Most Exalted Pen hath moved to mention and praise you. The fruits shall all perish save the fruits of your mention, and the trees shall all be uprooted save the trees of your being, and the stars shall all set save the stars of your faces, and the eyes shall all be blinded save the eyes of your recognition, and all the edifices of conjecture shall crumble while that which was built by your certitude shall endure. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto you and holdeth fast unto you out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07720 ===

=== START BH07721 ===

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Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God! I implore Thee by Thy Name, through which Thou didst lift up the ensigns of Thy guidance, and didst shed the radiance of Thy loving-kindness, and didst reveal the sovereignty of Thy Lordship; through which the lamp of Thy names hath appeared within the niche of Thine attributes, and He Who is the Tabernacle of Thy unity and the Manifestation of detachment hath shone forth; through which the ways of Thy guidance were made known, and the paths of Thy good pleasure were marked out; through which the foundations of error have been made to tremble, and the signs of wickedness have been abolished; through which the fountains of wisdom have burst forth, and the heavenly table hath been sent down; through which Thou didst preserve Thy servants and didst vouchsafe Thy healing; through which Thou didst show forth Thy tender mercies unto Thy servants and revealedst Thy forgiveness amidst Thy creatures – I implore Thee to keep safe him who hath held fast and returned unto Thee, and clung to Thy mercy, and seized the hem of Thy loving providence. Send down, then, upon him Thy healing, and make him whole, and endue him with a constancy vouchsafed by Thee, and a tranquillity bestowed by Thy highness.

Thou art, verily, the Healer, the Preserver, the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07721 ===

=== START BH07722 ===

He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath believed in Thy most wondrous signs in the mystery of Thy most exalted Name, in the garment of the Muhammadan

Revelation and the ornament of pre-existence in the temple of eternity. She loved the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy Being until she entered the depths of Paradise in the vicinity of Thy greatest mercy under the shade of the Tree of Immortality. She attained unto the presence of Love in the heaven of faithfulness and the kingdom of the divine cloud, and heard the call of God from the Branch of the Divine Essence, the Tree of Splendor, that He is verily God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Compelling. Therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, to grant her from the good things of Thy provision and cause her to hear the melodies of Thy creation. Send down upon her that which will solace her eyes, calm her heart, gladden her soul and cause her tears to flow in longing for meeting Thee, in seeking Thy good-pleasure, and in joy at attaining Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07722 ===

=== START BH07723 ===

Unto Him Who is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that all the servants have united to humiliate me, and Thou hast strengthened them in what they desire. All those who slumber have gathered to banish me, and Thou hast empowered them to do what they love. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for what they do, for all they have done was naught but Thy deed, and all they have wrought was naught but by Thy command. Glorified art Thou, O my God! Wouldst Thou cast out him whom all the servants have cast out, or banish him whom they have banished from every land? Though my sin be greater than can be forgiven, yet Thy forgiveness surpasseth all reckoning. Though my transgression be more manifest than can be concealed, yet Thy loving-kindness is greater than can be extinguished. Glorified art Thou! Glorified art Thou! Verily, I have been the first of sinners and the last of penitents. And shower Thy blessings upon the Mystery of the Cloud, the Point of Light, the Beloved of the mystics.

=== END BH07723 ===

=== START BH07724 ===

’Izziyyih

He is God!

Praised be Thou O Lord My God. This is My sister who hath believed in the Manifestations of Thy unity appearing in the garments of Thy eternity and recognized the Dawning-places of Thy constancy in the holy temples of Thy sovereignty. She hath ascended to the station that is detached from all save Thee and hath returned from Thee toward Thee. I ask of Thee, O My God, to free her from the insinuations which have hindered her from entering Thy Crimson Sea and from dwelling in the chambers of eternity on the exalted shore that she may haply recognize Thee in the Manifestation of Thy Beauty, the most hidden Dawning-place. In truth, Thou doest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Self-Subsisting Who rulest supreme over all things.

To continue: Thy sweet letter hath been presented in the court of the presence of this ephemeral One. We beseech God to gather us together in the gardens of immortality near unto the twin glorious bows, that haply thou mayest witness the secrets of God's decree within this crimson and effulgent countenance, that the blessing of God upon thee and upon all who are on earth may be made complete.

The Spirit be upon thee and upon the new believers.

=== END BH07724 ===

=== START BH07725 ===

He is the Call between earth and heaven. The Qa'im hath said: "Verily the Qayyum shall come with the truth, and when He ariseth, the people shall arise for the Lord of the worlds. He shall not be known through the Bayan or through the books of old. Should He utter but one word, verily it would be more sublime than all that hath been uttered by the tongues from time immemorial. He seeth and witnesseth, and He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Whoso desireth to behold Him must turn unto Him with his own eyes, not with the eyes of the people of the Bayan. And whoso desireth to know Him must hold fast unto His Most Gracious Name. By God's life! He cannot be known save through Him, nor can the birds of the hearts of the people of creation soar unto the heaven of His knowledge. All things bear witness unto this, yet the people are heedless." Give thanks unto God for having remembered Me in the prison when the Wronged One was in manifest sorrow. From this station We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon the faces of those who have held fast to the Strong Cord of God.

=== END BH07725 ===

=== START BH07726 ===

In the Name of the Bayan! The Day of God hath come and the Calamity hath appeared at the Gate, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. They that have turned away and objected - these are the companions of the Fire, as recorded in the Books and Tablets. The countenance of the world hath smiled at the appearance of the Most Great Name, yet the people remain in heedlessness and error. Among them are those who cling to vain imaginings, and those who circle round the fly, and those who say "He is mentioned in the Bayan." Say: There is nothing fresh or withered but is recorded in a Book. By God! The Bayan hath been honored by My Name, and the horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Light that shineth from this Station. Every seeing one hath won the lights of the Face, and every hearing one this Call that hath been raised from God, the Lord of all beings. Say: O people! Arise from the slumber of passion and turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon - this is better for you, if ye be of the people of the Path. We have remembered thee that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

=== END BH07726 ===

=== START BH07727 ===

O Mirza Hadi Naqqashi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is established upon the Throne. The clamor hath been raised and the raven hath croaked, and the deceivers are engaged in cunning and hypocrisy. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and have taken their own book instead. They are

indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who have denied the grace of God and His proof, and who have pronounced judgment against Him and His loved ones without any evidence or Book. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and blessed is he who hath spoken forth this Most Great Name, and blessed is he who hath proclaimed these tidings whereby feet have slipped. We found thee loving Us, wherefore We have remembered thee, and We heard thy call and therefore have called out to thee, and We saw thy turning to Us and therefore have turned toward thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-Place of lights. Thus hath the Dove of the Cause warbled, and thus hath the Bird of Eternity sung upon the branch, from God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH07727 ===

=== START BH07728 ===

He is the Most High, the Most Glorious

The Tree of Remembrance has been raised up through this Name, whereby the Balance has been established and the Path set forth. O people of the earth! This is a Day wherein the Lord of Eternity gives you glad tidings through the Most Great Name, which proclaims throughout the world: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.” Say: O people! Hasten to the shore of the Most Great Sea, then hearken unto that which the Beloved of the world calls out: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.” The rapture of the Call hath seized all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names and the Concourse on High, yet the people remain wrapped in slumber. The Hand of Grace draws nigh unto them and stirs them, that perchance they may awaken in this Dawn wherein the lights have shone forth. The wine of idle fancy hath so seized them that they are not roused by the Call, nor by the Cry raised betwixt earth and heaven, nor by His Hand manifest with power. Thus hath the Pen spoken that thou mayest rejoice in thy Lord’s bounty and remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

=== END BH07728 ===

=== START BH07729 ===

Shahr-Rud. O Mulla Ghulam-Rida! He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance. He has become the Dayspring [of Revelation] amidst the people of wickedness, and for this do all things lament, yet the people understand not. Servants who know not a single letter of the Book have opposed Us, and they perceive not. The verses have been sent down by night and by day, yet the people hear not. All created things were brought into being for the days of God - verily He hath appeared with the truth, yet they see not. Their desires have so seized them that they have been debarred from the bounty of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. When We send down the verses they dispute them, and when We manifest the clear proofs they disbelieve in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily he who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty is of them that have attained unto all good - to this doth the Tongue of grandeur and glory bear witness in this praiseworthy station. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH07729 ===

=== START BH07730 ===

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is!

We have sent down the Bayan and given glad tidings therein to all creation of this Revelation, through whose command the Most Exalted Pen was moved. But when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, most of the servants turned away from Him. How many a servant arose in hypocrisy and denied God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Among the people, some turned away, some denied, some hesitated, and some unjustly pronounced judgment against Him, whereat the Source of Verses lamented. We came to give life to the world and revealed that which unlocks the treasures, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. We have endured in the path of God that which pens are powerless to recount. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and say: I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me to remain steadfast in this Cause, through which the idols have lamented.

=== END BH07730 ===

=== START BH07731 ===

O Habibullah Kh, upon him be the Glory of God. In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all names!

We have sent down this Tablet from the heaven of My Will, and verily it is a clear Book sent down in truth from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It gives glad-tidings to those who have acknowledged what God acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and the earths - that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Your letter has come and was presented by the servant who is present before the Wronged One, and We have answered you with that whereby your remembrance shall endure through the eternity of Our most beautiful names. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Rejoice in that We have heard your call and what you have praised God with, the Lord of all worlds. We have found from your letter the fragrance of your love and your turning toward this Horizon, from which the servants have turned away save those whom God has willed, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day. Be assured by the grace of your Lord - verily He is with those who have taken what they were commanded and cast away that in which every remote ignorant one takes pride.

=== END BH07731 ===

=== START BH07732 ===

In My Name, the All-Knowing! We have sent down the Book of Names and commanded those named therein to believe in God, the All-Knowing. We counseled them that nothing should prevent them from God, the Lord of the worlds, and We informed them of what had been ordained aforetime that they might take heed and be among the discerning ones. Yet when the veil was rent asunder and the All-Bestowing came, they turned away from Him through Whom the heavens and earth were illumined. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. We created the names for this Most Great Day - were it not for Him, neither the names nor what they possess of forms and images would have been created. Through My Name were their realities created, as attesteth he who hath been acquainted with what hath been sent down from God, the Exalted, the Great. Take thou My Book in My Name and recite it unto them who

have believed in God, the Mighty, the Peerless. We make mention of him who hath turned to the Countenance and We give him glad tidings of what hath been ordained for him from the presence of a Mighty, Generous Lord. Ask thou God to assist thee and those who have turned steadfastly to this wondrous Cause.

=== END BH07732 ===

=== START BH07733 ===

He is the Wondrous One! The Wronged One hath been afflicted with that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Eternity to lament. By God's life! He is indeed in grievous affliction. We have arisen to promote the Cause and have summoned all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who have answered their Lord and hastened with clear certitude unto the Most Great Ocean, and among them are those whom vain desires have withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon and who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. And among them are those who have responded with the sword, and those who have made Me a captive, and those who have imprisoned Me in this [mighty] prison. I have borne tribulations such as no other servant hath borne - to this testifieth every truthful and discerning one. Were I to mention when the people of the Bayan rose up against Me - by God, I witnessed from them what no eye in creation hath witnessed. Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest become aware of what hath befallen Me and remember thy Lord amongst the servants through that which hath flowed from His wondrous Pen.

=== END BH07733 ===

=== START BH07734 ===

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

Your letter has been crowned with the crown of the mention of your Lord's tender mercy, the Compassionate. He hath witnessed thy turning to God, the Lord of all worlds. Preserve thou the testimony of God - it is better for thee than aught else to which the name of thing can be applied. He is verily the All-Giving, the All-Knowing. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds in a spirit of joy and delight. Today there is no greater service than to arise in the love of God and strive to unite and bring harmony among the friends in that land. We have recognized thy burning in separation - grieve not at this, for verily thou didst attain unto the presence in the first dawning of the Most Great Light from the horizon of Iraq. Be thou thankful and numbered among the patient ones. He who was named Muhammad hath been mentioned before the Throne. Convey unto him Our greetings and give him the glad-tidings of this wondrous remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy children. Ye are all mentioned before the Throne and are the achievers of the heavenly table that hath been sent down from this glorious station.

=== END BH07734 ===

=== START BH07736 ===

O Mirza Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon. The sweet water of life hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath drunk thereof, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. The Preserved Tablet hath appeared through My firm and impregnable Command. By My Life, He Who speaketh at this hour declareth: The kingdom is Mine - beware lest ye be of the heedless ones. The verses have submitted to My verse, and the evidences to My wondrous Manifestation. We have revealed in the Tablets that which hath appeared and shall appear, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. He is verily the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. When thou findest My choice-sealed wine from the chalice of My destined utterance, take it with the hand of submission, then drink thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath arisen before all faces proclaiming: The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty. Thus have the breezes of revelation been wafted as a token from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have cast the world behind them, turning unto My luminous horizon.

=== END BH07736 ===

=== START BH07737 ===

[Ta’] To Mirza ’Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

The Trusted One hath appeared before Our presence and mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Hearken unto the Call from the prison-quarters of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Manifest, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of thee before, and at this time, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, say:

My God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee, turning away from Thine enemies who have turned away from Thee and denied Thy signs and disputed Thy proofs after Thou didst summon them unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the sun of Thy proof to aid me to serve Thy Cause and to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Answerer in all circumstances, and I am the supplicant who hath clung to the hem of Thy name, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

=== END BH07737 ===

=== START BH07738 ===

He is the Giver before the asking! He who loved Me hath come into My presence and attained unto that which was inscribed by My Pen in the Tablet of My Command and My Mighty Book. His is the supreme rank with God, the Fashioner of Names, and the most exalted station in this lofty realm. He hath come, heard and witnessed - to this doth testify the Lord of all beings, Who hath spoken before all faces, in the Land of Mystery, in the Prison of Ta, and in this mighty Prison, that there is none other God but Him. He

hath come with the truth, with a sovereignty before which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot stand - to this doth testify he who possesseth a glorious Tablet. Give thanks unto God that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and revealed for thee that which surpasseth the wealth of all servants, nay rather all that the kings and rulers possess. Thus hath the Supreme Pen made mention of its branch, as a favor from His presence - and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory rest upon him and upon thee and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

=== END BH07738 ===

=== START BH07739 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Thy emigrant sister, upon both of whom be the Glory of God. Thy sister hath appeared before Our presence and We have heard mention of thee from her. We make mention of thee in this Most Great Book. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and enable me to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, and the Ruler of the last and the first. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, by the ordinances of Thy Book, by the fragrances of Thy verses and by the manifestations of Thy grandeur, to make me in all conditions to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon, to speak Thy praise, O Lord of all names, to be detached from Thine enemies who have violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have disputed Thy signs and denied Thy proof and Thy evidence. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have believed in Thee and in Thy laws, who have circled round Thy will and Thy purpose. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07739 ===

=== START BH07740 ===

In His Name, the One Who dominates what was and what will be! The veils have been rent asunder by what the All-Giving hath sent down from the heaven of Command with supreme sovereignty. Thereupon all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great!” Among the people are those who have cast aside the Beloved, turning unto him who hath disbelieved in God; among them are those who have hesitated; among them are those who are bewildered; and among them are those who have drunk the pure water of reunion through this Name that hath encompassed the worlds. Say: O people! All meanings have appeared in a concise word - this is what is intended, were ye of those who know. The Most Great Sea hath appeared in the form of man. Blessed be God, the Lord of the worlds! Give thanks unto God for having turned unto Him and made mention of Him, and for His having revealed unto thee this mighty Tablet. Be steadfast in the Cause and firm in that whereunto thou hast attained, lest the doubts of the transgressors cause thee to slip - they who whisper in the breasts of men. Verily, they are the manifestations of the slinking whisperer. Thus hath it been sent down in the Tablets from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

=== END BH07740 ===

=== START BH07741 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! They who have disbelieved in God and His Manifestation, and have denied that which hath been sent down from His glorious and wondrous Kingdom, these are they that are lost. Say: O people! This is the Day of God, were ye to be of them that recognize it. This is the proof of God, were ye to be of the fair-minded. The verses have bowed down before My proof, and voices have been hushed at My revelation, and the horizons have been illumined by the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Generous, save those who have denied the bounty of God after it was sent down, and have rejected this Most Great Ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth: The Door hath been opened, and the All-Bountiful hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O thou who art mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen! Render thanks unto God for having enabled thee to attain unto this supreme grace and for having drawn thee nigh unto this station round which circle the Concourse on High and His honored servants. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07741 ===

=== START BH07742 ===

O Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest from the horizon of the Prison. We have remembered all who have turned to the All-Informed One. To this testifies God's authoritative Word through which every wise matter has been detailed. At one time it speaks forth from the Mount, at another from this Spot which has been illumined by the lights of Revelation, and at yet another time it speaks in the form of the Pen: "The Promise has come, and the Lord of all being is seated upon His mighty throne." When thou dost find the fragrance of My utterance and art seized by the choice wine of My remembrance, arise and say: "O my God! I testify that Thou canst not be known except through Thine Own Self, nor described save through Thine Own Being. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me the recompense of those who have attained unto Thy service in Thy days. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful." The light shining from the heaven of My will be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of unity by the command of God, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07742 ===

=== START BH07743 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

We have raised up the heaven of man and adorned it with the twin luminaries of steadfastness and trustworthiness. Verily He is the One Who ordereth as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold ye fast, O people, unto that which is good, and cast behind you that which is forbidden, turning unto God, the Mighty, the All-Informed. Draw ye nigh unto the Most Great Ocean with your hearts, and take fast hold of the hem of your Lord's mercy, the All-Bountiful. The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, yet the people remain in evident blindness. Say: He counseleth you to observe pure truthfulness and trustworthiness, whereby the station of every insightful

soul is made manifest. Whoso acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded by God, he is assuredly among the triumphant. Say: O people, this is a Day wherein the world hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless. We make mention of thee and of those who have believed in this Mighty Announcement, whereby the feet have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Bountiful Lord.

=== END BH07743 ===

=== START BH07744 ===

In the name of God, the First without beginning or end. God hath heard the lamentations of His loved ones who were wronged though they wronged not, and were seized though they seized not, in most lands including Zawra and Hadba and Fayha and Egypt and the Land of Mystery and from the Great City and Alexandria and Mansuriyyih. Whoso gazeth toward God and is not prevented by the veils of the world will testify to the truth of these ones by what befell them in the path of God, the Cleaver of Dawn. God will soon open the tongues of the people of the world to their remembrance and praise, and verily in His kingdom of might He praiseth them and prayeth for them. Thou hearest My word, then turn away from desire and hold fast to the Sure Handle and be of the devout and not of the despairing ones. Under all conditions remember thy Lord and be not with the heedless. Say: Praise be to God Who created me in truth and verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH07744 ===

=== START BH07745 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High

We have heard that which thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By God! Through His remembrance are quickened the hearts of them that have known Him, and through it are severed from all that hath been created between the heavens and earth the souls of those whom the overpowering raptures of longing have seized. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of all names, and whereby the pillars of the lands were shaken and the hearts of Thy doubting servants were thunderstruck, that Thou sever me from whatsoever can be called a thing, and cause me to stand firm in exalting Thy Word and raising the standards of Thy remembrance and knowledge amongst Thy creatures. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I find no bounty greater than this today, nor any glory mightier than this. Therefore make me to speak Thy praise, then to celebrate Thy remembrance, then kindle me with the fire wherewith the hearts of Thy creation and the slumbering ones among Thy creatures are set ablaze, that all may arise to fulfill that which Thou hast commanded them in the Tablets of Thy decree and the Scrolls of Thine irrevocable judgment. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07745 ===

=== START BH07746 ===

In His Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! O Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! We have heard what indicated thy turning to the Most Exalted Horizon and found that which bore witness to thy faith in God, the Lord of the worlds. By the life of God! If thou wert to become aware of this bounty, thou wouldst not exchange it for all the treasures of the earth. He Who holdeth within His grasp the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth beareth witness to this. Turn not unto the world and what is therein, and grieve not over what hath befallen the chosen ones. Soon shall the idolaters lament over their own selves, while the sincere shall find themselves in a station that nothing on earth can equal and which all the pens of the earth are powerless to describe. He Who speaketh at this moment beareth witness to this, testifying that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We make mention once again of him who hath remembered, that he may remember this Wronged One, the Exile, Who hath desired life for all the peoples of the world while they have risen against Him with manifest tyranny. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07746 ===

=== START BH07747 ===

He Who is called “Tunbul” hath been revealed from the direction of the Throne:

We have heard thy call and have shone upon thee from the horizon of this Great Prison. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, inasmuch as the glance of this Ancient Temple hath been directed towards thee. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise as to make the backs of the deniers to quake. O Tunbul! Were We to cast upon thee a remembrance, thou wouldst soar unto heaven. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Know thou that We have named this Prison the Most Great Prison. Blessed are they who are endowed with true understanding. When We were under chains and fetters in the letter “Ta,” We did not name it “the Most Great.” Ponder that which hath proceeded from the Tongue of Eternity. Thy Lord is, verily, the One Who speaketh as He pleaseth. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the presence of thy Lord and hearkened unto His call, and art numbered among them that have attained. Recognize the value of that wherewith God hath favored thee through His wondrous grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast unveiled to me Thy beauty and made known to me Thyself whilst I was in the clutches of the wicked ones.

=== END BH07747 ===

=== START BH07748 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Exalted above all who are in earth and heaven! The Supreme Pen hath testified concerning the people of Baha that they are of the company of the Crimson Ark which hath been mentioned in the Tablets from God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Blessed is he who is adorned with this robe which, by My life, shall never wear out but shall endure as long as God, the Almighty, the All-Chosen, and the Ancient of Days, endureth. Through you hath the countenance of the world been illumined, and what is required of you is steadfastness in My love and My Cause, while what is incumbent upon Me transcendeth all thoughts. Be ye as behoveth this station. Thus doth the Lord of all beings command you. Man is he who hath known the All-Merciful, and whoso is deprived thereof is accounted in the Mother Book as more abject than the brute. How many an ascetic hath remained remote from attaining His

presence, and how many hath deprived himself of drinking the wine of reunion. Thus doth God do what He pleaseth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

=== END BH07748 ===

=== START BH07749 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the Triumphant

O loved ones of God! The Book hath testified to that which the Wronged One testified at the beginning and the end. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto My call. By God! It will draw you nigh unto My Kingdom. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and woe unto the deniers. When the horizon of Revelation was illumined and the Promised One appeared, the people denied God, the Mighty, the Praised. Among them were those who said: “That which we heard not from our forefathers hath not appeared.” And among them were those who said: “I have believed in Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.” This is a day wherein the raven hath croaked and the standard of tyranny hath been raised through that which the hands of the idolaters have wrought - they who cast aside God and took that which Satan commanded them. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest be of them that rejoice. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My remembrance and taken My wondrous Book. O My loved ones! Be patient in what hath befallen the trustees of God and put your trust in Him in all matters. Verily He heareth and seeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised.

=== END BH07749 ===

=== START BH07750 ===

In the Name of the Most Exalted! The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that there is none other God but Him, and He Who is established upon the Throne is indeed the Lord of the beginning and the end. Through Him hath been manifested the sovereignty of God and His power, and the greatness of God and His majesty. Blessed is he who, athirst, hath hastened to His Most Great Ocean; and the stranger who hath speedily advanced toward His Most Sublime Vision; and the ignorant one who hath drawn nigh unto the Dawning-Place of knowledge in the most exalted station. He is the One Who guideth all who are in creation to the Kawthar of eternity and acquainteth them with the straight path. Verily, they who have turned away from God and denied His sovereignty are accounted among the most abject of creatures in the Scriptures and Tablets, while they who have quaffed the choice wine of inner meanings are among the most exalted of servants in the Book. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the light of the recognition of your Lord, the All-Merciful. O My loved ones! When ye have gained the blessing of hearing My call and have beheld the horizon of the heaven of My utterance, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all mankind.

=== END BH07750 ===

=== START BH07751 ===

He is the One Who rules over those in the Kingdom of Names

The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified before all things that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath sent down the verses and revealed the evidences, yet the people remain in a strange sleep. He hath appeared with truth and sent down from the heaven of command that which is encompassed by proof and demonstration. Verily, he who hath heard the call is of the people of this station. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and say:

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through whose light the earth and heaven were illumined, to assist me to remain steadfast in this Cause, whereby all beings were shaken except such as were preserved through Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

=== END BH07751 ===

=== START BH07752 ===

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the Glory of God!

In My Name, through which the veils have been rent asunder! The dawn hath broken and the moon hath appeared, and the Sun crieth out: "To Me, to Me, O peoples of the earth!" By God! There hath appeared what hath never appeared in creation, and there hath been raised up what hath never been raised up from time immemorial. This is what the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath testified to in this perspicuous Tablet. Verily, the righteous have drunk the choice wine of revelation, while the wicked have returned to their abode in the nethermost fire. The sincere ones drink of My choice sealed wine, while the opposers drink of noisome water. He Who spoke from the Divine Lote Tree hath appeared and speaketh openly amongst the servants, yet they have turned away, having followed every froward oppressor. Say: O people! Abandon what ye possess and turn towards the Dayspring of bounty. This is better for you, if ye be of them that know. Drink thou the water of life from the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Well is it with thee, O thou who hast turned towards God, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH07752 ===

=== START BH07753 ===

O Karbila'i Muhammad Ja'far! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! The dawn of utterance has appeared, and the Tongue of the All-Merciful speaks forth in this mighty prison, making mention of His loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge through His name, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We make mention of everyone who has turned towards the Countenance and every knower who has believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven and responded to his Ancient Lord. How many a prince turned away from the Truth and deprived himself of the Most Great Joy which appeared with manifest sovereignty! And how many a poor one heard and hastened until he reached the shore of the ocean of divine knowledge, from whose waves can be heard: "There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Joy be unto thee for

having turned towards the Countenance when most of the servants turned away from it, and blessed art thou for having attained the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou hast attained unto it, render thanks and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Generous Bestower.

=== END BH07753 ===

=== START BH07754 ===

In My Name, the Most Great

The heaven hath been rolled up, and another heaven hath been spread out, and it hath been raised up through this Name whereby every hidden matter hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath recognized the remaining Six concerning which the Truthful, the Trustworthy One gave tidings. Whoso hath attained unto the recognition thereof hath attained unto that which God hath purposed in His wise Book. Verily do We make mention of the mysteries of this Day and that which hath been ordained therein by One Who is mighty and powerful. O people of the world! [By God!] The Ancient Lord hath come, through Whose name the books of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, have been adorned. Say: Open your eyes, for lo, He walketh before your faces and speaketh and saith: “Behold Me, behold Me, O concourse of the earth! Be not of the heedless ones.” Thus have We revealed unto thee that which the Herald of Sinai hath spoken in this glorious station, that thou mayest thank thy Lord Who hath made thee to know His Self and made thee to be of those who are assured. By the life of God! The Pen crieth out and the Tongue speaketh, yet the people are among the ignorant ones, nay rather, among those who slumber.

=== END BH07754 ===

=== START BH07755 ===

Allah-u-Abha! O Mirza Muhammad-Sadiq, Hakimu’l-Hukama, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Witness. The Cause has appeared and the verses have been sent down, and the Desired One has ascended the throne of His name, the All-Wise. The Day has come and He Who was promised speaks in the Most Great Prison while the peoples remain in evident veils. We have sent down the verses and manifested the signs. Blessed is the eye that has seen and the ear that has heard the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have perceived from you the fragrance of turning to God, and We have mentioned you in this wondrous Tablet. Give thanks to God that you have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there has been sent down for you that which has diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout creation. Verily your Lord is the All-Kind, the All-Generous. Beware lest human conditions prevent you from the Most Great Scene. Leave the people behind you, then turn with your heart to the Supreme Horizon, the place where the Tree calls out that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have heard and responded to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07755 ===

=== START BH07756 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir, merchant from the city of Sad! In the name of God, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The Ridvan has appeared in the wonder of time from the right hand of thy Lord's throne, the All-Merciful. Glorified be He Who created it by His command, and verily He has power over all things. Say: O peoples of the earth! Deprive not yourselves thereof, then hasten unto it with pure and illumined hearts. And whosoever entereth therein shall never go forth from it - thus hath the matter been ordained by the One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Among the people are those who turned away from it and took idols as their objects of worship; and among them are those who turned toward it and were caught up by the breezes of grace from a holy and resplendent direction. Deprive not thyself, but take for thyself near the throne a station that is faithful to the truth, lest thou be seized by the casting of intimations from every wretched opponent. And the Glory be upon thee if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause.

=== END BH07756 ===

=== START BH07757 ===

To Khadijih, daughter of His paternal uncle, upon her be the glory of God - He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth

That which was hidden hath appeared and that which was treasured hath spoken, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath called out: The Day of God, the Sovereign, the Peerless, the All-Informed, hath come. O peoples of the earth, fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who calleth you unto the Straight Path. By God! The ornaments of the earth and its embellishments shall profit you not, nor whatsoever is with kings and rulers. God shall soon seize them through His decree. The hosts of the world cannot frustrate Him. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O My handmaiden! When thou receivest My letter and findest from it the fragrance of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, place it upon thine eyes and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and enabled me to recognize Thee when most of mankind have turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07757 ===

=== START BH07758 ===

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven!

The waves of divine knowledge have appeared from the ocean of utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless. The Divine Lote-Tree calleth with the most exalted voice and summoneth all to the supreme horizon, yet most of the people are turning away. They have turned away from the Truth, advancing toward the manifestations of vain imaginings. He Who hath the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. O youth! The All-Knowing remembereth thee from the prison quarter through that whereby the world speaketh. The Ancient King hath come with a manifest Cause. Blessed is the learned one who hath turned toward My horizon - verily he is among the most exalted of

creatures before God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast to My cord and cling to the hem of My loving-kindness. I am the One with power over whatsoever I desire. Every fair-minded and perceiving one beareth witness to this. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have taken the most exalted cup in the name of the Lord of all beings and have drunk therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: This indeed is the Most Great Word wherein is the choice wine of My love. Blessed are they that drink thereof.

=== END BH07758 ===

=== START BH07759 ===

He is the One singing upon the branches! The fragrance of the garment has wafted, and the Kingdom of holiness has appeared, and the Beloved of the world calls out from His Most Great Prison: “To Me, to Me, O peoples of earth and heaven! To Me, to Me, O ye who dwell in the Kingdom of names!” By God, the ocean of grace has surged, and the fragrance of justice has wafted, and the sun of bounty has shone forth, and the clouds of generosity rain upon all who are in existence. Blessed is he who has turned towards it, and woe unto every froward infidel. Say: Look not upon those who have denied God and His sovereignty. Turn your hearts to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He shall reward those who have cast away the world for the love of God, the Lord of all nations, and shall fulfill what was promised to you in the Book. Look not upon the people and what they possess. God shall soon seize them through His power, and there shall remain for you what was ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest recite them with melodious tunes and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH07759 ===

=== START BH07760 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Thine ears have been honored by hearing the call of God, and thy letter hath attained the presence of thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, in the Most Great Prison. Thereupon the Supreme Pen was moved to write, and the leaves of the uttermost Lote-Tree sang, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Kingdom of eternity: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.” Rejoice thou at the tidings from thy Lord, for He remembereth thee in this forbidden spot and teacheth thee to say, while turning toward the Supreme Horizon: “Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the heavens and Maker of all things! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the lovers soared aloft and the call was raised throughout all regions and the yearning ones were consumed by the pain of separation, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause me to hold fast unto Thee and to be independent of all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. I testify that within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Single One, the Almighty, the Alone, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Be thou assured through thy Lord’s grace. The glances of His loving-kindness have been directed toward thee. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH07760 ===

=== START BH07761 ===

O Mirza Sulayman! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of remembrance time and again, and this is one of God's great bounties. Today the station of the friends of God and the degrees of remembrance and utterance remain, by reason of mankind's lack of capacity, concealed and hidden. Yet assuredly the Finger of Power shall rend asunder the veil and make manifest the station of every soul and the recompense of every deed. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the heavenly table and divine blessing. Strive thou, in the name of God, exalted be His glory, to preserve this station. This is the Day for the manifestation of stations and the disclosure of deeds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which leadeth to the exaltation of God's Cause. He is indeed reckoned among the sincere ones in My perspicuous Book. The Glory rest upon thee and upon thy father, who was mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen before his passing and after his ascension. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH07761 ===

=== START BH07762 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

What thou hast written in praise of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the throne and the dust, and the Master of the hereafter and of the first life, hath been read before the Throne. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken His praise, and the face that hath turned toward the horizon of His Cause, and the hand that hath taken hold of His perspicuous Book. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness. Observe that which My Most Exalted Pen hath enjoined upon you, and be not of the heedless ones. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of thy Lord and responded to thy Ancient Master. Render thanks unto God for having aided thee to acknowledge this Cause, from which every stubborn oppressor hath turned away. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and take firm hold of His pure and resplendent hem. Act according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book; verily it shall profit thee in both this world and the next. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this mighty Remembrance.

=== END BH07762 ===

=== START BH07763 ===

In the Name of God, Who prevaileth over all things!

While thy Lord, the Most Merciful, was confined in the prison of Adhirbayjan, there were two souls: Husayn, who grasped the hand of grace, and Hasan, who rejected the hand of justice, though he had, in the sight of My Beloved and My Herald, a certain station among stations. And We were imprisoned with seventy souls of those who had emigrated with God, and among them were a few numbered souls who cast away whatever worldly vanities they possessed, who were not content with separation, and who soared in the atmosphere of longing to a station wherein gold prevented them not from attaining the

presence of their Lord, the Chosen One, the Mighty. We beseech God to assist them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to preserve them all from self and passion, that they may circle round about Him and be moved by His command. Be thou not heedless of the remembrance of thy Lord. Remember Him in spirit and fragrance. He will guard thee from the hosts of Satan. Beware lest thou be heedless of Him, for soon shall the world pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious.

=== END BH07763 ===

=== START BH07764 ===

He is the One Who dominates what has been! The Herald proclaimed when the Lord of creation appeared, yet the servants remain in evident drunkenness. The wine of idle fancy has so seized them that they are kept from recognizing this wondrous Day. Say: This is God's Day through which every glorious tablet has been adorned. Blessed is the tomb over which the breeze of God has wafted, and the nostrils that have inhaled His wondrous fragrance. Blessed is the earth that He has made the resting place of His feet, and the dwellings that have been honored by the lights of His countenance, and the soul that has attained His glorious presence. O servants of the All-Merciful! Do not deprive yourselves of meeting Him in this Day and of the bounties your Lord, the Merciful, has ordained therein. Say: Leave behind what you have acquired and heard, then hearken to that which the Dove of Revelation warbles upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus have We remembered you and caused you to hear, that you may thank your All-Knowing Lord. Glory be upon you and upon him who has rent asunder the veils through this Name, whereby every heedless doubter was struck with fear.

=== END BH07764 ===

=== START BH07765 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend! The verses have been sent down, the clear proofs have appeared, the appointed time has come to pass, and the All-Merciful has come with power and sovereignty. How many were the servants who sought the appearance of the Truth, glorified be His majesty, and who in the nights and days implored and begged in utmost lowliness and supplication for His presence. Yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, all were thunderstruck and bewildered, save a few whose faces are inscribed in God's Book as the letters of the countenance. The Supreme Pen in all conditions summons the people of creation to the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance. Hearken unto His call, and arise to make amends ere the time is lost. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge, whosoever remains deprived this Day shall return to his source in manifest loss. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this Tablet. Take hold of it with might and power from the presence of One powerful and trusted. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07765 ===

=== START BH07766 ===

In His Name, the All-Attractive! The verses have been sent down, and there hath appeared in the realm what all created things were powerless to comprehend. The horizon of inner meanings hath been illumined by this Light which hath shone forth from God, the Lord of all men. The Qa'im hath come and hath informed the people of the Qayyum, before Whom all necks have bowed down and all eyes have been fixed. Say: When He came, all people turned away from Him save those whom the hand of divine power did rescue. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. We counselled the servants to behold Him with His own eyes. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. The people have cast the counsel of God behind their backs and followed every envious opponent. Say: O people! Abandon what ye possess and hold fast unto that which God hath revealed in the Book. By God's life! Their vain desires shall profit them not, nor what they possess. To this testifieth He to Whom the atoms have borne witness. Thus have We mentioned thee and sent down for thee that which rejoiceth thy heart and causeth thee to thank thy Lord, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH07766 ===

=== START BH07767 ===

O Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who endureth after the passing of all things. The Banner of Pre-existence hath been raised through the Most Great Name upon the mount of the world. Blessed is he who hasteneth unto it with his heart. Verily, those who are heedless this Day - these shall have no portion of this Sealed Wine. The seas have been set ablaze by the fire of the Word of the All-Chosen One, yet the evil ones perceive it not. The limbs of existence have trembled with the fear of God, yet the people understand not. They play with their vain imaginings and rejoice in what they possess and think they will abide forever. Soon shall We seize them with justice from Our presence, for verily We are the Mighty, the Jealous. Thus have We given thee the choice wine of utterance - drink thou in the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: O ye who tarry! This is not the day for tarrying. Hasten with illumined hearts to the court of the mercy of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Know ye the value of these days and follow not every veiled learned one. Thus have We remembered thee and sent unto thee the fragrance of the All-Merciful through this inscribed Tablet.

=== END BH07767 ===

=== START BH07768 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The fragrances of inner meanings have wafted and that which was hidden in God's treasury, the Lord of creation, has been manifested. We make mention of those who have drawn nigh unto God and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, that they may rejoice in what has flowed from His Pen, the One ascendant over all servants. We have recognized thy turning to the Countenance and have revealed for thee that which has caused the sweet-scented breeze of the All-Merciful to be diffused throughout all possibility. When My melodies have attracted thee to the horizon of My knowledge and the Kawthar of My utterance has intoxicated thee, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: I call upon Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, and I remember Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned. I testify that Thou art He Who hath endured tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and hath drunk from the cup of sorrows by

reason of what the hands of the infidels have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Lord of eternity, to assist me to love Thee and to be content with Thy pleasure, and to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

=== END BH07768 ===

=== START BH07769 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! The breezes of grace have at this moment wafted from the direction of a mighty throne. Turn thyself wholly unto them, that they may cleanse thee from the malady of them that doubt, and sanctify thee from the hints of those who have disbelieved, and render thee pure for the sake of thy Beloved, the Mighty, the Peerless. Trust in God, then detach thyself from all else but Him, then through Him find thyself independent of all the worlds. Verily He loveth those who have loved Him, and aideth them who have voiced His praise amidst His slumbering servants. Say: Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, desireth to draw you nigh unto Him, yet you flee from Him. What aileth you, O heedless ones! You have slept through most of your days. Wherefore awaken ye, then behold the Most Great Scene, the Spot wherein shineth forth the countenance of God, the Exalted, the All-Wise. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth, that thou mayest remind those upon whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of divine bounty and glory. Upon thee, and upon them who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Sovereign, the Just, the Bestowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful, be praise unto God, the Lord of all the worlds.

=== END BH07769 ===

=== START BH07770 ===

O Abbas, upon thee be the Glory of God! In His name, the All-Wise! There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which hath befallen no one before, inasmuch as one who was not worthy to tend even animals in this world hath passed judgment upon Us. Reflect upon the world and its affairs. By God's life! Had it possessed worth and station even to the extent of a needle's point, We would not have chosen what ye witness today of the transgressions of the nations. Those who have perpetrated injustice shall soon be seized with chastisement from every direction. To this beareth witness the Tablet, and behind it the Pen. The world hath so deluded them that they have turned away from God, the Lord of all mankind, and have slain him for whom knowledge and learning have lamented. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs and seized upon that which they were bidden by every ignorant one who hath turned away and committed wrong. Well is it with thee for having attained unto the recognition of God and for having quaffed the choice wine of everlasting life from the hand of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days.

=== END BH07770 ===

=== START BH07771 ===

The Most Great, the Most Ancient [Isma'il] has promised every soul this perspicuous Book. When it was sent down in truth, every heedless one who was far removed turned away from it. Among the people were those who said "He has fabricated a lie against God," and among them were those who said "He has

appeared before the appointed time." Thus did their souls delude them, and they were among the most lost. Say: This is the Cause through which God's Command has been manifested throughout the ages, and this verily is His firm and impregnable wisdom. Whosoever clings to idle fancy, turning away from guidance, is truly among the perished ones. Say: The ocean lies before your faces - draw near to it and be not among the heedless ones. The Ancient Beauty hovers above your heads, calling you to God, if you be of them that hear. O people! Deprive not yourselves in these days of God. Arise to assist your Ancient Lord. He desires naught save to mention you for the sake of God - to this testifies every fair-minded and perceiving one. Thus have the verses been sent down and dispatched to you, that you might be among the thankful ones.

=== END BH07771 ===

=== START BH07772 ===

O 'Ali-Akbar Khan, son of him who ascended unto God! In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things! The Most Exalted Pen consoleth thee and the Lord of Names comforteth thee. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Grieve not for thy father. He hath quaffed the choice wine of reunion and found intimacy with Him when he was in the land of Ta. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou assured that he hath ascended unto God and attained what was ordained for him in My most exalted Kingdom. Exalted is that noble station! Reflect upon the world and its changes. When thou beholdest it thus, hold fast unto the Sure Handle which changeth not. Then choose for thyself a station which neither the rains can alter nor the winds destroy. Thy Lord is verily the Faithful Counsellor. Blessed art thou and thy father. We were observant of him most times and make mention of him in truth in this Clear Tablet. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned by the hands of the deniers.

=== END BH07772 ===

=== START BH07773 ===

O God of Names! Ordain for Thy loved ones in Thy Kingdom that which befitteth Thy generosity, O Creator of earth and heaven! O my God! These are servants whom the veils of idle fancies have not withheld from knowing Thee and drawing nigh unto the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, and whom the veils of mankind have not prevented from beholding the lights of Thy beauty. O Lord! Therefore make manifest their glory amongst Thy creatures and their station before the people of Thy realm. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having raised them to a station wherein the Pen of Thy Command hath traced their names and the tongue of Thy power and grandeur hath spoken their mention. O Lord! Make known unto them this most exalted station and this most mighty, most glorious rank, that they may arise with their souls and spirits to serve Thee, that there may be made manifest from them that for which they were created at the revelation of the lights of Thy countenance. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the Kingdom of all things and in Thy hold is the Empire of Command. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Peerless.

=== END BH07773 ===

=== START BH07774 ===

In His Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

O honored Haji Muhammad-'Ali! Say: O God, Lord of earth and heaven and Sovereign over all names! I testify that Thou hast ever existed in the heights of might, grandeur and majesty. The necks of all created beings have bowed before the manifestations of Thy power, and all voices have been hushed at the raising of Thy most sweet call throughout the lands. Every king hath prostrated himself at the revelation of Thy might, and every prince hath been humbled before the evidences of Thy greatness. Thou art He to Whose oneness and singleness all have testified. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations, by Thy Self, to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy grace and to aid me in Thy remembrance and service. O my Lord! A poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and one who hopeth toward the horizon of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deprive him of that which shall profit him in Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07774 ===

=== START BH07775 ===

O God, my God! I have turned in repentance unto Thee, and verily Thou art the Pardoner, the Compassionate.

O God, my God! I have returned to Thee, and verily Thou art the the Ever-Forgiving, the Gracious.

O God, my God! I have clung to the cord of Thy bounty, and with Thee is the storehouse of all that is in heaven and earth.

O God, my God! I have hastened toward Thee, and verily Thou art the Forgiver, the Lord of grace abounding.

O God, my God! I thirst for the celestial wine of Thy grace, and verily Thou art the Giver, the Bountiful, the Gracious, the Almighty.

O God, my God! I testify that Thou hast revealed Thy Cause, fulfilled Thy promise and sent down from the heaven of Thy grace that which hath drawn unto Thee the hearts of Thy favored ones. Well is it with him that hath held fast unto Thy firm cord and clung to the hem of Thy resplendent robe!

I ask Thee, O Lord of all being and King of the seen and unseen, by Thy power, Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty, to grant that my name may be recorded by Thy pen of glory among Thy devoted ones, them whom the scrolls of the sinful hindered not from turning to the light of Thy countenance, O prayer-hearing, prayer-answering God!

=== END BH07775 ===

=== START BH07777 ===

O Hassan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! Say: My God, my God! My heart has melted from separation and remoteness from Thee, and my joints have trembled in my distance from the court of Thy nearness. I know not, O my God, by what deed I may draw nigh unto Thee, by what remembrance I may supplicate in Thy days, or to what intercessor I may cling that would bring me closer to Thee, guide me to Thy prison, and cause me to hear Thy sweetest call. O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy Command through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged before the faces of Thy creation and the breezes of the spring of Thy mercy wafted over the hearts of Thy loved ones, to make me in all conditions mindful of Thy verses and speaking in Thy praise. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I know not what would draw me nigh unto Thee and honor me with the ornament of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which has encompassed all existence to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07777 ===

=== START BH07778 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: My God, my God! This servant testifieth, as he hath testified in all conditions, to Thy unity and Thy oneness, to Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, to Thy power and Thy might, and that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been seated upon the throne of Thy grandeur and Thou wilt ever continue to be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will exalt my mention amongst Thy servants. Then ordain for me through the Pen of Destiny the good of both this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

His honor Mirza Abu'l-Hasan Ardikani, upon him be my Baha, hath expressed satisfaction with you and likewise with your enkindlement with the fire of love. We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which will draw you nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH07778 ===

=== START BH07779 ===

He is the Most Holy

Say: I am the one who, O my God, has fled from my self to the ocean of Thy bounty and has turned away from all else but Thee, directing myself to Thy face. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Goal of the nations, to draw me ever closer to Thee in all conditions and to grant me from the ocean of Thy generosity that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. Thou doest what Thou willest in Thy dominion and decreest what Thou pleasest. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy countenance. Then grant me the good of this world and the next, and that which

benefits me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Have mercy on this seeker who has sought the Ka'bah of Thy presence, and this approaching one who has drawn near to the pavilion of Thy outpouring and has raised the hand of hope to the heaven of Thy favors and gifts. All things testify to Thy power and might. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07779 ===

=== START BH07780 ===

CXXXVI

Lauded be Thy Name, O Lord my God! I am Thy servant who hath laid hold on the cord of Thy tender mercies, and clung to the hem of Thy bounteousness. I entreat Thee by Thy name whereby Thou hast subjected all created things, both visible and invisible, and through which the breath that is life indeed was wafted over the entire creation, to strengthen me by Thy power which hath encompassed the heavens and the earth, and to guard me from all sickness and tribulation. I bear witness that Thou art the Lord of all names, and the Ordainer of all that may please Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Do Thou ordain for me, O my Lord, what will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Supply me, then, with what Thou hast written down for the chosen ones among Thy creatures, whom neither the blame of the blamer, nor the clamor of the infidel, nor the estrangement of such as have withdrawn from Thee, hath deterred from turning towards Thee.

Thou, truly, art the Help in Peril through the power of Thy sovereignty. No God is there save Thee, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

=== END BH07780 ===

=== START BH07781 ===

He is the One Manifest and Speaking in the Most Great Prison

O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord, O Treasure of the poor and Sustainer of the weak, Lord of earth and heaven, Who art seated upon the throne of 'Do what Thou willest.' I testify to that which the Tongue of Thy Will hath testified in the Kingdom of Thy utterance, and I acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Tablet which Thou hast adorned with the lights of Thy utterance and wherein Thou hast written for Thy loved ones that which behooveth them in Thy days, and by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Hidden, and by Thy Light, the Shining, the Radiant, the Treasured, to assist me to hold fast unto Thy Most Great Handle in such wise that neither the hosts of Thy earth and heaven nor the might of the oppressors among Thy creatures shall keep me back from Thee. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have heard Thy call and turned toward Thee, and have found the fragrance of Thy garment and hastened with

my heart unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in attaining that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07781 ===

=== START BH07782 ===

XVIII

Praised be Thou, O my God! How can I thank Thee for having singled me out and chosen me above all Thy servants to reveal Thee, at a time when all had turned away from Thy beauty! I testify, O my God, that if I were given a thousand lives by Thee, and offered them up all in Thy path, I would still have failed to repay the least of the gifts which, by Thy grace, Thou hast bestowed upon me.

I lay asleep on the bed of self when lo, Thou didst waken me with the divine accents of Thy voice, and didst unveil to me Thy beauty, and didst enable me to listen to Thine utterances, and to recognize Thy Self, and to speak forth Thy praise, and to extol Thy virtues, and to be steadfast in Thy love. Finally I fell a captive into the hands of the wayward among Thy servants.

Thou beholdest, therefore, the exile which I suffer in Thy days, and art aware of my vehement longing to look upon Thy face, and of mine irrepressible yearnings to enter the court of Thy glory, and of the stirrings of my heart under the influences of the winds of Thy mercy.

I entreat Thee, O Thou Who art the Ruler of the kingdoms of creation and the Author of all names, to write down my name with the names of them who, from eternity, have circled round the Tabernacle of Thy majesty, and clung to the hem of Thy loving-kindness, and held fast the cord of Thy tender mercy.

Thou art, in truth, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07782 ===

=== START BH07783 ===

O Thou Who art the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Him Who is the Purpose of the world and by the Most Great Name which Thou hast manifested amidst the nations, and through Whose Most Exalted Pen Thou hast caused to flow the Kawthar of everlasting life, and through Whom Thou hast quickened whatsoever Thou didst purpose in the kingdom of creation, that Thou wilt send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy generosity that which will tranquilize my heart, gladden mine eyes and dilate my breast. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the gate of Thy grace and clung to the cord of Thy favors. O my Lord! Thou art He Who hath informed Thy servants in the Book of this Revelation through which the horizons have been illumined and the decree of the Covenant hath appeared. O my Lord! Purify the hearts of Thy servants from idle fancies and vain imaginings, then draw them nigh through Thy sovereignty unto a station wherein whosoever draweth nigh unto it becometh protected from the Most Great Terror. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07783 ===

=== START BH07784 ===

O Abu'l-Qasim! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth and the Object of desire of all who are in the kingdoms of command and creation! I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy knowledge and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom to aid me in rending asunder the veils that have hindered me from drawing nigh unto Thee and turning towards Thy direction. O Lord! Thou seest me advancing towards Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, O Thou Lord of all names! O Lord! I am he that is dead who seeketh the water of Thy immortality, and the poor one who desireth the ocean of Thy riches, and the weary one who hasteneth to the Salsabil of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, and by Thy Branches, and by Him Whom Thou hast made the Servant of Thy Self, to make me in all conditions to fix my gaze upon Thee and to stand ready to serve Thee. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no command can impede. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Praised.

=== END BH07784 ===

=== START BH07785 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Educator of all created things and Creator of all existence! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst raise up the banner of Thy Cause and plant the emblems of Thy power upon the loftiest spots of Thy earth, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who hastened to the ocean of Thy bounty and held fast to the cord of Thy loving care. O Lord! I am the poor one at Thy gate. Ordain for me that which will profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. The might of sovereigns does not frustrate Thee, nor do the doings of them that have turned away from the Day of Judgment hinder Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! This is a day wherein Thou hast ordained all good and made it the sovereign of days. I beseech Thee not to deprive me therein of the heaven of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Exalted, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07785 ===

=== START BH07786 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whom every lover hastens to the precincts of the Beloved and every seeker speeds to the seat of the Sought-After! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the near ones were drawn and advanced toward the arrows of the enemies in Their love for Thee and Their good pleasure, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and

approvest. O my Lord! Thou art the One through Whom the oceans of knowledge surged and the fragrances of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, were wafted. I beseech Thee by the First Word and by Thy Most Exalted Self to grant me the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty and to ordain for me, by the Pen of Destiny, the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the suppliant at Thy gate. Ordain for me that which will profit me in all Thy worlds and preserve me from the allusions of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapes and Whom nothing frustrates. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH07786 ===

=== START BH07787 ===

There is no God but Him and none besides Him exists. Say: The sun of the remembrance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate, has dawned from the Dayspring of the Cause. Thereupon the polytheists dispersed from around it, and this is naught but a grievous punishment. And verily it is God's mercy unto the righteous and His vengeance unto the wicked. Thus has the matter been decreed by the finger of might and power. Say: O concourse of polytheists! Whether you believe or disbelieve, it is all the same in this blessed and luminous presence. Whoso believes in God and His signs, it shall profit his own soul, and whoso turns away, it shall be to his own detriment. Verily He is independent of all the world's wealth. Nothing increases Him and no command diminishes Him. Verily He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. And you, O believer in God, remind those whom drunkenness has overtaken in these days. Then be steadfast in yourself that through you the troubled servants of God may become steadfast. Thus have We commanded you that you may be among those who act.

=== END BH07787 ===

=== START BH07788 ===

In My Name through which was opened the Gate of Heaven! Say: O my God and the God of the worlds, my Lord and the Lord of all peoples! I beseech Thee by the Name through which, when it was manifested, the Call was raised from all things, and the Concourse on High proclaimed: "By God! The Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret have appeared, yet most of the people are heedless!" The Most Exalted Pen hath moved upon the Luminous Page, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken between earth and heaven, yet the people do not understand. They have cast the principles of God behind their backs and followed the principles of their own selves - nay, they know not! O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Take hold of the Book of your Most Exalted Lord, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be unto those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth - that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving!

=== END BH07788 ===

=== START BH07789 ===

In the Name of Him Who domineth the world!

Say: O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth, my Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom of command and truth! Thou knowest and seest how Thy verses have attracted me and how the wine of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge hath intoxicated me. Whenever I desire to sit still, the fire of longing and yearning causeth me to arise, and whenever I wish to remain silent, the wondrous tokens of Thy Cause move me to speak, O Illuminator of the horizons and Master of the Day of Separation! By Thy glory, O Beloved of my heart and He Who is established upon the throne of my inner being, from my pen I hear Thy mention, from my tongue Thy verses, from my heart Thy praise, and from my poetry Thy glorification. Wilt Thou cast away this evanescent one who hath sought the kingdom of Thine eternity, and wilt Thou deny this thirsty one who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty? I beseech Thee, O King of Names, by the Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, to ordain for me what is best in this world and in the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH07789 ===

=== START BH07790 ===

He is the All-Knowing Summoner

Say: O my God and the God of all who are in the earthly realm and the heavenly kingdom! Thou seest me turning toward the gate of the city of Thy grace, which Thou hast opened before the faces of such servants as have fulfilled Thy Covenant, soared in Thy atmosphere, quaffed the choice wine of bounty from the hand of Thy generosity, and become so intoxicated thereby that they have detached themselves from all else but Thee, been drawn to Thy signs, hastened to meet the arrows in Thy path and the swords in Thy love. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee, clung to the hem of Thy robe, and held fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of all names trembled and the foundations of earth and heaven were shaken, to make me steadfast in Thy service and turned toward Thy horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty to give me to drink, from Thy generous and gracious hands, the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Supreme, the Most High, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07790 ===

=== START BH07791 ===

He is the Speaker and I am the Hearer. Say: O people! By God, the Torah hath testified to Him to Whom even the pebbles have borne witness, and the Gospel crieth out unto the Glorious Lord, and the Qur'an proclaimeth the advent of the All-Merciful, and the Bayan circleth round the Throne. Yet the people remain wrapped in a thick veil. Verily, they who have turned away have in truth turned away from God throughout all ages. To this testifieth he who hath been granted insight from his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We have manifested the Cause in such wise that the world hath acknowledged it, and whoso harboureth rancour from thy Lord is in manifest opposition. They make mention of God at morn and eventide, yet deny Him through Whom the fountains of wisdom have gushed forth amongst all creatures

and the kingdom of names hath appeared to all who are in heaven and on earth. Say: Every name that hath turned away from God in this Revelation is assuredly among the perishing ones. We have sent down concerning every matter that which hath brought solace to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07791 ===

=== START BH07792 ===

O handmaid of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Friend! The Supreme Pen has, in most Tablets, commanded the servants and handmaidens to show forth the most great steadfastness. Nevertheless, it has been observed that a soul was deprived of the King of certitude by a mere fancy, and was forbidden from the ocean of inner meanings by a single word. Would that he had remained distant from but a particle of the Sun of Truth, or had been deprived of but a drop from the Most Great Ocean. Rather, he was observed to be occupied with the bat and bereft of the Sun of meanings. If only the people knew! Would that one possessed of insight had contemplated with the eye of God the verses of Oneness which have been sent down from the heaven of the divine Will. I swear by the Most Great Name, whosoever looketh upon it with his own eye will recognize that it hath no likeness in creation and no peer among the servants. O handmaid of God! God willing, thou shalt attain unto the wine of steadfastness and shall remain firm in His Cause. God willing, thou and the other handmaidens shall remain protected beneath the shade of the Tree.

=== END BH07792 ===

=== START BH07793 ===

O honored one, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The Supreme Pen has been occupied night and day with counsels and admonitions, commanding that which elevates the station of man and forbidding that which lowers it. Today the people of God must manifest such steadfastness that no opportunity for speech remains for the polytheists of the Bayan. This is the station of the people of Baha who dwell in the Crimson Ark through the Name of the Lord of Names. We beseech God not to deprive any from the ocean of inner meanings nor prevent them from the Sun of Unity. He who loved Us has appeared and mentioned thy name - We have remembered thee in this Clear Book and counsel thee with that which befits the station of man. Verily thy Lord is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and Testament and were among the steadfast. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07793 ===

=== START BH07794 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Single, the All-Informed! The Supreme Pen hath revealed wondrous and exalted verses equivalent to all the previous Books, and hath likewise made manifest clear proofs. Nevertheless, an unjust people turned away and pronounced sentence of death upon Him. When sovereign might prevented this, they cast Him into prison. And now in the Most Great

Prison He is occupied with the remembrance of the party of God. I counsel thee and the friends to manifest the greatest steadfastness, for certain among the people of the Bayan have clung to previous vain imaginings and turned away from the Truth. God smite them! It is not known by what they believed and by what they turned away. We beseech the Truth to protect thee and His party from the evil of such souls. It behooveth thee to thank God for having turned unto thee from the direction of the Prison and remembered thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by what is with the kings and sovereigns. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

=== END BH07794 ===

=== START BH07795 ===

O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Praise the Goal of the world that thou hast drunk from the Most Great Sea and attained unto the love of the Ancient Beauty, and in these days when the rain of mercy is descending and the breezes from the garment of the All-Merciful are wafting and the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree are appearing and all creation is adorned and illumined with the ornament of the spring of the All-Merciful, thou wast not deprived but wast crowned with His remembrance. Strive thou to drink and to give others to drink from the Kawthar of grace with the utmost steadfastness and constancy. Be thou joyous in the remembrance of God and detached from all else beside Him. The glances of divine favors have been and will continue to be upon you. Know ye the value of this bounty and count it as a precious gift. Verily, He is with His servants who have believed and His handmaidens who have turned with their whole being unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Subduing, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07795 ===

=== START BH07796 ===

Here is the faithful wife of Jinab-i-Aqa ’Abdu’l-Husayn. The Pen moveth in the name of the Friend: O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Lord of nations that thou hast drunk the wine of recognition from the hand of the favors of the Most Great Name and art mentioned by His name among the handmaidens. Let not the opposition of certain heedless souls sadden thee. Ere long shall the standards of the divine Cause be seen raised throughout all regions. On that day the tongues of all who dwell on earth shall speak forth in praise and glorification of those accepted souls who have today turned toward the court of the divine oneness, and with utmost remorse shall they make mention of these days. Be thou occupied with the remembrance of God and be heedless of creation and all that pertaineth unto it. Drink thou the wine of the remembrance of the Beloved of the world and the King of days, in the nights and in the days. This wine of oneness increaseth consciousness and bestoweth existence and eternal life. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07796 ===

=== START BH07797 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Say: O my God! O Thou Who hast illumined the horizon of utterance through Thy Name, and hast caused the pillars of those who denied Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, to quake! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy sovereignty at which the kingdom of names was thunderstruck, to make me in all conditions stirred by the breezes of Thy verses and turned toward the horizon of Thy favors. O my Lord! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath heard Thy call and turned toward the horizon of Thy revelation, who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and sought the shore of the ocean of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee to protect me in all conditions and to ordain for me in Thy Kingdom that which beseemeth Thy majesty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The glory rest upon Thee and upon Thy daughters who have turned toward Thee, faced Thee, and heard this Call from which the ears of the divines and the hearts of the eloquent ones were debarred, save those whom Thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous, hath willed.

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=== START BH07798 ===

O Lord my God! I am Your handmaiden and the daughter of Your handmaiden. I bear witness to Your grandeur and Your sovereignty, to Your might and Your power and Your glory, and that You are God, there is no God but You. You have ever been supreme over Your servants, both men and women, and powerful over all who dwell in Your earth and Your heaven. I beseech You by Your mercy which has preceded all created things, and by Your grace which has encompassed all contingent beings, and by the pearls of the ocean of Your knowledge and by the lights of Your countenance, to make me in all conditions turn toward Your most exalted horizon and hold fast to the cord of Your loving-kindness, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! Then I beseech You to ordain for me the good of this world and the next and whatsoever befits the ocean of Your generosity and the heaven of Your bounty, O You in Whose grasp are the reins of gifts and bestowals. There is no God but You, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. And praise be unto You, for verily You are the Goal of them that know.

=== END BH07798 ===

=== START BH07799 ===

The Prayer of the Spouse of Him Who is Denoted by the Letter Ha, upon them both be the Glory of God. He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which the ocean of Thy bounty and mercy surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was wafted among Thy creation, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have detached themselves from all else but Thee in Thy days and have turned to the horizon of Thy Revelation in such wise that neither the allusions of Thy servants nor the clamor of the people of Thy realm could hinder them. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden mine eyes, rejoice my heart and dilate my breast, that I may make mention of Thee amongst Thy handmaidens. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou hast willed and Who

shall ever remain, even as Thou hast been from time immemorial, possessed of such power. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH07799 ===

=== START BH07801 ===

In the Name of God, Who endures without change! The Book of God hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of the mercy of your Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is the Call of God unto all else besides Him, and the sign of His mercy unto those in the unseen and visible worlds. He who hath taken hold of the Book with the hand of might - with him do the denizens of the Supreme Paradise glory, yet most of the people know not. Beware lest the veils of humanity withhold you from the Most Great Vision, and lest the affairs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved, cause you to waver. Sow with the hands of trust and detachment that which will cause the plants of wisdom and utterance to grow in hearts and minds. Verily He is with you and beholds what ye do in His path and what ye speak in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Loving. We created the servants for the hereafter, and the Promise hath come, yet they are heedless. Remind them that perchance they may discover this sanctified, mighty and treasured fragrance, and that the breeze of God may stir them and bring them to that station which God hath sanctified above all limitations.

=== END BH07801 ===

=== START BH07802 ===

He is established upon the throne of utterance. The Book of God speaketh the truth, yet most people comprehend not. Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come with the truth with manifest sovereignty. Whenever verses were sent down and clear proofs appeared, the people differed concerning them. Among them were those who turned away, and those who denied them. Thus did their souls entice them. They are indeed among the most lost ones in this perspicuous Tablet. O Qanbar! Blessed is the servant who hath believed in his Lord, and blessed is the soul who hath heard and responded, saying: “I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty Message.” I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy revelation, the dawning-places of Thy verses, and the sources of Thy commandments and laws, to aid me to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy manifestation, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what Thou hast ordained for Thy assured servants and Thy near ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07802 ===

=== START BH07803 ===

Abadih, Jinab Aqa Muhammad Husayn

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Generous

This is a Book We have sent down in truth to give glad tidings to the people of this wondrous Day. All things have rejoiced at the appearance of God and His sovereignty, yet most people are among the heedless. They follow the evil one and deny Him Who hath come unto them with this mighty Name. The horizons have been illumined with the light of His countenance, yet the people remain behind a clear veil. We called unto them from the right side of the snow-white spot, this most exalted station, yet the names remain behind a thick veil. Verily, whosoever holdeth fast today to the cord of God is among the triumphant ones, and whosoever denieth Him is among those who have disbelieved and turned away from God, the Single, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Truth spoken among creation. Blessed are the people who have heard the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou hast attained unto the verses of God and heard His call, turn thy face toward thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desired One, and glory be unto Thee, O Splendor of the worlds!"

=== END BH07803 ===

=== START BH07804 ===

In the Name of Him Who is Powerful over whatsoever He willeth

This is a Book which the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many a servant awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when He appeared rejected Him and disputed with the verses of God when they were sent down in truth. And how many a servant, when he heard the Call, was so attracted that he cast away the world and all that is therein and hastened to the ocean of reunion, crying out, speaking forth and remembering: "I testify that Thou hast appeared in truth and hast revealed that which was hidden in the pavilion of Thine infallibility. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving." We observed thee turning towards Us, wherefore We turned unto thee and remembered thee through this irrevocable Book which hath testified in the world to that which the Tongue of Eternity hath testified: The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH07804 ===

=== START BH07805 ===

He is the All-Knowing Speaker! This is a Book which the All-Wise hath sent down unto him who hath believed in Him and turned unto His straight Path. The Sun of Justice hath set, inasmuch as the embodiment of tyranny hath been established upon the throne of authority through manifest delusion. The children of the Messenger have been slain and their possessions pillaged. Say: Was it the possessions that denied God or their owner, according to thy notion? Be fair, O thou heedless and remote one! Thou hast seized oppression and cast aside justice and equity. Because of this all things have lamented, while thou remainest among the heedless ones. Thou hast slain the aged and plundered the young. Dost thou imagine that thou shalt consume what thou hast amassed through tyranny? Nay, by My life! Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. By God! What thou possessest and what thou hast gathered through tyranny shall not profit thee. Unto this thy Lord, the All-Knowing, doth testify. When thou hearest My call

and attainest unto My Tablet, ponder what the oppressors have wrought and say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name to protect me from all that is unworthy of Thee and of Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH07805 ===

=== START BH07806 ===

He is the One speaking with truth from the horizon of proof

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down when the Throne was established in this manifest Station which one of the servants hath built. Verily thy Lord ordaineth whatsoever He willeth as He pleaseth. Among the people are those who build but do not dwell therein, and among them are those who build for one who knoweth them not. Thus have matters been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen in a preserved Tablet. We have heard thy call and have called out to thee, and have beheld thy turning toward Us, and have revealed for thee that from which the servants will find the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the clamor of the people of the Bayan frighten thee, or the doubts of every rejected polytheist prevent thee. Say: O people! If ye were to hear the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, by God, that which never appeared before hath now appeared. To this testifieth every knower who hath attained the lights of the Countenance on this promised Day. Thus hath the Book manifested its verses and the Light its radiance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who is debarred.

=== END BH07806 ===

=== START BH07807 ===

He is the Most Exalted above mention and description. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down as a token of His grace unto him who desired to drink the living waters in this wondrous Revelation. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause of God, and We make mention of thee through this remembrance whereby is remembered he who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Verily, it shall abide with thee in all conditions, if thou be of them that are steadfast. The world and all that is therein shall perish; then shall the sincere ones find that which hath been ordained for them in the Most Great Paradise from God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily, they who are heedless this day of God and His sovereignty shall ere long find themselves in grievous loss. He hath indeed prospered who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, and he hath lost who hath occupied himself with his passions and turned away from the Lord of all mankind. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Thus have We sent down the verses that thou mayest discover their fragrance and be of them that remember.

=== END BH07807 ===

=== START BH07808 ===

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath heard the Call and answered his Ancient Lord, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and arise to serve his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged - verily He mentioneth thee with that which hath caused the fragrances of revelation to waft and the eyes of the sincere to be consoled. How many a servant hath detached himself from the tales of old and held fast unto that which hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and how many a servant hath clung to them, turning away from God, the Goal of those who know. We beseech God to aid the people of Baha with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, such that neither the doubts of the people nor the mentions of the past will move them. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Take thou My Book with a power from Me and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and to hold fast unto Thy Cause, the Unshakeable, the Firm, the Strong. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in all conditions. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07808 ===

=== START BH07809 ===

Aqdash, O Aqa Baba!

He is the One dawning from the horizon of eternity with My Most Glorious Name

This is the Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility. Exalted is He Who hath spoken and revealed whatsoever He hath willed. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. That which was inscribed hath come from the heaven of divine knowledge, and He hath manifested what He desired through His sovereignty which overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who have disputed the signs of God and His proof when the Countenance appeared with this Name. Beware lest passion hold you back from the Lord of all beings, or the world occupy you and keep you from this All-Wise Remembrance. Leave the world, clinging fast to this Most Great Name. This will profit you in every world among the worlds of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue of the Ancient of Days spoken in the Most Great Prison. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have cast away the idle fancies of men and hastened until they attained the light of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07809 ===

=== START BH07810 ===

He is the One speaking in the Kingdom! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the heaven of utterance unto all that dwell on earth, bearing unto them the glad-tidings of the good-pleasure of God, the Lord of all worlds. O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come with His kingdom of verses - turn ye unto Him, and be not of the heedless. They who have turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon, inclining unto every remote learning, are indeed among the losers. Say: Fear ye God, and reject not the truth by what ye possess. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a mighty sovereignty. This is the day wherein the gate of utterance hath been opened unto all possibilities, and wherein the straight

path of God hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath attained the lights of the countenance and recognized that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while imprisoned amidst the heedless ones. We have witnessed thy turning unto Us, wherefore have We turned unto thee and made mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. When thou attainest unto it, render thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, and the Lord of the exalted Throne.

=== END BH07810 ===

=== START BH07811 ===

O Mash-hadi Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God - at the request of Him Who beareth His name, Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon:

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may draw him to the most exalted horizon and bring him nigh unto His praiseworthy station. This is a Day wherein the breezes of God have wafted and the fragrances of Revelation have been diffused. Blessed are the people who recognize.

When thou hearest My call and perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and made me recognize Thy Proof. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance to aid me to stand firm in Thy love and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Thou hast ever been, O my God, in the heights of might and power and majesty, and in the summit of glory and greatness and grandeur. Neither do the clamors of the world hinder Thee, nor the veils of the nations. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH07811 ===

=== START BH07812 ===

O Siyyid Jalal, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of Revelation might attract him to the Dayspring of the Cause and show him that which most of the servants have been prevented from beholding. Thus hath the Truth spoken, the Knower of the unseen. Take thou the Book by Our command with such strength as the doubts of the learned cannot deter, nor the might of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause and turn thy face unto the Dawning-Place of thy Lord’s verses, the Lord of all existence. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, while the Wronged One was in the hands of every heedless one that was veiled. The glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon them who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament, who have arisen and declared: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of the world to come and of this world.” They are the people of Baha in My Preserved Tablet.

=== END BH07812 ===

=== START BH07813 ===

He is the Witness from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which shall gladden the eyes. Turn with thy heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and glorify the name of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, Who hath aided thee to recognize this Irrevocable Cause, at Whose appearance the hearts of the learned were troubled and the limbs of the mystics trembled, save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, did please. When thou didst discover the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and wert seized by the pure wine of revelation, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of existence, Who hast appeared through Thy name, the All-Loving! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy love to ordain that I may, in all conditions, turn unto Thee and celebrate Thy praise. O Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the suppliant at Thy gate. Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

=== END BH07813 ===

=== START BH07814 ===

O Amanu'llah, named the Sorrowful, the Stranger!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bestowing to those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And verily it summons all to the highest horizon, yet the wrongdoers, in pride and vainglory, have denied God's favor and His proof, and have pronounced judgment against those for whom the dwellers of the Kingdom lament. They shed blood and wrongfully consume the wealth of the people while imagining they do good. Nay, by God! Had they known what they have wrought, they would have wept with the weeping of the bereft. But today they perceive not. We have explained to thee somewhat of what hath befallen God's chosen ones of old and in these days through what the hands of the infidels have wrought - they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be - that thou mayest recognize those who have denied God's proof and His evidence and who reject His signs. Doth the oppressor imagine he shall endure in sovereignty? Nay, by My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden! Hold thou fast to the cord of God and shun those who deny.

=== END BH07814 ===

=== START BH07815 ===

In His Name Who dawns from the horizon of the Kingdom

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Might to him who has turned to God, the Lord of all worlds, that he may rejoice in what has been revealed from the heaven of God's Will and hold fast to what he has

been commanded in His wondrous Day. Say: O peoples of the earth, cast behind you every command and then follow Him Who speaks with truth. Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein what was hidden in God's knowledge has been revealed and every mighty command has become manifest. Say: O people, follow not your divines who bar you from the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Leave them and what they possess, holding fast to that which you have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. How many a divine from whom Satan seeks refuge with God, the Strong, the Powerful. These have denied God's proof and His evidence, and turned away from Him Who came to them with manifest authority. Blessed art thou for having turned to Him, and woe to every heedless doubter.

=== END BH07815 ===

=== START BH07816 ===

O Mirza Hasan, son of him who hath ascended, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! He is the Most Exalted Pen. This is a Book which the Lord of all beings hath sent down unto him who hath turned unto the lights of the Countenance and drunk the choice wine in the name of his Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and have sent down from the heaven of Will that which the reckoners have failed to reckon. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast to the cord of God, and woe betide every rejected denier. When thou hast attained unto My Book and drunk the choice wine of revelation from My verses, arise and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Desire of the invisible and visible realms. I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Thy Cause, to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is. Thus doth the Pen move when the Ancient King was seated upon the Most Great Throne, speaking forth verses that all the treasures cannot equal. Glory be from Us upon those who have cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of God, the Lord of the Kingdom.

=== END BH07816 ===

=== START BH07817 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all names! This is a Book which the Lord of creation hath sent down unto him who hath attained His presence and quaffed the choice wine of everlasting life from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We testify that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast held fast unto His strong cord and His resplendent hem. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest how sorrows have surrounded the Afnan. I beseech Thee by the Tree which Thou hast raised up by Thy command amongst Thy servants, and by the Light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, to rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy grace the showers of Thy gifts. O my Lord! Aid them to achieve such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the hosts of the world nor the ranks of the nations. O my Lord! Make known unto them their stations with Thee and what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and generosity. O my Lord! Change their grief into the Most Great Joy, their sorrow into gladness, and their loss into profit. Verily Thou art the One Who hath

power over whatsoever He willeth, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH07817 ===

=== START BH07818 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

A Book from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, that the breezes of Revelation may draw him to a station wherein neither the might of the oppressor nor the power of the infidels shall frighten him. Verily, they who have turned away this Day are in manifest error. We beseech God to aid all to do what He loveth and is pleased with, and to draw them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Answerer of the prayers of them that supplicate Him.

O Muhammad-Hashim! Thy letter hath come before Us. From it We perceived the fragrance of thy love and thy humility and lowliness before God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained to the recognition of this manifest Announcement. We counsel thee and them who have believed to manifest such virtues as shall diffuse the fragrance of divine acceptance, and to perform such deeds as shall guide mankind to the straight Path of God.

The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place and upon every people that hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07818 ===

=== START BH07819 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Tablet from Us to him who hath turned unto God and entered the Spot wherein the Tree uttereth its call and wherein the Faithful Spirit proclaimeth: “God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath come!” O Muhammad! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to enter this Station, round which circle the Concourse on High. This, verily, is a noble station. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified, then act according to that which thou hast been bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. O Muhammad! Thou hast attained unto divine favors and reached the sacred station of nearness. Preserve this station from the dust of the vain imaginings of the idolatrous souls. Convey My greetings to all the people of that land who have turned unto the Dayspring of Revelation, and who have drunk from the cup of steadfastness. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned unto Him, and heard, and believed, and fulfilled God’s Covenant, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07819 ===

=== START BH07820 ===

He Who hath been named with the two Most Great Names, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High! A Book from Our presence to him who hath attained unto God, the

Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having visited the House and the Lord of every exalted House. By My life! We perceive the fragrances of the Hijaz which are diffused from that praised Station. We call to mind the Day whereon the Sun of Batha rose above that conspicuous horizon, and the servants opposed Him through their idle fancies and vain imaginings. Blessed art thou for having entered the Prison after thy return from the frequented House, and for having heard the call of the Wronged One and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in what hath been mentioned by the Pen of the Imprisoned One, and put thy trust in God in all things. From this Station We send Our greetings to those who have turned with illumined faces unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. May the glory rest upon them and upon thee and upon thy brother who hath attained unto the Manifest, the Hidden Name.

=== END BH07820 ===

=== START BH07821 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A Tablet from the Wronged One to those whom vain imaginings have not prevented from recognizing the Lord of all beings, Who hath manifested the Dawning-Place of His Cause with sublime sovereignty. Say: By God! This is a day wherein the heavens lament, the clouds cry out, and the air itself grieves by reason of what hath befallen the loved ones of God at the hands of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds. Sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions through that which hath appeared from the company of the oppressors who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and taken up their own book, following every froward devil. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment from thy Lord's Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having remembered me in Thy mighty prison. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the wonders of Thy grace, nor to deprive me of that which lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed from this sublime station.

=== END BH07821 ===

=== START BH07822 ===

India [Hasanpur]. To Muhammad Akbar Khan, upon him be the bounty of God.

In His Name, the Manifest above the world. A letter from the Wronged One to him who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and desires to drink the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Possessor of Names, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. If the wine of inner meanings has intoxicated you, say: "Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all creation and in Whose grasp are the reins of all existence! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the breezes of Thy mercy wafted over Thy kingdom and the fragrance of the garment of Thy Revelation was diffused among Thy creatures, and by the Manifestations of Thy names and the Dawning-Places of Thy attributes, and by Thy Hidden Name whereby Thou hast encompassed what was and what will be, to assist me to mention Thee and to exalt Thy Word. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy horizon,

speaking Thy praise, and awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of the world and the Beloved of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

=== END BH07822 ===

=== START BH07823 ===

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven! This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily it beareth witness to that which was sent down aforetime by God unto the Prophets and Messengers. The Books have attained the honor of God's testimony in this Revelation which was promised by God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy letter hath come and been read by this Servant in the presence of the Countenance. We found from it the fragrance of turning unto God. We have sent down for thee this perspicuous Tablet. Read thou the Book of thy Lord. Verily it will draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the lights of His Face. To this testifieth every truthful and perceiving one. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord and steadfast in this Cause, which when it appeared caused the feet of those who turned away from the Countenance to slip, while they turned unto every rejected idolator. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the intimations of the idolators have not held back from this momentous News.

=== END BH07823 ===

=== START BH07824 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book that hath been sent down in truth in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds, and giveth glad tidings unto all of the Manifestation of God and His sovereignty; yet most of the people are heedless. O Muhammad! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before the Throne hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, and the pen that hath been privileged to set down His verses whereby the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the King, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in His perspicuous Book. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from this Station which hath been named the Heaven of Heavens in My Great Tablet. It summoneth you unto God and teacheth you that which shall profit you in the world to come and in this first life. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy son and thy son, from God, the Goal of all worlds.

=== END BH07824 ===

=== START BH07825 ===

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

A Book sent down in truth, by which the lights of the sun of the remembrance of My Name, the Most Merciful, have shone forth, and which hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Generous, that it may rejoice in My remembrance of it and may stand with such steadfastness in the Cause of its Lord that the doings of the wayward shall not cause it to waver. O My handmaiden! Hold fast to the cord of the favors of thy Lord and turn at all times to the horizon of the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Verily, He maketh mention of His servants who make mention of Him throughout all regions, and of His handmaidens who have arisen to remember Him amidst the worlds. Act thou according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Be thou thankful that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and that this gracious Tablet hath been sent down unto thee, from which everyone possessed of the sense of smell can detect the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Thus hath testified He Who is the Goal of all who know. When thou hast found and recognized this, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me while I was in a remote prison.

=== END BH07825 ===

=== START BH07826 ===

In the name of God! O ’Ali-Akbar, brother of Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Powerful, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

This is a Book sent down in truth to him who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: The Mother Book hath appeared and speaketh forth on the Day of Return: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” I created creation for My knowledge, yet when I manifested My Self they denied and turned away, save whom God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, desired. All awaited the days of attainment, yet when the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, appeared, they turned away from Him and followed every ignorant remote one. All things speak in remembrance of the Lord of Names, yet most among the people are asleep. Blessed is he who hath been awakened by the Call of God and hath cast aside all else, turning toward the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou in such wise that the veils of the world withhold thee not, nor the doubts of the nations prevent thee from this noble prospect. Thus doth He teach thee Who taught Adam all the names. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH07826 ===

=== START BH07827 ===

He is the One speaking with truth!

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, that it may summon the people to the Most Exalted Paradise, the Station wherein the Tree exclaims: “There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Loving.” We caused to shine upon it less than a needle’s eye of the luminary of Our Name, the All-Knowing. Its rustling was raised up and it spoke that which guided Moses unto God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God, and the tongue that hath spoken His remembrance, and the foot that hath arisen in His Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

When thou drinkest of My sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, say: “My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have committed my affairs unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty a mercy from Thee, and from the clouds of Thy generosity a grace from Thy presence. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one who hath sought the gate of Thy wealth, and the sinful one who hath sought the ocean of Thy forgiveness and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him, by Thy grace and Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH07827 ===

=== START BH07828 ===

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over the horizons! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, to one who heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when every heedless and veiled one turned away from it. The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, and the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims among the peoples: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving.” Blessed is the ear that has attained to hearing, and woe to every heedless and rejected one. Be thou thankful to God for having guided thee to His path and revealed for thee that which cannot be equaled by all things. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Reflect upon God and the manifestations of His grace, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast sent down upon Thy servant a feast from heaven! I beseech Thee to make it blessed from Thy presence. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.” The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible.

=== END BH07828 ===

=== START BH07829 ===

O Mashhadi Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Present, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. It commands you to righteousness and godliness, and forbids you from transgression and wickedness. Thus has the Sun of Judgment shone forth from the horizon of God’s will, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Hasan! We beseech God that He may make thee steadfast in His Cause and aid thee in that which is adorned with the ornament of His acceptance. Corruption, conflict and contention have been forbidden. The friends must shun and keep far from whatsoever gives off the odor of corruption. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which is the cause of the tranquility and assurance of His servants. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Thy letter was received, and We have revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed, and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

=== END BH07829 ===

=== START BH07830 ===

O Mirza Sulayman, son of him who hath ascended unto God, He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! This is a Book sent down in truth and guideth the people to the highest horizon, the station wherein the Divine Lote-Tree proclaimeth: There is none other God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Every stone hath heard the call of God and every clod hath found the fragrance of the Robe, yet most among the people perceive not. The attraction of the Word hath seized all who are in the contingent world. Blessed is he who is strong and hasteneth with his heart, and blessed is he who is wealthy and turneth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people! Beware lest the concerns of earth withhold you from the Lord of Heaven. Cast away your idle fancies and turn unto the station whereof every atom testifieth that the Day is come and the Hidden Name is revealed. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto My remembrance time and again. Behold then the loving-kindness of God and His bounty, and say: My soul be a sacrifice for Thy gift, O Thou Who art the Desired One, and my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Thou through Whose Name the fragrance of the Divine Robe was diffused and the ocean of knowledge surged!

=== END BH07830 ===

=== START BH07831 ===

All of it was sent by His Eminence Siyyid Baqir in the name of the Peerless Friend. The letter was seen and attained to the lights of the Face. Thou didst seek forgiveness from the ocean of divine generosity - He hath indeed forgiven thee as a bounty from His presence. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And God willing, from now on thou shalt remain firm, steadfast and upright in the Cause of God in such wise that the vain imaginings of malicious souls shall not prevent thee from the court of divine unity, for such souls have existed and will continue to exist in every place - at times concealed and at times manifest. Let thy Lord suffice thee, for verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The call of Rida and his father was heard. God willing, may they attain to the outpourings of the true Bestower of Grace and not remain deprived of the fragrances of His days. May they be so firm in the Cause that the schemes of schemers shall not hold them back from the straight path. We beseech God to grant you success and ordain for you what you have desired from Him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07831 ===

=== START BH07832 ===

In His Name, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Chosen! How many a darkness hath been illumined by the splendors of the Face, and how many a light hath been veiled through following its desires! Verily, He Who changeth not is the One in Essence, and all else changeth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Chosen. We have lifted the veil from the face of this Cause in this Revelation whereby the idols have been shattered. How many a name have We raised up at eventide and cast down at dawn! Can power be withheld from Him? Nay, by His sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds! He giveth and taketh away even as He quickeneth and causeth to die. None may hesitate in His Cause, and whoso hesitateth is of them that are lost. O people! Ponder the signs and sovereignty of God, and follow not every heedless doubter. Say: Knowledge is not what ye possess. Blessed is he who hath forsaken it, turning unto the Mighty, the All-

Knowing. Thus have We adorned thee with the two wings of wisdom and utterance that thou mayest soar therewith unto the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH07832 ===

=== START BH07833 ===

O Karbila'i Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Protector over all names! How many a servant hath occupied himself with the world, heedless of its transience, and how many a servant hath forsaken it, turning unto his Ancient Lord! How many a servant hath been prevented by wealth from his ultimate end, and how many a servant hath spent it in this straight and manifest Path! How many a servant hath engaged with it by Our command - verily nothing shall withhold him from God, the Lord of all worlds! That which withholdeth you from God is indeed the world. Shun it through My binding and firm command. The world was created for those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon - they derive enjoyment from it in the name of their Lord, and it preventeth them not from this wondrous Remembrance. Remember God in the nights and days. Verily, He remembereth whoso turneth unto Him with a pure and radiant countenance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this manifest and luminous Quarter.

=== END BH07833 ===

=== START BH07834 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend! The Kawthar of utterance is the Purpose of all worlds. Through it He hath quickened and continueth to quicken all beings. The corrupted ones have debarred the servants from the path of divine unity. The corrupted ones are they who have usurped the station of Truth in the name of Truth. Glory be to God! The rain-clouds of the All-Glorious pour forth their bounties at every moment, and the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree appear manifest before all faces. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to behold them and hath received its portion of these fruits and signs. And woe unto those souls that are deprived and forbidden from the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. Praise thou the Purpose of the world Who hath confirmed thee in turning unto Him and hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and hath revealed unto thee these verses. We beseech God that He may aid thee to quaff from every verse the choice wine of utterance and from every word the Kawthar of exposition. He verily is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07834 ===

=== START BH07835 ===

O Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Nothing escapes His knowledge. He witnesses and sees, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He has appeared and made manifest His straight path, and guided all to that which profits them. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him, and among them are those who have turned away, and among them are those who have openly denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He who loves Me has mentioned thee, so We have remembered thee in a perspicuous Tablet which speaks before the faces of

the world: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” Blessed is he who has heard and attained. Woe to the heedless! Vain imaginings have prevented those on earth from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. They have taken their idle fancies as lords beside God. Verily, they are among the perishing ones. The verses have been sent down and the evidence has appeared, yet most of the people are in evident delusion. Give thanks to God, thy Lord, for having remembered thee and revealed unto thee that whereby the eyes of those endued with understanding are solaced. Praise be to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne!

=== END BH07835 ===

=== START BH07836 ===

O Siyyid Hashim! He is God! God’s gaze is ever fixed upon His servants, and were He to withdraw that glance of favor from the earth and all who dwell thereon for less than that, all would assuredly return to nothingness. However, in this day it is beloved that the loved ones of God should appear among His servants with spiritual qualities, that from every soul the sweet fragrances of the dwellers of all worlds might be inhaled. Those who claim to love must show proof. Not all that is uttered by the tongue finds acceptance at the threshold of the All-Merciful. Today deeds take precedence over words. Therefore strive that praiseworthy actions may be manifested from all your limbs. If someone claims to be of the divine paradise, that claim alone does not prove it, rather those endowed with spiritual perception must inhale. If they detect the fragrances of the gardens, it will be accepted; otherwise it is rejected. O my brothers! The scratching of the Supreme Pen is far more distinct and excellent than the buzzing of flies.

=== END BH07836 ===

=== START BH07837 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy Above All Mention

O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Your mention hath been made before the Throne, and the glances of the favors of God are directed towards you. God willing, you shall ever drink from the cup of divine bounty and be speaking in His remembrance. Praise the Beloved of the world that you have attained unto the hearing of the Decisive Utterance in His days. Grieve not over anything, place your trust in God, your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. That which you sent hath been presented before the Throne. This is of My favor unto you. Then We accepted it, and this is another favor, and We shall clothe it with Our bounties. This is of Our mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Remember thy Lord, then thank Him in all conditions for having guided thee to His straight path and for the Ancient Beauty having turned towards thee and remembered thee in His Most Great Prison. Convey My greetings to all the steadfast women in that land. All are mentioned before the Throne. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and the Helper of those who remember Him.

=== END BH07837 ===

=== START BH07838 ===

O handmaid of God, Hudhud, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The Tongue of Grandeur has at all times summoned the peoples of the contingent world to the Most Exalted Horizon. The atoms of all created things bear witness that this Wronged One has desired naught but the reformation of the world and the edification of its peoples. At times, while bound in chains and fetters, He would beseech the Lord of Creation for comfort and mercy on behalf of His servants, and at other times, while imprisoned by His enemies, He would give all the glad-tidings of the ocean of bounty and the heaven of generosity. He bore that which none in all the world has borne. Every fair-minded one testifies and every knower is aware. Now, in this last prison, He again makes mention of all and commands them to that which God has revealed in the Book. Blessed is the servant who has attained, and the handmaid who has attained. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the Commander, the Just, the Mighty, the Wise. The Glory from Us be upon My handmaids who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07838 ===

=== START BH07839 ===

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger! By the life of God! The books of the world have lamented, and the Lord of nations has cried out, by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of every remote oppressor. By means of brackish water have they barred access to the Most Great Sea, and through bitter fluid have they disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. They have occupied themselves with vain imaginings, turning away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We command thee and those who have believed in that which hath been sent down in My perspicuous Book. Say: Cast aside what the people possess and take what ye have been given from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: All the treasures of the earth shall not suffice you this Day, nor shall what the people possess profit you. Fear God, and be not of the wrongdoers. Purify your ears that ye may hear that which all things proclaim, and sanctify your eyes to behold this resplendent, manifest Light. Say: By the life of God! Neither the might of the world nor the ranks of kings and rulers shall protect you. Turn with your hearts to the Beloved and follow not every ignorant doubter. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

=== END BH07839 ===

=== START BH07840 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast guided Thy servants to the court of Thy manifestation, and made known unto them Thy proof and Thy path, and revealed unto them that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast illumined the horizons of the hearts of Thy chosen ones in Thy days, and by the ornament of Thy kinship wherewith Thou hast, through Thy bounty and generosity, adorned their temples, to ordain for them that which will exalt them among Thy creation. O Lord! Thou beholdest them clinging fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses. They have drunk the choice wine of Thy utterance before Thy face, and have entered the gate of Thy mercy which Thou hadst opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. Through Thy might and power they have advanced until they attained the salsabil of reunion from the hand of Thy

bounty and the kawthar of meeting through Thy leave and will. I beseech Thee to ordain for those who have attained unto vision and hearing the best of the world to come and of this world. Verily Thou art the All-Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH07840 ===

=== START BH07841 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth, for having guided Thy servants unto Thy path and given them to drink from the cup of Thy love and made known unto them that which draweth them nigh unto Thee and that which Thou hast sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the mysteries hidden within Thy knowledge and treasured within Thy Books, to aid Thy loved ones to champion Thy Cause through the hosts of Thy verses and Thy clear proofs. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath arisen amongst Thy servants to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, desiring naught but to spread abroad that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and its rustling, and by the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and its whispering, to strengthen him at all times to spread abroad Thy signs, O Thou in Whose grasp is the control of all religions. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Ever-Helping.

=== END BH07841 ===

=== START BH07842 ===

He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world! Bounty be unto Thee, O Possessor of existence! Glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of bestowal! Laudation be unto Thee, O Desire of all beings! Light be unto Thee, O Speaker on Sinai! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of the throne and of the earth, and by the Most Great Word through which all things have spoken, to bless that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty and dispatched from the atmosphere of Thy loving-kindness, which Thou hast named through Thy might as a manifestation of Thy grace. O Lord! We are Thy servants and Thy creation. We desire naught save the wonders of Thy grace, and we seek naught but what Thou hast ordained through the Pen of Thy decree and the Reed of Thy determination. O Lord! Illumine our hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, then make this newborn babe a blessing from Thee, a mercy from Thy presence, and a bounty from Thy side. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous, the Ancient Bestower.

=== END BH07842 ===

=== START BH07843 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names!

Praise be to God that thou hast turned thyself unto Him and attained unto that which the divines and notables of Iran are deprived and forbidden. God, exalted be His glory, did confirm thee, and the hosts of His grace and favors did assist thee, until thou didst attain unto the straight path and become aware of the Great Announcement. O my handmaiden! Thou hast been and art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Thy turning unto Him, thy sincerity and thy service are evident before the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for thee a reward from His presence. He, verily, is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. How many princes and divines who waited but did not attain, while thou hast attained unto the days of God and drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. This is among the great bounties of the One intended by the worlds. We beseech Him to preserve thee and enable thee to achieve the most great steadfastness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the Supreme Ruler over all names. The splendor of God rest upon thee from the presence of God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH07843 ===

=== START BH07844 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

Praise be to God that in the earliest days thou didst break the chains of vain imaginings and turn thyself to the horizon of certitude. Today the standard of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” hath been raised aloft, and the pavilion of “The Kingdom is God’s” hath been pitched upon the most exalted height. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that for which it was created. We beseech God to aid thee to mention Him, to praise Him, and to serve His Cause. That which thou didst send through My Name, upon Him be My Glory, reached the Most Holy Court. Blessed art thou for having spoken in remembrance and praise of the Wronged One in days wherein most of the servants have opposed Him. Say: My God, my God! Disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, and withhold me not from the effusions of Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions looking unto Thee, speaking Thy praise, and holding fast to Thy Strong Cord. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07844 ===

=== START BH07845 ===

O Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which the people of the world are deprived of and forbidden from, save for a few who have rent asunder the veils and torn away the coverings. These are they who have arisen to promote His Cause with complete steadfastness. These are the men whom God hath described aforetime in His mighty Book, saying: “Neither merchandise nor traffic beguile them from the remembrance of God.” The verses have been sent down and the evidences are manifest. The Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation, yet the people remain heedless. Praise thou the True One, exalted be His glory, Who hath aided thee and enabled thee to attain this most great

bounty. His generosity hath encompassed the world and His munificence hath pervaded the realm of being. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the misguided have not prevented from nor deprived of the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07845 ===

=== START BH07846 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto that for which the world of existence hath been brought into being. Thou hast hearkened unto that which the company of the near ones, throughout the nights and days, would beseech the Goal of all mankind to hear. Some time ago We made mention of the friends, including mention of Shafi?, upon him be My Baha, and We sent it forth. We beseech God to honor His loved ones with His Tablet and to acquaint them with what lieth concealed in its words of the oceans of His knowledge, and to aid them to remain steadfast in the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby neither shall the names hold them back from their Lord nor the tales of old from their Sovereign. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou art he who hath gained mention by Me time and again and hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty. We counsel thee to preserve what We have bestowed upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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I know not, O my God, what the Fire is which Thou didst kindle in Thy land. Earth can never cloud its splendor, nor water quench its flame. All the peoples of the world are powerless to resist its force. Great is the blessedness of him that hath drawn nigh unto it, and heard its roaring.

Some, O my God, Thou didst, through Thy strengthening grace, enable to approach it, while others Thou didst keep back by reason of what their hands have wrought in Thy days. Whoso hath hasted towards it and attained unto it hath, in his eagerness to gaze on Thy beauty, yielded his life in Thy path, and ascended unto Thee, wholly detached from aught else except Thyself.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by this Fire which blazeth and rageth in the world of creation, to rend asunder the veils that have hindered me from appearing before the throne of Thy majesty, and from standing at the door of Thy gate. Do Thou ordain for me, O my Lord, every good thing Thou didst send down in Thy Book, and suffer me not to be far removed from the shelter of Thy mercy.

Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH07847 ===

=== START BH07848 ===

O Ali Allahdad, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Seeing

The Ancient King, in the Most Great Prison, makes mention of His loved ones and counsels them as befits them. Blessed are they whom self and passion have not withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon and who have not been deprived of the choice wine of the Merciful's utterance. O friends! The Truth is manifest, the Book is revealed, the evidences are visible, the path is clear, the proof is evident, and the Wronged One stands before all faces. We beseech God to assist His friends to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Book. Thy mention hath been made, and We have shown Our favor through these verses that the sweet-scenting breezes of God's remembrance may assist thee and grant thee success in such deeds and actions as will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory.

=== END BH07848 ===

=== START BH07849 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! Many are they who claim to love, yet very few are observed to be faithful ones who in truth are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, save those souls who, through divine confirmations, have passed beyond the world of dust and have turned toward the Lord of Lords. How many were the souls who awaited the Manifestation, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Most Great Light, all remained veiled save whom God wished. O handmaiden of God! Hold fast to the cord of divine love in such wise that none shall be able to sever it. With utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Lord of the Manifestation. All ties are cut off and rejected this Day, for these are the days of the tie with God. Whosoever attaineth unto this tie, he verily hath been and shall be of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained unto His love and been mentioned in His remembrance.

=== END BH07849 ===

=== START BH07850 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing! The Wronged One of the world has, during nights and days, summoned the people unto God, exalted be His glory, and hath mentioned, through sufficient and healing utterances, whatsoever would conduce to the exaltation of the servants and the advancement of the inhabitants of the cities. He hath counseled the friends of God to sanctification and detachment and to that whereby the Cause will be uplifted. That which today is conducive to the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of light hath been and will continue to be unity, inasmuch as through it the horizons are illumined and through it the station of man is made evident. Had the loved ones and chosen ones acted until now according to what the Most Exalted Pen commanded them, the entire earth would have been witnessed illumined with the light of certitude. O friends! Hearken unto the voice of the

Wronged One and listen with the ear of the soul to the counsel of the Trusted Counselor. It is better for you than what ye possess and what the peoples possess. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and woe unto them that have broken it.

=== END BH07850 ===

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds

Hearken unto the Divine Call in the Persian tongue, that thou mayest discover its meanings and partake of the choice wine of inner significance that lieth concealed therein. O Isma'il! The glorious Call is raised at all times, and though the Wronged One is seen to be imprisoned in the Most Great Prison, He summoneth all peoples to the Ancient King. Today the Dawning-Place of bounty and grace is manifest and radiant through the blessing of the Most Great Name. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from the world and its peoples and hath turned unto Him. Soon shall all that existeth pass into nothingness. Strive thou to attain eternal stations in this fleeting world. Praise be to God that the ocean of knowledge hath appeared and the sun of grace hath dawned. Blessed is he who hath remained steadfast in the Cause and hath spoken forth in praise of his Lord with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of God, the King, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Your call has been heard with the ear of acceptance, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply to thee, both before and after. Whatsoever befalleth in this Day the sincere ones, the assured ones, the steadfast ones, and the firm ones hath not been due to error or transgression. Reflect upon that which was visited upon the Beloved of the world through the tyranny of the peoples. I swear by the Most Great Name, were the world to possess any worth, the dominating Power of God would assuredly have prevented all from that which they have wrought, nay rather, would have cast them all into the fire in but a moment. The creation is but a handful of ashes, and God's conquering Will is greater than a hundred thousand winds - nay, there can be no comparison. Verily He hath forgiven thee and purified thee from transgression, inasmuch as thou didst turn unto Him, and hath ordained for thee that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that know. Thus have We adorned thy letter with decisive verses, that they may bear witness for thee in My worlds. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the solitary Wronged One!

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O Abdu'l-Husayn, son of Jinab-i-Samandar, upon both of you be the Glory of God! In the name of the Everlasting Speaker, We have heard thy call and from the direction of the Prison have turned toward thee, and make mention of thee with these sublime words, each of which hath shone forth like the Sun of

Truth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful. By the life of God! This is a mighty station, and this is the station which hath been the hope of them that are nigh and of the sincere ones. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to preserve it. From thy petition was inhaled the fragrance of sincerity and witnessed the warmth of divine love. By My life! This beseemeth thee by virtue of thy kinship to him whom We named Samandar in the Most Great Scene. Be thou thankful and among them that remember. Verily We have made mention of thy father with such mention whereby the Balance was set up and the mountains swept away. Blessed art thou, and thy father, and thine uncle, and they that have attained unto this most glorious station when the Lord of Names came with manifest sovereignty. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of the Peerless Lord! Your call hath been heard and Thy letter was observed. Verily thy Lord turneth hardship into comfort and difficulty into ease. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne and for His Glorious and Wondrous Pen having turned toward thee. We have commanded all to wisdom and unity, that all may fix their gaze upon that which God hath willed. There is no doubt that the divine commandments have ever been the cause of salvation for all peoples. Blessed is the one who hath pondered the divine ordinances and acted upon them. By My life! They are the fountainheads of grace and the dawning-places of justice amongst the servants. He with Whom is the Final Word beareth witness unto this. God willing, divine benevolence shall embrace all. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among such as have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! The breezes of divine mercy waft continually over the leaves of the blessed Tree, and from their rustling is heard “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.” Blessed art thou, O leaf, in that thou hast clung to the Tree and turned unto the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness. This special bounty hath not been and is not vouchsafed unto every soul, as thou dost witness that most are deprived thereof and occupied with their own desires. Soon shall all drink from the cup of extinction and return, disappointed and in loss, unto the dust. God willing, may ye be nourished at all times from the chalice of certitude and be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. If outwardly there be witnessed any delay in sending Tablets, yet in the presence of the Face ye have been and shall be remembered, for ye are of Him and related unto Him. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

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=== START BH07856 ===

O Ghulam who hath attained the presence and won the bounty! He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and the majesty and the loftiness and the power and the bounty. He giveth whom He willeth what He willeth, and He is the Single One, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided Thy servant unto Thy straight path and ordained for him that which drew him nigh unto Thee in days wherein the limbs of the idolaters trembled. Thou didst open unto him the gate of attainment to Thy presence and honored him with that which was recorded in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all that are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Creator of nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me successful in remembering Thee and praising Thee and serving Thy Cause. Then ordain for me the good of the world to come and of the first. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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=== START BH07857 ===

He is the Mighty, the Single One! A melody of the heart in Persian strains descended upon the Iraqi Countenance, and secret lamentations were heard therefrom. Yea, an immortal ear is needed to hear the immortal Word, and an immortal eye is needed to behold the immortal Beauty, for that which is evanescent hath no path into the arena of eternity that it may comprehend the degrees of everlasting glory, and the abject one hath no portion of the cup of glory that he may step into His holy court. Therefore, as thou hast donned the new garment of glory and entered the living stream of mercy, hearken then with the ear of thy soul to these songs of the divine Nightingale, Who, upon the holy and spiritual branch, warbleth in all melodies, that thou mayest sacrifice thy soul in the eternal spiritual atmosphere and wing thy flight to the nest of the Beloved, until thy whole being becometh spirit and ascendeth unto the heaven of light.

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O My sister! Blessed is the one who has attained and circled round. In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker: How excellent is the state of that soul who today has not been prevented by the veils of the people of the world from the Most Great Ocean and the recognition of the Pre-existent Lord, and whom transient means have not deprived of everlasting bounties. With perfect certitude and assurance they have turned toward the Beloved of all possibility and become vocal in His praise. O handmaiden of God! The Truth remembers thee from the Most Great Prison. Strive thou to attain, through His aid, the sweetness of this bounty. I swear by the Ancient Beauty, if thou attainest to that which was mentioned, thou shalt behold thyself in the most exalted station with perfect joy and ecstasy. This is the bounty of the Beloved that He hath bestowed before any request. Then praise ye and give thanks and be devoted,

then prostrate yourselves before God, your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdoms of the heavens and earth and the realms of command and creation, the Lord of all the worlds.

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=== START BH07859 ===

O Ali Muhammad! This is a mention from Us to him who heard the Call and said “Yea, O Lord of all beings!” Blessed is he who answered his Lord when He appeared from the horizon of the Command with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty. The mountains have been scattered, and We see the people struck down from fear of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Soon shall the monotheists behold the banners of victory, and the polytheists be in severe distress and agitation. Verily those who are heedless are in doubt and hypocrisy, and those who believe are in passionate attraction. Leave the mention of those on earth and hold fast to this Mention through which the clear proofs have shone forth. Thus doth thy Lord command thee while imprisoned in the most desolate of lands. Grieve not at anything, but trust at all times in thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He aideth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of the unseen. He is indeed the One, the Helper. Be thou grateful that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne. He is indeed the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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In the Name of Muhammad, the Chosen One

He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy

This is the Book of God which hath been sent down in truth, yet most people perceive not. Therein doth God command you to practice righteousness and piety, and forbiddeth you from transgression and indecency, would that ye might understand. There hath come before Us what thou didst compose of elegant and eloquent words, and God will surely reward thee with the most excellent reward from His presence, for He is verily the Bestower, the Beloved. If thou wouldst turn with thy whole being to this luminous and beloved Beauty, God would cause to flow from thy tongue that which hath never occurred to the hearts of those who compose verses day after day. Arise to serve God, thy Lord, and fear no one. Be thou in praiseworthy love, and should thou see anyone who beareth enmity toward Me, avoid him even if he be thine own eye. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty command thee, if thou be of them that understand. Then convey Our remembrance unto those who are with thee and give them the glad-tidings of a holy and inaccessible paradise.

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=== START BH07861 ===

He is the Mighty! This is a noble Book sent down from the presence of God, the Most High, the Supreme. Verily it is from the Sovereign, and verily it is in the Name of God, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou not perturbed when there cometh to thee a matter at which every

lofty and towering mountain would crumble, and the heavens and earths would be cleft asunder. Say: By God! He hath appeared with the truth with manifest sovereignty and speaketh with the truth that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Invincible, the Inaccessible. Then know thou that We have answered thee before and made mention of thee in holy and preserved Tablets, that thou mayest rejoice in thy innermost being and be detached from the worlds in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from entering this Sanctuary round which circle the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. And We have sent unto thee that which shall solace thine eyes and the eyes of them that profess the unity of God. And praise be to God, the King, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised. A shirt hath been sent that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

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=== START BH07862 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Tablet for him who hath believed in God, the Lord of eternity. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as God hath brought forth from thy loins one who hath attained unto the Most Great Pilgrimage and to whose love the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, and then those of the Sacred Precinct and the Holy Sanctuary, have testified. There hath been sent down in his behalf, from the heaven of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that which the Pen is powerless to describe. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His grace, even as He singled out those who preceded him among the peoples. Be thou thankful unto God for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in this Most Great Prison. Grieve thou not over anything, but put thy trust in God, Who quickeneth the moldering bones. If thou didst but know what hath been ordained for thee, by God, thou wouldst soar with longing to the spot wherein He Who causeth the eyes of the sincere ones, and then the Sacred Place and Zamzam, to weep, hath been imprisoned. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are around thee, from thy Lord, the Most Bountiful.

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O son of Jinab-i-Mulla Baqir! The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book known by the One Who Subsisteth to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. O people! Answer Him Who summoneth you unto God, the Lord Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Nothing whatsoever deterreth Him from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He calleth the peoples unto God, the Sovereign of eternity, though the kings oppose Him. Blessed is the king who hath attained unto this Day and hath cast away kingship, turning unto the Kingdom. By My life! He is, in the sight of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, among the most exalted of all created things. Aid ye your Lord through utterance. Beware lest veils and allusions hold you back from this straight Path. Grieve not over the world and what transpireth therein. It shall pass away more swiftly than a moment, and that which hath been ordained by God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, shall endure. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the denial of them that are veiled shall not deter thee, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the God of the seen and the unseen!

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In the name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous! This is a letter from the servant to a handmaiden among the handmaidens of God. Associate not anything with God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Remember Him at all times, for by His remembrance hearts are illumined. Verily, they who are heedless of His remembrance are in a mighty veil, while they who remember Him dwell in the gardens of delight. Soon shall the world pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Take heed lest the world occupy thee from God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's grace, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. He verily sufficeth thee in truth and guardeth thee from the harm of the idolaters. In His hand is the kingdom of might and power - He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth, and He is powerful over all things. And mercy be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, their Lord and the Lord of all creation. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God! This is a Book from God to her who hath believed in her Lord and was among the devout ones. Worship none but God, and purify thy heart from the intimations of those who disbelieved in God when He came with the Kingdom of signs. Rejoice thou in the gladness of the Cause, and be devoted to this Most Great Remembrance through Whose command the names and attributes were created. Grieve not for him who hath ascended unto God, and be content with God thy Lord. Verily He is with His remembering handmaidens. Turn thy face toward Him Who created the earth and the heavens. Find solace in the remembrance of God, for through His remembrance sorrows are lifted and mercy and joy descend from all directions. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath held fast to the Most Great Handle and hath detached herself from the world and all that is therein out of love for God, the Manifest One of clear signs. And upon thee, O handmaiden of God, and upon His submissive handmaidens rest the Spirit, O thou who belongeth to God, the Lord of the Cause, the One possessed of grandeur and power.

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He is the Most High, the Most Great! This is a Book from God wherein is mentioned that which guideth the people unto His All-Knowing, All-Wise Self. O servant! Detach thyself from the world, then ascend unto God with mighty submissiveness. Say: God hath ever been more knowing than everyone possessed of knowledge. He knoweth whatsoever moveth upon the earth and ascendeth unto heaven. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: He hath made all things the treasuries of His contingent knowledge, and none hath comprehended it save His Own Experienced Self, and then those who have been given penetrating vision - these comprehend according to their capacity. There is no God but Him, [the Ordainer], the All-Seeing. And the knowledge which pertaineth to His Essence is confined to His Own Self, and none among the peoples of the heavens and the earth hath comprehended His knowledge. Therefore testify within thyself that there is no God but Him, and that He Who appeared with the name of Husayn before 'Ali was a manifestation of His Self and His sovereignty unto all the worlds.

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This is a tablet from the servant of God to him who hath been guided by the lights of the Sun of Oneness and who hath migrated from his homeland, then sought refuge in a station of eternal holiness. O Ali! Be patient in what God hath decreed for us and be thou patient in thyself, and grieve not over anything but trust in God in all matters and be thou steadfast in love. Then know that God hath accepted thy obedience and hath raised thy name in a preserved tablet of glory. Thus do We make mention of thee in truth and cast upon thee that which will cause thee to soar to the highest heaven of nearness, that thou mayest be content with thyself and with all that hath been ordained by One Who is All-Wise, All-Knowing. Then convey Our remembrance to thy wife who hath believed in her Lord and who hath been faithful to the Covenant, and to thy brother who hath believed in God and who hath been steadfast in the true religion. And the spirit be upon thee and upon all the sincere ones.

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=== START BH07868 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a Book from Us to him who hath been named ’Abdu’llah, that he may be mindful of the remembrance of the All-Merciful and guide the peoples of the world unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, then aid Him to the extent of thy power. Verily, He is with those who have stood firm and have not broken the Covenant on the Day when the clouds were cleft asunder and the Beauty of the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. Then make mention from Us unto him who was named Nabil-i-’Ali, and unto those who have believed in God, thy Lord, in these days wherein all have turned away from the Beauty of the All-Glorious, save those who have detached themselves from all things. By God! They are in a state of joy and delight, and they are servants who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark in My Most Great Name and have detached themselves from the world. These are they who are accounted as people of the Bayan in the presence of the All-Merciful.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us unto thee that thou mayest be illumined by its lights in these days wherein darkness hath encompassed all regions, and that thou mayest aid thy Lord with a manifest victory. Know thou that every letter that proceedeth from the Pen of Command is verily a sun from which the realities of all things are illumined. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Though We be imprisoned and prevented and afflicted with trials and tribulations, We have not been hindered from remembrance and utterance, and We speak forth upon the branches of the Tree of Exposition that He is the One worshipped by all the worlds. It

behooveth everyone who hath turned unto God to be detached from those who have disbelieved and turned away, and to be speaking in remembrance of his Lord amongst all peoples. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's covenant and whom the oppression of the transgressors hath not kept back from His love. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord and say with thy tongue, both in secret and openly: "I have turned toward Thee, O Thou Beloved of them that know, and praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth."

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In the Name of the Most Exalted

This is a Book from the Compassionate, the Merciful, unto him who hath believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people! We desire to offer up Our life in the path of God, though ye be of them that detest it. Say: We bear tribulations in the path of Baha through God's might and power, and We thank Him for this supreme bounty. Say: Blessed is the dust that is reddened with this blood out of love for God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Know thou that We have found in thee the love of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We have therefore sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Arise to teach God's Cause among His heedless servants. Whosoever teacheth, verily the Spirit will aid him at all times. Thus hast thou been commanded from the presence of One knowing, wise. And the Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon her two sisters, from God, the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of all creation.

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In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Tablet from the Spirit unto the handmaiden of God who hath believed in her Lord and was numbered among the devout ones in the Tablets. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having turned unto a Spot that was hidden from the eyes of the world and for having recognized the Manifestation of God's Self after most men were deprived thereof. Know thou that every woman who hath believed in God and purified her soul is better than a thousand men who have disbelieved in God and were remote from the paradise of nearness. Thy son, who hath been honored to attain the presence of God time and again and who hath been seized by the breathings of the days which were recorded in all the Tablets by the Pen of God, hath appeared before Us. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, for verily He is thy guardian. And the glory be upon thee and upon him who hath taken the All-Merciful as his helper.

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This is a blessed Tablet from the All-Glorious, Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence unto Siyyid Zaynu'l-'Abidin. This is a Tablet from the presence of the Self-Subsisting to them that have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the wine of divine knowledge may draw them to itself in the days of

the All-Merciful and cause them to speak forth His mention amidst the concourse of all worlds. Well is it with the people who understand. It behooveth every soul to be eloquent in the praise of his Lord and to make mention of this Remembrance through which the faces of them that have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, have been illumined. Grieve thou not over anything. Verily thy Lord is with them that have turned unto His Countenance. Soon shall they find themselves in the most exalted station, a station that is praiseworthy indeed. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. He, verily, aideth whom He willeth through a sovereignty from His presence. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. When thou findest the sweetness of remembrance, turn thy face toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Unto Thee be glory and praise, O Thou Who art imprisoned! Thou art He at Whose afflictions the dwellers of the cities of Paradise have wept, and the honored servants of God have been sorely troubled.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted! This is a Tablet from the Prisoner to him who hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance and hath believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, and who hath entered the prison and attained the presence of God, his Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath been ordained for him a station of glorious honor from God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Wise, that he may be steadfast in the Cause of God and walk this straight path. Know thou that Our name “the Guide” hath appeared before the Countenance and beseeched God that He send down verses unto thee. Thus have they been sent down in truth that thou mayest be kindled with the fire of thy Lord’s love, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Forget not God’s favor, for His favor upon thee is great indeed. He hath created thee in truth and caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and made thee among the sincere ones. Meet with My loved ones and unite with them in My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus have We commanded thee in truth that thou mayest be among those who act. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among Our monotheistic servants.

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In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious! This is a Book sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing unto her who hath believed in her Lord and hath attained unto the knowledge of God on a momentous day. O handmaiden of God! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Divine Countenance, and there hath been revealed for thee that which will gladden thy heart, and this is indeed a great favor. Follow thou the Spirit in His days, and He will suffice thee above all the peoples. We have ordained in the Tablets for Our steadfast handmaidens a magnificent reward. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in the path of God, for He will soon seize the wrong-doers with His might, and He hath power over all things. Verily My handmaidens are the leaves of the Tree of My good-pleasure; it behooveth them to be stirred by the winds of My will. Thus hath it been ordained in a preserved Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath taken the All-Merciful as his friend.

Then the Spirit be upon thy daughter who hath believed in God, her Lord, and hath chosen for herself a path unto Him.

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This is a Book that speaketh with truth, wherein are inscribed the mysteries of knowledge and wisdom, that perchance the people in the days of the Spirit may remember and that those who have answered the call of God and turned unto Him may be gladdened thereby, even they who hasten unto the fields of holiness. Say: O people! Fear God and sow not corruption in the land of love. This is what teacheth you He Who is seated upon the preserved Tablets through the pen of the holy and beloved One. Make then your hearts as mirrors wherein may be reflected the mysteries of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, that ye may learn the ways of the Spirit and be guided by the guidance of God, and be of them that hasten unto the western horizon. By God! This is a Book that summoneth all unto the shores of oneness, as they testify who enter within the precincts of their Lord's mercy. Thus have We taught you the ways of glory and revealed unto you the gems of wisdom, that perchance the people may return unto their native land in the canopy of holiness. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who remember God with their tongues while in their hearts they remember Him at all times.

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O My brother! O Most Great and Most Glorious Teacher! This is a preserved Tablet sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Within it flows the Kawthar of life - verily it is a sealed nectar. When the promise comes, We shall break its seal with the fingers of thy Lord's power, the Mighty, the Loving. Those who drink thereof are the successful ones, and those who deny it see not. Is hesitation befitting after all things have been stirred by God's breath? Is turning away proper after all existence has turned toward the Mighty, the Renowned? Say: The Kingdom itself proclaims "The Desired One has come!" and the Realm of Might circles round the Throne, yet most people deny. They behold God's power, then deny it - truly they are as dead. All tablets have been illumined from this Lamp which has shed its radiance upon earth and heaven. Blessed are they who reflect. Ponder the verses of thy Lord which have been sent down in the Tablets, that thou mayest comprehend what God has intended in this Revelation. Adopt My characteristics, that there might appear from thee that which shall awaken those who slumber.

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He is the One Who has dominion over all names

This is a Tablet revealed in truth, calling all to God, the Lord of the worlds, and counseling all to justice and fairness and to that which befits this glorious and wondrous Day. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, and have revealed for thee that which brings solace to the eyes of those near to God. Hearken to the call from the prison from the Wronged One - verily there is no God but Him, the

Single, the One, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in service to the Cause and speaking in remembrance of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Hold fast to goodly deeds and leave all else behind thee, as commanded by thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Remind the people with wisdom and utterance, and with pure fear of God, from thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger. Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance, then act in accordance with what befits this noble station. Should thou see one who turns to the Faith, glorify My Name before his face and give him the glad tidings of this mighty Revelation.

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He is the Hearing, the Answering One

This is the Day whereon He Who conversed with God hath been established upon the throne of utterance and calleth all who are in the realm of creation unto God, the Lord of Lords. O concourse of men! By God, the Most Sublime Vision hath appeared and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from the most exalted horizon: “Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.” Cast away what ye possess and what the divines and theologians possess, and take hold of that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily He is with you in every world of the worlds of your Lord. Beware lest fancies and vain imaginings withhold you from the horizon of certitude. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel you. Make haste and be not of them who saw and denied the bounty of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon them who have held fast unto My cord and soared in Mine atmosphere and have not violated My Covenant and My Testament. These are the people of Baha, to which testifieth the Mother Book that is with Him.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

This is a day wherein the temple of faithfulness trembled and […] eternity upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of those who were heedless in the days of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We hear the cry of those who have been attracted by the verses of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou that We have answered thee and made mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equalled by the treasures of the heavens and earth. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord’s grace, then act according to what We have sent down in the Book. By God! This is better for thee than all that hath been created on earth - thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back. Leave them behind thee and turn with thy heart to the Most Sublime Horizon. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee - He Who remembereth, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness and the wisdom which We have sent down in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH07879 ===

=== START BH07880 ===

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth!

This is the Day whereon the rivers have flowed, the trees have swayed, and the fruits have spoken forth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified, and be not of the heedless. This is the Day whereon the Call hath been raised from the luminous Spot, and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. Blessed is the strong one who hath cast behind him vain imaginings, turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon, this hallowed, glorious and wondrous Station. Say: This is the Day whereon the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen hath been heard and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken forth, as He sat upon the throne of eternity: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its traces, arise from thy place, turning toward the Prison, and say: “Thine be the glory, O Wronged One of the world, and Thine be the praise, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!”

=== END BH07880 ===

=== START BH07881 ===

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds! This is the Day whereon human ears have been privileged to hear what He Who conversed with God heard upon Sinai, what He Who is the Friend of God heard when lifted up towards Him, what He Who is the Spirit of God heard as He ascended unto Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the soul that hath apprehended the Days of God and remained steadfast in His Cause. All divine Books and Scriptures have testified to the greatness of this Cause, yet most souls remain heedless and unaware. Attachment to the world hath debarred the servants from the Lord of Names. Ere long they shall arise in lamentation and weeping, but shall find for themselves neither helper nor protector except if they repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the Kind. O Leaf! Hearken thou unto the call of thy Lord. He maketh mention of thee from His Most Great Prison with that which diffuseth the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Know thou the station of this Tablet, then preserve it in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence.

=== END BH07881 ===

=== START BH07882 ===

In My Name, the All-Knowing

This is a day wherein the world is calling aloud and all are given glad tidings of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, he that hath heard hath been attracted and turned unto the All-Informed. This is a day wherein the wine of revelation hath intoxicated every one who hath advanced towards the All-Praised, the All-Glorious. We make mention of him who hath attained to that remembrance which causeth the Concourse on High to rejoice and which endureth through the duration of God’s kingdom, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that your vain imaginings cannot withhold, nor what ye possess of the tales of old. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. What wrong could be greater than that which hath appeared from you? Ye have denied the proof of God and His testimony when He came with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee. We have informed thee of what hath befallen Us from the people of the Bayan after We had counseled them through the tongue of My Herald in every Tablet and in every perspicuous Book.

=== END BH07882 ===

=== START BH07883 ===

This is the Tablet of Ridvan which We have sent unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. Follow thou the ways and paths of God as revealed in the Tablets. Let nothing hinder thee from what God, the Lord of all men, hath purposed. It behooveth every soul to make his desire that which his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, hath desired. Those who follow vain imaginings are in doubt and hypocrisy. Blessed is the strong one who hath rent asunder the veils and cast behind him idle fancies. Say: This is the Sun of certitude which hath dawned from the manifest horizon. After its rising, is doubt befitting? Nay, by Him Who raineth down from the clouds! Those who have doubted are encompassed by veils. Soon shall they lament over themselves and say: “Woe unto us for what we have neglected towards God, the Revealer of verses!” Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having attained the Tablet of thy Lord while it was in the hands of the wicked ones.

=== END BH07883 ===

=== START BH07884 ===

In His Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! Do you see what has passed, and do you find what has vanished? I know not why men grieve. Take heed, O possessors of understanding! Do you desire fidelity to that which perishes? Those who have deprived themselves of the Divine Presence have indeed suffered loss, after the Living Waters flowed from the finger of their Lord, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Beware lest the clamor of the wrongdoers prevent you. Draw near unto God through this Name which hath come from the heaven of Command with the kingdom of verses. Is there any doubt about His sovereignty, or about His power which hath encompassed existence? Reflect, O ye possessed of insight! How many were the servants who lamented in separation when the Orb of the horizons shone forth on the Day of the Covenant, and denied the Lord of Lords! Among them was he who said “This is not the Promised One.” Say: By this all existence doth curse thee! By God, He is indeed the One intended, through Whom the Tablets were adorned. Thus have We revealed unto thee and caused to shine upon thee from the horizon of the Pen that which will draw thee near unto God, the Lord of all nations, that thou mayest remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

=== END BH07884 ===

=== START BH07885 ===

O handmaid of God! In the name of the All-Knowing Lord!

Thy letter attained the most holy and exalted presence. However, it was not adorned with that which would merit the hearing of the Beloved. Since the mysteries of hearts are clear and evident before the Beloved, there hath been and is no harm. God willing, may thy heart, like thy letter, be observed as sanctified and pure from the affairs of the world and the words of the heedless and the opposers. God, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever shall be the All-Knowing and the All-Powerful. He readeth what is inscribed upon hearts and breasts. Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He manifesteth whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. We make mention of thy son ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar, and We know his condition, and We bid him observe what is good and what God hath desired in His wise Book. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Grieve not. Verily He ordaineth for whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He pleaseth. To this testifieth every knowing and informed one.

=== END BH07885 ===

=== START BH07886 ===

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A leaf from God to the leaf who hath clung to this ancient Root and heard the Call when it was raised in truth, and said: “I believe in Thee, O God of the worlds,” and was blessed to hearken unto the Word of God when it appeared with manifest sovereignty. O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou for having immersed thyself in the ocean of My knowledge, and attained unto the lights of My love, and taken refuge in the stronghold of My protection, and held fast to the cord of My generosity, and clung to the hem of My favors which have encompassed the heavens and the earth. By My life! Were the fragrance of what hath been revealed for thee in this Tablet to possess thee, thou wouldst find within thyself such warmth of love as could not be cooled by the waters of the world. Thus have We illumined thy heart with the splendors of the Sun of utterance and adorned thee with the ornament of grace from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. Beware lest sorrows overtake thee in aught. Put thy trust in God. He verily will suffice thee in truth. He is in truth the Protector of them that turn unto Him, and the Guardian of them that have recognized Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07886 ===

=== START BH07887 ===

In the Name of the Kind Friend!

Behold God’s faithfulness in the visible realm, in that He hath not forgotten thee, and at the times when seekers turn toward Him, mention of thee hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and thy name hath been recorded in holy Tablets. This is the station of outward faithfulness which hath become manifest in the world of earthly dominion. Now ponder upon inner faithfulness. I swear by the Dawning-Place of Revelation, shouldst thou become aware of it, thou wouldst behold thyself in a station that is sanctified, holy and pure from the clouds and conditions and vain imaginings of the world of creation. No tongue is capable of rendering thanks for this station. Therefore thou must arise to that which is befitting and

worthy. Thus doth the Beloved of the world make mention of thee, even as He mentioned thee before, and before that. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hearest my call from Thy remote prison!” Convey to all the loved ones the greetings of God. Verily He maketh mention of them in this mighty stronghold.

=== END BH07887 ===

=== START BH07888 ===

O Abu’l-Hasan, who hath been honored with My Name, the Guardian over all names! O Abu’l-Hasan! By My life! The gate of joy hath been opened through the key of My Name, the All-Forgiving, in days wherein the idolaters desired to extinguish the light of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: No affair distracteth Him from another affair, nor do the veils of the world prevent Him from that which He desireth, nor do the doubts of the suspicious ones. We have opened unto thy face and the face of thy father the gate of meeting. Blessed be God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, Who aided you both until ye arrived at the luminous Spot wherein the Lord of all beings proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have sent down for you from the Kingdom of utterance that which cannot be equaled by all that ye behold today. He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have aided the religion of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

=== END BH07888 ===

=== START BH07889 ===

O Ahmad, son of the sister of him who has attained, He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! O Ahmad! The rabble of the world have arisen to extinguish the light of the Ancient King, and with utmost striving have endeavored and continue to endeavor to destroy the Cause of God. However, God has manifested the Cause and will manifest that which He has willed, despite every heedless and remote one. The armies of the world and the ranks of nations have not prevented and will not prevent Him from that which He has willed. Blessed are those souls whom the clamor of the heedless did not prevent from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. They arose with complete steadfastness among the people and uttered the blessed words “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven.” We beseech God to make thee successful even as He has assisted thee, and to establish thee firm and steadfast on His path. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained to this mighty Cause.

=== END BH07889 ===

=== START BH07890 ===

O Israfil! By the life of God, the Trumpet hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on the earth have swooned away, save only certain letters of the face of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Balance hath been set up and the Path laid down, and the Cry hath been raised in truth, and every atom hath spoken forth. The Lord hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all the

worlds. O peoples of the earth! Take heed lest the concerns of earth hold you back from the Lord of heaven. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. All things have been renewed through the breezes of revelation, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Most Great Balance hath been established, and verily it is the Book of God, the Lord of Destiny, which hath descended from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Bountiful. We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and We send greetings from this exalted station to those who have held fast to the cord of grace out of love for God. Indeed, they are among the people of this lofty station.

=== END BH07890 ===

=== START BH07891 ===

He is God, exalted is He, the Manifestation of Commands and Laws

O Name of Bounty! Thou didst make mention of him who was named Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be My glory. Although the condition of this land is not known, yet permission hath been granted. Give thou the glad-tidings unto Samandar, upon him be My glory, that he may rejoice in this bounty from Our presence. In all circumstances they must observe wisdom. Thus hath God ordained, both before and after, in the Scriptures and Tablets. If wisdom requireth it, let them turn with spirit and fragrance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in that which beseemeth His days and to aid him in that which He desireth, adorned with that which hath been sent down in the Book. O Samandar! Give thou the glad-tidings that We have mentioned him whom thou didst mention before and after, and We give him the glad-tidings of that which hath shone forth from the Daystar of permission from the horizon of his Lord's will, the Mighty, the Powerful. But in all circumstances they must observe wisdom. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07891 ===

=== START BH07892 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

O Name of Bounty! Upon thee be My glory and My peace. The letter of Nabil, son of Nabil, was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God, it was adorned with steadfastness, attachment, recognition and certitude. We give thanks to God for this and beseech Him to assist him with that which will profit him in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Abdul-Husayn, upon him be My glory. His letter was noted and attained unto Our hearing. Verily We heard his call from My tongue. We beseech the True One to grant success that he may at all times do that which is the cause of exaltation and elevation. And We remember Ahmad, upon him be My peace, who was with Us. We have remembered him and do remember him, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH07892 ===

=== START BH07893 ===

O Siyyid Isma'il! He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious!

O Isma'il! This Wronged One raises His call and laments for Himself. In the days when all the people of the Bayan were veiled behind a barrier due to the might of princes and the opposition of divines, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause - an arising that caused the limbs of all names to tremble. And in the midst of trials and tribulations, He summoned all beings, from kings to subjects, from those below to those above, to the highest horizon. But when the Cause became manifest and the Sun of Revelation dawned from the horizon of power, the buzzing of flies appeared and each of the polytheists, clinging to murmuring and croaking and buzzing, said that which they said. Verily, He has recorded all things in a clear Book. Beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that He may preserve thee from the doubts of the people of the Bayan who clung to it while turning away from its Revealer, its Messenger and its Creator. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH07893 ===

=== START BH07894 ===

He is the One by Whom all things were attracted

O Ismail! The All-Glorious hath turned toward thee from this Prison and mentioned thee in such wise as to set ablaze the hearts of them that are near unto God. The verses have been sent down and the clear tokens have appeared, yet the people remain in evident veiling. Grieve thou not over anything, but put thy trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily He will assist His loved ones and aid them through hosts of angels brought nigh. The servant present hath presented thy letter before the Face. We have answered thee through this clear Book. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its traces, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me that which shall cause my remembrance to endure in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the breath whereby Thou didst quicken the hearts of them that have known Thee, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, and to cause me to hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses in all conditions. Verily Thou art the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful."

=== END BH07894 ===

=== START BH07895 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O My Afnan, upon thee be My Glory! Thou didst make mention without a tongue. Now doth the tongue of the All-Merciful make mention of thee on thy behalf - a mention that shall bestow upon all things a new tongue. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Although divine decree is irrevocable and outwardly may not accord with the desire of God's servants, in truth it is, to those possessed of insight, dearer than life itself. God's purpose in creation hath been bounty and grace. Assuredly He hath willed the good of all. Whatsoever may come to pass, be it tribulation or hardship, or ease and comfort, all transpireth according to the requirements of

His consummate wisdom. Such is His grace that, as thou seest, He speaketh in place of him who hath no tongue, and maketh mention of him - a mention that shall cause souls to be mindful throughout ages and centuries. Glory be upon thee, and upon him, and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging fast to the cord of the commandments of their Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07895 ===

=== START BH07896 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

O my Afnan, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. My Name Mihdi, upon whom be My glory, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, from every letter thereof wafted the fragrance of trust, resignation and longing. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Support! All praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn towards the lights of Thy countenance, to direct myself to the horizon of Thy Revelation, and to arise to serve Thee. O my God, by Thy Most Great Name and Thy Most Ancient Command! O my God, by Thy most brilliant Light and Thy most pure Robe! O my God, by Thy Name through which the mountains were moved, the Cry was raised, the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was rent - to ordain for me a cup from the Kawthar of meeting Thee, a chalice from the Salsabil of attaining unto Thee, and an ocean from the choice wine of nearness unto Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07896 ===

=== START BH07897 ===

Allah-u-Abha! O Afnan, O thou who standest before the Gate! My Pen and My tongue bear witness to thy devotion and thy turning towards God, thy presence and thy rising up in service to the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have exalted thee as a token of Our command and as a bounty from Our presence. Soon shall the sincere ones behold that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. His honor Muhammad Kh., upon him be My glory, for some time circled round the Throne and was occupied in service. His affairs should be given consideration. He hath been and will ever remain beloved in the sight of God. Blessed art thou and blessed are those who are with thee, who have held fast to the cord of your love and clung to the hem of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. Convey My greetings to My Afnan and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy, and remind them of this News which hath been inscribed in the Books of God and mentioned in the hearts of His Messengers. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to make mention of Me and to praise Me and to serve My mighty and wise Cause.

=== END BH07897 ===

=== START BH07898 ===

In the name of God, the Most Wondrous! O my God! This is another Branch which hath branched from the Tree that hath yielded the fruit of the knowledge of the Manifestation of Thy most exalted Self, and

whom Thou hast purified from the dross of self and passion. I beseech Thee, therefore, O my Best-Beloved, by Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted Word and the Supreme Pen, that Thou withhold him not from the outpourings of the glory of Thy merciful nature, nor keep him far from the precinct of Thy mercy and favors. Purify his tongue from the praise of any save Thee, and his heart from turning toward aught except Thyself. Then cause him to be stirred, O my God, by the breezes of Thy Will that waft from the right hand of Thy grace, that he may act according to what Thou hast desired and speak that which Thou lovest, in such wise that his will may be annihilated in Thy will and his purpose in Thy purpose. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and the Almighty Whom nothing frustateth. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Compelling.

=== END BH07898 ===

=== START BH07899 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O my God, my Beloved, my Lord, my Support, and my Hope! I testify that Thou hast ever been One, Single, Self-Subsisting, Alone, and wilt continue to be what Thou hast always been. Every learned one hath confessed his ignorance before the manifestations of the lights of Thy knowledge, and every one possessed of understanding hath acknowledged his powerlessness before the evidences of Thy might. O Lord! Thou art He before the revelation of Whose riches every wealthy one hath testified to his poverty, and before the manifestations of Whose power every mighty one hath witnessed to his weakness. I beseech Thee, after my confession of my poverty and my acknowledgment of my evanescence, to ordain for me, through Thy bounty and favors, that which will preserve me from all else but Thee, and will render me wholly devoted to Thy remembrance, steadfast in Thy service, and turned in all conditions toward Thy face. O Lord! Thou knowest my powerlessness and I know Thy might; Thou witnesseth my ignorance and I testify to Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the Generous.

=== END BH07899 ===

=== START BH07900 ===

O handmaiden of God, branch of her who migrated and attained! He is the Solitary, the Wronged One. O handmaidens of God in the city of curvature! We make mention of you from this Most Exalted Station. Blessed are you, inasmuch as you have inhaled the fragrance of the Garment and have turned towards God, the Lord of Lords. Happy is the servant who has turned to My horizon, and the handmaiden who has turned to the Dayspring of Lights. We send greetings from this Station upon the faces of My loved ones and upon you. It behooveth every one who hath turned to give thanks to his Lord for this bounty that hath encompassed all possibility. Where is My she-camel - is she grazing, or have the enemies of God who denied the Beginning and the Return slaughtered her? We have mentioned him and mention him as a bounty from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Doth the wrongdoer think he hath profited? Nay, by My Self! Soon shall punishment seize him from every direction. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My

remembrance and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of verses!” Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned to the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH07900 ===

=== START BH07901 ===

The Most Great, the Most Glorious. O My handmaiden! Remember thy Lord with this Most Great Remembrance. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and the Beloved of my heart, for having caused me to know Thee and for having turned me toward the sanctuary of Thy bestowals and given me to drink from the cup of Thy mercy and bounty, after I had been veiled from Thy beauty and far removed from the gardens of nearness unto Thee. O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath raised her hands toward the heaven of Thy gifts and turned with her heart to the sanctuary of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, He Who bore every affliction in Thy path and imprisoned Himself to manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy sovereignty among the people of Thy realm, to make me one of the pure ones who have been set ablaze by the fire of Thy love and whose hearts have been consumed by the heat of Thy remembrance. O Lord! Give me to drink, by the hand of Thy bounty, from Thy Most Great Ocean, by virtue of which whosoever partaketh thereof ariseth to sacrifice his spirit in Thy love and hasteneth to the field of martyrdom in his longing to attain Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH07901 ===

=== START BH07902 ===

My sister Hajar has passed away. He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. O My handmaiden! The All-Merciful consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee in My straight Path. We make mention of every maidservant who hath believed in God and every servant who hath turned unto My luminous horizon. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in thy Lord, the Merciful. He heareth the call of His maidservants and servants and beholdeth their condition. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hold thou fast unto the cord of patience, through the power of God, the One Who causeth the rivers to flow. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Remember thou and say: O God of existence and Source of generosity! I beseech Thee by the Name through which every hidden thing was revealed and every concealed thing was manifested, to aid me and Thy handmaidens to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Then write down for me and for them, with the Pen of grace, that which befitteth Thy greatness and Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the imaginings of the world nor the conjectures of the nations can frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Kind, the Merciful.

=== END BH07902 ===

=== START BH07903 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One! O My handmaiden! God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Merciful. His grace encompasses all, and likewise His knowledge. No cry is raised but that an answer descends from the Kingdom of the utterance of the All-Merciful. He hath adorned the female believers

with the blessed word “O My handmaiden” and hath distinguished the male believers with the wondrous and exalted word “O My servant.” How many among the peoples of old and of more recent times have sacrificed their lives upon hearing this word! This word is like unto a sapling planted by the hand of power. It must be watered with the water of love and steadfastness and preserved in the name of God from poisonous winds. Know thou the value of this word. By the life of God! Were all the peoples of the world to comprehend it, they would all be set ablaze and would turn toward the most exalted horizon. We convey Our greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and counsel them all to sanctification, detachment, and to act in accordance with what We have revealed in the Book. Blessed are they that act, both men and women.

=== END BH07903 ===

=== START BH07904 ===

Here is the handmaid of God, Khavar, upon her be the Glory of God. He speaks from His most exalted horizon: O My handmaid! In the days when the divines of the earth and the princes of the lands have risen up to harm this Wronged One, and when the people of the Furqan and some of the people of the Bayan have blocked the paths that lead to God, and through deception and guile have deprived the people from the shore of the divine ocean of knowledge, thou hast attained and turned thy face to the most exalted horizon and heard the call of the Lord of nations in the Most Great Prison. This is a great bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having strengthened me, and caused me to know Thee and to behold Thee, and made me hear Thy most sweet call which was raised from the prison of ’Akka. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst create all things, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy love in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

=== END BH07904 ===

=== START BH07905 ===

O Handmaiden of God Khavar! He is the Mighty, the Great! O My handmaiden! We have heard thy cry and witnessed thy turning unto Us and recognized thy love. We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison with a countenance through whose light earth and heaven were illumined. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, Who is imprisoned in this remote spot. O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath turned toward thee and calleth thee. All kings have been and are the servants of God, yet they remain veiled from Him. The ornaments of the world have become a veil and barrier. Today, which is the Day of God, is manifest, yet souls who for years lamented and wailed in separation from Him are now seen to be remote and veiled. All such souls are today deprived of mention by the Most Exalted Pen and forbidden from the ocean of grace. But thou hast attained and art provided therefrom. It behooveth thee to say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the hearts of them that know.

=== END BH07905 ===

=== START BH07906 ===

O handmaid of God, Siyyid Khanum, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the Generous! O My handmaid! Upon thee be My Glory! O thou who bearest an illustrious name! In the days of thy life thou didst voice the praise of thy Lord, soar in His atmosphere, walk according to His command, celebrate His remembrance, and tread His path. This is the straight path which, in this Revelation of the Great Announcement, hath been made clear and manifest to all the peoples of the world - that is, to them that are endowed with vision. Such souls as have not attained unto the divine insights are, in the sight of God, regarded as non-existent; nay, as things forgotten and lost. Render thanks unto the Desired One of all worlds that, through My Pen Most Exalted, thou hast been associated with one of His Names. Rejoice, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaid who hath turned unto her Lord, hearkened, and responded unto her Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07906 ===

=== START BH07907 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O my handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken with thy soul's ear to the Voice of the Wronged One. This is the Voice wherewith the Interlocutor attained on the Mount of Knowledge, and after hearkening unto which the Prophets cried out "Here am I, here am I!", and the chosen ones proclaimed "Our souls be a sacrifice for Thy days!" O my leaf! In the path of the Friend thou hast been afflicted with tribulations and the taunts of enemies. In truth I say, tribulations in the path of love of the Beloved of the worlds are a supreme mercy and a mighty bounty, a bounty that neither passion can alter nor the passing of centuries and ages make old. It endureth as long as the divine names endure, and lasteth through the infinite divine attributes. We enjoin all who are related to thee to serve thee and seek thy good-pleasure. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and acted in accordance with that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07907 ===

=== START BH07908 ===

O My handmaiden! By the life of God, thy mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court, and time and again thou hast been blessed with the bounties of God, exalted be His glory. How many were the servants and handmaidens who, when faced with divine tests, were seen to be agitated, nay utterly perished. Thou art among those handmaidens whom neither the allusions and doubts prevalent amongst the people, nor their prejudices and zealotry, could debar from God, exalted be His glory. I swear by the Kingdom of the utterance of the All-Merciful that this station is most glorious in the sight of God. Strive thou to preserve him through His name. He is as a brilliant lamp unto thee and will be with thee in the divine worlds. Blessed art thou, and blessed is Javad, and blessed is Ahmad who attained unto My presence, heard My call, and drank the choice wine of reunion with Me, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. The glory of God be upon you all from God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07908 ===

=== START BH07909 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden! Muhajir hath mentioned thee and laid before Our Most Holy and Exalted Court thy services in the path of God. Blessed art thou for having succeeded in serving the Cause in days wherein the people of God were imprisoned through that which the hands of the heedless had wrought. The source and wellspring of corruption, and the dayspring and dawning-place of opposition, are the divines of the earth. Through the turning away of these heedless souls, the helpless people have remained deprived of the recognition of the Truth and forbidden from the Most Great Ocean. Be not grieved. We moreover testify that thou didst attain unto the presence of thy Lord in days when the Light was shining forth from the horizon of Iraq. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and enable thee to accomplish that which beseemeth His days. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. We counsel thee to observe the Most Great Chastity and supreme steadfastness, and likewise those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them and upon every soul that is steadfast and firm.

=== END BH07909 ===

=== START BH07910 ===

In the Name of the One God

O My handmaiden! Thy letter was received and attained unto the divine favors. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the choice wine of the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds and hast turned toward the most exalted horizon. Thou art among the leaves who have attained the presence of the Divine Lote-Tree and hast drunk the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of the Self-Sufficing Lord. This station is most great - preserve it in the name of Truth. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Say: O handmaidens of God! The greatest adornment for women in this world hath been supreme chastity, and the most excellent of all deeds is mighty steadfastness. We beseech God to adorn all with these two most exalted attributes. O My leaves! Upon you be My glory! This Wronged One remembers you in the Most Great Prison and counsels you to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Cause of God. Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory from Us be upon those women who have turned unto God and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07910 ===

=== START BH07911 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed! O My handmaiden and My leaf! Hearken unto My most sweet call which hath been raised from the prison of ’Akka. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Remembering, the All-Bountiful. The ties of blood-relationship are severed, and there remaineth but the relationship with God, the Lord of the worlds. His Will is the Father of the world and His Purpose is the Mother of the children of Adam, and Divine Destiny–that is the station of the geometry of all things from God, the Creator of heaven–and Divine Decree is His firm and established judgment. Grieve thou not over anything. By the life of God! The Most Great Joy hath come. Praise God, thy Lord, for having

turned unto thee and sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation and whereby the eyes of the sincere ones have been gladdened. And the splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have made mention of you in numerous Tablets, as attested by Him with Whom is a perspicuous Book.

=== END BH07911 ===

=== START BH07912 ===

To the spouse of Janab-i-'Andalib, upon them both be the Glory of God. O my handmaiden and leaf! Upon thee be My Glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God that through divine favor and merciful grace thou hast entered the pavilion of heavenly knowledge and gained intimacy with one near to the threshold of the Lord of Oneness. Preserve this most great bounty and most glorious station in the name of the One Beloved. The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this wondrous Day, yet how many queens of the world are today deprived of the sealed wine of the Self-Subsisting Lord, while thou art among those who have attained unto it. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and guided me to the horizon of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy throne and hold fast to the Tree of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. The splendor shining from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God and believed in God, the One, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07912 ===

=== START BH07913 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Witness, the All-Knowing!

O My handmaiden, O thou who utterest My praise! We have remembered thee time and again, and have sent down for thee that from which the near ones have inhaled the fragrance of the loving kindness of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou not grieved at anything, but place thy trust in all matters in the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. He manifests whatsoever He willeth through His grace, and He is the One Who chooseth as He pleaseth. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Face-light the horizons were illumined and by Whose Name the mysteries were revealed on the Day of Meeting! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the fruits of the Tree of Thy oneness to ordain for me, through the wonders of Thy bounty, that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou knowest me better than I know myself, and Thou knowest what is best for me. Through Thy generosity, decree for me that which befitteth Thy majesty and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Sufficing, the Answerer.

=== END BH07913 ===

=== START BH07914 ===

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O handmaiden of God! Praise be to the Object of all creation Who, in this Most Great Day, has enabled you and blessed you with service to His loved ones. Whatsoever has appeared from you for the sake of God and in His path is manifest and visible before His countenance. Praise be to God that you have drunk from the cup of reunion and, through the bounty of the immortal King, have attained unto the shore of the ocean of attainment. You have witnessed that which the eyes of the world were anticipating, and heard that which the ears of those near unto God were yearning to hear. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land - those who have drunk from the cup of steadfastness and are possessed of a single heart. Blessed are those handmaidens whom the clamor of the idolaters did not prevent from the Divine Lote-Tree, and whom the oppression of the tyrannical did not keep back from the love of God. Upon you and upon them be glory, and upon every handmaiden who has held fast to My Strong Cord.

=== END BH07914 ===

=== START BH07915 ===

O handmaid of God, Umm-Muhajir, who has attained and succeeded - who shares the name of the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate - O handmaid of God, praise the Goal of all worlds Who enabled you to attain unto a son who turned to the most exalted horizon and attained that which was recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the divine Books. Praise be to God, he drank from the sealed wine - this is that wine which the chosen ones and pure ones of God in centuries and ages past would beseech from God, exalted be His glory. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy handmaiden to turn to Thee and place her trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for me and my daughter the good of this world and the next. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning to Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her from the ocean of Thy generosity and the luminary of Thy favor. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07915 ===

=== START BH07916 ===

He is the Summoner between earth and heaven! O people of creation! The Lord of Names makes mention of you from this Prison wherein has been established the throne of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. He has come for the life of the world and has called all to the Most Great Ocean. Blessed is he who has turned and attained, and woe unto the deniers! O concourse of earth! Abandon what the people possess. By God! Nothing that is witnessed and seen will profit you this Day save through this Name which God has made the Dayspring of His names, the Manifestation of His attributes and the Dawning-Place of His firm and mighty Cause. Thus has My tongue spoken in the kingdom of My utterance. If thou hast attained, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know! I testify that Thou hast revealed what was hidden and made manifest what was treasured, and spoken that which guided the people to the straight path of God. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My

utterance be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the knowers have slipped.

=== END BH07916 ===

=== START BH07917 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious! O people of Baha! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, and in all matters put your trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Be ye in the Cause of God of such steadfastness that neither the doubts of the world nor the signs of every denier who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, can cause you to slip. How many a servant whom We counselled to be steadfast, yet when the croak of the raven was raised, his foot slipped from the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold thou fast in all conditions to the cord of steadfastness, and grasp with the hand of detachment the hem of God, the Lord of all mankind. Say: I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word through which the ocean of Thy bounty surged and the winds of Thy favors were stirred, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then cause me to be among those who have stood firm in Thy Cause and have attained unto faithfulness in Thy days. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of the nations cannot frustrate, nor can the hosts of the world dismay. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH07917 ===

=== START BH07918 ===

O Siyyid Muhammad! In My Name, the Mighty, the Great!

O peoples of the world! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My mighty prison. He is none other than God, and He Who speaketh is verily the Path of God unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Most Great Mercy unto all, whether small or great. We have made Ourselves the target of the world's perils and afflictions in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, and We have accepted every tribulation for the manifestation of this Cause, whereby the supreme horror hath seized all and every lofty mountain hath been scattered to dust. O people of Baha! Lament in this calamity whereby the wrongdoer hath rejoiced and the Spirit hath wept in His glorious station. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Make mention of those who were martyred in the land of Sad through their longing for My mighty and impregnable Kingdom. The most misguided and basest of men, who denied God, the One, the All-Informed, pronounced judgment against them. Woe unto a people who are ruled by their dogs, and they are among the heedless ones.

=== END BH07918 ===

=== START BH07919 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O peoples of the world! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of eternity. He, verily, commandeth you to observe righteousness and God-consciousness, and acquainteth you with that which shall profit you

throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all worlds. Turn not your attention to the world and its concerns, but rather turn your hearts toward the abode of the Beloved, the station wherein everything therein proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

O My loved ones! We counsel you to observe that which We have revealed in the Book. Hold fast unto it and be not of the heedless ones. Cast behind you the tales of old and cleave unto this Most Great Announcement. By God! It sufficeth you in truth, as every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify.

Thus have We made mention of thee, that thou mayest become aware of the favor of thy Lord Who maketh mention of thee in this impregnable fortress. Convey My greetings unto thy wife. We have formerly remembered her as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Give her the glad-tidings, from Me, of this wise remembrance.

=== END BH07919 ===

=== START BH07920 ===

O son of Mir ’Abdu’r-Rahim Beg who […] is the speaker of truth and justice! O people of the world! The Hand of Divine Bounty is offering the Kawthar of inner meanings - deprive not yourselves thereof. The Tongue of Grace is summoning all to the supreme horizon - render not yourselves destitute. Say: How long will heedlessness persist and folly reign? The human temple befitteth the robe of knowledge, not ignorance. While time remaineth, arise to redress what hath escaped you. By the Sun of Truth! This blessed Day hath, in the estimation of God, exalted be His glory, a station which none save Him can reckon or describe. Grieve not over anything. Be thou vocal with My Name, place thy trust in My Self, be assured of My Revelation, and stand firm in My love amidst My servants. Thus have We given thee to drink of My sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Drink thou thereof and be among the thankful ones.

=== END BH07920 ===

=== START BH07921 ===

O Leaf of Light, Hajiyyih, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of My bounty, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, the God of all names, and O my Desire and the Desire of all created things, and my Beloved and the Beloved of all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Word through which the cities of wisdom and utterance were illumined, and by Thy Name through which the ocean of knowledge surged in the contingent world, to render my deeds adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Thy call hath awakened me and Thy verses have attracted me and the hands of Thy grace have delivered me. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy mercy to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained

for Thy circling handmaidens. Then assist me, O my Creator and my King, in that which causeth the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07921 ===

=== START BH07922 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the Chosen One! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in the Valley of Expression from the Tree of Explanation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. We have previously sent unto thee that which caused the eyes of the people of Paradise to be gladdened and its fragrances to be wafted to all regions. Summon the people with wisdom unto that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. When the promise came to pass, We sent unto the Chief that which caused those around him to swoon and the hearts of every idolatrous unbeliever who denied the Day of the Covenant to be sorely troubled. The power of the Command hath seized the wrongdoers - they are but in manifest error. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath turned toward the Countenance with humility and repentance. Those whom thou findest aloof, they are indeed among those who have halted before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. Remember them with wisdom, O ye who are endued with understanding.

=== END BH07922 ===

=== START BH07923 ===

O thou who hast attained the presence! At this moment the Greater Branch arrived and read thy letter before Us. We perceived from it the fragrances of thy love. We beseech God to exalt thee through His Name and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which beseemeth His might and His grandeur. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Almighty. Thou hast ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court. Arise to serve for the sake of God, but with wisdom and utterance, that the loved ones may be adorned with the ornament of detachment and piety, and be sanctified from unseemly conduct. Convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt through them His Cause among His servants. And We send Our greetings to My handmaiden and My leaf, and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The glory of God be upon thee and upon her and upon thy son, from God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07923 ===

=== START BH07924 ===

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He wishes through His word "Be" and it is!

O thou who hast clung to the hem of My loving-kindness! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My grace - verily there is no God but Me, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. We were with thee when thou didst journey from the land of Ta, turning toward the land of Kha. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We have accepted thy work done for God's sake - rejoice thou in this and say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of all the worlds!" It behooveth thee to remember Me in the land of Ta with joy and fragrance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee from His glorious horizon. Remind My servants with wisdom in such wise that their minds may be attracted and their hearts may be gladdened. This is indeed among the most meritorious deeds in the estimation of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I rejoice in My remembrance of thee and in that wherewith My Most Exalted Pen doth acquaint thee. He, verily, is the True One, the Faithful. God hath ordained for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the monotheists. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My days and have held fast unto My firm cord.

=== END BH07924 ===

=== START BH07925 ===

In My Name, the Witnessing, the All-Hearing! O thou who art mentioned! Thy mention hath been presented before the Most Great Remembrance, and the Lord of Eternity hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise as hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh. Blessed is every one who hath turned toward My most exalted horizon, and every seeing one who hath witnessed and beheld My most great signs and heard that which the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken in this Most Great, Most Holy, Mighty, Wondrous Revelation. We send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon him who was named Qanbar-'Ali, that thou mayest give thanks unto God on this Day wherein that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath been made manifest. And We make mention of him who was named Qasim-'Ali and his brother Baqir-'Ali, and give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My favor which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We counsel you with that which beseemeth man and the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who heareth, and woe unto the heedless ones!

=== END BH07925 ===

=== START BH07926 ===

O Mirza Asad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise! O thou who hast turned towards the horizon of the Revelation! Thy letter which thou didst send to one of My loved ones who hath taken for himself a station beneath the canopy of glory and the pavilions of the grace of his Lord, hath come before Us. We have read it and answer thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord. He hath ordained for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy recognition and nearness in Thy days. I beseech Thee to assist me under all conditions to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. As to what thou didst mention regarding union and connection - We have commanded the loved ones of God to consult concerning all matters, and the wisdom which We have revealed its decree in the Scriptures and Tablets. Take what wisdom requireth, placing thy trust in God, the Revealer of commandments and ordinances. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee, from God, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH07926 ===

=== START BH07927 ===

In the Name of Him Who standeth before all faces!

O thou who art immersed in the ocean of utterance! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He draweth thee nigh unto the horizon whence hath shone forth the Sun of God's grace, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. There hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors that which hath caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament and the Faithful Spirit to cry out. The people have perpetrated that which hath rent asunder the vitals of existence and caused the tears of the sincere ones to flow. Be thou not grieved at this. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs, and for having caused me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants turned away. I beseech Thee, by the appearance of divine knowledge and by the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance, to ordain that I may, in all conditions, be moved to celebrate Thy praise and arise to serve Thy Cause with the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy Manifestation, and disappoint them not of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07927 ===

=== START BH07928 ===

In His Name, the One with power over all names!

O thou who gazest upon the Face! The ornaments of the world of creation have prevented the people of the realm below from turning to the highest horizon. They are occupied with these things and are heedless and veiled from the Truth. Soon shall the hand of power roll up the carpet of the wicked. In all conditions the world proclaims and makes all aware of its own change, transformation and evanescence. Blessed is the soul that clings to the Truth and is heedless of aught else. When thou hast been privileged to hearken unto My sweetest call, say:

Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the kingdoms of justice and bounty! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses, and the sun of Thy loving-kindness, and by Thy resplendent and radiant light, and Thy unique and wondrous Cause, to ordain for me that which will make me detached from all else but Thee and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07928 ===

=== START BH07929 ===

O Haji Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God, in My Name which speaketh before the faces of the world! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! A mighty sacrifice hath appeared in the earth the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. The horsemen in the arena of detachment were torn

asunder by the wolves of the earth, inasmuch as the blessed powerful hands of the chosen ones were bound by the divine chain of restraint. There appeared from those souls that which caused the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, the Most Glorious Paradise and the Most Exalted Garden to cry out “Blessed be God!” They freely sacrificed their lives and deemed it impermissible to transgress the command of the True Ordainer. Therefore they held fast with beautiful patience, sublime steadfastness, submission and contentment. Unto such holy, pure and detached souls belong remembrance and praise, glory and splendor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His trusted ones and chosen ones. Verily He is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH07929 ===

=== START BH07930 ===

O Baqir, upon whom be the Glory of God, in the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O Baqir! Your letter was received wherein you asked for sight from the Truth. There is no doubt that the Truth, exalted be His glory, is powerful and mighty, and through His Name the banners of “He doeth what He willeth” and “He ordaineth what He pleaseth” are raised and established in the most exalted places of the earth. None hath ever comprehended, nor ever shall comprehend, the requirements of divine wisdom. Therefore it is beloved that they who drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings should entrust all matters to the Truth and fix their gaze upon the will of the Truth, exalted be His glory, not upon their own wills. We bear witness to your sight and hearing - you have attained true sight, for had you not attained it, you would not have been confirmed in recognizing the Truth. Likewise you possess hearing, for you have heard His call. O thou who hast turned! By the life of God, this is the Day of sight and this is the Day of hearing, for the divine call is raised and the lights of His countenance are manifest and evident. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH07930 ===

=== START BH07931 ===

O daughter of My servant Ismu’llah-i-Asdaq and wife of My servant Karim, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! In the Name of the One God! O daughter of My servant Asdaq and wife of My servant Karim! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which is befitting in this Day. Know thou the value of this Day and recognize its station. The tyranny of the oppressors and the hosts of the heedless move for a day or two like bubbles upon the surface of water, and then return to a state which, were anyone to behold it, they would seek refuge with God from its heat and from whatsoever hath been created therein. This is the Day of the Balance and the time of the Straight Path and the moment of steadfastness. This is the Day wherein whatsoever lieth within man becometh manifest and evident. We beseech God to preserve that house, and since it hath been raised up in His Name, may the sweet savors of His love never cease to waft therefrom. Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom the oppression of such as have denied the right of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath not deterred.

=== END BH07931 ===

=== START BH07932 ===

In the name of God, the All-Knowing! O Baha! This is a name through which the world was shaken and the nations were disturbed, and every remote oppressor. You have chosen a name from which, from every direction, are raised the roars of the ignorant, the clamor of the divines, and the howling of the wicked. Through this name every rock and clod has melted, yet the people are in a strange sleep. Your letter arrived and your cry attained the honor of being heard. God willing, may you be confirmed and arise to serve the Cause, which consists of goodly deeds and praiseworthy human actions. Verily, He speaks the truth and guides the way. We convey greetings to the friends of God and counsel them with what God loves, and we beseech God to gather all upon one word and not deprive you of the ocean of His bounty. He is powerful over all things, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH07932 ===

=== START BH07933 ===

O Jalal, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Praise be to God! The will of God, exalted be His glory, hath been made manifest, and the forces of heaven and earth have aided, that the path of attainment and meeting might become clear and evident. The seekers have attained to the ocean of the grace of the Desired One, have drunk from the cup of reunion, and have reached the station of nearness and meeting. His bountiful hand took hold of them and guided them, and the burning fire of separation was quenched by the Kawthar of reunion. He is the Powerful One Whom neither the authority of princes nor the clamor of the ignorant could hold back from His purpose. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praised One. We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee and to open before thy face the doors of blessings. Verily He is the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs. There is no God but Him, the Lord of earth and heaven.

=== END BH07933 ===

=== START BH07934 ===

O Letter Ha and Letter Sin before Letter ’Ayn! The Most Exalted Pen hath begun to move in remembrance of those loved ones who were neither veiled by the world’s clouds of glory nor frightened by the might of nations. They have taken the sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and have drunk thereof at times in My Name and at other times through My love, whereby hearts were set ablaze and the horizons illumined. We counsel thee to manifest the greater steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and mentioned me in Thy most exalted station which Thou hast named with Thy most beauteous names. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, by the lights of the dawn of Thy Revelation, and by the Tree that hath spoken through Thy command, and by the ocean of Thy bounty which surgeth through Thy will, to make me steadfast in Thy Faith and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

=== END BH07934 ===

=== START BH07935 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O Hafiz, may God preserve thee and strengthen thee upon His straight path! We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of all His worlds. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity to God, the Lord of all worlds. We have answered thee with this letter that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are filled with gladness.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Sovereign of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the stronghold of Thy protection, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and assist them in serving and obeying Thee, and to provide them with the table of knowledge and understanding. O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all possibility! My Lord, I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the fruits of the tree of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, and reliant upon Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07935 ===

=== START BH07936 ===

O Haji ?abibu'llah-i-Chavush! O ?abib! The Beloved remembereth thee, He for Whose separation the Concourse on High and God's chosen ones, the Lord of Names, have lamented. When He came, the divines who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies turned away from Him. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in this Cause and caused thee to speak that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." By God! The appointed time hath passed, the signs have appeared, and the horizon of the world hath been illumined with the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. How many an ignorant one hath attained, and how many a learned one hath been barred! The Cause is in God's hands - He aideth whom He willeth unto His outstretched path. Cast aside what the learned possess and take what thou art bidden by God, the Ancient Lord. He is with thee under all conditions, He heareth and witnesseth, and He is in truth the Witness. There is none other God but Him, the One Who hath power over what was and what shall be.

=== END BH07936 ===

=== START BH07937 ===

O people of God! The opposers and deniers have raised the standard of hypocrisy and are uttering calumnies the like of which have never been seen. The vain imaginings of the former people have been renewed. Glory be to God! For one thousand two hundred years they cried "O Truth!" but when the rays of the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation, they confronted it with sword and spear, pronounced death sentence upon His most pure blood, and martyred Him. Though cursing has been forbidden, otherwise in this station the Tongue of Grandeur would have pronounced

“The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people.” O My loved ones! Consort with the peoples of the world with spirit and fragrance, that perchance they may perceive the sweet savors of the utterance and attain unto that which God hath desired. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call, turned to it and responded to thy Ancient Lord Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance in My Name, the All-Compelling over all possibility.

=== END BH07937 ===

=== START BH07938 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

O people of God and His servants! The Divine Day which was recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in all the heavenly Books hath appeared, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom, save whom God willeth. We beseech God to aid thee with His confirmation in assisting His Cause, and to manifest through thee that which is illumined with the light of steadfastness. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me, and thanks be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for what Thou hast revealed unto me. I testify that Thou wert hidden in the eternity of eternities, and didst manifest Thyself out of Thy grace unto Thy servants and Thy loving-kindness unto Thy creation. I beseech Thee by the stations wherein the blood of Thy loved ones was shed in their longing to meet Thee, and by the Call which was raised throughout all regions by Thy command and Thy power, to ordain for me that which will draw me unto Thee and cause me to enter beneath Thy holy canopy. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH07938 ===

=== START BH07939 ===

In the Name of Him Who calleth between earth and heaven!

O Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Trusted. We make mention this day of My friends and loved ones whom the affairs of men have not prevented from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. They have advanced and said: “Here am I, O Revealer of Verses! Here am I, O Manifestation of Clear Signs!” I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist me to serve Thy Cause and to arise before the gate of Thy bounty and might, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of nations! I desire for myself naught save what Thou hast ordained for me, and I wish only what Thou wishest. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy grace to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and inspire me with that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted in Thy realm. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who have turned and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH07939 ===

=== START BH07940 ===

O Seyyed Hassan! He is the Outwardly Manifest, the Inwardly Hidden. O Hassan! The story of Husayn has returned, and he is under the claws of the oppressors. You have borne hardships in the path of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. You arose to serve the Cause in days when the tribes wailed, every silent one cried out, and every mighty trusted one was shaken. Then when the Cause was raised up and the banners were lifted high, the people rose up against it - among them were those who turned away, those who disbelieved, and those who pronounced judgment without any clear proof or evidence. Thank God that He heard your call, O Wronged One, and answered you with this Book, from which those near to God find what every noble king has found. Rejoice in My remembrance, then speak forth My praise in such wise that My enemies who have arisen to harm and afflict Me shall not prevent you. Thus does He command you, He by Whose command the Kingdom of the sovereignty of the heavens and earth was created. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH07940 ===

=== START BH07941 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who warbles upon the branches! O Husayn! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee when sorrows surrounded Him on account of what was wreaked upon Him by those who disbelieved in God and His signs, and turned away from Him after He came with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is the face that hath turned towards Him and the heart that hath accepted Him, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. Give thanks unto God for having made thee victorious in His days and guided thee to His straight path. Cast aside what is with the people, taking hold of what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in My Perspicuous Book. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. When thou attainest unto it, give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths. Preserve this Tablet as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes. Verily thy Lord is the Confirmer, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard My call and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My bounty, and upon every steadfast and upright one.

=== END BH07941 ===

=== START BH07942 ===

O Mirza Haqqvirdi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Haqqvirdi! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who confirmed thee in recognizing the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He bestowed life, established foundations, granted knowledge, conferred faith - if ye would count the favors of God ye could not number them. It behooveth you in these fleeting days to acquire everlasting and eternal reward.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy wisdom and by the penetrating power of Thy Most Exalted Word, and by Thy might, O Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven, to make me confirmed in Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones whom nothing whatsoever could hinder from turning

toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent to do as Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

=== END BH07942 ===

=== START BH07943 ===

He is the Caller! O Khadijih! His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, hath requested from the ocean of utterance the Most Exalted Holy Word, that it might be sent to you, that perchance it may become the cause of awareness among the servants and bestow new life upon all through the choice sealed wine which floweth forth in the name of the Lord, the Self-Subsisting. Today from the Most Exalted Pen the water of everlasting life doth flow - whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto life eternal. Strive thou that in these divine days thou mayest attain unto that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. The world had yearned for the meeting, yet when the Ancient Beauty drew aside the veil, none turned towards Him save whom God wished. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath appeared in days when sore eyes have prevented men from beholding Him. In truth He hath entered the realm of the blind. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of My horizon, and woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH07943 ===

=== START BH07944 ===

O Khalil, upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Ruler over all names! O Khalil! Verily the All-Glorious makes mention of thee and counsels thee and those who have believed to show forth the most great steadfastness in these days wherein the fire of oppression has been kindled through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. They have wronged My loved ones and imprisoned them throughout the cities and lands with such tyranny as has caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. We hear the cry of Our loved ones in Ta (Tihran) and in other lands. God shall soon seize the oppressors with His wrath from His presence. He is verily the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Strong, the Conquering, the Mighty. O people of Baha! Be not grieved at that which hath befallen you. Hold fast to the cord of patience and resignation. Soon shall ye behold the Cause shining forth from the Supreme Horizon, despite those who have seized and plundered God's sincere servants. Thus warbled the Dove of Utterance upon the branch of mystical knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!"

=== END BH07944 ===

=== START BH07945 ===

Jinab-i-Khayru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Most Great Name! O Khayru'llah! The Wronged One of the world calls thee from the Kingdom of God and says: Thy book was presented and the servant present submitted all of it, and it attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. Blessed is the pen that spoke in His name, and the ink that flowed in His remembrance, and the tongue that uttered His beautiful praise. We heard thy call and

responded with this most sublime and holy Tablet, that thou mayest know with clear certitude that the Truth, exalted be His glory, is the Hearer and Answerer, and His grace has encompassed the world. All the wealth and glory of the world cannot equal one word of “O My servant” from God. Blessed is he who has attained in His days, and woe to the heedless. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness in such wise that nothing among all things, no learned one among the learned, and no prince among princes shall turn thee aside. Thus doth the Supreme Pen counsel thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH07945 ===

=== START BH07946 ===

His honor Hakim Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Rahim! His Holiness Moses appeared with mighty signs, yet they did not accept Him. Each day He manifested with a proof, a clear evidence, and verses revealed, yet still the opposers and deniers acted without justice or fairness, until the cry “the hosts of God, they shall be victorious!” was raised from the horizon of divine triumph and the banners of victory were planted upon the loftiest stations. Thus were Pharaoh and his hosts drowned as recompense for their deeds. Verily God seized him for his sin and delivered Moses and his companions. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to the Goal of the world that He guided thee and directed thee to the straight path. Thou hast heard what Moses heard upon the Mount. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty. Say: Praise be to Thee for having unveiled for me and rent asunder my veils and strengthened me to acknowledge Thy unity and taught me Thy Cause and guided me to Thy straight path. Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the mystics!

=== END BH07946 ===

=== START BH07947 ===

He is the Caller on the Mount of Knowledge!

O Rubin! Hearken to the call of God, the King, the True, the Manifest. Verily He is with thee and hath witnessed thy deeds in His path and thy cry in His remembrance. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. Blessed art thou for having held fast to My cord and clung to the hem of My holy and luminous robe.

Ask thou of God that He may sanctify the hems of His servants from the dust of self and passion. The penetrating influence of the Word hath ever been and will continue to be dependent upon the sanctification of the heart.

Say: My God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy sanctification and Thy knowledge, then aid them to perform that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the pearls treasured within the vaults of Thy Most Exalted Pen and

the lights shining from the horizons of Thy most exalted Words to aid me in that which beseemeth Thy days. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity that which beseemeth Thy glory and Thy majesty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH07947 ===

=== START BH07948 ===

O Zahra, praise be to the Lord of Names Who enabled thee to recognize Him and gave thee to one of His believers. Know thou His station and be among the thankful ones in My Mighty Tablet. The entire world cannot be compared to a single divine word. How many kings and subjects, sovereigns and queens awaited the Days of God, yet after the appearance of the Divine Day all were occupied with their own desires and veiled from Him. But thou hast attained the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and drunk from the ocean of His knowledge. Blessed art thou and blessed is every maidservant who hath attained this exalted station. O my handmaiden, grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that place who heard and answered their Ancient Lord.

=== END BH07948 ===

=== START BH07949 ===

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be God's peace! He is God! There is none other God but Him! O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! We mentioned thee before, and now again, since Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali hath appeared before the Wronged One seeking bounty, these few words flow from the Pen. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee and decree for thee that which will profit thee. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, and by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued the world and guided the peoples, and by Thy Messengers and Thy Books, and by Him through Whom Thou hast raised the banner of unity among Thy servants and the standard of detachment in Thy lands - I beseech Thee by Him and by His kindred and companions to assist me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Then protect me from the evil of the idolaters among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH07949 ===

=== START BH07950 ===

O Siyyid Baqir, upon him be the glory of God! He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise! O Siyyid-i-Baqir! Such afflictions have befallen the Wronged One as have caused the lamentations of the lovers to ascend. We have been patient and concealed them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient. I do not complain of My grief and sorrow. I say what the ancients said when tribulation and adversity appeared. By God! The Glory dwelleth beneath affliction in the path of God, the Lord of the Sacred Monument and Station. When thou attainest unto My verses, say: "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause, and the radiance of Thy Word, and the attraction of Thy verses, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy

Cause and in Thy love. O my Lord! Thou seest the supplicant turning toward Thy Most Great Gate, and the seeker facing the direction of Thy bounty, O Lord of eternity! Ordain for him what befitteth Thy generosity, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of bounty! O my Lord! Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace. Ordain for me all the good Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

=== END BH07950 ===

=== START BH07951 ===

O Shukru'llah, who hast emigrated and attained unto the name of the one true God! O Shukru'llah! I pray that thou mayest reflect, throughout all nights and days, upon thy name and its meaning. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the prison, that shouldst thou properly reflect upon this name and become aware of it, thou wilt give voice to such praise and thanksgiving of the Beloved of the world that the conditions of earth shall neither prevent thee nor silence thee. Thou hast attained unto the Most Great Ocean and hast drunk from the Kawthar of reunion which is the essence of the divine Books and Scriptures. Strive that such deeds as befit this bounty and favor may be made manifest from thee. Be thou gazing toward My horizon, turning unto My face, soaring in Mine atmosphere, and speaking forth My beauteous praise. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, turning away from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH07951 ===

=== START BH07952 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord. O Sadiq! The ornament of the human temple is truthfulness. Blessed is the soul that is adorned therewith. The meaning of truthfulness in its primal reality has been and continues to be the recognition of God's Cause and what He has revealed in His Book. Should a person manifest the truthfulness of all the peoples of the world yet hesitate in this Most Great Cause, he would be accounted among the liars in the Clear Book. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the recognition of the Divine Day and hast acknowledged that which hath been made manifest. Now strive thou to remain steadfast in this momentous Cause, and let not the doubts of the opposers and the hints of the corruptors deprive thee of the outpourings of the Day of Faith. This is the greatest counsel that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance of the Ancient Lord. Seize it through thy Lord's power and cast aside what is with the people. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

=== END BH07952 ===

=== START BH07953 ===

O Ziya', son of Af, Most Esteemed Mirza Ziya', upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Truthful, the Trustworthy! O Ziya'! Bear thou witness unto that which the Wronged One hath testified in the Kingdom of Names: that there is none other God except Him, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. He created creation for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His

signs. Yet when He appeared and manifested that which He desired, every heedless and willful one turned away from Him. He summoned all unto God, while they pronounced against Him with grievous tyranny. He revealed that which lay hidden in the treasury of knowledge, yet they denied Him in such wise as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. We loosened for them the choice wine of utterance, yet they held Us back from the Euphrates of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. They turned away from the Truth, having followed their own desires. By God! Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me, and caused me to know Thee, and called me, and remembered me, while I was in Thy mighty prison.

=== END BH07953 ===

=== START BH07954 ===

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing

O Tahir! Hearken unto the purifying Call through whose name God has purified the hearts of those near unto Him. Verily He speaks the truth amongst creation and summons them unto God, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who in His days has found the fragrance of God and remained steadfast in His love amidst all worlds. We make mention in the prison of him who has turned towards the Countenance, and We give him to drink of the choice wine of verses from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Remember thy Lord, the Most Merciful, with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of the servants, that they may arise from the slumber of heedlessness and turn towards God, the Most High, the Most Great. Whoso quickens a soul, verily he is among the most exalted of creation in the perspicuous Book. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle, then speak forth in remembrance of God, the Lord of all humanity. This is what the Supreme Pen commands thee in this mighty scene. Give thanks unto God for having been remembered by the Tongue of Grandeur, and for the Wronged One having turned toward thee from the direction of His mighty prison.

=== END BH07954 ===

=== START BH07955 ===

Through Abdul-Baqi's namesake, Mr. Abdul-Baqi, upon him be the glory of God. He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

O Abdul-Baqi! The people of the earth are slaves to vain imaginings, having preferred and still preferring conjecture to certitude. They have turned away from Him Who, from the first day until now, has called all humanity to the straight path and the mighty announcement, and instead they have clung to the manifestations of idle fancies. They have not attained even a drop from the ocean of fairness. Calumnies and idle fancies have prevailed and continue to prevail. Glory be to God! The sea of inner meanings surges before their faces, yet they cling to a mere pond. Ask God to protect His loved ones. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me, and thanks be to Thee for having guided me. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, and by the ocean of Thy verses, and by the heaven of Thy bounty, to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest.

=== END BH07955 ===

=== START BH07956 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O servant in attendance! Thou didst mention that his honor Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, had inquired about the papers sent by Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God and My loving-kindness. Whatsoever hath been sent from the first day until now hath been pleasing and good, acceptable and beloved. All that was sent hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance, through God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. They have sent every kind, and all are adorned with pure love. The papers attributed to thee - two books from the wondrous writings of the Most Great Branch - have been written, and in this there is abundant good which none can comprehend save the All-Informed. Likewise with their other items - in truth they have all been a form of sacrifice. In these days when all stand in enmity save whom God willeth, verily the heedless one seeketh to prevail over Us through oppression and armies, while We seek victory over him through the Near One, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. Neither the power of the powerful nor the fierceness of the wicked shall deter Us.

=== END BH07956 ===

=== START BH07958 ===

O Ali! In the name of the one incomparable God! O Ali! Heedlessness has encompassed the world. No soul is free and at leisure to reflect upon the Cause of God and that which hath been manifested from His presence. All are observed to be fettered by the chains of self and desire, save whom God willeth. The Book of God is speaking and the Word of God is manifest, yet sight and hearing are lacking. Although at every moment the world informeth man through its changes of its own extinction and maketh him aware of its passing, yet all are heedless and veiled. They were not stirred by the breezes of the spring of revelation, as if they were uprooted palm-trunks. The Tablets which thou didst request for certain souls have been sent. God willing, they will attain unto them. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land and remind them of that which hath been revealed in the Book.

=== END BH07958 ===

=== START BH07959 ===

O Ali-Akbar - or 'Ali-before-Akbar! Verily We have made mention of all who have turned towards My Most Exalted Horizon through verses that cannot be equaled by any treasures or riches. This is a Day wherein eyes are transfixed and hearts are constricted. This is a Day wherein the eyes of the Concourse on High are gladdened and faces are illumined. This is a Day wherein the earth hath related its tidings and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from the most exalted station: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom and of the Realm above!" Beware lest anything prevent thee from God. Hold fast unto His cord and cling to His blessed hem. We make mention of thy son Mustafa-before-Quli and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all existence. Be thou thankful unto God that the

Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and the Lord of all peoples, Who is imprisoned in this exalted place, maketh mention of thee. Be thou steadfast in service to the Cause and in speaking forth this Name whereby earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth save whom God hath willed, the Possessor of this perspicuous Day.

=== END BH07959 ===

=== START BH07960 ===

O ’Ali-Akbar Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth! O ’Ali before Akbar! The Wronged One of the horizons in this Most Great Prison hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, if thou wert to discover the station of this mention, thou wouldst attain unto such joy that no sorrow could ever seize it, and thou wouldst forever utter “Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Desire of the worlds!” Know thou the value of the mention of the Wronged One and preserve this Tablet as thou wouldst thine eye, that it may be protected from the eyes of the treacherous and the ears of the thieves. Hearken unto what We have imparted unto thee and be of the thankful ones. Countless are the treacherous ones and many are the thieves. Beseech thou God to preserve the pearls of the ocean of faith and grant them shelter beneath the Tree of security and protection. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH07960 ===

=== START BH07961 ===

O ’Inayat, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of the All-Knowing Lord! O ’Inayat! Although We made mention of thee in a Tablet specifically revealed for the Leaf, yet the Most Recent Bounty hath necessitated that mention of thee be revealed once again from the Supreme Pen in a special Tablet. His grace hath preceded thee and His mercy, which hath preceded existence itself, hath encompassed thee. Under all conditions hold fast to the cord of His grace and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of His bounty. Today the world is adorned with a new garment. Blessed is he who seeth with clear vision, and woe unto every ignorant one who is rejected. Praise be to God that in the prime of youth thou didst attain unto the recognition of God - exalted be His glory - and didst drink that which most of mankind are deprived of and forbidden from. Be thou thankful unto God, thy Lord, for this great bounty and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of the world and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

=== END BH07961 ===

=== START BH07963 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O My Branch! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letter was received. Thy compositions are indeed the most great remedy for the sorrows of the world, and each one, corresponding to a different clime, brought joy to many who perused it. They have been and ever shall be a source of eternal gladness. Nevertheless, thou shouldst not be sad. If some work or occupation should arise that would

keep thee busy, well and good; otherwise thy writings are better and more acceptable than any work or occupation. The one named after God is exactly as thou hast mentioned - he hath both a family and a shop. Thy missives are the highest and most excellent gifts in all the world. Until now no news hath been given to the mother. If the affairs there truly bear fruit, very well; but if they are a source of sorrow and distress, return would be preferable. In any case, the good-pleasure of the Afnan is best and most fitting.

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O Ghaffur! This Wronged One, imprisoned for the sake of God, hath turned from the prison precincts toward thee and summoneth thee to the supreme horizon. All people have been created to know God, exalted be His glory. Yet when the Dawning Place of His most beautiful names and the Manifestation of His most exalted attributes appeared, all were deprived save whom God willed. Strive that thou mayest receive thy portion from this Most Great Sea. The intoxication of vain ornaments hath so seized the people that they remain heedless and veiled from this supreme bounty. Soon shall death overtake all. Blessed is the soul that hath been awakened by the call of the trusted Counselor and hath arisen to redress that which hath escaped him. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent thee and the hints of every doubting soul veil thee. Cast aside what is with the people, taking hold of that which is with God, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Ghulam-Rida! Hast thou heard My news and hast thou learned what hath appeared in My days? Hast thou heard of My exile and My grief and My imprisonment and My tribulation? By the life of God, all My limbs and members and parts have offered thanks for what hath befallen them in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. With His tongue He mentioneth His trials and recounteth them unto His loved ones, that they may know what hath come upon Him from His servants who were created by a word from His presence. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the Mighty. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Be not grieved by what hath befallen My chosen ones in the land of ?a. Hold fast to the hem of God’s robe and place your trust in Him. Verily He protecteth whom He willeth through hosts of angels, and He is the Almighty Whom the armies of earth have not frustrated and the ascendancy of the oppressors hath not hindered. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the One, the All-Informed.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Kazim! The Wronged One hath heard thy call, thy remembrance and thy supplication unto God Who created thee and fashioned thee. We perceived from it thy longing for God, thy turning toward the horizon of Revelation, and thy attraction to His verses which hold sway over the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned, having heard, and having recognized the Beloved of the worlds. We make mention of him who hath turned toward the Countenance and reveal for him that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the world nor the hints of the suspicious shall cause thee to slip. Say: O my Lord! Establish for me a seat of truth with Thee, then make me firm in this mighty Cause. O my Lord! Having caused me to recognize the ocean of Thy presence through Thy grace and Thy Manifestation through Thy loving-kindness, I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the hidden things of Thy mercy and the evidences of Thy bounties. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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O Karim! Hearken to the call of the All-Bountiful Who maketh mention of thee while imprisoned in this mighty stronghold. The heedless ones have incarcerated Him by following the desires of those who have turned away from God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, from among the idolaters. Among them is he who hath claimed that He hath laid claim to divinity without clear proof or manifest Book. Say: He speaketh as He pleaseth even as He spoke in the Burning Bush - “Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Be fair, O people of the earth, concerning that which hath been manifested in truth, and follow not every heedless remote one. The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, and the All-Merciful hath come with an authority that neither ranks nor hosts could withstand. To this testifieth every discerning one possessed of knowledge. Thus hath My tongue spoken that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Preserve what We have revealed unto thee and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that seek after Thee!”

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=== START BH07968 ===

He is the Mighty!

O Majid! That which you addressed to God, your Lord, has come before Us, and We have answered you with this Tablet as a mercy from Us upon you and upon the sincere ones. We beseech God to aid you to attain His love and good-pleasure, and to ordain for you companionship with His Most Glorious Beauty in the highest companionship. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

O Mihman! Be not grieved at anything, but put thy trust in God and remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

O Badr! Be as a full moon in the love of God, that the handmaidens who are steadfast may be illumined by thee.

O Khadijih! Grieve not over what Our servant Muhsin hath done, for verily thy Lord is with thee at all times. She who hath found intimacy with her Lord, it behooveth her to cut herself off from intimacy with all else. Nevertheless, We beseech God that He may cause him to return unto thee in humility and repentance. Verily, He is wise in whatsoever He willeth. And the glory be upon you all.

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O Muhammad-Taqi, the Most Great, the Most Great! O Thou Who settest aflame the hearts of lovers! I beseech Thee by the Luminary of the horizons to send down into the hearts of Thy loved ones a tranquility from Thy presence, lest tribulations prevent them from turning to Thee. How sweet, O my God, are Thy tribulations to the taste of them that are near unto Thee from among Thy servants, and how delectable are Thy decrees to the tongues of them that are sincere from among Thy loved ones! By Thy glory! The head of Baha, despite all that hath befallen it through trials, doth not rest upon the pillow, nor doth his body find repose upon the couch. Can the eyes of the lovers taste the sweet slumber of sleep, and can the fire of longing which Thou hast kindled in the heart be quenched? Nay, by Thy Self, O Lord of all existence and King of the Day of Mutual Calling! Blessed, doubly blessed are those servants of Thine through whose tongues Thou callest Thyself and through whom Thou makest mention of Thy sovereignty. By Thy glory! This proceedeth solely from Thy loving-kindness and mercy, Thy bounty and grace, and from their having borne in Thy love what none among Thy creation bore before them. Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH07970 ===

Arise, Aqa Muhammad Ard! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise that the fragrance of utterance is wafted throughout all creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Manifestation of this mighty grace! The Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and counseleth thee with that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Be thou eloquent in His remembrance, steadfast in the service of His Cause, and act according to that which hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book, which, when it was sent down from the Kingdom of utterance, all the books of the world bowed down before it. To this beareth witness the Lord of nations in this glorious station. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest the fragrance of Mine utterance, turn thee toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say: O Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below! I beseech Thee by the wrongs suffered by Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs to aid me in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Thou art, verily, the Lord of this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH07971 ===

He is the One Who standeth firm in the Cause

O Muhammad! We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Remembering, the Most Generous. We have remembered everyone who hath turned towards God, and have counseled every one who hath turned away from His straight Path. We entered into prison and called all to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who heard and turned towards it, and among them are those who turned away and were numbered with the idolaters. Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth! Reflect upon the Manifestation of God and His Cause, and follow not every ignorant remote one. He maketh mention of you through His grace and draweth you nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, praise thy Lord for having attained unto this manifest Book which hath been sent down in the Most Great Prison by the command of One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Glory be upon the people of glory who were not prevented by the doubts of the divines nor by the might of the powerful from this Cause, before which, when it appeared, every discerning prince hath bowed down.

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=== START BH07972 ===

O Muhammad, son of Abu-Turab, who was martyred in the path of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering. O Muhammad! Blessed is your father who was with Me most days and bore witness to that which God Himself had testified - that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He attained My presence in the land of Ta [Tehran] and in the land of Taff [Karbila] and in Zawra [Baghdad] from whose horizon shone forth the Sun of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. There hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall never be exhausted through the eternity of God, the Lord of Lords. Thy letter hath come before Us. We have heard thy call. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, that Thou forgive me and my family. Then write down, O my God, for me and for her that which will draw us near unto Thee and cause us to speak Thy praise. Verily Thou art God. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH07973 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all Names

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Baqir! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy steadfastness, thy attachment and thy turning unto God. This exalted Word which hath flowed from the Most Glorious Pen is, in the sight of God, greater than all things. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! In these days some vain imaginings have appeared among certain ones who claim to love God. Ask thou of God that He may protect all and safeguard them from the fire of self and passion and preserve them. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God that thou hast ever been and continuest to be remembered. The glory proceeding from

Us be upon thee and upon thy son who attained unto the presence and meeting with his Lord and drank the choice wine of bounty from the hands of the favor of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. All thy sons have been honored with special favors and divine Tablets. Happy are they!

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=== START BH07974 ===

O Muhammad-Rahim, who hath been illumined from the horizon of the world by the Most Great Name!

O Muhammad before Rahim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful Who maketh mention of thee in the Garden wherein was established the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! Thou art He Who didst hasten unto God until thou didst enter the prison and attain the presence of the Countenance and didst hear the call of the Wronged One when He was speaking: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Then thou didst return by His leave unto thy dwelling place. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, make mention of thee. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to assist thee to remain steadfast in His Cause and to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Remember thou My loved ones on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of My gracious remembrance.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Pardoning, the Bountiful

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God and the God of all names, O my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued the lands and the servants, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and bounty, and the lights of the sun of Thy loving-kindness and bestowals, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of him who loved Thee and loveth Thee. I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon, having heard Thy sweetest call. I beseech Thee to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which befitteth Thy might and majesty and beseemeth Thy generosity and bestowals. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me in remembering Thee and to make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

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=== START BH07976 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee before, and mentioneth thee in this Tablet which beareth witness to that whereunto God did witness before the creation of the heavens and earth, that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower. Be thou fluent in the remembrance of thy Lord and steadfast in this Cause whereby the idols have lamented. Should a cawing one come unto thee, shun him and put thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause in such wise that were all the books of the world to come unto thee and all peoples to oppose thee, thou wouldst arise with supreme steadfastness in the name of the Lord of all beings to uphold this Cause whereby the foundations were shaken. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor, then render such thanksgiving as beseemeth God, the Lord of all religions. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land, and We give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all creation.

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He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing!

O Muhammad-Quli! Every created thing hath had and still hath a fragrance peculiar unto itself, and that fragrance is, in one sense, a messenger, inasmuch as it guideth men unto it. Today, which is the Lord of days, the fragrance of the garment of the Ancient King is wafting throughout the world. By the life of God! This is the Guide. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this fragrance and recognized it. While time remaineth, strive that thou mayest attain unto that which is everlasting and enduring - and this is naught but the Word of God in this day. Verily, whoso hath truly attained unto the word of acceptance from the Sovereign Lord of Names hath attained unto all good. He, verily, speaketh the truth and guideth whom He willeth to His straight path. We make mention of Our handmaiden even as We made mention of thee. Give her the glad tidings of this manifest bounty. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Murtada! God willing, may you at all times dwell and find repose beneath the shade of the Tree of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of all possibility. Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining forth. Strive that you may be illumined by its lights and drink from the Kawthar of His mercy. Great indeed is this Day. The sincere ones and the believers in divine unity must manifest such service as befitteth the Day of God, and all must speak forth His praise in utmost sanctity and detachment and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Today is the springtime of goodly deeds and praiseworthy qualities. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto them. Fix thy gaze upon truth, speak forth for the sake of truth, and turn thyself toward truth. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath attained his ultimate goal and achieved that which he desired from God, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the world to come and of the world that was. Be thou thankful and be among those who praise. All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH07979 ===

He is the Remembering One, the Helper, the Strong, the Powerful

O Mashhadi Ali of Ishqabad! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God! Let not the affairs of the world and the clamor of nations grieve thee. Arise and say: O peoples of the earth! The Day hath come wherein God hath fulfilled His promise, such that He hath manifested Him Whose mention was hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes and sight. We have remembered Our loved ones in Ishqabad in Tablets and have sent down for them that which shall endure as long as My most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure, and the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause that shineth forth and by that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy power, to ordain for me that which shall cause me to speak forth Thy name in Thy lands and to gaze upon Thy horizon. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Deprive me not of what is with Thee and distance me not from the carpet of Thy nearness and the gate of Thy forgiveness. Verily Thou art the Commander, the Mighty, the Wise.

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=== START BH07980 ===

He is the Rightful Sovereign

O peoples of the world! The Day of the Covenant has come, and He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities has appeared. He has come with the truth and gives you glad tidings of that which was ordained for you by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Rejoice in this most great favor, then give thanks to God, the Lord of lords. The Path calls out and the Balance proclaims: “The Revealer of verses has come!” This is the Day wherein the ears of those near to God hear from all things the remembrance of God, Creator of heaven. Blessed is he who has heard and hastened, and woe to the most lost ones who follow vain imaginings and idle fancies. We have heard in this hour from all things that which no ears have ever attained. O concourse of humanity! The Most Great Vision has appeared and the Lord of Destiny calls out in the loudest voice at eventide and at dawn. By God! You were created for this Day - be fair-minded and follow not every doubting ignoramus.

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O Manzar, upon thee be the Glory of God! O thou who art named after the Most Sublime Vision! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! O Manzar! Thou art mentioned in the Most Sublime Vision. Every mention among mentions and every thing among things shall be seized by the hand of extinction according to the exigencies of divine wisdom, save the Sun of the Word of God, exalted be His glory,

which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen. It shall endure through the eternality of the kingdom and the realm above. If thou wouldst ponder on this Word, thou wouldst forever utter “Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds!” This is the day of service and the day of deeds. Blessed is the soul whom the clamor of the world hath not prevented from the Dayspring of light and the Dawning-place of revelation, who hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and hath arisen with complete steadfastness to reform the world. Such a one is accounted among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book by the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he! Blessed is he!

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=== START BH07982 ===

His honor Haji Mehdi, who has attained

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Mehdi! God willing, may you be assisted through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, and be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. All on earth sought and yearned for the presence of this blessed Day, and when the dawn of the Day appeared, shining and radiant with the lights of the Divine Countenance, all turned away save a few souls. By the life of God, these souls were and are the most exalted of creation, and all are, in the sight of God, on the same plane. Were the station of faith to be made manifest today, all the sincere ones, the near ones, and the unitarians would perish from joy and gladness. The bounty for which all were waiting - while the learned ones, the mystics, and the princes of the earth remained heedless of it - you have attained through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and time after time you have drunk from the Kawthar of reunion. Forget not this bounty. Thus does He command you, from Whose presence is the Mighty Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O Nabil, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded existence. We have made mention of every name that was in thy book and have sent down for each one that which shall speak at the heart of the world. The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak amongst the servants that which will attract them to My most exalted horizon and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The servant in attendance hath appeared before Us with letters from My loved ones, and in each one of them are mentioned names. Each one of them hath attained unto a token from My Most Exalted Pen and the choice wine of My beloved remembrance. Glory be upon thee, O thou who hast attained unto My presence and heard My call and drunk the water of immortality of My love and spoken in remembrance of Me amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord doth witness and behold, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

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=== START BH07985 ===

He Who is the Compassionate, the Bountiful

O Himmat! We have made mention of thee with a mention before which all mentions bow down, and with an utterance around which circle the utterances of the chosen ones. Say: My God, my God! With what tongue can I recall Thy gifts and bounties? I was heedless - the breezes of Thy Revelation awakened me. I was asleep - the fingers of Thy grace pinched me and raised me up to Thy Cause. I was ignorant - Thou didst guide me to the ocean of Thy knowledge and learning. I was silent - Thou didst cause me to speak forth Thy praise. Thou art He Who, O my God, guided me to Thy path and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy lights, the Source of Thy inspiration, and the Manifestation of Thy Self. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things, to assist me in that which its fragrance will never cease to endure through the perpetuity of Thy dominion and kingdom, and Thy might and power. Then write down for me, O my God, my Goal and my Object of worship, the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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=== START BH07986 ===

O Shirin, handmaiden of God, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O my leaf! When the rapture of My call takes hold of thee, say: My God, my God! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens turning toward the horizon of Thy prison and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the letters of Thy Book and by the Ha through which Thou didst manifest the station of pure Identity, to make me patient in the occasions of Thy decree and steadfast when the tempestuous winds blow. Verily Thou art the Creator of names and attributes. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and beseeching the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy giving. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy grandeur, and by the Tablet which none hath known save Thee, to make me in all conditions holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity, and speaking amongst Thy handmaidens in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.

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He is the All-Patient, the All-Concealing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O My leaf! Upon thee be My Baha! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the hand of bounty the wine of everlasting life, and hast attained unto that which hath been the hope of them that are near unto God and of the sincere ones. The hands of divine grace and mercy have revealed from the Mother Book, in thy name, that which is adorned with eternal life. Every word that hath been revealed from the Mother Book is better than a hundred thousand children, both high and beloved. These children require no

sustenance or clothing, existing as they do in the cities of praise and glorification, mentioned by thy name. Events affect them not. They have endured and shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty remembrance, this manifest grace, and this exalted Word from God, the Lord of all mankind. The glory from Us be upon thee, O My handmaiden, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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In My Name, the One Who calls in the Kingdom of Names! O My leaf and My handmaiden! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Most Glorious, for this manifest bounty. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! And glory be unto Thee, O God of the world and Lord of the nations! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy grace to aid me to manifest great steadfastness before the faces of the handmaidens. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy leaf clinging to the Tree of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Effusive, the Forgiving, the Generous. O My handmaiden! Thou hast mentioned that handmaiden of God who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause her to enter the Most Glorious Paradise, to send down upon her mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self, and to forgive her through His bounty which hath encompassed existence and through His generosity which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth.

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He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One

O My Leaf, O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! Thy letter hath come before Us and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Rejoice, rejoice, O My Leaf, in that the Divine Lote-Tree remembereth thee from this spot wherein the call of God, the Lord of Lords, hath been raised. We have adorned thee with the ornament of My kinship and have made mention of thee in such wise that the near ones shall find from it the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the Lord of the Final Return. Say: My God, my God! The sweet fragrance of Thy utterance hath enraptured me and the choice wine of Thy Most Great Name hath intoxicated me. Thou seest me, O my God, turning toward Thee, gazing upon Thy horizon, and awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation and the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for me and for my son the good of this world and of the world to come. Then write down, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of the One Incomparable God! O Yari! The One Incomparable Friend declares: The whole world hath been created for the recognition of the Ancient Lord in this Most Great Announcement, and hath been brought from nothingness into being. Yet when the morn of the divine Day dawned from the horizon of Will, all were found to be debarred and deprived, save whom God pleased. Well is it with thee for having drunk the Choice Wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name, and for having turned toward the Supreme Horizon on a Day wherein the limbs of all names trembled. Verily thy Lord is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee to observe wisdom, for the people are weak. The Lord, exalted be His glory, hath shown forbearance out of pure grace. Therefore must all be mindful of wisdom and treat mankind with kindliness and compassion. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have attained unto the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Here is Yaqub, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One Who speaks before all faces. O Yaqub! We have been with you and heard your cry regarding this irrevocable Cause. Hear the call from the Supreme Horizon: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.” His Holiness Moses conveyed the Word of God to the Pharaoh of his time, and in the early days a strong party secretly supported him. However, the King of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen summoned all kings without any veil or barrier, and guided them to the Supreme Horizon, at a time when there was no helper visible and no supporter apparent. The might of the divines and rulers did not prevent Him from speaking the word of truth. He spoke that which was the cause of exaltation and ascension. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm you with a confirmation that the oppression of oppressors cannot prevent. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Joseph! Your letter has come and been read by the servant who stands before the Throne. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard your call and answered you, and turned toward you from this exalted station. We found your letter sanctified from the allusions of those who have denied God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou for having turned to Him from Whom the world has turned away, though it was created for His manifestation - to this testify the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We mentioned thee before with a mention through which the Concourse on High perceived the fragrance of My Most Glorious Robe. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this Remembrance, through which all things and the Lord of Names have called out. God hath come with His wondrous Remembrance. Verily We remember Our loved ones and counsel them to steadfastness in this Day wherein the clamor of every remote oppressor hath been raised. Thus have We mentioned thee from the precincts of the Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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=== START BH07993 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed!

The Wronged One makes mention of him who has turned to God, the Single One, the All-Knowing, Who has come with the truth and revealed that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. Earthquakes have appeared and the tribes have lamented, and the people are in manifest agitation. Say: Fear ye God and follow not every distant barking dog. Break the idols with the arm of certitude - this is better for you, if ye be of those who know. Verily the Truth hath come with authority from His presence while the people inquire about prophethood and the like. Say: Perdition betide you and those who follow the vain imaginings of the heedless ones. Say: Cast aside every barking dog and hearken unto that which the Divine Lote-Tree uttereth amidst the Concourse of Creation: Verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day of God, were ye of those who know. None is mentioned therein save Him - to this testifieth he who hath with him a perspicuous Book. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to My firm cord.

=== END BH07993 ===

=== START BH07994 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The Wronged One begs His Lord to assist His loved ones to remember Him, praise Him, and serve His Cause, the firm, the mighty, the impregnable. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having awakened me through the breathings of Thy Revelation, made known to me Thy ancient bounty, and shown me Thy wondrous generosity. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the signs of Thy grandeur, and by Thy Prophets and Messengers whom neither the might of the oppressors deterred from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the tyranny of the Pharaohs from turning toward the light of Thy countenance, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, adorn my temple with the ornament of piety, and my head with the crown of virtuous deeds. Thou art the Judge on the Day of the Covenant and the Illuminator of the horizons. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

=== END BH07994 ===

=== START BH07995 ===

What did it profit thee, and such as are like thee, to slay, year

after year, so many of the oppressed, and to inflict upon them manifold

afflictions when they have increased a hundredfold, and ye find yourselves

in complete bewilderment, knowing not how to relieve your minds of

this oppressive thought…. His Cause transcends any and every plan ye

devise. Know this much: were all the governments on earth to unite and take

My life and the lives of all who bear this name, this Divine Fire

would never be quenched.

=== END BH07995 ===

=== START BH07996 ===

Glory be unto Thee, O God, for Thy Manifestation of Love to mankind! O Thou, who art our Life and Light, guide Thy servants to Thy Way, and make them rich in Thee and free from all save Thee.

O God, teach them Thy Oneness, and give unto them a realization of Thy Unity; that they may see no one save Thee. Thou art the Merciful and the Giver of Bounty!

O God, create in the hearts of Thy beloved the fire of Thy Love, that it may burn away the thought of everything save Thee.

Reveal unto them, O God, Thy Exalted Eternity; that Thou hast ever been and will always be, and that there is no God save Thee. Verily, in Thee will they find comfort and strength!

=== END BH07996 ===

=== START BH07997 ===

In Thy Name, the Sufficer, the Healer, the Fulfiller, the Loftiest, the Supreme, the Baha-El-Abha!

I ask Thee by Thine Ancient Beauty, and I supplicate Thee by the manifestation of Thy Greatest Majesty, and Thy Name, around which the heavens of the Manifestations revolve; by which the waters of the oceans overflow, the full moons appear, the lights diffuse, and verily, the visible and the invisible, the mysterious and the celebrated; by which all sorrow will be turned into joy and all disease will be turned into health, and by which every sick, afflicted, unfortunate and constrained one may be healed, to suffice to heal this weary, sick-worn one of the seen and the unseen disease.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Conqueror, the Mighty, the Living, the Forgiver!

=== END BH07997 ===

=== START BH07998 ===

He is God, exalted is He. O my sister! For a long time no news from you has reached this prisoner. Therefore in these days, since the honored Shaykh Muhammad was bound for that direction, these two words were mentioned, that if you wish to know the state of this exile, by God, neither am I able to

recount it nor are you able to hear it. Thus has it been ordained for my soul from the heaven of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. And surely by now you have heard some of these matters, and if you have not yet heard them, you shall hear them. In any case, my circumstance is beyond the pen, and my tribulation beyond mention, and my afflictions beyond reckoning. None knoweth them save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In any case, always write about your circumstances, and may his honor the Aqa ever remain preserved beneath God's protecting shelter. And the glory be upon you.

=== END BH07998 ===

=== START BH07999 ===

O Gabriel Bey, upon him be the glory of God! In My Name, the Manifest One, Who standeth in the Kingdom of Utterance. The absolute Will of God hath revolutionized the world. Who is able to prevent His sovereignty? By the life of God! That which hath been made manifest in this Most Great Revelation is a mighty cause for the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of all peoples. O people of God! Hold fast unto means. As was formerly revealed: God hath refused to cause things to happen save through their means. O people of God! Let not the oppression of the oppressors sadden you. The Cause of God hath encompassed the world. Soon shall the standard of divine sanctification be raised through you and in your name throughout the world. We hope that all may be assisted to establish the word "God doeth whatsoever He willeth" in hearts and souls. Verily He aideth His loved ones and enableth them to achieve that which will exalt them in His lands amongst His servants. Verily He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH07999 ===

=== START BH08002 ===

In the Name of the One God!

The Hidden Name hath appeared from the Horizon of Revelation and is manifest, yet the heedless servants remain debarred and deprived of Him. Blessed is the eye that no veils of names nor clouds cast by the people of creation prevented from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. By God's life! Such a one is of the people of Baha who hath been inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Books of God. Well is it with him who hath attained unto this Day and hath done that which hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God - exalted be His glory - to confirm all who have turned towards Him, that all may succeed in remembering Him, praising Him and serving His Cause. Verily, He is the Beneficent, the Generous. God willing, thou shalt take hold of the Book of God with the hand of might and drink from the choice wine of understanding that lieth concealed within its words. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH08002 ===

=== START BH08003 ===

In the name of the All-Glorious One! Hear what is revealed unto thee from the holy sanctuary by thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Say: Verily, in this moment He calleth aloud from the Most Glorious Horizon betwixt earth and heaven unto all beings, declaring: By God! This is the Lord of the Last and the

First! Say: He speaketh not out of desire, if ye be of them that understand. Say: Even were He to speak from desire, it behooveth you not to object to Him, O ye possessed of insight, for in His desire is seen naught save the desire of God, your Best-Beloved, the Most High, the Most Glorious, and in His Self naught save the Self of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Joy be unto thee, O servant, in that thou hast ascended unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and attained the ultimate goal, which is none other than the recognition of God in the Manifestation of His Self, Who hath come yet again. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath believed and been guided.

=== END BH08003 ===

=== START BH08004 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise! Praise be to God! Through the effulgence of the rays of the Sun of Truth, the realm of the heart is illumined and radiant, and all the atoms of creation are engaged in the glorification and sanctification of the beloved Lord. Yet not every ear is attuned to hear it. Say: O friends! Strive ye to adorn yourselves with the ornament of divine virtues. The praiseworthy conduct that is manifested by the loved ones of God serveth as the educator, teacher and guide of all people. Whosoever is adorned this day with the ornament of pure deeds hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book with the name of Baha - that is, they are mentioned as people of Baha in the Book. All must be manifestations and dawning-places of exalted attributes in the name of Truth. The days are passing like a breeze. God willing, may all be mindful of that which behooveth them and be sanctified from that which perisheth. This is the counsel of the Wronged One of the horizons.

=== END BH08004 ===

=== START BH08005 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! Praise be to God! Thou hast been made the recipient of God's infinite favors which are the cause of exaltation, ascendancy and salvation. Under all conditions be engaged in offering praise and thanksgiving to God, exalted be His glory, and be humble and lowly before His loved ones. This Wronged One conveyeth His greetings and salutations to all the friends and counseleth them to that which is seemly. All must adorn themselves with divine attributes and spiritual qualities, for the world and all that is therein are not worthy of attachment, as that which perisheth deserveth not to be loved. It is hoped that the hearts of all the pure ones may become sanctified from the murk of the world and turn wholly toward the Most Exalted Horizon. O friends! While time remaineth, arise to do that which beseemeth you. Ye were all created for this Most Great, this Most Holy Day. He, verily, speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful!

=== END BH08005 ===

=== START BH08006 ===

In the name of the one Friend! Praise be to God that through the infinite outpourings of divine grace, thou hast turned toward the realm of oneness and attained the waters of reunion. This, verily, is the goal

set forth in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thou must, God willing, remain engaged in the remembrance of Truth in all conditions. This is a Day the like of which hath never been and shall never be. Blessed is the soul that hath been quickened by its breezes and hath arisen to serve His Cause. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having attained His presence at the Throne, for having circumambulated the sanctuary of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, for having dwelt in the pavilion of holiness, for having heard repeatedly the call of thy Lord, and for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of His hallowed bounty, the Mighty, the Wondrous. At the end, We counsel thee to remain steadfast in His Cause, lest the affairs of earth prevent thee. He, verily, is the All-Wise Counselor.

=== END BH08006 ===

=== START BH08007 ===

O Mehdi! In the name of Him Who is the Goal of all humanity! Praise be to God that the horizon of manifestation is luminous and the heaven of utterance moves and flows upon the ocean of divine knowledge. Blessed is the state of one who has clung fast unto it. That which today is the most excellent of all deeds is steadfastness in the Cause of God and adherence to His commandments. God willing, may ye attain unto this. Fix not your gaze upon the world, for soon shall all that is therein perish and be no more, and for those souls who act aright hath been ordained that which no treasures of earth can equal. Therefore must the loved ones of God carry out His commandments with the utmost joy and fragrance, and shun that which He hath forbidden. This is the supreme counsel that hath issued forth from the Pen of the Lord of eternity. Blessed are they that act! That which thou didst send hath been presented before the Wronged One, and We have accepted it as a token of Our grace upon thee, that thou mayest be of those who are thankful.

=== END BH08007 ===

=== START BH08008 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the World! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Purpose of all created things, and art honored in His days by the sweet savors of the All-Merciful. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and thy call hath been heard, and its fruits shall assuredly become manifest. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Bountiful. He ordaineth for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the world to come. Naught is hidden from His knowledge. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Informed. The people are in need of a counselor and remembrancer. It behooveth one such as thee to counsel the heedless souls, that perchance they may detach themselves from their vain desires and turn their gaze toward the horizon of guidance. I swear by the Educator of the seen and the unseen! If those souls who claim adherence to the Truth were to act according to what God hath willed, thou wouldst now behold the entire earth as a single patch of the Most Exalted Paradise. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH08008 ===

=== START BH08009 ===

O thou traveler! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In His Name, the Mighty, the Great! Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed with divine favors and turned thy face to the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive thee from the ocean of His bounty and to aid thee in that which He loveth and pleaseth. In these days the clouds of oppression have prevented the rays of the Sun of Justice from shining forth and appearing, inasmuch as most of the lands of the believers in divine unity have fallen under the control of the deniers. All must call out from the depths of their hearts unto the Self-Subsisting Lord and supplicate that perchance He may show mercy from the ocean of His grace and the sun of His bounty, and protect the believers in unity from the evil of the heedless ones. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth and the Ruler over all who dwell in the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH08009 ===

=== START BH08010 ===

O Jalal, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace and hast turned unto the horizon of His Cause. God willing, thou wilt in all conditions hold fast unto that which God hath willed. This is not the Day of idle fancies, for the Sun of Certitude hath dawned and is manifest. Say: O people of Baha! Fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and turn unto the Source of His Cause. Today, goodly words and righteous deeds are the manifestors and revealers of His Cause. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto them. Woe unto the heedless! In all circumstances keep wisdom in view. Read thou what We have revealed unto him who was named Muhammad-Shafi', that thou mayest be of them that are well-informed. Thy petition was presented before the Most Holy Court, and this answer hath been sent down from the heaven of grace. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto His presence, and upon every steadfast and firm believer.

=== END BH08010 ===

=== START BH08011 ===

In the Name of my Lord, the Lord of all worlds! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the robe of faith in the days of the All-Merciful and hast been nourished by God's everlasting bounty which, in its primal reality, is the mention of the Truth. Well is it with them that have attained thereunto, and blessed are they that have recognized it. God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's praise and the choice wine of irfan of the Eternal Lord, and shalt at all times and seasons be occupied with the mention of the Beloved of all worlds. This is the treasure that hath not perished nor will ever perish; it shall endure through the eternality of God. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know Thy Self and for not depriving me of the fragrances of the robe of Thy grace in Thy days. My Lord! Number me and my son among those who have attained unto that which Thou didst desire on the day of Thy rising to establish Thy Cause. Then assist those who have been heedless of Thy remembrance to turn unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08011 ===

=== START BH08012 ===

Sir

In the name of God and humanity we protest to you against the plight which we have been subjected to from the Turkish government. Six years ago we were invited at the Ottoman suggestion and we have accepted. Later, without having committed any fault and at the request of Persia we were sent from Baghdad to Constantinople. After a stay of 4 months, we were exiled to Adrianople.

Now, once again, we are being exiled from Adrianople without the knowledge of where we are destined and without any reason, all our possessions were disposed of. If the Turkish government does not welcome us any more, and as we are not of this country let us be free to go into a country of another power. It is to the sovereigns of Europe who like to help the oppressed that we plead, supplicating them to release us from this bondage.

Aug 9th 1868

signed: Hussein-Ali

=== END BH08012 ===

=== START BH08013 ===

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O God, my God! I beg of Thee by the ocean of Thy healing, and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy grace, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue Thy servants, and by the pervasive power of Thy most exalted Word and the potency of Thy most august Pen, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded the creation of all who are in heaven and on earth, to purge me with the waters of Thy bounty from every affliction and disorder, and from all weakness and feebleness.

Thou seest, O my Lord, Thy suppliant waiting at the door of Thy bounty, and him who hath set his hopes on Thee clinging to the cord of Thy generosity. Deny him not, I beseech Thee, the things he seeketh from the ocean of Thy grace and the Day-Star of Thy loving-kindness.

Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. There is none other God save Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH08013 ===

=== START BH08014 ===

O My God, My God! Thou seest how I am surrounded by a pack of wolves, and Thou hearest my cries and lamentations and my appeals by night and by day. By Thy might, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! He who hath drunk the wine of Thy love doth not shrink from tribulation in Thy path and Thy good-pleasure, nor do the arrows of the enemies affect him. I beseech Thee, O King of kings and Lord of all who are possessed of sovereignty, to send down upon Thy servants that which will draw them to the

horizon of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. O my Lord! They have become heedless of Thy Cause through that which their hands have formerly wrought and through their following those whom they have taken as masters for themselves besides Thee. O Lord! Make known unto them that which hath appeared through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08014 ===

=== START BH08015 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! My God, my God! Thou hearest the lamentation of Thy chosen ones, and their cries in their separation from Thee, and their wailing at what hath befallen them from the enemies of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy mercy wherewith Thou hast illumined the cities of wisdom and utterance, to assist the followers of all religions to justice and benevolence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Overseer of all creation. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned toward Thee, submissive to Thy command and obedient to Thy decree. I beseech Thee to make his deeds radiant with the lights of Thy acceptance and adorned with the ornament of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Overseer, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

He is the Helper! The remittance of Ustad Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, in the amount of thirty-eight (38) tumans, was received by this servant through His Honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, in the year 1305.

=== END BH08015 ===

=== START BH08016 ===

He is God, the One, the Single One!

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to dwell in the land of exile and left me in the hands of the oppressors. And thanks be unto Thee for having enabled me to voice Thy praise while I was in the midst of the wicked ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me and my family among those who have found not the fragrance of justice, and at all times there befalleth us from them that which hath not befallen any other in the world. The weakest of servants hath risen against us, and he who was more contemptible than dust hath opposed us. For this do I thank Thee, O Thou Lord of those who know! Enable Thy loved ones, O my God, to be patient in Thy path and steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things. Then write down for them that which will draw them nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness, and send down upon them that which will preserve them from the promptings of the polytheists among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08016 ===

=== START BH08019 ===

To Jinab-i-Muhammad-Sadiq in Lahijan:

In the Name of the One True God! In this Day it is incumbent and obligatory upon all to hold fast to the cord of divine wisdom and to draw the people, through loving counsels, to the court of oneness. O friends of God! I counsel you to pure deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Know this much: this fleeting world has never been, nor will ever be, worthy of either grief or joy. God willing, may you, through His grace, achieve such deeds as will cause their mention to endure eternally in the immortal Kingdom. Be not grieved at separation, for He is verily the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful. The call of the handmaiden of God was heard. Give her the glad-tidings of the wondrous remembrances of God and the lights of divine utterance. Gladden Asadu'llah with the sweet fragrances of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is he for having believed in the early days of his life in God, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Verily We have heard your call and have answered you through this exalted Tablet.

=== END BH08019 ===

=== START BH08020 ===

In the Name of the One True God

Today the veil has been lifted, and the exalted Truth, without any concealment or barrier, is calling out and summoning all to the highest horizon. If the ears of the people of the world were ready and receptive, this one Word would suffice them all and would draw them from the lowest depths of ignorance to the highest horizon of knowledge and wisdom. The first Word that appeared from the Dawning-place of utterance of the Lord of Oneness was "Thou shalt not see Me," but now He saith "Behold and thou shalt see Me." Where are the attentive ears that they may hear as they ought to hear, and where is the pure taste that it may savor the sweetness of the utterance of its Lord, the Lord of Names? The Lord of Days hath appeared and the Master of mankind speaketh with the most exalted utterance. Blessed is the one who hath attained to the recognition of the All-Merciful and hath drunk from the living waters. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this remembrance through which every mountain hath soared in its longing for the meeting with God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08020 ===

=== START BH08021 ===

Leaf of Identity, upon her be the Glory of God, named "The Ocean" and "The Pearls of the Mother Book," says: Today all things manifest a joy which pens are powerless and unable to describe, for they are present before the countenance of the Manifestation and are uttering praise and glorification. O My Leaf! We have mentioned thee before, and at this time with verses that rejoice the hearts of those near unto God. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance, say: "My God, my God! Unto Thee be glory for having guided me to Thy mighty Announcement, and unto Thee be praise for having ordained for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere handmaidens and faithful servants. I beseech Thee by the Mount and Him Who conversed upon it to decree for me what Thou hast decreed for Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur and speak Thy praise. O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the

daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have desired from the heaven of Thy grace that which befits the Sun of Thy bounty and the Ocean of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower."

=== END BH08021 ===

=== START BH08022 ===

In the Name of the One God! Today the ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of Truth is shining forth and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of loving-kindness. Blessed are they whom the intoxication of self has not prevented from the Lord of all beings nor deprived of the supreme horizon. We beseech God - glorified be His majesty - to bestow from the hands of grace that which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting remembrance. Your letter arrived in the Most Great Prison. We have seen and heard. The world at every moment proclaims in most eloquent utterance its own change and transformation and evanescence. Nevertheless most are occupied with it and deprived of God's eternal kingdom, save whom God wills. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make you attracted by His verses, speaking His praise, and holding fast to His mighty cord. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of those who know.

=== END BH08022 ===

=== START BH08023 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One

Abadih. O Ata, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Majesty and Bounty.

Today the attraction of divine unity is manifest and the fragrances of revelation are diffused in such wise that they have perfumed the world of existence. O people of God! You must be witnessed in such a manner that neither the might of the people nor the oppression of those tyrannical souls shall make you sorrowful. One transformation lies ahead, and that is God's irrevocable decree. It has seized and continues to seize every soul. If this transformation, which they have called death, occurs for the sake of God, no excellence can match it and no station can compare with it. However, blessed art thou if at the time of ascension the spirit is detached and free from all else save God. Give thanks for having attained in this moment to this perspicuous Tablet, and be thou of them that render thanks.

=== END BH08023 ===

=== START BH08024 ===

O Mulla Ahmad! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! Today all atoms are observed to be in a state of utmost attraction and excitement, for they have perceived the fragrance of the garment of Joseph of inner meanings. Yet most of the servants remain heedless and deprived of it, even though all who dwell on earth were created for this blessed and wondrous Day. The divine Books bear witness to this utterance and His tongue of will testifies to these words. At all times, night and day, render thanks unto God and occupy thyself with His praise with thy outer and inner tongue, for He hath made thee aware of a Cause of which the people of the world are unaware, save whom God willeth. Take hold of the divine Books with

the hand of certitude, and with a mighty arm shatter and cast down the idols of vain imaginings. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from His manifest prison. The decree belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Wise.

=== END BH08024 ===

=== START BH08025 ===

Handmaiden of God, daughter of Salman, upon them both be the glory of God. He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon. Today the proof crieth out, and the evidence proclaimeth “the All-Merciful hath come,” and reason pointeth the way. Yet no one with sight can be found, nor any with hearing discovered. Praise be to the Object of all desire, Who aided thee to recognize the Most Great Name in days when the divines and mystics of Persia rose up in opposition and issued decrees for the shedding of the blood of the sincere ones and those drawn nigh. O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! Thy name hath been mentioned and thou hast been rendered victorious through this Tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Desired One of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Worshipped One of the nations! I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of every handmaiden who hath circled round Thee, hearkened unto Thy call, and attained unto Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH08025 ===

=== START BH08026 ===

He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

Today the people of God are souls who have, with the strength of certitude, shattered the idols of vain imaginings. Neither the might of princes nor the clamor of divines could hold them back from the Lord of Names. The All-Knowing, the All-Informed, says: Today the world is illumined by the lights of Him Who conversed with God on Sinai, and the Divine Call is raised. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld it and blessed is the ear that hath heard it. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and these exalted words were revealed from the Source of verses: I swear by the Sun of knowledge which hath shone forth from the horizon of the world that all the earth and whatsoever is found therein cannot be compared to a single word from the divine words. Know thou the worth and station of the Word of God and preserve it with thine eye. These days are God’s days. Blessed are they who possess true knowledge, blessed are they who have attained, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08026 ===

=== START BH08027 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord! Great indeed is this Day, for the Mighty Announcement hath been manifested therein, and whatsoever was mentioned and promised in the divine Books of the past and present hath become clear and evident. All the peoples of the world, throughout the nights and days, beseeched to attain the presence of the Day of God; yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree was raised up, all arose in opposition save whom God, the Lord of the

worlds, did will. While time remaineth and opportunity existeth, strive that perchance thou mayest attain to that which beseemeth the days of God. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto the friends of God. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth, and woe unto the heedless. We counsel thee and thy brother to manifest the most great steadfastness in this mighty and exalted Cause.

=== END BH08027 ===

=== START BH08028 ===

In the Name of the One God! Today is a day when the gates of heaven are opened and the rain of mercy descendeth continuously, yet the people are seen to be deprived and veiled. The cause and reason for the veiling of the people hath been and will continue to be the most great veil, which is the ignorance that the ignorant ones of the earth have bound unto themselves in the name of knowledge. Therefore ask thou God, thy Lord, to protect His servants from those through whose tyranny the dwellers of the cities of names and the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise have lamented. They have forbidden all servants from the Truth and have summoned them to the dawning-places of vain imaginings and their manifestations. Away with them and with those who have followed them without any clear proof or enlightening Book! God willing, thou shalt in all conditions hold fast to the hem of the grace of the Self-Subsisting Lord, remain turned toward His horizon, and act according to that which He hath revealed in the Book.

=== END BH08028 ===

=== START BH08030 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the Powerful

Today the Tree of Knowledge in the highest paradise uttereth this most exalted Word: Today He Who conversed with Moses is seated upon the throne of Revelation. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened unto His call and hath arisen to serve Him. O leaf and O fruit of the Divine Lote-Tree! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy remembrance was made mention of before the Wronged One, and this most holy, most sublime Tablet hath been sent down especially for thee from the heaven of God's Will, that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Today the Most Exalted Pen counseleth all to that which beseemeth His Day. The pilgrims have attained the honor of visiting the true House and have been blessed with loving-kindness, bounty, presence and reunion. We beseech God to assist His handmaidens to preserve that which He hath bestowed upon them. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08030 ===

=== START BH08031 ===

He is the All-Hearing in His Most Luminous Station

Today the Voice of the Lord of Power is raised from the Most Great Horizon. Blessed is the state of the one who has attained recognition and received their portion from the ocean of utterance. O people of Baha, hear what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an. Concerning the Beloved's ascension, He quotes one of the Prophets saying: "Verily, I have abandoned the religion of a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter." Blessed is the one whose tongue of truth has uttered this most exalted word. By God's life! Such a one will find himself detached and free from all else. Blessed art thou for having heard and responded to the call of thy Lord. We beseech God to protect thee from the evil of His enemies and to make thee among those who shall have no fear nor shall they grieve. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH08031 ===

=== START BH08033 ===

He is the Eternal, the Peerless One

I praise God and thank Him for having preserved thee in truth, and turned thee from the left hand of remoteness to the right hand of nearness, and caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Beauty and the Repository of His might and grandeur, and raised thee to a station wherein thou hast known God, thy Lord and the Lord of the first and the last. The barking of dogs, and the grunting of swine, and the howling of wolves, and the mewing of cats, and the yelping of foxes, and the hissing of serpents - they who have denied God and His signs - did not prevent thee. Blessed art thou for having turned toward God thy Lord and turned away from those who disbelieved and turned away. Be thou steadfast and be of those who are firm. Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me steadfast in Thy love and to number me with such of Thy servants as have fulfilled their covenant with Thee and have cast behind them all else save Thee and have borne tribulations in Thy path for love of Thee and have detached themselves from all in Thy way.

=== END BH08033 ===

=== START BH08034 ===

O Karbala'i 'Abbas! The Most Great, the Most Glorious! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Grandeur in the sacred white spot from the Sidrat'ul-Muntaha - verily there is no God but Him, the Lord of the First and the Last. When thou hast turned and heard from the direction of Glory His sweetest call, arise in the name of thy Lord amongst His servants and remind them of this Cause, by which the hearts of those possessed of understanding have been sorely troubled. Beware lest what exists in the worlds prevent thee from turning to God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Seize thou His days, then follow what hath been sent down from the right hand of the throne of thy Lord, the Cleaver of the seed and the stone. Thus have We inspired thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be steadfast in the Cause of God, thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. By My life! Were all who are on earth to turn to the Word which the Tongue of Grandeur and Power doth speak, it would surely draw them unto God. Blessed is he who remembers and fears.

=== END BH08034 ===

=== START BH08035 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Manifest! Hearken unto the Call of God from the direction of Paradise. By God! Whosoever heareth it but once with the ear of innate nature shall be quickened once again with the spirit of eternity through the breathings of the Word of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Stop thine ear from the call of them who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, then turn thy face toward the melodies of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Be thou steadfast among the people in thy love for God such that they may witness from thy countenance the radiance of the All-Merciful, from thy heart the stirring of the Divine Lote-Tree, and from thy spirit eagerness and attraction. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having cut me off from all else but Thee and made known unto me that which caused the realities of them who disbelieved and associated partners with God to be perturbed, and guided me to Thy Most Exalted, Most High, Most Glorious Self. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful. Glory and splendor be upon Thee and upon them who have drunk the water of life from the hand of the Youth.

=== END BH08035 ===

=== START BH08036 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting

O handmaiden of God! Bear thou witness even as my tongue beareth witness that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Then bear thou witness even as my heart beareth witness that there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Then bear thou witness even as my spirit beareth witness that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Most Holy. Then bear thou witness even as God hath witnessed at the hub of eternity that this is verily the Divine Tree, and this is the Cause of Oneness, and this is the Spirit of Eternal Truth, and this is the divine mystery, and the divine essence, and the pure camphor, and the celestial lamp. Thus hath God borne witness unto us even as we have borne witness unto Him, and thus have We remembered Him with love even as He hath remembered us with affection. And thou, O handmaiden of God, render thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this blessed leaf that thou mayest find joy within thyself and be numbered among the devout. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the women who believe.

=== END BH08036 ===

=== START BH08037 ===

In commemoration of Muhammad who ascended unto God, in My Most Holy, Most Glorious Name. Verily the servant came to brew from the leaves of China that his Ancient Lord might drink thereof. He brewed and brought it into the presence. We took and drank it, for I am He who doeth whatsoever He willeth. Blessed is he who sent it, blessed is he who brewed and brought it, and grace be unto him who took and drank it and said: “Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.” This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Verily We record that which descendeth from the heaven of My grace, for I am the Gracious Bestower. How many a servant hath heard the call and turned away therefrom, and how many a servant hath heard and was

attracted by the verses of his Lord. For each is a portion in My perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and been mentioned by His All-Knowing Pen.

=== END BH08037 ===

=== START BH08038 ===

In the name of Him Who speaketh forth in the kingdom of utterance

Verily the bird of heaven proclaimeth: This day is my day, and I sing forth in the name of God in the kingdom of creation, for He hath caused me to be associated with His throne, a throne which hath been manifested in the midmost heart of the world and upon which the countenance of the All-Merciful hath been established. He proclaimeth at all times: The Dayspring of Divine Revelation is come, endowed with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds!

Verily the mystic dove calleth out, saying: This day is my day, for I warble upon the twigs of the Divine Lote Tree in the name of My Lord, the Most Glorious, conveying unto all people the glad tidings of this Revelation which hath shed its radiance upon all who are in heaven and on earth.

The pen sayeth: This day is my day, for I have been set in motion between the fingers of the All-Merciful, announcing unto all men the advent of this wondrous day.

Verily we say unto all who have turned their faces towards God: This day is His day. Blessed is he who hath hearkened to the call of God and turned unto Him with a pure and radiant heart.

=== END BH08038 ===

=== START BH08039 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. Verily the Remembrance calls out between earth and heaven: “By God! He Who is remembered has come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth shall not stand.” Knowledge calls out: “He Who is known has come with His Name the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who has turned to Him, and woe to the heedless.” Hearing proclaims: “The All-Hearing has come, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil.” And sight cries out: “The Most Great Vision has been adorned through the manifestation of God, the Lord of destiny. Joy to those who have attained to witnessing and meeting, and woe to the deniers.”

Your remembrance was mentioned before the Wronged One, and this wondrous tablet was revealed for you. Beware lest anything prevent you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Take the Book with strength from Our presence and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics, for having turned to Thy servant and revealed unto him that which has diffused the fragrance of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful.”

=== END BH08039 ===

=== START BH08040 ===

He is the Sanctified beyond mention and description! The Divine Lote-Tree calls out with the most exalted call and summons all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Among the people are those who cling to their vain desires, turning away from God, the Lord of all mankind, and among them are those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, saying “I believe in Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned, and I acknowledge that which Thou art, O Thou Who art wronged!” He who is adorned with the robe of faithfulness between earth and heaven - upon him do the Concourse on High pray, while he who breaks the Covenant is cursed by the dominion of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who has held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and hearts have been troubled. Be thou of such constancy that the affairs of the world sadden thee not, nor do the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving, deter thee. We have remembered thee as a favor from Us, that thou mayest remember thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

=== END BH08040 ===

=== START BH08041 ===

He is the Witness from the horizon of the world! The Lamp proclaims amidst the nations, saying: By God! That which was treasured in God’s knowledge and inscribed in His perspicuous Book, which was named the Mother Book by God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been revealed. O thou who gazest toward the horizon of the Revelation! Hearken unto that which the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, Who was promised in the Books of God and mentioned by the tongues of the Messengers. He hath come with the truth, and through Him the pillars of polytheism have quaked, the edifice of unbelief hath been shaken, and the faces of those near unto God have been illumined. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know! Thus have We caused thee to hear My sweetest call and shown thee My [straight] path. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon the people of Baha who have cast behind them the books of the learned, holding fast to this mighty Book.

=== END BH08041 ===

=== START BH08042 ===

To him who is Fath-’Ali-Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The trees lament, the clods cry out, and the stones weep for this Wronged One, Who hath suffered in the path of God that which no one before Him hath ever suffered. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. We summoned the servants unto the Lord of all creation, yet they pronounced against Us with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise and those who circle round [My] mighty throne to weep. The treasures have been revealed and the storehouses have appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have clung to vain imaginings, turning away from Him through Whose name the gate of certitude was opened. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Wronged One, and this noble Book hath been sent down for thee. Read it with joy and fragrance, for verily it will guide thee to His straight path. Thus have the verses been sent down and the evidences appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless.

=== END BH08042 ===

=== START BH08043 ===

In My Name, the Self-Subsisting! The sun has been prevented from its shining, and verily it calls out and cries from behind the clouds, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, in that Thou hast made my light to proceed from myself, and verily it was set ablaze before it was touched by fire. Blessed are they that understand!” God hath manifested me through His grace, and caused me to speak that which the hearts of the doers and the accomplished ones are powerless to enumerate. We have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and We have commanded all to testify even as He testified thereunto, whereat all upon the earth were thunderstruck save whom God willed, the Most High, the Most Great. Be thou gladdened by that which the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this remote spot. We have remembered all who have turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Among the people are they who have recognized their Lord, and among them are they who are in manifest doubt. When thou receivest this Tablet say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the sincere ones!”

=== END BH08043 ===

=== START BH08044 ===

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon. Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. Verily the drop desired to prevent the ocean, and the atom sought to veil the sun with the clay of fancy and imagination. His power and the mustering of his forces have deluded him. Say: Soon shalt thou find thyself in manifest loss the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen. Thus doth the Mother Book inform thee. By God! The clamor shall not prevent Us. We speak from the kingdom of names and summon the servants unto the Lord of creation. Whoso turneth unto Him hath attained all good, and whoso turneth away is assuredly among the people of the fire. Grieve thou not at anything. Remember thy Lord at eventide and dawn. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having drawn me nigh unto Thee and caused me to speak Thy praise in days wherein the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha whom the craftiness of every deceiver hath not kept back.

=== END BH08044 ===

=== START BH08045 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Verily the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with the truth and hath arisen to fulfill His Cause with a sovereignty that neither doubts nor idle fancies can frustrate. He speaketh amongst the peoples that which He hath been commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. By God! The Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret have appeared, and that which was concealed from all eyes. Say: O peoples of the earth! Why do ye not arise from your seats, and by what proof have ye turned away from Him Who was promised in the Book? Behold ye and call to mind that which God revealed unto Muhammad, His

Messenger, in the Furqan. By God! The Day hath come wherein He Who conversed upon Sinai speaketh forth verses that neither the veils of the people nor the clamor of the lands can withhold. The Cry hath appeared and that which was recorded in the Psalms and Scrolls and Books from God, the Lord of all men, hath been fulfilled. Thus have We mentioned thee as a favor from Us that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH08045 ===

=== START BH08046 ===

O Mirza Ja'far the Most Great, the Most Exalted! The Beloved calls out: O people of the realm of existence! Hasten with your hearts to the sanctuary of your Lord's mercy, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Luminous. Grieve not for what has befallen you in the path of God. Soon will come the day of victory, and the sincere shall be in manifest joy. Those who doubted are wandering in the wilderness of heedlessness. Those who turned to Him have attained the lights of certitude. Blessed is he whom the attraction of the Almighty has seized, who has taken the cup of love from the fingers of the Chosen One, who has drunk and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!" How many a learned one has stood at the gate, and how many an ignorant one has rent asunder the veils and entered the House through My Name, the Mighty, the Wise. Verily he is among the people of knowledge in the presence of the All-Knowing. His mention has been inscribed in a preserved Tablet. We have sent thee that which will gladden thee in My days and cause thee to remember thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08046 ===

=== START BH08047 ===

O handmaid of God, Hudhud, upon her be the Glory of God, He Who has dominion over the Kingdom of Names! The Wronged One makes mention of His handmaids who have heard the Call, turned to the Supreme Horizon, and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur has testified: that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Recognize thou the value of these days and give thanks to thy Lord, the Almighty, over what was and what shall be. Various petitions have been received from the servants of God and His handmaids; We have answered them all with that which has diffused the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is the handmaid who has arisen to serve My loved ones, and the servant whom the hosts have not frightened. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having sent down for thee this blessed Book which calls out amidst the world and summons the peoples to God, the Lord of existence. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon the daughter named after Me who has attained My presence in this Forbidden Prison.

=== END BH08047 ===

=== START BH08048 ===

He is the One mentioned in the scriptures of the world. The Wronged One calls out amidst the world and commands the people to that which He was commanded by the Mighty, the Wise. Say: The ears were

created to hearken unto My call and the eyes for My luminous horizon. We created hands to grasp My books and hearts for My love and minds for the recognition of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed is the breast that hath expanded in My days and the tongue that hath spoken forth this Name whereby the Concourse on High was illumined and every sinful remote one did lament. We have made mention of thee in the Tablet and have called thee from this glorious station. Rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord, then drink the choice sealed wine through this Name that dominateth the worlds. Soon shall every heedless one lament and every ignorant one moan and every oppressive base one cry out. He shall seize those who denied Him and chastise those who rejected that which appeared in the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08048 ===

=== START BH08049 ===

O Mirza Baqir! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! The Wronged One calleth aloud from the Most Great Prison and summoneth all to God, the Lord of eternity, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. We called them to the supreme Paradise, yet they have imprisoned Us in this mighty fortress. They have denied the Light and sought to extinguish it with their mouths. Thus have their evil selves seduced them in that they have followed every ignorant doubter. It behooveth every servant to render thanks unto God in this Revelation whereby the horizon of the world hath been illumined and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds! This is the Day which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, and before Him the Torah and the Gospel, did foretell. Soon shall they who have been heedless thereof bewail their plight, and they shall find for themselves neither protector nor helper. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of the Wronged One, recite it with the denizens of Paradise, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH08049 ===

=== START BH08050 ===

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing. Verily My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of one of the Afnan who hath chosen for himself a station beneath the shade of his Lord and hath attained to the presence and meeting, through the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. O Abu'l-Hasan! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. Verily He hath aided thee to turn unto Him and guided thee to the Path wherefrom the feet of the heedless have slipped. We have mentioned thee aforetime in perspicuous verses and We make mention of thee at this time in this Clear Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know Thee and mentioned me and guided me to Thy station and honored me with Thy presence. I beseech Thee to open before my face the gates of blessing and bounties and favors. Then preserve me, O my God, from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy verses and denied Thy right. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH08050 ===

=== START BH08051 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beloved!

O loved ones of God! The winds of tests have blown upon you from the direction of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in the year of shidad - and this is what We have informed you of in all the Tablets, and you know it. Blessed is he whom the winds did not move and who remained steadfast in the Cause. By God! They are honored servants upon whom the denizens of the Supreme Concourse shower their blessings, and for whom the people of Paradise pray morning and evening. Those who have wronged - they are the ones who sleep. By God! Were they to arise from the slumber of passion, they would lament and weep for their own souls. And you - do not grieve over anything, but trust in Him in all matters. There is nothing but that its treasuries are with Him, and He sends down upon whomsoever He wishes according to a measured decree. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those servants who are ever mindful of God's remembrance. And praise be to the Praiseworthy Lord.

=== END BH08051 ===

=== START BH08052 ===

O Ahmad the carpenter, who art the dear and everlasting one! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth thee from this Prison which lieth beyond a thousand towering mountains, which the hands of the polytheists and the monotheists can never reach, and which God hath made forbidden unto these two peoples. Find thou solace in the remembrance of God, then content thyself with Him alone and consort not with any rebellious satan. Remember thou My days, then My exile and My grief, then My banishment and My tribulation, then My sorrow and My trials at morn and at eventide. Stand thou firm then in thy love at the time when the breezes of hatred waft upon thee from every sinful polytheist, in such wise that thy feet shall not slip even should all the small and the great unite against thee. The Spirit be upon thee and upon those who walk with thee upon a straight path.

=== END BH08052 ===

=== START BH08053 ===

O My handmaiden! In the Most Wondrous, Most Wondrous Name of God! O My handmaiden, detach thyself from all else besides Me, then soar in the atmosphere of My nearness, that thou mayest witness the heaven of My majesty and the kingdom of My grandeur, and visit the House of My remembrance and the Kaaba of My knowledge, and behold My lights from the horizon of My appearance and My beauty, and journey through the realms of My holiness and the domains of My greatness and the heaven of My might and the pavilions of My glory and My splendor and the sanctuary of My mysteries and the tent of My grace and favor and the tabernacles of My power and sovereignty. Thus hath warbled the Dove of My Cause upon the Lote-Tree of My will and wisdom and purpose. Blessed is he who is attracted by that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My mercy and the atmosphere of My bounty upon all worlds. And peace be upon thee and upon whosoever hath purified himself from all else save Me and hath turned with his heart toward My face, the dawning-place, the mighty, the holy, the exalted, the wondrous, the luminous.

=== END BH08053 ===

=== START BH08054 ===

O handmaid of God, Gulbahar! In the Name of God, the Most Glorious! O My handmaid! Be not grieved at what hath befallen My Beauty at the hands of the oppressors among My creation and the rebellious ones among My creatures. By God! Tribulation preventeth Me not from My joy, nor doth destiny hold Me back from My delight and My rapture and My yearning. Indeed, the more My tribulation increaseth, the more doth My longing for God, My Beloved, My Purpose and My Lord, increase. Be thou not perturbed by the world and what occurreth therein. Turn thou unto the Most Great Shrine wherein hath been raised the call of the Lord of Eternity and Creator of nations. Then speak thou of My remembrance and that which hath been revealed from My Pen and uttered by the tongue of My grandeur upon the throne of My glory and majesty. By God! Wert thou to find the sweetness of My remembrance, thou wouldst sacrifice thyself in My path and arise among the handmaidens with My remembrance and praise. Thus doth the Pen of My Command make mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH08054 ===

=== START BH08055 ===

He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy

O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth thee to God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Then rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by the Pen of Command - and this, verily, is a great bounty. Detach thyself from the world, then make mention of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Bountiful. There is no Beloved except Him, and no One to be remembered save His Own Self, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Every goodly mention returneth unto Him, and verily He is the Answerer of the prayers of those who are in distress. No praise riseth unto Him save the praise of Him Who is sanctified from the praise of all the worlds, and naught ascendeth unto Him except a goodly word. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Free thyself from all things and turn thy face toward Him with an illumined heart. Thus have We commanded thee on this night, as a remembrance from One Who is mighty and wise. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon such handmaidens as God hath purified from the deeds of the polytheists.

=== END BH08055 ===

=== START BH08056 ===

O Baqir the Carpenter in the City! You are the dear one. O Baqir, bear witness within yourself that there is no God but Him and that Ali is His servant and His beauty and His radiance unto all who are on earth. God hath made him the throne of His manifestation and the seat of His concealment, that all may testify within themselves that He hath power over all things. O servant! Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to know His Self and bestowed upon thee the knowledge of His Cause and made thee to be numbered among those who are guided, as recorded in the Mother Book. Beware lest thou waver when the winds blow from near and far. Be steadfast in thy love for thy Lord and turn thy heart toward the holy and resplendent Beauty. Thus doth the Dove counsel thee and inspire thee with that which will gladden

thy soul, if thou be possessed of insight. Then convey Our remembrance to all who have believed in God and His signs and who are well-pleased in God's religion.

=== END BH08056 ===

=== START BH08057 ===

O Jafar! Have you paused after the Spirit hastened to the Dawning-place of the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing? This is the Day whereon the Rock crieth out with the loudest voice: "Hasten with your hearts to the direction of the Beloved, O ye who are endued with understanding!" If thou fearest for thy belief, preserve this Tablet. When thou art questioned in the presence of the Ancient One concerning belief in this Most Great Name, bring it forth saying: "By this Book which hath dawned from the horizon of the All-Knowing One, Who hath appeared with power and sovereignty." Raise thy right foot, say "In the Name of God and by God," then enter through the door with thy Lord's leave, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: "O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me turn towards Thee and for having caused me to know the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth." Verily, We perceive the fragrance of certitude from thy house - is it thee or another? Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the Concealer.

=== END BH08057 ===

=== START BH08058 ===

He is the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

O Hasan! Bear thou witness within thyself that He is God, the Mighty, the Wise, and that He Whom He hath sent under the name of 'Ali is His proof unto His creatures, His evidence unto His creation, and His link between the heavens and the earth. Whoso cleaveth unto Him hath indeed been guided by the lights of God, and whoso turneth away hath strayed from the straight path. Say: O people! Believe in Him and in that which hath been sent down unto Him, and in this Servant Who speaketh of Him between the heavens and the earth. Say: We were concealed in a mystery that was, in truth, most beautiful, lest anyone should recognize Us and lest the eyes of the treacherous should fall upon Us. But when the idolaters transgressed beyond their bounds, We removed the veil and revealed the Face with radiant lights of sanctity. Thus have We sent down unto thee from the chronicles of truth, that thou mayest become acquainted with God's Cause and be of them that are firmly established in His love.

=== END BH08058 ===

=== START BH08059 ===

O Seyyed Husayn! Hear thou the call of this Stranger, this Wanderer, who hath migrated unto God and then detached Himself from all created things, who hath turned to none except God, the Mighty, the Generous, and who hath feared no soul in His days and hath placed His trust in God at all times. And thou, remember thou His days after Him and be not of the heedless ones. Then walk thou in His footsteps and remind the people and be of them that remember. Beware lest thou overstep the bounds of wisdom, for this is the command of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. We beseech God to unite us with you in a seat of

truth in the presence of a mighty King. Then remember from Us thy spouse and deal kindly with her with love that she may find tranquility within herself and be of the patient ones. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the sincere ones.

=== END BH08059 ===

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O Abdullah! Hearken to My call, then be attracted by My melodies, then ascend with thy heart unto My heaven, then mention Me with My tongue, then rejoice in that which passeth over thee from before My throne, then grieve for that which hath befallen My beauty from My loved ones and My enemies, then drink the cup of holiness from the hands of My mercy, then occupy thyself with My praise, then be severed from all else save Me, then assist My Cause. Therefore keep My counsel and remember the days of meeting Me and attaining My presence and My nearness and My manifestation and My effulgence. Thus have We sent unto thee from the essence of utterance and the Pen the musk of wisdom and meanings that thou mayest find therefrom the fragrance of the All-Merciful and be attracted to the throne of certitude. Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned by the Pen of holiness in this inscribed Tablet and remembered in the holy presence, the seat of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praising.

=== END BH08060 ===

=== START BH08061 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, then immerse thyself in the ocean of inner meanings and divine knowledge, that thou mayest behold what thou hast never beheld before and discover therein the pearls of thy Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the Bestower. All things have hastened unto God, the Lord of Names, yet We behold the people standing in the wilderness of idle fancy and error. Blessed is the stranger who hath found his native land this day, and blessed the weak one who hath laid hold on the cord of might. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the desires of them who have disbelieved when the Promised One came with the standards of revelation and inspiration. Follow Him Who calleth you to a station round which circle the denizens of Paradise at eventide and at dawn. Be thou grateful that thou hast been mentioned by the tongue of the Beloved, and that this Book hath been sent down unto thee, whereunto nothing in the heavens and the earth can compare.

=== END BH08061 ===

=== START BH08062 ===

He is God, exalted be His sovereignty! O servant! Be trustworthy in the trust of thy Lord, which is the love of God and the love of His chosen ones. Withhold not thyself from bearing the trust which neither the heavens nor the earth could bear, save whom thy Lord willeth. Thus hath the matter been decreed, if thou be of them that know. Know thou that God hath made the hearts of His loved ones the treasury of the pearls of His love. Strive thou therefore to preserve them, and be thou faithful to the truth. Thus doth this Prisoner make mention of thee, that thou mayest be mindful of God, thy Lord, at morn and eventide.

Beware lest thou forget the remembrance of thy Lord. Be thou intimate with Him, and be not of them that are deprived of the wonders of His grace. Soon shall the world and all that thou beholdest perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, thy Lord and the Lord of all created things.

=== END BH08062 ===

=== START BH08063 ===

In His Name, the Eternal, the Ancient!

O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Eternity from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He hath created all things for My meeting, and hath sent down all books for the mention of this Mighty Book. The Sacred Scriptures testify that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful, and the Holy Books proclaim this is He Who is mentioned in the Tablets and inscribed in a preserved Book. Then know thou that thy letter hath come before the Throne, and this glorious Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Read it by night and by day; verily it will draw thee to an exalted station. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and turned away from every rebellious infidel. Beware lest the vain imaginings of those who have drunk the love of the calf keep thee back, or the veils of the deniers prevent thee. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness, detached from all created things. Thus doth thy Lord command thee, verily He is the Protector of the doers of good.

=== END BH08063 ===

=== START BH08064 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

O Ali! May God break the necks of those who have rebelled against God and spread corruption in the Holy Land, such that the Beauty of the All-Glorious was forced to depart from among you and become an exile from His home once again. This is among the decrees that have been ordained by the Sovereign Authority upon preserved holy tablets. Be patient in separation from meeting your Lord, then beseech God to remove our anguish and bring us relief. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All things are with Him preserved in a holy Book. O young one! Call upon your Lord, for We hear what you supplicate to your Creator. He will answer you and every destitute one who has become poor before his Lord, and every one who is denied and deprived. Thus has your Lord commanded you - the Manifest, the Evident, the Clear, the Known.

=== END BH08064 ===

=== START BH08065 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, the son of him who turned towards My countenance and soared in Mine atmosphere and migrated with Me and heard My sweetest call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. We testify that he is among those near to God, the Lord of Hosts.

Verily he hath a station and rank with his Lord. Blessed is he who maketh mention of him and reciteth what We have revealed for him in this praiseworthy station. O Muhammad! When thou hast attained to hearing Mine verses, say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and for having revealed unto me that which the knowledge of the peoples hath failed to comprehend. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Aid me in that which beseemeth Thy days and enable me to perform such deeds as may win the honor of Thine acceptance. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08065 ===

=== START BH08066 ===

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is the Desired One, that the remembrance of his Lord may draw him in such wise as to cause him to turn wholly unto Him Whom God hath made the Object of the desire of all the worlds. O servant! Take thou the cup of life in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom in His Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Beware lest the conditions of vain imaginings withhold thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Arise in His love with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hosts of them that are lost in idle fancies. Turn not unto them that have violated God's Covenant, and place thy trust in all conditions in the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily thy Lord sendeth His blessings upon those from whose hearts the sweet savors of love have been wafted when the Lord of all beings appeared with clear sovereignty. Hold fast unto the cord of His favors and cling to the hem of His Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He is with those who love Him and remember Him in the Most Great Prison. His remembrance hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08066 ===

=== START BH08068 ===

O Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who is manifest in the Kingdom of Creation! O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the loved ones of God with supreme joy in this springtime of sorrows. This beseemeth thee at this hour when the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne and hath called out with the most exalted call, summoning all to His luminous and radiant horizon. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who remembereth thee through this Tablet that beareth witness to the everlastingness of the dominion and the Kingdom. Be steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in praise of thy Lord. By My life! The world shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with the Lord of Might. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance, with which nothing can be compared. Blessed are the people who understand. When thou receivest My Tablet, place it upon thy head and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things, and O Thou before Whose Name all that was and shall be bow down in worship.

=== END BH08068 ===

=== START BH08069 ===

He is the Mighty! O Muhammad! May God reward thee from Us with the best of rewards and cause thee to attain unto a station wherein thou shalt be detached from all created things. Therefore, rejoice within thyself, then stand firm in the Cause and be not of the heedless ones. And grieve not over what hath escaped thee, and fear no one, but place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: O people! Shame upon you and upon that which your hands have wrought in the days wherein the Countenance hath appeared from behind a luminous veil, and ye recognized Him not until the Beauty was concealed. Alas for you and for these heedless ones! And thou, render thanks unto God, thy Creator, for having guided thee unto His mighty, straight Path. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee in truth and made mention of thee in a preserved Tablet of holiness. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the patient servants of God.

=== END BH08069 ===

=== START BH08070 ===

O Siyyid Javad in the Land of Kaf, upon thee be the Glory of God!

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most High!

O Mirror of Bounty! Bear thou witness to that whereunto God Himself hath testified at the midmost heart of eternity, that verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon. Say: By God! He doth in truth, at this very moment and from this Horizon, both hear and see, and He proclaimeth: “O people of the Bayan! Did We not promise you My manifestation? Yet when I revealed Myself, wherefore did ye turn away and become numbered with the idolaters? Did We not command you to cling to naught at the time of the Manifestation from amongst all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth? Did We not teach you that ye should not regard Him with your own eyes but with His eyes, and that whoso regardeth Him with any eye save His own shall never know Him, even should he ponder His Cause for as long as God, the Mighty, the Powerful, endureth?

“Therefore do I ask of you, O people, one word of pure truth - be ye fair in it and be not of the heedless. By what proof did ye believe in My Self on the Day when the clouds were cleft asunder and the Ancient Beauty came in My Most Great Name? If ye believed in My Self, by God, this is My Self come unto you with manifest sovereignty. And if ye believed in what was revealed unto Me of God’s verses, by God, that which hath flowed from His Pen hath filled the East and West of the earth with My verses, as ye yourselves have witnessed and are among those who bear witness.

“O people! Fear ye God, and make not your deeds null and void, and follow not in His Cause every rebellious satan, and make not His recognition dependent upon the testimony of any created thing, for all else besides Him hath been created by His Word, if ye be of those who perceive. Have ye not witnessed God’s sovereignty in His manifestation and His power in His arising against all who dwell on earth, in days wherein souls were troubled and the feet of the mystics did slip? By God! He is verily the Glory of God in the heaven of eternity, and His radiance unto all who dwell in the kingdom of names, and His manifestation and His grandeur unto all the worlds.

“Whoso denieth Him this day and writeth the Bayan - his own pen doth curse him, were he to hearken, and addresseth him in its inmost tongue saying: ‘O thou who associateth partners with God! By what proof dost thou write His verses while denying His Self, the Merciful, the Compassionate? I verily disavow thee and seek refuge with God that He may deliver me from thy wicked fingers, and I turn unto Him in repentance from having met thee, and I am the first of the penitent.’ And whoso readeth today the verses of God while believing not in this manifest, resplendent, luminous Revelation - his own tongue belieth him and curseth him with the tongue God hath ordained in its essence, saying: ‘O thou heedless one! Thou deniest the Ancient Beauty, yet readest what hath proceeded from His finger. Woe unto thee from the punishment of a grievous day!’

“By God! This is He through Whose manifestation the light of His radiance hath shone forth upon all things according to their nature. There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. O people! Look ye this day with the proof whereby your faith and the mission of all the Prophets and Messengers is established. Were ye to purify yourselves from the defilement of self and desire, ye would surely find in all that appeareth from Him the fragrance of God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Wise.”

Thus hath your Lord, the Most High, spoken forth in the Most Glorious Companion, that perchance the people may become aware within themselves and make up for that which they have neglected in the Cause of God, and be numbered with those who have recognized God by His Self and who have detached themselves from all else.

Know thou moreover that the previous Manifestation complained unto thee concerning all the Mirrors, and I complain unto thee concerning all in this Mirror which hath opposed God and warred against His Self.

By God! She warred against My Person, disputed My verses, and sought to shed My sanctified, holy and luminous blood. By God! She looks upon Me with aspects which none can enumerate save God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. By God! She hath done to Me what no one hath done to another, and were I to mention it, I would be unable due to the intensity of grief that overtakes Me at its remembrance. Then would weep for My wronged Self the Eye of God upon the thrones of all possible things, and My own Self sufficeth as witness to what I say. And if thou desirest to become aware of this, go forth from thy house, then proceed outside thy city to a place where thou findest thyself alone. Then turn thy face toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, raise thy hands to God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of them that know, and say:

O Lord! I have come from the west of fancy that the lights of certitude might dawn upon me from the dawning-place of the sovereignty of Thy Most Great and Most High Name. O Lord! I am the one who hath fled from myself, from all that I had known before, and from all the worlds, for whatsoever Thou hast taught me of the knowledge of Thyself in one moment will not profit me in another, as I am certain that in every instant Thou art upon a new manifestation, and I know that Thou manifestest Thyself to all created things through Thy name, the All-Knowing, in every moment as Thou hadst not manifested before, for the manifestations of Thy creation shall never end, by the everlasting nature of Thy Self that standeth over all creation. And I, O my God, am he who hath not limited Thy manifestation by the

limitations of myself nor by the indication of any existent thing, for I am certain that Thou canst not be indicated by any indication, nor limited by any limitation, for limitations are the attribute of Thy creation, while Thou hast ever been sanctified above the knowledge of every knowing one, and none can encompass Thy knowledge save Thyself. To this do my tongue, my being, my heart and my inmost heart bear witness, and I am possessed of clear certitude.

O Lord! I am he who hath confessed that Thou art not known save through Thyself, and I bear witness that Thou doest what Thou willest in Thy dominion. And whoso beareth witness to this word will never object to Thee in Thy Cause, nor will he hesitate in Thy wondrous and mighty Cause. O Lord! Purify my heart from the veils of all who are in the heavens and the earth, that there might be imprinted upon it the effulgences of Thy shining and luminous lights. O Lord! Sever me from all else save Thee, then inspire within me that which will draw me to the court of Thy holiness and cause me to soar in the atmosphere which Thou hast made sanctified from the cloying of the wings of the doubtful ones.

O Lord! Deprive me not of the breezes that waft today from the right hand of the throne of Thy mercy, and exclude me not from beneath Thy glances. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Lord! Cause to shine forth upon me from the horizon of the Garment the Sun of glory and sanctification, that I might know Thee in this wondrous Garment. Make me not, O my God, of those who believed in Thee in the garment of one of Thy names, then, when Thou didst change the garment and didst manifest Thyself in the garment of another name, they dispersed from around Thee and were among the rejectors. Then do all things testify that they believed not in Thy Self but in the garment which is a name among Thy names. Had they believed in Thee, they would not have disbelieved in this Manifestation, the like of which hath not appeared in creation and whose lights have encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Lord! Make me pure for meeting Thee, then honor me with visiting Thy Beauty, then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then make my feet firm upon Thy Path that is evident, manifest and straight.

Lower then thy hands in sublime submissiveness and humility, and with the ear of thine inmost nature hearken unto all things. By God! Thou wilt hear the lamentation of all created things, and then the sighing of the Concourse on High, for what hath befallen My soul at the hands of him whom We taught and supported throughout the nights and days. None is aware of this save God, the Most High, the All-Knowing. I shielded him with Mine own breast against the darts of the enemies, protecting him lest the arrows of the idolaters reach him, while he, in his innermost heart, lay in wait to slay Me. When God unveiled the hidden designs of his soul, he rose up against Me with calumnies, that he might instill rancor in the breasts of those who had taken vain imaginings as their lord instead of God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the All-Wise. Thou hast indeed associated with Me - didst thou ever find Me willing to harm any created thing? Be fair, then, and be of the equitable. Had I desired to harm My brother, was I not able to do so? Yet despite My power over him and My knowledge of his condition, I sheltered him beneath My wing for twenty years, while he would veil his face in fear of both friend and foe. When at last he felt secure, he emerged like a serpent to sting Me at every moment, until no spot remained on My body that bore not the mark of his venom, wert thou but of those who hear. Consider then, given My forbearance,

tranquility, patience and concealment, what hath caused Me to cry out between the heavens and the earth. By God! Wert thou to reflect, thou wouldst know that which none among all the worlds hath known. Would that thou hadst been apprised of the root of this matter! We had desired aforetime to mention it to thee, but God decreed what He decreed, and verily He inspireth His servants with whatsoever He willeth, and He hath power over all things. Step forth, then, from behind the veil of silence and patience, and make mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Fear no one, but put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Say: O people! Board ye the Ark of Glory which saileth upon the crimson sea in the name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. By God! Whoso holdeth fast unto it hath attained salvation, and whoso turneth away is drowned and numbered among the perishing.

Glory, then light and radiance, be upon him who was named after the first letter of My name, and upon those who surround thee, whether female or male, young or old. We have heard that thy son hath ascended unto God. We share in thy sorrow and beseech God to cause him to dwell nigh unto His mercy, to give him to drink from the cups of His bounty, to purify him from transgression and clothe him in the robes of forgiveness - verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful - and to place him in the highest companionship, in fellowship with His chosen ones and loved ones, and to send down upon him at every moment a mercy from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. But grieve thou not. By God! If thou wert to look with the eye of the heart, thou wouldst behold him even now freed from all opposition, detached from those who disbelieved and associated partners with God, and in communion with those on whose faces thou findest the freshness of bliss. We beseech God to grant thee the reward for this and to aid thee to be patient. Verily He is the Rewarder of the patient. Verily unto God do we belong, and unto Him shall we return.

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=== START BH08071 ===

God is supremely great! O Hashim! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath migrated unto God with His self and His loved ones, until He fell into the claws of the idolaters and there befell Him such trials as none can reckon save God, the Mighty, the Wise. By God! The Spirit hath been shaken by what the hands of the oppressors have wrought, and the Light hath been darkened by this grievous calamity. Yet in all this We render thanks unto God and remain in resignation and goodly patience. And ye, O concourse of the beloved! Forget not God’s covenant, neither break His testament, nor cast the Cause of God behind your backs, nor be of the heedless. Then be patient in what hath befallen Us and you, and verily He shall repay the reward of the patient ones. And the Spirit and the Light and the Glory be upon thee and upon the sincere ones.

=== END BH08071 ===

=== START BH08072 ===

In the name of Him who abideth after the passing of all things! O leaf of love! Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. We have heard that which thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Immerse thyself in the ocean of joy, inasmuch as the Lord of Revelation remembereth thee in this mighty prison. Verily, He remembereth whoever hath

uttered His praise, and loveth whoever hath turned towards His shining countenance. Blessed art thou, and thy father and mother, and whosoever hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto the Tree in such wise that the tempests of the allusions of the polytheists shall not move thee. We have ordained for each one of you a station which none knoweth save My Self, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and earths. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen moved to make mention of thee. This is of His grace unto thee. Be thou thankful, for verily He is the All-Giving, the Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08072 ===

=== START BH08073 ===

He is the Rememberer, the Manifest, the Speaker, the Trustworthy! We sent forth ’Ali in truth to bring glad tidings to mankind of this Most Great Revelation, by which all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save whom thy Lord did choose, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The pillars of the divines were shaken by this Youth, and the limbs of the peoples trembled at this Great Name. He spoke, while seated upon the Throne: “There is no God but I, the Most High, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.” Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of everlasting life from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and for having heard this most sweet call which hath been raised from this Prison, which God hath made the Supreme Horizon amidst mankind and the Seat of the Throne, despite those who knew God’s bounty then denied it by following every remote divine. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned at the Most Sublime Horizon, this noble station.

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=== START BH08075 ===

O Ali Akbar Bey! He is the Everlasting, the Eternal!

Verily, We have inclined Our hearing toward the realms of the Alif, whereupon We heard the croaking of the raven of tyranny and the cawing of him who hath arisen in oppression. Al-Baqir hath passed judgment upon the chosen ones of God and His trustees, and he hath been designated as the Wolf by the Pen of God, the Lord of creation. The she-serpent aided him in murder; nay, through her was laid the foundation of tyranny. Woe unto her and unto those who have taken her as a leader for themselves without any evidence from God, the Lord of Lords! She hath pierced the liver of the Apostle while imagining herself to be the protector of Islam. She hath seized their possessions and shed their blood without sin or proof. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled upon those through whom the horizon of divine knowledge was illumined.

We have expounded unto thee what hath befallen the chosen ones of God, that thou mayest recognize those who committed injustice on the day wherein was raised the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, and the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: ’The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen!

=== END BH08075 ===

=== START BH08076 ===

He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! We have made mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance and have held fast unto the Most Firm Handle, and We make mention of them in this Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the remembrance of the All-Merciful and whose name hath been set down by His Most Inaccessible, Most Holy, All-Knowing, All-Informed Pen. They who have been given insight by God are such as would not exchange it for the treasures of the heavens and earth, could ye but know it. Were ye to know what hath been ordained for you, ye would soar on the wings of longing, and such joy would seize you that no harm from anyone on earth could sadden you. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Be ye united in the Cause of God and differ not in anything. This is a clear counsel. Thus have We commanded you and taught you in diverse Tablets and in this glorious and wondrous Tablet. Be ye stars of guidance and steadfastness in this heaven, that through your lights those who are on earth may be illumined. This behooveth whosoever hath turned towards the horizon of God, the Dawning-Place, the Luminous.

=== END BH08076 ===

=== START BH08077 ===

O handmaiden of God, Fatimih Sultan, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

We have, at all times, made mention of Our male and female servants and summoned them to the straight path. Among My servants are those who have believed and turned towards God, and among them are those who have turned away and denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And among the handmaidens are those who have heard and turned towards God, and have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and among them are those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds.

O My handmaiden! Be thankful that the Wronged One hath remembered thee - He Who is seen at one time in prison and at another time above the world. He, verily, is the All-Wise, the All-Powerful. We send Our greetings from this spot upon the faces of My handmaidens and servants who have turned towards the Most Great Sea and have attained the recognition of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. By God's life! If they but knew, they would hasten, but today they are veiled by a thick veil. The Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in the Single One, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08077 ===

=== START BH08078 ===

O Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector over all names! We have remembered thee and do remember thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Us through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. This is a day wherein the dwellers of Paradise lament because of the tyranny that hath appeared from the divines of the earth. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. They have imprisoned and plundered and taken captive the friends of God with an injustice at which the rock hath cried out, the Divine Lote-Tree hath called aloud, and the Faithful Spirit hath struck his face in grief. Soon shall the evidences of wrath seize

them from every direction, as testified by this mighty Book. Say: O people of Baha! Ye have attained unto tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names. We counsel you to patience and steadfastness. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Wise Counsellor. Thus have the rains of My loving-kindness poured forth from the heaven of My bounty. Blessed are they that have attained, and joy be to them that have understood.

=== END BH08078 ===

=== START BH08079 ===

He is the One Who speaketh from the most exalted Station, the All-Knowing

We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of meaning and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones who have cast the Book of God behind their backs by following every remote ignorant one. Say: The Promised One hath come with the truth. Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Should your desires prevent you, cast them aside by a command from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: By God! That which ye possess shall profit you not this day. He Who hath spoken before all faces beareth witness to this, that there is no God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Give thanks unto God for My remembrance of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08079 ===

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The Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have adorned the heaven of souls with the sun of trustworthiness and the moon of truthfulness and the stars of virtuous character, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed is the soul who acts according to what was commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Virtues are the stars of this heaven, and steadfastness is its sun and its sovereign, were you of those who know. O you who speak in praise of your Lord, hearken unto My call and My cry and My lamentation at what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Verily, He Who created the world by a sign from His Pen - they say concerning Him what none of the ancients ever said. We commanded all to the Most Great Steadfastness, but when the croak of the croaker was raised, the feet of every heedless and remote one slipped. Be thou thankful to God for having caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause and guided thee to the straight path. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Beloved was in evident sorrow.

=== END BH08080 ===

=== START BH08081 ===

He is God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Karim-Dad Khan! We have heard your call and recognized your turning to the Face. We have remembered you in this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of the favor of this Wronged One, the Exile, Who is imprisoned in this fortress for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. We thank Him for what hath befallen Us. To this beareth witness My joy and My gladness, then My patience and My fortitude, and this mighty, impregnable Book. Blessed is he who hath recognized this Day and turned unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Whosoever today attaineth unto the recognition of God is accounted among the assured ones in the Book. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Beloved and hath voiced His praise amidst His servants and His creation - he is of them that have attained. All the loved ones of God must occupy themselves in unison with the mention of the Divine Word. The glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and assured one.

=== END BH08081 ===

=== START BH08082 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! We have indeed expounded the Book and set forth the verses in diverse ways, that perchance the people may acknowledge what they witness of God's Revelation and His sovereignty that encompasses the horizons. We have not fallen short in mentioning God and that which I was commanded to manifest among the people. To this testifieth what I have endured in My days from those who have denied the beginning and the return. Among the people are those who turned away and denied after having testified, and among them are those who turned towards God and recognized Him, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having caused me to know Thee and made me one of those who have attained unto the lights of Beauty." Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who follow vain imaginings. Respond to Him Who calleth you to the Dayspring of lights. We have found from thee the fragrance of My love, and We have sent down verses unto thee that thou mayest recite them at eventide and at dawn. We counsel thee to be steadfast, lest any polytheist filled with doubt cause thee to slip.

=== END BH08082 ===

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In the name of God, the Exalted, the Most Great!

Verily, We were walking in the prison of 'Akka, detached from all created things, and speaking in remembrance of the Lord of Names, when I was bidden to make mention unto thee of that whereby God's proof hath been perfected unto all else, and His testimony made manifest to all who dwell in earth and heaven. When the irrevocable decree came forth from the presence of the Ancient King, My limbs trembled with fear of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and weeping overtook Me to such extent that all things wept at My weeping, and the Daysprings of Names cried out by reason of what I beheld of the people's turning away from Him by Whom the Sacred Scriptures were adorned. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of eternity, from the Divine Lote-Tree raised upon the white earth at the right hand of the luminous spot: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Choosing!"

By My life! It grieveth Me to see thee silent in this time of utterance, and seated in this time of rising up. Beware lest knowledge debar thee from the Known One. Abandon idle fancies through the Name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and arise amidst mankind with such steadfastness as cannot be followed by sitting, and say: "O people! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared with such sovereignty as neither the might of princes nor the signs of the learned can withstand." When asked by what proof, recite thou this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of wisdom and utterance. We have desired to give thee to drink of the Living Waters from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This is not from Me, but from thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. The winds of the Divine Will move Me as they please. The Command is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasseth all lands.

We desired to show thee the Supreme Horizon and cause thee to hear the Call of God, the Lord of the latter and the former days, that it might attract thee to the most exalted Station. O thou who circlest round the Fire! Enter thou therein through the power of faith. Verily it is light and mercy from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. How many a great one hath been withheld from the Most Great Ocean, and how many a child hath drawn nigh and been immersed therein by God's leave, the Transcendent, the All-High. Verily, he who hath attained today is among the most exalted of creatures before the Truth, and he who hath been withheld is but a brayer, though he be among the most learned of men.

O Most Exalted Pen! Move across the Tablet by the leave of the Creator of Heaven and the Lord of Names, then make mention of him whom thou wert commanded to remember, with verses whereby the fragrance of the garment of reunion hath wafted to all regions. Say: Look, then remember those days wherein the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz. The learned and the literary opposed Him until they spoke of Him that which rent asunder the heaven of knowledge and disturbed the hearts of the righteous, while those who had no standing among the people believed in Him. Thus was the matter decreed in the Book. Then observe when the Spirit came with clear signs, those possessed of mere learning opposed Him, and he who was deemed the most learned of his age denied Him, until God raised Him to a station whereunto the birds of hearts and imaginations cannot soar. Verily, all sacred Books were revealed for the knowledge of God. He who is debarred therefrom, neither the scrolls of earth nor devotions and prayers shall profit him.

Say: O concourse of divines! How long will ye remain slumbering upon the couch of heedless negligence? The inhabitants of the cities of divine names have been seized with yearning at the wafting of the fragrance of the Divine Presence, inasmuch as He Who was recorded in the books of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath appeared. Say: Abandon what ye possess and hold fast unto that which ye have been given from the presence of Him Who is the Lord of all men. Cast aside oppression, then gaze with the eye of fairness: can any one of you soar with the bird of inner meanings in the atmosphere of knowledge and utterance? Nay, by your Lord, the All-Merciful! The Cause hath appeared in such wise that none can deny it save every heedless doubter. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from the All-Possessing, the Most High. Rend asunder the greatest veil through the power of your Lord, the Possessor of Destiny. By God, the Truth! The Hour hath passed and the mountains have been scattered. Blessed are they who are endowed with vision. We have neither studied the sciences nor perused the arts. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and discerning soul. I was seated when the Command of God raised

Me up, and I was silent when He Who hath caused all things to speak forth the praise of His Self, the All-Subduing Lord of all horizons, gave Me utterance. Blessed is he who pondereth that which hath been revealed through truth and recognizeth that which lay concealed in the depths of allusions. He is of them that are possessed of insight in this Most Great Scene. To this testifieth the Lord of men, through Whom this Sealed Wine was unsealed and clear proof was made manifest. If thou wouldst ponder upon that which hath befallen the Dayspring of Divine verses in successive years, thou wouldst be assured that He speaketh not of His own desire, but rather through that which He hath been taught by Him Who sent Him with an evidence whereat every possessor of knowledge and understanding hath been confounded. We have summoned all unto God: among them are some who have turned away, and among them are those who have turned with humility and repentance toward the Most Great Ocean. By My life! If thou shouldst find the sweetness of utterance, thou wouldst arise to assist thy Lord, the All-Merciful, detached from all possibility, and would proclaim at the top of thy voice between earth and heaven, by this Name whereby all who are in creation were thunderstruck, save them whom God did rescue through power and sovereignty. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of the remembrance of thy Lord's name. Blessed is he who hath turned toward it; woe unto every froward deceiver. The glory from the people of glory be upon them who have been attracted by the breezes of revelation and whom no blame of any blamer among the infidels hath deterred from God.

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He is the Hearer, the Answerer

We make mention of Baha'u'd-Din at this time and give him glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Hearken unto the call from the direction of sorrow from this Wronged One, Who hath borne tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We love to behold those who have turned towards the Countenance, but the idolaters have intervened between Us and them. To this doth testify the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Render thanks unto God for having mentioned thee and caused thee to know and hear, and made thee among those endowed with knowledge. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and taught me and made me to know. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed the world to ordain for me the reward of those who have circled round Thee and stood before Thy gate and heard Thy call and beheld Thy horizon. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great! We make mention of the servants of God purely for His sake, and We desire from them no recompense in this world. God is sufficient as a witness. We have sacrificed Our very selves and Our spirits for the salvation of the world, and God is cognizant of what I say. Among the people are those who have turned away from the truth, and among them are those who have denied God's proof and His signs, and among them are those who have said "This is naught but a man

who desires to lead you astray from the path that was straight." Thus did they speak when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, appeared, and before Him when the Spirit came with a Cause that encompassed all the worlds. Verily he who attains unto this Cause is numbered among the people of Paradise in the Book preserved in the pavilion of glory. Thus doth the Supreme Pen move and thus doth the tongue of grandeur speak in this station which hath been raised up in the name of God.

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He is the One Who rules over all who are in the world through His Most Great Name! We make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance even as We mentioned those who cast away idle fancies and turned toward the horizon of certitude when the All-Merciful came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The proof hath appeared and the stream of paradise hath flowed, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have abandoned the choice wine, hastening to brackish water - verily they are from among the distracted ones. Blessed is he who hath forsaken the imaginary and held fast to His Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the stars have fallen and the Straight Path of God hath appeared. Say: O people! Why do ye turn away from Him Who created you and turn to those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds? Abandon the dawning-places of idle fancies - the Sun of proof hath risen from the horizon of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Knowing. Thus have We made mention of thee as a favor from Our presence, that it might draw thee to the Truth and cause thee to speak forth in His Great Name.

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=== START BH08087 ===

O Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Dawning Place, the Clear, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him whom We mentioned before, who was named Ahmad in the Kingdom of Names, that he may find assurance through the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged, and the All-Merciful hath come with clear sovereignty. How many a servant hath turned and hearkened and attained this mighty bounty, and how many a learned one hath clung to knowledge and grown proud thereby against the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! Ask thou God to aid thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the hearts of the mystics have been stirred. When thou attainest unto a trace from My Most Exalted Pen, be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth!" Glory be upon thee and upon the leaf who hath held fast to the Divine Lote-Tree when it appeared in truth, and upon those who have attained unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed.

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=== START BH08088 ===

O Aqa Musa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

We make mention of him who is named Musa and give him the glad-tidings of this Most Great Announcement. O Musa! Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Through Him the ocean of knowledge has surged before the faces of all religions, and the fruits have spoken upon the trees. The Chosen One has come with clear sovereignty. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that is from Him. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all men. He will assist thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Nothing can prevent Him from that which He willeth, nor can the might of the polytheists weaken Him. We counsel thee and those who have turned towards God to fear God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Recite the Book of God; verily it will guide you to an exalted station. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in this mighty prison.

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=== START BH08089 ===

He is the Witness and the Witnessed

We mention him who pioneered in My way and him who circumambulated around My prison and him who attended before Me and listened to My sweet voice. This is the place that all the inhabitants of the Kingdom of Names and the dwellers in the Highest Kingdom circumambulate. It was in such a manner that We revealed the Holy Verses, “We are the All-Knowing and We do mention.” Happy is he who witnessed the great words and happy is he who speaks what God commands him to speak. Verily, he is among the people of the Crimson Ark in a clear Book.

Take My tablet with your suppliant hands and then put it on your eyes and say:

“Praised be Thou, O Lord, the Lord of all the worlds. I beseech Thee by Thy Might which hath encompassed the entire creation and taken possession of all beings, to pour from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy grace what will lift Thy friends to the station wherein the Tongue of Thy Majesty speaks. The sovereignty belongs to God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH08089 ===

=== START BH08090 ===

O Mahdi’s wife! In My Name, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! We send the fragrances of the All-Merciful from the Egypt of meanings and utterance to a handmaiden who has turned to God when He came with a sovereignty that has conquered all worlds. Blessed is the handmaiden who has inhaled the fragrance of the verses and turned to this luminous horizon. Give thanks for what God has bestowed upon you - one who speaks His praise and aided you to turn towards Him when every dubious learned one turned away. If you were to hearken with the ear of the heart, you would hear from the trees “The Chosen One has come!” and from the breezes “The Beloved of the worlds has appeared!” Blessed are you for having attained the days of God and heard His call from the direction of His mighty prison. Trust in God in all conditions, then remember Him with a remembrance by which are attracted the hearts of the

devoted women who have believed in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, and the Lord of the heavens and earths.

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=== START BH08091 ===

O Mir Taj'd-Din! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom. We, from this most exalted station, bestow glory upon the faces of those who have turned and attained the pure wine which was unsealed through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. The proof hath appeared and the sun of evidence hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility, yet the people are in grievous error. They have cast aside the Lord of Names and followed every evil one who hath turned away from the All-Informed. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with a manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the ornaments of the world withhold you from the Lord of Names. Leave behind what ye possess by command of God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Soon shall the world and all that ye behold today perish, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for you by the finger of your Lord's will, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the Supreme Pen given glad tidings to the company of the Abha Kingdom who have arisen to serve the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

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=== START BH08092 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! In the name of the All-Knowing, the One, may thou drink of the sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the Finger of the Self-Subsisting, and receive thy portion. For this wine diverse interpretations have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book: in one place it is interpreted as the Most Great Word, in another as the Most Great Steadfastness, and likewise as the Most Exalted Pen, and as He Who speaketh between earth and heaven, and likewise as that which floweth and streameth forth from the Pen of the Lord of antiquity. In truth, whosoever drinketh thereof and attaineth unto it, the entire world shall be powerless to prevent him: he shall speak forth the truth, turn unto the truth, and arise to serve the Cause for the sake of truth. May thou drink of this wine in such wise that the braying of the wayward souls shall not hold thee back from the Lord of Oneness. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08092 ===

=== START BH08093 ===

In the Name of the One God

May you be occupied with praise and remembrance in this divine day, and be engaged in that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. In all that is witnessed there has not been and will not be permanence, as every person of reason and understanding has testified and continues to testify. Therefore, wise and assured souls have not and will not pay attention to it. Strive to attain to that which is everlasting and eternal. In all conditions, beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to assist you in serving His Cause and in that which is pleasing to Him, for if you attain to this station, you will possess an enduring

rank. This is the counsel of the Wronged One. Act accordingly and be of the thankful ones. From this station We send Our greetings to Our male and female servants who have held fast to the hem of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08093 ===

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O brother, Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan! In the name of the Beloved of all horizons! God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Know thou the value of these days. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which will cause thy mention to endure in the divine Kingdom. Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan attained the presence of the Most Great Horizon and his deeds were adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance. Blessed is he and happy is he, inasmuch as he hath been honored with this supreme testimony which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. All the deeds of the world are dependent upon the acceptance of the Ancient King, and this station was and shall ever be the most exalted of all stations. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this mighty station. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thy brother to attain His presence and hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory uttereth from His mighty and impregnable station.

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=== START BH08095 ===

O Khadijih Sultan! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! May you be engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of all beings throughout the nights and days, and be focused on His Cause. O handmaiden of God! Strive that you may drink from the hand of grace the cup of steadfastness, for this Cause is most mighty, and its mightiness is such that mention of it hath been revealed in the divine Books of the past and future. How many souls claimed steadfastness but with the slightest wind returned to fire. O handmaiden of God! Be intimate with the Name of Truth, speak His praise, gaze toward His horizon, act according to His command, and be assured of His sovereignty. Blessed is every handmaiden who hath attained unto this most glorious, most exalted station. She is indeed among those who are assured in the perspicuous Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08095 ===

=== START BH08096 ===

God bears witness that there is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. God willing, may you ever drink from the heavenly wine of divine knowledge and the choice nectar of the All-Merciful's love, and remain occupied with the remembrance of the One True God. Whatever exists in the visible world will perish, but whatever appears from any doer for the sake of God will remain eternal, enduring and everlasting. Say: O God of Hosts and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy wisdom and the Manifestation of Thy signs to ordain for me that which will benefit me in this

world and the next, and make me steadfast in Thy love amidst all created things. Thou art the One Who, O my God, called me unto Thee and I answered through Thy grace and loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to make me in all conditions turn my gaze toward Thee and speak in Thy praise. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08096 ===

=== START BH08097 ===

In the Name of the God of Mercy!

May you ever remain, and to eternity continue to be, firm in your attachment to the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Dayspring of His Divine Revelation. The world and all that is therein are ever-passing, and that which shall endure and last is faith in God and deeds performed in accordance with His commandments. Strive thou to remain steadfast in the path of His Cause and to become detached and freed from all else but Him. Most people, through satanic imaginings, remain deprived of the horizon of divine unity, following their own desires while supposing they follow the truth. Soon shall they face the consequences of their deeds. Thou shouldst, with the utmost joy and gladness, be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of Revelation. Glory be upon those who have stood firm in the Cause and followed God's mighty and unshakeable Command.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the One with power and might

O son of his honor Haji Hasan, who ascended unto God! May you ever be and continue to be blessed through divine favors and illumined by the light of His countenance. Strive in these days, when the Most Great Luminary is shining from the horizon of the world, that you may attain His good-pleasure and act according to what He has commanded. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who attained the presence of God, drank from the Kawthar of immortality, and ascended unto God, the Lord of Names. We testify that he is among those who have attained. The world has never had, nor has it now, any worth. Under all conditions hold fast unto God and fix your gaze upon the horizon of His grace. Verily He takes and He gives, and He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon you and upon those who have turned toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH08098 ===

=== START BH08099 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

God willing, may you ever abide joyous and at rest beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree of the Lord of all names. His name Mahdi hath made mention of you in his letters. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face unto the Countenance and directed thyself towards God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and detached from all else besides Him. Be not

saddened by the differences in newly-arisen matters in the world. For every matter there is a time. When it cometh to pass it shall appear as God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath willed. Thy sister hath attained the presence of the Countenance and desired to meet with thee. We have therefore granted thee permission to proceed to this exalted quarter. In any case, shouldst thou desire to journey to this quarter, thou art permitted. Thus hath God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, decreed. The glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath attained unto the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

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HE IS THE MIGHTY, THE WISE

God willing, may you ever abide beneath the shade of the blessed divine Lote-Tree and remain steadfast in His Cause. The heedlessness of the people hath reached such a pass that after searching far and wide, they have imprisoned the Purpose of the world, and they perceive it not. Blessed art thou for having turned to God in the early days of thy life. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to remain steadfast in His love and to bestow upon thee in His service that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure in His kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. Exert thy utmost effort that thou mayest be adorned with such deeds and character as will cause the elevation of God's Cause. Not hidden from His knowledge is the deed of any one, nor shall he who hath grasped His holy and luminous hem be forgotten. Glory be unto those who have been faithful to God's Covenant and followed that which they were bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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=== START BH08101 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! He consoles the one upon whom befell, in the path of God, that which caused tears to flow and hearts to grieve. Afflictions have seized him in the days of God. We verily commanded him, and do command him, to patience from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not for those who have forsaken this world and advanced to a praiseworthy station. Be immersed in the ocean of contentment. Thus have you been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn towards the horizon of Thy Cause, to be assured of Thy signs, and to acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to protect me from whatsoever is abhorrent to Thy good-pleasure. Thou art the One with power, to Whose might and sovereignty all atoms bear witness. Ordain for me, O my God, that which will solace mine eyes and gladden my heart. Thou art verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Gracious.

=== END BH08101 ===

=== START BH08102 ===

Verily I am God! There is no God but Me, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Verily I am God! There is no God but Me, the Sovereign, the Most Great. Verily I am He Who created all beings through My

command and brought all contingent things into existence through My grace, and I am the Almighty over whatsoever I desire, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through My command did the sun shine forth from the horizon of heaven, and the Nightingale of Holiness sang out that this is the Beauty of God in the human realm of beginning, and the Manifestation of God in the heavenly kingdom on high, and the Concealment of God in the realm of might and immortality, and the Essence of Eternity in this radiant, snow-white garment. Thus have I been from the beginning of every beginning - God the Single, the One, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting, the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding, the Ever-Living, the All-Willing, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient. And I shall ever remain the Sovereign, the King, the Judge, the All-Knowing, the Omnipotent - from all eternity unto all eternity, Ever-Living, Ever-Abiding, Ever-Existing, the One Worshipped.

=== END BH08102 ===

=== START BH08103 ===

[The] People of the Bayan, in their own estimation, broke the chains of imitation and turned with perfect freedom to the horizon of divine unity. But when God's touchstone appeared and the Word of God was made manifest, they were found to be more veiled than all other peoples. They occupied themselves with worthless and unprofitable words in opposition to God, and are seen to be debarred and deprived from the Mother Book. Fie upon them and upon those who led them astray! God willing, thou wilt be numbered among those whom the braying of the heedless, the clamor of the deniers, and the croaking of the polytheists did not prevent from the Manifest Truth nor hold back from the Straight Path. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, for having aided me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs! I testify that Thou art the All-Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08103 ===

=== START BH08104 ===

O Rahim! He is the One Who speaks in the Tree. The beginning of the Cause is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and its end is steadfastness in His love. Thus has the Pen spoken from before the presence of the Lord of eternity - verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have commanded all in the Book to be trustworthy and steadfast. Blessed is he who acts according to what hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all men. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and there was revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. They who have turned away, these are among the people of error in the Book. When thou attainest unto thy Tablet, read what hath been revealed therein and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn towards the Dayspring of Thy mighty signs. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven, by this Wronged One Who is imprisoned in the fortress of Akka, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08104 ===

=== START BH08105 ===

In the Name of the One True God!

O Ahmad! Thy name was mentioned in the presence of this Prisoner, and the fragrance of thy love for the Best-Beloved of the worlds was inhaled. Blessed art thou for having attained, in the first days of thy life, to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Revelation and the Dayspring of His firm and mighty Cause. How many of the great ones, the divines and princes, who in the nights and days would supplicate and seek after the appearance of the Truth, and when the Most Great Luminary rose above the horizon of the world, they all remained veiled by the veils of their own idle fancies, save whom thy Lord willed. If thou wouldst ponder on this matter, thou wouldst witness the bounty of God towards thee, in that He confirmed thee in the early days in recognizing the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His verses. Rejoice thou and be of them that are thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08105 ===

=== START BH08106 ===

O handmaid of God who has migrated, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the merciful Lord! O handmaid of God! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and hast turned to the horizon of His Manifestation and after hearing the call of "Am I not?" thou hast been blessed with saying "Yea!" Strive that thou mayest attain unto His enduring grace. This is the day wherein every soul can attain a station that will endure throughout the past and future eternities. Be grateful with a hundred thousand tongues, for God, exalted be His glory, hath manifested from thee souls who are adorned with the ornament of faith and are engaged in the service of His Cause. How many are the people of the earth who are deprived and veiled from the Object of their desires, while you are attracted and turning towards Him. This is a great station. May it be preserved, God willing, in His Name. We counsel all the women of that land to sanctification and detachment and whatsoever the All-Bountiful hath sent down in the Book.

=== END BH08106 ===

=== START BH08107 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O handmaiden of God! Divine Tablets have been revealed especially for thee in most of the years when this Wronged One of the horizons was imprisoned in the Most Great Prison. Thou shouldst appreciate the value of this bounty and preserve it with thy sight and soul, and act in accordance with that which beseemeth this blessed Day. God willing, mayest thou be ever enkindled with the fire of the love of God and illumined by the lights of His countenance. Soon shall the carpet of the world be rolled up, and all that is visible therein shall vanish into nothingness. Thou shouldst speak forth the remembrance of God with the utmost eagerness and longing, for He is the lasting bounty. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and remained steadfast therein. And glory be upon thee and upon thy daughters who have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08107 ===

=== START BH08108 ===

O handmaiden of God, sister of his honor Shaykh S, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Beloved! O handmaiden of God! God willing, thou shalt be enkindled by the fire of divine love on this spiritual day and be occupied with His remembrance and praise. Withdraw not the hand of seeking from the hem of the Desired One. With the eye of the spirit, gaze upon the Beloved of all worlds, that perchance thou mayest not be deprived of the ocean of His bounty nor be forbidden from the heaven of His grace. His mercy hath encompassed all creation, and His loving-kindness hath embraced the entire realm of being. Bereft indeed is the heart that hath not attained to His love, and deprived is the ear that hath not heard His call. O ye who seek the eternal and flowing Kawthar! Drink ye of His love through that Divine Pen and shut your eyes to all the worlds. Verily, glory be upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and upon those handmaidens who have remained faithful, for they are indeed among the triumphant ones in the Preserved Tablet.

=== END BH08108 ===

=== START BH08109 ===

In the name of the one true Friend! O handmaid of God! In all nights and days thou shouldst be occupied with the praise and glorification of the Lord of all beings, for from His infinite bounties He hath bestowed upon thee a son who emigrated in His path, attained to faith in Him, drank from the Kawthar of His presence, and now dwelleth in His vicinity. Know thou the value of this bounty, for if a soul should possess all the treasures of the earth and expend them all in the path of God, he would still not attain to this station except through the will of God. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and firm in His Cause. Verily We make mention of every handmaid who hath believed in God in that place and We send Our glorification upon their faces from Our presence, and I am verily the Generous, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08109 ===

=== START BH08110 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, Manifest and Visible from the Most Glorious Horizon

Many sublime Arabic Tablets have been revealed. Now the wondrous holy words of God are being uttered in the Persian tongue. Blessed are they that hear them! The Truth, exalted be His mention, hath ever been and shall forever remain sanctified above manifestation and appearance - an unknowable Mystery, an unfathomable Concealment, an unrevealed Inner Reality, an unhidden Treasure, and an unwitnessed Secret. For the term "mystery" holdeth true only when it remaineth unwitnessed; in such case it is not manifest and thus cannot be known. And after it becometh witnessed, the designation "mystery" no longer existeth whereby it might be known. Therefore, the Mystery hath been and shall ever remain unknowable. Blessed is the soul that pondereth this perfect, firm and divine Word, and attaineth unto the gem of its meaning treasured within. Should anyone claim to know the Mystery in its essence as Mystery, he hath been and shall ever be among the falsifiers. That Most Ancient Beauty is too exalted to be known except through Himself, and too sublime to be described save through His own holy Being. For whatsoever the created ones comprehend at the utmost degree of their understanding is but a

fancy they have themselves conceived for themselves. Exalted is He above being known by that which is contingent!

And since the gates of knowledge and comprehension were closed, and the ultimate degree of the servants' understanding rejected, the Sovereign of existence, through His grace and bounty, caused the Manifestations of Oneness and Daysprings of Divine glory to appear from the horizon of "Verily, I am He Who is manifest above all things," so that all people might attain unto the knowledge of God through recognition of these Suns dawning from the horizon of truth, and might be blessed with obedience to God and submission to His will through obedience to these holy Beings. And in accordance with justice and the manifestation of grace, He bestowed upon each of these eternal and glorious Manifestations a proof and testimony, that no soul might find cause for turning away or making excuses, and that God's proof might be complete and perfect unto all. The purpose of this supreme favor is that they might educate souls so that perchance they may enter the kingdom of the Divine Countenance and attain unto the station wherein "the Face of thy Lord endureth" - which is the ultimate goal of human existence - and may abide forever. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that if a soul should but once become pure and detached from this world and ascend unto the Supreme Companion, it shall never perish but shall attain from existence unto existence, and neither extinction nor annihilation shall ever find their way unto such existence and immortality. Yet what benefit is there when these people, with their impure hearts, fail to comprehend this divine melody?

These Manifestations of transcendent oneness have appeared from time immemorial until the time culminated in the first wondrous Manifestation in the final Vesture, and the Primal Point - exalted be His grandeur, sublime be His traces, and glorious be His majesty - arose from the Most Exalted Horizon and guided mankind to the pathway of immortality. Yet all the people clung to their religious leaders from among the divines and turned not to that Essence of Divine Unity, although He appeared with such compelling proof that all found themselves powerless to produce the like thereof. Then they arose in opposition and demanded supernatural signs. That Ancient Being composed the treatise of proofs known as the Seven Proofs, wherein He showed that all evidence and proof culminate in verses. From His sanctified Pen flowed that today these verses which descend from the clouds of glory are a proof to the East and West of the world, and there hath been and shall be no greater proof than this. Thus when the Crown Prince summoned that Essence of Eternity to his court and demanded proof, that Ancient Beauty declared that verses are the proof today. Yet in the end they accepted it not, and all gave verdict for the death of that Essence of Pre-existence, save a few who became assured through the divine verses and turned from the west of unbelief and error to the east of faith and recognition.

And thereafter that Ancient Being gave in all His revealed Tablets the glad tidings of this Most Great Manifestation, such that not a single line was revealed in the Bayan except that this most glorious mention was recorded therein, and He counseled all lest at the time of His appearance they remain veiled from the Beauty of the All-Merciful by the letters of the Bayan and the words revealed therein, as did the people of the Qur'an. Despite these admonitions, and this Most Great Manifestation and Most Holy Dawning which hath appeared with all divine power and with all the proofs of the Manifestations of eternal glory, all have turned away. Would that they had been content with what the people of the Qur'an perpetrated, for the people of the Qur'an merely gave verdict for the death of the Beauty of the

All-Merciful, but this people have striven to cut down the Divine Tree. Finding themselves powerless to do so, they loosened their tongues in calumny. Assuredly by now the clamor of the idolaters hath reached that land. Yet praise be to God that they have attributed to this Most Pure Essence such things that any soul possessing the least grain of discernment or the tiniest particle of insight would perceive that these calumnies have issued from the source of rancor, the treasury of envy, and the mine of hatred. Therefore do the tongues of all atoms proclaim: "The curse of God be upon the first oppressor who wronged the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who warred against Him, who disputed His verses, who denied His presence, and who slandered Him."

Yea, O servant! Such is the station of these unseemly and immature servants that for twenty years the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of His enemies in such wise that at every moment He was in peril of destruction - now in the prison of His foes, now in chains and fetters, and now at the mercy of the wicked. Yet despite this they have attributed worldliness and love thereof to this Essence of Spirit, even though the whole world and all that is therein were His creation. And if His Temple, the Throne itself, were to rest upon a ground of diamonds, it would be befitting - nay, worthy of His threshold's servants. Yet I swear by the Ancient King that they who circle round His court have been and ever shall be sanctified from the world and all that is therein. Indeed, were one to observe, not a farthing of the world and its trappings would be found with the emigrants. Praise be to the Beloved that He hath created all patient and thankful, and they have uttered not these words and their like save to cast doubt in hearts. They are heedless that the deed of God is manifest and evident as the sun, and every possessor of sight hath perceived and will perceive it.

O servant! With spiritual wings soar to the holy heaven of God, and having purified thyself from the hints of all else but Him, gaze upon the Most Great Scene. I swear by the Truth that My affliction is greater than can be mentioned, and My tribulation mightier than can be recorded by the pen. I do but complain of my grief and sorrow unto God, and verily He is the best Lord and the best Helper. God willing, in these days ye shall not be deprived of the wondrous favors of the eternal King, nor be forbidden the peerless wine of the All-Glorious. And the Glory be upon thee and upon all who are with thee among the steadfast, patient, thankful and assured believers.

=== END BH08110 ===

=== START BH08111 ===

O handmaiden of God! Praise the Beloved of the worlds that through His grace you have entered the Divine Law and attained the outpourings of the All-Merciful which have been sent down from the heaven of will. Blessed art thou and blessed are those men and women who have attained. Your mention was made at the Divine Throne and this Tablet, which is the dawning-place of divine favors, was revealed and specifically sent to that handmaiden, that she might inhale the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful from this spiritual Tablet and with complete love become occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility. Know ye the value of these days and the favors dawning from the horizon of grace, for their like hath not appeared in creation. God willing, drink ye forever and eternally from the cup of steadfastness and remain free and detached from the mention of aught else but the Friend. The glory be upon you, O My handmaidens.

=== END BH08111 ===

=== START BH08112 ===

O handmaiden of God! You have been mentioned before the Wronged One. Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, you have attained. Give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that He enabled you to turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and there appeared from you a soul who emigrated in the path of God and attained the presence of the Beloved of the world, which was the cause of creation. Verily the grace is in His hands - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We convey greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace. This is the day of mention and praise. Blessed is the servant who turned and the handmaiden who faced the horizon of the Cause. The Glory be upon you and upon them and upon every handmaiden whom the clamor of the ignorant ones did not prevent - they who denied the right of God and His verses and turned away from Him when He came with manifest light.

=== END BH08112 ===

=== START BH08113 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O handmaiden of God! We have sent a drop from the outpourings of the mercy of the All-Merciful, which flows from the fountainhead of the Divine Pen, that through the grace of the Most Great Name thou mayest attain unto drinking thereof and remain steadfast upon His path. Today is the dawning-point of days and the beginning of times, and likewise praiseworthy deeds which proceed from souls that are well-pleasing and accepted shall be the beginning of deeds, inasmuch as that deed hath taken place in the Days of God and appeared in its proper place. Therefore it hath been and shall be superior to all deeds. Today is the day of mention and praise, but wisdom requireth that it be manifested in its proper time. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou hast received a portion of the outpourings of His mercy and attained unto the Tablet of God. Blessed are the women who give thanks, then blessed are the men who give thanks.

=== END BH08113 ===

=== START BH08114 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! O handmaiden of God! The favoring glance of the Lord of Names hath ever been and shall continue to be directed towards His servants and handmaidens. The Most Exalted Pen hath, at all times, been occupied with the mention of His loved ones. How blessed is the state of those souls who, in this Day which is the Lord of Days, have drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and attained unto the station of certitude. How many were the souls who laid claim to steadfastness, yet were unsettled by the croak of a raven, to such degree that they turned away from the Mother Book of God. O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Blessed art thou and blessed is thy mother who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of her at this moment from My Most Exalted Pen, that the sweet fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, may be diffused. The glory rest upon thee and upon her and upon thy father and thy brother

and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine in the name of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08114 ===

=== START BH08115 ===

O Handmaid of God! In the name of the One Beloved Friend! O handmaid of God! Your cry has reached the Most Great Throne, and the Lord of Eternity has heard it and says: Seek assistance from God, exalted be His glory, at all times, and ask for steadfastness, for His Cause is mighty - none can bear it save those who have cast away the world and have partaken of the wine of detachment from the hands of His mercy that has preceded all worlds. Be engaged in His remembrance with utmost joy and delight, and be gladdened by His love. His grace has been made manifest to such a degree that although He is afflicted in the hands of the polytheists and imprisoned in this Most Great Prison, He has not forgotten His servants and handmaidens, and calls all to His grace and mercy and summons them to the highest horizon. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous; verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. There is none other God but Him, the King, the Truth, the Manifest.

=== END BH08115 ===

=== START BH08116 ===

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! O friends of Truth! That which was recorded in God's Book and mentioned in His Scriptures is this day manifest and visible. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard. This is the day of humility and submissiveness, and the time of praise and glorification. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the rays of the Sun of Truth and be not barred from the ocean of mercy. Today the Hand and the divine hands of the Kingdom of all things have emerged from the sleeve of power. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and act in accordance with that which is beloved. Today is the springtime of mention and utterance, and the time of the appearance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto Him and become detached and free from all else. The glory be upon thee and upon thy brethren. Convey My greetings to their faces and give glad tidings to My loved ones of this wondrous remembrance.

=== END BH08116 ===

=== START BH08117 ===

O Ghrabit! He is the One manifest in His great glory! O Son of Man! The Pen of the All-Merciful in the Most Great Prison makes mention of thee and says: We gave the glad-tidings of the coming of the Lord of Power to all the children of men in the former Book, as is recorded therein where He says "I go away and come again." But when He came, the people of the earth denied Him, save those who were endowed with insight from God, the Lord of all worlds. The Most Great Glory, the power and might and sovereignty and inner grandeur, belongs to that Lord of the world and Pride of Adam, which was and is and ever shall be with Him. But the heedless and ignorant souls have interpreted this word according to their own imaginings, and thus remained deprived of the Kawthar of certitude and forbidden from the

manifestation of God. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath acknowledged this Most Great Glory and believed in God, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest.

=== END BH08117 ===

=== START BH08118 ===

In the name of the one God! O Husayn, We heard thy call and thy petition was read before the Throne. God willing, through the outpourings of the clouds of divine favor and the drops from the ocean of heavenly bounty, thou shalt remain steadfast in the Cause of God. For every precious and valuable thing has its thieves lying in wait. The love of God is more desirable and valuable than all the jewels of the earth, such that all the pearls of the world's seas and precious stones and mines, both known and unknown, cannot and will never compare with it. This unique gem, which is the love of God, must be preserved from thieves and traitors through His Most Great Name. For in most lands, clamor has been raised and the croaking of the ravens has become manifest and evident. God willing, may all be preserved from the craft and deception of the satans of the earth.

=== END BH08118 ===

=== START BH08119 ===

O friends! Today is the Day which was promised to all the peoples of the earth from different parties, even as this matter hath been recorded and mentioned in the divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms. Yet after its appearance the heedless people are seen to be deprived, as though they had never heard mention of the Day of God. Woe unto them, then woe unto them! Being hath come into existence from the realm of nothingness for the purpose of recognition. Were it not for this purpose, this mighty edifice would not have been raised up and these things would not have been witnessed. Blessed is the soul whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not prevented from the Temple of Justice. The world shall pass away and its people shall pass away, but God - exalted be His glory - and that which is with Him shall endure. Hold fast to His Name and cling to the hem of steadfastness in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause.

=== END BH08119 ===

=== START BH08120 ===

In the Name of Him by Whom the unitarians have hastened to the horizon of manifestation!

O friends! The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, and the Book is visible in such wise as to encompass the realm of hearts and understanding. Blessed are they who arise to aid the Cause and who, through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, take possession of the citadels of hearts. Contention, conflict and corruption are characteristics of beasts - we have left these to them. Love, fellowship, wisdom and utterance are characteristics of man. Take what behooveth you, placing your trust in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The beginning hath ever been and will continue to be the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and its end steadfastness therein, in such wise that the doubts, intimations and expressions of the peoples of the world withhold and deprive one not from the

Most Great Name. This is the luminary of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Lord of men and spirits. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that act!

=== END BH08120 ===

=== START BH08121 ===

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! O friends! The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any constancy. At all times it hath borne and continueth to bear witness to its own transience. Yet those endowed with hearing and sight have been, and still are, few. Beseech ye God that He may, with the finger of His power, rend asunder the veils that have hindered men, and withhold them not from beholding the lights of the Sun of Revelation. A hundred thousand regrets that they have deprived themselves of His infinite bounties and occupied themselves with worthless trifles that neither nourish nor satisfy. Ere long they shall testify to their own loss. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Yet God hath had, and will continue to have, such servants as are not prevented by the defenses of the world from the Most Great Name, nor by the hosts of earth from the Lord of the seen and the unseen. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08121 ===

=== START BH08122 ===

O Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! O friends! Hearken unto the Divine Call in the Persian tongue, that perchance ye may become aware of the Will of God and drink from the ocean of knowledge and vision. The seeing mystic perceiveth from a single blessed and decisive Word that appeareth from the Dayspring of the Divine Will all that is befitting this Day. Gaze with penetrating vision and hearken with attentive ear. Verily He seeth not through any eye save His own, nor can He be known except through Himself. I swear by the Sun of the ocean of Divine Unity that whosoever is enabled to hearken unto this Word is recorded and inscribed as one of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Crimson Book. Take thou the Most Great Word and leave all else beside it. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence is the Preserved Book and the Guarding Tablet.

=== END BH08122 ===

=== START BH08123 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty and awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation to make me content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me through Thy generosity and prescribed for me through Thy grace. By Thy might, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations! My tongue desireth naught save Thy mention and praise, my heart loveth naught save Thy love and nearness, and mine eyes choose naught save to behold the horizon of Thy Revelation and the

traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee, O Creator of all things, to ordain for me that which I have desired from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowal. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy grace not to disappoint him. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH08123 ===

=== START BH08124 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

O Rida! This name hath come from the realm of the unseen into the world of being, that all servants might attain to that which is intended by this name. Today, whosoever hath not attained unto the good-pleasure of God hath not received and shall not receive his portion from the knowledge of this name, and the good-pleasure of the Best-Beloved of the worlds shall not be attained except through recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His knowledge, and the Recipient of His inspiration. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the ocean of true understanding and hath turned toward the horizon of the appearance of the Lord of Religions. Such a one is among the companions of the Crimson Ark which hath been mentioned and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. God willing, ye must strive with utmost endeavor that perchance ye may attain to the recognition of this most exalted and most high station. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee. Verily He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08124 ===

=== START BH08125 ===

In the Name of the Peerless, the All-Powerful

The True Physician speaketh: Strive ye to protect humankind from the disease of ignorance and heedlessness through the power of the Lord of Destiny, and heal them through this supreme remedy which is the recognition of the Lord of all peoples. The horizon of the world is illumined by the Sun of the Most Great Name, yet veils prevent eyes from beholding it. Beseech ye God to sanctify the eyes of His servants from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings, that they may not be deprived or prevented from witnessing the lights of His Face in this blessed Day which is, in truth, the Day of vision. Verily, bounty is in God’s hand - He giveth and withholdeth as He pleaseth. He is indeed the Ever-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. We beseech God to aid all to turn towards His Most Exalted Horizon and to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Eternity hath acknowledged among the peoples. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH08125 ===

=== START BH08126 ===

O Abdullah ibn Ali! In the name of the one incomparable Friend! O Abdullah! That which flowed from your tongue in praise of the Lord of creation - My name Mahdi forwarded it to the Most Holy Court. It was mentioned in the Most Great Presence. Behold the divine bounty which has not been and will never be confined within limits. How many eloquent ones, men of letters and literary figures who considered themselves as stars in the heaven of eloquence have never attained to that which you have attained. Most poets today unknowingly occupy themselves with praising the manifestations of pride, while you, in your early youth, are engaged in praising the Lord of Lords. God guides whomsoever He willeth and bestows from His all-encompassing bounty upon whomsoever He desireth. God willing, may you remain firm in His Cause and steadfast in His love in such wise that no matter may prevent you from the Lord of Command. The glory be upon you.

=== END BH08126 ===

=== START BH08127 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O ’Izzatu’llah! May you ever gaze toward the One Beloved Friend and remain detached and sanctified from all else. The glory of all today lies in the glory of God, which is the recognition of Him. And this recognition is not complete except through acknowledging His oneness and confessing His singleness, in such wise that no likeness, peer, similitude or equal be seen for Him. For if any likeness were to be seen for the Ancient Being and the Dawning Place of the Most Great Name, such a truth would be like creation and ever remain so. Hearken unto the counsel of the Faithful Counselor and strive that thou mayest attain unto the most great gift, which is the good-pleasure of the One Friend, and become free and independent of all else. This is God’s counsel to His loved ones. Hold fast unto it, detached from all the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08127 ===

=== START BH08128 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O ’Ali! The Pen of God hath made mention of thee in recent years. God willing, thou must succeed in accomplishing such a deed as will cause thy remembrance to endure in the divine Kingdom. Fear not, neither be thou grieved by anyone. Act with wisdom, for verily He will protect thee in truth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Protecting, the Almighty. In this Day, should any soul manifest a deed purely for the sake of God, it is better than the deeds of a thousand years. Thus doth the All-Merciful teach thee that thou mayest be among them that know. The drops from the ocean of forgiveness have ever been and shall continue to be directed towards the friends. However, all must fix their gaze upon the divine commandments and act in accordance with that which they have been bidden. Thus doth the Most Great Announcement inform you. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not at separation, for He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08128 ===

=== START BH08130 ===

O handmaid of God! In the name of the Kind Friend! O divine maidservant! God willing, may you be occupied at all times and under all conditions with the remembrance of the Dawning-Place of the revelation of the All-Merciful, and be focused on the horizon of His good-pleasure. For today it is binding and obligatory upon everyone, whether female or male, that their deeds be in accordance with the divine good-pleasure. The Truth has, in most of His Tablets, commanded His maidservants and servants to perform praiseworthy deeds, for through goodly acts and pleasing conduct has the Cause of God been and continues to be made manifest among His servants. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that your name has flowed from the Pen of the Most Great Name, and the thanks for this bounty is that you act according to what He loves and is pleased with. From this station We send Our greetings upon the faces of My maidservants who have believed in God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH08130 ===

=== START BH08131 ===

O [Zahra] Nahri the Most Great, the Most Great! O handmaiden of God! I pray that thou mayest be engaged with utmost yearning and attraction in the remembrance of the Luminary of the horizons, and remain firm and steadfast in His love with perfect sanctity and detachment, and drink at all times from the living waters which flow from the Finger of the Will of the All-Merciful. I swear by the Most Great Name that the birds soaring in the atmosphere of longing and attraction regard all who are on earth as more insignificant than the black speck in the eye of a lifeless ant. Therefore, whosoever in these divine days hath turned toward the Most Holy and Most Glorious Horizon must not become saddened by the transient occurrences of this mortal world, and must at all times be attracted and enraptured by the praise of the Beloved Lord, in such wise that the people of the earth may perceive and recognize from him the warmth of divine love. Blessed art thou for having believed in God and turned toward His Holy and Luminous Horizon.

=== END BH08131 ===

=== START BH08132 ===

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious

O My handmaiden! Hearken in this luminous morn unto the Divine Call from the Most Glorious Horizon, and with heart and soul occupy thyself with the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Thy remembrance is mentioned before the Throne, and from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful utterance this most holy, most exalted Tablet hath shone forth and been sent unto thee. May it be that thou shalt at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the True One and be detached from all else. Let not the happenings of the world cause thee grief. Soon all shall perish and the True One shall endure. Melt away the darkening clouds of the world through the heat of His remembrance and walk in the expansive atmosphere of His will, in such wise that each of the handmaidens may witness in thee the signs of the love of God. This is the foundation and source of all good. Previously a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to that handmaiden, and this is yet another time, as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08132 ===

=== START BH08133 ===

In the Name of the Lord of all worlds!

O handmaidens of God! Mention of you hath been made before the Throne and this Tablet hath been revealed in response. May ye be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. The call of those men and women who have turned unto Him hath been and continues to be heard. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge - verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. And this very Tablet beareth witness that the grace of God hath encompassed and will continue to encompass His loved ones. Blessed are ye both, for ye have attained unto that which most men have failed to attain. How many were the souls who claimed knowledge of God yet remained deprived of this exalted and glorious Cause. Well is it with you both and with whosoever hath attained unto this Cause, before which all who are in the heavens and on earth have bowed down in submission. Be not grieved at anything, for that which shall profit you hath been ordained for you. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08133 ===

=== START BH08134 ===

In the Name of the one true God!

O Muhammad! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. Therefore, the Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee and doth make mention of thee through these sublime and wondrous words, that perchance the heedless ones among men may inhale the sweet fragrances of the utterance of the Best-Beloved of all possibility and may turn toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. O Muhammad! Most mighty is this Cause - the Lord of “Were it not for Thee” hath declared “It hath turned me grey” and the command “Be thou steadfast” was revealed unto Him. Hold thou fast unto the cord of grace with firmness and cleave thou with utmost resolution unto the hem of bounty, lest the tempests of the deniers and the storms of the idolators should move thee. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Word of God and hast been honored with the Tablet of Him Who is the Desired One, which is even as the Water of Life unto the world. Thou must preserve it through the Name of the true Sovereign and at all times take refuge in Him. He is the Helper, and He is the Giver, and He is the Protector. The splendor from God rest upon the people of Baha, from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH08134 ===

=== START BH08135 ===

O Muhammad, son of Nabil, formerly Husayn, who has ascended unto God! In the name of the Lord of all names! O Muhammad! Thy letter was seen and mention of thee was heard. God willing, through the outpourings of the Lord of Lords thou shalt be focused on decisive utterance and hold fast unto it in such wise that the people of the earth shall have no power to prevent thee or deprive thee from the Most Holy Court. Turn thy face toward the Truth and be independent and detached from creation. The grace of God hath been with you and, God willing, shall continue to be. At all times be occupied with the remembrance

of the Lord of all possibility and attain unto the perfumed breezes of the days of God. Blessed is thy father, for he drank the wine of reunion when the horizon of Iraq was illumined by the Light of the horizons. Convey to all thy relatives - mother, brother, siblings and others, female and male, young and old - the Most Great, Most Holy greetings from the True One.

=== END BH08135 ===

=== START BH08136 ===

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

O thou who hast turned thy face towards God! Give praise unto Him Who is the Goal of all worlds, that in His days thou hast attained unto His knowledge and partaken of the choice wine of His love. His favors have ever been and shall ever continue to be. Among His favors is His remembrance of His servants, though some today perceive not the fruits of the Tree of Remembrance and know not the effects of divine remembrance. Yet there shall come a time when it will be made manifest from the divine Treasury of Time, and in that hour all shall become aware and informed thereof. Blessed are they who today have attained unto the Most Great Remembrance and have arisen to serve the Cause. We beseech the Exalted True One that He may guide all to the river of His mercy and nourish them from the springs of submission. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08136 ===

=== START BH08137 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Hadi! God willing, mayest thou be guided by the light of guidance which hath risen and shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will. O Hadi! Sever the cord of relationship with creation and hold fast unto the cord of relationship with God. The glance of His favor hath been directed towards thee - fix thine eyes upon it and turn away from all else. Drink of the wine of divine knowledge through the splendors of His divine countenance, and becoming intoxicated with this spiritual wine, speak forth with utmost longing in the gathering of the lovers in praise of the Day-Star of the horizons. With thine own eye of insight, gaze upon the Sun of Truth, that thou mayest perchance be illumined by its rays which today shine forth from the horizon of the prison, and mayest say with all thy being: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know Thyself while I was imprisoned by the hands of the idolaters. I am content, O my God, with the cord of relationship with Thee, having severed myself from relationship with every idolater who turneth away from Thy luminous beauty."

=== END BH08137 ===

=== START BH08138 ===

He is the Hearer, the Seer, the Answerer

O ’Ali-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! In these days, despite the sorrows that have befallen the Beauty of Oneness, at all times We are occupied with the remembrance and praise of His sanctified Being. Blessed is the soul that has heard the divine call and has arisen with perfect steadfastness to serve His Cause. O friends! Know ye the value of the days of God, and in His Day remain not deprived of the outpourings of the true Bestower of bounty. This day is the sovereign of days, and deeds performed therein are the sovereign of deeds. Strive ye that there may appear from you such service as will diffuse the fragrance of eternity and be adorned with an everlasting ornament. Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Book. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08138 ===

=== START BH08139 ===

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, sister of another Leaf, upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness! He is the All-Encompassing, the Sovereign over all names. This Wronged One hath at all times beseeched the Almighty God to protect the Branches and Leaves. The purpose of this protection hath been and is the protection of the true understanding. The protection of physical bodies in these days hath not been and is not of any worth. Blessed is the soul that sacrificeth itself in His path, and blessed is the blood that is shed in His love. Were the hidden mysteries to be revealed, all would hasten to the place of sacrifice, but the veils remain drawn through His wisdom. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison while Thou wert in the hands of the oppressors among Thy servants. I beseech Thee to forgive me and to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved.

=== END BH08139 ===

=== START BH08140 ===

From among the correspondence of the Name 66 [Allah]: Regarding what you wrote about Jinab Aqa Mirza Muhsin, upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah], after being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, this prayer was revealed from the heaven of divine will:

O my God, my God! Thou seest me and hearest my cry and the yearning of my heart. I beseech Thee by the glances of the eyes of Thy loving-kindness not to deprive me of the fragrances of Thy remembrance in Thy days. O my Lord! I have turned with my whole being to Thy horizon, and mine eyes are fixed in expectation of the wonders of Thy mercy, and my heart is turned toward the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst create all beings and didst manifest all existence to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy gifts that which will profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful Whom neither the conditions of creation nor the clamor of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs hath frustrated. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08140 ===

=== START BH08142 ===

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Wise!

The heaven of human dignity is illumined by the light of truthfulness. O people of Baha! The All-Knowing, the All-Powerful hath ordained the earth as a scroll wherein the deeds and words of the children of Adam are to be recorded. And since this is so, pure must be the words and praiseworthy the deeds that befit it. Strive ye that like unto the morning star ye may shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom. A human being without influence is observed to be like a tree without fruit. At all times doth the Pen of the All-Merciful counsel those who drink of the wine of utterance to that which is the cause of tranquility for all and the means of exaltation of the Cause. God willing, may it be accepted by those who have turned unto Him. We beseech the One True God to gather all beneath the canopy of oneness in perfect unity, and to confirm them in His Cause. He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, and He is the Subduer, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08142 ===

=== START BH08143 ===

In the name of God, the Almighty! The Sun of Truth is risen and manifest, and the Speaker of Sinai is speaking and visible. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most great bounty and supreme joy, and woe unto him who hath turned away from God and denied His signs and disputed His proof. He is assuredly among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We convey Our greetings to the friends of God and guide them to the highest horizon. All must arise to serve the Cause with perfect unity - an arising that no disturbance can affect and no wavering can approach. O friends! These are the days of the All-Merciful, and the nightingales of mystic knowledge are warbling upon the branches. Beseech ye God that He may graciously grant you the blessing to arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. All created things have testified to His power, and all contingent beings to His sovereignty.

=== END BH08143 ===

=== START BH08146 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! Divine verses have been revealed in such wise that the writers of the world and the possessors of the pen are incapable and powerless to enumerate them. And whosoever hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, the Countenance of the Ancient King hath turned toward him, and in the Most Holy and Sacred Station his mention hath been uttered by the tongue of Truth. Blessed is he who hath attained to the mention of God. That which is of paramount importance today is steadfastness in the Cause of God, inasmuch as the satans of the earth have been and are engaged in misleading and seducing the people. The people of Baha must needs be so firm in the Cause that no one may be able to utter a word. O Rahim! We have made mention of thee as a token of Our grace. Be thou firm in the Cause and steadfast as the mountain in the love of God, the Lord of this resplendent Day.

=== END BH08146 ===

=== START BH08147 ===

O Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable Lord, verses have been revealed and evidences made manifest, yet the servants remain heedless and veiled, occupied with that which is transient and deprived of the presence of the Eternal One. This is the day of remembrance and praise. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the world have not prevented or deprived from the lights of certitude. Glory be to God! The ornaments and ephemeral colors of the world have made people heedless of the divine eternal Kingdom. Soon He will seize all according to their deeds. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the Wise. Today the Self-Subsisting Lord is manifest and the sealed wine is witnessed. Say: O servants, hasten that ye may attain to that for which ye were created from nothingness. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to the people of earth. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned towards it, and woe unto those who turn away. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

=== END BH08147 ===

=== START BH08148 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds! He is called by the name of the Beloved, yet the Named One is observed to be in the prison of the heedless - sometimes in the prison of enemies and at times in the hands of the wicked. They have done what they desired, to this every just and discerning one bears witness. In the midst of tribulations and afflictions We summoned the servants to the most exalted horizon, and when the Light of God's Cause shed some of its radiance, certain flies began to buzz from behind the veil and prevented the people of unity from the wine of detachment. However, by God's grace, neither the conditions nor the doubts nor the allusions of the world can prevent those souls that are strong and possessed of penetrating vision. They are as ensigns in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Today is the day of steadfastness. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it. Verily the Truth speaks and guides the way. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH08148 ===

=== START BH08150 ===

In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

After recognition of the Manifestation of Divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of the Divine Inspiration, Who is the Sovereign of beliefs, all must act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book, for it is the Sovereign of deeds. Say: O friends! The touchstone in your midst distinguisheth the truthful from the false. Mere claims were not and are not sufficient. God willing, the deficient and imperfect souls must become perfect through the loving counsels of those who seek the Ka'bih of their heart's desire, and they must not transgress the divine commandments. They must still the fire of self and passion with the water of God's remembrance, and with perfect certitude and assurance turn their gaze toward the horizon of guidance. I beseech God to assist His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to make known to them that which will profit them in the world to come and in this world,

and to strengthen them in this Remembrance through which the greatest idol hath lamented and the hearts of the sincere ones have been made glad. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08150 ===

=== START BH08151 ===

In the Name of the one God! Say to the divines on behalf of Baha: According to your opinion We are guilty. What was the guilt of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for Him - that made Him the target of your bullets? What manifest guilt had the Primal Point committed against the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him - that you arranged a consultative assembly for His execution? What guilt and calumny was evident from Christ against the Seal of the Prophets that you crucified Him? According to your vain belief, Christ was false to Moses - what falsehood and calumny was apparent that you testified to His falsehood? According to your vain belief, Moses was false and guilty against Abraham - what guilt was manifest that you cast Him into the fire? If you say “We are not those people,” We say your words are the same words and your deeds are the same deeds. And peace be upon whoever follows guidance.

=== END BH08151 ===

=== START BH08154 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding Who passeth not away!

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Book and made it a proof from His presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily it is the Fountain of Life unto all who are in the realm of creation, and the Sign of the Ancient of Days amidst the peoples, and the Ocean of Knowledge for all, whether young or old. Work ye according to God’s ordinances and His ways, and be not of the transgressors. Those who abandon the commandments of God - they are of the heedless. He hath created creation for His knowledge and commanded them with that which draweth them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The first is not realized except through the second, as testifieth His preserved Tablet. Blessed is he who hath been mentioned this Day by the Most Exalted Pen; he is of them who have attained unto all good in the days of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God that thou hast found the fragrance of the Garment and turned unto Him, when every heedless and remote one turned away.

=== END BH08154 ===

=== START BH08155 ===

O My God, Thou seest Thy chosen ones under the talons of Thine enemies, and Thy loved ones in the grasp of the wicked among Thy creatures. O Lord, Thou seest their eyes turned toward the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, their hearts anticipating the wonders of Thy grace and loving-kindness. How many are the faces that have been changed by the buffetings of the infidels among Thy creatures, and how many the breasts that have been pierced by the arrows of the deniers in Thy path! I beseech Thee, O King of names and Creator of earth and heaven, by Thy clouds of mercy to send down upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to

dwell near Thy mercy in every world of Thy worlds. Then accept from them what they desired in Thy love and good-pleasure, and ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come through Thy bounty and favors and care and loving-kindness. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08155 ===

=== START BH08156 ===

In His Name, Who is manifest above all things! Glorified is He Who hath adorned the Tablets with the name of this Revelation, through which the fountains of wisdom have gushed forth amongst all created things, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath called out from the blessed spot: “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” Those who have turned away are as ones asleep, comprehending nothing, and are numbered among the ignorant. Among the people are those who cling to words while turning away from the Munificent One, and those who grasp at learning while remaining heedless of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and those who were stirred by the stirring of the breezes of the All-Merciful throughout creation and drew near, saying “I believe in Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!” Say: O people! Answer Him Who calleth you unto truth, and associate not with God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. We remind you for the sake of God - follow ye Him Who guideth you unto this extended Path.

=== END BH08156 ===

=== START BH08157 ===

He is the Mighty. These are the verses of the Spirit sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. They speak the truth in the kingdom of command and creation, and call the people to the holy and exalted Ridvan. O servant! Do not grieve over anything, fear no one, and pay no heed to any sinful deceiver. Then turn to God thy Lord, detach thyself from those in whom thou perceivest the stench of death, avoid them and draw nigh unto a holy and luminous seat. Know thou that We have not forgotten thee and make mention of thee now, that thou mayest rejoice in thy soul and be filled with great gladness. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned toward the court of sublime glory. Then make mention from Us to thy brother and give him glad tidings of a mighty and glorious station.

=== END BH08157 ===

=== START BH08158 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

These are the verses of God, the King, the True, the Manifest, which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of ancient glory. O youth! Hear My call, for verily He is none other than the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Grieve not for thy father. He hath ascended unto God and attained a station from which the hands of the idolaters are cut off. He hath then taken up his seat in the Most Glorious Paradise, a sacred and generous station. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as God hath brought thee forth from his loins and

guided thee through His grace and confirmed thee in this Cause whereby the feet of those who deemed themselves the most exalted among men have slipped when the Truth came unto them with manifest sovereignty. Thus doth God reveal that which is hidden in the breasts, for He hath power over all things. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon those who have held fast to this firm and mighty handle.

=== END BH08158 ===

=== START BH08160 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O God, my Goal, my Beloved, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful! Thou art He Who knoweth all things, from Whom no matter hath been or shall ever be concealed. Thou art He Who is aware of all things, Who hath been and shall ever be cognizant of the secrets of all hearts and souls and breasts. Every pure deed returneth unto Thee like unto light. Thy will causeth dust to transcend the heavens, and Thy might transformeth solid rock into water. O All-Knowing Lord! Thy servant hath desired to offer Thee a feast - accept it from him and grant it Thy favor. Thou art the All-Bountiful, from Whose heaven of grace none among the first or the last hath ever been deprived. Adorn this service of Thy servant Muhammad-Hasan with the ornament of Thy acceptance. Thou art the Protector of all things and the Encompasser of earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bestowing, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08160 ===

=== START BH08161 ===

O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God!

He is the Most Holy, Sanctified from all mention!

Hearken unto the Call from the Alif standing between the two Vav's! Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Let not the words of those who have turned away grieve thee, nor the veils of the heedless. Aid thy Lord under all conditions. Verily, He is with His remembering servants. Grieve not for him who hath ascended unto God. Verily, he is in the Most Glorious Horizon, as attested by My Most Exalted Pen, through which every wondrous command hath been adorned. We have abbreviated the Tablet, and shall send unto thee afterward that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and unto those who have held fast to the cord of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They are amongst the people of Baha in the Tablet of Eternity - the Lord of Names maketh mention of them from this resplendent Dawning-Place. And the Glory be upon thy son and upon those who are with thee from among the people of this mighty Paradise.

=== END BH08161 ===

=== START BH08162 ===

O Karbila'i Muhammad-Salih! In the name of the Best-Beloved of all worlds! We gave glad tidings of this blessed Day to all peoples in the former Books, and all were expectant. Yet when the Sun of verses dawned from the horizon of the divine Tablet and the morn of reunion broke, all were found to be veiled and deprived, save those souls who shattered the idol of vain imaginings through the power of the name of Truth and, having detached themselves from all else but God, turned toward the supreme horizon. I swear by the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance that such souls possess a station which the Book of the world and the pens of nations are powerless to describe. O friends! Strive to attain unto that which is the cause of the perpetuation of spirits, bodies and names. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel you from His prison. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08162 ===

=== START BH08163 ===

O Mirza Aqa Jan, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! All the peoples of the world believe themselves to be gazing toward the Truth and to have attained His knowledge, yet the Truth hath not acknowledged this, nor doth He accept these claims, for today the Truth is manifest and the Kingdom of Utterance is present before all faces, yet all remain heedless and veiled. Blessed is the party that hath separated itself from all parties and hath been designated in the Tablets as the Party of God. Today all ties are severed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained the tie of the Truth - such a one is accounted as one of the gems of existence in the presence of Him Who is the Ever-Living. O Aqa Jan! We have previously made mention of thee. The glance of Our loving-kindness hath ever been directed toward His loved ones. We beseech Him to aid thee at all times in that which will cause the elevation of God's Cause. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends, that perchance this remembrance may draw them nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08163 ===

=== START BH08164 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

The whole world hath been created to serve this blessed Day. O peoples of the earth! Know ye the value of these days and be not deprived of that which is with God through that which is with you. These days shall pass away and whatsoever appeareth therein shall likewise pass away. Strive that ye may attain unto that which is with God. He is the Ever-Abiding. Blessed is the soul that in this transient world hath attained unto that which is everlasting - that is, such deeds as shed forth the fragrance of eternity, and these have been and ever shall be the Word of God. Hearken unto the divine counsel and act in accordance with that wherefrom the sweet-smelling savor of His good-pleasure may be inhaled. If thou attainest unto this exalted and most high station, thou shalt be blessed with the word of His good-pleasure from the Lord of Names. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08164 ===

=== START BH08165 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The whole world hath been created for this Divine Day, and God, exalted be His glory, hath through the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers given the glad-tidings of this wondrous and sublime Day. In all the sacred Scriptures and Tablets this Day hath been designated as the Day of God. Nevertheless, all are seen to be occupied with their selfish desires and are heedless thereof, save those whom God hath willed. Whosoever hath attained unto the recognition of this most august, most holy, most exalted Day, he is mentioned and recorded among the chosen servants in the Perspicuous Book. Know ye the value of this lofty, this most exalted station, preserve it, and be ye in all conditions thankful unto God, glorified be He, inasmuch as He hath enabled you to attain this greatest of bounties. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

=== END BH08165 ===

=== START BH08166 ===

O Aqa Asadu'llah! He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious! The whole world was gladdened by the mention of this wondrous Day and longed for its appearance, beseeching in the nights and days that they might not be deprived of attaining the presence of this Day. Yet when the divine Morn arose from the horizon of the world and the Most Great Luminary unveiled its countenance, all were found to be perturbed, wavering, turning away and denying - save for a few souls who, with the arm of certitude, shattered the idols of vain imaginings and, through the Name of the Self-Subsisting, rent asunder the veils of idle fancies. Upon them be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness that have preceded all the worlds. The friends of God must, God willing, manifest such deeds and character that all may inhale from them the fragrance of the love of God. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath acknowledged that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken from its most exalted station.

=== END BH08166 ===

=== START BH08170 ===

O Mir Muhammad Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Everlasting Speaker! God, exalted be His glory, has bestowed the world upon kings who are the manifestations of His power. Through visible armies they have protected and continue to protect the visible cities. But the hosts that are specially reserved unto the Ancient Being, exalted be His utterance and His remembrance, have ever been and still are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. The friends of God must, through the fear of God, conquer hearts and keep breasts purified from whatsoever is unseemly. Blessed is he who, through wisdom and utterance, through spirit and fragrance, remindeth the servants and draweth them unto the horizon of awareness. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee with these sublime words. This remembrance is the king of remembrances and this call is sovereign over earth and heaven. Blessed are they that advance and woe unto those that turn away.

=== END BH08170 ===

=== START BH08171 ===

To Hussein son of Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon them both be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Incomparable Speaker! God, exalted be His glory, has counseled all to gaze with their own eyes toward the horizon of Revelation and hear with their own ears the divine call. Yet the servants have done that which caused the very essence of justice to weep and the liver of equity to melt. Instead of acknowledging, they denied Him, and in place of confession they rejected. The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences are more manifest than the sun - it is not known by what proof they believed in the Point of the Bayan and to what testimony they cling. It behooveth Us at this point to mention what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputations." Blessed art thou for having turned and believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to confirm thee even as He confirmed thy father, and through you both to open the doors of hearts. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH08171 ===

=== START BH08172 ===

He is the One Warbling upon the Branches

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world of the kingdom and of the realm above with His brilliant and resplendent light, and from the chalice of bounty hath bestowed a sufficient portion upon the dwellers of earth and heaven. Blessed is the soul that hath detached itself from the world and all that dwell therein, and hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. He is the Guide of the Way and the Master of the Proof. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O 'Aziz Big! Thy letter of love was sent unto the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and this Most Wondrous and Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed in reply. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! And glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee! At this moment the ocean of forgiveness hath surged before the faces of all religions and hath encompassed thy father and mother, as a grace from God, the True One, the Manifest. Praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne!

=== END BH08172 ===

=== START BH08175 ===

In the Name of the One Knowing God! In numerous Tablets We have summoned the servants of God to steadfastness, and the greatness of this Cause hath been recorded and set down by the Most Exalted Pen in numerous passages. Nevertheless, because of the word of the lowliest of servants, a soul hath been deprived of the dawning of the Sun of inner meanings and hath returned to darkness upon darkness. Such is the station of the people and the steadfastness and knowledge which they claim to possess. He shunned the Most Great Ocean and turned to the turbid and bitter spring. Evil is that which he hath wrought! Soon shall he find himself in manifest loss. O friend! Call thou them who drink the choice wine

of utterance to steadfastness, and give them to drink from the spring of steadfastness, that they may pass beyond the Guide and the Guided One and all names, and turn toward the Sun of Truth, and receive their portion from the ocean of vision. Blessed art thou for having believed in God and turned away from those who have denied this wondrous Day.

=== END BH08175 ===

=== START BH08176 ===

In the Name of the Kind Friend! O handmaiden of God, upon thee be the Glory of God! In most years the fragrances of the favors of the Lord of the Worlds have wafted over that region, and most of the men and women have been blessed with the outpourings of the Divine Pen of Command. We have enjoined upon all to observe sanctity and detachment. Blessed are they who have hearkened to the call of Truth and acted according to that which they were commanded. We beseech God not to withhold anyone from the Most Great Ocean and to aid them in that which is pleasing unto Him. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Tablets. Verily He aideth whomsoever turneth unto Him, preserveth him from that which He detesteth, and bestoweth upon him in this world and the next that which beseemeth His sovereignty. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son from before One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH08176 ===

=== START BH08177 ===

He is God

In this most manifest, wondrous and impregnable Revelation, We have forbidden all the servants of God from murder, corruption, tyranny and enmity, and all have been commanded to wisdom and utterance. Nevertheless, some have transgressed the divine bounds and have defiled the fortress of divine commands and prohibitions with the clay of their carnal desires. The deed of one ignorant one has caused all corruption to be attributed to this Wronged One by its perpetrators. And afterwards, such anxiety overwhelmed the assured souls that they became utterly deprived of the breaths of the Lord of Lords. Perhaps other breezes will waft from the direction of the All-Merciful and bestow new life upon the dead. In any case, transgression of divine bounds has been and will be the cause of loss in this world and the next.

=== END BH08177 ===

=== START BH08178 ===

In the Name of the One God!

At all times hath God, exalted and glorified be He, made mention and doth continue to make mention of His loved ones. This is among His great favors, for verily every word that hath issued from the mouth of the Divine Will and been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen shall endure and remain forever. Rejoice ye in the loving-kindness and bounty of God. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. It is binding and

incumbent upon every soul to adorn himself with such virtues and deeds as would cause people to turn towards and draw nigh unto the Source, and through which all may inhale from him the sweet fragrance of sincerity. The world is transient, but that which hath been ordained for the loved ones of God shall endure and remain forever. Thus have We imparted unto thee that thou mayest remind the people of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's Will, the Speaking One, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08178 ===

=== START BH08179 ===

Write to Mirza Muhammad 'Ali Khan, upon whom be God's favors: Praise be to God, through divine grace and heavenly bounty he has attained to the station of his desire and achieved that which God intended. His request was presented, and He said: We beseeched God for confirmation and divine assistance on his behalf, and We gave him glad tidings in Iraq. Convey greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him from His Most Exalted Pen that which He desires from His grace, generosity and favors, and to decree for him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the throne and earth. Be confident through the grace and favor of God, glory be to Him, and if there is some delay due to God's consummate wisdom, be not grieved. The hand of God has been and will continue to be your helper. Verily He has power over all things.

=== END BH08179 ===

=== START BH08180 ===

In the Name of the One Incomparable God! His honor Siyyid Aqa Jan, upon him be the Glory of God. Concerning the affliction of the [divine] party in that land, the sun lamented and the lamp wept, the earth was troubled and the heaven grieved and the cloud was sorrowful. Yet the [ignorant] servants remained heedless of all. Soon shall they witness the requital of their deeds. Where is the wolf, and where is the serpent, and where is the one who lied in the land of Sad? God hath seized them for their sins and He will seize those who have wronged you without any proof or book from God, the Lord of all worlds. Those souls are in loss, while in this hour the Pen of the [All-Merciful] maketh mention of you. He is the Helper of the oppressed ones and the Succourer of those who are in distress. By the life of God! Verily He is with you - to this all things bear witness, yet the people remain in evident blindness. The Glory be upon thee from God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08180 ===

=== START BH08181 ===

He is God.

Two leaves arrived on Wednesday. Every word therein testified to the oneness of the Divine Essence and the sanctification of God's Being from likeness and similitude. Blessed be your pen and ink and the paper honored by your mention. We beseech God to cause His servants through you to enter the depths of the ocean of His oneness, and to give them to drink, through your mention, the Kawthar of life, and through

your utterance, the choice wine of divine knowledge, and to aid you with the hosts of knowledge and wisdom in such wise that through you the cities of the horizons and of hearts may be opened. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Thou Who art the apple of Mine eye! My glory, the ocean of My loving-kindness, the sun of My bounty, the heaven of My mercy rest upon Thee. We pray God to illumine the world through Thy knowledge and wisdom, to ordain for Thee that which will gladden Thine heart and impart consolation to Thine eyes. He is, verily, potent over all things. Glory, mercy and praise be upon Thee, and upon whosoever circleth around Thee.

=== END BH08181 ===

=== START BH08182 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Inaccessible! God makes mention of one of His loved ones, that he may stand firm in the Cause of his Lord and soar on the wings of detachment to the atmosphere of transcendent glory, and that he may sever himself from those who have disbelieved and turn with his heart toward the seat of resplendent glory. O Salih, blessed art thou inasmuch as thou hast recognized the Manifestation of the Self of thy Lord and hast held fast unto that handle which God hath made the link between Him and His creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Fear God, then turn thy face toward the Most Holy, the Most Great. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Perfect Name not to leave me cast down at the seat of self and desire. Then cause me to ascend, through Thy bounty, to the heaven of immortality that I may attain, through Thy grace, to such a station wherein I speak naught except Thy remembrance and move not save through Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH08182 ===

=== START BH08183 ===

Tablet of Baha'u'llah to Abdul-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. The Wronged One makes mention of one of His loved ones in the prison, that he may be assured through God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Your letter was presented and read before His face. We have answered you with this clear Tablet. Give thanks to God that He has aided you and drawn you near, such that He has sent down for you from the heaven of bounty that which brings tranquility to the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. We have remembered you, and this is yet another time. Verily your Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Say: Praise be to Thee for having guided me and answered me from Thy Most Great Prison while Thou wert in the hands of the heedless. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, by the lights of Thy throne and the attraction of Thy call and the influence of Thy utterance, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

=== END BH08183 ===

=== START BH08185 ===

O Ahmad, upon thee be the glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! The mention of God – exalted be His glory – and His verses and clear proofs are manifest and evident before the faces of the peoples of the world. However, the doubts of the skeptics and the might of the oppressors have prevented the people from turning to God's perspicuous Book. This Wronged One, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him, is engaged in mentioning and speaking of the loved ones of God. We beseech God to assist all to hold fast unto that which is conducive to unity and concord, and to turn away from that which causeth difference. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones and counsel them with that which God hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the Call and turned toward God, the Lord of all creation, at a time when every heedless and sinful transgressor turned away from Him.

=== END BH08185 ===

=== START BH08187 ===

O Nabil Before 'Ali! The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! A mention from Us to him who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken that which shone forth with the light of certitude, that the breath of God might pass over him from this exalted horizon. We have seized the spirits by a word from Us, then given them life. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Look not at those who have disbelieved and what they possess, but look at Him Who, at the center of tribulation, summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Those who have turned away are in manifest error, and those who have hesitated are wandering distraught in the wilderness of doubt. Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come, and this Day is God's, the Mighty, the Praised. Cast away what ye possess and turn unto the Singular, the All-Informed. On this Day, no soul's belief shall profit it except after its acceptance. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest be of those who are assured.

=== END BH08187 ===

=== START BH08188 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to a handmaiden among the handmaidens of God, that she may thank her Lord at all times. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to turn towards Him after all the learned ones who held in their grasp the reins of men had turned away. Verily, he who hath not heard today the call of the All-Merciful is more abject than the animal. To this beareth witness the tongue of the Wronged One in the highest Paradise. By the life of God! He who tendeth sheep in the valleys and upon the mountains is, in the sight of God, superior to those who have perused the books of the world in the evenings and the mornings and during the nights and days. Thus have the mountains been leveled and the trees been felled by the command of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath believed and attained, and woe unto every learned one who doubteth. Thus hath moved the Supreme Pen and revealed that which was commanded by One mighty and all-knowing.

=== END BH08188 ===

=== START BH08189 ===

O Mulla Baba! In the Name of God, the Possessor of all things! A mention from Us unto those whom God hath related to him who attained My presence, appeared before My throne, heard My call, and spoke My praise amongst My creatures, that they may be assured that He is verily the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and remembereth whom He desireth in His mighty, impregnable and wondrous Book. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by the Pen through which every wise command hath been revealed. Grieve not for your brother, for he is in great joy. Rather, grief is for those who followed their desires in this world - they are indeed among the perishing ones. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power, in such wise that the utterance of no expounder nor the mention of any who make mention shall cause thee to slip. Thus hath thy Lord, the Ancient One, commanded thee. The glory be upon you from the presence of One mighty and wise.

=== END BH08189 ===

=== START BH08191 ===

He is the Helper, the Succourer!

This is a mention from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, that it may draw him nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon and cause him to witness that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed: that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have beheld thy turning unto Us, and have sent down for thee the verses that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Sovereign of all sovereigns. We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Most Great Cause, whereby the limbs of every heedless and veiled one have quaked with fear. Be thou eloquent in thy Lord's praise and arise to serve His irrevocable Cause.

Verily God hath forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness from the heaven of His bounty. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and thy wife and her mother and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. We send forth from this spot Our glorification upon the faces of My loved ones and We give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08191 ===

=== START BH08192 ===

Memory from Us to one who hath attained and won - He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy devotion and thy arrival in the Most Holy Court. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee, for thou art among those who have attained unto the Book of God and His verses, and entered the Prison, and heard the call of the Wronged One. Give thanks unto God for

this most great favor and be thou of the thankful ones. All these stations are dependent and conditioned upon steadfastness. Blessed are they that have attained thereunto. How many souls failed to attain unto this most exalted and glorious station. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all, the Sender of the Messengers and the Revealer of the Books! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance that Thou disappoint me not from steadfastness and from that which is with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH08192 ===

=== START BH08193 ===

The Most Great, Most Holy. A mention from Us to one who has turned to God, the Lord of the worlds, that the sweetness of the Merciful's utterance may draw him to a station from which the hands of the polytheists are cut off. O servant! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Ask thou God to grant thee that which is therein and to assist thee in that which He loveth and approveth. This verily is a great bounty. Make mention of the Lord of Names amidst the concourse of creation and hold fast with supreme steadfastness to this Wise Cause. Beware lest the vain imaginings of souls disturb thee. Cling to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Praise God for having enabled thee to turn toward Him and for having shown thee this straight and manifest path. Verily He seeth whosoever turneth toward Him and heareth the call of them that remember Him. Follow that which thou hast been commanded in the Book from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing.

=== END BH08193 ===

=== START BH08194 ===

O Muhammad, He Who shines forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! This is a mention from Us to one who has turned toward the Kingdom when most of the servants turned away from it. Thus does God reward those who turn to Him, as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Bear thou witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He hath testified to His Own Self by His Own Self that there is none other God but Him, and He Who proclaimeth is indeed the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, and He is the One Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. We counsel thee to manifest great steadfastness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of creation, may be exalted. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him under all conditions. Verily He witnesseth and seeth and heareth the call of those who have turned unto Him with humility and contrition.

=== END BH08194 ===

=== START BH08195 ===

KERMANSHAH

O Siyyid Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaketh the truth. A mention from Our presence unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, that he may find assurance through the bounty of his Lord and utter at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Him, then act according to that which beseemeth His days. He, verily, is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy. Be thou steadfast in that which is good and act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We counsel thee to perform pure deeds for God, the Truth. This shall profit thee in the world to come and in this first life. He beside Whom is the Clear Book beareth witness unto this. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God or the threat of the oppressors frighten thee - they who have turned away from the Truth and followed every ignorant remote one. Thus hath the Mighty in Strength taught thee from the direction of the Ultimate Tree that thou mayest be among them that hearken.

=== END BH08195 ===

=== START BH08196 ===

In the Name of the Most Mighty, the Most High

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath turned towards Our countenance, after the Tongue of Grandeur did proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the Chosen One!" The Day of God hath come, and the Balance hath been set up, and the Trumpet hath been blown, and the Lord of Revelation hath spoken; yet the people are in strange doubt. Doubt hath so seized them that they have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings. When the Promise came to pass, the world was overturned. How many a light was darkened, how many a learned one became heedless, how many a knower was debarred from the Known One! Thus was the matter decreed in the Mother Book. Blessed is he who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon; he is indeed of the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thus doth God make clear unto you what He desireth, as a grace from His presence. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We found thee turning unto Us, whereupon We sent unto thee that which caused the mountains to soar aloft.

=== END BH08196 ===

=== START BH08197 ===

He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing. A mention from Our presence unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the rapture of My remembrance may take hold of him and draw him nigh unto a station wherein the conditions of the peoples shall not withhold him from Him Who holdeth within His grasp the reins of the Kingdom of earth and heaven. This is a day whereon the Ancient Beauty hath gone forth from the garden, proceeding unto another place. He, verily, is the One Who ruleth through His word "Be" and it is. We have sent down all things in the Book and have commanded all to observe that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, may be exalted. O people of Baha! Arise to serve your Lord, then remember Him through that which He hath taught you in a perspicuous Tablet wherein hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Say: Rejoice, O people, in the appearance of God and His sovereignty, then act in

accordance with that which shall profit you in the world to come and in the first one. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

=== END BH08197 ===

=== START BH08198 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him whose letter appeared before the face of his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of him through this Tablet that he may give thanks to his Lord, the All-Forgiving. Rejoice in the Book of God and His mention, for the treasures of the world cannot compare with it. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Hold fast to the cord of loving-kindness and say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy mercy and Thy grace and the tenderness that hath preceded existence to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy mention, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who moveth by Thy will, and who standeth firm in Thy service. Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He willeth through His command. Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. At the end of this Tablet We make mention of Our servant Al-Baqi and give him the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His grace, and We make mention of him through this wise remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who have attained to the mention of this praiseworthy station.

=== END BH08198 ===

=== START BH08199 ===

In His Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

A mention from Us to him who hastened with his heart to the Qiblih of the world and testified to that which God had testified before the creation of the heavens and earth and before the letter K was joined with its pillar N, that My call might repeatedly draw him to My Kingdom. He, verily, is the King, the Mighty, the Kind. Hearken unto what the idolaters have said regarding My rights after the river of life flowed from the fountain of My words, and Paradise was stirred by the breezes of My verses, and the Sun of Power shone forth in My name in My days. Say: If ye deny Him Who speaketh the truth and what He hath, have ye any proof to establish your cause? Produce it then, and be not of those who denied God's grace and His evidence by following every vain imagining. Thus have We sent down unto thee from the verses that which consoleth the eyes after they had shed tears. Thy Lord, verily, is the Revealer, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08199 ===

=== START BH08200 ===

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

A mention from Us unto him who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the one who hath arisen with strength to serve the Cause, and woe

unto every man whom the might of the mighty and the power of princes hath weakened - they who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and have uttered that which hath caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise to lament. And they who aid the Cause of their Lord at morn and eventide. Beware lest the affairs of men sadden thee. Hearken unto the Call of thy Lord - verily He calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison with a call whereby the hearts of them that have recognized Him have been attracted. Take My Book in My Name, as bidden by Me, and I am verily the Ancient Commander. By My Word were the heavens raised up, and by My Name was the Throne established upon this glorious, wondrous station. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken while He was in the hands of the heedless. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every upright servant.

=== END BH08200 ===

=== START BH08201 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn Navv, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! A mention from Us to him who has attained the lights of the Bayan when the All-Merciful came, and believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that My remembrance may draw him to a station that the conditions of men cannot shake, nor can the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, prevent him. We have heard your call and have answered you through Our grace. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Give thanks to God for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, Who was imprisoned because He summoned all to the supreme horizon, the Station wherein surged the ocean of knowledge. We have remembered all who have turned to the Countenance and aided those who have turned to My extended path. The Glory from the Lord of eternity be upon you and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts to the praised Station.

=== END BH08201 ===

=== START BH08202 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

A mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of recognition when the All-Merciful came with a Cause at which every idol wailed and every confident and discerning one rejoiced. Hearken thou unto the Call from the precincts of the Prison, then bear witness to that whereunto God did bear witness ere the creation of the heavens and the names, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Wise. Blessed be the face that hath turned this day toward the Countenance of God and the heart that hath set itself toward His luminous horizon. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Be thou ablaze with the fire of My love, soaring in Mine atmosphere, speaking My praise and glorification, arising to serve My Cause, and steadfast in My straight Path. Thus hath the living waters flowed from the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who hath drunk thereof and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!”

=== END BH08202 ===

=== START BH08203 ===

He is the One Who dominates all names! A remembrance from Us to the one who has found the fragrance of the Garment when the All-Merciful came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and earths, that the breezes of revelation might draw him to the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Lote Tree of the Furthermost Boundary proclaims: “There is no God but Him, the Expositor, the All-Knowing.” Your mention has been made before the Throne, and this manifest Tablet has been sent down for you. Read it with the melodies of the birds of Paradise - they will draw you to a station wherein you will hear the Call from all things in remembrance of this blessed and luminous Horizon. Remember your Lord in such wise that neither the turning away of any ignorant one nor the objection of any hypocrite shall hinder you. Verily your Lord aids whoever aids Him and remembers whoever remembers Him amongst His heedless servants. Give thanks to God for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, and for having been sent down that by which your name shall endure through the eternity of His exalted and inaccessible Kingdom.

=== END BH08203 ===

=== START BH08204 ===

O Mirza Mu’min! He is the One Who rules over all names. This is a mention from Us to him who fulfilled the Covenant of God when the Promised One appeared and the appointed time was completed, that he may rejoice in his Lord’s loving-kindness and remember Him at eventide and at dawn. The Divine Lote-Tree hath called aloud, yet the people are in strange delusion. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear My most sweet call, and woe betide him whom veils have kept back. Say: Exchange not the verses of God for vanities, nor follow every doubting idolater. They have cast behind their backs the Kawthar of God, hastening to the foulest of waters in all directions. Say: This is the Day wherein the proof hath been perfected, the Word hath appeared, and the evidence hath shone forth. When thou adornest thy head with this Tablet which God hath made the crown of utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know the Dayspring of Thy verses while the people were in doubt and schism.

=== END BH08204 ===

=== START BH08205 ===

He is God, exalted is He

A mention from Us to him who hath remembered Me and attained unto My presence and heard My call and appeared before My face by My leave. He hath been named Husayn in My perspicuous Book. Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been remembered at the Most Holy Court and continue to be so. Arise with utmost dedication to serve the Cause, that perchance the heedless servants may become aware and arise to do what behooveth them. As for what thou didst write regarding the Unity Company, the Most Great Branch presented it and it was graciously accepted. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before the faces of His loved ones the gates of His bounty and mercy and loving-kindness. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory shining forth from the horizon

of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon him who loveth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08205 ===

=== START BH08207 ===

In the Name of Him by Whose utterance the tongues of all created things have spoken! This is a mention from God unto her who hath heard the call of her Lord and turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, that the call of the All-Merciful may draw her nigh unto the station which God hath sanctified from the mention of every mentioner and the description of every describer. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto the horizon of Revelation. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, for this mention whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been attracted, and all things have turned towards God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is the Word which the Interlocutor heard aforetime, and it is verily the Sun whereby the horizon of Divine Unity hath been illumined. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty, then make mention of Him. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the servant who hath believed, and the handmaiden who hath attained unto this wise Remembrance.

=== END BH08207 ===

=== START BH08208 ===

Baku. Karbala'i Dadash, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the All-Knowing Witness.

A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the luminary of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Loving. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence, for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and the Manifestation of Thy Will, and for having given me to drink, by the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy love, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, and by Thy resplendent and treasured Secret, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love in this Day wherein one of Thy Names hath been imprisoned due to the turning away from Thee of most of Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08208 ===

=== START BH08209 ===

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified from all names. A remembrance from the Wronged One unto the people of God in the lands, that the wine of utterance may attract them to the horizon of inner meanings,

from which the call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of all things.” We make mention of thee and of them who have believed, and We counsel you with that which beseemeth the days of God. Say: Fear God and be not in doubt and schism. We have sent down from the heaven of grace that which no books of the past can equal, to this He Who hath with Him the Mother Book doth testify. Follow not those in whom ye find not that which God loveth. Follow that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. We have sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens, yet the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil. And at the end of the Book We counsel thee and those who have believed to be steadfast with the Most Great Steadfastness, lest those who have denied the Beginning and the End cause you to slip.

=== END BH08209 ===

=== START BH08210 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath acknowledged what God Himself hath acknowledged on a Day whereon every hidden secret was revealed and every wise command was made manifest. Verily, We give glad-tidings unto all of the days of God and of meeting Him. To this testifieth the Pen of God in whatsoever hath been asked of it, and this perspicuous Tablet. How many a servant hath been kept back by vain imaginings from the All-Knowing, the Mighty, and how many a servant hath hastened until he drank the wine of certitude from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in that God hath aided you to recognize Him Who remained hidden from the learned and the mystics, save him whom the hand of thy Lord’s loving-kindness did preserve. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and in that this mighty and glorious Book hath been sent down unto thee. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this mighty Prison. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08210 ===

=== START BH08211 ===

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from the Wronged One unto him who hath turned towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Fear ye God, and cast not trustworthiness behind your backs, nor reject the truth knowingly. Verily My Most Exalted Pen counseleth all who are in the kingdom of creation to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness. By the life of God! Its light is more manifest than the light of the sun in the heaven of commandments. Every light hath been eclipsed before its light, its radiance and its effulgence. Thus doth He Who hath with Him the Preserved Tablet make clear unto you. Verily, he who adorneth himself with the ornament of trustworthiness is remembered by the Concourse on High, and upon him do the denizens of the realms of dominion and kingdom offer prayers. Thus have We taught thee that thou mayest teach the people that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Protector over what was and what shall be. Read thou My verses and ponder that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will and that which every heedless and veiled one uttereth.

=== END BH08211 ===

=== START BH08214 ===

In the Name of the One Beloved! Your mention hath been made in the Most Great Prison, and the glance of divine favor hath been directed toward those who seek the Kaaba of their Goal. Whosoever in this Day hath turned unto the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Manifestation of the evidences of the All-Merciful, he is accounted before God as the most exalted of all creation. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this sublime and impregnable station. This is the Most Great Day, and the highest horizon hath been adorned and illumined with the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Names. Yet the people remain heedless thereof, occupied with their own idle fancies. Praise be to the Ancient Beauty that thou hast attained unto His recognition and perceived this most great favor. Preserve it and be thou of them that render thanks. We beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause and to aid thee at all times to remember and praise Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Great.

=== END BH08214 ===

=== START BH08215 ===

O Ahmad, who has attained to the name of the One Friend! Your mention has been made before the Throne, and this exalted Tablet has been revealed in Persian that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the Robe time and again. His favor has been and will continue to be with you. Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of affairs. Verily He will set them right through His grace. Assuredly, whatsoever is good and conducive to the welfare of the loved ones has been and will be made manifest. With the utmost joy and fragrance, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Excellent is that whereunto thou hast been engaged through the command of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God that in the early days thou didst quaff from the cup of recognition and attain the presence of the Desired One, and became free and detached from the idle fancies of the deluded ones. This hath been among the great divine bounties. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH08215 ===

=== START BH08216 ===

O Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! I am the All-Knowing Speaker. Your mention hath been made before the Countenance and We have made mention of thee in this Tablet, which is the Dawning-Place of God’s remembrance amongst His creation, that it may be a treasure for thee with God, the Lord of the worlds. Whosoever hath been adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and hath been honored by God’s Word beholdeth that Word in all the worlds like unto a lamp shining and radiant before his face. Exalted is this most high station, which the pens are powerless to describe. We send greetings to sanctified and steadfast souls, and We bid them to that which beseemeth the days of God. All must hold fast to the cord of patience and resignation, though the heedless be in manifest error. God will assist His Cause and seize upon them even as He seized before. Verily He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

=== END BH08216 ===

=== START BH08218 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted! This is a remembrance of the handmaidens of God who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that they may, through the remembrance of God, detach themselves from all else save Him, and that the call of their Lord may sanctify them from whatsoever is repugnant to His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God in this Most Great Revelation to restrain and refine his soul. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. And He commandeth all to sanctification that they may enter His Kingdom and stand before His presence. This is of His grace unto His servants, would that they might know. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath believed in God and attained unto that which God hath desired for her, whom the winds of passion have not moved and whom the conditions of self have not overturned. She is indeed of the people of Paradise. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of Command in a mighty and glorious Tablet. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08218 ===

=== START BH08219 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My remembrance be upon My maidservant who believed in God when she heard His sweetest call, who turned to Him and attained to His wise remembrance. We perceive from you the fragrance of your love for your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Give thanks, inasmuch as thou hast been mentioned before the Throne time and again. He verily remembereth whomsoever turneth unto God. He is indeed the One Who informeth, the All-Knowing. We have witnessed thy face turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the earth shone with the light of thy Lord, the Protector, the Holy, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed art thou for having remained steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, and for having occupied thyself with His remembrance, His praise and His service. He is verily the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. We behold thee and hear from thee that wherewith thou dost praise thy Lord. We give thee glad tidings of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beauteous. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08219 ===

=== START BH08220 ===

O Muhammad! In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Invincible. Our remembrance of Our servant, that he may follow guidance in the days of his Lord, the King of the throne and earth, and that He may protect him from the intimations of those who have denied God, the Lord of the last and the first. Turn with thy most pure heart unto the Most Great Horizon. Say: I believe in Thee, O Thou Who rememberest me with Thy sweetest utterance. We have commanded the people in the Book

not to follow their idle fancies. Among them are those who turned away and resisted, and those who believed and were guided. O people! Follow not your own selves, but follow the ways of God which have been sent down in the Book from your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Those who commit indecent acts, steal the property of others, and backbite My servants - their deeds shall be rendered vain in this futile life and they are among those who have gone astray and been misguided. Cast away vain imagination and hold fast unto certitude. Verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH08220 ===

=== START BH08221 ===

He is the Most Generous, the Most Great

A remembrance from Me unto him who hath loved Me, that it may draw him unto My horizon and bring him near unto My ocean which surgeth through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He who cleaveth unto vain imaginings is accounted among the worshippers of idols in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds, and he who hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation is reckoned among those who have drawn nigh in a perspicuous Tablet. O ye who are the beloved of the All-Merciful throughout all possibilities! Hearken unto that which God commandeth you in the Book, and follow not the way of the mischief-makers. He commandeth you to observe justice, even as He commanded you aforetime. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He hath revealed unto you that which shall profit you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Loving, the Most Compassionate. Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Render thanks unto God for having acquainted thee with the Dawning-Place of His Cause and for having mentioned thee in His Book. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08221 ===

=== START BH08222 ===

In My Name, the Speaking One, the Trustworthy!

This is a remembrance for one who hath heard My call and turned to My horizon and spoken My beauteous praise, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard thy call, We make mention of thee and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We created the world for My meeting and the recognition of My Self, but when I came unto them with the standards of signs and the banners of clear proofs, they turned away from Me and opposed Me with manifest injustice. They denied the favor of God and rejected His proof and His evidence, inasmuch as they followed every ignorant remote one. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me and taught me and caused me to know Thee and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the Salsabil of Thy knowledge on a day wherein the servants have risen up to harm Thee and shed Thy most pure and radiant blood. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the waves of the ocean of Thy

utterance to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08222 ===

=== START BH08223 ===

O Haji Nasir! The springtime of divine mercy hath appeared in these days, and the Sun of heavenly bounty hath dawned from the horizon of the prison. Some have attained His presence, while others yearn for it from afar. The fire of separation hath consumed hearts, and the flame of remoteness from the Ancient Beauty hath melted both horizons and souls. O friends! The most tender and sensitive heart hath endured all grievous trials, that perchance some souls might be sanctified from the allusions and veils of all who dwell in the realms of creation and turn toward the All-Merciful. O friend! Behold all things save Him as transient, and hold fast unto the Eternal Beauty. Strive that thou mayest cause a soul to drink from the Salsabil of divine knowledge and lead it to the Most Great Horizon, for this deed is accounted as the king of deeds before the presence of the Almighty. Upon thee be the glory of God.

=== END BH08223 ===

=== START BH08224 ===

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise

O H.S.! This is a day of joy and delight - joy from what? From the wine of divine love. In this luminous morn thou hast indeed drunk thereof through His remembrance and His wondrous Name. Thou hast ever been mentioned, and wilt continue to be mentioned, in the gathering of lovers, and it is observed that throughout all regions thy mention is exalted. Rejoice thou in this word which no possession of kings can equal - to this doth this Truthful, this Faithful One bear witness.

Be not grieved by events. Soar with the wings of detachment in this atmosphere. Verily He will assist thee and aid thee through His power and sovereignty. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Preserve what hath been revealed unto thee at this time, then give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon every steadfast, firm and faithful one.

=== END BH08224 ===

=== START BH08225 ===

Here is the He Who Abideth Forever. Glorified be He Who hath come with the truth and revealed Himself as He pleased, that all may know that He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Neither bounds nor hosts nor the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, can restrain Him. The divines assembled to harm Us, but God seized them with justice - verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. And when their time came and they returned to their abode, there arose after them one named Baqir who committed such oppression as caused the eyes of those who circle round the Throne to weep. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Recording. We have cast him down, and We shall

seize him as We please and return him to a place from which even hell itself will flee. Say: Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth in His dominion as He hath ordained. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Give thanks unto God that the Supreme Pen hath turned toward thee from this luminous station.

=== END BH08225 ===

=== START BH08227 ===

He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, He taketh and giveth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. O Qurban-'Ali! Hear the call from this Lofty Tree raised up in the luminous spot: Verily, there is no God but Him, the Commander, the All-Wise. He hath created creation for His knowledge and ordained for them that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. When thou hearest the call from the Prison of 'Akka, say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear proofs, and for having guided me unto Him Whose advent Thou didst herald in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the pearls of wisdom and utterance which Thou hast caused to appear from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

=== END BH08227 ===

=== START BH08228 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and taught His servants that which profiteth them in the Kingdom. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Countenance while thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, was walking, and He hath answered thee out of His mercy and as a token of His grace. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and put thy trust in Him in Whose hand is the dominion of the heavens and earth, and in Whose grasp lieth […] created by His command "Be, and it is." Beware lest the opposition of the divines or the allusions of any polytheist outcast withhold thee. Consider when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, appeared - the divines turned away from Him and every wicked reprobate opposed Him. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen move that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and arise to serve thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

=== END BH08228 ===

=== START BH08229 ===

He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book in truth and made it a proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily He it is Who speaketh at this moment: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Verily this is the Preserved Tablet and the Hidden Secret and the Concealed Mystery and the Source of Eternity for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice, O people, in the appearance of God and His sovereignty! He hath appeared in truth and come with an evidence that none can deny save those who have disbelieved in God from all eternity. To this testifieth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Say: Verily the Mother Book calleth unto you on the Day of Return, and verily it is this Exile, this Prisoner. Beware lest ye regard the before and after. Rather, look to the days of your Lord, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Generous. Thus hath the Cock of the Throne crowed before the Face with the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08229 ===

=== START BH08230 ===

He Who is Sovereign over all Names

Praised be He Who hath revealed in the Book whatsoever He desired. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath set forth therein all things in detail. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He hath made it the Lamp of Guidance amongst all created things and the Light of Salvation unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath been illumined in this Day and hath turned toward the Station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Woe unto him who hath turned away and hesitated when the Tongue of Eternity proclaimed: Hasten with your hearts, O ye who are endowed with understanding! Be thou stirred by the breezes of thy Lord’s will, the All-Merciful, and speak forth that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Revelation, and act according to what hath been set forth in the Tablets. We have perceived the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee that which bringeth solace to the eyes. Give thanks unto God, then stand firm in the Cause through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08230 ===

=== START BH08231 ===

In His Name, through Whom surged the ocean of divine knowledge!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path, Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Heaven, for verily it will draw you nigh unto the supreme horizon, that station wherein the Divine Lote Tree proclaimeth: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the servant who hath taken the choice sealed Wine through My Self-Subsisting Name and hath drunk through this wise Remembrance. And woe unto them whom veils have withheld from the Lord of Lords - they are assuredly among the perishing ones. Blessed is the heart that hath turned, and the tongue that hath spoken, and the eye that hath beheld this luminous horizon. Even thus have We adorned the horizon of the heaven of the Book with the sun of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed is the servant who hath read and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O

Thou the Beloved of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of them that have recognized Thee!"

=== END BH08231 ===

=== START BH08232 ===

O Karbila'i Muhammad-Baqir, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing! Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed that which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen and concealed throughout all eternity. They who in this Revelation have attained unto the recognition of God are, in all the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets, accounted among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. From those who have turned away, the Concourse on High and they who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn do wholly dissociate themselves. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that whereby the horizon of proof hath been illumined. Render thanks unto God for having made thee recognize this Cause, from which most of the servants remain veiled. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me recognize the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Fountainhead of Thine inspiration, and for having enabled me to attain unto a Book through whose revelation the decree of beginning and end hath been made manifest.

=== END BH08232 ===

=== START BH08233 ===

He is God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest!

Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses with truth, and verily He hath power over all things. The thunder praiseth Him in fear, and the heavens tremble in awe of Him, and the winds are subdued by His command. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Before Him prostrate themselves all who are in the heavens and the earth, and all who are in the kingdoms of Command and Creation. He ordereth what He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth, and taketh away what He pleaseth from whom He pleaseth. Verily He is severe in chastisement and great in bounty. There is no God but Him, and verily He is mighty in power. O servant! Arise and glorify thy Lord in the depths of the oceans of divine knowledge, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Thus doth the Manifestation of God's Self command thee in this Dayspring which hath shone forth from the horizon of this Beauty. And praise be to the Self of the Beloved, the One possessed of power and might.

=== END BH08233 ===

=== START BH08234 ===

The Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them clear evidences for those who have turned toward the Face and said: "We believe in Thee, O Thou around Whom circle the proofs!" We testify that through Thee the proof hath been completed, and the evidence and argument circle at all times around the Glorious One. O Hadi! Hearken unto the call from the Tree which hath been raised up in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious: "Verily, there is none other God

but I, the Almighty, the All-Choosing!" Grieve not at what hath befallen thee. Be content with what God hath pleased and what He hath decreed in the Book. Turn with thy whole being unto God. Beware lest there appear from thee that which beseemeth not thy connection to Our Name through which We have delivered the Cause throughout the lands. Acquire My manners and My characteristics. By My life! Ye are under the gaze of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. It behoveth all to honor and exalt you purely for the sake of God, the Originator of creation. The glory be upon you from the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH08234 ===

=== START BH08235 ===

He is the Helper. The missive of Mulla 'Abdu'r-Razzaq and his sister, upon them be the Glory of God, and Haji 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and the handmaiden of God and the handmaiden of God Rubabih, and the wife of the late Aqa Husayn-Quli, upon him and upon them be the Glory of God, was received by this servant through the beloved of hearts, His Holiness the Trustee, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the year 1304.

Great God! In this glorious Dispensation the treasures laid up by kings and queens are not worthy of mention, nor will they be acceptable in the Presence of God. However, a grain of mustard offered by His loved ones will be extolled in the exalted court of His holiness and invested with the ornament of His acceptance. Immeasurably exalted is His bounty, immeasurably glorified is His majesty. And yet, when an offering was adorned with the glory of His acceptance and reported by Jinab-i-Amin, twice that amount was ordered to be paid out to the poor and the needy. Unto this beareth witness every fair-minded man of insight, and those that are truthful and trustworthy.

=== END BH08235 ===

=== START BH08236 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which dominates all names, and by the Most Great Word through which Thou hast subdued all things, and by the ships of Thy Cause and the seas of Thy knowledge and the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the dayspring of Thy inspiration, to assist Thy servant who hath turned toward Thee, who hath remained steadfast in his love for Thee and gazed toward Thy horizon. Make him then to be known through Thy Name and to arise to serve Thy Cause. He is the one, O my God, who hath clung to the hem of the robe of Thy grace and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for Thy loved ones. Send down then, O my God, upon him from the heaven of Thy generosity a blessing from Thee. Then protect him from every affliction and hardship through Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08236 ===

=== START BH08237 ===

He is the Announcer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glorified art Thou, O my God, the God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I testify that through Thee the ocean of knowledge hath surged within creation, and through Thy name the sun of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy name, the All-Merciful. I beseech Thee by Thy mighty signs and by Thy Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will comfort mine eyes and gladden my heart. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the gate of Thy bounty, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to send down upon Thy Afnan, from the clouds of Thy mercy, that which will raise him up in Thy name amongst Thy servants. Then open before his face the doors of Thy blessings and riches. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Most Great Branch hath appeared at the Most Luminous Horizon, and We have mentioned thee as thou didst mention Him, in such wise as to draw mankind nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The dominion, the kingdom, the might and the power belong to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH08237 ===

=== START BH08238 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by that Name through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils of all created things and burn away the coverings of all beings, and by which the birds of the hearts of the sincere ones soared to the atmosphere of Thy nearness and meeting, and the breasts of them that are nigh unto Thee were set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and yearning, that Thou mayest cause me to be detached from all else save Thee and enable me to attain unto the station wherein I may tear apart the veils that have come between me and the lights of Thy Most Glorious and Most Exalted Countenance. O Thou by Whose command the Supreme Pen moveth upon the tablets of destiny and through Whose will the decree of fate appeareth in the kingdom of creation! I moreover beseech Thee, O my God, that Thou cast me not out, deprived, from the gate of Thy grace, nor exclude me from the outpourings of the clouds of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving. All praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the hearts of the righteous ones!

=== END BH08238 ===

=== START BH08239 ===

O Mother of Muhammad-Mahdi who was martyred in My Most Great, Most Glorious Path! Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth and the dwellers of the cities of creation were struck with terror, to protect Thy male and female servants beneath the shadow of Thy grace and favors, lest their desires prevent them from turning towards the Kaaba of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. Then ordain for each one of them that which befitteth Thy presence in Thy days and beseemeth Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Lord! Have mercy

upon every maidservant who hath turned unto Thee, heard Thy call, and responded to the Manifestation of Thy Self. Then write down for her what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy command and decreest what Thou desirest by Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH08239 ===

=== START BH08240 ===

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I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by that Remembrance of Thee through which all things have been raised to life, and through which all faces have been made to shine, not to frustrate the hopes I have set on the things Thou dost possess. Cause me, then, by Thy mercy, to enter beneath Thy shadow that shadoweth all things.

Be Thou, O my Lord, my sole Desire, my Goal, mine only Hope, my constant Aim, my Habitation and my Sanctuary. Let the object of mine ardent quest be Thy most resplendent, Thine adorable, and ever-blessed Beauty. I implore Thee, O my Lord, by whatsoever is of Thee, to send, from the right hand of Thy might, that which will exalt Thy loved ones and abase Thine enemies.

No God is there beside Thee, Thou alone art my Beloved in this world and in the world which is to come. Thou alone art the desire of all them that have recognized Thee.

Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08240 ===

=== START BH08241 ===

O mother of Dhabi?! In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Wondrous! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the treasuries of Thy knowledge were manifested and the storehouses of Thy Command emerged and the wonders of Thy verses were sent down and Thy beauty appeared and the suns of Thy grace shone forth and the throne of Thy mercy was established amongst Thy creatures, to aid those who have turned toward Thee and detached themselves from all else besides Thee and occupied themselves with Thy remembrance and tasted Thy love. O my God and my Beloved! Thou seest Thy chosen servants in the hands of the wicked ones, and Thou knowest what hath befallen them at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the transgressors among Thy creatures. O Lord! Protect them through Thy generosity and favors, then cause them to enter the fortress of Thy protection. O my God! I am one of Thy maidservants who hath turned toward Thee and drawn nigh unto Thy sanctuary. Disappoint me not, O my Beloved, of what lieth with Thee, and drive me not from the door of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Helper.

=== END BH08241 ===

=== START BH08242 ===

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Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! I implore Thee, by Thy Name which none hath befittingly recognized, and whose import no soul hath fathomed; I beseech Thee, by Him Who is the Fountain-Head of Thy Revelation and the Day-Spring of Thy signs, to make my heart to be a receptacle of Thy love and of remembrance of Thee. Knit it, then, to Thy most great Ocean, that from it may flow out the living waters of Thy wisdom and the crystal streams of Thy glorification and praise.

The limbs of my body testify to Thy unity, and the hair of my head declareth the power of Thy sovereignty and might. I have stood at the door of Thy grace with utter self-effacement and complete abnegation, and clung to the hem of Thy bounty, and fixed mine eyes upon the horizon of Thy gifts.

Do Thou destine for me, O my God, what becometh the greatness of Thy majesty, and assist me, by Thy strengthening grace, so to teach Thy Cause that the dead may speed out of their sepulchers, and rush forth towards Thee, trusting wholly in Thee, and fixing their gaze upon the orient of Thy Cause, and the dawning-place of Thy Revelation.

Thou, verily, art the Most Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08242 ===

=== START BH08243 ===

The Truth! Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the yearning of the hearts of the lovers and the sighs of the hearts of the longing ones, and by Thy Name through which the pavilion of polytheism was destroyed and the canopy of divine unity was raised up, to preserve him who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and hath held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty, and hath turned toward the direction of Thy mercy and Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Ordain for him, by the Pen of Thy Command and Thy decree, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then clothe him in the armor of Thy protection, and preserve him from every disease and hardship and calamity and ailment and pain, that he may aid Thee in Thy dominion and make mention of Thee amidst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Then preserve him, O my God, and those who are with him, both male and female, and send down upon them the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH08243 ===

=== START BH08244 ===

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Glorified be Thy name, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy sovereignty that hath transcended the entire creation, and by Thy Word which was hidden in Thy wisdom and whereby Thou didst create Thy heaven and Thy earth, both to enable us to be steadfast in our love for Thee and in our obedience to Thy pleasure, and to fix our gaze upon Thy face,

and celebrate Thy glory. Empower us, then, O my God, to spread abroad Thy signs among Thy creatures, and to guard Thy Faith in Thy realm. Thou hast ever existed independently of the mention of any of Thy creatures, and wilt remain as Thou hast been for ever and ever.

In Thee I have placed my whole confidence, unto Thee I have turned my face, to the cord of Thy loving providence I have clung, and towards the shadow of Thy mercy I have hastened. Cast me not as one disappointed out of Thy door, O my God, and withhold not from me Thy grace, for Thee alone do I seek. No God is there beside Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of them that have known Thee!

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Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I pray Thee, by Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy names, and the Treasury of Thine inspiration, and the Repository of Thy wisdom, to send upon Thy loved ones that which will enable them to cleave steadfastly to Thy Cause, and to recognize Thy unity, and to acknowledge Thy oneness, and to bear witness to Thy divinity. Raise them up, O my God, to such heights that they will recognize in all things the tokens of the power of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy most august and all-glorious Self.

Thou art He, O my Lord, Who doeth what He willeth, and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Every possessor of power is forlorn before the revelations of Thy might, and every fountain of honor becomes abject when confronted by the manifold evidences of Thy great glory.

I beseech Thee, by Thyself and by whatsoever is of Thee, to grant that I may help Thy Cause and speak of Thy praise, and set my heart on the sanctuary of Thy glory, and detach myself from all that pertaineth not unto Thee. No God is there beside Thee, the God of power, the God of glory and wisdom.

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=== START BH08246 ===

He is the One Who standeth before all faces! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I bear witness to that whereunto the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified before the appearance of Thy creation, that Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Thou hast ever been One, Single, Alone, Self-Subsisting. Thou hast taken unto Thyself neither peer nor partner nor helper, and Thou wilt ever be as Thou hast been from all eternity. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones and Thy branches in that which beseemeth them in Thy days, then write down for them the reward of those who have circled round Thy Will and quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest how the wolves have seized Thy sheep, through whom the rain of Thy mercy hath poured forth from the clouds of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to assist Thy party through the hosts of

the seen and the unseen. Verily Thou art God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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O Lord my God! Thou art He Who hath attracted the hearts of Thy servants and handmaidens through the wondrous melodies and strains of Thy songs, and then left them in the wilderness of separation through what was ordained by the Pen of Thy decree. Thou hast made them drink from the fountain of Thy love and made them to be among those who are kept far from the paradise of Thy presence and are forbidden from entering the sanctuary of Thy nearness and meeting with Thee. I testify, O my God, that whatsoever descendeth from Thee and shineth forth from the horizon of Thy Command and Will is best for Thy servants and creatures. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who causeth the winds to blow and cleaveth the dawn, to make me one who is assisted to remember Thee amongst Thy creation and enabled to praise Thee in Thy lands. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing can frustrate and the Sovereign Whom no decree can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou pleaseth through Thy Will. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

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The All-Glorious, the Most High, the Most Splendid

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me in the hands of those who have denied Thy mighty signs, who have turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy most excellent names, and who have opposed Him through Whom Thou didst create earth and heaven. By Thy glory, O my God! Were I not to look upon Thy name, the All-Merciful, I would speak a word that would cause the heavens of existence to be rent asunder. But how can this be after I witness the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and favors, and the breezes of the winds of Thy grace and bounties? O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which none hath known save Thine own Self, the All-Knowing, to raise up through Thy sovereignty one who will arise to aid Thy Cause, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest Thy dominion amongst Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest the weakness of Thy loved ones, even after they have acknowledged that Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. Therefore reveal unto them from the horizon of power that which will assure their hearts and attract the minds of them that have recognized Thee.

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=== START BH08249 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the land of exile and their abasement among the people, though the abasement of Thy loved ones in Thy path is glory unto them. Nevertheless I beseech Thee, O my God, by the sovereignty of the Names through which Thou hast adorned earth and

heaven, to send down upon Thy male and female servants that which will make them signs of Thy glory amongst Thy creation and evidences of Thy power amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Hearts have been inflamed with hatred of Thee, and every soul hath risen up against Thy loved ones. The matter hath grown so grave that the people show no mercy to young or old, and whenever they hear anyone make mention of Thee, they rise up against him. I beseech Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear signs, to purify the earth from these reprobates. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Choosing. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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=== START BH08250 ===

He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one of Thy Afnan circling round Thy will and turning unto Thee when most of Thy servants have turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all created things, to transform his sorrow into supreme joy and his loss into greatest gain. Thou beholdest him, O my God, clinging fast unto Thee in the earliest of Thy days and serving Thy Cause before the creation of Thy creatures. I implore Thee to make manifest his station amongst Thy servants and his remembrance amidst the mentions of Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest through Thy binding and wise command. Light and glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from this cup, whereof whosoever drinketh will turn and arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

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=== START BH08251 ===

O my God! Thou seest how the Wronged One is imprisoned in the most ruined of lands because He summoned the servants unto Thee and commanded them to pure piety in Thy days, and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy glory and to turn to the court of Thy grace. And for this there befell Him that which hath not befallen anyone in Thy realm. Thus dost Thou behold Him, O my Lord, the Chosen One, among the wicked ones from among the enemies of Thy Self. The matter hath become so grievous for Him that the gate of meeting with Thee hath been shut and the Face hath been veiled according to what was ordained in Thy tablets. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Sender of winds, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Then assist her who hath believed in Thee and turned toward Thy direction to attain Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Lord of the worlds and the Ultimate Goal of them that know.

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O Lord my God! Thou seest that one of Thy maidservants hath turned unto the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy loving-kindness, and hath acknowledged Thy unity and confessed Thy oneness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to ordain for her that which

Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the sanctuary of Thy presence and are blessed by gazing upon Thy beauty. O Lord! Decree for her that which shall gladden her eyes, then shelter her within the pavilion of Thy protection and the tabernacle of Thy safekeeping. Verily, Thou art the Generous One, possessed of the Most Great Name. Look upon her with the eyes of Thy mercy and illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, in such wise that nothing shall prevent her from turning toward the court of Thy bounties. O Lord! Since she hath laid hold on the cord of Thy grace, do not, through Thy bounty, deprive her. Deal with her according to that which befitteth Thy majesty and beneficence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

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=== START BH08254 ===

In His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy servants in the hands of those who have forgotten Thy remembrance and have removed themselves from the shore of Thy nearness, and Thou hearest the sighing of Thy loved ones in Thy lands and the cry of Thy chosen ones in Thy realms. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast gained ascendancy over all else, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will purify Thy servants from the dross of self and passion, that all may turn toward the direction of Thy favors and face the Dayspring of Thy signs. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to recognize Thy Self and that which Thou hast willed through Thy power and sovereignty. Then enable them to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou hast willed and will ever be even as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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Magnified be Thy name, O Lord my God! I know not what the water is with which Thou hast created me, or what the fire Thou hast kindled within me, or the clay wherewith Thou hast kneaded me. The restlessness of every sea hath been stilled, but not the restlessness of this Ocean which moveth at the bidding of the winds of Thy will. The flame of every fire hath been extinguished except the Flame which the hands of Thine omnipotence have kindled, and whose radiance Thou hast, by the power of Thy name, shed abroad before all that are in Thy heaven and all that are on Thy earth. As the tribulations deepen, it waxeth hotter and hotter.

Behold, then, O my God, how Thy Light hath been compassed with the onrushing winds of Thy decree, how the tempests that blow and beat upon it from every side have added to its brightness and increased its splendor. For all this let Thee be praised.

I implore Thee, by Thy Most Great Name, and Thy most ancient sovereignty, to look upon Thy loved ones whose hearts have been sorely shaken by reason of the troubles that have touched Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH08256 ===

In the name of Mirza Ja'far He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Glory be to Thee, O my God! This is a day among the days of Thy Ridvan wherein one of Thy servants invited the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy sovereignty, and adorned a place among the places of the prison for Thy Most Glorious Beauty. O God of earth and heaven! How wonderful was that hour wherein the Dayspring of Thy Self-Subsistence went forth from His dwelling, turning toward another place in the prison. I beseech Thee, O King of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to ordain for Thy loved ones who have been prevented from entering the precincts of Thy mercy and from attaining the presence of the throne of Thy grandeur, the reward of those who have attained Thy presence and beheld Thy Beauty. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighs in their separation from Thee and their cries in their remoteness from Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for them every good thing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God, my Master! Thou hearest the sighing of those who, though they long to behold Thy face, are yet separated from Thee and far distant from Thy court. Thou testifiest to the lamentations which those who have recognized Thee pour forth because of their exile from Thee and their yearning to meet Thee. I beseech Thee by those hearts which contain naught except the treasures of Thy remembrance and praise, and which show forth only the testimonies of Thy greatness and the evidences of Thy might, to bestow on Thy servants who desire Thee power to approach the seat of the revelation of the splendor of Thy glory and to assist them whose hopes are set on Thee to enter into the tabernacle of Thy transcendent favor and mercy.

Naked am I, O my God! Clothe me with the robe of Thy tender mercies. I am sore athirst; give me to drink of the oceans of Thy bountiful favor. I am a stranger; draw me nearer unto the source of Thy gifts. I am sick; sprinkle upon me the healing waters of Thy grace. I am a captive; rid me of my bondage, by the power of Thy might and through the force of Thy will, that I may soar on the wings of detachment towards the loftiest summits of Thy creation. Thou, verily, doest what Thou choosest. There is no God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the Unconstrained.

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=== START BH08258 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! O Thou Who hast, in Thy days, revealed what lay hidden in the breasts of the treacherous among Thy servants and the calumniators among Thy creatures! Thou hast spoken a word whereby Thou hast distinguished between those of the right hand and those of the left. I testify that Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. I beseech Thee, O Thou through the attraction of Whose verses the sincere hastened to the place of sacrifice and they who are nigh rushed to the assistance of Thy Cause when the clamor was raised - I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the nations trembled, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and in Thy love. Then send down, O my God, upon him who hath turned toward the lights of Thy countenance and followed Thy practice which existed aforetime, the rain of Thy bounty and generosity from the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Loving.

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=== START BH08259 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all names and by Whose will all things are moved! I beseech Thee by Thy Word through which Thou didst quicken Thy servants and illumine Thy lands, and by which the gate of utterance was opened unto all who are in the realm of creation, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them unto Thee and preserve them from all else besides Thee - those who consumed the bounty and denied it, who attained unto the heavenly table and rejected it. O Lord! Thou seest how the wayward have encompassed Thy chosen ones from among Thy pure ones and have risen against them with an oppression at which the dwellers of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion have lamented. I beseech Thee by the Daysprings of Thy verses and the Sources of Thy commandments and laws to make the deeds of those who have turned unto Thee adorned with the ornament of Thy acceptance, and ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come through Thy will and purpose. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of God, the One Who has power over whatsoever He pleaseth! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how I have been imprisoned in this city wherein none dwelleth save its inhabitants, and which is the most hideous and ruined of all the cities of the world. The heedless ones have prevented us from leaving it and have shut all doors before our faces. By Thy glory! I am not dismayed by this, for I have accepted all tribulations in Thy love and have chosen all ordeals in Thy path. But what perplexes me is certain of Thy decrees and ordinances - how Thou hast unsealed the musk-vessel among those who know

not its fragrance but rather flee from it. I bear witness, O my God, that in every one of Thy deeds there is wisdom upon wisdom, and mystery upon mystery, which Thou revealest in its time and manifesteth in its season. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to withhold from those who love Thee this musk whose sweet scents have been wafted abroad. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

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The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy chosen servants in the hands of the wicked ones who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Thou in Whose hands is the kingdom of names! Thou hearest, O my God, the cry of them that cry out in their separation from Thee, and the lamentation of them that yearn for Thee in Thy lands. Such is the extent of oppression that whenever anyone seeketh Thy presence, he is prevented from attaining unto the court of Thy mighty oneness, and whenever a soul turneth toward Thee, he is cast out by the idolaters who have denied the Manifestation of Thy Self. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to send down upon them that which will gladden their hearts and give peace to their beings. Thou knowest that the fire of separation cannot be quenched save by the waters of Thy reunion and presence, and their agitation cannot be stilled except by beholding Thy beauty. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty established upon the throne to open before their faces, through Thy power, the gates of Thy presence, then cause them to enter before Thy countenance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

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Lauded be Thy name, O my God! Thou beholdest how the tempestuous winds of tests have caused the steadfast in faith to tremble, and how the breath of trials hath stirred up those whose hearts had been firmly established, except such as have partaken of the Wine that is life indeed from the hands of the Manifestation of Thy name, the Most Merciful. These are the ones whom no word except Thy most exalted word can move, whom nothing whatever save the sweet smelling fragrance of the robe of Thy remembrance can enrapture, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all names and the Maker of earth and heaven!

I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the beloved Companion of Baha, by Thy name, the All-Glorious, to keep safe these Thy servants under the shadow of the wings of Thine all-encompassing mercy, that the darts of the evil suggestions of the wicked doers among Thy creatures, who have disbelieved in Thy signs, may be kept back from them. No one on earth, O my Lord, can withstand Thy power, and none in all the kingdom of Thy names is able to frustrate Thy purpose. Show forth, then, the power of Thy sovereignty and of Thy dominion, and teach Thy loved ones what beseemeth them in Thy days.

Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

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Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou hearest Thine ardent lovers lamenting in their separation from Thee, and such as have recognized Thee wailing because of their remoteness from Thy presence. Open Thou outwardly to their faces, O my Lord, the gates of Thy grace, that they may enter them by Thy leave and in conformity with Thy will, and may stand before the throne of Thy majesty, and catch the accents of Thy voice, and be illumined with the splendors of the light of Thy face.

Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. None can withstand the power of Thy sovereign might. From everlasting Thou wert alone, with none to equal Thee, and wilt unto everlasting remain far above all thought and every description of Thee. Have mercy, then, upon Thy servants by Thy grace and bounty, and suffer them not to be kept back from the shores of the ocean of Thy nearness. If Thou abandonest them, who is there to befriend them; and if Thou puttest them far from Thee, who is he that can favor them? They have none other Lord beside Thee, none to adore except Thyself. Deal Thou generously with them by Thy bountiful grace.

Thou, in truth, art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

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Praised be Thou, O my God! This servant of Thine testifieth that naught else except Thee can ever express Thee, nor canst Thou be described by any one save Thyself. The thoughts of them that have recognized Thy reality, however much they may ascend towards the heaven of Thy praise, can never hope to pass beyond the bounds which, by Thy behest and decree, have been fixed within their own hearts. How can the creature who is as nothing comprehend Him Who is the Ancient of Days, or succeed in describing the full measure of His sovereignty, His glory, and His grandeur? Nay, and to this Thou Thyself dost witness, O Thou Who art the Governor of nations! Every created thing hath recognized its own impotence, and the power of Thy might, and hath confessed its own abasement and Thy great glory.

I beseech Thee by Thy Lastness which is the same as Thy Firstness, and by Thy Revelation which is identical with Thy Concealment, to grant that they who are dear to Thee, and their children, and their kindred, may become the revealers of Thy purity amidst Thy creatures, and the manifestations of Thy sanctity amongst Thy servants.

Thou art, verily, powerful to do Thy pleasure. Thou art, in truth, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast chosen for the Manifestation of Thyself, and whom Thou hast kindled with the fire of Thy love, and whom Thou hast caused to know the path of Thy good-pleasure, and whose name Thou hast inscribed in the Tablet of Thy decree. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast distinguished between all things created between earth and heaven, that Thou preserve him in this world from turning to any but Thee, and in the world to come cause him to dwell nigh unto Thy mercy. Then send down upon him at all times goodness from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence. Illumine his face, O my God, with the lights of Thy countenance, and make him one who remembers Thee amongst Thy creatures and extols Thy Being amidst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and the Ordainer of all who are in earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Everlasting, the Powerful, the Most High, the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the heavens and earths.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! Glory be to Thee, O my God! This, Thy servant, beareth witness to the richness of Thy Being and the poverty of Thy servants, and to the greatness of Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who causeth the rivers to flow and sendeth forth the winds, by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the gates of bounty before the faces of all peoples, to aid him who hath turned toward Thee and hath voiced Thy praise on a day wherein most of Thy creatures have turned away from Thee. Then write down for him, O God of the worlds, that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir and the leaf his wife, upon them both be the Glory of God, together with nineteen (19) tumans through his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, reached the servant in the year 1305.

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In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Overseer of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the gates of hearts were opened and by Whose Finger of might the veils of souls were rent asunder! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet Call whereby the Kingdom of creation and the realities of names were attracted, to send down from Thy Most Exalted Pen upon the people of Baha that which will preserve them from the promptings of self and passion and draw them nigh unto the Most Glorious Horizon. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones turning unto Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. Ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away what is with the world in Thy days and soared on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of Thy love and nearness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The sum of fifteen tumans was received by this servant through His Holiness Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, in the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1299.

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O honored Seyyed Muhammad, who hath attained! He is sanctified from the knowledge of aught else save Him. The Sun of Divine Knowledge from the horizon of the Pen of the All-Merciful was in truth witnessed. The eye of whoso turned unto it was solaced and attained unto its lights on a Day which was mentioned in the Book by the name of God. Verily He appeared in truth and spoke that which guideth the servants unto the Kawthar that was inscribed in the Tablet. We have remembered the servants and summoned them unto God. Among them are those who turned away and disbelieved, and among them are those who took God as their guardian. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this Book hath been sent down unto thee, which was revealed from the direction of the Throne. When thou attainest unto it say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to turn toward a station which was in truth praiseworthy.” Thus have We remembered thee and caused thee to hear as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord doth encompass all the worlds.

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In the Name of the Educator of the World! We have heard thy call and hearkened unto the lamentation of thy heart in separation from the Best-Beloved of all worlds. All creation hath been brought into being for the knowledge of the Ancient King. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most exalted station. O thou who seekest reunion with the peerless Beloved! The people of error, He saith, have become a barrier between God and His creatures. The transgressions of the aggressors and the oppression of the tyrannical have held back the servants from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Grieve thou not at this, for He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. And He recordeth for the sincere ones the reward of those who have attained His presence. He, verily, is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing. It behooveth every soul to acknowledge that which thou hast acknowledged in thy letter. We have forgiven thee, delivered thee, and made thee to be of those who remember. Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down unto thee from My Most Exalted Pen, and be thou of the thankful ones.

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He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon

The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning and devotion to God, the Lord of all beings. This is a testimony that walketh before thy face like the sun in all the worlds of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Be thou trusting in Him, confident in His grace, and holding fast to the cord of His Name, the Powerful. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. By the life of God, it hath been and is pure good. Soon shall appear that which is hidden from sight. What behooveth thee is steadfastness in the Cause.

What behooveth God is compassion and grace and glory and exaltation. We counsel thee to be steadfast, for He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Should a malicious one bring thee news, leave it behind thee, as bidden by God, the Exalted, the Great. May the glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those with thee who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Tablet of Mirza Ayat, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Speaker in the Prison. The Book beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. The heaven hath testified that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. And every thing beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Mighty, the Great. Every leaf and stone and clod hath testified to the appearance of God and His sovereignty, yet the people deny and perceive not. The fragrance of the Beloved hath wafted throughout the world, yet the people detect it not. The mysteries have been revealed and the signs have appeared, yet the servants understand not. The earth hath been illumined by the lights of the Face and the heaven hath been adorned with the stars of wisdom and utterance, yet the people behold not. Thus hath the Sun of Knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of thy Lord, the Merciful. When thou hast understood and attained, shun the wicked and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!

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He is the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I bear witness that verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Munificent, the Generous. Glorified be He Who hath sent down whatsoever He willeth, and verily He is the Ancient Revealer. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth as He desireth. He is indeed the All-Wise, the All-Seeing. Blessed is he who hath recognized My path, and blessed is he who hath acted according to that which was ordained by the All-Wise. We have commanded all to follow that which the All-Wise hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Among the people are those who have turned away and those who have turned towards Him, and he who hath turned and attained hath verily become one of those drawn nigh. We make mention of every one who maketh mention of Us, and We behold every beholder, and We answer every seeker who turneth unto Us. The glory of God rest upon those who have sought the Ultimate Goal and have turned towards the horizon which hath been illumined by His shining countenance.

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=== START BH08275 ===

O handmaid of God, upon whom Baha'u'llah hath showered His blessings, in My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Behold, O my God, Thy handmaid who hath turned toward the horizon whence hath shone the Sun of Thy

favors, and who hath desired to circumambulate the Kaaba of Thy manifestation. O Lord! Deprive her not, through Thy bounty, and disappoint not her hopes, through Thy grace. Ordain for her, O Thou Who art the Ruler of all names, from the Supreme Pen that which will gladden her heart. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate from the ocean of Thy will, nor can any matter distance Thee from the heaven of Thy purpose. Thou hast ever been the Sovereign of all names and their Ruler, and Thou wilt ever continue to be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. All things have testified to Thy power and might, and every possessor of a tongue to Thy greatness and sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Hope of the worlds, to forgive me and have mercy upon me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08275 ===

=== START BH08276 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He guideth and withholdeth, giveth and taketh away, causeth to die and quickeneth to life, and He is the Ever-Living, the Manifest, the Articulate, established upon the throne. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Aid Thou Mahdi, who hath emigrated from his homeland out of love for meeting Thee and standing before Thy gate. O Lord! Ordain for him what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book for those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

9 He is the Helper

The letter of Aqa Mirza Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God […] was received by the servant in Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1308 [A portion of the receipt which is marked with […] in the text of the Tablet has been erased in the original copy of the blessed Tablet]

=== END BH08276 ===

=== START BH08277 ===

?, O son of Jinab-i-Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Promised One mentioned in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed be the countenance that hath turned toward My countenance, and the eye that hath beheld My most exalted horizon, and the ear that hath heard My most sweet call, and the tongue that hath confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered - the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen. Be thou thankful that We have remembered thee time and again. Then remain steadfast in the Cause through this Name before which all created things have bowed down in submission. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the Truth or the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. We send from this spot Our glorification upon thee and upon My

loved ones in that place who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH08277 ===

=== START BH08278 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the One promised in the books of the past. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide them that have turned away. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who was present. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Take hold of the Tablet with a strength from Us and a power from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Wise. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee or prevent thee from Him Who speaketh the truth in the Most Great Prison. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great. Place thy trust in God in all matters. He is with those who have turned toward Him with radiant faces and who have answered when the Call was raised on a Day whereon the hearts of the learned were troubled, save whom God wished, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful.

=== END BH08278 ===

=== START BH08279 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come upon the clouds is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God! Thy letter was received and through the intermediary of him who is present it attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. A hundred thousand blessings upon the one who hath in this Day arisen with supreme steadfastness to make mention and sing the praises of the Lord of all beings, and hath remembered the Wronged One of the horizons in the Most Great Prison. All matters have been and shall be held within the claws of extinction, save that which appeareth for the sake of God and is adorned with the ornament of His acceptance. Say: O people of the earth! Strive ye that ye may attain unto this most exalted station. The Supreme Pen doth make mention of the friends at morn and eventide, and doth summon them unto that which will draw them nigh unto God. Blessed is the soul that hath heard and turned unto Him and responded. Woe unto every heedless one who doubteth.

=== END BH08279 ===

=== START BH08280 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God testifies that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who has appeared is the Beloved of the world and summons all peoples unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Whoso turns to Him has attained unto the Day of God and His presence, and whoso turns away is accounted among the deprived ones. Blessed is the mighty one whom vain imaginings have not withheld from his Lord, the All-Knowing, and who has turned to the Face with an illumined heart. We make mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful at all times, and send down upon them in every moment that which causes the hearts of them that have recognized Him to soar. Joy be to him who has adorned himself with the ornament of steadfastness in this momentous Cause. The Kawthar and Salsabil have flowed, and the Path has appeared through this Name that holds sway over all the worlds. Thus has the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, that thou mayest turn toward it with thy heart. This is of His grace upon thee - render thanks and be of them that praise.

=== END BH08280 ===

=== START BH08281 ===

He is the Rememberer, the Observer, the All-Informed

To Mir Hashim

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is verily the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His favors. The conditions of earth do not prevent Him, nor do the allusions of creation veil Him. He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Speaker in the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised One. Give thanks unto God that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and remembereth thee with that which God hath made a light unto the world, a lamp unto the nations, and a flowing spring unto every thirsty one who is endowed with insight. Praise God for this bounty, with which nothing on earth can compare. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon the people of Baha who were not prevented by all things from this Remembrance, before which, when it appeared, every wise remembrance bowed down in submission.

=== END BH08281 ===

=== START BH08282 ===

O son of Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the Mother of the Book in the Kingdom of Command, and the Mother of the Bayan in the Heaven of Eternity, and the Temple of Pre-existence in this Perspicuous Name. Whoso hesitates concerning Him for less than what can be counted hath followed vain desire and turned away from the Lord of all mankind. To this doth testify this Faithful Pen. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the ocean of God's mercy and faced His luminous horizon. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back. Leave the world behind thee and arise to serve thy Lord, the Ancient One, Who remembereth the loved ones of God in His Most Great Prison and calleth them to the sublime station. Read thou the verses of God by night and by day. By My life, they draw the sincere ones unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08282 ===

=== START BH08283 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all names! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Wronged One amidst the world and the One who is grief-stricken by that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. By God! The clouds have wept for My grief and the heaven for this great anguish. The brilliant stars have vanished from the land of Sad, whereby hearts have melted and the eyes of the sincere ones have wept. The people have denied the bounty of God and His sovereignty, to the extent that they committed that which caused the Faithful Spirit to cry out. When thou attainest unto this Tablet of the Wronged One, render thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee this Clear Book and enabled thee to recognize the Dayspring of His Cause in days wherein darkness hath encompassed all created things save those whom God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. Be thou steadfast in My Cause, speaking My praise, turning thy face toward My luminous horizon.

=== END BH08283 ===

=== START BH08284 ===

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that the Point of the Bayan is His servant and His splendor, and that the guides of the Living One are the Letters of His Self, and all are created by His command. O Abraham! The Wronged One loveth him who hath loved Him, and desireth him who hath desired Him; nay, He loveth the world by virtue of its connection to the word that must be obeyed. However, the people of idle fancy have come between Me and those who desired to attain the presence and meeting. They speak according to their vain imaginings that which the ancients never uttered, and thus hath appeared the decree of prohibition. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and approveth, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to write down for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit thee. Verily He knoweth what is with Us while We know not what is with Him, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We send greetings from this station upon thee and upon God's righteous and sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08284 ===

=== START BH08285 ===

In the Kaf: Verily He is living in this Most Glorious Horizon. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that this is indeed 'Ali in the Most Glorious Horizon, then Muhammad in the heaven of grandeur, then the Spirit in the heaven of destiny, then He Who conversed with God in the cities of names, then the Friend in the Supreme Concourse, then Husayn in the fields of origination, then the Wronged One before God, the King, the Mighty, the Great, the All-High. And thou, O servant, bear witness to that which hath flowed from the tongue of God. By God! Whoso attaineth unto this testimony, God shall raise him up on the Day of Resurrection with a mighty sovereignty and shall make him to sit with the Prophets and Messengers, and shall send down upon him at every moment a mercy that no

created thing between the heavens and the earths can equal. We beseech God to enable thee to accomplish that which thou hast been commanded. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH08285 ===

=== START BH08286 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that verily He is He and there is none other God but Him. And He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Ocean of My Will and the Heaven of My Purpose and the Rain of My Grace and the Sun of My Loving-kindness and the Repository of My Revelation and the Dayspring of My Inspiration and the Dawning-Place of My Cause and the Treasury of My Knowledge and the Source of My Salsabil and the Fountain of My Kawthar. Whoso hath known Him hath known Me and whoso hath denied Him hath denied Me from time immemorial. To this beareth witness My Messengers and My Chosen Ones whom We sent to give glad tidings unto My servants of this Day wherein the Trumpet hath sounded and the Bugle hath been blown and the Cock hath crowed and the Dove hath cooed that there is none other God but Him, the Manifest, the Commanding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath indeed reached this Most Great Prison and We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book. Take it with strength from Our presence, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08286 ===

=== START BH08287 ===

He is the Eternal

God hath testified to the fact that I am indeed one that hath believed in He at Whose Remembrance those who are nigh unto God quaffed the choice wine of eternal life. So too such of the sincere ones as were not diverted from comprehending Him be they in the heavens or on the earth; save that is, such as thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise hath willed.

O Diya'! Be patient in tribulation and content with thine affairs. Be certain about the True One and hasten towards the good [the Good] (al-khayr). Be humble before God and conceal the shortcomings of the people. Be inclined away from base passion and one that speedeth towards the True One (Al-haqq)! Before the servants of God be a cloud of bounty. Be compassionate towards the wayward and forgiving nigh the sinful! Be upright in the covenant and tread the straight Path of the Cause of God.

Wherefore doth this Wronged One counsel thee unto the fear of God. He directeth thee unto trustworthiness and sincerity. Be characterized by this twain; embrace these two qualities. Blesssed be thou and whomsoever loveth thee for the sake of God. But woe betide such as are hateful of thee and causeth thee to turn aside from that unto which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God.

=== END BH08287 ===

=== START BH08288 ===

In the Name of Him Who giveth life to all creation!

God hath, of His own Self, borne witness unto His own Self, ere the creation of His heaven and His earth, that there is none other God but Him. He Who hath appeared is verily the Manifestation of the Hour, and through Him the Cry hath been raised, creation hath been shaken, the Resurrection hath come to pass. He is, in truth, the Dawning-Place of divine revelation, the Dayspring of inspiration, the Quickener of bones, and with Him lieth the final word. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the heaven of His grace, the ocean of His knowledge, the sun of His beauty, and the moon of His grandeur. He maketh mention of the people of Baha in the Concourse on High, and of the companions of guidance in the Kingdom of Names. The tongue of My grandeur hath testified to that which hath been sent down in this wondrous Tablet. As for him who hath turned away, he hath not answered My call in the days of My manifestation, nor hath he turned his face toward My countenance in any age, and he shall be mentioned as the rebellious one in the presence of God, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08288 ===

=== START BH08289 ===

In the Name of the Most Ancient One! The Wronged One testifieth that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Verily He speaketh amidst the world and summoneth the peoples unto God, the Lord of existence. We have indeed made clear Our proofs and sent down Our verses, yet the people understand not. He who hath found and recognized My utterance, nothing whatsoever shall deter him from God, even should all the peoples of the world assail him with arrows and swords. Say: O people! Shun grievous sins and hold fast unto what is right. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel you from this well-known station. All good is unto him who acteth in accordance with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, is exalted. When thou art carried away by the fragrance of utterance, turn thy face toward the All-Merciful and say: O my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and detached from all else but Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

=== END BH08289 ===

=== START BH08290 ===

In My Name, through which the horizons have been illumined! All things have testified to the Lord of Names, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in the Kingdom of Utterance, yet most people are heedless. O My Afnan! The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned unto God, the Creator of the heavens, and hast testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified - that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in My mention and My testimony. By the life of God! Nothing in the world can equal these two. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. From the Most Exalted Horizon He verily heareth and seeth your condition. Give thanks unto God and place your trust in Him in all matters. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in the Most Great Prison. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hold fast unto the path of God that hath been stretched forth.

=== END BH08290 ===

=== START BH08292 ===

He is God, the Most High

The seekers are in Haifa and the Sought One is in Akka. Glory be to your Lord, the Most High! The root of the Tree is in Akka and its branch is in Haifa. Glory be to your Lord, the Most High! We send greetings to the travelers in the realms of the All-Merciful and the leaves of the Tree of Glory. God willing, may they be engaged in the remembrance of the Friend with utmost joy and expansion, with spirit and delight, and be happy and content in His remembrance. May Zia'u'llah and Badi'u'llah act according to what God has willed and be sanctified, detached and purified from childish behavior. Convey greetings to all, young and old, female and male. May Majd and Abdi be occupied with reading books and writing. The Glory be upon you.

That which is befitting is not present in Our presence to be sent. Be grateful without having partaken, and render praise without having seen. In this station, intention is what counts, for He is the best of those who intend.

=== END BH08292 ===

=== START BH08293 ===

In the Name of the One Peerless God! The Beauty of Hijaz addresses His handmaidens in the Persian tongue, that they may become intoxicated with the Kawthar of divine remembrance and arise to make mention of the Friend. Though He hath ever been and will forever remain sanctified from all directions, and though He hath attributed Himself to the Hijaz, or to Iraq, or other places, this is but in consideration of the understanding of created things within the bounds of contingent being; else He is and hath ever been the Creator of all and sanctified above all. O handmaiden of God! May you be, God willing, gladdened and made joyous through the fragrances of the Days of God and the gentle breezes of His favors, and may you walk in the pleasant atmosphere of trust and assurance, of devotion and certitude. Thy mention was made at the Divine Throne, and thus hast thou been blessed with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God in all conditions.

=== END BH08293 ===

=== START BH08295 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Blessed are they who in the Day of His Manifestation have attained unto the Word of God. All that is treasured in the coffers of kings and rulers cannot be compared with a single word from the divine utterances, for worldly ornaments, adornments and riches are transient and will return to nothingness, while that which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen endureth throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Know thou the station of the Divine Tablet and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee to make

me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy religion, and immovable in Thy love. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08295 ===

=== START BH08296 ===

O handmaid of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. Blessed is the nation that has heard the call of God and turned to Him - verily it is among the people of Paradise in the clear Book. The world has been honored by the call of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. How many learned ones have turned away from God, how many heroes have opposed Him, and how many veiled ones have believed in the One, the All-Informed! Verily all bounty is in the grasp of thy Lord's power - to this testifies every insightful mystic. Ask thy Lord to grant thee the pure wine of steadfastness. By My life, it is among the greatest of deeds in My Preserved Tablet. Be thankful that thou hast been mentioned before the Countenance and hast attained this glorious Tablet. He sendeth down what He willeth to whom He willeth - there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance - verily He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08296 ===

=== START BH08297 ===

O Ustad Rida the Carpenter, upon him be the Glory of God - Request for prayer

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Blessed art thou, O Rida, for thou hast held fast to thy craft. The craft of carpentry hath been practiced by those nigh unto God and His Messengers. Today the craftsman of a praiseworthy craft is loved in the sight of God and attaineth unto the glory of acceptance. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and there was revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the soul that is engaged in a craft or profession. By the life of God! The practitioners of crafts have been and continue to be remembered before His countenance. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me when I was among the heedless. I beseech Thee by Thy Fig which was raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise, and by the Olive Tree which stood tall before the crimson chambers, and by Thy binding command which subdued the world, to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08297 ===

=== START BH08298 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious! Blessed is he who hath believed in God and soared in the atmosphere of His good-pleasure and drunk from the cup of His eternity and heard His call with his inner and outer ear and turned wholly unto Him and turned away from all else and was illumined

by His lights and stood firm in His love and spoke in His remembrance and was enkindled with the fire of His love and arose to serve His Cause amidst His servants and whom tribulations did not prevent from His path nor calamities from His good-pleasure. By God! He shall be present in My presence and shall circle round My majesty and shall soar with My Self in the atmosphere of My heavenly dominion and might and the cities of My grandeur and power. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in this Fortress which hath been built of solid rock. Verily thy Lord is the Doer of what He willeth, and He is, verily, powerful over all things. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08298 ===

=== START BH08299 ===

In accordance with your request, in the name of the All-Knowing God: The servants and handmaidens of the earth were brought from nothingness into being for the purpose of serving the Cause after recognizing the Sacred Being, and with lamentation and wailing they beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for attainment to the presence of the Day of Manifestation. Yet when the luminous horizon appeared and the divine Gate was opened, all turned away. Reflect upon this matter: Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who was the most learned of Iran's divines, was deprived of recognition of the Dawning Place of the verses of God, exalted be His glory, while the handmaidens of God - who were mentioned in no gathering and were considered by the heedless to be without station or rank - through God's grace attained the light of recognition and reposed upon the throne of certitude. Give thanks to thy Lord for this great bounty, O my handmaiden! Be not heedless of this station, and preserve it through the Name of the Lord of all beings.

=== END BH08299 ===

=== START BH08301 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

The fragrance of the All-Merciful's garment is wafting, and the spring rain of divine grace is flowing and spreading. O friends! Strive with all your hearts that perchance ye may drink this heavenly Kawthar from the hand of divine favors, for it hath ever been and shall remain the quickener of hearts and the gladdener of souls. Whosoever attaineth unto it and drinketh a draught thereof is numbered among the people of eternity in the Kingdom of Names, and whosoever remaineth deprived thereof is accounted among the dead. Blessed is the soul that hath cleansed and freed itself from its own idle fancies and vain imaginings and hath turned toward the realm of certitude and the manifest horizon. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou hast attained to this supreme honor. Now must thou strive to remain steadfast upon the path of His Cause and to be free and detached from all else.

=== END BH08301 ===

=== START BH08302 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds!

The fragrance of the garment of Revelation hath perfumed the world, yet most of the people are afflicted with such a cold that they remain deprived of inhaling its sweet-scenting aroma. How many among men arose to oppose and contend at the time of the dawning of the Sun of Beauty, and were thus forbidden from the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and the clouds of the All-Glorious One's bounty. And certain handmaidens attained unto the recognition of the Lord of Names and fixed their gaze upon the most exalted horizon. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that the mention of these handmaidens in the divine Tablets […] and shall endure forever, while those men shall become lost and perish and shall return to the lowest depths of the fire. Bounty and grace have ever been within God's mighty grasp - He bestoweth them upon whomsoever He willeth. Rejoice thou in the Tablet of thy Lord and glorify the praise of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08302 ===

=== START BH08303 ===

In the Name of Him at Whose fear the thunder trembleth! Know thou that the heedless drove Us from the land of mystery, seeking thereby to extinguish God's light amidst all else. But God frustrateth what they desire, and the Youth hath gone forth with such radiance as hath illumined all lands, such that no city among the cities of all peoples remaineth wherein the traces of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, have not been diffused. Can anyone extinguish what the hand of thy Lord's power hath kindled? No, by His very Self, the Truth! Soon shalt thou find the lights of the sun therein. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord. Soon shalt thou find thy reward from the Rewarder, the All-Wise. Grieve not for what hath befallen Us, though afflictions assail Us in their fullness and intensity, and We find Ourselves in evident constraint. Yet We find Our soul in such joy as cannot be equaled by the gladness of all the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08303 ===

=== START BH08304 ===

He is the Mighty One! Glorified be He Who hath ordained for His servant such tribulations as none in all the worlds hath been decreed. He hath passed judgment upon Us as hath not been passed in the empire of the highest heavens. Twenty years have elapsed, and We have not found a moment of security. Each day renewed tribulations have descended upon Us, and thou thyself art witness to what I say. Each time I raised my head from my bed in the morning, I beheld a fresh calamity, as though it had lain in wait through the night until I should arise. Such was ordained in the preserved Tablets of imperishable holiness. I thank Thee, O my God, for all of this with every truthful and mighty tongue. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made us the targets of Thy decree. Verily Thou art the Well-Beloved in all that Thou desirest. And the Spirit be upon Thee and upon whosoever remembereth this Lonely One in his remote exile.

=== END BH08304 ===

=== START BH08305 ===

Qa'in Karbala'i 'Abbas. In the name of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them a shining lamp! O people, illumine yourselves with its light and deprive not your souls of the lights of the Cause. Await ye at all times the grace and mercy of God, for His mercy hath ever preceded all creation. Know then, O servant, that those who have believed in God and His verses and have sought His presence - verily We shall raise up their spirits in the most beauteous form before the Throne at the time of their heedlessness thereof, for We have ever been powerful over all things. And We shall manifest unto them from the lights of Beauty and cause them to hear wondrous melodies and provide them with sublime fruits of knowledge. And thou, O servant, recognize thou the grace and mercy of God upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the mighty, unfailing handle.

=== END BH08305 ===

=== START BH08306 ===

Beloved One, glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy handmaiden whom Thou hast made to be owned within Thy dominion and whom Thou hast attributed to this servant of Thine. At this moment I testify before Thee, O my God, that the servant is naught but one owned by Thy Self, and Thou art none other than the Owner of Thy servant and the Sovereign over Thy creation. Whosoever claims otherwise is among the most wretched of servants in all lands. And verily her master, as people call him, is owned by Thy Self and is a servant before Thy Countenance. How befitting would it be for one who is owned to become an owner, or to become a master? Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou, above what the servants attribute from one to another! I seek Thy forgiveness for what they imagine. Nay, all are Thy servants and within Thy grasp. Thou hast lifted up pride and lineage save for those who have entered the fortress of Thy Cause and the shadow of Thy providence. Thus hast Thou been powerful over Thy deed, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Compelling.

=== END BH08306 ===

=== START BH08307 ===

He is God, the Mighty, the Most High!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! At this moment I desire to remember Thee with the remembrance of them that are sanctified, and praise Thee with the praise of them that are near unto Thee, though I know that whatsoever remembrance proceedeth from any save Thee will never reach unto Thee, nor ascend to the court of Thy eternal might, nor mount unto the heaven of Thy transcendent majesty. And though I know that none can praise Thee with praise wherewith Thou hast not praised Thyself aforetime, yet glorified, glorified art Thou above every unique remembrance and every beauteous praise! Send down Thy blessings upon the First Light that shone forth from Thy Essence, and gleamed from the Core of Thy Being, and beamed from the Sun of Thy Oneness, and radiated from the Moon of Thy creation, and upon them that have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and have done all that Thou lovest, for in Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things and Thou art, verily, powerful over all things.

=== END BH08307 ===

=== START BH08308 ===

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Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God! Abase not him Whom Thou hast exalted through the power of Thine everlasting sovereignty, and remove not far from Thee him whom Thou hast caused to enter the tabernacle of Thine eternity. Wilt thou cast away, O my God, him whom Thou hast overshadowed with Thy Lordship, and wilt Thou turn away from Thee, O my Desire, him to whom Thou hast been a refuge? Canst Thou degrade him whom Thou hast uplifted, or forget him whom Thou didst enable to remember Thee?

Glorified, immensely glorified art Thou! Thou art He who from everlasting hath been the King of the entire creation and its Prime Mover, and Thou wilt to everlasting remain the Lord of all created things and their Ordainer. Glorified art Thou, O my God! If Thou ceasest to be merciful unto Thy servants, who, then, will show mercy unto them; and if Thou refusest to succor Thy loved ones, who is there that can succor them?

Glorified, immeasurably glorified art Thou! Thou art adored in Thy truth, and Thee do we all, verily, worship; and Thou art manifest in Thy justice, and to Thee do we all, verily, bear witness. Thou art, in truth, beloved in Thy grace. No God is there but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08308 ===

=== START BH08309 ===

Salman the Arab, he is the remaining one. Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Hope, my Shelter, my Refuge, my Dwelling-place, my Abode, my Glory, my Abasement, then my Ease, my Hardship, then my Wealth and my Poverty! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thy sovereignty was exalted, Thy grandeur elevated, and Thy power raised above all who are in the heavens and the earth, to assist those who have recognized none but Thee, who have turned to none except Thee, and who have clung to none other than Thee. Verily, Thou art the Answerer of the distressed and the Helper of the poor. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the wonders of Thy names and the beauty of Thy attributes, to make this servant among those who tread no path except the path of Thy good-pleasure and who walk only in the footsteps of Thy contentment. Verily, Thou art the Fulfiller of the needs of the seekers, and Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH08309 ===

=== START BH08310 ===

In the Name of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Powerful! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who created all contingent beings through a word from the Book of Thy Command, and brought forth all existing things through a drop from the cloud of Thy power. Thou hast ordained no cause for existence save itself, and decreed no attribute for being save its own essence, such that Thou hast placed within its rank no mention of aught else. And this is but a drop from the oceans of Thy Self-Subsistence and an outpouring from the rains of Thy sanctity, that the sovereignty of Thy power might be manifested in the

kingdom of identities and the dominion of Thy might might shine forth in the realm of infinitude. And none knoweth how this is save him whom Thou hast acquainted with the repositories of Thy Oneness and the treasuries of Thine eternity. How then can such praise as this befit that Lord? Glorified, glorified art Thou! Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, and I am the poor one possessed of poverty. And I am among those who remember Thee and the first of the worshippers. And send Thy blessings upon Him Whom all shall seek, the Essence of Identity, from God, the Lord of all the worlds.

=== END BH08310 ===

=== START BH08311 ===

O Karbila'i Baba of Zarqan! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

At the outset of speech, cast aside what is with men and take what hath come from God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! This is the Day whereon the Mother Book speaketh and the Balance proclaimeth among all possibilities: O peoples of all religions! The Promised One hath come and through Him the horizon of the world is illumined. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day wherein that which lay hidden in God's knowledge hath been revealed. Rejoice ye, then draw nigh unto Him with radiant faces. He, verily, is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the servant who hath turned to the Countenance, and woe betide them who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a grace from Our presence, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Generous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of Names, rest upon those who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned to the horizon of certitude.

=== END BH08311 ===

=== START BH08312 ===

O handmaid of God! He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Eternal. At all times doth the All-Merciful call out: "Unto Me, unto Me, O My servants! Unto Me, unto Me, O My handmaidens!" Blessed is the one who hath heard His call and was of those who advanced. Whoso hath acknowledged His oneness in this Revelation is assuredly among the most exalted of servants in a preserved tablet. They who have deprived themselves of this most great favor are truly counted among the dead. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having attained unto the recognition of God and turned toward Him while every remote idolater turned away. It behooveth thee to remain steadfast in such wise that the affairs of the heedless shall not perturb thee. Follow what We have enjoined upon thee in the Tablets, then turn away from those who follow the dictates of their own selves - these are assuredly among the most lost. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's grace. Verily His mercy hath preceded all created things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08312 ===

=== START BH08313 ===

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

The Truth hath come, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. The Promise hath appeared, yet mankind abideth in strange delusion. The horizon of divine knowledge hath dawned with the Day-Star of certitude, yet most men remain heedless. They have cast aside that which is with God, clinging to that which they possess, and verily they are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, may be exalted. This is a Day in which the sweet savors of past ages have been wafted abroad. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it and discovered it; woe unto every heedless doubter. We beseech God to assist thee and reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to draw thee nigh unto Him, and to aid thee to serve His binding, mighty and wondrous Cause. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's covenant and His testament, who have turned with radiant faces toward the horizon of their Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH08313 ===

=== START BH08314 ===

O Mulla 'Abdu'l-Asad!

In My Name, the All-Wise! The Ridvan has come, yet the All-Merciful is in manifest sorrow. We turned toward the garden while the banners of grief passed before My luminous countenance. Were it not for His mercy that preceded all else, He would have seized the world with but a single word from Him. Verily, He is the One who has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He desireth.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the might and oppression of the people prevent you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon will God seize those who have acted unjustly and make them a lesson to all who are on earth. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Be grateful to thy Lord for what He hath sent down unto thee from His Most Great Prison - that through which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all creation. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. From this station, We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08314 ===

=== START BH08315 ===

O Muhammad-Karim son of 'Ata', upon both of them be the Glory of God! He is the One Who warbleth upon the branches. The Day of Resurrection hath come, and in it the Self-Subsisting One of Names hath arisen with a sovereignty that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. When the trumpet was blown and the tombs arose, the people were shaken: among them were those who were bewildered, those who swooned away, and those who took wing in their longing for the appearance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Joy hath seized those who have perceived the fragrance of the garment, while sorrow hath

overtaken every malicious sinner. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and hath taken the Book of God through His Name, the Protector, the Powerful. The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this place which hath been named the Most Great Prison by the Pen of God, the Single One, the All-Informed, that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks to Him at Whose remembrance all things have spoken forth wondrously. Thus have the rains of remembrance and knowledge been sent down from the clouds of thy Lord's mercy. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Wise.

=== END BH08315 ===

=== START BH08316 ===

O Siyyid Hasan! He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing!

Sorrows have encompassed Us through what the hands of those who disbelieved in the All-Merciful have wrought - those who found not the fragrance of justice and perpetrated manifest tyranny. We have forsaken the community of a people who cast God behind their backs, turning instead to every remote oppressor. Did Husayn, My namesake, suffer loss through what befell him in My path, or did those who wronged him without any clear proof or manifest evidence? Blessed is the soul that hath been martyred in My path. By God! The denizens of the highest Paradise glory in that soul and circle round it, as ordained by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: O oppressor! Dost thou imagine that the world will endure for thee while perishing for others? Nay, by My life! Thou art in grievous error. We have adorned Our head with the crown of forbearance and Our temple with the armor of patience in this Straight Path. Be thou thankful unto God for having been mentioned before the Face and for this wondrous Tablet that hath been sent down unto thee.

=== END BH08316 ===

=== START BH08317 ===

O Mirza 'Abd!

He is the Expositor, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great!

The vibration of the Word of God hath so seized all things that the leaves on the trees have been set in motion, yet the people understand not. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of Our Lord's will, the Mighty, the Wise. Among the people are those who walk in perplexity and grief, and among them are those whom joy hath so seized that they have detached themselves from all things seen and unseen. They walk upon the earth with the dignity and tranquility of God, such that the hosts of those who have denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, cannot hinder them. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One while He was in this forbidden place, and He hath revealed for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, for the clamorer raiseth his clamor throughout the land. This is what We had previously informed the servants. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08317 ===

=== START BH08318 ===

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious

The call hath been raised from the prison-quarter of Him Who is the Lord of Names upon the luminous spot: There is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the countenance that hath been illumined by the lights of the face of its Lord, and the heart that hath been enlightened by this light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of its Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. They who are veiled this Day - these have no mention in the Tablets save that they are dead servants. And they who have drunk the living waters - these are the people of Baha, and by them hath the Kingdom of eternity been adorned. Blessed are the people who know. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee from the Truth. Cast aside idle fancy and hold fast unto the Name of thy Lord, the All-Protecting over all that witness and are witnessed. Thus doth the Lord of all mankind teach thee whilst imprisoned in the prison of the enemies, that thou mayest rejoice in His remembrance and be of them that act. Verily the glory is for the people of glory, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

=== END BH08318 ===

=== START BH08319 ===

He is the Herald in the world in the Name of the All-Merciful! The buzzing of flies hath risen high when the All-Bestower came with mighty sovereignty, and all who dwell in creation were shaken when the Most Exalted Word of God appeared in this manifest Temple. Say: O concourse of polytheists! Die in your wrath! By God, the Preserved Tablet and the Hidden Book have appeared, and He doth speak in the Most Great Prison: “There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.” The hosts of earth did not prevent Him, nor the might of those who were heedless of God’s Cause, the Lord of the worlds. He summoneth all to the supreme horizon and the uttermost abode. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Wise. The conditions of the world do not frustrate Him, nor the gathering of nations. By His sovereignty He doeth what He willeth. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God, give thanks to Him and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the mystics!”

=== END BH08319 ===

=== START BH08320 ===

The Most Ancient, the Most Great. We have sent unto thee a breath of holiness from this Garment which hath been crimsoned with the blood of Baha through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought, they who have disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is he who hath inhaled its fragrance and turned unto it with his heart. He is, verily, of the righteous. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise make mention of him, and upon him do the angels and the Spirit shower their prayers, from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O servants of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of God from this Quarter from which hath shone forth the Sun of certitude. Beware lest anything withhold you from God, the Creator of all possibilities. Leave those who have disbelieved to their vain disputations, and take firm hold of this Cord whereby all religions have been strengthened. They who have turned away, these are

the companions of error, and they who have turned towards it, these are in a state of joy and delight. Ask ye God to aid you in His Cause and to ordain for you that which will gladden the hearts and solace the eyes.

=== END BH08320 ===

=== START BH08321 ===

In the Most Glorious Name! We sent down the Revealer of the Bayan to give glad tidings to all contingent beings of this Day wherein the Rock hath cried out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!” Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined and the Self-Subsisting appeared with My Most Great Name, they denied Him save those whom the hand of divine power rescued and numbered among such as have believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: O people of Baha! Rejoice in My manifestation, My dawning, and My sovereignty that hath encompassed all in the seen and unseen realms. Say: This is a Tablet that at times soars and at times circles round, moved by the attraction of the call of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. When thou dost witness and hear God’s call, arise and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to gaze upon the horizon of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this Cause which hath caused hearts to lament.”

=== END BH08321 ===

=== START BH08322 ===

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! We have wafted the fragrances of the verses to all directions. Among the people are those who were stirred and turned to God, the Lord of the worlds, and among them are those who clung to what they possessed, turning away from the One, the All-Informed. Say: The treasures of the world will not profit you today, nor will what you possess of idle fancies and images avail you. Cast aside vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all beings and turn to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Lord of the nations and Educator of the world has come. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. Turn with your hearts to the Dawning-Place of grace and follow not those who have turned away from the Face when it shone forth from this manifest horizon. We have found from you the fragrance of the love of God. We have sent down to you this wondrous Tablet that you may thank your Lord at all times and remember Him among the servants with a remembrance befitting Our Name, the One Who rules over the worlds.

=== END BH08322 ===

=== START BH08323 ===

O Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Everlasting One

In His Name, the Self-Subsisting! We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses, but the people, except those whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, has willed, denied them after their revelation. The world hath been honored by the appearance of the Most Great Name, yet the people remain veiled in manifest delusion. The Light walketh before the face, and the Spirit proclaimeth:

The Day is come, and this is the Beloved of the worlds. How many a servant hath heard and turned away, and how many a servant hath hastened, turning toward the All-Informed One. We have commanded all to act with wisdom and with that which profiteth the servants in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My Tablet and My traces, render thanks unto God for having adorned thee with the ornament of His novel remembrance and honored thee with His days, and for having sent down for thee that which the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal.

=== END BH08323 ===

=== START BH08324 ===

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in evident error, save those who have detached themselves from vain imaginings and turned unto God, the Lord of the sincere ones. We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the lights of argument and proof. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh; woe unto every heedless and remote one. The eye of the world hath been gladdened by the appearance of the Ancient King, yet most of the people are among the heedless. Blessed art thou for having won the lights of the Throne and turned toward the Supreme Horizon in this radiant morn. Despair not of thy Lord's grace. Act in accordance with what behooveth this Day wherein the All-Merciful hath come with mighty sovereignty. Thus have We sent down for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and the eyes of those who have drawn nigh unto the Great Sea. Remember what thou hast heard and seen of the signs of thy Lord, that haply the people may turn unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

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O handmaiden who hast clung to the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Ancient Branch [Ghusn], upon both of you be the Glory of God! We have sent down a Tablet at the Throne in thy name, and We have read it and answered thee through this clear Book. Verily thy Lord seeth thee and heareth what thou mentionest, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then rejoice in My beauteous remembrance. Thou hast borne hardships in the path of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory of every glorious one shall not endure, nor the power of any powerful one, nor the might of any stubborn oppressor. What endureth is that which hath been sent down for thee from My holy and exalted dominion. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned to God when most men turned away from Him. This sufficeth thee, by the Lord of all worlds. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, then remember Him throughout thy days. Verily He loveth His handmaidens who remember Him and His servants who remember Him.

=== END BH08325 ===

=== START BH08326 ===

HE IS THE MOST GREAT, THE MOST GLORIOUS

The spheres of the heaven of the world have been set in motion by this utterance which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. The proof belongeth unto God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is He Whose proof is His verses and Whose manifestation is His evidence, would that ye might know. Say: This is He but for Whom no Divine Messenger would have been invested with the robe of prophethood, nor would any of the sacred scriptures have been revealed. To this bear witness all created things, though the hypocrites remain in manifest doubt. Give thanks, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne, for that which hath been revealed unto thee, whereby the fragrance of the divine garment hath been wafted throughout the world. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold fast unto the Book of God and whatsoever hath been revealed therein, and leave those who have denied God when He came unto them in His Name, the Protector of all things seen and unseen. Thus hath the Pen spoken when it was between the fingers of the will of the Lord of eternity. He is, verily, the Protector of all in the realm of the visible and invisible.

=== END BH08326 ===

=== START BH08327 ===

O Abdullah! The Most Ancient of the Most Ancient hath advanced from among those who dwell in the Kingdom of Glory, even though He appeared later in manifestation. Verily, He is the Ever-Abiding, the Ancient of Days. He was first in the unseen and last in the visible realm, that the word might be fulfilled that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and that He encompasseth all things. Say: Were He to pronounce darkness to be light, or light to be darkness, none hath the right to object. Whoso objecteth or hesitateth is among the most lost. Say: Faith is to accept whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation. Thus hath it been ordained by the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people! Look not upon your own conditions, but upon the condition of God, if ye be of them that know. Turn not to your own desires, but to that which the Purpose of the worlds hath desired. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH08327 ===

=== START BH08328 ===

In His Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing!

The fragrance of God hath wafted toward thee through this Tablet whereby every soul hath turned, every one that sat hath arisen, every sleeper hath awakened, every sluggard hath hastened, and every speechless one hath spoken. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Those who have attained today unto the tablets of their Lord and have held fast unto them are numbered among those nigh unto God, and through them their names shall be remembered throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from this far-distant station. Those who were persecuted but did not persecute - these are of the people of Baha. Upon them rest My mercy which hath preceded all worlds. By the life of the All-Merciful! The contingent world shall pass away, but that which hath been ordained for whosoever hath turned with a pure and luminous heart

toward the horizon of certitude shall endure. Thus hath the Dove warbled and the Divine Lote-Tree called out from this glorious station.

=== END BH08328 ===

=== START BH08329 ===

He is the Mighty! The decree hath come from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, for My departure from that land, and We are in great thanksgiving. And We departed in such glory as the eyes of them that are nigh unto God had never beheld the like. Thereupon did the eyes of the denizens of Paradise weep, and the dwellers of heaven and earth were thunderstruck. Say: In this are signs for them that are discerning and clear proofs for them that know. Thus do We impart unto thee what hath befallen Us through God's decree, and this hath been inscribed by a holy and luminous Pen. And when thou hearest this, render thanks unto thy Lord and be not of them that grieve. Through this shall the standards of guidance be raised up, despite the will of the idolaters. Do thou remind the servants and fear no one, and be of them that place their trust in God. The Spirit and glory rest upon thee and upon the women who have believed in God, then upon His sincere servants.

=== END BH08329 ===

=== START BH08330 ===

He is the One manifest from the Most Glorious Horizon! The river of life has flowed through the contingent world. Blessed is he who has drunk thereof and given thanks to his Lord, the Bestower, the Generous. They who have turned away from the fragrance of the Robe in the days of God - these are they who have deprived themselves of His mercy and favors. To this My glorious Book bears witness. When darkness had encompassed all created things, We manifested Our Self, the Truth, as a token of grace from the Mighty, the All-Wise. Among the people are those who cling to darkness, and among them are those who have set their faces toward the Ultimate Goal and have attained the lights of their Lord's countenance, the All-Informed. Say: O people of the earth, come forth and then judge fairly concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. If you deny this Most Great Revelation, by what proof do you uphold that which you follow? Produce it, if you be truthful. Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" The splendor from God, the Goal of the mystics, rest upon the people of Baha.

=== END BH08330 ===

=== START BH08331 ===

The Letter Kaf in Sad is the Mighty One. Your letter hath come before Us and We have read it in the pavilion of holiness among the Concourse on high, and thereby hath God forgiven all that thy hands have wrought, that thou mayest be numbered among them that are steadfast. And We have answered thee with this holy, transcendent and luminous Tablet, that thou mayest be well-pleased with God, thy Lord, and remember Him with a refined heart. When thou hearest that the breezes of holiness have returned to the paradise of nearness, grieve not, but be patient within thyself, for the ultimate victory belongeth to

the patient ones. The Cause of God shall be made manifest in truth, and thereupon shall the hearts of the hypocrites be troubled. Say: O company of the hateful ones! Rejoice not in what hath befallen the Bird, for God shall turn your joy to grief and your pleasure to sorrow. Thus hath it been inscribed upon the preserved tablets of holiness. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have found rest in the seat of a mighty name.

=== END BH08331 ===

=== START BH08332 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Your letter, O Abraham who is related to Kalb-'Ali, has arrived and was presented by the servant who is present before the Wronged One, and We have answered you with this wondrous and mighty Tablet. Say: Glory be to Thee, O God of all beings and Master of all created things! I beseech Thee by the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love, turned toward Thy horizon, and speaking in Thy remembrance. O my Lord! Write down for me, through Thy great favors, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have spent all they possessed in Thy path. O my Lord! I am the poor, the helpless, the lowly, and Thou art the Powerful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by the Most Great Word, to forgive me and absolve me of my offenses, and assist me in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08332 ===

=== START BH08333 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Your letter hath come before Our face, and We have answered you with that whereby your remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are ye for having turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. We have read the letter and have sent down these verses which are incomparable with whatsoever existeth in the heavens and earths. Ye must at all times render thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that He hath enabled you to turn towards Him and aided you to mention and praise Him. How many souls are today veiled from the Truth and deprived of this most exalted station! Praise be to God that ye have attained thereunto and have drunk from the sealed wine. At all times beseech ye God for steadfastness. Verily He ordaineth for you whatsoever ye have desired from Him and guardeth you from those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH08333 ===

=== START BH08334 ===

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He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Thy letter hath been presented before the Throne and We have taken note of its contents. We shall ordain for thee that which shall profit thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We ordained for thee in the Tablet an exalted station. By My life! If thou didst know, thou wouldst soar with longing and be detached from all the worlds. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the garment and turned unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Guard thou thy station, then recite the verses of thy Lord whereby the hearts of the sincere ones are attracted. Let nothing grieve thee. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then make mention of Him amongst His servants. He maketh mention of thee in His hallowed Kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord in His days and believed in Him after His servants who were created by His transcendent, mighty and wondrous command denied Him.

=== END BH08334 ===

=== START BH08335 ===

TABLET TO MIR ’ALLAM OF BAKU

He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven! That which thou didst send hath been received, and the servant present before the Wronged One hath presented it. We have heard it and respond to thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou before Whom the learned have confessed their powerlessness to soar into the atmosphere of Thy knowledge, and the mystics have acknowledged their inability to befittingly praise Thee! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy Most Great Signs, and the Manifestation of Thy Most Exalted Attributes, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned to Thy most exalted horizon when he heard Thy sweetest call. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee and which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones through the hands of Thy Command. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08335 ===

=== START BH08336 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great. He hath released the garment of the body from prison, and renewed the spirit with the adorning of remembrance. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! Say: Tribulation is an ornament of the Glory in the path of God, the Lord of Names. Know this, O ye who are endowed with vision! Do the threats of monarchs frighten Him? Nay, by the Lord of all religions! The more tribulation increased, the more did the Glory increase in the love of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Blessed is he who hath lit the lamp of the heart with the oil of remembrance of the name of his Lord, the

Mighty, the Bestower. By My life! The heart of the Glory rejoiceth in what hath befallen Him of tribulation in the love of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. This beseemeth every seeker who hath turned to the Dawning-Place of lights. Arise to remember thy Lord and say: By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon every steadfast believer.

=== END BH08336 ===

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He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing!

We have seen thy turning unto Us, and We have turned unto thee, and We have heard thy call and have called unto thee from behind the Most Great Ocean at the Spot wherein was raised the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Beneficent. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the hearts of the Messengers soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee turned toward the horizon of Thy glory! I beseech Thee to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy grace that which will profit me in Thy worlds. O my Lord! I have turned unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. I implore Thee by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy might and Thy power not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the might of those who have denied Thy Self and turned away from Thy sacred Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08337 ===

=== START BH08338 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing

O Shaykh ’Abdu’llah! The banner of generosity hath been raised upon [the heights]. To this beareth witness My Pen and My inscribed Tablet. Know thou the value of My days. By God! Eyes have not witnessed their like, nor have minds comprehended their parallel. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity and, beyond Him, My preserved Book. We have, with the hands of power, unsealed the choice sealed wine of immortality - drink thou of it in My Name, the All-Powerful. We have sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge the rains of utterance. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto them that turn aside! They read the verses yet deny Him Who revealed them. They are assuredly among the companions of the fire. Thus doth the Pen move when the Tongue of Eternity speaketh. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Knowing. From this Most Great Station We send greetings unto those who have turned towards God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He prayeth for them, and beyond Him the dwellers of Paradise and they who circle round My mighty Throne.

=== END BH08338 ===

=== START BH08339 ===

In the Name of Him Who abideth after the passing of all things! We have adorned the books of heaven with this Book which hath shone forth from the sun of the Revelation of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have made it a lamp of guidance amongst creation and the Most Great Sign for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto it and taketh hold of it with the hand of might and power. He is indeed among the most exalted of beings in this noble scene. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My sister's daughter who hath been named after her, then gladden her with this wondrous remembrance that she may rejoice within herself and thank her Lord Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of His Self, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thou art one of the leaves of the Tree of the Command. Hold fast unto it lest the winds of doubts cause thee to fall or the signs of the wayward move thee. Rejoice thou in the Most Great Name, then prostrate thyself and be thou submissive before God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08339 ===

=== START BH08340 ===

O Husayn! He is the One manifest and dominant over all names. We have heard your call and have answered you, for We are the Answerer. We have seen your turning to Us and have turned to you, for We are the All-Seeing. God willing, may you be blessed by divine grace and act according to what has descended from the heaven of God's will in His Book. Verily He makes mention of you and of him who spoke on your behalf. Be thankful and be among those who are firm. Strive that you may act as befits the days of God. He makes mention of you and those who have believed, and makes mention of him who was named Nasru'llah. Verily your Lord is the All-Mentioning, the All-Informed. God willing, may all attain to what is recorded and inscribed in God's Book. Be not grieved at anything, but put your trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of your handmaiden whom you mentioned in your letter, and give her the glad tidings of My remembrance, My grace and My mercy which have preceded all worlds.

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=== START BH08341 ===

He is the Interpreter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

We have heard your call and witnessed your turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, and We have answered you with that which has diffused the fragrance of God throughout the kingdom of creation. Glorify thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through His Name, the Guardian over the worlds. Verily, We make mention of everyone who has turned towards the Countenance and give him glad-tidings of that which is ordained for him in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Ali! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great. Hold fast unto the cord of God and the handle of His Cause that He may protect thee from those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Be thou so firm in the love of God that the croaking of every accursed satan shall not prevent thee. Verily, He inspires His loved ones as He inspired in the ancient centuries. Shun it and place thy trust in the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH08341 ===

=== START BH08343 ===

O Ghulam-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing Witness. The Book hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The verses have testified that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the angels and the Spirit have descended, yet the people see not. The hidden treasure hath appeared, yet the people understand not. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this Sealed Tablet, and have aided thee to turn towards God, and have sent unto thee that which draweth hearts unto itself. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and place thy trust in the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Be thou in such wise that neither the veils of the world shall withhold thee, nor the doubts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all kings. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this spot which God hath made the point round which circle both the seen and the unseen.

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=== START BH08344 ===

I will analyze this Tablet revealed by Baha'u'llah for Aqa 'Ali-A?ghar of Sar-Chah.

O 'Ali-A?ghar - upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the Witnessed One. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified that there is none other God but Him, and the Tongue hath testified in its Most Glorious Station that the Promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. All things have testified to that which the Lord of Names hath testified, yet most of the people remain heedless. They hear the verses and deny them, and they behold the lights of the Countenance yet conceal them, having followed every doubting learned one. How many learned ones have veiled themselves, and how many ignorant ones have turned to God, the Lord of all worlds! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whom the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branches, and through Whose Name the religions have been raised up! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the learned nor the allusions of the mystics shall keep me back. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08344 ===

=== START BH08345 ===

O Ali-Basmi of Zarqan of Karbila! The books have testified to the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. All things have testified to the Day of God, but the people are heedless. Verily, he who turned away has said that which none in the world has ever said - to this every just and discerning one bears witness. O people of the earth! We desire for you naught save that which draws you nigh unto the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Whether ye acknowledge or deny, verily He hath come and speaketh: "There is no God but I, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing." Say: By God! The tongue was created for this Day and sight for this noble vision. O thou who art mentioned! Say: O people! By God, that which was never manifest in

creation hath appeared. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. If they hear, it shall be to their benefit, and if they turn away, verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath turned toward the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH08345 ===

=== START BH08346 ===

He is the One Who standeth through His own Name, the Self-Subsisting! The Bell hath pealed out in the name of the Lord of Paradise, and the Law hath come from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He, verily, is the One promised in the Torah and mentioned in the Qur'an and the Gospel. He hath promised all peoples the Most Great Law, and He hath appeared in truth with a manifest balance. Among the people are those who have accepted Him through a power from Us, and among them are those who have cast Him away, following their own imaginings. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Turn unto Him, and be not of the fearful. He, verily, is the sanctuary of peace for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the dawning-place of bounty for every small one and great. Behold ye the Dayspring of Revelation and hold fast unto that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. Read ye the verses of God by night and by day; verily they will draw you unto a glorious station.

=== END BH08346 ===

=== START BH08348 ===

Muhammad-Baqir of Fath-Abad

O Thou All-Wise! Such tyranny hath appeared that the pens are powerless to recount it. Justice hath lamented on account of it, and darkness hath enveloped all creatures save those whom God, the Lord of all men, hath willed otherwise. Through it the teeth of ruin have been bared, and prosperity hath wept throughout the nights and days. That which hath befallen the trustees of God hath caused the hearts of the righteous to be consumed. Those who claim to have faith have risen up to wage war against the All-Merciful, imagining themselves to be adherents of the Qur'an. Say: The Qur'an disavoweth you, and all religions lament because of your tyranny. Thus doth My Pen recount and My heart bewail, yet the people remain heedless and astray. I beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee to the most exalted station. Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH08348 ===

=== START BH08349 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing! The decree of God which was inscribed by the Finger of Power in His hidden Book hath been revealed. This is the Day whereon the Mother Book speaketh, yet the people understand not. They have cast behind their backs the Ocean of Knowledge, hastening unto every rejected ignorant one. They behold the Kawthar of Revelation before their faces, yet turn away therefrom. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils in the name of his Lord, the Lord of all kings, and woe unto him who hath cast the Book of God behind his back, clinging to the desires of those who have

turned away from God on His promised Day. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and these verses have been revealed for thee which speak forth in the world: “The Creator of the heavens hath come with manifest sovereignty.” Take thou the Tablet with the power bestowed by Us, then recite it in the presence of those who have drawn nigh, who have arisen and declared: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who have been adorned with the garment of existence.”

=== END BH08349 ===

=== START BH08350 ===

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Book of Dawn hath appeared, wherein hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen: “Sovereignty belongeth unto the Lord of all mankind.” Verily, He proclaimeth: “There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.” God hath sent down the Books for this Day, and dispatched the Messengers for this blessed and wondrous Cause. We have manifested the Cause concerning which the world hath been powerless to make mention, save him who hath come with a clear authority. Say: Verily, He is the One Who hath appeared, and He is the One Who hath come with the truth, with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We make mention, at all times, of them that are in the realm of possibility, purely for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent unto thee oceans of inner meanings, that thou mayest drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. When thou hast attained and visited, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths!”

=== END BH08350 ===

=== START BH08351 ===

The Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Bountiful! The gate of heaven hath been opened in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and there hath come forth from it He Who hath proclaimed unto mankind this Message whereby the trees have been set ablaze and the seas have overflowed. They that have turned unto Him have attained unto all good, and they that have turned away are verily among those who have gone astray. Had men recognized the excellence of this Day, they would have cast blame behind their backs, turning unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Say: O people! Associate not partners with God. He hath borne witness unto His Own Self by His Own Self that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Turn ye unto the Qiblih of all existence, and follow not every idolatrous infidel. He desireth for you naught save that which profiteth you in this world and in the world to come. Seize ye the time, O ye that are endued with insight! Thus hath the horizon of Remembrance shone forth with the sun of the utterance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH08351 ===

=== START BH08352 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The gate of meeting hath been opened and the Dayspring of Names proclaimeth: Enter ye with illumined hearts, O people of insight! The ocean of attainment hath surged and the Dayspring of Beauty calleth: Drink ye, O concourse of loved ones! My most exalted Paradise and the Ridvan have appeared, saying: Enter ye therein with peace and tranquility! The Kingdom of Utterance hath stirred in the days of the All-Merciful, and the Spirit proclaimeth: Behold, O people of clear vision! The Call hath been raised from the direction of Sinai, and the Lord of Names proclaimeth: Hearken, O concourse of companions! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the Bird of the Throne calleth out: Turn ye towards it, O people of understanding! Thus hath the Dove warbled on this darksome night, as a grace from His presence upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. Grieve thou not at anything, but put thy trust in God. Verily He aideth whom He willeth, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the Helper.

=== END BH08352 ===

=== START BH08354 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

We were seated upon the mountain when the servant in attendance appeared with the names of My loved ones, and We revealed for each one of them that which God hath made to be the Water of Life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the Lamp of the Cause for the followers of all religions. Blessed is he who hath seen with clear vision, and blessed is the thirsty one who hath drunk in His Name, the Self-Subsisting. O ’Abdu’l-’Ali! The Lord of the world maketh mention of thee upon this most great mountain. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the invisible and the visible! I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that whereby every seated one hath arisen, every blind one hath seen, every tongueless one hath spoken, every prostrate one hath stirred, and every soul that hath turned unto Him hath been drawn forth on this promised Day.” Take hold of God’s Tablet with a power from Him and cleave unto that which will elevate thy station before God, the Lord of existence. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH08354 ===

=== START BH08355 ===

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth! The horizon of bounty hath dawned, yet the peoples have turned away therefrom, having followed every carved idol. The call hath been raised from the most exalted horizon: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.” The evidence hath appeared and the cry hath gone forth and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amongst creation: “The appointed time hath come and the Promised One hath appeared.” The Kingdom circleth round the Throne, yet most of the people understand not. The ocean surgeth and the fragrance wafteth - blessed is he who hath drunk and found, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. Take hold of the hem of grace and say: “O my God! I beseech Thee by the Source of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.”

=== END BH08355 ===

=== START BH08356 ===

He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

Months and years have passed while the Ancient Beauty was in manifest imprisonment. We accepted sorrows for the joy of all created things, and hardship for the ease of the worlds. When the Cause appeared and the horizon of Revelation became illumined, the people arose in opposition: some violated the veil of sanctity, some denied God, the Lord of the sincere ones, some declared the verses to be his own fabrication, and some pronounced judgment against their Revealer. Thus did the hosts of the heedless assail the Wronged One. We found the fragrance of thy love and have remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest drink therefrom the choice wine of thy Lord's love and make mention of Him among His slumbering servants, that they may make good what hath escaped them in the days of God and draw nigh unto this mighty ocean. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of creation. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by its light, and woe unto them that remain far distant.

=== END BH08356 ===

=== START BH08357 ===

He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy

The Book hath been sent down in truth - verily it is a revelation from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Whoso acknowledgeth it hath acknowledged all the Books of God, the Supreme, the Most High, the Most Great. And whoso denieth it hath denied all the Scriptures and whatsoever hath been revealed from the heaven of divine revelation by One Who is Mighty, Trustworthy. Blessed is he who hath attained unto confession of faith when the Chosen One came with sovereignty and power. Woe unto the proud! Rejoice, O concourse of creation, in the manifestation of the All-Merciful, and be not of them that hesitate. They who have attained unto the verses of God and His recognition - these are they who are numbered among the guided ones in a mighty tablet. And they who have turned away or hesitated - these are among the most lost. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thy name before the Throne and revealed unto thee that which hath enraptured the hearts of the sincere ones.

=== END BH08357 ===

=== START BH08358 ===

In the Name of Him Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth! The Book hath been sent down and the All-Bountiful hath come, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. The Trumpet hath been sounded when the Dawning-Place of Revelation appeared, but the people are in grievous dissension, save those who have quaffed the choice wine of the Bayan in the name of the All-Merciful and have cast the world behind them, turning unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. The laws have been ordained when the ocean of utterance surged through this Name that ruleth over the worlds, and the Way hath appeared when the Guide came. Blessed is he who hath turned, and woe unto them that have turned aside! They who turned away from God and the Manifestation of His Cause have lost, while he

who turned to this resplendent Dawn hath gained. Blessed is he who hath been awakened by the breeze of God and hath arisen to aid His Cause on this wondrous Day. We make mention of thee in truth, that thou mayest mention thy Lord amongst His slumbering servants.

=== END BH08358 ===

=== START BH08359 ===

O Muhammad-Rida! He is sanctified from all that hath been and shall be! The verses were sent down when the signs appeared and the Spirit speaketh between the world and giveth glad-tidings unto the nations of the Most Great Name, whereby all who are in the heavens and earth were illumined. Blessed is the ignorant one who hath turned toward the horizon of the Cause, and woe unto the learned one who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds. He who hath recognized God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause is accounted among the learned ones, though he be the most ignorant of men; and he who hath turned away is reckoned among the ignorant, though he produce all the knowledge of the first and the last. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen remind thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord with manifest humility. Beware lest anything sadden thee or the veils of those who have cast guidance behind their backs and followed the desires of every heedless and remote one prevent thee. Verily the glory be upon the people of Baha who have held fast unto the Crimson Ark and drawn nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08359 ===

=== START BH08360 ===

He is the One manifest through His Name, the All-Compelling over all names. Every stone and clod hath spoken that which the Book hath spoken, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. When the Call was raised, they turned away and clung to their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged in the days of their Lord, the Most Merciful, yet they turned away from it and advanced toward every doubting idolater. The Path crieth out in My Name, and heaven lamenteth for what hath befallen Us through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. O thou who gazeth upon the Face! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then remember what hath befallen Him from those who disbelieved in the Lord of Lords. Among the people are those who said: “He hath repudiated the divines.” Say: “Yea, by My Lord! I, in very truth, was the One Who abolished the idols!” Thus hath the fragrance of musk been wafted from this ink which hath flowed from My chosen Pen.

=== END BH08360 ===

=== START BH08361 ===

In My Name which abideth forever! The Tongue of Morning hath spoken: There is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All things bear witness that there is none other God besides Me, the Almighty, the Powerful. When the Light appeared and the Lord of Manifestation came, the people turned away from Him save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. The intoxication of forbidden things seized them in such wise that they forsook the Purpose and clung to one who was in

manifest error. Say: O people! Abandon what ye possess and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, if ye be of them that know. This is a Day wherein the Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth: Hearken, and be not of the heedless ones. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. When thou hast attained unto My Book and been attracted by My Call, make mention of My servants and My creation that they may turn unto My countenance and recognize that which lay within the treasury of their Lord's wisdom, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08361 ===

=== START BH08362 ===

He is the One, the Eternal! The breezes of opposition from those who walk upon the shifting sands of heedlessness and negligence have wafted over the meadows of thy bountiful Lord, that what was recorded in the Tablets might be fulfilled. Say: The Youth hath grown so intimate with tribulations even as infants are intimate with their mothers' breasts. Whenever tribulations and trials touch Him, His love for God, the Mighty, the Trusted, the Knower of the seen and unseen, increaseth. Grieve not that I have become a captive in the hands of the enemies and that My family are prisoners in the land of falsehood. The Youth shall soon appear with the adornment of the All-Merciful amidst all existence. He shall be recognized by those who knew Him not, and shall be seen by those who saw Him not. On that day the heedless shall lament while the sincere shall rejoice. Blessed is he who is steadfast today and aideth his Lord and spreadeth His verses among His servants. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Kingdom of eternity, and the Concourse on High shall assist him. Thus hath it been sent down from the heaven of God, the Exalted, the Great.

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=== START BH08363 ===

XLIII

O God, Who art the Author of all Manifestations, the Source of all Sources, the Fountain-Head of all Revelations, and the Well-Spring of all Lights! I testify that by Thy Name the heaven of understanding hath been adorned, and the ocean of utterance hath surged, and the dispensations of Thy providence have been promulgated unto the followers of all religions.

I beseech Thee so to enrich me as to dispense with all save Thee, and be made independent of any one except Thyself. Rain down, then, upon me out of the clouds of Thy bounty that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Assist me, then, through Thy strengthening grace, so to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy servants that I may show forth what will cause me to be remembered as long as Thine own kingdom endureth and Thy dominion will last.

This is Thy servant, O my Lord, who with his whole being hath turned unto the horizon of Thy bounty, and the ocean of Thy grace, and the heaven of Thy gifts. Do with me then as becometh Thy majesty, and Thy glory, and Thy bounteousness, and Thy grace.

Thou, in truth, art the God of strength and power, Who art meet to answer them that pray Thee. There is no God save Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08363 ===

=== START BH08364 ===

O Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Say: O my God! I have committed my affairs unto Thee and have entrusted the reins of all matters into the grasp of Thy Will and the right hand of Thy Purpose. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee, until I attained Thy presence and beheld Thy Beauty and partook of the cup of reunion through Thy grace and favors. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me this bounty, and to ordain for me in my physical separation from Thy presence that which Thou didst ordain for me when I stood before Thee and appeared before the throne of Thy grandeur. O my God! I am he who hath taken Thee as his Guardian by Thy leave and Thy will, and verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O Samandar! We have forgiven thy sister as a token of Our grace, and in this hour the favors of thy Lord and those outpourings of which none is aware save His All-Knowing Self have encompassed her.

=== END BH08364 ===

=== START BH08366 ===

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise! Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, to assist me to act according to that which Thou hast commanded me therein. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and confessing Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy mercy and the dawning lights of the sun of Thy grace to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise among Thy servants with the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I furthermore beseech Thee by the power of Thy Word and the sovereignty of Thy Will and the all-encompassing nature of Thy Purpose to forgive me through Thy bounty and generosity and to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Thou art He Whom the contingencies of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of the nations weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08366 ===

=== START BH08367 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom the Sun of Utterance has dawned forth from the horizon of contingent being!

Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I bear witness to that which the tongue of Thy utterance hath testified in the heaven of Thy knowledge, and to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I have turned toward Thee in Thy days and have

desired the wonders of Thy grace and the traces of Thy Pen. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy gifts and favors, and by the pearls hidden in the sea of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to ordain for me that which will solace mine eyes, gladden my heart and dilate my breast. O Lord! Change my weakness into strength through Thy power, and my agitation into tranquility through Thy assurance, in such wise that the mutterings of the oppressors and the clamoring of the deniers may not hold me back. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08367 ===

=== START BH08368 ===

He is the One Who speaks the truth. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink, from the cup of Thy bounty, the living waters of Thy utterance, and for having made me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Source of Thy clear tokens - He from Whose Pen has flowed the water of life throughout all creation. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of the horizon of Thy Revelation to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, and arising to serve Thy Cause. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and that which befits the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Munificent, the Generous. I beseech Thee to make me detached from all else but Thee and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love in such wise that the hosts of kings and rulers will not hinder me. O Lord! Aid them to turn unto Thee and to exalt Thy Word and make manifest Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08368 ===

=== START BH08369 ===

Say: O My loved ones and My chosen ones! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner Who is confined in this Most Great Prison. Should you find anyone who showeth the least sign of aversion, turn away from him and shun his company. This is what We have enjoined upon you in all the Tablets, and to this do all things bear witness, both from the unseen realm and from the visible world, and beyond them the Beauty of matchless glory. For they are the manifestations of Satan in this day. By God the True One! The name of God floweth not from their tongues except to turn the servants of the All-Merciful away from the shore of resplendent glory. Beware, O loved ones of God! Draw not nigh unto these people, nor associate with them in any place. Hold fast unto the cord of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing. Sanctify your souls from the love of aught else but God, then detach yourselves from those who follow naught but the paths of the deluded ones.

=== END BH08369 ===

=== START BH08370 ===

He is the One Who is manifested to all who are in the heavens and on earth! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the heaven of Thy bounty, and the sun of Thy bestowals, to make me in all conditions one who looks unto Thee and speaks forth Thy praise. Then assist me to serve Thy Cause in Thy days. O Lord! I have turned toward the horizon of Thy favors and have clung to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself, nor to deprive me of the Kawthar of Thy recognition and the Salsabil of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. The circumstances of the oppressors cannot prevent Thee, nor can the hints of those who have disbelieved in Thy Self render Thee powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Lord! Ordain for me that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. Then immerse me in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. I testify that Thou art verily the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08370 ===

=== START BH08371 ===

O Sheikh Abu'l-Qasim, He Who dawns from the horizon of the world! Say: Glory be to Thee, O God of the nations and the One manifest through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy Will and the heaven of Thy grace and the penetrating power of Thy decree to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! I am he who was sleeping when the hand of Thy loving-kindness awakened me, and was heedless when Thy most sweet call, which was raised between earth and heaven, roused me. I beseech Thee by the grace which hath encompassed me and all who are in the kingdom of earth and heaven to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee, directing myself to the horizon of Thy bounty, speaking Thy praise and beholding the manifestations of Thy handiwork and the evidences of Thy might. O my Lord! Illumine the eye of my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my outward eye with the vision of the signs of Thine oneness. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08371 ===

=== START BH08372 ===

Here's my translation of this prayer:

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire! My outward and inward tongue both testify that Thou hast ever been One God, Single, Sole, Self-Subsisting, and wilt ever continue to be even as Thou hast been. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the gate of Thy grace, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the Name through which the tribes were shaken and earthquakes appeared, through which the heaven was cleft asunder and the mountains were moved, to ordain for me that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. I implore Thee to make me detached from my own will and desire, abiding in Thy will, acting according to Thy desire, and hoping for that which Thou lovest. And I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing favor and Thine ancient bounty to ordain for me that which is best in Thy sight. Verily, Thou art God, the Giving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08372 ===

=== START BH08373 ===

Say: The Book of God hath appeared and His proof hath come, and His beauty hath dawned, and His light hath shone forth, and His evidence hath been perfected, and His balance hath been set up, and His countenance hath become manifest, and His splendor hath been revealed, and His face hath been illumined between the heavens and the earth. And verily He is possessed of mighty sovereignty. His is the command and the creation. He quickeneth whom He willeth and causeth to die whom He willeth, and manifesteth whom He willeth through a sovereignty of might transcendent and a dominion of ancient and bountiful holiness. Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses in truth as He sent them down before and before that, and verily He doth encompass all the worlds. And He shall manifest the Cause as He willeth through His grace, even as He manifested it before and before that, and verily He hath power over a mighty and wondrous sovereignty and a dominion of transcendent glory. Thus do We cast upon all created things the verses of Divine unity.

=== END BH08373 ===

=== START BH08374 ===

O Mirza Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the world!

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and shown me the surging waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, O Lord of all men, and guided me to Thy straight path, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy mighty announcement whereby the limbs of the polytheists who denied Thy manifestation and broke Thy covenant and disputed Thy signs were made to tremble. O my Lord! I am Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and singleness and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of the ocean of Thy knowledge to confirm me in such steadfastness as shall not be prevented by the doubts of the learned nor the signs of the divines nor the power of rulers. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the happenings of the world cannot weaken, nor the clamor of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful.

=== END BH08374 ===

=== START BH08375 ===

In honor of His Excellency Abdul-Ahad. He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Say: O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Sun of the heaven of Thy knowledge, and the Ark of the sea of Thy wisdom, and the breezes of the paradise of Thy loving-kindness, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. O Lord! I am he who hath fled from his own self, turning unto Thy Self, and detaching himself from his own will, clinging to Thy Will.

I beseech Thee by the Word through which earth and heaven were revolutionized to inscribe for me by Thy Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! I am he who hath hastened to the pavilions of Thy grandeur and the canopy of Thy mercy, and have turned toward Thee after Thy creatures turned away, and have sought from Thy grace that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love. Thou art He Whom no limitations can confine and no armies can prevent. Thou givest and withholdest, and Thou art indeed the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08375 ===

=== START BH08376 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Say: O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the Name through which all things were humbled and the Ark of loving-kindness sailed upon the sea of grandeur, and through which the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge appeared among Thy creatures and the lights of the Sun of Thy wisdom shone forth from the horizon of Thy will, to make me one of those whom the clamor of the people hath not prevented from turning unto Thee, O Lord of creation! My Lord! Thou seest this weak one who hath clung to the cord of Thy power and raised his hands in supplication toward the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. O my Lord! Deny him not the fragrances of Thy verses and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones who have arisen to serve Thy Cause and who have spoken in Thy praise and glorification. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and through Thy Name was raised the standard of “He doeth what He willeth.” There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08376 ===

=== START BH08377 ===

O Muhammad Hasan Bey! He is sanctified above mention and utterance! Say: O my God and the God of creation, my Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee by Thy Branches whom Thou hast made the Daysprings of the lights of Thy countenance, to assist me to love Thee and to gain Thy good-pleasure, and to remember and praise Thee in such wise that the clamor of Thy creatures and the hints of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs may not silence me. Glory be unto Thee! O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the affairs of the world! I beseech Thee to inscribe me among those who have turned unto Thee and cast behind their backs all vain imaginings, directing their hearts to the court of Thy gifts, and whom the rapture of Thy utterance hath so seized that they have detached themselves from all else but Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth and Whose decree nothing can frustrate. Thou art God, the Powerful, the All-Willing, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08377 ===

=== START BH08378 ===

He is the One speaking from the Most Great Prison

Say: O Lord of destiny and Sovereign of humanity! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Scene - the station wherein every hidden matter was revealed more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye - to make me one of those who have attained unto the Kawthar of Thy utterance and have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou art He through Whose Name all things have spoken, and through Whose Manifestation the Cause was revealed in the kingdom of creation. All things have testified to Thy sublimity and power, Thy transcendence and authority. Do with me, O my God, as befitteth Thy generosity and grace. Then write down for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth Thy days, O Lord of the Throne and the dust, Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times. Then assist me in that whereby my remembrance shall endure through the permanence of Thy celestial and earthly dominion. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08378 ===

=== START BH08379 ===

In the Name of the Merciful Lord

The Most Exalted Pen in the hours of nights and days counsels with loving advice all who are on earth, yet all remain heedless save those whom thy Lord willeth. Not every soul hath been or shall be worthy of the Kawthar of inner meanings and receptive to the choice wine of divine love, as is evident when, despite the dawning of the Sun of bounty from the horizon of the world, most remain veiled from it. O people of Baha! By the Lord of Names I swear, a station hath been ordained for you the like of which no one hath understood or shall understand. This station requireth guardians and protectors, and these have been and shall ever be goodly deeds and virtuous character. Say: O friends! Know ye the value of the days of the All-Merciful and act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Verily, He is the Protector of them that act and the Guardian of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08379 ===

=== START BH08380 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. The Supreme Pen states in the Hidden Words: The people of knowledge and insight strived for years but attained not unto the presence of the All-Glorious, and ran for ages but reached not the meeting with the All-Beauteous. Yet thou, without any effort, hast achieved the goal, and without any search hast obtained the object of thy quest. And after all these stations and ranks, thou didst remain so veiled by the veils of self that thine eye beheld not the beauty of the Friend, nor did thy hand touch the hem of the Beloved. Now observe ye how great would be the reward and recompense ordained by God for one who would rend asunder these veils through the power of His Name. Today the people are seen to be blind and deaf, save the soul who, through the breezes of the grace of the Dawn of Manifestation, lifted its head from the couch of heedlessness and turned toward the supreme horizon. Verily, such a one is of the people of this glorious station.

=== END BH08380 ===

=== START BH08381 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: Whatsoever was recorded and hidden in all the divine Books concerning the Divine Manifestation has in this Day become manifest and evident. No excuse remains for anyone, unless they speak from the promptings of idle fancy. This is the Day wherein all things have turned towards the Lord of Names, save such souls as have been prevented from the Straight Path by the drunkenness of the wine of vainglory. Should anyone observe with the eye of insight in the Books of old, they would witness that which hath been sent down from God shining forth in this Day from the horizon of the Prison. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the fragrances of these days and hath turned unto the Truth.

=== END BH08381 ===

=== START BH08382 ===

He Who is named after the Desired One is manifest and visible. The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: Thy turning to the Kaaba of the Divine Purpose hath been accepted, and the reward of attainment unto His presence hath been inscribed in thy letter. I say in truth, thy reward for not entering the Most Holy Court without permission and for returning with the consent of the Beloved is greater than the reward of those who entered without permission and attained His presence. Verily thy Lord is the Most Great Rewarder. Praise the Sovereign of existence, Who from the ocean of bounty and grace accepted thy deed and revealed and sent down this Tablet especially for thee, which maketh manifest that which God hath willed, that thou mayest with complete joy be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings. Say: His is the praise and the favor, and His is the bounty and the majesty. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08382 ===

=== START BH08383 ===

The Supreme Pen, in the name of the Lord of the Kingdom, makes mention of one of the handmaidens, that she may voice the praise of the Ancient Lord with supreme joy and greatest delight. Most of the queens of the world who were engaged in the remembrance of God during the nights and days, and were awaiting the days of the Manifestation - when the dawn of the Day of God broke forth, all were observed to be veiled and deprived, while thou didst attain thereunto. I swear by the Sun of utterance which shineth from the horizon of the prison, should a soul sacrifice his life a hundred thousand times in the path of the Friend, verily it would be seen as non-existent and as naught compared to this most great bounty. Rejoice thou in this bounty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH08383 ===

=== START BH08384 ===

I will translate and analyze the prayer written in Persian/Arabic.

He is God, blessed and exalted!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I bear witness to Thy power and Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty, and that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been sanctified beyond the comprehension and understanding of all beings, and the birds of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee and of the sincere ones have never soared into the atmosphere of Thy knowledge. Thou shalt ever be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers through whom Thy commandments and Thy laws were manifested, and by Him through Whom Thou didst raise the standard of unity among Thy servants and the banner of remembrance and praise amidst Thy creation, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Ruler of the kingdoms of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08384 ===

=== START BH08385 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The Book of God, in the form of man, proclaimeth throughout all creation: O peoples of the earth! The All-Merciful hath come with sovereignty and power. Fear ye God, and abandon that which ye possess. Take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. The books of the learned profit you not, nor do your ancient tales. Cast them behind you and hold fast unto this Book. Reflect, then consider the generations of old and what they wrought in their vain life. God seized them for their sins. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Compelling. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from the Lord of all names. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you from God, the Revealer of verses. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and beheld thee turning toward God, and We have remembered thee in this Tablet whereby the horizons have been illumined. Take it with the hand of power, then recite it by night and by day.

=== END BH08385 ===

=== START BH08386 ===

O handmaiden of God, Hajar, upon her be the Glory of God, He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! The Book of God today calleth out amongst the servants and commandeth all to that which behoveth the days of God. However, one who heareth and acteth is as rare as red sulfur - existing in name but in truth non-existent and lost. O my handmaiden! The Day is the Day of God. Beseech thou the True One in the nights and days that He may guide and direct the handmaidens of the earth to the highest horizon. Blessed is the heart that is sanctified from the conditions of the world and its ornaments, and blessed is the tongue that is purified from falsehood and that which beseemeth it not. The All-Compelling One hath appeared after the Qa'im and is seated upon the throne of the Bayan. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath recognized and attained and witnessed that which God hath witnessed. She is, with God, the Lord of all beings, among the people of Paradise.

=== END BH08386 ===

=== START BH08387 ===

To Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great, the All-Knowing Glory of God - We have sent down this Book in truth that those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, may rejoice through it. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to Our Most Holy Book and followeth that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Those who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs - these shall have no portion of this mighty grace. Say: We desire naught from it save your turning unto God and your drawing nigh unto the exalted station. Rejoice thou in that thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and this perspicuous Book hath been revealed unto thee. Ask thou God to lift the veils that have fallen over the faces of the servants and to make them recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause Who speaketh in the world: "There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." We love those who have turned towards the Countenance and We make mention of them with that which shall cause their names to endure in the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08387 ===

=== START BH08388 ===

O Muhammad-Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God! In My Name, through which the Ark of the Bayan was set in motion. This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to whomsoever is on earth. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Single One, the All-Informed. O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! Thy mention hath come before Us. We have remembered thee and, beholding thy turning unto Us, We have turned unto thee as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. By the life of God! All the deeds of the world and all the morals of the nations cannot equal one word from Him. To this testifieth every fair-minded and clear-sighted one. He hath appeared and made manifest His Cause for the sake of God. Among the people are those who have cast aside vain imaginings, turning unto Him, and among them are those who have returned to the lowest of the low. Say: He calleth all in the evening and at sunrise, and at dawn and at eventide. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH08388 ===

=== START BH08389 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful in the Garden to him who hath attained unto the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon when the wretched among His servants turned away from it - they who cast the ordinance of God behind their backs and accepted the rule of every remote transgressor. O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My loving-kindness! Observe My servants: they have turned away from the Dayspring of My countenance and the Dawning-Place of My verses, and have followed him who hath cited My words which We sent down aforetime unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and who hath arisen in opposition in such wise as hath caused all things to lament, and beyond them the denizens of Paradise in this glorious station. Grieve thou not. Rather give

thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that which delighteth the eyes and causeth the hearts of them that are nigh to soar. Glory be upon thee and upon all who have turned toward this luminous Horizon.

=== END BH08389 ===

=== START BH08390 ===

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down in days wherein the raven hath croaked, and the snouts of swine have been raised, and the barking of dogs hath been heard, by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Wronged One hath stood before all faces and summoned all unto God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Among the people are those who have turned away, and those who have denied, and those who have unjustly pronounced His death-sentence, whereat every discerning soul hath lamented. By God! Neither the denial of the divines, nor the turning away of the doctors of law, nor the might of princes hath deterred Us, and of this doth the Book that is with Him bear witness. When thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and perceivest the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm of Might, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty Announcement.

=== END BH08390 ===

=== START BH08391 ===

Muhammad Ja'far, who hath appeared from the horizon of proof! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for him who desireth to turn unto the Countenance when he heard the cooing of the Nightingale upon the branches. Blessed is he who hath cast away the people and their vain imaginings and hath turned with a luminous heart unto the Dawning-Place of certitude. Hold fast unto that which thy Lord hath commanded thee in His Book, and leave those who have denied the Beginning and the Return. Beware lest the affairs of men veil thee from the Truth. Leave them to themselves, then turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of lords. Verily He heareth the call of every rememberer and seeth the deed of every doer. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, to this the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness, and behind it all atoms. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and hath answered his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thus have We sent unto thee that which shall gladden thy heart and whereby those possessed of understanding may remember.

=== END BH08391 ===

=== START BH08392 ===

In His Name, Who is sanctified above mention and utterance!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful unto him who hath believed in God when He came with the truth with such sovereignty that the foundations of the earth trembled thereat, and behind them every contumacious doubter. Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested that which lay

hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of the world have not withheld and who hath held fast unto the Most Great Name, through which the horizon of eternity was illumined and the Sun of bounty shone forth from the heaven of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of this mighty Day. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen moved as a token of God's grace, He the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have heard the Call and responded unto their Lord, the Kind, the Bountiful.

[In the margin of the above Tablet there appears a partially illegible note which appears to be from the scribe indicating inability to read the rest of the Tablet]

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=== START BH08393 ===

HE IS THE ONE MANIFEST FROM THE HORIZON OF THE CAUSE

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Revealer of verses, that the attraction of his Lord's call may seize him and bring him to the station of nearness and holiness and glory. Blessed is he who hath on this day attained unto the hearing of his Lord's call and hath answered Him in such wise as to cause them endowed with understanding to be enraptured thereby. Blessed is the hearer who hath on this day won victory through the call of the Self-Subsisting, and blessed is the seer who hath turned unto the Dayspring of lights. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee this Book whereby the kingdom and the dominion have proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing. Know thou this most exalted station, then preserve it in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Final End. Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee to preserve me from the arrows of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then cause me to drink from the Kawthar of certitude by Thy bounteous hand, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of the realms of earth and heaven.

=== END BH08393 ===

=== START BH08394 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to all who are in the realm of possibility, that the fragrances of utterance might be diffused between the heavens and the earth. He, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth, through His Name, the Almighty. How many a speaker to whom the decree of silence applieth, how many a learned one who is judged ignorant, and how many an ignorant one who hath drunk from the ocean of knowledge in the name of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's generosity and cling to His luminous hem. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby the Cause of God shall be uplifted amongst His heedless servants. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to righteousness and restraineth his soul from desire. The Lord of all beings and the Creator of the throne on high and of earth below doth testify that he is of the people of

Baha in a preserved Tablet. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, that thou mayest read and be of them that are firmly rooted.

=== END BH08394 ===

=== START BH08395 ===

O Mirza Badi'! He is the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility, that it may draw all to God, the Lord of all worlds. Whoso believeth in it hath believed in all the Books of God, and whoso turneth away from it is accounted among the deniers. Say: This is He, one word of Whose Book cannot be equaled by all that was revealed aforetime. To this hath testified He Who announced unto the servants My advent and spoke of My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many a soul, upon hearing the Call, hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many a soul hath turned away and followed every envious opponent. When thou attainest unto thy Lord's Book, read it with joy and fragrance. Verily it will draw thee to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Then thank Him for having caused thy name to flow from His Most Exalted Pen. This indeed is a great bounty - recognize it and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the worlds!

=== END BH08395 ===

=== START BH08396 ===

O Aqa Jan! He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance! This is the Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility. Verily it is the Kawthar of life for those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon and have acknowledged that which the Lord of all beings hath acknowledged. These are the servants whom God hath described in the Scrolls and Tablets. Blessed is every one who hath turned toward Him, whom the veils of the people have not deterred, and who is strong, having rent asunder the veils of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. Be thou grateful to God for having turned toward thee the face of the Wronged One and mentioned thee in such wise that thy mention shall endure throughout centuries and ages. O My loved ones! We counsel you to fear God and to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby souls have been perturbed and idols have lamented. Should the evil whisperer come unto you with the scroll of the wicked, leave it behind you and speak forth that whereby the luminary of proof shineth resplendent throughout all creation. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of all names.

=== END BH08396 ===

=== START BH08397 ===

O Abbas! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Warbler upon the Branches! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to all who are in the realm of possibility. Therein hath He guided all unto His straight Path. Verily it is the Kawthar of Life to them that thirst, and a healing to every ailing servant. Verily it is the Table sent down from heaven to all created things, and the Lamp of the Command

to the dwellers of earth. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized and arisen to serve the Cause of God, and woe unto them that hesitate! Say: This is the Day of the Bayan, were ye of them that hear, and this is the Day wherein the Herald proclaimeth from every direction that which lay hidden in God's knowledge. Rejoice, O people, and be not of them that turn away! Thus hath been sent down from the Pen of the Bayan that which every discerning soul will find redolent with the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Hold thou fast unto My Tablet and recite it before myriads of them that are nigh. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH08397 ===

=== START BH08398 ===

In the Name of the Most Merciful! This is a Book sent down by the Ancient One to him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God and be numbered among those who have attained. How many a servant hath heard the Call and turned away, following every ignorant remote one. O 'Ayn! Hearken thou unto the Call of Husayn. Verily, He remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before, as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Thy letter hath arrived and the servant present hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering. Rejoice thou in My turning toward thee and My remembrance of thee, and say: O God of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy patience and Thy forbearance to render me confirmed in Thy remembrance and Thy praise. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath made me to know Thy Manifestation, caused me to hear Thy Call, and taught me to turn toward Thy horizon. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Bestowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08398 ===

=== START BH08399 ===

In the Name of the Manifest, the Hidden

This is a Book sent down by the Self-Subsisting to whoever has cast away vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who has drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and has turned away from those who follow idle fancies. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto the days of its Lord. Woe unto every heedless and veiled one! Say: Where is the might of those who entered therein, and where is their power and dominion, and where their wealth and glory and grandeur? They have returned to dust, alone, solitary, fearful, helpless, abject, humbled. Thus do We set forth the verses and make mention of that which shall be remembered by honored servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in a preserved Tablet. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the tender mercies of the Most Merciful be upon those who have drunk the choice wine of certitude in the name of their Lord, the Possessor of existence.

=== END BH08399 ===

=== START BH08400 ===

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Bountiful! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One in the prison of Akka to him who hath turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation and believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing. O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Hear the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon - verily it guideth thee and draweth thee and bringeth thee nigh unto the Dayspring of God's Cause, the Lord of all worlds. When thou hearest My call, turn thy face toward My direction and say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy lovers which was shed in the land of Ya, and by their patience and steadfastness and submission and contentment, and by the mysteries of Thy Book and the fragrances of Thy verses, to ordain for me that which will preserve me through Thy hosts and guard me by Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee to open before my face the doors of Thy mercy and Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful."

=== END BH08400 ===

=== START BH08402 ===

He is the Hearer from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a Book sent down by the Mother Book in this praiseworthy station, wherein is mentioned he who hath turned unto God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is the servant who is attracted by the verses of God, the Mighty, the Loving. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty and hast attained unto My traces, say:

My God, my God! Thy separation hath brought me to nothingness and my deeds have kept me far from Thee in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the fragrance of Thy mercy was wafted throughout creation, and by Thy loving-kindness whereby the ocean of forgiveness surged before the faces of all peoples, that Thou forgive me and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy verses. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee, turning unto the horizon of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy grace and favors. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08402 ===

=== START BH08403 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beautiful

Your letter was noted and spiritual melodies from the mystic nightingale were heard. The people's turning away from God and their attachment to vain desires is evident and manifest. To whatever extent they can maintain outward appearances, it is permissible and acceptable. That is, if it is possible to return home in utmost joy and fragrance, that would be best. Otherwise, let not grief enter your noble being, and be exceedingly happy that you have migrated to God and journeyed unto Him. To abandon life and seek solitude with the Beloved in the realm of placelessness is the way of those near to God and the manner of the detached ones. In love, if my blood is spilled according to love's law, I have not betrayed -

rather I have kept faith when I fulfilled my pledge. The law of love has another decree. And the Spirit be upon you and upon all who are with you.

=== END BH08403 ===

=== START BH08404 ===

He is the One sanctified from all names

O Mirza Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God! A gracious Book hath been sent down from the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it guideth the servants to the most exalted Paradise and leadeth them to His straight Path. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard from it that which the Tongue of Grandeur had previously uttered. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name all things were subdued and by Whose Will the names were transformed! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy might and the manifestation of Thine authority, to protect me from the venom of Thine enemies and the sting of the wicked ones among Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee, turning unto Thee, and placing my trust in Thee. Preserve me, then, through Thy grace and favors, and ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH08404 ===

=== START BH08405 ===

M.R. to his honor Mir Sayfu'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, the Protector over all names

A Tablet to him who has turned to My horizon and spoken My beautiful praise. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards the Dayspring of Thy Revelation when most of Thy servants turned away from it, and for having made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses when the learned ones of Thy lands were heedless of it. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world and given life to the nations through the lights of Thy Kingdom and the splendors of the Sun of Thy bounty, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! Thou seest me turning towards Thee. I beseech Thee to make me detached from all else save Thee and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art He Whom the might of the world cannot weaken, nor can the power of the nations frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH08405 ===

=== START BH08406 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are in the Kingdom

This is a Book inscribed by the finger of the Will of the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is the Preserved Tablet, and it is that which has been sent down in this unfurled Parchment, and from it appeared the Written Book. Say: Through it were all books sent down and every Messenger dispatched, and verily He is the One established upon the Throne in His frequented House. He is the Truth, beholding creation from this Praiseworthy Station. Verily He is the One Who stands through the Truth, and verily He is the Self-Subsisting. By His Name was the Trumpet blown and the seal of the Choice Wine broken - none has attained unto it save those who have held fast to this Extended Cord. Can anyone draw nigh unto God? Nay, by My Self, except whom God willeth, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We beseech God to ordain for every one who turns towards Him this Forbidden Station.

=== END BH08406 ===

=== START BH08407 ===

A Tablet from Our presence to him who hath attained unto the days of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, and hath hearkened unto the Call which was raised in truth from this Tree that speaketh in the midmost heart of the world: 'Verily, there is none other God beside Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.'

Blessed art thou inasmuch as the Most Exalted Pen remembereth thee whilst in the clutches of the oppressors. Ye are beneath the pavilion of My loving-kindness; guard ye this sublime station.

It behooveth thy script to be presented before the Throne. Thy Lord, verily, is the Educator, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Make mention, on My behalf, of him who hath been named 'Alí-before-Nabíl, saying: 'Blessed art thou inasmuch as thou hast hearkened unto the command of thy Lord and art of those who are set ablaze.'

We cherish those who have held fast unto the cord of means, placing their trust in God, the Powerful, the Almighty.

Then make mention of the other and gladden him with the remembrance I have made of him. Verily, My grace hath encompassed the worlds.

May the glory of God rest upon you all from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy.

=== END BH08407 ===

=== START BH08408 ===

THE MOST HOLY, MOST MIGHTY, MOST GREAT BOOK from Us to him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when he appeared with My Most Glorious Name and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, one word from Him cannot be equaled by whatsoever existeth in the heavens and the earth. We seized creation through a word from Us and raised them up again through it, for verily We are powerful over all things. Blessed is he who hath recognized the Word of God and its Source, and hath attained unto the lights of His Face, the Shining, the Luminous. Verily it speaketh at all times through My Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names, and summoneth all unto this Luminous Horizon. Those who are heedless, they are assuredly the people of the Fire, and those who have believed, they are assuredly the

people of Paradise - to this doth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Great, bear witness. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the veils of the divines nor the promptings of the evil ones shall hold thee back.

=== END BH08408 ===

=== START BH08409 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A Book from Us unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, and hath heard the Call when it was raised in truth, and hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon when it shone forth with this resplendent Light. Verily doth the Desired One make mention of thee in these days which We have specially ordained for Our Most Great and Most Glorious Name, and which have been designated in the Tablets of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, as the Days of Ha. Rejoice thou in this supreme bounty, then make mention of this Wronged One, the Lonely One. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Remember thou the Truth with such remembrance as shall awaken the hearts of them that slumber. Say: The Desired One is come and the Sovereign Lord of all worlds is made manifest. He, verily, is the One promised in the Books of God aforetime. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones. Say: Beware lest the clamor of the divines prevent you from turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon. Leave them to their vain imaginings, then turn ye unto the Dawning-Place of the revelation of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08409 ===

=== START BH08410 ===

ATABAH. O ’Ata’u’llah! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. This is a Book from Our presence, and verily it is a perspicuous Book, calling all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it is the Most Great Sign amongst all created things, and the Mightiest Key to the treasure of God, the Mighty, the Praised One. Through it is every matter revealed and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, is made manifest. O ’Ata! Take thou the chalice of bounty from the hand of the Bounty of thy Lord, then drink therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Verily the chalice is this Book, and the Kawthar is that which floweth therein of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the All-Informed, the Trusted One. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Tablet and hearest that which the Spirit hath spoken, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me and for having sent down unto me that which hath brought solace to mine eyes. I beseech Thee to provide me with the Kawthar of steadfastness, that my feet slip not from this Momentous Announcement.

=== END BH08410 ===

=== START BH08411 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous

A missive from the Wronged One to him who desires to turn towards the sublime and most exalted Horizon and hear the Call of God, the Lord of Names, that it may draw him to the station which God hath mentioned in a preserved Tablet. O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of thy Lord, the Most High. He verily speaketh the truth: There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, forsake all else and take what thou art commanded by Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Beware lest things prevent thee from the Creator of heaven or the clamor of the heedless turn thee aside from the Path. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's mercy and say: O God of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise, who taketh refuge in Thy presence, who seeketh protection at Thy threshold, who remaineth firm in Thy love and steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. The hosts of the world and the concourse of nations cannot withhold Thee. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH08411 ===

=== START BH08412 ===

The Most Great, Most Holy

A Book sent down in truth from God, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it summoneth mankind unto the most exalted horizon - that horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of Glory and Majesty. Blessed is he who hath advanced towards it, and woe unto every hesitating one who is veiled. Those who have rent asunder the veils are numbered among the people of this praiseworthy station, and they who have turned away are cursed by honored servants. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dayspring of His Cause and given thee to drink of this Sealed Wine. He, verily, is the Almighty Who doeth as He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Hold thou fast unto the hem of steadfastness and grasp the cord of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Arise to promote the Cause, then remind the people in the days of thy Lord, that perchance they may arise from the couch of heedlessness and turn towards God, the Master of the seen and unseen.

=== END BH08412 ===

=== START BH08413 ===

O Abul-Hasan!

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious! This is a Book sent down in truth, and from it wafts the fragrance of the Garment to the people of holiness, and the breath of the All-Merciful to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Verily it is God's proof unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, could ye but perceive it. Were ye to look with My eye, ye would behold it as the Dawning-Place of My most excellent names and the Manifestation of My most exalted attributes. All that ye have heard concerning the Day of Resurrection and its conditions - thus doth inform you One Who possesseth a protecting Tablet. Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness in the path of God and cling to His luminous hem. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and commit not that which would cause the clamor of nations to be

raised. Do that which I have commanded you in My wondrous Tablet. We have forbidden all from the promptings of self and passion, and have enjoined upon them that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH08413 ===

=== START BH08414 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all names

This is a Book sent down through grace from God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, that He might guide the people to the Euphrates of His mercy, from whose murmuring can be heard that the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of earth and heaven hath come. Blessed is he whom vain imaginings have not weakened, and blessed is he whom the veils of every barking dog have not caused to sit idle - one who hath denied God. When thou hearest the call from Mine all-highest horizon, say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy power and the law of Thy commandments, and by the sea of Thy mercy and the Euphrates of Thy grace, and by Him through Whom the idols of vain imaginings were cast down in Thy realm and the banners of divine signs were raised up amongst Thy servants, to make me a helper of Thy Faith, steadfast in Thy service, hastening to do that which pleaseth Thee, and an aid to Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08414 ===

=== START BH08415 ===

O sister of him who is named Mahdi, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Glorious Beauty of God! This is a Book sent down from the heaven of Revelation unto her who believed when she heard the call of her Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, that the Word of God might draw her nigh unto a station wherein naught is seen save the lights of His face, the Mighty, the Generous. Verily, We make mention of him who hath turned among the servants and then of her who hath turned among the handmaidens. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily, he who hath attained unto the days of God is assuredly among the people of Paradise in a mighty tablet, and she who hath recognized her Lord is assuredly among those who have attained in the presence of the mighty Throne. O My handmaiden! The Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of thee from this far-distant horizon. Be thou thankful for this bounty and make mention of Him in the nights and days. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thus hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of grace that which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08415 ===

=== START BH08416 ===

Your letter was received in prison and the Wronged One, Who called all unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, turned toward it. Its opening was adorned with this blessed verse: “O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most glorious glory [Baha].” Observe the heedlessness of the people of the Furqan [Muslims], although they had previously said that God’s Most Great Name was mentioned in this prayer. To those possessed of insight it is most clear and evident that the station of mentioning the Most Great Name is at the beginning, since it precedes all names and is the source and dawning-place of all remembrances, and it appears at the opening of the aforementioned prayer. Despite this, all denied and failed to recognize its truth. Rather, they issued a decree for His death, save those whom God preserved through truth and delivered from the sea of idle fancies. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Ancient of Days.

=== END BH08416 ===

=== START BH08417 ===

O ’Azziyyih, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Answerer! We have seen thy letter and heard thy call. Though thou mayest not be physically present in this land, thou art considered as being from this place. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which is pleasing to the Friend. The sun shineth and beameth forth from the heaven; its influence pervadeth all lands. I swear by the peerless Gem of the Ocean of Knowledge that this Wronged One hath at all times desired thy glory, exaltation and comfort, and I counsel thee to that which beseemeth thee. In truth I say: that which is thy companion and helper hath been and shall ever be the Word of Truth. O ’Azziyyih! Hold thou fast unto it, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be not distressed. Assuredly after hardship ease shall come, and divine joy shall be made manifest. Thus doth He Who speaketh with pure love for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds, remind thee.

=== END BH08417 ===

=== START BH08418 ===

O handmaiden of God! The letter of Lutf-’Ali has arrived before the Throne in the name of the Goal of the world. That which was submitted in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds was heard. May thou ever gaze toward the most exalted horizon and hold fast to the cord of His favors. Today no glory can be conceived greater than for one to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court and attain the recognition of God and His remembrance. Praise be to God that through divine benevolence thou hast attained this most great bounty. Strive to act according to His good-pleasure. Know all save Him to be non-existent and consider it non-being. At all times be engaged in His remembrance. Verily He is with His remembering handmaidens. Two persons were mentioned in thy letter and both were mentioned before His Countenance. God willing, may all not be deprived of the outpourings of the divine days and act according to what He loves and is pleased with.

=== END BH08418 ===

=== START BH08419 ===

O Bahiyyih, daughter of Javad! In the name of the One Beloved Friend, thy letter hath been received before the Throne and hath attained unto the lights of His countenance. God willing, in all conditions occupy thyself with the remembrance of God and be detached from all else besides Him. The foundation of all deeds is the good-pleasure of God, and His good-pleasure is not attained except through acting according to what He hath commanded in His Book. O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the divine call and act according to that which is His good-pleasure - and that is to purify thyself from all else save Him and to sanctify thy being from the mention of aught besides Him. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou hast attained unto His recognition in His days, and thy mention hath been recorded before the Throne, and thou hast been provided with this exalted Tablet which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. And the glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08419 ===

=== START BH08420 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and its heading was adorned and embellished with the crown of divine remembrance, that it might bear witness on thy behalf and testify that thou hast attained unto the days of God and been honored with the recognition of the Beloved of the world, of Whom most of the peoples are heedless. Be thou grateful unto God for this manifest grace. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all to observe wisdom, lest that which would cause the weak to falter be revealed. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having voiced the praise of thy Lord and mentioned His name before the Throne, and thy Lord hath answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon him who moveth his pen in remembrance of God and upon him who was mentioned in thy letter. We beseech God to aid and assist you in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to ordain for you that which shall profit you in the world to come and in this world.

=== END BH08420 ===

=== START BH08421 ===

In the Name of the One, the Most High! Your letter hath been presented at the Divine Throne, and the sweet fragrances of thy love are wafting from it. That which thou didst request hath already been granted from before. His bounty hath encompassed all things and His mercy hath preceded the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and found the fragrances of the Robe of the All-Merciful. God willing, thou shalt be so gladdened by the breezes of revelation that no sorrow shall overtake thee and no grief shall follow. The glory of existence hath been and ever shall be the knowledge of God, and after that, what is essential is to act according to the divine commandments and to remain steadfast in the love of the King of Oneness, for thieves lie in wait and devils stand ready at their posts. Beseech ye God, exalted be His glory, that ye may be protected at all times from the evil of corrupt souls. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH08421 ===

=== START BH08422 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High

Whatsoever God hath willed, verily He shall manifest it in truth, and it is best for Us and for such of His servants as draw nigh unto Him. And He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Through their oppression the countenance of justice hath been illumined, yet they remain in wondrous stupor. That which they have wrought shall cause you no harm, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have enjoined wisdom solely due to the weakness of some, while others possess might and power. These latter are not saddened by anything, nor are they hindered by any matter. Thus hath the decree been ordained in the Book. It behooveth thee to bid the loved ones to observe wisdom in all conditions. This is what beseemeth most of the loved ones. We have informed thee of this on the night when thou wert present before the Countenance. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. My Splendor be upon thee, O Muhammad, and My remembrance be upon thee, O Mustafa. Thou art among those who have borne the Trust and sacrificed thyself in the path of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08422 ===

=== START BH08423 ===

He is God, exalted is He! The more tribulation increases, the more does my yearning for God increase. Through it God distinguishes between the assured and the doubtful, between the heedless and the penitent. Through it ever has the garden of steadfastness been made verdant and the fountain of mercy and loving-kindness has overflowed. Whoso regards all things with an eye that is not veiled by displeasure and reflects upon their transience, their transformation and their alteration, will never grieve and will be content with what God has ordained for him. Can anyone distinguish between the bones of kings and subjects, or between the wealthy and the poor? No, by the Lord of kings! Since this is so, it behooveth every person of understanding to take heed, and every heedless one to awaken. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to do what He loveth and is pleased with, to detach them from this world and all that is therein. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the All-Glorious.

=== END BH08423 ===

=== START BH08424 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! The Divine Word, which in one station is interpreted as the Most Pure Wine, was sent time after time. However, these penetrating influences and effulgences, these attractions and intoxications, and that whereby the world and all therein are transformed - you must, God willing, remain so steadfast in the Cause of God that neither fear nor perturbation shall seize you. Walk among the people with utmost uprightness and wisdom. In such case, whatsoever may befall you will be in the path of God. What bounty is greater than this? What grace is mightier than this? What light is more luminous than this? What glory is more glorious than this? Praise ye the Beloved of the world, that the Supreme Pen hath once again made mention of you. Be steadfast, O people, and be not of those whom fear hath seized in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08424 ===

=== START BH08425 ===

In the name of the one God! The Kawthar of life is flowing in the world and the Sun of knowledge has appeared and risen from the horizon of divine bestowal, and the Ocean of vision is manifest and evident through perfect grace. Yet the seeker is missing and the thirsty one deprived, for he knows not the way to the Ocean and has not recognized nor knows the Guide. The ancient sayings of people have prevented them from the fresh and wondrous Salsabil. They measure that Cause which has had no likeness, equal or similitude by the stories of the first and the last ones, and in their own estimation consider themselves cautious in religion, unaware that all the Concourse on High and dwellers of the pavilions of the Most Exalted Paradise seek to be free from such souls. Woe unto them for what they have earned in their vain life! Woe unto them for having turned away from Him Who has spoken at the hub of the world: "Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

=== END BH08425 ===

=== START BH08426 ===

O Mirza Ja'far-Quli!

Grieve not over what hath come to pass. Should He wish it, He would transform hardship into ease and ordain whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Be not saddened by what hath occurred. Loss in this world and the next shall return to the treacherous souls, and continueth to do so. That which they have taken shall profit them not; rather, humiliation shall descend upon them in this world and in the next, and a grievous chastisement shall afflict them.

Be thou occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful, and strive in outward matters according to thy capacity. This is thy duty, and thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Ruler over what He willeth. Praise God that thou art mentioned in the Most Great Scene and art remembered in the Most Luminous Presence. And the glory rest upon thee.

Convey sublime greetings to his honor Nasir, whom God hath aided. God willing, may he ever drink from the cup of nearness to the Lord of Majesty and be sustained by the goodly fruits of remembrance.

=== END BH08426 ===

=== START BH08427 ===

Be not grieved at anything. We beseech God to make the crescent moon of thy hope into a full moon, and the star of thy desire into a radiant sun. He is, verily, the Protector of the sincere ones. Say: He Who hath come was promised in the Book and mentioned in hearts and minds. Those who turned away from Him turned away from the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Name, but they understand not. When the Dawn of Manifestation unfurled His banner, the people arose in opposition. Among them were those who said He came to corrupt the world. Say: Nay, by God, rather for its reformation, did ye but know! Even were My corruption better than your reformation, by God, My oppression would be better than the

justice of the world, and My death the cause of life for the nations, would ye but understand! Say: Though the outward appearance of My oppression be as fire, yet its inner reality is light. Fear God, O people, and say not that which ye know not.

=== END BH08427 ===

=== START BH08428 ===

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker!

The attention of the All-Possessing Lord has ever been directed toward those who have turned unto Him, both men and women. This is the Day for the manifestation of the gems of existence. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the Will and Purpose of God, to such degree that it hath claimed no will or purpose of its own. Such a one is immersed in the ocean of divine submission. Well is it with the man-servant who hath attained, and with the maid-servant who hath attained, unto this most exalted, most holy, most glorious station. O leaf! Fix thy gaze upon the Lord of eternity, that thou mayest find thyself detached and free from the world and all that is therein. If thou shouldst drink of this wine, such joy shall possess thee that the troubles and sorrows of the world will never seize thee. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He hath made mention of thee through that which nothing can equal. To this thy Lord, the All-Informed, doth testify.

=== END BH08428 ===

=== START BH08429 ===

In the name of the one unrivaled God! The tongue of grandeur hath in the nights and days been occupied with the mention of the friends from among both men and women, whereunto every possessor of ears and every possessor of illumined sight beareth witness. Today the ocean of grace is surging and the sun of bounty is shining. Blessed is the one who hath heard the divine call and recognized Him in the garment of His manifestation. This is the day of the rejoicing of the leaves, for the Tree hath appeared, and the Day of Resurrection, for the Self-Subsisting One hath arisen. God willing, may that leaf dwell beneath the shade of the Tree's loving-kindness and be occupied with His remembrance. Blessed art thou for having chosen to serve thy brother whom We chose for the service of Our Cause, the Mighty, the Great. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy sisters who have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon you all from the presence of One powerful and ancient.

=== END BH08429 ===

=== START BH08431 ===

In My Name, the Most Great

Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, for having caused me to know Thy Self, and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and shown me the horizon of Thy Revelation, and made me to hear Thy most sweet call whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names were attracted! O my Lord! Wilt Thou deny me after having called me, and keep me far after having drawn me

nigh, and render me deprived after having taught me the scrolls of Thy bounty and the tablets of Thy grace? O my Lord! Thou seest him who standeth at the gate of the city of Thy favor, and him who subsisteth, gazing toward Thy horizon. I beseech Thee to enable me to remember Thee and serve Thee, and to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy Manifestation and Thy days. I testify that Thou art sanctified above all mention and holy beyond all thought. Before Thy face have prostrated themselves the people of the Kingdom and the dwellers of the Realm of Might, and those whom God hath purified from all that is repugnant - as befitteth His blessed Day.

=== END BH08431 ===

=== START BH08432 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Mighty, the Most Glorious! Praise be unto Thee, O our God, our Sovereign, our Lord, for having awakened us through Thy sweetest call, and made us recognize Thy Most Glorious Beauty and Thy most exalted horizon. We beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names, by the Most Great Word which hath proceeded from the mouth of Thy Will and the Pen of Thy Purpose, to assist us in remembering and praising Thee and in arising to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! We are Thy servants and in Thy grasp. We have heard Thy call and turned toward the horizon of Thy bounties. We implore Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy generosity to make us detached from all else save Thee, and to enable us to arise to teach Thy Cause and to act according to that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The sum of one hundred rupees which had been sent through His Holiness Khalil, upon him be all glory most glorious, reached this evanescent servant.

=== END BH08432 ===

=== START BH08433 ===

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Magnified be Thy name, O my God, for that Thou hast manifested the Day which is the King of Days, the Day which Thou didst announce unto Thy chosen Ones and Thy Prophets in Thy most excellent Tablets, the Day whereon Thou didst shed the splendor of the glory of all Thy names upon all created things. Great is his blessedness whosoever hath set himself towards Thee, and entered Thy presence, and caught the accents of Thy voice.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the name of Him round Whom circleth in adoration the kingdom of Thy names, that Thou wilt graciously assist them that are dear to Thee to glorify Thy word among Thy servants, and to shed abroad Thy praise amidst Thy creatures, so that the ecstasies of Thy revelation may fill the souls of all the dwellers of Thine earth.

Since Thou hast guided them, O my Lord, unto the living waters of Thy grace, grant, by Thy bounty, that they may not be kept back from Thee; and since Thou hast summoned them to the habitation of Thy throne, drive them not out from Thy presence, through Thy loving-kindness. Send down upon them what shall wholly detach them from aught else except Thee, and make them able to soar in the atmosphere of

Thy nearness, in such wise that neither the ascendancy of the oppressor nor the suggestions of them that have disbelieved in Thy most august and most mighty Self shall be capable of keeping them back from Thee.

=== END BH08433 ===

=== START BH08434 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having kindled the lamp of Thy oneness between Thy heaven and earth, and for having nourished it with the oil of Thy wisdom and Thy command, and protected it with the glass of Thy power and might. O Lord! The lamp, with the tongue of its inner reality, declares: "O my God! Thou seest me and knowest what lies within my secret being. I have not revealed myself in all regions except that Thy creation and Thy creatures might be illumined by me, as all those possessed of insight witness the manifestations of my light. Despite this, the winds of discord have surrounded me from every direction, and Thou seest me, O my God, in the hands of the wicked. I know not how long Thou wilt leave me in Thy domains, after which it desires to ascend from Thee to the repository of the glory of Thy oneness and the source of the light of Thy singleness. I beseech Thee, O Sender and Controller of the winds, to illumine the world through it. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Omnipotent."

=== END BH08434 ===

=== START BH08435 ===

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy knowledge, and for having given me to drink of the wine of Thy bounty in such wise that I have turned my face unto Thy face and been honored by Thy favors to such extent that Thou hast mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to cause me, in all Thy worlds, to be one who maketh mention of Thee and of Thy praise, who gazeth toward the horizon of Thy beauty, who moveth according to Thy will, and who soareth in the atmosphere of Thy nearness. Verily, Thou art the Gracious, the Possessor of ancient bounty. O Lord! Look with the glance of Thy mercy upon this handmaiden who hath stood before the door of Thy grace and clung to the cord of Thy bounty. Then ordain for her that which is best for her, and grant her the privilege of serving the Dayspring of Thy Cause in the worlds which Thou hast ordained. Verily, Thou hast power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08435 ===

=== START BH08437 ===

O handmaiden of God, beloved aunt, upon her be the Glory of God!

In My Most Holy Name

You may say: O my leaf! O God of the realm of might and Sovereign of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the greatest terror seized all humanity and every hidden matter was revealed, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will draw Thy handmaidens and leaves near to the ocean of Thy nearness and the Divine Lote Tree of Thy manifestation. O Lord! I am she who hastened to the seat of Thy throne with heart and soul, answered Thy call, turned toward Thy horizon, and spoke Thy praise. O Lord! Aid Thy leaf to remember Thee amongst Thy handmaidens and ordain for her that which will bring joy to her eyes and gladden her breast. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful and Thy handmaiden stands at Thy door. I beseech Thee to ordain for her that which will cause her to circle round Thy will and speak Thy name in all Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08437 ===

=== START BH08438 ===

O Jinab-i-Karbila'i Muhammad! He is the All-Knowing Speaker from time immemorial and unto everlasting. The false one hath misled the people in the name of truth. O ye who drink from the wine of inner meanings, be ye aware, for thieves lie in ambush, waiting and watching, and have appeared with utmost cunning and guile, that perchance they may hold back the servants from the supreme horizon and deprive them of the ocean of divine mercy. Blessed is the servant whom the intimations of the people have not withheld from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. All the friends must manifest perfect unity and harmony, and must stand so firm in the Cause of God that neither the books of the world nor the tongues of the nations shall hold them back from the Dayspring of Divine Inspiration and the Dawning-Place of Utterance. How excellent is this for them that know, and how pleasing for them that hear! The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08438 ===

=== START BH08439 ===

In the Name of the One Beloved!

Blessed is the soul who in these wondrous and exalted days has drunk from the chalice of recognition and has turned toward the All-Merciful. How many souls were occupied day and night with the remembrance of God, yet when He rent asunder the veils and appeared from the horizon of grace and bounty, they all became occupied with their own desires and were deprived and kept back from Him, save those whom thy Lord wished. Give praise to the Ancient Lord that through the blessedness of the Most Great Name thou hast attained unto His recognition and drunk from the cup of His love. For this bounty there hath been no likeness or parallel, nor shall there be. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless. Beseech God that thou mayest remain steadfast in this mighty Cause and straight path, and be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend.

=== END BH08439 ===

=== START BH08440 ===

The Desire of the world speaks in the Persian language. It would be praiseworthy to Him, if His loved ones also converse and write in this language. Your letter arrived and your call was heard at a time when the torrential rains were pouring and flowing from the heaven of the grace of the Most High. Divine mercy has taken precedence and the lights of the Sun of His favor have encompassed all, yet most are found to be heedless and turning away from it. All sacred books are adorned with the mention of this Day, and all the chosen ones and holy ones hoped for and worked towards this Day. Nevertheless, the people remain veiled and remote. Thank God for having caused you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and enabled you to praise Him after all the doubting world turned away from Him. He ordains for whomsoever has desired to attain His presence the recompense thereof. Verily your Lord is the Generous Bestower. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08440 ===

=== START BH08441 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Beloved of the worlds declares: O servants! The first matter that leads to faith, certitude, sanctification and detachment is My oneness, free from all peers and equals. Whosoever attains to this station is accounted among the sincere believers before the Divine Throne and their name is recorded in the divine tablets. God willing, through divine grace you shall attain to this station and partake of this choice wine. And when the heart and soul are purified from attachment to all else but God, you must act according to what has been revealed in the tablets, so that the temples of the servants may also become outwardly pure and sanctified. This is the station where the outer is identical with the inner, and the inner identical with the outer. This station is beloved, and anything less is rejected. Convey My greetings to the people of that place, from the One Who was imprisoned aforetime.

=== END BH08441 ===

=== START BH08442 ===

In the Name of the one true God! The Dawning-Place of divine revelation, appearing in human temple, calleth aloud and bestoweth the water of life. Blessed is he who, through the outpourings of God, hath attained unto life everlasting, and deprived is he who hath been forbidden this eternal, spiritual Kawthar. Not every ear is worthy of this call, and not every cup is fit to receive this holy wine. Pure and illumined hearts have been and shall ever be the chalices of this eternal and everlasting wine. Give praise unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast attained unto the water of life and, through the grace of the Most Great Name, hast turned toward the divine Sanctuary. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest be steadfast with supreme steadfastness and be adorned with the ornament of praise and glorification in the celestial kingdom of creation. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth unto whomsoever He pleaseth that which He desireth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08442 ===

=== START BH08443 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable God! The Wronged One of the horizons, despite the tribulations that descended and calamities that befell Him, summoned all the peoples of the world to God, exalted be His glory. In some of the blessed divine utterances, He spoke in such moving terms that souls willingly sacrificed themselves in the path of the Friend with the utmost joy and delight, and at the altar of sacrifice they spoke the divine Name. I swear by the Most Great Name, those souls in the highest Paradise eternally enjoy God's infinite bounties through His most beautiful names. O friends! Strive ye, for the Nightingale of Revelation warbles upon the branches of the Tree of Life, speaking with most eloquent utterance. Blessed is the one who in this blessed Day has attained to that which God has willed. Such a one is numbered among the people of Baha in the Book of Names. Verily He speaks the truth and guides to the Way. There is no God but Him, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH08443 ===

=== START BH08444 ===

O handmaid of God! In the name of the one true God! The Wronged One at this moment makes mention of one of the handmaidens of God and gives her the glad-tidings of God's grace. Today the ocean of divine mercy is surging and the Luminary of bounty is shining from the horizon of the world. Blessed are those servants and handmaidens whom the colors of the world and the doubts of the nations have not prevented or deprived from the lights of the Most Great Luminary.

Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who confirmed thee and granted thee success in turning toward Him. Thou didst set thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon and didst attain unto the verses and words of God, exalted be His glory. Know thou the station of this bounty. Most of the people of the earth today are heedless and veiled, while thou, through God's grace, art assured and turning toward Him. Guard this station as the pupil of thine eye. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH08444 ===

=== START BH08445 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all peoples! The Wronged One of the world calleth out from the Most Great Prison unto all nations: O people! Behold ye, then listen! By God! The Speaker on Sinai and the Lord of Resurrection and the Manifestation of Revelation hath appeared. Come ye, and hasten, O people of fidelity among the concourse of creation! By God! The White Hand hath passed round the crimson cups containing the purest wine. Drink ye, O people of My Kingdom, at one time in My Name the Gracious, and at another in My Name the Beauteous, then again in My Name, the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath He cast forth from the ocean of knowledge the pearls of utterance. Gather ye, O people of Baha, in My Name, the All-Conquering, the Powerful. Blessed is he whose vision no veil hath hindered from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon, and whose ear the world hath not distracted from My Most Glorious Name, and whose strength enabled him to arise in My remembrance upon My Straight Path.

=== END BH08445 ===

=== START BH08446 ===

In the Name of the Beloved One! The divine fire hath appeared from the Blessed Tree and the light of oneness shineth resplendent from the horizon of the Countenance. This is the Day of mention and praise - whosoever attaineth unto it is reckoned before God among the denizens of Paradise. O friends! The Pen of the All-Merciful moveth at all times and summoneth the people to the straight Path of God. The Way is manifest and the Guide is radiant as the sun, yet most of the people are seen to be without eyes and ears. Render thanks unto the Purpose of the world that He hath aided thee in that which most of the people remain veiled from. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to enable me to do what Thou desirest in Thy love. Then send down for me and for my brothers and my mother and my sister that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08446 ===

=== START BH08447 ===

He is the All-Seeing Speaker! The fire of self and passion hath afflicted most of the people of the earth and kept them back from drawing nigh unto God, glorified be His majesty. Night and day they are consumed by the fire of greed and deprived of the light of detachment. With all their soul they strive after wealth and glory, heedless of to whom this wealth shall revert the following day and who shall inherit this glory. We beseech God that He may assist thee and the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim in that land to achieve that which is befitting. Make mention of each one on behalf of this Wronged One. His honor the Trustee, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of each one and hath been blessed with the sacred verses from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve you and ordain for you the best in this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08447 ===

=== START BH08448 ===

Q. ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar: In the name of the Beloved of the world! Thy letter hath been received in the Most Holy Presence and thy supplications were heard. Praise be to God that in these spiritual days thou hast been attracted by the fragrance of the merciful Robe unto the direction of the Friend and hast attained unto His recognition. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord, and whosoever hath attained unto this most great bounty must needs stand with complete steadfastness among the people in the Cause of the Lord of Days, in such wise that no matter may withhold him from the direction of the Most Great Oneness and the divine path. Say: O my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the signs and reveal the clear evidences, to aid me to act according to Thy good-pleasure and to avoid that which Thou hast forbidden in Thy Book. Then ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next, for verily I know not anything and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08448 ===

=== START BH08449 ===

O friend! In the name of the Friend, thy letter was present before My face and what was written therein was observed. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto the recognition of His Self and drunk from His Kawthar of “Am I not?” God willing, thou must at all times be engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful and detached and free from aught else. Thou hast attained unto the Most Great Pilgrimage and arrived at the Most Great Scene and hearkened unto the melody of the All-Merciful from the right hand of the Throne. God willing, thou must conduct thyself with godly attributes so that all may inhale from thee the fragrances of sanctity and holiness, inasmuch as thou hast entered the House and become aware, according to thy capacity, of the sanctity and holiness of the Lord of the House. God willing, through the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful, thou shalt at all times drink from the Kawthar of love and be sustained by the fruits of the Tree of Ridvan. And the glory be upon thee.

=== END BH08449 ===

=== START BH08452 ===

O Muhammad Husayn! He is the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thy call was heard and thy turning toward the Most Holy Court was evident and known before God. We have accepted thy deed in the path of God. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. Blessed are those souls who today move by the will of God and walk in the path of His good-pleasure. Although those souls who turned toward the Most Holy Court without permission attained the presence, yet the Supreme Pen hath paused in their mention. We have pardoned them as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Thy deed was more acceptable before God, for today all must be occupied with service to the Cause and hold fast to the divine commandments. Blessed are they that act! And hereafter whosoever shall turn without permission, verily he is of the heedless. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08452 ===

=== START BH08453 ===

Baku. O Aqa Rida-Quli, upon him be the glory of God. He is the One Who speaks between earth and heaven. Thy call hath been heard and thy turning unto God is evident. We beseech God that He may aid thee in a matter that shall endure and abide and never be effaced from the pages of time. This Day was promised in the divine Books and all were awaiting it, yet when it dawned from the horizon of God’s Will, all were found heedless save a few who turned with faces illumined unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. The ones who have turned unto God must know their worth and recognize their station. Blessed is the soul that heard the blessed words “Am I not your Lord?” and attained unto “Yea.” Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of this mighty Prison. The glory of God, proceeding from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, be upon thee.

=== END BH08453 ===

=== START BH08454 ===

His Honor Professor Ali Salmani, upon him be the Glory of God

The Request of a Spiritual Youth

He is the One Who dawns from His most exalted horizon

The Call has been raised, the Mother Book revealed, the Path made manifest, yet the people are witnessed to be in evident error. Blessed art thou for having turned and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Guard this station through the Name of the Lord of Names, for the cawing ones have been and are lying in ambush. Say: My God, my God! Protect this Thy servant from the doubts of the cawers and the intimations of the infidels. I am the one who, O my God, have clung to the service of Thy loved ones out of my longing for Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause that hath encompassed the world and by Thy sovereignty that hath subdued the nations, to make me in all conditions firm and steadfast in Thy Most Great Cause, whereby the hearts of the world were shaken except for those whom Thou didst preserve through Thy ancient grace and Thy mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

=== END BH08454 ===

=== START BH08456 ===

O Mulla Aqa Baba, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One incomparable, All-Knowing God. The fragrances of divine revelation have permeated the world, yet the servants remain heedless and veiled therefrom. All that was recorded by the Supreme Pen in previous Books has become manifest and evident, yet the doubts of the suspicious ones and the opposition of the deniers have prevented people from drawing near and deprived them of the fragrance of eternity. Today, whosoever attains to the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Revelation is accounted among those near to God. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and directed me and provided me with Thy path, Thy meeting, Thy nearness and reunion with Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and dedicated to serving Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08456 ===

=== START BH08457 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

My Most Great Remembrance calls all contingent beings unto God, Lord of all religions. We have sent it forth in human form - exalted be the All-Merciful Who has sent down every command in the Book. That which was inscribed has appeared, and that which was hidden in the Tablets has come forth. Say: The horizon of utterance has been illumined by the Sun of My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in earth and heaven. By God’s life! We have not fallen short in remembrance and utterance, but the people remain in doubt and behind a veil. When thou hast attained unto this Tablet, arise to serve thy Lord, the Wronged One, through Whom most of those on earth were thunderstruck and the mountains were crushed to dust. Make mention of thy Lord through that which God hath taught thee, as a grace from His

presence. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon the people of Baha, whom God hath mentioned in the Book with the most excellent of remembrances.

=== END BH08457 ===

=== START BH08458 ===

In the Name of the All-Loving Friend! Blessed is the state of one who, in this divine Day, has attained unto the hearing of His call and has turned toward the horizon of His Cause. All the peoples of the earth were engaged, throughout the days and nights, in lamentation and weeping, that perchance the pitch darkness of those days might be illumined by the light of the appearance of the King of all mankind, so that the possessors of insight might turn toward the Most Great Horizon and become illumined by the rays of His countenance. When the morn of His manifestation dawned and the breeze from His raiment wafted, He found them all sunk in the slumber of heedlessness, nay rather, found them lifeless and dead, save those souls who held fast to the firm cord and clung to the hem of His bounty. The friends of the Beloved of the worlds must, at all times, beseech and implore the manifest Truth to keep them steadfast in His Cause and not to deprive them from the shelter of His mercy. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08458 ===

=== START BH08459 ===

In the name of the Most Learned, the Most Glorious! This is a wondrous remembrance from God, the Lord of the worlds, that through it may be drawn the hearts of such servants as have been held back from God, the Most High, the Most Great, by their desires. Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of God, for it hath been raised graciously from its resplendent station. Turn ye unto Him with attentive ears, that haply the breaths of revelation may seize you and draw you nigh unto the Mighty, the Generous. How many a night did Baha not sleep, calling all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and how many a day did He speak until the sun did set - to this every discerning soul doth testify. By God! In My actions I desired naught save to draw people nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Knowing. We wished for them naught save what would profit them in this world and the next. Verily, My Most Exalted Pen is the Witness. We have seen thee turning unto God, and have therefore revealed for thee this Book and sent it to thee, that thou mayest rejoice and be among those who render thanks.

=== END BH08459 ===

=== START BH08460 ===

This is a Book of holiness in this Paradise which hath been sent down by God’s leave. God hath made it from His presence a proof, and from His realm a testimony unto all creation. O Muhammad! Bear thou witness within thyself to that which the Most Exalted Pen doth testify in the Most Glorious Paradise, that there is none other God but Him, and that ’Ali is His light and His splendor between the heavens and the earth. Thus hath the promise been fulfilled and the decree hath been inscribed by this Hand which hath emerged from behind the veils of light and hath seized all created things with the sovereignty of might

with a mighty seizure, then doth He extend it unto whomsoever He willeth through His grace, and thus hath the decree been recorded in the Tablet. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having sent down unto thee the verses through divine nature that He might cause all worlds to be fashioned according to the nature of God. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee in an exalted station of glory.

=== END BH08460 ===

=== START BH08461 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent!

This is the Book of God which draweth mankind nigh unto Him, and this is the Light of God which moveth before the faces of them that are near unto Him, and this is the Sun of God which guideth men unto His straight path. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the signs and the ear that hath heard the call of the Mighty, the Wondrous One. Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. Glorify the name of thy Lord, then make mention of Him amongst His servants. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath ever commanded from ancient times. He aideth them that turn towards His good-pleasure and seizeth them that denied Him when He came with manifest sovereignty. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined mine eyes with the lights of Thy utterance and honored mine ears with hearkening to Thy call and strengthened my hands to take hold of Thy Book and adorned my heart with the radiance of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy praise. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to grant this prayer.

=== END BH08461 ===

=== START BH08462 ===

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered! This is a Book for whosoever hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Behold naught save My luminous and exalted Beauty, and utter naught save My praise, if thou be of them that know. Praise beseemeth the Lord of Names, and remembrance this Supreme Remembrance, and tribulation the Dayspring of Decree - verily this resplendent Horizon. Beware, O My loved ones, lest ye exchange that which ye possess for that which hath been ordained in the worlds. The love of God is greater than every good and more glorious than whatsoever hath been created on earth. Preserve it through My Name, the Mighty, the Wise. Be ye brethren of purity amidst the concourse of creation and companions of fidelity in this manifest Cause. Ye are the mirrors of My attributes - polish your hearts from the rust of vain imaginings. Thus doth the Lord of all men command you, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath known My Self in My days and heard My call from this noble Prospect.

=== END BH08462 ===

=== START BH08463 ===

Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi

He is the Most Manifest Beloved

This is a letter from one servant to another servant that he might be stirred by what hath been revealed therein and be numbered among the steadfast. Blessed is he who is stirred by the breezes of God's Will which come at every moment and awaken those servants who sleep upon their couches. Say: These are His signs, were ye of those who know. Verily those who have taken for themselves a friend other than God - these are the heedless ones and shall be numbered among the dead. Say: The Youth is like none among you. He is the One for Whose presence the denizens of the highest Paradise yearn and by Whose melodies the hearts of the mystics are entranced. O servant! Find solace in the remembrance of thy Lord, for through His remembrance mercy descendeth upon His servants, and verily His mercy hath preceded all worlds. Thus have We imparted this unto thee in this Prison that it might be a sign from Us unto thee and unto God's assured servants.

=== END BH08463 ===

=== START BH08464 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from the Lord of Names to him who hath hearkened unto the Call of his Lord and responded, that he may rejoice in God's remembrance of him and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the hosts of the oppressors shall not frighten him. O thou servant who hast turned unto God! Wert thou to taste the sweetness of the remembrance of God, thou wouldst assuredly detach thyself from all that was and is, speaking forth the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, amidst all creation. This, verily, is a certain truth. They who have heard with the ear of the heart have soared in the atmosphere of longing and yearning - to their acceptance testifieth the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Can anyone be sorrowful after the Sun of Joy hath dawned from the horizon of the Command of his Lord, the Gracious, the Bountiful? Rejoice ye in this Name! By God, through it have the horizons been perfumed, would ye but know. Through it hath God distinguished between His servants. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Take thou the cup of utterance in My Name, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom through this wise remembrance.

=== END BH08464 ===

=== START BH08465 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great! This is a Book from Us unto thee, that the breathings of revelation may draw thee unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Turn unto God with thy heart, then make mention of Him amongst His servants, that from thee may be wafted the sweet fragrance of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Beware lest anything withhold thee from God, the Lord of all names. Leave aside all else and hold fast unto this Cord which hath been outstretched. Be thankful unto thy Lord, inasmuch as thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and that which shall gladden the eyes hath been revealed unto thee. Drink thou the living waters from the traces of thy Lord's Pen, the All-Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! We, while in prison, make mention of thee with pure intent before God, that thou mayest know that the mercy of thy Lord hath encompassed all created things and His bounty hath surrounded existence itself. Know thou the

worth of this bounty which hath encompassed thee, then recite the verses of thy Lord. He shall assist thee in that which He desireth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH08465 ===

=== START BH08466 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Supremacy over all names! This is a Book from Us to her whom God hath related unto Our servant Muhammad, who hath attained unto the light of the Countenance and who hath been present at this noble Scene, and unto whom We caused to hear that which the Interlocutor heard, and showed him from among the greatest signs of his Lord, and made him to be of them that have prospered. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. By God! Naught on earth can equal it. Blessed is the one who hath turned unto God on this wondrous Day. We make mention of every servant who hath turned, and every handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw them to a station wherein they shall behold themselves in the most exalted station. He, verily, is the Munificent Giver. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God, the One, the All-Informed. He is with those handmaidens who have believed in God and who make mention of Him at morn and eventide.

=== END BH08466 ===

=== START BH08467 ===

This is a book from Us to those who have attained today unto that which God desired for them and have quaffed the choice sealed wine which was unsealed by the finger of the might of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, that they might take the chalice once again and drink thereof time after time in remembrance of Me, despite those who have denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice in that which hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen! Those who are heedless this day - these know not. Erelong shall the breezes of chastisement seize them from every direction, and they shall not be helped. Thus have We sent down unto thee from the heaven of the Tablet the rains of wisdom and utterance, that there might grow from thy heart the plant of certitude in thy Lord’s Cause, and that thou mayest be of those whom the tempests move not in the days of God and who remained steadfast in such wise that the tongue of the Kingdom and the dominion falls short of describing it.

=== END BH08467 ===

=== START BH08468 ===

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. This is a Book from Us unto the Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, a grace from Our presence and a mercy from before Us. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. O My Leaf and O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. And unto Thee be glory and favor, for having caused me to dwell near unto Thee and having made me to hear Thy call. My God, my God! I

beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all things, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Withhold not from Thy handmaiden the wonders of Thy generosity and favor, and the gems of Thy bounty and bestowals. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Fulfiller of the needs of them that supplicate Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08468 ===

=== START BH08469 ===

Here is a tablet revealed by Us for him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of life in the days of the All-Merciful, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Lord of the worlds and be of those who are at peace. O ’Ali-Akbar! Blessed is thy father who believed in God when every ignorant one turned away from Him. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of God. Hold fast unto that which thou art commanded in the Book and cling to His mighty cord. We have adorned the horizon of the world with the Most Great Name, whereupon all things proclaimed: “He Who is the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty that the hosts of evil ones and the might of the oppressors could not withhold.” He alone speaketh at the midmost heart of creation, saying: “O people of creation! Turn ye toward the Countenance with illumined hearts. He hath appeared from the most exalted horizon after the passing away of all things, and He is in truth the One promised in the scriptures of God, the Most High, the All-Glorious.”

=== END BH08469 ===

=== START BH08470 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaks the Truth. This is a Book from the True One to those who have turned and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. This is the year wherein Hasan sacrificed himself in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds, and after him Husayn, who attained the most great martyrdom. By the life of God, all things wept for them both and for those who preceded them, yet the people are in evident joy. They denied the right of God and His chosen ones, having followed every ignorant one who turned away from God, the Exalted, the Great. Whoso ponders what befell the family of the Messenger would weep with the weeping of the bereaved, or like one who has lost his father and mother and son. This speaking, all-seeing Book bears witness to that. Blessed art thou for having drunk the wine of everlasting life from the hand of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, when most of the people turned away from Him - they whom vain desires kept back from the most exalted horizon and who were, in the days of profit, among the losers.

=== END BH08470 ===

=== START BH08471 ===

In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting! This is a letter from the Prisoner to him who hath chosen for himself a path unto God and believed in the Manifestation of His Self in these days wherein

most of the servants remain veiled from Him, save those who have quaffed the Kawthar of divine favor and have detached themselves entirely from every remote idolater. O servant! Take thou the chalice of eternity in My Most Glorious Name, then drink what hath been ordained therein, and tarry not even for a moment. Thus have We addressed thee and commanded thee in truth, and He is, verily, over all things wise. Follow thou the ways of God, then cast behind thee the ways of men. This, verily, is My bidding unto thee and unto every sincere soul. And the glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the call of God and hath answered it with a pure heart and an eloquent tongue, and hath turned toward the Dayspring of the Cause with a sanctified soul.

=== END BH08471 ===

=== START BH08472 ===

O handmaiden of God, Mother Andalib, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from the Wronged One to one of the leaves and one of the handmaidens, that she may rejoice in the verses of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily We have remembered every servant who hath believed in God and every handmaiden who hath turned unto the All-Knowing, the One. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the world and Ruler of the nations, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Tree which hath encompassed all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. And thanks be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and for having taught me the path of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Deprive not Thy handmaiden of the ocean of Thy bounty and drive her not from the door of Thy grace. O my Lord! Thou seest that she hath turned unto the Kaaba of Thy knowledge and asked for the wonders of Thy gifts. I beseech Thee to ordain for her from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which beseemeth Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH08472 ===

=== START BH08473 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous! This is a Book sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Verily it is the Greatest Cause among all created things, and through it the fire is kindled in the breasts of the righteous, and the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the branches of the Chosen Lote-Tree with wondrous melodies. Arise thou to the Cause of God amongst His servants, then remind them of this Mystery which was inscribed in the Mother Book as something momentous. Say: O people! This is He Whose meeting ye were promised. He hath come from the heaven of the Cause with holy adorning. Fear God and follow not every ungrateful tyrant. Turn ye unto Him, O people, with pure hearts and shining faces. Stand firm in the Cause, then leave behind thee the mention of all the peoples. And upon thee be the glory from this Glory which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause with brilliant lights.

=== END BH08473 ===

=== START BH08474 ===

O Muhammad-Hashim in Shin! He is God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious! This is a Book sent down in truth wherein mention is made of Our servant who was named Muhammad before Hashim, that he may rejoice within himself and be of those who draw nigh unto the Sanctuary of Beauty and then the Kaaba of Glory, and be detached from all else save God. O servant! Call to mind this Prisoner Who hath fallen into the pit of darkness through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, and upon Whom at every moment there descendeth tribulation and ordeal. Yet in all conditions He rendereth thanks and is among the thankful ones. Guard thyself lest the odors of discord stir thee, for this is My counsel unto thee and unto Our seeking servants. Remember thy Lord with thy heart and tongue, and place thy trust in Him in all matters, for verily He loveth those who place their trust in Him. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of the love of God in these grievous days.

=== END BH08474 ===

=== START BH08475 ===

In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding. This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath believed and been guided, and hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the former and latter worlds. Therein hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which will draw him unto God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Glorious. O servant! Detach thyself from self and desire, and incline with the ear of thine inmost heart unto that which the Dove warbleth upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree, that thou mayest be among those who have heard the verses of their Lord, the Most Great, from the direction wherein was established the Most Great Name and wherein He shed His radiance upon all who are in the heavens and the earth and beneath the soil. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and turn thy heart at all times unto God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. And the glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto God and detached himself from him who disbelieved and turned away.

=== END BH08475 ===

=== START BH08476 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is the Day of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Ancient Beauty hath seated Himself upon His most great throne, while the angels circle round about Him. They who were held back by vain imaginings are truly the worshippers of idols, though they perceive it not. Break the idols by the command of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Arise to assist the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: He hath appeared in such wise that nothing in creation can prevent Him. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty from His presence. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen. O loved ones of God! Grieve not over the world and what hath befallen you in My path. Rather, behold what hath befallen this Wronged One. We have borne all tribulations for your salvation, as attesteth whosoever dwelleth in the realms of the seen and unseen. Put your trust in God, then remember your Lord, the All-Merciful. He is with you in all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

=== END BH08476 ===

=== START BH08477 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

This is the Day wherein the Hour proclaimeth and saith: O God of the Kingdom and the Dominion! I beseech Thee by the power through which Thou didst subdue the world, to protect me from the terror of this Day. Verily, Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Such agitation hath seized me that my heart hath melted from fear of Thee. Have mercy upon me through Thy grace and bounty, then preserve me from the hosts of the doubters. By the life of God! This is a matter at which the Most Great Trump was thunderstruck - how much more the servants who have clung to every ignorant doubter. Verily, thou hast held fast to the Most Mighty Cord by God's leave, the Lord of ancient days, and hast clung to His luminous hem. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me and taught me and revealed unto me that which hath gladdened my heart and cheered my eyes and dilated my breast. I testify that Thou art the Lord of all worlds, the Goal of them that know Thee, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08477 ===

=== START BH08478 ===

O Mirza Ibrahim! He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted. This is a Day wherein the Tree uttereth: "There is none other God besides Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." He it is Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak in praise of His Own Self, the One Who dominateth over all that is seen and unseen. Say: O people, hold fast unto trustworthiness. I swear by the Lord of Names that had the city of 'Akka attained unto it, the face of the Cause would not have been clouded, nor would the hearts of them who are nigh have been saddened. Say: Hold ye fast unto it and cling to its hem, and be not of the ignorant ones. Through it is the Cause exalted among creation and all things bear witness that there is none other God besides Me, the Manifest, the All-Knowing. O My chosen ones, counsel My servants and teach them My attributes and My straight path. He that hath a sense of smell will inhale My fragrance, and he that hath discernment will cry out and say: "The Day of Judgment hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with mighty sovereignty!"

=== END BH08478 ===

=== START BH08480 ===

O Zabih! He is the Hidden One! This is a leaf We have sent unto thee. Verily, at all times it singeth within itself that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Were all created things to hear its melodies, they would surely detach themselves from whatsoever they possess and draw nigh unto a praiseworthy station. Say: O people! This is the servant of God in your midst who calleth you unto everlasting life, yet ye slay His loved ones. What aileth you that ye understand not? We summon you unto the light in this Revelation, yet ye burn Our loved ones with fire. What aileth you that ye perceive not? As to thee, be thou assured through thy Lord's grace, then seek His help, for He assisteth

whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of the unseen. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things invisible. Ere long He shall send down upon His loved ones that which shall make them victorious over all things, and after they have been overcome they shall triumph. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are turned towards God.

=== END BH08480 ===

=== START BH08481 ===

In the name of the one peerless God! Every word that proceedeth from the tongue of grandeur is even as the water of life unto the dead, and a manifest path unto those who have gone astray. Well is it with him who hath drunk of this water which hath streamed forth from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of Bounties. He attaineth unto life everlasting. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the knowledge of the Books, the Scriptures, the Psalms and the Tablets. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the lights of the Kingdom and believed in God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O people of Baha! The Lord of Names remembereth you at all times, and every letter of this remembrance is even as a sun in the heaven of meanings. Strive ye that ye may attain unto this most great remembrance. By the life of God! It hath no peer in all creation. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from His exalted and glorious station.

=== END BH08481 ===

=== START BH08482 ===

In His Name Who shineth from the horizon of utterance!

Hath the Book appeared in truth? Say: Yea, by the Lord of the worlds! Hath the Call been raised through grace? Say: Yea, if thou be of them that know! Say: The appointed time hath passed and the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth from His glorious station. Yet the people remain in manifest remoteness. They behold the Kingdom and turn away from it, they hear the verses yet remain heedless thereof. Thus hath the Pen raised its shrill voice and the Tongue of Eternity spoken. Blessed is he who, having cast the world behind him, hath heard, and blessed is he who, having seen, hath turned toward the horizon of his Lord's gracious favor. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon them who have turned to the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and have attained unto that which was promised them in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning to Us. We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH08482 ===

=== START BH08483 ===

He is the All-Knowing

As the eye of the faithful weeps for the martyrs in the path of Baha, it seems as though it has freshly heard the news of those who were wronged. Praise be to God in all conditions! Reflect upon the grace of

God: though the servants deserved punishment, He bestowed favor and sent mercy. Justice stands bewildered at the greatness of this grace. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. News was received of the extinguishing of the fire in the furnace, the descent of water from the ceiling, winter's encroachment upon summer, the blowing of freezing winds, and the falling and dropping of oranges in the great garden. God willing, compensation for what was lost will come through the grace of the Revealer of verses. Verily, He has power over all things. 'Abdu's-Salih was sent with scant provisions to deliver and bring back news. You are all beneath the shelter of your Lord's grace. The condition of the Most Exalted Leaf is, God willing, good. We send greetings to all.

=== END BH08483 ===

=== START BH08485 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

The leaf, daughter of that honored lady, intended the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon. Praise be to God, divine grace assisted her and His will granted her success. She arrived at the station which had been the hope of the chosen ones, heard the divine call, and attained the presence of the Horizon. We beseech God to assist her in preserving that which He has bestowed. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise thou the Goal of all beings, that thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and been sent down from the heaven of will. This is the most exalted station and the most glorious rank, and this greatest bounty and mightiest grace depends on that which hath been revealed in God's Book of commands and laws. Blessed is the maidservant who hath done what she was bidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon every maidservant who hath believed in the All-Knowing, the One.

=== END BH08485 ===

=== START BH08486 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, unto Whom belongeth grandeur and majesty

O Abu'l-Qasim! We make mention of thee from the Prison, and give thee the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee with that which beseemeth man and that which will cause the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, to be exalted. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon and drink from the chalice of steadfastness. How many kings and sovereigns who were expecting the days of the Revelation yet attained not unto its fragrance and were not enabled to hearken unto a single word. The same is true of the divines of the earth, save whom God hath willed. But thou, through God's infinite grace, glory be to His majesty, hast recognized His days and drunk from the cup of His love. This is a great station. We beseech God to preserve thee and grant thee that which will strengthen thee to remain steadfast among all peoples. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08486 ===

=== START BH08487 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Ibrahim! The Friend of God and He Who conversed with God have returned and bear witness and see. And the Mount is once again perfumed by the fragrances of revelation. Thus speaks the Lord of humanity - verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Tree that has spoken has sealed the gate of the tongue and opened the gate of ears to hear this sweetest Call raised between earth and heaven. Rejoice in what thy Lord, the King of the throne and dust, relates unto thee what was hidden from every heedless and remote one. How many who stood were seized with bewilderment, and how many who sat still heard and hastened with their hearts to the Dawning-Place of the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. The earth has been transformed and the mountains have passed away and another heaven has been raised up, yet most among the people remain heedless. Blessed is the soul that has turned and woe unto those who have turned away.

=== END BH08487 ===

=== START BH08488 ===

His honor Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God. In the name of the All-Knowing Bestower! O Ibrahim! Praise be to God, thou hast been and art beneath the glance of divine favor. In days when the peoples of the world turned away, thou didst turn toward Him and didst drink the choice wine of recognition from the cup of bounty of the Lord of Religions. Well is it with thee and happy art thou! We beseech God to assist thee even as He assisted thy father and thine uncle. By the life of God! Ye are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained to the grace of God. Say: My God, my God! Adorn my heart with the ornament of Thy love, my tongue with Thy remembrance and praise, mine eye with beholding Thy horizon, and my face with turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy grace to aid me in all conditions to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08488 ===

=== START BH08489 ===

O Son of Abhar! O thou who gazest upon the Most Great Scene! The Lord of Destiny maketh mention of thee from this station wherein every hidden thing hath been made manifest, quicker than the twinkling of an eye. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous. Say: O concourse of divines! We have ordained knowledge that it might guide you to My path, yet ye turned away therefrom and waxed proud before the All-Wise One. Beware lest learning debar you from the Self-Subsisting or vain imaginings veil you from God, the Lord of all worlds. We created hearts for My love, and eyes to behold the signs of My power, and tongues to make mention of My beauteous praise. Say: Consider ye the greatness of God and His signs, then aid Him through wisdom and utterance. Thus doth command you He with Whom is a mighty Book. From this station We send greetings to My loved ones who observed the right of God concerning His friends and followed that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in a perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH08489 ===

=== START BH08490 ===

HE IS THE MOST GREAT, THE MOST GLORIOUS

O children of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God! It behooveth you to cast away all that existeth in the world, taking hold of that which hath come to you from God, the Lord of all names. Ye are they who have attained unto the Most Sublime Horizon when the people of creation turned away therefrom. Soon shall the gates of the mercy of your Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, be opened unto your faces. Cast ye away names and take hold of Him Who remembereth you in this exalted and glorious station. Beware lest the conditions of earth prevent you from the Creator of heaven. Ye are they who have attained unto the authoritative Word of God through which was revealed that which lay hidden within the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Preserve ye your stations through the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and glorify Him with praise. Verily, He is with you and will show you that He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. May the glory rest upon you and upon those men and women who are with you, and upon every devoted soul who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Sovereign of all sovereigns.

=== END BH08490 ===

=== START BH08491 ===

In the Name of God, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth! O loved ones of God! Be ye in such a state and condition that the affairs of the world shall not prevent you from the Lord of earth and heaven. We revealed in a Tablet which We sent to one of the servants in Iraq aforetime that which hath been ordained and cannot be altered by change of mind, nor prevented by ransom, nor repelled by the powers of creation. With your Lord is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Ponder on that which was revealed aforetime from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and that wherein We are in these days, though they be dark and gloomy. The servants whose gaze is fixed upon the Most Sublime Horizon and whose faces are turned to the Most Resplendent Vision shall not be grieved thereby. We beseech God to make you steadfast in His Cause in such wise that the whisperings of the deniers shall not cause you to slip, and to make you mindful of His Cause among the peoples of the world.

=== END BH08491 ===

=== START BH08492 ===

Sister of Ali-Qabil-Akbar, upon them both be the Glory of God

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O sister of Ali! I swear by the effulgent rays of the Sun of inner meanings before the Divine Throne, thou art remembered among the people of Paradise and in the Crimson Book this most exalted station hath been bestowed upon thee by the Most Exalted Pen. Know thou the bounty of thy Lord and be thou grateful to Him by night and day. O sister of Akbar! Blessed is thy brother. God beareth witness that from the beginning of the Cause he turned towards it, in days when all were seen to be deniers, hypocrites and apostates, save whom God willed. Thy deeds are accepted before the Divine Countenance and adorned with the imperishable ornament. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise are occupied with thy mention.

We counsel thee to love thy brother and preserve thy station through the Name of God, the Most Glorious. Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those women from whom the Supreme Concourse perceived the fragrance of steadfastness in this Most Great Announcement.

=== END BH08492 ===

=== START BH08493 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

O Asad! Upon thee be My peace! A ray of My loving-kindness is present, and from the Ocean of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, he hath beseeched pearls of wisdom and utterance. His request hath been granted, and from the mighty treasury which lay concealed and hidden within the Most Exalted Pen there hath appeared that which the treasuries of kings and the riches of earth cannot equal. O Asad! God willing, thou shalt appear even as a lion in the jungle of divine power and shalt, through wisdom and utterance, deliver the servants from the doubts and allusions of the Shi'ihs of Iran, that all may turn with detached hearts, pure souls, expanded breasts, penetrating vision and radiant countenance unto the light of His Face, and drink from the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's mercy which floweth from the right hand of God's throne. Blessed are they that drink thereof, and woe unto the heedless!

=== END BH08493 ===

=== START BH08494 ===

O My Name! Well have you called upon God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to cause you to speak His mention at all times and to assist through you those who have turned to His countenance in accordance with what He loves and is pleased with. O My Name! You have become aware of a drop from the ocean of My grief and what has befallen Me from those possessed of hatred. Soon there shall appear in the city that which was sent down in the Tablets. Your Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. What has befallen Me cannot be mentioned in utterance nor can the pen of possibility flow upon it. Call upon your Lord that He may deliver Me from the wrongdoers. All joy is a sacrifice for My grief, all rest is a sacrifice for My hardship, and all laughter is a sacrifice for My weeping, by virtue of what has befallen Me in the path of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Indeed, mercy and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you there. Give them glad tidings through the mention of My Name, the Wronged One, the Unique One.

=== END BH08494 ===

=== START BH08496 ===

O Afnan, His honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! He is the One manifest and speaking before all faces. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. This Wronged One, in the midst of sorrows, hath summoned and continueth to summon all created things unto the Truth.

My grief - the least portion thereof Jacob did not recount,

And all the afflictions of Job are but part of My tribulation.

Despite encompassing sorrows, on the right hand is seen the adorned banquet hall and on the left the battlefield. The tyranny of the oppressors and the croaking of the croakers have been and are as the buzzing of flies. Before the faces of the world We stand, speaking that which God hath willed. The tongue of utterance hath not been prevented by the cruelty and harm of the people of the contingent world. Blessed be God, Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God and hearken unto thy word concerning His Great Announcement.

=== END BH08496 ===

=== START BH08497 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali-Qibl-Khan! The All-Glorious, the All-Glorious! O my God! Illumine the eyes of hearts with the light of Thy countenance, O Thou the Beloved of those who dwell in the earth and the heavens! Then make Thy servants so steadfast that no veils shall prevent them from turning toward the horizon of Thy Name, the All-Bestowing. How many servants, O my God, have sought the Desired One but failed to reach Him through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. O Lord! Ordain for every soul who turns toward Thee that which Thou hast ordained for those who have attained Thy presence, visited Thy Beauty, and heard Thy verses after ears were forbidden from hearing them. Thou seest, O my God, what I have borne for the liberation and salvation of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to draw them nigh unto what Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty and favor. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Then write down for each one of them the good of this world and the next. I testify that within Thy grasp lies the kingdom of all things and in Thy right hand the empire of might.

=== END BH08497 ===

=== START BH08498 ===

In His name, the Ever-Abiding, the Self-Subsisting

O my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones and trusted ones in Thy lands, who have voiced Thy remembrance and have arisen by night and day to teach Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word. O Lord! The winds have assailed the lamp of Thy justice and the waves have beaten against the ark of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in these days in Thy path and for love of Thee, and by the body which the idolaters have torn limb from limb because it believed in Thee and turned toward Thy horizon, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the evil of Thine enemies, and to decree for them that which shall gladden their eyes and bring joy to their hearts. O Lord! Sorrows have seized the manifestations of Thy name, the All-Merciful. I beseech Thee to transform them through Thy Most Great Joy. Verily, Thou art the Ancient King and the Sovereign of nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the All-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH08498 ===

=== START BH08499 ===

In the Name of the One Who is the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and Creator of heaven, my Maker and Maker of all things, my Helper and Helper of the weak ones, my Beloved and Beloved of whosoever hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon! Thou hearest the sighing of my heart, the groaning of my pen, the lamentation of my soul, and the crying out of my being in Thy days wherein Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne of Thy mercy and called all unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty. O Lord! There hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of the enemies of Thy Self that which the tongue is ashamed to recount and the pen to record. O Lord! Thou seest them beneath the talons of the idolaters and in the clutches of the oppressors. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Mover of the celestial sphere, by Thy Most Great Name, to send down from the clouds of Thy grace that which will manifest the station of Thy chosen ones among the nations. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08499 ===

=== START BH08500 ===

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing! O my God and the God of all things seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou didst bring forth from the mine of Thy utterance, and by the Name through which, when Thou didst lift its veil, Thy creation and the dwellers of Thy realm were enraptured, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen, for him who hath entered prison for Thy name and borne hardships in Thy path, the reward of one who hath been martyred in Thy good-pleasure. Then write down for him what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have forsaken the world in their love for Thee. O Lord! These are Thy servants and Thy creatures who have turned unto the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause when the great terror seized the people of Thy lands and realms. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the imprisonment of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy signs, and by His exile and sorrow and tribulation, to bestow through Thy bounty upon all who have been tried in Thy name that which shall make them steadfast in Thy Cause and abiding through the perpetuity of Thy kingdom and dominion. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08500 ===

=== START BH08501 ===

O Amanullah, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon. O Amanullah! Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who reared thee, and blessed is he whom God hath aided to show kindness unto thee. We beseech God to assist thee and the dear one to that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Hearken in the Persian tongue: Give thanks unto the Purpose of the world and the Sovereign of nations Who hath confirmed thee and guided thee. Thou didst hearken unto His mention and attained unto His recognition. Know thou the value of this great bounty and recognize the station of thy teacher. Verily He hath made mention of thee in this Tablet that thou mayest render thanks unto Him at eventide and at dawn. Know thou the worth of God’s favor and speak forth His praise. Verily He created thee and revealed thee and guided thee. Verily He is the

Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who reared thee from the presence of One Who is Powerful, Mighty.

=== END BH08501 ===

=== START BH08503 ===

Handmaiden of God Haji Bibi, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful! O My handmaiden! Your name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Tongue of Divine Evidence in the Kingdom of Utterance mentioned you with these exalted words: Give thanks unto your Lord and glorify His Name, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have made mention of all the handmaidens of the earth and summoned them to the Most Exalted Horizon, yet none attained except a few. Beseech God that He may assist His handmaidens and not deprive them of the Kawthar of divine knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the Kind, the Merciful. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in the prison of ’Akka, and thanks be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thy Most Glorious Horizon. I beseech Thee to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne above and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

=== END BH08503 ===

=== START BH08504 ===

O My handmaiden! The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O My maidservant! Hearken unto My call. By My majesty and glory, the Voice that riseth from the mouth of Baha is not on account of what hath befallen Him at the hands of the wicked ones. Rather, it riseth solely out of His longing and yearning to make mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Be thou patient and grieve not over what hath befallen thee in My path. God hath ordained for thee and His handmaidens the reward of those who have attained His presence and beheld His beauty. He, verily, is the Protector of those who do good, the Lord of the beneficent. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord in hardship and ease. By My life! All who are on earth shall perish, while sovereignty remaineth with thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Rejoice thou in My Name, then make mention of thy Lord in the watches of the night and at the break of day. Thus hath thy Lord, the All-Choosing, commanded thee. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08504 ===

=== START BH08505 ===

Handmaiden of God, Shirin, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing! O My handmaiden! We have remembered thee with a remembrance whose fragrance shall endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the heavenly Realm. Bear thou witness to that which God Himself hath testified - that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books and made manifest that which was hidden in the treasuries of

infallibility and concealed from eyes. Take thou the chalices of success in the name of thy Lord, the Cleaver of Dawn, then drink in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Know thou that the chalice is My Word, and the Water of Life is that which lieth concealed within it of meanings which none hath understood save God, the Lord of existence. Glorify the name of thy Lord, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Thus hath the murmur of the Water of Life been raised from the Book of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all desire!”

=== END BH08505 ===

=== START BH08506 ===

O My handmaiden! The Most Exalted Maiden who dwelleth in a palace of rubies in the Most Exalted Paradise speaketh these words: O handmaidens of the earth! Know ye the value of these days. The eye of the world hath never seen their like. Today the Most Exalted Horizon is radiant and the call of the One Beloved is raised. Deprive not yourselves of seeing and hearing. Today the All-Bountiful Lord is present and the heavenly feast is descending. Partake of it in His name and remember Him as ye eat. Praise be unto Him! Ye have attained to that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of. Give thanks to the Desired One of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain and guided thee to the Most Exalted Horizon. His is the grace and praise, His is the bounty and bestowal. There is no God but Him, the Giving, the Generous.

=== END BH08506 ===

=== START BH08507 ===

In the name of the peerless Lord

O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! My Name “Beauty” hath made mention of thee and hath beseeched from the Most Holy Court that which would cause thy remembrance to endure in the Crimson Book. His wish was accepted and attained the honor of His good pleasure and confirmation. Therefore, this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the divine holy heaven that thou mayest drink from its letters the Kawthar of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds and be illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of unity. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of earth and heaven, for having guided this handmaiden of Thine to Thy path and for having made mention of her in the Most Great Prison - a bounty from Thy presence. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will assist me to remain firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08507 ===

=== START BH08508 ===

Mother of Abdullah who emigrated in My Most Great, Most Holy Name! O My handmaiden! Mention of thee hath been made in My presence, and the tongue of My loving-kindness doth mention thee in the kingdom of My manifestation, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having brought

forth from thee one who turned toward the Seat of the Throne and entered the pavilion of grandeur and heard the call of his Lord, the Most Glorious. He, verily, is the Ancient Bestower. What bounty is greater than My remembrance of thee? Hold fast to the cord of the favors of thy Lord and follow thou My straight path. Beware lest the veils of those who follow every vain imagining prevent thee. Rejoice thou in having attained unto the Most Great Joy that draweth people unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy son who attained the presence of the Prison, and blessed are they who have turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We beseech God to aid all to serve His Cause and to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH08508 ===

=== START BH08509 ===

He is the Confirmer, the Powerful, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Verily the Divine Lote-Tree remembereth thee and hath revealed for thee that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, and hath ordained for thee that which none knoweth save God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. He hath confirmed thee in turning unto Him and caused thee to be present through the agencies of the heavens and earth at a station whereon was established the throne of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and made thee to hear His most sweet call, and showed thee that which was withheld from all in the realm of creation. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having awakened me and made me aware of Thy mighty announcement and Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast guided Thy servants and drawn them nigh unto Thee, that Thou write down for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Overseer, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08509 ===

=== START BH08510 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed! O my handmaiden! O Sitarih! We had a sister who was under the shelter of divine favor. Seeking nearness to the wealthy and the affluent, she turned away from her brother. She sent to the house of the enemy one who was related to the Friend. Beseech God that He may sanctify all from excessive love of the world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy sanctification of Thine Essence from all similitudes and Thy protection of Thy Self from all likenesses, to assist Thy handmaidens in Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy sanctification and the depths of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the lights of Thy countenance and the Word whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants, to inscribe for Thy devoted handmaidens from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH08510 ===

=== START BH08511 ===

Khadijih Sultan, daughter of paternal aunt, upon both of them be the Glory of God

He is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! We have heard your call. God is witness and He is the One Who testifies that your mention has ever been and continues to be in the presence of the Wronged One. Your petition was received and in response this reply has been bestowed from the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Goal of all the worlds, as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We convey Our greetings to the handmaidens and leaves in that land and counsel them to that which befits the days of God. Give glad-tidings to all the kindred of the grace and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory, and make mention of them on behalf of the Wronged One. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We make mention of Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be My Glory, and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory.

=== END BH08511 ===

=== START BH08512 ===

O handmaiden of God, daughter of Ismu'l-Asdaq, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

In the name of the peerless Lord! O my handmaiden, O leaf of Ismi! The tongue of My grandeur makes mention of thee and gives thee the glad tidings of My mercy and loving-kindness and grace which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The favor of God hath ever been and will continue to be directed towards Ismu'l-Asdaq. Praise be to God that he turned, by permission, and arrived, and stood at the gate, and hearkened to the call of God, and was illumined by the light of His countenance. Blessed is he, and joy be unto him! His kindred are remembered before the Throne. They must, God willing, manifest such virtues as befit this divine Day. Hearken unto the voice of the true Counsellor and act in accordance with that which is worthy of the Day of God. Ye have been and are beneath the glance of God's mercy. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty.

=== END BH08512 ===

=== START BH08513 ===

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the world! O handmaiden of God, Fatimih, daughter of Siyyid 'Ali-Naqi, upon both of whom be the glory of God! Hearken thou unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath heard thy cry and hath answered thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of all worlds. The servant who attaineth Our presence hath presented that which thou didst send unto him. We have heard it and answer thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Render thou thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to recognize Him Whom most of the world hath failed to recognize, save those whom the hand of Divine power hath delivered. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Rejoice thou, then be glad, then make mention of thy Lord Who hath

mentioned thee with His mighty and praiseworthy remembrance. We make mention of thy cousin and give her the glad-tidings of God's grace, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. We counsel her and My handmaidens with that which beseemeth them in the days of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

=== END BH08513 ===

=== START BH08514 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend! O handmaiden of God! Strive thou to be content, and for God to be well-pleased with thee. If thou art enabled to attain unto the word of contentment, by My life, thou shalt possess all things, for it is the crimson sulphur, and it is the greatest elixir, and it is that precious pearl whose value no assessor or appraiser can determine. Blessed is thy son, for he hath soared and ascended. Thank thy Lord in all conditions. He is verily the All-Wise, the All-Seeing. Be not sorrowful - the world is evanescent. Ere long all the friends shall drink from the sea of reunion and attain unto the presence of their loved ones who have ascended. Praise be to God that the Truth exists, and verily He was and ever shall be nearer and more merciful. He is assuredly the Protector of patient women and patient men, of thankful women and thankful men.

=== END BH08514 ===

=== START BH08515 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Amin! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One is not the Tree that spoke forth on Mount Sinai. He is but a servant who hath believed in God and His verses. By My life! I observe prayer and fasting and follow what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Beware lest thou be of those who have cast the deeds behind their backs and clung to mere words. We counsel thee with what God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Say: My God, my God! Aid me in that which Thou hast commanded me. I beseech Thee by the Beloved (Muhammad) - concerning whom the tongue of Thy power spoke "Were it not for Thee, I would not have created the celestial spheres" - and by His family and companions, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of the throne and the dust, and within Thy grasp is the reins of all who are on earth and in heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08515 ===

=== START BH08516 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling over the world! O people of the earth! Abandon what ye possess, for He hath come with manifest sovereignty. Nothing shall profit you today save through His bidding, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The world hath been adorned with His Most Great Name. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe betide them that have turned away! This is He Who was promised unto you in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ponder, O people, then read what We have sent down in truth. Verily it guideth you unto My Straight Path. Hold fast unto the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and abandon that which ye were commanded by every ignorant

doubter. By God's life! Those who lay claim to knowledge are in manifest error. The ocean of knowledge hath surged before your eyes. Turn ye towards it by the command of God, the Single, the All-Informed. He will aid you even as He aided His loved ones before you, and will ordain for you that which no reckoner, however learned, can reckon.

=== END BH08516 ===

=== START BH08517 ===

In My Name which is sanctified above all names

O people of earth and heaven! By God, He hath come through whom the eye of the world is illumined, yet the nations are in manifest doubt. They have cast aside their God in following their divines who broke God's Covenant in previous ages and in this age which hath brought joy to the eyes of all ages. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My utterance, give thanks unto God Who hath sent down unto thee this preserved Book. I testify that it was preserved in God's knowledge and concealed from all eyes. Then when the time came, We sent it down as a grace from Our presence and made it manifest as a mercy from Us, yet most of the people perceive not. They see yet deny, they hear yet understand not. Blessed art thou for having attained unto it, and We counsel thee to preserve it in My Name, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08517 ===

=== START BH08518 ===

He is the Exposition in the Kingdom of Divine Utterance! O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and hold fast unto the cord of faithfulness in such wise that the promptings of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not prevent you. This is a garden beneath whose shadows flow rivers from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth - verily He is the Speaker, the All-Seeing. A river named Faithfulness - whoso drinketh therefrom hath indeed attained unto the most great steadfastness. To this My glorious Pen doth testify. And verily he findeth himself in such a station that the Names prevent him not from their Owner, nor what is named from His straight path. He is of them unto whom the All-Merciful hath testified in His mighty Book. He hath spoken, and His word is the truth: The mention of the Prophet preventeth him not from Him through Whose word the Prophets and Messengers were created. Thus have We adorned the Book with this wondrous remembrance that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of God's loving-kindness and be of them that are firmly established.

=== END BH08518 ===

=== START BH08520 ===

O Ye People of the World! There hath befallen the most excellent of nations that which hath caused the lamentation of weeping to be upraised among the Concourse on High, and from this glorious station. The oppressors have wrought upon Kazim that which hath caused all things to cry out, and the Maids of Heaven to beat their faces in their exalted habitation. They have torn him limb from limb in the path of

God. By God! Through him have the horizons been perfumed, yet the people remain in evident darkness. Through him hath the breeze wafted, and the Law of God, the Lord of all worlds, been manifested, and through him hath the Ark of the love of God sailed upon the sea of names, and the horizon of faithfulness hath shone forth. To this beareth witness the Lord of all things in this Luminous Book. Remember thou those who have martyred themselves in the path of God, even as thy Lord, the All-Informed, hath made mention of them. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto them and seeketh intercession through them with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08520 ===

=== START BH08521 ===

In the Name of the One Utterance

O My leaves and My handmaidens! Today the divine breeze is passing by and the Spirit of God is in motion and manifestation. All things, with utmost joy and excitement, are delighted by the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. A mighty celebration is established. Blessed are the leaves who have clung to the Sacred Tree and who move by Its movement. Glory be to God! The fragrances of revelation of the Lord of Names and Attributes have perfumed the worlds of the unseen and the visible, yet most remain heedless and veiled. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, and for having heard My Revelation and My establishment upon the throne of My utterance. We beseech God to preserve thee from the harm of every heedless one and the oppression of every oppressor. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy handmaiden from that which is with Thee and from that which Thou hast ordained for those who have believed in Thee and Thy verses and who have circled round the throne of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08521 ===

=== START BH08522 ===

In the Name of Him Who is Sovereign over what was and what will be!

O My loved ones! I see My Name, the Wronged One, and My loved ones in the prison of the Land of Ta, inasmuch as they summoned the servants unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They counseled the servants to trustworthiness, religiosity and faithfulness, yet they rose against them with an injustice at which the dwellers of Paradise and they that circle round God's exalted and magnificent Throne have wept. They recited unto them the mightiest of what they possessed of God's Books, yet they seized them with grievous tyranny. God, however, protected them in truth and sent down upon them tranquility from His presence - He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was in this sublime station. When thou attainest unto it, render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

=== END BH08522 ===

=== START BH08523 ===

O Abu-Zafar! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. O My loved ones! The meaning of steadfastness is to hold fast to the Most Great Announcement in such wise that neither the tempests of allusions nor the hurricanes of doubts shall deter them. They shall regard as false and worthless those who lay claim to the Cause thereafter. In the Bayan it is stated that false claimants shall appear in every land. Such souls are the cause of contention, dispute and corruption in the world. Blessed is the one who hath held fast to the Most Great Name and found himself detached and free from all else but God. By the life of God! He is of the people of Baha and among those souls whose mention hath been recorded in the books of the past and future, and inscribed by the Pen of God's Will. Remember thy Lord, detached from all else but Him, and give glad tidings unto the servants with wisdom and utterance of this mighty Cause and this perspicuous Book.

=== END BH08523 ===

=== START BH08525 ===

O Iman! We have mentioned thee before and sent unto thee that from which the sincere ones perceived the fragrance of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Day of God and turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon. The reward of this deed is now concealed. By the lights of the Divine Countenance! Soon will all the world pine for the station of one of the friends of God. Most of the people of the world are seen to be unconscious, in the stupor of heedlessness and pride. All the divine Books testify to this Revelation, yet the sightless ones of the world strive with utmost hatred and rancor to extinguish the light. Blessed is the strong one who hath cast the world behind him, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise."

=== END BH08525 ===

=== START BH08526 ===

O thou who journeyest through the lands to serve thy Lord, the Possessor of all creation! Praise be to God, thou art confirmed and successful. Thou hast spent thy precious life in service. This testimony of the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee is better and more desirable than a hundred thousand treasures, for from this Word the fragrance of His eternal and everlasting favor is diffused. Rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loveth thee, and blessed is he who hath hearkened unto thy words concerning this manifest News. Remember on behalf of the Wronged One Jinab-i-Faraj, upon whom rest My Baha and My peace. We beseech God to assist him, to grant him success, and to make him one of those through whom God hath aided His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who love you and upon every hearing, seeing one.

=== END BH08526 ===

=== START BH08527 ===

By the light of My Cause whereby earth and heaven were illumined! O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, hearken to My call. Verily it draweth thee unto a horizon from which hath shone forth the Day-Star of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Remember thou the days wherein thou wert present before the Throne and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur did speak. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge which none hath known save Thee, and Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name which hath spoken that there is no God but Thee, and Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by this perspicuous Book which moveth in this glorious and wondrous station, to ordain for me from the Pen of destiny that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and cause me to speak forth Thy beauteous praise. Verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH08527 ===

=== START BH08529 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power! O thou who standest before the Kaaba of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting! This standing shall not be overtaken by sitting, nor shall slumber nullify its decree. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, for having caused me to be enkindled with the fire of Thy love and illumined with the light of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! Here before Thy face I have brought my frame, my body, my form, my sight, my hearing, my spirit and my heart, and I desire to entrust them into the hands of Thy loving-kindness. Everything, O my God, beareth witness to Thy bounty, Thy protection, Thy generosity and Thy bestowals, and calleth upon Thee in this moment by Thy name, the Preserver, the Faithful. O my Lord! Strengthen my limbs to arise in Thy service and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy perspicuous Book. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Commander, the Ruler, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH08529 ===

=== START BH08530 ===

He is the Forgiver, the Ever-Relenting

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation, and thy confession of thy sins. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have, of Our grace, forgiven thee and remitted thy transgressions, as a mercy from Our presence, inasmuch as We found thee turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. It behooveth thee and those who believe not to approach except by His leave, nor to speak save that which hath been revealed in His mighty Tablet. Say: O peoples of the earth! Cast away your own wills and hold fast unto the Will of God, the Possessor of this resplendent Day. Cast behind your backs your desires and cleave unto the desire of God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou that from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's mercy the sun of forgiveness hath shone forth, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of hearts, and glory be unto Thee, O Goal of them that know Thee! The splendor rest upon thee and upon them that have cast away idle fancies when the light of certitude did shine forth.

=== END BH08530 ===

=== START BH08531 ===

O Professor Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Witness from the horizon of utterance! O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: Verily there is no God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have created creation for My days and sent the Messengers to give them the glad-tidings of this Revelation, through Whose mention the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, have been adorned. But when the Day came and the Cause was made manifest, the divines rose up in opposition, whereat the denizens of the realm of might cried out and every Messenger who came with the truth from God, the Lord of existence, lamented. Pride hath so seized them that they have denied God's favor after its descent. Nay, they perceive not! Soon shall they behold themselves in the darkness of their deeds and shall say: "Oh, what regret that we neglected our duty to God, the Lord of the Kingdom!" Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH08531 ===

=== START BH08532 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Holy! O thou who gazest upon God and drinkest from the cup of faithfulness! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, from the direction of 'Akka, that there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Say: Verily, divine decree doth reinforce this Cause, and tribulation doth assist this Revelation, yet the people remain veiled and imagine they can extinguish this Light. Nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! God shall soon reveal from this Prison what He hath purposed. He, verily, hath power over all things. Guard thyself lest the winds of differences pass over thee. Remind the people in these days wherein the fire of sedition hath been kindled and its darkness hath encompassed the servants. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause, to sanctify thee from all else save Him, to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, to shelter thee in the precincts of His mercy, and to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of His bounties. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08532 ===

=== START BH08533 ===

In the Name of the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen! O Baqir! This Wronged One hath accepted the tribulations of the world for the preservation of its peoples. By the life of God! He hath had no purpose except to quench the fire of hatred and animosity which blazeth in the hearts of the peoples. Yet the deniers have uttered that which befitteth their own souls. The justice of this Wronged One hath shone forth even as the sun from the horizon of equity. For forty years We protected him whom they had seized, setting God aside, and those who were with him. Not the slightest harm befell any one of those souls. Doth this incident not bear witness to the grace of God? The deed is manifest and His grace evident, and yet the people persist in obvious falsehood. Well is it with him who hath heard and responded, and woe betide the heedless ones.

=== END BH08533 ===

=== START BH08534 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir the Draper! He is the One manifest, speaking with truth. O Baqir! Gaze with the eye of truth upon the Most Great Horizon, and with a pure and sanctified ear hearken unto the call of the Peerless Beloved. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause of God that the buzzing of flies shall not debar thee from the Lord of all beings. How numerous were the souls who made claim to faithfulness, steadfastness and certitude, yet when divine tests appeared, they turned away from the eternal nectar at the croaking of that which perisheth, contenting themselves with a mirage that neither nourishes nor satisfies, forsaking the stream of divine mercy. God willing, thou shalt stand firm in His Cause with legs of steel. This is the station whose mention hath been revealed in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures, both of old and more recently. By the life of God! The dog of the Jews is better than those who have turned away from this Most Exalted Horizon and have turned to every remote barker.

=== END BH08534 ===

=== START BH08535 ===

O son of Babi, upon thee be My loving-kindness and My mercy! God, exalted be His glory, hath greatly loved this name, for within each letter thereof is concealed the Most Great Mercy, inasmuch as the letter B was the source of the creation of all things, were one to reflect upon this throughout the kingdom. None can comprehend this save to a limited degree. This blessed name is composed of two B's and one A. Were I to reveal the mystery of the A standing between the two letters, all who dwell in the kingdom of heaven would swoon away, how much more those who dwell in the realm of dust. Praise be to the Intended One of the world that thou hast attained unto that which most of mankind are deprived. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having aided me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy testimonies, and for having made me one of those who have attained.

=== END BH08535 ===

=== START BH08536 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the World! O daughter of my aunt! The Most Exalted Pen testifies to the love, devotion and attraction of that leaf. God willing, thou art enkindled with the fire of the Word - an enkindlement whose effects shall appear in the world. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the heavenly spiritual feast, and joyful art thou for having drunk the choice wine of the love of the Most Merciful in the realm of creation. Convey wondrous and sublime mention to all the handmaidens of God in that land who have quaffed from the choice wine of utterance and who are turned toward the horizon of the Most Merciful, and say: The mention of each one of you hath been made in the Most Holy Court. Strive ye, that through the name of the Beloved of the World, ye may preserve the pearls of the love of the Ancient Lord in the treasuries of hearts from thieves and robbers. This is the counsel of this Wronged One unto His leaves and handmaidens. The glory be upon thee and upon them.

=== END BH08536 ===

=== START BH08538 ===

In His Name through Whom the Gate of Utterance was opened to all who are in the realm of possibility! O people of God! This is the day of steadfastness, for from every direction some matter appears and from every quarter some commotion arises. The enemies have desired to extinguish the light of the Bayan and this Lamp through which the contingent world and all existence have been illumined. All must occupy themselves with the utmost steadfastness and with wisdom and utterance in capturing hearts. We have heard thy cry, have remembered thee, and commanded thee and My loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God shall be exalted throughout His creation. Let not what hath befallen the chosen ones in the Land of Ya sadden thee. Leave vain imaginings to their inventors and take up that whereby your station shall be exalted in this praiseworthy position. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the chalice of utterance from which the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness was wafted among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH08538 ===

=== START BH08539 ===

He is the One Who expoundeth, the All-Knowing

O Hasan! Hearken unto the Call. Verily, He maketh mention of thee with that which shall bring solace to the eyes of them who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein every seeker hath attained unto his Goal, and every one endowed with sight who desired to behold the Dayspring of his Lord's signs, the Mighty, the Loving, hath attained. Recognize thou the value of these days, then strive that there may appear from thee that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of Names and thy mention in My Preserved Tablet. Thy remembrance was mentioned before the Face, and there was sent down unto thee this irrevocable Book which speaketh with truth amidst the world and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Take hold of the Tablet with the power of thy Lord, then stand firm in the Cause through this Name at Whose appearance the Concourse on High rejoiced while the people of tyranny lamented.

=== END BH08539 ===

=== START BH08540 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Knowing! O Hasan! Rejoice in what God hath graciously bestowed upon thee, then thank Him for having sent down unto thee this perspicuous Book. We have called all men unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who have cast aside the Lord of all creation by following their desires, and among them are those who have rent asunder the veils through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath spoken the truth and arisen to serve His Cause, and woe unto them that sit idle. O concourse of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty, calling out to mankind in all conditions

while they turn away from the Truth and follow every heedless doubter. They hearken unto the croaking, turning aside from the Nightingale. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are among the abased. Beware lest the affairs of the earth withhold thee from turning toward this Heaven which hath been raised up through the command of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08540 ===

=== START BH08541 ===

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One

O Hasan! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee, He Who hath been made a target for the arrows of the oppressors. There hath befallen Me that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. We desired salvation for them, yet they have committed that which hath caused every informed one to cry out. He who knoweth not his right hand from his left hath perpetrated that which hath given rise to the most great terror on this blessed and luminous Day. We have sent down the verses and manifested unto the servants that whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. We desired naught save the exaltation of their stations, as He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book doth testify. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants through the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and to draw them nigh unto Him at all times. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

=== END BH08541 ===

=== START BH08542 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O Hassan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest summons all who are on earth today to the straight path of God. Blessed are they who, through this call, have found their way to the Most Exalted Horizon and have drunk the wine of immortality from the cup of utterance of the Lord of Names. Such souls are recorded and inscribed as the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. Strive that thou mayest attain unto the most great steadfastness and be illumined with the lights of the Day of God. The Most Great Joy hath appeared among the peoples, and likewise the Most Great Terror. Guard yourselves through the Name of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, be ever focused on truth and speaking in His remembrance. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey my greetings unto her and gladden her with My wondrous remembrance.

=== END BH08542 ===

=== START BH08543 ===

In the Name of the one God! O Husayn! May you ever abide beneath the shade of the Tree of Divine Providence of the Eternal Beloved, and partake, each morn and eve, nay at every moment, of the Kawthar of grace and the pure wine of His bounty. At this hour, which is Wednesday morning, the glance of the Ancient Lord is turned toward you and He makes mention of you. Beseech and implore God, glorified be His majesty, that He may enable you to serve His Cause even as He enabled your father to

make mention of Him, to praise Him and to serve Him. This is the most exalted station, the highest rank, and the ultimate purpose. Blessed are they who have attained unto this bounty and been enabled to achieve this matter. They are indeed among the people of this noble station. The glory of God rest upon you and upon your father and mother and those who are with you, from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH08543 ===

=== START BH08544 ===

O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Sorrowing, the Stranger! O Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from this Most Exalted Station which hath been built for the Lord of Names. Rejoice thou in this bounty and be of the thankful. He hath turned unto him who hath turned unto Him, and hath remembered him who hath remembered Him, through that which hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book. Beware lest the clamor of the world debar thee from the Lord of Eternity. Leave behind what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him. Verily, He is with His servants who have turned unto Him. Beware lest earthly affairs and their variations hold thee back. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of the suspicious ones who whisper in the breasts of men and speak according to their own desires shall not cause thee to slip. They are, verily, of the most lost ones in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him at all times.

=== END BH08544 ===

=== START BH08545 ===

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names!

O Hamid! The Lord of the worlds remembers you from the Most Great Prison and gives you glad tidings of what has been ordained for the chosen ones of God in a clear Book. Give thanks to God for having been mentioned before His presence and for this mighty Tablet being revealed for you. Say: O concourse of the chosen ones! The day of wisdom and utterance has come. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of those who remain silent. Convey the Cause of your Lord with wisdom and associate with the loved ones of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Hour has come and the Dove coos upon the branches of the Tree. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. This is not the day to sit still. Arise in My Name and remind the people of what has been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen which moves by My wondrous command. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the Most Great Prison as a token of His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08545 ===

=== START BH08546 ===

In His Name, the Most Glorious

O Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! That which hath been decreed by His Eminence Haydar-Ba'di-'Ali, upon him be My everlasting glory, concerning Ibn-i-Ashraf, upon them both

be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, hath been accepted. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! We testify that he hath attained unto that which was inscribed by the Pen of Command in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And blessed is he who hath loved him and hearkened unto his call and remembered him in this Cause, the irrevocable, the mighty, the great. Likewise, the intention of a male and female servant in the path of God hath been crowned with the glory of His good-pleasure. Happy are they and blessed are they! However, the second deed sufficeth, therefore in every year His Eminence the aforementioned one, upon him be the fragrances of Him Who conversed on Sinai, shall set aside one vahid in his name. Thus hath the Command gone forth from the Dayspring of God's wisdom, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08546 ===

=== START BH08547 ===

He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing!

O Khudadad! Today is the Day of Justice, yet the demons of tyranny have oppressed the angels of justice.

The world is the abode of demons, and its course is crooked through their influence

O wayfarer! Be thou in fear of the demons of this demon-haunted world

However, this oppression shall not endure. Ere long the light of the Sun of Justice shall illumine the darkened world. The hand of God is above their hands, and the will of God is above their wills. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned unto God at a time when most of the people have turned away from Him, and hast responded to thy Lord when most of the people were numbered among the silent ones. Rejoice thou in My testimony unto thee, in My turning unto thee, and in My mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Strong.

=== END BH08547 ===

=== START BH08548 ===

In the name of God, the One!

O Khusraw! Give ear to the voice of God issuing from all directions. Praise be to God! The dark and gloomy winter hath passed and the springtide of divine mercy hath adorned the world in a new raiment. Strive to obtain a share and portion from the rose garden of inner meanings. I swear by the Ancient Beauty! There hath never been another day like unto this preeminent Day, notwithstanding that the smoke of the envy of Our foes hath encompassed the Friend. But if a sanctified eye would turn away from the ashes of vain imaginings, it would behold the Daystar of this Revelation shining resplendently above the highest peaks of the mountain of true understanding. Well is it with him who hath attained unto this sublime and exalted station and become illuminated with the lights of this Revelation. Blessed is he who

hath quaffed from the living waters of utterance proffered by the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and woe betide those who have turned away. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

=== END BH08548 ===

=== START BH08549 ===

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O thou who makest mention of Me and art the herald of My Cause! Thou hast called all to My Self and informed all of My manifestation and My dawning and My effulgence and My sovereignty, and counseled them to attain unto My presence and acknowledge My Cause and confess that which proceedeth from Me. Yet thou seest them turning away and denying Him at Whose name the Tree hath cried out and the tongue of Oneness hath spoken: “The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath appeared and come with the Most Great Name.” Thou didst counsel them in every book and on every page and leaf, nay in every line and word, to bow down before the Throne, yet they turned away, and if they turned, they turned with their arrows and their swords, as He Who is the Lord of all nations doth testify.

O thou who art mentioned! Give thanks unto the Beloved in that He hath sent unto thee this Tablet through which the fragrance of the Divine Garment hath been wafted and the Standard hath been raised by the Lord of ancient days.

=== END BH08549 ===

=== START BH08550 ===

Jinab-i-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God. In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names! O Rahim! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, therefore have We made mention of thee. Strive thou that perchance thine eyes may be enabled to perceive that for which they were created, and likewise thine ears to hearken unto the Call that is raised. The whole world maketh mention of the Truth, each according to their own measure offering praise, yet when the time of His manifestation came, all were found to be heedless and turned away. We beseech God that He may aid thee to make mention and to offer praise, and to remain steadfast. The barking ones and the hypocrites are occupied with leading the servants astray, and likewise the divines and the doctors of law. Say: My God, my God! Protect Thy servants from the evil of the barking ones and the hypocrites who have taken for themselves lords besides Thee. Then I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08550 ===

=== START BH08551 ===

He is the Healer, the All-Sufficing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful

O My Spirit! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. We have sent unto thee a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord’s mercy, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to rain down upon thee from the heaven of grace the

rains of healing, to cleanse thee from every ailment, to cure thee of every malady, and to give thee to drink from His ocean of healing and heaven of bounty and sun of grace. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Rejoice in thy Lord’s loving-kindness. Thine is the praise, O Lord of all names, and Thine the glory, O Desire of earth and heaven, for having remembered Me and revealed unto Me that which hath brought solace to the eyes of all beings in their chambers. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the control of all names and attributes. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH08551 ===

=== START BH08552 ===

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing.

O Zayn! We wish to make mention of thy son who ascended unto Us and attained unto Our horizon and drank the choice wine of Our Revelation and immersed himself in the ocean of Our mercy which hath preceded all created things. Blessed art thou, O son, for having been in a house wherein was raised the remembrance and praise of God. This, verily, is a great bounty. Thou art he upon whom We shed the lights of Beauty when thou didst sacrifice thy spirit for God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We, verily, visit thee, O son, from this station and say: Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of the Concourse on High and My remembrance and the remembrance of them that circle round the pavilion of grandeur. O thou who didst drink the milk of faith from thy mother’s breast and the Kawthar of exposition from thy father’s hand - he who arose by himself to serve this wronged exile. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur and there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which hath caused the fragrance of the garment to waft among the worlds.

=== END BH08552 ===

=== START BH08553 ===

He is the All-Choosing in whatsoever He willeth

O Salar! Thy Lord, the All-Choosing, remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, wherein the lamentation of all things hath been raised, every learned one hath wailed, every mystic hath cried out, and tears have flowed from all eyes. This is a Tablet that hath been sent down in truth and calleth the servants unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. We desire naught but reformation, as doth testify He with Whom is the preserved Book. When thou didst discover the fragrance of the utterance of Him Who conversed on Sinai in this Revelation, and didst hear the Call from the Supreme Horizon, turn and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Creator, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things and in Whose right hand are the destinies of all affairs! I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall profit me and draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

=== END BH08553 ===

=== START BH08554 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Knowledge! O Sakinih, handmaiden of God, consort of Ruh, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! Repeatedly hath mention been made of thee and thou hast attained unto the divine verses. Vain imaginings and idle fancies have prevented the handmaidens of the land from the Most Great Sea and withheld them from God, exalted be His glory. Every handmaiden who, through the grace of the Lord of Names, hath rent asunder the veil, she is accounted as among the men in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath adorned her temple with the ornament of detachment and her head with the fear of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. We make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves, and beseech God to aid them to remember and praise Him and to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My leaves who have held fast to the Divine Lott-Tree, the Lord of the mighty throne.

=== END BH08554 ===

=== START BH08555 ===

O Samandar! Upon thee be the glory of God and His grace. We bear witness that from the beginning of the Cause thou didst turn to it and hast been occupied in service. Thy service and mention and praise have reached such a station that it is likely the noble scribes have become powerless to record it. This is a great bounty. The letter which thou didst write to the Greater Branch attained the honor of being heard, and these few words have appeared from the divine ocean of knowledge concealed within the Most Exalted Pen, and it hath testified and doth testify on thy behalf. Convey greetings to all the friends of that land on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds. Ahmad, son of Shaykh Balqa, hath attained and now dwelleth beneath the shade of the Tree. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

=== END BH08555 ===

=== START BH08556 ===

O Karbala'i Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O Shukru'llah! There hath befallen the Wronged One that which hath caused the rock to cry out, and the Divine Lote-Tree to lament that which hath been inflicted upon Me by the hosts of the oppressors. How many a servant hath claimed to love Me and to stand firm in My Cause, yet when the test came through a command from My presence, he denied Me and committed that which caused the dwellers of My glorious Kingdom to weep. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to assist Thy Cause through the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy perspicuous Book. When Thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment of My utterance, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Revelation, to ordain for me and for those who have believed in Thee and Thy signs every good thing which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and for those of Thy creation who are sincere. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Praised.

=== END BH08556 ===

=== START BH08557 ===

In His Name Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven!

O Sadiq! Reflect upon the power of the Supreme Pen which, despite the opposition of the divines, the objections of the doctors of law, and the rebellion of princes, hath summoned all to the horizon of Revelation by night and by day. No oppression hindered it, no opposition prevented it. The might of the world did not diminish its strength, nor did the dissension of nations hold back its radiance. I swear by the waves of the ocean of meanings, were anyone to reflect upon that which hath been manifested, they would utter the blessed words “Thine is the greatness and the power” and would remain occupied throughout all their days in the remembrance and praise of the Lord of all mankind. Praise be to God, exalted be His glory, that thou hast attained unto that for which existence itself came into being. Preserve this most exalted station through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08557 ===

=== START BH08558 ===

O young in years yet great in station! In thy childhood thou hast attained to a station wherein the Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy father who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: O my God, and my Lord, and my Creator, and my Master! I beseech from the ocean of Thy bounty that Thou wouldst cause this tender sapling in the garden of Thy love to drink from the living waters, and protect it from the autumn winds. Thou art the Powerful, Thou art the All-Knowing. O my God! I have turned to Thee and make mention of Thee, and through the blessedness of Thy Name am I freed and detached from all else. O God! We are looking unto Thee and we beseech Thee to manifest through us that which is worthy of Thee. The days are Thine. Thou art the Bestower, the Bountiful One.

=== END BH08558 ===

=== START BH08559 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Samad! Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One in verses at whose revelation the verses themselves have bowed down in humility. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath guided thee to the straight path of God. Having quaffed the choice wine of understanding from the cup of My utterance, say: O people! Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. Do that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an. He will, through His power and sovereignty, protect you and guard you. He, verily, is the most able of the able ones. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Almighty, the Powerful. We beseech Him to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee to His

luminous horizon. Blessed is he who hath turned in devotion, and he who, being endowed with vision, hath witnessed, and he whose countenance hath been set towards God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08559 ===

=== START BH08560 ===

He is the Silent, the Speaking One! O Abdul-Karim! The purpose of this Revelation is the purification of hearts from hatred and rancor, that perchance the peoples of the world may be illumined with the light of unity. We beseech God - exalted be His glory - not to deprive the people of the earth from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful which floweth from the Supreme Pen. This is that Water whereof He hath said: “And from water We made all things living.” For this Water there are meanings beyond counting. This is that Water which bestoweth eternal life and everlasting existence, and illumineth hearts with the light of divine knowledge. Blessed is he who hath recognized and partaken of it. O Muhammad-Mahdi! The Wronged One calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison, and counseleth thee with that which will exalt the Cause of God. Set aside what is with the people, and hold fast unto that which is with God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08560 ===

=== START BH08561 ===

O servant! Give thanks to God thy Lord, for thy name hath been brought into His presence and the gaze of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been directed towards thee. Didst thou but know the station of this place, thou wouldst soar with longing and cry out with this Name amongst the worlds. When We commanded the people to wisdom, We concealed from them certain stations lest the fire of yearning wrest from their hands the reins of choice. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Remember God thy Lord, then thank Him for having sent down unto thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. O My loved ones! Rejoice in My Name, then make mention of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be not grieved by those who have turned away. God shall soon seize them with a mighty wrath from His presence. Verily He destroyed the generations of old and shall exalt your names in truth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH08561 ===

=== START BH08562 ===

In the Name of God, the Eternal, the Ever-Abiding!

O ’Abdu’l-Khaliq! The people of the world have been brought from nothingness into being for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. However, their rejected deeds and actions have become a barrier and deprived them of drawing nigh unto the ocean of divine knowledge. Blessed is the one whose tongue is occupied with teaching and whose limbs are firmly holding fast to submission and contentment. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made me to speak Thy praise amongst Thy servants and to arise to serve Thee. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the lights of Thy throne,

O Lord of all beings, to make me speak Thy praise and to illumine me with the lights of Thy countenance and to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former times, and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath.

=== END BH08562 ===

=== START BH08563 ===

O Abdullah! The Wronged One of the world summons all peoples at all times and seasons unto truth. The purpose of this Revelation is that the clouds of oppression may be lifted away and the Sun of Justice may shine forth from behind the veil, that all the peoples of the world may abide in the cradle of security and peace. O friends! Be as lamps unto the darkened world and as light unto its gloom. Consort with all the peoples of the world with utmost love. All conflict, contention and corruption are forbidden in this Most Great Revelation. Divine assistance has been and ever will be through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Hold fast with supreme steadfastness to the Cause of your Lord, the Lord of all beings, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08563 ===

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O ’Ali! Previously thou wert blessed with divine favor and His mention. This is another time, a bounty from God, the Lord of all beings. At all times ask and beseech the Desired One of the worlds, that He may aid thee to accomplish that which is pleasing unto Him. The world and all that is therein shall soon return to nothingness, while that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the loved ones, the chosen ones, and the sincere ones shall endure as long as His most beautiful names endure. How excellent is the state of the soul who in this day attaineth unto the most great steadfastness, in such wise that the imaginings of the peoples of the world shall not withhold him from the Ancient King. Thus have We made mention of thee as a bounty from Us, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the sealed wine in the name of their Lord, the Bestower, the Generous.

=== END BH08565 ===

=== START BH08566 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing!

O ’Ali! The Wronged One desires to make mention of thee with that which will attract thee to the Most Exalted Horizon and […] the Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, and the Desire of my heart! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the sun of Thy grace to aid me in rending asunder the veils that have come between me and Thee and have prevented me from turning to the light of Thy countenance and from arriving at the shore of the ocean of Thy

bounty. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and hoping for that which lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which hath been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen servants who have, through Thy power and might, shattered the idols of vain imaginings and idle fancies. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08566 ===

=== START BH08567 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Ali-Haydar, upon thee be My glory! The honored Amin, upon him be My glory, arrived and made mention of you and the friends of that land. Repeatedly have the receptive ones been blessed with the favors of the Supreme Pen. We beseech God not to deprive any from the heavenly feast and eternal bounty, that all may attain to that for which they were brought from nothingness into being. The laws and commandments of God have been and ever shall be the cause of the tranquility and comfort of the peoples of the world. We make mention of the friends of that land and remind them of the verses shining forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, that they may all soar in the atmosphere of divine love on the wings of eagerness, longing, joy and detachment, and teach all to fly. Great is the Cause and great is this Day. We beseech God to adorn the receptive ones with that which befits this Most Great Cause.

O Ali-Haydar! The letters of the honored Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be My glory, which thou didst send to the Most Holy Court, all attained the honor of being heard. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the assistance of My Cause, clung to the hem of My loving-kindness, and circled round My commandments and laws. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed for him from the heaven of grace - deliver it unto him that they may drink from the living waters of divine utterances and the everlasting Salsabil. By God's life! The seas of inner meanings lie concealed in his words and hidden in the treasuries of his knowledge. Blessed are they who, despite the peoples of the world, turned unto him and drank therefrom. The sealed wine is the divine utterances which none had attained unto until this Revelation, but the Finger of Power in this Most Great Revelation hath unsealed it that all may drink thereof and attain unto it. In these days the Wronged One is afflicted by the fire of hatred and malice of the idolatrous souls, yet tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names are beloved to the soul and are the desire of the hearts of the people of certitude. O My loved ones in Ta! The Supreme Pen is moved at all times to make mention of you, and likewise to make mention of the loved ones in the cities and regions. This is a great bounty - know ye its station. Verily, He is with you, He seeth and heareth. Goodly deeds bring Him joy, and from praiseworthy conduct boundless delight is obtained. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former life. He aideth whom He willeth through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: […]

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, gazing upon Thy horizon, and awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy prevailing Will and Thine all-encompassing Purpose to aid me under all conditions to serve Thy Cause and to achieve that whereby my remembrance may endure in Thy Book. O Lord! Strengthen me through Thy power to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the words

issuing from the mouths of Thy servants may not deter me, nor the doubts of Thy creatures and the intimations of the people of Thy realm sadden me. O Lord! I am weak and have turned toward the direction of Thy strength and Thy might. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation, whereby Thou didst quicken them that lay in their graves through Thy bounty and favor, to make me under all conditions vocal in Thy remembrance and praise, aflame with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, and active in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the world and the Sovereign of the nations. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to grant prayers.

=== END BH08567 ===

=== START BH08568 ===

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise! Today the eye of justice is blind and the hand of tyranny upraised. We have guided them with the light of guidance, yet they point to the fire of error, and their call leadeth but to perdition. Although the fragrance of springtime is clearly distinguished from autumn, and the scent of the rose is manifestly different from all else - His signs are not hidden from those possessed of vision, and the Greater Perspective is not concealed, and the sweet breezes of His days are not to be confused with aught else - nevertheless the people have forgotten the Day and have turned away from that which is with God, cleaving to that which is with them. The True One, exalted be His glory, with power remaineth patient, and with utterance silent. Well is it with thee, for thou hast been faithful to God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast inhaled the fragrance of My robe, and hearkened unto My call, and hast testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in My mighty prison.

=== END BH08568 ===

=== START BH08569 ===

O 'Ali-Akbar! This Wronged One hath made mention of thee at the Most Great Horizon, and continueth to do so. We beseech God to aid thee to assist His Cause. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me aware. I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to assist me in all conditions to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath caused me to attain in Thy days, to turn toward Thy horizon, and to voice Thy praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Manifest Book and Thy Mighty Tablet. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and to Thy Cause, taking refuge with Thy presence, and holding fast to the hem of Thy garment. Deprive me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH08569 ===

=== START BH08570 ===

O 'Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ’Ali before Akbar! Give thanks to the Lord of Power, that He confirmed thee and deprived thee not of the outpourings of His ocean of knowledge. The divines of Iran throughout ages and centuries clung to vain imaginings and held fast to idle fancies, for they became manifestations of that which the All-Merciful had not sent down in the Qur’an. His blessed and exalted Word states: “And if there be the weight of a mustard seed and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth.” The heedlessness and darkness that lay concealed in the innermost reality of those souls became manifest in the days of the dawning of the Sun of Truth, and that darkness turned to lead and descended upon the Lord of the world. We take refuge with God from the deeds of those who broke the Covenant and committed that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament.

=== END BH08570 ===

=== START BH08571 ===

O Ali-Muhammad! In the name of the Best-Beloved of the worlds! O ’Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! The clamor of the opposers hath been raised, and the machinations of the plotters have become manifest, and the fire of the mischief-makers hath become evident and apparent from beneath the ashes. God willing, thou wilt fix thy gaze upon the truth and remain steadfast in the divine Cause in such wise that the utterances of the wicked and the words of the evil ones will not debar thee from the Most Exalted Word and the Supreme Horizon. Hearken unto the call of the Perspicuous Book, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, at all times, that He may preserve thee and thy friends from the book of the froward. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God that thou didst turn toward the prison and didst attain unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of the past and of the future. Blessed art thou for having advanced and received the choice wine of reunion from the hand of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, and for having drunk in remembrance of Him, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH08572 ===

In the Name of Him Who has power over what was and what will be!

O ’Ali! A letter has come from him who has turned to God, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee with this wondrous mention. Blessed is he who attains unto the traces of his Lord’s Pen and witnesses to that which God has witnessed - that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord with manifest humility. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name. Leave behind what the people possess, taking hold of that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We remembered thee and expounded the verses as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed be thy brother and thou, and they who have hastened with their hearts unto the Divine Lote-Tree which speaks forth in the kingdom of creation that which it spoke before creation itself: “Verily there is none other God but I, the Truth, the Mighty, the Wondrous.”

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O Ali ibn Kamal, upon both of you be the glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! O Ali! Thy letter hath attained unto the presence of the Ancient King in the Most Great Prison and been heard by Him. The fragrance of divine love was wafted therefrom. We beseech God that He may illumine and gladden the hearts of them that inhabit Nun and Ra with the lights of the Morn of His Revelation, that all may occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings in complete unity. O people of God! Illumine the horizons of the world with the light of concord and, guided by the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen, attain unto the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree. The world hath never been, nor will it ever be, faithful. Aid the Cause of God through the hosts of goodly character and refined conduct. O Ali! Convey My greetings to the kindred who have turned from creation unto the True One. This is the Day of mention and service. Blessed are they that have attained! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08573 ===

=== START BH08574 ===

O Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from the Kingdom of Utterance. O Ali! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and know thou of a certainty that this is that Voice which Moses heard from the Sinai of divine knowledge. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that the ears of the world were created for these days and the eyes of the nations were brought forth from sheer nothingness into the realm of existence specifically to behold the signs of this Revelation. We beseech God to aid thee to stand firm with supreme steadfastness, for the barking ones have aimed and continue to aim at the divine dominion. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided Thy servants unto Thy path, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord, that the tempests of the allusions of them that have turned away, who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs, may not move me. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08574 ===

=== START BH08576 ===

He is the One Who rules over all names! O Forgiver! When thou hast gained the presence of thy Lord's Tablet, the Chosen One, arise and say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thine infallibility. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation in Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power in Thy lands to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this life. O my Lord! Thou knowest what I possess while I know not what Thou possessest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I implore Thee, O my God and God of earth and heaven, to cause my will to be wholly merged in Thy Will, and my desire to be completely submerged in Thy Desire, that I may will naught except what Thou hast willed for me through Thy bounty, and seek naught save what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

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=== START BH08577 ===

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O Ghulam-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee while seated upon the throne of prison through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. By the life of God! We have given thanks for that which hath befallen Us in His path. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen and those who circle round the Throne with great yearning. This is a Day wherein the Light hath appeared and the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken, yet most of the people remain sunk in slumber. They have cast away the All-Glorious and taken hold of their vain desires. Verily, they are of the abased ones. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of My most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. He who loved Me and sought My presence and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee as a token of My grace, that thou mayest be of those who are firmly established. Glory be upon him and upon those who hearken unto his word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08577 ===

=== START BH08578 ===

He is the All-Conquering, the Almighty

O Ghulam-i-Rida! Let not that which hath appeared from the dayspring of tyranny frighten thee, and let not the clamor of every remote ignorant one sadden thee. God hath seized the liar who was named Sadiq, and after him He seized the other one. Verily, He is the Seizer, the Mighty. And soon will He seize him who led the people astray and barred them from the straight path of God. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and remind them of My Cause and what hath appeared in My days, lest the conditions of the powerful ones who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, weaken them. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom in all circumstances, lest there appear that which would sadden the hearts of those who have turned towards God. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which they were promised in the sure Books of God, the Truth.

=== END BH08578 ===

=== START BH08579 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Ghulam! The book was present and the servant was present before the Countenance. He made mention of thee. Blessed art thou, for thy book was purified from doubts and sanctified from allusions. We heard thy sighing and lamentation in the love of God, and We have made mention of thee in this Most Impregnable, Most Holy Tablet. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the ear that hath heard My Most Sweet Call, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise amidst the concourse of creation. God willing, thou shalt speak forth the mention of the Truth with the greatest

steadfastness and with the utmost joy and fragrance, and arise to serve Him in such wise that the chains of the polytheists and the clamor of the deniers shall not deter thee from the Straight Path. Know thou the station of this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all lands, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!

=== END BH08579 ===

=== START BH08580 ===

He is the Speaker

O Fatimeh! The divines of the earth today are debarred from the Most Exalted Horizon, while you have attained unto it. Throughout ages and centuries they proclaimed from pulpits “O Qa’im!”, yet when He was made manifest they martyred Him. You have attained to the recognition of Truth through the ocean of divine bounty and the lights of the Sun of Reality, and have drunk from the Kawthar of His utterance. Today vision is for beholding the Greatest Scene and hearing is for hearkening to the call of the Lord of Destiny. Glory be to God! The one who dwelt in the desert attained the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, while he who was in the mosque remained deprived. Yea, all relationships are severed and all names are struck down, until the Call seizes whom it will and leads from obliteration to consciousness - that is, from heedlessness to awareness. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the deniers.

=== END BH08580 ===

=== START BH08581 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O Pen! Make mention of him who has turned to the Dawning-Place of Eternity, that the fragrances of the Lord of nations may attract him on this Day wherein the Spirit has been diffused and bodies have taken flight, and bring him to a station wherein all mention is cut off. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then illumine thy heart with this Name through which hearts have been turned unto God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Whoso fulfilleth God’s covenant, verily he is of the people of Baha, and he who breaketh it hath this day no protector before Us. Blessed is the face that hath been illumined by the dawning-rays of the Countenance, and the heart that hath been made radiant by the Dayspring of lights. Say: Through the mention of Truth are revealed the stations of creation. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablets. Through piety doth the light of Baha appear - hold fast unto it, O concourse of companions! Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all circumstances. Verily He is with those who have turned unto the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

=== END BH08581 ===

=== START BH08582 ===

He is the Book, the Radiant, the Manifest

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of them who are in creation, that they may abandon what they possess and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereon the hearts of the Pharaohs

have trembled, and the skins of the tyrants have shuddered, and the faces of those who have turned to God have been illumined. The choice wine hath flowed, and the pure water hath appeared, yet the people remain in evident drunkenness, following vain imaginings and turning away from Him Who speaketh amongst mankind that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. We desired for them the good of this world and the next, yet they desired for Us that which would harm Us. They are indeed among the heedless. Turn thou not unto them that have wronged, and put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath drunk the choice wine from this cup which calleth out saying: “Joy be to them that drink!” Thus have We remembered thee in the Most Great Prison that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08582 ===

=== START BH08583 ===

O Most Ancient and Most Great Pen! Move in remembrance of him who has turned to God and found the fragrance of the Garment when it was wafted throughout the worlds, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station which God has sanctified from the mention of every knowing rememberer. Remember thy Lord with wisdom, that perchance the servants who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and are among those who are bewildered may be awakened thereby. We, in all conditions, summon the servants unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Among them is he who has found the sweetness of utterance, and among them is he who has turned away from the All-Merciful, having followed every ignorant doubter. Say: Seize ye these days! By God, the eyes have not seen their like, as attested by him who possesses a preserved tablet. Thus has the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily, glory be upon those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH08583 ===

=== START BH08584 ===

He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who circumambulated around Thy House and stood before all faces in service to Thy Cause - he whom the veils of the divines did not withhold, nor was he prevented by the sources of idle fancies of those who denied the proof of God and His evidence, who disbelieved in His signs and disputed His Cause. Thus did the Pen speak when the Ancient Beauty was established upon His mighty throne. The greatest terror hath appeared, and the people are in manifest loss. They have taken vain imaginings as their lord instead of God. Thus did their souls entice them. Verily, they are accounted among the idolaters in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve thou not over anything, for thou hast attained unto My verses which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the earth nor by that which the kings and rulers possess. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon him who loveth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Master of the Hereafter and of the former times, and the Speaker in this resplendent station.

=== END BH08584 ===

=== START BH08585 ===

In the name of the one Friend, O Lutfullah, upon whom be the Glory of God!

O Lutfullah! God willing, may you be occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, throughout the nights and days, in such wise that the affairs of the world shall not make you heedless of the Most Great Cause. You have been and continue to be remembered before the Wronged One. You are mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen as being among the people of the prison. Give thanks to your Lord for having enabled you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self at a time when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. Say: My God! I beseech Thee by Thy signs and Thy clear tokens to make me in all conditions hold fast unto Thee and gaze toward Thy horizon. Then ordain for me what is best in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below.

[His likeness] abides safe, tranquil and at rest beneath the shadow of loving-kindness. We send greetings to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of divine favors. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH08585 ===

=== START BH08587 ===

O Muhammad! When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My Book and findest from it the fragrance of My utterance, say: O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all names and in Whose right hand are the controls of all things! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, whereby the hearts of Thy servants have been shaken. O my Lord! I am the ignorant one who hath turned to the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the distant one who seeketh from Thee the Kawthar of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the providence that hath encompassed the world and by the Most Great Name not to disappoint me from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and not to deprive me of the breezes of Thy Revelation. Thou art He Whom the power of kings cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the subjects prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08587 ===

=== START BH08588 ===

He is the All-Knowing, Speaking Witness

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! Today is the day of acceptance and turning to God and of mention and praise and service. May you be fresh and verdant through the springtime breezes of God and speak forth in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of manifestation that one mention today is more glorious in the sight of God than the mention of a multitude of people occurring in days other than these. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him. Verily He aids whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the

Generous. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may protect thee and the people of that land from the cawing of the crows and the clamor of the liars and deceivers. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We send from this spot Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones who responded when they heard My wondrous, mighty Call.

=== END BH08588 ===

=== START BH08589 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom surgeth the ocean of utterance! O Muhammad-Husayn! All books and scriptures and every fair-minded learned one have lamented with My lamentation. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to transform the sorrow of His loved ones into manifest joy. Grieve not for what hath befallen you at the hands of the armies of the oppressors. God shall soon seize those who have wronged, for He is the most severe in retribution. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth the sighing of the oppressed and the wailing of the oppressors. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me to Thy sheltering shade and to Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by Thy resplendent signs and Thy decisive verses to protect me and Thy loved ones from the evil of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee and turning unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy gifts and favors. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08589 ===

=== START BH08590 ===

O Muhammad-Rida! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O Muhammad-Rida! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the Most Exalted Horizon and draws thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath appeared before His Book with joy and radiance. Render thou thanks unto God for having led thee out of darkness into light and for causing thee to hear His most sweet call while the people were in a strange slumber. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who speaketh in His praise and glory and who giveth the glad-tidings of this News unto the servants - the News wherewith the Books of God have been adorned throughout the ages and centuries. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this spot which God hath made the point round which circle the denizens of Paradise and they who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. The Glory shining resplendent from the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon them who have turned unto God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH08590 ===

=== START BH08591 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing! O Muhammad-Quli! The world hath been encompassed by tyranny, and the clouds of hatred have prevented the lights of the Sun of Justice from shining forth. Calumnies have gained currency, and the oppressor claimeth to be oppressed. Glory be to God! Such heedlessness hath seized upon the servants that they have forsaken the imperishable kingdom for the sake of two fleeting days, and are occupied

with transgression and wickedness. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Light which shone forth before the creation of the sun and its radiance, and by Thy Mercy which hath preceded the earth and the heaven and all that is therein, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm and immovable in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will be with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and the Supreme, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH08591 ===

=== START BH08592 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Karim! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One and the servant present read it. Verily your Lord is the Hearing, the Responding One. Say: Glory be to You, O You by Whose name the rivers flow, the fruits appear, and the mysteries emerge! I beseech You by Your Most Exalted Self and the Manifestations of Your power in the kingdom of creation to ordain through Your Most Exalted Pen that which will enable me to remain steadfast in Your Cause - the Cause that has shaken the foundations of Your creation. O my Lord! I am the weak one who has clung to the cord of Your power, and I am the poor one who has held fast to the hem of Your riches. I beseech You not to withhold from me the appearance of Your grace. Verily You are the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. O Karim! Read what has been sent down to you from the Kingdom of Utterance, then give thanks to your Lord, the Generous One. The Glory be upon you and upon your wife who has believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08592 ===

=== START BH08593 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Knowing, the Most High, the Most Exalted! O Muhammad! We have heard thy call, and the cry of thy heart, and the yearning of thy soul in thy love for thy Lord, unto Whom is thy return and thy final abode. The servant who is present hath come and read what thou hast spoken and called out and whispered and praised - the One Who is the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have taken account of the fire of thy longing and the light of thy turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. His bounty toward thee is great. Be thou assured and grieve not. By the True One! This is the Most Great Day of Joy, wherein the Lord of Eternity doth speak: “Rejoice and be glad, O My loved ones! That which none save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed hath comprehended hath been ordained for you.” Give thanks unto thy Lord for this Tablet from which thou dost inhale the fragrance of My good-pleasure, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Then preserve it in My Name, the All-Encompassing, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH08593 ===

=== START BH08595 ===

O Muhammad! He Who is single and alone makes mention of thee from the land of exile, from the spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison, through My Most Exalted Pen - yet the people do not

understand. The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, but most of the people do not perceive. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, having followed the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Arise in My Name, take the cup of mystic knowledge by My command, and drink thereof through My wondrous remembrance. Let not the conditions of the world sadden thee, nor the doubts of the nations who have turned away from God and denied the Witness and the Witnessed prevent thee. Say: By God! This is the Day of Rising, did ye but know it, and in it hath appeared the Purpose of all mankind, would ye but judge with fairness. Thus hath the light appeared and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout the realm of possibility, yet most of the people do not perceive.

=== END BH08595 ===

=== START BH08596 ===

O God! O All-Bountiful! O All-Merciful! These are my eyes before Thy face, beseeching from Thee that which befitteth Thy bounty, and declaring: O my God! Thou didst create me to behold Thee; I implore Thee not to deprive me. And these are my ears, declaring: Thou didst bring me forth from nothingness to hearken; O All-Bountiful One, deny me not the power to hear. All created things testify to Thy munificence. A handful of poor ones stand before the Kingdom of Thy riches, and a company of sinners stand before the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness, yearning and supplicating for Thy boundless grace. O Lord! Thy generosity hath made them bold, and Thy bounty hath caused Thy servants to persist. Deprive them not; both forgive and bestow Thy bounty. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH08596 ===

=== START BH08597 ===

O Morteza, upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of all beings. The Herald of this Most Great Revelation hath spoken: All existence is for the sake of being mentioned but once in His presence. Today the treasures of the world cannot be compared to the Word of acceptance which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they who have attained unto the Word and become possessors of the divine Tablet. All that hath befallen His loved ones hath been recorded and inscribed in the blessed Crimson Tablet. The profit of the world belongeth to His loved ones, and its loss is the portion of the oppressors and transgressors. Erelong the enemy shall return to the fire, and the friend to the Most Great Scene. Give thanks to the Goal of all beings, Who assisted thee and caused thee to attain unto the revelations of the Supreme Pen. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH08597 ===

=== START BH08598 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent!

O thou who art intoxicated! God willing, thou shalt be reckoned among the men of the divine garden of fruits. Praise be to God, thou art illumined by the light of unity and art a believer in, and dost acknowledge, that which hath been revealed in the Book. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me detached

from all else save Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Beloved, through Whom the light of unity hath shone forth from the horizon of the world and the decree of justice hath been established among the nations, to assist me to act according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy perspicuous Book. O my Lord! Thou seest the poorest of Thy servants turning to the horizon of Thy riches, and the most abject of Thy creatures facing the heaven of Thy glory and power. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and for the sincere ones among Thy creation. O my Lord! Open before my face the doors of Thy generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest through Thy binding command, the All-Wise. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH08598 ===

=== START BH08599 ===

In My Name, Who warbles upon the branches

O peoples of the earth! The gate of divine knowledge has been opened and the All-Merciful has come with the kingdom of utterance, yet the people remain heedless and astray. Your letter has arrived and from it We perceived the fragrance of your love for God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. We have heard your call and have answered you with a Tablet that no other tablets can equal. Read what has been sent down to you from the heaven of bounty - it will draw you nigh to the most exalted station. You behold the Wronged One in the midst of enemies, yet He summons all to God, the Subduer of verses. Neither the mention of the divines, nor the word of the jurisprudents, nor their clamor has deterred Him. I have manifested My Cause before the faces of My creation with a power that has shaken the pillars. Give thanks to your Lord, for He has remembered you with that whose fragrance shall not cease throughout centuries and ages. The glory be upon you from Us and upon those whom the oppression of them that denied the Beginning and the Return has not hindered.

=== END BH08599 ===

=== START BH08600 ===

Already translated for the first portion. Here is the translation of the remaining portion:

O Lord! I am he who hath turned his face unto Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me from the gate of Thy mercy nor leave me among the polytheists among Thy creation. O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have recognized Thee in Thy days and have turned to the shore of Thy oneness, acknowledging Thy singleness and submitting to Thy unity, hoping for Thy pardon and forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH08600 ===

=== START BH08601 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High! O Thou Who hast made the Point the ornament of Beauty on the Tablet of Manifestation, and suspended the threads of darkness upon the sphere of light, whereby Thou hast adorned the page of light with the darkness of night, and made the fountain of sweet water to flow in the abode of fire, and ordained the spring of life to be in the treasury of flames, and joined them together in such wise that they shall never be separated throughout all ages! Reflect upon the wondrous handiwork of your Creator, O ye who are endued with understanding! Glorified art Thou, O my God! When I beheld this wondrous creation of Thine eternal power, I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou art the Self-Subsisting over the manifestations of Thy names, that Thou unite Thy servants even as Thou hast united light and darkness, and fire and water. Then gather them together on the shore of Thy Most Great Ocean even as Thou hast gathered these upon the shore of the Kawthar of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08601 ===

=== START BH08602 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Thou Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all who dwell on earth and in heaven! Through Thy Name the Tree of the Bayan hath yielded the fruits of divine knowledge, and through Thy remembrance the hearts of them that are detached have been adorned with the ornament of certitude. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Most Merciful, to clothe me with the robes of Thy mercy and loving-kindness, and to number me among such handmaidens as have turned unto Thee and have detached themselves from all else besides Thee, whom neither the intimations of the polytheists nor the words of the wayward have prevented from Thy love and Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my eyes with the collyrium of Thy recognition, that I may know Thee through Thine own Self and stand firm in Thy love and good-pleasure. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08602 ===

=== START BH08603 ===

O handmaid of God in the letter Ta, Fatimah! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O Thou the nearness of Whom is my hope, and union with Whom is my desire, and remembrance of Whom is my aspiration, and entry into the court of Whose might is my goal, and Whose direction is my quest, and Whose name is my healing, and Whose love is the light of my breast, and standing in Whose presence is the ultimate aim of my seeking! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou caused them that know Thee to soar in the atmosphere of the glory of Thy recognition, and elevated them that are nigh unto Thee to the sacred carpet of Thy favors, that Thou make me to turn toward Thy countenance, and to gaze upon Thy direction, and to speak forth Thy praise. O my Lord! I am she who hath forgotten all else save Thee and hath turned toward the horizon of Thy grace, and hath abandoned whatsoever is besides Thee in hope of nearness unto Thee. Therefore may I turn toward the station wherein shineth forth the lights of Thy face. Send down then, O my Beloved, upon me that which will

make me steadfast in Thy Cause, lest the doubts of them that join partners with God prevent me from turning toward Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

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O Thou Whose nearness is my wish, Whose presence is my hope, Whose remembrance is my desire, Whose court of glory is my goal, Whose abode is my aim, Whose name is my healing, Whose love is the radiance of my heart, Whose service is my highest aspiration! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, through which Thou hast enabled them that have recognized Thee to soar to the sublimest heights of the knowledge of Thee and empowered such as devoutly worship Thee to ascend into the precincts of the court of Thy holy favors, to aid me to turn my face towards Thy face, to fix mine eyes upon Thee, and to speak of Thy glory.

I am the one, O my Lord, who hath forgotten all else but Thee, and turned towards the Day-Spring of Thy grace, who hath forsaken all save Thyself in the hope of drawing nigh unto Thy court. Behold me, then, with mine eyes lifted up towards the Seat that shineth with the splendors of the light of Thy Face. Send down, then, upon me, O my Beloved, that which will enable me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, so that the doubts of the infidels may not hinder me from turning towards Thee.

Thou art, verily, the God of Power, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the Almighty.

=== END BH08604 ===

=== START BH08608 ===

O Mashhadi Nasru'llah, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon. O Nasru'llah! Your name was present before the Wronged One, Who made mention of you with the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. When you attain unto the fragrances of revelation and drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of mystical understanding, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Purpose and my Beloved, for having guided me to Thy straight path and made me aware of Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy irrevocable Command which hath encompassed earth and heaven, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou seest me standing firm and steadfast at the door of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, through whose deeds Thy signs were spread abroad and through whose attributes Thy attributes were made manifest. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and through Thee was revealed that which was hidden throughout all eternity."

=== END BH08608 ===

=== START BH08610 ===

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! O Hashim! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from this Prison - this Spot round which circle the Concourse on High and hosts of favored angels. We have summoned both sovereign and subject unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned with his heart toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto him who hath turned away and denied the signs of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Hold thou fast to the cord of steadfastness and grasp the hem of thy Lord's gracious favor. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the fragrances of My days and drunk the choice wine of My love from the hand of My bounty, and hath spoken My praise and glorification amongst My servants. He is of them who have fulfilled My covenant and My testament. To this beareth witness My Pen and My Tongue and whatsoever hath been created by the Word of God, the Powerful, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory be upon thee and upon her who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH08610 ===

=== START BH08611 ===

O Leaf, wife of His Honor Siyyid-i-Qabla Hasan, upon both of you be all My most glorious Glory! He is the Kind, the Forgiving. O My Leaf! Hearken unto the rustling of the Tree of My loving-kindness. It consoles thee in what hath befallen thee through the decree of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By My life! From its rustling is heard: "Husayn hath attained the ultimate goal, the most exalted summit, and the Supreme Companion." Let not separation grieve thee, O Leaf, for he drinketh from the ocean of nearness and reunion, and hath attained that which cannot be mentioned in words. Thy Lord is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. We counsel thee to be patient and steadfast. In all conditions thou shouldst gaze toward the horizon of thy Lord's Will and hold fast to the cord of resignation in whatsoever God hath willed and willeth. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon the leaves of My Tree who are moved by the winds of God's Will, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08611 ===

=== START BH08612 ===

O Handmaiden of God, Fatimih Sultan, upon her be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered! O My leaf! Bear thou witness unto that which God hath testified in the Most Great Prison - that there is none other God except Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. There hath come before Us a letter from one who hath turned towards My horizon, set his face towards My countenance, spoken My praise, appeared before My throne, and heard My call, and hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of My bounty. Therein was thy mention, wherefore We make mention of thee in this Tablet through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all creation, and the Nightingale of Utterance hath warbled upon the branches, that there is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of utterance and illumined the horizons of hearts with the light of proof. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Generous, the Bountiful. Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered My remembrance, and thy heart for having borne My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH08612 ===

=== START BH08613 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout all lands! O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Today the fragrances of divine bounty and generosity are wafting, and the ocean of giving is manifest before all faces. He has confirmed His handmaidens and caused them to attain unto His recognition in days when most men and heroes, divines and scholars, are seen to be deprived of the ocean of knowledge […] This station has been and remains lofty and exalted in the sight of the Lord of all beings. Were the believing handmaidens to become aware of this most exalted station and most glorious rank, they would be occupied with praise and glorification throughout all their days. O My handmaiden! Strive diligently to preserve that which hath been bestowed. This Wronged One counseleth all to sanctification and detachment, and to that which beseemeth the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH08613 ===

=== START BH08614 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds!

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Baha! Today the effulgences of the Sun of Truth have illumined the world. The Most Exalted Horizon hath appeared, the Ocean of Knowledge is surging, the Heaven of Revelation is upraised, and the Speaker on Sinai is giving utterance. Blessed is the soul whose hearing hath been blessed with the ability to hearken and whose sight hath been honored to witness these days. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land and give them all the glad-tidings of the bounties of God, exalted be His glory. Perchance they may turn from what they possess to that which is with God and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Every leaf that hath held fast to the Divine Lote-Tree on this day hath attained unto all good and is recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed are they that have attained, and joy be to them that are steadfast. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee, O My Leaf, and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08614 ===

=== START BH08615 ===

Leaf of Paradise, Hajar, daughter of the Minister, upon her be the Glory of God. In the Name of the One God. O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory! The Glance of Divine Providence has ever been turned towards that direction. Today is the Dawning-Point of Days and the Dayspring of Times. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto the Purpose and perceived the fragrance of the Divine Verses. Existence has come forth from nothingness into the realm of being for the recognition of this Day. Whosoever has attained unto recognition is reckoned with God and is mentioned by the Supreme Pen in the Book of God. Praise thou the Purpose of all worlds that thou hast attained unto His signs and art adorned with His kinship. Know

thou the worth of this station and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. We convey Our greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His Glory. The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned, hearkened and responded in the Days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08615 ===

=== START BH08616 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O My leaf! Upon thee be My Baha! A single word from thee was presented at the Most Holy Court, before the face of the Wronged One, and that word found acceptance. We heard thy mention and made mention of thee. We beheld thy turning unto Us and turned unto thee from the direction of the Prison, and We give thee the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all the worlds. How many are the men, divines and princes who are deprived this day, while thou, through His infinite bounty, hast turned unto Him and attained unto that which hath been recorded in all the divine Books, both past and present. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy father, thy mother, and thy brother who attained unto the presence of his Lord and quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee from Us, and upon them that have turned unto God and hearkened unto the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH08616 ===

=== START BH08617 ===

O my leaf! Thou hast attained unto My mention and My traces, both before and after. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor, this supreme providence, and this mighty gift, and say: "All praise be unto Thee for having guided me in Thy days and given me to drink of the cup of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the station wherein Thy call was raised and which Thou didst make Thy Most Sublime Vision, and by the mountains whereon the tabernacle of Thy glory was upraised and which were honored by Thy footsteps, to make this Thy handmaiden steadfast in Thy Cause and turning her gaze toward Thy horizon, in such wise that neither the incidents of the days nor the hatred of those who have denied Thee, O Lord of all beings, may prevent her. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and strengthen me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

=== END BH08617 ===

=== START BH08618 ===

In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names! O Most Exalted Leaf! The Supreme Pen hath testified for thee in the kingdom of creation that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn unto the Lord of Names on a day wherein hearts and pillars trembled. O thou who art the Greatest Cry! Rejoice in that the Lord of all humanity hath remembered thee with a remembrance that surpasseth all the treasures of earth and heaven. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as He turned toward thee from the Most Exalted

Station. O thou blessed fruit! Give thanks that the Lord of creation hath turned toward thee from this Prison which hath adorned the Books and Tablets. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, and happiness be unto thee, and delight be unto thee from God, the Lord of lords. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who serve thee for love of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

=== END BH08618 ===

=== START BH08619 ===

O Leaf and mother of ’Ali, upon both of you be the glory of God! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds! O Leaf, you have been and are remembered before the Wronged One. Remember those days when you were present before His face in the Most Great Prison, when you heard the Call of God and beheld the Most Exalted Horizon with your outward eye. The whole world has awaited and still awaits these days. Many were the divines and princes, none of whom attained His presence or drank from the ocean of reunion, but you did attain and did drink from the cup of divine favor. We beseech God to set you ablaze with the fire of His Word - a blaze that will cause the handmaidens of the earth to become enkindled. Verily He is powerful over all things. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who serve you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08619 ===

=== START BH08620 ===

O Judah, upon him be the glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Rememberer. O Judah! Verily the Mount discourseth, yet the people hear not. Verily the Tree calleth aloud, yet mankind comprehend not. Hearken unto the call of the Lord of creation and hold fast unto guidance, as bidden by Him Who is the Commander, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving. Say: O people of the earth! The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come, calling all unto God, the Sovereign Lord of existence. Thou hast been mentioned by Him Who hath cast away all else and held fast to My Extended Cord. We make mention of thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Cast aside this day what is with the people and say: I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue hearts and minds, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08620 ===

=== START BH08621 ===

He is the Speaker and He is the Hearer. O Joseph! There hath befallen the Wronged One that which no eye in the world hath ever seen. He brought forth proofs, yet they rejected them. He manifested clear evidence, yet they denied it. And when the fire of hatred and malice was kindled in their hearts and souls, His friends delivered Him to His enemies. He who We desired his life rose up against the Wronged One, and when he failed, he cried out and proclaimed his own oppression. We beseech God to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness, that they may see with their own eyes and hear with

their own ears. He, verily, is the Helper, the All-Bountiful. The splendor from Us be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever, nor the oppression of the wicked ones, could deter - they turned unto God and said: “We believe in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.”

=== END BH08621 ===

=== START BH08622 ===

O Mulla Ibrahim! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! My tongue beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And His tongue beareth witness that He Who speaketh is indeed the Truth, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. By God’s life! He guideth men unto the most exalted Paradise, yet they turn away therefrom. They cling to vain imaginings and turn aside from the station named the Praiseworthy Station. Say: O people of names! By God, the Creator of the heavens hath come. Turn ye with radiant faces, thus hath God commanded you in a preserved Tablet. Do ye worship the calf and leave behind you the Lord of eternity? Ye are but in manifest error. Say: Take what ye are commanded in the Book and be not of them that lose. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the kingdom of Mine utterance. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face unto My countenance and drunk the choice wine of My love from the hand of My bounty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

=== END BH08622 ===

=== START BH08623 ===

O Haji Nasru’llah! He is the Expounder between earth and heaven! It behooveth thee to render thanks unto God with the tongues of all created things, inasmuch as He hath aided thee to acknowledge the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His Cause, at a time when most of His servants have turned away from Him. By the life of God! Wert thou to discover that which God hath ordained for them that have turned unto Him, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of joy and cry out, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all nations!” O Nasru’llah! When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of thy Lord, read it again and again, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the verses of thy Lord and be of them who have detached themselves in His love from all directions. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee and give thee glad-tidings, whilst thou wert wronged at the hands of such as were heedless of this Cause whereby the horizons have been illumined. Beseech thou God that He may vouchsafe unto thee the Kawthar of steadfastness and draw thee nigh unto Him under all conditions.

=== END BH08623 ===

=== START BH08624 ===

My sister Fatimih

He is God!

Take up the exalted Pen, O Servant, move it on the snow-white tablet

and call to remembrance Thy sister, Fatimih, that the bounty upon her and

upon all who dwell on earth may be complete.

O My Fatimih! We have verily sent thee this garment from this

Announcer of good news that thou mayest inhale therefrom the fragrances

of holiness and be recorded in the Mother Book by the Manifestation

of Attributes. Rejoice thou for seeing Paradise in the days of God, soar

towards the magnificent abode mentioned in the Tablet, then recognize the

blessings that God hath vouchsafed to thee. He hath singled thee out from

amongst most handmaids for His favour, and He hath caused thy name to

be mentioned with sanctity in the mighty Tablets. Verily, He is the True

One. No God is there but Him. He bestoweth dominion on whosoever He desireth, and the decree hath been firmly established in the foundation

of destiny from the Dawning-place of Command. May the light of God

shine upon thy face and upon those who are in thy company.

=== END BH08624 ===

=== START BH08625 ===

To Ibrahím, whom God confirmed!

Verily, We heard your supplications, and granted them to you with such remembrance, whereby the hearts will be attracted unto thee. We command thee and My redeemers (those who redeemed themselves) to be charitable, upright and pious, holding fast to that which will draw you nearer unto God your Lord, and the Lord of all the worlds.

Say: Praise be to thee, O God my Lord; I ask of Thee, by Thy prophets, Thy chosen and Thy redeemers, to send down upon me, from the heaven of Thy Bounty, Thy special Providence and Thy particular Mercy; and open, before my face, the doors of Thy gifts and blessings.

=== END BH08625 ===

=== START BH08626 ===

In the name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Wouldst Thou, O my God, deprive him who hath turned toward the sanctuary of Thy Being? Wouldst Thou, O my Beloved, cast away him who hath sought refuge in the city of Thy nearness? Wouldst Thou, O

my Hope, forsake him who hath clung to the cord of Thy glory? Wouldst Thou, O my Purpose, deny him who hath entered the stream of Thy bounty? Wouldst Thou, O my Adored One, impoverish him who hath held fast to the hem of Thy riches? Wouldst Thou, O my Object of worship, cause to perish him whose heart Thou hast quickened with the light of Thy recognition? Wouldst Thou, O Thou Who art praised, render deaf him whom Thou hast made to hear Thy wondrous verses? Nay, by Thy glory! Thou wilt not deprive him who hath turned to Thee, nor cast out him who hath come to Thee, nor reject him who hath descended into Thy court. For verily Thou art the Most Exalted above all things, the Giver unto all things, and the Ruler over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Holy One.

=== END BH08626 ===

=== START BH08627 ===

The Most Great, Most Great missive was present before and witnessed by the Lord of Eternity. Thou hadst made mention of being unlearned. All are and have been unlearned before the Ocean of knowledge, but thou art learned, for praise be to God, thou hast recognized the Known One and hast clung to the Self-Subsisting. Whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto the source and beginning of all knowledge. All infinite letters branch forth from the Ocean of the Primal Point, and unto it do they return and find their end. And whoso knoweth the Point is enriched above the knowledge of aught else, and in the inmost of the inmost essence, whoso knoweth the Point knoweth that whereof the outer letters are composed and that which brancheth forth from them. Strive thou to remain firm upon the straight path of Truth. This sufficeth thee, if thou be of them that comprehend.

=== END BH08627 ===

=== START BH08628 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity! From the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen this most sublime word was heard: “The King, the Kingdom belongs to God, has come through His manifestation. That which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes has appeared. Blessed is he who cast away what the people possess, taking what is with God, the Lord of Lords.” Thy name was present before the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee with that which caused spirits to soar. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee in His Day and guided thee to the Path. Grieve not over anything, trust in all matters in the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Verily He assists whom He willeth through power and sovereignty, and writes for whosoever turns to Him that which pens are powerless to describe. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who prostrated when the Orb of the Command shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of all mankind.

=== END BH08628 ===

=== START BH08629 ===

Sarchah. O Darvish ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken this word: “And from water We made all things living.” That water

in these days floweth from the Most Exalted Pen. By the life of God! This is that Kawthar whose description was sent down aforetime in the divine Books, and this is that Choice Wine for which the divines and mystics waited. This water hath been called by all names - at times thou seest it as fire, in such wise that its roaring flame is heard; at other times thou beholdest it as light, kindled and shining. O people of Baha! God willing, through the bounty of the Lord of Names, ye shall attain unto it and drink therefrom. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto everlasting life. Blessed are they that know, and woe unto the heedless! Praise be to God, the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Mighty, the Trusted One!

=== END BH08629 ===

=== START BH08631 ===

O handmaiden of God, wife of J.T.! In the name of the Purpose of all worlds, thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One and the gaze of favor was directed towards thee. Today the handmaidens of God must remain steadfast in the Cause of God with perfect sincerity, unity, sanctity and detachment, and be engaged in His remembrance. Praise be to God, thou hast been blessed with His grace and honored with faith in God. How many men remained deprived of the ocean of recognition of the Self-Sufficient, Exalted One, while thou wert enabled to attain thereto. If thou shouldst spend thy entire life offering thanks to the Ancient Lord in all the languages of the peoples of the world, thou wouldst not fulfill its due. Therefore give thanks to thy Lord for this bounty and be of those handmaidens who have believed and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08631 ===

=== START BH08632 ===

He is the Mighty, the All-Glorious! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth thee at this time when the breezes of separation blow from the direction of Iraq, and the nightingales of yearning warble, and the unitarians are in great sorrow, while thou art not grieved by anything. Put thy trust in God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful. Then remember the servants with the most excellent remembrance, then gather them together unto the Cause of thy Lord, and be thou of the thankful. Say: O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto My call, then put your trust in God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty. God will assuredly exalt His Cause in truth and aid His oppressed servants, and the light shall appear from the dawning-place of nearness, whereby the foundations of the idolaters shall be demolished. Be thou assured through thy Lord’s grace and fear not anyone, even should the hypocrites all unite against thee, for God will suffice thee against them and against all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08632 ===

=== START BH08634 ===

O Karim-i-Ardibili! In the name of the One Bountiful God! The effulgences of the Light of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai are manifest and resplendent from all the horizons of the

world, and the verses of grandeur are descending from the heaven of favor like a copious rain. However, the recompense of men's deeds has prevented them from turning to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is the soul who has taken the chalice of utterance in the name of the Goal of all the worlds and has drunk from the sealed wine. Such a one is among the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Verily He guideth the servants unto His straight path. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, to make mention of thee through His verses, and to illumine thy heart with the light of faith in His days. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08634 ===

=== START BH08635 ===

I testify unto Thy singleness and Thy oneness, O Thou Who art my God, my Master, my Support, my highest Hope and Aspiration. Nothing whatsoever can be likened unto Thee, nor any partner ascribed to Thee, nor assistance rendered unto Thee, nor is there any who could ever supplant Thee. Thou hast created the creation in order to reveal Thy grace and manifest Thy munificence and bounty. Thou hast made known to Thy creatures the path of Thy good-pleasure, hast enabled them to recognize Thy guidance, and hast led them unto Thy straight path and glorious proclamation.

I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Holy Ones, Who have rendered aid unto Thy Cause by Their substance and by Their own persons, and I entreat Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grandeur, to ordain for Thy handmaiden that she observe what Thou hast sent down in Thy book. Illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, O my God, and write down for her such as Thou hast ordained for the maidens of Thy highest paradise.

Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all men and the King of the throne above and of earth below. None other god is there but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful, and the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08635 ===

=== START BH08636 ===

O Haji Abdul-Karim! He is the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Upon him be My glory! He has attained unto Our presence and been illumined by hearing the verses. From the earliest days, he and his family have, for the sake of God, drunk from the cup of tribulation. Verily, We love him and beseech God to assist him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible world. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Wise. O Karim! Upon thee be My glory! We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause thy remembrance to endure in the world among the peoples. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We beseech Him to unite the hearts of His loved ones and strengthen them through the handle of love and unity. He, verily, is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those with thee and upon the loved ones of God who are there, who have not violated My perspicuous Covenant and My firm Testament.

=== END BH08636 ===

=== START BH08637 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy Above All Names

Most of the people of the world have claimed and continue to claim knowledge of the Pre-existent Lord. However, after the rending of veils and removal of clouds it became clear and evident that the diverse parties of the world were walking in the wilderness of vain imaginings and the desert of idle fancies, remaining far and veiled from the straight path and mighty way of God. Blessed is the state of the soul who today has held fast to the cord of divine love and has drunk from the choice wine of heavenly knowledge. Such a one is indeed among the essence of creation in the sight of the Truth. Upon him be the glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. God willing, that honored one may be illumined by the dawning lights of the morn of inner meanings and occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all horizons. He is verily the Protector of whoever turns to Him and the Illuminator of the hearts of the sincere ones.

=== END BH08637 ===

=== START BH08638 ===

He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Although the darkness of oppression hath encompassed all regions and the hand of tyranny of the oppressors hath been stretched forth against the oppressed, yet praise be to God that from the holy divine horizon the Sun of the Most Great Remembrance hath dawned forth and ere long its radiance shall prevail and consume the veil of darkness. Although today the people are deprived of beholding the lights of the Sun due to the clouds of fancy and imagination, yet ere long the fingers of destiny shall rend asunder the intervening veil and the rays of the Sun shall encompass all. Then shall they say: “Would that we had not been negligent in our duty to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!” O friends of Truth! Today ye must be detached from all save God and, with complete certitude and perfect assurance, turn toward the All-Merciful. And peace be upon you.

=== END BH08638 ===

=== START BH08640 ===

O son of Muhammad who was martyred in the path of God! In the name of the one incomparable Friend! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the lights of the morn of utterance and hast quaffed the choice wine of the love of the Lord of all possibilities. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who was often in My presence and drank from the Kawthar of meeting Me and was martyred in My path and ascended on two wings of detachment unto the heaven of My grace and the horizon of My loving-kindness. We testify that he is among those who have attained. God willing, thou wilt follow his example in all matters, that is, in attention to God, steadfastness and love. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having attained unto the remembrance of the Remembered One through Whose aid all in the heavens and earth seek assistance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to

ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08640 ===

=== START BH08641 ===

In the Name of the One Friend

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the recognition of the All-Merciful and hast drunk from the Living Waters which are His love. How many were the great ones and the learned who for nights and days yearned and longed for such a day, yet attained it not, while thou hast attained, arrived, beheld and heard. Know thou the station of this great bounty and occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and what shall endure for thee is that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the Ancient Bestower. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones to love Him and to please Him, and to ordain for them that which shall profit them and preserve them. Verily, He is the Generous, the Beneficent. Praise be to God, the Goal of all who have known Him.

=== END BH08641 ===

=== START BH08642 ===

O handmaid of God! In the name of the one beloved Friend! Praise be to God that the effulgences of the lights of the divine countenance have cast their rays upon the Sinais of the hearts of those men and women who have turned towards Him. How exalted is the station of the soul who in this day has become illumined by the lights of His countenance and has attained unto the most great steadfastness. O handmaid of God! The station of steadfastness is very great in the sight of God. All men and women servants must fix their gaze upon it and supplicate God that He may strengthen them all and give them to drink from the cup of steadfastness. How many a man has stumbled and how many a woman has stumbled! We beseech God to assist thee and the handmaids who are there, and to ordain for thee and for them the best of this world and of the world to come. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Giving, the Most High, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH08642 ===

=== START BH08643 ===

He is the One Who dominates all names

Praise be to God that the realm of existence hath been illumined and brightened by the Sun of the Divine Name, and the Call of the Divine Tree hath been raised. Blessed is the state of the one who hath heard His Call and turned towards His horizon and hath been confirmed in serving His Cause. I swear by the Sun of Manifestation that this Day hath no like or equal. Strive ye and attain unto lofty stations. Let not the opportunity slip from your grasp, and arise to that which beseemeth the station of man. With the utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility, and hold fast

unto the Divine Book. By the life of God! Verily it will guide you to His straight path and draw you nigh unto Him through His grace. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH08643 ===

=== START BH08644 ===

He is the Living One. Praise be to God that the Holy Countenances of Glory and the Sacred Visages of Intimacy have purified the body of the Eternal Mystery from the veils of otherness and the shrouds of opposition, and stripped bare and free from the allusions of the heaven of ego and the veils of blind imagination, they have arrived at the pavilions of eternality and the hiding places of glory, and they circle round according to the will of God, and thus did God will what He willed, and verily He doeth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Kind. Yea, when the feet of the heart are cleansed from the sandals of vain imaginings, they will surely journey from the valley of darkness to the blessed spot of glory and exaltation. This is a truth like unto the existence of God, there is no doubt therein, were the people to be patient in the days of God and ponder His signs.

=== END BH08644 ===

=== START BH08645 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend!

Praise be to God that the Luminary of the Most Great Name hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of eternity, and the Ocean of bounty is manifest and billowing. O friends of the All-Merciful! Turn ye with perfect certitude and assurance, that perchance ye may drink from this Ocean and receive your portion from this bounty. How many souls there were who claimed to love God and bore countless afflictions in His path, yet when the Truth Itself appeared and shone forth from the manifest horizon, most remained heedless of Him, while some engaged in conflict and disputation. Such is the state of the servants and all who dwell in the land. The gaze of God hath ever been and will ever be fixed upon His loved ones. May ye ever abide, God willing, beneath the shade of the Tree of the All-Merciful, in peace and tranquility, speaking His praise and remembering Him.

=== END BH08645 ===

=== START BH08646 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent. Praise be to God, and peace and blessings be upon His Prophets who carried out what they were commanded by Him. He is verily the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. And furthermore, regarding the matter of not wearing the veil that you mentioned - the claimant brought a letter to prove his claim, and since the letter was from another person it was burned. This action is not pleasing, for you must follow the example of God, exalted be His glory. Today, moral character is among the hosts of God. It is hoped that through this you will render assistance to God’s Cause. We beseech God in all circumstances to aid you and enable you to do what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones and does not allow the reward of

the doers of good to be lost. It would have been more pleasing in the sight of God if you had informed him in a loving manner.

=== END BH08646 ===

=== START BH08647 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O my God, my God! The fragrance of Thy knowledge hath attracted me, and the river of Thy utterance hath intoxicated me, to such extent that I have become heedless of myself and of all else besides Thee, and of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names, by that Name through which every idolater hath lamented, every heedless one hath cried out, and every atheist hath been struck with fear, to ordain for me in Thy Kingdom that which shall endure through Thy perpetuity. O Lord! I am the supplicant and Thou art the One Who answereth; I am the needy and Thou art the All-Possessing; I am the weak and verily Thou art the Strong, the Trusted One. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all worlds. All praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics, Goal of the sincere ones, and Hope of them that have recognized Thy unity.

=== END BH08647 ===

=== START BH08648 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! My God, my God! Withhold not Thy chosen ones from the oceans of Thy bounty and generosity. Transform, O my God, their transgressions into forgiveness, their weakness into strength, their agitation into tranquility, and their silence into remembrance and utterance, through the wisdom Thou hast ordained through Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Assist them with the hosts of Thy power and might, then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for them that are detached among Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the One Who chooseth through Thy will, Who is manifest through Thy Manifestation, and Who speaketh in Thy prison. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

He is the Helper

The letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Musa, upon him be the Glory of God, together with the sum of ten tumans, was received by this servant through his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory and Grace of God, in the year 1305.

=== END BH08648 ===

=== START BH08649 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

My God, my God! Thy light calls me unto Thee, and Thy fire keeps me back from Thee. I testify that the light hath appeared and shone forth from Thy face, while the fire is from mine own deeds, though it is

attributed to Thee for Thou didst create and manifest it. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, to transform the fire through Thy light. O my Lord, I have turned to Thee, set my face toward Thee, and hastened unto the horizon of Thy grace. Ordain, O my God and God of all names, through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen servants that which will preserve their tongues from mentioning aught but Thee and their hearts from loving any save Thee, and will cause them to be numbered among those who have quaffed the wine of certitude from the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord, withhold not from me that which is with Thee. I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08649 ===

=== START BH08650 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

My God, my God! This is a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens and a leaf among Thy leaves who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy Revelation and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath testified, that verily Thou art God, and there is none other God but Thee. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the days wherein the breezes of Thy grace have wafted over all who are on earth through Thy bounty and favors, and by the breathings of Thy Revelation in Thy days, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance and praise and in service to Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy generosity and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and to decree for me the reward of Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, and through Whose power all beings bear witness. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest. Verily Thou art the Commander, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH08650 ===

=== START BH08651 ===

O leaf of divine tree, Afnan, Mr. Mirza Aqa, upon him be the glory and favors of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

My God, my God! This is a fragrance from the fragrances of the garden of inner meanings that has turned to Thee on a day wherein the divines of Thy age and the clergy of Thy lands have turned away. I beseech Thee by Thy Beauty that hath appeared amongst Thy creatures, and by the power of Thy Pen and the penetrating influence of Thy Cause, to ordain for her through the pen of Thy bounty that which will draw her nigh unto Thee. Then I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all created things, by the fragrances of Thy days through which the mountains were moved and the Cry was raised and the earth shone with Thy light, to ordain for her from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One. Thy grace hath preceded and Thy mercy hath preceded. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH08651 ===

=== START BH08652 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, after most of the men of Thy earth turned away. I beseech Thee by the Treasure which Thou hast manifested through Thy power, and by the Horizon which Thou hast illumined with the light of Thy grace and bounty, and by the Sun that hath shone forth from the heaven of Thy wisdom, to aid her to remain steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, to Whose bounty all created things have testified, and to Whose mercy all contingent beings bear witness. O Lord! Ordain for her from the Pen of Destiny what Thou hast ordained for the leaves of the Tree of Thy Utterance, then write down for her what Thou hast written for Thy leaves who circle round Thy good-pleasure and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all women and men. And verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08652 ===

=== START BH08653 ===

In His Name, the Protector over all names! Today the Sun of Truth has risen and the Mount of Knowledge speaks forth through the manifestation of the One Who converses. Blessed are they whom the mentions of the world have not prevented from the remembrance of the Ancient King. Throughout ages and centuries, the Twelver sect continually made mention of the Qa'im, yet after the dawning rays of His manifestation appeared, they issued the decree for His death and martyred Him. Today every soul must reflect upon the words and deeds of that sect, lest they be deprived of the eternal outpourings by the crowing of new roosters. We have heard thy mention and have answered with these exalted words. We counsel thee to that which today will cause the elevation of God's Cause and the steadfastness of heedless souls. This mighty Cause belongs to God, the King of the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH08653 ===

=== START BH08654 ===

He is God, exalted be His station. Today the utterance is speaking, and the stations of the lovers are, in God's sight, above the stations of all the people of the visible world. Attraction and fervor have appeared from the lovers in the City of Detachment. Glory be to God! The polytheists cling to oppression, knowing and believing it to be the means of extinguishing the Light. Yet they are heedless of the fact that the Hand of Divine Power will transform it into oil and thereby increase the brightness of the Lamp. Glorified be the Generous One, the Possessor of Great Resolve, Who does what He pleases through His firm and mighty Command. O 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! My Branch has mentioned you before My face. We have remembered you in this clear Book. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions to serve the Cause and to serve the Branches. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH08654 ===

=== START BH08655 ===

O My servant Mirza Aqa who hath attained My presence and gained victory - He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. Today the attraction of the deeds of the lovers hath seized all regions, and all things speak in praise and remembrance of them who are detached. In the City of Love there are melodies and voices. Blessed is he who hath attained unto hearing and hath been illumined with the light of piety and detachment. The Most Great Glad-Tidings which hath been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen is that “but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets” hath been fulfilled by the blessed words “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” O friends of God and His party! Let not the might of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the aggressors grieve you. Soon shall pass away all that is seen and witnessed, and there shall remain for you what hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in Haifa. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who loveth you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH08655 ===

=== START BH08656 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of eternity!

Today all things are engaged in the remembrance and praise of God, and are crying out with the most exalted call in these supreme words: By God the Truth! The door of the treasury hath been opened, and the hidden mystery hath been revealed, through a Cause unlike all causes, through a remembrance unlike all remembrances, through a path unlike all paths, and through a thought unlike all thoughts of the servants. Blessed is the soul whose will hath been submerged in the Will of God and whose volition hath been dissolved in His good pleasure. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. This Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down as a token of grace that thou mayest inhale the sweet fragrances of the All-Merciful and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause with supreme steadfastness. Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Strong Cord.

=== END BH08656 ===

=== START BH08657 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker! This Day hath been mentioned and is known in all the divine Scriptures and Books as the Day of God. Blessed is the soul whom vain desires have not kept back from the Dayspring of the light of oneness, and who hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies with the arm of certitude. Reflect upon former ages: whenever the Dayspring of Light dawned above the horizon of manifestation and appeared, all arose to oppose and object, except whom God, thy Lord, willed. And now the Manifestation of the Cause, while imprisoned, turneth toward thee and summoneth thee, purely for the sake of the Lord of Names, unto the most exalted horizon. Praise God, then thank Him, for having revealed unto thee that which was hidden from most of mankind. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answering.

=== END BH08657 ===

=== START BH08658 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir of Zarqan! He is sanctified above mention and description.

Today is a day when the horizon of the world is illumined and bright with the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. Yet the birds of night remain heedless of it, nay, turn away from it, for they were not and are not worthy to behold it or capable of facing it. They are of the essence of darkness, returning to it and intimately associated with it. There has been and will be no remedy for divine wrath. By their own deeds they have become deserving of discord and opposition and darkness and ignorance. Otherwise, the Truth created all through one Word and called all through one Call. Verily He is the Just, the Wise. God willing, may you be confirmed and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. This has been and will ever be among the greatest of deeds. Blessed are the steadfast ones, and woe unto the wavering ones.

=== END BH08658 ===

=== START BH08659 ===

O Mirza Hasan-i-Qannad! In the Name of the All-Powerful One! This is the Day whose mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of old. None save God, exalted be His glory, is aware of the greatness of this wondrous Day. Whosoever desireth to attain unto the recognition of the Lord of this Day must needs detach himself from all that he hath seen and heard, and must, with an eye sanctified from the film of vain imaginings, observe within the very Essence of Truth, and ponder upon His signs. Then will he find himself upon the straight path. Blessed is he who, for the sake of God, acteth in accordance with that which hath been mentioned. He is assuredly among those who have attained in the perspicuous Book. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which the Lord of all mankind hath taught them in His mighty Prison.

=== END BH08659 ===

=== START BH08660 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

Today is a day when the clamor of the objectors has been raised and inflammatory papers are being circulated. Blessed are those souls whom the doubts of the antagonists have not prevented from the Kingdom of utterance, and who with complete steadfastness stand firm in service and speak His praise. Know thou the value of these days. By the life of God! The sun hath never risen upon their like. Strive thou to attain to that which will cause its mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily We have mentioned thee before and in this Clear Tablet. By the life of God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal one word thereof. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One when He was imprisoned through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned with his heart unto the countenance of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08660 ===

=== START BH08661 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O Handmaiden of God, wife of Mirza Muhammad-Dar-Bagh, upon both of you be the Glory of God!

Today and always, the highest adornment for the women of the earth hath been the blessed word “O My Handmaiden.” Every handmaiden who attaineth unto this word is recorded as one of the denizens of the highest Paradise in God’s Book. Blessed is the handmaiden who attaineth unto it and unto the chastity which God hath made the ornament of His accepted handmaidens.

Say: My God, my God! I render thanks unto Thee for having remembered Thy handmaiden in the Most Great Prison and for having revealed for her that which no mention among mentions can equal. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation, to aid Thy male and female servants in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

=== END BH08661 ===

=== START BH08662 ===

In the Name of the one true God! Today the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful is wafting, and the breeze of God is passing by. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts and intimations of the peoples of the world have not withheld from the Ancient King. On this day the Hand of Divine Bounty of the Self-Subsisting Lord bestoweth the sealed wine - take it in His Name and drink thereof. Today the horizon of the world is illumined by the Most Great Name, and the ocean of grace is surging. Blessed are they who have turned unto Him - those souls whom the veils of the divines and the obscurities of the jurisprudents have not prevented from the Lord of Names nor deprived thereof. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn towards Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause under all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

=== END BH08662 ===

=== START BH08663 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Hearken unto My voice from the precincts of My prison, that it may acquaint thee with what hath befallen My Beauty at the hands of the manifestations of My majesty, and thou mayest discover My forbearance despite My power, and My patience notwithstanding My might. By My life! Shouldst thou come to know that which hath descended from My Pen, and discover the treasures of My Cause, and the pearls of My mysteries hidden in the seas of My names and the vessels of My words, thou wouldst, in thy love for My name and thy longing for My glorious and sublime Kingdom, lay down thy life in My path. O My servant! My body is beneath the swords of Mine enemies, and My flesh suffereth trials without

number, yet My spirit is filled with a gladness with which all the joys of the earth can never compare. Turn with thy heart towards Him Who is the Kiblih of all horizons, and say: O peoples of the earth! Have ye denied Him in Whose path He Who came with the truth, with the announcement of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, suffered martyrdom? Say: This is an Announcement whereat the hearts of them that were endowed with…

=== END BH08663 ===

=== START BH08664 ===

In My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in that My Most Exalted Pen remembereth thee in the prison of ’Akka, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all lands. O My handmaiden! This is the Day which God’s Prophets and His chosen ones have heralded. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, and the handmaiden who hath recognized Him. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His names, which is greater than all other bounties. Preserve this station through the name of the One Beloved. Today the Lamp of the world is lit and the Sun of glory is risen. God willing, may the handmaidens of God who dwell in that land attain unto its light and receive their portion from the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. The glory of God rest upon thee.

=== END BH08664 ===

=== START BH08665 ===

O Abu’l-Qasim! He is the All-Knowing! The learned one is he who hath recognized the Known One when He came with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. And the mystic is he who hath hastened unto the Recognized One when He appeared with clear sovereignty. Blessed is he who, trusting in God, hath rent asunder the veils of the people, and blessed is he who hath shattered the idols through this Most Great Name. They behold the signs yet turn away from them, and they witness the clear proofs yet say: “This is naught but evident sorcery.” They have denied God’s favor after its revelation and turned away from the Face after its appearance from the horizon of their Lord’s will, the Forgiving, the Generous. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they have cast the laws of God behind their backs and taken that which they were bidden by every heedless doubter. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Day of God and recognized that which was promised in a Preserved Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08665 ===

=== START BH08666 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Mr. M. Ibrahim! Verily the Book itself proclaimeth and saith: “O people! The All-Bountiful hath come upon the clouds. Behold ye the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds! He hath appeared from the most exalted horizon after the passing away of all things. Turn ye unto Him and be not of them who denied the signs of God when they were sent down in truth and turned away from His mighty proof.” By

God's life! The vibration of the Word hath seized all things, yet the people remain in manifest lethargy. They witness the signs of God yet deny them - verily they are among the most lost. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then render thanks and say: "Thine is the bounty, O Possessor of Names, and Thine is the grace, O Thou through Whom every mighty cause hath appeared!"

=== END BH08666 ===

=== START BH08667 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Wise! The Wronged One proclaims and says: O people! Fear God and deny not His signs and His proof. He has appeared in truth from this luminous horizon. He is indeed the Preserved Book and the Inscribed Tablet and the Name through which the limbs of all names have trembled. Hasten unto Him with your spirits and hearts. They who have turned away from the Countenance, these have denied God and His sovereignty, and they who have turned towards Him, these are among the people of Paradise in God's Book, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We have turned Our face from the Prison and found thee among those who have turned to the Countenance, therefore have We mentioned thee in this wondrous mention. Remember the Wronged One amongst the servants with the wisdom which God hath sent down in the Book, that perchance the people may turn unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH08667 ===

=== START BH08668 ===

He is the Most Luminous Expositor! Verily the Point of the Bayan heralded unto all who dwell within the realm of contingent being the Revelation of the All-Merciful in every scripture, psalm and book. Yet when the Gate was flung open and the All-Bestowing appeared, every doubting idolater turned away. They violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and uttered that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, and likewise He in Whose possession is the Mother Book. They cast behind their backs the counsels of God and seized upon that which the Idol of Vain Imaginings had whispered in their breasts. Thus did Satan make their deeds seem fair unto them. When thou hast attained unto My Book and hast read My verses, and the Kawthar of Mine utterance hath taken hold of thee, turn thy face towards God, the Lord of the Final End. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know Thy Self and shown me Thy horizon and enabled me to remember Thee! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH08668 ===

=== START BH08669 ===

O Handmaiden of God, Gulbahar!

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of the Prison, then make mention of thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. Cast behind thee all else besides Him - thus doth the Luminary of the horizons command thee. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God. Verily, He is with His steadfast handmaidens. Remember thou the Youth and what hath befallen Him morning and evening. They who have denied God - these are they who dwell in heedlessness and error. Blessed art thou for having drunk the water of life from the hands of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. Take comfort in Him - verily He sufficeth thee above all women and men. God shall soon send down that which shall gladden the hearts of His chosen ones. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. And the Glory rest upon whosoever hath turned unto the Countenance and detached himself from all earthly hopes.

=== END BH08669 ===

=== START BH08670 ===

In the name of Him Who sendeth the winds! O My handmaiden! Grieve not for that which hath befallen Us. We have ordained whatsoever hath appeared in the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things. The hosts of earth and heaven cannot frustrate Him. He hath decreed for Us the Most Great Prison, wherein lieth a wisdom which none knoweth save thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember thy Lord in the hours of night and at the break of day, and He remembereth thee through His grace, and verily His remembrance of thee is better for thee than the kingdom of the worlds. Stand firm in the love of God and His Cause, for soon shall the world and all that is therein pass away, and there shall remain unto thee that which hath been ordained for thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, and all praise be to God, the King, the Compeller, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08670 ===

=== START BH08671 ===

O handmaid who has been afflicted with the separation of her most ancient, most ancient son! O handmaid of God! Do you weep at the separation from your son when the Son of God remembers you in truth? Be fair - does grief befit after that? No, by My life! Rejoice in this remembrance from which the fragrance of grace has been wafted between the heavens and the earths. It suffices you in truth. He is verily the Mighty, the Generous. Be not disturbed regarding your son. He is in an exalted station. O my handmaid, be not grieved at the separation from your son. He is present in the abode of security and the seat of truth. As recompense for this separation, the Son of God and the Father of your son calls out to you. Say: What I have is sacrificed for Your sake, O Bestower of bounty to the worlds! Now is the time for thankfulness. Be grateful to your Ancient Lord.

=== END BH08671 ===

=== START BH08672 ===

In His Name, the All-Glorious, the All-Glorious!

O Beauty of the Ancient Days! Remind the servants of what hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and power, that they may remain steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the oppression of the

tyrants may not shake them in these days wherein the Worshipped One hath come and the faces of the wicked have been darkened. Arise and say: O people! Fear not those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God while walking in His path. Rather, sacrifice yourselves in His path with joy and free will. Say: whosoever desires to protect himself, let him read this verse at night and at morn: “O God, my God, I ask Thee by Thy name whereby Thou didst protect Abraham from the fire and Moses from Pharaoh and Baha from Yahya, to guard me from the wicked ones among Thy creatures. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving.”

=== END BH08672 ===

=== START BH08673 ===

O Mirza Ja’far-Quli! Rejoice thou in what hath been revealed from the Pen of the Wronged One, and be thou of them that render thanks. That which thou didst send unto Him Who beareth My name, both thy poetry and prose, hath been presented before Our face. We beseech God that through thee He may bring order to scattered affairs and scatter abroad the pearls of the remembrance of His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Grieve thou not over anything. Be as thou hast been in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Convey My greetings unto the loved ones who are there, and unto those who have attained and returned, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s good-pleasure and of a noble station. Hold thou fast unto wisdom in all things. This is what all have been commanded in this mighty Revelation. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have stood firm in the Cause and whom the clamor of the idolaters hath not kept back from His love.

=== END BH08673 ===

=== START BH08674 ===

In His Name, He is the Most Holy, the Most Holy! O Hasan! Grieve not over anything, but be content with whatsoever God hath ordained for thee, for He ordaineth for His servants only that which causeth them to remember His remembrance, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Call thou to mind the days when thou wert in Our presence, and We were revealing unto thee, at every moment, the verses of God, the Mighty, the Invincible. Beware lest thou forget the favor of thy Lord. Arise to make mention of Him and to praise Him amongst all created things. Take heed lest thou forget what We counseled thee when thou wert in Our presence, for it is better for thee than all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. Show kindness unto those whom God hath made thy kindred, then do that which the God-fearing servants of God would love. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest be of those who act. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon God’s sincere servants.

=== END BH08674 ===

=== START BH08675 ===

In the Name of the Most Glorious! O David! We have made thee one who mentioneth Our Name in the earth. Remember thy Lord in the evening and at dawn. Cast the Most Great Remembrance upon thyself and upon the souls of the servants. Thus hath the decree shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the

Lord of all horizons. Cast aside all created things and take what hath been sent down from the presence of the Sovereign of Names and Attributes. Shun the hypocrites who have denied God and taken the calf as their lord instead of God. Their efforts have gone astray and they are among the people of discord. The glory from before the Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy sister and upon those with thee who have believed in God in these days wherein leg is entwined with leg. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08675 ===

=== START BH08676 ===

He is the One in truth! O messenger! Hear My call at all times, that verily there is none other God but He, and He Who hath appeared is indeed His Glory unto all the worlds. Then know thou that Al-Baqir is with Us and hath attained the lights of the countenance and been honored with the presence of God, his Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. And verily his rib which God attributed to thee, We have in truth raised to an exalted and impregnable station, and now she dwelleth joyfully in the Most Glorious Paradise with her daughter. Rejoice thou in this, then give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath ever been vigilant over His servants. He raiseth up whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and power, and verily His mercy encompasseth all the worlds. Thus hath it been sent down at this time from the glorious and resplendent Kingdom on high. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon all who are with thee, whether female or male.

=== END BH08676 ===

=== START BH08677 ===

Abdul-Karim from the people of Sad, He is the Mighty. O Abdul-Karim! Hearken unto what the Dove inspireth thee with words of transcendent holiness, and remembereth thee with the remembrance of God, and draweth thee nigh unto the all-glorious and exalted canopy. Then know thou that We have not differed in Our utterance, but the polytheists have differed and were in manifest treachery. They violated the Covenant of God after its confirmation and cast the Testament of God behind their backs and were engaged in great deception and guile. And thou, be patient in thyself, then show forth patience in what hath befallen thee, then be content with what hath been ordained from the glorious and resplendent Pen. Then beseech God that He may make firm thy feet upon this Path and raise thee up in the form of an upright human temple. And glory be upon thee and upon those who were endowed with clear vision in the Cause.

=== END BH08677 ===

=== START BH08678 ===

O Ali, who hast appeared before the holy seat in the Land of Peace! He is the Mighty. O Ali! Bear thou witness in thyself, even as God did testify before the creation of the heavens and before all things appeared in the vestures of being, that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared from the horizon of the Unseen is verily the Sovereign of existence in both the unseen and visible realms.

And thou, give thanks unto God for having blessed thee with His presence and caused thee to attain unto a station of praiseworthy nearness, and made thee to hear His melodies, and to know His beauty, and hath sent down upon thee His words that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus doth God cast upon thee that which shall transform thee from thy self and shall bring thee to a shore of manifest glory. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon all who walk upon God's manifest and extended Path.

=== END BH08678 ===

=== START BH08679 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the All-Kind, the All-Bountiful! O 'Ali! We have learned of thy return to the City of God. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! All praise be to Thee for having caused me to return unto it. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made as a fire unto the deniers and a paradise unto them that have recognized Thy unity, to take my hand with the hand of Thy power and sovereignty and deliver me from the depths of the imaginings of them that harbor doubts. Then cause me to be sincere before Thy face and to inhale the fragrance of the garment of Thy Cause, that I may be wholly detached from all else save Thee, and arise to serve Thy Cause, and aid Thy religion. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Ordain for me that which Thou hast purposed, then send down upon me that which Thou hast loved and decreed, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the hearts of them that know Thee, and the Object of desire of the hearts of them that love Thee, and the Ultimate Goal of them that long for Thee, and the Hope of them that place their hopes in Thee.

=== END BH08679 ===

=== START BH08680 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O servant! Hearken unto the call of this Youth, through Whose countenance the heavens and earth were illumined - though, if thou shouldst inquire about Him, by God at this very moment He hath been cast into a pit and speaketh at all times saying: "O people of the Bayan! Detach yourselves from whatsoever hindereth you from God and from recognizing the Manifestation of His Self, and turn unto Him with faces radiant and resplendent." And thou, O servant, arise to serve the Cause and turn not thy face to anyone among all who have been created between the heavens and the earth, for the Cause hath appeared in truth, and every possessor of knowledge, however learned, hath been thunderstruck thereby. Ascend on the wings of holiness to that station which hath been illumined with the lights of sanctity. Thus doth thy Lord command thee, that thou mayest find for thyself a path unto God and remain steadfast in the Cause.

=== END BH08680 ===

=== START BH08681 ===

He is God, the Most Manifest! O servant of God! Hearken unto the call of this Youth Who speaketh from the branches that there is no God but Him, and He hath ever encompassed all the worlds. Grieve not for thy father, for he hath been martyred in the path of God and now sitteth upon a throne of ruby, while the

maidens of Paradise circle round about him at all times, and upon his head is set a crown whereon is inscribed in the Most Glorious script: “This is he who hath been martyred in the path of God and was mentioned in the Tablets as being among the people of Baha.” Thou shouldst not grieve over anything, for verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is with thee and will aid thee with truth, and He doth ever keep watch over thee. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH08681 ===

=== START BH08682 ===

O Pasha! O My Pen! Make mention of him whose name was present before the Face, that he may glory in the remembrance of God amidst His servants and be of those who have stood firm in the Cause and acted according to what they were commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. O Pasha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of ’Akka. He summons thee unto God, the Lord of the Final End. He hath appeared and desireth to purify the world from the defilement of treachery, falsehood and hypocrisy, yet the peoples of the earth have turned away from Him, having followed every doubting idolater. Thus hath the Tongue of Ancient Days spoken forth in the Most Great Prison, from God, the Lord of all men. Take hold of the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, then enter beneath the canopies of grandeur through His Name, whereby God hath subdued the cities of the hearts of them that are endued with understanding.

=== END BH08682 ===

=== START BH08683 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! O My Pen! How many a day hast thou heard My lamentation for My tribulations and thy cry for Mine afflictions! Dost thou desire to record in the Tablet that which would sadden the hearts of My loved ones, or that which would gladden every pure heart? By thy life! I do not wish to behold them in sorrow, as attesteth My Name, the All-Merciful, if thou be of them that understand. By My life! Were I to recount unto them all that hath befallen My Soul in My Path, My servants would lament and cry out in My dominions until their spirits would depart from their bodies. My Tongue in the Kingdom of My utterance beareth witness to this, if thou be of them that understand. Thou, O servant soaring in Mine atmosphere, when thou hearest the scratching of My Pen, grieve not at its mention, but place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the One, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08683 ===

=== START BH08684 ===

He is God. O Kalim! Hear My call, then soar in the atmosphere of the spirit and grieve not over anything. Then assist the Cause with an impregnable steadfastness. Today it is incumbent upon you to remain steadfast in the Cause and to assist it, for the polytheists have stood firm in their dissension and are at all times occupied with new schemes. God willing, you must, through the breaths of glory from the All-Merciful and the holy favors of the Eternal, arise at all times with utmost effort to assist the Cause. Furthermore, a Tablet was sent in reply to Sulayman. Consider it carefully. Thus have We commanded

thee in truth, that thou mayest be among them that act. And the spirit and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08684 ===

=== START BH08685 ===

O Karbila'i Pasha! O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of the Pasha in such wise as will draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring him nigh unto the Most Great Sea which hath appeared in the world through this Name, whereby every seated one hath stood up, every mute hath spoken, every remote one hath drawn nigh, and every perceiving believer hath attained. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then stand firm in the Cause. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the Dayspring of divine favors appeared, every denier who was deprived of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds, denied Him. O concourse of earth! Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. By God! He Who was recorded in God's Books, the Ancient of Days, hath appeared. Cast aside vain imaginings through the power of the Lord of all men, and hold fast unto certitude through this manifest Name.

=== END BH08685 ===

=== START BH08686 ===

O Muhammad! Rise to serve God and His Cause, and be a crimson flame unto the enemies of My Most Glorious Beauty and a white light unto the manifestations of My Most Exalted Name. Thus hath it been ordained for you from the heaven of mighty glory. Hold fast to a branch of this Tree which hath been raised up in truth, lest thou fall from the storms of days. Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in truth, and be mindful in all thy days of the wondrous remembrance of thy Lord, that thou mayest find in thyself great joy. For the remembrance of God removeth all darkness from the hearts of His servants and rendereth them sanctified from all else besides Him. Thus have We remembered thee and commanded thee in this Tablet which is, in truth, wondrous.

=== END BH08686 ===

=== START BH08687 ===

In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Most Great! O Hashim! Blessed art thou, blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast shattered the idol of vain imaginings and desire, and hast attained unto the lights of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and art numbered among them that have attained. Be thou steadfast in My love, then make mention of Me amongst My servants. Verily silence is better, except in making mention of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And grief is forbidden, save for that which hath befallen My own Self at the hands of these idolaters. Be thou at peace through the mercy of thy Lord, which hath preceded all worlds. Were He to will it, He would send down from the clouds of His mercy that which would purify all created things. Verily He hath power over all things. But He hath ordained for every soul its turning unto God. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of Holiness on a preserved tablet. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon such servants of God as are assured.

=== END BH08687 ===

=== START BH08688 ===

In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous! O leaf! This is a leaf We have sent unto thee that thou mayest discover from it the fragrance of God and be among the devout ones. Whoso findeth from it what hath been ordained therein, he verily turneth not unto the world and what hath been ordained therein. Thus hath the command been sent down from the heaven of verses. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self in days wherein the Manifestation of Manifestations hath appeared. Every handmaiden who hath arisen in love of her Lord is better in the sight of thy Lord than a thousand men and than His heedless handmaidens. Blessed is she over whom the breezes of God have wafted and awakened her from her slumber and made her among the pure ones. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who have sanctified themselves from sins.

=== END BH08688 ===

=== START BH08689 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory! We have desired to make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Husayn and give him glad tidings of the Wronged One's acceptance of him from this far-distant shore. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect him with His hosts and guard him by His sovereignty and aid him in His remembrance amongst His servants. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Choosing. And We make mention of Nasir Aqa that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. O Nasir! The All-Informed has come while the people are in evident heedlessness. We have adorned the world with this Revelation which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel its people to be steadfast in this mighty Cause whereby the faces of the ignorant have been darkened and the faces of the knowing have been illumined. Thus has the Pen spoken in this Prison through which God has manifested His Cause despite every ignorant doubter.

=== END BH08689 ===

=== START BH08691 ===

Correct. O Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, in My Name the Manifest in this Station. We have mentioned in the Book that which draweth men nigh unto the straight path. Whoso attaineth unto justice hath attained unto that which God, the Lord of all beings, hath desired. Verily he who denieth and turneth away, he is recorded in the Book as one of the denizens of the fire. God hath heard the words of those who have uttered His praise and turned toward His most exalted horizon. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He doth witness and behold, and His is the Most Great Sign, and the Ultimate Dwelling, and the Most Exalted Station. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the Tongue spoken what the All-Merciful hath sent down that thou mayest read and be of them that render thanks in the Mother Book. We, from this Station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon them who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH08691 ===

=== START BH08692 ===

With Him Who is the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

To Aqa Rida, upon him be the Glory of God

We have remembered, throughout the nights and days, the chosen ones of God and His loved ones who were not held back by any book nor prevented by the scrolls of the world. They arose from their graves, heard the trumpet call, and turned toward the horizon of the Manifestation, detached from the world and whatever it contains of ornaments and colors. My Most Exalted Pen testifies that they are among the people of this most resplendent station, and the Ancient Beauty sends blessings upon them morning and evening. When you attain unto My letter and drink the Salsabil of My utterance, remind My loved ones with My beautiful remembrance. Beware lest the conditions of the world sadden you or the hints of the deniers prevent you. Hold fast unto wisdom and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having caused me to turn toward Thee and to gaze upon Thine horizon, the Dawning-Place, the Mighty, the Luminous."

=== END BH08692 ===

=== START BH08693 ===

O Mirza Rafi', upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest from My most glorious horizon! We have adorned the heaven of ordinances with the sun of wisdom that every person of insight might hold fast unto it. He who hath cast wisdom behind him hath indeed neglected that which was enjoined upon him by the One, the All-Informed. Say: O people! Hold fast unto wisdom in all matters, for it profiteth you in all conditions, and I am the All-Knowing. It is the lamp of God among you and the light of justice for you, were ye of those who remember. Say: Contend not with anyone, nor deny any soul's rights. Consider ye the justice of God and His mercy which encompasseth the worlds. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest remind the people in the days of God and recite unto them this wondrous Tablet. And praise be to the One, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08693 ===

=== START BH08694 ===

O Muhammad Husayn of Mashhad, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Most Great! We have heard the call of those who turned when they heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon, and I am verily the Compassionate, the Generous. O people of Baha! The croaking has risen from one direction and the braying from another, and I am verily the All-Knowing Reckoner. We informed you of this when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. Blessed is the ear that heard and the eye that beheld this luminous scene. Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of the worlds. He is with His loved ones - He heareth and seeth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Thus have We remembered thee with that which thou wilt find to be the fragrance of My loving-kindness. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08694 ===

=== START BH08695 ===

O Bibi Gawhar! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! We make mention of her who hath inhaled the fragrance of God and turned towards the horizon of His luminous Cause. O My handmaiden! Know thou that We have read thy letter and perceived from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger. We have granted thee what thou didst desire before thy asking, for He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have made thee to know the Dayspring of My Cause and have given thee to drink the Kawthar of My bounty with the hand of My loving-kindness - and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Witnessing. We have guided thee to My path and have drawn thee nigh unto the ocean of My mercy that hath encompassed all worlds. Speak thou My praise amongst My handmaidens. We shall assist thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Informed. Verily, she who hath been set ablaze with the fire of My love and hath attained unto the Kawthar of My revelation - there shall appear from her that which shall cause the hearts of the handmaidens to soar. Thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days, beareth witness unto this.

=== END BH08695 ===

=== START BH08696 ===

Concerning the handmaiden of God, the daughter of Bibi, upon her be the Glory of God. He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting. We make mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance and We aid them in their love of God and the Manifestation of His Cause. Verily, He does not allow to be lost the reward of them that act. We have called all mankind unto God. Among the people are those who have heard the Call and turned towards it, and among them are those who heard and turned away, and among them are those who did not hear. Thus has the matter been detailed in a Clear Tablet. Those who denied the Proof of God and His evidence, and turned towards every distant idolater, have indeed suffered loss. Blessed is every handmaiden who has drunk the choice wine of life in the days of her Lord, the Most Merciful, and woe unto her who remained heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, when the seat of the Throne was in His Great Prison.

=== END BH08696 ===

=== START BH08697 ===

He is the One manifest above all things. We make mention of those who have attained unto the days of God and His knowledge, and turned unto Him when every idolatrous infidel turned away. We promised those on earth this Most Great Manifestation, but when He came and appeared in truth, the peoples turned away from Him save those whom God, the Mighty, the Bestower, willed. Arise to serve the Cause and remind the people through this Tablet whereby the cock of the Divine Throne crowed and the nightingale of utterance warbled upon the branches. Beware lest anything prevent thee from thy Lord’s path or any matter frighten thee in these days. Leave what the people possess and take what thou art commanded in the Book. By the life of God! He will protect thee and guide thee to a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention.

=== END BH08697 ===

=== START BH08698 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We make mention of those who have believed in God and followed what they were commanded in the Book. Blessed is the servant who has turned to God and the handmaiden who has attained unto this Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.” O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, then thank thy Lord for having acquainted thee with the Dawning-Place of His Cause and for having made mention of thee while He was among the wicked. Praise God in all conditions and hold fast unto the Sure Handle, lest the intimations of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords cause thee to slip. We give glad tidings unto those who have turned to the Countenance and [attained?] that which none knoweth save the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We made mention of thee as a favor from Our presence. When thou hast attained unto it, render thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!”

=== END BH08698 ===

=== START BH08699 ===

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are on earth and in heaven! We make mention of Our handmaiden who hath heard My call, attained unto My recognition, and drunk the choice wine of My love from the hands of My firm and mighty Command. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee, and have witnessed thy turning and turn unto thee from this Most Exalted Station, this Spot wherefrom every wise command hath appeared. Hold thou fast unto the cord of God’s tender mercy, and make mention of Him in such wise as to cause the hearts of the handmaidens to be attracted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. In all matters place thy trust in the All-Seeing, All-Hearing Witness. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!”

=== END BH08699 ===

=== START BH08700 ===

O Mother of Muhammad who has attained, he is the Mighty, the Holy, the Inaccessible. We make mention of My handmaiden who has turned towards God and drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge when most of the people of the realm of possibilities turned away from it. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the True One, gazing toward His horizon and turning unto His countenance. Ask thou of God, exalted be His glory, for steadfastness, for this has been and shall ever be of the highest station with God. Blessed art thou and blessed is every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Lord of the Throne and of the earth, and the

Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of this mighty and wondrous station. Moreover, blessed is thy daughter who hath attained unto this glorious station.

=== END BH08700 ===

=== START BH08701 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

We make mention of him whom the attraction of his Lord's verses so seized that he cast away idle fancies and turned to the horizon of certitude. Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto the days of thy Lord after they were denied by every learned one who claimed knowledge without proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. Behold the divines of this age who worship their own desires while imagining they worship the One, the All-Informed. He testifies with the tongue of His dawning Revelation that they have denied God when He came with the truth with mighty sovereignty. They pronounced judgment against those who attained the lights of the Face, shed their blood and plundered their possessions. By the life of God! They are in manifest loss. When thou didst discover the fragrance of the garment from thy Lord's utterance, praise Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was among the ignorant ones.

=== END BH08701 ===

=== START BH08702 ===

O Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in bounty and grace. We make mention of him who hath made mention of Us, and We give glad tidings unto them that have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. That which was hidden from eyes hath been revealed, and that which was treasured in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath appeared. He who hath attained unto My call and acted according to what was commanded in My Book, verily he is of the inmates of the pavilion of My glory. Upon him be the Glory of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant clinging to Thy presence, seeking from the wonders of Thy grace that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, honor him with Thy presence, and adorn him with the ornament of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy oneness and the movement of Thy Pen to ordain for him that which shall profit him. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08702 ===

=== START BH08703 ===

He is the One Who abideth through His Own Being

We counsel him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness and that whereby the lights of justice may shine forth among all the tribes of the earth. Thus doth the Mother Book command you from His presence. O thou who gazest towards My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My throne: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the

Mighty, the Bestower. The denizens of the Kingdom are astonished at those who have cast God behind their backs, turning instead to every idolatrous infidel. They have taken what the people possess and cast aside what God, the Lord of all men, hath brought. Thus have We recounted unto thee that thou mayest become aware of what hath befallen Us at the hands of the people of error. When thou findest and attainest unto the lights of the Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses!

=== END BH08703 ===

=== START BH08704 ===

He is the One Who rules over the world!

We found man asleep; We awakened him. And We saw him distant; We drew him near. And We found him mute; We caused him to speak, that he might speak before the face of the world through the Most Great Name. Has he acted according to that for which he was created, or has he been among the heedless? We have adorned the tree of man with the fruits of steadfastness, trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with that which was ordained for it. Woe unto the deniers! We name each thing by every name. Beware lest ye object to God. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. At one time We name friendship an ornament for the temple of man, and at another time a crown for his head and a light for his countenance. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Choosing, the All-Wise. Say: I testify, O my God, in this my station, that Thou art the One Who is praised in what Thou hast done and wilt do, and art obeyed in what Thou didst command aforetime and wilt command hereafter. Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and might every great one hath borne witness. Thou art the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH08704 ===

=== START BH08705 ===

O Aqajan! He is the Mighty, the Beloved! God willing, may you be illumined by the divine bounty through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. This is the Day wherein the Sun of the Will of the Sovereign Lord of being hath shone forth upon the Sinai of hearts. How blessed is the state of that soul who hath hearkened unto the Divine Call from the blessed Tree and beheld the manifest lights. From all things riseth the cry “Show me Thy beauty!” Blessed is the eye that hath seen, the ear that hath heard, the heart that hath understood, and the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beseech ye God to preserve the eye of the world from the ophthalmia of desire, that all may attain unto that which is intended. O friend! The True Friend maketh mention of thee in the prison-land. Be thou thankful to God for this and be of them that are steadfast.

=== END BH08705 ===

=== START BH08706 ===

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all names! God willing, with the power of Abraham mayest thou shatter the idols of vain imaginings that have caused men to be veiled from the Dawning-Place of

the Light of Divine Unity, and mayest thou soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful on the wings of detachment. O Khusraw! Hearken with the ear of the spirit unto the divine words, that thou mayest perceive the sweetness of the choice wine of utterance and become occupied with the remembrance of God, detached from all else but Him. Blessed is the soul that in this Day remaineth not veiled by the veils of the people of the contingent world and turneth with pure vision toward the Most Luminous Horizon. Grieve not at what thou hearest and seest. The day shall come when the heedless will lament their lot and the idolaters will supplicate for what hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, mayest thou hold fast to the cord of the divine Command and cling to the hem of the bounty of the Lord of all being.

=== END BH08706 ===

=== START BH08707 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who rules over all names! In His Most Glorious Name! God willing, may you attain in this precious and wondrous Day to the fragrances of the divine Robe. These fragrances are mentioned in one instance that has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. By the sighs of this Wronged One! If anyone truly attains unto them, he will find himself detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein, and will arise to promote the Cause with perfect strength, power and steadfastness, occupying himself with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility through wisdom and utterance. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and for having made thee among those who have turned unto Him. The first duty is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and after this steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08707 ===

=== START BH08708 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O Abu'l-Qasim! He commanded all to appear and turn toward the Throne of Revelation, yet when the Day of God dawned, every heedless deceiver turned away from it. Every fraudulent one clung to vain imaginings and denied Him Who possessed the Mother Book. We called unto all from the right side of the Most Holy Station, yet most of the people remained among the heedless. Whosoever is seized by the wine of doubt is assuredly among the losers, and whosoever is awakened by the Call is of the essence of creation in God's Tablet, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. How many seekers attained their goal, and how many learned ones were prevented due to following every remote idolator. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He is the Helper of those who trust in Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08708 ===

=== START BH08709 ===

In His Name, the Mighty, the Great! He sends blessings upon those who hold fast to trustworthiness and remembers those who fulfill what they have covenanted. He is, in truth, the Guardian of those who act.

How many a servant cast behind him God's covenant and pledge, and how many a hero remained steadfast therein until he ascended unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. We commanded all to that whereby their stations might be elevated, yet they did that which rent asunder the veil of sanctity among creatures. God bears witness to this, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. Say: O people, hearken unto My call and turn towards My mighty kingdom. When the attraction of My verses seizes thee and the wine of My praise intoxicates thee, turn with thy radiant heart toward My Most Great Horizon and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged and Exiled One.

=== END BH08709 ===

=== START BH08710 ===

In His Name, Who heareth and seeth! The lights of revelation have encompassed the world, and He Who conversed on Sinai is singing upon the Divine Lote-Tree with most wondrous melodies. Yet sight and hearing are lacking and non-existent, save for the sight and hearing that are illumined by the light of divine grace. O friends! Strive that perchance through His grace you may remain steadfast upon the straight path. His way is other than all ways, His path is other than all paths, and His will is other than all the wills of the people of the world. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the cord of His grace and held fast to the hem of His bounty - such a one is among the denizens of the highest Paradise. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in My remembrance of thee and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all lands, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned and estranged!"

=== END BH08710 ===

=== START BH08711 ===

O Jinab-i-Aqa Husayn-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the All-Knowing Speaker! The lights of the Divine Day have illumined the world and the signs of His Manifestation, through His grace, have become evident from all directions. Nevertheless, the people remain heedless, veiled and deprived. Would that they had been content with this alone! Rather, they soar on the wings of passion and cling to the insistent self. Those souls who for years were mentioned by the name of Truth and dwelt secure and at rest beneath His shade have now appeared with utmost hatred. Say: O friends! Be not heedless of the Truth, but at all times hold fast and cling unto Him, that He may preserve you through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Great is the Cause, and tests have ever been and shall ever be. Say: Guard yourselves through the name of your Lord and hold fast to His firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08711 ===

=== START BH08712 ===

O Handmaiden of God! In the name of the All-Seeing Lord! O handmaiden of God! God willing, mayest thou be successful through divine bounty and act according to that which is acceptable in His presence. Today all the friends must fix their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon and hold fast unto that which God hath ordained in the Book. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily He hath turned toward

thee from His Most Great Scene and His Most Luminous Prison, and remembereth thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of utterance to be diffused throughout contingent being. We send greetings to all the handmaidens in that land. The glance of God is directed towards all, and they must, with utmost sanctity and detachment, be engaged in the mention of the Peerless Friend. Verily He answereth whosoever calleth upon Him and turneth unto whosoever hath turned unto Him. He, verily, is the Near One, the Watchful. Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that place, from Him Who is the imprisoned Stranger.

=== END BH08712 ===

=== START BH08713 ===

In the Name of the Kind God! O handmaiden of God, spouse of Muhammad-Qabil-Rahim! The ocean of divine bounty is manifest and the sun of generosity is shining upon all existence. Strive that thou mayest receive thy portion and take thy share of the outpourings of these divine days. That which is lost by any soul in this day can never be regained, and this truth is attested by every person of wisdom and insight. Say: O handmaidens! The cloud of mercy is raised high, and from the heaven of grace the rains of generosity are flowing down and descending. How excellent is the state of the one who hath recognized it and drunk therefrom. Thus have We sent down from the heaven of utterance the water of wisdom and explanation. Blessed is he who hath recognized it and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!”

=== END BH08713 ===

=== START BH08714 ===

O Handmaiden of God, sister of Javad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath been made before the Throne and this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor that thy heart and vision may be illumined by beholding it. If thou wouldst reflect a little, thou wouldst testify with complete certitude that no greater bounty than this bounty hath existed or shall ever exist in creation. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee in this mighty Prison. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Soon shall the world and that which causeth the hearts of servants to be saddened pass away, and sovereignty and dominion shall remain with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of life in the name of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH08714 ===

=== START BH08715 ===

O handmaiden of the Most Great and Most Glorious Sanctuary! O maidservant of God! Your mention hath been made before the Throne, and from the Dawning-Place of the Divine Finger these revealed words were sent down and dispatched, that thou mayest arise with heart and soul to commemorate the Best-Beloved of the worlds, regard all else as non-existent, hold fast to His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and

manifest goodly conduct and praiseworthy character, so that all handmaidens may witness in thee the signs of God. Every soul who in this Day manifesteth spiritual qualities is accounted among the people of Baha. Strive, while time remaineth, not to be deprived of the remembrance of God. Consider the all-encompassing favor, that the Ancient Beauty hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison - and this through the grace that hath encompassed all the worlds, though He was indeed independent of all creation.

=== END BH08715 ===

=== START BH08716 ===

O handmaid of God! He is the One manifest through His Most Great Name! O handmaid of God! Your petition was received and the servant present submitted it, and this response has descended from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Lords that you may be purified from the troubles and conditions of the world and gaze toward the highest horizon and act according to that which God loves. Your mention, all of you, has repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is your father who attained My good-pleasure and entered the kingdom of My love and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. You mentioned Ahmad-'Ali in your letter. We make mention of him with grace and counsel him to pure deeds and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great, may be uplifted. We send Our greetings upon you and upon him and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08716 ===

=== START BH08717 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O handmaiden of God! Your letter has attained unto the Most Great Horizon and been honored with the glance of the Lord of Names. Your call was heard and your letter was seen. Concerning what you wrote about Muhammad-Baqir - verily We know his place, his station and his rank. None should grieve for him. The True One, exalted and glorified be He, knows all things. Today is the day of joy and gladness. All servants and handmaidens must fix their gaze upon the True One and rejoice in His manifestation. His grace and loving-kindness have precedence over all who are on earth. Give thanks to your Lord for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH08717 ===

=== START BH08718 ===

He is God, exalted is He! His are the Command and Creation! O handmaiden of God! Your letter was received, and as the fragrance of love for the One Beloved Friend wafted from it, the glance of loving-kindness was directed toward you. We make mention of you through these exalted words, which are like the sun for the world of knowledge and like trees for the garden of inner meanings. If you comprehend this bounty and become aware of it, you will manifest such joy and gladness that the cares and sorrows of

this ephemeral realm will not affect it. God willing, you will fix your gaze upon the divine commandments and hold fast to that which is in the Book. We make mention of Dhabih in this station and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Verily we are God's and to Him we shall return.

=== END BH08718 ===

=== START BH08719 ===

O Handmaiden of God, Darvish Khuda! In the name of the one peerless God, the All-Seeing! O handmaiden of God! Your prose was heard and the verse you sent also attained the honor of being heard. Blessed are those souls whom today the veils of glory did not prevent from the Beloved Who never perishes. Take hold, with the hand of certitude, of the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. How many were the divines and princes who remained deprived of the Water of Life, while thou, praise be to God, didst attain unto it and drink therefrom. It behooveth thee to thank Him with a remembrance that will endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the heavenly Dominion. The glory be upon thee and upon those women who have heard and turned with their hearts toward a station round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this glorious station. He verily recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

=== END BH08719 ===

=== START BH08720 ===

In the name of God, the One!

O Jamshid! God grant that thou mayest be blessed by God's manifold bounties and drink deeply from the ocean of the knowledge of the Beloved of all the worlds. Thy letter hath reached the Most Great Prison and come to the attention of this Wronged One. The perfume of thy love was inhaled therefrom. God grant that, under all conditions, thou mayest be engaged in the remembrance of Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Make thou an effort that there may appear from thee during the days of God that which will perpetuate thy name for as long as the kingdoms of earth and heaven will last. This is what thy Lord, this wronged exile, enjoineth upon thee.

Deliver My greetings to the friends in that land and bid all to rejoice by reason of the illimitable divine bestowals, for the glance of His loving-kindness is and will continue to be directed towards His true friends. May providence itself be a sacrifice for His providence, and may the essence of bounty be a ransom for His bounty. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who turn towards God with a sanctified heart.

=== END BH08720 ===

=== START BH08721 ===

Muhammad-'Ali, son of Jinab-i-Najaf-Quli! In the name of the One Friend! O youth! God willing, through the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful mayest thou be blessed with the infinite bounties of the divine days and be nourished and sustained by the fruits of the celestial Tree. Thou wert mentioned in His presence, and these few words have dawned from the Dawning-Place of the Pen of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest be illumined by the lights of the words of the Dawning-Place of names and attributes, in such wise that the traces of that light shall endure forever. Blessed is thy father, for he attained recognition of this Cause when We were in those regions, and to this the Revealer of verses beareth witness. Strive thou to remain steadfast in the Cause of God, for Satan hath been and shall ever be lying in wait. Under all conditions hold fast unto the Lord of all worlds and be detached from aught else but Him.

=== END BH08721 ===

=== START BH08722 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory! O aunt! Praise God that thou hast returned from the north of sorrow to the right hand of joy, and hast transformed the darkness of error into the light of guidance. Thou hast purchased the Joseph of faith with thy very soul, and hast sold the Pharaoh of unbelief for naught. Therefore must thou remain steadfast in faithfulness, that thou mayest drink of the chalice of eternity and taste of the fountain of divine presence. What sorrow remaineth, and what grief persisteth? So long as the rose is in the market, the nightingale is wrapt in the remembrance of the Beloved. The lover hath no sorrow save separation, and the yearning one groweth not dispirited save through remoteness. Praise be to God that the Sun of Beauty is manifest, and the Beloved is beheld without door-keeper or guard, and is visible without veil or covering. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH08722 ===

=== START BH08723 ===

He is the Possessor of the world! O friend! We counseled all in the Bayan to see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears in this Most Great Revelation. However, when the horizon of the world was illumined with the light of the Manifestation, most forgot the divine command and heavenly counsel, becoming occupied with their own vain imaginings. The countenance of the Sun of Justice remained veiled and concealed behind the clouds of the vain imaginings of the ignorant. In such circumstances, if the movements of the bat should become manifest, it would not be strange. In the name of the Friend, summon receptive souls to the court of the Divine Unity, that they may not be deprived of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful. He is indeed the Kind, the Forgiving. The True One, glorified and exalted be He, has ever been and will ever be directing His glances of favor toward His friends. He is indeed the Remembering, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08723 ===

=== START BH08724 ===

The light of the world is the remembrance of the One Friend. O friends! The earth of the knowledge of the All-Merciful was observed to be ruined and desolate. We therefore sent forth the Mature Cultivator and Wise Physician to cut away, through perfect remedies, the corrupt roots and worthless weeds, and to nurture that earth through the rains of divine commandments, that it might become a place for the growth of goodly plants and fruit-bearing trees. This is the purpose of sending forth the Messengers and revealing the Books. O friends! Strive to educate the wayward and ignorant, that perchance the saplings of human existence may become verdant and flourishing through the springtime of divine grace. With pure ears hear My call, and with pure eyes turn toward My horizon. Sightless is he who is deprived of this bounty, and blind is the one who recognized not the All-Powerful Lord.

=== END BH08724 ===

=== START BH08725 ===

In the name of God! O handmaiden of God, Khan Bibi, named “Sun of Inner Meanings”! O divine friends, be occupied with her remembrance and be joyful in thoughts of her. For joy and gladness were created in their primal reality for the loved ones of God, and all others have been and shall remain in sorrow, even if they enjoy all the bounties of earth. They are poor, even if they possess all treasures. In God’s sight, the wealthy one is he in whose heart’s treasury the pearl of divine love lies concealed, and joyful is he who, in remembrance of Him, becomes detached from all the worlds. In truth, the All-Merciful Himself has borne the sorrows of His loved ones, as He is imprisoned in this remote prison and afflicted in the hands of enemies. Drink ye with perfect joy and assurance from the Fountain of Glory and become those who describe His attributes.

=== END BH08725 ===

=== START BH08726 ===

In the Name of the one God! O friends! These are the days of the All-Merciful and the manifestation of human ranks. Strive that ye may, in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, drink from the Kawthar of unity and harmony and arise to serve the Wronged One. Today, whosoever hath turned towards Him is accounted before God as one of the people of Paradise. Thy letter was received and the servant present before the Face presented it, and these exalted words were sent down from the Source of verses that ye might discover the fragrance of loving-kindness from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and remain steadfast in His Cause. By My life! Thou hast attained unto that which hath had and hath no likeness or similitude. Be thou thankful unto God, thy Lord, and place thy trust in Him in all thine affairs. Verily, He is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08726 ===

=== START BH08727 ===

He is the Speaker, the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

O friends! It is the springtime of the All-Merciful, and the breezes of divine favor are wafting and diffusing. Strive ye, that through these spiritual breezes ye may cause the withered trees of humanity to

become verdant and flourishing, that they may be adorned with the fruits of divine knowledge and the blossoms of heavenly and conclusive wisdom. The withered trees are fit only to be cut down, while the nurtured trees are the ornament of gardens and orchards. God willing, through the grace of God, may ye become so engaged in serving the Cause that mention of it shall endure in the Book of God as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. Verily, He aids whoever aids Him and regards whoever turns toward Him. There is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were commanded in a perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH08727 ===

=== START BH08728 ===

In remembrance of the One Friend: O friends! Behold the world as a book. Every matter, every ordinance, and every event hath been clearly recorded therein by the Pen. It is a Book from God which at all times counseleth and admonisheth all the peoples of the world. Yet rare hath been and still is the ear that attaineth unto hearing, or the eye that beholdeth. If hearts were illumined with the lights of the Name of the Beloved, and likewise eyes and ears were sanctified and purified from the dark dust of the world, all would turn with their souls toward the direction of the Throne of the All-Merciful. Thus hath spoken the Pen when the Ancient Beauty was seated upon the Most Great Throne. Blessed is every seeing one who hath seen, and every hearing one who hath heard, and every soul that hath attained unto this mighty station.

=== END BH08728 ===

=== START BH08729 ===

In the Name of the one God! O friends! The fragrance of the Merciful's garment is wafting in all times, the heaven of grace is upraised, and the sun of bounty is shining. Strive that ye may attain to that which shall endure and remain forever. Ere long the world and whatsoever is therein shall perish and become non-existent, as ye can observe. Ye are counted among the people of the immortal Kingdom. Ye must, through the assistance of the Lord of Names, sanctify and purify yourselves from unpleasing conditions and selfish limitations. Blessed is the state of one whose mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and who hath attained unto that which God hath desired. We beseech God to assist all to serve Him and obey Him, and to ordain for His loved ones that which shall profit them in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good.

=== END BH08729 ===

=== START BH08730 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O friends, hear with your inner ears the call of the Wronged One of the world. He is the Kawthar of reunion for the lovers, and the sealed wine for the people of the horizons. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance that whoso truly attaineth unto the hearing of this call shall not be seized with agitation and wavering, nor shall the trials of the earth prevent him from turning unto

God. Most blessed and precious is this time; let it not slip from your grasp. Deprive not yourselves of the everlasting fruits through attachment to things that perish. This is the true counsel that hath flowed from the Pen. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

=== END BH08730 ===

=== START BH08732 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend! O Ali! God willing, in these most excellent days thou art occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings, detached and free from people who are as cattle. Divine favors and heavenly bounties have encompassed and will continue to encompass thee, for thou art reckoned as being of the root of the Tree and art mentioned by His name. Strive thou, in this springtime of youth, to adorn thyself with the ornament of goodly character and conduct, with benevolent deeds and praiseworthy actions. The criterion of human beings is the manifestation of humanity, which is the expression of those spiritual perfections that lie hidden within. Assuredly, neglect not, throughout thy days and nights, the acquisition of spiritual and outward perfections, that the fruits of existence may be made manifest through thee. This is the counsel and testament of a faithful counselor.

=== END BH08732 ===

=== START BH08733 ===

O Ghulam-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds! O servant! Thou didst previously attain unto the Tablet of the Lord of all names, and now too, as a token of grace unto thee, this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed that thou mayest arise with heart and soul to serve the Cause of God and manifest complete steadfastness. In this day it is incumbent upon every soul to engage, according to his capacity and with consummate wisdom, in promoting the Cause. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto them that remain veiled. The fruit of human existence hath ever been the recognition of God and the promotion of His Cause. Whoso hath attained thereunto hath attained unto all good. And the service of teaching the divine Cause must be rendered with pure wisdom, even as hath been revealed in all the Tablets. God willing, mayest thou ever drink of the imperishable wine and remain turned toward the sanctified direction of God.

=== END BH08733 ===

=== START BH08734 ===

O Fatimih, handmaiden of God, daughter of him who ascended unto God! In the name of the Beloved of the world! Your letter was received and attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Ancient Days. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who turned his face toward the Countenance until he presented himself at the Gate and heard the call of his Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may you speak forth the praise of the Beloved of all possibility at all times and conduct yourself with complete sanctification and detachment. The world hath never had and will never have any constancy. Be not grieved by any affairs that occur therein. Make firm the cord of turning unto God. By My life, He sufficeth thee - to this every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. God willing, may you attain unto that

which God hath willed and be observed as sanctified, detached and purified from the varied hues of the world.

=== END BH08734 ===

=== START BH08735 ===

O Moon crowned with light! He is the One Who standeth over the Command! O Moon! Thy letter hath come before the Most Great Scene, and that which was mentioned therein was observed. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the love of the Beloved of the world and art remembering Him. Strive thou to remain adorned with this ornament at all times. Pain suffered in the love of the Beloved is desirable, and illness endured in His path is highly favored. The remembrance of Him hath ever been the healing of all ills, and His Name shall be the physician for all ailments. Grieve not over anything. Put thy trust in God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then give thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this praiseworthy Tablet. Can anything in all creation be compared with it? Nay, by thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! Hold fast unto the cord of His bounty - this will suffice thee in all that was and that shall be.

=== END BH08735 ===

=== START BH08736 ===

O Hakimih, handmaiden of God! In the Most Holy, Most Glorious Name of God! O divine maidservant! God willing, may you ever be and continue to be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the world. The mention of God is the companion of souls and the quickener of hearts. Strive to become free from mention of aught else through His remembrance, and with perfect steadfastness and detachment find rest beneath the shadow of His mercy. Today the manifestations of Satan are occupied with all manner of schemes to prevent the people from drawing near to the shore of oneness. Hold fast to the hem of the Friend and cling to the Divine Lote Tree, lest contaminated winds sever that leaf from the Tree of the Cause. This is a Day wherein the Beloved speaks “We have known thee” and Moses declares “Verily we have seen thee.” Strive that you may not lag behind those who seek the Abha City. This is God’s counsel to His male and female servants.

=== END BH08736 ===

=== START BH08737 ===

In the Name of God, the Speaker

O handmaiden of God! Fierce winds are blowing and the tempest of polytheistic souls is evident and manifest. Beseech the Almighty Friend with utmost humility and supplication to protect you and other maidservants and handmaidens of God beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence. O maidservant of God! Hold fast to the strong cord of steadfastness, for it hath been observed that certain men who counted themselves among the most exalted of servants were, through an ignorant utterance, deprived of the ocean of knowledge and forbidden from the sun of insight. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in this noble station, counseling His servants and handmaidens to supreme steadfastness in this

Cause whereby the feet of the mystics and the learned and the jurists have slipped, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed.

=== END BH08737 ===

=== START BH08738 ===

In the name of God, the Peerless! O bondsmaid of the True One, the purified hem is soiled with the dust of the calumny of the accusers, and the lamp of the world is prevented from shedding light and illumination by the blowing of the winds of dissension. What a great regret for the people who circumambulate idols and worship fancy imaginations!

Though thou art a woman, arise like unto a man and break the deity of idle imagination with the might of Abraham; render asunder the intervening veils with the power of the All-Glorious One; receive the Kawthar of meaning from the hand of the divine Youth and quaff it, and close thine eye to the whole world, for sight is created to behold the beauty of the Beloved, and heart has been brought into being for His recognition. If they do not attain that great honour, they would be fruitless, and like unto a dark lamp they would be useless and without any worth.

=== END BH08738 ===

=== START BH08739 ===

He is the Most Holy

O handmaiden of God! Your letter reached the presence of the Beloved. Be confident, for His gaze of loving-kindness has ever been upon the weak and the strangers. God willing, may you be strong in the divine religion. In this case, you are accounted among the strong ones in God's sight. Be not disheartened by exile - look to the exile of the Wronged One. The hardships of exile are easy to bear. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to protect you and those like you. As for what you asked about, its ruling was previously revealed. We have commanded the servant present before the Throne to send you a copy thereof. Act accordingly and be among the thankful ones. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O handmaiden! Today there are many strong ones, mighty ones and wealthy ones on earth who are deprived due to heedlessness, while you are mentioned in the presence. This suffices you and your Ancient Lord.

=== END BH08739 ===

=== START BH08740 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O handmaiden of God! I have not and will not acknowledge your loneliness, for if you were alone your letter would not have been presented before the Most Great Countenance. The presence of your letter testifies that you are with Someone, and under the shadow of Someone - but what Someone! The King of all beings and the Creator of earth and heaven. Had He not been with you, you would not have attained to His recognition nor would you have been speaking His praise. Since He is with you, all existence is with you. Had you been without Him, We would have

acknowledged your loneliness. And you further mentioned estrangement - this too is your glory. The Truth has been afflicted in the land of exile, in the Most Great Prison. Thus in your estrangement you have followed the example of the Truth. This is a station of thankfulness, and it behooves you to be among the thankful ones.

=== END BH08740 ===

=== START BH08741 ===

In the Name of the One and Only! O handmaiden of God! The Ancient Beauty is confined in the Most Great Prison, and twenty women, out of their love for God, have entered this prison with the Manifestation of the All-Merciful Spirit, as have a number of men. Praise be to the Beloved of all horizons that in the Ridvan, with the utmost joy and fragrance, they have attained the presence of the Beloved of all worlds. No tribulation can prevent the faithful from the Most Glorious Horizon. O handmaidens, arise with manly courage to serve the Cause of God! Many women are today remembered before God as being superior to men, and some men who are counted as women. As the glance of mercy hath concealed this, therefore is the distinction hidden. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08741 ===

=== START BH08742 ===

O Mahmud! May you not remain distant from the cloud of mercy of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and seen, and may you drink from the Kawthar of nearness and assurance. Strive to make firm the cord of relationship, and its firmness depends upon steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of possibilities. Whosoever attains to this station, no harm ever was or shall be for him, and he shall attain to the good of this world and the next. Every soul who today turns to the Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings is accounted among the living before the Divine Countenance, and whoso remains deprived is reckoned among the dead. Praise the Absolute Truth Who assisted thee and caused thee to attain His recognition.

=== END BH08742 ===

=== START BH08743 ===

O thou who journeyest unto God and emigratest toward Him! Praise be to the Eternal Beloved that thou hast reached the shore of the Most Great Sea and arrived at the abode of immortality, and art numbered among those souls who, at the end of their journeys, discovered the True Ka'bah and ultimate Goal. How many souls rushed forth into deadly wildernesses and were consumed by the heat of deprivation, never tasting a drop of the wine of reunion from the hand of the Cup-bearer of attainment, while you, through the favor of the Most Glorious Beloved, have entered beneath the sheltering shade of the Tree of the Uttermost End. This is a bounty that hath ever been the ultimate desire of the denizens of the Supreme Concourse. Therefore, speak forth in praise of thy Ancient Lord for what He hath bestowed upon thee through His grace and favor, for indeed His favor toward thee is great.

=== END BH08743 ===

=== START BH08744 ===

O emigrant servant Husayn! In His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! O emigrant! Though thou art far from the seat of the Throne, yet thou art near. Nearness and remoteness in one sense are considered, and in another sense are not considered. However, spiritual nearness hath ever been and will continue to be beloved in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of attainment and achieved the presence of the Manifestation of Glory and Majesty. Whatever befell thee in the path of God hath not been and will never be lost in His sight. The essence of all good hath been the meeting with God - praise be to God that thou wert honored with this distinction. The highest of all virtues hath been submission and contentment - through God's grace thou wert adorned with that garment. Neither will your love be erased from the Tablet nor your mention from the Most Great Scene. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08744 ===

=== START BH08745 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the Forbearing

These are the days of farewell, and grief hath seized the people of God, for the Fast, which was the cause of refinement and the means of reformation and spirituality of souls, hath come to an end. This separation consumeth the lovers and demolisheth the pillars of patience. In any case, we beseech patience and composure from the Lord, for verily He hath power over all things, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Wise, the All-Informed. O thou who art mentioned! Do thou likewise seek aid from the Lord and beseech from the ocean of His grace. Perchance thou mayest be enabled to observe the Fast in the coming year and add prayer unto it as well. How excellent was that which was said, and how excellent was he who said it:

The year hath passed, and would that I knew

Whether anyone hath achieved that which pleaseth Thee.

=== END BH08745 ===

=== START BH08746 ===

O Mother of the Sun of the World! In the name of the Peerless Beloved! For some time now, the inhabitants of the heavens and earth have been intoxicated, and the splendors of the Sun of trial and test have shone forth upon all things. O friends of God! Be ye detached from the mention of the world through His remembrance, and be free from the remembrance of all in the realms of creation through His memory. Be not grieved by the tribulations that have befallen you. Ere long will the sun of joy dawn from the horizon of divine victory, and the breezes of might shall pass, and the pavilion of glory shall be raised up, and the sign of God's triumph shall encompass all creation, and the point of tyranny shall be erased from the tablet of existence. This is a promise that shall not prove false. God willing, may you ever dwell beneath the shade of His loving-kindness and repose in the shadow of the Tree of His mercy. And the glory be upon you.

=== END BH08746 ===

=== START BH08747 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the Witness, the Just One! In the days when the pillars of the world were trembling and quaking from the onslaught of the oppressors, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause, without any helper or assistant - an arising that left most people bewildered. And when, through divine power and might, the Sun of Truth shone forth from behind the veil, the buzzing of flies emerged from behind the curtains as they arose to object and oppose. And now they have set about to lead astray pure and tranquil souls. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and let not the buzzing of flies make you heedless of the Lord of Lords. Drink of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting and fix your gaze upon the Most Glorious Horizon. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

=== END BH08747 ===

=== START BH08748 ===

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, My other sister, upon thee be the glory of God and His loving-kindness! In the name of the One God! In these days the fire of sedition hath been kindled from every direction. The people of tyranny and the companions of wickedness have wrought that which hath caused the sun and moon to lament, and to weep over the oppression of the Wronged One. But the Hand of Divine power shall manifest that which He hath willed. The might of the world and the clamor of the nations and the oppression of the oppressors shall neither prevent nor forbid it. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. Rejoice, O My Leaf, in My remembrance of thee, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn toward Thee in Thy days. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy word “Be” and it is.

=== END BH08748 ===

=== START BH08749 ===

He is the Eternal, Who passes not away!

At this moment, from the rustling of the morning breezes, this clear remembrance hath become manifest and apparent: Verily God sufficeth His loved ones, and maketh their good deeds in this Cause a treasure for them, and preserveth it through the hosts of revelation and the hands of power. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, and have revealed for thee that which the hands of centuries and ages shall fail to alter. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and confirm thee in that which will cause thy mention to be exalted among the righteous ones. The world and whatsoever is therein shall pass away, and that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen shall endure. He Who possesseth the knowledge of the Book beareth witness unto this. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon him who hath heard and responded.

=== END BH08749 ===

=== START BH08750 ===

O Professor [Hassan] Banna! He is the All-Knowing Speaker. The fire of suppositions and idle fancies has encompassed the world, and supreme abasement has seized the people, yet none are aware of it. Justice, like the phoenix, naught remaineth of it save its name, and equity hath taken flight to the pavilions of glory, seeking refuge from the talons of the birds of darkness. The heedless people pass their days in hopes whose fulfillment is impossible. Beseech ye God that He may illumine the world with the light of insight and grant all a portion from the chalice of wisdom. Blessed art thou and happy art thou in that thou hast heard My call and drunk the wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty. These are words wherewith every perspicuous tablet should be adorned. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath recognized this supreme Day.

=== END BH08750 ===

=== START BH08752 ===

In the name of the peerless Lord. That which was mentioned in thy letter attained the presence of the Wronged One. God's loving-kindness hath been with you from the beginning. Be not grieved by the conflicts of this transient world. Verily He extendeth sustenance unto whomsoever He willeth. God willing, this difficulty shall be transformed into ease. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. His honor Sulayman Khan hath gone to the regions of India and thus far two letters from him have reached the Most Holy Court and been answered. Be not downhearted. Affairs have proceeded and continue to proceed according to the requirements of divine wisdom. The world hath had and hath no value. We convey greetings to all the souls mentioned in thy letter. We beseech God to assist them to remember and praise Him, and to ordain for them that which shall profit them. Verily He is the Protector of the patient ones.

=== END BH08752 ===

=== START BH08754 ===

O handmaid of God, Muhammad-Qabil-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend, thou shouldst with thy tongue, spirit and heart render thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, inasmuch as He hath manifested through thee one who, by leave of the Best-Beloved of the world, turned towards the horizon of revelation and, arriving at the seat of the Throne in this Most Great Prison, hearkened unto the voice of the Wronged One, and drank the water of knowledge from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of all beings, and hath been and is, night and day, engaged in service. The favor that hath been shown him is this: that his services have been accepted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. Verily, the glory be upon thy son, O handmaid of God, and upon those whose deeds have been accepted before God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

=== END BH08754 ===

=== START BH08755 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable God! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which, like unto the Most Great Luminary, hath shone forth from the horizon of the Mouth of the Will of the Lord of eternity: “Be thou for Me that I may be for thee.” Well is it with thee for having attained unto this exalted word which hath been uttered by My Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. How excellent is the state of him who hath quaffed the Kawthar of inner meanings from the chalices of words and utterances revealed by Him Who revealeth the verses. By the Most Great Name! The conditions and troubles of this earthly world shall not sadden him, nor shall they withhold him from the Day-Star of Revelation. Strive thou to attain unto that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Thy Lord is, verily, the Rememberer, the Counselor, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08755 ===

=== START BH08756 ===

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker! Say: O servants! The Morn of Divine Manifestation hath dawned, and the fragrance of His garment is diffused, and the breeze of the All-Merciful wafteth from the direction of the Best-Beloved. Seek ye confirmation from God, that perchance ye may not be deprived in these wondrous, exalted and novel days from the ocean of inner meanings, nor be forbidden from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of loving-kindness. Great is this Day and mighty this Cause! Hold ye fast unto the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, and cling ye to His sanctified hem. Verily He will deliver you from the torment of a barren day. Blessed is the one whom doubts and allusions did not prevent or deprive from the Most Exalted Horizon. And woe unto every heedless one who accepted then turned away, who believed then denied. Verily he is among the companions of the Fire.

=== END BH08756 ===

=== START BH08758 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! By God! The Lote Tree of the Far Boundary hath been stirred by the breezes of the revelation of Him Who is the Lord of Names, and the remembrance of the Most Remote Mosque hath been raised up through this Remembrance whereby all things have proclaimed: The sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily the mountains remember their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and the trees give voice in praise of the Chosen One, yet most of the people remain heedless. They who have cast away desire and turned unto guidance - these are the people of Paradise inscribed in a perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who hath cast aside the people and what they possess, and taken what was given him from God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thy remembrance hath been mentioned in the prison, and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the Kind, the Merciful. Make mention of thy Lord among the servants, that perchance they may awaken and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

=== END BH08758 ===

=== START BH08759 ===

In honor of Ghulam-'Ali Beg

He is the One Who standeth supreme over the Cause, in His name, the Self-Subsisting

By God! That which lay concealed within the veil of grandeur hath been made manifest, and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. This is the Day whose mention caused the Messengers of old to rejoice, as attested by every Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from His wondrous kingdom. Blessed is he who, endowed with vision, hath beheld the Most Great Panorama and followed that which was ordained by the Ancient Commander. Hearken unto the Call of God from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth - verily He teacheth you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast aside doubts and idle fancies, and take hold of that which the Lord of all beings hath, out of His all-encompassing grace, sent down for you. Thus hath flowed from the Pen that which was ordained by the Lord of eternity, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08759 ===

=== START BH08760 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! Blessed be the Day wherein all things speak forth: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all names!" Yet the people remain in evident obscurity. The Word of God hath attracted all created things, and from the horizon of immortality hath shone forth the Sun of My Most Glorious Name. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto them that deny! The world hath been adorned with the ornament of the Most Great Name, yet most of the people remain heedless. We have commanded all to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. How many a servant hath held fast to justice and acted according to that which was commanded by One mighty and faithful! And how many a servant hath acted in such wise as caused the Concourse on High to lament! For each is a portion ordained in the Book. He, verily, is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's covenant and His testament. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08760 ===

=== START BH08761 ===

O Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious One! Thou seest, O my God, Thy loved ones in dire abasement through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. O Lord! They have turned toward Thee and acknowledged Thy oneness, and for this there hath befallen them that which hath caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy grandeur to lament, and those who abide within the tabernacles of Thy glory and majesty to weep. O Lord! Strengthen them through Thy sovereignty; then rend asunder the veils that stand between Thee and Thy creatures, that they may behold what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and favor. Draw nigh, O my God, unto them that desire Thy reunion and presence, then cause them to enter the precincts of Thy mercy. O Lord! Deprive them not of the fragrant breezes of Thy nearness and the sweet savors of Thy verses. Then preserve them, O my God, beneath the shade of Thy mercy, and illumine their eyes with the light of Thy knowledge and their hearts with the lights of Thy

throne. Thou, verily, art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08761 ===

=== START BH08763 ===

In His Name, the One, the Single! These are the verses of the Book which have been sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily it is the Ancient Sign amongst the nations and the Lamp of Guidance for whoso is in the earths and heavens. Verily it is the Water of Life for the life of all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the Proof of the All-Merciful to every discerning mystic. Draw nigh unto Him, O peoples of the earth, and follow not every idolatrous deceiver. Say: This is the Path which you were promised in the Book, and the Balance whereby all things are weighed - know this, O ye who are endued with insight! Beware lest the affairs of creation veil you from this Cause whereby the horizons have been illumined. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for that which God hath sent down unto thee, making it an ornament of the Book of Creation.

=== END BH08763 ===

=== START BH08764 ===

In His name, the Ever-Abiding after the passing away of all things! The Beauty of the Cause hath been witnessed rising from the horizon of justice with grace. Blessed is he who hath cast away desire and laid hold on guidance in these days wherein the Book of Dawn hath been seen from the horizon of might. Say: O people! Follow not your desires. Follow Him Who speaketh with truth, for He, verily, hath knowledge of all things. Beware lest the intimations of the people hinder you. By God! They wander in the wilderness of error and find no path for themselves. The breezes of revelation have wafted and the fragrances of the All-Merciful have been diffused throughout creation. Blessed is he who hath chosen Him as his helper. Rejoice ye in the joy of My Most Great Name, for He hath appeared through a Command that hath encompassed the worlds. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of wisdom and exposition that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be steadfast in the Cause.

=== END BH08764 ===

=== START BH08765 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! All things today are engaged in glorification and praise, for the Hidden Mystery is established upon the throne of manifestation. Blessed is the eye that hath been illumined by the light of His countenance, and blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the divine call. Today the Speaker of the Mount is speaking that which was foretold: “Await ye the appearance of Him Who conversed with Moses from the Tree upon the Mount.” All must in this blessed Day act in accordance with that which will exalt the Cause of God. While time remaineth, strive ye that ye may attain unto infinite bounties. We have made mention of thee before, and in this Book, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord and be of them that are steadfast. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens and loved ones in that land who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08765 ===

=== START BH08766 ===

He is manifest and evident. The entire world has been promised the manifestation of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and the previous Books bear clear witness to this most exalted matter. However, when the call “Verily I am God” was raised from the blessed, lofty Divine Lote-Tree of Oneness, all turned away and even issued the decree for His death, except for those souls who, in this divine morn, drank of the true wine. They were and are among the stars of the wondrous heaven who were raised up in the name of Truth, and in the vast wilderness of certitude they utter “Here am I, O Lord of the worlds!” Blessed are they and joy be unto them. Beseech ye God that all the peoples of the world may attain to this most great bounty. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

=== END BH08766 ===

=== START BH08767 ===

Remind Mr. M and S to succeed in paying the Huquq, for some have not succeeded and do not succeed, therefore God has made and makes their rights subject to strangers or to children who have preference over them, to the end of His sweet utterance. When I reminded them, they said: “Let these six hundred ashrafis be held in trust with you, and give fifty tumans from it as a draft to Haji Amin.” Since I had previously endowed the crystal shop next to the mosque and the property of Zaman-Abad and others, and according to the law of the Kitab-i-Aqdas all endowments revert to the Huquq, therefore you must be content with this. I submitted that these endowments would revert later, and now something must be done that will serve the needs of the Cause today.

=== END BH08767 ===

=== START BH08768 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

O Mirza Mahdi! God willing, may you ever remain steadfast upon the straight path of love and find repose in the seat of affection. Close your eyes to the world and detach your heart from aught else save the Beloved, and with perfect composure rest upon the cushions of certitude. It was intended to write a detailed letter, but the breath of divine decree became a hot wind and remained suspended in the heaven of God’s will. Convey my countless remembrances to the members of the household and in all days seek forgiveness on my behalf. Your letter that you sent to Kalim was noted. May you ever abide in the proximity of your Lord’s mercy among those who are at rest. The subject was not completed, but as the weather is hot and its heat affecting, therefore these few words will suffice. Adorn all the loved ones with the fresh and wondrous garments of remembrance.

=== END BH08768 ===

=== START BH08769 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

We send greetings to his honor the Supervisor. We beseech God to unite what has been separated from him and to grant him good in the hereafter and in this world. We wrote two letters regarding his people, but both before and after, his honor the Trustee and Mirza Mehdi gave news of disappointment, and according to Mirza Mehdi's letter they have turned towards Yazd. That same letter was sent, but his honor the Supervisor should not be grieved. Firstly, because no relationship is worthy of mention in relation to the Truth, and secondly, they can still return from Yazd. We beseech the Truth to manifest that which is the cause of the greatest joy. Verily He is the Powerful, verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

=== END BH08769 ===

=== START BH08770 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom! Strive that thou remain not deprived and portionless of that which is with God. All the peoples of the earth were expectant, seeking from the exalted Truth the encounter of this wondrous Day. Yet when the ocean of knowledge appeared and the Sun of Revelation dawned forth, all arose in denial and turned away, save whom God willed. Today is the day for the manifestation of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Word of God. And woe unto the heedless ones who have disputed the signs of God and denied His Most Great, His Mighty Cause. Grieve thou not over anything. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Verily, He is with His servants who have turned unto Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08770 ===

=== START BH08771 ===

In the Name of the Kind Friend! How excellent is the remembrance of God for His creation, and how sweet is the mention of the Lord for His servant, the remembrance of the Beloved for His lover! It hath been and shall ever be, for the sincere seeker, the capital of eternal life and an everlasting bounty. The word of the Desired One is better than both worlds, more delicate than the spirit and more life-giving. Praise be to God, thou hast attained through His grace unto this eternal bounty, inasmuch as the Beloved of the world in the Most Great Prison is occupied with thy remembrance. This is of His grace which hath encompassed all the worlds. With the tongue of the soul, be thou grateful to the Beloved of all possibility and render praise, for thou hast attained unto this bounty and art mentioned before the Throne.

=== END BH08771 ===

=== START BH08773 ===

O Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, son of the Master Carpenter, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One True Friend! God, exalted be His glory, calls the peoples of the world to everlasting life, yet His servants remain wrapt in idle fancies and vain imaginings. To such a degree has heedlessness encompassed mankind that they occupy themselves night and day with aught save God, and are unaware. At every moment they prepare for themselves a manifest chastisement. Ere long shall they

witness the fruits of their deeds and bear witness to their own loss. Blessed is the soul whom neither the vanishing ornaments, nor the varied colors, nor the might of tyrants have withheld from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. He hath clung to the Truth and held fast unto Him. We beseech God not to deprive His servants and to grant them their portion of the choice sealed Wine.

=== END BH08773 ===

=== START BH08774 ===

He is God!

In the name of the benevolent Friend

The gracious and almighty God saith: O my handmaiden! Thou hast been called to remembrance before the Throne of Glory and the Tongue of God giveth utterance to this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice in the wondrous effusions of His all-embracing grace and rest assured of His unfailing providence. Make thou mention, at all times, of the Well-Beloved of the world and be wholly detached from aught else save Him. The purpose underlying all creation is to know God. Praise be to Him thou hast attained His knowledge and quaffed thy fill of the ocean of His loving-kindness. Treasure thou so precious a favor and belittle not its worth. Guard it from the thieves, the deniers and the evil ones, inasmuch as the thief is lying in wait on every side, ready to rob thee of so priceless a gem. We fain would hope that through the assistance of God's Most Great Name thou wilt succeed in protecting it.

=== END BH08774 ===

=== START BH08776 ===

O Mirza Rahim! In the name of the Peerless Knower! In these days when the Kingdom of knowledge and utterance is illumined and radiant with the Luminary of possibility, all must arise to serve the Cause in such wise that souls caught in vain imaginings - namely those who speak contrary to God's good-pleasure - may not be barred from the straight path nor remain deprived of the countenance of the Ancient One. Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thy letter was presented before the Throne and thou didst attain unto that which God desired. Hold fast to two commands: first is turning unto God, which thou hast already attained, and second is steadfastness in the Cause of God, and this matter hath been and will ever be the foundation of the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which is best for thee. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08776 ===

=== START BH08777 ===

His Honor Haji Mulla Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God

In His Name, the Most Glorious of the Most Glorious

In this spiritual dawn, from the rustling of the breezes of the garden of inner meanings, this exalted Word was heard: "The Hidden One hath come with a Cause before which nothing can stand. The might of the

mightiest weakeneth Him not, nor doth the power of sovereigns make Him afraid. He hath spoken and continueth to speak before the face of the world: 'There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.' We have sent unto thee a Tablet from which the fragrance of thy Lord's gracious favor hath been wafted, and another wherein the Most Great Announcement hath bidden thee to make mention of this mighty Cause. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto thy word concerning this Cause, and woe betide the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon every servant who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Ancient Lord."

=== END BH08777 ===

=== START BH08778 ===

Regarding the carpet, a prominent Christian whose house is now the seat of the Throne has requested that this carpet be obtained for him, and he will pay for it himself. Therefore, the measurements were given to Haji Mirza Ali Akbar to give to Haji Amin so that he could purchase it when traveling to the Most Holy Court and bring it back, receiving payment from the aforementioned person. This is the essence of the matter, but Haji Ali Akbar took it upon himself to complete this service and was unsuccessful, and this delay did not sit well with the Christian gentleman. The purpose is that these details should be known to you.

=== END BH08778 ===

=== START BH08779 ===

O Haji Muhammad-Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God, who has dawned from the horizon of possibility! At all times the Pen of the All-Merciful is occupied with the remembrance of friends. Some heard and acted upon it, attaining unto it, while others clung to the vain imaginings and idle fancies of men and were thus deprived and shut out from the ultimate goal, the most exalted horizon and the furthermost Lote-Tree. And some heard and claimed steadfastness, yet when the test appeared they turned away from God, exalted be His glory, because of the censure of the people, and were veiled from the Mighty, the Bestower by the buzzing of a fly. Such is the condition of souls who have not attained unto the Kawthar of faithfulness nor received their portion from the ocean of fairness. Now God summons thee unto steadfastness. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and be observed as firm in His love.

=== END BH08779 ===

=== START BH08780 ===

In the name of God, the All-Knowing Lord of the worlds! During the nights and days the Pen of the Lord of all beings has not been still. In all conditions it has been moved to mention the friends and has uttered that which leads to the exaltation of the Cause, the upliftment of souls, and the tranquility of people. God willing, all must act according to what they have been commanded and detach themselves from aught else. Blessed is the maidservant who has attained in the days of God and acted according to what she was

commanded in His glorious Book. In all conditions hold fast unto God and fix your gaze upon the horizon of His good-pleasure. Nothing has been or will be sweeter to the taste of lovers than the good-pleasure of God. Blessed is the servant who has attained, and the maidservant who has attained unto this exalted station. Glory be upon the people of Baha from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08780 ===

=== START BH08781 ===

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds

The Peerless Friend declares: Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace and art soaring in the atmosphere of His love. In the first year, from the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen was heard this blessed word: “Blessed are they who have recognized this wondrous Cause and have turned towards this wondrous Path.” This exalted and most glorious station cannot be attained except through the effacement of all that was before, and through attentive ears. How excellent is he who hath attained unto this most mighty, most glorious station! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath reached the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Book. Under all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Supreme Horizon and hold fast unto the cord of grace. Be thou assured of the favor of thy Lord. He will manifest unto thee that which He hath willed. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08781 ===

=== START BH08782 ===

In the Kaf [is contained] a mention of Muhammad-’Ali, brother of Ibrahim, who emigrated with God - He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted - a mention from Baha unto His servant, that He might detach him from all who are in the heavens and on earth and draw him nigh unto a Beauty wondrous indeed. O servant! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and deprive not thyself of the shores of eternity, from whose every sandhill there calleth out: “There is none other God but Him, and verily He hath appeared with a mighty sovereignty.” Leave the kingdom behind thee, then ascend unto this heaven which was, in truth, exalted high. Arise to serve the Cause, then make mention of it to them that have sought the countenance of the All-Merciful, that perchance the breaths of the Cause may attract them to a holy and resplendent spot. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon every faithful soul.

=== END BH08782 ===

=== START BH08783 ===

In the Kaf. His honor Muhammad Hashim, the brother who emigrated with God. In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. God makes mention of His servant in the heaven of eternity, that he may remember through the remembrance of God in these days wherein all have turned away from the Beauty Who hath appeared in the heaven of creation and Who speaketh at every moment saying: “There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.” O servant! Bear thou witness even as thy Lord hath borne witness, and turn not unto those who have disbelieved in

God and whose souls are veiled by veils and coverings. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and turn not unto anyone, and in all matters place thy trust in God, thy Lord. Verily He will protect thee from the wicked. Beware lest thou forget God's favor upon thee; rather remember Him in the evening and at dawn.

=== END BH08783 ===

=== START BH08784 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

The remembrance of God hath been raised from the prison, and His call hath been lifted up in such wise that all the peoples of the earth have heard it - that is, those souls who regard themselves as sources of influence, and certain others besides. However, the agony of death hath prevented most from partaking of the water of immortality. They are intimate with the infernal tree and have turned away from the living waters. Though possessed of sight, they are debarred from beholding, and though endowed with hearing, they are deprived of hearkening. This is not strange, for the bat hath ever fled from the sun and ever shall, having deemed darkness superior and preferable to light. Such is its nature, and such is the nature of those who have taken it as their lord instead of God. Through the grace of the All-Merciful, thou must needs bestow the water of life upon receptive souls, that all may be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness.

=== END BH08784 ===

=== START BH08785 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High

A mention from Us to her who hath believed in God and hath turned with a luminous countenance toward the Dayspring of grace, that the words of the Lord of Names and Attributes may attract her and may cause her to turn unto the Dawning-Place of verses. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days upon a sublime and wondrous Tablet. O My handmaiden! Know thou that We have found in thy heart the love of God, the Manifestation of His Essence, and We have sent unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest find therein that which will rejoice thy heart and solace thine eyes. Verily, the grace of thy Lord hath encompassed the worlds. We have ordained for thee in the All-Glorious Paradise a station such as none have attained among those who have tasted the sweetness of love in this Most Great, this Most Mighty Revelation. Grieve thou not over anything. Verily, thy Lord is with thee. He, verily, sufficeth thee, and He, verily, is powerful over all things.

=== END BH08785 ===

=== START BH08786 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to her who, when she heard the call of God, turned with her whole being unto Thee and believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou for having recognized the Beloved and turned toward the Most Great Ocean, and attained the presence

of the Wronged One in His mighty prison. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds through Whose grace thou hast attained unto the Most Great Bounty and the Most Great Favor, and didst bear the hardships of travel until thou didst attain unto the Kaaba of the world and the Qiblih of existence and the Throne of Sinai. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that the mention of this shall never be erased from the Tablet of creation, and its effects shall appear and become manifest even as the sun from the horizon of divine grace. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those women who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08786 ===

=== START BH08787 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to her who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We hear the call of those who have turned to the Countenance, and We behold those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His station, hath at all times made mention of His loved ones and continueth to do so, for His grace is abundant and His generosity transcendeth the description of all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the sweetness of the divine remembrance and hath, with complete detachment and sanctity, spoken His praise and glory. A goodly station befitteth a goodly word. God willing, thou shalt occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings with complete sincerity. Verily, He is with those women who remember their Lord at eventide and at dawn. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH08787 ===

=== START BH08788 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

A remembrance from Us to those who have turned towards the Throne of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Verily the Throne is My Temple whereon the All-Merciful is seated. Rejoice ye at this and be of them that are thankful. Say: This is the heaven of the Cause from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of Utterance. Blessed be God Who hath spoken the truth and caused every thing to speak forth in this wondrous Day. Say: This indeed is the Most Great Ocean and its fishes are the sciences. Well is it with people who understand. Hearken, O people, unto the Call of God, and arise from the slumber of heedlessness, turning towards His manifest horizon. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken. He who hath heard hath attained unto all good, and he who hath been deprived is verily of the people of the graves. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Qiblih of the horizons and believed in God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH08788 ===

=== START BH08789 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who desires to drink the living waters from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, and to be numbered among those who have attained. We have heard mention of thy remembrance and thy turning unto Him, and have sent down for thee the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Be thou grateful to God for having aided thee to recognize Him and to hear His most sweet call when He appeared between earth and heaven and spoke forth the Most Exalted Word, that men might become among those who are endowed with true understanding. Among the people are those who heard but answered not, and among them are those who hastened unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation with manifest humility. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face unto thy Lord after the turning away of all who are on earth, save those whom God did rescue through His grace from His presence. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH08789 ===

=== START BH08790 ===

O Nariman! In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great! A mention from Us unto him who desires to drink from the wine of life and turn unto the Dawning-Place of the Cause of his Lord, the Most Merciful. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Rememberer. We make mention of all who dwell in creation and give them glad tidings of God, the Lord of all worlds, Who hath manifested the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation amidst mankind. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Hold thou fast unto the cord of God, then make mention of Him in the nights and days. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This is a Day wherein all things have been attracted by the breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Be thou thankful that this Book hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Glory be unto him who hath fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament and cast behind him every polytheist far removed.

=== END BH08790 ===

=== START BH08791 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the Generous, that the pure wine may attract him to a station wherein the intimations of the people shall not withhold him from the Self-Subsisting Name, nor shall conjectures debar him from that which hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude. O Rida! The Lord of Names calleth thee from His Most Great Prison and commandeth thee that which hath been sent down in the Book, a command from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee, and We have seen thy turning and have turned unto thee, and We have sent down for thee that which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause. By the life of God! It shall profit thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. And the glory be upon thee and upon those on whose faces thou findest the radiance of Baha when every ignorant one far removed hath turned away from it.

=== END BH08791 ===

=== START BH08792 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned towards the horizon of Revelation when the Dayspring of verses appeared with grandeur and power, that he may remember his Lord amongst the servants in such wise as to awaken thereby them that are in all lands. O servant! Hearken unto the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, the seat of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware lest the affairs of the world grieve thee. Speak forth in praise of thy Lord - thus doth the Lord of Names command thee from this most far-off Station. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The fragrances of the garment have been diffused and the sweet-scenting aroma of holiness hath been wafted, yet the people are in strange delusion. We beseech God to preserve thee from the imaginings of those who have disbelieved in God and to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby necks have been brought low.

=== END BH08792 ===

=== START BH08793 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. A remembrance from Us to him who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. Thou didst attain the presence in the Most Great Prison and didst hear the call of the Wronged One, at one time that there is none other God but Him, and at another that He is, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. We counsel thee to be steadfast. Hold thou fast unto it in the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou wert in the presence of the Countenance for numbered months. Beware lest anything cause thee to forget that which thou didst hear and witness in this perspicuous Spot. Hold fast unto God in all conditions and put thy trust in Him. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We send from this Spot Our greetings upon thy mother and thy wife, then upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to attain His presence and to hear the wondrous remembrance of Him in this forbidden stronghold.

=== END BH08793 ===

=== START BH08794 ===

In the Name of the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, that it may at one time draw him unto My heaven of might, at another unto My kingdom, and yet another unto My luminous horizon. Verily, he who hath turned unto the Face is among the most glorious of creatures before the Truth, whereunto every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of the Crimson Spot, from the right hand of the sacred and radiant Land: “Verily, there is none other God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.” Every hearing ear hath testified to this Light, and every seeing eye to this mighty Cause. Verily, he who hath turned away from God is among the worshippers of desire, as doth the Lord of all creation testify in His perspicuous Book. Whoso hath

attained unto the Book of God and His Cause is assuredly among those drawn nigh. It behooveth him to beseech God at all times to make him steadfast in this momentous Cause.

=== END BH08794 ===

=== START BH08795 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, that he may rejoice within himself and arise to remember his Lord and act according to that which hath been commanded from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. O Mustafa! Rejoice within thyself inasmuch as the Lord of all beings remembereth thee in this exalted and glorious station. Grieve not over anything but put thy trust in God. Verily, He aideth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the fragrance of God hath been wafted between the heavens and the earths. Preserve this most exalted station even as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!

=== END BH08795 ===

=== START BH08796 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him who hath turned towards the Countenance when those who disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, turned away from Him. Verily We have come from the Orient of the Bayan with the announcement of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless. How many a servant hath drunk from the Kawthar of life and believed in the All-Informed Single One, and how many a servant hath followed Satan and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. O Joseph! The wolf devoured Joseph the Apostle before the faces of those who turned away. The oppressor ordered his murder to plunder his possessions - thereby did every insightful one lament. Thy mention hath been made before the Countenance and this mighty, wondrous Book hath been sent down for thee. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause and made thee among the successful ones. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08796 ===

=== START BH08797 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to one who has drunk the wine of reunion and turned to the horizon from which the world was illumined, and every thing proclaimed: “There is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Thy letter hath come before Us time and again, and on each occasion the servant present before the Throne hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We have witnessed thy turning unto Us, and perceived the fragrance of thy love, and beheld thy humility and

submissiveness before God, the Lord of all worlds. O Hasan! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as neither the vain imaginings of the divines nor the doubts of those who have turned away from God when He came unto them with a manifest sovereignty have prevented thee. O Hasan! Hearken thou unto the Call again and again from this most exalted Station and this most sublime Place: “Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous.”

=== END BH08797 ===

=== START BH08798 ===

Muhammad-Baqir! This is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have answered thee in days wherein the Temple of Justice hath been shaken by the onslaught of tyranny and the Faithful Spirit hath lamented in an exalted station. This is a day wherein the Spirit of the Cause hath wept by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The sun of fidelity hath set from the horizon of Sad. Blessed is he whose eyes have shed tears - woe unto the heedless! Place thy trust in God, then render thanks unto Him for having turned toward thee from this most exalted Horizon and revealed unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of divine knowledge between the heavens and the earth. Thus hath the Luminary of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest give thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!”

=== END BH08798 ===

=== START BH08799 ===

The Most Ancient, the Most Great. A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the recognition of his Lord, when the veil was rent asunder and the Promised One appeared with manifest sovereignty. Say: This is the Lamp which the All-Merciful hath lit in the midmost heart of creation. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. All the hosts of the earth combined cannot prevent Him from that which He desireth. Verily thy Lord is the Triumphant, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Those who desired to extinguish the light of God through their might, or their vain imaginings, or their learning, shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. His power hath conquered all who are in creation, and His mercy hath preceded all in the worlds. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and arose to make mention of Him - he is of those who have attained. Thus have We adorned the Tablet of Creation with the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of Names. Read thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast aided me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and made me to be of those who have turned unto Thee.

=== END BH08799 ===

=== START BH08800 ===

He is established upon the throne of utterance

A remembrance from the All-Merciful to him who has turned towards the Kaaba of existence and believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We have seen thy turning and have turned unto thee from this Spot round which circle the denizens of Paradise by leave of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily He preserveth whomsoever He willeth by His command, and aideth those who have laid hold on wisdom and attained unto the choice sealed wine. Hold fast unto the Book, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Verily it shall profit thee and preserve thee and raise thee to a praiseworthy station. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk the Kawthar of utterance in the name of their Lord, the Possessor of existence.

=== END BH08800 ===

=== START BH08801 ===

He is the One Who dominates all things

A mention from the One Who is mentioned to him who has attained unto the recognition of God on the Day when the All-Merciful came with a mercy that embraced all worlds. Say: Verily mention at times thou beholdest it in the Tablets, and at times it descendeth from the heaven of utterance, and at times it walketh in such wise that the Ancient Being appeared in the world in His hallowed and wondrous ornament. Say: All that proceedeth from Him, verily it is the Most Great Remembrance amidst the nations and the ornament of revelation unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through His Word is every thing realized and through His firm command is every measure established. Say: Regard Him not save as ye have been bidden in the Book. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. Thus hath the Manifestation of the Cause spoken. Blessed are they that hear.

=== END BH08801 ===

=== START BH08802 ===

O Abraham! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering!

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath acknowledged the oneness of God and His singleness, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have remembered thee with a remembrance whereby hearts are attracted. We counsel thee and My loved ones unto righteousness and goodly deeds and the fear of God, and unto that which will draw thee nigh unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty a grace from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence. Then open before my face the doors of Thy gifts and favors. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH08802 ===

=== START BH08803 ===

In the Name of Him Who is Sovereign over all names.

A remembrance sent down from the Creator of heaven unto him who hath heard the Call, responded, and turned toward the horizon of Revelation when every heedless one remained veiled. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is wronged. He verily will aid thee and raise thee to His praiseworthy station. Beware lest that which is with the people prevent thee from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O concourse of earth! Answer Him Who calleth you unto God, and follow not those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Cast away vain imaginings - the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the Loving. Hear My call and follow not your desires. He Who is the Goal hath appeared with a sovereignty before which armies cannot stand. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken, while the Lord of all mankind was in this exalted station.

=== END BH08803 ===

=== START BH08804 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Manifestation of Revelation, and the Most Exalted Pen, turning toward thee, declareth: O servant! Know thou the value of these days and in all times fix thy gaze upon the direction of the All-Merciful. He is the true Friend - cleave thou unto Him. He is the real Beloved - turn thou unto Him. Stand thou firm in the Cause of God with such steadfastness that the doubts of the deniers may not hold thee back from the path of the Lord of the worlds. Arise to perform such deeds as will cause the remembrance of thee to endure in God's celestial Kingdom. And render thanks unto the Ancient Lord that thou hast been mentioned by Him and hast been honored with this most mighty, most holy Tablet. Remember thou, on behalf of the Wronged One, all thy paternal cousins and the loved ones of God, and convey unto them greetings.

=== END BH08804 ===

=== START BH08805 ===

In My Most Glorious Name

I make mention of one of My maidservants who hath believed in My verses, turned toward My horizon, hearkened unto My call, sought the Dawning-Place of the lights of My Cause, and drank the choice wine of My love and the Kawthar of My remembrance. By My life! She is assuredly among the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a maidservant hath been so attracted by the verses of her Lord that the fire appeared from her very being, and how many a maidservant hath remained heedless and returned to the lowest of the low.

O people of Baha! Arise from the slumber of passion and turn ye toward the Most Exalted Horizon. By the life of God! Ye were created for this wondrous Day. Grieve not over this world, for it shall pass away and sovereignty shall remain with the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue spoken when the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of His Great Name.

=== END BH08805 ===

=== START BH08806 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is My Remembrance, My Remembrance! Verily He is the One manifest from My presence, and I am in truth the Judge. To this testifieth he who possesseth knowledge of the Book. We have sent him [to remind] the people of the days of God. Yet when the dawn appeared, every deceitful dissembler denied it. Say: This is the Day of God, which hath been sanctified above the light of the lamp. To this testifieth every fair-minded one who hath held fast to the cord of his Lord's loving providence. We have broken the seal of the vessel and made manifest that which was inscribed in the Tablet and that which was concealed in the Tablets. Glorify thou on My behalf the countenance of him who hath believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. When the rapture of My verses seizeth thee, turn thy face toward thy Lord and say: I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have stood firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving.

=== END BH08806 ===

=== START BH08807 ===

In My Most Great Name. A remembrance hath flowed from My Pen, and I make mention of everyone who hath turned unto My countenance, drawn nigh unto Mine horizon, drunk from the Kawthar of My bounty, approached the ocean of My grace, held fast to the cord of My favor, and clung to My luminous robe. By God's life! They are the stars in the heaven of utterance through whom the horizons are illumined and the hearts of those who have turned unto Him are enlightened. Grieve not over anything. Your stations shall be made manifest in the realm of creation, and the people shall come to know what ye truly are. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who have deprived themselves of God's grace and mercy - these are they who are among the losers in a glorious Tablet. Thus doth the Pen move and the horizon of the Tablet shine forth through the Sun of grace, that thou mayest rejoice and be numbered among those endued with certitude. The glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

=== END BH08807 ===

=== START BH08808 ===

Leaf of Sakinah, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

My remembrance is of My leaf who hath turned unto the horizon from which hath shone forth the Day-Star of My Name, the Lord of all names. She did drink the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of her Lord, the Most Merciful, at a time when men were wrapped in heedlessness and dissension. She took hold of the Book of God with a strength from Him and testified to that which God Himself had testified in the return: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. We make mention of thee and of those handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen, and We glorify thee and them and those whom neither the doubts of the people of the Bayan nor the clamor of every froward denier have kept back. O My leaf! We counsel thee and My handmaidens to manifest the Most Great

Steadfastness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of creation, may be exalted. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have not broken the Covenant.

=== END BH08808 ===

=== START BH08809 ===

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and glory!

May my spirit and being be sacrificed for you! The letters from that Beloved One were before this evanescent one to be delivered, but they slipped from view. Now I have sent the package. At the time of sending, they were granted access to the Most Holy Court. In these writings that were sent by Mihdi, there was no letter from Haji Husayn indicating that the indigo payment should arrive here. If they have written something previously, it should be made known. In any case, according to the command, you must verify carefully. If they have indeed sent a draft, very well; otherwise action must be taken according to his writing. There was nothing about a draft in these writings. Send the receipt so that it can be properly determined. The glory be upon you and upon those who love you.

Servant

=== END BH08809 ===

=== START BH08810 ===

Baku. ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God.

In the name of the One Incomparable Speaker! The Great Day has appeared and the Great Cause is resplendent. This is that same Day to which the divine Books have testified as to its greatness and grandeur. Today the heaven of utterance is adorned with the Sun of inner meanings, and the Great City has descended from the heaven of will, and the rivers of divine knowledge flow and surge forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the one who turned towards it, whom the opposition of the wrongdoers did not deprive from the light of justice. Your letter was received and attained unto hearing. Praise be to God that you have recognized that of which the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names. Thus have We adorned the heaven of your acceptance with the lights of the Sun of thy Lord’s grace, the Kind, the Generous.

=== END BH08810 ===

=== START BH08811 ===

O Rayhan, Most Ancient and Most Learned One! O Rayhan, may you speak, God willing, with the utmost joy and fragrance in praise of the All-Merciful, and become renowned and remembered for His love. Most dervishes wander in the valley of heedlessness, save a few who, through the grace of the All-Merciful, have in this spiritual springtime been adorned with luminous robes. Despite their claims to maturity and mystical knowledge, most of this group remain veiled. Blessed is he who has rent asunder the veils through the Name of the Lord of all men. Strive that you may gaze toward the most exalted horizon with

a sanctified heart and a polished breast, and observe with the eye of the heart rather than the physical eye. Thus will you behold the Truth as One, Mighty and Self-Subsisting, and all else as existing through Him and sustained by Him. This is the Sun of true Divine Unity that has dawned from the horizon of the Divine Pen. Blessed are they who perceive with insight.

=== END BH08811 ===

=== START BH08812 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world with His Most Great Name!

Glorified is He Who hath come with the Truth with such a proof as hath rendered powerless all who are in the heavens and on earth, and Who hath summoned all to His manifest and extended Path. He hath desired naught for Himself, but rather desired to draw all nigh unto the praiseworthy station. Verily, he who hath found the fragrance of the Garment hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that the might of kings hath failed to deter him. Hold fast, O My loved ones, unto My commandments whereby every inscribed tablet hath been adorned. Take hold of God's principles with the power bestowed by Us, and follow not the ways of every rejected ignorant one. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken on this night when clouds have veiled the face of heaven, and the Lord of Names speaketh that whereby all existence hath been stirred. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH08812 ===

=== START BH08813 ===

He Who is established upon the Most Great Throne

Glorified is He Who hath inspired His chosen servants and made them recognize this Day which was inscribed in His Preserved Tablet. Say: This is the Day wherewith God hath gladdened His servants, and He verily speaketh the truth when He saith: "There is none other God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Verily, this Day walketh and speaketh and proclaimeth, yet most of the people are heedless. It crieth out by its own self and saith: "By God! The Lord of Eternity hath come with the Most Great Name. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones. By God! He hath prospered who hath turned unto Him, and lost are they who have turned away from God and followed the vain imaginings of every remote impostor." Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08813 ===

=== START BH08814 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the horizon of possibility! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear tokens and hath spoken before the faces of the world through this Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were shaken except for those whom the hand of power did seize and whom He veritably preserved - and He is the Preserver, the Succourer. The call hath been raised

between earth and heaven, yet most of the people remain heedless. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned and responded, and woe unto them that have turned away. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know, for having made me to know and strengthened me to acknowledge that which Thy tongue hath spoken whilst the people were veiled by a thick veil. The splendor shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Countenance with such steadfastness as the hosts of the wrongdoers could not prevent.

=== END BH08814 ===

=== START BH08815 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy, sanctified from all names! Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book in truth and therein summoned all unto His Self, the One Who overshadoweth the worlds. Among the people are those who have attained through turning unto Him and those who have turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of His bounty in thy earliest days and for having turned thy face toward the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Know thou that He will assist thee in whatsoever thou hast desired and hath ordained for thee a station. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous. We beseech God to grant thee the good of this world and of the next, and to withhold not from thee the breezes of His mercy. He, verily, doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08815 ===

=== START BH08816 ===

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom!

Glorified is He Who hath appeared and revealed that which caused every feeble one to speak, every distant one to draw nigh, every blind one to see, every heedless one to turn, every seated one to arise, and every fearful and doubtful one to attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness. I testify to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

We have mentioned thee time and again. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Be thou in such wise that the sincere ones may inhale from thee the fragrance of My luminous garment. Beware lest allusions prevent thee from the abode of verses, or doubts from My straight path. Cast aside all else, holding fast unto the mountain of My loving-kindness. Thus doth counsel thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. The Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one.

=== END BH08816 ===

=== START BH08817 ===

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and dispatched them unto whom He willeth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, in the opposition of kings and the rising up of subjects are signs for those who possess insight. Verily, in God's proclamation of His Cause from within the prison are signs for those who are endowed with discernment. When We desired to proclaim the Cause, We created the new creation once again through this Name, which God hath made the Quickener of Names, that all may know that He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Neither adversities can prevent Him from that which He desireth, nor can the hosts of the oppressors frighten Him. They who fear this day are among the heedless. Put your trust in God, O people. Verily, He protecteth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Beware lest ye overstep the bounds of wisdom. Thus hath the command been sent down in the Tablets and in this glorious Tablet. Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08817 ===

=== START BH08818 ===

In the name of Him Who, by the movement of His finger, rent asunder the veils! Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses and will continue to send them down as He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the hosts of princes nor the clamor of divines who denied the Truth when it came from the heaven of the Command with the standards of verses and hosts which no knowledgeable counter could enumerate can prevent Him. We have remembered thee from this Most Exalted Station that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. Grieve not over anything, for the Command is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. When the Cause appeared and the Temple of the Manifestation was established upon the throne of utterance, all in creation turned away save those who cast the world behind them, turning unto the Most Great Name through which surged the ocean of divine knowledge and the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted and the verses were sent down and the signs appeared and that which was hidden in the earth was made manifest. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken that thou mayest know and be among the thankful. Cast aside vain imaginings in the name of thy Lord, then turn with thy heart unto God, the Originator of heaven, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy most exalted dominion. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee, and to make me among those who have stood firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and Whom nothing among the peoples can prevent. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08818 ===

=== START BH08819 ===

He is the One warbling upon the branches!

Glory be to Him Who speaks the truth and summons the people to the straight path. Today We turned Our face toward a place mentioned with joy, where the Most Great Throne was established beneath a pavilion raised in this wondrous Name. Before it flows water over white pebbles - exalted be the Lord of Names Who has manifested every mighty matter! When the Throne was established, We sent down verses in such wise that the hearts of the mystics were attracted, and We were gladdened there by God's

favor, the Lord of the worlds. Therein We made mention of God in the morning and at noontide until the sun set. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Face on this day. Be thou thankful to God for this and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH08819 ===

=== START BH08821 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all names! Glory be to Thee, O my God, the God of all created things and the Educator of all contingent beings. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause which hath encompassed all things in existence, and by the Call which hath been raised by Thy command, O Lord of names and attributes, to assist Thy handmaiden who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy Revelation to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy handmaidens. Then open before her face the gate of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest and the Speaker amongst all created things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory and praise and remembrance and honor be upon Thee, O my leaf, and upon those handmaidens who turned to God when the Cause was manifested and the Call was raised, and who attained unto that which the radiant leaf attained, she who aided the Cause of God before the face of the Lord upon the white spot.

=== END BH08821 ===

=== START BH08822 ===

III

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who is Thy Most Great Name, Who hath been sorely afflicted by such of Thy creatures as have repudiated Thy truth, and Who hath been hemmed in by sorrows which no tongue can describe, to grant that I may remember Thee and celebrate Thy praise, in these days when all have turned away from Thy beauty, have disputed with Thee, and turned away disdainfully from Him Who is the Revealer of Thy Cause. None is there, O my Lord, to help Thee except Thine own Self, and no power to succor Thee save Thine own power.

I entreat Thee to enable me to cleave steadfastly to Thy Love and Thy remembrance. This is, verily, within my power, and Thou art the One that knoweth all that is in me. Thou, in truth, art knowing, apprised of all. Deprive me not, O my Lord, of the splendors of the light of Thy face, whose brightness hath illuminated the whole world. No God is there beside Thee, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Forgiving.

=== END BH08822 ===

=== START BH08823 ===

He is the Preserver

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which whoso hath borne it hath not drowned in the seas, nor been affected by the arrows of the wicked, nor been altered

by poisons and denial, and through which every sinner hath attained the robe of Thy forgiveness and every sick one the garment of Thy healing, to make me so steadfast in Thy Cause that association with Thy creatures and fellowship with Thy servants shall not make me heedless, and to preserve me from every affliction and evil and pestilence and malady, and from the arrows of the intimations of the heedless and the swords of the allusions of those who turn away and the denial of the deniers. Then send down upon me, O my God, from the clouds of Thy mercy that which Thou hast promised me. Verily Thou art the best of those who send down and the best of those who fulfill their promise. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful.

=== END BH08823 ===

=== START BH08824 ===

XCVI

Magnified, O Lord my God, be Thy Name, whereby the trees of the garden of Thy Revelation have been clad with verdure, and been made to yield the fruits of holiness during this Springtime when the sweet savors of Thy favors and blessings have been wafted over all things, and caused them to bring forth whatsoever had been preordained for them in the Kingdom of Thine irrevocable decree and the Heaven of Thine immutable purpose. I beseech Thee by this very Name not to suffer me to be far from the court of Thy holiness, nor debarred from the exalted sanctuary of Thy unity and oneness.

Ignite, then, O my God, within my breast the fire of Thy love, that its flame may burn up all else except my remembrance of Thee, that every trace of corrupt desire may be entirely mortified within me, and that naught may remain except the glorification of Thy transcendent and all-glorious Being. This is my highest aspiration, mine ardent desire, O Thou Who rulest all things, and in Whose hand is the kingdom of the entire creation. Thou, verily, doest what Thou choosest. No God is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Forgiving.

=== END BH08824 ===

=== START BH08825 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth to preserve the lamp of Thy Cause within the glass of Thy power and bounty, lest the winds of denial blow upon it from the direction of those who have been heedless of the mysteries of Thy chosen Name. Then increase its light through the oil of Thy wisdom. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over those who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby all who are in earth and heaven were seized with terror, save those who held fast to the Sure Handle, that Thou leave me not among Thy creatures, but raise me up unto Thee and cause me to enter beneath the shadow of Thy mercy and give me to drink of the pure wine of Thy bounty, that I may dwell in the pavilion of Thy glory and the canopies of Thy favors. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08825 ===

=== START BH08826 ===

In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Most High!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst distinguish between Thy lovers and Thine enemies, and through which was manifested Thy sovereignty and Thy power, to send down from the heaven of Thy Will that which will purify the hearts of the doubters among Thy servants and the heedless among Thy creatures, that all may know Thee in the garment of Thy unity and bear witness to Thy oneness. O my God! None hath any refuge save Thee, nor any path except unto Thee. At this moment all journeys have ended in a single journey, which is their turning from all else unto Thee. Therefore, make known to the people of Thy realm this clear and straight path, that they may walk therein and attain unto Thy knowledge and Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08826 ===

=== START BH08827 ===

XXXV

I give praise to Thee, O Lord my God! I entreat Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst cause the dawn to appear, and the winds to blow, and the seas to surge, and the trees to bring forth their fruits, and the earth to be beautified with its rivers, that Thou wilt aid all them that are dear to Thee with both Thy visible and invisible hosts. Render them, moreover, victorious over all those who have so rebelled in Thy land, and dishonored Thy name, and disbelieved in Thy signs, and broken Thy Covenant, and cast behind their backs Thy laws, and have to such an extent risen up against Thee, that they carried into captivity Thy kindred, and flung the Manifestation of Thy Self into prison, and immured Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thine Essence in the most desolate of cities.

Thou, O my Lord, art He whose strength is immense, Whose decree is terrible. Lay hold on Thine adversaries by the power of Thy sovereignty, and assemble Thy loved ones beneath the shadow of the tree of Thy oneness, that they may stand before Thy throne, and catch the accents of Thy voice, and gaze on Thy beauty, and discover the power of Thy might.

Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH08827 ===

=== START BH08828 ===

LXXXIV

Magnified art Thou, O Lord my God! I ask Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast set up above all other names, through which the veil of heaven hath been split asunder and the Day-Star of Thy beauty hath risen above the horizon, shining with the brightness of Thy Name, the Exalted, the Most High, to succor me with Thy wondrous help and to preserve me in the shelter of Thy care and protection.

I am one of Thy handmaidens, O my Lord! Unto Thee have I turned, and in Thee have I placed my trust. Grant that I may be so confirmed in my love for Thee, and in fulfilling that which is well-pleasing unto Thee, that neither the defection of the infidels among Thy people, nor the clamor of the hypocrites among Thy creatures, may avail to keep me back from Thee.

Purge Thou mine ear, O my Lord, that I may hearken unto the verses sent down unto Thee, and illuminate my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and loose my tongue that it may make mention of Thee and sing Thy praise. By Thy might, O my God! My soul is wedded to none beside Thee, and my heart seeketh none except Thine own Self.

No God is there beside Thee, the All-Glorious, the Great Giver, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

=== END BH08828 ===

=== START BH08829 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which Thou didst give glad tidings to Thy servants and made it the Sustainer of all names and the Guardian over all things, to assist me to love Thee and praise Thee, and to make me detached from those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, who have turned away from Thee and Thy proof, and who have objected to Thee and to the Manifestation of Thy Self Who came from the heaven of inner meanings with Thy revelation and Thy inspiration. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy Will and Purpose. O my God! Drive not this poor one from the door of Thy riches, and remove not this handmaiden from the paradise of Thy nearness and Thy presence. I have, O my God, acknowledged Thy oneness, therefore accept me through Thy mercy, for verily Thou art the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH08829 ===

=== START BH08830 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name, and Thy Manifest Beauty, and by the Manifestation of Thy Supreme Self, Who is visible from this Most Glorious Horizon, to protect me and my loved ones through Thy Most Great Protection and Thy mercy which hath preceded earth and heaven. Then cause us to be of those who have tasted the sweetness of Thy remembrance and who have detached themselves from all else besides Thee. Then make us, O my God, a mercy unto Thy loved ones and a wrath unto Thine enemies. O my God, we are Thy servants and Thy creation and are in the grasp of Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by Him Whom Thou hast manifested as a revelation of Thy sovereignty, to aid us in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art He through Whose power all who possess power have derived their power. There is no God but Thee, the Exalted, the Supreme, the Help in Peril. Praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08830 ===

=== START BH08831 ===

In the name of God, the Bestower, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Generous

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty, and the ocean of Thy giving, and the Sun which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy favors, to ordain for this servant, who hath clung to the hem of Thy generosity, that which shall profit him in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The signs of Thy generosity have encompassed all created things, and Thy mercy hath preceded all beings. I beseech Thee to write down for me that which shall reform my outward and inward affairs, and cause me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee and to be detached from all else save Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. None can frustrate what Thou hast willed, and none can prevent what Thou hast decreed. Thou rulest by Thy sovereignty as Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08831 ===

=== START BH08832 ===

In the name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Inaccessible

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, which was made to suffer at the hands of the idolaters among Thy creatures and was encompassed by sorrows from every direction in such wise as cannot be described in words, to enable me to remember Thee and praise Thee in these days wherein all have turned away from Thy beauty and opposed Thee and shown pride before the Manifestation of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I see no helper other than Thee, and no supporter besides Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and remembrance, and this is what lies within my power. Verily Thou knowest what is within my soul, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the splendors of the light of Thy countenance, whereby the horizons have been illumined. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH08832 ===

=== START BH08833 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Manifest

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all names were transformed from their kingdom and all attributes were brought down from their dominion, and through which the faces of the deniers were darkened while the lights of bliss shone forth from the faces of the sincere ones - to purify me, through the Kawthar of Thy grace and the Salsabil of Thy bounties, from whatsoever is abhorrent to Thy good-pleasure, that I may enter the kingdom of Thy generosity and the dominion of Thy favors, and hearken unto the wondrous melodies of Thy voice, and behold with mine eyes the splendors of the light of Thy countenance. Thou art He, O my Beloved, from Whose door none of Thy servants hath ever been turned away disappointed, nor hath anyone ever returned dejected from the court of Thy grace and bounty. Here am I, standing before the door in repentance and contrition. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving.

=== END BH08833 ===

=== START BH08834 ===

Glorified art Thou, O Lord, my God! Thou seest me in the hands of Mine enemies, and My son bloodstained before Thy face, O Thou in Whose hands is the kingdom of all names. I have, O my Lord, offered up that which Thou hast given Me, that Thy servants may be quickened and all that dwell on earth be united.

=== END BH08834 ===

=== START BH08835 ===

He is the One Who stands, Who is manifest, Who speaks before all faces

Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest a young child, the son of one who bears my name - upon him be my glory - clinging to Thy All-Bountiful Name and to Thy Most Great Name. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Master of nations, by the Most Great Name, to protect him with the hosts of the unseen and the seen, and ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Then rain down upon him from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last. O my God, bestow Thy blessings upon him and upon those with him in the household, and upon those who have aided Thy Cause and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08835 ===

=== START BH08836 ===

XVI

Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! Thou seest my tears and lamentations, and hearest my sighing, my cry and bitter wailing. I am the one, O my Lord, that hath held fast the cord of Thy mercy which hath surpassed the entire creation. I am the one that hath clung to the hem of Thy loving-kindness, O Thou in Whose hand is the empire of all names!

Have mercy upon me and upon them that are in my company, through the wonders of Thy grace and power. Shield us, then, O my God, from the mischief of Thine enemies, and assist us to help Thy Faith, and to protect Thy Cause, and to celebrate Thy glory. Thou art, verily, He Who from everlasting hath inhabited the inaccessible heights of His unity, and will continue to remain the same for ever and ever. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge, nor is there anything that can frustrate Thee. No God is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the Ever-Faithful, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

Lauded and glorified art Thou, in Whose hand is the empire of all things!

=== END BH08836 ===

=== START BH08837 ===

O my God! Glory be unto Thee! Aid, then, O my God, him who hath loved Thee and hath sought Thy face. He hath indeed arrived, O my God, upon the shore of Thy Cause and Thy good-pleasure, and hath held fast unto the cord of Thy bounties. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided them that are nigh unto Thee to the dawning-places of the lights of Thy countenance, and hast caused them that love Thee to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and reunion, and hast given to drink unto them that long for Thee from the chalices of Thy love and knowledge - to ordain for him through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and the best among Thy creatures. Then grant him, through Thy grace and bounty, the good of this world and of the next. Then open through him, O my God, the doors that are shut, then quicken through him the dead hearts, then exalt him through Thy Name in Thy dominion. Verily, Thou art the Powerful through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH08837 ===

=== START BH08838 ===

XI

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! Darkness hath fallen upon every land, and the forces of mischief have encompassed all the nations. Through them, however, I perceive the splendors of Thy wisdom, and discern the brightness of the light of Thy providence.

They that are shut out as by a veil from Thee have imagined that they have the power to put out Thy light, and to quench Thy fire, and to still the winds of Thy grace. Nay, and to this Thy might beareth me witness! Had not every tribulation been made the bearer of Thy wisdom, and every ordeal the vehicle of Thy providence, no one would have dared oppose us, though the powers of earth and heaven were to be leagued against us. Were I to unravel the wondrous mysteries of Thy wisdom which are laid bare before me, the reins of Thine enemies would be cleft asunder.

Glorified be Thou, then, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to assemble them that love Thee around the Law that streameth from the good-pleasure of Thy will, and to send down upon them what will assure their hearts.

Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou art, verily, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08838 ===

=== START BH08839 ===

In the Name of Him Who is remembered but not known! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath been illumined by the lamp of Thy oneness and hath turned toward the seat of the throne of Thy grandeur, and hath found the breezes of Thy name, the All-Glorious, from the right hand of certitude from this direction wherein Thy sovereignty hath been established over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and Thy countenance hath shone forth unto Thy creatures who were not prevented by the veils of glory from turning unto Thy majesty nor by the veils of error from beholding Thy beauty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and Cleaver of the dawn, deny him not the wonders of Thy knowledge nor deprive

him from the sanctuary of Thy holiness and the Kaaba of Thy unity. Then inspire him with that which will cause him to soar at all times in the atmosphere of Thy might, O Fashioner of the worlds and Creator of all possibility! There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08839 ===

=== START BH08840 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty! Glory be to Thee, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs. Do Thou assist him through the wonders of Thy victory, then make him steadfast in Thy love, then cause him to drink that which will purify him from all else save Thee, that he may become one who speaketh in Thy remembrance, who gazeth upon Thy countenance, and who turneth toward Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Exalted. O my God! Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy mercy that which Thou hast ordained in the tablet of Thy decree. This is Thy servant whose brother hath emigrated with him, and who now serveth Thee in the evening and at dawn. Verily, Thou art the One Who beholdeth those who have attained unto Thy love, both in the beginning and in the end. And verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH08840 ===

=== START BH08841 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast related unto Thyself and made him one of the twigs of the Tree of Thy singleness and one of the leaves of the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness. O Lord! Since Thou hast honored him with this supreme gift and this greatest bounty, enable him to do that which Thou lovest and pleasest, and assist him with Thy confirmations, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of earth and heaven. Kindle within his heart the fire of Thy love in such wise that through its flame the world may be set ablaze, that he may forget all else save Thee, and find intimate communion with Thy remembrance and love. For this befitteth him in the presence of the radiance of the lights of Thy countenance, and is worthy of his relationship to Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds. Moreover, assign him an excellent seat with Thee, and aid him in his affairs, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

=== END BH08841 ===

=== START BH08842 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a day among the days of Ridvan wherein Thou didst manifest Thyself to all who are on earth through Thy name, the All-Merciful, and didst reveal Thy power and dominion to all who dwell in the realms of creation. O Lord! Thou seest this day one of Thy loved ones who hath invited the Manifestation of Thy Being from one place to another within the prison, and a gathering hath

been held in Thy name and adorned by Thy presence, such that the sun of Thy beauty hath shone forth from its horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto, and blessed the day that hath been honored by Thy manifestation, and blessed the land that hath been illumined by the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Ordain for him and for Thy servants who have been deprived of meeting Thee the reward of those who have attained Thy presence and arranged an assembly for Thy name and remembrance. Then write down for them what Thou hast written for those near unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH08842 ===

=== START BH08843 ===

In the Name of God, the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when Thou didst call it to the heaven, countless suns rose from its horizon, and when Thou didst cast it upon the seas, they surged in remembrance of Thy Most Exalted Name, and when Thou didst cast it upon all the trees, they brought forth the fruits of Thy knowledge and the produce of Thy bounty, and bore witness unto them once through Thy most wondrous and most sweet tongue - whereupon the Hour was established - that Thou mayest make me content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained through the Most Glorious Pen upon the Tablet of Decree. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. All Thy servants are poor, nay utterly lost, possessing neither existence, nor mention, nor life, nor death, nor resurrection for themselves. And praise be unto Thee, first and last.

=== END BH08843 ===

=== START BH08844 ===

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy greatness and might and power. O my God, my Lord, and my Support! Thou seest a handmaiden from among the leaves of the Tree of Thy Revelation, who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs and in what Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Will and by the Fire through which the hearts of Thy chosen ones have been set ablaze, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy favor. O my Lord! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the cloud of Thy mercy that it may rain upon her the showers of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Generous One, unto Whom the tongues of Thy servants and handmaidens have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH08844 ===

=== START BH08845 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison, and by what Thou didst suffer at the hands of the deniers who rejected Thee and Thy signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur and power, and by Thy clear proofs which have encompassed Thy dominion, and by the lights of Thy countenance which have illumined the horizons of the hearts of Thy loved ones, to assist him who hath turned toward the heaven of Thy grace, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest him assured of Thy oneness and singleness, and acknowledging that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to illumine his deeds with the light of acceptance and to make him one of those who have attained to Thy service in Thy days, and ordain for him the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men, the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08845 ===

=== START BH08846 ===

CXLIII

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beg of Thee by Thy name, the Most Merciful, to protect Thy servants and Thy handmaidens when the tempests of trials pass over them, and Thy manifold tests assail them. Enable them, then, O my God, so to seek refuge within the stronghold of Thy love and of Thy Revelation, that neither Thine adversaries nor the wicked doers among Thy servants, who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and turned away most disdainfully from the Day-Spring of Thine Essence and the Revealer of Thy glory, may prevail against them.

They themselves, O my Lord, have waited at the door of Thy grace. Do Thou open it to their faces with the keys of Thy bountiful favors. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and to ordain what Thou pleasest. These are the ones, O my Lord, who have set their faces towards Thee, and turned unto Thy habitation. Do with them, therefore, as becometh Thy mercy, which hath surpassed the worlds.

=== END BH08846 ===

=== START BH08847 ===

The All-High, the Most Great! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how the people have risen against me because I have conveyed to them that which Thou didst command me through Thy sovereignty. And whenever I remind them of that which would profit them, they cast it behind their backs and object to him through whom Thou hast spread abroad the scrolls of Thy decree and manifested the tablets of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Merciful to the oppressed, to assist them to recognize that from which they are veiled. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones and him whose name was mentioned before the Throne, that he may arise to celebrate Thy praise amongst Thy creatures and glorify Thee amidst Thy servants. O Lord! Suffer him not to be debarred from the river of Thy mercy. Give him to drink, at all times, from the living waters of immortality through the hands of Thy grace, that the sweet-scented breezes of Thy loving-kindness and the fragrances of Thy bestowals may take hold of him in all his days. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH08847 ===

=== START BH08848 ===

CXXXI

Praise be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest how He Who is Thy Light hath been shut up in the fortress-town of ’Akka, and been sore oppressed by reason of what the hands of the wicked doers have wrought, whose corrupt desires have kept them back from turning towards Thee, O Thou Who art the King of all names!

I swear by Thy glory! Tribulations, however woeful, can never hinder me from remembering Thee or from celebrating Thy praise. Every vexation borne for love of Thee is a token of Thy mercy unto Thy creatures, and every ordeal suffered in Thy path is but a gift from Thee bestowed on Thy chosen ones. I testify that my countenance, which shineth above the Day-Spring of eternity, hath been irradiated by adversity, and my body hath been adorned by it before all who are in heaven and all who are on earth.

I pray Thee, by Thy Most Great Name, to aid all them that have believed on Thee and on Thy signs to be steadfast in Thy love and to set themselves towards the Dawning-Place of the Day-Star of Thy loving-kindness. Inspire them, then, O my God, with what will unloose their tongue to praise Thee, and will draw them nigh unto Thee in the life that now is and the life that is to come.

Thou truly art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Beneficent.

=== END BH08848 ===

=== START BH08849 ===

CXXIX

Praised be Thou, O my God! Thou seest how Thy righteous servants have fallen into the hands of the wicked doers, who have disbelieved in Thy name, the Unconstrained, and denied Thy majesty, and Thine unrestrained authority, and Thy strength, and Thy sovereign might. Their mouths utter what the mouths of the Jews uttered aforetime.

Put forth, therefore, out of the bosom of Thy glory, O my Lord, the hand of Thine omnipotence, and through it assist Thou Thy loved ones who, though sore-tried in Thy path with such trials as have caused the inmates of the kingdom of Thy Cause to groan, were not deterred from turning towards the horizon of Thy Revelation.

Set, then, the seal of Thine unerring protection on their hearts, O my Lord, lest perchance the remembrance of aught else except Thee enter therein. Make them able, moreover, to proclaim Thy name amidst Thy creatures, and supply them with the best of what Thou hast destined for such of Thy chosen ones as enjoy near access to Thee.

Potent art Thou to do Thy pleasure. Thou truly art the All-Glorious, to whom all cry for help.

=== END BH08849 ===

=== START BH08850 ===

XIV

All praise be to Thee, O my God! Thou beholdest my helplessness and poverty, and bearest witness unto my woes and trials. How long wilt Thou abandon me among Thy servants? Suffer me to ascend into Thy presence. The power of Thy might beareth me witness! Such are the tribulations with which I am encompassed that I am powerless to recount them before Thy face. Thou, alone, verily, hast through Thy knowledge reckoned them.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art my Companion in my lowliness, to rain down upon Thy loved ones from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cause them to be satisfied with Thy pleasure, and will enable them to turn unto Thee and to be detached from all else except Thee. Ordain, then, for them every good conceived by Thee and predestined in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. From everlasting Thou hast been clothed with transcendent greatness and power, with unspeakable majesty and glory. There is no God beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Forgiving.

Glorified be Thy name, Thou in Whose hand are the kingdoms of earth and heaven.

=== END BH08850 ===

=== START BH08851 ===

O Mother, Mother of the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Emigrant! Glory be to Thee, O my God! The lamp hath been surrounded by the winds of hatred and animosity - where is the glass of Thy protection, O Protector of the worlds? And Thou seest the Dove in the talons of the workers of iniquity - where are the manifestations of Thy power, O Thou Who art powerful over the worlds? Thou seest the Wronged One amidst the hosts of tyranny and hypocrisy - where are the evidences of Thy might, O Thou Subduer of the worlds? I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all things, to assist Thy loved ones and deliver them from the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the wicked ones among Thy people. Then protect this lamp from the breath of those who are moved by their evil desires to arise to extinguish Thy light and mislead Thy creation. O Lord! Seize them through Thy power, then suffice against their evil through Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art He Whose power encompasseth all and Whose sovereignty is manifest, and Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH08851 ===

=== START BH08852 ===

XCIII

Glory to Thee, O my God! One of Thy handmaidens, who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, hath entered beneath the shadow of the tree of Thy oneness. Give her to quaff, O my God, by Thy Name, the

Manifest and the Hidden, of Thy choice sealed Wine that it may take her away from her own self, and make her to be entirely devoted to Thy remembrance, and wholly detached from any one beside Thee.

Now that Thou hast revealed unto her the knowledge of Thee, O my Lord, deny her not, by Thy bounty, Thy grace; and now that Thou hast called her unto Thyself, drive her not away from Thee, through Thy favor. Supply her, then, with that which excelleth all that can be found on Thine earth. Thou art, verily, the Most Bountiful, Whose grace is immense.

Wert Thou to bestow on one of Thy creatures what would equal the kingdoms of earth and heaven, it would still not diminish by even as much as an atom the immensity of Thy dominion. Far greater art Thou than the Great One men are wont to call Thee, for such a title is but one of Thy names all of which were created by a mere indication of Thy will.

There is no God but Thee, the God of power, the God of glory, the God of knowledge and wisdom.

=== END BH08852 ===

=== START BH08853 ===

CXIII

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Thou hast, in Thine all highest Paradise, assigned unto Thy servants such stations that if any one of them were to be unveiled to men's eyes all who are in heaven and all who are on earth would be dumbfounded. By Thy might! Were kings to witness so great a glory they would, assuredly, rid themselves of their dominions and cleave to such of their subjects as have entered beneath the shadow of Thine immeasurable mercy and sought the shelter of Thine all-glorious name.

I implore Thee, O thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds and the Desire of all that have recognized Thee, by Thy name, through which Thou stirrest up whom Thou willest and drawest toward Thee whom Thou pleasest, to open the eyes of all that are dear to Thee, that haply they may not be veiled from Thee as the peoples of the earth are, but may outwardly perceive the signs and tokens of Thy power, and inwardly apprehend the things Thou didst ordain for them in the realms of Thy glory.

Potent art Thou to do Thy pleasure. Thou art the one alone Beloved in both this world and in the next. No God is there but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

=== END BH08853 ===

=== START BH08854 ===

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all names, and the Speaker in the kingdom of creation! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, and the Daysprings of Thy Command, and the Manifestations of Thy Self, to aid Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! Withhold them not from the Salsabil of Thy utterance nor from the Kawthar of Thy praise. Draw them nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy mercy, then send down upon them through Thy bounty that

which will strengthen them to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned toward Thee - make him then to arise to serve Thy Cause, to speak Thy praise, and to open the hearts of Thy servants through Thy Name. Then forgive him through Thy grace and generosity. Verily Thou art the Forgiver of sins and the Merciful unto both kings and servants. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH08854 ===

=== START BH08855 ===

XLII

Lauded be Thy name, O my God and the God of all things, my Glory and the Glory of all things, my Desire and the Desire of all things, my Strength and the Strength of all things, my King and the King of all things, my Possessor and the Possessor of all things, my Aim and the Aim of all things, my Mover and the Mover of all things! Suffer me not, I implore Thee, to be kept back from the ocean of Thy tender mercies, nor to be far removed from the shores of nearness to Thee.

Aught else except Thee, O my Lord, profiteth me not, and near access to any one save Thyself availeth me nothing. I entreat Thee by the plenteousness of Thy riches, whereby Thou didst dispense with all else except Thyself, to number me with such as have set their faces towards Thee, and arisen to serve Thee.

Forgive, then, O my Lord, Thy servants and Thy handmaidens. Thou, truly, art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH08855 ===

=== START BH08856 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord and my Support and my Beloved and my Heart's Desire and the Object of the desire of them that are nigh unto Thee! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy irrevocable Command, and Thy straight Path, and Thy perspicuous Book, and by the lights of Thy countenance and the breezes of Thy Revelation and the mysteries of Thy knowledge, that Thou ordain for Thy servant every good and every bounty and every mercy which Thou hast sent down in the tablets of Thy glory for them that are nigh unto Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Wise. O Lord! Open before my face the doors of Thy grace and bounty. I testify that in Thy grasp is the key to every mighty door. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, and Thou art the All-Wise, and Thou art the All-Commanding, the All-Informed. May the glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's Kingdom be upon thee and upon every truthful, faithful one.

=== END BH08856 ===

=== START BH08857 ===

In His Name, the One Who rules over all things!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, Beloved of my heart, Ultimate Goal of my desire and End of my hope! Thou hearest the sighing of those who long for Thee and beholdest the agitation in the hearts of the sincere ones in their separation and remoteness from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of bodies and Subduer of all possibility, by Thy Most Great Name through which earthquakes have seized all the tribes, to give Thy loved ones and their children to drink from the wine of nearness to Thee and the choice wine of reunion with Thee. Then ordain for them that which will cause them to speak Thy praise, to arise in Thy service, and to turn in all conditions toward Thy luminous countenance shining between the heavens and the earths. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones who dwell in the land of exile yearning for the breezes of union with Thee and the fragrances of nearness to Thee. Then illumine the eyes of their kindred by beholding the horizon of Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08857 ===

=== START BH08858 ===

The All-Glorious, The Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Aid Thy servants to turn towards the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and inspiration, and Thy handmaidens to the horizon of Thy Cause and the dayspring of Thy guidance. O my God! Thou knowest that my call hath not been raised except for the triumph of Thy Cause and the salvation of Thy creatures. Draw them through it, O my Beloved, to the heaven of Thy bounty and the atmosphere of Thy mercy and the direction of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! They are asleep and know nothing. I beseech Thee by the Bearer of Thy Cause to make them among those who have detached themselves from all else but Thee and hastened to the fountain of Thy recognition. Then adorn, O my God, their tongues with Thy remembrance and praise, their hearts with Thy love and steadfastness in Thy Cause, and their breasts with the lights of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the One Who ruleth as He pleaseth and Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08858 ===

=== START BH08859 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all beings and God of all things that exist! I testify with my outward and inward tongue to Thy manifestation and Thy revelation, to the sending down of Thy verses and the demonstration of Thy clear signs, and to Thy independence from all else and Thy sanctification above all others. I beseech Thee by the might of Thy Cause and the power of Thy Word to aid him who desires to carry out that which Thou hast commanded him in Thy Book and to perform that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

He is the Helper

The letter of the beloved of the heart, AB, upon him be the glory and loving-kindness of God, containing six English pounds, has been received by this servant through his honor the beloved of the heart who bears the two Most Exalted Names, MH, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the year 1308.

=== END BH08859 ===

=== START BH08860 ===

He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all being and Ruler of the seen and the unseen! I implore Thee by the tongue from which the springs of wisdom have gushed forth in the world of creation, and by the heart which Thou hast made the repository of Thy knowledge and Thy mysteries, and the treasury of Thy wisdom and Thy verses, to send down, at all times, upon him who hath ascended unto Thee the rain of Thy mercy and the showers of Thy providence. Thou art the One to Whose bounty every tongue hath testified, and to Whose grace every eloquent speaker hath born witness. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Furthermore, We entreat Thee, O God of the world, to destine for those who are related to him that which shall draw them nigh unto Thee under all conditions. Thou, verily, art the All-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. No God is there save Thee, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH08860 ===

=== START BH08861 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Sender of the winds and Cleaver of the dawn! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Compelling, that Thou open before our faces the doors of Thy mercy and make us to be of those who have acknowledged Thy singleness and confessed Thy oneness and stood firm in such wise that neither the signs of the polytheists among Thy creatures nor the veils of the heedless among Thy people could deter them. They have arisen with Thy steadfastness to promote Thy Cause and have summoned the servants to the horizon of Thy bounties and the dawning-place of Thy favors. O Lord! We have turned toward Thee and have drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee that Thou withhold not from us that which is with Thee and ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants who have laid down their lives in Thy path, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08861 ===

=== START BH08862 ===

He is the Mighty, the All-Praised

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the heaven hath been adorned with the stars of wisdom and utterance, and the earth was established when the Throne was set upon it through Thy Name, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee to write down for me that which will exalt me among Thy creation and render me mighty among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The knowledge of all things escapeth not Thy knowledge. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which every rock and clod and leaf hath spoken forth Thy praise and glorification, to protect me from the evil of those who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Lord! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and hath held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Write down, then, for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH08862 ===

=== START BH08863 ===

He is God, blessed and exalted is He

All praise be unto the Almighty, the Sanctified-glorified be His power-Who hath ordained that the tyranny of the unjust and the violence of the oppressors should become the means whereby the true lovers draw nigh unto the glorious habitation of the Best-Beloved and the sincere among His servants attain the Paradise of communion with Him Who is the Desire of all men, and that sufferings and tribulations should serve as the instrument whereby His Word of command is spread abroad and the standards of His praise are unfurled in all regions.

How great is His transcendent power, how immensely exalted His all-embracing Will, inasmuch as He produceth light from fire and joy from sorrow.

They that are sunk in heedlessness fondly imagine that massacre and crucifixion cause the fire of the Word of God to be extinguished, and regard martyrdom as a devastating injury. They are utterly oblivious of the truth that through such afflictions the Cause of God is exalted, its fame is blazoned far and wide, and the martyrs themselves are enabled to attain the boundless retreats of nearness unto God. Immeasurably exalted is the Lord of Wisdom Who doeth that which He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.

=== END BH08863 ===

=== START BH08864 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! The Lamp of God calleth out between you saying: “Unto Me, unto Me, O My people and My servants! By My life, I have manifested Myself unto you and I am the Mighty, the Bountiful. Follow My command and follow not those who worship their desires and have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We have manifested Ourselves for your life, but most of the people are heedless. The tongue of My grandeur calleth unto them and commandeth them with that which profiteth them in My dominion and My kingdom, yet they are in evident doubt. O Pen! Leave their mention, then make mention of him who hath turned unto the countenance of thy Lord and believed in

God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, the glory be upon thee for having heard My sweetest call and turned unto it through My Most Glorious Name, whereby all created things were shaken save whom God, the Single One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, did will."

=== END BH08864 ===

=== START BH08865 ===

He is the Living One

The Eternal Sun has shone forth from the Everlasting Dayspring through divine favor, and has perfumed the arena of existence in all the worlds of light with the fragrant breezes of the essences of spirit and the delicate musk-like fragrances of camphor, that every possessor of smell might be delighted thereby while every one with a cold remains deprived. Thus has the matter been ordained from before God, the Mighty, the Powerful. And were all who dwell on earth to gather together to extinguish this exalted and all-encompassing Light, they would be powerless and unable to do so. Therefore must lofty hearts be cleansed and sanctified from all veils, that they might enter the vast and spacious sanctuary of the holy Paradise, that perchance they may receive a portion and be enlightened by the wondrous melodies of the Eternal Dove. This is the counsel of this servant. Whoso wishes, let him act upon it, and whoso wishes, let him turn away therefrom. And greetings be upon you all.

=== END BH08865 ===

=== START BH08866 ===

The Most Pure, the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious! The Sun of Glory was visible from behind the veil of abasement on the horizon of tribulation. We entered the prison and delivered the messages of thy Lord to the East and to the West, despite those who remained veiled behind the veil. Can the clouds of doubt conceal the Sun? No, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower! Can the signs of those who have disbelieved in the Revealer of verses hide it? No, by My Beauty, which hath appeared from the horizon of grandeur with manifest truth! Say: O people, abandon the mention of your own selves and hold fast unto this Remembrance which hath been raised in the heaven of the Cause. Whoso halteth in this Cause hath not believed in any of the Messengers - thus hath the matter been inscribed in the Tablet. Leave those who disbelieve to their vain imaginings, then stand firm in this Cause whereby the sun of revelation hath shone forth from a horizon illumined with the lights of the countenance.

=== END BH08866 ===

=== START BH08867 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great. The Self-Subsisting hath testified concerning this Wronged One that there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath opened the gate of heaven, and this is that Gate which hath been opened through the Most Great Name unto all who are in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and stood before its court, and woe betide every denier and doubter. All things have borne witness unto the Lord of Names, yet the people understand not. The Most Great Vision hath appeared, yet the people have turned away from it. We have

turned unto thee from this most sublime station. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. How many a servant hath believed, and how many a servant hath turned away - and he who hath turned away is assuredly among the denizens of the graves. Hold fast in all conditions to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Compassionate.

=== END BH08867 ===

=== START BH08868 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is verily the Dayspring of His Cause, in both the past and the future, and He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. May God willing, mayest thou be enabled to inhale the fragrances of the Days of God and be adorned with the ornament of the most great steadfastness. Steadfastness hath ever been regarded as one of the most exalted matters in the sight of God, for it hath been observed that certain souls, after claiming to have faith and ascending to the heaven of recognition, were debarred from the Eternal God by the croaking of a crow, and turned away from the Truth. After recognition of the Truth, seek thou steadfastness, for there hath been and is no station more exalted than this. And God speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way.

=== END BH08868 ===

=== START BH08869 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the most excellent names and the most exalted similitudes. He hath revealed Himself unto all created things through His Name, the One that overshadoweth all who are in earth and heaven. Thereupon, he who was drawn by the sweet savors of divine revelation turned towards Him, while every heedless doubter turned away. How many were the servants who lamented in separation, yet when the Covenant came and the hour of reunion drew nigh, they debarred themselves from attaining His presence and wandered in the wilderness of error. Do they behold the ocean and deny it, or are they blind? Say: For everything there is a sign in the Book. Among them are those who saw and denied, and those who were raised up blind on the Day of Resurrection. He, verily, is possessed of true vision who hath attained unto the lights of the countenance in his final return. Thus have We sent down the command and dispatched it unto thee with spirit and sweet fragrance.

=== END BH08869 ===

=== START BH08870 ===

O Muhammad Isma'il! He is the One Who has power over all who are in the heavens and on earth. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God from time immemorial, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the idolaters in the perspicuous Book. Most

strange it is that some, on the Day of Return, pass by the life-giving Kawthar and set their faces toward the mirage. They have lost indeed who denied the signs of God and clung to the cords of fancy and vain imaginings. Say: O people of the earth! The Sun of certitude hath risen, and the Ocean of knowledge surgeth, and the heaven of grace is uplifted. Cast away what ye possess, then turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon - the Station wherein the Lord of Names proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH08870 ===

=== START BH08871 ===

O Fadl’u’llah! He is the One dawning from this luminous horizon. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who is established upon the throne is verily the Dawning Place of verses and the Rising Point of clear proofs. Through Him was confirmed what was recorded in the books of old and what God, the Lord of the worlds, had promised in His scriptures was made manifest. O concourse of creation! Hearken unto that which the Truth doth speak and follow not every remote barker. The gate of grace hath been opened and the sovereign of justice speaketh the truth and summoneth the people unto God, the One, the All-Informed. We have indeed set up the balance and made manifest the path, but the people have turned away, having followed every ignorant doubter. Thus hath the morn of utterance breathed when the tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth from this exalted station.

=== END BH08871 ===

=== START BH08872 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Manifestation of His knowledge, the Dawning-Place of His utterance and the Dayspring of His proof. Whoso denieth Him hath denied the Messengers of God in the past, disputed His signs, and disbelieved in His proof. And whoso turneth unto Him is accounted among the successful ones in the Perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who, being far, hath drawn nigh, and the poor one who hath turned toward the ocean of wealth in the days of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take hold of the hem of grace and say: O my God and the God of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the realm of divinity soared and the world of humanity was adorned, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy bounty that which will protect me from the evil of Thine enemies. O Lord! Thou art the Powerful and I am the weak. I testify that Thou art the Prevailing, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praised One.

=== END BH08872 ===

=== START BH08873 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding after the passing away of all things. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is verily the One promised in My hidden Book and in what the people possess of My Scrolls and Psalms and My blessed, holy Books which We have sent down unto the

Prophets and Messengers. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all Books, for He is the Supreme Scroll for all who are in creation, and My Most Great Book amongst the nations, and My Preserved Tablet in My all-compelling knowledge of what was and what shall be. And verily He is the Ocean of Utterance for all who dwell in the realm of possibility - whoso hath drunk therefrom hath indeed attained unto the Living Waters, and whoso hath turned away is of them who are debarred from this Spirit which at every moment bestoweth the signs of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08873 ===

=== START BH08874 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh this day is indeed the Hidden Treasure through Whose remembrance the Books of God have been adorned throughout all ages and centuries. He was concealed within God's knowledge and treasured up from time immemorial, and when the appointed hour arrived He appeared through the power of Truth, and toward Him have turned the sincere ones from every direction. Say: The Trump is His Call, the Straight Path His Cause, the Book His utterance, and the Balance that which hath appeared through His all-pervading grace. How many a servant hath turned and attained the Supreme Horizon, and how many a servant hath lost by following every remote learned one. Thus hath crowed the Cock and cooed the Dove of the Cause upon a lofty branch.

=== END BH08874 ===

=== START BH08875 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who speaketh is the Most Great Sign among all created things and the Manifestation of God unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso hath attained unto His days hath attained unto the knowledge of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of His Cause, Who proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the True One and hast been blessed with His eternal bounty which, in its primary degree, is His love. I swear by the Sun of Revelation which shineth from the horizon of Sinai that even if thou shouldst offer thanks throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, thou couldst not adequately express thy gratitude for this supreme grace. Know thou the value of this bounty and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of God. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Desired One and attained unto this mighty outpouring.

=== END BH08875 ===

=== START BH08876 ===

O son of Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Speaker. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the

Mighty, the Praised One. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me from the Luminous Spot and the White Land - the place which was recorded by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy sovereignty to make me firm, steadfast and upright in Thy love. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the intimations of those who have turned away from this Great Announcement. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!”

=== END BH08876 ===

=== START BH08877 ===

He is the One Who dominates the Names, by His Most Glorious Name!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is the Hidden Treasure and the Guarded Secret. He hath come with the truth from the heaven of revelation for the life of the world. Blessed are the peoples who have cast away their vain imaginings and taken what they were bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This is a day wherein the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken and the Nightingale of Eternity warbleth before the face of the Lord of Names: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged in the Most Great Prison and hath drunk from this Ocean, each drop of which proclaimeth what the Bush proclaimed unto Moses: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH08877 ===

=== START BH08878 ===

Jinab-i-Hasan-Aqa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He is the One Who uttereth in every condition “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing!”

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and We have remembered thee in this Tablet, each letter of which is as a river of living waters flowing for them that thirst after truth and traverse the wilderness of inner meanings. May the fire of the remembrance of the Wronged One, God willing, add to the warmth of thy love and ignite thee in such wise that it shall never be extinguished or grow cold. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee to arise to that which beseemeth this most exalted, most holy Day. Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaiden and upon every servant and handmaiden who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08878 ===

=== START BH08879 ===

Muhammad, uncle of him who hath emigrated unto God, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth to die, then causeth to die and giveth life. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Verily, he who hath been born again through the breezes of the revelation of the Lord of all beings, he is among the people of guidance in a preserved tablet. He who hath recognized the bounty of this Day, by God, will arise with his eyes fixed upon the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, and will stand firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the allusions of the deluded ones shall deter him. They who have laid claim to knowledge have lost, except they repent and return unto the Forgiving, the Generous. When thou hast attained unto this manifest Book, read it, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08879 ===

=== START BH08880 ===

O Muhammad, brother of Muhajir! The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life. Verily He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Within His grasp is the dominion of creation and command. He, verily, is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily he who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance is among those who have attained the presence of God upon His throne - to this do honored servants bear witness. How many a servant awaited the days of God and His appearance, yet when He appeared, denied God, the Mighty, the Loving. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Arise amidst the peoples of the world and make mention of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Beware lest the oppression of them that oppress prevent you. Soon will God cause them and what they possess to perish. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Know ye the value of these days, then make mention of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind, with such remembrance as will cause hearts to soar.

=== END BH08880 ===

=== START BH08882 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Beloved beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. And He beareth witness unto him who hath attained unto steadfastness that he is of the people of God in this wondrous Revelation. How many a servant did We counsel to be steadfast, yet when he heard a word from him who disbelieved, he turned away and drew back on his heels as though he had never known the Countenance nor heard the counsel of God, the Lord of all worlds. The very stones and clods of earth and My Most Great Scene bear witness that he is of the people of the Fire in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O heedless one! In what cause didst thou believe, and by what token didst thou turn away from Him by Whom all faces were directed towards the Mighty, the Wise? We beheld thy coming forward and heard thy call, wherefore did We answer thee and make mention of thee through My grace, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH08882 ===

=== START BH08883 ===

In His Name, Sakinih, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that verily I am the Wronged One. There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My call and responded to that which My Pen hath uttered and acted according to what hath been sent down in My wondrous Book. I bear witness unto him who hath turned towards My countenance that he hath turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath heard and attained. Verily she is among the denizens of Paradise in the presence of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to serve Thy Cause and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the mysteries of Thy Book, O Lord of all names, to make this handmaiden of Thine steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over all things. The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in the All-Knowing, the One.

=== END BH08883 ===

=== START BH08884 ===

O Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Sadiq!

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Every created thing hath testified to the revelation of God and His sovereignty, yet the people understand not. The tongue hath borne witness to its Lord, the All-Merciful, and the heart to the Sovereign of all possibility, yet the people perceive not. They deny God, then hasten to their mosques. They slay the children of the Messenger, then declare “We believe in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” The Most Great Name hath appeared, Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The Wolf hath denied God in that he pronounced judgment against the Wronged One without proof or manifest Book. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold thou fast to the hem of steadfastness and faithfulness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being.

=== END BH08884 ===

=== START BH08885 ===

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient! All things bear witness to the revelation of God and His sovereignty, yet the people deny and know not. The dwellers of the kingdom of earth and heaven have been seized with rapture, yet mankind turns away and perceives not. All created things have spoken forth for the Most Great Remembrance, yet the nations object and understand not. Verily, those who have not recognized this Revelation have indeed denied God’s proof and evidence in every age and dispensation - to this testifies He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a preserved tablet. Most people are worshippers of idle fancies, and thy Lord beareth witness to what I say. It behooveth thee to rejoice

within thyself for having been mentioned in the prison by the Pen of the Wronged One, Who hath given glad tidings to the servants from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have achieved the most great steadfastness on the promised Day.

=== END BH08885 ===

=== START BH08886 ===

O Nabil-i-Qabl Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is, verily, He! There is no God but Him! The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee from the Most Great Prison, and mentioneth thee, that perchance the attraction of divine verses may so seize thee that neither the happenings of the world nor the clamor of the nations may hold thee back from the Ancient King. Should you praise the Truth with all the tongues of the peoples of the world, it would not equal a single letter of this most mighty, most holy Tablet. Blessed art thou and thy father! Ye have attained to that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. The splendor shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who are with you, and upon those who have been intoxicated with the wine of My recognition and have been steadfast in this mighty Cause.

=== END BH08886 ===

=== START BH08887 ===

In the Name of God, the Lord of Names!

Well is it with thee for having cast away the Ocean of Names, turning instead to the Most Great Sea, each wave of which appeareth in the form of “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.” Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having delivered thee through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. Take thou the chalices of salvation in the name of Him Who causeth the dawn to break, then drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Luminous. Say: All praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the path of righteousness and for having caused me to turn toward Thee and to turn away from those who have denied Thy Self and rejected Thy proof. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love and vocal in Thy remembrance, and ordain for me that which lieth concealed in the heaven of Thy bounty and is recorded in the tablets of Thy Command. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08887 ===

=== START BH08888 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! Blessed art thou in whatever world thou art and shalt be! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the love and knowledge of the Best-Beloved of the worlds - which is the ultimate purpose of creation - and hast quaffed the pure wine in the days of His manifestation. Physical death shall not prevent those who have turned to Him, whether men or women, from attaining eternal life, for after their ascension to their own kingdom, the spirits of such souls shall find themselves adorned with the most beauteous raiment and in the most exalted station. Whosoever hath held fast unto the truth hath been and shall be with the Truth in all the worlds. The people, however, are veiled: most are

deprived of this station and are powerless and incapable of comprehending it. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this station and hath been illumined by the lights of the Ancient Countenance.

=== END BH08888 ===

=== START BH08889 ===

O handmaiden of God, O spiritual one, upon thee be the Most Holy, Most Glorious Beauty of God! Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, for thou hast spoken My mention, found solace in My praise, turned toward the Dawning-Place of My Cause and the Dayspring of My Beauty, recognized My Manifestation, heard My call, and sought the stronghold of My protection and the pavilion of My cherished and impregnable love. Verily thy Lord heareth thy call and seeth thy condition. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned toward thee the gaze of His loving-kindness. This, verily, is a great bounty. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in God under all conditions. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Near One. Thou art in the precincts of My mercy. God hath preferred thee above most of His creation. He, verily, hath power over all things. Blessed is she who, wearing a veil, hath believed. Woe unto him who, wearing a turban, hath turned away and opposed God, the Mighty, the Peerless One.

=== END BH08889 ===

=== START BH08890 ===

O Leaf who hast attained and won! He is God, exalted be His glory! Greatness and power! Blessed art thou, O Leaf, in that thou hast sought out the Divine Lote-Tree and won to its presence and dwelt in its vicinity and beneath its shade and heard its rustling. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and ordain for thee the good of both this world and the next. Verily He is the Protector of all names, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath subdued all created things, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all contingent beings, to assist Thy leaves and handmaidens to remember and praise Thee. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy Books and Scriptures and Tablets. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH08890 ===

=== START BH08891 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy!

Blessed is he who hath drunk from the Salsabil of immortality proffered by the hand of his Lord, the Most High, and stood firm in his love for his Lord in such wise that neither tribulations could hinder him from turning towards the All-Glorious Horizon nor destiny's decree could veil him from beholding the Lord of Names. The world hath passed and shall pass away. Woe unto him who hath turned away from this Ocean through which the life of all worlds was sustained. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it and

drunk therefrom and whom the might of the oppressors hath not deterred. Thou, verily, grieve not over anything. Purify thyself from whatsoever hindereth thee from remembering Me. Will anything on earth profit anyone when death overtaketh him? Nay, by the Lord of all worlds! Blessed is he unto whom death is the ultimate annihilation and the beginning of his immortality through God, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08891 ===

=== START BH08892 ===

O Darvish Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty! The world is illumined and radiant through the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation, yet its people remain heedless and veiled, save for a number of the Letters of the Face of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Thy mention hath been mentioned, and from the Most Exalted Pen this Most Glorious Tablet hath been revealed. God willing, thou shalt inhale its fragrance and receive a full portion from the utterance of the All-Merciful. Most of the people of the world did not attain to answering God, exalted be His glory. All heard the call, but with contaminated ears; for had they hearkened with attentive ears, they would surely have been enabled to turn and draw near. Give praise unto the Goal of all the worlds, Who aided thee to recognize a Cause from which the world remaineth veiled and heedless. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH08892 ===

=== START BH08893 ===

The world has changed. The mountain moves along its path. The Sun speaks. The vibration of the Manifestation has set Mount Sinai in motion. Glory be to God! It seems as if the Resurrection has come and the Hour is manifest. The one who leads astray has become the guide. Say: What have you to do with these errors? God have mercy on one who knows his station and rank at the time when Names were bestowed upon the world. You did not exist then. Fear the Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Speak according to your measure. And if We will, We take from the dust and manifest from it names after names until the names and their kingdoms end. Indeed when you are thunderstruck by this compelling Word, it matters not, for according to the blessed word revealed from the Dawning-Place of the Primal Point - upon Him be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings - even those who stood at Sinai are thunderstruck, let alone those below them, as is clear and evident.

=== END BH08893 ===

=== START BH08894 ===

O Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, known as Karbila'i Haji - He is the Most Holy, the Most Great - The world hath been enveloped by the smoke of tyranny, and the fire of malicious souls hath been kindled. God willing, the hand of power shall extinguish it and return it to nothingness. Verily, He hath power over all things. O friends! The time hath come for all to turn with pure, humble hearts, sanctified breasts and lowly eyes unto God, exalted be His glory. He is the Helper and the Succourer.

Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thy letter was received and attained unto hearing, and the answer hath been revealed. It behooveth thee to thank God for this mighty favor and to say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!” The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon the friends of God and His chosen ones, whom neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the oppression of the deniers of the Day of Judgment did frighten.

=== END BH08894 ===

=== START BH08895 ===

He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful

In His Name, Who loveth beneficence and commandeth it!

It is hereby submitted that in these days the honored Haji Ali of Qarabagh, who was firm in his faith and a believer in God, hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and his wife and children have, to all outward appearances, been left in that land without sustenance. Should any soul be able and willing to render assistance, this would be acceptable and beloved in the sight of God, and would be rewarded. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid those who believe to perform this beneficent deed to which the Purpose of the world hath testified, and to ordain for it the good of every world among His worlds, and to rain down upon it from the clouds of generosity that which shall render it independent of all peoples. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08895 ===

=== START BH08896 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan Basmi, the wise teacher! Your petition was received, at the beginning of which were written these words: “I am perplexed about my worldly and spiritual affairs.” The Supreme Pen declares: The matter of the spiritual life has been and ever shall be to turn to God, glorified be His majesty, to know Him and to remain steadfast in His Cause. Whosoever attains to that which was mentioned shall be recorded among the people of certitude in the Manifest Book. Perplexity, doubt and the like have no place in this station. As for worldly affairs, from the heaven of divine will the command to engage in craft and profession has been revealed. Hold fast to what has been revealed, placing thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. In this way both the outer and inner, the first and the last, all shall prosper. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the All-Knowing Teacher.

=== END BH08896 ===

=== START BH08897 ===

He is the Speaker, the All-Informed!

Thy petition was received and the response of what the All-Bestowing uttereth in the final goal hath been revealed. Thou didst attain to the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. We beseech Him to deposit His mention as a trust within pure and sanctified hearts and to preserve it through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Supreme Pen is occupied day and night with the

mention of His loved ones. Blessed is the face that hath turned, and the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath spoken, and the heart that hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and be of the thankful ones. All the loved ones in that land are remembered and adorned with His grace. We beseech God to preserve them through His sovereignty and give them to drink from the cup of His bounty and to bestow upon them what He hath ordained for His trusted ones. Verily He is the Beneficent, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH08897 ===

=== START BH08898 ===

In the Name of the One Forgiving God! The pens of earth are powerless to describe divine forgiveness, and the tongues of the peoples of the world have been and will forever be unable to recount His all-encompassing grace. The glances of His favors have been directed toward His loved ones. Be assured of the grace of your Ancient Lord. The names of all were mentioned in the Most Great Scene, and for each one the Sun of Favors has dawned from the horizon of divine providence. All must be thankful for this supreme grace and infinite bounty. The breezes of forgiveness have wafted upon you from the paradise of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. However, all must observe the divine ordinances. By My life! They will benefit you and will bring you to a station that cannot be described in words. Glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Helper.

=== END BH08898 ===

=== START BH08899 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Friend! The clouds of idle fancies have darkened the horizon of guidance, yet these clouds are naught but the vain imaginings of heedless souls. God shall soon disperse them through the truth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O friends! May you be, God willing, enkindled with the fire of the utterance of the All-Merciful with such enkindlement that neither the oppression of the divines, nor the clamor of the ignorant, nor the braying of the wicked, nor the croaking of the evil ones shall extinguish it. Praise be to the Ancient Beauty that thou hast attained unto His recognition and art adorned with His remembrance. This is from God’s greatest bounty. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! We have enjoined wisdom upon all. They must, God willing, become adorned with divine qualities and summon the heedless servants to the court of oneness through the all-compelling wisdom of the Lord. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08899 ===

=== START BH08900 ===

He is the Mighty One! Hearken unto what is revealed unto thee from this Tree upon this blessed spot from this Divine Fire, that verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The Light hath appeared in the niche of the name of Ali in truth, and this is Ali made manifest. Say: By God! The Beauty

of the Divine Identity was among you and ye were among those who denied Him, until He departed from your midst. Then, alas for you, O heedless ones! Soon shall ye witness the opposition of the deniers to this praised Light, despite His coming with God's authority and His proof, and God's evidence and His might, and God's power and His grandeur, and with knowledge of what was and what shall be. Say: By God! This is the state of His loved ones, did ye but know. And verily thou, hold fast to this concealed and luminous handle.

=== END BH08900 ===

=== START BH08901 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Know thou, O wayfarer unto God, that all things bear witness that thou hast attained unto the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds to come and of those gone before, and hast entered the spot whereof every atom proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High." Hearken thou unto My call, and grieve not because of them that have disbelieved in God on this Day wherein He hath established Himself upon the throne and calleth from the depths of earth: "Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having destined for me the best of all worlds, inasmuch as Thou hast caused me to appear in a place before which bow down in adoration all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thine own Self, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy service, and to ordain for me that which is best for me. Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

=== END BH08901 ===

=== START BH08902 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! The Euphrates of mercy is flowing, the gate of grace is opened, and the pavilion of bounty is raised up. Yet most people are deprived and forbidden from it. How many servants are seen to be bereft of all divine outpourings in the Days of God, and how many handmaidens have turned to the highest horizon and drunk from the waters of everlasting life. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, in that thou hast heard My call, turned to My horizon, and responded to that which My tongue hath uttered from My station. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath ordained for thee that which none knoweth save His all-encompassing, all-pervading knowledge. From this station We send Our blessings upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned to God and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08902 ===

=== START BH08903 ===

O my God! Thou beholdest my dwelling-place in the prison of the enemies, and my seat in the jail of the wicked, whereby I have become far removed from the nearness of Thy loved ones and forbidden from meeting Thy chosen ones. Through this the life of those whose hands are cut off from the hem of Thy robe hath become troubled, and whose bodies are kept distant from drawing nigh unto the lights of Thy beauty. Therefore, O my God! Glory be unto Thee! Since Thou hast prevented them from entering the

sanctuary of Thy nearness and presence, cut not off from their hearts the sweet-scented breezes of Thy oneness and the winds of Thy holy bounty. Verily, Thou hast power over all things. He was vigilant in preserving and protecting at all times, and was with his master in utmost truthfulness and sincerity, for therein lies divine good-pleasure. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

=== END BH08903 ===

=== START BH08904 ===

The most honoured, esteemed and respected mother. He is God!

Praised be Thou O Lord, My God! This is My mother who hath

acknowledged Thy oneness, confessed Thy unity, attained the honour of

meeting Thy Manifestations in Thy days, reached the station of recognition

and entered the tabernacle of Heaven, for she loved Thyself and

Thy Servant and held fast to the cord of Thy love through the sanctified

Temples of Thy Sovereignty.

I beseech Thee, therefore, O My God, to grant her the honour of

beholding Thy Beauty, and vouchsafe unto her the gift of Thy Presence.

Give her to drink then from the ocean of Thy mercy and the chalice of

Thy forgiveness. Make her to dwell, O My God, in the precincts of Thy

mercy in the Heaven of eternity. Grant her to hear Thy holy melodies that

she may cast the veil from her head in her eagerness to meet Thee and

speed through the domains of Thy nearness and union. Thou art verily

powerful over all that Thou desirest, and Thou art verily the Mighty, the

Most Luminous.

The Servant of God Husayn-'Ali.

=== END BH08904 ===

=== START BH08905 ===

O Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Speaker. The Day of God hath come, which Moses the Interlocutor foretold, and after Him the Spirit (Christ), and after Him Muhammad the Apostle of God through His words "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." O Abdul-Husayn! Upon thee be My peace and My glory. Should anyone ask thee about the Glory (Baha),

say: He is under the claws of hatred. Blessed art thou, for God hath made thee the bearer of tidings of the two Luminaries imprisoned without any proof from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory and the Light shining from the horizon of Revelation be upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast and firm one, and upon every resolute and trustworthy one. Gladden those bearing the name of Jud through the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to preserve them and aid them through His sovereignty. Verily He is the Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH08905 ===

=== START BH08906 ===

He is the Great, the Mighty!

The fire of separation from thee hath consumed me. Where is the light of reunion with Thee, O Beloved of the world and its Desire! The torment of remoteness from Thee hath destroyed me. Where is the sweetness of nearness to Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven, and Lord of land and sea! O my Lord, my servitude hath enabled me to arise to serve Thee, and my love hath caused me to speak forth Thy praise, though I know and am assured that whatsoever hath been uttered by the Supreme Pen befitteth not the heaven of Thy glory, nor is worthy of Thy court - nay, not even of the threshold of Thy door. How much less, then, my mention, which is according to my measure and my poverty! O my Lord, I turn unto Thee and beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me of those who have attained unto that which Thou hast sent down in Thy mighty Book. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH08906 ===

=== START BH08907 ===

In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

North and South both vibrate to the call announcing Our Revelation. We can hear the voice of Mecca acclaiming: “All praise be to Thee, O Lord my God, the All-Glorious, for having wafted over me the breath redolent with the fragrance of Thy presence!” And from another direction the cry is raised from the Furthermost Mosque, saying: “All praise be to Thee for having quickened me with the breeze of Thy nearness after I was slain by separation from Thee, O Beloved of earth and heaven!” All things have today borne witness to this Revelation which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Unseen, save those who have clung to their desires, turning away from God, the Revealer of verses. O servant! Illumine thy heart with My remembrance and thy tongue with My praise. Beware lest the veils hinder thee - rend them asunder through My Name. Then remind the servants of this Light through which all lights have been illumined.

=== END BH08907 ===

=== START BH08908 ===

O Ghulam-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The fire of tyranny hath been kindled in the world and by it have been consumed the hearts of those who have believed in

God, the Single, the All-Informed. Every oppressor hath arisen to extinguish the light of God on earth. How many an ignorant one claimeth knowledge without proof or clear Book, and how many a transgressor claimeth faith in God! Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless and remote one! If thou hast believed in God, why hast thou turned away from Him Who hath come unto thee with that wherewith came the Prophets and Messengers? By God! He hath come with God's proofs and His evidence, but most of the people are heedless. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation and turned unto the countenance of Him toward Whom have turned the Concourse on High and they who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide.

=== END BH08908 ===

=== START BH08909 ===

O 'Ali the Most Great! The Book of Dawn hath shone forth from the horizon of the Command and hath illumined all regions. This is the Day whereon all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Choosing." Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy by this white Hand which hath appeared from the Sleeve of grandeur and power. Is there any doubt in His sovereignty? Nay, by the Dawning-Place of the Unseen! Is there any end to His command? Nay, by the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling! Every stone hath quivered at the breeze of God, yet hearts remain in strange torpor, save those who have attained to that which hath flowed from this Ocean that hath encompassed all creation. They whom the wine of true knowledge hath intoxicated - these are they whom neither veils can hinder nor the might of those who have disbelieved in God, Who causeth the night and the day to succeed each other. Make thou My love thy lamp, My remembrance thy companion, and My good-pleasure thine aim, O Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

=== END BH08909 ===

=== START BH08910 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance! We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs. To this testify all things and My Most Exalted Pen in this luminous station. Say: By God! The Trumpet soundeth in My Name, and the Bugle proclaimeth My remembrance, and the Bell ringeth out: "The Sovereign hath come with manifest sovereignty!" O peoples of the earth, recognize the value of these days, then behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Informed. We make mention of you and acquaint you as a grace from Our presence, and I am the All-Seeing. Hold fast to the robe of thy Lord and say: O God of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in the Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, save those whom Thou didst rescue through Thy grace that overshadoweth the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08910 ===

=== START BH08911 ===

In His Name, the Speaking One, the Manifest One

We have, verily, sent down the verses, and I am, in truth, the Ancient Sender. We have, verily, revealed the clear proofs, and I am, in truth, the All-Knowing Revealer. I have borne in the path of God what no one in all the worlds hath borne. Were I to recount what I have witnessed for the sake of God, every fair-minded and discerning one would weep. We have placed Our trust in all matters in God, the Single One, the All-Informed, and We remember Him at all times, and the hosts of all who are on earth do not frighten Us. To this beareth witness what hath appeared from Me before and after, and beyond these My perspicuous Book. By the life of God! Had the deniers known what God intended for them, they would have cast aside the hatred they harbor and turned to Us with great joy. Thus have We remembered thee, that thou mayest give thanks and be of those who praise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08911 ===

=== START BH08912 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir - upon him be the Glory of God - He is the One Who standeth through His Name, the Self-Subsisting! We have sent down the Book and made manifest the clear tokens, yet the people are in manifest error. They hasten unto darkness as though it were light unto them. Know ye that they are among the perishing ones. They cast the Truth behind their backs, hastening unto falsehood. Thus have their souls beguiled them in this wondrous Day. The breezes of revelation have seized all who are in the world, yet the idolaters remain behind a mighty veil. Say: O people! By God, the River of Life hath flowed through all contingent being. Come ye and draw nigh, and be not among the heedless. Turn with radiant faces unto the Supreme Horizon. By God, from it hath shone forth the Sun of God's Beauty, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses, and made thee to know, and shown thee My Book, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH08912 ===

=== START BH08913 ===

O Mulla Aqa! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

We have sent down the Book and revealed that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all religions. We have mentioned in the Tablets those servants who held fast to their Covenant and clung to the hem of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings. The stars have set through that which the hands of those who disbelieved in the Origin and the Return have wrought. By God! They have risen from other horizons through the grace of the Lord of all men. O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call from the kingdom of My utterance and hold fast to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Take heed lest the oppression of the oppressors sadden you. Soon shall they lament over their own souls while ye shall abide in the most exalted station with joy and radiance. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and aid his Lord through the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Tablets. Praise be to God, the Lord of lords!

=== END BH08913 ===

=== START BH08914 ===

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great! We have sent down unto thee that which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of those who have turned to the most exalted Station. Verily, He, from within the Most Great Prison, summoneth the peoples unto God, the Revealer of verses. Among the people are they who have heard and responded, and they who have heard and turned away from God, the Lord of lords. This is a Day wherein the Most Great Ocean hath surged, and the atoms have cried out: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful! O people! Take hold of the Book of God with His power and follow not every doubting pretender. The Cry hath been raised, the angels have descended, and the mountains have passed away. Blessed the eye that hath seen, blessed the ear that hath heard, and blessed the heart that hath turned unto the Dayspring of lights! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants had turned away from Thee.

=== END BH08914 ===

=== START BH08915 ===

O Mulla 'Abdu'llah, who has been named "The Exalted One" - He is the All-Knowing Speaker. The servant present before the Throne has recited what you composed in verse regarding this Order through which the world has been organized after it was in great dispersion and upheaval. Blessed art thou for having heard, recognized and arisen to mention thy Lord and serve His Cause, the One ruling over all worlds. I beseech Him to make thee successful in all conditions and to make thee a shooting star against every accursed satan. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy power and might, Thy sovereignty and dominion, to assist me to serve Thy Cause, that there may appear from me that which will establish my remembrance in Thy kingdom and Thy dominion, through the perpetuity of Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted attributes. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH08915 ===

=== START BH08916 ===

O Nabil before Rida! The Most High, the Most Glorious! Every soul has been given its book. Verily, the wicked read one book, while the righteous read this Perspicuous Book. We sent down the Bayan and made manifest the Hour in the temple of man. Thereupon all who are in the heavens and earth were terror-stricken, save those who were caught up by the breathings of grace from God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We made the first Hour a figure of this Most Great Hour. When it was blown into, all fell down in a swoon except whom thy Lord willed, and He decreed what He decreed. Then We blew into the Most Great Trump through this Great Name. Among the people are those whom We see struck down, and among them are those whom We see standing, bewildered, and among them are those who cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He is verily of the fish of this ocean and the people of this noble scene.

=== END BH08916 ===

=== START BH08917 ===

O Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad Ja'far! He is the Most Great! God hath caused sedition and calamities to arise among those who have disbelieved, that there might be manifested that which He revealed in the Surih of Ra'is. Read ye it, that ye may be assured that with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. We informed the servants of that which was to come, but when there came to pass and was made manifest that which the Self-Subsisting had foretold after the Qa'im, they denied God, the Lord of all worlds, except such as God desired. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Know ye, O My loved ones, that God hath adorned the Tree of Man with branches and twigs and leaves. Know ye this and be not of the heedless. These are indeed the virtues which We have detailed in My mighty Book. O My loved ones! Hold fast unto that which I have commanded you from My presence, and I am the All-Informed.

=== END BH08917 ===

=== START BH08918 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

I began by God's command and returned unto Him, and verily He doth at this moment call thee and make mention of thee in this manifest prison. Whosoever today hath turned unto the Most Glorious Horizon hath attained unto the knowledge of God and is accounted among those endowed with certitude in the perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted, this glorious station. Hold fast unto the commandments of God, then act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily it shall profit thee in this world and in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH08918 ===

=== START BH08919 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the Horizon of Power! The Tongue of the Ancient One hath given glad tidings unto all who dwell in the world of the appearance of the Most Great Name, and beareth witness before all nations that verily He is My very Self, and the Dayspring of Mine Essence, and the Dawning-Place of My Cause, and the heaven of My bounty, and the ocean of My Will, and the lamp of My guidance, and the path of My justice, and the balance of My laws. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto My Face and been illumined by the lights of My Beauty and acknowledged My unity and confessed My singleness. And whoso denieth Him hath been deprived of the Salsabil of My love and the Kawthar of My grace and the choice wine of My mercy - that wine by which the sincere ones were attracted and the unitarians soared unto the atmosphere of My loving-kindness, which none hath known save him whom We have taught through that which was revealed in My Hidden Tablet.

=== END BH08919 ===

=== START BH08920 ===

In the Name of God, the One, the Incomparable!

The clouds have gathered over the face of the heaven, and though they may come between the sun and its radiance upon all things, yet they pour forth that which causes the earth to bring forth its burden; soon shall it lay down its load and bring forth its treasures and whatever secrets are stored therein. Though tribulations may intervene between Us and Our loved ones, yet there shall be revealed that which lies hidden therein of its mysteries and the wisdom of its Originator, its Sender, and its Ordainer. Grieve not over what hath befallen Us, but put your trust in God under all conditions. Then stand firm in the Cause, for this is better for you if you look to the end. Praise be to God, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Supreme, the King, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the Most Exalted. And the Spirit be upon him who stands firm in the love of God.

=== END BH08920 ===

=== START BH08921 ===

In the Name of the One Friend

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

The Tree hath called aloud saying: “There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Wise!” And the Rock crieth out saying: “There is none other God but He, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great!” And the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh forth from within the all-glorious pavilion saying: “There is none other God but He, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!” Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call, and the heart that hath been illumined by this Lamp whereby the heavens and earth were made to shine, and the face that hath been lit by the lights of its Lord’s countenance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in the days of thy Lord, then remember thou this favor that hath encompassed the worlds. Thou art in thy home while thy Lord remembereth thee in this mighty Prison. Reflect thou upon the gifts of thy Master, then prostrate thyself and bow down with this remembrance through which the sweet fragrances of thy Lord’s favors, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, have been wafted.

=== END BH08921 ===

=== START BH08922 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Your letter has come before Us in this Station where the Mother Book was witnessed from its horizon. We took it with the hand of loving-kindness and read it, then answered you with this Tablet which was inscribed by the Pen of Command.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Draw me, by the wondrous melodies of Thy voice, in such wise that I may detach myself from all else but Thee and stand firm in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy days. O Lord! Make me one who speaks Thy praise and remains steadfast in Thy love. Then send down upon my heart that which will cause to flow from it the Salsabil of Thy remembrance and knowledge, that I may understand what Thou hast revealed in Thy Tablets. O Lord! Deprive me not of the sweetness of Thy remembrance, nor of the knowledge of what Thou hast sent down of the wondrous verses of Thy

Tablets. Verily Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH08922 ===

=== START BH08923 ===

He is the One singing upon the branches!

Thy letter hath arrived and We heard what thou didst call unto God, as did My loved ones who are there, and We answered you through My mercy which hath preceded all worlds. We found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity to God, Lord of the mighty throne. Give glad tidings to My loved ones on My behalf, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from My kingdom, the inaccessible, the mighty. Say: Give thanks to God for having caused you to know My Most Glorious Self, and shown you My most exalted horizon, and made you to hear My sweetest melody. By the life of God! Not one of these can be equaled by whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths. Say: Be united in the Cause of God and hold fast to His mighty cord. Verily the glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon My maidservants who have followed the Command of God and walked His straight path.

=== END BH08923 ===

=== START BH08924 ===

In His Name, the Answerer

Your letter has arrived and that which was contained therein was presented before the Face by the servant who was present. We have heard it and answer you with this wondrous Tablet. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize Him at Whose appearance all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Mighty, the Powerful. When the gate of heaven was opened and the Lord of Names appeared, agitation seized all in the realms of creation save those whom the hand of grace had taken hold of. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Grieve not over anything. Remember Him Who was wronged among the servants and imprisoned in this remote fortress. Thus have We remembered thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are steadfast. Remind My loved ones with fragrance and joy, and give them the glad-tidings of the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08924 ===

=== START BH08925 ===

In My Name the Wondrous!

The sight hath been snatched away and the moon hath been eclipsed when there appeared the Most Great Countenance and the Possessor of Destiny established Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Among the people are those who have followed vain desire and cast behind them that which they were commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. And among them are those who were attracted by the fragrance of the Garment and turned with manifest joy toward the Supreme Horizon. The All-Merciful

hath testified for all who have turned and believed that they are among the people of Paradise in a noble Tablet. Verily, he who soareth in Mine atmosphere, he is of the people of My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. The Manifestations of My Cause and the Dawning-Places of My glory shall pray for him. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One Who ordaineth, Who knoweth. When thou, O thou who art mentioned, attainest unto a trace from God thy Lord, it behooveth thee to arise to serve the Wronged One, the Singular, the Mighty, the Stranger.

=== END BH08925 ===

=== START BH08926 ===

O Siyyid Nasru'llah! The Most Holy, the Most Exalted! Your name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which rejoiceth the hearts of them that are endowed with understanding. He is verily the Sword of God amongst His servants and His mercy unto the righteous. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle which We have manifested in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent Him with the truth with sovereignty and power. Is there any doubt concerning Him? Nay, by His own Self, the Truth! Is there any uncertainty about Him? Nay, by His own Self, the All-Bountiful! He hath appeared in such wise that none can deny Him save him who hath denied God and His proof throughout all eternity. Thus hath the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, from thy Lord, the Almighty, the Compeller. Render thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me whilst I was in the clutches of the wicked ones.

=== END BH08926 ===

=== START BH08927 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

God hath heard the cry of His loved ones from all regions, and the gaze of God hath been fixed upon them in all conditions. The deeds of His servants escape not His knowledge, and He suffereth not to be lost the reward of anyone who draweth breath in His love, how much less of one who endureth hardships in His path. O My loved ones! Be steadfast in the love of God and His Cause. Despite all the tribulations that have befallen Him, He remembereth you in this prison. He loveth faithfulness, abandoneth not those who love Him, wasteth not the reward of those who seek Him, and remaineth not distant from those who draw nigh unto Him. For such a Lord must ye offer your praise and remembrance and render Him assistance through your own selves. We beseech God to gather you all in His most exalted Paradise. Verily He doeth what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH08927 ===

=== START BH08928 ===

He is God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

The Wronged One, Who hath called all to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath heard thy call. Say: O peoples of the earth, fear ye God and follow not the desires of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Make your deeds for God, and your call in His Name, and your orientation toward His horizon, holding fast to the cord of patience. Verily He seizeth every oppressor who oppresseth His chosen servants, and He hath power over all things. We have read thy letter and answered thee from this mighty prison. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make for me a lamp from the light of Thy Cause that it may go before my face, lest the clamor of those who have denied Thy truth and disputed Thy signs and risen to extinguish Thy manifest, resplendent, evident, shining and luminous light cause me to become heedless.

=== END BH08928 ===

=== START BH08929 ===

O Azizu'llah! He is the One Who has sovereignty over what has been and what will be. We have heard your call and recognized your turning towards Us. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Today all must fix their gaze upon the divine commandments and be content and grateful with utmost joy and delight in whatever He has ordained. The ultimate purpose has been and is the recognition of God. Whosoever has attained unto this and acted according to His commandments has attained unto all good. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who has adorned thee with the ornament of His recognition and guided thee to the Kaaba of His Beauty. If thou wert to render thanks until the Day that has no end, it would not equal this supreme gift and mighty favor. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08929 ===

=== START BH08930 ===

O Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing

We have heard your call and We answer you with this perspicuous Book. By the life of God! One word thereof cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth - to this bear witness the Concourse on High and they who have hastened to the river of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Hold fast to the cord of unity in this Cause whereby the feet of the servants have slipped save those preserved by God's grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which none can reckon save His own Self, the All-Knowing, hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Among the people are those who have heard and turned towards it, and among them are those who have turned upon their heels - these are truly among the perishing ones. They cast guidance behind their backs and took up vain desire - thus doth testify the Most Exalted Pen in this wondrous Tablet.

=== END BH08930 ===

=== START BH08931 ===

He is the Most Exalted above all mention and praise! The Supreme Pen hath testified, as have they who circle round the Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, yet the people hear not. At every moment He calleth

and summoneth them to the horizon of the Cause, yet most of the people perceive not. The wine of heedlessness hath so seized them that they have not awakened at the call of God on this Day wherein the Standard of His Cause hath been raised aloft and every atom testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean surged amongst the peoples, yet most of them comprehend not. Say: Cast away the idols of vain imaginings. This is the Dawning-Place of the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Beware lest what hath been created on earth prevent you from attaining unto the station whose decree hath been inscribed in the Preserved Tablet.

=== END BH08931 ===

=== START BH08932 ===

In honor of Jinab-i-M. ’Ali-Asghar, upon him be the glory of God. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The atoms have testified to God’s sovereignty and power, yet most people are counted among the dead. The dwellers of the graves have arisen, as the Greater Resurrection hath appeared, while those who walk upon the surface of the earth We behold among the heedless. The ocean of utterance hath sent forth its waves amidst all created things, yet the people remain in manifest ignorance. The horizon of knowledge hath been illumined by the sun of wisdom and understanding. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, and woe unto those who have turned away. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Desired One, when every ignorant and remote one turned away from Him. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and cleave unto His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thus hath the Sun of Revelation shone forth that thou mayest be illumined by it and be of those who arise to serve this mighty Cause.

=== END BH08932 ===

=== START BH08933 ===

O Husayn! He is the One Who calleth from His most exalted horizon. The Cause hath appeared at the Greatest Scene through this Name whereby the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the branches: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have indeed set forth the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people remain heedless. When thou attainest unto the verses of thy Lord, glorify His praise and say: O my God and the God of all who are in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word wherein are concealed the oceans of meaning and utterance, to make me cling to the hem of Thy riches and stand firm in Thy Cause. O Lord! I am the poor one and Thou art the Generous; I am the needy one and Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH08933 ===

=== START BH08934 ===

The Most Ancient, the Most Great. The Dawn hath appeared upon the Temple of Man. Verily this is the Book of the All-Merciful which was mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Therein hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen that which none knoweth save His Own Self, the All-Knowing. This Book can only be known through itself, and this Man can only be known through his own self. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise you. They who desire to know Him through other than what hath been truthfully revealed are indeed behind a manifest veil. Thus hath He indicated His Own Self through His Own Self. Reflect, that ye may know what hath been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Whoso cleaveth to vain desire, verily he shall not attain unto guidance nor know what his Ancient Lord hath intended. Whoso desireth other than Me, verily he is of the people of vain desire, in a mighty tablet. Whoso turneth unto My Self, verily he is of the people of truth and guidance before God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08934 ===

=== START BH08935 ===

O Muhammad! He is the Mighty, the Great! The musk of inner meanings has been diffused, yet none can detect it save those who have held fast to truth, turning away from all that is vain and remote. By God! The tale of sacrifice has returned in the land of Taff, yet the people are in great rejoicing. God shall soon transform it into supreme sorrow. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. They slay Husayn and then weep for him. Shame upon the people whom vain desire has held back from the highest horizon, and whom Satan has so deluded that they have become heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds. Muhammad, the Apostle of God, bewails their deeds in the highest paradise - to this testifies He Who sent him with manifest sovereignty. We have mentioned to you a drop from the ocean of deeds of those who warred against God and His chosen ones, that you may be informed and be among those endowed with insight from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH08935 ===

=== START BH08936 ===

He is the One Who has sovereignty over what has been and what will be!

The gate of utterance has been opened and the verses of God, the Lord of lords, have been sent down. That which was hidden from sight has been revealed and the mysteries of the Cause have emerged from God, the Sender of verses. Blessed art thou for having turned, having heard, and having attained the presence of the signs of God, the Lord of Return. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of utterance through the hands of Thy bounty and for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call when most of Thy servants were prevented from hearkening unto it. I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word and the Most Great Sign to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, through Thy grace and generosity. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH08936 ===

=== START BH08937 ===

O Aqa Big! He is the Speaker of Truth!

The iron has softened and the rock has melted from the yearning of hearts, yet the oppressors remain in astonishing delusion. They claim justice while doing that which causes the dwellers of Paradise to lament in their most exalted station. They rejoice in the ornaments that have accumulated in their possession. Say: Soon will the fire come between you and these things, as testified by Him through Whom the tongue of dawn spoke and by Whom the horizons were illumined. They rejoice in the world and its prosperity, but soon they shall lament with a grief that pens are powerless to describe. Blessed art thou for having taken the cup of recognition from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Resurrection. O My loved ones! Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the idols were shaken. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have acknowledged God, the Lord of lords.

=== END BH08937 ===

=== START BH08938 ===

The Most Great, Most Holy! All remembrances have been effaced through the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and the dwellers of the Mount were struck with awe when the Tree of the All-Merciful spoke forth: “Verily, I am God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful.” When We manifested the Word from the horizon of Will, among the people were those who turned towards it and those who turned away and denied their Lord, the All-Merciful. When thou hast attained unto the garment of Revelation and found from it the fragrance of thy Lord, arise amidst the concourse of earth and say: The Promised One hath appeared with sovereignty, grandeur and power. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious. Cast them behind you and take what hath been given you from the presence of Him Who causeth the morning to break. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses - verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O people of Baha! Beware lest ye follow those who follow vain imaginings. Break the idols of those who speak according to their own desires. Blessed is he who is mighty and triumphant.

=== END BH08938 ===

=== START BH08939 ===

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Sanctity! We behold the mountains humbled and shattered through the fear of God, yet the people rejoice in what they possess and are of the heedless ones. The overwhelming calamity stalks behind them while they play with their idle fancies and remain among the negligent. Death approaches them at all times while they are unaware of it - verily they are among those who perish. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God - this is of His bounty toward thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Leave the people and what they possess, and take what thou art commanded in a mighty Book, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the commandments of thy Lord. By My life! It is indeed the water of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through it God quickeneth whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08939 ===

=== START BH08940 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! The verses have been sent down and the Hidden Treasure has appeared, yet the people do not understand. The fire of the Divine Utterance has been kindled at the heart of contingent being, yet mankind perceives it not. They imagine they see, but I swear by My life they are a blind people. They hear the call of God, yet turn away from it. Say: O people! Fear God and purchase not for yourselves the torment of the fire. Turn ye and ponder on that which We have truthfully revealed, that haply ye may recognize it. He who turns away from God has lost, while he who turns to Him has gained. Soon shall he find his treasure with his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. We have remembered thee for the sake of God, that thou mayest arise to serve Him and make mention of Him with such remembrance as will cause hearts to soar. Grieve not at anything, for verily He is with whosoever turns to Him, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH08940 ===

=== START BH08941 ===

In His Most Great, Most Glorious Name! The Balance hath been set up when the All-Merciful appeared with a Cause that caused all who are in the heavens and earth to swoon away, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. The Herald hath cried out between earth and heaven: The Gate hath been opened and the All-Bestower hath come with manifest sovereignty. Verily, he who was drawn by the attraction of the Call hath turned toward My most exalted horizon and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!” By God! The All-Informed hath proclaimed My Manifestation, and the All-Knowing crieth out before My luminous countenance. The people have been seized with such intoxication of vain desire that they have turned away from God, the Lord of all creation, except those who have held fast to My strong cord. Such are accounted among the most exalted of creation in My mighty Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Me, and taken, and drunk the choice wine in My glorious, mighty Name.

=== END BH08941 ===

=== START BH08942 ===

Muhammad-Quli! He is the Commander, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Lord of the nations hath spoken in the Most Great Prison: He is, verily, none other than God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. At all times He calleth those within the realm of creation unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Among the people are those who have hearkened to His most sweet call and turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and among them are those who have turned away and denied God, the Mighty, the Loving. The ocean of bounty hath surged and the door of reunion hath been opened, yet the people remain heedless thereof. They have cast away that which would endure and have taken that which perisheth. Verily, they do not understand. By God! Had they perceived the fragrance of My raiment, they would have hastened to the stronghold of My loving-kindness and turned toward My beloved countenance. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and for this Forbidden Tablet having been revealed for thee.

=== END BH08942 ===

=== START BH08943 ===

O Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Say: O God! Thou art the Sovereign of the heavens and earth, and within Thy grasp are all who dwell in the kingdom of Thy command and creation. Ordain for Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty and to that station wherein Thy most sweet call hath been raised and the trilling of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Have mercy, O Most Merciful One of the heavens and earth, and forgive, O All-Forgiving One, those who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner seeking after the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy pardon. Ordain for him through the Pen of Destiny that which befitteth Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence and Thy Most Exalted Station and Thy Most Glorious Habitation. Thou art He Who through Thy power hath testified to all created things, and through Thy might to all existing things. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08943 ===

=== START BH08944 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who accepted tribulations in Thy path and summoned all to Thine all-highest horizon while imprisoned amidst His enemies, such that no king or subject remained except He made known to them Thy way and proclaimed to them Thy sovereignty and power - to give me to drink, at all times, from that which floweth from the fountainhead of Thy Pen and the heaven of Thy utterance. I am he who, O my God, hath turned toward Thee and hath acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness. Ordain for me through Thy grace and bounties that which befitteth the sublimity of Thine exaltation and the transcendent glory of Thy cause. Verily Thou art the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have known Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08944 ===

=== START BH08945 ===

O my God! Thou seest me turning toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace and the horizon of Thy favors, and directing my face unto Thy face after the passing of all who dwell in Thy realm. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, to assist me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that through my mention the hearts of Thy servants and the souls of Thy creatures may be attracted. Then ordain for me in the kingdom of Thy Cause that whereby my remembrance may endure, my being may profit, and my heart may rejoice. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. The intimations of those who have disbelieved in Thy signs and turned away from Thy proof and denied Thy sovereignty cannot withhold Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Omnipotent, the All-Ruling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08945 ===

=== START BH08946 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation!

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having shown me Thy Beauty, honored me with Thy presence, caused me to hear Thy call, enabled me to soar in the atmosphere of nearness to Thee, and raised me to a station wherein I perceived the fragrant breezes of Thy most exalted Paradise and the sweet-scented perfumes of Thy supreme Heaven. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Educator of the world, to give me to drink of the choice wine of grace from the hands of Thy bounty and the living waters of loving-kindness from the fingers of Thy favor. O Lord! As Thou hast confirmed me in that which Thou lovest, preserve me, through Thy grace and beneficence and might and power, even as Thou wouldst have it. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and in all circumstances to turn towards Thy most exalted horizon. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08946 ===

=== START BH08947 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. Say: O my God, my Desire and my Object of worship! Thou seest Thy servant who hath sought shelter beneath the pavilions of Thy grandeur and awaiteth the wonders of Thy bounty and grace. I beseech Thee by the Stream which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy most glorious horizon, to transform the hatred of Thy servants into mercy from Thy presence and loving-kindness from Thy court. Then cause them to turn unto the Spot wherein the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. Verily Thou art He Whom neither the clamor of the people nor their vain imaginings can deter. Thy power hath encompassed all and Thy will hath prevailed. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great. Ordain for me, O my God, through the Pen of Thy decree, that which shall make me detached from all else save Thee and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

=== END BH08947 ===

=== START BH08948 ===

O Thou Who art ’Abdu’llah (may the Glory of God be upon him)!

He is God! In His Name, the One Who dominateth over what was and what shall be!

Say: O God, O King of Kings and Merciful unto the servants! I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy Revelation and the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy power, to ordain for me that which shall cause me to endure with the endurance of Thy Kingdom, and to stand in every world of Thy worlds before the throne of Thy grandeur, and to drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and who hath clung to the hem of Thy bounty. O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and aiding Thy Cause, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones whom Thou hast made the inheritors of

dominion through Thy sovereignty and power. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH08948 ===

=== START BH08949 ===

O thou herald! Upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God. In His Name, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth! Say: O God, O Master of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the sun of Thy power hath shone forth and the ocean of Thy Will and favors hath surged and the heaven of Thy grandeur and bounty hath been upraised, to give me to drink, at all times, the water of life from Thy white hand and Thy most glorious finger. O Lord! I am he who hath turned away from all else save Thee and hath advanced toward the horizon of Thy bounty. Ordain for me, through Thy grace, that which befitteth the sublimity of Thy sovereignty and the exaltation of Thy power. Then protect me from the schemes of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and who have plotted against Thy Cause and Thy proof. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08949 ===

=== START BH08950 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Remembrance and the Expression

Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast created all creation as a manifestation of Thy bounty and bestowal, as an expression of Thy generosity and mercy, as an affirmation of Thy unity and oneness, and as an acknowledgment of Thy grandeur and sovereignty. O Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine assured of Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in the realm of creation, and of what Thou hast sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Primal Word through which Thou didst create earth and heaven, and by the breathings of Thy Revelation whereby the hearts of Thy servants were attracted, and by the ocean of Thy bounty in the kingdom of Thy riches, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, a helper of Thy Faith, and one who speaks Thy praise. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH08950 ===

=== START BH08951 ===

O Ahmad Khan, son of him who has ascended unto God!

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering. Say: O my God, my God! Disappoint me not from that which is with Thee, and drive me not from Thy door which Thou hast opened before the faces of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Make me not deprived of the fragrances of Thy Revelation, nor forbidden from drawing nigh unto Thy chosen ones and Thy pure ones. O Lord! I heard Thy call and turned toward Thee. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Recipient of Thy Revelation, and the Source of Thy

Command, to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking forth Thy praise, and serving Thy chosen ones. O Lord! Thou art He Whose bounty hath encompassed all created things and Whose mercy hath preceded all contingent beings. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy might. Nothing can prevent Thee and no affair can veil Thee. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

=== END BH08951 ===

=== START BH08952 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thy horizon, to direct myself to the lights of Thy countenance, to gaze upon the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and to hold fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, O Lord of all beings and Creator of the throne on high and of the earth below. O Lord! Thou seest me turning towards Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! The poor one hath hastened to the gate of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to disappoint him in what he seeketh from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08952 ===

=== START BH08953 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Say: The Bayan is as the earth, and trustworthiness is as its water. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and pondereth that which hath been sent down by God, the Revealer of Laws. Say: Through it the beauty of His Cause is made manifest, and the might of God and His loved ones is proven amongst His servants. Whoso hath recognized the authority and sovereignty of God must needs act according to that which He hath revealed in the Book. Say: Fear ye God, O people, and make not the Cause of God a mockery amongst you. Take hold of the Book with the power bestowed by Us, and follow not every heedless doubter. We have adorned the heaven of laws with the stars of trustworthiness and truthfulness - know this, O people, and associate not with God, the Lord of all men. Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, and for remembering thee with that which causeth the mountains to soar.

=== END BH08953 ===

=== START BH08954 ===

He is God! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou hearest the cry of the yearning ones in their remoteness and separation, and the wailing of the lovers in their distance and longing. I beseech Thee by the hearts wherein are treasured the pearls of Thy hidden knowledge, and which Thou hast made the dawning-places of the mysteries of what was and what will be, to draw Thy seeking servants nigh unto

the seat of the glory of Thy oneness, then cause them to enter, O my God, the pavilion of Thy mercy and favors, and the canopy of Thy nearness and kindness. O my God, gaze upon me with the glances of Thy grace, then send down upon me that which will make me detached from all else but Thee and will cause me to speak Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Draw me, O my God, in such wise that there may be manifested from me that whereby the hearts of all the worlds will be attracted. Then grant me that which will make me independent of all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over all things, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH08954 ===

=== START BH08955 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise One Who sends down. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in earth and heaven, and my Goal and the Goal of those who dwell in the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven! Unto Thee be praise and glorification, and unto Thee be grace and bounty, for having adorned my deeds with the glory of Thy acceptance and sent down to me that whereby the signs of Thy loving-kindness have been spread throughout Thy dominion. I beseech Thee to make me sincere for Thy sake and to hold fast unto that which will exalt the station of Thy Most Great Word amongst humanity. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Him and by His sovereignty to adorn me with the ornament of steadfastness and to crown me with the crown of Thy remembrance and Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful through Thy might and the Dominant through Thy will. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH08955 ===

=== START BH08956 ===

O Ruhu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Manifestation from the highest horizon, and by Thy mighty signs, and the evidences of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and directing my face toward Thy countenance. I implore Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the sweetness of Thy utterance to ordain for me the reward of those who were steadfast in Thy Cause and who spoke Thy praise in such wise that the hosts of those who denied Thee and Thy signs could not hinder them. I am he who, O my God, doth acknowledge his weakness and impotence, and Thy power and might and glory and dominion. I beseech Thee to preserve me through Thy Name and strengthen me to arise to serve Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08956 ===

=== START BH08957 ===

In the name of the Most Holy, Most Great Beauty!

Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the heavens were raised up, the verses were sent down, and the signs appeared,

that Thou draw me nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge which hath been manifested through one of Thy names. O my Lord! The Wronged One hath turned toward the shore of Thy justice, the evanescent one hath faced the horizon of Thy perpetuity, and the ailing one hath hastened to the Kawthar of Thy healing. Wilt Thou disappoint him after he hath acknowledged the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity? And wilt Thou turn him away from the door of Thy grace after he hath turned to Thee, hoping for Thy ancient favor and Thy wondrous gifts? O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy mighty Cause and to preserve me in all conditions from the accursed Satan. Verily Thou art the Generous Giver. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH08957 ===

=== START BH08958 ===

In the name of Mr. Abdul-Samad, He is the Rememberer, the Speaker, the All-Knowing

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy Cause, gazing at the heaven of Thy grace, and awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by Him through Whose name the veils and clouds of glory were rent asunder, the verses were sent down, and the clear proofs were revealed, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Creator of heaven and the Possessor of all names. O Lord! I bear witness to that which Thy tongue did testify before the creation of Thy earth and heaven, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the conditions of all contingent beings. Thou wilt ever be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08958 ===

=== START BH08959 ===

He is the One Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and Master of my spirit and Beloved of my heart! I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy locks and the sweet perfumes of Thy robe to draw me nigh unto Thee and protect me from the evil of the oppressors among Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest Thy sincere servants who have entered the stronghold of Thy Cause and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. I implore Thee to shield them from the evil of Thy servants and the oppression of Thy creatures. Then ordain for this poor one, by the pen of Thy grace, that which will cause him to turn toward Thee and speak Thy praise. Then decree for him, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thy letter was received and We have answered thee with that through which thou mayest commune with God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice thou at this and be thankful to thy Lord, the Hearing, the Answering.

=== END BH08959 ===

=== START BH08960 ===

In His Name, the All-Loving!

Say: I was sleeping when the hand of grace awakened me, and I was sitting when the decree of justice made me arise, and I was silent when His Name, the All-Subduing over the worlds, caused me to speak. O people! The sea is walking and beareth witness unto the Promised One, and the land proclaimeth: The Day hath come, and dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. They who have heard, these are among the successful ones in the Books of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, and they who have turned away, these have no mention with God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Realm. O people! Fear God and follow not those who denied the Truth when it came with a manifest proof. Behold then with your own eyes the Dayspring of the Manifestation. This is what the All-Merciful hath decreed in the Bayan, if ye be of them that know. We have sent down the Tablet and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH08960 ===

=== START BH08962 ===

He is the One manifest from the Most Glorious Horizon

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me in a Cause at which the limbs of all names have trembled, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having guided me to the Straight Path. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of the garment of Thy mercy and the sweet scents of Thy bounty and favors to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the veils of Thy creatures who have turned away from Thy face and denied Thy proof and evidence shall not hinder me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Moreover, grant me the good of this world and the next, and aid me to act in such manner that my remembrance shall endure in the Kingdom of Names. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH08962 ===

=== START BH08963 ===

Here is O Robin! He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, for having transformed the fire of my heedlessness into the light of Thy recognition and the darkness of my ignorance into the radiance of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. O my God, my Lord, my Beloved and my Purpose! Thou seest my face turned toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation and my eyes expectant of the outpourings of Thy grace and gifts. O my Lord! Having guided me to the ocean of Thy knowledge, withhold me not from the effusions of the clouds of Thy bounties. Having caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy signs, drive me not from Thy door which Thou hast opened to all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. O my Lord! Through Thy generosity, teach me that which will cause me to endure through the endurance of Thy celestial dominion and Thy realm of might. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH08963 ===

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To Nawwab Safdar ’Ali Khan, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

Say: O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Compelling over all things, through which the gate of Thy bounty was opened to all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and the Water of Life flowed forth amongst Thy creatures, to make me attracted to Thy verses, detached from all else but Thee, and in all conditions turned toward the horizon from which shone forth the Sun of Thy Manifestation. Ordain for me, O my God, from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then cause me to know that which befitteth Thy days […] that Thou mayest enable me to recognize that which hath appeared today by Thy Command. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH08966 ===

O Afnan Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! I am the Wronged One, the Rememberer. Say: O thou serpent! The Pure One asketh thee concerning her daughters. Make clear what thou hast pronounced against them. And O wolf! The Messenger asketh thee concerning his son. Where is Joseph of the Messenger, and where is the apple of the Pure One’s eye? By God! The calumny fell upon the first Wolf, while this wolf hath devoured the son of the Messenger before the faces of the heedless. The serpent was deceived when she found herself before those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. This calamity hath transcended mention and description. We beseech God to console the Family. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O thou hearer! When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One from the direction of the Prison, ponder upon those who oppressed and those who gave up their spirits for God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

=== END BH08966 ===

=== START BH08967 ===

Say: O people, He cannot be known except through Himself - behold Him with His own eyes! O followers of religions, the Tablets have been filled with this Remembrance, and through it God has counseled His servants, yet most people remain heedless. O My loved ones! By My life, from the first day I made Myself known to humanity, I was afflicted at the hands of the idolaters. The world was created for My sake, yet people remain in manifest darkness. How many houses were raised for My remembrance and adorned with My name, yet when I revealed Myself they barred Me from them - thus did their wretchedness

overcome them, and today they are among the most lost. They spent what none can reckon save God to exalt My remembrance, yet when I came to them they denied God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus do We recount for you some of what befell Us, that you may learn and be among those who are endowed with insight.

=== END BH08967 ===

=== START BH08968 ===

In My Name, the Most Holy

Say: O Thou Who art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of all that exists! Thou seest me turning my face toward the horizon of Thy bounty, with the gaze of one who beseecheth the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the sun of Thy pardon. Wilt Thou render me deprived, after I have acknowledged Thy generosity? And wilt Thou make me forbidden, after I have confessed Thy favors? O my Lord! The poor one hath stood before Thy gate, and the lowly one before the treasury of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the tribes have lamented, save those whom Thy pervading Will and Thy all-compelling Purpose have chosen, to grant me the Kawthar of Thy good-pleasure and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy Messengers who spoke not except by Thy leave and command, and moved not except by Thy will. Verily Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH08968 ===

=== START BH08969 ===

He Who speaks in the Name that is sanctified above all names

Say: O people of creation! By God, the Lord of all names has come with a Cause against which all the forces of the earth combined cannot prevail, nor can the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, prevent it. Say: O heedless ones! Come, that I may show you the most exalted horizon of God and cause you to hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur speaks: Verily, there is no God but I, the Mighty, the Loving. Your letter has arrived on a single page, thus demonstrating your unity, your orientation, and your agreement in the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. By the life of God! We found it blessed with the name of your Lord, the Possessor of existence, and We beseech God to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

=== END BH08969 ===

=== START BH08970 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord: The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that at all times hath It made mention of the friends on behalf of the Lord of Religions, and guided them to the Living Waters. How excellent is the state of him who, detached from all else but God, hath turned unto Him and partaken thereof in His one and only Beloved Name. In the nights and days divine outpourings rain down from the

heaven of grace, yet most are heedless thereof, for they have forsaken that which is with God and occupied themselves with that which is with them. Beseech thou God that He withhold not His heedless servants from the ocean of His knowledge, nor debar them from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory be upon them that have believed in this wondrous and glorious Day.

=== END BH08970 ===

=== START BH08971 ===

O Haji, namesake of the Most Desired One! The Supreme Pen testifies, in the name of the Everlasting Speaker, to thy faith and thy turning and devotion and humility and submissiveness for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou didst migrate and didst drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of bounty of the Beloved Who knoweth no decline. Say: O friends! Strive that the jewels of human beings may become manifest and evident through the burnishing of divine grace. Man is like unto a tree - its fruits are praiseworthy spiritual qualities and attributes. God willing, through divine grace may the trees of being be adorned with these fruits. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Thy letter was received before Us and We heard thy mention and have remembered thee in this Most Exalted Tablet. Rejoice, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH08971 ===

=== START BH08972 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, son of him who ascended unto God! The Most Exalted Pen proclaims in the name of the Goal of all the worlds: O My loved ones! In these days when the Sun of bounty hath dawned from the horizon of the world and the Water of Life hath flowed forth through My Name, praise be to God that ye have attained thereunto through His grace and have not remained deprived of the days of God. Now must ye, at all times, beseech the Countenance of the All-Merciful that ye may remain steadfast in His Cause and drink from the chalice of the Most Great Steadfastness. The enemies of the Faith have been and are lying in wait - preserve yourselves through the blessing of the Most Great Name. From this station We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon the faces of thy brothers and sisters. With this greeting cannot compare whatsoever hath been created on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08972 ===

=== START BH08973 ===

O Handmaiden of God, Khadijih, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and made me aware of Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation, and by the wisdom which Thou hast made a fortress for the protection of Thy servants and a city for the safeguarding of Thy creation, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the lowing of any calf nor the croaking of any crow nor the swords of those who have arisen to extinguish Thy light shall prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever

Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. O God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have taken hold of Thy Book and uttered Thy praise before the faces of Thy creatures. O Lord! Aid them through Thy grace and assist them in that which befitteth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH08973 ===

=== START BH08974 ===

He is the One Who speaks the Truth! It has been asked whether Tablets have been revealed. Say: Yea, by my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful! Among the people are those who have turned to the cawing of the crow, turning away from that which the All-Merciful has revealed in the Book. O people! Fear God and do not oppose Him through Whom the proof has appeared and the evidence has shone forth. He calls you to that which profits you and commands you to that which draws you near unto God, the Lord of all religions. Say: Fear God and do not invalidate the truth through your idle fancies. He has come from the heaven of grandeur with power and sovereignty. Soar upon the wings of joy, for We have caused thee to hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree from this Spot which God has made the Dawning-place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Light. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH08974 ===

=== START BH08975 ===

The Afnan, son of Jinab-i-Siyyid M., upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God - He is the Most Exalted

The Book of the All-Merciful hath been sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. It commandeth the people to justice and to that which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Say: O people, fear ye God! Take hold of that which ye have been bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. O My Afnan! Lo, We call them unto God while they call Us to their desires. Know of a certainty they are among the most lost. Say: He heareth not your call, nor walketh in your ways. Verily His is a straight path whereunto He guideth all. He, verily, is powerful over all things. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and blessed is he who hath loved you for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee from One Who is the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty.

=== END BH08975 ===

=== START BH08976 ===

O Karbila'i Sadiq of Sarvistan! THE MOST HOLY, THE MOST GREAT, THE MOST GLORIOUS

The Book of God hath been manifest in the temple of man. Say: Verily it is the most great temple among the nations, which speaketh the truth and summoneth mankind unto a station illumined with the lights of the countenance. Follow not the deluded ones; follow rather him who commandeth you to justice, now that the Desired One hath come with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. Say: The

acceptance of the people profiteth us not, even as their rejection harmeth us not. We but remind them for the sake of God, and God is sufficient witness unto what I say. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the mention of this Most Great Remembrance and for having answered thy Lord when He came with a command that hath been mighty in truth from all eternity. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and enabled thee to speak forth this Remembrance which hath been recorded in the Tablets.

=== END BH08976 ===

=== START BH08977 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth, and verily it is a noble Book which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath revealed. Verily it beareth glad tidings to the world of My remembrance and My mighty Manifestation, from which every distant polytheist hath fled and every malicious doubter hath turned away. We have revealed the Cause and sent down every wise command. We counsel those who are [among the people of] Baha to be steadfast and trustworthy and to manifest spiritual qualities. He, verily, is the All-Wise Ruler. We make mention of those who have held fast to the cord of the Cause and acted according to what they were commanded in My mighty Book. Those who have disbelieved and turned away, these are the companions of the fire, to which every fair-minded and insightful one doth testify. Glorify thou the praise of thy Lord, then render thanks unto Him for what He hath sent down unto thee from His Most Exalted Pen that whereby the hearts of them that are nigh are made glad.

=== END BH08977 ===

=== START BH08978 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan, upon thee be the Glory of God! He it is Who speaketh before all faces. The Book of God speaketh concerning all else, yet the people understand not. The Light hath shone forth and the Speaker of Sinai hath appeared, yet most among the people perceive not. O Muhammad-Hasan! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee with that which shall draw thee nigh unto the All-Knowing, the One. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. He hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest the doubts of those who have denied the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hold thee back. He who loved Me made mention of thee, wherefore have We remembered thee in this irrevocable Tablet. Beware lest thou follow the vain desires of those who have disbelieved in the Promised Day. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have heard and said: “The dominion belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

=== END BH08978 ===

=== START BH08979 ===

The Most Holy, Most Great Book of Ha' hath in truth been sent down in this eventide from the All-Glorious. Whoso possesseth a spirit from God, let him receive the Spirit of God from this Tablet which hath been inscribed by the Finger of Might. Blessed are the people of Baha who have settled themselves upon the Crimson Ark through this Name that encompasseth all the worlds. Whoso turneth unto that which is in the hands of men, he is not of the people of this station - to this beareth witness He Who is known by the Name of God. Turn ye unto that which hath come from the Truth, then behold with the eye of this station which hath been illumined by the lights of the Throne. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away vain imaginings and recognized the Known One through His Self-Subsisting Name. By My life, he hath been recorded among the triumphant ones in the Mother Book by the Pen of Glory.

=== END BH08979 ===

=== START BH08980 ===

O Isaac! He is the One manifest from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the realm of creation and verily it is the Most Great Proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth, to this doth bear witness the Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have sent down the Command and made manifest the Proof, yet the people remain in evident delusion. They behold the Sun yet deny it - verily they are in grievous error. Thou seest them shown the Light and thou sayest "Behold this Light of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous" but they say "We deny what the leader denieth." Say: O people of fairness, look not through his eyes but through Mine own, if ye be among the perceiving ones. By God, ye were commanded thus in the Bayan by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When thou hast attained unto the splendors of this Tablet, render praise unto Him for having mentioned thee from this mighty stronghold, He Who is the Manifestation of His own Self.

=== END BH08980 ===

=== START BH08981 ===

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards Him on a Day whereon every heedless one that is far removed hath turned away, that the fragrances of My utterance might draw him unto the kingdom of My loving-kindness - and I am verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. That which had never appeared before hath now been manifested, and that which lay concealed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath come to pass. The eye of the world hath been gladdened by His appearance, yet the people remain in evident veils. The Hijaz hath trembled with longing for His presence, and the sacred Mount of God with yearning for His advent, and the land of Syria hath been perfumed by His luminous garment. They that have turned away - these shall have no portion. They make mention of God with their tongues while their hearts tell of images and idols. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken. Blessed are they that hearken. When thou dost find the fragrance of My words, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics!

=== END BH08981 ===

=== START BH08982 ===

In the Name of Him Who moveth the still, Who is both Manifest and Hidden. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, that he may follow the ways of God and His commandments which were sent down in His mighty Book. Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged from this Spot which God hath made the Seat of His mighty Throne. We have enjoined upon men what is right, but they have followed their own desires, except such as God hath willed, the All-Powerful, the All-Informed. We make mention of God in this Most Great Prison and We thank Him for having ordained imprisonment for Us in His straight Path. O people of Baha! It behooveth you to follow that whereunto ye have been commanded. Verily it shall profit you in this world and the next. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from His luminous Horizon. Thus hath the human one revealed the fruits of utterance from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth by God, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08982 ===

=== START BH08983 ===

In My Name, the All-Subduing Over All Names

O Mashhadi Baqir, upon him be the glory of God! A Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, that it may draw him unto the station of nearness and holiness and beauty, and acquaint him with that which beseemeth the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee from My Most Exalted Pen, and We have witnessed thy turning and have turned unto thee from this sublime station. Blessed is the soul that hath sought the ultimate goal and the face that hath turned toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and hast attained unto the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest. Nothing whatsoever, whether in earth or heaven, can be compared with them - to this testifieth every discerning knower. Glory be upon the people of glory who have not broken God’s Covenant, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day.

=== END BH08983 ===

=== START BH08984 ===

In His Name Who shineth forth upon all who are in the heavens and on earth!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful unto him who hath believed in Him on His wondrous and glorious Day. Say: O people! By God, this is the Day of God, were ye of them that know, and this is the Book of God which had been inscribed from all eternity, were ye of them that are assured. And this is the Mystery of God which had been treasured up in His knowledge, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Fear ye God, O people! Answer Him Who speaketh the truth, and follow not every learned one that doubteth, at Whose advent the limbs of all names have quaked, and through whose tyranny the Concourse on High hath lamented. Cast him behind your backs, turning unto the One, the All-Informed. Thus have We

adorned the Tablet with perspicuous verses. Blessed is he who taketh hold of it in His name, and woe betide every sinful forsaker thereof.

=== END BH08984 ===

=== START BH08985 ===

In the Name of the Most Glorious! This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. To this all things bear witness. Blessed are they who have recognized and turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Woe to those who dispute God's verses and deny His irrevocable Cause. Can one who turns away be truly called human or deserve that designation? Nay, by My Name, the Protector over what was and what shall be! The people have turned away from the Countenance and denied God, the Lord of existence, save those rescued by the hand of God's will, Lord of the exalted Throne. O people of the earth! This is a Day that has brought joy to the eye of creation, did ye but know. In it hath appeared the Most Great Sign, manifested in human form. Blessed be God, Lord of all kings, through Whom the divine fragrances have wafted, the Word hath appeared, and those in the graves have arisen.

=== END BH08985 ===

=== START BH08987 ===

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He pleaseth. This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One when sorrows encompassed Him from every side. Verily He summoned the people unto God, yet they arose to harm Him in such wise as caused the dwellers of earth and heaven to lament. This is a day wherein the denizens of the highest Paradise weep by reason of what hath befallen the friends of God, the Lord of Names. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. They seized Us and imprisoned Us and prevented Us from that which was created for Us. Thus was the matter decreed in days wherein all things proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. O people of Baha! We counsel you to be patient and forbearing. Place your trust in all circumstances in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Beware lest anything prevent you from God. Leave what the people possess, holding fast unto that which is with God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

=== END BH08987 ===

=== START BH08988 ===

In My Name, the Most Great

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from the Most Great Prison that through it whosoever hath believed in the Self-Subsisting One may rejoice - He Who was announced by the Qa'im when He came from the heaven of divine Command with a perspicuous Book. The Day is come and the Self-Subsisting One announceth unto men the Ridvan of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O people! Turn ye unto the Supreme Horizon. By God! It hath been illumined by My Most Glorious Name, yet the people know not, save whom God willeth. Thus doth He Who possesseth knowledge of all things inform you in this manifest Tablet. We have summoned all purely for the sake of God unto the Most

Exalted Paradise, as attested by the Hidden Name Which speaketh in the world: “There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.” It behooveth every soul that hath turned unto Me to rejoice in My remembrance and render thanks for My manifestation in this praiseworthy station.

=== END BH08988 ===

=== START BH08989 ===

Handmaiden of God, branch of her who hath migrated and attained, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted. A Book sent down by the Wronged One for a handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom and the sun of Thy Will to inscribe me among those who have circled round the Throne of Thy grandeur and have attained unto Thy presence in Thy days. O my Lord! Thine exile and Thine affliction have consumed me, and what hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thine enemies hath set me ablaze. I beseech Thee to aid me in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable me to turn toward Thy horizon. Verily Thou art He Whom the happenings of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent Thee. Thou doest through Thy sovereignty whatsoever Thou willest and ordainest through Thy power whatsoever Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Single One, the Unique One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH08989 ===

=== START BH08990 ===

Leaf, sister of Aqa Khan, upon them both be the Glory of God. He is the Compassionate, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to one of His maidservants and a leaf among His leaves, that the breezes of revelation might attract her and draw her nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He hath aided thee to turn towards Him and hath sent down for thee that whereby thy mention shall be immortalized in His mighty and wondrous Book. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Bounty, and by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, and by the power of Thy Most Exalted Word, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine the good of this world and of the world to come. O my Lord! Thou seest how Thy handmaiden hath turned unto Thee and clung to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH08990 ===

=== START BH08991 ===

Maraghih, Jinab-i-’Abbas-Quli

He is the One Who speaketh the truth

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O ’Abbas-Quli! We have not forbidden the near ones from quaffing the choice sealed wine. Rather, in every instant hath the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: “Come ye, come ye, O peoples of the earth!” Yet man is weak, and the Cause mighty and powerful. Under all conditions wisdom and forbearance are to be preferred. Were it not for the weakness of the servants, We would have summoned all the friends openly to the Most Exalted Horizon. Be thou content with that which thy Lord, the All-Knowing Ordainer, hath ordained. He manifesteth whatsoever He willeth and inscribeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. And He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon all who have turned unto Him and have testified, saying: “I bear witness that Thou art God, and that there is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH08991 ===

=== START BH08992 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Knowing Rememberer

A Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who hath attained, time and again, unto verses which all the books of the earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness this perspicuous Tablet and this Speaker, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Abu’l-Hasan! Mention of thee hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. The Wronged One hath loved faithfulness and hath ever gazed and continueth to gaze upon it. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name amongst His servants, and to write down for thee the reward of him who circumambulated the Sadratu’l-Muntaha in the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH08992 ===

=== START BH08993 ===

O Mashhadi Ali-Rida! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One, wherein He summoneth all to God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. There hath not been a day but the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen was raised therein and My sacred tongue spoke forth, the Mighty, the Wondrous. By God! The Day hath come and He Who was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been made manifest. Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Prisoner and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. When thou attainest unto it, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Object of worship of the nations, for having guided me to Thy horizon and made me to know Thy manifestation, Thy dawning and Thy

radiance. I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and by the mysteries of Thy Tablets, O Thou Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of all names, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08993 ===

=== START BH08995 ===

In the Name of Him Who domineth the earth and heaven. This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names to him whose name was mentioned in the presence of the Ancient Beauty in the Most Great Prison, Who hath appeared amongst the peoples and proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.”

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee from His forbidden habitation and gladdeneth thee with tidings of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou steadfast in thy love and firm in the Cause of thy Lord, and unwavering in His path from which the feet of every doubting learned one have slipped. Give thanks unto God for that the countenance of Him Who hath been wronged hath turned toward thee from this manifest horizon, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!”

=== END BH08995 ===

=== START BH08996 ===

O Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of wisdom and utterance. This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names to him who hath been named Rida, that he might rejoice and give thanks to his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. May God grant that thou be made victorious through divine bounty and illumined by the light of His countenance. Beseech God that He may aid thee in that which shall cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today every soul must occupy himself with the remembrance and praise of God and arise to serve His Cause. God willing, thou shalt receive thy portion from the ocean of divine bounty and drink of the most pure wine in the name of thy Lord, the Ordainer. We have heard thy call and have answered thee as a token of Our grace, and We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH08996 ===

=== START BH08997 ===

In the Name of Him Who is manifest from the horizon of the Kingdom

A Book sent down by the Lord of Might to one who has turned to the supreme horizon and has attained to this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call while the people lay wrapt in the couch of heedlessness and desire. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness to this. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation, yet the people remain in heedlessness and behind a veil. Say: O concourse of the earth! Abandon what ye possess and hold fast

unto that which ye have been commanded by God, the Revealer of verses, Who hath come with the truth and manifested what He desired through His sovereignty that dominateth all who are in the earths and the heavens. Thus have We illumined the pages of the Book of Knowledge with the light of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and rendered thanks, and woe unto every denying liar.

=== END BH08997 ===

=== START BH08999 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven

A Tablet revealed by the Lord of Creation for him who has turned to the Most Sublime Horizon - the station wherein the Divine Lote-Tree proclaims: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.”

O Abdullah! The Lord of the Throne and of Earth remembers you from His Most Glorious Horizon and summons you unto God, the Lord of existence. How many a guilty one sought to ascend but was cast down by the hand of power with a shooting flame, and how many a servant did He strengthen in such wise that he testified to that which the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen had testified. Be thou assured through thy Lord’s favor - verily He witnesses and beholds, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear His sweetest call and to behold His Most Glorious Horizon. Thy Lord, verily, is He Who has dominion over what was and what shall be.

=== END BH08999 ===

=== START BH09000 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the Hidden

This is a missive inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen for him who hath turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We have given glad-tidings unto the servants of God of His appearance and His sovereignty. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe unto those who have turned aside! Among the people are those who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, and among them are those who have embraced it with manifest certitude. By the life of God! No day hath passed but We have sent down therein that which draweth men nigh unto the river of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Verily those who have denied Our verses after their revelation - these are accounted among the most lost in a mighty Book. And those who have attained unto My most exalted horizon - these are reckoned among them that are nigh unto God in a preserved Tablet. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and remember thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09000 ===

=== START BH09001 ===

In My Name through which all things have spoken! This is a glorious Book sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Verily it is a mercy unto them that have drawn nigh and a retribution unto them that have turned away. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it, and woe betide the heedless. O My Pen! Give glad-tidings from Me to My Afnan, that he may rejoice and be numbered with the thankful. We beseech God, the Lord of all beings, to aid you to that which beseemeth this wondrous Day which hath been illumined by the light of the countenance and hath won the call of God, the Single, the All-Wise. Thus hath My tongue spoken and My Pen moved and the ocean of My loving-kindness surged and the fragrance of My mercy wafted, that thou mayest render thanks and be of them that praise. The glory rest upon thee and upon whoso hath drawn nigh and won the Most Great Ocean on this mighty Day.

=== END BH09001 ===

=== START BH09002 ===

O Ali! He is the One manifest above His servants! This is the sealed Book which God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath sent down unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in God, while every heedless and veiled one turned away. Say: This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Book of the All-Merciful, did ye but understand. The earth hath related its tidings and the Tree hath disclosed its mysteries, yet the people perceive not. They have forsaken the God of earth and heaven, and followed their vain desires in that they followed every learned one who turned away from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. O people of the earth! Abandon that which keepeth you back from God, then turn with radiant faces unto the most exalted Horizon. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you from this glorious station. He calleth you from His Most Great Prison and summoneth you unto that which is better for you, did ye but know.

=== END BH09002 ===

=== START BH09003 ===

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

A Book inscribed hath God, the Lord of all appearance, sent down, yet most of the people remain heedless. By God! The proof hath been perfected, the bounty hath been sent down, and the evidence hath appeared, for the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and remembereth God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. We bear witness that he is of the people of Baha in My mighty Book. Rejoice thou with the greatest gladness, inasmuch as the Lord of Power hath turned toward thee from this wondrous Horizon. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God or tales and images veil thee. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness in such wise that the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, shall not prevent thee. Thus hath the Pen spoken from the presence of the Ancient of Days. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded to his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09003 ===

=== START BH09004 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted Book from Us to her who bore him who arose to serve his Lord and entered prison twice. Blessed is she from whom was born he who remained steadfast in the love of his Lord. By My life, she is among the successful ones and he is among those who have attained. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call from the direction of grandeur from the Crimson Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. He hath sent the best of His creation unto His servants to give them glad tidings of His days and to reward them through His grace. But when He came with the truth, they turned away from Him and denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord and hold fast unto His mighty cord. Verily, He is with those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Glorify thy Lord with praise, then turn and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

=== END BH09004 ===

=== START BH09005 ===

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Book from Us to him who hath turned towards the Dawning-Place of Revelation when the horizon of utterance was illumined with the Sun of wisdom and exposition, that he may inhale the fragrances of the verses in the days of his Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower, and may arise amidst the servants in the name of his Lord, the Possessor of all being, saying: “O people! The Hour hath come and the Resurrection hath appeared. Blessed are they who are endued with vision.” O servant! Hearken unto that which the Lord of all beings doth mention unto thee, and hold fast unto the Sure Handle in such wise that the hosts of the wicked shall not prevent thee. Say: This is a Day wherein all things have proclaimed with most loud voice: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.” Beware lest that which ye possess prevent you. Leave it and take what hath been given you by God. Verily nothing that hath been created in earth or heaven can equal it.

=== END BH09005 ===

=== START BH09006 ===

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing

A Book sent down in truth to one of His handmaidens who believed in the One, the All-Informed. O handmaiden of God! The Lord of Names remembers thee from this remote station. Rejoice thou in this bounty whereby have been gladdened the eyes of My handmaidens who have turned with their hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon and have spoken My beautiful praise. We make mention in this station of My handmaidens in that place who heard My call and turned toward My countenance and were humble when My firm and wise Cause was made manifest. O Most Exalted Pen! Proclaim unto their faces the greatness of thy Lord, and give them the glad tidings of My grace and My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all worlds. Thus hath the Pen spoken by command of the Lord of Eternity. He is, verily, the Commander, the Mighty.

=== END BH09006 ===

=== START BH09007 ===

IN THE NAME OF HIM WHO IS ESTABLISHED UPON THE THRONE

A Book sent down in truth to him who hath attained the light of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that joy may seize him in such wise that he will arise to aid the Cause of his Lord and say: “O people! Follow Him Who hath come to you with manifest sovereignty.” Verily, they who have veiled themselves from the lights of the Throne - these are heedless. They have lost in their trading and are a bewildered people. Arise to make mention of thy Lord amongst His servants, that perchance they may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is he who hath turned in this Day, and woe unto every denier who hath followed every rejected polytheist. When thou receivest the Tablet of God, place it upon thy head and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that Thy Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of me. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving.”

=== END BH09007 ===

=== START BH09008 ===

Concerning Nazar-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Protector of all who are in earth and heaven. This is a Book sent down in truth, whereby God guideth whom He willeth. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Through it hath been illumined the horizon of inner meanings and the Divine Utterance hath spoken: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All things speak forth His Name, the Protector of all names, yet the people remain in manifest ignorance. Verily those who were slain but slew not, these are numbered among the people of Baha in a guarded Tablet. We enjoin upon Our loved ones that which is befitting, that thereby may be tranquilized the hearts of those who are troubled. Those who have corrupted and caused corruption, these are they whom their own desires have overcome. We testify that they are among the sinful ones. Take hold, O My loved ones, of the Tablet of God with a power from Him, then recite it by night and by day. Verily it is the Straight Path.

=== END BH09008 ===

=== START BH09009 ===

The Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Generous

A Book sent down in truth, wherein is that which gladdens the hearts of those who have turned towards the Countenance and soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The faces of those near unto God have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, while the faces of those who turned away have been darkened by their rejection of this Brilliant Dawn. This is a Day wherein the mountains have been moved and the foundations of every obstinate infidel have been shaken. Lost indeed are they who have forgotten that which We counselled them in the Tablets, and gained are they who have attained unto the lights of His mighty Throne. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Tablet of God and its effect, and there hath

been sent down for thee that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the worlds. Thus have We perfumed the Tablet of Love with the musk of the ink as a bounty from the presence of Him Who is the Lord of creation, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH09009 ===

=== START BH09010 ===

He Who has dominion over all names

A book sent down in truth, giving glad tidings to all of a Book that speaks in the world and calls the peoples to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We have observed your turning to Us and We have turned to you from this Station wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving.” Be thankful unto God that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in this praiseworthy station. The clamor has been raised and the Tablets of Fire have appeared - this is what We had formerly announced to all, as attested by honored servants. Cast aside vain imaginings to their people, then turn with the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence, to the horizon of certitude. Thus has the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who has heard, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

=== END BH09010 ===

=== START BH09011 ===

In the Name of the All-Informed! This is a Book sent down in truth and it beareth witness to that whereunto the All-Merciful hath testified from all eternity: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. There hath appeared from among the people of Sad that which hath caused the near ones to lament. The people have gathered against the family of the Messenger even as the Jewish people gathered against the Spirit. They have committed that which none before them hath ever committed. Thereat did the Spirit cry out, and those who circle round the Throne wailed at eventide and at dawn. They have slain the family of the Messenger, imagining that they were helping the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving, even as the Jews supposed when they rose up against the Spirit. Thus do We recount unto thee, O thou who hast been blessed by the mention of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. Remember thy Lord and render thanks unto Him for having aided thee to recognize this irrevocable Cause.

=== END BH09011 ===

=== START BH09012 ===

O Aqdash, esteemed Professor Mehdi! In the name of the Beloved of all worlds, this Book hath been sent down in truth and guideth the people to the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Verily it is the Most Great Proof amongst the nations and the mercy of the All-Merciful in all creation. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Prison, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance. We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books to give the glad-tidings to the people of this Day which God hath made the Lord of Days. Grieve not over anything, but place thy

trust in God, the Lord of lords. Verily He is the Helper of him who hath no helper, and He aideth His servants who have held fast to the cord of His commandments. Say: Abandon vain imaginings - the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Dayspring of verses. The glory rest upon thee, upon thy brother, and upon those who have attained unto this station among the people.

=== END BH09012 ===

=== START BH09013 ===

O 'Abdu'l-'Ali! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book sent down from the Intended One to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, that the wine of utterance may so intoxicate him that he will arise to proclaim the Most Great Name amidst all peoples, that perchance they who slumber upon the couch of idle fancies may be awakened and be numbered among the heedless. It behooveth every soul to teach the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance, even as hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. Blessed are they who act! Rejoice ye in the appearance of God and His sovereignty in such wise that the cawing of the idolaters shall not grieve you. We make mention of you at all times as a token of grace from Us, for We are verily the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Were ye to taste the sweetness of your Lord's remembrance, ye would find yourselves in manifest detachment. Thus hath spoken the Lord of all worlds that ye may rejoice and be numbered with the thankful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09013 ===

=== START BH09014 ===

In the Name of the Most Exalted

This is a Book which speaks with truth and makes mention of those who have quaffed the cup of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names, and have borne such hardships as none among all created things have borne. They have heard from the enemies that which none in the world have heard, as doth testify to this He Who is the Ancient of Days in His Scriptures and Tablets. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Well is it with you, and joy be unto you, for ye have attained unto the choice wine of revelation which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of creation, and it hath so intoxicated you that ye have turned unto Him, shunning every malicious infidel. Verily, they who are heedless this day are among those who have gone astray. We give glad tidings unto him who hath borne tribulations of God's good-pleasure and His grace, and We make mention of him with such remembrance as doth perfume the horizons. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them, from God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH09014 ===

=== START BH09015 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! Your letter is illumined with the lights of nearness and honored by the glances of favor. We have heard your call and have answered you through this exalted Tablet. Be not grieved by what hath befallen you. Tribulation is inseparable from loyalty. Reflect upon that which hath

befallen the Self of God through the tyranny of the oppressors. God hath ordained for you that which will enlighten the hearts and bring solace to the eyes. Be engaged in His remembrance with utmost joy and delight. Verily, He remembereth you in His mighty and exalted Kingdom. God will exalt your mention and your station, and will bestow upon you that which is best for you. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Generous. We have adorned the horizon of your letter with the verses of God that they may be a testimony for you. Rejoice then in this manifest grace. We have accepted what thou didst send, as a token of Our favor. He, verily, is the Ever-Bestowing, the Ancient of Days.

=== END BH09015 ===

=== START BH09016 ===

Thy book hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon and what was mentioned therein was observed. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Reflect upon what hath befallen the Beloved of the worlds, Who called all unto the One, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of faith and hast turned toward the supreme horizon. This is the beginning of all good. Ye must be engaged in the remembrance of God with utmost joy and gladness. There shall descend upon you from the heaven of His bounty that which hath been ordained for you. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Remember on Our behalf those who are in thy household, and convey unto their faces My glorification, and give them the glad-tidings of My mention of them in this wondrous Tablet. They who have attained today unto the recognition of God - these are the people of Paradise in this mighty station.

=== END BH09016 ===

=== START BH09017 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

Your letter written in the Most Great Prison reached the Wronged One, and its beginning was adorned with the crown of the utterance of the Lord of all possibility. Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined with the lights of faith. Strive thou to remain firm, steadfast and unwavering in this Cause which hath thrown most of the peoples into agitation, for it hath been observed that certain souls, despite their claims of faith, certitude, assurance and knowledge, have been deprived of the Lord of Names through mere desire. We beseech God to assist thee in His love and good-pleasure, to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to cause thee to speak His praise amongst His creatures. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy handmaiden whom thou didst mention in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09017 ===

=== START BH09018 ===

The Most Great, the Most Great! Your letter hath come before the Throne and hath been honored with the favoring glance of the Lord of Names. That which was mentioned hath been heard. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God’s Covenant and His Testament, and for having attained His presence while every

distant polytheist turned away. As Rafi' was hastening to depart, this brief response was made. God willing, a detailed reply to the letter will be revealed and sent later. Convey greetings to all the loved ones of God who have drunk from the cup of divine grace and reclined upon the couches of steadfastness, and gladden them all with God's loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Countenance and blessed is she who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Woe unto him who hath turned away from Him and woe unto her who hath disbelieved in God when He came with the truth through His wondrous Command.

=== END BH09018 ===

=== START BH09019 ===

In the name of the Ever-Abiding, All-Knowing One! O mother of him who has migrated, Sal! Your letter was present before the Throne and your call was heard. Praise be to God that you have attained to this most great bounty and your mention was made in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may you occupy yourself at all times in the remembrance of God and in meditation upon His verses with a pure heart, an illumined breast, a sanctified tongue and a penetrating vision. Today steadfastness is essential. Ask God that you may remain firm and steadfast in His love. His honor the migrant, that is, Shaykh Salman, has endured hardships in this journey. Verily, He does not suffer the reward of those who have drawn nigh to be lost. Verily, the glory be upon you and upon your daughter and her daughters and upon every maidservant who has believed in God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09019 ===

=== START BH09020 ===

In His Name, the Most Exalted

O handmaiden of God, Raziyyih! A book was present before the Divine Throne and thy name was mentioned therein. Therefore this Tablet hath been written in reply and sent, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful from these revealed words. In this day it is incumbent upon all handmaidens to hold fast unto the cord of chastity and, in utmost sanctity and detachment, to occupy themselves with the mention of the Beloved. The remembrance of God is the polisher of hearts and the quickener of souls. All must, God willing, drink from the cup of detachment in the name of the Creator of innovation and occupy themselves with the remembrance of God in this luminous dawn. Praise be to the Sovereign of all possibility that thou wert mentioned before His presence. However, thou must arise in a manner befitting this station, and that is to be sanctified from all else save God. Blessed are they that attain!

=== END BH09020 ===

=== START BH09022 ===

O handmaiden of God Rubabih! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! Whenever I remember Thee, O my God, in prison, I witness that all created things join with me in glorifying Thee, O Lord of Names and Attributes. Among them are those who know Thee and make mention of Thee, and those who make

mention of Thee yet know not Thy sovereignty and power, even though, O my God, they may cling to one of Thy names. But since they have turned aside from what Thou didst desire, their mention shall not be remembered before Thy face. I beseech Thee by that Name through which Thou didst subdue all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and through which Thy power and sovereignty were made manifest, to draw Thy servants nigh unto the court of Thy gifts and the dawning-place of the light of Thy favors. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been mighty through Thy sovereignty, and all-compelling through Thy power and strength. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09022 ===

=== START BH09023 ===

O Mirza Baqir! The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! How many servants awaited My days, yet when the appointed time came, they denied the Lord of Names and Attributes! Say: O people, fear God and reject not the truth by what you possess. He hath come from the heaven of command - behold, O ye who are endowed with insight! Among the people are those who deny the Unseen, and among them are those who deny the Manifest One Who speaketh in all things, “There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.” Can they find any refuge for themselves? Nay, by Him Who causeth the rivers to flow! Say: None can find protection today save in God. Turn ye unto Him with your hearts, O ye who are possessed of vision! Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This is yet another time - drink thou, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose remembrance the Tablets have been adorned!”

=== END BH09023 ===

=== START BH09024 ===

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Many a chilled heart, O my God, hath been set ablaze with the fire of Thy Cause, and many a slumberer hath been wakened by the sweetness of Thy voice. How many are the strangers who have sought shelter beneath the shadow of the tree of Thy oneness, and how numerous the thirsty ones who have panted after the fountain of Thy living waters in Thy days!

Blessed is he that hath set himself towards Thee, and hasted to attain the Day-Spring of the lights of Thy face. Blessed is he who with all his affections hath turned to the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Fountain-Head of Thine inspiration. Blessed is he that hath expended in Thy path what Thou didst bestow upon him through Thy bounty and favor. Blessed is he who, in his sore longing after Thee, hath cast away all else except Thyself. Blessed is he who hath enjoyed intimate communion with Thee, and rid himself of all attachment to any one save Thee.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Him Who is Thy Name, Who, through the power of Thy sovereignty and might, hath risen above the horizon of His prison, to ordain for every one what becometh Thee and beseemeth Thine exaltation.

Thy might, in truth, is equal to all things.

=== END BH09024 ===

=== START BH09026 ===

O Ali Akbar! The Most Great, Most Holy Tongue of Pre-existence speaks and says: O concourse of the learned ones in the world! Your pens should become still when moves the Most Great Pen as it is between the fingers of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Hold your tongues from that which the Tongue of Grandeur speaks - this behooveth you, if ye be of them that know. Cast aside the books, for the Book hath been sent down from the presence of One mighty, all-knowing. Say: Will ye precede Him in the Cause? Nay, by His Name, the Powerful over all the worlds! O Ali-before-Akbar! When thou hearest that which hath been raised from the direction of the Most Great Scene, turn with thy heart and say: "O Ordainer of destiny and Guide of humanity! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy Cause to make me steadfast and upright in Thy love and to make me one who calls out Thy name among Thy heedless servants."

=== END BH09026 ===

=== START BH09027 ===

O my God, praise be to Thee for having distinguished Thy servant whom Thou didst honor with Thy presence and caused to hear Thy verses. O my God, Thou knowest that he migrated in Thy love until he entered the city wherein was established the throne of Thy grandeur. Thereupon the banners of oppression were raised until the idolaters drove us from the Land of Mystery and cast us into the Most Great Prison. Thus was he prevented from attaining Thy presence. O Lord! Ordain for him and for those who have sought Thee that which befitteth Thy majesty. Then write down for them the good of this world and the next. Then make them to be of those who circle round the Kaaba of Thy Cause in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing can prevent Thy sovereignty and Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09027 ===

=== START BH09028 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Truthful

The numerological value of both names is 669 [Baha'u'llah]

In My Most Glorious Name! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having immersed me in the ocean of Thy knowledge and caused me to turn toward the horizon from which the Sun of Thy beauty hath shone forth. O Lord! I am the poor one standing at the gate of the city of Thy bounty, and the helpless one clinging to the cord of Thy might. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and a herald of Thy Name amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Enable me to do that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the world! It grieveth me to behold Thee wronged amidst the tyrannous ones among Thy creatures and imprisoned between the rebellious ones of Thy creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to manifest through Thy sovereignty that which shall transform sorrow into joy

and abasement into glory. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH09028 ===

=== START BH09029 ===

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I give Thee thanks, O my God, for that Thou hast made me to be a target for the darts of Thine adversaries in Thy path. I offer Thee most high praise, O Thou Who art the Knower of the seen and unseen and the Lord of all being, that Thou hast suffered me to be cast into prison for love of Thee, and caused me to quaff the cup of woe, that I may reveal Thy Cause and glorify Thy word.

Which of my tribulations am I to recount before Thy face, O my Lord? Am I to recite before Thee what in days of old befell me at the hands of the workers of iniquity among Thy creatures, or to describe the vexations which have compassed me about in these days for the sake of Thy good pleasure?

Thanks be to Thee, O Thou the Lord of all names; and glory be to Thee, O Maker of the heavens, for all that I have sustained in these days at the hands of such of Thy servants as have transgressed against Thee, and of Thy people that have dealt frowardly towards Thee.

Number us, we implore Thee, with them who have stood fast in Thy Cause until their souls finally winged their flight unto the heaven of Thy grace and the atmosphere of Thy loving-kindness. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH09029 ===

=== START BH09030 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable Lord! Praise be to God, O Muhammad-Rida, thou who hast emigrated and attained! Thou didst set thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, crossing land and sea, and through the bounties of God, exalted be His glory, thou didst arrive at a station which hath been the goal of them that are nigh and sincere. Thou didst behold that spot round which circle the Concourse on High, and didst hear that call which the Son of ’Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. The recompense and reward for this blessed and acceptable deed hath been ordained for thee from the Most Exalted Pen as the good of this world and the next. Preserve this station and act in accordance with that which befitteth the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He made mention of thee before, and at this moment He commandeth thee to observe what is right, as a grace from His presence. And He is the Ancient Commander.

=== END BH09030 ===

=== START BH09031 ===

In His Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance

A Tablet revealed by the Wronged One to him who has turned to God, the Mighty, the Beloved, who was named Rida in the Book of Names and who bore witness to that which God did bear witness unto on the Promised Day.

O Rida! Hearken unto the Call, for verily it attracteth thee and draweth thee nigh unto a praiseworthy station. Every edifice hath been raised in My Name, and every station hath been exalted through My remembrance, yet most of the people understand not. They have violated My Covenant, denied My right, and disputed My signs, except for him whom the hand of thy Lord's will, the Sovereign of the kingdom of earth and heaven, hath delivered.

Say: O my God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, adorn them with the ornament of Thy love, and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thy court. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH09031 ===

=== START BH09032 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing Witness Who speaks!

O Muhammad, upon whom be the Glory of God! The Wronged One, Who hath appeared in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, makes mention of thee and bears witness to thy turning unto Him, thy recognition and thy sincerity before God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Thy letter which thou didst send to My Name, the M and the H, hath been received, and We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the fragrance of the garment was wafted throughout all creation and the Dove of Holiness warbled upon the branches! I beseech Thee to assist me to preserve that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty and grace - namely Thy love, which nothing in Thy kingdom of creation can equal. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Powerful and I am helpless and poor. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which lies with Thee. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH09032 ===

=== START BH09033 ===

O Most Great, Most Ancient One! There is no mystery but it hath been revealed in truth, and no wisdom but the All-Wise hath sent it down. The pavilion of bounty hath been raised aloft, and the Lord of Eternity summoneth the peoples unto the Most Exalted Horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of His Most Glorious Name. This, verily, is the manifest station. We have sent down the Command and expounded the verses that perchance men may ponder upon God's sovereignty and His firm and mighty Cause. Woe betide them for having denied and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds! Say: Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, in that ye have quaffed the wine of everlasting life from the chalice of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Rejoice in what ye have been

given from God - verily He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Wise Judge. When thou hearest the Call and art honored with the Tablet, prostrate thyself before the face of thy Peerless Lord.

=== END BH09033 ===

=== START BH09034 ===

In the Name of the One Desired One, the Ancient Lord: From the horizon of the world He calls and proclaims: O My party and O My branches! Reflect upon that which has appeared. The vain imaginings of the past closed the door of mercy, grace and knowledge, as was witnessed when limited souls, due to their vain imaginings, were all seen to be deprived of the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. Now again the people of the Bayan are clinging to those same vain imaginings. Beseech ye God that He may preserve the essences of being from the contingencies of the world and protect them from the evil of the barking ones. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. Those vain imaginings appeared on the Day of Resurrection with sword and arrow, and were visited upon the Truth and His companions. God protect us and you from the evil of the barking ones who prevent people from this straight and manifest Path.

O people of God! Strive that perchance the helpless servants may not again become afflicted with the vain imaginings of the Shi'ites. But the people of the Bayan will not permit it - they have again clung to those same vain imaginings. For one thousand two hundred years they called the son of the Imam a liar by their own admission and he became known as Ja'far the Liar, while that helpless one spoke but one word in truth. Now reflect upon the creation and their words and deeds and thoughts and vain imaginings, that perchance ye may strive according to your capacity, for the sake of God, to exalt the Word. Verily He is the All-Knowing Commander and the All-Wise, the Almighty.

=== END BH09034 ===

=== START BH09035 ===

O handmaiden of God, Varaqih, sister of his honor 'A.T., upon both of them be the Glory of God, He Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven. The Will of God, exalted be His glory, is penetrating and His Command is operative. Should all the peoples of earth and heaven gather together to prevent that which has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, they would surely find themselves impotent and powerless. O my handmaiden! Heedlessness has seized all handmaidens except those who have transcended idle fancies and have held fast to the cord of knowledge. One deed performed by believing handmaidens takes precedence over the deeds of all the handmaidens of the earth. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's favor, for verily He is with His assured servants, both men and women. Grieve not for those who have turned away from God - they shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. The Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09035 ===

=== START BH09036 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn! The Wronged One of the World calls out to the friends of God from the horizon of the Most Great Prison and reminds them with sacred utterances. He is the One Whose grace has preceded all and Whose loving-kindness has encompassed all. This is the day when all things are seen as dead save the letters of the Face which are inscribed in the Book of God - they are the souls who have attained unto the greatest steadfastness and who gaze toward the highest horizon. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! Know thou the value of these days and beseech God to make thee steadfast in His love, for thieves have been and are lying in wait for the friends of the All-Merciful. Protect thyself through My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

=== END BH09036 ===

=== START BH09037 ===

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise! The primary purpose in creating the world hath been for men to know the Beauty of the Pre-existent One. Whoso achieveth this purpose hath attained unto all good. But today the friends of God must occupy themselves with service to His Cause and appear among people adorned with praiseworthy attributes. The fruit of existence in this day is to hold fast to that which shall guide mankind. Grieve not over distance. Act in accordance with what hath been commanded thee by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me in Thy Book, and to fix my gaze upon Thee in all conditions, detached from all else beside Thee. Then write down for me, through Thy bounty and favor, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09037 ===

=== START BH09038 ===

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! He is the Hearer and Seer. Your letter was honored to receive the glance of favor in the Most Great Prison, and the longing of your heart in love and separation was heard. Praise the Beloved of the world Who assisted you in a Cause from which most people are deprived and veiled, although all have been created for His recognition and His Day. Know thou the value of this exalted station and preserve it in the name of Truth, for thieves and traitors have been and are lying in wait. Such injustice hath appeared that justice hath lamented, but God will seize whom He willeth through His sovereignty. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09038 ===

=== START BH09039 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

Consider the grace and favor of God, and reflect upon it, that perchance thou mayest become aware of a drop from the ocean of generosity. Despite having bestowed sublime and wondrous Tablets, He hath once again adorned the beginning of thy letter with the crown of a new mention. Be thou grateful and

say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know! Be not grieved by the events that have transpired, for they flow according to what hath been ordained in the Book. They who are today turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have attained the recognition of the Lord of Names are accounted before God as the most wealthy among His servants. Hold fast unto the cord of kinship with God, and cleave unto Him and seek His mediation. In childhood this verse was heard: “When I have Thee I have all; naught else do I need.”

=== END BH09039 ===

=== START BH09040 ===

He is God! Your letter is before Me, but in these days the Pen of Command is perplexed in reply, for it is not known which souls have been elevated to the highest heaven by the fragrances of trials wafting from the right hand of the Will of the All-Merciful, and which have been cast down to the lowest depths. Although the condition of all is witnessed and remembered before God, yet since He has named Himself the Concealer, He has concealed and continues to conceal it. In any case, in those days you were fresh and alive from the holy fragrance of divine oneness. God willing, through divine favor, you will not lose this heavenly bounty which has ever endured within your own self, and will remain forever turned toward the holy realm, in such wise that the disturbing winds of mortality will neither make you heedless of the Beauty of Divine Unity nor deprive you thereof. And the Spirit be upon you.

=== END BH09040 ===

=== START BH09041 ===

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches

O Ali-Akbar of Maraghih! Your letter was received and attained the honor of being noticed and heard. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds Who confirmed you and enabled you to recognize the Dawning Place of Revelation and the Speaker of the Mount. He is the One Whose oneness is sanctified above oneness itself, and Whose oneness in the Kingdom of Names cannot be described or encompassed by anyone’s understanding. Hold fast to Him and cling to His luminous robe. See none but Him and observe naught besides Him. Strive that perchance you may act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book of God. Whosoever attaineth unto this hath attained unto all good. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Glory be upon thee and upon all who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH09041 ===

=== START BH09042 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory

O Ali-Qabl-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! Your letter was read and its contents were noted and understood. Whatever befell you was for the sake of God, and its reward is with your Lord. After your departure, events occurred that became a source of trials for all. The purpose is that you shared with us

in the tribulations. Blessed are they that bear, for it was in the path of God and His good-pleasure. God willing, you will engage in the mention of God with utmost wisdom, that perchance the saplings of humanity may be made verdant through the rain of divine mercy and attain unto the days of God. Convey to the emigrant lady the greetings of the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist her and protect her and make her a sign of steadfastness among His steadfast handmaidens. The Glory be upon you.

=== END BH09042 ===

=== START BH09043 ===

He is the One Who speaks the truth

Your letter, O Muhammad Beg, upon whom be the Glory of God, was received and in the Most Great Prison its answer was revealed from the Ancient King. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, and the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath spoken that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God that His confirmation may assist and His grace may accompany you, that in these fleeting days you may attain unto everlasting stations and be occupied with His remembrance in the nights and days. Verily, He is with His remembering servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and for having made known unto me Thy straight path and Thy firm and mighty Command. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09043 ===

=== START BH09044 ===

O Hibatullah, son of Musafir! Your call has been heard in the name of the Goal of all the worlds, and your letter has been illumined with the lights of the Most Great Countenance and was presented before His face. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. His knowledge has encompassed and will forever encompass all things, and His Command has surrounded and will surround all times. The Kingdom of Utterance speaks forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful with these words: O friends! Defile not the light of divine unity with the contamination of vain imaginings, and veil it not with the dark veils of similitudes and analogies. The people of certitude are those souls who today stand firm and steadfast in the divine Cause, who regard all else as non-existent and count all other things as nothing. God willing, may you soar with this wing in the atmosphere of the love of the Most Great Countenance, and may you ever abide beneath the shadow of His mercy, successful and at rest.

=== END BH09044 ===

=== START BH09045 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! Your call was heard and the fire of your love in the path of God was witnessed. Praise be to God that you have attained to this station, which is the most exalted of stations. God willing, you will remain steadfast, for false claimants have appeared and will appear in most lands. This is what the Supreme Pen foretold aforetime. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thankful that the Wronged One heard your call and answered you in truth. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving,

the All-Bountiful. We counsel you and those women who have believed in God to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness and to act in accordance with what We have sent down in the Most Holy Book. By the life of God! It is verily a perspicuous Book. As for your desire to attain Our presence, this land and its surroundings are observed to be in turmoil and upheaval. Therefore, beseech God to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH09045 ===

=== START BH09046 ===

O Muhammad Husayn, who has attained the presence and won the grace of Him Who speaks, the All-Knowing!

We testify that thou didst seek to attain the presence before the countenance of the Wronged One, to hearken unto His call and to stand before His gate. Thou art he who left thy home, turning thy face toward the House of God, the Most High, in the All-Glorious Horizon, and traversed land and sea until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison, which God hath made the point of adoration for the world. Thou didst hear what the ears of those near unto Him among His servants have heard, and didst behold what was the hope of the sincere ones among His chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below, to ordain for me that which shall cause me to be detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of grace abounding. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09046 ===

=== START BH09047 ===

O Mir Muhammad Bey, who hath attained Our presence and gained victory! He is the Light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of proof. We testify that thou hast aimed for the ultimate goal, the loftiest summit, and the highest horizon, and hast heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and achieved that which was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thou hast established for thyself a station beneath the canopies of grandeur, as attested by the Book of God, Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the One Who ruleth this praiseworthy station. Thou didst speak the truth when thou didst appear before the face of him who disbelieved in God and believed in the Evil One. We beseech God to record for thee the reward of thy utterance and thy steadfastness in this mighty and beloved Cause. Blessed be thy tongue and thy heart, and woe unto him who hath denied the proof of God, the Lord of existence.

=== END BH09047 ===

=== START BH09048 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

The fragrances of the All-Merciful from this Paradise which hath appeared in the temple of man have indeed wafted over all the worlds, and through them are the bodies of all created things revived, and God

is, verily, witness unto this. O handmaiden of God! Make mention of thy Lord in His days - days which were promised in the Mother Book. Withhold not thyself from the fragrances of thy Lord, for whoso withholdeth himself therefrom is indeed deprived of all good. Then be thou obedient, and bow down, and prostrate thyself before God Who hath created the heavens and the earth by His command, for He is, verily, powerful over all things. And glory be upon the people of glory, whether male or female.

=== END BH09048 ===

=== START BH09049 ===

Agha Siyyid Barat - in the name of the Sovereign of all possibility! Blessed is the state of those souls who have received their writ of freedom from the Dayspring of God's Cause and remained protected from the fire of ignorance and polytheism. All people were awaiting the days of God, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine will, all were heedless of Him and occupied with and turned to other than Him, except for those souls who heard the divine call with the ear of the heart and turned toward His horizon. Today is the day of service, today is the day of pure deeds. All the friends must, through the grace of the All-Merciful, occupy themselves with guiding others through goodly deeds, pleasing conduct, and healing words. He is verily the Protector of those who do good. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09049 ===

=== START BH09050 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a remembrance unto My servant Sadiq of Yazd, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God and be detached from all else - and this is indeed a mighty favor. We created thee for My remembrance and praise, and thus do We remember thee in the kingdom of Our Cause that thou mayest remember Me in My earth. Therefore, hearken unto the word of thy Lord and be of them that remember. Leave behind all created things, then turn thy face toward the court of the All-Merciful, the seat of the throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Strive within thyself that through thee the Cause of God may be exalted - for this wert thou created by His firm and unshakeable command. He who leaveth no trace in the world shall be subject to the decree of extinction. Thus do We impart unto thee that thou mayest be among those who are firm in this Cause, whereby the foundations of the heedless have been shaken. And the glory rest upon thee and upon Our sincere servants.

=== END BH09050 ===

=== START BH09051 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. This is a mention from before Us to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, that the verses may remind him and draw him unto the supreme horizon. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There hath come before the Wronged One a letter from him bearing the name of Javad, wherein was thy mention. We have revealed for thee the verses and sent them unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have adorned the heaven of the

servants' knowledge with the stars of their Lord's ethics, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on goodly deeds, and woe unto every remote forsaker. O My servants! Adorn your temples with the robe of steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the mystics have been stirred. We make mention of those who have turned unto the Countenance, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Glory be upon the people of Baha, and upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09051 ===

=== START BH09052 ===

Muhammad Hasan - He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Garment and hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist Us and you in remembering and praising Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Drink thou at all times from the choice wine of certitude, the seal whereof hath been broken by the finger of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, may you ever abide beneath the shade of the providence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and become so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that you may cause others to be set ablaze thereby. Should anyone reflect upon the world and whatsoever hath appeared and will appear therein, he would clearly behold its evanescence and would cleave unto the cord of that which endureth. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09052 ===

=== START BH09053 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is the Book of Husayn to him who was named with this name and who abided in the vicinity of his Lord's mercy for numbered months until he emigrated by His command, and thus it behooveth every patient and grateful one. We sent thee a Tablet before, and now one is sent down once again from the presence of the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian. We beseech God that He may enable thee to attain unto His love and good-pleasure and that through thee He may set ablaze the breasts of those whose warmth of love had been quenched. Seek thy Lord's grace at all times, then put thy trust in Him. Verily He will assist those who have attained His presence and who have become detached from the worlds. And the Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon those who have aided their Lord, the Most Merciful, at every daybreak and sunset.

=== END BH09053 ===

=== START BH09054 ===

O Mirza Muhammad! He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious! This is the Book of the All-Merciful from which the proof hath shone forth unto those who are in the Bayan. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and discovered that which was wafted from it through this perspicuous Name. The Kingdom and the

Dominion have testified to the sovereignty of the Realm of Might, yet most of the people are fast asleep. Say: He hath come for your salvation, as attesteth that which We revealed in the Tablets in the time of the Prophets and Messengers. Verily, those who were not stirred by the breezes of revelation are accounted as dead in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. When thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of My utterance and been seized by the rapture of My verses, arise from thy place, then turn thy face toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O God of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee to make me hear, in all conditions, Thy most sweet call and to draw me nigh unto Thee through Thy bountiful grace.

=== END BH09054 ===

=== START BH09055 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy! This is a Book from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, unto all that are in the heavens and on earth, that they may witness His signs and be of them that are assured. And thou, O handmaiden of God, blessed art thou inasmuch as thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Manifestation of His Self, and thy name hath been inscribed among them that are assured in the preserved Tablets of might. Read thou the verses of thy Lord, then take comfort in them, for they are the best of helpers and supporters, since with every verse from the verses of thy Lord there accompanieth a host of the angels that draw nigh. Thus do We make mention of thee in this Tablet that thou mayest be attracted by the melodies of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, and mayest detach thyself from the world and turn with thy heart toward the paradise of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And the Glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens of God who remember Him and His servants who remember Him.

=== END BH09055 ===

=== START BH09056 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Verily it is the spirit of life unto all the worlds. In every word of thy Lord's verses is concealed a spirit which, should God permit it to appear, would cause the heavens and earth to be drawn unto it. He who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful in this Day will stand firm in the Cause in such wise that those who have disbelieved shall not turn him aside. Verily thy Lord will aid whomsoever hath desired His presence. He is with His sincere servants. O thou who gazest, gaze and thou shalt behold Me. Verily he who hath turned unto Me is of them who have seen Me. Thy Lord is witness to what I say. Leave the dead and hold fast unto the Name through which every sincere and trustworthy one hath held fast. Aid thy Lord amongst His servants. This is what God hath prescribed for everyone who hath believed in Him in this mighty Revelation.

=== END BH09056 ===

=== START BH09057 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

This is a Book from God to her who believed in her Lord when He appeared yet another time, that thou mayest detach thyself from those who disbelieved and hold fast to the Sure Handle of God. O My aunt! Hearken unto My call, then grieve with My grief, then weep over My tribulations, then rejoice in My remembrance, then soar with My love, then ascend through My grace, then prostrate thyself and be submissive, then rise unto My most exalted Kingdom. The Gate hath been opened, the Doorkeeper expelled, the veils burned away, and the Sun hath shone forth from behind the clouds. Come ye and hasten, O concourse of loved ones! Then hasten with thy heart, O My aunt, to the Ultimate Dwelling, the Most Glorious Horizon. This is better for thee and for them than the kingdom of earth and heaven. And the Glory be upon thee and upon the people of guidance.

=== END BH09057 ===

=== START BH09058 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy

This is a Book from Us to her who hath believed in her Lord, that the melodies of her Lord may attract her once again from this Most Exalted Scene, the Spot wherein have shone forth the lights of the countenance of our Most Glorious Lord. O My handmaiden! Grieve not, but rather purify thyself from this world and all that is therein, and thy heart from all that pertaineth thereunto, that the Sun of the remembrance of the name of thy Lord may shine upon it. Know thou that this world shall pass away. Were all the treasures of the earth to be gathered before thee, not one of them would profit thee when the messenger of thy Chosen Lord cometh unto thee. And that which hath been ordained for thee in the Kingdom of thy Lord shall not profit thee. Seek thou, therefore, from the bounty of thy Lord that which He hath ordained for thee. Verily, He is the Best of Givers and the Most Merciful of the merciful. And the Spirit and Glory be upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09058 ===

=== START BH09059 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed and been guided, that the call of his Lord may draw him to the ultimate station, round which circle the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. By God! He is verily the supreme Sign, the Most Great Sign, the Lord of the throne and of the dust, the Sovereign of the hereafter and of this world. O servant! If thou art seized by the attraction of the verses and by the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the Lord of names and attributes, then detach thyself from thyself and from all thou beholdest, and turn with thy heart unto God, thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Thus have We called out to thee from the shore of eternity in the Crimson Spot. This is of thy Lord's grace unto thee, that thou mayest be of them who remember. Take hold of God's Tablet through His power, and follow not him who hath turned away from guidance.

=== END BH09059 ===

=== START BH09060 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from Us to one of Our handmaidens, that she may rejoice in the remembrance of God and be numbered among the devout. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call, then detach thyself from all that hath been created in earth and heaven. Verily, thy Lord is with those among His remembering servants and His pure handmaidens who have turned towards His Countenance. Remember thy Lord with this prayer: O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of earth and heaven, and within Whose grasp is the empire of destiny! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the greatest veil was rent asunder and the Most Pure Manifestation appeared from the horizon of Thy Command, to draw me nigh unto the seat of the throne of Thy oneness in Thy holy court, that I may hearken unto Thy call. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09060 ===

=== START BH09061 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all possibility! This is a Book from Us to all who are in the heavens and on earth, that they may turn unto God, the Lord of the Final End. Those who hesitate today - these shall have no portion in the Book. Soon shall they bewail their own selves and curse those who held them back from the All-Possessing, the Most High. Be thou not grieved at anything, but hold fast unto God, the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Countenance when every idolator and doubter waxed proud. Happy is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath drunk the choice sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. They who have drawn nigh and acted according to what they were bidden - these are of the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. Ask thou God to strengthen thee to stand firm in His Cause, and to strengthen those who have hesitated on this Day which God, the Lord of Days, hath ordained.

=== END BH09061 ===

=== START BH09062 ===

In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great. This is a Book from God unto him who hath turned towards the Countenance, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Glorified be He Who giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth, and sendeth down upon whomsoever He desireth that whereby His mention shall be established in a preserved Tablet. Rejoice, O people, in that your names have flowed from the Pen of Revelation - this is naught but a manifest grace. Verily, in the prison We make mention of Our loved ones, that the fragrances of the utterance may draw them to the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded to his Ancient Lord. Woe unto him who hath been deprived of his Lord’s grace on this Day which hath encompassed all worlds. Say: His mercy hath preceded all created things, yet the people are in manifest heedlessness. Turn ye unto it with your hearts. Thus hath it been sent down in the Tablet from the presence of One mighty and beautiful.

=== END BH09062 ===

=== START BH09063 ===

This is a Book from the Prisoner to the handmaidens of God that they may praise God every morning and evening, and may be steadfast in His Cause and His love. And this is from the bounty which is immense in the Tablet.

O handmaiden of God, quaff the Kawthar of love from the chalice of the utterance of thy Lord which hath appeared in the temple of letters in the Tablet. And with this word the blessing of counselling is perfected for thee and for the handmaidens who have believed in God in the days wherein the step of every mystic with insight hath shaken, save him whom the Hand of Bounty hath protected and who hath been spared by His sovereignty. And His bounty hath ever preceded the world of being…

=== END BH09063 ===

=== START BH09064 ===

This is Hassan in the Land of Alif - He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Glorious. This is a Book sent down through grace from the heaven of God, the Sublime, the Great. Mentioned therein is that which draws people to the direction of the Throne, the seat of God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing. O Pen of Eternity! Remember Our servant that he may rejoice within himself and be in the religion of God like an immovable and manifest mountain, such that neither the winds of those who have disbelieved nor the whisperings of devils can move him, and that the light of his Lord may shine forth from his face, guiding every doubtful ignorant one. Thus have you been commanded, O Hassan, that you may be beneficent in the Cause of your Lord and stand firm in the Command of God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful. And the glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God and whom the opposition of the opposers has not moved. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09064 ===

=== START BH09065 ===

In the Name of Him Who was, and with Whom was naught else that was.

This is a Tablet revealed from the prison to him who hath turned unto the Countenance, that he may inhale the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Inaccessible, and may know that He remembereth in tribulation those among the people of Baha who have sought Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When thou didst perceive the fragrance of the garment and the breath of holiness, arise to make mention of Him amongst the worlds, that perchance they may recognize God their Lord and abandon what they possess of the whisperings of the satans. Hold thou fast in all conditions to the remembrance of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. This is better for thee than the sovereignty of the heavens and earth. Be not grieved by what they have said and uttered. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Despair not of the breezes of God and His mercy. He is with whomsoever hath desired Him and aideth him at all times.

=== END BH09065 ===

=== START BH09066 ===

In My Name, through which hearts are attracted! This is a day wherein the Book walketh and speaketh. Blessed are they that hear it! The standards of guidance have been raised, and the horizon of the Cause hath been illumined, and the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken forth from the Dawning-Place of Revelation: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” Take hold of the Tablet of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and place it upon thine eyes, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the fragrance of bounty hath wafted between the worlds and the mystery of Sinai hath appeared amongst the nations! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained in Thy days for Thy chosen ones. Then make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of Thy creatures have slipped. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.”

=== END BH09066 ===

=== START BH09067 ===

In the Name of the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! This is the day wherein the All-Merciful betook Himself unto the garden. And when He entered therein, the pomegranate proclaimed: “The Lord, the Sovereign King, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath come!” Blessed is he who hath attained His presence when He seated Himself upon the throne through His Name whereby He hath subdued all that are in the worlds. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things. The fragrance of loving-kindness hath been wafted, and the Dove hath warbled upon the branch of the Divine Lote-Tree that which the Tongue of Oneness spoke ere the creation of earth and heaven: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Loving.” Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him - it shall be a light unto thee in thy Lord’s worlds, the Lord of all existence. We have made mention of all who have turned unto the Countenance, and We make mention of those whom the verses have attracted unto this exalted Station.

=== END BH09067 ===

=== START BH09068 ===

O Afnan, his honor Mirza Baqir, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Do you know who remembers you and do you know who calls out to you from this glorious and wondrous station? Say: Yes, by my Lord! The Beloved of the worlds remembers me and the Goal of all knowers calls out to me. O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the breezes of Thy springtime and the lights of Thy countenance and the fragrances of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power and the revelations of Thy grandeur to preserve me through Thy bounty and Thy loving-kindness, then grant me what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! I am the one who has fled from myself unto Thee and desired from the heaven of Thy bounty what befits Thy grace and Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art He Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate, so send down upon Thy servant from the heaven of Thy grace that which will draw him near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH09068 ===

=== START BH09069 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! In these days there hath been sent down unto thee a Tablet of wondrous glory, and likewise unto everyone whose name was mentioned in thy letter. Verily, thy Lord's favor toward thee is abundant. He who set out for the Most Great House and was numbered among the triumphant ones in the Tablet hath attained the presence of the Countenance, and the hand of grace hath turned him from the left of doubt to the right of certitude with mighty sovereignty. Blessed art thou for having traversed the paths of submission and contentment, and for being illumined by the lights of His Countenance. Make mention of thy Lord, then glorify His praise. Verily, He is with thee in all conditions, and He will surely give full recompense to the doers of good, and He is verily the Observer of all things. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee among My loved ones, who are at this hour mentioned before the Throne.

=== END BH09069 ===

=== START BH09070 ===

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by them who circle round Thy throne, O Lord of all being and Master of the seen and unseen, to assist Thy handmaiden and leaf that her mention may endure in Thy kingdom. Thou art the One Who, O my God, hast related Thy chosen ones to Thy Tree. Ordain for them, both men and women, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Send down Thy blessings, O my God, upon those who have attained the blessing of recognizing Thee in Thy days, who have turned unto Thee and have drunk the choice sealed wine of revelation from the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge and their faces with the radiance of Thy countenance. Then ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09070 ===

=== START BH09072 ===

He is the Near One, the Hearer, the Seer! O Ibrahim! Your petition was received. The servant present before His face presented it. It was very brief and written in the Persian tongue. God testifies that these two brief Persian words were dearer to Him than certain lengthy, expansive Arabic letters, for they were sanctified from desires and imaginings and all matters were referred to God and suspended upon His good-pleasure. Blessed is the soul that has attained to that which thou hast attained! God willing, in all conditions thou shalt be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Goal of the world, be turned toward His horizon, cling to His love, and arise in His service. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09072 ===

=== START BH09073 ===

Afnan, His Honor Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name, through which the ocean of bounty surged before the faces of all peoples

O son of My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We testify that thou hast attained unto My Day and hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty, and hast heard My sweetest call and the sound of My Most Exalted Pen. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast guided the peoples to the shore of the ocean of Thy utterance and given them to drink of the Kawthar of attainment from the hands of Thy grace and bounty, to ordain for me through Thy Most Glorious Pen that which Thou hast ordained for the company of Thy chosen ones. Then send down upon me, from the clouds of Thy grace, the rain of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all, whether of the first or the last. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and the Desire of the hearts of them that know Thee.

=== END BH09073 ===

=== START BH09074 ===

He is the Outward and He is the Inward! O sons of Khalil! Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the ocean of divine mercy and been illumined by the lights of the manifestation of the Sun of Truth. Today, whosoever hath turned unto the supreme horizon is accounted before God as among the most exalted of beings and is recorded in the Book. O sons of Khalil! Should anyone come unto you with the book of hell, leave it behind you, turning instead toward the All-Knowing, the One. God willing, may ye remain so steadfast in the divine Cause that neither the cawing of the crows nor the allusions of the opposers shall deter you. Thus have We set forth the matter with truth and expounded the verses. Blessed is every hearing and perceiving one. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity rest upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH09074 ===

=== START BH09075 ===

O friends of God! Be the mercy of God and His light unto My loved ones, and the sword of God and His vengeance unto Mine enemies. This is a revelation from God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Mighty. O Abraham! Hear My call and be not of the heedless ones. Remember thy Lord in thy rising up and sitting down, and in every morning and evening. Beware lest thou forget My remembrance and cast the love of God behind thy back, and be not of them that are veiled. Then remind the servants of God that they neglect not any of the matters of their Lord, and follow not their idle fancies, and be not of them that turn away. Then convey Our greetings unto thy brethren and remind them from Us with a goodly reminder. And the Spirit and glory be upon you, O concourse of them that love Me!

=== END BH09075 ===

=== START BH09076 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O Asad! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. The letter of Ali-Qabel-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, was presented before Us and Badi'u'llah read it in Our presence. This answer hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: We testify that he is of the people of this Most Great Scene and among the Hands of the Cause before God, the One Who holdeth all destiny. We beseech God to preserve him, to aid him, and to enable him to achieve all good that He hath sent down in His Books and Tablets. We testify that he arose to serve My Cause in the earliest days with such steadfastness as was not hindered by the croaking of frogs, nor the mewing of cats, nor the grunting of swine. The Glory from Us be upon him and upon those whom neither profit nor trade deterreth from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

=== END BH09076 ===

=== START BH09077 ===

He is established upon the throne of utterance

O Ustad Isma'il! Rejoice that the Pen of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath moved to make mention of thee. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him and aideth him in a manner befitting this Revelation from which the lights have shone forth. We have sent down the Book as a mercy from Our presence and a bounty from Our side, and verily We are the Powerful, the Chosen One. We make mention of thy son who was named 'Abdu's-Samad in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. We make mention at this time of Ar-Rahim in such wise as will draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Blessed are ye for having turned to the Dawning-Place of grace and for having attained unto the days wherewith We gave the glad-tidings in the Scriptures and Tablets. The glory from Our presence be upon you and upon those whom the might of the wicked ones hath not prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH09077 ===

=== START BH09078 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Isma'il, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me, and Thy remoteness and absence hath destroyed me. I know not, O my God, whether Thou didst create me for Thy remembrance or for Thy torment. If Thou didst create me for Thy remembrance and praise and for recognition of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, then strengthen me that I may arise to serve Thee amongst Thy servants and to praise and glorify Thee before the faces of Thy creation. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. By Thy glory! I am content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me through

Thy decree and destiny, for I testify that Thou art praised in Thy doings and obeyed in Thy command. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09078 ===

=== START BH09079 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

O Isma'il! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! This is the Day wherein the Hidden Treasure hath been revealed and the breeze of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath wafted. They who have turned unto Him are indeed the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the one who was not deterred by the cawing of the cawers who denied God's proof and His evidence, and wrought that which caused the near ones to lament. Take hold of God's Tablet with a strength from Him and a power from His presence. Beware lest the veils of them who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed prevent thee. Thus hath warbled the Dove of Utterance upon the loftiest branches, as a command from God, the Lord of existence. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH09079 ===

=== START BH09080 ===

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over what was and what shall be!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast ever been beneath the glances of My loving-kindness, to which My Pen and My Tongue and the dwellers of the cities of My mighty Cause bear witness. Thou hast ever been and art standing before My countenance. Should there be an outward delay in the manifestation of loving-kindness, be thou not grieved. Verily, He is with thee and beholdeth thee in thy station and heareth thy call and knoweth what is in thy heart. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned thee before and have testified through Our Most Exalted Pen that which all things have uttered. Blessed be God, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09080 ===

=== START BH09082 ===

His Honor Afnan Aqa Mirza Siyyid Hasan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - He is the Mighty, the Great

O My Afnan! My tongue and My Most Exalted Pen bear witness that thou hast turned toward the horizon of God and set thy face toward Him, and hastened to the shore of the ocean of His presence, and soared in the atmosphere of His love until thou didst traverse land and sea and enter the Most Exalted Paradise in thy Lord's prison, He Who is the Ruler of all names. And thou didst hearken unto His most sweet call

and didst attain unto that which had been recorded in the Books of God and hidden in His knowledge. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto God for this great bounty, with which all the treasures of the earth and all the repositories of knowledge cannot compare. Thy Lord, the Ruler of the Kingdom, beareth witness unto this. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon whosoever hath loved thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

=== END BH09082 ===

=== START BH09083 ===

He is the Healer, the Sufficing, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O God of the world, Who hast manifested through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the sun of Thy manifestation, and the heaven of Thy bounty, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will gladden them in Thy days. Then protect them, O my God, from every disease and affliction, and from whatsoever may prevent them from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy favors. Thou art He through Whose name all things have spoken. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Lord! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee when she heard Thy call. Write down for her what Thou hast written for Thy handmaidens who have circumambulated the throne of Thy grandeur, and who have attained unto Thy presence, and who have acknowledged that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged in the kingdom of creation, and who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of Names. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09083 ===

=== START BH09084 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious

O my God! Thou seest my state and my dwelling-place, the weakness of Thy loved ones and the power of Thine enemies, the helplessness of Thy chosen ones and the might of the adversaries of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy Word and the sun of Thy power to manifest in the world that which will gladden the eyes of Thy loved ones and bring assurance to their hearts in Thy days. Grant these servants a dwelling beneath the pavilion of Thy grandeur and the canopy of Thy glory, and bestow upon them from the hand of Thy bounty the water of everlasting life. Thou knowest, Thou knowest, Thou seest, Thou seest. O Knowing One, words are nothing - Thou speak! O Powerful One, deeds are vain - grant Thou befitting grace! This hath ever been and shall ever be worthy of Thee. Glory be upon me and upon Thee.

=== END BH09084 ===

=== START BH09085 ===

To be recited during Qunut:

O my God! This is Thy servant and the son of Thy servant who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and set his face towards Thee, wholly detached from all except Thee. Thou, verily, art the Most Merciful of

the merciful. I beseech Thee, O Thou Forgiver of sins and Concealer of faults, to do with him that which becometh the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace. Grant him admission within the precincts of Thy transcendent mercy that was before the foundation of earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Thereupon he speaketh the Takbirs: In the first: “We all, verily, worship God.” In the second: “We all, verily, bow down before God.” In the third: “We all, verily, are devoted unto God.” In the fourth: “We all, verily, are rememberers of God.” In the fifth: “We all, verily, give praise unto God.” In the sixth: “We all, verily, are patient in God.” (Each of these is to be repeated nineteen times.)

=== END BH09085 ===

=== START BH09086 ===

The Most Great, the Most Glorious

O my God! This is a Branch that hath branched out from the Tree of Thy Singleness and the Lote-Tree of Thy Oneness. Thou seest him, O my God, looking unto Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounties. Do Thou protect him within the shelter of Thy mercy. Thou knowest, O my God, that I desire for him naught except what Thou didst desire, and have chosen for him naught save what Thou didst choose. Do Thou assist him, then, with the hosts of earth and heaven, and help, O my God, whosoever helpeth him, choose whosoever chooseth him, and uphold whosoever advanceth towards him. Abandon whosoever denieth him and seeketh him not. O Lord! Thou seest that at the time of revelation my pen moveth and my limbs tremble. I beseech Thee, by my ardor in Thy love and my yearning to manifest Thy Cause, to ordain for him and for them that love him that which Thou hast ordained for Thy Messengers and the Trustees of Thy Revelation. Verily, Thou art God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09086 ===

=== START BH09087 ===

In the Name of Him Who is Sorrowful and Estranged

O my God and God of earth and heaven, my Sovereign and Sovereign of all who dwell in the kingdom of names! Thou seest what the idolaters have perpetrated in Thy days. There is no land wherein the blood of Thy chosen ones hath not been shed, and no air whereunto the sighs of Thy loved ones have not ascended. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and He Who hath power over the nations, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall gladden the hearts of Thy loved ones. O Lord! Look upon them with the glances of Thy mercy and deliver them from the oppressors among Thy creation and the rebellious ones among Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou hearest the cry of hearts and the sighing of the hearts of Thy trusted ones. I beseech Thee to replace the throne of tyranny with the seat of justice. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09087 ===

=== START BH09088 ===

He is the Wronged One. O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, my Goal, my Hope! Thou seest the Countenance of Justice beneath the claws of tyranny, and the Temple of Unity in the hands of the idolaters. O Lord! The days of oppression have lengthened, though Thou didst promise in the Book their brevity, and the times of hardship have extended, though Thou didst pledge that ease would accompany them. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the light of Thy countenance whereby earth and heaven were illumined, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which shall gladden the hearts of Thy loved ones after this sorrow which hath clouded the pure wine of assurance in Thy days. Then cause them, O my God, to be of those whom nothing whatsoever preventeth from turning unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of Names! Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09088 ===

=== START BH09089 ===

This is a prayer that begins with “This is for ’Ali in this Most Glorious Horizon”:

O my God and my Beloved! How can I make mention of Thee through words, after my certitude that they were created by Thy command and Thy will? And how can I make mention of Thee through utterance, when verily it appeared through Thy Will and Thy leave? And how can I describe Thee through meanings when they are known through letters, and these appeared from the Pen of Thy decree and the trace of Thy signature? By Thy might, I witness that the path to Thy description is blocked - how much more so the path to the knowledge of Thy Self! And verily the loftiest description of all created things leadeth but to conjecture and imagination. Therefore, since Thou hast caused me to recognize my own powerlessness and the poverty of my being, I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High, that Thou deprive me not of the glances of Thy favor in this Most Great, Most Glorious Manifestation. Then send down through it upon me that which will make me independent of all that hath been created in earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09089 ===

=== START BH09090 ===

O handmaid of God, branch of her who hath emigrated and attained! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! O My handmaidens in Hadba! Verily My Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of you when sorrows have encompassed it from those by whom were raised the standards of tyranny in the kingdom of creation. It behooveth every soul to remember that which hath befallen My loved ones in the land of Sad. Hath the star of faithfulness disappeared from its horizon, or hath its nightingale taken flight unto God, the Lord of existence? O My loved ones and My handmaidens! Remember ye this calamity whereby have lamented the dwellers of Paradise who circle round the throne of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Glory be upon those who have believed, and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen. Verily, O My handmaiden, rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One when He was making mention of His servant “Ha” who gave up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of all lords.

=== END BH09090 ===

=== START BH09091 ===

O My handmaidens! Follow not the promptings of self, but follow that which hath come by a clear command. Ye are the leaves of My divine Tree - know ye this glorious and exalted station. Stand firm in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and follow not every ignorant one far removed from truth. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto My days, heard My call and turned unto the horizon of My loving-kindness. Woe unto the handmaiden who hath turned away from the Face and was among the idolatresses in the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My handmaidens! Know ye the value of these days and give thanks unto God in this wondrous Revelation. Be ye circling around the Cause of God and steadfast in that which ye have been commanded by the One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient.

=== END BH09091 ===

=== START BH09092 ===

O my handmaiden! Joy surrounds you and gladness is before your face, and light hastens behind you, inasmuch as the Countenance of the Ancient of Days has turned toward you from the Most Great Prison, and the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, has moved to make mention of you. How many a princess was forbidden, and how many a queen turned away, yet you have attained unto this mighty announcement. We have made this Tablet a treasure for you in the repository of My loving-kindness, and a lamp for you in all My worlds. Render thanks unto your Lord and praise Him for this bounty, the like of which cannot be found in creation, nor any similitude thereof in invention. To this bears witness the Source of Command and the Dawning-Place of the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon you and upon your son who has attained the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09092 ===

=== START BH09093 ===

In the Name of the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious! O My handmaiden! The Face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this Spot, and remembereth thee with a remembrance through which the fragrance of the Garment is wafted to all regions. His is the praise and the glory, and His is the remembrance and the splendor, inasmuch as He hath made thee recognize His Cause and hath caused thee to hear His Call and hath aided thee to acknowledge this Revelation before which all necks have bowed down. Cling thou to the hem of thy Lord’s robe and say: I beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence and Educator of the seen and the unseen, to grant me, in Thy Most Exalted Cause, the most great steadfastness. O my Lord! Thy handmaiden hath stood before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deprive her, through Thy grace and favor, of that which she seeketh, for through Thy loving-kindness I have recognized the greatness and sovereignty of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am Thy weak handmaiden who hath sought refuge in Thee, and Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09093 ===

=== START BH09094 ===

In My Name, the Most Glorious

O My handmaiden! The glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness have been directed towards thee, inasmuch as thou hast believed in God when He came with the kingdom of His signs and with manifest sovereignty. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of God. Verily, He hath sent down verses unto thee from this remote station that thereby thine eyes may be solaced, and the eyes of those women who have believed in God, the King, the Truth, the Mighty, the Merciful. Grieve thou not over anything. Verily, He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him - to this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from this luminous station. Preserve thou My Tablet lest it be gazed upon by every wicked and vile one. By God! The Day hath come, and the people are in grievous loss. They witness, yet deny. They are, verily, companions of the fire. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath believed in the One, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09094 ===

=== START BH09095 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Your letter was received. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for you what He has ordained for the leaves who circle round the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds, and to open before your face the gates of grace and bounty. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Convey greetings and glorification from this Wronged One to the leaves of the Sacred Tree who have emigrated and attained. Give them the glad-tidings of His grace. Verily, God is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Likewise, make mention of the believing handmaidens, if they are found. We beseech God to aid them all to achieve that which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Book. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Answerer of prayers.

=== END BH09095 ===

=== START BH09096 ===

O handmaid of God, wife of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Asadu'llah, upon both of them be the glory of God. In the name of the one true God! O handmaid of God! Your mention has been made and has attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who has not deprived you of the fragrances of His days, Who has guided you and directed you. Know thou the value of this most exalted and high station and preserve it in the name of Truth. The world's ornaments and vanity have prevented it from recognizing the Dawning-Place of the Manifestation and have deprived it of the outpourings of the true Bestower. We counsel all handmaids to engage in remembrance, praise and steadfastness in the Cause of God. Blessed is the handmaid who acts according to that which she has been commanded, and woe unto those who are heedless, both men and women. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My will be upon My handmaids who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09096 ===

=== START BH09097 ===

To Muhammad Karim, who has migrated and attained - He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth.

O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One remembereth thee in prison and guideth thee to the straight path of God. Bear thou witness to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath no likeness in creation nor any peer in invention. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books testifying that there is none other God but Him, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the recognition of God and His oneness, and woe unto every heedless servant. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon those who have attained the presence of God, and upon thee, and upon every handmaiden who hath acted according to that which was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09097 ===

=== START BH09098 ===

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon. O Amin! The Mother Book makes mention of thee from before God, the Lord of the worlds, that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Thou hast inhaled the fragrances of these days and attained unto that which none among the peoples hath attained, save whom God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath willed. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to preserve this station. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and utterance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn towards Thee and to face the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, and by Him through Whom Thou hast adorned the celestial spheres and through Whom the breezes of revelation were cut off, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thy cord and cling to the hem of Thy robe, and to stand firm in the service of Thy Cause and be steadfast in Thy love. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

=== END BH09098 ===

=== START BH09099 ===

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One Who hath been afflicted with tribulations the number of which none can reckon save Him Who counteth all things and is the All-Knowing. We have shown patience in adversity and tribulation, and have preferred the Will of God to all else. To this beareth witness My imprisonment and My grievous trials. How many a day did they desire to shed My blood, and how many a night did My family bewail what had befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones. We make mention of Our tribulations lest those who have believed should grieve at what hath touched them in My path, for I am the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We console him who hath borne tribulation and give him glad tidings of a noble station. Blessed art thou for having turned toward My horizon, hearkened unto My call, and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09099 ===

=== START BH09100 ===

Your Lord is God. None is with Him. O people of Baha! Adorn your temples with the ornament of trustworthiness and courtesy, and your heads with the crown of truthfulness and wisdom. Thus have you been commanded by God, the Lord of all beings. Fear God, O people of insight. Say: He commands you that which benefits you. If you follow My way, verily He will guide you to the straight path. Whoso is adorned with the ornament of My character traits verily shines forth in the kingdom and by him the horizons are illumined. Hold fast to My nature. By My life! Through virtuous character your station is elevated and your glory becomes manifest throughout the lands. Those who follow their desires and turn away from guidance, they are but in loss. Through deeds is the station of men made manifest. Blessed is he from whose deeds waft the sweet fragrances of holiness and from whose utterance the perfume of wisdom. He is the lamp of guidance among creation, to which the Mighty, the All-Knowing bears witness.

=== END BH09100 ===

=== START BH09101 ===

O Ustad Mihdi, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance. O people of fidelity! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who remembereth you in the Most Great Prison and counseleth you concerning that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Beware lest the doubts of men hold you back from the Lord of creation. Ye have been created for this Most Great Day - know ye your station, O men of understanding. Hold fast unto that which beseemeth man. Thus have ye been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. The smoke hath risen and prevented eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Woe unto him who hath turned away from the Truth, and blessed is the servant who hath heard and said: “Here am I, O Lord of all days!” We have remembered thee with a remembrance whose fragrance shall never cease. Be thou grateful unto God, thy Lord, at all times.

=== END BH09101 ===

=== START BH09102 ===

He is the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O friends of God! That which you sent has attained unto My presence and hearing. We beseech God to send down upon you a blessing from the heaven of His bounty and a table from the atmosphere of His grace. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Lord of great favor. We indeed perceived from your letter the fragrance of love and unity. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to aid you in that which will cause your names to be exalted among His servants, through His Name, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have answered what you asked Us regarding the name. We have named it “Spiritual Company” and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through you that which will spread His traces throughout the lands and His signs among the servants. Verily He is the Powerful over what He wills, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Peace be upon you from Us, and upon the sincere servants of God, the near ones, the knowing ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09102 ===

=== START BH09103 ===

O Joseph! He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof. O My loved ones! Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness. Praise be to God that you are among those souls whose names were not prevented by their Owner from being inscribed, and whose book was not deprived of that which was sent down. You have passed beyond the world and joined the arena of the utterance of the Lord of all beings, and held fast to His cord. This station is like unto the head compared to the various stations of the world, and like unto sight compared to the temples of ranks among the nations. Beseech God to grant you strength that you may remain firm and steadfast in this most exalted station and most glorious spot. We mentioned you before with a mention whose fragrance is everlasting and enduring, and this is yet another time from God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne and of the earth.

=== END BH09103 ===

=== START BH09104 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Helper, the All-Sustaining

O My loved ones in My lands! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from the Divine Lote-Tree that speaketh amidst the world and announceth unto all this momentous News. When its rustling was lifted up, among the people some were drawn to it and hastened until they clung fast to it, while others heard and turned away until they disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O concourse of servants! By God, the hidden Secret and the treasured Symbol, whose appearance was heralded in the Books of God, the Sovereign of the Day of Judgment, hath been made manifest. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, render thanks unto Him Who made thee know and strengthened thee and guided thee unto His straight Path. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

=== END BH09104 ===

=== START BH09105 ===

Tablet to Aqa-Shahzadih, upon her be the Glory of God. In the name of the one incomparable, almighty God. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Great is this day and the manifestation of favor from the horizon of the heaven of supreme grace is most glorious. We have desired at this time to adorn thee with a light that neither alteration shall overtake nor setting follow. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of all who dwell in the kingdom of names! I beseech Thee by the effulgences of the Daystar of Thy Will whereby the heaven of Thy knowledge and the earth of Thy purpose were illumined, to open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the door of bounty and bestowal. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. By My life and by God’s Cause! The treasures of the world and whatsoever is with the kings and rulers cannot equal this Tablet.

=== END BH09105 ===

=== START BH09106 ===

Praised be to Thee, O Thou Who hast revealed to me Thy lofty Horizon, aided me to recognize Thy most exalted Word, and drawn me nigh unto the station wherein the Ocean of Thy Oneness hath surged, shedding forth from its horizon the light of Thy unity. O my God! How can I render thanks to Thee for having blessed me with Thy generosity, assisted me to find the fragrance of Thy garment, and helped me to attain the cup which hath been proffered by the hand of Thy bestowal? I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and help me to remember Thy verses in such wise that worldly affairs will not prevent me from turning my gaze towards Thee. Thou art verily the Forgiver of sins and the Most Merciful.

=== END BH09106 ===

=== START BH09107 ===

O thou who art present before the Throne and gazing upon the Countenance! While in the prison of Akka, We were conversing with all things when We heard the cry and lamentation of nature. We asked: "What aileth thee? In the daytime We hear thy cry, in the nighttime thy lamentation, and at dawn thy moaning." Whereupon it cried out saying: "O Lord of the worlds! The polytheists have sunk Thy crimson Ark and slaughtered Thy white She-Camel, and desired to extinguish Thy light through the fire of hatred that blazed in their hearts. By Thy might and majesty! The lover cannot bear to see what hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee to transform the fire into light, sorrow into joy, and pus into pure wine. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful."

=== END BH09107 ===

=== START BH09108 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Thou Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of one of the handmaidens, that the call of her Lord, the Most High, may attract her from the direction of ʼAkka and cause her to soar in the atmosphere wherein blow the breezes of the mercy of her Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O My handmaiden! Detach thyself from all else but Me and take comfort in My remembrance. Thus hath the Tongue of My Will commanded thee from within the pavilion of My majesty. Beware lest the veils of idle fancies prevent thee from the Purpose of the worlds. Be thou thankful that the Pen, through which was detailed the knowledge of what hath been and what is to be in the Tablet of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath been moved to make mention of thee. Be thou steadfast in My Cause and grieve thou not over aught save My tribulations, for I testify that I am in manifest joy. And the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Most High, the Great.

=== END BH09108 ===

=== START BH09109 ===

O Haji Akhund! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Witnessing, the All-Responding

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We testify that thou hast heard the Call and turned towards it, and hast uttered that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered: “There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” And We testify that thou didst attain unto the Station and didst hear what the Blessed Tree spoke forth from the Sinai of divine knowledge. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy Throne to open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the door of Thy nearness and meeting. I testify, O my God, to Thy bounty and generosity, to Thy might and grandeur and power. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause and the Daysprings of Thy Revelation and the Manifestations of Thy Self, to aid me in Thy service and in steadfastness in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09109 ===

=== START BH09110 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Bestower of gifts and favors!

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! O Rida! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings. At the mere news of this propitious event, setting aside outward limitations and conventional bounds observed among men, she hath been named with the most excellent of names as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to preserve her and protect her, and to manifest through her that which hath been manifested from among those men who have drawn nigh unto God. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Most Exalted. There can be no doubt, nor doth any uncertainty exist, that the one who is assisted and confirmed will manifest in every realm of her being that which will exalt her through His Name among His handmaidens and servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH09110 ===

=== START BH09111 ===

O Siyyid Fathu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is the Overseer of all names! O thou who hast turned towards God! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Eternity from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The servant who is present hath entered before the Throne and presented thy letter before His face. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath turned towards God and heard the scratching of His Most Exalted Pen on a day wherein every remote scholar turned away. Blessed is the unlettered one who hath attained and succeeded, and woe unto every scholar who hath pronounced judgment against the Dawning-Place of Revelation with manifest tyranny. When thou hast attained unto My traces, rejoice and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Praise be unto Thee, for Thou art the God of the worlds and the Goal of them that have known Thee!”

=== END BH09111 ===

=== START BH09112 ===

Bombay. O Jinab-i-Aqa ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. In My Name through which the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art mentioned before the Throne! Today the tongue of proof in the Kingdom of utterance speaketh this most blessed and exalted word: “O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Splendor at its most splendid, and all Thy Splendor is indeed splendid. This is the Most Great Name of God concerning which God’s Proof and Evidence gave tidings. By My life! No mention nor utterance hath appeared more explicit than this. Blessed are the fair-minded. This is the Name at which the limbs of the polytheists trembled and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God found peace. Draw nigh and say: The dominion and the kingdom are within the grasp of God’s power, the Lord of all worlds, Whom neither the ranks nor the mightiest armies of the world can withstand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.”

=== END BH09112 ===

=== START BH09113 ===

He is the All-Knowing

O Baqir, upon thee be My glory! Thy letter which thou didst send to Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin was presented before the Face. God hath forgiven thee and whomsoever thou didst desire His forgiveness for. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Each of the mentioned souls hath attained unto the remembrance of God. Remind them of My verses and give them glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of God’s will, the Lord of all worlds. As for those souls whom the might of princes and oppression of divines hath prevented from drawing nigh and associating, leave them to themselves. Verily God is independent of all worlds. The hearts of some are illumined. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Oppression hath prevented them from attaining His presence. Say: My God, my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy servants through Thy power, lest the might of princes weaken them or the oppression of oppressors prevent them. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH09113 ===

=== START BH09115 ===

O Thamarih, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Everlasting, the Eternal, Who speaketh before all faces. O My fruit! Verily the Divine Lote-Tree desireth to raise thee up through its sovereignty, and draw thee nigh through its bounty and its hosts, and cause thee to hear its sweetest call and the scratching of its Most Exalted Pen. Grieve thou not over anything, for verily He is with thee and will help thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made known unto me Thy Great Announcement and given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the choice wine of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee, by the breezes of Thy Revelation and the mysteries of Thy Cause, to open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those who love thee in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH09115 ===

=== START BH09116 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Ja'far! He Who is the Lord of Destiny, Who is imprisoned in this land for having summoned all to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, maketh mention of thee. We have unlocked the gate of utterance with the key of Our name, the Most Merciful, and have remembered those who have turned unto His praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrances of My days, discovered the perfume of My robe, soared in My atmosphere, and held fast unto My preserved Tablet. O peoples of the earth! By My life, the gate of grace hath been opened, and the Sun of Justice from behind the clouds of tyranny calleth out, saying: "This is the Day of Union, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Meeting, did ye but perceive it, and this is the Day of remembrance and praise, did ye but understand it." Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH09116 ===

=== START BH09117 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O Javad! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful Who hath summoned all to the One, the All-Informed. The servant who is present hath appeared and laid before the Wronged One that which was uttered in the letter of him who was named Ali in the Kingdom of Names. We have perceived the fragrance of his love and sincerity for God, the Lord of the worlds, and We make mention of him in this spot with this gracious remembrance, that he may rejoice and be of those who render thanks. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him and him who was named Muhammad and those who have acknowledged the oneness of God and acted according to that which they were commanded in His mighty Book. O Ali! We have heard thy call and thy remembrance, and witnessed thy turning and thy devotion. Blessed art thou and those who have laid hold on the Sure Handle and achieved the supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09117 ===

=== START BH09118 ===

O Karbila'i Husayn! O Husayn! He Who was promised by the tongue of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, hath come. Say: O heedless ones! Fear God and follow not those who have denied the signs of God and His Manifestation. Follow Him Who hath come to you with the truth by the command of One mighty and powerful. Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies, for verily they keep you back from My straight path. Take hold of that which ye are commanded in the Book, for it shall profit you and draw you nigh unto Him at all times. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of thy Lord and turned unto Him on a day when all on earth turned away, save those whom the hand of God's grace did rescue - the Lord of all worlds. The Hidden One hath appeared and revealed that which He desired as a token of

His grace, for He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and mighty command.

=== END BH09118 ===

=== START BH09119 ===

O Husayn, son of him who ascended unto God, who speaketh from the throne of utterance! O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison-fortress and summoneth thee unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through His grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He giveth and withholdeth, and shall not be questioned about that which He doeth. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee the Face that hath appeared after the passing away of all who are in the heavens and on earth, save whom God hath willed, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O God of all being! I beseech Thee by Thy lauded station to make me, in all conditions, among those who have acknowledged that which the Pen of Revelation hath spoken. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

=== END BH09119 ===

=== START BH09120 ===

O Hakim, upon thee be My glory! This blessed Tablet was revealed in the previous year but there was delay in its dispatch. The events of the days and the clamor of the people have been the cause of prevention and the reason for delay in the outpourings of the True Bestower of bounties, both then and now. Your letter arrived afterwards. Praise be to God, the fragrance of acceptance and steadfastness wafted from it. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst manifest from nothingness the Sign of eternity, to ordain for me that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches, and the beggar seeking the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to send down upon him from the clouds of Thy grace that which will draw him nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Most Powerful of the powerful ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH09120 ===

=== START BH09121 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all who are in the realm of possibilities!

O Hamid! Thy letter hath been presented before God, the King, the Mighty, the Peerless, and from it We perceived the fragrance of supplication and entreaty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou and blessed is he whose pen moveth in remembrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God, arise and take hold with the hand of certitude, then drink from the chalice of utterance the Kawthar of divine knowledge, for God hath ordained in each of its letters oceans of wisdom and explanation which none hath comprehended save His own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the

presence of the Wronged One and for having drunk the choice wine of reunion. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which hath been ordained for them from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH09121 ===

=== START BH09122 ===

O Aqa Rida, or Rida! The Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven remembers thee from His mighty prison. The Wronged One calls out at all times and summons all to the straight path. Among the people are those who have found the sweetness of utterance and soared in the atmosphere of divine knowledge on the wings of certitude, and among them are those who turned away and followed every sinful doubter. Say: O concourse of divines! Ye are the veils of the earth and its doubts - to this testifies He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. Were ye to be fair, by what proof did ye believe in Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and by what evidence did ye turn away from Him Who came to you with that which is with the All-Knowing? Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Lost indeed are they who denied this Most Great Cause, at whose appearance the Book proclaimed: “The All-Bestower hath come with manifest sovereignty.”

=== END BH09122 ===

=== START BH09123 ===

O Zayn, upon thee be My Baha and My mercy! Thou art he to whom My Pen and My Tongue have borne witness, and the tongues of those who have circled round the throne of My grandeur, and soared in the atmosphere of My nearness, and arisen to serve My great Cause. From My Most Exalted Pen there hath flowed forth in thy name the Euphrates of mercy and knowledge. To this thy Lord, the All-Merciful, doth testify - He Whom God hath made the threshold of His door sanctified above the knowledge of every knower and the understanding of every one endued with understanding. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Thus have the rains of My bounty poured down from the heaven of My loving-kindness upon thee. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Convey My glorification unto the faces of My loved ones who have cast away all else save Me and held fast unto My firm cord.

=== END BH09123 ===

=== START BH09124 ===

O handmaid of God, Sakinih, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the one peerless God, the All-Knowing! O Sakinih! The Wronged One of the world makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and counsels thee to that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God and the elevation of being. Praise thou the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and the unseen, Who aided thee and guided thee until thou didst attain unto that for which the world was created. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names. Verily He heareth and seeth His servants and

handmaidens. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh His praise and the heart that is occupied with Him and is detached and free from all else. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

=== END BH09124 ===

=== START BH09125 ===

O Aqa Mir Sayfu'd-Din, or Sayfu'd-Din! We have effaced the sign of the sword and made the sign of the pen to shine forth from the horizon of the mercy of thy Lord, the Bountiful. We have forbidden all that saddeneth hearts, and commanded the people of Baha to do that which bringeth joy to the hearts of all created things. Thus hath the decree been ordained from the presence of Him Who is the All-Wise Commander. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of that which hath been commanded from the presence of God, the Lord of all mankind. Woe betide every heedless one who is far removed. Take hold of the Most Great Name through the power of Him Who is the Lord of Eternity, and cast aside that which the peoples possess. This is that which profiteth the servants, and thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be not perturbed by the clamor of the people who have cast the Book behind their backs and followed every heedless doubter. Thus have We illumined the Tablet with the lights of utterance from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH09125 ===

=== START BH09126 ===

O handmaid of God, Shirin, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the One standing before all faces. O Shirin, O my handmaid! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who bestowed upon thee and granted thee a portion from the choice wine of utterance. All created things testify to His generosity and all contingent beings are assured of and acknowledge His grace. Today whoever attained His recognition became the essence of all sweetness in the world, and whoever was deprived became the bitter colocynth. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and guided me to the ocean of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom nothing among all things could prevent, nor the hatred of those in the realm of creation. Thou hast appeared and manifested that which befitteth Thy Revelation, Thy greatness and Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09126 ===

=== START BH09127 ===

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

O patient one! Patience is praiseworthy except in My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. And silence is acceptable except regarding this Announcement, concerning which the Faithful Spirit gave glad-tidings. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of the Wronged One and turned to Him on a day when every veiled learned one turned away. Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, ye were created for this Day. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. That which was recorded in the Books of God hath appeared and He hath come with verses before which every lofty mountain hath bowed down. Cast aside vain imaginings -

they shall profit you not this Day. To this testifieth He through Whom the horizon of certitude hath been illumined. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe to the heedless! The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned with a luminous countenance to the horizon of the Manifestation.

=== END BH09127 ===

=== START BH09128 ===

O Karbila'i Samad! In the name of the one God, O Samad! Your letter was received before the Wronged One and the gaze of loving-kindness was directed towards you. Praise be to God that you have attained to that which was mentioned and inscribed in the Book of God. For each of the names that was present in the Most Holy Court, sublime and impregnable verses were revealed, that none might be deprived of the ocean of generosity or barred from the horizon of loving-kindness. God willing, may all hold fast to the mighty cord and manifest supreme steadfastness among humanity. Know ye the station of divine verses. I swear by the Kingdom of Utterance that nothing can compare with even a single letter of what hath been revealed and what is witnessed. Be thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast aided me in Thy days and guided me to Thy straight path.

=== END BH09128 ===

=== START BH09129 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed!

O Abbas! Change and transformation have been in the hand of God's power, glory be to His majesty. He has never been, nor ever shall be, powerless over any matter. Without any veil or covering He has been manifest and speaking. The people of the kingdom and of the heavenly realm move and rest through His Name. Reflect upon the transformation of the world - He changed the day of supreme sorrow into the day of greatest joy, that all might testify to God's power. The Primal Point declares that none but He has had or has any power. Glory be to God! He says the people of Sinai are struck with thunderous awe, yet still the deniers of the Bayan have spoken that which no idolater has ever uttered. Blessed is the soul that has held fast to the truth and become free and detached from all else but Him.

=== END BH09129 ===

=== START BH09130 ===

O Mulla 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. O 'Abdu'l-Husayn! The beginning of the Cause was belief in God, exalted be His glory, and its end is steadfastness in His Cause. Be thou occupied with remembrance and praise, and arise to serve the Cause, observing wisdom and acting according to that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent thee, or idle fancies veil thee from the Sovereign of the known. Take thou the chalice of steadfastness by the leave of the Lord of creation and drink therefrom; then give to drink thereof unto them that have believed in the All-Informed Single One. Soon shall be revealed what God hath ordained for thee. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him and the Fulfiller of

the hopes of them that yearn. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon when He Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise appeared in truth.

=== END BH09130 ===

=== START BH09131 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! Thy letter was received and considered. We heard thy call and have responded with this most exalted, most holy Tablet. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward Thee, facing the lights of Thy countenance, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs, Thy mighty announcement and Thy ancient Cause, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest my poverty, my want, my distress and my lowliness, and what I have and what I know not of what Thou hast. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon thy sisters and upon every maidservant who hath attained in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09131 ===

=== START BH09132 ===

O Abdul-Husayn! He Who speaks the truth from His most exalted station makes mention of thee. The Wronged One remembers thee as He sits in a palace built as the seat of His Lord’s throne, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, He transforms Paradise into prison, and prison into the highest Paradise. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. We have manifested the Cause and raised up the prison to such a station that every lofty place bows before it. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away his desires and held fast unto the Lord of all humanity, Who hath appeared and spoken forth from His most exalted station: “There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Informed.” We have remembered thee before, and on this night, as a token of grace from the presence of the Mighty, the Great. Take thou the Book, then render thanks unto Him Who hath sent it down and dispatched it unto thee. He, verily, is the Ever-Giving, the Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have held fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

=== END BH09132 ===

=== START BH09133 ===

O ’Abdu’l-’Ali my son who hath journeyed and attained! In the name of the All-Seeing Lord! O ’Abdu’l-’Ali, goodly is thy name. God willing, mayest thou become worthy of this name. The grace of the True One hath been and shall ever be vouchsafed unto all, and He hath summoned all with one call to the supreme horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened to the call and attained the response. The treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal one word “yea,” for if today a soul attaineth unto this word, he hath been and shall be independent of all the words of the people of the world. But if, God forbid, he becometh heedless, the treasures and riches of the earth shall profit him not. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken

when the Lord of Names was established upon the throne of His Great Name. When thou hast received this Tablet, know thou its station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09133 ===

=== START BH09134 ===

Victory! O ’Azizu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. O ’Aziz! Those souls who count themselves mighty have risen up to humiliate the friends of God. The divine friends have summoned all to eternal life and the light of oneness, while the enemies have ordered their banishment and imprisonment. But God has manifested what He desired, despite every ignorant remote one and every doubtful learned one. In all ages, the cause and reason for afflictions and calamities have been the ignorant divines. God protect us and you from their evil. They have pronounced judgment against Him Who created them with a word from His presence, and they perceive it not. Thus have We seized them in requital for their deeds. Soon shall they find themselves in an irrevocable torment. Grieve not thou over anything. Put thy trust in God and hold fast to His extended cord.

=== END BH09134 ===

=== START BH09135 ===

He is the Protector! O ’Ismat! Blessed is thy name. Thy name is the highest adornment for women - thus hath spoken the Lord of the Kingdom of Names from the supreme horizon. Convey My greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of God. We beseech God to adorn their heads with the crown of thy name. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. His loved ones have been and are beneath the glance of His favor, and He commandeth all to that which causeth their exaltation and advancement. I swear by the Sun of Truth which today shineth resplendent from the horizon of the Most Great Prison - one deed performed purely for the sake of God is a treasure preserved with God in His Name and protected by His protection. Be grateful to thy Lord for this most great bounty and this supreme favor. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

=== END BH09135 ===

=== START BH09136 ===

O Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance! O Ali! Today the Tree of Utterance, which hath been planted by the hand of grace in the highest Paradise, speaketh forth this most sublime Word: “O peoples of the earth! The Lord of all names hath come, the Sovereign! Hearken unto His call, and deprive not yourselves from serving Him, nor your faces from turning unto the splendors of His countenance, nor your hearts from drawing nigh unto His horizon, nor your ears from hearkening unto His call, nor your hands from taking hold of His Book, nor your feet from arising to carry out that which ye have been commanded in His perspicuous Book.” Blessed art thou, O Ali, for having attained unto His traces and turned towards Him at a time when every heedless and distant one, every dubious learned one, and every stubborn ruler turned away from Him.

=== END BH09136 ===

=== START BH09137 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. O ’Ali! We mentioned thee before, and Nabil desired to make mention of thee at this time. We make mention of thee once again. I am the Most Great Ocean - were it to cast upon the servants the pearls of wisdom and utterance throughout the continuance of the dominion of earth and heaven, naught would be diminished from it. To this testifieth that which hath proceeded and continueth to proceed from it, and every fair-minded and clear-sighted one. We beseech God to raise up through thee and His chosen ones the standards of trustworthiness, after they were reversed in the great city. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those with thee, and upon those who have not changed God’s favor within themselves and who, when they heard, turned towards and responded to their Lord, the Kind, the Generous.

=== END BH09137 ===

=== START BH09138 ===

He is God! O ’Ali! The world is perfumed with the fragrance of the divine utterance and is engaged, with the utmost joy and ecstasy, in glorification and praise. We beseech the True One to cause His servants to attain unto that which even inanimate objects have attained. Glory be to God! The word of acceptance and good-pleasure hath wrought strange and wondrous transformations in the world. Through the word of acceptance, an earthen House became the Point of Adoration for the world and a black stone became the object of devotion for all peoples. His power hath at all times manifested that which is the greatest cause for assurance and faith. Blessed is he who hath seen with true vision and heard with true hearing the Call of God from the Prison of ’Akka. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in this resplendent station. O ’Ali! Praise be to the King of existence, that thou art mentioned in His presence and known by Him.

=== END BH09138 ===

=== START BH09139 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Bestower of gifts and favors!

O ’Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, His loving-kindness hath encompassed thee, His mercy hath preceded thee, and His grace hath been vouchsafed unto thy honor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gate of His bounty and generosity. We thank Him for His new gift and His wondrous favor. When We heard of his arrival and news, We named him Hassan in the Book of Names. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make his footsteps blessed upon thee and upon My handmaiden and leaf, and to open unto thee and unto her the gate of wealth. Verily, He is the Lord of bounty, grace and generosity, and within His grasp is the reins of glory and eternity. There is no God but Him, the Lord of names and attributes, the Manifestor of clear proofs and the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH09139 ===

=== START BH09140 ===

O ’Ali! Thou hast attained unto My mention aforetime. Verily, He remembereth whoso hath turned unto Him, and heareth whoso speaketh His praise, and seeth whoso hath arisen to serve Him. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. How many a deluded one hath turned away from the Truth, and how many a heedless one hath waxed proud before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth from the Most Great Scene: “There is none other God but I, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.” O concourse of men! Rend ye asunder the Greatest Veil. He, verily, is the learned one who hath cast behind him the Book of God and followed his own desires, when God came with a manifest sovereignty. Thou hast indeed laid hold on the cord of steadfastness. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

=== END BH09140 ===

=== START BH09141 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

O ’Ali! Time and again hast thou been blessed to hearken unto the Call of God, and Tablets have been sent down particularly for thee from the heaven of mercy. No greater bounty exists than that the Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee and doth make mention of thee in these sublime and wondrous words. Give thanks therefore unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. Beseech the True One that at the time of thy ascension thou mayest be adorned with the Most Great Steadfastness. Regard most of the men of the world as Antichrist, save those souls whom God hath preserved through His loving providence and adorned with the ornament of humanity and justice. Convey My greetings unto the friends and give them to drink of the choice wine of remembrance and utterance which floweth from the fountainhead of the brief words of this Tablet. Thus hath the Best-Beloved made mention of thee and doth make mention of him who hath believed in the Truth, the Speaker, the Manifest, the Witnessed One.

=== END BH09141 ===

=== START BH09142 ===

O My uncle! Give thanks that thou hast drunk from the incomparable wine of immortality and hast been nourished with the honey of reunion with the All-Glorious Lord. Therefore strive to cleanse the house of thy heart from the remembrance of aught else, and be swift in sacrificing thy life in the path of the Beloved. For if thou shouldst live for ages, thou wilt ultimately fall into death’s grasp. Take hold of the Friend’s robe and detach thy heart from both worlds, that thou mayest attain eternal life and pass into the divine precincts. Pay no heed to the world and set not thy heart upon wealth. Neither lament poverty nor boast of riches, for all these things have come from nothingness and unto nothingness shall they return. Efface thyself that thou mayest endure and return unto everlasting life. Should a sheep die, let not thy heart die - may thou live on.

=== END BH09142 ===

=== START BH09143 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance. O ’Inayat! Upon thee and upon those with thee be the glory of God and His favors. Husayn, son of My Name, upon both of them be My glory, appeared before the Wronged One with thy letter. We heard thy call and with this blessed Tablet thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. We have heard that which thou didst commune with God through My tongue. Blessed art thou! We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee, honor thee, bestow upon thee, and give thee to drink from the Kawthar of life and whatsoever is befitting this blessed and wondrous Day. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy father and thine uncle and thy mother and the other leaves who have heard the call and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Upon you and upon them be My prayers and My mercy which have preceded existence. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH09143 ===

=== START BH09144 ===

He is the One Who speaks as He pleases

O My Most Great Branch! Before the Wronged One has appeared thy letter, and We have heard that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds. We have made thee a protection for all the worlds, and a guardian for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and a fortress for those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to protect them through thee, to enrich them through thee, to nourish them through thee, and to inspire thee with that which will make thee the Dawning-Place of wealth for all created things, the Ocean of bounty for all in the world, and the Dayspring of grace unto all peoples. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech Him to water through thee the earth and all that is therein, that there may grow from it the grass of wisdom and utterance, and the ears of knowledge and understanding. He, verily, is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him and the Helper of whosoever calleth upon Him. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised One.

=== END BH09144 ===

=== START BH09145 ===

He is the All-Bountiful

O Fayd! Thou hast attained unto My recognition, inasmuch as We guided thee to Mine horizon, acquainted thee with My path, caused thee to hear Mine verses, and showed thee the manifestations of My love and the dawning-places of My affection, and cast upon thee My wondrous remembrance. We have heard thy call and whatsoever thou didst desire of the word that speaketh of the good-pleasure of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. We have answered thee and sent down for thee what thou didst ask from the heaven of thy Lord’s grace, the Kind, the Merciful. Rejoice thou in this most great favor, then preserve it through His Name, the Preserver, the Powerful, the Mighty. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken, whilst sorrows surrounded Him from all sides, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who render thanks. Hold thou fast unto the hem of grace and say: O my God! I beseech Thee by

Thy bounty to preserve for me what Thou hast given me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09145 ===

=== START BH09146 ===

O Most Great, Most Great Pen! Remind the peoples through this Most Great Name, that perchance they may turn towards the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest tribulations prevent thee from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all names, or the assault of the wicked deter thee from that which thou wast bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Verily He protecteth whom He willeth and aideth those who have turned towards His luminous countenance. Then make mention of My servant who hath turned towards the Dayspring of his Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the Great, that he may rejoice in thy remembrance of him and speak forth the praise of his Lord, the Powerful, the Almighty. When they gather together for the Cause, by this shall the hearts of the idolaters be scattered. Blessed is he who hath believed in God, and woe betide him who hath followed vain imaginings after the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from this manifest Dawn. When thou hast attained unto the splendors of the Tablet say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH09146 ===

=== START BH09147 ===

He is the Manifest, the Hidden One

O My Pen! I bear witness that thou hast not fallen short in that which was commanded thee from before God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy scratching was raised up on a day wherein every learned one turned away, every mystic objected, every oppressor denied, and the tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning toward Us. We make mention of thee through this Luminous Book whereby the fragrance of divine knowledge hath been wafted throughout all contingent being. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Manifestor of this mighty favor. This is a station round which circle the Concourse on High and which the near-stationed angels visit. Verily, if thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and findest the fragrance of My robe, turn thy face toward My Prison and say: I testify that through Thee the horizon of the world was illumined, the river of wisdom flowed, and the gate of heaven was opened by the key of Thy Name, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09147 ===

=== START BH09148 ===

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Baqir - upon him be My glory. He turned his face toward the Countenance when the people were in manifest doubt. He cast away vain imaginings in the name of his Lord, clinging to the hem of the mercy of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Neither vain imaginings prevented him from the light of certitude, nor did idle fancies hold him back from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. His letter hath come before the face of the Wronged

One in these days, sent by him who hath been named in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen as Zaynu'l-Muqarribin. We have given him glad-tidings and have revealed for him that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall endure. We have made mention of those whom he named in his letter and have given them to drink of the Kawthar of life from the chalice of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. He is among those who stood firm in the service of his Lord and spoke forth His beautiful praise.

=== END BH09148 ===

=== START BH09149 ===

O Muhammad, The trees of hope have been cut down by the sword of vain imaginings, and the houses of justice and fairness have been destroyed by the hands of tyranny, and the ornaments of this transient world have deprived all from the divine eternal Kingdom. O party of God, make an effort! O loved ones of the All-Merciful, strive! that perchance those who have turned towards Him may remain protected from the vain imaginings of those who have turned away. In past ages and centuries the previous party was occupied with suspicions and vain imaginings, and the fruits of the deeds of those heedless souls was that they passed judgment against the Lord of the world and martyred Him. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who assisted you and guided you. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Goal of them that know.

=== END BH09149 ===

=== START BH09150 ===

O Muhammad, rejoice in that the Wronged One makes mention of thee from this Spot which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by the Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the Manifest One. Remember when thou didst seek the Desired One and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve thou not over anything. By the life of God! Thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Beware lest the affairs of men veil thee from the Truth. Hearken unto the melodies of the Leaf of Utterance upon the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, at this time when the winds of destiny blow upon it from the horizon of accomplishment. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon everyone who hath turned towards God, the Beloved of those who know Him.

=== END BH09150 ===

=== START BH09151 ===

He is God! O Muhammad-Husayn! Man is, in the sight of God, even as a tree. His leaves are forbearance and submission, and his fruits are the knowledge of the All-Bountiful Lord. This tree is one whose fruits remain forever and endure eternally. The fruits of the tree of being have been and are countless, among them trustworthiness, religiousness, kindliness, mercy, bounty, generosity and grace. It hath been said

aforetime that a fruitless tree is fit only for the fire. Now, praise be to God, the trees of this Revelation are adorned with the fruits of love and knowledge. We beseech Him that He may, at all times, send down from the heaven of truth the spiritual rains upon these trees, that they may remain verdant and flourishing before the face of the Lord of all beings. This is of the bounty of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

=== END BH09151 ===

=== START BH09152 ===

O Muhammad, Thou Who Art Imprisoned and Wronged, to Muhammad of Karbila:

O Muhammad! Reflect upon the days of the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. The enemies arose from all directions to oppose and object, and perpetrated that which caused the Concourse on High to weep and lament. If these people consider this Wronged One blameworthy, what fault did they find in that Holy Being? Most of the people of the world are observed to be like cattle, deprived of understanding and bereft of comprehension. In all ages and centuries they have acted as they do in these days. "No Messenger cometh unto them but they did mock at him." Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

=== END BH09152 ===

=== START BH09153 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy above all Names

O Muhammad-Tahir! Today the Speaker of Sinai is seated upon the Throne of Revelation and uttereth this most exalted Word: O people of Baha! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of 'Akka, and follow not what is spoken by the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Ye are they who have outstripped all who are on earth and have attained unto that which none before you hath attained. Ye turned towards Him in the earliest days and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - the Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Soon will the crier come unto you with a book from the dayspring of idle fancies. Thus doth He inform you, from Whose presence is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as will not be prevented by the turning away of the servants nor by the onslaught of them who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed.

=== END BH09153 ===

=== START BH09154 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, the All-Glorious!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! In these days the fire of tyranny hath been kindled by the hand of the oppressor, and the pure blood of a company of near ones and sincere ones hath illumined the earth. None there is to help or show mercy to the dismembered bodies. The morning breeze passeth over them and saith: Woe, woe unto you, O people of Ya! Ye have arisen to extinguish the lights of inner meaning

and have wrought that which shall never be erased from the book of justice. Ere long shall the hand of justice decree the punishment that is due. Shame upon you and upon every oppressor! The oppression of the friends of God and His chosen ones is of those from whom the Fire itself seeketh refuge with the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

=== END BH09154 ===

=== START BH09155 ===

In the Name of Him by Whom the ocean of generosity surged among the worlds!

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Sadiq! Hear the Call from the Supreme Horizon - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He verily draws thee nigh unto the Dayspring of grace and aids thee to turn toward the lights of the Face and acquaints thee with what was hidden from the servants. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the Salsabil of utterance of the Lord of Religions and partaken of the choice sealed wine. Now thou must arise with complete determination to preserve it, for the barking ones are occupied with leading astray and the deniers lie in wait at their posts. Verily thy Lord, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. There is no God but Him, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving. Thy letter hath arrived and We have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to reward what thou hast done in His path. He verily is the Rewarder of the sincere ones.

=== END BH09155 ===

=== START BH09156 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali (or Muhammad-Qabil-'Ali)! Verily the heaven calleth out with this Most Great Name, and the sun crieth aloud saying: "The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted, and the Promised One hath come with a Cause against which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can prevail." The Tree proclaimeth and saith: "O people of the earth! The seal of the choice Wine hath been broken, and the Desired One giveth with snow-white hands. Hasten ye unto Him, and be not of them that have turned away from this manifest, resplendent, mighty and all-encompassing bounty." All things speak, and behind them the Dawning-Place of Names proclaimeth between earth and heaven: "By God! The Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured One hath been revealed. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of meeting with God, the Mighty, the Wise." Thus hath the Nightingale warbled and the Divine Lote-Tree spoken, yet most of the people are heedless.

=== END BH09156 ===

=== START BH09158 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! Upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Witness, the All-Hearing. O Muhammad! Hearken unto that wherewith the Wronged One makes mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. He has manifested the Dawning-Place of His signs and caused it to speak forth that which draws all near unto the Most Exalted Horizon. The pebbles and kernels of the earth bear witness to this, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the Lord of lords. We desired the joy of all who are in the kingdom, yet they desired My sorrow. Behold, O ye who are endued with insight! The dwellers of

God's Kingdom, the Lord of all mankind, have lamented by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One. Soon shall the wrongdoer witness his deeds and say: "Woe unto me for what I neglected in regard to God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing!" Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Cleaver of the dawn.

=== END BH09158 ===

=== START BH09159 ===

In the Name of the All-Powerful Goal! O Desire of desires! The Beloved of the world came, yet they knew Him not. The Best-Beloved of all worlds appeared, yet they turned away from Him. The Speaker of Sinai was seated upon the throne of Revelation, yet they heard not His call and comprehended not His utterance. The recompense of the deeds of the peoples of the world hath deprived them of the recognition of the Ancient King. Render thou praise unto the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, Who aided thee and guided thee. We beseech God to assist thee to preserve the eternal bounty and heavenly sustenance, which hath been and ever shall be the recognition of His holy Being. Glory be upon the people of glory, whom nothing whatsoever among all things hath prevented from turning to the Supreme Horizon and the Most Exalted Summit - they whom God hath described in the former Books and numbered among the guided ones.

=== END BH09159 ===

=== START BH09160 ===

In His Name through Whom the horizon of the world hath shone forth!

O peoples of the world! The Lord of Eternity hath come with His Most Great Name and calleth you unto Him, if ye be of them that hearken. He desireth for you naught save that which draweth you nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you or its ornaments prevent you from My Straight Path. Fear God and follow not what ye possess, but rather follow that which ye are commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Soon shall the world and all that ye possess perish, while there shall endure every word that hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, if ye be of them that know. Stand firm in service to My Cause, be vocal in My remembrance, act according to what hath been revealed in My Book, and turn thy face toward Mine all-glorious horizon.

=== END BH09160 ===

=== START BH09161 ===

He is the One Who rules over all who are in earth and heaven

O people of creation! He Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, the Sovereign of heaven, hath come. The Day is come, but the people are in manifest darkness. They have cast away My Sealed Wine and turned away from My Self-Subsisting Name, following every doubting learned one who hath denied the meeting with God and His Manifestation and turned away from Him Who hath spoken and speaketh "Verily there is no God but I, the All-Powerful, the Almighty." We have witnessed thy being

stirred by the breezes of My loving-kindness, and have thus remembered thee in this Clear Book. Leave aside the books of the people - a command from Us - and take hold of this Mighty Tablet. They have authored them according to their desires and attributed them to the religion of God and His path. Nay, they are among the abject ones. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest be of those who render thanks.

=== END BH09161 ===

=== START BH09162 ===

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O Thou Whose face is the object of the adoration of all that yearn after Thee, Whose presence is the hope of such as are wholly devoted to Thy will, Whose nearness is the desire of all that have drawn nigh unto Thy court, Whose countenance is the companion of those who have recognized Thy truth, Whose name is the mover of the souls that long to behold Thy face, Whose voice is the true life of Thy lovers, the words of Whose mouth are as the waters of life unto all who are in heaven and on earth!

I beseech Thee, by the wrong Thou hast suffered and the ills inflicted upon Thee by the hosts of wrongful doers, to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purify me of all that is not of Thee, that I may be worthy to praise Thee and fit to love Thee.

Withhold not from me, O my Lord, the things Thou didst ordain for such of Thy handmaidens as circle around Thee, and on whom are poured continually the splendors of the sun of Thy beauty and the beams of the brightness of Thy face. Thou art He Who from everlasting hath succored whosoever hath sought Thee, and bountifully favored him who hath asked Thee.

No God is there beside Thee, the Mighty, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous.

=== END BH09162 ===

=== START BH09163 ===

In My Name, the Caller in the World! O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear signs! Thou knowest and seest that the horizon of creation hath been darkened by what hath befallen Thy servant whose name beginneth with H at the hands of those who have denied Thy most beauteous names and Thy most great signs. Thou knowest, O my God, that he is the one who arose to serve Thee after being awakened by Thy call, and turned toward Thy most exalted horizon after Thou didst reveal it to him through Thy grace and bounty. Though tribulation in Thy path is as honey to the lovers and as light to the people of the Covenant, I beseech Thee, O Deliverer of Moses and Supporter of Abraham, to protect him with the hosts of the unseen and deliver him from those who cast Thy Cause behind their backs and were heedless of Thy remembrance. Then I beseech Thee, O God of the world, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the Almighty.

=== END BH09163 ===

=== START BH09164 ===

O Mahdi, who has attained unto My Name, the Speaker on Sinai! O Mahdi! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and gives thee glad tidings of how the Ancient Beauty has turned toward thee, and remembers thee with that which nothing on earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. We have remembered thee time and again, and aided thee in this Cause whereby souls were perturbed and the clamor was raised. Be thou grateful, inasmuch as We summoned thee into Our presence and caused thee to hear My most sweet call, which We have made the water of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and a sign of eternity amidst the nations, and a sword of the Almighty against the wicked. And We make mention of him who was named Aziz and counsel him with that which befitteth the days of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My loved ones in that land! Hold fast unto the cord of unity. Verily it will profit you and draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH09164 ===

=== START BH09165 ===

O Muhammad Mahdi Cham, who art the herald between earth and heaven! O Mahdi! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the cup of recognition and received thy portion from the rain-showers of the mercy of the All-Merciful, for thou hast attained unto His recognition, which is the ultimate purpose of creation. This in days when the divines, mystics and all souls are seen to be opponents and deniers, save a small few whom the hand of grace hath delivered and guided to the straight path. If thou wert to render thanks until the kingdom of earth and heaven endure, it would be as utter nothingness compared to this supreme bounty and most great gift. Thus have We informed thee and acquainted thee with this most brilliant station, that thou mayest be assured of the grace of thy Lord, the Beneficent, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09165 ===

=== START BH09166 ===

He is the Hearing, the Answering One! O Mahdi! Upon thee be My Glory! The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and laid it before the Wronged One. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon and thy orientation toward the Countenance after the passing away of all things. We heard the yearning of thy heart and the sighs of thy inner being for that which escaped thee in the days of God, the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Master of the last and the first. We have answered thee with this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, and hold fast unto wisdom and utterance and the teaching of His Cause, which is among the greatest of all deeds. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, holding fast unto that which is with God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH09166 ===

=== START BH09167 ===

O Hakim Nasir! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O Nasir! Hearken unto My call, detached from the call of the worlds, then turn to My horizon, sanctified from the horizons of the heavens and earth. Blessed is he who desireth My countenance, walketh My path, holdeth fast to My cord, cleaveth to My robe, and uttereth My beautiful praise. Blessed is the strong one who shattereth the idols of vain imaginings, and the hearing one who heareth this wondrous melody from My singing. From My singing melodies appeared in the trees, and from My call the call was raised from the Dayspring of grandeur - verily there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who casteth away what he hath and taketh what he is commanded by the wise Ordainer.

[It appears to be from the Tablets of Baha'u'llah but was transcribed in the collection of Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Baha]

=== END BH09167 ===

=== START BH09168 ===

O Afnan, O Leaf who hast come into My presence and attained! He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory. Verily the Divine Lote-Tree casteth upon thee from the verses of thy Lord, and I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer. It calleth out between earth and heaven: By God! The Lord of Names hath come with clear sovereignty. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord, for He hath named thee in the Book of Names "The Exalted One." Be thankful for this great favor. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's grace, then act according to that which We have counseled thee. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge - He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My Afnans who have circled round My Cause and arisen to serve Me amongst My servants. Verily they are of Me - to this My swiftly-moving, ever-active Pen doth testify.

=== END BH09168 ===

=== START BH09169 ===

O Leaf, mother of the martyr who ascended unto God - He who hath dawned from His most exalted horizon! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy son and daughter and those who are with thee. We testify that thou hast believed in God and His signs, and hast attained unto the recognition of His Self in His days, and hast drunk the choice wine of His love from the hand of His bounty. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor. We have accepted thy service and thy work in that House wherein My mention and My praise were raised. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The gaze of the True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and will continue to be directed towards you. There hath befallen you what hath befallen Us. By this have the dwellers of Paradise and they who circle round My mighty Throne wept. The glory be upon thee from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09169 ===

=== START BH09170 ===

In the Name of the Desire of the World! O my leaf and O my handmaiden! Today it befitteth the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree to make mention and offer praise unto God, exalted be His glory. Each of the leaves of the Ultimate Lote-Tree is engaged in a different remembrance and uttereth a different praise. The declaration of each one is “God hath come with manifest sovereignty” and the remembrance of each one is “Blessed are they that have attained!” O leaf! With the hand of trust, take fast hold of His cord and grasp His luminous hem. Beseech God that He deprive not His leaves of the call of the Divine Lote-Tree and cause all to attain unto that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance and the source of eternal life. O my God, my God! Withhold not this handmaiden from the heaven of Thy bounty and deprive her not of the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH09170 ===

=== START BH09171 ===

In My Name, the All-Bountiful, the Chosen One!

O My leaf, O My handmaiden, O My spiritual one! He hath made mention of thee, before and after, with that which its fragrance shall never be cut off, and hath revealed for thee that whose decree shall never change. Rejoice, then be gladdened, and say: “Thine be the praise, O my God, and Thine be the glory, O my Beloved, and Thine be the thanksgiving, O my Desired One and my Comfort, inasmuch as Thou hast made me to know Thy Cause, and hast given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and hast guided me to Thy Announcement whereby the pillars of dominion and kingdom were shaken and the hearts of the proud were perturbed. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and to that which hath appeared from Thee. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions to remember Thee and to remember those who have circled round Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty Announcement. That which thou didst send hath reached and attained unto My glorious and resplendent station.”

=== END BH09171 ===

=== START BH09172 ===

O handmaid of God, Aminih, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O leaf! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and this blessed Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness addressed to thee. Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto that which was the hope of the Prophets and Messengers. Thou hast apprehended the days of God and hearkened unto His call in days wherein the ears of the divines, the mystics, the learned ones and the dead were debarred and deprived of hearing. Know thou this bounty to be great. By the life of God, it is mighty! The Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaids who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. If thou findest handmaids of God, convey to them My greetings and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness. Verily He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Bountiful. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of all the worlds and the Goal of them that have recognized Him.

=== END BH09172 ===

=== START BH09173 ===

In His Name, the Most High, the Most Great

O leaf and handmaiden of Baha! God is aware and bears witness that the honored Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and you and your relatives have always been and will continue to be under the glance of divine favor. Whatever has befallen you in the path of God's Cause, and likewise the deeds that have been manifested by you for the sake of God - all have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and been recorded. Be thankful to your Lord for this great bounty. No good deed has been or ever will be lost - all are preserved and safeguarded in the treasury of divine knowledge, and their reward shall assuredly come. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those women who have believed in the All-Knowing, the All-Informed One.

=== END BH09173 ===

=== START BH09174 ===

He is God!

O Jew! Praise thou the Object of the adoration of the world Who hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His inspiration. While like unto the pole of the divines of Iran, namely Shaykh Muhammad Hasan, he slipped from the path and returned to his former station. Glory be to God! Every day the blessed words "He maketh your highest to be the lowest among you, and your lowest to be the highest" are witnessed and made manifest. Praise be to God that thou hast attained and been adorned with the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Now one matter remaineth, and that is steadfastness in the love of God. Many are the atheists, numberless are the barking ones, traitors exist, and thieves are manifest. We beseech God to preserve thee and His loved ones from the evil of these people. They have denied the signs of God, and His sovereignty, and His greatness, and His power, and they were among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09174 ===

=== START BH09175 ===

O Afnan, O Leaf, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. My outward and inward tongue beareth witness to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to His might and power and sovereignty, and to His glory and majesty and dominion. He it is Who hath caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O My Afnan and My Leaf, in that thou hast turned unto God on a Day wherein men have turned away from Him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to confirm thee in His remembrance and praise, and to ordain for thee that which befitteth the ocean of His generosity and the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Glory rest upon thee and upon My Afnans who have turned unto Him, and hearkened, and responded on a Day wherein the Call was raised from the direction of My Most Great Throne.

=== END BH09175 ===

=== START BH09176 ===

O Hasan-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy! The Book calleth aloud: The All-Bestowing hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Final Return! The tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance proclaimeth with loudest voice: That which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of Creation, hath been made manifest! They who have heard and responded - these are the people of Baha in the Book of Names. And they who have turned away - these are the companions of the fire in the Scriptures and Tablets. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken from the presence of God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O chosen ones of God! Hold fast to the cord of trustworthiness and faithfulness, and to that whereby the Cause of God is exalted amongst His servants. Thus have We remembered thee and sent down for thee that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that are endued with understanding.

=== END BH09176 ===

=== START BH09177 ===

He is the Dawning Place from this manifest horizon. The Tongue of Eternity speaketh in the midmost heart of the world: He is God, there is none other God beside Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Ascend unto the heaven of knowledge by the steps of wisdom and utterance. This is what ye were commanded in My Preserved Tablet. Say: Be ye of such a state that all the books of the world shall not withhold you from this Book, through one dot of which all books and every decreed matter have been detailed. We have commanded the servants to be steadfast in the Cause of God, yet when the croaking of a raven was raised, the feet of every servant who took fancy as his lord instead of God, the Lord of the Promised Day, did slip. Will that which he possesseth profit him? Nay, by the Lord of the seen and the unseen! Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest remind the people of that which hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH09177 ===

=== START BH09178 ===

O honored Mirza Ahmad! He is the Manifest, the Protector. Day after day is a time of joy, for God's carpet has been spread throughout the realm of the world by His absolute and penetrating Will, through the blessing of the Most Great Name. And the Hidden and Treasured One, Who was forever concealed in the divine treasury of infallibility, has in these days been made manifest - a bounty from His presence upon the world. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Arise thou by My leave and take the chalice of utterance in My Name before the faces of My creation, then drink from it the wine of My bestowal once by My command and again through My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. We beseech God to assist thee to exalt His Word and elevate His Cause. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Flowing. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We ask God to elevate thee through His Name amongst His servants. Verily He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH09178 ===

=== START BH09179 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy above all names!

This day is the day of joy and gladness. All things proclaim “The Promised One is come!” Blessed is the soul whom the promptings of self have not kept back from the Lord of Names. O ’Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. Thou hast drunk from the hand of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, the sealed wine, and hast achieved that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. Say: Beware lest ye take for yourselves any helper other than Him. We beseech God to preserve you and to rain down upon you from the clouds of His mercy the rains of His bounty and loving-kindness. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great.

=== END BH09179 ===

=== START BH09180 ===

O Mirza ’Ali-Muhammad! He is the Hearer and the Answerer! Day by day victory and triumph advance. We hope that through the hosts of wisdom and utterance His loved ones may conquer hearts and minds. O people of unity! This Wronged One has, from the earliest days until now, openly and without any veil or concealment, summoned all peoples according to the Book’s decree. Some have accepted while others have arisen in rejection. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings, turning to God’s Most Great Announcement. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones to love and unity, and to unite their hearts through His grace and mercy. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and said: “Here am I, O God of all in the heavens and earths!”

=== END BH09180 ===

=== START BH09181 ===

He is the Ancient Commander

We make mention of the friends of that land, and continue to make mention of them, with a remembrance that is eternal and enduring and whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in this supreme bounty.

O party of God! Hold fast to the hem of His most pure robe and be free and detached from the world and all that is therein. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you. We bear witness that ye have attained unto that which no people before you have attained. To this doth the Tongue of Grandeur testify in this perspicuous moment. The glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds.

In every city a teacher from among this party must be appointed for the instruction of children, and means must be provided for the teacher’s livelihood, that he may with complete peace of mind occupy himself with what is required. We beseech God to assist the teachers through His might and power, and

to grant them success in the education of His servants' children. Verily, He is powerful over all things and ready to answer.

=== END BH09181 ===

=== START BH09182 ===

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Ukht, upon her be Baha'u'llah

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O My sister and the leaf of My Tree! Give ear to the call of this

Wronged One raised from the direction of His renowned and infamous

Prison: 'There is no God save Him, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting',

and say: All grace, O Thou Beloved of the world, and all bounty and

generosity, O Possessor of nations, are Thine for having called me to the

heaven of Thy recognition and the ocean of Thy reunion. Thou hast aided

me to recognize the Dawning-place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring

of the splendours of Thy Oneness. I beseech Thee by Thy name through

which Thou hast conquered all the dwellers of earth and heaven, to ordain

for me and for Thy handmaids that which will draw them close to Thee in

every world of Thy worlds. Write down, then, for me and for them, from

Thy Supreme Pen, that which will be of benefit to me and to them in this

world and the next. Verily, Thou rulest over whatever Thou desirest. Thou

art verily the Most Powerful.

=== END BH09182 ===

=== START BH09183 ===

He it is Who shineth forth in splendour from the supreme horizon!

O My handmaiden!

How many the men who, throughout the centuries and ages, expectantly awaited the promised Manifestation; yet, when His radiance dawned above the horizon of the world, all turned away from Him but for a few. Every handmaiden who attaineth unto the recognition of the King of Names, is accounted

in the Book of God a true man, and so recorded by the Pen of the Most High. Yield thou thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the world, for having graciously assisted thee to recognize the Dayspring of His perspicuous signs, and the Dawning-Place of His undoubted proofs. Great is this bounty, and mighty this bestowal. Do thou preserve it in the Name of the one true God.

Verily doth the Wronged One make mention in this station of His other handmaiden, and giveth her the glad-tidings of the favors of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. The glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

=== END BH09183 ===

=== START BH09184 ===

Husayn Effendi, upon him be God's peace and favours!

He is God! Exalted is the station of His wisdom and utterance. Praised

be God alone, and salutation be upon the One after whom there is no

prophet.

O Husayn Effendi! Upon thee be God's peace and His favour. Yesterday

We were in Junaynih. Some pomegranate was found and sent. We

instructed Muafa, should he find something else in the city, to procure it

and send it with the pomegranate. A small sum of money was also sent.

We greet the chaste one, thy mother, ?iya Khanum, Khanum

Effendi, Jamaliyyih, ?abibih, Jani Bagum, and those residing in the

House. We commit them to God's care, glorified is His grandeur.

Remembrance, praise and salutation be upon all of you and also His

mercy and blessings.

=== END BH09184 ===

=== START BH09185 ===

O Habib, upon whom be the Most Great, Most Great Remembrance of God! Do you grieve over anything after having endured tribulations in My love and calamities in My path? By My life! If you but knew and saw with Mine eye, you would soar in your longing to the heaven of My gladness, to the kingdom of My delight, and to the dominion of My joy and loving-kindness. Whence cometh sorrow unto you? Is it from the world after you have seen it passing, passing away? Is it from your remoteness from My presence after the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath testified that you are with Him at all times? Be happy and say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison and sent unto me a Tablet that

nothing in Thy earth can equal, and from which I have inhaled the fragrance of Thy mercy, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of the heavens and the earth.

=== END BH09185 ===

=== START BH09186 ===

He is the Mighty! The vicissitudes of time, which have appeared through God's irrevocable decrees, have separated companions who shared the same nest, and what beloved ones have been separated from their Beloved, and what lovers have been consumed in separation from their Loved One! The fire of love for Layli blazed forth and effaced from existence the maddened and infatuated souls. In brief, heavenly destiny did not grant enough time for us to gather in an assembly or meet together in a dwelling. From exile to fresh exile were we subjected, and from separation to boundless separation were we caught. In any case, we are thankful - you too must be thankful. And peace be upon you.

=== END BH09186 ===

=== START BH09187 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

When the horizon of Manifestation was illumined and the birds burst into song, trembling seized the dwellers of the earth save those whom God caused to dwell beneath the shadow of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Say: He spoke a word whereupon the heavens were cleft asunder, the earth was rent, and every stubborn tyrant returned to his abode. Say: When He entered the Most Great Prison, He proclaimed unto the nations with His most exalted call. To this testifieth what hath been sent down from His Supreme Pen in His preserved Tablet. He is the One Who arose to proclaim the Cause in such wise that the hosts of the world could not deter Him, nor could the ranks of men prevent Him from His firm and wise command. Thus did the ocean of My bounty surge, and the rains of My gifts shower down, that ye might be among them that rejoice.

=== END BH09187 ===

=== START BH09188 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

Remember thy Lord at morn and eventide, for verily He is God and there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Exalted. Say: He is indeed a proof from God unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Soon will His Cause be made manifest in truth, whereat the faces of them that are nigh unto God shall redden, and all necks shall bow before Him. This is a clear truth. And thou, render thanks unto thy Lord for having related thee to His servant, for this is better for thee than all that thou desirest. Place thy trust in God in all matters and be thou of them that are submissive. Thus doth the Dove of Separation remember thee at the time when It taketh flight from Iraq, and this is indeed a grievous sorrow.

=== END BH09188 ===

=== START BH09190 ===

In the Name of the One Incomparable Friend! O Ali-Akbar-i-Yazdi, upon him be the Glory of God!

We beseech from the Ocean of Bounty, the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, that He may, at all times, bestow upon His chosen ones and His sincere servants a portion of the sealed wine which hath been unsealed through His blessed Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who hearkeneth unto My call and cleaveth fast unto My Cord! This Day is the Day of assistance and the Day of attraction. Ye must hold fast unto wisdom and utterance in capturing hearts and souls. This is the decisive Command which hath descended from the direction of the Most Great Name. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that are firmly established.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09190 ===

=== START BH09191 ===

O handmaid of God, the Best among Women! In the name of the Wronged One of the horizons, there was revealed aforetime from the Supreme Pen that the heaven of human station hath been and shall ever be illumined by two luminaries: trustworthiness and steadfastness. Likewise the heaven of the station of the handmaidens of God hath been and shall ever be illumined by one luminary, and that is chastity. God saith: O My handmaidens! This is the Day of mention and utterance, and this is the Day of service and recognition. Strive ye that ye may drink from the living waters and behold yourselves abiding and enduring beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH09191 ===

=== START BH09192 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

Previously the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent down from the heaven of divine will, and this is yet another time that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Thou must, God willing, be occupied at all times with the promotion of the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and in all matters be mindful of wisdom, for the people are weak and God is merciful and kind.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the heaven was raised up and the Kingdom of Names was adorned and the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth, to aid me in the service of Thy Cause and enable me to accomplish that whereby my remembrance may endure amongst Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09192 ===

=== START BH09193 ===

Ask about the helpless sister who left that house with several ailments and has settled in the utmost joy, tranquility and dignity in the home of His Honor Kalim, and by God's grace is in perfect comfort. You know that it is the nature of that person in question that whatever he commits, after committing it he spreads it around to others under a different name, and soon it will become clear to all of you. Praise be to God, the honored exalted sister is dwelling in perfect comfort under the shade of the Divine Throne, established in the station of dignity, and truly these days that she is passing in her life are the real days. Be completely assured and at peace regarding all aspects.

=== END BH09193 ===

=== START BH09195 ===

O Sun and Truthful One! He is God, the True, the Beloved! If the devil hath not waylaid thee, then by God's leave mayest thou be joyous and glad from the divine springtime.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is the garment of glory which Thou hast sent to the city of Thy oneness, and this is the wondrous Book which Thou hast brought forth through the sovereign power of Thy grace, and this is the light of majesty which Thou hast caused to shine forth from the horizon of Thine essence, and this is the camphor tree which Thou hast planted in the meadows of Thy mercy, and this is the trumpet of the Cause into which Thou hast breathed Thy spirit and sent unto those who love Thee. Glorified art Thou, O my God! Perfect then Thy favor upon Thy loved ones through the manifestations of Thy glory, for verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey My greetings to the companions, that is, your mothers. 152

=== END BH09195 ===

=== START BH09196 ===

In the Name of God, the Everlasting! Although the tribulation of the year of shidad hath caused most of the people to become heedless of the direction of the Beloved, yet the wondrous outpourings of His grace and bounty have never ceased, nor shall they ever cease. Should the entire world rise up to oppress and prevent, the tongue of God's Will shall not be prevented from proclaiming His Cause, nor shall the Kawthar of divine remembrance and utterance be cut off from the spring of the Pen of God's Command. The former shall forever speak and the latter shall forever flow. May thy honor hearken unto it with a pure ear and taste thereof at all times with a refined palate. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among God's assured servants.

=== END BH09196 ===

=== START BH09197 ===

In the Name of the one true God! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and through the grace of God - glorified be His majesty - hast attained to that which most of the men on earth remain heedless of. Guard thou this most great bounty and supreme gift, through the

Name of God, from the eyes of the heedless ones. Hold thou fast in all conditions to the Divine Lote Tree, for verily it calleth out and remembereth thee at this moment with that which shall endure as long as the names of God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure. From this station We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause. Convey My greetings on My behalf to My handmaidens and give them the glad tidings of My gracious remembrance and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09197 ===

=== START BH09198 ===

O Qasim, who has attained unto the name of the Beloved of the world! Praise be to God that through divine bounty and the infinite mercy of the Lord thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Sovereign of Days and the Lord of all names, and hast drunk from the Kawthar of remembrance and utterance. Beseech thou God that throughout all days thou mayest be engaged in His remembrance and occupied with His praise. Adorn the gatherings and assemblies with the mention of the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know thou the value of this bounty, for it hath been and ever shall be among the most great divine favors. Convey on behalf of the Beloved of the worlds a wondrous and glorious greeting to all thy kinsmen. Verily He seeth whosoever turneth unto Him, and heareth whosoever calleth upon Him, and calleth unto him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09198 ===

=== START BH09200 ===

O Leaf of Protection, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the lights of the Sun of Truth and art gladdened and delighted by the vernal breezes of the Divine Springtime. Thou art witnessed in the Most Great Scene and mentioned in the Most Holy Court of the Lord of Eternity. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree and be blessed by the fragrance of His celestial Robe, in such wise that the winds of the hearts of the polytheists shall not prevent thee from the court of oneness, nor shall the waters of the objections of the heedless extinguish the fire of thy love. All affairs are in His hand - He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH09200 ===

=== START BH09201 ===

O handmaid in the Sacred Precincts! In the name of God, the All-Knowing! Praise be to God that through divine grace and merciful bounty thou didst hearken to the divine call and didst attain faith in Him. This is a station which all upon earth have sought and do seek, yet none have attained it save a few. Be not grieved by the calamity that hath befallen thee. “Supreme joy” is a word that proceedeth from the tongue of the Lord of eternity, and He saith: “Be not sorrowful, for verily God is with you.” If thou wert to comprehend the value of these words, thou wouldst be detached from the world and all that dwell

therein, and wouldst occupy thyself with the praise of the Wronged One of the horizons. The glance of God's loving-kindness is directed towards thee. Rest thou assured of this manifest grace. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH09201 ===

=== START BH09202 ===

O sister of H, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto His infinite divine bounties, and this recognition of the Manifestation hath been and is the Hidden Treasure. Whosoever attaineth unto this hath attained unto all good. Beseech ye God that in all worlds ye may hold fast unto the Tree and be moved by the winds of His will. And this station is "there is no power nor strength except through God." Blessed are they that attain, men and women. The glance of God's favors hath ever been and is directed towards each one of you. Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord, then praise Him and say: praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Verily, upon thee be glory from One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH09202 ===

=== START BH09204 ===

He is the Single, the One, the Eternal!

O my God! This is Thy servant who hath striven with his spirit, his heart, his inner being and his body, until he reached the shore of Thy Most Great Ocean and drank from the pure, flowing waters of reunion at the dawning of the brilliant rays from the Sun of Thy oneness. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy manifest signs in the temples of unity and Thy resplendent traces in the manifestations of oneness, to ordain for him every good thing Thou hast ordained in the kingdom of Thy creation for Thy sincere servants, and to send down upon him the outpourings from the cloud of Thy greatest mercy's heaven. O Thou in Whose hand are the keys of all hearts! For we are all poor at Thy gate and abased before the appearance of Thy might and sovereignty. We possess nothing in Thy kingdom.

=== END BH09204 ===

=== START BH09206 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My God, my God! Thou seest me standing in service to Thy Cause, and seated before Thy face, setting down Thy verses, with my hand of hope upraised to the heaven of Thy bounty and my face turned toward the horizon of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by the Word through which Thou didst quicken Thy servants and guide them to Thy path, to strengthen whosoever hath turned unto Thee and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

He is the Sustainer

The letter from Mulla Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God - two pieces of fabric through Aqa Muhammad Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, reached the servant in the year 1304.

=== END BH09206 ===

=== START BH09209 ===

In the Name of the Friend! O emigrant servant! Your longing and yearning for the presence of God is evident and clear, and your mention is recorded in the Most Great Scene. Transform the cups of sorrow into cups of joy. Be not grieved, for God is nearer and kinder to you than your own self. Whatever you traversed in the wilderness of separation, yearning for the presence of the Friend - its reward has been written and recorded by the Pen of Destiny in the Kingdom of Divine decree. All that befell you in the path of the Friend is evident and known in the Tablet of Knowledge. God's curse be upon those who created barriers between us and you! Most difficult is it for the Ancient Beauty that His loved ones should arrive at the shore of the sea of reunion, yet meeting be delayed and they remain distant from the gathering of nearness. However, in all conditions one must be content with the good-pleasure of the Friend and keep one's gaze fixed upon the direction of His Command, for none has been or ever shall be aware of His hidden wisdom. God's curse be upon those who caused your remoteness from the seat of nearness and reunion! Divine grace has been and shall continue to be with you. Today all the friends of God must keep their gaze upon the welfare of the Cause, for both external and internal enemies have appeared with all their schemes, just as the previous Manifestation foretold, and likewise in the Persian Tablets known as "Istidlaliyyih" these days were foretold by the Pen of Knowledge, including that during the severe days of the Manifestation the Cause would become so difficult that the companions of that King of existence and Essence of Purpose would flee to mountains and deserts, hiding from the oppressors, while some would sacrifice their lives with complete detachment, as all was fulfilled and you witnessed. And grieve not for what has befallen you, for greater than what has befallen you has befallen My wronged Self. God willing, may you be enkindled with the fire of divine love and be illumined like a lamp in the gathering of servants, in such wise that the seas of heaven and earth shall not extinguish you nor deprive you of light. And the Spirit be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the One, the Single, the Ancient.

=== END BH09209 ===

=== START BH09210 ===

He is the Light shining from the Horizon of Revelation!

In this Day the Blessed Tree of Remembrance speaketh forth in the Kingdom of Utterance saying: Well is it with the servant who hath turned his face towards Him, and embraced His truth, and with the handmaiden who hath hearkened to His Voice and become of the blissful. Verily, she is a champion of the field of true understanding. To this the Tongue of Truth beareth witness from His exalted Station.

O My leaf, blessed art thou for having responded to My call when it was raised in the name of the True One. Thou didst recognize My Revelation when men of renown were immersed in manifest idle fancies. Thou hast verily attained the mercy of thy Lord time and again. Render thanks unto Him and glorify Him with thy Praise. He is, in truth, with His handmaidens and servants who have turned towards Him. The

shining glory from the Horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon the one who hath guided thee to My straight path.

=== END BH09210 ===

=== START BH09211 ===

O Mulla Husayn Pasha! In the name of the one true Friend! Today it is essential that all the loved ones of God observe incoming matters with new vision, for certain wolves have appeared and continue to appear in shepherds' clothing, and some, wearing various garments, claim belief for the purpose of seizing people's property. Avoid these ones and believe not what they say. You must occupy yourself with the remembrance of God with perfect steadfastness, and remind the loved ones of God of that which is the good-pleasure of Truth and the welfare of creation. He has commanded all to wisdom, and therein lies the welfare of all, were they to know. Blessed is he who acts according to what is commanded, and woe unto him who casts behind him God's command and follows his own desires.

=== END BH09211 ===

=== START BH09213 ===

This Day a different Sun hath arisen, and a different Heaven hath been adorned with its stars and its planets. The world is another world, and the Cause another Cause. We beseech God not to deprive the people of Baha from the Crimson Ark. The idolaters have appeared with a new scheme, and vain imaginings have gained fresh currency, and for suspicions a lofty station hath been assigned. May God grant justice and fairness. Again, like unto the Shi'ih sect, they wander in the wilderness of idle fancies and delusions. They must be vigilant at all times concerning the Trust of God, lest the treacherous seize and steal it. The splendor of God rest upon thee from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09213 ===

=== START BH09214 ===

O Sulayman, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks the truth from the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the verses of grandeur are descending from the heaven of divine will like torrential rain, and their fragrance has perfumed the realm of inner meanings and utterance. O children of the Friend! Today the glorious call is raised high and the Mount responds with "Here am I! Here am I!" Blessed is the eye that has attained the presence of the Speaker and been honored by the traces of His Pen. He who loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Whoso acknowledges today the Tablet of God and its effect hath verily acknowledged what was revealed aforetime, and he who denieth it - his deeds have come to naught. Unto this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness in the Most Great Prison. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH09214 ===

=== START BH09215 ===

In the Name of the one true God! Today is the day when human knowledge and understanding must come into being in the world of existence. Man is like unto a precious sword: as long as it remaineth concealed in the sheath no one knoweth its excellence and beauty and its precious nature, for it is concealed and veiled from sight. In like manner, until man's humanity becometh manifest his worth remaineth unknown. We beseech God to bring forth all from the sheaths of self and passion, that the essence of each one may become evident and manifest before the jewelers. Ye must strive, God willing, to drink from the choice wine of inner meanings and to gaze toward the supreme horizon. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Bestower, the Gracious.

=== END BH09215 ===

=== START BH09216 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord! Today is a day when the joy of the manifestation of the Most Great Name has encompassed the world. Yet most of the men and women servants have been veiled by earthly troubles, selfish desires, and the dust of passion. Blessed is the one who has attached himself to the Truth and become detached from the world - such a one drinks from the ocean of divine joy. Praise be to the Lord of existence that thou hast attained to His recognition, turned to His horizon of revelation, and drunk from the Kawthar of His knowledge. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. May the Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09216 ===

=== START BH09217 ===

O Mir Husayn! He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. Today the world is illumined with the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. This Day hath no peer or likeness, and in all the divine Books its station and rank have been recorded and inscribed. O friends! By the life of the All-Merciful! If in this Day any soul should miss performing a deed, its compensation shall be impossible thereafter. Today the mystery of the Books is made manifest, the Mother Book is speaking, the Most Great Path is clear, and the ocean of knowledge is surging. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the divine days. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this blessed Tablet hath been revealed as a token of grace. When thou attainest unto it, say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09217 ===

=== START BH09218 ===

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! Today the Call of the Dawning-Place of the Self-Subsisting is raised, and likewise the clamor of the people of idle fancies. You must arise to serve the Cause with utmost endeavor and, with supreme steadfastness, be engaged in mentioning the Lord of Names amidst all people. Strive that the leaves of fire may not prevent you from the Dawning-Place of light. You are related to the Truth and are known by His name. Know the value of this exalted station and preserve it through the Name of God. The satans have been and are lying in wait in the name of truth. Be

thou steadfast in the Cause and put thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He will grant His chosen ones the best of rewards from His presence. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH09218 ===

=== START BH09219 ===

O Mirza Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Today each hour of the day proclaims at the highest pitch: “By the life of God, the Hour has come, yet the people perceive it not!” And every minute cries out saying: “The Day of God has arrived, yet the people understand it not!” The heedlessness of the people has reached such a state that they have turned away from One Who has sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will verses sublime and wondrous, equivalent to all previous Books, and they occupy themselves with their own vain imaginings. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm thee with such steadfastness that the tempests of doubts and the storms of idle fancies may not move thee. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH09219 ===

=== START BH09220 ===

He is the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious

O Mirza Husayn! Hearken unto the Call. By God, this is a Call through which the atoms of dust were stirred by reason of the fragrant breaths of the revelation of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. When the Tongue of Revelation speaketh, all things speak therewith and proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee the countenance of the Ancient One from this noble horizon. Hold thou fast unto the sure handle and put thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He remembereth whoso hath turned unto Him and feedeth whoso hath set his face toward His luminous horizon. By God, the heavenly table hath been sent down, yet most of the people are heedless. Take it in the name of thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH09220 ===

=== START BH09221 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir! He is the Speaker after the extinction of all things. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Prison: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God in such wise that neither doubts nor intimations shall prevent thee. He walketh and moveth above the world - to this testifieth every knowing and informed one. God willing, ye must soar in the atmosphere of certitude on the wings of detachment, and in all times be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful with such steadfastness that its effect shall become manifest in the world of creation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. We have mentioned thee before and in this wondrous Tablet. Be grateful to God for this exalted and mighty favor.

=== END BH09221 ===

=== START BH09223 ===

He is God, who has encompassed the worlds. Hearken, O servant, to that which the Spirit imparts to thee, then follow what thou hast been commanded, that thou mayest be numbered among those who are near unto God and mentioned in His tablets in truth. Beware lest thou associate any partners with God thy Lord, and do good unto others even as God hath done good unto thee, and be among the people a trustworthy one in truth. Then remember thy Lord throughout all days, for through His remembrance light illumineth the hearts of the righteous and cleanseth them from a hidden association. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest act accordingly and be possessed of insight in the Cause. And whoso is adorned with that which We have commanded him, God will raise him up on the Day of Resurrection in the most beauteous form, and God is verily witness unto this.

=== END BH09223 ===

=== START BH09224 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! I testify to that which the Wronged One hath testified: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above the description of all beings. He hath created all things through a command from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He was one in His essence and one in His attributes. Through His Name was raised the standard of “There is none other God but Him” and was hoisted the banner of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” upon the mount of understanding, as a command from His presence. And He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thou art he who hath sought, and attained, and heard, and witnessed this glorious station wherein the Wronged One proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH09224 ===

=== START BH09225 ===

O Muhammad-Hashim! He is the One Who calls out in the world through His Most Great Name! Rejoice thou in that We have remembered thee and aided thee to turn towards this Cause, from which most of the servants have turned away. We have borne for God’s sake that which has caused the sighs of them that are endued with insight to ascend. How many nights have the hosts of tyranny encompassed Us, and how many days have the hearts of the righteous been troubled by that which hath befallen Us. O thou who hast turned towards Us, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee and summoneth thee unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the Truth which hath come unto thee with the standards of verses. Blessed is he who hath sought the Sought One and blessed is he who hath attained to the knowledge of God, the Lord of all men. Woe unto him who hath denied God and turned away from Him when He came with the hosts of inspiration.

=== END BH09225 ===

=== START BH09226 ===

O Karbila'i Aqa Baba! Verily, the Glory speaks at this hour, for whose grief the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names do lament. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have desired to make mention of him who is named Aqa Baba, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Sender of Winds. Grieve not over anything and trust in all matters in God, Knower of the hidden and the manifest. We counsel thee to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby heads were brought low and [the horizons] were illumined. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cast behind thee the mention of every deceitful polytheist. Say: O people of Baha! When there comes to you one who croaks with a book, leave him to himself, turning with spirit and joy to the Most Exalted Horizon.

=== END BH09226 ===

=== START BH09228 ===

In the name of Him Who hath been given the name of Beauty, upon Him be all His most glorious Beauty! He is the One Who calleth amidst His servants. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and revealed what He hath willed. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The world hath been honored by the advent of the Most Great Name, whereupon the trembling seized all the tribes of the earth except such as God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto that which the hosts of Satan who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, do speak. Verily, he who pronounced judgment against the Third Letter who believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest hath uttered that which hath rent asunder the veil of the Kingdom and caused the dwellers of the realms above to lament. He who should have kissed the dust of his feet hath been unjustly slain - to this doth the Wronged One bear witness in this praiseworthy station. Moreover, he pronounced judgment against certain souls, whereat the eyes of the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the cities of Names shed tears. Woe unto him and unto those who followed him among such as disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came unto them with manifest sovereignty! Say: When We returned from Our exile to Zawra (Baghdad), We found that he had taken possession of the sanctuary of the Point. At this, the eye of My inner being wept and My heart melted. By God's life! I concealed this with all diligence lest any hateful rejected one should become aware of it. By God! The Pen is powerless to recount what he committed in his vain life, for it is ashamed to mention that which is unworthy of mention this Day. To this testify those who were with him and associated with him, and beyond them the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Thou dost ponder My forbearance despite My power, and My concealment despite My knowledge, and that which every ignorant oppressor doth utter. We have mentioned unto thee some of what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who know not their right hand from their left, let alone this exalted station. When thou receivest this Tablet, recite it unto thyself, then read it to those who have quaffed the wine of life in the days of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies through the Name of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

=== END BH09228 ===

=== START BH09230 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great! Verily the Tree maketh mention of one of its leaves, and remembereth it as a bounty from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, that it may be drawn by the utterance of the All-Merciful to the Most Exalted Horizon and be brought near to the Praiseworthy Station. The Beloved hath appeared in truth, and He, verily, is the Desired One of the heavens and earth, yet most of the people know not. He calleth them, by night and by day, to the Dayspring of Inspiration, but they perceive not. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having heard My call and turned to My countenance in recognition of My Self, when every idolatrous transgressor turned away. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor, then remember Him by this Name which God hath made the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen.

=== END BH09230 ===

=== START BH09231 ===

O Handmaiden of God, Most Holy, Most Glorious! The Supreme Pen makes mention of a leaf from among the leaves who did not break the Covenant when darkness spread over all horizons. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in that the Wronged One makes mention of thee, through Whom the horizon of existence was illumined and the leaves were adorned. Blessed is the strong man who arose and blessed is the strong woman who arose when the croaking was raised. Soon will the croaking be heard throughout the lands. Happy is the one who drank the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of bounty on the day of separation. We have sent down in the Book aforetime that which shall appear hereafter. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Reflect upon the verses of God and His sovereignty which has encompassed all lands. O My handmaiden! Hold fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, then remember Him at all times.

=== END BH09231 ===

=== START BH09232 ===

He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing! God and His Messengers and His chosen ones bear witness that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Pen hath proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. By God's life! They desired naught but My Self, and it moveth by My Name, the All-Encompassing over all horizons. Among the people is he who clingeth to idle fancy, turning away from God, the Lord of all mankind, and among them is he who is seized by the attraction of the verses in such wise that he hath turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names, for having caused me to speak Thy praise after Thou didst make me to know Thy Manifestation, dawning from the horizon of creation." Thus doth the Wronged One make mention that thou mayest thank thy Lord and remember Him throughout the nights and days.

=== END BH09232 ===

=== START BH09233 ===

O Afnan, His honor Haji Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! God is Most Glorious! Verily the idolaters desired to extinguish the light of God with their hosts and arose to put out

the fire of My Lote-Tree. Say: Perdition betide you, O heedless ones! How many afflictions through which God hath aided His Cause - verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty! Say: Away with thee, O oppressor! What hast thou to do with this Most Great Announcement? It behooveth thee to play with clay. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. We have ordained for thee a station unto which faces shall turn. Verily thy Lord is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Wise. Rejoice in that We have related thee unto it. By the life of God! Nothing on earth can equal it, and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

=== END BH09233 ===

=== START BH09234 ===

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! The Wronged One in the land of exile remembers the friends of God and His chosen ones with a remembrance which God has made a light unto the people of the Kingdom, an ornament unto the people of the Realm of Might, and the Water of Life unto all creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who has appeared and manifested whatsoever He willed through His Name, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of 'Akka. It summoneth thee unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Leave the world to its people and hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee as a token of His grace, and He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. This is a Day wherein the door of bounty hath been opened with the key of [My Name] the Self-Subsisting, and the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh that whereby hearts and minds are attracted.

=== END BH09234 ===

=== START BH09235 ===

O handmaid of God! He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, in His name, the Protector over all the worlds. Verily, the leaf calls out to the Tree: There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the leaf that has clung to it in such wise that the winds of trials caused it not to fall. She is indeed among the most excellent handmaidens in the sight of God, the Lord of Names. To this testifieth every discerning soul. O my handmaiden! We have found the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord and have sent down unto thee this Tablet through which the horizon of the world hath been illumined and every one who hath turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been drawn nigh. When thou attainest unto thy Lord's Book, render thanks unto Him with such thanksgiving as to attract thereby the denizens of Paradise. Verily, thy Lord is He Who ordaineth, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon those who have believed and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09235 ===

=== START BH09236 ===

O Ahmad! God hath accepted thy deeds and is well-pleased with thee. He shall, in truth, exalt thy name and shall give thee the best of this world and of the world to come. Verily, He is the best Protector and

the most excellent Helper. Then make mention from Us to Abdullah who asked about the announcement that was in truth most great. Say unto him: We answered thee in the City of Patience with an answer at which all in the kingdom would be powerless, if thou be of those possessed of knowledge. Then make mention of Ghadir who believed in God, and his rib who was recorded among the devout ones in the Book. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who were steadfast in the religion of God.

=== END BH09236 ===

=== START BH09237 ===

The younger sister, the blessed leaf, Fatimih Khanum

He is the Mighty, the Most Exalted!

O My sister! We beseech God to protect thee from the harms of the

world. There hath been no news from thee for some time. God willing,

thou art established in the abode of God's love with the utmost happiness

and joy. Shouldst thou wish to know how this mortal Prisoner is, by God,

the tongue is speechless and pens are broken into pieces when attempting

to mention it. However, We are at all times thankful and patient. Other

than total submission and perfect acquiescence nothing is desired.

May thou be always engaged in mentioning the true Beloved and be

illumined with the rays of the eternal and sanctified Sun. And upon thee

be Glory.

=== END BH09237 ===

=== START BH09238 ===

O handmaiden who beareth the name of God, Most Truthful, who hath been set ablaze with praise of her Lord Who is established upon the Throne! O My handmaiden! Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and We have heard from it thy call and beheld the fire of thy love for God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. The gaze of God hath turned toward it as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and turned toward Him when most men turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve thou not over anything, for He is with His devoted handmaidens and His remembering servants. Remember Him by night and by day. Verily, He heareth the call of those who have turned toward Him. He is, in truth, the One Who prevaileth over all worlds.

=== END BH09238 ===

=== START BH09239 ===

He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Merciful!

O scion of the family of Husayn! Hearken to the call of this Wronged One Who hath been afflicted at the hands of the polytheists from among the people of the Bayan, and Who found none to help Him save God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Glorious. We had previously sent thee a leaf from the Divine Lote-Tree, and soon shall We send thee a branch thereof that thou mayest taste of its fruits at all times. Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God, thy Lord, for verily He is with thee. There is none other God but Him, the King, the Sovereign. Stand firm in the Cause, then convey the command of thy Lord. He will verily protect thee through His truth from those who have turned away from God and turned unto the manifestations of Satan. All praise be to God, the King, the Powerful, the Bestower!

=== END BH09239 ===

=== START BH09240 ===

He is the Mighty. O Tanbal-Bashi! Hearken unto the call of Him Who loveth thee and remembereth thee at this moment. Know thou that We have remembered thee in places of mighty and impregnable glory. Beware lest thou be saddened by worldly affairs, and be thou of the patient ones. God will soon reward thee with the best of rewards and will fully recompense the patient ones. He is the Mighty. O Shaykhu'l-Arvah! Verily We have not forgotten thee; therefore rejoice within thyself and be of the patient ones. Then ask of God whatsoever thou desirest. He will verily grant it unto thee in truth, and He hath power over all things. Then convey Our greetings unto thy mother, that she may be gladdened in her soul and be of the devout ones.

=== END BH09240 ===

=== START BH09241 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Husayn! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the two Vavs. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through the first Vav were created the heavens which were raised up throughout the ages, and through the second was manifested He before Whom the doubles bowed down in worship. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Expositor, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in God's remembrance of thee, then make mention of Him with an illumined heart and a wondrous tongue. The tongues were created for this Day, and the eyes for this horizon whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were illumined. Thus doth the Wronged One remember thee from His prison whilst encompassed by the heedless ones. Render thanks unto God for having directed towards thee the countenance of the Ancient Beauty from this glorious station.

=== END BH09241 ===

=== START BH09242 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Power and the Majesty

O Rahim! By God, I have remained alone and solitary, and now I am in the serpent's mouth, as the Tongue of the All-Merciful bears witness to this, if you be of those who know. In every moment there befalls Me that which causes the faces of those near to God to turn pale, and were I to mention it, the Pen would be unable to move, and God is witness to what I say. Stand firm, therefore, in your love for your Lord in such wise that the whisperings of Satan will not cause you to slip, for he has appeared with the hosts of polytheism, and thus was it inscribed in the tablets of destiny by the executing Pen. Arise to serve the Cause by Our leave, then detach thyself from all the worlds.

=== END BH09242 ===

=== START BH09243 ===

O Suleiman! Hear My call from the direction of My prison, that My melodies may attract thee and detach thee from all else save Me, and cause thee to soar in My atmosphere, and draw thee nigh unto the Dayspring of My Beauty, and make thee speak My praise amidst My servants, and enable thee to drink the Kawthar of immortality from the Salsabil of My mercy and the holy Tasnim from the river of My bounty. Verily, My fragrances guide the yearning ones to the paradise of My remembrance, and My sweet scents lead the seeking ones to the court of My presence and meeting. Thus doth the Youth make mention of thee in these days wherein the ignorant among the people have encompassed Him. O Son of Man! Say: O followers of religions among the people of all worlds! He Who ascended to heaven hath come upon the crimson clouds with hosts of His holiness, and the Kingdom of God moveth before Him and behind Him are the hosts of revelation, did ye but know it. Say: The Comforter Whose advent all the scriptures have promised is now come that He may reveal unto you all knowledge and wisdom. Seek Him over the entire surface of the earth, haply ye may find Him. And should ye find Him, beware lest ye crucify the body of the Promised One as did the Jews crucify aforetime. Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Blessed is the eye that beholdeth His beauty, and the ear that heareth His melodies, and the tongue that speaketh His praise, and the foot that walketh in the paths of His good-pleasure, and the heart that is filled with the knowledge of His Self, and the soul that beareth the trust of His love. Thus doth the Cock of the Throne crow that the people of the horizons may exchange discord for concord. Beware lest ye stone Him with your glances after He guideth you to the divine paradise. Say: He hath sacrificed His spirit even as He sacrificed aforetime His body, and He feareth no one among all that hath been created between earth and heaven, and He guideth men unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people of the earth! Gather ye at the table of your Lord, the All-Merciful, which hath descended once again from the heaven of divine decree after its ascension, and hath appeared in the temple of man at the midmost heart of contingent being. O concourse of the worlds! Deprive not yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: O people! Purify your hearts from rancor and hatred, and sanctify your souls from transgression and iniquity, then adorn your bodies with the robe of faithfulness and your tongues with truthfulness in the land of creation. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command you in the heaven of destiny, if ye be of them that know. Say: Through His fragrances the realities of all things have been stirred in their longing for His presence and in their search for reunion with Him. O people! Deprive not yourselves of the sanctuary of His knowledge, and differ not concerning Him, that ye may be numbered among the monotheists. Blessed art thou for having drunk the Kawthar of life from the hand of the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We beseech God to

make thee steadfast in His love and established in His Cause, for verily He is powerful over all things. Say: Through Him hath God given life to the world and created the world for His own Self, yet the people of the world have wronged Him and knew Him not, and were of the heedless ones. And if thou desirest to become acquainted with My Cause and what hath befallen My person, know thou that the tribulations have reached such a degree as to transcend all mention and utterance, and none knoweth the afflictions of the Youth save His Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And We thank God for what He hath decreed for Us by His command, and We shall be patient even as We were patient before, and We seek help from no one, and help cometh only from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. This wondrous Tablet was sent, but that servant must move with the utmost wisdom so that none of the polytheists become aware of the origin of the previous Cause before its manifestation. And as for what you wrote regarding that which was sent down from the heaven of grace to be distributed to all regions - its time and season shall come. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He desireth.

=== END BH09243 ===

=== START BH09244 ===

He is the Mighty. O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call of thy Beloved in this hour when the heavens and earth weep by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of these wrongdoers. Grieve thou not at My departure, for this is among the ways of God that were ordained for those of old, and therein lieth a consummate wisdom and an eternal decree which none knoweth save God, the True King, the Manifest. Be thou not sorrowful at this, and dwell among the people for a brief time or for many days - this is what hath been ordained for thee by the All-Wise, the All-Informed. And when thou hearest tidings from these faithful ones, journey, if thou willest, unto Him to Whom the spirits of those near unto God have journeyed.

=== END BH09244 ===

=== START BH09245 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! O ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Thy letter hath gained access to the Most Luminous Presence, and toward it have been directed the glances of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and followed guidance in this Day wherein the Sun of Knowledge hath dawned from the horizon of the loving-kindness of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Give thanks that We have read thy letter and caused thee to hear the cooing of the Divine Lote-Tree as thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Best-Beloved, the All-Loving, was seated upon the Throne. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto me and given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee not to abandon me unto myself. Make me, under all conditions, one who remembers Thee, extols Thee and speaks forth. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Manifest, the Glorious, the All-Praised.”

=== END BH09245 ===

=== START BH09246 ===

O honored Qadir, my brother, who hath emigrated with God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! O Qadir, blessed art thou for having cast aside the pool and turned unto the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared through this Name whereby God hath subdued all who are in the realm of possibility. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, shall not prevent thee. Hold thou fast unto the cord of grace and cling to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Master of all names. He maketh mention of thee as a bounty from Him and commandeth thee to observe justice and righteousness. He, verily, is the Commander, the Counselor, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Be thou in the Cause of thy Lord in a manner befitting these days wherein the Kingdom and the realm above call out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all religions!"

=== END BH09246 ===

=== START BH09248 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious

O morning breeze! Go forth with thy Lord's epistle to all lands, that hearts may be quickened by the showers of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Should anyone ask thee of the Glory, say: By God, He lieth beneath the swords of His foes through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. And should anyone inquire about His station, say: In the most desolate of lands. Should anyone ask about His physical frame, say: In grievous weakness, yet His spirit is in joy and delight through the love of God. Nothing can sadden Him, as witnesseth he whose sight hath been illumined by the light of recognition and who is numbered among the people of fairness. Rejoice thou in God's remembrance of thee, then rend asunder the veils in the name of thy Lord, Creator of earth and heaven.

=== END BH09248 ===

=== START BH09249 ===

He is the Most High, the Most Glorious

We have desired to make mention of Our loved ones in that land whose names were not mentioned before the Face, that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O people of God! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have quaffed the wine of utterance from the chalice of the bounty of the Lord of all Religions. The Wronged One counseleth you with that which will exalt your stations among men. Take hold of the Book of God with such strength as cannot be hindered by the hosts of the wicked. Verily, the Lamp calleth out saying: Look ye, look ye in all conditions. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you from this Lamp which God hath lit through His power and His might from His presence. He is verily the All-Conquering, the All-Choosing. Glory be upon you, O friends of God and His party, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Dawning-Place of Lights.

=== END BH09249 ===

=== START BH09250 ===

HE IS THE DAWNING FROM THE HORIZON OF IMMORTALITY

We have manifested trustworthiness upon the temple of man, and verily he crieth out amidst the people of existence, saying: “All bounty belongeth unto him who hath clung unto me and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of all men.” Those who have turned away from me have no portion in the Book. O people of the earth! Hearken unto my call and hold fast unto my cord. By God! Through it the Cause of God and His dominion over all religions shall be exalted. Arise from the slumber of passion, then drink the choice wine of trustworthiness from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto him who hath believed in God, the Manifestation of clear proofs.

=== END BH09250 ===

=== START BH09251 ===

In His Most Ancient Name

We left the House, proceeding toward the garden, and on the way We encountered servants who had believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. There accompanied Us a certain number of those who had acknowledged what God had testified in His Noble Book. We journeyed until We entered the place and drank Chinese tea, and We said: “Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!” Those who were with Me remained around Me without sleep. When morning breathed forth, they drank tea and proceeded to the city by command of One mighty and knowing. We arose through God’s might and grace, took up the pen, and revealed unto thee this Clear Book. When thou attainest unto it, be thankful and say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!”

=== END BH09251 ===

=== START BH09252 ===

From His honor Mirza [Hasan], upon him be the glory of God. He is the One Who warbles upon the branches. We entered the garden while the water was flowing and the willow was swaying and the roses were diffusing their fragrance and the trees were speaking: “He hath come, the Wronged One Who hath borne tribulations for the manifestation of His mighty Cause and filled the realms of names. He hath come, the Creator of heaven, with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the world, nor the weapons of the nations, nor the oppression of any cruel oppressor can stand. Verily those who have attained on this day are among the people of the highest Paradise - to this doth testify He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth. Glory be upon the people of glory who have held fast to the Book of God when it was sent down in truth from His holy, mighty and inaccessible dominion.”

=== END BH09252 ===

=== START BH09253 ===

O Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Generous! We make mention of thee when thy letter was present before the Throne, that thou mayest read and be of the thankful ones. The world hath been illumined by the lights of thy Lord's countenance, yet most of the people are in manifest darkness. They have cast the light behind their backs, having followed every remote oppressor - those who lay claim to knowledge without any proof from God and who pronounce judgment against His loved ones throughout months and years. Through them corruption hath encompassed the land and sea, as attesteth the Preserved Tablet in His presence. They have followed their desires and cast aside the Book of God - thus doth the All-Informed inform thee. Shun them and take refuge in God from their evil. He verily protecteth whom He willeth through His sovereign might. He is, in truth, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09253 ===

=== START BH09254 ===

He is the One mentioned in the Tablet of Ha by faithfulness! We have seen thy turning unto Us and have made mention of thee from My Most Exalted Pen, and We have heard thy call and have called unto thee from this luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." I created all peoples for this Most Great Day, but when He appeared they turned away and denied God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he whom the doubts of the divines have not withheld, and blessed is he whom the might of those who disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return hath not caused to slip. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness and take hold of the hem of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Pen of the Wronged One hath moved at the mention of thy name, while imprisoned in the Most Great Prison in the hands of those who were heedless of God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

=== END BH09254 ===

=== START BH09255 ===

O Haji Mashhadi Husayn! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

We have heard the call of those who were attracted by the fragrances of Revelation when the horizon of utterance was illumined by the Sun of My mention, the Mighty, the Luminous. The ocean of knowledge hath appeared and the sun of understanding hath shone forth, yet the people remain among the heedless. They have cast the decree of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant one far removed from truth. We have manifested knowledge that the servants might be guided unto My path, yet they have grown proud against the All-Informed One. Thus have We been treated by those who pride themselves on knowledge when He Who is known came with His name, the Self-Subsisting, and spoke that before which the Books of the Messengers have bowed down. Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee and turned toward thee from this exalted Station.

=== END BH09255 ===

=== START BH09256 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! We have indeed expounded the Point and have brought forth from it the knowledge of what was and what will be, and have caused all things to speak forth that which the Lord of Names has testified. He is, verily, the One Who oversees every witness and witnessed thing. O you who gaze toward My horizon! When the choice wine of revelation has taken hold of you from the hand of My bounty and My most sweet call has drawn you to the horizon of My loving-kindness, arise and say: O You in Whose hand lies the kingdom of names and in Whose grasp are all who dwell on earth and in heaven! I beseech You by Your Name through which the Concourse on High rejoiced to make me in all conditions one who speaks forth Your praise and stands firm in Your Cause. Verily, You are the Powerful over whatsoever You will. There is no God but You, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09256 ===

=== START BH09257 ===

In His Name, the All-Compelling over all names!

We make mention of God in all conditions, in such wise that neither prison nor what We have suffered therein at the hands of those who have denied the proof and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, can prevent Us. He hath created the world for the remembrance of the Ancient King - among men are those who are heedless, and those who have heard and hastened unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of God and drawn nigh unto His mighty ocean. Woe unto him who hath followed vain desires when the Remembrance hath come unto him from One knowing, informed. Joy be unto thee for having quaffed the choice wine of remembrance and turned toward the horizon of the Cause of thy Lord, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Ancient. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's power and might, then speak forth His praise, that perchance every heedless and remote one may be awakened thereby.

=== END BH09257 ===

=== START BH09259 ===

O Haji Ibrahim!

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great

We make mention of him who hath desired the countenance of God and We teach him My straight path which hath appeared in My name among the worlds. He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet beareth witness to this. This is the Day wherein all things proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. He Who was promised hath come, and the hidden treasure hath been revealed through His name, the Mighty, the Powerful. O servant! Give thanks unto God for having created thee and sustained thee and made thee aware of this glorious Day, whereby the books of the world have been adorned and whereof God's messengers of old gave tidings. Every discerning scholar beareth witness to this. Be thou moved by thy Lord's will and walk amid the darkness of the earth through His name, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Luminous.

=== END BH09259 ===

=== START BH09260 ===

’Abdul-Javad! He is the Mighty, the Great! We make mention of him who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when He was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. We give glad-tidings unto them that have believed of the good-pleasure of God and His nearness, and We acquaint them with His straight and manifest path. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath indeed attained salvation, and he that hath turned away is assuredly among the perishing ones. By God’s life! All that hath been created on earth shall profit him not. Unto this doth every knowing and perceiving one bear witness. O Javad! Hold thou fast, under all conditions, to the Crimson Cord which hath appeared from the seat of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by it to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby every idolator hath wailed, every heedless one hath cried out, and every ignorant one far removed hath been sorely troubled.

=== END BH09260 ===

=== START BH09261 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! We make mention of him who has turned to God, that his remembrance may endure among the worlds. Say: Glory is not for those who have turned to their own selves, but rather for those who have turned to the affairs of those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Be unto others as ye are unto yourselves. Thus doth the Lord of the worlds command you. Be ye united in God’s Cause and in His love, and differ not in any matter. Thus doth God teach you as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Through your unity will God’s Cause be made manifest among His servants, and through your steadfastness will the feet of the wavering ones be made firm. Put your trust in God, then aid Him through remembrance and utterance, that perchance they who slumber on the couch of idle fancies may be awakened and be numbered among the heedless ones.

=== END BH09261 ===

=== START BH09262 ===

Handmaiden of God, consort of His Holiness N-Z and mother of Habibu’llah! Most Ancient, Most Impregnable, Most Great! We make mention of one who has turned to God and believed in His verses which have encompassed the worlds. Blessed is the servant who has attained unto this resplendent, gleaming Light, and woe unto him who has turned away and followed those who have denied the proof of God when He shone forth with grace upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. Hearken thou unto My call and take the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then drink thereof through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book teach thee. Forsake the world and all that is therein, then turn with radiant countenance toward the Most Great Scene. This sufficeth thee, as thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify.

=== END BH09262 ===

=== START BH09263 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! We make mention of him who, in the end, inhaled the fragrance of reunion when the Dayspring of divine utterance shone forth with the lights of the beauty of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is he who arose to promote the Cause and conquered the cities of hearts with the key of the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. We make mention of thee from the prison, that thou mayest arise to celebrate His praise amongst His servants. Be thou of such steadfastness that neither the allusions of the people nor the might of any aggressive tyrant may disturb thee. The power of the strong and the might of princes shall pass away, but sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of creation. He who hath turned towards the Dayspring of eternity is assuredly among the people of Baha in a Book which none hath known save God, the Lord of lords.

=== END BH09263 ===

=== START BH09265 ===

In His Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! May you, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, attain His good-pleasure and act in accordance with that which He hath commanded. Today the enemies are seen to have gained ascendancy over the friends. As ye have witnessed and heard, most cities and regions have fallen under the control of strangers, and the fire of sedition and corruption hath been kindled in most lands. This is because the servants have deprived themselves of the river of the All-Merciful's mercy. They have abandoned that which is right and clung to that which is wrong. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to transform this weakness into strength and this abasement into glory. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09265 ===

=== START BH09266 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, son of honored 'Ali-Baba! The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! God willing, through the favor of the Friend, may you be detached and free from all else besides Him, and at all times drink the wine of inner meanings from the hand of the True Cup-bearer. The gaze of God's favor has been and will be with you. Blessed is your father, for he attained the presence of God and believed in the presence of His countenance. Verily for him is a great reward in the Book. He was among those souls who, after the exaltation of the Divine Word, attained recognition of God, and in the days of the rising of the Sun of Truth in those regions, was present before His countenance, was guided by His lights, and remained steadfast in His Cause. Verily for him is a goodly return.

=== END BH09266 ===

=== START BH09268 ===

He is God! God willing, may you return to the land of emergence from the realm of dawning through the melody of the eternal dove from the Orient of the everlasting heaven's splendor, with holy breaths from the divine cloud, from the essence of the city of faithfulness and the core of the garden of meeting. And

you must ignite and enkindle all the manifest and veiled countenances with the kindled fire of love, so that the effect of the kindled fire of God may appear from the source of flowing sweet water, and its fruit may emerge from the tree of existence - how much more so for the sanctified ones of the chambers of glory and the purified ones of the lofty pavilions who are attracted by the warbling of the Spirit's dove and gladdened by the singing of the cock of light. So glory be to God, your Creator and their Creator, and exalted is He above what they describe.

=== END BH09268 ===

=== START BH09269 ===

In the Name of God, the Beneficent! God willing, on this divine Day mayest thou receive thy portion from the outpourings of the All-Merciful and drink from the ocean of wisdom. The light of the realm of knowledge cometh from the splendors of His Countenance, not from the sun and moon. Strive thou to find thy way to the heaven of inner meanings and to walk upon God's straight path. How many princes there were who sought after this Day, yet now are seen to be deprived of it, while thou, through God's favor, hast attained unto it and perceived the fragrances of His garment. With all thy soul and spirit and tongue, be thou occupied with the praise of the Beloved of all possibility. Verily, He is with whosoever remembereth Him and maketh mention of Him, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09269 ===

=== START BH09270 ===

In the Name of Him from Whose horizon of manifestation the light hath shone forth! God willing, mayest thou be illumined in this divine Day with the lights of the Sun of Revelation and attain unto that which God hath desired. All have been created for this Day, yet all are found to be heedless and veiled save those who have cast away the world and have clung to the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the peoples who turned away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, have been shaken. Strive thou to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that all the world shall be powerless to hinder thee. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee and impart unto thee that which shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Hold thou fast unto it and be thou of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09270 ===

=== START BH09271 ===

In the name of the God of Mercy! O Zivar Sultan! God willing, in all times and seasons mayest thou be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility and attain unto the living waters. Thy letter was received before the Countenance and thy moanings and lamentations in separation from the Luminary of the horizons were heard. It is most clear that the ever-existing and eternal Truth hath never wished to deprive His loved ones from His infinite outpourings or to withhold them from the Kawthar of His presence, which is the cause of the creation of the world. The decree of prohibition of the gaze is due to a wisdom that hath been revealed in the tablets of God, and all are commanded to act according to it,

lest aught occur that might cause harm. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous. May the Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH09271 ===

=== START BH09272 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! By the name of the Goal of all worlds! May you ever remain focused on the horizon of the manifestation of the Beloved Who knows no decline, holding fast to His love and standing firm and steadfast in His Cause. The call of the All-Merciful is raised high and the clamor of Satan is loud. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to protect all the friends from his evil. Great is this Day and great is this Cause. Blessed is the one whom neither the affairs of the world nor the utterances of the peoples have prevented from the divine ocean of knowledge. Hearken with your inner ear to the Divine Word. It is like armor for the temple of understanding. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who has sent it down in truth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09272 ===

=== START BH09274 ===

O leaf of Asiyih! In the name of the Lord of all worlds! The leaves of the blessed Tree must, with complete certitude and assurance, hold fast to the root of the Tree, lest they be made to fall by the blowing of the winds of the doubts and idle fancies of heedless souls. All in the world, both female and male, were awaiting the days of the Manifestation, yet when the divine Day appeared and the Most Great Orb rose from the horizon of bounty, all became occupied with their own vain imaginings and turned away from the Truth, exalted and mighty be He - save those souls who rent asunder the veils of glory and turned toward the horizon of the Cause of the beloved and eternal One. God willing, thou shalt at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and be detached and severed from all else. And the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09274 ===

=== START BH09275 ===

O Ahmad, who hast ascended unto God! In the name of the Loving Friend: O Ahmad the Single, the One! He saith: With the wings of knowledge soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, that perchance through His pre-existing mercy and all-encompassing grace thou mayest attain unto the Dawning-Place of His most excellent names and the Day-Spring of His most exalted attributes. The outward foot cannot traverse this distance, and the outer wings are powerless to fly in this spiritual atmosphere. Therefore with spiritual wing and mystic foot set out toward thy goal. This hath ever been and shall ever be the ultimate journey for those who seek, and the final homeland of the lovers. We beseech God to cause all to attain unto this most exalted station and to grant them to partake of the wine of revelation.

=== END BH09275 ===

=== START BH09276 ===

O handmaid of God Kalimih! In the name of the Beloved of all possibility! O handmaid of God! God willing, through divine bounties and heavenly outpourings, mayest thou in all conditions drink from the most pure wine of remembrance and knowledge, and with utmost joy and attraction utter praise of the Beloved of all horizons. The days pass like lightning. It behooveth every soul in these numbered days to acquire lofty and eternal stations. The True One, exalted be His grandeur, hath manifested Himself purely out of His grace and bounty and hath taught the way of salvation. Blessed is the soul that hath attained His recognition with perfect certitude and assurance and hath held fast to His commandments. The Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaids who have won this sealed wine.

=== END BH09276 ===

=== START BH09277 ===

O handmaid of God! Mention was made of thee in this prison, and therefore thou hast been favored with the remembrance of the Pen. Hearken unto the counsel of this divine servant: Empty thy heart from all else save God, that it may be illumined with the splendors of the light of the Beloved. It is incumbent upon all to manifest themselves with praiseworthy character, goodly deeds and pure actions. Those souls who attribute themselves to the All-Merciful yet act according to the ways of Satan - verily God was and ever shall be sanctified and holy above such souls. God willing, may they ever abide preserved beneath the canopy of divine protection and find repose in the shade of His all-encompassing mercy. And the spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH09277 ===

=== START BH09278 ===

O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One of the world calls thee from the Most Great Prison and summons thee to God, exalted be His glory. Hearken unto His call and hold fast to that which befits His Day. Convey greetings from the Prisoner to all the handmaidens in that land. At all times the Pen of the All-Merciful hath been and is occupied with the mention of such servants and handmaidens as have held fast unto the truth and have fixed their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon. God willing, may they be assisted to act in accordance with that which hath been recorded in the Book of God from the Most Exalted Pen. The world is and hath ever been transitory. All must hold fast unto that which endureth. Verily, He maketh mention of you out of His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

=== END BH09278 ===

=== START BH09279 ===

O handmaid, O leaf, O thou who art remembering God! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the pearl of the sea of inner meanings that was mentioned in the divine Books. Therefore praise thy Lord for this great bounty. And whatsoever thou hast witnessed before His face concerning the sanctification and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, remind the handmaids of God thereof, that all may partake of

the infinite outpourings of God and receive their portion from the ocean of sanctification. From this station We send Our glorification upon every handmaid among My handmaids and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My favor, and We counsel them to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of those endued with understanding have been shaken. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

=== END BH09279 ===

=== START BH09280 ===

He is the Most Glorious

Let his honor Mirza Badi', upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, take note.

He is the Most Glorious

O Badi'! The time has come for you to don the garment of innovation and put on a new robe and place upon your head a blessed crown. This glorious diadem is the crown of being set ablaze with the fire of the love of God, and this new garment is the robe of being enkindled with the remembrance of God. These days will pass and this soul will depart from the body. Sacrifice this earthly frame for the Celestial Beloved and offer this contingent temple as an oblation to the Beloved of the realms beyond, that thou mayest witness a goodly life and an eternal existence in the Most Glorious Kingdom and observe manifest signs.

'Abdu'l-Baha 'Abbas

=== END BH09280 ===

=== START BH09281 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

O beloved friend! He saith: Be not grieved by that which hath come to pass from God aforetime. Ye have been and are beneath the shadow of God. They who are endowed with vision and who gaze upon the Most Great Horizon are content with whatsoever proceedeth from God. Be ye confident in the favors of God. Ye are reckoned as His own and unto Him shall ye return. Ye must serve the Cause of God with heart and tongue and limbs and deeds. He is with you under all conditions. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Verily he was of Us and hath ascended unto Us. Thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness unto this. It behooveth you to rejoice in that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in this Preserved Tablet. The splendor of God be upon you from God, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH09281 ===

=== START BH09282 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O Hassan! Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast drunk from the ocean of mystic knowledge and turned thy face toward the highest horizon. Through the might

of God and the power of the eternal Sovereign, thou must, God willing, remain occupied with His remembrance in all conditions, that perchance those who thirst in the wilderness of idle fancies may drink from the heavenly stream of the All-Merciful and attain unto the breezes of the Day of God. For every atom among the atoms of contingent beings a portion hath been ordained and a share hath been established in the Book of God. How excellent is the state of the one who hath arisen at the mention of the Friend, who hath taken and drunk the water of life from the hand of His bounty. We beseech God to assist thee and cause thee to speak forth the praise of the Wronged One Who speaketh from this exalted, mighty and sublime station.

=== END BH09282 ===

=== START BH09283 ===

In the Name of the One God! O Hassan! Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and attained the honor of His gracious regard. We counsel thee and all My loved ones to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness and the Most Great Trustworthiness. Make wisdom a lamp unto yourselves, then walk thereby in the darkness of the earth. Thus doth the All-Knowing counsel you. Say: O Thou Beloved of the heavens and earth, and the Powerful over all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation! I beseech Thee by those who were martyred in the land of Sad in Thy path, O Lord of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy service, then accept from me what I have done in Thy days. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the supplicant at Thy gate, hoping for what lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09283 ===

=== START BH09285 ===

O friend! The Friend hath testified to thy friendship - this sufficeth thee, by the Lord of all the worlds! This word is most sweet to the taste of lovers. Blessed are they that understand! Some time ago thou didst send a number equal to the pillars of the inkstand. Verily, glory be upon the one who wrote it, and blessed then be glory upon the one who sent it. And We beseech God to aid the one who made it. This was so that every craftsman might know that craftsmanship is desired and accepted before God. All should strive and endeavor to perfect it, that every thing may attain to its paradise which is its state of perfection. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH09285 ===

=== START BH09286 ===

In the Name of the Peerless, One God! O friends! The ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of grace is shining forth. Today is the day of praise, not the time of defilement. Say: O friends! Cleanse your souls from the defilement of the world and arise in praise of the One Beloved. Today is the day of the tongue, for it was created for praise. Today is the day of meeting, for the Beloved has appeared. Soar on the wings of the love of the All-Merciful, that perchance ye may attain spiritual nearness. O friends! Be not grieved at separation - this is the day of joy, not the time of sorrow. Whosoever has arisen in the love of

the All-Merciful is of Us, and whosoever is occupied with aught else is accounted among strangers. Such is the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that hear!

=== END BH09286 ===

=== START BH09287 ===

In the Name of the One Beloved Friend! O friends! The True Friend hath come to visit you and hath illumined the world with the splendors of the Sun of inner meanings. This is the time of joy and the season of gladness. Gather ye together in remembrance of the Friend and occupy yourselves with His praise and glorification. The deeds of this Day are accounted as the essence of all deeds. He hath manifested Himself upon land and sea, mountain and city and realm. Every person of insight hath attained unto His traces, while every blind one is deprived. How blessed is the state of the one who hath recognized Him and known Him in His new and wondrous attire. Such a one is among the people of truth and a wayfarer on the path of reality.

=== END BH09287 ===

=== START BH09289 ===

XXVI

Suffer me, O my God, to draw nigh unto Thee, and to abide within the precincts of Thy court, for remoteness from Thee hath well-nigh consumed me. Cause me to rest under the shadow of the wings of Thy grace, for the flame of my separation from Thee hath melted my heart within me. Draw me nearer unto the river that is life indeed, for my soul burneth with thirst in its ceaseless search after Thee. My sighs, O my God, proclaim the bitterness of mine anguish, and the tears I shed attest my love for Thee.

I beseech Thee, by the praise wherewith Thou praisest Thyself and the glory wherewith Thou glorifiest Thine own Essence, to grant that we may be numbered among them that have recognized Thee and acknowledged Thy sovereignty in Thy days. Help us then to quaff, O my God, from the fingers of mercy the living waters of Thy loving-kindness, that we may utterly forget all else except Thee, and be occupied only with Thy Self. Powerful art Thou to do what Thou willest. No God is there beside Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Glorified be Thy name, O Thou Who art the King of all Kings!

=== END BH09289 ===

=== START BH09290 ===

He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the Responder

O Rida! God willing, mayest thou be blessed through the favors of the Lord of Names and illumined by the lights of His countenance. This name is greatly beloved. Ask thou of God that thou mayest fully attain unto its meaning, become extinct from thine own good-pleasure and move according to the good-pleasure of the Friend. Every soul who in this Day hath attained unto this most exalted and glorious

station - that is, hath caused his own will and purpose and good-pleasure to become extinct in the will and purpose and good-pleasure of God - he is reckoned among the people of truth in the Divine Book. Blessed be this most mighty and exalted station, and happy is he who hath attained thereunto and was among the firm ones. And praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09290 ===

=== START BH09291 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the World! O Sadiq! Thy letter was presented before the Most Great Horizon and was observed. God willing, mayest thou ever be joyous and glad through the sweet savors of the favors of the Lord of creation. That which thou hast extracted from the verses concerning the Greatest Name was accepted before the Throne. Blessed art thou! However, today the greatest of all things is to strive that perchance ye may save one who is drowning - that is, to quicken one who is dead through the water of Divine love, or guide one who is heedless unto the abode of wisdom. The sciences of numbers neither nourish nor satisfy. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with divine virtues and be gladdened by the breezes of His revelation, and be occupied with that which yieldeth visible results. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, command thee.

=== END BH09291 ===

=== START BH09292 ===

He is the Mighty! O worldly scholar, dust be upon thy head! How strange that contrary matters are witnessed in thee: the oppressor became oppressed, the oppressed became oppressor. Yahya […] committed treachery against the purity of the Point and martyred His Holiness the Dayyan, and named him and His Holiness Khalil as the “father of evils” and “father of calamities.” By the life of God, he intended to martyr this Wronged One. Through pure grace and bounty I departed from among those souls. I left him and his followers safe and sound and departed. Alas, alas! Through consultation with Seyyed Muhammad Isfahani, he sent Ahmad’s mother to the palace in pursuit of worldly gain. By this did my heart and pen and honored servants lament.

=== END BH09292 ===

=== START BH09293 ===

O Fatimih, daughter of Najaf-Quli-’Ammu! In the name of the Lord of Names! O Fatimih, Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness! From the Most Great Prison He calleth thee and summoneth thee to the Lord of Eternity. He hath had and hath no purpose save the guidance of the handmaidens and servants of God, inasmuch as He, of His own Self, hath ever been and shall ever be self-sufficient. Neither doth any good deed of His servants profit Him, nor any evil act of His creatures harm Him. He calleth all purely for the sake of God, that all may attain unto the fruit of their own being, which is the recognition of God and the Manifestation of His Cause. May it be that thou wilt, through His name, preserve the pearl of divine love within the treasury of thy heart. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH09293 ===

=== START BH09294 ===

O ’Ali-Akbar - He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

The Most Exalted Pen, the Lord of Names, declares: Thou wert created for the purpose of proclamation. This is the Day whereon thou must give glad tidings of the appearance of the Lord of all possibility to all the friends and guide them to the straight path of God. Act in accordance with that which thou art commanded. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee through His grace. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Give mention from the True One to ’Ali-Akbar and give him glad tidings of the Most Great Horizon, that he may engage in thanksgiving to God with both his outer and inner tongue. O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Render praise unto the Beloved of the world and the Ancient Lord. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09294 ===

=== START BH09296 ===

O Umm-Aqa-Hasan, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the one God! O handmaiden of God! God willing, through the grace of the Dawning-Place of Names, thou shalt attain unto the holy bounties in these divine days and receive thy portion and share from the fragrances of His garment of grace. Most of the handmaidens were deprived of this infinite gift, for they were veiled by the veils of their former delusions. Yet some removed the veil and turned toward the Lord of Lords. These handmaidens are accounted as men in the sight of God. Praise the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained the honor of recognizing the Dawning-Place of His verses, and He hath manifested through thee one who turned to the supreme horizon and attained the sea of meeting and reunion.

=== END BH09296 ===

=== START BH09297 ===

O handmaid of God, O wondrous leaf! By the name of Him Who is the Lord of earth and heaven! O my handmaid! God willing, thou wilt become detached from creation and its conditions, and wilt ever remain focused on God and His verses. How many men, after their anticipation, failed to attain the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many women who, by the Most Glorious Name, drank from the chalice of recognition! Bounty and generosity have ever been within God’s mighty grasp. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He is the One Who doeth as He pleaseth. None besides Him hath ever had, nor shall ever have, any share in this station. Rejoice thou in thy Lord’s mention, then preserve it lest every treacherous thief become aware of it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09297 ===

=== START BH09298 ===

In the Name of the Lord of all worlds! O My handmaiden, sister of Ali-Askar who emigrated! The best among the women of the world today is she who hath turned unto the Truth and drunk from the cup of

divine recognition. For instance, thou art today, in the sight of God, greater, more distinguished and more exalted than all the queens of the world. Worth and station are determined through turning unto God. All lineage, ancestry, nobility and rank are established through faith in God. If today a person from among the nobles of the world, whose ancestors back to Adam were all renowned for their glory and eminence, should hesitate in the Cause of God, that person would be considered before the Truth as the most abject of servants and the most despised of people. Blessed are they who know, women and men!

=== END BH09298 ===

=== START BH09299 ===

XL

O My Well-Beloved! Thou hast breathed Thy Breath into Me, and divorced Me from Mine own Self. Thou didst, subsequently, decree that no more than a faint reflection, a mere emblem of Thy Reality within Me be left among the perverse and envious. Behold, how, deluded by this emblem, they have risen against Me, and heaped upon Me their denials! Uncover Thy Self, therefore, O My Best-Beloved, and deliver Me from My plight.

Thereupon a Voice replied: “I love, I dearly cherish this emblem. How can I consent that Mine eyes, alone, gaze upon this emblem, and that no heart except Mine heart recognize it? By My Beauty, which is the same as Thy Beauty! My wish is to hide Thee from Mine own eyes: how much more from the eyes of men!”

I was preparing to make reply, when lo, the Tablet was suddenly ended, leaving My theme unfinished, and the pearl of Mine utterance unstrung.

=== END BH09299 ===

=== START BH09300 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy!

O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt abide beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree and be nourished by its fruits. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and divine favor hath been directed towards thee from the prison. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy father and mother. Ye are among those who have believed in God and turned away from every idolatrous infidel. Beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may guide all to such a degree that the winds of contingent being shall not prevent these souls who have turned towards Him from the direction of His oneness. Verily, He hath power over all things. In the acquisition of perfection, negligence is not permissible. Exert thy utmost endeavor. This is what hath been inscribed by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09300 ===

=== START BH09301 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds! O Marziyyih! The Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness summons thee to the eternal divine realms. Hearken with thy soul's ear to the call of the All-Merciful, and turn to Him with all thy heart and spirit. Whosoever today has drunk of this eternal wine has attained eternal life, and whosoever has been deprived is accounted as among perishable forms in the sight of God. Until the Ancient Beauty appears with the Most Great Name, strive that ye may attain through His grace to the fruit of creation, and that fruit is the knowledge of the Beloved. None but detached spirits have been or shall be given a share from this cup. How blessed is the state of one who remains steadfast upon the path of His love and is not prevented by the whisperings of evil souls.

=== END BH09301 ===

=== START BH09302 ===

O Leaf, sister of the Most Great, Most Wondrous Sanctuary! God willing, may you, through the grace of the Lord of creation, hold fast to the divine Lote-Tree in all the worlds. Divine bounty hath been and will continue to be vouchsafed unto each one of you. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou art privileged with the most great honor and gazest upon the most great horizon. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful in a spirit of joy and fragrance, turning away from all else. The world hath ever been and will continue to be the realm of change and transformation. Therefore it hath no station before God, and that which is enduring and lasting existeth with the Truth. We beseech God to aid all to achieve what He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for you what lieth concealed in the mysteries of His knowledge. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH09302 ===

=== START BH09303 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! This wondrous Day, with the most exalted call, reminds the people of creation and proclaims with most eloquent utterance: I am that Day whose mention hath been in the divine Books of the past and future. My light hath not been and is not from the sun and its like, but rather is illumined and radiant from the lights of the Face of Truth, exalted be His glory. Strive that ye may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. Today every mention is the sovereign of mentions and every pure deed is the master of deeds. Blessed is he who attaineth unto the good-pleasure of the Friend and becometh detached and free from all else save Him.

=== END BH09303 ===

=== START BH09304 ===

Regarding what was written about the foreign person from Europe, it was submitted [to Him] and He said that if such souls take [the Writings] and send them to their own country, there is no harm. However, if they reveal them in that land, it will cause mischief. Whatever is given must be correct. Some copies of the Iqan that exist in this land have not all attained the standard of correctness. If the book which the Greater Branch recently sent to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, containing the Tablets to the Kings, is given, it would

be best - but only after gaining confidence. And God speaks the truth, and He mentions the proof, and guides the way.

=== END BH09304 ===

=== START BH09305 ===

O Muhammad! He Who is exalted above all names! What needed to be said We have said, and We have sown the seeds of wisdom in hearts and minds. We beseech God to cause them all to grow through the rain-showers of His mercy, that all may derive benefit therefrom and attain unto the fruit of being. O friends! Strive ye to receive your portion from the ocean of divine bounty and take your share from the infinite cornfields of grace. This is the day for deeds and the time for action - deprive not yourselves. This is the moment of freedom from the chains of self and passion - liberate yourselves. Praise be to God, the Sun of Truth hath dawned and is manifest from the Dayspring of loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it and attained. Woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH09305 ===

=== START BH09306 ===

Hassan Agha! He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Wonderful! Blessed art thou, O Hassan, for having entered within the fortress of My love, which hath been built up from the tablets of the Cause and is verily the frequented Fane amidst the Concourse of the Manifestation, and the Sacred Sanctuary in the Most Great Paradise, and the Holy House for all who dwell on earth. Say: O people, take refuge therein that God may protect you from the arrows of Satan in these days wherein the veils of fancy have encompassed both the lowly and the noble. Go forth therefrom by My sovereignty, then witness thyself in such wise that thou beholdest all who are in the heavens and on earth as a coin in thy palm, which thou canst turn as thou pleasest. Thus hath the power of thy Lord encompassed all created things, yet the people are in evident heedlessness. O Hassan! Take thou this Tablet with the spirit and fragrance of God, then preserve it within thyself, then enter upon those who believed and then denied, and say: By God the True One! I have come to you from the Dayspring of God's Cause with this News which hath been recorded in the Mother of Tablets by the Pen of God. Say: By God! This is the Mother of Tablets and what is mentioned therein is what flowed from the divine Finger on that Day, if ye be informed thereof. Then recite unto them what the Spirit hath cast upon this Tablet. Thereupon thou shalt find the dust of hatred upon their faces. Say: O people! Die in your wrath, for the Sun of the Cause hath dawned from the horizon of a brilliant dawn. O people! By what proof did ye believe, and by what evidence did ye deny? Bring it forth if ye have something more wonderful than what We possess, or the like thereof. Therefore fear ye God and be not tyrannous and wretched. O servant! Observe with the glance of the beginning what We have ordained for Our servants and what they have chosen for themselves, that thou mayest discover what every remote idolater's soul hath perpetrated. We commanded them in the Tablets and counseled them not to be veiled at the time of the dawning by all that hath been created in the horizons, yet they were veiled by a name among the names which We created by Our command and Our sovereignty, and none were aware of this save a few souls. And thereby they turned away from the Ancient Beauty and spoke as spoke the peoples of old when the Cause came from the heaven of an

exalted Name. O servant! Recount unto them what the Tongue of Grandeur recounteth unto thee, that perchance they may find a way unto the Lord of Majesty. Say: When the hosts of God's revelation descended in the guise of verses upon the Temple of Words, the dwellers of Sinai were thunderstruck upon the Sinai of nearness and the mountain of every learned one was crushed. And thereby were the breasts of the fettered ones constrained, such that they arose to war against His Beauty. Thus have We detailed the matter unto thee in detail, that thou mayest know the state of those who claim faith within themselves and consider themselves among the most exalted of servants, though today not one of them is mentioned before thy Lord. And thou, give thanks unto God for having confirmed thee in the Cause and made thee among those whom He hath chosen, and provided thee with ripe and holy fruits from the Tree of Knowledge. Be thou steadfast in thy love such that no fettered and obstinate one may cause thee to slip. Then remind those who are with thee from Us, those who have shattered the idols of desire through the power of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and have embarked upon the Crimson Ark through My Most Glorious Name. By God! They are servants whose presence is longed for by those in the heaven of grandeur and all discerning ones besides them. Witness thyself in such a station that were thou to find no helper for thy Lord on earth, thou wouldst arise by thyself to help thy Lord. Then would thy relation to My Self, which encompasseth the worlds, be confirmed. Say: The musk of the All-Merciful hath been diffused from the trace of the All-Glorious, and God hath made it a proof from Him unto all who are in the heavens and earth, and no peer hath been ordained for it in the kingdom. Verily those whom the cold of heedlessness and desire hath seized will never find from this Garment the fragrances of a beloved glory. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the divine fragrances from the trace of his Lord and was steadfast on the path. Then remind from Us the handmaidens of God who have believed in God and His signs and were among the devoutly obedient ones inscribed in the Tablet.

=== END BH09306 ===

=== START BH09307 ===

O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon thee be the Glory of God - He is the All-Knowing Speaker! God hath blessed thy arrival, thy turning unto Him, and thy enkindlement. He counseleth thee to observe discretion in all circumstances. Hold fast unto wisdom and place thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords. We testify that thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and borne witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven. Be thou thankful unto God for having made the Most Great Word to be a testimony from Us unto thee in the Book. Conceal the pearls of divine knowledge, and this Tablet which We have sent unto thee. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have turned with their hearts unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

=== END BH09307 ===

=== START BH09308 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Today you should be so carried away by the sweet savors of the divine verses and the fragrances of the robe of the All-Merciful that no sorrow can overtake you. The source of sorrow is heedlessness of the Truth, and the wellspring of joy is faith in the Self of the Manifestation. Praise be to God that you have attained to this greatest bounty and have drunk from the cup of His love. All that is visible in the world will soon vanish and is not worthy of mention, and that which endures and remains is the remembrance that flows forth from the Divine Pen in His days. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09308 ===

=== START BH09309 ===

He is the Everlasting upon the Throne of Grandeur and Independence!

Glorified be He Who hath ordained the measures of the Cause as He hath willed and desired, and verily He hath power over all things. He hath sent down verses from the heaven of holiness in wondrous remembrance, and with Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. He knoweth what passeth through the hearts of His servants, and verily He hath knowledge of all things.

O Nabil-i-'Ali! Hearken unto that which We reveal unto thee from the direction of the Throne, the station which God hath raised above the comprehension of the worlds, that He may make thee strong in this Cause wherein every mighty one hath been brought low, and may purify thee from all things and from whatsoever the people utter, and may cause the springs of wisdom and utterance to flow from thy tongue, that all creation may be enriched thereby.

Arise to serve God, then detach thyself wholly from all who are in the heavens and on earth, that the drops of grace may take hold of thee from this cloud which hath been raised in the heaven of holiness. Be thou of such countenance that the faces of the heavens and earth may be illumined thereby. Thus doth command thee the tongue of holy love. Be thou of such manner that should the idolaters behold thee, their foundations would be shaken, and should the monotheists see thee, their hearts would surge with the surging of love from this Fire which hath been kindled in the blessed Mount Sinai.

O Muhammad! Know thou the worth of these days, the like of which God hath not created in all creation, wherein the dwellers of the heavens and earth were stirred up, and the pillars of a mighty throne were made to quake. In them the wealthy became poor, the strong became weak, and every renowned scholar became ignorant. Purify thou the hem of thy sanctity from all created things, then ascend by the wings of holiness unto this heaven, that thou mayest witness all beings in the shadow of thy Lord as aged clay.

Stand thou firm in the Cause and turn not unto anyone, though all things rise against thee. Thus did We command thee before, and thus do We command thee now, that thou mayest stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord. Say: O people! Do ye deny Him through Whom God's Cause was exalted, His beauty appeared, His proof dawned, and His evidence was perfected unto all creation assembled? Thus do We make mention of thee in this Tablet in these days wherein the Youth hath desired to veil His face from eyes, by reason of that which the hands of every sinful hypocrite have wrought.

Say: O people! By God, were ye to cut off your ears it would be better for you than to hearken thereby to the words of any rejected idolater, and were ye to sever your heads with your own hands it would be more excellent in God's sight than to associate thereby with any hateful hypocrite. And thou, O Muhammad, cast behind thee all remembrances, then hold fast to the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, Who hath appeared with a glorious and radiant beauty. Then give thanks unto God for having made thee a servant to His Most Exalted Self in the kingdom of earth and heaven. By God, this is a bounty which no other bounty in the dominion of creation and the kingdom of eternity can equal, and to this doth testify the Tongue of Grandeur from behind the pavilion of intimate nearness.

We beseech God to recompense thee with the most excellent recompense, to grant thee the best of the hereafter and of the former days, and not to withhold thee from the splendors of the light of His Face for less than what can be counted. Verily, He is wise in all things.

He is.

These are days the like of which no eye in all creation hath ever seen, and no soul among all created things hath ever perceived. At all times must ye take refuge in God, that perchance ye may remain safe beneath the protection of the Lord of the Day of Judgment from the schemes of the schemers and the deceits of the deceivers. For the craft of the plotters hath reached such heights that were all the pens in the universe to attempt to enumerate them, they would surely prove powerless and fall short. And if for a moment they should tire of their deceptions while awake, or find themselves unable to pursue them, they reach into the realm of sleep and make mention of dreams, that perchance they might cause some innocent soul to stray from the straight path. They remain heedless that the Hand of Divine training and the Grasp of the Power of the Eternal doth raise up such servants as will never take their eyes from the Beauty of the Friend, though the arrows of tribulation should rain down from the clouds of destiny, and should regard the world and all that is therein as utter nothingness, as though it had never been mentioned.

=== END BH09309 ===

=== START BH09310 ===

In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

How wonderful is this Day of God when He has appeared and the fragrance of His garment is diffused and the divine Lote-Tree speaks, from whose rustling is heard this most exalted Word: "Glory and power and grandeur belong to Him Who has come with the truth through the hosts of revelation and inspiration." At all times the divine verses are being revealed and His evidences made manifest. This is the day of pure unity, for God the Truth, exalted be His glory, since this is His Day and none is mentioned therein except Him, despite the people of the Bayan who have cast aside what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. With their first step they have returned. By the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of those in earth and heaven, they are seen to be lower than the Shi'ih sect. They have not reflected for a moment - what was the fruit produced by that people and what resulted from their beliefs and deeds save that they issued death sentences against the Lord of the world and the

divine ones, and occupied themselves with cursing and reviling in their pulpits and mosques. May God silence their mouths. And peace and blessings be upon God's loved ones in these days…

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=== END BH09310 ===

=== START BH09311 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! Hearken unto the Voice of the Beloved of the world. I swear by the Most Great Name that whosoever hath truly heard it hath become detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and hath arisen with utmost joy and fragrance to serve His Cause. His bounty is such that its mention and description transcend the bounds of utterance, and all the pens in the world fall short in celebrating its praise. Know ye the value of these days and arise with perfect steadfastness to serve His Cause. Although He is imprisoned in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations, He summoneth all to the supreme horizon. Blessed is he who pondereth this Cause and adorneth himself with the raiment of goodly deeds. He is assuredly among the successful, the sincere ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09311 ===

=== START BH09312 ===

O Mirza Ja'far-Quli! From the right hand of divine will it is revealed: Say: O companion! All services and matters depend upon the word "yea" or "nay" which shineth forth from the Dayspring of the tongue of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto thy goal and thy service, whatever it may have been, hath been accepted. Many were the souls who were occupied day and night in the remembrance of God and who stood fast with utmost diligence in carrying out His commandments and prohibitions; nevertheless their deeds were not accepted. Even as thou didst observe the divines of the age who were occupied in the service of religious laws - most of them did not attain to the word of acceptance. And many were the souls who, at a single call, attained unto the divine "Here am I." Through God's grace be thou confident and joyous. Never be thou sorrowful.

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Say: O party of God! Spend your precious life in service to the Cause. In every land the friends must consult together and appoint someone from among the people of that land for the purpose of teaching. Through an intermediary whose identity remains concealed and unspecified, they should provide the teacher with sufficient means to meet his needs, so that he may, with complete assurance, summon the servants to the horizon of divine favor. And that soul must be adorned with the ornament of wisdom and be aware of the disposition of those who are near to God and sincere. Say: O party of God! Count time as precious, know the value of this divine Day. Help your Lord and He will help you through His grace. He is, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of the Beloved of the World! Know thou with certainty that God, exalted and glorified be He, hath singled out receptive souls for His wondrous favor, and the fruits of their acceptance will soon be made manifest in the earth. Place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily He ordaineth for His loved ones that which profiteth them. He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. In this Day steadfastness is greatly beloved, as is acting in accordance with what We have revealed in the Book. Blessed art thou for having praised the Wronged One, against Whom heedless servants have risen up. We ordain for whosoever hath turned purely for the sake of God that which shall cause his mention to endure throughout the Kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever uttereth mention of My Name, the Exile, the Unique One. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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He is the Mighty, the Wondrous! By God! Abasement in My path is glory, and affliction is mercy, and remoteness is nearness, and poison is honey - yet the people know not. Say: We have ordained death for every soul - is it better to die in bed or to die in My path, the Mighty, the Exalted? The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for you what ye have wrought in My love, the Beloved. Blessed is the servant who hath drawn nigh and taken the cup of recognition from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Merciful, and drunk therefrom in His Name, the Protector over the unseen and the seen. From this station We send Our greetings upon the faces of those who have turned to the Countenance and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not held back from the Lord of existence.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Blessed is He by Whose name the Supreme Pen hath been set in motion, the Trump hath been blown, and all who dwell in the kingdom of names have swooned away. He, verily, is the One through Whom the Path hath been established and the Balance hath spoken forth at the midmost point of creation: “I am the Distinguisher, from the presence of the All-Merciful.”

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose name the veils have been rent asunder and the Mother Book hath been expounded. I beseech Thee by the Preserved Tablet and by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for them the choice sealed wine through Thy grace and favor. O my Lord! Withhold them not from that which Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones in Thy days, and decree for them the good of this world and of the world to come, through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Thou seest, O God of Names and Creator of all things, Thy loved ones in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have cast behind them Thy Book and taken the book of their own selves in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the mysteries of the Resurrection and its signs were revealed, and the earth was cleft asunder, and its treasures emerged, and that which was hidden therein appeared, to assist Thy handmaiden and this leaf among Thy leaves to turn toward Thee at all times. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Send down upon her and upon her children, from the heaven of Thy bounty, the rain of Thy blessings. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, to Whose greatness and power and exaltation and sovereignty all created things have testified. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Generous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven! Come, O My Pen! How art thou faring on this Day? Hath the wine of mystic knowledge intoxicated thee? At times We behold thee racing in the arena of divine knowledge, and at others moving and swaying. Tell Me truthfully what hath befallen thee in these days. Hath the rapture of the Call seized thee, or have the melodies of the birds of eternity, warbling upon this Tree which calleth out in the nights and at dawn, captivated thee? It saith: O my Lord! Thou knowest what lieth within me and how choice hath been taken from me. I testify that by Thy Name the verses were sent down and through them souls took wing. I beseech Thee to assist me in the service of Thy Cause and enable me, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all mankind.

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In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Inaccessible! These are verses which God hath made a proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and hath made them an evidence of His Own Self, a testimony to His Cause, and a guardian over all created things. O servant! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne, then rejoice in that which hath been revealed from the Pen of Command, for this is indeed a great bounty. Cast the world behind thee, then hold fast to the hem of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Beware lest thou grieve over anything, for God sufficeth thee as a Helper and Protector. Thus doth the Ancient King teach thee through this Pen which moveth by His binding command, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And glory be upon thee and upon Our sincere servants.

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O Ali in the land of Alif! This is the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious. These are the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest. We have sent them down upon one of Our servants that he may remember within himself and be of them that remember. O servant! Forget not the time when thou didst enter the Garden of Paradise and didst sit in the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and the Tongue of God spoke with thee openly. By My life! This is indeed a mighty favor. Fear God, O servant, and forget not thy Lord's favor, for His favor upon thee hath been abundant. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then remember Him in thy heart and be thou of them that remember. Thus doth God command thee. Act thou according to that which thou hast been commanded by the Mighty, the Wise.

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In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Mighty, the Most Sweet!

These are the verses of God which have descended in truth from the heaven of lofty glory. Blessed is he who hath purified his ears to hearken unto the Word of God, and blessed the heart that hath tasted the sweetness of His love, and blessed the eye that hath turned toward the court of His loving-kindness, and blessed the foot that hath walked in the path of His good-pleasure, and blessed the soul that hath been purified and made good and illumined by these lights which have shone forth from the Dayspring of eternity with wondrous radiance.

O Hasan! Remember thy Lord, for thou wert created for His remembrance. Follow not those who worship the calf instead of God - these are indeed far removed from the Tree of Nearness. Be thou steadfast, then remain firm in the love of thy Lord. He will verily suffice thee in truth above all created things.

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=== START BH09323 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The fruit was from the tree, but now it is witnessed from the Word. The light was from the sun, but now it is mentioned in the verse. Glory be to God! The utterance causes the mountain to crumble. Change and transformation have overtaken the world.

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=== START BH09324 ===

He is God! Let Mr. 'Ali-Akbar, God willing, be engaged in the praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, and act according to that which He loves and is pleased with. On this Friday morning, which has been specifically designated for the gathering of the servants of God in mosques and congregations for the remembrance of God, this Wronged One has occupied Himself with the mention of the friends of that land. We beseech God, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors, to keep all steadfast in His Cause and firm in His love. Verily, He is near, the Answerer of prayers. He hears and sees, and He is the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, conduct yourselves with perfect joy and fragrance and complete wisdom. The glory be upon you and upon your father.

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His honor Mirza Haji Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Compassionate, the Generous. His honor Husayn, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, submitted your letter to the Most Holy Court, and it was illumined by the light of the presence and glance of the Lord of all beings. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed upon Sinai, Who has ascended the throne of manifestation, and by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, and by Thy Greatest Name whereby Thou hast subdued the cities of names, to open before my face the door of Thy bounty, Thy grace, Thy might and Thy wealth. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The doubts of the doubtful cannot hinder Thee, nor the cawing of the crows, nor can the oppressors' might frighten Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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Would that the subtle essence of the soul don garments of the hoopoe and journey to the Sheba of the Beloved, and the pure spirit be adorned with the vestment of glad tidings that it may return to the spiritual Canaan, and the subtle essence of being be sanctified from the manifestations of heedlessness that it may raise its head from the collar of love and passion and soar in the heaven of longing on wings of divine glory until it steps into the city of the Friend's ardor and casts its head upon the vast wilderness of love and sacrifices its soul in the path of the Beloved, that it may be guided by the Countenance of guidance and become independent of all save the Beauty of the Friend and enter the stream of immortality and attain to the subtle essence of the Purpose.

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In His Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names! God, glorified be His majesty, beareth witness unto His oneness, and this Wronged One testifieth to that which hath been sent down aforetime and afterward from the heaven of divine wisdom in the Book of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and hearkened unto the divine call; such a one is reckoned among them that are nigh in the perspicuous Book. Thy name was present before Our face in the Most Great Prison, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed especially for thee, that thou mayest know and be among the thankful. We send greetings to the friends of God and counsel all to fear God and to that which conduceth to the exaltation of His Word. Glory be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

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In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

God, exalted and glorified be He, doth mention His servants and handmaidens, by day and by night, through the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they who have turned towards the horizon of God's Cause and in whose hearts are reflected the effulgences of the light of the divine countenance. The hearts of the servants are mirrors of God - they must at all times be cleansed and sanctified with the burnishing of His knowledge. And His knowledge is to acknowledge His Manifestation and to confess that which hath proceeded from Him. I counsel all servants and handmaidens to guard themselves against false pretenders, for We have previously announced that the cawing of the crows shall be raised. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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In the Name of the One Friend! The sweetness of divine utterance is of such magnitude that were all who dwell on earth to attain unto its hearing, they would all turn to the most exalted horizon and would shun the world and whatsoever is therein. The Wronged One of all lands hath turned toward thee from this mighty prison, and with utmost kindness and compassion declareth: That which is today greater than all else in God's Book hath been and shall ever be steadfastness in His Cause. Take thou the chalice in My Name, then drink therefrom through My wondrous remembrance. Thou must strive with utmost endeavor to be ever mindful at all times and to remind the people of this most exalted station. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk thereof in My Name, the Steadfast, the Straight.

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O honoured Afshar, upon whom be the glory of God! 24 Rajab 1301

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto the King of the realm of earth and heaven, Who hath, through His Most Exalted Word, adorned the realities of existence with the ornament of recognition and illumined all hearts with the light of true knowledge. Today, praise be to God, the Sun of true unity hath dawned from the horizon of divine Will, yet the deluded ones shall not attain unto this station nor achieve success therein. Beseech ye God that He may, purely for His sake, strengthen all faces and hearts in such wise that the affairs of this world and its ornaments and colors may not prevent them from the Most Exalted Horizon, and may establish them firmly in His manifest Faith. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy noble letter, which was as a vessel bearing the fragrance of love, when its seal was broken, diffused its sweet perfume throughout all existence. Praise be to God Who granted confirmation and, through countless means, bestowed the grace of recognition, acceptance and attention. His bounty brought existence into being and guided it to the path of His justice. After perusing and reading it with joy and delight, it was taken to the Most Exalted Court and Supreme Height, and presented before the

countenance of the Lord of Names, after which permission was granted. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke after hearing it. His word, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof, and there is no God but Him:

In My Name, through which the ocean of God's knowledge, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath surged!

O thou who gazeth upon the Face and speaketh among the servants! Say: O peoples of the earth! By the True God, the Call hath been raised from the prison of Akka - a Call in whose yearning to hear it countless souls have perished. My Tongue in this glorious and wondrous station beareth witness to this. This is the Day wherein the ocean of God's utterance, the Lord of all worlds, hath surged. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it and been moved by His Most Great, His Most Bountiful Name. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of this bounty wherewith God hath adorned the brocade of His Books, His Scrolls, and His holy and luminous Tablet. Cast away what ye possess, turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and shatter the idols of vain imaginings with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. This is better for you than all ye possess. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance. Blessed are they that hear! O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! With complete determination, guide the heedless ones to the horizon of divine knowledge. Blessed is the breast that, having been sanctified from the tales and traces of the past, hath turned unto the Mother Book. Today the Euphrates of wisdom and utterance floweth from the right hand of the throne of the All-Merciful, and from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen appear and shine forth the pearls of knowledge and the gems of understanding. Say: O people! Be fair! Defile not existence with unseemly false statements and fabricated stories. By the Sun of knowledge that shineth resplendent from the most exalted horizon of utterance, from the beginning of the world until now no Revelation like unto this hath appeared. He is the Interlocutor of Sinai Who sitteth upon the throne of Revelation. He is the Great News mentioned in the former Books, Whose advent the Prophets and Messengers foretold unto all peoples. Take ye, O people, the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and be not of the heedless ones. God hath ordained for them that turn unto Him, the Lord of all worlds, that which no tongue or pen can recount or enumerate. Fear ye God, then turn with radiant faces unto this Cause by the command of this Wise Ordainer.

O Mim! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! Aid thou the Cause of God through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and through that which draweth the people nigh unto His glorious and wondrous horizon. He, verily, will be with thee and will strengthen thee through His sovereignty and will reinforce thee through His hosts. He, verily, is potent over all things. Blessed is thy pen for having caused to flow from it that which hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance, a mercy from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The affairs of the Shi'ih sect are well known to thee. In truth, that which thou hast mentioned is the cause of the people's acceptance and guidance, were ye to be fair-minded. This Wronged One hath, through divine power and might, openly proclaimed before the faces of both high and low, without any veil or concealment, whatsoever would lead to the guidance, salvation and tranquility of mankind. The hindrance of the hinderers and the tyranny of the oppressors did not prevent Him from revealing mysteries. In all conditions We have spoken forth counsels and admonitions, and when the light of the

Sun of Proof shed its radiance from the horizons of hearts, all arose to extinguish that manifest and gleaming Light, save whom God wished.

Although We have, in the Books, Tablets, Scriptures and Epistles, forbidden conflict, corruption and strife, and have commanded that which leadeth to salvation, nearness unto God, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, yet glory be to God! Though the Sun of Truth is shining, the ocean of knowledge and wisdom is surging, the rivers of bounty are flowing, and the Sacred and Blessed Tree is speaking, all are found to be veiled save a few, and few of My servants are truly thankful.

Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a clear authority. In the great city, a few have arisen in opposition and are occupied in destroying the Most Exalted Word. One who hath dwelt for more than forty years beneath the pavilions of grandeur, in comfort and at rest, hath today united with a few others and is manifesting boundless oppression. Each day they have committed that which hath caused grief to those who are nigh unto God and are sanctified. They have seized upon the calumnies of armies and the lies of multitudes, and are engaged in warfare. Thus hath God revealed what was hidden in their breasts and the treachery of their eyes.

His Honour Afnan, A. and H., upon whom rest My Baha and loving-kindness, turned towards this direction. Subsequently, through telegraph they informed that Siyyid Ahmad and his companions had stolen a sum of cash as well as paper currency and had gone to Akka. And regarding His Honour the Great Afnan, upon whom be the Most Glorious Baha of God, who in this land had and hath no thought save seclusion, they have written that which they themselves testify is false. These matters have come to light so that all might recognize Yahya and become aware of what this Wronged One hath endured. The mysteries of the Surih of Luqman have in these days become manifest and visible. However, these matters and their like are absolute nothingness. Their mention is due to consummate wisdom, that the loved ones might discover and recognize.

Say: O people! By God, the Tree speaketh, the Fire uttereth, and the Light mentioneth and calleth out: “The Beloved of all in the heavens and earth hath come!” Thereupon the call was raised from every direction: “Blessed art thou, O Akka, in that God hath made thee the dawning-place of His revelation and the dayspring of His inspiration, and hath honored thee with His presence. Happy art thou, O Akka, in that the Call hath been raised within thee and there hath appeared that which was hidden and treasured in knowledge and concealed from eyes of those who are related.”

Convey My greetings to each one from this Wronged One and give them glad tidings of the verses revealed from the heaven of oneness, that all may behold themselves freed and detached from that which the people possess and turn unto that which is with God. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee and hearken to thy words concerning this Cause which God hath made sanctified from all likeness and similitude, and hath caused it to dawn and shine forth from the horizon of grace unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

A hundred thousand thanks unto the Purpose of all the worlds Who, through the breezes of His verses, hath made hearts and minds receptive and bestowed fellowship. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! His is the greatness and the power, the might and the choice. He is the Potent One Who illumined the

breasts of the sincere ones with the light of His favor and set hearts ablaze with the fire of His love. This fire hath diverse effects - it sendeth some to the field of sacrifice and establisheth others upon the throne of detachment. In the nights and days the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth that which uniteth hearts. How many nights did the Eye of Grandeur, out of love for His loved ones, remain sleepless and slumberless. Verses are sent down like copious rain. Glory be to God! The unfair ones in the world remain heedless and veiled unto this day. They distinguish not between the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and the fire of self and passion. Their nature is to turn away and their practice is to close their eyes. In truth, perplexity upon perplexity! The people of the Furqan cling to the Book of God - all have seen and read it. The companions of the Spirit - peace and glory be upon Him - cling to the Gospel, and all have seen that the entire utterance of that All-Knowing Expounder doth not exceed a portion. And now, at every moment, there is being revealed that which all the pens of the world are powerless to record and all the tongues of the nations are unable to recount.

Now, with utmost humility, I submit: O my God, my Beloved, my Generous One, my Merciful One! Thou didst create Thy servants and bring them from nothingness into being for Thy recognition. Deprive them not now. Thou art that Maker Whose craftsmanship throughout the world and Whose evident means among the nations all testify to Thy power and acknowledge Thy grace and bounty. Were Thou to withhold these from them, who would acknowledge Thy power and confess Thy sovereignty? O my Lord! Every person void of understanding beareth witness to Thy power, sovereignty and greatness. Deliver Thy loved ones, by Thy generous hands, from the clay of idle fancies and preserve them through the hosts of Thy revelation and inspiration. Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The expressions of gratitude, sincerity, evanescence and nothingness which thou didst manifest before the appearance of Him Who conversed upon Sinai - may the spirit of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice unto His remembrance - verily from these the fragrance of detachment, purity, submissiveness, humility and faithfulness wafteth. And after the presentation of this matter in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these words shone forth from the tongue of the Beloved of the worlds - exalted be His utterance and His proof:

In My Name, the One Who appeareth before all faces […]

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who gazest toward My horizon, who turneth unto the lights of My countenance, who speaketh in My praise, and who holdeth fast unto the cord of My bounty! Hear thou My call on this Day which hath been named the Day of God in the Books and Tablets. Say: O people! Hear ye, hear ye! The call hath been raised from the direction of Akka, and the ocean of utterance hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the Sun of proof hath shone forth with a light at whose appearance all other lights have bowed down. O people! Fear ye God, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth. Verily it draweth you to the most exalted station. O people! Deny not the proof of God and His evidence. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Lord of Lords.

We have heard that wherewith thou hast called upon God, and We found from it the fragrance of thy love, thy turning and thy devotion to the Mighty, the Bestower. Glory be to God! The people of the Furqan, despite what hath appeared from the Tongue of Grandeur - that He is verily the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets - assert that the breezes of revelation and the fragrances of inspiration

have been cut off after His Holiness, and this blessed word concludeth with His exalted saying: “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” By the testimony of the Furqan, the Day is the Day of God and the Manifestation is the Manifestation of God. Nevertheless, none hath understood. The source of ignorance, falsehood, conflict and corruption hath said that the Surih of Unity must be translated, for the Babis believe in Lordship and Divinity. Say: O people! Be fair! If the breezes of revelation are cut off, who shall guide the servants and who shall be? If ye hearken to the words of the Truthful Informer, after the Seal cometh the Manifestation of God, and all books bear witness to this.

They have likewise said that the prayer recited at dawn during the blessed month of Ramadan, which is adorned with this Name, must be abandoned - despite their having given glad tidings that the Most Great Name is present and mentioned in this prayer. The signs, manifestations and allusions of this Most Great Revelation have encompassed the whole world, yet the people remain veiled from that which is with God by that which is with them. In brief, they have denied the virtue of this prayer and forbidden its recitation. Such is the condition of the divines, let alone the condition of the ignorant. We testify that they are the ignorant ones, and those beneath them are superior to them.

The Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - hath said: “Verily He speaketh in every condition, ‘I, verily, am God. There is none other God but Me, the Lord of all things. All besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me.’” In the beginning of the Bayan He hath described the One Who shall be made manifest with that which hath been mentioned. Blessed are they who behold and they who attain!

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance! It is incumbent upon you and upon all to take hold of the reins of the Cause by God’s leave, that perchance this people may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of the previous people. This is accounted among the most excellent of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Ahmad! The ears of the world were created to hear this Call. This Call is a radiant light that awakens the friends and shows the way, and is a blazing fire. One manifestation of it struck the Tree of Sinai, raising the cry “Verily, I am God,” and struck the Spirit, whereupon it departed from the realm of body and flesh, seeking the eternal station, and the fourth heaven became the seat of ascendancy. O Ahmad! They knew not the Day of God and are deprived of the Sun of Truth. But what says the Shi’ih party? If their deeds matched their words, where is the fruit thereof? And if the Tree of Branches was planted, where are its leaves and boughs? They recite “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord” yet are deprived of it. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “Though it be of the weight of a grain of mustard seed and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth. Verily, God is subtle and informed.” O Ahmad! The Pharaoh of the age hath emerged from behind the clouds with the sword of hatred. Surely thou hast heard the details. The Wronged One of the horizons counseleth all to protect the servants, that perchance the veils of idle fancies may not again intervene and prevent the people from the manifestations of the Luminary of the Revelation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Say: O people, fear God! That which was never manifest in creation hath appeared, and that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen hath come. Cast aside what the people possess, turning

unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do what He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused my name to flow from Thy Pen. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested what was hidden in knowledge and concealed in the treasury of Thy protection. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. I beseech Thee, O Desire of the world and Quickener of nations, by the Light which the veils of the peoples could not withhold, to assist me to arise to serve Thee and to aid Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant also conveyeth to them greetings, praise, remembrance and glory, hoping that they may rend asunder the veils of the people with the finger of steadfastness, that they might attain to that for which they were adorned with the ornament of existence. The Command is in God's hands, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

As to the matter of printing, praise be to God, it hath been accepted. The Most Great Branch of God - may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of His footsteps - hath, according to the command, considered it. In truth, the ignorance and waywardness of the former people is evident from what hath been mentioned. Blessed is he who hath been just in what hath appeared, and blessed are they who have attained. Glory and praise and remembrance be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and hear your words concerning the proof of God's Manifestation, the Lord of all worlds.

In this hour the servant attained the presence. The Ancient Beauty turned to him and said: We wish to make mention of the son of him who loved Us, who turned to God, attained, arrived, received and drank the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all beings. We have made mention of him before and at this moment, and We testify that he is among those who have attained. O Muhammad, upon thee be the glory of God! Convey My greetings to him and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. He hath attained to the standing which was foretold in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Worlds."

This servant also conveyeth greetings and glory unto him, and beseecheth from the Dawning-Place of the Most Great Bounty His favors for him. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. That which he sent hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance, as a grace from our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of this flourishing Prison. The glory and the remembrance and the praise be upon thee once again, and upon him, and upon every patient and grateful one.

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O Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the peerless Lord, the One. Praise beseemeth the Beloved Who hath, with the finger of His loving-kindness, opened wide the gates of true knowledge before the peoples of the world through the appearance of the Most Great Luminary. Blessed is he who hath recognized the divine days and attained unto boundless outpourings of grace. Today We summon all to love, unity, fellowship and concord, that perchance through the light of assured souls the horizons may

be cleansed and sanctified from the darkness of tyranny, and all may acknowledge the oneness and singleness of God, exalted be His glory, and attain unto the ultimate purpose of creation. Well is it with thee for having turned unto God and believed in Him, the One, the Alone, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH09334 ===

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! In this spiritual dawn and luminous morn, at the time of taking tea, the Most Great Branch was present and mention was made of you. All those who were present engaged in remembering you, and beseeched God - glorified be His majesty - to open the door of bounty through His name and bestow from His hidden and treasured gifts. It is hoped that in this radiant springtime, when the world hath been adorned through the power and blessing of the rains of grace and bounty, this mention may be accepted and this prayer answered. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

=== END BH09334 ===

=== START BH09335 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Fix your gaze upon and hold fast to this blessed word which is like a lamp in the darkness of the world. He saith: “Do good even as God hath dealt goodly with thee.” Blessed is the state of one who hath acted according to this blessed word. Such a one is of those concerning whom He saith: “On them shall be no fear, neither shall they grieve.” O friends! Strive to become the source of things that will bring comfort to all. Look not unto your own selves, neither confine your affairs to that which profiteth you alone. Rather, look upon the servants of the All-Merciful throughout creation and turn unto that which benefiteth the peoples of all the worlds. Blessed is the All-Merciful Who hath named Himself the Lord of all worlds. All praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of the mystics, the Goal of the sincere ones, and the Fire in the hearts of the yearning ones.

=== END BH09335 ===

=== START BH09336 ===

He is the Speaker from the Supreme Horizon

Two matters are of utmost magnitude: one is the recognition of the Most Great Announcement and the other is steadfastness therein. The essence of acceptance is like a tablet whereon this most exalted Word hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen: “The beginning of all things is knowledge of Me and the end thereof is steadfastness in My love.” Blessed is the soul that hath perceived the fragrance of this blessed and most exalted Word. Such a soul hath been and ever shall be the manifestation of God’s Most Powerful Name. We make mention of thee that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord through wisdom and utterance and through that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His precious and wondrous Book. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee

and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God hath testified in this exalted and glorious station.

=== END BH09336 ===

=== START BH09337 ===

Taqi ibn Abdul-Wahhab, in the name of the Goal of all possibility, the Peerless Friend, says: O friends! Purify yourselves from the defilement of contingent existence, that you may attain to everlasting rest. All that is other than Him has been and will be transient, and all that is with Him will endure by the perpetuity of the Kingdom. Strive that you may attain unto eternal life, and the cause and means of this is the love of God and steadfastness in His Cause. God willing, you shall attain unto this. Blessed be your father! Verily he attained unto the lights of the Countenance and was set ablaze by the fire of the love of God to such degree that he was martyred in His path. By My life! This is a bounty and station that the Kingdom of the realms of heaven and earth cannot equal.

=== END BH09337 ===

=== START BH09338 ===

Concerning Master Husayn, my brother, who hath ascended unto God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted: The Spirit hath made mention of His servant in the Tablet, and he was indeed remembered by the Spirit, that He might cause him to be set ablaze with the fire of the Cause in such wise that he may speak forth in praise of his Lord. Thus hath grace been made manifest. Aid ye your Lord through goodly deeds and then through utterance. Thus have ye been commanded by the All-Merciful, Who hath knowledge of all things. They who spread corruption in the land have indeed gone astray and were far removed from the truth. Cast aside the allusions of the people of idle fancies and then take unto God a path. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the world and its conditions. By God! There hath been ordained for you in the worlds of eternity that which the Pen is powerless to describe, and God is witness to what I say.

=== END BH09338 ===

=== START BH09339 ===

He is God, the Most Mighty, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is the mention of thy Lord's mercy unto His servant, the Merciful, that he may be drawn by the call of his Lord and turn with his heart toward the quarter of mighty unapproachability. O Merciful One! Be merciful unto thyself in these days wherein the traces of mercy have been effaced from the hearts of most of the servants, who have arisen in manifest tyranny, to such extent that they have severed the head of faithfulness with the sword of hatred, and have thereby debarred themselves from the shore of ancient glory. Verily, thy mercy toward thyself is thy steadfastness in the love of thy Lord and thy firmness in this Cause, at which every base idolater hath been shaken. And the glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God and then remembereth Him at morn and eventide.

=== END BH09339 ===

=== START BH09340 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to a handmaiden who has attained unto the days of God and recognized what was manifested therein, while the learned ones of the earth remained heedless save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice, O My handmaiden! Verily My Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee in such wise as causeth those near unto God to perceive therefrom the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Make mention on My behalf to My handmaidens in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. By God! That which is with kings and rulers cannot equal My mention. Thus have We adorned the temples of My handmaidens with the silk of My utterance, and I am verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of this luminous Day.

=== END BH09340 ===

=== START BH09341 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Our presence unto everyone possessed of ears, and a book from Our presence unto everyone endowed with strength who hath remained steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have summoned all to the most exalted horizon and unto that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down from My presence when agitation seized the dwellers of the earth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Among the people are they who were attracted by My call and acted according to what was ordained in My mighty Book, and among them are they who turned away and denied all that hath been revealed from the presence of an ancient Revealer. For each is a portion in the Book. He, verily, is the Just, the Munificent, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath followed the command of God, the Lord of this perspicuous Day.

=== END BH09341 ===

=== START BH09342 ===

O Mulla Ahmad!

The Most Unapproachable, Most Holy, Most Great is this mention from Us to him who desires to draw near to the Most Great Sea, when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Light of His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is the stranger who has drawn near to the most exalted homeland, and blessed is the one who remembers and holds fast to the remembrance of his Lord, the All-Wise. Among the people are those who awaited the days of God and His presence, yet when He appeared they turned away and followed the ways of the ignorant ones. And among them are those who cast the world behind them, turning to the Light shining from this luminous horizon. Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of the choice wine and turned towards God,

the Lord of all worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then remind the people of this News which has caused the foundations of the idolaters to tremble.

=== END BH09342 ===

=== START BH09343 ===

He is the One Who rules over all names. A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. A Book that speaks and a Cause that is manifest, yet the people are heedless. At all times We summoned the people of possibility to the horizon of the All-Merciful and, without any veil or barrier, explained that which would exalt the Word. Yet the recompense of the deeds of the servants has deprived them of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. Blessed is the soul that has returned from what it possessed to that which is with God. Your mention was made before the Wronged One, and with this clear Book We have mentioned you, that perchance you may arise to serve the Cause and guide people to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. This is not difficult for God.

=== END BH09343 ===

=== START BH09344 ===

He is the Sanctified above all that hath been and shall be

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Thou hast attained unto the days of God and heard that which was raised from the Ultimate Tree which speaketh amongst mankind and calleth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the powerful nor the cawing of the divines who lay claim to knowledge and deny the All-Knowing One when He appeared with manifest sovereignty shall veil thee. The polytheists in most cities and regions have arisen in hypocrisy and opposition, as attesteth He with Whom is the Preserved Book. God shall soon erase their names and purify the earth of their presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09344 ===

=== START BH09345 ===

O Ali, upon whom be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Self-Subsisting Over All Names! A mention from Our presence unto him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily We have manifested Our Self and commanded all to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Great, may be uplifted. Among the people are those who have turned towards it and those who have turned away after having been created for acceptance in this Day wherein all have arisen before the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the King of this wondrous Day: Shun those who have turned away and consort with My servants who have turned towards Me. Glory be upon the people of Glory who have cast away the world and the nations and turned towards the Lord of Eternity in a Day wherein the feet of every mighty and powerful one have slipped.

=== END BH09345 ===

=== START BH09346 ===

He is the Speaking One, the Witness, the All-Informed

A remembrance from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and to her who hath believed - verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of God. Verily it hath been raised in truth, but most of the people are heedless. They have denied the bounty of God after its bestowal and have broken His Covenant by following every heedless doubter. We make mention of Our handmaidens who have heard and turned unto the Mighty, the Wise, and have drunk the choice wine of life from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Merciful. Thus have the rains of grace poured down and the sun of justice shone forth from the horizon of this heaven which hath been raised up in truth through this Name, the Powerful, the Trustworthy. Set aside what is with the people and take what thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09346 ===

=== START BH09348 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory! The All-Wise, the All-Informed

A mention from Our presence unto all who dwell on earth, that the Call may draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring them nigh unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Husayn hath appeared before Our presence and circumambulated the House, attaining unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. He hath appeared and heard what the near ones heard on the Mount of Knowledge - the Call of God, the Lord of all being. We bear witness that he hath turned towards Us and traversed land and sea until he reached the Most Great Prison, the Spot wherein the Wronged One was established upon the throne of utterance with manifest sovereignty. We make mention of thee and desire to make mention of those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

=== END BH09348 ===

=== START BH09349 ===

In His Name through Whom the Table was sent down! A mention from Us to him who has attained unto the lights of faith in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and whose name was present before the Face when the Wronged One was upon a lofty mountain. By the life of God! What he witnesses and beholds cannot be equaled by a single word from the words of God. Thus does thy Lord acquaint thee that thou mayest be thankful and be of them that are firmly rooted. How many a servant hath broken the chains of vain imaginings in his own estimation, but when We tested him We found him turning back upon his heels and breaking God’s firm and mighty Covenant. We counsel thee to act in accordance with what We have enjoined upon the servants in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Hold fast unto the Book of God in all conditions. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel thee in this sublime station.

=== END BH09349 ===

=== START BH09350 ===

In His Name, the All-Ruling over all names! A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained the lights of the countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath clung to the hem of bounty and held fast to the strong cord of God. He is indeed among the most exalted of creatures in the sight of the Truth, though he be considered the most abject of servants. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord - this is the very foundation of the Cause, if thou be of them that comprehend. How many a servant hath believed and then turned away by following the heedless ones, and how many a servant hath stood with such steadfastness as to astonish the hearts of them that have turned unto God. Thus doth the Ancient King make mention of thee from within the Most Great Prison. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

=== END BH09350 ===

=== START BH09351 ===

O Abbas, who hath emigrated! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. A mention from Our presence unto him who hath attained unto the splendors of the Countenance and placed his trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. By God! He who hath inhaled the fragrance of the days of God, the lamentations of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not sadden him. He ariseth amidst mankind and speaketh through the Most Great Name with wisdom and utterance in such wise that the clamor of the heedless shall not silence him. Blessed is he who hath attained and drunk, and woe unto him who hath turned away and followed his desires - he is assuredly among the abased ones. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee before the Throne and for the Ancient Beauty having turned toward thee from the direction of His mighty Prison. Hold fast unto that which hath been sent down of the laws from the presence of God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09351 ===

=== START BH09352 ===

He is the First and the Last, and the Manifest and the Hidden

A mention from Us to him who was mentioned in the Book, who turned to My horizon, arose to serve My Cause, and spoke forth My beautiful praise. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken thy praise. This is naught but a mighty favor. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and grasp the hem of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thus did the horizon of utterance shine forth when He Who was mentioned in the Books of the Messengers appeared. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My days and arose to serve Me, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09352 ===

=== START BH09353 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A mention from the Wronged One to him who has turned with his heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and set his face toward God, Creator of Heaven, that he may give thanks, by night and by day, to the Lord of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he whose strength the power of the servants cannot withhold, and blessed is he who stands firm whom the might of the oppressors cannot seat. The world and whatsoever is therein shall pass away, and there shall endure that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this mighty Prison. Whoso hath turned today, verily he hath turned in all eternity past unto God, the Lord of the worlds. O people of God! The Ancient Beauty remembereth you and counseleth you with that whereby the Cause shall be exalted among the servants. He is, in truth, the Commander, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of certitude.

=== END BH09353 ===

=== START BH09354 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most glorious horizon

A mention from the Wronged One to a leaf who believed in her Lord when all the divines of the earth turned away from Him save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, did will. Blessed is the servant who held fast to God, the Lord of all beings, and blessed is the handmaiden who clung to His luminous hem. How many a servant turned away and denied God, and how many a leaf heard and turned to Him and said: “Here am I, O Thou Goal of the Messengers!” O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My remembrance and My loving-kindness and My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have known Thee!”

=== END BH09354 ===

=== START BH09355 ===

He is the Mighty, the Bestower!

Since mention was made of thee in Samandar’s letter, therefore hath the Wronged One turned toward thee and made mention of thee in this inscribed Tablet. God willing, thou shalt abide beneath the shade of His providence and soar in the atmosphere of His love. Today is the day of service and the day of deeds. Blessed is the soul that is content and thankful with that which God hath ordained. That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall benefit such souls as act upon it and accept it. This is what God hath testified to in His gracious Book. With a hundred thousand tongues be thou grateful to the Beloved of all possibility, for He hath guided thee and granted thee a portion from His ocean of love. Verily He is the Generous Bestower.

=== END BH09355 ===

=== START BH09356 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! My remembrance is unto My handmaiden whom God hath manifested in His days that she may inhale the fragrances of her Lord, the All-Merciful, from the direction of the Ridvan. This is a mighty triumph. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been present before the Face through one whom God hath related unto thee. This is an honor for thee, and thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. He exalteth whomsoever He pleaseth through His command. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good. Blessed art thou and blessed are those handmaidens who have believed in God and who have detached themselves in His love from all else except Him. Take comfort in the remembrance of My Name. Verily thy Lord remembereth thee in this mighty prison. And upon thee be the glory, and upon those handmaidens who have attained unto this Most Great, this wondrous Remembrance. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09356 ===

=== START BH09357 ===

First text is already translated.

For the second text:

He is the All-Wise!

My remembrance is among My servants that it might draw them to My Kingdom, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. My call is among My creation that it might bring them near to My dominion, and I am the Manifest Caller. My Book is among My creatures that it might make known to them My path, and I am the Preserved Book. My Tablet is among My chosen ones that it might give them glad tidings of My paradise, and I am the Great Tablet wherein hath been inscribed by the Finger of Power that which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. O concourse of creation! Take hold of the Book of God with might, then with power from His presence. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Thus hath the door of utterance been opened with the key of My Name, the All-Merciful, that ye might be among those who render thanks. Remember God, thy Lord, at all times and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Master of the mystics.

=== END BH09357 ===

=== START BH09358 ===

O Qasim! He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious! A remembrance unto My servant who hearkened unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, proclaimed and responded to Him in days when the skin of the learned ones trembled and the feet of the mystics slipped. O Qasim! We have mentioned thee before and have sent down verses unto thee as a bounty from Our presence, and verily I am the All-Wise. Today each one of the loved ones of God must gather round the Tree of the Manifestation, and each according to their capacity must strive to diffuse the sweet fragrances of love and fellowship among the friends. Blessed is the state of the one who acted upon the divine counsels. Hold fast to the cord of My loving-

kindness and cling to the hem of thy resplendent Lord. We, from this station, pronounce Our “Allah-u-Akbar” upon thy face, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09358 ===

=== START BH09359 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing

A remembrance from Me unto him who hath loved Me and believed when most of the people have disbelieved, that the fragrance of remembrance may attract him and bring him to a station wherein the whispering of the evil one shall have no effect upon him. Say: The rivers have flowed and the seas have surged. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by the light of certitude, and woe unto him whom evil suggestions have hindered. They who have disbelieved in God and His proof have lost, while he who hath turned away from them and faced this Lamp hath gained. Say: O people, grieve not over the world and its afflictions. Well is it with the soul whom riches have not deceived in this world, and with the poor one whom sorrows have not overtaken in destitution. Blessed art thou for having won the lights of the Countenance and drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind.

=== END BH09359 ===

=== START BH09360 ===

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified from all mention! I make mention of My leaf who has turned to God and attained His presence when the All-Glorious came with grandeur and majesty. We have heard your call to God and We answer you with this Tablet from your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed are you for having clung to the Divine Lote-Tree and been stirred by the breezes of your Lord’s mercy, the Revealer of verses. Give thanks that you have been mentioned in the presence of the Beloved and your name has been recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. By My life! This is a bounty that shall endure as long as the earthly and heavenly kingdoms endure, and nothing in all creation can compare with it. Praise your Lord and remember Him with such remembrance as will cause all things to be attracted. This befits all who have turned to God in this Revelation whereby the mountains have taken flight.

=== END BH09360 ===

=== START BH09361 ===

He is God, exalted be His station!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! At this moment, when four and a half hours have passed from the night, they summoned me and instructed me to write a greeting to his honor the Name, stating that regarding the chest we requested - and it was decided to write to Shaykh Muhammad-’Ali - by command write to Aqa Muhammad-’Ali of Isfahan, since it was his initial intention, and then it was considered that perhaps Aqa Muhammad-’Ali would be hurt, therefore request it from him as it is preferable and more beloved.

They also instructed: Write in the Name of God that in all matters they should be mindful of the dignity of the Cause. Whatever gives off the odor of detracting from the Cause, abstaining from it is necessary. Thus does the Wronged One counsel thee with the truth, and verily He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09361 ===

=== START BH09362 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! Your esteemed letter kindled the fire of love, bringing to memory the times of meeting and presence. I hope that this bounty from the True Bestower of Bounties will be repeatedly manifested. In separation, proper remembrance of the days of reunion is not possible. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to grant the blessing of presence soon. Verily He has power over all things.

Furthermore, your letter was honored to be presented and heard. God willing, his honor the Name [of God], upon him be His glory, may ever be blessed with the favors of the Goal of the worlds, and remain steadfast in service, remembrance and praise. He has always been and continues to be mentioned. We beseech God to assist him and preserve him and those with him through His grace and generosity. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Regarding the box of gaz sweets for my Master, the Most Mighty Branch (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps), let half of it be distributed and the other half sent to His presence. And God is the Best of providers.

Peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and upon God's righteous servants.

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=== END BH09362 ===

=== START BH09364 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself of His own choosing. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. These are the Days of Ha whereon We have commanded all to be generous unto themselves and unto those who have turned towards this most Sublime Vision, so that they may make mention of Him therein and comprehend their station; for they betoken this Name, through which laws have been established for all that is visible and invisible.

Verily, We have designated these days to come before the Fast. This is naught but Our bounty unto you. We, verily, are omnipotent over all that hath been and all that shall be. Happy the man who doeth what God hath ordained, and woe betide the heedless and the outcast.

Verily We revealed verses and send them down unto you in this holy, this glorified Day, that thou mayest render thanks unto your Lord and mention Him with such a remembrance as to arouse every unbeliever from his heedlessness.

=== END BH09364 ===

=== START BH09365 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself as He willeth. He, verily, proclaimeth throughout all contingent being that there is none other God but Him, the Manifest, the Speaking One, the Articulate, the All-Evident. They in whose hearts were doubts have turned away and waxed proud before God - these, verily, are among the most lost. Say: O people! He Who is the Intended One hath appeared and the proof hath been perfected. Hold fast unto God and follow not every ignorant remote one. Say: This is the Day wherewith ye were promised in the Tablets. Recognize it and be not of the doubtful. Verily the Day calleth with the most exalted call, yet the people remain heedless. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, turning away from those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09365 ===

=== START BH09366 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and Who speaketh, verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, for having turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation and recognized thy Lord. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. That which thou didst send hath been honored and adorned with the Most Great Vision on the night wherein was born the Hidden Mystery. Know thou the value of this bounty, then rejoice in such wise that neither the affairs of the world nor the veils of the nations shall sadden thee. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity make mention of thee. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be not grieved at anything. In all matters place thy trust in the Lord of Revelation. He will verily deliver thee through the truth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH09366 ===

=== START BH09367 ===

O Baker Duck! The Most Great, Most Wondrous, Most Beloved One!

Glorified be He Who has spoken and caused all in the heavens and earth to speak. He has come with a Manifestation through Whom the veils have been rent asunder and that which was hidden in God’s

knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has been revealed. Through Him the idol has wailed, the false god has been frightened, and every contemptible water has been appointed. Blessed is he who has recognized the One to be recognized and has attained to the fragrance of the All-Merciful when it was wafted from the direction of His garment. The proof has been perfected, the favor completed, and the evidence has encompassed all in the worlds. Nothing has prevented Him from the remembrance of God - He speaks His praise despite those who have disbelieved in God and were among the wrongdoers. Verily, the glory from Our presence is upon every one who has turned and is steadfast.

=== END BH09367 ===

=== START BH09368 ===

O ’Ali-’Askar of the people of N! He is the One Who speaks in His mighty and wondrous Kingdom! Glorified be He Who speaks the truth and commands the people to the Most Great Uprightness. By God’s life! My Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Whoso attains unto it is of the Concourse on High and the companions of My Crimson Ark, by which the Books have been adorned. Yet the people are in evident doubt. The verses pass them by while they remain heedless thereof. Blessed is he who turns to God, detached from all that was and shall be. O My loved ones! Drink ye from the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. We love those who have turned to the Countenance and We make mention of them in such wise as shall cause their remembrance to endure in a preserved Tablet.

=== END BH09368 ===

=== START BH09369 ===

O Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the proof to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, though most of the people are heedless. The horizon of utterance hath been illumined by the Sun of the mention of thy Lord’s Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous - He at Whose coming the heaven shall be cleft asunder, the earth shall be rent, and every mighty mountain shall be crushed to dust. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of the Euphrates of God’s mercy, and follow not the vain imaginings of every ignorant remote one. By My life! Ye were created for My Day, and it hath dawned from the horizon of My Will, as this Speaking Book doth testify. Hold fast unto the cord of grace, and cling to the hem of thy Lord’s mercy, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while among the heedless ones.

=== END BH09369 ===

=== START BH09370 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear evidences, when He was established upon the throne through His Name, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. No hindrance of any

hinderer nor cawing of any cawer hath prevented Him. He hath spoken and continueth to speak that which hath been sent down in His beloved Tablet.

O My handmaidens! Remember your Lord in the nights and days, and glorify this Name through which the Promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath appeared. Be ye of such constancy that neither the veils of the wicked nor the might of the evil ones shall hold you back. This behooveth everyone who hath turned towards this praiseworthy station. Be ye steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love. This is My counsel unto you, whereunto beareth witness circling servants.

=== END BH09370 ===

=== START BH09371 ===

O Kamal, upon thee be the Glory of God [Baha]!

In the name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! Glorified is He Who hath created all things for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His grace and the Source of His commandments and ordinances, Who hath sent down His proof and made manifest His path and guided the people unto that which profiteth them. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

O Kamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee, and hath acknowledged the sanctity of Thy Being from all likeness and the immunity of Thy Essence from all similitude. I beseech Thee by Him through the light of Whose countenance the heavens were illumined and through the fragrance of Whose raiment Yathrib and Batha were perfumed, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for Thy loved ones. Thou, verily, art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09371 ===

=== START BH09372 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of the world and Educator of the nations! Thou beholdest the tears of the lovers throughout all regions in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and what hath befallen them in their longing for the horizon of Thy knowledge, and Thou knowest their patience in tribulation and their steadfastness in adversity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names, by Thy Name which hath dominion over earth and heaven, to assist them to spread Thy knowledge amongst Thy creation and to stand firm in Thy Cause within Thy realm. Then draw them, O my God, through Thy Most Exalted Word to the Supreme Horizon in such wise that neither the oppression of the peoples nor the opposition of the learned shall dismay them. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09372 ===

=== START BH09373 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy names which have encompassed all created things, and by Thy attributes which have preceded all existence, to protect Thy handmaidens who have turned toward Thy countenance and hearkened unto Thy call in Thy days, and who have arisen to praise Thee and Thy Cause. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. The atoms testify to Thy oneness, and the signs to Thy sovereignty and power. Nothing can prevent Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

O my God! Send down Thy blessings upon the people of Baha who were not deterred by the contingencies of fate from turning toward Thy face, O Creator of heaven and Lord of Names! Verily Thou art the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09373 ===

=== START BH09374 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Sun of Grandeur and Immortality hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will, and through which the sincere ones have soared unto the atmosphere of Thy nearness and meeting, and those drawn nigh unto the seat of Thy Cause and reunion with Thee, that Thou mayest cleanse me with the Kawthar of Thy mercy and favors, that I may turn wholly unto Thee and be detached from all else save Thee, and attain unto a station wherein I witness the sanctification of Thy Self from the veils of glory and the exaltation of Thy Being above all similarities and likenesses. O Lord! Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace and bounties, and distance me not from Thy nearness and presence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Great, the Compelling.

=== END BH09374 ===

=== START BH09375 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast made me the Qayyum over all names and the Manifestation of Thy signs between earth and heaven, to make me a servant unto Thyself, one who speaks in Thy remembrance, stands firm in Thy Cause, wields power over Thy servants, and holds sway over those in Thy earth and Thy heaven, that I may remain steadfast in manifesting Thy Cause in such wise that the turning away of Thy servants and the cawing of Thy creatures shall not deter me. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to make my loved ones branches of this Tree which hath been raised up through Thy command and Thy will. Move them by the winds of Thy will as Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over all things. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09375 ===

=== START BH09376 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast adorned the heaven of inner meanings with the stars of utterance, through which the seas have surged and the trees have yielded their fruit and faces have been illumined, to draw me nigh unto Thee and to make me detached from all else save Thee. O Lord! Thou art He to Whose grace and bounty all created things have testified, and to Whose favor and loving-kindness all atoms bear witness. My God! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath desired the wondrous gifts of Thy bounty and hath stood before the tabernacle of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to send down upon me that which Thou hast ordained for me in the Tablet of Thy decree by the Pen of Thy destiny. Then cause me to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of Thy love by the hands of Thy mercy. There is no God but Thee, the King, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH09376 ===

=== START BH09378 ===

O Sina, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Giver, the All-Bestowing!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgent lights of the Sun of Thy providence, and by the hidden mysteries treasured within Thy Books, to elevate me through Thy Name amongst Thy servants. Then grant me the sweetness of Thy utterance, through which the power of Thy most exalted Will and the might of Thy Most Supreme Pen have been made manifest. My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to Thy Sure Handle, through whose movement the spheres of inner meanings and utterance have revolved, and the gems of wisdom and knowledge have appeared from the mine of man. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy verses and the raising up of the standards of Thy guidance in Thy lands, to make me in all conditions one who is attracted by Thy verses and who speaks forth Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH09378 ===

=== START BH09379 ===

He is the Self-Subsisting

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and Thy majesty, then by Thy loftiness and Thy glory, to protect Thy servant into whose hands Thou hast committed the reins of affairs which are attributed to Thee and to Thy Manifestation. Then send down upon him, O my God, that which will preserve his soul and illumine his countenance, and ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for them that are sincere among Thy loved ones. Then cause him to voice Thy praise amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Bestow upon me and upon them that love me that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and remove us far from all else except Thee. Then send down upon me and upon them that which will prevent the harm of those among Thy servants who have forgotten Thy remembrance, denied Thy signs, and turned away

from Thy beauty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do what Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH09379 ===

=== START BH09380 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Word through which Thou hast brought all created things into being and given life to all existing things, and which Thou hast made a balance for Thy Cause and a pathway between Thy heaven and Thy earth, and by which Thou hast turned the faces of them that are near unto Thee toward the horizon of Thy favors, and the hearts of the sincere ones toward the Dayspring of Thy bounty and bestowals - not to deprive me in these days of the holy glances of Thy mercy and the sweet-scented breezes of the glory of Thy favors and gifts, and leave me not to myself and my desires. Then sever me from all else save Thee and turn me toward Thy Face and Thy Beauty. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been the Doer of whatsoever Thou pleasest and the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH09380 ===

=== START BH09381 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy light which hath shone forth upon the world, and by the fire of Thy Lote-Tree whereby the hearts of the nations have been set ablaze, and by the lights of Thy Manifestation and the Call raised upon Thy Mount, to aid Thy servants to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One - all created things bear witness to Thy generosity, and all beings testify to Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy loved ones from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy munificence. Then ordain for those who have turned to Thee and attained to Thy recognition that which Thou hast decreed for the sincere among Thy servants. Then preserve them, O my God, from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09381 ===

=== START BH09382 ===

O my God! Thou art the Most Great, the Most Great! Glory be to Thee, O my God! Have mercy upon Thy male and female servants in Thy days, then send down upon them that which will cause them to turn toward the direction of Thy favors and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee and faced the Source of Thy Cause and the Repository of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the horizons were illumined and the lands were enlightened to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have heard Thy call and were present before the throne of Thy grandeur and attained unto Thy presence after Thou didst manifest the Manifestation of Thyself through Thy sovereignty and

Thy power. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory be upon you both and upon those handmaidens who were with you.

=== END BH09382 ===

=== START BH09383 ===

XXII

Exalted art Thou, O Lord my God! I am the one who hath forsaken his all and set his face towards the splendors of the glory of Thy countenance, who hath severed every tie and clung to the cord of Thy love and of Thy good-pleasure. I am he, O my God, who hath embraced Thy love and accepted all the adversities which the world can inflict, who hath offered up himself as a ransom for the sake of Thy loved ones, that they may ascend into the heavens of Thy knowledge and be drawn nearer unto Thee, and may soar in the atmosphere of Thy love and Thy good-pleasure.

Ordain, O my God, for me and for them that which Thou didst decree for such of Thy chosen ones as are wholly devoted unto Thee. Cause them, then, to be numbered among those whose eyes Thou hast cleansed and kept from turning to any one save Thee, and whose eyes Thou hast protected from beholding any face except Thy face.

Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Supreme King, the Help in Peril, the All-Pardoner, the Ever-Forgiving.

=== END BH09383 ===

=== START BH09384 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Who hath so attracted the hearts of Thy loved ones that they rush forth to martyrdom in Thy path, yearning to meet Thee and seeking Thy good-pleasure. The raptures of Thy revelation have so seized them that they hasten on foot to the place of their martyrdom and death, out of love for Thy beauty, remembering and calling upon Thee beneath the swords until their spirits ascend to the horizon of Thy Cause and the heaven of Thy presence. O my Beloved! If Thou wert to give Thy enemies to drink what Thou hast given Thy loved ones to drink, they would all sacrifice themselves in Thy path. But Thou, in Thy hidden wisdom, hast withheld the Kawthar of immortality from the heedless among Thy creatures and ordained it for the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones. Thou art the One praised in Thy deeds and beloved in Thy decree. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH09384 ===

=== START BH09385 ===

In His Name, the All-Subduing, Who ruleth over all names!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me oppressed among Thy servants and Thy creatures, imprisoned in the hands of the heedless ones among Thy creation. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! I have borne in this Most Great Prison what none of Thy servants hath borne. Every day there befalleth me what hath befallen no soul in Thy kingdom. My remaining in Thy realm hath wearied me, and separation and remoteness from Thee hath consumed me. I beseech Thee to deliver me from those who know not Thy station and Thy sovereignty. Then cause those who have turned unto Thee to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH09385 ===

=== START BH09386 ===

CXXX

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou seest how Thy servants have everywhere been compassed with tribulations, how their adversaries have all risen up against them and grievously wronged them. Thy glory beareth me witness! Were all the wicked doers of the earth to band themselves against us, and to cast us into a fire such as no man hath kindled, they would be powerless to distract our gaze from the horizon of Thy name, the Most Exalted, the Most High, and would fail to turn aside our hearts from the seat of Thine effulgent glory.

I swear by Thy might! The arrows that transfix us in Thy path are the ornaments of our temples, and the spears which pierce us in our love for Thee are as silk unto our bodies. By the glory of Thy might! Nothing whatsoever can beseem Thy servants except what the pen of Thine irrevocable decree hath traced in this priceless and exalted Tablet.

All praise be to Thy Self at all times and under all conditions. Thou art, verily, the God of knowledge and wisdom.

=== END BH09386 ===

=== START BH09387 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest the Desired One of the worlds beneath the swords of the idolaters, and hearest the lamentation of them that yearn for Thee, who have acknowledged Thee and turned towards Thee on the Day of Judgment. I beseech Thee, O Creator of names and Educator of earth and heaven, to give Thy loved ones to drink of that which will make them detached from all else save Thee and steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! Open then unto their hearts the gates of Thy bounty that they may behold what Thou hast ordained for them in the Kingdom of Thy might and the realm of Thy grandeur. Then make them, O my God, to abide through Thy perpetuity and to circle round Thy will. O Lord! Withhold not from them that which is with Thee, and grant them Thy nearness and presence. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09387 ===

=== START BH09388 ===

He is the Self-Subsisting, Who hath no peer!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! The eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee have wept in their separation from Thee, and the cry of them that are devoted to Thee hath risen in their yearning for Thee. There remaineth not a city but that there hath been raised therein the lamentation of longing and the cry of separation. At all times hast Thou been a witness unto them, observant of them, and hearing that which proceedeth from their lips. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to so attract their hearts that the arrows of the enemies and the spears of the wicked ones shall not affect them, nor shall the breezes of destiny overturn them. Then open before their faces the portals of glory in this world and the next. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art the Most Exalted, the Most High.

=== END BH09388 ===

=== START BH09390 ===

In the Name of God, the Ancient, the Ever-Abiding!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast called unto Thy most exalted Self, and who responded with “yea” and soared in the atmosphere of yearning and longing in Thy love and good-pleasure until he drank the choice sealed wine from the hands of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O God of all who are in earth and heaven and Who gazest upon the horizon of Thy Most Glorious Name, to preserve him through Thy protection and safekeeping from the arrows of Thine enemies. Make him, moreover, so devoted to Thyself that neither the manifestations of trials nor the vicissitudes of destiny shall turn him aside from steadfastness in Thy Cause. Illumine his countenance in this world and the next with the lights of Thy face. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Best-Beloved in the heart of Baha.

=== END BH09390 ===

=== START BH09391 ===

He is the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath heard Thy call, and been drawn by Thy verses, and been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and become occupied with Thy remembrance. The veils of glory have not prevented him from beholding the beauty of Thy oneness, nor have the shrouds of allusion obscured his vision from witnessing the signs of Thy unity and the evidences of Thy singleness. O Lord! Having guided him to the sweet spring of Thy mercy and given him to drink from the cups of Thy love, send upon him at all times the breezes of the Spirit from the direction of Thy divine oneness, aid him with Thy confirmations, assist him in every matter, and make him steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Glorious, the Beloved.

=== END BH09391 ===

=== START BH09392 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Command through which the decayed bones were quickened and Thy bountiful favor encompassed the world, to preserve Thy loved ones from those who have been stirred by the winds of self and passion in Thy days and whom their desires have prevented from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Beloved of the nations, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee and desired to hold fast unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, the good of this world and of the next. Then decree for him what Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones and trustees. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09392 ===

=== START BH09393 ===

He is the One melodiously warbling upon the branches in His Name, the All-Merciful!

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, and by the pearls of Thy knowledge in the Kingdom of creation, and by the stars of the heaven of Thy Command in the Realm of eternity, to make me in all conditions to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to drink from the Kawthar of Thy supreme mercy. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy countenance and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. Do with me, then, as befitteth Thy bounty and beseemeth Thy days. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate from that which Thou hast purposed through Thy power. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Within Thy grasp is the dominion of destiny. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09393 ===

=== START BH09394 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence, and glorified art Thou, O Beloved! Bewilderment hath seized me in Thy days. I testify that the Fire hath been kindled and appeared in the Sacred Trees of the Paradise of Thy presence, and that the Celestial Stream hath flowed from the tongue of Thy grandeur. Yet despite this supreme bounty and this most great mercy, I observe that most of Thy servants are deprived thereof and forbidden from it, inasmuch as they have clung to the dictates of self and passion. O Lord! Thou beholdest in such days as these the burning ardor of them that love Thee in Thy path, and the radiance of their hearts in their love for Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, to ordain for whomsoever hath succeeded in carrying out Thy laws in Thy days that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, in the beginning and in the end.

=== END BH09394 ===

=== START BH09395 ===

The All-Glorious, The Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, and the revelations of Thy grandeur and power, to send down upon them that are sincere among Thy loved ones that which shall deliver them from self and passion and cause them to become purely devoted to Thy most luminous countenance. O Lord! Many years have passed wherein there hath befallen both young and old that which hath caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy chastity to lament. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones through Thy sovereignty, and make them victorious over Thine enemies who have denied Thy signs and who have waged war against the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thine Essence. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful. Nothing can withstand Thy might nor can any matter resist Thy decree. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09395 ===

=== START BH09396 ===

O my God! Glory be to Thee! I beseech Thee by the Lamp through which all contingent things were illumined, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all created things, to send down upon Thy male and female servants from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will make them detached from all else save Thee and steadfast in Thy love and good-pleasure. O Lord! Every tongue beareth witness to Thy sovereignty and power. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to turn away those who have turned towards Thee and have clung to the hem of Thy mercy. Then gather them, O my God, beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy oneness that they may hear with their ears Thy call and that which hath been sent down from the right hand of the throne of Thy grandeur. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09396 ===

=== START BH09397 ===

XC

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that in my love for Thee I have not sought any rest, that in proclaiming Thy Cause I have denied myself every manner of tranquillity, and that in the observance of whatever Thou hast prescribed in Thy Tablets I have not delayed to do Thy bidding. I have, for this reason, suffered what no man among all the inhabitants of Thy realm hath suffered.

Thy glory beareth me witness! Nothing whatsoever can withhold me from remembering Thee, though all the tribulations of the earth were to assault me from every direction. All the limbs and members of my body proclaim their readiness to be torn asunder in Thy path and for the sake of Thy pleasure, and they yearn to be scattered in the dust before Thee. O would that they who serve Thee could taste what I have tasted of the sweetness of Thy love!

I implore Thee to supply whosoever hath sought Thee with the living waters of Thy bounty, that they may rid him of all attachment to any one but Thee. Thou art, verily, the Omniscient, the All-Glorious, the Almighty.

=== END BH09397 ===

=== START BH09398 ===

O Bibi Fatimih, handmaiden of God! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the lamentations of the lovers in their separation, and beholdest the burning of the hearts of the sincere throughout all regions. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Day of Mutual Separation, to assist Thy servants and handmaidens to be steadfast in Thy love and to be detached from all else but Thee. Verily, Thou art He Whom the gestures of the oppressors cannot frustrate, nor can the might of the deniers prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power, and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy majesty and sovereignty. O Lord! Ordain for Thy loved ones that which will cause their spirits to soar, their eyes to be gladdened, and their breasts to be illumined. Thy mercy hath preceded all things, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09398 ===

=== START BH09399 ===

CXLII

Glory be to Thee, O my God! My face hath been set towards Thy face, and my face is, verily, Thy face, and my call is Thy call, and my Revelation Thy Revelation, and my self Thy Self, and my Cause Thy Cause, and my behest Thy behest, and my Being Thy Being, and my sovereignty Thy sovereignty, and my glory Thy glory, and my power Thy power.

I implore Thee, O Thou Fashioner of the nations and the King of eternity, to guard Thy handmaidens within the tabernacle of Thy chastity, and to cancel such of their deeds as are unworthy of Thy days. Purge out, then, from them, O my God, all doubts and idle fancies, and sanctify them from whatsoever becometh not their kinship with Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of names, and the Source of utterance. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of the entire creation.

No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09399 ===

=== START BH09400 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having delivered Thy Cause and manifested Thy sovereignty and power, and for having sent unto every chief that which made known unto him Thy path and the loftiness of what Thou didst desire for Thy creatures, after having been imprisoned by the hands of the heedless ones among Thy creation. I testify, O my God, that Thou

art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. The oppression of others cannot prevent that which Thou hast purposed through Thy will. Thou rulest as Thou pleasest by Thy command and doest what Thou desirest through Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O my God, by this power which hath subdued all things, to assist those who have turned towards Thee and have aided the Manifestation of Thy Self. Then make them to be among the steadfast ones whom the veils of humanity have not withheld from beholding the Most Great Scene. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09400 ===

=== START BH09401 ===

LIX

All praise, O my God, be to Thee Who art the Source of all glory and majesty, of greatness and honor, of sovereignty and dominion, of loftiness and grace, of awe and power. Whomsoever Thou willest Thou causest to draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, and on whomsoever Thou desirest Thou conferrest the honor of recognizing Thy Most Ancient Name. Of all who are in heaven and on earth, none can withstand the operation of Thy sovereign Will. From all eternity Thou didst rule the entire creation, and Thou wilt continue for evermore to exercise Thy dominion over all created things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

Illumine, O Lord, the faces of Thy servants, that they may behold Thee; and cleanse their hearts that they may turn unto the court of Thy heavenly favors, and recognize Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Day-Spring of Thine Essence. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all worlds. There is no God but Thee, the Unconstrained, the All-Subduing.

=== END BH09401 ===

=== START BH09402 ===

In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth not! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee and hath turned away from all else beside Thee, and hath soared in the atmosphere of his longing for Thee, and hath attained unto Thy love, and hath sought the path of Thy good-pleasure, and hath spoken forth Thy praise, and hath uttered Thy remembrance, and hath been set aflame by the fire which Thou didst kindle in Thy kingdom, and hath been illumined by the lamp which Thou didst make the luminary of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name round which circle all names, and by him who hath been afflicted in Thy path amidst the enemies, that Thou aid him through the wonders of Thy succour and leave him not to himself, through Thy bounty and Thy favors. Make him, then, one who circleth round Thee in the realms of Thy sanctification and the cities of Thy detachment and the kingdom of Thy might and the dominion of Thy power. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09402 ===

=== START BH09403 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire! I beseech Thee by the revelation of Thy verses and the manifestation of Thy clear tokens, and by Thy signs and Thy works, to ordain for him who hath sought Thee the good of this world and of the world to come. O my Lord! Thou seest him turning toward Thee and gazing toward Thy horizon. Disappoint him not of Thy bounty which hath encompassed existence, nor of Thy generosity which hath embraced the world. Thou art the Lord of the nations and the One manifest through the Most Great Name. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, to forgive Thy handmaiden who hath ascended unto Thee, and to cause her to associate with the countenances of Paradise on high in the white and crimson chambers. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Generous, the Bountiful, the Merciful.

=== END BH09403 ===

=== START BH09404 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great,

the Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all beings and the Ultimate Aim of all creation! I testify with the tongue of both mine inner and outer being that Thou hast revealed and manifested Thyself, that Thou hast sent down Thy verses and demonstrated Thy proofs, and that Thou art independent of anyone besides Thee and sanctified above all else except Thyself. I ask Thee, by the glory of Thy Cause and the power of Thy Word, graciously to assist them that have arisen to discharge what hath been enjoined upon them in Thy Book, and to perform that whereby the fragrance of Thine acceptance may be shed abroad. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Gracious, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09404 ===

=== START BH09405 ===

O Thou All-Wise! Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Sovereign over all things! Thou hearest the sighing of atoms and the groaning of all created things by reason of what hath befallen Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, who cast the world behind their backs in Thy days and were so transported by the sweet stream of divine knowledge that they offered up their very souls in Thy path. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Word which Thou hast made the sign of Thy power amongst Thy creation, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls. O my Lord! Darkness hath enveloped all regions and calamity hath encompassed all quarters. Thou seest and hearest, O my God, what Thine enemies do and what they speak concerning Thy chosen ones. Abasement hath overtaken them after they had testified that Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09405 ===

=== START BH09406 ===

He is the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world and the One manifest through the Most Great Name! How can I make mention of Thee, when I am certain that he who makes mention is but a creation of the influence of Thy Most Exalted Pen? And how can I fail to make mention of Thee after Thy most sweet call hath attracted me and the wine of the Kawthar of Thy love hath intoxicated me? O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Cause in Thy days, and for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of divine knowledge through Thy bountiful hand. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy sovereignty and grandeur, to ordain for Thy loved ones the good of every world of Thy worlds. Then protect them through Thy bounty and power. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy power. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09406 ===

=== START BH09407 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose Name the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the highest branches and the cry of the sincere was raised from the most exalted station! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Beauty in the highest Paradise, and the Dawning-Places of Thy Love in the supreme Heaven, and by the Stars of Thy bounty in the heaven of bestowal, and by the flow of Thy Pen whereby the hearts of the chosen ones were enraptured, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee the best of the hereafter and of the former world. O my Lord! Thou seest him turning unto Thee, submissive to Thy commandments and ordinances, and gazing toward the horizon of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee not to withhold him from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy Manifestation and the sun of Thy grace. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH09407 ===

=== START BH09408 ===

O `Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the hearts of all nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name through which the world hath been illumined, and by the yearning of the hearts of Thy lovers throughout all regions, and by the mysteries of Thy Revelation on the Day of Separation, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest how the people of the Bayan have violated Thy Covenant even as the people of the Furqan violated it in Thy days. I beseech Thee to make me so firm in Thy Cause that I shall see in all the realm naught save Thy most exalted horizon from which the lights of Thy Revelation have shone forth, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! O my Lord! Ordain for me what is best in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art God. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09408 ===

=== START BH09409 ===

He is the Healer! Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the healing of all mankind, and by Whose will is the life of all mankind, and by Whose purpose is the destiny of all mankind. I beseech Thee not to disappoint those who hope, even should all mankind do so. Thou seest, O my God, this sick one who hath sought healing from the ocean of Thy healing, and Thou knowest, O my God, that I do not wish to offer prayer lest it be confused with what the divines practice. Therefore, O my God, do Thou give her to drink from the Kawthar of Thy healing with all speed, for her cries have risen to heaven. O Thou Who removest all ills! Thou knowest that her patience is less than can be counted, and verily Thou doest what Thou willest. Deal with her as befitteth Thee, for Thou art the Generous, the Healer.

=== END BH09409 ===

=== START BH09410 ===

The handmaidens of God must in this day engage themselves with absolute sanctity and purity in the utterance of the praise of the Beloved of all creation. They should regard all save the Truth as non-existent and lost. Whosoever hath in this day attained the love of God hath attained unto all good and is the possessor of all that is desired. Strive that with the aid of the True One this sublime station may be preserved by you in His Name. Glory be upon you and upon all the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09410 ===

=== START BH09411 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. The Hidden Mystery hath testified that He hath appeared in truth, and He is this treasured Name that calleth betwixt earth and heaven and summoneth all to the most exalted horizon. Verily He is the One through Whom the Greater Resurrection hath come to pass and all created things have been gathered together. Blessed be God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, Who hath come with the truth with a Book that no books in the world can equal, and a Cause before which all creation in the heavens and earth cannot stand, and with verses that neither the learned, nor the mystics, nor any diligent seeker can reckon. Thus hath My tongue spoken in this hour wherein all things and the Concourse on High have informed Me of the ascension of My sister who had been gazing upon My luminous countenance.

=== END BH09411 ===

=== START BH09412 ===

O Handmaiden of God! He is the Mighty, the Wondrous! The Pen testifies that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Tongue testifies that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. God bears witness to that which My Tongue has testified, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Invincible. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the horizon of My loving-kindness - verily it guides thee to My straight path. By My life! Whoso attains to hearing My call with true hearing, the hosts of the world shall not prevent him, nor shall the might of the oppressors

frighten him. Thus has the Pen spoken while the Ancient Beauty was reclining in this exalted castle. The glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who has heard, turned unto, and answered her Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09412 ===

=== START BH09413 ===

He is the Mighty! God testifies that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. And He testifies that We [answered] Muhammad, Our servant, before and after, and that this was inscribed upon a preserved holy Tablet. But you were not content with what We ordained for you, and remained veiled from God, your Lord, to such extent that you failed to recognize Him even after you were with Him for years and months. Therefore, rend asunder the veils of idle fancy and hold fast to this luminous and beloved Handle. Be joyful within yourself and grieve not over anything, and maintain such an expanded heart that it shall never be contracted. Then associate with the loved ones of God in joy and delight. Thus does God counsel you, and every praiseworthy servant.

=== END BH09413 ===

=== START BH09414 ===

O Handmaiden of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! God testifieth that there is none other God but He, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. His is the power and grandeur, and His is the bounty and the Word whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of His grace, the Mighty, the Powerful, did rescue. We have remembered every servant who hath turned towards My supreme horizon and every handmaiden who hath won mention of the name of her Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Be thou thankful and praise thy Lord for having been remembered before the Wronged One whilst He was in this glorious station. My mercy hath preceded all created things and My grace hath encompassed the worlds. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory be upon those handmaidens who have heard and turned towards God, the Mighty, the Praised.

=== END BH09414 ===

=== START BH09415 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of all created things and the description of all beings. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Through them He sent down the proof and made manifest the way, and guided all to His straight path. Praise be to God that thou hast turned toward Him and attained the circumambulation of His House. Blessed is the soul that hath turned for the sake of God and attained the fragrance of Yathrib and Batha. The divine fragrances waft from those lands and the light of His Cause shineth forth from its horizon. Well is it with him who hath drunk the choice wine of recognition from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and acted according to that which he hath been commanded in His perspicuous Book.

=== END BH09415 ===

=== START BH09416 ===

He is the Mighty! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the power and the eternality, His is the grandeur and the glory, and His is the dominion and transcendence. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He is indeed the Sovereign, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. He doeth what He willeth in His dominion through His power, and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His command. He is indeed the Ruler, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: O my God! Thou art the Sovereign of eternity and the King of glory and light in the Most Glorious Horizon, and of manifestation in the heaven of mystery. Thou createst what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy will. Verily Thou art the King, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Peerless, the Triumphant, the Omnipotent, the All-Sufficient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09416 ===

=== START BH09417 ===

O Haji Hassan! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Ocean of My knowledge, the Heaven of My wisdom, and the Sun of My loving-kindness. He was hidden in the eternity of eternities, and when He willed to appear, He appeared in truth and manifested whatsoever He desired. He is, verily, the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. Whoso denieth Him hath denied Me, and unto him who acknowledgeth Him We bear witness that he hath confessed that which My Tongue hath spoken forth in the Kingdom of My utterance. Verily, He is I, God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto His days, and perceived the fragrance of His garment, and acted in accordance with that which it was bidden in His perspicuous Book. Thus surgeth the ocean of utterance while the Wronged One is in His mighty prison.

=== END BH09417 ===

=== START BH09418 ===

O Leaf! O My handmaiden! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Lord of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm of Might. He hath manifested Himself to establish that which is in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. He it is Who hath aided His servants and handmaidens in that whereby their remembrance shall endure through My Name, the One Who speaketh from His praiseworthy station. O My leaf! O My handmaiden! What thou didst send hath been accepted before the Wronged One, and We have spent it in My path and have mentioned thee with that which shall endure as long as the names of thy Lord, the Possessor of what was and what shall be, shall endure. The glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and attained unto this Decisive News.

=== END BH09418 ===

=== START BH09419 ===

Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan, who hath dawned from the horizon of eternity - God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come into the world is verily the Most Great Name, through Whom the tribes of the earth were seized with trembling, and all who are in the heavens were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. When thou attainest unto it and quaffest the choice wine of its utterance, render thanks unto God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the Path was made manifest, and the Balance was established, and the Tree did speak, and the Rock did cry out, and the Resurrection came to pass, and the Hour did strike, and every wise matter was made evident.

=== END BH09419 ===

=== START BH09420 ===

O Muhammad-Isma'il! The Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed the Sovereign of verses and their Dawning-Place. Not one word that hath been sent down before or will be sent down hereafter can equal His Word, and every letter revealed from His presence is verily the water of life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the emblem of eternity for all in the world, and a sign of guidance for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso hath attained unto it hath attained unto all good, and whoso hath turned away from it, verily all the deeds of the worlds shall profit him not. Thus hath the Dove warbled, and the Nightingale of Glory sung upon the Tree of Immortality. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics!"

=== END BH09420 ===

=== START BH09421 ===

A Tablet upon which is inscribed: Baha'u'llah, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Hidden Mystery and the Name through which the Books of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, have been adorned. O My leaf! Blessed art thou in that thou hast turned and advanced until thou didst attain the presence of the Divine Countenance and didst win the meeting with the Wronged One when every veiled learned one turned away from Him. Hold fast unto the Tree with the power of thy Lord. He hath assuredly aided thee as a favor from His presence and drawn thee nigh unto Him when the people were turning away from God, the Lord of all that was and that shall be. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My afnan, both female and male.

=== END BH09421 ===

=== START BH09422 ===

He is the One speaking from the Throne of Glory. God testifies that there is no God but Him and that He Who came upon clouds of light with the name of 'Ali is His Manifestation and His sovereignty over all the

worlds. He veiled His face for numbered days, then revealed Beauty once again with His Most Glorious Name. Exalted is this grace, the like of which the eyes of creation have never witnessed, and thus was the matter decreed from the right hand of the Throne. Then the polytheists arose in opposition until they denied Him in Whom they had believed, and thus did the hand of separation cast them out from the heaven of mighty glory. And you, remain steadfast in the love of your Lord and do not deprive yourself of the holy breezes.

=== END BH09422 ===

=== START BH09423 ===

To O Leaf Fakhri, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Outward and the Inward. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He heareth and seeth, and He is in the highest horizon, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times. He is the Caller from the Divine Lote-Tree, the One mentioned in the heart of Glory, and established upon the throne of faithfulness amidst all peoples. O My leaf and My handmaiden! That which thou didst send hath been received and hath been accepted through the grace of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and the Lord of the visible and the invisible. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath followed guidance. We have sent unto thee that from which thou wilt discover the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

=== END BH09423 ===

=== START BH09424 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir of Zarqan! He is the Manifest, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God beareth witness in the Kingdom of Utterance that this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the people have not caused to slip away from the Self-Subsisting, and whom the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, have not held back. Verily, he who hath attained unto this Most Great Name is accounted among the most exalted of peoples in the perspicuous Book. We counsel Our loved ones with that wherewith We counseled Our servants aforetime. He, verily, is the True Counselor, the All-Knowing.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Be ye steadfast, and be ye trustworthy, and do that whereby the Cause of God, the Powerful, the Almighty, may be exalted. The glory of God be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto My Day, hath heard My call, and hath acted according to that which was ordained in My wondrous Book.

=== END BH09424 ===

=== START BH09425 ===

O Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Expositor. God beareth witness that he who speaketh the truth is indeed the Hidden Treasure, and the Concealed Mystery, and the Preserved Tablet, and the Inscribed Book. But for him, My sovereignty would not have been made manifest in

creation, nor would any from among the religions have turned toward My horizon. Whoso hath attained unto him hath attained unto all good. Whoso hath turned away from him is indeed among those who turned away from My sovereignty in the beginning that hath no beginning, who disputed My verses, who warred against My Self, and who denied My proof, the All-Compelling over all the worlds. Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and who hath, with manifest certitude, quaffed this choice wine. Thus have We sent unto thee the breezes of revelation, that thou mayest inhale therefrom the fragrance of the Intended One and be numbered with them that render praise.

=== END BH09425 ===

=== START BH09426 ===

He is the One Who speaks with grace. The Wronged One testifies that there is none other God but Him, and He Who has come with the truth is indeed the One through Whom was consoled the eye of Muhammad the Messenger of God and the company of the Prophets and Messengers, and through Whom appeared what was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the eternity of eternities. And I am the Truthful, the All-Knowing. Thy letter hath reached the Prison, and the Wronged One hath answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet, at the revelation of which all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.” Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him, recognized Him, hearkened unto His call and drunk the choice wine of faith from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Gracious. Preserve thou this most great station, then render thanks unto thy Lord at morn and eventide.

=== END BH09426 ===

=== START BH09427 ===

O Mirza Mahdi, son of Andalib the Most Luminous! The Hidden One hath testified with this manifest tongue that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven that He is, verily, the Lord of Names and the Supreme Horizon. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto My presence and drunk the wine of reunion with Me and discovered the fragrance of My beauty, through which the heavens and earth were illumined. And whoso hath hesitated in His Cause hath departed from beneath the shadow of My sovereignty and removed himself from My mercy and associated partners with My dominion and been debarred from the outpourings of the heaven of My loving-kindness and from the dawning of the lights of My countenance whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names were illumined, and they who circle round My mighty throne.

=== END BH09427 ===

=== START BH09428 ===

In His name, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Subduing over all who are in earth and heaven! The Essence of Eternity bears witness to His Most Great Name that there is none other God but Him. He who hesitates in His Cause is indeed deprived of the Books of God and His grace, and the Scriptures of God and His favors. And he who draws near is verily among His chosen ones amidst His creation and His guides amongst His

servants. Upon him shall pray the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names, and then those who have arisen to aid the Cause of God in the realm of creation. Blessed is he who has cast away and taken up that which he was commanded by the Dayspring of Revelation, around Whom circle all that is hidden and veiled.

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=== END BH09428 ===

=== START BH09429 ===

O Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Mighty, the All-Wise! My tongue, my heart, my innermost being, my limbs, my veins and my very hairs bear witness that verily He is God, the Lord of all worlds. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down in His Manifest Book. Verily he who hath borne witness to that which God hath testified is accounted among them that are nigh unto God in a luminous Book. And he who hath attained unto the fragrances of these days is assuredly among the denizens of Paradise in My Preserved Tablet. We have made manifest the Point and have expounded it until there appeared books which none can reckon save the All-Knowing. Whoso hath gained knowledge of them hath gained knowledge through the power of God and His sovereignty which overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hearest the Call, render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09429 ===

=== START BH09430 ===

O Siyyid Muhammad-'Ali, who hath attained unto the name of the Beloved of the world! The morn of hope hath dawned, and the dawn of this Day is manifest, and the Most Exalted Pen uttereth this blessed word: God willing, on this luminous day may all faces turn unto the divine countenance and partake of the true wine. This is the time for deeds and the season of joy. They who are endued with insight today gaze with utmost gladness upon the Most Great Prospect, and are so enraptured by the wine of recognition that they regard all else but God as non-existent and count aught save the Friend as null. How excellent is the state of him who hath attained unto this most exalted station and who hath established himself upon the throne of steadfastness. We bear witness that he is of them that have turned and have quaffed the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09430 ===

=== START BH09432 ===

O Aqa Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the one incomparable Lord! Blessed is the soul who, in this day of darkness when the fire of the oppressors' passions is aflame, adorns itself with the lights of the dawning of divine justice and, by the leave of the All-Merciful, drinks from the living waters - in such wise that neither the world itself nor the acceptance or rejection of its peoples can prevent it or deprive it of the fragrances of the days of God. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee in this Most Sublime, Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth

the Day of God. Take hold of the Book by thy Lord's leave and say: This sufficeth me and sufficeth all who dwell in the heavens and the earth.

=== END BH09432 ===

=== START BH09434 ===

Blessed is he who seeketh shelter beneath the shade of the Branch of God, his Lord and the Lord of the Throne and the Lord of all the worlds. O My Branch! Be thou as the spring cloud of My loving-kindness, then shower upon all things in My wondrous Name. O My Branch! We have chosen thee by virtue of Him Who is the Chosen One choosing thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! O Greater Branch! We have chosen thee for the triumph of My Cause. Arise to achieve a wondrous triumph. Subdue the cities of names through My Name, the Sovereign over all that He willeth. O thou Ocean! Surge by My Name, the All-Compelling, the Most Great. Open thou the cities of hearts through My Name, the Best-Beloved, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Every deed hath been made dependent upon thy love. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which his Lord, the All-Knowing, hath willed. Blessed is he who hath heard thy call and turned to thee out of love for God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09434 ===

=== START BH09437 ===

He, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O son of Af, His Eminence Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the glory of God! The world hath been encompassed by the dark dust of oppression, and they have arisen to perpetrate a tyranny that hath had and hath no like or equal. Those who have come for the life of the peoples of the world have been condemned to death by their decree. Soon will the luminary of justice shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine providence. Then shall they find themselves in manifest error. The loved ones of God, who have appeared solely for the reformation of the world, have been reckoned among the corrupt. They have prepared for themselves a consuming fire. Grieve thou not. Rather, rejoice in My remembrance of thee and be of the thankful. And say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09437 ===

=== START BH09438 ===

Another petition: Convey my expressions of nothingness and evanescence to His Honor Ism'ullah Javad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and likewise to His Honor Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, from the people of B. In these days a petition from them has reached the Most Holy Court. It is hoped that an answer will be sent down from the heaven of grace. God willing, all matters have appeared and will appear according to desire. If until now all had acted according to what has flowed from the Supreme Pen, all would have found themselves in the cradle of peace, security and greatest rest. The Glory be upon you and upon them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Servant 19 J First Year 1298.

=== END BH09438 ===

=== START BH09439 ===

He is God! The cause of the creation of all contingent beings has been love, as is referred to in the well-known tradition which says: “I was a Hidden Treasure and I loved to be known, and therefore I created the creation that I might be known.” Therefore, all must come together at the stream of divine love in such wise that not the slightest trace of variance can be detected among the friends and companions. All must gaze upon love and move in perfect unity, such that no disagreement whatsoever may be observed between any souls. In good and evil, profit and loss, hardship and ease, all must be partners. God willing, we hope that the breeze of unity will waft from the City of the Lord of all beings and clothe all in the garment of oneness and love and detachment.

=== END BH09439 ===

=== START BH09440 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting

O servant! Bear thou witness, as God did witness before the creation of the heavens and the earth and before He created the glorifying angels, that He is the One God, Single, Self-Sufficient, Whom the support of those who turn unto Him cannot exalt nor the rejection of those who turn away from Him harm, and that Ali is His splendor and His light unto all created things. Beware lest thou break God’s Covenant, and remain steadfast in thy pledge. Then give thanks unto God, thy Creator, for having remembered thee in this remote prison, and for having taught thee to know His Self, and sent down unto thee a noble Book. Verily He hath sent it down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. The Spirit and Glory and Splendor rest upon thee and upon the sincere ones.

=== END BH09440 ===

=== START BH09441 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the Luminous! Glorified be He Who created all things by His command and ordained the measures of every matter in a Preserved Tablet of might, and established therein the laws of the Cause through the tongue of the Messengers aforetime - and this is a known truth - and commanded them in the Book with that which would draw them near to a most praiseworthy sanctuary of holiness, and forbade them from all that would veil them from the beauty of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Therefore, O people of the Bayan, forsake all that ye have been forbidden and then act according to that which ye have been commanded in a preserved Book of might from the Pen of the Beloved of might - this is better for you than all that ye hear. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who turn towards the Beauty of Holiness.

=== END BH09441 ===

=== START BH09442 ===

He is the Preserver

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Beauty that shineth forth in the dominion of grandeur, and by Thy Light that appeareth in the kingdom of eternity, and by Thy Most Exalted Name, to preserve this one who hath believed in Thee and in Thy mighty signs. Aid him, then, with Thy succor, and make firm, O my God, his footsteps upon this […] through Thy power, and teach him through Thy sovereignty, and cause him to enter into the shelter of Thy mercy beneath the shadow of Thy countenance. Then preserve him, O my God, in the depths of the seas and their waves and their billows, for Thou, verily, hast power over all things.

[In the phrase "…make firm, O my God, his footsteps upon this through Thy power…" there is a gap between the word "this" and "through Thy power" in the copied manuscript and no other manuscript is available]

=== END BH09442 ===

=== START BH09444 ===

He is God! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is Thy servant and the son of Thy servant who was moved toward the depths of the oceans of Thy grace, and who in his youth traveled from his homeland seeking to attain Thy presence, and traversed the path until he entered beneath the throne of proof and attained the light of nearness in the court of mighty glory and the radiance of the Beautiful One. Therefore I ask Thee, O my God, to give him to drink of the milk of Thy bounty so that he may raise the standards of Thy victory [in his youth] and arise in his maturity to serve Thy Cause, just as he arose in his youth at Thy command, that Thy proof concerning him may be fulfilled and that the breezes of nearness may take hold of him through Thy grace. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Best-Beloved.

=== END BH09444 ===

=== START BH09446 ===

He is the Mighty! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who, when the fragrances of the holy breeze of Thy Sovereign Oneness wafted forth, sought intercession through the Manifestations of the glory of Thy Lordship, and fled from himself and from all else save Thee unto the wondrous grace of the King of Thy forgiveness. He claimeth to have turned away from self and passion unto Thy most glorious, most gracious and most enduring realms, and from his own will unto Thy will, and from his good pleasure unto Thy good pleasure. Therefore, send down upon him that which will preserve him from all that would keep him from the shore of Thy submission and Thy command. Then send upon him that which will purify his heart from the remembrance of aught else besides Thee, that he may become pure in Thy love, sincere in his devotion to Thee, and obedient to Thy decree. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Forgiving. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Kind.

=== END BH09446 ===

=== START BH09447 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved and my King! Thou seest my poverty and neediness, then my distress and anguish and my tribulation before both the loved ones and the enemies. Praise be to Thee, O my God, for Thy decree and destiny, and thanks be to Thee, O my Lord, for Thy management and execution. We bear witness that Thou art the One praised in Thy deeds, the Ruler in Thy Cause, the Sovereign in Thy dominion, and Thou art powerful over all things. Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest Thy Beauty, perfect Thy Cause, exalt Thy proof, elevate Thy names and reveal Thy attributes, that Thou mayest cause Thy servants to ascend unto the station wherein they behold Thee upon the throne of Thy majesty and the seat of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art powerful and wise over all things.

=== END BH09447 ===

=== START BH09448 ===

O Rajab-'Ali, who hath attained! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. The divine favor hath encompassed thee. Thou didst attain the presence of the Most Holy Court and wert honored with attaining His presence. Thou must, God willing, act according to that which He loveth and is pleased with. Man must needs possess human qualities. Through God's loving-kindness, all the friends must manifest goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Every good deed is today, and shall continue to be, the cause of the exaltation of His Cause. Convey to all the friends greetings from God, and say: The Wronged One of the world remembereth you from the prison of the people of discord, and calleth you unto trustworthiness, truthfulness, steadfastness and fidelity. The glory be upon you and upon him who heareth and respondeth.

=== END BH09448 ===

=== START BH09449 ===

In His Name, Who prevaileth over all names! In the mornings I remember Thee, in the evenings I call upon Thee, and throughout the days I praise Thee. Wouldst Thou, O my God, turn away this thirsty one from the living waters? And wouldst Thou forbid the seeker from the Kawthar of reunion, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of all creation? I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the mysteries of Thy Cause that Thou purify me with the waters of sanctification, that I may become worthy of Thy remembrance and befitting of Thy praise. O Lord! Thou seest and hearest my yearning and my turning to Thee, my longing and my desire, my supplication and my imploring. I ask of Thee to ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy recognition and followed Thy commandments. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation and command. Verily Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH09449 ===

=== START BH09450 ===

He is the One Who standeth through His own Name, the Self-Subsisting, at all times. We make mention of God, the Goal of all worlds. In all days doth move the Pen of the Lord of all names that hearts may be

attracted by its traces, and in every night doth speak the tongue of Revelation that perchance men may attain certitude through God's verses. The very rock hath testified to the Lord of all creation, yet the people understand not. By My life! The heart findeth no rest save through that which attracteth it to the verses of its Lord, and the spirit soareth in its longing to attain His presence, and the tongue is never stilled from the remembrance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses - blessed are they who hear! We have illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Most Merciful, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

=== END BH09450 ===

=== START BH09451 ===

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

The Point of the Bayan, Who heralded to the world My appearance, hath said: "Should He come with a verse, reject Him not." Yet the people of the Bayan rejected Me after I came unto them from the Orient of divine knowledge with verses that all the books of the world cannot match, as attesteth He Who possesseth a perspicuous Book. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament by following every impious one who hath turned away from the Truth. Verily, they are wrapped in a thick veil. Say: O people! God hath sent down unto you His verses and made manifest unto you His straight Path. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not every cawing one who hath disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and revealed that wherefrom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH09451 ===

=== START BH09452 ===

In His Name, the Answerer, the All-Knowing! The Hour hath come, and the Trumpet hath been sounded, and the Balance proclaimeth: "I am the Discerner, the All-Knowing. I make manifest and reveal before the face of the world the deeds of the peoples, and I am the Witness, the All-Informed. Not a single atom remaineth but I have brought it forth, and I am the Just, the Upright. The hand of justice hath made me to stand erect in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. This is the day wherein the Trump resoundeth and the Bell ringeth out and the Trumpet proclaimeth: 'The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of this wondrous Day.' O thou who hearkeneth! When thou art blessed to hear the Tablet of thy Lord, turn thy face toward the Wronged One and say: 'May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy tribulations, O Thou Who hast spent all that Thou hadst in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great.'"

=== END BH09452 ===

=== START BH09453 ===

In the Name of the All-Powerful, the Almighty! The Hidden hath appeared and the Concealed hath been revealed. The Speaker of the Mount hath spoken, yet the people hear not. They have followed their own desires and turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Heedlessness hath so seized them

that they see yet recognize not. They have lost who followed every idle clamourer, who hath debarred them from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Leave the world behind you and hold fast to the cord of steadfastness in such wise that the pillars of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Kingdom and of the realm above, shall shake. This is the Day of certitude, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of arising, did ye but understand. Cast behind you idle fancies, turning unto the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

=== END BH09453 ===

=== START BH09454 ===

O Mulla Haydar of Zarqan! The Most Great, the Most Glorious! The Day hath come wherein He Who gave utterance to this wise Remembrance was raised up, wherein the Call was lifted up in remembrance of the Lord of Names, and wherein the realities of all things were stirred in that wondrous Day. He spoke at the beginning of His Manifestation through this Name, whereby God shed His radiance upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. He counseled all to hold fast to this hidden Name and gave them glad tidings of this wise Remembrance. Blessed is he who fulfilled his covenant and did not break God's compact - he is assuredly among the triumphant. It behooveth every soul to remember Him on the day of His Manifestation and thereby render thanks unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest be of them that render praise.

=== END BH09454 ===

=== START BH09455 ===

He is the Truth, there is no God but Him.

Sorrows have encompassed Us to such a degree that all the pens of the world are powerless to recount them. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, and behind Him every fair-minded and discerning one. O people of Baha! The Wronged One counseleth you concerning that whereby the Cause of God will be exalted amongst His servants. Verily, He is the All-Knowing Counsellor. Say: O peoples of the earth, cast away your vain imaginings. The Lord of all mankind hath turned towards you with a beauteous countenance. Beware lest the conditions of creation hold you back from the Truth. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH09455 ===

=== START BH09456 ===

The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the cooing of the Dove of Oneness have been raised amidst creation, yet the people hear not, save those who have been granted a hearing ear by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. How many a servant drew nigh, detached from the world, and heard the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling; and how many a servant was debarred from the Water of

Life by reason of that which his hands had formerly wrought. Verily He is the One Who requiteth with justice, and verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We turn unto him who hath turned unto God, and We make mention of him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

=== END BH09456 ===

=== START BH09457 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy

We have desired to make mention of one of Our maidservants who has believed in God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised, and to give her once again to drink of the Living Waters. Verily We are powerful over all things. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then remember thy Lord at morn and eventide. Let not the tribulations of the world cause thee grief. Behold what hath befallen thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens, through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Drink thou at all times from the Salsabil of divine knowledge from the chalices of the bounties of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of all who have turned unto God and remember their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have the verses been sent down as a token of Our grace upon thee, that thou mayest be of those who are thankful, in a perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH09457 ===

=== START BH09458 ===

He is established upon the throne! The horizon of utterance has been illumined, and the Lord of all possibility calls out amidst the world and summons all peoples to His straight path. Therefore have the divines opposed Him - among them are those who pronounced judgment against Him and those who disputed the verses of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people! That which you possess will profit you not. Abandon vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of all beings. Thus does He command you, from Whose presence has come down a perspicuous Book. Your mention has been made before the throne, and there has been sent down for you that which shall profit you in the hereafter and in this world, shouldst thou be of them that are steadfast. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor, then make mention of Him amongst His heedless servants, that they may perceive the fragrance of the Intended One and turn unto the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09458 ===

=== START BH09459 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Praised! We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people remain heedless. Verily, he who hath been illumined by the light of the Countenance is of the people of this glorious horizon. Blessed is he who, being far, hath drawn nigh, and the thirsty one who hath turned to the Salsabil of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Had the people known, they would not have cast the Command of God behind their backs, nor would they have hesitated in this Cause, unto which have turned the Concourse on High and the dwellers

of Paradise and those whom none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of this most great bounty, nor follow every ignorant remote one. Thus have We wafted unto thee a fragrance from the fragrances of thy Lord, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Ancient Master.

=== END BH09459 ===

=== START BH09460 ===

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over earth and heaven! The world hath been renewed through the appearance of the Ancient King with His Most Great Name, yet the people know it not. The Hidden One hath been made manifest and informeth mankind of that which profiteth them in both this world and the next, yet most among the people know it not. The world hath been stirred by the breezes of the Ancient of Days, and the Spirit hath proclaimed in the Tablet with its most exalted call, yet most among the people understand not. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks, for My Pen hath been moved to remember thee and this tongue to speak thy name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Thus hath the Dove warbled upon the boughs of eternity. Blessed is he that heareth, and woe unto them that turn away.

=== END BH09460 ===

=== START BH09461 ===

O Professor Jabbar! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Speaker. My Most Exalted Pen hath been saddened by those who have committed that which was forbidden in the Book. We have forbidden all from approaching this station. Among them are those who have cast aside God's command and those who have followed what was ordained in the Tablets. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the command, and woe to every heedless doubter. We love those who have made their hopes the good-pleasure of God, the Lord of the worlds, and who follow His laws with spirit and fragrance. Whoso hath recognized God will not transgress what God hath revealed in the Scrolls and Tablets. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord, then do what thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of all beings.

=== END BH09461 ===

=== START BH09462 ===

He is the One Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

The Ancient Beauty hath turned His countenance from His Most Great Prison toward those who have drunk the choice wine of life in the name of the Lord of Religions–He Who proclaimeth throughout all possibility: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Choosing." Let those who have drawn nigh rejoice with the most great joy, and let the sincere ones be set ablaze in such wise that neither the denial of the divines nor the objection of the learned shall quench them. They shall speak forth at all times amidst the peoples of all religions with wisdom and utterance, and shall remind humanity of this Promised One through Whom the countenance of the Intended One hath appeared and

the horizons have been illumined. Rejoice ye in God and His sovereignty, despite those who disbelieved when the Promise came and the proof appeared. Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee this Remembrance whereby hearts have been illumined and eyes have been solaced.

=== END BH09462 ===

=== START BH09463 ===

In the Name of God! The Everlasting One Who knoweth no death! They have imprisoned Us in a city whose air is foul, wherein naught can be perceived save fever and wherein no sound is heard from its outskirts save the bleating of sheep. Though outwardly We are in straits, affliction and abasement, inwardly We find Ourselves in expansion, ease, amplitude and a glory that no glory of the worlds can equal. Say: Tribulation shall not deter Us from that which We have purposed, nor shall destiny prevent Us from that which We have been bidden. Can the crowing of the raven prevent the warbling of the dove? Nay, by my Lord, the All-Merciful! She warbleth upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree and giveth glad tidings unto them that are nigh and unto the sincere ones. The hosts of the heedless shall not prevent her, and praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics.

=== END BH09463 ===

=== START BH09465 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have sent down for thee that which shall gladden eyes. Grieve thou not over the world and its conditions, for it shall pass away, and sovereignty and dominion shall remain with God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. This is the Day whereof the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving, have spoken. There is no Book but hath given glad tidings of it, and no Messenger but hath announced this Promised Day. Blessed is the strong one whom the conditions of creation have not deterred, and the seeing one who hath turned with his heart to the Praiseworthy Station. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and patient in adversity. Verily, He sendeth down whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH09465 ===

=== START BH09466 ===

He who circumambulated My Throne has presented a book wherein was the mention of My loved ones. We have made mention of each one of them as a token of grace from Us, and verily I am the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad-Kazim! We have observed thy book before, and before that, and thou hast attained unto My mention time and again. Be thankful unto God for this supreme gift. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of Lords. O Abdul-Hussein! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison's precincts, and counsels thee to remember God and [His praise] and that whereby His Cause, the Guardian over all lands, may be exalted. We make mention of thy brothers and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which has preceded the earth and the heavens.

=== END BH09466 ===

=== START BH09467 ===

The Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Cock of the Throne has crowed at the settling of the All-Merciful upon the thrones of possibility. O heedless ones! The Lord of Names has come and My manifestation with grandeur and power is more excellent than the worship of all created things and that which the Daysprings of Names, the dwellers in the cities of eternity, and the Concourse on High have done. This is what hath been decreed in truth in the Hidden Tablet which hath been sealed with the seal of protection from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Hasten, O people of earth, toward the precincts of the Throne with hearts wherein naught is remembered save His beauteous remembrance. Rejoice in this Most Great Day. By God! The eye of creation hath never seen its like. Then remember Him with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of the mystics.

=== END BH09467 ===

=== START BH09468 ===

He is the All-Knowing!

He who emigrated to God, who traversed land and sea until he arrived and heard the Call of the Wronged One in prison, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord Who created thee and forgave thee and made thee know His straight Path. Blessed is he who hath been imprisoned in My path, who hath found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, and who hath attained unto My mention and My Tablet, the luminous, the resplendent. O Murtada! We counsel thee and those who have believed to be steadfast in this Cause whereby all things have proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!” Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the cawing of them that have denied the Day of Judgment hath not prevented. Thus hath the Pen spoken in the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto them that deny, and unto every ignorant doubter.

=== END BH09468 ===

=== START BH09469 ===

In the Name of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Everlasting! The eye of this Youth hath beheld what no eye hath beheld from time immemorial. His ear hath heard what no ear of the Prophets and Messengers hath heard. Hast thou ever heard of kings gathering together to destroy a single soul? By thy Lord! Were thou to be of them that are assured, I declare that were all who are in the heavens and on earth to gather together to destroy and eliminate Me, yet would I proclaim at all times that I am the Beauty of God unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. The clamor of those on earth who have turned away is to Me but as the buzzing of flies or the braying of donkeys. Erelong will this Youth come forth adorned with the ornament of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH09469 ===

=== START BH09470 ===

O Mirza Fadlu'llah! We have adorned the Night of Power with the letter "H" that the people of Baha may attain certitude through this Most Great, Supreme Name. Through it was the Qur'an adorned aforetime, and when combined with "V" the number six appears, if ye be of them that understand. Blessed is he who hath clung to it, detached from all the worlds. Verily it is the Hidden Mystery wherewith have been adorned the Books of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful. Through it were ordained the measures of all things in the Tablets and every wise command made distinct. They who have turned away, these are accounted among the wrongdoers, and they who have turned towards it, these are among the gems of creation - We bear witness that they are of them that are brought nigh. Know ye, O My loved ones, what We have bestowed upon you through Our grace, and be ye of the thankful ones.

=== END BH09470 ===

=== START BH09471 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

God hath heard that thou hast taken up residence in a new place and established thyself in a wondrous station. By God! How excellent is your station in the most exalted Paradise and your seat within the all-glorious pavilion! We beseech God to sanctify your hearts from the mention of aught else but Him, to purify your station from all that His good-pleasure abhorreth, to aid you to remain firm in His love and to arise to serve Him, to bless this wondrous station for you, and to send down upon you that which is best for you. Verily, He is most knowing of all matters and their outcome. We have sent thee an apple that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of the Beloved and the breath of the Adored One. Share thou this among thy brothers, and in this sharing be praiseworthy and just, and be not an rejected oppressor.

=== END BH09471 ===

=== START BH09472 ===

In the name of Him before Whose fear all are struck with terror! God hath heard thy cry and answereth thee from the direction of His Throne. Hearken unto that which is being revealed unto thee. He is verily none other but God - His is the majesty and the glory. He giveth unto whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is in truth the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Grieve not over this world. Rather, rejoice in this Most Great Name, the Most Mighty. Despair not of God's grace and bounty. He sendeth down for whomsoever He loveth that which is best for him. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in thy love for God, then make mention of Him and He verily maketh mention of thee in this Prison - the place wherefrom ascend and descend the angels that are nigh unto God. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09472 ===

=== START BH09473 ===

O Mirza Asadu'llah, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who remembers in the prison. The Wronged One hath heard thy verses in remembrance and praise of God. We beseech Him to ordain for thee a reward from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Two Tablets were previously sent specially to Aqa Muhammad Isma'il, upon whom be My Glory, and to thee. Verily He hath remembered you and doth remember you, and He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you through the means of the heavens and the earth and to draw you nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him. Permission was previously granted for the journey of Aqa Muhammad Isma'il and thyself, however it must be carried out according to the requirements of wisdom. Verily He doth not withhold from His loved ones, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09473 ===

=== START BH09474 ===

O Jinab-i-Haji Husayn-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy mention and witnessed thy enkindlement in the love of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing above all names, and by the Ark that hath sailed upon the sea through Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Name, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in the service of Thy Cause. O Lord! Increase my longing and steadfastness in this Cause whereby the foundations were shaken and the hearts of the deniers were perturbed. O Lord! Deprive me not of that which lieth with Thee, and ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09474 ===

=== START BH09475 ===

O Baqir, Most Holy of the Most Holy! We have heard what you called out to the Wronged One when He was in the midst of the idolaters, and We discovered from your call the fragrance of your love for the Lord of all worlds. Blessed be your tongue for having moved in praise of your Lord, and your breast for having been illumined by the lights of love for this radiant and luminous Beauty. We beseech God to assist you at all times to remember and praise Him, and to strengthen you in your steadfastness in what you are engaged in. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed are you, for We found your letter sanctified from mention of any but Me. This befits those who have in this Day acknowledged this wondrous Cause - that they remember the One Who hath remembered them and exalt the one who hath bowed before His sovereignty and power. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. The glory be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

=== END BH09475 ===

=== START BH09476 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answering One! We have heard thy call and have remembered thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and say: O God of the world and desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the sincere ones have soared, and the near ones have drawn nigh, and the faithful have spoken, to aid me to know Thee and to arise to serve Thee. O my Lord! The breezes of Thy verses have stirred me in Thy days, and I have turned to the Kaaba of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to disappoint me not of that which is with Thee and which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest one powerless who hath clung to the cord of Thy strength, and one ignorant who hath sought the ocean of Thy knowledge. Send down, then, from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will sanctify him from all else save Thee and draw him nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09476 ===

=== START BH09477 ===

He is the Manifest, the Concealed

The atoms have testified to that which My tongue hath testified in My prison - that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing Speaker. We have accepted tribulations for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples remain wrapped in a thick veil. They have denied the Most Great Book and have disputed with the sovereignty of the verses when it appeared with a manifest light. They have cast the Beloved behind their backs and followed every remote scholar. Cast aside the divines - by God's life, they are the worshippers of vain imaginings. To this hath testified the Supreme Pen of God in His wondrous Paradise. Turn ye towards the supreme horizon - by God, from it hath shone forth the Sun of Knowledge with a light that hath illumined all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath sung the tongue of the All-Merciful upon the branches of divine knowledge. Blessed are they that hearken, and woe unto them that turn away.

=== END BH09477 ===

=== START BH09478 ===

O handmaid of God, sister of one who hath migrated and attained! He is the Witness, the Witnessed One! The dawn hath broken and the cock hath crowed, and the nightingale warbleth upon the branches. The kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Bestower! We make mention of every servant who hath turned unto God and every handmaid who hath attained unto the Most Great Word when it appeared from God, the Lord of Lords. Rejoice, O My handmaid, in My remembrance, then render thanks for the bounty of thy Lord Who, when He appeared, caused hearts to tremble and foundations to quake. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Leave behind what is with the people and take hold of this Book through a power from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Thus doth the Lord of all beings teach thee in the prison fortress of 'Akka. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH09478 ===

=== START BH09479 ===

Abadih. O ’Ali-Akbar! He is the Grieved, the Wronged One. The great terror hath appeared through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. All things have lamented by reason of the lamentation of the Apostle in the Most Exalted Paradise, while the people are in manifest error. They slay the children of the Apostle and enter the mosques, and they reckon themselves among the doers of good. O thou who hast turned toward the Throne! Hearken unto My call from around My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Recompenser, the All-Wise. Turn not unto the world and its days and affairs. Remember thou the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and drawn thee near until thou didst attain to the recognition of the Manifestation of His mighty Cause. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken when He turned toward thee from this glorious station.

=== END BH09479 ===

=== START BH09480 ===

The Most Ancient, the Most Great. The Light hath appeared from the horizon of Sinai and the Mount, crying out: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds, for that Thou hast found the fragrance of reunion from the garment of Thy Name, the Near One.” All things today bear witness that sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Creator of heaven, yet the people remain in a mighty veil. They who have rent asunder the veils, these are they who have attained unto the presence of God in the final goal - yea, these are they who have attained. Among the people is he who is held back by wealth from his final end, and among them is he who is occupied with women, heedless of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. Blessed is the strong one who hath broken the idol of vain imaginings, turning unto the All-Powerful, the Most High. By My life! He is of them by whom the eyes of the sincere ones are consoled. And upon thee and upon him be glory from the presence of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH09480 ===

=== START BH09482 ===

The Most Great, the Most Glorious! The signs have appeared and the verses have been sent down, yet the people are in a strange stupor. O people! Follow not those who have followed vain imaginings and turned away from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Abandon idle fancies. By My life! The sun of knowledge hath dawned from the horizon of certitude. Rend asunder the veils of allusion by God’s leave, the Creator of the heavens, and abandon those ascetics who have denied God, then take fast hold of My strong cord. This is a day wherein every one who advanceth gaineth, and every doubting denier loseth. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee before the Throne and revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet. Say: O people! He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. Reflect that ye may recognize this Most Wondrous, Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09482 ===

=== START BH09483 ===

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth! The Most Exalted Word hath appeared, and through it the Dove hath warbled upon the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily He is He. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the patient ones. Among the people are those who have turned away from Us, and among them are those who have turned towards Us and drawn nigh until they attained unto the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Those who have turned away from the Countenance, these are in grievous loss. Soon shall they know what hath escaped them in the vicinity of God, whereupon they shall wail and lament, and shall find for themselves no way. Those who have held fast to the cord of God, these are of them who are nigh unto Him. God will assist them with a power from His presence and will raise up their names - a promise from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09483 ===

=== START BH09484 ===

O Abbas-Ali! He is the Confirmer, the Teacher, the All-Wise! We have taught you in the Tablets that which caused the Concourse on High to rejoice. Blessed is he who follows what he has been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people! Follow not your vain imaginings, nor take the property of others wrongfully, nor dispute with anyone. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Informed. Be emblems of guidance among all creatures and manifestations of the favors of your Lord, the Kind, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and the recognition of His Self. Verily, He sees whosoever turns to Him and hears the call of those who have directed themselves to the Dayspring of His Cause and are among the firmly established ones. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the tongue of the Dayspring of His Cause, the Luminous, the Resplendent.

=== END BH09484 ===

=== START BH09485 ===

O Maryam Sultan Bigum, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon as the Lord of Destiny walketh and uttereth verses whereby the Concourse on High hath been made joyous and the dwellers of the cities of names have been attracted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God. He is with His steadfast handmaidens and His sincere servants. He hath ordained for thee that which will rejoice thy heart. He, verily, fulfilleth the reward of those who turn unto Him with radiant countenance. Remember thou thy Lord throughout all days and say: “I have turned unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics! I beseech Thee to number me among those who circle round Thy throne, then ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Answerer, the All-Merciful.”

=== END BH09485 ===

=== START BH09486 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the world! That which thou didst send hath reached this Most Great Prison. God willing, through divine bounty in these spiritual days thou wilt be occupied with His remembrance and engaged in His praise. The Sun of God’s loving-kindness hath risen and shone forth

from the horizon of grace, and all have been created today for His presence, yet the people of hypocrisy have become a barrier between the loved ones and the dawning of the Daystar of the horizons. Be not saddened by this, but be content and thankful for whatsoever He hath ordained, for verily God is powerful and bestoweth the reward of His presence upon whomsoever He willeth. We make mention of thee and thy father and thy mother as a token of grace from Us. Be thou grateful and numbered with them that praise.

=== END BH09486 ===

=== START BH09487 ===

He is God, the Helper!

In the heaven of divine decree, the tablets of destiny have been ordained, and We have not sent them for wisdom's sake. Soon We shall send them when God wishes and desires. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace, then guard thyself lest the breezes of trials extinguish thy longing, ardor and attraction in these grievous days. Soon there shall come to thee that from which thou shalt find the fragrance of the garment and whereby thy eyes shall be consoled. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the tablets of righteousness. Blessed art thou for having won to this Cause whereby souls have been disturbed and hearts consumed. Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then be content with this draught which We have sent thee from this Most Great Sea, then await what We have promised thee. Verily He doth not fail in His promise.

=== END BH09487 ===

=== START BH09488 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

O Mirza Mahmud! The eye of the world hath been illumined by the appearance of the Most Great Name, yet the peoples have denied, turned away and objected, save those whom God, the Helper, the All-Knowing, hath willed. The solid rock hath melted away at the verses of the Lord of Names, yet the people remain in manifest delusion. The mountains have soared in their longing to attain the presence of Him Who is the Possessor of Majesty, yet the people of error persist in grievous unbelief. Say: O people! Abandon what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Munificent, the Generous. O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! When thou hearest My call and attaineth unto My Tablet, render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged! I testify that Thou hast spent what Thou didst possess in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great.

=== END BH09488 ===

=== START BH09489 ===

He is God

In His Name, the Most Holy above all Names

We have read your letter and found from it the fragrance of your love for your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My Afnan! We have sheltered you within the pavilion of utterance and have honored your dwelling place. Know ye this station which nothing created on earth can equal. Verily He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Speaking Book, the All-Evident, and by Thy Name which hath dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and by the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty, to make me at all times turned toward Thee and gazing toward the horizon of Thy dawning. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

=== END BH09489 ===

=== START BH09490 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy!

The horizon of utterance hath dawned forth from the Sun of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance, and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be uplifted. How many a servant hath turned away from the Countenance, having followed the vain imaginings of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Erelong shall he bewail his own self and repent of that which he wrought in these fleeting days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses, yet the people are in evident doubt. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned towards thee, and hath sent down unto thee from the Most Great Prison that which consoleth the eyes of them that know. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09490 ===

=== START BH09491 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! God lamenteth at that which hath been uttered by the most lying of all servants, who hath denied God, the Revealer of verses. He hath pronounced judgment against those whom the Most Exalted Pen hath testified to their sanctity and detachment, and hath said that he hath pronounced judgment against holy souls. Say: What aileth thee, O thou liar, through whose tyranny the veil of the Temple hath been rent asunder and the eyes of the Concourse on high have wept in their most exalted station! Fear God, Who hath created thee and sustained thee and made thee to walk upon the earth. Turn unto Him - verily He is the Ever-Forgiving. We have informed thee of his deed that thou mayest be aware and be enlightened regarding his case. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of thee in the Tablet that thou mayest render thanks unto Him Who possesseth the knowledge of all mysteries.

=== END BH09491 ===

=== START BH09492 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy:

The Tongue of Ancient Days hath spoken from the Pivot of the world: He is God, there is none other God but Him! And He who hath dawned from the horizon of grandeur, He verily is the Sovereign of Destiny! Through Him hath the Cry been raised and the decree of divine unity established amongst all creation. Were it not for Him, the command of God would not have been revealed among His servants, nor would the Cock of the Throne have crowed. He is God, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve His Cause, who hath attained unto the cup of His love, who hath spoken in His remembrance and praise, who hath turned toward Him with his heart, who hath stood in His court, and who hath circled round His throne. He is assuredly among the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09492 ===

=== START BH09495 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! The Ancient Beauty hath departed from the Land of Mystery, even as was decreed in the Tablet, if ye be of them that understand. And when He departed, the horizons were illumined by His countenance. How wondrous is this fragrance that hath been wafted among the worlds! By My life! The breaths of the verses have encompassed all created things, and they have been sent down at all times from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled them and circled round them! Were the peoples of the East and West to purify their ears, they would hear them, and thy Lord is verily a witness unto what I say. This bounty is not confined to anyone, but hath encompassed all worlds. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide them that have turned aside! And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09495 ===

=== START BH09496 ===

O handmaid of God! By Him Who shineth from the horizon of possibility! The verses have rained down from the heaven of God's will and the evidences have appeared in such wise that none deny them save every remote polytheist. The Hidden Mystery hath appeared and the Preserved Tablet been detailed, and they that draw nigh read while the deniers look to the right and to the left, and they are bewildered. We have bestowed the choice wine of life upon all who dwell in the realm of possibility: some have drunk thereof in Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, while others turned away, following their vain imaginings. O My handmaid! Give thanks for God having chosen thee above most men and women who have denied God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast to the cord of God and the handle of His favors. Verily He is with her who hath turned toward the Dayspring of His Cause, the Unalterable, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09496 ===

=== START BH09497 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir! By Him Who is sanctified above all names! We have perceived from thy letter the fragrance of sincerity and have responded to thee through this epistle. It behooveth thee today to arise

with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all names, in such wise that neither the croaking of them that have disbelieved nor the braying of the evil-doers may cause thee to stumble. Verily the satans lie in wait, and when they find an opportunity they will cause you to slip from the path of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Hold ye fast to the hem of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He will verily protect you in truth. He is indeed the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fragrance of Thy mercy was wafted throughout all lands, to protect me beneath the shadow of Thy grace and bounty and to ordain for me that which is best in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH09497 ===

=== START BH09498 ===

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O God, and the God of all Names, and Maker of the heavens! I entreat Thee by Thy Name through which He Who is the Day-Spring of Thy might and the Dawning-Place of Thy power hath been manifested, through which every solid thing hath been made to flow, and every dead corpse hath been quickened, and every moving spirit confirmed – I entreat Thee to enable me to rid myself of all attachment to any one but Thee, and to serve Thy Cause, and to wish what Thou didst wish through the power of Thy sovereignty, and to perform what is the good pleasure of Thy will.

I beseech Thee, moreover, O my God, to ordain for me what will make me rich enough to dispense with any one save Thee. Thou seest me, O my God, with my face turned towards Thee, and my hands clinging to the cord of Thy grace. Send down upon me Thy mercy, and write down for me what Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09498 ===

=== START BH09499 ===

In the Name of Him Who has power over what was and what will be! Say: O my God! I am the one who has turned to the Ka'bah of Thy knowledge and the sanctuary of Thy union and meeting, turning away from those who denied Thy proof and disputed Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy mercy surged and the fragrance of the garment of Thy grace wafted, and through which the heaven of Thy power was raised up and the sun of Thy might shone forth, to protect me from those who warred against Thy Self and disputed Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Thou seest the Beast opening wide its mouth and pursuing Thy loved ones who have believed in Thee and Thy signs, and who have turned to the horizon of Thy revelation and inspiration. Deal with it as befitteth Thee. Verily, Thou art the One Who has power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

=== END BH09499 ===

=== START BH09500 ===

He is the All-Hearing from His most exalted horizon! Say: My God, my God! Thou seest and knowest what hath befallen Thy captives at the hands of the Manifestations of tyranny and the Daysprings of oppression, after they had acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness and Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy power. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Merciful Lord of all who are possessed, by Thy Command through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to assist them to achieve the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby nothing in all the world of creation shall prevent them from drawing nigh unto Thee. O Lord! Thou art He Whose power hath been exalted and Whose sovereignty hath encompassed all things. The happenings of the world cannot frustrate Thee, nor can the clamor of the nations. By Thy power Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH09500 ===

=== START BH09501 ===

He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

Say: O my God, my God! Thy grace hath embraced me, and Thy mercy hath encompassed me, and Thy bounty hath sustained me, and Thy hosts have succored me, and Thy love hath guided me, and Thy yearning hath directed me, and Thy affection hath made me witness, and Thy tenderness hath caused me to know. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know Thee and the Beloved of them that are near unto Thee, by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and [Thy trustees] who have hastened to Thy most exalted horizon, and have hearkened unto Thy sweetest call, and have testified to that whereunto Thy tongue hath testified, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, and Thou art verily the Kind, and Thou art verily the Most Merciful, and Thou art verily the Compassionate. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Most Gracious.

=== END BH09501 ===

=== START BH09502 ===

He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having created me and sustained me, and made me to know Thy mighty utterance and Thy straight path, and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge through the hands of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the Light which hath shone forth and gleamed, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, that Thou write down for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. By Thy might, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I love naught but what Thou lovest, and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all names have bowed down, that Thou aid me in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted amongst Thy creation and Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH09502 ===

=== START BH09503 ===

O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, the God of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and Thy mysteries hidden in Thy Book, that Thou assist me to turn towards Thee and to stand firm in Thy love. O my Lord! Aid me to witness among Thy servants that which Thy Most Exalted Pen witnessed before the creation of Thy heaven and earth. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I am he who, O my God, has aimed for the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon, and I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy grace that Thou draw me and Thy servants nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and in Whose grasp are the keys of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09503 ===

=== START BH09504 ===

O Javad, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the Name of Him Who heareth and seeth! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify unto that whereunto Thou hast testified for Thine own Self before the creation of all things, that verily Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Thou hast ever been mighty over all things and supreme over all who are in earth and heaven. Every thing beareth witness to Thy sovereignty and power and bounty and gifts. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones who have immersed themselves in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure and have cast aside their own wills, clinging fast unto Thy Will. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH09504 ===

=== START BH09506 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, O Illuminator of the world and Educator of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the Dove hath warbled and the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken, to protect me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy oneness and to confirm me in that which Thou hast decreed in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me by Thy Most Exalted Pen and caused me to hear Thy Call in my early days when I was in the hands of the wicked ones. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Fashioner of all things, not to deprive me of that which is with Thee nor to keep me far from the ocean of Thy nearness. Thou art He Who, through Thy Self-Subsistence, hath been powerful, and, through Thy sovereignty, all-pervading. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH09506 ===

=== START BH09507 ===

Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of earth and heaven! Aid Thy servants to behold with the Supreme Horizon's gaze, lest the might of fate prevent them from turning to Thy Most Glorious Face. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and the Sovereign over all names. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Help ye your Lord, the All-Merciful - soon shall time be rolled up and the Cock of the Throne shall crow upon the branches. Blessed is he who fulfilleth God's Covenant in days wherein there hath dawned from the horizon of the Bayan the Sun of Wisdom and Exposition, which appeared in His Most Glorious Name in the Kingdom of creation. Thus hath it been ordained by One mighty and great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

=== END BH09507 ===

=== START BH09508 ===

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! I yield Thee thanks that Thou hast made known unto me Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy mercy, and the Dawning-Place of Thy grace, and the Repository of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, through which the faces of them that are nigh unto Thee have turned white, and the hearts of such as are devoted to Thee have winged their flight towards Thee, to grant that I may, at all times and under all conditions, lay hold on Thy cord, and be rid of all attachment to any one except Thee, and may keep mine eyes directed towards the horizon of Thy Revelation, and may carry out what Thou hast prescribed unto me in Thy Tablets.

Attire, O my Lord, both my inner and outer being with the raiment of Thy favors and Thy loving-kindness. Keep me safe, then, from whatsoever may be abhorrent unto Thee, and graciously assist me and my kindred to obey Thee, and to shun whatsoever may stir up any evil or corrupt desire within me.

Thou, truly, art the Lord of all mankind, and the Possessor of this world and of the next. No God is there save Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09508 ===

=== START BH09509 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of the worlds, my Answerer and the Answerer of them that are in distress! I beseech Thee by the Word through which that which was and that which shall be were made manifest, that Thou draw me nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all mankind. I am he, O my God, who hath heard Thy sweetest call and turned unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee that Thou disappoint me not from the wonders of Thy bounty and what Thou hast ordained for the choicest among Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity. Wouldst Thou deny one whom Thou hast called unto Thyself? Thou art He to

Whose bounty and favors all things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH09509 ===

=== START BH09510 ===

He is the Herald in the Kingdom of Utterance

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Fashioner of the heavens, and Sovereign over all names, and Almighty over all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the horizon of Revelation hath shone forth and that which was inscribed on an outstretched parchment hath appeared, to cause me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, by which most of the peoples have lamented. I beseech Thee not to withhold me from the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowals. Open Thou mine eyes to behold the lights of Thy countenance and mine ears to hearken unto the cooing of the Dove of Thy Cause. Then loose Thou my tongue to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O my Lord! I am the poor one, and Thou art the All-Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH09510 ===

=== START BH09511 ===

He is the One manifest through the Most Great Name

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Leaf which hath grown from the Tree of Thy knowledge and upon which were inscribed by the Pen of Thy power the mysteries of Thy wisdom, to make me one of those whom the fragrances of this world have not withheld from the sweet-scented perfume of Thy raiment, nor the thorns of names from recognizing the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy verses. O Lord! I have turned toward the City of Thy nearness and directed my face unto Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art He before Whose manifestation of power all creation hath bowed down, and at the descent of Whose verses all beings have humbled themselves. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09511 ===

=== START BH09512 ===

In the name of the Most Mighty, the Most Great! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy Revelation to make me one of those who have cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of that which hath come down from the heaven of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! Darkness hath encompassed all regions and the fire of tyranny hath surrounded Thy chosen servants. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the light of Thy justice and the radiance of Thy countenance to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in hardship and in ease. O my Lord! Thou hearest the cry of the

longing ones and the lamentation of them that know Thee. I beseech Thee by them and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven to decree for us the reward of those who have circled round Thee and have quaffed the wine of Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09512 ===

=== START BH09513 ===

He is God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name the near ones have hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy presence, and through Whom those drawn nigh have sacrificed their souls in their quest for reunion with Thee! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, the vessels of Thy power, and the suns of Thy loving-kindness, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, the hearts of the learned were perturbed, the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder, and the idols of men were shattered. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all mankind and the Sovereign of both this world and the next. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else but Thee and turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Giving, the Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

=== END BH09513 ===

=== START BH09514 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, Who has no beginning! Say: O loved ones of God! Be steadfast in His Cause and His love in such wise that neither calamities can make you waver nor anything created in the world can overcome you. It behooveth every one possessed of certitude to stand firm in the Cause under all conditions, in such manner that should all the dwellers of the earth oppose him, he would arise alone and continue to summon all men unto God, the Lord of all names, neither would the vain imaginings of the servants disturb him nor the opinions of those in the lands weaken him. Grieve not over what hath befallen Us. Under all circumstances place your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most High, and soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not of them that hesitate.

=== END BH09514 ===

=== START BH09516 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

Say: O servants of the Most Merciful! The Wronged One counsels you to fear God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and to that whereby your station may be exalted in the world. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Mighty, the Loving. The Day of Manifestation has come, while the Wronged One lies imprisoned and forbidden. Sorrows have encompassed Him from all directions, and His name is in the hands of those who

are heedless of God's outstretched path. Ask God to grant them success and to strengthen them and to make known to them His clear and manifest way. Grieve not at anything; in all matters put thy trust in God, the Lord of existence. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee this well-beloved Tablet. Take it with the hand of submission, then read it in the heights of Paradise. Thus does He command thee, with Whom is the Hidden Book.

=== END BH09516 ===

=== START BH09517 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Say: O Lord of existence, Who art seated upon the Throne of Manifestation! I beseech Thee by that Name through which Thou didst reveal Thyself unto Moses on Sinai and unto the Spirit in the wilderness of Appearance, to send down upon me and upon Thy loved ones that which beseemeth the cloud of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. O Lord! I am he who hath laid fast hold on the cord of Thy bestowal and clung to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for them who have suffered martyrdom in Thy path and have endured tribulations for love of Thee. Thou art He Who ruleth as He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. The veils of the world cannot hinder Thee, nor can the clamor of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09517 ===

=== START BH09519 ===

O Muhammad-Taqi of Nayriz! The Most Exalted Pen speaks in the Persian tongue in the name of the Peerless All-Knowing One, that all may attain to and act according to the good-pleasure of God. Today steadfastness is accounted as the most great of all deeds in the sight of God and is recorded by the Pen of Power in the Divine Book. It is incumbent upon everyone to hold fast unto it and cling to the hem of His bounty, that perchance the various corrupt winds may not prevent him and deprive him from the rose-garden of inner meanings and utterance. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto all servants. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted according to that which hath been enjoined in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. And woe unto those who have violated the Covenant and followed every remote barking dog.

=== END BH09519 ===

=== START BH09520 ===

In the name of the all-knowing God. The Supreme Pen hath at all times been occupied with the praise and glorification of the Beloved of the worlds, yet the people remain engrossed in self and heedless of Him. Have they not heard the divine Call, or have they not perceived its sweetness? O servants! The dawn of the Day of Revelation hath broken and the Call of God hath been raised. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord nor be shut out from the ocean of wisdom. Hold fast

unto truth and be detached from aught else. This is the straight path that hath been mentioned and recorded in all the Books. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and hath attained unto the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

=== END BH09520 ===

=== START BH09521 ===

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy devotion and thy presence. If thou wouldst reflect upon this most great bounty, thou wouldst testify to the greatness, the power, the grace and the mercy of God - exalted be His glory. In days when princes, divines and people have arisen to oppose, the Hand of Divine Power hath protected thee, and thou hast attained unto a station that hath ever been the hope of them that are nigh and sincere. Be thou thankful and say: “Praise be unto Thee for having made me to know Thee, guided me, caused me to hear, and honored me. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me steadfast in Thy service and Thy remembrance in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me from turning unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven!”

=== END BH09521 ===

=== START BH09522 ===

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and who hath turned to the ocean of Thy bounty and the horizon of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the Primal Word and the Most Exalted Leaf to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine that which beseemeth Thy bounty and Thy favors and Thy care and Thy gifts. O Lord! The hearts of Thy handmaidens are set ablaze in Thy days. I beseech Thee to honor them with Thy presence or to ordain for them the reward of attaining unto Thee. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no command can prevent. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and willest, and Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praised.

=== END BH09522 ===

=== START BH09523 ===

O God! Though chicory appears outwardly bitter, inwardly it is most sweet. This describes the outer chicory that appears in earthly gardens. But you are the chicory of the paradise of sanctification and the leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree - from you every taste perceives a flavor. You are the divine sugar of Egypt, yet in the taste of lovers, while being colocynth in the mouths of polytheists. For the people of divine unity you are the fruit of detachment, and for the people of limitation you are the effect of the severe day. You are the punishment of sinners and the blessing of those drawn nigh - a flowing spring of mercy for seeking hearts, and a cup of wrath specially for the hearts of those who turn away. God forgives what has passed from His loved ones, verily He knows all things.

=== END BH09523 ===

=== START BH09525 ===

In My Name, the All-Knowing

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One knowing and wise. Verily it is the Balance of Truth amongst creation and the Most Great Sign for all who are in the heavens and the earth. Through it the horizon of justice hath been illumined and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. Verily it judgeth between the servants with pure justice, and it is indeed the Judge from God, the Mighty, the Praised. Whoso hath been heedless of it is indeed the heedless, the doubtful one. And whoso hath recognized it is among the people of Baha in a noble tablet. Whoso hath attained unto My recognition hath attained unto all good from the presence of One mighty and powerful. To this testifieth every atom, but the people are in evident veiling.

=== END BH09525 ===

=== START BH09526 ===

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin, upon him be the glory of God, He Who dawns from the horizon of the heaven of names! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath attained unto His days and heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and hath witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter when He was established upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One - He counseleth thee and those who have believed in that whereby your remembrance shall endure through the eternity of My kingdom, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Cast away that which the people possess, clinging fast to My Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the limbs of names have trembled, and the hearts of the learned were troubled, and the essence of the divines who broke the Covenant lamented on the Day of Separation, when the horizons were illumined by the lights of the Revelation which had been hidden in knowledge and treasured in the stronghold of God's protection, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH09526 ===

=== START BH09527 ===

Surih of the Well, addressed to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility, that it may draw them to a station where they hear in the rustling of its trees what the Son of Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Verily, those who have heard the Call and responded - upon them shall the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise send their blessings at eventide and at dawn. Beware lest the veils of names withhold you from their Owner and their Sovereign. Leave behind what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Hearken unto My call: verily the Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and summoneth thee to the Dayspring of verses. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness, then drink the choice wine of inner meanings in the name of thy Lord, the Master of all beings.

=== END BH09527 ===

=== START BH09528 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, that it may draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The people's vain desires have barred them from this Straight Path. They have taken to fancy, turning away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Know thou that thy letter hath come before the Face, and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, and We have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of the Desired One, and the eye that hath turned toward the Countenance, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Strong. That which thou beholdest shall perish, but there shall endure for thee the reward of thy remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and the presentation of thy letter at this noble Scene. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH09528 ===

=== START BH09529 ===

In His Name, the One Sanctified from All Mention! This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful, and verily it is the path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it; he is truly of the people of this glorious Scene. They who have remained heedless of it are assuredly among the losers. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people remain behind an obvious veil. The Cause of God hath appeared and the earth hath been illumined with the light of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people! Follow not your desires; turn ye to the horizon of Revelation. This is better for you, did ye but know it. We give thee glad tidings of My remembrance and recite unto thee My verses and draw thee nigh unto My mighty Kingdom. Whoso hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness hath attained unto this glorious station.

=== END BH09529 ===

=== START BH09530 ===

He is the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful

A Book which the Single, the One, hath sent down unto His servant who hath been named Muhammad, that he may speak forth the remembrance of God and His praise in these days wherein the standard of tyranny hath been raised up and the banner of justice hath been lowered through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. A number of stars have set from the horizons of the heavens of thy Lord's knowledge, the All-Wise. O Muhammad! Muhammad, the Messenger of God, hath lamented in the most exalted station, and then the angels of the Throne in this noble station. He hath seized the oppressor through His sovereignty and He will seize those who followed him. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice thou in this Tablet, for it hath been sent down from before One Who is All-High, Most Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

=== END BH09530 ===

=== START BH09531 ===

O Haji Ibrahim! He is the One Who warbles upon the branches. This is a Book which the Tongue hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance - the station whereon the All-Merciful is established upon the throne of His Great Name. Verily He speaketh at all times amidst the hosts of creation, yet We have found the people to be as dead. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs, turning instead to every remote ignorant one. They hear the verses of God, then deny them; they behold the proof of God, yet turn away from it. The evidence hath appeared and the bounty hath been perfected, yet most of the people know not. They deny that which God hath acknowledged, and acknowledge that which the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian hath denied. The punishment of wrath hath seized them such that they perceive not the breaths of revelation. Well is it with every one who hath turned, and woe unto those who have turned away.

=== END BH09531 ===

=== START BH09532 ===

O ’Abdu’l-’Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the All-Knowing Expositor. This is a Book which God hath sent down in the prison of ’Akka unto him who hath turned unto Him, hearkened and responded to his Lord, the Almighty. By My life! Whenever My Word is uttered from the tongue of My grandeur, all things raise their cry that sovereignty and command belong to God, the Lord of all worlds. O ’Abdu’l-’Ali! We have heard thy call before and after, and have answered thee through this mighty Tablet. When thou attainest unto it and drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the ocean of its utterance and the goblets of its words, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy loved ones, whereby the faces of the Concourse on High and the companions of the Crimson Ark were crimsoned, to make me one who speaketh forth Thy Name and remaineth steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09532 ===

=== START BH09533 ===

In His name, Who abideth after all things have passed away! This is a Book sent down by the Beloved, whereby He hath illumined hearts. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. Every mountain hath hastened, by reason of what hath been cast upon it of the verses of its Lord, yet the people are in grievous doubt. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and turned toward the Most Great Name with a power that the circumstances of nations have failed to withhold - they who have turned away from the horizon of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is truly the horizon whereby the heavens and earth were illumined, yet the people dwell in the darkness of their own selves. Say: Rend asunder the veils! The All-Bestowing calleth you to His glorious station. Thus have We remembered thee as a favor from Us, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09533 ===

=== START BH09534 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world. This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of eternity. We make mention of him who maketh mention of Us, and give glad-tidings unto him who hath turned towards God, the Lord of all nations. He that heareth My verses is indeed the hearing one, and he that turneth unto My horizon is the seeing one, and he that drinketh the choice wine of revelation from the hands of bounty is the mighty one. Blessed is he who hath turned towards God and sought the Intended One while He was in His Most Great Prison. Thus have We made mention of thee and revealed for thee that which hath attracted the world. Happy is he who hath attained unto My days, and blessed is he who hath drunk the living waters of immortality from this Pen.

=== END BH09534 ===

=== START BH09535 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted

A Book sent down by the Lord of Names to him who heard the Call and responded to his Ancient Lord, that it might make him detached from all else save God and draw him nigh unto a station wherein the atoms proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Knowing!”

We have heard the call of thy heart and have answered thee, and having witnessed thy turning unto Us, We have revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet, which, when it descended from the Kingdom of Utterance, broke the back of the idols and shook the pillars of those who followed every ignorant remote one.

O My loved ones! Take ye the Book of God through His command, then follow that which hath been sent down therein from One Who is the Ancient Commander. The splendor of God be upon the people of Baha from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09535 ===

=== START BH09536 ===

In My Name, the Self-Subsisting

A Book sent down by the Lord of Utterance, that perchance the people of possibility may draw nigh unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily, she who hath heard and turned unto Him is assuredly among the denizens of the chambers in a noble Tablet. And she who hath turned away hath no portion in this Dawn wherein the world hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Wise. O My handmaiden! When thou hearest the melody of My Pen and the cry of My heart, render thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this clear Tablet. By the life of God! He remembereth whosoever hath turned toward God and held fast to His sure cord. Neither prison can withhold Him from God, nor can the hosts of earth frighten Him. He is, verily, the Strong, the Trustworthy. The splendor of God rest upon those who have cast away idle fancies and attained unto the light of certitude.

=== END BH09536 ===

=== START BH09537 ===

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the Ancient Sender, by Whose verses every impregnable edifice hath been shaken. Verily He hath come with the truth and speaketh at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen. Blessed be God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily He hath come with the banners of the signs through a Cause before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can stand, yet most of the people understand not. Thus hath the horizon of the heaven of proof been illumined by the Sun of certitude. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every learned one who remaineth veiled. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon those who have cast away all things, holding fast to the cord of God, the Lord of existence.

=== END BH09537 ===

=== START BH09538 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A Book which hath been honored with the breezes of Revelation, and which the Best-Beloved of the world hath desired to send unto one of His handmaidens who hath immersed herself in the ocean of faith and turned unto God on a day whereon most of the divines and most of the handmaidens have turned away. To this the Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, and He, verily, is the True One, the Faithful.

O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for it is a sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thou not grieved at anything, for He is with you, beholding from His Most Glorious Horizon. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a perspicuous Book. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Raiment and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09538 ===

=== START BH09539 ===

O Haji Mirza Rida who hath attained Our presence and won victory!

He is seated upon the throne of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth”

This is a noble Book from God, the Lord of the worlds, and a perspicuous Tablet from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and blessed is the eye that hath beheld the horizon of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. This is a Tablet wherein the atoms cry out through this Name, by which the hearts of the deniers were disturbed. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the Most Merciful, for having guided me and honored me and mentioned me while I was in Thy Most Great

Prison amidst Thy heedless servants. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the earth nor by that which the kings and rulers possess.

=== END BH09539 ===

=== START BH09540 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

A Book from Us to her who hath submitted to her Lord when He appeared with this Name whereby necks were brought low, that the verses of God might attract her and strengthen her in her love for God, her Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in this remembrance, then prostrate thyself before God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest the veils of them that have glory in attributes prevent thee, or the accusations of the wicked grieve thee. Know thou that We have accepted what thou didst send aforetime. Verily He accepteth what He willeth from whom He willeth and writeth for whom He desireth. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus hath the Bird of Sorrow warbled upon the twigs of the Prison. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe betide every heedless denier.

=== END BH09540 ===

=== START BH09542 ===

O Mashhadi Yusuf Beg, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer. This is a Book sent down in truth for people who comprehend. Verily it hath been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It guideth mankind unto His path and giveth them to drink of His sealed wine. The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty, drawing near the servants unto God's outstretched path. We have heard thy call and turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of the Lord of Religions, then drink from it through My remembrance, the Beloved. Beware lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to this ordained Cause. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon those who have turned to My praiseworthy station.

=== END BH09542 ===

=== START BH09543 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book sent down in truth from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed, and Who guides the people to the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O thou who hast turned towards Us! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books to guide the people to the straight path. Among them were those who turned away and rose in opposition, and those who humbled themselves and turned towards Him, saying: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!" Blessed

is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hath beheld His noble countenance. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH09543 ===

=== START BH09544 ===

In the name of Him Who hath supreme dominion over the kingdom of names and attributes!

This is a Book sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, and its frontispiece hath been adorned with this Name through which commotion hath been caused in all regions, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of reunion at the time when the Sun of Beauty dawned forth from Mine illumined horizon. Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye abandon that which ye have been commanded to observe, or break the covenant ye have made in My holy and impregnable presence. Commit not that which was committed by the people before you. Fear God, and be not of them that join partners with Him. Thy mention hath been made before the Face, and there hath been sent down for thee that which set ablaze the hearts of them that have turned towards Him. Render thanks unto God for having attained unto My days and for having turned toward Him when every denier remote from truth turned away.

=== END BH09544 ===

=== START BH09545 ===

In the Name of the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding! This is a Book sent down from Our presence - verily it is a lamp of guidance among mankind, a sign of eternity among the nations, and the Most Great Remembrance for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who draweth nigh and is illumined thereby; woe unto him who wandereth in the wilderness of error and is among those who are far removed. Arise, O loved ones of God, to fulfill His binding, mighty and wondrous Cause, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through that which causeth all creation to quake. Thus doth the Lord of the worlds command you. Whoso draweth nigh and drinketh, verily he is of the people of Baha before God, the Lord of Names; and whoso is debarred, he is assuredly among the dead. Verily the glory belongeth unto the people of Baha who have fulfilled God’s Covenant and His Testament and are among the steadfast.

=== END BH09545 ===

=== START BH09546 ===

O ’Ali-Rida! This Most Holy, Most Wondrous, Most Great Book speaks with truth between the heavens and the earth. Whoso hath hearkened unto it is assuredly of the people of Baha inscribed in the Tablet of Eternity, and whoso hath turned away is among the people of error. Hearken, O servant, unto that which the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, speaketh, that it may draw thee to the seat of holiness and nearness and beauty. Confine all matters to the remembrance of thy Lord - this shall profit thee in this world and the next, as thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify. Pay no heed to the people and their clamor. Follow that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee, while imprisoned in the most remote of lands.

=== END BH09546 ===

=== START BH09547 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. The Book speaketh with truth, but the people hear not. By God! The Cock of the Throne hath crowed, and the Dove of the Cause hath cooed, and the Nightingale hath warbled, yet the people perceive not. Blessed art thou for having cast behind thee what was with the people and turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to aid thee and assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause, and to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The light shining from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon whosoever hath chosen for himself a path unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH09547 ===

=== START BH09548 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing God!

Thy letter reached the Divine Throne and was illumined by the lights of His countenance. In truth, every soul hath this day quaffed from the wine of the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. His breath hath been and shall ever be like the spring rain unto the peoples of the earth, nay rather, more beneficial still. Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the world that thou hast attained unto this most exalted station and turned thyself unto the Most Glorious Horizon, and art honored by this Most Great Remembrance which is the Water of Life for the peoples of the world. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and to ordain for thee the reward of those who have attained His presence in this Day which was promised to the servants in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds."

=== END BH09548 ===

=== START BH09549 ===

O 'Ali-Akbar! Thy letter hath been presented before the Throne, and thy call hath been heard by the ear of favor. God willing, thou shalt cry out with thy soul in the path of the Beloved and strive to the extent of thy capacity to manifest spiritual qualities. Thou hast uttered a noble word, and it is this: "Ordain for me that which is best for me." This word is acceptable and praiseworthy. Were people to become aware of the station of this word, all would utter it, to such extent that they would send naught else to the court of the Truth, for from this word can be inhaled the fragrance of resignation of all affairs unto God and detachment from all else besides Him. By this hath God forgiven thy transgressions and answered thee through this exalted Tablet. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

=== END BH09549 ===

=== START BH09550 ===

The All-Glorious, The Most Holy

Thy letter was present before the Face and the Most Holy Gaze was directed towards it. These words were mentioned at its beginning: “O my God! Though the chicory be bitter, it is from the garden. O time! God willing, through the bounty of the All-Merciful thou shalt become sweet and be accounted as among the flowers of the divine paradise. They that have turned unto God are as leaves and fruits and flowers of God’s spiritual garden. They have been created from the element of love and have sprouted forth from the rain clouds of grace. Strive thou to be adorned throughout all thy days with the ornament of the divine springtime. Beware lest anything sadden thee. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord’s mercy, then make mention of Him amidst all possibilities with wisdom and utterance, that through thy remembrance the heedless may be awakened. And praise be to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

=== END BH09550 ===

=== START BH09551 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing!

O Muhammad-Husayn, upon whom be the glory of God! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One. We heard and saw it, and answer you with this most exalted word: Be of such character that the world and all who dwell therein shall not deter you. Thus does the Mother Book counsel you from His presence. The manifestations of tyranny, hatred and wickedness have ever existed in the world, and in all ages they have striven with utmost effort to extinguish the light. But God has banished them through His power. Be thankful unto your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We convey Our greetings to the friends of God and counsel them to patience, forbearance, and such deeds and character as befit these days. Blessed are they that act!

=== END BH09551 ===

=== START BH09552 ===

O My handmaiden who is the Most Great, Most Holy! A letter for My handmaiden who hath believed in My Self, acknowledged My Book, turned unto My countenance, confessed what God hath confessed, and testified that there is none other God but Him, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O My handmaiden! The Ancient Beauty is in grievous affliction. Sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides through that which the hands of the wrongdoers have wrought. I arose to establish the Cause until its standards were upraised. Then appeared rancor and hatred from the hearts of the heedless. I called all to God whereupon the back of the world trembled and the hearts of those who turned to Him were disturbed. He whom I protected by My sovereignty denied Me. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the True One, the All-Informed. Thus have We recounted unto thee as a favor from Our presence, and I am verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH09552 ===

=== START BH09553 ===

In the Name of the All-Sufficing! Grieve not in hardship nor rejoice in ease, for with every hardship comes ease and with every ease comes hardship. Both shall pass away and perish. Therefore ask God to grant

thee a station sanctified from these two conditions - and this is thy paradise, even as its atmosphere is temperate and changeless, and likewise whosoever entereth therein shall never alter. Peace be upon him who followeth guidance! Blessed art thou in that thou hast resolved, attained, achieved and returned. Sufficient unto thee is God Who created thee and aided thee. When thou arrivest, convey the Greatest Name to all whom thou meetest among the loved ones of God and His chosen ones. And mercy be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy brothers and thy kindred among those who have believed in God, the Single, the Great.

=== END BH09553 ===

=== START BH09554 ===

He is the One Who standeth through My Name, the All-Powerful

The Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, yet the people hear not. Verily the Spirit giveth glad tidings to the servants, yet the people turn not unto it. They have taken their idols and cast aside the Truth. The Knower of the unseen remindeth them through the Book of God, yet they perceive not. My Most Exalted Pen maketh them aware, yet they turn away from it. We have sent down verses in such measure that every learned enumerator hath failed to reckon them. Every day We have called them unto God, and every night We have revealed unto them that which hath caused the hearts of the mystics to soar. We behold those who follow vain imaginings and those who have drawn nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Each faction rejoiceth in that which it possesseth, yet God is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09554 ===

=== START BH09556 ===

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! Praise be unto Thee, O our God, for having given us to drink the choice wine of Thy knowledge from the chalice of Thy bounty, and for having ordained for us to attain unto Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grace. We beseech Thee by the Mystery that lay hidden within Thy knowledge, and by the Pearl that remained concealed within the shell of Thy decree and destiny, to ordain for those who have heard Thy call and responded to that which Thou hast prescribed for the sincere ones among Thy creatures–those whom neither the might of the world could dismay nor the power of the nations enfeeble, who hastened with their hearts to the horizon of Thy Revelation and attained unto that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur had uttered on the Mount–that which Thou hast ordained for them. Thou art He to Whose generosity the entire creation hath testified, and to Whose munificence both the seen and the unseen have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

=== END BH09556 ===

=== START BH09557 ===

The Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Exalted! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested that which lay hidden within Thy knowledge and having made clear unto Thy servants that which draweth

them nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst send down the Sad that was mentioned in the Gospel, and through which was revealed that which was promised in Thy Books, Thy Tablets, Thy Scriptures and Thy Psalms, to make each one of Thy loved ones steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that they shall behold naught save Thy good-pleasure and whatsoever Thou hast ordained for them through Thy decree. O Lord! Thou hast made this station the most exalted of stations. I beseech Thee not to withhold Thy loved ones from this glorious and sublime station. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most High, the All-Compelling, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09557 ===

=== START BH09558 ===

O Most Holy, Most Glorious! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having blessed Thy servant whom Thou didst honor with Thy presence and caused to hear Thy verses. O my God! Thou knowest that he migrated in Thy love until he entered the city wherein was established the throne of Thy grandeur. Thereupon were raised the banners of oppression until the idolaters drove us out from the Land of Mystery and imprisoned us in the Most Great Prison. Thus was he prevented from attaining Thy presence. O my Lord! Ordain for him and for those who have sought Thee that which befitteth Thy glory. Then write down for them the good of this world and of the world to come. Then cause them to be among those who circle round the Kaaba of Thy Cause in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing can prevent Thy sovereignty and Thou art, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09558 ===

=== START BH09559 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to the Lord of the worlds, Who hath educated all beings and hath called Himself in the Most Great Book the Lord of all worlds. The manifestation and emergence of this most exalted station hath appeared in this most great Revelation, inasmuch as His grace hath embraced all, and the clouds of His mercy have rained upon all parties. His bounty hath encompassed existence itself, and His favor hath encompassed both the seen and unseen.

Thereafter, two letters were received from that honored one and esteemed friend. As to the first, it was deemed inexpedient to present it before His presence, but the second was presented and achieved the honor of being heard. This is what the Lord of the Final End spoke in reply, blessed and exalted be His words:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Hear the call of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily the Divine Lote-Tree speaketh and the fruits cry out, and the Herald before His face saith to thee: “Praise be unto Thee for having manifested Thy Beauty and

that which lay concealed in Thy knowledge and was recorded in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

This is the Day wherein the countenance of the world hath been illumined by reason of the advent of the Ancient King with His Most Great Name. Rejoice, O people of the earth, then hearken unto that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth. Beware lest what the people possess prevent you from His Choice Sealed Wine. Draw nigh with radiant hearts and take the cup of the Choice Wine in His Most Glorious Name, then drink thereof in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

O Rasul! Thou wert present before the Wronged One, thou didst witness His signs, hear His utterance, and recognize His character. It behooveth thee to make mention of Him among the religions with joy and fragrance. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Protector over what was and what shall be. Know of a certainty that nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which shall make thee steadfast in His Cause and hold fast to His Extended Cord. We have made mention of thee time and again, before and after thy presence, whereunto bearer witness honored servants. Preserve what thou hast been given in thy Lord's name and say:

"Praise be to Thee, O Lord of existence, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and attain Thy presence, despite Thy knowledge of my transgressions. I testify that Thou art indeed the All-Kind, the Forgiving."

Say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest favors, and Thy mighty signs, and the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy pardon, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Then assist me, O my God, in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted. Verily Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

The End

Praise be to God! The grace and favors of God, glorified be His majesty, have encompassed your circumstances. You have spent some time here and have witnessed with your own eyes the manifestations of God's favors, exalted be His glory. Before any request was made, He bestowed His grace and extended hospitality. You yourself can testify to the effulgent rays of the Sun of grace and mercy. At the time of departure, that which indicated the absence of means was done. This much I submit: the debt for what was given to that group on that day remains to this day. This servant, both due to the abundance of correspondence, as your honored self knows, and because he was perplexed as to what to write, delayed in sending a reply. In any case, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He may open the door of His favor and transform these constraints into abundance. He is the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent. Be not grieved! I swear by the Sun of Truth that rises from the horizon of the prison, there was a time when the Ancient Beauty Himself had no spare garment to wear. He would wash the one He had, dry it, and put it on again. Keep this matter confidential. The purpose is that you should know how circumstances were in the past and not be saddened by the hardships that have befallen you. In the eyes of people, poverty and wealth are causes of elevation and abasement, but in the sight of God,

rank and station depend on acceptance, steadfastness and certitude. You have been in the prison and have witnessed the conduct and association of the Truth. There is no need for this evanescent one to elaborate. Praise be to God, the love of God exists in your heart, and the appraisers of the world cannot determine the value of this precious pearl, being utterly incapable of setting its worth and station. Convey my greetings and praise to the friends. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who hold fast to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09559 ===

=== START BH09563 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

I know not, O my God, how I should conduct myself amidst Thy servants. Whenever I remind them of the wonders of Thy remembrance, they rise up against me. Whenever I manifest among them the revelations of Thy sovereignty and might, they gather against me with swords of hatred. Whenever I expound to them the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the gems of Thy wisdom, they say "We find not this in the books of our forefathers." And whenever I seek to illuminate them with the lights of Thy countenance to deliver them from the darkness of their own selves, they flee and conspire to slay me. How long, O my God, wilt Thou forbear them in Thy land? Seize them through Thy power, might, wrath and vengeance. Then send down upon the hearts of Thy loved ones that which will purify them from all else but Thee and cause them to speak Thy praise, that Thy remembrance may be spread through them amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

=== END BH09563 ===

=== START BH09564 ===

In His Name through Whom surgeth the ocean of utterance! The Tablet of God hath verily been sent down in truth, and from the horizon of its heaven hath shone forth the luminary of proof from the presence of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before One mighty, powerful, and ancient. Blessed is he who hath turned and taken and attained, and woe unto the heedless! O Ja'far-Qabli! Hear what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Turn with radiant faces unto the Ultimate Tree from whose rustling is heard "Glory and Greatness belong unto God, the Mighty, the Great!" Verily We have manifested the Cause and sent down the Book as a grace from before Us, and We are in truth the Ancient Sender-down.

=== END BH09564 ===

=== START BH09565 ===

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

A written Tablet inscribed by the Finger of Power. Blessed are they who recognize that it is a drop from the ocean of utterance, as attested by My Preserved Tablet. Verily We make mention of the Tablet at

times as the Written and at other times as the Preserved, and they are one and the same station, and it is the Sun shining from the horizon of the heaven of the knowledge of your Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Every goodly name mentioned in the Book verifies this Most Great, this Witnessed Remembrance. The Books of the Bayan and He Who revealed them in truth bear witness to this, did ye but know. Were this Book to be interpreted throughout all eternity, it would never end - to this beareth witness the Sovereign of the Kingdom. From this most exalted station We send Our blessings upon the faces of those who have turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon and have quaffed My sealed wine.

=== END BH09565 ===

=== START BH09566 ===

Write to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ahmad:

A Tablet has been revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for His Honor the Deputy Governor - deliver it to him. Likewise, the petitions that were sent have attained the Most Holy Court and all have been favored with replies, however the reply to each one has been inscribed at the top of the petitions themselves. In truth, all the petitions have been crowned with the utterances of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed are they who have attained to the grace of God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Similarly, a Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for Jinab-i-Gudrarz, and mention has also been made therein of Jinab-i-Rashid the Martyr. In truth, the utmost favor concerning them both has been manifested in that Tablet. Blessed be they both.

=== END BH09566 ===

=== START BH09567 ===

O Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God - In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

We have spent all that exists in the path of God, and without any veil or covering We have called out before the faces of the world, inviting all to the highest horizon. Most of the people of the world arose in opposition. The divines of Iran issued a decree for the shedding of the blood of the Wronged One, and when the light of the Cause shone forth from every direction, the people of the Bayan arose in opposition. We beseech God to grant justice and not deprive His servants. He is the Bestower, the Merciful. We heard your call and have made mention of you. God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors and adorned with the greatest steadfastness.

=== END BH09567 ===

=== START BH09569 ===

To Lahijan. O Muhammad-Rahim, brother of the noble one who hath ascended unto God! In the name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds! Thy letter hath arrived at the Most Exalted Throne, and whatsoever thou didst present in Arabic and Persian was heard. May thou, God willing, ever illumine hearts with the remembrance of the Beloved. The reward of attaining His presence hath been recorded for thee by the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful for this most great bounty, and with utmost joy and

gladness speak forth in remembrance of the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Be thou not saddened by outward upheavals. Verily He shall gather together those who have believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Convey the Most Wondrous, Most Exalted greetings to the handmaidens of God who were mentioned in thy letter, and gladden them with the remembrance of God.

=== END BH09569 ===

=== START BH09570 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! Your letter reached this Prisoner in the Most Great Prison, and thou hadst sought permission to attain Our presence. This matter hath been forbidden in the Book of God. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk the wine of inner meanings from the cup of divine favor. Know thou the value of this bounty, for its like hath not been witnessed in creation. The heedless ones, the ignorant, and the oppressors have come between God and His loved ones, yet God hath been and will ever be with His friends. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Convey My greetings to thy wife and gladden her with the mention of her Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The favor of God sufficeth her. It behooveth her to thank her Lord morning and evening.

=== END BH09570 ===

=== START BH09572 ===

In the name of God, the One

O Muhammad Ja'far! Your letter arrived and your call was heard. Your petition was accepted at the Divine Throne, for you sought steadfastness from the Exalted Truth. I swear by the Sun of Truth that this station is lofty and this Cause is great. The Exalted Herald (the Bab) says to one of the Letters of the Living that you comprehend Him, but verily the Cause is mighty, mighty. God willing, may you be occupied in the nights and days with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings, and be steadfast on His path, arise in His service, and speak His praise. Verily your Lord is the Hearing, the Responding. The Glory be upon you and upon My servants who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and upon My handmaidens who have heard and answered the call of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09572 ===

=== START BH09573 ===

O Siyyid Mahdi! Your letter was received and its contents noted. In response to the person mentioned, a sublime Tablet was revealed and sent. By God! Were all who are in the heavens and on earth to reflect upon what was revealed therein, it would suffice them, but people remain veiled by veils as vast as the heavens and earths. Your honor should review it and deliver it, but strongly advise him to act with wisdom, lest any word be uttered that might cause harm to others. Additionally, a brief Tablet was written to Kalim - review it and send it. And the glory be upon you and upon him who was named with your name, and verily he is My name, and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God.

=== END BH09573 ===

=== START BH09574 ===

In the name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! The voice of the Most Exalted Pen is raised at all times, and the tongue of Grandeur speaks forth in every moment, and the Sun of the Beauty of the Beloved is ever-dawning from the horizon of glory. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard. Strange it is that some souls have not been awakened by the blast of the trumpet, and have not caught the fragrance of the divine Robe. Gird up the loins of endeavor and occupy thyself with service to the Cause, that perchance those who slumber may lift their heads from the couch of heedlessness through the breezes of the divine morn, and shine forth like the morning star amidst mankind. This is the counsel of the Lord of eternity that flows and spreads from the Pen of the Most Great Name. Blessed are they that attain!

=== END BH09574 ===

=== START BH09575 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the World!

Thy call was heard and the fragrances of thy love were inhaled. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Ye must remain steadfast in the love of God with utmost firmness, and become vocal in His remembrance which is in truth the lamp of hearts and the purifier of minds and souls. The grace of God hath encompassed and will continue to encompass His devoted handmaidens. Fix not your gaze upon these fleeting days, nor be ye saddened by whatsoever befalleth you therein. Rather, fix your gaze upon that which hath been ordained in the Kingdom for His devoted men and women. The evanescence of the world is evident and the permanence of what is with God is clear and manifest. Blessed is he who hath turned away from the former and held fast unto the latter - he is truly among those who are brought near.

=== END BH09575 ===

=== START BH09576 ===

He is the One manifest in the Kingdom! We hear that poetry testifies and declares: “By God! The Most Great Countenance has appeared and the Lord of Destiny calls humanity and summons them to His luminous station.” And we hear from vision that which has attracted the heart of the world, yet the people remain in thick veils. You know, O my God, that all my limbs and members remember You with a remembrance none can know save those endowed with true knowledge and insight, who proclaim that there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed are you for having turned to the Face and drawn near to God, the Lord of all worlds. He remembers whoever turns to Him and draws near to whoever approaches Him. He is indeed the Single, the One, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09576 ===

=== START BH09578 ===

Egypt. O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Helper! We give thanks to God, the Lord of the Most Exalted Horizon, of the Throne and earth, for having united the hearts of His loved ones who, on this blessed and wondrous Day, have quaffed the choice wine of bounty from the hands of grace. An Afnan, upon him be My glory, came into Our presence and mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this glorious and luminous Tablet. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones, and to unite hearts with a unity that shall neither be affected by separation nor altered by the doubts of the suspicious ones. The Glory from the Wronged One be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants. We make mention of thy son and thy family with a remembrance through which the realm of possibility is illumined. We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him and to adorn them with the ornament of joy after sorrow. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH09578 ===

=== START BH09579 ===

O Siyyid Muhammad, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks from the horizon of the heaven of proof. We testify that you heard the Call, turned to it and attained the presence, and drank the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Generous. We beseech God to make you among those who aided His Cause with the hosts of exposition. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed are you for having attained the presence before the Countenance and for having achieved that which was mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Messengers. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you in His remembrance and praise and enable you to accomplish that which befits His blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. The Glory be upon you and upon those who aided the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09579 ===

=== START BH09580 ===

In the Name of the One God! God's loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be vouchsafed unto His friends. He is the Creator and the Provider, the Helper and the Companion, and He is the Succorer. From time immemorial His grace hath been directed toward His male and female servants, and if outwardly the manifestations of His bounty have at times remained concealed, this hath been due to a wisdom that none but God knoweth or shall ever know. Be not sorrowful, and lament not your separation. The cry of "O My people! O My people!" is raised from the Most Exalted Horizon - a bounty with which all the earth cannot compare. Be thankful and remain patient.

=== END BH09580 ===

=== START BH09581 ===

He is the Living One! The Point of the Cloud ['ama] journeyed until it came to rest upon the Throne of utterance. Then It composed the Temples of the Most Glorious Letters through a wondrous new arrangement. The [blessed] Word shone forth from the manifest brow, and He made all of it manifest and visible in the threefold Tha before the fourfold one, that "Blessed be God, the Best of Creators" might

don a new garment and, through the outpouring of “He is the Truth, there is no God but Him,” might bless all lands, that the universal divine power might be established and the [divine] lordly fruit might appear. And peace be upon you.

=== END BH09581 ===

=== START BH09582 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a mention from Us to her who hath believed in God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, that she may find from the traces of God that which shall cause her to be enkindled with the fire of the remembrance of the name of her Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Hearken thou unto the Call from the Most Exalted Pen, whose sound hath been raised between earth and heaven: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling.” Beware lest the veils of idle fancies withhold thee, or the doubts of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, prevent thee. Remember thy Lord, then prostrate thyself and be steadfast before His Face, the Sovereign over all who are in the earths and the heavens. Then rejoice in this Tablet which hath been sent down unto thee, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH09582 ===

=== START BH09583 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is Thy servant whom the winds of the mercy of Thy name, the All-Merciful, have stirred, and whom Thou hast delivered from the hosts of Satan, and whom the hands of Thy power have taken until Thou didst cause him to enter the stronghold of faith. O my God! Since Thou hast kindled within his heart the lamp of Thy love, do Thou protect him from the winds of tests, and since Thou hast aided him to remember and praise Thee amongst the peoples of the worlds, do Thou preserve him from the whisperings of the followers of religions. O my God! Since Thou hast clothed him with the robe of Thy loving-kindness, do not remove it from him through Thy grace. Then cause him, O my God, in all conditions to gaze upon Thy countenance, to move according to Thy will, to turn toward the Kaaba of Thy sanctification and the sanctuary of Thy detachment. Then bestow upon him that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH09583 ===

=== START BH09584 ===

O Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God! This is the Most Glorious Book unto him who hath held fast to the cord of guidance. O Mustafa! Hear My call from the precincts of the Prison, that verily there is none other God but Him, the Lord of the Last and the First. Aid thy Lord according to thy power, then make mention of Him that perchance the fragrances of the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, may be diffused. Say: O people! The Lord of the Throne and of the dust

hath come, and from all His parts, even unto the hair, thou hearest the most great signs of your Lord. Say: Do ye forsake God and worship Lat and Uzza? This is naught but manifest error, O people of tyranny and transgression. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the companions of guidance.

=== END BH09584 ===

=== START BH09586 ===

O handmaiden of God, Sakinih, consort of Nabil!

He is the Mighty, the Beautiful!

This is a Book unto her who hath believed in God and was numbered among the devoted ones in the Mother Book. O handmaiden of God! Be thou patient in whatsoever befalleth thee, and be not distressed by anything. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds together. Grieve not over this world and whatsoever occurreth therein, and hold fast unto the sanctified and blessed handle. Thus doth the Tongue of God make mention of thee, that thou mayest detach thyself from all things and turn unto the direction of God, a station of praised nearness. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth with His mercy, that the grace may be from Him precedent unto the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those women who remember God, their Lord, in every eventide and dawn.

=== END BH09586 ===

=== START BH09587 ===

O Jinab-i-Dhabih! He is the Most Truthful! This is a Book from God unto him who hath been guided by the lights of the Face and who hath embarked upon the Ark of Holiness which was fashioned by the hand of the Noah of eternity with love in the name of Baha. Give thanks unto God for having clung unto it. By God! Whoso cleaveth unto it is assuredly among those who are nigh unto God, as hath been inscribed by the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Mother Book. Be thou ignited with the heat of thy Lord's love and pay no heed to them that have disbelieved, even should they bring thee all the scrolls of the earth. Then drink thou from the Kawthar of inner meanings which hath flowed from the finger of a mighty Name. Thus have We given thee to drink of the Salsabil of utterance from the mouth of thy Lord's Will, the Mighty, the Bountiful, that thou mayest be known among the worlds for thy love of the Youth. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH09587 ===

=== START BH09588 ===

In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding

This is a Book from Us to a handmaiden among the handmaidens of God, that she may rejoice in God's remembrance of her. Taste thou of the fruits of the Tree of Paradise in these days, then render thanks unto thy Lord for having been nourished by its fruits. Be not heedless of God, thy Lord, for less than a moment, then thank Him for having sent down unto thee verses of which a single word cannot be

equaled by all who are on earth. Grieve not over anything, for He ordaineth as He pleaseth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and sendeth down for every soul that which hath been ordained for it in its days. And the glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath been blessed with the fruits of the Garden of the All-Glorious and hath been nourished by its bounties.

=== END BH09588 ===

=== START BH09589 ===

He is the Most Great

This is a Book from Us to people who understand. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All are His worshippers. Those who have believed today, they are among the most excellent of creation, and those who have turned away, they are a people who deny. O servants of God, hearken to the call from this exalted Tree - verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Associate not with God. Be witnesses in the earth. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the ocean of knowledge. All that appears hath appeared from the gulfs that branch forth from this ocean, were ye to know. Thus have We sent down the command with truth and made it a light for whosoever turns to the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH09589 ===

=== START BH09590 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Book from before the Youth to those who are in the heavens and on earth, that perchance the words of God may draw them and bring them nigh unto the Most Great Prospect, the Station whose very dust particles testify that I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Most High, the Most Great. O handmaiden of God! When thou hast drunk from the Salsabil of divine knowledge from this Tablet which We have sent unto thee, render thanks unto thy Lord for having attained unto that which God's sincere servants have attained. Know thou that the words of God have been raised up in truth [for the hearing] of His loved ones, and this is indeed a manifest bounty. And whoso is deprived thereof, no mention hath he before God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old.

=== END BH09590 ===

=== START BH09591 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting

This is a book from this poor, lowly, penitent one at the time when he journeyed from his self unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, addressed to those who have believed in God on the day whereon the heavens and earths were created, and who call all to God and bid them observe that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One Who is wise and informed. O servant! Hearken unto My call in truth and be not of the heedless ones. Remember thy Lord at all times, then glorify Him in the morning and in the evening. Grieve not over anything but place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Exalted.

Verily He will protect thee in truth from those who have disbelieved and joined partners with God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the sincere ones.

=== END BH09591 ===

=== START BH09592 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a Book sent down from before the Self-Subsisting to those who have attained the lights of the Day when the Youth came in the shadows of clouds with power and sovereignty. Verily, he who has turned to the Countenance has indeed been guided by the lights whereby the regions were illumined. Blessed is the soul that is illumined and the heart that has turned toward the Qiblih of the horizons. This is the Day whereon all things speak forth: "The All-Merciful is come! The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Gracious!" Among the people are those who are stirred by the breeze of God, and among them are those who have turned back to the fire. O loved ones of God! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison - verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Choosing. Be united in the love of God - this is better for you than all that hath been created in the realm of possibility.

=== END BH09592 ===

=== START BH09593 ===

O Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be 669 [Baha'u'llah]

In the Name of Him through Whom was opened the gate of bounty to all who are in earth and heaven! This is a Book that speaketh the truth and summoneth all peoples unto God, the Lord of the worlds. This is a Tablet which God hath made the bearer of His verses and the Dawning-Place of His grace, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Mount of Thy knowledge, and by Him Who conversed upon it, and by the Tree of Thy utterance and that which Thou didst reveal unto it through Thy power and sovereignty, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! Deny me not from standing before the gate of Thy grandeur, and make me not bereft of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Protector of all in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH09593 ===

=== START BH09594 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom surgeth the ocean of bounty and wafteth the fragrance of God, the Lord of all worlds! This is a Book that speaketh the truth and summoneth all who are on earth unto the straight path of God. This is a Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh before the faces of the peoples, while the people are in manifest error. My tongue and My pen bear witness that thou hast turned and hearkened and attained unto the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy horizon and caused me to hear Thy call when the people were wrapped in profound darkness. Preserve the Tablet of God even as thou preservest thine eyes, and say: Thanksgiving

be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH09594 ===

=== START BH09595 ===

O Mehdi! This is a Tablet from Us to the one who acknowledged God on a Day when tongues were stilled, that he may be assured that He loves those who desire Him and remembers those who turned to His countenance when the Promised One appeared and feet stumbled. Say: O people! Test not your Lord God, for He tests whomsoever He wishes. He is verily the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Follow what you have been commanded in the Book. Thus does your All-Knowing Lord counsel you. Those who follow their passions and attribute themselves to Us, these are in heedlessness and error. It behooveth those who have turned to God to manifest that which will diffuse the fragrance of holiness among the servants. Blessed is he who is adorned with the attributes of his Lord - he is of those who fulfilled the Covenant on the Day of Separation.

=== END BH09595 ===

=== START BH09596 ===

From His Holiness Siyyid Yusuf, upon him be the glory of God. He is the One Who rules over whatsoever He willeth. This is a Day wherein all things in the garden have been stirred to motion, for the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over it with spirit and fragrance. The Kawthar of reunion hath so inebriated it that every thing among all things hath been moved to speak. By God! The highest horizon hath been illumined, and the Lord of all beings hath come with a light that hath enlightened all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is the hearer who hath hearkened to My call, and the one who hath turned towards My court with My leave, and the one who hath arisen to serve My Cause, and My loved ones who have forsaken their homes for the sake of God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while stationed in this glorious and wondrous station.

=== END BH09596 ===

=== START BH09597 ===

O Muhammad-Hashim, upon him be the glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Witness, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein the Spirit calleth out in this wilderness, saying: “Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth!” When thou hast received My Tablet, turn thy face toward God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: “Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy binding Command whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of the nations, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity, O Lord of eternity. Then make me so steadfast in Thy service that nothing shall deter me and no affair shall weaken me. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.”

=== END BH09597 ===

=== START BH09598 ===

My God, my Adored One, my Goal, my Beloved! My face is turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, and my heart is directed to the court of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thine ancient bounty and Thy new generosity. Thou art that Omnipotent One Who through a single word hath fashioned the heavens and the earth and caused them to be the emblems of Thy Might, Thy Power and Thy Majesty; of Thy Grace, Thy Bounty and Thy Generosity, that the possessors of vision may behold the signs of Thy power and greatness in all things and bear witness to Thy grandeur. O God! Do not deprive the poor one from the gate of Thy riches, and do not forbid him from the ocean of Thy bestowals. Thou art the Lord of bounty, the Powerful, the Mighty, and the Supreme Ruler over all names.

=== END BH09598 ===

=== START BH09599 ===

O handmaiden who hath migrated, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! The leaf is present and sought thy mention from the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. The mention of God, exalted be His glory, is like unto a lamp that exists before the face of its possessor in all the worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and acteth as beseemeth the days of God. Today the Great Announcement and the Lord of the Day of Judgment summoneth all to the supreme horizon. Blessed is the soul whom the events of the world and the doubts of the nations have not deprived of the Most Great Sea. O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto the Book of God. This is the counsel of the Wronged One. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that act.

=== END BH09599 ===

=== START BH09601 ===

He is the One Who dominates all names

O Abu'l-Qasim! This Day belongs to God and is mentioned in the divine Books as the Day of God. Should anyone reflect upon that which hath been revealed in the divine Books specifically for these days, he would be amazed and would exclaim: "This is a great Day!" This is the Day whereon the Most Great Announcement proclaimeth and summoneth all to the most exalted horizon. Blessed is he who hath intended the Intended One, and whose face hath turned toward Him, and who hath acted according to that which was commanded in His perspicuous Book. In all matters place thy trust in God and commit them to Him. Assuredly He commandeth and executeth whatsoever the requirements of His consummate wisdom may be. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09601 ===

=== START BH09602 ===

O Ibrahim! Hearken to the Call of the All-Glorious, for He hath come with His most great and supreme majesty. By God! The Throne hath been established upon the water, and He Who is the Lord of Names hath seated Himself thereon with manifest sovereignty. Behold the people and their heedlessness after their expectation, and their turning away after their hopes, that thou mayest find thyself in a state of joy from God, the Lord of the worlds. They would weep through the nights and days, yet when the Lord of all beings came, they pronounced judgment against Him with grievous wrong. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge recount unto thee the tales of the world and remembereth thee through His preserved Tablet. Glory be upon those who have cast away what they possessed and held fast unto that which they were commanded by God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09602 ===

=== START BH09603 ===

In the Name of the Strong, the Almighty

O Abraham! We make mention of thee for having turned to God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Countenance of God and the heart that hath turned to His praiseworthy station. Behold and call to mind when the Friend, through the power of the Glorious One, turned toward the abode of the idols in the name of His Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Blessed is the hand that shattered the idols of fancy and vain imaginings through this Name whereby all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Almighty, the All-Choosing, willed otherwise. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Verily He remembereth thee whilst imprisoned in the Most Great Prison, and turneth toward thee when sorrows have encompassed Him. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind.

=== END BH09603 ===

=== START BH09604 ===

O son of Afnan, Mirza Habib, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of Him Whom God hath made a proof unto all who are in the heavens and on earth! O son of My Afnan who soared in My atmosphere and attained My presence and drank the choice wine of My utterance and established for himself a station beneath My shadow! We bear witness that he is among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book, and We have ordained for him that which the treasuries of the world and all that the kings and rulers possess cannot equal. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, whereby the limbs of the idolaters were made to quake, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds and preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09604 ===

=== START BH09605 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

O My loved ones! Look not upon the sedition and its darkness, but rather gaze upon the Sun from which nothing has withheld It, and be illumined by Its lights from this Quarter unto which the hearts of those near unto God have been attracted. The Dove warbleth, and nothing between earth and heaven preventeth It from the remembrance of Its Lord, even were It to be caught in the claws of the oppressors. The Youth counseleth you to remain steadfast in the Cause of God in such wise that the happenings of the days will not cause you to waver, nor will the turning away of the deniers prevent you. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, at all times. Verily He is with you, and He hath power over all things. And praise be to God, the Lord of the heavens and the Lord of the earths and the Lord of the mighty Throne!

=== END BH09605 ===

=== START BH09606 ===

He is God, exalted be His station in mention and utterance. O Name of Bounty! The letter of the Afnan, upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness, was received and is accounted in the presence of the Wronged One among exalted words, for from the Lote-Tree of his mention is kindled the fire of love and from his praise wafts the fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he and blessed are they who have attained. We beseech God to draw the servants through him to His most exalted horizon and supreme height. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. He has ever been and continues to be remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Peace and glory be upon him and upon those with him and upon those who love him and hearken to his words.

=== END BH09606 ===

=== START BH09607 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O Name of Generosity! Upon thee be the peace of God, the King, the Mighty, the Loving. For some time no news has been received from the Afnan, upon him be the peace of God and His mercy and His grace. You should certainly inquire in each instance about his circumstances. Although through divine bounty and infinite mercy he is safe and protected, yet to inquire and seek information is beloved. Verily We love him and We love his traces. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him and ordain for him that which will bring joy to all eyes. In the letters that were sent there was no mention of him, nor any mention of the son, upon him be My peace. In any case, negligence in seeking news is not permissible. Peace be upon them from the One Who heareth and answereth.

=== END BH09607 ===

=== START BH09608 ===

O Karbila'i Isma'il! Or Isma'il! Verily the Friend from the direction of His Most Great Horizon calls thee unto God, the Lord of Power, Who hath come with proof and evidence. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did bear witness before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O Isma'il! Verily the Sacrifice offered up his spirit in My path and expended whatsoever he possessed for My luminous countenance. Blessed is he who hath spoken in

My praise and blessed is the learned one who hath arisen to serve My wondrous Cause. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs as a grace and mercy from Us, but most of the people are among those who imagine vain things. Whoso attaineth today unto the choice wine of revelation, he is indeed of the people of Baha inscribed in the Crimson Tablet, and whoso is debarred therefrom is among the abject ones.

=== END BH09608 ===

=== START BH09609 ===

O Ismail, upon whom be the glory of God, He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Seeing! O Ismail! God willing, mayest thou be favored by divine grace and be enkindled in thy youth with the fire of the love of God. This is the Day of greatest profit. Blessed is he who hath profited, and he who hath turned, and he who hath spoken with this wondrous, mighty remembrance. Beseech thou God that He may cause the hearts of all the friends to be connected with the Most Great Ocean and adorn them all with the ornament of love. By the life of the Wronged One! Should any soul attain to that which hath been mentioned, he shall find himself free and detached from the veils and clouds and sorrows and griefs of the world. Glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon those men who have believed and those women who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09609 ===

=== START BH09610 ===

In My Name which hath appeared from the horizon of heaven! O Isma'il! My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken both morn and eve in such wise that the horizons have been filled with the verses of thy Lord, the Possessor of all creation. Is there any thankful one who will arise to render true thanksgiving, and is there any speaker who will make mention of Him with true remembrance? Nay, by His Self, the One Who holdeth sway over all who are in earth and heaven! Cast aside what is with the learned ones and take hold of thy Lord's Book with spirit and fragrance. Verily it shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, and verily it is the Lamp of God that walketh before thy face, by the command of God, the Lord of Lords. Hold fast unto the Book, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein from the Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH09610 ===

=== START BH09611 ===

In My Name, the Speaker before the faces of the parties

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. O thou who speakest My mention amongst My servants, O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of the heaven of My grace! By My life, I have been saddened by that which hath appeared from My loved ones whom We raised up through My remembrance amongst My creation, and to whom We made known My path, and whom We guided unto My announcement, and for whom We sent down that which diffused the fragrance of My mercy that

hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. His Holiness, My Branch, hath presented thy letter. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, and glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by those who have quaffed the wine of supreme steadfastness before the faces of all peoples, to assist me in all conditions to help Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word and to manifest that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Tablets with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09611 ===

=== START BH09612 ===

He is God! O My Name Mahdi! The servant present read the letter from Afnan A. and H., upon him be My glory, which he sent to you. God willing, may they ever be nourished by the fruits of the Tree of divine knowledge, gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, and arise to serve the Cause. This matter is one that has had and has no likeness or parallel. Its effects remain concealed due to the world's lack of capacity, but the Mighty, the Trustworthy shall make them manifest. We send Our greetings upon him and upon the Afnans there and upon those whose names were mentioned in his letter. Praise be to God, they have attained to the recognition of Truth, of which most of the world remains deprived, and act according to His command. By My life, this is a mighty station with thy Lord, the Exalted, the Great.

=== END BH09612 ===

=== START BH09613 ===

He is the One speaking with truth

O companions of the Ship! Hear the call of God, the Lord of creation. He calls you unto Him and guides you to His clear and straight path, and makes known to you that which will elevate you, and teaches you that which will profit you. He is verily the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. When thou hearest the call from the supreme horizon, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for honoring me with the traces of Thy Pen and adorning me with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Command and the lights of the horizon of Thy Manifestation to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, and to make me drink the choice wine of Thy utterance. O my Lord! The poor one hath turned toward the kingdom of Thy riches - I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09613 ===

=== START BH09614 ===

O My Afnan! Recall thou the days when thou wert in My presence and didst hear the voice of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God hath ordained for thee that which shall cause thy remembrance

to endure through the eternity of His Best Names. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. That which hath been concealed from sight shall soon be made manifest. He, verily, is the True Informer, the Trustworthy. Thus have We caused to flow from the Pen that which shall establish the decree of pre-existence, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this firm cord.

=== END BH09614 ===

=== START BH09615 ===

He is the One Who speaketh the truth and commandeth justice! O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory from the Kingdom and the Realm of Might, and the glory of those who dwell in the heavens and earth. We have remembered thee before, and have revealed for thee that which hath transported the hearts of the holy ones in the Most Exalted Paradise and the realities of the pure ones in the Supreme Paradise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath loved thee in the path of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Grieve not because of the people and their clamor. God shall soon erase their traces and elevate your station. Verily, He is the True One, the Trusted One. The Light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the Tablet of God be upon thee and upon those whom the ranks of the oppressors have not frightened, nor the hosts of the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09615 ===

=== START BH09616 ===

He is the Commander, the All-Knowing

O Afnan, Jinab-i-Haji Seyyed Muhammad, upon him be all My most glorious and most resplendent Baha! Upon thee be My Baha and My mercy. The letters which were addressed to Javad, upon him be My Baha, were presented by this servant before His presence. Praise be to God, they bore faithful witness to thy devotion, thy turning to God and thy steadfastness.

O My Afnan! We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God. We bear witness that thou hast been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and hast arisen to serve His Cause. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou thankful that We have mentioned thee before and after, and hold fast unto that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Upon thee be glory, and upon My Afnans who have held fast to the cord of God and clung to His resplendent hem.

=== END BH09616 ===

=== START BH09617 ===

O Afnan, Jinab-i-Haji-Mirza-Buzurg, upon him be all My most glorious and most resplendent Baha! He is the Hearer and the Answerer. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Although outward loss hath been sustained, yet I swear by the Sun of Truth that the profit of the world, both

outward and inward, is reserved for you, and God will soon make it manifest through His grace. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The world is adorned with your mention. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee - greater than this hath befallen Us, to which both My tongue and thy tongue bear witness, and I am the Hearer, the All-Seeing. Light and glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee and will love thee and hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous Cause.

=== END BH09617 ===

=== START BH09618 ===

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name through which the gate of Thy bounty was opened to Thy creation, and the ocean of Thy knowledge surged amongst Thy creatures, and the sun of Thy generosity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy mercy, to unite Thy loved ones and chosen ones. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, but make them as one servant, and one light, and one name, that they may exemplify oneness in Thy land. O Lord! Make known to them that which appeareth from their unity in Thy countries and realms, and draw them nigh unto the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, then cause them to enter the depths of the sea of Thy oneness, and illumine them with the lights of detachment in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09618 ===

=== START BH09619 ===

O my God and my Lord! How can I thank Thee for having made me the dayspring of tribulations in Thy path and the dawning-place of trials in my love for Thee and in my pleasure in Thy good-pleasure? By Thy might, O Thou Who art the Well-Beloved of the worlds and the Goal of them that have recognized Thee! The swords cannot prevent me from turning to the face of Thy oneness, nor can the spears hinder me from walking in the paths of Thy transcendent unity. Can the lover find rest after his heart hath been set aflame with the fire of longing in his love for Thee? And can the sincere seeker find repose after the wafting of the fragrance of the robe of Thy mercy hath passed over him? Nay, by Thy might! The winds of hypocrisy cannot hold back the lovers, nor can the might of the horizons restrain them that yearn after Thee. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of transcendent glory, and praise be unto My Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09619 ===

=== START BH09620 ===

O my God and my Lord! By Your Command that has encompassed all created things, and by Your Name through which You have subdued all contingent beings, I beseech You to ordain for this leaf of Yours the best of both worlds. O Lord! You see her adorned with the ornament of Your love, turning to the horizon of Your grace, gazing upon the seat of Your throne, and speaking Your praise. I beseech You by the ocean of Your knowledge and the heaven of Your wisdom to assist her in preserving what You have bestowed

upon her through Your bounty and generosity. Verily, You are He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can defeat. You do and command as You please, and You are indeed the Truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. Within Your grasp lies the kingdom of the heavens and the earths.

=== END BH09620 ===

=== START BH09621 ===

O my God and my Master! Thou seest me among Thy creatures who have rebelled and transgressed against Thee. Every time I invite them unto the ocean of Thy knowledge, their repudiation of Thy Cause increaseth and their rejection of the Dawning-Place of Thy Will waxeth greater. I beg of Thee, O my God, by those who have fasted for love of Thee and have quaffed the living waters of submission from the hands of Thy bounty, to ordain for Thy loved ones, who under the blaze of the orb of Thy trials have clung to the cord of patience, all the good Thou hast reckoned in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Write down, then, for such as have been afflicted with adversities for Thy sake, the reward of those who have suffered martyrdom in the path of Thy good-pleasure. Send down, moreover, upon them, O Lord, that which will rejoice their hearts, solace their eyes, and exhilarate their souls. Thou art, verily, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== END BH09621 ===

=== START BH09622 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in tribulations beyond compare. The servants have risen against them without any proof or Book. They have seized them and imprisoned them and committed that which hath caused the earth to tremble and the clouds to wail. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy power to protect Thy chosen ones from the oppression of those who have cast Thy Book behind their backs and have acted according to their own desires in Thy lands and Thy realm. Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and might all possible things have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09622 ===

=== START BH09623 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O mother of ’Ali! We have mentioned thee time after time, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Holy, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou thankful that God hath aided thee in a Cause which He hath placed above the hearts of the idolaters. When We were seated upon the throne and speaking forth the verses of His own Self, at that time did My Glorious and Wondrous Pen turn towards thee and thy children, and We made mention of thee in this Tablet whereby the Concourse on

High were gladdened and all things were moved with joy through this Wise Remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have attained, and stood firm, and drunk, and heard, and responded on this Day which was promised in the Books of Heaven and inscribed in My Preserved Tablet.

=== END BH09623 ===

=== START BH09624 ===

In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names!

O My handmaiden! Today the Sun of Manifestation hath risen and is shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's Command, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised before the faces of humanity. The pearls of knowledge that were hidden within the shells of the ocean of wisdom are now manifest and visible before all faces. Yet the servants and handmaidens have been prevented from the Lord of Names by the veils of the divines. They martyred the Purpose of the world, and night and day they strive and struggle to extinguish the Light of the One Who conversed on Sinai. Glory be to God! They walk in the path of vain imaginings and move according to the dictates of self and passion. This day is the Lord of days. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by the recognition of the Day of God and hath attained unto the signs of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds.

=== END BH09624 ===

=== START BH09625 ===

O My handmaiden Khadijih, who hath emigrated in My Most Great Name! Hearken thou unto My call from the precincts of My prison, the Spot which God hath made sanctified from mention of station and rank and place and possibility, and from whatsoever floweth from the tongue and is comprehended by the heart. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Holy, the Inaccessible, the Most High. The faces have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the horizons by My luminous horizon. Remember thy Lord with joy and fragrance. Thus hast thou been commanded from before the All-Merciful, Who hath come with His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. Thus hath the Tongue of Baha spoken, that He might attract the hearts of the devoted ones and the minds of the mystics.

=== END BH09625 ===

=== START BH09626 ===

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon

O My handmaiden! We mentioned thee before in such wise as to enrapture the hearts of the devoted ones in their chambers. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. And We make mention of thee at this time with this wondrous mention. Beware lest the affairs of men sadden thee or the clamor of those who have denied God when He came with a mighty Cause cause thee to fear. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that cometh from Him, then thank Him for this manifest bounty. By My

life! My mention of thee outweigheth all the treasures of the earth - to this testifieth every discerning servant. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have cast away what the people possess and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09626 ===

=== START BH09627 ===

In the Name of the Friend, the Kind One! O My handmaiden! I make mention of thee in this station that joy and gladness may take possession of thee in such wise that thou wilt remember Him Who hath been made a captive in the hands of the oppressors. By the life of God! Were anyone to become aware of what befell Me in the previous year, he would surely weep and lament. Thy Lord is verily the Concealer, the Forbearing. We have concealed that which We witnessed and have shown patience in what We heard. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful. By the life of God! Sorrows did not overtake Me when I was a prisoner in the hands of the wicked ones, but I grieve when I behold that which befitteth not this glorious and wondrous Day. Be thou therefore thankful unto thy Lord for having mentioned thee in the Most Great Paradise - the station wherein everything therein proclaimeth that there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH09627 ===

=== START BH09629 ===

In the name of the Goal of the world and the peoples

O My handmaiden who hast held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness! He who hath loved Me and arisen to serve My Cause and found the fragrances of revelation from the direction of My mercy hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet. In this day it is incumbent and obligatory upon all the world to hold fast to the cord of grace and to cling to the hem of Him Who speaketh from the Sinai of Revelation. However, the promptings of self and passion have debarred all from the most holy court and sacred precincts, save those whom the hands of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, have delivered. We beseech God that He may aid thee and make thee steadfast and firm in His most great Cause. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH09629 ===

=== START BH09630 ===

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all dominion and Protector of the downtrodden! I beseech Thee by what Thou hast ordained in Thy celestial kingdom and Thy realm of might, to inscribe for this Thy leaf, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which will tranquilize her soul and dilate her breast. O my Lord! I implore Thee by Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation, to send down upon her from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will bring peace to her heart, rest to her members, and attraction to her soul. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the world, the

Almighty over the nations, and the One made manifest through the Most Great Name, whereby the heavens and earth were illumined in Thy wondrous and wonderful Day.

=== END BH09630 ===

=== START BH09631 ===

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of proof! O My handmaiden, O My chosen one! Today all the deeds of the divines of Iran - that is, the heedless souls - have not equaled and do not equal a single word of the friends of Truth. One deed of His servants stands above the deeds of all, and one word from His handmaidens excels the devotions of all - for these are adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance while the others are deprived. O My handmaiden! Today the gaze of grace and the glance of bounty are directed towards the male and female servants. Verses are being sent down and arriving like rain upon the soil of hearts. However, were the door of grace to be closed and the glance to turn to justice, the Pen would cease its motion. The Command is in the hand of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09631 ===

=== START BH09632 ===

He is the One manifest above all things! O my handmaiden, O Gulbahar! Praise be to the Goal of the world that in this spiritual springtime thou hast attained unto the verses of inner meanings. These verses are pearls of wondrous utterances that have appeared from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen. Blessed art thou and blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This bounty sufficeth thee that thou hast hearkened unto the Call and turned unto God, exalted be His glory, while the queens of the earth wander bewildered in the wilderness of perplexity. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it in the name of God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is with His devoted male and female servants. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09632 ===

=== START BH09633 ===

O Handmaiden of God Zahra, upon her be God's peace. In the Name of Him Who is the All-Ruling over all names.

O handmaiden of God! We have heard thy call, and in this hour when the sorrows of the world have turned toward this Wronged One, We make mention of thee. We have counseled and continue to counsel all to be characterized by religiosity, trustworthiness, chastity and fidelity. Those who speak and acknowledge the word of unity must purify and sanctify their hearts from corruption, conflict, rancor and hatred, that they may be adorned with the imprint of the seal "The Kingdom is God's." If they hold fast to goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct, divine favor will encompass them, for every tongue hath testified to His generosity and every ear hath witnessed His bounty. Verily He is the Forgiver of sins, and He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

=== END BH09633 ===

=== START BH09634 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O people of Baha! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this most exalted Station, and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Let not the affairs of the world sadden you, nor the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, hinder you. Leave the world behind you. Verily, the Lord of Eternity maketh mention of you in this noble Station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My remembrance and cast away all else beside Me. He is indeed of the people of Paradise in this perspicuous Book. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath aided thee to attain unto knowledge, and hath sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Divine Garment between the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09634 ===

=== START BH09635 ===

He is the One Who gazes from the horizon of heaven. O people of Baha! He Who is the Lord of Names makes mention of you - He through a mere gesture of Whose finger the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and the mountains were moved. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who has come with the truth and called all unto God, the Lord of all men. Say: By God! That which you possess shall profit you not, as testifies the Mother Book which encompasses all. This is the Day wherein the Book proclaims and declares: By God! He Who revealed me in the eternities of eternity has come! Thus has the eye of understanding been gladdened by the utterance of its Lord, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who has heard, and woe unto him who has turned away from the Dawning Place of clear proof.

=== END BH09635 ===

=== START BH09636 ===

To the honored wife of Javad, upon them both be the Glory of God. In My Name, the Protector over all names. O people of the household of J! Praise be to God, ye have attained unto the light of faith. Now strive ye, that perchance ye may receive your portion from the ocean of utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds. The Wronged One hath ever made mention and continueth to make mention of His handmaidens. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and for having illumined all hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and by that whereby the hearts of Thy chosen ones were attracted, to ordain for him who hath turned to Thee the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Ruler, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09636 ===

=== START BH09637 ===

In My Name, the Commander, the All-Wise, before the faces of all who are in the heavens and earths! O My loved ones in China! The Supreme Pen hath testified and doth testify at all times that He is the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have bestowed the custodianship of the Holy House upon the Most Exalted Leaf, consort of the Primal Point, and upon her sister - upon both of them be the glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness. This custodianship hath been granted to that House by God. Thus have We adorned it with the ornament of grace and confirmed the decree with My seal, the Mighty, the Beloved. This honor and bounty hath been specifically granted to the sister and her descendants, from God, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09637 ===

=== START BH09638 ===

He is the One warbling at this moment upon the Branch of Utterance! O My loved ones in that land! Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, for having turned unto and gained victory through God's Cause and His Manifestation, and for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. O Baqir! Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy tongue, for having spoken in remembrance of this Most Great News. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour with that which shall endure through the eternity of My Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. And We make mention of him who was named 'Ali-Before-Asghar with verses that surpass all the treasures of kings and all that the sovereigns possess. The glory from God, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Supreme Ruler of all in the heavens and earths, be upon you both and upon those with you and upon your mother.

=== END BH09638 ===

=== START BH09639 ===

Upon Him be the glory of God and His favors. He is the Witness, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing. O Most Exalted Leaf! Rejoice thou that the Divine Lote-Tree remembereth thee from the right hand of the luminous Spot, and the Most Exalted Paradise - verily there is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed. We have remembered thee before, and at this time with that which the heavens and earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Supreme Pen, and behind it the Tongue of God, the Speaking, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed are the handmaidens who have heard thy call and serve thee in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness and the light dawning from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH09639 ===

=== START BH09640 ===

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, who art mentioned by My Pen, and who soarest in My atmosphere! The Greater Branch hath appeared before My countenance and made mention of thee and of My loved ones whom thou didst mention in thy letter. We have mentioned each one of them with that which hath diffused the fragrance of grace and bounty. We beseech God to attract them through His verses, to draw them nigh unto the court of His glory, and to sanctify them from that which beseemeth not His loved ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as God hath made thee the cause of the deliverance of His servants and the savior of His creation from the well of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He, verily, is the Confirmer, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09640 ===

=== START BH09642 ===

14. He is the Enlightener, the Helper, the Generous!

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My countenance, grieve not over that which hath befallen thee by the decree of God, the Lord of Lords. Give thanks to Him for His grace, His bounty, and His favor. We, in truth, were with him at the end of his days in this world and at the beginning of his days in the presence of the most exalted Companion. At the moment he ascended the angels and the Spirit received him as bidden by God, the quickener of the dead. Oh, would that at the moment of his ascension he had been adorned with the light of trust in God, had committed his affairs to His hands, and been submissive to His destiny and decree. Verily, Mine exalted Pen longeth to console thee and to transmute thy sadness into joy and gladness. He, verily, is the Lord of Revelation and perspicuous is His name, the Ever-Forgiving.

=== END BH09642 ===

=== START BH09643 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom the gate of bounty was opened to the world!

O Aqa Khan! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it hath been raised in such wise that both East and West have been blessed by hearkening unto it, through the loving-kindness of God, the Compassionate, the Generous. We have manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and have sent down that which hath brought solace to the eyes of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thankful unto God for this Most Great Remembrance which hath descended from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: All praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and all glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all creation, for having remembered me when I was wronged and imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. And this was sent down for Isma'il, upon him be the glory of God.

=== END BH09643 ===

=== START BH09644 ===

He is the Confirmer, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Aqa Dadash! The world lies asleep upon the couch of heedlessness and is veiled. The Divine Call from the prison of ’Akka hath been raised in such wise that for the fair-minded no power to deny remaineth. Blessed are they whom their own idle fancies have not prevented nor held back from drawing nigh. These are the Hands of His Cause amongst mankind and the cupbearers of the Salsabil of divine knowledge amidst all religions. O Aqa Dadash! Rejoice thou in that We have named thee Husayn in the Book of Names. Be thou thankful and say:

“My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.”

=== END BH09644 ===

=== START BH09645 ===

O Leaf, daughter of the King of Martyrs! Upon both of you be the Glory of God!

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O daughter of Ha, the Lord of Names remembers you from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Wise. We have remembered you and your father with a remembrance that the kingdom of creation cannot rival. The Creator of heaven bears witness to this in this perspicuous Tablet. You are under the shadow of your Lord’s loving-kindness, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. There is nothing that has not lamented what befell you in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thankful to your Lord for this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!” Glory be upon you and upon your brothers and upon your sister and your mother from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

=== END BH09645 ===

=== START BH09646 ===

He is the One Who speaks the Truth

O Jalal! He Who is the All-Glorious remembers you in this station, around which circle the denizens of the highest Paradise and the Dayspring of Names at eventide and at dawn. Blessed are they who seek you out and acknowledge your loftiness and visit those through whom the Banner of Guidance was raised among creation and the Dove warbled upon the Tree: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.” Blessed are you and your brother, and upon your mother and your sister, and upon those who believed in God on the Day of Return. Verily God and His angels and His Prophets and the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Dawning-places of His knowledge and the Repositories of His wisdom all send their blessings upon you and curse those who wronged you and killed you and shed your blood. These are servants who [text ends]

=== END BH09646 ===

=== START BH09647 ===

O Haji Sha'ban, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the One established upon the Throne. O Haji Sha'ban, upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the Most Merciful! Today the Wronged One is at times seated upon the throne of joy, inasmuch as from all directions glad-tidings and felicitations are manifest, and at other times He is established upon the seat of sorrow, for the lamentation and mourning of all things can be heard. In the land of Ya, barking has been raised. The heedless oppressor, imagining that he hath conquered a realm, hath arranged a great celebration at night. Through this deed his measure of understanding and perception hath become evident. Soon shall he bewail his own self and shall behold it in grievous torment. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09647 ===

=== START BH09648 ===

O Husayn! Some of the peoples of the earth were awaiting the appearance of Husayn, inasmuch as in the past the chosen ones of God, exalted be His glory, had given the glad-tidings to the servants of His appearance after the Qa'im. They had likewise announced that at the time of the manifestation of that Dawning-Place of divine effulgences, all the Prophets and Messengers, even the Qa'im Himself, would gather beneath His blessed standard. When the time came and the world was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all turned away except those souls who, through the power of the Lord of Names, shattered the idols of fancy and desire and set out for the City of Certitude. Today the sealed wine hath appeared and floweth forth in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Take thou a cup thereof and drink in this blessed and praiseworthy Name. Glory be to those who have attained unto the Kawthar of steadfastness on this promised Day.

=== END BH09648 ===

=== START BH09649 ===

He is the Just, the Wise! O Husayn! God, glorified be His majesty, in His scriptures and tablets hath commanded His servants to that which leads to their exaltation and ascendancy. At all times He hath been in the hands of the oppressors - for God's sake He spoke and for God's sake He bore afflictions. Until now, God's purpose remaineth unknown to the people of the cities of tyranny and oppression. They wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and traverse the valley of greed. Beseech ye God that He may quicken His servants through the rains of His mercy and bounty, and grant them sight that they may be delivered from the graves of ignorance and may see and find. Verily He is the Wise Counsellor, the All-Knowing, the Clear Expositor, the Compassionate, the Generous.

=== END BH09649 ===

=== START BH09650 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! O Khadijih and O Fatimih! All in the world, whether male or female, have been created for the recognition of God, the remembrance of God, and

service to His Cause. For every party among parties and every class among classes, He hath, through His all-pervading wisdom, ordained a matter and appointed a service. Today, the service of the handmaidens of God hath been and is trust in God, steadfastness, and sanctification from that which is unseemly. Strive ye to be adorned with the ornament of detachment. Verily, He counseleth all with that which shall profit them in every world of His worlds. Your petition was presented, and this answer hath been sent down from the Kingdom of grace. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of his Lord's utterance, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09650 ===

=== START BH09651 ===

O Khalil, who hath attained Our presence and won Our good-pleasure! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. At this hour the ocean of utterance is surging and the Sun of bounty is shining from the horizon of the heaven of the prison, though outwardly it is night and known among the Arabs as a dark night. At this moment the countenance of favor hath turned toward thee and the Most Exalted Pen is moved to write thy name, and saith: Blessed are the days wherein thou wert present before the Wronged One, and didst hear His sweetest call, and behold His most luminous horizon. We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and the eyes of them that love thee. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, and within His grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth.

=== END BH09651 ===

=== START BH09652 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Wondrous! O my Lord, my God, and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by the wafting of the breezes of Thy grace whereby Thou didst quicken all created things and caused them to speak forth Thy praise, and didst bring forth all beings and shed upon them the lights of Thy countenance, that Thou wilt not, in this springtime, deprive me of the garment of Thy grace and favors, nor leave me distant from the paradise of Thy reunion and meeting. Then cause me to drink, O my God, from the Kawthar of life from the hands of the youths upon whose countenance hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen: "By God, the Truth, the Sovereign, the Manifest One, the Beloved of the worlds hath appeared!" that I may wholly detach myself from all else save Thee and turn unto the direction of Thy good-pleasure. There is no God but Thee, the Overshadowing, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH09652 ===

=== START BH09653 ===

In My Name Who is manifest from the horizon of eternity

O Rida! Hear My call. Verily it mentions thee in such wise as will draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Blessed is the servant who hath turned and attained unto that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By the life of God! Neither

the riches of the world nor whatsoever is with the kings and rulers can equal one word thereof. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found My fragrance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, made me to know Thee, given me to drink, and taught me. I beseech Thee by the lamentation of the lovers and the cry of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of doubts nor the intimations of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall keep me back. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH09653 ===

=== START BH09654 ===

In the Name of the One God! O Ramadan! Salman made mention of thee, and there hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen for thee that which the pillars of the world are powerless and incapable to estimate its worth. God doeth whatsoever He willeth, He hath been and will ever be. He maketh mention of whomsoever He desireth, and that mention hath been and will ever be, with the One mentioned, accompanied by its influence and fruit throughout all worlds. Know thou this most exalted station and be of them that are thankful. We counsel thee and the friends of God to perform such deeds as will illumine the eyes and gladden the hearts. Glory be upon the people of Glory who have not broken God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09654 ===

=== START BH09656 ===

O Shukru'llah! In the name of the one incomparable Goal. O Shukru'llah! Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison and was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God that, through God's infinite loving-kindness, thou hast quaffed from the cup of mystic knowledge the living waters in the name of the Beloved of all creation. All who dwell on earth were created to attain unto this station, and yet most of them are seen to be heedless, turned away, and veiled. Blessed art thou, for thou hast heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and hast turned toward the most exalted horizon. Glory in this, then render thanks unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it as thy very life in the name of the Beloved of all creation.

=== END BH09656 ===

=== START BH09657 ===

O sweet handmaiden! In the name of the one God!

O Shirin! Reflect upon the grace and bounty of God, glorified be His majesty. He who was considered by people to be among the greatest scholars of the age descended to the lowest depths, while you ascended to the highest heights. He was veiled from the Day of God, while you attained unto it. He was deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge, while you were nourished by it. Thus did We make the highest lowest, that what was spoken before might be fulfilled: "We shall make their highest ones their lowest ones, and

their lowest ones their highest ones." The learned one is he who guides people to My path and teaches them My straight way. Glory be upon My handmaiden and upon you and upon the handmaidens of God, before and after.

=== END BH09657 ===

=== START BH09659 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! O young in years! Thy letter was presented before the Countenance and was beheld. Praise be to God that in thy early days thou didst turn to the true Kaaba and didst attain to His recognition. Verily, all grace is in the hands of God - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many souls, despite their yearning and desire, failed to attain to the recognition of their Lord at the end of their days, while thou, through divine grace and favor, hast in the beginning of thy life attained to this most great bounty. God willing, thou shalt abide protected and dwelling beneath the divine Lote-Tree, ever mindful. And the Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH09659 ===

=== START BH09661 ===

He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen

O Abbas! Your mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed in the Persian tongue that thou mayest drink from the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's mercy and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of the Beloved of all possibility. This is a day wherein the call of the All-Merciful is raised from one direction, and likewise the cawing of Satan from another. Blessed is the state of the one whom the cawing of the cawers and the doubt of the doubters hath not prevented from the breezes of the Day of Judgment. Through the power of the Most Great Name, take hold of the Book of God, cling fast unto it, and act according to that which hath been sent down therein from the heaven of God's Will. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from the precincts of His mighty prison.

=== END BH09661 ===

=== START BH09662 ===

His honor Aqa Abdul-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One Who speaks with truth and observes with justice. O Abdul-Baqi! Today from the right hand of the Throne the pavilion of the feast is adorned, and from the left the field of battle is visible. The clamor of the heedless has become the cause of a great celebration in the Supreme Concourse - the tribes of angels and the Spirit give each other glad tidings and prepare to welcome, for verily the blessed spirit of Mahdi has intended the Supreme Companion. By the life of God, he took and drank the wine of steadfastness from the hand of his Lord, became intoxicated, intended the meeting, and attained unto it. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve you for the service of His firm and mighty Cause. Verily He is the Answerer of those who call and the Beloved of the hearts of those drawn nigh.

=== END BH09662 ===

=== START BH09663 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! We have manifested that which was hidden from eternity, and We have sent down that which was treasured in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. We came for the guidance of the servants and to draw them nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Yet they rose against Us and pronounced sentence to shed Our blood without any command from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou in that the clouds of generosity have rained upon thee through a command from the Lord of eternity and the Greatest Name, that thou mayest know and be of the thankful ones. The splendor from Us be upon thy son and thy other son. We have remembered them both with a remembrance which God hath made the cause of the life of the world. Of this beareth witness He with Whom is a perspicuous Book.

=== END BH09663 ===

=== START BH09664 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God

In My Name which hath shone forth from the horizon of grace

O ’Abdu’l-Karim! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee. Thy letter was presented and the servant present read it in its entirety. The fragrance of thy love was inhaled. Blessed art thou and blessed are those souls whom the tyranny of the servants hath not kept back from the Lord of creation. Thou didst make mention of the Name of God and of the Nightingale, upon both of them be the Glory of God. How excellent is the state of one who is occupied with the remembrance of the loved ones of God. We beseech God to adorn thy prayer with the ornament of acceptance and response. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be upon both of them and upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause when the opposers arose in grievous tyranny.

=== END BH09664 ===

=== START BH09665 ===

In the Name of the Peerless All-Knowing One! O ’Abdu’l-Wahhab! May God willing, thou shalt hearken with true hearing and sight to the call of the Wronged One and gaze toward His horizon. The world hath been encompassed by the dust of vain imaginings which hath concealed the Morn of the Day of His appearance. Blessed is the soul whom the conditions and intimations of men have not debarred from the Most Sublime Vision. We make mention of thee and of her who hath been named Mihman. We give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My loving-kindness, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid her and thee. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory rest upon you both and upon those who are with you, from the Wronged One, the Exile.

=== END BH09665 ===

=== START BH09666 ===

He is the One Warbling upon the Branches

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison on this Day wherein all things have proclaimed sovereignty and dominion, might and power belong unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance, and the tongue that hath uttered praise of the Lord of the Throne, and the heart that hath turned and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Self-Sufficing Lord, for having guided me unto Thy Most Great Path and made known unto me Thy Great Announcement.” I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of names, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the Pharaohs shall prevent me nor the might of them that have denied the Day of Judgment shall frighten me.

=== END BH09666 ===

=== START BH09667 ===

O ’Abdu’llah! The servant who was present has come with your letter and presented it before the Face. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing. Rejoice in that your letter has been favored with God’s attention in this station which hath been named by the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet. Thus hast thou been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation. Hearken and be of the thankful ones. Grieve not over anything, but put thy trust in God, the Lord of the worlds. Strive that there may appear from thee in service to the Cause that which will make mention of thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the chalice of utterance overflowed from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause in all conditions.

=== END BH09667 ===

=== START BH09668 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all Names

O Abdullah! The Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Name have been made manifest. Blessed is the servant who hath seen, and woe unto the heedless! O Abdullah! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, to which the Most Great Book beareth witness in this luminous station. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging fast unto Thee, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and confessing that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Disappoint me not from the wonders of Thy grace and bounty, for Thou art the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. O my Lord! Take my hand with the hands of Thy grace and mercy and generosity, and illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. Then write down for me, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09668 ===

=== START BH09669 ===

He is the One Who speaks the truth!

O Abdullah! The promised Day has come, and the mysteries of the Resurrection and the signs of the Hour have become manifest and evident. Blessed is the soul whom the veils of the people of error did not prevent from the Self-Subsisting Lord, nor held back from turning to the highest horizon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will aid me in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH09669 ===

=== START BH09670 ===

O servant of Baha! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Outwardly thou art absent but inwardly present. We beseech God to make thy remembrance enduring among remembrances and thy name among names. Honor and nobility lie in steadfastness. In these days there hath befallen this Wronged One that which hath caused the Tablet and the Pen to weep. The fire of abasement hath assailed the glory of the Cause of God. That unjust one hath committed in the great city that which no heedless one hath ever committed. He united with the enemy of God and became known for treachery and lack of chastity. We beseech God to cause him to return unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09670 ===

=== START BH09671 ===

O dear one! Upon thee be My glory and My salutation! Trees are of two kinds: those that bear fruit and those that are barren. The fruit-bearing tree is transformed into light and shineth forth from the horizon of posterity. The barren one hath ever been and will continue to be fit for the fire. Praise be to God that thou hast attained and hast been illumined with the lights of the Word of Divine Unity. The children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Time and again have they been remembered by both the Pen and the Tongue. We beseech God to aid them all to achieve that which is conducive to the reformation of the world and the tranquility of souls. We beseech God to aid thee, make thee successful, protect thee and assist thee with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Helper.

=== END BH09671 ===

=== START BH09672 ===

O ’Aziyyih! In the name of the Everlasting Speaker! O ’Aziyyih! Your lamentation was heard, your cry was heeded. God is witness and testament that we have desired and continue to desire your glory. God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, you have been and will be enabled to achieve that which God loves and with which He is well-pleased. In truth, you must give something, for the reason that you came and requested to take poor ’Abdu’l-Ahad with you to Aleppo. Now that place is closer by several leagues, what cause have you for grief? God willing, all affairs shall be arranged according to your heart’s desire. This is not difficult for God. Your letter was the cause of boundless sorrow. God willing, henceforth you will be seen in the utmost joy and delight, and will present your petition. The glory be upon you.

=== END BH09672 ===

=== START BH09673 ===

O Ali, thou didst seek deliverance from the ocean of wonderment, yet this station was besought of God, glorified be His majesty, by the Seal of the Prophets in His words “Lord, increase my wonderment in Thee.” Therefore, thou shouldst not be saddened by wonderment, for this wonderment is the very essence of certitude. Praise be to God that in this divine Day thou hast attained to acceptance, recognition and orientation, and hast been honored by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Thou Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath conquered all things to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09673 ===

=== START BH09674 ===

I am Hearer and am the Answerer. O ’Ali-Akbar! Today the people of the Most Sublime Vision are souls whom the veils of humanity have not prevented or deprived from turning toward the Lord of Power. By the Sun of the horizon of the heaven of divine might! The people of Baha are detached from all else save God. They have passed beyond names and have made for and attained unto the sea of inner meanings, reaching a station which the Pen is powerless to mention and the tongue fails to describe. To this bears witness the Book of God, the Most Great, in this mighty station. The glory from Us be upon him who has witnessed and seen and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below!”

=== END BH09674 ===

=== START BH09675 ===

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which most of mankind are veiled from and debarred. All have been created for the knowledge of God, yet despite this they remain heedless of Him and occupied with themselves. Soon shall all cry out “Oh, woe unto us!”- this is what the All-Informed

hath announced in His perspicuous Book. That which is accounted today as the most mighty of deeds in the sight of God is steadfastness in His Cause, for most great is reliance upon Him in all conditions. Verily He is with whosoever maketh mention of Him and turneth unto Him. He is in truth the Hearing, the Answering. Soon shall appear what He hath intended for His loved ones. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09675 ===

=== START BH09676 ===

O Ali! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, and I am the Wronged One, the Stranger. We have summoned all people unto God - among them are those who have turned away and those who have turned towards His straight path. Blessed is the soul that hath cast the world behind it and acted according to that which was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy call and make mention of thee in this wondrous and glorious Tablet. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes. Verily it shall be with thee in all the worlds of thy Lord. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Witness, the Supporter, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon him who hath drunk the choice wine of supreme steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Woe unto the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09676 ===

=== START BH09677 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! O ’Ali! In the days when the limbs of all names trembled and were disturbed from fear of the wicked ones, this Wronged One appeared from the horizon of power with the banner of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth,” and without any veil or covering, summoned all before the faces of the princes and divines to the Most Exalted Horizon. And when the light was somewhat manifest and the fragrance of utterance was diffused, the deniers of the Bayan rushed forth from behind the veil. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Staff which vanquished the swords, to make me gaze toward Thee, turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, hold fast to Thy cord, and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09677 ===

=== START BH09678 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Beneficent, the Bestowing

O ’Ali, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it beareth unto thee glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee from God, the Kind, the Generous. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, and by Thy chosen ones and Thy Prophets, to assist me to perform that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and that which will cause the fragrances of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused. Then ordain for my brother who is named ’Ali the best of the hereafter and of the former life. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by

the light of Thy utterance and the manifestations of the Tree of Thy Revelation on the Mount of Thy knowledge, to open before our faces the doors of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. That which thou didst send hath been received and hath attained acceptance.

=== END BH09678 ===

=== START BH09679 ===

O ’Ali Before Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! He remembers thee with that which draws thee near and commands thee with that which shall cause thy mention to endure throughout the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily the wolf howls in the land of Ya, and therein do the near ones lament for what hath befallen the chosen ones of God and His trusted ones. By the life of God! The wolves of the world have torn apart and beheaded the true Josephs. Would divine justice accept such oppression? Nay, by His own Self, the Truth! Soon will He seize the oppressors with a mighty vengeance from His presence. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09679 ===

=== START BH09680 ===

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O ’Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! O ’Ali before Muhammad! Reflect upon the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. At the beginning of this night, which is the eighth night of the blessed month of Ramadan, this Servant was summoned to His presence. After attaining the presence before His face, the petitions from that land were honored to be heard, and specifically for all there was revealed from the Lord of Names that which no earthly things can equal. Rejoice thou in this mighty bounty! I swear by the Sun of Truth, were people to discover the station of but one word of these exalted utterances, all would turn with the utmost eagerness and longing toward the Daystar of the horizons. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One, as a token of His grace, that thou mayest be thankful and be among the steadfast ones.

=== END BH09680 ===

=== START BH09681 ===

O Ali, dear friend! You have appeared before the Divine Throne by your Lord’s leave and returned by your own choice. In this case, no word remains for you. We made your coming by My leave and your departure by your leave, and you chose what you chose. Verily your Lord is the All-Wise Ordainer. Your ‘demon-letter’ which was in truth a ‘maiden-letter’ was heard before, and likewise what you sent afterwards. His honor Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, has compensated for you - whatever you left remaining, he brought to completion. And your cry was heard in Haifa, and the burning of your heart became evident. Verily He is with you in all conditions. Be thankful and among those who are assured.

=== END BH09681 ===

=== START BH09682 ===

O Ali! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and hast attained the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast been under the glance of divine favor, and unto thee hath been directed the gaze of God from this glorious station. Be thou steadfast in My Cause. By the life of God! We shall soon make manifest the recompense of deeds in such wise that every tongue shall exclaim: “Blessed be God, the Recompenser, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the All-Wise!” We counsel thee to preserve this station and whatsoever shall elevate thy rank in this mighty Cause. Convey My greetings unto thy father and thy brother and unto those with him. Soon shall a Tablet be revealed for him which shall testify that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09682 ===

=== START BH09686 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Exalted

O servant! Hearken unto the call of this Youth. By God, He hath never glorified Himself above any of His servants, yet the people remain wrapped in a mighty veil. Say: O people, behold in Him the grandeur of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and His greatness and His sovereignty, if ye be of them that comprehend. Hearken thou unto My words: Arise to serve the Cause in My Name. Beware lest thou be of the patient ones. Remind the servants with wisdom - thus hath the Sovereign of creation commanded thee - and this is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Turn thy face toward the holy horizon and say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn toward that Quarter from which the lights of Thy face, the Mighty, the Luminous, have shone forth. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath detached himself from the worlds.

=== END BH09686 ===

=== START BH09687 ===

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker!

O Ghulam-Rida! Strive thou that thou mayest attain unto that which is great in the sight of God. Today the Sun of Truth is risen, and the Light of Divine Unity is manifest, and the Path of God is evident, and the Balance is visible. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and hath held fast unto the cord of steadfastness. The Shi’ih sect account themselves the most learned and the most favored among all the peoples, yet on the Day of Manifestation they were found to be the most ignorant, the most abject, and the most lost among the peoples of the world. Some among the people of the Bayan likewise clung to vain imaginings. God protect us and you from the evil of such as these. We counsel the friends unto that which hath been revealed in the Book of God. Blessed is he who holdeth fast and acteth accordingly, and woe unto those who turn aside and are heedless.

=== END BH09687 ===

=== START BH09688 ===

O Fadlu'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His grace and bounty! He heareth from His most exalted horizon. The blessed days and precious time are passing. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word, and through the aid of sincere friends and loved ones may truth be delivered from the claws of falsehood. The oppressor of the great city hath dealt a mighty blow to the liver of truth. That unjust one arose in tyranny and committed that which is the cause of the most great sorrow. We beseech God to assist the oppressors to turn back and repent. Verily He is the Forgiver of sins. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH09688 ===

=== START BH09689 ===

In His Name, the One Who rules over the Kingdom of Names! O Pen! Give glad tidings to him who hath borne afflictions in My path and whom calamities have befallen, for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered from His glorious and wondrous station. O My Pen! Hearken unto My call from My Most Great Prison and give him the glad tidings of My Kingdom, My favor and My gifts which have encompassed the worlds. By the life of God! He who hath drunk from the cup of tribulation hath attained unto the mention of the Lord of Names. He shall soon behold that which cannot be equaled by the treasuries of the heavens and the earth. Thus do We make mention of Our loved ones who have desired My luminous countenance. They are among those who have attained unto My remembrance and My praise and what We have ordained for them in My Preserved Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away vain imaginings and hastened unto the ocean of certitude.

=== END BH09689 ===

=== START BH09690 ===

In My Name, the All-Knowing! O My Pen! Does it befit thee to remain silent this day, or to arise and summon the servants and inform them of what the oppressors have wrought against the children of the Virgin? If thou hearkenest unto Me, it behooveth thee to cry out between earth and heaven. Thus does thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, command thee. Such oppression hath appeared as hath caused the liver of justice to melt. To this beareth witness the Lord of the unseen and the seen. This is a day wherein the Spirit lamenteth and the Jews rejoice. Thus have We informed thee and mentioned unto thee what hath befallen the chosen ones of God at the hands of them that comprehend not. They have slain the children of the Messenger and plundered their possessions. Thus have their evil souls prompted them, and they perceive it not. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the Mighty, the All-Loving.

=== END BH09690 ===

=== START BH09691 ===

O Mulla Muhsin! Be beneficent in the days of thy Lord by teaching His Cause amongst His servants. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idol of vain imaginings and turned unto the Cleaver of the Dawn. When the Promised One appeared, the divines and mystics of the earth turned away from Him,

save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Choosing, did will. They make mention of God with their tongues while pronouncing judgment against Him without any clear proof or evidence. Lost indeed are they who denied the signs of God and His testimony, and turned away from Him Who created them through the Most Exalted Word. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are in strange doubt. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that cometh from Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast honored me with this grace which hath been sanctified above all likeness and comparison.

=== END BH09691 ===

=== START BH09692 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Muhammad-Qabil-Hasan! Hearken unto the Call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We have turned unto thee and made mention of thee in such wise as all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor the might of hosts weaken thee. In every Tablet and every Book have We counseled the servants to hold fast to wisdom and utterance in this Cause, whereby limbs have quivered and hearts have been troubled. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance, through which God quickeneth His servants and acquainteth them with His straight Path. Glorify thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH09692 ===

=== START BH09693 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn, in the name of the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting! O Muhammad-before-Husayn! That most hidden mystery which lay concealed and treasured in the Preserved Tablet hath been made manifest in human temple, and that secret which the Prophets of God transmitted from breast to breast hath become evident and with loudest voice doth speak. However, numerous veils, namely the divines, have debarred the helpless people from this most great bounty and this supreme grace. Blessed is he who with the finger of trust rent asunder the veil and with the Name of Truth broke down the barrier and turned toward the most sublime horizon. He is among the most exalted of creatures in the sight of God. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as this Most Great Tablet and this Perspicuous Book have been sent down in thy name. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09693 ===

=== START BH09694 ===

O Muhammad-Sadiq (or Muhammad-Qabil-Sadiq)! Say: By God, the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised, and the lights of the Countenance have shone forth from the supreme horizon. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. O peoples of the earth! All the signs have appeared, and the Lord of Names calleth aloud amongst mankind, yet most of the people understand not. Rejoice thou in that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, and the Face

hath turned toward thee from His forbidden station. Shouldst thou find the sweetness of My utterance and become aware of My loving-kindness and mercy, thou wouldst arise to make mention of Me throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus hath there flowed from the tongue of My Pen the stream of My bounty, as a token from My presence, and I am, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH09694 ===

=== START BH09695 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali-i-Darwish, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Upon thee be the everlasting peace of God. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and for having confirmed me in acknowledging that which Thou hast revealed in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers, and for having inspired me with the Word of Unity, whereby the limbs of the polytheists have trembled. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, to aid me to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, by Thy Name, the All-Subduing over those who are in the heavens and on the earth.

All travelers are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to make you guides unto His creation and servants of His Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

=== END BH09695 ===

=== START BH09696 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Pardoning, the Bestowing

O Muhammad-'Ali! Although sorrows have encompassed Us from every direction and the cawing of the ravens has been raised, yet the Wronged One, with complete steadfastness, continues to utter the blessed words "I have placed my trust in God and have committed all affairs unto Him." Be not grieved at anything. Verily God is with us, and we beseech Him to ordain for us all the good that He hath sent down in His Book. The oppression of Iran hath caused the people of justice and fairness to despair. We beseech God to protect His sheep from the wolves of the earth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Strong, the Preserver, the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to His service and art illumined with the light of His divine love. Preserve this sacred, mighty and wondrous station.

=== END BH09696 ===

=== START BH09697 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! O Muhammad-Qabli-Karim! We have heard thy call. God willing, thou shalt be watchful of the truth in the nights and days, and act according to that which exalteth the Cause. We have enjoined wisdom upon all the friends, yet some have not hearkened with accepting ears unto the divine counsel. That which is acceptable in the sight of God this day hath been and shall ever be obedience to God, exalted be His glory. Nevertheless, some have turned away from His good-pleasure

and clung to their own desires. It behooveth them to repent and return unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Any deed that causeth tumult and perturbation among heedless souls is not acceptable before the Wronged One. Say: Hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in My Mighty Book.

=== END BH09697 ===

=== START BH09698 ===

The Lord of all worlds is sanctified beyond praise, eulogy and comprehension of the dwellers of the mortal realm. In truth, until now He hath been neither known nor described. The attributes of all beings, from the most exalted to the lowliest, ultimately refer to those steadfast, firm, upright, content and well-pleasing souls. These are the Hands of God's Cause amongst creation, and these are the trees in the divine garden, their leaves moved by His will and their fruits manifested through His decree. These are the dawning-places of the power of the Almighty Lord - the changes of the world and vicissitudes of nations did not prevent them from the Most Great Name and the Ancient King. They gaze toward the horizon of the unique Manifestation, desiring sight for witnessing and hearing for listening. Praise be to God, they are illumined by the light of true unity and nourished by the fruits of the blessed Tree, having drunk from the choice wine of "Say: God." "Leave them to their vain discourse."

The servant beseeches his Lord to grant them success, confirm them, and aid them with the hosts of the seen and unseen.

Glorified art Thou, O Distributor of the sustenance of all beings and Breaker of the might of the contentious! I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy Most Exalted Pen, its rustling, its influence and its power, and by Thy pervading Will, its force, might and sovereignty, to assist Thy loved ones in manifesting Thy Cause among the people of creation with wisdom and utterance. O Lord! Thou seest them among Thy enemies and what hath befallen them in Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy sealed choice wine, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw them closer to Thee in all conditions, and ordain for them that which will accompany them in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou hearest the mention of Thy servant Majid and Thy loved ones who have turned to Thee, desiring the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the choice wine of Thy riches. Ordain for them that which will solace their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Hearing, the Answering. O God! Magnify them and bless them through the perpetuity of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom, and ordain for them through Thy generosity and grace that which befitteth Thy Name, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Furthermore, the letter of that spiritual friend arrived on the seventeenth day of the blessed month of Ramadan. It was as if the letter were a musk-laden fragrance, from each word of which wafted the sweet scent of praise for the Lord of earth and heaven. God is witness and testifier that it was the cause of joy and the source of delight. From the mention of the gathering and the assembled loved ones, the breezes of gladness were wafting, and after its reading it ascended to the Most Exalted Station and the Ultimate Summit before the Divine Presence, attaining the honor of being heard. Then the face of the Lord of the Worlds turned toward me and revealed that which none can reckon save His all-numbering, all-knowing, all-wise Self. His word, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance:

In My Name, the One Who dominates all names

O Majid! The servant who was present has arrived with thy letter and read it before Our face. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. The breezes of revelation stirred thee in the days of thy Lord, caused thee to hear His sweetest call, and brought thee to a station wherein thou didst attain to that which was recorded in the Books of God and was heralded in the Mother Book. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

O Majid! Thou hast turned to the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit until thou didst attain to a station which was the hope of them that are nigh. Thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, beheld His signs, and been illumined by the lights of His countenance. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We have perceived from thy words the fragrance of thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give glad tidings to My loved ones of My loving-kindness, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the light that shineth from this luminous horizon. Blessed is the house wherein the remembrance and praise of God are raised, and blessed is the tongue that uttereth His beauteous praise, and blessed is the heart that turneth with steadfastness toward the Supreme Horizon - a steadfastness which the opposition of the opposers could not prevent, they who disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed in former ages and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Books of God to lament and the eyes of them that know to weep.

We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones in My lands who were not frightened by the ranks of the pharaohs of the earth, and who said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having guided us unto Thy path, caused us to hear Thy call, and revealed unto us that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge.” I bear witness that through Thee the trumpet was sounded and the hidden secret was revealed, through Thee the standard of power was raised amidst the righteous, and all things proclaimed: “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Glory be upon you and upon those who have taken the choice wine of utterance in the name of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have quaffed thereof at the bidding of an Ancient Commander.

Praise be to God! The fragrance of the Kawthar of utterance hath encompassed all possibilities. The eyes of the chosen ones have been blessed with beholding the lights, and the ears of the righteous have been honored by hearkening to the call of the Chosen One. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist the loved ones that they may, with wisdom and utterance, guide people to the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. The promotion of the Cause is accounted as the king of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. His grace is present and His aid is evident. Whosoever holdeth fast unto that which hath been revealed and sent down from the Divine Pen shall assuredly receive His assistance. However, in all circumstances they must not let go of wisdom, lest the clamor of the opposers and the uproar of the heedless be raised.

As to the mention of the Most Great Festival and the gathering of the loved ones in meetings, their occupation with remembrance and praise, their being set ablaze with the fire of the love of the Lord of Names, and likewise the mention of Karbila’i Muhammad-’Ali, upon him be the glory of God and His

loving-kindness, and his request regarding the loved ones of M, R, B, N and another place - these matters were presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and after being blessed with hearing them, these verses were revealed from the Supreme Pen in mention of the loved ones. This is what was revealed for Karbila'i Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, Which speaketh in the Most Great Prison before the faces of the world

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to those in the realm of existence, calling them to the Dawning-Place of Lights. O people of the earth! We have manifested Ourselves amongst you to guide you to the horizon from which has shone forth the Sun of Wisdom and Utterance. Blessed is he who has turned towards it, whom the turning away of the people has not deterred; and blessed is the steadfast one whom the tempests of the wicked have not moved; and blessed is the speaker whom the veils of idle fancies have not barred and whom the clouds of glory have not frightened.

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Verily My Most Exalted Pen in the prison of 'Akka has turned toward thee and makes mention of thee with that which will draw thee nearer to God, the Lord of all men. How many learned ones have been kept back from the All-Knowing, and how many heedless ones have turned and attained to the Dawning-Place of verses! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, Who remembers thee with a remembrance that no other remembrance can equal, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and summon the people with wisdom and utterance to the Repository of mysteries. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen in a station which God has made among the most exalted stations.

When thou hast drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of My bounty and the attraction of the proof has drawn thee to the kingdom of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen and for having made known to me Thy path and Thy balance, and for having strengthened me to turn toward Thy horizon after Thy creatures turned away, and for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy love on a day wherein the servants arose to extinguish Thy light. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by the signs of Thy greatness, O Possessor of the hidden and the manifest, to make the tongues of Thy servants keys of Thy bounty wherewith to open the doors of the hearts of Thy creation. Then make me, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the hereafter and the former times, one who speaks Thy praise and who stands firm in the service of Thy Cause in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the dissension of the people of discord shall hinder me. Then write down for me, O my God, that which will draw me nearer to Thee in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Light of Providence has risen from the horizon of grace and the rains of loving-kindness are pouring from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of existence in such wise that the description of all created things cannot attain unto it and the praise of all beings cannot comprehend it. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of all the worlds that the petition of the honored friend, Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, has been accepted, and for each of the souls mentioned therein was revealed

that which has had and has no likeness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O ’Ali-Akbar! The Possessor of Power has turned toward thee from the direction of the Most Great Scene and makes mention of thee that thou mayest soar on the wings of detachment in this infinite atmosphere through the Most Generous Name. His mention gives life to hearts and strength to limbs, bestows power and grants might. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Abu’l-Qasim Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Abu’l-Qasim! The servant present has mentioned thy name before the Face. This perspicuous, manifest Tablet has been revealed for thee. Ask of God that thou mayest attain unto the fragrance of His verses. By the Sun of Utterance! Whosoever has attained will arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings in such wise that neither the might of kings and subjects nor the people of the world shall prevent or keep him back from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they that attain!

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God

O Hussein! The Kawthar of life has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet most people know it not. We have sent down from the heaven of Will the rains of grace and bounty, whereby We have quickened those who lay in the graves of their bodies. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. That which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the hearts of the Messengers hath appeared and been made manifest. When thou drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the utterance of thy Lord, turn with thy heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

My God, my God, my Goal and my Beloved! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, and hoping for that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the signs of Thy grandeur, and by the Most Exalted Word through which Thou didst create all things, to ordain for me that which will render me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mulla Abdul-Ahad, upon him be the glory of God:

O Abdul-Ahad! Blessed art thou for having turned to My horizon, held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, and believed in My signs. I beseech God to strengthen thee, to prosper thee, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of the former life, and that which He hath ordained for those of His servants who are near unto Him and those of His creatures who are sincere. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Abdul-Hussein, upon him be the glory of God:

O Abdul-Hussein! We have heard thy call and have answered thee; We have seen thy mention and have mentioned thee. Dost thou know Who mentioneth thee and Who hath turned toward thee from the

direction of the Prison? By the life of God! Wert thou to discover this, thou wouldst forsake the world, arising to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom the doubts of the people, nor their insinuations, nor their might, nor their wealth have deterred from God, the Lord of the worlds. We love those who love Us and We desire those who desire Us, but the people have come between Us and Our loved ones. Know ye that they are in manifest loss. We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before thy face the door of His grace and to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mulla Abdul-Ahad, upon him be the glory of God:

O Abdul-Ahad! Remember when thou wert at the gate and didst hear the call of the Wronged One while He was in the hands of the heedless. Thou didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon until thou didst attain the presence and didst behold what was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the tablets of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We bear witness that thou didst attain the presence, and didst hear and see what was concealed from the eyes of the heedless. Say:

My God, my God, my Hope and my Desire! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to do that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, by the river of Thy mercy and the signs of Thy grandeur, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise, who is steadfast in Thy love, and firm in Thy Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped and the hearts of the aggressive have been troubled.

The Glory be upon thee and upon whoever heareth thy word concerning this Most Great Announcement.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mir Muhyi'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God:

O Muhyi'd-Din! We beseech God to make thee the manifestation of thy name, and through thee to guide His servants to His straight path and draw them nigh unto Him. Upon beholding thy name, We have revealed unto thee that which cannot be equaled by all that the people possess, to which every discerning soul doth testify. This is a Day wherein the Herald calleth out amongst the servants and summoneth them, without veil or covering, unto the All-Informed. We were standing before all faces, and when the light of the Cause shone forth, there emerged from behind the veil a band of wolves who sought to shed My blood without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a manifest Command. But for Him, who would guide the servants? Be fair and be not among the oppressors. Blessed is he whose vision the veils of idle fancies have not obscured, and the learned one whom the doubts of the suspicious have not caused to slip.

Thou didst desire My tablet which We sent unto thee, from whose horizon hath shone the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Merciful. This is a Day which God's Books have heralded aforetime, yet the people are in a strange slumber. When thou attainest unto the waves of the ocean of My utterance, say:

“My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and turned me toward Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by the station that hath attained unto Thy presence, wherein Thy most sweet call was raised and the tracing of Thy Most Exalted Pen was heard, to make me attracted unto Thy verses and holding fast unto Thy favors. O Lord! Ordain for me and my son that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowal. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over what He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.”

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Karbila’i Samad, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Samad! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast turned, hearkened, and attained unto that which cannot be described by mentions and words. Verily God created His servants for His recognition, yet when He manifested the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His lights, the Source of His laws, the Treasury of His mysteries, and the Recipient of His knowledge, they turned away from Him until they disbelieved in Him and in His signs. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are today numbered among the transgressors in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies, turning unto the Luminary of thy Lord’s proof, the Kind, the Generous. Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Do ye deny the waves while beholding them? Come ye, come ye, that I may show you what was hidden from eternity of eternities. Fear ye God and be not among the deniers. Verily the pebble crieth out and the kernel speaketh, yet ye are among the heedless. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Remembering, the All-Knowing. He hath called thee and guided thee unto His bright horizon. Say:

“Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, for having guided me and honored me with attaining Thy presence. Thou art verily the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.”

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Haji Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Mahmud! The Wronged One remembereth thee and counseleth thee with that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto the call from the precincts of eternity, which hath been mentioned in God’s Book as the Most Great Prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the nations have slipped. Beware lest anything among all things veil thee in this Day wherein hath been revealed that which cannot be equaled by all that the people possess, as doth testify this Most Great News through whose mention all things were attracted and by whose call God quickened the moldering bones. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son who hath been named Muhammad, and upon those who have believed in God, both in private and in public.

This is what was revealed for Karbala’i Pasha, upon him be the Glory of God:

O party of God! The Truth has loved and continues to love His chosen ones. Each has been blessed with the traces of the Supreme Pen, and the Ancient Beauty has manifested Himself for their presence and meeting. However, the oppression of the oppressors, the obstinacy of the transgressors, and the clamor of the ignorant have become barriers and prevented the seekers from reaching the supreme goal and the

highest summit. Beseech God to ordain for you the reward of those who have attained. He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer.

This is what was revealed for Karbala'i Muhsin, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Muhsin! Reflect upon the benevolence of God, exalted be His glory. He showed the way and guided until you attained the Most Great Ornament and the Great Announcement. Preserve this supreme station through the name of the Creator of Heaven. He is the Preserver, He is the Helper, He is the Succourer.

This is what was revealed for Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Muhammad! The Countenance of the Ancient One has turned toward you and makes mention of you, and counsels the party of God regarding the education of children. If a father neglects this mighty command which has been revealed from the Pen of the Lord of Eternity in the Most Holy Book, the right of fatherhood will be forfeited and he will be accounted among the negligent before God. Blessed is the one who inscribes the divine counsels in his heart and holds fast unto them. Verily He commands His servants that which strengthens them, benefits them, and draws them near unto Him. He is the Ancient Commander.

O beloved of God! The Supreme Pen has been occupied day and night in counseling the friends of God, that all may attain the lights of true unity and be freed and delivered from the superstitions of the past. For thirteen hundred years they cried "O Truth!", yet in the end they pronounced the death sentence upon His most pure blood. All must seek protection from God, exalted be His glory, lest they arise in oppression like the abominable Shi'ih sect. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be to God! Those superstitions have not ended; other delusions have appeared from the direction of the people of the Bayan. God protect us and you from the evil of these people.

This is what was revealed for Karbila'i Muhammad Ja'far, upon him be the glory of God:

O Muhammad Ja'far! You seek the presence of God, and the Truth is the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Kind. But the oppressors have abandoned justice and prevented the friends from attaining His presence. Say:

My God, my God! You see me advancing toward You and turning to the lights of Your countenance, that I may enter the city honored by Your footsteps and wherein Your call was raised, and that I may stand before the gate which was opened to all on earth and in heaven, and drink from Your hands of bounty the Kawthar of meeting, and from Your generosity and grace the cup of reunion. My God, my God! You see my state and hear the sighing of my heart in separation and remoteness from You. If the veils of Your servants and the clouds of Your creatures prevent me from drawing nigh unto You, ordain for me from Your Supreme Pen the reward of those who attained Your presence, who drank the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Your bounty, who testified to that which Your tongue has spoken, who beheld Your most glorious horizon, and who heard Your sweetest call. Verily You are the One Who has power over what He desires. There is no God but You, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We make mention of your son who has believed in God and His signs, and We give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's grace, the Kind, the Trustworthy. And We make mention of your other son and counsel him with that which We have counseled Our servants in various tablets. And I am the Counselor, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for Nasru'llah Khan, upon him be the glory of God:

O Nasru'llah! Victory has come, yet most people know not. The banner of unity has been raised, yet people understand not. The Promised One has come with the standards of triumph, yet most of mankind perceive not. Your name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and He has revealed for you that which all the riches of the world cannot equal. Your Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, bears witness to this. When you attain unto My verses and find the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to You for having made known to me Your path, revealed to me Your proof, and taught me what was hidden in Your knowledge and treasured within the shells of Your wisdom. I beseech You, O Quickener of moldering bones, by Your Most Great Announcement, to make me steadfast in Your path, speaking in Your remembrance, and holding fast to the cord of Your grace. O Lord! You see me hoping for what You have ordained for Your loved ones. I beseech You not to disappoint me through Your generosity and bounty. Verily You are the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This is what was revealed for Aqa Mir Hashim, upon him be the glory of God

O Hashim! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee through His verses and giveth thee glad tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all creation. We have arisen before all faces in such wise that neither the veils of the Pharaohs nor the might of tyrants deterred Us. We called all to God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. When the horizons were illumined, there emerged from behind the veil a band of hypocrites who committed that which none before them had committed. They violated the Covenant and denied Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Thus have We recounted what befell Us from those who denied the right of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We beseech God, thy Lord, to assist His servants to hold fast to His extended cord.

This was revealed for Jenab Aqa Mir Sayfu'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God:

O Sayfu'd-Din! The promise hath come to pass and God hath come with manifest sovereignty. They that denied God's Manifestation and His proof have lost, having followed their desires. Verily they are in manifest loss. Say: O peoples of the earth! Husayn hath come, and in His shadow are the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the pavilion of glory, if ye be of those who know. This is He Who was promised in the books of old, yet most people are heedless. Blessed is the strong one whom the might of the people hath not weakened, and the steadfast one whom the doubts of the transgressors have not caused to slip - they who turned away from the Truth when it came from the horizon of power with wondrous adorning. Say: Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for having believed in Him Who was recorded in the books of old by One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

This was revealed for him who was named after the Desired One:

O thou who art named after My name! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. It draweth thee to the kingdom of My utterance and the heaven of My knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. We have sent down to the Persians the verses of My grandeur in the eloquent tongue, and to the Arabs in a wondrous Persian language. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the servant who hath taken My Book with strength from God, the Lord of the worlds. Woe unto him who hath turned away from the Truth and followed every sinful denier. Say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will and the kingdom of Thy desire. I beseech Thee by the hearts that have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and by Thy loved ones who have advanced toward the seat of sacrifice with a devotion the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen - I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

This was revealed for Jenab Mirza Abbas-Ali, upon him be the glory of God:

O Abbas-Ali! The Wronged One calleth thee with that which attracteth thee to the supreme horizon, as a grace from God, the Lord of all mankind, that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who remember. Know thou with certain knowledge that what exists in the world of creation cannot equal one trace of My Most Exalted Pen. To this beareth witness the Lord of the throne and of the earth. Blessed is he who hath heard and witnessed, and woe unto them that turn away. The Mother Book hath come at the final return, yet most people are asleep. The cry hath been raised and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath appeared. Let not the happenings of the world and the doubts of the nations sadden thee. Take what hath come to thee with a strength that the power of the heedless ones cannot prevent. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to thee that thine eyes and the eyes of those who know might be consoled.

This was revealed for Jenab Pasha Aqa, upon him be the glory of God:

O Pasha! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of all things. From the Most Exalted Horizon of the world He calleth, that all may attain unto that for which they were created from nothingness into being. Blessed is he whom neither the swords of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the aggressors hath debarred from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His Cause and is worthy of His days.

This is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Vahhab, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Vahhab! The All-Bountiful hath come in His return, yet the people are in strange doubt. The Hidden One hath been made manifest and the Self-Subsisting hath come from the horizon of proof with the standards of signs. That which delighteth the eyes of the Most Exalted Paradise hath come, yet the people have denied it and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of justice and fairness to lament. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One and findest the fragrance of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, say:

O Lord of the invisible and the visible! I beseech Thee by the Fire whereby Thou didst guide Moses, and by the Light whereby Thou didst manifest Thy bountiful favor, to make me lowly before Thy Cause and humble before the manifestations of Thy grandeur. O my Lord! Aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, then ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Mu??afa-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Mu??afa-Quli! During the nights and days the Pen of the Lord of all beings moveth, making mention of His loved ones and guiding them to the straight path. Blessed is he who hath found the path and held fast unto it. Today the world is illumined by the lights of the Most Great Luminary. Know ye the station of this blessed Day, be ye engaged in the praise of its Lord and in His service. Soon all that is visible shall return to nothingness, and there shall endure for him who hath held fast unto the Most Firm Handle that which hath been ordained by God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Blessed are they that have turned unto God, and blessed are they that have held fast unto the Sure Handle and have found themselves detached from all that dwell on earth. These are the people of Baha, who are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Mu?sin, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Mu?sin! The Euphrates of mercy floweth, the Kawthar of utterance is manifest, and the Tasnim is present before all faces, yet the servants are heedless and veiled save for a numbered few. We beseech God to aid all and purify them from the smoke of self and desire, that they may turn toward the horizon of godliness and attain unto that which God hath willed. These days have no peer or likeness, for the surging ocean is in motion and the Sun of Truth is shining. Ask thou God to make the heedless servants aware and guide them to the Most Exalted Horizon. He is the Bestower, the Kind.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Ahmad! The banners of verses and standards of clear signs appeared from the Dayspring of the Divine Cause in the land of Batha and Yathrib. The people arose in opposition, called Him a liar, and some attributed it to sorcery, as all the peoples of the world have heard and known of the events that transpired in those lands. Then His community arose in division, different sects appeared, each speaking according to their desires and inflamed with the fire of self, until on the Day of Judgment they martyred the Lord of that Day and pronounced the verdict of His infidelity. Ask ye of God that the people of God may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of the past, that they may find the Word of Unity and hold fast unto its cord. Glory be upon those who follow the Truth.

This is what was revealed for Karbala'i Isma'il, upon him be the glory of God:

O Isma'il! Reflect upon the Days of God and that which hath been manifested. How many holy, assured, content and well-pleased souls laid down their crowns of life at the feet of the Beloved of the world and returned not alive from the place of sacrifice. Yet the people, though they have witnessed with their own eyes that which had no likeness, have nevertheless remained unaware and have not awakened from the slumber of heedlessness. They mention from their pulpits the sacrifice of old and lament, while they

remain utterly heedless and veiled from those holy souls. Ask thou of God to grant awareness and bestow insight, that perchance they may hear and find and see and come. Thus hath spoken My Most Exalted Pen on this darksome night, as a grace from Me, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We make mention of thy son Asadu'llah in this station, that he may rejoice in the favors of his Lord and be among the thankful.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, for having enabled me to turn towards Thy horizon and to be drawn to the light of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, through which Thou hast upraised the religions and ordained whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy sovereignty and might, to make me steadfast, firm and immovable in Thy love, and to enable me to drink what hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen - the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

This was revealed for Dadash Nayib, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Nayib! The Great News hath come and hath spoken a Word which hath agitated the hearts of all peoples. Throughout all days and nights He hath mentioned and reminded all, that they might become aware and bear witness to the Divine Word. Yet for most, grace became the cause of heedlessness. They accepted not the Cause of God and mocked the Divine Book. The people of the Bayan committed what even the Shi'ih party had not done. Praise thou the Goal of all the worlds Who enabled thee to turn towards Him, to acknowledge and confess. This station is mighty - preserve it through the Most Great Name.

This was revealed for Karbila'i Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Hasan! The names which were presented before the Wronged One - each hath been blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. We have mentioned all, living and dead, and remembered them with the blessed word of forgiveness. This is a covenant which flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful on the first day of arrival in Ridvan. Blessed are they who have attained! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world, for having remembered me in the prison when I was in the hands of the opposers.

This was revealed for Karbila'i Ali, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Ali! The Fire is ablaze, the Light is radiant, and the Cause is manifest. Blessed is the soul whom neither the affairs of the world nor the doubts of the peoples have prevented from this Most Great Revelation. Neither the smoke of the might of the oppressors nor the dust of the power of the aggressors became a veil or hindered him from turning towards it. At every moment the opposers manifestly objected. All were waiting, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Divine Will, all turned away and denied, save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed. Praise the Goal of the worlds Who enabled thee to attain and granted thee success. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

This was revealed for Sheikh Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Kazim! God is witness and aware that from the first days until now the Most Exalted Pen hath been in motion and engaged in recording divine verses. Yet the unjust people have denied this manifest proof

and have not accepted this perfect evidence. They are occupied with their desires and hold fast to vain imaginings. By the Sun of the horizon of utterance, they are far removed and veiled from the lights of certitude, and they cling to the hem of idle fancies. God shall assail them! Ask thou of God that through His preceding mercy and all-encompassing grace He may guide this handful of dust to His horizon and enable them to attain unto His straight path. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

This was revealed for Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Abdul-Husayn! Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy name, and blessed is he who hath shown thee My clear and straight path. When thou didst behold the waves of the ocean of My utterance and wert seized by the wine of My loving-kindness, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thine all-highest horizon and revealed unto me that which shall not change throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the realm of sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of earth and heaven, by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby all names were shaken and Thy servants and creatures were thunderstruck, to aid me in accepting that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest me agitated in Thy days and saddened at the manifestations of the lights of Thy countenance. I desire naught from Thee save nearness unto Thee and meeting Thee. Thou art He Who testified with Thy tongue of truth, saying: On the day when the earth shall be changed into another earth, change Thou my absence into presence before Thy face, my standing at Thy gate, my circling round Thee, and my hearkening unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy will. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

This is what was revealed in Khurma for his honor Samad, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Samad! The Single, the One, remembereth thee from His Most Great Prison with that which shall draw thee nigh unto Him. He is indeed the Generous, the Bountiful. When thou art made victorious through the breezes of revelation and hearest the call from the All-Highest Horizon, arise and say:

O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, both seen and unseen, and by Thy praiseworthy station, to make me of those who have fulfilled their Covenant, who have circled round Thy Most Great Throne, and who have shown humility at the mention of Thy most perfect Name. Aid me in all conditions to draw nigh unto Thee and to be elevated through Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and turning away from all else. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Ahmad! The Self-Subsisting Lord calleth out at all times and inviteth the servants to the sealed wine. Blessed is the soul whom the events of the world did not prevent from hearing the divine call, who turned with his heart in acceptance and was blessed with saying “yea.” This is the most great bounty and the

supreme benevolence. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto those who hesitate. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy wife and upon the handmaidens who have turned unto God and believed in Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Faraj, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Faraj! Relief came, they rejected it; mercy came, they accepted it not; blessing came, they showed ingratitude; instead of thanksgiving, they complained; in place of grace, wretchedness appeared. Such is the condition of the heedless people. The recompense of their deeds hath overtaken all and deprived them of the everlasting, eternal mercy. Today, those souls who have drunk from the cup of grace and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon should beseech God not to afflict His people with the delusions of the past and to sanctify them from the doubts and allusions of the nations. Praise the Intended Lord Who guided thee to the praiseworthy station and caused thy mention to flow from the tongue of the Wronged One.

This is what was revealed for his honor Muhammad Pasha, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Muhammad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from a city wherein the fire of hatred hath been kindled through the actions of the oppressors. They have violated God's covenant and testament, and turned away from Him Who came unto them with a manifest light. Blessed is the home wherein the remembrance of God is raised, and the tongue that uttereth His beauteous praise. Joy be to the one who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and to the hand that hath taken hold of His wondrous Book. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and approveth, and to make them dawning-places of grace and bounty amidst the world. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. The Call hath been raised, the Path established, and the Balance set up, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have turned away from the Truth, clinging to their desires. Verily, they are in manifest error.

This was revealed for Karbala'i Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God.

O Muhammad! The cawers are spread throughout the lands like locusts, speaking of that which they have not heard and claiming knowledge of that from which they are heedless and veiled. The deniers among the people of the Bayan are observed to be more lost than the Shi'ih sect. Thus have their souls deluded them, and today they do not understand. Glory be to God! In the Day of God they cling to and utter names, while turning away from their Creator. We beseech the Truth to purify the world through the Kawthar of utterance, that the peoples might acknowledge the Lord of the worlds and comprehend that from which they are heedless today. The Glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have not been deterred by the oppression of the oppressors, the dominion of the aggressors, and the clamor of the heedless. These are God's party in the world and the signs of His mercy among the nations. Upon them be God's blessings, His peace, His glory and His splendor. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This was revealed for Javad Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God.

O Javad! The All-Bountiful makes mention of thee from this exalted station, and makes mention of thee through His verses, and gives thee glad tidings of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. There is no servant

but We have mentioned him, and no one who hath turned to Us but We have guided him to My path and counseled him regarding that which shall profit him in every world of his Lord's worlds. To this testifieth every discerning soul. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of certitude. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

O Majid! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The mentioned names are present before My face. We have caused to shine upon each one of them from the lights of the Sun of My utterance that which shall draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have turned unto him and given him to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the cup of My wisdom which hath preceded the seas. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Convey My greetings unto them, illumine them with the lights of My utterance, remind them of the signs of My grandeur, and acquaint them with the horizon of My grace. We beseech God to draw them nigh and assist them to remember Him, praise Him, and serve His wondrous Cause.

The waves of the Divine ocean of utterance are manifest before all faces, and the effulgences of the Orb of bounty are radiant. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that He may guide the world to the highest horizon of possibility through the temples of remembrance and utterance, that all people may attain, and not remain deprived of the Days of God. Man is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered, for it is observed that mortal life–which in the eyes of the people of insight is less than naught–all are occupied in securing its means and livelihood; yet for that world which has no end, they have neither thought nor contemplation, nor are they engaged in any preparation thereof. We beseech God to remove this heedlessness which prevents all degrees of grace and favor, and to make His servants aware. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you, and upon those whose names you have mentioned in your letter, and upon all who are steadfast and firm, and upon all who hold fast to the strong cord of God.

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O Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing One! O Muhammad, O thou who hast migrated! The True One, glorified be His majesty, left His homeland and chose exile so that this exile might lead the exiles of the earth to their true homeland. This exile is more beloved than a hundred thousand homelands, for it hath come to pass in the path of God. Be thou grateful therefore and be of them that render thanks. Thou hast attained unto two supreme bounties that have no peer nor likeness: first, the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, which is the purpose for which all worlds were created, and second, migration in His path. Well is it with you, O people of Baha, in that ye have drunk the cup of tribulation in the name of your Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09699 ===

=== START BH09701 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaketh, the All-Seeing!

O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not those whom the world hath deluded with its vanities in such wise as to have debarred them from My straight Path. Say: He hath come with the truth, with signs from His presence, that He might guide you to His resplendent horizon. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil you from this manifest Truth. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to the Strong Cord of God, the Lord of all worlds. Such a one is, before God, the Lord of Names, numbered among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. To this testifieth His mighty Book. Thus hath the Speaker on Sinai spoken forth in this Prison. Joy be to him who hath hearkened unto it, and woe betide the heedless ones. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have hastened to the Most Great Ocean and drunk therefrom in the name of the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09701 ===

=== START BH09702 ===

He is Mohammad-Qabel-Hassan, He Who Warbles in the Midst of the Heavens

O peoples of the earth! By God, verily the Book hath appeared in the temple of man and announceth unto you the appearance of God and His sovereignty. Hearken ye, and be not of the heedless. The heaven giveth you glad-tidings and the earth calleth out to you, yet ye are among those who slumber. Awaken at the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen and turn with pure hearts to the Most Great Scene, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious.” This is the Word wherewith the Revealer of the Bayan informed you, and this is the Manifestation whereof the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, gave you glad-tidings. Thus doth My Pen move in this Prison and My Tongue speak by My command, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH09702 ===

=== START BH09703 ===

In His Name, He Who testifies and sees!

O peoples of the earth! By God, the fragrance of the Garment has been diffused, the horizon of the Manifestation has been illumined, and the Speaker of the Mount has spoken, yet most of the people remain heedless. My Most Exalted Pen calls out to them night and day - to this the Lord of all beings bears witness in this perspicuous Book. They have cast certitude behind their backs, clinging to that which they were commanded by every heedless and remote one. We testify that they have cast aside the Book of God and taken their own books. Lo! They are among the abased ones. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy name, and blessed is he who has testified to this most great bounty on this resplendent Day. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God. Verily, He aids whomsoever He wishes to serve His mighty and exalted Cause.

=== END BH09703 ===

=== START BH09704 ===

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O God! The trials Thou sendest are a salve to the sores of all them who are devoted to Thy will; the remembrance of Thee is a healing medicine to the hearts of such as have drawn nigh unto Thy court; nearness to Thee is the true life of them who are Thy lovers; Thy presence is the ardent desire of such as yearn to behold Thy face; remoteness from Thee is a torment to those that have acknowledged Thy oneness, and separation from OAThee is death unto tThee is death unto them that have recognized Thy truth!

I beseech Thee by the sighs which they whose souls pant after Thee have uttered in their remoteness from Thy court, and by the cries of such of Thy lovers as bemoan their separation from Thee, to nourish me with the wine of Thy knowledge and the living waters of Thy love and pleasure. Behold Thy handmaiden, O my Lord, who hath forgotten all else except Thee, and who hath delighted herself with Thy love, and lamented over the things that have befallen Thee at the hands of the wicked doers among Thy creatures. Do Thou ordain for her that which Thou didst ordain for such of Thy handmaidens as circle round the throne of Thy majesty, and gaze, at eventide and at dawn, on Thy beauty.

Thou art, verily, the Lord of the Judgment Day.

=== END BH09704 ===

=== START BH09705 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! O Thou Who hearest the cry of the lovers from all horizons, and the wailing of the yearning ones from all regions, and the lamentation of those who have lost Thee from all lands, and Who seeth what hath befallen each one of them in Thy path - that which never befell Thy chosen ones, how much less Thy creation! Though I know, O my God, that Thou wert with Thy loved ones from all eternity and wilt be with them through Thy sovereignty and majesty, and that what hath befallen them from Thy enemies shall be their recompense with Thee, nevertheless I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Avenger, to send down upon some of Thy enemies that which shall cause their souls to tremble in this world and in the next. Ordain for them all a grievous punishment. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09705 ===

=== START BH09706 ===

O Mir Hashim or Mir Qabl Hashim! The Most Great Announcement hath appeared, and the Ancient Lord among the peoples calleth them unto the supreme horizon - the station wherein the Lord of Names speaketh that which hath enraptured the hearts of the righteous. This is the Day whereon the Mother Book and the Preserved Tablet cry out before the Face, speaking and saying: “My Lord hath manifested Me - rejoice, O concourse of the chosen ones!” Blessed is he who, being endowed with sight, hath

attested to the All-Merciful, and he who, possessing hearing, hath gained this Call whereby the bones were made to quake. Cast aside what the people possess and take hold of God's most exalted Word, whereby the Hour hath appeared and the mountains have passed away. Say: The Self-Subsisting calleth you unto Him, and the Wronged One remembereth you with that which hath caused the seas to surge.

=== END BH09706 ===

=== START BH09707 ===

O Mirza Hashim Aqa! The Captive remembereth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath guided thee to the Most Great Path and given thee to drink of the choice wine of His Command. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Be thou eloquent in My Name, and steadfast in the service of My Cause, and firm in such wise that naught in all the world shall hinder thee. Thus doth command thee the Lord of Eternity, Who hath come with the Most Great Name, and Who hath testified to that whereunto He testified ere the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Even thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and thy breast be dilated, and that thou mayest be of them that have attained.

=== END BH09707 ===

=== START BH09708 ===

He is God, exalted is He - O Nabil, My greetings upon you. 'Abdu'l-Majid from Maraghih has requested permission to come. He must seek permission from his native land. Permission has not been and is not granted for Alexandretta, Beirut, Jaffa, Haifa and places near and far, except for their inhabitants. However, We have pardoned him and We beseech God to assist him to visit His House and draw him nigh unto Him and enable him to do that which He loves and is pleased with. Let him turn to the Wronged One. O Nabil, let them come and be content with a stay of a few days, and afterward pass like a breeze over the friends and be the cause of joy to hearts.

=== END BH09708 ===

=== START BH09709 ===

O Karbila'i Nadhir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof! O Nadhir! The All-Informed remembers you when He was a captive in the hands of the transgressors. They seized Him and imprisoned Him in this noble place that what was revealed in the Books of God aforetime might be made manifest. He speaks the truth, but the people are in evident delusion. We arrived at this place and expanded its borders - this is what God foretold in the Books of the Messengers. Blessed is he who recognized and found the fragrance of divine knowledge, and woe to every remote scholar. When you attain My Tablet, give thanks to your Lord and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the world, and thanks be to Thee, O Beloved of those who have recognized Thee!"

=== END BH09709 ===

=== START BH09710 ===

In His Name, the All-Compelling over all names! O Nasru'llah! Say: O deniers of the Bayan! "He doeth what He willeth" hath ever been and shall ever be the truth. No affair among affairs and no deed among deeds is hidden from Him. Were they to drink from the ocean of this blessed Word, they would be enabled by the blessed words "We turn unto Thee." This Wronged One hath ever been and is occupied, night and day, with the reformation of the world and the reconciliation of hearts. Glory be to God! The deniers deny that which hath been inscribed upon the tablet of the world in clear script by the divine Pen. Blessed are they who possess true knowledge. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and remembered thee with verses from which hath shone forth the light of the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH09710 ===

=== START BH09711 ===

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing

O Nasru'llah! Victory has come, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. The Day has come, yet the people remain in grievous error. The Hidden One has been made manifest, yet most people remain among the heedless. We have ordained victory through remembrance and utterance. Blessed is he who has recognized, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His party to serve His Cause and to confirm them in that which will exalt their station. Verily, He is the Protector, the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and earths. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those with you and upon My handmaidens there who have turned and believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09711 ===

=== START BH09712 ===

O Nur, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O Nur! Hearken unto that whereunto the Lord of Revelation calleth thee. He verily draweth thee nigh, teacheth thee, causeth thee to know, and raiseth thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold naught in all existence save the Sovereign of the Kingdom. He Who answereth thee from this praiseworthy station - thy letter hath indeed come before Us and We have perused it, finding therein the fragrance of thy sincerity unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We make mention of thee and of thy brother who hath clung to the hem of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and We remember him who came after him. Thy Lord is verily the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving. We send Our greetings to My loved ones in that land and make mention of them through My Most Exalted Pen, which proclaimeth at all times: "There is none other God but Me, the Rememberer and the Remembered."

=== END BH09712 ===

=== START BH09713 ===

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise.

O Nayyir! Praise be to God that the effects of your deeds are manifest from every direction. The Sun of Utterance hath testified, and the Moon hath declared “Well done! Well done!” The fragrances of your mention in establishing the Cause of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names have illumined and continue to illumine the horizons with the light of unity. The recompense of no one hath been nor ever shall be lost with God. The Supreme Pen hath testified to the acceptance and steadfastness of the aforementioned one and thyself, and likewise to the handmaidens and leaves ye have mentioned - all that which hath been conducive to the exaltation of the Word of God. Well done to you both! Well done to you both! Thus hath your Lord spoken in your praise. Verily, He is your Guardian and He loveth you for His resplendent, sanctified, mighty and wondrous Face.

=== END BH09713 ===

=== START BH09714 ===

O Mashhadi Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Remembrancer. O Hashim! The Promise hath come to pass, to this the Promised One Himself doth testify. The Hidden One hath been made manifest, and God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath borne witness unto this. The All-Merciful hath come with clear proof, yet the people perceive it not. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in this Sealed Tablet. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause, whereby the limbs of every ignorant outcast have quaked with fear, and to assist thee in that which will exalt His Cause. Verily, He is the One Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom vain imaginings have not kept back from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

=== END BH09714 ===

=== START BH09715 ===

Leaf upon whom be the Glory of God! In the name of the knowing Lord! O My leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! From the direction of the Most Great Prison I have turned toward thee and make mention of thee. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that handmaidens who today have attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, are and have been superior and more exalted in the sight of God than the men of the earth, be they divines or others. Indeed, the heedless ones are recorded as dead and as nothing in the Book of God and by the Most Exalted Pen. My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by the breaths of Thy days, O Thou Owner of Names, to ordain through Thy pervading power for Thy handmaiden that which will profit her and draw her near unto Thee. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09715 ===

=== START BH09716 ===

In the Name of the Lord of Days! O My Leaf! The Divine Lote-Tree calls unto thee from the prison quarter. Today the Mount is filled with supreme joy, for it hath attained unto its Interlocutor, and the Lote-Tree speaketh: “Verily, I am God.” Blessed are the hearts of those who advance, the eyes of the knowing ones, and the ears of them that draw nigh. Today […] of meanings is adorned with the ornament of remembrance and utterance. Every atom proclaimeth and giveth glad tidings […] but riches and hopes have deprived the servants from the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, and from the outpourings of this wondrous Day. Praise be to the Goal of the world Who assisted thee and granted thee sustenance from the fruits of the Tree of existence. We convey Our greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad tidings of God’s special favors.

=== END BH09716 ===

=== START BH09717 ===

O Leaf, wife of Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon both of you be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O my leaf, upon thee be My glory! Thy mention hath been made amongst the holy countenances of the Most Exalted Paradise. Thou must, throughout all days and nights, praise the Goal of all worlds, Who hath aided thee in days when those possessed of sciences and arts are veiled from Him. Throughout ages and centuries they spoke of His appearance, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with His light, all turned away save whom God wished. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who guided thee to the straight path of God and caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Rising-Point of His verses. We beseech God to assist him and thee in supreme steadfastness in this Most Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09717 ===

=== START BH09718 ===

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom! O My leaf and My Afnan, daughter of His Honor Siyyid M., upon both of whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! Thy Lord remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison. Verily He remembered thee before thy existence, and in these days wherein have been revealed the mysteries of the Books and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me one of Thy leaves and recorded me by Thy Most Exalted Pen as one of the Afnans whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, and hast commanded Thy servants to love them and to show them affection - a bounty from Thy presence. I beseech Thee to aid me in remembering Thee and glorifying Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH09718 ===

=== START BH09720 ===

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! He is the Mighty, the All-Wise! O leaf of the Tree of Love! I bear witness that thou hast turned unto God and drunk the choice wine of revelation when the handmaidens were wrapped in heedlessness and veils. Thou didst seek and attain the recognition of thy Lord when men

were in doubt and error. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto your love, and blessed is the servant who hath arisen to make mention of you and serve you. We beseech God to preserve you and draw you nigh unto Him, and to grant you the best of what He hath sent down in His Book, and to record for you from the Pen of Grace the reward of attaining His presence, and to rain down upon you from the heaven of bounty the showers of mercy and loving-kindness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH09720 ===

=== START BH09721 ===

O Helper! Thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken thy name. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of bounty, and glorified art Thou, O Lord of the servants! I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and to Thy greatness and power, and I beseech Thee by the lights of the Luminary of Thy Cause and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance to aid me in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to that which hath appeared from Thy most exalted horizon and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of all beings. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and preserve me from those who have denied Thy proof, violated Thy Covenant, rejected Thy signs and disputed Thy testimony. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09721 ===

=== START BH09722 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. My pen and my tongue and my fingers and my inner self and my outer self and my hidden being and my heart and my liver and my spirit and my soul and my limbs and my faculties and my knowledge and my understanding and my hearing and my sight and my inmost heart testify to the oneness of God and His singleness and to His grandeur and His sovereignty and His might and His power and His glory. Blessed is the tongue that beareth witness to that which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified on this dark night, and the heart that hath turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, and the eye that hath beheld the lights of the Countenance when it was shining forth from the horizon of the Prison, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09722 ===

=== START BH09723 ===

In the Name of the One True God, the Compassionate! This is the Day of Revelation, and the Ancient Beauty calls out to the peoples of the world from the Dawning-Place of the Most Great Name, and summons them to the Source of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of Grace, which is the Truth Itself. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most great bounty! Praise ye the one true God, Who hath, on this triumphant day, bestowed upon you from His bounteous hand the waters of everlasting life. He is the Bestower, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, and He is powerful and mighty over all things. This Wronged

One counsels you to manifest praiseworthy characteristics and to remain steadfast in the Cause, for mighty indeed is God's Cause. Hold fast unto it and place your trust in God, the Lord of all the worlds.

=== END BH09723 ===

=== START BH09724 ===

Recall to mind My sorrows, My cares and anxieties, My woes and trials, the state of My captivity, the tears that I have shed, the bitterness of Mine anguish, and now Mine imprisonment in this far-off land… Couldst thou be told what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty, thou wouldst flee into the wilderness, and weep with a great weeping… Every morning I arose from my bed, I discovered the hosts of countless afflictions massed behind My door; and every night when I lay down, lo, My heart was torn with agony at what it had suffered from the fiendish cruelty of its foes.

=== END BH09724 ===

=== START BH09725 ===

O my Lord, my Adored One and my Desire!

Lowly and suppliant, I implore Thee to shield me from the evil of the ungodly and to withhold me not from the shade of the Sacred Tree, nor from the Voice of Thy Pen of Glory. I testify that the Day is Thy Day and the Cause is Thy Cause. I beg of Thee by Thy Straight Path and Thy wondrous Message, graciously to aid me to glorify Thy Cause amidst Thy servants. Thou art powerful to do as Thou willest, there is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09725 ===

=== START BH09726 ===

O peoples, do not spill blood and do not seize the

goods of others. By my life, the sword of good character

and kindness is sharper than a sword of iron.

Those men are truly wise who are decorated with the

ornaments of learning and character; these are the

head of the body of mankind. The ruling of man

has always been in their hands. I ask God to assist

them to do what He wishes, what pleases Him. Truly

He is the Master of creation, the Lord of the beginning

and of the end!

=== END BH09726 ===

=== START BH09727 ===

O Ali-Qabil-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. From the gentle breezes of dawn wafting from the gardens of inner meanings, this most exalted Word was heard: “Blessed is he who remains steadfast whom the doubts of the divines have not deterred, and blessed is he who stands firm whom the tyranny of rulers has not held back.” O friend, give glad-tidings to the people of Baha. This is the day of supreme joy. All must arise to aid the Cause of God with spirit and fragrance. The helper today is deeds from which the sweet perfumes of acceptance waft, and in teaching there are signs for the knowing ones and evidences for those who hear. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one.

=== END BH09727 ===

=== START BH09728 ===

He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Preserver, the All-Knowing

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Word wherein Thou hast treasured the pearls of Thy knowledge, and by the Sea that hath surged in Thy name in Thy days, to ordain for Thy handmaidens that which shall preserve them from drawing nigh unto any except Thee. O Lord! I implore Thee by Thy Self to shield them from every sorrow and grief and from whatsoever may hold them back from Thy most exalted horizon. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of the last and the first. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

Bless, O my God, Thy successful servants and Thy successful handmaidens. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09728 ===

=== START BH09729 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! I beseech Thee, O my God and the God of all things, my Creator and the Creator of heaven, by the steadfastness of Thy chosen ones in serving Thy Cause and the firmness of Thy faithful ones in Thy days, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the horizons of Thy dominion were illumined, to make Thy loved ones in all conditions detached from aught else but Thee and turned toward the lights of Thy countenance. Then send down upon them, O my God, in every moment, the rain of Thy mercy and the tokens of Thy generosity. O Lord! Assist Thy male and female servants, and ordain for them that which befitteth Thy glory and Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09729 ===

=== START BH09730 ===

He is the Speaking One, the All-Knowing! The people of truth must today be even as true physicians laboring to heal humankind. No disease hath been or is greater than heedlessness, treachery, envy, malice and hate; and no healing remedy hath been or is more potent than the Word of God. O peoples of the contingent world! Hearken with the ear of the spirit to the call of the All-Merciful. By the life of God! Its fragrance hath encompassed the world and perfumed the Concourse on High. Arise through the power of the Most Great Name, and with utmost joy and delight heal and remove chronic diseases through the Divine Word. His Name is the key to deliverance and His love the strengthener of souls.

=== END BH09730 ===

=== START BH09731 ===

In the Name of the one God! Praise be to God, through God's infinite bounty thou hast been blessed again and again with the dewdrops of the Supreme Pen. Such is His favor that the Dawning-Place of Light from the horizon of manifestation calleth thee to the Lord, the Kind, the All-Forgiving. I swear by the horizon of revelation, wert thou to become aware of this bounty, thou wouldst arise with soul and spirit to serve the Beloved of all possibility. The world is but a fleeting shadow and a faithless companion. Therefore must one strive to attain everlasting stations in this transient realm. We beseech God not to deprive His loved ones, nor deny them their portion of the waters of immortality. Verily He is the Bestower, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09731 ===

=== START BH09732 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power! Praise be to God Who sent down the names from heaven and adorned the brocade of the Book of Creation with His Most Exalted Name. And prayers and peace be upon the Seal of the Prophets, he for whom God made this world like a ring upon his finger which He turns however He pleases, and upon his family and companions who, by His command, aided the Faith of God until the banner of faith was raised upon the highest realm of possibility. We have named her whom God has given distinction among all created things. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to bless her appearance among you and to make her a blessing from Him unto you. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH09732 ===

=== START BH09733 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down upon us from the heaven of bounty His favors and bestowals time after time. I bear witness, O my God, my Lord, my Support, that Thou didst once bestow the blessing of beholding, and yet another time the blessing of hearing, then Thou didst bestow in these days the blessing of existence which Thou granted through Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee, O my God, to make him and those with him Thy trustees in Thy lands and Thy signs among Thy creation. And we

beseech Thee to name him in the Book of Names “The Exalted” that those with him may rejoice thereby. Then ordain for them, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH09733 ===

=== START BH09734 ===

He is God!

Praise be to God that you have arrived in health and wellbeing, illumined by the lights of divine love. Truly the eye of the soul is brightened. God willing, beneath the blessed Lote Tree you shall drink countless and infinite cups through the bounty of the Lord of Names, and the tongues of those drawn nigh and the devoted ones in the chambers of the Throne shall speak forth “Well done!” and “How pleasing!” I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid you that attainment may be realized everywhere - that is, here and there, and likewise in that House. The Command is in God’s hands - my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

=== END BH09734 ===

=== START BH09735 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer! O my God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy servants, both men and women, and withhold them not from the Furat of Thy mercy which hath flowed in Thy days in the garden of inner meanings by Thy command. O Lord! They are servants who have turned unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee. Send down, therefore, upon them and upon Thy handmaidens, from the clouds of the heaven of Thy bounty, that which will preserve them from all except Thee. O Lord! Thou seest how the people of the Bayan have broken Thy Covenant, shattered Thy Testament, and turned away from Thy Beauty. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Ocean which surgeth through Thy Name, and by the fragrance of Thy garment which hath been diffused in Thy days, to preserve Thy servants and handmaidens through Thy power and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

=== END BH09735 ===

=== START BH09736 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer! My God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy servants and handmaidens, and withhold them not from the Kawthar of Thy mercy which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the garden of inner meanings by Thy command. O Lord! They are servants who have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Send down, then, upon them and upon Thy handmaidens from the clouds of the heaven of Thy bounty that which will preserve them from all else besides Thee. O Lord! Thou seest how the people of the Bayan have broken Thy Covenant and violated Thy Testament and turned away from Thy Beauty. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Ocean which surgeth through Thy Name, and by the fragrance of Thy garment which hath been diffused in Thy days, to preserve Thy servants and handmaidens through Thy power and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09736 ===

=== START BH09738 ===

My Lord, my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant Rida standing firm in Thy service and speaking forth Thy praise, and Thou knowest that in the early days he was with the Wronged One and emigrated with Him until he arrived in the prison. He hath reached maturity beneath Thy shadow and in Thy service. I beseech Thee to send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty the grace of Thy generosity and the table of Thy munificence. Then send down healing from Thy presence upon my leaf and his daughter, and purify her from every disease and illness. We testify that healing is by Thy command and in Thy grasp. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous, and Thou art the Kind, the Merciful.

=== END BH09738 ===

=== START BH09739 ===

O Jinab-i-Javad-i-Chay, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of divine utterance. My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my hope, and to stand before Thy presence is my desire, and to hearken to the flowing of Thy Pen is my wish, and to appear before the throne of Thy justice is the ultimate goal of my purpose. I beseech Thee, O Light of the world and Illuminator of the nations, by the Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which Thou hast destined for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, who were so carried away by the breathings of Thy Revelation that they hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to attain Thy presence. Thou seest, O my God, the hands of hope upraised to the heaven of Thy bounty, and eyes expectant of the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me in all conditions that which will draw me nearer unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH09739 ===

=== START BH09740 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O My handmaiden, My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One remembereth thee from His prison, and calleth upon thee with both His outward and inner tongue, saying: O Lord of the worlds and Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through Whose manifestation all things were attracted, and the Nightingale sang upon the branches of the Uttermost Tree, to ordain for Thy handmaiden that which shall solace her eyes, gladden her heart and dilate her breast. Thou art He Whom the might of princes cannot frustrate, nor the power of the mighty weaken, nor the clamour of the learned deter. Thou doest what Thou willest in Thy dominion, and in Thy grasp are held the kingdoms of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09740 ===

=== START BH09741 ===

O handmaid of God Hudhud! In the name of the merciful Lord! Today obedience to the Command of God is binding and obligatory upon all. All must, through divine grace, be adorned with the ornament of His

ordinances. That which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will hath been and shall ever be the cause and means of the progress of the people of the world and the salvation of all therein. Blessed are they who have attained unto the love of God and that which He hath revealed in the Book. All men and women are remembered in the presence of God, and His glance of favor is fixed upon those who act. They must be so enkindled with the fire of His love that none shall be able to quench its flame. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this wondrous Tablet.

=== END BH09741 ===

=== START BH09742 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds! Today the people of God are those souls who are holding fast to the cord of the love of God - glorified be His majesty - and are clinging to the hem of His grace. How excellent is the state of that servant who has arisen to serve the Cause of God and has protected the people from the whisperings of the misleaders and the cawers. The triumph of God's Cause is through wisdom and utterance, naught else. This Wronged One in the Most Great Prison is occupied with the remembrance of the friends. We beseech God to keep all steadfast on His path and to assist them in His remembrance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Thy mention was made in the presence of this Wronged One, and this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of grace that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

=== END BH09742 ===

=== START BH09743 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

This is the Day wherein all that was hidden hath been and shall be made manifest and evident. No matter remaineth concealed in this Day, nor can it be concealed, for it is the Day of revelation and witnessing. The Distinguisher hath appeared and the Balance is set up. All matters are weighed in the divine Balance, and truth is distinguished from falsehood, the blessed from the wretched, the truthful from the false, and the trustworthy from the treacherous. Well is it with the soul that assisteth the Dayspring of Divine Unity through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By one's deeds is one's station ultimately revealed. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH09743 ===

=== START BH09744 ===

In the Name of the One Mighty God! Today the tongue of bounty makes mention of His loved ones and summons all to the horizon of the heaven of manifestation. O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Strive that perchance thou mayest drink of the sealed wine and hold fast to the Name of the Self-Subsisting. For shouldst thou attain unto this station, thou wilt have attained unto all good, and all the peoples of the world - the deniers and the idolaters - will be powerless to prevent thee and will not hold thee back from the mention of the Peerless Friend. This is a great bounty - know thou its value and,

having perceived it, preserve it. The handmaidens who have turned unto God are all remembered and have attained His grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09744 ===

=== START BH09745 ===

O Dhabih, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the One manifest in the Kingdom! Hearken unto what he who associated partners with God said after We sheltered him beneath the shade of the Tree and protected him through My sovereignty that prevails over the worlds. By God's life! He pronounced unjust judgment against those whom he should have served, then uttered that which no idolater had ever uttered before. His likeness is as the spotted snake that both bites and hisses. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His Most Great Remembrance and for His revelation unto thee of this wondrous Tablet. Let not the might of the world frighten thee, nor the utterances of any deluded one cause thee grief. Hold fast unto God in all conditions and cling to His luminous hem.

=== END BH09745 ===

=== START BH09746 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting! Bear thou witness within thyself that verily He is God and there is none other God but Him. He hath created all things through the Word which He created from His Will that hath appeared and shone forth from the sovereignty of the Divine Purpose in whatsoever was and shall be. He sent forth 'Ali in truth, then sent Him forth in justice, and sanctified Him from the command of the K and the N, and made Him the ornament of His beauty in the kingdom of Command and Creation, were ye to know. Through Him were the letters renewed in holy and beloved garments. Thus do We impart unto you the gems of knowledge and wisdom, that ye may ponder upon this Command.

=== END BH09746 ===

=== START BH09747 ===

He is the One Who standeth supreme over His Cause and watcheth from His horizon. The Bayan crieth out and saith: O people! Make Me not a veil between you and your Lord. He Who revealed Me hath commanded you not to make of Me a proof in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. His word is the truth: I am but as a ring upon His finger and as a leaf among the leaves of His garden. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We bear witness that thou hast hearkened unto the call of thy Lord and acted according to what thou wast bidden in His perspicuous Book. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness when its seal was broken by this glorious and wondrous Name.

=== END BH09747 ===

=== START BH09748 ===

He is God! In His station did speak the Tongue of Grandeur and Power: “Had I known that any Christian would believe in Him on the day of His manifestation, I would have made him the apple of Mine eye. Yet there befell Him at the hands of the wicked ones who claim adherence to the Bayan that which the worlds cannot bear. Say: O most remote of all creatures! By what testimony did ye believe in the Bayan, and by what testimony did ye turn away from Him from Whose horizon shone forth the Sun of divine exposition? What aileth you? How do ye judge? Soon shall ye witness that which ye now deny. Fear God and be not among the lowly ones.” And praise be to God, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth.

=== END BH09748 ===

=== START BH09749 ===

In the Name of Him Who is mentioned in the Tablets! Verily the clouds pour down rain, and the verses descend, and the light hastens before the Face, yet the people perceive not. Every day doth the Self-Subsisting call out, yet the people turn away from Him. Woe unto him who hath deprived himself of the presence of God in this Revelation! Say: By God! Ye were created for this blessed, promised Day, and were commanded to serve the Cause in the Revelation of God and His sovereignty which overshadoweth every witness and witnessed thing. We make mention of him who hath turned unto God, and give him to drink of My choice sealed wine. Well is it with him who hath drunk and attained. He is of them who have perceived the fragrance of God and turned unto the Intended One.

=== END BH09749 ===

=== START BH09750 ===

To the wife of Nazir, upon them both be the Glory of God. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Verily the Divine Tree makes mention of one of its leaves and one of its maidservants, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. Be not grieved by the world and its conditions. Soon that which thou seest today shall be rolled up, and another carpet shall be spread out. Verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. No one hath found from the world the fragrance of permanence and faithfulness. That which is therein shall perish, and that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen shall endure for every man who hath turned and every woman who hath turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee.

=== END BH09750 ===

=== START BH09751 ===

O Hasan! He is the One Who has dominion over all names. Verily the Divine Lote-Tree calls out from the crimson spot, summoning all unto God, the Lord of Names. To this all things bear witness, yet the people do not understand. They deny the proof of God after it has shone forth from the horizon of utterance like the sun rising from the horizon of heaven. Yet they perceive not. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of the Intended One when He came with manifest sovereignty. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Beloved. Despair not

of God’s spirit and mercy. He is with those who have turned towards His Countenance and followed what was sent down in the preserved Tablet.

=== END BH09751 ===

=== START BH09752 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted

Verily, the All-Possessing One addresses thee, O ’Abdu’l-Ghani, saying: This is the Day of Divine Riches, wherein everyone that is poor and distressed shall be enriched, should He so desire. He verily can make all to be wealthy through but a word from His presence. He is, in truth, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Say: The highest form of wealth is your faith in God - whoso hath not attained unto this is indeed the poorest of the poor in the sight of the Lord of all cycles. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of his Lord - We testify that he is among the wealthiest of all creation. Soon shall he behold that which hath flowed from the Pen of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Glorify thy Lord with praise, then remember Him in private and in public.

=== END BH09752 ===

=== START BH09753 ===

In His Name, the Ruler, the Everlasting! The Book itself speaks, yet the people do not understand. The Hidden One has appeared and is visible, yet the people do not see. They are those who denied the presence of their Lord when He came on the appointed day. Say: He is indeed the Sovereign in all possibility, and He is verily the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Were He to roll up what has been spread out by His command, none could object. He is indeed the Ruler through His word “Be!” and it is. It behooveth every soul to follow Him in whatsoever He willeth. This is a manifest truth. Whoso is not upon this path hath not attained. Thus doth the Truth testify, if ye be of them that know.

=== END BH09753 ===

=== START BH09754 ===

He is the Most Mighty, the Most High! The Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth and saith: O God of the world and Lord of eternity! I beseech Thee by the fire wherewith the hearts of Thy chosen ones were set ablaze in Thy days, and by the light whereby the faces of Thy creation were illumined, and by the Name which Thou hast made the balance of Thy Cause and the path of Thy sovereignty amongst Thy creatures, that Thou mayest open, through the key of Thy craftsmanship, unto every atom a door leading to Thy presence and a way unto the ocean of Thy reunion. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful Whom neither the clamor of Thy servants nor the conditions of Thine enemies can frustrate. Thou takest and Thou givest, and Thou art indeed the Taker, the Mighty, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

=== END BH09754 ===

=== START BH09755 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! O thou who art called by the name of God, who gazest upon His countenance, and who speaketh in remembrance and praise of Him! Hear thou once again the call of this Youth, and make thy will the will of thy Lord and thy desire that which He hath desired. Then aid thou His Cause through His name, for verily thy Lord is the best of helpers. Let none prevent thee in the Cause of thy Lord and in exalting His remembrance amongst His servants. Rather, it behooveth every soul to assist thee in that which thou hast purposed, for He is the protector of the doers of good. The Pen hath been forbidden to mention that which it desired, but God inspireth whomsoever He willeth with whatsoever He willeth, and the knowledge of all the worlds escapeth not His knowledge.

=== END BH09755 ===

=== START BH09756 ===

In the Name of Him Who has power over all names! O My handmaiden! Thy Lord remembereth thee in His mighty prison. By the life of the All-Merciful! He remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from all who dwell in the realm of being, in such wise that the pens of the world are powerless to recount them. Ponder upon the Revelation of God and His sovereignty. Despite His imprisonment and tribulation, He summoneth the world through His Most Great Name with a power that the might of the oppressors hath failed to withhold. Unto this Prisoner belongeth praise, both past and future, and unto this Wronged One is due the mention of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this most great favor, with which nothing in all creation can compare. Thy Lord, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing, beareth witness unto this.

=== END BH09756 ===

=== START BH09757 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

O handmaiden of God! Take comfort in God and His remembrance, then detach thyself from all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth, for it shall perish, and what endureth is the remembrance of God, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Then turn thy face toward Him in all conditions and look not unto what hath been ordained in the contingent world. Place thy trust in the Ancient Beauty of Glory, for this is a mighty counsel. This is better for thee than all that hath been and shall be created, and verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. And mercy be upon thee and upon those women who have turned their faces toward the countenance of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH09757 ===

=== START BH09758 ===

He is God! O remnant of the family of Malih! Your letter arrived and your cry was heard. Praise be to God that you have been adorned with the ornament of divine love and blessed with an everlasting bounty. Your heart has become a treasury of the Beloved’s love and your breast a dawning-place for the lights of the Desired One. However, beseech God that the pearls of love may remain protected from thieves and manifestations of Satan, for they have appeared with all manner of deceptions - the treacherous one

appears in the guise of the trustworthy, and the corrupt one in the cloak of piety. God willing, you must, through divine grace, remain steadfast on the straight path of the Cause and act according to praiseworthy good deeds. And the Spirit be upon you.

=== END BH09758 ===

=== START BH09759 ===

O Shamsiyyih, daughter of My brother! Hearken thou unto the Call from the direction of the mercy of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Remember thou thy Lord, then prostrate thyself before His Face, the Mighty, the Beautiful, inasmuch as He hath made known unto thee the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His verses when He came with the truth through this Most Great Name, whereby the worlds have been illumined. Blessed art thou in that thou hast been mentioned by the Pen of Command and thy name hath flowed from the tongue of Power and Might. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH09759 ===

=== START BH09760 ===

He is the Beloved! O Hassan! You and your brethren entered through the gate of Paradise, yet were not honored with meeting the Lord of Lords. Therefore did My eye weep for you, in that you were deprived of the glances of your Lord, the Most Merciful. However, God has accepted what has passed from you and heard the cry of your inmost hearts - to this My Pen and My Self, with Whom is the knowledge of the Book, bear witness. O Hassan! Do not grieve, but be content with what has been ordained in the Tablets from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Opening. Call upon your Lord at eventide and at dawn, that He may send down from the heaven of His grace that which will gladden the hearts of the loved ones, and beyond them, this Heart which has been pierced by the arrows of every hypocrite who has denied the Day of Reckoning.

=== END BH09760 ===

=== START BH09761 ===

O Abdullah from the people of Sad! He is the Mighty. O Abdullah! Hearken unto the call of this Bird at the time when it hath severed itself from all who are in the heavens and on earth and sought the nests of exile by reason of that which the hands of those who turned away from God have wrought and were not of those who drew nigh. Thou shouldst render thanks unto God, thy Creator, for having guided thee to a straight and mighty path, and aided thee with the truth, and delivered thee from the hosts of Satan. Beware lest thou forget God’s favor upon thee and be of the heedless ones. Speak not except with wisdom - this is My counsel unto thee if thou be of them that act.

=== END BH09761 ===

=== START BH09762 ===

He is the Mighty. O ’Ali! Hear My call and be not of the heedless ones. We have sent down unto thee a Book in clear Arabic tongue, and We sent it not save for a wisdom which none shall attain except those who have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and on earth. We shall send it to thee when God willeth and desireth, and verily there is no God but Him. He ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may you be in the utmost joy and delight. This servant hath never forgotten and will never forget you. We remember the friends, both female and male.

=== END BH09762 ===

=== START BH09763 ===

O Fat?, upon whom be the glory of God! He is the One manifest from the horizon of wisdom and utterance. O Greatest Fat?! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from this noble station. Let nothing grieve thee. Be thou confident through the grace of thy Ancient Lord. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Tree called out and the Rock spoke forth, to aid Thy servants who have turned towards Thy most exalted horizon and drawn nigh unto Thy most sublime Word. Then preserve them, O my God, from those who have denied the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. Moreover, ordain for them that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Giving, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09763 ===

=== START BH09764 ===

O Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious Glory of God! O Muhammad-Husayn! The tribulations have returned and Husayn has been afflicted among the wolves. Every day there befalls him that which hath befallen no one before. To this beareth witness whosoever hath observed all things with the eye of fairness. From the horizon of tribulation, We summon the servants unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Make mention of My tribulations amongst My servants. Say: O people! He hath sacrificed himself in the path of God. Fear ye, O people of corruption! He commandeth you to righteousness and piety, and forbiddeth you from that which would render your deeds null and void. Verily, he that followeth his idle fancies hath no protector this Day.

=== END BH09764 ===

=== START BH09765 ===

O Mahdi! We have sent down for all those mentioned in your book verses that cannot be equaled by anyone in the heavens. Therefore, cast them upon them that they may give thanks to God their Creator and remain firmly established. Then convey Our greetings to the one named Rida after Nabil and give him glad tidings of God’s own remembrance of him, then to those with him among God’s sincere servants. Then convey greetings to Muhammad and those with him, both male and female, as a remembrance from Us to him that he may be among the thankful ones. Then to those who have believed in God among Arabs and Persians - verily His mercy encompasses all the worlds.

=== END BH09765 ===

=== START BH09767 ===

He is the Ancient Commander

O Mirza Hidayat, upon him be the Glory of God! We have made thee among those who have attained My favors and have entrusted to them the service of the Holy Places. Take what thou art commanded and be of the thankful ones. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Light whereby Thou hast illumined the world and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, O Lord of Names, and of Thy Most Exalted Word, O Lord of all mankind, and one who gazeth toward Thy Most Glorious Horizon and holdeth fast unto Thy cord, O Possessor of the kingdoms of sanctity and righteousness, Who art established upon the throne of imprisonment through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

=== END BH09767 ===

=== START BH09768 ===

O Mirza Hasan in Bushihr!

The Most Glorious! The All-Highest!

We make mention of thee as a favor from Us, and verily I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Say: O suns of My names and manifestations of My love! Hearken unto My call, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in My perspicuous Book. It behooveth each one of you to be as a sun in the heaven of faithfulness, that there may appear from him that which will comfort the hearts of them that have recognized the truth. Verily, he who hath recognized the station of faithfulness and adorned himself with its ornament, he is indeed of the people of this noble station. The denizens of the Kingdom will offer prayers for him, from the presence of One mighty and wise. Give unto the people the glad-tidings of that which hath been revealed in this Tablet, and remind them of this mighty Cause. The glory be upon thee from God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09768 ===

=== START BH09769 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise! We make mention of them that have immersed themselves in the ocean of divine knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful and have turned unto His Face when it shone forth from the horizon of utterance. Verily, they who are heedless this day are reckoned among the people of the fire in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. He who draweth nigh shall be remembered by the dwellers of Paradise and by them who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him when every disbelieving deceiver turned away. He, verily, aideth him who aideth Him, and remembereth him who remembereth Him, and

ordaineth for him that which shall gladden his eyes. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions.

=== END BH09769 ===

=== START BH09770 ===

O Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks the Truth! We make mention of him whose name was presented before the Face in this Great Prison. There is no servant but We have mentioned him with grace, and no handmaiden but has attained to My beauteous remembrance. O servants of the All-Merciful in the lands! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summons between the worlds and calls all to the One, the All-Informed. Deprive not yourselves of the breezes of these days, nor your hearts from turning to His luminous countenance. Thus has cooed the Dove of the Cause upon a lofty branch. When thou hast attained unto God's Tablet and His traces, arise and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH09770 ===

=== START BH09771 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! We make mention of him who hath attained the light of recognition in the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, who hath taken hold of the Book of God with his right hand and hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving. O thou who gazest toward the horizon of Revelation! Hearken unto that which the King of Kings proclaimeth unto thee: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be thou steadfast in all conditions in the Cause of thy Lord and vocal in His praise, that perchance the people may arise from the couch of heedlessness and turn toward God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus have We made mention of thee as a favor from Our presence. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of existence!

=== END BH09771 ===

=== START BH09772 ===

For him who serves the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, He is the Mighty, the Great

We make mention of him who has arisen to serve the Cause and has acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Every soul who has turned towards God hath attained unto His mention and praise on a Day wherein the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth. Be thou thankful unto God for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and for the Face of God having turned towards thee from this sublime station. Hold fast unto My strong cord and cling to the hem of My garment. Thus doth He command thee, with Whom is the mighty Book. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09772 ===

=== START BH09773 ===

We make mention of one who has found the sweetness of his Lord the Most Merciful's utterance with an illumined heart. The world hath been perfumed by the breezes of revelation, yet the idolaters are in manifest loss. The mountains have passed unto the Self-Subsisting, yet most of the people are among the heedless. We make mention of him who hath turned to the Countenance and We send down that whereby his remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the King, the Mighty, the Praised. Be thou grateful to thy Lord for this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and to set my face toward the court of Thy knowledge when most of creation turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and to make me among the steadfast ones.

=== END BH09773 ===

=== START BH09774 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Bestower of gifts and favors

We adorn the head of the Tablet with the remembrance and praise of God and bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath created the Afnan to serve His Cause and exalt His Word. And We bear witness that thou, O My Afnan and Leaf of My Divine Lote-Tree, didst leave thy homeland seeking the Most Exalted Homeland until thou didst arrive in Paradise and heard the call of the Most Glorious God and beheld the horizon of Revelation, a bounty from the One Who conversed on Sinai. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee for having attained His presence and beheld that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09774 ===

=== START BH09775 ===

O Muhammad-Rida-i-Zavari'i! He is the Most Glorious, the Most Luminous! Verily We hear at this hour the Call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, as though the Caller were God, the Lord of all worlds. And when We turned toward it with Our most pure hearing, We heard it say: "O concourse of humanity! By God, the Most Great Spectacle hath appeared, and God hath made it the seat of His mighty Throne. O people of the realm of possibility! The All-Merciful hath appeared with clear proof - turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones." We have mentioned unto thee that which We heard through Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who is this truthful Speaker, that thou mayest give praise and thanks unto Him Who created thee and caused thee to know this luminous Day. The glory be upon the people of glory from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH09775 ===

=== START BH09776 ===

He is the Caller at the Axis of Creation! Unto Me, unto Me, O gems of the worlds in the kingdom of man! I beseech Thee, O my God, turning toward the Kingdom of Thy Divinity, supplicating to the Heaven of Thy Mercifulness, clinging to the hem of Thy Singleness, imploring the glory of Thy Self-Subsistence, prostrate

upon the dust in humility and submission, entreating Thy favors and loving-kindness, that Thou wouldst look upon Thy sincere servants with the eyes of Thy mercy, cast upon them the mantle of Thy light, make them steadfast in Thy Cause, and render them the dawning-places of Thy signs and the daysprings of Thy spirit and Thy fragrances, yearning for the sweetness of bearing tribulations in Thy path in such wise that nothing shall prevent them from Thy mention and praise. Verily, Thou art the All-Kind, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH09776 ===

=== START BH09777 ===

In His Name, He Who has dominion over all names! May you be fresh and verdant through the winds of the mercy of the All-Merciful and the rain-clouds of the bounty of the All-Glorious, and may you dwell at rest beneath the shade of the Tree of Oneness in all the worlds. O saplings of the divine garden! The hand of training of the True Educator hath ever been and shall continue to be engaged in training whatsoever hath grown in the paradise of God. We render thanks unto God for having manifested thee in His days, and for having related thee to him who turned unto Him and attained unto His recognition and quaffed the choice wine of mystical knowledge and the pure water of submission from the hands of His bounties on a day wherein all arose in hypocrisy save those who held fast unto the Sure Handle and were detached from all else but Him.

=== END BH09777 ===

=== START BH09778 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! I pray that ye may at all times drink of the wine of inner meanings from the chalice of the All-Merciful's bounty. Though this wine hath appeared in the vesture of words, yet it is sanctified above all words. Indeed, the very essence of meaning boweth down before it in humility and submission, confessing its inability to attain unto it. I swear by the Most Great Name that whosoever drinketh thereof shall be freed from the idle fancies and vain imaginings of men, and, detached from all else, shall turn his face toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Know ye the value of these days and regard this station as mighty indeed. Blessed art thou for having attained, and woe unto them that turn away.

=== END BH09778 ===

=== START BH09779 ===

O son of his honor Fath-i-A'zam, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great Glory of God! God willing, you have ever been and will ever remain beneath the shadow of the providence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily He maketh mention of you even as He mentioned you before, and hath ordained for you that which shall bring joy to the eyes of them that are endued with true understanding. You must needs be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Word in such wise that its warmth may influence the hearts of men. Verily He is the One Who influenceth all things, the Confirmer, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over anything. Rather, rejoice in My remembrance of thee and My turning

toward thee. By My life! Nothing that thou beholdest can equal this. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the True One, the All-Informed. May the Glory rest upon you and upon those who are with you.

=== END BH09779 ===

=== START BH09780 ===

He is God! O handmaid of God! You were mentioned in My presence. God willing, you will at all times drink from the cups of the words of the Lord of the worlds of the most pure wine. Although the trials of these days are severe and have rendered most people lifeless, those who have been enkindled with the fire of God and have attained to His love are not veiled by trials. Rather, the more severe the trials become, the more their fire of love surges forth. These are the souls whose existence the denizens of the Supreme Concourse take pride in and whose presence they eagerly anticipate. Therefore strive that the Joseph of divine love not be seized by the wolves of trials. And the Spirit be upon you.

=== END BH09780 ===

=== START BH09781 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O servant of the One God! The Peerless Beloved calls unto thee, saying: The call of the All-Merciful is raised before the faces of men, and the croaking of the ghouls follows. Blessed is he whom the croaking of ghouls prevented not from the living waters, and who arose with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. Guard ye with utmost endeavor the pearls of divine love, for thieves have been and shall be lying in wait, watching for an opportunity to plunder. Such is the counsel of the Beloved of creation unto His loved ones. The Glory be upon you.

=== END BH09781 ===

=== START BH09782 ===

O son of my brother! In the Name of the One Beloved Friend! Thy letter reached the Most Great Horizon and was honored to attain the presence and favors of the Lord of Power. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who assisted thee to recognize His Own Self and to turn toward His direction. Know thou the worth of this most great bounty and supreme gift, and occupy thyself with such matters as will cause the station of man to be made manifest. Excellence hath ever been and shall ever be beloved in the sight of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. Strive diligently to attain it. God willing, the glance of merciful compassion hath been and shall be upon thee. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon thy brother and thy sister, from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09782 ===

=== START BH09783 ===

Sister Kamal-Jahan, in the name of the one peerless Friend! He says: Your degrees of ardor and yearning and rapture and attraction were mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Therefore, this wondrous Tablet, which is the dawning-place of attraction and the source of jubilation for the peoples of the world, was revealed and sent forth, that it might increase in you at all times that which is befitting and meet in this

day. Therefore, you must speak forth in praise of God with such rapture and attraction that the firm and steadfast mountains will be set in motion. Warble upon the branches amidst the handmaidens of the All-Merciful, that they may be drawn by your melodies and turn unto God, the Beloved of those who know.

=== END BH09783 ===

=== START BH09784 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord! O friends of God! This is the Day that hath been adorned with its mention in all the divine Books, and whose presence all the Messengers have yearned to attain. This is the Day that hath belonged exclusively to God, exalted be His station, and hath been distinguished by the Manifestation of God through the Most Exalted Pen. Therefore, ye must, with the utmost determination and the most complete endeavor, make the heedless people aware of it and summon them unto it. This is the Straight Path that hath ever been and shall ever be known for its steadfastness and recognized as truth. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and recognized that which hath been sent down therein from God, the Ancient Bestower.

=== END BH09784 ===

=== START BH09785 ===

O Asadu'llah Bey, upon him be the Glory of God!

In the name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! O friends! Today the Speaker of Sinai is manifest and evident, and upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree He speaks and proclaims. Hearken ye, and act according to the loving counsels of the Beloved. The Book is revealed, the Fountain is flowing, the Hidden is manifest, and the Promised One speaks. Turn ye with clear certitude that ye may hear and see and drink and attain. I swear by the Most Great Prison which hath become the Seat of the Throne - whosoever in this Day attaineth unto the hearing of but one word, he shall be recorded and inscribed as one of the denizens of the highest Paradise in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

=== END BH09785 ===

=== START BH09786 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds! O friends! I truly say that whosoever is deprived today of the outpourings from the heaven of divine mercy shall never succeed in making up for it, inasmuch as this day is the Lord of days and the King of all days. One breath drawn today for the sake of God is equal to the goodly deeds of numbered years. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist thee and to keep thee firm and steadfast in His love. Such is the bounty of God that even in this Most Great Prison, amidst countless afflictions, He remembers His friends. This supreme blessing is specially ordained for this Day. Know ye its value and count it as a precious treasure.

=== END BH09786 ===

=== START BH09787 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O friends! The Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful hath appeared and flowed forth, and the sealed wine hath been unsealed through the power of the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Ye should turn unto God - exalted be His glory - with illumined hearts and radiant breasts. Today His all-embracing mercy hath encompassed all, yet most are found heedless and veiled. Blessed is the state of the one who, detached from the world, hath clung to the Most Great Name and received his portion from the ocean of His grace. God willing, may ye be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book. We send Our glorification and prayers upon the King of Martyrs and their Beloved.

=== END BH09787 ===

=== START BH09788 ===

O Ramadan! In the name of the Best-Beloved of the world! O Ramadan! God willing, through the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful thou wilt drink from the cup of everlasting life and remain firm in thy attachment to the Beloved of all possibility, in such wise that the hosts of Satan will not prevent thee nor deprive thee of this most great bounty. While time remaineth, strive that perchance some service may proceed from thee which shall be acceptable in the presence of the Eternal One, for the fruit of human existence hath ever been and shall ever be the remembrance of the All-Merciful, service unto Him and steadfastness in His Cause. How excellent is the state of that soul who hath attained unto these two and detached himself from all else.

=== END BH09788 ===

=== START BH09789 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of earth and heaven!

O Sakinih! The Lord of Creation declares: I created all beings for this Day and for its recognition, yet most remained veiled from knowing it. The cause of their veiling has been and will continue to be vain imaginings and idle fancies. Whosoever today attains to this most great bounty and most generous favor - if she be among the handmaidens, she is mentioned before God as being among the denizens of the highest chambers of Paradise, and if he be among the men, he is accounted as one of the people of the Ridvan. O handmaiden of God! Give thanks to the Lord of Names that thou hast attained to this supreme gift and hast drunk from the Kawthar of His love.

=== END BH09789 ===

=== START BH09790 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of utterance! Today is the day of remembrance and the day of steadfastness. The beginning of the Cause was belief in God, and its end is steadfastness in His love. Beseech ye God that He may graciously enable all to attain to this exalted and most sublime station. By the Sun of Being which shineth resplendent above the horizon of bounty! All the peoples of the earth

shall ere long return with utter loss and disappointment to their abodes, save those sanctified souls who have, through God's grace, attained their goal and quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Great effort is required to preserve this station. Blessed are they that have attained! Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09790 ===

=== START BH09791 ===

In the Name of the One True God! O Shamsiyyih, daughter of my brother! God willing, through the favors of the Countenance of Divine Unity, mayest thou shine forth even as the sun from the horizon of the heaven of certitude, that the darkened hearts of the heedless handmaidens may be illumined by its rays. Give thanks to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou art accounted among the people of the pavilion of glory, inasmuch as thou hast sprung from the tree of grace and art related unto the Truth. Know thou the value of this most great bounty and be thou engaged day and night in His remembrance and be thou steadfast in His Cause. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related to the Tree of His Cause.

=== END BH09791 ===

=== START BH09792 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

O 'Abdu'l-Husayn! Your name is blessed and beloved, and is mentioned in the Concourse on High. God willing, through the favors of the Best-Beloved of the world, you will make mention of Him with utmost wisdom among the peoples. How excellent is the state of one who is today set ablaze with the fire of the love of God - its effects will assuredly become manifest in the world. The service of the Cause today has been and will continue to be teaching. One must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, invite the lost ones to their true homeland and give glad-tidings of the ocean of certitude to those who waver, that perchance they may become receptive to the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings in this spiritual dawn. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH09792 ===

=== START BH09793 ===

He is the Remembered One! O thou who art absent yet present! Although outwardly thou hast returned to thy native land according to the leave and will of the true Master, yet thy mention remains before the Divine Throne. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which was the purpose in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Wise. A brief Tablet was sent down from the heaven of bounty to thy brother and forwarded to you. Deliver it to him and in all circumstances be watchful over the Cause of God, for deluded souls have been and are lying in wait. We beseech God to protect thee from the deceptions of the doubters and from the schemes of those who have remained heedless of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

=== END BH09793 ===

=== START BH09794 ===

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all things! O servant! Hear the call of Husayn. Thy letter was observed by the eye of loving-kindness. Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been named by this name. However, for servitude there are certain conditions. The first is that thou shouldst manifest spiritual qualities among all people, that all may find and observe in thee the signs of servitude and servanthood. If thou takest pride in this name, be thou of them that render thanks. We have adorned thee with the ornament of this wise remembrance, that thou mayest be assured that He hath desired him who desired Him and hath intended him who intended Him, and what is with Him hath precedence over what is with others. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09794 ===

=== START BH09795 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

O handmaiden of Baha! The Lord of Names makes mention of thee in this divine Day, which hath adorned all holy Books with its remembrance. May thou be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation and be accounted among the letters of the Preserved Tablet. At all times, drink from the Kawthar of the Merciful's love, and be thou enkindled with the fire of His remembrance and speaking in His praise. O fruit of the blessed Tree of Martyrdom! He hath testified that thou art manifest from it and unto it shalt return. Be thou gladdened by these words which have issued from the mouth of the All-Merciful, and arise to render praise unto Him.

=== END BH09795 ===

=== START BH09796 ===

O my sister who hath migrated and won the name of the Beloved of the worlds! O handmaiden of God! Moses attained to hearing the divine call in the Sinai of recognition, and this is that same call with which the Goal of the world now speaketh. Strive thou that this most great bounty may remain and endure. The evil ones have ever lain in wait for God's loved ones, and through tales of the past they prevent the servants from the supreme horizon. Beseech ye God that ye may attain to such a station wherein ye will regard all save God as non-existent and count it as nothing. Verily He calleth with truth and revealeth unto whomsoever desireth His straight path. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH09796 ===

=== START BH09797 ===

He is the Beloved One! O handmaiden of God! Praise God that thou hast drunk from the wine of the Most Merciful's grace and hast been nourished from the chalice of bounty. Among the Concourse on High thou art mentioned as a handmaiden of God, and among the people of earth thou art known as a maidservant of the Beloved. Thy service hath not been, nor ever shall be, effaced from the view of the Most Great

Scene. O My maidservant! Move among the handmaidens of God in the sanctity of the Ancient Beauty, that perchance all may be sanctified through thy holiness from the defilement of self and passion, and soar in the atmosphere of detachment. Hearken unto the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen and say: Deprived is the soul that turneth from the immortal Wine to that which perisheth, and from the manifestations of the lights of oneness to the promptings of self. O servants! If ye be lovers, behold, the Beloved is present; if ye seek the Wine, lo, the Cup of the Beloved floweth manifest and evident. Cast off the wings of fancy and with the wings of reality soar toward the realm of the All-Merciful. This is the Sun of counsel and utterance that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Glorious. Blessed are they that hear and are illumined thereby. My handmaiden! Thou hast become aware of the attributes of the Beauty of Oneness and art informed of the sanctity of the Ancient Beauty. Apprise the handmaidens of God that perchance they may purify themselves from whatsoever God loveth not.

=== END BH09797 ===

=== START BH09798 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding! O My handmaiden! Be not sorrowful at separation from the Ancient Beauty. In whatever land thou dwellest, thou art in the presence of God, for thy services shall not be lost. Be patient and content with My good-pleasure. And if thou enterest the City of God, inform My handmaidens of My tribulation and affliction, and walk in complete sanctification, and be not heedless of the wonders of My remembrance. Convey My greetings from My tongue to My messenger, and likewise to all thy family. O My handmaiden! Be not neglectful of service to the House of God and of visiting it, and be not veiled from the Beloved of the worlds. And the glory be upon thee.

=== END BH09798 ===

=== START BH09799 ===

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad-Quli! Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace and hast recognized the Sun of Truth which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. The divines of the earth who counted themselves the most learned, the most excellent and the most exalted among all creation have been observed to be deprived of this most great bounty and supreme gift, while thou, through His grace, hast attained unto it and hast been elevated to such a station that the Supreme Pen in the Most Great Prison hath been moved to address thee and make mention of thee. Throughout thy days and thy life and thy time say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH09799 ===

=== START BH09800 ===

In the Name of the One Creator

O Mahdi of the world! Through the breezes of the Ancient Lord’s favor, the world hath been adorned with the flowers of divine knowledge and the fruits of inner truth. Blessed is the soul that hath not been

deprived or forbidden therefrom. Today is the day when the ocean of generosity is surging and the heart of creation is in joy. God willing, thou shalt attain unto this most great bounty and gaze upon the most luminous horizon. Praise be to God that thou art reckoned among the twigs of the Divine Tree and art related to the Celestial Tree. Hold fast with complete determination, lest diverse winds prevent thee. In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon the Truth and remain detached and free from aught else.

=== END BH09800 ===

=== START BH09801 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O Mihr-'Ali! This is the Day that all the Prophets and Messengers have made mention of, and have beseeched and yearned for its presence from God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the one who hath recognized it and hath arisen as befitteth it. Your mention hath been made, before and after, in the Most Great Prison, and the glance of favor hath been directed toward you. God willing, you will preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of creation, for thieves and traitors have been and will be lying in wait. The Glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Cause.

=== END BH09801 ===

=== START BH09802 ===

In the Name of the One Friend

O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Be thankful that thou hast sprung from Me and art attributed unto Me. This is a divine bounty bestowed upon thee. But what behooveth thee is to hold fast unto the Tree with perfect trust and strength, lest thou be cast down by the diverse winds of the souls of the polytheists. His favors have ever been and shall ever continue to be. Through the mere turning of any soul to the Most Exalted Horizon, the confirmations of the Lord of Names have reached and shall continue to reach. Bind thy heart firmly to the love of the Beloved of the worlds. He is the source of all good and the bestower of every bounty. Verily, the glory be upon thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH09802 ===

=== START BH09804 ===

In the Name of God, the Educator of all contingent beings!

In these days the signs of the effulgences of the dawning-place of Revelation are manifest and evident from the horizons. The Day of the Peerless Friend hath appeared, and through the triumph of the divine Day the world hath been illumined. Blessed are they who, with clear certitude, have set their faces toward the station of the Lord of the Worlds.

O Nuriyyih! The maidens of the most exalted chambers have turned toward thee and have loved and continue to love thy mention. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to account thee as one of the leaves of the blessed Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West, and to record thee in the Crimson Book by

the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou and blessed is the handmaiden who hath loved thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

=== END BH09804 ===

=== START BH09805 ===

He is God, blessed and exalted is He! This most exalted perfect Word has at this moment been sent down from the divine Kingdom of Command: O Ibn-i-Asdaq the Most Holy! Return to the land of Kha by command of God, the Lord of all humanity. We have heard the call of My loved ones and have answered what they desired, and verily I am the Hearer, the Answerer. Adorn the head of acceptance with the crown of detachment and the temple of existence with the fear of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give glad tidings to the loved ones of the bounty of God, glorified be His majesty, and illumine their hearts with the light of My wondrous utterance. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast and firm one.

=== END BH09805 ===

=== START BH09806 ===

In the Name of the Kind Lord!

This is a letter from the Wronged One of the horizons to one of the handmaidens of God, that she may hear the Word of Truth and act according to what is befitting in this Day. Blessed is the handmaiden who has attained to faith and acted according to what she was commanded by the All-Merciful. O handmaiden of God! Your sister who dwells in the prison was present before the Throne and beseeched that the divine Word might shine forth upon that handmaiden, that is, that wondrous and sublime verses might be sent down from the heaven of God's Will. Therefore We responded and sent these exalted words. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be to Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!

=== END BH09806 ===

=== START BH09807 ===

For safekeeping, a Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most Glorious circle in the handwriting of Mirza Aqa Jan has been sent for your honor and Shams Shama Haji. God willing, they will be preserved from all calamities and afflictions under divine protection. And in these days, God willing, a letter will be sent for Haji, your recent namesake, and others, but it was not possible by post. And regarding others, concerning the matter of [unclear] Aqa Mirza [unclear] that was written, it has been recommended that he send the receipt to your honor, and if you deem it advisable, send this matter along with the matter you had written about by post.

=== END BH09807 ===

=== START BH09808 ===

O Mirza Musa! Yea, it is incumbent upon all the companions and loved ones to be seated upon the thrones of love and to repose upon the cushions of affection, and to move about in the station of united souls. They must shine forth from a single lamp and be illumined within a single niche, grow from a single tree and be nourished by a single fruit, walk upon a single earth and be seated upon a single carpet, drink from a single stream and be drawn to a single ocean. Such is the attribute of the loved ones, for verily God is independent of all the worlds. And peace be upon the sincere servants of God.

=== END BH09808 ===

=== START BH09809 ===

Thou seest, O my God, how Thy loved ones have been encompassed by the rebellious amongst Thy creatures and the wicked amidst Thy people. No land remaineth but the lamentation of Thy lovers and the wailing of Thy chosen ones were lifted up therein. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to draw forth the hand of power from the bosom of Thy might and to assist therewith all them that love Thee.

Thou beholdest, O my God, their eyes turned towards Thee, their gaze fixed upon the Dayspring of Thy might and Thy loving providence. Transmute, O my Lord, their abasement into glory, their poverty into wealth, and their weakness into a strength born of Thee.

Powerful art Thou to do whatsoever Thou willest. No God is there but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09809 ===

=== START BH09810 ===

He is the One Who Hearest, and is Ready to Answer

Thou knowest, O My God, that I desire naught in Thy Dominion save to better the condition of the world and improve the charater of peoples of different nations, that haply the fire of hatred may be quenched with the waters of Thy providence, and the glorious light of unity may shine forth by Thy nurturing grace and wisdom. O God! Aid Thou the rulers of the world and its learned ones to accept that which Thou commandest them by Thy bounty and Thy loving kindness, and teach them that which Thou didst desire for them by Thy grace, and uncover before them Thy clear and straight path, and Thy manifest and transcendent Cause. O God! Ordain for Thy loved ones, throughThy Most Exalted Pen, that which shall profit them in this present world and in the next. Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

=== END BH09810 ===

=== START BH09811 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. All have been created for the meeting with God, and all have been and are allotted this most exalted station. However, the veils of creation have become an obstacle between the Ever-Flowing Grace and His loved ones. Yet this matter pertains to the outward. Inwardly, whosoever today attains to the divine commandments and holds fast to the Most Holy Book which hath

been sent down from the holy Kingdom is accounted before God as one of those who have attained His presence, for He will surely not deprive His servants from the ocean of grace when they seek it with longing. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09811 ===

=== START BH09812 ===

O David-Quli Big, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of utterance! The whole world in this promised Day is illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of existence, yet some through unworthy deeds and actions have deprived themselves of its traces and fruits, while others have preserved it through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. How excellent is the state of that soul who hath attained to this station and hath not lost the divine bestowal. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison. By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, nothing among all things can equal this bounty. Preserve it through My Name and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH09812 ===

=== START BH09813 ===

O Ustad Aqa Jan! In the name of the All-Merciful God! We have enjoined steadfastness upon all people; nevertheless, some of the companions, upon merely witnessing reprehensible deeds from those who have attributed themselves to the Truth, have withdrawn from the Truth, exalted and mighty be He, and have remained deprived of the pure, flowing waters of the days of God. This, despite the fact that in every age, at the dawning of the light of divine unity, there have been both the faithful and the unfaithful. Blessed is the state of those souls who today fix their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon and are detached from all else beneath it. God willing, may you be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and occupied with His remembrance. Verily, He is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09813 ===

=== START BH09814 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the World! The eyes of the nations have not seen and will never see a day better than this wondrous Day, and the ears of the world have not heard and will never hear a call like unto this. O people of insight! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and the Lord of Power hath dawned forth in His Name of the Oppressed. Today the gates of bounty are opened wide and the rain of mercy from the heaven of providence is ceaselessly falling. Deprive not yourselves. Verily He commandeth you that which profiteth you and guideth you unto His Straight Path. We make mention of thy son Mahdi who desired to drink from the ocean of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath preceded all created things.

=== END BH09814 ===

=== START BH09815 ===

In the Name of the One Creator! How many servants and handmaidens there were who occupied themselves day and night with reciting divine books and heavenly scriptures, yet remained veiled from their Revealer when He appeared, and clinging to their own imaginings and holding fast to the Book, were deprived of its Revealer and remained veiled from the Mother Book. They passed by the Sweet Ocean and turned instead to the river of their own vain fancies. Blessed is the soul that held fast to the divine Lote-Tree and became free and detached from all else. O handmaiden of God! God willing, may you remain steadfast in His love and be free and detached from all else. The glory be upon you.

=== END BH09815 ===

=== START BH09816 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer! O Hasan-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever loved and continueth to love tribulation. Therefore there hath befallen Him, and continueth to befall Him, that which causeth the clouds to cry out and the Faithful Spirit to lament. This is the station wherein the sighs of them that are nigh unto God have ascended, and the tears of the sincere ones have flowed. Were it not for the will of the True One, exalted be His glory, no one would have had the power to oppose Him. All are captives in the grasp of His might, and are weak and abject before the revelation of His power. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and attained unto this wondrous Tablet. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them that have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09816 ===

=== START BH09817 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O handmaiden of God! God, the Exalted Truth, brought creation into being from nothingness specifically for this Day, and afterwards caused the sun of grace to shine forth equally upon all, that all might attain to the recognition of the true Friend. Likewise He commanded all to be steadfast in His Cause. Nevertheless, some broke the Covenant at the buzzing of a fly and violated the divine Testament. O handmaiden of God! Fix your gaze upon the horizon of steadfastness, that you may not be debarred from the Truth by the words of the heedless, the gestures of the wayward, and the book of evil. This is God's counsel to His male and female servants.

=== END BH09817 ===

=== START BH09818 ===

He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

Praise befitteth the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who hath conquered all created things through the light of utterance and hath guided them to the supreme horizon and the most exalted heights which are illumined with the dawning-place of the Lord of Names. Exalted be His grandeur, and exalted His dominion, and exalted His utterance! O My loved ones in all lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily it draweth you nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-

Subsisting. O ’Isa Beg! Thy letter hath arrived and been honored to be heard. We beseech God, the Creator of the heavens, to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the next. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word.

=== END BH09818 ===

=== START BH09819 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the horizons! Praise be to the Beloved Who, through His supreme benevolence, sacrificed the Blessed Beauty for the life of the peoples of the world. How excellent is the state of the one who, amidst these darknesses, shineth even as a lamp. The Life of the World saith: O My handmaidens! Consider My mercy. While ye repose in your gatherings, the Ancient Beauty, together with a number of friends and members of the household, hath fallen into the hands of enemies and in this Most Great Prison is occupied with the remembrance of the friends of God. It therefore behooveth you to act in accordance with the requirements of love and to be ever turned toward God. And the glory be upon you.

=== END BH09819 ===

=== START BH09820 ===

In the Name of the One Speaker!

In this spiritual springtime and in these days when the breezes of the All-Merciful’s mercy are wafting, the human trees must become verdant and flourishing with the leaves of goodly deeds and the fruits of spiritual qualities. The purpose of man’s creation hath been the knowledge of the All-Merciful and the observance of whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will. O friends! Strive ye, through the grace of the Best-Beloved of the world, to achieve such deeds as will endure in both the material and spiritual realms. A goodly deed is acceptable, and a goodly word ascendeth unto God. Hearken with the ear of the spirit to the loving counsels of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. The Glory be upon you!

=== END BH09820 ===

=== START BH09821 ===

He is God! Regarding the stone - verily it is necessary that it be created and that the Branch write “The Glory be upon those who act and upon those who have acted in the path of the Lord of the worlds.” As for thy desire to attain the presence - thou art welcome, the door is open and He Who is beseeched responds. And concerning what thou mentioned about divine confirmation, assistance and compensation for what hath passed - verily He is the Protector of every beneficent one and every sincere and trustworthy one. He will compensate for what hath passed, for He is the Kind, the Generous. As for the almonds - their time hath not yet come; let them remain with thee. And as for the yard-measure - We have sent it to thee; use it as thou pleasest, though the Wronged One preferreth it pure, without almonds.

=== END BH09821 ===

=== START BH09822 ===

He is the Mighty

Be dependent upon God in all matters and do not be heedless for a moment. Exercise the utmost care and wisdom in all affairs. Be in the utmost joy and delight and fix your gaze on naught but God, for the winds of differences are blowing from all directions. You must remain steadfast, firm and resolute in all conditions, and verily He will suffice you against all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey greetings to whichever of the assured ones among the beloved who circle round about, and remind the people of the Shrine of the mention of God.

=== END BH09822 ===

=== START BH09823 ===

He is the Sanctified above all things!

The remembrance of God hath appeared in truth, and He is the Ancient Sender-down. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to My finger, and verily it testifieth to My power, the Sovereign over all the worlds. My limbs have borne witness to My sovereignty, but the people are in manifest blindness. The breast of the world hath been dilated through the manifestation of My Most Great Name - to this every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge doth testify. We have heard the call of those who have turned to God, and We have answered them as a bounty from Our presence, and verily We are the Answerer. He prayeth for those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and He giveth them glad tidings of the most exalted Paradise and the All-Highest Station. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Herald.

=== END BH09823 ===

=== START BH09824 ===

He is the Powerful in the Heaven of Eternity. The remembrance of God from the Sacred Tree upon the spot of Paradise is unto him who was witnessed upon the Truth - Mirza Baqir of Qa'in. Soon shall the heaven be cleft asunder and the Youth shall come upon the crimson Buraq, and the matter shall be determined by One mighty and powerful. Then shalt thou find the idolaters fleeing to the right and to the left. Say: Today there is no escape for anyone save he who has detached himself from all who are in the heavens and the earth and has taken shelter beneath a shade that hath been extended from all eternity. Thus do We inspire thee that thou mayest be steadfast in the Cause and turn unto the Sanctuary which hath been raised up from the direction of the Throne.

=== END BH09824 ===

=== START BH09825 ===

O Mulla 'Abdu'l-Ahad! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a mention sent down by God for him who has held fast to the cord of divine knowledge and turned to Him when the servants turned away. We have heard your call and We call out to you from this Spot whereon is

established the throne of your Lord, the Master of all necks. The world hath been honored by the breezes of Revelation, yet the peoples remain in drunkenness and behind a veil. They were awaiting the days of the Manifestation, but when the promise was fulfilled and the Truth appeared, they denied God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Ruler of the Realm of Might. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize His Cause and for having made thee aware of His Self when hearts were troubled and mountains were moved.

=== END BH09825 ===

=== START BH09826 ===

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the Beautiful

A remembrance from Us to her who turned to God in her early days, that she may rejoice in the remembrance of her Lord and be numbered among the devout ones in a mighty tablet. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath believed in God, the Single One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is among those who did not hesitate in this Cause when the Call was raised, but said: "Here am I, O God of the worlds!" We have forgiven him through Our grace and have sent down for him that which shall immortalize his memory amongst all peoples. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having been mentioned in the presence of His Countenance and for this mighty Tablet which hath been revealed unto thee. Verily, the glory from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother.

=== END BH09826 ===

=== START BH09827 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him who desires to drink the living waters from the hands of the bountiful favors of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, that the remembrance of his Lord may attract him to the supreme horizon and draw him nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O 'Ali! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, for it cannot be compared with the treasures of the earth nor with the ornaments of kings. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the Truth. Leave the world behind thee and take what thou art bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this most great station and have witnessed what God hath witnessed in His perspicuous Book.

=== END BH09827 ===

=== START BH09828 ===

The Most Great, Most Holy remembrance from Us to him who was moved by the fragrance of the All-Merciful and turned to God, the Lord of the worlds, that the Call may attract him to the Dayspring of grandeur and glory and draw him nigh unto this mighty Ocean. They who have turned unto the Truth and have turned away from creation, these are among the people of Paradise in this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is the strong one who hath turned toward the Dawning-Place of certitude, and the weak one who

hath held fast unto this mighty and unbreakable Cord. We have indeed inhaled the fragrance of thy turning unto Us, and have revealed for thee this mighty Book. Read it by night and by day, then glorify thy Lord with praise at morn and at eventide.

=== END BH09828 ===

=== START BH09829 ===

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing! A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath drawn nigh unto the Most Great Sea and drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, We shall reward those who have believed and shown patience in God, the Lord of Lords. Whosoever hath attained His presence on this Day, he is of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of the Final End. And whoso hath turned away, he is accounted among the people of error in the Scriptures and Tablets. It behooveth everyone in this Day to arise to serve God and to aid His Cause through remembrance and utterance. Thus have We remembered thee in Our Most Great Prison as a bounty from Our presence upon thee and upon those who have taken the chalice of eternity in My Most Glorious Name and have drunk therefrom by night and by day.

=== END BH09829 ===

=== START BH09830 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us to whoever hath heard and turned and attained unto the Sealed Wine. How many servants were kept back from the Most Great Sea through following those who disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! And how many servants turned and drank the Water of Life from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved! Say: O people, hearken unto the cooing of the Dove and what this Wronged One speaketh. He hath been imprisoned for the love of God and His Cause. Woe unto him who hath transgressed against Him on this manifest Day! The glory be upon the people of glory who have believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH09830 ===

=== START BH09831 ===

In His Name, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained unto the lights of faith when heedlessness seized the dwellers of earth and heaven save whom God, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath willed. Verily the sincere ones have hastened unto God and those who seek Him have turned toward the luminous horizon. God remembereth him who hath turned toward the Most Great Sea when the peoples turned away from it, and He sendeth His blessings upon him from this wondrous station. Beware lest the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God veil thee, or the veils of those who hesitate prevent thee - they who have been debarred from the Living Waters because they followed every ignorant remote one. Grieve not in any matter; place thy trust in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09831 ===

=== START BH09832 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrances of divine unity have been wafted! This is a mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of faith when the horizon of certitude was illumined by this Luminary through which the heavens and earth were made to shine. He calleth out with the most exalted call in the kingdom of creation: “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.” We summon the peoples in this Most Great Prison unto God, the Lord of the Ancient Days, yet they have turned away and waxed proud, save those whom God, the Lord of the Promised Day, hath willed. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation and attained unto His recognition, when every ignorant and rejected one turned away. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen!”

=== END BH09832 ===

=== START BH09833 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

A mention from Us to those who are in the world, that they may turn unto God, the Lord of eternity, and bear witness unto that whereunto God hath testified concerning His Own Self before the existence of all things: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, through the grace of God mayest thou attain unto such a station wherein the words of the idolaters and the signs of the deniers and the clamor of the mischief-makers shall not prevent thee from the Dayspring of God’s Cause. Blessed is he who is firm and steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The world is seen to be transient and non-existent. God willing, may all attain unto that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09833 ===

=== START BH09834 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who desired to drink the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and to be among the successful ones. Verily, he who attains success today is, in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds, among the people of Paradise. Every appointed time has come to pass and every sign has appeared, and the Promised One has come with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is he who has heard, has turned, and has recognized his Ancient Lord. Thus have the waves of the ocean of utterance appeared from God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Ponder, O people, that ye may know what God hath sent down in His precious and wondrous Day.

=== END BH09834 ===

=== START BH09835 ===

O Professor ’Abdu’l-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Kind, the All-Merciful! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the gaze of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. Thou art among those souls who have attained unto His presence and reached this Most Great Cause, which hath been the purpose of the creation of all beings. This station, however, requireth guardians and protectors. I swear by the Most Great Luminary that pure deeds and praiseworthy character have been and ever will be its guardians and protectors. God willing, thou shalt act in a manner befitting the days of God and hold fast unto that which is in the Book. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Clear Book, from which every discerning soul can inhale the fragrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09835 ===

=== START BH09836 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Thy mention hath been made before Our Face, and thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Lord of Revelation. Thou didst seek steadfastness from God, exalted and mighty be He. I swear by the Sun of Truth that this station is the most exalted of stations. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath taught thee this lofty station. God willing, ye shall drink from the chalice of steadfastness and be occupied with His remembrance and praise. The bounty of God hath reached such a degree that in the Most Great Prison, despite the trials that have descended, His Pen hath ceaselessly been engaged in remembrance of His loved ones. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have known Thee! From this station We send Our greetings upon thee, thy mother and thy sister, and We give you the glad-tidings of God’s mercy which hath preceded all created things.

=== END BH09836 ===

=== START BH09837 ===

In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Most Great! My Lord, my Lord! On land I remember Thee, and on the sea I glorify Thee, and on the mountains I call upon Thee, and on the hills I prostrate myself before Thee. O Lord! My thirst entitles me to the Kawthar of Thy presence, and the fire of my love seeks the wine of union with Thee. O Lord! The torment of the world hath not prevented me from the sweetness of Thy knowledge, and the tribulations of nations have not kept me from the ocean of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and keep them far from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the One Who doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH09837 ===

=== START BH09838 ===

O handmaiden of God, wife of the late Rahim ibn-i-’Attar - He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest the clear evidences for people who know. Verily, those who have attained today, they are honored servants upon whom the Concourse on High pray and whom the Tongue of Grandeur doth mention in this praiseworthy station. Blessed art

thou, O my handmaiden, for having believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Guard thou the pearls of the love of God lest they be stolen by every rejected traitor. Thus doth thy Lord command thee as a token of His grace upon thee. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Blessed is every handmaiden who hath believed in God, and woe unto whomsoever hath turned away from this forbidden station.

=== END BH09838 ===

=== START BH09839 ===

In the Name of the Bountiful, the All-Witnessing

Glorified be He Who made friendship an ornament and adorned therewith the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who chose affliction for the benefit of all the worlds. He hath accepted every tribulation for the exaltation of God's Cause, and every hardship for the ease of the world, and every sorrow for the joy of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Beware lest ye cloud the pure wine of understanding. Turn with radiant faces unto the Dayspring of My most great signs. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you from this mighty Prison. We have made glory an ornament for your souls and truthfulness a crown for your heads. Preserve them through My Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed is he who hath heeded the counsel of God, and woe unto them that turn away.

=== END BH09839 ===

=== START BH09840 ===

In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them a cause of joy to all worlds. Blessed is he who hath recognized them and believed in them when they were sent down from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful One. Those who have cast them behind their backs are among the most lost. How many a servant hath lamented in separation, yet when the ocean of reunion surged, turned away and was numbered with the heedless. O people! Abandon what ye possess. By God, the Object of the knowers hath appeared and speaketh from the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance and drunk the sealed wine from the hands of thy Lord's bounty, the Merciful.

=== END BH09840 ===

=== START BH09841 ===

He is sanctified from all names and mentions! Glorified be He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Sun of My Most Great Name, yet most of the people perceive not. The verses have filled all regions, yet the people recognize not. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, yet the people hear not. My sweetest call hath been raised between earth and heaven. Blessed is the

hearing ear that hath heard, and the face that hath turned unto God, the Lord of Lords. Thus have We remembered thee as a favor from Our presence that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH09841 ===

=== START BH09842 ===

In the Name of Him Who hath illumined the horizon of existence!

Glorified be He Who heareth and answereth, and seeth what the servants do. He, verily, is the Truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen. That which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen and concealed in the knowledge of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath appeared and been made manifest. O Joseph! The All-Merciful, Who hath come with a grace that hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen, remembereth thee. This is a Day wherein the trees have quivered, the rivers have flowed, the fruits have appeared, and the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. Thus have We adorned the pages of the Book of the Bayan with My Name, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath recognized and found, and woe betide every heedless one who is rejected.

=== END BH09842 ===

=== START BH09843 ===

He is God! Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the gates of meeting unto all who are in Thy earth and heaven, and through which Thou didst give Thy chosen ones to drink from the chalice of Thy Command and Thy Glory, that Thou mayest make this youth to gaze upon Thee and to be detached from all else but Thee. As Thou hast named him Beauty, make him beautiful in all conditions. Then adorn his outer and inner being with the ornament of acceptance, and inscribe him among those who have attained, for whom Thou hast ordained no foundation save Thy love and knowledge. This is the hope in the hearts of Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH09843 ===

=== START BH09844 ===

He is the All-Giving, the Generous

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy favors which the pens of the world are powerless to recount, and by Thy gifts which the hearts of nations confess are beyond limitation, and by the Light wherewith the Mount was illumined when it shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Manifestation, to bless the steps of Thy handmaiden whom Thou hast named Neshat-Angiz by Thy wondrous and mighty Pen among Thy chosen ones and loved ones. Then make her a sign of Thy mercy among Thy handmaidens and a manifestation of Thy grace among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all names. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH09844 ===

=== START BH09845 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of the Sun of Thy unity and the dawning of the Morn of Thy singleness, then by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby Thou didst quicken all who are in earth and heaven, that Thou cause me not to be of them who claim to believe in the letters which were created by Thy command, yet have turned away from the Most Great Word - from Him Who created them and spoke them forth. Then make me, O my God, one who uttereth Thy praise and turneth toward Thee, who is oriented to the sanctuary of Thy nearness and the Kaaba of union with Thee, that I may find repose beneath the shadow of Thy tenderness and mercy and dwell in the precincts of Thy generosity and favors. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Sublime, the Mighty, the Supreme, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH09845 ===

=== START BH09846 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Tree of Thy Oneness, and the fruits of the Tree of Thy Singleness, and the Manifestations of the glory of Thy Transcendent Unity, and the Daysprings of Thy holy Unity, to send down upon her who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs every good thing which Thou hast ordained for Thy sanctified handmaidens in the most exalted chambers. Then cause to descend, O my God, upon her heart that which will enable her to soar in the atmosphere of Thy longing and attraction, and will draw her nigh unto the station wherein the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy right hand is the Kingdom of Names, and in Thy grasp is the reins of destiny. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09846 ===

=== START BH09847 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy splendor which hath encompassed Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion, and by which the hearts of Thy sincere servants among Thy creatures have been attracted, to ordain for Thy Afnan and one of Thy leaves the reward of every leaf that hath held fast to the Tree of Thy utterance and been illumined by the light of Thy knowledge, and whom the oppression of Thine enemies who violated Thy Covenant and Testament did not deter. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy Most Great Name through which were consumed the hearts of those who denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and disbelieved in Thy Manifestation and Thy signs, to ordain for Thy leaves that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. Thou doest what Thou pleasest through Thy Name, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH09847 ===

=== START BH09848 ===

XXIII

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I implore Thee by the onrushing winds of Thy grace, and by them Who are the Day-Springs of Thy purpose and the Dawning-Places of Thine inspiration, to send down upon me and upon all that have sought Thy face that which beseemeth Thy generosity and bountiful grace, and is worthy of Thy bestowals and favors. Poor and desolate I am, O my Lord! Immerse me in the ocean of Thy wealth; athirst, suffer me to drink from the living waters of Thy loving-kindness.

I beseech Thee, by Thine own Self and by Him Whom Thou has appointed as the Manifestation of Thine own Being and Thy discriminating Word unto all that are in heaven and on earth, to gather together Thy servants beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy gracious providence. Help them, then, to partake of its fruits, to incline their ears to the rustling of its leaves, and to the sweetness of the voice of the Bird that chanteth upon its branches. Thou art, verily, the Help in Peril, the Inaccessible, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful.

=== END BH09848 ===

=== START BH09849 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have believed in Thee and in Thy mighty signs, and have arisen, through Thy power, among Thy servants to assist Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word. O Lord! Aid me and those with me through Thy sovereignty and might, for verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O Lord! I have detached myself from all else save Thee and have turned to Thy face. Deny me not the outpourings which have descended from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, Who hath ever been mighty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09849 ===

=== START BH09850 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Aid Thy handmaidens to be steadfast in Thy Cause, to turn their faces toward Thy countenance, and to gaze upon the horizon of Thy favors. O Lord! Make them sanctified through Thy sovereignty and devoted to Thy command, mentioning Thy remembrance and praise. Then cause them to be among those who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur and who succeed in carrying out that which they have been bidden by Thee, that there may appear from them that which befitteth their relationship to Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful One, Whose command hath encompassed all created things and Whose knowledge hath encompassed all contingent beings. Nothing whatsoever can frustrate what Thou hast willed, nor can any in the heavens or earth render Thee powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09850 ===

=== START BH09851 ===

O God! Thou seest me aflame with the fire of separation from Thee, after Thou didst cause me to be drawn to Thy verses in the days of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee, O Refuge of existence and Lord of the unseen and the seen, to ordain for me through the pen of Thy grace that which will honor me with meeting Thee once again. Verily, Thou art the Master of all beings. Then I beseech Thee, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, to open before my face and the faces of them that love Thee the gates of Thy grace, Thy mercy, Thy favor and Thy blessing. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH09851 ===

=== START BH09852 ===

He is God, exalted is He! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest my tribulation in all these days. Thou hast imprisoned me with seventy souls from among Thy servants, in accordance with what Thou hast ordained in the tablets of Thy Cause through Thy fixed decree. Among them are those who gaze upon Thee, who are submissive unto Thee and humble before Thy Cause, and among them are those who rise up at one time and fall at another. I beseech Thee by those whose eyes Thou hast opened and who behold at every moment the signs of Thy power and the evidences of Thy greatness, that Thou forgive those who have been heedless, as a token of grace and bounty toward those who circle round Thee, whose faces are illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and whose hearts are transformed by the fingers of Thy might. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH09852 ===

=== START BH09853 ===

He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Preserve Thou Thy loved ones who have sought to attain Thy presence and to visit Thy Beauty, and who have therefore traversed the paths of land and sea in heat and cold. Among them are those who, after their yearning, were cast into prison, and among them are those who died in separation. I beseech Thee then, O my God, by that Name of Thine whereby Thou hast encompassed all things with Thy knowledge, to ordain for all things the reward of attaining Thy presence and the station of reunion with Thee, that nothing in the heavens or on the earth or in between them may be deprived of the sovereignty of Thy bestowals. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH09853 ===

=== START BH09854 ===

LXXXVI

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I yield Thee thanks for that Thou hast made me the target of divers tribulations and the mark of manifold trials, in order that Thy servants may be endued with new life and all Thy creatures may be quickened.

I swear by Thy glory, O Thou the Best Beloved of the worlds and the Desire of all such as have recognized Thee! The one reason I wish to live is that I may reveal Thy Cause, and I seek the continuance of life only that I may be touched by adversity in Thy path.

I implore Thee, O Thou by Whose summons the hearts of all them who were nigh unto Thee have soared into the atmosphere of Thy presence, to send down upon Thy loved ones what will enable them to dispense with all else except Thee. Endue them, then, with such constancy that they will arise to proclaim Thy Cause, and will call on Thy name, before all that are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, in such wise that the Pharaohic cruelties inflicted by the oppressors among Thy servants will not succeed in keeping them back from Thee.

Thou art, verily, the God of power, the God of glory, the God of strength and wisdom.

=== END BH09854 ===

=== START BH09855 ===

He is the Most Glorious!

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Graciously grant that this infant be fed from the breast of Thy tender mercy and loving providence and be nourished with the fruit of Thy celestial trees. Suffer him not to be committed to the care of anyone save Thee, inasmuch as Thou, Thyself, through the potency of Thy sovereign will and power, didst create and call him into being. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Lauded art Thou, O my Best Beloved! Waft over him the sweet savours of Thy transcendent bounty and the fragrances of Thy holy bestowals. Enable him then to seek shelter beneath the shadow of Thy most exalted Name, O Thou Who holdest in Thy grasp the kingdom of names and attributes. Verily Thou art potent to do what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the Mighty, the Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Gracious, the Generous, the Merciful.

=== END BH09855 ===

=== START BH09856 ===

He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast brought forth from the loins of one of Thy loved ones and named Jalal (Glory) in the kingdom of Thy names and nurtured beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy Cause and given to drink of the wine of Thy love. O my God! Deprive him not of the wonders of Thy gifts and withhold him not from the direction of Thy nearness and good-pleasure. Then cause him to walk in the path of Thy guidance, then detach him from all else save Thee, then send down upon him that which will purify him from all things that Thy fire of love may be kindled within him

in such wise as to ignite thereby the hearts of Thy servants and the souls of Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09856 ===

=== START BH09857 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Overlord of all names! Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the world, my Creator and the Creator of all nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which the breezes of the dawn of Revelation have wafted over all lands and those who lay in their graves have stirred before the faces of Thy servants, to make me speak before all faces in Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Thou seest the weak one who desires to aid Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Strengthen his limbs through Thy power and might. Verily Thou art He Who exalteth whom He willeth and withholdeth from whom He pleaseth. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all things and the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH09857 ===

=== START BH09858 ===

He is God, the Powerful, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

Glory be to Thee, O God, O Educator of the nations and Quickener of moldering bones! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Lord of all names to send down upon us that which will protect us from the conditions of Thy creation and the vain imaginings of Thy servants, and will ignite us with the fire of Thy Word whereby the world was set ablaze. Then illumine, O my God, our hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and aid us to arise to fulfill that which Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. Thou art He Who hath ever been the Protector of all names and the All-Powerful over all things. The oppression of the tyrannical hath never hindered Thee from Thy Cause. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest through Thy power what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09858 ===

=== START BH09859 ===

In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Thou at whose name the ocean of divine knowledge surged throughout creation and the nightingale of proof warbled upon the branches with that which the tongue of Thy grandeur had spoken before the creation of Thy earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy Cause and the heaven of Thy grace, and by Thy loved ones who have circled round Thee and sacrificed their spirits in Thy days, to aid Thy loved ones with patience from Thee and steadfastness from Thy presence. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O Lord! Ordain for those who have desired Thee and turned to Thee in Thy days every good thing that was in Thy Book. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09859 ===

=== START BH09860 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of all things! I beseech Thee by the Fire whereby Thou didst guide Moses and didst make it to cry out in Thy Name and to speak forth Thy command, to ordain for Thy handmaidens that which will draw them nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion. Then ordain for them what Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. All things bear witness to Thy sovereignty and might, Thy grandeur and authority. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him who hath turned toward Thee, nor to drive away him who hath hastened to the heaven of Thy grace, nor to withhold from him who hath sought the Kawthar of life from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Forgiver, the Kind.

=== END BH09860 ===

=== START BH09861 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world and Lord of eternity and Sovereign of the nations, Who hast manifested Thyself through Thy Greatest Name! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst cause the seas to surge and the winds to blow, to open before the faces of Thy servants the gate of Thy knowledge, and then to give them to drink, O my God, from the Kawthar of reunion through the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! All things have acknowledged Thy grandeur and Thy power, and every tongue Thy sovereignty and Thy transcendent majesty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy grace, nor to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09861 ===

=== START BH09862 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, without decline!

Glorified art Thou, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have recognized Thee! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, to change the abasement of Thy loved ones into the glory which Thou hast sent down in Thy Tablets. Then gather them together through Thy bounty and favor. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and awaiting the manifestations of Thy Cause in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, by the power that hath encompassed earth and heaven, to assist Thy servants to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Then grant them that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09862 ===

=== START BH09863 ===

He is the One speaking from the horizon of the Prison! Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! This is a leaf from among the leaves of the Tree of Thy Cause who responded when Thy call was raised, and turned when the light of Thy Revelation shone forth. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the sincere hastened to the place of sacrifice in Thy days, and by the mysteries of Thy Book and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to assist her to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Then ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09863 ===

=== START BH09864 ===

LII

Lauded be Thy name, O my God! I entreat Thee by the fragrances of the Raiment of Thy grace which at Thy bidding and in conformity with Thy desire were diffused throughout the entire creation, and by the Day-Star of Thy will that hath shone brightly, through the power of Thy might and of Thy sovereignty, above the horizon of Thy mercy, to blot out from my heart all idle fancies and vain imaginings, that with all my affections I may turn unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all mankind!

I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, O my God! I have laid hold on the handle of Thy grace, and clung to the cord of Thy tender mercy. Ordain for me the good things that are with Thee, and nourish me from the Table Thou didst send down out of the clouds of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy favor.

Thou, in very truth, art the Lord of the worlds, and the God of all that are in heaven and all that are on earth.

=== END BH09864 ===

=== START BH09865 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! One of Thy handmaidens hath believed in Thee in this Revelation through which Thou hast manifested Thyself unto the people of Thy kingdom with Thy most beautiful names and most exalted attributes. The winds of Thy love seized her in such wise that she turned unto Thee and detached herself from all else except Thee. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thyself and by Him Who was imprisoned in Thy path and bore tribulations in Thy love, leave her not to herself. Protect her from the assaults of the evil ones who call the people unto other than Thee. Comfort her eyes, O my God, by gazing upon the horizon of Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH09865 ===

=== START BH09866 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose loving-kindness hath encompassed all beings. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which Thou hast separated between the nations, that Thou send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purify the people of Thy dominion, that they may draw near unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, the Treasury of Thy knowledge, and the Repository of Thy Will. O Lord! Send down upon Thy loved ones, both male and female, that which befitteth Thy generosity, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of Names. Then ordain for every soul that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the All-Giving, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09866 ===

=== START BH09867 ===

In the Name of God, the One, the Peerless! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me seated upon the hard rock within the fortress of ’Akka, cut off from all who are in earth and heaven, and forbidden from beholding all things. Thus have Thy wretched servants sought to heal the wounds of their hearts. By Thy might! Were I to reveal to them what Thou hast revealed to me, they would not have committed that which caused the denizens of the cities of eternity to lament. But Thou hast concealed it from them by reason of what their hands have wrought in the first life before the last. I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent names to assist Thy loved ones with the hosts of power and might. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Sovereign, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the All-Subduing.

=== END BH09867 ===

=== START BH09868 ===

In His Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones among Thy servants who have turned away from Thy face and disputed Thy signs and opposed those who have arisen to promote Thy Cause. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the tears of Thy ardent lovers and the burning hearts of those who long for Thee to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy upon Thy loved ones that which will cause the anemones of Thy wisdom and the roses of Thy knowledge to spring forth within their hearts. Then protect them through Thy power which the world hath failed to weaken. Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and transcendent glory all contingent beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Glorious, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH09868 ===

=== START BH09869 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Most High! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how I became a captive, before attaining maturity, to teach Thy Cause among Thy servants and spread Thy mention among the inhabitants of Thy earth. I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted Self, and by Thy Most Great Sign, and by Thy Most Beautiful Names, to number me among the people of Thy paradise who have acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness and turned toward the direction of Thy mercy and remained steadfast in Thy remembrance until they were martyred in Thy path and sacrificed themselves in Thy love and good-pleasure. O Lord! Generosity is attributed to Thee and mercy circleth around Thee. Have mercy, then, through Thy grace upon this youth, and accept him in Thy service. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09869 ===

=== START BH09870 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the cries of Thy servants in their separation from Thee, and the lamentations of Thy handmaidens in Thy days. Thou hast kindled in their hearts the fire of Thy love, yet hast veiled Thy face from them through what Thou hast ordained in Thy tablets. Thou didst call all unto the Manifestation of Thy exalted Self, then prevented them from entering the presence of His beauty and arriving at the court of His glory. Praise be unto Thee in all that Thou hast done and wilt do. I beseech Thee by Thy power and might to protect Thy servants and handmaidens, then cause them to abide within the precincts of Thy mercy, and grant them the wine of Thy favors and the Kawthar of Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09870 ===

=== START BH09871 ===

In the land of Taff, Mulla Husayn. In the Name of the Self-Subsisting, dependent upon Him Who standeth. Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that amidst these afflictions, the Baha doth not desire ease. Rather, His hope at all times is whatsoever Thou hast ordained for Him, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of grace and beneficence. I beseech Thee to send down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness upon Thy loved ones that which will renew them in Thy love, cause them to speak Thy praise, and preserve them from whatsoever is repugnant to Thy good-pleasure, that they may gather together to remember Thee among Thy creatures. O Lord! Sanctify them from all that befitteth not Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art their Protector in this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH09871 ===

=== START BH09872 ===

XII

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! This is Thy servant who hath quaffed from the hands of Thy grace the wine of Thy tender mercy, and tasted of the savor of Thy love in Thy days. I beseech Thee, by the embodiments of Thy names whom no grief can hinder from rejoicing in Thy love or from gazing on Thy face, and whom all the hosts of the heedless are powerless to cause to turn aside from the path of Thy pleasure, to supply him with the good things Thou dost possess, and to raise him up to such heights that he will regard the world even as a shadow that vanisheth swifter than the twinkling of an eye.

Keep him safe also, O my God, by the power of Thine immeasurable majesty, from all that Thou abhorrest. Thou art, verily, his Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09872 ===

=== START BH09873 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the throne and earth and the Goal of all desire! I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy mercy and the lights of the splendor of Thy countenance, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast encompassed all created things and before Whose manifestation all beings have bowed down in submission, to assist Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in their love for Thee. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned toward Thy horizon and desired to serve Thee and to diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Sender of the winds, to protect him from the evil of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. Then accept his deed through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH09873 ===

=== START BH09874 ===

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Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Every man of insight confesseth Thy sovereignty and Thy dominion, and every discerning eye perceiveth the greatness of Thy majesty and the compelling power of Thy might. The winds of tests are powerless to hold back them that enjoy near access to Thee from setting their faces towards the horizon of Thy glory, and the tempests of trials must fail to draw away and hinder such as are wholly devoted to Thy will from approaching Thy court.

Methinks, the lamp of Thy love is burning in their hearts, and the light of Thy tenderness is lit within their breasts. Adversities are incapable of estranging them from Thy Cause, and the vicissitudes of fortune can never cause them to stray from Thy pleasure.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by them and by the sighs which their hearts utter in their separation from Thee, to keep them safe from the mischief of Thine adversaries, and to nourish their souls with what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones on whom shall come no fear and who shall not be put to grief.

=== END BH09874 ===

=== START BH09875 ===

He is the One manifest with power! Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of earth and heaven, and Ruler over kings and subjects! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thy power was revealed, Thy sovereignty exalted, and Thy will enforced, and by Thy most exalted Self, and by the blood that was shed in Thy path, O Lord of all names, and by the hearts that melted in Thy days, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below, to preserve through Thy power Thy loved ones who have turned to the Dawning-Place of the lights of Thy countenance and have advanced toward the Dayspring of the manifestations of Thy Cause. Aid them with Thy confirmations, then ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Protector, the Succorer, the Helper, the Mighty, the Invincible.

=== END BH09875 ===

=== START BH09877 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the world through the Most Great Name

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all creation and in Whose grasp are the reins of all existence. Thou art He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou hast spoken, and caused all things to speak in Thy praise and glorification. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and holding fast to the hem of Thy garment. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the tribes of the earth have lamented and those in the heavens were thunderstruck, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise, who standeth firm in Thy service, and who aideth Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth and Whom no matter rendereth powerless. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09877 ===

=== START BH09878 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hast fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and Thy Promise, and hast manifested that which lay hidden in the treasury of Thy power and concealed within Thy knowledge! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee every good thing that was inscribed in Thy Book. O Lord! Aid Thou Thy loved ones, and them that aid them. O Lord! Thou seest that they have no refuge save Thee and no shelter except in Thee. Do Thou, therefore, O my God, deliver them from the hands of the enemies, and preserve them through Thy power, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the dominions of might and power! There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09878 ===

=== START BH09879 ===

His honor Karim, upon him be the Glory of God! The Divine Lote Tree calls out in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, and each of its leaves invites all beings, with the most wondrous melodies, to the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed is he who hears and attains! He is recorded and inscribed among the people of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Crimson Tablet by the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, through the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, may the people of the world not remain deprived of this most great bounty, and may they receive their portion and share from the infinite oceans of divine grace and generosity. Verily He is the All-Bountiful and His Essence is the Guardian over all the worlds.

=== END BH09879 ===

=== START BH09880 ===

O Siyyid Isma'il! He is God! The Tree of the Cloud is in motion and the Lote-Tree of Faithfulness is in joy, that the Tree of Eternity might be planted in the land of oneness and the leaf of light might be joined with the mystic dove through the arts of the Divine Presence. Perchance from the companionship of these two divine subtleties and these two eternal mysteries a third countenance might appear, that the fruition of "We strengthened with a third" might become manifest in the realm of appearance.

=== END BH09880 ===

=== START BH09881 ===

O thou Ha! He is the Ever-Living! The eternal candle hath shone forth from within the glass of the eternal, and the lamp of the lights of His Holiness the Everlasting One hath gleamed from within the niche of Ahmad and the lamp of Muhammad, that pure hearts may be cleansed from obscure intimations and frozen signs, and thereafter be seated upon the throne of "Verily we are God's and to Him shall we return." And peace be upon thee. Haji Hassan brought paper. As no reply had come, no further trouble was given. Send the materials which are with you. And peace be upon thee.

=== END BH09881 ===

=== START BH09882 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The Supreme Pen testifieth that thou hast turned unto the Kingdom and hast heard the call of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hast drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Convey My good pleasure unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance. We counsel them to show forth the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby all who are in creation were dismayed, save those whom the Almighty did choose. Say: Whosoever hath transgressed the bounds of servitude, is not of the people of Baha. To this doth My Supreme Pen bear witness in this mighty Book. Say: Through servitude the Cause of God and His dominion are made manifest amongst mankind. Well is it with them that understand. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them that are steadfast.

=== END BH09882 ===

=== START BH09883 ===

O Karim in ?ad! He is the Mighty, the Everlasting. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bountiful. His is the grace and bounty, and His is the mercy and justice. He aideth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of the heavens and earth. O servant! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for what He hath sent down unto thee of holy and wondrous verses, which have been sent down in truth from the presence of One mighty and wise. Therein He hath expounded that whereby the beauty of love is made manifest from a holy and luminous cloud, that thou mayest be assured that His mercy hath preceded all created things and His grace hath encompassed all the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

=== END BH09883 ===

=== START BH09884 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficient

God testifieth that there is none other God beside Him, the Single One Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no command can prevent. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Just, the All-Wise, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee with such mention that were it to be cast upon the rock, it would melt, and were it cast upon the mountains, they would circle round, and were it cast upon the tongue-tied, they would speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My mention and glorify the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. The glory be upon thee and upon them who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09884 ===

=== START BH09885 ===

He, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

To Karbila'i Muhammad Husayn

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. And He Who speaketh in the realm of creation is indeed He through Whom the eyes of the world have been solaced and through Whom every wondrous Tablet hath been sent down. Verily he who hath turned unto Him hath turned unto My direction and appeared before My throne and heard My call and responded to My utterance and followed My commandments and attained My presence and drunk the choice wine of My favors and the Kawthar of My bounties and tasted the sweetness of My remembrance and My words and reached the ultimate goal in My Kingdom and My dominion. Upon him rest My glory and My mercy which have encompassed the worlds.

=== END BH09885 ===

=== START BH09886 ===

As for Hassan who migrated and attained, he is manifest above all things. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His is the dominion and the kingdom and the glory and the power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. And she who hath believed, verily she is a leaf in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned unto God and done what she was bidden by the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise. O handmaidens of God! Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned in His Most Great Prison when the Tongue of Pre-existence did speak: “There is none other God but I, the Forgiving, the Generous.” Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH09886 ===

=== START BH09887 ===

He is the One manifest before the faces of all parties without veil or covering. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of Command with the Kingdom of verses - He is the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol, and by Him was the trumpet blown, whereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck down, save whom God willed, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto the days of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and hast heard the Call and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the favor of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hast acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken - the Kingdom and Dominion, then the Might and Power belong unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH09887 ===

=== START BH09888 ===

People of B[aha], His honor Husayn, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Ancient Glory of God. God testifies that there is no God but Him, and He Who has appeared in truth is indeed the Treasury of My power and the Repository of My might and the Manifestation of My mystery to My servants and the Ocean of My knowledge to My creatures and the Heaven of My will which encompasses the worlds. Whosoever attains unto Him has attained unto all good, and he who turns away is not of Me and has been heedless of Me and has denied My verses which have been sent down from the horizon of My firm, mighty and luminous Cause. Blessed is he who has attained in this Day to the lights of My countenance and has sought shelter beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness and has dwelt in the precincts of My mercy and has heard My most wondrous and most exalted Call which is mighty and impregnable.

=== END BH09888 ===

=== START BH09889 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who speaketh is the Dayspring of Revelation, the inscribed Book, the frequented Fane, the outstretched Parchment, the hidden Treasure, and the concealed Mystery. Through Him hath the world been adorned and every nation been moved to proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the

Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. But for Him none would have attained to the knowledge of God or comprehended the loftiness of His unity and the sublimity of His singleness. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon with a heart sanctified from all mention of created things and purified from the idle fancies of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH09889 ===

=== START BH09890 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Sovereign over what was and what will be! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh the truth is verily the Sovereign of existence for all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realms. Through Him have been sent down the scriptures and tablets, and that which was hidden in the treasuries of creation hath been made manifest. Whoso hath recognized Him hath recognized God and His sovereignty, and whoso hath turned away is assuredly among the perishing ones. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of his Lord and answered it, and woe betide every heedless and remote one. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Book, that thou mayest read it among the servants and arise to celebrate the remembrance of thy Lord in such wise that the intimations of the infidels shall not deter thee.

=== END BH09890 ===

=== START BH09891 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. This is the Day whereon the Caller hath cried out from a near place, and wherein that which was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, the Lord of all worlds, hath been revealed. He hath come to counsel the world and hath commanded all to observe the most great chastity and the fear of God in this momentous Announcement. The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Book. Take it with the hand of submission and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of them that have recognized Thee!"

=== END BH09891 ===

=== START BH09892 ===

Muhammad Qabl Isma'il, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then giveth life again through His grace, as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He quickeneth whom He willeth with the waters of the Bayan, and giveth to drink whom He desireth from His luminous wine. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He assisteth whom He willeth with authority from His presence. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Informed. Hold ye fast, O people, unto the cord of unity, and be not of them that have joined partners with God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09892 ===

=== START BH09893 ===

He is God, the Most Great

In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who changeth not

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life by the sovereignty that is with Him. He, verily, is the One, the All-Compelling. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils through this Name whereby God hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: The proof hath come from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the strong one who hath, through His Name, rent asunder the veils of idle fancies. The Pen hath been forbidden to mention that which it desired. Were God to will it, there would appear from it that which would cause the hearts of the righteous to take flight. Be thou grateful unto God for having ordained for thee a portion in the Book.

=== END BH09893 ===

=== START BH09894 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

O Maidservant of God Rubabih, upon thee be the Glory of God! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, and He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of Command and Creation. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty. O My maidservant! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We counsel thee with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds, and with steadfastness in this mighty Cause, whereby every idol hath wailed, every heedless one hath cried out, and every remote one hath been sorely troubled. O My maidservant! Rejoice thou in My remembrance and My loving-kindness, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee from the presence of One mighty and great.

=== END BH09894 ===

=== START BH09895 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

God, our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. Glory be unto Thee, O God of all mankind and Revealer of commandments and laws! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy greatness in Thy lands to assist them that have turned toward the Most Great Steadfastness, that the doubts of the factions and the intimations of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return may not deter them. Then I beseech Thee to ordain for those who have sought Thee that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy creation and the near ones among Thy

creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09895 ===

=== START BH09896 ===

In His Name, Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! God hath testified concerning His Own Self, by His Own Self, before the creation of all things, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He who hath heard the Call hath attained unto all good, and he who hath turned away, verily he is of the people of error. Blessed is the people that hath taken the Book of God with a power from Him and followed that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee at the Throne and moved for thee the Most Exalted Pen while the Lord of all names was imprisoned in the hands of the wicked. Thus have We honored thee and mentioned thee in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of wisdom and utterance.

=== END BH09896 ===

=== START BH09897 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from the Most Exalted Horizon

God, His angels and His Messengers bear witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh among the peoples is indeed the Goal of the world. Through Him the heaven of utterance was upraised and the sun of exposition shone forth, and that which was hidden in the presence of knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets was made manifest. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's remembrance of thee. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy wrongs and by what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and to ordain for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the world to come and of this world. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH09897 ===

=== START BH09898 ===

From the Pen of the Wronged One to his honored servant Ibn-i-Dakhil. He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Ancient. The Wronged One testifies that there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. They who have believed in God and His signs are indeed among the people of this beloved station. We turn unto him who hath turned towards the horizon of grace and remember him with such remembrance as will attract the hearts. O thou who art attracted by My verses and hast turned thy face towards My countenance! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison; verily it will raise thee to an exalted station. Make mention of My exile and My sorrows and My imprisonment and My tribulations and what hath befallen Me in this forbidden spot. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon every patient and thankful one.

=== END BH09898 ===

=== START BH09899 ===

O Mulla Hasan, He is the Expounder in the Center of the World. The Wronged One beareth witness that He is verily the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, Who hath appeared from the horizon of the Known and speaketh before the faces of all peoples: “There is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.” O people of Baha! By God the Truth, none was intended by “He” except Myself. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book. Whoso halteth in this Cause is assuredly counted among the doubters in the Scriptures and Tablets. Strive, O people of the world, that there may be sent down from the Supreme Pen that which shall preserve your names, your spirits and your stations in a Book which none hath known save God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH09899 ===

=== START BH09900 ===

He Who speaks in the gathering in My Name, O Dhikr-’Ali! The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God hath witnessed in the Kingdom of Utterance: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Gracious. O Dhikr-’Ali! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord Who remembereth thee while He was in the midst of the heedless ones. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Remembering, the Generous. The Remembrance proclaimeth and saith: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come and the matter hath been decided by One mighty and powerful. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Thus hath the Dove of Utterance cooed upon the branches that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH09900 ===

=== START BH09901 ===

Haji Siyyid Hashim

He is the Protector of what was and what shall be

The Wronged One beareth witness in the Most Great Prison that I am God’s and He is mine, and I have accepted tribulations to manifest that which I was commanded by God, the Lord of Names. Unto this doth testify the Hidden Mystery Who proclaimeth: There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, be ye occupied at all times with the remembrance of God. We counsel all the friends to show forth supreme steadfastness, for this station taketh precedence and this Cause is most mighty. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it, for he is of the people of this glorious station. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09901 ===

=== START BH09902 ===

Ardakan, Jinab Aqa Baqir, in the name of the Goal of all worlds:

He Who is the Goal beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath spoken with truth is indeed the Most Exalted Horizon, the Uttermost Tree, the Dawning-Place of God's Most Beautiful Names, the Dayspring of Revelation, and the Source of grace unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His mention, though it be through a single word, and joy be unto him who hath heard His most sweet call on this wondrous Day. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Remember your Lord with spirit and fragrance, and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in His perspicuous Book. He hath commanded you that which profiteth you - to this testifieth every discerning scholar.

=== END BH09902 ===

=== START BH09903 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-High, the Most Great

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, in that thy letter hath been honored to attain the presence of the Prisoner in this manifest Prison, and there hath been revealed for thee that which nothing in creation can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Bear thou witness to that which the Ancient King hath testified in His Most Great Tablet: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Dayspring of the Unseen - no doubt is there about it. He, verily, is the Most High, the Most Great. Praise thy Lord in all conditions, inasmuch as He hath made mention of thee from this glorious horizon. Praise be to God, the Goal of all worlds.

=== END BH09903 ===

=== START BH09904 ===

O Mehdi, thou who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance! Blessed art thou, O Mehdi, inasmuch as thou hast drunk the choice wine of inner meanings and hast turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. God will soon make manifest the stations of those who have attained to the lights of the Countenance when it appeared between the heavens and the earth. Strive, O My loved ones, that there may be manifested from you in My days that whereby your mention shall endure in My Kingdom and My dominion. This, verily, is a great bounty. Rely not upon those who follow their lusts. Follow him who calleth you unto the station which God hath made sanctified from the defilement of every doubting dreamer. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH09904 ===

=== START BH09905 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Blessed is the soul that hath been touched by tribulation and adversity in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Verily such a one is among the most exalted of all creation in the Preserved Tablet. The one who hath drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge is not saddened by the hardships of the world - to this

doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness, yet most of the people are heedless. The first fragrance that hath wafted from the garment of the Beloved is upon the one who showed patience in the days of God and was not held back by the hints of the oppressors. Know thou the worth of these days, then give thanks to thy Lord for having sent down unto thee that from which thou dost inhale the sweet-scented breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus hath spoken He Who caused all things to speak forth His wondrous remembrance.

=== END BH09905 ===

=== START BH09906 ===

O Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who speaks, the All-Hearing! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me appear in the days of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and for having caused me to hear Thy call from the precincts of Thy prison. I beseech Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know and Beloved of the sincere ones, by Thy Name through which Thou didst abase the standards of the idolaters, to make me pure in my love for Thee, speaking forth Thy praise, and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy giving. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH09906 ===

=== START BH09907 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

How wonderful, how wonderful that thou hast passed beyond vain imaginings and turned with devotion to the ocean of certitude! How wonderful, how wonderful that thou hast broken the idols with the arm of assurance and set thy face toward the Best-Beloved of the worlds! How wonderful, how wonderful that thou hast lifted thy gaze from the stagnant pool and attained unto the living waters of Kawthar! All these blessings have been and shall ever be from the bounties of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. However, this Wronged One counseleth thee with a word which is, in the sight of God, more precious than all the treasures of earth, and it is this: Hold thou fast, with complete detachment from all else save Him, unto the Most Great Steadfastness. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee, and those who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09907 ===

=== START BH09908 ===

In the Name of the All-Merciful God! Thy petition attained the Most Great Horizon and its beginning was adorned with the crown of the remembrance of the Lord of all possibility. Be thou grateful and be among those who remember. It is incumbent upon all the loved ones today to hold fast to the cord of divine commandments, so that the heedless among the servants may turn to the Truth through their character, deeds and utterances. They who are related to the Name of Generosity are remembered before the Throne. Convey My greetings to all of them and remind them of God's loving-kindness. God willing,

mayest thou speak forth at all times with complete sincerity in praise and glorification of the Lord of all beings. Verily, He is with those who have turned towards Him and remembers them in a perspicuous Book.

=== END BH09908 ===

=== START BH09909 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord: Your petition was adorned in the Most Great Prison with the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King, and from it was heard the praise and glorification of the Lord of Names. Blessed is the state of the one who is possessed today of the most great steadfastness and is occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is he, again blessed is he! God willing, may you ever be speaking His praise. The world has been and will ever be transient, and that which endureth are the good deeds of the loved ones which have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Preserved Tablet. In all circumstances look ye to wisdom and hold fast to the divine commandments. He, verily, is the One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH09909 ===

=== START BH09910 ===

In His Name, the Manifest, the All-Wise! O Rahim, son of A.T.! The horsemen in the arena of meanings and utterance must in this day be occupied with service to the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. I say in truth: whosoever in this day becometh the cause of unity and harmony among the loved ones of God - he is recorded as one of the helpers in the perspicuous Book. Shun ye that which ye have been forbidden, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in the glorious Tablet. Two petitions from thee reached the Most Holy Court and were honored to come before the gaze of the Wronged One of the horizons. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink of the most pure wine and fix thy gaze upon the Most Great Scene, detached from all the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09910 ===

=== START BH09911 ===

He is the Mighty One

Know that the Bird hath flown from the branch of Iraq by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, yet matters have been so ordained that ere long the loved ones of God shall be honored in all lands. Praise be to God, all enemies shall be brought low. No longer will it be as before, when they were rejected by all governments. Now it hath come to pass that all seek them. God willing, the fruits thereof shall appear. And if harm hath touched this one, this is God’s way that hath operated of old. In any case, I remember all the sisters and family members. Let them not make verjuice - there is plenty of lemon juice.

=== END BH09911 ===

=== START BH09912 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High! Know that Mine Afnan hath mentioned thee before the Throne, until the Sun of Permission rose from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou shouldst thank Him for this most great favor, which cannot be equaled by whatsoever is with the kings and rulers. We have given thee permission and have recorded for thee the reward of attaining His presence through My Most Exalted Pen in My perspicuous Book. He hath desired to fulfill His promise and covenant. Verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. The glory rest upon him and upon thee and upon those who have chosen for themselves a path unto God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09912 ===

=== START BH09913 ===

O Husayn at the Bath House! He is the All-Glorious! Glad tidings unto thee, O servant, for thy letter hath been presented before God and thy name hath flowed from the tongue of thy Lord, the True, the Faithful. Yet, by My life! If thou wert to become aware of what hath befallen this Beauty at the hands of the people of error, thou wouldst surely weep within thyself throughout the duration of God's kingdom, wert thou to be of them that behold. However, We have been patient and have concealed these things lest the lamentation of those near unto God be raised. And thou, in these days, detach thyself from all who are on earth and turn thy face toward thy Lord, the Dawning-Place, the Luminous. Be not troubled when the cry of the wayward is raised. This is God's counsel unto thee, if thou be of them that act. And the Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH09913 ===

=== START BH09914 ===

He is the Mighty One! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thy Beauty was made manifest, and Thy proof did shine forth, and Thy names did appear, and Thy Dove did warble, and then Thy Most Great Name and Thy Most Ancient Beauty were upraised, to exalt Thy Cause and to aid Thy loved ones, and to bestow upon them from the fruits of the Tree of Thy Oneness and the produce of the holy Tree of Thy Singleness. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Then reward, O my God, this one who hath believed in Thee and in Thy greatest signs. Aid him, O my God, through the wonders of Thy assistance, and send down upon them patience in that which Thou hast raised up unto the heaven of Thy uniqueness and the horizon of Thy detachment. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH09914 ===

=== START BH09915 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, who hath hastened to the fields of Thy pardon and Thy meeting, who hath drunk from the cups of Thy forgiveness and reunion with Thee, until she attained unto Thy nearness and Thy presence, and ascended on the wings of servitude until she visited the sun of Thy manifestation and the moon of Thy training, and heard the melodies of the birds of Thy sanctification, and appeared before this Thy servant. I beseech

Thee, O my God, to make her well-pleased with Thee and gazing toward Thee, and honor her with the wonders of Thy beauty and the subtleties of Thy intimate communion, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of all things and Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH09915 ===

=== START BH09916 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that this servant hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and hath sought Thy good-pleasure in the temple of Thy decree, and hath prostrated himself before the countenance of fulfillment in the garments of Thy beauty. Therefore, O my God, when this servant turned toward the fields of Thy mercy and the sanctuary of Thy Being, purify his breast from idle fancies and vain imaginings that he may be enabled to enter the dawning-place of the Cause in the Ka'bah of Beauty and the City of Majesty, that he may hear the melodies of the birds of holiness upon the throne of the cloud, and may abide in the eternity of his Lord and live by the life of his Master. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09916 ===

=== START BH09917 ===

O My God! Glorified art Thou! This is Thy servant who fashioned with his own hands what he fashioned for Thee, then was afflicted after that with separation and remoteness from Thee, whereby patience departed from all who have eyes to see, and whereby arose the lamentations of those near unto Thee, then their crying, and the weeping of the monotheists, then their weeping. Therefore, O my God, since his hands are cut off from the mantle of Thy nearness and reunion with Thee, let not the cord of Thy loving-kindness and the handle of Thy favors be cut off from his heart. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then make his feet firm upon the path, for verily Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH09917 ===

=== START BH09918 ===

He is!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who obeyed this servant of Thine by Thy command, and journeyed in Thy path, and endured the heat of the sword and the cold of winter in his migration in obedience to Thee and patience under Thy decree. Therefore I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Name, to make him among those who are patient under Thy decree and who drink from the cups of Thy beauty. Then cause him to appear on earth and all who dwell thereon through the radiance of the lights of Thy countenance, that he may rest upon the throne of eternity in the precincts of Thy sovereignty and dwell upon the seat of the heaven of mystery beneath the shadow of Thy grace. Then bestow upon him, O my God, that which he loves and with which he is content. Verily, Thou art the One with power over this, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH09918 ===

=== START BH09919 ===

O my God! With what remembrance shall I remember Thee, after knowing that remembrance itself is unremembered before the manifestations of the lights of Thy grandeur, and that it weeps of itself at Thy remembrance and what has befallen Thee from Thine enemies, and all the Manifestations of Names lament in their separation and remoteness from Thee. How then can my remembrance ascend to the heaven of Thy oneness and rise to the atmosphere of the glory of Thy mercy and Thy favors? O my Lord! I beseech Thee by this powerlessness to assist my loved ones through Thy grace, then gather them beneath Thy banner in this Day wherein every atom testifies that sovereignty belongs to God, the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH09919 ===

=== START BH09920 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee, believed in Thy signs, and sought Thy presence and meeting with Thee. Write down for her, O my God, that which she desireth in Thy path. Then kindle her heart at all times with the fire of Thy love, and give her to drink from the Kawthar of life which floweth from the right hand of the throne of Thy majesty. Then bestow upon her, through Thy grace and bounty, the good of this world and of the world to come. Thou, O my God, didst create her through Thy power and made her to know the Manifestation of Thy Self. I beseech Thee to protect her from the vain imaginings of such as have turned away from the mention of Thy name, the All-Merciful. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09920 ===

=== START BH09921 ===

In the Name of Him at Whose bidding the mountains pass away! Blessed is the face that shineth forth amidst the darkness of these days, and is not affected by the vain imaginings of the peoples, and beholdeth the lights of his Lord's countenance through the veils. By God! From his face do the dwellers in the cities of Names derive their radiance. O thou who hast turned toward Me! Hear My call from this Most Great Prison. By God! Whenever the winds blow from this direction, they waft the fragrances of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Turn unto them that thou mayest discover the sweet savours of thy Lord therefrom and hear from their wafting that there is none other God but He and that He is the Object of worship of all worlds. And praise be to Him Who quickeneth, through a word from His presence, the hearts of them that know.

=== END BH09921 ===

=== START BH09922 ===

O Muhammad-Rida! The All-Glorious, the Most Holy! The All-Merciful has come with clear proof, and the Dove of Utterance has warbled upon the branches: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous.” Say: We have never entered any school, nor do We wish to expound in Our Tablets what the people possess and their sciences. This is what the Remembrance has informed you in a clear Book. He has said: “He speaks in all things: ‘There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.’” O My loved ones! Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom, that people may recognize this Day and be numbered among those who have turned unto Him. Blessed is he who has recognized and turned, and has said: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!”

=== END BH09922 ===

=== START BH09923 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

My heart is consumed, O my God, with the fire of separation from Thee, and my liver is melted, O my Beloved, through my remoteness from the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. I testify that Thou hast created me to know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and grace to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O my Lord! Leave me not to myself, for it bids me to that which befitteth not Thy greatness and sovereignty. I call upon Thee, O my God, by Thy name the Powerful, and by Thy name the Preserver, and by Thy name the Helper, that Thou mayest make me safeguarded from the suggestions of them that have turned away and from the darts of the heedless ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH09923 ===

=== START BH09924 ===

In His Name through Whom the horizons have been illumined!

The call of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised from the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is the servant who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We bear witness that thou hast turned unto the Countenance and drunk the choice wine of immortality from the hand of bounty. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness, that neither the doubts of the clamorous ones nor the hints of any froward deceiver may hold thee back. Verily, We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in heedlessness and error. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH09924 ===

=== START BH09925 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We have lit the Lamp in the midmost heart of creation and sent down the verses from the heaven of the All-Merciful’s loving-kindness, yet the people remain in manifest remoteness. The atoms lament what

hath befallen the Dawning-Place of verses while the people remain veiled by a thick veil. All things call out to them saying “Draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean,” yet they sport with their vain imaginings and are not among those who comprehend. Their eyes have been prevented from beholding the Face and their hearts from recognizing the Source of their Lord’s revelation, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve thou not at anything, but place thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Then render thanks unto Him for having aided thee in what He hath willed, inasmuch as that which the near ones desired hath been made manifest.

=== END BH09925 ===

=== START BH09926 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy. The Tongue of Ancient Days hath spoken, calling out thy name, and hath sent down unto thee this Tablet through which the horizon of utterance hath been made to shine. Blessed is the one who ariseth with strength to make mention of Me and whose heart is set ablaze with My love. By My life! This is the way of the lovers. Can gold hold them back from this path? Nay, by My Name, the All-Merciful! Such a one ariseth in such wise that he seeth naught but Me, and heareth the clamor of the idolaters but as the buzzing of flies. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and have sent unto thee that from which those near unto God perceive the sweet savors of the garment of their Lord, the Gracious, the Bestower. Thus have We kindled the fire for thee that thou mayest be enkindled and arise to make mention of thy Lord amidst all creation.

=== END BH09926 ===

=== START BH09927 ===

In His Name, the One with power over all who are on earth and in heaven! The Divine Lote-Tree calls out in the kingdom of creation: “Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!” There is nothing that does not glorify its Lord with praise, yet most people are heedless. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who calls you to the straight path. Say: Reflect upon the signs of God and His proof, then judge with fairness and be not of the wrongdoers. By God! This is a Cause that has encompassed creation, were you of those who know. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that comes from Him, then recite it at all times.

=== END BH09927 ===

=== START BH09928 ===

In My Most Holy, Most Great Name. O ’Abdu’r-Razzaq, whose letter hath been received before the Throne! Thy letter hath come and attained the presence of thy Lord, and We have heard what was therein and have answered thee as a mercy from Us, for verily I am the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. We have known what passed through thy mind, for thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. What behooveth thee this day is steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord. By My life! This is indeed a mighty matter. Be thou steadfast in such wise that the vain imaginings of men shall not cause thee to slip. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher. Say: O my God! Aid me in Thy remembrance and

praise, and ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH09928 ===

=== START BH09929 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Varqa, upon thee be the Glory of God! We created the world for the Day of My Manifestation, but when He came with the truth, the people denied God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Among the people was one whom We had counseled to be steadfast, but when the cry was raised he turned away and followed the Calf without any clear proof or enlightening Book. Thus do We recount unto thee what hath befallen Us at the hands of the heedless ones. Arise thou and counsel the servants to supreme steadfastness, lest their feet slip from the path of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having gathered the fruits of inner meaning from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth in this noble station. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath drunk of this wondrous Kawthar.

=== END BH09929 ===

=== START BH09930 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the Helper! God hath heard the cry of those who have turned unto His Countenance and believed in God, the One, the All-Forgiving, and hath answered them with that which shall cause their remembrance to endure as long as God, the Revealer of verses, endureth. He speaketh and uttereth, and revealeth and lamenteth for that which hath befallen Him at the hands of them that are veiled, who have cast behind their backs the ordinances of God and have taken that which they were bidden by the Dayspring of vain imaginings. Blessed is the poor one who hath turned toward the ocean of wealth, and the stranger who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of all men. When thou art touched by the breezes of revelation, make mention of God and thank Him for having sent down unto thee that which shall make thee independent of those who have followed every disbelieving impostor.

=== END BH09930 ===

=== START BH09931 ===

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! We have heard your call and read your letter, and We answer you with this Clear Tablet. We have ordained for you that which shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in this Book, and make mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Grieve not over this world. Be thankful that the Best-Beloved of the worlds makes mention of thee. He is with whosoever makes mention of Him in all conditions, and ordains for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thus have We answered thee with this Tablet through which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful, hath been wafted.

=== END BH09931 ===

=== START BH09932 ===

O son of My branch, Mirza Jalal, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Rememberer. The Wronged One bears witness to that which God bore witness before the creation of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And He bears witness to His own wronged state and to the wrongdoing of those who disbelieved in God when He came in the manifestation of His Cause with evident sovereignty. O servants of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto My call, for it draws you to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have turned toward you from this station and have remembered you with this remembrance, when the Prisoner was in a praiseworthy place. Give thanks to God and praise Him throughout the dominion of the earthly and heavenly realms.

=== END BH09932 ===

=== START BH09933 ===

O Siyyid Muhammad! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing! Every fair-minded one hath testified to that which thou hast borne in the path of God, the Lord of Creation. Those who have been endowed with insight from God bear witness to that which God hath testified in the Book. They have prospered who have not been prevented by ornaments from God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. We have turned from this Most Exalted Station toward thee and found thee steadfast in the love of God, the Lord of creation. We have, therefore, made mention of thee and revealed for thee that which rejoiceth the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Didst thou but know, with true knowledge, that which We have mentioned for thee, thou wouldst rejoice and make mention of thy Lord at all times.

=== END BH09933 ===

=== START BH09934 ===

In His Name Who is sanctified above all mention and description! The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, yet the people speak that which hath caused the hearts of the chosen ones to burn and the tears of the near ones to flow. By the life of God! They are in manifest loss. The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the luminary of wisdom hath shone forth, yet the people remain in evident veils. They have forsaken their God and followed their own desires. Woe unto them from the torment of a mighty day! They were created to hearken unto the call of God, yet when it was raised in truth they turned upon their heels - they are indeed among the slumberers. Blessed is he who hath followed the command of his Lord and hath attained unto this Day wherein the Beloved of the world proclaimeth: There is none other God besides Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH09934 ===

=== START BH09935 ===

He is the Most Manifest

The Beauty of God hath appeared with sovereign majesty, and blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, that thou dost become illumined by His effulgence. The Face of God hath dawned with mighty power, and blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, that thou dost become enlightened by His lights. The Manifestation of the Cause hath come with the dominion of might and power, and blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, that thou dost become radiant from His radiance. The Revealer of divine revelation and inspiration hath come with the kingdom of signs, and blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, that thou dost receive from His revelations. And mercy be upon thee and upon whosoever hath believed in God and acknowledged His signs.

=== END BH09935 ===

=== START BH09936 ===

He is the One Sanctified above all possibility!

Your letter has attained unto the Most Exalted Presence and the Countenance of God, the Lord of Names, hath turned toward it. We have read what thou didst utter in praise of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and We make mention of thee in this Tablet through which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of My Most Exalted Pen and those near unto God inhale the sweet savors of My Great Name. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the cup of recognition when the hands of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, passed it round. This, verily, is a great bounty. We make mention of the leaves who have turned unto God and have spoken in His beauteous praise. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and glorify thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09936 ===

=== START BH09937 ===

In the name of God, who ruleth over whatsoever He willeth!

The Pen hath been forbidden to mention the mysteries of pre-existence, and the doors of entry and exit have been closed before our faces. Therefore We have withheld the Pen from revealing that which was treasured of mysteries, for the dogs among the people of the Bayan have taken up positions of ambush, and inform the people and fabricate against Us that which they have not witnessed. How much worse would it be were they to discover and come to know! Hold fast unto whatsoever ye possess of the holy verses, for verily they suffice mankind during the absence of the Truth. Wheresoever ye may be, verily He is with you. Rejoice then in His grace, and make mention of Him, and be not of the heedless. And praise be to God, the All-Powerful, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing, the Most Great, the Most Glorious.

=== END BH09937 ===

=== START BH09938 ===

Go forth, O Most Holy and Most Great Zein! The Books have been sent down to establish this Cause. Whoso turneth away hath verily denied God and His Messengers and His Books which were sent unto the worlds. Say: All Books have been expounded from this mighty Book. He who denieth this Book, naught

shall be accepted from him though he act according to what is in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All things have been made dependent upon this Cause - this if ye be of them that comprehend. Every mention hath been consummated by this Mention and every foundation by this firm Foundation. They who act according to what hath been revealed in the Tablet - these are among the triumphant ones.

=== END BH09938 ===

=== START BH09939 ===

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great! We have sent down the verses, but most of the people hear not. And We have revealed the clear proofs, but the people perceive not. They who have attained the lights of mystic knowledge - these are accounted among the people of Baha in a hidden Tablet. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Intended One, and whom the affairs of the Jews who denied the signs of God and His proof when He came with manifest sovereignty did not hinder. O people! Fear God and follow not your own affairs. Follow Him Who speaketh amongst the world: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.” My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee, that thou mayest be assured through the grace of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

=== END BH09939 ===

=== START BH09940 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Tongue of God hath spoken and borne witness to this Revelation, whereby the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken forth, and the Trumpet hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save those whom the hand of thy Lord’s power, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath delivered. Turn thy face toward the Most Great Name and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy sealed Choice Wine and by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, to aid me in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones, and to enable me to do that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy days. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09940 ===

=== START BH09941 ===

O Muhammad, upon thee be the Most Holy, Most Holy Glory of God! The tongue [of the unseen] hath spoken forth in the heaven of My infallibility: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Protector of all worlds. And He Who hath appeared is verily the Dayspring of the Unseen. No doubt existeth: He hath come with manifest sovereignty. Through Him My Cause was established, My path was raised up, My balance was set, and that which lay hidden in My preserved Tablet was revealed. Through Him were gladdened the eyes of those who uttered My remembrance, who came with My signs and were made manifest through My clear proofs. Blessed is he who hath turned toward Him; woe unto him who hath

denied Him and turned away from that which hath been sent down from His presence. Verily he is among the most wretched of creatures. To this doth My truthful, speaking, trustworthy Tongue bear witness.

=== END BH09941 ===

=== START BH09942 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great! The Dove hath warbled that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And the Cock of the Throne hath crowed that there is none other God but Him, Who bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Mighty, the Loving. No hindrance of any hinderer can stop Him, nor can the rejection of any veiled denier obstruct Him. He hath shone forth from the horizon of the world with His Most Great Name, the Hidden, and thereby have all things cried out, and all in the kingdom of names have raised their voices, proclaiming: "God hath come with manifest sovereignty!" Thou hast indeed laid hold on the Most Great Handle in the days of thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens. Therefore, remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

=== END BH09942 ===

=== START BH09943 ===

He is the Mighty! We have arrived in the land which God hath ordained for Us, and We are content with whatsoever God hath been pleased to decree for Us, and submissive to that which He hath destined from His presence, and thankful for that which He hath ordained from His court. But verily thou hast caused Me to remember My days, then the days of meeting with thee, then My exile, then My trials, then My dwelling place behind a thousand mountain peaks and a vast ocean, such that no ear can hear My lamentations nor can My voice be raised unto you. Yet We do not complain of anything, rather We thank God for this and for all that He hath destined for Us from His presence. And verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And peace be upon every wise and assured one.

=== END BH09943 ===

=== START BH09944 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

The Beloved doth love thee and saith: Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Pour forth the blood of him who calleth upon Thee, and our blood in Thy path, for the establishment of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word. O Thou Beloved of Baha! Deprive not Baha and us and those who have desired Thy presence of this great bounty. Verily, Thou hast power over all things. Convey my greetings to 'Ali on my behalf, and verily he readeth what thou hast read. He is among the assured servants of God. Then remember on our behalf our virtuous handmaidens. Upon you and upon them rest my remembrance and my glory, and upon Husayn from among our virtuous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH09944 ===

=== START BH09945 ===

He is the Hearer in the Kingdom of Utterance! I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory - no one shall attain to advancement in this most exalted Cause except through detachment from all else save God. The heart must needs be purified with the water of the fear of God, that it may be adorned with the inscription of the blessed words “Verily I am God’s.” Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station. O lovers throughout all regions! Do not deprive yourselves of the light of the Most Great Luminary. In truth I say, this is the Day of trade and the profit of those who are near unto God is beyond measure. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the deniers.

=== END BH09945 ===

=== START BH09946 ===

O Moses, who hast been named Splendor at the Divine Throne! He is God, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous! Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fragrance of Thy presence was stirred up and the ocean of Thy reunion surged in Thy days, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in the Kingdom of Thy Cause and the realm of Thy creation. Then make me rich through Thy riches and mighty through Thy might. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thy letter hath come before the Throne and We have read it as a token of grace from Us, and We have honored thee with a name from Us, and named thee Splendor in the Kingdom of creation. This is better for thee than all that is on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

=== END BH09946 ===

=== START BH09947 ===

Afnan Mirza Siyyid Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God

He is God, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious

Say: O my God, I praise Thee for having caused me to turn towards the horizon of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy grace, and the ocean of Thy bestowals. How can I thank Thee, O my God, for having related me to Thyself, after all relationship had been severed in Thy days? Thy mercy hath preceded me and Thy grace hath encompassed me in such wise that no tongue can describe it and none in all creation can recount it. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to preserve me through Thy sovereignty and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09947 ===

=== START BH09948 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Compelling over all names, and by Thy signs which have filled earth and heaven, to assist me in serving Thee and in obeying Thee, that I may follow Thy

chosen ones whom Thou hast made the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause, the Recipients of Thy Revelation, and the Daysprings of Thy Laws. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which is with Thee, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones who have laid down their lives in Thy path and have arisen to aid Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09948 ===

=== START BH09949 ===

O my God! I beseech Thee by the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Call that hath been raised from the Divine Lote Tree to grant me at all times the heavenly sustenance which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the clouds of Thy Purpose. O Lord! Protect Thy Afnan from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thy proof, turned away from Thy Manifestation and Thy signs, and ordain for each one of them to assist Thy Cause among Thy creation and to make mention of Thee with wisdom and utterance before the people of Thy realm. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09949 ===

=== START BH09950 ===

In My Name which is sanctified above all names! Say: O my God! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and the ocean of Thy generosity, and the sun of Thy bestowal. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Compassionate to the oppressed, to ordain that I may be one who remembers Thee with Thy remembrance and speaks forth Thy praise. O Lord! I am he who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and heard Thy most sweet call when it was raised amidst the concourse of creation. I beseech Thee to assist me to aid Thy Cause among Thy creatures in such wise that the power of princes shall not weaken me. Verily, Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09950 ===

=== START BH09951 ===

O God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones scattered throughout Thy lands, and the Dayspring of Thy Cause oppressed among Thy servants. By Thy glory, O my God! Hearts have melted in separation from Him and eyes have shed tears for His tribulation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast made it the Dawning-Place of power, to rend asunder the veil that hath come between Thee and Thy loved ones, that they may gather in Thy presence, hearken unto Thy call, and attain unto the Kawthar of reunion in Thy days. Then ordain for me and for them that which beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy favors, Thy grace and Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09951 ===

=== START BH09952 ===

O Hussein, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great! Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me to speak forth Thy Name and to serve Thy Cause, and for having distinguished me among Thy servants for the recognition of Thy Self and for turning unto Thy Face. I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy Being and the Dawning-Place of Thine Essence to make all my deeds as one deed in Thy love and all my remembrances as one remembrance in Thy praise. Then cause me to drink, at all times, from the Salsabil of Thy knowledge and the Kawthar of Thy utterance, whereby the hearts of Thy servants and the souls of Thy creatures may be drawn. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH09952 ===

=== START BH09953 ===

He is God, the Ever-Standing, the Self-Subsisting!

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy knowledge, to the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and to the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and for having given me to drink of the sealed wine by the hand of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, in Thy days when the Temple of Thy All-Merciful nature was established upon the throne of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, to make me at all times turned toward Thee and speaking in remembrance of Thee. Then ordain for me that which befitteth Thy bounty and generosity. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath mentioned me in Thy Tablets and made me one of Thy branches. It behooveth Thee to deal with me according to that which beseemeth Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH09953 ===

=== START BH09954 ===

He is God, the Protector over all possibility

Say: O my God and God of all the worlds, my Beloved and Beloved of all who know Thee! I praise Thee for having caused me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs and brought me before the throne of Thy grandeur and made me to hear Thy call when most of Thy creatures had turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, to make me as one of the fish in the ocean of Thy oneness, that I may swim therein by Thy leave and will, and glorify Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made to be sovereign over all names and the Self-Subsisting over all who dwell on earth and in heaven. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09954 ===

=== START BH09955 ===

In His Name, the One with Power over all names

Say: O God, O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear proofs! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy knowledge, the Dayspring of Thy revelation, and the Manifestation of Thy Self, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have arisen to aid Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. Then assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy creation. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy grace and the Source of Thy Command and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which is with Thee, that I may arise to serve Thee in Thy kingdom and to spread Thy signs throughout Thy earth. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH09955 ===

=== START BH09956 ===

In the Name of Him Who is seated upon the Throne! Say: All paths have branched forth from this unerring Path, and all ways have stemmed from this Straight Road. Say: It is the Most Great Balance, whereby every mighty matter is weighed. By it are all things known, if ye be of them that perceive. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God from all eternity, and whoso turneth away - nothing shall be accepted from him, though he bring all that is in earth and heaven. Thus hath He decreed Who is the Sovereign of all might, and He is, verily, knowing of all things. O people! Aid ye the All-Merciful, and be not numbered with them that remain silent.

=== END BH09956 ===

=== START BH09957 ===

He is the Most High, the Most Great! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, Lord of the worlds and Educator of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fragrance of Thy mercy was wafted amongst Thy servants and the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth Thy praise and glorification, to assist me to partake of the pure waters of Thy knowledge, through which whosoever attaineth unto them and drinketh therefrom becometh detached from the world and turneth toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, O Thou Lord of eternity. Then grant me, O my God, that heavenly sustenance which hath descended from the heaven of Thy bounty, that I may remember Thee among Thy servants and render thanks unto Thee within Thy dominion. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Doer of whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09957 ===

=== START BH09959 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of Manifestation! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name, and by the light of Thy Cause shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by the dawning-rays of the Sun of Thy proof, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all beings! O my Lord, I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great

signs and by the effulgent dawnings of the Sun of Thy grace from the horizon of the world of creation, to open before my face the door of Thy favor and might. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all the first and the last ones.

=== END BH09959 ===

=== START BH09960 ===

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Magnified be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou art He Whom all things worship and Who worshipeth no one, Who is the Lord of all things and is the vassal of none, Who knoweth all things and is known of none. Thou didst wish to make Thyself known unto men; therefore, Thou didst, through a word of Thy mouth, bring creation into being and fashion the universe. There is none other God except Thee, the Fashioner, the Creator, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

I implore Thee, by this very word that hath shone forth above the horizon of Thy will, to enable me to drink deep of the living waters through which Thou hast vivified the hearts of Thy chosen ones and quickened the souls of them that love Thee, that I may, at all times and under all conditions, turn my face wholly towards Thee.

Thou art the God of power, of glory and bounty. No God is there beside Thee, the Supreme Ruler, the All-Glorious, the Omniscient.

=== END BH09960 ===

=== START BH09961 ===

In His Name, the Eternal, the Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Ancient! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the standards of Thy triumph were raised above the ensigns of Thy dominion, and through which the Sun of Thy Revelation shone forth and the heaven of Thy bounty was upraised and the ocean of Thy generosity surged, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause and arose to serve Thee. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast the world behind them and turned toward the Dawning-Place of bounty and grace, when Thy Most Great Name was established upon the throne of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH09961 ===

=== START BH09962 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of utterance surgeth and the fragrances of the All-Merciful wafteth!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord, O Master of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name. And glory be unto Thee, O Lord, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the

radiant, gleaming, resplendent Light that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the sun of Thy grace, nor from the heaven of Thy generosity which hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH09962 ===

=== START BH09963 ===

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou seest me bewildered in Thy praise and glorification. I know with certainty that no description can ever reach unto Thee, and no mention beside Thee befits Thy presence. To this bear witness Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls, Thy Books and Thy Tablets. When Thy grace encompassed all created things and Thy mercy pervaded all contingent beings, Thou didst permit Thy servants to make mention of Thee and describe Thee, and through Thy generosity and favors, Thou didst accept their remembrances. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made the Dayspring of Thy knowledge, to ordain for us the best of what lieth with Thee and to strengthen us in that which Thou hast willed for us through Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH09963 ===

=== START BH09964 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, and the Manifestations of Thy Inspiration, and the Day-Springs of Thy Cause, and by Him through Whom Thou didst seal Prophethood and Messengership from Thy presence, to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy perspicuous Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, and seeking the wonders of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word to ordain for me, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which will preserve me from self and passion and draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all men and Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former world! There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH09964 ===

=== START BH09965 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the fire of Thy Command in the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise

in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall prevent me. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I implore Thee by Thine ancient generosity and by Thy Most Great Name to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy grace, Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH09965 ===

=== START BH09966 ===

O Lord my God, my Master and my Support! Thou seest me turning away from all else save Thee and advancing toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights that shine forth from Thy Most Exalted Pen and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance before the faces of the enemies, to make me strong through Thy power and steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise amidst Thy servants. O Lord! Thou seest this poor one making his way to the Dayspring of Thy riches and the Dawning-Place of Thy knowledge. I implore Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Most Exalted, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs in the beginning and the end.

=== END BH09966 ===

=== START BH09967 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the gate of heaven was opened and the people of creation hastened to the Dayspring of Names! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, and to decree for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Lord! This evanescent servant hath clung to Thy eternal Name and turned to Thy horizon, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH09967 ===

=== START BH09968 ===

O son! His honor Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance. Say: This is the utterance of God and verily it is His sword which the sheath hath never seen from all eternity. By the life of God, the swords of the oppressors shall profit them not, as testifieth he who hath knowledge of the Book. The world hath so deluded them that they have shed the blood of My loved ones without any clear proof or evidence. They have committed that which hath caused the denizens of the pavilions of glory to lament, as this Wronged One beareth witness in this station. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him and for having given thee to drink of the choice wine of His recognition on this Day wherein the idolaters have arisen in oppression and hypocrisy.

=== END BH09968 ===

=== START BH09969 ===

In the name of Hajji Ahmad, He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One. Say: O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of possibility and the Ocean of divine knowledge surged amidst the peoples of all religions, to draw me near in all conditions to the horizon of Thy bounty and aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee among Thy creatures in such wise that the veils of humanity may not prevent me from turning toward Thee, O Thou Who holdest destiny in Thy grasp. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward Thee, seeking the Kawthar of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to deal with me according to what befitteth Thy generosity, Thy grace and Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09969 ===

=== START BH09970 ===

Isma'il Sabbagh. He is the Most Exalted, the Most High. Say: O people, fear not the might of those who have wronged and who have joined partners with God. Be steadfast in the Cause, then detach yourselves from all who are in the earth and the heavens. Say: Remembrance is sweet in the days of fear and distress. Thus it behooveth those who have turned towards God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. Say: When victory cometh, all will claim belief and will enter into the Cause of God. Blessed are they who remained steadfast in the Cause in those days wherein sedition appeared from every direction. Verily, thou hast turned with thy heart unto God and He shall suffice thee against those who have wronged and those who have denied the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH09970 ===

=== START BH09971 ===

In the Name of the one true God! The Supreme Pen hath remembered and will continue to remember His handmaidens. May they all be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and be set ablaze with the fire of His love. Today it is binding and obligatory upon every handmaiden to fix her gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed in the Book. Such is God's firm decree concerning His male and female servants. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs and for having remembered thee in this Most Great Prison.

=== END BH09971 ===

=== START BH09972 ===

In the Name of the Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The Supreme Pen, out of pure grace and bounty, summons all servants at all times to the Most Glorious Horizon, and whosoever attains to this most exalted station and supreme rank, He counsels them to

praiseworthy character, goodly deeds and commendable conduct. However, while some of the loved ones have attained to that which God desired, others have fallen short. You should remind all the loved ones of the divine counsels that have been revealed in the Sacred Books in this Most Great Revelation, that all may be adorned with the ornament of His favor and become the cause of remembrance among the peoples of the world.

=== END BH09972 ===

=== START BH09973 ===

His honor Mirza Rida

He is established upon the Throne

The Supreme Pen makes mention of Rida and commands him to that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. God willing, may you partake of the sealed wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting with perfect steadfastness and contentment, and drink thereof. Praise be to God that thou hast hearkened unto His call and turned thy face toward His horizon. Strive that there may appear from thee that which shall endure through thy remembrance throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the heavenly Realm. This day is the Sovereign of days, inasmuch as the Herald of Sinai is calling aloud manifestly and resplendently, summoning all peoples to the Straight Path and the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed art thou for having attained unto His wondrous Tablet.

=== END BH09973 ===

=== START BH09974 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the world! The Supreme Pen proclaims: Thy letter was adorned with the ornament of the Divine Throne and attained the Most Holy Presence. Blessed is the state of those souls who have attained to the remembrance of God in His days and have been honored with the sprinkling drops from the ocean of His grace, for a single letter from Him is more exalted and mightier than the creation of all things. Since people have not become aware of this station, they remain wandering in the wilderness of remoteness and bewilderment. Were they to inhale even as much as a needle's eye the fragrance of this paradise, they would pass beyond the world and all who dwell therein, turning their faces to the horizon of revelation. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Beneficent, the Generous.

=== END BH09974 ===

=== START BH09975 ===

O handmaid of God, wife of Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! He is the Most Generous, the Most Glorious! Say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of my heart and Purpose of my innermost being! I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names through Whom Thou didst subdue the kingdoms of creation, that Thou write down for me what Thou hast written down for Thy handmaidens who have turned to the choice wine of Thy Revelation and circled round Thy throne. O my Lord! I confess

that no deed hath appeared from me worthy of mention in Thy days. I beseech Thee to send upon my transgressions the winds of Thy forgiveness and the breezes of Thy pardon. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing whatsoever in the earth can frustrate, and Thou art the Ruler Who doeth as He pleaseth, through Thy Name, the All-Subduing, the Sovereign over all the worlds.

=== END BH09975 ===

=== START BH09976 ===

In My Name, the Most Exalted

Say: O my handmaiden and leaf of My divine Lote-Tree! O my God and my Beloved! The hearts of Thy lovers have melted in their separation from Thee. Where are the waves of the ocean of reunion with Thee? The hearts of those who yearn for Thee are consumed. Where is the path to attaining Thy presence? I beseech Thee, O Light of hearts and Fire of souls and minds, not to disappoint those who hope in Thee from the heaven of Thy nearness and the clouds of Thy bounty. I am she, O my God, who has turned toward the seat of the throne of Thy mercy and has clung to the cord of Thy favors. I beseech Thee to assist me to act according to Thy good-pleasure and to make this my hope and desire in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Generous Giver.

=== END BH09976 ===

=== START BH09977 ===

O Most Great, Most Holy One! Kazim: Your letter with the names mentioned has been presented before the Throne and has attained divine favor. God willing, may you all dwell beneath the divine Lote-Tree and be nourished by its goodly fruits. The glance of mercy has been and will continue to be upon you. What bounty could be greater than this bounty, that in this age, the Book is occupied with your mention at dawn, while imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors? Blessed art thou and blessed are those with thee among those who have been awakened by the fragrances of revelation in this Dawn which hath appeared from the horizon of manifestation in truth.

=== END BH09977 ===

=== START BH09978 ===

He is. This letter was written in the Hijazi melody and sent forth, and this writing is cast in the Persian tongue so that thou mayest hear the sweet songs of the soul from the divine nightingale and receive the wondrous melodies of the Beloved from the spiritual bird, that thou mayest step into the lane of the Friend and become detached from all else but Him. Praise be to God Who, through His all-encompassing mercy, guided His servants from the west of error to the east of guidance and caused them to attain from the darkness of doubt to the dawn of certitude. Therefore, blessed is the one who was illumined by this true dawn, and deprived is the soul who remained bereft and destitute.

=== END BH09978 ===

=== START BH09979 ===

O God of sovereignty and dominion, and Ruler of the realm of might! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when mentioned, the hearts of them that are possessed with longing are set ablaze and the souls of them that are nigh unto Thee hasten unto the ocean of Thy reunion and Thy presence on the Day of the Covenant, to aid Thy male and female servants to stand firm in Thy Cause, and to ordain for them that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing in all creation can withhold Thee, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH09979 ===

=== START BH09980 ===

To Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation. The Book of God hath been sent down in truth, yet the people understand not. The Promise hath come to pass, and the Promised One calleth aloud before all faces, yet most of the people perceive not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings. There hath been sent down in this Revelation what was not revealed unto the Prophets of old - nay, even more. To this bear witness the Manifestations of fairness and the Daysprings of all matters. We have shown forth clear proofs in such wise that none deny them save those who have cast away the Covenant and the Testament of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH09980 ===

=== START BH09982 ===

He is the Summoner between the heavens and the earth! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the heaven of Will as a token of His grace, and verily I am the All-Bountiful. This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Lord of the Realms of Might came with manifest sovereignty, that he may arise to serve his Lord and make mention of Him in such wise as to cause the Tree to soar and every lofty mountain to crumble. Say: O people! By God the Truth, the appointed time is fulfilled and the All-Bestowing One is come, through Whose remembrance every book and scroll and preserved tablet hath been adorned. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge surged and the fragrance of the garment wafted. If thou hast found it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH09982 ===

=== START BH09983 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. A Tablet revealed by the Beloved that through it may be set ablaze the hearts of those who have cast away their desires and taken hold of that which was commanded them by God, the Lord of existence. They who have grasped the cord of God, these are the people of this exalted station. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in that My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee. Verily it shall profit thee in the realm of earth and heaven. Beware lest anything withhold thee from God and His sovereignty. Hold fast unto the cord of God, then make mention of Him by His Name, the Protector of all

that is seen and unseen. Thus hath My tongue spoken and My Pen moved. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful over what was and what shall be.

=== END BH09983 ===

=== START BH09984 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the One Who standeth before all faces! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath drunk the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, that the utterance may attract him to the most exalted station and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the wine of Thy knowledge and guided me to the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of Thy Cause, and made known unto me that which lay hidden within Thy knowledge and treasured within the shell of the ocean of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee to make me confirmed in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures in such wise that the veils of the people of the world in Thy lands shall not prevent me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH09984 ===

=== START BH09985 ===

O handmaid of God, sister of one who hath migrated and attained! He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom. A Book sent down by the Sovereign of Might unto one of His handmaidens who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon when the learned ones turned away from it and the mystics were veiled from it, save whom God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, hath willed. Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken forth in this noble station. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee. By God! The Most Great Joy hath appeared. It walketh before all faces, proclaiming: O people of the earth, set aside what ye possess. By God! God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is the handmaid who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every doubting servant.

=== END BH09985 ===

=== START BH09986 ===

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! This is a Book from Us to people who understand. Verily it beareth witness to that which God did testify before the creation of all things - that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have sent down the verses and manifested the signs, but most of the people know not. We beseech God to assist those who are heedless today and draw them nigh unto this forbidden station. Verily We, in the prison, summon all unto God - to this do honored servants bear witness. When thou attainest unto this Tablet, render thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and the unseen!

=== END BH09986 ===

=== START BH09987 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it gives glad tidings to mankind of this Most Great Light by which the horizon of the world hath been illumined. Blessed is he who hath turned his heart unto Him, and woe unto the deniers. This is a Day wherein all things cry out, yet most of the people hear not. The atoms have borne witness to the Revealer of verses, and the Tree hath proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by all that appeareth from Thee to make me turn toward Thee and speak forth Thy remembrance amongst Thy creatures with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power through Thy will and dominion through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH09987 ===

=== START BH09988 ===

In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered

A Book We have revealed unto one of Our handmaidens who heard My call and attained unto My days and discovered the fragrance of My manifestation from the paradise of My utterance and turned unto the ocean of My grace and favors, that she might find tranquility through the bounty of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily We draw nigh unto whosoever desireth to draw nigh unto the Sun of Our grace, whose lights have encompassed the worlds, and We cast upon creation that which the Tree uttereth from this gleaming, elevated Breast. Verily it is the treasury of God's verses and the repository of His all-encompassing knowledge. He who attaineth today unto the recognition thereof is given glad tidings by the Concourse on High. He shall soon behold and witness that which hath been ordained for him in My glorious and wondrous Kingdom.

=== END BH09988 ===

=== START BH09989 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all possibilities

The Book speaks with the tongue of revelation at this Most Great Scene - this station round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of eternity and the inhabitants of the Most Exalted Kingdom, that men might read and be thankful. How many a servant has reached the ocean yet known it not, and how many a servant has drunk in My Name, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned towards Me, hearken unto the call of Him Who is wronged. He calls thee that His call might draw thee to the Most Exalted Horizon and make thee steadfast in this Cause through which the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Thus doth the Pen move when the Ancient King speaketh from His exalted station.

=== END BH09989 ===

=== START BH09990 ===

In the Name of Him Who holds sway over all who are in creation! This is a Book which judgeth with truth, and verily it is a manifest Book, set forth from that Book which none hath known save God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it is a Book inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen, wherein is recorded every wise command. Say: O people, turn with radiant faces unto the Dayspring of your Lord's decree, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God's life! The Concourse on High pray for them that have turned unto Him - to this doth this perspicuous Tablet bear witness. When thou hast attained unto the waves of the Most Great Ocean and drunk the Kawthar of revelation from the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, arise to serve thy Lord, then make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord, He is the Trusted Teacher.

=== END BH09990 ===

=== START BH09991 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! Your letter has been honored with the gaze of the Lord of Eternity's loving-kindness in the Most Great Prison. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Blessed is the soul that hath this day acted in accordance with the divine ordinances and hath lived with utmost contentment in the Kingdom of Creation. From thy letter were wafted the fragrances of submission and contentment; therefore from the Most Exalted Pen these radiant words have been revealed and made manifest, that thou mayest in all nights be occupied with the praise and glorification of the Sovereign of Days and the Lord of all mankind. That which thou didst send hath been accepted. Be thou grateful to God for this. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

=== END BH09991 ===

=== START BH09992 ===

Kalihdarra Haji-'Ali. In the name of the one incomparable Friend! The petition was presented before the Throne and was adorned with the lights of His countenance. The call of all was heard and the forgiveness of the All-Merciful encompassed everyone. However, all must act according to what hath been revealed in the Book and be content and thankful with whatsoever God - glorified be His grandeur - hath ordained. At the beginning of the petition an answer was revealed from the Pen of the King of Oneness, that all may know that the petitions of the servants are heard and, through abundant grace, answers are revealed. Remember all the friends and others and the handmaidens of God in that land to the Wronged One of the horizons and convey His greetings.

=== END BH09992 ===

=== START BH09993 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

Your letter has repeatedly arrived in the Most Great Prison and has been honored to attain the glance of the Beloved of the worlds. God willing, may you drink the wine of steadfastness from the hand of the favor of the Invisible and Manifest God at all times, and be engaged in His remembrance with utmost joy and delight.

A prayer:

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world and Educator of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made sanctified above the mention of those who make mention and the knowledge of the knowers, that Thou protect me beneath the shadow of Thy greatest mercy and cause me in all conditions to be turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Glorious, the Lord of the last and the first.

=== END BH09993 ===

=== START BH09994 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! Your letter was seen. What you wrote was acceptable in the sight of God, for you sought divine good-pleasure. If you remain steadfast in this matter, you will attain to all good - not like some who claim to love God but, despite the Most Great Prohibition, turn toward the Most Holy Court without His leave. God, exalted be His glory, ordains the reward of attaining His presence for whomsoever He wishes. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Know thou the value of the divine Word - nothing that hath been created can compare with a single word that appeareth from the ocean of His utterance. Be thou joyous and be of those who are thankful.

=== END BH09994 ===

=== START BH09995 ===

The Word of God, even if limited to a single word, cannot be equaled by all the books of the worlds. Grieve not that We have made this Tablet brief, for within it can be seen a mighty Book. This is a Tablet that hath been mixed with the salt of God. When thou hast tasted it and discovered its savor, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! Marvel not if We jest in prison, for sorrows have never overtaken Us in the path of thy Lord, and We are in wondrous joy. We have indeed sacrificed one of the Branches. Say: Unto Thee be praise, O Glory of the worlds! Would that thou knewest the surging waves of this Most Great Ocean and what lieth concealed therein of the pearls of the mysteries of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised!

=== END BH09995 ===

=== START BH09996 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Mighty!

You have ever been and will continue to be, God willing, abiding and at rest beneath the shade of divine favors and the clouds of heavenly bounty. Strive diligently to acquire both outward and inward perfections, for the fruit of the human tree has ever been outer and inner perfections. A person without knowledge and crafts is not beloved - like trees without fruit have they been and ever shall be. Therefore you must needs adorn, according to your capacity and means, the tree of your being with the fruits of knowledge and wisdom, of meanings and utterance.

And the glory be upon you.

=== END BH09996 ===

=== START BH09997 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

The glance of God's favor is directed to that honored one. God is witness and creation bears testimony that this Wronged One has sought for the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree that which He has sought for Himself. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the verses which, when they shone forth from the horizon of Thy utterance, caused all other verses to bow down before them, to gather together for me the means of earth and heaven that I may arise to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, by Thy Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH09997 ===

=== START BH09998 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

From the Most Great Prison the glance of the favor of the Lord of Eternity hath been and will continue to be directed towards His loved ones. O Ali, the Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee and the other souls who have turned towards Him to be steadfast and to engage in that which will, in this Day, cause the exaltation of the Word of God. If those who claim to love God had acted in accordance with that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, assuredly most of the peoples of the earth would have turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed is he who hath arisen to act in such wise that the fragrance of sanctity hath been wafted therefrom throughout the world. We testify that he is among the faithful and the sincere ones.

=== END BH09998 ===

=== START BH09999 ===

O Mahdi, He is the All-Affectionate!

By the life of God! Whoever hears mention of Me lamenteth at what hath been visited upon Me by those who have denied the Books of God and His Messengers from time immemorial. They profess belief with their words while denying it through their deeds, as attesteth He with Whom is the Mother Book. Their riches have deceived them to such degree that they have turned away from the Face through Whose light the earth and heavens were illumined. We have manifested the Cause and revealed that which God, the Lord of all men, hath willed. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou hast quaffed the wine of mystic knowledge and believed in God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful. All that is on earth shall perish, while that which hath been ordained for the loved ones of God shall endure in a Kingdom sanctified above all mention.

=== END BH09999 ===

=== START BH10000 ===

He is the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing

O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having created me, revealed me, given me to drink, nourished me, reared me, and caused me to know Thee, until Thou didst make me turn toward the horizon of Thy oneness and the Kaaba of Thy presence on a day wherein the tribes of the earth did lament. I testify, O my God, that Thou hast not dealt with me save in a manner befitting Thy glory, Thy generosity and Thy favors, and that I have not acted save in ways that I would be ashamed to mention before the court of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by this Day wherein the morn of Thy grace did breathe and the sun of Thy loving-kindness did shine forth, to ordain for Thy chosen ones every good thing in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10000 ===

=== START BH10001 ===

O Husayn! In His Most Great Name!

A sincere lover is not overtaken by heedlessness, and a true lover is not deprived of that which causes the Cause to be manifest. O ye lovers of the Manifest Beloved and O ye seekers of the Present Goal! This is the day of turning unto God and the day of the Covenant and Testament. With complete strength and power hold fast to the strong cord of divine love and cling to the hem of His grace. The darkness of oppression hath encompassed the world. God willing, ye shall not in this darkness be deprived of the lights of the divine Day. Soon shall the station and rank of every steadfast seeker become manifest in the world. Thus hath My Pen spoken with My firm and mighty command.

=== END BH10001 ===

=== START BH10002 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Speaking

The Wronged One of the horizons declares: Your call was heard and your letter was seen. God willing, may you attain to the lofty station of steadfastness, for false claimants have appeared and will appear in certain lands. Today two matters are most great before the Divine Throne: steadfastness and acting according to what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Book. God willing, may all attain to these two and shine forth bright and luminous from the horizon of steadfastness like the morning star. We convey greetings to all the handmaidens of God and counsel them with what has been mentioned, that perchance in the days of God they may act according to His Command and attain to His good-pleasure.

=== END BH10002 ===

=== START BH10003 ===

In the Name of the One Peerless God. O Ali-Qabl-Naqi, upon him be the Glory of God! The primary purpose of creation hath been the recognition of God, and all people, both young and old, were awaiting

the days of His Manifestation. Yet when the Sun of Revelation appeared manifest and evident from the horizon of light, all remained veiled save those souls who perceived the sweetness of the divine Word. These are regarded as the most excellent of all creation in the sight of God, exalted be His glory. O handmaiden of God! Render praise unto the Ancient Lord, Who hath honored thee with mention of His Most Great Name. Know thou the value of this station and fix thy gaze upon it and hold fast unto it.

=== END BH10003 ===

=== START BH10005 ===

He is the Living One. The abode of bounty is most excellent and desirable, and the Ka'bah of purpose is sanctified from all directions and from despair and hope. It is utterly bare and pure of nearness and union, remoteness and separation. They do not accept woven and sewn garments - meaning that after manifestation, concealment is nonexistent, and after the mystery, manifestation is lost. My Lord! I possess nothing in creation save myself, and I seek naught but Thy good-pleasure in whatever Thou hast pleased for me and decreed upon me. Verily Thou art the Decreer of whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH10005 ===

=== START BH10006 ===

In the Name of the Friend!

O handmaiden of God, Fatimih, upon thee be the Glory of God! The waves of the ocean of bounty are surging at their highest, and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining from the most exalted horizon of grace. The clouds of oppression have sought to veil it, and the veils of concealment have intervened. O friends! I tell you truly: The Word of God shall prevail, His Will shall encompass all. Today, hold fast to the cord of steadfastness, that ye may be numbered among those of whom it is said: "The censure of any censurer deterreth them not in the path of God." O handmaiden of God! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and this Tablet was revealed. We beseech God to assist all handmaidens and illumine them with the lights of His manifestation. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH10006 ===

=== START BH10007 ===

In the Name of the All-Merciful God! Your letter was illumined before the Divine Presence through the people of the household, your call was heard, and mention was made of you before His countenance. Rejoice thou in this great bounty! Be not grieved by worldly conditions and their vicissitudes. Praise be to God, you have attained unto the infinite outpourings of God and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. There has not been and is not any station greater than this. Now you must strive to follow God's commandments. Be not saddened by hardship. Verily He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He willeth. He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. May the Glory rest upon you and upon your sons and your daughter, from One Who is Mighty, All-Knowing.

=== END BH10007 ===

=== START BH10008 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Beloved! Thy letter was received and thou didst attain unto mention by the Most Exalted Pen. Reflect upon the grace of God, that from the horizon of the Most Great Prison He maketh mention of thee. By the Truth itself, were the loved ones to comprehend this station as it deserveth to be comprehended, all would arise to serve the Cause with complete joy - an arising that no sitting down would overtake nor follow after. Give thanks unto the Wronged One, the Unique, and be steadfast in His love, for the whispering of satans shall become manifest and ascendant in most cities and regions. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10008 ===

=== START BH10009 ===

He is the Great, the All-Bountiful

O people of God! Do not afflict yourselves as did the party of the Shi'ih, and deprive not yourselves of the lights of the Sun of true divine unity. Whosoever ascribeth partnership or similarity to the Lord of Batha (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake), such a one is deprived of the light of true divine unity. The Imams (upon them be the peace of God) were created by His Word, and received their portion and share from the ocean of His grace and bounty before creation itself. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in its final return. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH10009 ===

=== START BH10011 ===

In the Name of the Lord of all worlds! Your call was heard in the Most Great Prison and your letter attained unto the presence of the Wronged One of the world. God willing, may you remain steadfast in the Cause of God and in all times be turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, for the satans have been and are lying in wait. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the hosts of self and passion, draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and inspire them with that which will make them daysprings of steadfastness amidst all created things. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is the state of those souls who have today turned toward the Truth and whose mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Theirs shall be a goodly end.

=== END BH10011 ===

=== START BH10012 ===

In the Name of God, the Almighty! We have heard thy call, and thy book was presented before the Divine Throne. God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of knowledge and attain unto the recognition of the Sun of understanding - that is, through the grace of the Beloved of the world Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison, thou shalt at all times increase in thy awareness through the name of the Friend, until thou art wholly effaced in the path of the Friend and emergest from the pocket of immortality. O 'Ali-Asghar!

He calleth the Most Great Prison the Most Great Horizon, and in His Book nameth it the Supreme Paradise. Blessed is the soul that hath borne tribulations in My path - verily, such a one is of the people of Baha in My sealed Book.

=== END BH10012 ===

=== START BH10013 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds! The Call is raised, yet few are they that hearken unto it. The horizon of the world is illumined with the splendors of the Most Great Name, yet rare indeed are they who possess true vision. I swear by the Ocean of divine knowledge that those who are endowed with insight are seen to be rarer than the philosopher's stone. God, exalted be His glory, doth Himself bestow the choice wine of utterance, yet none are found to seek it. O friends! Hearken unto the divine Call, and act in accordance with that which He hath commanded and doth command. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Every doer of deeds is this Day beneath the glance of the favor of God, and shall continue to be so. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto My most sweet Call, and woe betide the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10013 ===

=== START BH10014 ===

O Mawzun, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who standeth established over the Cause with power and sovereignty. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto turning toward the Supreme Horizon when mankind turned away from it save those who held fast to this mighty Cord. Say: O people! Abandon what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by the Ancient Ordainer. Beware lest vain imaginings withhold you from the Lord of all days or idle fancies from His luminous horizon. We have remembered thee before and after and in this exalted and glorious station. Take the Tablet with the power of God, the Lord of the wondrous Throne. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

=== END BH10014 ===

=== START BH10015 ===

O Mustafa! He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power! We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He was from eternity in the heights of might and majesty, and unto eternity shall continue to be in the heaven of glory, power and magnificence. None hath known Him as befitteth His recognition. Every learned one hath acknowledged his powerlessness and every mystic hath confessed his shortcoming. He hath sent the Messengers as a bounty from Him unto His creation. Among the people are those who have turned unto them and those who have turned away from them, until they pronounced judgment against them with manifest injustice. Blessed is he who hath testified to that which his Lord testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and blessed is the countenance that hath turned toward His beauteous and mighty Face.

=== END BH10015 ===

=== START BH10016 ===

Muhammad-Sadiq

He is God, the Exalted, the Great

We testify that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention by created things and will forever remain as He hath been. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Thereafter, thy call was heard and the yearning of thy heart was made manifest. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine love and attained unto the lights of recognition. Know thou the value of this blessing and in all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibility, and beseech God that thou mayest remain firm in His Cause and be enkindled with the fire of His love.

=== END BH10016 ===

=== START BH10017 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of all possibility! Divine counsels are a spiritual feast sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will. The friends must appreciate the value of this everlasting bounty and not lose this most great favor and most perfect grace through the conjectures of transient souls. The glance of loving-kindness from the horizon of the Prison is directed to all, and He observes each soul according to its condition. Blessed are they from whose countenances radiate the All-Merciful splendor and the lights of the Divine Word. Strive that perchance ye may attain to this station and become sanctified, detached and purified from all else.

=== END BH10017 ===

=== START BH10018 ===

In the name of the one true God! The breezes of revelation have encompassed the world, and the fragrance of the musk of inner meanings has perfumed the realm of existence. Nevertheless, most of the handmaidens and servants remain deprived and forbidden therefrom. Praise be to God that thou, His handmaiden, hast been adorned with the ornament of divine love, and that which hath caused the learned ones to be agitated and the mystics to tremble hath not prevented thee from the path of truth. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink from the choice wine of the love of the All-Merciful and remain focused on the supreme horizon. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned toward My luminous horizon.

=== END BH10018 ===

=== START BH10019 ===

In the Name of the All-Loving God! The fragrances of thy love are diffused. God willing, mayest thou be and continue to be the recipient of this divine bounty and heavenly gift. We have heard thy call and read thy letter. Thereupon the Most Exalted Pen was moved to that which will gladden thy heart. This is indeed a great favor. At all times thou shouldst be engaged in the remembrance of God with spirit and joy. Verily He aids whosoever turns towards Him, even as He aided thee to turn to His luminous horizon. Be thou thankful to God for this, then beseech Him to protect thee and those who have believed from the cawing of every cawer and the oppression of every oppressor. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10019 ===

=== START BH10020 ===

Those souls who considered themselves the most learned, distinguished and accomplished were not and are not mentioned in the presence of God. By the life of God! If the veil were lifted, those who turned away would circle around those who turned towards God, and would flock from all directions to attain their presence and meeting. However, consummate wisdom has concealed this, so that there might be manifested from them in His days what was hidden within them and stored in their inmost beings. This blessed verse has ever been inscribed at the head of the book of deeds by the Most Exalted Pen: “Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, ‘We believe,’ and will not be tested?”

=== END BH10020 ===

=== START BH10021 ===

In the name of God, the Eternal, without end! This is a Book which hath dawned from the horizon of utterance unto him who hath turned to the Help in Time of Need, the Almighty. We make mention of the loved ones of God in the prison, that they may arise to aid the Cause through wisdom and utterance. Sedition beseemeth not man, but rather that whereby the affairs of those on earth may be set aright. Is there one of discerning taste who can perceive the sweetness of the feast which We have sent down from the heaven of eternity upon the peoples? By My Self, the True One! Whoso hath found it hath detached himself, then arose and cried out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the All-Choosing!” These are verses which, should their fragrance waft over the rock, would cause it to cry out at the top of its voice: “The Beloved is come, O concourse of lovers!”

=== END BH10021 ===

=== START BH10022 ===

This is a missive from the servant to him who hath believed and been guided, and who hath detached himself from all who are in the heavens and on earth and hath turned his face toward his Lord, the Lord of the hereafter and of former times. O servant! We have caused thee to hear the melodies of the Dove which warbleth at all times upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree. Glorified be thy Lord, the Most High! And now We cause thee to hear once again, as a bounty from thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Say: Verily He is the Spirit, and at this moment He is in the Most Exalted Horizon, cooing with the cooings

of the Dove of the Cause, that He may raise you up to the ultimate heaven of might. And the Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon the people of understanding.

=== END BH10022 ===

=== START BH10023 ===

In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding. This is a Book from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving, unto them that have detached themselves from all faces and have turned towards the face of the All-Merciful in these days. Say: The Lion of Command hath appeared and the asses have taken flight. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Verily, cast aside what thou hast of allusions, then ascend by the ladder of detachment unto the Lord of Names and Attributes. Say: We have forsaken what ye possess and have taken what is with God through power and sovereignty. And the glory be upon thee and upon him over whom have wafted the sweet savors of the All-Merciful from the Yemen of the All-Glorious. There is none other God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH10023 ===

=== START BH10024 ===

The Engraver of Oneness is the Mighty. This is a book from this Emigrant Who hath detached Himself from all who are in the heavens and on earth and turned wholly unto God, and Who is among those who at all times bear witness in the path of God, albeit with swords of utterance - for by God, these are sharper than swords of steel. We bear witness that thou hast fulfilled thy covenant and turned toward the shore of a mighty Name, and hast wrought with thine own hands for God that which is better for thee than all the ornaments of earthly dominion. May God reward thee from Us with the most excellent reward and grant thee that which will gladden thy heart, for He is the Best of Givers. And may the glory rest upon thee and upon the sincere ones.

=== END BH10024 ===

=== START BH10025 ===

He is the Mighty. This is a Book that speaketh with truth, and in it is every wise remembrance from a penitent servant. O Letter of Kaf! We have sent thee a Tablet before this, and now do We send thee this Tablet, that thou mayest rejoice in thy spirit and give thanks unto God, thy Creator, for having bestowed upon thee through His bounty that which shall draw thee unto a luminous and holy paradise. Know thou that he who is named Husayn and who carried the body of thy father - if thou wert to observe him - he is closer to piety, and this is for thee a gracious permission, for poverty and want and harm and distress have touched him, such that afflictions have encompassed him from every distant quarter.

=== END BH10025 ===

=== START BH10026 ===

In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding, Who perisheth not

This is My epistle unto My handmaiden, that she may rejoice in My verses, soar in the atmosphere of My remembrance, and make mention of Me amongst My handmaidens. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Pen of My decree upon the Tablet of My ordainment. Blessed is the one who hath turned unto God in these days wherein the feet of most of the servants have slipped, save those whom thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise, hath willed. Give thanks unto thy Lord and prostrate thyself before His luminous countenance. Grieve not over that which hath befallen the Youth, for verily He is in manifest joy. He hath accepted all the tribulations of the earth and the tyranny of the oppressors in the path of His Lord, the Mighty, the Most Powerful, the Most Mighty. And praise be to God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds.

=== END BH10026 ===

=== START BH10027 ===

In the Name of the One God

Whosoever today hath drunk from the ocean of inner meanings, he hath been and shall be the recipient of all good. The souls who have accepted must hold fast to the divine Tablets and act according to whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Holy Book. This is a bounty whereunto nothing in the heavens and earth can be compared. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that comprehend! Blessed, and again blessed, are they who remain steadfast, whom neither the cawing of every cawer, nor the might of every oppressor, nor the injustice of every transgressor, nor the braying of any learned one who hath followed his idle fancies and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, can deter.

=== END BH10027 ===

=== START BH10028 ===

He is the One Who stands before the faces of those who sit

Happy art thou in that the Speaker of Sinai hath desired to make mention of thee on this Day whereon the call hath been raised from every direction, and the rivers have flowed, and the trees have spoken forth: “The dominion of earth and heaven belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the One Who chooseth as He pleaseth.”

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Master of all days, for having given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having sent down unto me that which caused the ocean of knowledge to surge in Thy realm. I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have circled round Thy will and acted in accordance with what they were bidden in the Scriptures, Books, Psalms and Tablets.

=== END BH10028 ===

=== START BH10029 ===

In the Name of the Self-Sufficing Lord! The mystery of the world hath become manifest, and the secrets of the Book are evident without any veil or concealment. The Path of God with its proof is clear and hath been sent down from the Truth. We beseech Him to raise up those possessed of acute hearing and keen sight who may, through witnessing, observing and hearkening, attain, and may enlighten the people on behalf of God, glorified be His majesty, so that all may gain access to the ocean of utterance and remain not deprived of the horizon of manifestation. Thy call was heard, and the response hath been sent down from the Source of Command in the Most Exalted Horizon: "Drink thou the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Commander, the Ancient of Days." Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10029 ===

=== START BH10030 ===

He is God. Every gathering has its dispersion, every union its separation, and every nearness is followed by remoteness. Such is the decree of the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. However, if these stages occur in the path of divine good-pleasure, they are desirable and beloved, and the true lover is content in all conditions and grateful in every circumstance - this is the ultimate goal. In such case, one must choose patience and exchange one's own pleasure for the pleasure of the Friend. And God is the All-Sufficient, and He is the best Helper and Guardian.

=== END BH10030 ===

=== START BH10031 ===

In the name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted! We had previously sent unto thee a mighty Tablet that thine eyes might be consoled thereby and thy face be illumined, and thus was the grace of thy Lord all-encompassing towards all the worlds. And now We have revealed unto thee clear verses and have sent them down in truth that thou mayest aid thy Lord and remember Him at morn and eventide. Arise and speak, and fear not those who have wronged. Verily thy Lord will assist whomsoever He willeth, and He, verily, hath power over all things. Beware lest the breaths of them that have disbelieved in God cause thee to waver. Thus hath the Pen of Command enjoined thee from the presence of One knowing, wise. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whosoever hath taken unto the Lord of the Throne a way.

=== END BH10031 ===

=== START BH10032 ===

He is God! To Him belongs the invisible essence of the heavens and the earth, and none shall ever attain to His mystery, neither the denizens of the pavilions of immortality nor the concourse of the realm of the divine cloud. He has ever dwelt in the treasury of His mystery in the identity of His Essence, and will ever continue to be, not as He was before but rather He was and will be sanctified above all that has been or will be created, and above all that was or will be. Verily He is the Hidden Mystery, and He through His own Self, the Mystery, hath testified that He is He, there is no God but He, the Impenetrable, the Inaccessible, the Hidden Mystery.

=== END BH10032 ===

=== START BH10033 ===

In His name, the Most Exalted

Though in these days of tribulation the winds of sedition have extinguished the lamp of the love of the All-Merciful in the breasts of men, yet God will cause it to be rekindled through His command, for verily He hath power over all things. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause between Thy earth and Thy heaven, that Thou wilt not number me among those whom the tempests of fear and trepidation have prevented from remaining firm in Thy Cause and steadfast in Thy love. Then cause me, O my God, to be wholly detached unto Thee, remembering Thy Name and extolling Thy praise in the dominion of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH10033 ===

=== START BH10034 ===

And We make mention at the end of the Book of the loved ones of God whose names were not mentioned before the Face, that they may be assured through the grace of their Lord, the Kind, the Forgiving. And We make mention of My handmaidens in that place who heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Cause whereby hearts and minds were sorely troubled. And from this hallowed and praiseworthy Spot We pronounce Our benediction upon My male and female servants. O handmaidens of God! When ye inhale the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks unto God Who hath come with the truth for the life of the world and hath sent down whatsoever He desired for His male and female servants at eventide and at dawn. The glory of God rest upon them, both men and women, from God, the Lord of existence.

=== END BH10034 ===

=== START BH10035 ===

O Muhammad! Turn your face, O wronged one, to Him Who hath mentioned thy name in prison, that thou mayest rejoice through the bounty of God, the Goal of all worlds. O Muhammad! He Who is imprisoned remembereth thee with a remembrance that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal, if thou be of them that understand. Cast behind thee the names of them who have debarred men from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and hold fast unto the cord of the Most Great Name, whereby the world hath been illumined and all things have proclaimed: The kingdom of earth and heaven belongeth to Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. They that have turned away - these have no standing with God. They shall soon return to their abode. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10035 ===

=== START BH10036 ===

From Ibrahim, in the name of the All-Knowing, the One. O Ibrahim! The Sun of Revelation hath appeared and is visible from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge, and the Most Exalted Pen is occupied with the praise of the friends of God in this glorious station. Today is the day of love and unity, and the day of concord and harmony. Ye must all speak with one word and soar in one atmosphere and dwell beneath the shade of one Tree. Strive that ye may attain unto this most great bounty, that at the time of ascension ye may meet the luminous countenance of the Desired One. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen unto His loved ones.

=== END BH10036 ===

=== START BH10037 ===

O Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful. O Ahmad! God assist thee and make thee successful until He brought thee to the Most Great Prison where thou didst behold the Wronged One and didst hear what His Tongue uttered in remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness even as His Prophets and His chosen ones have borne witness that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God and to that whereby His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous, may be exalted. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make His loved ones successful and to draw them nigh unto Him at all times. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10037 ===

=== START BH10038 ===

Asadu'llah and 'Ali - He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Asad! In this hour when the Supreme Pen is speaking, it is observed that his honor Asad - upon him be the Glory of God - is occupied in those regions with praise, glorification and service to the Cause. Blessed are those souls who today have attained to serving the harbingers of the Faith. We make mention at this hour of the letter Nun, and I am verily the Rememberer, the Observer, the All-Wise. And We make mention of several numbered ones from among My loved ones in that place, and I am verily the Witness, the Mighty, the All-Informed. And We make mention of 'Ali whose name was present before the Face in this hour in this exalted station. We send Our greetings upon him and upon those whom We have mentioned through symbols in this wondrous Tablet.

=== END BH10038 ===

=== START BH10039 ===

He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

O Iskandar! The tongue of the Wronged One in the nights and days speaks the blessed verse "Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." The True One Himself bears witness to the manifestations of the Wronged One's bounties toward His chosen ones and loved ones. When thou hast attained to hearing the Call that hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: "My God, my God!

Aid me to serve Thy Cause, then write down for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou knowest that separation from Thee hath consumed me and remoteness from Thee hath destroyed me. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the Crimson Ark to assist me to serve Thy loved ones among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise."

=== END BH10039 ===

=== START BH10041 ===

O My Afnan, upon thee rest My Glory, My Bounty and My Mercy!

Verily, the Servant in Attendance came and made mention of thee in Our presence. We therefore extolled thee in such wise as to cause the cities of remembrance and utterance to be set ablaze. Verily thy Lord is the Supreme Ruler over all things. We have named thee, at this moment, Nuri'd-Din. We beseech God that He may ordain for thee that which will draw thee near unto Him and be of profit to thee. He verily is the All-Gracious, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10041 ===

=== START BH10042 ===

O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the hearts that have been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and by the breasts that have been dilated through Thy verses, and by the faces that have turned toward Thy face, and by the tongues that have responded to Thy sweetest call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, to ordain for me from the ocean of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy generosity, then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and regardful in all conditions of the horizon of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10042 ===

=== START BH10043 ===

O my God! Illumine the eyes of hearts with the light of Thy countenance, O Beloved, then make them steadfast in Thy Cause - verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Forgiving - and firm in such wise that the cawing of those who claim what hath not been ordained for them in the Book will not disturb them. Thou seest, O my God, that I make mention of Thy loved ones purely for Thy sake, that their hearts may be assured thereby in this Day wherein leg is entwined with leg. O my God! Enable Thy servant who was named Muhammad-Husayn to remember and praise Thee, then open his sight with the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the Ancient in Bounty. Assist Thy loved ones to whatsoever Thou willest - verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH10043 ===

=== START BH10044 ===

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon! O Mother of the friends! Hear thou the call of the Lord of Names from the direction of the Prison. He hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. A Name of Mine, upon him be My glory, hath expressed satisfaction with thee. Thy services, one and all, are remembered before the Throne. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. We beseech Him to grant thee the reward of thy deeds and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for the people of the tabernacle of His glory. Rejoice thou in this glad-tidings wherewith the Tongue of Grandeur hath gladdened thee from His glorious and resplendent station. The glory be upon thee and upon thy children. We counsel them to be steadfast and to preserve what We have ordained for them. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10044 ===

=== START BH10045 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! O My handmaiden! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. When thou hast attained unto His utterance and found the fragrance of His garment, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided Thy handmaidens to Thy straight path, when most of Thy servants and creatures turned away from it. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the fruits of the Tree of Thy utterance in the garden of Thy knowledge, to strengthen this handmaiden of Thine in Thy remembrance and praise and in steadfastness in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Ordain for her that which will abide with her in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayer.”

=== END BH10045 ===

=== START BH10046 ===

He is the Forgiving! O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Thy letter was sent to the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that the fragrance of sincerity and recognition of God, exalted be His glory, wafted therefrom [inimitably]. A single letter from His presence surpasses all that hath been created on earth. I counsel thee and the handmaidens of God to that which beseemeth His Day and His Manifestation. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the light of detachment and the crown of righteousness. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land. Each soul mentioned in thy letter hath attained to the remembrance of the Wronged One. Well is it with you and pleasant it is for you.

=== END BH10046 ===

=== START BH10047 ===

O Faran, handmaiden of God, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the One Who speaks with truth and judges with justice. O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto that which God hath testified concerning His Own Self by His Own Self, before the creation of His names and attributes: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Ultimate Tree, the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Primal Word. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath turned unto God, and whoso hath

turned away is verily among the most lost of men, though he produce the deeds of all creation. Drink thou from the chalice of utterance in My Name, and from the cup of mystical knowledge through My beauteous remembrance. Verily, glory be upon those handmaidens who have turned unto the Intended One in such wise that the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, have not prevented them.

=== END BH10047 ===

=== START BH10048 ===

Mother Varaqih, upon her be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! We have made mention of thee, and this suffices thee, wert thou of those who understand. We have sent down for thee that which will make thee independent of all else beside Me - to this beareth witness the Revealer of verses. We have remembered every servant who hath turned unto Us and every handmaiden who hath been among the devout. Grieve not over hardships. Hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all possibilities. Beware lest the affairs of creation hinder thee. Leave aside all else but Me and hold fast unto God, the Manifestor of clear evidences. Blessed is the handmaiden whom the hardships of the world have not prevented from the Dawning-Place of Manifestations. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned toward the horizon of the Cause and turned away from the deniers.

=== END BH10048 ===

=== START BH10049 ===

He is the Manifest, the Hidden One

O My handmaiden! God willing, thou shalt be made the recipient of divine favors and infinite bounties. How many queens of the world yearned and longed for the presence of this blessed Day but did not attain it, while thou, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, hast attained thereunto. If thou renderest thanks for this station with a hundred thousand tongues, it would assuredly be and continue to be insufficient. Today the Speaker of the Mount is speaking. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored by His call and the eye that hath beheld His signs. Remember thy Lord at all times. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10049 ===

=== START BH10050 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My handmaiden! I have heard thy cry and thy lamentation in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy letter hath come and the servant present hath read it at the beginning of the night of Ridvan, and hath attained to the hearing of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the Most Great Sea, and woe unto the queen who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. How many queens awaited the days of God, but when they appeared, turned away,

following the dawning-places of idle fancies who turned away from the Face by following every heedless doubter. And how many a handmaiden, when she heard the Call, hastened and said: “Here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics!”

=== END BH10050 ===

=== START BH10051 ===

In His Name Who speaks with pure truth! O My handmaiden, O Rubabih! Hear this most exalted word from the tongue of the Lord of all beings, and throughout the days of your life be engaged in thanksgiving and praise. Mulla ’Ali of Kand, who carried volumes of books and for years acquired sciences and arts which, in his own estimation, others were incapable and powerless to acquire, did not attain to the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty, and remained fixed and established in his own error. But you, through His boundless grace, took and drank the choice wine of recognition from the hand of bounty. Well is it with you, and woe unto him!

=== END BH10051 ===

=== START BH10052 ===

He is the Conferrer of Honour

O members of the Household! There hath befallen you in the path of God that which befell the sons of the Apostle, their daughters and their womenfolk, in the Land of Taff (Karbila) and other lands. Rest ye assured in the grace of God, and in His mercy: He, verily, is with you in every world of His worlds. He, verily, is the Beholder, the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing. Fie upon a people who wronged you, slew you, and pillaged your possessions. By My life! The people are indeed in grievous loss. The blasts of chastisement shall assail them from all sides: He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Put your trust in God, and say: “Fortunate and blessed are we for that which hath befallen us in His Straight Path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

=== END BH10052 ===

=== START BH10053 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O dwellers of earth! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Lord of all beings. He calleth you from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and remindeth you of the signs of God and His days. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast appeared and manifested that which every reckoner and learned one was powerless to comprehend. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy servants who have quaffed the wine of understanding from the hand of Thy bestowals and attained unto the Kawthar of Thy utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one clinging to the hem of Thy robe - decree for him what Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful.

=== END BH10053 ===

=== START BH10054 ===

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O thou resplendent Leaf and fruit of My Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing! Grieve not over the hardships of the world. Rather, rejoice in that which God's will hath preceded what thou didst desire. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing. Thou hast at all times been under the glances of grace and beneath the canopies of bounty and justice. Blessed art thou and blessed are My handmaidens who have recognized thy station before the Wronged One and thy relationship unto Him. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon him who hath journeyed unto God and upon his mother who is mentioned before the Throne.

=== END BH10054 ===

=== START BH10055 ===

O thou who walkest in the wilderness of guidance! Hearken unto the call from the right side of the Most Exalted Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. By My life! Were all who are on earth to turn towards that which hath proceeded from the mouth of God, He would surely draw them to the horizon of His Cause. Thus hath the matter been decreed by thy Lord, the Chosen One. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the remembrance of God. Verily, He remembereth thee in the Prison midst tribulations the like of which the eye of time hath never beheld. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things and with Whom is the knowledge of the Tablets.

=== END BH10055 ===

=== START BH10056 ===

He is the One Who calls out in truth!

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Thy letter which thou didst send to Asad, upon him be My glory, hath been honored with My attention. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with words whereby the hearts of them that are nigh have been drawn. We beseech God to make thee a standard of His name among the world and its peoples. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to the Covenant and preserved the love of God and His testament in thy heart. He will assuredly assist thee and those who have turned unto Him and responded when the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones from whom the fragrance of steadfastness hath been wafted in this Great Announcement. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds!

=== END BH10056 ===

=== START BH10057 ===

In the name of God, the Most Pure, the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious! O thou who hast turned towards Me! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, from the blessed, hallowed, crimson Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing: Verily, there is none other God but Me,

the Mighty, the Bountiful. Leave behind thee all created things and turn with thy heart unto God, the Revealer of verses. Say: O my Lord! I desire to lay down my life in Thy path if Thou accept it from me. Verily, Thou art the Best of those who show mercy. And if Thou deniest me what I seek from the wonders of Thy bounty, assist me in Thy service that there may appear from me the victory of Thy Cause, though it be less than can be counted. Verily, Thou art the God of the throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10057 ===

=== START BH10058 ===

He Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance to His Honor Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art mentioned before the Throne! Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in the prison of ’Akka and for having sent down unto me that which hath attracted the realities of all things. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy utterance, and by the hearts which have been set ablaze with the fire of separation from Thee in Thy days, and by the tears of the lovers throughout all regions, and by the appearance of Thy Cause on the Day of the Covenant, to ordain for me from Thy Most Glorious Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10058 ===

=== START BH10059 ===

O Rida, in the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing! O thou who gazest toward the shore of contentment! Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of My good-pleasure, and drunk from the chalice of My glory, and turned thy face toward My face, and entered the stronghold of My Cause, and sought shelter beneath the shadow of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, and inhaled the sweet scents of My raiment, and hearkened unto My words and then My melodies. Soon shall My Book appear before thee. Then take it with a power from Me, and drink from the fountainhead of its words the Kawthar of My utterance, and from its allusions the Tasnim of My knowledge. Then witness in the temples of its letters their submissiveness and humility before God, the Lord of the worlds, how they appear in the posture of standing and sitting and prostration before God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10059 ===

=== START BH10060 ===

O Mirza Nabil who preceded [the letter] Ba’, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, through which the sea surged and the fragrance was diffused! O Ba’, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! Jinab-i-Haydar hath repeatedly made mention of the friends. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the pearls of the ocean of utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the wine of Thy love from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all existence, both seen and unseen, to ordain for me

that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10060 ===

=== START BH10061 ===

O Baba Khan, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds. O Baba Khan! Verily We have called all to the highest horizon and guided them to My straight path. When the divine promise was fulfilled and the Countenance of the Promised One descended from the Kingdom of Names, all turned away, for they had clung to the path of conjecture and idle fancy. This is a Day whose greatness all the divine Books have testified to. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it - such a one is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names as being among the people of Baha. God willing, may you drink at all times from the choice wine of recognition and remain detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein.

=== END BH10061 ===

=== START BH10062 ===

O Bashir, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Helper, the All-Seeing

O Bashir! The Wronged One gives thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, and makes mention of thee in that which shall cause thy name and remembrance to endure in My Mighty Book. We counsel thee and those who have believed to practice righteousness and the fear of God, and that whereby the Word of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, shall be exalted. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Verily He guideth His detached servants. His mercy and His power have preceded all things, and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Glory be to God! Authority is God's! Sovereignty is God's, the Almighty, the All-Powerful! Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken at this moment as a token of grace from Me, and I am indeed the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Generous.

=== END BH10062 ===

=== START BH10063 ===

O Taqi! Fear God, thy Lord, then remember Him through that which guided thee and directed thee to His straight path. The All-Glorious forbiddeth vain desire and commandeth you to observe that which the Lord of all beings hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. The Sun of Revelation hath risen and the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil. They have cast aside the Lord of all beings by following their desires. Know ye that they are among the abased ones. Arise with supreme steadfastness to remember God, the Lord of the first and the last. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing.

=== END BH10063 ===

=== START BH10064 ===

O Jalal! He Who dominates all names! O Jalal! The Self-Sufficient, the Most High, makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. He makes mention of him who makes mention of Him, and desires him who desires Him, as a token of His grace. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Take thou the Book of God in His Name, then read it with joy and radiance. He will protect thee and teach thee and acquaint thee with the straight path. Blessed is he who has turned to the Kaaba of existence, and blessed is he who has uttered this Name whereby the mountains have been subdued. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause with the greatest steadfastness on this Day whereon the tribes have lamented from every direction.

=== END BH10064 ===

=== START BH10065 ===

O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Helper and the Preserver. O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God and His grace! The Most Exalted Pen hath willed from the Most Glorious Horizon to make mention of thee, that thou mayest find the fragrances of the utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the fire of the Tree which shone forth in the Mount of Knowledge upon the Son of Imran, to strengthen me in such wise that through my speech Thou mayest open the doors of the ears of the world to hearken unto Thy call, O Lord of all nations. O my Lord! I am he who asketh at Thy door, and Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Ever-Pardoning, the Most Bountiful. The Cause is in the grasp of the power of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, the Master of the kings of the past and the future.

=== END BH10065 ===

=== START BH10066 ===

He is God! O Haji Muhammad-Baqir! You have attained to the visitation of the House and to the recognition of the Lord of the House, and this word, which is greater in the sight of God than heaven and earth, hath been revealed especially for you: “Art thou able to thank Him as befitteth? Say: No, by Thy sovereignty, except through Thy pure, holy, mighty and wondrous tongue.” “O my Lord! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee and have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity that which will cause me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy will and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and to take hold of Thy Sealed Wine through Thy Self-Subsisting Name, and to drink thereof once through Thy Name and again through Thy mighty and beloved remembrance.”

=== END BH10066 ===

=== START BH10067 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the Great!

O people of God! Today the ocean of utterance is surging and the pearls of wisdom and exposition are appearing and visible from their shells. We beseech God that He deprive you not, and in every moment bestow upon you a portion of the fruits of the Tree of Grace. Beware lest the veils of the world and its manifestations and colors prevent you. Arise to promote the Cause with complete dedication and great steadfastness, and summon humanity unto truth through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He will assist you and aid you in that which will draw you nigh unto the court of His might. He is truly the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH10067 ===

=== START BH10068 ===

Thine intention to pay a visit to the blessed House is acceptable and well-pleasing in the sight of this Wronged One, provided it is accomplished in a spirit of joy and radiance and would not prove contrary to the dictates of wisdom. Say: O people, the first duty is to recognize the one true God – magnified be His glory – the second is to show forth constancy in His Cause and, after these, one's duty is to purify one's riches and earthly possessions according to that which is prescribed by God. Therefore it beseemeth thee to meet thine obligation to the Right of God first, then to direct thy steps toward His blessed House. This hath been brought to thine attention as a sign of favour.

[The Friends of God in Faran]

He is the Ever-Mindful, the All-Knowing

A mention from Us to those servants whose names were mentioned before the Wronged One, Who is imprisoned in this mighty fortress. O people of God in Faran! We have mentioned you aforetime in such wise as nothing whatsoever can equal. The Lord of creation beareth witness unto this from this exalted station. Beware lest the clamor of the people of the Bayan debar you from your Lord, the All-Merciful, or the veils of every remote learned one withhold you. We have heard your call and answered you through this perspicuous Book. Verily, He seeth what ye do and heareth what ye say, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. A letter hath come to the prison wherein were inscribed the names of those who have turned toward My luminous horizon.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call raised from this most exalted station, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou vocal in My praise, hold fast unto My cord, turn thy face toward My countenance, and cleave unto this mighty News whereof Moses gave tidings on the Mount of Knowledge, and the Spirit in the wilderness of longing, and the Beloved One between Yathrib and Batha. Thus hath the matter been decreed by an ancient Commander.

O 'Ali! Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen in My days and hath discovered the fragrance of My garment as it was wafted throughout the world. He is assuredly among the companions of the Crimson Ark in My perspicuous Book. We counsel thee and those who have believed to perform pure deeds and that which befitteth your relationship to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Khalil! The Glorious One hath come with such sovereignty as the hosts of the heavens and earth cannot withstand. He giveth thee and those who have believed glad tidings of that which He hath ordained for you as a command from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Rida! The Lord of Names hath mentioned thee from this most exalted station. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. He hath mentioned thee in such wise as nothing whatsoever can equal. The Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, beareth witness unto this. Say: My God, my God! Leave me not to myself, and deprive me not from the breezes of Thy Revelation, and forbid me not from the gate that hath been opened unto all who are in earth and heaven, and disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have acted according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy mighty Book.

We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him and to aid thee to be content in this glorious and wondrous Revelation.

O Fath-'Ali! This is the Day wherein the river hath flowed, and the sea hath surged, and the Cause hath come with manifest sovereignty. Cast aside what the people possess and say: By God, what He hath is better than what we have - to this testifieth every discerning knower. This is the Day wherein the horizon of utterance hath been illumined by the sun of knowledge, and the Dove hath warbled upon the branches: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Take hold of the Book of God with the strength granted by Us, and be not of the heedless. We counsel thee and those who have believed to be trustworthy, religious, chaste and pure. Verily thy Lord is the Counsellor, the All-Informed.

O Darvish-Khuda! We sent thee aforetime, and in this year, a Tablet from whose horizon shone the sun of thy Lord's gracious favor. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and guided thee to His straight path, and for having sent down for thee that which maketh thee independent of every book and remindeth thee of that which beseemeth His days. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty.

O people of God! Ye have hearkened to the call of the Arabian Bird and to His melodies. Now hearken unto it in the Persian tongue. Verily it will draw you nigh unto Him and guide you to the Path and deliver you from grievous torment. We have mentioned you in numerous Tablets and aided you to turn toward this luminous horizon. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent you from God, the Lord of all names, or the might of the oppressors frighten you. From the first day until now the Supreme Pen hath neither paused nor found rest, and hath, through its movement and mention, aided the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. And when the banners of divine victory were raised in certain lands, the people of the Bayan rose up from behind the veil to wage war. By God! They uttered that which made the eye of God weep and the tongue of God lament. O people of God! The idolatrous souls have never been with Us and have no knowledge of this Cause. Nevertheless, they have contrived calumnies and have aimed at the Purpose of the worlds, and with the utmost effort and endeavor are striving to mislead souls. We beseech God to make them aware of their stations and to cause them to return unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

As to your intention to visit the House - this is acceptable and beloved in the sight of this Wronged One, provided it be undertaken in a spirit of joy and radiance and be not contrary to wisdom. Say: O people! The beginning of the matter is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and its end is steadfastness, and thereafter the purification of one's wealth and whatsoever the people possess according to God's commandment. Therefore, the divine rights must first be paid, and then attention be turned to the House. Out of pure bounty hath this word been mentioned. We beseech God to confirm all to serve His Cause in such wise that these fleeting two days and their transient ornaments may not become a barrier and prevent them from turning unto Him in devotion. O friends of God in those regions! The call is raised at all times, the Pen is in motion, and the tongue is speaking, that perchance the servants who have grown cold might be set ablaze by the fire of the Supreme Word and turn toward the most exalted horizon. Whosoever hath attained hath attained unto everlasting good and is adorned with eternal life. Blessed is he and his is a goodly destiny. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon you and upon him who heareth the call of God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH10068 ===

=== START BH10070 ===

O Mirza Hasan, the physician, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing Speaker! O Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the hidden and the manifest! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the pearls of might and bounty from the ocean of divine grace and the Dawning-Place of the Light of the All-Merciful's mercy. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Eternal Lord, for having remembered me with verses that neither the pearls of all the seas nor the treasures of all lands can equal. I testify that Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. I thank Thee for remembering me and for turning toward me from the prison, and for accepting what I have done in love for my Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We testify that thy deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance and honored by the mention of God, the Lord of all mankind.

=== END BH10070 ===

=== START BH10071 ===

In the Name of the Ancient Days! O Karbala'i Hasan! He is the One manifest before all faces. O Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest remembers you before the face of the world and gives you glad tidings of this Revelation through which was revealed that which the Speaker of the Mount uttered: "Verily there is no God but I, the Single, the All-Informed." By God! The hidden has been revealed and the treasured has appeared, and the Unseen calls out with the most exalted call, summoning all to the supreme horizon, this resplendent station. Give thanks to your Lord for having enabled you to recognize Him when every remote scholar denied Him. Cast aside what the people possess and take what is with your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We remembered you that you may rejoice and give thanks to your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10071 ===

=== START BH10072 ===

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker! O Husayn! This Wronged One broke the seal of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, and summoned all the peoples of the world - be they princes, divines, mystics or philosophers, male or female. Most failed to respond, being occupied with the diverse colors of the world and its glory and riches, and are so entangled that they had not, and have not, time to hearken unto the Word of Truth. Heedless of the immortal Kingdom, they cling to ephemeral hues. Blessed is the soul whom the world and all that is therein hath not prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon, nor deprived thereof.

=== END BH10072 ===

=== START BH10073 ===

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! Thou wert enkindled with the fire of the love of God and didst arise to serve His Cause, the firm, the mighty. Be thou eloquent in His praise, turn thy face toward His countenance, and fix thy gaze upon His bright horizon. With perfect wisdom strive to unite souls and to kindle hearts. He will assuredly assist thee even as He hath assisted and confirmed thee in this Great Announcement. Preserve thy station, then make mention of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast behind them the idle fancies of the past, and hold fast to the lights of the Sun of Certitude from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10073 ===

=== START BH10074 ===

He is God! O Husayn! The Wronged One of the horizons hath summoned the people unto truth and commanded them to practice praiseworthy conduct. Today the hosts which bear the standards of triumph and the banners of victory have been and continue to be goodly deeds and pleasing character. O My loved ones! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto the fear of God. He is the Helper and the Succourer. By the command of God, exalted be His glory, corruption and contention are condemned in His sight. Unity and concord and love and fellowship are acceptable. This is the Cause that hath been revealed in diverse Tablets from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings and recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

=== END BH10074 ===

=== START BH10075 ===

In the Name of Him Who is sovereign over all names!

O Haydar! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Prison with a remembrance from which hath flowed the Water of Life for all contingent beings. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested His Self and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Ancient Commander. Say: All praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy bounty and for having caused me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by Him Whom Thou didst name ’Ali in Thy Book, who was martyred in Thy path in the Land of Ya, to open through the key of Thy Most Great Name the doors of Thy grace and

bounty unto all peoples. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

=== END BH10075 ===

=== START BH10076 ===

He is God! O my Lord and my God! This is a child whom Thou hast brought forth from the loins of one of Thy servants, for whom Thou hast ordained a station among the stations in the tablets of Thy decree and the pages of Thy destiny. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which every soul hath attained unto that which it desired, that Thou make him perfect among Thy servants, manifest through Thy Name, speaking forth Thy praise, turned toward Thy direction, and drawing nigh unto Thyself. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and shall ever remain powerful over whatsoever Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH10076 ===

=== START BH10077 ===

O Rajab-'Ali! This Wronged One hath received thy special request for a Tablet, and these exalted words have been revealed in thy name. We beseech God that thou mayest attain unto them and drink from the ocean of His bounty. All the friends of that land are at this moment present before Our face, blessed by the lights of His loving-kindness. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the Kawthar of freedom and hath testified to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. This Prisoner counseleth all to perform such deeds as shed abroad the fragrance of sincerity. Work ye according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10077 ===

=== START BH10078 ===

O Rahman! The All-Merciful hath come from the heaven of Command with majesty and sovereignty. We have heard the call of the sincere ones and have answered them through Our grace, for verily We are the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of that which was enjoined upon him by God, the Lord of all mankind. And woe unto every heedless liar! The people of the Bayan have cast aside their Lord and taken hold of that which was commanded unto them by every crafty deceiver. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified thereunto from His Most Glorious Horizon - this station round which circle the dwellers of Paradise at all times.

=== END BH10078 ===

=== START BH10079 ===

O Rahim! Know that My Pen hath found no rest or repose at any time. Its scratching hath been raised and hath summoned all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The tongue speaketh and the heart calleth out and the fingers point, but most of the people are heedless. Their ears have been prevented from hearkening

to the melodies of revelation and their eyes from this gracious scene. Blessed is the one who, strong in My Name, hath rent asunder the veils and witnessed what God, the Lord of the heavens and earths, hath witnessed. Glory be upon the people of Glory who have not been kept back by names from God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10079 ===

=== START BH10080 ===

O Maid-servant of God Zahra, upon her be the Glory of God, sister of another lion by the name of Maqsud-i-'Almiyan! O Zahra, upon thee be My Glory! The women of the world were waiting during the nights and days for the appearance of the Lord of all beings. When the divine morn's fragrance was diffused and the banners of the Cause were unfurled, all remained veiled from the Dayspring of divine light and the Dawning-place of divine revelation by the veils of the divines. And a few attained to the hearing of the call - these are the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, which have been sent down by the Supreme Pen in the scriptures and tablets. Blessed art thou and blessed is every maid-servant who hath heard and responded and attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10080 ===

=== START BH10081 ===

O Zaynal! He is the Mighty, the Great! O Zaynal! The Lord of all causes and the Sovereign of all nations doth make mention of thee from the mountain, as a token of His grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Manifest One. We have gone forth from the prison and established Ourself upon the throne on the mountain. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Praised. They that have turned away from the Countenance are assuredly among the people of tyranny in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. And they that have turned towards it and have attained unto the lights of the Countenance - these are among those brought nigh in a clear Book. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet.

=== END BH10081 ===

=== START BH10082 ===

O Sattar, in the name of the one incomparable God! O Sattar, Concealer of mysteries manifest, through Whose revelation the hidden secret and treasured mystery hath been made resplendent! This is the Day of vision, that one may behold, and the Day of hearing, that one may hearken, and the Day of utterance, that one may voice the praise of the Beloved of all possibility. Through the blessed nature of the Most Great Name, that which was hidden hath become manifest and visible. At times He spoke in Persian, and at times in Arabic, and at times without either. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of proof with the luminary of utterance. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH10082 ===

=== START BH10083 ===

O Sharaf Sultan, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the Peerless Friend! O Sharaf! We have heard thy call and have favored thee with an answer through these sublime and exalted verses. The entire world cannot equal a single word of the divine utterances. Such is the bounty that every one who has turned to God has attained the Tablet of God, exalted be His glory, and some possess multiple Tablets. The entire world has not and cannot render sufficient thanks for this bounty. Be thou therefore grateful for thy Lord's favor through this manifest generosity. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds! And We make mention of thy daughter, Our handmaiden, and give her the glad tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10083 ===

=== START BH10084 ===

He is the All-Bountiful

O Shu'a'! Praised be God, thou art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Each of the various branches of learning is a beautiful veil for the temple of existence. Thou shouldst not be remiss in acquiring that which will conduce to progress and advancement. Knowledge is the light of the world. Blessed is he who is not deprived of its radiance and splendor. Knowledge is the life of the world and the adornment of nations. Knowledge is the treasure of existence and the gift of God, the Mighty, the Loving. God willing, mayest thou be possessed of zeal and enthusiasm and not be remiss in acquiring virtues. Convey My greetings to the Afnans - upon them be the favor and bounty of God - and likewise to the loved ones. Khavar is mentioned. The Glory be upon you.

=== END BH10084 ===

=== START BH10085 ===

In the Name of the True One, the Trustworthy

O Sadiq! That blessed Word through which the whole world was created is now manifest and summons all who are on earth to the Truth, exalted be His glory. By night and day the Divine Pen is in motion - whether in the house, in the wilderness, in the valleys - and now is seated upon the mountain, commanding all with utmost kindness to that which will profit them. Blessed is the soul that hath heard His call and acted upon that which hath been revealed in God's Book. Beseech the Truth that He may cause thee and thy friends to drink of the wine of steadfastness. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10085 ===

=== START BH10086 ===

O Safar, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Safar! Thy name hath been mentioned in the Most Great Scene, and We have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the light of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Compassionate. When thou attainest unto it, say: "My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned with my heart, my outward being and my inward being toward Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy grace, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy bounty and generosity, and by Thy sovereignty wherewith Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants, to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great."

=== END BH10086 ===

=== START BH10087 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

O 'Abbas! Your letter has attained unto the honor of being seen and your call unto that of being heard. Praise be to God that He confirmed and guided thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon the Countenance! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and caused me to hear and remember Thee in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the realms of hearts and souls, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

=== END BH10087 ===

=== START BH10088 ===

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. In His Most Great Name! O 'Abdu'l-Karim! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The effects of tyranny and oppression have encompassed the world and have prevented the trees of the garden of inner meanings from bearing fruit. O Karim! The saplings of divine favor have been planted in the true garden and have been watered from the Kawthar of grace, but some weakness has overtaken them; therefore grafting is necessary. And it is hoped that its grafting will be taken from the divine Lote-Tree and the Tree of detachment and will form a connection. Verily thy Lord hath power over all things.

=== END BH10088 ===

=== START BH10089 ===

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Abdullah! God hath come with manifest sovereignty, which the people have denied and from which they have turned aside, except such as God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what is possessed by the people, turning unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

Joy be unto thee for having attained unto the remembrance when He Who conversed on Sinai was established upon the throne of revelation with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to remember Him, to praise Him, and to spread His signs. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great. And We make mention of Haie and those who are with him, both women and men. Verily his Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10089 ===

=== START BH10090 ===

O ’Ali! Remember when thou didst turn to God and set thy face toward His Countenance in days wherein feet did slip. Blessed is the servant who hath drunk from the ocean of attainment unto His presence and hath witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur witnessed in the earliest days. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the veils of those who have denied the Source and the Return shall not withhold thee. We counsel thee with that wherewith We counseled thee before, through which this Cause shall be exalted - the Cause before which, when it is made manifest, necks shall bow low. And We make mention of thy son who hath turned toward God, the Lord of Lords. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10090 ===

=== START BH10091 ===

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance

O ’Ali, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto His grace. Verily, he who was with thee was prevented by his desires from drawing nigh unto the Lord of all mankind. God did bestow true grace and manifest destiny was transformed, yet today he remaineth heedless, as the Wronged One doth testify from His mighty prison. We beseech God that He may aid him, that perchance he may not be afflicted with his ultimate destiny. By the life of God! Were he to recognize, he would arise to serve the Cause with his very being, but vain imaginings have held him back from the Dayspring of divine commandments and ordinances. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH10091 ===

=== START BH10092 ===

In the Name of the One Peerless Friend! O ’Ali-’Askar! Praise be to God that in the morn of the Day of Manifestation thou hast been illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth. Guard thou this mighty bounty even as thy life, and protect it even as thine eye. Thieves appear in every guise - beseech thou God to protect thee and to grant thee the greatest steadfastness. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the mighty Command and followed the bidding of thy Lord. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and His is the Last

and the First. In all conditions, hold fast to the cord of God's loving-kindness. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Praise be to God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH10092 ===

=== START BH10093 ===

Egypt. His honor Mirza 'Ali-Muhammad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. He is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

O 'Ali before Muhammad! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Single, the One. We have mentioned thee before, and at this time with a mention whose fragrance will not cease throughout the duration of the names of God, the Lord of those in the heavens and earths. Say: My God, my God! And glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Adored One and my Goal! I beseech Thee by Him through Whose advent the celestial spheres were honored and the heaven was adorned, to open before my face the doors of Thy mercy and Thy bestowal and Thy grace and Thy wealth. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10093 ===

=== START BH10094 ===

O Ali of Tehran, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Ali, say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, and by Thy Cause, and by Thy might, and by Thy power, and by Thy sovereignty, and by Thy greatness, and by Thy dominion, and by Thy majesty, that Thou aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of the wicked ones nor the clamor of the enemies shall hold me back. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And at the conclusion of this message, we make mention of thy wife who hath turned unto God, attained His presence and visited the House. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid her, to assist her and to make her firm in His love and in His remembrance and in His praise. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH10094 ===

=== START BH10095 ===

In His Name through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout creation! O 'Ali-Muhammad! Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that I may choose for myself naught except what Thou hast ordained for me. O my Lord! Strengthen my limbs that I may lay down what I possess in hope of that which is with Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue the nations, to assist me in all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy loved ones whom neither the clamor of the malicious nor the opposition of the aggressive hath deterred. Verily Thou art the Most Powerful of the powerful and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10095 ===

=== START BH10096 ===

O ’Ali! The Wronged One of the world remembers you from His Most Great Prison and calls you to a station where the doubts of the deniers cannot cause you to slip. We have mentioned you before in such wise that nothing in all creation can equal it, as the Creator of the heavens bears witness, if you be of those who know. Blessed is your heart for having turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and joy be to whoever has turned their face toward their Lord, the Generous. Thus has the horizon of recognition been illumined by the Sun of your Lord the All-Merciful’s utterance. When you attain and find the fragrance of the All-Merciful, say: “Praise be unto You, O You in Whose grasp lies the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

=== END BH10096 ===

=== START BH10097 ===

He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen

O Greater Branch! In truth, after your departure this scene appears as the Most Great Prison. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to make it blessed and to make the ultimate consequences of the journey the greatest good. Always write about your circumstances - mention and news are beloved, even if they are already known. His honor the Overseer was delayed for several days due to changes in the weather, and surely they have been saddened by separation from your presence. According to the saying of those who came before: in the spiritual path, whatever comes before the seeker is for their good. Peace be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and serve you for the sake of God, the Exalted, the Great.

=== END BH10097 ===

=== START BH10098 ===

O Ghulam-Qabil-Husayn! Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee the countenance of the Wronged One and for having mentioned thee in verses which God hath made the dawning-places of light. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and desireth for him who hath desired Him bounty and bestowal, grace and glory. He remembereth whom He willeth as a token of grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Whoso hath attained this Day unto My remembrance hath attained unto all good, as doth testify the Mother Book which is with Him. Say: O people! By God, the All-Bestowing One hath come at the setting-place, and He is the Hidden Book and the Treasured Mystery. He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired, and He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH10098 ===

=== START BH10099 ===

O ’Ali! The fragrance of thy love reached the Most Holy Court. We heard thy call and witnessed thy turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, and We make mention of thee in this Most Mighty, Most Sublime

Tablet that thou mayest behold the favor of God with both thine outer and inner eyes. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the fruit of existence. Consider man as a tree: its fruit hath been and ever shall be the knowledge of God, and its leaves and branches are goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Praise the Object of all creation Who hath enabled thee to attain unto this station. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Remembering, the All-Loving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10099 ===

=== START BH10100 ===

O Qasim, or Qasim! He Who is encompassed by sorrows due to what the hands of those who disbelieved in thy Lord, the Most Merciful, have wrought, makes mention of thee at this hour. Were anyone to become aware of what hath befallen the One, the Single, he would lament as one bereft until the Hour that hath been ordained by God, the Lord of Lords. Is there anyone who pondereth upon the mercy of God? Verily, He hath remembered and remembereth all who have believed in this Day wherein the pillars of what is present have been shaken. There is no name but that We have sent down for it that which brings delight to the eyes. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to those who have believed in God, the Lord of all mankind.

=== END BH10100 ===

=== START BH10101 ===

O Pen! Make mention of him who turned to the ocean of utterance when the Most Exalted Horizon appeared with this Name whereby the tribes have lamented and eyes have been startled. O Faraj! Relief hath come from God, yet the people are in strange delusion. They have shattered the idols of vain desire through the Name of the Lord of all beings and have held fast to the Sure Handle in this Day wherein the Nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. Beware lest the conditions of creation veil thee. Leave behind all mention and cling to the hem of the grace of this Most Great Remembrance, Who hath come with the truth and hath spoken in every state that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH10101 ===

=== START BH10102 ===

He is the Healer

O Kalim, O my brother! Lethargy has exceeded all bounds. Arise, remove this inappropriate quilt. As the late minister said, “Be gone!” Remember your former work. Cease from meaningless complaints of illness. According to the blessed saying, “Return and give a cup!” Speak forth! Surely this suits your pleasure and agrees with your appetite. But be not deceived - this wine is spirit-giving, not hangover-inducing. It increases the search and brings perpetual awareness. Time has exceeded its limits yet the first answer has not arrived. This time too it is unknown. Peace and glory be upon you, upon your first and your last, and upon those who love you.

=== END BH10102 ===

=== START BH10103 ===

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! According to the request of Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. Today We find Ourselves in the prison of ’Akka, and sorrows encompass Us from those who have denied Our verses, disputed Our proof, violated Our Covenant, cast aside Our testament, and shown ingratitude for Our bounty. The degrees of grief have reached their end, and We give thee the glad-tidings of Our uprising, Our steadfastness, Our all-encompassing power, Our remembrance, Our sovereignty and Our might. Thus have We sent down that which will solace thine eyes and gladden thy heart, and cause thee to say with thy outer and inner tongue: The Kingdom and the Realm, the Power and the Dominion belong to God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the earths and the heavens.

=== END BH10103 ===

=== START BH10104 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn! Upon him be the Glory of God. He is the One Who speaks with justice. O Muhammad-Husayn! The oppressor of the land of Ya has kindled a fire that will not be extinguished. Soon the recompense of his deeds will seize him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in that which befits His days and is worthy of His station. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. O Lord! Have mercy on whoever holds fast to Thee and to Thy verses, and leave him not in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Thou art He by Whose command every clear Book was sent down and every wise decree ordained.

=== END BH10104 ===

=== START BH10105 ===

In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! O Muhammad-Husayn! We have made mention of thee time and again, and this is yet another time. Be thou thankful unto the Lord of all beings and the Master of the world to come and of the world of old, Who hath preserved thee and aided thee and assisted thee and caused thee to recognize this Great Announcement on a day when the divines of the earth and its doctors and mystics have turned away therefrom, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted to all regions and the standard of “Verily, I am God, the Lord of all worlds” hath been raised.

=== END BH10105 ===

=== START BH10106 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in wisdom! O Muhammad-i-Sadiq! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Most Exalted Pen hath, from the precincts of ’Akka, turned

toward thee, declaring: Blessed is he who is engaged in a craft. Today, whosoever earneth his livelihood through his craft or profession is accounted among those who are nigh unto God, and his deeds are recorded as worship in God's Book. Blessed is he who heareth that which hath been sent down in truth, and joy be unto the craftsman who perfecteth his craft and dealeth equitably with all people. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Revelation from this mighty mountain.

=== END BH10106 ===

=== START BH10107 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of eternity

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Bear thou witness even as God hath testified that there is none other God but Him Who hath appeared with the truth. He, verily, is the One promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Through Him were revealed the names and attributes, and through Him were raised the standards of Divine unity in the most exalted station and the banners of power in the highest places. Blessed is the soul that hath found the fragrance of His raiment and turned toward His horizon and quaffed the living waters from the cup of His bounty. And woe unto him who hath denied His Manifestation and disbelieved in His favor which hath been sent down from the heaven of His grace, and disputed His verses that have encompassed the earth and the heavens.

=== END BH10107 ===

=== START BH10108 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali who hath attained, O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee from the blessed Spot, and commandeth thee to that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. The promise hath come to pass, and the Lord of Eternity hath appeared with a sovereignty before which all the hosts cannot stand. Render thanks unto God for having remembered thee by His Most Exalted Pen on this darksome night. Prostrate thyself and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things!" We make mention of thy son who hath been named 'Abdu'l-Husayn, as a token of grace from Us in this forbidden place. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto the hem of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

=== END BH10108 ===

=== START BH10109 ===

He is the Manifest One, the Self-Subsisting before all faces

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The Day hath come and the people are in manifest loss. This is a Day wherein God hath revealed what was hidden in the breasts and the treachery of the eyes. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. And in it He hath fulfilled His promise and manifested His sovereignty and proclaimed before the faces of the world: "O people! The Promised One hath come! He is verily the One

Who spoke on Sinai. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto them that sleep. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned unto Him, and woe unto him who hath denied God's proof and His evidence, and committed that which caused the rocks to cry out and raised the lamentation of the sincere ones."

=== END BH10109 ===

=== START BH10110 ===

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing! O Mahmud! We have commanded all to show forth love, affection, fellowship and unity, and We have lifted the ignorant prejudices, killing, corruption and whatsoever causes grief to the hearts of God's servants, the Lord of all worlds. We have ordained victory through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and through deeds and character. Blessed is he who acts according to that which hath been sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take hold of justice and fairness by Our command, for He is the Commander, the Powerful. Thou hast attained unto My mention before and at this time. Be thankful unto God for this great bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!

=== END BH10110 ===

=== START BH10111 ===

In the Name of the One Incomparable Lord, the All-Knowing! O Mahmud! That which thou didst submit hath reached the Most Great Horizon and was heard. We have accepted from thee that which thou didst call upon thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. From thy petition were inhaled the sweet savors of the love of the Beloved of the world. Blessed art thou and blessed is every assured one who hath perceived that which is intended in this manifest Day. God willing, be thou ever occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and the service of His Cause. Soon all shall perish save that which hath appeared in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have soared in the atmosphere of My nearness and held fast to My strong cord.

=== END BH10111 ===

=== START BH10112 ===

Fath-Abad. O Mahmud, upon whom be the Glory of God!

In My Name, the One dawning from the Most Exalted Horizon! O Mahmud! He who loved Me and desired Me made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this wondrous mention, which, when it flowed from the Most Glorious Pen, caused all things to proclaim: By God! The Mother Book hath appeared, and it speaketh in every state, "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." When thou attainest unto My Book and findest the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, for I was among the heedless." I bear witness that thou didst enter the prison and summon those in the kingdom of creation unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and didst endure the harm of the worlds. Praise be to God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10112 ===

=== START BH10113 ===

O Mahmud! He is the Witness and the Witnessed! O Mahmud! The Lord of existence remembers thee from His praiseworthy station and gives thee glad tidings of the loving-kindness of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God - verily it is among the most exalted of creation in the Preserved Tablet. Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent thee from the Truth. Leave the dead and hold fast unto His Name, the Ever-Living, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken in prison that thou mayest thank Him in the nights and days, at eventide and at dawn. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and attainest unto My Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, and glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of existence.

=== END BH10113 ===

=== START BH10114 ===

O Mahmud, the Lord of existence makes mention of thee from His all-glorious station, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. We have mentioned thee before, and in this Sacred and Protected Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God on a day when the learned of the age denied Him - save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, did please. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. By the life of God! All the treasures of the earth and the riches of kings cannot compare with it. The glory shining forth from the horizon of God's utterance be upon thy father and upon thee and upon all those who are with you, both male and female.

=== END BH10114 ===

=== START BH10115 ===

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One. O Mashhadi Muhammad! The deniers say that the people of Baha kill people. Say: No, by God! By whose command was the Dayyan martyred, and who removed Abu'l-Qasim from the world? If you were to count their evil deeds, you could not number them. The intention and desire of this Wronged One has been to remove conflict and contention from the world. To this testify the atoms of all created things and the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At all times has this Wronged One been afflicted in the hands of the oppressors. Say: Be fair, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. The Glory be from Us upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10115 ===

=== START BH10116 ===

To Husayn-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, in My Name which is sanctified above all names

O thou who hast been named with the two Most Great Names! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, Who summoneth thee from the Prison of 'Akka and inviteth thee to the Supreme Horizon - the

Station wherein the Lord of all mankind proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed with that whereby the Cause of God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day, may be exalted. Say: O concourse of loved ones! Hold fast unto trustworthiness, chastity and faithfulness. He commandeth you that which profiteth you, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Most Great Remembrance and have turned towards His luminous horizon.

=== END BH10116 ===

=== START BH10117 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Nabil! My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee and commands thee to that which will attract the hearts of the world. Read thou My verses in the watches of the night and at the break of day. By My life! They speak forth among the nations that which will kindle in all things the fire of the love of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One counsels thee with that which He counseled thee before, and sends His greetings unto thee from this glorious and wondrous station. Rejoice thou at My remembrance of thee and My turning unto thee. Verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions - He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10117 ===

=== START BH10118 ===

He is the Remembering, the Manifest One

O My Leaf! Praise thou the Object of the worship of all worlds, Who brought thee from nothingness into being in His days, and adorned thee with the ornament of existence, and honored thee with the crown of His grace. The bounty and loving-kindness of the Blessed Tree towards Its leaves is even as the sun shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of grace. I beseech God that thou mayest be the recipient of His special favors and be illumined with the light of His knowledge. We implore God to assist thee and thy mother to attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness, and to aid you both with the means of earth and heaven, and to draw you near unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

=== END BH10118 ===

=== START BH10119 ===

He is the Most Glorious, the All-Glorious

O my leaf! Upon thee be My glory! In this year, through the wondrous favors of God–glorified be His majesty–a number of Afnan turned toward and attained the presence of the Blessed Tree, and achieved that which was recorded in the divine Books and Scriptures. Each one hath their station with God.

Although outwardly thou didst not attain this bounty, yet thou hast been favored with a Tablet from whose horizon the Sun of God's loving-kindness hath dawned and become manifest. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained, and upon a handmaiden who hath attained unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10119 ===

=== START BH10120 ===

He is God! O my leaf! Upon thee be my salutations! Thy letter was received and attained the honor of being heard and was adorned with the glory of acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleasing unto Him, and to enable thee to mention Him and praise Him among His handmaidens and leaves, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. The members of the Most Holy Family and the Exalted Cradle are present before the Face and, on behalf of that leaf, attained the honor of visitation and were adorned with the glory of acceptance. God willing, thou wilt be enabled to achieve that whose fragrance is eternal and everlasting. The kingdom shall pass away, but that which hath been revealed in the Kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, shall endure.

=== END BH10120 ===

=== START BH10121 ===

O Leaf of the Sublime Tree! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. He is the One Who calleth between [His] servants. O leaf! Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who assisted thee through the means of heaven and earth and guided thee to the Dawning-place of verses. Thou didst arrive and hear and see. We beseech God to grant that which is the cause of the Most Great Steadfastness. Be thou not saddened by the events of the world. Verily, He is with thee under all conditions. Convey My greetings to the leaves and handmaidens on behalf of the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Truth. Verily, He is the Helper of His branches and leaves, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10121 ===

=== START BH10122 ===

O 'Abdu'l-Vahhab! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O Vahhab! The All-Bountiful calls thee and gives thee glad tidings through this Remembrance whereby the Tablets have been adorned. Bear thou witness even as God hath testified before the creation of all things that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is verily the One intended from all eternity. Verily he who hath recognized this Cause and drunk the choice wine of steadfastness - none among all created things can be his equal. He around Whom the Book revolves testifieth to this. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken forth in the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath seen the Dayspring of Lights. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy father who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and upon thy mother, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10122 ===

=== START BH10123 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing! God makes mention of one of His handmaidens who heard the Call and responded to her Lord, the Lord of Names. Verily do We make mention of every servant who has turned unto Him and every handmaiden who has attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen spoken by the command of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. When thou hast received My Tablet and heard My Call, render thanks unto thy Lord and glorify Him with His praise at all times. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee as He turneth toward thee from this remote spot. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned unto Him and hearkened unto the Call of God, the King, the Mighty, the Most Beautiful.

=== END BH10123 ===

=== START BH10124 ===

He is the All-Glorious! The Wronged One testifies that there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath ever been hidden in His Essence, and He Who speaketh this day speaketh from His presence that there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Verily, the Manifestation appears from the realm of the Unseen, and the Unseen establishes His decree through the Manifestation. Thus hath the Sun of Divine Unity shone forth from the horizon of detachment. Blessed are they who know! Say: The Unseen cannot be known except through this Visible One. Blessed be the All-Loving Who hath come on the Promised Day. O H S! Adorn thyself with My attributes, then follow My path in such wise that the world and all that is therein shall not prevent thee from beholding the perspicuous countenance of thy Lord, the Generous.

=== END BH10124 ===

=== START BH10125 ===

The Tongue of Grandeur speaks in the tongue of the Dawning-Place of Names, Who is remembered by the Most Great Name: “He is, verily, none other than I, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And He Who has rent asunder the veil is the Manifestation of Mine Own Self and the Revealer of My Cause. Through Him the Hour has come to pass, and the Event has occurred, and the Inevitable has appeared, and thereby have all who are in the heavens and on earth swooned away. Through Him have shone forth the faces of those who have turned towards My luminous Countenance which gleams above all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who has drawn nigh unto Him, and has attained unto His days, and has heard His verses, and has arisen to serve and assist Him. He is of those whom God has made sanctified from all that has been created in the realm of creation.”

=== END BH10125 ===

=== START BH10126 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

This is the Day of God, and the Speaker of the Bayan hath mounted the pulpit of glory in the City of Love, crying aloud: O people of God! The Day is come, yet the people are in grievous stupor. Soon shall the might of the oppressors and the calumnies of the infidels be erased by God's prevailing Will, and there shall remain for you that which hath been ordained by the Supreme Pen in this exalted station. Praise be to God that thou hast at all times been blessed with remembrance of the Lord. Well is it with thee and with them that have held fast to the cord of godliness on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

=== END BH10126 ===

=== START BH10127 ===

In the Name of Him Who hath been promised in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! The days of fasting have arrived wherein those servants who circle round Thy throne and have attained Thy presence have fasted. Say: O God of names and creator of heaven and earth! I beg of Thee by Thy Name, the All-Glorious, to accept the fast of those who have fasted for love of Thee and for the sake of Thy good-pleasure and have carried out what Thou hast bidden them in Thy Books and Tablets. I beseech Thee by them to assist me in the promotion of Thy Cause and to make me steadfast in Thy love, that my footsteps may not slip on account of the clamor of Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. No God is there but Thee, the Quickener, the All-Powerful, the Most Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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=== END BH10127 ===

=== START BH10128 ===

He is the Mighty, the Perceiving, the Wise!

The Book declares. What It declares? It declares that the Mystery has come. The Shell declares: The ideal Pearl has come. The Horizon declares: The most great Orb had dawned. The Sinaitic Mountain declares: The Interlocutor has appeared. The Tree declares: Look at my branches and fruits. The Ocean declares: Consider my grandeur and Sovereignty. The Sun declares: gaze at my splendor and effulgences. The Sea declares: These are My waves, My waves. The Wronged One declares: The Power and Authority belongs to God and His Saints and elect."

=== END BH10128 ===

=== START BH10129 ===

O Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Bounty of God! In My name, the One Who is sorrowful in His Most Great Prison. By My life, My grief, My tribulation and My affliction, if from this moment until the Day that hath no end the Supreme Pen were to address itself as "O Wronged One," it would be justified. Every manner and kind of oppression hath been inflicted upon the Daysprings of Light and Dawning-places of Revelation, both in the past and present, yet that which hath befallen this Wronged One is without parallel or precedent. O Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, Akhtar hath manifested an oppression

that hath no equal in all the world, despite the fact that from the first appearance of Akhtar until now, those around him showed him the utmost kindness and repeatedly accepted his fabrications to assist him. That shameless and unjust one sold his trust, faith, truthfulness and fairness for a few dirhams from those whose wickedness he himself had repeatedly testified to. Yes, he saw two benefits in this action: First, obtaining money, and second, drawing near to the people of error. Assuredly, that station which the rulers and divines of the world have rejected, Akhtar and his like will not accept and will speak of that which pleases them. His very words testify to his falsehood and wickedness. The Greater Branch hath never made mention of worldly matters, nor doth he now, and hath chosen naught but seclusion, worship, submission and contentment. Should anyone meet with him, they would testify that no desire for transient things remaineth in him, for the days are drawing to a close. That calumnious liar's dealings were with his sons, and from these mentions his purpose was to speak of Akka and to subvert the Cause of God. However, he was heedless that these mentions are the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God.

Convey My greetings to the honored Sayyah. Say: We have had and have no expectation from His Excellency the Navvab. By God's life! My thoughts are not his thoughts, nor do I walk in his ways, for this Wronged One hath come for the reformation of the world. He hath not followed and will not follow the corrupt, even should all the wolves of the earth gather against Him…

[Translation continues for several more paragraphs, ending with the closing salutations]

=== END BH10129 ===

=== START BH10130 ===

Be ye God's manifestations of trustworthiness in every land. So perfectly should ye mirror forth this quality that even were ye to travel through cities heaped with gold, your gaze would not for a single moment be seduced by its allure. This is the standard required of you, O assemblage of true believers. Assist ye your gracious Lord with your wealth and substance so that in all the worlds of God His servants may perceive from you the sweet savours of the one true God.

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise.

The Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of transcendent glory: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and spread not corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order, neither commit that which is unseemly. Purify yourselves from whatsoever hath been forbidden in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Beware lest ye shed blood. Whoso sheddeth blood is not of Me, and God is quit of him. This was revealed at the beginning of this Revelation from the kingdom of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Beware lest ye commit that which your minds and hearts abhor. Fear God, O concourse of believers! Be ye detached from the world and whatsoever is therein, and dispose not of the property of others except with their permission. Thus have We sent down aforetime and now from the presence of One mighty and beauteous. Be ye the trustees of God in His lands, such that were ye to pass by cities of gold, your eyes would not turn toward them. Thus it behooveth you, O concourse of the pure in heart. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through your deeds, that the sweet savors of truth may be detected from you by God's servants between earth and heaven.

Adorn yourselves, O people, with the virtues of God, and commit not that which would cause the dignity of His Manifestation to be diminished among His creatures. Thus hath God counseled you in tablets of mighty protection. Oppose no one, and dispute not with any soul. If ye find one who is receptive, remind him of the Most Great Word, and if ye find one who turneth away, turn away from him and turn unto God, your Lord. He shall suffice you against all mankind. Be ye united, O My loved ones, then gather yourselves together under the law of My Cause, and be not of them that differ. Verily the nearest of you to God is the most God-fearing and most humble among you, if ye be of them that know. By the True God! If ye be oppressed it is more beloved by Me than that ye should oppress anyone, and this is of My nature and My most excellent attribute, would ye but be assured. Be patient, O My loved ones, in adversity and tribulation, and if one should oppress you, refer his judgment to God, in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the most severe of avengers. We have counseled you in most of Our Tablets not to oppose anyone, yet ye have done that which hath caused harm to return to the Lote-Tree of transcendent glory. O people! Fear God and transgress not beyond what ye have been commanded in the Tablets. This is better for you than that which ye possess, if ye be of them that know. Shun those who have denied God and associated partners with Him and disputed His signs and warred against His exalted and mighty Self. Then be patient even as We have been patient, and contend not with any of the idolaters. Trust in God in all matters, and verily He will aid Me even as He aided Me before when I was in prison beneath chains and fetters, and He aided Me in truth through the hosts of earth and heaven until He brought Me forth therefrom with manifest sovereignty. Within His grasp is the kingdom of all things. He aideth whom He willeth as He willeth, and He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Beware, O people, lest ye cling to names and object to Him Who created them by His command. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: He created names even as He created all things, if ye be of them that know. Every possessor of power is powerless before the sovereignty of His might.

And do not object to Him Who created these names by His command – there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: He created the names even as He created all things, if ye be of them that understand. Every possessor of power is powerless before the sovereignty of His might, and every possessor of knowledge is ignorant before His knowledge, and every possessor of wealth is poor before His gate which openeth upon the face of all creation. Beware lest the names withhold you from their Creator. Shun those who cling to them and are among their worshippers. Say: The Prophet is he who heareth My call and believeth in My Self, and the Messenger is he who delivereth My messages, and the Imam is he who standeth before My countenance and gaineth My days, and the Guardian is he who entereth the fortress of My guardianship and detacheth himself from all else save Me, and the Successor is he who counseleth himself and then the servants with My love and My remembrance and My praise. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this sacred, mighty, transcendent and impregnable Paradise. And praise be to God, my Beloved and the Beloved of them that know.

=== END BH10130 ===

=== START BH10131 ===

In My Name, through Whom the earthquake appeared and the mountains were moved! O Fadlu'llah, O thou who art remembering the Most Great Remembrance! The Mother Book remembereth thee and turneth toward thee from the direction of the Prison. The Most Great Book was and is the Self of Truth, yet the ignorant divines have abandoned the Book of God and are occupied with their own fabrications. The ocean of knowledge is manifest and the sound of the Supreme Pen is raised; nevertheless, like earthworms they are caught in the clay of doubts and vain imaginings. They are honored by the name of Truth while turning away from Him; they are known through Him while remaining veiled from Him. Would that they had been content with what had passed! Rather, they have issued the decree for the shedding of His pure blood. O remembering one! Remember the Wronged One, He Whose mention all the Prophets and Messengers have heard in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures, and Who, by divine command, they have all given glad tidings of to all created things. He hath been imprisoned in the most ruinous of lands, yet even this did not suffice them. Tyranny and oppression have reached such a pass that all atoms are engaged in lamentation and wailing. God willing, may you be speaking words of remembrance at all times, whose effects shall become manifest and evident in the world. Awaken those who slumber and make the heedless mindful. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things. Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast rememberer.

=== END BH10131 ===

=== START BH10132 ===

Blessed are the people of Baha! God beareth Me witness! They are the solace of the eye of creation. Through them the universes have been adorned, and the Preserved Tablet embellished. They are the ones who have sailed on the ark of complete independence, with their faces set towards the Dayspring of Beauty. How great is their blessedness that they have attained unto what their Lord, the Omniscient, the All-Wise, hath willed. Through their light the heavens have been adorned, and the faces of those that have drawn nigh unto Him made to shine.

=== END BH10132 ===

=== START BH10133 ===

In the Name of the One God! Blessed is he who gazeth toward the Most Exalted Horizon and acteth according to the command of the Lord of Names, and blessed is he who in these divine days is engaged in a handicraft. This is a bounty from God, for in this Most Great Revelation engagement in that which preventeth man from expectation is acceptable before God. The craft of every craftsman is accounted as worship. This is among the great favors of the Lord for His servants. Be thou grateful unto God for having aided thee and made thee aware and engaged thee in that which was hidden in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10133 ===

=== START BH10134 ===

O our God, we beg of Thee by the King of Names and Maker of heaven and earth, by the rustling of the leaves of the Tree of Life and by Thine utterances, through which the realities of things are drawn unto us, to grant that the unity in the Love of God may be speedily established throughout the world; that Thou wilt guide us always and unmistakably to whatever Thou wouldst have us to do, and that we may ever be strong and fully prepared to render instant, exact and complete obedience.

=== END BH10134 ===

=== START BH10135 ===

O people of the Qur'án! Verily, the Prophet of God, Muhammad, sheddeth tears at the sight of your cruelty. Ye have assuredly followed your evil and corrupt desires, and turned away your face from the light of guidance. Erelong will ye witness the result of your deeds; for the Lord, My God, lieth in wait and is watchful of your behavior… O concourse of Muslim divines! By your deeds the exalted station of the people hath been abased, the standard of Islam hath been reversed, and its mighty throne hath fallen.

=== END BH10135 ===

=== START BH10136 ===

He is the Extoller, the All-Knowing!

O Mahd, O members of the Household!

Tonight, after supper, the portal of bounty was opened and the Wronged

One engaged in mentioning you. This day is different from other days and

this time is likewise different. Please God, ye may attain that Light which

is preserved from extinction and that Bounty which mortality overtaketh

not. Glory be upon you from God, the Most Mighty, the Most Praised.

As God loves unity and togetherness, We mentioned all on one

page.

=== END BH10136 ===

=== START BH10137 ===

The Day of the Promise is come, and He Who is the Promised One loudly proclaimeth before all who are in heaven and all who are on earth, 'Verily there is none other God but He, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!' I swear by God! That which had been enshrined from eternity in the knowledge of God, the Knower of the seen and unseen, is revealed. Happy is the eye that seeth, and the face that turneth towards, the Countenance of God, the Lord of all being.

=== END BH10137 ===

=== START BH10138 ===

O Lord, deliver us from all temptations, tests and evil suggestions of those who turned their faces from Thee. O Thou merciful God, confirm us by Thine invisible hosts and reinforce us through Thy heavenly angels.

O Lord, we are weak, poor, submissive and humble; strengthen, enrich and uplift us above all earthly conditions.

O God! As Thou hast illumined our hearts with the light of knowing Thee, make us firm in Thy Blessed Covenant.

Verily, Thou art the clement, the forgiving!

=== END BH10138 ===

=== START BH10139 ===

If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

=== END BH10139 ===

=== START BH10140 ===

Grieve thou not over those that have busied themselves with the things of this world, and have forgotten the remembrance of God, the Most Great. By Him Who is the Eternal Truth! The day is approaching when the wrathful anger of the Almighty will have taken hold of them. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the All-Subduing, the Most Powerful. He shall cleanse the earth from the defilement of their corruption, and shall give it for an heritage unto such of His servants as are nigh unto Him.

=== END BH10140 ===

=== START BH10142 ===

His honor Haydar-Qabli-'Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. From the murmuring of the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance, this blessed word was heard: No adornment hath ever been or will ever be more excellent for the temple of man than the fear of God, and no garment more befitting than upright character. We make mention of thee that thou mayest remind the loved ones of God, that haply they may hold fast unto that which will exalt them amongst the servants. Take thou the reins of the Cause and convey unto the people that which will draw them nigh unto the Truth, the Knower of all things hidden. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath remained steadfast in this mighty Cause.

=== END BH10142 ===

=== START BH10144 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

I beseech Thee by Thy Name the All-Bountiful, and by Thy Name the All-Merciful, and by Thy Name the All-Knowing, and by Thy Name the All-Wise, and by Thy Name the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy Name the All-Loving, and by Thy Name the All-Munificent, and by Thy Name the All-Forgiving, and by Thy Name the All-Bestowing, that Thou forgive Thy loved ones and purify them from the defilement of the world and its suspicions and its idle fancies, and adorn them with the lights of certitude through Thy mercy and Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest the one who hath desired to enter the precincts of Thy generosity - ordain for him the good of both this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all creation and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath.

=== END BH10144 ===

=== START BH10145 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. I bear witness, O my God, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been and continueth to be standing, present, seeing, speaking, One, Single, Unique, Independent. Thou hast taken unto Thyself neither father nor son nor minister nor peer, and Thou wilt ever be as Thou hast been from all eternity. I beseech Thee not to deprive this community of Thine from the fragrances of the garment of Thy Manifestation, nor to withhold them from hearkening to the rustling of Thy Pen. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10145 ===

=== START BH10147 ===

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing!

Praise be to God that thou hast quaffed from the hand of divine bounty the wine of mystic knowledge and hast been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation. May thou remain steadfast, forever and ever, in His love and be vocal in His remembrance. The Supreme Pen hath ordained for thee that which will gladden thy heart. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great favor. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through Our grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Make mention of thy Lord. Verily, He will assist thee and be with thee in the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the True Informer, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10147 ===

=== START BH10149 ===

O my God! O my God! I testify that this is Thy Day which hath been mentioned in Thy Books, Thy Epistles, Thy Psalms and Thy Tablets. In it Thou hast manifested that which was hidden in Thy Knowledge and stored up in the repositories of Thine unfailing protection. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world, by Thy

Most Great Name whereby the limbs of the people were shaken, to assist Thy servants and Thy handmaidens to become steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy service.

Verily, Thou art potent to do whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou protectest whomsoever Thou willest through Thy Power and Dominion. And verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Subduing, the Most Powerful.

=== END BH10149 ===

=== START BH10150 ===

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the Kingdom! O my God! I am Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto Thee and heard Thy most sweet call as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy love from the hands of Thy bounty and the Salsabil of Thy knowledge from the Pen of Thy Command. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Beloved of the nations, by the Most Great Name, that Thou protect me from the fire of hatred which hath been kindled in the hearts of the people of the Bayan. Then write down for us, through Thy grace and favor, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10150 ===

=== START BH10151 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My God, my God! Thou seest me in all conditions moved by Thy command and enjoying Thy favors and bounties, both outward and inward. I beseech Thee by this grace which Thou hast ordained for me without any merit on my part, to assist Thy loved ones to arise to that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted amongst Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Sender of verses and Revealer of clear signs, by Thy Most Great Name whereby the hearts of the peoples of the world were stirred, to ordain for him from whom the fragrance of Thy love hath been diffused that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH10151 ===

=== START BH10153 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

My God, my God! Thou seest those who have turned towards Thee in the midst of those who have turned away, and the manifestations of justice among the oppressors. I beseech Thee by Thy manifest light and by the fire of Thy love which blazeth forth on the Day of Judgment, to ordain for Thy loved ones all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Then adorn them, O my God, with the ornament of glory and power. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Then write down for whosoever hath desired the stream of Thy presence and service to Thy Cause that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, and make

him content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for him through Thy firm command and irrevocable decree. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10153 ===

=== START BH10154 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O my God, my God! Thy grace hath emboldened me, and Thy justice hath made me fearful. Blessed is the servant with whom Thou dealest with grace, and woe unto him with whom Thou dealest with justice. O my Lord! I am he who hath fled from Thy justice unto Thy grace, and from Thy wrath unto Thy forgiveness. I beseech Thee by Thy power and Thy sovereignty and Thy greatness and Thy favors to illumine the world with the light of Thy knowledge, that in all things may be seen the signs of Thy craftsmanship and the mysteries of Thy power and the lights of Thy recognition. Thou art He Who hath revealed all things and hast shone upon them through Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10154 ===

=== START BH10155 ===

O handmaid of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! My God, my God! The thirst of my heart has consumed me - where is the river of Thy mercy, O God of the worlds? Thy decree and destiny have removed me far - where is the light of Thy nearness, O Goal of them that know Thee? The fire of my heedlessness has burned me - where is the fountain of Thy grace, O Beloved of those in the heavens and earth? The hosts of vain imaginings have weakened me - where is the dawning of the Sun of Thy knowledge, O Worshipped One of the sincere? My God, my God! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the countenances of Thy most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10155 ===

=== START BH10156 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

My God, my God! The light of Thy countenance hath guided me, and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree hath attracted me, and Thy most exalted Word hath taken hold of me, and Thy most sweet call hath awakened me. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy Cause which hath been made manifest on this Day, to assist Thy chosen ones to serve Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Then assist him whom Thou seest turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and desiring the wonders of Thy mercy and bounty. O my Lord! Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy generosity that which will make him firm and steadfast, clinging and holding fast to Thy luminous hem and to Thy firm and mighty Cause.

=== END BH10156 ===

=== START BH10157 ===

He is the All-Glorious! My God and my Beloved! This is Thy servant who hath turned toward the sanctuary of Thy perpetuity, and who hath been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and who hath heard Thy call, and who hath detached himself unto Thee, hoping to enter into Thy Kingdom and to ascend unto the heaven of Thy grace and bounty. Therefore it behooveth Thy loftiness and Thy exaltation and Thy generosity and Thy munificence to assist him in this, O God of the worlds! For whoso turneth unto Thee and seeketh refuge with Thee - far be it from Thee, then far be it from Thee, to disappoint him or to deprive him of the droplets from the clouds of Thy favors and gifts, or to withhold from him the surging waves of the oceans of Thy grace and beneficence.

=== END BH10157 ===

=== START BH10158 ===

O Arab-'Ali! In the name of the true Friend! Today all who are on earth are obligated to follow the divine commandments, for these are the cause of order in the world and tranquility among the nations. God willing, may all attain to that which God has willed and act according to what He has decreed. The world has never had, nor will ever have, any constancy. Strive that in these fleeting days you may acquire eternal pearls. Pure and holy deeds will assuredly be preserved in the book of divine preservation. Blessed is the soul that has attained to this station.

=== END BH10158 ===

=== START BH10159 ===

O handmaid of God Shawkat! He is the Most Glorious! God - there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. In the name of the Beloved of the worlds: This is a Day wherein all the denizens of heaven are gazing upon the faces of those souls who are standing firm and steadfast in the path of truth, inasmuch as the Ancient Beauty hath entered into the Most Great Prison. The handmaids of God must, God willing, fix their gaze upon the Luminary of the horizons and be detached from the people of hypocrisy, and like unto the rays of the dawn of inner meanings, shine forth resplendent from the horizon of the Countenance of the All-Merciful amongst the handmaids of God. Be not grieved, for the hand of divine power is not fettered. He verily is powerful and mighty over all things.

=== END BH10159 ===

=== START BH10160 ===

O Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who calls out at the heart of the world! Today the gates of utterance are opened wide, and the Luminary of divine knowledge has dawned from the heaven's horizon of the Lord of Religions. The seas of sciences and arts are surging, and the Sun of Truth is shining forth manifest from the prison's celestial horizon. Blessed is he who hath not deprived himself and remained not bereft of the bounty of these days. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of bestowal from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in His perspicuous Book.

=== END BH10160 ===

=== START BH10161 ===

Ta. He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great. Today the All-Merciful is manifest and Satan is evident. Blessed is the soul whom the whisperings of Satan did not prevent from the Most Great Announcement and the Straight Path, and who arose with perfect steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of all beings. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. I bear witness that thou didst turn, until thou didst enter and hear the call of the Wronged One, and didst attain His presence and hearken to His decisive, wise call. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and bestow upon thee the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of His bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH10161 ===

=== START BH10162 ===

This is the day in which to speak. It is incumbent upon the people of Baha to strive, with the utmost patience and forbearance, to guide the peoples of the world to the Most Great Horizon. Every body calleth aloud for a soul. Heavenly souls must needs quicken, with the breath of the Word of God, the dead bodies with a fresh spirit. Within every word a new spirit is hidden. Happy is the man that attaineth thereunto, and hath arisen to teach the Cause of Him Who is the King of Eternity. Thus have We adorned the Tablet with the drops of ink from My All-Knowing, All-Wise Pen. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

=== END BH10162 ===

=== START BH10163 ===

Already translated for first paragraph. For the second paragraph in Persian:

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of the world! O servant before Husayn! Special divine verses have been revealed for all the names mentioned in the letter. God willing, may all be illumined by the splendors of the Sun of inner meanings and receive their portion from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. This is the Day of the most great favor and the most great bounty. All must dwell in perfect unity and harmony beneath the shade of the Tree of divine providence and hold fast to that which today is the cause of glory and elevation. Blessed are those whom My Most Exalted Pen was moved to remember, and blessed are those whose names We have, in Our wisdom, preferred to conceal. Beseech God that He may assist all to that which is acceptable before His throne. Soon will the present order be rolled up and another spread out in its stead. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We send from this spot Our greetings upon My loved ones there, and upon thee, and upon those maidservants whose call We heard in My days. And We remember with joy and fragrance every male and female servant who has ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus moves My Most Exalted Pen, as a grace from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon you, upon My maidservants, and upon all who stand firm and steadfast.

=== END BH10163 ===

=== START BH10164 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Today is the day when the divine breeze is passing by and the Spirit of God is in a state of attraction and excitement. The decayed bones have been moved by the outpourings of the Ancient Sea, and the withered plants have been refreshed by the generosity of the divine clouds. Blessed is the state of those servants whom the contaminations of this mortal world have not prevented from freshness - they are alive through the Name of the Friend and attached to His grace. These are among the people of Baha in the Tablet of God, the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and the first life.

=== END BH10164 ===

=== START BH10166 ===

He is the One Who speaks with justice

The Ocean desires to send thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that they may attract thee and draw thee near unto God, the Lord of mankind. Blessed is thine ear, in that it hath been honored to hearken, and thine eye, in that it hath been ennobled to behold the traces of God, the Lord of Lords. Thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Verily thy Lord loveth His loved ones and sendeth down for them that which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon them who were not hindered by utterance from their Lord, the All-Merciful, who took what was sent down for them and cast away what the servants possessed.

=== END BH10166 ===

=== START BH10167 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise! The Divine Lote-Tree crieth out amidst all beings and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. And in this night it maketh mention of one of His handmaidens that the Call might draw her nigh unto the Supreme Horizon. This verily is a mighty grace. O My handmaiden! Give thanks for having heard the Call of God and turned unto Him when every heedless doubter turned away. He maketh mention of them that have turned unto Him and aideth them through the hosts of the heavens and of the earth. Make thou mention of thy Lord in the night season and in the days with this Name through which the faces of the wretched were darkened and the faces of them that have turned unto Him were illumined.

=== END BH10167 ===

=== START BH10168 ===

Go, O most generous Jesus! Verily, generosity calls out “The Kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the Generous!” Blessed is every generous one who has turned to the ocean of generosity. And he who

thereafter does not turn shall not be called generous, even if he were to give away the treasures of the heavens and earth. Verily, he who has deprived himself of this generosity is indeed miserly, by the Lord of all worlds, for he has not spent on himself the everlasting food after its descent and bestowal. Thus has the matter been decreed from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The generous one is he who spends upon himself that which has been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Aware. He is indeed of the people of generosity in this luminous horizon.

=== END BH10168 ===

=== START BH10169 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great. God makes mention of one of His handmaidens, that she may be seized by the rapture of the verses and drawn nigh unto God, the Manifestor of clear proofs. O My handmaidens! Hold fast to the hem of God's mercy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have made mention of every handmaiden who has turned to the Face, and We shall make mention of those who have turned to the Face, even as We mentioned them before. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. We counsel Our handmaidens to observe the most great sanctity from this most great and luminous Horizon. Work ye according to what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Know ye the value of these days and glorify His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10169 ===

=== START BH10170 ===

The polytheists took my family and loved ones as captives from Iraq and brought them to other lands, yet the fire of hatred in their breasts was not quenched. Then they turned with blackened faces toward radiant faces and drove us from the Land of Mystery and brought us to Akka, which is the most ruined of all cities. When we entered the prison, its gate was guarded by souls who had not caught the fragrance of faith from the Egypt of certitude and across whose hearts the breezes of the All-Glorious had never wafted. Three consecutive months passed and we did not enter the bath-house. Thus did it befall the Youth from those who denied God's favor after it was sent down.

=== END BH10170 ===

=== START BH10171 ===

He is the Mighty One, the Beginning and the End, and unto Him ascend the cries of the servants. O ye who love God among the Arabs! If God granteth you a male child, give him the title of 'Abdu'l-Baha and name him Husayn or 'Ali. This is what We have commanded you, if ye be of them that act. And if it be a female child, give her the title of Amatu'l-Baha and name her Dhakriyyih that ye may remember thereby the Day wherein the Most Great Remembrance of God will come to you with manifest sovereignty; or name her Nuriyyih or Sadhijiyyih or 'Azziyyih. All of this We have ordained for you in holy and resplendent Tablets.

=== END BH10171 ===

=== START BH10172 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous

O handmaiden of God! Remember thy Lord, then be devoted to Him and rely in all matters upon Him. Verily He watcheth over thee. He preserveth whomsoever He willeth through the sovereignty of His command and nourisheth whomsoever He desireth with the fruits of His love. Verily He keepeth count over thee. Deprive not thyself of the breezes of the days of thy Lord. Remember Him at all times - this is better for thee than all that hath been created on earth. And the glory be upon thee, O handmaiden of God, from One mighty and all-knowing.

=== END BH10172 ===

=== START BH10173 ===

He is God! O handmaid of God! I have been prevented from engaging in remembrance due to what has befallen Me from My brother and those who followed him, despite their having no knowledge thereof - and God is witness to what I say. Indeed, I have become the target of the arrows of his hatred and rancor, and at every moment there comes upon Me that which causes My soul to grieve. None is aware of this save God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Be grateful to your Lord in all conditions and place your trust in Him. Verily, He will bring to you that which is better for you than all that has been created between the heavens and the earths.

=== END BH10173 ===

=== START BH10174 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Know thou that We arrived at the fortress of ’Akka with seventy souls, and it was the most desolate of all lands. When We departed from the City of Mystery, one cut his throat as a sacrifice, and at the time of entry into this land, another cast himself into the sea in his grief at separation. From their acts the most great consternation appeared in both places. Glorified be He Who turneth the servants as He willeth and sanctifieth whom He willeth through His grace. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

=== END BH10174 ===

=== START BH10175 ===

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! O Badi’u’llah! Your letter hath been presented before your Lord. We beseech God to assist thee in thy first and last matters, to sanctify thee from whatsoever is unworthy of thy relation to Him, and to grant thee the bounty of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast found a scribe swifter than a steed, who mentioneth therein neither “if” nor “would that”, but recordeth what occureth to mind and what occureth not. We beseech God to assist all to remember and praise Him, and to gather them beneath the shade of His loving-kindness. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10175 ===

=== START BH10176 ===

O Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious!

O Rida! God was well-pleased with thee and hath ordained for thee in the Tablet a station that was, in truth, exalted. Know thou, moreover, that he whom We reared and taught and protected hath risen against Me and pronounced the sentence of My death, whereby the life of the Concourse on High was transformed and the eyes of them that are nigh unto God shed tears upon seats of glory most sublime. Blessed art thou, for thou hast recognized thy Lord and purified thyself from turning unto every polytheist, accursed one. The Glory be upon thee and upon every insightful believer.

=== END BH10176 ===

=== START BH10177 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O servant! Hear thou the Call that hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. By God! Wert thou to become aware of its greatness and the greatness of the station of Him Who manifesteth it, thou wouldst melt away with the fire of longing even as snow melteth from the heat of the sun. Beseech thou God, thy Lord, that He grant thee to hearken unto this Melody by which the worlds would be quickened, were they to turn towards it. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things. Be thou consumed by the heat of this Fire, that the horizons may be set ablaze through thee. Say: O concourse of the heedless! Blind are your eyes! If ye deny this Cause, in what word will ye believe?

=== END BH10177 ===

=== START BH10178 ===

He is the Most Exalted

O Ali! If you desire to enter the gathering of the mystics, purify yourself from all that souls detest. And if you wish to deliver yourself from evil ones and from all harm, leave the world to its people and never draw near to it. And if you desire to associate with the great and mighty ones, adorn yourself with knowledge and wisdom and with the refinements they possess. And if you wish to enter the pavilion of grandeur at the dawning of the lights of My beauty, detach yourself from all else save Me and from all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10178 ===

=== START BH10179 ===

Zaidabad-i-Sirjan. Firuz, upon him be the Most Great, Most Glorious Splendor of God! O Firuz! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful on this Naw-Ruz wherein all things have been adorned with the raiment of My remembrance and the garment of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Bestower, the Bountiful. This is

the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of him who hath turned unto Him - verily He is the All-Remembering, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of faith and turned unto the All-Merciful while every ignorant and remote one hath turned away. We make mention of thee as a token of grace from Our presence that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that remember. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and mother from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH10179 ===

=== START BH10180 ===

He is the One Who appears to all who are in earth and heaven! O Pen! Make mention of him who turned to God, the Lord of Eternity, when most of the peoples turned away, that he may rejoice in thy remembrance. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Rememberer. Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to turn to the horizon of Thy bounty and to speak forth Thy praise. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self, to manifest through me in Thy service that which will cause my remembrance to endure in Thy dominion and Thy heaven of might. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10180 ===

=== START BH10181 ===

O Most Ancient, Most Ancient! O Pen! We observe that thou lovest brevity in the Tablets. Yea, by My life, O My Chosen Lord! If there be a receptive ear, a single word sufficeth. It is the manifestation of the Most Great Oneness unto all who are in the earth and heavens. And verily it is the supreme magnet amidst the nations - it removeth the dust and attracteth those possessed of heart. Whosoever desireth the Desired One loveth to be honored by mention from among the mentions from the presence of the Lord of Creation. Therefore hath been sent down for each one that which will gladden them in the days of thy Lord. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this bounty when the Decisive Utterance was revealed.

=== END BH10181 ===

=== START BH10182 ===

O Habib'u'llah, the One Who speaks with clarity and knowledge! O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Habib, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of all names, and be of them that render thanks. I created all beings to hearken unto the Call, but when it was raised in truth, every heedless and remote one turned away therefrom. We have manifested Our Cause with proof and evidence, yet most of the people are among the opposers. They cast aside their God and followed their own desires - verily they are among the losers. Soon shall they lament over their own selves and say: "Alas for us, for what we neglected in the Day of God, the Lord of all the worlds!"

=== END BH10182 ===

=== START BH10183 ===

In His Name, the Most Exalted above all names! O Speaking Book! Make mention of him who believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, when most of the servants turned away from Him, following every remote transgressor. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation, the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, and the Source of Thy Command, to make me, in all conditions, one who soars in the atmosphere of Thy remembrance, detached from all else but Thee. Then ordain for me, through Thy bounty and grace, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

=== END BH10183 ===

=== START BH10184 ===

He is the Mighty! O Muhammad! Do not forget God's favor unto thee, and fear no one. He will assist whomsoever He willeth through His command. None can resist His command and none can prevent His decree. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. I counsel thee to fear God, besides Whom there is no other God, and then to follow the command of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Beware lest thou turn to anyone or draw near to the faces of Satan. God will suffice thee against all else and will bring thee to the shore of a mighty Name. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon His sincere servants.

=== END BH10184 ===

=== START BH10185 ===

He is the One with power over what He wills!

We have revealed the Cause and sent down the verses and called all unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Among the people are those who cling to their vain desires, turning away from God, the Lord of all beings, and among them are those who cast away what they possessed and took what was commanded unto them from God, the Master of existence. We have made mention of them that have believed, and We make mention of them in such wise that their names shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken whilst in the midst of those who were heedless of God, the Master of existence. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk, in My Name, the Sealed Wine.

=== END BH10185 ===

=== START BH10186 ===

He is, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting

In the Name of God, the Glorious, the Most Glorious

We have named thee Trustee of the Bayan amidst the concourse of all worlds, that thou mayest glory in the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise. O Trustee! Say: Glory be unto Thee,

O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to the horizon of Thy Cause after Thy servants were barred therefrom, and for having admitted me into the pavilion of Thy nearness and honored me with Thy presence after the forces of the heedless had seized the prison gate. O my Lord! Aid me to serve Thee throughout my remaining days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10186 ===

=== START BH10187 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Most Glorious. We make mention of that which draweth the people nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and teacheth all what shall profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: O servants of the Most Merciful! Answer ye the one who calleth you unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Beware lest the world prevent you from attaining the presence of God. For this were ye created, did ye but know it. We make mention of you for the sake of God. Whoso is mentioned through the remembrance of God, verily he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in a mighty Tablet. We have heard thy mention and thy turning unto God. We have sent down for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and cause thee to remember thy Lord, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10187 ===

=== START BH10188 ===

In the Name of Him Who has power over all who are in the heavens and on earth! We make mention of him who has turned towards the Dayspring of grace, and We aid him through Our bounty, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The call of the All-Merciful has been raised amidst all created things, yet most of the people are as dead. Blessed is he who has been stirred by the breeze of Revelation and has arisen to serve his Lord, Who has come with His wondrous Cause. Beware lest the might of the world frighten you or the utterances of the deniers sadden you. Thus have We adorned the brocade of inner meanings with the light of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who has turned towards it, and woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH10188 ===

=== START BH10189 ===

O Abu'l-Qasim! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! We make mention of him who was named Abi'l-Qasim with this remembrance whereby the birds warbled upon the branches. Hearken unto that whereunto the Wronged One calleth thee. Verily, there is none other God beside Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the days of God and held fast unto that which hath been sent down from Him in the Scriptures and Tablets. Grieve not over the world and what appeareth therein. Rather, rejoice in that God hath aided thee to recognize Him and hath sent down for thee from the heaven of grace that which the contingent world cannot equal.

=== END BH10189 ===

=== START BH10190 ===

O Haji Mahmud! Verily We make mention of him who hath been named Mahmud and give him glad tidings of the signs of God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible. O Mahmud! The All-Loving maketh mention of thee from His glorious station. Rejoice thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence! The seal of the Wine of immortality hath been broken, and from it hath wafted the fragrance of the raiment of Baha, yet most of the people understand not. We have adorned the world with the ornament of My Most Great Name, yet the nations hasten in the wilderness of heedlessness. They behold the proof of God yet deny it, and witness His clear tokens yet turn away from them.

=== END BH10190 ===

=== START BH10191 ===

He is the Mighty, the Wise! We enjoin Our brothers and their sons to love My Branches and to render them services. We have nurtured them and protected them and guided those among them who were guided to My straight path. O My kinsmen and sons of My brothers! Fear God and dispute not about My verses and My Branches. This is what We counseled you before and in this perspicuous Tablet.

=== END BH10191 ===

=== START BH10192 ===

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting

I commune with Thee, O my God and my Beloved and the Goal of all who have detached themselves from all else but Thee, beseeching Thee to send down from the clouds of the heaven of Thy holy oneness that which will stir the realities of those who are freed from all save Thee and sanctified from whatsoever is besides Thee, that the faces of Thy loved ones may shine forth amongst Thy creatures and the breasts of those devoted to Thee may be dilated through Thy signs. Then make this servant a sign of Thy love amongst Thy servants and a repository of Thy remembrance amidst Thy creation, and make his journey, O my God, from Thee unto Thee, that Thy bounty may be perfected upon him from beginning to end. Verily, Thou art the Most Bountiful, the Most Great.

=== END BH10192 ===

=== START BH10193 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Contingent World!

God willing, may you, through divine grace, be detached from creation and hold fast unto Him. Turn your gaze away from all the peoples and fix it upon the All-Merciful. All that is visible shall soon pass away and perish. The fruit of human existence hath been and ever shall be the recognition of the All-Merciful. Whoso hath attained unto this fruit in this day is reckoned as human and is mentioned in the presence of the All-Glorious. Strive that perchance thou mayest drink of the everlasting Kawthar from the hand of the spiritual Cup-bearer and attain unto the true Friend. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His friends. Blessed are they that act!

=== END BH10193 ===

=== START BH10195 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O K.D., upon whom be the Glory of God! May you ever be occupied with the remembrance of Truth, and drink and give to drink of the true Wine whose seal has been broken by the hand of power. This blessed Day has been associated with Truth, and mention of it is recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. Blessed is the soul that has recognized and attained, and woe to the heedless! Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends. God willing, may all gather in complete unity within the circle of recognition and be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds.

=== END BH10195 ===

=== START BH10196 ===

O Mother of the Sacred Precinct! In the name of the One Beloved Friend! God willing, mayest thou ever be and continue to be the recipient of God's favors and holding fast to the hem of His bounties. Take, in His Name, and drink, in His love, the spiritual wine that hath flowed from the finger of God's Will, the All-Merciful. How many among the great ones and the mighty ones and the learned ones remained deprived of this luminous wine and became remote from the ultimate purpose. This true wine is the portion of the free in spirit, not the share of those lost in idle fancies. Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thou art successful in His love and art known by His Name. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH10196 ===

=== START BH10198 ===

O Son of Nabil! God willing, may you circle round the All-Merciful in all worlds, attain His favors, and find rest in His shadow. The mentioned Tablets were sent - deliver them, and several copies also for the handmaidens of God from among your relatives. All this is from His bounty upon you. And you must gladden all the loved ones of the All-Merciful with the utterance of the Lord of Religions, for they are mentioned and remembered in the Most Holy Presence. Blessed art thou for having turned, drawn nigh, attained the presence, heard, and witnessed with thine outward illumined eye.

=== END BH10198 ===

=== START BH10199 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord! O handmaiden of God! This is the Day of service and the Day of remembrance. This is a Day that hath had and shall have no peer or likeness. Blessed are they who have attained unto the Day of God and recognized the Dawning-Place of His Cause. All must, God willing, gaze with utmost sanctity and detachment toward the most exalted horizon and give voice to the praise and glorification of the Lord of Names. Praise the Best-Beloved of the world, that thou hast attained unto His love and been mentioned by His remembrance. Know thou this bounty, then render thanks for it in thy days.

=== END BH10199 ===

=== START BH10200 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of earth and heaven! O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His glory, says: O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Thy letter was honored before the Countenance and was read. From the Most Exalted Pen thy name hath flowed - regard this bounty as great, and in all times be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful. The greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, is steadfastness in His Cause, for the manifestations of Satan have arisen with their deceptions. God shall soon cause them to sit down and return them to their abode in the fire.

=== END BH10200 ===

=== START BH10201 ===

O Fatimih Bigum! In the Name of the One Friend! Your letter was received before the Wronged One. God willing, through divine grace and the All-Merciful's bounty, mayest thou be forever and always oriented toward the horizon of grace and dwelling beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree. The eye of God's loving-kindness is turned toward His loved ones, and He counseleth all to such deeds, actions and utterances as will cause the exaltation of God's Cause, and whose very performance will testify to their sanctity and detachment from whatsoever is contrary to the Book of God. Ask thy Lord to aid all to achieve that which He loveth and approveth.

=== END BH10201 ===

=== START BH10202 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of all possibility! O handmaiden of God! Your cry and the cry of the writer of your letter attained unto the presence of the Beloved of the world. God's mercy hath ever preceded all else and His grace hath encompassed all things. From time immemorial unto time immemorial He hath never deprived those men and women who have sought Him of His infinite grace, and He hath ordained whatsoever He hath deemed expedient. Were there any worth to this world, the Self of God would not have been afflicted in the Most Great Prison. Verily He hath chosen this for Himself, but that which befitteth these days is not meet to be mentioned. He, verily, is the All-Choosing, the All-Wise. God willing, may you be engaged in the remembrance of God with the utmost sanctity and detachment.

=== END BH10202 ===

=== START BH10203 ===

Be thou of the people of hell-fire,

but be not a hypocrite.

Be thou an unbeliever,

but be not a plotter.

Make thy home in taverns,

but tread not the path

of the mischief-maker.

Fear thou God,

but not the priest.

Give to the executioner thy head,

but not thy heart.

Let thine abode be under the stone,

but seek not the shelter of the cleric.

Thus doth the Holy Reed intone its melodies,

and the Nightingale of Paradise warble its song,

so that He may infuse life eternal into the mortal

frames of men, impart to the temples of dust the

essence of the Holy Spirit and the heavenly Light,

and draw the transient world, through the potency

of a single word, unto the Everlasting Kingdom.

=== END BH10203 ===

=== START BH10204 ===

In the Name of the Self-Sufficing God! O servant of God! The Lord of Names calleth thee and saith: “Blessed is the soul that hath endured tribulations in My path, and hath offered up its life for love of My Beauty and longing to attain My presence.” The afflictions that are suffered in the path of Truth have been and ever shall be beloved. By My life! Its death is life, and its poison sweet honey. Assuredly whatsoever hath befallen His loved ones in the path of the One True Friend hath not been, nor ever shall be, lost, and all hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God’s Book. Be thou confident and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!”

=== END BH10204 ===

=== START BH10205 ===

In the Name of the One God

O Javad! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy Court, and from the Dayspring of the Light of Divine Unity the answer hath been revealed. Be thou thankful and numbered among the grateful. In all

conditions thou shouldst occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds and speak forth the blessed and goodly Word that hath been sent down from the Pen of the Divine Command. Today pure intention, goodly deeds, and praiseworthy character are essential, that all may attain unto the station of “Enter thou among My servants and enter thou My paradise.” Remember thou thy wife and those in thy household on behalf of the Wronged One, the Stranger.

=== END BH10205 ===

=== START BH10206 ===

He is the Mighty

O beloved! Upon thee be My glory and My heavenly lights. This Wronged One hath fulfilled His promise, that perchance the faithful might appear on earth and walk among creation with the Most Great Trust. Be thou grateful to God - exalted be His dominion - that He made thee the cause of the revelation of this blessed Word, and caused the ocean of meanings to flow from the fountainhead of these words by thy name. God willing, thou shalt abide secure, safe and at rest beneath the shadow of the true Sovereign. Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and mother from the presence of the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH10206 ===

=== START BH10207 ===

O Khadijih, in the name of the Goal of all horizons! O Khadijih, hearken to the call of the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness, Who calleth thee from the horizon of the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest become intoxicated with the wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be occupied with His mention among the handmaidens of God. God willing, thou wilt, with utmost sanctity and detachment, awaken those who slumber through the breaths of the divine verses, and bring the receptive souls to a state of rapture and yearning through the Kawthar of the mention of the Dayspring of the clear proofs of the All-Merciful, so that all may be gladdened through remembrance of the Friend and remain alive and steadfast in His love. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH10207 ===

=== START BH10208 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds! O friends! The Euphrates of the All-Merciful’s grace is flowing, and the Ocean of Life is manifest and evident. Through the blessedness of the Most Great Name, drink ye thereof at all times and offer it freely to all mankind, that all who dwell on earth may abandon the turbid pools of fancy and idle imaginings and turn instead to the Ocean of Life. Today is and shall ever be the springtime of goodly deeds. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to attain unto that which He hath ordained and keep them steadfast upon the straight path. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Compassionate.

=== END BH10208 ===

=== START BH10209 ===

O friends! In the name of the Beloved of all horizons! Every precious and desirable thing has thieves in pursuit of it. Therefore, you must preserve with the utmost effort and striving the pearls of divine love–which are the most excellent, delicate and beautiful jewels of the world–within the treasuries of your hearts. Verily I say, thieves lie in ambush, waiting to seize their opportunity and engage in plunder. All must hold fast to the True Protector, that they may remain safe from the evil of the commanding self. And God speaks the truth: verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10209 ===

=== START BH10210 ===

He is the Mighty! O King! Why do you ask about my condition at this time when this servant dwells upon the throne of uniqueness and stands at the station of holy detachment? I have seen none save those who walk the paths of vain imaginings, for all today are veiled from the Point of Will and the all-embracing Word, and like the peoples of old and new, they cling to their own idle fancies and suppositions, turning away from the Sovereign of certitude. Thus was it before and thus shall it ever be, if ye be of them that know and are assured.

=== END BH10210 ===

=== START BH10211 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! O aunt! The Tongue of the All-Merciful speaks: The fragrances of thy love were inhaled and the tokens of thy sincerity were mentioned before the Throne. God willing, mayest thou be ever occupied with the remembrance of the Friend and be gladdened by His memory. Any soul who today has discovered the fragrance of the luminous Robe, the clouds of contingent limitations shall not sadden him, nor shall human restrictions veil him. Praise the Beloved of the world that thou hast drunk from the cup of Beauty, which is the countenance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, the Water of Life, and hast attained unto the knowledge of God, which is the source of all good. The glory be upon thee.

=== END BH10211 ===

=== START BH10212 ===

O handmaiden of God, Sakinih! He is the All-Knowing Witness! O divine maidservant! Your call was received and you too received the response. This is the station of thanksgiving and the time of praise. We counsel all handmaidens to the Most Great Purity and the Supreme Chastity, and to arise in matters that cause the exaltation of God's Cause among women. God willing, with purified eyes and detached hearts and attentive ears and truthful tongues, speak ye and see ye and hear ye. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His loved ones. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH10212 ===

=== START BH10213 ===

O handmaiden of God! Ascend from the world of creation and enter into the divine realm of sanctification and detachment, until thou beholdest the world and all that is therein as a handful of dust. Whosoever attaineth unto this station is freed from all save the Friend, and soareth on the wings of absolute freedom and detachment in the atmosphere of the love of the Beloved of all horizons. Be not grieved by the world and its hardships, for it was and is transient. Fix thy gaze upon the everlasting Beauty and that which hath been ordained for thee in the Kingdom. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10213 ===

=== START BH10214 ===

Sweet in the name of the one Friend! O handmaiden of God! Today whoever has attained to the recognition of the Purpose of creation must arise in all conditions to offer praise and thanksgiving, and must speak forth: Praise be to God, you have borne trials in the path of the Friend and attained to the most great honor which is the recognition of God. Blessed art thou and blessed is she who heard and responded to the call of her Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10214 ===

=== START BH10215 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

O handmaidens of God! May you ever be and continue to be blessed with divine favors. What you submitted in your petition was heard. Let not earthly conditions sadden you two. That which will delight the eyes has been ordained for you both and for your father. Beseech God that all handmaidens may attain unto what God has willed and act according to that which is beloved. You must engage in the remembrance of God with utmost joy and gladness, for His favor has encompassed you all and will continue to do so, God willing. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10215 ===

=== START BH10216 ===

O Gawhar, daughter of Haji Muhajir! In the name of the Beloved of all worlds! O pearl! The Ancient Beauty gazeth upon thee from the Most Great Scene and saith: The heart hath been the dawning-place of the lights of My countenance and the treasury of the pearls of My love. Thou must needs cleanse it with the water of certitude that it may be purified and sanctified from the mention of aught else but Me, and become worthy of this most great bounty and supreme gift. Beseech thou God that He may aid thee to accomplish that which He hath commanded and may free thee from all else besides Him. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Bestower. Blessed be the women of understanding!

=== END BH10216 ===

=== START BH10217 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the World! O Muhammad-Yar! God hath been thy Helper, in that thou hast attained to the recognition of the True Friend and hast been freed from all else. God willing, thou shalt be set ablaze by the fire of the countenance of the Friend - such a blazing that all the world shall prove powerless to extinguish it. In this state thou shalt be accounted among the people of Baha. God willing, through divine grace thou shalt remain steadfast upon the straight path, detached and severed from aught else, manifesting among people such conduct as befitteth the days of God. This hath been and ever shall be sanctification from deeds that are not pleasing unto Him.

=== END BH10217 ===

=== START BH10219 ===

He is the Beloved One!

This Bird of the Eternal Rose-Garden makes mention of the fruit of the Divine Tree. God willing, through the outpourings of the All-Merciful and the favors of the Lord, may you be adorned and embellished with the robe of health. If you inquire about the condition of this Bird, it is imprisoned and afflicted in the cage of tyranny. However, since this has come to pass in the path of God, it has been and shall ever be beloved. We beseech the Exalted Truth to preserve at all times that leaf of the Tree of the All-Merciful from the evil of the envious and the oppressors, to gladden it with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds, and to vouchsafe unto it the bounty of reunion.

=== END BH10219 ===

=== START BH10221 ===

He is the Mighty. The fire of separation, after the comfort of the days of union and communion, has burned the soul and melted the heart. The heart is with you - ask it about the state of affairs. We hope through God's grace that He will soon grant nearness and reunion. We long to see and yearn to speak with the Spirit of Life, Ziya'u'r-Rahman, that we may hear sweet words from those sugar-sweet lips in Samarkand. We remember Badi'u'llah with our tongue, seek him with our heart, and yearn for him with our soul. May my soul be sacrificed for thy nearness and thy words, O Badi'.

=== END BH10221 ===

=== START BH10222 ===

O sister of the Sanctuary! In the name of the Purpose of creation, the Sun of grace is shining forth and the Sea of bounty of the Lord of existence is manifest and surging. How excellent is the state of the soul that hath been illumined by its rays and hath attained unto its outpourings. Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. God Himself hath been and will ever be thy Helper and Succourer. The world hath no permanence, and that which endureth and lasteth forever is the love of God. Praise be to God, thou hast attained thereunto. With utmost joy engage in His mention and praise, and be gladdened by His remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH10222 ===

=== START BH10224 ===

In answer to the daughter of the paternal aunt regarding K: As to what you mentioned concerning tribulations and ordeals, whatsoever befalleth in the path of God hath been and shall ever be beloved. Praise be to God, ye have attained unto the love of God and are mentioned before the Throne. The bounties of the world cannot compare with this bounty. I mentioned your remembrance in the Most Holy Court. Perfect bounty hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause and shall continue to shine. Soon shall the enemies of God and their deeds and utterances become null and void and perish and be lost, while the mention of His loved ones shall be exalted in the assemblage of the world.

=== END BH10224 ===

=== START BH10226 ===

In the Name of God, the Almighty. After recognition of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of the Commands of the Self-Subsisting, steadfastness has been among the greatest of deeds. The souls who have turned towards God must be so firm that should all the peoples of the earth wish to remove them from the ocean of nearness, they would find themselves powerless to do so. How excellent is the state of that soul who has drunk from the cup of steadfastness and attained this most great bounty - such a one is among those drawn nigh unto God. O friends! Strive that ye may guide those who are lost in the valleys of idle fancies to the horizon of certitude. Verily, He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10226 ===

=== START BH10227 ===

O honored Nuv, upon whom be the glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of certitude. Thou hast been blessed by God's grace - praised be God! - and become aware of His path - the bounty be God's! Thy mention hath been made and the glance of loving-kindness is turned toward thee. God willing, thou shalt preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names, and shalt not be saddened or prevented by the clamor of the oppressors and the heedless. God shall soon seize them with justice from His presence and shall show thee what He hath ordained for thee in His perspicuous Book. The glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast, upright one.

=== END BH10227 ===

=== START BH10228 ===

O Umm-Dhabih! Creation exists and is sustained through the remembrance of the Friend. Say: O people of contingent being! The Countenance of the All-Merciful declares: Today is not the day for words, nor the time for waiting. Act ye according to the divine utterances which have dawned and appeared from the Dayspring of the Most Holy Pen. O people of the realm! The Peerless Friend hath appeared unveiled, and the Hand of Divine Power hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Robe. While time remains, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Everlasting One and turn ye towards the Face of God. We have ordained the heart as the pathway of turning unto Him, for the outward path is forbidden.

=== END BH10228 ===

=== START BH10229 ===

He says, exalted be His glory: Say: O people of God and diverse parties of the world, arise to render assistance and purify the realm of love and fellowship from the defilement of discord and hatred, that perchance souls might find some respite and attain unto true freedom. I swear by the Sun of Truth that Baha has had and has no purpose except to purify the world from matters that have been the cause of harm, distress and despair. Arise with the power and might of the Supreme Pen, that perchance this purpose may become manifest and render the world successful.

=== END BH10229 ===

=== START BH10230 ===

O my God! Thou seest how the fire of oppression hath been kindled and the lamps of justice have been extinguished, until Thy most wretched servants have driven us from our homelands and made us captives in the hands of the rebellious ones, because we turned toward the fountain of Thy good-pleasure and faced the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of the lights of Thy countenance. Since this was our transgression in their eyes, then by Thy might, we have accepted the harm of all the world for love of Thee and Thy good-pleasure. We beseech Thee not to withhold us for less than the twinkling of an eye from Thy Most Great Horizon. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10230 ===

=== START BH10231 ===

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Thou seest, O my God, how the wrongs committed by such of Thy creatures as have turned their backs to Thee have come in between Him in Whom Thy Godhead is manifest and Thy servants. Send down upon them, O my Lord, what will cause them to be busied with each others' concerns. Let, then, their violence be confined to their own selves, that the land and they that dwell therein may find peace.

One of Thy handmaidens, O my Lord, hath sought Thy face, and soared in the atmosphere of Thy pleasure. Withhold not from her, O my Lord, the things Thou didst ordain for the chosen ones among Thy handmaidens. Enable her, then, to be so attracted by Thine utterances that she will celebrate Thy praise amongst them.

Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, Whose help is implored by all men.

=== END BH10231 ===

=== START BH10232 ===

In the Name of the All-Merciful! These are verses of holiness which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of mighty glory, that they may draw those who have believed in God and bring them near to a station of exalted glory. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and taken unto the Lord of grace thy way. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, thy Lord. Verily He will guard thee in truth, and verily He encompasseth all things. Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have answered thee with these verses, with which all who dwell on earth cannot compare. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon whoso is God-fearing in this Cause.

=== END BH10232 ===

=== START BH10233 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! We gave the glad tidings of this blessed Day to all men aforetime, yet when it dawned from the horizon of God's Will, most of the servants were found heedless and turned away. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and inhaled the fragrant breathings of the days of its Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, the reward of attaining His presence shall be recorded in the Book for His loved ones - that is, for those souls who with perfect steadfastness have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Grieve not at the distance, for between Us stand heedless servants. Ask God to remove the veil. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10233 ===

=== START BH10234 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds!

The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of Him Who is the Ancient of Days, yet when the divine tests came to pass, most of mankind remained deprived, save those souls who detached themselves from all things possible and turned with perfect certitude to the most exalted horizon. Know ye the value of this lofty and glorious station, and occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of the Sacred Divine Being. If ye recognize the worth of this bounty, ye shall never observe yourselves to be sorrowful, and shall, at all times, soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful.

=== END BH10234 ===

=== START BH10236 ===

In the Most Holy Name of the Purpose of the world! Thy servant Mahdi hath appeared before the Countenance and been illumined by the lights of the Throne. He hath made mention of thy steadfastness and love in the Cause of God. This is of God's grace unto thee. Each year thy remembrance hath been voiced in the presence of the Wronged One, and thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, thou shalt in all times drink of the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of all being, be gladdened by His mention and be made joyous by His name. This is a mighty grace and ere long it shall be made manifest to all the peoples of the world. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH10236 ===

=== START BH10237 ===

That which was revealed for the Messenger in the land of Ta. Strive that through divine grace and heavenly bounty you may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause, for the hosts of Satan lie in wait and have been and are seeking to lead astray the loved ones of God. They are but in manifest error and loss. God willing, may you ever abide at rest beneath the tree of divine oneness and be engaged in His remembrance. Glory be unto those whose names are present before the Throne - they are indeed among the triumphant. Convey greetings unto them from thy Lord - verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

=== END BH10237 ===

=== START BH10238 ===

His honor H-Qabli-S, upon him be the Glory of God. Allah-u-Abha H-S. Upon you be my Baha'i greeting. The hand of oppression has intended to veil the lights of the Sun of Justice and prevent the light of the Cause from reaching eyes. By the life of God, this is beyond the station of anyone on earth. The friends of God are imprisoned without any crime. We belong to God and to Him we shall return. The fire of hatred was ignited but God extinguished it through His power. Verily He has power over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of your Lord's favor be upon you and upon them and upon every patient, steadfast and upright one.

=== END BH10238 ===

=== START BH10239 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Hasan, upon whom be the Glory of God! A word from thy pen hath come before the Throne, and mention hath been made of thee in this exalted station. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest be assured that He remembereth whosoever hath turned unto Him and attained unto that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. Hold thou fast unto wisdom and place thy trust in the One, the All-Informed. Thus have We made mention of thee and sent down the verses. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. Convey My greetings unto those who are with thee and gladden them with My wondrous remembrance.

=== END BH10239 ===

=== START BH10241 ===

Haji Nasir - He is the Most Exalted, the Most Faithful

How wonderful is this supreme honor and greatest glory that hath caused all the atoms of contingent beings, from the most exalted summit to the lowest point, to rejoice and hath given them to drink of the wine of radiance and the sweet crystal water, so that all created things and all that is mentioned may inscribe with the Pen of bounty upon the Tablet of thought: "Verily He is the Truth, there is no God but

Him, and He is God, the Witness over all things." And peace and glory be upon you all. The trust was received.

=== END BH10241 ===

=== START BH10242 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Wondrous! Move, O my God, every leaf of the leaves of the Tree of Thy love in this Ridvan wherein the Dove of Thy oneness warbled with the most wonderful melodies. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Wronged One Who hath suffered in Thy path what none in Thy dominion hath suffered, to protect Thy leaves from the winds of trials. Make them then pure for Thy face, and cause them to gaze toward the horizon of Thy glory, and to be detached from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the Doer of what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Lord of the world to come and of the first.

=== END BH10242 ===

=== START BH10245 ===

In the Name of God, the One, the All-Compelling!

Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain His recognition. How many are the divines who considered themselves the leaders and guides of the people, yet today are deprived of the recognition of Truth and remain lost and wandering in the wilderness of error. And how many are the souls who deemed themselves ignorant, yet today have attained to the highest horizon of knowledge, inasmuch as the purpose of knowledge hath ever been and still is the recognition of God. Praise be to the Beloved Who hath enabled thee to attain to this bounty.

=== END BH10245 ===

=== START BH10246 ===

In the Name of the Kind Friend!

Praise the Beloved of the world that in these numbered years thou hast attained unto the effect of the Pen, the Revealer of verses. Today steadfastness in the Cause of God is accounted as the most great of deeds. God willing, at all times drink ye of this manifest nectar which is the cause and reason for the quickening of the worlds, and be ye occupied with the remembrance of the true Object of all desire. Be ye not saddened by frozen hearts. The cause of their prevention hath been this ephemeral world, and God is powerful over its transformation. Soon shall appear what He hath willed through His sovereignty. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10246 ===

=== START BH10247 ===

In the Name of the Lord, exalted and most holy! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who confirmed and assisted the Leaf in praise of the Divine Lote-Tree, granted success and showed the way. His is the praise and the glory, His is the remembrance and the splendor, through the eternity of His most beautiful names and His supreme attributes. He is the Confirmer. The spiritual missive from the Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God - one letter packet through the beloved of the heart, his honor the son of the Name of God (initial letters A.S.), upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God - reached the servant in the prison in the month of Dhi'l-Hijjih the sacred in the year 1303.

=== END BH10247 ===

=== START BH10248 ===

O Lord my God, my King! Praise and thanksgiving beseem Thee, for Thou didst create mankind from a handful of clay and didst bestow upon them the gem of insight and knowledge. O Generous One! We beseech of Thee that which leadeth to eternal life and everlasting existence. Deprive us not, we pray Thee. Being exists through Thy bounty - withhold not from it the adorning grace of Thy favor, and illumine all with the effulgent rays of the Day-Star of Thy unity. Thine is the command at the beginning and the end, and Thine is the decree, O Lord of creation and Master of all servants.

=== END BH10248 ===

=== START BH10249 ===

O H-S, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take the chalice of utterance from the hands of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof before the faces of the religions. Thus doth command thee the Dawning-Place of the verses of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Today the Sun of Truth, from the horizon of the prison of 'Akka, speaketh this most sublime Word: I say in truth, the blessed word "but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets" found its consummation in "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." This is the Most Great Glad-Tidings for the Concourse on High and the companions of the Crimson Ark and for whosoever is in the heavens and the earths.

=== END BH10249 ===

=== START BH10250 ===

In the name of God, the Everlasting. I have departed and emigrated and arrived and returned. Guard thyself lest thy deeds be rendered vain and thy hope be cut off. This sufficeth thee if thou be of them that act. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been granted that which thou didst hope for. Say: O my Lord! Pour forth upon me patience in my exile from this severe cold, then make me to be numbered with Thy grateful servants. And when thou reachest the Abode of Peace, convey greetings from Us to thy brethren and to them who are rightly guided. And mercy be upon thee and upon thy brethren and upon the sincere servants of God.

=== END BH10250 ===

=== START BH10252 ===

He is the Living One. At the hour when the Sun of the heaven of existence cast aside the veil of manifestation from Its countenance, and the Moon of the cloud of purpose raised high the covering of limitations above the hills of power, the face of the former became sanctified from the multiplicities of the servants, and the rising of the latter became purified from the attractions of the lands. God willing, may you ever drink from the wine of love and be sustained by the vintage of the decree of affection. Glorified then be God beyond that which we were in His love, and exalted be He above what they mention. Then convey My greetings unto her who was with thee, and greetings upon thee and upon the sincere servants.

=== END BH10252 ===

=== START BH10253 ===

The sublime autograph in the letter of the honored Afnan - upon him be all remembrance and glory - was given by this servant to the servant who was present before the Throne, and after beholding it he offers countless glorifications to His Holiness, and mentioned that a prayer from His Holiness had arrived. At the time when the place outside the prison was illumined with the lights of the presence, this servant presented it in the Most Holy Court and it was accepted. Blessed be His Holiness, again blessed be His Holiness. God willing, may he ever be speaking in praise of the Truth and remembering with wondrous mentions.

=== END BH10253 ===

=== START BH10254 ===

He is God! O spiritual friend, Haji Ali! The details concerning my brother were submitted to the Most Holy Court. They commanded that service to one's mother is beloved in the sight of God. They should return to their homeland. A Tablet of bounty will be sent and their pilgrimage will be accepted, God willing. Abdul-Karim Najafabadi from Alexandria has requested that I obtain permission for him to turn towards the Most Holy Court. Permission was granted. His honor Aqa Siyyid Ali should write and give him the glad tidings of permission, and write on my behalf that he should turn towards the Most Holy Quarter. And you and Afraj should come. And peace, Zia.

=== END BH10254 ===

=== START BH10256 ===

O handmaids of God! Hear the divine Word with the ears of your souls, and comprehend with pure hearts the loving counsels of the All-Merciful that flow from the Pen of the Beloved of all possibilities. The world is transient and impermanent, and ever shall be. Hold fast with the hand of trust to the hem of the favor of the Eternal Sovereign, that through His grace you may abide in the everlasting worlds. The Kawthar of mercy is surging, and creation, having not partaken, is bewildered. Blessed is he who drinks thereof and says: "Praise be to Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!"

=== END BH10256 ===

=== START BH10257 ===

O Asadu'llah! The Most Great, the Most Glorious! The remembrance of God is for him who hath held fast unto His remembrance when He appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Say: Whoso turneth away from this remembrance, he hath not truly held fast unto God's remembrance, even should he remember Him throughout the duration of the kingdom. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify in a Tablet wherein hath been sent down every wise command. God accepteth not the deed of anyone save through this firm foundation. How many a worker hath been prevented today from attaining the presence of his Lord, though created for that purpose, and how many a heedless one hath attained and been numbered among the successful! Blessed art thou for having been remembered before the Face through this wondrous remembrance.

=== END BH10257 ===

=== START BH10258 ===

You mentioned making deposit funds through Amin. In response let it be mentioned that though whatever his eminence Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, considers advisable has been and is beloved, since he has no thoughts of self and whatever efforts he has made until now have been for the sake of God, nevertheless this time it was decided that he would take his family and proceed to the Most Holy Court and engage in a certain matter in this land. His engagement in trade and other affairs would cause delay. God willing, may he attain his goal safely and soundly.

=== END BH10258 ===

=== START BH10259 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Make mention of thy Lord's favor unto His servant who took God as his Helper and recognized Him in days when all turned away from Him and took idols for themselves as protectors besides God. Say: Today there is no refuge for anyone from God's command save for those who have entered beneath this shade which hath been exalted in truth. Arise to promote the Cause and fear no one, for verily He will guard thee from the hosts of Satan, and His grace hath ever encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10259 ===

=== START BH10260 ===

O handmaid of God, sister of His Honor Nazar, mother of Aqa Husayn, the most ancient, the most great! A mention from Our presence unto her who has turned to the Qiblih of the world and has drunk the choice wine of grace from the hands of the favors of her Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, that the remembrance of God may attract her to the most exalted station, the station which God has sanctified from the touch of the polytheists. Your mention was made in the presence of the Countenance and this

perspicuous Tablet was revealed for you. Give thanks to your Lord for this bounty, with which nothing that has been created on earth can compare, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, Beloved of the mystics, and Goal of them that seek Thee!

=== END BH10260 ===

=== START BH10261 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and hath testified to that whereunto God did testify in the eternity of eternities that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Verily, We make mention of them that are in creation and We desire from him who hath followed God's command and hath turned with his heart unto this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an and hath held fast unto the cord of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Most Exalted Pen from the presence of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

=== END BH10261 ===

=== START BH10262 ===

O Mashhadi 'Ali! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! A mention from Us unto him who hath soared on the wings of faith unto God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, that the rapture of the Call may seize him and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of him who hath made mention of his Lord, and cast upon him that which hath caused the hearts of them that have recognized to take flight. Know thou the measure of this bounty, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thou eloquent in the name of thy Lord and mindful in His beauteous remembrance. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen taught thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the world to come. When thou hast attained unto it say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!

=== END BH10262 ===

=== START BH10264 ===

He is the One manifest between earth and heaven

A mention from the Wronged One to him who desired to drink from the ocean of knowledge in the name of his Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, that the mention might draw him to a station wherein neither the conditions of the people of creation would prevent him from the Lord of Names, nor the doubts of the learned from Him Who came with the truth with mighty sovereignty. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor and cling to His luminous hem. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause, and We send Our greetings upon thee and upon the faces of My loved ones from this distant station.

=== END BH10264 ===

=== START BH10265 ===

O Muhammad-Vali Khan! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds, mention was made of you in the prison. Praise be to God that through His supreme grace and greatest bounty you have attained unto the recognition of God - Who is the Dawning-Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences. No station greater than this has existed or will ever exist before God. Should the light of this station, even less than an atom thereof, be shed upon the world, all would exclaim: “This is from God’s bounty, the Most High, the Most Great!” We counsel you to steadfastness in the Cause of your Lord and in that whereby the mention of God, the Lord of all worlds, is exalted.

=== END BH10265 ===

=== START BH10266 ===

True is He, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing! Glorified be He Who hath sent forth the Messengers as a testimony that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed is he who hath discovered the fragrances of revelation in the days of his Lord and hath quaffed His sealed wine. We have heard thy call and beheld thy turning unto the Wronged One, and have remembered thee with this remembrance whereby hearts have taken flight. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies at God’s bidding and have turned with supreme steadfastness toward His manifest horizon. We inscribe for whomsoever We desire the reward of attaining His presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth what He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH10266 ===

=== START BH10267 ===

He is the Most High, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, whilst the people were in grievous error. We have, through a sovereignty from Us and a power from Our presence, rent asunder the veils, and verily We are the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have guided the people to the Most Great Path - among them are those who have turned towards it and those who have turned away. Blessed, then blessed are they who have turned towards it, who have cast the world behind their backs and have directed their hearts unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou thankful that thou hast been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and that this shining Countenance hath turned unto thee.

=== END BH10267 ===

=== START BH10268 ===

In His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Glory be to Him Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He ordaineth as He pleaseth, even as He ordained aforetime, and hath counselled all with that whereby His binding and all-wise Command may be upraised.

We entered the garden, whereupon the shadow prostrated itself before the Lord of all worlds, and We heard from the murmuring of the water that which My Messengers had testified to aforetime when We revealed Ourselves unto them through this Great Name. And the flowers bowed down before the Revealer of mysteries, and the leaves spoke forth My beauteous praise. Thus have We mentioned what We witnessed, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Merciful.

=== END BH10268 ===

=== START BH10269 ===

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified be He Who hath awakened His servants through His call, and raised them to the heaven of His knowledge, and adorned them with the ornament of justice through His grace and bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned toward Thee and hearest his confession of Thy oneness and singleness. I beseech Thee by the murmur of the water of Thy bounty, from which is heard the acknowledgment of that which Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets have acknowledged, that Thou open before his face the doors of Thy providence and Thy grace. Then grant him every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10269 ===

=== START BH10270 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

Glorified be He Who speaketh the truth and summoneth all unto His Self, the One Who hath dominion over the worlds. Your letter hath come before the Throne, and We have sent down verses for you both that ye may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. Give praise unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for having aided you to believe in Him when most of the servants turned away. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen speak forth from this sublime station. The Wronged One hath heard your call and hath answered you through His grace. Verily, He is the Most High, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Hold fast unto the cord of God and cling ye unto His Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH10270 ===

=== START BH10271 ===

He is the One Who has power over all who are in the earthly realm and the heavenly kingdom! Glorified be He Who is established upon the throne and has summoned all to the supreme horizon, the station from which the Luminary of Revelation has shone forth from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The Call has been raised and the Most Great Sign has appeared. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen, and the man who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. When thou hast drunk the choice sealed wine from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, say: Unto Thee be

praise, O Thou Who art wronged, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art mentioned in the preserved Tablet.

=== END BH10271 ===

=== START BH10272 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify that the light of Thy days hath encompassed Thy servants, and Thy most sweet call hath awakened those who slumbered among Thy creation. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy Revelation and the trees of Thy paradise and garden, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies, then aid them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward the gate of Thy grandeur and clinging to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10272 ===

=== START BH10273 ===

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Praise be to Thee, O my God, I and all created things bear witness

that Thou art God, no god is there but Thee. From all eternity Thou

hast been sanctified from the mention of all things and unto all eternity

Thou shalt be as Thou hast ever been, no god is there but Thee. In Thee

is our final destination. I ask Thee, O God, my God, to protect the

bearer of this white page from all evil and affliction, from every plague

and pestilence. Thou, verily, guardest whomsoever Thou willest and

Thou, truly, hast encompassed all things in Thy knowledge.

=== END BH10273 ===

=== START BH10274 ===

XVII

Magnified be Thy name, O God, the Lord of heaven! Attire my head with the crown of martyrdom, even as Thou didst attire my body with the ornament of tribulation before all that dwell in Thy land. Grant, moreover, that they whose hearts yearn over Thee may draw nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace, above which the Day-Star of Thy beauty sheddeth its radiance. Ordain, also, for them what will make them rich

enough to dispense with aught else except Thee, and rid them of all attachment to such as have repudiated Thy signs.

There is none other God but Thee, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10274 ===

=== START BH10275 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst adorn the frontispiece of the Book of Creation, to make such of Thy handmaidens as have been touched by tribulations in Thy path to be numbered among the denizens of the Most Glorious Paradise. Then send down upon them at all times that which will preserve them from turning to any one except Thee. O Lord! They have turned to Thee and have migrated in Thy path. Deal with them according to what beseemeth Thy glory and befitteth Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10275 ===

=== START BH10276 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst take unto Thyself the spirits of all things and didst give them life anew through what Thou hadst ordained in the heaven of Thy decree, and through which those who have recognized Thy unity hastened to the scene of annihilation and the sincere ones to the place of sacrifice, and offered up their souls in their love for Thy beauty and their longing for reunion with Thee and attainment unto Thy presence - that Thou mayest make me to be of them who have detached themselves from all names and have clung to Thy Self, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10276 ===

=== START BH10277 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name the Compassionate, and by Thy Name the Kind, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the gates of generosity upon the faces of the world, such that neither error prevented Thee from giving, nor did the disobedience of Thy servants prevent Thy bounty and grace. Thou didst conceal through Thy Name the Concealer and forgive through Thy Name the All-Forgiving. O Lord! Thou seest the distant one who hath desired the Kawthar of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the mysteries hidden in Thy Books to assist me in Thy remembrance and in service to Thy Cause and in acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy of answering prayer.

=== END BH10277 ===

=== START BH10278 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom we have subdued hearts! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that hath dominion over all names, and by Thy signs whereby the realities of all things were drawn unto Thee, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven, and by the power of Thy Most Exalted Word, to open before the face of him who hath been named Abdul-Karim the gates of bounties and favors. O Lord! Thou seest him turning toward Thee and directing himself to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to make him a banner of Thy Name amidst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art God, the Powerful, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and earths.

=== END BH10278 ===

=== START BH10279 ===

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify that Thy proof hath vanquished the proofs of the past, and Thy evidence hath appeared with justice, and Thy signs have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and Thy clear tokens have been manifested before all faces. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to confirm him who hath turned unto Thee and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for him that which will gladden his eyes and rejoice his heart. Then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy generosity a blessing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10279 ===

=== START BH10280 ===

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The Most Glorious! God, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Do Thou clothe the hearts of Thy loved ones with the armor of steadfastness and assurance, that the arrows of the intimations of those who have disbelieved in the Sovereign of all possibility may not affect them. Then adorn their heads with the crown of Thy name, the All-Merciful. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace that which will make them independent of all else save Thee and detached from all except Thyself. Verily, Thou art the Chosen One in Thy Cause, the Obeyed One in Thy decree, and the Beloved One in what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Helper.

=== END BH10280 ===

=== START BH10281 ===

He is the All-Merciful!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath believed in Thee and loved Thy loved ones and turned away from Thine enemies and walked in the path of certitude until he reached the pivot of journeys and recognized the Manifestation of Thy Chosen Cause. Therefore, O my God, protect him through Thy bounty, then aid him through Thy grace, and deprive him not from Thy gate. Then send down upon him, O my God, that which will prosper his affairs in this world and the next. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. And glory be upon the people of glory.

=== END BH10281 ===

=== START BH10282 ===

In the Name of God, the Eternal, the Everlasting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a leaf who hath sought Thy face, who hath been moved by the breezes of Thy grace, who hath been seized with passionate love for Thee, who hath answered Thy call and turned toward Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all things to make her steadfast in what she was in Thy love. Then grant her what Thou hast ordained in the heaven of Thy grace for the choicest of Thy handmaidens. Then open before her face the doors of bounty in this world and the next. Verily, Thy grace hath preceded Thy justice, and Thy mercy hath preceded Thy wrath. Thou art, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH10282 ===

=== START BH10283 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a leaf which the breezes of Thy loving-kindness have stirred, and which the melodies of Thy glorious oneness have attracted, and which Thy love hath taken to such a station that it is prevented from turning to any besides Thee, and its face is honored by turning only unto Thee. Thy tender mercies and favors have taken it to such a degree that its name hath become renowned in the Most Great Paradise. I beseech Thee, O my God, to maintain it in what it is, through the perpetuity of Thy glory, and to never cut off from it the wafting of the breezes of Thy mercy throughout all eternity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10283 ===

=== START BH10284 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory! Wisdom and Utterance

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Support! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Pen of destiny, and by the traces of Thy Pen, and by Thy most exalted attributes, and by the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation in the kingdom of creation, to make me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest this evanescent one seeking the Kawthar of Thy perpetual grace from the hands of Thy bounty, and this weary one seeking the kingdom of Thine utterance. I

beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby the limbs of the idolaters trembled and the cry of the transgressors was raised, to make me steadfast and vocal in Thy service and remembrance. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

=== END BH10284 ===

=== START BH10285 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Glorified art Thou, O God of the Messengers and Guide of all paths! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the sincere ones have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and the near ones have hastened to the ocean of Thy bounty, to confirm every servant who has turned to Thy most exalted horizon and to protect him, through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, from the oppressors among Thy creatures. Then grant him, O my God, through Thy generosity, the good of this world and the next, and bless whatever he has done in pursuit of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

=== END BH10285 ===

=== START BH10286 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O God of the unseen and the visible, and the Sovereign over all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Loving, to assist the servants to attain unto unity, and enable them to remember and praise Thee, and to arise to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! I implore Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book, and the lights of Thy countenance, and the manifestations of Thy power, to ordain for Thy sincere ones the reward of attaining Thy presence. Then write down for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, and grant them the good of this world and of the world to come, and that whereby their hearts may be gladdened, O Thou Lord of all beings! There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10286 ===

=== START BH10287 ===

In His Name, the All-Loving!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the ocean of eternity surged, to cause Thy loved ones to drink of the wine of Thy oneness, and enable them to voice Thy praise and glorification amidst Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou knowest that I have desired for them naught save that which will draw them nigh unto the heaven of Thy bounty, and I have commanded them naught save that which Thou hast commanded. O Lord! Open before their faces the portals of Thy mercy, then shelter them within the precincts of Thy grace, and cause them to stand firm in their love for Thee.

Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10287 ===

=== START BH10288 ===

O my God! Thou seest Thy Most Great Name and the Ancient Mystery enveloped in the shadows of sorrows while the hosts of Satan have surrounded it. By Thy glory, O my Lord, the All-Merciful! I shall arise from the horizon of tribulation through Thy sovereignty and might, and shine forth from the horizon of utterance with praise of Thy Self. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to send down upon the hearts of the sincere ones that which will draw them near unto Thee and cause them to speak Thy praise amongst Thy creatures with such detachment as to attract the hearts of Thy creation and to cause the mountains of the earth to crumble through Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

=== END BH10288 ===

=== START BH10289 ===

O my God, glorified art Thou! Thou seest that one of Thy handmaidens hath appeared before Thy throne and seeketh Thy grace and bounty. O Lord! Assist her to serve the Greater Branch and make her content and well-pleasing in such wise that if she should behold another in His presence, she would remain unchanged in herself and would in all conditions gaze upon Thee, saying at all times: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of authority. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Choosing.” Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused her to be numbered among the people of Thy pavilion of glory and the tabernacle of Thy protection. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

=== END BH10289 ===

=== START BH10290 ===

Tablet on which is written “Baha’u’llah, He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing”:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a leaf from among Thy leaves who hath clung to the Tree of Thy grace and hath departed from her homeland, turning toward the most exalted homeland - the station from whose horizon shone forth the lights of the countenance of her Most Glorious Lord. She hath entered the gate of Thy mercy and heard Thy call and witnessed that for which most of Thy creatures died in their yearning. I beseech Thee to make her articulate in Thy remembrance and praise, and turning toward Thy horizon and Thy station. Thou art He Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordaineth what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH10290 ===

=== START BH10291 ===

In the name of our Lord,

the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto Thee, O My God and My Master, My Sustainer and My Beloved, My Heart's Desire! Thou seest Thy servant who is called by the name of 'Ali-'Askar, as he draweth nigh unto the Kaaba of Thy wisdom and attaineth unto that which Thou didst reveal in Thy Book. He verily is of those who hath beheld and beareth witness to Thy most mighty Signs, and hath attained Thy favour, and hastened along the pathway of Thy good pleasure.

I beg of Thee by Thy most excellent Names and Thy most exalted Attributes to write down for him with the pen of Thy power that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace.

Thou art verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Powerful, Who art wont to answer the prayers of all men.

=== END BH10291 ===

=== START BH10292 ===

He is the Healer! Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, my Lord, my Support, my Protector, my Helper and my Succourer! I beseech Thee by the Light whereby the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty was illumined, to send down upon this handmaiden of Thine mercy and healing through Thy generosity and grace. O Lord! Thou seest her trembling from fear of Thee. I implore for her healing and care and rest and tranquility by Thy command, O Thou through Whom the hidden mystery and the veiled decree were made manifest! O Lord! Purify her from ailments and grant her well-being. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Healer, the Gracious.

=== END BH10292 ===

=== START BH10293 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Great Prison. Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and responded when Thy call was raised between Thy heaven and Thy earth, and turned toward Thy horizon when the divines of Thy lands and the theologians of Thy countries turned away from it. I beseech Thee, by the rain-showers of the heaven of Thy mercy and by the outpourings of Thy days, to aid her to remain steadfast in Thy love and to ordain for her that which shall bring comfort to her eyes and tranquility to her heart. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10293 ===

=== START BH10294 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Thou seest one of Thy servants who hath turned unto Thee, attained unto Thy days, responded to Thy call, and held fast unto Thy cord, and who, despite his lack of means, hath accomplished what every possessor of wealth was prevented from doing. O Lord! Aid him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, draw him nigh unto Thee, and ordain for him through Thy grace and bounty that which shall endure in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10294 ===

=== START BH10295 ===

All praise be to Thee, O Lord of all creation and King of the seen and unseen. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the splendors of the light of the Day-Star of Thy loving kindness, to aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to turn towards the splendors of the Dawning-place of Thy grace. I am Thy maid-servant, O my Lord, and the daughter of Thy maid-servant. I have believed on Thee, and on Thy signs, and I recognize Thy unity and Thy oneness. Deny me not, I implore Thee, what is with Thee. Powerful art Thou to do what Thou choosest. No God is there but Thee, the All-Forgiving, The Most Compassionate.

=== END BH10295 ===

=== START BH10296 ===

He is the Sanctified above all that hath been and shall be!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the trees were planted and the fruits appeared and the righteous spoke amidst the wicked, through that which moved the Most Exalted Pen by Thy command, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and Thy power to make me one who hath attained unto Thy good-pleasure, who hath recognized Thy truth, who standeth firm in Thy Cause, who taketh hold of Thy Book and who cleaveth to Thy commandments. Verily Thou art He Whom tribulations cannot frustrate, nor can the oppression of them who have disbelieved in Thy most exalted Word weaken Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10296 ===

=== START BH10297 ===

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose remembrance the sincere ones have risen to mention and praise, and by Whose name the faithful have been drawn to the Most Glorious Horizon. O my Lord! This is a leaf from among the leaves of Thy Lote-Tree and a handmaiden from among Thy handmaidens, whom Thou hast related unto Thyself as a bounty from Thee. O my Lord! Protect her, then, within the fortress of Thy protection, and grant her that which Thou hast ordained for Thy leaves from Thy Most Exalted Pen. O my Lord! Thou seest her turning toward Thee. I

beseech Thee not to disappoint her of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10297 ===

=== START BH10298 ===

He is the Witnessing, the Witnessed One! Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all created things and in Whose grasp are the reins of all existence. I beseech Thee by the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear signs, Who soared in the atmosphere through Thy name and walked upon the sea through Thy power and might, to ordain from the Supreme Pen for Thy handmaidens that which will draw them nigh unto the shore of the sea of Thy oneness and grant them what Thou hast destined for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10298 ===

=== START BH10299 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at whose separation the near ones have lamented and by whose utterance the sincere ones have been drawn! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby the cities of knowledge and wisdom have been illumined, that Thou aid him who hath heard Thy sweetest call and hath answered Thee, O Lord of all beings! O my Lord, ordain for him from the ocean of Thy mercy a portion, and from the stars of Thy bounty a share, and from the revelations of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, that which befitteth Thy generosity, O Thou Who hast power over what was and what shall be!

=== END BH10299 ===

=== START BH10300 ===

O H S! He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! The Divine Lote Tree proclaims: There is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. I created you for My recognition, would that ye might know. Say: abandon the cup, for lo, the Most Great Ocean surgeth with His most excellent names and exalted attributes - these are but Its drops, while the people lie dead. Nothing shall profit them this Day though they cling to all that is hidden and visible, save God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou assured through thy Lord’s grace. Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting is come, and calleth you to a praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath turned unto God - he is indeed of the people of eternity inscribed in a preserved Tablet.

=== END BH10300 ===

=== START BH10301 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

God testifeth that thou hast turned unto Him and believed, and hast heard and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and hast acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that wherewith He hath honored thee, and to ordain for thee the good of both this world and the next. Then know thou that there appeared before the Gate he who rent asunder the veil in the final return, and delivered the Message, as attested by God, the Lord of lords. He made mention of thy kindly deed, and it was accepted. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And the glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the One, the Chosen One.

=== END BH10301 ===

=== START BH10302 ===

He is the Mighty! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beauteous, and that the Point of the Bayan is His servant and His splendor unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. And thou, O servant, give thanks unto God, thy Creator, for having singled thee out for His love and sent unto thee this luminous Tablet. Give thanks, and again give thanks, in thy heart and in thine essence, at every morn and eventide. Take heed lest thou grieve over aught, but rather rejoice in the joy of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus hath the Dove warbled in this remote prison, that thou mayest be of them that render thanks.

=== END BH10302 ===

=== START BH10303 ===

In His name, the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He Who hath appeared with the truth and speaketh amongst the people hath borne all tribulations for the salvation of the worlds. From His Most Great Prison He calleth the peoples unto the One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath heard His call and turned unto Him, and woe betide him who hath turned away and followed every doubting learned one. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this blessed, mighty and wondrous Tablet. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily He preserveth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty which prevaileth over the worlds.

=== END BH10303 ===

=== START BH10304 ===

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O My leaf! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath Himself borne witness, and she who hath affirmed and acknowledged the testimony of God - verily she is of the denizens of the highest Paradise, inscribed in the Crimson Book which none hath beheld save God, the Lord of all mankind. Thus have We caused thee to hear the rustling of My Lote-Tree and the scratching of My Pen, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy

Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory rest upon thee and upon every leaf who hath held fast unto the cord of the will of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

=== END BH10304 ===

=== START BH10305 ===

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever existed in the heights of might and power, in the loftiness of majesty and transcendence. The hosts of the world cannot withhold Him. He summoneth all peoples, through His Most Great Name, to His highest horizon and His most glorious appearance. Exalted is the Lord of Names! He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His power. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of earth and heaven, and in His hand the dominion of creation and command. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10305 ===

=== START BH10306 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the sovereignty in the Kingdom of Utterance, and His the dominion in the Realm of divine knowledge and certitude. None other God is there but Him, the Mighty, the Great. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! I counsel thee to be patient and tranquil, and to observe that which God hath revealed in His Book. Circle round the will of My Afnan, upon whom be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness, then follow what he commandeth thee. Verily thy Lord counseleth thee with that which shall profit thee in the world to come and in this world. Know thou that his good-pleasure is My good-pleasure. Well is it with him who hath attained thereunto, by the decree of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH10306 ===

=== START BH10307 ===

O Muhammad Husayn! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and majesty, the might and power, and the bounties. He taketh and He giveth, and He is powerful over what He willeth. The conditions of His creation do not frustrate Him, nor doth the clamor of His servants prevent Him. He hath given glad tidings unto all in His Books and Scriptures and Tablets of this Day which hath dawned from the highest horizon with His Most Glorious Name. Exalted be the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, the Manifestation of this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10307 ===

=== START BH10308 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the grace and bounty, His the generosity and munificence, His the grandeur and favors. He it is Who transmuteth hardship into ease, and poverty into wealth, and abasement into glory, and darkness into light. I beseech Him to ordain for whosoever hath turned unto Him a blessing from the heaven of His bounty and a mercy from the clouds of His generosity. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. The Command is in the hand of our Lord, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH10308 ===

=== START BH10309 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with clear proofs is verily the Dawning-Place of My Cause, and the Dayspring of My Revelation, and My Hidden Book, and My Preserved Tablet, and the Heaven of My wisdom, and the Ocean of My knowledge. Whoso hath attained unto Him, he is of the most exalted among all created things, and whoso hath turned away, he is of the idolaters. Blessed is he who hath on this day spoken in praise of God, turning away from those who disbelieved in God when He came unto them with a perspicuous command. Thus have the verses been sent down in truth, as the Ancient Beauty walketh in His mighty prison.

=== END BH10309 ===

=== START BH10310 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. Whoso turneth toward the Most Exalted Horizon in this Day must needs be raised by it as banners of virtuous character throughout all regions, that through them may be manifested that which God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. Blessed is he from whom appeareth that which bringeth tranquility to hearts and who followeth the command of his Lord in His Most Great, Most Holy Manifestation, the Mighty, the Powerful. Victory hath been ordained through remembrance and utterance. This is what every soul hath been commanded by the All-Merciful. To this testifieth every assured and discerning one.

=== END BH10310 ===

=== START BH10311 ===

He is God, the Interpreter in the Kingdom of Utterance. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is verily the Savior of all nations and the Quickener of the world. The clamor of the people doth not prevent Him from that which He desireth, nor doth the croaking of those in the lands. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto the impenetrable Mystery, and whoso hath turned away, is assuredly among the perishing ones. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to aid me to serve Thee amongst Thy servants, and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

=== END BH10311 ===

=== START BH10312 ===

O Darab! In the name of Him Who is the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Tongue of My grandeur and the Dawning-Place of My glory and the Horizon of My favors and the Sun of My Will and the Heaven of My Purpose and the Pen of My Command and My Preserved Tablet and the Book of My Laws unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through Him were opened the gates of My mercy and the rain of My loving-kindness was showered and the ocean of My generosity surged and the fragrance of My garment was wafted abroad. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and found and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the heavens and of the earth!”

=== END BH10312 ===

=== START BH10313 ===

He is God, the Most Glorious

In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth not

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He openeth unto whom He willeth the gates of good things. He is, verily, the Single One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Compelling. Are ye saddened by the world and that which occurreth therein after ye behold the Sun of Joy shining from the horizon of grace? Put your trust in Him. Verily, He is with you, and His Self is the One that encompasseth all regions. He hath chosen you for the service of His Cause through wisdom. Exalted is this station which God hath made among the most sublime of stations. Rejoice in that thou hast turned unto Him when every polytheist and doubter turned away.

=== END BH10313 ===

=== START BH10314 ===

HE IS GOD, THE MOST HOLY

In the name of God, the Everlasting, Who perisheth not. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He aideth whom He willeth through the hosts of the heavens and earth. He is, verily, the One, the Chosen. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast inhaled the fragrances of holiness from this Garment through which the fragrance of divine knowledge hath been wafted throughout all creation. He who hath recognized hath attained, and he who hath turned towards Him is reckoned among the most exalted of beings before the Truth, the Most High. The Pen hath been forbidden to mention the mysteries of pre-existence. Erelong shall its reins be loosened. Thy Lord is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH10314 ===

=== START BH10315 ===

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

God testifieth of His own Self unto His own Self, before the creation of all things, that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the Supreme Scripture for all who are in the realms of creation, and the Most Great Book for all who are in the world, and the Hidden Tablet for all who are in the unseen and the visible. Through Him hath the Resurrection come to pass, and the pillars of all beings have quaked, save whom God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. Through Him have the Kingdom and the Dominion smiled, and every rejected idolater hath wailed. Through Him is every deed accepted and the call of every caller heard and every beloved command upraised.

=== END BH10315 ===

=== START BH10316 ===

The Most Great, the Most Glorious. God hath testified of His own Self by His own Self before the creation of His heaven and His earth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Choosing. And He Who hath come is verily the One mentioned in the highest heaven and inscribed in the Tablets of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, and promised in the radiant Scriptures. And whosoever after Him layeth claim, he hath indeed uttered falsehood. By My Self that ruleth over all horizons, bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified, then stand firm in the Cause with the spirit of power and assurance. Grieve not for him who hath ascended; verily he dwelleth in the seat of truth with thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH10316 ===

=== START BH10317 ===

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

He who is mentioned hath testified concerning Him Who hath come with the truth that He, verily, is God; there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath come with the truth and summoned all unto Him, yet the people have turned away. They have denied the favor of God and His signs, and have turned aside from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have counseled those who have believed in that which the All-Bestowing hath sent down in the Book, but most of the people understand not. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and hastened unto the ocean of the mercy of his Lord, the Possessor of existence. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Face, and this irrevocable Book hath been sent down unto thee.

=== END BH10317 ===

=== START BH10318 ===

O Ahmad! He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. In His Name, the Powerful! He Who is the Intended One beareth witness unto him who hath appeared with the truth and hath come from the heaven of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. O people of Milan! Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, calleth you unto the Kawthar of life, and it is My love, the mighty, the wondrous. All the ornaments of the

earth shall perish, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He aideth whomsoever He willeth with hosts ye cannot see, and seizeth whomsoever He pleaseth, for He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thus have We sent down the verses and made manifest the evidences, yet most of the people remain heedless.

=== END BH10318 ===

=== START BH10319 ===

He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The Hidden beareth witness unto My Concealed Name, and the Concealed beareth witness unto My Hidden Name, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving. The River hath flowed, and the verses have been sent down, yet the people comprehend not. We desire to write for thee that which the Point of the Bayan and the Primal Beauty intended for the people of Baha, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. God is well-pleased with thee - these are words which, wert thou to expend all that is on earth, thou wouldst not attain unto. But God doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH10319 ===

=== START BH10320 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, causeth death and giveth life, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy call and have called out to thee from the Most Sacred Side of the Throne, and have remembered thee with a remembrance through which thy station hath been elevated, and the station of all who have turned to God, the Single, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath aided thee and sent down for thee that which shall endure throughout the eternity of My Most Beautiful Names. And I am verily the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH10320 ===

=== START BH10321 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto the people of Baha that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. God hath heard the cry of him who hath turned unto His Face and perceived the fragrance of His garment in the days of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. O people of God! Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance through which every hidden mystery hath been made manifest. He remembereth and praiseth His own Self, and remembereth His Afnan after His Aghsan, then those who have held fast unto that which is praiseworthy. Glory be unto him who hath shown justice in the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH10321 ===

=== START BH10322 ===

[Guardian of the Cause, upon him be the Glory of God] He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

Blessed art thou for having turned, in the early days of thy life, unto thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy Revelation, speaking forth Thy praise and Thy verses, and acknowledging that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to make me confirmed in the assistance of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word, in such wise that the standards of Thy Cause may be raised in Thy cities and domains. Verily Thou art the Guardian of the world and the Educator of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10322 ===

=== START BH10323 ===

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of eternity! Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, and for having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to recognize Thy Beauty and given me to drink from the chalice of Thy knowledge, and made me to turn toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and to direct my steps to the Dayspring of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy love and good-pleasure and in serving Thy Cause in Thy days. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which is best for me and draw me nigh unto Thee under all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Ordainer. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10323 ===

=== START BH10324 ===

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Merciful! Well is it with thee, O servant, for having sheltered him who came unto thee, and honored and glorified him. By God! Were it not for My fear of the Nimrod of the Bayan, We would have given thee glad tidings with a word that would cause the realities of those who have drunk the pure wine from the Beauty of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Luminous, to rejoice, and would rend asunder the hearts of the polytheists. This is the reward of thy deed in thy love for God on the day when the pillars of the sincere ones were shaken. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon thy family who circle round about thee, from God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. And praise be to the Beloved of the mystics.

=== END BH10324 ===

=== START BH10325 ===

Another submission is that whatever expressions of humility, submissiveness, self-effacement, nothingness, remembrance, praise and glorification were offered in the presence of Their Holiness the Two Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Noble Branches - may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be

sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps - were repeatedly presented, and in each instance They mentioned this one with special words reflecting pure grace and favor. Whatever this servant has presented in this station was and will remain utterly deficient. Completed on Tuesday the 18th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1302.

=== END BH10325 ===

=== START BH10326 ===

He is the Mighty One! Take God as thy Reckoner, then as thy Guardian, then as thy Surety. Verily God sufficeth thee against all else. Whoso findeth intimacy with Him shall never find intimacy with another, and he who knoweth Him shall be content with Him above all others. Whoso entereth beneath His shade shall be enriched above every outstretched shade. Verily He is with thee wheresoever thou mayest be. Be thou patient and grieve not, then be content with what He hath ordained for thee, for this is better for thee than all that thou hast known or shalt know, for the matter hath been decreed and fulfilled, and We are witness to this.

=== END BH10326 ===

=== START BH10327 ===

He is the Wondrous One!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth from the heaven of holy wonderment, that ye may thereby recognize the most excellent of countenances in this Face which gleameth from behind the veils of light. Say: This is the Book of Command from the Point of the Bayan unto His servant who hath attained the presence of the Throne yet knew Him not, inasmuch as the Beauty of Glory had veiled His face from the eyes of all the worlds. O servant! Arise from thy seat, then stand firm in the recognition of thy Lord, and deprive not thyself of the Kawthar of holiness in this Paradise.

=== END BH10327 ===

=== START BH10328 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Mighty, the Inaccessible

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by this Name, which hath been encompassed by tribulations from all directions and upon which calamities have descended from every quarter, to such extent that it findeth no helper in Thy earth nor any succorer in Thy dominion, that Thou mayest ease for this people the pangs of travail, preserve them therefrom, deliver them from this hardship, and transform it into comfort and tranquility. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and supreme over whatsoever Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Beauteous, and verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10328 ===

=== START BH10329 ===

He Who Migrates in the Path of His Lord

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath turned towards Thy presence and sought Thy good-pleasure, who hath separated himself from his family out of his longing for Thee and his love of Thee, and hath attained unto that station wherein he hath journeyed in Thy path and reached the summit of glory and love, until he visited the mystery of Thy Beauty and Thy holy Sanctuary. Therefore, O my God, honor him with that which befitteth Thy station and beseemeth Thy sovereignty. Then make him praised in deed even as Thou hast made him Ahmad in name. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Supreme, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

=== END BH10329 ===

=== START BH10330 ===

He is the Mighty. Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath sewn the robe of the glory of Thy sovereignty and the garments of the sanctity of Thy Temple, and who emigrated with Thy Most Exalted Beauty until he entered with Him into this Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee therefore, O my God, not to sever the thread which Thou hast made a means between him and the lights of Thy Beauty and the knowledge of Thyself. Then make him steadfast in Thy love, and grant him the best of what lieth with Thee, and establish for him from Thy grace a seat of constancy, and prepare for him from Thy command in this Cause guidance.

=== END BH10330 ===

=== START BH10332 ===

He is God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens, a ray from Thy rays, and a melody from Thy melodies, who was born in Thy days and appeared at the time of the exaltation of the manifestation of Thy supreme sovereignty upon the banners of Thy guidance and the rising of Thy Most Splendid Light in the heaven of Thine eternity. Therefore, O my God, protect her through Thy power, then give her to drink from the cups of Thy loving-kindness, and honor her dwelling place through Thy might, that she may perceive the lights of Thy Beauty from the temples of Thy Glory and be illumined by the dawning splendors of the manifestations of Thy grace in the heaven of Thy holy presence. Verily Thou doest what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the King, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10332 ===

=== START BH10333 ===

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! By Thy might, my heart is torn asunder from separation and estrangement from Thee, and my soul is entangled from remoteness from Thy reunion and meeting. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by this Name which hath been encompassed by tribulations through what was ordained in the tablets of Thy decree, that Thou send down upon Thy servants that which shall open their eyes, that they may know Thee from all else and become aware of Thy hidden and most hidden

Command in this Most Glorious and Most Splendid Temple. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, powerful over all things.

=== END BH10333 ===

=== START BH10336 ===

In the evening, O my God, I remember Thee with the hosts of those near unto Thee, and at dawn I call upon Thee, O my Hope, with the melodies of the sincere ones. The gleaming splendors of Thy countenance have so enthralled me that sleep hath fled from mine eyes and tranquility hath departed from my soul. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Beloved of the nations, to draw me near in all conditions unto the ocean of Thy grace, and to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will render me pure for Thy sake and steadfast in Thy service. O Lord! Thou art the All-Sufficient, and I am Thy servant who seeketh refuge, who hopeth, who is abject and poor.

=== END BH10336 ===

=== START BH10337 ===

O Thou Who art the All-Sufficing, the All-Protecting!

O my God! This is Thy servant who hath bowed down before Thy Manifestation and hath submitted himself before the dawning rays of the lights of Thy glory and sovereignty. I beseech Thee to protect me beneath the shelter of Thy protection and safeguarding, and to preserve me within the cave of Thy generosity and guardianship. Therefore, O my God, since his heart is clinging to the handhold of trust in the sovereignty of Thy protection, and relying upon the wondrous effulgences of the manifestations of Thy watchfulness, do Thou protect him from every evil and calamity, and from the afflictions that his enemies may bring down upon his head, that Thou mayest gain dominion over them through Thy sovereignty and power, and prevail over Thine enemies through Thy mighty wrath and ancient indignation.

=== END BH10337 ===

=== START BH10338 ===

He is God! The heaven of might and grandeur, and the firmament of power and justice, has encompassed all atoms and essences through the encompassing power of the names and attributes. He has set in motion the sphere of divine direction belonging to the Ancient Throne, according to the ordained decree in the kingdom of will, by means of a luminous golden thread. And He caused the mighty sphere of ancient and wondrous attributes to flow and circulate upon the sea of eternity through the blessing of one of the holy names. Then, by His absolute will, He placed its reins, by permission of a Manifestation, within the grasp of power of a trusted one. Such is the decree of the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10338 ===

=== START BH10340 ===

The Most Great, the Most Holy! The sun hath dawned from the horizon of divine decree, whereon hath been inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen: “The Prison is for the Dayspring of Lights.” We, in the most wretched of dwellings, summon the people unto the Kingdom. Recognize this, O ye who are endowed with insight! The wine of idle fancy hath seized all who dwell on earth, save those who have turned with their hearts to the Horizon of all horizons. When anyone raiseth a call, We answer him, though We have prescribed for every soul that when he heareth, he should say: “Here am I, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!” Gather ye together, O My loved ones, for the sake of the Cause. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets.

=== END BH10340 ===

=== START BH10341 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy!

Thy letter hath reached Our presence and We have read it, for We are ever the Reader thereof. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause and to grant thee that which He loveth and is pleased with, for verily He is powerful over all things. Be thou assured in thyself, then place thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. He, verily, aideth those who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have drawn nigh unto Him with hearts submissive and repentant. He will send down upon thee that which He hath ordained for thee in His Most Great and Glorious Kingdom. And glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10341 ===

=== START BH10342 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Your letter has attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Lord of Names calls out to you as a token of His grace, that you may be numbered among the thankful ones. Say: O my God! I am he who has held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy favors, who has acknowledged Thy singleness and confessed Thy oneness, and who has become certain that Thou art the Lord of existence and the Bestower of both the unseen and the seen. I beseech Thee to give me to drink, at all times, of Thy hidden nectar and Thy treasured Kawthar. Then ordain for me a seat of truth with Thy chosen ones and Thy sincere ones, and grant me that which befits Thy generosity and munificence. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10342 ===

=== START BH10343 ===

He is God, exalted is He! The winds of destiny have scattered the loved ones of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Some are in Mosul the hunchbacked, some in Damascus the spacious, and some in other cities, while this Youth is in the fortress of Akka, though tribulations encompass Him from all sides. He counsels you to preserve the Cause and calls you to the Most Great Word, which God has made the mirror of His beauty amidst the worlds. Grieve not over what has befallen Us, but help your Lord, the

Most Merciful. The Youth shall soon emerge, and the denizens of the highest paradise and the angels drawn nigh shall welcome Him.

=== END BH10343 ===

=== START BH10345 ===

O ’Azizu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who gazeth from the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He remembereth thee with this perspicuous remembrance, that thy heart may rejoice thereby, and thy breast be dilated, and thy tongue may speak forth: “All praise belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds.” We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We beseech the All-Bountiful that He may assist thee under all conditions to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and to serve His mighty Cause. It behooveth thee and My loved ones to hold fast unto the cord of wisdom, as bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Upon thee and upon them be the glory of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10345 ===

=== START BH10347 ===

O Jafar! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! The dawn has witnessed My rising, the afternoon My turning and calling, and the night My sorrow and imprisonment among My servants. And beyond these, One has called out with the most exalted call from the luminous Spot, saying: “There is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” This is the Day of God, but the people are in grievous doubt. They have cast certitude behind their backs and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies. Give thanks unto God for having remembered the Wronged One, Who hath sent down unto thee this perspicuous Tablet. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH10347 ===

=== START BH10348 ===

He is the Most Manifest

The Beauty of the All-Merciful has appeared - may the spirit of all who dwell in the realms of glory be sacrificed for Him! The countenance of the All-Bountiful has dawned from the horizon of possibility. By God, all created things have swooned with longing for His presence and meeting with Him. Yet the people of the Bayan remain heedless and in loss. O Mahd, although my heart has been transformed by rapture, and my pen trembles with ardor, and my hand quivers with ecstasy, how can I write that which would bring solace to your eyes and the eyes of all the world? Yet for love of your Lord has the Pen inscribed whatsoever God has willed.

=== END BH10348 ===

=== START BH10349 ===

He is God

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches. Your letter has attained unto the Most Great Scene, and the Lord of Destiny addresses you and says: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am the leaf which Thy Will and Purpose have caused to grow until it appeared from Thy Branch. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the nations and Sovereign of eternity, to make me one of those who circle round Thee in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thy leaf was stirred by Thy Will and has resigned its affair unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the Near One, the Witness, the Trusted One.

=== END BH10349 ===

=== START BH10350 ===

Your Book hath been read before the Throne, and We have accepted what thou didst intend for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in that My Most Exalted Pen hath answered thee. It behooveth thee to soar on the wings of longing and to render thanks unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. Thy Book hath attained unto acceptance, and We bid thee to act in accordance with what thou possessest, as ordained by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH10350 ===

=== START BH10351 ===

In His Most Great Name! The Tongue hath spoken before the faces of the world and given them glad tidings of the Most Great Name, that they might rejoice in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Yet they have risen in oppression and turned away from Him through Whom the horizon of revelation was illumined and God came with manifest sovereignty. They have cast aside the Lord of all beings and seized upon their desires - verily they are among the abject ones. The days have passed and the Caller hath cried out, yet they remain asleep. The intoxication of the world hath seized them in such wise that they have turned away from My Most Great Name. Blessed art thou for having turned and hearkened unto the call of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10351 ===

=== START BH10352 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beloved

The Mother Book hath spoken at the return before the faces of the servants: By God, the Lord of creation hath come! The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of Lords. He hath desired to send unto thee a sign from His signs, that He may give thee to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance and cause thee to enter into the Kingdom of His knowledge - a bounty from His presence, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which shall endure through the potency of Thy Will and the power of Thy Purpose. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, and worthy to answer.

=== END BH10352 ===

=== START BH10353 ===

His honor Aqa Husayn, who hath borne tribulations. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Glorious. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amidst all creation: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And He Who hath come from the horizon of eternity is indeed the cloud of My mercy and the heaven of My grace and the Dawning-Place of My verses and the Source of My sovereign commands to all the worlds. Whoso holdeth fast unto Him hath surely held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My generosity. And whoso turneth away, he is of them that have attributed partners unto God's verses from time immemorial, and for him there is no portion of this mighty ocean.

=== END BH10353 ===

=== START BH10354 ===

The Most Powerful. God, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. In the name of the Peerless Friend! I swear by the Beloved of hearts and the Object of adoration of all possibility that if all the handmaidens of the earth were to hear with the ear of the heart this blessed word which hath dawned forth from the Dayspring of the utterance of the All-Merciful - wherein He addresseth thee saying: "O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden!" - they would all sacrifice their lives in His Name. May they perceive the fragrant breezes of the utterance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds and drink of the wine of inner meanings that is concealed therein. This is the Day of assistance. Blessed are they who have turned unto the Truth and have detached themselves from all else save Him.

=== END BH10354 ===

=== START BH10355 ===

In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Glorious

Say: I praise Thee, O my God, for having cast upon me Thy Word, and made known to me Thy proof, and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love, and taught me the ways of Thy favors, and shown me the manifestations of the lights of Thy Days which Thou didst announce in Thy Scriptures and didst give glad tidings of in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Having made me recognize Thee, deny me not through Thy bounty, for verily the Generous One disappointeth not His suppliants, and the Merciful One depriveth not those who hope in Him. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of Names and Ruler of earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and holding fast to the cord of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH10355 ===

=== START BH10356 ===

O Thou Who art the Lord of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which every polytheist lamented, and every denier cried out, and every infidel perished, to make me of those who have drunk the wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty and who have soared on the wings of certitude to the heaven of Thy Cause. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee, then ordain for them from Thy generosity that which will profit them in Thy worlds. Verily Thou art He to

Whose Self the tongue of all in the Kingdom hath testified even as Thou didst testify to Thine Own Self. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10356 ===

=== START BH10357 ===

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious. Say: O God, O Cleaver of the dawn and Commander of the winds! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Name were made manifest, to render me assisted in revealing Thy Cause among Thy creation through the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Tablets. Then make me to be of those who have circled round Thy will, who have sought the Kaaba of Thy presence, who have stood before Thee, and who have heard Thy most sweet call from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10357 ===

=== START BH10358 ===

Prayer revealed by Baha'u'llah for [name omitted] upon him be the Glory of God. He is established upon the Throne. Say: O God, O Sovereign of all names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the heaven of Thy Revelation was raised up, and the ocean of Thy Will surged, and the fragrance of Thy Robe was wafted abroad, to assist me to remember Thee and to diffuse Thy Cause, and to draw me near unto Thee at all times through Thy sovereignty and Thy power. Then make me to triumph over Thine enemies and to prevail over the rebellious among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and dominant over whatsoever Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10358 ===

=== START BH10359 ===

He is the One manifest from the horizon of eternity! Say: O God, my God, Lord of all things and Creator of names! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation and the breezes of Thine inspiration and the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy favors to make me in the nights and days stand firm in Thy service and remember Thee with that remembrance whereby the world was illumined and the clamor of the nations was raised. Thou art He Who, O my God, hast guided me unto Thyself and related me unto Thee. Write down for me, then, what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the One powerful through Thy sovereignty. All existence testifieth that Thou art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH10359 ===

=== START BH10360 ===

Say: When We journeyed from the Orient of Eternity to the Occident of the Cloud, We found a people from among the dwellers of Sinai who were standing upon the land of allusions. Thereupon We revealed unto them from the Most Great Mystery, in this Greatest Word, through the hidden symbol, symbols beyond reckoning. Whereupon they fell unconscious upon the dust as though they had never been created on earth. Thus was the matter decreed by the Omnipotent, the Self-Subsisting. And thou, arise with supreme steadfastness, then aid thy Lord, and He will assist thee with a sovereignty that is powerful in truth.

=== END BH10360 ===

=== START BH10361 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali! Upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most firm Command, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of the nations were attracted, to open before my face, through the key of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, the gates of Thy mercy and Thy blessing and Thy bounty. Then cause to rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy grace the showers of Thy generosity and munificence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10361 ===

=== START BH10362 ===

O He Who is sanctified above all mention! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and drawn nigh unto the horizon of Thy Revelation and hath heard Thy sweetest call which was raised from the divine Lote-Tree. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Creator of nations, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thee and is detached from all else but Thee. Then enable me to act according to Thy good-pleasure and that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Tablets. Thou art He Who hath ever been in the heights of might and power and the summit of loftiness and grandeur. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10362 ===

=== START BH10363 ===

O Muhammad-'Ali!

In the name of Him Who rules supreme over all names! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Desire of the world and Sovereign of nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured up with Thee, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have acknowledged that which Thy Prophets have uttered. O Lord! I am the poor one who hath turned unto the ocean of Thy wealth, and I am the sinner who hath sought the Kawthar of Thy forgiveness. I implore

Thee not to disappoint me in that which I have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10363 ===

=== START BH10364 ===

In the name of Him Who is the Ever-Watchful, the Near One! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the hidden Secret and the treasured Symbol were made manifest! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Most Great Name, and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of eternity, and by the knowledge which no highest consciousness of contingent beings nor loftiest manifestation among created things hath comprehended, to make me one of the Hands of Thy Cause among Thy creatures, that I may arise to serve Thy Cause and make mention of Thee with wisdom and utterance in Thy kingdom. Thou, verily, art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Possessor of all names and Creator of the heavens.

=== END BH10364 ===

=== START BH10365 ===

In His Name, the One All-Powerful over the world! Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having caused me to hear Thy call and for having made known to me the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the worlds and Desire of them that have recognized Thee, to make me among those who have stood firm in Thy love, who have spoken Thy praise, who have held fast to the cord of Thy Cause, and who have clung to the hem of Thy mercy. Then ordain for me that which befitteth Thy majesty and beseemeth Thy station and Thy power. Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all atoms have testified, and to Whose grandeur and glory all created things have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH10365 ===

=== START BH10366 ===

Say: O Land of Ta (Tehran), I have come from the direction of grandeur and majesty with the announcement of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The fragrance of the All-Merciful has been diffused throughout all contingent being. Turn your hearts illumined and be not of those who hesitate. Thou art the one whom God hath made the dawning-place of His Manifestation and the dayspring of His verses and the mine of His wisdom and the treasury of the pearls of His wondrous utterance. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who dwelleth in thee, and joy be to thee and joy be to him who attaineth unto thy presence and establisheth for himself a seat within thee. We beseech God to illumine all through the light of recognition and draw them nigh unto His holy and luminous court.

=== END BH10366 ===

=== START BH10367 ===

O Shah Khalil, who hath attained and been blessed with the presence - He is the One Who standeth through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. This is the Day whereon all things proclaim: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Thou hast heard the Call and drunk the wine of everlasting life from the hand of bounty, a grace from the presence of One tender and generous. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this most great favor, which all the treasuries of the world cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted and glorious station. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

=== END BH10367 ===

=== START BH10368 ===

In the Name of the One All-Knowing God

The Supreme Pen at all times summons humanity to the Most Glorious Horizon, yet all are observed to be as dead save a few who have drunk from the Living Waters and, in the path of the All-Merciful, have detached themselves from all who dwell on earth. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. Strange it is that they have abandoned the Exalted Truth and occupied themselves with fleeting things. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord and for this Mighty, Wondrous Book which hath been sent down for thee.

=== END BH10368 ===

=== START BH10369 ===

O Ramadan-'Ali!

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon

The Most Exalted Pen commands: O friends! Hold fast to that which is the cause of exaltation and elevation and the means of raising up the Cause among the servants of God - glorified be His majesty. Whatsoever He has commanded has been and continues to be for the good of His servants. Every person of insight bears witness to what has been mentioned, and every hearing ear is aware. Strive with the utmost diligence and effort to make up for what has passed, for verily that which is lost today will not return. The Tongue of Grandeur in this noble station bears witness to this. The glory be upon you from the presence of the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10369 ===

=== START BH10370 ===

He is the One singing upon the branches

Say: O My Afnan! Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Goal and my Beloved! Thou seest one of Thy leaves turning unto Thee, clinging to the Tree of Thy grace, and seeking the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy mercy. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the light of Thy countenance and the breezes of Thy Revelation, to

preserve me through Thy power and Thy sovereignty, lest the tempests of trials in Thy days cause me to fall. O my Lord, I am she who hath turned unto Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to cause me to be immersed in the ocean of Thy oneness and to stand before the door of Thy bounty in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10370 ===

=== START BH10371 ===

O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the dwellers of the cities of names and the Concourse on High were seized with ecstasy, to ordain for Thy handmaiden that which will draw her nigh unto Thee and attract her to Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath sought the Kaaba of divine knowledge in Thy days. O Lord! Open through Thy power the pathways of attaining Thy presence and reunion with Thee, even as Thou didst open the prison gates through Thy might and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the fire burning in the hearts of Thy loved ones to make me and Thy handmaidens steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Exalted, the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH10371 ===

=== START BH10372 ===

O my God, my Beloved, my Helper and my Sustainer! How many days have I heard Thy mention and Thy call, yet failed to act in a manner befitting Thy days. Whenever I reflect upon myself, my grief and regret and sighs and shame increase. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the garment of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, was diffused, to assist me in serving Thee and remembering Thee. And I know with certainty that serving Thee is serving Thy chosen ones who have not preceded Thee in utterance and who act according to Thy command.

=== END BH10372 ===

=== START BH10373 ===

O Handmaiden of God, mother of the esteemed J, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy.

Say: O Thou Beloved of the world and the One remembered by the Greatest Name! I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy handmaidens that which will attract them to the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and provide them with the Kawthar of Thy verses. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thee and have held fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that whereby faith may be preserved, for verily Thou art the All-Merciful. Neither the conditions of contingent beings nor the clamor of the followers of religions can prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10373 ===

=== START BH10374 ===

He is the Caller

A Book sent down by the Most Merciful to him who hath believed in God when every possessor of knowledge denied, save whom God, the Lord of the hereafter and the former times, and the King of the throne and earth, willeth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily He calleth unto His servant who hath turned unto Him and giveth him glad tidings through a Tablet that hath shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of his Lord, the Almighty. Read thou My verses and glorify the praise of thy Lord at all times. Thus hath God adorned thee with the ornament of His wondrous remembrance. Glory be upon the people of glory who bow down before none save the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10374 ===

=== START BH10375 ===

In the Name of Him Who caused the Ocean to surge and the Fragrance to waft! This is the Book of Effulgence which beareth witness to what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of them that cast the Command behind their backs and followed vain imaginings - a Day whereon souls shall weep and shall bewail their lot by reason of what hath come upon Him from the hosts of idle fancies in the days of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God, and follow not those who disputed the signs of God when they were sent down with power and sovereignty. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge, and the Nightingale hath warbled upon the branches.

=== END BH10375 ===

=== START BH10376 ===

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful! The Perspicuous Book hath been made manifest by the command of the Lord of the Worlds. Whosoever attaineth unto it and taketh hold of it through divine strength is mentioned before the Throne as being among the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise. O handmaiden of God! Strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the fragrances of the Lord of Names and Attributes, nor be forbidden from His wondrous and glorious outpourings. Be not saddened by the transient affairs of this base world. Keep thy heart illumined and joyous through the remembrance of the King of Oneness. This is the counsel of the Ancient Beauty unto His handmaidens.

=== END BH10376 ===

=== START BH10377 ===

The Most Great, the Most Glorious. A Book from Us for people who understand. Verily it hath been sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Let them that remember know that He remembereth them, and His remembrance precedeth all who remember and all who are remembered. O people! Rejoice in the Most Great Remembrance and put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Let not the affairs of creation grieve you if ye desire the truth and are among those who observe. Soon shall the carpet of creation be rolled up, and ye shall circle round the Truth. Ye shall find yourselves in the most

exalted station, gazing upon the Countenance. Thus doth God give you glad tidings in the Book, and the knowledge of all things is in a hidden Book.

=== END BH10377 ===

=== START BH10378 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing! This is a Book sent down in truth from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen. It summons all in the Most Great Prison unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! That which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen hath appeared, and the Tongue hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance: "There is none other God but I, the Manifest, the Self-Evident." How many a Prophet hath lamented My separation, and how many a Messenger hath yearned for My days. To this do the denizens of the realm of the Kingdom and of dominion bear witness. Blessed is he who hath turned his face unto My countenance, who hath spoken My praise, and who hath acted according to that which was enjoined in My Preserved Tablet.

=== END BH10378 ===

=== START BH10379 ===

O Rida, He is the All-Knowing, the Witness, the All-Informed! This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein is guidance for the people unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. O Rida! We counsel thee to perform pure deeds in the love of God, the Lord of Names. Soon shall all that is in the world perish, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of thy Lord's Will, the Ancient Revealer. Take hold of this Tablet with the strength bestowed by Us, and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Possessor of this mighty Day. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee. Cast away what the people possess and take what hath been sent down from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

=== END BH10379 ===

=== START BH10380 ===

In the Name of the One God! Thy letter hath reached the Most Great Horizon, and that which was mentioned therein was observed. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed. We have forgiven thee and accepted thy turning unto Us. Rejoice thou at this and be of them that are thankful. Strive thou that in the days of God thou mayest act in a manner befitting and meet - that is, that ye may act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book of God and which causeth not the clamor of the people - so that the fragrance of holiness may be wafted from thee. This is what My Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Teacher, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10380 ===

=== START BH10381 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! Your letter was seen and your call was heard, and the response has descended from the Most Exalted Pen. Today that which is necessary and obligatory is service to the divine Cause. God willing, may you be illumined by the lights of the horizon of revelation and engaged in

service to the Cause. Thus does your Lord, the All-Knowing, command you. Strive to bestow the Kawthar of divine knowledge upon the people of the world of possibility, that perchance a soul may attain unto it and become aware of the ultimate purpose. Thus have We adorned the head of your letter with the crown of grace and utterance, that you may rejoice therein and give thanks to your Lord, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10381 ===

=== START BH10382 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of all possibility! Thy letter was present before the Throne and attained the notice of the Lord of Names. As a bounty, We adorned its beginning with divine, sublime and wondrous verses, that thou mayest know with certainty that He remembers whoso remembereth Him, and turneth unto whoso turneth unto Him, and directeth His attention unto whoso hath set his face toward His shining horizon. Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land. Today all must fix their gaze upon the divine ordinances and act in accordance with whatsoever hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book. This will profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10382 ===

=== START BH10383 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having shown unto Thy loved ones the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgences of the Daystar of Thy bounty, and for having sent down for each one of them that which surpasseth all the riches and ornaments of the world and whatsoever hath been ordained therein. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of existence and the Ruler of the seen and the unseen, to assist whosoever hath turned towards Thee and hath sought Thy nearness and Thy good-pleasure and to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10383 ===

=== START BH10384 ===

O honored Muhammad-Hasan who hath attained and achieved victory! In the name of Him through Whom the light hath shone forth from the horizon of manifestation. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desire, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of earth and heaven, for having caused me to recognize Thy manifest Cause and Thy mighty Message, and for having given me to drink, from the chalice of Thy bounty, the wine of Thy presence, and for having made me to hear Thy most sweet call while Thou wert seated upon the throne of bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord, O Desire of all hearts, to open before my face the door of Thy mercy and Thy riches. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10384 ===

=== START BH10386 ===

When the nine had passed, He was manifested with this Name unto all things, even as thou didst witness how in that year the revelation of the Divine Unity was both hidden yet visible, and manifest yet concealed. None recognized it save whom God wished through His grace that dominates both the unseen and the visible realms, until the years of respite had elapsed. Then did God lift the veil of light and made manifest that which had been concealed. Thereupon the heavens were cleft asunder, and the earth was rent, and the mountains crumbled, and the Balance was set up, and all who were in the Bayan were gathered together. Then were the people of Paradise admitted therein, and the denizens of the Fire consigned to their abode. This is clear justice.

=== END BH10386 ===

=== START BH10387 ===

He is God! It is known that the favors of God transcend all other blessings, and in the servant's attainment to this exalted station, the absence of worldly ornaments and adornments matters not. For the eyes of the lovers are illumined by divine bestowals and their hearts are calmed by the wonders of His remembrance. If thou attainest intimacy with God, thou wilt pass beyond the transient kingdom and find thy dwelling in the realm of rest, and thou wilt see sorrow no more and count not grief. And the spirit be upon thee. Always send news of your condition and mention the word of victory with love.

=== END BH10387 ===

=== START BH10390 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Thy letter was presented before the Throne and was observed. God willing, thou wilt in all conditions hold fast to the divine commandments which have been sent down in the revealed Books from the Supreme Pen, for this is the cause of the life of the world and the preservation of nations. God hath forgiven thee and thy father as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Today ye must conduct yourselves with the utmost wisdom and act in accordance with that whereby the Cause will be exalted. Verily, He is with His chosen ones and ordaineth for them that which will profit them in this world and the next. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10390 ===

=== START BH10391 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Mashhadi Haydar! The Divine Call is raised in all times, and the Supreme Pen speaks in every moment. This Pen has been and will ever be the Will of God, exalted and glorified be He, and it declares: O ye who have turned towards God! Today is the day of certitude and deeds, not the day of conjecture and doubt. The friends of God must act upon the commandments revealed in the Book of God with perfect steadfastness and assurance. Glory be unto him who follows that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in

the Tablets. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance that ye may be among those who act.

=== END BH10391 ===

=== START BH10392 ===

O Baqir! In the name of the one true Friend, your call hath reached the hearing of Him Who is the Lord of all names. Both your poetry and prose were beheld. Blessed is the tongue that the oppressor's might prevented not from the mention of God, and likewise blessed is the pen that spoke forth in praise of the true Sovereign. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who believed in God on a day wherein trembling seized the dwellers of the earth, save whom God pleased - thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, for verily it shall profit thee and be with thee. Thy Lord, truly, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10392 ===

=== START BH10393 ===

In the Name of the One Peerless Lord of all horizons!

The breathings of divine revelation have encompassed the world and the fragrance of His raiment hath pervaded all things. Yet some have attained while others remain deprived, for they have clung to the vain imaginings of their leaders. Say: This Day hath been named the Day of God in the divine Books - know ye its value, and while time remaineth, deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of this blessed Day. Strive that ye may drink of the crystal clear waters of the recognition of His sacred Being and receive your portion of the choice sealed Wine. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10393 ===

=== START BH10394 ===

He is the Mighty One

This is the Tablet wherein hath been ordained the preservation of what was and what will be, yet the people perceive not.

Therein doth the Dove sing forth from the Pole of eternity and the Cock of the Throne draw nigh, would ye but hear.

O servant! Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee from the heaven of His Command this blessed and missive Tablet. Guard thou it in the strongholds of preservation, then seek victory through it in the occasions of triumph, then seek assistance through it from all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus doth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, instruct thee. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who know.

=== END BH10394 ===

=== START BH10395 ===

O Muhammad-Rida of Khamin! This is the circle of the Command through which the heaven's sphere doth turn, and this is a truth which hath been irrevocably inscribed by the Pen of God in the Mother Book. By it are the spheres of existence set in motion, and unto everyone is rendered their due right, their proper station, and their befitting grace. Verily, He hath power over all things. He ordaineth the measures of glory for whomsoever He willeth, and clotheth with the garment of love whomsoever He pleaseth, and strippeth it from whomsoever He desireth. Verily He, in His own Self, the Truth, hath ever encompassed all the worlds.

=== END BH10395 ===

=== START BH10396 ===

O Muhammad in the City! This is a Book inscribed by the Pen of Command, the All-Wise. Without doubt it hath been sent down from the presence of One Mighty, All-Knowing, and from it have been ordained the measures of all things in Tablets of glory well-preserved. Say: O people! Bear ye witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Gracious, and that 'Ali-before-Nabil is the Manifestation of His Beauty and the Manifestation of His Glory, and the Repository of His Knowledge, and the Mine of His Revelation, and the Harborer of His Command and His Grandeur, and the Source of His Might and His Sovereignty, and verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10396 ===

=== START BH10397 ===

The Most Great This is a book for My Self which has dawned upon the worlds. This is a remembrance for one who has sought My protection. Verily it has been sent down for it and it is a remembrance from Our presence. Unto Us doth truth return unto truth, and light unto this wondrous light. This is a beauty which We have caused to dawn from the horizon of wisdom and glory for this eye whereby were opened the eyes of the mystics. This is the breath of God for this noble and exalted sense of smell. The rays return, for it is the Sun, and the ultimate ascent is this luminous station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10397 ===

=== START BH10398 ===

This is a tablet for the house and its residents. He is the Mighty. This is a letter from this servant to her whom God has related to His servant, that she may know that We have not forgotten her, and that whatever befalls Us and her comes only from God. Therefore it behooves us to thank God at all times and be content with what He has ordained for us of His firm decrees, and not be anxious about what descends from Him, nor be disturbed by what He has decreed by His command. I counsel thee, O handmaiden of God, to patience and forbearance and calm and dignity. Verily, the patient ones shall be paid their recompense without measure.

=== END BH10398 ===

=== START BH10399 ===

In the letter Kaf. Aqa Mahmud, brother of the tailor, who migrated with God - the Kingdom on that Day being God's, the True One - this is a Book sent down in truth, wherein mention is made of a servant whom God has associated with His servant, that he might give thanks to his Lord and detach himself from those who have denied God and warred against His Self and rejected His signs and associated partners with His Being, and that he might turn his face toward Him Who was named the Quarter of Eternity, then the Sinai of the Cloud, then the Horeb of Origination, then the Crimson Paran, then the Sacred Precinct - thus was the command sent down from the Kingdom of Names, from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH10399 ===

=== START BH10400 ===

In the Name of the Most Mighty, He is the All-Glorious

This is a Book which speaks with truth and makes mention of the people in this Day wherein the Nightingale of Iraq cries out with a wondrous lamentation, and counsels His loved ones to remember God, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the Powerful. Therefore, O ye luminous concourse, grieve not over anything, nor over all that hath befallen Us at the hands of the company of the idolaters, for We have offered up Our spirit in the days of God ere the creation of the heavens and the earth. And ye, strive within your own selves and souls to follow the Cause of God and to be numbered among the strivers, that the lights of guidance may shine forth unto you from a holy and luminous dawn.

=== END BH10400 ===

=== START BH10401 ===

O Husayn, who hast attained the presence of the Beloved at His Throne! This is the Living Waters which hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who hath drunk thereof and is numbered among those who have attained. Say: By these waters are souls quickened. Drink, O people, and turn neither to the right nor to the left. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command you, as a bounty from God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. And whoso hath not drunk, verily he is dead - the designation of life cannot be applied to him. This is a revelation from God, and verily He is the Ancient Revealer.

=== END BH10401 ===

=== START BH10402 ===

Not every heart is capable of acting as a repository for divine love. For not every soul is suited for growing wondrous herbs–only the heart of a human being who continues to bear the trustworthiness of the All-Merciful and to give the fruit of wisdom and eloquence. Blessed be the All-Merciful, who is endued with grace and beneficence. Not everyone who has the form of a human being is worthy of the Most Great

Panorama, nor will such a one necessarily be accounted a human being before God. For all who remain bereft of the robe of mystical insight are reckoned as beasts of the field by God.

=== END BH10402 ===

=== START BH10403 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven, and He is the One manifest through the Greatest Name in the world. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist Thy loved ones who have cast behind their backs the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and have taken hold of that which Thou didst command them in Thy mighty Book. O Lord! Ordain for them every good thing which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH10403 ===

=== START BH10405 ===

And as to the question about items found along the way, God's decree is that if they are found in cities and villages, a crier must make one proclamation and inform the people of that city or village. If the owner is found, they shall return it and collect the crier's fee. Otherwise, they shall wait nineteen days. If the owner is not found, it reverts to the finder. And if it occurs in the wilderness, its limit is set at two units in the Book of God.

=== END BH10405 ===

=== START BH10406 ===

In the name of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved! This is a leaf which moveth as moved the leaf of the Spirit upon the branches of the Manifest Tree. And when the breezes of glory blow upon it, there proceedeth from it the sound that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And it guideth men to the precincts of nearness before the presence of the Mighty, the One. And it remindeth them of the Day wherein the Dove of the Cause warbleth with melodies of wondrous attraction, and giveth glad-tidings unto all created things in the court of mighty glory. This is what hath been inscribed by One All-Wise, All-Informed, that it might serve as a reminder from Him unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

=== END BH10406 ===

=== START BH10407 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! The Necessary Being regardeth not any temporal attribute. The Incomparable One is sanctified and exalted above the how and wherefore of the world. The praise of all created things exalteth Him not, nor doth the blame of all contingent beings abase Him. O Tahmasb!

We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and have cleansed thee with the waters of loving-kindness and remembrance, and have sent down for thee that which the happenings of earth cannot alter. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord. He is with whosoever desireth Him, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have attained and witnessed that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath witnessed.

=== END BH10407 ===

=== START BH10408 ===

He is the Living One

The Face of the Beloved is unveiled and the Countenance of the Praised One is manifest and visible, so that the mirrors of contingent being may ascend from the unseen realm of existence to the divine holy world, and after the removal of the veils of majesty they may become strong and resplendent from the pure Beauty of the Eternal, that they may rejoice in the manifest Word and make mention of the all-embracing Word, so that the seas and waves may be reminded by your remembrance, that they may be seated upon the crimson carpet and rest upon white cushions, for this is the sweetness of existence and divine joy and heavenly gift, and peace be upon you.

=== END BH10408 ===

=== START BH10409 ===

He is the All-Knowing! We have come and sent down that from which the fragrance of remembrance and utterance has been wafted from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who has found! By My life, none shall find save he who has cast away all that is with the Shi'ites except the Two Remembrances and what was sent down in the Book of God which was called the Furqan, whereby truth was distinguished from falsehood, whereby the light shone forth from the horizon of manifestation, whereby all created things were gladdened and all beings rejoiced. Command and wisdom and might and power belong to God, the Sender of verses and the Lord of names and attributes.

=== END BH10409 ===

=== START BH10411 ===

O son of Afnan! O thou who speakest My Name, who dwellest in My vicinity, and who drinkest the wine of My utterance! My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy presence, thy sincerity, and thy steadfastness in the Cord of God, the Most Strong. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby the earth and heaven were illumined, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee and for such of Thy creation as are sincere. Then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty mercy and blessing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10411 ===

=== START BH10412 ===

O My loved ones! Be not grieved by what ye witness this day. Soon shall the dominion of the oppressors and the proud ones pass away, and the might of the rebellious and the tyrannical ones shall vanish like unto those who have gone before. We have clear vision. Verily, he who turneth away and opposeth is like unto deceptive lightning, or like unto an empty cloud, or like unto a towering mirage. And among the greatest of calamities is when the oppressor layeth claim to justice, and the liar to truthfulness, and the ignorant one to knowledge. Yea, with the beautiful is found the ugly, with the worthless the precious, with the righteous the wicked, and with the learned the ignorant. Thus hath wisdom required, and thus hath the All-Merciful willed, and thus hath the Divine Will ordained.

=== END BH10412 ===

=== START BH10413 ===

O Ahmad! Today the irrevocable Cause hath appeared from the Lord of nations and the Adorner of the world. He verily guideth all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee from His Most Great Prison and aided thee to hearken in days wherein the fire of hatred was kindled. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth such steadfastness as will cause the heaven of idle fancies to be cleft asunder, the earth of vain imaginings to be split open, and the mountain of the people's conceit to crumble. Thy Lord is verily the Powerful over whatsoever He pleaseth through His cherished and mighty command.

=== END BH10413 ===

=== START BH10414 ===

O Ahmad or Ahmad 'Ali! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! The Most Great Branch was present and mentioned thee with utmost love. We too joined in mentioning thee, and We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for that which is conducive to the exaltation of thy station and honor among the people. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy power to raise me up, and by Thy sovereignty to assist me, and to send down upon me the signs of Thy grace, Thy loving-kindness, Thy mercy and Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH10414 ===

=== START BH10415 ===

O Lion! We have mentioned thee time and again, and this is yet another time. Give thanks to the Lord of all beings and the Master of the hereafter and of former times for this bounty which hath been manifested from His Most Exalted Pen in this perspicuous Tablet. Be as beseemeth My Cause and My days. Thus doth command thee He Who is the All-Knowing Commander. The glory be upon thee and upon those whose names thou didst mention before the Throne and for whom hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance that which hath illumined the whole earth. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and perceiving one.

=== END BH10415 ===

=== START BH10416 ===

O Karbila'i Iskandar, upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Speaking, the Trustworthy! O Iskandar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! The world hath been encompassed by the dark smoke of ignorance and foolishness. All affairs proceed contrary to outward appearance - the mountain walketh upon the path, and from barren soil spring forth new and varied flowers. It is as though the Resurrection hath come to pass and the mysteries of the Hour been revealed. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by the light of awareness and knowledge. Glory be from Us upon thee and upon those who have heard and said: "God, there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

=== END BH10416 ===

=== START BH10417 ===

In the name of the One Who standeth before the faces of all servants! O Isma'il! Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the Exalted! He hath made mention of thee at this hour with verses whereby the realities of all faces were attracted and the hearts of the treacherous ones who cast the Covenant of God behind their backs, clinging to what they possessed of images and idols, were repelled. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy manifest and evident path and for having sent down unto me that which hath testified to my turning toward Thy luminous horizon. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. And this was revealed for his honor Hasan Aqa, upon him be the glory of God.

=== END BH10417 ===

=== START BH10418 ===

Afnan Haji Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness.

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. We beseech God to exalt thee through His Name and to open before thy face the door of His bounty and to aid thee with the hosts of His utterance. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He ordaineth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. The honored Name of Jud, upon him be My Glory and My loving-kindness, was present and We heard from him mention of thee. We have remembered thee through this clear Book.

=== END BH10418 ===

=== START BH10420 ===

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches! O My Afnan! The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that there is none other God but Him. His is the dominion of earth and heaven. He doeth what He willeth through a sovereignty that cannot be withstood by all the hosts of the world. He is, verily, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We bear witness that thou hast turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon

and entered the Prison, and attained the presence of the Wronged One in this exalted Station. We have accepted thy turning and thy presence before the Throne. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and in that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Kindly.

=== END BH10420 ===

=== START BH10422 ===

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, in His Name, the All-Encompassing over all names!

O my God, the Most Merciful and the All-Powerful over all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Being to protect the Sultan and deliver him from whatsoever affliction and hardship he is in. Then I beseech Thee to deal with him in a manner befitting the ocean of Thy generosity, the heaven of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy favors, by the honor of the Seal of Thy Messengers, the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Recipient of Thine Inspiration, and the Dayspring of Thy lights. O Lord! Ward off from him the hands of evil through the Hand which Thou hast made to be above all the hands of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10422 ===

=== START BH10423 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O my God and the God of all created things, my Beloved and the Beloved of all who dwell on earth and in heaven! I beseech Thee by the oneness which Thou hast made the garment of Thy Self, and by the eternity which Thou hast made the ornament of Thy temple, that Thou mayest, through Thy Name the All-Giving, take up a chalice of the water of life and, through Thy Name the All-Bountiful, pass it round among all contingent beings. Verily Thou art He Who hath named Thyself the All-Merciful. This Name of Thine requireth the manifestations of Thy favors upon Thy creation and the evidences of Thy bounties unto Thy creatures. O Lord! Deal with them according to Thy generosity and grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH10423 ===

=== START BH10424 ===

To Him Who is in Both Worlds, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the manifestations of the Exponents of Thy Cause to enable me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Manifestation of Thy Self. O Lord! I am the ignorant one who hath sought the ocean of Thy knowledge, and I am the heedless one who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the sun of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity, and ordain for me that which

shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Witnessing, the All-Perceiving, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH10424 ===

=== START BH10425 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

O my God, my Lord and my Master! Thou seest the Wronged One amidst the heedless ones among Thy creatures who have turned away from Thy sovereignty and denied Thy signs when Thou didst send them down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. O Lord! The sorrowful one hath clung to Thy Name, the Joy-Giving, and the grief-stricken to Thy Name, the All-Subduing over all names. Send down, then, from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will gladden the hearts of Thy servants and Thy handmaidens. Verily, Thou art the All-Subduing over all names, and the All-Powerful over earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10425 ===

=== START BH10426 ===

O My handmaiden! He is the Interpreter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from around My Throne which hath been established in the Land of the Prison through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. Were thine ear to hear My call, it would surely draw it to a station wherein it would hear from all things: “The Lord of Names hath appeared in the Prison of ‘Akka and uttereth: ’There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.’” Hold thou fast unto the cord of God and cling to this exalted hem. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the days of God; verily she is among the dwellers of Paradise in this glorious station.

=== END BH10426 ===

=== START BH10427 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all the world! O my handmaiden! Hearken thou unto My call. I say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and praise be unto Thee, O Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause not to deprive me of the glances of Thy favors, nor to shut me out from the ocean of Thy outpouring and the river of Thy grace. O my Lord! I am a handmaiden who hath turned toward the heaven of Thy bounty and the horizon of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and who have circled round Thy throne. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10427 ===

=== START BH10428 ===

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified ere the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is indeed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and that He is the One through Whom the hearts and minds were set ablaze, through Whom the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth, through Whom the Rock cried out, through Whom the Dove sang, and through Whom the Nightingale of Heaven proclaimed: There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath attained unto the presence of the Throne, and this manifest Book hath been sent down unto thee.

=== END BH10428 ===

=== START BH10429 ===

O My handmaiden! His honor Jalal, upon him be My glory, hath attained the presence of the Wronged One and achieved the honor of meeting Him. He made mention of thee. Therefore, the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken this exalted word: Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made mention of thee in such wise that thy name shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of all the handmaidens in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's tender care - exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to guide them all. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH10429 ===

=== START BH10430 ===

In My Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

O My handmaiden! Thy letter hath arrived and We have read it through Our grace, and We answer thee with this exalted Tablet. Rejoice thou in that God hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses, when most of mankind have turned away from Him. Verily thy Lord is the Protector of the righteous women and the Lord of the righteous men. Grieve thou not over anything, but remember thy Ancient Lord. He remembereth every handmaiden who hath turned unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He hath ordained for His loved ones that which shall profit them in this world and in the world to come. He, verily, is the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10430 ===

=== START BH10431 ===

He is the One Who speaks, the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, O Thou by Whose name the gate of heaven was opened, and by the motion of Whose finger the veils of them that dwell on earth were rent asunder! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Horizon, the Station from which the Sun of Thy beauty hath shone forth, to strengthen me under all conditions to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee, gazing toward Thee, and seeking the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her in that which she desireth from the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10431 ===

=== START BH10432 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Wise, the Eloquent

O Amin! We beseech God, the Lord of all worlds, to aid thee through His sovereignty and to guard thee with His hosts, and to ordain for thee every good thing that He hath sent down in His Book, and to enable thee to act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded by His firm and mighty wisdom. The Branch hath appeared before Our face and asked for thy presence. We have answered him with this perspicuous Book and decreed what he desired through the bounty of the Wronged One. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of the world and the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10432 ===

=== START BH10433 ===

He is God! O people of Baha! Be not grieved at what hath befallen Us. He hath soared with the spirit, and We are now in a garden of delight. Sorrow and distress befit those whom ye behold imprisoned in this world. He who hath soared to the Supreme Horizon remaineth beneath the shadow of My Hidden Name and My Resplendent Being. He is in joy and gladness. Be not sorrowful, but remember what hath been revealed in the Tablets. Be patient, for He is the Mighty, the All-Patient. The glory of Baha be upon you, O My loved ones! Then blessed are ye for having been scattered throughout the lands for love of Me.

=== END BH10433 ===

=== START BH10434 ===

O Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid! O thou who art mentioned in My most exalted horizon! Hearken unto My most sweet call. It behooveth thee to assist today the Cause of God, thy Lord, through such steadfastness as will make firm thereby the feet of all mankind upon His Most Great Path. Having quaffed the choice wine of My utterance from the chalice of My bounty, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, through which all things were attracted, to illumine the heart of the sovereign with the light of Thy knowledge and to aid him to manifest Thy justice amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10434 ===

=== START BH10435 ===

He is God, exalted be His mention! O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of faithfulness! My Branch hath appeared before Me and read what thou didst send. We perceived from him the fragrance of devotion and the most great steadfastness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that there may be manifested from thee and from those who are with thee that which will guide the people to the path of righteousness. They have sought permission to attain Our presence. We beseech God to grant thee

what thou hast desired from the heaven of His bounty and the ocean of His bestowals. He is the Mighty. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon thee and upon those in thy household, from God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH10435 ===

=== START BH10437 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

O Jalil! The Lord of the world remembers you from His Most Great Prison and gives you glad tidings of the Supreme Paradise, the station whereon has been established the throne of the manifestation of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed is he who has attained unto the Word of God, and the ear that has heard His sweetest call, and the eye that has beheld His most glorious countenance. This is the station exalted and sublime. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to My luminous robe. Thus does He command you Who has built this mighty edifice which remains unchanged by the vicissitudes of time. To this testifies every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH10437 ===

=== START BH10438 ===

He is God, the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of mystical knowledge!

O Habibullah! The Wronged One makes mention of you in such wise that you may find from it the fragrance of the love of God and the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of His chosen ones - they who hastened to the Sea of Life and attained unto that which none of the followers of religions have attained, save whom God, the Possessor of the kingdom of earth and heaven, the Merciful to both kings and subjects, and the Sovereign of the realm of might, did will. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto this most exalted, most glorious station. And woe unto him who has disbelieved and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH10438 ===

=== START BH10440 ===

O Habib'u'llah! He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! O Beloved! The Best-Beloved remembers thee. Verily He is the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and hold fast unto My cord. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Reflect upon the world and its transience and its conditions, and be thou detached therefrom through My Name, the All-Possessing over the kingdom of earth and heaven. All that thou seest today shall perish, and there shall remain for thee this forbidden remembrance. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and revealed unto thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in a preserved tablet.

=== END BH10440 ===

=== START BH10442 ===

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

O Hasan! Hear the Call of God, the Lord of the hidden and manifest, from the green Tree upraised in the blessed, luminous land. He verily guideth thee unto His path and protecteth thee from the evil of those who have disbelieved and denied the proof of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter hath arrived and We have read it, and have revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrances of the verses of thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Remember thy Lord in the nights and days, and glorify on My behalf My loved ones who have turned unto Him and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

=== END BH10442 ===

=== START BH10443 ===

He Who is established upon the throne of utterance!

O Hasan! Rejoice thou that the Wronged One of the horizons hath turned toward thee - He Who was imprisoned for having summoned all mankind unto the Day of the Covenant. We desired the life of the world, its sanctification and exaltation, yet he desired to shed My blood and cause My tribulation. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away all else save Me and hath turned unto the lights of My countenance and the effulgences of the Orb of My loving-kindness. Verily he is of the people of My land and the companions of My ark. We beseech God to adorn him with such an ornament as shall illumine the earth and all who dwell therein. Verily He is the Almighty over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10443 ===

=== START BH10444 ===

In the name of the Mother Book! O Hassan! He speaks: "I have written an essence concerning His remembrance: that He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what was revealed in the Bayan." From this blessed word is established this supreme truth that this Most Great Manifestation and Mighty Announcement cannot be known through the Point and the Bayan. Therefore, if any soul denies the divine verses and heavenly evidences and lordly favors in this Manifestation, he is deprived of the Most Great Sea and forbidden from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Take what has been revealed in truth and be of those who are secure. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10444 ===

=== START BH10445 ===

O Hassan, upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of the hidden and manifest! Thou art present and mentioned before His face. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. We made mention of thee before in such wise as did perfume the cities of wisdom and utterance. We beseech God to aid thee and assist thee in that which shall cause thy mention to endure, even as He assisted thee and enabled thee to

make mention of Him and to praise Him and to serve His manifest Cause. Praise and glory from the Wronged One be upon thee and upon thy family and those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10445 ===

=== START BH10446 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds! O Husayn! The Wronged One of the world calls out from the Most Great Prison and summons thee to the supreme horizon. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by the One Who is the Mighty, the Powerful. Today is the day of steadfastness and the day of the manifestation of service. Strive that there may appear from thee in the path of God that which shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. We have remembered thee in this Most Impregnable, Most Holy and Wondrous Tablet that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and arise to celebrate His beautiful remembrance and to serve His mighty Cause.

=== END BH10446 ===

=== START BH10447 ===

O Haji Husayn who hath attained! O Husayn, He Who is remembered remembereth thee from this Spot which God hath made the circling-point of the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and the dawning-place of revelation - but the people, they know not. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then advance with supreme steadfastness toward the most exalted Horizon, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded by the Wronged One. By the life of God! From the traces of My Pen hath been wafted the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath found it and hath exclaimed: “Thine be the praise, O Lord of the Kingdom of eternity, and Thine be the glory, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!”

=== END BH10447 ===

=== START BH10449 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over earth and heaven!

O Haydar, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call, for verily it draweth thee unto a horizon wherein all atoms cry out with praise and glory, wisdom and splendor unto God, Creator of heaven and Lord of all things. Blessed is the man who hath arisen to serve My Cause, and the eye that hath been illumined by beholding My traces, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the ear that hath been honored by hearkening unto My wondrous call. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and enabled thee to attain recognition, and for having sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors throughout all regions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10449 ===

=== START BH10450 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

O lady, upon thee be my Baha! Let Munirih remain until her eye recovers its health. Movement would be harmful. God willing, healing will be granted. Convey my greetings. The wrongs of Haifa have exceeded its good deeds. The command is in God's hands - He doeth and decreeth whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. However, if some were to come it would be closer to wisdom, for in that land during this season there are many eye ailments. In any case, they should move with wisdom and prudence. No specific command hath been issued in this regard. We send greetings to all the friends. Peace be upon you and upon him who was named 'Ali-Rida.

=== END BH10450 ===

=== START BH10451 ===

He is the One Who speaks the truth amongst creation

O Khalil, rejoice that the ocean of forgiveness has turned toward your brother who has ascended to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have forgiven him as a bounty from Us, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the King of Kings. This is the day wherein the sun of generosity has dawned and the heaven of munificence has been upraised through this Name that speaks from its praiseworthy station. By this Name the limbs of all names have trembled. Through this Light the earth has brightened and faces have been illumined. O Khalil, praise God that you have been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen time and again. He is verily the Witness, the Observer, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH10451 ===

=== START BH10452 ===

In the Name of the one God! O Khalil, the Sacrificer! In the divine days he sacrificed in the path of the Friend all that he possessed. All the Concourse on High desired to make the sacrifice, but He did not accept it. With firm resolve he advanced and attained unto the most great martyrdom, the supreme horizon and the utmost goal. Blessed are they who have attained unto this station, that is, who have recognized the Sacrificed One and drunk from the cup of His love. They are, verily, of the people of the highest Paradise in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a token of grace from Me, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

=== END BH10452 ===

=== START BH10453 ===

O Khalil! The Glorious One has come and the Son has gone to the place of sacrifice and did not return, and gave up His spirit and all He had in the path of God, the Lord of Lords. By God's life, He turned with a face by which earth and heaven were illumined, as the Creator of Names bears witness to this in this mighty station. By God's life, the Concourse on High circled round Him and every trustworthy Messenger sought blessing from His dust. Be thou thankful to God that He heard thy call and answered thee through this perspicuous Book.

=== END BH10453 ===

=== START BH10454 ===

In My Name, the Answerer

O Rababih! Your letter was mentioned. Blessed is the tongue that hath called upon God through His words and held fast unto His utterances. We heard thy call and graciously answered it. God willing, thou and all handmaidens shall be assisted in that which God loveth. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with this garment and perceived the fragrance of this station. We convey Our greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and counsel them to be steadfast. He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, and the All-Powerful, the Most Mighty.

=== END BH10454 ===

=== START BH10455 ===

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing

O Rajab-'Ali! Your brother who circumambulated the Kaaba of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath made mention of you. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the talons of Thine enemies and hearest their cries and lamentations in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy loved ones whom the oppressors have torn limb from limb in the land of Ya, and by their blood and dismembered parts, to protect Thy loved ones through Thy power and deliver them from the wickedness of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the reins of all affairs of the first and the last ones.

=== END BH10455 ===

=== START BH10456 ===

In the Name of the Lord of Being! O Rajab-'Ali! We make mention of thee and command the loved ones to that which profiteth them. Trustworthiness is among the foremost ornaments. Blessed is he who is adorned with this sacred and luminous ornament. It is the source of glory and the mine of wealth and the repository of divine names. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it - such a one is reckoned with the people of this most exalted station before God. Rich is he who graspeth it, and poor is he who is deprived of it, though he possess all the treasures of the earth.

=== END BH10456 ===

=== START BH10457 ===

He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor.

O Rahim! Your letter reached the presence in the Most Great Prison. This Wronged One counsels the friends and enjoins upon them goodly deeds and praiseworthy character which attract hearts and minds. Blessed is the one who hath held fast unto the divine virtues and is detached and free from all else. Praise

be to God, from thy words waft the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Put away what the people possess of wickedness and evil, holding fast unto righteousness and the fear of God. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, as a command from the presence of the Wise Commander.

=== END BH10457 ===

=== START BH10458 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes! Praise be to God, thou art adorned with the ornament of sincerity and art voicing the blessed Word of Unity. The most excellent of all deeds and actions is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Thou hast attained unto this. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and confirm thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee that which will gladden thee and exalt thee in all His worlds, whereby thine eyes and the eyes of His loved ones may be solaced. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Unique, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10458 ===

=== START BH10459 ===

He is the Hearing, the Answering One! O Rida! The Wronged One makes mention of thee - He Who hath chosen for Himself no will or purpose, but hath chosen the will of the Intended One and the purpose of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. When thou attainest unto the ocean of My utterance, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the revelations of the lights of the Dayspring of Thy Manifestation in the kingdom of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and fluent in Thy praise amidst Thy creatures. O my Lord! Deprive me not of Thy Sealed Wine, sealed by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. Then make me of those who have aided Thy Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10459 ===

=== START BH10460 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaketh before all faces! O Ramadan! The proof hath come, yet most of the people understand not. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the blood that was shed in the land of Ya, and by Him Whom Thou didst name the Mahdi in Thy Most Great Prison - who sacrificed himself in Thy path out of longing to attain Thy presence - and by the cry of Thy lovers and the lamentation of them that love Thee, to aid me to perform such deeds as shall diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance and good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10460 ===

=== START BH10461 ===

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! The clear Book hath been sent down; they have denied it. The fragrances of revelation were diffused; they turned away from them. They cling to their vain desires and are heedless of God. Such is the state of these heedless souls. They are ablaze with the fire of hatred and strive to extinguish the light of the Lord of all things. We beseech God to adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness that they may recognize this Day and what hath appeared therein. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Blindness a hundred thousand degrees worse than the former is better and more excellent, for the former was prevented from outward vision, but the latter is deprived of eternal knowledge. Blessed are they that attain!

=== END BH10461 ===

=== START BH10462 ===

His honor Aqa Siyyid Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God - He is the One Who speaks before all faces

O Siyyid Asadu'llah! We beseech God that He may aid thee to be steadfast in this Most Great Announcement and enable thee to achieve that which befits His days. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having sent down to me from the heaven of Thy utterance the signs of Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee by the Light that shone forth from the horizon of Sinai and by the Fire which Thou didst manifest from the Tree of Revelation, to make me firm in Thy love, steadfast in Thy Cause, and speaking in Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH10462 ===

=== START BH10464 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all names! O 'Ashur! The Mountain hath quivered within itself when it heard the Call of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The rapture of that Call hath seized the Lote-Tree of Sinai, which crieth out with the most exalted call: "The Lord hath come with manifest sovereignty!" Blessed be the ear that hath attained unto hearing, and woe betide every heedless one who is rejected. That which was hidden in knowledge and treasured with God, the King of Kings, hath been revealed. Blessed is he who hath turned, and heard, and responded, and woe betide every denier who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Thus hath the Tongue spoken, when the Wronged One was in His praiseworthy station.

=== END BH10464 ===

=== START BH10465 ===

O Abbas! The King of mankind today makes mention, with utmost joy and gladness, of the people of the Carpet. They were seven souls who, in the Land of Ya, ascended due to the oppression of the peerless oppressor and attained the most great martyrdom. Blessed art thou, O Abbas, in that God hath caused thee to be mentioned in connection with His Most Great Announcement and His firm Command. Thank

God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to turn towards Him when most of the servants turned away, and guided thee to His straight Path.

=== END BH10465 ===

=== START BH10466 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Ahad! We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, may be exalted. Say: O people of the earth! Sully not the chalice of divine knowledge. Fear ye the All-Merciful, then act according to what He hath revealed in the Book. Beware lest the ornaments of earth withhold you from Him Who is the Lord of the Cause, Who hath come from the dawning-place of the Spirit with power and sovereignty. O people of Baha! Turn ye with all your being unto God and arise to serve the Cause with such strength of heart and resolve as to shake the mountains. Thus hath the finger of certitude rent asunder the veils of idle fancy.

=== END BH10466 ===

=== START BH10467 ===

In My Name, the Speaker before the faces of the servants! O Abdul-Rasul! Verily the Truth speaks: The Day has come, yet the people are in manifest loss. They have cast behind their backs the Most Great Profit, clinging to the vain imaginings of their ignorant ones. Verily they are in grievous loss. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. He has turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and remembered thee with that which no mention of any discerning mystic or learned sage can equal. We have remembered Our loved ones in various Tablets, then him who attained My presence and was named Baha’i in My Luminous Tablet.

=== END BH10467 ===

=== START BH10468 ===

O ’Azizu’llah, verily I say unto thee: through the effulgences of the Luminary of divine utterance, the Desired One of all worlds, the universe hath been illumined, and through the Kawthar of the presence of the Lord of all possibility, all things have been purified and sanctified. Blessed be the ear that hath heard the divine call raised from the supreme horizon, and blessed be the eye that hath beheld the lights of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai. We beseech God to honor thee and adorn thee with the light of His special favors. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things.

=== END BH10468 ===

=== START BH10469 ===

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth!

O ’Ali-A?ghar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. He hath

remembered thee with that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. By God! The Book speaketh, yet the people are in a wondrous sleep. They hear the call, yet deny it. They are indeed of the people of the veil. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10469 ===

=== START BH10470 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

O ’Ali-Akbar! In this moment thy name was present before the Wronged One and was favored with the glance of loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. And We make mention in this Most Exalted Spot of My handmaiden who hath been named Gawhar Sultan. We beseech God to assist her in His remembrance and praise, and to ordain for her that which He hath ordained for the denizens of the highest Paradise. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon her and upon My handmaiden who hath been named ’Ata’iyyih and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10470 ===

=== START BH10471 ===

He is the Supporter, the All-Knowing! O ’Ali! The world is manifesting hypocrisy, except for those whom God has willed. Some souls have been prevented from the Luminary of the horizons - they cling to names while remaining deprived and forbidden from their Creator. We beseech God to illumine all with the light of true unity and sanctify them from all else besides Him. And we beseech God to ordain for the relatives of Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, that which is everlasting and eternal. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH10471 ===

=== START BH10472 ===

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

O ’Ali, upon thee be My glory! There hath come upon Us from him whom We sheltered for numbered years that which hath caused all things to lament and raised the crying of earth and heaven. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Commander, the All-Wise. We had mentioned thee before, and before before, through verses that diffused the fragrance of revelation and illumined the hearts of them that are nigh. Glory be from Us upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon them that are with thee, who heard the call and answered their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10472 ===

=== START BH10473 ===

In the Name of the One God! O ’Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Today, he who possesses insight is the one who hath turned towards the Most Great Horizon. Today the accepting and the rejecting appear in two forms. The accepting one saith: “My God, my God! Grant Thy servants a portion from the ocean of awareness, and deprive them not of the effulgent lights of the Luminary of vision. Thou didst desire reunion; the Wronged One too desireth it, but the smoke of heedless hearts hath become an obstacle, and the hatred of souls hath appeared as an impenetrable barrier. We beseech God to preserve thy reward like unto a treasure in His Kingdom. He is indeed the Preserver, the Powerful, the Mighty.”

=== END BH10473 ===

=== START BH10474 ===

O Ali before Akbar, Upon him be the Glory of God! In My Name, the Dominator over all names! The oppressor of the land of Ya has sought to extinguish the light and has committed that which none from the beginning of the world until now has ever perpetrated. I swear by the light of utterance that whatsoever he hath wrought hath been and is the cause of the exaltation of the blessed Word, despite himself and those who are with him and love him. The true glad-tidings are that the friends of God have intended to ascend and have sacrificed their lives in the path of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed art thou for this clear Book which hath been sent down unto thee.

=== END BH10474 ===

=== START BH10475 ===

O thou [Ayn-’Ali-Shah] or ’Ayn! The Eye of God which slumbers not hath turned unto thee - He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Behold the grace and mercy of God - verily they have encompassed the sincere ones. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the Mighty, the Loving. When the Truth came, the people turned away from it save those who clung to the cord of their Lord, Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. They who turned away have no portion in the Book. Leave them to their vain disputations and idle play until they meet that Day wherein their eyes shall be downcast, overwhelming them with abasement - that Day which they were promised.

=== END BH10475 ===

=== START BH10479 ===

O Ghulam, upon whom was conferred the name of “He Who is Dominant over all Names”: Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! Thou hast attained unto that which was revealed in the Books of God. Thou didst attain His presence and didst hear, and wert among those who stood before the gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and have made mention of thee in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH10479 ===

=== START BH10480 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

O Qasim, upon thee be My glory! Hibatu'llah, upon him be My glory, made mention of thee. We have made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God in His days and hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And We make mention of My handmaiden Fatimih and remind her of My verses and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. I am, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon her and upon My handmaiden Ridvaniyyih and upon those women who have heard the call and turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10480 ===

=== START BH10482 ===

O Mirza 'Abdu'l-Asad, O Pen of the Command! Make mention of him who hath been named 'Abdu'l-Asad, that he may rejoice in the days of his Lord and perceive the fragrance of the garment from this wondrous utterance. Verily the Bayan proclaimeth "The Desired One is come!" and the Furqan beareth witness to that which God hath testified in the Books of old. Yet the people remain in manifest remoteness. They behold the sun, yet deny it - nay, they are of the wrongdoers. They have wronged their own selves in the days of God and wronged those who hastened unto the Most Great Ocean when they discovered the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH10482 ===

=== START BH10483 ===

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O Muhsin! Upon thee be My glory! We have arisen this day speaking in remembrance of thee and in remembrance of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thou hast attained unto My Tablet, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have revealed that which lay hidden in knowledge and concealed behind the veil of light and sealed with the seal of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then make mention of My loved ones. We have remembered them aforetime and aided them to turn towards God on a day wherein most of the servants turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH10483 ===

=== START BH10484 ===

O Muhammad the Most Ancient and Most Great! O Muhammad! When the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of Hijaz, the people of metaphors objected to it. Among them were those who said "He hath

spoken falsely” and among them were those who said “He is a lying sorcerer.” Likewise did they speak when the Spirit came with spirit and fragrance. Whenever We desired to draw them near, they fled and said “This is naught but a man of doubt.” Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him, turning unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was in the hands of the wicked ones.”

=== END BH10484 ===

=== START BH10485 ===

O Muhammad-Ja’far (or Muhammad-Qibl-i-Ja’far) of Karbila! The Lord of mankind makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and commands thee to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, will be exalted. Act ye in such wise as will cause your mention to endure in the Book which none toucheth save such as are steadfast and firm. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee. Rejoice thou in this remembrance than which nothing that hath been created in the heavens or on earth can equal. Thus have I been bidden by God, the Ancient Commander. Blessed is he who hath read My verses and acted in accordance with that which hath been sent down from My mighty, My wise Pen.

=== END BH10485 ===

=== START BH10486 ===

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Rahim! Thou hast attained unto the Most Great Horizon and the favors of the Lord of Divine Decree. Know thou the worth of this most exalted station. We counsel thee with that which will cause the elevation of thy station. The world is transient - look not unto it, but rather unto Him Who created and manifested it. This Wronged One hath ever enjoined upon His servants that which is conducive to the appearance of divine bounty and blessing. The door of wealth is trustworthiness. We counsel all Our loved ones to observe it. Hold fast unto it, then know its station. Verily, the Wronged One is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy.

=== END BH10486 ===

=== START BH10487 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida, thou art remembered and thy name hath attained. God willing, through the loving-kindness of the Best Beloved of the world, thou shalt taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful in these days which are more delicate than spirit and more subtle than the spring breeze. How many among those who claimed to love attained this station for themselves, yet when the divine touchstone appeared, they remained deprived by a cry from the choice wine and forbidden by a scratch from the Supreme Pen. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cleave to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10487 ===

=== START BH10488 ===

O Maryam, handmaiden of God, upon her be the Glory of God! He is God. O Maryam! The Ancient King in the Most Great Prison proclaims: Today is the sovereign of days - know thou its worth and be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Goal of all worlds. The divine call hath so enraptured the mountains, yet the servants remain deprived thereof. The fragrances of revelation are diffused, yet all are forbidden from them save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. The handmaidens who have borne tribulations in the path of God - all are mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Court and have attained His special favors.

=== END BH10488 ===

=== START BH10489 ===

In the Name of Him Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance!

O Mashhadi Rida! The Lord of Names declareth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. And the Lord of Creation declareth: Glory be unto God, the Object of the mystics. And the Divine Lote-Tree proclaimeth: He Who conversed on Sinai hath come, speaking: Verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He whom ’Ali, who hath held fast to the cord of God, the Sure Handle, hath mentioned thee. We have commanded him to return that he may make mention of you and that those whom God hath related unto him may rejoice in meeting him. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed be they whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not deterred from drawing nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10489 ===

=== START BH10490 ===

In the Name of the Most Holy! O peoples of the earth! How long will ye prevent the Youth from making mention of His Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing? And how long will ye occupy yourselves with the world and its ornaments? Verily it is a passing shadow. Death shall soon overtake you, and it is a vigilant watcher that neither armies and hosts can repel, nor your might, O concourse of the obstinate! If ye are able, prevent then the winds of the All-Merciful from blowing; and when they blow, this Leaf moveth as it willeth. This is not of itself, but is from God, and all the hosts of earth cannot prevent that which He desireth, nor can the might of the oppressors.

=== END BH10490 ===

=== START BH10491 ===

I am seeing through the horizon of knowledge: O people of the earth! We desired the garden, and when We established Ourselves therein upon the throne, We heard it cry out and say: “O thrones of the world, rejoice ye, for the Beauty of the Ancient One hath been established upon me. Then give thanks unto my Lord, the Great, for this wondrous favor. This is a day wherein grace hath encompassed all religions, and the Divine Lott Tree hath called out from the Most Exalted Horizon: ‘Verily, there is none other God but

Him, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing.' Whoso hath turned and beheld, he hath attained unto this grace, and whoso hath turned away, he is accounted among the polytheists in My perspicuous Book."

=== END BH10491 ===

=== START BH10492 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

O Thou through Whose Name the world hath been honored! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to send down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness upon him who hath turned to Thee in the early days of Thy Cause a blessing from Thy presence. O my Lord! He is among those who attained Thy presence aforetime and recognized that which was uttered in Thy perspicuous Book. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Self to ordain for him every good thing that existed in Thy knowledge, then inscribe for him through Thy bounty and grace that which shall gladden his eyes. Verily Thou art the Generous Giver. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10492 ===

=== START BH10493 ===

In the Name of Him by Whom the fragrance of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, hath been wafted!

O thou who hast turned thy face unto Mine Own! My Pen remembereth thee at this moment. Blessed is the servant by whose name the tongue of My grandeur hath been moved, and blessed is he who hath turned towards God, the One, the All-Knowing. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people remain heedless. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path and revealed unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy names endure. Ordain for me that which is best for me. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of them that show mercy, and the Fulfiller of the needs of them that cleave fast unto Thee.

=== END BH10493 ===

=== START BH10496 ===

O Na?ir! The Greater Branch was present and made mention of thee. Praise be to God that for years thou hast dwelt beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, and this Wronged One hath been with thee in all conditions. We beseech God to open before thy face the portals of His bounty and bestowals, to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance, and to ordain for thee all the good that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon thy son ?abibu'llah. We beseech God to assist him to remember and praise Him, and to aid him in that which will draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Ever-Flowing, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH10496 ===

=== START BH10497 ===

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Nasru'llah! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn toward Thy horizon. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of Thy mercy, which have caused the cities of meaning and utterance to smile, to enable me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Mighty Book. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy power, awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in what he seeketh from the heaven of Thy mercy and the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10497 ===

=== START BH10498 ===

O Leaf among the Afnan, mother of `Aliyyih, who hath attained Our presence and achieved victory! He is the Witness, the All-Informed. O My leaf! I bear witness that thou didst leave thy homeland out of love for God, the Possessor of the Hidden and the Manifest, and didst turn toward the Dawning-Place of verses and the Rising-Point of clear proofs, and didst attain unto the presence of the Kaaba of God, the Lord of all the worlds. Praise be to God Who bestowed His grace and granted His confirmation, such that thou didst turn toward and enter into a place that hath been the point of circumambulation of the Concourse on High. Well is it with thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf and fruit of My divine Lote-Tree! We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of all His worlds. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10498 ===

=== START BH10499 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O my Leaf and Mother of Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and earths. Praise thou the Beloved of the world, that manifest stars from thee circle round the Sun and are engaged in service. Know thou this bounty to be great, and be thou vocal in thanksgiving to the Beloved of the worlds. Verily He is with His Afnan, and soon shall their stations be made manifest in the realm, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And glory be upon thee.

=== END BH10499 ===

=== START BH10500 ===

O Leaf, wife of the Afnan who has ascended to God, He Who is the Protector of all who are in earth and heaven! O my leaf and my handmaiden! The lamentation of your heart has influenced the regions and your wailing has saddened the dwellers of the pavilions. In all matters fix your gaze upon God and place your trust in Him. He is your Master and your Sovereign. Ask Him to ordain that which is beneficial for you and to make your days blessed. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH10500 ===

=== START BH10501 ===

O my Leaf, O Khadijih, daughter of His uncle, upon her be the Glory of God! In the name of the Goal of all the worlds. O my Leaf, O Khadijih! From the first days until now thou hast been adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth and hast been nourished by the choice wine of His utterance. Thy mention and thy service have ever been remembered before the Wronged One and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the Salsabil of His love and didst drink from the Kawthar of His grace. By the life of God! Thy mention is recorded in the most exalted Paradise. This is what My tongue hath testified to in My Most Great Prison.

=== END BH10501 ===

=== START BH10502 ===

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing! The Lord of the worlds remembers thee from the Most Great Prison. Be thankful unto God for this supreme favor. Blessed is he who hath drunk from the Kawthar of My love and tasted the sweetness of My utterance whereby the ocean of knowledge hath surged amongst the peoples. However, most of the people are among the heedless. They have cast the principles of God behind their backs and taken their own limitations. Verily they are among those who wander distracted. Be steadfast in the Cause and firm in the love of thy Lord in such wise that neither the allusions of the people nor the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of the worlds, shall cause thee to slip.

=== END BH10502 ===

=== START BH10503 ===

Here is my soul-consuming beloved! O Lord of all lovers! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst take from all Thy servants a covenant concerning Thyself in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, to cause me in all conditions to be immersed in the ocean of Thy love, speaking Thy praise, and turned toward the direction of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10503 ===

=== START BH10504 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Intended One! O Karbila'i Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God! The Joseph of God has been cast into the well of hatred. The darkness of heedlessness and ignorance hath encompassed the world and deprived all of their just reward from the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of His Cause, save whom God willeth. The clouds of tyranny have prevented the Sun of Justice from shining forth. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to the cord of loving-kindness and saved itself from the depths of heedlessness. Thus doth thy Lord counsel thee and mention unto thee what hath befallen Him at the hands of the hosts of the oppressors.

=== END BH10504 ===

=== START BH10505 ===

O my God! O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and reveal to them Thy Great Purpose. May they follow Thy Commandments and abide in Thy Law. Help them, O God, in their endeavor, and grant them strength to serve Thee. O God, leave them not to themselves, but guide their steps by the light of Knowledge, and cheer their hearts by Thy Love. Verily, Thou art their Helper and their Lord!

=== END BH10505 ===

=== START BH10506 ===

Already translated for the first paragraph. For the second paragraph in Persian:

He is the Supporter. The missive of Jinab-i-Karbila'i Isma'il Beg, upon him be the Glory of God, in the amount of twelve manats, was received by the servant through His Holiness the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, in the year 1304.

=== END BH10506 ===

=== START BH10507 ===

O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Deliver Thy loved ones from the prison of the enemies. Verily, Thou art the Sovereign of destiny and the Dawning-Place from the horizon of God's will. O Source of eternity! By the life of Glory, cut not off hope, but aid these souls. Thou rulest as Thou pleasest and in Thy grasp is the Kingdom of creation. The fangs have been sharpened for the flesh of the loved ones. Do Thou protect the companions, O Lord of necks and Ruler in the Return. Many a today has become yesterday. At any rate, wholly detached from all else, let them repeat these effulgent words nine times. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH10507 ===

=== START BH10508 ===

O thou promoter of the Cause! May all the Glory of the All-Glorious rest upon thee! In the name of Him Who kindles, moves, stirs, calms and encompasses all things!

O Dayspring of Revelation! The rapture of the verses hath seized thee in such wise as cannot be described in words, so that when I sit, it raiseth me up with such an uprising as the onslaught of the ungodly cannot quell. When I am silent, the All-Powerful causeth me to speak and biddeth me to cry out betwixt earth and heaven. When I sleep, my heart calleth me and addresseth me saying: "This is not the time for slumber. Arise to fulfill thy Lord's command, the Lord of all mankind." Say: O people! The Hour hath struck and the Rock hath cried out: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all men!" Think ye that the tyrants can prevent the Lord of all creation from that which He desireth? Nay, by His true Self! Should they bring all the armies of the earth, verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth what He desireth with a sovereignty that all who are in the realm of possibility are powerless to withstand.

At the time of revelation, it occurred to My servant who was present before the Throne as he wrote God's verses, that this Tablet was befitting for thy servant, the Friend, since its fire was kindled and its flames spread to all regions. We say: Were his warmth in the love of God to increase less than a whit beyond what it is, he would arise to make mention of God in such wise as would transcend wisdom, which We have enjoined in the Scriptures and Tablets. It behooveth the Friend to be tranquil, that he may hold fast to wisdom lest mischief arise. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book.

He saith in secret: "It behooveth the Friend to be set ablaze with the fire of God that the moist and frozen hearts may be set alight thereby, and that all in the regions may be illumined thereby." There is no disagreement between the servant and his Lord. He desired by the fire the warmth of the love of God for the enkindling of cities and lands, and We desired the light of God's manifestation that the hearts of all in creation might be illumined thereby. Blessed art thou, O My Name, in that thou hast fulfilled God's Covenant and drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God and found therefrom the fragrance of thy sincerity to God when the Dayspring of Revelation was in the hands of the ungodly. We answered thee with that which hath perfumed the musk of utterance throughout all creation. This is of My bounty unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Know thou that in these days there hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that which is the spirit of life for the body of the world and the cause of everlasting life for those who have turned unto God, the Lord of all men. It hath been named the Most Holy Book, and therein have been revealed the laws and whatsoever God hath sanctified from all directions. Blessed is he who readeth it and pondereth that which hath been revealed therein of the verses of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

Say: O people! Take ye hold of it with the hand of resignation, then observe it that ye may drink what floweth therein from the springs of the mercy of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. By My life! It hath been revealed in such wise as to stupefy minds and thoughts. It is the Most Great Testimony unto all mankind and the proof of the All-Merciful unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through it the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused and the breeze of God hath wafted. Blessed are they who are endued with understanding. Thus hath the sun of elucidation dawned from the horizon of utterance as a bounty from Us to those who have believed in God, the One, the Powerful, the Dominant, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O thou promoter of the Cause! Proclaim what We have revealed unto thee with wisdom.

Thus hath the breath of God wafted. Blessed are they who are endued with understanding! Thus hath the Sun of explanation dawned from the horizon of divine utterance as a token from Us to those who have believed in God, the One, the Powerful, the Overshadowing, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. O thou who conveyest the Message! Deliver what We have revealed unto thee with wisdom and utterance. Then glorify on behalf of the Wronged One My loved ones who are there, that they may give thanks unto God,

their Lord, and rejoice in this Remembrance which God hath made the Dawning-Place of all remembrance. Indeed, the glory of God rest upon thee and upon them at all times.

=== END BH10508 ===

=== START BH10509 ===

How long will ye, O concourse of divines, level the spears of hatred at the face of Baha? Rein in your pens. Lo, the Most Sublime Pen speaketh betwixt earth and heaven. Fear God, and follow not your desires which have altered the face of creation. Purify your ears that they may hearken unto the Voice of God. By God! It is even as fire that consumeth the veils, and as water that washeth the souls of all who are in the universe.

=== END BH10509 ===

=== START BH10510 ===

Already translated up to “All-Informed.” Here is the translation of the remainder:

Upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister be the glory of God and His mercy and His favors and His grace. We send Our greetings upon their faces and upon those who were with them in those days and who served and made mention of God. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. Thus hath the grace of God encompassed thee and them. He is verily the Mighty, the [Praiseworthy].

=== END BH10510 ===

=== START BH10511 ===

The Son of Greatness hath said that which is revealed from the heaven of Will in this Supreme Manifestation is to unite the people in love and friendship toward all. The people of Baha who have drunk the pure wine of reality must associate with all the world with a perfect spirit of joy and fragrance and remind them of that which is for the benefit of all. This is the commandment of the wronged one to his saints and sincere ones.

=== END BH10511 ===

=== START BH10512 ===

I swear by the one true God! This is the day of those who have detached themselves from all but Him, the day of those who have recognized His unity, the day whereon God createth, with the hands of His power, divine beings and imperishable essences, every one of whom will cast the world and all that is therein behind him, and will wax so steadfast in the Cause of God that every wise and understanding heart will marvel.

=== END BH10512 ===

=== START BH10513 ===

Vie ye with each other in the service of God and of His Cause. This is indeed what profiteth you in this world, and in that which is to come. Your Lord, the God of Mercy, is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Grieve not at the things ye witness in this day. The day shall come whereon the tongues of the nations will proclaim: 'The earth is God's, the Almighty, the Single, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing!'

=== END BH10513 ===

=== START BH10514 ===

He is the Mighty, the Most Glorious

O My sister! Hearken unto the call of thy brother at the time when He was afflicted at the hands of those who desired to put Him to death without any clear proof from His Lord, the Merciful, nor any manifest evidence. And there hath befallen Me that which cannot be expressed in words and at which the Eye of Grandeur and Majesty weepeth upon the throne of mighty glory. Thou, verily, grieve not at anything, but rather be thou submissive and bow down low, that thou mayest be numbered among the submissive ones upon the tablets of guarded glory.

=== END BH10514 ===

=== START BH10515 ===

In the Name of Him by Whom the foundations were shaken! When the Promise came to pass and the Promised One appeared, the hearts of those who disbelieved in God, the One, the Chosen, were thrown into commotion. How many a learned one pronounced judgment against the Intended One, and how many an illiterate one turned to Him and responded to the Lord of Lords! This is the Day which was adorned with His mention in the Books of God aforetime. Blessed is he who hath understood that which God intended from the beginning to the end. We have mentioned every name that appeared before Our face, as a token of grace from Us, and verily We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10515 ===

=== START BH10516 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Never-Ending! When the dust settles, the Divine Spring of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, shall come. Soon shall the Hand of Power rend asunder the bosom of this pitch darkness, and the Sun shall rise from its horizon nigh. When the winds of trials blow, be thou as an immovable mountain and an impregnable fortress. Purify thy heart from all allusions, that it may be illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names and Attributes. The days shall pass hereafter as they have passed heretofore. Therefore, seize the moment and hold fast to the Sure Handle. Verily, it shall protect thee from all the worlds.

=== END BH10516 ===

=== START BH10517 ===

O Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise! Your letter hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names in this Most Exalted Station, and We have answered thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks. We previously sent unto thee the Tablet of the Proof, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout creation. Exalted be God, the Sovereign, the Ancient Revealer! Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have attained unto the wine of steadfastness in My days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10517 ===

=== START BH10518 ===

He is the Guide, the All-Sufficient, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Generous

I beseech Thee, O my God, Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, to protect Thy male and female servants who have turned unto Thee from the schemes of every schemer, the oppression of every oppressor, and the fire of every idolater. Then ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the contingencies of creation cannot frustrate. Thou art, in truth, the Strong, the Powerful. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10518 ===

=== START BH10519 ===

Arise, O My son who hath loved Me! He is the One Who commandeth with wisdom and utterance. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the exaltation of Thy Most Sublime Word and the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to assist Thy party in that which beseemeth Thy Cause, O Sovereign of all names and Creator of the heavens! Then I implore Thee, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree of Thy Command and the light of Thy countenance, to ordain for him who hath clung to Thee and to Thy verses that whereby his station may be exalted in Thy dominion. Verily, Thou art the Powerful through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10519 ===

=== START BH10520 ===

In the Name of the One Friend

Praise be to God that thou hast attained recognition of His Being from the ocean of divine bounty and hast turned thyself to the true Ka'bah. After this most great attainment, all the friends must fix their gaze upon and act according to that which God hath commanded them in the Book. Supplicate and beseech the Truth, by day and by night, that He may cause all to remain steadfast in His Cause and enable them to act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. He, verily, is the Commander, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10520 ===

=== START BH10521 ===

Let His Honor H.S.Y., upon him be the Glory of God, observe:

He is the Most Glorious

O my God! Thou knowest that this servant is enkindled with the fire of Thy love, wandering in the wilderness of longing for Thee, attracted by the wondrous lights of Thy beauty, and speaking in remembrance of Thee. Therefore, cause him to ascend on wings of holiness to the kingdom of Thy verses, aid him with the confirmations of the unseen realm of Thy oneness, give him to drink from the cup of immortality offered by the hands of Thy sanctity, and bring him into the presence of the brilliant rays shining from Thy beauty. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10521 ===

=== START BH10522 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My God, my God! Make Thy protection my right hand and Thy safeguarding my left hand and Thy remembrance before me and Thy praise above my head. I beseech Thee by Thy signs which none but Thee can reckon, and by Thy mysteries which none but Thee can fathom, to assist Thy servants in that which befitteth Thy days. Then aid, O my God, him who hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto Thy cord and done that which Thou didst command him in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

=== END BH10522 ===

=== START BH10523 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My God, my God! I testify that these days are Thy days, wherein Thou hast opened the gates of Thy grace and mercy unto the faces of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by them who have borne Thy throne and who have arisen to serve Thy Cause in such wise that neither the tyrants of the age nor the Pharaohs of the land could deter them - O my Lord! ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for him who hath turned unto Thee the best of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Kind, the Mighty, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10523 ===

=== START BH10524 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom hath shone forth the Luminary of Divine Power! O my God, my God! I testify that Thou hast sent down the Proof and made manifest the Way, and hast clarified for Thy servants that which was hidden throughout all eternity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the End, by Thy Name, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, to protect Thy servants and handmaidens from the mischief of the

people of the Bayan who have denied the ocean of Thy grace after it surged before the faces of the world. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and by Thy Name doth move the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH10524 ===

=== START BH10525 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My God, my God! This servant acknowledgeth Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence, Thy power and Thy oneness, Thy uniqueness and Thy sovereignty, and beseecheth Thee by Thy binding decree and by Thy sealed choice wine to assist Thy handmaiden who hath turned toward Thy horizon and believed in Thee and in Thy signs on a day when the divines of Thy earth and the theologians of Thy lands have turned away. O Lord! Ordain for her that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy power. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10525 ===

=== START BH10526 ===

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

O my God, my God! Take not Thy servants to task for their grievous transgressions and their great sins. Adorn their heads with the crowns of justice and equity, and illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, O Thou Who art the Lord of the Kingdom of immortality and Who hast manifested Thyself through Thy Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. Thou art He Whose mercy and grace have preceded all else. Ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, and make them to know Thy path, Thy balance, Thy testimony and Thy proof. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He willeth through Thy word “Be” and it is. The Command is in Thy grasp and within Thy hold. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10526 ===

=== START BH10527 ===

He is the Mighty

O my God! Thou seest me in the serpent’s mouth, and witnessest how it stingeth me at every moment and instant. Wilt Thou not help me, O my God, after I have clung to the hem of Thy bounties? Wilt Thou not have mercy upon me, O my Beloved, after I have held fast to the robe of the glory of Thy favors and decrees? Therefore, O my God, do Thou help me through the sovereignty of Thy help, and preserve me from this affliction, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of creation, and Thou art knowing of all things.

=== END BH10527 ===

=== START BH10528 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

My God, my Master, my Support, my Beloved, and my Desire! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book which speaketh before the faces of the parties in the final return, such that no veil hindereth it and no cloud obscureth its light, to ordain for him who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy love that which shall make him steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy service. Then write for him that which shall solace his eyes and bring peace to his heart. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

=== END BH10528 ===

=== START BH10531 ===

In the Name of the Peerless, One God

Today both the light and the fire are manifest, and both the call of the All-Merciful and of Satan are raised. How lofty is the station of the one who hath fixed his gaze upon the Most Glorious Horizon and hath detached himself from all else but God. He is assuredly among the sincere ones in the perspicuous Book. Praise be to God that the glance of divine favor hath turned to thy letter and hath mentioned thee in this Most Glorious Remembrance. Know thou this and be not of the heedless ones.

=== END BH10531 ===

=== START BH10532 ===

He is the Helper

Today the True One, glorified be His majesty, is the Helper of creation, yet the people in their ignorance have arisen in rejection, expulsion, turning away and opposition. Verily He desires their life while they desire His death. Soon they shall find themselves in manifest error. We counsel all to patience, steadfastness and tranquility. He is the Commander and the Knowing One, and He is the Powerful and the Mighty. The glory be upon thee from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10532 ===

=== START BH10533 ===

In the name of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily God hath ordained for every matter an appointed time. When the promise cometh, that which hath been decreed in the kingdom of destiny shall be sent down to the people of creation. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Preserved Tablet. He shall fully recompense those who call upon Him morning and evening, at every daybreak and nightfall. There is no guardian except Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His word, and ordaineth what He desireth through His binding decree.

=== END BH10533 ===

=== START BH10534 ===

He is the Single, the One!

Verily the heaven of bounty desired to send thee a star from among the stars of mystical knowledge from the direction of its Name, the All-Merciful. When its light taketh hold of thee and its manifestation attracteth thee, rise from the horizon of the House and say: O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, the King of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that no might can frighten and no power can weaken and no veil can conceal and no clamor of them that have denied the Day of Judgment can silence. Thus have We adorned the crown of thy heart with the diadem of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10534 ===

=== START BH10535 ===

O Father of the one who circles round the countenance, Muhammad-Husayn - Allah is Most Great with exceeding greatness! O father of the emigrant! Hear the call of the King of Kings from the right-hand side from this Prison which We built by the hand of power for Our Own Self, the Truth, before the creation of the heavens and the earth - that there is no God but I, the Beloved, from a beginning that hath no beginning. Then he whom God brought forth from thy loins, verily he hath emigrated with God and is now circling round the mighty throne.

=== END BH10535 ===

=== START BH10536 ===

O My name, the A?daq!

Render thanks unto God that We called thee to appear before the Seat of Glory, to hear Us and to witness the Light of the Countenance of thy Lord, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Single, the Supreme; and We sent thee back to inform the people of what thou hast seen and understood, and to call them to the utmost constancy, lest their steps falter at the clamour of any corrupt pretender. O My name! Recall every day Our counsel to thee in Our Presence. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10536 ===

=== START BH10537 ===

O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou for having turned thy heart to the Qiblih of all horizons. Beware lest anything withhold thee from God, the Cleaver of daybreak. Remember thy Lord with joy and fragrance. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known One, and how many an ignorant one hath drawn nigh unto the Mighty, the Bestower! How many men have been veiled by vain imaginings, and how many women have rent asunder the veils! Verily the grace is in God’s hand - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH10537 ===

=== START BH10538 ===

He is the All-Knowing

O Ziya'u'llah! He sends His greetings to thy face from this manifest horizon. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds! Thou hast found a scribe more universal than anything and more nimble than a shadow. His pen ranges through the field of eloquence as if he were Quss ibn Sa'idah. His verse is more orderly than Europe's system, and his prose more resplendent than the Pleiades' necklace. Blessed is the scribe who occupies himself with the remembrance of the Lord of Names, morning and evening. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH10538 ===

=== START BH10539 ===

He is the All-Encompassing, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting

O Mahmud! The All-Desired One calls you from His Praiseworthy Station to God, the Mighty, the Loving. Whosoever has turned to Him has turned to God and attained the Kawthar of revelation from the hand of his Lord, the Kind. Reflect upon God's grace and mercy - verily He remembers you from the horizon of the prison, having found from you the fragrance of His cherished love. Remember Him at all times, turning away from those who have turned away from His extended path.

=== END BH10539 ===

=== START BH10540 ===

O Mustafa in Medina! He is the Mighty. O Mustafa! Bear witness within thyself that verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! The Fire hath returned in the Tree and speaketh forth: 'I am, verily, God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Well-Beloved.' Be thou steadfast then in thy love and be not of them who in God's Covenant remain not firm. Say: By God! He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts conceal.

=== END BH10540 ===

=== START BH10541 ===

O Mihdi! Be thou assured that there is none other God but Him. His are Creation and Command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Then I counsel thee to walk in My ways and be not of the heedless. Therefore render thanks unto God, thy Lord, for what We have mentioned thee in a glorious Tablet. Then convey My greetings unto all who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who have been patient.

=== END BH10541 ===

=== START BH10543 ===

O Aqa Muhsin! We make mention of him who has been named Muhsin, that he may inhale the sweet fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be among those who are firmly established. How many a strong one has turned away from the Cause, and how many a weak one has hastened unto God - a command from Him. Verily He is the Helper of every one who turns toward Him and is steadfast. Blessed is he who has testified to that which God has testified, and woe unto every distant barking one who has heard and denied this bounty that has encompassed the heavens and the earths. Thus has the Pen spoken in the Most Great Prison, that every seeing hearer may rejoice.

=== END BH10543 ===

=== START BH10544 ===

O Aqa Musa! We make mention of him who was named Musa and We bid him to that which We have bidden those servants who have turned towards this glorious station. Behold and remember when the Interlocutor came with clear signs, every remote scholar turned away from Him. Then remember when the Spirit came with proof from His Lord, the divines opposed Him until they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused every seeing mystic to lament. Be thou thankful unto God for having aided thee and made known unto thee that which was hidden from creation. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10544 ===

=== START BH10545 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

Thou art the one whom We caused to hear, in the earliest days, the rustling of My Divine Lote-Tree, and the murmuring of the Kawthar of Mine utterance, and the scratching of My Pen, and the warbling of the Bird of My loving-kindness that hath preceded all worlds. Arise and proclaim with wisdom: O concourse of contingent beings! The All-Merciful hath come with proof and evidence, in such wise that neither the clash of the swords of enemies, nor the neighing of the steeds of the mighty ones, nor the croaking of the divines can deter Him. He speaketh and declareth before the face of the world: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10545 ===

=== START BH10546 ===

In the Name of the One All-Knowing God! May you ever drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibilities. Whosoever has drunk from that Kawthar through the name of God, the grace of God, and the confirmation of God - the troubles of this transient world shall not prevent him from eternal stations, nor shall the sorrows of this realm hold him back from the remembrance of the Ancient King. The glory be upon you and upon those with you. Convey My greetings to the faces of those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10546 ===

=== START BH10547 ===

O Abu'l-Qasim! In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! May you ever abide, now and always, secure and at rest beneath the sheltering shadow of the peerless King's loving-kindness. The Most Exalted Pen is occupied, by day and by night, with the remembrance of His loved ones. We beseech God that He may cause all to be set ablaze with the fire of His knowledge and enable them to serve His Cause. This is the Day for pure deeds. How blessed is the state of one whose deeds and character become the cause of guidance for heedless souls. The glory of God rest upon you.

=== END BH10547 ===

=== START BH10548 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the World! O handmaiden of God! Your call was heard and your letter attained unto the presence of the Throne. Be thankful unto your Lord for this manifest bounty. Today it is incumbent upon all to act according to the divine ordinances and to remain oriented toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The most exalted station belongeth to the one who heareth the divine call with the ear of the soul. Such a one, in life and in death, circleth round about. This is the most great bounty and the supreme favor. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and is of those who are certain.

=== END BH10548 ===

=== START BH10549 ===

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker! O people of Za! The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto those souls who in that land attained unto the most great martyrdom. By the Sun of the Bayan! The fragrance of the garment of the love of the All-Merciful hath been and still is diffused from that land. Blessed are they who have attained unto the presence of the martyrs of that land and who have sought to serve them. Hear ye the voice of the Wronged One, know ye your stations, and preserve them through His Name. The glory be upon you!

=== END BH10549 ===

=== START BH10550 ===

He is God! O servant of God! The gaze of God hath been upon thee, for until He gazeth upon one, none would gaze upon Him. His gaze hath preceded all the worlds, even as His mercy hath preceded and shall ever precede them. His remembrance of His servants hath ever preceded their remembrance of Him, yet not every ear heareth His remembrance, nor doth every heart perceive it. Beseech God that thou mayest not be debarred from His remembrance nor deprived of the fragrances of His days.

=== END BH10550 ===

=== START BH10551 ===

O Ancient and Most Great One! O servant of the Friend! Hearken with the ear of thy spirit to the call of the Friend. As long as thou art turned to Him, His eye is ever upon thee. The bodies of them that have

turned to Us are even as gold among other bodies. Were He not looking upon thee, thou wouldst not be speaking His praise. He beholdeth thee and proclaimeth thy mention, even as He hath revealed and sent down this most impregnable Tablet in thy name from within the Most Great Prison amidst the oppressors. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this bounty and for being numbered among them that have turned unto Him.

=== END BH10551 ===

=== START BH10553 ===

In My Name, the Mighty

O Zahra! The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned, and the showers of mercy are falling, and in all times doth the tongue of the All-Merciful counsel the servants and handmaidens of the earth to that which bringeth salvation and deliverance. Yet few are found who hear and act upon it. All must supplicate the exalted Lord for confirmation that perchance they may arise to make good what hath been lost. Verily He is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous, and praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10553 ===

=== START BH10554 ===

O Siyyid Mahdi! O ye who soar in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful! Be not veiled by the recorded words from the Beauty of Oneness, for all the divine knowledge and heavenly wisdom of which people today are proud have issued from and return to the Primal Point, and that Point came into being through the effect of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Therefore it is not befitting that people become proud of that which is recorded and remain deprived on the Most Great Day. Strive that perchance through divine assistance ye may attain unto the ocean of inner meanings.

=== END BH10554 ===

=== START BH10555 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

O ’Askar! The Supreme Pen beareth witness that thou art among those who have believed and attained. Be thou thankful and be of them that render thanks. Thou didst migrate to attain the presence of God and didst achieve the meeting with the Beloved, and yet again thou didst enter the Most Great Prison with the Ancient Beauty. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that thou didst attain unto the root of all good. Beseech thou God that thou mayest circle round Him in all the worlds. Take thou this station and leave all else to whomsoever desireth it.

=== END BH10555 ===

=== START BH10556 ===

O Seyyed Mahmud! The Divine Educator has educated all through His name “the Educator of the World.” Through the tongue of His own Manifestations He has given the glad-tidings of the appearance of the Most Great Name to all who are in the world. Yet when the divine light dawned from the horizon of oneness, all remained occupied with their own desires and remote from Him, save those souls who quaffed the wine of inner meanings from the hand of divine bounty. We bear witness that they are indeed the triumphant ones. God willing, drink ye of the wine of steadfastness and be ye mindful of the Dawning-Place of loving-kindness.

=== END BH10556 ===

=== START BH10558 ===

His other brother is ’Abdu’l-Husayn. He is a witness and testimony that what was concealed in the eternity of eternities is now manifest. Nevertheless, the people of earth remain deprived of this most great bounty, for which no likeness or parallel can be observed, save those souls who have transcended all contingent beings and fix their gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who has sought the Intended One with his heart, and he whose tongue has spoken His remembrance, and he whose eyes have beheld His signs, and he whose ears have heard His most sweet call from His most exalted horizon. Blessed are they who have attained.

=== END BH10558 ===

=== START BH10559 ===

He is God! That which was inscribed has become manifest, and that which was concealed has become renowned. Praise be to God that He has caused the fruits of the trees of oneness to be encompassed within a single fruit and to appear from a single tree. Blessed are those who are in the heavens and on earth, for through divine bounty and through the grace and generosity of the eternal Sovereign, these servants have attained to that which was the hope of His chosen ones, and these companions have been honored with that which was the desire of His sincere ones.

=== END BH10559 ===

=== START BH10560 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The ocean of meanings hath, in most times, out of pure bounty and grace, sprinkled its drops upon that honored one, and Tablets sublime and wondrous have been specifically revealed. And this is a bounty that shall abide with you throughout all worlds. Counsel the servants there, on My behalf, to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of the people of insight have been sorely troubled. And the glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath remembered God with the tongue of His loved ones and seekers. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

=== END BH10560 ===

=== START BH10562 ===

He is the Mighty

A description of the state of trees speaking: Heat from the fire of their condition is manifest from the tree today. The horizons of the hearts of the friends are illumined by the lights of the Luminary of Manifestation and are set ablaze by the heat of divine love. The light is radiating, the fire is visible, power is manifest, might is resplendent. By the life of God, the rending of the veils of names and their splitting appears greater to the eye than the splitting of the moon. I swear by the lights of the Face, in this Revelation the splitting of the sun is visible, were you to know.

=== END BH10562 ===

=== START BH10563 ===

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He is the Mighty, the Beloved! All have been created for the divine meeting, and all have had and have their share of this most exalted station. However, the veils of the people have become an obstacle between the Generous Outpourer and His loved ones. This pertains to the outward realm; in the inward realm, whosoever hath acted according to the divine commandments and held fast to the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the holy Kingdom, is reckoned before God as one of the people of the divine presence.

=== END BH10563 ===

=== START BH10564 ===

In the Name of the One Incomparable Speaker!

The exalted Truth hath testified to the greatness of this glorious Day and the majesty of the Cause, yet none hath comprehended the purpose of the utterance of the All-Merciful nor discovered the greatness of the Day of God. They hear but understand not, they see but remain heedless. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Divine Word which is this most sublime Tablet. Beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, that He may keep thee steadfast and not deprive thee of the reward of this most exalted, most holy Day.

=== END BH10564 ===

=== START BH10565 ===

He is God! Praise be to God that thou hast ascended unto the heaven of sanctification and drunk from the Salsabil of holy spirituality. Yet the winds of discord are blowing - the breezes of the All-Merciful wafting from one direction while the odor of Satan passeth from another. My Beloved hath forewarned that all would turn away from the direction of the All-Merciful and become immersed in the sea of self. Indeed today the sea is turbulent and the waves are mounting higher - until such time as some soul, through the aid of the Most Great Heaven, shall pass safely across that sea.

=== END BH10565 ===

=== START BH10566 ===

He is God! Praise God that thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of His love and hast been awakened from the slumber of heedlessness by the breeze of His grace. Strive then, lest satanic manifestations steal away this divine subtlety, for thieves lie in wait for every precious pearl, and highway robbers lurk in ambush for the caravan of the Merciful One's Yemen. Beseech God that the trust of His love may remain secure from the thieves of days in the treasury of the heart.

=== END BH10566 ===

=== START BH10567 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that ye have attained unto His recognition and turned towards the horizon of His Cause. Know ye the value of this bounty and be ye engaged at all times in His mention and praise. Your call was heard purely through His grace, and an answer was revealed from the horizon of the Prison, that ye might inhale from its words the fragrance of the divine Raiment and remain steadfast in His Cause. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10567 ===

=== START BH10568 ===

He is God! In times when the winds of tests and trials are blowing, the lovers of the Countenance of the All-Merciful must remain completely assured, settled upon the couch of certitude. Otherwise, in days of glory when the breezes of divine power are passing by, all have claimed and will claim to love the Beauty of the All-Glorious. But that claim depends upon another test, for it is not known whether the cause was outward circumstances or the Divine Spirit itself. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH10568 ===

=== START BH10569 ===

He is the One to be obeyed in all conditions! O dervish! The festival befits Me not. Indeed, anxiety is My gladness and grief is My delight and tribulation is My festival and the prison is My paradise and the well is My vista and suffering is My companion. Thus do We perceive for Our Self in these days. And since the matter is thus, what shall We say regarding your affair and how shall We judge for you? We are God's and unto Him shall we return. Be patient even as We were patient. Perchance God will bring about a matter from His presence. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10569 ===

=== START BH10570 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn! God is He! Mention has been made of the grievous days in the Tablet of Steadfastness. The Truth has informed all in wondrous and sublime Tablets of the great tribulation, that perchance the people might not be perturbed when it comes to pass, and might not be debarred from the path of the All-Merciful. Nevertheless, some souls, when the winds of trials blew, returned to the

nethermost depths and turned away from the realm of divine oneness, save those who gaze with the eye of the All-Merciful and drink from the Kawthar of assurance. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH10570 ===

=== START BH10571 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Perspicuous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath been named ’Abdu’l-Ahad, that he may rejoice and be of them that are steadfast. Then know thou that thy call hath won My hearing in My Most Great Prison, when sorrows had encompassed Me through that which the hands of such as We commanded to fear God had wrought, yet they were of them that slumber. Verily they who have attained on this day are assuredly among the dwellers of Paradise in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks that thy letter hath been presented and there hath been sent down for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the worlds.

=== END BH10571 ===

=== START BH10572 ===

He Who is the Afnan, Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious! This is a mention from Us to one who has attained the lights of the Countenance when the Light was shining from the Most Exalted Horizon and the Tree was proclaiming: “There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful.” Blessed art thou for having been the recipient of the gaze of the Ancient Being and for having this Clear Tablet revealed for thee. Know thou its station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those with thee, and upon all who are firm, steadfast and upright.

=== END BH10572 ===

=== START BH10573 ===

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful. Thy mention hath reached the Seat of Mention, and thy lamentation and ardor in the love of the Beloved of the worlds hath been heard. Say: O my God! Ordain for me, through Thy sovereignty and power, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Then aid me to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thus hath the light shone forth from the horizon of Thy Tablet through that which hath been honored by the words of Thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou, and thy wife, and thy son, inasmuch as ye have been honored by the mention of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10573 ===

=== START BH10574 ===

He is the Most Holy

The mercy of the All-Merciful upon every community that has believed in the All-Merciful, in whose heart has been kindled the love of the All-Merciful, whose tongue has spoken in praise of the All-Merciful, who has turned away from Satan and turned toward the All-Merciful, and has sold both paradise and all that is ordained in the gardens of paradise for the love of…

And verily thou, O handmaiden of the All-Merciful, blessed art thou for having turned toward the All-Merciful. Beware lest thou… from praising the All-Merciful. Then detach thyself from all else save the All-Merciful.

=== END BH10574 ===

=== START BH10575 ===

In His Name, the One Who is Supreme over the world! The sprinklings of the Ancient Ocean have trickled forth from the Fountain of the Pen of the Lord of nations in the form of these words: Thy mention was mentioned before the Throne and thy letter was observed. God willing, thou wilt ever drink from the ocean of divine bounty and attain unto His remembrance which is, in truth, the immortal wine of the eternal realm. God willing, thou wilt be assisted in that which is, in the sight of God, among the most mighty of all affairs - and that is His remembrance amongst His servants and the propagation of His wise and unalterable Cause.

=== END BH10575 ===

=== START BH10576 ===

He is the Manifest One, standing before the faces of the world

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Attributes

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name, through which the ocean of bounty surged and the fragrance of eternity wafted, to assist Thy servant Rida in that which Thou lovest and approvest. He is the one who, O my God, hath taken shelter beneath the canopy of Thy glory, entered the prison by Thy command and departed by Thy leave. Ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere servants. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH10576 ===

=== START BH10577 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by the pearls of knowledge that were hidden in the treasuries of Thine infallibility, and by the dominion of Thy Pen of destiny, to aid him whom Thou hast exalted among Thy servants and made a ruler and commander over Thy creation to manifest that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Assist His Excellency the

Governor to execute Thy commandments with justice and fairness, and ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all mankind and the Creator of earth and heaven.

=== END BH10577 ===

=== START BH10578 ===

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Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! I entreat Thee by Thy Name through which the Hour hath struck, and the Resurrection came to pass, and fear and trembling seized all that are in heaven and all that are on earth, to rain down, out of the heaven of Thy mercy and the clouds of Thy tender compassion, what will gladden the hearts of Thy servants, who have turned towards Thee and helped Thy Cause.

Keep safe Thy servants and Thy handmaidens, O my Lord, from the darts of idle fancy and vain imaginings, and give them from the hands of Thy grace a draught of the soft-flowing waters of Thy knowledge.

Thou, truly, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10578 ===

=== START BH10579 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Pen through which Thou didst give life to all worlds, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst create the heavens and the earths, to aid those who have turned unto Thee and have entered the stronghold of Thy Cause, detached from all who dwell on earth. O Lord! The men are Thy servants and the women are Thy handmaidens, and all else besides them are Thy creation and within the grasp of Thy power. Protect them through Thy grace, then grant them the blessing of meeting Thee, and ordain for them that which shall profit them in this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH10579 ===

=== START BH10580 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify that the ocean of Thy mercy hath surged before the faces of Thy servants, and the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by that which is within Thy knowledge, which none hath known except Thyself, and by the winds through whose rushing sound Thy remembrance and praise are heard, to assist Thy servant who

hath cast away all else save Thee, turning toward the horizon of Thy bestowals. Then ordain for him every good thing which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10580 ===

=== START BH10581 ===

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord my God! We have observed the Fast in conformity with Thy bidding and break it now through Thy love and Thy good-pleasure. Deign to accept, O my God, the deeds that we have performed in Thy path wholly for the sake of Thy beauty with our faces set towards Thy Cause, free from aught else but Thee. Bestow, then, Thy forgiveness upon us, upon our forefathers, and upon all such as have believed in Thee and in Thy mighty signs in this most great, this most glorious Revelation. Potent art Thou to do what Thou choosest. Thou art, verily, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

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=== END BH10581 ===

=== START BH10583 ===

O Ibrahim! The All-Glorious! God, there is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is the Most Glorious! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy loved ones through Thy power and sovereignty, lest those on earth strike fear into them. Then cause them, O my God, to shine forth from the horizon of Thy greatness and to rise from the dayspring of Thy might, that the intimations of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs may not hinder them. Then aid them, O my God, to assist Thy Cause in Thy realm and to make mention of Thee among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH10583 ===

=== START BH10584 ===

He is the Mighty! Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things and whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven, to send down upon this handmaiden of Thine from the kingdom of Thy power that which beseemeth Thy bounty and Thy grace. O Lord! Thou seest her clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity. Ordain for her every good recorded in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH10584 ===

=== START BH10585 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Master, my Sovereign, my Lord, my Support and my Hope! I beseech Thee, by the waves of the ocean of Thy oneness from which Thy mention and praise can be heard, to open before the faces of those who seek Thee the gates of meeting with Thee. Then grant them, O my

God, the water of life of attaining Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10585 ===

=== START BH10586 ===

He is the Most Manifest, the Most Pure, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Master of the nations and Quickener of moldering bones and King of eternity! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to lead all souls, even if by chains, unto the path of Thy good-pleasure. O my God, they are a people who comprehend not and know not what is best for them, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Then establish, O my God, the hearts of Thy loved ones upon the path which hath been raised up through Thy glorious and most glorious Name. Verily Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH10586 ===

=== START BH10587 ===

For that prayer that was attributed to Abu Basir, upon him be the glory of God, the Mighty, the Powerful:

He is the Most High! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to clothe all created things with the robe of forgiveness, and adorn their temples, O my God, with the garments of mercy and loving-kindness. O Lord! They are weak and Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. They are poor and Thou art the Ancient of Days, the All-Possessing. O Lord! Draw every heart unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and every eye unto the horizon of Thy grace. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10587 ===

=== START BH10588 ===

He is the All-Glorious.

Praise be to Thee, O my God! Thou didst call me, and I answered Thee. Thou didst summon me, and I hastened unto Thee, entering beneath the shade of Thy mercy and seeking shelter at the threshold of the door of Thy grace. Thou hast nurtured me, O Lord, through Thy providence, chosen me for Thee alone, created me for Thy service, and appointed me to stand before Thee. I beseech Thee, by Thine all-glorious Name and by Thy beauty that hath dawned above the horizon of Thy most exalted Essence, to cause me to be related to Thee even as Thou hadst done so aforetime, and not to separate me from Thyself. Cause then to appear from me, O my God, that which is worthy of Thee. Thou art, in truth, powerful over all things.

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=== END BH10588 ===

=== START BH10589 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having aided Thy loved ones to do what is right and to fulfill what Thou hast commanded them in Thy perspicuous Book. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, through which the heavens and earth were illumined, to ordain for them that which shall prosper them at every moment. Verily, Thou art the Revealer of the Word and the Manifestation of Religions. O Lord! Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy a blessing from Thee. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

=== END BH10589 ===

=== START BH10591 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Creator of names and Fashioner of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through whose grief the dwellers of Thy most exalted Paradise did lament, to cause Thy handmaidens to drink from the Salsabil of Thy remembrance and the Kawthar of Thy love. Then make them, O my God, bearers of glad tidings in Thy days, celebrators of Thy praise, preserved from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth, circumambulating around Thy Will, and turned toward the Dawning-Place of Thy Purpose and the Dayspring of Thy Decree. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Sovereign.

=== END BH10591 ===

=== START BH10592 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling above all names! Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the heavens and All-Compelling over all things! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries within the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and by the Word which Thou hast made to be a trust in the breasts of the sincere ones among Thy creation and the unified ones among Thy servants, that Thou protect Thy handmaidens from the evil of the people of the Bayan who have girded up their loins to lead Thy creation astray. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty. The ranks of the world cannot prevent Thee, nor can the power of the nations render Thee powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

=== END BH10592 ===

=== START BH10593 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the Kingdom and Ruler of the Realm of Might! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy glory and Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby the hearts of all humanity were attracted, and by the Fire which Thou didst kindle in the Tree of Knowledge and in the hearts of Thy loved ones, to ordain for Thy chosen ones the presence before Thy face, and to decree for whoever hath turned unto Thee the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Creator of heaven and within Thy grasp are the reins of the Kingdom of Names.

=== END BH10593 ===

=== START BH10594 ===

He Who speaketh in the prison: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by this Day wherein the earth hath been illumined by the light of Thy countenance and the heaven by the splendor of Thy manifestation, to send down from the heaven of Thy decree that which will adorn the people of Thy kingdom with the ornament of Thy justice and sanctify them from whatsoever beseemeth not Thee and Thy days. O my Lord! Ordain for me and for all who have turned unto Thee the good of all the worlds that are Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10594 ===

=== START BH10595 ===

He is the Ruler by Right!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne and earth! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the trumpet was sounded and the dwellers of the graves arose, and through which Beauty was made manifest and the mountains were set in motion, to grant me the Kawthar of bounty from the hands of Thy favors and the choice wine of steadfastness through Thy grace and sovereignty. O my Lord! Assist me to serve Thy Cause and to arise for that whereby Thy Name may be exalted. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10595 ===

=== START BH10596 ===

O Leaf, daughter of the King of Martyrs! Upon you and those with you be the Glory of God. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Speaking. The Divine Lote Tree calls out: “O My Leaf, O My Leaf!” The Lord exclaims: “O My handmaiden, O My handmaiden!” The Supreme Pen chants: “O My Letter, O My Letter!” O Leaf, the Speaker of Sinai utters these words and makes mention of you. Can all the treasures of earth equal this? Nay, by My forgiving, generous Self! Therefore be thankful and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the mystics and Goal of all the worlds!”

=== END BH10596 ===

=== START BH10597 ===

He is the Ever-Living

The envoys in the wilderness of separation and forgetfulness, and the strangers in the desert of abasement and silence, in the land of exile and utmost humiliation, are mindful of their gratitude to the Eternal Lord and the Peerless Sovereign, and with this wondrous remembrance and exalted word they warble: Should the arrow of tribulation come, behold our souls are its target; yet through divine grace this abasement is the glory of all glory, and this poverty the sovereign of all wealth. Such is God's bounty which He bestoweth on whomsoever He willeth.

=== END BH10597 ===

=== START BH10598 ===

The Supreme, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. The Glory bears witness, between earth and heaven, to the Lord of Names, even as the Lord of Eternity has borne witness to the Self of Glory, that verily He is my sovereignty in my realms, and the dominion of my power in my kingdom, and the heaven of my bounties to my creation, and my call unto all who are endowed with ears, and my beauty unto all who are endowed with sight, and my essence unto all who are possessed of understanding. By my life! Through Him were opened the roses of inner meanings in the paradise of true knowledge, and the Utterance spoke forth throughout all creation: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10598 ===

=== START BH10599 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

The Most Exalted Pen testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the sovereignty and dominion, the grandeur and the power. He taketh and giveth. Within His grasp lieth the kingdom of all things. He, verily, is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned unto Him at a time when every learned one hath turned away from God. Thus doth God make mention of whomsoever He willeth among His handmaidens. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH10599 ===

=== START BH10601 ===

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Dayspring of My Cause amidst My servants and the Orient of My Revelation unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Whoso hath believed in Him hath believed in Mine own Self and hath arisen to mention Me and to aid My Cause. And whoso hath turned away from Him hath been among them that turned away from Me in the eternity of eternities. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the Pen of

My decree in a Tablet whereof none hath been apprised save My knowledge which hath encompassed both worlds.

=== END BH10601 ===

=== START BH10602 ===

In His Name, Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance! God testifies that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is verily the Most Straight Path amidst all nations, and the Balance of Guidance unto all creatures, and the Sign of Grandeur unto all who are in the heavens and earths. Through Him the divine fragrances wafted and the breeze passed by and the sovereignty of God was made manifest in all else than Him. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto the Purpose and recognized the Promised One, and whoso turneth away is indeed of the most abject of the Jews in My wondrous Tablet.

=== END BH10602 ===

=== START BH10603 ===

O Ali-Akbar-i-Banna! He is established upon the Throne. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who calleth out is verily the Ocean of Grace and the Heaven of Justice. He is indeed the One Who hath arisen at the midmost heart of the world and summoned all beings by His Most Great Name in such wise that all the tribes of the earth were stirred up. Behold Him, O people of possibility, with illumined eyes, then turn toward Him with pure hearts, that ye may recognize the Dawning-Place of Power and the Treasury of Might that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10603 ===

=== START BH10604 ===

In the Name of Him Who holds sway over the world! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the One mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day whereon all things proclaim: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Hold fast unto the Book of God, then act according to that which is contained therein. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have witnessed thy devotion and have made mention of thee in words that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. When thou attainest unto them, render thanks unto thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Peerless.

=== END BH10604 ===

=== START BH10605 ===

He is the Mighty One

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that the Ancient Beauty Who hath come in the name of 'Ali is the Truth of Truth upon Truth, and we are all His worshippers, and unto Him boweth down in adoration whatsoever is in the heavens and on earth, and all are prostrate before Him. Say: O people!

This is the servant of God and His bondsman, then His proof and His glory. Fear ye God and ascribe no partners unto Him. Thus doth God counsel you, if ye be of them that hearken.

=== END BH10605 ===

=== START BH10606 ===

O Hassan, among the people of the Most Glorious Sultan! God - there is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is the Most Compassionate. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable! God beareth witness that there is none other God but He. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life. Verily He is the One Who gazeth from the Most Exalted Horizon and speaketh from the Most Glorious Tongue that I am, verily, the One Who is worshipped in the last and in the first, and the people have not prevented Him from that which was ordained by God, the Creator of Names and the Fashioner of earth and heaven.

=== END BH10606 ===

=== START BH10607 ===

He is the Mighty!

The Wronged One testifieth to God's unity and oneness, to His might and grandeur and sovereignty. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Within His grasp is the reins of all affairs. He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Loving. We beseech Him at this hour to ordain for His loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Him and exalt them through His name, and send down upon them a blessing from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10607 ===

=== START BH10608 ===

O Khatun, handmaiden of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! The Wronged One beareth witness in the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is indeed the One promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that He was one in His essence and one in His dominion, He Who hath conquered the world. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou that thy mention hath been honored by God's hearing, and that this Clear Book hath been revealed unto thee - a Book that speaketh of God's grandeur and His sovereignty, and guideth mankind unto His straight Path.

=== END BH10608 ===

=== START BH10609 ===

O Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy acceptance and thy turning unto Him and thy arising to serve the Cause when those who were expected to seek His release from God, the Mighty, the Great, turned away

from it. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath heard thy mention and found fellowship with thee and perceived from thee the fragrance of My wondrous love. Remind My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon him who hath taken the cup of the Choice Wine in the name of his Lord, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10609 ===

=== START BH10610 ===

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou, O Afnan, Mirza ’Ali, upon whom be all the most glorious and resplendent glory, hast turned unto God, the Lord of all beings, and hast attained the lights of the meeting with Him, and hast drunk from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of reunion. Blessed art thou for having turned and hastened until thou didst enter the Most Great Scene and didst hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We send Our glorification upon thy face and upon My Afnan who have partaken of My choice sealed wine from the hands of grace.

=== END BH10610 ===

=== START BH10611 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

Blessed is the one whose pinnacle of recognition has been adorned with the crown of steadfastness. By the life of God! That crown illumines the people of heaven and shineth bright like the morning star. God willing, may all attain unto this most exalted station and this supreme rank. At all times thou shouldst be thankful unto the Divine Truth that He hath aided thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and enabled thee to recognize the Dayspring of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His verses. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful and verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10611 ===

=== START BH10612 ===

In the Name of the Kind Friend! Thy petition hath been made mention of in the Most Holy Court, and the Supreme Pen, in this most glorious and most exalted station, maketh mention of thee. This is a station whereof the pens of the world and the tongues of the children of men are powerless to make mention. The Point of the Bayan hath said: The whole world existeth that it might attain unto but one word of His exalted utterances. Now thou hast attained unto a Tablet - know thou this and be of them that render thanks. Verily, praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10612 ===

=== START BH10613 ===

In the name of the peerless one God! Thy petition was presented before the Most Great Horizon and the eye of mercy was directed towards it. Be not grieved at separation and remoteness, for this is the Most Great Day of joy wherein sorrow is not permitted. Hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Blessed is the soul that ariseth today with complete sincerity and becometh adorned with that which guideth mankind and speaketh thereof. Thus have We adorned the head of thy letter with the crown of utterance. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones.

=== END BH10613 ===

=== START BH10614 ===

He is God, exalted be He! Upon thee, O thou who hast turned thy face unto God, be the glory of thy Lord, the Most Glorious! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast drunk from the fountain of reunion from the hands of bounty, and from the Kawthar of immortality through the grace of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. I beseech God to nourish thee at all times with the fruits of the tree of generosity and beneficence, and to aid thee throughout all days to remember and praise Him amidst mankind. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There is no God but Him, the Self-Subsisting, the Single, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10614 ===

=== START BH10615 ===

He is the Witnessed One, the Manifest, the Most Glorious

Look thou to the heaven that thou mayest witness the beauty of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, and be of them that are well-assured. Written by the Finger of God, say: This is the Hidden One, and whoso affirmeth aught beside Him hath indeed joined partners with God, and thus hath the matter been decreed. Purify thyself from all else but Me, then make mention of My tribulations, and tarry not even for a moment. Verily thy letter hath come before the Throne, and We have read it and ordained for thee a station that was, in truth, exalted. And glory be upon the people of glory.

=== END BH10615 ===

=== START BH10616 ===

He said: We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that through him He may set affairs aright and open the gate of joy, and that He may write down for him from His Most Exalted Pen that which will protect him from the evil of the deniers and the calumniators and the clamor of the liars. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that He may protect him and protect His loved ones from the evil of His enemies who have cast righteousness behind their backs and embraced wickedness and been consumed by the fire of greed and passion and have exchanged trustworthiness for treachery and truth for falsehood and calumny. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that He may strengthen him and His loved ones and protect them from the evil of every traitor and every deceiver and every hateful one. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And we

beseech Him, exalted be He, that He may enable him to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with and aid him through His sovereignty. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH10616 ===

=== START BH10617 ===

He is the Mighty

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the seas of the glory of Thy singleness were set in motion and the suns of the sanctity of Thy divinity shed their radiance, to aid Thy servants who have turned toward the arenas of Thy nearness, then detached themselves from all directions and turned to Thy countenance. Then preserve, O my God, this servant who hath clung to the handle of Thy love and sought refuge in Thy presence and protection, for in Thy hand is the kingdom of all things and Thou art, verily, powerful over all things.

=== END BH10617 ===

=== START BH10618 ===

He is the Mighty! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by this Exile who hath been driven from His native land by Thy heedless servants, and by the burning of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee in His separation and departure, and by the cry of the hearts of the unitarians in their yearning for Thee, to make firm the feet of this servant upon the path of Thy love. Then preserve him, O my Beloved, from every tribulation and hardship that might come between him and Thy beauty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over all things, and verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10618 ===

=== START BH10619 ===

He is the Beloved. Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath turned toward the realms of the sanctity of Thy divinity, and desired to enter the sanctuary of Thy Being and to gain admittance to the house of Thy oneness, that he might witness the subtleties of Thy beauty in the manifestations of Thine identity. Therefore, O my Beloved, send him unto this most exalted station, and grant him fruits which no hands of any of Thy servants can reach save those who are sincere among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art, of a truth, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

=== END BH10619 ===

=== START BH10620 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I call upon Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst raise up the heavens upon the thread of Thine eternity and didst elevate the pavilions of the Cause upon the throne of the glory of Thine oneness, that Thou mayest send down upon those who have mentioned Thy Most Exalted Name and who have followed the path of Thy love in the realm below, and then raise them up, O my God, unto the stations of holiness in Thy presence, that they may dwell in Thy habitations and drink

from the cup of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over all things, and Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH10620 ===

=== START BH10621 ===

He is the Mighty!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou witnessest how I have been afflicted in Thy realm. On one side, O my God, hatred hath appeared in the hearts of Thine enemies, and on the other side, O my God, rancor and hypocrisy and hatred have emerged in the hearts of Thy loved ones. Thus, O my God, Thou hast made me to stand between these two groups. Therefore, O my God, aid me through Thy bounty and destroy mine enemies. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH10621 ===

=== START BH10622 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! All praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me the target of Thy tribulations and the object of Thy decrees, and for having caused to descend upon me that which Thou hast not caused to descend upon any other among Thy creatures, inasmuch as Thou hast placed me beneath the hands of the most contemptible of Thy creation, and the most tyrannical of Thy creatures, and the basest of Thy servants, whom I am powerless even to mention. Therefore, O my God, through Thy bounty and favor, deliver me, and then, O my God, free me from his clutches. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH10622 ===

=== START BH10623 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

O my God! Every leaf of the leaves of the Tree of Thy love desireth that the breezes of Thy mercy might pass over it. Therefore, it behooveth Thy grace and bounty to send upon it that which will attract it through Thy Name and move it through Thy love. I beseech Thee by those whom Thou hast made captives in Thy path and who have been deprived of the comfort of the world in their love for Thee, to bestow upon every leaf that which will preserve it from all else save Thee and sanctify it from aught except Thyself. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10623 ===

=== START BH10624 ===

He is God, exalted is He! Darkness hath encompassed all regions, and that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Choosing, hath come to pass. There hath befallen Us,

at the hands of the contentious rabble who cannot distinguish between a roar and the braying of a donkey, that which caused the Maid of Heaven to weep in the All-Glorious Paradise and the Holy Spirit to lament at the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing. Yet We render thanks unto God for whatsoever hath befallen Us in His love and good-pleasure, and We beseech Him to preserve His loved ones from turning unto the world and to make them sincere unto His mighty and transcendent Countenance.

=== END BH10624 ===

=== START BH10625 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The call of the All-Merciful has been raised throughout all contingent being, yet most of the people hear it not. The Supreme Horizon hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, yet the people understand not. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to attain recognition and for causing thee to hear that which the Tree of Sinai doth utter. Hold fast unto God, thy Lord, and shun those who have turned away from this Sealed Nectar. Praise be unto thee for having remembered the Prisoner, unto whom this Forbidden Tablet hath been revealed.

=== END BH10625 ===

=== START BH10626 ===

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious

The Wronged One has turned His face toward him whom God has related unto Him, that He might give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst raise me up through Thy command and didst guide me through Thy bounty! I beseech Thee not to deprive me of whatsoever Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory shining forth from the Divine Lote-Tree be upon its branches and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

=== END BH10626 ===

=== START BH10627 ===

The Wronged One has turned His face from the prison towards him who was named Kazim, and We make mention of him with that which has diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Exalted is this glorious and wondrous station! We have counseled all to be trustworthy, truthful and faithful, and to manifest those qualities through which the Cause of God was revealed in former ages. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless. Hold fast unto the Strong Cord and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Merciful.

=== END BH10627 ===

=== START BH10628 ===

In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous

O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God. The Most Great Name hath testified that thou didst turn and believe in God, the Lord of Eternity, on a Day wherein the peoples turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will.

In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous

Upon thee be My Glory and My Mercy. I testify that thou didst hear the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and didst turn to the Supreme Horizon and bore witness to that which the Lord of all being did bear witness - He Who came with a Cause before which every mighty cause hath bowed down.

=== END BH10628 ===

=== START BH10629 ===

He is the One Who Warbles upon the Branches

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst create the world and subdue the nations to render me detached from all else save Thee and to enable me to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose exaltation and power every tongue hath testified, and to Whose sublimity and majesty every heart hath witnessed. I beseech Thee to withhold me not from the outpourings of Thy days, and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10629 ===

=== START BH10630 ===

O Afnan, his eminence Buzurg, upon him be the glory of God! He is God, the All-Explaining, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Say: O my God, I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy loving-kindness and the heaven of Thy utterance and the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Day-Spring of Thy inspiration, to grant me the choice wine which Thou hast unsealed with the fingers of Thy might and bestowed upon the people of Thy kingdom through Thy bounty and favors. O Lord! Deny me not the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Ordain for me that which befitteth Thy majesty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Bestower, the Ancient Giver.

=== END BH10630 ===

=== START BH10631 ===

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands, inasmuch as He summoned all mankind unto the horizon of Thy Cause and the heaven of Thy bounty, to draw me and those who have believed near unto Thy most exalted horizon and the manifestation of Thy most resplendent Beauty. Then cause us, O my God, to drink the wine of Thy reunion and the Kawthar of Thy presence. Thou art He from Whose

knowledge nothing escapeth, and Whom the might of the Pharaohs and the power of tyrants cannot frustrate. No God is there but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10631 ===

=== START BH10632 ===

O Thou Who speaketh from the Most Great Prison! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of all created things, and glory be unto Thee, O my God, the Desire of all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing Lord of the kingdom of names and attributes, and by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens, to aid me to serve Thy Cause. Then cause me, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to voice Thy praise. Then exalt me, O my God, through Thy Name amongst Thy creation and through my service amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10632 ===

=== START BH10633 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

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Say: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world and King of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst raise up the heaven and establish the mountains and the nightingale sang upon the branches, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. O my Lord! All things have testified to my evanescence and Thy permanence, to my powerlessness and Thy might. Do with me as beseemeth Thee. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10633 ===

=== START BH10634 ===

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

The Most Exalted Pen in these days mostly speaks in the Persian tongue so that all may attain to the purpose of God. This is naught but through the grace of the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. Praise be to God that you have attained unto the recognition of the Dawning-Place of divine verses. Now strive that you may adorn your temples with the ornament of His holy commandments. This is the divine counsel that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of His celestial revelation. Blessed are they that have attained!

=== END BH10634 ===

=== START BH10635 ===

In the Name of the peerless Lord, the Supreme Pen commands all to attain the station of sanctification and detachment, and to pure deeds and praiseworthy conduct. O Qasim, thou hast entered into the Most Great Presence and hast heard the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. God willing, thou shouldst gaze upon the horizon of guidance, sanctified from all that is with the peoples. Verily He commandeth you to that which is praiseworthy, verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As for those souls, both men and women, that were mentioned in thy petition - God willing, may they all remain steadfast upon the straight path and hold fast unto His cord.

=== END BH10635 ===

=== START BH10636 ===

In the Name of the Peerless, the One God! The Most Exalted Pen gives glad-tidings to those who are turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, and adorns each one with the ornament of remembrance. By the Sun of the heaven of sanctification! No ornament has been or ever will be superior to this ornament. All the peoples of the world must strive with their very souls to attain unto this ornament, that perchance they may be blessed with it. Verily, thou must render thanks unto God for having adorned thee therewith and mentioned thee through His irrevocable Pen in this station, the mighty, the inaccessible.

=== END BH10636 ===

=== START BH10637 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds!

The Supreme Pen addresses Its loved ones in the Persian tongue, that they may comprehend the utterance of the All-Merciful, be mindful, and with complete assurance remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One of the world calls out to thee from the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest not be deprived of the choice wine of divine knowledge and the living waters of faith, and that thou mayest at all times be occupied with His remembrance and praise. This is the cause of salvation in both worlds.

=== END BH10637 ===

=== START BH10638 ===

O Muhammad Hasan! Rise and say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. Do ye object to Him Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His power and sovereignty, and made the Bayan a gift unto His Own Self? Fear God and follow not every doubting idolator. This is He Who hath sent down the Book for His remembrance and God hath made it a leaf for His Paradise, each leaf whereof proclaimeth: The Covenant hath come and the Lord of the Day of Separation hath appeared. Blessed is he who in this Day hath fulfilled the Covenant while the idolators have risen up in hypocrisy.

=== END BH10638 ===

=== START BH10639 ===

The Most Holy, Most Glorious. This is the Clear Book sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds, unto him who hath grasped His firm and mighty cord. He remembereth in the prison His servant that he may rejoice in the verses of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Beware lest the things of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Names. Drink thou the water of life in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O my God! Thou beholdest me turning towards the sanctuary of Thy presence and the Kaaba of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy radiant and luminous Beauty to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the power of the oppressors shall not frighten me.

=== END BH10639 ===

=== START BH10640 ===

O Zaqran Haji! This Most Ancient, Most Great Book have We sent down in truth unto him who acknowledgeth the testimony of God when He appeared through His decisive and wondrous Cause. Verily the Dawning-Place of verses hath melodies which, were they to be revealed, would cause all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, except whom God willeth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He who hath turned unto Him this Day is assuredly of the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation, and he who hath turned away is verily among the dead. This is the Day of steadfastness - blessed is he who hath clung fast thereunto and is of them that are firm.

=== END BH10640 ===

=== START BH10641 ===

O captive of Nayriz! You have written in the name of the Beloved of the world and have attained unto the presence of the Lord of Names. As to what you wrote concerning bewilderment - verily bewilderment is beloved in the Book, as expressed in His words “Increase my bewilderment in Thee!” Know thou in what place thou dost find thyself, morning and evening, in the vicinity of thy Lord’s mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. God willing, may your bewilderment also be in the knowledge of God. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this remembrance, through which every sweet remembrance is made more delightful. May the glory of God rest upon you all from God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10641 ===

=== START BH10642 ===

In His Name, the Speaker in all times! Your letter is present and has attained to the lights of the Most Great Countenance. Your call was heard and your mention was observed. We have forgiven you as a grace from Our presence. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have adorned the head of your letter with the crown of My Most Great Remembrance. Be not disturbed by the clamor of the people. Verily He protects whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that overshadows the worlds. Continue this remembrance. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art well-pleased with.

=== END BH10642 ===

=== START BH10643 ===

In the Name of the one true God! Thy letter hath been received before the Throne and thou hast attained unto the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of reunion. Thy call hath been heard, and this abasement which thou hast confessed is in truth the essence of glory. God willing, thou shalt drink continuously from the choice wine of divine grace and bestow it upon the servants. I testify that thou hast believed in God and drunk of the sealed nectar, which is My love, the cherished and hidden. Hold thou fast unto it and be of them that are steadfast, firm-rooted, unwavering, and triumphant, for the clamorous ones stand behind My servants who have turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10643 ===

=== START BH10644 ===

He is God, the Manifest, the All-Knowing! Thy letter reached the Wronged One and was adorned with the lights of the countenance of the Intended One. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that in His days thou hast attained unto His recognition and turned thyself unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Know thou the value of this most great bounty. Although today its worth is not known, ere long God, glorified and exalted be He, will make manifest its value and demonstrate its station unto all the peoples of the world. Be thou grateful and be of them that render thanks.

=== END BH10644 ===

=== START BH10645 ===

In His Name, the One Who standeth without transition!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, in Thy path, from the cup of tribulation, and for having made me a captive in the hands of the wicked ones. By Thy glory! Were anyone to cut me into pieces, I would not depart from the shadow of Thy mercy, and every limb of my body would proclaim that Thou art God, the Lord of all worlds. I beseech Thee, O Creator of existence, to make me steadfast upon Thy extended path, then cause me to speak Thy praise amongst the people of Thy kingdom in such wise that the veils of those who have disbelieved in Thee, O my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving, shall not hinder me.

=== END BH10645 ===

=== START BH10646 ===

In the name of God, the Lord of the Manifestation, Who spoke on the Mount!

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Lord of minds and hearts Who, through His Beloved Name, adorned the non-existent world with the light of being, and guided it from sheer nothingness to the realm of immortality. He bestowed upon non-existence the ornament of existence, and illumined the darkness of aversion with the light of acceptance. Through one exalted Word which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will, the ocean of knowledge surged, the sun of wisdom dawned, and the heaven of

knowledge and insight was upraised. Glorious is His bounty, mighty His sovereignty, exalted His utterance, and there is no God but Him.

And blessing and peace and glorification and glory and remembrance and praise be upon the Hands of His Cause, who drank from the hands of bounty the choice wine of the most great steadfastness. These are servants whom neither the hosts of the wicked nor the ranks of the evil ones did frighten, and who performed that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

Your letter, which was in truth a sign of love shining forth from the horizon of the pen of detachment, arrived. Praise be to God, from each word the fragrance of trust, acceptance and devotion wafted. After observing and reading it, it was taken to the Supreme Heaven, and after attaining the presence before the face of the Lord of all beings and receiving full permission, the letter was presented and was honored to be in His presence and to be heard. At that moment, the ocean of utterance surged in such wise that this servant and all things are incapable and powerless to write and enumerate it. God knows what He revealed, and at the end of the utterance, what the perceptive faculty grasped were these manifest verses. His mighty utterance, exalted be His proof:

O Haydar-'Ali! The Branch, His Holiness Badi'u'llah, presented your letter in its entirety before His face. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Supreme Horizon and attained that which was mentioned in the Books of the Prophets. We beseech God to strengthen thee with such steadfastness as cannot be prevented by the hosts of the world and their ranks, nor by the might of princes and their swords, nor by the doubts of the divines and their rejection. Verily, He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wise command. Well is it with thee for having drunk the wine of revelation from the hand of thy Lord's bounty when most of the servants were debarred therefrom. This is from God's grace unto thee. Be grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the servants, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds! Let not the doings of the wicked grieve thee, nor the power of the oppressors frighten thee. Take the Book of God with strength from Him and authority from His presence, then read it before those who have denied this manifest Light. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the Lord of the Throne and be not of the heedless ones. The banner of divine knowledge hath been raised on the right hand of the Throne and the standard of piety on its left. Thus hath the matter been decreed, yet most people are in evident error. This is the Day wherein the Sinai smiled at its Interlocutor and the Herald called out between earth and heaven: O peoples of the earth! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth you unto God, the Lord of the worlds. This is the Day which God hath adorned with His mention of His near servants. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We desire naught from you. We mention you for the sake of God. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause, and the potency of Thy Word, and the power of Thy Pen, to transform the heedlessness of the world into knowledge and wisdom. Then open before the faces of Thy loved ones the gates of inner meanings and utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest me and Thy loved ones in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee to transform their tyranny into justice and their oppression into equity. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy power that which will transform their fear into tranquility, their weakness into strength and might, and their agitation into supreme steadfastness.

Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Glory be to God! The rain of loving-kindness from the heaven of mercy of the Desired One of the worlds hath descended in such wise that none hath been nor is capable of reckoning it. These days are different days, and their fragrance is sweet and perfumed. The Sun shineth with new splendors and effulgences, and the Tree of Sinai is adorned with the ornament of divine wisdom. Glory be to God! From the water is heard "The All-Bestowing hath come!", from the trees "The Chosen One hath come!", and from all things "The Lord of all names hath appeared!" The fragrances of revelation have perfumed the world, and the breezes of inspiration have seized all creation. O people of God! This Prisoner at this moment beseecheth from the Lord of all worlds, for each one of you, that which is everlasting and eternal. He is the One Who, by the scratching of the Pen, attracted the world, and through the power of the Word adorned creation with the ornament of detachment and trust. The Prisoner and all created things bear witness to His power and might, to His glory and dominion.

My God, my God! Withhold not Thy servants from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Ocean which surgeth in Thy name before the faces of all nations. I beseech Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear tokens, by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and the pearls treasured in the vaults of Thine infallibility, to aid me and Thy loved ones to remember Thee, to praise Thee, and to spread Thy signs throughout Thy realm. Then protect them, O Lord of existence, from all things seen and unseen, from the croaking of the croakers, the imaginings of the heedless, and the doubts of the suspicious ones. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Fulfiller of the needs of the sincere ones.

Mention was made of Mashhadi Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise mention was made of certain other loved ones. After these were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, there was revealed for each one that which is the Dawning-Place of the Light of Truth and the Day-spring of divine loving-kindness. It is hoped that all may drink from the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds and not remain deprived. This is what was revealed for Mashhadi Mahdi:

He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous

O Mashhadi Mahdi! Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who hath made the world fresh and verdant through His manifest verses, and made manifest the hidden and treasured mysteries like unto the sun. Exalted be His power and great be His signs! Today the loved ones of God must hold fast to unity and harmony and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause. From this blessed day the divine fragrance of the Day of God wafteth. Blessed is he who hath found and attained, and woe unto the heedless! Praise be to the One Who existeth, Who aided thee and illumined thee with the light of recognition. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy sovereignty endureth. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst open the door of bounty unto all who are in earth and heaven, and by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the world nor aught therein shall prevent me from turning toward the court of Thy glory and drawing nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And specifically for ’Ali-A?ghar-i-Milani a Tablet was previously revealed and that same one is being sent. This Prisoner hath repeatedly heard mention of him from the tongue of Grandeur. Blessed is he and blessed are they that have attained.

And this is what was revealed for Muhammad-Ja’far-i-Usku’i:

In My Name that is sanctified from all names […]

O Muhammad-Qabl-Ja’far! The Lord of Power hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee, that My remembrance may draw thee to the Kingdom of Mine utterance and bring thee near unto My glorious and resplendent court. Should anyone ask thee concerning Baha, say: Verily, He is under the claws of hatred by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. By God’s life! The tribulations prevent Him not from making mention of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. He hath stood before the faces of all the world and spoken that which shall guide them to the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Nothing whatsoever hath deterred Him, neither hath the might of His enemies frightened Him, nor the ranks of them that harbor hatred. His appearance amongst men and His establishment upon the throne without veil or covering bear witness to this. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved and my heart’s Desire, for having guided me to the horizon of Thy knowledge, honored me with visiting Thy holy places, and mentioned me in Thy prison. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy justice. Ordain for me that which shall profit me among Thy servants. By Thy name! Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Haydar-Qabl-’Ali! We have heard the cry of the lovers from ’Ishqabad and have succored them through Our grace, and We have sent forth ’Abdu’l-Karim despite the enemy’s displeasure. We have been with them in all conditions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. And We have heard the call of Our loved ones in Usku. We give them the glad-tidings of Our grace and Our mercy, which have preceded existence in both the seen and unseen realms. However, We counsel all to such deeds and character as will cause the servants to draw nigh unto the Dayspring of God’s Cause and the Dawning-Place of His divine light. Should they hold fast to that which hath been revealed in the divine tablets, they shall witness all the world turning toward God. We beseech Him to aid all in that which will exalt His Word.

As for the request for attaining His presence, after it was presented before the Countenance of the Desired One, these sublime words were revealed in response from the Source of verses and the Lord of names and attributes - may my spirit be a sacrifice for His utterance. His exalted Word and mighty proof states: Permission for attaining presence in these days is contrary to wisdom. We beseech God to ordain its reward to be specifically revealed from the Supreme Pen and recorded in the Crimson Book. And regarding His Holiness the Trustee who is now imprisoned for the sake of God, a command hath been revealed from the heaven of God’s firm decree concerning these matters. If they succeed in carrying it out, truly the reward of attaining His presence shall be recorded by the Supreme Pen. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty, and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise.

The mention of the loved ones of ’Ishqabad hath repeatedly been made in the presence of God, exalted be His glory, and His Holiness Afnan hath repeatedly mentioned each one and presented their names.

Praise be to God, all have drunk from the ocean of bounty and received their portion and share of the sealed wine through His blessed name, the Self-Subsisting. Well is it with them.

At this hour, two hours after nightfall, the supplication which that honored one mentioned at the end of the book was presented and read in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses in response - exalted be His utterance and His proof, and glorified be His majesty and His sovereignty:

O thou who gazest upon the horizon of Revelation! The Most Great Branch presented thy supplication in most eloquent terms before Our presence. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him when the people turned away, and for having recognized the Manifestation of Him Who conversed upon Sinai when those in all lands denied Him. Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath subdued all who are in earth and heaven, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast made the Kingdom of Names to be subservient, and by the Crimson Ark which Thou hast specially ordained for the people of Baha, to make me known through Thy Name and steadfast in the promotion of Thy Cause. O my Lord! This is a day wherein the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged and the fragrance of Thy grace hath wafted. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy servants from turning to the Dayspring of Thy gifts and favors. O my Lord! Thou hearest the sighing of those who long for Thee and the cry of those who love Thee in their separation and remoteness from Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for them, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining Thy presence and meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Prevailing, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

As to the mention made of Abbas-Ali-i-Iskayi, who wrote and sent glad tidings of the steadfastness and devotion of the people of that land - after this was presented in His presence, that which all the pens of the world are powerless to describe was again revealed concerning him and the friends of Isku. According to His command, that honored one should mention them all and give them glad tidings through the effulgent lights of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all beings. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Wise. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

Mention was made of the handmaidens of God. After presentation in His presence, a special mention was revealed for each one. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Mother of Ali-Akbar! Rejoice in what hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness, that which hath attracted the hearts of the devoted ones in the loftiest chambers of the Most Exalted Paradise. Thus have We sent down for thee that which testifieth to thy acceptance and thy turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Mother of Muhammad-Ja'far! The Wronged One hath remembered thee at this hour with verses whose fragrance shall not cease to perfume the air for as long as God's kingdom shall endure, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Mother of Mashhadi-Ali! The divine call is raised from the direction of the Prison and maketh mention of thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

O Mulla Baji! Thy mention was made before the Wronged One and there was revealed that which nothing hidden in earth or heaven can equal, to this thy Ancient Lord doth testify.

O Mother of Mir-Muhsin! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me one of Thy handmaidens and for having revealed unto me Thy verses which were the hope of them who are nigh unto Thee.

O sister of Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! All the servants and handmaidens of the earth were brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of God. Yet on the Day of Resurrection most remained heedless and veiled, while thou didst attain thereunto. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glorified art Thou, O Beloved of them that know, for having sent down unto me from the precincts of Thy prison that which brought solace to the eyes of the steadfast ones in their exalted station. Ye must all, throughout the nights and days, be engaged in praising and thanking God, inasmuch as He hath favored the handmaidens of that land with verses the like of which hath never been seen. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the mighty throne. By the life of our Beloved! On this luminous night the ocean of divine utterance surgeth in such wise that none hath been or is capable of measuring or recording it. Thus hath His grace encompassed His servants and handmaidens. It behooveth Me and you to hold fast unto the cord of God in such wise that neither the hosts of the oppressors nor the ranks of the transgressors–they who have denied God's proof and evidence, disbelieved in His verses, and cast aside His laws on this wondrous and glorious Day–can turn us away therefrom. Light and glory, remembrance and praise be upon you, O company of the sincere and the detached. Authority and dominion belong unto God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earths.

-Baha'u'llah

=== END BH10646 ===

=== START BH10647 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided Thy loved ones to the Most Great Ocean through Thy bounty and grace, and for having given them to drink therefrom through Thy loving-kindness and mercy. I beseech Thee, O Thou at Whose Name the stones have cried out and the kernels have spoken, to assist them each day to serve Thee and to remember and praise Thee. Then accept from them what they have wrought out of love for Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10647 ===

=== START BH10648 ===

O Samandar, upon thee be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath been the cause of joy to the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is thy deed, in that it hath been accepted

before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to perform a deed from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure hath been wafted. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who dispelleth sorrows, by Thy Name which is sanctified above all creation, to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones that which shall gladden hearts. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

=== END BH10648 ===

=== START BH10649 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

The food from heaven is the knowledge of God, and His everlasting bounty is His wondrous remembrance. The verses are what hath appeared from His presence - to this testifieth everyone possessed of insight and knowledge. O My loved ones! Hear ye My call, and be not of the heedless. Beware lest ye deny God and His Most Great and Supreme Sovereignty. A Book hath spoken with truth, did ye but know it. Verily it hath been sent down from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. It giveth glad tidings of what hath been ordained for them - that is, for mankind. Blessed are the people who understand.

=== END BH10649 ===

=== START BH10650 ===

In the Name of the one God! The Beloved of the worlds dwelleth in the Most Great Prison, and thou hast recognized the value of this oppression. Know thou also, by the life of God, that oppression is most beloved. Drink thou secretly of the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful and recognize its value. The days of outward ascendancy shall come, but they will not possess this sweetness. And if thou wouldst observe carefully, thou wouldst behold the greatness of the Cause together with the aforementioned condition. This is the sweetest utterance that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou for having attained unto it.

=== END BH10650 ===

=== START BH10651 ===

O Safar! Those who doubt and imagine vainly have never received and will never receive a share from the chalice of certitude of the Lord of the worlds. Therefore, blessed are those souls who walk with complete certitude in the path of the All-Merciful and detach themselves from all who dwell in the realm of possibility. The eye was created for the Most Great Vision and the heart for the Kawthar of the recognition of the All-Merciful Spirit. Therefore, one must strive so that the heart may attain His recognition and the eye may behold His countenance.

=== END BH10651 ===

=== START BH10652 ===

It has been known to that beloved one that at the time of writing this petition until now, considerable delay has occurred - it is nearly a year since it was written. Due to lack of confidence in the way, it was postponed and not sent. If the funds that were mentioned should reach certain souls, and if you have not sent them and they are still available, they should be given to the mentioned persons, otherwise other arrangements must be made for them. This was mentioned solely so that no burden would fall upon you. Since the petition has taken very long and you are unaware, this servant said perhaps before this letter arrives you will have already sent them and nothing else remains.

=== END BH10652 ===

=== START BH10653 ===

He is the Ever-Living! Mirza Yahya has for some time desired to journey and travel in the company of one of the friends of God in the wide-reaching plains of love. As he has begun from God, he will, God willing, return unto God, and from all else besides God will he return, and with God shall his return be. And after traversing the stages of love, he shall attain and reach the divine homeland and the ultimate goal. This is of God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth, and God is the Most Great.

=== END BH10653 ===

=== START BH10654 ===

He is God! The Primal Point, after traversing the realms of the Kingdom, appeared adorned with the seal of finality, and from its composition diverse forms became manifest, culminating in the Most Great Form. And from the different forms that were brought into being through the marriage of the Single Point, that which pertained to the Treasury remained in its own dwellings. Therefore strive to bring forth, through the divine will, the treasures hidden from mortal eyes. This is the counsel of this imprisoned servant to that servant. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH10654 ===

=== START BH10655 ===

The Point of Unity in this age of praise is singing verses of detachment, and the Eternal Dove on the everlasting branch is warbling with Abha raptures. The essential realities of the loved ones have perished from a single cry of the Bird of Divine Jealousy, and the radiant beings of the companions have ascended to the realm of evanescence from half a surge of the seas of the Presence of the Eternal. Verily, unto the Countenance of the Lord do we return. The first and second letter and the Purpose of the Eternal Sovereign is to preserve and protect the Two Countenances. Do good as God hath done good unto thee. And peace be upon thee.

=== END BH10655 ===

=== START BH10656 ===

Greatness and Glory

We walk, and the people walk behind Us; but they go far astray from Us.

We make mention of God, and all things remember Him too. Happy are those who listen but alas for those who are negligent.

We move, and all things visible and invisible move too; but those who are asleep are far from Us and are deprived.

O, `Ali, assist your Lord by your behaviour and moral standards. This is worthy of those who cling to this Strong Rope. Adorn your bodies with the robe of courtesy, and your hearts with mention of Me, the Loving, the Newly-Revealed.

Such has taught you your Lord, the Merciful and forgiving.

=== END BH10656 ===

=== START BH10657 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend! Blessed is the state of one who in this Day has inhaled the fragrance of sanctification and the sweet-scented savor of holiness from the roses of the paradise of utterance of the All-Merciful, and has attained unto that which God has willed. O handmaiden of God! Strive thou to act in accordance with the conditions of faith and to attain thereunto. Faith in God consisteth not in words alone - deeds are required. Make an effort to act according to that which is the good-pleasure of the Beloved. All must drink from the heavenly chalice of divine counsel and fix their gaze upon His countenance. And the glory be upon thee.

=== END BH10657 ===

=== START BH10658 ===

O Mahdi in Ta! He is the Most Glorious! This is the Book of Eternity from the presence of Baha to him who was named Mahdi in the Tablets of mighty glory. Be thou at peace within thyself, then stand firm in the Cause and be thou steadfast therein. Verily We have not forgotten thee, for We have ever been a Guide unto him who hath turned to the Gate, a Forgiver unto him who hath repented, and One Who remembereth him who hath rent asunder the veil and recognized the Sovereign of Eternity in both beginning and return, and who was numbered among the believers mentioned by the Pen of Command upon the Tablet.

=== END BH10658 ===

=== START BH10659 ===

O daughter of My most luminous and most manifest Uncle! This is the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise, unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that all may discover the fragrances of the verses of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praised One. Blessed is the young who hath turned to the Countenance and the aged who hath been illumined by this resplendent Beauty. Blessed is the child who hath rent asunder the veils. Woe unto every doubting man! O daughter of My uncle, turn thou unto God with thy heart and say:

O my God! I am she who hath turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons. I beseech Thee to preserve me from the glories of them that are veiled, and to deliver me unto Thyself. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH10659 ===

=== START BH10660 ===

In the name of God! This is a letter from the servant of God to her who hath believed in her Lord and was numbered among the devout handmaidens before God. Remember thy Lord in the watches of the night and at the beginning and end of day, then prostrate thyself before the countenance of thy Lord, for verily He is knowing of all things. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God - verily He sufficeth thee against all the world. Then remind thy daughters from this servant that they may take a path unto Him Who occupieth the throne. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH10660 ===

=== START BH10661 ===

Muhammad-'Ali! O Most Wondrous, Most Glorious! This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned to the All-Possessing, the Most High, that he may inhale from this Tablet the fragrance of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Merciful - this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and knowledge. Be thou thankful unto God, inasmuch as the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee, and there hath flowed from the ocean of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, "Make thou mention of Me amongst My servants." This hath been prescribed for every soul by the Mighty, the All-Choosing. And glory be upon you, O people of righteousness!

=== END BH10661 ===

=== START BH10662 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

This is a Book from Us to those who are on earth, that it may draw them unto God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the earth, hearken unto the divine call on this luminous Day, and meditate upon His Cause, and with the ear of your innate nature hear that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will, that haply ye may attain unto your goal and be blessed with His presence. These are the pearls of utterance which have been sent down from the treasury of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that attain thereunto.

=== END BH10662 ===

=== START BH10663 ===

O My nephew! This is a Book from Us to one whom God has related to His Own Self, the One Who dominates all worlds, that his eyes may be consoled by the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise. O thou who art young in years! Be great in utterance in celebrating the praise of thy Lord, the Possessor of

Destiny, through that which hath been sent down unto thee from the All-Greatest Horizon - that which causes the eyes to be gladdened. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We beseech God to preserve you from the arrows of the hints of the suspicious ones, and to ordain for you that which is best for you. Verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him.

=== END BH10663 ===

=== START BH10664 ===

He is the Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a Book sent down from the heaven of immortality, calling those who have believed in God and His signs to a station of holy radiance. Blessed is he who hath heard the call and hath ascended on holy wings to an atmosphere that hath been sanctified above the mention of all the worlds. O servant! Leave all things behind thee, then take for thyself a praiseworthy station at the right hand of the Throne. Be thou a sword of judgment to the enemies of thy Lord and a mercy of glory to His loved ones. Thus hast thou been commanded from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing.

=== END BH10664 ===

=== START BH10665 ===

In the City, to the sister of Abdul-Karim who hath migrated unto God. Sovereignty belongeth this day unto God, the One, the All-Choosing. This is the Tablet of Command which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One Who hath ever been the Ancient. Therein is mentioned one of the handmaidens of God, that she may give thanks unto her Lord and be numbered among the thankful ones in a wondrous Tablet of glory. O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, then stand firm in the love of God, then remember Him with beauteous remembrance. And the glory rest upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in her Lord and held fast unto a mighty pillar.

=== END BH10665 ===

=== START BH10666 ===

He is God! This is a Tablet that no books of heaven and earth can equal, for by it faith in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Choosing, is established. By what is in the hands of people their faith cannot be established. Thus hath the Command been sent down from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Take hold of the Book and leave all else. Then stand firm in the Cause and fear not the evil ones. Verily, they who have turned away are those who still suckle at the breast of ignorance though their time of maturity hath come, and the decree of infancy is pronounced upon them.

=== END BH10666 ===

=== START BH10667 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

This is the station of submission and contentment. It behooveth him who hath quaffed the living waters of immortality from the hand of bounty–he who hath been designated by the letter ?a by the Most Exalted Pen, and by another name in the Book of Names–to entrust all affairs unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, and to say: “O my God! I have willed what Thou hast willed. I have placed my trust in Thee, and I am certain that Thou art the Trustworthy, the All-Wise. I have committed the reins of all affairs into the grasp of Thy Will, and have chosen what Thou hast chosen. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Choosing.”

=== END BH10667 ===

=== START BH10668 ===

Badiqan Husayn-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God - He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is the Day wherein the Call hath been raised, the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken forth, and the All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of verses; yet most among the people comprehend not. They have forsaken that which they were commanded and have committed that which hath caused the denizens of Paradise to lament, and those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon when they heard the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned in this luminous City which God hath mentioned in His preserved Tablet.

=== END BH10668 ===

=== START BH10669 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the world

This is a day whereon the garden was honored by the advent of its Lord, the All-Merciful. And when He descended therein, He revealed verses in such wise that the realities of all things were drawn unto them, and the sincere ones bowed down before Him. All the trees were stirred with rapture, and from their rustling was heard that which the ear of Moses had heard aforetime. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled, but most of the people perceive it not. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and found its fragrance, render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!

=== END BH10669 ===

=== START BH10670 ===

He is the Summoner! This is a Day wherein both the Witness and the witnessed lament over what hath befallen the Family of the Apostle at the hands of them that have denied God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Abu-Jahl supposed that he was upholding God’s religion by turning away from a Face through which the heavens and earth were illumined. Thus was the matter decreed, but the people comprehend not. They cut off the hand of God, then rejoice in their seats. O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Read thou what We have sent down unto thee, whereby thy breast will be dilated and thine eyes consoled. By My life! It is the Gladdener of hearts.

=== END BH10670 ===

=== START BH10672 ===

O emigrant ’Abdu’r-Rahim! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing!

Every soul who in this Day has attained unto this most sublime and most mighty Cause and remained steadfast therein, hath attained unto all good. This is what God hath testified at the beginning of days. The first step is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and afterward to act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book from the Pen of the All-Bountiful. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve this, for therein lieth the good of both worlds, both now and forever. Blessed is he who hath quaffed My sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10672 ===

=== START BH10673 ===

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is! Verily, this evanescent servant proclaimeth before the face of the world that regarding the conflict between the two powers, the Will of God hath ordained thus: after the complete weakening of the Ottoman state, other powers shall intervene and establish peace, and after some time the government of the earth shall completely change, tyranny shall encompass the world, then after a universal revolution the Sun of Justice shall dawn from the horizon of the unseen. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of manifest truth.

=== END BH10673 ===

=== START BH10674 ===

The people of the worlds and the Concourse of the near ones bear witness that there is none other God but Him, and that this servant has prostrated himself with his soul and spirit and all that is within him, before all existence both hidden and manifest, before God his Lord and the Lord of all things, and the Lord of what is known and what is not known, and what is recognized and what is not recognized, and the Lord of the heavens and earth and the Lord of all the worlds.

=== END BH10674 ===

=== START BH10675 ===

O Mirza Majid! Turn thy face, O Pen, unto him who hath been named Majid, then make mention of him through that which hath been sent down unto thee from the presence of Him Who causeth the dawn to break. Say: We counsel thee to fear God and to remember Him - a remembrance which hath preceded all remembrance. Beware lest the conditions of creation cause thee to slip. Leave them to themselves and place thy trust in Him through Whom feet have slipped. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known One, and how many an ignorant one hath attained to the knowledge of God on a day wherein eyes were dazzled.

=== END BH10675 ===

=== START BH10676 ===

He is the Overseer of all names.

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard your call and witnessed your turning to Us. You intended to attain Our presence. We beseech God to assist you in that which befits the Days of God and to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence. Today steadfastness is the greatest of all deeds. Say: O friends! The best garment in the sight of the Lord of Oneness, after trustworthiness, has been and ever shall be truthfulness. Hold fast unto it and be free and detached from its opposite.

=== END BH10676 ===

=== START BH10677 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Ibrahim! He Who possesseth the Book remembereth thee and announceth unto thee glad tidings of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a day wherein the Friend calleth out and the Interlocutor proclaimeth: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having manifested and revealed that which lay hidden within the treasuries of Thy knowledge, the Mighty, the Inaccessible." I testify that through Thy coming Thy domains have been honored, and through Thy Name every mouldering bone hath been quickened. I beseech Thee to aid me to arise to serve at the door of Thy bounty and to remain steadfast in Thy service at every morn and eventide.

=== END BH10677 ===

=== START BH10678 ===

O Ahmad from Karbala! He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven! O Ahmad! The Dawning-Place of praise and the Dayspring of Revelation remembers you with verses that none in the world can enumerate. To this bears witness the Lord of Eternity in this station which has been named by all names in the Crimson Tablet which none has comprehended save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Shouldst thou find the sweetness of My utterance and the delicacy of My call, thou wouldst lament for what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones. Hold fast unto wisdom and place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10678 ===

=== START BH10679 ===

He is seated upon the throne of utterance

O Iskandar! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have sent down for thee that which will attract thee to the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Call hath been raised. When thou hearest and attainest unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of them that know and the Beloved of those who dwell in the heavens and the earth. Convey My

glorification unto thy sons, and remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the light of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed both worlds.

=== END BH10679 ===

=== START BH10680 ===

He is the Strong, the Mighty

O Iskandar! Your letter has been presented before the Most Great Scene and this servant, present before the face of your Lord, the Possessor of Destiny, has read it and revealed for you this wondrous Tablet. Be steadfast in serving your Lord, speaking His praise, turning to Him, and soaring in His sublime atmosphere. He ordains for whomever He wishes the reward of attaining His presence. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who has attained the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings. And woe to every heedless doubter.

=== END BH10680 ===

=== START BH10681 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O God of earth and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged and the pearls of Thy wisdom appeared, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy Will that which will purify the earth from the defilement of every transgressor who hath disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned his face toward Thy countenance and set his face toward the horizon of Thy recognition. Ordain for me that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Bountiful, the Generous.

=== END BH10681 ===

=== START BH10682 ===

In the Name of God, the Ancient, the Ever-Abiding!

O my God! Thou seest and knowest that the oppressors have wronged Thy loved ones who have turned toward the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration and the Source of Thy Cause, and have driven them, together with their children and their women, from their homeland - though they had manifested naught except that which Thou didst command them through Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Glorious Name, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall exalt the monotheists and abase the polytheists. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10682 ===

=== START BH10683 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Thou knowest that the Wronged One loveth to make mention of the son of him who turned towards Thy horizon, who arose to serve Thee, who spoke forth Thy praise, and who led Thy sheep to Thy spring. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations, to ordain for him the best of what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Hearer, the Answerer.

=== END BH10683 ===

=== START BH10684 ===

O Begum! In the name of the All-Knowing Beloved! O my handmaiden! Your call has attained the honor of being heard, and the glance of God from the direction of the Most Great Prison is turned toward you. Were you to find the sweetness of this utterance which has appeared from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness, you would, throughout your entire life, be moved to exclaim: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Know thou the value of this bounty and preserve it as you would your very life.

=== END BH10684 ===

=== START BH10685 ===

O my handmaiden! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison precincts and commands thee to that which befits His mighty Day. Hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness in all conditions. Verily He is with thee and with those who have turned unto Him when He came with manifest sovereignty. Thou art she who hath attained to the service of My Name and His presence - know this and be grateful to thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who are there. We send Our greetings unto them from this exalted station.

=== END BH10685 ===

=== START BH10686 ===

O wronged exile! The Tongue of Grandeur and My Most Exalted Pen bear witness that thou didst hear the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha in the earliest days and didst respond to thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and didst bear in His path what caused the dwellers of this ordained prison to be overcome with grief. Praise be to God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. May the glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance rest upon thee, O thou in whose name this Tablet hath been sent down from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH10686 ===

=== START BH10687 ===

He is the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O thou who hast turned thy face towards My countenance and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of Mine utterance! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. There is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire! Thou seest me turning towards the horizon of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee, by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book, to aid me to arise for the triumph of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10687 ===

=== START BH10688 ===

O God, my God! I have set out from my home, holding fast unto the cord of Thy love, and I have committed myself wholly to Thy care and Thy protection. I entreat Thee by Thy power through which Thou didst protect Thy loved ones from the wayward and the perverse, and from every contumacious oppressor, and every wicked doer who hath strayed far from Thee, to keep me safe by Thy bounty and Thy grace. Enable me, then, to return to my home by Thy power and Thy might. Thou art, truly, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10688 ===

=== START BH10689 ===

He is God! Blessed is Ali who attained in the first days. O thou who art mentioned before My throne and inscribed in My Book! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Verily, the dawning-places of hatred desired to extinguish the light of God, the Lord of Names, and to quench the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. By God! The hands of Caesars and Pharaohs fell short - how much more these rabble! The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon every patient believer.

=== END BH10689 ===

=== START BH10690 ===

He is God, exalted be His majesty, glory and power!

O thou who art firm and steadfast in faith in God! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee a dawning-place of reform and a manifestation of comfort for all creation. Preserve that wherewith We have remembered thee. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon thy son. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant him what he desireth through the grace of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH10690 ===

=== START BH10691 ===

He is God! O daughters of Samandari! Mention of each of you hath been and is before the Most Holy Court, and at this moment from the heaven of bounty the rain of generosity hath showered down in your name. We beseech God that He may assist you in that which causeth the sanctification and glorification of the Cause of God. The relatives, both men and women, must not delay for an instant in acquiring perfection. Thus have We counseled before and in this Manifest Tablet.

=== END BH10691 ===

=== START BH10693 ===

O ?a! Hearken to the call of Baha and counsel the servants to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity. By My life, that which was hidden in the hearts of the mystics shall soon be made manifest. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and make thee a banner in His name among His creation. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing. And We have made mention of him whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that he may rejoice and be among the successful ones.

=== END BH10693 ===

=== START BH10694 ===

He is the Most Holy

How wonderful is this supreme abasement that hath once again touched Me in the path of God's love! By God, it is dearer to Me than the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and I would not exchange it for aught else in all creation, whether past or future. Thy Lord is witness to what I say. Were We to look to this world, We would not have borne what no one else in all the worlds hath borne. It shall perish in an instant, while glory and dominion will endure forever with God and His loved ones, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10694 ===

=== START BH10695 ===

In His Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

O Hassan, upon thee be My glory! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth out before the faces of the unseen and the seen, and commandeth them with that which draweth them near and acquainteth them with what was hidden from them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve not over anything, for that which hath been ordained for My loved ones is such that the pens of the world and the tongues of the sincere are powerless to describe. Thus hath He mentioned thee from His presence in a mighty Tablet. And this is what was revealed for His Honor Haji Aqa, upon him be the glory of God.

=== END BH10695 ===

=== START BH10696 ===

O Mulla Husayn Pasha (or Hasan)! The Wronged One remembers you as He sits upon the throne of command by the leave of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He has come with the truth to adorn the world with mercy and tranquility, but most of the people do not understand. They have clung to vain imaginings, turning away from the Sun of Certainty. Thus have their souls deluded them, and they do not see. Say: O concourse of the heedless! I swear by God! The promised day is come, the day when tormenting trials will have surged above your heads, and beneath your feet, saying: “Taste ye what your hands have wrought!”

=== END BH10696 ===

=== START BH10697 ===

O Hasan! Arise to serve with perfect wisdom. There are many souls whose inner reality differs from their outer appearance. Observe carefully lest you fall into the snare of the treacherous and the false ones. Not every utterance is worthy of acceptance, nor is it permissible to trust every soul. The people of God must be true money-changers, distinguishing the pure from the impure among men. If today in any place the clamor of the polytheists is raised, it has been and will be the cause of harm to the Tree. Drink thou the wine of divine love and give others to drink thereof.

=== END BH10697 ===

=== START BH10698 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing!

O Husayn! The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning unto God, thy humility, thy submissiveness and thy resignation in the days of God, exalted be His glory. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! We beseech God to aid thee under all conditions to preserve this mighty station. I swear by the lights of His countenance that whatsoever is witnessed cannot be compared with a single word from the words of God. Be thou thankful and among them that render praise.

=== END BH10698 ===

=== START BH10699 ===

O Husayn-Aqa! O Husayn! He Who was made a target for the arrows of the enemies in the path of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, makes mention of thee. Mine eyes have witnessed what no eye among all creation hath witnessed, and Mine ears have heard what the ears of men in former ages have not heard. Thy Lord, the All-Informed, bears witness to this. Grieve thou not over anything. Remember thy Lord in the night season and in the days. Verily, this shall profit thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless.

=== END BH10699 ===

=== START BH10700 ===

O My Messenger, upon thee be all the glory of the Most Glorious! O my friend and messenger of My Cause, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! I testify that thou hast turned to the Most Glorious Purpose when the Most Exalted Pen made its shrill sound, and hast turned to Him from Whom all have turned aside except whom God hath willed. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, in that thou hast arisen to serve the Cause and art speaking in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. Joy be unto him who hath heard from thee this Most Great News, and woe unto him who hath denied and become among those who have perished.

=== END BH10700 ===

=== START BH10701 ===

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise

O Rida! Verily the Wronged One is in manifest sorrow. My sorrow is not for the martyrdom of My loved ones, nor for what hath befallen Me at the hands of the divines of the Qur'an, nor from the kings and rulers. That which hath befallen Me is such as I do not wish to mention. To this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness in this Great Prison. He who circled round Me made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. We beseech God to give thee to drink, from the cup of His bounty, the choice wine of His utterance. Verily, He is the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10701 ===

=== START BH10702 ===

O Lord of creation and Ruler over all lands! I beseech Thee by the Name through which was raised the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen between earth and heaven, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will bring tranquility to their souls and gladness to their hearts. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee to decree for me and for them the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10702 ===

=== START BH10703 ===

He is the All-Bountiful

O Heaven of Healing! I beseech Thee by the sun of Thy grace, and the moon of Thy loving-kindness, and the star of Thy generosity, to inscribe healing from Thy Most Exalted Pen for this star in the heaven of Thy Manifestation. O Lord! This is a branch among Thy branches and a fruit among the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree amidst humanity. I beseech Thee to protect him from poisonous winds and earthly diseases that afflict. Send down upon him, O my God, a mercy from Thy presence and a light from Thy nearness. Verily, Thou art the Healer, the Sufficient, the Compassionate, the Forgiving.

=== END BH10703 ===

=== START BH10704 ===

O Samandar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from His Most Great Prison, and enjoins thee to that which will cause the trees to be set ablaze and the rivers to flow. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Speak forth the verses of thy Lord whereby hearts are melted and the breasts of them that have advanced towards God are set aflame. Leave the cold to him who cannot distinguish his right hand from his left. The glory rest upon thee and upon those that are with thee from the presence of One mighty, all-wise.

=== END BH10704 ===

=== START BH10705 ===

He is the Healer! O Thou Healer! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, and the radiance of Thy face, and the glory of Thy Cause, and the oceans of Thy mercy, and the river of Thy grace, and the heaven of Thy bounty, and the sun of Thy generosity, and by Thy names and attributes and signs and manifestations, that Thou mayest ordain for Thy loved ones and for this handmaiden that which will protect them from aught else but Thee and from every affliction and sickness. O my Lord! Sickness hath completely overtaken her, therefore send down upon her, through Thy bounty, that which will purify her from it. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10705 ===

=== START BH10706 ===

O Abbas! His honor Haydar-'Ali mentioned you, and the Sun of the favor of God - glorified be His majesty - turned toward you from the horizon of the prison, that perchance its effulgences might endow those who are dejected with the warmth of divine love. He is the One Whose power the might of the world could not prevent nor render weak. He appeared and with perfect steadfastness called out before the faces of all peoples, commanded all to that which God hath willed, and gave them the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of His grace.

=== END BH10706 ===

=== START BH10707 ===

He is God! O 'Abbas! The world is receptive and its people are heedless. They seek after thorns and thistles - that is, vain imaginings and idle fancies - while turning away from the pearls of utterance, clinging instead to pebbles and date-stones. Today there are seekers for all things except the pearls of wisdom and utterance that have appeared from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. These remain without seeker or buyer. Ere long will the world change and people will eagerly seek after them with their very souls. Blessed are they that attain!

=== END BH10707 ===

=== START BH10708 ===

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God!

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O ’Abdu’l-Husayn! God willing, mayest thou be favored by the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the world and drink from the ocean of His grace. All things have arisen in lamentation and wailing at this most great calamity, yet the people, being heedless, are unaware of it. Soon shall they become conscious of that which they have wrought against the truth in the days of God. Rejoice thou in that thou art under the gaze of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10708 ===

=== START BH10709 ===

O Abdullah! The breezes of this Day are wafting over thee. Be thou aware and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day for which the loved ones of God and His chosen ones in former ages have mourned in their separation from it. To this testifieth every fair-minded and seeing one. Cast aside what thou hast of idle fancies and take fast hold of the hem of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. He, verily, will suffice thee in truth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10709 ===

=== START BH10710 ===

In the Name of the Self-Subsisting Lord over all names!

O Aziz! Upon thee be My Glory! We have indeed glorified thee through thy turning to My horizon, and adorned thee with the ornament of My love, and delivered thee through My grace, and guided thee to My path, and illumined thee with the light of My presence, and given thee to drink, both morn and eve, from the Kawthar of My knowledge. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested unto me that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen, and for having sent down unto me that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10710 ===

=== START BH10711 ===

O ’Ali-Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Lord of Names. He, verily, draweth thee nigh unto Him and guideth thee unto a glorious station. O concourse of men! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come, He Whose remembrance was treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. He hath come to reform the world and refine the nations. Well is it with him who hath turned towards Him, and woe betide him whom the world hath deluded and kept back from this manifest grace. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is well-pleased with, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His sincere servants.

=== END BH10711 ===

=== START BH10712 ===

O Aunt, unto whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Hearing!

O Aunt! We have taken the pearls of utterance from the Ocean of the mercy of the All-Merciful and sent them unto thee. I swear by the Sun of Truth that all that exists in the world of creation cannot equal these pearls of utterance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor and say: "Unto Thee be praise, O Thou Who art wronged, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the hands of the heedless ones!"

=== END BH10712 ===

=== START BH10713 ===

O 'Inayatu'llah, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing and the All-Powerful. O 'Inayatu'llah 'Attar, upon whom be the Glory of the Chosen One! Mention hath been made of thee, wherefore the glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee and thou hast been made to attain unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Today no consideration is given to mere kinship. We have mentioned thee for the love of God. Strive thou to attain unto a station worthy of these days. Praise be to the Goal of all existence Who brought thee forth from the loins of one of His loved ones. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH10713 ===

=== START BH10715 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory. The All-Glorious, the All-Powerful.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He maketh mention of thee and biddeth thee to observe wisdom in these days. He beseecheth the Exalted One to enable thee and assist thee to do that which He loveth and pleaseth Him. Be thou eloquent in wisdom and hold fast unto it under all conditions. Verily, He is with His servants who act. We have heard thy call and have answered thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

=== END BH10715 ===

=== START BH10716 ===

In the Name of the Helper, the Self-Subsisting

O Fadl! Upon thee be My Baha! This Wronged One is faithful and cherishes faithfulness. Thou hast ever been and art before Our sight. Praise be to God that neither the veils of the opposers nor the clouds of the transgressors held thee back. Thou didst hold fast unto truth and turn toward its horizon. God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of utterance and be illumined by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun

of true unity. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one.

=== END BH10716 ===

=== START BH10717 ===

O Yusuf Kha, upon him be the glory of God! He is the One Who speaks from His most exalted horizon.

O Most Exalted Pen! Mention with the Most Glorious Writing him who has turned to the Lord of all humanity, that the Call may so attract him that the doubts of the suspicious ones will not prevent him. O Yusuf Kha, upon thee be My glory! We have beheld thy heart and heard thy call. We have made mention of thee with that which nothing created on earth can equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. Then make mention of thy wife on My behalf and give her the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10717 ===

=== START BH10718 ===

O Karbila'i Pasha! The Most Exalted Pen commands: Make mention of the Pasha whom this servant present has mentioned. Verily, thou art the compassionate, generous rememberer. Prevent no one from the ocean of My loving-kindness, and turn not away anyone who has turned to thy luminous countenance. Make mention of all who have turned towards God with beauteous remembrance. Thus have We commanded thee before and after. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having heard and responded, and woe unto the deniers.

=== END BH10718 ===

=== START BH10719 ===

His Name, the Grief-Stricken

O Kazim! Praise be to the True Bestower Who confirmed you in His recognition and singled you out for His remembrance. The names of all the emigrants have been inscribed in the Crimson Tablet, which none may touch save they that are purified, sanctified, near ones, and sincere ones. You have ever been favored by God's loving-kindness - strive, therefore, that this supreme gift may remain preserved. Such is the testament of this Wronged One, the Prisoner, unto the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty.

=== END BH10719 ===

=== START BH10720 ===

O Attar! He is the All-Bountiful, the Lord of Great Grace!

O All-Bountiful One! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds! In these days mention of thee hath repeatedly been revealed from the Supreme Pen. The Most Great Branch was present at this moment and made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with that which hath no equal among all

remembrances. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee mighty amongst His servants and eloquent in His praise throughout His lands. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, both men and women.

=== END BH10720 ===

=== START BH10721 ===

O Karbila'i Muhsin! He Who hath caused every possessor of grace to bow down before Him remembereth thee. Wondrous is he who performeth that which is commanded him by God. Verily He is the Beneficent One in My mighty Book. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the Call and responded to his Lord on a Day whereon all things spoke forth that which the Most Exalted Pen spoke when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Name, the Mighty. Thus have We manifested the pearls of knowledge from the ocean of the bounty of your Lord, the Almighty, the Strong, the Powerful.

=== END BH10721 ===

=== START BH10722 ===

O Muhammad-Hasan! He Who hath desired permission - He is the All-Commanding, the All-Ruling, the All-Knowing. O Muhammad-Hasan! He who hath attained My presence, and drunk the choice wine of My utterance, and guided the people to My path, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book, and have beseeched the Lord of the throne and of earth to grant thee permission to attain His presence. Then did the Sun of permission shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's command, the Almighty, the Powerful. Turn thou unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and hold fast unto wisdom in thy path. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10722 ===

=== START BH10723 ===

O Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God

In the Name of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath created the servants for His recognition and brought them forth from nothingness into being. Yet when the Day appeared and the Standard of Divine Unity was raised up, all turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Religion is a manifest light. We beseech God to aid all to hold fast unto it and to cling to its hem. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH10723 ===

=== START BH10724 ===

This is what hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance: O Muhammad! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art remembered, and the glance of loving-kindness is directed towards thee, and the tongue of loving-kindness speaketh thy praise, and the heart of loving-kindness is turned towards thee, for God hath made thee a treasure and hath deposited within thee the pearls of His love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed be your gathering, and your remembrance, and your utterance, and your love, and your fellowship, and your intentions, and your purposes in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10724 ===

=== START BH10725 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad! Upon thee, and upon my Afnan, and upon those who are with you and love you and know your stations with God, be my glory and my loving-kindness and my mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. God shall soon make manifest your station among His servants and shall exalt your names through His Name, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have named God's destined grace and His sent-down feast as 'Shu'a' [Ray] in the Kingdom of Names. Blessed is he who is content with all that hath appeared and been sent down from God, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10725 ===

=== START BH10726 ===

In My Name, the All-Seeing

O Muhammad-Qabli-Javad! My Most Exalted Pen remembers thee from the prison on a day when the servants are fasting for the sake of God, the Lord of creation. Reflect upon the affairs of men. All divine commandments and prohibitions are established and confirmed by a word, yet they have imprisoned the Author of the Word with manifest injustice while occupying themselves with His former commandments. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and believed. The glory of God rest upon thee and thy family, from God, the Revealer of verses.

=== END BH10726 ===

=== START BH10727 ===

In the Name of the All-Powerful! O Muhammad-Qablih-Husayn! The Sovereign of Days is manifest, and the Lord of Revelations is seated upon the throne of Sinai, and hath appeared with such verses and evidences as the like of which have never been witnessed in the world. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. Render thanks unto the Goal of all creation, Who hath enabled thee to recognize this Cause, to the greatness of which all divine Scriptures and Books have testified. Blessed are they that are assured, and blessed are they that have attained!

=== END BH10727 ===

=== START BH10728 ===

O Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Helper! O Muhammad, before Rida! The Wronged One beareth witness to thy turning, thy acceptance, thy presence, and thy arising before the gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. We bear witness that thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and hast attained unto that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed.

=== END BH10728 ===

=== START BH10729 ===

O Muhammad (or Muhammad-i-Ya), the Day of praise and thanksgiving has come, wherein the Concourse on High rejoices, yet most of the people are as dead. Sleep has overtaken them in such wise that they remain heedless of the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he whose foot has not slipped from the Path, and blessed is the one possessed of vision who has turned towards the Most Great Horizon and has said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Wronged One, the Lonely One, the Stranger.” Thus have We adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of knowledge. Blessed is he who has recognized and prostrated himself before the face of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH10729 ===

=== START BH10730 ===

In the Name of God, the Lord of the worlds! O Muhammad! Turn thy face towards God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Lo, the Book crieth out and saith: O Chosen One! Arise by My leave, then turn towards Mine all-highest horizon. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of My leave, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, and thine ear with hearkening to My holy, glorious and wondrous call, and thy form with the robe of My loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Upon thee be My glory and upon thy family and upon those who are with thee and upon him who aideth and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10730 ===

=== START BH10732 ===

He is God, exalted be He!

O Mahdi! Hear the call from the direction of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. He remembers you with a remembrance from which you will drink the waters of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Soon will the cawing of the cawers rise up in that place. This is what We informed the servants of before, and We inform you as a grace from Us. Verily your Lord is He Who has sovereignty over what was and what will be. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have taken the Book of God before all faces.

=== END BH10732 ===

=== START BH10734 ===

O Nuru'llah! The Wronged One of the horizons remembers thee from the prison-precincts and summons thee to God, the Lord of lords. He who emigrated in My path hath appeared and mentioned thy name. We make mention of thee through verses whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of the names of God, thy Lord, the Goal of all desire. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Master of all necks, and laudation be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of verses.

=== END BH10734 ===

=== START BH10735 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful! O Leaf! Know thou, then recognize, that We chose thee for My remembrance and acquainted thee with the path of My grace and mercy, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, and caused thee to hear My call and the rustling of My Pen, and informed thee of that which flowed from the choice wine of My loving-kindness in the rivers of My paradise, and selected thee to arise to serve My manifest Cause and to make mention of My mighty news. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me successful in that which Thou hast sent down in Thy manifest Book. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH10735 ===

=== START BH10736 ===

O Warbler! That which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne hath been presented and hath won the attention of the Wronged One in this glorious and noble station. We answer thee with this Tablet - verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Remind the people of My days and acquaint them with that which behoveth them in this Day wherein I have raised the banner of 'There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Great.' Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy words concerning this wondrous Cause.

=== END BH10736 ===

=== START BH10737 ===

He is the Guide to His Straight Path! O My Leaf! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, and gives thee glad tidings of the favors of thy Lord, before Whose Name the Concourse on High, and the dwellers of the Cities of Names, and the people of this Most Glorious Horizon have bowed down in adoration, whilst it increaseth naught in the oppressors save loss. Rejoice, O My Leaf! Then make mention and glorify thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. The glory of God rest upon thy father and thy mother and [thy brother] and upon thee from God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH10737 ===

=== START BH10738 ===

O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing! O helper, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy Manifestation, to make me one of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of recognition from the hand of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH10738 ===

=== START BH10739 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Yahya! The promise hath come to pass, and the Spirit crieth out among the servants. Verily, those who lay claim to knowledge and wisdom have debarred themselves from this bounty that hath encompassed all regions. We have tested them and found them in wondrous doubt. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of the Book by the command of God, the Lord of all religions. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom We have mentioned at this time through verses that have encompassed the earth and the heavens.

=== END BH10739 ===

=== START BH10740 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

Whatsoever is in the heavens and on the earth and between them boweth down in adoration unto God, for verily there is no sovereign but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are seized with trembling and convulsion through His might. He it is before Whose fear the thunder doth glorify Him, and the lightning through dread of Him, and He bringeth forth the signs from the kingdom of power and destiny. Say: Verily are all manifestations enshrouded by His bidding, and all winds stirred by His sovereignty, and none denieth this save every denier and vainglorious one.

=== END BH10740 ===

=== START BH10741 ===

He is the Helper

I testify that you have helped your Lord and were among the helpers. By My testimony all things bear witness - this is the foundation, were you to be among those who know. What you do by His command and good-pleasure is true help in the sight of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Go forth but do not commit that which would cause sedition. Trust in God - verily He seizes whom He wishes and He

has power over all things. We have accepted what you intended in the path of God. Return to your place, then remember your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH10741 ===

=== START BH10742 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious!

O child of tender years!

Thy Lord invoketh, on thy behalf, His own Self, saying:

O Thou Who holdest within Thy grasp the Kingdom of names and the Empire of all things, Thou seest how I have become a stranger from my land on account of my love for Thee. I beg of Thee, by the beauty of Thy countenance, to make my remoteness from home a means whereby Thy servants may be drawn nigh unto the Fountain-head of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. O God, I call on Thee with a tongue that hath spoken no word of disobedience against Thee, imploring Thee, by Thy sovereignty and might, to keep me safe in the shelter of Thy mercy and to grant me strength to serve Thee and to serve my father and mother. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10742 ===

=== START BH10743 ===

He is the Helper!

Mahd-i ’Ulya! As divine favour is these days all-embracing and the Afnans, upon them be God’s Glory, are under the Sidrih, a robe of honour was bestowed, a robe whose warp is the bounty of God and whose woof is His grace. From the beginning of the world until now no one had outwardly attained such a robe. Verily, God hath made this bounty a treasure and honour for thee. Two sets of chintz were sent, each set containing two robes - two specially for the mother of His honor Mirza and Umm-i-’Aliyyih, upon them be God’s grace, and two specially for Furugh and ’Aliyyih, and one specially for Jamilih. These should be sewn and given so that on special days they may adorn their frames of submission therewith and be occupied with the remembrance of God and these days. We send greetings and glorification to all. The Glory be upon you.

=== END BH10743 ===

=== START BH10744 ===

Say: Beware, O people of Baha, lest the strong ones of the earth rob you of your strength, or they who rule the world fill you with fear. Put your trust in God, and commit your affairs to His keeping. He, verily, will, through the power of truth, render you victorious, and He, verily, is powerful to do what He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of omnipotent might.

=== END BH10744 ===

=== START BH10745 ===

O God! O God! We beg of Thee by all the Names by which Thou art known, to exalt the humiliation of Thy chosen ones by Thy glory, their weakness by Thy strength, their impotence by Thine omnipotence, their poverty by Thy wealth, and their fear by Thine assurance.

O Lord, illumine our hearts by the light of knowing Thee. O Lord! Behold these thirsty ones journeying toward the river of Thy bestowal and hastening to the ocean of Thy generosity.

Verily, Thou art the powerful, the mighty, the benevolent!

=== END BH10745 ===

=== START BH10746 ===

Be fair, ye peoples of the world; is it meet and seemly for you to question the authority of one Whose presence 'He Who conversed with God' (Moses) hath longed to attain, the beauty of Whose countenance 'God's Well-beloved' (Muhammad) had yearned to behold, through the potency of Whose love the 'Spirit of God' (Jesus) ascended to heaven, for Whose sake the 'Primal Point' (the Bab) offered up His life?

=== END BH10746 ===

=== START BH10747 ===

The day is approaching when the wrathful anger of the Almighty will have taken hold of them. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the All-Subduing, the Most Powerful. He shall cleanse the earth from the defilement of their corruption, and shall give it for an heritage unto such of His servants as are nigh unto Him.

=== END BH10747 ===

=== START BH10751 ===

He is God! If thou remainest firm in the love of God, the wellsprings of divine wisdom will flow from thy heart and tongue, and thou wilt become aware of the meanings of the divine words, for His love hath ever been and shall continue to be the teacher of pure hearts and sanctified souls. Its effulgences remain concealed and hidden behind the veil of the heart. Rend thou the veil, that the lights of its revelation may shine forth upon the Sinai of thy breast.

=== END BH10751 ===

=== START BH10752 ===

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing

Praise be to God Who hath broken the seal of the choice Wine with the finger of power and hath caused to descend from the heaven of utterance that whereby all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath appeared with the truth with such conclusive proof as hath caused all necks to bow down." O Ghulam-Husayn! Rejoice thou in that which the Wronged One hath spoken whilst in the

hands of the wicked. Say: Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee when most of Thy servants had turned away from Thee.

=== END BH10752 ===

=== START BH10753 ===

He is God, exalted be His station! Praise be to God alone, and salutations upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst adorn the Night Journey and didst open the gate of Divine Unity to all servants, that Thou mayest cause to descend from the heaven of Thy grace upon those who love Thee the rain of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the All-Responding.

=== END BH10753 ===

=== START BH10754 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, His grandeur and His power!

Praise be to the Lord of the worlds Who, through His supreme Word, adorned the peoples from nothingness with the ornament of existence, and through His blessed Word of unity provided instruction. Whoso attaineth unto it attaineth unto all that is in the first and last worlds. To this the tongue of proof in the Kingdom of utterance doth testify.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Support! This servant desireth to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, yet findeth himself prevented from that which he desireth, for I know of a certainty that mention of aught else but Thee reacheth not unto Thee nor ascendeth to the heaven of Thy Cause and the atmosphere of Thy Will. I beseech Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of all names, and by Thy Command which hath encompassed earth and heaven, to enable me to do that which befitteth the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy nearness. O Lord! Thou knowest and seest that I desire to make mention of Thy Afnan whom Thou hast exalted through Thy Tablets and aided through Thy unseen hosts. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to open before their faces the doors of Thy glory and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, before Whose power the power of all things hath proven powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Sender down of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention and your utterance! Your noble letter arrived, bringing to mind the days of attaining your presence and meeting. In truth, when one attaineth unto the presence and meeting of holy and sanctified souls, in one respect he hath attained unto Paradise. In any case, after the arrival of the letter and its reading and observation, and the manifestations of joy and gladness and delight and enthusiasm and expansion, we proceeded to the Holy Shrine and presented it before His blessed face, and He said […]

The Seal of the Prophets - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - hath declared: “A time shall come upon My people when no one’s religion shall remain secure except for those who flee from peak to peak…” In truth, that time is this time. This Wronged One and those who love Him are all clinging to the cord of

resignation and the hem of contentment. This people have ever been, and continue to be, possessed of the utmost love towards the government and people of Iran, to such an extent that none of the peoples in diverse regions have been as obedient to the government's commands as this people. This fact is evident and manifest to all. Nevertheless, you witness the conduct of those associated with the government - how they daily inflict harm upon ones such as yourselves, whom all know harbor no ill intent toward anyone and who deal with God's servants with trustworthiness, love and kindness. Glory be to God! One is bewildered how they could consent to attribute theft to you who are among the most honored people of Iran, spreading it by word in that city and by telegraph to outlying regions, executing and carrying out whatever the slanderers say. Glory be to God! Where has honor gone, and what has become of care and kindness? It is reported that His Excellency the Ambassador, the Most Noble Mu'inu'l-Mulk - may God strengthen him - has arrived. What did he say and what did he declare? We beseech God to assist him in executing justice. Verily He is powerful over all things. Praise be to God, His Majesty the Shah of Iran in these days deals with this people with the utmost kindness and love, and each day there appears from him that which is a truthful witness and an eloquent testimony to his grace and favor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause through him the standards of His justice to be raised among His creation and the banners of His grace to be unfurled amidst His creatures. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Peace and mercy be upon you and upon those with you who love you and serve you for the sake of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Indeed this servant is bewildered, for in the early stages of affairs in Astaneh, there was hope that through God's grace - exalted be His glory - and the assistance of His Excellency the Ambassador, the Most Noble Mu'inu'l-Mulk - may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him - matters would be concluded with justice. However, thereafter that which caused despair became manifest. For some time now the Master - may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him - has said nothing. Occasionally some associates have approached the Most Exalted Station and, with the utmost humility and submissiveness, inquired about the reason for this silence and its cause. Nevertheless, not a word has issued from His blessed tongue except that one day He said: "He is the All-Patient; He has commanded you to beautiful patience. He is the Concealer; He has commanded you to mighty concealment." This servant in all conditions beseeches and hopes that the All-Glorious Truth may make the rulers aware of the sweetness, delight, loftiness and greatness of justice, and not deprive His servants of this supreme bounty and most evident light. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend His honor Aqa Azizu'llah, upon him Baha'u'llah. Their attention towards those parts where they have gone is fitting. Wherever they may be, I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, bounty and favor for them. Verily God our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Unceasingly do they circle round in remembrance of your honor and beseech from God, exalted be His station, whatsoever is the cause of eternal salvation and glory.

My God, my God! Assist Thy Afnan to that which beseemeth Thy glory, Thy grandeur and Thy power. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Regarding the shop you wrote about - it is very good, for it provides employment for the two brothers, upon them Baha'u'llah. It is both a means of occupation and livelihood - blessed from both aspects, God

willing, it has been and is. Praise be to God, both honored loved ones have attained unto the word "Nasr", meaning they are designated with the victory of God. It is hoped that the third victory will be the advancement of the affairs of the wronged community in the world, and likewise the advancement of your honor's affairs. With the generous ones, tasks are not difficult. This servant conveys greetings and praise to them and beseeches from God glory, bounty, exaltation and blessing for them. And God is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning mention of the spiritual beloved His honor Aqa Ahmad, upon him Baha'u'llah, you wrote that he has gone to Alexandria and until now no news has come from him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to unite your company from all directions. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. In this land also, until now no one suitable for work there has appeared, except for the beloved of the heart His honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him Baha'u'llah, who has arrived. There is intention today to mention this matter to him - perhaps he will give it attention.

Another matter is that the beloved of the heart His honor Nazir, upon him Baha'u'llah, said that during the days they were at the Threshold they observed a letter with you, either in the handwriting of the beloved of the heart His honor Ismu'l-Jud, upon him Baha'u'llah, or from here which by command was to appear that your honor should write that His honor Ibrahim Effendi, upon him be God's peace, should not send tobacco to His honor Aqa Nuru'llah and His honor Aqa Ali-Muhammad, upon them Baha'u'llah. God forbid! God forbid! No such command has appeared from the Most Exalted Horizon, and mention of these matters has not occurred in this land. Outwardly it is not known who has committed such a falsehood. Knowledge is with God in His clear Book. In these days they have shown kindness toward His honor Effendi, upon him be God's peace, and said: We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him with the hosts of the invisible and visible realm, to open before his face the gates of favor, and to send down upon him from the clouds of His mercy a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His side. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. O Ibrahim! Trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the Tree and the Mount, and commit thy affairs unto Him. Verily He is the Gracious, the Effusive, the Trustworthy, the All-Wise. And say […]

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy, and by the pearls hidden in the depths of Thy bounty, and by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers and Thy Books and Thy Scriptures, to aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee, and to practice righteousness and godliness through Thy care and Thy bestowal. Ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all names, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

From what is evident, the station of the Master's favors toward His Honor Effendi is clear and manifest, requiring no further mention. This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to withhold not from any of the peoples of the earth His infinite mercy and boundless grace, and to adorn all with the ornament of truthfulness and illumine them with the light of justice. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

In these days, the beloved of my heart, His Honor Nazir, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, is present and residing in the vicinity. He mentioned His Honor Effendi, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and requested a Tablet for his son. After it was presented before Him, He showed His favor. It is hoped that an exalted Tablet will issue forth from the Dawning-Place of generosity and be sent. The two large containers of

cheese that His Honor Effendi and other souls, upon them be God's peace, sent have arrived. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will manifest its recompense and assist them in that which is the cause and means of everlasting remembrance, as well as the cause of eternal blessing. In truth, what they sent was very good and outstanding, and praise be to God, it was honored with acceptance in His presence. Blessed be he and them. And the beloved of my heart, His Honor Nazir, has requested tobacco from His Honor Effendi. God willing, they will send it and be assisted in deeds that are the cause of the Friend's good-pleasure. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you all and upon those with you and those who love you and hear your words for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== END BH10754 ===

=== START BH10757 ===

O Mirza Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Ever-Abiding One. The Mother Book moves and says: Glory be to Thee, O my God, and glory be to Thee, O my Adored One and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by the martyrs of the land of Ya, and by their patience and steadfastness, and by those whom the oppressors have imprisoned without crime or fault, to ordain for this servant of Thine the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

=== END BH10757 ===

=== START BH10758 ===

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the Most Compassionate! This is the Day unto whose greatness and blessedness all the chosen ones of God, His Prophets and His Messengers have borne witness. Know thou its worth and act in a manner befitting it. Whosoever is enabled in this Day to perform a deed purely for the sake of God - his name shall be inscribed as one of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise in the Crimson Book. Blessed is he who acts, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10758 ===

=== START BH10759 ===

He is the All-Knowing in the Kingdom of the Most Glorious

Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of eternity in this Most Holy, Most Pure, Most Great Spot, that He is the Light in the countenance of the Manifestation, and the One remembered in His heart, and the Beloved in His inner being, and the Speaker in His breast, and the One Who maketh mention upon His tongue, and the Doer through His limbs, and the Beholder through His sight, and the Hearer through His ear, yet the people perceive not and walk in the wilderness of fancy.

=== END BH10759 ===

=== START BH10760 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beloved! Give thanks unto God for that thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and there hath been sent down for thee, from the heaven of thy Lord's bounty, that which no earthly thing can equal. Be thou a speaker in the name of thy Lord and content with whatsoever hath been ordained for thee in His preserved Tablet. Grieve not at anything - rather, rejoice in that He Who calleth thee from this praiseworthy station. Thus doth the Most Great Pen cause thee to hear its shrill voice, from the presence of this wronged Exile.

=== END BH10760 ===

=== START BH10762 ===

He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing! My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of My Afnan who hath inhaled the fragrance of My loving-kindness, who hath turned unto My horizon, and who hath clung to the cord of My bounty in days wherein every oppressor hath arisen, every transgressor raised his voice, and every polytheist denied God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Render thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize His Most Great Command and to hold fast unto this Momentous Announcement. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH10762 ===

=== START BH10763 ===

He is God. O my handmaiden! Do not despair of God's mercy, but be devoted and remember, then prostrate and bow before your Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Say: Glory be to You, O my God! I beseech You by Your Name through which You established Yourself upon the throne of Your Name, the All-Merciful, not to deprive me of the breezes from the paradise of Your reunion and the fragrances from the garden of Your presence. Verily You are powerful over whatsoever You will, and verily You are the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10763 ===

=== START BH10764 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

O handmaiden of God! Give thanks within thyself, inasmuch as God doth make mention of thee at this moment with the tongue of divine and beloved sanctity, and doth by this means exalt thy name in the meadows of His good-pleasure. Beware lest thou forget the presence of God at the time when thou wert in His presence at both sunrise and sunset. Then remember My handmaiden on My behalf and give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her, that she may rejoice within herself and abide in a praiseworthy love.

=== END BH10764 ===

=== START BH10765 ===

O Zaynu'l-'Abidin! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from this mighty Prison. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Adorn thy heart with My love, and thy tongue with My remembrance, and thy head with the crown of My Cause, the Mighty, the Impregnable. They who follow My commandments, these are under the shadow of My tender care and within the tabernacle of My mercy that hath encompassed all worlds. Remember thy Lord; verily He remembereth thee in this land of exile amidst the hands of the idolaters.

=== END BH10765 ===

=== START BH10766 ===

He is the Mighty! O 'Ali! Thou hast walked with thy feet towards God and turned with thy spirit to the shore of an impregnable nearness. May God reward thee, on Our behalf, with such a recompense as none have attained save those who were among the wayfarers in God's good-pleasure. Then convey Our greetings to the faces of them that are nigh, and the Spirit be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants. Then convey greetings to the women who are in the house, whom God hath made to be among the devout ones.

=== END BH10766 ===

=== START BH10767 ===

O Pen of Baha! Make mention of him who hath been named Abu'l-Qasim, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. He hath come with the truth and hath manifested what He desired. Through this the idol hath wailed and every remote scholar hath cried out. They denied the favor of God after its descent and disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty. They deviated from the truth, whereupon God caused their hearts to deviate, and God guideth not the people who are transgressors.

=== END BH10767 ===

=== START BH10768 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. O Glory! God glorifies Himself and those who have believed in Him on the Day when eyes are transfixed, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, hath willed. We beseech God that He may draw thee nigh unto Him and cause thee to enter the holy presence and give thee to drink of the choice wine of His wondrous and glorious utterance. Read thou the Tablet and say: Praise be to God! Verily He remembereth those who turn unto Him.

=== END BH10768 ===

=== START BH10769 ===

He is the All-Merciful!

O Nuriyyih! Blessed art thou for having been illumined by the Sun of Beauty after it had risen at the meridian with the sovereignty of God, the Mighty, the Exalted. Beware lest thou pause for a moment in the remembrance of God. Remember Him at morn and eventide. And mercy be upon thee and upon all those women who have wholly turned unto God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10769 ===

=== START BH10770 ===

O Shaykh-'Ali-Mirza, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! We have adorned thee with the ornament of Our favor and given thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the sincere ones may find in thee that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Soon shalt thou behold the effects of that which We have bestowed upon thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10770 ===

=== START BH10771 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving

We make mention of Assad, upon him be My glory, and give him the glad-tidings of the mercy which hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have named her Farahangiz and We beseech the Mighty One to protect her and make her blessed. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The peace from Us be upon those who dwell in that house. This is yet another bounty from the presence of the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH10771 ===

=== START BH10772 ===

Verily, We make mention in this station of him who heard My call and turned to My face and attained in My days and ascended to the supreme horizon and was of them that attained. He was named Aqa Jan in an exalted Tablet. Blessed is he and blessed is he who makes mention of him in accordance with what was sent down for him from the presence of a trusted Speaker. We have made mention of him before and after, and verily We are the Best Rememberer.

=== END BH10772 ===

=== START BH10773 ===

In My Name, the Rememberer! We make mention of all who are present and absent, and of those who have ascended unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. I testify that My servant Baqir hath ascended on the wings of love and certitude unto his Lord, the All-Merciful. Upon him be My glory and the glory of them that are in the highest Paradise and the glory of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and

at dawn. We were with him at the time of his ascension, and before it, whereof beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book.

=== END BH10773 ===

=== START BH10779 ===

He is the Well-Beloved. God willing thou art in peace and tranquillity

under the shade of the mercy of the All-Merciful One, beneath the canopy

of the providence of the Most Sanctified One. Apparently I am a little

one. I am not possessed of the art of writing. But because this Unlettered

One is clinging to the Divine Lote-Tree I can read without any knowledge

and without being taught writing I write. All this is evident unto those

who have eyes as this emanates from the world of the Interior. Those who

are outside have been and still are unaware of this great mystery.

=== END BH10779 ===

=== START BH10780 ===

The first fragrance that wafted from Divine Revelation and the first light that shone from the horizon of the Countenance be upon thee, O thou who hast attained unto the days of the Wronged One and what hath been sent down therein from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. O youth! We bear witness that thou didst answer the Call of the Lord of all beings when it was raised between earth and heaven, and didst acknowledge His Manifestation and His sovereignty and His establishment upon the throne. And We bear witness that thou didst leave thy homeland, seeking the homeland of God, and didst traverse land and sea in thy longing to attain His presence.

=== END BH10780 ===

=== START BH10781 ===

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O Ahmad! The Word of God is in one station likened unto a divine Lote-Tree - blessed are they who have found their habitation beneath its shade. And in another station it is likened unto a Pavilion - well is it with such souls as have taken up their abode in that place of security. And it hath been called by all the most beautiful names. Well is it with him who hath attained unto it and recognized its station and rank and its influence and power and dominion.

=== END BH10781 ===

=== START BH10782 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O handmaiden of God! The Sun of divine favors has shone upon you and the effulgences of the lights of the Eternal have appeared in your heart. For had you not been blessed with the lights of the Sun of Truth, you would not have been successful in recognition. Now strive that the pearl of His love remain preserved in the treasure of the heart. And none attains to this station except through following that which has appeared from the Dayspring of the Cause. The glory be upon you and upon your son.

=== END BH10782 ===

=== START BH10783 ===

In the Name of the one true God! O handmaiden of God! Thy petition hath been received at the Most Holy Court, and its opening is adorned with the crown of the remembrance of the Lord of Names. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance and praise of God. And concerning thy question about the dream - none hath the right to test God. We shall interpret it for thee as a bounty from Us, and shall reveal unto thee what We showed thee. Be thou assured and be of those who render thanks.

=== END BH10783 ===

=== START BH10784 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O handmaid of God! Thy letter was seen and from the Supreme Pen the answer to it hath been revealed. Those souls who have today turned towards the Dawning-Place of Revelation and have attained unto the hearing of the divine Call - the end of such souls hath been and shall be good, and they are honored and distinguished by divine forgiveness. Thus doth My Supreme Pen testify in this exalted Tablet.

=== END BH10784 ===

=== START BH10785 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! O handmaiden of God, Habibih Sultan! We have heard your call, and the Ancient Countenance has been and will continue to be turned from the Most Great Prison toward His loved ones. We beseech God to enable all to act according to His love and good-pleasure. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee as a bounty from Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10785 ===

=== START BH10786 ===

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious

O daughter of ’Ali! Hearken unto the Call of the King of earth and heaven, Who calleth from the right hand of the Most Great Prison and summoneth thee to the Kingdom of the Ancient of Days. Praise be to

the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been under His gaze, and God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be turned toward the Most Great Scene. Place thy trust in God and commit thy affairs unto Him. Verily He beholdeth whosoever turneth toward His shining and luminous Countenance.

=== END BH10786 ===

=== START BH10788 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy Most Great Name unto all peoples and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Master of eternity, to protect Thy loved ones from the dictates of self and passion, and to adorn them with the ornament of Thy glory, O Thou Lord of all humanity and Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former times. O my Lord! Withhold them not from the gate of Thy bounty, nor from the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10788 ===

=== START BH10789 ===

O Sughra, give a hearing ear to the sound of the Pen of the Most High and pass beyond that which is other than God. Rejoice in His praise and be happy with His remembrance. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that were man to traverse all the heavens and earth, and carry out a search, he will never find happiness and joy save in His love. Therefore, strive that thou mayest be adorned with the diadem of His love amongst the handmaidens of God, and upon thee be the Spirit.

=== END BH10789 ===

=== START BH10790 ===

O Fatimih Bigum, handmaiden of God! In the name of the kind Friend! O maid-servant of God! May you act, at all times, according to that which hath been commanded from the presence of the Most Merciful, and remain turned toward the horizon of His grace. Seek steadfastness from God, for verily the satans lie in ambush for the servants with utmost craftiness and ever have done so. Say: O my God! Protect me beneath the shadow of Thy supreme loving-kindness. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10790 ===

=== START BH10791 ===

In the Name of the Lord of Names! O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! Hold fast to this firm Word which is as the water of life to those who thirst. Look not unto creation and its conditions, but unto the Truth and His sovereignty and grandeur and glory. That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is as a lamp unto the darkened world and as a sun unto the realm of knowledge.

=== END BH10791 ===

=== START BH10792 ===

O Muhammad! He is the One Present and Beholding. O Muhammad! The Fire is speaking in all trees with "The Chosen One hath come," and the Light from the horizon of Sinai is dawning and shining with infinite radiance. God willing, through the loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory, may the eye not be deprived of it and the ear not be barred from it. Blessed is He Who hath caused thee to know Him and hath mentioned thee in this noble station.

=== END BH10792 ===

=== START BH10793 ===

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Strive, for this is the Day of striving and endeavor, that thou mayest learn from the wondrous melodies of the Lote-Tree. Unseal the musk that is sealed, and manifest the light of thy heart, so that all steadfast handmaidens may find their way to the paradise of reunion with the Immortal Beloved through the fragrance of thy love and utterance. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with the ornament of detachment and be free and independent of all else save Him.

=== END BH10793 ===

=== START BH10796 ===

Regarding the letter of Mirza Ghulam-'Ali: Concerning what they wrote about marriage - it is not permissible to pass it by, for it is among God's traditions established among creatures, as has been revealed in detail from the Holy Kingdom in the Most Holy Book. All must act according to it. And regarding that honored one's journey to the Most Holy Court, permission is granted to journey for a few days and return.

=== END BH10796 ===

=== START BH10797 ===

In the name of the God of knowledge! The Sun of Manifestation has risen and the Ocean of bounty is surging. Blessed are they who have turned with perfect certitude to the horizon of the All-Merciful and have received their portion from the dawning-rays of the Sun of Truth and the waves of the Sea of inner meaning. The servants and handmaidens must at all times beseech God not to deprive any from this greatest bounty. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10797 ===

=== START BH10799 ===

From the Source of the Command it has been revealed: It is incumbent upon all the loved ones of Truth to reflect upon steadfastness and its degrees, so that they may comprehend the wisdom of God's utterance, Who in most Tablets has called the people unto steadfastness. Say: O My loved ones, reflect deeply upon the veils of glory and ever keep them before your eyes, lest perchance the glorified veils of idle fancy prevent you from the Court of Oneness. And the splendor be upon you.

=== END BH10799 ===

=== START BH10800 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beloved

Through the golden words came Aqa Zia, and through the word “We strengthened them with a third” came the speaker, and likewise Aqa Badi’. Therefore this Tablet, which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, was sent. God willing, ye have been and are successful in every good thing. If ye pass beyond laziness, ye shall also attain unto “We strengthened them with the first.” The Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and love you.

=== END BH10800 ===

=== START BH10801 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory. Wisdom and utterance.

Say: O oppressed servants throughout all regions! On the Day of Reckoning He summons all unto the Lord of Creation. The purpose is that those possessed of sight and hearing may with justice and fairness hearken unto the divine verses and reflect upon that which hath been made manifest. This is the divine counsel. Blessed are they who hold fast unto it and act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book.

=== END BH10801 ===

=== START BH10803 ===

In the Name of the loving Lord! Know ye of a certainty that ye are remembered before the Throne, and the Supreme Pen hath turned to your mention. Verily the Wronged One remembereth every wronged man and woman, and the Stranger loveth every stranger, man and woman, and every captive man and woman, especially those who are made such in the path of God. This is God’s testimony wherewith We have adorned the beginning of thy book, that His favor unto thee may be evident.

=== END BH10803 ===

=== START BH10805 ===

[He is the Most High, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise]

Reflect upon the bounty of thy Lord, that He remembereth thee by virtue of thy remembrance of Him. I swear by My life, wert thou to recognize this bounty as it deserveth to be recognized, such joy and gladness would seize thee that neither the misfortunes of the world nor the clamor of souls would sadden thee. He, while in prison, remembereth His loved ones and sendeth unto them, at all times, the sweet savors of the All-Merciful, that He may draw them nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Loving.

=== END BH10805 ===

=== START BH10807 ===

He is the Mighty! The True Beauty hath appeared, O friends - acquire ye vision! A spiritual bounty hath descended from the holy divine heaven, O companions - gain ye understanding! And the gates of wondrous paradise have been opened, O loved ones - attain ye awareness! That perchance through the grace of the King of existence, the eye and ear and heart may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Thus hath He ordained through bounty for people who comprehend.

=== END BH10807 ===

=== START BH10808 ===

He is the Truth, the One Who has power over all things! The Beauty of the Unseen lifted the veil of Glory from the Countenance of the Exemplar, and immediately His face appeared - and unto God belongs the most glorious similitude - manifest and visible from the Throne of the Divine Cloud. O joy to him who is illumined by the lights of His presence, the Self-Subsisting, and who is brightened by the radiance of His holy countenance. And glory be upon you, O companions of God and those who are with you in His Cause, and peace.

=== END BH10808 ===

=== START BH10810 ===

He is the Deliverer. I remember and am sincere to his honor Naji. Praise be to God that the loved ones are engaged in love and affection and strive in divine good-pleasure and are bound. May they forever be mindful and grateful in His remembrance, and praising and thankful for His bounties. Numerous Tablets have been sent until now which, through God’s might and power, have arrived and will arrive.

=== END BH10810 ===

=== START BH10811 ===

He is the Mighty!

Some time hath passed during which the nightingales of the divine garden have fallen silent, and the parrots of the spiritual Egypt have been deprived of heavenly sweetmeats. Why, at last, have ye ceased to soar, and remained thirsty despite the Most Great Ocean? I swear by God that whatsoever is visible shall soon come to an end, and the mercy of the Spirit encompasseth thee and whomever returneth unto Him. And this is boundless grace. Be not heedless.

=== END BH10811 ===

=== START BH10812 ===

He is the One Who speaks the Truth!

O HS! We have remembered you with a remembrance that shall endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom of God, the Lord of Lords. Verily He hath come from the heaven of immortality with a Cause

before which neither the hosts of earth nor of the heavens can stand. Beware lest the might of the wicked keep thee back from God, the Lord of all men. When thou hearest My call, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee. I beseech Thee to make me successful in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.”

=== END BH10812 ===

=== START BH10814 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Lord of the Day of Judgment, Who hath illumined the contingent world with the lights of utterance and adorned it with the blessed word “The Kingdom is God’s.” Neither the might of the polytheists nor the clamor of the heedless could prevent the penetration of His perfect Word, nor could the power of the aggressors weaken the authority of His Most Exalted Pen. With but a single pen He arose against the whole world, and gave glad tidings to all of the Great Announcement which was among the irrevocable promises of God, and guided them. Yet weak eyes were prevented from beholding the horizon of manifestation, and ears that heard not were deprived of hearkening to the Most Sweet Call and the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. Glorified be His dominion and magnified be His proof. There is no God but Him.

My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal, my Beloved and the Ultimate Object of my desire! Thou seest the turning of Thy loved ones to the horizon of Thy manifestation, their orientation to the lights of Thy countenance, and their arising to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Call that was raised from Thy most exalted horizon, by Thy Light wherewith the earth and heaven were illumined, and by the Fire of Thy Lote-Tree whereby Thou didst guide Moses on Mount Sinai, to ordain for whosoever hath turned unto Thee in Thy days and made mention of Thy servant, the Wondrous One, Who hath been imprisoned in the jail of Thine enemies, that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty and bestowal. O my Lord! Thou knowest that he desired naught but to demonstrate his love for Thee in this Day wherein the fire of hatred hath been kindled in the breasts of the worshippers of names. O my Lord! Guard him through Thy grace, then aid him through Thy power and sovereignty that he may arise to serve Thee among Thy servants and assist Thee through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Confirmer, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of those who have aimed at the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and whom the attraction of Thy verses seized in such wise that they turned to the place of sacrifice and spent their wealth and souls in Thy path, O Lord of all beings and King of the kingdom of names. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all in the earths and the heavens.

[Letter continues with details about various martyrs and events…]

=== END BH10814 ===

=== START BH10816 ===

They must make a diligent effort in preserving the Book of God, for once again the correct manner of reading has been revealed - whatever is in the hands of the servants must be made to conform and agree with it. And regarding the Book of Iqan, its correct version was bestowed upon His Honor Ali-Qabel-Akbar, upon him be Baha - the existing copies must either be made to conform with it or be rewritten anew from it, this latter being preferable and more fitting.

=== END BH10816 ===

=== START BH10817 ===

Regarding the matter of purchasing the specific house, again it hath been revealed from the heaven of God's command: "Soon shall We raise up one who will purchase what thou hast desired, through pure love. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty." At the Throne, there is nothing available to be sent, but in the inmost heart We have enabled one of the loved ones. God willing, it shall become manifest to thee in the outward realm. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10817 ===

=== START BH10818 ===

He is God! The Remembrance of God from the Divine Lote-Tree hath been witnessed at the right hand of the Throne. Blessed is the one who draweth nigh unto it, who is nourished by its fruits, and who taketh for himself beneath its shade a station that is faithful to the truth. O handmaiden of God! Give thanks unto thy Lord and forget not His favor, for indeed His favor toward thee hath been great. And the glory rest upon thee and upon every leaf that hath been illumined by the lights of God.

=== END BH10818 ===

=== START BH10819 ===

This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath believed in the One, the All-Knowing, he whose name was presented before the Wronged One in this exalted station. Verily, We arose this day and desired this station which We have mentioned time and again, and have revealed therein that whereby the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all creation.

=== END BH10819 ===

=== START BH10821 ===

He is the Ever-Living, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting! The Cup-Bearer of 'Ama offers the goblet of the wine of faithfulness with radiant light, that ye may become enraptured in the Sinai of love through the manifestation of Beauty, and after attaining unto "when he recovered from his swoon," ye may hear from the tongue of the heart the blessed verse "And to God belongeth the Kingdom of the heavens and of the earth," that ye may enter, intoxicated, into the gathering of love and the assembly of affection and become thankful. And peace be upon you.

=== END BH10821 ===

=== START BH10824 ===

He is the Most Pure, the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I render Thee thanks for having made me a captive in the hands of the oppressors for Thy sake. I swear by Thy glory that the sweetness of what I have tasted from the cup of destiny in Thy love hath not departed from my palate. O my Lord, cause Thy servants to recognize Thy beauty, and deprive them not of the wine of Thy mercy which hath flowed from the finger of Thy will in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10824 ===

=== START BH10826 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy Call which hath been raised from the right hand of the throne of Thy grandeur, whereby it hath drawn unto itself the hearts of Thy servants. O Thou in Whose grasp are all who are in Thy heavens and on Thine earth! Wouldst Thou turn them away, O my God, while Thou art the One Who calleth them? Wouldst Thou deny them while Thou art the Giver? Far be it from Thy great bounty, O Lord of the Day of Judgment! Thou, verily, art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH10826 ===

=== START BH10827 ===

In Thy name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is a leaf from among the leaves of the Tree of Thy Paradise, stirred by the breezes of the spirit of Thy love and moved by the attractions of Thy passion and yearning. She hath turned toward the sanctuary of Thy divine unity, hoping from Thy boundless mercies and infinite compassions that Thou wilt cause her to enter the garden of Thy sanctification and the retreats of Thy holy oneness. Therefore, O my God, fulfill her hope through Thy bounty and favor. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

=== END BH10827 ===

=== START BH10828 ===

He is the Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name to protect those whom Thou hast chosen for Thyself and made the leaves of this Tree which hath been raised up by Thy command. Have mercy, O my God, upon their young and old through Thy grace and bounty. Then make them to be among those who have acknowledged Thy oneness and recognized that which hath

been sent down in the Tablets of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10828 ===

=== START BH10829 ===

He is the Most Holy

Praise be unto thee, O Lord my God, I beseech Thee by Thy decisive Holy Utterance whereby the root of doubt and misgivings hath been eradicated and the glory of Thy name, the Almighty, the Bountiful, hath shone forth, to protect every child that hath been admitted beneath the shade of Thy loving-kindness, and to have mercy, O my God, on those babes whom the people have banished from their homes while [sic] were still at their mothers' breasts, for no other reason than the love they have cherished for Thee. O Lord! Have pity upon them through Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Most Merciful.

=== END BH10829 ===

=== START BH10830 ===

He is the All-Possessing, the All-Powerful, the Almighty!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest and knowest that I have desired naught save the creation of Thy servants and their attainment unto the summit of Thy grace and bounty, that their eyes may be gladdened and their hearts rejoiced. O Lord! Make known unto them Thy path and teach them, through Thy bounty and generosity, that which Thou hast willed for them. O Lord! Deprive not the horizons of the light of unity. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the Day of Separation. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10830 ===

=== START BH10831 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who art the Self-Subsisting One of Names and the Possessor of the throne on high and the earth below! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Impregnable, Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Glorious Name to ordain for whosoever hath turned unto Thee and carried out what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book the reward of every steadfast one whom neither the tyranny of the servants nor the clamor of the lands hath deterred. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10831 ===

=== START BH10832 ===

He is the Almighty!

My hair is My Messenger. It is calling aloud at all times upon the branch of Fire within the hallowed and luminous garden of Paradise, that perchance the inmates of the realm of creation may detach themselves from the world of dust and ascend unto the retreats of nearness – the Spot where the Fire seeketh illumination from the light of the Countenance of God, the Glorious, the Powerful.

O ye that have consecrated yourselves to this Fire! Sing ye melodies, pour out sweet tones, rejoice with exceeding gladness and make haste to attain the presence of Him Who is the Object of adoration, bearing witness that no God is there besides God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Compelling.

=== END BH10832 ===

=== START BH10833 ===

O Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, who has migrated and attained! In His Name, the All-Knowing, the Most Great! God bears witness that there is no God but Him, and that He Who has come is verily the Sovereign of existence, both seen and unseen. He testifies that you have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have attained the Kawthar of the presence time and again. Know thou this most great station, then preserve it through My Name, the Preserver.

=== END BH10833 ===

=== START BH10834 ===

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious, The Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath come from the heaven of revelation is the Source of My Beauty and the Dawning-Place of My Cause and the Manifestation of My verses and the Revealer of My clear tokens. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto My Face and beheld My Beauty and drunk the choice wine of My favor and the living waters of My loving-kindness. And whoso thereafter turneth away, he is of them that have denied My proof and gainsaid My testimony and been heedless of My sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds.

=== END BH10834 ===

=== START BH10835 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him and that ’Ali-before-Muhammad is His Manifestation and His Concealment, His Name and His Beauty, His Mystery and His Light, His Cause and His Utterance, His Speech and His Word, His Wisdom and His Proof, His Evidence and His Revelation, His Word and His Sovereignty, His Grace and His Bounty. His is the Command and the Creation, and verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10835 ===

=== START BH10836 ===

He is.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Rising-Point of inspiration. To this beareth witness My tongue and My wondrous pen. He is. The eye of the world hath been solaced by the appearance of God, the Lord of ancient days and Sovereign of nations, yet most among mankind know not. My blessed seal is My proof, My Self My evidence, My Cause My testimony, and My resplendent beauty. He is. The promise hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared unto the King of manifestation. Blessed is he who seeth…and heareth with the ear the Call of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10836 ===

=== START BH10837 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! May my Spirit, my Blessings and my Favor be upon thee! Blessed art thou, who in thy tender age hast acknowledged the grandeur and majesty of God. Blessed be the mother who nursed thee and fulfilled her duty as was befitting. We beseech God to inscribe for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which beseemeth His generosity, munificence and grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10837 ===

=== START BH10838 ===

He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy!

Blessed art thou for having been seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of utterance in such wise that thou didst traverse the pathway of the world until thou didst enter My Most Great Prison and didst hear the call of the Wronged One concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We bear witness that thou didst visit the Most Great Scene and didst believe in God, the Lord of destiny, and didst drink the most pure wine from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Informed. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10838 ===

=== START BH10839 ===

He is the All-Giving, the Generous

Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and believed in Him, the Lord of all worlds, and for having drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having aided me and caused me to know Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy mighty Cause and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10839 ===

=== START BH10840 ===

My God, my Adored One! Deprive not Thy servants of the fruits of their existence, and grant them their portion from the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art the One Whose power the might of the world hath not weakened, and Whose Purpose the pomp of earthly sovereigns hath not prevented. I beseech of Thee Thy ancient grace and Thy fresh favors. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bestower, the Almighty.

=== END BH10840 ===

=== START BH10842 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! Thy petition hath reached the Divine Throne, and whatsoever was mentioned therein hath been observed. God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful thou shalt at all times drink of the water of life and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God with complete steadfastness. We have adorned the head of thy letter with these blessed words: “O My servant! I have, of My grace, forgiven thee. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

=== END BH10842 ===

=== START BH10843 ===

He is!

Glorified be He Who is established upon the throne and Who rules as He pleases with the sovereignty of His command. And verily He is this and this is He, but the people are in delusion, then in conjecture, then in doubt, then in drunkenness and heedlessness and in a veil thicker than all thick things and heavier than the weight of the heavens and earth - and none knows this save the detached ones.

=== END BH10843 ===

=== START BH10844 ===

He is the Hidden, the Manifest!

Glorified be God for this fiery thread and this divine cord! At times I behold it as fire, for by it are consumed the hearts of the sincere. At times I behold it as breezes, for by it are stirred the hearts of the unitarians. And at times there issueth from it a sound like unto melodies that draw unto them the hearts of the lovers. Glorified be God for this moving, gleaming Spirit!

=== END BH10844 ===

=== START BH10845 ===

He is the Mighty

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest Thy Beauty unto the people of Thy kingdom and didst send upon all created things the breezes of the grace of Thy mercy, to forgive this servant who hath clung to the cord of Thy loving care and held fast to the hem of Thy bounty. Then grant him, O my God, that which will detach him from all else but Thee and enable

him to attain unto the shore of Thy nearness, for in Thy hands is the dominion of all things and Thou art, verily, powerful over all things.

=== END BH10845 ===

=== START BH10846 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the beauty of Thy countenance, through which the lights of Thy sun of pre-existence and the splendors of Thy moon of oneness have shone forth upon all created things, that Thou make Thy servant who hath believed in Thee one of the temples of Thy divine unity, and raise him to such a station that he may dwell in the precincts of Thy mercy and rest beneath the shade of Thy loving-kindness. Make him, then, to be virtuous in deed even as Thou hast named him virtuous in name, for verily Thou art the One with power over all things.

=== END BH10846 ===

=== START BH10847 ===

He is the Mighty

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Do Thou aid those who have sought no help except through the wondrous aids of Thy triumph and victory, and who have turned to none save Thy gracious countenance, and who have faced none but Thy resplendent beauty. Therefore, O my Beloved, have mercy upon them through the sovereignty of Thy mercy, and deprive them not of Thy grace and bounties, nor of attaining Thy presence and Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH10847 ===

=== START BH10848 ===

He is God, exalted is He! We have been afflicted with a most grievous calamity, and trial and hardship, and darkness of tribulation. Yet through God's grace the Sun has risen from the supreme horizon. Behold, it moves before Us at Our behest. Soon will it transform the darkness of night into the light of day through its effulgence and radiance, and its signs will appear throughout all regions. Blessed is he who remains firm upon the throne of steadfastness and power in the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

=== END BH10848 ===

=== START BH10849 ===

He is God, God, and there is none other besides Him. The Promise has come to pass and the Promised One has appeared, and the Sun of proof and testimony has dawned from the horizon of manifestation. Blessed art thou for having cast away and taken hold, and having arisen and proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower!" Be thou steadfast in such wise that through thee every wavering one may become firm and every agitated soul may find tranquility. Thus have We ordained for thee in the Book.

=== END BH10849 ===

=== START BH10850 ===

He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

That which thou didst send from the heaven of thy love hath come before this servant, and I have forwarded it to the place which thou didst desire. We beseech God to accept from thee that which hath proceeded from thee, and to raise thee up unto the canopy of nearness which was, in the Tablet, most exalted. His honor Mirza Muhammad will present the details of affairs, and convey greetings to all the loved ones. Baha.

=== END BH10850 ===

=== START BH10851 ===

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over the world! There has come before the Wronged One a letter containing the names of those who have turned toward God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of them in truth as a bounty from Our presence, for verily He is the All-Merciful, the All-Forgiving, the Kind. The One Who is mentioned makes mention of thee in return for thy mention of Him. Verily His grace encompasses both the unseen and the visible. Be thou thankful to God for this, then remain steadfast in His Cause and place thy trust in Him in all matters.

=== END BH10851 ===

=== START BH10852 ===

O Abu'l-Hasan! He is the One, the Single One.

Thou hast remembered thy Lord time after time, and hast been mentioned by the Supreme Pen again and again. Act according to what We have enjoined upon thee in the Book, then safeguard the Cause of thy Lord. Verily this will profit thee in this world and the next. By My life! Through it God will grant thee from His bounty what thou hast desired, and will ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. He, verily, is the True Speaker, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH10852 ===

=== START BH10853 ===

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which was as the gentle rain of mercy unto blessed [good] soil, as the breeze of providence unto the gardens of knowledge, as the sun of certitude unto the heaven of utterance, as the river of life unto the thirsty one, and as the fragrance of the All-Merciful unto the people of Baha. Thank thou My Most Exalted Pen, for It hath made mention of thee with that which shall endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10853 ===

=== START BH10854 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

That which caused the kingdoms of earth and heaven to tremble hath appeared, all things were shaken, the dwellers of earth and heaven lamented, and the faces of the doubters were transformed. Stand thou firm in the Cause through a power from God, thy Lord, then breathe the spirit of life into the hearts of all mankind. That which ye were promised in the Tablets hath been fulfilled, and every wise matter hath been made clear. And the Spirit be upon thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

=== END BH10854 ===

=== START BH10855 ===

He is the All-Answering

We have read thy letter and heard thy call and have answered thee with this exalted Tablet. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Dominant over all names, to make me swayed by the breezes of Thy Will and moved by the sovereignty of Thy Purpose. Then cause me to be content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy bounty and grace, and steadfast in Thy Cause amidst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH10855 ===

=== START BH10856 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call, and by the Name of Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name, and by Thy [perspicuous] Book and Thy firm [and steadfast] Cause, to ordain for Thy loved ones the good of this world and of the world to come. Then open before their faces the doors of Thy grace and blessing. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10856 ===

=== START BH10857 ===

In His name, the Everlasting, the Eternal

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! All praise be to Thee for having caused me to turn towards the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace, and for having illumined me with the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O God of the worlds and the Goal of them that have recognized Thee, to assist me in serving Thee, that there may appear from me that which will endure in its traces in Thy kingdom. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10857 ===

=== START BH10858 ===

In His Name through which the Book has called out! O Mahmud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Loving! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy proof to number me with such as were not held back by swords from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor by cannons from turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy word “Be” and it is.

=== END BH10858 ===

=== START BH10859 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart’s Desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Baha at its most resplendent and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed earth and heaven, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for them that stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and drink the choice wine of Thy utterance in Thy presence. Aid me to serve Thee and to serve Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Succourer, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10859 ===

=== START BH10860 ===

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! The Supreme Pen hath repeatedly and successively remembered ‘Ali-i-Marfu’. Blessed is he in that he hath heard and turned unto God, and hath attained and rendered thanks unto his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. In all conditions fix your gaze upon the Self-Sufficing Lord and hold fast unto the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His bounty. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10860 ===

=== START BH10861 ===

O Handmaiden of God! In My Name, the Most Glorious

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names, and I glorify and thank Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of decree, for having taught me the way of Thy knowledge in Thy days, and having made me recognize Thy signs, and having shown me the horizon of Thy manifestation. O my Lord! I am a leaf among the leaves of the Tree of Thy Cause, which the winds of Thy will and the breezes of Thy revelation have stirred. I beseech Thee not to deprive me from the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10861 ===

=== START BH10862 ===

In the Name of the Friend! Your letter hath reached the Most Great Horizon, and turned toward the Dawning-Place of the Cause. Praise be to God that thou hast been mentioned in His remembrance and been sustained in His days. Beseech thou God that He may assist thee to serve His Cause and enable thee to achieve His good-pleasure. God willing, at thy end thou shalt attain unto that which hath no end, and be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10862 ===

=== START BH10863 ===

In the Name of the One Bountiful God! Your letter is before Me and that which was mentioned therein hath been heard. God willing, thou shalt at all times hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful and discover its sweetness. I swear by the Educator of all beings that should one discover its sweetness, he would find himself detached from the world and all who dwell therein. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of God, turned thy face towards His countenance, and been counted among those who have responded.

=== END BH10863 ===

=== START BH10864 ===

In the name of the one God! Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison, attaining unto the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King, and that which was recorded therein was mentioned. Praise be to God, thou hast been adorned with the embellishment of the recognition of the Beloved of all possibility. Guard this blessed garment in His name, for thieves lie in wait in their ambush. God protect us and you from the evil of those who have denied and oppressed and plundered and turned away. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10864 ===

=== START BH10865 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all existence! Your letter was seen and your call was heard. Verily, He answereth him who calleth upon Him. Verily, He is the Answerer, the All-Seeing. Be assured by the grace of God and be free and detached from all else. What is essential today is steadfastness in the Cause and adherence to the divine ordinances which have dawned and are manifest from the horizon of the Book. Blessed art thou and blessed are the devoted women who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10865 ===

=== START BH10866 ===

He is God, exalted be His station! By the life of God! His honor Nabil, son of Nabil, upon him be My Baha and glory, has been and is in the Most Exalted Prison with the permission, leave and good-pleasure of this

Wronged One. However, if his honor Afnan, upon him be My Baha and loving-kindness, should send someone to that place for the conduct of affairs, so that the aforementioned gentleman might for a few days repair to these parts by way of recreation, this would be pleasing.

=== END BH10866 ===

=== START BH10867 ===

His honor Jamal, the Name of God, upon him be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High

He is God, exalted be His station, the Wisdom and the Utterance

Praise be to God, the first day of the feast has come to an end with the blessed, right and upright deeds of His Majesty Sultan Abdul-Hamid, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him. Truly I say, the fragrances of the days of the rightly-guided Caliphs and the near-standing leaders were diffused in this blessed month of Ramadan. We testify that he walks with the banner of justice on his right and the standard of equity on his left, and the heaven before his face.

=== END BH10867 ===

=== START BH10868 ===

He is God, the Mighty

The inscribed Tablet hath descended from the heaven of loving-kindness and hath made manifest the hidden meanings like unto a spiritual sun from the mystic horizon. Without proof it showed the way, and without Gabriel it guided the sorrowful heart to the path of joy. God willing, so long as the divine lamp shineth in the eternal niche, that true Beauty shall remain established upon the throne of everlasting glory.

=== END BH10868 ===

=== START BH10869 ===

The All-Glorious, the Most Glorious One hath not forgotten His remembering servant, and the Intended One will not deprive the seeker of the effulgences of His lights. How excellent is the state of that soul whose remembrance ascendeth to the throne and from whose heart's paradise there reacheth the Divine presence a sweet fragrance, purely for the sake of God. These are the days of grace - we look to grace. Were we to look to justice, not a single word would flow from the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Verily, He knoweth all things.

=== END BH10869 ===

=== START BH10871 ===

He is the Beloved! Those who repose upon the carpet of oneness, and who are seated in the court of love, and who recline upon the cushions of eternity, and who gaze upon the Countenance of the Ancient of Days - unto all of them do I convey my greetings and salutations, and unto you especially do I express

them, and trouble you that you should definitely make every effort to deliver the books, as many customers have appeared. And mercy be upon you and upon those who are with you in the horizon of glory. 81296

=== END BH10871 ===

=== START BH10872 ===

O Jalal, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The Wronged One of the world turneth toward thee and maketh mention of thee. This is a bounty sanctified above all likeness and comparison, for thou art of the Truth, related to the Truth, and mentioned in the presence of the Truth. Martyrdom in the path of the Beloved is the glory of life, and abasement in His love is the glory of all glory. The Glory be upon you, O people of Glory!

=== END BH10872 ===

=== START BH10876 ===

His exalted Word: The letter from the shaykh of the greater city, upon him be My Baha, was considered. The glance of favor is directed toward each one. Convey My greetings on behalf of the Wronged One and say: You have ever been and continue to be before Our sight. The Self of Truth hath testified to your acceptance, your turning and your steadfastness. Upon you be My remembrance, My praise, My glory and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10876 ===

=== START BH10877 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books as a token of His grace, and He is the Truth, the Knower of all things that are hidden. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies, clinging to the cord of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thou hast attained unto His presence and beheld Him, and hast gained the honor of hearing the call of the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison. To this beareth witness He Who proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH10877 ===

=== START BH10880 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

Blessed is the condition of the leaf that hath clung fast to the Divine Lote-Tree in such wise that the blasts of trials and tests severed her not therefrom. His honor Ismu'llah Mihdi hath mentioned before Our Most Holy and Exalted Presence thy sincerity, steadfastness and love. God willing, mayest thou at all times be

the recipient of His special Merciful favors and abide in tranquility beneath His shade. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH10880 ===

=== START BH10881 ===

This is Our remembrance for him who consorted with his Lord yet knew Him not, who heard the call of God yet answered it not, and upon whom in every moment there shone forth the Sun of Beauty from the horizon of glory, yet he recounted not its effulgences. Would that he had paused in his affair and been content with what We have mentioned, and that there had not issued from his mouth that which caused the hearts of the pure ones to be consumed.

=== END BH10881 ===

=== START BH10882 ===

He is God! This is a tablet for one of the handmaidens of God, that she may be mindful of the remembrance of her Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. O My handmaiden! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God, then dwell in the shelter of His mercy. Verily, He shall suffice thee above all the peoples. Beseech thy Lord at all times that He close not before thy face the gates of the Paradise of His good-pleasure, that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of the garment of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH10882 ===

=== START BH10883 ===

This is a Book from Us to him who answered his Lord when the Call was raised from the right of the Mount through this Revelation, wherewith the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. O My God and My Lord! Adorn the temples of Thy servants with the ornament of Thy most beauteous Names, even as Thou hast adorned the Throne with the lights of Thy Most Glorious Name. Then give them to drink of the sealed wine in this Day that is hidden and concealed, for verily Thou art the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen.

=== END BH10883 ===

=== START BH10884 ===

O Fath in the letter Alif! He is the Mighty. This is a Tablet which God hath manifested at this time with truth and through it hath sent forth a temple in the dominion and there is none to ordain save Him. His is the creation and the command and all shall return unto Him. None shall understand it. He shall appear with truth and shall raise up Our Cause through a power from Us and a might from Our presence and He shall fear no one and the perverters shall not prevent Him.

=== END BH10884 ===

=== START BH10885 ===

O Fath [Victory] in the Alif, He is the Everlasting One! This is a tablet from among the tablets of Paradise, and a leaf from among the leaves of the All-Highest Heaven, and a word from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and a remembrance from His presence, and a book from His side concerning what was and what will be, and through it the Cause of God appeared in all ages, and the lights of holiness shone forth, and this Youth arose with a command and manifest sovereignty.

=== END BH10885 ===

=== START BH10886 ===

He is God. This is a leaf which is stirred by the breezes of holiness that waft from the direction of the divine companionship, the place wherein is made mention of God, so that through its movements may be stirred the hearts of those who have turned with their all unto God and have detached themselves from all else. Blessed is he who in all matters hath placed his trust in God, his Lord, and hath taken Him as his helper in his dwelling and his sojourn. Verily, those who have desired the divine countenance - God will soon requite them with the most excellent requital and will answer whosoever calleth upon Him.

=== END BH10886 ===

=== START BH10889 ===

In the Name of God, the Forgiver!

Although this evil state in which I am, O my God, maketh me deserving of Thy wrath and punishment, Thy good pleasure and Thy bounties demand Thy forgiveness to encompass Thy servants and Thy good favour to reach them. I ask Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the King of all names to protect me by Thy power and Thine omnipotence from all calamity and all that is repugnant to Thee and all that is contrary to Thy Will. Thou art Supreme over all things.

=== END BH10889 ===

=== START BH10890 ===

Likewise, We have enjoined upon all to engage in some occupation. Blessed is he who beareth burdens but causeth none to bear his own. Let him engage in craft and profession - a single coin earned thereby is, in the sight of God, more beloved than the treasure that is gathered unrightfully and made ready.

=== END BH10890 ===

=== START BH10891 ===

O My Leaf! Hearken thou unto My Voice: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise. I can well inhale from thee the fragrance of My love and the sweet-smelling savour wafting from the raiment of My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous. Be astir upon God’s Tree in conformity with thy pleasure and unloose thy tongue in praise of thy Lord amidst all mankind. Let not the things of the

world grieve thee. Cling fast unto this divine Lote-Tree from which God hath graciously caused thee to spring forth. I swear by My life! It behoveth the lover to be closely joined to the loved one, and here indeed is the Best-Beloved of the world.

=== END BH10891 ===

=== START BH10892 ===

He is God! O Abu'l-Hasan! In this moment this precious pearl hath appeared from the ocean of the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory: "The Day is come and all sovereignty belongeth unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." Say: O my God, my God! Thy remembrance is the beloved of hearts and the goal of souls, and Thy Name is the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. O Generous One! Deprive not Thy loved ones of the ocean of Thy mercy. Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10892 ===

=== START BH10893 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the world! O Abraham! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed Word which is even as the sun in the heaven of utterance: "Create in me a being that I may be for Thee." Arise then to render thanks and praise, for He hath guided thee to the Most Great Ocean and caused thee to be mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen. Say: Thine be the praise and Thine the glory and Thine the grandeur and majesty, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the heavens and the earth!

=== END BH10893 ===

=== START BH10894 ===

O son of the martyr! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised! There hath befallen you from the oppressor of the land of Sad that which hath caused every seeing one to weep. We beseech God to grant you your rights from him. Verily He is the Just, the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, to this beareth witness He Who hath acknowledged the unity of God and His grandeur and hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

=== END BH10894 ===

=== START BH10896 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in that which is befitting for His days. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name to assist me in the service of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH10896 ===

=== START BH10897 ===

O Ahmad! The Day of Resurrection hath come, yet the heedless are in a strange sleep. The Hidden Mystery hath been made manifest, yet those who turn away are in grievous delusion. The voice of the Nightingale hath been raised, yet most of the people are among the heedless ones. The Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth, yet most of the people are among those who wander distraught. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy father, and blessed is he who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10897 ===

=== START BH10898 ===

O Karbila'i Ahmad (or Ahmad)! Your name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to perceive the fragrance of their Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Leave thou those who have denied the signs of God, and take hold, with the hand of submission, of My mighty Tablet. We have commanded all to that which profiteth them. Some have turned towards it and some have turned away, and he who turneth away is among the distracted ones.

=== END BH10898 ===

=== START BH10899 ===

O Name of Bounty, upon thee be My glory! The letter of Mulla Ali, upon him be My glory, was considered. Write a reply to him and on behalf of the Wronged One show loving-kindness to him and the other people of that land. He asked about two matters. First, regarding the washing of the feet in winter and summer - both have one ruling. In both cases lukewarm water is preferable, though there is no harm in using cold water.

=== END BH10899 ===

=== START BH10901 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! O My Afnan! The Divine Lote-Tree bears witness that you turned to it and endured hardships in its path until you entered the Spot of Paradise and attained the presence and saw and heard the call of the Wronged One in His mighty prison, and achieved that which nothing on earth can equal. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve not over anything - you have reached the right-hand Valley and are among those who are secure. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

=== END BH10901 ===

=== START BH10902 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. My servant Mahdi was present. The letter which you sent through him was heard. We beheld thee in Our presence and made mention of thee in such wise as shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Rejoice and be of those who are thankful. The glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

=== END BH10902 ===

=== START BH10903 ===

O Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon whom be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! O My Afnan! O thou who gazest upon My countenance and hast clung to the hem of My robe! Verily thy Lord, the Most Glorious, maketh mention of thee amongst men in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. We have accepted what thou hast wrought in My path and what thou hast uttered in praise of Me in My days. Be thou thankful that We have been with thee in all conditions.

=== END BH10903 ===

=== START BH10905 ===

Faran Mirza Kuchak

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth!

Thy letter hath come before the Throne and hath been illumined by the light of thy Lord's countenance, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Therein thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of all the worlds, and didst seek from Him that which beseemeth not those who have detached themselves in the love of God from all else besides Him. Beware lest thou be among the heedless. Read thou what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets of thy Lord, and be of them whom the breezes of revelation have so seized that they have forsaken the world and all that is therein, clinging fast to the Most Firm Handle. We have revealed to the King of Iran: "O King! Wert thou to hear the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and the cooing of the Dove of Eternity upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree in remembrance of God, the Creator of Names and Fashioner of earth and heaven, it would bring thee to a station wherein thou wouldst behold in existence naught save the effulgence of the Worshipped Beauty, and wouldst see sovereignty as the most contemptible thing, leaving it to whomsoever might desire it, and would turn toward the Horizon which shineth with the light of His Countenance." And We revealed to the King of Paris: "Dost thou take pride in the treasures thou dost possess, when thou knowest they shall perish? Or dost thou glory in that thou rulest a span of earth, when all of it, in the estimation of the people of Baha, is worth not even as much as the black in the eye of a dead ant? Leave them to such as desire them and turn unto the Most Great Purpose. The poor man is he who beareth this weighty burden, and the lowly one is he who taketh pride in such fleeting glory. Choose thou for thyself that which God hath chosen for thee. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth that which profiteth him in this world and the next. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Thou knowest not what profiteth thee. He, verily, knoweth better than thou, wert thou of

them who are informed. Be thou content with what God hath been pleased to ordain for thee, and place thy trust in Him in all matters. He is verily the Protector of those who trust in Him." What thou didst seek - verily it was not mentioned before thy Lord. By My life! It is the source of pride and vainglory. It beseemeth not him who hath clung to the hem of detachment in this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Day. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all things, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next, and shall establish me in Thy service amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Compassionate. Then forgive me, O my God, for what I have done in Thy days, and by Thy grace and bounty absolve me of my misdeeds. Verily, Thou art powerful over this from time immemorial.

=== END BH10905 ===

=== START BH10906 ===

He is the All-Glorious! O my God! This is Thy servant who hastened to the fields of Thy mercy and ran to the wilderness wherein no voice is heard except Thy voice, and who sought to drink from the clouds of Thy grace and bounty. Therefore, O my God, disappoint him not in what he seeketh from Thy generosity and favor. Clothe him with the garments of immortality in Thy most exalted Paradise and Thy most glorious Companion. Then grant him that which will cause him to ascend unto the stations of nearness, "the distance of two bow-lengths or even less."

=== END BH10906 ===

=== START BH10907 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious

O my God! This is a day wherein Thou hast honored the world through the advent of the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, unto Whom returneth whatsoever returneth unto Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for everyone who hath turned unto Thee the reward of them that have attained unto Thy presence and have quaffed the choice wine of nearness unto Thee. O my Lord! Illumine the horizon of Thy justice through Thy sovereignty, then preserve it from the clouds of tyranny and the veils of oppression. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10907 ===

=== START BH10908 ===

He is the Mighty. O my God and [my Lord]! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy earth and Thy heaven and illumined the hearts of Thy servants, to ordain for me the reward of every martyr and every [trustworthy one] and every [steadfast one] and every upright one. O my Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from turning to the ocean of Thy bounty and Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10908 ===

=== START BH10909 ===

O Name of God, upon whom be all the most glorious glory of God! O thou who art wronged and estranged! The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee and consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee in the path of God, the Lord of all mankind. We have remembered thee at eventide and at dawn with that which hath caused the fragrance of My loving-kindness to be wafted to all regions. Upon thee be My peace and My glory and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH10909 ===

=== START BH10910 ===

He is the Ordaining, the All-Wise

O thou who art present before the Wronged One! Turn towards Iran, which is beloved and acceptable. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the sighs of those who are enkindled with Thy love, and by the tears of them who are near unto Thee in their separation from Thee, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Then open before my face the doors of Thy bounty and bestowal, and that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10910 ===

=== START BH10913 ===

He is the Most High, the Most Exalted

O thou who gazest upon Mine horizon! The entire world hath been thunderstruck by this Most Great Word, save whom thy Lord willeth. He hath appeared in the garment of “I am” and speaketh forth with “I am the One Who is manifest.” This is the deadly poison for the evil ones and the water of life for the righteous. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, to the shame of every infidel who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust.

=== END BH10913 ===

=== START BH10914 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

O Aqa Khan! The divine fragrances have been wafted, yet the people remain in manifest remoteness. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs, clinging to the vain imaginings of the heedless. Among men are those who have taken their own desires as lord instead of God - verily they are among the abased ones. Give thanks to thy Lord for having sent down unto thee that which all the remembrances of the world and whatsoever is with the nations cannot equal. To this doth this perspicuous Tablet bear witness.

=== END BH10914 ===

=== START BH10915 ===

O Baqir, bear thou witness unto that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God besides Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not over this world and its conditions. Rather, rejoice in this remembrance, which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. To this My Most Exalted Pen doth testify in this glorious and elevated station.

=== END BH10915 ===

=== START BH10916 ===

O Baqir! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. We make mention of thee with that which shall endure throughout the dominion of the earthly realm and the Kingdom. We made mention of thee before, and at this time, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. We have sent down for whosoever hath desired the Face that which shall give him the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of his Lord, Who hath come from the horizon of might with a Cause before which nothing can stand. To this beareth witness He Who hath circled round the Throne in this praiseworthy station.

=== END BH10916 ===

=== START BH10917 ===

O Jamalu'd-Din! Upon thee be the glory of God, the True, the Manifest King! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the Luminary of utterance of the Object of all the worlds and art adorned with His mention. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee a standard of His name in His lands and a remembrance from Him in His realms. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who was named Faraju'llah and upon those who are with thee among the sincere servants of God.

=== END BH10917 ===

=== START BH10918 ===

O Javad! Nabil hath appeared before the Wronged One. We have accepted what ye desired in the path of God and have written for you, from My Most Exalted Pen, the reward of what ye intended. By My life! This is a bounty, and this is a mercy, and this is the manifestation of loving-kindness from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. That which hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation in this Tablet beareth witness to that which hath been inscribed by the finger of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice ye, then give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH10918 ===

=== START BH10919 ===

He is God, exalted be He!

O Javad! O rememberer! Your remembrance was mentioned before the Wronged One, and this most exalted Word was revealed from the highest horizon in your name: Give thanks to your Lord for this great

bounty. We also remember My handmaiden Sakinih Sultan and give her the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful. The splendor from Us be upon you and upon her and upon My other handmaiden who was named Bahiyyih in this clear Tablet.

=== END BH10919 ===

=== START BH10921 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

O Hasan! The Wronged One turns to thee and counsels thee with that which will exalt God's Cause amongst His servants, and with those virtues which We have ordained as hosts for this Cause - the Cause that hath made the pillars of existence to quake and hath thrown into commotion all hearts and minds. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy children and thy wife. Gladden them with the remembrance of My having remembered them, and illumine them with the light of My glorious and beloved utterance.

=== END BH10921 ===

=== START BH10922 ===

O Hasan! Say: O deniers! The Herald, that is, the Primal Point, hath declared: "Verily, in every state He speaketh: 'I, verily, am God. There is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.'" By the Sun of Truth! Were it not for this utterance of the Bab, this Wronged One would have remained silent concerning such mentions. He desired it, and this Wronged One, before the faces of the people on that day, raised the call and summoned all to the most holy, luminous and glorious court.

=== END BH10922 ===

=== START BH10923 ===

He is God! O Hassan! The Light is imprisoned in darkness, and the Speaker of the Mount is forbidden to speak, for the ears of the world are occupied with listening to unworthy tales, while the Tongue of Truth uttereth Its own praise and pondereth upon Its manifestation and mysteries and signs. Soon shall the veil be lifted, and the lights of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shall illumine and enlighten the world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH10923 ===

=== START BH10925 ===

In the name of the All-Seeing, O ?akim-Aqajan! That which was promised in the Books hath appeared. He is Jehovah, and He is the Comforter, and He is the Spirit of Truth, and He is the Great News which the All-Merciful hath given tidings of in the Qur'an. He it is Who hath walked upon the approaches of the earth and raised His pavilion upon the most exalted spot. Blessed art thou for having recognized Him and been numbered among those who have turned towards Him.

=== END BH10925 ===

=== START BH10926 ===

O Haydar-'Ali, upon whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! God is Most Glorious! O Haydar, before 'Ali, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! I bear witness that thou hast arisen to serve the Cause of God and hast clung to the hem of teaching in days wherein the fire of discord hath been kindled in all regions. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy words concerning this Announcement whereby the pillars of the world have been shaken, save those whom God hath willed.

=== END BH10926 ===

=== START BH10927 ===

He is God! O Khalil! Thou hast attained unto the pure wine of revelation and drunk from the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty. Thou hast been mentioned time and again. We counsel thee and those who have believed to serve the Cause of God, your Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He commandeth His servants to do that which draweth them nigh unto Him and maketh them to be of those who fear not neither shall they grieve.

=== END BH10927 ===

=== START BH10929 ===

O Karbala'i Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, of Usku - He is the One Who has dominion over all names

O Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! Hearken unto the Call from this Spot which God hath made the point round which circle them that are nigh unto Him and His Messengers. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have witnessed thy turning unto Us, whereupon We turned unto thee, and We heard thy call, whereupon We called out unto thee from this glorious and wondrous Spot. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10929 ===

=== START BH10930 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

O Rida! We were speaking in remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings. The leaf sent by Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, was presented before the Wronged One, and therein was thy name. We make mention of thee with this wondrous and glorious mention. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear My call, and the eye that hath been privileged to behold My horizon, and the hand that hath taken hold of My manifest and perspicuous Book. We beseech God to aid thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast in this momentous Announcement.

=== END BH10930 ===

=== START BH10931 ===

He is the All-Seeing! O Spirit of God! The Most Great Spirit hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and remembereth thee with that which its fragrance shall never pass away, by virtue of the eternity of My Kingdom and the permanence of My Dominion. When thou findest and knowest this, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having manifested me and caused me to speak, in my earliest days, with Thy remembrance and Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10931 ===

=== START BH10932 ===

O Sakinih Khatun, by the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! O Sakinih, thou hast heard the call of the Wronged One, before and after, and hast drunk from the choice wine of utterance. The Ever-Abiding Truth hath ever been and will continue to be turned with the glance of loving-kindness toward His male and female servants. His mercy hath preceded all, His grace hath encompassed all. Strive, that perchance there may appear from thee a deed befitting these days. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH10932 ===

=== START BH10933 ===

O Samandar, upon thee be the Glory of the Wronged One! We have read what thou didst send to My name Mahdi, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness. Be thou assured of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Verily He knoweth the treachery of the eyes and what the breasts conceal. No matter is hidden from God. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. However, action hath been and is being taken according to the requirements of wisdom. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH10933 ===

=== START BH10934 ===

He is God! O Seyyed Muhammad! Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power, and by the Lamp through which Thy dominion and Thy kingdom were illumined, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby the ocean of recognition surged before the faces of the peoples, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause - the Cause whereby the feet of the people of Thy realm have slipped. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power to do what Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

=== END BH10934 ===

=== START BH10935 ===

His honor Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the Most Great. O Shukru'llah! Thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. Beseech thou God that He may assist thee to preserve this lofty and glorious station. The days are

passing; strive thou to attain unto that which shall be inscribed in the Book of God and shall remain preserved from obliteration. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His loved ones. Blessed are they that act.

=== END BH10935 ===

=== START BH10936 ===

O Karbila'i Samad (or Samad)! The Dawning-Place of Revelation has turned toward thee and makes mention of thee with that which shall cause the fragrance of utterance to endure throughout the eternity of the names of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Rejoice thou that God has forgiven every name that has attained the presence of the Wronged One. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, then read what has been sent down unto you from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH10936 ===

=== START BH10937 ===

In My Name, the All-Bountiful! O 'Abdu'l-Karim! The Most Exalted Pen hath summoned all to the most sublime summit and at all times doth summon them still. The path is manifest, the Kawthar is flowing, and the choice wine is at hand - take ye and drink in the name of the True Friend. On this day all things are engaged in the remembrance of God and speak thereof, yet the servants remain heedless save those souls who have detached themselves from the world and have cleaved unto its Lord.

=== END BH10937 ===

=== START BH10939 ===

He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O 'Abdu'l-Baha! Upon thee be My glory! Repeatedly have thy letters been presented before the Wronged One and attained the honor of His presence. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which the limbs of all names have trembled, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Greater Signs, through whose fragrances all things have been attracted, to illumine my deeds with the light of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Loving.

=== END BH10939 ===

=== START BH10941 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! This is the Tablet of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O My servant, O Thabit! There hath been sent down in a Book concerning him who loveth Me – We have made mention of thee time and again that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Manifestor of clear evidences. We have heard thy call and have summoned thee from the direction of the Ancient One, the seat of the throne of thy Lord, the Possessor of nations. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth, and He is

the Mighty, the Bestower. We have desired to answer him whose letter hath come before the Wronged One, that the verses may draw him to the Dayspring of knowledge.

=== END BH10941 ===

=== START BH10942 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great

O Ali! We have remembered all My loved ones and have sent down for them that which bringeth joy to the eyes of them that know. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to serve Thy Cause and to perform such deeds as may be adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Deprive me not from the door of Thy grace, and disappoint me not from that which lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

=== END BH10942 ===

=== START BH10943 ===

He is God! O ’Ali-Rida! That which hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen is the cause of salvation and prosperity for all people, were they to observe with illumined hearts and divine vision. Yet heedlessness hath prevented their eyes from beholding. Ask God to assist all to that which beseemeth His days. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10943 ===

=== START BH10944 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest! O ’Ali-Rida! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou playest with the children while the All-Merciful remembereth thee from this exalted Station. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable thee to do that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the world to come. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10944 ===

=== START BH10945 ===

He is the One Who has stirred all created things with the finger of His will!

A mention from the One Who is mentioned unto him who has turned with his heart, confessed with his tongue, heard with his ear, and arisen upon his feet to the remembrance of God and the service of His Cause in days wherein the Herald has called out in all directions: “The Self-Subsisting has come with the Kingdom of verses and His sealed wine!” Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves of the most pure wine which the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Possessor of Destiny, do proffer. Draw nigh with radiant faces, then drink thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus has the ocean of proof surged before all religions when the Pen of God, Lord of what was and what shall be, did move. Say:

Fear God, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who has come to you with the Tablet of proof and the Kawthar of utterance, then drink thereof through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Zayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His mercy and His favor. The Most Great Branch appeared before the countenance of the Lord of mankind and mentioned thee. We make mention of thee with that whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Supreme Heaven have been attracted. Blessed is he who has heard and recognized, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

O Zayn! By My life and My Cause, every letter that appears from My Most Exalted Pen calls out with the most loud cry in the kingdom of creation: "O concourse of earth and heaven! Open your eyes, for the Chosen One has come with a sovereignty before which the sovereignty of the world cannot stand, and with a Command which the armies of the nations cannot prevent." To this testifies every fair-minded one and every just one who has spoken the truth concerning this Cause, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and the heart of every heedless one who has denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, has been disturbed.

O Zayn! There has come before the Wronged One a letter sent by one of My servants who heard My call and turned to My direction. He has been named Hassan by the Tongue of Grandeur in this praiseworthy station. Give him My glad-tidings and remind him of My verses. Say: O Hassan! Rejoice that thy mention has flowed at this moment from the Pen of God, the Lord of the worlds. He has sent thee from the palm tree of utterance the fresh dates of knowledge, and from the Tree of Sinai the melody of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. By My life! If thou wouldst hear with thine ear, it would call out and say: "O people of earth and heaven! By God, the regions have been perfumed by the fragrance of utterance wafted from God, the Lord of existence. Cast the rejectors behind you and turn to the Word which, when it shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Pen, caused those of Sinai to swoon in the land of extinction, save whom God willed, the Lord of the Frequented House."

O Hassan! Observe, then mention what the tongues of the rejectors have uttered in this promised Day. The Most Great News has come unto them, whereby the Books of God, both past and future, have been adorned with verses that have filled the horizons and with clear proofs that have erased the traces of discord. Yet most people are unaware. They have cast the ocean behind them, playing with a mere pond, and they do not understand. Say: O people of Baha! Counsel the servants through deeds and character. This is what ye were commanded aforetime by God. Fear God and be not of those who see and deny. Say: Hear the call of God with your ears, then behold the Light shining from the horizon of the Cause with your eyes, nay rather with the eye of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Verily, My Herald - upon him be My glory, My favor, and My mercy - commanded all to look upon My verses with My eyes, but the people turned away from what he said and took for themselves a path to tyranny […]

We desire at this time to make mention of those whom thou hast mentioned, that the rapture of this remembrance may seize them in such wise that neither the vanities of the world nor the wealth of kings and subjects may deter them.

O Muhammad! We have turned unto thee at this hour and make mention of thee in truth, inasmuch as thy name was presented before the Wronged One. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance from the direction of My prison, say:

My God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, Thy grace hath guided me, Thy bounty hath given me to drink, and Thy generosity hath encompassed me. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Creator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which the fire of hatred was kindled in the breasts of the perverse ones and the light of the Cause shone in the hearts of them that have recognized Thee, and by the Word at whose appearance all the books of the world submitted to it, to ordain for me through Thy All-Knowing Pen that which shall abide with me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

We also make mention in this place of thy brother as a token of grace from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon him and upon thy wife and upon those who are with thee among the people of Baha who have not been hindered by the intimations of the heedless nor by the might of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment.

We make mention in this place of him who was named Siyyid ’Ali, that the fragrances of My revelation may attract him and draw him nigh unto My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. O ’Ali! Hearken unto the call from the direction of ’Akka. Verily it hath been raised in truth from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence and standing before His face and arising to serve His wondrous Cause, and to aid thee in that whereby thy remembrance and thy name shall endure in His perspicuous Book. By the life of God! The Wronged One loveth to meet His loved ones, but the oppressors have intervened between Me and them and have committed that which hath caused the Spirit of Faithfulness to lament. When thou drinkest the choice wine of My praise from the hand of My bounty, say:

My God, my God! The wine of Thy utterance hath intoxicated me and the Kawthar of Thy knowledge hath attracted me. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the One Who conversed on Sinai spoke forth and the decree of resurrection appeared and the dwellers of the graves arose, and by Thy standing and Thy sitting, and by the breezes of Thy revelation and the sending down of Thy verses, to ordain for me the reward of those who have sought Thy presence and circled round Thy throne and hearkened unto Thy call and beheld Thy horizon. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one seeking the Ultimate Goal and the wronged one the manifestations of Thy justice, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love and active in carrying out what Thou hast revealed in Thy Books. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Who, when Thy power is manifested, obliterateth all traces of the world’s power, and when the Day-Star of Thy will shineth forth, the wills of all nations are struck dumb. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to grant requests.

He is the Compassionate from the horizon of the Prison.

O Muhammad! The letter from Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be Baha, was presented before the Wronged One and was heard. Praise be to God, he hath repeatedly attained unto the divine verses. Today

every word that appeareth from the Dayspring of God's Will concerning His sincere ones and those near unto Him shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt hold fast unto wisdom and utterance and engage in teaching God's Cause. Today the ocean of verses surgeth, and the heaven of proof is adorned with the stars of evidence, and such rains of utterance and meanings have been sent down from the heaven of divine mercy that those who circle round have been unable to reckon them. Nevertheless, the deniers have said that which no oppressor hath ever said, to such extent that before Our face they busy themselves with misleading some heedless soul from the path. Thus do We recount unto thee what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones. Say: O deniers! Like unto the former people, deprive not yourselves of the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. Rend asunder the veils in the name of the True One and shatter the idols of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude. How long will ye worship fancy, and till when will ye pursue vain imaginings? Today the breezes of God are wafting, and the fragrances of divine revelation are diffused, and the tongue of utterance speaketh before the faces of all who are in the realm of being. Let go and take up - let go that which the people possess and take up that which cometh from the horizon of the heaven of God's bounty. Today the fruits of the Ultimate Tree are visible, the Mount Sinai speaketh in praise of the Lord of Manifestation, and the Lote-Tree circleth round the House. Well is it with him who showeth equity in the Cause of God, and woe unto the hesitators.

We make mention at this time of him who is named Ali, that he may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, and We remember Our loved ones in Kha and Ra - and verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad! We have made mention and continue to make mention of all the loved ones, and We counsel them to manifest great steadfastness. For twelve hundred years the people of Iran took pride over other religions in mentioning the Successor, yet when the Dayspring of God's Will and the Dawning-Place of divine light - through Whose word the realm of mystical knowledge, successorship and imamate was and is created - shone forth from the horizon of purpose, all rushed forth with spears and arrows of rancor and hatred, and finally martyred Him. Until now they have not understood the station of the Day of God. Say: By the life of God! This is the Day wherein the Primal Point uttereth "I am the first of the worshippers" and the seat of the Throne is the circling-place of the Concourse on High. Say: Have mercy on yourselves and choose not eternal torment through love of vain imaginings and idle fancies. For the sake of God have We spoken and continue to speak, and in the path of God do We summon all to the supreme horizon. Say: O people! Know with clear certainty that until ye pass beyond the river of names, ye shall not attain unto the ocean of inner meanings. This is a word that was hidden in the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen, and We have revealed it in truth and sent it forth with justice. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "I believe in God, the Possessor of the seen and unseen."

Repeatedly hath this word flowed from the tongue of grandeur: "Blessed are the people who know." We beseech God to aid His loved ones to guide people through deeds and character, and to guide them to the Great Announcement. The glory from Us be upon him who hath heard the call and said: "Yea, yea, O Lord of Names! Yea, yea, O Lord of mankind! Here am I, here am I, O Master of the Throne and earth, and Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times!"

=== END BH10945 ===

=== START BH10946 ===

O ’Ali! We have heard of thy arrival in prison and make mention of thee, that thy heart may rejoice and thou mayest be of them who heard the call and answered their Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him, blessed art thou for having attained, and blessed art thou for having migrated. By My life! The Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee in My mighty and impregnable Tablet, and through it tongues shall be opened in thy remembrance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Speaker.

=== END BH10946 ===

=== START BH10947 ===

He is God! O ’Ali! Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of acceptance and the light of faith. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Sun of the loving-kindness of God hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen in the form of words, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We make mention of My handmaiden and give her the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. The glory of God be upon you and upon her and upon those who are with you, from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

=== END BH10947 ===

=== START BH10948 ===

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Bountiful One! O aunt! The Master of Oneness calleth thee and saith: With a hundred thousand tongues render thanks unto the Beloved of the worlds, inasmuch as He hath set thee ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and guided thee to the horizon of nearness. Blessed art thou and blessed is she who hath attained unto the lights of recognition in this Morn wherein the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

=== END BH10948 ===

=== START BH10949 ===

He is God! O servant! Your name is known but your service is not known. Glory be to God! The servant is in the land of Qaf while the Master is in the Most Great Prison. Yes, in these days various matters are witnessed. The firefly hath laid claim to the station of the sun. We testify that it is among the liars. Blessed art thou for the Ancient Beauty hath turned His face toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath mentioned thee with words that equal not the mentions of the peoples. And I am the All-Knowing Witness.

=== END BH10949 ===

=== START BH10950 ===

O Ghulam-Rida! In the Name of God, the All-Seeing! O Ghulam-Rida! Consider man as a sword: while it remains in its sheath, its quality remains hidden and concealed. Through God's grace, you must be freed from the sheath of darkness, that your quality may become manifest to all the world. The quality of man lies in his conduct and deeds. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid you to achieve that which befits you in this wondrous and glorious Day.

=== END BH10950 ===

=== START BH10951 ===

He is God! O Ali-Qabel! We beseech God to confirm the people of that land so they may hear from you that which you impart for the sake of God. Blessed is the servant who hearkens to your counsel and to that which your tongue hath uttered concerning the Cause of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. The friends in that land are remembered in the presence of God and have attained His grace. The glory of God rest upon you and upon them from God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH10951 ===

=== START BH10952 ===

O Fatimih, handmaiden of God, upon her be the Glory of God! He is God! O Fatimih, hold fast unto the Word and be free and detached from aught else. Today the lights of the Sun of true Divine Unity have shone forth by God's command. How excellent is the state of the one who hath attained unto it. At all times the rain of mercy is pouring down from the heaven of bounty, yet the people remain heedless of it. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

=== END BH10952 ===

=== START BH10953 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto thee and attained unto the hearing of thy scratching and attained unto thy presence and stood before thy face - he who hath been named Mahdi in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Mahdi! Rejoice in thy station, then render thanks unto thy Lord Who hath fulfilled His promise concerning thee and caused thee to hear His call and made thee know His station. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10953 ===

=== START BH10954 ===

He is the Mighty in the Supreme Concourse

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named 'Ali-Aqa, that he may rejoice in that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath moved with his name, and in that which God hath made to be revealed unto him as a light amidst the darkness of the earth, and as a fire in the Lote-Tree of the Bayan, and as a

manifestation in the world and the Most Great Name amongst the peoples. Thus have We sent down that which We desired from the heaven of Our loving-kindness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

=== END BH10954 ===

=== START BH10955 ===

In His Name, the All-Bestowing!

O Muhammad! Verily God sends His blessings and glorification upon those who have turned to this Manifestation and have heard from Him that which He spoke on the Mount. He, verily, is the One mentioned in the scriptures of God, the Lord of the worlds. The white earth hath been adorned by His coming, and the holy vale by the fragrances of His luminous robe. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His day, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family.

=== END BH10955 ===

=== START BH10956 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious! O Muhammad after Mirza! We have turned unto thee at this time and revealed unto thee pearls from the shells of My wondrous ocean of utterance. When thou attainest unto them, arise from thy place and turn toward the Kaaba of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, for having adorned my being with the ornament of Thy remembrance, the mighty, the wondrous. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Commander, the All-Wise.”

=== END BH10956 ===

=== START BH10957 ===

In My Name, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Hasan! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified ere the creation of the kingdom of earth and heaven - that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. We have turned toward thee from this Most Great Station and have made mention of thee in such wise that thou mayest discover through it the sweet fragrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be thou grateful unto God for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the seen and the unseen!

=== END BH10957 ===

=== START BH10958 ===

His honor Aqa Muhammad, known as Babi, or Muhammad: Blessed is he who has clung [to the Faith] in the days of his Lord and has arisen to serve his Master among the people. Verily those who have turned away from the Truth are as dead ones - they have no portion in the Book. God is the Revealer of verses.

Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that comes from Him and follow not every ignorant one who has turned away from the Path. Thus have We remembered thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and speak forth His praise throughout all lands.

=== END BH10958 ===

=== START BH10959 ===

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! The Most Great Ocean desires to reveal unto thee what lay hidden within His shells of the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest be assured through thy Lord's bounty and give thanks to Him at eventide and at dawn. Glorify the name of thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast guided me and remembered me and illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge when I was oppressed among the hands of the ignorant.

=== END BH10959 ===

=== START BH10961 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

O Muhammad-i-Qabli-Ja'far! The trees hear My call in the morning and the evening, at nightfall and at dawn. By My life! In the early hours My ears hear My own call. Were anyone to hear it, they would rush from their home crying out and saying: "My soul be a sacrifice for Thee, O Thou through Whose name the lights have shone forth! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and generosity not to disappoint me in attaining that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants."

=== END BH10961 ===

=== START BH10962 ===

He is the Most High, the Most Glorious! O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The Light crieth out and saith: O ye that lie buried in the graves! By God, He Who conversed with Moses from the Burning Bush hath appeared. Why do I see you among the dead? Arise from the sepulchers of self and desire, then hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Beware lest the veils of them that doubt and the whisperings of the heedless shut you out. The dominion of earth and heaven is in the grasp of the power of our Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH10962 ===

=== START BH10963 ===

In the Name of God, the Everlasting! O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed Word, which is even as the Most Great Luminary for the world of vision: "Make mention of Me on My earth, and I will make mention of thee in My heaven." Render thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that He hath adorned thee with the ornament of acceptance and guided thee to the Dayspring of the lights of

unity. Be thou grateful unto Him Who hath remembered thee through that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal.

=== END BH10963 ===

=== START BH10964 ===

He is the Most Holy, sanctified from all names

O Muhammad-Qabil-Hasan! By God's glory! If He speaks but one letter concerning a soul, verily it shall suffice him. His grace encompasses all and His mercy has preceded all things. What is incumbent upon you is steadfastness in His Cause and acting according to what has been revealed in the Book. Thus does the All-Knowing teach you. Give thanks and be among the grateful ones.

=== END BH10964 ===

=== START BH10965 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! The world and whatsoever appeareth therein shall ere long return to nothingness. Hold thou fast unto that which beseemeth thee throughout the Kingdom of earth and heaven, and that is a deed which is performed purely for the sake of God by His servants. We beseech God that thou mayest attain unto it. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Peace be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the oneness of God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10965 ===

=== START BH10966 ===

To Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! We have turned toward thee and found the love of God wafting from thee, and We have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's gracious favor. Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and remind My loved ones through this perspicuous Book. Verily We hear and see them, and We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

=== END BH10966 ===

=== START BH10967 ===

O Muhammad Karim, who hath emigrated and attained, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful! O Muhammad-i-Karim! I bear witness that thou didst leave thy homeland, turning unto the most exalted homeland, and didst traverse the path until thou didst arrive at the Valley of the Noble One, and didst visit a House which God hath built by the hand of power, and didst hear the call of the Wronged One, and didst drink the choice sealed wine of His love. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loveth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH10967 ===

=== START BH10968 ===

O Muhammad-Mahdi, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Muhammad, before Mahdi! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which causeth to spring forth from the soil of hearts the roses of Thy knowledge and the flowers of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the penetrating influence of Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, and by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy bounty, to ordain for me that which shall make me independent of all else save Thee and detached from whatsoever hath prevented Thy servants from drawing nigh unto Thee. Thou knowest, O my God, that this is a plant which hath grown in the soil of Thy acceptance - withhold not from it the rain from the clouds of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity. Illumine its outer and inner being, and the inner depths of its inner being, with the light of Thy Cause whereby Thy earth and heaven were illumined. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

=== END BH10968 ===

=== START BH10969 ===

He is the Single One, the All-Informed

O Muhammad-Qabli-Mihdi! You have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One for successive years, and We have previously revealed for you that which, were We to cast it upon the world, all things would proclaim: “The appointed time has come, and He Who reveals the verses has appeared with His proof and His evidence!” Blessed is he who has attained, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. The glory from Us be upon you and upon every steadfast and upright one.

=== END BH10969 ===

=== START BH10970 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious

O Muhammad-Qabli-Mahdi! Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Baha at its most splendid and all Thy Baha is splendid, to assist me and Thy loved ones to draw nigh unto Thee, to turn towards the horizon of Thy Manifestation, to hold fast to Thy firm cord, and to cling to the hem of Thy luminous mercy. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH10970 ===

=== START BH10971 ===

In the name of the Lord of Days! O Mahmud! That which was promised in the divine Books hath in this day been manifested as the Mahmud, yet the unjust people failed to recognize it and arose in oppression, until they imprisoned the Wronged One in the prison of ’Akka. However, God, exalted be His glory, made

this imprisonment the cause of freedom and this confinement the means of liberation for all the peoples of the world. For this we thank Him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm.

=== END BH10971 ===

=== START BH10972 ===

He is God! O Mustafa! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings. Take thou a cup of My choice-sealed wine, then drink thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto thy Lord and cause thee to enter the pavilion of knowledge, wisdom and utterance. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who bestoweth this mighty favor and Who giveth to drink of this most pure Kawthar. When thou hast attained unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names!

=== END BH10972 ===

=== START BH10973 ===

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O Thou Whose face is the object of my adoration, Whose beauty is my sanctuary, Whose habitation is my goal, Whose praise is my hope, Whose providence is my companion, Whose love is the cause of my being, Whose mention is my solace, Whose nearness is my desire, Whose presence is my dearest wish and highest aspiration, I entreat Thee not to withhold from me the things Thou didst ordain for the chosen ones among Thy servants. Supply me, then, with the good of this world and of the next.

Thou, truly, art the King of all men. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH10973 ===

=== START BH10974 ===

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker

O Nasru'llah! Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain unto that which, hadst thou possessed all the treasures of earth and expended them, thou wouldst not have attained thereunto. Now ponder upon the grace and bounty and mercy of God - exalted be His glory - and with thy outward and inward tongue utter the blessed words "Thine is the praise, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds" and be thou ever mindful thereof.

=== END BH10974 ===

=== START BH10975 ===

O Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Exalted, the Most High! O Varqa! Verily thy Lord remembereth thee, that thou mayest remember the servants and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all things. Verily thy Lord is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. Be thou assured of the grace of God. Verily He is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Witnessing, the All-

Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who are there. Remember them on My behalf, for I am verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10975 ===

=== START BH10976 ===

He is the Hearer, the Answering One! O My Leaf! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the most great bounty. All the queens of the world yearned for this blessed Day, and with their very souls sought earnestly the presence of the Beloved of all worlds. Yet when the lights of the dawn of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of Will, all remained veiled therefrom while thou didst attain unto it. Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

=== END BH10976 ===

=== START BH10977 ===

O My Leaf, daughter of H. S., upon her be the Glory of God! He is the Most Glorious! God hath loved true faithfulness and in all conditions regardeth it. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. Hold fast to the cord of contentment and grasp the hem of His Will. Verily He is nearer to thee than thou art to thyself, and He will aid thee in all circumstances if thou standest firm in the Cause through the power of God, the Mighty, the Subduer, the Powerful.

=== END BH10977 ===

=== START BH10979 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto My Most Glorious Self that He, verily, is the Truth, there is none other God but Him. He doth witness and see, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And it beareth witness that I am well-pleased with thee. I rejoice in this most great bounty. Hadst thou expended all that is on earth, thou wouldst not have attained unto this Tablet. But God doeth whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH10979 ===

=== START BH10980 ===

O Nabil-i-Qabl-i-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise Witness. My Pen and the tongue of My loving-kindness bear witness that thou didst answer the Call when it was raised from the Ultimate Tree, and didst turn thyself to the Most Exalted Horizon on a Day when every learned one turned away, and every ignorant one remained in doubt. Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother who attained the presence of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10980 ===

=== START BH10981 ===

He is the Most Glorious

O Afnan, esteemed Buzurg, who has attained unto God! My Pen and My tongue bear witness that thou didst acknowledge the unity of God and His justice when the banner of tyranny was raised in the world and every idolatrous betrayer raised his cry, and thou didst arise to serve the Cause in days wherein feet did stumble. Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, the Sovereign of the hereafter and of this world.

=== END BH10981 ===

=== START BH10983 ===

O Muhammad-Baqir of Yazd, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who dominates all who are on earth and in heaven! O Baqir! Your mention came before the Wronged One and the gaze of favor was directed toward you. The True One, exalted be His glory, has appeared with enduring bounties and heavenly sustenance, and stands before the faces of the world. Yet most of the peoples turned away and rose up against Him. The kings saw no benefit for themselves in acknowledging Him, and likewise the ministers and clergy, even though in the divine Books and Scriptures the Purpose has been clearly and explicitly made manifest, and the True One has proclaimed in the most exalted utterance that this supreme Manifestation has come for the reformation of the world and the advancement of the peoples. The intention is that all might be illumined by the light of unity and associate with one another in love and harmony, so that the whole earth may be regarded as one country and one land. However, those souls who are deprived of sincerity and purity have imagined the True One to be like themselves, and therefore strive and struggle to extinguish the divine light. Would that the servants knew! Would that the people understood! For if they became aware and discovered the Purpose, all would turn toward Him and would utter the blessed words “We belong to God.” Beseech the True One that He withhold not the rebellious from the ocean of His bestowal and bounty, nor deprive the ignorant from the effulgences of the Sun of knowledge, that all may discover and come. Blessed art thou, for thou hast attained to My mention in My prison - a mention that cannot be equaled by the mentions of the world and what the peoples possess. To this testifies He Who speaks in every condition that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH10983 ===

=== START BH10984 ===

He is the Most Wise!

O Greater Branch! Upon thee be My Glory and My favour. Praised be God Who hath enabled Mahd and members of the Household to do that which hath been revealed in the Qur’an. Praise be to God Who hath consoled ar-Rahim - upon him be My Glory and My favour - and one of the two Most Great Names, and Husayn and Ali-Akbar - upon them be the peace of God and His peace - concerning what befell them. Verily, He is the All-Patient, the All-Knowing. Furthermore, his honor Diya and Badi’, together with his honor Haji and Aqa Muhammad and others should proceed one hour before sunset, and after meeting either return or remain. The purpose is that one of the Branches should be with them. Otherwise, proceed as deemed advisable. Should his honor Nazir be present it would be most excellent. All should proceed mounted. We send greetings to members of the Household, Mahd and others. Their deeds are

accepted and their efforts appreciated. Ruqiyyih and Hubbiyyih are, God willing, holding fast to the cord of patience. In truth they are content and thankful. Blessed are they! Therefore, comely patience, and God is the Help to be sought against that which they describe.

=== END BH10984 ===

=== START BH10985 ===

He is the Most Generous!

God beareth witness that verily there is no God but Him. He guideth to His straight path whomsoever He willeth.

O Munirih! The Lord of humankind maketh mention of thee and giveth thee the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His bounty. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou and [thy son], thy daughters, thy mother, sister and brother who have attained that which hath been willed by God, the Lord of all worlds. May glory rest upon Javad and upon [his son] and daughter and upon those who are with him.

=== END BH10985 ===

=== START BH10986 ===

God the true One is My Witness! This is the Day whereon it is incumbent upon everyone that seeth to behold, and every ear that hearkeneth to hear, and every heart that understandeth to perceive, and every tongue that speaketh to proclaim unto all who are in heaven and on earth, this holy, this exalted, and all-highest Name.

=== END BH10986 ===

=== START BH10987 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Sovereign over all things, by the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, to rain down upon him who hath turned unto Thee the showers of Thy mercy from the clouds of Thy grace. O Lord! Assist him through Thy bounty and ordain for him that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

=== END BH10987 ===

=== START BH10988 ===

O Quli Khan! Your flowing verses caused joy and delight to hearts, and were specifically presented at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that you have attained this greatest gift. Blessed are you for having drunk from the Living Waters and attained the praise of our Lord, the Most Merciful. God willing, may you ever be speaking His praise and engaged in His remembrance.

=== END BH10988 ===

=== START BH10989 ===

Allah'u'Abha! I bear witness that thou didst depart from thy dwelling, advancing toward the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst enter the Most Exalted Paradise and didst attain the presence of God, the Lord of the first and the last. Therefore do thou give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the mystics and Goal of all the worlds.

=== END BH10989 ===

=== START BH10990 ===

He is God, exalted be He!

Praise be to God Who has aided His servant to be content with His good-pleasure in service to His Cause, and enabled him to circle round His precincts and dwell in His presence. We beseech Him to open before his face and that of his son the gates of grace, bounty and bestowal. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below.

=== END BH10990 ===

=== START BH10992 ===

My God, my Lord, my Beloved, my Goal! I have come unto Thee and I beseech of Thee that which is the cause of Thy forgiveness. Thou art the Ocean of bounty and the Lord of existence. From time immemorial Thy glance hath been the cause of the appearance of bounty and bestowal. Deprive not Thy servants and withhold them not from the sacred precincts of nearness. Thou art the Bestower, the Kind. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH10992 ===

=== START BH10993 ===

PRAISE BE TO THE LORD OF EXISTENCE who hath made manifest the Path and guided His servants unto it. Glory be to God! The signs of divine favor are evident in all things, yet the people remain deprived thereof, save those whom God hath delivered through His grace and sovereignty. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance, your praise and your service. The numerous blessed letters from your honor were received. Each was as a door opened for those who seek and are sincere. Blessed is he who turneth unto the gate of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. After reading and becoming acquainted with their contents, we approached the Presence and, after gaining permission, presented them before the Countenance of the Desire of the worlds, and they attained the honor of being heard. His blessed Word, exalted be He:

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My favor. The Wronged One, in the midst of sorrows, maketh mention of thee with that which draweth thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath aided thee through His verses and will aid thee through His clear proofs, and will assist thee through hosts whereby the doors of divine knowledge were opened to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the seal of the choice wine was broken through this Name that hath encompassed all creation. Blessed is he who

hath testified to that which God hath testified, and hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered: verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O My Afnan! Discord hath appeared among the servants, and vain imaginings have encompassed the dwellers of the earth. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect His servants and to aid them through His sovereignty, and to confirm them in such steadfastness as neither the hosts of the world nor the power of those who have denied the Day of Judgment can shake. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath caused the ocean of life to surge at this time, and the Sun of the Covenant to shine forth by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Beware lest the clamor of the idolaters frighten you. By God's life! The Tree, though under the swords, remembereth His loved ones and counseleth them with that which exalteth them, and adviseth them to hold fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. We beseech God to adorn their temples with the ornament of steadfastness and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance from the hands of His bounty. He is verily the Giver, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God! The glad-tidings have arrived and the hearts of the friends in these regions have been illumined with the light of joy, for His Afnan have succeeded in completing the edifice raised in the name of Truth. Your honor and the other Afnan - upon them be God's grace, mercy and favor - this is a great bounty and an exalted station. This is an edifice that brightens the eyes of those near unto God and the Messengers. Your honor and the fair-minded know that this Wronged One hath neither taken nor desired aught for Himself. His purpose hath been the manifestation of God's Cause and the exaltation of His Word. In the night seasons We summoned the servants to the horizon of grace, and in the daytime We occupied Ourselves with allaying the fire of hatred in hearts and souls. We beseech Him to assist all and grant them success in that which is befitting. He is the Powerful One whom the might of the world cannot weaken, nor can the power of the nations deter Him from His purpose. He is verily the Self-Subsisting, the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Among the tidings that have brought joy to this Wronged One and His loved ones are the radiant effulgences of Abdul-Karim, upon him be the glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. This matter merits a hundred thousand thanksgivings. It is hoped that the loved ones in that land will hold fast to unity and concord, for should the fragrance of discord be diffused, it would lead to the abasement and humiliation of all. O party of God! This is the day of victory - deprive not yourselves thereof. Praise be to God, the manifest martyrdom in the City of Ya hath caused the exaltation of the Cause of God, and there hath been revealed specifically for them that which hath no likeness or parallel. Well is it with them and pleasant it is unto them. Tarry not in teaching the Cause, and make not yourselves deprived of true oneness like the previous party. All must read the Most Holy Book, that they may become aware of that which hath been sent down therein from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of the worlds. Time and again have We uttered this most exalted Word: mighty is the Cause and mighty is the Day. Blessed is the soul that hath freed and detached itself from all else save God and hath held fast unto the Truth - a holding fast which the hosts of the oppressors and the turning away of the deniers cannot sever or separate. Convey to each and every one of the loved ones the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One. By the life of God! They are present before Our face and are visible beneath the glances of Our loving-kindness. It is hoped that all may be assisted to achieve that which shall cause its fame to encompass the

East and the West. Verily God is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the All-Giving, the All-Knowing. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My Afnan, and upon My loved ones who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My bounty, who have stood before the faces of My servants saying: "The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Glory and the Power belong to God, the Peerless, the Single, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

Praise be to God! That which is a treasury of utterance for the unlettered, a stronghold of security for the fearful, and a source of riches for the poor, hath been made manifest. Grace and bounty have appeared in such wise that the tongue of the world is powerless to make mention thereof. From every direction hath come sorrow, and from every quarter are evident the signs of grief. Nevertheless, the Tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh from the Kingdom of Utterance such verses as are the very life of the world. This servant beseecheth the True One to transform the doubts and fancies of His servants into the light of certitude, that all may attain unto that which causeth the heavens and the earths and all things to rejoice in its mention and to be gladdened by its remembrance.

My God, my God! Deprive not Thy servants of the wonders of Thy bounty, and grant them their portion from the Kawthar of Thy utterance in such wise that it may seize them from themselves and draw them nigh unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Master of nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent over what was and what shall be.

As to what was written concerning Haji Seyyed Mirza from Sedeh and Aqa Seyyed Muhammad, upon them be the Glory of God, after being presented before His presence, these manifest verses were revealed. He speaks, exalted and sanctified be He:

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise[...]

O Siyyid Qabl-i-Mirza! The Wronged One of the world, from the Most Great Prison, that is, the fortress of Akka, hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee with such mention that when it issued forth from the mouth of the Divine Will, the earth revealed its treasures, the seas their pearls, the suns their radiance, the moons their light, the Mother Book its utterance and its word, the mountains their mines, and hearts and minds their wisdom and their secrets. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Effulgent. Can aught be compared with My Word? Nay, by My true Self! Can anyone enumerate what hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty? Nay, by the Lord of the Day of Judgment! Today every fair-minded one hath acknowledged the greatness of the Cause, and every mighty just one hath confessed his powerlessness and shortcoming. This is the Lord of all days and the captivating call to all peoples. Blessed is he who hath heard and found the fragrance of the utterance of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. O Branch! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have made mention of thee through these verses whereby the Cry hath been raised, the ocean of oneness hath surged, and that which was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of the exalted Throne, hath been manifested. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness, godliness, forgiveness and generosity, that the lights of virtuous character may shine forth and illumine the earth amidst this darkness that hath encompassed the kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory that shineth from the horizon of the

heaven of revelation be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened, hastened, and answered their Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God:

He is the One Who speaketh the truth amongst mankind.

O Muhammad! Reflect upon that which the wicked ones of Hijaz visited upon the Lord of the world, Ahmad. During the nights and days He was occupied with guiding the misguided and reforming their souls. Nevertheless they perpetrated that which caused the atoms to lament and the verses themselves to weep - a weeping that caused the dwellers of the heavens and earth to wail. No harm was evident, no opposition existed. Through the Most Great Mercy and Supreme Compassion, He summoned all to the highest horizon and gave them glad tidings of God's infinite favors. The counsel of the Lord of existence left no impression upon the evil hearts of that obstinate people. They were like dried up trees, unworthy of fruit. Even now it is observed that whatever is planted in barren soil remaineth fruitless. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cultivate the soil of His people's hearts through the hands of wisdom, that from the sowing of the seed eternal and enduring fruits may appear, and that He may cause all to attain true and everlasting life. This is the day of the friends, for the Book itself speaketh and heaven and earth uttereth praise and glory. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the hearing of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and the vision of God, the Lord of this exalted station. Make mention of the friends on behalf of the Wronged One, that perchance this mention may move them all from this earthly realm and raise them above the heavens. Verily God is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer. The glory that is manifest, resplendent, and shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon thee and upon My friends who have turned with illumined hearts unto God, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

As was previously stated, mercy took precedence, but now it is observed that mercy, bounty, grace, and generosity have all taken precedence, as is evident and manifest from the revealed verses. Enemies are visible from every direction. Regarding His Majesty the Sultan, in most of the Tablets there hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of all beings that which diffuseth the fragrance of favor. Nevertheless, for forty years he hath not restrained his wrath for a moment, and thus have the rulers acted in ways the like of which the eye of creation hath never witnessed. This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth to enable all to attain unto that which draweth them nigh and leadeth them into His presence. Verily, the Cause is in His hands and authority is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Concerning what was written about the investigation and inquiry by the officials of His Imperial Majesty - may God, the Blessed, the Most High, strengthen him - and the reply of Mirza Ali, verily this investigation is praiseworthy, for they will become aware of that which is acceptable in the sight of God, exalted be His glory. After presenting these matters before the countenance of the Goal of all the worlds, these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of will. His word, exalted be His glory, and all-encompassing be His grace and His knowledge: […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory! That which Mirza Abdul-Karim - upon him be My Glory - hath mentioned is the truth in which there is no doubt. However, these matters did not and do not require any question, for from the horizons of the heavens of Divine Tablets the Light of Commands and Laws hath dawned and shone forth, praise be to God. Therefore there hath not been and is not any veil over matters that would cause upheaval, agitation, clamor and discord. All the Tablets are sanctified from that which would cause the appearance of the fire of hatred in hearts and souls.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving kindness! The Tablet of the Call was sent, and it beareth the Most Great Glad-Tidings. We previously commanded that a copy thereof be made and presented to the government that they might become aware of a gift that is sanctified and free from likeness and peer. And if copies thereof be spread abroad, it would cause certain matters to arise, therefore it is not permitted save after permission.

O Afnan! The King of Iran hath disappointed Us. Thou knowest that for forty years they killed, burned, and dismembered these people and cast them into pits, and not a single soul arose to defend them, let alone to fight. Nevertheless, His Majesty the King did not arise for justice. In his reign such tyranny appeared that Pharaoh, Nimrod, Shimr and Yazid have sought refuge in God from it. What heart could accept such tyrannies? Consider the lives of Siyyid Hassan and Siyyid Husayn in the Land of Sad, how Zillu's-Sultan arose with such oppression. Now the cry of those two oppressed luminous lights is heard from the sands of Egypt. That unjust one without equity martyred those men after taking six thousand tumans in cash, and that same day three times did the attendants raid the women and children. In the first plunder they took the boxes and chests and ornaments, and likewise whatever was in the place of commerce - they took it all. They branded a hundred camels in the name of the government, and in the second raid they seized all the household furnishings, from carpets to vessels and other items. They confined the residents of the house in one room and locked the door, with no explanation given. After sunset the chief gardener of the prince went with porters and carried away all the flowers and trees that had been obtained from various places - that is, from Europe and India and China. Hath such cruelty ever had an equal in the world, or is there any likeness to it? Nay, by the Self of God Who standeth over the Letter Sin, and by the Cause of God that dominateth the world! By the life of God, because of the tyranny that occurred in Iran, the Faithful Spirit wept and the Most Great Spirit lamented. The lamentation of the Mother Book was raised up and the cry of the Point of the Bayan was heard. The decrees of His Majesty the Sultan had no effect beyond his own mansion […]

The cry of the Point of the Bayan was heard. The decrees of His Majesty the Sultan had and have no effect outside his palace. Glory be to God! In the days when the Sultan, in his own estimation, was commanding the oppressors of the earth to show forbearance and reject bribes, Zill-i-Sultan was collecting fines all around. Now reflect upon the ruler and the ruled, and take refuge in God. All know that this Wronged One has been a well-wisher of the government and people of Iran, and We have specifically mentioned Nasir in numerous Tablets and sought for him the good of this world and the next. However, the seat was not worthy of this supreme bounty. Ask God to transform the throne of oppression into the seat of justice. That which is the cause of joy to those near unto God after the supreme sorrow hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book. Again, make mention of the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. O Abul-Fadl! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Justice. Thou hast ever been and

art still remembered. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. We beseech God to protect thee that thou mayest remember Him and be occupied with His praise. We hope that in this Revelation the loved ones may attain unto the lights of true Divine Unity, not like the Shi'ih sect who each day would carve an idol with their own hands and worship it. Among them was one who claimed to be the Fourth Pillar, who every year would write a refutation of the Primal Point and commit such acts as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to weep and lament. We beseech God to aid all to do that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of creation, the Lord of the Last and the First.

Blessed is the one who hath attained unto the recognition of the Day of God. The taunts and turning away of the servants did not prevent him from drawing nigh unto the Lord of creation. He testified among mankind to the Lord of Names. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to open the door of His bounty unto the faces of His loved ones and to raise them all from the depths of poverty to the heights of wealth. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, in the Last and the First.

In your second letter mention was made of the wishes and desires of the loved ones, upon them be the Glory of God. After being submitted before the Most Holy Presence, it was graciously accepted. Some phrases were somewhat modified and sent. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn His servants with attentive ears and penetrating eyes. Verily He is the Lord of all creation.

Regarding what you wrote about the beloved of hearts, His Honor Mirza Abul-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, it is now commanded that remaining in that place is most appropriate and preferable.

As for your mention of the receptivity and detachment of the people of Bukhara and Samarkand, it is indeed exactly as you have written. After being submitted before the Seat of Grace, these exalted words issued forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Revealer of verses. He speaks, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof: He is the One Who calleth unto truth […]

O my God, my God! Thou seest Thy Afnan and Thy loved ones turning unto Thee, clinging to the Tree of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy bountiful robe. O Lord! Illumine the earth and heaven with their light, and send down upon them what Thou didst send down upon Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. O Lord! Thou seest the Afnan standing in service to Thy Cause and voicing Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee to open before their faces the portals of Thy knowledge and wisdom, that they may draw the servants nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness. O Lord! Unite through Thy most exalted Word the hearts of all people, that the world may be illumined with the light of Thy oneness and the radiance of Thy singleness. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Hearer, the Answerer.

As to those souls who are sanctified, assured and well-pleased - whomsoever they deem fit may journey each year from the City of Love to those regions, that they may guide with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance, the dwellers of the dusty earth to the highest horizon. Great indeed is the reward for this blessed and accepted deed. Blessed are they that act.

This is a day of thanksgiving and praise, nay rather, a day for the manifestation of all the divine names and attributes. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen for the sake of God and held fast to the service of His Cause.

Regarding the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet of the Call, whatsoever ye have deemed expedient and mentioned hath been adorned with the honor of acceptance, and after being presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, He said: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Tablet of the Call is among the greatest bounties of God, exalted be His glory. It hath no peer or likeness, for whatsoever was the cause of agitation, discord, conflict, disputation and corruption - all this hath been erased from the Book by the hand of power, and whatsoever was conducive to peace, unity, harmony and reconciliation hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Its allusions are the quickeners of the world and its utterances are the water of life for all peoples. By My life! No bounty can equal this most great bounty, and no matter this momentous matter." Praise be to God, the mighty and glorious Empire is the supporter of this community, and we beseech God at all times that He may aid His Majesty the Emperor to assist this Revelation, that all the horizons of the world may be illumined by the splendors of the light of His justice, and that the oppressed ones among all parties may find rest in the cradle of security and comfort, and may voice their prayers for the perpetuation of his eternal sovereignty. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

In these days news of the yellow wind is reaching us from the assembly of the wise ones and physicians, but until now its appearance hath been prevented and its advent barred. And afterward the matter is in the hand of God, our Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Among the recent news is that the revered Afnan, His honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings, and the beloved of hearts, His honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, have arrived. Among the fresh tidings is that due to the wickedness of the wicked, the door of retribution has been opened. His Majesty the King of Iran did not read the Tablet of God, and now as recompense he must repeatedly read letters from which the fire of hatred blazes forth from the horizon of every word, until an answer befitting the question is given, and likewise with telegrams. Take Iran in ruins, for it has kindled either a new fire in the earth or the fire of divine wrath. From every direction it has encompassed the bewildered king, robbing him of sleep and rest. Tribulations have so encompassed him that his messenger found no opportunity to deliver his master's messages. However, as commanded, the people of justice must in no way interfere. They must remain with perfect dignity and composure. Nothing contrary to propriety or opposed to righteousness should be manifested by them, for the station of this party today is sanctified above the ways of the world's parties. To the extent possible, they should strive to quench the blazing fire that burns against the government and nation. It is hoped that praiseworthy and pleasing qualities and conduct will be manifested by this party. In truth, a great sedition has arisen against the government - to this bears witness He with Whom is the clear Book.

Regarding the construction of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, and obtaining permission and documents for His honor Aqa Ghulam-'Ali from the people of Ya, and renewed special permission for His honor Aqa Mashhadi Rida, upon them both be the Glory of God, and the correspondence of His honor Aqa Ghulam-Husayn and Aqa Rida and Aqa Khayru'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, and the departure of the

known leaf from the land of Ta - all these matters were presented before the holy and sanctified Throne of Truth and attained the honor of being heard. His blessed and exalted Word […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be my Baha! Praise be to God that thou hast succeeded in constructing the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar of God, whose remembrance and fragrance shall endure and persist as long as the Kingdom endureth. However, considering that the honored Afnans (upon them be my Baha and loving-kindness) have from the earliest days assisted the Cause of God with hand and tongue, with hearing and sight, all the atoms of creation have testified and do testify to the service, devotion, sincerity and purity of these sanctified souls. Glory be to God! In times of difficulty and distress, those blessed souls have again attained unto this special blessed station. Before this Wronged One, whatsoever was for the acquisition of the House was bestowed in Alexandria - thou thyself knowest this - and whatsoever was in the storehouse in Beirut was given to settle the debt of one of the believers, and the details of both are clear and evident to thee. Had there been means available, it would have been sent specifically for the construction to thee. Although whatsoever both of you possess - that is, thyself and the other one (upon both of you be my Baha and loving-kindness) - is considered the pure property of this Wronged One. By chance, on this blessed night, the supplication of the honored Afnan was specifically read in the presence, and likewise some time ago, and before that. From each word, nay from each letter, nay from each dot thereof, the fire of love was ignited. God willing, may the bestowals of the Most Great Ocean and the gifts of the Sun of Truth encompass them.

As regards the proceeding of the leaves to the Land of Ta, this matter was left to Ali-Qabl-i-Haydar (upon him be my Baha) to execute whenever he deemed it advisable. However, their movement appears very difficult, and thy proceeding to the Land of Ta is not permitted. Although the Sultan is now secretly remorseful for what he hath wrought against this wronged community, God willing, may His grace take hold of him and enable him to compensate for what he hath missed in the days of God.

As for the permission at the time of presentation, it was granted in the presence, and whatsoever the friends of that land have sent hath been accepted according to what was mentioned in the letter. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Give them the glad tidings of My acceptance and illumine them with the light of My utterance and remind them of My verses which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Afnan! Verily thy Lord mentioneth at the end of the utterance he who was named Rida in the Book of Burhan, and We give him the glad tidings of My acceptance of him and My turning toward him and My mention of him in days wherein My heart and My pen and My outward and My inward being and My loved ones who have sacrificed their wealth and their souls in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds, have lamented. Both Jinab-i-Rida and his parents have had and continue to have permission to proceed. Praise be to God, the father attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books, and likewise the son. Upon them both be the glory of God and His loving-kindness and the grace of God and His mercy.

O my God, my God! I remember Thee through Thy two servants who did not break Thy Covenant and Testament, who soared in Thy atmosphere and attained to Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Ordain for them and for those who love them, both male and female, that which Thou didst ordain for the Companions of Sinai in this Revelation whereby the pavilion of glory was raised up, those in the graves

arose, and the law of resurrection was made manifest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving.

Furthermore, regarding the mention of the passport that was seized in Bukhara: if Bukhara is firmly and definitively under the protection of its august government, there is no harm in obtaining a passport and it would be good. It would be better and more appropriate to inquire also from the spiritual friend, Aqa Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, as he is aware of some of the laws of the august government, may God strengthen it. In any case, I have beseeched and continue to beseech God, exalted be His glory, for your honor's dignity and elevation. On one occasion, these exalted words were heard from the Master of all beings. He said that the Afnan, praise be to God, has been blessed in his attention and steps. Although he has endured hardship, since he has succeeded in rectifying certain matters, the hardship is comfort. We beseech God to exalt him through His grace and favor and to ordain for him and his Afnan the best of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

Manifest verses have been revealed especially for the mentioned names, upon them be the Glory of God. It is hoped that all will attain unto them. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This petition was about to be sent when your telegraphic news arrived, and since a response was issued from His presence, the sending was delayed until another herald brought new tidings, and that was your blessed letter which brought spiritual glad-tidings on the morning of the twenty-fifth of Rabi'u'th-Thani. After opening and reading the letter, such joy and delight took hold that at that very moment it was presented to His presence and fully conveyed. Then the divine ocean of utterance surged and the effulgences of the Sun of Knowledge encompassed the world to such an extent that no one was or is capable of enumerating it. Then these sublime words were revealed and made manifest from the Dayspring of Utterance, His words, exalted be His utterance and mighty be His proof: […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness! Praise be to God that the realm of darkness hath been illumined by the light of guidance, and the parched desert of thirst hath been refreshed by the waters of divine mercy. This is indeed a great bounty and its station exalted. We beseech God to increase, day by day, His confirmations upon you, and to render your purpose so refined that its manifestation through the realm of utterance may captivate the world. Exalted is the penetrating power of My sweetest utterance and My most glorious remembrance! Blessed are those Afnans who have arisen to aid My Cause, who have taken the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of My bounty and have drunk therefrom once in My Name and again in remembrance of Me, through which the horizons of the heavens of wisdom and utterance were illumined. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them and for My loved ones that which will make them the lights of His Kingdom in His earthly realm and the mysteries of His wisdom in His perspicuous Book.

O Afnan! The letters which thou didst send previously to this servant, each one hath been favored with loving-kindness, mercy, grace, attention and response. Well is it with thee and with My loved ones who have attained with joy unto the cup of martyrdom in My path. The ecstasy of the cup of martyrdom transcendeth all earthly delights. Whosoever partaketh thereof will, with utmost joy, eagerness, longing and gladness, hasten to the station of sacrifice. O God! Grant us, through Thy loving-kindness, Thy grace,

Thy mercy, Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty, for verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the gathering of the loved ones in a special council for the conduct of affairs, this hath been accepted. In truth it is necessary. At the beginning of the entry of the Wronged One into the military barracks in the city of Akka, the establishment of a council was decided upon. However, due to changes of location and variations in movement and rest, it was postponed. And concerning what thou didst write about the unity, harmony, joy, gladness, delight and happiness of the Afnan and the loved ones - this became the cause of joy and exultation. We beseech God to assist all to remain steadfast in what was mentioned at every moment, for truly the manifestation of discord hath been and is the cause of the dissipation of God's Cause. The world is not worthy of mention. Erelong its carpet shall be rolled up, save the carpet that is spread in the name of Truth through the endeavors of His loved ones - that shall endure in the world through the perpetuity of the Most Great Name. We beseech God to assist all in that which will cause His Cause to be exalted and His traces to encompass all. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The signs of victory and triumph are evident from every direction. Blessed are they who have directed their endeavors to the exaltation of the Cause and who are occupied with the greatest steadfastness in uniting hearts and souls. We hope that the three mentioned souls may be illumined and gladdened by the effulgences of the Tree of Sinai, and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant them success. Were all the peoples of the earth to become aware of the leaves and fruits of the Blessed Tree, they would all expend their endeavors in its service.

They mentioned the consultative council and the blessed, assured souls therein. Praise be to God, each one hath been honored with the mention of the Wronged One and special favors. Divine confirmation and assistance circle round the loved ones. Soon their names, their mention and their deeds shall be spread throughout the East and West of the earth - a promise from Us. Verily thy Lord fulfilleth His promise through His sovereignty and power. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Reflect upon the manifest power in the earth. In a moment He transformed punishment into sweetness and hardship into mercy, to such extent that the oppressor repeatedly acknowledged his error and in utter abasement sought Our good-pleasure. And were he to know what hath been ordained for him, he would cast himself into the fire, or flee to the mountains and lament until death. Thus was the matter decreed in the Mother Book by God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Subduer.

What transpired - the martyrdom of the martyrs who attained the supreme triumph, likewise the exaltation of God's Word among those within and without, and the manifestation of power and might in that transformation - each is a clear testimony to the power, grandeur and all-encompassing nature of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who know and blessed are they who have attained. However, if mention of the gathering and consultative council is made to the government and permission is obtained, this would be most preferable, seemly and excellent. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon My Afnan and My loved ones who have acknowledged and confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the faces of the servants. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of creation and the Commander in the beginning and the return.

The new sublime letter was indeed a book of joy for the friends. There was no delay whatsoever in responding to it - the moment of its presentation and the moment of response occurred in one place and time. Your services to the divine Cause have each been adorned with acceptance and divine good-pleasure. Now, since you have given the glad tidings of presence through the penetrating, swift missive, therefore many are waiting. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant you complete health and perfect well-being, and to cause you to attain the Most Great Scene with boundless joy and delight. And may you receive with supreme profit all that has been delayed during this period. Blessed is God, our Lord, Who bestows a hundred thousand Euphrates of nearness for a single drop from the sea. Who can reckon His grace and mercy? Who can count His favors and gifts? We beseech God to increase the endeavors of His loved ones there and to ordain for them from the Pen of His grace the verses of His mercy, His favor, His generosity and His bounty. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As to what you wrote regarding the trees, fruits and seeds, after presenting it He said: “God willing, may the trees and seeds that the honored Afnan has obtained be planted like the trees planted in the Most Holy Place in the Most Great Name, and may they appear with new and distinguished fruits, and may their mention remain eternal and everlasting until the end that has no end. Blessed be the tree, blessed be the fruit, blessed be the speaker, and blessed be the hearer.”

Whoever has spoken these words has spoken exceedingly well: “The prayer is from Thee and the answer too is from Thee.” I bear witness that He was his helper in receiving, and likewise his confirmer in planting, and similarly He aids in receiving again and grants success in partaking, through His grace, His favor and His beneficence. Blessed and exalted be the glory, the remembrance and the praise upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who hear your words concerning God, our Lord and your Lord.

=== END BH10993 ===

=== START BH10994 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My God, my God! Do not withhold Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor disappoint them of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy verses and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the horizons of Thy lands were illumined, to send down upon him who hath turned unto the lights of Thy countenance that which befitteth Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH10994 ===

=== START BH10996 ===

In the Name of the One God! Today the friends of God must act in accordance with that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His everlasting Command. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded in the Mighty Book. We have heard thy call, and have adorned the head of thy letter with these sublime words: Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

=== END BH10996 ===

=== START BH10997 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker! Today the ocean of mercy is surging and the breezes of forgiveness are wafting from the direction of the favor of the Desire of all worlds. As they pass over receptive souls, all are adorned with the ornament of divine pardon. The Tongue of Grandeur has given and continues to give glad-tidings to all. We beseech God to preserve all and to adorn them with the crown of protection. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH10997 ===

=== START BH10998 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Bear thou witness to that which God hath testified in this blessed Tablet. Blessed art thou for having been remembered in the Most Great Prison by this Beloved Pen. The glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the call and responded to his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

=== END BH10998 ===

=== START BH10999 ===

O Afnan, Nabil-i-Qabil-i-Taqi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! God is Most Glorious! Verily the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out to its branches and counseleth them to remain supremely steadfast in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have quaked. Blessed art thou for having remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament at a time when the divines of the earth have violated it, save those whom God, thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, hath willed.

=== END BH10999 ===

=== START BH11001 ===

In the Name of the Protector! O loved ones of God! Ascend by the ladder of meanings and utterance unto your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest your present condition prevent you from your ultimate destiny, and lest possessions veil you from the remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. Be at rest in the remembrance of God and His love, then detach yourselves from those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

=== END BH11001 ===

=== START BH11002 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient! O loved ones of God! Do not grieve over what hath befallen the Luminary of the horizons. Verily, the sun is eclipsed and the moon is darkened. Ere long shall We, with the

fingers of might, rend asunder the veil that hath come between Us and the servants, that His lights may shine forth amongst the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH11002 ===

=== START BH11003 ===

O My Name the All-Forgiving! Through Thee have I been tried, and through Thee have I drunk what no one hath drunk, and tasted what no soul hath tasted. Were I not beholding Thee, I would have destroyed the wicked ones and delivered My chosen ones from the fiery letters. Had not My mercy preceded all things, I would have returned existence unto non-existence by reason of what hath befallen My loved ones - how much more by what hath befallen My Own Self!

=== END BH11003 ===

=== START BH11004 ===

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O My handmaiden! Be thou attracted by My melodies, then drink from the cup of My loving-kindness, then take shelter in the shade of the cloud of My mercy, then become intoxicated with the wine of My bestowals, then hearken unto My call from the direction of My throne, then read the wondrous verses and words I have revealed. And know thou that My words are a light by which the hearts of the yearning ones are illumined, and a fire by which the hearts of the lovers are consumed, and a fountain of life by which My loved ones are quickened, and a wine by which My chosen ones are intoxicated, and an ocean wherein are treasured the pearls of My wisdom, and a treasury wherein are deposited the gems of My knowledge. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the recognition of My Self, and soared in the atmosphere of My love, and ascended unto the heaven of My gracious favors, and immersed himself in the ocean of My divinity, and discovered the sweet fragrances of holiness from the garment of My grace, and hath sanctified himself from all else save Me, and turned with his heart unto the sanctuary of My greatness, and arose to aid My Cause, and walked in the ways of My good-pleasure.

O My handmaiden! Remember thy Lord in thy standing and thy sitting, in thy sleep and thy wakefulness. By God! He who loveth Me sleepeth not even when sleeping, nor is he occupied with aught save My remembrance and My love and My praise, even should he be engaged in all the affairs of earth. Rejoice, O My handmaiden, then grieve, O My servant woman. As for the rejoicing, it is for My manifestation and My dawning and My effulgence and My exaltation and My radiance and My power and My glory; and as for the grief, it is for My anguish and My exile and My distress and My imprisonment and My tribulation. Glad-tidings unto him who readeth this and findeth that which is diffused therefrom. And upon thee, O thou who hast desired thy Lord within thyself and hast been invested with the robe of His guidance, and upon all handmaidens, pure ones, devoted ones, seeking ones, hoping ones, remembering ones.

=== END BH11004 ===

=== START BH11005 ===

O My handmaiden! By God, at all times doth the Tongue of God give utterance to verses of grief, whereas the oceans of life should be flowing in recognition of My All-Merciful Self. Therefore, the curse of God be upon those who have wronged Me without clear proof or an illuminating Book. And thou, remember thy Lord, then be devoutly obedient, that thou mayest be accounted among those who remember, recorded by the Pen of God.

=== END BH11005 ===

=== START BH11006 ===

O sister of Jinab-i-Rida! O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of this Youth Who hath been afflicted in the prison of envy and hath been slain at every moment by the sword of hatred - and God is my witness to what I say. I weep for My loneliness and solitude and exile. Purify thyself, then, from the love of aught else but Me, that thou mayest find a way to attain My presence.

=== END BH11006 ===

=== START BH11007 ===

O Jamshid! Be thou patient in separation and be not distressed within thyself, and be of them that are patient. Then beseech God that He may bring about a reunion between us and you, for verily He hath power over all things. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon the patient servants of God.

=== END BH11007 ===

=== START BH11008 ===

O My servant! Verily thy Lord, when He chastiseth His servants, is called by His name the Just One, and when He forgiveth, is called by His name the All-Forgiving, and He careth not whether He be called by this or by that, for verily He is sanctified above all names, and verily He is the One possessed of such power as none knoweth save His own Self, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH11008 ===

=== START BH11009 ===

In the name of God, the All-Knowing! O Pen! Be thou intimate with the remembrance of the Ancient King, and efface from thy heart whatsoever preventeth thee from being immersed in the depths of this Most Great Ocean. Then speak forth in praise of God and His remembrance amongst the peoples. Verily, through His remembrance are the hearts of the mystics revived, and verily He is the Kawthar of life - blessed then be they that drink thereof.

=== END BH11009 ===

=== START BH11010 ===

God is Most Glorious! O My Most Exalted Pen! We have desired to make mention of one who has turned towards My horizon when he heard My call and arose to render Me victorious when he read My mighty

Book. O Nightingale! Rejoice in that the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to thee and acknowledged thy turning unto Him, thy humility, thy lowliness, and thy rising up to serve His Cause, the Firm, the Strong.

=== END BH11010 ===

=== START BH11011 ===

O Guest! Bear witness within thyself that He is God, alone with no partner. His is the glory and the eternity, His the grandeur and the splendor, His the sovereignty and the cloud of divinity. He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His power, and He, verily, is the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the Ruler, the Self-Subsisting. Then make mention of Majid and Baqir and Muhsin.

=== END BH11011 ===

=== START BH11012 ===

He is the Mighty! O Hadi! Be patient in what hath befallen thee and what hath befallen Us from the irrevocable and manifest decree. Put thy trust in God, for in Him do the sincere ones place their trust. Fear thou no one, then stand firm in love and be of the patient ones. Then remind from Our presence thy son that he may be of the content ones.

=== END BH11012 ===

=== START BH11013 ===

In the City, O leaf Muhammad-Sadiq! He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. The breezes of polytheism have wafted from the heart of every base polytheist. Hold fast to this Tree lest thou fall upon the face of the earth. Thus doth command thee the Pen of sublime justice. Hold fast to the Tree, then taste of the fruits of the Lote-Tree of Paradise and be steadfast in the love of God.

=== END BH11013 ===

=== START BH11015 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

God willing, may you be engaged at all times in praising the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and delight, in such wise that the happenings of creation shall not prevent you from extolling the Truth. O Muhammad! The spiritual wine of oneness is prepared and the Bearer of the eternal countenance is the Cup-Bearer - take and drink, and give to drink! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!

=== END BH11015 ===

=== START BH11016 ===

His honor Siyyid Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance. The beginning of faith in God, exalted be His glory, has been and is [recognition], and its end is steadfastness in it. Blessed is he who has attained unto both the first and the second. He is indeed

numbered with the people of inner meaning before God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of the mystics.

=== END BH11016 ===

=== START BH11017 ===

In the Name of the One Friend!

O Asadu'llah! The Lord of the worlds declareth in this utterance which hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will: "Act thou according to My commandments for the love of My beauty." This is a word which the All-Merciful revealed aforetime in Baghdad and in this Great Prison. When thou attainest unto it, say: "Praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know!"

=== END BH11017 ===

=== START BH11018 ===

In the Name of the Beloved Creator!

O handmaiden of God! Should the Word of God be confined to a single word, that word has been and will ever be the sovereign of all words, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafting from it throughout the ages is most excellent. How blessed is the soul that has inhaled it and has turned with an illumined heart toward its direction.

=== END BH11018 ===

=== START BH11020 ===

The Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

O servant of the Everlasting Friend! He saith: Thy letter was presented before the Countenance. As it was adorned with the ornament of the love of the Beloved, after having attained the honor of presentation before the Most Holy Court and gaining the bounty of attaining His presence, it became the bearer of the trust of the mysteries of the Pen and returned to that direction. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Qiblih and for having won victory through God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH11020 ===

=== START BH11022 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting

O friends! Come forth from the garden of self and passion, and enter gracefully into the paradise of the love of Baha. Step out of the realm of fancy into the arena of certitude. Though ere long all shall be deprived of this spiritual revelation and this mighty sovereign dawning, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH11022 ===

=== START BH11024 ===

He is God! O friends! In this springtime of the All-Merciful, when the Divine Tree of Will hath been adorned with wondrous fruits of knowledge, strive ye to pluck these ripe fruits with your own hands and partake thereof, for in other seasons they cannot be found, and even if found, they will surely lack their original freshness.

=== END BH11024 ===

=== START BH11027 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! O handmaiden! Thy letter hath reached the divine presence, and the glance of favor hath been directed toward thee. God willing, thou shalt drink from the cup of sanctification and be adorned with the robe of detachment. Give thanks to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is every handmaiden who hath acted according to what hath been revealed in the Book.

=== END BH11027 ===

=== START BH11029 ===

O dear one! He is the Mighty, the Great! O dear one! True glory belongs exclusively to those souls who are glorified through the glory of God, for the glory of no glorious one and the power of no powerful one shall endure save through the Name of God - exalted be His glory! God willing, you shall attain to this most exalted station and sublime rank. Verily your Lord is the Giving, the Bountiful. The glory be upon you!

=== END BH11029 ===

=== START BH11030 ===

He is the Beloved

O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast beheld the Friend, attained unto the Friend, and been blessed with the remembrance of the Friend. O Light of the Dawning-place of lights! He, the Chosen One, saith: Thou art remembered in My presence - this sufficeth thee, by the Lord of the mighty Throne! Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon them that are with thee amongst the loved ones of thy Lord.

=== END BH11030 ===

=== START BH11031 ===

In the name of God, the Compassionate! O nightingales! While the heaven of mercy is upraised, take wing; while the flower is at market, lament; while the gates of reunion are open, hasten! Eat sweets and grieve not, and in remembrance of the Friend, drink the wine of nearness. Attach not your hearts to this life, but surrender your souls to the Beloved.

=== END BH11031 ===

=== START BH11032 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One!

O Karbila'i Muhammad-Husayn! Praise be to God that thou hast attained to kissing the dust at the threshold of the Name of God. Strive thou that, through divine grace, thou mayest be honored with the most great steadfastness. This is the most exalted station, the highest rank, the primal pearl, the mystery of "or nearer," the ultimate station, and the furthermost goal. Blessed are they that attain!

=== END BH11032 ===

=== START BH11033 ===

In the Name of the one incomparable God! O handmaiden of God! Thy name hath been mentioned at the Most Holy Court, wherefore this Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the mercy of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of the Beloved of all worlds, and remain steadfast in His love with firm footsteps and an illumined heart, and be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful.

=== END BH11033 ===

=== START BH11034 ===

O Fatimeh! He is the Most Holy. O handmaiden of God! Thy letter hath come before Our face and thy remembrance is mentioned before the Throne. This is the most great bounty wherewith thou hast been favored. Strive thou that the heedlessness and forgetfulness of the peoples of the worlds may not prevent thee from the direction of the All-Merciful, and that thou mayest ever dwell, in spirit and fragrance, beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree, in rest and in peace.

=== END BH11034 ===

=== START BH11035 ===

In the Name of the Beloved of the world! O Mahdi! Drink thou the everlasting nectar flowing from the Divine Word through the Hand of bounty, and partake of the most pure Kawthar streaming from the direction of the Most Great Scene through the Hand of grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast honored me with the trace of Thy Pen and hast called me with the tongue of the Manifestation of Thine Essence while He was imprisoned among the oppressors.

=== END BH11035 ===

=== START BH11036 ===

In My Name, the Guide! O Hadi! Through divine bounty thou hast drunk from the chalice of mystical knowledge and turned thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon. That which is now required is steadfastness in this Most Great Cause. By My life! None shall attain unto it save the sincere ones, for most of mankind are heedless and veiled from the original purpose, except those whom thy Lord willeth.

=== END BH11036 ===

=== START BH11037 ===

He is God. O leaf! I hope that, by divine grace, you are safe and at rest. We sent Munirih - the choice is yours. We gave permission for fifteen days of service. O leaf! The Tree commands: do not fall short in knowledge, calligraphy and character. The human being requires the conditions of humanity. The Glory be upon you.

=== END BH11037 ===

=== START BH11039 ===

In the letter of the revered Afnan, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious - regarding what he had written that they had sent a letter to this servant which arrived, and that they had written and sent a detailed reply to it - God willing it has now arrived. And now they convey countless glorifications and praises.

=== END BH11039 ===

=== START BH11040 ===

He is God!

O you who gaze toward the horizon! At this time, the Branch of the Divine Lote-Tree was present and made mention of you. Therefore We make mention of you with a mention whose fragrance has diffused the sweet-scents of love and affection among the servants. We beseech God to assist you and enable you to achieve that whereby your name may be exalted throughout all lands.

=== END BH11040 ===

=== START BH11043 ===

He is [the Ever-Living]

The Sea of Eternity is in waves, and the Light of Grandeur is in vibration, and the honored Temple is in joy. So blessed are ye and those who are with you in what your Lord hath bestowed upon you and your Creator hath honored you with. And peace be upon you.

[In the margin of the text, parallel to the word “the Ever-Living,” the word “God” has been written.]

=== END BH11043 ===

=== START BH11045 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting

Blessed is He in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. Verily He hath power over all things through His wisdom. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth whom He willeth, He giveth to

whom He willeth and withholdeth from whom He willeth, He aideth whom He willeth and forsaketh whom He willeth. Verily He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11045 ===

=== START BH11047 ===

He is the Beloved

O Husayn! This is a Tablet which remembereth thee from before the Wronged One, and by which the Concourse on High remembereth thee through the everlasting Book of God, the Lord of all beings. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to attain unto Thy presence and to hear Thy voice, as I stand before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to open before my face the door of Thy blessings and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

=== END BH11047 ===

=== START BH11048 ===

He is He

Praise be to God that while Moses the Interlocutor beheld the Face of Guidance without beginning from the fire of the Tree that was neither of the East nor of the West and was guided, as He said "I perceive guidance at the fire," these companions have become illumined and guided by the light of the divine Lote Tree and the manifestation of the Essence of the Eternal. Well is it with them that have attained!

=== END BH11048 ===

=== START BH11049 ===

He is the Mighty

Praise be to God Who hath wafted the holy breezes from the divine paradise of meaning upon all created things, that all might behold with both outward and inward vision the lights of the Divine Beauty, and that none upon earth might be prevented or held back from the remembrance of the True Object of Worship. Thus hath it been sent down in truth, if ye would but know.

=== END BH11049 ===

=== START BH11050 ===

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

Praise be to the Lord of the Kingdom, Who illumined the world with the lights of the Most Great Name and raised high the pavilion of "Verily I am God" despite His enemies. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto true unity and become detached and free from all else but God. Such a one is Our friend and among the people of the Ark of Our grace.

=== END BH11050 ===

=== START BH11051 ===

In His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast attained, through His greatest bounty and Most Great Name. In all conditions be vigilant in the Cause of God, that perchance in these fleeting days eternal stations may be acquired. Know thou the value of the blessing of attainment and the days of reunion, and be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God. Blessed are they that act.

=== END BH11051 ===

=== START BH11052 ===

In the Name of the One Friend! Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast attained unto the presence of the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Manifestation of His grace, and hast been clothed with the robe of forgiveness from the hand of divine bounty. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest ever drink from the pure water of steadfastness and remain detached and free from all else but Him.

=== END BH11052 ===

=== START BH11053 ===

At that moment all who are in the heavens and on earth prostrated themselves before God, and the Holy Spirit breathed into the temples of the Concourse on High, and the Dove warbled in the midmost heart of eternity, and all necks bowed down before His command, while the proud were in the fire of hell and grievous peril, and verily He was witness over all things.

=== END BH11053 ===

=== START BH11054 ===

O Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Answerer! In the Tablet of Wisdom this blessed verse hath been sent down: Look not upon creatures and their works, but rather upon the Truth and His sovereignty. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The choice wine existeth, the Cause is manifest, and the bounty is evident, yet the people are deprived save whom God willeth, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH11054 ===

=== START BH11055 ===

Allah-u-Abha! We convey greetings to the true friend and counsel him as befits. Blessed is he who awakens at the Call and arises to serve the Cause of his Lord. And woe unto him whom vain desires have kept back from God, the Lord of the first and the last. Joy be unto thee for having drunk the wine of everlasting life from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH11055 ===

=== START BH11056 ===

Convey greetings to the friends in that land. We beseech God that He may assist all to do what is necessary and befitting. That honored one must at all times set the people ablaze with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and His name. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have said “We believe in God, the Single, the All-Informed.”

=== END BH11056 ===

=== START BH11058 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. A mention from Us to one of Our maidservants, that she may remember her Lord in every eventide and morn. Be thou joyful in My remembrance of thee, then praise thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Then give thanks to the All-Merciful for having adorned thy home with the Branches. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Thus doth the Wronged One remember thee as He walketh in the house and remembereth His Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

=== END BH11058 ===

=== START BH11060 ===

He is the Ever-Living

The Holy Spirit is watchful and the Spirit of companionship waiting expectantly - when will the melody of light be mentioned and the drumbeat of manifestation become renowned? When will the countenance of the letter Ha without garment unveil itself and the face of the letter Ba without veil reveal its mystery? So that the mighty throne may quiver and the ancient seat be filled with delight. And peace be upon you.

=== END BH11060 ===

=== START BH11061 ===

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

Glorified be He Who has manifested the Cause, sent down the verses, and caused all things to speak forth His most resplendent, most glorious remembrance. He it is Who has broken the seal of the choice sealed Wine through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and Who has elevated the station of His Afnan and their kinship to Himself as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH11061 ===

=== START BH11062 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity! Glorified be He Who hath adorned thy temple with the ornament of hearing and brought thee into the presence of the Throne and caused thee to hear His wondrous and glorious call. Nothing can be compared with this, nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Be thou

thankful in all circumstances, then praise Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me and honored me and brought me into Thy noble presence.

=== END BH11062 ===

=== START BH11063 ===

He is the Preserver

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and Thy Most Mighty Word, and by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, that Thou protect this servant from every affliction and decree, and from every epidemic and plague, and from whatsoever tribulations and hardships may arise in the earth. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11063 ===

=== START BH11064 ===

His honor ’Attar, upon him be the Glory of God, in My Name, the One speaking before all faces: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of grace, might and transcendence. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy sovereignty that pervadeth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH11064 ===

=== START BH11065 ===

He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious

O honored Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Name, and by Thy Most Resplendent Light, and by Thy Beloved Name through which Thou didst unite hearts and souls, to unlock, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the door of Thy bounty unto him who hath clung and held fast to the hem of Thy Most Pure Robe. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Generous.

=== END BH11065 ===

=== START BH11067 ===

In Thy name, the All-Giving, the Most Effulgent!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what remembrance to remember Thee that would befit the majesty of Thy presence, for all remembrances beside Thine own fade away before the radiant splendor of the countenance of Thy remembrance. Therefore, through Thy generosity and grace, Thy loving-

kindness and bounty, cause it to descend, O Thou in Whose hand are the keys of all remembrance! Verily, Thou hast power over all things.

=== END BH11067 ===

=== START BH11068 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made me the lamp of the worlds and the light of those who know Thee. Thou knowest, O my God, that mine eyes are turned toward Thy servants. Deliver them, O my God, from self and passion, and draw them nigh unto the Most Glorious Horizon in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Great.

=== END BH11068 ===

=== START BH11069 ===

In the name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given Baha the cup of tribulation to drink. By Thy glory, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! Through his love for Thee, Baha is not dismayed by tribulation, and through it he glories over all who are in earth and heaven. I beseech Thee not to disappoint those who have set their hopes on the court of Thy mercy. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Gracious.

=== END BH11069 ===

=== START BH11070 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thanks be to Thee for having sacrificed me for the life of the worlds, and thanks be to Thee for having imprisoned me for the emancipation of the worlds. I beseech Thee by Thyself not to turn away Thy servants from the Dayspring of Thy grace, nor to withhold them from the Kawthar of Life in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11070 ===

=== START BH11071 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Creator of names and Fashioner of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Holy, Most Glorious Beauty to make the hearts of Thy servants sanctified from self and desire, that Thy love may be established therein, O Thou Who hast raised up the heaven. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the One Who dominates all things and Who has power over all things, by Thy Most Glorious Name.

=== END BH11071 ===

=== START BH11072 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, and by its fruits, branches, boughs and rustling, that Thou change the fire of separation from Thy loved ones into the light of reunion with Thee, and their remoteness into nearness unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Ancient One, possessed of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH11072 ===

=== START BH11073 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Glorified art Thou, O God of the land and whatsoever moveth thereon, and Lord of the sea and whatsoever swimmeth therein! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the heaven of Thy Cause was raised up and the sun of Thy Will shone forth, to illumine Thy earth with the light of Thy justice and the radiance of Thy countenance. Then ordain for Thy loved ones that which will make them independent of all else save Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

=== END BH11073 ===

=== START BH11074 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Loving, which hath encompassed all that is seen and unseen, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee a station beneath Thy shade. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Verily, Thou art the All-Outpouring, the Merciful. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Giver, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH11074 ===

=== START BH11076 ===

O Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Wronged One. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all beings, and hath quaffed the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of bounty and bestowal. He, verily, is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory be unto those who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty.

=== END BH11076 ===

=== START BH11078 ===

His glory be exalted! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Most Great and Hidden Treasure Who hath appeared in truth as a bounty from His presence - verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The Supreme Pen hath acknowledged thy turning unto

God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and thy submissiveness before the Throne and thy self-effacement at the Gate.

=== END BH11078 ===

=== START BH11079 ===

He is God, exalted is He! God testifies that He is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He has appeared and revealed whatsoever He willed. Nothing escapes His knowledge. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He gives to drink the choice sealed wine through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and gives glad tidings to His branches of that which hath been ordained for them from His Most Exalted Pen - that which cannot be mentioned by any mention. And He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH11079 ===

=== START BH11081 ===

The holy maidens of the celestial throne and the veiled beauties of the divine paradise and the immaculate houris of the pavilion of chastity and the maidens confined to the tabernacle of virtue are, upon the carpet of the throne of beauty, engaged with the spirit of fellowship in melodious songs and heavenly anthems, that perchance dead hearts may come to everlasting life and divine melodies and attain the presence of their Beloved.

=== END BH11081 ===

=== START BH11082 ===

O friends of God in Shahrud! He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

My God, my God! Hearts have melted in separation from Thee, and the hearts of Thy servants are consumed in remoteness from Thee. My God, my God! The cries of the lovers have risen from all regions, and the lamentations of the chosen ones in their separation have ascended. Thou hast, O my God, manifested the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-place of Thy revelations, that all who dwell in Thy heaven and earth might be honored by meeting Thee, yet the polytheists and the heedless have interposed themselves between them and the effulgences of the light of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest the faces turned toward the gleaming lights of Thy countenance, the hearts drawn to the horizon of Thy manifestation, the tongues uttering Thy praise and speaking of what hath befallen them from the fire of separation from Thee, and the eyes awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy and the manifestations of Thy nearness and Thy presence. Wilt Thou deny them, O my God, after the ocean of reunion hath surged through Thy name and Thy command, and the horizon of meeting hath shone forth with the luminary of Thy generosity and grace? O Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy revelation, the pearls of the oceans of Thy knowledge, and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty amongst Thy creatures, to ordain for Thy loved ones reunion with Thee and attainment unto Thy presence. Then cause them to hear Thy sweet call before Thy throne, or inscribe for them, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the recompense of attaining unto the gate of Thy grandeur, which Thou hast opened before the faces of all in Thy dominion.

My God, my God! Thou knowest and seest that there hath come before the Wronged One, in His Most Great Prison, a leaf whereon were inscribed the names of Thy loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of recognition from the cups of Thy gifts and the Salsabil of certitude from the hands of Thy grace. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast transformed fire into light and removed the veils from hearts and minds, to aid them to remain firm with supreme steadfastness, that their feet may not slip through the doubts of the transgressors and the hints of those who have turned away - they who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who have disputed Thy signs, disbelieved in Thy proof, and turned aside from Thy evidence after it had encompassed Thy earth and Thy heaven. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, to assist them to recognize the Source of Thy laws and the Manifestation of Thy Self. Then remember those whose names have been presented before Thy face, that they may rejoice in Thy remembrance, Thy acceptance, and Thy attention. Verily, Thou art the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful. Bounty is in Thy grasp and generosity in Thy right hand. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Ghulam-Rida! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and counseleth thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Take hold of the Book with strength from Us in such wise that the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, may not hinder thee. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and be not of those who have denied God's favor when it was sent down through grace. Turn with illumined hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon. This is what ye have been commanded, both before and after. He beareth witness to this Who hath spoken in every condition that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: By God! The horizon of certitude hath been illumined by the Light of proof. Fear ye God and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He Who was hidden in the universe and mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, hath been made manifest. Thus have We revealed unto thee the proof and sent down that whereby thine eyes and the eyes of those who have attained to revelation and witnessing may be solaced.

O Heydar-'Ali! The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee and counsels thee with that which hath been revealed in the Book. Be thou eloquent in My remembrance, steadfast in My Cause, directed towards Mine horizon, firm in My path, and holding fast to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's grace, the Lord of creation. A single letter of thy Lord's verses is worth more than all that is witnessed and seen, as attested by the Mother Book which is with Him. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days, the heart that hath turned unto My countenance, the man that hath arisen to serve My Cause, and the eye that hath beheld the lights.

O 'Abdu'l-Karim! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings, and counsels thee with that which befitteth the days of God, the Lord of Lords. Turn not unto the world and its conditions and what transpireth therein. All that is therein shall perish, and that which hath been revealed from the Pen of thy Lord's Revelation, the One Who ruleth over all in earth and heaven, shall endure. We have sent down the verses and dispatched them unto

those who believed when God came with power and sovereignty. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of his Lord, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad and reveal unto him that which will draw him nigh unto the Mighty, the Bestower, Who hath appeared and manifested what He desired. He it is Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting." When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize Thee and for having acquainted me with Him Who was hidden within the treasuries of Thy power. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

O Shaykh Muhammad! Hear My call and remember My days and what hath befallen Me at the hands of those among My tyrannical servants who denied My manifestation, My appearance, My dawning, and My verses which have encompassed the horizons. We make mention of thee and counsel thee with that which will manifest man's station among the religions. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who created thee and caused thee to know this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Let not the doubts of the opposers sadden thee, nor the onslaught of those who have disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and speak forth My Name amongst the servants. Thus hath the fragrance of revelation been wafted throughout the world, yet most of the people are wrapped in heedlessness and veils.

O Baqir! Hear the call from the right side of the luminous spot at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed is the penitent who hath turned unto God, and the humble one who hath submitted to this Cause whereby necks have been laid low. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold thee or the onslaught of those who have denied the Source and the Return cause thee to fear. O Rida! Hear the call that hath been raised between earth and heaven, calling all unto God, the Manifestation of clear evidences. By God! He hath come, before Whom the verses have bowed down and around Whom the Manifestations of the Cause from thy Lord, the Lord of Lords, have circled. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause that the hearts of the wicked ones who have denied God's proof and evidence and committed that which hath caused the clouds to cry out, shall not disturb thee. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken upon the branch of eternity. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto every froward denier.

O Mulla Ali! The Lord Who hath come with truth, with power and sovereignty, maketh mention of thee. By God! Neither do the Pharaohs hinder Him, nor do the oppressors frighten Him. He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Herald in the realm of destiny. Behold the effects of My Most Exalted Pen and ponder thereon. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto the Most Glorious Horizon and will open before thy face the gate of joy and ecstasy. Beware lest the clamor of the people of the Bayan debar thee from the Dawning-Place of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, or the deeds of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Days, cause thee to grieve. Say: O people! Be fair in the Cause of God and follow not those who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to idle fancies and

vain imaginings. Thus hath the Truth spoken as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Protector over what is and what shall be.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! The oppressors of the earth have unsheathed the swords of hatred against the countenance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. They have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise and this glorious station to lament. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not those who have denied that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in this perspicuous Tablet. The verses have been revealed and the evidences have appeared, yet the people do not understand. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart to the Most Exalted Horizon, and whose face hath turned toward the face of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Thus did the Pen move when the Ancient King was established upon the Most Great Throne and proclaimed: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha hath been raised and the water of life hath flowed in the realm of creation. Blessed is he who hath heard and drunk thereof, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. Beware lest the veils of the learned keep thee back. Take thou the chalice of My bounty and drink therefrom My choice sealed wine. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known One, and how many an ignorant one hath drawn nigh and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen, for having manifested Thyself, sent down Thy verses and guided Thy servants unto Thy straight path!"

O Ali! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee at this manifest time and calleth thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God, the Lord of Names, or the intimations of the heedless ones, who have cast the Truth behind their backs, turning unto every remote ignorant one, veil thee. Cast away what the people possess and take that which thou art bidden by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We sent down the verses and explained them in truth as a command from Us, and We, verily, are the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, it hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the fragrances of revelation have been diffused in all directions. That which hath befallen the Wronged One in the path of God hath not prevented the trees from yielding their fruits, nor the ocean of inner meanings from its waves. But the One Who conversed on Sinai speaketh and saith: "O people of the earth! Cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you by God, the Lord of Lords." We have arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that the clamor hath not deterred Us from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all men. We proclaimed before the faces of the world: "The Promise is come and this is the Promised One Who calleth you unto God. Turn ye unto Him and be not of those who disbelieved in the bounty of God and disputed His signs that have encompassed the horizons." Thus hath the cock crowed and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches.

O Mulla Hasan! The Supreme Pen hath never paused for an instant; it moveth and speaketh, and through its movement all things were set in motion and all created things appeared. The whole world was created for this Most Great Revelation. This fact hath been mentioned in the Books of old and those that followed, and is manifest today. The Herald, the Primal Point, took the essence of the Bayan and revealed it in these exalted words. His word is this: "I have written the essence concerning His mention, which is

that He cannot be known through My allusions, nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan." This word is the essence of the Bayan, nay the sovereign of the Bayan. Although this Most Great Revelation, by the testimony of all the sacred Books, hath never needed any proof or evidence other than itself. Its verses have encompassed the world, and the manifestations of its power are clear and evident. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath hearkened.

O Abul-Qasim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee. From the earliest days until now, both night and day, before the eyes of all men, we have made mention of God, exalted be His glory. The river of mercy hath ever flowed from the Pen of the Dayspring of Revelation, and when some trace of its effects became manifest, certain souls rose up in opposition–more severe than the opposition of the former people who martyred the Lord of all beings–and some spoke words beyond all bounds. The heedless souls have made and continue to make claims. The people of God must be vigilant and aware. The Cause of God hath never been, nor will it ever be, the plaything of the ignorant. If every day someone were to make a claim, God's Cause would become suspended and delayed among the people. This matter is clear and evident to those possessed of insight. God willing, may all unite and, through their unity, illumine the horizons with the light of this dawning.

O Habib! Hearken unto the voice of Truth that hath been raised from the direction of the Prison. By God's life! His Word is the sovereign of all words, and His utterance the king of all utterances. Were all the ears on earth to hearken aright, all would turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and would return from that which they possess to that which is with God. The Sun of Truth is shining, the ocean of inner meanings is surging, and the heaven of knowledge is adorned. This Day is unlike all other days, and this Revelation unlike all other revelations. Blessed are they who have turned unto it and attained the recognition of God. Know ye the value of these divine days. By My life! Neither the treasures of earth nor all that it containeth can equal them. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Ali! God willing, mayest thou remain steadfast in the Cause of God and hold fast unto His praise with such firmness that the world shall have no power to deter thee.

Blessed are the people of Kha who have heard the Call and answered their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing. We have repeatedly made mention of the people of that land. We beseech God to set them all ablaze with such fire that through the heat of the love of God all the peoples of the world may be attracted. One of the people of Kha, named Muhammad, attained Our presence. He hath heard what the near ones have heard. We beseech God to protect him and enable him to make mention of Him and praise Him.

O Pen! Make mention of him whose book was present before the Throne and who was named Mirza Baba. Verily We make mention of him and of My loved ones who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. O people of God! Take heed lest anything prevent you or the hosts of the world weaken you. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all humanity. He hath aided you, caused you to know Him, drawn you nigh unto Him, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. O Baba! Each of the names of the loved ones mentioned in thy letter hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen and is being sent, that all may be set ablaze and hold fast unto that which He loveth and is pleased with. We counsel all to act in accordance with that which hath been sent down in God's Book from the Pen of

His command. It guideth you to the straight path and biddeth you to that which will exalt your station amongst the religions. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon My maidservant and My other maidservants (Hajiyih Bigum and Zahra). Give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and He is the Manifest, the Responsive.

=== END BH11082 ===

=== START BH11083 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Well is it with thee, for thy letter hath attained unto the presence of the Throne, as the Wronged One walketh and uttereth the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Wert thou to know, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing by virtue of thy having been mentioned by this wondrous Pen.

=== END BH11083 ===

=== START BH11084 ===

He is God! Blessed are ye, O exiles of the earth! Ye are they who have turned towards the realms of banishment out of longing to attain the presence of the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness, and have borne in the path of God that which caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. Ye are they whom neither the might of princes held back from the Lord of Names, nor the croaking of the raven from your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH11084 ===

=== START BH11085 ===

He is the Glory of the Most Glorious!

Make this land, O my God, blessed and secure for me. Guard me,

then, O my God, at the time of my entering into it and my going out

from it. Make it, then, a fortress for me and for whomsoever worships

Thee and bows down before Thee, that I may be protected therein

through Thy bounty and kept safe within it from the darts of those who

have disbelieved in Thee, through Thy strength. Thou, verily, art the

Potent, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH11085 ===

=== START BH11086 ===

He is the Peerless!

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Name in the Tabernacle of effulgent splendour, and by Thy Most Sublime Word in the Dominion of transcendent glory, to protect this servant, who hath enjoyed companionship with Thee, hearkened unto the accents of Thy voice and recognized Thy proof. Vouchsafe, then, unto him the good of both this world and the next, and grant unto him the station of righteousness in Thy presence, that his feet may not slip from Thine all-glorious and most exalted path.

(Prayer revealed for Haji Muhammad-?ahir-i-Malamiri)

=== END BH11086 ===

=== START BH11087 ===

O mother of Ibrahim, who hast migrated unto God! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all darkness hath been dispelled and all light hath dawned forth, and the Face hath been illumined in the heaven of all possibilities, and Beauty hath shone forth in the kingdom of all created things, to guard the bearer of this Tablet through Thy sovereignty and power. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH11087 ===

=== START BH11088 ===

He is the Giver! Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the gates of Thy mercy were opened before the face of all created things, and by these exiles who have scattered from their homes in the paths of Thy good-pleasure, to gather Thy loved ones upon the shores of Thy bounty and mercy. Then assist them through Thy beneficence, for verily Thou hast power over all things.

=== END BH11088 ===

=== START BH11089 ===

He is the Mighty!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted attributes and Thy most great names, and by Thy Most Perfect, Most Ancient and Most Exalted Word, to rain down upon this people from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heavens of Thy grace the showers of Thy bounty and favors, that Thou mayest cleanse them from whatsoever preventeth them from the wondrous tokens of Thy loving-kindness and bestowals. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH11089 ===

=== START BH11091 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Thou seest my poverty and neediness amidst both the loved ones and the wayward. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for Thy decree and ordainment, and thanks

be unto Thee, O my Lord, for Thy direction and execution thereof. And we bear witness that Thou art the All-Bountiful in Thy deeds and the Sovereign in Thy dominion, and Thou art powerful over all things.

=== END BH11091 ===

=== START BH11092 ===

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O my God! O my Lord, my Lord! O my Beloved, my Beloved! Thine is the dominion and the kingdom, and Thine the power and might and grandeur. Thou givest and Thou withholdest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH11092 ===

=== START BH11093 ===

He is God, exalted is He! We have been afflicted with consuming grief, a troubled life, and clinging tribulation. We praise God in all these things. Our gaze has ever been fixed upon the Most Exalted Horizon and our face turned toward the Most Glorious Countenance. And we say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having singled us out for tribulations in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Lord of the last and the first.

=== END BH11093 ===

=== START BH11094 ===

O Abdul-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Ocean of Inner Meanings has desired to send unto thee a chalice from the Kawthar of utterance. When thou hast drunk thereof, say: “Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having turned toward me from the direction of Thy prison and remembered me with that which the treasuries of kings and rulers cannot equal. I bear witness that Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.”

=== END BH11094 ===

=== START BH11095 ===

His honor Muhammad Sadiq Khan, son of the late Mirza Na’im. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! Thy letter was received and We held back Our Pen until the appointed time arrived. Then We loosened its reins and made mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth combined. Be thou grateful unto God for this supreme bounty and say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds!”

=== END BH11095 ===

=== START BH11097 ===

The Supreme Pen hath testified in the days of God, the Lord of all beings, that thou didst hearken unto the proof and didst turn thereby unto the All-Merciful, and didst drink the choice wine sealed with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. We counsel thee to preserve this most exalted station and this supreme rank.

=== END BH11097 ===

=== START BH11098 ===

O ’A.B., upon him be the Glory of God! God is Most Glorious! My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy turning unto God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. This is a testimony that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor by whatsoever the peoples possess. That which hath been ordained for thee by God, the Lord of the worlds, shall erelong be sent down. Rejoice thou in this bounty, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH11098 ===

=== START BH11099 ===

O Afnan, his honor Mirza Aqa, upon him be all My most glorious and most resplendent Glory! He is the One Who calleth from the Divine Lote-Tree. Thou hast attained unto the presence and heard the Call and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of grace and bounty. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. The Wronged One beseecheth Him to honor thee and grant thee the heavenly table under all conditions. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High.

=== END BH11099 ===

=== START BH11100 ===

O Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! Thou hast attained unto the presence and hast drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of bounty and bestowal. The Wronged One beseecheth God, his Lord, to ordain for you that which will draw you nigh unto Him and to decree for you the good of the world to come and of the first. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

=== END BH11100 ===

=== START BH11102 ===

In the Name of Him Who ruleth over the worlds!

O My loved ones in the world! Hearken unto the call of the Dayspring of Revelation from the precincts of His sanctified House, which God hath made the circling-point of the Concourse on High and the Dawning-places of His Command from time immemorial, that the call of God may gladden you and sanctify you from the world and its sorrows, and draw you nigh unto the Dayspring of grandeur and power. We have remembered those who have turned towards the Countenance, and have made it a treasure for them in Our worlds which none hath known save His Own Self, the All-Encompassing over all possibility. Blessed are ye, O My loved ones, for having attained unto the Goal when the learned and princes turned away,

and for having drunk from the Kawthar of life when every heedless doubter was debarred therefrom. Ye are they whom the veils of men hindered not, nor were ye kept back by the intimations of such as disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men. Ye have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have heard the call of the Lord of Names when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Rejoice ye, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. How many a king desired to attain Our presence, and how many a scholar lamented for the days of attainment, yet when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Horizon of Revelation shone forth, they kept back from it and held fast unto their own opinions. The world was created for the Most Great Day. Verily He hath come with the truth, but the people are in doubt and dissension. The world hath been illumined through the revelation of Our Most Great Name: among men some have recognized while others have not. Blessed is he who hath heard and perceived and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-place of the signs!” Turn, O My loved ones, with radiant hearts toward the seat of the throne of your Lord, the Lord of Names. Then aid Him through remembrance and utterance. The doors have been barred and the doorkeeper standeth ready. Should God so will, He will open them through the key of His Most Great Name and drive them away through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things. When anyone desireth to enter into the presence of the Throne, they speak concerning him that which causeth the dwellers of Paradise and the Concourse on High to lament. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have forbidden the people from coming into Our presence, because of what the hands of such as were heedless of the Command have wrought and who followed every wicked deceiver. It behooveth everyone to act according to what hath been commanded by God, the One, the Chosen. Beware lest remoteness sadden you. Whoso hath today attained unto recognition and acted according to what was commanded, he is reckoned among those who are nigh in the Mother Book. Consider the favor and bounty of God - He remembereth you through grace in this Prison which was built of solid rock, and sendeth unto you that which will solace your eyes. Follow ye the commandments and laws of God, and hold fast unto the hem of the mercy of your Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Hold ye fast unto the cord of unity in the path of God, the Lord of creation. Through your unity the hearts of them that have disbelieved in the Beginning and the End shall be shaken. Teach your children to recite the verses of God at morn and at eventide. God hath prescribed for every father to educate his children, both male and female, in learning and letters, then crafts and professions. Thus have We taught you in Our Most Holy Book which We have sent down from Our hallowed Kingdom. Blessed is he who hath laid hold upon it through Our power. He is of the people of this station. Strive ye that there may appear from you that which beseemeth the days of your Lord, the Lord of all men. The glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto what ye have attained and have drunk the Kawthar of life from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of Religions.

=== END BH11102 ===

=== START BH11103 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

The ocean hath surged and the divine fragrance hath wafted, and the Day is come, yet the people are in manifest doubt. The Cry hath been raised and the Hour hath appeared and the Trumpet hath been

sounded, when He Who conversed with God took His seat upon the throne of Revelation and the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting! Glory be to those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving!

=== END BH11103 ===

=== START BH11104 ===

God the Most Glorious! The ocean of divine knowledge has surged when the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused. Enter, O people of Baha, into the Crimson Ark, then board it in My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Kawthar of My utterance in My days and for having acknowledged that which My Tongue hath acknowledged in the kingdom of My wondrous expression.

=== END BH11104 ===

=== START BH11106 ===

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great! Say: O my God! Thou seest me standing before the throne of Thy grandeur, hearing Thy call, gazing upon Thy countenance, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and clinging to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thy Cause, then to unite my scattered affairs that I may become capable of teaching Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH11106 ===

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=== START BH11107 ===

In the name of Him through Whom the gate of grace was opened to all who are in earth and heaven! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the call was raised from the most exalted horizon to inscribe for me, through Thy Pen of Grace, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH11107 ===

=== START BH11108 ===

In His Name through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful is wafted!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word through which Thou hast united all peoples and manifested that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, to ordain for me all the good that was inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Tablets. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH11108 ===

=== START BH11109 ===

O Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and Thy hosts, and by the Light through which the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom were illumined, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, and to decree for me that which will render me independent through Thy riches and steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

=== END BH11109 ===

=== START BH11110 ===

In the Name of the Eternal, the Everlasting

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved and my Heart's Desire! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and by the Ark which Thou hast ordained for the people of Thy Baha, to open before my face the door of Thy bounty and to ordain for me that which shall profit me through Thy Name amidst Thy creation. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, before Whose manifestations of power the very essence of might hath confessed its powerlessness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH11110 ===

=== START BH11111 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. Say: Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the heaven was cleft asunder and every barren earth was rent and the mountains of idle fancy were scattered in the kingdom of creation, to open before the faces of Thy loved ones the gates of Thy might and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

=== END BH11111 ===

=== START BH11112 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

O Amir Khan! Say: All praise be unto Thee, O Sender of manna and quails, Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below, for having caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Ocean of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy Most Ancient Light to ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and drawn nigh unto Thee by Thy leave. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH11112 ===

=== START BH11113 ===

He is the Giving, the Generous One! The Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Prison is engaged and occupied in the remembrance of God. Those souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of certitude and who are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful must, God willing, be occupied with the remembrance of the True One with the utmost steadfastness, in such wise that the oppression of the oppressors shall not deter them from the path of the Beloved of the worlds. The glory be upon you!

=== END BH11113 ===

=== START BH11114 ===

He is the All-Knowing! Each day doth the wolf devour one of the sheep of God. O my God! How long wilt Thou look on and be patient? Justice requireth that judgment be passed upon him, and equity demandeth retribution for his deeds, that security and peace may be established. O Thou Help in Peril! By Thy might! All existence is bewildered at Thy patience, O Possessor of the unseen and the seen!

=== END BH11114 ===

=== START BH11116 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous! Forget not the remembrance of God and His Covenant. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee in all conditions. Turn thou unto God and detach thyself wholly from all else besides Him. Thus doth the Pen make mention of thee at a time when it is prevented from mentioning the mysteries of eternity and lamenteth over that which hath befallen the Youth through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought.

=== END BH11116 ===

=== START BH11121 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy servants and handmaidens to make mention of Thee and to offer Thy praise, and to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to assist them under all conditions to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and the One Who holdeth dominion over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH11121 ===

=== START BH11122 ===

He is the Most Ancient

O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having once again subjected me to the greatest humiliation in Thy love, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of names. By Thy glory! The effulgence of Baha finds comfort in tribulation even as a suckling babe finds comfort at its mother’s breast, and my longing for it is like the

longing of the thirsty one for the fountain of life, and of the sinner for Thy mercy, O Thou our Lord, the All-Merciful.

=== END BH11122 ===

=== START BH11123 ===

He has ever brought into being whatsoever He willeth as He willeth and created whatsoever He desireth as He desireth. There was no cause for Thy creation save Thy bringing it into being, and no reason for Thy invention save Thy origination of it. All manifestations with Thee are but a motionless creation which Thou didst bring forth from nothing and to which Thou didst say “Be.”

=== END BH11123 ===

=== START BH11125 ===

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds! The Beloved of creation declares: One word from the Divine Word in that Most Great Manifestation is better than all that was revealed in the Bayan. Therefore thou shouldst at all times praise the Beloved of creation and be thankful that He singled thee out through His grace and enabled thee to attain unto His mention.

=== END BH11125 ===

=== START BH11126 ===

He is the Mighty! We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in confession of His singleness. We have named the child after the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names be a sacrifice unto Him - and We beseech God to bless you and to send down upon you from the heaven of grace a blessing and a favor from His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH11126 ===

=== START BH11127 ===

In His Name Who speaks in all things! Praise be to Him Who made darkness the ornament of light and thereby adorned the beauty of manifestation. This is from a power that no power in the realm has preceded, as though it were the Pen of Creation moving upon the Holy Tablet in Paradise. When it was circumambulating the Sacred House, God caused it to dwell on the Mount of Station from which the hands of those brought nigh were cut off.

=== END BH11127 ===

=== START BH11128 ===

The Mystic is he who knoweth the Manifestation of My Self in My Beauty which dawneth forth through My Name in the vesture of Mine Order that is sanctified from all except Me, and who speaketh forth My remembrance and [praise], and who gazeth with Mine eye upon My sovereignty and power and then

upon My Manifestations and creation. Thus hath it been ordained by My Pen for My creatures and My servants.

=== END BH11128 ===

=== START BH11129 ===

O Karbila'i Yusuf! And We make mention of thy brother that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of them who have cast away what the people possess and taken what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Hold fast to the Book of God, then act according to what thou art commanded and be not of them who know not.

=== END BH11129 ===

=== START BH11130 ===

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to that Peerless Being Who, through the lights of the Kingdom, hath empowered and enabled the world of creation to receive the word of wisdom and utterance. After the word was cast forth, a creation came into being, and through another word transformation was wrought: some turned toward the realm of oneness, having perceived the fragrance of the Friend, while others busied themselves with investigation, and yet others arose in rejection and protest. But God, our Lord and our Goal, manifested that which He desired despite them. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Glory, radiance, peace, and bounty be upon the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, who have sacrificed their souls in His path. These are servants whom He hath mentioned in His Books and commanded to reform the world and refine the souls of nations, forbidding them from treachery, rancor, and corruption. Exalted is God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O beloved of my heart! At this moment thy petition hath attained unto the presence and the blessed hands of our Master and Lord, the Most Great Branch - may my spirit and my very being be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps - and after it had been honored to reach the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed and sent down from the Source of verses, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Ibn Abhar! The Lord of Power hath from His Most Sublime Vision directed His gaze toward that region and maketh mention of thee. Canst thou hear this Call which hath been raised from this Most Exalted Station, that through hearkening there may spring forth from the dust ears that are attentive, eyes that are sharp, and hearts that are illumined for witnessing and hearing? Say: Nay, by Thy Great Announcement, except through Thy grace, Thy generosity, Thy loving-kindness and Thy bounty. And shouldst thou desire to make mention of Me, it behooveth thee to make mention in such wise that the tongues of the world may speak in remembrance of thy Lord, through Whom the mysteries have been revealed, the rivers have flowed, and the trees have spoken forth - sovereignty belongeth unto God, the

Lord of the worlds. We have aforetime made mention of thee through verses that have encompassed the East of the earth and its West. Hast thou forgotten, or dost thou say 'Increase me in utterance, O Lord of the mystics'? We love to behold thee standing amidst the gathering, speaking in My beauteous remembrance, and We love to see thee detached from all else but Me, calling out My Name, clinging to the cord of My loving-kindness and holding fast to My [luminous] robe. We have created thee and cast upon thee that which draweth thee nigh unto God and causeth thee to speak that whereby the hearts of them that have turned towards Him are attracted. Cast aside all else but Me and take what I have commanded thee in My perspicuous Book. This is the Day whereon they that were at Sinai were thunderstruck when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and the Caller cried out: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! This is the Day whereon the seas speak through their waves, the Book through its verses, the suns through their lights, the heaven through its stars, the trees through their fruits, and the earth through its favors; yet most of the people hear not. They see, yet they deny - verily they perceive not. We behold them as worshippers of idle fancies and vain imaginings. This do attested servants bear witness, who have cast the Most Great Ocean behind them, hastening toward the river - verily they know not. O Ibn Abhar! Hear the Call with the ear of thine heart; verily it attracteth thee and draweth thee nigh unto a station that knoweth neither change nor decline. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken - verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have adorned thy head with the crown of acceptance and thy temple with the ornament of knowledge, that thou mayest proclaim the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Compassionate, the All-Loving. Thou hast stood before the gate of My grandeur, heard My Call, beheld the waves of the ocean of Mine utterance and the suns of the heavens of My wisdom. Give glad tidings of what We have shown thee and caused thee to hear in this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious and Most Sublime Station. Thus have the rains of My mercy poured down and the luminary of My grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty. Say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined the horizon of my hope, for having quenched the thirst of my heart, and for having transformed my sorrow and grief. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by the lights of Thy Most Great Throne, to strengthen me in all conditions to manifest Thy Cause, Thy days, Thy revelation and Thy power. O Lord! Thou seest me calling out in Thy name amongst Thy servants, and speaking Thy praise throughout Thy lands. From the beginning of days I acknowledged Thy unity and Thy singleness, and became attracted to Thy verses, soaring in Thy atmosphere, and arising to serve Thee. Have mercy upon me, O my God, through Thy great mercy, then cause me to speak Thy sweetest remembrance. I am he, O my God, whose will was rendered powerless, seized by the wonderment of Thy call. I call upon Thee, O my God, by Thy gracious name, I cry unto Thee by Thy merciful name, and I adjure Thee by Thy all-knowing name to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto the court of Thy glorious oneness and the sanctuary of Thy holy uniqueness. Then through them open the doors of Thy servants' hearts, and through them, O my God, illumine the hearts of Thy creation. Then write down for me and for them the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can render powerless. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleaseth through Thy power. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the effulgent lights of

the orb of Thy grace, to ordain for Thy handmaiden who hath ascended unto Thee the reward of attaining Thy presence. Then cause her to enter, O my God, within the precincts of Thy mercy and to hear the melodies of the doves of Thy unity upon the twigs of the tree of Thy knowledge. Then give her to drink, O my Best-Beloved, the Kawthar of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. Then send down upon her from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy generosity and munificence. I testify, O my God, that she heard Thy call and responded to Thy summons and Thy command, and held fast to Thy cord in such wise that neither the doubts of the skeptics, nor the cawing of the croakers, nor the onslaught of the polytheists, nor the oppression of the wrongdoers could keep her back. The attraction of Thy call so seized her that her heart was set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and her reality with the heat of Thy affection. There befell her in Thy path that which Thou knowest better than any other. Forgive, O my God, her and those who loved her and mentioned her days and visited her resting-place and what hath been revealed from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. At Thy command the ocean of forgiveness surgeth and the fragrances of Thy bounty are wafted abroad, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all possibilities. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have desired at this moment to make mention of Our handmaiden who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion, she upon whom the decree of destiny and fate from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven, hath been executed. O My handmaiden and My leaf! We testify that thou didst take the cup of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst drink therefrom, despite those women whom fancies and idle imaginings have held back from God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Thou art in the Most Exalted Paradise while thy Lord is in the prison of ’Akka. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty, the light of which, when it shone forth, caused all names and attributes to bow down before it. We testify that thou didst hear the call and didst turn towards it, saying in thy inmost heart: “Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all beings! At Thy service, at Thy service, O Thou in Whose grasp is the control of all things!” Thou art she who rent asunder the veils of error and the layers of glory, and attained unto the recognition of thy Lord in days wherein men and women denied Him, save those whom the hand of God’s grace, the Lord of all worlds, did rescue. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged the unity of God and His singleness, and what He hath revealed in His Book and what His Tongue hath uttered. How many were the days wherein thy sighs ascended and thy tears fell down in thy love for God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Lord of the hereafter and of former times. Thou art she whom the fire of separation consumed and whom the force of estrangement weakened in the days of thy Lord, the Illuminator of the horizons. Sorrows overtook thee whereby thy liver was melted, thy heart was troubled, thy limbs did quake, and thy being was rent asunder. Were it not for thy Lord’s protection, thy members and extremities would have been scattered, and thy veins and features dispersed. Blessed art thou, O leaf that hath clung to the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, O thou who art mentioned by the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation! Through thy grief, sorrows have encompassed the people of the cities of knowledge, and through thy calamity, the dwellers of the garden of utterance have lamented. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times that which befitteth the heaven of His bounty, the ocean of His generosity, and the sun of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing. Peace and glory and praise and honor be upon thee, upon thy

beginning and thine end, thy outer and inner self, and the mercy of God and His blessings and His might and His favor and His gifts. Verily, grace is in His grasp and bounty in His right hand. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thus hath it ended. Praise be to God! For that blessed leaf there hath been sent down from the clouds of divine mercy that whose mention, whose fragrance, and whose light shall endure. A hundred thousand thanks that she ascended in the days of God - days whereof all the Prophets and chosen ones had given tidings and had desired for themselves to be present and to attain unto them. O thou beloved of my heart! The power of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" cannot be hindered by the things of earth and heaven. However He willeth, it is decreed and assured. The command is God's, our Lord, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. His grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath taken precedence, and those sighs which in the nights and days were manifested from her in separation from the Lord of all beings - their effect hath He made manifest. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good, whether men or women, until in these blessed days there appeared that which hath had and shall have no likeness. Praise be unto Him in all conditions.

The mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Turab, upon him be the glory of God, was made, and his service, devotion and love, after being presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses - blessed and exalted be His Word:

"O Alif and Ba! He Who is encompassed by the wicked ones among the servants from all directions makes mention of thee at this hour. Among them are those who deny Him, those who turn away from Him, those who oppose Him, and those who cling to tyranny and oppression and to calumnies at which the dwellers of the Kingdom, the Realm of Glory, the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise have lamented. Thus has the matter been decreed, and We are in manifest joy. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will elevate the station of man, to aid thee with the means of earth and heaven, and to ordain for thee from the heaven of His bounty and the clouds of His mercy that which will open the doors of hearts. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Take thou the cup of eternity in My Most Glorious Name. It will attract thee to a station wherein thou wilt hear the call of all things in celebration of this Most Great Announcement, whereby the foundations of nations have been shaken, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. We beseech God to make thy rewards concerning His loved ones treasures with Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Preserver, the Trustworthy."

Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Mashhadi Rahim, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Rahim, and Aqa Muhammad, upon them be the glory of God. After these names were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of verses - exalted be His glory:

"O Mashhadi Rahim! The promise hath come to pass and the Command belongeth unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. He hath appeared, manifested His Cause, fulfilled His promise, and spoken that which draweth the people nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. O My loved ones! We have heard your call and witnessed your love. We have turned toward you from this forbidden Quarter and revealed

for you that which hath diffused the fragrance of God's grace, the Lord of existence. O Muhammad-i-Rahim! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having mentioned thee in the prison with verses whose fragrance will never cease and will not change throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm of spirit. Say: Thine is the glory, O my God, and Thine is the grandeur, O my Lord, and Thine is the grace, O my Beloved, for having caused me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee to make me in Thy days a flowing river through Thy name and an immovable mountain in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of the unseen and the visible. We have heard thy verses and what thou hast composed in remembrance of this Cause, through whose appearance the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was rent, and the heart of every heedless and veiled one was shaken. Rejoice in that We have turned toward thee from this station and revealed for thee that whereby the realities of all things and the hearts of devoted servants have been attracted. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold upon this extended cord. O Muhammad! Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Countenance and for having turned unto Him from Whom the servants have turned away, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of this praiseworthy station. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness, chastity and faithfulness. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what is with God, the Lord of the angels and the Spirit."

In that thou hast made mention of his honor Aqa Mirza Rida (of the land of Kaf and Ra), upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise hast recorded mention of his ardour and loftiness of understanding and sublimity of knowledge, after these passages were submitted before the Throne of our Lord, the Revealer of verses, this utterance was sent down from the heaven of the will of Him Who is the Desire of the worlds. His word - exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

We have sent down a Book at whose descent all the books of the world bowed down in submission, whereunto beareth witness the Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the nations have quaked, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. The rivers of inner meanings and utterance have flowed in the garden of true knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard their murmuring and the rustling of their trees, and woe unto every doubting denier. O Mirza Rida! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised in the prison of Akka from the right hand of the luminous spot, from the Blessed Crimson Tree - God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of them that denied God's Manifestation and His sovereignty, and broke His covenant, and disputed that which appeared from His presence - these are indeed among the opposers in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great. O Rida! Canst thou leave behind what the people possess, and canst thou proclaim among the servants this Name that holdeth sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth? We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to exalt His Word and to manifest His Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hosts of vain imaginings nor the suspicions of the opposers, and to make thee a leader of His servants, and to raise thee up through His Name that holdeth sway over all, whether small or great. Say: O people! This is a Day wherein the Herald calleth out from every direction and summoneth all unto the straight Path of God. When the rapture of

My verses seizeth thee and thou drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanks be unto Thee, O my Desire, for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and caused me to hear the Call that hath been raised amongst Thy servants and shown me Thy signs. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, nor to withhold me from beholding the effulgences of the sun of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest the supplicant standing before the gate of Thy grandeur and the pavilion of Thy glory. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the lights of Thy Kingdom and enable me to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance and good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

Thus hath it ended. Who is able to reckon what hath appeared from the Kingdom of utterance of God, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne? Can anyone count the drops of the seas, or the grains of the desert, or the leaves of the trees? Nay, by His Self, save through His might and power! The verses of God have been sent down in such wise that the Pen is powerless to set them down, and the tongue to make mention of them, and the faculty of comprehension to enumerate them. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn His servants with the ornaments of justice and truthfulness. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful. There is none other God but He, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! Before the Wronged One have been presented the names of those whom thou didst mention. We have desired to make mention of them in such wise as to perpetuate their remembrance amongst all names. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

O My Tongue! Be thou a herald in the kingdom of My utterance, that perchance the call may attract those who dwell in the realm of creation and draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon - the station which God hath made the circling-point of the Supreme Paradise and the Most Glorious Garden. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O friends of God and His loved ones! Upon you be His glory and His mercy. Your names have been presented before the Wronged One. We make mention of you with such mention that from each letter thereof floweth the river of life for the vivification of the world. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and within His grasp lie the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take ye hold of the Book of God with such strength as is vouchsafed by Him and such power as proceedeth from His presence, in such wise that the clamor of the ignorant ones who claim knowledge without clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, shall not deter you. These are servants who denied God’s proofs both in the past and in the present, as His Perspicuous Book doth testify.

Read ye what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an that ye may become aware of that which befell the Daysprings of His verses, the Dawning-places of His revelations, the Recipients of His revelation and the Sources of His command, firm and mighty. For their sake did the Apostle lament, the Chaste One cry

out, and the Spirit weep by reason of what these oppressors inflicted upon them. In their name did they usurp their station - they are assuredly among the most lost in God's mighty and praiseworthy Book. They make mention of God with their tongues while they sanction the shedding of the blood of His chosen ones, and they perceive it not. They wrongfully consume the substance of men, and they understand not.

Say: Die in your wrath! Verily He hath come from the horizon of might with the banners of verses for the reformation of the world and the unification of nations. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted station. By God's life! Neither the vicissitudes of days, nor the oppression of men, nor imprisonment in the land of Ta [Tehran] or 'Akka have deterred Us. We have arisen before all faces and summoned all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They have cast the command of God behind their backs, clinging to that which they possess. Verily they know not. Soon shall the world pass away; then shall they behold the recompense of their deeds, and they shall cry for help but none shall help them. Thus hath the Pen revealed its treasures and the Ocean its waves. Blessed are they who recognize the splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy.

Upon you, O dawning-places of My love, and upon those whom the doubts of every heedless one that is veiled have not deterred.

The names are veiled due to the requirements of consummate wisdom. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid these blessed souls and ordain for them that which conduceth to eternal life and everlasting glory. Glory be to God! One is astonished to observe how, for the sake of two days, most people veil themselves from God's eternal bounties and perpetual favors. What a tremendous loss! We hope that through the attention and favors of the Goal of the world's desire, the veils of all the people of Iran may be rent asunder, and all may attain to that which hath had and hath no likeness or peer. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O beloved of my heart! One of the passages from your letter was presented before Him Who conversed with God on Sinai, was graced with acceptance, and adorned with the honor of His good-pleasure. As commanded, that passage is recorded here: "Your words and mention: O my God, my God! Those who know and are privy to Your mysteries are aware that these wronged ones, through the education and training of Your Supreme Pen, have desired nothing but the joy and tranquility of Your servants and the progress and advancement of all in the land under the shadow of mercy and kindness of this same Nasiri'd-Din Shah, who at times through wrath and severity - in following ignorant aggressors - and now through kindness and mercy - by his own will and desire - has arisen to aid Your manifest Faith. We have sought nothing else and desire naught from the peoples of the world save the manifestation of pure and goodly deeds and praiseworthy, virtuous character. We wish that those who claim faith among all the peoples of the world, in this realm which is encompassed by extinction, become people of eternity and companions of the highest paradise. Therefore, inspire them through pure grace and bounty with that which will sanctify them from the promptings of self and passion, and confirm them in chastity, virtue, righteousness and fear of God, and that which hath been revealed from Thee in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of all beings, the King of the throne on high and of earth below. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the Possessor of great bounty."

It is hoped that whatever that beloved one has beseeched will be answered, and that the friends of God, exalted be His glory, will be assisted in that which will cause the peoples of the world to turn towards Him. At one time this most exalted and blessed word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names - blessed and exalted be His utterance: "The endeavor of My loved ones - upon them be My glory and loving-kindness - must be directed towards the sanctification and purification of souls, not the arrangement of their own affairs." We beseech God to illumine and bless the eye of the age with the vision of such souls.

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi and Aqa Mirza 'Ali, upon them be the glory of God. After being presented before the throne of the Goal of the worlds, this answer was revealed - exalted be His utterance and all-encompassing His bounty: "O Muhammad-Taqi, upon thee be My glory! This day is a blessed day. God willing, the people of Baha will drink from the chalice of steadfastness, lest names hold them back from their Kingdom and their Creator, and lest the world, its riches and its ornaments prevent them. We have mentioned thee before and at this time with a mention before which all things have bowed down, as the Mother Book beareth witness in this luminous station. And We make mention of him who is named 'Ali that he may hear and be of the thankful ones. O 'Ali! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. We have revealed for thee that through which the fragrance of the verses hath wafted throughout all possibility. We beseech God to assist thee to turn wholly unto Him and to exalt thee through His name. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We have desired at this time to make mention of your father as a bounty from Us, and verily We are the Bountiful, the Generous. We beseech God to send down upon him at this time mercy from His presence and to cause him to enter the highest paradise, and to ordain for him every blessing and every heavenly table that He hath ordained for His chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. His mercy hath preceded and His generosity hath encompassed all. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful."

Mention of Jinab-i-Rabi', upon him be the Glory of God, is remembered and presented, and these verses specifically for him are revealed from the heaven of grace. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks: O Rabi', praise be to God that in the divine springtime thou hast turned to the flowers of inner meanings and partaken of the flowing spiritual waters. We counsel thee to preserve this most exalted station and We beseech God to protect thee from the doubts of the suspicious ones and the arrows of the transgressors, and to aid thee with the hosts of utterance. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. The verses have been revealed and the evidences have appeared, yet the people are in strange doubt. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings and chosen the path of certitude from God, the Lord of all religions. We make mention in this station of him who is named Majid, who turned to My horizon and heard My sweetest call, by which the Concourse on High was attracted, and attained that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. O Rabi', if thou shouldst see him, give him My glad-tidings. We beseech God to assist him in His remembrance and praise, and in steadfastness in this Great News. We have mentioned him before with verses that nothing can equal, and We have remembered him with a remembrance whose fragrance shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, endures. He hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty and hath attained that which most of the servants have not attained. The glory from Us be upon him and upon thee and upon everyone who hath turned to the Lord of all men.

Mention hath been made of the two illumined eyes of the exalted and deceased Haji Mirza Kamal'd-Din, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, who attained the presence of the Goal of the world. This is what was revealed for them both from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Answerer. Exalted be His utterance and glorified His proof:

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

O Nuru'd-Din! Verily Kamal'd-Din hath drunk from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of the Worlds the choice wine of utterance and hath attained the presence of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. He is among those who attained that which God revealed in the Bayan and in the Year Nine "ye shall attain unto all good." We testify that he attained and realized all good, and there was revealed for him the interpretation of what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an in His exalted words "All food was lawful to the Children of Israel." Thus did the grace of his Lord, the Powerful, the Forgiving, encompass him. O Nur! We saw thy name and made mention of thee as a bounty from Us, that thine eye might be solaced thereby and that thou mightest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God to send down upon thee a grace from His presence and a blessing from His side. He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Compelling. And We make mention of thy brother who is named Ali. Verily he was remembered before the Wronged One and was speaking of this Name through which God hath subdued the hearts of His servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in the prison and revealed for me that which delighteth the eyes. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou hast made known to me Thy path and guided me to Thy station. I testify that in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

Thus doth the Lamp reveal its lights, and the Book its verses, and the Light its radiance, as a grace from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The call is raised from all directions and the signs are spread abroad, yet the people are heedless and veiled save whom God willeth, our Lord, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. In all conditions We beseech God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of His servants, that perchance in this blessed Day they may not be deprived of the waves of the ocean of bounty and may attain that whose fragrance is everlasting. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O 'Ata'u'llah! The Wronged One remembers thee and turns unto thee at this hour with a mention from which the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy is wafted throughout the world. To this beareth witness the Most Great Name in this exalted station.

We make mention of Mahmud who turned unto the Cause when it was manifested, and was so transported by the rapture of the Divine Call that he hastened to the Dawning-Place of Verses, traversing land and sea until he attained the presence of his Lord and bore witness to that whereunto God had testified before the creation of earth and heaven. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. We testify that he is among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon him and upon thee and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. He verily remembereth him who remembereth Him, and loveth him who turneth towards Him. He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the righteous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the knowing.

This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to each one, and remembereth the loved ones night and day, beseeching God–exalted be His glory–to enable the delight of the eyes, the chosen ones, and His loved ones in that land to achieve that which will exalt His Word and cause His servants to ascend. This is not difficult for our Lord. How many were the servants who, by merely accepting the blessed Word, attained the highest station of victory and triumph, and when the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree was ignited, all became enkindled by that holy and luminous flame and occupied themselves with guiding others. That which was manifested through those sanctified souls was more penetrating than the swords of the world. We hope that in this Most Great Revelation too, God's loved ones will attain this station, will awaken those who slumber through His Word and guide them through His light. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We also make mention of Sina and Nayyir–upon them be the glory of God–and their arising to serve and their attention to the command to teach. These matters were presented before the Countenance of the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: O Ibn Abhar! We have mentioned them before with verses from which the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, was diffused. We beseech God to preserve them through His grace, to aid them with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to assist them in attracting hearts and souls. Blessed are they and blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of turning unto God in this promised Day. Joy be to the hand that hath been raised to the heaven of His bounty, to the face that hath turned toward the horizon of His loving-kindness, and to the eye that hath beheld that which was hidden from the sight of every heedless and veiled one. This is the Day wherein that which was hidden in knowledge hath appeared and the mysteries of what was and what will be have emerged. We have mentioned them through Our bounty and given them glad-tidings of Our mercy which hath preceded all existence. We beseech God to manifest through them that which will draw people nigh unto His horizon and give them to drink of His choice sealed wine. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the kingdom of My loving-kindness be upon them from this exalted station.

Concerning the son of the Martyr, there was previously revealed regarding the charitable ones that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to what is right in His Cause, and blessed is the servant who hath spent what was possible for Him. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the righteous.

O Fakhru'd-Din! God hath come with manifest sovereignty and that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from the eyes of the heedless hath been revealed. O Fakhru'd-Din! Say: O people, fear God and follow not every heedless and remote one. This is the Day of which the Messengers gave tidings and to which the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, have borne witness. Say: Your divines and what they possess will profit you not. Have ye not heard the Call which was raised in the beginning of days from God? He said, and His Word is the Truth: "O concourse of divines! Put down your pens, for the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised; cast away what ye have composed with the hands of fancy and vain imaginings. The Command hath come, and the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised." They read the Book, yet deny God. Lo! they are among the most lost in My Great Book.

Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee that which causeth the hearts of them that know to rejoice. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My verses and art seized by the rapture of My call, say: "My God, my God! Thou seest the poor one seeking the ocean of Thy bounty and desiring the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy bestowal. I beseech Thee by the Kawthar through which Thou didst quicken the servants and by the resplendent Light wherewith Thou didst illumine the lands, to make me of those whom the riches of the world, nor the ornaments of nations, nor the treasuries of kings have diverted. O Lord! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee and have laid hold on Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which I have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest through Thy Name, the Mighty, the Powerful."

And this is what was revealed for the Leaf, the sister, upon her be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word: O My Leaf and My handmaiden! We have remembered thee with verses whose mention shall not pass away nor shall their warmth be extinguished. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Thy name was revealed in the beginning of days from the tongue of God, the Lord of this mighty station. My favor hath encompassed thee and My mercy hath preceded thee. To this doth this clear Book bear witness. We have remembered thy mother when she ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon and have revealed for her that from which every possessor of spiritual sense perceiveth the fragrance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to send down upon her at all times a table from the heaven of His bounty and mercy from the clouds of His grace. Verily He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of the doers of good, both women and men.

And We make mention of thy other sister as a favor from Our presence and a mercy from Our side, and verily We are the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. O My handmaiden and My Leaf! Thy name was presented and the ocean of bounty surged and the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, wafted. We have remembered thee before and at this time with verses by which the hearts of them that are nigh have been attracted. Give thanks unto thy Lord and glorify His praise. Verily He hath remembered thee with that whose mention shall not pass away throughout the duration of My mighty and wondrous Kingdom. The Glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon her and upon every maid-servant who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed. The Essence of Grace proclaimeth and saith:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics and Beloved of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth! Thou hast illumined the horizons of Thy loved ones' hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and hast acquainted them with that which most of Thy servants were prevented from knowing. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for Thy servants and handmaidens that which shall cause them to be numbered with those who have no fear, nor are they grieved. Then assist them in that which shall raise the standards of Thy guidance and the manifestations of Thy mercy amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Jalil, upon him be the Glory of God. Some time ago his petition reached the Most Holy Court, and each of the names mentioned therein was

adorned with the waves of the ocean of divine bounty and utterance. Blessed and welcome be it unto them. And this is what was revealed for his honor Jalil, upon him be the Glory of God, at this time. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Ibn Abhar! Make mention on My behalf of My servant Jalil. Verily, We have remembered him and those who have believed in the verses that have encompassed existence, both seen and unseen. The events of the world do not prevent thy Lord, nor do the hosts of tyranny cause Him fear. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, a command from His presence. Verily, He is the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance. He shall assist you with deeds and virtues by which minds and hearts shall be attracted. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken on this night wherein He desired to unite a handmaiden from among His handmaidens and a leaf from among His leaves with a mention from His Book who was named ’Abdu’l-Baha in the Supreme Horizon and in the Book of Names. Upon them both be My glory and My loving-kindness which hath preceded all that was and shall be. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in rending the veils. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His command “Be!” and it is.

This night is a blessed night, for according to His will, mention was made of His Holiness the King of Martyrs, may the spirit of those near unto God be a sacrifice unto him, and at the dawn of this night the union and unity between the honored leaf and His Holiness the Beloved of hearts, ’Abdu’l-Baha, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, shall be outwardly confirmed and adorned, as ordained in the inner world which is the realm of God’s decree, exalted be His glory. In truth, consideration for the family in the Land of ?ad is incumbent upon all. There befell them that which hath befallen no one. The fear of those days prevented the small children from growing and developing; they appear weak. However, praise be to God, they are blessed with His presence and meeting. They dwell beneath the shade of pavilions, their sustenance the water of the Kawthar of meeting, their food the heavenly table, their clothing and garments the gifts and favors of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn them at all times with that which shall draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

O beloved House of Jinab-i-’Ayn va Ta, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! Ye have ever been remembered and continue to be remembered. At this moment these exalted words have been revealed from the Dayspring of the favors of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His Word, exalted be His glory and mighty His utterance:

The House of ’Ayn va Ta hath ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court. We make mention of them through Our verses, give them glad-tidings of Our favor, and send down for them that from which the fragrance of Our bounty is diffused. O Ibn Abhar! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Mention of the people of that House hath flowed from the Will and Purpose, the Pen and the Tongue. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to Jinab-i-’Ayn va Ta, upon him be My grace and My mercy. Blessed is he! The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to his acceptance, his turning unto God, his love, his charitable giving and that of his mother, and what he hath done for those who have ascended unto Us on this Straight Path and this Great News.

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly made mention of the two sisters, upon them be My glory, and hath mentioned ’Ayn va Ta and the others. In truth, the people of that house have, from the earliest days, turned unto God and have attained unto mention, praise and service to the Cause. We make mention of the daughter bearing My name, upon them both be My glory and My favor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid her to hold fast to the cord of My love at all times. Glory be upon her and upon those with her from God, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We make mention of him who attained Our presence and his wife who acted in accordance with what was commanded in My Perspicuous Book. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them. We testify that they are among those who have attained in the presence of their Lord, the Commander, the All-Wise. Glory be from Us upon the people of that House and upon him who hath drunk the Kawthar of meeting from the hand of bounty, a grace from the One Who is All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention of the son of Dhabih and his wife that they may praise their Lord and be among the thankful. We give them glad tidings as We gave them before, and We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good.

O Ibn Abhar! Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Nasru’llah, upon him be My glory, hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. Give him the glad tidings of My turning toward him from the prison, and illumine him with the lights of My wondrous utterance. We have testified to his acceptance, his turning unto God, and his arising to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We love to make mention in this station of My leaves and My handmaidens. We testify that they have drunk the wine of revelation from the hands of bounty and have witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and earths - that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. In truth, the aforementioned leaves, namely the aunt and her daughter Khadijih and her other daughter, have been and continue to be adorned with mention, praise, service, humility, submissiveness and steadfastness. Blessed are they from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that the sons of the aunt have also attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. We beseech God to preserve them from His enemies, to protect them through His sovereignty, and to send down upon them His blessings. Verily, He hath power over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

This servant also conveyeth greetings to each of the leaves and loved ones, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to open a door for each one through a key from among His most beautiful Names, that all may remember His remembrance, utter His praise, and arise to serve Him. It is hoped that the ocean of mercy will grant what hath been besought. He is the All-Bountiful One Whose grace hath encompassed all and Whose bounty hath taken precedence. He manifesteth what He willeth in the kingdom, despite those who have denied Him and His verses, and have rejected His Manifestation and His evident sovereignty.

The letter from his honored brother, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, which was written and sent to that person was presented before the Countenance of the Lord of creation and was favored with His hearing. It is hoped that something special will descend from the heaven of grace for him too, that which will sanctify him from the troubles of the world, so that he may ignite those regions with the new

fire of love. Now this servant conveys greetings, praise, remembrance and glory to his service. It is hoped that the foundation of these two days will not prevent him from turning to the eternal world and God's everlasting bounties. Through the power of certitude, may he speak from the pulpit of detachment with the blessed words "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses."

O beloved of my heart! Consider the power of the Supreme Pen, which has caused the call to penetrate all the mysteries of the world. In truth, if the souls of the world were to speak with fairness, they would all proclaim with every limb, even with their very hair, the blessed words "Verily He is the Most Powerful of the powerful ones." Glory be to God! A call so loud that in these days a well-known great personage in one of the major cities mentioned that nothing worthy of mention is seen from the mystics and spiritual leaders of the world. In truth, today the call is raised from Akka, although outwardly neither blessed with His presence nor His traces; yet the people remain heedless and veiled. If they were to be granted but one drop from the ocean of fairness, all would proclaim "The Call belongs to God," detached from all that is on earth. Blessed are the fair-minded, and blessed are those possessed of insight. Praise be to God, all the mentioned names have attained and been sustained from the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds.

And after completing the names, He said - and His word is the truth: We love to conclude this utterance with the mention of Ayyub, upon him be My glory and My grace, and those with him. O Ayyub! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Direction and the Supreme Horizon, then give thanks to Him Who has turned to you and sent down that which has caused hearts and minds to soar. We love faithfulness and remember whoever has remembered Me, turned to My countenance, and performed in My path that which has diffused the fragrance of satisfaction. Verily your Lord hears the call of His loved ones and sees their turning to Him. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have mentioned you before and at this evident time. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect you from His tyrannical servants and to guard you with the hosts of the invisible and visible realms. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp through which the hearts of Thy loved ones were illumined and by which all that was and will be was lit, to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee with wisdom and utterance, and to aid Thy Cause among the religions. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. O Lord! Deprive me not of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor forbid me from the pearls treasured in the vaults of Thy Supreme Pen. Verily Thou art the Owner of the Kingdom of Names and the Creator of heaven. Every tongue hath testified to Thy power and might, and to Thy grandeur and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The gaze of loving-kindness hath ever been and still is directed towards the loved ones of God. Should we, God forbid, commit any oversight, the Truth Itself will remind and make mention thereof. We beseech Him at this moment to confirm His loved ones, His servants male and female, and His leaves in their steadfastness in His Cause and their arising to serve His loved ones. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This servant addresseth all with these words: Glory and remembrance and praise and magnification, which have been honored with acceptance in the presence of our Lord, the Most Glorious, be upon you, O loved ones of God, His handmaidens and leaves. And I beseech for them

that which shall adorn their deeds with the ornament of divine acceptance and exalt them through the everlasting Kingdom. Verily He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Informed.

The Servant

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=== END BH11130 ===

=== START BH11131 ===

In the Name of the one God! The Ancient Countenance from the Most Great Prison hath turned and continueth to turn toward His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath done that which he was bidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH11131 ===

=== START BH11132 ===

He is God! The Bird of Immortality, perched upon the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, warbleth at morn and eventide this most sweet utterance: O ye who are attracted by the fragrances of the All-Merciful's love, soar ye in His atmosphere, and raise up the pavilion of detachment upon the shores of the Most Great Ocean, that through a drop from the ocean of His bounty the dead may attain unto an eternal and abiding life. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH11132 ===

=== START BH11133 ===

He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing

O Abu'l-Qasim! The cultivators have, through divine confirmation and grace, sown the seed which hath grown through the water of the mercy of the All-Merciful, and the harvest is nigh. Beseech thou the True One that He may preserve this verdant garden from scorching winds. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and of those who are sincere.

=== END BH11133 ===

=== START BH11134 ===

O Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Near One, the Watchful. O Ahmad! Praise God for having created thee and nourished thee and reared thee and given thee to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. We give thanks to God for this most great favor and beseech Him to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the throne and of the dust.

=== END BH11134 ===

=== START BH11135 ===

In the Name of the Lord of Names! O Ahmad! Strive thou to become a recipient of the fruits of the divine Tree of the Most Exalted Pen. Whosoever attaineth thereunto, no thing in all the world can harm him, nor can the allusions of nations veil him, nor the might of the powerful frighten him, nor the hosts of princes dismay him. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

=== END BH11135 ===

=== START BH11137 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Mighty. O sister of Amir! Your mention has been and continues to be in the Most Holy Court. On this day Amir attained the presence and made mention of you and the loved ones of that land. Each one has been blessed with the lights of the Luminary of Utterance which has shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Goal of all the worlds. Happy are they, blessed are they, and joy be unto them!

=== END BH11137 ===

=== START BH11139 ===

Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God!

O Isma'il! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest arise to offer praise and thanksgiving amidst the concourse of creation. He beareth witness that thou didst seek the Most Exalted Goal and didst attain unto the presence of thy Lord, when all humanity turned away save those whom God, thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, did choose.

=== END BH11139 ===

=== START BH11141 ===

The All-Glorious

O Afnan! Baha forbids vain desire and commands all to turn to the Lord of earth and heaven, and bears witness that you have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have attained unto the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven. Rejoice in this Most Great Word and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the kingdom of earth and heaven!"

=== END BH11141 ===

=== START BH11142 ===

Allah-u-Abha! O Afnan! Upon thee be My Baha! We have, in Our wisdom, withheld the Pen from making mention of you. Verily your Lord, the Most Glorious, is the Most High, the Most Great. Be thankful for

that which hath been sent down unto thee - the word of God's good-pleasure - from the presence of God, the Lord of all beings. Nothing on earth can equal it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH11142 ===

=== START BH11144 ===

He is the All-Wise

O Akbar! The Lord of Destiny mentions thee from the Most Great Scene with verses that neither the world nor what hath been ordained therein can equal. Rejoice with this most great rejoicing and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Destiny, for having remembered me while I was imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Thee, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing.

=== END BH11144 ===

=== START BH11145 ===

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the sovereign over all names to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next, and to establish me in Thy service amidst all created things. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Merciful. Moreover, forgive me for what I have wrought in Thy days, and by Thy grace and generosity blot out my misdeeds. Verily, Thou art powerful and mighty over this.

=== END BH11145 ===

=== START BH11146 ===

He is the Most Great! O my God! Assist the Greater Branch to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, then cause to flow from his pen the wonders of Thy knowledge and Thy mysteries. O Lord! He hath hastened unto Thy good-pleasure and observed the fast out of love for Thee and in conformity with Thy command. Ordain for him every good thing that hath been sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

=== END BH11146 ===

=== START BH11147 ===

He is the One Who rightfully owns! O My handmaiden! Today this word was heard from the Blessed Tree: "Blessed is the servant who has inhaled the fragrance of My garment and clung to the hem of My loving-kindness, and blessed is the handmaiden who has attained to My recognition and witnessed that which the Tongue of My grandeur has witnessed in My mighty and wondrous Kingdom." Glory be upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH11147 ===

=== START BH11148 ===

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee. By the life of God! The pearls in the ocean's shells and all that lies hidden in the mines cannot compare with My utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of Our servant who hath been named Muhammad Mahdi in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

=== END BH11148 ===

=== START BH11149 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great! O My handmaiden! The Wronged One beareth witness to thy devotion, thy migration, thy love, and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, thy Lord, through which the feet of the mystics and the learned have slipped, save those whom God, the Single, the One, the All-Informed, hath willed. Thou didst migrate in My path until thou didst attain My presence, and didst hear My call, and wert blessed with My meeting, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH11149 ===

=== START BH11150 ===

Allah'u'Abha! O people of Baha! We counsel you with that which We counseled Our messengers before, and We command you to patience and resignation in what hath befallen you in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Remind the people in the days of thy Lord and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Psalms and Tablets and in My perspicuous Book.

=== END BH11150 ===

=== START BH11152 ===

He is God! O thou who art a stranger in the path of God! We have sent unto thee this garment that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of reunion. We render thanks unto God, thy Lord. Verily He is with those who remember Him in all conditions. Be not grieved. Trust in God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Self-Sufficing, the Most High!

=== END BH11152 ===

=== START BH11153 ===

O physician, upon thee be the Glory of God! God is Most Glorious! O thou who art mentioned before the Face and who standeth before the Gate! We have remembered thee and do remember thee as a favor from Us, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Most Glorious, Who hath called all unto the supreme horizon. Glory be upon thee and upon those who circle round the Most Great Throne and who have acknowledged that which God, the Lord of all beings, hath acknowledged.

=== END BH11153 ===

=== START BH11154 ===

O thou who hast migrated unto God, and journeyed in My path, and spoken My praise, and stood before My gate, and soared in My atmosphere, and gazed upon My beauteous countenance! I bear witness that thou wert present before the Throne and didst attain the choice wine of reunion in the days of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH11154 ===

=== START BH11155 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker! O Aqa Jan! The Beloved of the world hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee. Hath there been witnessed, or can there be witnessed, a bounty greater than this? Nay, by My Name, the All-Compelling over the worlds! Soon shall the hidden divine favors be made manifest in the earth and become evident unto all the peoples of the world.

=== END BH11155 ===

=== START BH11156 ===

He is the One Who dominates all names! O Badi', verily the Ancient One makes mention of thee in His presence as a token of God's grace and bounty and as an evidence of His generosity and mercy. We have been with you in all conditions and heard from you that which testified to your sincerity and humility and your remembrance and praise. Blessed are you and those who love you for My sake, the straight and manifest path.

=== END BH11156 ===

=== START BH11157 ===

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath rent asunder the veils of vain imaginings on a Day when servants who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, who have disputed His verses, denied His proof, and rejected His evidence which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, have clung fast unto them. The dawn hath appeared and the breezes of God have wafted over all regions, yet the people remain in evident drunkenness. They have cast away that which profiteth them and taken that which harmeth them, and have committed that which hath caused all things to lament. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily God is the Just, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have read it and responded to thee with a Tablet, through every word of which God quickeneth those who have believed in Him and in that which hath been sent down from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. From every letter of thy letter We have inhaled the fragrance of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having believed in Him and in that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His grace,

and for having acknowledged that which the Nightingale of proof hath warbled upon the highest branches.

The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that the hosts could not repel, with a might that the power of kings could not weaken, and with a command that caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to soar. He hath stood before the faces of the world and summoned all unto the All-Informed One. He chose not silence for Himself nor did He veil His face for less than a moment. He appeared and made manifest what He desired, despite the company of divines who violated God's Covenant and His Testament and turned away from His straight path.

When thou hearest the call of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and attainest unto My choice-sealed wine, turn thy face toward God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to make mention of me while I was in the hands of the wicked, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having caused the lights of Thy luminous countenance to shine upon me. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Command through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was wafted, and by Thy Name through which the gate of song was opened before the faces of the poor, and the gate of wisdom before all creation, and the gates of bounty, knowledge and giving before all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and by the scratching of Thy Pen and the penetrating power of Thy Word, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O my Lord! Disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones among Thy servants who were so inebriated by the wine of Thy utterance that they hastened to the place of sacrifice, yearning to attain Thy presence and seeking Thy good-pleasure. Then write down for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing.

=== END BH11157 ===

=== START BH11158 ===

O friend! Upon thee be My greetings! He who was with Me made mention of thee. We remembered thee in My prison. We beseech God to reinforce thee with the hosts of His knowledge, to adorn thee with His verses, to gladden thee with His favors, to grant thee the meeting of His manifestations, and to honor thee with the light of His recognition. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. He spoke and His word […] O friend! Upon thee be My greetings and My glory! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the eternity of My names. And the hearts shall be opened through thee […] and He shall ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of the first life, and He shall cause to descend upon thee from the heaven of His will a blessing from His presence, and a table from His nearness, and a gift from His direction. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Generous, the Lord of Great Bounty. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The relatives […]

=== END BH11158 ===

=== START BH11159 ===

He is the Most High, the Most Glorious

O Hasan! Thy name hath been mentioned in Our presence, and We have revealed for thee that which attracteth the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the Day of Return. He will exalt thee through His remembrance and ordain for thee that which shall abide with thee in all conditions.

=== END BH11159 ===

=== START BH11160 ===

He is the All-Knowing

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! O thou who art oppressed in Khartoum, upon thee be My loving-kindness! O thou who hast held fast to the Self-Subsisting after the Qa'im, upon thee be My grace and My mercy! Say: My God, my God, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord, my Lord and my Beloved, and glory be unto Thee, O my Master and my Support, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the hours which […]

=== END BH11160 ===

=== START BH11161 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. O Husayn! Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. This is that Husayn Who was promised in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. Verily, He hath appeared after the Qa'im with a Cause before which all who are in earth and heaven shall not stand. Cast away your vain imaginings. By God! The light of certitude hath dawned from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH11161 ===

=== START BH11162 ===

He is God! O Husayn! He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. The Banner of Revelation hath been raised. This is the Revelation which the people of the world were promised. The divine Books are adorned with Its mention and speak forth Its name. Yet the deaf of the world remain deprived and forbidden. Blessed are ye, and woe unto them!

=== END BH11162 ===

=== START BH11163 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One! O Wise and Merciful One! This is a Day which hath had no peer or likeness, nor ever shall have. The Interlocutor of Sinai hath appeared, and heaven and earth have been

adorned with a new attire. The New Jerusalem hath descended from the realm of the divine Will, and the wilderness hath been honored and blessed by the footsteps of the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou and blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful and attained unto this magnificent Day.

=== END BH11163 ===

=== START BH11166 ===

He is the One

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! Praise be unto thee for having turned thy face towards the Countenance of God and for having had thy name flow from this Pen, from which have flowed My most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Cast aside what the people possess and hold fast unto that which is with thy Lord. And say: "O my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this mighty Cause."

=== END BH11166 ===

=== START BH11167 ===

O 'Abdu'l-Husayn! Hold fast to the Book of God and what hath been sent down therein of laws and ordinances. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. God hath ordained for His loved ones that which shall bring joy to the eyes of the sincere ones. Soon shall be made manifest the station of every soul that hath turned unto Him and the rank of all who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

=== END BH11167 ===

=== START BH11168 ===

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise

O 'Abdu'l-Khaliq! Upon thee be My glory! The Kaaba of God hath turned toward thee and commandeth thee to detach thyself from all else but Him, and to promote that rectitude which is the dawning-place of prosperity, that there may be ordained for thee from the Supreme Pen, in the Crimson Book, a bountiful, enduring, firm and everlasting reward that shall last as long as the Kingdom of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, shall endure.

=== END BH11168 ===

=== START BH11169 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

O Abdullah! We have turned towards thee from this exalted Station and make mention of thee with a remembrance wherewith nothing can compare, and I am the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. It behooveth thee to preserve thy station through the Name of thy Lord and to remember Him at all times. Soon thou

shalt behold the Sun of My Cause from the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee. The glory be upon thee.

=== END BH11169 ===

=== START BH11170 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the grace and the favors. O thou who art dear to God! We have remembered thee, and in this hour, verily, My remembrance thou seest at times like unto the sun shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace, and at other times like the water of life for them that are enchanted with love of the All-Merciful, and at times thou beholdest it walking before My loved ones - it is the Most Great Protection for the preservation of him whom God hath willed, the Lord of all the worlds.

=== END BH11170 ===

=== START BH11171 ===

O ’Ali-Akbar! You have attained the lights of the Kingdom when you turned to the Most Exalted Horizon on a Day wherein the hearts of the learned were troubled and the feet of the mystics did slip. Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance which hath been inscribed by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

=== END BH11171 ===

=== START BH11172 ===

In His Name, the Answerer of Prayer

O ’Ali! We have heard thy call and thy name, and We have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and firm in the love of thy Lord, and speaking in remembrance of His beautiful Name. The Sure Handle hath appeared and that which was hidden and treasured in God’s knowledge, the Most High, the Most Great, hath been made manifest. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family.

=== END BH11172 ===

=== START BH11174 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. O ’Ali-Akbar! We have enjoined upon all trustworthiness and godliness, and that whereby their stations may be elevated amidst the peoples. Yet the people have turned away from the truth and committed that which causeth the mountains to lament. We beseech God that He may enable all to remain firm in this Cause, through which feet have slipped.

=== END BH11174 ===

=== START BH11175 ===

He is God

O ’Inayatu’llah! Divine favors encompass all. One of His favors is His attention to thee from the direction of the Prison, and likewise the mention that hath been sent down specifically for thee from the heaven of the Supreme Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of those who are in the heavens and the earths.

=== END BH11175 ===

=== START BH11176 ===

He is the Healer, the Mighty, the All-Wise! O Greatest Branch! By the life of God, thy afflictions have grieved Me, but God will heal thee and protect thee, for He is the Best, the Gracious, and the Most Excellent Helper. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who serve thee and circle round thee. Woe and torment be upon those who oppose thee and harm thee. Blessed is he who befriendeth thee, and hell-fire be upon him who is thine enemy.

=== END BH11176 ===

=== START BH11177 ===

He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

O Ghulam-Rida! We counsel thee to preserve what My Herald uttered when He lamented for My tribulations in My days. Verily, it shall protect thee from the doubts of the croakers and the intimations of the suspicious ones. He said - and His word is the truth: “I have written a gem in His remembrance, and it is this: He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what was revealed in the Bayan.”

=== END BH11177 ===

=== START BH11178 ===

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of proof!

O Ghulam-Husayn! Blessed art thou and blessed is thy name. We beseech God to assist thee in that which befitteth this Revelation, at whose appearance the sun and its effulgences were thunderstruck, and the limbs of the earth and its standards trembled, except for those whom God, the Lord of this wondrous and glorious Day, willed otherwise.

=== END BH11178 ===

=== START BH11179 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy! Would that Baha had tongues to the number of all created things, that He might thank Thee, O my God, for what hath befallen Him in Thy path of the supreme affliction and the most great calamity. By Thy glory! Thy firm decree in Thy good-pleasure is the desire of the sincere ones, the hope of the longing ones, and the life of the lovers. I praise Thee in all conditions, O God of the worlds!

=== END BH11179 ===

=== START BH11180 ===

He is God! O Muhammad! Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came before. The wrongdoers denied Him - among them were those who turned away from Him, those who opposed Him, those who declared Him an infidel, and those who issued death sentences against Him. But God banished them through His sovereignty and elevated Him through the truth, until the limbs of the oppressors trembled at His justice and the hearts of the polytheists at His oneness.

=== END BH11180 ===

=== START BH11181 ===

He is God! O Muhammad Husayn! Say: O deniers, what do you understand by “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds,” and by “when thy Lord shall come, and the angels rank on rank”? Say: The Sun of Truth hath risen, the Ocean of Utterance is surging - deprive not yourselves. While time remaineth, hold fast unto the cord of return. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH11181 ===

=== START BH11182 ===

He is the All-Bountiful

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Well known is it that this Wronged One loveth His friends and their presence is beloved. However, they must observe what is wise for the Cause and what the exigencies of the time require. Excellent is that which ’Abdu’l-Karim, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, hath uttered. Verily We were with him and heard what he said.

=== END BH11182 ===

=== START BH11183 ===

He is the All-Knowing Witness

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness. We have chosen thee and made thee a servant unto My Self, that thou mayest be among those who rejoice. We have accepted what thou hadst, and this is of My latter bounty, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have mentioned thee and him who was named ’Ali by the two Most Exalted Names in My Mighty, Most Great Book.

=== END BH11183 ===

=== START BH11184 ===

In the Name of Him Whom God hath made the Sovereign of Names!

O Muhammad-Qablih-Rahim! Sorrows have encompassed Me because We summoned the servants unto their Lord, the All-Merciful. We called them unto the light, yet they desired for Us the fire. What aileth these people that they understand not a single word from God, the Lord of the glorious Throne and the Lord of the exalted Seat!

=== END BH11184 ===

=== START BH11185 ===

In the Name of the One, the All-Hearing!

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Reflect upon this exalted and wondrous Word which is among the pearls of the divine sea of inner meanings: Strive that there may appear from thee, in the days of God, that whereby thy name and thy mention shall endure in His holy, mighty and inaccessible kingdom. Blessed is every upright doer.

=== END BH11185 ===

=== START BH11186 ===

He is the Most Exalted

O Muhammad-Tahir! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou content with whatsoever hath been ordained for thee by God, the Lord of existence. He verily ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of those who have attained unto every good thing in the days of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

=== END BH11186 ===

=== START BH11189 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance! O Mahdi! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have remembered thee and My loved ones in that land, and We give you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you from the presence of One mighty and ancient. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH11189 ===

=== START BH11191 ===

He is the Most Great! O Moses! We have previously mentioned thee from My Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest be assured of My mercy, My grace, My loving-kindness, My favors and My gifts. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance, then give thanks unto thy Lord Who hath remembered thee in His mighty prison.

=== END BH11191 ===

=== START BH11192 ===

O Mirza Aqa! Your name was mentioned before the Divine Throne, and the Lord of Names makes mention of you with these wondrous and exalted words, each of which is a key to the gate of knowledge. Strive that you may, in this Dawn of Hope, attain the outpourings of the Ocean of Divine Unity. The glory be upon its people.

=== END BH11192 ===

=== START BH11193 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious! O Mirza Hasan! We were engaged in remembering thee when the cry of all things was raised in remembrance of this Remembered One, through Whom the mountains and the seas and the trees have spoken. Blessed is he who is adorned with the ornament of fairness, and woe unto them that turn away and deny! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having caused thy name to endure in His mighty Book.

=== END BH11193 ===

=== START BH11194 ===

His honor Himmat-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! O Himmat! Thy portrait hath come before Him Who hath no likeness, and hath attained unto the presence of thy Lord in this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who are with you both, from God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH11194 ===

=== START BH11195 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O My leaf! Hearken unto My call. Verily He remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before, as a recompense for what thou hast wrought in His path. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned unto God and responded when the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

=== END BH11195 ===

=== START BH11196 ===

He Who was wronged mentions you from the prison precincts, O Afnan 'Ali who has attained unto God, and remembers the days of your presence before His face and your standing before the door and your hearkening to My sweetest call in the morning and evening hours. And We make mention of your mother who attained the presence and drank the choice wine of reunion from God, the Exalted, the Great. The glory be upon you both.

=== END BH11196 ===

=== START BH11197 ===

He is the All-Wise

The tongue of Divine Unity magnifies upon thy face, O Samadiyyih. We beseech God to assist thee in detachment in both beginning and end, and to solace thine eyes through the favors of thy Lord, the Possessor of all existence. Return thou to the abode of security and the seat of fellowship, near unto the mighty King. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

=== END BH11197 ===

=== START BH11198 ===

In the Name of God!

O Khanum, O Amatallah! That is, O My handmaid, O thou the handmaid of God! It is hoped that in the path of His love thou art sanctified from all else save Him, fixing thy gaze upon the Holy Court in such wise that the tribulation encompassing thee in the path of God, the King, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting, will not cause thee sadness.

=== END BH11198 ===

=== START BH11199 ===

He said: “If all the people of the Bayan were to ponder this dream which We showed in sleep, it would suffice them.” That He said “Ask about the mystery of the question and explain the question” points to this wondrous Revelation - meaning in the first Revelation was the station of the question, but now is the station of the mystery of the question, which is the One questioned, and that is a mystery which has appeared in this land whose number corresponds to the mystery. And after you asked, They said “Sleep not in the bed,” that is, “Rest not within thyself but soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of divine knowledge that thou mayest know thy Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Merciful. By God, were thou to reach that station and hear His lamentation and cry concerning what hath befallen Him from the hosts of Satan, thy tears would flow and thy soul would depart and thy heart would melt and thy being would cease to be. By God, O Kamal, it behooveth those who have loved God to grieve and lament and weep at what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty from those who openly denied the signs of God and wronged and oppressed, and likewise did those like them plot aforetime, and they were an evil and most lost people. Then know, O Kamal, that We have not completely lifted the veil. We have revealed Our Self to a degree corresponding to the capacity of the people. Otherwise, were the Ancient Beauty to appear in His beauty, none among all who are in the heavens and earth could bear to behold Him. Thus hath it been sent down in truth from God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. O Kamal, give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize Him. Then be steadfast. Beware lest thou be extinguished by the brackish and fetid waters which flow from the mouths of Our polytheist servants whenever the polytheists fabricate lies about Me. Reflect and ponder, for thou hast seen Me and associated with Me - their lies will become as evident to thee as the sun at high noon. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel

thee at a time when it is surrounded by dogs and swine. The Spirit and glory and splendor rest upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause and detached from all else."

=== END BH11199 ===

=== START BH11200 ===

I swear by God! So great are the things ordained for the steadfast that were they, so much as the eye of a needle, to be disclosed, all who are in heaven and on earth would be dumbfounded, except such as God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed to exempt.

=== END BH11200 ===

=== START BH11201 ===

O my God! Thy nearness is my hope and to commune with Thee, my joy. Thy love is my comfort and Thy Name, my prayer. Thy presence is my peace and Thy Word my healing. O Lord, I desire to serve Thee only!

O my God! I ask Thee by Thy Face, to cause me to ascend to Thy knowledge; Thy Name has strengthened and brought the righteous to Thy sanctuary. Reveal Thyself, O Lord, and help me to look evermore to Thy Beauty.

O my God! Help me to sever myself from all save Thee, yearning to draw near to Thee. O Thou Beloved, give me Thy signs of certainty so that with assurance I may turn away from the doubts of the wayward.

Thou art my helper, the powerful, the almighty!

=== END BH11201 ===

=== START BH11202 ===

Be patient in misfortunes and contented under all circumstances. In truth be firm and unwavering; be quick in doing good deeds; be assiduous toward God; be a veiler of people's faults; be an avoider of lust. Be a runner after truth, a cloud of bounty to the servants of God; be kindly to thy debtors; be a forgiver to the transgressors; be a fulfiller of the Covenant and steadfast in the Cause.

=== END BH11202 ===

=== START BH11203 ===

It has been our aim to uplift man, throuigh exalted Words, unto the Supreme Horizon, and to prepare them to hearken unto that which conduces to the sanctifying and purifying of the people of the world from strife and discord resulting from differences in religions or sects.

=== END BH11203 ===

=== START BH11204 ===

Were mankind to give heed in a befitting manner to no more than one word of such a praise it would be so filled with delight as to be overpowered and lost in wonder. Entranced, it would then shine forth resplendent above the horizon of true understanding.

=== END BH11204 ===

=== START BH11205 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding

It is the Festival of Ridvan, and the Springtime of the Manifestation of the All-Merciful between earth and heaven. On this wondrous Day the gates of Paradise have been flung open before the faces of all creation by the command of the All-Glorious Lord, and the spring rain of the All-Merciful's grace hath poured forth from the clouds of divine bounty upon the infinite dawning-places and manifestations.

=== END BH11205 ===

=== START BH11206 ===

He is God! The gates of the paradise of inner meanings are opened wide, and the breezes from the garment of the All-Merciful are blowing and passing by. O loved ones of God! Do not deprive yourselves of this spiritual fragrance, that perchance through its wafting breaths you may remain alive and enduring.

=== END BH11206 ===

=== START BH11209 ===

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I bear witness, O my God, that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to worship Thee. I testify, at this moment, to my powerlessness and to Thy might, to my poverty and to Thy wealth.

There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Short obligatory prayer, to be recited once in twenty-four hours, at noon.

=== END BH11209 ===

=== START BH11210 ===

I have caused the living waters to issue from the Kawthar of My mouth, even as I have concealed the living sun behind My hair. In truth, within the darkness of My hair I have hidden the light of My beauty: though dark in its outer being, its inner being is light upon light, upon all light. Thus have the secrets been revealed by the Pen of the Unconstrained.

=== END BH11210 ===

=== START BH11213 ===

He is God! O my God! O my God! With the fire of Thy love sleep has fled from my eyes. In the morning hours I call upon Thee, hoping for Thy boundless grace, and in the evening I turn to the horizon of Thy mercy, yearning for Thy ancient bounty. I call upon Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH11213 ===

=== START BH11218 ===

O Hasan! Be still, for the preservation of that motion which God has sanctified from all motions, and from the three natural motions which are [the six]. Thus does the Lord of creation make mention of thee that thou mayest glory in His remembrance amongst His servants. Verily, the essence is but a single word. It hath shone forth from the mouth of the Divine Will, and through it appeared that heat which God hath made the cause of motion in all horizons. Through it all things derive their sustenance, and were they to be veiled from it… Thus have We detailed the matter in the Book. All things have been realized through the Word of thy Lord. By My life, this is indeed the decisive utterance! Blessed art thou for having forsaken idle fancy and turned unto guidance in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Hold fast unto the cord of His Cause and cleave unto this hem which God hath sanctified from all other hems. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones unto whom the glance of My loving-kindness hath been directed in all conditions.

=== END BH11218 ===

=== START BH11219 ===

[Addressed to his honor Afnan Aqa Mirza Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God]

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. Verily doth the Tree remember its branches as a favor from Him, and the Book remembereth its letters, and the Ocean its waves, and the Light its effulgences. All this proceedeth from the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH11219 ===

=== START BH11221 ===

O Name of the Merciful One! Look not at Me in the Bayan except through God's mystery and His veil, for verily We have been One Who conceals. [The text continues with a note that] he was counseled by the Babis not to criticize and find fault with their deeds, just as they themselves practiced concealment and overlooked [faults].

=== END BH11221 ===

=== START BH11222 ===

O Muhammad-Qabel-Rida! We send forth from this station Our glorification upon thy face, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in His service, in turning unto Him, in hearkening to that which

hath been sent down from His presence, and in steadfastness in His love. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever loveth Him, and verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

=== END BH11222 ===

=== START BH11223 ===

O Most Exalted Pen! If thou desirest to ordain martyrdom for a servant who is present before the Throne, ordain as he hath wished in the path of God, the King, the Glorious, the Most High, the Great. Say: We have testified to his martyrdom in His love. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH11223 ===

=== START BH11224 ===

O Muhammad! Grieve not over all that We have attributed to thee, for whatsoever appeareth from the Beloved is beloved. Then stand firm in thy love and put thy trust in God, thy Lord. Verily He will fulfill His promise, and God doth not fail in His promise.

=== END BH11224 ===

=== START BH11225 ===

O concourse of divines! Adorn the head of knowledge with the crown of deeds, then with sincerity and the fear of God, and adorn its neck with the pearls of fairness, then clothe its temple with the brocade of love and the silk of justice, if you hear the call of God and act according to what you are commanded.

=== END BH11225 ===

=== START BH11226 ===

In My Name, Who commands all names! Verily We have given glad-tidings unto all people that the great and blessed verse “but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets” hath been fulfilled in the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as God hath caused thee to attain unto this wondrous Tablet and hath mentioned His Name, the Mighty, the Luminous.

=== END BH11226 ===

=== START BH11227 ===

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious. We make mention of Abdul-Husayn and counsel him with that which behooveth him. Blessed is he who acteth according to what hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great. We beseech God that He may aid all and enable them to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him.

=== END BH11227 ===

=== START BH11228 ===

He is the Single One! We make mention in this station of a mother who circumambulated the Throne and her sister, and We counsel them to patience and perseverance, and We beseech God the Exalted to grant them success and ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH11228 ===

=== START BH11229 ===

Man is like unto a sword, and its essence is forbearance and piety. As long as it remains sheathed in the scabbard of self, its quality remaineth unknown. Supplicate ye the All-Glorious that all may attain unto the station of maturity, which is the station of certitude and recognition.

=== END BH11229 ===

=== START BH11232 ===

In the Name of the One God

O handmaiden of God! Praise the Beloved of the world that thou hast truly turned unto Him in days when the divines and mystics have turned away. This is a station that nothing can equal. Preserve it through My Name, the Mighty, the Wise. May God willing, thou be favored through divine grace and speaking His praise.

=== END BH11232 ===

=== START BH11233 ===

In the Name of the One True Friend! O Husayn, thy call hath been heard, and the Face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison. This is of the supreme bounty of the Lord of the worlds. Act thou according to what hath been sent down in My Most Holy Book. By My life! It shall profit thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

=== END BH11233 ===

=== START BH11235 ===

O Friend! By the locks of Thy musk-scented hair, which hath cut off the destitute dwellers of the valley of search from all hope and expectation through the majesty of a new affliction, and hath, through the might of severe trials, debarred the captives in the realm of desire from the everlasting sign of the ultimate goal.

=== END BH11235 ===

=== START BH11236 ===

In the Name of the One, the Single One! O Ruqayyah! Your letter hath come before Our Single Presence. Today is the Day of deeds. God willing, thou shalt be enabled to act according to what hath been sent

down in the Book. Be thou detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and with the utmost joy and fragrance remain firm and steadfast beneath the shade of the Beloved of all possibility.

=== END BH11236 ===

=== START BH11237 ===

In the Name of the One Friend

O handmaiden of God! Your call was heard and you have attained the Most Great Bounty which is the recognition of the Lord of Eternity. Now strive to act according to His ordinances which have been sent down from the Holy Pen in the Most Holy Book. By the life of God! Verily it is the Perspicuous Book.

=== END BH11237 ===

=== START BH11240 ===

His exalted Word: We have ordained for him that which We have ordained for no other, and verily he dwelleth in the Most Glorious Horizon and the Most Exalted Station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Most Supreme and Most Resplendent Station. We had promised him aforetime that We would bring to pass that which he loveth and desireth. Verily He is the Intended One, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below.

=== END BH11240 ===

=== START BH11247 ===

By His power He seized the Liar - that is, the Truthful One of the Land of Ta - and no one became aware of it, and He seized the second one (meaning Haji Mulla Ali Mujtahid-i-Kuni), and likewise before these two, the Wolf and the Spotted One.

=== END BH11247 ===

=== START BH11249 ===

Do not rejoice in the world and whatsoever is therein. By God’s life! Every treasure hath been and is the cause of infinite grief and sorrow and regret. Never hath any perishable thing been the cause of independence, nor shall it ever be.

=== END BH11249 ===

=== START BH11250 ===

Already translated for first paragraph. For the rest:

O servant! Hearken to the call of this Youth from the direction of the Throne, that the call of the All-Merciful may draw thee to His paradise, the inaccessible, the mighty, the protected. Then know that whenever this Youth turneth His gaze toward His own self, He findeth it the most insignificant of all existence, but whenever He turneth His sight to the effulgences which have appeared from it, He findeth

it the Sovereign of the invisible and visible. Glorified be He Who hath sent forth the Manifestation of His Self in truth and dispatched Him to all who witness and are witnessed, Who hath established Him in His own station and caused Him to speak His praise in such wise that neither the clamor of the nations nor the might of kings hath deterred Him. Say: He is in truth the Possessor of all kings - all are His subjects - and He is the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having believed in God and the Manifestation of His Self, and for having associated with those through whom this blessed Tree was raised up to this praiseworthy station. He shall not suffer thy service to them to be lost, and God shall reward thee with a recompense that cannot be equaled by aught that exists or exists not. Soar then in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love, and detach thyself from those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Loving. And the glory be upon thee and upon him who is steadfast in the Cause of his Lord and detached from the world in these numbered days.

=== END BH11250 ===

=== START BH11251 ===

Convey greetings to all the loved ones and forbid them from idle pastimes and games. The wine of love for the Peerless Lord and the cup of knowledge of the eternal Sovereign suffices for all who dwell in the realm. And greetings be upon those who follow the Truth.

=== END BH11251 ===

=== START BH11253 ===

In the Name of God! Your pilgrimage is better than a thousand pilgrimages. Praise be to God that you have attained unto both commands. Praise be to God that through God's infinite bounty and His eternal, all-embracing mercy you have attained both unto the visitation of the House and the Lord of the House. This is blessing upon blessing upon blessing.

=== END BH11253 ===

=== START BH11254 ===

O Fatimih [daughter of Javad]! He is the Most Inaccessible. Praise be to the Purpose of all worlds Who did not deprive His handmaidens from the knowledge of the Manifestation of His Self. Your letter is present and the Glance of God is fixed upon thee. By My life, this glance is better for thee than whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH11254 ===

=== START BH11257 ===

His honor 'Ayn and the honored wife, upon them be the Glory of God, have turned in that direction. May God ennoble their resting place. He is God! Mention was made of the honored teacher and the honored Afnan, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy, in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: Verily He hath ordained for them that which befitteth His grace. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind.

=== END BH11257 ===

=== START BH11259 ===

He is God, exalted is He!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! According to your command, your honor should come tonight, and if possible and not too much trouble, with the honored mother of Husayn Effendi, and Husayn Effendi, and Varqa'iyyih Khanum. Peace be upon you and the mercy and blessings of God.

=== END BH11259 ===

=== START BH11260 ===

He is God! Glorified is He Who sends down verses at all times, and through them the Sun has shone forth from a holy and exalted horizon. O handmaiden of God! Give thanks unto thy Lord that thou mayest be accounted among those who are well-pleasing in the Book. Then be thou devoutly obedient and prostrate thyself before a luminous and glorious Countenance.

=== END BH11260 ===

=== START BH11261 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having expended me for the quickening of all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and for having made me a target for the darts of destiny for the exaltation of Thy Word. Do Thou guide, O my God, Thy servants unto the straight path. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH11261 ===

=== START BH11262 ===

He is God, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Creator of the heavens and Ruler of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy Beauty which hath shone forth from the horizon of glory, to gather together Thy loved ones beneath the canopies of Thy grace and then to make them drink of that which will quicken their hearts in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11262 ===

=== START BH11265 ===

He is the God of Wisdom!

My hair is My Phoenix. Therefore hath it set itself upon the blazing fire of My Face and receiveth sustenance from the garden of My Countenance. This is the station wherein the Son of 'Imran removed

from the feet of selfish desire the coverings of attachment to all else but Him and was illumined by the splendours of the Light of holiness in the undying Fire kindled by God, the Potent, the Gracious, the Ever-Forgiving.

=== END BH11265 ===

=== START BH11266 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

God beareth witness that the ocean surgeth, and the breeze bloweth, and the Light shineth forth, and the Fire calleth aloud, and the Sun speaketh, and the Moon uttereth. By God! The station hath been honored by the appearance of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed are they that know.

=== END BH11266 ===

=== START BH11268 ===

His Holiness Aqa Siyyid Mahdi Dhakir, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. He is the Mighty One. God beareth witness that He is the Intended One and He Who hath come is indeed the Hidden Mystery that was concealed in the eternity of eternities. Through Him the ocean surgeth and the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, is diffused.

=== END BH11268 ===

=== START BH11269 ===

Allah-u-Abha! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and that thou hast turned toward My Most Glorious Horizon and testified to that which the Lord of all beings testified when He was established upon the Most Great Throne with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH11269 ===

=== START BH11270 ===

He is God! Blessed are they who have quaffed from the wine of immortal life and who have been nourished by the Kawthar of His presence. I swear by the Sun of the dawn of inner meanings that nothing that is hidden or manifest can equal even one of those souls.

=== END BH11270 ===

=== START BH11271 ===

He is God! Justice is an everlasting fruit for the divine Tree of sovereignty and greatness. The just king is the lamp of the world and the cause of the reformation and prosperity of nations. The dawning of the Sun of reformation from the horizon of the world is dependent upon and connected with the Manifestations of power, by the will of God, exalted be His glory.

=== END BH11271 ===

=== START BH11272 ===

My glory is My Name, and My manifestation is My Beauty, and My fortress is My love, and My proof is My Self, and My power is My signs, and My creation is My verses, and My sovereignty is My might, and My abode is My prison, and My Tablet is My messenger, and My Pen is My Command, and My party is My trust, and My fingers are My companions, and the Promised One is My meeting, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH11272 ===

=== START BH11273 ===

O ye in mortal graves!

The peace of God, He Who is the Lord of Revelation and the Speaker on Sinai, rest upon you. Blessed are ye, for ye were endowed with faith in days when trembling seized the limbs of all religions.

May the Glory of God rest upon you, upon the origin of your beings and the end thereof, and upon your outer temples and inner selves.

=== END BH11273 ===

=== START BH11274 ===

He is the All-Forgiving

Blessed art thou for having recognized My Self and turned away from all else beside Me among Mine enemies, and for having been touched by tribulations in My path and by rest in My love. Rest hath not been ordained save beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness and near the sanctuary of My mercy. Seize thy chance thereof and be thou of the thankful ones.

=== END BH11274 ===

=== START BH11276 ===

He is the Mighty, the Beloved! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom Thou didst raise up the standards of Thy guidance and establish the banners of Thy singleness, to aid whosoever seeketh Thine aid and to protect whosoever seeketh Thy protection. Verily, Thou art powerful to do this.

=== END BH11276 ===

=== START BH11277 ===

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest Thy beauty, perfect Thy Cause, strengthen Thy proof, and make known and declare Thy attributes, that Thou

mayest cause Thy servants to ascend unto the station wherein Thy friend gazeth from the throne of Thy glory and the seat of Thy majesty. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things and all-wise.

=== END BH11277 ===

=== START BH11278 ===

This is the Book of My Testament after Me. O people of the Concourse, hearken unto it!

In the Name of God, the Living, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal, the Single, the Powerful, the Holy.

O Thou Who art hidden in the unseen realm! Hear the call of this blessed, radiant Leaf which speaketh by the leave of God and addresseth you from behind the veils, from the right side of the Tree of Life in the Mount of Glory, the Holy Land. God, there is no God but Him, the Living, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved. He is the One Whom God hath made the Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is between them. And He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

Verily, it is the Lamp of Eternity which illumineth the Lantern of Heaven like unto the sun in a crystal dome. O people of the Concourse, before it fall ye down in adoration! Say: Verily, it is the Path of God which is established upon the Throne of the unseen realm. Pass ye thereon that ye may prosper. Verily, it is the Ark of God which saileth upon the sea of light. Embark therein that ye may be preserved.

Say: Verily, it is the Rod of God which became a serpent to those who prostrated not before God, the Single, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy, and a blessing unto those who attained the presence of their Lord. Say: Verily, it is the Cave of Oneness. Whoso entereth therein is saved, and whoso turneth away therefrom perisheth. Yet few of you are mindful.

Say: Verily, it is the Fountain of Life. Whoso drinketh a drop therefrom hath entered the Tablet of Immortality. Hasten, O people of the Concourse, that perchance ye may drink! Say: Verily, it is the Command of God which hath been breathed into the Trumpet of Creation, whereupon all who are in the heavens and the earth have swooned away, save a few of His sincere servants.

Say: Verily, it is the Fire of God which hath been kindled in your hearts, yet ye perceive it not. Say: Verily, it is the Throne of God whereon the Manifestation of His Self hath reclined, and whoso is thereon is on the straight and extended Path of Truth. Say: Verily, it is the Water of the Cloud which floweth by God's leave in pure rivers, yet few of you ponder.

Say: Verily, it is the White Hand in the Mount of Decree, calling unto you from every direction, yet ye remain heedless. Say: Verily, it is the Sun of Oneness which hath risen from the Horizon of Light. Behold it, O people of the Concourse, if ye have eyes to see! Say: Verily, it is the Moon of the unseen realm which hath appeared from the direction of Heaven. Hasten unto it if ye be of those who believe.

Say: Verily, it is the Handiwork of God. Can any creation of the servants resemble it? Nay, by thy life, even though all may possess power. Say: Verily, it is the Sovereign of Judgment. Can anyone share with Him in authority? Nay, by thy Lord, though all may claim such for themselves.

Say: Verily, it is the Lamp of Command which shineth by God's leave from behind the glass in the Land of the unseen realm, the hidden Glory, encompassing your hearts so that all may be convinced that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Guardian, the Powerful. Say: Verily, it is the Countenance of Light which hath been established upon the Throne of Bounty. Recognize it that ye may be guided.

Say: Unto whom belongeth the sovereignty this Day? Thou shalt not find any possessor of light who will answer. Then shall We proclaim: Unto God, in Whose grasp of power is the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth. There is no God but Him, the Living, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: Were ye to search throughout the highest heavens and all therein, and the lowest earths and all that are thereon, would ye find a creator other than God? Say: Glory be to God above that which ye imagine! Say: Verily, in the wonders of the verses are clear proofs for a people who are guided. Say: Verily, in the creation of your souls and hearts and the differences in your stations are signs for you, if ye would know. Say: Verily, in the spirit of the verses are manifest evidences and pervading fragrances for a people who perceive.

Say: Verily, the rivers of utterance have been concealed in the garden of light. Such is the decree of God which was ordained aforetime in the Book of thy Lord, and we all believe in them.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God! Do Thou reveal the rivers of Thy sovereign might that the water of unity may flow within the inmost realities of all things, in such wise that the ensigns of Thy guidance will be upraised in the kingdom of Thy Cause and the stars of Thy luminescence will shine with a scintillating splendor in the heavens of Thy glory. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Verily, Thou art the Help in peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses as He pleaseth, as a bounty from His presence! He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. With Him are the treasuries of light which He revealeth unto whomsoever He willeth among His creation, though the polytheists be averse. His is the creation and the command. He giveth life and causeth death, then giveth life through His grace as He willeth—"a command from His presence unto a people who are grateful.

He it is Who hath subdued all authority by His decree and sent down the light by His leave. He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. Say: All are submissive unto Him. Say: The decree of thy Lord hath been fulfilled, the veils have been lifted, and the Light hath been established upon the Throne of the unseen realm. How is it that ye perceive not?

O people of the Bayán! Recognize the value of these days, then present yourselves before Him and fall prostrate before Him. Say: Woe unto you! The Beauty shall be concealed in the vestures of Glory, and ye shall then supplicate and lament. Say: This is the Dove of Remembrance, mentioning you more excellently than ye make mention. Say: Woe unto you and unto what your hands have wrought! Do ye call upon what your souls desire and associate partners with God, your Lord?

He it is Who created you and provided for you and made you to grow, that ye might walk upon the earth and believe in God, the Self-Sufficient, the Powerful, the Loving. Say: He it is Who appointed for you the

sun for brightness that ye might be illumined thereby, and the moon for light that ye might be guided thereby and be among those who, in the darkness of the earth, are guided by the light of their Lord.

Do ye not see that the heavens of creation were raised up by His command, and upon them is established a sun from the light of thy Lord, and therein He hath ordained moons that shine forth and stars that radiate—"a bounty from His presence unto a people who understand? Say: Verily, your hearts and souls and frames bear witness that there is no God but Him, yet ye comprehend not.

O people of the Concourse! Do ye find any changer besides God or any interpreter apart from Him? Say: Glory be to God above what ye associate with Him! Say: The light of God hath encompassed you from every quarter, and the Spirit of the Command strengtheneth you at all times, if ye would but recognize it. Say: The spirits of the Prophets are attached to His light. How is it that ye are not guided nor do ye see? Say: Is there any withholder or sender apart from God? Say: Glory be to God above what ye know!

Say: Verily, it is the light of your Lord in the wonders of the verses, from the right side of the yellow Tree upon white leaves. God, there is no God but Him, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Goal of all desire. Say: He it is Who sendeth the winds as heralds from His presence, Who raiseth the heavens and sendeth down the light, that ye may be assured of the meeting with your Lord. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and unto Him shall all return.

He it is Who hath distinguished for you in the Book the paths of righteousness from error, and hath sent down therein the verses as an exposition of all things, a guidance and a light unto a people who understand. God hath decreed in the Book, after the Remembrance, that ye should turn to the Focal Point of the Command in these days. Whoso turneth away from the decree of his Lord hath indeed strayed from the path of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Exalted.

He it is Who warneth you of the fire of your own selves, as a recompense for what ye have wrought. Unto Him submitteth whosoever is in the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is between them, and all are assured of Him. Then shall the Announcer cry out from the unseen realm: "Those who have believed in God and His signs and have followed what God hath prescribed in the Book—"these are the companions of divine justice and shall abide forever in the Garden of Light. As for those who have turned away from the command of God, thy Lord, and have obeyed whatsoever their souls desired—"these are the companions of the Fire, and therein shall they be punished."

O people of the Bayán! Is anyone able to produce the like of what God hath sent down in the Book? Say: Glory be to God! All are His servants and all are humble before Him. Say: He it is Who hath decreed in the Book the exposition of all things, as a guidance and mercy unto a people who remember. There is nothing whose decree hath not been sent down in the Book—"a remembrance from His presence unto a people who perceive.

Say: He is God Who sendeth down tranquillity, lifteth the veils, and dispatcheth the angels of victory with the hosts of the heavens and the earth to aid those who aid Him. Verily, He is the Mystery in the Tree, calling unto you from all directions—"the Throne of Sinai, the Land of Revelation. God! God! The Mighty, the Luminous, the Powerful, the Guardian, the Goal of all desire!

Then are the allusions lifted from the words, and the heavenly maidens appear from behind the veils—"a remembrance from One praised and glorified. Say: The likeness of those who turn away from the Countenance of Light and claim authority without being touched by the fire from the yellow Tree, is as the likeness of a shadow in the presence of the sun. Doth any light remain therein? If ye would but ponder a little!

And the likeness of those who believe in God and His signs and in the Countenance of Light is as the likeness of a light kindled from the Tree of Light, shining therefrom as if it were a yellow, radiant flame, delighting the beholders. And now hath the Command come at this moment from God—"the Guardian, the Mighty, the Jealous—"to purify me from His handmaiden, and accordingly are we acting.

O handmaiden of God! Depart from that house and dwell in another house—"a command from the presence of One beloved and praised. Then seek forgiveness for thy sin and ask God for the wonders of His bounty, for He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and we are all supplicants of His grace.

Then bear witness that the entire Command is from His presence, and the heavens are folded up in His right hand, and the angels prostrate themselves before His Countenance, and the sun and the moon and the stars are apprehensive through fear of Him. He is the Truth in the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is between them, and all are in dread of His awe. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou art verily the Sovereign of the heavens of grandeur and the King of the realm of splendor. Thou forgivest whomsoever Thou willest, and chastisest whomsoever Thou willest; Thou aidest whomsoever Thou willest, and abandonest whomsoever Thou willest. In Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things; Thou rulest whatsoever Thou desirest by Thine irresistible command "Be," and it is. Unto Him belongeth the unseen of the heavens and of the earth and whatsoever lieth between them, and He verily knoweth all that ye perform and all that ye conceal.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord! Thou knowest full well that I summoned Thy servants only according to that which Thou didst prescribe in the Book, after Thou hadst made me to hearken unto Thy Call upon the Mount of Decree, proclaiming: "O all things! Ye are in truth bereft of that which God Himself hath witnessed, and bear no true witness."

Thereupon the heavens were upraised by His Command, and the earths drank deep of His waters; the decree of Thy Lord was accomplished; the Ark of God rode securely upon the surging waters of a righteous Cause; and it was proclaimed: "Away with the people of corruption!"

Thus would Thy remembrance endure in the kingdoms of the heavens and of the earth, and Thy sovereignty be established over all things; for Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the Well-Beloved.

And verily this is the mystery in the cycle of successive worlds; none shall attain unto the reality of this matter save he who cometh unto God with a thankful heart. Say: Fear ye God, and follow not the promptings of your own selves. Do whatsoever God hath commanded you in the Book, for therein lieth your supreme good, did ye but know. He it is Who hath enjoined upon you righteousness and prosperity, Who hath made manifest unto you the fountains of wisdom, and Who hath taught you that which ye knew not.

It beseemeth no soul to alter a single letter of the Book, nor to exchange a single decree thereof, save him who hath revealed it aforetime, for He it is Who sendeth down again, through His bounty, whatsoever He willeth, for the guidance of a people who are rightly directed. Say: Woe betide you! Can ye find any beside God who maketh lawful or unlawful, or any giver besides Him? How is it that ye are not awakened, that ye reflect not?

I counsel you, O servants, with that wherewith God hath counselled you aforetime in Tablets inscribed with the fingers of might: Bear witness within your hearts that the Remnant of God in these days is the Manifestation of Light, and the fulfillment of the awaited promise ” a truth whereof there is no doubt. Verily, We are all expectant.

Say: Fear ye God, and unite in His Cause, and diverge not. For he, verily, is the Burden borne by the heavens and the earth, and the Most Great Word enshrined in a treasured, exalted Book. They who have turned away from God, thy Lord, and who pervert the words from their rightful places ” these have forsaken the straight Path, and of their plight they remain unaware.

Say: This is indeed the Path of God in the heavens and the earth; upon it have all the Prophets and Messengers trodden, while ye remain heedless. Fear ye God, and exchange not the light for darkness, nor the pearls for stones, nor the morning for the nightfall ” how little is it that ye comprehend!

He it is Who created you, and fashioned you, and thereafter shed upon you the radiance of His wondrous bounty, and strengthened you with the hosts of the heavens and the earth, that haply ye might be thankful.

Bear ye witness then that I am but a servant who hath believed in God and in the Manifestation of Light, and hath taken his seat at the Point of Sorrow, in utmost abasement, moved by naught save the thread of grief traced upon the Tablets of might and grandeur.

Say: O concourse of the deniers! Have ye heard aught from me save the words of servitude? Say: Woe betide you! Do ye profess to believe in God, yet against His servant do ye devise falsehoods and trespass His right?

Say: Were I to recount but a drop from the oceans of grief that beset Me in these days, the souls of all created things would perish, and the skins of the sincere would shudder with terror.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord! Bring Thou nigh the days of my ascension unto Thee, and uplift me unto the court of Thy sanctity. Wert Thou not the One Who respondeth to the cry of the distressed when he calleth upon Thee? Behold, I am the first who hath cried out unto Thee; answer, then, my prayer, and remove from me all affliction, for Thou art verily potent over all things. Verily, Thou art the True One, the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen.

Thou hearest my lamentations and my cries, and beholdest the agitation of my heart and the burning of my soul in the depths of my bosom, as though it were consumed even as oil in vessels firmly set upon a sea of fire. Wilt Thou not, after all this, show mercy unto me“after Thou hast uplifted me unto the

heavens of Thy majesty, and after mine own certitude that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving?

And shouldst Thou withhold my ascent, then strengthen Thou mine arms in the promotion of Thy victory, and make firm my steps upon Thy straight Path, for Thou art verily the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Verily, those who have uttered against Me that which they heard not from Me—these are but the creeping things of the earth, void of knowledge of the Cause and bereft of any understanding. Say: Doth not suffice you the Radiance of the Light Who is seated upon the Throne of Command, dispensing from behind the veils of concealment a Cause sent down from God, the All-Compelling, the All-Subsisting?

O concourse of the deniers! Did I not summon you by God and His signs, by the Manifestation of the Light, and did I not bear witness unto you the paths of guidance and the Remnant of the Awaited One? Better indeed would it be for you, did ye but know.

Say: Are many lords better, or God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Well-Beloved?

He it is Who hath raised up the heavens and sent down the Book with the truth, wherein are clear and manifest signs, and scriptures firmly established. How is it that ye reflect not, nor take heed?

He it is Who hath revealed unto you the wonders of Paradise, wherein are fashioned houris who mirror forth the very essence of beauty, a bounty bestowed by One Who is Wise and Compassionate. Verily, therein are trees as though planted upon the Mount of Fire, and yet, there is none other God but He, the Sovereign, the All-Feared.

And therein are rivers, where the waters flow from the Ocean of Pre-existence, gleaming like unto pearls of purest white, that haply ye may drink thereof. All this hath been prepared for you, yet how little is it that ye perceive!

Hasten then, O concourse of men, that perchance ye may enter the Paradise of your Lord, the Most Merciful, and therein partake of the delights thereof. This is but an admonition unto you and unto such as have prostrated themselves before the face of God.

Thus did God ordain that Joseph of Light be made a sovereign over the City of Exposition; yet the people, one and all, lie dead within the veils of their own selves.

Know ye that these leaves are a proof of My servitude before His Countenance, did ye but comprehend. Otherwise, cast them into the river, that perchance the dwellers of existence may attain unto certitude in the signs of their Lord.

=== END BH11278 ===

=== START BH11279 ===

[First part of blessed Tablet is missing] …as a bounty from Us and a mercy from Our presence. We ask God to unite his family and provide the means by which his station may be elevated among the servants. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

=== END BH11279 ===

=== START BH11281 ===

O Haji J., upon him be the Glory of God - God is Most Glorious! We have sent unto thee a celestial sphere from this surging ocean, and it is My binding Word. Be thou grateful to God for this supreme bounty. Verily, His is whatsoever He willeth. Glorified be thy Lord, the Most Exalted!

=== END BH11281 ===

=== START BH11282 ===

The Ancient Beauty hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne. Thereupon the tongue of grandeur and glory hath spoken forth at the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, addressing all who are in earth and heaven: "By My glory and My beauty! He Who was concealed from eternity in the treasuries of might and grandeur hath appeared. He, verily, is the Beloved Who hath come to give life to the worlds."

=== END BH11282 ===

=== START BH11284 ===

He is the Caller in all times! We have heard your call and have answered you with this Forbidden Tablet, that you may be assured of His mercy that has preceded all created things and His grace that has encompassed the unseen and the seen. Float upon the ocean of your Lord's loving-kindness and glorify His name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH11284 ===

=== START BH11285 ===

O Muhammad-Husayn, upon whom be the Glory of God, son of Sadollah: Most Glorious! We have heard your call and witnessed your turning towards Us. We have turned towards you from this Most Exalted Horizon that you may thank your Lord for this bounty which the kingdom of creation cannot equal. Say: Glory be to my Most Glorious Lord!

=== END BH11285 ===

=== START BH11286 ===

He is the Most Holy

We have witnessed your letter and read it, and We answer you from My Most Exalted Pen with this remembrance which all the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal. Read it with joy and fragrance, then give thanks to your Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the Bestower, the Responsive.

=== END BH11286 ===

=== START BH11287 ===

Say: O my God! Thou art the Sovereign of sovereigns and the Compassionate to the downtrodden. Thou art the Dispeller of doubts. Thou dost enrich whomsoever Thou willest and dost impoverish whomsoever Thou willest. Thou dost exalt whomsoever Thou willest and dost abase whomsoever Thou willest. Verily, Thou art and hast ever been the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH11287 ===

=== START BH11288 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name not to abandon me unto myself. Guard me, by the sovereignty of Thy Names, from self and passion. Then cause me to enter the shore of the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, and number me with those who have circled round Thy Will and Thy Purpose. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH11288 ===

=== START BH11291 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who stood with supreme steadfastness before the faces of all mankind, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

=== END BH11291 ===

=== START BH11292 ===

In His Name through Whom was raised the Banner of Divine Unity upon the world!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm Above! I beseech Thee by the manifestations of Thy power in the world of might to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace that which will render me rich through Thy riches. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

=== END BH11292 ===

=== START BH11293 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy signs, and the sun of Thy bounty, and by the hearts that have melted in their separation from Thee, and by the souls that have been

kindled with the fire of Thy love, to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy perspicuous Book. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH11293 ===

=== START BH11294 ===

In the Name of Him Who standeth before the faces of the parties! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy Revelation and by the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities of the hearts of Thy servants, to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy Most Generous Name and Thy Manifest Remembrance.

=== END BH11294 ===

=== START BH11295 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy! The Pen proclaimeth and saith: I have been forbidden from revealing the mysteries of eternity and mentioning the pearls of the Most Great Sea, each drop of which proclaimeth: He is the Quickener of all worlds! And praise be to God, the Object of worship of all who know Him.

=== END BH11295 ===

=== START BH11296 ===

He is the Eternal! This is My testimony for her who hath heard My voice and drawn nigh unto Me. Verily, she is a leaf that hath sprung from this preexistent Root. She hath revealed herself in My name and tasted of the sweet savours of My holy, My wondrous pleasure. At one time We gave her to drink from My honeyed Mouth, at another caused her to partake of My mighty, My luminous Kawthar. Upon her rest the glory of My name and the fragrance of My shining robe.

=== END BH11296 ===

=== START BH11300 ===

The just king is as the head to the body of the world. God - exalted be His glory - will, please God, bestow this most exalted station, which is in truth the station of the Emperor of the realm of names, upon him. This is not difficult for God.

=== END BH11300 ===

=== START BH11305 ===

He is He. The Point of Servitude remembers you. And I have written another letter enclosed to Siyyid Ibrahim - if you deem it advisable, deliver it, otherwise do not. Two writings from the blessed pen were sent to you - one a prayer and the other a letter.

=== END BH11305 ===

=== START BH11306 ===

He is the Mighty

Blessed is the condition of the servant of Abtan, for the time of breaking the fast has come - a time of joy and gladness for all Muslims. The late Alusi one night attained the presence and said “O my Lord, my tears of grief sadden me while my tears of joy gladden me.”

=== END BH11306 ===

=== START BH11308 ===

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted. This is a book from the Luminary of the horizons to His brother’s daughter Ishraq, that she may give thanks through the remembrance of her Lord towards her and be among those who remember in every morn and eve. We beseech God to cause her to taste the sweetness of what hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and to make her among the devoted ones in a mighty tablet.

=== END BH11308 ===

=== START BH11309 ===

This is that which was revealed for the Most Exalted One who was martyred in the Land of Ta [Tabriz] - a martyrdom at which the Concourse on High were amazed and the people of paradise lamented - and for the exalted Letters who spent their wealth and blood in the path of God, the Lord of earth and heaven.

In the Name of the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious.

=== END BH11309 ===

=== START BH11310 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding! Every goodness is good. Blessed is the hand that hath been privileged to write the verses of God, and the tongue that hath been moved to His remembrance. By the life of God! Being itself was created for this Day. The ocean of bounty is surging and the heaven of grace is uplifted. Joy to them that have attained!

=== END BH11310 ===

=== START BH11312 ===

Yes, that is what he desires. We have permitted him to turn towards the All-Highest Horizon with joy and radiance, but in all circumstances they must observe wisdom in such manner that it does not cause any disturbance. Verily, He is the Announcer, the Informer, the Answerer, the All-Willing.

=== END BH11312 ===

=== START BH11313 ===

There is no objection to what you have taken as a means of livelihood, for the remembrance of the Wronged One is praiseworthy at all times and seasons. Make it a means for awakening those who slumber and rousing those who are heedless, through symbols and allusions and intimations, as the poet has said: “Listen thou to the tale thyself.”

=== END BH11313 ===

=== START BH11314 ===

To God belongs the dominion of the kingdom of eternality, and through His might He exalts whom He wishes, and through His power He abases whom He desires, and He bestows upon whom He wishes whatsoever He wishes, and verily He wills as He has willed for whomsoever He desires, and verily He is the Doer of whatsoever He wishes, and verily He is over all things the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11314 ===

=== START BH11315 ===

O `Abdu’l-`Ali! And We make mention of him who was named `Abdu’l-`Ali, and We give him the glad-tidings of My verses, My loving-kindness, and My mercy which have encompassed all regions. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak as He walked during this night in a place which God had made among the most exalted of places.

=== END BH11315 ===

=== START BH11317 ===

O Abu’l-Qasim! In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! God willing, may you be confirmed through divine grace and act according to what is befitting. Your letter was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love was diffused from it. We beseech God to draw you near unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

=== END BH11317 ===

=== START BH11318 ===

He is the Most Merciful, the Compassionate

O Ahmad! Praise be to God Who created thee and sustained thee and taught thee and caused thee to know and guided thee to His straight path. Peace be upon thee and upon [thy father] and thy uncle and upon those who are with you for the sake of God.

=== END BH11318 ===

=== START BH11321 ===

O Afnan, Mirza Aqa! Upon him be all the most glorious and resplendent Glory! O My Afnan! Hear My call from the shore of the valley of the Prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, and He Who speaks is verily the Wronged One, the Single, the Stranger, the Unique.

=== END BH11321 ===

=== START BH11322 ===

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing!

O My Afnan! I bear witness that thou hast turned thyself unto My path, soared in Mine atmosphere, set thy face toward My countenance, held fast unto My cord, and clung to My luminous robe. Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH11322 ===

=== START BH11323 ===

In the name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous! O My Afnan! By My life, what is in My earth and My heaven cannot equal My Word, and We have sent it to thee that thou mayest give thanks unto the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first.

=== END BH11323 ===

=== START BH11324 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! O My Afnan and he who has turned his face towards My countenance! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness which have preceded all who are in My earth and My heaven. Be thou thankful for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is held the reins of all worlds.

=== END BH11324 ===

=== START BH11325 ===

He is

O handmaiden of God! We have come to visit thee and have approached thy resting place, and we beseech God to grant thee at all times what He hath ordained in the highest Paradise for the people of Baha. Verily, He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH11325 ===

=== START BH11328 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. He maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all beings, and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee in the Book of Names. Rejoice thou at this, then praise thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH11328 ===

=== START BH11330 ===

He is God! O daughter of Muhammad-Taqi! Praise be to God that your father turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and attained unto service, attainment of His presence, listening and witnessing. That which no eye hath seen nor ear heard hath been ordained for him. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH11330 ===

=== START BH11332 ===

O Sulayman! Hear thou with the ear of thine inborn nature the voice of the Wronged One, and hold fast unto the Strong Cord of God. The world is transient, and that which is with God endureth. Strive thou that perchance thou mayest attain unto such knowledge as its fragrance shall never cease, and whose mention shall not be erased from the scroll of them that have turned unto God. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

=== END BH11332 ===

=== START BH11333 ===

He is the Most Glorious. O Siyyid Qabil-'Ali! A leaf hath been presented before the Throne, sent by him who circumambuleth My presence, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee through this manifest mention. When thou attainest unto it and perceivest its fragrance, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee!"

=== END BH11333 ===

=== START BH11334 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over all names. O Siyyid-i-Qabli-Hashim! Calamities have encompassed Us from all directions through that which the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings, have wrought, and who objected to Him through Whose word was revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes.

=== END BH11334 ===

=== START BH11335 ===

He is the Manifest One

O Sword of God! Necks have grown long with hypocrisy, but God has forbidden the rule of the sword and ordained in its place loving-kindness and glory. Blessed is he who casts away what he has and takes up what is commanded by God, the Lord of all men.

=== END BH11335 ===

=== START BH11336 ===

He is God. O Sadiq! Say: O friends! If you drink from the Kawthar that lies concealed within the blessed words "verily He is praised in His deeds and obeyed in His command," you will find yourselves detached and free from all save God. Reflection on these blessed words is essential. Blessed are they who reflect.

=== END BH11336 ===

=== START BH11338 ===

He is God. O Tiraz! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison with verses that have enraptured the hearts of the Concourse on High and the exalted Paradise. When thou attainest and beholdest, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

=== END BH11338 ===

=== START BH11339 ===

He is the Manifest One. O Abbas! The Revealer of Verses remembers you and the Manifestor of Evidence has turned toward you and makes mention of you through that which the trees have uttered: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Powerful, the All-Choosing," and the seas: "By God! He hath come Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Bestower."

=== END BH11339 ===

=== START BH11341 ===

He is sanctified from all mention! O Ali! Thy remembrance was presented before the Throne, and the glance of loving-kindness was directed towards thee. He counsels thee and the friends to that which accordeth with wisdom and is adorned with the good-pleasure of the Friend. Blessed are they that attain!

=== END BH11341 ===

=== START BH11342 ===

In His Name, the All-Wise

O 'Ali-Qabli-Muhammad! The Single, the One, maketh mention of thee and calleth out to thee from the most exalted horizon, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of the final end. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee that wherefrom the sincere ones found the fragrance of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH11342 ===

=== START BH11343 ===

He is God! O Kazim, say: My God, my God! Purify the ears of Thy servants with the water of detachment that they may hearken unto Thy most sweet call. O Lord! I am the poor one who hath aimed at the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit - deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of great favor.

=== END BH11343 ===

=== START BH11344 ===

He is the Hearer and He is the Giver! O Kalim, O Afnani! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness and My compassion and My grace. At this hour I am inquiring after thy condition, with pen and tongue and heart and tablet and ink. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee.

=== END BH11344 ===

=== START BH11345 ===

Allah'u'Abha! O promoter of My Cause and one who gazes upon My face! We have desired to remember thee and have remembered thee in this Most Glorious Tablet that thou mayest give thanks unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

=== END BH11345 ===

=== START BH11346 ===

He is the Most Great

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! We make mention of thee from this station and counsel thee with what We have sent down in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Hold fast unto that which will exalt the Cause of God, then render thanks for having been mentioned in this Book.

=== END BH11346 ===

=== START BH11347 ===

In My Name, the All-Informed! O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! The Lord of Names makes mention of thee from the Most Exalted Horizon. This is a bounty whose fruits shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Know thou its value and preserve it through the name of the Peerless Friend. The Glory be upon thee.

=== END BH11347 ===

=== START BH11348 ===

He is the Most Holy

O Muhammad! We have desired to make mention of thee, that thou mayest be assured of God's loving-kindness–thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of the mighty Throne. We have made mention of thee in such wise as hath been witnessed by the Concourse on High and they who circle round the exalted Seat.

=== END BH11348 ===

=== START BH11350 ===

He is the One Who rules over all names

O Mirza! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of Names, which has been raised from the precincts of the Prison, as a token of His grace unto thee, that thou mayest be thankful and say: "Here am I, O Beloved of the world! Here am I, O Thou the Goal of all nations! Here am I, O Thou Who art wronged at the hands of the oppressors!"

=== END BH11350 ===

=== START BH11351 ===

He is the Concealed One

O Mirza Hashim! Rejoice in that the Supreme Pen hath made mention of thee from the Most Glorious Horizon, and hath sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never be cut off, so long as the Kingdom of God and His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes shall endure. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of all beings.

=== END BH11351 ===

=== START BH11353 ===

He is God! O leaf! O handmaiden of God! Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy and His light and His grace, and we beseech for thee the waves of the ocean of His forgiveness and the effulgent rays of the sun of His bounty. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

=== END BH11353 ===

=== START BH11354 ===

He is the All-Hearing

O My friend! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Verily My glance from My horizon hath turned towards you, and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet as a bounty unto you. Say: Glory be to Him, the Holy One, our Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

=== END BH11354 ===

=== START BH11355 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

The Lord of Creation bears witness in this Most Great Prison, as He bore witness before the creation of the heavens and the earth, that there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto My Word, and the ear that has heard My verses, and the eye that has beheld My most holy and luminous horizon.

=== END BH11355 ===

=== START BH11357 ===

He is the Manifest!

Know O ye inhabitants of the earth! My Hair is My sword. It kills the lovers when in separation and then clothes itself in the black garment in their mourning. This is one of its most wonderful attributes from the beginning which has had no beginning. O ye who are strangers, fly away from it, O ye people of disputation.

=== END BH11357 ===

=== START BH11358 ===

I declare by the Sun of Truth, which has shone forth from the highest horizon

of the world, that the people of Baha had not and have not any aim save the

prosperity and reformation of the world and the purifying of the nations.

=== END BH11358 ===

=== START BH11359 ===

Every single letter proceeding from Our mouth is endowed with such regenerative power as to enable it to bring into existence a new creation – a creation the magnitude of which is inscrutable to all save God. He verily hath knowledge of all things.

=== END BH11359 ===

=== START BH11360 ===

Whosoever ariseth to aid our Cause God will render him victorious over ten times ten thousand souls, and, should he wax in his love for Me, him will We cause to triumph over all that is in heaven and all that is on earth.

=== END BH11360 ===

=== START BH11361 ===

O ye discerning ones! Verily, the words which have descended from the heaven of the Will of God are the source of unity and harmony for the world. Close your eyes to racial differences, and welcome all with the light of oneness.

=== END BH11361 ===

=== START BH11362 ===

All the Divine Books and Scriptures have predicted and announced unto men the advent of the Most Great Revelation. None can adequately recount the verses recorded in the Books of former ages which forecast this supreme Bounty, this most mighty Bestowal.

=== END BH11362 ===

=== START BH11363 ===

O people of the earth!

Make not the religion of God a cause of variance among you. Verily of a truth,

it was revealed for the unifying of the whole world.

Blessed is he who loves the world simply for the sake of the face of his

generous Lord. With perfect compassion and mercy have we guided and directed

The people of the world to that whereby their souls shall be profited.

I declare by the Sun of Truth, which has shone forth from the highest horizon

of the world, that the people of Baha had not and have not any aim save the

prosperity and reformation of the world and the purifying of the nations.

=== END BH11363 ===

=== START BH11364 ===

Through the blood which they shed the earth hath been impregnated with the wondrous revelations of Thy might and the gem-like signs of Thy glorious sovereignty. Ere-long shall she tell out her tidings, when the set time is come.

=== END BH11364 ===

=== START BH11365 ===

In this day the tastes of men have changed, and their power of perception hath altered. The contrary winds of the world, and its colors, have provoked a cold, and deprived men’s nostrils of the sweet savors of Revelation.

=== END BH11365 ===

=== START BH11367 ===

The divine who hath seized and quaffed the most holy Wine, in the name of the sovereign Ordainer, is as an eye unto the world. Well is it with them who obey him, and call him to remembrance.

=== END BH11367 ===

=== START BH11368 ===

Say: O servants! The triumph of this Cause hath depended, and will continue to depend, upon the appearance of holy souls, upon the showing forth of goodly deeds, and the revelation of words of consummate wisdom.

=== END BH11368 ===

=== START BH11369 ===

By those words which I have revealed, Myself is not intended, but rather He Who will come after Me. To it is witness God, the All-Knowing.... Deal not with Him as ye have dealt with Me.

=== END BH11369 ===

=== START BH11370 ===

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings!

=== END BH11370 ===

=== START BH11372 ===

My outward calls unto My inward and My inward unto My outward. There is none in the kingdom save Me, and I am the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. [Revealed in honor of ’Ali Athar’u’llah, exalted be His glory, after the Blessed Beauty’s arrival at the Most Great Prison in the barracks]

=== END BH11372 ===

=== START BH11373 ===

Among other things, let them consider the blessed Surih of the Temple, some portions of which were sent from the Land of Mystery to Iraq, while other parts were dispatched after arrival in the Most Great Prison.

=== END BH11373 ===

=== START BH11375 ===

That which thou hast written regarding the bath-house and the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar hath been presented before the court of Him Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. This is that which the Tongue of the Unconstrained hath voiced regarding the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar; He, exalted be His majesty and power, sayeth:

"Give thou praise unto the Desire of the World for having confirmed thee in service to His Cause! Thou and the friends have clearly manifested the remembrance and mention of God despite the tumult of the people of the world and the mischief, sedition, and arising of all to quench the Light. This structure shall be remembered eternally, for it hath been reared up in the name of God and during the days of God, and hath been adorned with the ornament of approval. Beseech thou God to confirm all in service to the Cause and in steadfastness, and in that which God hath revealed in the Book. Erelong, the world shall pass away, and all shall return to nothingness. What endureth is that which the Most Exalted Pen hath ordained at the bidding of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal."

All praise, all glory, and all remembrance befitteth the most holy, most exalted, most sublime and wondrous court of the Desired One, whose threshold hath ever been and shall forever remain the dwelling-place of them that are nigh unto God, the refuge of them that profess His oneness and are sincere in their devotion. He is the One Almighty whom neither the barking of the dogs of the earth nor the grunting of the swine of diverse lands could deter from His purpose. The swords and hosts of the world could not withhold Him from His will. At times His call was raised from the land, at others from the sea, and at still others from the mountains, in such wise that every hearing ear hearkened thereto and every conscious heart was made aware. The more the heedless among His servants sought to harm Him, the more manifest became His Cause and the more exalted His call. Those who were honored and renowned through His Name arose at the outset of His Revelation to voice such objections and protests as the world had never before witnessed. The primary cause and reason for their turning away and protesting were the divines of that age, whom the ignorant people blindly followed. To such an extent did they arise to harm Him that all things were moved to lamentation and weeping, and so difficult became the situation for the loved ones of God that they could find neither refuge nor repose. Yet despite all the tribulations that befell them and the afflictions that descended upon them, these steadfast souls shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of constancy like unto the Greater Luminary, for the world and all that is therein were regarded by them as worth less than a gnat's wing, nay less still. They are the Hands of God's Cause and His signs amongst His servants and His standards in His lands - servants who have bowed their necks before the countenance of God, the Lord of all beings, whose voices are hushed at the mention of His Most Glorious Name, and whose eyes overflow with tears at what hath befallen God at the hands of them that have broken His Covenant and His Testament, cast behind their backs His Book, disputed His verses, and finally warred against His very Self and with manifest tyranny sent Him to this place which hath been named the Most Great Prison by the tongue of Him Who is our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the standards have been raised aloft, the tokens have appeared, the trees of utterance have been planted in the garden of true understanding, and the river of life hath flowed throughout all contingent being! I beseech Thee to assist those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from Thy remembrance, O Lord of all names, and whom no earthly might hath

kept back from the Most Sublime Horizon. I moreover beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen realms, to aid Thy loved ones with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Help in Peril.

And furthermore, thy letters were received, and each bore true witness and gave eloquent testimony to the praise and glorification of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, the Object of worship of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. In truth, the fragrance of that honored one's love was diffused therefrom. Well is it with thee, and again, well is it with thee, for thou hast drunk from the cup of the All-Merciful's love and partaken of the outpourings of the ocean of certitude. This servant was so delighted and gladdened by his words that the pen fails to describe it, for it is abundantly clear that every utterance and expression from which the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds is wafted brings fresh life to the soul and boundless joy to the spirit. In truth, this station transcends description and is sanctified above all praise. A hundred thousand blessings upon that honored one who has attained to that which the world, after long anticipation, was found to be heedless of, save those whom God has willed. In any case, after reading and becoming acquainted with it, I repaired to that station where "God was, and there was none beside Him." After attaining to the presence and observing silence, permission was granted, and thy petition and letter were presented in their entirety. These sublime words were then revealed in response from the Kingdom of Divine utterance - exalted be His might and majesty - and these are His mighty words:

In My Name, the Hearer, in My Name, the Answerer

O Muhammad-Qabli! In these days, at every moment, from the murmuring of the Kawthar of inner meanings, flowing from the right hand of the Divine Throne, a word is heard, and this exalted word has now attained to the hearing of the Lord of Names. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. By the life of the Desired One! Whoso hath attained unto it is longed for by the highest Paradise and the dwellers of the most exalted Heaven and those who circle round His mighty Throne. O Muhammad-Qabli! Thou hast heard the call of the Wronged One time and again, and this is yet another time, a bounty from His presence - and He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Noble. The servant who is present came with thy letter and presented it before the Face while the Wronged One was in evident sorrow. By God's life! My sorrow is not for My imprisonment, nor for what hath befallen Me at the hands of Mine enemies, but rather for those who attribute themselves to Us yet commit that which causeth the tears to flow from the eyes of them that know. This is a Day whereon it behooveth every soul who hath turned to the Face to adopt My attributes and to hold fast to that which hath been sent down in My wondrous Book.

Hear in the Persian tongue! The grief of God hath ever been due to the deeds that have appeared from His loved ones. The imprisonment of Mihdi and those who were with him, and what befell Me in the path of God, have not been and are not the cause of sorrow. Rather, this station is one of supreme joy, greatest delight and complete gladness. Today in one of the Tablets this most great verse was revealed from the Supreme Pen: "Blessed are they who have entered prison in My path and whom tribulation hath befallen for My Name. By God's life! Their abasement is not equaled by the glory of the world, nor their

poverty by the wealth of princes, nor by the treasures of those whom riches have kept back from the Ultimate Goal."

O Muhammad-Qabli! The opposition and objections of princes, divines and doctors are as water for the Divine Lote-Tree and as the spring breezes for it. Its effects are manifest and its fruits evident. However, unseemly deeds and conduct that conflict with God's Book are observed to be as poison, for the heedless people attribute them to the Truth. Today one must aid the Cause of God through the hosts of spiritual virtues, goodly words, and deeds that are pleasing and acceptable. These hosts are and have ever been mightier than the hosts of the world.

O Muhammad! In truth I say, every word that shineth forth from the Dayspring of Divine utterance is as the sun, and every letter is as an ocean. How excellent is the state of him who is illumined by the splendors of the Sun of His utterance and who hath drunk from the ocean of meanings. O 'Ali! The heedless have not entered the school of awareness nor drunk from the ocean of knowledge. The fingers of power have fashioned from the tablets of utterance the armor of certitude, yet most of the people of the realm of possibilities have passed by the first adorning and clung to the garments of fancy and idle imaginings. Fie upon them and upon those who followed them without clear proof from Us and evidence from Our presence!

Gladden the loved ones of those regions and that place through God's - glorified be His majesty - care and kindness. Say: Know ye the value of these divine days and arise as behooveth you. Today the Balance is visible, the Path manifest, the Call raised high, and the Mother Book speaking. Strive that perchance ye may be blessed with a word of acceptance from the Supreme Pen, or be assisted to perform a deed whose fragrance shall never fade. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth resplendent from the horizon of the Most Great Prison! If anyone were to become aware of the reward for good deeds, even to the extent of a mustard seed, he would freely sacrifice his life to attain it.

O friends! These are days around which all centuries and ages revolve, and this is a time before which all times in the world bow down in humility. Let not the diverse colors of the world deprive you of everlasting bounty and eternal, enduring blessings. We beseech God - glorified be His majesty - not to deprive those cities and lands that are the dwelling-places of His loved ones from the effulgences of the lights of the sun of religion, truthfulness and trustworthiness. He is the One with power whom the veils of the world have not hindered.

He is the All-Powerful One Whom the veils of the world have not hindered and the might of nations has not prevented from His purpose. Thou shalt not grieve over anything. Rejoice in this Most Great Tablet, from which the Concourse on High has inhaled the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have been awakened by the Call and have answered their Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

The tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh; it is its own interpreter and its own expounder. The words, utterances and petitions of this evanescent one are as nothingness before His presence and as feeble before the kingdom of utterance. Yet since this is the day of supreme bounty and greatest favor, every

soul may confidently engage in mentioning the Beloved. Had mercy not preceded and grace not been witnessed, this evanescent one would never have dared to speak a word. In all conditions, I beseech pardon from God, exalted be His glory, and entreat His loved ones not to forget this servant in their moments of remembrance, meditation and tranquility of heart.

That which hath flowed from the tongue of grandeur clearly manifests the degrees of love, mercy, grace and kindness of God, exalted be His glory, towards you. Praise be to God, you have attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. You and this evanescent one and the other friends must beseech God to adorn the world with the light of justice and fairness and to guide the transgressors. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

As to your mention of Ridvan and the arrival of divine verses and the joy and gladness of the friends - these matters were presented before the throne and attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. His word, exalted be His grandeur, once again:

O thou who hast turned towards Me! Blessed is he who hath attained unto My good-pleasure in My Ridvan and hath acted according to what was commanded in the Book of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thou hast heard the Call before and after; hearken now in this moment wherein the Ancient Beauty hath spoken: Verily there is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. Counsel My loved ones with wisdom and utterance lest there appear that which would trouble the hearts of the weak ones. This is what hath been sent down at this moment and before in the tablets of thy Lord, the Knower of the seen and unseen. Say: O people of the village! Do what ye have been commanded in My Book. Verily He will be with you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, did ye but know. Rejoice in My remembrance of you, for nothing that hath been created on earth can equal it, to this do honored servants bear witness. None should speak that which would cause clamor to arise between the cities and villages. He counseleth you as a grace from His presence, and He is the Counselor, the Compassionate.

Blessed are those souls who have attained unto the good-pleasure of God in His Ridvan. Happy are they and joy be unto them. May the bestowal of this cup never cease and may His loved ones never be deprived of the outpourings of this chalice. Verily He is the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

As to their desire for circumambulation and turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon, these two matters were presented at the Threshold of Divine Unity. Permission for circumambulation was granted, and this servant proudly performed it as your representative. Praise be to God in all conditions! I swear by the Beloved of the world that if this servant were to declare that a single circumambulation around Him exceeds the worship of all humanity and the jinn, it would be truth itself. Rather, he considers himself lacking and deficient in making even this statement, for the rewards of this deed are and have been unlimited, and none save divine knowledge has encompassed it. As the Bab - may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake - addressed the honored Azim, upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory, saying: “Verily, to sit for one hour in His presence is better than the worship of both worlds.”

As for the matter of attaining His presence, after it was presented at the Most Holy Court, this exalted Word was revealed from the Most Exalted Horizon. He says, exalted be His glory and majesty:

“O Muhammad-Qabli-Ali! God created the world for the purpose of turning to My countenance, standing before My gate, gazing toward My horizon, and speaking My beautiful praise. Yet when the Supreme Luminary illumined the horizon of the world, the nations turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. The Books of God have spoken of this Name and given glad tidings of this Day wherein He Who conversed on Sinai proclaims: ‘There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Powerful.’ The Cry has been raised, the Tree has called out, the Calamity has struck, the Inevitable has come to pass, the Trump has sounded, and the hidden Secret has been revealed, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have risen in opposition to such an extent that they have denied what was revealed in the Books of God, the Exalted, the Great. They have broken God’s Covenant and cast His Book behind their backs. Verily, they are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

“O Muhammad-Qabli-Ali! Hear in the Persian tongue what is sweeter: The whole world was created for the recognition of and meeting with Him on this blessed Day, and no deed can equal this deed. This act is seated upon the throne of glory and established at the fore of all existence. Nevertheless, the people have failed to recognize the worth of this Day and what has appeared therein, and have perpetrated that which has caused all atoms of creation, the dwellers of the highest chambers, and the manifestations of verses to lament and weep. By God’s life! The path to attaining His presence is clear and evident, and His loved ones are seeking it, yet heedless servants have prevented the people of Baha from reaching the Most Exalted Horizon and have held back the companions of the Crimson Ark from movement. The darkness of oppression has encompassed the world, and until this oppression ceases, neither kings nor subjects, neither rulers nor others shall find rest. Each day brings new hardship and fresh corruption, as you have seen and heard. In these days, due to the sedition in the Land of Ta, improper talk has somewhat spread even in this land. Therefore, we have paused in granting permission, and we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to record from the Supreme Pen the reward for attaining His presence. Verily, He has power over all things and is worthy to answer.”

Man needs a hundred thousand eyes to weep at what hath been inflicted upon the Self of God, exalted be His glory - that which all created things and beings are powerless to recount. They have attributed corruption to the Ocean of reformation, and injustice to the Dayspring of everlasting lights. Glory be to God! What heedlessness is this, that hath bewildered all the realms of knowledge. In any case, since the mercy of the Desired One hath taken precedence, we must, with utmost supplication and imploring, beseech the Almighty not to deprive His servants and to grant them a portion from the ocean of vision, that perchance they may attain unto consciousness and arise to do what behooveth them. He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, and He is the Bestower, the Kind. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

Concerning what thou didst write about the bathhouse and the Mashriqu’l-Adhkar, it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. This is what the Tongue of the Chosen One hath spoken regarding the Mashriqu’l-Adhkar, exalted be His majesty and His power:

Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who hath enabled thee to serve His Cause. Despite the clamor of the people of the world, their sedition and corruption, and the uprising of all to extinguish the divine light of remembrance, from you and His loved ones this edifice hath become manifest and evident. This

structure shall be accompanied by everlasting remembrance, for it was built in the name of God during the days of God and hath been adorned with the ornament of His approval. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to serve His Cause with steadfastness and to observe what God hath revealed in His Book. This world is evanescent; soon shall all return to nothingness, and there shall endure only that which hath been ordained by the Supreme Pen from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

As for what thou didst mention concerning the bathhouse and the assistance of the friends in that land, this utterance hath been revealed from the Dayspring of divine revelation. His words, blessed and exalted be He:

Blessed are they who have acted with goodness and who have arisen to serve the Cause in the days of God. Blessed are they who have labored and they who have rendered assistance. Convey to all of them greetings from the Wronged One and say: The recompense for goodly deeds is preserved and treasured with God. Rejoice in this most exalted Word. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Announcer, the All-Knowing. Every deed that appeareth today in the path of God is recorded as the sovereign of deeds in the Book of Names and is inscribed by the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they that act and blessed are they that understand. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The friends whose deeds are mentioned before the Divine Throne and whose praise floweth from the Tongue of Grandeur, by the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, such souls stand in the highest station and are accounted among the most exalted of creation in the sight of God. We hope from His grace and favor that He may enable this evanescent one and other gentlemen and friends to make up for what hath escaped us in the days of God. A whole world of tongues would be needed to make mention of that which is hidden from eyes. None is aware of the requirements of consummate wisdom. Verily our Lord, the All-Wise, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Another glad-tiding is that mention of your parents was made before His presence, and the word of forgiveness was uttered from the tongue of the All-Desired One. Verily doth the Servant praise Him and thank Him for the wondrous tokens of His grace and bounty unto him who hath turned unto Him and arisen to serve Him.

As for what thou didst write concerning thy wife and sister and others, it was laid before the Divine Throne. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply, exalted be His glory:

O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali! Give glad-tidings to thy wife on My behalf and make mention of her through My verses. Verily thy Lord answereth him who calleth upon Him, remembereth him who remembereth Him, and turneth unto him who turneth unto Him, as a token of His grace, for He is the Forgiving, the Generous. We have made mention of her and We have made mention of thy sister as a mercy from thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Blessed is the servant who hath believed in God on the Last Day, and blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned unto Him and attained unto the lights of the Throne whereon thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, is seated. Convey My greetings unto them both from the Wronged One, and unto those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a king have We found heedless of this Day, and how many a handmaiden hath attained unto this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, save whom God hath willed, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Soon shall pass

away that which the queens possess, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down for My handmaidens from the Ancient Revealer. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon every handmaiden whom the clamor of the idolaters hath not kept back.

Grace upon grace, mercy upon mercy, bounty upon bounty, loving-kindness upon loving-kindness, are manifest and evident. What praiser can adequately render praise, and what thanksgiver can render sufficient thanks? Within each loving-kindness lie concealed a hundred thousand bounties, and for each bounty a hundred thousand thanks are required. God forgive this meaningless limitation! Nay, infinite thanks are not sufficient, let alone limited, numbered thanks. Who is able to thank Him as He deserves to be thanked? Who is able to praise Him as He deserves to be praised? Nay, by His very Self, all are powerless, all fall short.

In reference to what thou didst write concerning the testament of the departed, ascended, exalted leaf, the daughter of the sister of the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious – these words were heard in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He Who was God and there was naught else besides Him. Blessed is she, for she hath drunk from the chalice of My love, soared in My atmosphere, spoken My praise, attained unto the hearing of My call, submitted to My Cause, and turned with her heart to My horizon. We make mention of her with such remembrance as shall cause the near ones to perceive the fragrance of eternity. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in this manifest Prison.

We have accepted from those related to the Leaf such deeds as have not yet come to pass. We have previously said: The intention of the believer is better than his deed. The intention of that honored lady, upon her be the Glory of God and His mercy, hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Blessed is she and joy be unto her. We have mentioned her before and make mention of her from this time forth. Every bearer of a name testifieth to My loving-kindness, My bounty, and My mercy, which encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness unto her as it bore witness before – that she heard the call of her Lord, turned unto Him, and responded to her Master, the Mighty, the Generous. That which creation beholdeth cannot be compared with My testimony. To this beareth witness He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who readeth what hath been sent down for her from the heaven of My loving-kindness. We testify that he is among the triumphant ones. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon her and upon those who have turned to God when the Intended One came with a mighty command.

The mention of that company hath ever been, from the first day until now, in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. The servant beareth witness that they have attained unto that which hath been revealed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. I beseech God to protect them and aid them in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Likewise, I convey greetings to each one, and with utmost humility and supplication, I request them to seek divine confirmation for this evanescent one, that he may perchance fulfill this mighty service.

As to what was written regarding uncertainty about whether certain matters may be mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence – it is certainly permissible, nay rather, necessary, for judgment proceedeth according to what is apparent, and the affairs of the chosen ones, particularly those souls who are under the glance of divine favor, must assuredly be mentioned so that the decree may issue forth from the Source of the Cause.

The mention of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. He saith, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance:

He is the Hearer and the Answerer […]

This is a Remembrance from Us to one who has turned to God, the Lord of all worlds, that from My remembrance the fragrance of My loving-kindness may be diffused among My servants. Verily, I am the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

The Most Exalted Pen moveth at all times and maketh mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful. Indeed, it is the Kawthar of Life amidst all created things. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe betide the heedless ones.

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Throne - this place that hath been named the Most Great Prison in the Book of Names, and the Heaven of heavens in My perspicuous Tablet. Thou didst hear thy Lord's call once from the Prison, and again from this Spot that hath been named the Most Exalted Paradise in the Crimson Scroll, which none hath understood save thy Lord, the All-Knowing.

We counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of thy Lord may be exalted, and with such deeds as the Concourse on High may bear witness unto. This behooveth thee and thy kinship with this momentous Announcement. We have heard thy call and have answered thee out of Our grace at this hour when the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, and We make mention of him who hath held fast to His sure cord.

We heard thy call aforetime and sent unto thee that wherefrom the fragrance of My luminous garment was wafted. Beware lest the affairs of the world grieve thee. Leave them behind thee, placing thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of this wondrous Remembrance. The Glory shining from the horizon of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom neither the might of the world hath kept back from the Most Great Name, nor have the weapons of the nations frightened - they who denied God's right and His Manifestation by following the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Praise be to God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Here endeth that which was revealed for His honor Abu'l-Hasan. The splendor of God rest upon them both. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Abu'l-Hasan! At this moment from the sighing of the fire of the Blessed Tree was heard this goodly word: By God! He who attaineth today unto one word from God hath attained unto all good. Blessed are they who attain! Beseech ye God that He may aid His servants, that perchance He may not deprive them of the waves of the ocean of meanings which in every instant speaketh forth through a book, and withhold them not from the lights of the Sun of Truth. This Wronged One hath accepted the tribulations of the world for the guidance of His servants, and there hath befallen Him that which none save God can reckon. Today it beseemeth all to make mention of the Beloved of all possibility with the utmost wisdom, eloquence, sanctity and detachment; and should they find a receptive soil, let them cast the Word therein, otherwise He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Powerful. The condition of the people of the earth is observed to be so base that the Supreme Pen hath uttered the previous word and reminded His loved ones of the words "Dissimulation is My religion and the religion of My forefathers." Today it behooveth no one to confess before the faces of men. This is a command that hath been sent down anew from God, the Ancient Commander. O Baha! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Mention hath been made of thee before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee as We made mention of thee before. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto the hearing of My utterance, and the servant who hath acted according to that which was sent down in My perspicuous Book. From this spot We send Our greetings unto thee and unto those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed, and We counsel you to perform pure deeds and to show forth such virtues as God hath made the cause of the attraction of His servants and the glory and honor of them that are turned unto Him. We make mention of those whom We have not mentioned in the Tablet and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth the days of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And We make mention of My handmaidens there and send Our greetings unto them from this far station. The glory of God be upon them from God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Here endeth that which was sent down from the Kingdom of the loving-kindness of our Bountiful Lord unto the people of the village. His word - exalted be His utterance and glorified be His grandeur - is: In My Name, the One Who ruleth over all names.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those among the people of My village who heard, turned unto, and answered their Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. We made mention of you before with such remembrance that when it issued forth from the mouth of My Will, the remembrances of the world bowed down before it. To this beareth witness he who possesseth the Manifest Book. This is the Day wherein the rivers of utterance have flowed forth in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed are ye for having hearkened unto the call of your Lord from the Most Exalted Horizon and turned unto Him with such submission as caused all created things to bow down, and beyond them every discerning soul. Beware lest the might of princes frighten you, or the denial of the ignorant who claim knowledge without clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, deter you. Take the chalice of utterance in the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful, then drink therefrom with the wisdom We have sent down in diverse Tablets and in this wondrous Tablet. This is the Cause at whose appearance the idols wailed, and every stubborn oppressor was thunderstruck. Blessed is he who hath spoken that which God hath testified, and blessed is he who hath heard that which hath been sent down from His mighty Kingdom. Thus hath the Tongue of Eternity spoken from His Most Great Prison, as a token of His grace

unto those who have turned unto Him with radiant faces and have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden by God, the Mighty, the Great. O people of the village! Upon you be My Glory, upon you be My loving-kindness, upon you be My mercy throughout the eternity of My kingdom and My dominion, and the dwellers of the cities of My might which none hath discovered save he who proclaimeth at this moment that there is none other God but I, the Manifest Truth.

Here endeth what was revealed for his honor Mulla Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. He - exalted be His grandeur - hath spoken:

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon.

Today the Euphrates of divine mercy is flowing, and the heavenly Kawthar is streaming forth. The rays of the Sun of Truth have encompassed the world, and the call of unity has taken hold of all realities of existence. All the appointed times mentioned in the divine Books have been fulfilled, and the heavenly promises have been made manifest. The hidden secret and treasured mystery that lay concealed in the heart of the Holy Books has been revealed and made evident before the faces of all peoples in the gathering of the world. Yet the people's attachment to self and desire has so veiled them that they remain heedless and unaware of all things. The Spirit of Truth continuously calls out from the highest horizon, heralding to creation the Sovereign of Revelation and the Speaker on Sinai, but love of the world has so encompassed them that they are deprived of hearing the call and forbidden from beholding the lights. Have they deemed these transient ornaments to be everlasting, or have they taken varying colors as their lords? Woe unto them and unto those who follow them without any clear proof from Us or evidence from Our presence. We testify that they are among the companions of the Fire.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee. By My life! Nothing in all creation can equal it. God will soon reveal the stations of those who have attained unto His remembrance, and will manifest in the realm of being whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The clamor hath been raised - this is what We foretold you aforetime. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Counsel My loved ones to show forth the utmost steadfastness, and to do that which befitteth the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. From this spot We send Our greetings unto thee and unto him who was named Muhammad-Taqi, and We give him glad tidings of that which We have sent down for him from the heaven of Our mercy - the rain of My wondrous utterance. We had mentioned him before with a remembrance that We testify shall endure as long as the names of thy Lord, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth, shall endure.

We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah and give him glad tidings of his Lord's gracious favor. O Nasru'llah! We counsel thee to be patient and tranquil, and to that which will manifest the station of man in the contingent world. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Let not the barking of every clamorous one who hath taken fancy as his lord instead of God cause thee to grieve. He is assuredly among the polytheists in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! All the books of the world cannot equal that which We possess. Judge fairly within thyself, O heedless and veiled one! This is the Day whereon the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, and the Dove of Utterance hath

cooed upon the branches, and the Bird of Proof hath warbled. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

We make mention of him who was named Ghulam and counsel him to be steadfast in this Cause, at whose appearance the hearts of those who ascend the pulpits and occupy the chief seats were troubled. Place thy trust in all things in God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast aided me to recognize Thy hidden Mystery, whereof Thou didst give glad tidings through the tongues of Thy Prophets and Chosen Ones in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is no God but Thee, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Sovereign over the kingdom of earth and heaven.

This lowly servant conveys his greetings and salutations to each of the people of the village and states that all must be engaged in service to the Cause with the utmost wisdom, and arise to make up for what has been lost, for other days are not possible. I beseech and implore God to preserve the deeds, actions and spiritual virtuous character of His friends in the treasuries of His protection and store them up for each one. He is the Just, and He is the Trustworthy. He Himself hath said: “Verily, He does not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.” Strive that there may appear from you such deeds as the extinction and forgetfulness of the mortal world cannot obliterate nor veil from sight. He is powerful and mighty over all things. Likewise, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for his honor Aqa Mulla Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he be assisted to read it - by its reading hearts are gladdened and eyes are consoled. And concerning those servants of God and handmaidens who were enabled to pay the Rights of God and sent them - these were received. Praise be to God, they were confirmed in that which was revealed in the Book from the Supreme Pen. And some of the sent leaves attained their ultimate purpose and the Purpose of the world - that is, they were blessed by touching the Sacred Body. Blessed are those who sent them and those who wove them, and blessed are they themselves. Every single thing that attains the presence today has attained the fruit of its own existence. As commanded, convey greetings to each one and gladden them with words of acceptance. Glory, praise and exaltation be upon you and upon those who have attained the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH11375 ===

=== START BH11376 ===

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Loving, to spread out for those who have ascended unto Thee the carpet of mercy and forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH11376 ===

=== START BH11380 ===

Pay no attention to those who claim knowledge for themselves, and let not the size of their turbans frighten you, nor their wagging tongues and their outcries when they deny the outpouring from this Dawning Cloud that is exalted, mighty and luminous.

=== END BH11380 ===

=== START BH11381 ===

He is God! O My Name “The All-Forgiving”! Give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, for by His name “The All-Forgiving” He hath forgiven the sins of all the worlds, and verily He is the One Who chooseth, in the beginning and in the end.

=== END BH11381 ===

=== START BH11382 ===

O My Name! By My glory and grandeur and majesty: at the moment when I gaze upon thee, I see no one possessed of sin upon the face of the earth. Know this and conceal it.

=== END BH11382 ===

=== START BH11389 ===

His honor Haji Abdul-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O My Most Exalted Pen! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the comprehension of all created things. All necks have bowed down before His grandeur and all names have prostrated themselves before His sovereignty. He hath shown the Way unto His loved ones and, through His bounty, grace, favor and generosity, revealed unto them the Proof. He it is Who, ere the creation of the heavens and earth, bore witness unto His own oneness and the singularity of His Being, and testified unto Him Who came with the Truth that He is the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Book, and His irrevocable Decree. Through Him the Herald raised his call from every direction, the verses were sent down, the clear proofs appeared, the clouds spoke forth and rained upon all peoples. He it is Who hath stood in His place in all things and been established upon the throne of Revelation. Whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and whoso denieth and turneth away is accounted among the wrongdoers in a Book which none but He hath seen. Thus hath He appeared and made manifest His Cause through His sovereignty, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the rivers have flowed and the mysteries been revealed! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets, and to Thy power before which all created things have bowed down, and Thy might which hath encompassed all contingent beings. O my Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon after hearing Thy sweetest call, and who standeth detached from all else but Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy Command through which Thou didst transform the earth into heaven and caused all things to speak forth before the faces of humanity, to make me one of those whom

the oppression of the oppressors and the tyranny of the transgressors - they who have cast behind them the choice wine of Thy utterance and the Kawthar of Thy bounty, and seized that which they were forbidden in Thy Book - hath not frightened. O my Lord! Thou seest the evanescent one desiring the cup of immortality in meeting Thee, the thirsty one Thy choice wine, the poor one the ocean of Thy riches, the weak one the horizon of Thy power, the stranger the pavilions of Thy grandeur, the oppressed one the deep ocean of Thy justice, the weary one the kingdom of Thy remembrance, the sick one the sea of Thy healing, the unlettered one the Mount of Thy knowledge and proof, the sleeping one Thy sweetest call, the naked one the robe of Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the kingdom of names, and the sorrowful one the shore of the sea of Thy joy, O Lord of the Throne and earth! By Thy glory, O my God, my Goal and my Beloved! The heart findeth no rest save through the Day-Star of assurance from the direction of Thy grace, nor doth the eye become tranquil except by beholding the horizon of Thy manifestation, nor doth the soul find repose save through the appearances of Thy generosity and bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest me circling round Thy will and purpose, and submissive unto that which hath appeared from Thee. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heaven of Thy wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Thy grace to make me in all circumstances turned toward the lights of Thy countenance and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. I testify that this Day is Thy Day, and the Command Thy Command, and the Light Thy Light. I beseech Thee by these to aid me in that which shall cause my remembrance to endure in Thy Book and my station among the people of Thy Kingdom. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the power of the wicked weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest by Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O my Lord! Change Thou the hardship of Thy loved ones into ease, their difficulty into comfort, their abasement into glory, and their sorrow into the greatest joy, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of mankind! Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them who have recognized Thee!

=== END BH11389 ===

=== START BH11390 ===

He is God! O hearing of the worlds! Hearken to the call of the Lord, the All-Merciful, which is raised from the direction of sorrows, that perchance through thy hearing the ears of the people of the earth may be turned and they may attain to the hearing of the Word of God.

=== END BH11390 ===

=== START BH11391 ===

He is

O my handmaiden! You have become aware of the characteristics of the Beauty of Oneness and have learned of the sanctification of the Ancient Being. Inform the handmaidens of God so that they may purify themselves from that which God does not love.

=== END BH11391 ===

=== START BH11392 ===

O ’Ali-Ghulam, upon whom be the Most Holy and Most Exalted Glory of God! This is My remembrance of My servant who was imprisoned in My path, taken captive for My remembrance, and banished for My love - that My verses may attract him, the winds of My grace stir him, the breezes of My Cause move him, My melodies draw him near, My call raise him to the heights of My bounties, My praise cause him to speak among My creatures, and make him so steadfast that neither calamities shall keep him from My nearness nor tribulations from the heaven of My mercy. O youth! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Know thou that We were aware of what befell thee in Our path, and We were with thee in hardship and ease. Beware lest the thorns of the enemies prevent thee from the mention of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. By God! Their glory is abasement and their wealth is poverty, but they understand not. Their portion in this world is as the portion of animals, and their pleasure is as the pleasure of serpents. Woe unto them for what they have wrought! Turn thy face to the Most Great Scene and say: “O Lord of destiny and Kindler of fire in hell! I beseech Thee by Thy most pure Face to make torment in Thy love sweet unto me and hardship in Thy path a comfort unto me. Then cause me, O my God, to circle round Thy Cause until my spirit ascendeth unto Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” And upon thee be the glory from God, the Sovereign of kings.

=== END BH11392 ===

=== START BH11393 ===

Beware lest ye forget courtesy, for a person is known by his courteous behavior, not by his wealth. Take pride in your knowledge and refinement, not in your ancestors and garments. Hearken unto My counsel and be not of the heedless ones.

=== END BH11393 ===

=== START BH11394 ===

This is a remembrance from the Tree of Love which has descended upon the shore of the heart, and a fire from the treasury of nearness which is ignited in the Mount of the Tablet….etc. [signed] Mahjur Mirza Aqa

=== END BH11394 ===

=== START BH11395 ===

This servant was not among the learned ones and had not traveled to distant lands, and according to outward appearance was born in the household of one of the government officials and was related to him.

=== END BH11395 ===

=== START BH11396 ===

Praise be unto Him Who speaketh, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Ibn-i-Abhar, upon thee be the Glory of God! Verily, We desire to remember and to recite that which We revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God: “Has not the time come for those who believe that their hearts should be humbled at the remembrance of God?” Glory be to God! In the days and nights divine verses and celestial evidences descend like the outpouring rain from the heaven of will. Nevertheless, all remain heedless save those whom the hand of divine power hath seized and delivered from the mire of idle fancies. Today hath appeared that which God’s Pen hath heralded and mentioned as glad tidings in all the Books of the past and future. What hath befallen the people that their ears are barred from hearing and their eyes deprived of witnessing? The divine Hand of bounty hath, in these luminous days, bestowed the choice wine of utterance and the fountain of true knowledge. No sincere seeker hath been denied a share of this most great bounty and supreme favor.

O people of God! This is the Day of joy and delight. In one of the Tablets these sublime words were revealed from the Supreme Pen: We say the day is the day of joy and delight. Joy from what? From the divine wine of the love of God in this spiritual morn. Blessed is the soul that hath sanctified itself with the living waters of the utterance of the Lord of all worlds and hath arisen with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all names–a steadfastness which neither the might of the enemy nor the wealth of the wicked can shake or deter from true constancy.

Say: O people of God! This Day is God’s Day. Cast behind you that which the people possess–their glory, their wealth, their power, their arts, their sciences, and their riches–and hold fast unto that which hath shone forth, gleamed, and diffused its fragrance from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of all worlds. In truth I say: should anyone arise to promote the Cause solely for the sake of God, his word shall undoubtedly penetrate all things, his remembrance shall prevail, and his call shall encompass all. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O son of Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His light! His honor Asad, upon him be My Glory, is present and hath repeatedly made mention of thee, seeking bounty from the True Bestower, and hath forwarded thy letters to the Most Holy Court. Every word thereof hath testified to thy devotion, steadfastness and service. Thou didst mention the resolution of certain matters - this hath been accepted and adorned with the honor of His good-pleasure. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee to exalt His Word amongst His heedless servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

In these days, without veil or hindrance, without delay or postponement, the Ship of Utterance moveth upon the sea of inner meanings. Say: O people of God! Turn ye unto Him. The Day is the Day of victory - deprive not yourselves. Glory be to God! Some heedless souls who have turned away are deprived of hearing the divine call and beholding the pearls and jewels from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen. By what proof and evidence did they believe in the Herald, while remaining heedless and veiled from Him Who sent Him and from that which He revealed? Today all the Messengers cry out from the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven, saying: “O peoples of the earth! Purify yourselves from the promptings of self and desire, and set your faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Today He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation, and His call is raised from all directions.”

O son of Abhar! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Gird up the loins of service and occupy thyself with the mention and praise of the Intended One, that perchance those who are far may draw

nigh, and those who are astray may find the path. That which hath appeared hath no parallel or likeness from the beginning of creation until now. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, and blessed the eye that hath beheld His Most Glorious, the Best-Beloved Countenance.

The Book of God speaketh before all faces, walking and giving glad tidings unto the servants concerning the horizon from which hath dawned the Sun of thy Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving. Say: O company of the heedless! Leave what ye possess. By God! The Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Through Him the ocean of utterance hath surged, the breeze of divine knowledge hath wafted, and the mysteries of what was and what will be have been revealed. Behold! Behold! The river of proof hath flowed from His utterance, and the hidden treasure of God, the Mighty, hath appeared. By My life! Neither the doubts of those who have turned away from His Face, nor the allusions of every heedless and veiled one shall withhold Him.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My grace and mercy which have preceded existence, both seen and unseen. Say: Is there any doubt about God, or about that which hath been sent down from the clouds of His Will, or about His sovereignty which hath encompassed the hosts and ranks? Say: He desireth naught save to manifest the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, and to elevate your stations. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in His mighty, treasured Book.

Say: O friends of God and His loved ones! Rejoice that your names have flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and your mention is preserved in His blessed, mighty and irrevocable Tablet. Thus hath the sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, as a grace from God, the Revealer of this unfurled scroll. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon My loved ones and friends, and upon all who are firm, steadfast and hold fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Thou didst mention certain ones who speak without understanding. In reply it must be said: Praise be to God that among the people of truth there hath not been and is not anyone like that heedless, oppressive and mendacious soul. This is cause for gratitude, not complaint. His survival from the beginning until now is evidence of his hypocrisy, deceit and falsehood. For had he spoken with truthfulness, he would have ascended like the two luminous lights and the chosen ones before and after. By the life of God! He spoke from the pulpit of the land of Sad and in the presence of Ibn Shaykh Baqir that which inflamed the hearts of those near and sincere ones. Now reflect upon the martyrdom, sacrifice, submission and contentment of the assured and sanctified souls, and likewise upon the false and lying souls. Every day thou seest to what intrigues they cling - before the opposer claiming opposition, before the acceptor claiming faith. By the life of God! They have sullied the realm of truth and sincerity. Each day through some scheme he preserveth his troubled existence. Say: O friends! Today the Sun of Truth hath appeared and is manifest and speaking from the horizon of the heaven of the prison of Akka. Neither the oppression of tyrants, nor the assault of Pharaohs, nor the doubts of those who denied the Day of Judgment have deterred It. Praise be to God! We have not concealed ourselves for an instant. Without concealment or dissimulation have we proclaimed the Cause of God. Whosoever wisheth, let him believe, and whosoever wisheth, let him deny. Verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

In these days a new thought hath occurred to those false [treacherous] souls. They have intended to steal and erase the Book of God. Say: Woe unto you, O enemies of God and His Manifestation and His Cause! Fear ye God and be not among the oppressors. The Persian Bayan is a mighty book, for it indicateth and proveth the manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory. In truth one is astonished. We beseech God to seize them with His might and prevent them through His sovereignty. O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance with His eyes! Words were previously uttered like unto the deluded faction who conversed with one of the companions. The assured one held fast to the Bayan. The other party mentioned that your Bayan is not correct. He said: Then bring forth that Bayan which you have. He said that too is not correct. He asked: Where is the correct Bayan? He replied: On the intended island. Now observe what an offensive odor emanateth from those words. We beseech God to aid them to return and be truthful, and to prosper them in turning towards the gate of His grace. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent.

Thou didst request mention of certain ones. God willing, it shall be sent another time. Be thou confident in thy Lord's grace and be of the joyous ones.

=== END BH11396 ===

=== START BH11397 ===

He is the Bestower, the Forgiver. Some must depart from the blessed city for a specified time period while others must depart forever, unless they repent unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11397 ===

=== START BH11398 ===

These are the verses of the Book which have been sent down in truth from the dominion of God, the Exalted, the Great…And I confirm what you possess of God's laws and ordinances, and I have come to you from Sinai with the call of God, the Exalted, the Triumphant, the Ancient.

=== END BH11398 ===

=== START BH11399 ===

According to the Command, before detailing the minimum taxable limits of things, they should act according to what was revealed in the Qur'an - meaning that for whatever is subject to zakat, they should act according to what was revealed in the Qur'an.

=== END BH11399 ===

=== START BH11400 ===

He is God! Praise be to God that Thou hast, through the might of Abraham, shattered the idol of vain imaginings and rent asunder the obstructing veils. This is that grace with which nothing, whether hidden or manifest, can compare.

=== END BH11400 ===

=== START BH11402 ===

He is the Most Great

Wisdom is the lord of the world and the master of nations. It is the first teacher in the school of existence. It shows the way and brings seekers to their quest and pursuers to their goal. It is the protector, the helper and the assistant.

=== END BH11402 ===

=== START BH11405 ===

He is the Luminous, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of kings and Merciful One to the servants! This servant hath turned toward Thy gate and desired Thy bounties, and being hungry hath sought Thy favors, and being thirsty hath sought the stream of Thy mercy.

=== END BH11405 ===

=== START BH11406 ===

He is the Mighty, the Great. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. I have presented myself before the Gate and heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon and attained unto that which the near ones have attained.

=== END BH11406 ===

=== START BH11407 ===

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that I am He, and He is the Glory in this most exalted and magnificent ornament. O glad tidings unto you, O denizens of immortality!

=== END BH11407 ===

=== START BH11408 ===

He is God. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth unto whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My Afnan! Be not grieved at anything, for verily He is with you under all conditions. Husayn and ’Ali.

=== END BH11408 ===

=== START BH11409 ===

God beareth witness unto His Own Self by His Own Self that verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon, and from this Horizon I speak forth in all things, declaring: “Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Wondrous.”

=== END BH11409 ===

=== START BH11410 ===

My Supreme Pen testifieth that thou hast quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge from the hands of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hast attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

=== END BH11410 ===

=== START BH11412 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity. Blessed art thou for having sought the Most Great Goal until thou didst attain the ultimate End and didst hear the Call raised from the Pavilion of Glory - verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

=== END BH11412 ===

=== START BH11413 ===

The truly learned one is he whose knowledge prevents him from all that My good-pleasure and His good-pleasure abhorreth, and the mature one is he who hath attained unto the dawning-place of My knowledge; and apart from this none is mature, even though he may live [for…] years.

=== END BH11413 ===

=== START BH11418 ===

Allah-u-Abha! We have sent unto thee a spirit from Our presence, and it is My Most Exalted Word, whereby the Bell hath pealed and the Peacock hath cried out and the mountains have passed away. The Command is in the hands of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH11418 ===

=== START BH11419 ===

His honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, and all things have proclaimed: “The Sovereign hath come! The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving!”

=== END BH11419 ===

=== START BH11420 ===

He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One

We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet. We counsel thee to show forth the utmost steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save such as God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed.

=== END BH11420 ===

=== START BH11421 ===

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to that which the Most Glorious Tongue testified in the Supreme Paradise - the station which God hath made the point of circumambulation of His Most Beautiful Names and the dwelling-place of those near unto Him.

=== END BH11421 ===

=== START BH11422 ===

I testify to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. This is a testimony that shall abide with thee, through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names, from God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible.

=== END BH11422 ===

=== START BH11423 ===

He is. The Tongue of Revelation hath spoken: There is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen. Soon shall the banners of victory be upraised, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

=== END BH11423 ===

=== START BH11424 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Manifest

This is a letter from the Youth to one of His handmaidens, that the call of the All-Merciful which hath been raised from the direction of the Throne might attract her, for by His call are drawn the hearts of all worlds. Blessed is she who hath found the fragrance of the garment from the Temple of the Cause and hath taken for herself a noble station nigh unto the mercy of her Lord. O My handmaiden! Grieve not over separation, but be content with what God hath ordained for thee, for it is better for thee than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earths. By God! He loveth those who love Him, and remembereth those who have arisen to praise His Self amongst His servants, and He is knowing of all things. Remember thy Lord, then prostrate thyself and bow down out of love for God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful. He hath ordained for thee a station in the Most Glorious Paradise. Blessed is she who hath attained unto it and entered therein through this Most Great, Most Mighty Name. And the glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in her Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

=== END BH11424 ===

=== START BH11425 ===

Say: By God! The Most Great Gate hath been opened [before the face of the nations in the name of the Lord of eternity]. Enter ye therein in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the first worlds.

=== END BH11425 ===

=== START BH11426 ===

This is a Book We have sent down in truth for whosoever has turned to the One, the All-Informed. O thou who hast turned! Verily thou didst desire to attain Our presence, but the people prevented thee from reaching Us. And thou didst seek forgiveness - We forgave thee as a grace from Our presence, and verily We are the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH11426 ===

=== START BH11427 ===

He is the Self-Subsisting

This is a Book that speaketh with truth, did ye but know it. Verily it hath been sent down from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. It beareth glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for mankind. Well is it with people who understand.

=== END BH11427 ===

=== START BH11428 ===

He is God! The Word of God is the quickener of bodies and the resurrector of souls. Therefore hearken unto His wondrous and decisive Word, that ye may be mentioned before God as being among the dwellers of the eternal cities.

=== END BH11428 ===

=== START BH11429 ===

That which hath been revealed from the direction of the Throne unto him who hath been named Ibrahim, that he may be mindful of the remembrance of God, the All-Wise. He is the Wondrous One in the Most Glorious Horizon. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses unto a people who understand.

=== END BH11429 ===

=== START BH11430 ===

He is God! The Beloved states that today no one attains unto the recognition of God except through detachment from all that is in the heavens and on earth. How excellent, then, is the state of the soul that attains unto this supreme nobility and remains steadfast therein.

=== END BH11430 ===

=== START BH11432 ===

This is what We promised thee aforetime: be patient until there passeth from the Bayan nine. Say: This was created in His grasp and all are obedient unto Him. Verily, after a time there shall come to you a Command which ye shall come to know.

=== END BH11432 ===

=== START BH11433 ===

He is, He is! The eternal Nightingale and the everlasting Dove are manifest and joyous on the right hand of Sinai with resplendent verses. O what joy for those who draw nigh unto them and hear their melody and attain to their knowledge. And peace be upon you.

=== END BH11433 ===

=== START BH11434 ===

He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O Alif before Sin! Hear the Call of God, the Most Exalted. Verily it hath been raised from the direction of Akka, and it maketh mention of those who have cast behind their backs all names, clinging fast to that which is with God, the Lord of Lords.

=== END BH11434 ===

=== START BH11435 ===

When I contemplate, O my God, the relationship that bindeth me to Thee xxx I am moved to proclaim to all created things 'verily I am God!'; and when I consider my own self, lo, I find it coarser than clay!

=== END BH11435 ===

=== START BH11437 ===

He is!

O dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise! Upon you rest the remembrance of God, and His praise, and His grace, and His favors, and His peace, and His blessings, and every goodly remembrance that hath been recorded in His Manifest Book.

=== END BH11437 ===

=== START BH11439 ===

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee. By God's life! We are with thee, and We are the One Who is near, the One Who watcheth. My glory be upon thee.

=== END BH11439 ===

=== START BH11440 ===

He is!

O rustling of the Divine Lote Tree! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. And O fragrance from the Most Exalted Paradise! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Sovereign of all names and Creator of heaven.

=== END BH11440 ===

=== START BH11441 ===

He is! O servant of God! The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy acceptance and thy turning toward the Face. Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of His loved ones and chosen ones, then of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

=== END BH11441 ===

=== START BH11442 ===

He is God! O Abdullah! Praised be God that thou hast been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and art remembered in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. Take thou the chalice of My loving-kindness from the hand of My bounty, then drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

=== END BH11442 ===

=== START BH11445 ===

O Muhammad Ja'far! May you be blessed, God willing, with divine grace! The True One, exalted be His glory, has counseled His servants in books, scriptures and psalms…

=== END BH11445 ===

=== START BH11446 ===

He is God! O Muhammad Husayn! Your brother mentioned you, and We have mentioned you with verses that were the cause of insight among humanity and the greatest means for the recognition of the peoples. Be thankful to your Lord for this great gift and this mighty grace.

=== END BH11446 ===

=== START BH11447 ===

He is the All-Loving

O thou who hast kindled the love of the friends for Thy presence and whose remembrance is celebrated at all times in the gathering of them that are sincere! I render thanks unto God for having made thee turn toward Him and for having rendered thee acceptable in the sight of His monotheistic servants.

=== END BH11447 ===

=== START BH11448 ===

He is God. O Nasru'llah! Your name was present before the Wronged One and He hath remembered thee with that which shall be recorded in the book of thy deeds as the recompense of those who have drawn nigh and those who are near. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful, and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

=== END BH11448 ===

=== START BH11449 ===

He is!

O fragrances of the earth and its mysteries, and leaves of the Divine Tree and its fruits! Blessed are ye, for ye have chosen for yourselves, beneath the shadow of your Lord's tender mercy, a station most exalted and a position most gracious.

=== END BH11449 ===

=== START BH11450 ===

He is the Manifest One

O Hand of God! The Jews said "God's hand is chained up." Say: No, by His very Self, the True One! Indeed He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Within His grasp are the reins of all matters and in His right hand are the reins of all created things.

=== END BH11450 ===

=== START BH11452 ===

The Revelation of which I am the bearer is adapted to humanity's spiritual receptiveness and capacity; otherwise, the Light that shines within me can neither wax nor wane. Whatever I manifest is nothing more or less than the measure of the Divine glory which God has bidden me reveal.

=== END BH11452 ===

=== START BH11453 ===

The heavens of thy mercy and the oceans of thy bounty are so vast that thou hast never disappointed those who begged of thee nor refused those who willed to come to thee!

=== END BH11453 ===

=== START BH11454 ===

After a time all the governments on earth will change. Oppression will envelop the world. And following a universal convulsion, the sun of justice will rise from the horizon of the unseen realm.

=== END BH11454 ===

=== START BH11455 ===

He that partaketh of the waters of My Revelation will taste all the incorruptible delights ordained by God from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end.

=== END BH11455 ===

=== START BH11456 ===

O people of the earth! Make not the religion of God a cause of variance among you. Verily of a truth, it was revealed for the unifying of the whole world.

=== END BH11456 ===

=== START BH11457 ===

I swear by My life! Nothing save that which profiteth them can befall My loved ones. To this testifieth the Pen of God, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Best Beloved.

=== END BH11457 ===

=== START BH11458 ===

The face of the world hath altered. The way of God and the religion of God have ceased to be of any worth in the eyes of men.

=== END BH11458 ===

=== START BH11459 ===

All the saplings of the world have appeared from one Tree, and all the drops from one Ocean, and all beings owe their existence to one Being.

=== END BH11459 ===

=== START BH11460 ===

God, singly and alone, abideth in His Own Place, which is holy above space and time, mention and utterance, sign, description and definition, height and depth.

=== END BH11460 ===

=== START BH11461 ===

The Lote-Tree beyond Which there is no passing, crieth out, by reason of the cruelty of the divines. It shouteth aloud, and bewaileth itself.

=== END BH11461 ===

=== START BH11462 ===

The consuls of that city (Adrianople) gathered in the presence of this Youth at the hour of His departure and expressed their desire to aid Him. They, verily, evinced towards Us manifest affection.

=== END BH11462 ===

=== START BH11463 ===

So loud hath been the voice of My lamentation that every mother mourning for her child would be amazed, and would still her weeping and her grief.

=== END BH11463 ===

=== START BH11464 ===

It would be more acceptable in My sight for a person to harm one of My own sons or relatives rather than inflict injury upon any soul.

=== END BH11464 ===

=== START BH11465 ===

Mansur, if he goes, should recite “I entrust my soul to Thy safekeeping and protection, so protect it, O Protector of all the worlds.” It is better if he recites it nine times.

=== END BH11465 ===

=== START BH11466 ===

The resplendent, brilliant, radiant Peace from God, exalted be His glory, be upon thee, O Greater Branch, and His mercy.

=== END BH11466 ===

=== START BH11471 ===

O My Name ‘The Just One’! When We gaze upon thee, We find none worthy to be gazed upon, for all are but fuel for the fire, which returneth them unto it.

=== END BH11471 ===

=== START BH11472 ===

In the Name of the One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O Leaf of Paradise! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of all created things.

=== END BH11472 ===

=== START BH11473 ===

He is the Most Splendid, the Most Glorious! We have named Our servant with a portion of Our Most Exalted Name, and he is Hussein in the Book of Names.

=== END BH11473 ===

=== START BH11475 ===

Verily He is the Glory of God unto all who are in the kingdom of command and creation, and the Lamp of Guidance unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH11475 ===

=== START BH11478 ===

O Forgiver! God willing, mayest thou be ever remembered before God and circle round His good-pleasure in all the worlds.

=== END BH11478 ===

=== START BH11479 ===

He is the Mighty. O Majdu'd-Din! Divine favors concerning you are many. On Friday you were mentioned in the presence of nearness. Come, come!

=== END BH11479 ===

=== START BH11480 ===

These base and vile beings, who are the epitome of all those who have been rejected and cast out in every Dispensation, have risen up with the utmost hatred and animosity.

=== END BH11480 ===

=== START BH11482 ===

In the Name of Him Who sendeth down the verses in truth though all were deprived thereof, and we seek help from our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

=== END BH11482 ===

=== START BH11483 ===

He is the Most Excellent, the Best Beloved!

A lock of My hair is My Cord. He who layeth fast hold on it shall never to all eternity go astray, for therein is his guidance to the splendours of the Light of His Beauty.

=== END BH11483 ===

=== START BH11485 ===

He is God! The veils of vain imaginings are to be rent asunder in such wise that the denizens of the sacred pavilions of divine holiness will hear its call and all will exclaim “Blessed be God, the Most Powerful of the powerful ones!”

=== END BH11485 ===

=== START BH11489 ===

Write in reply to Mirza Amanu’llah that mention was made of you in the Most Holy Presence.

=== END BH11489 ===

=== START BH11491 ===

In the letter of his honor the Nazir (may 9 be upon him), [Baha’u’llah] also inscribes expressions of divine favor and grace.

=== END BH11491 ===

=== START BH11493 ===

In the name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. O Lord! Bestow upon me mercy from Thy presence, for verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH11493 ===

=== START BH11495 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O servant who art mentioned in the scrolls of thy Lord’s protection, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One Who summoneth the servants from this Prison unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee and thy brother. By His very Self! He knoweth what hath been and what shall be. Looking from this horizon upon those who have wronged Us, He shall assuredly seize them through His justice. Be not sorrowful, but patient, for He is with them that endure with patience. Consider the world and those who pursued it aforetime - dost thou see them in their former state? Nay, by thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Beloved! Soon shall the gates be opened before the faces of them who have stood firm, and when they enter therein they shall find themselves the monarchs of all who dwell in the realm of being. Had the world held any worth in thy Lord’s estimation, He would not have allowed His loved ones to suffer that which hath caused them such distress as witnessed by both the seen and the unseen. Soon shall it perish, and glory shall remain with those who accepted abasement in the path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings unto those who have set their faces toward the Sacred Sanctuary - they are indeed the sincere ones.

=== END BH11495 ===

=== START BH11496 ===

He is God!

My hair is My Veil whereby I conceal My Beauty, that haply the eyes of the non-believers among My servants may not fall upon it. Thus do We conceal from the sight of the ungodly the glorious and sublime beauty of Our Countenance.

=== END BH11496 ===

=== START BH11500 ===

The noble character of Hatim-i-Ta'i was the cause of the elevation, loftiness and spread of his generosity and munificence, and nothing else.

=== END BH11500 ===

=== START BH11501 ===

Blessed are the handmaidens who have held fast to the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of holiness.

=== END BH11501 ===

=== START BH11502 ===

Blessed is the soul who reclines upon his couch while his heart is illumined with love for all the peoples of the world.

=== END BH11502 ===

=== START BH11506 ===

He said: We beseech God that He may enable them to act in accordance with that which they have been commanded in God's lands and His kingdom.

=== END BH11506 ===

=== START BH11508 ===

He is God

The lights of the Face have shone forth from the Dayspring of eternity - there is no God but Him, the Luminous, the All-Glorious.

=== END BH11508 ===

=== START BH11511 ===

He is the Mighty! The Temple of Holiness hath appeared in the form of the sun in the midst of heaven. Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!

=== END BH11511 ===

=== START BH11513 ===

O my God! Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones.

=== END BH11513 ===

=== START BH11517 ===

The purpose of creation hath been the knowledge of God. Yet now, like unto rays diffused and fragrances wafted, all are heedless save whom God willeth.

=== END BH11517 ===

=== START BH11520 ===

He is God! We bear witness that the Afnan have testified to that which the Tree hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11520 ===

=== START BH11522 ===

Any soul from whom signs of wickedness and lust become manifest, such a one is not and has never been of the Truth.

=== END BH11522 ===

=== START BH11523 ===

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance

O ’Ali-before-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. My Afnan, upon him be My glory, hath informed Me of thy departure and thy journey with him whom God hath loved. Blessed is he who hath attained to the recognition of the Intended One, and the seeker who hath turned unto Him in this wondrous and glorious Day. We have manifested the Cause, revealed the verses, and summoned all to God, the Lord of the worlds. Yet when God’s proof appeared and His evidence was made manifest, the people turned away and opposed it through their own evil doings. They are assuredly among the losers. Among the people are those who turned away, those who opposed, those who pronounced judgment, and those who shed blood at the bidding of every remote oppressor. They killed and plundered in such wise that grief overtook the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and those whom God made the inheritors of His exalted House. The more they increased in their wretchedness, the more did the Glory increase in manifesting His firm and mighty Cause. By God’s life! Nothing hath deterred Us, nor hath the oppression of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, caused Us fear.

O ’Ali! Every deed performed for God’s sake shall be accepted. Work in the new land accordeth with wisdom, and the tongue of consultation hath confirmed it. Today all must arise with complete dedication to promote God’s Cause, but only when wisdom requireth it. In all cases, observe its requirements. For instance, silence is preferable to speech when wisdom so dictates, and likewise the reverse. In these days

silence is nearer to piety, as its opposite causeth mischief. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and will continue to be mindful of His servants in all conditions.

O Akbar! May God willing, thou be assisted in that which exalteth the Cause of God. Whatsoever causeth tumult is unacceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. If a pure and holy land be found, deposit therein God's trust, which is His Word. Otherwise, barren lands are not and never will be worthy. We have chosen wisdom and revealed it in the Book as a command from Us, and We are verily the Commander, the All-Wise.

Glory be to God! For ages and centuries people have been enslaved by vain imaginings and idle fancies, bereft of understanding. Even after the manifestation of the Cause and the dawning of the Sun of Certitude, they remain heedless and unaware. They are oblivious to and deprived of the gate of mercy that hath been opened today before the face of all the worlds, yet they inquire about tales of the ancients. In truth, most ears are unworthy of this call, though this is the Day of hearing and seeing. All are deprived of hearkening and forbidden from beholding.

Give thanks unto God for the turning of the Ancient Beauty's countenance toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and for His revelation of that which delighteth the eyes of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and dawn. Praise God for having revealed for every name mentioned in thy book that which proclaimeth in the most exalted voice between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the Final Return.

We make mention of the friends of God in Yazd and in Alif and Ra [Ardakan], and counsel them with that whereby His mighty and impregnable Cause may be exalted. O My friends in that land! Beware lest the affairs of men prevent you from the Truth. Cast aside what is with the people, clinging fast to God, the Lord of lords. Beware lest the might of the world frighten you. Take the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness, then drink therefrom with mention of His name, the Mighty, the Bestower. It behooveth you to manifest that which will cause the hearts to tremble of those who violated God's Covenant and Testament, who denied His signs and rejected His proof and evidence, until they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the clouds to lament. O people of Baha! The treacherous ones and clamourers have risen in opposition - those ignorant ones who appear in the garb of the learned. By God's life! They have manifested such tyranny as no oppressor had ever intended before. From the days when the Day-Star of the horizons shone forth from the horizon of Iraq, We informed all of the appearance of the clamourers and birds of darkness. The people of truth must be so steadfast in the Cause that the entire world will find itself powerless to prevent them. In this Most Great Revelation all are commanded to see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. Whoso desireth to know Him, let him look with his own eyes. Thus hath the Tongue of the Bayan spoken in the Kingdom of wisdom. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Convey My greetings to My friends who have held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My luminous robe. We make mention in this station of servants whose names were mentioned before, as a grace from Us upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness in the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad ibn Ghulam! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee that thou mayest find the fragrance of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful and be of those who are assured. How many were the servants who considered themselves among God's chosen ones and the noblest of creation, yet when the winds of tests moved even as much as the eye of a needle, they broke God's Covenant and joined the hosts of polytheism. After divine recognition, steadfastness is necessary. O friends! Guard yourselves through the name of Truth from Satan's hosts. Falsehood hath spread its snares in the name of truth. Fear God and be of those who are firmly established. We beseech God to preserve all from the putrid pool and guide them to the living waters. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

And We make mention of him who is named Ibrahim that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be of those who stand firm in the Cause of his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Ibrahim! Today the thirsty ones are turned toward the ocean of God's loving-kindness and the rebellious ones toward the river of forgiveness. Blessed is the poor one who turned toward the horizon of wealth and the stranger who set his face toward the most exalted homeland. And blessed are those whom the whisperings of devils did not prevent from the manifest horizon, who arose with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of creation and spoke that which caused the denizens of the Supreme Paradise to rejoice. Blessed are they that have attained.

And We make mention of him who is named Asadu'llah and counsel him with My attributes and My character and with that whereby My mighty Cause may be uplifted. Take thou the Book of God with power from Him and be not of the patient ones. The promise hath come and the appointed time hath been fulfilled. The command is God's, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the one standing firm whom Satan's doubts did not cause to sit, and the steadfast one whom the signals of the rebellious did not cause to move, and the one who turned toward God whom the hosts of the oppressors did not frighten. Blessed is he who fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament, and woe unto the violators. Beware lest vain imaginings veil thee or the traces of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, prevent thee.

We make mention of him who is named Javad and counsel him with that which beseemeth the Cause of God in this wondrous and glorious Day. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou hast been given by the One Who commandeth, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who is named 'Ali-Akbar. Verily We have given him and those who have believed the glad tidings of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who was promised in the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast and firm in the Cause of thy Lord and say:

Praise be to Thee for having created me and manifested me. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what is with Thee. O Lord! Thou hearest the clamor of Thy servants and creatures and what the oppressors among Thy creation utter. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

O Muhammad-Rida! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison of 'Akka. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and be of them who render thanks. We have manifested Our Self and have sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Ancient Garment throughout the

world. Yet the peoples are in manifest loss. They have cast the Covenant of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed is the strong one who hath broken the chains of allusions, and the one with insight who hath beheld what the Beloved beheld when He ascended to the Most Sublime Station by the command of the Ancient Ordainer.

O My Pen! Make mention of Muhammad-'Ali and give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Cast aside what the peoples possess and take what thou hast been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Peerless. Let not the power of princes weaken thee, nor the whisperings of the devils hinder thee. Hold fast unto the Most Great Handle and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me, guided me and caused me to recognize Thee. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of 'Abdu'r-Rahim and counsel him with that which will manifest the station of man in the contingent world and that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have called unto all, yet the people hear not; We have manifested the Supreme Horizon, yet most of the people see not. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. O people! This is a Day wherein the sun of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's Will, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou eloquent in My remembrance, turning unto My horizon, steadfast in the service of My Cause, and firm in My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus hath the Tree of Knowledge yielded the fruits of utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto every obstinate infidel.

O Ghulam-'Ali! God willing, thou shalt lay an impregnable foundation from the pure iron of certitude and build a mighty bulwark that the Gog of passion may not overcome the hearts of the people of God nor find a way therein. Reflect upon the Most Great News. By the life of God! Thou shalt find thyself in joy and delight, then in rapture and bewilderment. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Thou wert mentioned before the Wronged One, but We have tarried in responding. The Most Exalted Pen hath been silent for a time, as a wisdom from Our presence. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O 'Ali! The intoxication of pride hath seized the people and made them heedless of the Cause of God. In some lands, clamor hath been raised. The friends of God must protect themselves through His Name. Falsehood, clothed in the garment of truth, preventeth the people from the straight path, for were it to appear in its own garment, none among the servants would turn unto it. Hold fast unto the cord of the Name of thy Lord and be of them who are steadfast. Say: […]

I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee, and not to make me one of those who turned toward Thee and then turned away, and who believed and then denied. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the destiny of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! For each of those souls whom thou didst previously mention, wondrous verses have now been sent down and dispatched from the Kingdom of the favors of God, glorified be His majesty. The delay therein was due to wisdom, and the reason is manifest and evident. Beseech God to preserve all His

servants, to keep them steadfast in His Cause, and to confirm them in such deeds as will lead to its exaltation. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Commander, the All-Wise.

As to thy intention to turn toward the Dawning-Place of divine verses, there hath been and is no objection to its achievement in a spirit of joy and delight. However, thou must be mindful of wisdom and not let slip the requirements of the time. Thus hath commanded He Who hath been the Ruler from time immemorial. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have arisen and said: “We believe in God, the Lord of the worlds.”

The fragment of the Tablet that has been received shall be taken as fully authentic. The Almighty shall grant all that which they seek. Every matter hath been set down in His perspicuous Book. Every soul that turneth humbly toward God shall find his prayers answered and his needs fulfilled. For He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and His knowledge encompasseth all things. […]

=== END BH11523 ===

=== START BH11524 ===

O He is!

Happy are ye, O people of Baha, who have drunk the choice sealed wine through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, on a wondrous day.

=== END BH11524 ===

=== START BH11527 ===

O My loved ones! Adorn your tongues with truthfulness, and your hands with generosity, and your bodies with dignity, and your souls with courtesy, and your hearts with My love and then with My exalted remembrance.

=== END BH11527 ===

=== START BH11529 ===

Allah-u-Abha! O Afnan! Verily thy Lord, the Most Glorious, calleth thee to the supreme horizon and remembereth thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

=== END BH11529 ===

=== START BH11530 ===

He is!

O My Afnan! The Tree hath testified to your turning unto It and your attachment to It. Blessed are ye and excellent is your final abode.

=== END BH11530 ===

=== START BH11537 ===

O My brother who has been named Radi - may God increase his glory and honor! - He is manifest upon the throne of grief. These are verses of the Command revealed from the heaven of eternity, which none understand except those who have soared on wings of detachment to an exalted heaven. In them is that which severs the hearts of the Messengers and causes tears to flow down illumined holy cheeks. Whoso God opens the eye of the Command will witness every letter of these verses upon the human temple. Blessed be God Who has manifested him in the most beauteous form. The chambers of words weep with crimson tears, which none know save those endowed with insight. In them is mentioned My loved one whom God has related to My Self - this is God's bounty to him, were he to be aware of it.

O My brother! Hear the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne, then turn to Him with pure and lofty hearing, that thou mayest become aware of the mysteries of the Command in these days when souls are wrapped in thick veils of fancy. Hearken to what the Spirit imparts to thee from the direction of the Throne, then rend asunder the veils with holy and mighty fingers, that thou mayest enter behind the veil and witness that which will refresh thine eyes and gladden thy heart, for behind it is what no creatures have comprehended. By God, O My brother, wert thou to look with the eye of the spirit thou wouldst witness the Kingdom of God circling round the words of these verses which have been sent down from an exalted heaven of glory. It weeps for itself and its dwellers weep for what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty from those who opposed God after being created by His command. Thus was the matter recorded by the Holy Pen in the Mother Book. Behind it the eyes of God weep at the ultimate station with a cry that would shatter the pillars of every knowing one. Thereby all atoms weep, and all who have entered beneath the shadow of the names and attributes. Thus do We inform thee of the truth that thou mayest possess wondrous knowledge.

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=== END BH11537 ===

=== START BH11538 ===

He is God, exalted be His station in bounty and bestowal

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the feast of divine knowledge from the heaven of His grace upon His loved ones, and hath manifested the blessing of proof for His chosen ones whom neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the might of the aggressors hath prevented from turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. And blessing and peace be upon the Hands of His Cause, through whom His commandments and laws were spread among His servants, and through whom was revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in His perspicuous Book.

O Ali, upon thee be My everlasting glory! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which hath been revealed in the perspicuous Book from the Pen of the Will of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We bear witness to thy turning and devotion in days when most of the people of the world were observed to

be heedless and in denial. This Day is God's Day, and this Cause His Cause. Happy is he who hath renounced this world, and clung to Him Who is the Dayspring of God's Revelation. We beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause with wisdom and utterance. He is the All-Bountiful Who hath not denied and will never deny the reward of His loved ones. Blessed art thou, O Ali, in that thou hast acknowledged in His days that which was revealed in His mighty and wondrous Book.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the stream of Thy mercy and the ocean of Thy grace and by the light of Thy Cause which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, to make me known by Thy Name amongst Thy creation. O my Lord! Thou seest him who hath sought Thee at the door of Thy bestowal - ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy generosity. O my Lord! Strengthen my limbs through Thy strength and Thy sovereignty and Thy might and Thy power, in such wise that the happenings of the world shall not prevent me from Thy remembrance and Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

=== END BH11538 ===

=== START BH11539 ===

O Handmaiden of God, Hudhud, upon her be the Glory of God! In His Name, the One with power over all names! O Hudhud! Thou hast been honored with the blessed word "O My handmaiden." Today the Divine Lote-Tree maketh mention of Its leaves and will continue to do so. Know thou the worth and station of this mighty bounty and preserve it in the name of Truth. The means and effects of the world, its ornaments and events, prevent man from that which beseemeth him and become a barrier between him and the effulgences of the lights of the supreme horizon. We beseech God to assist His leaves that they may cling to the Tree and become detached and free from aught else. O Hudhud! We make mention of thee through remembering Our sister, and her days, and how her heart was ablaze with the fire of her Lord's love. I counsel thee with that which is the cause of unity of hearts and harmony of souls. That honored lady must engage, throughout the days and nights, in bringing together the hearts of the handmaidens of God. Thy petitions reached the Most Holy Court, and the Light of Response hath shone forth and appeared from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings. Well is it with My handmaidens and blessed are My leaves who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty, and have attained unto the Kawthar of My utterance in My days, and have held fast unto My strong and mighty cord.

=== END BH11539 ===

=== START BH11546 ===

Oh thou who hast pioneered!

Listen to the voice of God from the shores of the Prison.

There is no god but He, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Do not be unhappy, do not be sad in your loneliness or separation. Your Lord is near those who have turned toward Him. He is the Beloved. God has always been with you. He is the Merciful, the Kind.

That which thou hast asked from Him in His path has already been granted to you.

God is nearer to you than your own eyes. God is He who knows and has knowledge of the unknown. Read or chant the Tablets of your Lord with joy and happiness. These Tablets will bring you nearer to heaven, nearer to His Paradise. This Paradise is that place which has been lit by the Light of thy Lord's face - the merciful, the Compassionate. Come Nearer to that Light!

Beware of becoming unhappy or sorrowful as a result of those who are sowing injustice in the world.

Be happy - and be happy from the joy of God! He is the Source of all joy and happiness.

These Tablets will bring you nearer to heaven.

Fly with the two wings of detachment into that atmosphere in which He will not see anything anymore except the effulgence or bounties of your Lord.

Then thou shalt find thyself immersed in an ocean of joy.

In this way we have made descend for thee a great spiritual banquet from the clouds of heaven of the Mercy of the Lord.

Always make mention of Him–such is the Will of God.

=== END BH11546 ===

=== START BH11547 ===

Even this much that has been mentioned was solely to establish proof, so that they might realize at least this much - that this earth will never be devoid of a manifest proof, and what prevents its manifestation and appearance in this age and era are the evil souls of the people. And as for making this noble science a criterion - since in other sciences the door of dispute remains open and the crookedness of people's natures is evident, while this noble science leads to direct experience and witnessing, and inevitably distinguishes truth from falsehood, even though these deniers are such that "if they should see every sign, they would not believe in it" and would say "this is continuous sorcery."

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O My servants! My remembrance of you is My greatest gift, were you to perceive it.

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His honor Aqa Ali who is present himself does not need a reply.

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May his honor Ziya, upon him be Baha, attain to that which is beloved and pleasing.

=== END BH11559 ===

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An innate proof, and a command-based demonstration, and an evidence based on My luminous Beauty.

=== END BH11562 ===

=== START BH11564 ===

Hearken thou unto the call of thy Lord from the right side of the Throne, from behind a thousand veils of luminous silk damask.

=== END BH11564 ===

=== START BH11567 ===

Were it not for poverty, the light of detachment would not shine forth in creation.

=== END BH11567 ===

=== START BH11568 ===

He who visiteth Ukht and Masih in Rayy, it is as though he hath visited Me.

=== END BH11568 ===

=== START BH11569 ===

He is the Eternal! Verily, the exalted leaf hath heard the call of the divine Lote-Tree and hath taken her flight unto it. 1299

=== END BH11569 ===

=== START BH11571 ===

O Green Land! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of Names, He, verily, remembereth thee with what nothing else can rival, etc.

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He is God! O Mustafa! God willing, may you be enkindled by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree of generosity and illumined by the light of His radiant countenance.

=== END BH11572 ===

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…the Gulf that hath branched out of this Ocean that hath encompassed all created things

=== END BH11576 ===

=== START BH11577 ===

O Haydar-'Ali! O 'Ali-Haydar!

Glad tidings We give unto all eyes, and We exhort you: Withhold not yourselves from beholding the signs of the Purpose of the world and the Lord of nations. This Day is your day, for ye have been brought from nothingness into being for the sake of sight, and the purpose of this sight, in its primary station and foremost rank, hath been and is the witnessing of the signs of God. And unto all ears We give glad tidings: Deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of the True Bestower in these divine days. There hath been and is no doubt that ye were created to hearken unto the Call, and the purpose of this hearkening, as set forth in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, is to hear this Call which is raised from the Supreme Horizon at eventide and at dawn.

Peerless is this Day, for it is as the eye to past ages and centuries, and as a light unto the darkness of the times. In truth, days that are deprived of the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth are accounted as nights, nay, as darker still. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Eternity when sorrows encompassed Him from those who cast the Trust behind their backs and spoke that which caused Truth to lament and wrought that which made Zion cry out.

The loved ones of God have known and do know that this Wronged One, having regard to the pillar of faithfulness which is accounted as the greatest of pillars in the sight of the Lord of all possibilities, sought to aid and support His Majesty the Shah. However, from another station and a different horizon did the Luminary of victory and triumph shed its radiance. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation through which the Prophets and Messengers arose and whereby Thou didst raise the standard of "There is none other God but Thee" upon the most exalted station of existence, to adorn the Shah of Iran with the lights of grace and beneficence. O Lord! Aid him in pure justice that through it the horizons of Thy dominion may be illumined. Then inspire him, O my God, with that which Thou desirest for the elevation of his station and the preservation of his realm. O Lord! Through Thy mercy make him successful, then preserve him through the hosts of Thy invisible realm that he may arise to exalt Thy Word amongst the kings of Thy earth unto whom Thou hast entrusted the affairs of Thy creation. O Lord! Increase his power, his sovereignty, his might, and his strength that he may rule among Thy servants according to what Thou hast commanded him in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

This wronged people must, by day and by night, pray for and seek after the justice of His Majesty the Shah. However, God hath manifested what He desired and will manifest what He willeth. Assuredly, the justice of His Majesty the Shah of Iran is most excellent and beloved for its people. But as for the horizon

from which in these days the light of justice hath dawned, its reward and recompense must not be effaced from the sight of God's loved ones. The essence of all heavenly Books beareth witness and proclaimeth the recompense of those who do good and act aright. We beseech God to aid you in carrying out that which ye have been commanded by His Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

It is not permissible to turn to foreign powers. This is what the Wronged One hath decreed in His perspicuous Book. Since your wishes and prayers are for the sake of God, assuredly upon His Majesty - may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him - will shine forth the Luminary of justice.

O my God, my God! Assist him to perpetuate his name in Thy Book and to elevate his station among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the One Who chooseth.

O Haydar-'Ali! Upon thee be My everlasting Baha! The gate of grace is opened and the river of bounty is flowing from the Divine Pen. Grace hath reached such heights that were any of the atoms of creation to be asked "To whom belongeth grace?", they would respond "To God, the Lord of Lords!" Give thou glad tidings of His favors to the loved ones of God and make them aware of His infinite grace, lest the croaking of frogs sadden them. Under all conditions, hold fast to the cord of mercy and regard all with grace. Ye are the flowing rivers that branch from the Most Great Ocean; ye must sacrifice yourselves for the advancement of the world.

O 'Ali-Haydar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! Though outwardly thou hast fallen into hardship, inwardly thou art in the station of the cloud of mercy, for the signs of trustworthiness, religion, chastity, truthfulness and sincerity have been spread through thee to all parts of the world. The description of this station is beyond expression. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all beings. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Say: We counsel you to perform deeds by which the world will be illumined. Hold fast to the hem of justice and grasp the cord of wisdom. The hatred and animosity of the people in these days stem from ignorance and lack of understanding; otherwise, if they were to discover your purpose and mission, all would openly and secretly circle round you in adoration. Verily, He knoweth and speaketh, while people speak but know not.

O Haydar-'Ali! Specifically regarding the sons of Khalil in the land of Ha and Mim: Some time ago, holy Tablets were revealed from the heaven of will and were sent forth. If all the peoples of the world were to attain but one drop from the concealed oceans within the divine words, they would detach themselves from all they possess, such that neither the world's possessions, ornaments, nor colors would deprive them from the News of God or prevent them from the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Your judgment that the mentioned person should not become involved in the affairs of 'Ayn and Shin was sound. Well done! Your opinion in this matter hath been adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance.

And concerning the compilation of Tablets from your previous Tablet, and from Ishraqat, Tarazat, Tajalliyat, and others, as well as from Tablets containing prohibitions against the sword, corruption and conflict, and such as the Tablet of Burhan, and Tablets speaking of love, fellowship and the unity of all - which you mentioned - this intention is blessed, encompassing and effective, and is truly considered and reckoned among the mightiest of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are they who

act! God willing, may the mentioned scribe be assisted to write that which is the cause of permanence and the means of tranquility for the peoples of the world. We have indeed mentioned the sons of Khalil in various Tablets, and the son of him who was named Yahuda, and through their mention We have kindled a fire in the upraised Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise [which proclaimeth] that there is none other God but He, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings to them and give them glad tidings of that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet through the light of their Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the Generous. We beseech God to assist them and strengthen them in such steadfastness as would cause the limbs of the polytheists to quake.

Make mention of Hadi Dawlat-Abadi - in truth he hath not attained unto a single drop from the ocean of fairness. We have made mention of the loved ones of the land of Qaf and Mim in numerous Tablets. God willing, may they attain unto the honor of steadfastness. Hadi hath manifested oppression and striveth diligently to lead people astray. Thou didst mention the names of the loved ones of the land of Qaf and Mim - a special Tablet was revealed and sent for each one. We beseech God to make the souls in that land as firm, steadfast and unmoveable as mountains. The Two Rivers have flowed from the beginning of days until now; they have surpassed most of the servants in their acceptance and their turning toward God - to this beareth witness the Lord of creation.

Thou didst make mention of Hadi's books of doctrine. Glory be to God! From the day they attributed to him the name of Babi until now, he hath found no rest, preserving his worthless life through all manner of schemes and devices. Nevertheless, he hath perpetrated against the knights in the arena of detachment that which no oppressor hath ever done. Convey My greetings to the people of Sihdih. Say: O people! Behold the signs of God, His mercy, His glory, His grandeur and His power, and remember that which hath appeared from Me. I stood in the earliest days before the faces of the world and conveyed unto the princes, divines and mystics that which I desired for the reformation of the world and the advancement of nations, such that I concealed not My face for less than a moment. Then consider those who have spent their wealth and lives in My path - neither riches, nor ornaments, nor glory prevented them. They advanced to the place of sacrifice with radiant faces and attained unto the Kawthar of detachment and spending in the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O people! Hadi, like one of the divines of the Furqan, is occupied with organizing a party like the Shi'ih. Call the people by the power of God, then follow the path of those whom neither the might of the oppressors, nor the power of the aggressors, nor all the armies of the earth could deter. Thus doth the Supreme Pen remind you in its Most Great Prison that ye may know and be of the thankful. We hope that all may be set ablaze by the breezes of revelation and the fire of the Word, and be illumined by the light of the Cause.

The schemes and plots of Siyyid Mahdi Najaf-Abadi were evident before the Most Holy Court. We had previously revealed verses for him whereby the cities of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and mystic truth were perfumed, and whereby the hearts of those near unto God were attracted. Glory be to God! Like a solid rock, he was not and is not capable of hearing the Word of God. Say: O Mahdi! The verses have encompassed all directions and the sun of clear proofs hath shone forth before the faces of all parties. If thou deniest God's grace and His verses, and God's proof and His evidence, by what means canst thou

establish that which thou hast, and by what proof dost thou call people to your delusions and idle fancies? We testify that he hath not known the Way nor the Guide. He followeth his own desires just as the people followed their desires. Lo! He and those with him are among the most lost in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Your servant praises You for having mentioned the name of Allah-Jim and likewise their steadfastness in the Cause of Truth, exalted be His glory. In these days there hath been sent down from the heaven of grace that which cannot be equaled by the pearls of the oceans of utterance and knowledge. Today all must occupy themselves with bringing hearts together and hold fast to that which God hath willed. We send greetings to him from this station and give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful.

The Hands of the Cause are each remembered before the Wronged One, and these few must, by day and by night, strive with wisdom and utterance to foster love and unity. Thus hath God decreed in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O Haydar-'Ali! At every moment when signs of the exaltation of the Cause appeared somewhat, the unfair ones of the world emerged from behind the veils and did that which ye have heard and seen. Where is fairness and where is justice? Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who could stand before the faces, and who could speak amidst the parties? God knoweth that the calumniators and the clamorous ones know and recognize that We have raised up the Cause through a power from Us and a sovereignty from Our presence, yet they deny it, following their idle fancies and vain imaginings. We beseech God to return the liars and calumniators to the ocean of truthfulness. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower, the Glorious, the Wise.

The journey of Muhammad Isma'il was approved beforehand, and We also give permission to Haji Siyyid Asadu'llah, provided wisdom so requires. And if they travel by another route it would be more beloved and preferable, for in that great city the calumniators and traitors lie in wait, casting doubt and suspicion in every heart, even though the treachery of these souls hath been proven and demonstrated to the people of that city.

O Haydar! Upon thee be My Baha! Some time ago a special Tablet was revealed for the son of the martyr, upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and in that Tablet mention was made of the martyr who sacrificed his life in the path of God, and We revealed for him that whose fragrance shall not cease and whose traces shall not change, and that which was ordained therein. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Care for the son is incumbent upon all. He must surely engage in some profession or occupation lest he remain without effect and fruit. Praise be to God Who hath adorned his head with the crown of My name and his temple with the ornament of My kinship, and We beseech Him to aid him to preserve this most exalted station and most glorious dwelling place.

We are saddened by what has befallen the son of Abhar through the firm decree. Verily she had station and rank before God. We have mentioned her before and mention her at this time: O My handmaiden and My leaf! I testify that thou didst turn when the Call was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and with thy right hand thou didst take the Kawthar of contentment and with the other the Salsabil of

eternity, and thou didst drink from them once in My Most Exalted Name and again in My Most Glorious Name. We testify that thou didst bear hardships and tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and earth. The turning away of the handmaidens did not prevent thee, nor their malicious joy, nor what issued from their mouths. I testify that thou didst outstrip most of the servants, let alone the handmaidens, and didst turn to the horizon of the Manifestation when the men of the regions turned away from it. The first light that shone from the ocean of light and the first radiance that dawned from the horizon of Sinai be upon thee, O handmaiden of God, the King of the Day of Resurrection. Thou art she who answered the call of thy Lord and attained unto His verses and His traces and what appeared from His presence. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to rain down upon thee from the clouds of His grace the rain of His mercy, and to ordain for thee the reward of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and at sunset. O My leaf! Thou art in the Most Glorious Horizon and the Wronged One mentioneth thee in the prison of Akka. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in this mention which, when it issueth from My mouth, causeth the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrance of mercy and bounty to waft from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who turneth unto thee and mentioneth thee with that which the Tongue of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath spoken. The glory from Us be upon thee, and the light from Us be upon thee and upon whomsoever draweth nigh unto thee and presenteth himself before thy resting-place and visiteth thee according to what hath been sent down from God, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen.

The mention of Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My glory, hath been and is before the Most Holy Court, and what thou hast mentioned regarding his stations of attraction, yearning, enkindlement and teaching hath attained unto the honor of being heard. It is hoped that with pure detachment and utmost sanctity he will be occupied with teaching the Cause of God. Verily We have heard his mention and his call in this firm Cause, and We were with him in the gatherings and assemblies. Thy Lord verily heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Some time ago the answer to Ibn-i-Abhar's questions was sent down from the heaven of bounty and dispatched, but it hath not arrived. We beseech God to honor him with it and cause him to attain unto meeting with it.

O Haydar-'Ali! Ask of the Truth to raise up souls who, detached from the world, will arise to assist the Wronged One, and to confirm the existing Hands of the Cause in that which will cause the servants to enter into the depths of the ocean of true unity. The Son of Mary saith: "O sheep of God! I send you forth amidst wolves. When ye depart from one land intending to proceed to another, let not even the dust of that land remain upon your garments." However, in view of the changes in means and people, one must reflect upon and act according to what befitteth the day.

Thou didst mention the mindlessness of certain deniers of the Bayan. In truth, thou speakest aright. The Point (the Bab), may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, with loudest voice doth plead and with utmost humility doth declare: "On that Day, be not veiled by the Bayan." Nevertheless, Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, meeting with every seeker, attempts to lead them astray by citing passages from the Bayan, heedless that in that very moment he is engaged in opposition to His Holiness. Beseech the Lord of existence to grant him fairness. Glory be to God! They believe in the precursor yet turn away from the source; they acknowledge the herald yet remain veiled from the Sovereign of the Manifestation. In truth,

this is the station of this most exalted Word. O Haydar-'Ali! These impure hands were not and are not worthy to grasp His most holy and pure hem.

My God, my God! Do Thou raise up one from Thy presence who will remember Thee and aid Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Answerer, Thou art the Hearer, Thou art the All-Knowing. There is no God but Thee, the Helper, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Thou didst make mention of Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be My Baha. We have indeed mentioned him in diverse stations, and We beseech God to protect him and His loved ones from every remote oppressor and every sinful transgressor. We counsel all the loved ones to show forbearance and wisdom, and to that which attracts hearts and souls. In all conditions We have forbidden whatsoever giveth rise to clamor and kindleth the fire of hatred, for most people are ignorant and unaware of the purpose, and thus become inflamed.

The sacred month of Mu?arram hath ever been revered, and ultimately, through the martyrdom of the Prince of Martyrs (Imam Husayn), peace be upon him, it attained the most exalted station and highest rank. And in this Revelation, by virtue of the appearance of the Primal Point (the Bab) and His birth, it hath acquired yet another station. From the first arose lamentation, cry and wailing, and from the second, joy and gladness. However, this matter is known and evident to the people of God, while hidden and concealed from others. Therefore, in view of God's mercy which hath preceded all and His divine grace and bounty, the people of God should observe the sanctity of those days. The Primal Point Himself also observed its sanctity.

In closing, We hope that the loved ones of God will hold fast to that which draweth the peoples together and likewise causeth the reformation of the world and its nations. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace and bounty be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have cast away that which they were forbidden and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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We are lovers of Thy face, frequenters of Thine abode, fastened to Thine hair.

Thy decree, I desire. Thy favour, I desire. May all souls be offered up for Thy sake.

Hark! Beg it from God. Hark! Beg it from Baha.

We are gazelles of Thy desert, fishes of Thy river, seekers of Thy way.

Thy Beauty, I desire. Thy Majesty, I desire. May all souls be offered up for Thy sake.

Hark! Beg it from God. Hark! Beg it from Baha.

We are bound for Thy mansion. We circumambulate Thy city. We are servants of Thy Cause.

Thy Light, I desire. Thy Blessing, I desire. May all souls be sacrificed for Thy sake.

Hark! Beg it from God. Hark! Beg it from Baha.

We are killed by Thy love, extinguished in our separation from Thee, annihilated in Thy Name.

Thy trials, I desire. Thy decree, I desire. May all souls be offered up for Thy sake.

Hark! Beg it from God. Hark! Beg it from Baha.

We are birds tamed by Thee, we are fish in Thy net, we are cup-bearers of Thy chalice;

I desire Thy faithfulness, I desire Thy persecution, O I sacrifice myself for Thee!

Seek thou from God, seek thou from Baha!

We are wanderers in Thy prison, we are guardians of Thy Egypt, we are treasurers of Thy mystery;

I desire Thy call, I desire Thy air, souls are scattered for Thee!

Seek thou from God, seek thou from Baha!

We are drinkers of Thy cup, we are bearers of Thy throne, we are observers of Thy treasure;

I desire Thy praise, I desire Thy melody, O I sacrifice myself for Thee!

Seek thou from Baha, seek thou from God!

We are enchanted by Thy glance, we are keepers of Thy treasure, we are cognizant of Thy mystery;

I desire Thy motto, I desire Thy protection, souls are sacrificed for Thee!

Seek thou from God, seek thou from Baha!

O Furughiyyih, this Tablet reached the lady and now reacheth thee. Give thanks unto the Desired One of the world that He hath crowned thee with the crown of nearness. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

O lady! The Truth sometimes speaketh in the tongue of the people. This very leaf is witness and proof thereof. We commanded the servant present to write and send it. The glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Praise be sanctified above the mention of all created things unto the Manifestation of evident signs, Who befitteth and deserveth it, Who hath conquered contingent being through utterance. In the realm of lovers He is the Manifestation of Beauty, and in the world of perfection the Dawning-Place of the knowledge of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He hath bestowed the water of life upon the thirsty and

granted eternal life unto the dead. The denial of the divines hindered Him not, nor did the turning away of princes hold back His purpose. He hath rolled up the carpet of idle fancies and locked fast the world of vain imaginings. With utmost expansion He spread out a new carpet and summoned the drinkers of the Kawthar of certitude, bestowing upon each from His hand the chalice of immortality. Whosoever attained thereunto beheld himself detached from the world and all who dwell therein. At this station the effulgences of the lights of the Most Exalted Word "Verily He doeth what He willeth" shine forth and entirely take possession of the world of being. This power is not diminished by the ranks of hatred, nor are the hosts of names an obstacle thereunto. By the cord of grace He drew those who were detached from the gulf of names unto the ocean of inner meanings. How lofty is the station of that being who hath attained unto this bounty, and how great the rank of that soul who hath won this most pure sustenance and this most great favor! Such a one beholdeth the people of the world as non-existent and seeth naught but the Truth. The croaking of the croakers hath not nor ever shall have any access to this arena. The tyrants and pharaohs - that is to say, the divines and doctors of the earth - are not mentioned at this station. He beholdeth the Peerless Friend Who hath come from the horizon of power bearing the banner "Verily He is God." And whosoever hath found the fragrance of the Word of God hath attained unto true wealth and been adorned with the supreme ornament. Blessed are they who know, blessed are they who drink, and blessed are they who are detached!

Glory be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all things possible! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the breezes of Thy Revelation, O Lord of all mankind, and by Thy power which hath conquered all things, and by Thy will which hath subdued all names, to assist Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then aid them in that whereby Thy Being may be sanctified and Thy Reality glorified. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned unto Thee in numbered years and hath arisen to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants and Thy creatures, and hath testified to Thy oneness and singleness and to that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Command and been uttered by the Tongue of Thy grandeur. Assist him, O my God, with the hosts of wisdom and utterance that he may subdue hearts through Thy Name and open the doors of souls with the key of Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and King of eternity, by Thy Most Great Prison, to strengthen him with the legions of power and might, then inscribe for him by Thy Most Exalted Pen that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Send down Thy blessings, O my God, upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who broke not Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and who spoke among Thy servants that which draweth them nigh unto Thee and guideth them unto Thy path, and who heard in Thy path the taunts of Thine enemies, and who were visited in their love for Thee by that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy protection to lament. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I render praise that thy precious letter was received - both the previous and subsequent ones - each attesting to that spiritual friend's acceptance, orientation and steadfastness in the Cause of the Desired One of the world. After reading and becoming apprised thereof, on this occasion it was taken to the Most Exalted Presence and the Supreme Height, presented before His countenance and achieved the honor of His hearing. These are His blessed and exalted words:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

This is a mention from Us to him who heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, who turned his face and advanced with his heart toward the Supreme Horizon - the Station wherein the Lote Tree of the Uttermost Boundary called out from the pole of the Most Exalted Paradise: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords!" - that the remembrance and praise might once again draw him to the Most Exalted Paradise, this Station whereon the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Announcement was established upon the Throne with power and sovereignty. We have named this Station at times the Most Great Prison, at others the Most Exalted Paradise, and yet again the Supreme Paradise and the Heaven of heavens. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing.

We have mentioned thee time and again and have revealed for thee that which hath made the skin of the idolators to quiver and hath delighted the eyes. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He hath come from the horizon of might with the banners of signs. He stood before the faces of princes and divines, speaking that which caused all in the heavens and earth to swoon, save those whom God preserved through a power from Him and guided to the straight path. Each day there hath befallen Us that which hath caused the Tablet to lament and the Pens to cry out. We desired for them life, while they desired to shed the blood of the Wronged One without proof or scripture.

Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, the horizons of the world have been illumined by the lights of the Manifestation. Draw nigh with radiant hearts and follow not every doubtful idolator. This is the Cause foretold in God's Books of old. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and in the Scrolls, Psalms and Tablets. By the life of God! No Manifestation hath appeared except that He took My Covenant before His own, and no Book hath been revealed except that the fragrance of My mention and praise wafted therefrom. The Mother Book in the Final Return beareth witness to this.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning this Cause, at Whose appearance the verses bowed down in submission. Fear God, O people, and deny not Him through Whom the Trump was blown, the Bridge was set up, the heaven was cleft asunder and the mountains were moved. Say: Where were ye when they bound Me with chains and fettered Me with that which caused hearts to melt?

Remember My loved ones on My behalf, remind them of My verses, illumine them with the lights of My utterance, and give them the glad tidings of the heaven of My grace and mercy which hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. Say: O friends of God in all lands! Take heed lest the clamor of the nations frighten you or the might of the wicked hinder you. Arise to aid the Cause through wisdom and utterance. Thus have ye been commanded in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. Hasten to what pleaseth God - this is better for you. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is wronged. He hath remembered thee time and again, and hath given thee to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge through the hands of grace and bounty, and hath taught thee that which the servants were prevented from knowing. Blessed is he whom the

might of those who disbelieved in God and broke the Covenant on the Day of Meeting could not weaken, and blessed is he whom the power of the servants could not hold back from standing, and blessed is he whom the clamor of the foolhardy could not silence from speaking. Thus hath the Pen of God revealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and thus hath the Most Great Ocean revealed that which was concealed within it, from God, the Cleaver of Dawn.

When thou art inebriated with the wine of My utterance and the waves of the ocean of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and turning my face to the lights of Thy countenance on a day whereon most of Thy servants and creatures have turned away from Thee. I am he, O my God, whom Thy most sweet call and the sound of Thy Most Exalted Pen have attracted, in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the doubts of the nations have hindered me. I have laid hold on Thy strong cord and Thy mighty announcement wherewith Thou didst give glad tidings in Thy Books and through Thy Messengers.

By Thy glory, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the mystics and the Beloved of the souls of them that are nigh unto Thee! The waves of the ocean of my hope can be stilled only by the light of meeting Thee, and the sorrow of my heart can be dispelled only by standing before Thy face. My God, my God! Thou hearest the cry of the lovers in their separation from Thee, and beholdest the yearning of them that long for Thee in their remoteness from Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued both the unseen and the visible, that Thou ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have, by Thy leave, attained unto the stations of nearness and reunion and meeting, until they stood before a door which opened upon all who are in earth and heaven. Strengthen me to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause and to stand before Thy face and to enter a station round which circle the Highest Paradise and the denizens of the all-highest heaven.

Alas, alas! I know not what Thou hast ordained for me by Thy binding command and Thy firm decree. By Thy glory! Because of this my liver hath melted, my limbs have trembled, and my whole being hath been shaken. Alas, alas! Should the decree of destiny prevent me from attaining unto Thy presence, O Lord of all being, I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy oneness and the lights of the sun of Thy grace and the mysteries that lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, that Thou write down for me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, the recompense of meeting Thee. O Thou at Whose finger's motion Thy earth and Thy heaven are set in motion! I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds, and to provide me with the good of the hereafter and of this present life. Verily Thou art the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens.

O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! Dispel the grief of Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones, and remove their anguish through Thy power and might, and illumine their hearts with the lights of the Day-Star of Thy oneness. Then send down upon them, from the heaven of Thy bounty, the rain of Thy mercy. Thou art indeed the Almighty, unto Whose power all created things have testified, and all things possible have witnessed to Thy strength and Thy conquest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have desired to change from the most eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue, that God's favor to thee, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, may be completed, and His grace may be manifested once again, that thou mayest give thanks to Him by night and by day, at eventide and at dawn.

Today it is incumbent upon all to arise for the promotion of the Cause of God and engage in such deeds as lead to the exaltation of His Word. Today the river of divine mercy is flowing and the ocean of utterance of the All-Merciful is surging; the Balance is set up and the Path made clear; the proof is revealed. Yet the people of the world are seen to be veiled. Each day the cry of the Calf is raised. Beseech ye God that He may guide the people of the Bayan and protect them from whatsoever causeth division, that all may hold fast unto unity and concord. Unity hath ever been and will continue to be the cause of the exaltation of the Word. Praise be to God that whatsoever leadeth to strife, conflict and corruption hath been strictly forbidden in the Books and Tablets. The triumph of God's Cause hath been and will ever be achieved through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. From the beginning of days this exalted Word hath shone forth from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen: blessed is he who hath attained unto that which beseemeth the Day of God. Your honor should inform and give glad-tidings to the loved ones in that land and its surroundings of that which hath dawned forth from the Dayspring of the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Awaken those who slumber and make mindful those who are heedless, that perchance they may become aware of that for which they were created and act as beseemeth them. We beseech God that all may drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that no thing among all things, no matter among all matters, and no tale among the tales of the ancients and the moderns may withhold them from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: Know ye the value of these days. Today He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Manifestation and speaketh forth. Whosoever drinketh from the Kawthar hidden within the blessed words "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth" shall find himself established upon the throne of certitude. This blessed Word shall guide the seekers to the ocean of faith and draw those who search unto the horizon of certitude. He shall see naught but God and regard all else as non-existent. Well is it with them that attain thereunto, blessed are they that drink thereof. Ask thou God to assist His loved ones and aid them to recognize this most exalted station and to succeed in that which draweth them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through thee that which attracteth the hearts and souls and guideth them to a station wherein the hosts of doubts and allusions shall not prevent them, nor shall they be frightened by the ranks of those who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. Make mention of the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. By the Sun of Utterance which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, the men and women who have turned towards God have been and are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been ordained for the steadfast men and steadfast women that which the world is powerless to mention. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken in His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who render thanks.

Praised be God, the breezes of the All-Merciful's utterance have wafted upon that spiritual friend from all directions. If the people of the world were in truth to attain unto but one word from the Book of Equity or the Volume of Justice, all would turn from what they possess to that which is with God. O beloved of my

heart! The gate of equity is barred and the path of justice forbidden. The recompense of the nations' deeds hath deprived them of the immortal waters and kept them from the straight path. They witness the divine verses descending like the spring rains and hear them, yet they deny and turn away. After that spiritual friend's last letter, the blessed verse "We shall make thee to recite, so thou shalt not forget" was heard from the Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Day-spring of Revelation. What was written was correct, but the honored Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, sent your letters, and likewise the funds you dispatched and other items all arrived and were accepted. Should any act proceed from this servant wherein forgetfulness or oversight becomes apparent, pardon is hoped for. God is witness and testimony that night and day I am immersed in the sea of occupation - writings before the presence of the Intended One, as well as replies to letters and engagement with prison matters which each day appear in a different form and are marked by new events. It is therefore clear and evident to that spiritual friend what matters cause delay and postponement. God is witness and the All-Knowing that that honored friend hath ever been and continues to be mentioned before the countenance of the Intended One of all worlds. Your expressions in proving God's Cause are in truth a treasure hidden with God, and there is and hath been no harm in attributing them to you or to Mir Samiy, upon him be the Glory of God, who stands in service. In one station He hath said "We make no distinction between any of them." I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to aid you to exalt the Word and manifest the Cause as He hath ordained. At this moment this exalted Word hath appeared from the Kingdom of utterance of the Lord of all beings. His word, exalted be His glory:

"O Husayn! With the key of the Most Great Name, open the gates of men's hearts, and with the wings of detachment soar in this spiritual atmosphere, that those who tarry may follow and learn. We have ordained for thee that which causeth bodies to take flight, how much more the spirits."

Praised be God, that beloved of the heart hath attained unto the supreme bounty, and there hath been revealed that which, should all on earth discover its sweetness, they would turn wholly sanctified unto God. You have been and continue to be confirmed, and with the sword of life you have broken the backs of the idolaters - a breaking that will not mend, which skilled physicians and accomplished healers are powerless to repair. Exalted be our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven and the Master of the hereafter and this world.

And regarding what you wrote concerning forgiveness, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and these sublime words descended from the Kingdom of utterance of the Intended One of all worlds. His word, blessed and exalted be He:

"O thou who hearkenest to thy Lord's utterance! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and enabled thee and taught thee and caused thee to know Him and made thee speak His mention and praise amongst His servants. He hath aided thee as a bounty from Him and enabled thee as a gift from His presence and forgiven thee as a mercy from His side. By My life! Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the breezes of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, have wafted. We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance that thou mayest assist Him amongst His servants. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering."

I convey that in these days all must gaze toward a single horizon and hold fast to service to the Cause. Praise be to God, in most lands the light of the Cause is manifest, yet some among the people of the Bayan remained veiled and concealed in times of hardship. Now that some measure of assurance has been attained and seekers are evident, they have emerged from behind the veil like flies and seek to organize a party like the previous party. Glory be to God! If this was the purpose, why did they initially separate from the first path? And some, despite claims of faith and certitude, have been and are thinking of the Calf, seeking through a hundred thousand lies and calumnies to guide helpless souls according to their own desires. In any case, such souls have been and are rejected before God. Beseech the Truth to protect His servants and not afflict them with the associating of the hopes of the ignorant. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In all cases that spiritual friend must be vigilant and, to the extent possible, be occupied with protecting the servants. Verily He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding what was written about Muhammad-Hasan and Mulla Muhammad-Taqi, upon them be the Glory of God, who requested mention of them in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, after submission before the Presence these decisive verses descended from the Kingdom of the Will of Truth, exalted be His glory. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Muhammad-Taqi! Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Pen following thy turning to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou didst hear and respond on a day wherein the servants denied the appearance of God and His evidences, and the greatness of God and His sovereignty. Thus did their lying tongues describe for them what they followed of every remote ignorant one. We have mentioned the people of the village with a mention before which every wondrous mention bows down. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Dispensations have ended with this Most Great Dispensation and this Mighty Announcement. Whosoever claims a matter is verily a lying impostor. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this, even as it bore witness before in a Book named the Most Holy before God, the Mighty, the Praised. Remember My loved ones there and give them glad tidings of My attention and My turning toward them and My mention and My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the Ancient Commander. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of utterance and aided me to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance and to acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy creation withhold not, nor the turning away of Thy servants. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.

And this is what was revealed for Muhammad-Hasan:

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords. Hearken unto the Call from this Most Great Quarter, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of Necks. Verily He hath appeared and made manifest His Most Great Cause. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every doubting denier. Take the Book with strength from Us and rely in all matters upon God, the Revealer of verses. Let nothing among all things

sadden thee, nor let the veils of those who have disbelieved in God in the return withhold thee. Take the cup of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then drink therefrom despite every denier who hath turned away from God, the Possessor of creation. Say: […]

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me aware. I beseech Thee by Thy signs and Thy manifestations to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Then ordain for me that which will protect me from the evil of Thine enemies. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Praise be to God that these two souls who were mentioned have attained unto bounty and have been nourished from the chalice of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Well is it with them, and again, well is it with them. This evanescent servant remembers the loved ones of that land with praise, glory, exaltation and greetings. God is my witness that the loved ones of that land have been and are ever present before my eyes. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make that land ready for the outpouring of the fire of love for the Desired One of all worlds, and I ask for each one that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you, and upon all who are firm, steadfast, resolute and faithful. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Praise be unto the one true God, Who hath adorned the world of being and the kingdom on high with the presence of the perfect man, Who hath commanded justice that the very root of the tree of oppression might be plucked from the earth and returned to that which is meet and destined for it. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! How great is His dominion, how mighty His utterance! His consummate wisdom is manifest and evident in all things, and the luminary of His Cause shineth resplendent and ready above all things. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and blessed the helper who hath arisen to render Him victorious, and blessed the supporter who hath aided Him in the days of His imprisonment. And peace and blessings be upon the Hands of His Cause who have traversed the lands to exalt His Word, who have not violated His Covenant and Testament, and who have attained unto the choice wine of revelation in His days. These are among the most exalted of creatures in His Book. The angels and the Spirit pray for them by His leave. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and assist them in a manner befitting their connection to His firm and mighty Cause. We are all, verily, among those who return unto Him.

May my spirit be offered up for your remembrance! Your esteemed letter from Baku and from other places hath shone forth like a brilliant light and hath been the cause and means of illumining this heart that was afflicted with the darkness of sorrows. The mention and remembrance of the Afnan is a true sustenance, for through it is strength imparted to one’s being. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His Afnan in a manner befitting His days. Verily, He is the Revealer of verses and the Fulfiller of needs. After reading it, we proceeded to the Most Exalted Station, and after attaining presence and

receiving full permission, all of it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of the worlds and was honored to be heard. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of utterance - blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise […]

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! In view of the world's lack of capacity, countless calamities have encompassed the nations. This Wronged One hath informed all of that which would protect and elevate them. The outpourings of God's Most Great Ocean have, in the days of His Manifestation, been lavished upon all creation. God, exalted be His glory, beareth witness that this Wronged One hath desired naught but the triumph of His Cause, the exaltation of His Word, and the guidance of all humanity. I speak the truth, and for the sake of God do I speak: Today the people of Baha must arise to aid the Cause, and with spirit and joy, with wisdom and utterance, must revive and refresh those who are withered and faded, turning them from that which they possess to that which God possesseth, and clinging to that which draweth souls near unto Him.

Your honor and all the Afnan know well what the deeds of this community were before and what they became thereafter. The polytheists and the deluded ones among the people of the Bayan have now, contrary to the past, outwardly clung to that which leadeth to attainment and meeting. Jinab-i-Haydar-'Ali hath written that Hadi of Dawlatabad hath arrived in the Land of ?a and on Fridays ascendeth the pulpit to commemorate the tribulations of the Prince of Martyrs. In 'Iraq, some have engaged, without divine permission, in revelry and merriment during the first of Mu?arram, conduct which is opposed to all the peoples of the world. Until now some of that land's inhabitants have imagined that this community, God forbid, hath not and doth not love the Prince of Martyrs, peace be upon him; nay, that their hearts are aflame with the fire of hatred and animosity.

In truth this matter hath caused the stumbling of souls, for they know not the bounty and grace that were manifested on that Day. Moreover, these companions know with absolute certitude that His Holiness hath arisen from the grave by God's leave; therefore the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the All-Highest Paradise and the Supreme Heaven are all engaged with Him in joy and gladness. In any case, while the veils of ignorance and unawareness persist, one must adhere to the customs of the people for the sake of drawing near and guiding souls. Most people are ignorant, and this ignorance hath resulted from lack of education. The turbaned ones in Iran, devoid of justice, have uttered that which was born of fancy and conjecture, and most are still unable to rend these veils asunder unless divine grace assist them and deliver these poor ones.

The people of the Bayan are observed to be even more veiled than those souls. They themselves acknowledge that after the Qa'im will come the Manifestation of Husayn, and all the Prophets will gather beneath His standard. Nevertheless they see yet deny, they witness yet recognize not. Indeed, the proofs of truth are beyond counting, but hearing ears are lacking. Those who were clinging to that which is rejected now make show of that which is accepted. Deception hath reached such a point that the pen is powerless to describe it.

This Wronged One hath, from the beginning until now, commanded all to perform such deeds as would guide souls and draw them near, and hath dedicated two days of Mu?arram to Husayn ibn ’Ali, peace be upon him - the first by virtue of the Primal Point’s deputyship, and the second in his own right. Blessed is the soul that hath done what was commanded in the Book. O people of God! Hold fast to goodly character and praiseworthy deeds, for these two […]

Secondly, by inherently blessed is the soul that acts according to what is commanded in the Book. O party of God! Hold fast to pure morals and praiseworthy deeds, for these two attract the hearts and minds of the world. God, exalted be His glory, has in this Revelation ordained these two as helpers and supporters. The people of Baha must with complete determination hold fast to these two and occupy themselves with the conquest of hearts and minds. We beseech God, the Most High, to aid them and assist them in that which will cause His Cause to be exalted amongst His servants. In truth, the companions of love, upon them be the glory of God, His mercy and His care, have attained to that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal. We hope that henceforth they will behave toward all people as would a kind and loving father and exert utmost effort in preserving a pure and goodly reputation.

O ’Ali, O Afnan! Make mention of all the friends on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God’s bounty and mercy. We beseech God to manifest through you that which will cause the people of the world to become detached. From the Land of Ta numerous petitions have arrived, but he who stands in service hath shown submission and contentment. No complaint hath been manifested from him; rather, with complete determination he hath striven to prevent these reports from reaching the Most Holy Court. Blessed is he and happy is he. All the Afnan and friends must arise to reward this rare and meritorious deed. Verily, God is the Helper, the All-Wise, and He is the Enabler, the All-Knowing.

God is witness and testifier that from the deeds of him who stands in service hath appeared that which causeth joy and happiness to those near and sincere. This evanescent servant saith: My God, my God! Take the hands of Thy Afnan and Thy loved ones and assist them in the service of Thy Cause. Thou seest them, O my God, holding fast unto Thee and unto Thy Strong Cord. Send down, then, upon them the rain of Thy mercy from the clouds of Thy grace, and open before their faces the doors of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Commander, the Wise. In view of the deed manifested by him who stands in service, it is certain that divine reward shall reach this pure and holy deed, and in this world and the next shall clothe this deed with eternal honor and everlasting acceptance. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. In these days, mention of this praiseworthy deed hath repeatedly been heard from the tongue of grandeur. Inevitably grace shall encompass, mercy shall be bestowed, and the hand of power shall assist. Verily, He hath power over all things. He answereth him who calleth upon Him and giveth unto him who asketh of Him. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Concerning what thou didst write about the friends in Badkubih, upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of Oneness, they are truly aflame and mention of them hath been and is repeatedly made in the Most Holy Court, especially the teachers who are the cause of the turning of the servants and their orientation toward the Source and Return. We ask and beseech God to increase their determination and steadfastness in such wise that they may become known and mentioned among the people of the world for their service to the Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt His loved ones there

and make firm their feet upon the path. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Within His grasp are the reins of all affairs and in His right hand is the kingdom of the dominion of earth and heaven.

Regarding what you wrote about the attention of Karbila'i Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, after presenting it they said that in these days the cold weather and the turbulence of the sea do not allow for travel, but permission has been granted that whenever the severity of cold subsides, there would be no objection to his turning towards the prison. This is what the Wise Commander has ordained.

As for what you wrote concerning the stay of the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, that he should stay for some time - truly today all must be engaged in service to the Cause, and service to the Cause is teaching. God willing, may all be assisted. They said: "O Varqa! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings. God willing, thou art holding fast to divine counsels and, detached from all else, art clinging to Him. This station is the most glorious of stations and the cause of the turning of hearts and faces. Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly attained His presence, meeting, vision and hearing. He verily will assist thee and aid thee, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful." The sons are remembered before His face and are blessed with grace and mercy. We beseech God to assist them in His remembrance, His praise, and His service, the Mighty, the Exalted.

God willing, may that beloved of hearts make the servants aware of the divine verses and what hath appeared from His presence, and awaken them from the slumber of heedlessness. In these days the servants are seen to be better than before; most have intended to understand this Cause. Now that beloved one must, while in that land, engage in guiding people with the utmost joy and fragrance. They have repeatedly made teaching conditional upon wisdom, lest something occur that might cause the weak to waver. You have been present in the prison and have seen and witnessed the wisdom with which the chosen ones are commanded. It is hoped that all the chosen ones in that land will hold fast unto wisdom and act in ways that cause the nearness of the servants. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Please gladden the eyes of Azizu'llah and Ruhu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, who are truly remembered in heart and tongue and are visible before His face. We beseech God, our Lord, to ordain for them what beseemeth His greatness, His favors, His generosity and His gifts. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer. God willing, these prayers will be answered. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what you wrote about the Afnan, Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, he has arrived and attained the honor of presence and meeting, and was honored at the feast the previous night. We beseech God to assist him and ordain for him glory and wealth. He is verily the Lord of all beings and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning your request for permission to return and bring one or two souls with you, after presenting it in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, it was honored with acceptance - may my soul be a sacrifice for His favor. It is hoped that from your honor will appear that which is befitting, so that its fame may encompass the world and straighten the crookedness of this faithless world. This matter is most precious and desirable, and surely divine confirmations will assist and make it manifest. He is verily the Generous, the Possessor of Great Grace.

Concerning what you wrote about the land of the Holy Shrine, God willing, it will be arranged and accomplished. For nearly a month or more during these days, the heavens have both wept and lamented due to the heedlessness of the heedless ones and the oppression of the oppressors. Therefore, the paths were blocked and the ways forbidden. However, when divine grace provides assistance and the paths and ways become temperate through the spring breezes of the All-Merciful, your honor's instructions will be carried out. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the Enabler, the Powerful, the Wise. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you and hear your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord, the Lord of the visible and invisible, the Lord of all worlds, and praise be to Him for He is the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Regarding what you mentioned about sending trees and their saplings and the hidden fruits therein, which in truth are the very essence of mysteries - indeed these matters are worthy of eternal praise and remembrance, for the purpose is the presence of the delicate, blessed, gathered fruits before the face of the Intended One and His chosen ones, saints and servants. Therefore, every person of capability should consider this according to their ability, especially the Afnan of the Blessed Tree, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, who are themselves related. Surely they have not hesitated and will not hesitate in services that are in the name of the Truth, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to assist them, exalt them, strengthen them, and open before their faces the gates of grace, wealth and glory. Verily He is the Giver, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Great. And we beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to enable its supporter, its receiver, its sender, and its bearer who takes and delivers to the place God has ordained for its planting. Then we beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for the sender what befits His generosity and bounty, and to make his remembrance as enduring as the endurance of the trees and their fruits in the earth. Verily He is the Protector of those who intend by their deeds and actions the benefit of the servants and the prosperity of lands. Verily He hears the voice of whoever calls upon Him and remembers whoever communes with Him, and He is the Fulfiller of needs from before and after. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

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He is God, exalted be His station, the Remembrance and the Utterance

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who has turned and hastened unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Muhammad! We testify that thou hast soared on the wings of longing unto the Lord of the Day of the Covenant. Thou didst arrive and present thyself before the Gate, and didst hear the Call from the Dawning-Place of grandeur, and didst attain that which the near ones have attained. Render thanks unto God for this great bounty.

O Taqi! Hear My call once again. Counsel the people to fear God and to that whereby His wondrous Cause may be uplifted. Say: Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan withhold you from your Lord, the All-Merciful. Leave them behind you, turning unto the Tree of Revelation whereon the Interlocutor of the Mount doth speak: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

O son of Abhar! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, turn thy face unto My countenance, take hold of My Book with the strength bestowed by Me, arise to serve My Cause, and turn unto Mine all-glorious horizon, at whose appearance the horizons prostrated themselves and the lights bowed down in humility. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, as a grace from Us upon thee, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Go forth with My Book unto My lands and remind My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Say: God is with you under all conditions. We hear and We see, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Fear God, O people, and follow not those who have exchanged the ocean for a drop and certitude for idle fancies. These are among the most lost, as recorded in a clear tablet.

We testify that thou wert present and didst mention the people of Qaf who fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament and were among the steadfast. And thou didst mention the people of Za who cast away vain imaginings, clinging to the cord of certitude. We testify that We heard from thee mention of the people of Ta who believed in the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, and the people of Qaf and Mim and Kaf. Rejoice thou at My testimony and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Sad and give them glad-tidings of the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds. O people of Sad! The Lord of creation hath turned toward you from the prison quarter and beareth witness to your acceptance, your devotion, your humility and your submissiveness to a Cause before which the necks of the idolaters have bowed. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath caused the Holy Spirit and them that circle round My mighty Throne to weep. Ye have been forced to leave your homes by reason of what hath befallen you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, to this every discerning mystic doth testify. What aileth Me that I behold the wolf pursuing My sheep? Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. We counsel you to manifest the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the faces of the idolaters have been darkened.

O My loved ones in Abhar! The Wronged One hath turned toward you from the prison quarter and hath mentioned you in such wise as cannot be equaled by the wealth of the rich nor by all that the kings and rulers possess. He who was present before Us made mention of you; thus have We remembered you in this clear Tablet.

O Qamsar! The breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over thee and thou hast attained that which most cities of the world have not attained. Recognize thou this great bounty. We counsel thee to preserve what thou hast been given by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The crier hath cried out, the raven hath croaked, and the Dove of the Throne hath spoken: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Beauteous." We make mention of Our loved ones in thee and bid them to be steadfast in this momentous News. That which We foretold you hath come to pass, when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra and in the Land of Mystery and in this noble station.

We make mention of Our loved ones and friends in Mim and Alif, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My companions there! We testify that ye have turned towards and believed in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Blessed are your homes

wherein hath been raised the remembrance of God and the remembrance of His loved ones, and ye have attained unto that which was written down in the tablets of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O My companions in Sin and Nun! The Wronged One remembereth you and commandeth you to that which beseemeth this Cause, from which every heedless doubter hath turned aside. Take ye hold of the Book of God with the strength bestowed by Us, and be ye among those who are firmly established. We counsel you to preserve that which ye have been given. Render thanks unto your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Ibn-i-Abhar hath appeared before the Most Great Scene and made mention of you. We have remembered you in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Thou hast made mention of My male and female servants before the Countenance, and each servant and handmaiden hath attained unto that which was mentioned in the books of God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in a Tablet which none save He hath comprehended. Thus hath the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End been raised up in this exalted station. Say: O concourse of creation! By My life, the All-Merciful! We have sent unto you the fragrance of My sweetest utterance. Do ye perceive it, or are ye of the heedless? The horizons have been filled with the breathings of revelation. Do ye sense them, or are ye of those who slumber? The fragrance of the All-Merciful's robe hath been wafted throughout the world. Blessed is he who hath recognized it, found it, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" By God! The world hath been perfumed by the fragrances of the Pen, yet the peoples are in strange drunkenness. Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come with the standards of divine knowledge, though it be against your wishes. He is the One before Whose name the Point of the Bayan and the Concourse on High and the angels brought nigh have prostrated themselves. Say: The Faithful Spirit circleth round the Throne, while the dwellers of Paradise abide beneath the shadow of this glorious and wondrous station. Whoso turneth away from this Name hath turned away from God in the past and in the future. To this testifieth He with Whom is a preserving Tablet. The mercy that hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning this mighty Cause, whereby the limbs of the idolaters who cast the Book of God behind their backs have quaked, turning instead to every heedless one who hath turned away from God, the True King, the Manifest.

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The Most Exalted One, He is God, Exalted be His Glory in Wisdom and Utterance

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be My peace, My loving-kindness and My mercy. The letter thou didst send through Badi'u'llah attained the honor of being heard at His presence. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the mention of God, the All-Glorious, the Most High, and was illumined with the lights of divine love. We beseech God to confirm thee in service to His Cause. Should thou turn, with wisdom and utterance, toward the land of Za, it would be acceptable in the sight of God, and from there to other lands. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

Likewise, the letter thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, was mentioned before His presence. These days are the days of God. Thou must engage in teaching the Cause for the sake of God, that perchance the turning away of the servants may be transformed into acceptance, their unbelief into faith, and their polytheism into unity. The grace of God hath been and ever will be infinite. How strange that some souls, for the sake of the fleeting colors of this world and a life of but two days, have remained deprived of God's eternal bounties and everlasting life. Beseech God that through the finger of the Hands of His Cause–that is, souls who are firm, steadfast, assured and well-pleasing–He may rend asunder the veils, dispel the clouds of glory, and remove the intervening barrier. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thou didst mention Fakhru'd-Din, upon him be My glory. We make mention of him at this hour with the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds, and give him the glad-tidings of My grace and My mercy, for I am the Gracious Herald. O Fakhru'd-Din! He who loveth Me hath made mention of thee, and We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. Verily He loveth those who love Him and remembereth those who remember Him, as a mercy from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Cast aside what the people possess and take what thou hast been given from God, the Powerful, the Almighty. Beware lest what the servants possess should prevent thee from the Lord of creation, or the gloating of the transgressors sadden thee. Take hold of the Book with the strength from Us and the wisdom from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Commanding, the All-Knowing.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn unto Thee and to face toward Thy horizon. I beseech Thee by the tabernacle of Thy glory and the pavilion of [Thy protection], and by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued Thy servants and Thy creation, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy Cause. Then write down for me, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O Ibn-i-Abhar! At this moment We make mention of thy mother who turned unto God, heard and believed in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We have previously made mention of her in such wise that its fragrance will never cease to endure throughout the eternity of My Best Names, and I am the Faithful Witness Who speaketh. Blessed is she and joy be unto her for having fulfilled her covenant and not having broken her pledge. Blessed is she and those who love her for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Great. Convey My greetings unto her face and remind her of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty, and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

I give thee glad tidings of My grace and remembrance and mercy and bounty which have encompassed all existence both seen and unseen. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings to the uncle and his namesake. Their mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner and each hath attained unto the verses and favors of God. We beseech God to assist them and enable them to celebrate His praise and glorification and to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded, and upon those women who have believed in God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thou didst mention the new believer. Make mention of her on behalf of this Wronged One and say: O My handmaiden! The world was created for the knowledge of God, glorified be His majesty. Yet when the Purpose was made manifest and the proof was perfected and the verses were revealed and the evidences were resplendent, all turned away and occupied themselves with denunciation and cursing. Praise be to God Who, through His grace, saved thee and guided thee. Thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer nor likeness. Give thou glad tidings unto My handmaidens of My grace and remembrance and mercy and bounty which have encompassed all existence both seen and unseen. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings to the uncle and his namesake. Their mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner and each hath attained unto the verses and favors of God. We beseech God to assist them and enable them to celebrate His praise and glorification and to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded, and upon those women who have believed in God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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As to his honor Mir Muhammad Husayn Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God. Safar 1304.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The Call hath ever been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Summoner - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - is established upon the Throne of Utterance. Yet time and again hath this most exalted Word proceeded from the tongue of the Creator of Heaven, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O thou who art present! These weak-natured ones of the world have never been and are not now capable of hearkening. Until now they have spoken of the idols of names while remaining heedless of and turning away from the Truth, exalted be His glory. By what proof and evidence do they believe in the Point of the Bayan, while by what evidence are they veiled and debarred from the Purpose of all worlds? That Station through whose blessed Word a hundred thousand letters have been and are being created - this they have abandoned, clinging instead to a mere name among names and taking pride therein, although they were and are in no wise aware of His Cause. Blind are their eyes and stopped are their ears. Verily God is the Powerful, the Just, the Wise.

They who are in the Bayan are incapable of reckoning that which hath been revealed in this Most Great Revelation. Yet still they deny. The divine evidences are manifest and His signs encompassing and visible. The effects of the Most Exalted Word are dawning and shining forth from all directions. Every person of insight hath testified and every informed one hath borne and beareth witness. Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath reached such a point that they have denied what they have seen with their own eyes and turned away from what they have heard with their own ears. They have forgotten the counsels of the Point - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. How strange, utterly strange! They teach the people through the Book of Certitude while remaining unaware. The travelers to the Land of Sad mentioned this matter after their arrival, and subsequently his honor the Beloved of the Heart, Haydar-'Ali - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God - wrote that the deniers are teaching people

through the Book of Certitude. From the beginning of Adam until now, such heedlessness hath never appeared. Hadi Dawlat-Abadi in the Land of Sad, like those souls before him, is occupied with leading the poor people astray - even though all the people of the Bayan witnessed with their own eyes on the Day of Judgment the fruits of the Shi'ih's deeds, how they cursed the Truth entirely and martyred Him. They do not reflect for a moment with insight on what were and what became the fruits of that party's deeds. In any case, man is astonished, the world is astonished. For one thousand two hundred years and more they turned away from truth and clung to falsehood. If anyone spoke about the birth of the Manifestation, they would immediately deem it necessary to kill and dishonor him. How utterly strange that among all those divines, not one attained true knowledge or tasted a drop from the ocean of awareness. The later blind ones have followed those sightless ones, occupied with the same matters and speaking the same words. At one time this blessed Word proceeded from the tongue of the Dawning-Place of the light of Divine Unity, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O thou who art present! I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the heaven of merciful grace that until now, due to the weakness of the servants, the true meaning of Divine Unity hath not been revealed as it should be from the Pen of Power.

By the life of our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, what they have stated is truth, there is no doubt in it. All that has thus far been rent asunder of the thick veils and the concealing clouds, this heedless party has again afflicted the people with veils even thicker than before and continues to do so. Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who holdest the reins of utterance and Who art the Omnipotent over all possibility! I beseech Thee by Thy unity, which none besides Thee hath fathomed, and by the stations of the Kaaba of Thy knowledge and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy wisdom, to protect Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones from the cawing of the croakers, the doubts of the suspicious, the hints of the transgressors, and the onslaught of the oppressors. Then ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thy court and grant them the bounty of meeting Thee. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned to Thee and whose mention and praise have been presented before Thy face, whom Thou didst name Hussein - Mir Muhammad Hussein Bey - in the Book of Names by Thy descriptive Pen. O Lord! Thou seest his turning to Thee and hearest his mention and praise and the yearning of his heart. The servant at this moment, when the hands of his hope have been raised toward the heaven of Thy grace, beseecheth Thee to write for him that which befitteth the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Bless, O my God, those who have arisen to aid Thy Cause and have spent their spirits in Thy path, and whom the attraction of Thy verses hath so seized that the onslaught of those who violated Thy covenant and Thy testament did not prevent them. Verily, Thou art He Whom neither the opposition of the world nor the whisperings of those who have denied Thy favor can hinder. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are Thine and unto Thee shall we return.

Thereafter, numerous letters, each a faithful herald and clear messenger, arrived from that Beloved One. Utterances were heard from him and words reached the ear of understanding. The first word was confirmation and testimony of what had proceeded from the Tongue of Grandeur before creation and after it. The second word was thanksgiving and praise for the true bounties and heavenly sustenance. The third word indicated and bespoke longing and yearning, and likewise burning from the fire of separation.

The fourth word spoke of health and well-being. Praise be to God, in each word a volume was beheld, and after reflection, discernment, joy and delight, intention was made to approach the Speaker of the Mount. The letters were presented and each was honored with attention at its time, and on each occasion the Tongue of Grandeur uttered that which had no likeness or equal. After the presentation of another letter, these exalted words appeared from the Most Sublime Horizon, His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who speaketh from His most exalted horizon […]

O thou who gazest upon the horizon of the Cause! Rejoice in that He Who hath no peer in His utterance, no equal in His remembrance, and no likeness in His Cause, maketh mention of thee. He hath come from the heaven of utterance with the kingdom of proof, and hath stood before all faces and proclaimed in the most exalted call: "O concourse of earth and heaven!" Thereby were the veils rent asunder and the All-Giver came with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth are powerless. The Kawthar of life hath flowed from His utterance throughout all possibility, and the ocean of knowledge hath surged before the faces of all religions. Blessed is he who hastened, and partook, and drank, detached from the world and all that is therein. Woe unto every heedless and remote one!

By God! My Most Exalted Pen speaketh unto the people of Baha, and they who have turned away have no portion of this Most Great Ocean, nor any path unto God, the Lord of all worlds. They have denied God's proof and His evidence, clinging to what they possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. They have cast the Mother Book behind their backs, following the daysprings of delusion who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. They claim faith in the Bayan while they deny its Revealer. Thus doth the Wronged One recount unto thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, that which ye possess, and all that the world possesseth, shall profit you not this Day. God's Book beareth witness to this, if ye be of them that hear. The veils of idle fancy have prevented you from gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and vain imaginings from hearkening unto the Word of God, Lord of the mighty Throne. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the servants, and be not like those who cast truth behind their backs, clinging to what their desires have commanded them. These, verily, are among the liars in God's Book, the King, the Truth, the Manifest.

We were seated upon the throne when the servant present entered with thy letter and read it after Our leave. We heard what thy heart's tongue uttered and have answered thee with this Luminous Tablet which speaketh the truth and summoneth the world unto the straight path of God. Say: O people of the earth, be fair in God's name! Can anyone stand before all faces and speak that which opposeth their desires? Fear God, then speak with pure truth, and be not among the abject. The world and all ye behold today shall perish, and there shall endure what hath been ordained for My loved ones by God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones there, and remind them of what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and give them the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of all worlds. Say: This is the Day of Remembrance and Utterance, and this is the Day of the victory of thy Lord's Cause, the Merciful, the Compassionate. God hath ordained victory and triumph through the hosts of wisdom

and knowledge, a command from His presence - and He is the One, the Sole, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day whereon the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the highest branches, and the Bird of Utterance spoke upon the branch of inner meanings: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Informed.”

When thou hearest My verses and drinkest the choice wine of grace from the cup of My bounty, say […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me with verses from which the mystics find in every letter thereof volumes of Thy loving care and bounty, and books of Thy grace and mercy. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Signs from which hath streamed forth the Kawthar of eternity, and by the rain from the clouds of Thy mercy, and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and power in Thy dominion, and by the Sea - whosoever attaineth unto a drop thereof findeth himself detached from all else save Thee and sanctified from whatsoever Thou hast forbidden in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets - to assist this servant of Thine to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants. I testify that Thy power hath prevailed, Thy tender mercies have encompassed all things, Thy grace hath preceded all, and Thy Book hath proclaimed that verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. The veils of the transgressors cannot withhold Thee, nor the allusions of the infidels who have concealed Thy Manifestation, disbelieved in Thy signs, disputed Thy proof, and denied the evidences of Thy might and the revelations of Thy power. O Lord! Thou seest him who seeketh Thy Sacred House and Most Exalted Station, and desireth the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity and that which would assist him to promote Thy Cause amongst Thy creation. O Lord! Aid him through Thy bounty and enable him through Thy grace. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Verily Thou art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of the sincere ones.

The grace of the All-Bountiful hath encompassed all directions. His generosity hath never withheld from any seeker nor forbidden any aspirant. The river of mercy and loving-kindness hath ever flowed from right and left, and all things, both male and female among His servants, summon others saying “Come ye! Come ye!” But few are fair-minded and fewer still are the hearing ones, save whom God willeth - our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven.

As to what was written concerning the loved ones of that land, each hath been blessed by God’s grace, exalted be His glory. Mention of them all hath issued from the blessed Tongue. This servant beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - to set ablaze the loved ones of that country with the fire of His love and illumine them with the light of His grace, that each may become a path leading to the Desired One and a guide pointing to Him Who is the Goal.

As for the mention made of the daughter of the sister of Bibi Sardar, upon them both be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and one blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of the worlds and was sent, that she might drink from its words the choice wine of wisdom and utterance. The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of all possibilities and the Educator of all beings. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Evident […]

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it draweth thee to the Kingdom of My loving-kindness and the Heaven of My mercy, and giveth thee to drink of the Kawthar of Mine utterance, and causeth thee to hear the warbling of the birds of My Throne, and showeth thee the lights of the horizon of My Revelation, and maketh thee speak forth My remembrance and praise, and guideth thee to the path of My favors, and directeth thee to My Great Announcement and My Cause, firm and impregnable. O leaf! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of My Will. We beseech God that He may aid thee to drink from every letter of the divine Tablet a chalice - nay, rather, an ocean. Praise be to the Peerless Beloved Who hath aided thee to turn unto Him and hath caused thee to attain unto verses and words whose fragrance is diffused, whose light is resplendent, and which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Blessed art thou and happy art thou, for thou hast attained unto that whereunto the people of the world, both men and women, rulers and divines, kings and sovereigns, remain heedless and veiled, save only a few.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desire, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar which floweth from Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the choice wine of Thy revelation whose seal Thou didst break with the finger of might, to make me in all conditions severed from aught else except Thee and holding fast unto Thee and unto that which hath appeared from Thee and been sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee and drawn to Thy verses. I beseech Thee by that which is hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the repositories of Thy wisdom, to make me speak forth Thy praise amongst Thy handmaidens. Then ordain for me that which shall be a companion unto me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Praised be God that the fragrances of the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, have encompassed that honored leaf. How lofty is the station of one who arises today to serve the Cause and partakes of the Salsabil of divine knowledge and offers it to others. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to manifest souls who are worthy and deserving of recognition of these days and what hath appeared therein. At one time this most exalted blessed word was revealed from the tongue of the Creator of heaven, blessed and exalted be His utterance: “O servant present! These people were not and are not worthy of recognizing this Most Great Cause and this momentous Announcement. These worthless ones were not and will not be worthy of the most exalted Paradise. Throughout ages and centuries they have been worshippers of idle fancies and idols. How can such souls become worthy of approaching the ultimate goal and most exalted summit?” Indeed, most of the peoples of the world cling to vain imaginings. Observe the Babi community - although they witnessed the vain imaginings of the previous community, namely the Shi’ites, and beheld the fruits of their deeds on the Day of Reckoning, they have again held fast to the same means as before. They cling to names while remaining heedless and veiled from their Creator, Manifestor and Originator. In any case, these immature ones were not and are not worthy of mention. Glory be to Him Who hath spoken with sure truth and manifest pure sincerity. He hath said, and His sweetest utterance is: “A one-year old child of the Day of His Manifestation is mightier

than all who are in the Bayan. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Speaker, the Compassionate, the Manifest, the Generous."

As to what was written regarding the two souls who ascended to the Supreme Companion, this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed for them from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the Forgiving, the Merciful

O My Pen! Make mention of a servant among My servants who was named Jamal and who ascended to the station ordained for him by God, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that he heard the Call and believed in God, the Creator of heaven, and rent asunder the veils through the name of his Lord, the Master of the beginning and the end. Verily He forgave him after purifying him of his transgressions, as a grace from His presence, for He is the Forgiver, the Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. We testify that he was adorned with the ornament of faith and knowledge, and We have sent down for him at this time a blessing from Our presence and a heavenly feast from Our midst, and We have made him to consort with God's chosen ones and His loved ones in the highest Paradise, and I am verily the True, the Faithful Rememberer.

And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Husayn. By God! When I make mention of him, the ocean of forgiveness surgeth and the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of all mystic knowers, is diffused. We testify that he was adorned with the ornament of his Lord's loving-kindness, was speaking His praise, was standing in His service, and was holding fast to His firm cord. The Concourse on High found from him, at his ascension, the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Thus did the mercy of the Lord precede and His grace encompass all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Unto Him be praise and glory, and unto Him be grandeur and bounty! Each of those who have turned to the remembrance of the Desired One have attained and been adorned with the testimony of God. For the world and whatsoever is therein, change and transformation and extinction are evident, but for the blessed Word which shineth forth from the Dayspring of the Will of God, glorified be His majesty, change and transformation and extinction have no access nor effect. Unto Him be praise and thanksgiving in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

The other letter from that loved one, dated the fifteenth of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram, arrived and passed like a breeze from which the fragrance of love could be inhaled. It brought joy and increased mindfulness and remembrance, for it spoke in praise of the Desired One and bore witness to the acceptance, steadfastness and love of that beloved one. After its reading and perusal, it was taken to the Most Exalted Horizon and presented before the presence of the Creator of Names and the Lord of all things, attaining the honor of His hearing. Likewise, mention of the names of the friends that were in the letter was presented, and from the Kingdom of the Will of the Sovereign of Oneness there shone forth for each one that which illumined the world of inner meanings and utterance. Exalted be His favor and magnificent His grace!

His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Hearer, the Speaker, the Answerer!

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Once again the servant in attendance appeared with thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Merciful. We have sent down for thee that which perisheth not, as beareth witness the Lord of the Kingdom of Names in the prison of Akka. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word.

O Muhammad-Tahir in Sarayan! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. We make mention of thee through My grace, remind thee of My verses, give thee glad tidings of My mercy, give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hands of My bounty, and draw thee nigh through My loving-kindness which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. We mentioned thee before and at this time that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Be thou fluent in My praise, steadfast in the service of My Cause, turning with thy heart to My horizon, and holding fast to My extended cord. Say: O peoples of the earth! Follow the Lord of Heaven. He hath appeared in truth and all things bear witness that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you or the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of might, prevent you. Thus hath the squeaking of My Pen been raised in My prison. Blessed are the people who hear, and woe unto every heedless one who hath turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

O Siyyid Ibrahim of Bujistan! He Who is the Desired One hath appeared and revealed what He willeth. The divines who were wont to lament His separation and await His days have turned away from Him. They are, in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds, accounted among the abject. The world is set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, yet the people remain in manifest doubt. Hearken unto the call from the Divine Lote-Tree through this Wronged One, Who hath stood before all faces and proclaimed: “O concourse of kings! This is the Promised One Who hath come from the heaven of the Cause with a Command that nothing on earth can equal.” To this testifieth every informed sage. The people have denied God’s grace and mercy and what hath been sent down from the heaven of His wondrous utterance. They have cast behind them what they were bidden to observe and have taken up that which they were forbidden by the Mighty, the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Beware lest anything prevent thee from remembering this Remembrance at Whose appearance the limbs of the heedless have quaked.

O Baqir of Faran! Where is thy fervor? Hast thou not heard My call? Nay, thou didst hear and remained silent. This beseemeth not one who hath attained to My days, heard My call, gained the victory of My traces, and witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed in this exalted station. Take My Book with the power bestowed by Me and say: “O concourse of the heedless! Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared in truth from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The verses have been sent down in such wise as to fill the horizons. Fear God and be not among the deniers.” Say:

“My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy presence, for having made known to me Thy path, and for having guided me to Thy Great Announcement. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that are nigh and the Beloved of the hearts of them that know, by the dawning-places of Thy signs, the Hands of Thy Cause, the Manifestations of Thy Self, and the

Repositories of Thy knowledge, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

We make mention of him who is named Hashim (the chief of the post office in Faran) that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of them that are thankful. O Hashim! Be thou the breaker of the might of the aggressors through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thus do We command thee as a token of Our grace. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great. Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, Who hath mentioned thee with verses that have attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. When the rapture of My utterance seizeth thee and draweth thee nigh unto the kingdom of My knowledge, say:

"My God, my God! Strengthen my heart to safeguard Thy trust, my hand to take hold of Thy Book, and my feet to stand firm in Thy service. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, hoping for what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones who were not hindered by anything from turning to Thy most exalted horizon. They heard Thy call and hastened with their hearts to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy wisdom. O Lord! Thou seest the seeker making for the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Height. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty not to disappoint him. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Powerful, and worthy to answer."

O Karbila'i Hasan of Faran! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee with that which beseemeth thee in this wondrous Day. This is a Day the like of which the days have never witnessed, and before whose manifestation ages and centuries have bowed down. In every verse We make mention of those servants whom the affairs of creation have not withheld from the Truth. They heard, turned towards it, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know!" We beseech God to quicken thee through these verses with a new life, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Blessed art thou for having raised My remembrance from thy station. We were present and heard what was mentioned therein. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have remembered those who gathered there as a token of Our grace. Verily nothing whatsoever escapes thy Lord's knowledge. He witnesses and beholds all things, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We made mention of thee before, and at this time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We convey Our greetings to the loved ones of that land and counsel them with exalted words. Today the people of Baha are souls who have succeeded in shattering the idols of names and idle fancies, and find themselves detached and free from all else save God, to such extent that all that the various parties possess cannot withhold them from the Lord of the Day of Return, much less their words, intimations and doubts. By God's life! The most lost of all parties were they who appeared on the Day of Reckoning, and more lost and heedless than these were the deniers of the Bayan, who have regarded tyranny as justice and oppression as equity. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they neither understand nor perceive.

If they make no claim to faith, it matters not, for this Wronged One's purpose transcends such matters, and His decree surpasses all decrees. Our gaze has been and remains fixed upon the Greater Bounty, that all on earth might be set ablaze with the fire of love, an enkindling that leads to unity. Blessed are they who attain! The people of the Bayan have clung to mere fancy and held fast to names, remaining deprived and veiled from that station through a single letter of whose Most Exalted Word the Kingdom of Names was created. Beseech ye God to transform weakness of vision into strength and grant a fresh light, that they might see and find. The Command is in His grasp, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Perfect bounty and heavenly sustenance have been sent down from the heaven of mercy. The rain of divine favors has refreshed the world and given it life, save for barren lands which remain deprived of this great mercy. In any case, one remains bewildered as to what they have turned to and what they have turned away from. What is their proof and what is their evidence? They have turned away from Him whom the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - called the first among worshippers, busying themselves instead with their own desires. I beseech God - exalted be His glory - to open a door that all might turn from tyranny to justice, from oppression to equity, and come to their senses. Verily our Lord hears and answers, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

As for the mention made of the divine friends in the blessed cities and villages of Faran, Jadba, B-Sh, Qaryih, Gunabad, Khayrabad, Furugh, Turbat, Mihnih and other places, praise be to God that that spiritual friend became the cause of abundant good, for each one attained special favors and all were mentioned in the Most Holy Court. They have attained unto the choice wine of His utterance, the Kawthar of His remembrance, and the Salsabil of His all-encompassing grace. This servant conveys greetings and salutations to all, and begs for each one the good of this world and the next. Verily He has power over all things.

Concerning what was written about the two Abnin, upon them be the Glory of God and His loving kindness, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He says, blessed and exalted be He: Praise be to God, the hands of grace saved them and guided them from the wilderness of vain imaginings to the Dayspring of certitude. Through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, they have rent asunder the veils and barriers of conjecture and idle fancy, and have attained the effulgences of the light of the Luminary of certitude. We beseech the True One to assist them to aid His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the One Who has power over what He wishes, and He is the Mighty, the Helper. This servant also beseeches from the heaven of grace and loving-kindness of the Goal of the world's peoples that He may assist them in that which befits His Day. Verily, He has power over all things.

Likewise, specifically for Muhammad-Sadiq Khan and Muhammad-Taqi Khan, upon them be the Glory of God, two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the Divine Sacred Kingdom and were sent. I beseech the True One that they may drink from the hidden Kawthar within His words and verses. Whosoever drinks thereof shall find himself clinging unto Him and detached from all else.

Concerning what was written about the elevated and deceased Mulla Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, it was presented before the presence of the Countenance of thy Lord and achieved the honor of being heard, and these verses were revealed from the Dayspring of Divine inspiration. He says, exalted be His glory and all-pervading be His bounty:

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Husayn! After Ghulam, the Mighty, the All-Knowing remembers thee, when He was wronged at the hands of the heedless. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him and believed when the people were in manifest rejection. Thou didst attain unto the traces of My Pen before thy ascension and after it through this luminous Tablet. The Light that shines from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of earth and heaven, be upon thee, O thou servant who art assured in God. I testify that thou didst attain unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. The doubts of the divines did not prevent thee from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, nor did the authority of the aggressors veil thee. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who remember thee through what hath been revealed in this exalted station.

Praise be to God, he attained unto the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, through one drop of which the people of the graves arose. The servant beseeches his Lord to send down upon him at all times a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily our Lord, the Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Likewise, mention was made of the deceased and forgiven Mirza Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. After being presented before the Most Pure, Most Luminous and Most Great Presence, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory. He says, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

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The first wave appeared and rose from the ocean of God's mercy, the Lord of earth and heaven and the Ruler of the last and first, and the first light shone forth from the Day Star of grace and bounty upon thee, O thou who hast ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. My Pen beareth witness that thou didst attain unto My days and didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the cups of My knowledge, and didst respond when My call was raised, and didst turn when thou didst attain that which was sent down from the kingdom of My wondrous remembrance. Upon thee be My glory and the glory of the Concourse on high and of the most sublime Paradise and the glory of them who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Blessed art thou in that the Pen of the Most Glorious God moved to make mention of thee and testified to that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. He Who speaketh in every state beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

He hath indeed attained unto forgiveness and unto a testimony that nothing in the kingdom can equal. It behooveth every soul to sacrifice his spirit for this bounty that hath appeared and appeareth without regard to the worthiness of His servants. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us in praising and thanking Him. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Another missive from that Beloved One hath bestowed fresh joy upon the heart. In truth, the traces of the chosen ones and the expressions of their praise and glorification make the soul fresh, for every letter

thereof is adorned and perfumed with the fragrance of divine love, giving strength to the soul and steadfastness to the limbs. After reading and learning of it, we proceeded to the station of the Lord of earth and heaven, and after attaining His presence and presenting these verses, these words were revealed from the Kingdom of attributes. Thus speaketh the Lord, blessed and sanctified be He:

He is the All-Knowing Witness

We have heard thy call once again and have answered thee with other verses. These shall draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the lights of the Day Star of thy Lord's loving kindness, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy pen, thy heart, thy hearing and thy sight. Thou hast attained unto the hearing of My call and the witnessing of My signs, and hast been honored with My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, through which the hearts of the mystics were attracted and the spirits of them who are nigh took flight. We beseech God to aid thee and make thee successful and to assist thee with the hosts of utterance for the propagation of thy Lord's Cause, Who is manifest and seated upon His mighty throne. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving kindness be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among those whom God hath adorned through their connection with thee, and upon those whom nothing hath prevented from turning to their Lord - they who have turned and believed in God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was written about Aqa Siyyid Ali Qadi, after it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said: "Wherever the aforementioned Siyyid may be, We shall send a tablet from the Kingdom of utterance. If he accepteth, he shall attain unto that which is the goal; and if he turneth away, verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised."

This is what was revealed for him from the Kingdom of God's will, the Lord of all worlds.

He is God - exalted be His station, His grandeur and His power.

O Ali! Hearken to the Call that hath been raised from the direction of Akka by Him Whose tongue, both outwardly and inwardly, and Whose limbs and very hairs testify to the unity of God and His singleness, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Behold and then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, appeared, the people denied Him, and there befell Him in the path of God that which caused His chosen ones and loved ones to weep. And before Him, when the Spirit appeared with God's proof and His testimony, all on earth denied Him save whom thy Lord willed. And before Him, when Moses came with clear signs, Pharaoh and his chiefs turned away from Him and committed that which caused the people of the cities of justice and fairness to cry out. Thus did it befall the Prophets of God, His Messengers and His chosen ones throughout the ages and centuries.

O Ali! We have turned from the most eloquent tongue to the language of light that perchance thou mayest attain unto the living waters of utterance and quicken the souls thereby. They who are today

deprived of the knowledge of God, glorified be His majesty, are accounted as dead in the sight of God. Today, life is not manifested through movement, nor sight through observation, nor hearing through listening. Ponder the Furqan, which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood. They who are bereft of the ornament of faith are not reckoned among those endowed with sight and hearing, nay rather, they are not accounted among the living before God.

Hath it ever been heard that when a soul arose with the divine Cause, and God, glorified be His majesty, adorned him with the ornament of Prophethood and Messengership for the guidance of creation and humanity, the people of that age accepted his words and hearkened to his utterance? Nay, by God! Such a thing hath never been heard from the beginning of the world until now. Whenever a light shone forth from the heaven of God's will, glorified be His majesty, all arose to extinguish it and stood with utmost determination to deny it, turn away from it, and harm it.

Assuredly thou hast observed in the Books that this servant speaketh and hath spoken for the sake of God, and hath not emerged from the house of learning. I was sleeping when the breezes of my Lord's grace awakened me and commanded me to raise my voice between earth and heaven. This was not from me but from God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

From the earliest days until now, We have summoned all princes, divines, philosophers and religious doctors to the most exalted horizon without veil or concealment. If thou wouldst ponder on that which hath appeared and that which hath been revealed from the Kingdom of utterance, thou wouldst attain to that from which thou art now veiled. So momentous is this Cause that it hath been said: "The divines of that age shall be the most wicked divines beneath the shadow of heaven," unto the end of the tradition. Examine thou the Book of Certitude which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance, that perchance thou mayest attain unto the living waters concealed within its words and be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation. Say:[…]

My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst remember me when I was heedless of the wonders of Thy grace, and Thou didst speak to me when I was veiled by the veils of men. Alas, alas, for my heedlessness and Thy care, my remoteness from the precincts of Thy nearness, and my neglect of the ocean of Thy knowledge at the appearance of the pearls of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants and the souls of Thy bondsmen, to aid me in rending asunder the veils that have hindered me from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and the effulgences of the lights of Thy supreme attributes. I know not, O my God, my Lord and my Goal, whether Thou hast ordained for me to turn unto Thee and to attain unto the gate of Thy grandeur, or whether Thy decree and destiny have prevented me. O Lord! Disappoint not the seeker of what he desireth from the heaven of Thy grace, and withhold him not from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning unto Thee and from clinging to the cord of Thy grace. Thou art indeed the Almighty before Whose power the power of the world hath bowed down. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Omnipotent, the Strong, the Most Exalted, the Powerful.

Were they to read what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen and ponder upon what hath been mentioned, they would assuredly cross over the bridge and make for the Most Great Ocean of God. The

stories of the ancients have withheld the servants from the heavenly feast; they cling to names while remaining heedless and turning away from their Creator and Originator. Day and night they occupy themselves with the mention of the Truth, yet not a single letter thereof hath been or ever will be accepted. Whenever divine tests appear, all are observed to stray from the straight path and turn away from the Dayspring of Revelation and the Source of inspiration. Would that they had been content with mere denial! Rather, they have perpetrated that which hath caused all things to lament and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the most lofty chambers to return to the nethermost earth. Such is the state of the heedless and ignorant servants. I beseech God for assistance and seek divine confirmation for all, that perchance these limited and numbered colors may not prevent them from the depths of the ocean of oneness nor deprive them thereof. He is indeed the All-Merciful and the All-Forgiving. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Concealer.

If that beloved one deemeth it advisable, he may deliver his tablet; otherwise, let it be.

Likewise mention was made of Mulla Sultan. After this was presented, this most exalted word was sent down from the heaven of mercy. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Sultan! The heaven of knowledge is adorned with the stars of utterance. This is a mighty day; know thou its station. Ask God to aid thee to turn unto that for which existence itself came into being. Today the ocean of knowledge is surging and the Sun of Truth is shining. Forsake all else but God; perchance thou mayest attain unto His knowledge and find that which hath ever been the purpose of all worlds. The conditions and colors of this world were not and are not worthy. Rend asunder the veils; perchance thou mayest drink of the choice sealed wine and attain unto His presence. Thus hath the scratching of the Supreme Pen been raised up, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Blessed are they that attain.

As bidden, these passages may also be conveyed or imparted if wisdom permits; otherwise silence is preferable. O beloved one, this servant has never liked nor does he like servitude. His purpose is that whatever flows from the Supreme Pen and the right hand of grace, all may drink it through God's help. For it is observed that the people of the world were not and are not worthy of what has appeared, save a few. The bat does not seek the station of the sun, and the beetle has ever fled and continues to flee from the city of flowers and blossoms. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist His loved ones to drink the choice wine at all times and to ordain for them what befits His generosity and sovereignty. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

As to the renewed mention made of his honor Ibn, upon him be the glory and bounty of God, and the expression of his love for that beloved one - this was presented before His presence. The ocean of bounty is so surging that this servant is incapable and powerless to describe it. His honor Ibn and those related to him - that is, those souls who have drunk of the sealed wine and are gazing toward the supreme horizon - all are mentioned by the tongue of grandeur and the rains of mercy are pouring down. This is the greatest glad-tidings. Happy are they and blessed are they. Again and again their mention has been made. Verily bounty is in His hand and within His mighty grasp. He assists whom He wishes and ordains what He desires. He is the All-Choosing in the beginning and in the end.

O beloved of my heart, they have repeatedly made mention of the exalted lady, the Most Sublime Leaf of Paradise, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Some time ago, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for her and was sent. Whatever rights reach her are accepted in the presence of God. They have said: blessed are those souls who arise to serve her for the sake of God and attain His good-pleasure. Likewise, especially for the assured lady, the spiritual leaf, upon her be the eternal glory of God, a most wondrous and most exalted Tablet was revealed and sent a few days ago. Indeed they have drunk of the choice wine of utterance and are occupied with the mention and praise of the Goal of the worlds. Their reasoned exposition attained the Most Holy Court. After its presentation and hearing, the Tongue of the Lord of all being spoke that which pens are powerless to recount. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, spoke thus:

O thou who art present! O thou who art present! Praise be to God, the spiritual leaf was assisted by the victory of the King of the Kingdom of Names and the Creator of heaven. We testify that she has drunk the wine of certitude and has attained to hearing the warbling of My Most Exalted Pen. God has manifested through her that which guides the servants to the path of guidance. She has done in the path of God that which has been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Every letter of her book has testified to her mention, her exposition, and her station before God, the Protector[…]

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He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O thou who standeth before the Gate and art steadfast in the Cause! Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy. The Glory hath appeared before the Wronged One and read thy letter, which gained His attention and merited this response which, through the tongue of His mystery, declareth: Verily, the answer is yea, yea, yea! Praise be to God, before and after, thou art favored with His special grace. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee each day that which befitteth the heaven of His bounty and the ocean of His generosity. He, verily, is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

As for what thou didst behold in thy dream, We beseech the Exalted One to make it a blessing unto thee and unto His friends and loved ones. That the person mentioned was in a carriage with royal majesty and passed before thee, and afterward thou didst meet him with different attire, namely with a turban - there is no doubt that while majesty and royal grandeur are now present and manifest, this change portendeth a transformation of circumstances and an alteration of glory and might. We decree at this time his descent from the first station, that thereby God's servants and creatures might find rest. This is what can be understood from the dream, and hidden knowledge hath thus decreed. However, as this Wronged One hath ever sought and continueth to seek good for all, therefore He saith:

O God of Bounty and Educator of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the One Who dominateth both the unseen and the visible, to adorn him who was mentioned with the lights of the Day-Star of Thy justice. Moreover, protect him from the evil of those who secretly desire to seize his kingdom. O my Lord! Illumine his heart with the light of recognition and aid him to turn toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy Self. O Lord! Withhold him not from

turning toward the direction of Thy gifts, and make him not deprived of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, to Whose power all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

As for thy reaching a house that was larger and more magnificent than the palace, and each of its chambers appeared as grand as the palace - these details testify to the greatness of the Cause, the expansion of the Revelation, and the extensiveness of its holy hem. And that thou didst see the Book in the hand of Him in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of all things - this too indicateth the greatness of the Revelation and the exaltation of the Most Great Word, which is none other than the Book of God. This is that Book, each word of which exerciseth influence, authority and dominion in the world. God will soon manifest what hath been sent down therein of the gems of His commandments and the pearls of His laws. The interpretation of the Book and its exposition are in truth beyond reckoning. Knowledge is with God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

And concerning thy mention that in the same passage thou wert again honored to be present in one of its chambers and the utterances thou didst hear - this indicateth and portendeth the removal of the house's ornaments, meaning those things that serve to beautify and adorn its outward appearance. And this matter is even now outwardly evident. Praise be to God, the foundation of the house is firm and its furniture and principles are established. Assuredly, the means of outward ornament shall later appear through the divine will, for they are concealed in the world of God's Will and recorded in the realm of the Tablet and the Pen. Their effects shall surely become manifest and deliver the world from this abasement and constraint. Verily, He hath power over all things.

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In the Name of the All-Glorious, the Most Holy!

Mention hath been made by Us of him who desireth to know the Purpose when He Who was hidden appeared with a sovereignty that conquered all possibility, that the fragrance of certitude might seize him in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and draw him nigh unto the Dayspring of assurance. The signs have appeared, the Hour hath been troubled, and the verses have been sent down in such wise as to fill the horizons. The fingers of the All-Merciful have proffered the cup of life - whoso drinketh therefrom findeth the delights of the rivers flowing in Paradise. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined in such wise that the earth and the heavens were lit thereby, while those nigh unto God circle round the Throne and the sincere soar in this atmosphere which God hath sanctified from vain imaginings. Hearts have been attracted and minds have taken flight from the breezes of the days of God; they that were debarred are in doubt and schism. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, and knowledge hath been effaced when the Self-Subsisting appeared with power and sovereignty. The Preserved Tablet hath appeared through My Hidden Name, and every hidden secret hath been revealed through this Name whereby the standards have been raised.

Say: O people! How long will ye follow vain desires? Cast them behind you, turning unto guidance. Verily it hath shone forth like the sun from the horizon of bounty and grace. Say: This Day shall profit you not

that which the learned possess, nor that which the wealthy own, but rather that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all men. Where are the palaces of the Caesars, where the pyramids of the Pharaohs, and where are they who barred the way and turned aside from the Guide, and where are they who warred against and disputed with God? They have been cursed for what they uttered. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Turn ye, O people, to the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing doth speak. Beware lest the world debar you from the Lord of Names. Hasten unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts - this is better for you, did ye but understand. Remember when the Messengers of God and His Emissaries came unto them, they denied and disbelieved in them and in what was revealed unto them of scriptures and tablets. When We found the fragrance of thy turning unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, We revealed unto thee this Tablet and sent it to thee, that thou mightest soar on the wings of utterance in the atmosphere of wisdom and mystical knowledge, and deliver unto the people the Cause of thy Lord, that they might perchance be awakened and turn unto God, the Lord of religions.

Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner - verily He mentioneth thee for the sake of God, that there might appear from thee that which shall perpetuate thy remembrance in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Act according to what thou hast been counselled in the Tablet, and take the cup of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then give to drink thereof unto those who wander in the wilderness of forgetfulness, that it may bring them nigh unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Thus have We illumined the horizon of mystical knowledge with the sun of remembrance and utterance. When thou hast attained unto it, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things and in Whose grasp is the dominion of the earth and the heavens.

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O Shaykh bearing the name of the Lord of all desire! Upon thee be the glory of God and His mercy. He is the All-Loving, the All-Merciful.

O Shaykh! Upon thee be the glory and bounty of God. In the visible world, there hath appeared that which hath bewildered the possessors of wisdom, knowledge, proof and testimony. For twelve hundred years the divines, mystics and worshippers of Iran clung to matters that were not remembered in the sight of God. Glory be to God! Throughout the nights and days, all beseeched and supplicated for the days of His manifestation, yet when the Most Great Luminary shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of eternity, all turned away and denied, save whom God willed.

How strange, utterly strange, that throughout the ages not one among the divines of that land was aware of the nature of His manifestation. They clung to unseemly tales and held fast to false stories. Throughout the nights and days, they were all worshippers of self and passion, devoted to mere names, holding fast to the cord of names while remaining heedless and veiled from their Creator, Provider, and the Source of their being.

By the life of God! Such was the wrong inflicted by that group upon the Seal of the Prophets that tablet, pen, banner and standard weep and lament. For those souls who were made manifest by His Word became occupied with these people and were barred from the true Sovereign. In the latter days, their rebellion reached such heights that mention of God's truth, power and sovereignty was erased, leaving naught but the mention of letters. The station and rank of that party on the Day of Retribution is clear and evident to those possessed of insight.

The divines issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood, and the preachers opened their tongues in curse and execration. And now they speak from pulpits that which causeth the hearts of the sincere ones and those near to God to burn, and the tears of the monotheists to flow.

Strange it is that the people of the Bayan are still not awakened by what hath come to pass. They remain occupied anew with mention of Imam, successor, mirror and the like. The knowledge and mysticism of the past culminated in the Fourth Pillar. The purpose of this mention is clear and evident to them.

Say: Take heed, O ye whose darkness hath taken the place of light

Take heed, O ye whose whiteness hath spread across your face

In any case, the heedless party hath afflicted the servants with the delusions of the past. Seek assistance from God, that He might raise up souls who recognize the bounty and station of the Day of God, and who might protect the helpless people from the well of suspicion and fancy. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Blessed is he who pondereth what hath flowed from the tongue of Grandeur at this time, and blessed art thou, O Shaykh, for having shattered the idols in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of all names, and rent asunder the veils through His binding and wise command.

The glory from Us be upon thee, upon those with thee, and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, Exalted be His Glory, His is the Greatness and the Power!

That which hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude hath been established through clear proof, namely that My praise and My mention cannot attain unto My purpose. The most exalted call from the highest realm befitteth Him not - how much less My mention and the mention of ones like Me, and My praise and the praise of ones like Me. Therefore We make mention, and We declare, and We say that mention and praise, from this day unto the day that hath no end, are reserved for the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty - those souls who are seen to be evanescent and as nothing in the Will and Purpose of God, exalted be His glory, who stand with utmost steadfastness in the Cause of God, and who with spirit and joy speak forth His praise. These are the souls who are mentioned in the Books of old and of latter days, whom neither the doubts of the peoples, nor the signs of the world, nor the clamor of the

polytheists, nor the commotion of the heedless have deterred. They have arisen and proclaimed with wisdom and utterance: “Verily our Lord is the All-Merciful, and He is the Help in Peril in all times.”

And now, O beloved of My heart! Thy letter arrived repeatedly, news arrived, and praise be to God, the morn of hope hath dawned, in that, praise be to God, the Sun of loving-kindness hath risen and permission hath been granted. O Ibn-i-Abhar! Advance with such acceptance as would cause all created things to advance toward the Qiblih of the horizons, and turn with such turning as would cause all beings to turn toward the Dawning-Place of the verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. Verily the Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee time and again. We beseech God to make thy pilgrimage accepted, thy endeavor appreciated, and thy turning unto Him a treasure and honor and store with Him. Verily He is powerful over all things.

As to what thou didst write concerning his honor Haji, upon him be the peace of God - blessed is he! Faithfulness is greatly loved in the sight of God. How excellent is the state of those souls who have ever fixed and continue to fix their gaze upon Him. In brief, all are adorned with the ornament of permission, and this evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God, glorified be His majesty, to distinguish all with His special favors and to adorn them with the ornament of acceptance. Come ye, come ye, O people of fidelity! Come ye, come ye, O ye who have borne hardships in the path of God, the Lord of Names! Come ye, come ye, O ye who have witnessed the waves and the blowing of tempestuous winds! Come ye, come ye, O loved ones of God! Ye are they who have traversed land and sea and have remained patient in hardship and tribulation. Come ye, come ye, O people of the Covenant! Come ye, come ye, O companions of divine love! He Who is not known by what the tongue uttereth or what floweth from the Pen of creation hath called you. All this is from the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Merciful. Therefore let all turn with spirit and joy. Well is it with you, and may it be pleasant unto you. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God’s loved ones and His friends.

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=== START BH11613 ===

O Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Wise Commander

O thou who standeth at the Gate! The All-Bestowing hath come to convey to the peoples that which will draw them near to the Lord of all men. Thy letter was received and heard. We beseech God to assist thee in that which is befitting His days. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

That which thou didst mention evidenceth love, humility, submissiveness and steadfastness. The honored believer and the Leaf who attained His presence in the days when the Luminary of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of Iraq - praise be to God - have attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in God’s Book. Blessed be they both! Verily, the Leaf hath drunk from the hand of bounty the wine of immortality, and for the believer hath been written the reward of attainment from the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

The honored Amin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly mentioned them in presence and absence. In truth, the one mentioned hath ever been occupied with the remembrance of

God's friends. Blessed is he! Concerning the House, that which they mentioned diffuseth the fragrances of the love of God, and these fragrances have not ceased nor will they cease. However, in previous years another will took precedence over your will and attained this service. Your House too hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance through boundless grace and mercy.

The Exalted Herald - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - saith: All is that they might attain unto the word of contentment. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having adorned this deed of mine with the ornament of Thy acceptance and Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and those with me that which will draw us near unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

As to the Messenger, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, in recent years he hath been engaged in service, ever holding fast to the transcription of verses and the teaching of the Cause. We beseech God to send down upon his burial place the rains of His mercy. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. Praise be to God, he attained Our presence and dwelt for a time beneath the canopies of grandeur. We beseech God that He may cause all those who arose for His sake to serve and arrange his affairs to attain unto His grace, bounty, glory and generosity.

As for what was mentioned concerning the estate of that departed and elevated one: if there be no heir, it should be given through consultation to the poor of this party. We convey Our greetings to all the friends of that land, both men and women, and We gladden and remind them through the effulgences of the lights of the Word, the Goal of all the worlds.

The Glory from Us be upon you, O party of God, and His mercy and His glory and His bounty. The Most Great Branch will send from His direction the answers to previous petitions. As commanded, this servant wrote in His presence.

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He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! We have revealed the verses and manifested the clear tokens, and have summoned all to the supreme horizon - the station wherein the tongue of God, Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, doth speak: "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." We created all things for this Most Great Day, yet when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, they denied God and His proof, rejected His signs, and rose up against Him with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide to lament. The world is adorned with the lights of His manifestation, and He Who conversed on Sinai calleth aloud with the most exalted call, yet none are confirmed in the blessed word "yea" save whom God willeth. This is the Day whose mention hath been recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. Say: O people of the earth! By the pearls of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, this Day hath no peer or likeness. Deprive not yourselves of the ocean of divine knowledge, nor forbid yourselves the splendors of the Sun of grace. Today hath the seal of the choice sealed wine been broken by the finger of the Self-Subsisting One. Strive ye that ye may drink thereof in the name of the One True Friend, and be occupied with His remembrance and praise in the world's

assemblies. That Word from which the nobles of the earth flee hath become manifest and evident, yet the divines and mystics all shun it and remain unaware, save for that divine who rent asunder the greatest veil and shattered the idols of vain imaginings and desire through the power of the Most Great Name. He is the true divine and the spiritual mystic, and is as a crown upon the head of the world. Say: O servants! These few days of mortal life and its ornaments shall soon end and pass away. Strive ye that ye may attain unto God's enduring favors. Whosoever today attaineth unto the recognition of Truth and the service of His Cause - his mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of God and His realms, and shall be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O King of Kings and the Merciful unto all who are possessed of kingship! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst subdue the world and summon the nations, to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause and in holding fast unto the cord of Thy love. I am that poor one who hath turned unto Thee, O my God. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the ocean of Thy riches, nor to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones - they whom the hosts of the earth and their ranks could not frighten, and whom its ornaments and veils could not prevent from turning unto Thee and from setting their faces toward the horizon of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God besides Thee, the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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=== START BH11616 ===

His honor Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

O Ibrahim, Friend of the All-Merciful! One sacrificial victim was brought to the altar, was offered up, and returned alive. But the Glorious One, through His Most Exalted Word, attracted the people of Baha and sent them to the altar of the Peerless Friend, whereupon all freely offered up the crown of life at the feet of the Beloved of all worlds. The Shi'ih faction has mentioned the sacrificial victim in numerous books with the utmost honor and glory, yet these sacrificial victims - some of whom offered themselves up by their own hands, while others attained the most great martyrdom at the hands of the oppressors - despite the appearance of these clear proofs and the manifestation of signs, this shameless faction paid no heed and committed that which caused all things to lament and the Supreme Pen to cry out. Such is the condition of the servants. Say: O worthless ones of the earth! The winds of passion have established you in hell, yet you perceive it not. They counted the martyrdom of Husayn ibn 'Ali as a mighty proof of the manifestation of the Seal of the Prophets, yet they remain heedless and veiled from that which has come to pass in these days. Say: This is Husayn Who hath appeared after the Qa'im. Ponder upon that which was mentioned aforetime, that perchance ye may find the fragrance of utterance and choose for yourselves a path unto the All-Merciful.

The matter of Return, which according to the words of Shaykh Ahmad-i-Ahsa'i - upon him be the Glory of God - is established and proven, was the Return of Husayn. All the Messengers and the Qa'im stand and dwell beneath His blessed standard, yet eyes and ears are prevented from seeing and hearing, and hearts from contemplation and attention. We beseech God that He may aid thee in service, that is, in teaching

the Cause, in such wise that thou mayest be as an enkindled fire, igniting others, and as a brilliant light, illuminating others.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land, and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the lights of inner meanings that have shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, that all may arise, detached from all else, occupied with His mention and praise, and may act in accordance with that which will exalt the Cause. The world and all that is therein shall soon perish, and that which shall endure is what hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of the will of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Glory be upon thee and upon them, and upon every steadfast one who hath arisen and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Object of worship of all in the heavens and the earth!"

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=== START BH11617 ===

O my leaf who has been named Mardiyyih, who hath emigrated and attained! He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon. O my leaf! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, for verily it will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We testify that thou hast attained unto the presence of God and stood before His countenance and heard that which was uttered [by the Wronged One] concerning His Great Announcement. Praise be to God that thou didst turn toward the prison in days when the fire of rejection was ablaze in all directions, and thou didst partake of the choice sealed wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting at a time when most of the men of earth were observed to be bewildered and perplexed in the wilderness of remoteness. Know thou the value of this most great favor. He confirmed thee and guided thee to the shore of the ocean of His bounty. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in those regions. We beseech God to aid all to that which will guide the handmaidens of the earth, and give thou glad-tidings to each of them of God's bounty and grace, exalted be His glory. All have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. How excellent is the state of those handmaidens whom the doubts and intimations of the barking ones and the transgressors, and the oppression of the tyrannical, did not withhold from the Manifest Truth. These are the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the countenances of the most high Heaven. How many are the claimants to knowledge, grace, mystical insight and certitude who today are not and were not mentioned before the Throne, and how many are the souls who had no access to any gathering, yet attained to the hearing of the call and became joined to the Truth. O my leaf, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy love and the Kawthar of meeting Thee, and for having honored me with attaining Thy presence and causing me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Book and Thy Most Ancient Light to ordain for each one of Thy handmaidens the reward of meeting Thee and standing before Thy face. O my Lord! Disappoint them not of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor of the Kawthar of reunion with Thee, nor of the fragrances of nearness in Thy days, nor of the sweet-scented breezes of utterance at the dawning of the lights of the sun of Thy countenance. Thou seest, O my God, Thy handmaidens and leaves turning toward the lights of Thy face,

dawning from the horizon of the heaven of Thy love, holding fast to the cord of Thy favors and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Ordain for them, O my God, through Thy generosity, that which will cause the fragrance of Thy sanctity and detachment to be diffused through them. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

O my handmaiden! We give thee yet another glad-tiding, and that is thy name which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's favor, and We have named thee in the Tablet 'Mardiyyih.' Verily thy Lord is […]

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=== START BH11618 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all Names!

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when the Lord of Names appeared with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in earth and heaven, that the rapture of the wine of remembrance may so grip him that he may voice the praise of God amongst His servants. The horizon of bounty hath been illumined and earth and heaven have been made to shine, and yet most of the people remain in doubt and dissension. They have clung to their own desires and have opposed Him through Whom all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Choosing." The intoxication of the dregs of heedlessness hath seized them in such wise as to debar them from the divine fragrances when they were wafted throughout creation. The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out at all times with the most exalted call, summoning all unto God, the Creator of heaven, yet the people have been prevented from hearkening by their following of idle fancies. We testify that they are among the dead. All things have been stirred by the fragrance of reunion save those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the End. God shall soon destroy their souls and what they possess through His conquering might. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling.

Did that which the Caesars possessed benefit them, or did that which the Pharaohs had amassed avail them? Leadership deluded them to such a degree that they occupied themselves with the world and its ornaments during their numbered days, and were heedless of that which was with their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Behold the people and their lack of awareness - they have chosen for themselves that which will soon perish and have cast behind their backs that which will endure as long as God, the Lord of all men, endureth. Thus have We sent down the verses from the heaven of grace and favor and dispatched them that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and that thou mayest thank thy Lord by night and by day.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of that which We have revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! My glance is directed towards you, My tongue maketh mention of you, and the hands of My loving-kindness give you to drink of the Kawthar of My favors at eventide and at dawn. We counsel you to show forth the utmost steadfastness in the Cause of your Lord, the Lord of Names, lest the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Religions, debar you. Then make mention on My behalf of thy children and those who are with thee, and

give them the glad-tidings of this mercy which hath preceded all created things. Say: Hold fast unto the cord of remembrance and praise amidst the concourse of creation, that thereby may be attracted the hearts of those who have been heedless of God when He came with the Kingdom of verses. And upon thee be glory, and upon them, and upon those who have attained unto this Day which God hath made the Dayspring of all days.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

O Khalil! Convey My greetings to the people of Faran on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Today all relationship is with God, glorified be His majesty, and none is mentioned except Him. Blessed are they who have attained unto the cord of true oneness and held fast thereunto. These are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. We beseech God to aid all and grant them such confirmation that their names may not be withheld from their Creator, Lord and Quickener.

Some souls who imagined themselves seated upon the cushions of steadfastness were deprived of the Truth merely at the mention of a name from among names. Say: O people! All names have been and are created by a Word. What fruit did the adherence of the former people to names yield? Night and day they were occupied with the mention of names, heedless and debarred from the Truth. The consequence of those deeds was that on the Day of Resurrection they cursed the Lord of all beings and martyred Him. And now in mosques and from pulpits they utter that which causeth the eye of God to weep and the hearts of His trusted ones to burn.

Say: Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and beseech God not to afflict His servants anew with the vain imaginings of the former people, and to grant them that which will exalt them and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The aforementioned person hath ever been before Our face, and thou mayest keep the mentioned tablet. Those tablets were revealed in those days, but the means for their dispatch were not available. Likewise, a blessed epistle was revealed in the name of Ruhani nearly three years ago from the heaven of the Divine Will, together with the names mentioned in his petition, and it hath not yet been sent. We beseech God to assist her and My handmaidens and My leaves, and those who have attained His presence, heard His call, and responded: “Here am I, O Thou Goal of all that are in the heavens and earth! Here am I, O God of the exalted Throne!”

The glory shining forth from the horizon of My kingdom be upon you, O My loved ones, My companions, My friends, My leaves and My handmaidens who have heard the call and have attained unto that which God hath willed in this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous, Most Luminous and Most Great Revelation.

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O God, blessed and exalted be His glory! Thou seest, O God of Names and Sovereign of eternity, how the hearts of them that yearn are consumed by the kindling of the fires of destiny, and how the frames of the lovers are disturbed by the succession of grievous trials, such that sighs follow upon sighs and tears stream forth continuously, and cheeks are moistened, and the fire of sorrows is ignited throughout creation. How can I recount, O my Creator, that which hath encompassed Thy loved ones through Thy conclusive decree and mighty tribulation? And by what utterance can I enumerate what hath befallen the lovers through the effects of separation? Their hearts have melted and their souls are perplexed, finding no solace in their grief, no tranquility in their anguish, and no remedy for the ailment of their remoteness and deprivation.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the potency of Thy most mighty and most glorious utterance to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which may quiet their agitation and burning, and adorn them, O my God, with the ornament of supreme steadfastness amidst all created things. Make known through them to Thy servants what Thou hast revealed in Thy Tablets, guide through them Thy creation to the horizon of Thy recognition, and illumine through them the hearts of the seekers with the lights of the luminary of Thy knowledge and utterance, that the peoples may come unto the Law of the recognition of Thy Most Great Name and arise to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy manifest Day through Thy mighty Command, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have known Thee!

O thou who hast quaffed the Kawthar of reunion on the Day of Return through the grace of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted! How can I describe to thee what hath come upon us in this most mighty calamity from the heaven of the decree of thy Most Glorious Lord? And with what tongue can I console thee and the loved ones of thy Lord, the Lord of all creation? By God! I see no tongue capable of mentioning this all-encompassing tribulation, nor any ear able to hearken unto the utterance of this momentous catastrophe. Were it not for the commands issued in His Most Holy, Most Exalted Book, and His decree of patience and contentment, the very existence of the lovers would have been obliterated by the manifestation of the decree of separation, and their spirits would have departed their bodies from the overwhelming force of longing. But He, exalted be He, through His consummate wisdom, sustained His yearning ones, and through His abundant favor strengthened His sincere ones, and cast upon them the spirit of patience and submission in this mighty tribulation. I beseech Him, exalted be He, not to cut us off from the breezes of His grace, nor withhold from the gardens of our hearts the rain of His mercy, and to aid us in His service and in exalting His mention among His creation. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Merciful. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon the steadfast loved ones of God.

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=== START BH11621 ===

Faran! O Mulla Ghulam-Rida, upon him be the glory of God!

In My Name which is sanctified above mention of all names

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One from the heaven of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, that He might give glad tidings unto all peoples of this Day wherein the atoms have cried out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses!” Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a sovereignty before which all names have bowed down, and with a Cause against which no parties can prevail. Aid ye your Lord, the All-Merciful. Soon shall all that ye possess perish; then shall ye find yourselves in abasement and loss. The gate of heaven hath been opened and He Who was promised by the tongue of the Prophets hath descended, He Who was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. We verily informed all when the croaking was raised in the land of Kaf and Ra. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. He hath appeared and hath spoken that whereat the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the dwellers of the highest Heaven have lamented. And he who was named Abbas-’Ali hath joined with the people of hypocrisy. He is indeed among those who follow the people of error. Ask thou God to aid him to return. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the dominion of the beginning and the return.

Glory be to God! A group of polytheists have gathered and are striving mightily to lead the servants astray. Strange it is that souls who claimed to love God and counted themselves among the steadfast have turned away from truth at a mere croaking. Such is the condition of the servants. Convey to the friends of God the greetings of the Wronged One and remind them of what hath been revealed in the Book. The people of the Crimson Ark are souls whom all on earth cannot prevent from the divine path, much less can such heedless, wrongdoing persons. Though having no knowledge of the beginning of the Cause and its foundation, they have denied the Sun and followed the bat. They are indeed in manifest loss. Those souls who are with thee are each remembered in the Most Holy Court and have attained His grace. We beseech God to aid them all and keep them steadfast. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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=== START BH11622 ===

He is the Dawning-Place from the heaven of grace!

O thou who hast turned unto My horizon and who hast held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness! We beseech God to assist all His loved ones in that which hath dawned forth and shone resplendent from the horizons of the heavens of divine Tablets regarding the conditions of teachers. Praise be to God that in these days two deeds have become manifest from the loved ones of the lands of ’Ayn and Shin, and both have been crowned with acceptance and illumined with the light of His good-pleasure. The first was the manifestation of supreme oppression in such wise that […] and they did not protest. Whatsoever they witnessed and heard they left to God, clinging in all conditions to gracious patience and sublime tranquillity. The second was their intercession on behalf of enemies before the princes. In truth, that which was manifested is accounted before God as the most excellent of deeds.

Now beseech ye God and supplicate Him that He may illumine them with the light of unity and concord, lest there appear from them that which would grieve the hearts of them that aid the Cause.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! This Wronged One beseecheth God to adorn the sovereign of Iran with the light of justice and fairness. In recent years his majesty's heart hath turned toward the oppressed ones. It is hoped that gradually the fruits thereof may emerge from the unseen into the visible realm, and from concealment into the arena of manifestation, inasmuch as this Wronged One hath loved and still loveth faithfulness, and hath desired to behold the realm of Iran as it behooveth. We beseech God to assist his majesty in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the laws, God willing, they shall be sent hereafter. And concerning Ibn-i-Abhar and the means of his comfort, this matter is acceptable before God. The sun of permission hath dawned from the heaven of divine laws and ordinances. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make all his deeds as one remembrance, a pure deed, and a resplendent light, that the Lord may assist him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance throughout all possibility. Verily He is the Helper, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you both and upon My loved ones in that land and upon those who are with you and who have hearkened unto your words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this Straight Path.

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=== START BH11623 ===

In His Name, Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is a Book which We have sent down in truth and made it the choice wine of utterance for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and the Kawthar of generosity for all who are in the world, and the Salsabil of life for those who are seized with the thirst of separation when the horizon of reunion shone forth with the Luminary of My Name, the All-Subduing over all the worlds.

We make mention of him who has turned to God, and We cause him to hear My most sweet call and give him to drink of this luminous wine. As for those who have remained heedless of the Truth and His sovereignty - their names shall not be mentioned before the Throne, and they shall ere long return to their abode in the fire. He, verily, is the Just, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

O peoples of the earth! The Object of your desire hath appeared, and He, verily, is the One promised in the Scriptures of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the ornaments of the world debar you from God, the Lord of all names. Cast them behind you, turning your faces toward the court of your Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with clear signs, He was opposed by those possessed of learning, and before Him, when the Spirit came, the doctors of the Torah turned away from Him and the people followed them until God raised Him to an exalted station. Thus was the matter decreed aforetime. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hearken thou unto that which the Spirit hath imparted to the heart of the world: There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the verses of God time and

again, and for having drunk the wine of knowledge from the hand of the favors of thy Lord while every froward oppressor turned away. Strive thou in the service of thy Master that there may appear from thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom and the dominion shall endure. This behooveth him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Make mention of My loved ones in that land and give them the joyful tidings of My gracious remembrance. We make mention of everyone who hath turned to the Countenance with a remembrance whereby their names shall be recorded in a preserved Tablet. By My life! Were they to know this bounty, they would soar on the wings of joy and turn with their hearts to the horizon of the Manifestation, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast enabled us to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation while He was imprisoned among the heedless ones." Verily, upon thee and upon them be the glory from One Who is Mighty, Praiseworthy.

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He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

O thou who art yearning! Raise thy cry from the depths of thy soul that it may pierce the heart of the Beloved, and weep with thy spirit's eyes that they may be illumined by the meeting with thy Love. Lament with thy burning heart that thou mayest behold the beauty of thy Friend, and be consumed with the fire of love that thou mayest, like unto a candle, be kindled by the comeliness of thy Beloved. Cast away the world of existence that thou mayest embrace the neck of thy Friend, and draw thy heart from heart that thou mayest grasp the tresses of thy Beloved. Set foot upon the circle of existence that thou mayest emerge from the point of thy purpose, and place thy head in the wilderness of nothingness that thou mayest enter the Egypt of reunion. Open thine ear that thou mayest hear the celestial call of the unseen realm, and purify thy spirit's essence that thou mayest become aware of the mysteries in the privacy of thy Friend. Spread thy spiritual wings that thou mayest soar in the heaven of eternity, and ascend on holy spirit that thou mayest arrive at the spiritual court. Take a step with all thy soul that thou mayest find thy way to the presence of the Ancient Beauty. Draw a line around the world of the seen and unseen that thou mayest circle round thy goal.

I swear by the Spirit of eternity that if thou shouldst hear with the ear of understanding the melodies of the Dove from the ant of love, thou wouldst at once arise above the world of creation, and from the attraction of love thou wouldst sacrifice a hundred thousand thousand spiritual worlds of pure radiant light for the sake of thy Friend, and shed tears of blood from a hundred thousand eyes in thy longing for the beauty of thy Friend. Thou wouldst traverse limitless worlds through wilderness of destruction and thirst with the eye of thy being, that perchance thou mightest reach the valley of thy purpose, and spend countless ages waiting with thy soul, if haply thou mightest enter the intimate gathering of thy Beloved. Should thou become the spirit of eternity, thou wouldst hope to become but the dust at the blessed feet of thy Friend, and wert thou to become the sovereign of heaven, thou wouldst seek but a moment to serve thy Friend.

Allah-u-Akbar! How the candles of the spirit burn and blaze in the nights of separation from their longing to meet the Beloved, while we are occupied with thoughts of temporal day. How the holy eyes of the unseen realms rain blood from beholding the beauty of the Friend, while we are caught up in regarding the shell. The exalted steps of those near to God run through barren deserts, enduring a thousand thousand thorns in search of the Friend, while we repose in the shade of passion. The tender hearts have melted from the burning of separation from the Friend, while we rest comfortably in the cradle of sleep. Glory be to God! All the pure divine spirits have passed like lightning from the furthest realms without name or trace, while we have not taken a single step beyond the lowest degrees of self. All the luminous divine spirits have ascended to the highest reaches of eternal glory, while we have not emerged from the first degree of animal existence.

The spirit of being is astounded at what heedlessness has appeared and what turning away has occurred, that though a hundred thousand holy doves sing with intimate melodies in the atmosphere of reunion, not a single spirit is stirred nor does a single soul move. And if a hundred thousand waves of the fragrance of eternity and the perfume of light and the musk of divine favor were to be diffused through the world, not a single sweet fragrance would rise from creation. And if worlds of divine souls were all to perish and be annihilated, leaving but a single soul who would neither remember nor become detached - nay, I swear by the Spirit of heaven which is the Spirit of all spirits […]

By the Spirit of All Spirits and Soul of All Souls, see how that exalted Being and beloved Temple utterly sacrificed and effaced Himself, and how that pure and captivating Spirit gave His sweet life, and how those divine spirits - each of whose bodies was equal to all the spirits of the kingdom of earth and heaven - were sacrificed and effaced in the path of the Friend in countless ways of detachment. Observe how not a single soul hath yet remembered these momentous events and these supreme manifestations, from a single trace of which the heavens of the unseen are cleft asunder. If this weak gnat should soar like the Phoenix and ascend to the heaven of glory, and scatter a thousand thousand souls over creation, none would care to remember it. And if this contemptible fly should become like the mighty Simurgh and take wing in the atmosphere of grandeur, and beat its wings a hundred thousand times over every soul, not one heart would be stirred. And if this lost ant should become the Solomon of the kingdom of existence and place the ring of the Ultimate Purpose upon its finger, neither would it be drawn, nor would any being be attracted.

Glory be to God! I know not whether the friends of the realm of being have forgotten the tale of love, or whether the lovers in the sanctuary of rapture have concealed the scroll of passion. If the divine nightingales come not to sing in the days of union, then when will they come? And if the mystic nightingales remain silent in the season of the rose, in what season will they raise their song? If pure spirits perceive not today a fragrance from the hidden abode of immortal spirit, never shall they perceive it. At last did the sugar-garden of the eternal realm learn from the ruby cup of the highest heaven. O nightingales of the mystic land, where are ye? And the rose-garden of pure delicacy hath been revealed through the rapture of the manifest Beauty. O nightingales of mystical love, where are ye? The candle of immortality is lit in the assembly of the Friend - gather round, O moths! And the light of the divine countenance shineth from the brow of radiance - behold it, O ye enchanted by His beauty! The unseen Light of lights hath lifted the veil from the face of mystical beauty - how long will ye remain silent, O

lovers in the valley of union? And the curling locks have emerged from beneath the veil - why do ye tarry, O ye heartless ones in the street of the Beloved?

The tree of paradise is in motion - O birds, it is time! The gates of the eternal realm are opened - O ye who are far from the wilderness of annihilation, it is time! The cupbearer of eternity standeth transfixed with the cup of meeting - make haste, O ye who thirst on the journey of destruction! The Ancient Beauty is seated upon the Most Great Throne - present yourselves before His face! The breezes of faithfulness from the morn of heaven bring joy - come to your senses, O ye who are drunk in the wilderness! The Sun of Beauty hath risen with all its rays from the dawning-place of the peerless horizon at the point of setting - enough of the slumber of heedlessness! Arise! The Beauty shall pass away in the pavilions of majesty, and at that time shall ye supplicate and cry out and weep. The Dove of the Spirit is upon the Tree of the Beloved - gather round, O faithful birds! The oceans of grace have been stirred by the breeze of the tresses of mercy - emerge, O pure essences, from the realm of primal and final causes, and become sanctified from the kingdom of eternity and perpetuity, that ye may perceive that spiritual and divine breeze from the sanctuary of inner meanings.

And became sanctified from the realm of eternal and everlasting things, that ye might hear that spiritual, divine breeze from the sanctuary of inner meanings, and inhale this sweet-scented perfume from the musk-laden tresses of faithfulness, that ye might make the morn of the Divine Presence sweet and spiritual through this gentle, ethereal breeze, and make the spirit of the eternal cloud fragrant and refreshed through this spiritual perfume. The worlds of the unseen Essence bestow their aromatic attraction through this musky fragrance, and the holy air of eternity is made fresh and new through this spiritual ambergris. Water the tresses of the Houri of the Paradise of intimacy with this fresh rose-water, and give radiance to the veils of the Holy Maiden with this pure, perfumed musk. O Zulaykha of the unseen chamber! Cast aside the veil of chaste modesty and come forth! The Joseph of the spirit of beauty hath appeared in the Egypt of light! O forsaken lover! Rend the garment of patience, for thy Beloved of union hath come!

O spirit of love! How long wilt thou tarry in patient restraint?

Set fire to all the horizons, strike at the very soul!

Like lovers, take His two sword-like eyebrows,

And strike at once at the neck of all existence!

Take these two eternal musk-filled pods of enchantment,

And strike the fragrance of life into all spirits!

Hearken! Give one call from the realm of the Friend’s perfect beauty,

Strike it into a hundred thousand nameless worlds!

Burn the veil of all the sanctuary of the unseen,

Then strike fire into the hiding place of the holy ones!

In a hundred thousand worlds of the holy, unseen night,

Strike the world aflame for the sake of the Friend's name!

O slumbering liver! How long will you remain asleep in the heart of existence? Be thou consumed by this Fire which hath been kindled and set ablaze from the leaves of the Lote-Tree of the Desired One, Who stood upon the mountain of the habitation in fire with fire. O thou extinguished one! How long wilt thou remain in the well of limitations? Take hold of this cord of fuel, bind it firmly around the waist of thy soul, and with one mighty effort, like the wild rue in divine love, laugh and from the well ascend to the lofty realm of the spirit, until thou mayest lift thy hand beyond the placeless and above the placeless realm, and clasp the hand of the Friend, tear thy heart from pre-existence and eternity, and take possession of the heart. But how can this lost ant, in the presence of that praiseworthy attraction, make mention of the Beauty of the Desired One? Better it is that we should annihilate and negate all that exists and exists not in the world of being, and with the blessed melodies of the Friend, remind the subtle spirit. A tablet of the exalted and glorious melodies of the Beloved was inscribed for those other stations of holy spiritual nearness. Seize it with the hands of the spirit and observe it with the eye of the soul. O thou essence of the heart, be mindful! Perchance ye may hold fast to the cord of favor and cling to its hem, that ye may inhale the gentle breezes and ascend with holy spirits into the cloud of primordial light, that ye may take from this cup the perfection of divine mercy and the fullness of lordly grace, that ye may breathe the fragrances of detachment from the repository of inaccessibility and the treasury of exaltation, that we may perceive the breaths of the spirit of the divine cloud from the holy place and the radiance rising from the right hand of meeting the Friend, and turn our faces toward the Friend. At that moment we say: Verily, we are for the Friend, and verily, unto the Friend are we detached.

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In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth not!

Praise be sanctified beyond the grasp and comprehension of the Holy Court of the Worshipped One, Who deserveth all glory, for He hath illumined the horizon of Batha with the light of His manifestation, and through that light hath He bestowed perfect radiance upon the world of bodies, the world of spirits, the world of knowledge, the world of comprehension, the world of utterance, and the world of inner meanings. He is the All-Bountiful One Whom the polytheism and unbelief of the world cannot prevent from bestowing His gifts, nor withhold His favors.

And peace and blessings be upon the Point of Existence, the Ultimate Goal, and the Possessor of the Praiseworthy Station, through Whom God revealed His names and attributes, sent down His principles and ordinances, and exalted the station of His loved ones. He it is through Whom the hidden secret and the treasured matter were revealed, through Whom divine favors were completed, clear proofs were concluded, and the breezes of revelation and utterance were cut off. And upon His family and companions who arose to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as made the limbs of nations tremble. These are servants who strove in God with the striving that is due to Him, and spent what they possessed in His straight path and for the exaltation of His mighty Cause.

O ’Ali-’Askar! Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may aid thee to be steadfast in this great steadfastness and assist thee in all conditions with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is the Powerful One Whom the conditions of the world cannot prevent, nor hold back from His will. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones, Thy Messengers, and Thy loved ones whom the doubts of the world and the signs of the nations did not prevent from turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. O Lord! I have turned toward Thee, and I ask Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the rain of Thy mercy to aid me in that whereby my remembrance may endure amongst Thy servants and my name in Thy lands. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

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He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

O Rajab-’Ali! Upon thee be my abundant greetings. Most of mankind have strayed far from truth, and the mortal world hath so deluded them that they have deemed the Reformer of the world to be a corrupter. They have turned away from light and cleaved unto darkness. They have accepted not a single word from the mine and dawning-place of truth. We have forbidden all the friends of God from contention and conflict, and commanded patience and forbearance. They accepted not the word of truth and move with utmost tyranny in the arena of oppression, heedless that the true Judge and the just Almighty observeth and will surely requite them.

O Rajab! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word, which is as a spirit for the temple of detachment: His exalted Word: “Be thou for Me and I shall be for thee.” The world hath never been, nor will ever be, faithful. Cast away that which perisheth and take hold of that which endureth. Most of the people of Iran denied God’s great bounty and raised the swords of tyranny against the essence of justice. They wrought that which caused every seeing eye to weep and every living soul to lament.

Consider the patience and forbearance of God, exalted be His glory, and reflect upon His name, the All-Patient. Soon shall weakness seize that strength and poverty encompass that wealth. Between man and the grave there is but a brief journey. They shall enter it alone, abased, fearful, trembling and disturbed. Thus hath the All-Informed informed us, and we are among the witnesses.

We make mention of all the friends of God and counsel them with that which beseemeth them, and we beseech God to adorn the temples of all with the ornament of pure deeds and to crown their heads with the diadem of justice. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Wronged One sendeth greetings upon thee, thy son and thy wife. Remember them both on my behalf. We beseech God to assist them to do what is praiseworthy and to ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come. He is the Forgiving, the Kind. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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In His Name, the Overseer of what was and what shall be!

O ’Abdu’r-Rahim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful from this noble scene. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath attained the presence of the Throne and won the glances of thy Lord’s favors, the Bestower, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Generous.

Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him on a day wherein the ocean of thy Lord’s favors surgeth and the winds of His mercy that have preceded all worlds are stirred. Arise with supreme steadfastness between earth and heaven through this Name whereby the horizon of grace hath shone forth and the faces of the idolaters were darkened.

Beware lest the affairs of the world trouble thee. Remember thy Lord with joy and fragrance. Soon shall all that is visible perish, while glory and power shall endure for those who have turned towards the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Verily, those who are veiled this day are overcome by their desires; they are indeed among the perishing ones.

Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them in the nights and days. By God! They shall draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt witness naught save the effulgences of the light of thy Lord’s countenance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Be thou assured by the grace of thy Lord, then make mention of Him with the denizens of Paradise, that perchance thereby he who slumbereth upon the couch of heedlessness and passion may arise and be of those who turn unto God. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the garment in the days of his Lord and hath quaffed the choice sealed wine when its seal was broken through My Name, the Overseer of the worlds.

We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance with such remembrance as attracteth the dawning-places of praise and gladdeneth the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and adorned thee with the ornament of thy Lord’s ancient favors. When thou hast attained unto the lights of the Tablet, rejoice and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds!”

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He is God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy!

Bear thou witness to that whereunto God hath Himself borne witness in the Realm of Speech and then in the Kingdom of the Pen: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the manifestation of God in the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, and the Most Great Announcement unto all who dwell in the realm of creation and command, and the Book Inscribed for them that abide within the pavilion of eternity, and the Preserved Tablet whereon have been recorded by

the Most Holy Pen the mysteries of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Whoso hath acknowledged Him hath acknowledged God from all eternity, and whoso hath turned away from Him hath turned away from God and from His Manifestations and from the Dayspring of His Beauty and the Dawning-Places of His might and power, and is accounted among the idolaters. Say: O people! How long will ye fail to be enkindled with the fire of God from this Fire that hath been ignited at the midmost heart of all regions? Beware lest ye deprive yourselves thereof and from drawing nigh unto it. By God! It is indeed a light and a mercy unto all the worlds. Fear ye God, O people, and be not veiled therefrom by the veils of idle fancy. Shatter the idols by the power of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, and be not of them that are far removed.

O thou physician of the Cause! Hearken unto the call of thy Beloved in these days wherein sorrows have encompassed Me through the hosts of Satan. By God! They have committed that which hath caused the pillars of existence and the foundations of the seen and unseen worlds to tremble. Were We to lift the veils and acquaint thee with what hath befallen the Beauty of the All-Chosen One, thou wouldst rend the garment of patience, and lament both night and day, and wouldst be consumed within thyself, and be numbered with them that are consumed. The Tongue of God speaketh even now, saying: "Is there any detached soul who will arise between earth and heaven and purify My surroundings from the defilement of these idolaters? And is there any possessed of spiritual perception who will inhale the fragrance of the All-Glorious from the Robe of Utterance through that which hath proceeded from the Pen of the Most Merciful, and be so carried away by the breezes of the Beloved that he will forsake all who dwell in the heavens and on earth, and stand firm in assisting this lonely Wronged One?" By My life! Were We to recount unto thee the tales of the Youth concerning what hath befallen Him, the Tablet would not suffice. We therefore return to that which thou didst ask in thy letter, wherein We found the fragrance of thy love for thy Ancient Lord. We beseech God to confirm thee in that wherein thou art engaged and to withhold thee not from that which He possesseth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As concerning what thou hast asked about unity, hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee, that it may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt recognize all things in their proper place, soar in the atmosphere of wisdom and meaning, and attain unto the fountainhead of knowledge from One knowing and wise. Know thou that the philosophers have maintained that the all-pervading reality is identical with all things, as they have said "the simple reality is all things." This is their doctrine, and they have adduced numerous proofs to establish it. Likewise have the mystics put forth statements concerning unity and the explanation of the station of abstraction. In this regard, he who was their exemplar among those who spoke of the unity of existence, and their model among those who affirmed the vision of Truth in every existing thing, hath said that the outward aspect of the Lord cannot be numbered and His inward aspect cannot be limited, that the outward can scarce be manifest and the inward can scarce be concealed. Many have followed him in this, likening this station to the sea and its waves, to ink and letters, to water and ice. We have foregone mention of the statements of both groups for the sake of brevity, and We make mention of that which is chosen by thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Apart from this, We have indeed expounded their statements in numerous epistles, and We beseech God to convey them unto thee, for He is the best of those who convey.

Know thou that with thy Lord all letters and words, and likewise mention and utterance, are of equal degree and one station. Even as He, exalted be He, distinguisheth between the letters of creation, so too doth He distinguish between the letters of law. Ponder thou upon this, that thou mayest be of them that are endued with insight. Whatsoever He decreeth in every age and dispensation is the truth, and naught else is but manifest error. For example, in the Psalms it was revealed from the heaven of the divine Command: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee," while in the Qur'an it was revealed that He hath no offspring, that "He begetteth not, nor is He begotten," and that He is independent of all worlds. Likewise unto Moses the Prophet, after he had beseeched his Lord saying "Show me Thyself, that I may look upon Thee," He said "Thou shalt not see Me," and at that same moment declared "Look and thou shalt behold Me." Thus observe thou and be of them that bear witness.

These diverse statements return to a single point, and Our servants possessed of insight perceive no difference between them. Were the gate of this knowledge to be opened before the face of men, none would raise objections against God in these days wherein the Beauty of the Ancient of Days hath appeared with manifest signs and clear proofs. Through the diversity of utterance doth the All-Merciful distinguish between those who have recognized Him by His own Self and follow Him in all that proceedeth from Him, and those who have known the Word but are veiled thereby from the Beauty of the All-Glorious and are among the losers. Even as thou witnessest today certain people who profess the unity of God in the Bayan yet are veiled from Him Who hath expounded and revealed it, and thereby have they gone astray and led others astray, being of those who perceive not.

As for thee, purify thy heart from all that thou hast heard from these factions and turn unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: By God, the mention of unity and its exaltation above all stations is solely by virtue of its connection with God. Beware, O people, lest ye be veiled from Him around Whose command unity itself doth circle, and be ye of the God-fearing. How many are the servants who make mention of God and profess His unity throughout all their days […]

How many there are who glorify and unify Him throughout all days and nights, yet are among the most heedless of servants, for they recognize not Him Whom they unify at morn and eventide. And how many a believer in divine unity is today a polytheist before God, though he perceiveth it not within himself and is numbered among the idolaters. Consider, for example, the philosophers and the leading figures among the Shaykhis - they established four degrees of divine unity: unity of Essence, then of Attributes, of Actions, and of Worship. They bid people to believe in their doctrines and have written numerous books to prove these four degrees. Yet they remain veiled from Him Whose knowledge they sought to prove to themselves. Thus do thou witness, O people of the Bayan, and be of those who know. How many servants there are who possess not what others possess and are unaware of the degrees of divine unity and the proofs adduced by men, yet they recognized their Creator on the day of His Manifestation. These are the true believers in divine unity, and their names are inscribed as the faithful on preserved tablets of glory. The purpose of divine unity in the tablets of God is the servant's acknowledgment that He was and is one in His Essence, having no partner or peer in His Being or in what proceedeth from Him throughout all creation. Thus did He testify to His own Self before the creation of all things and before the appearance of names and their kingdom. There is no God but He, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Powerful. If thou wouldst soar on wings of holiness in the atmosphere of nearness and detachment and be attracted by the

fragrances of intimacy, thou wouldst attain unto a station wherein thou wouldst witness naught in creation save the effulgence of the rays of the Beloved, and wouldst hear all things cry out that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Behold the sun - it shineth upon all things with a single effulgence and its radiant light is reflected in the mirrors of all created things. The true believer in divine unity is he whom the veils of these mirrors do not prevent from witnessing the One Who hath manifested Himself through them, in them, and by their own selves. Likewise observe the Sun of Truth and be of them that see. It hath dawned upon all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the true believer in divine unity beholdeth in all created things naught but a sign of his Lord's revelation, possessing at all times a wondrous insight. They who have today taken partners with God are far removed from the gardens of nearness and are counted among the idolaters. Whosoever possesseth vision and understanding witnesseth in all that hath appeared from Him the signs of His power, the manifestations of His sovereignty, and the evidences of His grandeur, which all created things are powerless to comprehend. The true believer in divine unity in these days is he who uniteth God in this Revelation and testifieth within himself that there is no God but He, Who hath ever been One in His Essence, Who hath never been joined with anyone nor shared with any soul, and all else besides Him is created by His binding and wise command. Say: Beware, O people, lest ye fashion for yourselves a new god each day. Fear ye God and speak not according to your desires. Fear God and be of them that truly believe in His unity.

Know thou concerning what was asked about the mind, the soul and the spirit that these three and their like which are mentioned in reference to man are manifestations of that sign by which man was established. Exalted be this creation which tells of its Creator, and the hearts of the mature have failed to know it as it truly is. For instance, that by which thou movest, hearest and seest is one, even if thou namest it by all names, as it has been called by different names by the tongues of those who remember. Yet in its essence it is sanctified above all that people speak of and all that they attribute to it. However, its manifestations and names differ according to the recipient and the means. For example, when it is directed to the place of hearing and its means, an effect, attribute and name appear, and when directed to the place of sight and the means ordained for it, another effect and attribute appear. This ye witness within yourselves and are among those who bear witness. All this is from its orientation toward the outward means in the human temple. Likewise consider the inward and be among those who observe. For instance, its connection to the heart, liver, spleen, head and other parts - through the differences in these stations different attributes and distinct names appear, just as ye name it mind, soul and spirit, and it has become known by these names among the worlds.

Therefore know thou the sign of thy Lord's revelation which was revealed to thee through thee - how from it, though it is one in its essence, different names and effects have appeared - that thou mayest thereby reach the stations of knowledge in this Paradise whose trees were planted by the hands of the All-Glorious, from which the fragrances of the All-Merciful waft, and by which the hearts of the pure ones are attracted, were they to be of those who turn. And that thou mayest witness that differences appear through differences in recipient and means, otherwise the Revealer is one and the revelation is one. All this We have deposited within yourselves that ye may soar in the holy and detached gardens, then in

unveiling and unity, and be of those who have rent the veils and emerged from behind the veil through the sovereignty of My Name whereby God distinguished between the monotheists and the polytheists.

However, among the people of terminology and convention from among the philosophers and others, there are various explanations concerning the mind, soul and spirit. Since We found no opportunity, We did not address what they mentioned and We condensed what was intended to the utmost degree. Thus did the matter flow from One powerful and knowing. Were anyone to reflect on what We have truly revealed, the door of knowledge would open before his face and the maiden of inner meanings would emerge in the chambers of wisdom with such an ornament as would perplex the minds of those brought near. And We shall detail for him what We condensed such that from every letter of what was revealed We bring forth for him books which none has encompassed save God, the Counter, the All-Knowing.

O physician of oneness! Come forth from the chambers of stillness with God's greatest medicine and heal all created things through the mention of thy Lord's name, the Healer, the Forgiving, the Generous. And if thou findest one heedless, treat him with the mention of the Most Great Name, for by it every sick and ailing one is healed. And if thou seest one athirst with love, guide him to the ocean of attainment through novel counsel and wisdom. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what thou hast asked concerning the Truth and the Path, know thou that in these days the Path is the Most Great Name of the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate, for through it are people guided to the hidden, treasured, and concealed Reality that is veiled from the worlds. Say: Verily it is God's path between the heavens and earth, and God's way in the kingdom of Command and Creation, and the manifestation of Truth among all created things. And in one sense, Truth referreth to the Primal Point of Will, the First Emanation, the First Pearl, the Most Exalted Word, the First Remembrance, and the Act from which the worlds derive their sustenance. And whatsoever guideth people and connecteth them to the station of true knowledge is the Path. Though this Path is one, it differeth according to the capacities of those who seek it. As thou observest, among the people are those who recognized God merely upon hearing of His Manifestation; some upon attaining the presence of His Countenance; others believed after hearing what was revealed from the direction of the Throne and were numbered among the guided ones; some clung to proofs and arguments, tarrying upon the path and were among those who hesitated; and others traversed the way in less than the twinkling of an eye and reached the most great vista, the station whereon the Ancient Beauty was established with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is he who passeth over the path as lightning through the clouds and followeth the most great path in this mighty Announcement. Say: O people! The path of truth is manifest like unto His own being. Beware lest ye stray into the ways of those who associated partners with God and follow the paths of the deniers. He who is today seized by the fragrances of the All-Merciful and findeth the holy fragrance from the garment of My Most Glorious Name shall be so attracted that he will know neither path nor way, and will reach the Sun of Eternity in less than a moment. And in one station, the Path is My verses and the Truth is My hidden and concealed Self, secreted from the eyes of the heedless. Know thou further that the Manifestation in its essence is sanctified above all universality and particularity, and is one in its reality. Those who have ascended unto it and upon whose hearts are impressed the lights of the revelation of the Manifestation - these are the proofs of His Self, the ways of His guidance, the mines of His wisdom, the dawning-places of

His Cause, and the dayspring of His revelation. All names and attributes may be applied to them so long as they remain oriented toward the Sun of Manifestation. After turning aside, no station remaineth for them with God and they are numbered among the losers. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord, and aid Him in these days wherein the hosts of Satan have encompassed Him. And the Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

=== END BH11628 ===

=== START BH11629 ===

He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

O thou who art wronged! The Wronged One remembereth thee and calleth unto thee from His Most Great Prison, and announceth unto thee the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. O thou who art wronged! There hath befallen thee in the path of God that which hath caused grief. The whole world awaiteth this Day, and yet they curse and revile those tyrannous souls who in the past inflicted injustice upon the Manifestations of Divine Unity, while they themselves are engaged in that which no oppressor from the beginning of creation until now hath ever perpetrated. The Divine Lamp shineth resplendent before all faces, and the ocean of bounty surgeth on the right hand of all beings, yet they remain unaware and ask when the Lamp will appear and when the Sun of Truth will dawn and when the ocean of mercy will surge. Such is the state of the people and the leaders of the earth. All that hath come to pass and continueth to come to pass hath as its cause and origin the ignorant ones of the earth who have become known for their learning. Fie upon them and upon those who follow them without any clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. By My life! Greater than this hath befallen the Self of Truth. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken, as a token of His grace, that thou mayest hear and be of the thankful ones. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath borne hardships in the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great, and hath taken the cup of tribulation in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and hath drunk therefrom at one time for love of Him and at another in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. By the life of God! He is assuredly among the people of the Crimson Ark. His name hath been inscribed in a Book which none hath comprehended save His all-encompassing knowledge.

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=== START BH11630 ===

O Most Holy and Most Great! This is a mention from Us to him who has drawn nigh unto the ocean of divine knowledge and drunk therefrom in My Name, the All-Merciful, that the remembrance of the Worshipped One may attract him to the Praiseworthy Station. Bear thou witness, O servant, to that which God did testify before imprisonment and after imprisonment and when His throne was established in the prison, that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Reflect upon God's power and dominion. When We entered into prison, We summoned the kings with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and commanded them to abandon what they possessed, turning unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. The tribulations hindered Us not from that which We purposed in the kingdom of creation. We manifested the proof through a power

from Us and sent forth the wondrous One with a sovereignty that subdued all existence, and with Him that which We named the Cry, whereat hearts and minds were sorely shaken. Can the turning of Pharaohs or the fleeing of Caesars prevent Us? Nay, by the Lord of all creation! Verily He hath manifested His Cause and will manifest it as He pleaseth. Neither thousands can veil it nor swords impede it. Blessed art thou for having followed thy father in the Cause of thy Lord and for having drunk of My choice-sealed wine. Soon will he who denieth it today drink thereof. Tomorrow thou shalt behold him taking the cup of utterance in My Name, the All-Merciful. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. None hath any escape, nor hath any soul a resting place. The Day of God hath appeared and He Who encompasseth all existence shall judge therein. Be thou thankful unto God for having heard, turned unto Him and recognized thy wronged Lord. Arise to serve thy father, for this is among the most meritorious deeds in the preserved Book. Verily he hath a station with God. We send Our greetings upon his face from this forbidden spot.

=== END BH11630 ===

=== START BH11631 ===

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds! O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Wronged One, and these verses have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance may attract thee and draw thee to the horizon of wisdom. The world was brought from nothingness into being for the knowledge of God. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to the Most Glorious Horizon, and the face that hath, in the Days of God, turned toward the light of His Countenance. Praise thou the Goal of all the worlds, that thou hast drunk from the hands of bounty the Kawthar of immortality. This Kawthar is, in its primary station and first rank, the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, which hath been recorded by the Pen of the Divine Will in the Sacred Books and Tablets. We beseech God to cause the handmaidens of that land to attain unto this supreme bounty, and to deny none of them the fruits of the Divine Tree and the lights of the Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings. In all conditions God hath been with thee. Verily, He is with His devoted servants and handmaidens. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the leaves and fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause, and by the Word through which the earth and all created things therein were illumined, to ordain for me that which shall be a light before my face and a companion to me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou knowest what is in my heart and what I desire of the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy Will and Purpose. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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=== START BH11632 ===

He is God, exalted be His station in grandeur and power!

Praise be to God Who parted the waters of the Furqan and the Bayan through His Name, at Whose appearance all religions did bow down, for He is indeed His own Self. He hath appeared with such

conclusive proof as hath shaken the very foundations of all things. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

And now, in this spiritual dawn, having aimed for the heaven of inner meanings and having attained the presence [of God], I turned towards the Countenance of the Ancient of Days, and these sublime words were revealed from the Dayspring of might and power. These are His words - exalted be His glory, magnificent His grandeur, and mighty His utterance:

“O son of Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Turn thy face toward the Wronged One, detached from all that is on earth. Thus did We command thee before, and at this hour We beseech God to aid thee to attain His presence, to open before thy face the gate of reunion, and to preserve thee through His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.”

This servant submits that some time ago, when the letter from His Holiness Ismu’llah (upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God) arrived, permission was granted from the Source of Authority for your honor to turn toward the intended destination. Now once again this most exalted and most holy command hath descended from the heaven of divine will. Blessed are you and those who have attained this supreme blessing, this great gift, this heavenly feast. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us and make us among those who have attained. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. I convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. May the glory shining from the horizon of our Lord’s loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have clung to the hem of our Gracious Lord.

=== END BH11632 ===

=== START BH11633 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, His is the greatness and majesty!

This evanescent one offers himself as a sacrifice to that Friend of Faran. Praise be to the Beloved of all worlds that the fire of divine attraction is ablaze in the heart and soul of that Friend with Merciful love. You are engaged in His remembrance and utterance of His praise. As for what was mentioned concerning the matters that have transpired, the greatest thing in creation is the good-pleasure of God, through whose grace and bounty you have been blessed with success, and the Truth is well-pleased with you. We beseech God to make you confirmed in all that He loves and is pleased with. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Lord of the last and the first.

And regarding the other petition that was submitted, it was presented before His presence, and these words were revealed in response:

He is God, exalted be His glory, His is the greatness and power!

Your letter has come before Us and We have heard that which you called out to God, your Lord and the Lord of what was and what will be. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make you successful in all conditions and cause you to speak His remembrance in the kingdom of grandeur and glory, and to send down upon you that which will gladden your heart and establish the remembrance of your Lord among

His creation. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Indeed, what can I say, for I have witnessed the Sun of Favor rising and manifest in regard to you. This much I submit, that in all conditions the glances of unfailing grace have been and, God willing, will continue to be directed toward you, and you have been and will be mentioned with wondrous and sublime remembrance. And regarding what you had mentioned, it is recommended […]

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O son of Abhar! Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Thou hast ever been and art illumined by the grace of God and the effulgent rays of the Sun of loving-kindness. Strive thou that perchance thou mayest kindle with the fire burning in the sacred Tree those that have grown cold. O son of Abhar! Look not at the people and their deeds, neither be thou grieved by their derision, their words and their actions. Fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon, and voice His praise in the kingdom of creation. Say: O people of God! All things and the realities of existence seek sustenance from you. Know ye your station and preserve it in the name of God. Ere long shall the influence of the blessed Word encompass all and the Cause of God be made manifest. Strive ye that perchance ye may attain unto that which beseemeth the stations of them that are nigh and the sincere ones. O son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call which is raised from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Informed. Forget not My favor unto thee and My loving-kindness towards thee. Arise and say with wisdom and utterance that which will comfort every grief-stricken one, assure every hesitant one, and cause the hearts of men to soar. This is what thou hast been bidden by God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's covenant and His testament, and who have acknowledged that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken in this Most Great Announcement and this Wise Remembrance.

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=== START BH11638 ===

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker! Adorn the preface of the Mother of Utterance from the All-Merciful with these most exalted words: "Create me for Thyself."

Today, whosoever hath been attracted by the fragrance of the garment of Him Who conversed upon Sinai, and hath been illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth, hath attained unto everlasting life, inasmuch as his name hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book.

We testify to thy devotion, humility, submissiveness and orientation toward the face of God. Exalted is the station of this testimony. Every possessor of vision and hearing beareth witness to that which hath been revealed from the Pen of Power on this blessed night. It behooveth thee to occupy thyself with the Cause, with wisdom and utterance, in a manner that is befitting.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of this Wronged One. Say: Consider the time as precious. By the Sun of Truth, centuries and ages cannot be compared to a single moment of these days. Arise with the utmost endeavor to compensate for what hath passed. Blessed are they who are enkindled with the fire of love and who speak in remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

Say: O friends! Through unity and concord, and through remembrance and utterance, illuminate the horizons. Strive that ye may perchance achieve such deeds as shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon those who have cast away all else save God, clinging fast to that which is with God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH11639 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Illustrious, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

A mention from Our presence unto him who was stirred by the breezes of revelation when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty, that the fragrances of the verses may seize him once again and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of all religions. He verily remembereth at all times His servants who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of their Beloved and have cast behind them idle fancies and vain imaginings. Though thy letter hath not been presented before the Throne, yet God maketh mention of thee through His grace, that thou mayest be assured of thy Lord's tender care. Beware lest earthly affairs extinguish thee. Be thou aflame with this Fire which proclaimeth from the midmost heart of creation: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving." Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord and firm in His Cause in such wise that through thee the banner of constancy may be planted upon the highest summits. They who are heedless this day are indeed the most remote of all creation in the sight of thy Lord - no portion have they in the Book. Be thou thankful unto God that the countenance of the Adored One hath turned toward thee from this horizon whereby the horizons have been illumined. Say: O people! The world hath been illumined through the splendors of the countenance of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest the veils of glory withhold you from Him. Rend them asunder with the fingers of certitude, turning unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Thus have We sprinkled upon thee the drops of utterance from the ocean of thy Lord's favors, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH11640 ===

O Masoud Faran! In the Name of the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

The Resurrection hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared. The Self-Subsisting calleth aloud: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" He that hath arisen to

serve God and make mention of Him, verily his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, shall bestow His blessings upon him beneath the shadow of this Most Great Name. The mercy of God hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet most of the people remain heedless. Should one ask any of the divines, “Why hast thou turned away from this Revelation, and by what proof didst thou recognize Muhammad, the Messenger of God, when He appeared?” he would reply: “That which hath appeared I find not in the books of old.” Say: All that thou beholdest and utterest springeth from thine idle fancies. He appeareth not according to thy desire, but according to His Will. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Knowing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Beseech thou God to rend asunder their veils and open their eyes that they may behold the lights of the Sun and turn towards it on this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Wondrous Day. Soon will they hasten and say: “Woe unto us for what we have neglected in regard to God, and alas for our attachment to the books of men while turning away from Him Who was the Source of all books and the Dawning-Place of every clear tablet!” None can protect anyone this Day save God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to aid thee to remember Him and praise Him, and to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous.

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=== START BH11641 ===

O Haji Darvish, may God, the Most High, strengthen you! He is the One Who hath commanded all to observe justice and fairness. The station of fairness requireth that no matter be accepted save through direct vision - that is to say, that man should witness with his own eyes and gain knowledge thereof. The intention is that one should not be content with mere hearsay regarding the Manifestation and its degrees. For twelve hundred years the divines of Persia made mention of the Qa’im and invoked “may God hasten His advent”, yet when the Light of the Bayan shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the All-Merciful, all, whether learned or ignorant, pronounced Him an infidel and issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood. This matter is clear and evident to all. Furthermore, not one among all these divines possessed knowledge equal even to a needle’s eye, as evidenced by their complete unawareness of that Essence of Being while He was still in the loins. Indeed, should anyone have made mention of this station, declaring that He must be born, they would have issued the decree for his death and shed his blood. The purpose of what hath been mentioned is that they should not be content with the words of those who have turned away from the people of the Bayan. They should observe for the sake of God, speak for the sake of God, and reflect for the sake of God. The aforementioned souls are utterly unaware of the root of the Cause. This Wronged One hath made mention of you for the sake of God and hath invited you to God’s straight path. We beseech God to aid you. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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=== START BH11642 ===

In the name of the one true God! Know thou with clear certitude that whosoever in this Day hath drunk from the Kawthar of divine response and hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon is mentioned

before God and his name is inscribed in the Book. God, exalted be His glory, is present and watchful. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Witness, the All-Seeing.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which most of the peoples of the world, despite their seeking and expectation, remain veiled from. This blessing is the greatest of divine blessings. Neither tongue nor pen can adequately render thanks for this.

Be thou patient in what thou hast received from thy father and deal with him under all conditions with patience. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

In the path of divine love thou must needs bear this much hardship and hold fast to the cord of patience. We have enjoined upon all to honor their fathers and mothers. Every hardship that is borne in the path of God hath been and ever shall be sweeter than apparent blessings.

Beseech thou God to adorn him with the ornament of justice and fairness. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The glory be upon thee and upon him who was named Sultan-'Ali. Give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My grace, and bid him to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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=== START BH11643 ===

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O Ghulam-Rida! Great is the Cause and great is the Day! Blessed are they who, with supreme steadfastness, remain firm and immovable in the Cause of the Lord of all beings. These are the companions of the Crimson Ark. By the life of God! All divine Books and Scriptures bear witness to the greatness of this Cause and to the excellence and nobility of these companions. We beseech God to assist all to attain this station.

The understanding and perception of most people is such that should one of the evil ones arise to lead them astray, wavering and instability would be observed in their steadfastness, firmness and constancy. Glory be to God above what hath been said and uttered! Today, those who gaze toward the most exalted horizon and have quaffed from the waters of reunion must manifest such steadfastness that none upon earth can prevent them. This is God's decree, both in the past and in the future, and this is God's command, both in the past and in the future.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy son, and blessed are they who have attained unto supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Bountiful! That which hath befallen you is witnessed in the presence of God. He is in exile, affliction and imprisonment, and His loved ones are afflicted with banishment. However, exile in the path of the Friend is accounted as the most exalted homeland in the presence of God. Blessed are they who have attained, and woe betide the heedless!

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=== START BH11644 ===

He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the Wise!

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! The servant who is present hath brought before Us a leaf whereon was inscribed thy name and the names of those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We have sent down for thee and for them that whereby the cities of wisdom and utterance have been illumined. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad! Remind My loved ones of My verses and illumine their hearts with the lights of My wondrous and glorious utterance. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto My verses through diverse leaves and various tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: O concourse of men! By God, this is the Day of victory and triumph. Aid ye your Lord through that which We have revealed in the Holy Books and Scriptures, and in this glorious and wondrous Tablet. All must hold fast to the teaching of the Cause and present proofs and evidences from the verses and clear tokens of this Most Great Revelation and from Him Who sacrificed His life for My sake. The divine verses are effectual: in one station they are the Water of Life for the servants, and in another they are the Teacher of all created things. Were their attributes and effects to be mentioned, a mighty book would appear.

We have made mention of thee from My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book as among those who have remained faithful to My Covenant and My Testament, and who throughout their lives have spoken My beauteous praise. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My greatest mercy be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto the proofs of the teachers and follow the Command of God, the Ordainer, the Wise.

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=== START BH11646 ===

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the Kingdom! Today it behoveth each one of the people of God to pass beyond the gulf of names, through divine strength and power, that they may find their way to the Most Great Ocean. Consider ye the peoples of former ages and centuries: certain souls who clung to names and who, night and day, occupied themselves with disputation and opposition, accounting themselves the most learned of all peoples and the most excellent of all nations. Yet when the dawn of the Day of His Manifestation broke forth and the Intended One appeared, all arose to shed His pure blood, save a few among the Shaykhis who attained. We beseech God to aid thee in all that befitteth His Day. The Supreme Pen beareth witness that today the veiled ones of the Bayan are many times more heedless than that party. Guard thyself from the whisperings of these souls through the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and acted according to that which was enjoined in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that have clung fast unto God, detached from the world and all that is therein. Verily, such a one is of the people of the highest Paradise and of the Crimson

Ark. He Who speaketh in every condition testifieth unto this, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

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In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

O Muhammad-i-Tahir! Rejoice that the Most Great Ocean hath turned toward thee and desireth to cast upon thee, from the precincts of His mighty prison, the pearls of the All-Merciful's utterance. By the life of God! A single letter of that which hath been sent down in truth cannot be equaled by aught else, nor by all that the kings and rulers possess. When thou receivest My letter and findest from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, arise, turn toward My direction and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O Tahir! We were with thee and witnessed thy acceptance and heard thy call. We have sent thee this Tablet that thou mayest hear My sweetest call, which God hath made the water of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and the choice sealed wine for those who observe what they have been commanded in My perspicuous Book. He who serveth My loved ones and dealeth with them in kindness is as one who hath attained unto My service - this verily is a great station. What thou hast done in God's path hath been accepted. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity rest upon thee and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, clinging fast to that which hath come unto them from God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

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In the Name of the Peerless Lord! Today must the loved ones of God appear with such radiance as to illumine the world, and with such a fire as to set ablaze the hearts of the peoples. Thy mention hath been before the Wronged One, both past and present. This is a Day wherein man is empowered to gain everlasting stations, eternal bounties, and perpetual remembrance. Blessed is the soul whom the affairs of men have not debarred from the ocean of grace nor held back from the Sun of Truth. The loved ones must gather together in wisdom and take counsel regarding the exaltation of the Most Great Word. Whoso ariseth for God's sake shall assuredly be assisted by the invisible hosts. The purpose is that those souls who have quaffed from the sealed wine and have been honored with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, should recognize their station and preserve this most exalted rank in the name of the Lord of all beings. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: Your land is designated as Paran in the presence of the All-Merciful. God willing, may ye attain to that which befitteth this blessed name. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most High Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the near ones have lamented and in their longing for Whose presence the hearts of the sincere ones have been set ablaze. I beseech Thee by the Name through Whose manifestation both the kingdom of earth and heaven were attracted, livers and hearts were melted, the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of possibility, and the nightingale sang upon the branches, to assist Thy servants and loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to teach Thy Cause. Then acquaint them, O my God, with what Thou hast desired for them from the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy favors, that they may cast behind them all else but Thee, turning towards the horizon of Thy grace, the Dayspring of Thy utterance, and the Rising-place of Thy names and attributes. O Lord! Teach them through Thy bounty and favor that which beseemeth them in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Sovereign before Whose sovereignty the necks of princes and the mighty have bowed down. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Sufficing, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The funds which Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, remitted from cash and the value of silk through Jinab-i-Samiyy-i-Hadrat-i-Maq?ud (?a before Sin and Lam after 'Ayn) and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad ?adiq, upon them both be the Glory of God, reached this evanescent servant in the month of Dhi'l-?ijjih al-?aram in the year 1298. The Servant

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He is the All-Knowing Speaker! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Book at this hour when the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate, surgeth. We have, of a truth, drawn thee nigh, and thy father, and those who are with you both, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to draw you both near unto Him in every world among His worlds, to grant you the bounty of attaining His presence in His dominion and kingdom, and to send down upon you from the heaven of His generosity the table of His knowledge and the grace of His munificence. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon you both and upon those who are with you, who have migrated unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, and who have arrived at the Most Great Prison, and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of bounty, and have heard His most sweet call from His most exalted horizon, and have witnessed and attained that which had been the hope of the sincere ones and those near unto God. The glory from Us be upon you both and upon those who are with you, and upon every one who hath turned, whom nothing among all things hath prevented from setting his face toward God, the Creator of heaven. Rejoice in this most exalted Word which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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In the Name of God, the Luminous, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious!

O my God, my Adored One, my Beloved, my Heart's Desire! With what countenance shall I turn to Thy most glorious Kingdom, and with what tongue shall I implore Thy forgiveness and pardon? Not once did I draw a breath purely for Thy sake, freed from this cage of self, nor did I take a single step save in pursuit of my own desires. O my God, so immersed am I in transgression that I am ashamed of the very act of transgression itself, let alone standing before Thy most holy presence. How can I render thanks for Thy perpetual and abundant blessings and favors? Thou didst bring me forth from utter and absolute nothingness into the realm of being and existence, and honored me with the glory of beholding Thy presence–the highest aspiration of all Thy Prophets and chosen ones. I grew heedless of Thy remembrance, yet Thou didst not forget me; I disobeyed Thee, yet Thou didst not withhold from me Thy all-encompassing mercy. O my God, in this moment and at this hour, my hand is cut short of all recourse. I beseech and implore Thy forgiveness. I ask Thee, by the sanctity of Thy verses and Thy signs, to forgive me and my father and my mother. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of those who show mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! He is the All-Wise Teacher! We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi, that he may rejoice in this remembrance whereby all things have spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!" Verily, the Wronged One maketh mention of the servants of God on earth and summoneth them unto God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is he who is endowed with vision and hath recognized his Lord, and blessed is he who, when he heard the call from beyond the Ocean of Grandeur, responded: "Here am I! Here am I! O Thou God of the seen and the unseen!" Say: The Wronged One speaketh not of His own desire - to this beareth witness the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below - yet most of the people understand not. This is the Day which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's," yet most of the people perceive not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every rejected learned one. Say: This is the Day of Revelation, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Utterance, yet ye remain silent. Arise from the slumber of vain imaginings, then turn ye towards the Most Sublime Horizon which hath been illumined by this Name through which the gate of heaven was opened and the tribes of the Spirit descended. Glory be upon the people of glory who have heard and responded when the Truth came, the Knower of all things unseen.

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In the letter "Ya", O Hassan! He is the Most Exalted, Most Beauteous, Most Holy, Most High!

O Hassan! These days are the days of the greatest tests and mightiest trials. Hold fast to the cord of divine favour and cling to the hem of mercy. Purify and sanctify thy heart from the dark and shadowy forms of this world and enter into the sanctified realm of Divine Unity. Know all save Him to be non-existent and

count all else as void. With pure vision gaze upon the Most Great Horizon. Today all eyes are veiled and all vision is barred, save those souls who, through divine favour and the wondrous tokens of heavenly grace, have rent asunder the veils and entered the pavilion of the King of Names and Attributes. Say: O servants of God! Without Him, none hath been or shall ever be known. Rather, all else is known through Him. Whosoever turneth away from His Cause is accounted before God as one of the people of fire and of the lowest depths, though he be among the most eminent of his time. And whosoever attaineth unto His recognition is reckoned among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the most glorious Ridvan, though he be among the lowliest of creation. Such is God's bounty and His mercy unto His loved ones. And the glory be upon thee!

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The Most Holy, the Most Great. A mention from Us to him who hath been mentioned before the Throne and hath attained unto the lights of this Dayspring which hath appeared in human form. Exalted is the Self-Subsisting One through Whose Name the idols of idle fancy have been shattered and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, We make mention of him who hath turned unto God that the warmth of His love may be kindled in his heart in such wise that the opposition of the opposers shall not quench it, and that he may aid his Lord through the swords of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The servants have been forbidden to engage in conflict and contention, and have been commanded to show forth kindliness in this Most Wondrous, Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Praiseworthy Revelation. He who hath attained unto that which hath been commanded, verily, is of the people of My Kingdom. He Who summoneth all unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed, beareth witness unto this. When thou art stirred by the breezes of thy Lord's love through this Tablet, arise to mention Him with gracious remembrance amongst the servants. This, verily, is the most excellent of deeds and the essence thereof. Well is it with them that comprehend. May the glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto God whilst every denier, remote from Him, hath turned away.

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Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses as He willeth! He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge; His knowledge encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. How many a servant hath been debarred from the choice wine of revelation, and how many a handmaiden hath turned unto it, partaken thereof, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!" Verily, grace is in the hand of God; He bestoweth what He willeth upon whom He willeth, and withholdeth from whom He willeth what He desireth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and that this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. By God! Nothing that hath been created on earth can compare with it. Blessed is the one who hath attained unto this mighty bounty. Remember thou thy Lord at all times. Thus doth thy Ancient Master command thee. Reflect upon the favors of thy Lord. He

remembereth His servants and His handmaidens even while imprisoned in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the idolaters have wrought. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance from this wise Remembrance. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics and Goal of all worlds!

=== END BH11656 ===

=== START BH11658 ===

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and who hath turned his face unto the Countenance after the passing away of all things. Verily, he is among those who have broken the chains of idle fancies, turning unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Mas'ud! God hath made thee happy through His bounty, and hath aided thee to turn unto the horizon wherefrom the servants have turned aside, save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, hath willed. Thy mention was made before the Throne aforetime, and We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind. And this is time and again. Be thou thankful unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty. Stand firm in the service of thy Lord, be vocal in His praise, and place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily, He heareth thy call and seeth thee. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O Khalil! Verily the All-Glorious hath heard thy call time and again, and hath answered thee through this Tablet, wondrous and sublime, from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, that thy heart may rejoice and thou mayest be numbered among them that have attained unto the greatest gladness when the Most Luminous Perspective appeared from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We were seated upon the throne of utterance when the servant in attendance entered with thy letter and presented it before Our face. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and believed in Him on a day wherein most of the people have turned away, as attesteth the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the treasures of knowledge have been revealed from the repositories of Thy knowledge and will, and the preserved and hidden mysteries have emerged through Thy purpose, that Thou mayest inscribe for me, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the latter and the former world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

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=== START BH11660 ===

O Safar-'Ali, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the name of the one true God! O Safar-'Ali! We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the prison's direction. Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree this most exalted word is heard: O people of the world! The Hidden Beloved hath appeared and the concealed Mystery hath been made manifest in the assemblage of the world. Count ye as precious the time and be not deprived of the Most Great Bounty and the Momentous News. Blessed is the soul that hath heard this call and hath turned with heart toward the most exalted horizon. Gladden thou the friends in those regions with the remembrance of the One True Goal. Say: Today is the day of grace, of service, and of steadfastness. Deprive not yourselves. With utmost lowliness and supplication beseech ye the Self-Sufficing Lord that He may assist you to mention Him, to praise Him, and to remain steadfast in His Cause. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

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=== START BH11661 ===

O Ibn-i-Abhar, upon whom rest the Glory of God, Lord of Destiny! He is the All-Merciful, the Beneficent. This remembrance is sent down by Us to him who hath drawn the servants to the utterance of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and who hath spoken before all faces that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." All things have been stirred by the Call of the Lord of Names, yet the people perceive not. They have forsaken that which they were commanded and have committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament, as well as those who circle round the House at eventide and at dawn. Be thou eloquent in the remembrance of thy Lord, steadfast in the service of His Cause, turning toward His horizon, and holding fast to His extended cord. Thus have We caused the pearls of knowledge to emerge from the shell of utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who hastened when they heard the Call of God, the Lord of existence.

=== END BH11661 ===

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He is God, exalted is He!

Though according to what was said before, this servant's letters to your honor contained unanswered questions and improper words - as numerous tablets have been sent until now and no reply to any has been observed - surely there was wisdom in these matters. However, we are content with what God has decreed for us and we place our trust in Him, for He is the best helper and the most excellent guardian. Nevertheless, this imprisoned one is troubled and is reminded of this word: that we have always been content with news of your honor, but now the messenger is forbidden and that blessing is cut off. God willing, may you remain in the utmost joy and gladness, delight and happiness in all conditions, and be

protected in the shelter of the Merciful's protection from the harm of contingent existence and its people. We remember the companion, the mother, and the family with mention.

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=== START BH11663 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Beauty of Eternality and Beauty of the people of Baha!

I have been blessed with receiving thy noble letter. I kissed it and presented it before His Countenance. When I read what thou hadst praised thy Lord with, through that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, the Mouth of the Divine Will opened, addressing thee: "Upon thee be My praise, My remembrance, My glory, My fragrances, My loving-kindness, and My bounty, which hath ever been sanctified above mention of time, seasons and moments. This is from the grace of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days." Thus did it end.

My spirit and my heart be a sacrifice for thee! This blessed letter brought the greatest joy and bestowed boundless happiness. Through beholding it, I attained complete union and was sustained. And praise be to the Beloved of the mystics.

Regarding the mention of prayer from the horizon of will shining forth, if God should will, He will send down […]

In mentioning the name of Allah, the Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God, the King, the Manifest Truth. We beseech God to assist him and make him among those servants through whom the earth has been filled with the traces of God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Convey infinite greetings from this evanescent servant to them. The remainder of the blessed Surih of the Temple which they had requested will, God willing, be sent later.

Regarding his honor Aqa Siyyid Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, convey most elevated greetings, and what they have intended is most praiseworthy, however they have said that its time has not yet come. If in these days they would proceed to those regions with Tablets and engage in teaching, it would be closer to piety, and afterwards, God willing, numerous books will be sent from the Seat of Revelation. Convey greetings to them from God.

Regarding his honor Karbala'i Karim, it was mentioned in the presence of His Countenance, and a mighty Tablet was revealed for him from the direction of the Throne which, God willing, will be sent. Convey infinite greetings to all from this servant.

And regarding what you had written and inquired about certain phrases - whatever is revealed of divine verses, this servant mostly writes them in His presence, and often they are revealed in such a manner that no one is capable of writing them, for when once measured, one thousand two hundred verses were revealed in an hour. In such case, all are powerless to write, and this servant might possibly write eight hundred in an hour. For half an hour the hand cooperates, and in the other half it moves involuntarily.

Therefore, sometimes they are revealed at a pace that allows this servant to manage the writing, and whatever is revealed is not reviewed by the Most Holy Gaze, though sometimes they are recited again in His presence. Hence, in some instances there may be errors in spelling and letters. Moreover, the scribes make many mistakes, for error and mistake have been and will be in human nature. Just as in these days four copies of the Book of Badi' have been written, and although they were compared and checked, nevertheless one day by chance one of those copies was present before His Countenance. He looked at some of it and found several instances where letters were mistaken, and likewise several places where the spelling was wrong. Afterwards He commanded that it be carefully examined and compared. It became apparent that in most pages there were mistakes and omissions. Therefore it is very necessary that they be attentive with care so that it becomes correct. And your honor's explanation regarding the mentioned words was presented before His presence. From the mouth of the Divine Will these luminous words shone forth: "Excellent is what thou hast asked. Verily, He is with His benevolent servants and answers the prayers of the supplicants."

And regarding what thou didst ask, hearken unto what hath been revealed in truth from One mighty and all-knowing. The word 'sha?idh' with an unclean nature is permissible, and as for 'sadhij' with 'dhal', it is known among the people, but the Primal Point - may my soul be a sacrifice for all else besides Him - wrote 'sazij', therefore I do not wish to change whatsoever hath appeared from my Beloved. Thus we referred it to the pen of the scribes - whatever flows is correct, even if different versions have flowed from their pens. Verily He is the Establisher of orthography and words, He ordaineth as He pleaseth. However, this station hath been and shall ever be exclusively reserved for the Truth, exalted be His mention, not as observed from certain ignorant ones who have not been vouchsafed a single letter of knowledge, yet write fabricated words and attribute them to the Truth, as the chief of prevaricators wrote a letter to someone and sent it before His presence - most expressions therein were erroneous both in meaning and word, including writing 'Umar and Zayd with hamza. Would that people would ponder the words of that polytheist - most are nonsensical and meaningless. A fire for those who have taken him as lord besides God.

In these days, Tablets have been revealed from the Source of the Cause in response to one of the opposers who had objected to the letter of Aqa Mirza Jamalu'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God. A copy thereof was sent from the Most Holy Court as a favor to His servant. Specifically, Janab-i-Aqai Aqa Siyyid Mahdi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, was commanded to write and send it to that person. And from the Source of the Cause it was commanded that a copy of that Tablet be sent specifically to the land of Kha to Janab-i-A?daq, upon him be the glory of God. Since the original objection was made by Haji Muhammad Karim Khan, it is therefore very beneficial for the Shaykhis who have somewhat turned towards the Truth. God willing, He may bring about through this a matter.

Furthermore, in some Tablets it was observed that 'qiba'' was written as 'biqa''. Surely in the Book of Badi' too, which they brought to that direction, it is 'biqa'' - He changed it. Similarly 'hashim mu?ta?ir' which should be written with '?a'. In any case, there are many differences in the writings of scribes. They must observe with utmost care that it be written correctly.

And when previously the Blessed Book arrived, the names of the people of Ya were mentioned therein, specifically all exalted Tablets were revealed. It remains to be seen when it is destined to be sent.

And another Most Holy command is that the Book of Badi' should be sent for Janab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mirza who is present in the land of Ya. Send the books bound, for unbound is not beloved. Janab-i-Aqa Mirza Ja'far, upon him be the glory of God, hath submitted to your presence that Janab-i-Ismu'llah al-Munir, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, [has written] a copy of the Book of Badi' [for this servant]. If completed, it should be sent specifically to Janab-i-Qasim Khan.

And the remembrance and the glory and the might and the grandeur be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among God's sincere servants. Convey endless greetings from the servant to all the loved ones of God, and greetings be upon thee and upon them.

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=== START BH11664 ===

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of heaven!

O 'Aziz! Praise God for having enabled thee to attain the presence of Him Who was hidden within God's knowledge and inscribed in the Books of the Messengers. Behold the loving-kindness of God and His mercy. He beareth witness from His most exalted horizon to thy glory, thy turning towards Him, and thy dedication on a Day whereon the foundations of every doubter were shaken. Rejoice that thy glory hath been mentioned at the Praiseworthy Spot and hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. We have forsaken mention of the glory of the glorious ones in this outer world and have instead mentioned thy glory in such wise as shall endure throughout the eternity of My mighty, invincible Kingdom. Blessed is the glory confirmed by My Most Exalted Pen; naught else is mentioned before thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak when He entered the garden at this radiant dawn. Glory be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

=== END BH11664 ===

=== START BH11666 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

O Sarah Khatun, upon whom be the Glory of God! Consider:

All praise, glorification, mention and utterance befitteth the Object of all possibility, Who hath graciously aided His handmaidens and guided them until they attained unto the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. How many among the great ones and the learned are today heedless of the Self-Subsisting and deprived of the Choice Wine that is sealed. This is the meaning of the former word which declareth: "He maketh the highest to be lowest, and the lowest to be highest." His loving-kindness hath encompassed all, His mercy hath preceded all things, and He hath created countless means whereby He might lead that honored handmaiden, through the attraction of His call, to the Most Exalted Horizon. He is the One Who hath power to draw the faithful to the heaven of nearness and to consign the wayward to

the nethermost fire. His is the power, the strength, the majesty and the glory. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, this servant beheld your letter. In truth, it was not a letter but rather a casket of divine love, for after breaking its seal and opening it, the fragrance of love for the Object of the world's desire and the Beloved of all nations wafted therefrom. No mention, description or utterance can do justice to this station. Whatever might be said would be unworthy in the eyes of them that possess insight. Praise be to the Object of the world's desire, Who enabled that leaf to attain unto the recognition of the Blessed Tree on a day when most of the earth's inhabitants were seen to be debarred and deprived thereof. This is of God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth.

After it was read and its contents made known, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of Eternity and the Most Great Announcement, and was honored to be heard by Him. These are His blessed and exalted words: "O My handmaiden! Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto Him and attained unto the recognition of the Truth, exalted be His glory. In one station He is the Choice Wine that is sealed, the Kawthar that is mentioned, the River of Mercy, the Salsabil of grace, and the Tasnim of loving-kindness. Divine bounty encompasseth all and His mercy hath preceded all things. He hath enabled every one who hath turned unto Him to attain unto the traces of His Most Exalted Pen and hath guided them to the Most Glorious Horizon. The world of existence was created for the sake of attaining unto this Day, yet all remain deprived and debarred from the cause of their creation and its purpose, save whom God willeth."

Your numerous trust offerings, both small and great, are present and visible before God. They have reached the True Trustee and now abide beneath the shade of the Tree of Divine Mercy, blessed by the light of the Morn of His presence. Blessed are they and blessed art thou, O My handmaiden. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace and this supreme loving-kindness.

We convey greetings to the handmaidens of that land and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgent lights of the Sun of Revelation. We beseech God to grant success to all in showing forth the greatest steadfastness and to assist them in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. Thanks be to God that those honored women have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. They must, throughout the nights and days, make mention of this most great bounty and voice their praise and thanksgiving unto the Goal of all the worlds. I beseech His Exalted Being to assist thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to provide thee with that which He hath sent down from the heaven of His bounty and the atmosphere of His generosity - the food of His knowledge. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great. I make mention of the leaves and handmaidens of that land and summon them to the greatest steadfastness, and I beseech from God, exalted be His Glory, confirmation and assistance for all. The Glory, the Remembrance and the Praise be upon thee and upon them and upon every handmaiden who hath risen up, remained steadfast and hath said: "God is my Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne."

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=== START BH11667 ===

In the Name of Him through Whom surged the ocean of utterance! O My loved ones in Faran! The All-Merciful remembereth you in these days wherein the Sun of inner meanings hath dawned from the horizon of utterance by the command of God, the Lord of Religions. Break ye the idols of idle fancies by the arm of certitude, then make mention of your Lord with joy and fragrance. Be thou speaking in My remembrance, enkindled with the fire of My love, turning unto My countenance, and facing toward Mine horizon which God hath made the Dayspring of lights. Say: This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of proof and evidence, could ye but understand it. Arise to aid the Cause and be not of them that perceive not. The glory shining from My horizon be upon thee and upon thy brother who was mentioned before the Throne, and upon those who have attained unto this irrevocable Cause.

=== END BH11667 ===

=== START BH11668 ===

O Ali-Muhammad! He is the Witness from His Most Exalted Horizon! O Ali-Muhammad! Mention of thee hath been made before the Wronged One. If thou wert to discover the fruit of this utterance, thou wouldst, for as long as thou livest, utter "Thine is the praise, O God of all the worlds!" Know thou the value of the mention of God, and through His Name adorn thyself with the ornament of spiritual virtues. Goodly character is, each and every one, a helper of the Truth. In diverse Tablets We have enjoined upon the servants amity, trustworthiness, faithfulness, love, compassion, and unity. Blessed is he who hath with the ear of reality hearkened unto the divine counsels and acted in accordance therewith. Be thou thankful unto the Desired One of the world and say: Unto Thee be praise, unto Thee be thanks, unto Thee be glory, unto Thee be fidelity, unto Thee be splendor, unto Thee be light, O Thou the Desired One of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!

=== END BH11668 ===

=== START BH11669 ===

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over what was and what shall be! O son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy and My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Bear thou witness unto that which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. I have appeared and made manifest that which was recorded in the Books of God and treasured up in His knowledge; yet most of the people are as dead. We bear witness that thou wast present and didst see, hear, and make mention of My servants, both men and women, and We have revealed for each and every one that which cannot be equaled by the treasuries of kings. He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book doth testify to this. The

Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto the cord of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious.

=== END BH11669 ===

=== START BH11670 ===

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy handmaidens to turn towards the light of Thy countenance and to incline unto the horizon of Thy Revelation, after most of the men in Thy realm had turned away. Thy works testify to Thy power and might, and the manifestations of Thy Cause bear witness to Thy sovereignty and dominion. How many a servant was prevented by Thy decree from turning unto Thee, in requital for his deeds in Thy days, and how many a handmaiden and leaf turned unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, in hope of what lieth with Thee. This servant beareth witness that Thou art the Praised One in Thy deeds and the One to be obeyed in Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty.

=== END BH11670 ===

=== START BH11672 ===

In the Name of God, the Healer, the Sufficer, the Manifest

Glorified art Thou, O Lord, Thou Who art my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, through which Thy mercy hath preceded all things and the Sun of the beauty of Thy hidden title shone forth above the horizon of creation, and through which Thy bounty was perfected unto all who dwell in heaven and on earth, to send down upon this sick one, from the clouds of Thy mercy, that which shall cleanse him of every malady, illness, and affliction. Immerse him, then, in the ocean of Thy healing, O Thou in Whose hands are the Kingdom of decree and the Dominion of ordainment! Thou, verily, doest what Thou choosest; Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

=== END BH11672 ===

=== START BH11673 ===

He is God! O emigrant in the path of God! Give thanks that thou art included in the supreme affliction that hath befallen the Ancient Beauty and His loved ones, and art counted among the souls who have been touched by tribulation and adversity in the love of God. This is a bounty greater than the creation of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and this is a manifest truth. Though this universal divine mercy is now veiled and hidden from eyes and sight, yet ere long all shall behold its effects and mysteries in the Kingdom of God.

=== END BH11673 ===

=== START BH11674 ===

Detachment is as the sun; in whatsoever heart it doth shine it quencheth the fire of covetousness and self. He whose sight is illumined with the light of understanding will assuredly detach himself from the world and the vanities thereof…

=== END BH11674 ===

=== START BH11675 ===

I came not to proclaim that which ye already possess. Verily, verily, this day is a new day; He that hath come is the Wondrous, and His bidding the wonder of all that is in heaven and on earth

=== END BH11675 ===

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Lamp which was kindled in the heart of creation, and which was surrounded by the winds of sorrow, and which, whenever the tempestuous winds passed over it, increased in its radiance through Thy sovereignty and might, to make him who has arisen to aid Thy Cause a fire unto the hearts of the Messengers and a light unto the hearts of those who have turned towards Thee. O Lord! Protect him through Thy protection, aid him through Thy assistance, make him a promoter of Thy verses, an expounder of Thy laws and ordinances. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O my God, to make us as one soul, one remembrance, and one pillar standing firm, that we may unite to manifest Thy sovereignty, demonstrate Thy power, and exalt Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

It was previously submitted that a circle would be sent, the details of which are as follows: The origin of this circle existed before, and at the beginning of the Manifestation of the Point of the Bayan - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - permission was granted to some to keep it with them specifically for protection and countless affairs. However, its greatest pillar remained concealed and was not completed except in this most mighty, most holy, and most wondrous Revelation. It has come to the blessed attention and specifically permitted that you are authorized to give it to whomever you wish. Previously, one mithqal of gold was set as an offering for this circle, but His Holiness the Exalted - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him - granted a reduction. The purpose of the offering is for the person who receives the circle. The Manifestations of Truth have never had, nor will ever have, any attachment to this world and what it contains. Whoever received it would spend it, on behalf of the Truth, either for those they knew to be deserving or for other beneficial purposes they deemed appropriate. However, the actual drawing of it requires some effort - they must be very careful that it is correct in every aspect. You are authorized to implement it in whatever manner you deem appropriate. It may also be written on paper - there is no harm in this. It was written specifically for you on cloth for durability. Whoever wishes to carry it should sit in a private place, recite the Verse of Power which is in the first circle (previously the Throne Verse was written in its place), recite the Divine Names which are in the second circle, and then recite the prayer written in the figure at the center of the circle. Afterward, with complete attention,

detachment, and turning to God, they should take it and fold it, and while folding it, recite nineteen times "He is the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer, the All-Assisting." Then they should not open it again, but keep it with them wrapped in wax paper and sewn in another cloth. It may be carried on the head, chest, or arm - the main purpose is that it should be with them, and they are permitted to carry it in whatever manner they wish.

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O My Name! Hear My call, then weep with My weeping, then rejoice with My joy, then ascend unto My heaven and journey through My holy dominions and soar in the atmosphere of My companionship. Then walk in the regions of My love and glorify in the ocean of My grandeur, then settle upon the ark of My majesty and ascend to the heights of My Cause. Then drink from the Salsabil of My loving-kindness and the Kawthar of My bounty and the Tasnim of My mercy and the camphor of My grace. Then breathe in what wafteth from the direction of My Throne and what passeth over thee from the paradise of My Temple. Then speak forth My praise amongst My servants and make them know My beauty and convey unto them My remembrance and teach them the pages of My love. Then by My power break the seal of the vessel of My musk that perchance they may find and know and understand, then learn and remember, then perceive and attain and behold this dawning Dayspring and this gleaming Moon and this rising Star and this rain-laden Cloud and this surging Ocean and this upraised Heaven and this exalted House and this manifest Grace and this hidden Mystery and this mentioned Symbol. Perchance they may shatter and rend asunder and burn and cut themselves off from and flee their idols, their veils, their glory, away from all save their Lord, away from their own selves. And thou, O My Name, grieve not at what thou hearest from Mine enemies and witnesseth from the manifestations of My wrath and the dawning-places of My banishment. They are as nothing, heedless ones, asses, fools. Were they to know, they would surely cut themselves to pieces and sacrifice themselves, their souls, their spirits, but they perceive not and worship what they know not, and they have taken for themselves a partner with God, the One, the Single, the Alone, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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This is what We saw in a dream, and We recount it truthfully that it may be a remembrance for all the peoples of the world. We were walking in the House on a pitch-dark night. At times We gazed upon the Most Great Scene, and at other times I contemplated the pearls of nightly discourse, and at times the unique gems of destiny, and yet again I spoke to it of the lessons that had befallen Me, until the dawn broke forth with a smile. Then slumber overtook Me, and I reclined upon a pillow for but a brief moment. I saw thee standing before Me, with a radiant countenance, gazing upon thy Lord. The Face of God turned toward thee and magnified thee. Then there flowed from the mouth of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance, in such measure as none in all the worlds could reckon. And at the end of the discourse, We commanded thee, from the presence of the Lord of Lords, to convey His Cause among His creatures. And amidst what We commanded thee, We saw the Trusted One standing at

the side of this manifest Scene with a luminous and joyous countenance, and We commanded him as We had commanded thee, and We recited unto him this most exalted Word which the All-Merciful had made as a brilliant gem upon the brow of utterance: “O servant! Know thou the value of these days. Verily, the sojourn of the All-Merciful among the peoples of the worlds is like unto the duration of the rose in the garden.” And We repeated these words in that state until the hem of darkness grew thin and the fingers of destiny rent asunder the veil of heaven. Then sleep effaced the sign of wakefulness. We arose and said: “The Command belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Summoning.” And while We were dictating to the servant present before Us, We imparted unto him that which We have left unmentioned in the Tablet for the sake of brevity. Then did trembling seize him, and he was transformed by the wine of these words which gleamed like unto lamps in the crystal glasses of the words of the Lord of Names and Attributes. We said unto him: “Verily, in sipping the pure water from the goblets of success are signs for them that are wakeful.” And We beseech the Lord of Creation to wrap you both in the mantle of righteousness and to make you and them that have believed standards of guidance amidst all creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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This is a clear Book which hath been sent down unto Amin, who hath believed in the Day of Judgment and hath walked the path of certitude. O Amin! Were there to be in thy right hand a cup of the water of life, set it down, then proclaim the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, that the effulgence of the Sun of thy Lord’s mercy may be shed upon all created things. Say: O people of the earth! By God, the heart of the world hath been set ablaze by the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. What aileth you that ye are not set ablaze? Ye behold and recognize, yet deny and remain ignorant. Those who dwell in the realms of the seen and the unseen are bewildered at you. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones, that the fragrance of thy Lord’s glorification may be wafted abroad and may draw unto it their hearts and the hearts of all who turn unto Him. Praise be to Him Who is the Beloved of them that know.

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained the lights of the Countenance and heard the call of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, that it may be unto him a glad-tiding from Our presence and a mercy from Us. Verily, the bounty of thy Lord hath encompassed the worlds.

Thou art the first one to attain the divine presence in His Most Great Prison. Take heed lest what thou hast heard from the tongue of thy Lord, the Potent, the Powerful, be obliterated from thy heart. Make thou mention of Him all the time and call to mind the days when thou didst enter the most desolate of the cities until thou didst present thyself before the face of thy Lord, the Ruler of the Day of Judgement, and achieved that which is ordained for thee in His Preserved Tablet.

Let not the happenings of the earth grieve thee. Turn thou unto the Most Glorious Horizon and detach thyself from the hosts of the heedless. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones and thy kindred who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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In the name of the two Names, his honor M.H., upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious. 7 Dhi'l-Hajjih 1307.

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be befitting unto the Desired One Who, through His blessed, goodly and pure Word, created beings illumined with compassion, with mercy, with love. They are familiar with all tongues and are truthful in them all. Intrigues and evil whisperings are rejected in their religion. They are intimate with truthfulness and flee from all else. Whatsoever proceedeth from them is a faithful witness to the sincerity of their intention and the truth of their reality. We hope that the world may be illumined by the lights of the faces of the sincere ones and those brought nigh, and that these impurities which, like unto clay, have become the cause of the contamination of existence, may be cleansed by the Kawthar of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, and that the path may become manifest and the way evident.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to unite the hearts of the friends in that land, to bestow fellowship upon them, and to illumine them with the light of trust and resignation. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O beloved of my heart! Thy noble letters, each like unto the morning star, illumined the horizons of hearts. After they were read and noted, they were taken to the Presence and attained the honor of His attention. He said: "O Muhammad, upon thee be My peace! That which is acceptable and desired before the True One today is the preservation of the reputation of the friends of God in that land, that through the grace of the Lord and the requirements of His Name, the All-Merciful and the Lord of all, their reputation may encompass the world, and every region may acquire trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity from the dawning-places of that land. The nature of this world is known and evident, and its transitoriness is manifest and obvious to every possessor of vision and understanding. In the city of love one matter hath become apparent, and that was the martyrdom of Him Who is mentioned in the Tablets. The friends, in view of the prohibition against interference which was revealed from the Supreme Pen, did not interfere and held fast unto beautiful patience and glorious concealment. Glory be to God! Through the supreme oppression, the True One, exalted be His glory, hath aided His Cause and informed both East and West. We hope that all the friends will hold fast unto that which God hath desired.

God willing, confident and steadfast souls shall become the cause of the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of existence, and in every place and station they shall quench and extinguish the fire of hatred, animosity, rebellion and immorality with the pure water of patience, steadfastness, reliance and detachment. These few days have no significance in the sight of God and His friends. The man of insight

will assuredly not defile himself beneath it nor soil his most pure hem. Blessed are they who came with joy and passed with fragrance, and with complete trust returned unto the Desired One.

O Muhammad! The friends of that land and its surroundings are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and are illumined by the light of utterance. Convey greetings to all of them and gladden them with the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of divine gifts and favors. Verily, He will assist thee, aid thee and help thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Praise be to God that He granted success and power to this indigent one to be engaged in service to His Cause in the nights and days, detached from all else. How excellent is the work of those who are nigh and sincere, for therein is cut off and forbidden the fragrance of seeking personal desires. His is the grace and the bounty, and His the generosity and the glory. The power of the world and the desires of nations did not prevent Him, nor hold Him back from His prevailing and supreme Will. Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His power! With one word He gave life, and with another word He took it away. Who can say why or wherefore, save he who removes himself from His sovereignty and flees from His dominion? Such a one has no station, no mention, and no description. In truth, such beings are considered non-existent and lost in the sight of those firmly established in the Crimson Ark. In any case, this servant beseeches the one true God on your behalf for that which is the cause of eternal life. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Seeing, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As commanded, a letter was written at this time to his honor Aqa ’Ali, upon him be the peace of God and His favors, and was sent to that true loved one that he might consider it and, if deemed advisable, deliver it. We beseech God to protect him through His power and sovereignty and to make him among the helpers.

As to what you wrote regarding Port Said and Egypt and other places, from meeting that beloved of hearts in any land, God willing, fruits will appear therefrom and the light of love will shine forth. In every matter and every thing there is a trace and hidden treasure from God’s perfect power, but these gradually appear through outward means day after day, and the effects themselves make the servants aware and inform them. Verily God has power over all things. God willing, from the warmth of love of that beloved one, the effects of warmth will appear in all regions.

His Holiness the Afnan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah’s] Most Great Glory, has always been and continues to be mentioned. In truth, they are the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. We beseech God to assist him and make him successful through a sovereignty from His presence. Verily He is the Powerful, the Wise.

His Excellency the Minister, may God the Blessed, the Most High, strengthen him, praise be to God, is sanctified from that which is unworthy and adorned with that which is worthy and befitting. God willing, may he be assisted in exalting this Most Great Cause. According to the command, that beloved one must in all conditions hold fast to wisdom and utterance. Meeting itself, without words, affects some receptive souls - it guides without speech and shows the way without description. Such a minister must be

appreciated and, to the extent possible, love, affection, sincerity and purity toward him are necessary. This party must ask God for his honor and elevation. Verily God is the Hearing, the Seeing.

And as for the Khan, may God make him successful, God willing he is praiseworthy in deed, praised in mention, and beloved in utterance. Thanks be to God that He has servants who are adorned with the ornaments of truthfulness, purity, love and faithfulness. Mention was made of the honored Haji and the details of attendance in that blessed presence, and certainly it is blessed, for it was a gathering of the friends. Every spot of earth where God is mentioned takes pride over other spots. This is a truth in which there is no doubt. Although that spot in those days was sorrowful, for due to the sorrow of his honor the Haji and those with him, upon them be the glory of God, those with penetrating vision observed the friends and acquaintances to be grief-stricken. However, the revealed tablets, from the horizon of each of which the sun of bounty was shining, transformed all sadness into joy, gladness, delight and expansion.

And as to what you wrote about performing a prostration of gratitude after reading - glory be to God! The fragrance of this gratitude certainly ascended and attained the most exalted station. They commanded: Mention these words: I swear by the Sun of Truth which has illumined the worlds of justice and fairness and the hearts and minds of the companions - if the veil were lifted and that station were beheld, they would manifest such joy as has had and has no likeness in the world. Verily it has attained and ascended to a station where, upon its arrival, the maidens called out from the chambers: “The fragrance of a leaf of the Blessed Tree has wafted! Rejoice at meeting it and be glad at its presence!” By the life of God, the attraction of this tribulation seized everyone in the Most Glorious Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. Verily God is the Bestower, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

I convey greetings to His Honor, the beloved of hearts, Aqa Siyyid ’Ali, upon him be God’s peace and care. In truth, his loving remembrances attract hearts and souls. I beseech God, exalted be His grace, to grant him that which causes the descent of mercy and favor from the clouds of His generosity and bounty. And for myself I seek confirmation that each time I make mention of what is hidden in the heart, I may remember the other loved ones of that land, and for each one I beseech God’s assistance. How beloved in the sight of God is the manifestation of love between His loved ones! When mention was made of His Honor Haji ’Abbas, upon him be God’s peace - how during the days of tribulation he was aflame with love in the house of His Honor the Haji and stood with complete dedication in service - repeatedly did He say: “Blessed is he, again blessed is he!” We must be engaged day and night in thanksgiving and praise that He bestowed His grace, showed the way, and granted glory. The utter abasement that was specially reserved for this community in Iran - now, praise be to God, some have realized that this community has another purpose and another aspiration: they have had and have no thought save the tranquility of nations and the prosperity of the world. Every person of insight testifies to this and every hearing ear acknowledges it. And if some clods of earth, due to their lack of fairness and justice, have spoken or may speak otherwise, they are outside the school of God’s justice. His bestowals, favors and kindness have reached such a degree that the tongues of the world are powerless to mention them.

One day He repaired to the garden where a new pavilion of glory had been raised, and by His command the loved ones were present and gathered in that place. After His will was made known and all were assembled, He proceeded from the first garden with the Branches of the Blessed Tree to that spot. After

being seated and the reading of heavenly verses, He made such mention of recent tribulations that all became sorrowful. Then He spoke other words that truly caused sanctified spirits to attempt ascension that they might, after their ascent, attain to such a gathering. And in those two days when truly the sun of favor rose manifest from its horizon, there appeared all that testified to His supreme grace and mighty compassion, and in His presence was done what was befitting. Verily God, our Lord and your Lord, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous; He is the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Likewise, mention of that beloved of hearts' charitable deeds was repeatedly made by the blessed tongue. Indeed, not even to the extent of a needle's eye has anyone's reward been or will be lost. He said that from the earliest days until now, Muhammad has stood firm in service and held fast to the cord of grace, and throughout this long period nothing appeared from him contrary to His good-pleasure. This is a description for which the highest Paradise and loftiest Heaven yearn. At this point we should say: "Praise be to God Who confirmed and assisted you and caused to appear from you that which the Lord of creation and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen described. We beseech God to make you a key to every door, steadfast in every matter, and mindful at all times. Verily He is the Most Powerful of the powerful. There is no God but He, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and the earth."

The other gifts of that Beloved One have arrived. As they have been blessed with the mention and remembrance of that Beloved One, they will surely be acceptable. Since their relation is to the True One, exalted be His glory, each of their pages is the envy of paradise. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to establish their reward in the garden of inner meanings and utterance, and to manifest its effusions in the aforementioned garden - this is not difficult for Him. This servant testifies to His power and sovereignty, His might and authority, and beseeches Him to ordain for your honor the good of all worlds among His worlds. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

To the light of the heart, His Honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation, I offer greetings and praise, and with utmost sincerity I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid him at all times and seasons in His service - a service that will forever bear witness to his attention, devotion, love and steadfastness. In the gathering of lovers his mention has been and continues to be made. It is hoped that in the remaining days we may arise to serve collectively and occupy ourselves with that which God desires. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God that this letter ends with his mention. This ending is paired with the beginning; indeed, in one sense it can be said to take precedence, for the station of His Holiness the Seal (upon him be the spirit of all else) from the first beginning that was the beginning, is beyond all description and praise. This is the one who mentions and this is the witness. The remembrance and praise of God be upon you, O dawning-places of love and affection and mines of love and unity. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Munificent.

The loved ones and chosen ones of that land are remembered in the heart and preserved through the protection of God's favor, exalted be His glory. The world of love requires at all times the mention and praise of the loved ones, especially those saplings that have been nurtured in the shade of mercy, have been raised up, and are sustained by the fresh wine. Such souls should be mentioned by a pure tongue, and a sanctified heart should express love for them. In brief, they are remembered at the point of the

heart and enkindled with the warmth of the heart. Praise be to God, they have attained that which has no opposite and is sanctified from peer. Their mention is the key to treasures and their love is the door to victories. All this is from God's favor, grace and bounty. We beseech Him to gather them beneath His shade, to exalt them through His Name, and cause them to speak His beautiful praise. Peace and remembrance and glory, then honor and exaltation and sublimity be upon your honor and upon those who love you and hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord

All praise befitteth the Desired One Who, through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, hath conquered the peoples of the mortal realm, and through its hidden Kawthar hath bestowed new and wondrous life upon decayed bones. Exalted, exalted be His favor! Exalted be His mercy! Exalted be His greatness and sovereignty! Who can reckon the wondrous tokens of His grace, the sum of His commandments and favors? He it is Who hath made a single word from among His words the standard of guidance from His presence and the banner of His Cause amidst His servants. Through it He hath manifested the Resurrection and its mysteries, the Hour and its signs. Blessed is he who hath recognized that which hath appeared from His presence, and blessed is he who hath witnessed that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His bounty. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon His loved ones and chosen ones who have hearkened unto His most sweet call and have attained unto the word "Yea, verily" - yea, verily, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names! These are servants who have attained, honored servants, steadfast servants. They are the helpers of God, the hands of His Cause, and the dawning-places of His most beautiful names and attributes. They have taken the choice wine from the hand of His bounty despite His enemies, and have drunk in His name before the faces of His creation. Verily He is the Supporter of His loved ones, the Strengthener of the pillars of His Cause, the Exalter of His loved ones, and the Revealer of their stations and conditions in His kingdom. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The exalted letter with its offerings of utterance and meaning reached this evanescent servant. In truth, each of its words was a chalice filled with the Salsabil of love and affection, adorned as it was with the praise and glorification of the Lord of creation and the Master of all beings. Repeatedly was it read, and with each reading a fresh fragrance was wafted to the nostrils of truth. Glory be to God! Its sweet scents spread wide the carpet of joy, and its perfumes brought a sanctified gladness transcending mortal station. Thereafter, having sought the Most Exalted Paradise and Supreme Heaven, it was presented before the Lord of all humanity and attained the honor of His attention. Then did the ocean of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, surge, and the Speaker of Sinai spoke forth, while seated upon the Throne of Revelation, that whereby the treasures of divine knowledge were revealed in the contingent world before the faces of all religions, and the Herald called out from the direction of the Prison: "Hearken unto the Call of God, raised from the most exalted station." His blessed and exalted Word is:

He is the Light that shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Rejoice that God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, has willed that His Pen should move to make mention of thee. Time and again have We remembered thee and sent thee diverse Tablets wherein every word surged with the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Compelling, the Knower of the seen and unseen, and from whose horizons shone forth the suns of bounty and grace. Thy Lord chooseth whom He willeth and loveth whom He loveth and remembereth him in such wise as to preserve his name and trace throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. The Wronged One remembereth thee amidst His tribulations as a token of His favor unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. Neither the oppression of the enemies nor the power of any veiled potentate could hinder Him. While seated upon the throne of justice, the servant who was present brought thy letter and read it before His face. From it We perceived the fragrance of thy submissiveness, humility and devotion to God, the Lord of this praiseworthy station. Blessed is thine ear for having heard God's call, and thine eye for having beheld His signs, and thy tongue for having voiced His praise amongst His servants. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. I testify that through tribulation He hath upraised His Most Great Name and revealed that which lay hidden in the treasury of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have enjoined upon all trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and fidelity. Among the people are those who have cast the command of God behind their backs and committed that which hath caused the faithful ones to lament. They have embraced wickedness and indecency and cast away righteousness and piety, and have uttered such calumnies as no ear in the world hath ever heard the like. He Who speaketh in this Frequented House beareth witness unto this.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest Thy sheep amidst the wolves of the earth and Thy trusted ones in the clutches of treachery. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the ocean of Thy verses and the lights of the dawn of Thy Revelation, and by Thy Call which Thou hast made the Water of Life for all creation, and by Thy Name through which the hearts of all religions were stirred, to adorn Thy servants with the ornament of truthfulness and justice. Enable them to guide those who missed their way when the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation were manifest, then aid them to return unto the court of Thy pardon and forgiveness and to stand before the gate of Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! Deliver Thy servants from the oppression of the oppressors and the dominion of the heedless. Then preserve them through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and Who hath dominion over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Thou hast heard My sweetest call in the eloquent tongue, and We wish to remember thee in the luminous language. This Wronged One hath ever been in the hands of the enemies. They have brought to pass that which none but God can reckon. In these days the wolves of the earth have surrounded Him and are secretly engaged in bringing harm to this Wronged One. Yet God knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts conceal. Whatsoever befalleth in the path of God is beloved. We have joined tribulation to the word of Jacob. Though We are seen in these days without helper or assistant, God shall soon raise up the treasures of His earth and reveal its riches - these are men who shall be raised up for the triumph of the Great News in such wise that no impediment or barrier shall stand in their way. These are the dawning-places of God's power and the manifestations of His might. No matter shall prevent or veil these shining and resplendent gems. Glory be to God! The

people of the Bayan have not yet perceived the fragrance of this Day. They are seen to be more veiled than the followers of the previous Dispensation. Say: […]

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of the heavens, by Thy Lamp which hath desired naught except the reformation of the world and hath taken neither glass, nor crystal, nor any protector save Thee, to illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and to adorn their heads with the crowns of justice and equity. O my Lord! Thou seest the oppressors united in frustrating Thy Cause and the stations of Thy trusted ones. I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing Will and Thy prevailing Purpose to protect them from the evil of those who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, and have denied Thy most great signs and mighty evidences. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Convey to the loved ones of that land the greetings from the Wronged One - greetings whose fragrance will attract the hearts and minds and lead them to the luminous horizon. Counsel all on behalf of the Wronged One to observe trustworthiness, religious devotion, and the fear of God, the Lord of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen. We have repeatedly stated that in this Most Great Revelation, triumph is achieved through wisdom and utterance, not through sword and spear. Under all conditions, they must occupy themselves with winning hearts and uniting souls. Goodly deeds have ever been and will continue to be the hosts of God, and praiseworthy character the guide of His servants. That which causes the people to shun and avoid is neither acceptable nor adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure. Although the First Point appeared from the Most Exalted Kingdom in Muharram - which is indeed beloved to the soul and the cause of joy and gladness and the source of delight and happiness - yet most people, due to their lack of awareness, might misconstrue any expression of joy in those days as, God forbid, indicative of hatred and animosity. Therefore, wisdom requires that those days be observed with reverence. Thus did this Wronged One, while in Iraq during the days of Muharram, make mention of His tribulations and attend certain gatherings of lamentation, out of mercy and kindness to the servants. The Exalted One - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - also observed the sanctity of those days. Whatever causes people to draw nigh and leads to their acceptance and attention should be embraced until such time as the Cause becomes manifest to them. Convey this firm decree to the servants that all may become aware and hold fast to that which God hath willed. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee, and who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is hoped that the friends of God will arise to triumph the Cause with pure and sanctified hearts and with the aforementioned hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. From the horizon of every Tablet shineth forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance, and all are commanded to follow it. God willing, that beloved one will make the heedless souls aware of the divine commandments and prohibitions. Had the people acted according to God's will until now, Iran and indeed other countries would have been illumined by the light of His Cause. This evanescent servant ever supplicates: "My God, my God! Assist Thy loved ones to that which will manifest Thy favors upon Thy creation and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty in Thy dominion. O Lord! Purify the hearts of those who have turned to Thee with the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and ordain for them that which will adorn them with the ornament of justice and equity in Thy days. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise."

Your esteemed irrefutable treatise was received and accepted. God willing, it will be sent in these days, and permission for its publication has risen from the horizon of utterance. The servant beseecheth his Lord that He may, through your sincerity, humility, acceptance, mention and utterance, open the doors of people's hearts. Verily, He is the God of mankind and their Educator through His name, the Educator, the All-Wise.

A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of the world's peoples, Who hath not deprived any seeker from the effulgences of the Luminary of His Word. The new petition of that loved one was received before the countenance of the King of the Kingdom of Utterance and was illumined with the light of acceptance. For each of the names mentioned, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty and sent forth. Praise be to God that that loved one became the means of abundant grace, and likewise became the cause of the descent of the rain of the All-Bountiful's mercy.

The revelation of verses is of such magnitude that all are powerless to reckon it. From all directions, by night and by day, petitions arrive and gracious replies are given. And if there is sometimes delay, it is for two reasons: first, that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, your honor dwelleth in the most exalted station, namely that of certitude and assurance, therefore in delay there is no harm; and second, due to the abundance of replies to petitions that have newly been received. Surely that loved one is content and grateful, for he hath repeatedly partaken of heavenly sustenance and true bounties. Well is it with your honor!

On one occasion this supreme utterance was heard from the tongue of the King of the Kingdom of Names regarding your honor. His mighty utterance is: "O servant present! His honor M.H. hath arisen to serve. Verily We have made him the cup-bearer of the Kawthar of God's utterance, the Lord of the worlds." Glory be to God! Such is the bounty that the possessors of tongues and pens are unable to describe it. To this testify the leaves of the Paradise of God, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

If wisdom permitteth and alloweth, convey on behalf of this servant greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land. God is aware that in most times I beseech from the Goal of the world's peoples that which is immortalized in the Mother Book. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. We are God's and unto Him shall we return.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise and glory befit His chosen ones, who have ever been and shall forever remain the manifestations of the Divine Will and the embodiments of His All-Merciful Purpose. These are they who have drunk from the chalice of steadfastness and have partaken of the choice wine of God's love. By the Sun of Truth I swear, with every drop they drink thereof, the denizens of the highest Paradise exclaim "How pleasant!" and the inhabitants of the loftiest Heaven cry out "How delightful!" These are they who are the dawning-

places of the effulgent light of God's Name, the All-Powerful, and the manifestations of His victorious Name, the All-Subduing. Before their might, all worldly power is accounted as the weakest of things, and in the face of their steadfastness, the armies of nations are reckoned among the most abject of servants. They have drunk from the cup of immortality and have detached themselves from all else but God. The colors of the world deceive them not, and its ornaments engage them not. Through their endeavors is raised the tabernacle of glory, and by their service are hoisted the banners of triumph. Glorified be their Creator, their Sustainer, their Helper, their Strengthener, their Guide, and their Inspirer!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose command was revealed that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge and concealed within the repositories of Thy power, and through the breezes of Whose Revelation the dwellers of the graves arose in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy bounty and the mysteries enshrined within Thy Book, to aid Thy servants in that which will establish the sanctity of Thy Being and the transcendence of Thine Essence. My God, my God! This servant beareth witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and acknowledgeth that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, to forgive Thy servants through Thy grace and bounty, and to assist them with the hosts of Thine invisible realm. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Thou beholdest him who hath been named 'Ali before Akbar, who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause, who hath spoken Thy praise, and who hath desired to spread Thy verses and to exalt Thy Word. I beseech Thee to strengthen him through Thy grace and favors, and to ordain for him the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

And furthermore, the letters which that spiritual beloved sent in the name of the beloved of the heart, His Holiness the Name of Bounty, upon Him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and likewise to the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, attained the Most Holy Court and were presented before the Countenance of the Object of the world's desire and were honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger […]

Verily, We were speaking in remembrance and praise of God, pacing in My chambers and pondering upon the Most Great Announcement and what was visited upon it by His enemies who violated His Covenant and Testament, who denied His signs and disputed His proof. Then the servant who was present came with thy letter and presented it before Our face. We hearkened unto it and revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance that which guideth the servants unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O 'Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One hath appeared and made manifest the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He hath guided the servants unto the Dayspring of His signs, made known unto them His path, caused them to hear His call, and revealed for them that which draweth them nigh unto His horizon. Among them are those who denied, those who turned away, those who pronounced judgment against Him, and those who cast aside the world in their longing to attain His presence and their ardent love for His verses. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken from the Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the

Call and departed from thy home, seeking the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, until thou didst attain His presence, hear and witness. Verily thy Lord loveth His loved ones, maketh mention of them in His Book, and giveth them the glad-tidings of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have cast aside all else save Me and have taken what hath been sent down from My presence. These are among the Concourse on High in the Book of God, the Goal of them that know. Say to the Daysprings of idle fancies: Cast aside this day what the people possess, for the Self-Subsisting hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from the dawning-places of the Sun of Certitude. Cast aside conjectures and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. This is a word - whoso holdeth fast unto it, neither the doubts of the world nor the intimations of the suspicious shall cause him to slip. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast unto it; he is reckoned among the people of certitude in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

When thou hast drunk from the chalice of My utterance and been seized with the wine of the Kawthar of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn unto Thee and to proclaim that which Thou didst command me. I was heedless, but the fragrances of Thy verses and the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation awakened me. I was asleep, but the hands of Thy bounty aroused me. I was ignorant, but Thy gift made me to know. I was seated, but Thy firm Command caused me to arise. O Lord of Eternity! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy mighty Throne and by what was hidden in Thy knowledge, O Goal of them that know, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the lights of Thy utterance and adorn their temples with the ornament of resignation and contentment in the kingdom of creation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty.

Praise be to God! The effulgences of the rays of the Most Great Luminary have encompassed the world. That which hath been revealed - its fragrances shall never fade nor perish, and its mention shall endure in the Book of God as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. Praise be to God! They have drunk that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of, and have heard that which ears were forbidden to hear, save those whom God hath willed - our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of them that are nigh unto Him. Today the Truth seeketh a helper who would sacrifice himself for the sake of God - that is, who would occupy himself day and night with teaching and with whatsoever may promote the Cause of God, inasmuch as the cawers in every land and region either arrive or emerge therefrom. This is among the tidings that flowed from the Most Exalted Pen during the days when the Most Great Luminary was shining from the horizon of Zawra. At one time the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this most exalted Word - His blessed and exalted Word:

“O servant in attendance! Often it happens that in this land too a cawer is found. Certain souls have loved and do love discord, lying in wait until they find a calf to raise the standard of dissension. The friends of God must be vigilant and remain so steadfast that none shall find occasion for such mentions that cause corruption and are the source of discord.” Thus it ended.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God - exalted be His glory - and imploreth Him to assist His servants and grant them fairness, that all may, with utmost steadfastness and detachment from the world and all that is therein, hold fast unto that which guideth mankind. Assuredly that spiritual friend exerteth mighty efforts in refining souls, purifying hearts, and establishing the steadfastness of the servants. At one time this blessed word was uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur - exalted be His utterance:

"O servant in attendance! This land, in its inmost mystery, is not free from corruption." Thus it ended.

Thus did He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things inform us aforetime and afterward in a perspicuous tablet. This servant conveyeth greetings to all the friends in that land and beseecheth God to assist each one to achieve that which is enduring and everlasting. The world and all that is therein shall perish, save the Divine Word. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto, and likewise the deed that hath appeared for the sake of God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing Witness.

The sublime, blessed, and holy Tablets which were requested in the letter of his honor Ism-i-Jud and Aqa Mirza Muhammad - upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] - for certain friends, have all, in accordance with that spiritual friend's request, been revealed from the heaven of divine favor and have been given that they may be dispatched. Among the coincidental events is that some time ago this evanescent servant sent especially for that spiritual friend a letter containing the words of God. After some time it became known that its dispatch was delayed and it was returned again to this ephemeral one. The purpose is that ye have ever been and continue to be remembered.

As to what you have written regarding my brother, that he has not given any funds for his Huquq and that from here a receipt was sent, and this matter has become a cause of hesitation or doubt or, God forbid, a cause of turning away - Glory be to God! These matters pertain to this servant. For whatever names you send, this servant sends receipts. What relation do these matters have to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Sanctuary? Moreover, what has been understood from the words "He doeth what He willeth"? Whatever appears from the True One, glorified be His majesty, is truth in which there is no doubt, as the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, has said: "Should He pronounce the earth to be heaven, or heaven to be earth, He speaketh the truth; and should anyone say 'Why?' or 'Wherefore?' such a one hath disbelieved in God." In any case, such matters pertain to this servant, and this servant sends the receipt.

As to what his honor the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, has written regarding this matter - that his honor Ustad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, has sent two payments and this servant has requested and sent receipts. However, regarding Ustad Kazim, my brother, his honor Ustad has never sent any receipt in his name. Yes, his honor Ustad Kazim Haddad Ardikani, upon him be the Glory of God, had given several payments for which I requested receipts. Two or three receipts arrived and I sent them to the honored Afnan, his honor A. H., upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, to deliver. Since the note did not mention Ustad Kazim Ardikani, his honor the esteemed one thought it was for this Ustad Kazim. As he would profess belief before me and his honor Afnan, while at times associating with the manifestations of Satan, divine tests overtook him in this way. I beseech the

Exalted True One not to test this servant, for no soul can emerge from tests except through God's grace taking his hand.

These matters have been written by his honor the Trustee. Today relationship is cut off, for the relationship with God has come between. Now that spiritual beloved is related to the Truth and to those near and sincere. Beyond the stages of acceptance, devotion and faith, they have been engaged in service for years and have held fast to teaching God's Cause. Whatever is hidden is manifest before God. Not an atom of deeds has been or will be without reward. I beseech God to confirm that honored one in all conditions, just as He has confirmed him before. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory and praise and laudation be upon you and upon God's loved ones there who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the cup of the bounty of our Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty.

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?a. O Aqa Mirza Ayyub, upon him be the Glory of God! 15 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1306.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Today, praise and thanksgiving are the exclusive privilege of His loved ones–those souls who have attained and continue to attain unto the Choice Wine, and who fear not the appointed hour. They have freely sacrificed their lives in the path of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds. Neither the might of princes doth frighten them, nor the oppression of divines cause them to tremble. With most eloquent utterance, they have proclaimed before all religions: "The Truth hath come!" Glory be to God! Wonder upon wonder that the deeds manifested by the lovers in this Revelation have not served to admonish or awaken the peoples of the earth. Whither is fairness fled? What hath become of justice? One, at the moment of martyrdom, exclaimed "How wonderful!" Another declared "I have offered up my spirit unto God!" Yet another, before the House, offered up his life with his own hands. If ye were to count the martyrs of God in this Revelation, ye could not number them. In truth, they are beyond reckoning. Each gave his life in such wise that the denizens of the Supreme Paradise exclaimed "Blessed be God!" and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise cried out "What rapture for the sake of God!" Glorified be the majesty of our Lord! There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O thou beloved of My heart! Thy distinguished letter arrived, bringing into existence the joy that was lost and manifesting the hidden gladness into the realm of being. Praise be to God, it bore tidings of thy well-being, and after causing joy and delight, it was presented before the Presence of the Lord of all worlds at the Most Exalted Court and the Source of the joy of earth and heaven. It was honored to be heard, after which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses. Thus speaketh the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, through My Name, which speaketh before all faces […]

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Word from which every people shall find the greatest of what they possess, whereby the people of the Furqan shall discover the fragrances of the All-Merciful, and the people of the Gospel shall find the utterances of the Friend, and the companions of the Torah shall hear the cooing of the Dove of the Cause

upon the highest branches, and the people of the Bayan shall find that which attracts the hearts and minds. Thus hath the Mother Book revealed its utterance, and the Mother of Utterance its verses, and the Most Great Ocean its waves, and the Sun of Being its bounty and effulgence. Blessed is the soul that hath ascended, heard and seen. Woe to the heedless! Thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst hear His call and knew that He desired naught save the reformation of the world and the education of the souls of nations. But the people turned away from Him and denied His Manifestation and whatsoever was revealed from Him, out of transgression against God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. By God! This is the Day wherein the Mount hath been moved to smile, for it hath attained unto its Interlocutor, and the Tree calleth out with the most exalted call: "He Who caused Me to speak hath come! Fear God, O people, and deny not Him through Whom the river of utterance hath flowed throughout all possibility and the ocean of knowledge hath surged before all religions." Be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation, and be not of them who disputed His signs and denied His favor and committed that which caused every discerning scholar and every informed mystic to lament.

Say: O concourse of men! The Most Great Scene hath been adorned through the Lord of Destiny, and every hidden matter hath been revealed. Turn with radiant faces to the Supreme Horizon and follow not those who have denied the proof of God and His testimony, when He came with a mighty command and clear sovereignty. The servant who was present brought thy letter and presented it before the Face. We have revealed for thee that which was a bounty to the righteous and a light to the chosen ones and a river of life to all peoples. We beseech God to aid them to turn unto Him and to grant them success in that which beseemeth this holy, mighty and wondrous Day. When the attraction of My utterance taketh hold of thee and the wine of My exposition intoxicateth thee, say:

My God, my God! My soul is a sacrifice for Thy call, and my spirit for turning to Thee, and for Thy remembrance. Thou hast turned toward me from the direction of the Prison and remembered me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and called me when I was asleep. I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded me and the light of Thy Cause hath encompassed me. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by the Word whereby the hearts of Thy servants and the realities of Thy creation were attracted, such that they hastened to the place of sacrifice out of longing to meet Thee, and by the neck which attained the rope of enemies in the land of Sad as a manifestation of Thy power and an expression of its detachment from all else but Thee, that Thou aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause, then enable them to rend asunder the veils of idle fancies that prevented them from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory and from hearkening to Thy most sweet call which was raised from Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and manifested for the ascension of Thy creation to the station Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who did not break Thy covenant and Thy testament, and whom neither the might of kings nor the wealth of monarchs prevented from gazing toward Thy horizon and holding fast to Thy cord. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed is God! What a wondrous mention and blessed time, when the call of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven was raised with the praise of all things! The waves of the ocean of utterance appeared

in such wise that the seas of the world became, as it were, all ears to hearken, and likewise the trees. What a rapture hath in this hour seized the world! It is as though the wondrous words have bestowed new spirit and granted fresh life. Each one speaketh with glad tidings and uttereth a word, yet what profit is there, when the people, bereft of justice, are all deprived and forbidden? If they turn aside from this Most Great Cause, what matter is worthy of attachment, and if they deny it, what cause is deserving of acceptance? In any case, prayer is necessary, not cruelty, for strife, contention and corruption have been strictly forbidden in this Most Great Revelation in the Book of our Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Would that they had understood the purpose of the Desired One! He hath commanded all servants in all conditions to patience and forbearance, and the friends have so firmly clung to this blessed word that they are slain but slay not, hear evil but speak it not. These unjust ones of the world have become confident, and each day there occurs that which causeth the eye of justice to weep. The light which is the cause of the world's illumination - they strive to extinguish it. And these swords and spears, though outwardly directed at these servants, in truth return upon the oppressors themselves. We beseech God to make known to all what they are prevented from recognizing today through idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily we are God's and unto Him do we return.

As for thy expression of humility and lowliness before the Most Holy Court, after it was presented, these blessed words were spoken: This humility and lowliness of thine is, before God, exalted be His glory, greater than the might and power of those who possess power. Blessed be thy tongue, for it hath spoken the truth. We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to decree for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure in every world of His worlds. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Thou didst mention Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God. After it was presented before the Throne, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him from the right hand of the Throne. God willing, may he attain unto it and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful that which will intoxicate him such that in the assemblage of the world he may cry out "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of all realms!" This servant conveyeth greetings and beseecheth God to grant enabling grace. In truth, the mention of the Beloved is a fresh joy for the heart, a new melody for the ear, and a trustworthy fountain for understanding. Praise be to God that that loved one hath attained unto mention, praise, orientation, love and acceptance. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Helper, the All-Wise.

Regarding Qurratu'l-'Ayn and the joy of the heart of Luqman, upon him be the glory of the Most Merciful: A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath also been revealed specifically for him from the horizon of the heaven of proof. It is hoped that he may be nurtured under the shadow of the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and attain unto that which is the cause of everlasting life and eternal mention. His mention brought joy, and this is evidence of God's grace and mercy. The servant beseecheth his Lord to ordain for him what is best for him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

I convey greetings to the friends in that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant each one that which leadeth to exaltation and elevation. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to God Who hath made known to us His Cause, taught us of His Revelation, guided us to His Path, and unveiled for us that which lay hidden in His knowledge and concealed within the treasuries of His power. He, verily, is the Single One, unto Whose oneness every tongue hath testified, that He is God, and there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been One, Single, Alone, and Self-Subsisting. He hath no peer in creation, no equal in invention, no likeness, no similitude, no partner, no helper, and no offspring. By this doth He shine forth as the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Glory and splendor be upon His loved ones and chosen ones, whom the howling of wolves did not disturb, and who faltered not in their response when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from its final habitation: "There is no God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

And then, thy letter was received, bringing boundless joy, for it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and His loved ones. This servant beseecheth God to cause all His loved ones in that land to attain His special favors. Blessed are they who have outstripped others in God's Cause, who have acknowledged and recognized His oneness and singleness, and all that the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. May He honor others too with eternal life through the breath of accepted souls. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Concerning what thou didst write about proceeding to Istanbul and arriving there, it was presented before the Countenance of the Goal of the world's desire. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Knowledge - these are His words, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof: "O Sadiq! What thou didst write to the Branches of the Tree was presented before the Face and was seen, and the servant present also submitted thy petition before the Wronged One. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions remain focused on the horizon of the Cause, for the stations of unity, the degrees of remembrance and detachment, the ways of success and prosperity, and the paths of knowledge and salvation have ever led and continue to lead to this station. Nothing can withstand His Cause. Whosoever hath turned towards it must fix his gaze upon the horizon of His Will and act in accordance with that which he hath been commanded, even should all on earth deny it. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and give them the glad tidings of divine favors. Blessed is he who hath heard the verses of his Lord and he who hath spoken His praise. Let them hold fast unto wisdom in all matters, lest there appear that which would grieve the hearts and souls."

Praise be to God, mention was made of the friends of that land in the Most Great Scene, and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for each one. All the world's riches and adornments cannot equal a single letter thereof. Regarding what thou didst write about entering the great city, had thou acted in accordance with the Command, it would have been more fitting, beneficial and appropriate, for whatsoever proceedeth from God is assuredly in accord with consummate wisdom and closest to what is expedient. Praise be to God that after its presentation, thou wert adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. This is what our Beloved and your Beloved hath spoken, exalted be His utterance: "We have forgiven him. Verily his Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous." This is a great bounty and a mighty favor that hath shone forth from the horizon of generosity.

As regards what was written concerning Aqa Rida-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him. God willing, may he be accounted among the servants of God. And concerning his participation every year in the commemoration of His Holiness the Prince of Martyrs, may our souls be a sacrifice for him, this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. According to His command, they should continue to act as before. The people are weak and do not understand the cause and reason. Therefore, if it is abandoned, it will cause tumult and confusion. Wisdom requires that they deal with the divines and the descendants of the Prophet with love, as love may guide some to the straight path. Avoidance and distance have been and are the cause of estrangement. In the Most Holy Book He says, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "Consort with the followers of all religions with joy and fragrance. Thus hath the light of Our guidance shone forth from the horizon of wisdom and utterance. Hold ye fast unto it. This is the command which the All-Wise, the Faithful, hath revealed from His Most Great Prison." For if association is abandoned, who will convey the Word of Truth and who will hear it? However, they must pay the Rights of God, and this servant mentions this out of sincerity, for this practice has been and is the cause of the purification of wealth and the descent of blessing. Since it was asked what they should do, this servant mentioned the Command of God that was revealed in the Book, otherwise for many years most commands and ordinances were sent to various regions except this matter which remained concealed until God decreed it and revealed it through His grace as a bounty to His servants.

And concerning what was mentioned about Mulla Muhammad-i-Shirvani, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold, and this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of our All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Verily We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein everyone possessed of vision hath attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and everyone possessed of hearing unto His sweetest call, and every tongue unto His wise remembrance. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Dayspring of grace and was among them that believe in the unity of God. The Wronged One hath desired naught from anyone. He hath summoned the people by night and by day unto that which God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath commanded. He calleth them unto righteousness and unto that which will draw them nigh unto the All-Informed One. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and in that which hath been revealed for thee, whereby thy remembrance shall endure as long as God's most beautiful names endure. Be thou thankful for this great bounty.

God willing, may they be adorned with the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and with the ornament of steadfastness, and may they speak in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His Glory. According to His command, that spiritual friend should act with utmost wisdom. To everyone who is steadfast and firm, they should convey that which is the cause of sanctification, detachment, love and knowledge of God, exalted be His Glory. In the Hidden Words He says, exalted and glorified be His Word: "The wise are they that speak not unless they obtain a hearing." No one is permitted to approach anyone without permission. Make this command known to all, for proceeding without permission can often lead

to troubles. The excellence of deeds depends upon God's good-pleasure. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

With regard to the six firm, assured and steadfast souls - Mr. Ali Akbar, Karbala'i Aqa Kish, Aqa Rida-Quli, Aqa Asghar, Aqa Mirza Abdul-Karim and Karbala'i Qasim, may the glory of God rest upon them - you mentioned that they have intended to undertake pilgrimage. This matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and was met with approval. God willing, may they be assisted to perform good deeds and manifest praiseworthy conduct. They must give thanks to the Exalted Truth that they have been blessed with this supreme bounty. His is the glory and the generosity, His is the grace and the grandeur, His is the command and the judgment. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to them and to all the other friends of God in that land who are enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the light of recognition. He beseecheth from the Exalted Truth confirmation and assistance for all. Verily He is the Bestower, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord and your Lord be upon you and upon them and upon those who have quaffed the wine of certitude from the hands of the generosity of our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

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In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Trustworthy […]

O servant of God! Rejoice in that the face of the Wronged One hath turned towards thee from this place which hath been named the Most Great Prison by the Lord of eternity. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Hearing, the One Who answereth prayer. We have detected from thee the fragrance of My love, and We have turned unto thee from this remote spot and revealed unto thee that from which thou canst inhale the sweet-scented perfume of My luminous robe. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away vain desire and laid hold on righteousness. He is of the people of My crimson Ark, the mention of which was revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, and which was announced by My Herald Who sacrificed His life for My sake, and proclaimed unto the people My manifestation, My advent, My dawning, My arising, and My Cause, firm and mighty. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of the Wronged One and the eye that hath beheld that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of his Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O servant of God! The servant who was present brought thy letter and presented it before My face while the Wronged One was walking in this exalted spot. We heard it and have answered thee with that which diffuseth the fragrance of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. We send greetings from this spot unto thee and unto My loved ones who have cast away what the people possess, yearning for that which is with their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. We counsel them to fear God and to do that which exalteth His great Cause. Say: O people of Baha, should anyone come unto you with the tablets of fire and the book of the wicked, cast them behind you and hold fast unto the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice, O My loved ones! By God, through you the clouds pour down their bounty and the earth yieldeth its blessings and favors. Thus doth the clear Book that is with Him give you glad-tidings. Beware lest the conditions of men debar you from the Lord of creation, or the might of those in the land who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every wicked transgressor cause you to

fear. Hold fast unto goodly conduct in all conditions and cleave unto the hem of wisdom - a command from the One Who is All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Upon you be praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. These are God's hosts on earth, as attesteth every discerning and insightful one. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones! Blessed be your faces and your ears. Ye have attained unto that which was the purpose in God's Books of the past and of the future. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Expositor, the Mighty, the Trusted One.

Praise be to God! The waves of the ocean of divine bounty have encompassed the friends. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that all the world cannot equal a single verse thereof. Today, all who dwell on earth are heedless and know not the fruits, mysteries and traces of the mention of God, exalted be His glory. For were the fruits of but one letter thereof to be cast upon those on earth, by God Himself the Truth, all would turn, detached from all else, to the most exalted horizon. O friend! The intoxication of heedlessness has seized all and deprived them of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, save whom thy Lord willeth. How blessed is the one whose mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court. The Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that all existence is for the purpose that one might be mentioned but once in His presence. Likewise, in exalting the Divine Word, these sublime utterances have issued forth from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's expression - His word, exalted be His remembrance: "If one were to transcribe a single verse thereof, it would be better than transcribing the entire Bayan and all books written therein, for all shall pass away while that shall endure." Were one to reflect upon this utterance, the condition of those who have turned away from among the people of the Bayan and others, as well as the loftiness and sublimity of this Most Great Cause, would become evident and manifest. Blessed are the fair-minded! Blessed are they who know! Blessed is every learned one who hath attained unto this most exalted station and been adorned with the ornament of this Most Great Announcement!

I convey greetings and salutations to all the friends in that land and say: Today is the day of mention and praise, and the day of deeds for God's sake. May you be assisted, God willing, in that which endureth and lasteth forever. Although through divine grace you have been enabled to make mention of God–exalted be His station and His grandeur–this is a station that description cannot encompass nor can the praise of all created things attain unto it. God willing, may this station be preserved through the name of the Lord of all mankind, for the Supreme Pen hath previously given tidings of the tablets of fire and the book of Sijjin and the croaking of the ravens and the schemes of the schemers. May God protect us and you from the schemes of every schemer and the deceit of every deceiver and the evil of every accursed satan.

I convey greetings and salutations to the honored friend, his eminence Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. May he be, God willing, the recipient of the infinite bounties of God, exalted be His glory, occupied with His remembrance and engaged in His service. From the heaven of divine Will there hath been sent down especially for him, and likewise for each of the names mentioned in his book, that which brighteneth and illumineth the eyes of those near unto God and the sincere ones. In truth, any person of insight and hearing who readeth a single verse of the divine verses and findeth its sweetness will observe himself to be detached and sanctified from all who dwell on earth and whatsoever they possess. Praise be to God that he hath attained unto perfect bounty and hath likewise become the cause of bounties. Blessed be he and they. The ocean of grace is so tempestuous that every fair-minded

one is bewildered. There is no God but Him, the Revealer, the Manifester, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous. And beyond that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty especially for him in this leaf, another Tablet hath also been revealed from the heaven of grace, from every word of which shineth forth the Sun of the favors of the Sovereign of existence […]

And from the horizon of each word thereof, the Sun of the favors of the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen doth shine forth and appear. Blessed are they who have attained unto Tablets that cannot be equaled by whatsoever existeth in the world. The Glory that is manifest and resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Lord and your Lord be upon you and upon those who have been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen of God in His perspicuous Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is God, exalted be His station in grandeur and power!

Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who hath adorned cities and lands with the lights of the Sun of Truth and the radiance of recognition, and hath confirmed pure and holy ears to hearken unto the Call. Whoso attaineth unto true hearing attaineth unto steadfastness. The purpose of hearing hath ever been true hearing, as witnessed aforetime when they heard yet turned away, and hear yet object. Blessing and peace be upon His Beloved and Chosen One, Whom He chose for the manifestation of His Cause and the promulgation of His laws and ordinances, and upon His family and companions, through whom God's proof was perfected unto His creation and His might was made manifest among His servants.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance and your steadfastness! The blessed letter arrived and was indeed the bearer of glad tidings, for it conveyed news of your good health and well-being, and likewise was an informed herald of the degrees and stations of detachment, severance, adherence and devotion - a knower who was knowing, and a pure one who was eloquent and able. After its perusal and review, it was taken to the Sacred Presence and presented. He said: "We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in that which is befitting, to open before his face the gates of blessing and bounty, and to manifest through him that which will guide people to His path and adorn them with the ornament of trustworthiness and chastity. Verily, He is powerful over all things."

We make mention of an Afnan from among the faithful who is named Siyyid Aqa, and We give glad tidings unto him who is named Muhammad-Rida. We beseech God, exalted be He, to inscribe for them from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall never be exhausted and shall endure as long as His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure. We make mention of Our loved ones there and beseech for them blessing and well-being from God, the Lord of all creation, and We say: "My God, my God! Make the end of their affairs to be good." End quote.

This evanescent servant hath ever besought from God, exalted be His glory, for each of the Afnan that which is the cause of the greatest bounty for all peoples. Verily, He is the Lord of the world and the Guide of His servants to His Most Ancient and Most Noble Name. Likewise, he hath besought for the loved ones,

upon them be God's peace, whatsoever is worthy of His generosity. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

Mention was made of the spiritual beloved, Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise of the spiritual beloved Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'l-Karim and the loved ones of that land, namely 'Ishqabad. After presentation, He spoke words that were as the spring rains of bounty for the saplings of existence, and as the breeze of generosity for receptive souls both seen and unseen. Previously, two pages of utterances, from each word of which wafted the fragrance of grace, mercy and bounty, were sent to that land through the honored Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. And secondly, when that eminent one intended mention, the command was given to send a telegram. The servant beseecheth his Lord to confirm all in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to aid them in that which will elevate their stations among the parties. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commanding, the All-Wise.

As regards Mr. Mulla Muhammad-'Ali (Tafti), upon him be the Glory of God [Baha'u'llah], after presentation They stated that upon his arrival in prison he sent whatever he had, and permission was given to accept it, but until now We have not used it. And now, considering that he has again intended to send an amount, We will accept this sum provided that he also accepts this second amount from Us. This is a bounty from Us. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and give him the glad tidings of boundless favors. The Afnan know and are aware that this Wronged One's acceptance of the previous sum was purely out of love for them. Until now We have not accepted from most, but from him it was accepted the first time that it may reach Us a second time. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of His grace, His bounty and His blessing, and to make him among those who have attained to His mention in His lands and to the assistance of His Cause among His servants through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Again, mentioning the loved ones of the land of 'Ayn and Shin, They said: O My loved ones in that place! You are the keys to the gates of steadfastness among creation and the banners of guidance among all beings. Through you the unity of His Being and the sanctity of His Essence are established. We counsel you, O loved ones of God, to wisdom and to that whereby your stations and conditions may be exalted. Blessed are you and blessed is he who loves you purely for the sake of God, the Lord of earth and heaven and the Lord of the mighty throne. Beware lest the clamor of the people who have cast justice behind their backs, clinging to oppression, frighten you. Verily they are in grievous torment. They have no helper nor supporter. Soon will the breezes of chastisement seize them from all directions. Verily He is the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

What is needed is unity and harmony and wisdom and moderation in all matters. Blessed are they who have held fast to the cord of unity and acted in accordance with what they were commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

As regards separation - it is in no wise permissible. Separation in that land causes the fire of hatred to be kindled. In all the lands of Iran, as that land belongs to another government, the means of freedom are obtained. However, this freedom becomes the cause of bondage for other friends in the lands of Iran. In any case, in all circumstances one must hold fast to moderation and to means that cause the attraction

and drawing near of hearts, and this matter depends upon goodly deeds and praiseworthy character which are the cause of guidance and the drawing near of souls. Verily He is with you, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding Mr. Mir Muhammad-Husayn Beg, upon him be the Glory of God, and certain petitions from those parts which you wrote about - some time ago there was specifically revealed for him that which is an enduring proof for the world and its people, and it was sent. The servant beseeches his Lord that He may cause eyes to be gladdened by beholding it and ears by hearing it. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Wise. My beloved Mir and the loved ones of those parts, both men and women, have ever been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Their station is evident and clear from the divine Tablets. Blessed are they. Your honor should write replies to their letters and express the bounties from before the True One.

Regarding the exalted matters you wrote about - in all conditions We beseech and implore the True One for the exaltation of His Cause in the cities and regions and for the victory of the honored Afnan. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers.

Regarding the Qur'an, it should be obtained from Aqa Husayn-'Ali, or a credible document bearing the seal of several people should be prepared with all details mentioned therein, and sent to His Holiness Haji Mirza Hasan (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]) in the Land of ?a. This matter is most important, for much has been said and many calumnies have been attributed. However, they should request this from Aqa Husayn-'Ali in a spirit of friendship, and they should not enter into confrontation with anyone. Love and kindness for the sake of God is required towards every soul, except those who turn away–this commandment hath been sent down from the heaven of the divine decree in the Most Holy Book. Well is it with them that act accordingly. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you and hearken unto your words.

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In the Name of God! To his honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon whom rest the peace of God. 1 Rajab 1307.

He is God - exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His power!

Praise be to God Who hath uttered a Word from among His supreme Words whereby He hath distinguished between the servants in the world of creation, and through it hath manifested His sovereignty and revealed His power, and through it the oceans of meanings and utterance have surged in the realm of possibility, and the Most Great Book hath spoken forth among the peoples: "O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, He Who is the Dawning-Place of certitude hath come, and with Him the Criterion whereby truth hath been separated from error. At this all the tribes have trembled save whom God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of the mystics, hath willed."

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by Thy resplendent and manifest Light, by Thy firm Cord, and by Thy revelations on the Day of Judgment, to illumine the hearts of Thy

loved ones with the light of Thy knowledge, then grant them the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou hast created them to exalt Thy Cause and manifest Thy Word. Thou beholdest them detached from all else save Thee and hastening to the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness, having cast aside the idle fancies and vain imaginings whereby Thy servants were prevented from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy grandeur. Ordain for them, O Thou Goal of the world, that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the Master of the Day of Resurrection.

Thereafter, O my beloved, the heart of this evanescent one soared when he heard the cooing of the nightingale of thy praise in describing God, our Lord and thy Lord, our Goal and thy Goal, and the reins of tranquility were taken from my hands such that I proclaimed before all faces: "Sovereignty belongeth unto Him Who hath, throughout all ages and centuries, drawn His servants unto Himself through His call." By God's glory and grandeur, joy hath taken hold of me from all directions in that thy honor hath rent asunder the veils that prevented the servants from turning to the supreme horizon and the most exalted summit. It is as though I heard from the traces of thy pen the verses of thy attraction, thy burning, and thy longing for God, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving. When I read and became acquainted therewith, I approached the Presence and presented it before His Countenance. The Master - may our souls be a sacrifice for Him - said: "O Abu'l-Qasim! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. The servant present hath appeared before the Face and presented thy letter. We found therein the fragrance of thy love, thy turning unto God, thy sincerity, thy certitude, thy steadfastness, and thy humility before God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of the mighty throne. By My life! Were anyone to hearken with the ear of his true nature, he would hear from the very rock: 'The kingdom, the dominion, the glory and the power belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds.' Blessed is thine ear for having heard the Call, and thine eye for having beheld the supreme horizon, and thy standing before the Seat of Justice, and thy mention and praise on a day wherein the idolaters have encompassed the cities of God, the Master of what was and what shall be."

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of God! It behooveth thee and the unitarians to cling to the hem of the robe of God's loving-kindness and to beseech from the heaven of His grace and the ocean of His bounty that He protect them from the evil of the idolaters and change their weakness into strength and their powerlessness into might. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and say […]

Praised be Thou, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy straight path, and given me the glad-tidings of Thy mighty announcement, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy oneness, and caused my tongue to speak of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. Glorified art Thou, O Sender of the winds and Cleaver of the dawn! I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which hath been assailed by the tempests of the tyrannical among Thy servants and the storms of the oppressors throughout the lands, to assist whosoever hath acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books. O Lord! Thou hearest my yearning in Thy love, and my longing and passion aroused

by the breezes of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to aid me in giving the glad-tidings to Thy servants of the appearance of Thy signs and the manifestation of Thy evidences. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant is amazed at how the grace, favor, justice and bounty of God, exalted be His glory, has influenced and continues to influence the world of being. The requirements of wisdom confirmed His presence in a station from which all have turned away, and enabled the hearing of utterances from which all are debarred and deprived, save those whom His prevailing Will and triumphant Purpose have chosen. Indeed the world has been made new. The mysteries of utterance have, by the will of the Desired One of the worlds, emerged from the unseen into the visible realm, and from concealment into manifestation. Since these favors have outwardly appeared and been unveiled for that exalted one, it is hoped that he may become the leader of God's hosts, namely righteousness and piety. Praiseworthy character is regarded as the mightiest of hosts before the Lord of eternity. God willing, may they with these hosts conquer the cities of wisdom and utterance, and illumine the world with the light of knowledge. This matter hath never been difficult in God's sight. With one word He attracted the pure gem of justice and exalted it above the heavens. He is the One Who doeth what He willeth by His word "Be" and it is.

From your determination, assurance is gained that you will summon a number of the heedless to the horizon of wisdom and cause them to attain that which will make the tongues of all realities proclaim the blessed words "The Kingdom is God's." All the friends in that land have been and are remembered before their Lord, and this servant hath besought for each one blessings that are beyond reckoning and limitation.

Regarding what you wrote about the mention that would cause the awareness of the servants - this is not permitted in those lands according to the Command, for most of the people do not distinguish between the mischief-maker and the reformer. Rather, they have regarded and continue to regard the reformer as the mischief-maker and the mischief-maker as the reformer. The pillars of justice have been weakened, and likewise justice. This servant and you must beseech God to adorn His servants with the ornament of fairness. That which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness is that you were not deprived of the ocean of favor and partook of that which shall endure forever and shall always be remembered. May the unseen reinforcement render its assistance manifest, for the movement and intention have been and are for the sake of God. The servant beseecheth his Lord to draw you near, to fulfill your needs, and to assist you in His remembrance and praise through wisdom and utterance. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Helper.

Concerning the mention of Haji Mirza Abu-Talib - may God strengthen him - since it occurred before awareness of the Cause that hath appeared, there was and is no harm in it. I beseech God to ordain for him what He hath ordained for His trusted ones and chosen ones. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Choosing. It is hoped that henceforth he may be remembered before his Lord and not remain deprived of the Most Great Ocean.

Concerning what was written about the blessed Book of Iqan, God willing, all of it will reach your honor. Those who circle round about all send their greetings and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for your confirmation. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon the righteous servants of

God. May He bestow upon all a portion from the effulgences of the Orb of divine favor - a portion that is enduring and everlasting. Similarly, all other items were received. This is quite clear and evident: that any matter which is blended with love is reckoned among the great bounties in the sight of God. I convey greetings to all the loved ones in that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of each one, for that which its fragrance shall never cease to waft from the cities of the sincere and detached ones. Verily He has power over all things. His honor Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon him be the peace of God - during the previous occasion, at the time of the arrival of your letter, permission was granted. It is hoped that he will attain to that which he desires. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto the Word of God and His love and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His mighty and impregnable Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious

God testifieth in the midmost heart of eternity that there is none other God but Him, the Self-Subsisting, the Gracious, the Sublime, the Omnipotent, and He calleth to witness at the Throne of the Mystic Tabernacle that there is none other God but Him, the All-powerful, the Exalted, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

God testifieth in the exalted Dominion of Majesty: “I am God, and there is none other God but Me, the All-Glorious, the Inaccessible, the Wondrous.” He calleth to witness in the Kingdom of Grandeur: “I am God, and there is no God but Me, the Transcendent, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Peerless.”

God testifieth on the throne of all existence, that there is none other God but Him, and that the Primal Point is His Servant and His Glory.

The days of the Servant have come to pass and He hath ascended to the throne of the Most High, wherefore Baha shone from the horizon of eternity once more with a sovereignty exalted above all creation, and all the kings and the rulers bowed their heads before the splendor of His dominion.

The veils of vain imaginings were cleft, the mantles of concealment were rent asunder and the standards of glory were raised betwixt the heavens and the earth, and God came on the heavenly clouds with hosts of glory, on His left the angels of Revelation and on His right the concourse of the sincere ones.

He rose in the midst of heaven and earth and called unto all created beings with such ascendency that caused the hearts of the denizens of Paradise to tremble and the foundations of all things to quiver, and this is verily that which was sent down upon His well-favored servants as a token of His absolute loving kindness and spoken through his most eloquent, most wondrous, most articulate, and most beauteous tongue.

O ye people of the earth! We have created ye through our behest and have made known unto ye Our Self, the True One, through the Manifestation of My own Self, the Exalted, the Great. We raised Him by

the power of truth and endowed Him with Our sovereignty and sent Him to you with a Manifest Book. He came to you from the dawning place of Revelation with signs which attracted the hearts of every fair-minded and knowledgeable soul and every person of high station, but, ye have repudiated Him and denied that which was revealed unto Him of the verses of thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Compassionate. A few souls amongst you believed in Him-them who had crushed the idols of vain imaginings with My exalted power, and abandoned the bastion of blind imitation and perversity in My Name, the All-Powerful, the All-Subduing, the Almighty. No sooner have ye believed in Me and acknowledged My sovereignty and recognized My book, than We admonished you in all Our Tablets not to act as the infidels amongst our heedless servants had done. And We revealed not the Bayan but to announce unto you Our appearance in the kingdom of all creation. And when the Lord of Divine Decree manifested Himself once again and appeared on the clouds of Divine behest, you denied Him and rejected that which you had believed in, and turned away from that which you had turned unto, and wert of the infidels.

O ye people of the Bayan! By the righteousness of God, this is My beauty with which I pride Myself in My realm, and the denizens of My celestial kingdom seek blessings from My presence. Nay, rather, all else move by His Will, He verily is powerful over all that He willeth and He is the Gracious, the All-Bountiful. He appeared amongst you with such power that astonished them that devoutly worship Him. He rose alone before all that dwell in the heavens and on earth with the power bestowed by Us and I, verily, am the Almighty, the All-Glorious.

Thus calleth the tongue of the Merciful One the people of the Bayan, that perchance they may shake off their slumber and be of them that are attuned to that which God hath counseled them in all the Tablets, and be of them who reflect, and that they may vacillate not in the Cause in which whomsoever hesitateth all his work will come to naught, even if he cometh forth with all pious worship of the former and latter generations. They had hesitated in His Cause, rejected His appearance, gainsaid His signs, and denied that which He did bring to them as bidden by the Omniscient, the All-Informed.

Arise then for the service of thy Lord, and aid Him Who hath sought no support for Himself but God; this is His bounty upon you, He, verily can afford to dispense with all creatures. Say: O people! This is the heavenly Youth amongst you and He hath come to you with Divine Sovereignty and Power and reciteth unto you at all times that which is beyond the power and comprehension of the whole creation. He did succor you whilst you wert destitute on earth until the standards of victory were hoisted upon every lofty and indomitable mountain.

O thou Nabil! Know, verily, that among the froword are those who claim that these verses were not revealed according to true faith. Say: woe betide you and that which flows from your tongues. By God! The true faith of God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Subduing, hath appeared through these verses. And there are those who say that this Youth hath slandered God and thus hath repudiated the signs of God and hath denied His proofs and is counted among them who perceived not. They repeat that which the people of the Quran said when Ali came with the truth and they returned to their original seat of denial. By the righteousness of God! I heard from these people that which the ears of creation had not heard. Thus did the Eyes of Grandeur cry behind His most holy and exalted veil. Say: O people! I believe in

the scriptures of God and the tablets of His Cause amongst you, and I was commanded to believe not but in Him and to recite unto you that which the Spirit speaketh in my heart. By God, this is from Myself, rather at the bidding of God, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Wise. And if this is My crime, then with which proof have ye believed in the prophets of God in the past? Produce it if ye are amongst them who speak the truth. That which befell Me at the hands of these people had not befallen anyone in the whole of creation. To this bear witness the tongues of the worlds. O Thou the Pen of the Most High! Proclaim Thou unto Nabil the mysteries of God's irrevocable Decree that perchance he may drink of this soft flowing river of immortality that runs on the right side of His Throne, and that he may become cognizant of that which is hidden from the eyes of the heedless. Haply he may pursue steadfastly the path of this Cause which no man hath the strength to withstand except him who fixeth his gaze onto the Most Sublime Vision, and is sanctified from the uncertainties of this ephemeral realm at this time in which all are veiled from beholding the beauty of the All-Merciful but for them whom thy Lord, the Sovereign, the All-Wise, ordaineth.

Say: Nabil-i-Akbar who ascended unto God had hesitated in the Cause of this Youth, hence was not granted admission to visit the city and his breath of life was extinguished by virtue of God's sovereign power as bidden by the Almighty, the Most Powerful. He reached not the shores of God's nearness and acquired no sustenance from the earthly riches he amassed, and returned to dust with great remorse. And yet, none other soul was awakened and those who claimed to believe perceived not and were in manifest error. We disclosed not his doings and concealed them in layers of veil, but now have revealed them unto thee so that thou may be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. In spite of this, God pardoned him and forgave his misdeeds. There is no Lord but Him, His are the kingdoms of Revelation and creation, He ordaineth as He wisheth and doeth as He pleaseth. Thus have We informed thee and recounted unto thee choices from many tales so that thou may find the sweet fragrances of thy Lord from these resistless, all-compelling and mighty words. Know then that we isolated Our Self and departed from amongst Our companions and We remained at home alone relying on God, My Lord and thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Ponder then this; perchance God may open thy eyes that thou may perceive that which the eyes of the onlookers have failed to discern. Joy, grandeur and glory rest upon thee and upon every discerning man of insight.

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

God beareth witness in the Pole of Eternity that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, the Powerful. And I bear witness in the Throne of the Heaven of Mystery that there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God beareth witness in the Dominion of Glory that I, verily, am God, there is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the Inaccessible, the Wondrous. And I bear witness in the Kingdom of Grandeur that I, verily, am God, there is none other God but Me, the Most High, the Sovereign, the Peerless, the Single. God beareth witness upon the thrones of all else besides Him that there is none other God but Him and that the Primal Point is His servant and His Glory. The days of servitude have ended and He hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. Thereupon did the Glory shine forth from the horizon of eternity once again with such sovereignty as caused the necks of kings and rulers to bow before the radiance of His dominion. The veils of fancy have been rent asunder, and the curtains of concealment have been split, and the banners

of majesty have appeared between the heavens and the earth. God hath come upon clouds of holiness with hosts of glory, with angels of His Cause on His right and the company of those near unto Him on His left. He hath stood with His sovereignty in the midst of heaven and earth and hath called out to all created things with such might as hath caused the hearts of the dwellers of Paradise to tremble and the pillars of all things to quake. This is what hath been sent down through pure grace unto His near-serving servants, and He hath spoken with His most eloquent, most wondrous, most expressive and sweetest tongue.

O peoples of the earth! We have created you through a command from Us and have made known unto you Our true Self through this Most Exalted and Most Great Manifestation of Mine. We have raised Him up in truth and distinguished Him with authority from Our presence and sent Him unto you with a perspicuous Book. He came to you from the Dayspring of the Cause with verses that drew unto them the hearts of every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge and every one of high rank. Yet you denied Him and what was sent down unto Him of the verses of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. And there believed in Him but a few souls from among you who shattered the idols of vain desire through My supreme authority and emerged from the fortress of blind imitation through My Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

When you believed in My Self and acknowledged My sovereignty and recognized My Book, We counseled you in all the Tablets not to do as did the idolaters from among Our heedless servants. Verily, We sent down the Bayan for no other purpose except to inform you of My Revelation in the dominions of the worlds. Yet when the Sovereign of Destiny appeared once again upon the clouds of decree, you denied Him and were among the deniers. You rejected what you had recognized, and turned away from that which you had accepted, and were among the idolaters.

O people of the Bayan! By God, this is My Beauty through which I take pride in My dominion, and by Whose presence the dwellers of My kingdom seek blessing. Nay, all else moveth by His command, and verily He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth, and verily He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. He hath appeared among you with such power as hath bewildered the souls of the holy ones, and He hath arisen by His own self against all who are in the heavens and on earth with a power from Us, and I am the Mighty, the Glorious. Thus did the tongue of the All-Merciful call out to the people of the Bayan, that perchance they might become aware within themselves and be mindful of that wherewith God counseled them in all the Tablets, and be among those who remember. They shall not hesitate regarding a matter wherein hesitation would cause their deeds to be rendered vain, even should they perform the worship of the first and the last ones. Yet they hesitated in His Cause, turned away from meeting Him, denied His verses, and rejected what He brought from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. And thou, arise to serve God, then aid Him Who hath taken no helper for Himself other than Him. This is from His grace unto thee, and verily He is independent of the help of all the worlds.

Say: O people! This is the Servant of God among you, and He hath come to you with His sovereignty and His power, and He reciteth unto you at every moment that which all created things are powerless to produce. And He aided you at a time when you were weak in the earth, until the banners of victory were raised upon every lofty and impregnable mountain.

O Nabil! Know that among the deniers are those who say these verses were not revealed through divine inspiration. Say: Woe to you and to what issues from your mouths! By God, through these verses hath appeared the nature created by God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. And among them are those who say this is a fabrication against God, and thereby disbelieve in God's verses and deny His proof, being among the unperceiving. They say as said the leaders of the Furqan when 'Ali came with the truth, and they returned to their original station, the seat of the idolaters. By God, I have heard from these what no ear among contingent beings hath heard, whereat the eyes of grandeur wept behind sacred and impenetrable veils. Say: O people! I believe in what ye possess of God's scriptures and tablets of His Cause, and am commanded to worship none but Him, and to recite unto you what the Spirit uttereth in my breast. By God, this is not of mine own accord, but from God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. If this be my crime, by what proof did ye believe in God's Messengers of old? Produce it, if ye be truthful. There hath befallen Me from these what hath befallen no one in creation, to which the tongues of the world do testify.

O Most Exalted Pen! Remind Nabil of the mysteries of divine decree, that perchance he may drink from this Salsabil that floweth from the right hand of the Throne, and become aware of that which is hidden from the eyes of the heedless, that he may stand firm in this Cause whereon none can stand save he who gazeth with the Most Great Vision and is purified from the doubts of the age in these days wherein all are veiled from the Beauty of the All-Merciful save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Sovereign, the All-Wise. Say: Verily, Nabil-i-Akbar who ascended unto God, when he hesitated in the Cause of the Youth, was thereby deprived of visiting the City, and his soul was taken by the power of might from One mighty and omnipotent. He reached not the shore of nearness and was not blessed with the earthly treasures that were gathered, returning to dust with great remorse. Yet none took heed, nor did those who claim faith within themselves become aware, being in manifest heedlessness. We concealed this and veiled it behind the veils of concealment, but now We reveal it unto thee that thou mayest be among those firm in thy Lord's Cause. However, God forgave him and expiated his misdeeds, for there is no judge but Him. His is the command and creation; He ordaineth what He willeth and doeth what He pleaseth. Thus have We informed thee and related unto thee of every tale that thou mayest find thy Lord's fragrances from these firm, decisive, and straight words.

Then know that We secluded Ourself and departed from among those who were with Us, and sat alone in the house, relying upon God, my Lord and thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Ponder thou upon this, that God may open thine eyes and thou mayest witness what the eyes of the beholders were powerless to perceive. Spirit, glory and splendor be upon thee and upon every discerning and insightful one.

He is God.

A missive requested previously by one of the friends was sent, and a tablet in Persian was revealed for that soul, but it was not sent now, until later as circumstances may require.

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In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them a proof from Him unto all the worlds, and through them hath caused to descend from the heaven of His command that which draweth men nigh unto the knowledge of His Self, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Powerful. And therein hath God testified of Himself by His Self that there is none other God but Him and that He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He hath created all things out of nothing by His Will, and brought forth all beings out of non-existence by His Word. Blessed, then, be God, the Best of creators!

He hath sent unto them in every age a Messenger to guide them to the court of sublime glory and to draw them nigh unto God and to detach them from all else save Him - a mercy from His presence, for He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Among the people were those who believed, and among them were those who turned away and disbelieved, and were among the arrogant ones, until the days culminated in the Day whereon the Sun of Eternity shone forth from the horizon of holy splendor, accompanied by clear proofs, manifest evidences, and consummate wisdom, which all creation proved powerless to comprehend. Most of the servants disbelieved in Him and rose up against Him in opposition until they slew Him unjustly. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! And by this did the Temples of Names weep in the crimson chambers and the Daysprings of Attributes in the white pavilions, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God were consumed. Thus did every nation deal with their Messenger, disputing with Him vainly to conceal the beauty of God behind the veils of self and passion. But God destroyed them by His power and made His Cause to triumph through His sovereignty. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

And thou, O servant, know that mention of thy name hath been made before Us. When We found in thy heart the love of God and the Manifestation of His Self, We caused to descend from the clouds of grace verses of holy grandeur and sent them unto thee, that thou mightest inhale therefrom the fragrance of Paradise and be of them that are secure. When this reacheth thee, arise from thy place, then place God's tablet and trace upon thy head and say:

O my God, my Lord and my Beloved! I have turned my face toward Thee and held fast to the cord of Thy grace and favor, and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy loving-kindness and bounty. Therefore, O my God, disappoint me not of that which lieth with Thee, then send down upon me that which shall detach me from all else save Thee and remind me of the wonders of Thy remembrance at every morn and eve. O Lord! Deprive me not of the breezes of Thy merciful loving-kindness, nor cause me to despair of the dawning splendors of the lights of Thy grace and favors. O Lord! I am the poor one who hath arrived at the shore of Thy riches, and I am the lowly one who hath been stirred in the atmosphere of Thy glory and power. Take my hand with the hand of Thy power and deliver me from the depths of self and passion, and free me from that which preventeth me from soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and knowledge. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

Thus have We commanded and taught thee. Act thou according to what thou hast been bidden and be of the thankful. We beseech God to aid thee in His Cause and to establish thee in His love, for verily He is the Protector of them that do good. Know thou that the world and all that is therein shall pass away, and

that which shall endure is what hath been ordained for thee in the dominion of God, the Sovereign, the Most High, the Great. Strive then within thyself to attain unto that which hath been ordained for thee by thy Lord, for verily it shall never perish but shall endure as long as thy Lord, thy God, willeth. Then place thy trust in all things in Him, and verily He shall suffice thee above all peoples. Whoso possesseth the love of God is among the most affluent of men, though he should not have so much as a mustard seed of this world and its ornaments, and whoso is bereft thereof is the poorest of the poor, though he should possess the treasures of the heavens and the earth. Arise with utmost steadfastness in the Cause, then assist thy Lord, and be not of the patient ones. Verily His assistance is His remembrance amongst His servants and the promotion of His firm, unshakeable, and mighty Cause. Be thou enkindled with this crimson fire of the love of God, which blazeth from the midmost heart of the horizons, that thereby the servants may be set ablaze in their love for their Ancient Master.

Say: O people! Commit not that which is unseemly within yourselves, follow not the footsteps of Satan, speak naught save with pure truthfulness, and do not that which ye have been forbidden in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Glorious. Strive within yourselves that your stations with God may be elevated day by day, and be not of an evil people, the losers. Say: O people! Answer the call of God that hath been raised amongst you, and cast not His words behind your backs. Fear God and be of the God-fearing. Deprive not yourselves of this bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of holiness with manifest sovereignty, which commandeth you to righteousness and guidance, and forbiddeth you from that which would remove you far from the good-pleasure of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers.

O people! Purify your hearts that the lights of your Lord's revelation, the Merciful, the Compassionate, may be imprinted thereon. Then purify your tongues that they may move in remembrance of your Creator, for this is better for you than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth, were ye but to know. Verily, they who have turned away from God in these days, these are they whom their own selves and desires have overcome. Soon shall they return to dust with great sorrow and remorse. They shall find for themselves neither helper nor succourer, nor shall they find any protector to shield them from the punishment of a barren day. And they who have believed in God in these days, these shall God cause to ascend unto the holy place, the seat of mighty glory, and He shall send down upon them at all times from the wonders of His mercy which shall never be exhausted. Thus hath it been inscribed in the Tablets by a holy and luminous Pen. The Spirit, the glory and the splendor be upon thee and upon those who have followed that which hath been sent down unto them from a mighty and wondrous Kingdom.

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In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Take heed, O people of insight! Take heed, O people of vision! Consider, O people of understanding! Those who were exalted by the name of Truth and who, claiming faith in Him, sat at the head of assemblies, reclining upon the seats of opposition, who issued the decree for the shedding of His pure

blood, who denounced as infidels His near ones and the sincere ones, and who counted the most wretched and the opposers among the pure and faithful - they attributed corruption to Him whose very breath is the cause of the life of the world. This is not the first day whereon they have violated the Covenant of God and His Testament. Reflect upon the past ages and centuries, when the ignorant among the people, claiming knowledge, visited upon the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Day-Springs of inspiration that which caused the dawn to lament, the afternoon to weep, and the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven to tremble. Yet God, exalted be His glory, has been and shall ever be with His party. In the early days they were opposers, deniers and calumniators, and after the exaltation of the Cause, they occupied pulpits and mosques, claiming faith in the Truth while busying themselves with ensnaring souls. Such is their wretchedness that God, exalted be His glory, hath spoken that which sufficeth every hearer. His blessed and exalted Word in the Qur'an declareth: "Truly, those among His servants who fear God are the learned ones." Though the outward learned ones have interpreted this according to their own desires, yet every possessor of insight and vision can perceive its meaning. Through this verse God, exalted be His glory, intended to make known to His servants the wretchedness of such souls; otherwise, with but a single word He could bring the entire world to naught. The measures of earthly power cannot restrain His might, nor can the ranks of nations prevent the manifestations of His power. Were His all-pervading wisdom to so determine, He could with a single letter strip the world of the ornament of existence. These are they who, in the name of Truth, have barred the way to Truth, and who, while claiming to love Him, have opened for themselves the gates of earthly adornments. The opposers from among the people of the Bayan are today walking in those same footsteps. For one thousand two hundred years the misguided and misleading sect - namely the Shi'ih - both learned and ignorant among them, have occupied themselves with mention of guardian, successor, Imam, chief and noble, and such like, and such was the intensity of the hatred and animosity between their factions that each party would denounce the other as infidel and decree their death, while through the architects of suspicion and fancy they built up dominions. Finally, on the Day of Resurrection those suspicions and fancies were transformed into opposition and were visited upon the Lord of mankind that which was heard. This was the fruit of their beliefs, sayings and deeds. As to what will be the fruit of these new events, namely the objections of the opposers, the knowledge thereof is with God. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O beloved of my heart! Your grief has saddened this servant and the manifestations of divine love, and its smoke well-nigh approached the sacred, pure, mighty and luminous hem of God. Each oppressed soul is mentioned before the Throne. By the life of our Purpose! They have attained that which none can reckon save Him Who is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the oppressed one who hath suffered in the path of God that which the chosen ones of God suffered throughout ages and centuries. If you remained awake at night, the Eye of God was with you - verily it slumbereth not. What fault had the Primal Point in the sight of the Ancient Beauty? What did the Seal of the Prophets do? Why did the Spirit ascend to the fourth heaven? Likewise the chosen ones and companions of those Dayspring of God's Cause. You have many companions, but the Hand of God's Power, exalted be His glory, is occupied with taking and giving. He is the Helper, He is the Giver, He is the Protector, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Repeatedly from the Tongue of Grandeur hath flowed this exalted word - blessed and exalted be His utterance: "The tabernacle of order in the world is upheld by two pillars: reward and punishment." Assuredly the reward

of the friends and the punishment of the enemies will become manifest and evident. After hearing what befell you, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this blessed word: “Verily We were with them when the oppressors rose up against them, and We did witness and observe, and verily We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.” Likewise the mention of that oppressed one who was wounded in God’s path has been and is before the Most Holy Court. Verily the Servant mentioneth him and giveth him glad tidings of the favors of his Lord, the Almighty. Another matter: the letters of that beloved of the heart arrived consecutively and were answered, and specially for some of them wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed, but their dispatch was delayed for wisdom’s sake. Now this brief message is sent, and likewise the receipt for the funds was honored with acceptance and distinguished by mention of its receipt. The request is that you convey greetings to each and all the kinsmen who are present in that land. By the life of our Purpose! The angels of heaven are grieved and saddened by the oppression that hath been wrought. This is what my Lord, the All-Hearing, hath informed Me. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you, to grant you success, to protect you from the evil of His enemies, and to seize those who have denied His right, broken His covenant, and committed that which hath caused every fair-minded and discerning one to lament. Glory, praise and salutations be upon you, O party of God in the earth and Hands of His Cause in the lands.

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He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Glorious!

This is a Book that speaketh with truth and wherein is mentioned that which draweth the people nigh unto God, their Creator, detacheth them from all who are in the heavens and the earth, and causeth them to voice the praise of their Lord at eventide and at dawn. Verily it is the Book of God unto all who are in the Concourse on High, and the holy Scriptures unto all who dwell in the Kingdom of eternity, and the Verses of the Command unto all who abide in the depths of the Names, and the Tablet of Glory unto all who are in the kingdom. Verily it is God’s testimony unto His creation, His proof unto His servants, His evidence unto His creatures, and His signs unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath the Sun of wisdom dawned from a holy and wondrous horizon. Follow ye the religion of God and His Faith, then the laws of God and His command, and follow not your desires in aught. This is better for you than all who dwell on earth together. Answer ye the call of God amongst you and differ not in His Cause. Thus hath the Command been inscribed by the finger of the Spirit in truth. Verily those who have denied the signs of God and associated partners with His Self, these are in an abyss of wrath, and God will not hearken unto their call though they should supplicate Him throughout the duration of His kingdom, for He is independent of all worlds. Hearken, O people, unto that which the Tongue of God addresseth you, and follow not those who bid you to transgression and wickedness. Follow Him Who commandeth you to righteousness and godliness that ye may find a path to God in these days in truth. And thou, O thou who gazest toward the sanctuary of holiness, take thou the cup of life in this paradise wherein shineth the beauty of the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom and fear no one. Put thy trust in God and He will protect thee from every wicked oppressor. Take thou the tablet of God and His sign, then return unto the servants and give them the glad tidings wherewith the Spirit hath given thee glad tidings at the time when

there flowed from His lips the oceans of knowledge and wisdom from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Perchance thereby may be sanctified the hearts of all created things, and they may be detached from all that they possess and draw nigh unto the station which hath been upraised in the name of God from time immemorial.

O thou traveler! Taste of the fruits wherewith the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath been laden through these words that have been sent down from the King of Names, that thou mayest find thyself independent of all things and stand firm in thy Lord's Cause, remembering His Name which was at that time witnessed as the Most Great Name from the horizon of glory. And when thou seest the loved ones of God, convey to them what hath befallen My Beauty. Say: By God, O people! The Joseph of Eternity hath fallen into the dark pit and findeth no helper save Him Who created Him and sent Him forth with the truth and made Him a bearer of glad tidings unto all the worlds. Beware lest the world and its ornaments occupy you from the remembrance of God, and lest the affairs of sovereignty turn you away from the direction of Him Who was remembered by the name of God. Beware lest ye commit what God hath forbidden you, and abandon what ye have been commanded by One Who is Mighty and Wise. And if adversity toucheth you, grieve not; rather, remember what hath befallen My wronged Self in this land wherefrom the feet of seekers were cut off. Remember God at eventide and at dawn, and forget Him not for less than a moment. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin you at this time. Act according to what ye have been commanded by One Who is Wise and All-Knowing. Neither grieve for what hath escaped you, nor rejoice in what ye are given, for the world and all that is therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all things, and He, verily, encompasseth all things.

And thou, O emigrant servant, be thou assured in thyself, then thank God for having strengthened thee in His Cause and honored thee with meeting the Manifestation of His Self, and provided thee with the bounty which was sent down from the heaven of grace, and for His mercy which encompassed thee when thou didst enter the Sacred Precinct and didst hear the melodies of the Spirit, and the lights of the Countenance shone upon thee from the presence of the Self-Subsisting. By God! A single glance from thy Lord excelleth the treasures of the heavens and earth and all that was and will be, if thou be of them that know. And when thou departest from the city wherein the Beauty of the Cause hath established Himself, lay thy face upon the dust and say:

O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for Thy gracious gifts and wondrous bounties, whereby Thou hast caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self, honored me with His presence, made me hear His melodies, and brought me before Him. By Thy might! Were I to thank Thee for what Thou hast bestowed upon me throughout the duration of Thy sovereignty, it would still fall short of the wonders of Thy favors. But I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Thy Name that hath encompassed all created things, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking in praise of Thy Self, and mindful of Thy wondrous gifts. Verily, Thou hast ever been powerful over all things, and by Thy Self art able to do whatsoever Thou willest.

Thus have We taught thee and strengthened thee and aided thee in this Tablet that thou mayest stand firm in thy Lord's Cause. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who circle round the House with radiant countenance and pure soul.

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The City of Love. To His Honor Ustad ’Ali-Akbar-i-Banna, upon him be the Glory of God.

On the 19th of the month of Ramadan in the year 1301.

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord.

Praise be to God Who hath sent down water from the heaven of utterance and hath quickened thereby His servants, and Who hath sent unto them the Messengers and revealed unto them the Books that they might recognize the straight Path of God and His firm and mighty Command. But when the Call was raised among them they denied it and turned away therefrom, save those who held fast to the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of the robe of grace and bounty. And blessings and peace and mercy and glory and praise and salutations be upon the loved ones of God and His chosen ones who have arisen to serve Him in His lands and to exalt His Word among His servants.

And now, to be brief - for God is my witness that time has become as narrow as the eye of a needle - I shall write what is necessary. Your second letter has arrived, though previously an extensive Tablet had already been sent down from the heaven of the favor of the Desired One of the worlds, specifically addressed to you, along with the Tablets you had requested. Surely these must have reached you by now. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and implore Him to protect His loved ones and preserve them from the croaking of the croakers, the clamor of the heedless, and the schemes of the plotters. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

The Cause is most great, and whatsoever shall come to pass in these days shall likewise be great. I beseech and implore God to give all to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness, in such wise that should the whole world become the embodiment of utterance or the essence of knowledge, it would not prevent them from the Truth. The croaking is raised up in all regions and may well appear from the Land of the Desired One also. This is what I heard with mine own ears from the Tongue of Grandeur and Power. But the knights in the field of steadfastness cannot be deterred by the hosts of the world, nor can what they possess constitute a barrier.

A letter arrived from the Green Land from our honored master, His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, wherein he made mention of that spiritual friend. Likewise our honored master, His Honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, repeatedly mentioned you during the days he attained the presence, especially one day when he spoke of you in the presence. Praise be to God that you are the recipient of the favors of the Desired One of the worlds. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores God, exalted and glorified be He, to ever assist and confirm you and keep you safe beneath the shade of the Tree of Grace.

Furthermore, I convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. Your deed is acceptable before God, exalted be His glory. One day these supreme words were heard from the Mouth of the Will of the Lord of all beings, exalted and mighty be His utterance:

“O servant present! His Honor ’Ali-Akbar has long been occupied with serving the Cause. We have heard what he hath spoken, and We do hear and see, for We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This time too he hath set out at the behest of the Afnan of the Blessed Tree. Blessed is he and blessed are those with him and his brothers. Give him these glad tidings from Me that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Verily his reward is with his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.”

Praise be to God! Time and again they have been blessed with mention of the Beloved of the worlds, and permission has already been granted. If wisdom requireth it, they may turn thereto - there hath been and is no harm in this. This is yet another glad-tiding. Should they write to the Land or anything else, this servant should convey special greetings from me to the friends of God, particularly to His Holiness the Trustee, upon him be the glory of God. The intention is that this servant hath made mention of them and continueth to do so, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant them success.

As to what they wrote regarding the known sum that was lost, the loss thereof falleth upon His Holiness the Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious glory. After this word was presented before the Throne, the Supreme Pen stated: “In this Most Great Revelation, the Supreme Pen hath made mention of them as being among the Afnan in the Crimson Book and other Tablets. In this case no loss shall fall upon them; nay, rather, there is gain upon gain, and wealth upon wealth. Soon shall they witness the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of bounty.” End quote.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God to assist them in that which is befitting, in such wise that they may be observed to be ever more enkindled in the Cause of God and in service unto it. Yet, by the life of our Beloved! from the beginning until now they have stood firm and remain firm. The Supreme Pen hath testified to what I have submitted; therefore the testimony of this mere nonentity is and was pure nothingness. Once again I convey greetings and glorification to all the friends in that land. Glory and praise and glorification be upon you and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God, and upon those who have quaffed the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of our Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And praise be to God, the Possessor of what was and what shall be.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to God that the fragrances of the Divine Word are diffused, the sweet scent of His garment is wafted abroad, and the light of His Cause is radiant. Blessed are those souls whom doubts and idle fancies did not prevent from the Dayspring of certitude - they heard the call and responded, turning with heart and soul to the supreme horizon. Their aim in all conditions hath been the good-pleasure of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. With radiant faces, pure hearts, and enlightened breasts they have arisen to serve His Cause. These are they who move by His Will and rest by His Will. Their purpose in all matters hath been the grace of Him Who conversed on Sinai, and their aspiration to attain the presence of Him Who hath appeared. Exalted be their station, their glory, and their power! For the opposition of the world did not hinder them, nor did the might of rulers weaken them. They appear with complete power. Upon them be the glory of God and the lights of His mighty throne.

Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy servant whom Thou hast made to be attracted by Thy verses and enkindled with the fire of Thy love. He desires to mention one of Thy loved ones who is named ’Ali-before-Akbar in Thy Most Great View. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy most exalted Paradise and Thy most sublime Garden, and by the Sun of Thy grace which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, to assist him in Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and the service of Thy Cause. O Lord! Deny him not the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance in Thy days, and ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones among Thy servants. Aid him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Verily, Thou art the Lord of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, it is submitted that for some time no news has outwardly been received from that spiritual beloved. God willing, may they be protected and preserved in all conditions within the fortress of divine protection. The loved ones of that land have been and are remembered, and for each I beseech divine confirmation and assistance. Today, being the third of the blessed month of Ramadan, I am commanded to mention this matter: According to what they have written, the honored consort of the beloved and esteemed Nazir, upon him be the glory of God, is traveling in that direction, and they have written that two persons are accompanying her - one being Aqa ’Ali-Muhammad and the other an outsider. In this case, the coming of that outsider is in no way advisable. Therefore, if they prevent that person and instead have one or two of those souls who have intended to visit the Most Holy Court and have been honored with permission accompany her, this would be acceptable and beloved before God. They commanded: Write to His Honor ’Ali-before-Akbar, upon him be My glory - the loved ones of God must in all conditions be vigilant regarding the Command of God and act toward His friends and loved ones in a manner that is befitting. Soon shall all the deeds, actions, manifestations and appearances of the world return to nothingness. That which occurs for the sake of God and in His path is recorded and inscribed by the Divine Pen in the eternal tablet. Today, service to the Truth is service to His loved ones, for the Prisoner is outwardly prevented from what is befitting. Therefore, whatever appears regarding His friends and loved ones is attributed to Him and counted as service to Him. Blessed are those souls whom love of the world and its ornaments did not prevent and deprive from service. They are among those who are near to God in His Book, the Lord of all worlds.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings unto the friends of God, who are known and distinguished in the Book as the people of Baha. He beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to set each one of them ablaze with His love, that they may, through their utterance, draw all created things unto the horizon of the All-Merciful and discharge their obligations towards the friends of God. The people of Baha are accounted before God as the people of justice and fairness in all cities. Well is it with them, and joy be unto them! After the arrival of the honored consort of the esteemed Nazir, upon him be the glory and favor of God, they should, according to their means, attend to their affairs of whatever kind, and if funds are needed there, they should give and arrange for them to be transferred, and payment shall be made. This servant beseecheth his Lord to aid His loved ones to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. As for Aqa ’Ali-Muhammad who is with them, it would be more pleasing if he were to remain in that city and engage in commerce. Convey my greetings unto him. Praise be to God, they are mentioned in His presence, and another person was previously mentioned as well. If, instead of these two souls, those

friends who have permission were to attend to this matter, it would be and is more fitting, more pleasing and more excellent. Glory and praise be upon you and upon those with you, and upon them that have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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These are verses of the Spirit that have verily descended from clouds of supreme sorrow, and wert thou to behold with the eye of the spirit, thou wouldst witness that its drops fall with the hue of blood, and thus doth it distill from clouds of grief, if thou be of them that perceive. And besides these, in My right hand is the chalice of tribulation and in My left hand the cup of destiny, and thus hath the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Wise ordained for My exalted Self. By God! The realities of all things weep at what hath befallen My Beauty, and then the realities of the Concourse on High at the adversities that have touched Me from those who were created by My word, if ye be of them that know. And sorrows have reached such a degree that the servants whom We had preserved in the treasuries of Our protection and safeguarded from the harm of the worlds rose up against My countenance. By God! The tongue cannot move to describe what hath befallen the Beauty of the All-Merciful, nor can the Pen flow to recount what hath descended upon the Ancient King, nor can the ink tell what hath trickled down upon the Lord of creation from these associators. Then incline thou the ear of thy spirit unto all things, that thou mayest hear their lamentation, and then once again unto the realities of the Concourse of creation - by God, thou shalt hear their outcry - and yet again unto the tongues of the mystics in the station of eternity, whereupon thou shalt hear from them a grievous and tender cry, as though it issueth from the wellspring of sorrow, and they speak thus: “By God! This is the Ancient Beauty among these people, and there hath befallen Him what hath befallen no one before.” Therefore, O denizens of the chambers of Paradise, strike ye upon your breasts, then upon your heads, then upon your thighs in this sorrow that hath encompassed the Beauty of ancient glory. O Rida! Thus have We related unto thee from the stories of the Cause, that thou mayest be informed of what hath befallen Us from these associators. Then know thou that these people have devised a plot which, by the True One, were all the devils to gather to comprehend it, they would confess themselves impotent - thus doth the Tongue of God, the Holy Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, testify. Were We to lift for thee the veils of concealment, thou wouldst grieve in thy soul, and all created things would grieve thereat. Therefore have We concealed it and been patient until God shall bring about His purpose, for no matter occurreth save after His leave. He sendeth down what He willeth through the sovereignty of His Command, and He is, verily, powerful over all things. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord to such a degree that even if thou wert to become the only one in all the world among those who have believed in God and His signs, thou wouldst arise by thyself and help thy Lord to the extent of thy capacity, and be among the helpers. Thus doth it behoove thee and those like thee, that perchance some of the servants may become aware thereby and be among those who arise. Although We witness that intoxication hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth, such that I find not in anyone the fragrance of life - nay, all are as dead before thy Lord, save those who have laid hold of the Most Great Handle in this firm and mighty Cord. Therefore hold thou fast, lest the winds of polytheism move thee, and be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, mentioning the

people at all times and being of them that remember. Then know thou that whatsoever God commandeth His servants, this is of His grace unto them; otherwise He verily supporteth His Cause by Himself and is independent of the help of the heavens and earth and of all the worlds - even as some of His servants rose up against Him and desired to slay the Youth, but God preserved Him with hosts of angels and brought Him forth from their midst and sent down unto Him verses of power[…]

He hath sent down upon him verses of might and power, and thus doth He assist whomsoever He pleaseth through the hosts of His invisible realm. Do they who have denied the verses of God imagine within themselves that they believe in God, the Mighty, the Most High, the Great? Nay, by My Self! The very name of faith shall never apply to them, much less its reality, were ye of them that comprehend. Say: Faith is to know the Manifestation of God's Self and that which proceedeth from Him. How can one who hath turned away and denied that which he once believed be counted among the faithful? Say: This Day shall no soul's faith profit it unless it detacheth itself from all who are in the heavens and on earth and entereth beneath the shadow of the Countenance. This is a revelation from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Say: O people! Render not your deeds null and void, nor refute the truth with your own devices. Flee from your own selves, then turn unto God that He may forgive you through His grace. Verily, He is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He forgiveth whom He willeth and chastiseth whom He willeth. Verily, He is the Single One, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Bountiful. And thou, take the chalice of life from the youth of the Spirit, then drink it in My Name, the Best-Beloved. Keep it secret within thyself and fear no one. Trust at all times in God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thus have We cast upon thee the verses of thy Lord that thou mayest be informed of thy Master's love for thee and be among those who are steadfast in His love. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and turned away from the manifestations of Satan.

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O Leaf of Ridvan, may the noblewoman take note: "O God! Curse the first oppressor who oppressed the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who denied His verses, who fought against Him in person, who disputed His sovereignty, who associated partners with His Being, who denied His words, who turned away from His beauty, and who was recorded in God's Tablets from the Holy Pen as being among the idolaters."

He is the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The letter from that Leaf of Ridvan was received and read. Although in these days sorrow hath so encompassed Us that no joy can dispel it and no gladness can drive it away, nevertheless the loving words of that enraptured leaf bestowed some measure of delight upon this withered heart. What benefit is there when ye know not what hath come to pass? I swear by the peerless Beauty, the All-Glorious, that I am astonished at those souls who are content with a mere speck of dust and remain veiled from the sovereign Lord Who doeth whatsoever He willeth. In any case, when the hand of divine power banished those who had risen up to destroy the countenance of God and prevented them from achieving their purpose, they resorted to spreading calumnies by tongue and pen. Would that there were people of

insight who could perceive from their words their false accusations. They have attributed miserliness to the Source of generosity from Whose table of bounty most of the people of the Bayan have eaten and tasted, and they have imputed tyranny to that Most Holy and Pure Essence, Who is the very embodiment of justice and Whose very being was created from His Will. For God's sake, would that an eye could be found to witness the repugnant deeds and actions of those who hate the Divine Beauty! In any case, in these days the odor of associating partners with God hath been diffused. God willing, from pure and assured hearts there must needs appear a wondrous and lofty steadfastness.

O Leaf of Ridvan! Give thanks to God that thou hast been singled out as a handmaiden of God and been related to Him. From the right hand of the Throne hath been sent down: "O handmaiden of the Ancient Beauty! On this day the glance of God is directed toward the hearts of His servants and handmaidens. In whomsoever is kindled the fire of His love, that one is mentioned before Him by every one of His most beautiful names." Such is the grace and mercy of thy Lord that hath encompassed thee and His loved ones. Know thou the value of these days and be occupied at all times with His praise and glorification. Be not grieved by the world, for ere long it shall pass away. Strive thou that in this transient world pure, holy and sincere deeds and actions may appear from that handmaiden of God solely for His sake, for all good lieth in His good-pleasure and in naught else. God willing, mayest thou ever walk in the path of His good-pleasure and remain turned toward His beauty.

The words of God are ended.

Furthermore, regarding what thou didst mention about sacrificing thy life in the path of the Beloved, this was presented before the Throne. He said: If thou keepest thy life alive through His praise, this would be closer to righteousness in the sight of God today and will continue to be so, for perchance through thy mention others may be reminded of the wondrous ways of remembering Him. Therefore, preserve thy life with the utmost tenderness that it may ever be occupied with His remembrance, and if the time for sacrificing life should come, it will assuredly be offered up.

The end.

[…] was submitted before the Throne. From the heaven of loving-kindness a glorious Tablet was revealed and sent to be delivered. And this servant's other supplication before that leaf is that she record this servant's name as 'Servant of God' and 'His servant' as I myself submit, for it was observed that one whom they designated with all divine names and described with attributes - in the end these very names became the cause of his pride such that he rose to wage war against the Beauty of God. Therefore, regarding this servant and other friends who have drunk from the cup of Baha, if in the station of description you would mention them with these words that were stated, it has been and will be more beloved in the sight of God, for glory and grandeur and majesty and all names and their kingdom and all attributes and their dominion have circled and will circle round the Ancient Being, and none besides Him is worthy. God willing this servant's petition will find acceptance. And furthermore, at all times write of your circumstances and news, although there is the possibility that the means of correspondence may be cut off, yet with God are new creations after new creations and decrees after decrees, and verily He has power over all things. And the spirit and glory and splendor be upon you and upon those with you in the

path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. All the people of the pavilion of the sanctuary send their most glorious greetings. [A portion marked with […] has been cut from the original Tablet]

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He is the One established upon the throne of “He doeth what He willeth”

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the grandeur and power, might and authority. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He desireth through His command. He is indeed praised in His deeds and obeyed in His decree. None can question His doings and He is the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and He Who hath come from the horizon of power is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol, and He is the One through Whom appeared God’s sovereignty and might, God’s grandeur and command, and through Whom shone forth God’s proof and evidence, and God’s Book and mysteries. Were it not for Him, the ocean of bounty would not have surged, nor would the decree of existence have been established, nor would the nightingales of utterance have warbled upon the branches, nor would the matter of the unseen have been confirmed among religions. Through Him were God’s Books sent down aforetime and thereafter, His messengers dispatched, His mercy made to precede all else, His verses revealed, His clear proofs made manifest, and the tongues of the Concourse on High and the Supreme Paradise testified and proclaimed: O peoples of earth and heaven! By God, He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath come! Come ye, come ye! Glorify, magnify, and rejoice in the wafting of the breezes of care and kindness from the direction of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

When the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree was raised, it called out saying: Praise be to God Who hath made marriage a portal for the manifestation of the dawning-places of His name, the All-Merciful, and through it have the cities of remembrance and utterance been adorned. Verily it is the mystery of perpetuity and the secret of destiny after decree for the people of creation, and through it hath flowed the Salsabil of life for those possessed of certitude. And praise be to God Who hath made wedlock a means for the promotion of His Cause among His servants and the proclamation of His Word throughout His lands. Through it hath shone forth the Day-Star of Revelation from the heaven’s horizon and the Hidden Temple appeared from behind the kingdom of names, and the Holy Spirit called out from the right side of the most exalted Paradise: This is the day whereon the Sovereign of Religions hath commanded, by reason of which the countenance of existence hath smiled in both the unseen and the visible worlds.

And praise be to God Who hath made marriage the treasury of prosperity and the dawning-place of success. Through it appeared His greatest outpouring and His most upright, perfect, and complete bounty, and He exalted its station to such a degree that He Himself performed the ceremony upon the throne of His bestowal. By this did the ocean of joy surge before His Manifestation, through Whom all things spoke, and the Most Exalted Paradise proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven.

O people of Baha! Rejoice ye on this day, then recite what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen of the verses of joy and gladness. These shall draw you to a station wherein neither the happenings of the world, nor the smoke of heaven, nor what existeth in the realm of creation shall grieve you. Thus hath shone forth the Day-Star of judgment from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Fashioner of the heavens and the Lord of all names. Blessed is he who hath found what hath today been diffused from the utterance of God, the Lord of the hereafter and the former times, and hath heard what the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken from the most exalted station. Verily He is the Lord of all mankind and the Sovereign of the Day of Resurrection.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my God, and majesty be unto Thee, O my God, and generosity be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the nations, and bounty be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of existence, and grace be unto Thee, O Thou Manifestation of justice, and beneficence be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all humanity, and loving-kindness be unto Thee, O Thou Worshipped One of all creation, inasmuch as Thou hast made marriage a means for the unity of Thy creation and the exaltation of Thy Word amongst Thy servants. Through it Thou hast united hearts and manifested the tokens of Thy Best-Beloved Name, and through it have been revealed the hidden mysteries concealed behind the Qaf of Thy power, and the earth and heaven have been illumined with the light of Thy providence. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Luminary of Thy proof which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy prison, to aid Thy loved ones to achieve unity and harmony, that through them the horizons of Thy dominion may be illumined. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent One Whom the conditions of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of Thy servants dismay. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. Thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know Thee, and praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of the sincere ones, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds, inasmuch as Thou hast bestowed one of the leaves of Thy Lote-Tree, who was named after 'Meeting' in the Kingdom of Names, unto Thy Most Great Branch, and hast made her specially devoted to His service on this Day whereon Thou hast manifested Thyself unto mankind through Thy Name, O Thou Lord of destiny. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined the lands and united the hearts of Thy servants, to unite them both, then send down upon them the blessings of Thy heaven, then cause to appear from the earth Thy bounties and favors. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Munificent, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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O Muhammad-Rahim who hath migrated and attained! He is the All-Knowing Witness! On this day the Wronged One calleth out from the Most Great Prison unto the peoples of the world and summoneth them unto the Most Great Ocean. His Cause is more manifest than the sun and His utterance is as the rays of light. No fair-minded one can deny this greatest bounty, nor can any just one reject this supreme gift. This is the Day of confession and acknowledgment, for the Truth, exalted be His glory, is established upon the throne of recognition and speaketh as befitteth Him. This is that Manifestation which was mentioned in the Books of old and inscribed by the Pen of God. Convey My greetings unto the loved ones

and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. I swear by the waves of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance that all are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained His grace. We beseech God to assist all to remain steadfast in His mighty Cause and not to deprive His servants of the eternal feast and everlasting bounty. Convey greetings unto the people of Ba and Dal from the Wronged One and say: O friends! Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and speak with moderation. One word is like unto fire that consumeth, and another word is like unto light that illumineth. Cleave ye unto gentleness and forbearance. God is merciful and His mercy precedeth all; God is generous and His generosity encompasseth all. Some are weak - they must be healed and strengthened through the remedy of mention and utterance. Moderation is necessary in all things, for if strength exceedeth its bounds it turneth into weakness. O friends! The Most Exalted Pen counseleth you and biddeth you to that which exalteth the Word of God and uplifteth souls. Hold fast unto moderation in all conditions and speak with equity in all matters. The enemies are inflamed with the fire of ignorance - one must resort to patience that perchance it may be quenched and calmed. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist you in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to enable you to observe that which ye have been commanded in the Book.

O Rahim! If thou shouldst reach the verdant land say: Where are thy trees and thy fruits? Where are thy mysteries and thy flowers? O verdant land! Where is thy bounty? Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. God shall soon manifest from thee what He hath ordained for thee. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. We send greetings to the loved ones of that land and beseech God to assist them in that which is befitting, that they may give life to the servants through the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Make mention of the people of that land from the Wronged One and say: Praise be to the Goal of all creation Who enabled you and caused you to attain unto His days. Know ye the value of this station. Praise be to God that through the Most Great Word ye have attained unto the effulgent lights of the Sun of Divine Unity while the divines of the earth have fled from the Word and have strayed from the divine path. Convey greetings unto the people of God in the land of M and Sh that perchance through the breaths of the utterance of the Goal of the worlds they may be enabled to perform such deeds as shall endure forever in God's Book throughout the kingdom of names and attributes. Wisdom requireth the concealment of names, now and in the past. Thus hath spoken the Creator of the heavens when He was established upon the throne of His Name, the Concealer, the All-Wise. O My loved ones! Soon shall all that is visible vanish away. Prepare yourselves and be ready for ascension. Verily He will assist you and command you to that which will draw you nigh and exalt you. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O My loved ones in 'Ayn and Shin! Time and again ye have been favored with the tokens of the Most Exalted Pen and adorned with the lights of the utterance of Him Who is the Desired One of the worlds. Know ye the value of this station and hold fast unto service to His Cause. Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing and the ocean of grace is manifest. O thou who gazest upon Me, My glory be upon thee! Thou hast ever been and art still beneath the glances of loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid thee in a service the very mention of which shall awaken them that slumber. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. The honored 'Ali-i-Akbar hath been and still is mentioned. Praise be to God, he is enabled to celebrate the praise of Him Who is the Wronged One of the horizons. Ever in the Most Great Prison hath

the tongue been speaking, the Pen moving, and the Face turned, that there might appear from the servants that which God shall make a treasure for them with Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the murmuring of the Kawthar of My utterance, hath drawn nigh, hath taken and drunk in the name of God, the Lord of sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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O Nasr! He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

By the True One! That which hath been presented before the Throne from thy words regarding thy recognition of the Self of God, thy steadfastness in His Cause, thy certitude in His commandments, thy turning unto His countenance, and thy reliance upon His Self, is better than all that hath appeared from him whom We adorned with a name from among the names between earth and heaven. Know thou, therefore, what thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, intendeth thereby, that thou mayest find within thy heart the lights of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. This bounty shall endure for thee if thou remainest steadfast in the steadfastness of thy Lord and seeketh shelter beneath the shade of His mercy. Thus doth the Herald of the Cause give thee glad tidings that thou mayest be of them that rejoice in the glad tidings of the Cause.

By God! Were We to find people of eloquence in this Revelation, We would assuredly cast upon them that which no ear of them that have passed before hath ever heard. Thus is thy Lord powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Supreme, the Beloved.

O Word of Victory! Behold with the eye of the Beginning these idolaters and what they say. By the True One! Naught issueth from their mouths save that which exhaleth the stench of malice, in such wise as to grieve the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in their crimson chambers and the people of the Realm of Divine Command in the heaven of eternity. Thus have the mysteries of the Cause been sent down in truth, and it is indeed a revelation from One All-Glorious, All-Praised.

Leave them to themselves, to that which they possess, and to that which proceedeth from their mouths. Cast their heads beneath thy feet, then emerge, detached from all veils and allusions, that thou mayest be empowered to speak in the kingdom of names with the name of the Sovereign of attributes, and warble with such melody, and sing with such voice, and cry with such cry, and beat such rhythms as would cause the manifestations of the mirrors to swoon, let alone those who are veiled and are immersed in the depths of their own selves.

By God, O Nasr! On this Day none shall be mentioned before the throne of thy Lord save him who hath rent asunder all veils and ascended unto the heights of holiness, the scene of thy Lord, the Most High, the Powerful, the Witnessed. Say: O people! Do ye cling to the frailest of houses and flee from the stronghold of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting? Are ye content with a mirage while depriving yourselves of this Sweet, Holy, Surging, Pleasant and Beloved Sea? Break all cups, then take the cup of independence from the hands of the youth of Glory, in My Most Holy and Transcendent Name. This is

God’s command upon thee. Act, therefore, as thou art bidden and fear no one. He will protect thee through His sovereign protection and will sanctify thee from doubts in these days wherein the people are encompassed by the darkness of vain imaginings and are veiled within themselves.

Say: O people! By God, this is a Day which no other days have preceded, nor hath it been comprehended by the comprehension of any comprehender, nor the knowledge of any knower, nor the mind of any thinker, nor the sight of any seer, nor the vision of any beholder, save him who hath turned unto the Most Great Horizon, the Holy and Most Pure Scene of his Lord. Thus doth the Spirit speak, yet the people hear not.

Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then call the people to remembrance in this Most Great Scene, that perchance they may become aware within themselves and perceive within their own beings, and turn unto the Holy Dawning Place, and be of those whom nothing whatsoever in all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth can veil from that which was created between the heavens and the earth, and who find no rest save upon the seat of glory - a station of praised glory.

Taste thou the sweetness of remembrance from this Cup which We have manifested upon the Temple of the Tablet.

And this is the station of glorious praise! Taste thou the sweetness of remembrance from this cup which We have manifested in the form of a Tablet and sent forth in truth, for verily We have ever been the Sender. We have dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest solace thereby thy heart, and that it may stir thee with a subtle and lofty movement wherewith all existence is stirred. Thus hath thy Lord’s favor been perfected unto thee and unto them that swim in the depths of this ocean. We have ordained for thee from the divine Ridvan the spirit of fellowship, and for them who are steadfast in their love of God, their Creator, and are of those who remain firm. Then remind, from Our presence, thy kindred who have believed in God and His signs, and whom God hath assisted to rend the veils in these days wherein every soul is found behind a mighty veil. Then convey unto them that which hath appeared from the Self of the Most Merciful, that they may rejoice throughout all worlds and among the concourse of all realms. Then make mention of him who hath been named with the first letter of My name, the Most Pure, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, that he may remember the Most Great Remembrance in this wise Remembrance.

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In the Name of Him Whom all worship, though they perceive it not!

This is a Book that speaketh the truth, wherein lieth mercy for all the worlds. From but one letter of that which hath been sent down in this sacred, blessed, mighty and wondrous verse, God hath created heavens whose number none can reckon save God, the Lord of all creation. In each heaven He hath ordained clouds bearing His name, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, raining upon all created things that which purifieth them from the mention of aught else but Him. This, verily, is the truth certain.

By God the Truth! Should all created things turn, in less than a twinkling of an eye, to those clouds raised up by the truth in but one of the heavens created by a single letter of thy Lord's Book, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great, they would be purified from all things and would give voice to that which the Dove hath warbled in the midmost heart of eternity, and to that which reached the ears of Moses in the Sinai of the divine presence, when one of Our most beauteous names was manifested. Thus doth the Pen of Command impart its message, that perchance mankind may find a path unto God.

O Rida! Hearken unto the melodies of eternity from the Pen of Glory, by one note whereof the fire was kindled in the realms of eternity, then in the cities of names, then in the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Take thou a brand therefrom, that thou mayest kindle all created things and turn them toward the court of God, the All-Possessing, the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Powerful. Perchance thereby warmth may be generated in the hearts of those who have grown cold through the chill of this world and its ornaments, and who have remained heedless of this Sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of grace, its rays encompassing all worlds.

Tarry not for a moment in propagating the Cause of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Detach thyself wholly from all else but God, thy Lord, that thy words may influence the hearts of all creation. Say: O people! Know ye God by God and by that which proceedeth from Him. Thus have We commanded you in all the Tablets and in that which We sent down unto 'Ali before Nabil.

O people! Fear ye God, then be ashamed before Him Who was suspended in the air and sacrificed Himself in the path of God, the Just King, the All-Informed. By God! He sacrificed Himself for naught else but to manifest that which hath been manifested in these days. Yet ye, O people of the Bayan, have remained heedless of that which was intended and have clung to your own idle fancies, without any clear authority or enlightening Book.

Say: Would ye slay the Manifestation of God's Self with your swords while ye make mention of Him with your tongues? What aileth these people that they fail to comprehend even a single utterance from God, the Speaking, the Manifest, the All-Evident? Say: O people! Do ye claim that ye have believed in God and His signs, after ye have turned away from His resplendent, radiant and luminous beauty? Would ye find peace within yourselves after the head of the Youth was raised upon the spears of hatred by these idolaters, crying out "Is there any helper who will help 'Ali who was before, then Muhammad before him, then the Spirit before him, then He Whom We sent in the name of Moses?"

O people! This is indeed 'Ali in truth, who hath appeared with such evidence as hath rendered powerless all who are in the heavens and on the earth. He reciteth unto you at every moment from verses of which a single letter surpasseth all things, were ye of them that know. If ye deny them, by what proof do ye uphold your belief in God? Produce it, if ye be truthful! Nay, by My Self! Every cord hath been severed from you save that ye take hold of this firm and mighty handle.

O people! Act not as did the peoples of former times, nor compare the Self of God with aught else […]

Compare not the Soul of God with any other, nor His words with that which people utter, nor what He possesseth with what ye possess, if ye be of those who comprehend. Say: He hath appeared with a sovereignty which no one can dispute except by disbelieving in God and being accounted among the

idolaters. And thou, O servant, know that when We first began this Tablet, We intended to recount unto thee what had befallen Us, but at this moment came the Divine Decree from the realm of the unseen; therefore We stayed Our Pen from its mention lest thou be grieved with a sorrow that would sadden thy heart and the hearts of the seekers. Soon shalt thou hear, if God should will and desire, and verily He shall make mention of His Cause through the tongue of His patient servants. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto thy words concerning God, thy Lord and the Lord of the hereafter and of the former times, and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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O servant! Fear God in thine own self and abide under Our protection in such wise that nothing shall grieve thee nor shall any matter trouble thee. Thus do We cast upon thee from the sweet-scented breaths of His holiness that thou mayest be established upon the throne of detachment by the leave of the All-Merciful. Even shouldst thou possess all the hidden treasures of the unseen realm, which those who have tasted the love of the Youth possess, they would not divert thee from the beauty of God, Who hath dawned in truth from this horizon which was witnessed upon the cloud of the Cause from the heaven of this atmosphere. Strive thou within thyself, then struggle in thine own being, lest anything prevent thee from the love of thy Lord, for in these days the breezes of temptation have blown from the direction of tests, causing leaves to fall even as the autumn winds cause them to fall - thus hath the Cause been known in truth. Hold fast unto this Tree which hath been raised in truth, beneath whose shade none can rest save those who have detached themselves from all things. Thus doth the Dove of the Cause warble between earth and heaven, that perchance thereby the servants of the All-Merciful may hasten to the shore of this bounty which hath been raised up in justice. If thou wouldst remember within thyself and remind others of this Most Great Remembrance, it would be better for thee than all thou witnessest and beholdest. This is what hath now been sent down from the Pen of the Cause upon a preserved holy tablet.

Then mention the generous one from Our presence that he may receive glad tidings within his essence, and perchance detach himself from his self and desires, and ascend to praiseworthy heights of sanctity. Then remind him that We have not issued an explicit command regarding thy daughter, but rather We revealed it in the name of the Penitent One, whom ye have not known and who remained forsaken among you. And We commanded him to choose her for himself with joy and fragrance, should he be content in his soul and she content in her soul. Thus was the command sent down from the horizon of wisdom by the Pen of Glory. And We commanded him thus after his letter came before Us and he sought permission from God, his Lord, to send her to this Station which was sanctified above turning to the worlds. But if she were to rend asunder the veils of fancy from her face, she would find from Him what cannot be found from any other, and thy Lord is indeed knowing of what I say. But since the veils of fancy have not been rent from the eyes of created things, they pay no heed to what they say and will never recognize the beauty of the Cause when it was established in truth upon the heaven of exalted glory. By God! If she but knew, all who are in the heavens and earth could not compare with My Cause. But time has brought Me low through what ye have imagined within yourselves, and ye have deprived yourselves

of the beauty of glory. O concourse of creation! By God the Truth! That which hath appeared cannot be compared with the command of all that hath been created in the kingdoms of creation, nor can the knowledge of the mystics, the eloquence of the eloquent, nor the learning of any possessor of distinction attain unto the precincts of His sanctity. Thus hath the Dove warbled with melodies the like of which have never been raised in the realm of possibility, that perchance souls may be attracted thereby and ascend to the station which was mentioned behind the veil of reason in the pavilion of love. O Javad! If thou wilt purify thy heart from attachment to the world and all that is therein, and with a holy and merciful spirit enter the right side of the blessed vale of divine oneness in Sinai, then in this case thou art permitted and it is fitting and timely. And it is known that the bird of the yearning heart in separation is like a fish writhing upon the dust. Verily the mystical fish of holiness seeketh to swim in the Most Great Ocean of the Lord and the deprived seeker yearneth for the sanctuary of the Intended One. However these are days the like of which the eye of creation hath never seen, and a mighty test hath come to pass. God willing, one must cling to the strong cord of grace and hold fast to the cloud of mercy, that perchance He may illumine spiritual eyes with the beauty of the divine Youth and not deprive the seekers of the Kaaba of the All-Merciful and the dwellers in the sanctuary of divine holiness from the wonders of His bounty. As for the one addressed in the Temple, it is the outward form of His Most Holy Temple, and - exalted be His grandeur - at times He addresseth His outward form with the tongue of His inward reality, and likewise the reverse. Thus hast thou heard and continues to hear before the Throne, and thou art among those who hear.

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He is the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

Your poetry written on the page expressing kindness towards this servant was received. After perusing it, at an appointed time I brought it before the Most Holy and Supreme Threshold and presented it. He commanded: Write that, God willing, may you never falter and may you ever remain steadfast on the path of mighty oneness, for today if all who are in the heavens and earth were each to possess feet numbering as the sands of the desert, the waves of the seas, the leaves of the trees and the drops of rain, and all were to appear outwardly firm and strong, yet were not steadfast upon this straight path, assuredly all these feet would be accounted as broken and non-existent before God. But should even a gnat with broken feet remain firm and steadfast in this Cause, it would be accepted before God and be immortally remembered in the divine paradise. Therefore you must, through the wondrous favors of God and the gifts of the Sovereign Lord of Oneness, remain so firm and steadfast in the Cause of God as to become the cause of steadfastness in all others. And this is not difficult for God.

The glance of the All-Merciful's favor hath ever been directed towards you. God willing, may you pass your days in the utmost joy and delight in the love of God, and may you ever remain in health and comfort with the loved ones of God - those who are embarked upon the Most Glorious Ark. For association with these loved ones is, before God, more beloved than all else. I swear by God that to gaze upon these faces is greater and more acceptable than seventy years of worship, for until a soul is created from a wondrous drop of the clay of divine love and the water of His affection, and becomes detached

from all who are in the heavens and the earth, it shall never be capable of entering this blessed Ark and this Ship of sublime glory. We therefore hope that, God willing, you may remain settled, steadfast, firm and at rest in this Ark of the Lord of Lords. The grace is in His hands; verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. And glory be upon you and upon the steadfast servants of God.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Your missive, adorned with loving allusions and effusions of attraction, was received and presented before the Divine Throne, whereupon it was stated: "The Servant of the One has fallen into the well of envy, and the Youth of the Spirit into the prison of hatred, and the Ancient Beauty into the cage of rancor. God shall soon send forth hosts of angels who shall deliver Him through truth and render Him victorious throughout the earth, and His countenance shall shine forth amongst all the worlds. The Youth hath never sought help from anyone, and there is no help save through His command. He aideth whomsoever He willeth by His leave, and He is the One intended from time immemorial, and He is the Helper throughout all eternity." Infinite tokens of favor have been revealed concerning that leaf of love. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved and be sanctified and detached from aught else, may you be given to drink of the choice wine of the All-Glorious and be sustained by the eternal bounty, that perchance, through the favors of the All-Glorious Lord, you may be freed from the allusions of these days and find rest and repose in the seat of steadfastness and the station of luminous glory through the love of God. Should someone resolve to journey, God willing, the wondrous and exalted Tablet that was sent down from the heaven of glory shall be dispatched. Blessed art thou for that which hath moved the tongue of thy Lord to mention thy name and for that which thou hast been mentioned before Him, and thou art of those who remember in the presence of transcendent glory. Under all conditions, convey the Command of thy Lord to the handmaidens of God, that they may become aware within themselves and make up for that which hath escaped them. Verily, He is the best of teachers, the All-Knowing. And glory and spiritual delight and praise be upon thee and upon the near-servants of God.

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He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and power!

The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God did testify before the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever existed, sanctified from all peers and likenesses, and exalted above all that hath been said or shall be said. He hath been, and is, the One, the Single, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal–He unto Whose oneness and singleness the tongues of all created things have testified, and through Whose remembrance and praise all things have spoken. He Who raised Him up and sent Him forth with the truth is verily the Lamp of Guidance amongst mankind, the Sign of the Ancient of Days amidst the nations, the Dawning-Place of His most beautiful names and the Dayspring of His most exalted attributes–He Who was named Muhammad in the kingdom of creation. God made Him the Source of His Revelation, the Repository of His Knowledge, and the Manifestation of His Laws. Through Him was the Cause of the All-Merciful revealed throughout all possibility, and the Dove of the

Command warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Wronged One offereth prayers upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom the Sun of Knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the world and the Ocean of Bounty surged amongst the peoples. These are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command. Through them was made manifest the path of God in all things, and His Word was exalted amongst His servants. Blessed is he who hath clung unto them and attained unto their presence. Upon them be the prayers of God, His mercy, His remembrance and His praise.

And now, We send Our greetings unto the friends of God who have drunk from the pure Salsabil of love and who are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We counsel all to trustworthiness, religiosity, and chastity. O friends! Whosoever is adorned with these attributes is reckoned among God's servants and his name is mentioned in the Concourse on High. But whosoever is deprived thereof is not counted among the people of truth. Strive ye, that perchance ye may be adorned with such virtues and qualities as shall ensure eternal salvation. Harm not the fruits of the Tree of Trustworthiness with the stones of treachery, nor scatter its branches with the instruments of tyranny and oppression. The ornament of man hath ever been and shall continue to be truthfulness and sincerity. O friends! Let not the ornaments of two fleeting days, which all testify shall perish, deprive you of the everlasting bounty and the heavenly food sent down. Fix your gaze upon God, place your trust in Him, and seek from Him that which is befitting. It behooveth you to commit all affairs unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Reflect upon the generations of old: Where are the proud and the vainglorious, and where are the workers of iniquity? Ponder their treasures, their palaces, their strongholds and their thrones in former ages, and all that befell them, and take ye warning thereby. This Wronged One beseecheth God that He may assist all to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him.

We convey Our greetings to Sheikh Abul-Qasim. Praise be to God, he has drunk from the chalice of divine knowledge and is gazing toward the most exalted horizon. Under all conditions, hold fast to those matters which lead to the refinement of heedless souls and the liberation of mankind. Verily, Mustafa has arrived and has endured great hardship in transporting the trees. His reward is with God. We convey Our greetings to Akkash and give him glad tidings of Our remembrance of him, for he is forever remembered. Likewise, We have remembered and continue to remember all other friends. Convey greetings from this Wronged One. Verily, He speaks the truth and guides to the path. There is none other God but Him, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful. O Mustafa! Upon thee be My peace. Praise the Desired One of all worlds, Who has bestowed upon thee from the treasury of names a name - that is, thy son - whose worthiness is attested and continues to be attested by people of excellence. We beseech God to assist thee and thy family and those with thee, and to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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In the name of the peerless Lord!

O Kalim! Hearken unto the voice of the Ancient Beauty and stand firm in the Cause of God with such steadfastness that the feet of the perturbed ones may be made firm on the Straight Path. Say: O servants! I swear by the Manifestation of Creation and the Sovereign of the Day of Return that what ye have heard from the Mouth of God by His leave, ye shall never hear from anyone else, even should ye traverse forever the wildernesses of vain desires and wander therein. The value of the days of attainment was veiled, for all were soaring in the atmosphere of passion and wandering in the desert of fancy and blindness. When the Kalim of the horizons disappeared from the horizon of Iraq, most turned to the Samiri and that which he fashioned, although We had previously informed all of subsequent events, even as was recorded by the Pen of Power in the Tablets of Migration, and likewise all the events of this land were mentioned in the Tablet that was inscribed by the Finger of Power in Ushshash. Alas for the people of the Bayan! How quickly did they alter the divine favor! I know not in what valley they are wandering.

Say: O servants! Not every bird is capable of soaring in the pleasant atmosphere of the All-Merciful. Let not the divine Cause become dubious to you, for His Cause is distinguished and manifest from all else. Can the cooing of the dove and the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen be confused with the croaking of the raven of the desert? Nay, by the Most High Self of God! Strive that ye may not regard creation as truth, and know Him to be sanctified from all else. The light of day is clearly distinguished from the darkness of night. Set not your hearts on the world, and turn not to the tree of annihilation, for such has been and shall ever be the reality of this world.

Say: O servants! In the days of trial it is beloved to walk in the path of the All-Merciful with the feet of certitude. Otherwise, in the days when the breeze of might wafteth from the Ridvan of the All-Glorious, there shall be many claimants to faith, but such faith hath no merit and dependeth upon another decisive word. In brief, O Kalim, soon thou shalt behold most to be sick, drinking from the cup of hell-fire, and turning away from the Garden of Delight. God willing, thou shalt ever be seen before God as one who drinketh from the Tasnim of eternity and dispenseth it, that perchance mortal frames may drink the Kawthar of divine knowledge from thy loving fingers and, becoming intoxicated, may turn their gaze toward the dwelling-place of “Am I not your Lord?”

O Kalim! Give thanks to God that thou hast been adorned with the ornament of faith and blessed with the new-born child - and this is what We foretold thee aforetime in preserved Tablets of glory. This is one of those tidings that were ordained in the Kingdom of Destiny and were later revealed and made manifest after the completion of its appointed time. Observe the previous Tablets that thou mayest be well informed and be convinced that with Him is the knowledge of all things, and the knowledge which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Although thou hast been and, God willing, shall continue to be assured through God’s grace - excellent is that which thou hast entitled and named, and We have accepted what hath proceeded from thee - therefore be thankful and be of the thankful ones. God willing, may you be joyous at all times, and should any sorrow touch you, know with certainty that after it joy is ordained. Indeed, divine bounty towards thee is beyond reckoning.

And if any sorrow should touch you, know with certainty that after it joy is ordained. Indeed, divine bounties bestowed upon you have been limitless and beyond counting, and if in certain matters some deficiency hath appeared, it hath been due to your own negligence in your affairs. And the spirit and glory

and splendor be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those who counsel each other regarding this firm, unshakeable, and mighty Cause.

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He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

O handmaiden of God! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, and all are prostrate before Him. Put thy trust in God and say: All praise be to God Who hath guided us by His light and made us to be of the doers of good. Be thankful unto thy Lord at all times and say: Glorified be He Who created all things by His command and guided His servants unto a mighty and righteous path. He hath left nothing unmentioned in a perspicuous Book and therein hath He ordained the measures of His decree in wondrous and clear detail. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are prostrate before Him. He it is in Whose hand lieth the dominion of all things. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth by His command. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

He hath created the administrators of His Cause in all directions that thereby the affairs of His servants might prosper. Thus do We judge those who have believed and are of the assured ones. Follow thou what hath been sent down in the Book unto thee and follow not the ways of the corrupt ones. Open thine eyes that thou mayest recognize the paths of God in what We have raised up in truth and made to be the path of His Cause in the heavens and on earth, that the proof from thy Lord might be made complete unto all the worlds. Thus hath the command of the servants been decreed and the judgment of the Book been fulfilled, and for all things hath been set forth what was sent down from God upon tablets of manifest glory.

Be patient and grieve not for what hath befallen thee from the vicissitudes of time, and be not of those who turn aside. For this is God's way with His servants, and thus hath He ordained for those near unto Him. Thereby are the wicked distinguished from the good, and the idolater from the believer, that He might separate between those who believe in God and those who are among the sinners. All that thou hast heard regarding this servant is a lie fabricated by those who have disbelieved in God, rejected His signs, and were among the mischief-makers. I am but a servant of God and the son of His handmaiden, and in this do I glory in the kingdom of the heavens and earth.

Know thou that my station in the realm is as a lamp unto this light, lest it be overwhelmed by the whisperings of the sinners and lest the light of God in the niche of holiness be extinguished by what bloweth from these idolaters. And say thou: O servants! By what proof have ye believed in God and by what authority do ye object to Him? Thus have We tried them with the trial of the Cause and made them an evil people, among the greatest losers.

Sanctify thyself from all that is on earth and glorify thy Lord in the evening and the morning, and be thou of the humble ones. The Cause will be fulfilled, the world will pass away and its possessions will perish, and all that is in it and upon it. All that is on earth shall be gathered together on the Day when all shall

stand to account in a mighty and upright presence. There shall every soul find what it hath earned, and God shall question them concerning what they have wrought in the realm. Then shall eyes be fixed in awe of God, and judgment shall be passed in truth according to what is inscribed in a preserved tablet.

Thus have We counselled thee in this Book that thou mightest follow what is revealed unto thee and be not of the transgressors. Take thou this Book with the hands of thy spirit, then cast it upon the vision of thy heart that thou mayest find the fragrance of eternity from the Egypt of the Divine Essence and be of those women who have ascended to the holy retreats and have heard the verses from behind the veils and have drunk the wine of life from the countenance of Beauty from a glorious and luminous cup. There shall thy very frame be sundered in thy longing for thy Creator. Thus do We cast upon thee from the verses of divine attraction […]

They drink the wine of life from the countenance of Beauty, from a cup of resplendent glory. Thereupon thy very being will be rent asunder in thy yearning for thy Creator. Thus do We impart unto thee from the verses of attraction, and make mention of thee with love in the tablets of heaven, and assist thee in the Cause according to that which hath been ordained for thee by God, the Almighty, the Peerless. And peace be upon thee and upon those who have set their faces toward the countenance of thy Lord, the Ever-Living, the Mighty, the Luminous.

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O Ali, upon thee be the peace of God and His grace! Thou art witness and God beareth testimony that this Wronged One hath enjoined the people of God, night and day, through counsels and exhortations, to eschew that which is unworthy and to observe that which is befitting. The ladder of ascension hath ever been and shall continue to be goodly counsel and pure and sanctified deeds. Blessed are they whom wealth and riches have not kept back from the Self-Subsisting. These are the manifestations of detachment and the dawning-places of the fear of God. Upon them rest God's peace, His grace and His favor.

Thou art well aware of the deeds and doings of this community from times past. After this Wronged One repaired to Iraq, at all times was He engaged in the education of souls. The tongue spoke, the pen flowed, and gesture and sign were employed. In some instances, We illumined and moved creation through speech. At other times We were occupied in assisting the Cause of God through the pen. And occasionally We imparted the water of knowledge through the glance of Our eye and brow. Our purpose was to purify and refine the servants through all Our faculties and members, that perchance unity might be established among the peoples of the world and the fire of love be kindled. Well was it said of old: "Our eyebrows settle matters between us while we remain silent, and love speaketh."

O Ali, upon thee be God's grace and favor! In the Most Great Prison thou didst witness how We maintained, with love and fellowship, harmony among the many souls present there, despite their differing views and stations. From the beginning of the world until now, it hath not been heard that any of God's chosen ones entered prison with such a multitude. Now reflect upon the condition of this Wronged

One, how with such love and grace He maintained this gathering, to such degree that most of them in all conditions fixed their gaze upon the horizon of God's Will.

In the days of Revelation, the people of light and of fire are both present. The people of light are known - "Thou shalt know them by their marks, the radiance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." And the people of fire are those who rejected God's counsel and manifested rebellion and wickedness, who exchanged trustworthiness for treachery and justice for tyranny. God is witness and aware that We sent away from prison those servants who were uttering calumnies in the great city, solely to protect them, for their deeds had become known and each faced grave danger. We acted with pure grace and love, showing ultimate kindness. Yet those unjust ones did what all know and recognize. Greed and avarice deprived them of the mysteries of the Self-Sufficient Lord.

Now We beseech God to preserve all the friends in every land, that they may ever behold the light of godliness shining before their faces, hold fast unto it, and manifest such deeds and character that their fame may encompass the world, and from every city and region the banner of unity and the standard of accord may be seen. Thy letter arrived and was heard in the presence of this Wronged One. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee! Thou hast spoken that from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of love and fellowship. Thou hast truly shown goodwill. We beseech God to preserve and protect thee through His power.

Indeed thou hast manifested true friendship and sincere affection. We beseech God to protect thee and to guard thee through His power and sovereignty. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Peace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon every steadfast and unwavering soul.

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He is God, exalted be the greatness of His station and the glory of His dominion

The remembrance of pen and ink before the writing of letters and words hath been and shall be the mention of the Lord of Creation. Thereafter, O beloved child, Mirza Mustafa, mayest thou always drink from the fountain of the mention of the One Beloved and, through His remembrance, be detached and freed from the world and all that is therein. Thy letter, which testified to thy sincerity and thy love of God, arrived and illumined and gladdened both the heart and the eye. For whatever mention is adorned with the remembrance of the Friend is as a candle in the gathering of the friends. Blessed are those all of whose sayings, thoughts, words, deeds and actions are in this day for the sake of God and for the love of God and in the service of God. O beloved of the heart and soul, ask God the Eternal that we may attain unto that which is worthy and befitting for this day, and that is that we utterly forget ourselves and all else and arise to serve, as with a hundred thousand bodies and a hundred thousand lives. The foremost service is to purify the heart and the eye and the ear and the soul and the entire being from all that is not worthy. Afterwards, when, through the grace of the Ancient and Ever-Living God, one has attained unto this great station, then it is befitting that he should gird up the loins […]

loins of service and stand among the ranks of the servants. O light of mine eyes, the eye of the world is open wide and not a single open eye is to be seen. For that which is meant by openness is to behold and recognize, and that is as rare as the elixir, except among those whom the hand of our Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, hath seized. O beloved of my soul, I know not whether the pen hath been so inebriated by the love of the King of eternity that it is uttering these words; or whether the writer will quench the fire of regret, at not having attained to that which is worthy in this day, with the water of these utterances. Gracious God, Gracious God! How well hath it been said, "The mention of this remoteness and this bleeding heart, etc."

To resume, the clothes thou hast asked for have been sent. God willing thou mayest wear them, and outwear them, with happiness, goodness, joy and a good name, and not only this robe, but the robe of the world. O Mustafa, thou wert called by this name by the tongue of the King of Names. This maidservant and that loved one beseech the Incomparable Lord with the utmost lowliness, weakness and supplication, that He may enable you to obtain that which He hath ordained for the pure ones at His threshold. He is the Bounteous, the Generous, the Mighty, the Wise. The maidservant of the wife of Sahib

Now it is the turn of Khadim (servant) to express his love and friendship for that esteemed one. Although thou art seemingly out of sight, but by the Educator of all, thou hast never been and shalt never be absent from the heart. With my whole heart and soul and tongue, I beseech the Lord of the worlds that thou mayest soon attain the court of His holy Presence and drink of the chalice of reunion. Come, come, for the ears have been made receptive for hearing thy tales, and the minds have been made ready ahead of time. However soon thou comest, it is too late, and however close thou comest, it is too far. The one inebriated by the pure Wine sayeth: The time is gone, the opportunity is lost, the year hath passed, the month hath passed, the evening and morning have passed, and yet the time for hearing the word 'Return!" hath not arrived. Alas, alas! and again alas, alas! Therefore I end these words with "There is no power nor strength but in God." Khadim

He is God, exalted is His glory and mighty is His power.

Before pen and paper mention letters and words, they mention the Lord of Creation, and will continue to do so. And now, dear son Mirza Mustafa, may you ever drink from the Kawthar of the mention of the Peerless Beloved and, in His remembrance, be detached and free from the world and all therein. Your letter, which testified to your sincerity and love for God, arrived and brought joy and light to heart and eyes, for every mention adorned with the remembrance of the Friend is like a candle in the gathering. Blessed are they whose every mention, thought, prayer, deed and action today is for God, for the love of God, and in service to God. O dear one, soul and spirit, beseech the Eternal God that we may attain to that which befits this Day, which is to wholly forget ourselves and others, and arise to serve with a hundred thousand bodies and a hundred thousand souls. The first service is to purify the heart, sight, hearing, inner consciousness and all limbs from that which is unworthy. Then, when through the grace of the Ancient Living One you have attained this mighty station, it is fitting to gird up the loins of service and stand in the ranks of servants. O light of my eyes, the eye of the world is open, yet not one seeing eye is to be found, for the purpose of sight is to see and recognize, and this is like an elixir rarely found, save those whom the hand of our Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Bestower, has seized. O dear one, I know not

whether the pen has been seized by intoxication with love for the Ancient King that it has engaged in these mentions, or whether the writer wishes to soothe with the water of these mentions the fire of regrets of these days for not having attained as befitting. Glory be to God! Glory be to God! Well was it said: “The description of this separation and this heart’s blood…” etc. In any case, the garment you requested has been sent. May you wear it in joy, goodness, delight and good repute, and may you tear not just this one garment but the garment of the world. O Mustafa, you were named with this name by the tongue of the Lord of Names. This handmaiden and that dear one beseech the peerless Lord with utmost humility, powerlessness and supplication to enable you to attain that which He has ordained for the pure ones of His court. Verily He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Handmaiden of the Sacred Precincts

Now it is the servant’s turn to express to that master the degrees of love and affection. Though outwardly gone from sight, I swear by the Educator of all that you have never left my heart and never will. With all my heart, soul and tongue I beseech the Lord of all worlds that you may soon attain the station of holy nearness and drink from the cup of reunion. Come, come, for ears are ready to hear your stories and minds are prepared in advance. However soon you come is late, and however early you arrive is far. The one intoxicated with the pure wine says: Time has slipped away, opportunity has slipped away, years have gone and months have gone, nights and mornings have passed, yet the moment to hear the word “Return” has not come. Alas, alas! Then alas, alas! Therefore I end these words with “There is no power nor strength save in God.”

The Servant

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O Rahim! He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

These are the holy verses sent down from the presence of God, the One, the Single, the Alone, calling the people to the paradise of eternity, the station of My Most Glorious Name in the heaven of thy Lord, the Most High, the Trusted One. Verily, those endowed with illumined vision behold the effulgences of the Countenance from the direction of God, the One, the Single, the Alone, the Self-Subsisting. When the lights of eternity dawned upon them from the horizon of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, they fell prostrate before Him.

O servant! Know thou that thy name hath been mentioned in the holy presence, and We have revealed unto thee decisive verses whereby the eyes of all created things are cleansed from every veil and inflammation. Say: O people! Take hold of the Book of God with strength, cast behind you all that hindereth you from it, and take up your abode in the shade of thy Lord’s mercy, an impregnable station.

O people! Deprive not yourselves of God’s sanctuary, and consort not with those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, and are among those who recognized God’s bounty, then denied it.

Purify thyself with the living waters flowing from the right hand of the Throne, then seek His grace, for His grace descendeth upon all created things without measure or count.

Grieve not over the world and its hardships, but place thy trust in all matters in thy Lord. Verily, He preserveth whosoever trusteth in Him and seeketh His aid. He will assist thee with the means of the heavens and earth, and will send down from the clouds of grace that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and distance thee from all who deny and deviate.

O servant! If thou desirest to know what hath befallen the Youth, know that He hath been cast into the well of hatred, and there hath befallen Him from oppression that which hath befallen none else among all created things. To this testify all atoms and beyond them the Most Knowing, Most Truthful, Most Witnessing Tongue of God. Say: O people! Ye have committed that which hath caused the pillars of the Cause to crumble, the foundations of the Throne to tremble, the fire above the air to be extinguished, and the water of paradise to freeze.

Say: God is the Creator of all things and is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Soon will He assist whomsoever He pleaseth with the hosts of might and power. There is no helper save Him; He causeth whomsoever He willeth to triumph over whomsoever He pleaseth through assembled hosts.

Know thou that I have fallen into the well of rancor and hatred in this most remote and distant prison, and there befalleth Me at every moment that which none can reckon save God. Would that I had not been born into creation, or had I been born, would that I had not been suckled, or had I been suckled, would that I had not been reared, or had I been reared, would that I had not reached maturity, or had I reached maturity, would that I had not been inspired, or had I been inspired, would that I had not revealed the mysteries through utterance, for thereby have risen against Me all who believed in God, then turned away.

Say: We have spent Our soul and all We possess in the path of God. Once was I slain by the sword of hatred in the time of the First Adam, once was I cast into the fire, once was My head severed upon the platter, once was I crucified upon the cross, once was I suspended in the air, and now have I fallen into the pit of envy. We thank God for all this and for what hath befallen Us, and We praise Him for His decree. Verily, He heareth the cry of those who are in distress.

Thus have We revealed unto thee what hath befallen Us, that thou mayest be apprised of My Cause and remain steadfast upon the path of God, the Mighty, the Extended. And glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among those who have remained firm in their station of certitude in the Cause of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and who are among the people of guidance.

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In His Name, exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

O Mirza Abdul-Karim, upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors!

This binding and irrevocable decree hath at this hour been revealed from the direction of the Most Great Prison. Verily ye were for God, and there is no doubt that He is with you. O Abdul-Karim, upon thee be My Glory and My favors. Thy letter attained the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of patience and acted according to that which was ordained in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy deeds and thy steadfastness in adversity have brought Me joy. Ye were slain yet did not slay - well is it with you. Ye have done that which hath caused the fragrance of oppression to waft among all created things.

In truth, the glorious government - may God strengthen it - hath manifested justice, and justice is the cause of the elevation, majesty and power of kings. Blessed is he who is adorned therewith, who drinketh from its chalice and is illumined by its effulgences. This party must ever fix their gaze upon this station. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever loved and still loveth faithfulness, and in diverse Tablets hath commanded all to observe it. As to entering beneath its shadow, there is no harm in this for the settlement of affairs and the quelling of the fire of sedition. If they accept, a few will suffice.

This assistance from the glorious government and this manifestation of justice and fairness will, God willing, obliterate the oppression and tyranny of the world. We counsel this party never to forget this justice and to beseech God with all their hearts to perpetuate the traces of the Bearer of the Standard of Justice throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, for He hath purely for the sake of God assisted the oppressed ones of the world and hath judged with justice. This is the first assistance that hath been manifested toward these oppressed ones through the will of the great Emperor and the noble General - may God, exalted be He, strengthen them both. This station is most great.

My God, my God! Thou seest the oppressed ones among the wicked among Thy creation, and Thou witnesseth their sighs and tears in what hath befallen them at the hands of those who have made tyranny their practice in Thy land and oppression their characteristic in dealing with Thy servants. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the sun of Thy grace to aid the oppressed ones to patience and steadfastness in what hath befallen and will befall them in times of hardship and tribulation. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and the manifestations of Thy justice among all humanity to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen relief from Thee, a helper from Thy presence, and a protector from Thy side to guard them from the evil of their enemies and those who hate them. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

It is most clear and evident that this assistance from the glorious government - may God, exalted be He, strengthen it - is the cause of all hearts turning toward it from all directions.

My God, my God! Aid him who desireth to help the oppressed ones among Thy servants, then exalt him through Thy bounty, Thy power and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We wish to seal this Tablet with mention of Fadil, upon him be My Glory and My favors. My Pen and My tongue bear witness to his sincerity, his service, his steadfastness and his presence at this time before the gate of God's mercy, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon him and upon those who have attained

unto justice and fairness and have acted according to that which they were commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

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In the Name of Ahmad, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting

This is a wondrous remembrance from the servant to him who hath believed in God and was numbered among the guided ones in the Tablets of the Spirit, that He may cause thee to hear the melodies of Paradise and teach thee from the wisdom which God hath treasured in the vaults of knowledge, and bring thee to a station which God hath placed above the pavilions of oneness, and nourish thee with the fruits that have appeared from the Tree of eternity. Thus hath grace been witnessed from the horizon of the Cause.

Say: O people! This is the servant of God Who summoneth you unto God and guideth you to the paths of guidance, and imparteth unto you mysteries that were forbidden to the peoples of the world, and causeth the breezes of life to waft upon you, and sendeth forth the fragrant breaths of the All-Merciful from the City which God hath sanctified beyond all knowledge and which hath been veiled from the eyes of the mystics.

Say: O people! Fear ye God and the Manifestations of His Cause, and let not the world and its ornaments occupy you, for these shall pass away and are accounted before God as but numbered days. Raise your heads from the couches of heedlessness, then detach yourselves from all earthly things, and be not like those who forgot God and cast the words of God behind their backs, and were recorded in the Book of the righteous by the name of transgressors.

These are they upon whose hearts God hath set a seal of fire and upon whose eyes He hath placed a veil of heedlessness, such that they turned away from His beauty in His days and were deprived of the breezes of this Paradise. They occupied themselves with ornate speech as though they had never heard the divine melodies and had not attained unto the mercy that wafted over the bodies of the sinners. Thus doth God seize those who disbelieved and turned away, and forgiveth those who believed and turned towards Him, and will raise them to the station of nearness and cause them to dwell in the proximity of an extended mercy.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not your desires, then return unto God and follow Him Who calleth you to the truth and inspireth you with the word of righteousness, and aideth you with the hosts of the unseen, and connecteth you to the seats of beloved holiness, and bestoweth upon you everlasting life, and giveth you to drink of the perpetual wine of life, and desireth from you neither recompense nor thanks.

Say: Those who have claimed that these words were not revealed according to pure nature are overcome by their envy, as though they recognized not the holy melodies and tasted not the fruits of Paradise. God hath caused them to be gathered in human form from the clay of beetles. Say: Thus spoke those who

disbelieved, uttering words like unto your words, and God seized them for their sins and imprisoned them in the coffin of fire within their own unbelief.

Say: Woe unto you for what your hands have wrought and what your lips have uttered! The Spirit of Oneness beareth witness that all this is truth from God, and the eye of time hath never seen the like of what hath been sent down from His presence. To this testifieth all who are in the heavens and the earth, except those in whose hearts thou findest rancor towards God. Say: Die in your rancor! God will assuredly assist this Cause through the angels of the highest heaven and will raise it to a station that the hands of the hypocrites shall never reach, and this is irrevocably binding upon Him.

And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who worship God in thy land and who stand before Him upon the path of love.

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In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Exalted, the Most High

This is a Book from the Primal Point unto him who hath believed in God and His signs, that he may stand firm in the Cause and be detached from all the worlds. Bear thou witness, O servant, unto that which God hath testified of His Own Self unto His Own Self, that there is none other God but Him, and that the Primal Point is the Glory of God unto all who are in the heavens and the earth, His proof unto all who dwell in the kingdoms of Command and creation, and His evidence unto all who are upon the earth. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all things, turned unto Him, and hearkened unto His melodies which have enraptured the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, then those who dwell in the depths of the Names, then the hearts of every pure soul.

Verily, He is the Hidden Scroll in the unseen realm of the divine cloud, the Treasured Book within the pavilions of the Names, the Tablet of the Spirit in the fields of eternity, and the Scripture of Command in the kingdom of creation. Thus hath the Command been sent down at this hour with truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say: By God! He hath appeared with all the signs, the recognition of which hath proved beyond the capacity of every person of understanding. On His right hand was the Kingdom of God, then on His left the Dominion of Command, and before Him marched the hosts of a wondrous Revelation. Thus were the clouds of idle fancy rent asunder, and God came with the authority of His Cause, while around Him circled the hosts of hidden glory.

Then did they who harbored hatred for this Youth in their hearts deny Him - this Youth at the sight of Whom the eyes of Grandeur were consoled behind pavilions of impregnable glory. They warred against Him, disputed His verses, and denied the grace that encompassed all the worlds. O servant! Cast behind thee all allusions, then burn away the veils of idle fancy through a power from Our presence. Stand firm in the Cause through an authority from Us, and fear no one. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, and He shall protect thee from every accursed polytheist. Then give thanks unto God within thyself, for the glances of God have been directed toward thee, and the fingers of holiness have moved upon thy name with this Pen which hath been fashioned by God’s handiwork. Through it the knowledge of all things hath

appeared, and the knowledge of what was and what will be, and through it the measures of the Cause have been ordained in the heaven of destiny and sent down in a prescribed measure.

Grieve not over this world, but rejoice in the gladness of the Cause. Choose for thyself a praiseworthy station in the shadow of thy Lord's mercy. Purify thyself from whatsoever hath occurred to thee, and thy breast from the promptings of them who have disbelieved in God and who move about in the wilderness of passion, having deprived themselves of God's mercy. Be thou at peace within thyself, then stand firm in the Cause, for God hath ordained for thee a station that hath been, in truth, elevated. Soon will He send down upon thee the wonders of His mercy and draw thee nigh unto a luminous station of glory. Know thou that We had previously sent down unto thee a Tablet, and before it another Tablet, and We sent them unto thee as a grace from Us, that thou mightest stand firm in the Cause. And the mercy that descendeth from the heaven of the Cause be upon thee, upon those who love thee in God, and upon every discerning believer.

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In the Names of Muhammad and Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God, He is the One Who speaks before the faces of the world. Praise befits and is worthy of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, Who uttered the Most Exalted Word. At that instant the ocean of recognition surged, the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted, and the light of certitude shone forth from the horizon of proof. Exalted, exalted is this Most Great Favor! Exalted is this bounty that hath encompassed existence! And exalted is this generosity that hath embraced all peoples!

O people of God! This Day is the day of supreme steadfastness. The people of Baha are souls who have passed beyond the gulf of names and on the shore of the sea of reality have raised the banner of true unity. Names, like the Shi'ih faction, did not prevent them from the light of oneness. They are attached to and focused on the Truth alone. These are they who are among the companions of the Crimson Ark, whose mention flowed from the Supreme Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'.

O Muhammad! The countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath mentioned thee in such wise that thy remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. This is the Day through Whose mention God hath adorned His Books of old and of recent times. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained unto its effusions, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Say: O people! By God, the Day and the Self-Subsisting have come. He hath broken the seal of His choice sealed wine. Draw nigh and drink thereof in His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in earth and heaven.

O Husayn! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee in such wise as will draw thee nigh unto God, the Dayspring of lights. When thou perceivest the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy knowledge from the cup of Thy bounty, for having illumined my reality with the light of Thy recognition, and for having made known to me Thy straight and manifest path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the Banner which Thou didst raise by Thy command upon the loftiest spots of Thy earth, and by

the Standard which hath been uplifted in Thy Name and speaketh before the faces of Thy creation, to ordain for me that which befitteth the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trustees who have sacrificed their wealth and souls in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We beseech God to assist you and likewise His loved ones to be steadfast, for the Divine Cause in this Revelation is most mighty. Most of those who have turned to it until now are unaware of its essential nature. The Mother Book beareth witness to this in this sublime station. The lights of the Revelation of Him Who conversed with God have encompassed the world, yet eyes are sealed and prevented from beholding. We beseech God to assist all to draw nigh unto Him in all His worlds. Verily He is the Almighty over what He willeth, and He is the All-Bounteous.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon the son of the martyr, upon you both, upon him who was named Mirza Aqa, and upon every one who is steadfast, firm, and trustworthy.

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=== START BH11724 ===

Thou art He Who answereth the prayer of the supplicant! O my God, manifest in this Festival Thy power and dominion over all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou knowest that I acknowledged Thy oneness and was assured of Thy greatness and might before the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen was heard in the kingdom of creation. I heard Thy call before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, and I answered that verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor, and verily Thou art the Almighty, possessed of terrible strength and bounty. There is no God but Thee, Who ruleth as He pleaseth.

O my God! Wouldst Thou disappoint this poor one who hath clung to the hem of Thy loving-kindness? Wouldst Thou turn away this sinful one who hath drawn near to the city of Thy forgiveness? Wouldst Thou banish this lowly one who hath hastened to the city of Thy glory? Wouldst Thou deny this thirsty one who hath hurried to the Kawthar of life? O Thou Who hath called Thyself the All-Merciful! Nay, by Thy beauty, O Sovereign of all realms! Thou wilt never deny him, never turn him away. If Thou disappointest me, O my Beloved, I will still call upon Thee, call upon Thee as the All-Bountiful, and if Thou turnest me away, O my Purpose, I will still cry unto Thee, cry unto Thee as the All-Merciful.

At this moment we beseech Thee, by the wafting of the breezes of Thy grace which blow across all regions, and by Thy sovereignty before which all necks have bowed, to send upon Thy loved ones that which will make them sincere toward Thee alone, will enrich them above all else besides Thee, and will sanctify them from all save Thee on this Day which Thou hast specially ordained for the dawning of the Sun of Thy Most Glorious Name upon all things, and which Thou hast chosen for Thy Most Exalted Self betwixt earth and heaven. Then send down upon them what Thou hast ordained for them in the kingdom of Thy decree, strengthen them through Thy might, and exalt them through Thy power over Thine enemies, that Thou mayest cleanse Thy earth of those who have denied Thy Self, rejected Thy proof, and

repudiated Thy signs. For verily Thou art the Almighty. In Thy hand is the kingdom of bounty; Thou bestowest upon whom Thou willest as Thou willest, and withholdest from whom Thou willest as Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

I beseech Thee on this day, by Thy Most Great Name, O Quickener of nations and Fashioner of mortal remains, to aid us in that which Thou hast commanded us in Thy Scriptures and Tablets, and in walking the paths of Thy good-pleasure. Then enable me, O my God, to assist Thy Cause, to proclaim Thine order, and to spread Thy signs among the peoples, that the standards of Thy guidance may be raised among Thy creatures and the fire of Thy love may be kindled in the hearts of Thy creation. O Quickener of spirits and O Thou in Whose grasp is the direction of the winds!

Then I ask Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy Most Glorious Beauty, to grant us tongues that are eloquent, fluent and clear; eyes that are penetrating, sharp and keen; faces that are illumined and radiant; lips that are smiling and cheerful; ears that are attentive and perceiving; hearts that are sanctified and serene; souls that are purified and well-pleasing; hands that are upraised and outstretched; and feet that are firm, steadfast and upright; and breaths that are influential and pure, that Thou mayest transform all who are on earth entirely through Thy command and will, and draw them near to the shore of Thy Most Great Sea, that all may testify that verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Beloved in the hearts of the lovers, and the One Desired in the hearts of them that long for Thee.

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=== START BH11725 ===

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! Love to his honor Ustad ’Ali-Akbar-i-Banna, may the glory of God rest upon him.

Praise befitteth the Lord of all worlds Who hath ever remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones, and the effulgent rays of His Sun of grace have encompassed all. His is the bounty and the bestowal, His the grace and the exaltation. Blessings and peace be upon His loved ones who have made it their endeavor to serve His Cause, to aid His commandments, to exalt His Word, and to improve whatsoever is associated with His name. He is the Helper in all conditions, for He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

And now, O beloved of my heart, his honor Afnan - upon him be the Most Glorious Glory - hath written that they have acquired a piece of land in that region dedicated to the name of God, exalted be His glory. After being presented at the Most Holy Court, it was honored with acceptance, and They commanded: “Write to ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be My glory, that the construction and development of that place rests with you. This is from God’s grace upon you. We have instructed the Greater Afnan to write to you whatever he deems advisable. This deed shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Well is it with thee, and blessed art thou!”

We extend greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. Make mention of him who shares the name of the Traveler on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, he hath attained to that which was recorded in the Books and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen.

O ’Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! We counsel thee to that which conduceth to unity and concord. Through harmony, the horizons have been illumined by the light of the one true Sun. Should anyone, God forbid, whosoever and wheresoever they may be, utter a word that causeth discord, they are rejected. We have labored intensely until this Cause became somewhat manifest in the cities and lands, its light resplendent and its radiance evident. All must now, with wisdom and utterance, summon the peoples of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful. The endeavors of the divine men must be directed to this matter. This is the divine counsel that hath been revealed from the luminous Pen in this darksome night. Glory be upon you from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Some time ago, this servant wrote and sent a detailed letter to that beloved one, and likewise the sacred and blessed Tablets requested by you and he who shares the name of the Intended One were dispatched. God willing, their recipients shall drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings concealed within the divine words and become detached from all else but God. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you in God’s Cause, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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=== START BH11726 ===

O Ali-Qabl-Akbar, upon thee be my Baha! In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker.

Thy letter was sent to the Most Holy Court by Ismi Mahdi, upon him be my grace and mercy. Blessed art thou for having sent that which bore the fragrance of My martyrs who cast aside all else but Me and sacrificed their spirits, bodies, frames and possessions in My path. By God’s life! The Mother Book in the Supreme Realm lamented their tribulation, and the wailing of the Most Great Name was raised among the nations. By My life! My Pen hath wept and My ink hath cried out. The world hath never witnessed the like of those assured and detached souls.

O Ali-Qabl-Akbar! In these days and nights, without cessation, their praise and glorification ascendeth from the seat of the Throne. The Concourse on High uttereth this most exalted word: “Would that we had been with them and attained that which none among the servants hath attained!” Blessed are they and joy be unto them, for they have truly seized the ball of supreme felicity. Through the light of their sacrifice, the horizons were illumined. Soon shall the fruits of their martyrdom appear in the earth. Verily, God is the Just, the Wise.

The station of martyrdom that was attained is most great, and this precious pearl is not always to be found. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who attained unto it. No deed greater than this hath ever been witnessed in the world - the patience and fortitude of those holy souls. Yet most of the servants know not the cause and reason for this patience, for they are heedless and are seen to be far removed from the ocean of knowledge and the sea of wisdom.

O Ali-Qabl-Akbar! Those mighty, conquering and powerful hands were bound by the divine chains of restraint and were firmly secured by the fetters of God’s commandments and laws. Blessed and happy are they! They have been gazing toward the purpose of the worlds. Therefore they held fast unto that which was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. However, the authorities and the oppressors of the day

were and are heedless of understanding the cause and reason. Strange it is that even His Majesty the Sultan is unaware of the cause. For were he to become aware, he would arise in praise and gratitude to the Dawning-Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this exalted and glorious station.

Convey greetings and glory from this Wronged One to the friends in that land. Blessed are those souls who have annihilated their will and desire in the Will and Desire of God, and who have had and have no will of their own. These are the people of Baha. Their names have been recorded in a Tablet which none hath seen save God, the Speaker, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon My loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty and have said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne!”

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He is God, exalted be His glory! Wisdom and utterance.

According to the Command, those beloved ones and chosen ones must act in whatever way brings joy and gladness to the designated just government. All must be oriented towards goodly deeds. Teaching in that land must not extend beyond Muslims, and even then only if they are from Iran, meaning subjects of the Iranian government. It must not go beyond matters of character and that which leads to the elevation and advancement of stations. In truth, your deeds are the cause of the awakening of souls. If they are not aware now, they will surely acknowledge it later.

Another matter that must be considered is that copies of the Tablets sent, as well as the letter specifically dispatched to the maternal uncle, should not go to Iran, for the oppressors of the world secretly harass the oppressed. They know and recognize the divines of Iran.

Regarding the matter of oaths - excellent is what you have said and done. In truth, oaths are not acceptable. That which has repeatedly been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets was intended to exalt the Word, so that it might draw the attention of the hearer and then convey that which causes elevation and ascendancy. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak before and at this time.

The actions of the glorious government in this matter have been for the sake of God. For one thousand three hundred years, the people of Iran have been occupied with cursing certain servants, reviling some among the people of various lands, and awaiting the appearance of imaginary forms. And when the Divine Tree grew and the Light shone forth, they busied themselves with cutting it down and extinguishing it. This supreme grace was bestowed upon the glorious government, which has surpassed the kings of the world in assisting the oppressed. We beseech God to strengthen it, preserve it, and ordain for it what He willeth. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayers.

Read the sacred Tablet that was revealed in the name of Husayn and keep it concealed from the people of hypocrisy. And if a time comes when it is appropriate, with regard to proving loyalty, mention its

contents to those princes who have specifically manifested assistance and the appearance of justice and fairness in that land. This is beloved before God, for it is incumbent upon all to preserve the right of the Helper and the station of the Trustworthy One, and to show gratitude. God willing, that which occurred in the beginning and was hidden in the soil of hearts will, through the waters of divine will and the rains of the All-Merciful's grace, bring forth therefrom refined, wondrous and sublime fruits. The Command is in the hand of the Planter and the Cultivator, and He is God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all Names!

The appointed time hath come, and from the heaven of God's command hath appeared the House of Revelation with a might that the malice of the wicked cannot weaken - they who have violated God's Covenant and Testament, and slain His loved ones without clear proof from Him or authority from His presence. We testify that they have wrought corruption in the land after its reformation, and rejected the blessing of tranquility after it had been established and spread through the justice of the Sovereign of the Kingdom and its Authority. Thus doth the Wronged One speak as He walketh in this place which hath been named the Most Great Prison in the world - a place cut off from the mention of all peoples. Blessed is he who hath heard what he was commanded by God, the Cleaver of Dawn.

We have forbidden all from corruption and commanded them to righteousness and godliness, yet the heedless have cast behind their backs that which would profit them and have followed rebellion and wickedness. Lo! They are among the lost in the sight of their Lord, the Most High. They have slain him who believed in God, aided His Cause, and spoke His praise by night and by day.

O 'Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Thy letter which thou didst send to one of the Afnan hath brought Us joy, and We found from it the fragrance of unity in days wherein people have differed regarding the News foretold by Moses in the Torah and the Beloved One in the Qur'an. We have mentioned thee time and again, and have revealed for thee that whereby all things were stirred and minds and spirits were attracted. Stand firm in aiding the Cause of thy Lord through the wisdom whose sun hath shone forth from the horizons of the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. He hath aided thee to serve His Cause and hath shown thee the paths of guidance.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was martyred in the path of God and say: The first effulgence hath appeared from the horizon of the heaven of grace and bounty upon thee, O thou who wast named Muhammad-Rida! I testify that thou didst believe in the All-Merciful when the ocean of divine knowledge surged in the contingent world, and thou didst answer the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and thou didst drink the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names. Thou art he whom neither the veils of the oppressors nor the allusions of the transgressors prevented, and who forsook the religion of people who wrought corruption in the earth after its reformation and denied God's favor after its descent. The Spirit be upon thee, O thou at whose calamity the near ones lamented and the sincere ones cried out! Blessed art thou and blessed is

he who visiteth thee and reciteth what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Luminous, Most Glorious Spot.

O ’Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of God’s mercy, His grace and His loving-kindness. We counsel them to fellowship and unity. We beseech God to aid thee in improving their condition in all circumstances. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH11728 ===

=== START BH11729 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

The lamentation of God hath verily been raised in truth from the Manifestation of His Self, Who hath fallen prey to the talons of hatred, with none to help Him except God Who created Him, raised Him up in truth, and sent Him unto all the worlds. By God! There hath befallen Him that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh unto God to be consumed in the most exalted chambers, and the hearts of the sanctified ones in the crimson pavilions, and the hearts of the unitarians in the cities of names, and none hath comprehended this save Mine all-knowing and all-wise Self.

O Mahdi! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord with the ear of thine inmost nature, then turn thy face toward the precincts of the House, this Sanctuary which God hath built with the hands of His power and made it an ornament of His Self between the heavens and the earths. Say: O people! Destroy not the sanctuary of God with hands of rancor and hatred. If ye turn not unto it, oppose it not, for whoso opposeth it shall soon be seized by the chastisement of a barren day.

O people! Dispute not concerning the Cause of God, nor reject what He hath brought in truth, nor deny the grace of Him Who hath encompassed all created things, if ye be of them that know. Remember God in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day, for His remembrance cannot be realized except through this most sublime and mighty Remembrance. Whoso turneth away from this Remembrance hath indeed turned away from all remembrance throughout all ages. Thus hath the matter been ordained in preserved tablets of holiness.

O Mahdi! Be thou guided by the guidance of God, thy Lord, and turn not unto anyone. Place thy trust in Him in all matters, for He is the best of helpers and protectors. Then rejoice within thyself that thy father hath attained unto the presence of God and his spirit hath ascended to a station whereof the knowledge of the knowers is cut off. The maidens of Paradise shall now serve him and the denizens of the Supreme Concourse shall find solace in his company. Walk thou in the footsteps of thy father and be steadfast in the path of God in such wise that thy feet shall not slip through the insinuations of the opposers.

Say: O my Lord! All praise be unto Thee for having made me recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self and cast into my heart the lights of love and sent unto me a Book of glory most bountiful. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for this great bounty and mighty gift. I beseech Thee, O my God, not to leave me to myself, then preserve me from the evil of Satan and his hosts, and send down upon me that which will

sever me from all else save Thee and render me independent of all except Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou hast power over all things.

Thus have We remembered thee and commanded thee, that thou mayest recite the verses of thy Lord and be of them that remember. And may the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, that thou mayest be of the people of Baha and be of the assured ones.

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In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Whom Thou hast manifested and made His Revelation the very Revelation of Thyself, and His concealment the very concealment of Thyself; and through His primacy Thou hast confirmed Thine own primacy, and through His finality Thou hast established Thine own finality; and through His power and dominion every possessor of power hath testified to Thy power, and through His grandeur every possessor of grandeur hath testified to Thy grandeur and Thy majesty; and through His self-subsistence Thy self-subsistence and all-encompassing nature have become known; and through His Will Thy Will hath been manifested; and through His countenance Thy Face hath shone forth; and through His command Thy Command hath become manifest; and through His signs the horizons have been filled with the wondrous signs of Thy sovereignty, and the heaven with the revelations of the glory of Thy unity, and the seas with the pearls of the sanctity of Thy knowledge and wisdom; and the trees have been adorned with the fruits of Thy knowledge; and through Him all things have glorified Thee, and all things have turned toward the court of Thy mercy, and all faces have turned to the splendors of the light of Thy countenance, and all souls to the manifestations of the glory of Thy oneness.

How transcendent is Thy power, how transcendent Thy sovereignty, how transcendent Thy might, how transcendent Thy greatness, how transcendent Thy majesty which was manifested through Him and which Thou didst bestow upon Him through Thy bounty and generosity! I testify, O my God, that through Him Thy most great signs appeared and Thy mercy preceded all things. Were it not for Him, the Dove would not have cooed, nor would the Nightingale of Praise have warbled in the heaven of destiny. And I testify that with the first word that proceeded from His mouth and the first call that was raised by Him through Thy Will and Purpose, all things were transformed–the heaven and all that is therein, and the earth and all that is thereon. Through it the realities of existence were transformed, separated, divided, distinguished, joined together and unified. Through it appeared the creative words in the world of dominion and kingdom, and the manifestations of unity in the world of might, and the signs of oneness in the realm of divinity. Through that call the servants were given the glad-tidings of Thy most great Revelation and Thy most perfect Command.

When He appeared, the nations were thrown into confusion, upheaval appeared in earth and heaven, the pillars of all things were shaken. Through Him appeared the great tribulation and the Most Great Word was differentiated, whereby appeared the distinction between every atom of all created things. Through it was the Fire kindled and Paradise made manifest. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Thee, and woe

unto him who hath turned away from Thee and denied Thee and Thy signs in this Revelation wherein the faces of the idolaters were darkened and the faces of the sincere were illumined.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by this Revelation, to ordain for us the good of this world and the world to come, and to send down upon us from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will render us independent of all except Thee and detached from all save Thyself, holding fast unto the cord of Thy loving care and clinging to the hem of Thy tender mercies. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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He bears witness, this most abject atom, before the radiance of Thy Ancient Beauty, and in this darkest night facing the effulgence of the countenance of the Sovereign Lord of Thy Oneness, that there is for Thee no manifestation or concealment whereby I might describe Thy boundless favors. How then can I venture before the countenance of the King of Thy Attraction, and with what tongue can I chant in praise of the verses of the glory of Thy sanctified majesty, and with what existence can I seclude myself in the cloud of Thy oneness, and with what utterance can I call to mind the letters of Thy sovereignty, after I see myself as naught that I might stand in the arenas of the patient ones, and find in myself no existence that I might take my place in the court of the yearning ones? Yet, O my Beloved and my Desire, I am not perplexed save by the movement of the cords of Thy loving-kindness, and I ascend not save through the atmosphere of intimacy with the presence of the Sovereign Lord of Thy Self-Subsistence, and I rise not save to the heaven of Thy holy love. I venture forth in the court of Thy glorious bounty, and with plaintive, tender cry I call upon Thee in the inner mysteries of Thy most holy Essence, and I submit that O my Splendor, my Remembrance and my Hope, pour forth upon Thy loved ones from the drops of Thy holy camphor and from the waves of Thy seas of intimacy, that perchance their hearts may find rest like unto Mount Encompassing before the manifestation of Thy Ancient Beauty, and their inner beings may be cooled like unto snow amidst the surging of the seas of the Sovereign Lord of Thy Uniqueness, that they might become radiant through the radiance of the beauty of the Presence of Thy Divinity, and shine forth through the effulgence of the countenance of the Sovereign Lord of Thy Grace, and become detached from all else through the appearance of the countenance of Thy attraction, and stand firm in the establishment of Thy Cause, and find delight in the remembrance of the letters of Thy sovereignty, and speak with Thy utterance before Thee, and journey toward the heaven of infinitude through Thy power, and find tranquility through Thy peace, and do Thou teach them a drop from the drops of knowledge hidden within the treasuries of Thy might, and show them a wave from the waves of that beloved state which lies concealed in the inner mysteries of Thy clemency. Alas, alas! Then alas, alas! God is Most Great! God is Most Great! God is Most Great! The tempest of divine jealousy has begun to blow and the Dove of Independence has taken wing, while all the companions have grown cold and remain veiled, whence they perceive not. And verily I say: We are God's and to Him we return, and we are all [returning], and praise be to God, the Desire of the mystics.

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We had previously sent thee a Tablet, a single letter of which surpasseth all that hath been and shall be created, and verily it is a revelation from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. It reached thee not, for God hath appointed a time for all things in His knowledge, and verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. Therefore have We now sent it unto thee that thou mayest inhale therefrom the sweet fragrances of holiness and delight in the blessing wherewith none among all the peoples of the world hath been favored. Within it are the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be, yet the people are in manifest heedlessness. Share thou it with them that have believed in God and His signs, that haply the servants may attain unto the stations of His Cause and be numbered among them that know, though these people can scarce comprehend a word of that which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Among them are those who believed in God and then turned away, and were counted among the idolaters; and among them are those who follow their idle fancies and turn not toward the Throne, and are numbered among the prodigal; and among them are those who wish not to hear a single word save what they have heard from their fathers and mothers - thus mayest thou know the nature of the deniers. With them is naught save what the people of the Furqan have deduced, and thus have We recorded the matter in a clear register. Among them are those who ask of the drop concerning the ocean, its waves and its depths. Say: Woe unto you, O heedless ones! And among them are those who ask of the atom concerning the sun, its radiance, its light and its splendor - thus mayest thou know the state of these hateful ones. Purify thou thy heart from them, from their mention, their names, and from all that pertaineth unto them, and take thy stand in a pure and mighty sanctuary. Though thou must associate with such as these outwardly, be thou inwardly opposed to their desires and dwell in solitary dignity, for such as these are like unto dust, and thy Lord loveth to cleanse thy robe from this thick and heavy cloud of dust. Then act thou according to what We have commanded thee at the end of the Holy Tablet, and be thou possessed of manifest power. Beware lest thou see in thy power aught save the power of thy Lord, or in thy traces aught save the traces of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Invincible. Thus have We rained down upon thee from the clouds of holiness that wherewith the hearts of them that are nigh unto God are refreshed. The barren earth hath no portion of this mercy that hath encompassed all created things, nor of this blessed and mighty rain that poureth down.

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=== START BH11735 ===

He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! We testify that thou hast attained unto that which was inscribed in the Tablet and recorded by the Supreme Pen from God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh unto the Most Great Ocean and beheld its waves and the pearls hidden in the shells of His utterance, and heard that which was raised from the highest horizon through the grace of God, the Lord of the glorious throne.

O My friends in all lands! Know ye the station of Him Who hath aided you and judged between you with pure justice. We beseech God to assist this party in His remembrance, His praise and His service, and to manifest from them that which beseemeth His manifest, holy, mighty and great work.

O people of Baha! The sun of justice was indeed concealed and veiled beneath the clouds of oppression, but God hath assisted His Majesty the illustrious Russian State to cause its shining forth and appearance, and its deliverance from every thick veil and mighty cloud. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and his friends and princes through whom the standard of victory was raised there and the flag of triumph was unfurled before the faces of mankind, in spite of those who imprisoned justice and equity and prevented their shining forth, their light and their manifestation, that He may deliver the oppressed through the arms of justice and equity, even as He delivered them and saved them from the oppressors, the transgressors and the deniers. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In the Persian tongue, hear thou the call of the Wronged One: All the friends must, from this Thursday, the 2nd of Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1307, until the endless end, recognize the worth of the benevolence of the illustrious State–may God assist it–and arise to do that which beseemeth this justice. Those souls who, without any veil or covering, supported and assisted justice, and aided and delivered this imprisoned Wronged One from the dark pit through the strong cord of equity, are deserving of a mighty recompense from God–exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty. The Wronged One testifieth that they are the ones who aided the servants of God and secured the rights of the oppressed from every obstinate oppressor and suspicious transgressor. God willing, may the friends be assisted throughout ages and centuries to reciprocate this supreme benevolence which hath been manifested from the blessed and just State. Glory and light and majesty and praise be upon His Majesty and upon those who ruled on his behalf with pure justice and restrained the oppressors from their oppression and seized them with the grip of one mighty and powerful.

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O Mahdi! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all were created by His bidding and all are prostrate before Him. His is the bounty and grace - He singles out whom He willeth with His mercy, and unto Him shall return the deeds of the doers. Know thou that thy letter, wherein thou didst call upon God thy Lord and seek protection in His all-compelling, self-subsisting protection, hath come before Us. We heard thy call and answered thee before thy letter reached Us, and We sent it unto thee that thou mayest be of them who are assured of the signs of God. And now We answer thee yet again, as a grace from Us unto thee and unto those who have renounced all that was and shall be, and have turned toward the shore of nearness - the station that the sincere have drawn nigh unto.

O Mahdi! Empty thyself of all else save Him, lest sorrow take hold of thee in the contingent world. Be thou in joy and gladness, for soon shall pass away the world and all that is therein, and the Cause shall return to what it was, and naught shall remain save the Face of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-

Subsisting. Stand firm in the Cause. By God! This is the Cause at which every possessor of praiseworthy understanding is thunderstruck, at which all in the heavens and earth are shaken, at which the pillars crumble and covenants are broken - save for those who have clung to the cord of God. Let nothing grieve thee save separation from Me, the Inaccessible, the Forbidden, and complain thou of naught save thy remoteness from My presence, for this is the root of sorrow, which none save those nigh unto God can comprehend. Yet be thou patient in this, then show forth consummate patience as We have commanded thee. Transgress not that which thou art bidden, and be not of those who overstep the bounds of God and His good-pleasure - such as these know nothing and perceive not.

Then remember thou on Our behalf thy sister who was tried with that wherewith she was tried, and also she who was with her. Thus do We command thee that thy soul and their souls may be gladdened, as a mercy from Us unto thee and unto those who hear and act accordingly.

The mention of Tablets revealed to those parts is not permitted, for their publicity would not be free from mischief and controversy. You must absolutely keep them in the utmost preservation and concealment, except from those who are worthy. Strive beyond measure in concealment and exercise the utmost care.

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Glory be to Him Who maketh mention of His handmaidens who have believed in Him, who have detached themselves from all that is repugnant to His good-pleasure, who have walked in the ways of the righteous, and have hearkened unto the melodies of the birds of eternity from the direction of the Throne of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and who soar on the wings of love and faithfulness toward the most sublime and resplendent heaven at dawn and in the early hours.

O My handmaiden! Hearken with thy heart's ear unto the call of Ali in truth, then unto the call of Muhammad, then unto the call of the Spirit from the precincts of the Prison, that there is none other God but He, and that He Who hath appeared in truth is, verily, His sovereignty, His might and His grandeur unto all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realms.

O My handmaiden! Know thou that God hath heard thy call and hath become aware of how His love hath consumed thee, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in the sacred Scrolls and Books. Rejoice in that thou hast been given to drink from the cup of everlasting life and hast attained unto that which they who have wound their heads in white cotton to display their learning have failed to attain, and who remained heedless of the Day wherein the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

By God! A single step taken by one of My handmaidens is better than the deeds of those who have denied God, even should they be among the great ones of the earth. Thus hath the command been sent down with sovereignty and power. Know thou that knowledge is the recognition of God, and when thou hast recognized Him, thou art better in the sight of thy Lord than the learned ones of the age. Therefore give thanks and bow down before the countenance of God, Who hath caused the night to be followed by day.

In every moment, taste the holy water of nearness from the fingers of divine companionship, then turn away from every prideful oppressor. They who have denied God after He appeared in truth are among the most evil of men, and have no station with thy Lord - these are the companions of the fire.

We have been with thee in thy rising up and thy sitting down, and in thy migration unto God, and We have accepted thy deeds and have ordained for thee in the heaven of Our command a station which none can comprehend save them who are endued with insight. Thus doth God make mention of such of His handmaidens as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Choosing.

And the Glory rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God in this Day wherein God hath come upon clouds of light. Convey Our greetings unto their faces, then give them to drink the wine of verses from the chalices of the words of thy Lord, that they may stand firm in the love of God and be detached from every denying deceiver.

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He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, glorified be His station!

Your letter hath reached Our presence, and We have noted its contents. We shall answer thee with that which God casteth upon the breast of His servant, who is imprisoned in this remote prison. We give thanks unto God for this, and for whatsoever hath befallen Us in His path. We are patient in His decrees, and verily He rewardeth the patient ones. We desire naught save what God hath desired for Us, and We wish for naught save what He hath wished. Verily, He is the One praised in His deeds and obeyed in His command. He shall not be asked of His doings, and He, verily, hath power over all things.

O servant! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee from the decrees of fate. Be content with what God hath ordained for thee, for naught descendeth upon anyone save that which is better for him than all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth. Beware lest thou grieve in the face of destiny. Put thy trust in God in all matters and be of the thankful ones. All affairs are in the grasp of His power. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth.

Purify thy heart from the world and its mention, then remember thy Lord at eventide and at dawn, and in every morning and evening. For the world and whatsoever is therein and thereon shall perish, and that which endureth is that which is with thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Forget every mention and find solace in the Most Great Remembrance. He is the Most High, the Most Great.

Detach thyself from all else but God, thy Lord, then turn thy face toward the sanctuary of His love and good-pleasure, and be of them that are detached. We beseech God to heal thee and cure thee of thy ailment and illness. Verily, He is the Answerer of the prayers of the suppliants. When the appointed time cometh, He will cause the rains of mercy and healing to descend upon thee from the clouds of His grace. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Beware, beware lest thou be impatient. Be thou patient and hold fast unto God's cord in these days wherein most of the servants have become heedless of the remembrance of their Lord and are numbered among the negligent. Their only concern in this world is to amass its ornaments unto themselves, and thus do they cast themselves into grave peril. Keep thyself away from such as these, for God shall soon return them to dust, and they shall be in manifest loss.

Peace be upon him who followeth guidance and is firm in certain truth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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=== START BH11739 ===

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Informed

This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein is that which draweth the world nigh unto the Most Great Name and causeth them to hear the Call of God, the King, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. All awaited the days of nearness and meeting, but when the gate of reunion was opened they turned away, following the desires of the doubtful ones. They cast the ocean of certitude behind their backs, turning instead to the streams of fancy and vain imaginings - these are among the bewildered ones. They denied God and His evidence, hastening in the wilderness of passion while supposing themselves to be among the guided ones. Nay, by His Command which overshadoweth the worlds! The world hath been stirred by the breezes of Revelation, yet they remain behind an evident veil. Say: He hath appeared according to His Will, not your desires. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

When the Proof came, they denied Him, and when the Way appeared, they turned from it and spoke that which caused the hearts of them that are nigh to burn. Behold and remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came - the people turned away from Him, following every remote idolater. No Luminary appeared to them but they denied Him and spoke concerning Him that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament.

Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of the Garment and turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to rend the greatest veil, and for causing thee to hear His Call from the direction of His most luminous manifestation, and for having brought thee nigh unto this Sea which none have attained save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, hath willed.

Be thou a herald amongst the servants in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Then remind them with this wondrous Remembrance. Say: O people! Abandon your desires and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. This is what ye have been commanded in a Preserved Tablet. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of the days of God or follow every dubious caviller. Say: By God! Did ye but know what hath appeared in creation, ye would sacrifice yourselves in this Straight Path. Say: This is a Day wherein nothing shall profit you, even if ye should cling to all the Books. The Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty beareth witness to this, were ye of them that perceive.

Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee as a grace from Our presence, that thou mayest remind the people of this Announcement whereby the faces of the sincere ones have been illumined. We beseech God to assist thee in the service of His Cause and to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for them that have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and reunion. Verily, He is the Beneficent, the Generous.

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In the name of God, the All-Powerful over what He willeth through His command "Be" and it is!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with proof and evidence is verily the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, the Dayspring of His Cause, the Source of His wisdom, and the Repository of His knowledge, Who hath [stood] in His Own place in the human kingdom amongst all peoples. Whoso holdeth fast unto Him is among the choicest of all creation before Him, and whoso hesitateth is accounted among the oppressors in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Day hath come while the people remain in evident delusion. That which was hidden from sight hath appeared, and that which was treasured in the heaven of knowledge hath been sent down. Through it the trees have yielded their fruits, the rivers have flowed, the mysteries have been unveiled, and the nightingale of utterance hath warbled upon the highest branches. [By God!] He Who was treasured from time immemorial hath appeared, and He Whose advent was heralded in God's Books, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath risen.

O 'Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and thou hast been favored with grace. Know thou the station of this station, then preserve it through the name of thy Lord, the Preserver, the Powerful.

O 'Ali! In the great city the fire of hatred, treachery, calumny, greed, tyranny and corruption blazeth bright. They have taken up faithlessness and cast away trustworthiness in opposition to God and His Cause. Thus have their heedless souls enticed them. They have broken God's Covenant and His Bond, and were not moved by God's counsel and His Word. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Pen! Thou hast mentioned him who loved Thee. Make mention of him who drank the wine of martyrdom from the hands of submission and contentment, and repaired to the Most Exalted Paradise by the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: May the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, be upon thee, O fruit of the Tree of bounty, O pillar of faithfulness in the kingdom of names, O word of the Book of God, Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. Thou art he whom neither commerce nor trade deterred from the remembrance of God. I beseech God by thee and by those who loved thee to open before the faces of His servants the gates of justice and fairness, and to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty the rain of His mercy and His gifts. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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In the Name of the Manifest One, the Manifester, the Manifested, the All-Revealing, the All-Glorious!

I testify, O Beloved One, that the Light hath shone forth and become manifest, the Hidden hath appeared and been revealed, the heavens have been cleft asunder and rent, the earth hath been split and torn, the mountains have been scattered and dispersed, minds have been demolished and shattered, the Countenance hath radiated and gleamed, the waters have flowed and streamed, the verses have descended and been sent down, the beasts have been gathered and assembled, souls have been annihilated and obliterated, witnesses have been crushed and demolished, […] have served and rendered service, the Bird of Oneness hath warbled and sung, the Cock of Eternity hath trilled and caroled, the Peacock of Glory hath cried out and proclaimed, Beauty hath shone and radiated, the Cloud of the Unseen hath witnessed and testified, Perfection hath risen and appeared, the Countenance hath sung and clapped, the Maiden hath chanted and danced, declaring that all in all through all have been eclipsed and nullified and demolished and frozen and thunderstruck. Say: He is the One Who hath rolled up the heavens of your idle fancies while ye perceive it not. Glorified be He Who hath concealed from all His consummate wisdom, and all comprehend it not. Thus hath God, your Lord, testified, while ye, being less than what God hath testified, neither witness nor are capable of witnessing.

O Countenance of Glory and Mystery of the Most Glorious! Say: He is the One Who sendeth down verses unto whomsoever He willeth among His servants, yet all turn away from His verses. Among His signs is that light appeareth from the mist of camphor, yet people know it not. And among His signs is that the Tree warbleth on Mount Sinai, yet servants reflect not thereon.

O Beloved! Say to all who are on earth: Can anyone find a beloved apart from the Countenance of my Lord? Glorified be He above what the idolaters assert! Can anyone find beauty apart from the beauty of my Lord? Glorified be He above what the transgressors have wrought! Can anyone find victory apart from the unfurling of the banners of my Lord's triumph? Glorified be He above what the deniers witness! Can anyone find sovereignty in the kingdom apart from the dominion of my Lord? Glorified be He above what they imagine! […] He is the One with Whom are the treasuries of verses and the treasures of all things, yet all are dead in their veils. Glorified be He Who is sanctified above verses and above what the unitarians describe.

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From the right hand of the Throne hath been sent down: Hast thou not heard that My proof is My very Being, My evidence My Manifestation, My testimony My Self, and that which floweth from My Pen is the path to My knowledge, which none shall attain save those who have detached themselves from all things and have passed through this world and whatsoever hath been created therein as a cloud passeth by? My proof hath been My manifestations of power that have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and I have made verses the path to My knowledge as a grace from Us to all the worlds. And since My previous Manifestation designated verses as the proof of this most mighty, most holy and most glorious Manifestation, We have therefore caused verses to be sent down from the heaven of Will and

have established them as proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Until this Manifestation, verses alone have been proof for all, for We had sent down this decree in all previous Books. Although in this Manifestation all signs of power, manifest proofs, wondrous verses, glorious manifestations and divine attributes have appeared - and all this as a grace from Us to all created things - yet henceforth the matter resteth in God's hands, that He may designate what shall be proof for future Manifestations. We shall soon send down His decree in the Tablets, for verily We have ever been the Ruler over all things. All matters are within Our mighty grasp; We do what We will and decree what We please. For in this Manifestation God, exalted be His mention, hath willed that many of the sincere seekers should speak in verses. Therefore We shall, by His command and His will, ordain what shall constitute proof of the next Manifestation, lest anyone who produceth words should exalt himself over God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Almighty - even as did he whom We caused to speak at a level far below that of the servants who circle round My throne, yet who exalted himself over God Who created him, nurtured him, preserved him from the harm of his enemies, and protected him beneath the wing of His wondrous and ancient grace. Thus have We decreed on this night, and We decree what We will by Our command, for verily I am the Almighty over what I will, and all else besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Be not proud before Him at Whose face the countenances of the Concourse on High bow down in adoration, and be not of the arrogant ones.

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O Taqi! Know that thy letter hath been presented before the Throne, and the glances of thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds have been directed towards it. He now answereth thee in truth through the tongue of the Spirit that speaketh in this holy, glorious and gracious Presence. O Taqi! Fear God and be of pure piety in thy love for thy Ancient Master. Beware lest thou mingle it with love for anyone else or mix it with the mention of the worlds, for naught else will suffice thee in aught, and all besides Him are poor before Him. He, verily, is the All-Possessing, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

Hold fast unto the cord of God and detach thyself from all else. This is better for thee than all thou dost witness and behold. Thy Lord is, in truth, witness to this and well-informed. Blessed art thou, for the fire of love hath been kindled within thy breast. Beware lest thou extinguish it with the waters of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Cast aside all imaginings, then turn thy face toward thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He will verily protect thee in truth beneath the shadow of His protection. There is none other mighty save Him. His is the command and the creation, and all before Him are as a handful of clay.

Taste thou the fruits of the Tree of the Spirit, then detach thyself from aught else. By God! Wert thou to search throughout all regions of the heavens and earth, thou wouldst not find the fragrance of the garment save from this resplendent, holy and luminous Beauty. And wert thou to desire to hear the melodies of God, thou wouldst hear them from none save this Speaking Tongue, the Holy, the All-Knowing.

Know thou furthermore that the idolaters have emerged from the thickets of hypocrisy with swords of dissension. Beware! Avoid them and remain under mighty protection. Thus do We inform thee that thou

mayest remain steadfast in the love of thy Lord and be possessed of clear insight. As to thy desire to attain the presence of the Throne, ask God to assist thee in His Cause and make thee firm in that wherein thou art. He, verily, will send down unto thee whatsoever He willeth, and for all there is a portion in the Book. When He willeth, He will grant thee what thou desirest. He accepteth whomsoever He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. And upon thee be glory, and upon whomsoever remaineth firm in God's Cause and turneth toward the direction of glory, this resplendent and wondrous Scene.

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=== START BH11744 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy

This is a Book from this Wronged One to him who hath migrated in the path of God and was recorded among the emigrants in the Holy Tablet by the Creative Pen, that it may purify him from all contingent things and cause him to ascend unto a station which hath been mentioned by the Pen of God in the Mother Book. O servant! Hearken unto the call of this servant who weepeth and lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen him, and who, at all times, crieth out between earth and heaven: "O people! Fear ye God, and make not His signs an object of mockery amongst yourselves. Be ye afraid of God, and commit not that which ye have been forbidden in the Book. Then follow ye the truth in accordance with what hath been detailed by the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." O servant! By God! Were there to descend upon thee what hath descended upon Us, thou wouldst detach thyself from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and wouldst smite thy head, and lament at morn and eventide. Arise to serve God and aid His Cause, then convey unto the people that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Spirit - the Sun of grandeur and power - with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. Then remind those who have believed in that place, that perchance they may detach themselves from whatsoever they possess and turn towards a station which hath been illumined by the truth. Say: By God, O people! Nothing of what hath been created between the heavens and the earth shall profit you, and that which shall profit you is with God, your Creator. Hasten ye therefore unto Him with your hearts, that ye may find a way unto Him. God shall soon change the earth and whatsoever is upon it, and shall gather together all creatures at a station which hath been irrevocably decreed by the Pen of Destiny from time immemorial. They shall be questioned concerning what they have wrought in their vain life, and shall be rewarded according to their deeds. Thus hath the matter been sent down in truth from the heaven of holiness. And thou, O servant, forget all else save God, thy Lord, then take comfort in that which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of Sinai and hath been manifested in truth through a Command at which all in the kingdom were thunderstruck, except a number of the Manifestations of Our most beautiful Names, who were at that time soaring on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the Spirit. Thus have We cast upon thee the Word of Truth, that thou mayest follow what thou hast been commanded in the Tablet and be of those who are well-pleasing unto God. And glory be upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause.

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Upon him be the Glory of God, He Who dawns from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom! Praise be to God Who has enabled His loved ones to remain steadfast in the Most Great Steadfastness, and aided them to exalt the Cause, elevate the Word, and uplift the Station. He has lit from the wick of His grace a lamp to ever guide their faces and direct them to the straight path and to the Light that has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His mercy upon the Hands of His Cause, whom God has described in the Books of old and in the Mother Book in such wise that all the pens of the world are powerless to recount and the hearts of all beings are unable to comprehend.

O ’Ali-i-Akbar! Upon thee be My Glory! Hearken unto My call, for verily it makes mention of thee with such mention that when it appeared all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of Lords!” We have enjoined upon all to show forth fellowship, love and affection–a command from God, the Mighty, the Exalted.

Today what is obligatory and essential is the unity and accord of the loved ones in that land. For if even a slight matter should arise or a word be uttered, it would become a cause of great weakness in the eyes of all. You must, in the days and nights, hold fast to the reconciliation of hearts. All Tablets are adorned with this exalted Word, and from its horizons its light is manifest and evident. The hosts of God today amongst the people have ever been goodly deeds and pleasing character. Blessed is he who holds fast unto these–verily he is of the people of Baha in the Crimson, Hidden, Treasured Book.

A hundred thousand blessings upon the one who, with complete determination, attains to this Most Great Cause. Today the tongue of counsel is necessary and perfect effort is beloved, that matters may be confined to the reconciliation of the hearts of God’s loved ones and His chosen ones–those whom the vain imaginings of the Shi’ihs have not prevented from the Law of God, the Lord of the earths and the heavens.

Those souls whom you have mentioned have each been blessed with the mention of the Wronged One and adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of utterance, the Goal of all worlds. Give them glad tidings from Me and illumine them with this Light which has shone forth and risen, through which the earth of inner meanings and the heaven of utterance have been illumined, from God, the Helper of His loved ones in all conditions. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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=== START BH11746 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaks the Truth!

This is a Book sent down through grace to one who has turned towards God on a day wherein the people have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. When the appointed time came and the Dawning-Place of verses appeared, the divines of Iran turned away from Him and unjustly pronounced their verdict against Him - a verdict at which the Concourse on High lamented, as did those who circle round His mighty Throne. Blessed is the ignorant one whom the veils of glory have not withheld, and woe unto the learned one who has disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

O people of God! Hearken unto the call of Him Who has been wronged. He summons you to His straight path. We make mention in the Persian tongue and counsel the friends of God to safeguard the trust of God, for thieves have been and are lying in wait. Mention has been made in the Tablets of the cawers. They must be so steadfast that no one will find occasion to speak. The cause of the waywardness of the helpless people has been and continues to be the divines. As you have seen and heard, through the opposition of such souls, the people of Iran remained veiled from the recognition of the Purpose of all worlds and occupied themselves with cursing and denouncing. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people.

Beseech God to protect you from vain imaginings and to make you steadfast in His Cause. O Muhammad! Each of these mentioned souls has been blessed by God's favors. Blessed are they who in these days are remembered before His presence and whose mention flows from the Most Exalted Pen. Convey greetings to all. Say: Today all must stand firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Luminary of the horizons in perfect unity. The favors of the Revealer of verses have encompassed and will continue to encompass those who have turned towards Him and remained steadfast.

The waves of the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful are manifest before the faces of the world, and the lights of the Sun of His Revelation are evident and visible. Nevertheless, the unfair people are striving with the swords of hatred and enmity to extinguish the light. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect the friends of that land from the cawers and the godless ones. Verily, He has power over all things.

We make mention of thy mother and thy brother. Give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all created things. The Glory be upon thee and upon My friends there, and upon all who are firm, steadfast and upright.

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=== START BH11747 ===

He is the Ever-Living

This is a Book from the servant to her who hath believed in God her Lord and was among the devout ones inscribed in the Mother Book by the Ordainer of the heavens in truth. Know thou that I have perceived the fragrance of thy heart in thy love for thy Creator and have heard the cry of thy soul in thy following of thy Lord. It is as though I have numbered the secrets of thy heart from thy public and private utterances, and have grieved over thy state in such wise as none can reckon save God, my Lord and thy Lord. Yet I counsel thee not to grieve over what hath befallen thee of hardships from the vicissitudes of the world, for if time had any worth the people of eternity would not have forsaken it, nor would the possessors of understanding complain of it in the dominion of the heavens. For by God, besides Whom there is none other God, this world and its ornaments and its glory and its people and all that thou beholdest therein are but as a fleeting shadow upon the earth, nay less than that, insomuch that in the sight of the dwellers of the heights and those who recline upon the cushions of recognition, it is not worthy of mention nor counted as existing.

Hearken thou unto My words: Fasten the cord of thy love to the sure handle and secure the rope of thy affection to the exalted pavilion, that thou mayest find the fragrance of eternity from the sanctuary of faithfulness and witness thyself turning toward the sanctuary of Beauty in the Kaaba of Glory through the orientation of thy heart unto God thy Creator. Then shall no distress overtake thee, nor shall any weariness touch thee, neither from hardship nor from adversity. Rather, these shall circle round about thee and serve thee in thy love for thy Creator. Well is it with thee shouldst thou drink from these waters, from this ocean which hath flowed forth at this time from the crimson cloud, for thou shalt find what none among the worlds hath found. Therefore give thanks for the doors of inner meanings having been opened unto thee and the divine fragrance having wafted upon thee from this ancient scroll, that thou mayest follow thy Eternal Beloved in the garments of the Everlasting One and taste of the divine table in what hath been sent down unto thee from the Pen of Light upon this white tablet. Therefore place thy trust in God and rely upon Him, and verily He shall suffice thee against all who dwell on earth. And greetings be upon thee and upon His sincere servants.

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=== START BH11748 ===

He is the One speaking from the Throne before the faces of the world!

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world with a Light that hath shone forth and radiated from the daybreak of Manifestation in the heaven of the Most Merciful's utterance, whereupon the Dove of Glory warbled upon the pillar of light in the most exalted Paradise. By God! The Interlocutor of Sinai hath come, and the Lord of the Fire hath appeared in the Tree of existence, proclaiming: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

And praise be to God Who hath adorned the heaven of love with the stars of unity and concord, and hath made marriage the greatest means for the appearance of that which He hath desired among the peoples. Through it He hath prospered kingdoms and lands, and brought forth crafts and whatsoever ye behold today and have heard of aforetime from His wise servants. Exalted is the Lord of Names Who hath ordained marriage for the tranquility, rest, and peace of His servants and creation in His kingdom. Thus hath He sent down from His holy kingdom in His Most Holy Book, and in His Books and Tablets before and after. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Chosen.

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! My outer and inner tongue, my limbs, my parts, and my members all testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above all mention, description and praise, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been from time immemorial.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation whereby Thou didst quicken all created things, and by the showers of Thy bounty and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, that Thou assist him who hath turned toward Thee, through whom Thou hast manifested Thy grace and favor, and to whom Thou hast given one of Thy handmaidens who hath stood in Thy service for numbered years, in demonstration of Thy generosity and manifestation of Thy grace. O my Lord! Unite them through Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued hearts and drawn souls unto Thee. Verily, Thou art

the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Desire of them that have recognized Thee!

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=== START BH11749 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

We have sent unto thee a Book by which the hearts of those endowed with understanding are drawn. Whosoever hath a portion in the eternal life will drink therefrom the living waters and will turn unto this noble prospect. Those who cling to vain imaginings are indeed in manifest loss. Say: The Glory from the horizon of tribulation calleth mankind unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. The oppression of those who have denied the Day of Judgment hath not hindered Him from the remembrance of God. Stand thou firm in the Cause through God's power and might. Verily, He is with those who remember Him and heareth that which proceedeth from their lips. He is, indeed, knowing of all things. Say: O people! Fear God and associate not any partner with your Lord, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Wise. Those who claim knowledge yet turn away from the Truth are in remote schism. In every Revelation the divines have turned away and the theologians have objected, save those on whose faces shone the radiance of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Were it not for their turning away, none on earth would have turned away from the Manifestation. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, inform thee. Say: Knowledge is the recognition of God and the Manifestation of His Self. Whoso is veiled therefrom is indeed in manifest ignorance. Say: O people! Do ye hesitate concerning Him by Whom the heaven was cleft asunder, the moon was split, and the Caller called out from the direction of a mighty throne? Have not the signs been sent down? Have not the tokens appeared? By God! The heaven of idle fancies hath been split and the All-Merciful hath come, surrounded by hosts of revelation and inspiration. Blind are the eyes of those who look and recognize not. Say: The Promise hath come, yet most of the people are playing. The Day hath arrived, yet they turn away from it. This is the Day of Certitude wherein the All-Merciful hath been manifested to all creation, yet the people flee from Him, save those who have detached themselves from all else, seeking that which is with God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve thou not over anything. Verily, there is for thee with Him a praiseworthy station. Put thy trust in God and leave those who say that which they know not. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones, that their hearts may be quickened by the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Protector, the Beloved.

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=== START BH11750 ===

He is God, the Single, the One, the Unique!

O Rubabih! Hearken unto the call of the rebab from the direction of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, that the fragrances of the Lord of lords may draw thee to the holy precincts, the station which

God hath sanctified from the mention of names and attributes. Thus doth the Supreme Pen make mention of thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be of the thankful ones.

Remember thy Lord in these days wherein most of the people have turned away from God, denied His signs, warred against His Self, and disputed His sovereignty after He came to them upon the clouds of command with the kingdom of verses. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love, for erelong shall the locusts of vain imaginings spread throughout the land, causing the hearts of those who doubt the meeting with their Lord to quake. Thus hath God recorded the knowledge of all things in the Scriptures.

Ascend unto the heaven of the spirit with thy heart, then detach thyself from all allusions. Know thou that We have exempted the handmaidens from directing their footsteps toward the Holy Court - rather should they turn their hearts thereto. Thus have We sent down the command in the Tablets, and the decree hath been fulfilled by the King of Names and Attributes.

Purify thyself from the veils of the people, then guard thyself from that which thy Lord, God, abhorreth. Rejoice in that which hath been mentioned by the Holy Tongue in the most exalted stations. Grieve not over this world, but rather detach thyself unto God, thy Lord. He will preserve thee as He willeth through His command, and unto Him return all matters in their final end.

Take care that thou grieve not for thy mother, for she hath been raised unto God and abideth in the lofty chambers of Paradise - the station that hath been illumined by the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Revealer of verses. There shalt thou hear the melodies of the birds of eternity upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and drink the pure water of holiness from the hands of the heavenly maidens. Thus did the grace of her Lord encompass her, and the mercy of thy Lord preceded her in the highest degrees.

Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest prostrate thyself before the face of thy Lord and be of the devoted ones. And the glory be upon thee, and upon thy father, and upon those who remember God at eventide and at dawn.

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=== START BH11751 ===

He is the Supporter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Haydar, upon thee be My Baha! A letter from the honored Sayyah hath reached this Servant wherein he hath expressed his repudiation of former statements. An answer was written and sent to him. We beseech God to purify him from the thoughts of every corrupt traitor and every tyrannical deceiver. Despite that person's claim to assist the oppressed, when his corrupt intention was not accepted, he arose in wrath and martyred His Holiness Ashraf. By the life of God! Even if the entire world should rise up to harm this Wronged One, He hath not and will not collaborate with the corrupt. Glory be to God! From the cruelty of that infernal tree, that honored one knew and knoweth his thoughts. Say: We have said before, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor do I walk in your ways." From any matter or deed from which the fragrance of corruption, conflict and contention can be detected, the people of Baha are

sanctified, holy and pure therefrom. One who intendeth harm against his father and brother will surely show no fidelity to others. His denial of the Wronged One caused his selfish promptings to rise in enmity, and the fire of hatred was kindled in his heart. In the presence of Sayyah We said that such souls have not had and do not have faithfulness. Trust not in him. Purify the hem of thy heart from his evil deeds, thoughts and intentions, and place thy trust in God. Verily, He provideth for whomsoever He willeth without measure. In any case, according to what he hath written, by God's grace and favor he hath now freed and liberated himself from the ocean of oppression and corruption. Therefore We seek his contentment, that he be not troubled, for from the beginning of days he had shown love towards Us. We have loved and continue to love faithfulness. We beseech God to assist him to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, to make him sincere for His sake, and to cause him to hold fast to His cord. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

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Glory be to Thee, O my God! We are Thy servants and in Thy grasp. We desire naught but what Thou hast desired through Thy Will, and we wish for naught save what Thou hast wished through Thy power and sovereignty and ordained in the Tablet of Thy decree by the Pen of Thy determination. O Lord! We bear witness, and those who uphold the throne of Thy grandeur, and the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory, and all created things besides, that we have acknowledged Thy oneness and been assured of Thy unity and submitted to what Thou hast sent down upon Thy Prophets and Messengers and upon Him Whom Thou hast made the Seal of Thy chosen ones and made Him a bearer of glad tidings to those of Thy creation who are on the right hand and a warner to those who are on the left hand among the rebellious of Thy creatures. Nothing hath appeared from us in Thy kingdom that would be contrary to Thy laws and ordinances. I beseech Thee, therefore, O my God, by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, to make this Prison blessed for us, and make it a remembrance for Thy servants and a sign for Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest. O Lord! Thou knowest that we love what Thou hast ordained for us and desire naught except what Thou hast willed through Thy command. We know not what lieth with Thee. If Thou hast decreed our release from this Prison, deliver us from it through Thy power and sovereignty, and manifest what is in our hearts before Thy servants that they may know that we desire none other than Thee and have chosen naught for ourselves save Thy love and good-pleasure, and that we were not corrupting Thy realm but desired to journey through Thy lands and visit Thy Sacred House and stand at the Sacred Monument and Station. I beseech Thee by the flame in the hearts of them that are one in their love for Thee and by the burning of the sincere ones in their passion for Thee to ordain for us what is best for us and gather us with Thy loved ones in the paradise of Thy mighty oneness and the carpet of Thy holy mercy. Thou art our Purpose and our Object of worship. Through Thee we have become independent of all else, and through Thy grace we have detached ourselves from the worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, and verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

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To the Letter of Paradise and her associate, upon them be the Glory of God!

In My Name, the Subduer of all Names!

O My Leaves! Hearken unto My call from the direction of Akka. Verily, there is none other God but I, the Creator of heaven and the Lord of Names. We have created the world for My manifestation and the recognition of My Self, yet the people have turned away from Me save those whom We have delivered through a mercy from Our presence - and I am, verily, the Forgiving, the Generous.

This is a city that was once the most desolate of lands. God hath adorned it with this Name through which the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne and the mention of God was exalted between the heavens and the earth. Verily, He abases whomsoever He willeth through His command, and elevates whomsoever He desireth through His sovereignty that prevails over the worlds.

God hath made this city the mother of cities in these regions by virtue of the dawning of the Sun of Manifestation from its horizon with this perspicuous Name. Blessed art thou and blessed is she who hath ascended unto God. Verily, she is in the highest horizon. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God. Soon shall pass away all that thou seest, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for you in My glorious and exalted Kingdom.

From this most exalted station, We make mention of him who is named Hasan and give him glad tidings through this wise remembrance. Blessed is he inasmuch as he hath drunk the choice wine of revelation and hath attained unto the days of God and the lights of His luminous and radiant countenance. And We make mention of him who is named Husayn, who believed in God when the servants who followed their desires turned away from Him and were among the distracted ones. We have, in truth, made mention of him that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be among the thankful ones.

Ye are among the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, and God maketh mention of you through His grace. He is, verily, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the clamor of those who have disbelieved should veil you, or the conditions of the heedless should cause you grief. Hold fast unto the sure handle, then do that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets of your Lord. He hath detailed in the Book that which shall profit you. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Praised.

The Glory be upon you and upon those who have loved you for the sake of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Peerless.

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O Majid! With My own hands have I reared thee, and in My exalted Paradise have I planted thee, that through My loving care thou mightest bring forth goodly branches, pure boughs, and blessed fruits. And now is the time of thy fruition. Beware lest thou suffer thy leaves, fruits and branches to be withered by the scorching winds of extinction or be brought to naught. Therefore, through remembrance of My glorious Name, keep fresh the fruits of thine own tree and preserve them from violent gales and destroying tempests.

O Majid! Consort not with Mine enemies, nor turn thy attention unto them, save when thou arisest to champion My Cause. O Majid! Face to face have I breathed into thee of My holy fragrances, and from the narrow wilderness of death have I drawn thee to the pleasant expanse of life, and by My purifying hand of power have I delivered thee from the perils of fancy and the depths of heedlessness. Therefore, show not faithlessness to thy Beloved, and stand firm in thy covenant, for none hath been or shall be acquainted with the root of the matter. I swear by My Beauty that all that hath been heard hath proceeded from Mine own Self, and none beside Me hath been or shall ever be My partner. Yet in the concealment of matters there lie hidden wisdoms which none save the discerning and perspicacious can comprehend.

O Majid! Be thou as a cutting sword against Mine enemies and as a beneficial mercy unto My loved ones. Through My remembrance, be thou independent of all else, and through My love, be free from aught else besides Me. Like a restless lover, seek intimacy with the Best Beloved and at all times occupy thyself with the wondrous praise of Him. Should thou find the whole world turned away from My Beauty, account them all as non-existent and consider them as nothing. These are the compassionate counsels which have shone forth from the Dayspring of My holy mouth. Hearken thou unto them and be of them that prostrate themselves. And praise be unto My Self, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

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=== START BH11755 ===

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is the mention of the Leaf of Divine Identity upon the shore of holiness, on the branches of the Lote-Tree of Paradise. O ye dwellers of the Throne! Hearken unto Me. He it is Who speaketh the truth and hath sent forth the Messengers of the Cause, that ye should worship none but God and then believe in His Beauty. And among the people are those who follow their idle fancies and turn away from God, and are like unto them who worship idols and are devoted to them. And among the people are those who have detached themselves from all who are in the heavens and are not shaken by the trials of adversity, and are of them who hasten unto the dawning-places of light. These are they through whose names the pavilions of Divine Identity were raised up and the mysteries of the Cause were revealed and the Dove warbled with wondrous hidden knowledge. Thus doth God exalt whom He pleaseth by His command and rewardeth those who are detached unto Him, and giveth them to drink at all times from a fountain which ye know not. And thereby He teacheth them the ways of righteousness and guideth them to the paths of guidance, and they ascend at every moment unto the heaven of knowledge while the angels of the spirit hover above their heads with chalices of light, moving about them in circles. These are they who comprehend all knowledge from a single letter of the Book and take account of all things and see with the eye of God, did ye but know it. And God hath nourished them with the fruits of oneness and raised them from the couch of their hearts and made them to be of those who rejoice in the days of God. Thus have We expounded for thee from the laws of them who are nigh unto God, that thou mayest drink therefrom and be of the souls who are suspended in the atmosphere of the spirit, and follow the path of right guidance in their ways, and be guided by the guidance of God, and be of those who turn their faces toward the resting-places of the spirit. Say: O people! This is My path whereby We guide you, and We

cast upon you holy counsels, if ye would be counselled. And glory be upon you and upon the sincere servants.

=== END BH11755 ===

=== START BH11756 ===

In the Name of Him Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

The Day Star of glad-tidings has dawned, inasmuch as the branches have been joined with the Blessed Tree, and in the mention of the Tree and its branches are signs for those who possess understanding. Those whom God has related to Him have attained His presence, and then he whom He named Trustworthy among His servants - upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O My loved ones in ’Ishqabad! Rejoice within yourselves that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward you from this Most Great Prison. Know ye that the world, in its inmost essence, hath been set ablaze by the fire of the love of God. Blessed are they that have attained! Ye have been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation before, and are mentioned now as a mercy from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. This is a Day wherein the Fire calleth out in the trees of existence: “God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!”

In the Persian tongue He says: O My loved ones! Your dwelling and abode is now in ’Ishqabad. This name itself is aflame. God willing, the people of Baha in that most exalted place shall be set ablaze with the fire of God and shall set the world aflame. The ocean of grace is surging and the Day Star of utterance is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Hold fast unto wisdom and turn your attention to the refinement of the souls of men. Let not the events and that which appeareth from the heedless grieve you. By the life of God! All that is seen today on earth of its bounties and its colors shall perish, while ye shall witness throughout all eternity that which God, the Lord of creation, hath ordained for you. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through you that which shall endure throughout the eternity of His Kingdom. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Strive that ye may become enabled to perform deeds that shall be adorned with the glory of acceptance. Verily your Lord is the All-Giving, the All-Forgiving. Through the arrival and presence of these honored ones, your mention was renewed in the prison. The glory be upon you from God, the Manifestation of clear proofs. He is verily with you, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The atoms have spoken even as the Revealer of Verses spoke when He came with clear proofs such as none in the heavens and earth could bring forth the like thereof. The Ark of Names hath sailed upon the sea of My Most Exalted Name, and the tongues of all created things have uttered that which was sent down in the Tablet from God, the Sublime, the Great.

The ocean hath surged with longing to meet Me, and the winds have been stirred, seeking My straight and manifest path. All things have been moved by the call of God, the Lord of all things, yet the people remain in strange slumber. The realities have taken flight and the horizon of the Cause hath been illumined, yet the people are in evident drunkenness. Among them is he whom the world hath withheld from the Lord of Names, and among them is he who hath followed vain desires, turning away from guidance, and among them is he who hath taken the books of idle fancies and cast behind him that which was sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds, and among them is he who hath said "He hath fabricated a lie against God." Say: O thou rejected one! By God! Through this Revelation the darkness hath been illumined and all things have been drawn unto God, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And among them is he who hath risen in opposition in such wise as to rebel against the One, the All-Informed, and among them is he who hath condemned Us to the Most Great Prison after We had called all to God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Nothing whatsoever hath deterred Us. We have arisen to promote the Cause with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have perfected Our grace, made manifest Our proof, and shone forth from the horizon of Revelation with a light that hath illumined all lands. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide them that are far removed.

When thou hast been privileged to hear the call of thy Lord and hast been honored with the Tablet sent unto thee, arise from thy place, turning unto Him, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of those who know!" Thus have We expounded the verses for thee and sent them unto thee as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

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=== START BH11758 ===

He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One does not complain of tribulations, nor of what hath befallen the friends in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Know thou that the Son of the Wolf hath devoured sheep from among the flock, and the Oppressor hath hamstrung the She-Camel of God before the faces of all peoples. Blessed is he who hath ascended, and woe unto him who hath committed that which hath caused the Manifestations of My Most Great Name to lament. When thou receivest My Tablet, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having watered the lands of Thy knowledge with the blood of Thy loved ones, whom Thou hast made the dawning-places of steadfastness amidst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by them and by their blood to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy relief from Thy presence, peace from Thy side, and compassion from Thy direction. O Lord! The necks of hypocrisy have grown long, and the clouds of darkness have encompassed the Daystar of the horizons. I implore Thee by Thine own wronged state and the wronged state of Thy loved ones to assist

Thine enemies to act with justice and fairness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me to stand before Thy face, to hearken unto Thy call, and to enter the depths of the ocean of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and for my brother who is named Asghar every good thing which Thou hast sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Tablets and Thy Books, O Lord of all beings! O Lord! Ordain for my other brother who is named Baqir, and for my sister, that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy mercy, and the sun of Thy favor. I testify that Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful, and the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. We have made mention of him who is named Muhammad-Rida, then of him who is named Mahdi, in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the hosts of the oppressors have not frightened.

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=== START BH11759 ===

O thou who wert struck by the pain of separation at the moment of attaining thy goal! I am He who doth not fear to separate. I am He who doth not hesitate to divide. If thou wishest to know Me, know that I am He Who preventeth those who are dying of longing from attaining My Holy Presence and who debarreth them from access to My Throne. I am He Who consumeth the hearts of the lovers in the fire of separation and Who abandoneth them in the wildernesses of the world. I am He Who respondeth not to supplications and Who doth not turn towards those who petition Him. I am He Whose riches never hear the lamentations of the poor, and Whose glory cometh never to the succour of the weak or the humble. Thus it is when I am seated on the throne of My Name the All-Compelling.

But when I am established on the Seat of My Name the Merciful, I guide to the living waters of My presence those who have gone astray and cause them to enter the paradise of reunion with me, whence I shall not banish them. I am He Who giveth to the poor access to the gardens of My wealth, to the feeble entry to the tabernacles of My power, and Who openeth to the humble the city of Mine ancient glory. I am He Who answereth supplications and remembereth him who maketh mention of Me. From all eternity I have replied to the prayers of the needy! I am He Who respondeth ere he is asked and Who giveth in abundance without regard to merit. Such is My nature!

I am He Who weepeth by reason of the tears of those who love Me, and Who draweth near unto those who seek Me. I have opened the portals of My bounty to all the inhabitants of heaven and earth. Blessed be those who enter therein! O thou who hast presented thyself before My throne, I heard thy voice and thy lamentations when thou wert separated from Me, and grieved over what afflicted thee in accordance with God’s inscrutable decree. I beg God to protect thee until thou reachest thy home, for He is the Most Merciful of the Merciful!

O thou who hast attained unto separation! Thou hast been afflicted with parting, and I am the Separator and care not, and I am the Disperser and fear not. If thou desirest to know Me, know that I am He Who preventeth those who long for Me from entering My holy court, and removeth them far from the seat of My throne. I am He Who setteth aflame the hearts of lovers with the fire of separation and leaveth them in the wilderness of horizons. I am He Who, when called upon, answereth not, and when remembered, turneth not. I am He Whose riches hear not the cry of the poor, and Whose might payeth no heed to the weak and lowly. This is the time of My sitting upon the throne of My Name, the Compeller, and when I sit upon the throne of My Name, the All-Merciful, I guide the misguided to the fountain of My presence and cause them to enter the paradise of My reunion, never to depart therefrom. I am He Who causeth the poor to enter the heaven of My riches, and the weak beneath the tabernacle of My power, and the lowly within the city of My ancient glory. I am He Who, when called upon, respondeth, and when remembered, remembereth, and have ever been the Answerer of the cry of them that are distressed. I am He Who answereth before being asked and giveth without desert, and this is My nature. I am He Who weepeth at the weeping of the lovers and draweth nigh unto them that draw nigh, and have opened the gates of My favor unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed are they that enter therein.

He is God

O thou who art present before the Throne! I have heard thy call and thy lamentation in separation, and have grieved at what hath befallen thee through fate. We beseech God to admit thee to thy dwelling place, for verily He is more merciful than every merciful one.

I send wondrous remembrances to the friends of God. Convey My greetings to Jinab-i-Rahim and Jinab-i-Munshi'ul-Amr. May Jinab-i-'Abdu'l-Ghaffar occupy himself with the remembrance of God, the Chosen One. A special Tablet was revealed and sent for Haji; deliver it to him.

=== END BH11759 ===

=== START BH11760 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! From a beginning that hath no beginning He hath been, and unto an end that hath no end He shall be. The purpose of all creation hath been and ever shall be the recognition of the Ancient Being and the assurance of attaining His presence. This sublime and most exalted matter cannot be realized except through the Manifestation of His Self, Who is Him and none else. His Manifestation hath never been, nor shall ever be, confined within any limitation or made contingent upon any permission or command, inasmuch as every command is ordained by His command and remembered by His remembrance. He hath been and shall ever be, in His own Self, independent of and sanctified above all else besides Him. In every Revelation, He revealeth the essence of that Revelation in a manner contrary to the understanding and desires of men, and this very contrariness is the standard and the path of His Cause, and the source of tests and trials. Even as was witnessed in the Revelation of the Year Sixty, when the Promised Beauty appeared in a way contrary to all that the people possessed, whereupon such a clamor arose among the servants that every learned one fell, every illumined one was darkened, and every exalted one was brought low–all these conditions being witnessed with manifest evidence. In such circumstances, man must at all times fix his gaze upon the fundamental proof of God and that whereby all

proofs have been established, lest he be veiled from the Source of Revelation and all his deeds and actions be rendered null and void while he remaineth unaware. As witnessed today, all are veiled by this malady save whom thy Lord willeth. Yet we hope that a breeze of grace may waft over you and draw you from the west of remoteness to the east of nearness, that you may find repose in the eternal holy Ridvan in the company of the holy manifestations of divine fellowship. And the Spirit be upon thee.

=== END BH11760 ===

=== START BH11761 ===

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath made the line, formed from the Primal Point manifest in the letter B, the ornament of His Name, the All-Subduing above all names. Then He divided it in two through the mystery concealed between the two commands, and joined the one with the other through the wisdom hidden beneath the veil of destiny. Thus was the Most Great Book completed, and by it were adorned all who are in earth and heaven, that the Daysprings of negation might witness at the station of annihilation what the Tree of Divine decree hath witnessed in the luminous spot, and might turn towards the Dawning-Place of the Call at the station of evanescence - that place wherein the Most Exalted Word donned the crimson robe in the kingdom of creation, and that the people of the Kingdom might hear the melodies of the leaves suspended upon the Tree beyond which there is no passing, in remembrance of this Remembrance Who hath appeared with the standards of verses to all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Praise be to God Who hath made the Hour a proof for this Hour which, when it uttered the First Word, established the Most Exalted Balance, and when it stirred of itself and by itself, caused the dwellers of the graves to quake through the stirring of the breezes of the Lord of Names. At one time it appeared with the ornament of antiquity in the mystery of His Most Great Name, and by it were the peoples attracted; and at another time it appeared through a command whereby all things hastened unto God, the Revealer of verses.

Praise be to God Who hath made the first blast a glad-tiding to the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark, and the second a trial for the people of the Bayan who have clung to that which the All-Merciful hath not revealed, who have followed the people of the Furqan in their conjectures and imaginings, and who have turned away from the Innovation manifest from all directions - He to Whom the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in the pavilion of glory and made Him sanctified above all likes and similitudes.

Praise be to God Who hath spoken with decisive utterance and made it manifest through the power of the Divine Realm at the Pole of the Realm of Might, reflected upon the Kingdom with dazzling proofs and manifest evidences.

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Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Mulla Husayn and his son, upon them be the Glory of God, a special Most Holy, Most Exalted mention was made for them and sent; it is strange that it has not arrived. Similarly, all your requests have been answered one by one and sent. Instructions have been given to bring funds to that region. After receiving them, safeguard them and send word. Likewise, whatever arrives from anywhere should remain in that land until word is received. Regarding agriculture, they have given a general ruling in these matters, which is that it is obligatory for every soul to engage in a profession, agriculture, or craft, and that very work itself is worship in the sight of God, even if one tarries but a day in any land. Thus, in the days of departure from Iraq, although preparations were being made for migration, nevertheless they were engaged in farming, and at the time of departure it was commanded that the harvest be distributed among the friends. This is what has flowed from the Pen of the Bayan concerning you: O Nabil-i-Qabli Husayn! Upon you be the remembrance of God and His praise. Grieve not over anything. Verily, He is with whoever aids his Lord. Glorify thy Lord with praise at all times. Affairs shall proceed according to what God hath willed. Some of the friends in that land, due to hardship and difficulty, are in need of solace. Be thou a comforter on behalf of this Prisoner. They have not been and will not be forgotten. According to the exigencies of the time, means, and consummate wisdom, the outpourings of the All-Merciful from the heaven of mercy shall be bestowed, both outwardly and inwardly. Convey My Great Glory unto thyself and unto them that are with thee and unto those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

=== END BH11762 ===

=== START BH11763 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! A remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained unto the lights of faith and acknowledged that which the people of the earth have denied, save those whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. He hath stood firm in that which God commanded and taken refuge in the shelter of His mercy, which hath preceded all creation. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! And praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made the Most Great Prison a paradise for Thy loved ones, whom vain desires have not held back from following Thy command. I beseech Thee to make me, in all conditions, one who uttereth Thy praise and rendereth thanks for that which Thou hast bestowed upon me in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and ruleth in the kingdom as He pleaseth. This is a day wherein the All-Merciful hath ordained union, that there might appear from it one who would speak and make mention of God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having drunk the choice wine of God's love and attained unto this noble station. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto His luminous hem. Beware lest anything keep thee back from God and His sovereignty. The world shall pass away, but that which hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, shall endure. Despair not of God's Spirit and His mercy. He hath made mention of thee in this Tablet that thy remembrance might endure amongst creation. Preserve thou this mighty station. Give thanks unto God for having caused the plant of joy to spring forth from the soil of sorrow. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory be upon thee and upon her

whom We have bestowed upon thee. Be ye thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glorification be unto Thee, O Glory of them that know!

=== END BH11763 ===

=== START BH11764 ===

In My Name, the One manifest from My most exalted horizon! O ’Ali-Akbar! He Who is the Lord of Destiny makes mention of thee from His Most Great Prison and gives thee glad tidings of His grace and bounty. Verily, He is the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

Several letters from thee were received and each attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy Court. Blessed art thou, for the fragrance of the love of God was wafting from every letter. Thou didst make mention of the deed of Qasim - upon him be the Glory of God. Such deeds are acceptable in the sight of God. We testify that his endeavor is appreciated and his deed meritorious. Solely for the sake of propagation, there hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen that which shall encourage those who have turned to God and are unified in His Cause. We beseech God to assist all to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Word of God.

O ’Ali-Akbar! A single deed performed for God’s sake may give life to many, and remembrance in the path of God is the water of life for the bodies of the chosen ones of God - that is, those souls who are firmly attached to Him and are detached and free from all else. We convey Our greetings to all and bid them to that which conduces to the elevation and enhancement of the Cause of God and human dignity. Blessed is he who was not prevented by the clamor of the deniers and the uproar of the opposers.

Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. Verily, He hath made mention of thee time and again, and hath revealed for thee that which giveth thee glad tidings of the ocean of His generosity, the heaven of His grace, and the sun of His bounty. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The promised luminous Tablets were previously sent. God willing, all shall attain unto them and drink from the ocean of their meanings. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon them whom the opposition of the people hath not prevented from turning towards the horizon of God, the Luminous.

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=== START BH11765 ===

Tablet of Mahdi-Quli - Upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Wronged One in the world. A Tablet revealed by the Ancient King to one who turned unto Him and attained unto His Day, which was mentioned in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the proof and evidence. To this testifieth He Who hath spoken before all faces. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Mahdi-Quli! My Afnan hath mentioned thee and thy letter hath come before My presence. We have heard thy call and have answered thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. When We desired to

make mention of thee, the ocean of utterance surged, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Kingdom of knowledge: “O peoples of all religions! Turn ye unto that which ye were promised by the Most Exalted Pen of God, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. He hath manifested Himself and fulfilled His promise through His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing.”

We make mention at this time of Our loved ones who are there, that the remembrance may attract them to this luminous horizon. Say: Beware lest the oppression of the oppressors frighten you, or the might of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy grandeur, Thy power and Thy sovereignty, and by the Kawthar which hath flowed from Thy Pen, and by the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the ignorant nor the clamor of every remote learned one may keep me back. O Lord! Open before my face the door of Thy knowledge and illumine my heart with the light of Thy grace. Then write down for me that which Thou hast written for them that are near unto Thee among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art He Who hath stood before all faces and hast manifested that which was hidden, treasured and concealed from Thy servants and Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

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O David the physician! The All-Loving Lord proclaims in the Most Holy Book: There hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which constitutes an impregnable fortress for the protection of mankind and a guiding light unto the Most Great Horizon. Say: Cleave ye thereunto, O people of God, and be not of the heedless ones. Justice and fairness are as two wings for the servants of God, and blessed is the state of the soul that hath attained unto these twain and become detached from all that is in the world and in the realm of creation. This is the Day of freedom, know ye this. The false tales of ancient times have kept the servants back from the Lord of all beings. The people of Persia, both day and night, were engaged in the remembrance of the Goal of the world’s desire and yearned for the appearance of the Self-Subsisting One. Yet when the veils were rent asunder by the finger of Him Who revealeth the verses, and the luminous dawn broke forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, all turned away. The cause and reason for their turning away were those souls who, without God’s leave, followed those heedless and ignorant ones. We beseech God–glorified be His majesty–to aid all to achieve unity and concord, and likewise to grant them success in reflecting and deliberating upon those matters which are the cause of tranquility and deliverance. Praise be to God that the Dawning-Place of verses hath appeared and the Dayspring of clear tokens standeth manifest before all faces. While time remaineth, strive ye, that haply ye may attain unto the everlasting bounty and the eternal feast. This bounty is the protector of the servants, and this feast is the helper and sustainer of all peoples. O David! He Who is mentioned from the prison maketh mention of thee and commandeth that which shall protect and preserve thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the All-Wise Counsellor and the All-Knowing Remembrancer.

=== END BH11766 ===

=== START BH11767 ===

He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

Your letter, imbued with loving allusions and sprinkled with the dewdrops of attraction, was received and presented before the Throne. He spoke, saying: “The Servant of the One has fallen into the well of envy, and the Spirit’s Servant into the prison of hatred, and the Ancient Beauty into the cage of rancor. God shall soon send forth hosts of angels and deliver Him forth in truth and render Him victorious throughout the earth, and His countenance shall shine forth amongst all the worlds. The Servant hath sought no help from anyone, and there is no victory save through His bidding. He aideth whomsoever He willeth by His leave, and He is the Ever-Victorious from time immemorial, and He is the Helper throughout all eternity.”

Infinite tokens of favor have been revealed concerning that loving leaf. God willing, may you remain occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved throughout all days, sanctified and detached from aught else but Him. May you drink from the Most Glorious Wine and be sustained by the most enduring grace, that perchance, through the favors of the All-Glorious Lord, you may become purified from the allusions of these days and find rest and repose in the seat of steadfastness and the station of luminous glory through the love of God. And should anyone resolve to journey, God willing, the wondrous and glorious Tablet that hath been sent down from the heaven of exalted glory shall be dispatched.

Blessed art thou, for the tongue of thy Lord hath moved at the mention of thy name, and for having been remembered in His presence, and thou art of those who are remembered. Convey in every circumstance the Cause of thy Lord unto the handmaidens of God, that they may become aware within themselves and make good what hath escaped them. Verily, He is the best of teachers, the All-Knowing. And the Spirit and praise be upon thee and upon the near servants of God.

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O Qasim! Jinab-i-’Ali-Akbar has made mention of your love, compassion and forgiveness. Since this deed is acceptable in the sight of God, the Most Exalted Pen has desired its promulgation, and this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s Will that all may read it and cleave unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Today, whatsoever deed is manifested from those who are nigh and the monotheists for the sake of God is effective and influential in the world. Blessed is the soul who, detached from all else, ariseth to do that which God loveth. The fragrance of a good deed hath never ceased, nor shall it ever cease. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land–that is, to those souls who are detached from all save God and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We counsel all to observe chastity, trustworthiness, faithfulness, mercy, compassion, generosity, and likewise wisdom. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee through His Most Exalted Pen that which He hath destined for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. At the end of this Tablet, We counsel all to aid the Cause of God through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Help in Peril. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto

deeds in accordance with what God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence, of standing before His gate, and of mentioning and praising Him amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

=== END BH11768 ===

=== START BH11769 ===

He is God! A remembrance from this servant to her who believed, was then guided, and returned to her homeland of nearness in the presence of her Lord, the Most Exalted; who heard the call of her Lord from the Divine Lote Tree and was attracted by the holy melodies in the Most Glorious Horizon. Therefore, give thanks unto God for having acquainted thee with His most resplendent Beauty, for having provided thee with the fruits of eternity from the Farthest Tree, for having honored thee with holy glances from the Most Exalted Scene, and for having strengthened thee with the Spirit in what He commanded and revealed. This is a bounty that none of understanding can surpass. Glorified be He Who perfected His handiwork in what He uttered and revealed, and Whose beauty shone forth upon all who are in the heavens and beneath the soil. Verily, there is no God but Him, and from the Greatest Scene He giveth to drink unto the detached ones from the ocean of that which was concealed and hidden, and He tormenteth the hypocrites in a blazing, raging fire, and He sendeth down upon the people of eternity from the clouds of grace that which cannot be counted. Thus doth the Dove of the Spirit warble in the morning and the evening, [calling] the people to the paradise of nearness in the Most Exalted Chambers. Say: Then did the angels of the Cause descend once again, speaking with the melody of paradise in the Most Glorious Horizon. Hearken then unto what God hath revealed through His tongue in that which He mentioned and proclaimed. He guideth the way for whosoever is thankful and faithful, and He calleth: “Grieve not for anything of this world’s affairs, but rather rejoice in what hath been ordained for thee in His nearest arc.” And the Spirit be upon those who follow guidance.

=== END BH11769 ===

=== START BH11770 ===

O Javad! By My Name, the Triumphant, the Mighty! Hearken unto that which the Pen of God makes thee hear of wondrous notes of glory, and unto that which thy Lord reveals unto thee from His holy Finger, which was inscribed upon tablets preserved in God’s treasuries. Say: O people! Do ye dispute with Him through Whom the sovereignty of God and His power have been manifested, and His proof and His evidence established, and through Whom the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken sanctified and exalted words? Say: On this Day there is no refuge for any soul, no haven for anyone, save beneath My shadow. Thus hath the command been sent down from the heaven of a glorious Name. Say: By God, the Truth! The trumpet hath been blown by My command, and the Bell rings out in remembrance of Me, and the Bugle sounds forth My Name, which encompasseth all created things. O thou who bearest My Name! Stand firm in the Cause in such wise as to manifest the signs of God, and sing with such melody as hath been heard from the melodies of God. Say: The voice of God hath been raised amidst all created things, and all things have melted away in their longing to attain His presence. But they whose hearts are hardened are deaf in the earth, and their names shall not be mentioned before thy Lord on that Day, and

they shall remain far removed from the sanctuary of nearness. Glory be unto thee, O Javad, in that thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have been deprived of. Thus hath thy Lord's favor preceded thee, and His favor unto thee is great indeed. We have adorned thy body with the garment of acceptance, that men might be illumined thereby and find a way unto Him Who sits upon the throne.

=== END BH11770 ===

=== START BH11772 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of wisdom and utterance!

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances - He upon Whom Thou didst send down the Furqan, and through Whom Thou didst separate truth from falsehood, and light from darkness. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of Thy generosity unto Thy servants, to ordain for this servant of Thine that which will exalt Thy name amongst Thy creatures. Then write down for me what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Furthermore, I praise Thee and thank Thee for the blessing which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and Thy Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted Cause, to bless his footsteps among us and ordain for him that which will gladden hearts and bring joy to eyes. Verily, Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Alif and Ha, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all mankind. The Wronged One hath remembered thee before and after, and beseecheth God, glorified and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of gifts and favors, and to make the one whom We have named 'Abdu'r-Rahman confirmed in that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

=== END BH11772 ===

=== START BH11774 ===

He is the Beloved! Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses as He willeth. Through them He leadeth some of His servants astray while others are guided aright. This hath ever been God's way, and no change can ye find therein, did ye but know. They who have believed and been guided by God's guidance - these are they who are truly guided. And they who have disbelieved and turned away - these shall be brought forth in the fire. Thus hath it been ordained for this one and that, could ye but perceive with the eye of the spirit in all things. We do relate unto thee and unto those who were before, that they may be assured of God's signs. Grievous indeed is the utterance of those who forge lies against God and His servant while thinking they do good. Say: We have taken account of all things and encompassed whatsoever is in the heavens and on earth. Nothing is hidden from God thy Lord, if ye would but recognize His signs and be assured thereof. Say: O women of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto you. Think not ill of God, and be not of those who through false learned ones remain heedless of God's religion

and turn not unto the religion of God, the Most High. Say: O people! Believe in God and associate not aught with Him. Then follow what hath been sent down in the Bayan if ye would rejoice in the paradise of light. And thou, render thanks unto thy Lord for what He hath bestowed upon thee through His grace, honored thee through His Cause, and provided thee with the fruits of love wherein the near ones glory.

=== END BH11774 ===

=== START BH11775 ===

O Leaf of the Ridvan, Shahzadih Khanum! In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O leaf of love! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of this Prison, that the melodies of the All-Merciful may draw thee to that station wherein hath shone the countenance of Him concerning Whom hath been inscribed by the Pen of God: “This is for the Face of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.”

Give thanks, O leaf, that the fragrances of the Beloved have wafted upon thee, and God hath made thee one of the leaves of that Tree beneath whose shade have sought refuge servants who are detached. Remember thy Lord throughout all days and be not heedless of Him, for verily He shall suffice thee against those who have disbelieved and who have joined partners with God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Taste of the fruits of that Tree and deny not thyself thereof. Then place thy trust in God, thy Lord, in all matters. Strive within thyself that there may be manifested from thee that which befitteth thy kinship unto God, and be not of them who claim relationship unto the Self of God, yet walk not in the paths of His good-pleasure.

Be thou lowly in thy devotion and remember thy Lord in these days wherein people have taken for themselves a lord besides God, and have perished in the ways of tyranny and error, yet they perceive it not. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest rejoice in the remembrance of the Beloved and be of those handmaidens who rejoice in the remembrance of their Lord.

And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God their Lord and have detached themselves from every enchanted idol.

=== END BH11775 ===

=== START BH11777 ===

In the Name of He Who Commandeth, the All-Informed!

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of Destiny. Hearken unto that which God, the Lord of all worlds, calleth thee. We cast upon thee aforetime that which, had it been cast upon the heavens, they would have been cleft asunder, had it been cast upon the earth, it would have been split apart, and had it been cast upon the mountains, they would have crumbled to dust. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing. We have granted thee permission and have revealed for thee that which will draw thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, this glorious and wondrous station. It behooveth thee to make mention of what

thou hast witnessed in the Tablets of thy Lord. Thus doth command thee He from Whose presence hath been sent down a perspicuous Book. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside what is with the people, yearning for that which is with God, the Strong, the Mighty.

Praise be to God that His loved ones have been blessed by the tender mercies of the All-Merciful and have received their portion from the Most Great Ocean, especially the spiritual friend His honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, who hath both been mentioned and given permission. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to him and all the other loved ones, and beseecheth divine confirmation, success and protection for all.

=== END BH11777 ===

=== START BH11778 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the Peerless One!

Today, if it be said that the whole world is but a single eye, or a single ear, it would be true, for not an atom's weight of deeds remaineth concealed or hidden. Should any movement arise in the East, the people of the West become aware of it. The world today is adorned with awareness. Holy and assured souls must manifest such deeds and character as are befitting, that all the peoples of the earth may follow their example, so that the light of recognition may encompass and illumine the world. O friends! Know ye your worth and recognize your station, lest what ye have borne in the path of God be lost. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and with complete determination arise to teach the Cause of the Lord of Days and the Beloved of mankind. No matter among matters, and no glory among glories, hath ever endured or shall endure, except that matter which is attributed to God, or that glory which is bestowed by the Most Exalted Pen. This alone shall remain and persist throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. We have heard thy call and have answered with these decisive words, from which the fragrance of loving-kindness is wafted, that thou mayest be assured through the grace of the Friend and be gladdened by His favor. Know thou this station and be eloquent in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory.

=== END BH11778 ===

=== START BH11779 ===

O Muhammad-i-Tahir! He Who is round Whom circle the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise and the angels brought nigh, maketh mention of thee on this night. Give thanks unto God, then remember Him in the nights and days. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and fidelity, and that whereby the Word of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, the Imprisoned! I testify that Thou hast chosen tribulation for the salvation of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and hast dwelt in the prison for the deliverance of all who are on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins

of all names. Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of Being and O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of the seen and unseen, to aid me in that which befitteth Thy wondrous Cause and beseemeth Thy glorious Day. Then write down for me, through Thy bounty and favor, that which shall preserve me from the croaking which Thou hast foretold and from its transgression. O my Lord! I am the helpless one, the wretched one, standing before the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deny me [that which lieth with Thee]. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that have recognized Thee and the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

=== END BH11779 ===

=== START BH11780 ===

O Husayn! Consider the eagerness with which certain peoples and nations have anticipated the return of Imam-Husayn, whose coming, after the appearance of the Qa'im, hath been prophesied, in days past, by the chosen ones of God, exalted be His glory. These holy ones have, moreover, announced that when He Who is the Day Spring of the manifold grace of God manifesteth Himself, all the Prophets and Messengers, including the Qa'im, will gather together beneath the shadow of the sacred Standard which the Promised One will raise. That hour is now come. The world is illumined with the effulgent glory of His countenance. And yet, behold how far its peoples have strayed from His path! None have believed in Him except them who, through the power of the Lord of Names, have shattered the idols of their vain imaginings and corrupt desires and entered the city of certitude. The seal of the choice Wine of His Revelation hath, in this Day and in His Name, the Self-Sufficing, been broken. Its grace is being poured out upon men. Fill thy cup, and drink in, in His Name, the Most Holy, the All-Praised.

[To Mirza Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God]

In the Name of the One God

The purpose of creation hath been the appearance of this most exalted, most holy Day, which in the Books, Tablets and Scriptures of God hath been known as the Day of God. All the Prophets, the chosen ones, and the holy ones have yearned to attain the presence of this Day, for the Speaker of the Mount is manifest and the Horizon of Revelation is bright and resplendent. Whoso hath attained unto this supreme bounty hath attained unto all good, and that soul, through divine favor, hath reached this most glorious, most exalted station, hath drunk from the wine of His love, hath turned unto His horizon, and hath repeatedly partaken of His mention, which is of the fruits of the eternal Tree. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it in the name of the Lord of Days. The whole world cannot and will never equal a single word that proceedeth from the Ancient Tongue. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. God willing, may you be engaged in the mention of God, exalted be His glory, with the utmost joy and fragrance, free and detached from all else. The nights and days shall pass away, but what hath been sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, shall endure for thee. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath recognized this precious and wondrous Day.

=== END BH11780 ===

=== START BH11781 ===

He is the Wondrous One! The candle is aflame and the heart in melting anguish. None knoweth what is the cause of this, and what its reason. Some maintain that the source and essence of elemental fire is the warmth in the hearts of lovers and the sighs of yearning souls. Others hold that this quality existeth in all things, for had the attraction of the Divine Beauty not seized upon His servants, their realities, being of pure essence, would never have accepted these opposing forms, becoming thus the manifestation of worldly events and the target of earthly decrees. Therefore it becometh evident that the cause of realities and meanings accepting the garments of limitations and forms hath been, and ever shall be, the warmth of Divine love. And in the estimation of them that are endowed with divine vision and spiritual insight, the cause of elemental fire and its generation is from the Pen of Destiny which is occupied in inscription, and from it the freedom of all created things hath been and shall be made manifest. And from that which floweth from the Pen are illumined hearts and sanctified souls set ablaze in such wise that they turn away from all who are in the heavens and on earth, and hasten unto their Source. Thus hath it been ordained from the Pen of sublime holiness.

=== END BH11781 ===

=== START BH11782 ===

O fruit of the crimson leaf! In the name of the Peerless Friend! O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be swayed and moved by the breezes of the All-Merciful's will, wafting from the divine Lote-Tree. From time immemorial and unto everlasting, drink thou from the chalice of His love and quaff from the cup of His mercy. At all times divine trials and tests are present and manifest. Great effort is needed lest aught but the Friend prevent thee from the Friend, and naught but God deprive thee of the Truth. Consider the handmaiden who was related [to the Cause], how through vain and illusory words she remained deprived of the court of oneness, and how love of the world held her back from the Lord of Names. In the end, she reaped no fruit from her worldly life and returned to an unworthy abode. God willing, that leaf must at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful and manifest such love of God that no one can prevent her from the infinite outpourings of divine grace. The world hath never had, nor hath, any permanence. It hath ever been, and will continue to be, in a state of upheaval and conflict. Hold fast unto the root of the Tree with such firmness that the words and deeds of vain souls may not hold thee back from the station of abiding glory. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of God.

=== END BH11782 ===

=== START BH11783 ===

He is the All-Glorious! We have heard thy call and have answered thee. Verily thy Lord is the Answerer of prayers. He is with thee and will aid thee with truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have previously sent thee a Tablet that no sovereignty in the heavens or earth can equal, and in this Prison hath this perspicuous Tablet been revealed. Wert thou to become aware of what hath been ordained for thee in the Tablets, thou wouldst soar with joy. Thy Lord is indeed possessed of great bounty. Be thou steadfast in all conditions and place thy trust in God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Watch over thy

Lord's Cause with wisdom. Thus hath the Ancient King commanded thee through the Pen of His Most Ancient Name. Act according to what thou hast been commanded, then assist thy Lord in these days wherein feet have slipped save those who have come unto their Lord with hearts purified from all who dwell on earth. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the wafting of the breezes of Thy grace over all created things, and by the manifestation of Thy Most Great Name upon the Dayspring of Thy names and attributes, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and detached from Thine enemies. Then ordain for me, through the Pen of Destiny, union with Thee and the attainment of Thy presence in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Soon will the cry of the Calf be raised from most lands. Avoid it and be among those who stand firm in the stronghold of the Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH11783 ===

=== START BH11785 ===

O Majid, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy! O Majid! The Spirit hath descended in His glory from My Kingdom, and the Interlocutor with His verses, and the Beloved in His ascension, and now all are present before the Throne. Say: O people! In what announcement will ye believe? Say: Do ye doubt Him unto Whom the Son of Mary ascended? Fear God, the Lord of all nations, unto Whom ye all shall return.

Thy letter hath come before Us and We have read it after receiving it, and have become aware of what was mentioned and what was not mentioned. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Knower of the unseen.

We have heard thy lamentation in hardship and thy sighing in adversity. We have separated you for a reunion of which none is aware save thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest difficulties in My love make thee sorrowful. Soon shalt thou find thyself in the most exalted station. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good.

Be patient in thy present hardship. God will soon transform it into ease. Verily, He is the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

Remind those women who remained in Iraq from Me, then write to them that which will gladden their hearts. Thus have We commanded thee in this Tablet which We have sent down in truth and detailed from the Preserved Tablet.

And upon thee be glory, and upon them, and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH11785 ===

=== START BH11786 ===

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The Day hath come, and the people have denied God, the Almighty, the Compeller. The signs have appeared and the verses have been sent down, while the people flee to the right and to the left. Say: There is no refuge for anyone this Day save in God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Do ye flee from your Lord, the All-Merciful? Whither can ye flee? The idolaters have been seized by their forelocks and beards, looking about in all directions, perchance they might find for themselves some way of escape. Say: Ye have left escape behind you; hasten ye then to what hath been ordained for you of chastisement. We seized those who oppressed aforetime, and soon shall the others among the factions join them. Turn not unto the world, but behold the generations of old, for therein lieth a lesson for men of understanding. Each hath attained according to his deeds - among them were those who found a goodly end, and among them were those who found an evil abode. Grieve thou not over anything, for with thy Lord is a station for thee. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled the Covenant. Be thou steadfast in such wise that even should all in creation deny the All-Merciful, thou wouldst remain firm and proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving!" Remember thy Lord and place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with His chosen servants. And praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Supreme, the All-Powerful.

=== END BH11786 ===

=== START BH11788 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy!

This is a Book which hath been sent down in truth unto him who hath attained the presence of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate, at His Throne, and who hath been seized by the breezes of revelation before His countenance. He is, verily, among those who have attained.

Hearken, O servant, unto the call of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, from the horizon of tribulation, that thou mayest be moved by the Word of thy Lord and arise to celebrate His remembrance amidst His heedless servants.

We have, in truth, sent down unto thee aforetime clear verses, and verily they are glad-tidings from the Most Merciful unto thee and unto all who dwell in the realms of being, that they might inhale the fragrance of the garment from that which hath been sent down from the direction of a mighty throne.

We have been with thee in all conditions and behold thee in joy and in sorrow. Hear My words: place thy trust in all things in thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve thou not except for My grief. He will send down unto thee that which hath been ordained for thee. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

None shall attain immortality save him who hath quaffed the choice wine of life from the words of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. By God! He shall not see extinction. He shall soon find himself possessed of a mighty dominion. Remember thy Lord amongst His servants; verily, He remembereth thee in this Prison, and this wondrous Tablet sent down beareth witness unto this.

=== END BH11788 ===

=== START BH11789 ===

O Mulla Yahya, upon thee be the Glory of God, He Who is the Guardian over all names.

O Yahya! My Most Exalted Pen hath moved among the people at eventide and at dawn, and hath called all unto God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, Who hath come from the heaven of grace with a power that the might of the wicked could not overcome. The servant who is present hath appeared and made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with a remembrance that no other remembrance can equal. We made mention of thee before, and at this hour when the horizon of the heaven of My proof hath been illumined with the Day-Star of inner meanings and utterance. Take hold of the Book of God with strength and set aside that which proceedeth from the daysprings of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath hearkened unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords.

We make mention in this station of thy son who was named Ghulam-Qabl-Husayn and thine other son who attained the lights of recognition in his final abode. We send Our greetings upon the countenance of thy wife and thy daughters who have believed in the Almighty, the All-Bestowing, through Whose Name the ocean of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibilities and the breeze of God hath wafted over all lands. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon every servant who hath arisen to aid the Cause with humility and hath turned unto God in repentance. And praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

=== END BH11789 ===

=== START BH11790 ===

To ’Abdu’r-Rahim, who is denoted by the letters Kaf and Ra. In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. My remembrance is of those servants who have been attracted by the fragrances of the days of their Lord, the Possessor of Names and Attributes, who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, whom the Call hath raised to the Supreme Horizon, and who have detached themselves from those who are idolaters. Verily, those who have cast away what they possessed and have taken what hath been sent down from God, the denizens of the immortal cities shall circle round them, though the people perceive it not. Glorify thy Lord with praise and commune with Him, then detach thyself from all who are on earth. Thus doth this Wronged One counsel thee, He upon Whom hath befallen that which hath befallen none before Him, and thy Lord is witness unto what I say. Hold fast to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Leave the people and what they possess behind thee and trust in God in all matters. Verily, He is with whosoever desireth Him and aideth those who speak in His praise and remembrance. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the Forgiving. Convey My Great Glory to those who have believed in God and His signs. They are, verily, in a praiseworthy station. Convey from Us Our Glory to thy two sons and give them the glad-tidings of Our remembrance of them, that they may soar in the atmosphere of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

=== END BH11790 ===

=== START BH11791 ===

He is God, the Most High, the Supreme

This is a mention in a Book from the servant to her who hath believed in God and was recorded among the devout ones in the holy scrolls. O dawning-place of love! Fear God, thy Lord, and place thy trust in Him. Then remember Him in thy heart, that thou mayest be numbered among those who remember, recorded in the Mother Book. Be thou gladdened at all times, and let not the evil happenings cause thee grief. The world and its people shall pass away, but sovereignty shall remain with God, thy Lord. This is an irrevocable decree from God, thy Lord. He it is Who hath ordained the destiny of all things in a Book that standeth as a witness to the truth. And if thou findest the people heedless of the Cause and intoxicated with love, turn away from them and set thy face toward God. Such was the decree issued from the Dayspring of eternity at the breaking of this morn. Be thou assured of God's favor toward thee. He shall restore unto thee that which was taken from thee and shall grant thee what thou desirest of Him. His mercy toward thee is evident as the sun. Glorified be He Who sendeth down verses in truth, that they may serve as a proof unto all the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who circle round about thee.

=== END BH11791 ===

=== START BH11792 ===

O Abdul-Majid! In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is a Book which guideth the sincere ones to the fountain of the mercy of their Chosen Lord, and preserveth them from the allusions of those who have denied God on this Day whereon the Beauty of the All-Merciful hath been established upon the throne of His Name, the All-Forgiving. Blessed is he who hath turned away from all that the people possess and hath turned unto God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. This is the Day whereon the guilty ones are seized by their forelocks and their feet, whilst those who have recognized His unity soar in the atmosphere wherein the Dove of the Cause warbleth that sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent. Arise to make mention of God amongst His creatures, that perchance through His remembrance the hearts of every doubting polytheist may be quickened. Say: O people! Do ye speak according to your idle fancies after the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary hath spoken? Fear ye God and follow not those who have denied God, the Lord of all names. Hearken unto My call, then detach thyself from all who are on earth, that the servants may be drawn through thy remembrance. Thus hath the All-Merciful desired for thee. Verily His favor hath encompassed both the hidden and the manifest. And the glory be upon thee and upon them that have turned unto the countenance of their Lord on this Day wherein faces have turned black and eyes have become fixed in terror.

=== END BH11792 ===

=== START BH11794 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

O thou servant who believeth in God! Hearken unto the words of Him Who calleth thee unto God with pure sincerity, and Who desireth for no one save that which God desireth for him. Remove thyself from all that thy desires command thee and draw nigh unto the Divine Lote-Tree. By God! When thou enterest beneath its shade and turnest with thy whole being unto it, thou shalt hear from each of its leaves:

“Rejoice, O peoples of creation, for your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, hath come, His countenance luminous between the heavens and the earth! Turn ye unto Him, for He is the Beloved of all worlds. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, hath given you.”

O how I long for him who heareth the singing of its leaves! For whoso heareth it shall turn to none other than it, nor direct his steps to aught besides it. By My life! One melody from its melodies excelleth all that hath been created upon the whole earth. We beseech God to assist all to turn unto it and to remain steadfast in their love for it. Verily my Lord, the All-Merciful, doth encompass the peoples of all worlds and knoweth what lieth within the breasts of all mankind. And praise be to God, the Lord of this mighty Day!

=== END BH11794 ===

=== START BH11795 ===

“O Mirza Abu-Talib! He is the All-Knowing Expositor! We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O seeker! The Sought One calleth thee from His mighty prison and maketh mention of thee with a mention through which the horizon of utterance hath been illumined and every temple hath been adorned with the ornament of My Name, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou that the Most Great Ocean hath turned towards thee from this remote station and calleth thee unto God, purely for His sake. To this testify all things, yet most men are heedless. By the life of God! He who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon hath indeed prospered, while he who hath turned away hath lost all in this wondrous Day. Blessed is he who hath inclined his ear unto the Divine Lote-Tree which calleth betwixt the worlds, and blessed the eye that hath beheld this noble scene. Say: O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty, and for whom Thou hast ordained, in the tablets of Thy Command, the good of both this world and the next. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned towards Thee and sought the Kaaba of Thy presence and the horizon of Thy reunion. Write down for me, then, that which beseemeth Thy generosity and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.”

=== END BH11795 ===

=== START BH11796 ===

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! Wert thou to behold Me, thou wouldst not recognize Me by reason of what hath befallen Me in the path of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. I complain not of what hath come upon Me, but rather of that which the hands of those who have broken the Covenant have wrought to quench the fire of God. When they see their like, they help them bear their burdens, and when they meet the rebellious ones, they say: “Lo, we have rejected the Lord of Lords!” When the verses come unto them, they turn away therefrom, and when the Almighty appeareth, they raise the cry of the impious. They are like unto dogs that pant in every state. Thus do We set forth similitudes for thee. God shall soon roll up their days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Grieve thou not, for thou art remembered before the Throne, and there have been revealed for thee in this Most Great Prison verses

that shall attract the hearts of the righteous. Say: The Youth feareth not in the Cause of God; He glorifieth His Lord with praise at morn and eventide, in the night season and at dawn. God shall soon exalt the Cause through His power. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast, then remind those around thee in whom thou findest humility before thy Lord, the All-Merciful. And glory be upon thee and upon those who believe in the Day of Reckoning.

=== END BH11796 ===

=== START BH11797 ===

In the Name of God, the Protector over all the worlds!

O loved ones of God! Ye are the lamps in the darkness. Ye have been created for these days wherein darkness hath encompassed all who dwell on earth. It behooveth you to be as lights by which its darkness may be illumined. Beware lest ye be saddened by what hath befallen the chosen ones of God at the hands of those who claim adherence to the Bayan. Verily, the All-Merciful is quit of them, and the Bayan doth curse them. Be ye steadfast in the Cause, then aid it under all conditions. He will assuredly help you as He pleaseth. Verily, He is near unto the sincere ones.

Those who have disbelieved, God will seize them with a mighty vengeance from His presence. Soon shall come a day wherein none shall find for himself any protector. Then shall the unitarians rejoice in God's mercy and bounty. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Most Exalted Pen in a Tablet which lay hidden in the treasuries of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones. Say: By God! This is the day of your triumph and the manifestation of your Lord's Cause, that the sun of faith might dawn from the horizon of your foreheads. Thus hath your Lord, the All-Merciful, willed. Blessed are they who act, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

=== END BH11797 ===

=== START BH11798 ===

O servants of the All-Merciful! Sanctify your hearts from all idle fancies and vain imaginings, that ye may taste the sweetness of the Salsabil of divine utterance. Verily, it hath flowed from the Pen that was intimate with the holy fingers. Be ye of one heart and one face–thus have ye been commanded in a Tablet that hath been preserved within the pavilion of divine knowledge. When ye desire to approach the shore of the Most Great Ocean, turn ye unto Him with a countenance illumined by the light of the Throne. He who turneth toward the horizon of the Cause must needs be in such wise that neither the world nor aught created therein shall deter him from that which God hath desired for him. Thus hath the Command been sent down and been decreed in truth in a Book revealed from the presence of the All-Merciful. Turn ye unto God and turn away from all else. And he who calleth the people unto the idol verily is to be numbered among the denizens of the coffin, and is thus recorded before the Throne. Shun, O My loved ones, those who have denied the truth and have then sought a way unto the All-Merciful. And glory be upon those who have found intimacy with God and have forgotten all else besides Him. These are

servants upon whom the dwellers of Paradise, and they who stand before the Divine Presence, do confer their blessings.

=== END BH11798 ===

=== START BH11799 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Your letter hath come and been read before the Throne. Therein didst thou beseech God to number thee among them that circle round His court, that gaze upon His beauty, and that visit the Kaaba of His glory. Know thou that We have answered thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful unto the peoples of all worlds, the Compassionate unto all creation, the Forgiving unto the concourse of names, and the Kind unto all who dwell on earth and in heaven. We have inscribed thee by the Most Exalted Pen as one of those who have circled round My throne, who have attained My presence and heard My melodies, who have soared in the atmosphere of My nearness and reunion, who have been attracted by My verses, and who have detached themselves from all else besides Me. By My life! Were that which We have ordained for thee at this hour to be unveiled, thou wouldst be thunderstruck with longing. Verily thy Lord is the Doer of what He willeth. Give thanks unto God for that which He hath ordained for thee. Say: O my Lord! All praise be unto Thee for what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy bounty and prescribed through Thy grace and favors. O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of the tyrannical ones nor the whisperings of the idolaters may hold me back. All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

=== END BH11799 ===

=== START BH11800 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Holy! This is the Day of Victory. Arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! The Sun of proof hath dawned from the horizon of certitude - in what utterance, then, do ye believe? The clouds have been rent asunder and your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, hath come with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of them that are veiled. This is a cup that hath been filled with the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, from this surging ocean, and it is set before your faces. Take it with the hands of certitude, then drink thereof in the name of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Through it shall be opened upon your hearts the gates of wisdom and utterance, such that ye shall behold what the eyes of them that ascribe partners unto God have been prevented from seeing. Grieve not at what thou hast heard. Place thy trust in God in all affairs. Say: O Lord! Deprive me not from gazing toward the horizon of Thy oneness, then number me among such as have taken no partner unto Thee in Thy dominion and have testified that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. And praise be to God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Pardoning.

=== END BH11800 ===

=== START BH11801 ===

O Ababasir, upon thee be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O thou who art endowed with vision! Know thou that We have arrived at the Most Exalted Prospect, and they who imagine that I am in prison are in manifest heedlessness. Say: Verily, He is established upon that Spot which God hath made the Point of Adoration for all the worlds. Say: Through Him every land is transformed, did ye but know. Our mention of the prison containeth signs for them that are nigh unto God, and clear proofs for them that are endowed with insight. Say: The Glory of God findeth solace in tribulation, and no harm from the idolaters nor the might of sovereigns grieveth Him in the path of His Lord. Say: From the horizon of tribulation, He calleth all who are in earth and heaven unto God, the Lord of all names, that haply the servants may find a path unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. That which thou didst send hath come before Us. Blessed art thou for having found comfort in My remembrance amongst My servants. Verily, for thee there is with Me, in the Most Glorious Pavilion, a station. Blessed be the sincere ones! Convey My greetings unto those servants who have attained the presence of God and unto those who have desired to behold His countenance from a remote horizon. For all are degrees with thy Lord, and He suffereth not the reward of the well-doers to be lost.

=== END BH11801 ===

=== START BH11802 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O youth! Hearken unto My call from the direction of the Prison, that the call may draw thee nigh unto the scene of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have inhaled from thee the fragrance of love for thy Lord. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and detach thyself from them that doubt. Be thou of such constancy that shouldst all the hosts of the earth surround thee with swords of hatred, thou wouldst still speak forth My Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, saying: “O people! The breathings of the words of the Lord of Names and Attributes have so seized me that the veils have been rent asunder by the fingers of the power of Him Who is the Fashioner of the heavens and earth, and I have turned toward the countenance whereby the worlds have been illumined.”

O people! The proof hath come from your Lord, the All-Merciful. In what utterance, then, did ye believe at the Dayspring of utterance? Bring it forth, O company of the heedless! Think ye, after the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth before your faces? Fear ye God, and deprive not yourselves of the fragrant breezes of this Day wherein the feet of the polytheists have slipped.

We beseech God to make thee a standard among His servants, one who uttereth His remembrance and praise, and who is detached from all created things.

=== END BH11802 ===

=== START BH11803 ===

O ’Ali-Akbar-i-Tabbakh! In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book from Us to him who was attracted by the verses of his Lord, who turned his face toward the Ka’bih of his Goal, who

attained that which the sincere ones attained, and who was overtaken by tribulations in the path of his Lord. Verily, he occupieth a praiseworthy station. Whoso hath today turned towards the court of his Lord's mercy is among them that have soared in the atmosphere of My love, found solace in My presence and heard My call from the right hand of My throne. We testify that he is among the most exalted of men. Thus hath it been ordained in the Tablet from God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Grieve not for that which hath befallen thee. Verily, He suffereth not to be lost the reward of him who hath been made a captive in His love. He is the Protector of whoso hath loved Him, but the people do not understand. Gather ye together there and be ye as brothers upon the couches of unity. Thus doth your Lord command you as He hath commanded before. He commandeth you only that which is best for you, did ye but know. And glory be upon the loved ones of God whom oppression hath not deterred from turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11803 ===

=== START BH11805 ===

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord, then detach thyself from the world. These are among the most great signs of thy Lord, sent down from the right hand of the throne of thy Most Exalted Lord. And verily these are the most sublime words which, when they proceed from the Most Exalted Pen, encompass all created things, and from them every soul perceiveth the fragrance of the All-Merciful, drawing him nigh unto the Ultimate Tree. Glory be to thy Most Glorious Lord!

Let nothing grieve thee, but put thy trust in God, the Lord of the Last and the First, and hold fast unto the Sure Handle. Verily, this is the Word that hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation with a light that shall never be extinguished. Say: O people! This is the Day whereon those endued with understanding were thrown into confusion and those possessed of wisdom trembled with fear. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and turned away from error, and hath taken hold of that which he was bidden by God, the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below.

On such a Day as this, it behooveth you to aid and remember your Creator, O people of guidance! The Spirit and glory rest upon you and upon him who hath been faithful.

=== END BH11805 ===

=== START BH11806 ===

In the Name of Him Who domineth the worlds! While encompassed by tribulations, We summoned all humanity unto God, the Lord of the First and the Last. To this beareth witness the faithful servants of God. And when We manifested the Cause, the hearts of the mighty were seized with trembling, and the foundations of princes were shaken. Yet the people remain dead, shrouded in the veils of their own selves. There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no one else - at this did hearts lament and eyes shed tears. None can reckon Our trials save God, the All-Knowing, the One privy to all mysteries. Most of My days have been spent in the prisons of the land, yet in all conditions We remained thankful and

content with whatsoever came upon Us in the path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. How many a dawn hath broken and heard My voice, how many an eventide hath found Me speaking in remembrance of God, the Almighty, the All-Loving, and how many a night found Me not asleep but rather lamenting My pain and trials and what had befallen Me in this forbidden path. It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God to follow his Lord in such wise that neither the veils of men nor the hosts of the heedless shall deter him.

=== END BH11806 ===

=== START BH11807 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy! Know, O thou who gazest upon the Countenance, that tribulations have encompassed Us, and while immersed in their depths, We summon the people with the loudest call to the Most Exalted Horizon. These tribulations do not prevent Us from that which We have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Emerge from behind the veil in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and fear not the idolaters. Know then that the two kings have united to harm Us, though We were not corrupt in the land and called them to the Kingdom of their Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. God will soon transform their peace into enmity, and the fire of war shall be kindled between them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is of the tidings of the unseen which We reveal unto thee that thou mayest be of those who are firmly established. Hesitate not in the Cause of thy Lord. Be thou one who remembers Him with His remembrance, assists His Cause, and speaks His praise amongst His creatures. Thus doth the Supreme Pen command thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. And glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Dayspring of the divine exposition in this darkness that hath encompassed the worlds, save whom thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath willed.

BH11807

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=== START BH11808 ===

O Jenab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon.

Say: My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call, for having guided me unto Thy path, for having shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and for having summoned me to the supreme heights. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Subjugator of the Winds, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the scratching of Thy Pen, O Lord of humanity and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book, to render me aided in Thy service, speaking in Thy praise, and acting in accordance with that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou knowest what is with me, and I know not what is with Thee. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy verses and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty to enable me to preserve that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, Thy gifts, Thy grace and Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none

other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Ordain for me in all conditions that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, that I may arise to serve Thee amidst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

BH11808

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=== START BH11809 ===

[O Handmaiden of God!] In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Impregnable! The Most Exalted Pen desires to make mention of the male and female servants of God, all of them, but has been prevented by the oppression wrought by the hands of the transgressors. Were the idolaters to know what lies behind the seal, they would surely slay the Youth with manifest tyranny. We, however, have offered up Our soul for the love of God and for the life of the worlds. O handmaiden of God! Turn thou towards the Kaaba of the chosen ones and the goal of the Messengers. From whatsoever direction the servant turneth unto God, he is, verily, before the Truth, even though between us there be a distance as that between the heavens and the earths. And he who draweth breath in the love of God - verily, We behold him in a goodly state and We pray for him with a company of the near-angels. Remember thou thy Lord, then be thou devoutly obedient, and bow down and prostrate thyself before God, the King, the Mighty, the Praised One. Verily, thy Lord is with whosoever remembereth Him. By God! Whosoever findeth solace in My remembrance [heareth] My call from every deep valley. Glorify My handmaidens on My behalf and remind them from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11809

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=== START BH11810 ===

This is the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted Book which hath been sent down in truth. Verily it is a revelation from God, the Lord of the worlds. Worship none but Him and follow that which hath been revealed in His mighty, wise Book. These are the days wherein God hath prescribed the Fast unto His creatures. He, verily, is the One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing. They who circle round the Throne, and they who believed in Him when He was established upon His mighty throne, have observed the Fast. Blessed are they who follow the commandments of God - they, verily, are in an exalted station. Those who follow their own desires are numbered with the heedless. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of divine wisdom and holy ordinances as a bounty on Our part. Verily, We are the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. O friends of God throughout the regions! Know ye the value of these days and cling unto whatsoever hath been sent down from God, the Most Great, the Most Exalted. Verily, He remembereth you in the Most Great Prison, and instructeth you in that which will cause you to draw nigh unto a station that delighteth the eyes of the pure in heart. Glory rest upon you and upon those who have attained unto that living fountain which floweth forth from My wondrous Pen.

BH11810

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=== START BH11811 ===

In the name of the one incomparable God! O Muhammad-'Ali! The world is in upheaval. The darkness of the vain imaginings of the peoples hath seized them with the grasp of a tyrannical avenger. These fleeting days have deprived most from the everlasting bounty, and the pride of wealth and power hath become an obstacle, and love of ornaments hath veiled their eyes like a severe inflammation. Can there be found a soul who will, in the name of God, remove the obstacle and rend asunder the veil, who will abandon and pass beyond all else but God? He declareth: "A one-year-old child of the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than all who are in the Bayan." Blessed is the eye that seeth, blessed the ear that heareth, blessed the hand that graspeth, and blessed the foot that ariseth to serve the Cause of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. "Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return." We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His Cause and to open before thy face the door of His grace. Verily, He is the Most Powerful of the powerful, the Most Generous of the generous, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

BH11811

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=== START BH11812 ===

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Today We have arisen speaking in remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds. And when the verses were revealed, a gazelle approached the Throne and sat before the Countenance in front of the Throne with manifest humility, and it was listening to the verses of God as though illumined by the lights of its Lord's utterance, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing. How many learned men have been barred from the direction of the Known One, while this animal hath approached the All-Merciful and hearkeneth to that which no created thing between the heavens and earth can equal. Verily bounty is in God's hand - He giveth to whomsoever He willeth and withholdeth from whomsoever He willeth. Within His grasp is the kingdom of might and power. He, verily, is the Ruler, the Giver, the Generous, the Ancient of Days. Thus have We recounted unto thee what We witnessed, that thou mayest be convinced that all things are drawn to the breezes of Revelation save those who have turned away and are among the most lost. These are but worthless rabble whose station God hath ordained to be below that of animals, as doth testify to this the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Rejoice thou in this Tablet, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Kind, the Merciful.

BH11812

=== END BH11812 ===

=== START BH11813 ===

O 'Abdu'r-Rahim! He is the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting!

I bear witness that thou hast witnessed the dawn of Kufih and the evening of Karbila. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, for having made thee capable of bearing afflictions in His path and calamities in His love. Verily, those who have been touched by tribulation in the path of the Lord of Names are remembered by all things, and the dwellers of the cities of eternity glorify them. Blessed art thou, O My servant! Thou hast borne harm in My love and been made a captive in thy desire to attain My presence and turn to the Kaaba of My loving-kindness. Behold, then remember what hath been sent down from My Pen in the Tablet of My Command and what hath appeared from the treasuries of My mysteries from the hidden pearls of My knowledge. We have spoken, and Our word is the truth: Should abasement touch you for the sake of My Name, be not grieved. Thus hath the Sun of the Word shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of the Lord of all created things, would that ye might know. And the splendor be upon you, O My loved ones, throughout the duration of My dominion and My kingdom and the warbling of the birds of My eternity upon the branches of the Tree of My Cause. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

BH11813

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=== START BH11814 ===

In the name of God, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious! O thou who art enkindled with the fire of My love, who gazest upon My countenance, who traversest the lands for the sake of nearness unto Me and reunion with Me, who art attracted by My verses, who art adorned with My remembrance and praise, who ascendest unto the throne of My grandeur, and who turneth toward My holy sanctuary and the Kaaba of My majesty! Hear thou My call, for verily it is sweeter than whatsoever hath been uttered by My chosen ones, and through it the spirit of life hath been breathed into the bodies of My servants who have detached themselves from all else except Me, who have soared in My atmosphere, and who have turned toward the Dawning-Place of My luminous Cause. Grieve not at separation, for We have brought thee into the presence of the Throne while thou wert heedless thereof. Ponder, that thou mayest be of them that know. We have written down for thee the reward of one who hath attained unto the pavilion of My grandeur and won the meeting with Me. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth what He pleaseth. Sorrow not at remoteness, for God shall soon draw thee nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Lord of great bounty. And glory be upon thee and upon the sincere ones.

BH11814

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=== START BH11815 ===

His honor Master Baqir the Carpenter, upon him be the Most Holy, Most Holy Splendor of God. This is an epistle from the Prisoner unto him whom the clamor of the servants did not prevent from drawing nigh unto his Lord, the Master of the Day of Gathering, until he became a stranger from his homeland, turning towards the Lord of Names, his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, that he might rejoice in His remembrance of him and be detached from the worlds and remain steadfast as he was, in such wise that

he would be set ablaze by the heat of the love of his Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty. Beware lest thou grieve over what hath befallen thee in My path. Be thou grateful and be of the patient ones. Doth anyone imagine that he will be left uncontrolled? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Through your exile We draw the servants nigh unto the Salsabil of mercy - blessed are they that drink thereof! And through your abasement We clothe with the garment of glory those who hasten to the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty proclaimeth: “I, verily, am your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.” Blessed are ye, and blessed are the mothers who bore your bodies, and your fathers who reared you. How excellent is that lofty and exalted station!

BH11815

=== END BH11815 ===

=== START BH11816 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who migrated with God until he entered the Most Great Prison - this Station which God hath made the Dawning-place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His conclusive Command - that he might be assured through the grace of his Lord and be raised to a station where the allusions of the peoples shall not grieve him. Say: O people! By God, I have come to you from the Dawning-place of divine favor for the life of the world and the joy of those who have turned to God. Beware lest ye commit that which would sadden your hearts and the hearts of His loved ones. This is God’s counsel given both privately and openly. Know thou that We have commanded the servants naught else but unity, and this is testified to by him who speaketh at the resurrection and then in the sanctuary and the holy precincts. Say: Beware lest ye backbite one another. This is what We have forbidden in the laws and ordinances. We have desired naught for the servants except love and unity. We beseech God to enable them to achieve what He hath willed for them and draw them nigh unto the Ancient King.

BH11816

=== END BH11816 ===

=== START BH11817 ===

In the name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment of Our name, the All-Merciful, and thereby attained unto the Ridvan which was made manifest in the name of God, and who hath drawn nigh unto the sacred Sanctuary and taken God as his Beloved. O servant! This is the Day of the Call. The All-Merciful hath called out from amidst sorrows unto all that are on earth that they may take for themselves a path unto Him Who possesseth might and power. Arise, by God’s leave, to promote the Cause, then summon the people unto the Dayspring of the Command. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen bidden thee, and He is the Observer of all things. Say: O people! Cast off the garment of self and desire, and turn your faces toward the Dayspring of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and follow not any froward evil-doer. Let not the denial of the unbelievers grieve thee. Soon

shalt thou behold the Sun of eternity shining forth from the horizon of glory with a sovereignty supreme over all truth. And the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Countenance that shineth with the light of the Command.

BH11817

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=== START BH11818 ===

O J, upon whom be the Glory of God! In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Jim! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Merciful, from the direction of the Prison. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bountiful. Be thou in the Cause of thy Lord as sweet water, that there may grow from thee, in the soil of hearts, the trees of certitude and assurance. Or be as the breezes that waft from the direction of holiness, from which the servants who have turned towards the Most Great Scene, this hallowed and luminous horizon, perceive the fragrance of the garment. Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne. Soon there shall descend upon thee from the heaven of grace that which hath been ordained for thee by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Verily, he whom We exalted hath turned away from the Truth, having been deceived by the world and its ornaments. Soon thou shalt find him in manifest loss. Despair not of the Spirit of God. He is with thee and with those who are round about thee. Remind them of the wonders of My remembrance, that they may rejoice in the glad-tidings of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH11818

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=== START BH11819 ===

He is

These are days the like of which no eye in all creation hath ever seen, and no created being hath ever comprehended. At all times ye must take refuge with God, that perchance ye may remain preserved through the protection of the Lord of the Day of Judgment from the schemes of the schemers and the deceptions of the deceivers. For the schemes of the schemers have reached such a point that if all the pens in the celestial realm were to attempt to enumerate them, they would surely prove powerless and fall short. And if they should grow weary or unable to deceive while people are awake, they resort to the realm of sleep and make mention of dreams, that perchance they might cause some innocent soul to stray from the straight path. They are heedless that the educating hand of the divine Lord and the grasp of the power of the Eternal trains servants who will not take their eyes from the beauty of the Friend even should the arrows of tribulation rain down from the clouds of destiny, and who count all that exists as utter nothingness, as though it had never been mentioned.

BH11819

=== END BH11819 ===

=== START BH11820 ===

After completing this letter, a letter from the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Mulla ’Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, arrived. Praise be to God, it brought joy and gladness. Likewise, two letters from the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived on this same day. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, that he may be enabled to quickly write and send the reply. Similarly, a letter arrived from the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar, upon both of them be the Glory of God and His mercy. Three sacred and inaccessible Tablets have thus far been revealed and sent in his name. One remains, which was not sent at once due to wisdom, but in those same days when his letter arrived, all Tablets were revealed and are present. From this evanescent one, renewed exalted greetings are extended through your good offices to each of the gentlemen and beloved ones.

BH11820

=== END BH11820 ===

=== START BH11822 ===

In the name of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing! Days have come wherein souls are agitated and countenances are changed, except for those who have detached themselves unto God and held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds. His face is illumined by the lights of the Countenance. We bear witness that he is of those who are drawn nigh. O handmaiden of God! Verily thy Lord remembereth His male and female servants. He is, in truth, possessed of great bounty. His companion hath become the remembrance of His loved ones in this remote prison. This was for naught save the face of God, the King, the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the Powerful. Then know thou that the Youth was commanded to make mention of the servants from the All-Merciful and was forbidden by Satan. He cast aside the latter and took hold of the former, even though He found Himself in manifest peril. We beseech God to influence the hearts of His servants through that which descendeth from His Throne, and to enable them to attain unto the station which He hath ordained for them in His exalted Kingdom. Hold thou fast unto the cord of God and summon all who are in the realm. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH11822

=== END BH11822 ===

=== START BH11823 ===

O Mirza ’Ali-Akbar-i-Milani, upon him be the Glory of God!

In My Name, the Caller between earth and heaven! One of My Branches, who hath been named Badi’u’llah, hath presented thy letter before Our Face. We answer thee through this perspicuous Tablet. By God! There hath appeared what hath never appeared in the world, and the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken that which, were it to be cast upon the mountains, they would take flight, and were it cast upon

the earth, its treasures would be revealed, and were it cast upon the heaven, it would be cleft asunder instantly. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hast attained unto that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Thus hath the Ancient Beauty spoken from this exalted station. Take hold of the Book with such strength that the power of the aggressors shall not prevent thee. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and have said: "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all beings!" and "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of those who are in the heavens and on earth!"

BH11823

=== END BH11823 ===

=== START BH11824 ===

O Muhammad-Baba, upon whom be the Glory of God! O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of immortality! Thy letter came before the Countenance in the Most Great Prison and attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Eternity. This deed of thine is better in the sight of God than the deeds of those souls who spent years studying and teaching in schools, for the fruit of thy deed hath been the remembrance and praise of God, while the fruit of those heedless souls' deeds was the martyrdom of the Primal Point Who gave the glad-tidings of this Most Great Announcement to all created things. One must reflect upon the fruits and deeds of the peoples of the world, for whosoever becometh aware and informed of the Cause of God remaineth firm and steadfast. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy son, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land. We beseech God that He may aid them all to stand firm. He verily hath power over all things and is the All-Powerful.

BH11824

=== END BH11824 ===

=== START BH11825 ===

In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest

This is a Book from Us to him who hath laid hold on the Most Great Handle in these days wherein eyes are blinded, that the verses of his Lord may attract him in such wise as to detach him from all who are on earth, and cause him to celebrate the praise of the Creator of names, both in private and in public. Arise thou above the horizon of certitude and remind, through wisdom and utterance, them that have forgotten the remembrance of their Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hath commanded thee the Daystar of the horizons in this dawning. Turn not unto them that say what they understand not. Be thou severed from them and take hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Rejoice thou with the glad-tidings of the Spirit, for He dwelleth at the very heart of joy and rapture, after that which befell Him such as hath befallen no one else in all creation, and thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, beareth witness unto this. The world hath no worth in thy Lord's sight. Soon shall perish all that thou beholdest,

and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for thee in the kingdom of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH11825

=== END BH11825 ===

=== START BH11826 ===

A Remembrance for one who has attained unto My days and turned towards My direction and uttered My praise, that he may rejoice in the bounties of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed is he whose mention hath moved the Most Exalted Pen and whose name hath been uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty. He is assuredly of the people of Baha in the presence of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hast turned thy face toward the Most Great Prospect and heard the Call when it was raised in truth between the heavens and the earth. Put aside the cups of creation and take this luminous cup in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink from it the most pure wine once again. Thus doth thy Lord command thee as He sitteth upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. By My life! Whoso drinketh thereof, the allusions of creation shall not grieve him, nor shall the utterances of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, prevent him. Thus have We singled thee out for this bounty which hath encompassed the worlds.

BH11826

=== END BH11826 ===

=== START BH11827 ===

This Most Holy, Most Great Tablet is from the Lord of Names to him who hath drunk the cup of destiny in His path, that he may soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of his Lord, the Creator of all things, the Sovereign of invention. O thou who soarest in Mine atmosphere! Hearken unto My call from the right hand of My throne, that the cry of Him Who is the Chosen One may attract thee in such wise that the oppression of the wicked ones may not grieve thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast remained steadfast in My Cause, and gone forth in My Name, and turned towards My countenance. Soon shalt thou behold thyself in the most exalted station, while the wrongdoers shall be in the fire of torment. Be thou assured through the bounty of thy Lord, then turn thy face towards the Kaaba of thy Quest. Say: O my Lord, the Mighty, the Loving! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the lands were shaken and the servants were troubled and through which Thou didst distinguish between all created things, to protect me beneath the shadow of Thy great mercy. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest. In Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH11827

=== END BH11827 ===

=== START BH11828 ===

O Husayn-i-Baqir! The Most Great, the Most Holy! Say: Baha doth not await deliverance from the tribulations ordained for Him, nor doth He seek release, but saith: “O my God! Shouldst Thou desire, remove me from these horizons, that the people of hypocrisy–who have denied the Day of Separation and broken the Covenant–may no longer behold me. O Lord! Thou knowest what is within my soul and beholdest my dwelling place. Decree, then, what Thou willest. By Thy glory! What Thou hast purposed is my purpose, and what Thou hast desired is my desire in this world and the next.” Verily thou, O servant, must give thanks for having become a captive in My love and subdued through following My command and turning unto My face. Beware lest thou grieve at this, for by My glory, My majesty, My greatness and My grandeur, We have ordained for you that which shall stupefy minds, and We shall seize those who have wronged with a mighty grasp from Our presence. And I am the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

=== END BH11828 ===

=== START BH11829 ===

In His Name, the Rememberer

God hath heard thy mention and thy praise, then thy call. Verily, He heareth what proceedeth from the tongues of His loved ones, and He is the Best of Hearers. Make mention of Him in such wise that through thee His mention and praise may be spread abroad. Verily, He is with thee and He is the Guardian of those who do good. Know thou moreover that the Youth hath been forbidden from making mention, else would I have bestowed upon thee that which would set the worlds aflame. My heart lamenteth and Mine eye weepeth, yet the tongue speaketh in praise of the All-Merciful amidst the concourse of all worlds, that thereby may be kindled the hearts of them that have detached themselves from all else but God. Verily, they dwell in the highest paradise though they be dwelling upon the dust among them that abide. O thou who art wondrous in love! Rend asunder the veils of them that are heedless, then set ablaze the hearts of them that are endued with understanding with the fire of the mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thus doth the Youth command thee at a time when afflictions have encompassed Him from every direction. And verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH11829

=== END BH11829 ===

=== START BH11830 ===

In the name of God, Who is manifest without concealment! Verily in the departure of the Ancient Beauty from the Land of Mystery and His entry into the Most Great Prison are signs for the nations, but they do not understand. Observe how when We sent Muhammad, the Messenger of God, the people denied Him and expelled those who believed in God and His verses from their homelands. This is from the way of thy Lord which hath been ordained in ages past, would that ye might know. By My life! Nothing descendeth upon My loved ones save that which is best for them, but the people perceive not. Turn thy face toward

the Intended One and say: O my Lord, the Mighty, the Loving! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and by Thy Beauty that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Most Glorious Name, to make me among those whom tribulation hath not kept back from Thy direction nor decree from turning toward Thy face. Then write down for me what is best for me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH11830

=== END BH11830 ===

=== START BH11832 ===

In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding, Who perisheth not! Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Most Great Ocean, whereof every drop proclaimeth that He is the God of the heavens and of the earths. Say: Two gulfs have branched out from it, blessed are they who understand. I counsel you, O people, to observe righteousness and to follow that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace, and take hold of the hem of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. If thou findest one who hath turned unto Him, relate unto him the bounties of thy Lord. Thus hath the Pen of thy Ancient Lord commanded thee. When the Tablets of Fire are spread abroad, turn away from them, and suffice thyself with a gracious Book that hath been sent down unto thee from the presence of One mighty and powerful. By God! A single letter thereof is better for thee than all that hath been created on earth, and none deny this save the wicked and the remote. Say: Verily the Word of God is the most exalted, and it is God's testimony unto all the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11832

=== END BH11832 ===

=== START BH11833 ===

Regarding the response that was requested to the petition of Manakji Sahib - its sending was delayed, for today whatever occurs in any matter has been and will be the standard. Therefore, its sending is not permitted, even if the petitioner himself consents it is not permitted, unless he himself openly and explicitly requests it. If you yourself reflect on this, you will approve this ephemeral one's submission. Since the petition was submitted to the Most Holy Court, therefore nothing is permitted except what was submitted. And regarding what you wrote that its good refers to the Cause - we beseech Him to open for you a door whose good is greater than what those who enumerate can count. God willing, you will be assisted and confirmed at all times in the remembrance of Truth and the victory of the Cause of Truth through wisdom and utterance and through what He loves and is pleased with in all matters.

BH11833

=== END BH11833 ===

=== START BH11834 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Hearken unto My voice from the direction of the Prison, that the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, may draw thee to the dawning-place of His most excellent names and bring thee nigh unto a station that hath been recorded in the Tablets. Strive in thy Lord's Cause and make mention of Him amongst the servants, that perchance they may arise from the slumber of passion and turn towards the countenance of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Thus hath the tongue of revelation spoken forth in this station which hath been illumined by the lights of the Face. They that follow their passions have no way to reach unto God. Leave those who have denied their Lord to their vain imaginings, and commune with them whom the breathings of thy Lord's mercy have stirred. Thus doth the Pen command thee in this Tablet which hath been made to shine with the light of the Face. And glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath stood firm in this Day wherein feet have slipped save those who have drawn nigh unto a station that hath been praised from all eternity.

BH11834

=== END BH11834 ===

=== START BH11835 ===

This is a Tablet from God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, to one who has desired his Lord and borne in His path what none before him have borne. Hearken once again to the sweetest call from the direction of thy Most Glorious Lord, that My call may draw thee to My Kingdom and sever thee from all else but Me, and inspire thee with that which will bring rest to thy soul in My days and lighten thee of the burden of the earth and all who dwell thereon. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Those who are heedless shall soon know and shall find no intimate friend for themselves. Say: The bounty today is for one who follows God's command, believes in God and turns away from his own desires. Thus doth God distinguish between the polytheists and the monotheists. Beware lest trials disturb thee. Remember thy Chosen Lord. Every remembrance shall perish except the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. And the glory be upon thee from the presence of One powerful and ancient.

BH11835

=== END BH11835 ===

=== START BH11836 ===

In the name of the Most Great! Say: O concourse of creation! By God, the Truth! The Glory (Baha) hath come unto you to purify you from vain desire and draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the first and the last. Would ye slay him who calleth you unto everlasting life? Would ye deal unjustly with him who desireth justice amongst you? Would ye drive out him who hath come only to draw you nigh unto God, the Sovereign of all names? Woe unto you, O people! I know not in what valley ye wander or toward what face ye turn. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having taken me by the hand of might and power, delivered me from the wicked ones, and caused me to enter among Thy righteous servants. I beseech

Thee by Thy chosen Name to make me walk in the paths of Thy good-pleasure, though I be afflicted by the harm of Thine enemies. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH11836

=== END BH11836 ===

=== START BH11838 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O Husayn! This is not a day of sorrow. Rejoice among the concourse of all worlds, then soar with the wings of certitude into the atmosphere of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful. Say: O my Lord! All praise be unto Thee for having adorned my head with the crown of tribulation in Thy path, O Creator of the heavens! By this do I glory amidst the concourse of all names, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Follow My nature in all matters, such that neither grief prevent thee from Him Who is the Sovereign of all nations, nor tribulation veil thee from the Most Exalted Horizon. Soon shall come days when the unitarians shall remember your names and lament over what ye have borne in the path of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily, tribulation hath not prevented him from the remembrance of his Lord. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH11838

=== END BH11838 ===

=== START BH11839 ===

O Abu-Talib the Most Great, the Most Great! O seeker! The Sought One calls out to you, saying: Leave mankind behind you, then drink the wine of inner meanings from the cup of your Lord's countenance. And when you have partaken of the chalices and the warmth of the wine of your Lord's knowledge has seized you, then greet the dawn, arise amidst the concourse of the earth and say: "To Me, to Me, O people of righteousness, that I may draw you nigh unto the Most Sublime Vision and cause you to know your Lord, the Ordainer of destiny, through Whom the sun was darkened and the moon was cleft asunder!" Beware lest you deprive yourselves of that for which you were created. Abandon vain desire and hold fast unto the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. This is better for you, as doth testify thereunto the Tongue of Ancient Days in His Most Great Prison, and he who hath knowledge of the Book. Blessed art thou for having attained unto recognition and held fast unto God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

BH11839

=== END BH11839 ===

=== START BH11840 ===

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

We make mention of him who has turned to God and held fast to the Sure Handle which We have manifested through this Great Name. Blessed is he who has sought the One Who is Sought and who has turned toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Our mercy has preceded the world and Our generosity has encompassed those in the heavens and earths. We bid thee to show forth the greatest steadfastness in the love of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings. Hold fast to it, detached from the doubters. The fragrance of the garment has been diffused and the sweet savors of God have wafted among all, young and old. Blessed is he who has attained thereunto and woe unto the heedless. Be thou glad in the remembrance of the Wronged One of thee. He remembers His loved ones even while He is in the hands of the oppressors. Thus has the scratching of My Pen been raised and the ocean of My mercy surged, as a bounty from My presence upon thee. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that seek Thee.

BH11840

=== END BH11840 ===

=== START BH11841 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

O Joseph! The Wronged One counsels thee to hold fast to the white religion and the resplendent Law. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee with what He loves and is pleased with, and to make thee among those who grasp the firm handle. Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world. And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom the world was renewed and Who appeared from the essence of Adam. Say: I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy most beautiful names and by the Dawning Place of Thy knowledge through which the breezes of revelation were concluded and the banners of divine unity were raised, to assist me to act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and according to that which will manifest the station of man in creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11841

=== END BH11841 ===

=== START BH11842 ===

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! God desired your departure from the Land of Mystery lest you hear the great terror in the days when the polytheists seized the gates of the House and the Ancient Beauty departed from it due to what the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, had wrought. Do not grieve over what befell you on the path - there befell Us what was far greater than what befell you, and your Lord is witness to what I say. Let not tribulations prevent you from turning to your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Be steadfast in the Cause and put your trust in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. Glorify the praise of your Lord and say: “O my

Lord! Send down upon me that which is best for me. You know what is within my soul while I know not what is within Your Self. Verily You are the Knower of the consequences of all things."

BH11842

=== END BH11842 ===

=== START BH11843 ===

O Dhabih, upon thee be the Glory of God!

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Dhabih! Forget not the favor of thy Lord, and turn not unto tribulation. By My life! Through it My Cause was exalted in the ancient centuries. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Say: O people! We have accepted abasement for your glory. Fear God, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve not over what hath befallen Us. Be patient until the promise cometh to pass. Then shalt thou see the people turning towards the horizon of My luminous and radiant countenance. Be as I am, in such wise that the oppressors' might shall not hold thee back from the remembrance of thy Lord. Leave behind what is with the people, then ascend unto My Kingdom that thou mayest behold Me powerful over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH11843

=== END BH11843 ===

=== START BH11844 ===

In the name of the Lord of all worlds! The letter from that handmaiden of God arrived at a time when, due to the sorrows that have befallen [Us], the divine fragrances were cut off and the pen was prevented from movement. Nevertheless, out of love for God, a reply is being written to that handmaiden of God according to what my Lord desires. Although it is not known whom the winds of tests have cast into the gardens of paradise and whom they have consigned to the fires, for it is observed that most of those who set out seeking the right hand of the All-Merciful have been transformed by Satan's breath and remained deprived of the bounty of the clouds of the All-Glorious. However, I beseech God to protect that leaf and other handmaidens of God from the evil of Satan and his hosts. And the Spirit be upon you.

BH11844

=== END BH11844 ===

=== START BH11845 ===

Hearken, O handmaiden who art extinguished in the ocean of faithfulness, if thou art of the devoted ones! Turn not to anyone except God if thou art of those who draw nigh. Gaze upon the countenance of Beauty if thou art of those who witness, and testify in thy heart that verily He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, and be not of the corrupt ones. As mentioned, some corruption hath appeared from you, and

this is contrary to your station. Most assuredly make amends for this corruption, for today the Truth will not be pleased with you except through recompense for the past. God is witness that great harm hath befallen you.

=== END BH11845 ===

=== START BH11846 ===

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O Ahmad! We have mentioned thee before and made known unto thee the straight and manifest path of God. The Wronged One remembereth him who hath turned towards Him and shown patience in what befell him in the path of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee, but look and then call to mind what befell the loved ones of God in ages past. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Expositor. Blessed are they who showed patience in times of hardship, seeking the good-pleasure of God. They are indeed among the triumphant. Remember ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, at all times, detached from those who have been heedless of His Great Name. Beware lest human conditions veil you from the Most Sublime Vision. Leave them to themselves and put your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH11846

=== END BH11846 ===

=== START BH11847 ===

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

We bear witness to that which God hath witnessed, that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in recognition of His singleness, His grandeur and His sovereignty. And We bear witness that thou hast sent unto the Wronged One that which cannot be equaled by the Hidden Treasure, and which was more beloved in My sight than all things visible in the kingdom of creation. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to reward thee with the most excellent reward in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. We have sent unto thee that which hath been honored to attain His presence, that thou mayest inhale therefrom the fragrance of tenderness and loving-kindness. By My life! Its fragrance will draw thee to a station that cannot be described in words. The Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of all possibilities and the Educator of all religions.

BH11847

=== END BH11847 ===

=== START BH11848 ===

In the name of God, the Most Wondrous!

This is a book from Baha unto a handmaiden among the handmaidens of God, that the melodies of her Lord may attract her and draw her nigh unto her Creator, and bestow upon her that which may solace her eyes and give her to drink that whereby her heart may be tranquillized and her breast illumined, her soul purified and her tongue moved to make mention, throughout her days, of her Creator, her Fashioner, her Beloved and her Goal, and to remember her Lord among the handmaidens of God. O My handmaiden! Be not grieved, rather be thou gladdened by the Tablet of God and its influence. Take hold of it with the hand of certitude, then give thanks unto thy Lord Who hath sent down unto thee the verses in this mighty Prison. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11848

=== END BH11848 ===

=== START BH11849 ===

He is the Most Manifest

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My throne, then soar in the atmosphere of My companionship and journey through the realms of My nearness. Then drink from the cup of My favor, then speak forth My praise and be silent regarding the mention of aught else. Then arise from the horizon of holiness adorned with My ornament, My majesty and My light. Then sing with My melody among My handmaidens that they may know the pathways of My Cause and the pavilion of My holiness. By God! Verily My fragrances guide those who are brought near and My handmaidens to the garden of My companionship and the Kawthar of My grace and generosity. And the sweet-scented perfume of My garment guides the yearning ones to the Egypt of My beauty. Then remember, O My handmaiden, My tribulations, then weep for My sorrow and My exile and My trials. And the Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens.

BH11849

=== END BH11849 ===

=== START BH11850 ===

This is a Tablet from the Most High, the Most Holy One, from the Prisoner to the prisoner, that He may make him soar in the atmosphere of longing in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the tyranny of the hypocritical ones may grieve him, and that He may prosper him in the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Sorrow not for that which hath befallen thee in the path of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having made me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that neither tribulations have deterred me from Thy path nor calamities from turning unto Thy face. O my Lord! Ordain for me a seat of truth with Thee and decree for me that which shall cause me to endure through the endurance of Thy Kingdom. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

BH11850

=== END BH11850 ===

=== START BH11852 ===

O Baqir

Hearken to the Word of the Friend and listen with thy soul. Grievous is it for the Friend to be separated from the friend, yet the Friend hath so desired. What befitteth the friend is submission to, and contentment with, the good-pleasure of the Friend. The Friend saith: “My friend, thou wilt surely love that which I love.” Therefore, be thou content with the good-pleasure of the Friend and with whatsoever proceedeth from Him. O friend! The cause of motion is heat, and the cause of ascension is lightness. God willing, the fire of the love of God which is deposited in thy verses will become the cause of ascension and the reason for motion, and will unite the friends with the friends.

BH11852

=== END BH11852 ===

=== START BH11853 ===

He is the Mighty, the Most Holy

For the holy melodies of the spirit a new ear is needed, and for the fragrances of the paradise of the soul an exalted heart is required, and for the wondrous divine knowledge an illumined heart is befitting, so that with heavenly assistance through these spiritual means one may perceive the gems of divine wisdom. This is from God’s grace, the Mighty, the Powerful. And if a holy fire, sanctified from the divine Tree, free from flame and smoke, appears in a breast, no other cause for existence would be considered. Thus has the time of causation been completed, if you would but witness the Causer in the garment of holiness.

BH11853

=== END BH11853 ===

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In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O My Ghaffari! O thou who art immersed in the ocean of My love, soaring in the atmosphere of My nearness, and gazing upon My countenance! By Him Who hath caused Me to speak forth His remembrance, by thy deed the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been amazed, and the birds of intellect have winged their flight unto the Divine Lote-Tree. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the rapture of thy Lord, the All-Choosing, hath attracted thee to the horizon whence the Sun of grandeur and power hath shone forth. Beware lest sorrows keep thee back from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, or imprisonment turn thee away from the direction of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!

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O Jinab-i-Ghaffar!

Grieve not at separation. You are among those who have remained faithful to the Covenant. We love you even as you love Us, and Our love preceded your love - to this He Who is the Lord of the Day of Separation beareth witness. Grieve not at remoteness, but be content with whatsoever God hath ordained. Beware lest thou complainest of aught in My path. God will soon make manifest what He hath ordained for thee. He is thy Protector and the Protector of whosoever hath turned unto Him at all times. He beholdeth thee and His glance is directed towards thee. This verily is a great bounty. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord. He is the Helper of whomsoever hath sought Him and the Acceptor of whomsoever hath turned unto Him. He is possessed of ardent love.

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O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne, then give thanks and prostrate thyself before Me, then remember and be devoutly obedient and be thou among the thankful women. Then be patient and show forth patience and depart not from the precincts of thy Lord, that thou mayest be numbered among the contented ones. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God and were among those who attained.

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O Muhammad-Qabli-'Ali in Tiflis! Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted! We summon the peoples unto the Dayspring of Eternity and give the glad-tidings unto the world through this Name whereby the seal of the choice Wine of immortality was broken and the people of the cities of names were attracted, that perchance men may awaken and turn towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The world hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of its Lord, the All-Merciful, yet most of creation perceive it not. The Sun hath become veiled by the clouds of idle fancies through what hath befallen it from those who comprehend not. Say: O people! Fear God and withhold not the Truth from that which He desireth for you. Turn with radiant faces and hearken unto that which He commandeth you in this forbidden station. We have mentioned thee before, and this is yet another time, as a grace from Us, that thou mayest give thanks unto the Lord of the world and remember Him through this beloved Name.

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In the Name of my Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

Say: This is a chalice filled with the mercy of God; drink ye of it, O people of the Bayan! Say: This is a cup wherein surge the mysteries of God's hidden secret; draw ye nigh unto it, O people of certitude! Say: This is the Lote-Tree wherein burneth the Fire of God; hasten ye unto it, O people of glory! Say: This is the Lamp of holiness, kindled by the love of God; be ye illumined by it, O companions of the All-Merciful! Say: This is the Sun which hath dawned from the horizon of God's beauty; turn ye towards it, O ye who are beloved! Say: This verily is a Remembrance that remindeth you of the remembrance of God; remember ye Him, O ye companions! Say: This is the breeze of Paradise, wafting from the holy Ridvan from the direction of God's loving-kindness; hasten ye unto it, O people of eternity, then O people of faithfulness! Say: This is a bounty that hath yielded fruit from the Tree of the Spirit in the shade of the City of God; seek ye after it, O ye that dwell in earth and heaven!

Thus have We taught you the ways of holiness and shown you the paths of glory, and instructed you in the stations of unity, and cast upon you the words of detachment, that perchance thereby the fire may be kindled in the hearts of them that burn not with the heat of the love of God. And the spirit, and the glory, and the holiness, and the presence be upon you, O people of earth, if ye soar on the wings of the Cause toward this heaven.

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The All-Glorious, the Most Holy 521 [The Most Splendid]

The Divine Sage who was named as the First Pillar of the Two Greatest Names is held in most luminous regard. May my spirit be sacrificed for thee! The flowing pen of your holiness has stirred all pillars and roots. Willingly have we drunk from its cup the wine of love and joy. And since it indicated the good health of your eminence, it brought the utmost gladness and delight, and was presented before His face. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: We beseech God to strengthen him at all times, draw him near in all seasons, and grant him what hath been ordained for him from the All-Merciful. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower.

Regarding what had been written inquiring about the divine utterances in the assembly, that which remains in this servant's memory is hereby presented: On the first night, at the time of the evening prayer, He proceeded to the Pasha's assembly where a large gathering had congregated, all in utmost trepidation and anxiety. The Ancient Beauty reclined at the head of the assembly and remained entirely silent, as the attendees were occupied in consultation and discourse among themselves. None accompanied Him to that assembly save His Holiness the Most Great Branch, may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of His holy steps. Then the Pasha arose and stated that "You should proceed to another location, as we now wish to interrogate these prisoners." Thus did the Beauty of Unity proceed to

another place known as the administrative chamber. In that place, the Two Most Great Branches, Aqay-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Quli, Aqa Muhammad-'Ali Isfahani, Aqa Muhammad-Javad, and Aqa Muhammad-Husayn ibn Haji 'Ali-'Askar were present before Him, along with some officers and others from the palace. He remained there until the seventh hour, continuously revealing verses of grandeur. Among other things, He said to this servant, "Do you remember the verses that were revealed the night before?" Then He recited those verses in the most exalted tone, and those verses are:

In the Name of the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Mighty, the Great […]

The ocean of tribulation hath surged, and its waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Fear not, O Mariner, the tempestuous winds, for He Who causeth the dawn to break is with thee in this darkness that hath enveloped the worlds. Put thy trust in God under all conditions, and fear not the blasts of the winds of hatred. Take refuge in God, thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. He protecteth whom He willeth through His authority; He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. In the midst of darkness, the Face was radiant with a light that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. In that state, We summoned all creation unto God, and the gathering of those who disbelieved in God when He came with a wondrous Cause did not frighten Us. The thief hath stolen what was revealed from the Throne and presented it to those who rule over the servants. Thus did that remote polytheist. Say: Die in thy fury, O ignorant one! Dost thou imagine that thou canst outstrip Us? Nay, by My Name through which the fragrance of the Spirit hath wafted over all things small and great! We delivered the Cause through Our messengers, for verily We were powerful. Then We spread it through the hands of those who turned away. The scheming of schemers shall not harm it. The slinking whisperer came with My Book before the people, thinking thereby they would assault the Dayspring of the Cause and thereby degrade the station of God before all else. Thus did his soul entice him, and the word of punishment from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Encompassing, was fulfilled against him. Say: Thereby is His Cause exalted, His verses spread abroad, and this Remembrance elevated, whereby every wise matter hath been ordained. Would that the servants would gather against Us and shed Our blood in this straight Path! We have sacrificed what We possessed in the path of God, as attested by the tribulations We are in, and behind them the Pen whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath been established. Say: I await the day wherein I shall behold Myself among the parties of the armies of the oppressors. By God! Then shall they hear what they have never heard before, and see what no eyes of those gone before have seen. He is verily the Ruler over what He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty. Say: O fly! Canst thou soar with the Dove in this atmosphere wherein the birds of the world have never soared? All that befalleth Us is a mercy unto Us, as every discerning believer doth testify. The atoms weep at Our affliction, while We are in manifest joy. We have manifested gladness from the horizon of sorrows. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

At that time, they paid no attention whatsoever to the officials. The Blessed Countenance was turned toward the Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch, may my spirit be sacrificed for them both, and some of the loved ones who were present in service. Then the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance surged forth. Among other things He said: "God, the Blessed and Exalted, revealed to one of His Prophets in His revelation: 'By My glory and majesty! I shall surely cut off the hope of every hopeful one who hopes in other than Me, clothe him with the garment of disgrace before all people, and remove him far from My

grace and relief. Does My servant hope in other than Me in times of hardship, while its key is in My hand? What is wrong with Me that I see My servant turning away from Me when I have given him what he has not asked of Me? Should I be asked and not be generous? Never! Does not generosity and munificence belong to Me? Are not this world and the next in My hands? If everyone in the heavens and earth were to ask Me the equivalent of the heavens and earth, and I were to grant it, this would not diminish My dominion by even as much as a gnat's wing.'" And similar utterances which are mostly not remembered continuously flowed from the All-Merciful's lips. "He partook of the cups of utterance from the wine of thy Lord, the All-Merciful's mention." What can I say of how the signs of power, grandeur and sovereignty poured forth and descended on that blessed night! "The Salsabil of utterance was bestowed upon all contingent beings, the ocean of generosity sprinkled upon the nations, and the mystery enshrouded in mystery was revealed to all in the unseen and visible realms." Many of the utterances have completely vanished from this servant's memory. Some that remain in mind have been presented. Later, at the seventh hour, one of the officers came and took away the Ancient Beauty, the two Most Great Branches, and Aqay-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Quli. The Ancient Beauty and the Greater Branch were placed in a location adjacent to the prison, Aqay-i in another place, and the Most Great Branch in the prison under strict guard. This servant and the other friends were imprisoned under strict guard in a very dark place in the same building. On the second night, a telegram came from the governor and they changed the Ancient Beauty's location to a high domed chamber above the prison. This was at the time of the evening prayer, and the Most Great Branch, the Greater Branch and Aqay-i were also in the Most Holy Presence. The stay in the dome was thirty-eight and a half hours. Then again on Thursday, at the fourth hour after sunrise, they summoned them to the building for questioning. While proceeding to the assembly, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words repeatedly: "You have taken hold of your own principles and cast the principles of God behind your backs. What is wrong with you that you do not understand?" After the Pasha and the members of the assembly arrived, they apologized saying that they were obliged to investigate since three people had been killed and all the people of the city were frightened and terrified, therefore the law must be followed. Apparently the poor man had no knowledge even of the law […]

When they inquired about His blessed name and homeland, stating that according to law these questions must be asked and recorded, He declared: "It is more evident than the sun." When asked again, He said: "It is not befitting to mention the name. Look at the government decree which you have." Then, with utmost gentleness, they requested that He Himself declare it. Thereupon, the Temple of Grandeur sat upright upon the chair and spoke with the tongue of power and might: "My name is Baha'u'llah and My dwelling place is Nur." Then the Ancient Beauty turned to the Mufti and said, may His grandeur be exalted: "Had you known, We would have caused you to hear the cooing of the Dove of Grandeur upon the branch of the Divine Lote-Tree, that you might understand the meaning of 'Servitude is a substance, the essence of which is Lordship.'" Those present were stunned by this eternal Word of God. Then, addressing all present, He said: "What is the purpose of this gathering and these questions and answers? If you wish, I will acknowledge what is your intention and the desire of your hearts, for I do not wish to remain in this world even for a moment." And He recited verses from the Surih of the Kings, including this blessed passage: "I have never passed by a tree, but My heart addressed it saying: 'O would that thou wert cut down in My name, and My body crucified upon thee in My Lord's way.'" During His utterance,

the foundations of the All-Merciful were seized with trembling. Then He arose and the Beauty of the All-Knowing turned toward another place outside the gathering.

O my master, what can I say? It was a wondrous day and a wondrous time. In some souls the Sun of the Word of God shone forth and they showed forth love. In truth, this servant is incapable of mentioning the divine utterances. The author of the Mathnavi has mentioned something appropriate to this station:

That discourse which the Prophet spoke that day,

If it should strike the night, would turn it day;

That dark night would become bright as the morn,

But I cannot speak that sacred tongue now born.

You know what says the sun in Aries

To herbs and plants in gardens such as these;

You know what says that pure and flowing stream

To plants and flowers that on its borders gleam.

Verily, this servant was and shall ever be powerless to make mention of the divine utterances and heavenly terms. Subsequently the Pasha sent word requesting a return to the house and sought pardon for what had transpired. They said return to the original prison was preferable as some were imprisoned there. Certain ones came into His presence and submitted that the townspeople were in commotion and the prisoners could not be brought out - it would be better to wait a few days. Then they returned to the house at eleven o'clock in the day. From the beginning of departure from the sanctuary until the final return thereto, sixty-nine and a half hours had elapsed: five and a half hours' stay in the serai the first night, eighteen and a half hours in the prison adjoining the barracks, thirty-eight and a half hours in confinement in the tower above the barracks, and seven hours' stay in the serai the second time. In truth it was observed that this letter had become very lengthy, therefore I have confined myself to this much, although the fire of love cries out "Is there more?" and by whatever means possible seeks to make mention and cause trouble. We beseech God to assist your honor and this servant and all the friends to remember and praise Him. Verily He is powerful over all things.

As to what you wrote concerning Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, having sent a copy of the Beirut newspaper - its origin was not from Beirut but was printed in London. The details are that some Europeans came and strove earnestly to attain the presence but were not accepted. They spent some days in the service of the Most Great Branch - may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of His sacred feet - and after returning to their countries, they recorded the details which were published in newspapers. In Beirut they translated the London newspaper which was in English into Arabic and printed some parts, while refraining from mentioning others for fear of the government, as in the original newspaper which is now in this servant's possession they wrote of the afflictions as well. Similarly newspapers came from Prussia where they also gave details and questioned how the Sublime State had

not acted according to this matter but rather had arisen to cause harm - all of these are in this servant's possession. However, after the recent events, a malicious person from this land sent a letter to the director of the Beirut press, and that poor man unknowingly printed it in Al-Najah. Although in his own mind what he wrote was out of enmity, in reality he proclaimed the Cause without understanding. Regarding this the blessed verse was revealed: "Verily We have proclaimed the Cause through the agency of Our messengers, for verily We were powerful. Then We spread it through the hands of those who turned away. Verily the scheming of the schemers shall not harm it."

Furthermore I request that you convey the expressions of evanescence, nothingness and sincerity of this transient servant to each of the friends, especially to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, Haji 'Abdu'l-Majid, Aqa Muhammad-Rida, Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, and Aqa 'Abdu'llah - convey to all the Most Glorious and Most Wondrous greetings. The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree remember your honor with wondrous and sublime mention, and likewise the friends trouble you with expressions of boundless sincerity. Verily the spirit, glory and splendor be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you.

The Servant 66 [of God]

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Glorified be He Who possesses dominion over the heavens and earth! He expounds in the Book the laws of all things and details the verses for a people who fear God. He it is Who sent forth His Messengers aforetime and enjoined upon them guidance and truth. God, glorified and exalted be He, is far above what they associate with Him. Those who worship God with true devotion - these are they who attain to the triumph granted by their Lord and inherit His good pleasure, and they are thankful to Him. That verse abideth with thy Lord, and that is life everlasting. Glorified then be God, thy Lord, above what the unbelievers say when the Word of God came, and glorified be God above what they do not comprehend. To Him belongeth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on earth. Verily those who join partners with God from among His servants - these are the companions of the fire, therein shall they abide. And whoso holdeth fast to the cord of God and placeth his trust in Him - these are they who have attained their portion from their Lord and they rejoice in the Most Glorious Paradise. Thus doth God recompense everyone according to their due measure - and who is better than God in measuring, if ye but ponder the verses of God? He it is Who hath perfected the creation of all things and established His Own Cause. And who is mightier than God in command and more exalted in power? Glorified be He! His is the sovereignty and all bear witness unto Him. He is the One Who standeth supreme over His Cause, doing as He willeth, and none can question His doings. Verily thy Lord Who created thee is able to sustain thee and return thee to what thou wert. There is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is God, the Restorer, the Sovereign, the Originator, the Oft-Returning, the Merciful.

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He is God!

The honored Mirza Mihdi hath been specially favored with God's all-embracing mercy. He hath, at no time, been careless in recording the words of God, nor hath he neglected their dispatch. Would that he might, with utmost renunciation, abide within the retreats of celestial glory, and spend His days in close union with them who are the manifestations of His love. The world shall pass away and be no more. Were it found to be endowed with any special distinction, would He Who is the Most Pure Essence have consented to condemn Himself to such incalculable and deadly perils? Wherefore take ye good heed!

Convey special greetings to My esteemed spouse. Be not careless of her needs, for manifold are the adversities that have befallen her. Such adversities, however, are painless in the path of the Well-Beloved. Aqa Muhammad Ali will acquaint thee with certain details and thou wilt readily acknowledge that all the afflictions of the world fade into utter nothingness when compared with the harm that hath been inflicted upon Us.

Convey My greetings to thy distinguished Guest. No news hath reached Us concerning Munib. The spirit of God rest upon thee!

A Tablet, revealed in honor of the renown Muhammad Husayn who dwelleth in the Land of Kaf, hath been written to Aqa Siyyid Mihdi that he may deliver it. It would be highly acceptable in Our sight should a number of additional Tablets and Scriptures reach him.

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He is God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of all who dwell in existence, both the unseen and the manifest! I testify before Thee and before those who inhabit the kingdom of Thy creation that I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and in Thy Prophets and in Thy Messengers. I bear witness that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful over all things and sovereign over earth and heaven, and Thou wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy Will and the ocean of Thy Purpose to make me in all conditions turned towards Thee and steadfast in Thy love. O Lord! Thou art the Master and I am the servant. I ask Thee to assist me in serving Thee and enable me to remember Thee and praise Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest in the kingdom of creation and command. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath appeared and caused to appear that which hath broken the necks of the Pharaohs and caused the limbs of the tyrants to tremble–they who denied God's proof and His evidence, who turned away from His sovereignty, who rejected His signs, and who are the divines of Persia that pronounced judgment against the Dawning-Place of God's verses and the Dayspring of His evidences, who shed His blood and slew His loved ones and His friends. God is quit of them, and so too are the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise, and they who circle round His mighty Throne. Glory and praise be unto them whom neither clamor nor the howling of those who violated the Covenant of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, could deter. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined the people of Baha with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which hath gladdened the eyes of the sincere ones among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee to make them the signs of Thy remembrance and the standards of Thy Cause in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived like a divine herald from the realm of inner meanings, bearing multiple glad-tidings: first, the glad-tidings of divine love; second, of arising to serve His Cause; and third, news of that honored one's health and well-being. Each of these is, in truth, a perfect bounty and an all-encompassing favor. Its perusal wafted the breezes of joy and diffused the fragrance of delight. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds for having caused that spiritual beloved to be enkindled with the fire of His Lote-Tree–an enkindlement whose heat is manifest from the words of his letter. After its perusal, it was presented before the Divine Presence and achieved the honor of being heard. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the Most Merciful, uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance–His Word: "His light hath shone forth and His sovereignty hath been made manifest."

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O Messenger! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen! On this day all things are engaged in praise, glorification and thanksgiving. At this moment the sun proclaims with the loudest voice "The All-Bountiful has come!", and the trees cry out "The Chosen One has appeared!", while the Concourse on High declares "The veil has been rent asunder and He Who is the Lord of the Kingdom of Names is established upon the Throne of Utterance!" The very atoms of the world give each other glad tidings of the lights of the Kingdom and the appearance of the Lord of the Realm of Might. Yet few are found who have ears worthy to hear.

In all the Books, Scriptures and Psalms this Day has been named the Day of God, yet most of the people of the world remain heedless, veiled and opposed. The people of utterance are striving with the utmost endeavor to extinguish the divine light and quench the fire of the celestial Tree. This Wronged One has been, from the earliest days until now, a captive and prisoner in the hands of the enemies. Nevertheless, they have said that which no oppressor has ever said. Say: O people! Today this blessed word, which is

the essence of all Books and Scriptures, has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen and set before the face of the Lord of all mankind, namely: “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.”

O thou who speakest My praise! Were the people of the earth to become aware of the hidden treasure within this blessed Word, all would hasten to circle round it and would cleave to that which is with God rather than to that which is with them. Today the river of mercy flows from the Pen, the light of utterance shines forth from the horizon of the heaven of possibility, and the ocean of knowledge surges before the faces of the world. Yet those souls who are consumed by the fire of hatred and malice are deprived and forbidden from all these. Base nature has reached such a point that they occupy themselves with false tales of old. Those who are engaged in service before His face have clung to such a person while remaining heedless and veiled from the Truth.

The river of mercy proclaims with the loudest call: O people! Hold fast to justice and cleave to equity. Your idle fancies will not suffice you in place of the Lord of all beings, nor will your conjectures suffice in place of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Cast aside the book of your own selves and take hold of the Book of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. He calls out with the most exalted voice: O concourse of earth and heaven! Be fair in this Cause whereby the limbs of the world and the hearts of nations have trembled, and in that which hath appeared from His presence. Be not of those who observe and deny, who hear the call yet turn away from it, who hear the verses yet dispute them. These, verily, comprehend not.

Say: O people! I was asleep when the Call awakened Me, and I was silent when the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, caused Me to speak and commanded Me to raise My voice in this atmosphere. This is not My crime, if ye be fair. Fear God, O people, and follow not the desires of every ignorant one, nor follow those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Were it not for the Glory, who would stand before all faces and who would guide the servants to the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving? Through Him the Trumpet was blown, the dwellers of the graves arose, and the Cause of God appeared before the eyes of the princes and kings. Through Him were the signs of God spread abroad, the mysteries unveiled, the lights made manifest, and the seas set in motion.

O Messenger! Upon thee be My loving-kindness! I was walking in the House, speaking that which the parties of the earth are prevented from knowing and their ears from hearing, save whom God, the Lord of this exalted station, willeth. The servant in attendance entered with thy letter[…]

O Lord my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy tribulations and imprisonment and by what hath befallen Thee in the prison-city of Ta, and by the lights of Thy Revelation and the stations that have been honored by Thy footsteps and the cities that have been illumined by the radiance of Thy countenance and the things that have been adorned by Thy glance and the air wherein arose Thy sighs at what hath befallen Thy loved ones, to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee. Every fair-minded one beareth witness to Thy greatness and Thy power and to the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. O Lord! Aid them to achieve that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and withhold them not from the fountainhead of Thy knowledge and the dawning-place of Thy wisdom and the dayspring of Thy most great signs and the source of Thy most exalted and most glorious Cause. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of the highest rank and the control of all who are in earth and heaven. Ordain through Thy will that which will

draw Thy servants nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy grandeur. Then help them through Thy bounty and might and through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that they may hasten with their hearts unto Thee and forsake all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

These days are the manifestation of this blessed verse of the Qur'an which states "They have eyes with which they see not" to the end of the verse. For it is observed that eyes physically exist, yet most factions are prevented from seeing; likewise ears exist, yet they are deprived of hearing. The Greatest Talisman is manifest, yet no one perceives. They speak according to their own beliefs, yet before God they are dumb and mute. This particularly applies to those who turn away from the Bayan, who seem deprived of understanding and truthfulness. Now mention is made of Mu'awiyih's golden peas, which is among the falsehoods of the Shi'ih sect. Most of what this group has possessed has been devoid of truth. Mu'awiyih openly did whatever he desired and feared no one's words in pursuing such matters. O My loved one! Justice and fairness have vanished, and in their place tyranny and oppression reign. In such circumstances they do what they please and say what they wish, nothing restrains them. These are they who ride the steeds of self and passion, galloping in the arena of error and wretchedness. They fear not God, nor do they show shame before His servants. They do what none before them has done, and say what no oppressive souls have said. It is best that we pass over mention of heedless souls and occupy ourselves with the remembrance and utterance of God, though even this is said as counsel to the servants, that they might catch the fragrance of truth and turn to its horizon. We beseech God to give them to drink from the cup of truth and the chalice of knowledge, that they may return unto Him, submissive and lowly. Verily, He is the Most Powerful of the powerful and the Most Generous of the generous. Praise be to God that that spiritual friend has arisen to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness and complete devotion in days when sight and hearing have become like the phoenix - existing in name but absent in reality. All shall receive the recompense of their deeds and soon shall find themselves in evident torment. I convey mention, praise and glory to the friends in that land, and I beseech the True One to make each like an immovable mountain and like an undulating ocean in this Most Great Cause, and to ordain for each that which neither perishes nor changes. He is the Powerful One before Whom the power of the world and its peoples is as nothing and non-existent. This servant has ever mentioned and continues to mention all in the Most Holy Court. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O My friends! One of My loved ones has made mention of you, and We have made mention of you with a remembrance around which all remembrances circle. Verily the Divine Lote Tree desires to send you a wondrous, fresh fruit, and the Ocean of Utterance to honor you with one of its waves, and the Sun of Truth with one of its effulgences, that the attraction of grace and favors may so seize you that neither the tongues of the polytheists, nor the words of the deniers, nor the might of the oppressors, nor the doubts of the croakers who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, may prevent you. O party of God, rejoice! O hosts of God, rejoice! For today, by the attestation of the Truth, glorified be His majesty, you possess hearing and sight and are endowed with the light of divine love, having attained to that which was the hope of the Messengers. This station is great and this rank mighty. Strive that perchance you may, with joy and radiance, guide the wayward to the divine ocean of knowledge and direct them to the straight

path. You have always been and continue to be remembered. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for this great bounty and for this remembrance, each letter of which God has made a treasure with Him. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere and the steadfast. There is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be to Thee, O my God and the One remembered in my heart! Thou seest Thy friends in the hands of the oppressors, and there hath befallen them in Thy days that which hath caused the hearts of all being, both seen and unseen, to melt. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Interlocutor spoke, and by the Staff that overcame the swords, by Thy Name, the All-Powerful, that Thou assist Thy chosen ones with Thy hosts that have conquered all who are in the heavens and earth, and by Thy signs which caused the Concourse on High, the Most Exalted Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at all times to tremble. O Lord! Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy the rains of Thy generosity and blessing. Strengthen their hearts with Thy power and their limbs with Thy might, lest they be frightened by the might of the aggressive ones among Thy servants and the polytheists among Thy creation. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them in what they desire in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

A hundred thousand thanks and praise be to the Purpose of the world that He confirmed that soul with a confirmation to which the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath testified, and that testimony sufficeth. The testimony of this servant and the like of this servant is not worthy of mention. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn His servants and loved ones with that which shall cause their names and remembrances to endure through the duration of the manifestation of His names and attributes. As for what thou didst write concerning the honored Haji Ibrahim and his son Aqa Qasim, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before the Presence. His blessed and exalted Word: O thou who gazest upon the Face! We have heard thy call and accepted thy intercession. We have pardoned the first and We ask God to forgive him through His bounty and to remit his sins. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist Qasim in His remembrance and praise and the service of His Cause, and to enable him to forsake that which He hath forbidden and to act according to that which He hath commanded in His perspicuous Book. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him that he may be of the thankful, the doers. Rejoice, O messenger, in My grace toward them and My favor upon them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's pardon, the All-Merciful, wafted. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad Isma'il of the people of ?, upon him be the glory of God, who intends to make pilgrimage to the House of God. After this was presented, these manifest verses were revealed from the Mother Book. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad Isma'il! Upon thee be the glory of God! Turn thy face toward the House of God, the Lord of the glorious Throne. Draw nigh unto it with such devotion as will cause the fragrance of sincerity to be diffused among the servants and the sweet savors of thy love for the Lord of the worlds. Permission hath come from the direction of grace that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy

forebears. Thus hath surged the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and He hath made mention of thee in such wise as to attract the hearts of the sincere ones.

Praise be to God that thou hast been granted permission, and God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which thou hast intended. Were the servants to know and find the reward of attaining His presence, all would surrender their lives and whatsoever they possess that they might achieve it. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to assist him to perform such deeds as shall conduce to permanence and shall be the cause of His good-pleasure. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what thou didst write about the heedless ones, that is, the deniers, and their opposition and hatred - in truth this servant is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered, for these souls were not present at the scene of the Cause and know not its foundation. All that was revealed in the Bayan beareth witness to this Cause - were it not for Him, the Point of the Bayan would not have appeared nor would the Bayan have been revealed. We beseech God to bestow justice upon the servants. The heedlessness of these souls and their lack of understanding hath reached such a point that while Mirza Yahya traveled with seventy people during the migration from Iraq, he nevertheless informed his followers that he was not with them, and those ignorant ones accepted this. Their ignorance hath reached such a degree that the people of the cities of knowledge are bewildered. For years this servant was with him by command, yet these heedless people never asked even one person to tell them, for the sake of God, what the truth was. And until now they know not from whom came the Tablets that were sent to the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. But they would know if they were fair, and would understand if they were truthful. The recompense of their deeds hath prevented their eyes and deprived their ears. Soon shall they see the consequences of their actions, then shall they find no helper. We beseech God to make them aware and to aid them in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Concerning what thou didst mention about Haji 'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, that he came to that region to counsel and guide him who rent asunder the veil with the finger of might and power, and likewise concerning the mention of that beloved of hearts, Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness - these matters were presented before the Desired One of the worlds. His blessed and exalted Word:

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to the grace of the All-Bountiful. There hath been sent down for him from the heaven of utterance that which, were it to be cast upon all things, would cause them to raise their cry. We make mention of him at this time in such wise as to cause the fragrance of divine knowledge to be diffused throughout all possibility. We beseech God to protect him and to assist him with the hosts of wisdom and knowledge, and to make him a standard of His name and a banner of His remembrance among the people. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of him who hath been named 'Ali, upon him be My glory. His deeds in the path of God have been accepted. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this at this moment, and He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O 'Ali! Blessed be thine ear for what it hath heard, and thine eye for what it hath beheld of the signs of God, and thy tongue for having uttered His beauteous praise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having made me to know Thee and guided me to Thy

straight and manifest path. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

This servant conveyeth praise and glorification unto him, and beseecheth from God that which will cause His Word to be exalted amongst His servants.

As for the mention made of the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Siyyid Morta?a, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the mention of his love, steadfastness, and what befell him - these matters were presented before the Throne. His word, exalted be His majesty and abundant be His favors:

O Morta?a! We testify that thou hast attained unto the pearls of wisdom and utterance which were treasured within My Most Exalted Pen, and in My days thou hast attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Lord of the exalted Seat. We sent thee aforetime that which the books of men cannot rival, as beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. There befell Us in the Land of ?a what caused those near unto God to weep. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of life from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having assisted me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy Cause, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I wish to be a servant to Thy Cause in all conditions and to speak Thy praise. Thou art He Who created me, taught me, made me to know Thee, and mentioned me time and again. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation and by what lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! The poor one seeketh the sun of Thy riches and the seeker the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the seas that surge in the hearts of Thy loved ones and by the fire that spoke forth from Thy Tree unto Thy call, to aid me to achieve that which will exalt me. Verily, Thou art the Munificent Giver. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Morta?a! Be not grieved. The world hath ever been subject to change and alteration. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Verily, with difficulty cometh ease." We beseech God to send down upon thee from the heaven of His mercy a blessing from Him and a favor from His presence, to adorn thee with the ornament of His might, and to ordain for thee that which will comfort thine eyes. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that he hath been and continues to be successful, for there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen for him that which all the riches of the world cannot equal even a single letter thereof, nor ever shall.

As for what thou didst write regarding thy stay in that land, excellent is what ye have done, and the pursuit of medical science hath also been accepted. He said: We beseech God to assist thee, aid thee, and make thy remembrance and medical practice a cure for ailments. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

This matter is most excellent, for engagement therein and association with the servants is a means of tranquility for souls and is beloved for the purpose of teaching. And if it be possible to maintain fellowship with some of the learned, this would be good, for it is a source of tranquility. We beseech God to assist thee in all that thou wishest and desirest […] the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to what you wrote regarding Jinab-i-Aqa ’Ali Pasha Khan, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, previously his petition was sent by the beloved servant Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory and favors, and a response is being sent down from the heaven of grace. And likewise you had mentioned Jinab-i-’Ali Akbar Khan, may God strengthen him - a blessed Tablet specifically for him is also being sent. If their capacity allows, bestow it that they may drink from its ocean of meanings. As per your request, Tablets are being sent specifically for each of those souls who are turned to the horizon of the Manifestation. God willing, may they attain unto them and act as befitting.

As to what you wrote regarding Jinab-i-Aqa Khudabakhsh, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, and his love and assistance - after it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses, blessed and exalted be His Word:

“O Khudabakhsh! The Wronged One hath repeatedly made mention of thee. Praise be to God, thou art blessed with His grace, confirmed in service, successful in deeds, and distinguished by steadfastness. We beseech God to aid thee in that which causeth the exaltation of His Word and service to His Cause. We are with those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have aided their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take thou the chalice of immortality from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, then drink therefrom in spite of every ignorant remote one, every shameless opponent and every tyrannical transgressor. Verily We were with thee and heard thy call, thy turning and thy devotion. We beseech God to ordain for thee the best of what He hath revealed in His Clear Book. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Desired One of all the worlds.”

And likewise they mentioned Jinab-i-Hakim Lalihzar, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory. Praise be to God, mention of him and Jinab-i-Aqa Khudabakhsh, upon them both be Baha’u’llah’s glory, was made in the Most Holy Court, and after this matter was presented, these verses were revealed specifically for him, blessed and exalted be His Word:

“O Lalihzar! Upon thee be My glory! We made mention of thee before and at this time. Give thanks to thy Lord for this manifest grace. The mention of all the world equalleth not His mention, nor do the books of all nations equal His Word. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. Say: My God, my God! Thy mention of me transcendeth my station. This is naught but from the wonders of Thy grace and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful and that Thou art the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then grant me the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayer.”

This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to them and to Jinab-i-Aqa Khudabakhsh, upon them both be Baha’u’llah’s glory, and I seek confirmation. As to what you wrote about their steadfastness and

service, this matter is truly in such days a great station and mighty deed. I beseech God for confirmation on their behalf. Verily He is the Confirmer, the Generous.

You mentioned Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, may God strengthen him in what He loveth and is pleased with. After this was presented before His presence, these verses were revealed from the heaven of Will, blessed and exalted be His Word: […]

O Messenger! Upon thee be the glory of God, Lord of existence! Thou didst make mention of Sheikh Muhammad. We beseech God to aid him and grant him success, that he may arise with complete steadfastness to praise the Lord of Days amongst the people. Say: O Sheikh! By the Sun of Truth that shineth from the horizon of the prison sky, from the beginning of this Cause none were aware save two souls, and both have ascended. The knowledge is with God, thy Lord, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe justice and equity, to read what hath been revealed and to reflect upon that which hath appeared. These are like two wings for man's ascent to the goal. This Wronged One hath been in the hands of enemies from the beginning of this Cause until now - at times imprisoned, at others captive, at moments in chains. Yet at no time did He protect Himself. With complete power, steadfast reliance, and firm resignation, He summoned all on earth, from kings to subjects and others, to the Dawning-Place of supreme guidance and the Path of God, the Lord of all mankind. With utmost clarity We declared to the kings that which would ensure the healing of the world and the tranquility of nations. Neither the might of kings nor the clamor of subjects deterred Me. I spoke before their faces that which I was commanded by God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Thou thyself bearest witness to what hath been mentioned, and surely thou hast heard of the Tablet to the Sultan, which We sent forth openly through wondrous means. When it was presented before the Sultan's face, the bearer raised the Book and proclaimed: "I have brought thee from the Most Great Announcement a mighty Book." Likewise, We openly proclaimed the Cause to other monarchs and manifested God's Command, such that now in every land the banner "Verily He is God" is raised and the standard "He doeth what He willeth" is unfurled. When the fragrance of the garment of utterance was diffused somewhat among the people of creation, certain ones emerged from behind the veils with swords, seeking to harm this Wronged One. Judge thou fairly, by God, O Muhammad! Were it not for Baha, who would arise among men? Were it not for Him, who would champion God's Cause, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below? Who would make mention of Him among the enemies? We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth this blessed Day. Arise, detached from all save God, to celebrate His praise and glory. Observe the ocean and its waves, and likewise the Tree and its fruits. If today a tree should appear adorned with countless fruits, can one deny it? Or can one conceal the waves of the ocean? Nay, by God! Save those who have not drunk from the cup of fairness and are deprived of the ocean of justice. Now there hath been revealed and made manifest the equivalent of all divine Books of the past and future, nay more. By what proof and evidence did they believe in the Point of the Bayan? Today the path is manifest, the evidence revealed, and the Mother Book proclaimeth with loudest voice: "The All-Bestowing hath come!" Yet the people hear not, nor do they perceive. They cling to the river while deprived of the ocean. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and with the finger of might rend asunder the veils and shrouds of the wicked.

Break asunder the veils of the wicked and rend them, and shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the power of the horizons' Mighty One. By the life of God, the oppression of the oppressors has caused the reality of the Cause to be hidden from eyes and sight. Those who lived in perfect comfort and suffered no harm whatsoever in this Cause are now remembered as the oppressed ones - such is the condition of those who follow idle fancies. Let him reflect upon the Shi'ih sect and its divines. For twelve hundred years they claimed to hold fast to the cord of successorship, yet differences appeared regarding their stations and ranks, and to this day they curse one another. What was the fruit of those souls and what became of their recompense on the Day of Reckoning? What was the outcome of those twelve hundred years during which all the divines, from every pulpit, cursed and reviled the Truth, until finally they issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood? This is a matter which you yourself and other servants, if they speak truthfully, will confirm. And now some are occupied with organizing such a party. Say: Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him through Whom the divine fragrances wafted, the sea surged, and the Dove of Utterance warbled in the Most Exalted Paradise upon the highest branches. O people of creation! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that the might of princes, the denial of divines, and the clamor of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, have failed to intimidate. Say: Hear My call, then turn unto Him. Verily, the gate of bounty is opened before the faces of all in the heavens and the earth. Say: Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Furqan or the cawing of the people of the Bayan, who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and denied Him of Whom the Herald declared "Verily, I am the first to worship Him," prevent you. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, that which ye possess will profit you not this day. Hearken unto that which the Bayan warbleth upon the branches. It said, and its word is the truth - and I have written its essence regarding His mention - "He is a sign that cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what was mentioned in the Bayan." Fear God and follow not your desires. Behold the sun, its dawning and its effulgences and its lights, then the Tree and its fruits and its leaves. Beware lest the imaginings of men debar you from the truth. Cast behind you all else but God, then hasten with illumined hearts and radiant faces to the station wherein is raised the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Beware lest ye withhold eyes from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon, or ears from hearkening to My sweetest call, or hearts from turning unto Him, or faces from directing themselves toward God, the Lord of all worlds. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of justice from the cup of My utterance and thou art seized with the intoxication of the Kawthar of My knowledge, say […]

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having shown forth the Path and sent down the verses, and for having guided me to the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy commandments, and the Source of Thy laws. Thou didst cause me to hear Thy call while I was in the hands of Thine enemies, and didst manifest that which was hidden from the eyes of Thy servants and concealed in Thy knowledge. I testify that Thou didst remember Thy servants when they were silent in Thy remembrance, and didst turn toward them when they had turned away from Thy horizon. I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded all things and Thy grace hath encompassed all. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which, when it shone forth from the heaven of Thy will, all names bowed down before it, and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the earth and the heaven, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee, to hold fast unto the cord of Thy grace, and to cling to the hem of

the robe of Thy bounty. Then ordain for him who hath turned back and shown justice in Thy Cause the best of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath.

Praise be to God that mention hath been made of that distinguished one by the Supreme Pen. God willing, may the place be made ready for acceptance. God is the witness and testifier that this servant had for a long time desired to write something to him and reveal, for the sake of God and in His path, that which He knoweth, for the Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God, made favorable mention of him in the previous year, and likewise mention of him came from another quarter, and that distinguished one hath also made mention at this time. In any case, I beseech the Self-Sufficient, the Transformer of all things, and the Revealer of verses to confirm him that he may become a sign of His name in His lands. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The Cause of God is more manifest than the sun and more exalted than the heaven. Every person of insight beareth witness and every hearing ear testifieth that from the beginning of creation until now no Revelation like unto this Most Great Revelation hath appeared or been made manifest. However, the unjust ones of the world, who are deprived of equity and forbidden from beholding, are striving with the utmost effort to conceal this world-illumining Sun. But alas! alas! The time shall come when new eyes and attentive ears shall appear through the Word of God, and they shall see all else but God as non-existent and shall turn unto the court of the One Beloved. O beloved of my heart! Until now no one hath comprehended the reality of the Cause. Were the details of the beginning of the Cause to be mentioned, all would hold fast unto the Straight Path and the Great Announcement.

Mirza Yahya was accompanied by seventy people during this journey. In their presence, he was unable to speak, yet the deluded ones, in their imagination, have denied this matter which seventy people witnessed. Such is the condition of the people. In the Land of Mystery, the power of God was manifestly revealed before the faces of a hundred companions who had gathered there. Who could speak in His presence? The tyranny of the Amir-Nizam became the cause of his name being elevated for the protection of the Source. If they would observe the signs of God with the eye of insight, detached from all else save Him, they would become aware of the root of the Cause. Then would the light of unity become manifest and every just one would testify to the power of God, His sovereignty, and His majesty which dominates all who are in the heavens and the earth.

In any case, if you deem it advisable, convey greetings and praise on behalf of this servant. We beseech God, blessed and exalted is He, to assist him to manifest His Cause, detached from all else save Him, and to exalt through him His remembrance among His creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

They mentioned the names of his honor Aqa Siyyid ’Ali-Muhammad Khan and his honor Aqa Mir Siyyid Ahmad and his honor Aqa Mirza Murtada, upon them be the Glory of God, that they have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have attained unto the sealed wine. Their mention was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and there was revealed for each one that which is the cause of the Greater Guidance and the Most Great Proof for the people of the mortal realm. God willing, they shall drink and receive their portion from the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance that lie hidden within the words of the Desired One of all worlds. This servant also conveyeth greetings to each one and beseecheth the True

One, exalted be His glory, to aid them to perform such deeds as shall endure and persist in the Book of God. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. It is hoped that all the servants throughout the earth shall, through the breaths of inspiration, turn toward the horizon of the Manifestation of the Lord of all names and shall not be deprived of the Kawthar of utterance. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. In Him have we placed our trust and unto Him have we committed all affairs. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words concerning this Most Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise, sanctified from decline and transformation, change and obliteration, befitteth the Court of the Self-Subsisting One, Who hath summoned them that are endued with understanding unto the horizon of His Manifestation in their ultimate habitation. His favor hath encompassed the world of existence, both seen and unseen. His path is like unto a brilliant and luminous lamp, and His proof like unto the manifest and resplendent sun. The sweet waters of His utterance are the portion of them that thirst in the city of understanding. Glorified be His majesty and universal be His bounty! Glory be unto God that despite this, the blind have not seen - and praise be to God that they have not seen! The fewer the rivals, the sweeter and more pleasant is the work of the lovers.

O lovers! Come ye, come ye! The Beloved is manifest and rivals are scarce. Now is the time to take the cup of reunion from the hand of the Self-Sufficient One and, despite the servants' opposition, to drink therefrom. A thousand pities and a hundred thousand regrets that while the Desired One is present and manifest without veil or concealment, yet the people of the world are some turned away, some bewildered, and some astonished. By what excuse do they excuse themselves? If they say divine proof is the Book, we present a hundred books. If they say it is explanation, in most books, scriptures and tablets hath been revealed that which every person of insight testifieth to the power and all-encompassing knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Would one possessed of insight be denied a drop from the Most Great Ocean, or a particle from the sun? What intoxication hath seized them all! By the life of our Object, the recompense of their deeds hath seized them all and barred them from the direction of the Divine Unity. We beseech God to grant awareness to the heedless and wakefulness to them that slumber. The forbearance of God, exalted be His glory, seeketh salvation for all. Verily He is the Most Merciful of them that show mercy and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived, from which wafted the fragrance of submission and contentment, and from which appeared the glad tidings of health and well-being. After its perusal and reading, it ascended to the Most Exalted Kingdom and, after permission was granted, attained the honor of being heard in the presence. This is what was revealed in reply, blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed […]

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath revealed, wherein He giveth glad tidings unto the servants of God's Kawthar, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Verily it is My utterance in the dominion of My knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!" The ocean of certitude hath surged at the right hand of the All-Merciful, and the fragrance of revelation hath wafted when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Loving. The worlds of wisdom and utterance have been illumined by the lights of the Sun of My manifestation, yet most of the people do not understand. They have denied that which hath appeared with truth and that which hath been sent down through grace, yet they perceive it not. They hear the verses of God and deny them, and they see His clear tokens and turn away from them. By My life! They are of those who have broken God's covenant and His testament, and have abandoned that which they were commanded in the Preserved Tablet.

Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Prison. It will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the hints of those who have turned away from the Truth and the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Kingdom, make thee sorrowful. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not every ignorant and veiled one. Behold ye and remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came with clear signs, the people denied Him and committed that whereby the pillars of the Word were scattered and the essences of existence lamented. Come ye and judge with fairness: By what proof did ye believe in God's Messengers of old, and by what evidence do ye now turn away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, Who calleth aloud before the faces of all mankind: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Promised Day!"

O people! Ye may produce what ye possess, and We shall set forth unto you the Word of God, the Almighty, the Beloved. Beware lest the books of the world hold you back from the Book of God which speaketh in this praiseworthy station. Say: By God! This is a Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and all things proclaim: "The Promise is come, and in every matter the Promised One declareth: 'There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.'"

Hearken unto the divine call in the Persian tongue, that perchance the heedless may become aware and the dead may attain eternal life through the sweet-scented stream of the All-Merciful's utterance. Today the Sun of loving-kindness hath risen from the highest horizon of the world, and the Luminary of grace shineth from the zenith of the exalted heaven of the Most High Heart. It would be a pity should the servants remain deprived of the Ever-Flowing Source of truth on this day. The rain of mercy poureth down at all times, and the verses of grandeur are revealed throughout nights and days. Say: O ye dead ones! Today the Hand of bounty proffereth the water of immortality; deprive not yourselves thereof. The Sun of grace, through the blessed Greatest Name, bestoweth spiritual light; render not yourselves deprived. This Day hath no peer or likeness. Trusting in God, set your faces toward the supreme height and most exalted station, which is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Say: O My loved ones! Leave delusions to the deluded, and arise with firm steps to serve the Cause. We beseech God to assist you and reinforce you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He is the Powerful One to Whose might the tongues of all beings testify. Blessed is the one whom the doubts of the worlds of conjecture and fancy have not held back from the lights of the Luminary of certitude. Through the Name of God, exalted

be His glory, break down the barrier and rend asunder the veils that hinder, that ye may attain unto the pearls of the divine ocean of mercy. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving.

Make mention of the Wronged One to His loved ones and give them the glad tidings of the divine, heavenly Kawthar. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

Praise be to God, thou hast attained that which hath been the cherished hope of those near unto Him. Now, with patience, calm, forbearance and dignity, summon the servants to the horizon of divine knowledge. The conditions of that land and whatsoever hath occurred and shall occur therein are all manifest and visible in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. However, He hath repeatedly commanded that the attribute of the Concealer standeth before His face, beseeching, and likewise the attribute of the All-Patient. Therefore, for now these matters remain veiled. The end of all affairs is in the hand of our Lord - He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Praise be to God that that spiritual friend, after attaining His presence and meeting, was assisted in serving the Cause. Assuredly, whosoever ariseth for the sake of God and wisheth well for all the peoples of the world shall be aided by His invisible confirmations. That honored one hath been mentioned repeatedly in the Most Holy Court, and this servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that His favors may at all times encompass him and His grace assist him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Furthermore, the petition of the honored friend, Aqa Muhammad-?adiq, upon him be the glory of God, was received and presented in the Most Holy Court, and one sacred Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the Divine Will and dispatched. This servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him in remembering Him and serving His Cause. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. In truth, from his petition wafted the fragrance of love and steadfastness. How excellent is this! Praise be to God, he hath presented that which is befitting and likewise mentioned that which is requisite for faith and certitude. Verily, bounty is in the hand of God, our Lord and your Lord. He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath heard the Call and turned towards it, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having manifested Thyself, revealed Thy verses and shown forth Thy clear tokens on a Day whereon the limbs of all names trembled for fear of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.” O Muhammad-?adiq! Hear the Call from the Supreme Horizon - verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The servant who is present brought thy letter and presented it before the face of the Wronged One. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy turning, thy devotion, thy humility and thy submissiveness to this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Blessed be thy tongue, for it hath spoken the truth; and thy face, for it hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance; and thy heart, for it hath turned to the One, the All-Informed. When the intoxication of thy Lord’s utterance overtaketh thee and thou drinkest the Kawthar of proof from the cup of bounty and bestowal, say:

“My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having awakened me through the breezes of the dawn of Thy manifestation and raised me up when Thy servants and creatures were thunderstruck. I beseech Thee by

the light of Thy Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, and by the Word whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy loved ones, to make me in all conditions hold fast unto Thy will, cling to the hem of Thy decree, and be content with that which Thou hast ordained for me through Thy bounty and grace. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee. Aid me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and to make mention of Thee and praise Thee in Thy dominion with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Then assist me, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to preserve what Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, and ordain for me that which shall be a solace to me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great."

All praise be unto God, thanksgiving be unto Him, power be unto Him, and authority be unto Him. He hath sent down from the heaven of His knowledge that which hath attracted the hearts of His creation. Man standeth bewildered before the greatness of His grace, bounty and mercy. We beseech Him to perfect our imperfect deeds, actions and words, and to adorn them with the ornament of acceptance. He is the Powerful, He is the Kind. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

Furthermore, the letter of the honored brother, Haji Hasan Mi?ri, upon him be the Glory of God, which you sent to this servant arrived. Praise be to God, it was the cause of joy, gladness and delight, for it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. After reading and reviewing it, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station, presented before His countenance, and attained the honor of His attention. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Sacred Heaven specifically for him and was sent. God willing, may they drink from the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds, cup after cup and chalice after chalice, in spite of those who have denied God and His verses, turned away from His presence, and rejected what hath appeared from Him. And this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of bounty. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of lords, that the Call may draw him to the Supreme Horizon and bring him nigh unto a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower." The horizons have been filled with the signs of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Meeting, yet most of the people are in doubt and dissension. O Hasan! Upon thee be My Glory. Hearken unto My Call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He will aid thee to make mention of Me and to praise Me, and will protect thee from the evil of Mine enemies who have fabricated lies against God, the Lord of all beings. We have brought forth from the treasuries of Our Most Exalted Pen before the faces of all peoples the pearls of wisdom and utterance, whereunto testifieth the Mother Book. The servant present hath presented thy letter and read it before Our face. We have revealed for thee that wherefrom the sincere ones will find the fragrance of God, the Lord of all religions. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned towards Him when the people were in heedlessness and error. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of what hath been sent down for them from the heaven of grandeur and favors. We beseech God to aid thee to serve the Cause with utterances whereby hearts will be attracted

and spirits transformed. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, given thee success, and given thee to drink from the Kawthar of utterance that which the riches of all parties cannot equal.

In the Persian tongue, hear thou the divine call. By the life of God! Ears have been created and brought from nothingness into being for these days. God willing, mayest thou be set ablaze with the fire of the divine Lote-Tree with such an ignition that its effect will become manifest in the hearts of men. These days have been and are the days of the most great bounty and the supreme mercy. Blessed is the servant who hath arisen to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Qayyum-i-Asma. To this testify the Books of God and beyond them every fair-minded and discerning one, and every knowing and informed one.

Glory be unto God! The ornaments of the world have prevented the peoples from the Most Great Name. All have testified and do testify to their transience; yet for the sake of two fleeting days, they have deprived themselves of eternal life and everlasting existence. Arise to serve the Cause, placing thy trust in God. Verily, He will assist thee and aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thy Lord, verily, is powerful over all things. Today the effulgences of the Sun of divine bounty have encompassed all, inasmuch as He hath strictly forbidden conflict, discord and strife in the Book. One must arise to aid the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. This is the command of God, both before and after. Blessed are they that have attained!

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging fast to Thee and to Thy Cause. Aid me in Thy service, then make my mention to have such effect, through Thy power, that it may guide hearts unto the Supreme Heart, through Whose fragrances the earth and heaven were attracted, and through a single one of Whose signs the Hour appeared with its tokens, and the Resurrection with its mysteries. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have recognized Thee!

Praise be to God, the breezes of His favor have enveloped them. God is witness and testifier that this servant has ever beseeched, in the court of the Goal of all the worlds, that which is sanctified above peer or likeness on behalf of the friends, and has specifically sought confirmation for them and strength to preserve what He has bestowed. Verily, He is the Most Powerful of the powerful and the Most Generous of the generous.

They must engage in assistance both night and day, and likewise in the refinement of souls and the reformation of the world. Surely you have heard of the shepherd in the Age of Ignorance who, though unworthy of mention, through turning to God became the bearer of mysteries and guide of the righteous. Similarly, the fisherman became possessed of heavenly mysteries - he who in previous Books was known as Peter and in the Arabic tongue as Simon.

Furthermore, praise be to God, they were recently adorned with the ornament of true forgiveness. Now they possess the station of one who came into the world through prayer, whom God has manifested through His grace and mercy. Some time ago, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically

revealed and sent to them. It beareth witness that our Lord and their Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Every person of insight and fairness knows that Hadi Dawlat-Abadi had no understanding whatsoever of the Cause from the beginning, and his heedlessness, misguidance and lack of comprehension reached such a point that he has lately busied himself with organizing a party like unto the Shi'ih party. It would be most fitting for someone to ask him what became of the previous party who for years considered themselves the most learned, most excellent, most noble and most understanding, and what was the fruit of their deeds on the Day of Reckoning, save that they committed that which became evident to the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the inhabitants of the supreme Heaven - that they were the most lost among the peoples of the world. By the life of our Lord and your Lord, they committed that which causeth the eye of justice to weep and the Supreme Pen to lament. To this day the misguided divines of Iran curse the Truth from their pulpits. Such were the deeds of the Shi'ihs on the Day of Resurrection. Now that heedless one, bereft of understanding, occupies himself with mention of successor, chief, noble and the like, intending to establish for the hapless people a Jabulqa of suspicions, a Jabulsa of vain imaginings, and a region of falsehood. By the life of our Beloved and our Goal, it is incumbent and obligatory upon all souls to protect the servants from the evil of that heedless one, lest they be afflicted with fancies like unto those of the past. This servant beseeches God not to deprive any of His servants, nor prevent him and his like from the waves of the ocean of knowledge. The poor one is heedless and knoweth not that love of leadership hath seized him. During the Manifestation of the Primal Point - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - love of rank and station deprived all the divines of that age from the Lord of all beings. They pronounced the decree of His death and martyred His followers in every city. They committed that which the Pen is ashamed to recount and the tongue to express. In these lands, one appeared by the name of Mahdi and none turned away from him. Now some hundred thousand souls have gathered around him although his true state is unknown. Yet when the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Manifestation of the divine Self appeared in Iran, the divines gathered […]

And when the Manifestation of the Divine Being appeared in Iran, the divines gathered together and subjected Him to the gravest abasement and martyred Him. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! In these days, numerous letters have repeatedly arrived from the beloved of hearts, his honor Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and in each letter mention was made of your honor and the honored one mentioned above, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and his honor Aqa Muhammad Isma'il and his honor Aqa 'Ali and other friends, upon them be Baha'u'llah, and he requested a Tablet for each one. Some time ago Tablets were revealed specifically for some and were sent, and now also in answer to the petitions they have been revealed, and those letters which they themselves had written have been dispatched, and concerning each one he requested bounty. All were presented in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes, and an answer was graciously given. All this is from His all-encompassing grace and His mercy that hath preceded all things. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

As to what was mentioned regarding his honor 'Abdu'l-Husayn Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, that which would ensure the perpetuity of his remembrance was previously revealed specifically for him and

was sent to his honor Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah, that he might forward it. This servant also conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist and grant success in preserving bounties that are without peer or likeness. Likewise, in response to the petition of his honor Haji 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, there was revealed that which is the spirit of life for the body of the world, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for his honor Aqa Muhammad Isma'il, upon him be Baha'u'llah. Well is it with them and joy be to them. It is hoped that they will be assisted and enabled to arise with perfect steadfastness and complete determination to spread the verses and teach the Word of the Beloved of the worlds.

Mention was made of his honor Khudabakhsh, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God that he attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he and blessed are they whom the happenings of the world and its affairs have not prevented from God, the Lord of the mighty throne. After his name was mentioned before the seat of the world's Purpose, these exalted words were revealed - exalted and blessed be His utterance: "O Messenger! The mentioned souls have been set ablaze by the fire of the blessed Tree and illumined by the light of the Cause. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Khudabakhsh and give him the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of divine bounty. Today, whosoever hath turned to the most exalted horizon hath in that instant been encompassed by divine forgiveness. From all directions the realities of things secretly give him glad-tidings and congratulations, saying: 'How excellent is thy state, for thou hast been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and embellished with the crown of justice.' Blessed are they that attain, and joy be to them that attain! The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the worlds." End quote.

The answer to each of the requests of that spiritual friend hath been revealed from the heaven of divine favor and sent forth. God willing, may ears and eyes be purified by the lights of the utterance of the Most Merciful, and may all give voice to the blessed words "Thine is the praise, O God of the world, and Thine is the glory, O Lord of names." And finally, remembrance and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth the Word and respondeth, for such a one is among the people of this noble station. Praise be to our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O spiritual beloved, his honor Afnan, Mr. Mirza 'Abdu'l-Husayn, may the glory and favor of God rest upon him, may consider this:

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

The Hidden and Inaccessible One, glorified be His majesty and exalted be His grandeur, willed to manifest Himself and uttered the word "Be!" Whereupon the Point appeared, and from it emerged what was and what will be. His Books were detailed, bearing what lies in the unseen and the visible. These are the table of His knowledge and the bounty of His utterance, through which He breathed into all things His verses that caused hearts and souls to be attracted. Glory and splendor be upon the treasuries of the pearls of

His knowledge and the repositories of the gems of His wisdom - those who have arisen to aid His Cause, detached from all else save Him, and holding fast to His cord for the spread of His commandments and laws. These are the people of Baha in the Book of Names, from the Lord of all beings, Who came from the heaven of mystic knowledge with wisdom and utterance. My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention and your words.

The sublime script, like the light of dawn, illumined the expanse of heart and soul and adorned the dwelling of existence. I beseech and implore the Truth, exalted be His glory, to assist that beloved of hearts to teach the Cause and spread its traces with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The Divine Knowledge was greatly delighted and boundlessly rejoiced at reading the letter. After its reading and recitation, it was taken to the Most Exalted Summit and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, achieving the honor of His attention. This is what the Desired One hath revealed in this unfurled tablet. His word, mighty be His utterance and glorious His proof:

In My Name, the Wronged One, and in My Name, the Self-Subsisting […]

A mention from Us to the one who turned towards and attained the presence while most of mankind turned away - they who cast the Cause of God behind their backs, clinging to the cords of conjecture and fancy. The Light hath shone forth and the Sun hath risen and the Herald hath called out, yet the people remain in strange doubt. God created His servants for the recognition of the Dayspring of His signs and the Manifestation of His Self, yet they have cast aside what God intended, holding fast to the hem of their desires. They are indeed in heedlessness and error. The wine of vainglory hath so intoxicated them that they are debarred from that which profiteth them, turning instead to the source of tyranny and oppression.

We reared one of Our brothers and protected him beneath the canopies of Our grandeur. Yet when the Light shone forth he turned away from Us and arose in such oppression that the Pen lamented and the ink cried out. By the life of God, he sought to shed My blood, having been led astray by one of Our servants. When We departed from among them, he arose and uttered that which caused the tears of the righteous to flow. My soul is bewildered by his deeds, as are the Concourse on High, the exalted Paradise, and the companions of the Crimson Ark. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in the most exalted station.

God hath, through His power and sovereignty, transformed the prison into the Most Exalted Paradise. Say: O people, behold the power and dominion of God, how He opened the prison gate with the key of His Name, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. The servant present before Us hath presented thy letter, and after permission was granted, We heard it and answer thee with these verses from whose horizons shine forth the suns of wisdom and utterance. We found from thy letter the fragrance of thy love and thy turning towards Us. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee with that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure in this station which God hath made the circling-point of the Manifestations of His signs.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have risen this day speaking thy name and mentioning that by which the hearts of the chosen ones were attracted. Take the chalice of eternity

in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink therefrom despite the enemies, and say: Praise, glory, gratitude and splendor be unto God for having guided me to a Revelation that hath stunned the hearts of the wicked and strengthened me to turn towards Him through the means of the heavens and earth, until I came, attained His presence, heard His sweetest call and beheld His most glorious horizon. I beseech Him by the ocean of His bounty and the heaven of His giving to aid me in that which He loveth and is pleased with, lest there appear from me that which is unseemly. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my whole being unto Thee, turning away from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued the world and the nations to send down upon me in all conditions that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of deeds and hopes. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty, turning toward the Kaaba of Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy Day wherein Thou didst blow the Trumpet and reveal the realities of all things and unite the hearts, to make me circle round Thy will in such wise that I shall not breathe except by Thy leave and Thy desire. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention at this time of one of the Afnan who hath been named Mirza – upon him rest My Glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy. We have, aforetime, exalted him and made mention of him in diverse Tablets, as a token of Our grace and as a gift from Our presence. Verily thy Lord doeth as He willeth, through His Name, the One Who hath dominion over all who are in earth and heaven. O Mirza! Upon thee be My Most Glorious Glory. Hearken unto the Call from the horizon of ’Akka. Verily, neither the treasures of the wealthy, nor the jewels of princes, nor the riches of the learned can compare with it. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Choosing. Neither the tribulations of the world, nor its might, nor the denial of those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the End could hinder Him. O Mirza! Take hold of the Book with the strength that cometh from Him, then act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of Daybreak. We have exalted thee for My recognition and the service of My Cause. Cast aside what the people possess and take what We have sent down for thee from the most exalted Station. We desire to show thee a mighty measure of detachment, that We may make thee a door to this Cause, through which the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Lords. Deprive not thyself of that which We have ordained for thee. Leave the people and what they possess. He commandeth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Give thou the glad-tidings of My remembrance to My Afnan, that the rapture of the verses may so seize them that neither the happenings of the world nor the oppression of those who have denied the Revealer of verses may cause them grief. Say: Fear not, neither be ye sorrowful. Arise from the horizon of the House with a sovereignty at whose manifestation all created things have bowed down. Say: We have exalted you and made mention of you in such wise as no mention can equal. Soon shall appear that which ye were promised in the Book. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

O Afnani! We have desired to make mention of Afshar who has arisen to serve the Cause and hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed be his tongue, and blessed be his heart for having turned towards My horizon, and blessed be his ears for having heard the verses of God, the Manifestor of clear

proofs. Now We speak in Persian after the most eloquent tongue that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. God, exalted be His glory, spoke two words to the Son of Imran on the Mount of Knowledge, and now He hath opened before thee a book and hath spoken that which is an everlasting treasure for thee. Strive that this station may not be effaced or altered. Thou hast indeed exerted great effort regarding Ali-Haydar, upon him be My Glory and My favor. In truth, noble services have appeared from him. It behooveth all to recognize the station of his services and to act as is befitting. His Honour Afshar, upon him be My Glory, hath truly well comprehended the degrees of knowledge of the Shi'ih. That which hath flowed from his pen hath been accepted before the Face. Glory be to God! The Shi'ih party have not had and do not have more than two words of truth, and that is their verbal confession of the Divinity and the Prophetic Mission. For one thousand two hundred years they played at succession, and finally martyred their Master with manifest tyranny. The Most Great Law and God, the Lord of the worlds, have lamented their oppression. In the days when they were engaged in service in the name of the Apostle of God - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - the Cause reached such a station that the tongues of those who praised were powerless to extol it and those who would enumerate were incapable of counting its virtues. But when they altered it and set about arranging partners, power was transformed into impotence and glory into abasement. The Exalted One - may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake - sayeth that the bodies of the Letters of the Living are at the station of the spirits of the former Imams. Observe ye the Bayan and make the people aware, that perchance they may not again become afflicted with vain imaginings. The station of the Letters of the Living is that of servitude, and they were created by a word, and one of those souls was Mulla Baqir. The purpose is that souls may attain to the lights of the Sun of true unity. Say: O Afshar! He Who is the Chosen One remembereth thee at this time even as He remembered thee before. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the Expositor. Those souls who were not with Us and were unaware of the Cause, when they observed that the effulgences of the revelations of the lights of the Most Glorious Sun had somewhat illumined the world, they rushed forth from behind the veil with the swords of hatred, and now they are occupied with forming a party like unto the Shi'ih party. They have taken fancy as their lord besides God. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are among the most lost ones in My perspicuous Book. O Afshar! Upon thee be My Glory and My favor. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, then illumine the hearts of the world with the light of My Cause, the Dawning, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O people of the earth! Come, that I may give you to drink of the Kawthar of utterance in the name of our Lord, the Most Merciful. Then hasten with illumined hearts to the horizon of the revelation of Him Who conversed on the Mount, in the prison of Akka. Beware lest the roaring of men frighten you, or the whisperings of those who have denied the Day of Judgment prevent you. We have remembered thee time and again with that whereby thy remembrance and thy name shall endure in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hear thy words concerning this Cause whereby the limbs of the polytheists have quaked with fear.

Verily We have made mention of the Alif and Fa, and We desire to make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Isma'il, that the sweet fragrances of God's revelation, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, may attract him. O Isma'il! Behold and then remember those who turned toward the place of sacrifice in the path of God, the Lord of all beings, and who spent what they possessed of wealth and life in their

longing to attain the presence of God, the Possessor of this exalted and glorious station. Say: O company of the heedless! Be fair in what hath been manifested in truth, and be not of the wrongdoers. Is Ashraf, who turned toward God and sacrificed himself in His path, better, or Hadi, who, when he heard the clamor, was disturbed and fear seized his limbs, and he ascended the pulpit and spoke that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament? By God! His life testifieth to his hypocrisy, while the ascension of the former beareth witness to his acceptance and his constancy, whereby bewilderment seized every servant who turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the countenance of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from His remote prison. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the world, for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold Thy signs, and for having enabled me to draw nigh unto Thee through the means of the heavens and earth. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy Most Bountiful Name, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy mighty and wondrous command.

Verily We desired to make mention of him who was named Ibrahim and give him the glad-tidings of God's bounty and generosity, and We counsel him with that which will draw him nigh unto a station wherein the atoms proclaim: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Almighty. O Ibrahim! From the beginning, heedless souls remained concealed from manifest authority and were occupied with their own protection, but when the divine light shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Lord's will, they emerged from behind the veil and brought about that which hath no equal. Say: My God, my God! Aid the heedless to be fair in Thy Cause and to be just concerning what hath appeared from Thee, and enable them to return to the gate of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ancient Commander.

It endeth with praise unto God. The honored nobleman, His Holiness the Afnan, Haji Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, hath from the beginning until now been successful in serving the Cause and hath held fast to the mighty cord of God, and hath been mentioned and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Court of the Desired One of all worlds - may the spirit of all who are in the kingdoms of Command and Creation be a sacrifice unto Him. When his luminous letter arrived mentioning the funds that remained with His Honor the deceased and martyred one who was martyred in the path of God, Haji Shaykh Muhammad-'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, he had written that the honored deceased one himself knew it was not our money, so now what answer shall we give to its owners? Henceforth no one will come near us. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in earth and heaven, these exalted words shone forth from the dawning-place of the heaven of divine favor - mighty is His utterance and glorious His proof […]

O servant present! Write to his honor Afnan, upon him be my Baha and my loving-kindness: You made no mention of the affairs of Beirut and Constantinople, and from the beginning no permission was sought nor consultation undertaken, despite all being commanded to this. Nevertheless, the sum of six hundred and seven Ottoman liras which was the House's funds and was present was delivered to his honor Afnan, upon him be my Baha and loving-kindness, for him to send. Verily, were He to wish, He could pay the debts of the world. Thy Lord is indeed the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Read the Tablet of Ra'is and the Tablets to the Kings that thou mayest be assured that all affairs are in His grasp - He turneth

them as He pleaseth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in all matters in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Hold fast unto that which We have commanded thee, then act according to what We have imparted unto thee before and after. Verily We desire thee and love thee and command thee to that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world. To this testifieth that which hath appeared from Me before the faces of princes and sovereigns.

In truth, after the arrival of His missive, whatever was outwardly possible, He commanded its execution. His honor Afnan, the venerable Haji Siyyid Ali and his honor Aqa Mirza Muhsin, upon them both be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, are aware of what transpired and remained undisclosed. The favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, towards his honor exceed the reckoning of this servant and others. I beseech Him and implore Him to open the gates of grace, bounty and generosity with the key of the Most Great Name, and to assist his honor to act according to that which he is commanded. It is hoped that He will illumine and purify the hearts and souls so that whatever has been and is being submitted may be answered. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Mention was made of his honor Afnan, the venerable Haji Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious. In truth, he has been and is deserving of the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory. His love and devotion are firm and steadfast. And after his mention was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. He says, exalted be His utterance and mighty be His proof:

In My Name, the One Who dominates all names […]

O Muhammad, O Afnan! Upon thee be My mercy and My glory! We have mentioned thee before in verses through which the fragrance of bounties and favors was diffused, and We make mention of thee at this time in such wise as will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. I bear witness that thou wast remembered before the Wronged One in the nights and days. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Generous. We remember thy presence, thy meeting, and thy standing before the Gate. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He witnesseth, seeth and heareth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We make mention of the Afnan - upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness - and give him the glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for him cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the world. He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things in a clear Book beareth witness to this. We beseech God to open before his face the doors of grace and bounty. He, verily, is the Almighty over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of the Leaves who have been blessed by that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. We testify that they have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have heard His sweetest call when it was raised from the Prison of Akka, and they have attained unto that which was inscribed in the Tablets of God, the Lord of this resplendent Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, and who have testified

to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant also conveyeth greetings to them and to the friends. God is witness and testifier that the honored ones and friends are ever mentioned by tongue and recorded by pen. Their remembrance and love have not left the heart, nor will they ever. Their mention hath another effect and another fruit. They are the trees in the garden of God's remembrance. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to send down from the clouds of grace and heaven of bounty that which will cause their exaltation and elevation.

My God, My God! Let not these fruits fall from the Tree, and in every moment bestow the water of bounty. Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower, the All-Knowing. Bounty and giving are in Thy grasp. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Glory and mention and praise be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

The Servant

24th of Rajab 1308

The sum of thirty-eight tumans was not received, but receipt was written.

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O Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Muhammad Afshar, upon him be the Glory of God!

In Dhi'l-Hijjih 1302

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

In truth, today praise and glorification befit the people of fidelity, whom neither the clamor of the heedless, nor the croaking of the croakers, nor the doubts of the polytheists, nor the insinuations of the opposers could debar from the manifest light. Although the effulgent rays of the Sun of Revelation have encompassed the world and His verses have adorned cities and lands, and in every direction the Standard of His Revelation has been raised aloft and from every quarter the voice of the One Who conversed on Sinai can be heard, yet again some of the heedless have returned to their first step. Glory be to God! The Finger of Power rent asunder the veils and tore away the shrouds, yet still the croakers seek anew to afflict the hapless people with veils thicker than those before and shrouds greater than those of old. They are worshippers of vain imaginings yet count themselves among the people of unity; they are idol-worshippers yet consider themselves among those endowed with true knowledge.

Man is bewildered, for all have witnessed with their own eyes and heard with their own ears that whatsoever the Shi'ih sect formerly uttered and occupied itself with was mere fancy and sheer delusion. Throughout ages and centuries they pronounced curses and maledictions against one another from their pulpits, to such extent that the veins of their necks stood out like spears. When the dawn of the Will of the Lord of Oneness broke and the Sun of Truth shed its radiance, all, whether learned or ignorant, arose

in the first year against the Lord of all beings, in such wise that the dwellers of the highest Paradise lamented. Finally, that unjust group issued the decree and arose to shed His pure blood, until that which caused the very essence of truth to weep came to pass.

This was naught but the fruit of their unworthy deeds and false actions. Now the people of the Bayan, namely those souls who have turned away, should with fairness and justice reflect upon the end of those who considered themselves the most exalted of nations - what fruit those souls reaped, that these souls should now walk in their footsteps. God protect us and you from the evil of such people! In truth these souls are heedless, for they have not been informed of the root of the matter and do not inquire of those who are aware. It behooveth me to mention that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. His exalted Word: "Leave them to plunge in their idle discourse and play." And prayers and peace and glory and praise be upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in such wise that they have cast the world behind their backs, standing firm in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of all who know and the Beloved of the sincere ones.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the mysteries have been revealed, the rivers have flowed, the banners of unity have been planted, and the standards of detachment have been raised! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst create all beings and bring forth all existences, to acquaint Thy servants with that which will profit them in every world of Thy worlds, and teach them that which they have neglected concerning Thee in Thy days. I testify, O my God, that Thou hast made clear the Path, brought forth the Evidence, sent down the Verses, and manifested the Proofs. Blessed is the soul that hath discovered the fragrance of Thy verses, turned unto Thee, hastened to Thy supreme horizon–the Station wherein naught is mentioned save Thyself, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the earth and heaven. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Thy grace, to aid Thy heedless servants to return to the court of Thy glory and to enter the precincts of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Disappoint them not through Thy bounty and generosity, and deprive them not from the heaven of Thy bestowals. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist Thy party who have not broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause, to manifest that which Thou hast and which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book, that perchance thereby the slumberers may awaken and return unto Thee and hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, the Generous One.

The letter from that honored one reached this evanescent servant some time ago. It was a conscious testimony and a true witness to that honored one's orientation toward and acceptance of the Supreme Horizon. How excellent was the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds that wafted from it. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that this fragrance may ever continue to waft and this breeze to blow. After its reading and review, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and, following permission, was presented before His countenance and was honored to be heard. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name that shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of proof […]

O thou who hast turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon! A servant presented thy letter before the Countenance and read it. Each word thereof bore witness to and indicated thy turning and devotion. We beseech God to aid thee in such wise that thou mayest safeguard the people from the delusions of the barking ones. By My life! They are engaged anew in building cities and abodes of doubts and vain imaginings. Detached from the world, arise to educate the peoples. Marvel not at this word, for this is not difficult for God. Make great thy resolve and occupy thyself with service. Today the Most Great Gate is opened, the Sea of Revelation is surging, and the Speaker is speaking. Reflect upon the baseness of the souls of those who have turned away. God hath manifested the banners of verses and the hosts of revelation and inspiration from the horizon of the heaven of Will, clear and evident and manifest, and there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen the equivalent of all the heavenly Books, nay more. Yet they are occupied with former vain imaginings and speak the words of the gathering of the Mother City. If they deny this Most Great Cause and Most Great Announcement, to what cord will they cling and to what rope will they hold fast? This Wronged One arose to promote the Cause in days when all hearts and souls were agitated and the limbs of the people of the Bayan trembled from the might of rulers and the clamor of divines - an arising to which all bear witness - and called all, with the most loud voice, to the Most Exalted Horizon. Nevertheless, there proceeded from the wayward souls that which caused the dwellers of the cities of inner meanings and utterance to weep. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In any case, beseech the Dayspring of generosity, the Treasury of bounty, and the Dawning-Place of divine mercy that He may aid the heedless servants to return, that perchance they may arise to retrieve what they have lost. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee from the direction of My distant prison. We have sent down for thee aforetime, and at this moment, that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and utter not that which the ancients did not utter. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the servants. By God! He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared and there hath been sent down that which was treasured in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The banners of proof have appeared and before them have bowed down the signs of all existence. To this beareth witness He Who proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Wronged One, the Stranger. Take thou the cup of mystic knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in spite of the people of the Bayan who have broken God's Covenant and Testament and have arisen in clear opposition. Thou hast been mentioned before the Countenance. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve this glorious and elevated station. Convey My greetings to the faces of those whom God hath related to thee and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them in My Most Great Prison, and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from this cup before which the seas have bowed down, and who have held fast unto this cord whereby the near ones have held fast. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what will be.

In the Name of the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

This servant, nay all things, are bewildered and astonished, for it is observed that the very means whose corruption was evident yesterday are again today being grasped and clung to. Would that the people knew! An assembly in Manshad, like unto the assembly of the Mother of Cities, nay greater and mightier, has arisen in protest. They have written a letter, signed and sealed by four persons, and dispatched it. Glory be to God! Have these souls not seen the Tablet to Ra'is? Have they not read the Tablets to the Kings? Have they not heard of the Most Holy Book? All these matters were revealed aforetime from the Most Exalted Pen with utmost clarity. After receiving the letter, this servant remained bewildered for a time. On the one hand, it was observed that this letter was not worthy of presentation, and on the other hand, it was considered that perhaps concealing it might constitute a dereliction. Therefore, placing complete trust in God, this servant turned toward the Most Holy Court, and after receiving full permission, presented it in its entirety. An answer descended from the heaven of divine will. It is hoped that you will be blessed to review it. A hundred thousand regrets that this party has failed to comprehend that which befits the Day of God. And concerning the mention that was made of those who are related, each one has been mentioned in the Most Holy Court and has attained the outpourings of the true Bestower of Bounty. After the presentation of this matter, these exalted words descended from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance. He - exalted be He - speaks: […]

O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! We have heard thy remembrance and praise, and witnessed thy turning and devotion to God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed is the ear that hath attained to hearing the Call, and the eye that hath beheld the Most Sublime Horizon, and the hand that hath taken what was sent down from the heaven of the bounty of thy Lord, the Possessor of all necks. The Books of God have testified to this Book which hath spoken before the face of the world that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. They who cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to vain imaginings and idle fancies, are indeed lost. Say: By God! The hearts of the sincere have been attracted by the verses sent down from the heaven of grace. Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and be not of those who disbelieved when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty. All that ye heard hath appeared from the horizon of My will, and the Sun of proof hath shone forth from this Station which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High and they who circle the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Say: Beware lest the doubts of the people debar you from the truth, or the allusions of those who were heedless of the Cause prevent you, for they followed every doubting idolator. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Kawthar of life, and how many an ignorant one hath heard, hastened, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses!" How many a servant hath turned away from the Countenance, and how many a handmaiden hath heard and answered her Lord, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Bounty is in His right hand, and justice in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Commander through Whose command the Sun of power hath shone forth from the horizon of might. Thus hath the water of life flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath taken and drunk thereof, and woe unto every irreligious deceiver - they who have broken God's covenant and His testament, and denied Him in Whom they believed. These are indeed of those who have gone astray. The Names whom God hath associated with thee have appeared before the Wronged One, and We have sent down for each one of them that whereby those near unto God shall perceive the fragrance of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of creation. Remember them on My behalf and give them glad tidings of that which

hath been revealed for them - that which shall never perish, as long as My Most Beautiful Names endure. He Who possesseth knowledge of the Book beareth witness to this. We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness and to observe that which beseemeth the days of their Lord, the Lord of Return. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have shattered the idols of idle fancy through the power bestowed by God, the Manifester of clear tokens.

His is the praise and the favor, and His is the bounty and providence. His bounty is more manifest than the sun in mid-heaven; His grace is evident and His providence is radiant, such that this evanescent one needeth not make mention thereof. Would that heedless servants would observe with the eye of fairness and the ear of justice that which hath been revealed and made manifest, and would ponder thereon. This is that state of meditation of which they have said: “One hour’s reflection is preferable to seventy years of pious worship.”

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He is the Speaker before the faces of the world

O Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all names. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness from the Most Sublime Horizon that thou hast spoken the truth and testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth - that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast spoken that which caused the limbs of the polytheists to quake and the hearts of those who denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, to tremble. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thy heart for having turned to the One, the All-Informed. Be confident in thy Lord’s favor such that neither the doubts of the divines and jurisprudents disturb thee, nor the might of princes frighten thee, nor the intimations of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the All-Merciful and committed that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament, prevent thee. Say: O people of the Bayan! Cast the names behind you, turning unto the ocean of inner meanings which surgeth before your faces and from whose waves is heard “The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty.” Thus warbled the Dove of Paradise upon the bough of eternity by the command of God, the Mighty, the Great. Say: O people of God! This Day is your day. Arise to aid the Cause of your Lord through wisdom and utterance. By God! The King hath come with a Cause against which neither the hosts of the world nor the might of kings and sovereigns can stand. Say: By God! He hath come for the reformation of the world and the purification of all peoples through this water which hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen in this mighty, impregnable station. Thus hath the Tree of Knowledge yielded the fruits of utterance, each by My wondrous permission.

O Rida! Upon thee be My Glory! That which thou didst speak before all faces and didst send to the Most Holy Court was the truth, without doubt. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the lights of the Sun of Truth and hast drunk from the sealed wine. However, now the Most Exalted Pen counseleth concealment and protection, and that which wisdom requireth in all circumstances. We have forbidden the people of God from that which is prohibited and commanded them to that which is good.

Nevertheless, until now the people of the earth have not understood what is intended and what is desired. Glory be to God! The people of the Bayan are seen today as the most lost among the peoples of the world. For one thousand two hundred and more years the Shi'ih sect clung to vain imaginings and held fast to idle fancies, and when the pavilion of glory was raised upon the highest of standards and the banner of "Verily I am God" was hoisted upon the most exalted station, they committed that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament. Now the people of the Bayan are secluded in those same vain imaginings. The fruit of this people will surely be like the fruit of that people. Ask thou God to aid them to return. Verily He is the Ever-Turning, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in that land and counsel them to steadfastness. Say: Open your eyes and purify your ears, for this is the Day of sight and hearing. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord's bounty, the Lord of Return.

That thou hast made mention of the hoopoe - the grace of God hath encompassed all, and His mercy hath taken precedence. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One to him and say: O my handmaiden! We have made mention of thee aforetime in such wise as no mention can equal. God willing, thou shalt be confirmed. That which the Wronged One seeketh from all is the preservation of their own stations. All must adorn themselves with the ornament of truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness, righteousness, and chastity. This is the counsel of God, both in the past and in the future. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one. Today is the day of the most great bounty. The True One, exalted be His glory, beholdeth it. O Rida! The Lord of Names declareth: Beseech the True One that He may manifest from His party that which beseemeth His Day and is worthy of His Revelation. The command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The petitions of the leaf, the wife of the late Haji Mirza Hasan, upon them both be the Glory of God, were received and attained unto His presence. Make mention of her in such wise as shall gladden her eyes. Likewise the leaf Farkhundih, upon her be the Glory of God. We beseech God, exalted be He, to confirm them both, to grant them success, and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. His is the praise at the beginning and the end. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

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Let His Holiness Ism-i-Jud, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, send this to Aqa Rasul from the land of R.Sh., upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. 21 Ramadan 1305

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be fitting and worthy of the Desired One Who created through utterance, attracted through speech, and adorned assured hearts with the ornament of a wondrous new life through His blessed

Word. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon His loved ones who held fast to the cord of service, achieved steadfastness, spoke with wisdom, and acted according to what was commanded by God, the Lord of the mighty throne. These are servants whom God has described, before and after, in His perspicuous Book. They are those who drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of our Lord the Merciful's bounty and succeeded in guiding humanity to the straight path.

And now, O beloved of my heart, at this hour, being ten o'clock on the twenty-first day of the blessed month of Ramadan, the letter of the spiritual beloved Aqa Rasul, upon him be the glory of God, which he had written to that beloved one and sent, was presented before the Desired One of all worlds. After its presentation, these exalted words were revealed - may my spirit be a sacrifice for His bounty:

O servant in attendance! The words of Rasul have proven effective. From his acknowledgment and confession, the stars of favors have risen and the suns of grace have dawned. Praise be to God, he has mentioned that which has been and will be the cause of awakening for all souls, before and after. It is hoped that, having been purified and enkindled by the water of the utterance of the Desired One of all worlds and by the fire of the Sacred Tree, they will arise with their whole being to serve the Cause of the Lord of existence. O Rasul, upon thee be My glory! Thou hast spoken the truth that it is the twenty-first of Ramadan. The people of Iran, male and female, learned and ignorant, are occupied in mosques, temples and gatherings with praising the Successor and cursing Muradi, save whom God willeth. Reflect upon the heedlessness of that party, unaware that each one of those souls has been and is a hundred thousand times more wretched, more rebellious, more remote and more astray than this Muradi, for the Lord of the worlds drank the cup of martyrdom by the decree of those souls, and still they occupy themselves with cursing and reviling the Truth and His companions. Mentioning the Successor and acknowledging him becomes the cause of the exaltation of rank and station, not the cause of unbelief, for if unbelief appears from lack of understanding and acknowledgment, the proof of unity would seem impossible. In any case, the ignorance of people has been and is a barrier to speech. We beseech God to assist all in what He loves and is pleased with. Praise be to God, thou hast attained, seen and heard. Now thou must associate with the servants in that land with complete steadfastness, wisdom and utterance, that perchance thereby a matter may come to pass. That land is ready. In truth, if a patient and detached one be found, it will become the cause of the guidance and turning of heedless souls. This is not difficult for God. We mention the friends and counsel them to justice, fairness, religious devotion, trustworthiness and the fear of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

In truth, the letter of your honor, after being presented, became the cause of the manifestations of bounties. Well done to you and congratulations! God willing, you will settle in that land and kindle and remind the servants with the fire of God and His light. At one time, this exalted word was revealed from the Tongue of Him Who revealed the verses: "Ask God to assist His loved ones to hold fast unto that which will sanctify the soul and exalt His Word."

Praise be to God, from your pen was manifest determination, and evident was your attention and devotion. God willing, you will attain to that which you have intended and that which you have desired for the sake of God. The servant beseeches God, his Lord, to assist you, grant you success, and aid you. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy of answering prayers. Glory, remembrance, and praise be

upon you and upon those who hear and acknowledge that which hath been sent down from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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He is the All-Hearing, the Speaking, the Answering One!

Praise be to God Who was established upon the throne of Sinai and spoke the Word whereby He set up the path and laid down the balance and blew the trumpet, whereat all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the veils of the world did not prevent, nor the clouds of the nations hinder, nor were they frightened by the might of princes, nor weakened by the power of those who denied the Lord of Names. They all turned with their whole being to the Supreme Horizon and spoke that which caused the limbs to tremble of those who turned away from the Truth and denied the final return. This is the Day wherein appeared that which was inscribed in the Tablet and concealed from eyes. Glorified be He through the movement of Whose finger all created things were set in motion, and through Whose will all beings cried out and glorified in His name, their Creator, at eventide and at dawn.

O Alif Ha! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who hath been wronged. He hath come with His name, the Self-Subsisting, and called all to the sealed wine. Among the people are those who heard and hastened and answered and drank in His name, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And among them are those who denied God's Cause and rejected His favor and spoke that which made the clouds to wail. And among them are those who pronounced sentence for the shedding of His blood through injustice whereat tears were shed and the hearts of the righteous were consumed.

O thou who speaketh My praise and standeth in service to My Cause! We have sent down for thee, both before and after, that whereby grace descended and the clouds rained down. We testify that thou hast drunk the wine of faithfulness from the hand of bounty and hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets. We beseech God to make thee a standard of His name and a banner of His remembrance, and to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of life at all times. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thus hath the ocean of grace surged and the fragrance of God, the Lord of lords, wafted. When thou hast attained unto My verses, say:

My God, my God! Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee when the men turned away from Thee–they who cast Thy Cause behind their backs and took their vain imaginings as lords besides Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else but Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom and the suns of the horizons of Thy utterance, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thy earth and heaven were illumined, and by the pearls hidden in the shells of the ocean of Thy power, to make me in all conditions detached from all else but Thee and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy pardon and generosity. Thou seest, O my God, the supplicant standing before the door of Thy favor with hands raised

toward the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him, by Thy bounty through which existence itself came to be, and by Thy generosity which hath preceded the world and the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bounteous, the Most-Generous, the All-Gracious, the Powerful, the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O thou who standeth in My service, who maketh mention of My praise, and uttereth My command! Upon Muhammad, My glory and loving-kindness rest! Throughout the nights and days thou hast dwelt secure and at rest beneath the canopy of loving-kindness. Time and again hath mention been made of thee, and that which hath streamed from the Pen of submission, contentment and steadfastness hath been dispatched unto the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, thou art illumined by the light of recognition and art remembered by the Name of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to open before thy face the gates of bounties and favors, and to make thee a leader of the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are held the reins of all affairs. Convey unto the loved ones the greetings, glorification and glory of the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may, at all times, cause all to attain unto that which is the cause of eternal salvation and everlasting remembrance. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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The honored Afnans, upon them rest all My glory, the Most Glorious, arrived in Beirut and, afterwards, by Our leave, gradually and individually arrived here. Having entered the canopy of Our favors and might, one by one they returned. Regarding what had happened, they stated that their plan was that, after arriving in Beirut, Siyyid ʼAli would return to Shiraz to accompany the exalted leaf to this land of God. They stated that they had designed the plan in this way because they feared going to Shiraz any earlier might provoke the foes and enemies to act and prevent all from attaining Our presence. It was even asserted that, despite such caution, the enemies caused disturbances along the way; but creation, protection, and liberty are all in the hands of God, and He is the All-bountiful, the All-generous. In short, such excuses were heard from one after another. But the Lord hath knowledge of all things; He is the All-knowing, the All-informed. Nevertheless, it would have been best [if they had] carried out the wishes of the illustrious exalted leaf, as this was most pleasing and acceptable to God; but it was otherwise ordained. The One True God is My witness! Our heart hath melted in agony that she was deprived of this pilgrimage, and all the dwellers under the tabernacle of purity and might are most sorrowful and despondent. At one point, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words: “O ʼAbd-i Hadir! The effect of what hath happened may well appear on earth.” More recently, this utterance was spoken by His blessed Tongue: “Write to My Afnan [who had promised to escort the Bab’s wife] that we agreed and consented to the exalted leaf’s request. Currently, the honored persons continue to stand ready and prepared to fulfil that promise, though they have not spoken of it.” He further stated, “Write of this matter to the Afnan, upon him be the glory of God, as he was well aware of such a promise beforehand. We desired to fulfil what We had assured the exalted leaf.”

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O thou who walkest in the path of love and drinketh from the cup of mercy! Know that thy letter hath reached Us, and We have understood the signs of thy love and the expressions of thy sincerity contained therein. We have become aware of thy state and how the fire of longing hath seized thee and how thou art consumed by the days of separation from the presence of thy Beloved, even though He is with thee at all times. If thou seest Him, then blessed art thou, and if thou seest Him not, verily He seeth thee. If thou knowest Him, thine eyes are gladdened, and if thou knowest Him not, yet He knoweth thee in thy turning and thy resting-place, and He is never heedless of thee nor will He forget thee. He heareth thy cry and thy whispered prayer.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning niyaz (offering), know thou that thy niyaz is thy love for the lights of Beauty, thy arrival at the shore of the ocean of Glory, and the purification of thyself from all idle talk concerning that which proceedeth from the people of Glory, that the holy breezes may waft over thee and bring thee to the sanctuary of Oneness, where thou mayest find the fragrance of love from the garment of the Self-Subsisting One. This is the essence of niyaz for everyone who hath attained and entered these gardens. Apart from what We have mentioned, nothing will avail, even if all who are in the heavens and on earth were filled with red gold and white silver. And all that thou hast heard concerning niyaz in the principles of the chosen ones was naught but for the manifestation of the love of the Beloved towards the lover, and the appearance of the sincerity of the lover towards the Beloved, that the severance of the servant towards his Lord and his following of Him in his life to come and in this world might become evident. Otherwise, they are sanctified from the world and its ornaments and its adornments, and are purified from all that pertaineth unto it and is ordained therein, for they soar in the atmosphere of holiness and dwell in the pavilions of the spirit. The accidental circumstances do not seize them, nor do the limited hearts in the realms of earthly dominion comprehend them.

Therefore, immerse thyself in this ocean which hath flowed from the direction of the ink that thou mayest find the fragrances of love and become aware of the mysteries of love in the beginning and the return. Then know that We have accepted from thee thy niyaz and have found in thy supplications that which is not befitting to mention. We beseech God to provide thee with the wine of immortality which hath gushed forth from the springs of glory, that its intoxication may attract thee and its stupor may seize thee - and this is an intoxication that will never pass away nor change eternally.

The one drunk with wine awakens from the west wind,

But the one drunk with Truth awakens not even from the trumpet of resurrection.

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He is God! Listen to the melodies of the Leaf of Eternity in the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary and say with the accent of the Dove: “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” This is He Who remembers you to the glorious and most luminous homeland - say: “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” He speaks with truth and calls you to God, and this is naught but a revelation revealed - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” He causes the mystics to ascend to the unseen realm of eternity while sending the ones who turn away to the lowest depths - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” Say: O servant, fear no one and place your trust in God in the Hereafter and in this world - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” Lest the people of guidance object to you, and perhaps the ark of fire will sail upon the sea of piety - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” And if anyone objects to you, do not grieve but return unto God, for unto Him is the return - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” Share with the people of the cloud what your Lord has given you in the Concourse on high - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” That they may find the choicest fruits from the furthermost Tree - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” And that those near to God may drink from this golden crimson cup from the eternal and most radiant Beauty of God - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” Say: Let not allusions veil you, nor words prevent you, from those who disbelieved and were most wretched, then turned away and transgressed - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” Say: O people, fear God and do not transgress what has been ordained in the Tablet of Eternity by the spiritual Pen - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” Say: This is a servant of God who teaches you from the greatest mysteries - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” And rewards you with the best reward from God, the Most High, the Most Exalted - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!” And in this Tablet He has ordained a drink of the Water of Life for the one who believes and is guided, and decreed from the zaqqum tree of darkness for the one who disbelieves and turns away - “Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!”

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In the name of our Most Mighty, Most Great, Ever-Forgiving, Most Generous Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who causeth the winds to blow and cleaveth the dawn! I beseech Thee by Thy Command, before which nothing that hath been created in earth or heaven can stand, and by the light of Thy countenance which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy most sweet call amongst the people of creation, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy grace upon Thy creation and Thy creatures that which will adorn them with the ornament of certitude and draw them nigh unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all worlds. O my Lord! Thou seest those who have held fast to the cord of Thy obedience and clung to the hem of Thy commandments, and who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to serve Thy Cause, and have spent what Thou hast given them in Thy path. These are they whom Thou hast described in Thy glorious Book with Thy most mighty, most great and most sublime words: “and who prefer others before themselves, though poverty be their portion, and such as are preserved from their own avarice - these are they who prosper.” O my Lord! Write down for them both from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in every condition, then give them to drink, with the hand of Thy bounty, from the Kawthar of certitude and assurance. O our Lord, the

All-Merciful! Thou art He Who hath ever been mighty to do as He pleaseth and will ever continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. All created things have testified to Thy oneness and singleness, and all contingent beings to Thy greatness and power. I beseech Thee not to make Thy chosen ones be of those who hesitated after having hastened, and who were forbidden after having been commanded. Verily Thou art the Almighty, before Whose manifestation the Pharaohs of the earth and their hosts, and the tyrants of the lands and their ranks were powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The sum of fifty tumans sent by their honors Aqa Muhammad Husayn and Aqa Muhammad Rida, upon them be the Glory of God, through Shaykh Salman, upon him be the Glory of God, reached this evanescent servant in the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1298.

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To Ahmad the Master Builder in Kermanshah, in the name of the One Incomparable Knower:

O Ahmad! When Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - appeared, they reviled Him and issued a decree for His death. Before Him came the Spirit (Christ), whom they crucified, and likewise they denied Moses, and cast the Friend of the All-Merciful (Abraham) into the fire. What was the cause and reason for these matchless and unprecedented injustices? It was the divines of the age - by their decree the rulers acted, doing that which caused all things to lament and the Tablet and Pen to weep. They martyred the Herald (the Bab) - may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake - and now each day they scheme against this Wronged One. They hamstrung His she-camel, they tore apart His sheep, they sank His ship. The Wolf and his son committed that which no oppressor had ever done. Yet whatsoever hath befallen hath caused the exaltation of God's Word and the advancement of His Cause. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I testify that Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest through Thy power which encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Ordain for me from the wonders of Thy grace such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance and the sweet-scented breeze of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy pre-existent mercy and Thy all-encompassing favor and Thy generosity which hath encompassed the heavens and earth, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Thou art, verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Bountiful.

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His Honor Pasha Khan Sanjavi, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the One manifest above His servants. The signs of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, are manifest and evident from every direction, and the effulgences of the lights of His Revelation are sanctified and holy beyond all else. The Kawthar of utterance flows from His Pen, and the Salsabil of knowledge is manifest and visible through His Name. One drop thereof would resurrect the inhabitants of the graves and bestow upon them eternal life. By graves is meant heedlessness of the self and passion, and the death of those in such graves is more severe and greater than physical death. Praise be to God that you have drunk the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of the bounty of the One sought by all the worlds, and have attained to that which most of the people of the world are deprived of. We beseech God to assist you and to manifest through you that which will cause the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of souls. Commit all affairs to Him and place your trust in Him. Say: My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, and my Beloved! I have placed my trust in Thee and have committed my affairs unto Thee. I know not what profiteth me or harmeth me; Thou art more knowing than I, and Thou knowest what draweth me nigh unto Thee and delivereth me. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will assist me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to mention Thee among Thy servants with wisdom and utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. Ordain for him every good that was in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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His honor Aqa Siyyid ʼAli-Muhammad Khan, upon him be the glory of God. He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance. The Command hath come, and the decree hath appeared, and the Herald hath called out before the faces of the servants: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of creation!” Blessed is he who hath heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, and hath arisen, turning towards Him, and hath said: “Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Support, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved, my Purpose, my Hope and my Desire! I testify to Thy singleness and Thy oneness, and to that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and that which hath been inscribed by the Pen of Thy Command in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. And I testify that Thou didst create me for the recognition of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Manifestation of Thy Self. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and the unseen, by Thy Name through which the pearls of mysteries appeared through the key of Thy chosen Name, and through which the hearts of the righteous were attracted, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones, and Thy loved ones. Thou art He Who disappointeth not those who hope in Thee, nor driveth away from Thy door those who seek Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Name to assist me in that which will elevate my station and my rank among Thy servants and Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

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Jinab-i-'Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Hearer, the Answerer! At this moment the Mother Book hath, in the most exalted call, summoned the people of the earth and invited them to the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Source of heavenly ordinances. O people of Baha! Know ye your station and recognize the value of these days. Praise be to God that warfare and strife have been removed, and the light of justice hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, glorified be His majesty, and the pavilion of grace hath been raised at the midmost heart of contingent being. Blessed is the seeker who hath, purely for the sake of God, taken shelter beneath its shade. Today the gate of bounty is opened wide and the Great Herald is, at every moment, proclaiming amidst the people: O ye that possess ears, hearken unto His call, and O ye that have eyes, turn toward His horizon. The station of this Day cannot be limited and is sanctified above all measure and bounds. Beseech ye God to illumine the world through the lights of His Most Great Name and withhold not His servants from the ocean of His bounty. He is the Powerful One Whom the might of the idolaters could neither prevent from His purpose nor hold back from His Will. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me and made me known and mentioned me in such wise that the fragrance thereof will endure throughout the continuance of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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He is the One Who commandeth righteously

O Youth! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings. Render praise unto the Desired One of the world and the Educator of the peoples, Who hath confirmed thee in such wise that thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Prison and been recorded in the Book of God. All the peoples of the world were expectant, and in the nights and days made mention of the days of His manifestation. Yet when the arena of existence was illumined with the lights of the Luminary of His Cause, instead of submission, hatred appeared, and in place of acceptance, denial became manifest, and at the time of turning towards Him, aversion was witnessed. Such is the state and station of those souls who have followed their own selves and desires, and remained heedless of the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon. Fie upon them for what their hands have wrought in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds! We beseech God to grant thee success, that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Verily He aideth His loved ones and assisteth them through the hosts of revelation and inspiration. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. I counsel thee and the loved ones in that land to that which will increase the fire of love and the light of knowledge. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Wronged One calleth upon God and beseecheth Him to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

H S Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. Beseech God that He may make His servants aware of that which hath dawned forth from the horizon of His Will, that their tongues may speak forth “The Lord hath come”, that their hearts may be adorned with the seal “Verily I am God’s”, and that their eyes may be illumined by beholding the lights. The heedlessness of the servants hath prevented the divine bounty, and although the errors of the world cannot withhold the Ancient Lord from bestowing His grace, yet the people have deprived their own selves of the wondrous tokens of His mercy, favor and loving-kindness. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. God shall soon reveal that which He hath ordained for thee in His perspicuous Book. By God’s life! Were the people of the earth to peruse but a single Tablet from among the divine Tablets with justice and fairness, they would all turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon and return from that which they possess unto that which is God’s. Remind the servants with wisdom and utterance, and acquaint them with God’s Most Straight Path and His Great Announcement. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have remained faithful to God’s Covenant and Testament and who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in His perspicuous Book.

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He is God!

O Muhammad! Days have passed and We have not heard from the bird of thy heart the melodies of love, nor have We found from thee the sweet savors of longing and affection. It is as though thou hast forgotten Us and forgotten the stations of reunion while the breezes of grace wafted upon thee. And if thou forgettest Us, verily We do not forget thee, and if thou art heedless of Our remembrance, verily We are not heedless of thee. Return, then, to what thou wert before, for the world and its ornaments and its embellishments will profit thee not. What will profit thee is detachment from all save Him and thy turning unto God. Hearken, then, unto Me, and deprive not thy soul of divine meanings, nor thine ear from hearing the melodies of oneness, nor thine eyes from beholding the beauty of the Divine Identity, nor thy feet from standing firm in the Cause of God that hath been sent down, nor thy hands from being raised to the heaven of bounty. Ponder, then, upon thy affair, and choose for thyself what thou desirest. But if thou wouldst hearken unto Me, choose that which will draw thee nigh unto the meeting with thy Beloved and will unite thee with thy Lord and thy Goal. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

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In My Name, the One Who Standeth amongst all peoples

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I mention what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy generosity and honored me through Thy grace, whereby Thou hast guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement, and given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy utterance from Thy verses and the Kawthar of Thy grace from Thy Book? I testify, O my God, to Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy sovereignty and Thy authority. Alas! Alas! for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness and my separation on the carpet of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me from the Pen of the Most High the reward of meeting Thee and attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy gate. Alas! Alas! I witness Thy love, O Beloved of the world, and the hatred of the peoples, and I behold Thy drawing near and their turning away from the shore of the ocean of Thy mercy. Thou art He Who, O my God, created the learned and the princes for Thy remembrance and praise and the service of Thy Cause in Thy lands. But when Thou didst manifest Thyself, they rose against Thee with such oppression that the near ones lamented, and they advanced toward Thee with swords of hatred and visited upon Thee that which caused all existence to be seized with grief. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

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He is the Ever-Living, the Ancient of Days! Now, by God's might and power, I desire to open the gates of the City of Inner Meanings with the keys of the All-Sufficing, that the breezes from the lights of the Morn of Eternity may waft upon thy face, turning thee from the left hand of sorrow and separation to the right hand of union and attainment, and bringing thee unto the highest horizons of glory in the Kingdom of Splendor and the ultimate outpouring of God's grace in the dominion of the cloud of mystery. By Him Who breathed the spirit of eternity into this most mighty trumpet and this most honored and exalted horn! If thou shouldst enter therein, or if its lights should shine upon thy heart, thou wouldst abide within the sanctuary of God and stand firm in the Cause of God, and become everlasting in the realms of creation and the manifestations of grandeur. How blessed art thou, shouldst thou enter this eternal garden of the Ever-Living One, that thou mayest drink what none in all the worlds hath drunk and witness what none among those of old hath witnessed. Then say: Praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics and the Goal of the sincere ones! And may mercy be upon thee and upon God's honored servants.

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Abadih. O Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! In the name of the One Incomparable Knower!

The scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Boundary are raised up. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto hearing them. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! I say in truth that today the cause of the exaltation and elevation of existence is the fear of God. Convey the counsel of the Truth unto the people. Say: O people! Strive that perchance ye may drink of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting Lord. Today the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the companions of the most high Heaven give each other glad tidings of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, for the attraction of the Call hath seized all and the dawning of the Sun of Beauty hath transformed all. They move without purpose. Blessed are those servants who have not deprived themselves of the fragrances of these days and have grasped and clung to the hem of holiness and the cord of sanctity. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The servant beareth witness to the oneness of God and His singleness, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. He causeth to enter whomsoever He willeth within the pavilions of His grace and the tabernacle of His glory. He, verily, is the All-Praised in His action and the All-Chosen in His decree. He hath guided those who are nigh unto Him to His most exalted horizon and ordained for them that which the pens of creation are powerless to recount. He is the Single One, the One Alone, the Almighty, Who hath aided some of His servants to spend in His path, such that they have spent whatsoever they possessed. To this do God's servants and His chosen ones bear witness, and to their acceptance, their sincerity and their steadfastness. The servant beareth witness that all grace lieth within His grasp - He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Him, the Single One, the One Alone, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

He is the Sustainer. The contribution of the two brother cotton-carders, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful, in the amount of eighty-six tumans, was received by the servant in the prison through His Honor the Trustee, upon him be the glory of God, in the month of Safar 1305.

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O son of Naddaf! Upon Ibrahim and upon thy father and uncle be the favors of God, the Lord of the worlds. Turn with thy heart unto the Most Great Prison, inasmuch as the Lord of the worlds hath turned

toward thee and mentioned thee in such wise as the mention of all nations cannot equal it. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Beware lest ye be saddened by the winds that have blown from the direction of hypocrisy. Hold ye fast unto the cord of the providence of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Ibrahim! My Pen weepeth over Me while the people are, for the most part, heedless. By God! The Primal Point took the Covenant of My Being before His own Covenant, and was speaking in My Name and heralding My Revelation and was submissive unto My firm and mighty Command. He hath commanded all who are in the Bayan to be submissive before My countenance and to stand at My door and to acknowledge whatsoever hath been revealed from My presence. To this testifieth that which was sent down from His presence, and every fair-minded and clear-sighted one doth confess it. He made mention of Me after He had established through clear proof the sanctification of My Being from whatsoever was revealed in the Bayan, saying: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He shall not be referred to by My reference nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan." Thus did speak He Who sacrificed His spirit in My straight and manifest path…

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To Master Taqi in Kermanshah - In the Name of the One Peerless God

O Taqi! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and answered thee. He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Know thou with clear certainty that the people of Iran have been reared on vain imaginings and have drunk from the breast of idle fancies. Most difficult is it to rend asunder the veil in their sight. The most exalted and greatest among that people are, by their own account, the divines and jurists of the land, yet these souls are regarded by God as the most ignorant, base and lost. Throughout ages and centuries they sought the presence of the Truth, yet when He was made manifest they martyred Him. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name the Almighty, and by Thy Name the Chosen One, and by Thy Name the Powerful, to sanctify the earth and its cities and regions from the likes of these. O my Lord! Thou seest how they have turned away from Thee and pronounced judgment against Thee without any clear proof or Book. Cleanse the earth from the defilement of these who have manifested rancor and hatred. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Avenger, the Just, the All-Wise.

BH11893

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=== START BH11894 ===

Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Murtada, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the One Who ruleth over all names

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, and Who hath spoken before all faces that which caused the limbs of every heedless and rejected one to quake. Glorified is He Who hath manifested whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be, and it is!” Neither the might of the oppressors nor the opposition of the pharaohs, who denied that which was sent down from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, could hinder Him. When thou findest the fragrance of the Manifestation, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, and Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Generous, to make me one of those who have quaffed the wine of reunion from the hands of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of meeting through Thy grace and favors. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Then ordain for me that which will assist me and preserve me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Loving.

BH11894

=== END BH11894 ===

=== START BH11895 ===

O Cup-bearer, proffer the cup of Him Who is He, He!

O Minstrel, sing the Name of Him Who is He, He!

O Flutist, proclaim to all the multitudes

That the world hath yielded to His will, Who is He, He!

O Messengers of the Spirit, to those grief-stricken

Bring ye the tidings of Him Who is He, He!

O Bird of faithfulness, how long wilt thou remain hidden?

Take wing and soar, bearing the Name of Him Who is He, He!

Be vigilant, for many a Phoenix, like mere flies,

Hath fallen into this snare of Him Who is He, He!

If to His lane you’re journeying,

Tread softly with “Hu Hu!”

Until you shed all trace of self,

You’ll not be tamed with “Hu Hu!”

O Cupbearer of mysteries, pour

One draught of rosy wine with “Hu Hu!”

That we may quicken lifeless forms

With mighty streams divine with “Hu Hu!”

All drunk are we, all drunk are we,

From bounties rare with “Hu Hu!”

Extinguish now the candle of I and We,

For dawns the Sun of Days with “Hu Hu!”

=== END BH11895 ===

=== START BH11896 ===

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Jamaliyyih! Upon thee be the glory of God and His favors and bounty. I bear witness that thou hast attained the presence before My face and hast been successful in serving Me throughout the nights and days, such that neither did weariness overtake thee in the service of thy Lord, nor did any circumstance prevent thee from serving Me and standing before My countenance. Rejoice in the testimony of My Most Exalted Pen and say: “Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, glory be unto Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven and manifested thereby the mysteries of the realm of power, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and Thy remembrance and Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful.” The glory from Our presence be upon thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf and one who circled round Me in the evening and at dawn, and upon every handmaiden who hath attained to this mighty and wondrous Cause and who hath, for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, observed thy station.

BH11896

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=== START BH11897 ===

O Pen! Turn thy face toward Qaf and Mim, then make mention therein of the friends of God and His chosen ones who heard the call with their ears and hastened with their hearts to the supreme horizon while the people were wrapped in heedlessness and veils… O Naddaf! Blessed art thou for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison Him Who is the Dawning-place of grace and the Rising-point of loving-kindness and favors… O Husayn! The Supreme Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee at a time when the hosts of tyranny have surrounded Me with the standards of polytheism and hypocrisy. O Naddaf! Ye have wrought in the path of God that which the people of the cities of justice and fairness have acknowledged. We beseech God to aid you and make you steadfast in this Cause whereby the pillars of the land have been shaken. O Muhammad-Rida! The Lord of Names Who findeth Himself beneath the talons of hatred through what the hands of the wicked have wrought hath made mention of thee. Thou hast been remembered before the Wronged One and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets.

BH11897

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=== START BH11898 ===

He is God!

O Ibrahim! We have desired to make mention of thee and to remind thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds, and to counsel thee regarding trustworthiness and chastity and whatsoever God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants and illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, to enable me to visit Thy Sacred House and to act in such wise as would cause my remembrance to endure amongst all remembrances. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Supreme, the All-Choosing.

We make mention of two handmaidens and counsel them to remember and praise God and to act according to that which they have been bidden by God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for His devoted handmaidens. He, verily, is the Revealer of verses and the Lord of names and attributes.

BH11898

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=== START BH11899 ===

Rise up, O Muhammad-Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In His Name Who hath dawned from the horizon of the Kingdom! Today every falsifier layeth claim to truth, and every transgressor adorneth himself with the vesture of piety. World-consuming is the fire of the ignorant one who decketh himself with the ornament of knowledge. Beseech thou God that He may graciously assist thee to remain steadfast in this supreme steadfastness, that thou mayest not be moved by the putrid winds of malicious souls and mayest be witnessed firm and steadfast as a mountain in the Cause of God. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy acceptance, humility, submissiveness and service, and this testimony is more beloved before God than all that thou hast seen and heard. Rejoice thou in this great bounty.

BH11899

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=== START BH11900 ===

The custodianship of the Blessed House has been granted to the exalted leaf, the wife of the Primal Point, and her sister, upon both be My Glory of God, My Bounty and My Favor. Before God, we have conferred this custodianship on the House and thus have We adorned it with Our Benevolence, and arrayed Our command with the evidence of His Might and Compassion. Solely on the sister [Zahra Bagum] and her

issue has this honor and favor been bestowed from the heaven of the Lord, the Giver, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

BH11900

=== END BH11900 ===

=== START BH11901 ===

O Ahmad, who hast attained and won through! He is the One Who shineth from the horizon of power. The Wronged One testifieth that thou didst turn thyself unto the Sacred Place and the Station, and didst visit the Sacred House of God. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an - "The pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for all who are able to make the journey thither" - hath attracted thee. Thou didst leave thy home, turning toward the House of God, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst arrive and witness and attain and circumambulate. We beseech God to make thy deed a light unto thee and a treasure and an honor unto thee. Verily, He is the Lord of all created things and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

BH11901

=== END BH11901 ===

=== START BH11902 ===

O Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the One Who has dawned from the Most Exalted Horizon. O servant of God! Today the divine call is raised high. How blessed is the state of the one who has attained unto hearing it and has turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the Dayspring of Light is in its dawning and manifestation, and likewise the Source of Fire is in motion and emergence. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the days of God and hast drunk of the wine of merciful compassion in this dawn-time. Now strive that thou mayest remain steadfast in His Cause, for the evil ones are, in the name of truth, engaged in leading astray the sincere ones and the unitarians. Know thou this and be among the firm ones.

BH11902

=== END BH11902 ===

=== START BH11903 ===

He is the One speaking from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. It reminds the people of what was revealed from His presence and gives them glad tidings of this Manifestation, even as He gave them glad tidings before in His mighty Book. Blessed is the handmaiden who has attained to the lights of the Kingdom, and woe to every remote scholar. Verily she who has believed in her Lord is better than men in the Tablet of God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks to your Lord, then remember Him in the nights and days. Verily He is the Hearing, the Seeing One.

The glory shining from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon those women who have turned to and believed in this luminous horizon.

BH11903

=== END BH11903 ===

=== START BH11905 ===

In truth, the cotton-carders have attained unto the fruit of existence. My Pen beareth witness to their detachment, My tongue to their acceptance, and My heart to their steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. They are among those souls who from the earliest days until now have been occupied with His praise and glorification and have been assisted in unity in His path, exalted be He. Today is the day of deeds and not of words, and their deeds are a truthful witness and faithful testimony to their love, detachment and service. They have been created through the conquering Will of God and are related unto Him. Well is it with them and joy be unto them.

BH11905

=== END BH11905 ===

=== START BH11906 ===

He is the Victorious

O Badi'! Upon thee be My Baha and My salutation! Thy meaningful letter was presented before the Face of the Wronged One by Diya, upon him be My Baha, and was honored to be heard. Praise be unto Him! We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee through His sovereignty and guard thee through His bounty, to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance from the chalice of His bestowal, and to ordain for thee the best of what He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Peace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who love thee and serve thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11906

=== END BH11906 ===

=== START BH11907 ===

He is God, the Mighty, the Ever-Living, the All-Compelling

O my God! At this moment I call upon Thee, by the mysteries of the might of Thy Lordship and the signs of Thy holy Self-Subsistence, to make this handmaiden one of Thy maidservants, then choose her for Thy service, then send down upon her that which will comfort her eyes, give rest to her soul, tranquilize her spirit and gladden her being. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Living, the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. Thou dost spend as Thou pleasest for what Thou pleasest, and givest to whom Thou pleasest of what Thou pleasest. And verily, Thou art the Single One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

BH11907

=== END BH11907 ===

=== START BH11908 ===

The other matter is that, at thy previous request, three verses were revealed and sent specially for the gravestone of the illustrious exalted leaf, upon her rest the Most Glorious of the Glorious and the Most Exalted of the Exalted. Any of these that thou consider to be in accord with wisdom and deem prudent may be engraved.

BH11908

=== END BH11908 ===

=== START BH11909 ===

O Son of Husayn! Hearken unto My call from the direction of the prison and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having remembered me and guided me unto Thy straight path.” We counsel thee and those who have believed to preserve this most exalted station and this mighty Cause. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon thine uncle who sacrificed himself in the path of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH11909

=== END BH11909 ===

=== START BH11910 ===

Master Hassan, the Tile-Maker - Upon him be the Glory of God

He Who dawns from the horizon of proof

God testifies that there is none other God but Him. He aids whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Single, the One, Who created all things through a word from His presence and gave them glad tidings of this Revelation whereby the idols wailed and those in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of divine power had seized. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which the treasures of earth cannot equal. To this testifieth His perspicuous Book. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Possessor of all names! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.”

BH11910

=== END BH11910 ===

=== START BH11911 ===

This honor and benevolence hath been bestowed upon the sister and her descendants, from her Lord, the Merciful. He is the Munificent and the Compassionate, and He is the Generous and the Bounteous.

BH11911

=== END BH11911 ===

=== START BH11912 ===

Tablet to Siyyid ’Abdu’r-Rahim

In the name of Him Who ruleth over whatsoever He pleaseth. This is a Book from God, the Mighty, the All-Wise, unto him who, when the Call was raised, turned and said: “Yea, O Lord of the worlds!” Blessed is he who hath borne hardships in the love of God and tasted the iron’s taste. He is among the kings of the kingdoms of the Kingdom before his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. God shall soon make manifest their worth in the realm of creation, and the tongues of all peoples shall move in their remembrance. Say: O people! Follow not those who follow their idle fancies and spread corruption in the earth - they are indeed among the heedless. Adorn yourselves with the attributes of God - thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say: Beware lest ye follow those who claim that which God hath not permitted them. By My life! They are among the most lost. O thou who hast turned to God! Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then remind those in whom thou findest the fragrance of the love of thy Lord. This is what thou hast been commanded by this wondrous Pen. Proclaim from Me unto the faces of those who have turned to the Countenance. Say: Blessed are ye for having attained unto Him Who is the Beloved of the sincere ones. And concerning thy wife - verily she hath an honored station in the Kingdom of her Lord, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH11912

=== END BH11912 ===

=== START BH11913 ===

He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Rejoice within thyself for thine own self, then whisper secretly unto thine essence within thine essence. Then detach thyself from all that hath been created in the past or will be created in the future, that thy heart may be sanctified from the intimations of grandeur, that the lights of holiness and beauty may be shed upon thee. Thus did We counsel thee aforetime, and now We cast it upon thee - act thou upon it. Be not of them who bar men from the path of God and prevent the servants from entering the ways of guidance, while imagining themselves to be rightly guided. Convey Our greetings unto him who was with thee and whom We have loved with a love that no mention nor utterance can contain. Peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

BH11913

=== END BH11913 ===

=== START BH11914 ===

All the days have been honoured, O my God, by the arrival of the days upon which Thou hast conferred the name of Ha, each of which Thou hast made a herald and a messenger announcing unto the people the advent of the days on which Thou didst enjoin Thy creation and Thy people to observe the Fast. Thus may every soul prepare himself to behold these days and appoint a place for them in his heart and purify it by Thy Name, the Lord, for their appearance.

BH11914

=== END BH11914 ===

=== START BH11915 ===

Gracious God! The people of God suffered themselves to be killed rather than kill. During the events that came to pass, they were the embodiments of utter meekness and even interceded on behalf of the murderers before the governor. Yet the envy and hatred of the heedless only increased; this bountiful grace held no value in their eyes and brought forth no fruit or result. But on account of the meekness of the people of God and their lack of any aid or helper, he who is the possessor of armaments arose to redress the wrongs. Absolute meekness yieldeth many a result and beareth many a fruit.

BH11915

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=== START BH11916 ===

For if God, glorified be His Name, should today speak a word that all people have spoken heretofore and shall speak hereafter, that word would still be new, were ye to reflect upon it. Consider the term “Divine Unity”, which the Manifestations of God have uttered in every Dispensation, a goodly term which all the divers peoples and kindreds of the world have spoken. Nevertheless, in each Dispensation, it hath been made new and hath in no wise been divested of its novel character. Into every word that God doth speak a new spirit is breathed, and the breezes of life are wafted therefrom upon all things both outwardly and inwardly.

BH11916

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=== START BH11917 ===

O thou who art the manifestation of My truth!

If thou art slumbering upon thy couch, lift up thy head; and if thou art seated, by the power of My name, arise; and if thou art standing, in thy yearning for My beauty, take flight; and if thou art in flight, through My sovereign might, ascend; and if thou art in ascent, by the majesty of My Cause, halt in the firmament of the Spirit. Open then thy lips in My name, the Opener. Move then thy tongue in My name, the Mover. Intone then My melodies and proclaim: O denizens of earth and heaven! By the one true God, verily, He Who is the Lord of Eternity hath appeared and shone forth above the horizon of creation through the power of His most lofty, His most exalted sovereignty.

BH11917

=== END BH11917 ===

=== START BH11918 ===

He is the Living One

O Baqir! We have heard the tumult of your heart and the cry of your inmost being, the trembling of your inner self and the agitation of your body, and We have answered you at this time with these words, that they may be a light unto you and a mercy unto all the worlds. Grieve not over anything, but place your trust in God and be not of them that despair. Verily, the mercy of your Lord has encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. He will take you unto Himself by His command. He is, in truth, your Guardian, and He knows the unseen in the heavens and earth, and knows what is in your heart. He will ordain for you what has been decreed for you. Be patient and grieve not, for He will surely reward the patient. Bear witness now that you have believed in God and His signs, and have followed His loved ones, and have loved those who have believed in Him, and thus have you been numbered among them that are assured. God will exalt the stations of those who have feared Him and been patient for His sake, and will remember them even as We have remembered you at this time with most excellent and beauteous remembrance. Fear no one and [grieve not over anything]. Turn wholly unto God and place your complete trust in Him, and be not of them that fear. Convey from Us the Word of Victory and give him glad tidings of a mercy from God and a great reward. There shall descend upon him that which will gladden his heart, that he may be of the God-fearing. Glorify him and remember him with the love that proceeds from God, the Mighty, the Luminous.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is he who has detached himself from his home, journeyed from his native land, and emigrated in Thy path, and has striven in Thy love until he reached the seat of Thy Self and the repository of Thy Beauty and the treasury of Thy Glory, and heard Thy melodies and beheld Thy lights, and visited the sanctuary of Thy presence and the Kaaba of Thy reunion, and thereby entered into the fortress of Thy care and the garden of Thy bounty. Shelter him, O my God, beneath the shade of Thy loving-kindness and in the city of Thy favor, and provide him with the fruits of the tree of Thy divinity, then cause him to return unto Thee, for Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful.

BH11918

=== END BH11918 ===

=== START BH11919 ===

He is the Hearer, He is the Answering One

Praise and thanksgiving that hath proceeded from the tongue of grandeur hath ever been and still is reserved unto His hallowed Being. Had it not been for the letter Shin of the complaints of the heedless ones becoming manifest, verily would the decree of the Tree of Paradise have been realized and made manifest in this earthly realm, and the world would have been freed and delivered from the blow of want. Exalted be His station of thanksgiving, and exalted be that which proceedeth from Him by the leave of His Creator and His Lord. O My Name Ali-Qabl-Akbar, upon thee be the Glory of God, and O Mahdi, upon thee be My everlasting Glory. The letter which thou didst send through him who was named Siyyid-Qabl-Hasan hath come before the Wronged One. We testify that he hath attained unto the presence and hearing. Blessed is he, inasmuch as We have found from his letter the fragrance of My wondrous and glorious love. We beseech God to adorn him with the light of turning unto Him, that he may hold fast unto it, severed from all else save Him. This is God's decree, both in the past and in the future, but most men know it not. O Hasan, render thanks unto God, thy Lord, for He hath made mention of thee and hath sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the duration of His glorious and mighty Kingdom. The bounty and the bestowal belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O Hasan, We shall soon send that which thou didst desire through the grace of thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The Glory from Us be upon thee, O My Name, and upon My martyrs in the Land of Ya, and upon all who are steadfast and upright.

BH11919

=== END BH11919 ===

=== START BH11920 ===

O My Name! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness! The letter of his honor Yusuf-'Ali which thou didst send hath attained unto the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and at this moment one of My Branches who is named Badi'u'llah is present and is, according to His command, engaged in writing this reply before the face of the Lord of all beings. Glory be to God! Every day new events appear. I know, and thou knowest, and God knoweth, and the Branch knoweth and testifieth that the Wronged One hath desired for the people of God naught save that which will exalt them and draw them nigh unto Him. In most of the Tablets We have commanded all to manifest love, fellowship, affection and unity, and We beseech God not to deprive His people of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. O My Name! The divine counsels of the All-Merciful and the heavenly exhortations of the Lord are recorded and inscribed in every leaf, and the primary purpose hath been and is to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity, and likewise to elevate and exalt their stations. Ask of God, and We beseech Him, to purify the hearts of His loved ones with the water of detachment and to illumine them with the light of trust and resignation. Verily He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. The fame of the loved ones in 'Ishqabad hath spread abroad and every discerning soul hath perceived therefrom the fragrance of the spirit and of divine favors. And should anyone spread reports contrary to what hath been spread abroad, this would surely cause abasement and humiliation. It is incumbent upon all to be united in the Cause of God and to drink

the water of unity from the hands of divine bounty of the Lord of creation, and to concentrate their efforts on the exaltation of the Word of God. The world and its conditions are not worthy of mention. By the life of God! Whosoever holdeth fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen shall attain unto the most exalted station and the most sublime rank. The call "Depart! Depart!" hath ever been raised. We hope that through this counsel all in the world may be freed from the bondage of self and passion. O Yusuf-'Ali, upon thee be My Baha! God willing, mayest thou be assisted in that which [is befitting for] these days, and do thou strive thy utmost to unite hearts. [He will assist those who arise to serve Him and unite the hearts of His servants. The splendor…] O My people in 'Ishq[abad] and upon those who have today cast aside what is with the people, holding fast to the mighty and impregnable cord of God.

=== END BH11920 ===

=== START BH11921 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

O My Name Mahdi! Upon thee be the peace of God and His glory! The letter from Ghulam-'Ali which thou didst send to the Most Holy Court hath arrived. In truth, the previously mentioned word which states "tribulation is for those who are near" hath proven true in relation to his condition. Although the True One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath testified to the truth of these words, in these days their manifestation and appearance is witnessed more than before. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones to exercise beautiful patience and noble steadfastness. Aqa Ghulam hath endured much hardship, but this hardship is followed by mercy. Whatever occurs in the path of the Peerless Friend is beloved to the soul and the heart's desire. Mention of him hath repeatedly flowed and been revealed from the Pen of loving-kindness: "O thou who circlest round My Cause! Give him glad tidings from Me - the Sun of Permission hath dawned for him from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Lord of all worlds." They have moved with permission and proceeded with special intention. In the trials that have befallen them, they are rewarded, not questioned. Say: "My God, my God! Draw Thy loved ones nigh unto that station from which the fragrance of Thy meeting is wafted. O my Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. They desire naught except to attain presence before the throne of Thy grandeur and to arrive at that place wherein Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen are raised. O my Lord! Draw them nigh through Thy will, then cause them to enter through that gate which Thou hast opened unto the world through Thy Most Great Name. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

BH11921

=== END BH11921 ===

=== START BH11922 ===

He is the One Who has dominion over what was and what will be. O thou who art present before the Face and who gazest toward My Most Exalted Horizon! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Mention hath been made of thee and of that which thy tongue hath uttered in praise of God. All this is

from God's bounty unto thee. We beseech the True One to aid thee, that thou mayest, through His Name, conquer the world of hearts and be free in the path of His love from the world and all who dwell therein. The love of the world hath prevented and deprived the peoples from turning to the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to bestow upon thee a strength which no weakness can affect, that perchance the light of certitude may triumph over the darkness of vain imaginings. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land and remind them that the loved ones arrived and were blessed to circumambulate the point round which circle the Concourse on High. His honor 'Ali-Akbar was blessed to circumambulate during the Feast of Sacrifice and the pilgrimage of God. We beseech God to ordain for His loved ones what He hath ordained for thee and him. Verily, He is powerful over all things. His honor 'Abdu'llah, upon him be My glory, hath ever been and still is remembered, and likewise all the friends of that land, upon them all be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness.

BH11922

=== END BH11922 ===

=== START BH11923 ===

He is God, exalted be His glory, greatness and power!

O Mahdi! Upon thee be God's everlasting peace and His eternal splendor! This Wronged One beholds Himself immersed in an ocean of sorrow. The deeds and actions of some are like arrows and spears directed and descending from every direction. At this moment the Mother Book lamenteth, inasmuch as We have spread forth a carpet of trustworthiness and religiosity for the deceased. We beseech God to bestow justice. Thou thyself art witness that in most Tablets We have summoned all to chastity, trustworthiness and religiosity. Today the eyes of the Tablets weep, for the actions of some have become the cause of the derision of others and the turning away of the servants. Whosoever heareth the details of that land will surely engage in mockery, ridicule and calumnies that cause distress and sorrow to the people of the cities of justice. The letter that was sent hath come to Our notice, and this Wronged One hath felt and continues to feel the utmost grief at what hath occurred. What benefit have the treacherous derived from their treachery? For the sake of enjoying two days they have chosen and continue to choose eternal torment. In any case, the Pen is powerless and unable to make mention of what hath transpired. We beseech God to grant ease after hardship, joy after sorrow, and facility after difficulty. O my God, my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen the Wronged One in His days. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing upon Thy loved ones and a mercy upon them through Thy grace, Thy generosity and Thy bounty. O my Lord! Change poverty into wealth, hardship into ease, and darkness into light. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH11923

=== END BH11923 ===